

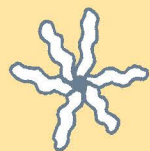
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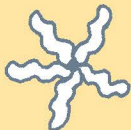


WITH *tillie walden*

DO YOU REMEMBER WHEN YOU FIRST
STARTED DRAWING?



In kindergarten, I drew
the same flower over
and over and over.



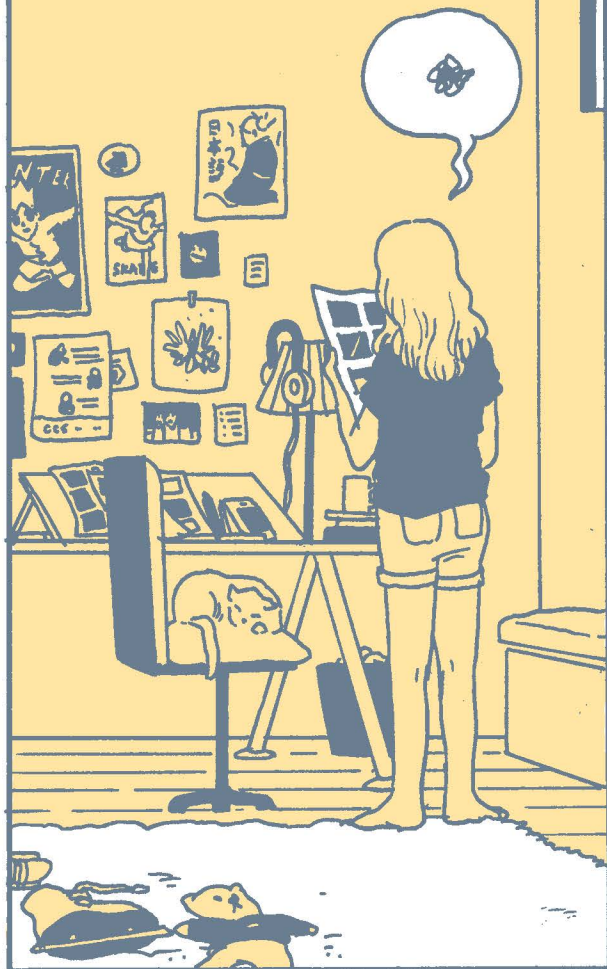
DID YOU DRAW THROUGHOUT YOUR
CHILDHOOD?



I did, but very secretly. I would
draw characters in agonizing
situations then erase it immediatly.

WHEN DID YOU COME OUT
AS A CARTOONIST?

The summer before 12th grade.
I was making terrible comics
and the drive to get better
was overwhelming.

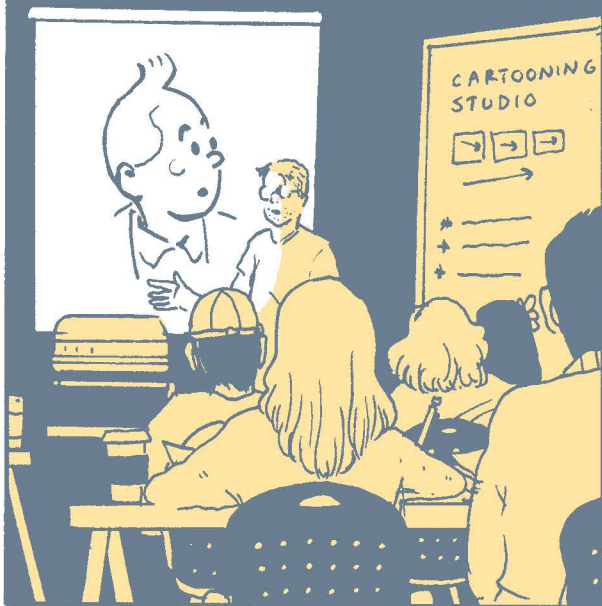


AND THAT DROVE YOU TO THE CENTER
FOR CARTOON STUDIES?

Yes. I visited the school
and my decision was
instant.

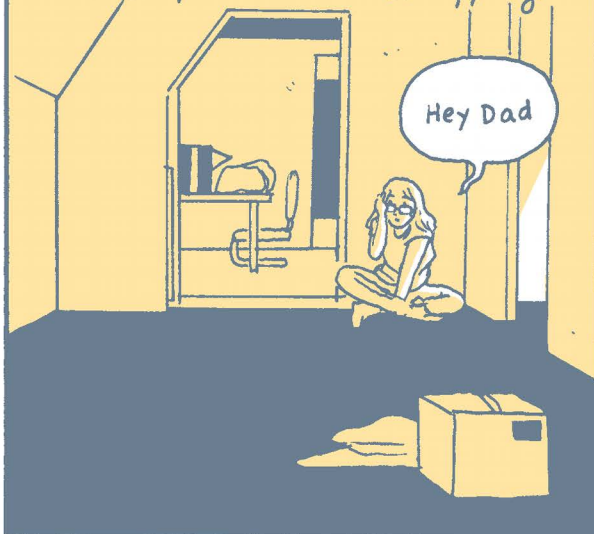


It had everything I was looking
for: teachers I loved and respected,
a challenging curriculum, and a
community of like-minded
cartoonists.



UNLIKE MOST CCS STUDENTS, YOU
CAME HERE RIGHT AFTER HIGH
SCHOOL. WHAT WAS THAT
ADJUSTMENT LIKE?

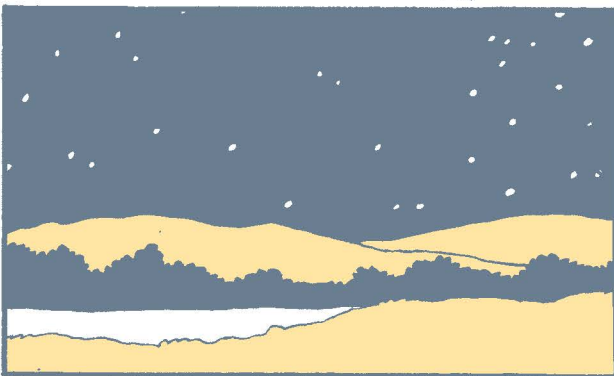
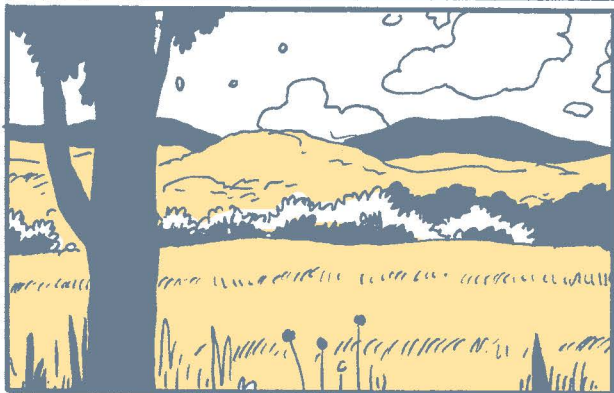
I had never lived alone before,
and at first it was terrifying.



but I found my way.



AND VERMONT?
WHITE RIVER JUNCTION?



WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN
DRAWING A COMIC THAT IS
WORKING VS. ONE THAT'S NOT?

even when making bad
comics, I still enjoy the process.

but when everything
starts to flow...

and my drawings
are telling a story,
capturing a feeling...

it's what helps me
wake up at 5am
to draw.

It feels like I
can just keep going,
and the pages
run out of me.



WHAT CAN COMICS BE?

anything.



capture any mood.

comics can go anywhere,



I can use comics to tell
any story from my life that
I need to tell.



WHAT DO YOU USE TO DRAW WITH?

a pentel mechanical pencil



an black eraser



uni pens



faber castell pens



a pentel brush pen
(refillable)



6-inch
clear
ruler



coffee
+
toast

ANY FINAL THOUGHTS?

I see so many people slog through comics and art while spending the entire time hating themselves and their art.

I wouldn't have lasted until now and would have never been able to keep going if that was still how I felt.



I make comics
and I enjoy it.

QUESTIONS ABOUT TILLIE WALDEN?

A: tilliewalden.com

QUESTIONS ABOUT THE CENTER FOR CARTOON STUDIES?

A: CartoonStudies.org

