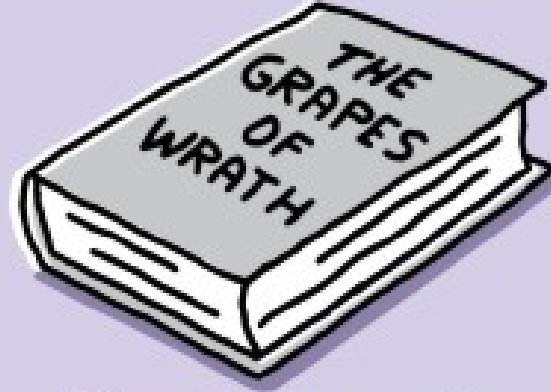


abridged classics

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Everyone is sad.
It snows.



Farming sucks.
Road trip!
Road trip sucks.

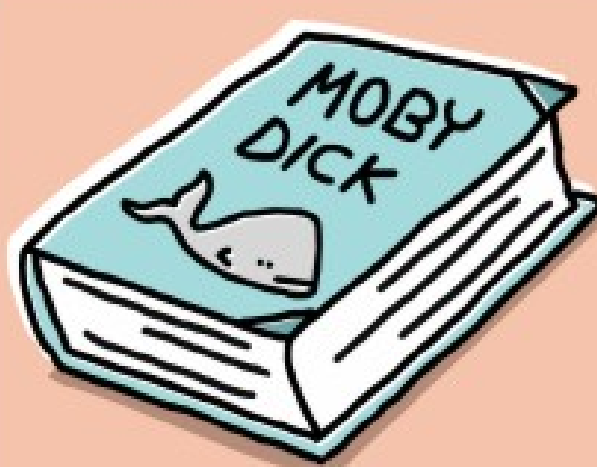
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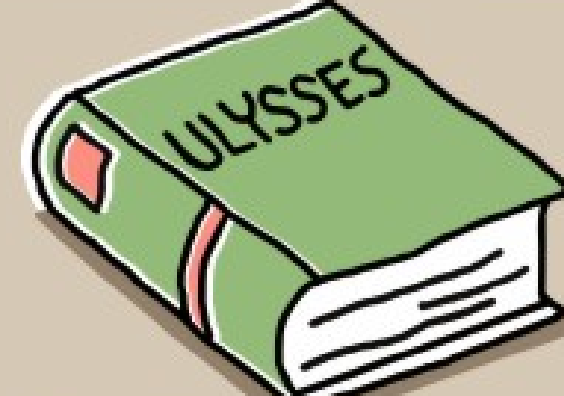
Guy attacks
windmills.
Also, he's mad.



Lost generation
gets drunk.
They're still lost.



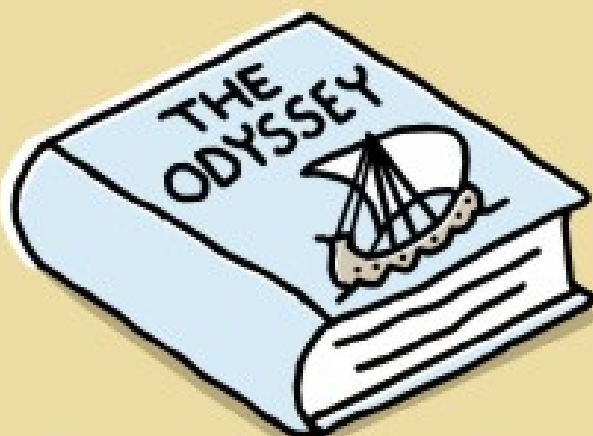
Man vs. whale.
Whale wins.



Dublin, something,
something, something,
run-on sentence.

(more) abridged classics

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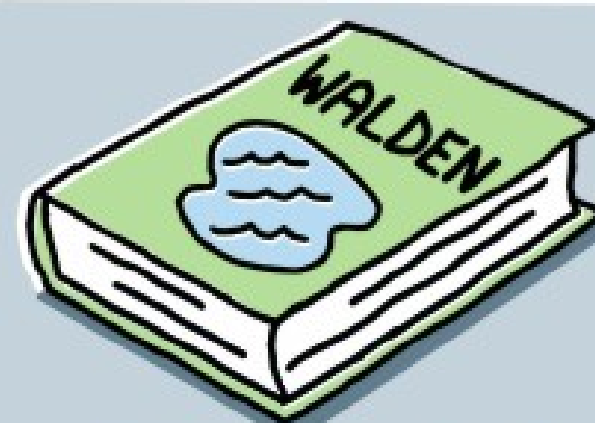


War veteran takes
forever to get home
then kills everyone.

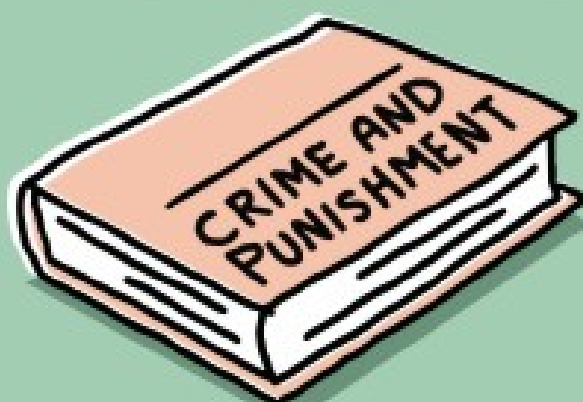


A sort-of brother
and sister fall in
love. It's foggy.

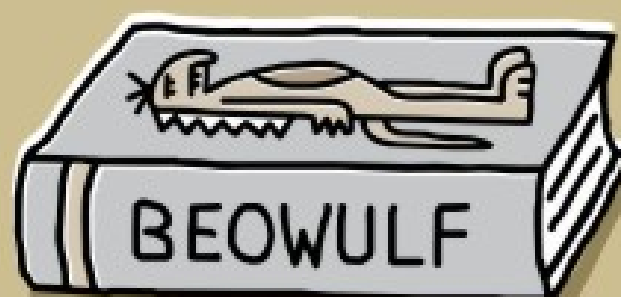
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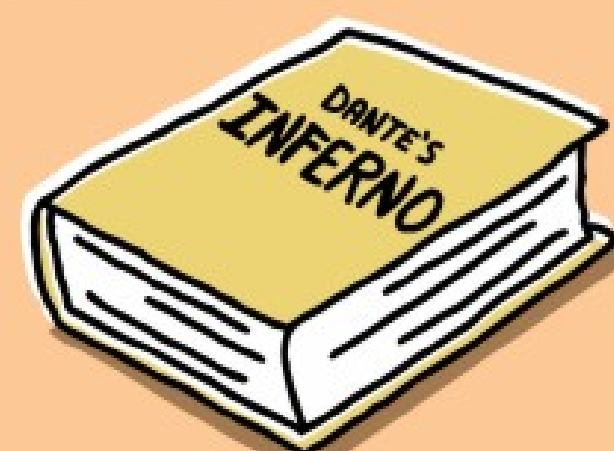
Man sits outside
for two years.
Nothing happens.



Murderer feels bad.
Confesses. Goes
to jail. Feels better.



Hero kills monster.
Blah, blah, blah, blah.
Dragon kills Hero.



All hell breaks
loose.

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Casual Friday at Pemberley

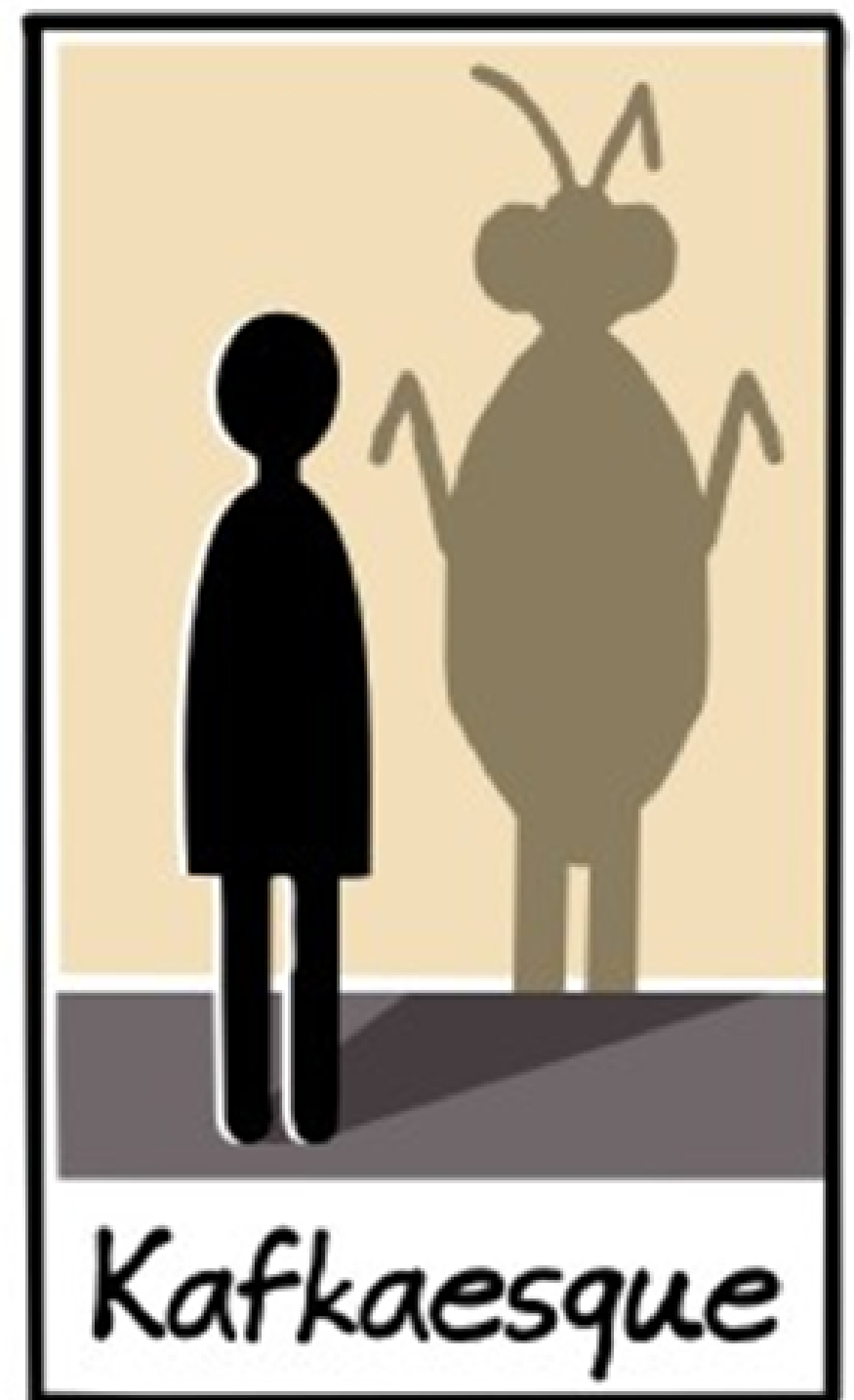
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literary foreshadowing

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Jukebox Shakespeare

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*If music
be the food
of love...*

JULIUS CAESAR

"Back Stabbers"
(The O'Jays)

KING LEAR

"Old Man"
(Neil Young)

OTHELLO

"Suspicious Minds"
(Elvis Presley)

**A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S
DREAM**

"Love Potion No. 9"
(The Clovers)

THE TEMPEST

"Magic Man"
(Heart)

ROMEO AND JULIET

"Love is a Losing Game"
(Amy Winehouse)

THE MERCHANT OF VENICE

"Money"
(Pink Floyd)

HAMLET

"The End"
(The Doors)

ANTONY AND CLEOPATRA

"Bad Romance"
(Lady Gaga)

MACBETH

"Paranoid"
(Black Sabbath)

RICHARD III

"Psycho Killer"
(Talking Heads)

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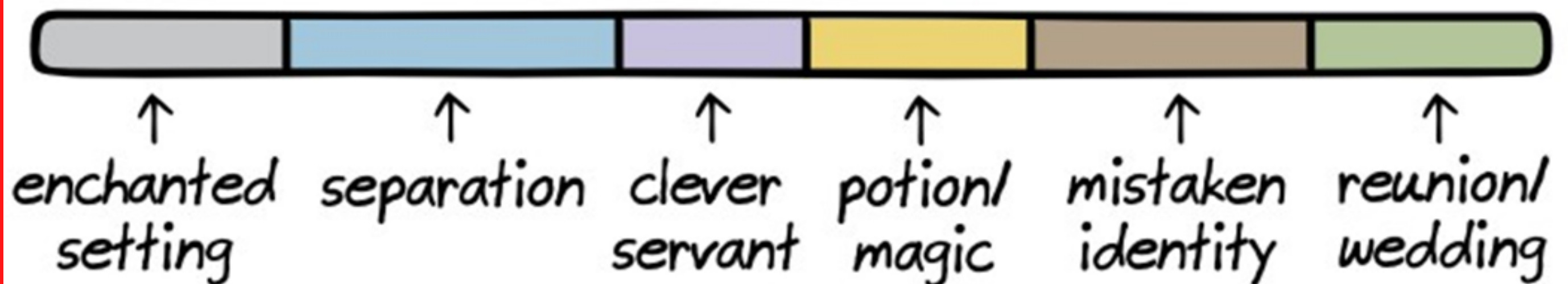
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anatomy of Shakespeare

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Comedies



Histories



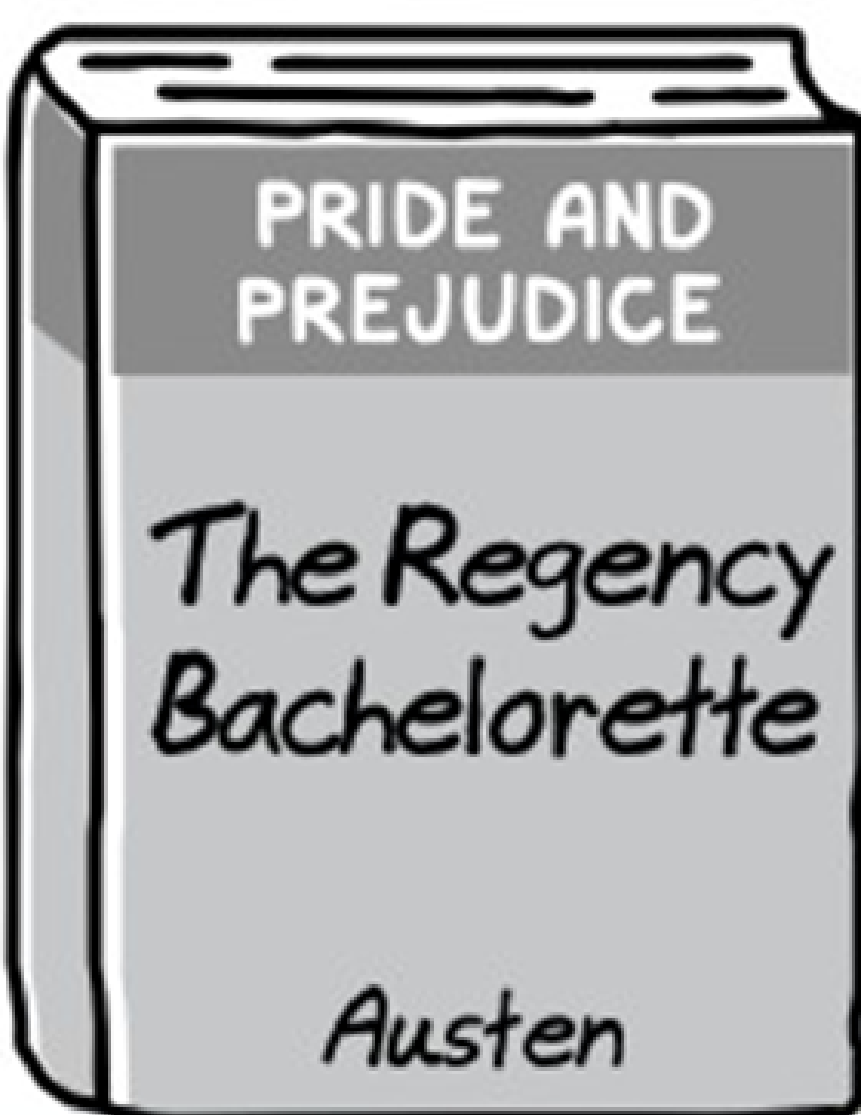
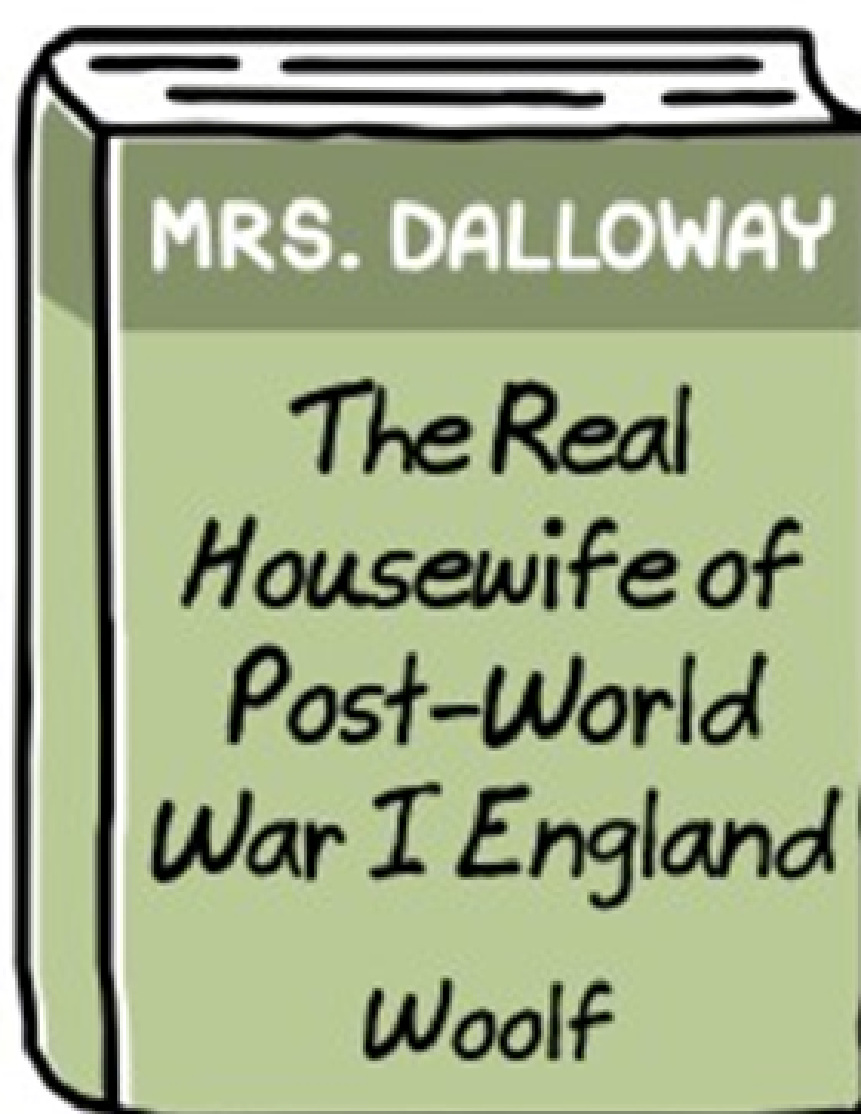
Tragedies



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Classics retitled for reality TV show fans

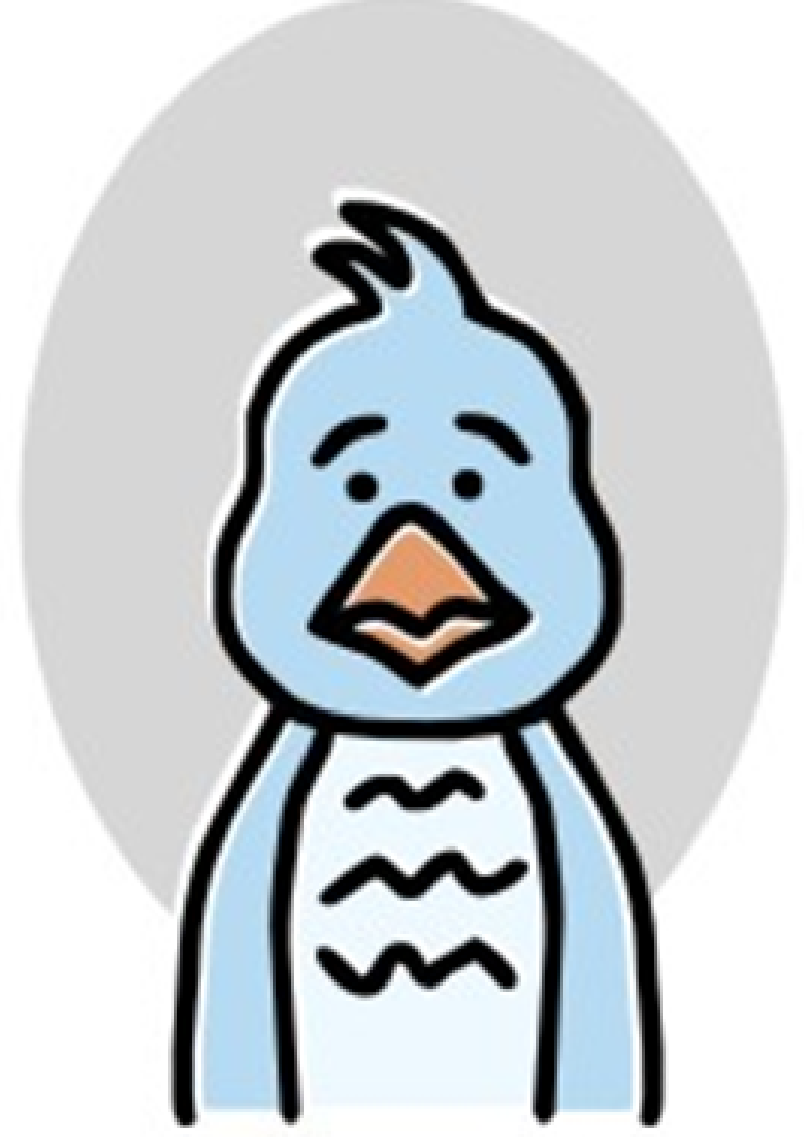
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Yeats, Keats or Tweets?

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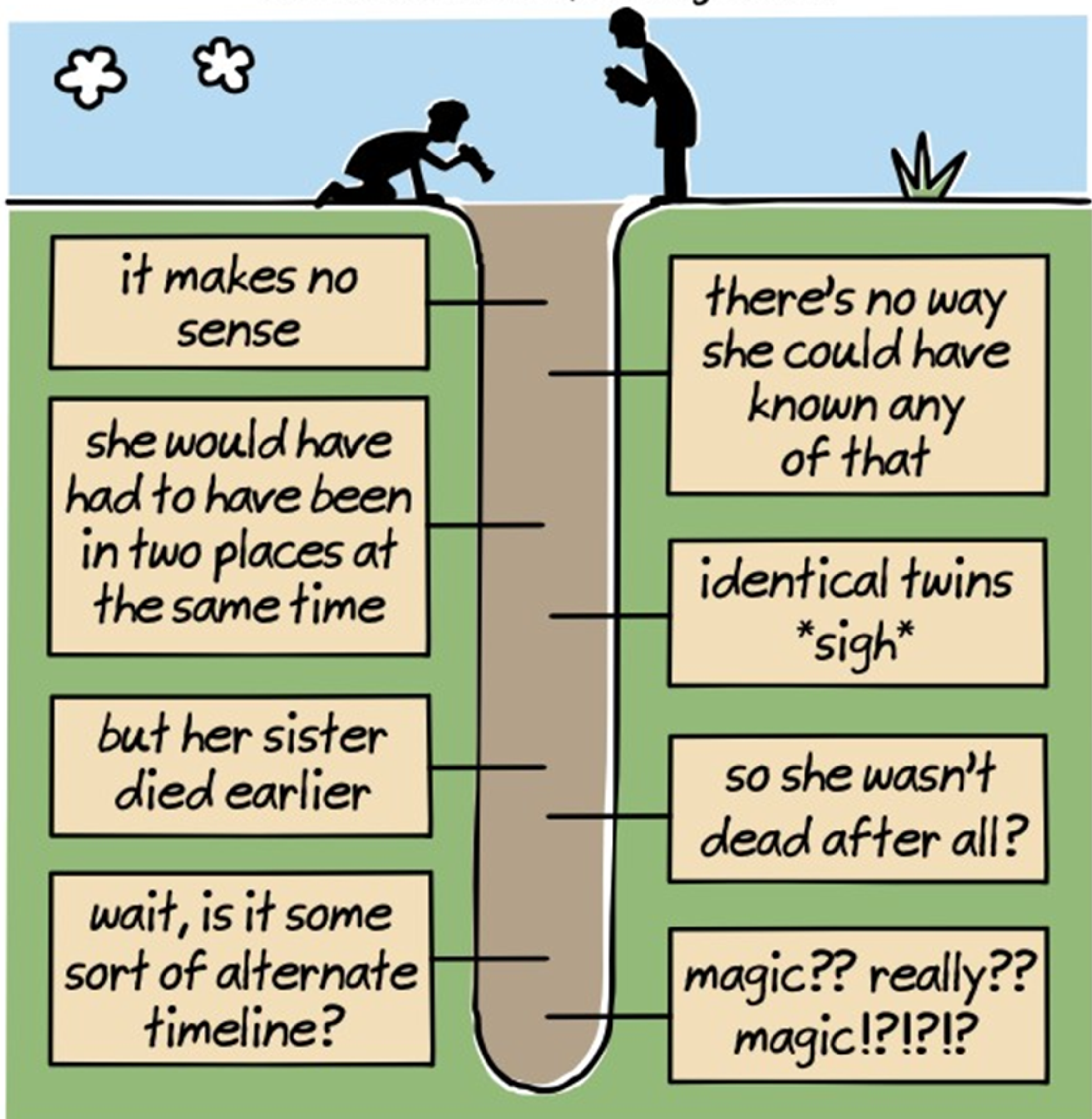
- A** All empty souls tend toward extreme opinions.
- B** Great book, but no one ever catches any rye.
- C** Philosophy will clip an angel's wings.
- D** Tread softly because you tread on my dreams.
- E** Yes, I know they're cows. Stop saying "cows".
- F** A thing of beauty is a joy forever.

Yeats (A, D) Keats (C, F) Tweets (B, E)

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narrative chronologists analyze the depth of a major plot hole

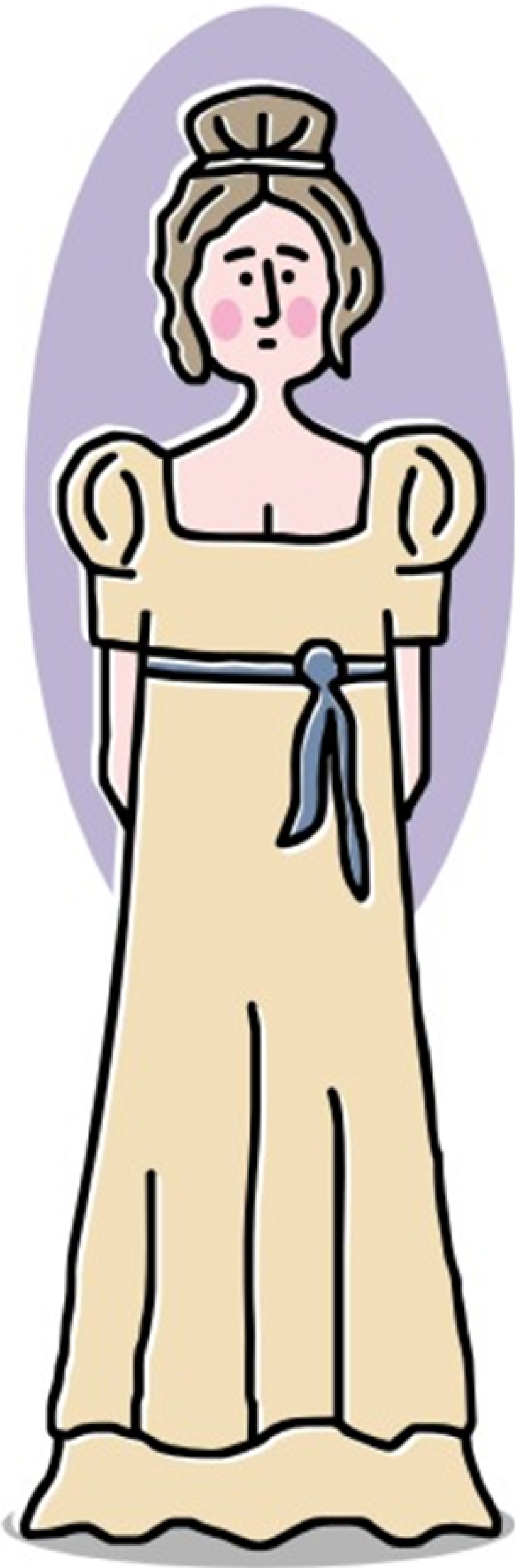
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19th Century Novel Disease

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Causes

- the wrong marriage proposal
- distressing gossip
- rain
- a letter

Symptoms

- withering frailty
- paler than usual complexion
- glowing cheeks
- wistfulness

Treatment

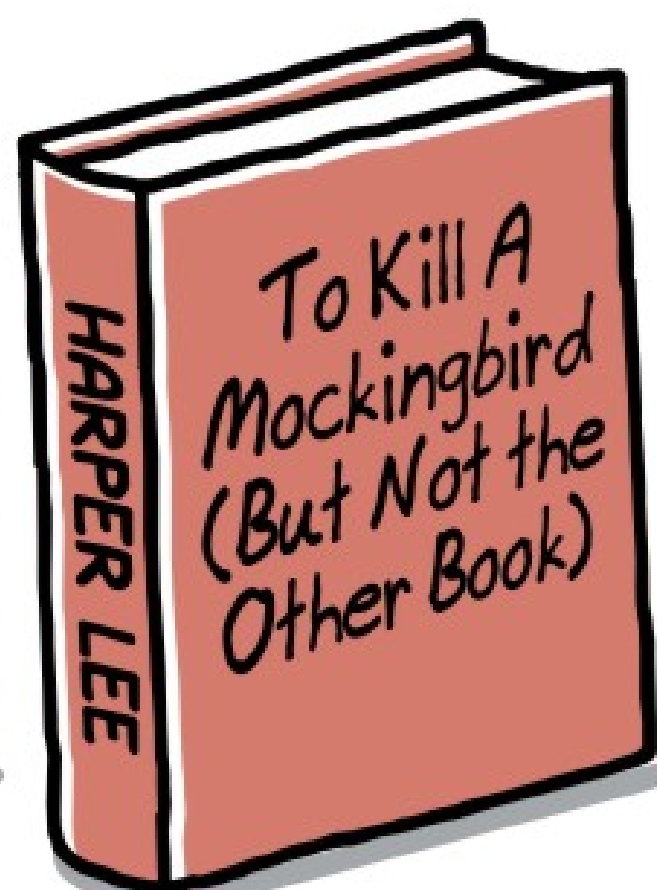
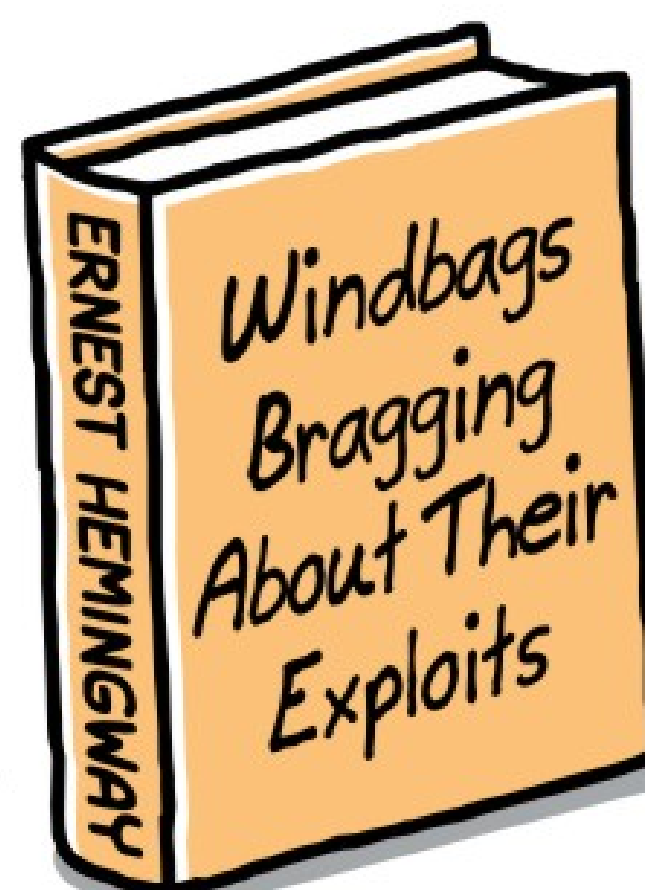
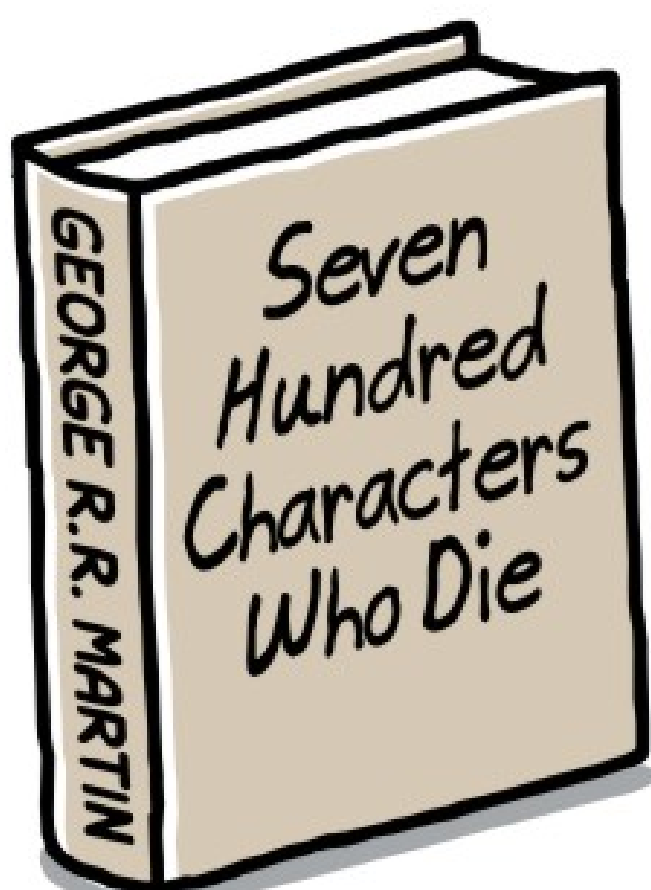
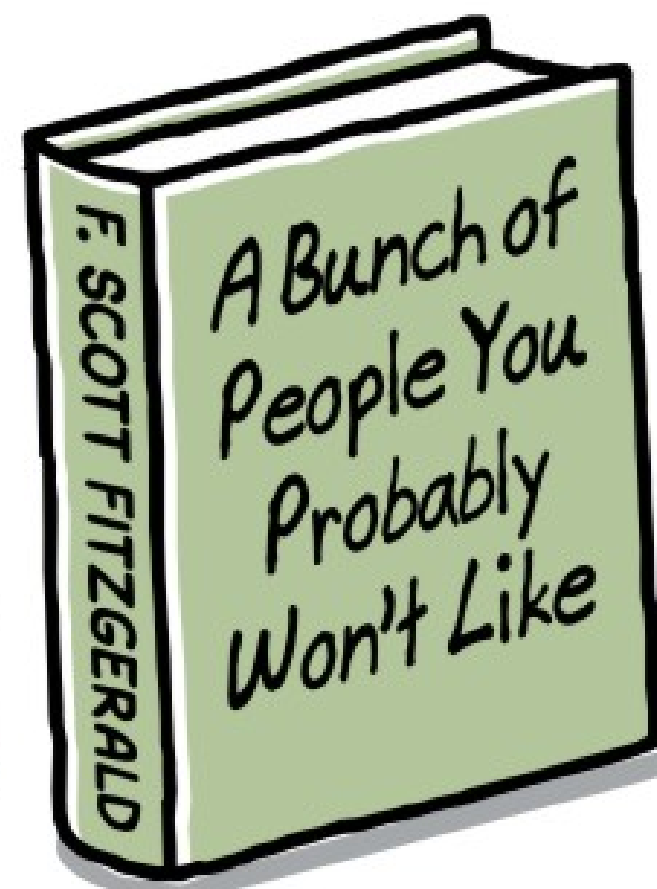
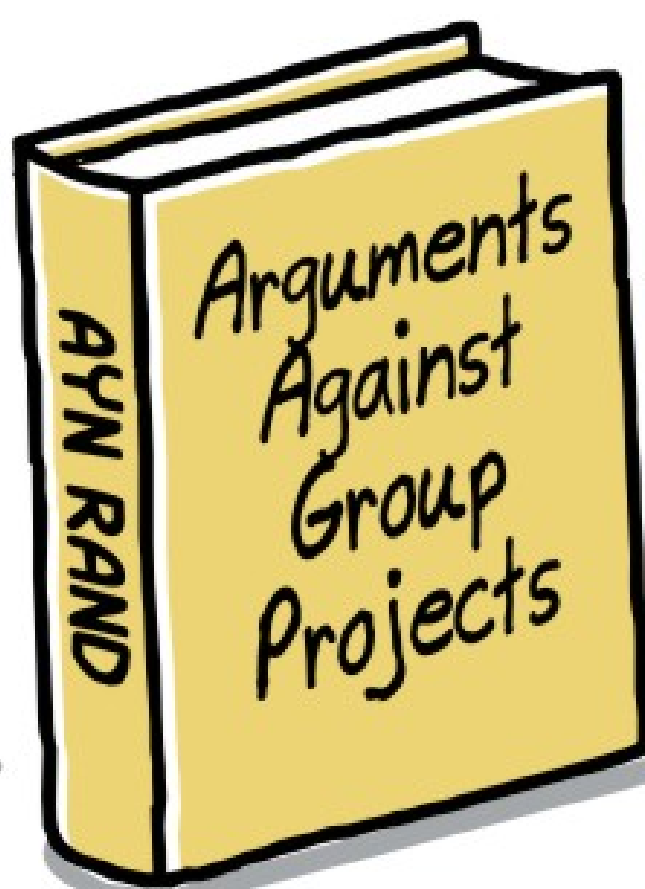
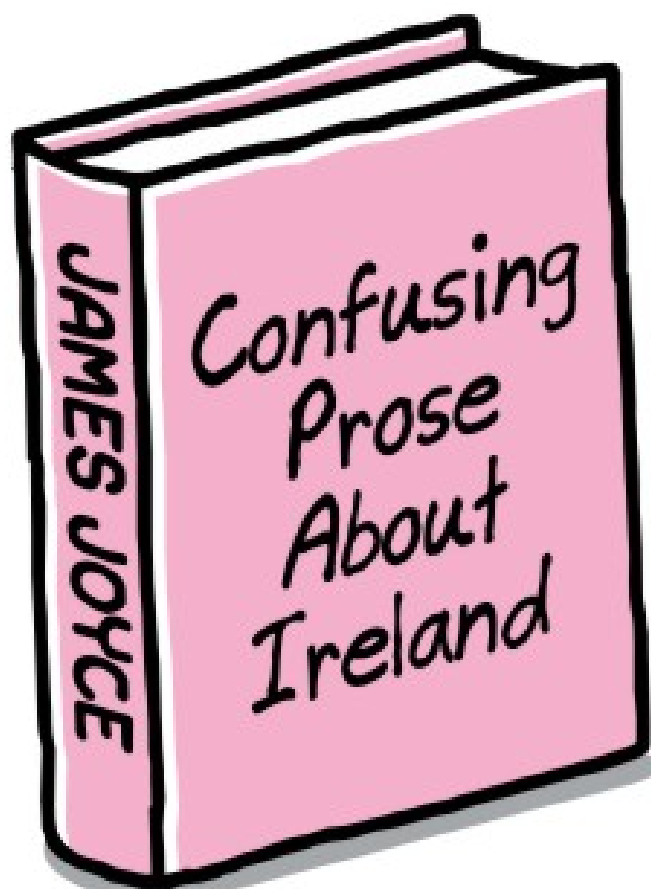
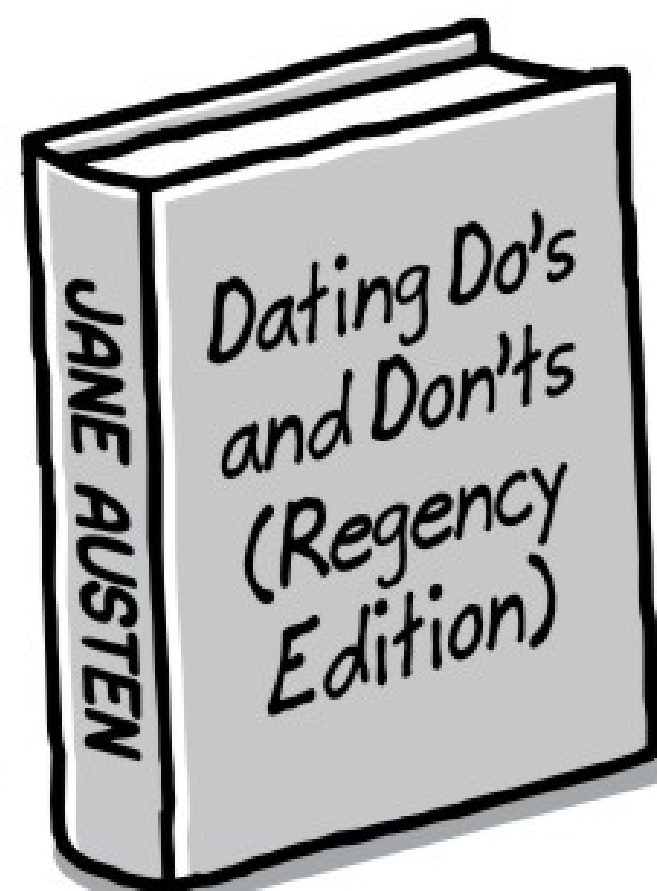
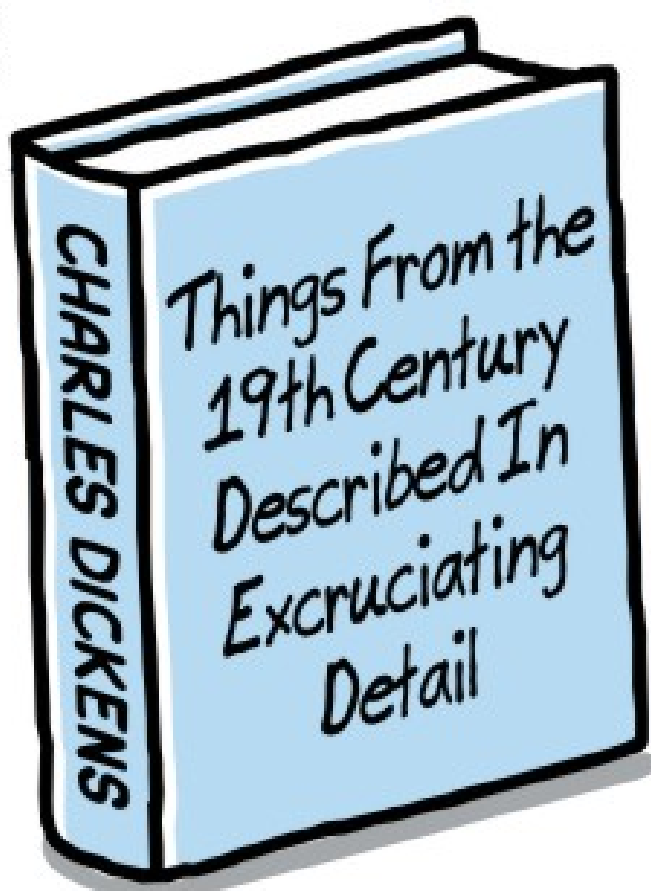
- take to bed
- lavish attention
- visits from handsome suitors
- the right marriage proposal

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YOU ARE A POOR ORPHAN. GO BECOME A GENTLEMAN.

anonymous benefactor (advance one space)

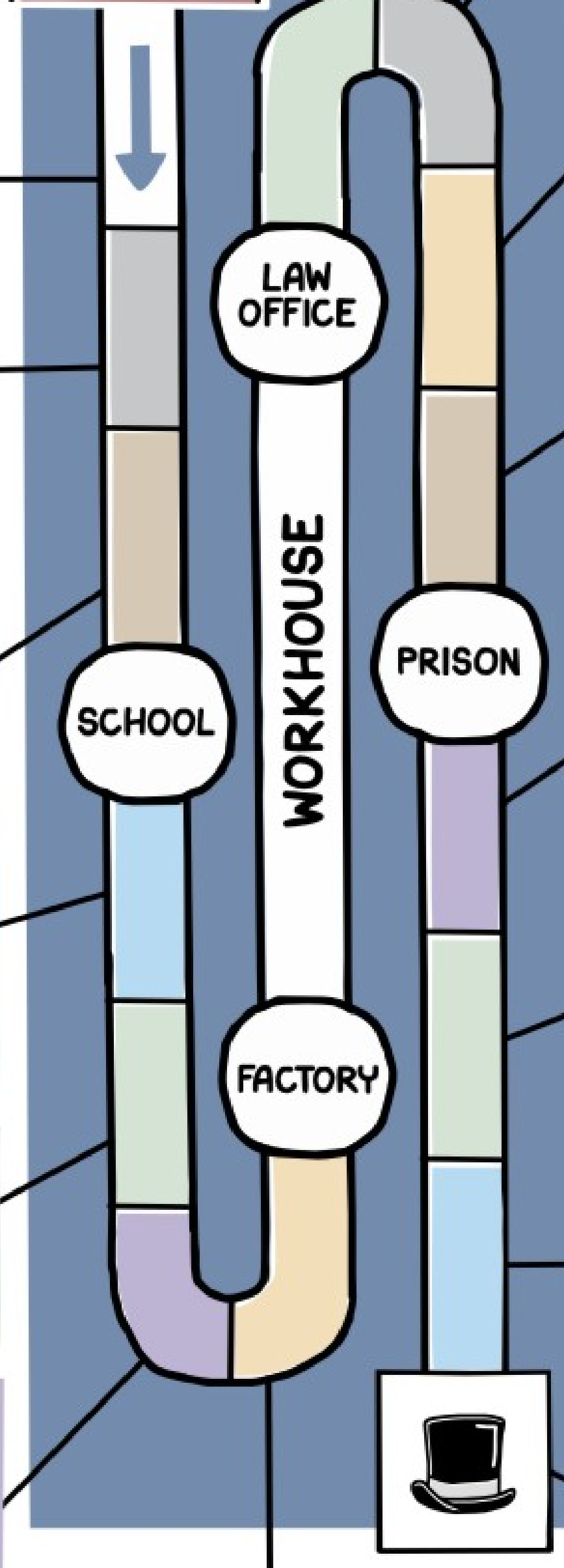
living with a cruel relative (miss a turn)

lawyers get involved (back two spaces)

big fancy house (advance two spaces)

apprenticeship is horrible and merciless (return to orphanage)

character dies ironically (return to factory)



kindly stranger (advance one space)

unattainable love interest (roll again)

someone is an alcoholic (miss a turn)

institutional poverty (return to workhouse)

unknown family member revealed (advance two spaces)

disputed inheritance (return to law office)

YOU ARE A GENTLEMAN!

sad, reclusive old person (miss a turn)

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JANE AUSTEN BOARD GAME

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YOUR FATHER HAS BLOWN THE FAMILY FORTUNE. GO FIND A HUSBAND.

you're labelled "the smart one" (miss two turns)

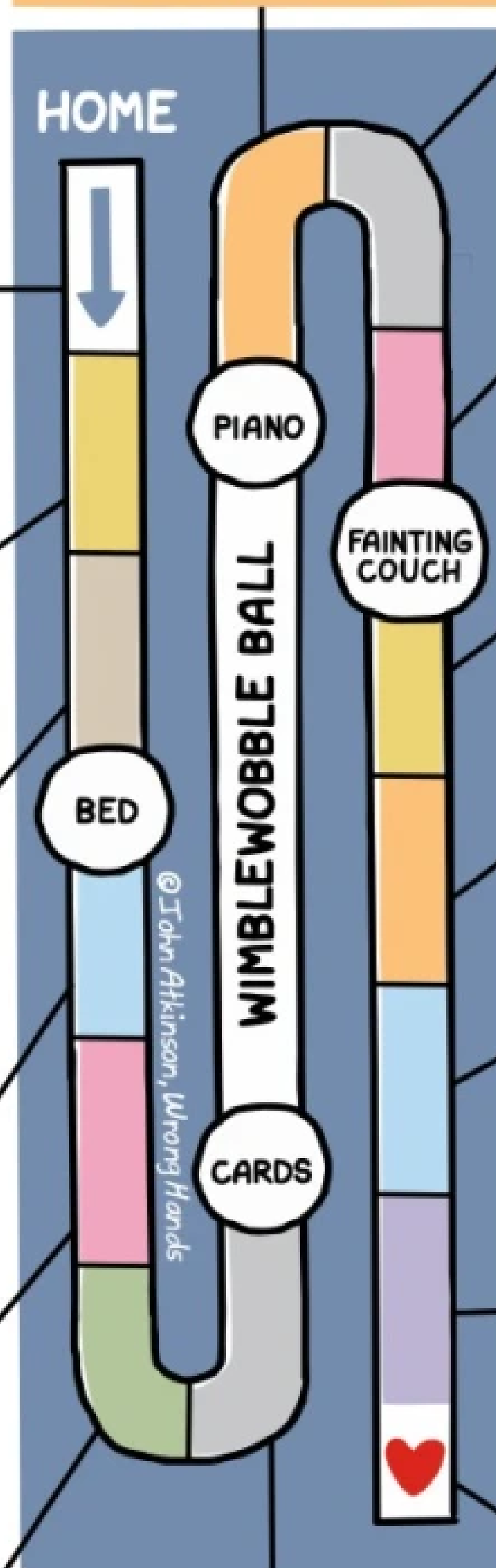
reluctant betrothal to old Mister Badteeth (take to your bed)

excessive moping and sitting (miss a turn)

gossipy Vicar stops by for tea (go to the Ball)

get caught in the rain and fall ill (take to your bed)

nobleman turns out to be a scoundrel (take to your bed)



plucky neighbour shows too much interest (play the piano)

bratty sister gets married (return to the Ball)

sent to live with Aunt at Remberley Pimberley (play cards)

your big hat looks silly (miss a turn)

a letter arrives (go to the fainting couch)

belated love epiphany (advance one social standing)

YOU MARRY RICH MISTER TOFFEEBOTTOM AND LIVE HAPPILY EVER AFTER.

walk in the garden goes awry (run home)

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Austen vs. Hemingway

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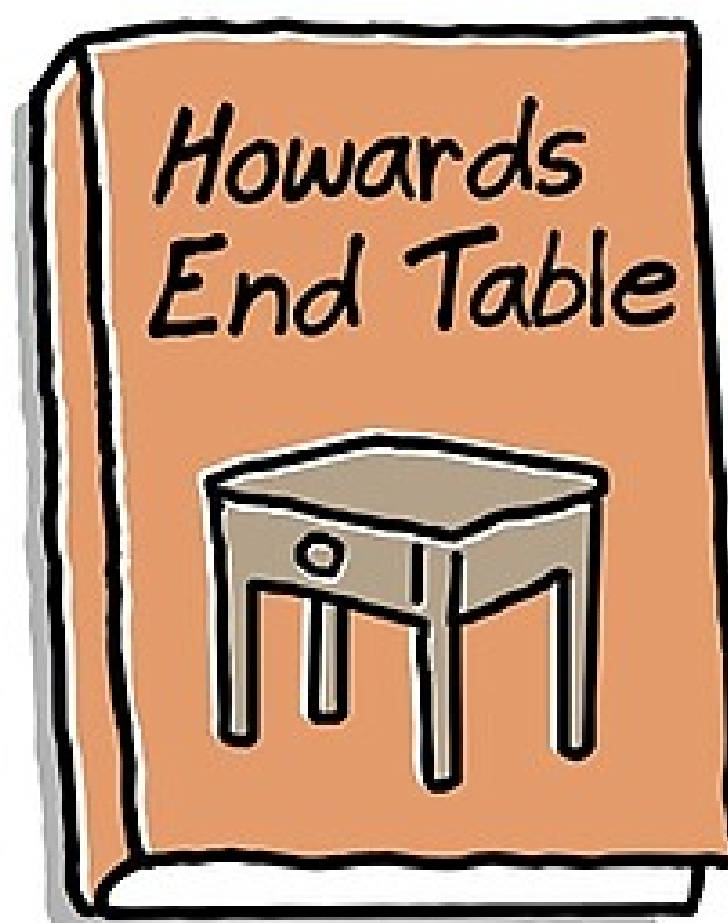
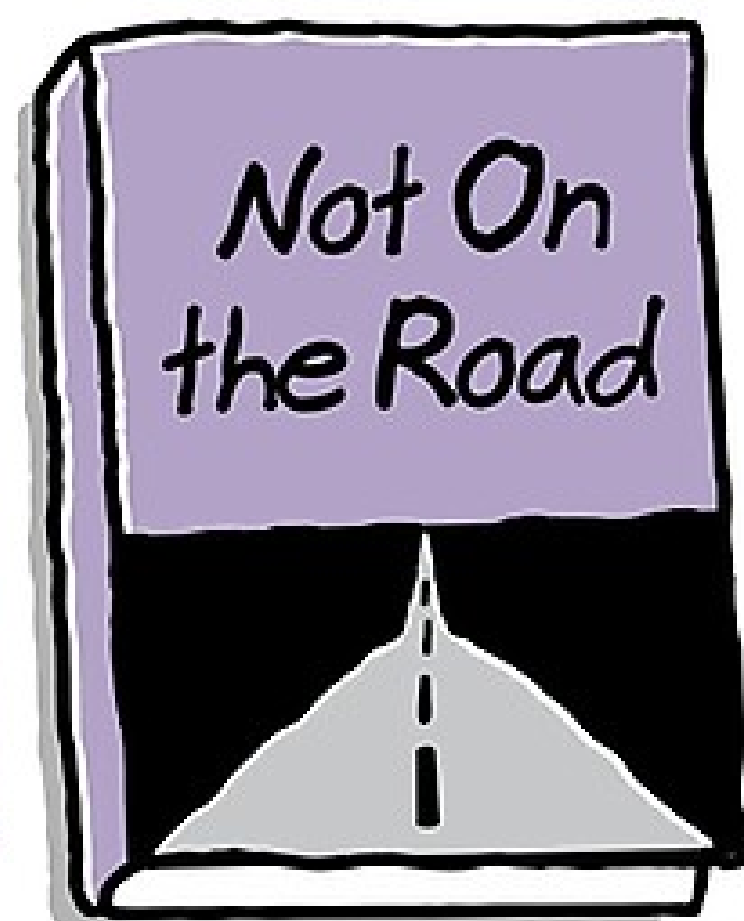
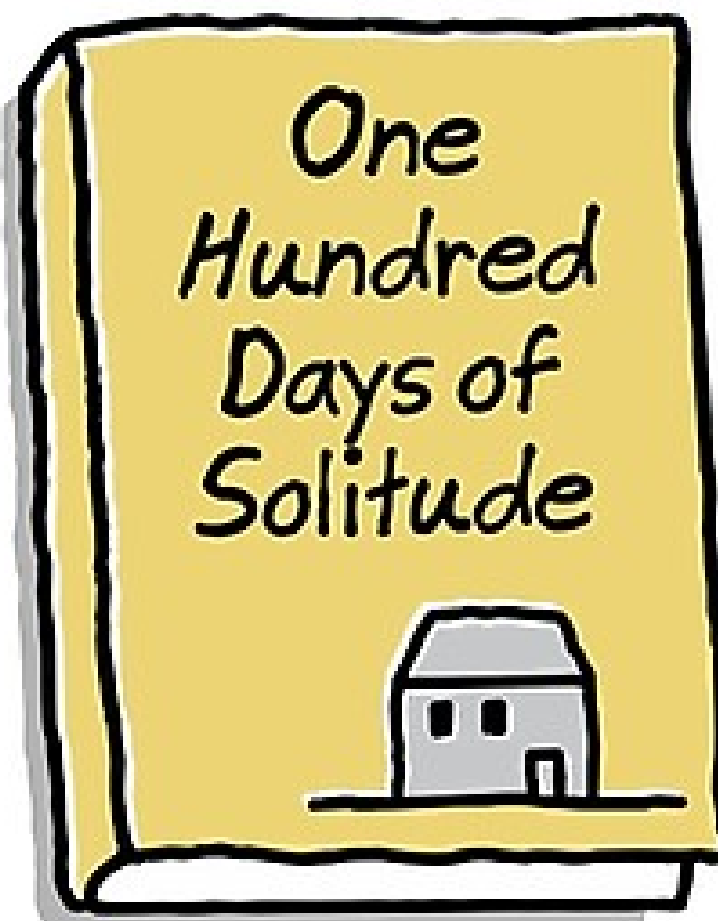
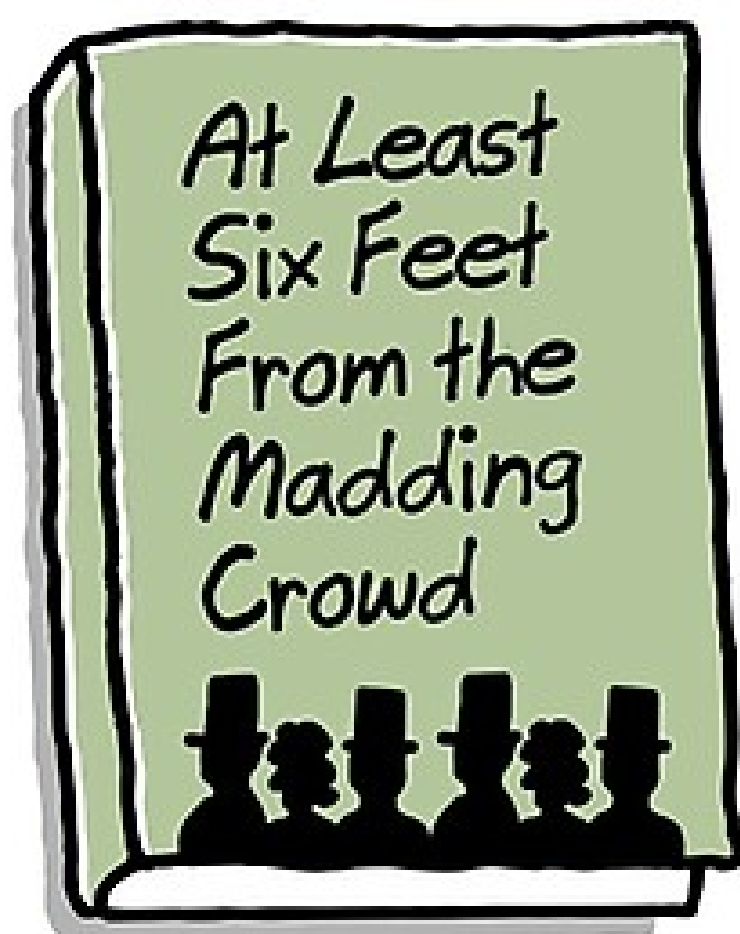
sisterhood
etiquette
gossip
tea
status
balls
weddings



brotherhood
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brawls
wars

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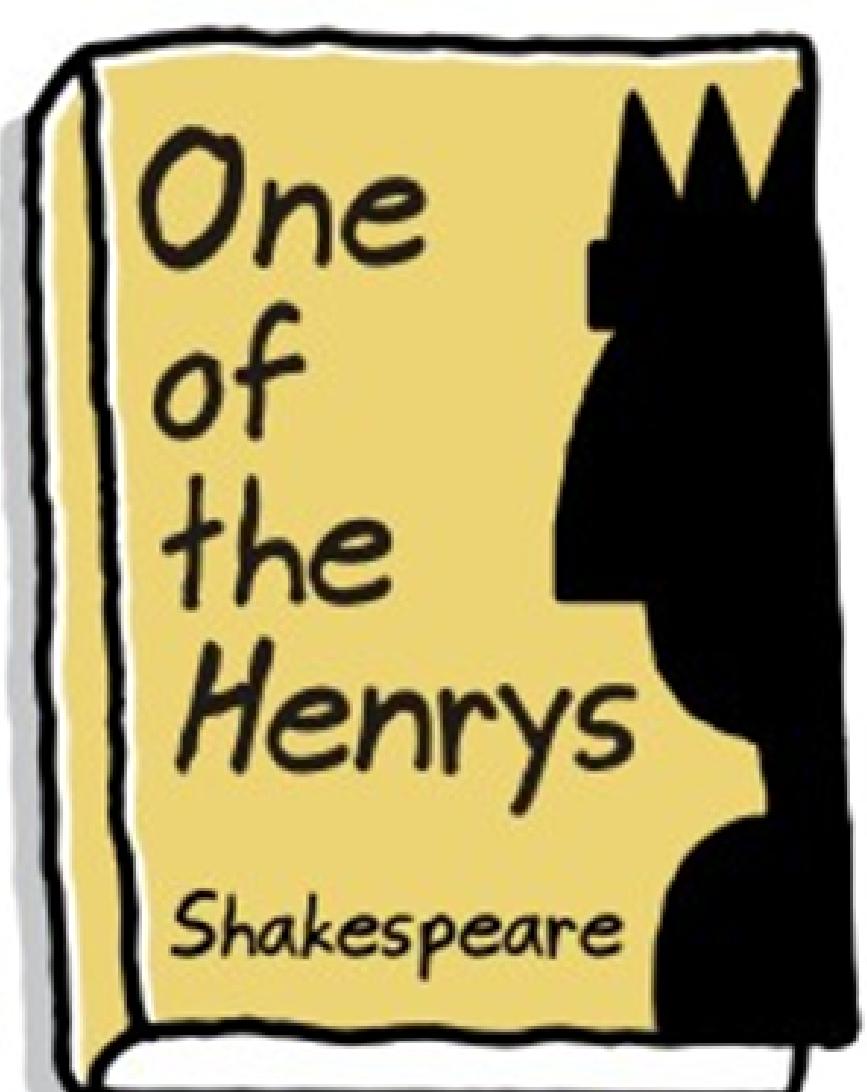
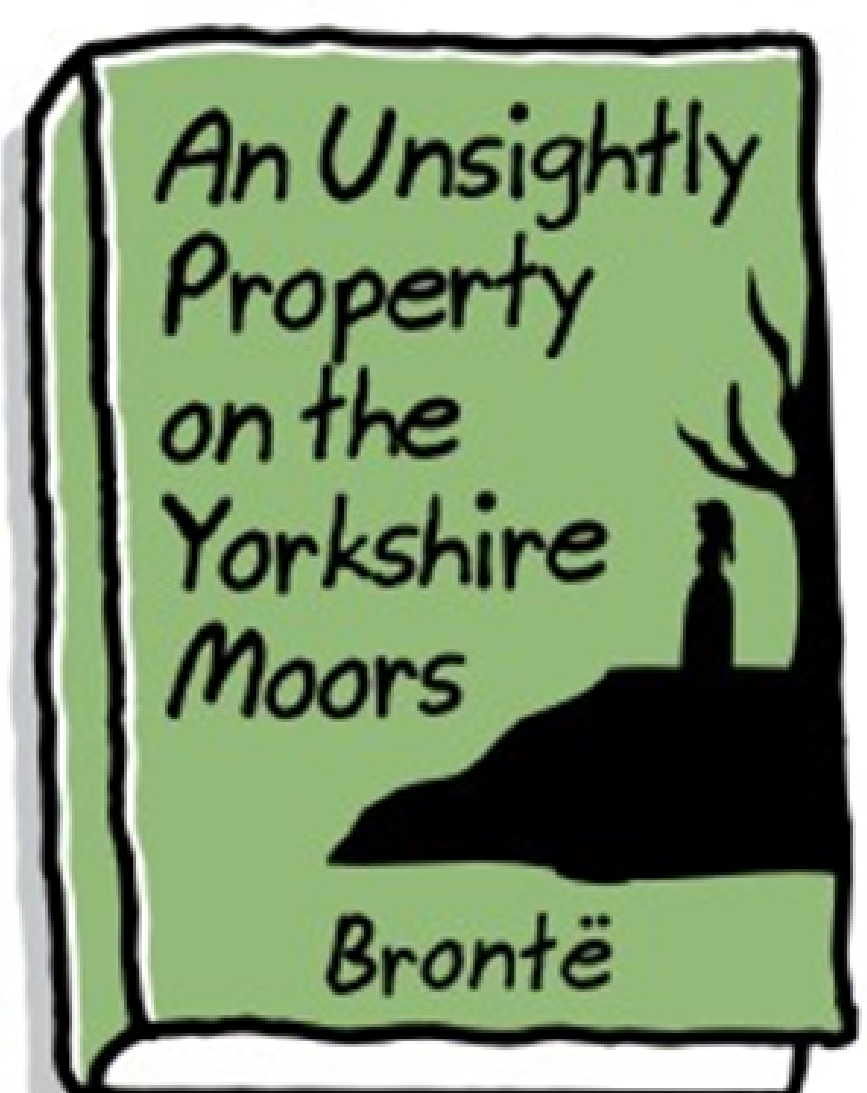
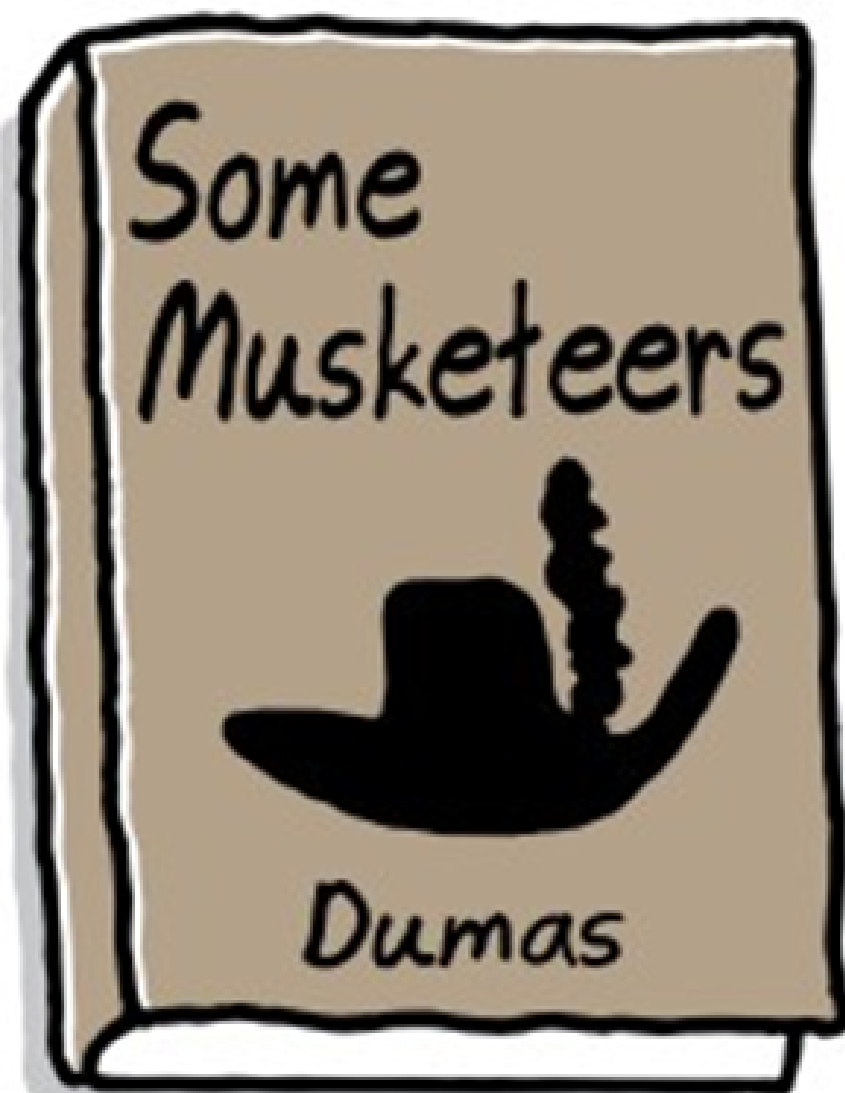
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Road trip!
Road trip sucks.