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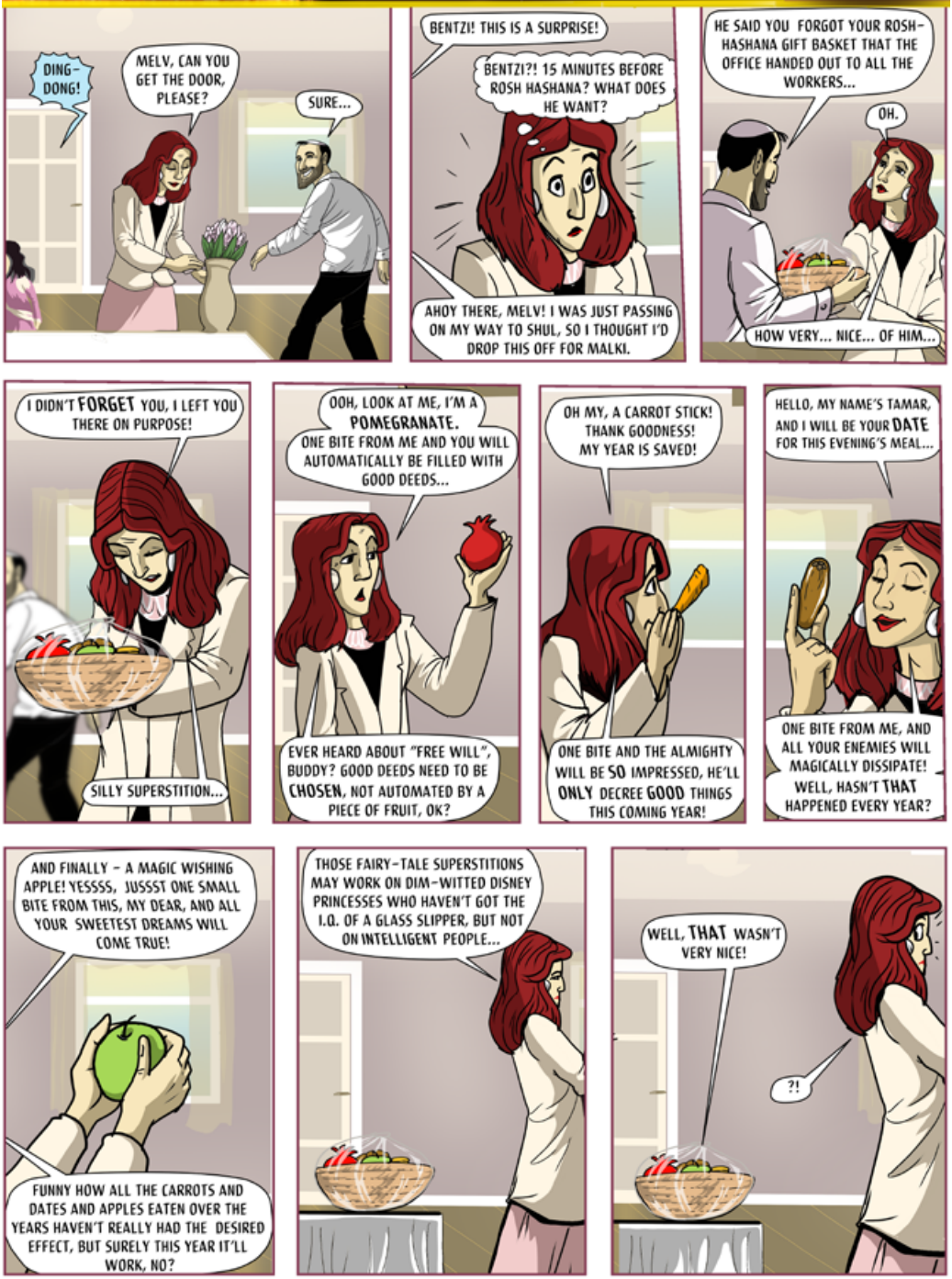

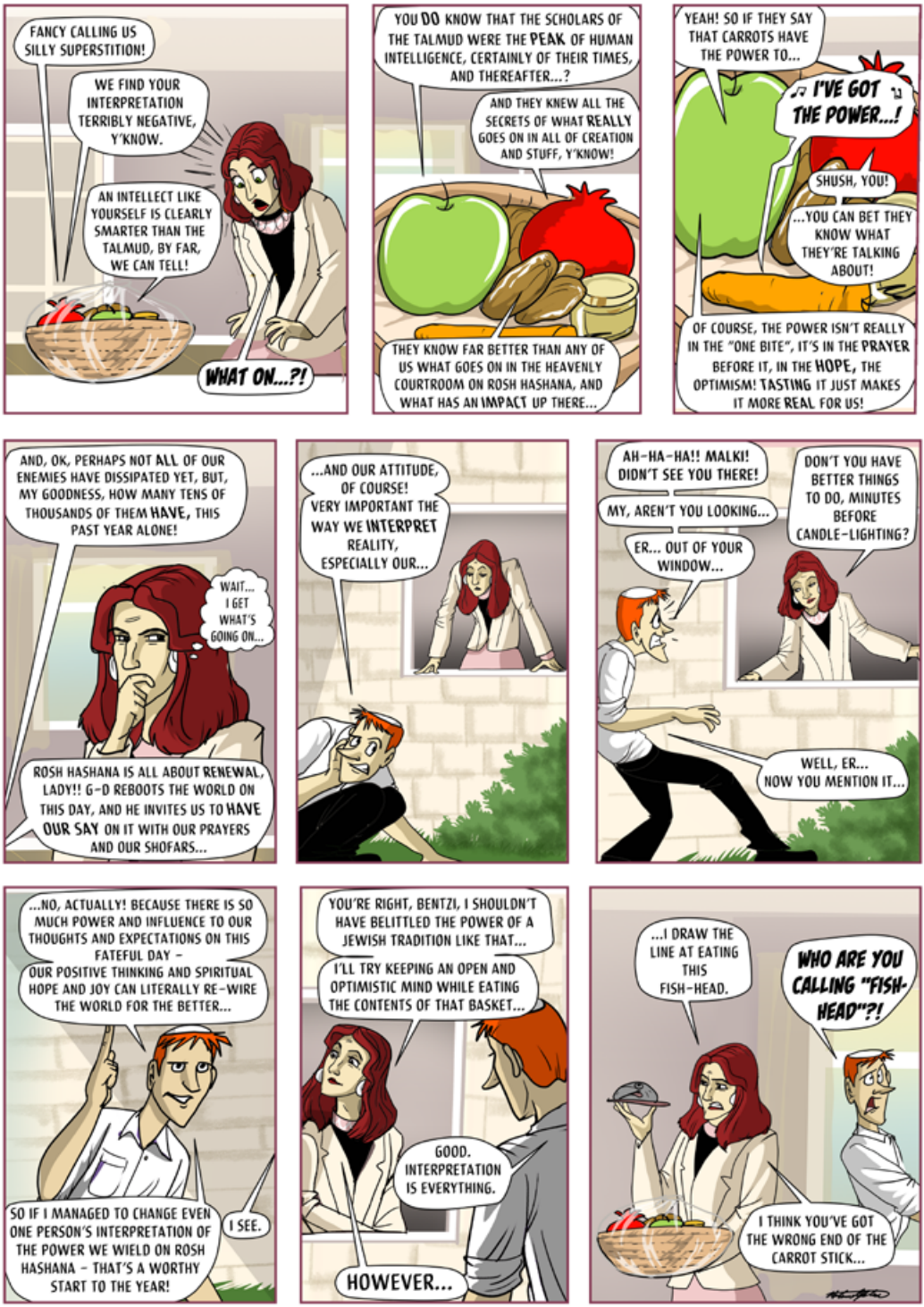
FANCY CALLING US SILLY SUPERSTITION!
WE FIND YOUR INTERPRETATION TERRIBLY NEGATIVE, Y'KNOW.
AN INTELLECT LIKE YOURSELF IS CLEARLY SMARTER THAN THE TALMUD, BY FAR, WE CAN TELL!
WHAT ON...?!
YOU DO KNOW THAT THE SCHOLARS OF THE TALMUD WERE THE PEAK OF HUMAN INTELLIGENCE, CERTAINLY OF THEIR TIMES, AND THEREAFTER...?
AND THEY KNEW ALL THE SECRETS OF WHAT REALLY GOES ON IN ALL OF CREATION AND STUFF, Y'KNOW!
THEY KNOW FAR BETTER THAN ANY OF US WHAT GOES ON IN THE HEAVENLY COURTROOM ON ROSH HASHANA, AND WHAT HAS AN IMPACT UP THERE...
YEAH! SO IF THEY SAY THAT CARROTS HAVE THE POWER TO...
♫ I'VE GOT THE POWER...!
SHUSH, YOU!
...YOU CAN BET THEY KNOW WHAT THEY'RE TALKING ABOUT!
OF COURSE, THE POWER ISN'T REALLY IN THE "ONE BITE", IT'S IN THE PRAYER BEFORE IT, IN THE HOPE, THE OPTIMISM! TASTING IT JUST MAKES IT MORE REAL FOR US!
AND, OK, PERHAPS NOT ALL OF OUR ENEMIES HAVE DISSIPATED YET, BUT, MY GOODNESS, HOW MANY TENS OF THOUSANDS OF THEM HAVE, THIS PAST YEAR ALONE!
WAIT... I GET WHAT'S GOING ON...
ROSH HASHANA IS ALL ABOUT RENEWAL, LADY!! G-D REBOOTS THE WORLD ON THIS DAY, AND HE INVITES US TO HAVE OUR SAY ON IT WITH OUR PRAYERS AND OUR SHOFARS...
...AND OUR ATTITUDE, OF COURSE! VERY IMPORTANT THE WAY WE INTERPRET REALITY, ESPECIALLY OUR...
AH-HA-HA!! MALKI! DIDN'T SEE YOU THERE!
MY, AREN'T YOU LOOKING...
ER... OUT OF YOUR WINDOW...
DON'T YOU HAVE BETTER THINGS TO DO, MINUTES BEFORE CANDLE-LIGHTING?
WELL, ER... NOW YOU MENTION IT...
...NO, ACTUALLY! BECAUSE THERE IS SO MUCH POWER AND INFLUENCE TO OUR THOUGHTS AND EXPECTATIONS ON THIS FATEFUL DAY - OUR POSITIVE THINKING AND SPIRITUAL HOPE AND JOY CAN LITERALLY RE-WIRE THE WORLD FOR THE BETTER...
SO IF I MANAGED TO CHANGE EVEN ONE PERSON'S INTERPRETATION OF THE POWER WE WIELD ON ROSH HASHANA - THAT'S A WORTHY START TO THE YEAR!
I SEE.
YOU'RE RIGHT, BENTZI, I SHOULDN'T HAVE BELITTLED THE POWER OF A JEWISH TRADITION LIKE THAT...
I'LL TRY KEEPING AN OPEN AND OPTIMISTIC MIND WHILE EATING THE CONTENTS OF THAT BASKET...
GOOD. INTERPRETATION IS EVERYTHING.
HOWEVER...
...I DRAW THE LINE AT EATING THIS FISH-HEAD.
WHO ARE YOU CALLING "FISH-HEAD"?!
I THINK YOU'VE GOT THE WRONG END OF THE CARROT STICK...