"FOR BITTER OR WORSE"

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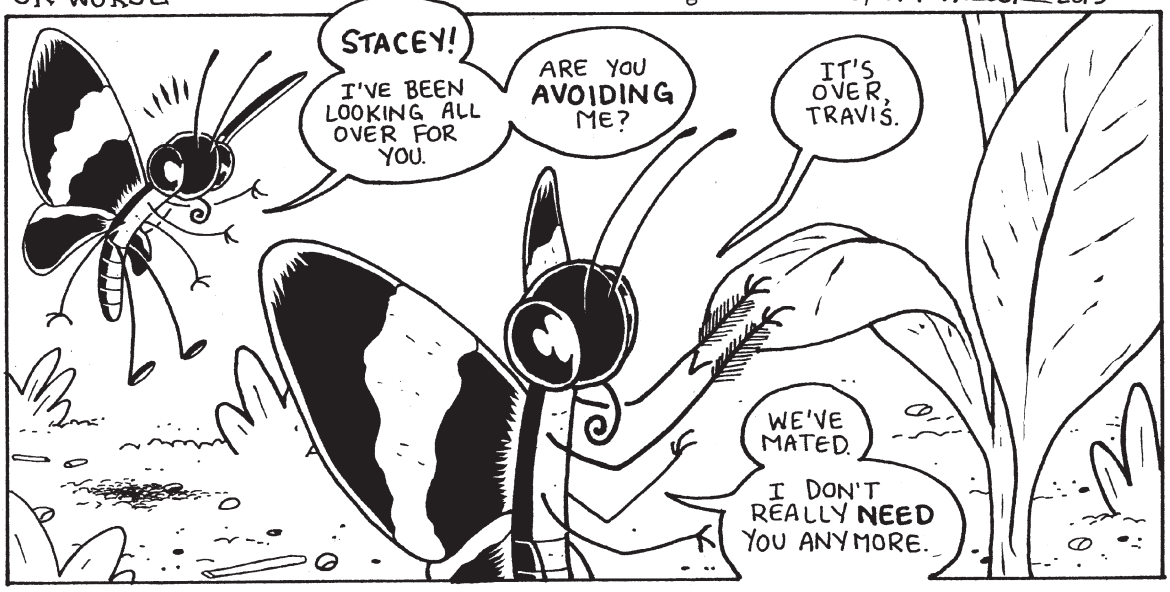

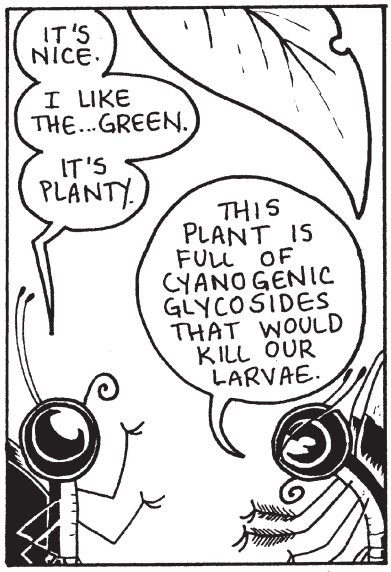

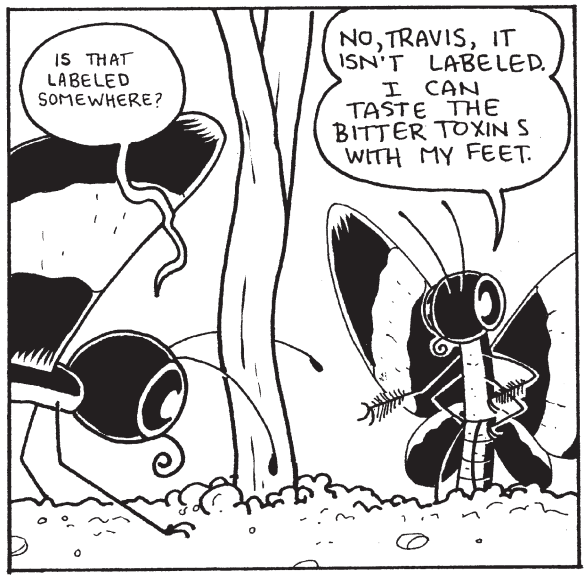

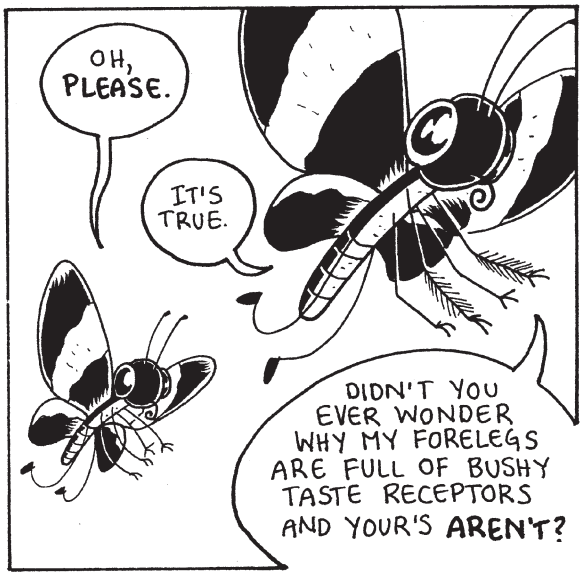

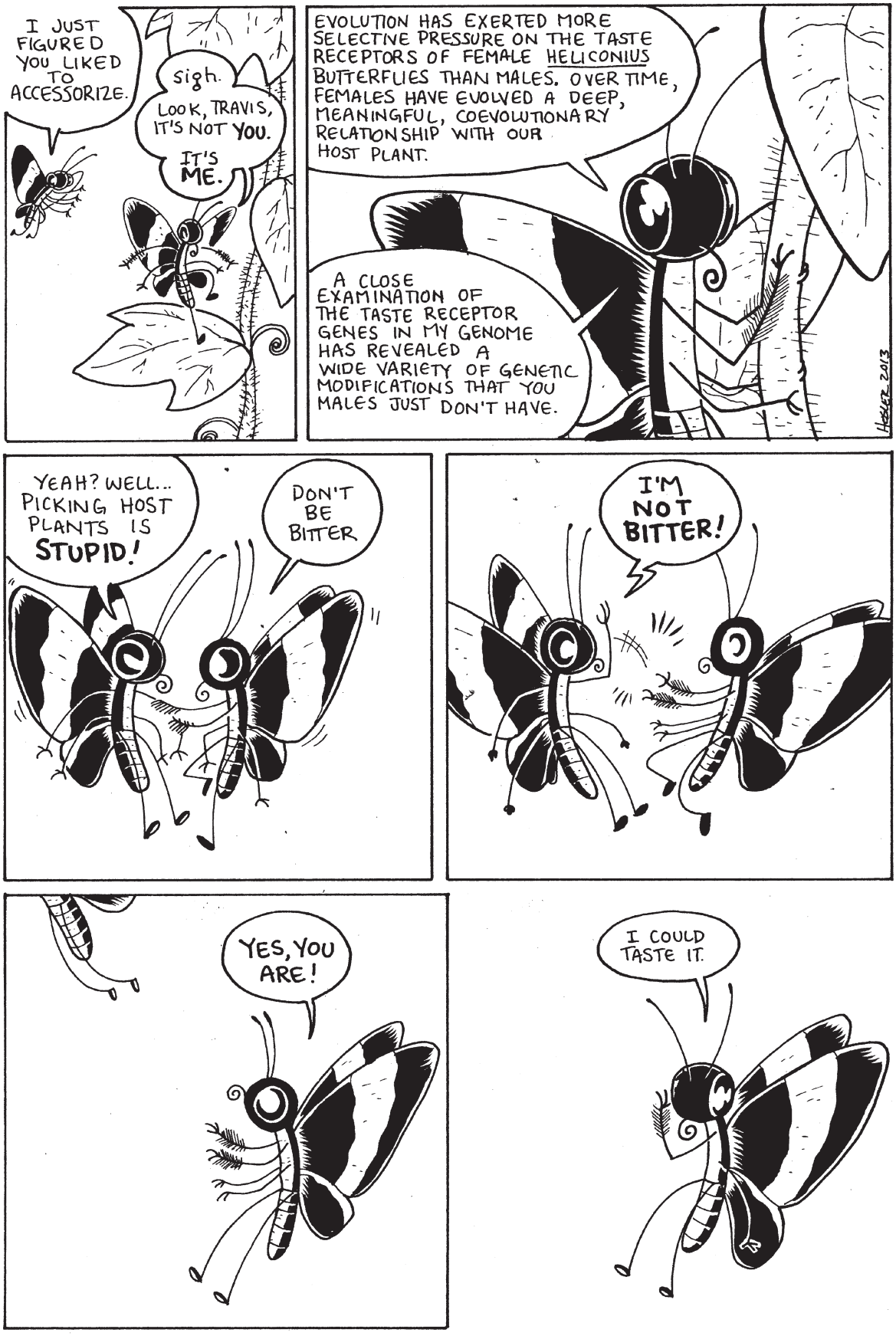
I JUST FIGURED YOU LIKED TO ACCESSORIZE.
sigh.
LOOK, TRAVIS, IT'S NOT YOU.
IT'S ME.
EVOLUTION HAS EXERTED MORE SELECTIVE PRESSURE ON THE TASTE RECEPTORS OF FEMALE HELICONIUS BUTTERFLIES THAN MALES. OVER TIME, FEMALES HAVE EVOLVED A DEEP, MEANINGFUL, COEVOLUTIONARY RELATIONSHIP WITH OUR HOST PLANT.
A CLOSE EXAMINATION OF THE TASTE RECEPTOR GENES IN MY GENOME HAS REVEALED A WIDE VARIETY OF GENETIC MODIFICATIONS THAT YOU MALES JUST DON'T HAVE.
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YEAH? WELL... PICKING HOST PLANTS IS STUPID!
DON'T BE BITTER
I'M NOT BITTER!
YES, YOU ARE!
I COULD TASTE IT.