THE Y FILES
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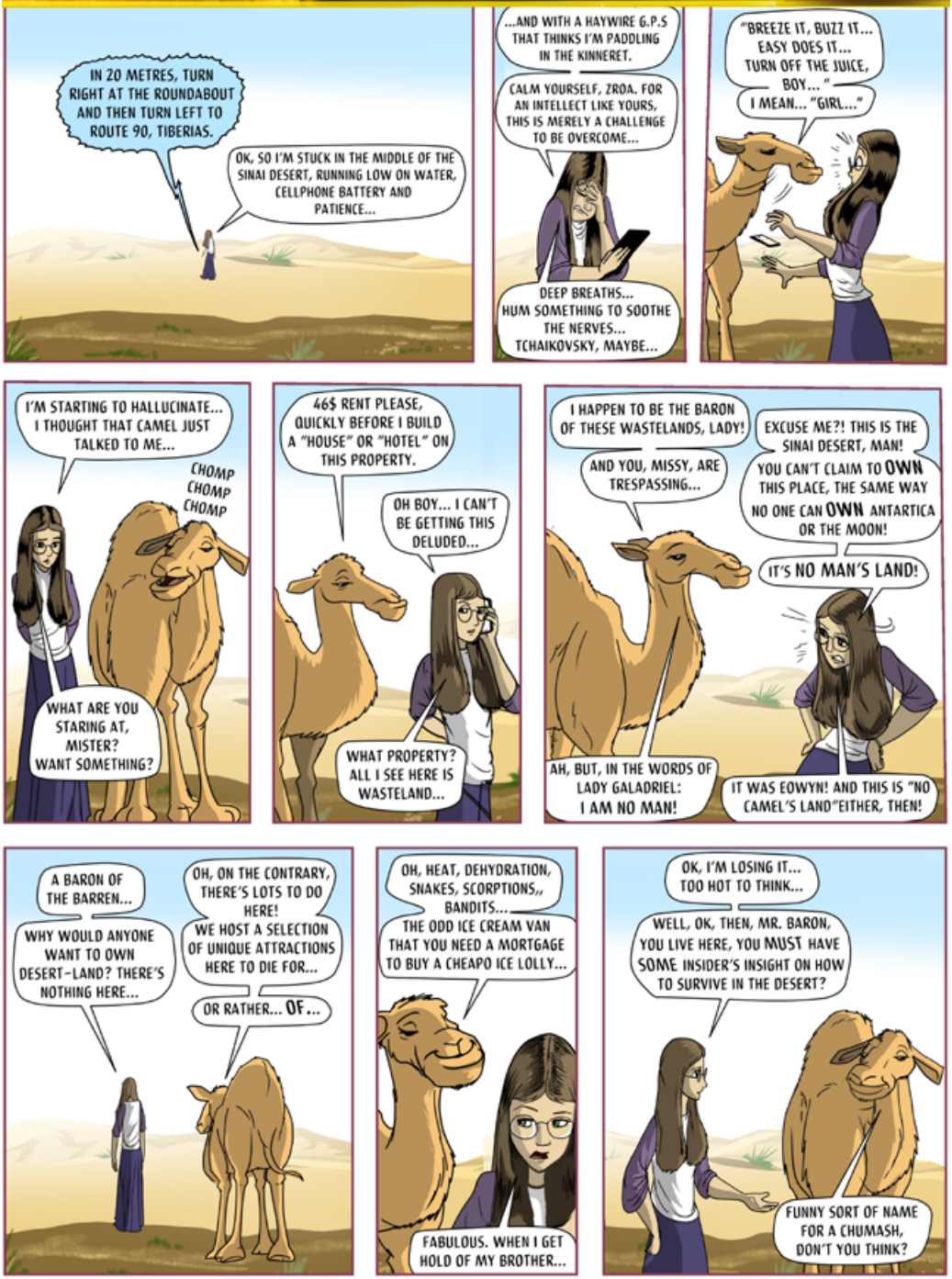

URGH, WHATEVER!!!
I ONLY CAME HERE BECAUSE MY BROTHER AND HIS RATHER ECCENTRIC PARTNER WERE SUPPOSED TO BE FILMING THEIR SHOW HERE... OR SOMEWHERE IN THIS AREA...
I SAID THAT THE DESERT IS NO PLACE FOR THEIR USUAL LUNACY AND REQUESTED TO HOST THIS WEEK'S SHOW MYSELF...

THEY SENT ME A LOCATION, BUT LIKE I SAID, MY G.P.S IS COMPLTELY...
I MEAN, MANY BOOK OR MOVIE TITLES ARE NAMED AFTER THE LOCATIONS, OF COURSE...
LIKE... ER...
SMALLVILLE?
I... WHAT?
NOTTING HILL... SOUTH PACIFIC... ZOOTOPIA...

IS THIS GOING SOMEWHERE?!
...BRIGADOON...
SESAME STREET...
CORONATION STREET...
BUT WHAT KIND OF TITLE IS... "IN THE DESERT"?!
I GUESS...

BUT THEN THE TORAH WAS GIVEN "IN THE DESERT"
THE ISRAELITES MARCHED IN A FOUR-CAMP FORMATION AROUND THE MISHKAN "IN THE DESERT"
THE MIRACLES, THE MANNA, THE SUKKOT AND ALL... WERE "IN THE DESERT"...
A PLACE WITH NO RULES, NO RESPONSIBILITIES...
YOU'RE NOT GOING TO SING "HAKUNA MATATA" ARE YOU?

RABBI NATAN OF BRESLOV SAYS THAT "IN THE DESERT" IS LIKE THE BACKDROP OF RECEIVING THE TORAH.
BECAUSE LIFE WITHOUT THE WORD OF G-D TO GUIDE YOU IS ONE BIG "DESERT"... ONE BIG DOG-EAT-DOG "NO-MAN'S-LAND"...
BUT WE MARCH THROUGH THE DESERT, AROUND THE MISHKAN! WHERE THE HOLY TABLETS ARE KEPT, BECAUSE NO MATTER WHAT "WILDERNESS" WE HAPPEN TO BE IN, WE ALWAYS HAVE THE ALMIGHTY'S GUIDANCE IN OUR CENTRE, GIVING MEANING TO EVERYTHING!

"WE"?!
I DON'T RECALL THE TORAH AND THE MISHKAN BEING GIVEN TO CAMELS...
AH- HA-HA-HA... DID I SAY "WE"?
I MEANT... ER... "THEE..."

REAL FUNNY, MR YERUSHALMI!
OK, CUT, DUDE, I THINK SHE'S ONTO US...
COME OUT, COME OUT, WHEREVER YOU ARE!

ER... IN MY DEFENCE, MISS ZORRO, YOU DID ASK TO HOST THIS WEEK'S SHOW,
AND HOST IT YOU DID! NICE DIALOGING THERE...
AND... ER... WE'VE GOT YOU A WHOLE TUB OF BEN AND JERRY'S HERE, AS COMPENSATION!

SHORTLY AFTERWARDS
BETTER?
EVERY PLACE LOOKS BETTER AFTER ICE CREAM...
TOTALLY, WOW... I COULD NAME A CHUMASH AFTER THIS...
THE SINAI DESSERT?