

Panel 1

Annika Anderson holds up a flashlight, her eyes are wide, she is staring at –

Panel 2

A raccoon! The adorably cute ‘banded bandit’ is illuminated by Annika’s flashlight. In the raccoon’s mouth is a pink bag, reads: *Chocolate Chewy Nutty Chunks*.

Panel 3

A wide shot of the inside of Annika’s dilapidated summer cabin. Her fellow cabinmates are sound asleep while Annika and the raccoon have a stare down.

Panel 1

Annika has her eyes on the thief!

Panel 2

The raccoon decides to bolt, the pink candy bag still in its mouth!

Panel 3

Wide shot as Annika races out of her cabin door. Her flashlight beams down a forested trail of giant redwoods. The banded bandit is making its escape!

Annika: HEY!

Panel 4

Wide shot of the raccoon racing deeper into the night with its stolen goods. Annika leaves her cabin behind as she gives chase.

Annika: That's my candy!

Panel 1

Annika comes around a giant redwood, heading deeper into the forest, guided by her flashlight.

Annika: GET BACK HERE!

Panel 2

Annika is dwarfed by the trees.

Annika: You Banded Bandit!

Panel 3

She pulls herself over a log, looking around with her flashlight, she does not see the raccoon hiding beneath her, munching away on her stolen candy. *Munch. Munch. Munch.*

Panel 4

Annika is worried as her flashlight runs out of battery.

Annika: Oh, no, no, no, no!

Panel 5

Annika is suddenly terrified. Her flashlight dies and she is all alone in the middle of the dark forest in the dead of night.

(Blue font denotes journal style artwork in Annika's journal)

Panel 1

Annika with her cat Mochi and dog Sushi zip onto the page aboard a skateboard. It's colorful and enthusiastic, decorated in fun stickers.

Annika: Hiiiiiiiiiiiiiiiiiii!  
(That's me!)  
(This is Mochi!)  
(And this is Sushi)

Panel 2

Annika holds up her fat cat and pokes her round dog's belly.

Sushi is a real squish!  
Mochi is a chunk-a-delic!

Panel 3

Caption: I'm honestly not that great at a lot of things.

Annika hits a crack and falls off her skateboard. Annika, Mochi and Sushi go flying.

Annika: Oh (poop)

Panel 4

Caption: BUT you know, at least I TRY. I am good at one thing. (Well maybe I'm not good at it but I LOVE it!) I LOVE drawing and writing!

Annika playfully draws herself painting the words LOVE.

Panel 1

Caption: I even won a *Participation Award* for painting a mural in the city center. Adults called it “very original.”

Annika proudly presents her gigantic mural of a giant Mochi and Sushi staring, with the words in bold written above “I’m watching you.” Nervous spectators are confused if not a bit alarmed. All except one spectator Annika’s mom, Ms. Anderson. Who applauds *CLAP, CLAP, CLAP*

Ms. Anderson: YAY! Good Job!

Panel 2

Caption: My mom is my biggest fan. Which is nice since it’s just the 2 of us. We live in Virginia, and everything was really, really great until...

In a mini comic strip Ms. Anderson and Annika are sitting down for dinner and Ms. Anderson says:

Ms. Anderson: I got my dream job!

Annika: Nice mom.

Ms. Anderson: In San Francisco!

Annika looks thunderstruck at the news.

Panel 3

Caption: So, guess what? I had to say goodbye to my bestie Caroline and move ACROSS the WHOLE COUNTRY.

Annika and her mom drive across the entire United States of America, Annika dramatically hangs out the window reaching for her bestie Caroline who is still in Virginia.

Annika: BYEEEEEEEEEE!

Ms. Anderson: Change will be good for us, you will see.

Panel 1

Caption: So yeah, now I live here in.... San Francisco

Annika's depiction of San Francisco with its skyscrapers and Golden Gate Bridge has been personalized with unique labels: *Karl the fog is awful! Ba-ba-ba boring buildings. The bridge isn't golden, it's burnt orange! Shark-infested waters!*

Caption: I don't know anybody and now Mom and I are touring this new school. I just wish everything could go back to the way things were.

Annika draws herself angrily scribbling away in her journal. *Scribble. Scribble. Scribble.*

Panel 2

Annika pours her frustrations into her journal. She sits at a large desk drawing away *Scribble, Scribble* while her mom, sitting beside her, shoots her a "you better pay attention" look.

Ms. Anderson: Annika, please. Principal Hamada is talking to you. Put that sketchbook away.

Panel 3

Wide shot: of the school principal's office. Annika and her mom are in the middle of a meeting with Principal Hamada. Outside the window is the San Francisco Bay.

Principal Hamada: Well, as I was saying, Annika, we really are excited to have you join us in the fall.

Panel 4

Principal Hamada reaches for something in his desk.

Principle Hamada: OH! One more thing... a lot of our students....

Panel 5

Principal Hamada holds up a brochure of some happy campers which reads: CAMP WILDCAT, ADVENTURE AWAITS

Principal Hamada: ...attend summer camp!

Panel 1

Annika stuffs her hands into her face while the adults continue their enthusiastic conversation.

Principal Hamada: It would be a very good way to meet your fellow peers before school starts next year.

Ms. Anderson: Oooh! I see there are lots of great educational opportunities and healthy cafeteria options.

Panel 2

Ms. Anderson hands her reluctant preteen the brochure.

Ms. Anderson: Here, take a look. I think you will really like it.

Annika: Can I use the restroom?

Panel 3

Principal Hamada points Annika in the right direction as she gets up to leave, crushing the Camp Wildcat brochure in her fist.

Principal Hamada: Sure! Closest one is right down the hall.

Panel 4

Wide shot: Annika walks down a large, empty hallway to the bathroom. A big banner reads: STANLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL

Panel 5

Caption: I know one thing that can make me feel better.

Panel 1

Annika sits on a toilet in the privacy of a bathroom stall, she smiles at her iPhone as it *BUZZ BUZZ BUZZES*.

Panel 2

Annika's face lights up as Caroline appears on screen.

Annika: Caroline!

Caroline: Annika!

Panel 3

Caption: I decided to call my bestie because Caroline always makes me feel better.

Doodle of Annika sitting on the toilet, smiling.

Annika: guess where I am right now?

Caroline: Where?

Annika: Hiding in the bathroom from the principal.

Caroline: Ha, ha, what?

Panel 4

Annika gets a little sad.

Annika: Yeah... my mom wanted me to tour the school I'll be going to next year. I can't believe we are only one summer away from being middle schoolers.

Panel 5

On screen Caroline looks distracted.

Caroline: Uh... Hey Annika... I have to go; I'm at Jamie's birthday party.



Panel 1

Wide shot, Caroline smiles as she looks over at the birthday party. A group of girls is gathered around a huge chocolate cake. It looks so much more fun and colorful compared to the drab and depressing bathroom stall.

Annika: Jamie?

Caroline: Yeah! She's about to cut the cake.

Panel 2

Annika curls up on the toilet seat, growing sadder by the minute.

Annika: Uh... okay, can I call you later then?

Panel 3

Back at the fun birthday party Caroline looks at her new best friends as they hover over the birthday cake.

Kid 1: Caroline, hurry up!

Caroline: Yeah... actually, it's a sleepover party too...

Kid 2: Who are you talking to?

Panel 4

Annika stares in horror at her phone.

Caroline: Oh... it's nobody.

Panel 5

Annika hides her face in her hoodie, crushed at Caroline's rejection.

Caroline: Okie bye!

Panel 1

Annika's doodles the inside of her mind, overwhelmed with her loud internal thoughts: *Did I just lose my bestie? NOBODY!?! Am I Friendless?!? NOBODY. How am I going to make new Friends!*

Panel 2

Annika is not alone in the bathroom! She listens to a new voice through the bathroom stall.

Kid 1: What are you going to do this summer, Vee?

Panel 3

Three cool 7<sup>th</sup> graders are at the bathroom sinks. Annika peeks under the stall to watch them. The girl in the middle, Veronica or "Vee," ties up her cool pink hair into a ponytail.

Veronica: Camp Wildcat. You know adventure and stuff. Where you meet your B.F.F.

Panel 4

Caption: Wait... a... second... a B.F.F. is a BEST FRIEND FOREVER.

Annika has this revelation while crouched on the bathroom floor.

Panel 1

Wide shot, the previously empty school hallway is now packed with kids. Veronica and her two friends leave the bathroom, but the bathroom door is left just slightly ajar.

Kid 1: Wow, I can't believe summer is just five days away!

Panel 2

Caption: I can't do middle school alone; I can't be friendless!

A terrified Annika peaks outside the girl's bathroom to see the crowded halls. She makes interesting observations about the students: *She is so tall! Does he have facial hair? Wow a nose ring!*

Annika (Thought Bubble): Oh my goodness! Middle Schoolers!

Caption: And I don't need a Bestie, I need a best friend FOREVER.

Panel 3

Wide shot, Annika holds her mother's hand as they walk down the streets of San Francisco, Annika looks back at the middle school behind them.

Ms. Anderson: So, what do you think of the school? Are you excited to go there in the fall?

Annika: It's alright.

Panel 1

Ms. Anderson puts on her doctor's scrubs and is ready to head out the door for her night shift. But Annika is also standing by the door.

Ms. Anderson: Okay, Annika I'm leaving for work. Dinner's in the fridge. I even made you your favorite chocolate chip-

Annika: Mom?

Panel 2

Ms. Anderson looks over at her daughter.

Ms. Anderson: Yeah, what is it, sweetie?

Panel 3

Annika reaches for something.

Panel 4

Annika beams and holds up the Camp Wildcat Brochure of the happy campers.

Annika: Sign me up.

Panel 1

Annika is fast asleep, snoring in her bed with Mochi and Sushi piled up on top of her.

Panel 2

Annika, Sushi and Mochi sit up, wide-awake!

Ms. Anderson (Off Page): ANNIKA! It's CAMP WILDCAT time!

Panel 3

Wide shot, Annika stands beside her mom with her luggage as tons of kids prepare to depart on a big yellow school bus that reads: CAMP WILDCAT.

Panel 1

Annika hugs her mom.

Annika: Bye, Mom.

Panel 2

Annika crouches down to say goodbye to her pets.

Annika: Bye Mochi, bye Sushi.

Panel 3

Annika boards the bus and gives one last big wave to Ms. Anderson and Mochi and Sushi as they stand on the curb with the other parents.

Ms. Anderson: Have a great time, Annika! We love you!

Panel 4

Annika draws a cartoon of herself thinking.

Annika: Was I nervous or scared? I've never done anything like this, EVER.

Panel 1

Wide shot, Annika nervously boards the bus filled with kids; she clutches her journal.

Caption: I'm not used to being around so many new people. I don't know anyone here!

Panel 2

Annika sits by the window at an empty seat. She looks at the San Francisco skyline outside.

Caption: And... well... I've never even CAMPED before.

Panel 3

Annika pulls out her journal to start doodling/writing.

Caption: Okay... yeah, MAYBE I am a little bit nervous.

Panel 4

Close up of Annika's own journal. She begins writing on a new empty page, titling it: HOW TO MAKE A B.F F.

Caption: But I have a plan.

Full page spread of Annika's own made-up list.

Cartoon Annika taps on the title: How to make a B.F.F. in 3 easy steps!

- 1.) Find someone of B.F.F material. Smells nice. Does NOT say mean things. Likes what I like!
- 2.) Trap the B.F.F!

Doodle of Annika trying to entrap an unsuspecting friend with a butterfly net.

Annika: Mwu-ha-ha!

Caption: NO! Offer candy, compliments, find common interests.

Annika/Friend: I love animals too!

- 3.) Declare new friendship!

Doodle Annika and the new friend both smile.

Annika/Friend: You're my BEST FRIEND FOREVER!



Panel 1

Annika looks up from her journal, surprised to see a girl leaning over her shoulder next to her.

Sam: What are you drawing?

Panel 2

Annika, super embarrassed, pulls her sketchbook to the side.

Annika: It's nothing.

Panel 3

Sam reaches for the book, much to Annika's horror.

Sam: Can I see?

Panel 4

Annika quickly snatches the journal away, upset.

Annika: NO! This is private!

Panel 5

The pair sits side by side on the bus bench. Sam looks very unbothered while Annika glares at her.

Panel 1

Caption: Wait, could she be a FRIEND? Is she B.F.F. material? She doesn't smell particularly nice. She smells kinda funky, like a campfire. I also didn't enjoy how she tried to grab my camp journal. I mean doesn't she know that these drawings are private?

Cartoon Annika glares at this new girl. She makes observations about her. *Why is she looking at me like that? Why does she smell weird? Why is she sitting like a frog?*

Caption: I'm being too mean. This girl can be my B.F.F! There is only one thing to do!

Panel 2

Annika offers Sam a Chocolate Chewy Chunk candy bar.

Annika: Chocolate chewy Chunk?

Panel 3

Sam just looks at Annika.

Sam: I'm allergic.

Panel 1

Sam has sunken into her seat, headphones on, playing a video game on her phone. TAP. TAP. Completely ignoring Annika now. Annika looks incredibly anxious.

Annika: Well... I'm Annika. It's nice to meet you.

Panel 2

Annika leans over to see what Sam is doing on her phone. TAP. TAP. TAP.

Annika: Uhhhh... that looks like a fun game.

Panel 3

Sam continues to be engaged with the screen. TAP. TAP. TAP. Annika starts to panic.

Annika: Uh... do you... like animals?

Panel 1

Caption: NOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOO! My three steps aren't working! What do I do NOW?  
Cartoon Annika looks ready for a heart attack while cartoon Sam *TAP, TAP, TAPs* away on her phone.

Panel 2

Caption: Making friends is harder than I thought! I tried candy, I tried giving a compliment, I tried finding a common interest. Why is this so difficult? I'm terrible at this. This is almost as awkward as that one time I was caught kissing a guinea pig at that sleepover when I was seven.

A mini comic strip: Annika stares with googly eyes at a fluffy caged guinea pig.

Annika: You are soooo CUTE!  
Guinea pig (Thought Bubble): Help me.

Annika SMOOCH's the guinea pig deceptively fluffy body. A group of kids behind her GASP.

Kids: THAT'S THE BUTT!

Panel 3

Caption: I guess everything was easier back in kindergarten.

A mini comic strip: Little Annika walks up to little Caroline on the playground in a sand pit.

Little Annika: Would you be my friend?

Little Caroline stands up.

Little Caroline: Yeah!

The two ride off together on a magical unicorn rainbow.

Panel 4

Caption: If everything was easier then... that means that it's just harder now... which leaves me with only one option: I MUST TRY HARDER. (I mean I've never failed at anything before. How could making friends be any different?)

Panel 1

Annika stares at the oblivious Sam with a steely look of determination.

Annika (Thought Bubble): I must try harder.

Panel 2

Something catches Sam's eye.

Panel 3

Sam leans over Annika's lap and pushes the window open.

Sam: Hey look!

Panel 4

Wide shot, the yellow camp bus rounds a corner on the highway, beyond is the dramatic coastal scenery of the Santa Cruz mountains meeting the Pacific Ocean. Positioned above a beach on its own little peninsula is Camp Wildcat!

Sam (Off Panel): We're here!

A two-page spread of Annika's camp map. You can see the divide between boys' cabins and girls' cabins, the amphitheater and stage with the big campfire at its center. It's elaborate and points out all the fun nooks and crannies of camp, including the beach, forest, and lake.

Full page spread continues.

Panel 1

Caption: When we got to Camp Wildcat, I really didn't know what to expect even though I had done the research. I've read through the website, browsed all the pamphlets, watched all the demonstration videos. I even did the virtual walk-through tour!

Annika uses a virtual reality headset to explore a digital version of camp.

Annika: AHA! So here is the cafeteria!

Panel 2

Caption: I did all of this so I could be as prepared as possible. I don't like not-knowing. But the moment I stepped off that bus, I knew instantly one single, simple truth:

Cartoon Annika looks a bit overwhelmed as she stands with all the other new campers.

Annika (Thought Bubble): What have I gotten myself into?

Panel 3

A mini comic: Annika looks stressed.

Annika: Did I...

Now she looks on the verge of a complete freak-out.

Annika: Make a huge mistake?

Panel 4

Ms. Sunny and her large intimidating dog, Mr. Muffin, walk up to the new campers.

Ms. Sunny: WELCOME CAMPERS!



Panel 1

Ms. Sunny addresses the kids. Annika notices Sam in the crowd.

Ms. Sunny: I'm excited to welcome you all to Camp Wildcat. Would you all please follow me this way to the amphitheater?

Panel 2

Ms. Sunny dives into a long-winded introduction speech:

Ms. Sunny: Before we get to the fun, I wanted to go over some house rules. Your safety is my priority. Some of the rules here at Camp Wildcat are:

NO! Leaving Camp Wildcat property.

NO! Going to the beach on your own.

NO! Leaving your cabinmates or counselors.

NO! Bullying.

NO! Sugary desserts on Camp property.

NO! Feeding wildlife!

NO! NO! NO! BLAH, BLAH, BLAH.

Annika sits among the kids.

Annika (TB): Good thing I always follow the rules no matter what!

Annika labels the two new characters for us. (*This is Ms. Sunny. The camp president. That means she is the one in charge.*) (*This is Mr. Muffin the camp watch dog.*)

Panel 1

Ms. Sunny continues to stand on the amphitheater stage and address the kids.

Ms. Sunny: Every cabin is awarded points for good behavior and cabin cleanliness. A possible total of 5 points per day! This Friday, each cabin will perform a skit that will be worth 10 points! Afterwards, the week's points will be tallied, and the winning cabin gets a party with pizza and ice cream!

Annika (TB): Ooooh, a pizza party!

Panel 2

Ms. Sunny gestures to two different buckets on stage. A girl bucket and a boy bucket.

Ms. Sunny: Now the fun part: each one of you will select your cabin number from the buckets up here. Boys on the right, girls on the left. Wait until everyone selects their numbers before finding your cabin counselor.

Panel 3

Ms. Sunny looks at her attendance sheet.

Ms. Sunny: Alright, first up!

Panel 4

Annika FREEZES at the sound of her name. The kids around her give her a glance.

Ms. Sunny (OP): ANNIKA ANDERSON!

Panel 1

Cartoon Annika is a nervous wreck as she awkwardly squeezes past other seated kids. Everyone stares at her.

Annika (TB): Oh gosh. Oh goodness. Okay. Oh, here we go.

Panel 2

Wide shot, Annika walks up to the stage.

Annika (TB): Oh goodness. Oh goodness.

Panel 3

Annika sticks a shaky hand into the girl bucket while Ms. Sunny stands by her with a smile.

Annika (TB): Why can I feel my heartbeat in my feet?

Panel 4

Ms. Sunny bends down to inspect Annika's slip of paper she has picked out of the bucket.

Ms. Sunny: AND!

Panel 5

Close up, the slip of paper in Annika's hand reads: CABIN NUMBER 12

Ms. Sunny (OP): Annika is in cabin number 12!

Panel 1

Caption: I waited and watched all the other campers draw their cabin numbers and I was particularly interested in all the other kids who ended up in cabin number 12 too!

A mini comic of Annika's fellow cabin mates and their distinct personalities as they pull the number 12.

Lara is in cabin number 12!

Veronica is in cabin number 12!

Theresa is in cabin number 12!

Mimi is in cabin number 12!

Caption: Then finally, they called the name of the girl who I sat next to on the bus!

SAMANTHA CHING is in cabin number 12!

Annika (TB): So that's your name!

Panel 2

Caption: First, she sat next to me on the bus, and now we are in the same cabin? I mean the universe WANTS us to be friends, right? Why else would the fates have aligned us as such? It has destiny written all over it.

Caption: Once all of our names and cabin numbers were picked, we were told to find our camp counselor and wait for our cabin mascot to be revealed.

The six girls line up. Annika is very preoccupied with her thoughts.

Veronica: I hope our cabin mascot is cool.

Annika (TB): How do I make myself likable?

Panel 1

Wide panel, Kat, their cabin counselor, looks over her group of girls looking less than enthusiastic. She holds up a big sign with a large number 12 on it. Other groups of kids behind them gather around their counselors who are holding up their own numbered signs for their cabins.

Kat: What's up lil' pipsqueaks?

Panel 2

Caption: Our Cabin counselor, Kat greeted us and passed out camp journals.

Kat tosses a camp journal, and it SMACKS one of the campers in the face. Veronica looks less than pleased while Annika, thrilled, holds up her very own camp journal.

Veronica: why do we need camp journals?

Kat: I don't make the rules.

Annika: I already have one!

Caption: Then it was time! For the counselors to reveal our cabin mascots!

Panel 2

A series of mini comic panels of each cabin turning their sign around to reveal their animal mascot:

Cabin one! Grizzly Bear

Cabin two! Sea Star

Cabin three! Squirrel

Panel 1

The mini comic panels continue:

Cabin four! Sea Lion  
Cabin five! Bobcat  
Cabin six! California Condor  
Cabin seven! Elk  
Cabin eight! Sea Otter  
Cabin nine! Gray Fox

Panel 2

Caption: I was really starting to wonder what our cabin's mascot was going to be.

Cartoon Annika watches the other cabins reveal their mascot on their signs. Their cabin, cabin 12, is still waiting.

Cabin ten! Mountain Lion  
Cabin eleven! Great White Shark

Panel 1

Kat slowly turns the sign around to reveal their cabin mascot.

Panel 2

Close up, on the sign their mascot is... an ugly looking bright yellow slug? Even Kat is confused.

Panel 3

The girls all hover around the slug sign; they are not excited. However, one kid, Mimi, has bent down to pick something up from the grass.

Lara: What even is that?

Mimi: It's a...

Panel 4

Mimi proudly thrusts a huge, yellow, slimy banana slug up into the air for the other girls to see.

Mimi: BANANA SLUG! *Ariolimax columbianus*! Native to coastal California redwood forests! Banana Slugs secrete a powerful and slimy mucus!

Panel 5

Close up, Annika sticks out her tongue in disgust at the large banana slug that Mimi has stuck way too close to her face.

Panel 1

The girls are all slightly horrified as Mimi continues to proudly display the slug as it crawls across her arm.

Mimi: Banana slugs are good luck! You kiss and make a wish.

Panel 2

Mimi plops a lovable kiss on the slug. SMOOCH! Annika's mouth hangs wide open, completely disgusted.

Panel 3

All the girls are repulsed. Mimi beams.

Kat: Oh... well now that's disgusting.

All the girls: EWWWWWWW!

Panel 4

Kat looks at her to-do list clipboard. The girls look at her expectantly for guidance.

Kat: Okay... so, what I have to do now... on my checklist... hmm...

Panel 5

Kat already looks completely checked out.

Kat: You know what? How about you all just leave me alone and chill.



Panel 1

Wide shot, the other cabin groups are huddled together and talking, doing their icebreakers. The Banana slug girls lounge about on the grass completely engaged in their individual screens, including Kat. Texting, listening to music. *Click, click, scroll, scroll, tap. Tap. Tap.* (Except for Mimi who sniffs the grass.)

Panel 2

Suddenly, Ms. Sunny appears and snatches an iPhone right out of TJ's hands.

Ms. Sunny: Howdy Cabin 12! Can everyone please hand over their phones?

Panel 3

Ms. Sunny bends down and holds out her phone box to Kat.

Ms. Sunny: Even you counselor Katrina.

Panel 4

The disgruntled teenager plops her phone into the box. Very, very annoyed.

Kat: It's KAT.

Panel 1

Sam pipes up and starts teasing Kat. Annika GIGGLES.

Sam: Can I call you Kitty?

Kat: No.

Sam: Katnip?

Kat: No.

Sam: How about super-KAT-a-fragil-istic-expi-al-i-docious!

Panel 2

Kat glares at Sam.

Panel 3

Sam fails to hold back the giggles.

Kat: No.

Panel 4

The girls gather around in a circle on the grass. Kat begrudgingly picks up her clipboard again.

Kat: Okay, FINE. Let's do the icebreaker.

Full page spread

Caption: So, then we did our get to know everyone icebreaker. Everyone had to go around in a circle and say their names and a fun fact about them. Not going to lie, I was STRESSED. What is my fun fact? What do I say? Since I had to go first, this is what stumbled out of my mouth and all I could think of on the spot:

Annika: Um... hi... My name is Annika. And... um... uh... I moved here from Virginia.

Mimi: My name is Mimi and a fun fact about me is I LOVE NEWTS!

Lara: I'm Lara! Let's see... oh yeah, a fun fact about me is I hold the state record for the 800 meters!

Veronica: Hey. Veronica. Pink, it's my favorite color.

TJ: ...

Sam: Okay!

Panel 1

Sam looks at TJ waiting for her to share. But she does not.

Sam: Well then...

Panel 2

Sam stands excitedly.

Sam: I'M SAM!

Panel 3

Sam beams as she tells the group all about herself. Annika watches her, amazed by her self-confidence.

Sam: I LOVE music! I play the trumpet, guitar, and ukulele! I love playing sports too! I play soccer, basketball, swimming, and track! I volunteer on the weekends at the Oakland Zoo where I get to feed the giraffes. Oh and I trained my pet hamster how to do cool tricks and stuff! I love building rockets and riding my bike! Oh, I love playing video games and reading comics Oh! And I also LOVE chocolate but I'm allergic to nuts.

Annika (TB): Wow! Sam is really cool!

Caption: After our icebreaker, ehh... my group, "the Banana Slugs," grabbed our things and headed off to our cabin. I just kept thinking the whole time... what do I say to Sam? There was only one thing I could do – improvise!

Panel 1

Kat leads the girls away. Annika walks behind Sam in the back of the line. She is really overthinking.

Kat: LET'S GO! It's getting dark!

Annika (TB): Ok... ok, Annika. Improvise, improvise, improvise!

Panel 2

Annika gets closer to Sam.

Annika: Hi Sam.

Panel 3

Sam is a bit weirded out. Not sure what to make of Annika.

Sam: Uh... hello?

Panel 3

Annika tries desperately to get through to Sam.

Annika: Where are you from?

Sam: Nowhere.

Annika: Uh, what do you mean nowhere?

Sam: I'm from nowhere.

Annika: Uh... well I'm from Virginia, but my mom and I just moved to the Bay Area. This is actually my first time camping. Have you camped before?

Sam: No.

Annika: Well then! Awesome! We are first time campers; we can help each other.

Sam: I guess.

Panel 4

Sam and Annika keep talking while in the background the other Slug girls are inspecting something.

Sam: Why do you want to know so much about me?

Annika: I don't know...

Veronica (whisper): Is that our cabin?

Lara (whisper): Doesn't seem right. I mean look at it.

Annika (to Sam): Uh... I just think you're really cool.

Panel 1

Wide shot of Cabin 12. Not only is it falling apart and completely inhospitable, but the redwood forest is also slowly eating it alive with its overgrown vegetation. The six campers and their counselor all stare at their new home for the summer.

Panel 2

The girls each have a unique reaction to seeing their sweet home away from home.

Annika: Is it 100 years old?

Sam: It looks ready to burn down.

TJ: ...

Lara: Could be worse, I guess?

Veronica: Seems... unsanitary.

Mimi: Oooooh.... A pack rat den on the roof!

Kat: This is going to be a long summer.

Panel 1

The girls rush inside to claim their bunkbeds.

Kat: Big bed is mine, you squirts.

Veronica: Ew, it smells.

Panel 2

Caption: There was only one bunkbed left.

Annika and Sam stare at one another at the back of the cabin, where only one unclaimed bunkbed remains.

Panel 3

Annika cheerfully points to the topside and underside of the bunk bed.

Annika: Do you want to pick first? Top or bottom?

Panel 4

Sam looks away from her, plops her sleeping bag on the lower bed.

Sam: It doesn't matter.

Panel 1

Sam crawls into her bunkbed, solemnly. Annika is more than just perplexed, she is heartbroken.

Sam: Just leave me alone.

Panel 2

Caption: So that's how my first day went! Obviously FANTASTIC! ☹️ Made so many new friends!  
☹️ And our cabin is so clean and nice and 100% not a decaying compost pile. Oh and did I mention our counselor is SO NICE.

Panel 3

While on the top bunk Annika angrily writes down her thoughts while Kat prepares to flip the light switch.

Kat: LIGHTS OUT!

Panel 4

CLICK! The lights are off. Annika is upset about it - she is still journaling.

Annika: Hey! I was still writing!

Kat: Too bad. Go to sleep.



Panel 1

Caption: Everything at Camp Wildcat has been wonderful... (I'm kidding, it's only been awful!) Maybe I shouldn't have come here at all. I miss Mochi and Sushi and at least my new bed in our apartment doesn't smell like a pile of wet socks. Plus, I may be no good at making friends... Gosh, it's really hard...

Writing in the...

Dark...

Okay, good night.

Panel 2

RUSTLE! RUSTLE! THUMP! Annika is wide awake in her bunk. It's the middle of the night.

Panel 3

Annika leans over her bed to watch a figure leave out the cabin door.

Annika (TB): Wait? Is that SAM?

Panel 1

Annika nervously climbs down her bunkbed ladder in the dark.

Annika (TB): Where is she going in the middle of the night?

Panel 2

Annika follows the figure down a forested trail with the help of her handy dandy flashlight. She is on the verge of a panic attack.

Annika (TB): This is crazy! This is weird!

Panel 3

Caption: ME? Going off into the dead of night? This is pure madness! Every tree looks like sasquatch! What am I even thinking? I was this (hand emoji) close to turning around and going back to the cabin. But that's when I caught up with her.

Mini comic of Annika confronting Sam in the beam of her flashlight.

Annika: HEY! SAM! What are you doing?

Sam: I'm hungry.

Annika: ???

Panel 1

Wide shot, Sam points a finger to the large CAFETERIA building behind the girls.

Panel 2

Annika is thunderstruck.

Annika: Are you CRAZY? You can't sneak into the cafeteria!

Panel 3

Unbothered, hands on her hips, Sam tosses an eyebrow up.

Sam: WELL. Are you going to be lame and tattletale on me?

Panel 4

Sam heads up the cafeteria steps, leaving a stunned Annika behind.

Annika: But you're breaking the rules!

Sam: I just want a snack.

Panel 1

Sam calls Annika out.

Sam: You want to be friends?

Panel 2

Annika is speechless.

Sam (OP): Right?

Panel 3

Annika is crestfallen. It is very much what she wants.

Panel 4

Sam pushes the cafeteria doors open and enters.

Sam: Well, if you want to be friends then...

Panel 5

Sam turns around, holds the door open for Annika.

Sam: Prove to me that you are fun.

Panel 6

Sam heads inside.

Sam: Or go back to sleep. I don't care.

Panel 1

Doodle Annika is in upheaval she screams the words: PROVE THAT I CAN BE FUN?

Annika holds up her cat.

Annika: Are you kitten me?!

Mochi: MEW!

Annika holds up a license that reads: *Certified Fun-ner, professional goof! Super Silly!*

Annika: I CAN BE FUN!

Cartoon Annika's is enraged, her face is pure determination.

Annika: I can be TONS of fun!

Panel 2

Annika holds her flashlight up, pure determination in her eyes.

Panel 3

Nonchalantly, Annika walks inside the cafeteria, past Sam.

Annika: I'm always in the mood for a midnight snack.

Panel 1

Wide shot, the girls traverse the large dark cafeteria space, moving through the dining tables, guided by their flashlights.

Sam: Kitchen's this way.

Panel 2

Both girls are silhouetted by their flashlights. Looking at something.

Panel 3

It's the fridge. They shine their lights inside, inspecting the contents.

Sam: OH! NO!

Panel 4

Over the girls' shoulders, we see item after item of mostly green vegetables.

Sam: It's all healthy food!

Panel 1

Sam rummages through the items while Annika watches.

Sam: Kale... almonds... anchovies... celery... beans... green olives. YUCK! YUCK!  
YUCK!

Annika (TB): No sugar? Carbs?

Panel 2

Annika enters the pantry, looking around the shelves as Sam continues to complain.

Sam (OP): Ew... who likes canned oysters?

Panel 3

Annika swings the flashlight around.

Sam (OP): Protein powder? Ew, is this egg yolk in a bag?

Panel 4

Annika's flashlight lands on a bag of MUFFINS.

Panel 5

Annika smiles at her discovery while Sam peeps her head up from the piles of food she is shifting through.

Annika: HEY! SAM! MUFFINS!

Sam: Really? Muffins? Chocolate chip or sugar blueberry?

Panel 1

Annika watches the overjoyed Sam come toward her and the muffins.

Annika: They look like chocolate chip to me!

Sam: YAAAAAAASSSSSSSSSSSS!

Panel 2

Both girls FREEZE. However, both are SHOCKED by what they see!

Panel 3

Their flashlights illuminate a chunky raccoon with its hands on the muffin bag!

Panel 4

The raccoon darts off with the muffins!

Sam: OH NO!

Annika: NOT THE MUFFINS!

Panel 5

Cartoon Sam screams a war cry, mouth agape. AAHHHHHHH!



Panel 1

Wide shot, the girls sprint down the cafeteria steps chasing after the racoon.

Sam: THOSE ARE MY MUFFINS!

Annika: Give us back the bag!

Panel 2

Caption: Goodness was that raccoon fast! We chased it all across camp!

The racoon darts between Annika's legs.

Annika: I got it!

Sam lunges to catch it.

Sam: OOF!

The girls SMACK into each other!

The raccoon darts off, muffin bag in its mouth while Annika labels their adversary: *Speedy lil' dude!*

Caption: But FINALLY, after our mad chase after the racoon!

Panel 1

The girls engage in a tug of war with the racoon over the muffin bag. Both parties growl frustrated: *RRRRRR!*

Panel 2

The racoon wins, tearing the bag away from the girls who flop to the ground. (But one single Muffin is set loose in the process, flying through the air.)

Sam: OOOFFFF!

Annika: OW!

Panel 3

The girls watch their new antagonist run off with the stolen goods. They don't notice the left behind muffin.

Sam: Dang it! That Banded Bandit got away!

Panel 1

Cartoon Annika notices the muffin!

Panel 2

She presents the glowing, sparkling prize to Sam.

Annika: Wait, Sam! A muffin!

Panel 3

Sam oogles over the muffin, mouth drooling. Annika smiles.

Annika: It might not be a whole bag of muffins, but at least it's something!

Sam: I'm so excited. Thank you.

Panel 4

Sam prepares a monster bite!

Panel 5

A shadow has fallen over the girls; they FREEZE. Sam has already taken a big chomp out of the muffin. She slowly stops chewing *MUNCH, MUNCH, Mun-*

Panel 1

Wide shot, The large, ominous looming figure of MR. MUFFIN, the camp watch dog, eyes the two girls with very serious wolf-like eyes.

Panel 2

The girls are both thinking the same thing as the giant dog looms over them.

Sam/Annika (TB): MR. MUFFIN!

Panel 3

They don't know what to do!

Panel 4

Sam offers Mr. Muffin the Muffin!

Panel 1

Caption: I thought Sam and I were done for! Goodness, Mr. Muffin really spooked us there. But look at this big fur baby!

Cartoon Annika scratches Mr. Muffin while Sam spits out her bite.

Annika: You big goofy goober-goo!

Sam: PEE-YU! YUCK! Raisin bran!

Panel 2

The girls are spooked and hide behind the dog as Ms. Sunny calls him.

Ms. Sunny: Who Is there Mr. Muffin?

Panel 3

The girls make a break for it!

Annika/Sam: GO! GO! GO!

Panel 4

Caption: I thought for sure we were going to get in trouble!

The girls scamper down the cliff boardwalk, while Ms. Sunny and Mr. Muffin search the area.

Annika: Shhhhh!

Sam: Quick, this way!

Ms. Sunny: I swear I heard something. What do you see, boy?

Panel 1

Wide shot, the girls step off the boardwalk onto the beach. The moon and stars are out, glistening over the ocean.

Annika: Oh! Wow! The beach!

Sam: Look, you can see the Milky Way!

Panel 2

Sam promptly PLOPS herself onto the sand. Annika beams her flashlight into the heavens.

Annika: So... many... stars!

Panel 3

Sam and Annika stare up into space lying with their backs in the sand.

Annika: Wow! I love this ocean breeze!

Panel 4

The girls look to the skies, filled with stars.

Annika: It's nice not smelling smoke, Sam did you hear about that wildfire? There was this big wildfire when my Mom and I first got here to California.

Panel 1

Sam gets up off the sand. Annika smiles at her.

Sam: I'm going back to the cabin now.

Annika: Yeah it's pretty late.

Panel 2

Annika follows her back to the boardwalk.

Panel 3

Annika sneaks one last look at the starry night sky and the moonlit ocean cliffs.

Annika: I wonder what tomorrow is going to be like.

Panel 1

Annika is fast asleep in her bunk, crazy bed head and a bit of drool pools out of her mouth.

Panel 2

Kat yells at her, waking her up. Annika sits up so fast that BONK! Her head hits a wooden beam.

Kat: YO! Sleepy head!

Panel 3

Kat tosses a yellow camp t-shirt in Annika's face. SMACK!

Kat: Put this on.

Panel 4

Annika, clad in the bright yellow number 12 shirt, comes down the ladder to find Sam also wearing their cabin T-shirt. Kat impatiently CLAPS at them.

Kat: Annika, Sam, let's move it. I'm not your mom. Chop, Chop!



Panel 1

Kat fills the girls in as they wind down the trail, leaving cabin number 12 behind.

Kat: You slept through breakfast and event scheduling. Breakfast wasn't great, apparently an animal broke into the cafeteria and ate all the muffins.

Panel 2

Caption: Because Sam and I accidentally slept in late, everyone else already got to pick their week's activities. Unfortunately, Sam and I just got assigned the daily activities that no one else wanted.

A board has been hung up which reads: DAILY ACTIVITIES. Some of the cool events listed include *Archery, horseback riding, surfing, ceramics, etc.* A flock of campers inspect the board with excitement.

Camper 1: I got my top 3!

Camper 2: Me too!

Camper 3: Ooh butterfly exhibit.

Camper 4: Cool! Archery!

Panel 3

Cartoon Sam and Annika are less than pleased.

Sam/Annika: Fencing? Animal tracking? And The Big Red Hike?

Panel 1

Caption: Okay, am I mad at myself for sleeping in and missing my one opportunity to sign up for cool activities? Okay yeah, maybe.

Kat leads Annika and Sam away from the board, passing kids doing super cool stuff.

Archery kid: This is so fun!

Canoeing kid: So cool!

Kid 1: I made you a friendship bracelet!

Kid 2: Me too!

Ceramics kid 1: I made a bowl!

Ceramics kid 2: Wow look at this vase I made!

Annika (TB): DANG IT!

Kat: I guess I have to drop you off over here.

Panel 2

Caption: But at the very least, Sam and I have been assigned the exact same activities. So that just gives me more time to show her how fun I can really be. PLUS, I feel like last night was a success. I was unruly... a delinquent... committing criminal crimes and getting away with it!

Superhero Annika bursts through a gigantic muffin wearing a cap, a title card reads: ANNIKA ANDERSON the unstoppable butt-kicking hero of super awesome fun times! Munching away at the side of the muffin, *NOM, NOM, NOM, NOM*, is Sidekick Sam. Trapped under the mega muffin is Kat labeled as: Overly annoyed teen villain.

Kat: Release me you wee ragamuffins!

Panel 1

Sam watches Annika karate chop the air.

Sam: What are you doing?

Panel 2

Annika kicks!

Annika: Practicing fencing moves!

Panel 3

Sam looks up to Kat as Annika waves her arms in the air.

Annika: POW! POW!

Sam: Wait... what is fencing?

Kat: uh...?

Panel 4

Wide shot, Kat, Annika and Sam watch a mob of boys fighting each other with sticks.

Kat: Violent stick fighting?

Caption: Maybe I should have woken up on time and chosen the butterfly exhibit.

Panel 1

Some of the other Banana Slugs - Mimi, Veronica and Lara - are enjoying themselves in a magical sanctuary filled with monarch and yellow swallow tail butterflies.

Panel 2

Kat blushes as another camp counselor, Theo, joins them, totally shirtless showing off his abs.

Theo: Hey there! We've got some more fencers over here?

Panel 3

Theo hands Sam and Annika their battle armor of protective helmet, heavy white jumpsuit, and long bendy sword.

Theo: Here is your safety gear. Put this on.

Panel 4

Theo beams, he has quite the prince charming smile. Meanwhile in the background, an army of swords flies as boys battle away. *HE-YAH! AHH! ARGH!*

Theo: I'm Theo, the counselor from Cabin 1, the Grizzly Bears. I'm the fencing instructor for today.

Panel 1

Theo leads the two girls away, leaving Kat (who is still blushing) behind.

Theo: I can take it from here! Let's get you two warmed up and ready to fight!

Annika (TB): Am I going to die?

Panel 2

The girls in full gear whisper to one another.

Sam: Psst... Annika.

Annika: Yeah?

Panel 3

Wide shot, looking through a tunnel of clacking swords and fearsome battleground chaos. The two girls stand side by side.

Sam: We are the only girls here.

Panel 1

Annika holds Sam's hand, a look of determination on her face.

Annika: Don't worry. We got this.

Panel 2

Caption: Update: WE DON'T GOT THIS! I don't know what this is. I don't know what I was thinking. Sam and I have never fenced in our whole entire lives. And this isn't some cute practice-play. Oh no, no, no! this is a full-on BATTLE ROYALE, fight to the death! After some silly practice stuff, Theo decided to pair us off one by one. I got paired with this boy named Gino.

Panel 3

Theo blows a whistle as Annika and Gino face off with one another.

Theo: On your mark, get set. FIGHT!

Gino: I know who you are.

Annika: Huh?

Panel 4

We can see an evil smirk on Gino's face through his helmet.

Gino: You're a Banana Slug girl, aren't you?

Panel 1

Boys chant for Gino as he swishes his sword down on Annika, who looks stressed.

Boys: Gino! Gino! Gino!

Sam: Come on, Annika!

Panel 2

Gino gets ready to swing again. Annika is helpless.

Gino: HAH! Moving like a slug. You know what I AM right?

Panel 3

Gino shouts the giant words: A GRIZZLY BEAR!!! as he strikes a bullseye in Annika's leather vest.

Panel 4

Annika is annoyed to lose to Gino. Gino smirks.

Gino: And the Grizzly Bears are undefeated! You slugs will never win.

Panel 5

Caption: For the record I don't like Gino.

Annika smolders while Sam puts on her helmet and stands beside Annika with a vengeful grin.

Sam: My turn.

Panel 1

Caption: Sam cuts in the line and walks right into the fighting ring.

Sam hops onto the stage where Gino frowns at her. Annika watches from the sidelines.

Sam: I'm a Slug too! Let's see what you got.

Boy: Hey! It was my turn!

Panel 2

Caption: She was FEARLESS, BRAVE and DETERMINED!

Theo prepares to blow his whistle; the kids cheer on the fighters.

Theo: On your marks, get set! Fight!

Boys: GINO! GINO! GINO!

Annika: LET'S GO SAM!

Panel 3

Sam lunges first!

Sam: AHHHH!

Panel 4

Gino laughs, *HA, HA, HA!* his sword already hitting the bullseye on Sam's vest. BOOP!



Panel 1

Caption: Long story short, Sam and I decided fencing wasn't our thing.

The girls storm off together as they watch the boys cheer. The page is littered with sad face emoji stickers and angry storm clouds.

Boys: Grizzly Bears! Grizzly Bears! Grizzly Bears!

Sam: Stupid heads.

Panel 2

Caption: Despite how fencing turned out, I tried to cheer Sam up.

Annika: Thanks for defending me. I appreciate it.

Sam: Yeah... well, fencing wasn't much fun.

Panel 3

Caption: As I watched Sam walk away, I couldn't help but think about how I needed to be more fun. I feel like I am doing this all wrong.

Sam stomps off, Annika labels her: *Is she sad? How do I turn this frown upside down? How can I be more fun for Sam?*

Annika (TB): What do I DO!?

Full page spread:

Annika doodles out a full page in her camp journal under the title: Let's see... hmmm... HOW TO BE FUN!

Caption: Here is what I think is fun! Drawing! Swings! Making silly faces! Cartwheels! Eating chocolate chip cookies! (Those are my favorite) Playing "Itty-Bitty-Kitty" on my phone.

She crosses out: The most un-fun thing is homework!

Caption: OH! And I love playing with Mochi and Sushi. I really miss them...

Panel 1

Annika sits on the top step of her cabin. She is preoccupied with her camp journal and doodles away. *Scribble, Scribble.*

Panel 2

Caption: I wonder if Mochi and Sushi miss me right now. I bet my mom is taking really good care of them and spoiling them silly.

Ms. Anderson presents a giant roast turkey to the royal Mochi and Sushi who sit atop a golden throne decked in golden crowns.

Panel 3

Annika CHUCKLES to herself as she draws.

Panel 4

She lays her hand on her cheek and *TAP, TAP, TAP's* her pencil on her journal, thinking.

Panel 1

Caption: Who knew camping would mean so much... I don't know, free time? I have all this time at my disposal, and I don't know what to do with it! Under normal circumstances I would be reading a book or watching TV or playing video games. But I don't even have access to my phone! So... what on earth am I supposed to do?

Cartoon Annika plays on her phone surrounded by her laptop and piles of comic books.

Panel 2

Annika draws away in her journal.

Panel 3

Annika lets out a big, SIGH of boredom.

Panel 4

Annika spots Kat.

Annika: KAT!

Panel 5

Annika hurries up behind the teenager.

Annika: What are you doing?

Kat: Nothing.

Annika: Do you need help with anything?

Kat: No.

Panel 1

Annika runs to keep up with Kat who definitely wants to be somewhere else.

Annika: You want to play a game?

Kat: Does this look like a playdate to you?

Panel 2

Annika throws a shaka (surfer sign language for 'hang loose')

Annika: OH! Okay, well then, we can just "Hangout."

Panel 3

Kat pokes Annika's forehead. BOOP!

Kat: Entertain yourself.

Panel 4

Kat leaves. Annika, pondering, asks herself:

Annika: Entertain myself?

Panel 1

Caption: How am I supposed to entertain myself? Like I said, I don't have any tech to keep myself occupied! There is so much time left in the day before Campfire tonight. What am I supposed to do? Oh! Here is an idea: maybe I can go see what the other girls from my cabin are doing. Hey look, I can see Lara! Looks like she is playing some kind of ball game... okay here goes nothing.

Panel 2

Annika approaches Lara as she plays tetherball with two other kids.

Annika: He Lara! It's me, Annika. Can I play?

Panel 3

Lara tosses the ball over her head while Annika watches.

Lara: Course! We're playing tetherball. You ready?

Panel 4

Annika looks totally ready.

Annika: Ready!

Panel 1

The ball SMACKS Annika in the face!

Panel 2

The ball SLAMS Annika in the tummy!

Annika: OOOF!

Panel 3

Annika is completely tied up in a tangle of knots against the tether pole. The other kids, including Lara, stare.

Panel 4

Annika untangles herself and makes a brisk exit, leaving the kids behind.

Lara: Sure, you don't want to do a second round?

Annika: Yep! Thanks for letting me play but really – I'm good.

Annika (TB): Well, that was EMBARRASSING!

Panel 1

Annika is watching Lara play with the kids behind her. She doesn't see she is about to run into someone.

Annika (TB): Well, that was embarrassing!

Panel 2

SMACK! Annika bumps into TJ!

Panel 3

Annika holds out a friendly hand. TJ does not look like she wants to converse, a firm frown on her face.

Annika: I'm Annika! I'm in the same cabin as you. How are you doing? It's Theresa, isn't it?

Panel 4

The two stare blankly at one another. Annika holds her hand out.

Panel 5

TJ walks away. Annika is motionless.

Annika (TB): Did I say something wrong?



Full page spread

Annika sits alone with her back up to a giant redwood as she looks over the busy camp with all its campers and bustling activity.

Annika (TB): Who knew camp would be so... lonely.

Caption: At this rate, I don't think I will ever find a friend.

Panel 1

RUSTLE, RUSTLE. Something in the bush moves!

Panel 2

Annika gets up to investigate, looking around the tall grasses and ferns.

Annika: Um... Hello?

Panel 3

She looks around, starting to get nervous.

Annika: Is anyone there?

Panel 4

Mimi bursts from the bushes, decked out in handmade leafy camouflage and startles Annika.

Mimi: SHHHH!

Panel 1

Annika bends down to see what Mimi is so captivated by.

Annika: What are you doing?

Panel 2

The girls peer through the tall grasses at a small California quail's nest with tiny, speckled eggs.

Mimi: I'm waiting for them to hatch!

Panel 3

Annika smiles.

Annika: Oh cool! I've never seen something hatch; can I watch?

Mimi: Just be silent and still.

Panel 4

Annika is smiling.

Panel 5

Annika's smile fades.

Panel 6

Annika slumps into the ground. Boredom increasing.

Panel 7

Annika is fully melted in misery: max boredom.

Panel 1

Mimi still looks as enthused as ever, while Annika can't hide her annoyance. The eggs sit motionless, having not moved an inch.

Annika: How long does this usually take?

Panel 2

Mimi grins, delighted.

Mimi: DAYS.

Caption: I guess I understand now what Sam meant by "Fun." It's important to have lots of fun with a friend.

Panel 3

Annika walks through the woods thinking privately to herself.

Annika (TB): I wonder what Sam is doing now?

Panel 1

A giant tire emerges from the bushes.

Panel 2

It's Sam. Annika watches, perplexed, as Sam pushes this giant tire through the forest up to the edge of a hill.

Panel 3

Wide shot, Sam balances the large tire on the precipice of the hill. Annika watches, confused.

Annika: Sam?

Panel 1

Wide shot, Annika and Sam stand at the edge of a small hill in the forest. Sam positions her tire.

Sam: Oh, hey Annika.

Annika: What are you... doing?

Sam: I'm going to roll down the hill!

Panel 2

Annika is shocked to hear this.

Panel 3

Annika has trouble wrapping her head around the idea.

Annika: Why?

Panel 4

Sam sits down inside the tire.

Sam: I'm bored.

Panel 5

Wide shot, Sam smiles from inside the tire at Annika.

Sam: You want to have some fun?

Panel 1

Close up, on Annika's troubled face as she ponders the offer.

Panel 2

She makes up her mind.

Annika: Okay.

Panel 3

Annika and Sam both sit inside the tire, arms wrapped around their knees.

Annika: Wait! Is this even safe?

Sam: Eh... no?

Panel 4

The tire starts to tip precariously! Annika regrets her decision while Sam is beyond thrilled.

Annika: WAIT! Actually... I don't...

Sam: Yip! Yip! Yee-HA!

Panel 5

Wide shot, the tire begins spiraling down the hill, spinning the girls like mad!

Annika: AHHHHHH!

Sam: EEEEEEE!

Panel 1

The tire comes to a stop at the bottom of the hill.

Panel 2

The girls are dizzy and disoriented inside the tire. They catch their breath.

Panel 3

*HA, HA, HA, HA, HA, HA!* Both Sam and Annika burst into laughter!

Panel 4

CREAK! However, the tire moves an inch forward. Small pebbles dislodge.

Panel 5

Close up on each girls' bulging eyes as they realize...



Panel 1

Campers are peacefully enjoying themselves.

Panel 2

A SHADOW looms over them, their horrified faces turn to the sky.

Panel 3

Wide shot, the giant tire comes barreling into frame! Kids flee in all directions, complete chaos!

Kid 1: GO! GO! GO!

Kid 2: RUN!

Kid 3: AHHHH!

Panel 1

Caption: This is it. This is the moment my life ends! My whole life flashed before my very eyes.

Baby Annika plays with Mochi and Sushi, just a kitten and puppy. Annika hugs her mom. Five-year-old Annika looks ready to destroy her birthday cake, decked with an adorable rainbow unicorn.

Panel 2

Caption: And there are still so many things I haven't done yet!

An older Annika kisses her future husband inside a big red heart. Annika rides a plane that traverses the world. Grandma Annika knits matching sweaters for her many, many, many cats and dogs.

Panel 3

Annika and Sam spin out of control, both of their faces blurring, blending together like a smoothie.

Panel 1

Lara and her tetherball buddies watch as the giant tire careens past them.

Annika/Sam: AHHHHH!

Panel 2

The tire bounces downhill, heading to the side of the cafeteria to an open dumpster.

Annika/Sam: AHHHH!

Panel 3

The tire heads straight for the dumpster!

Panel 4

The dumpster lid SMASHES shut! (Veronica, hiding in some boxes near the dumpster, looks up to see what on earth just happened.)

Panel 1

Caption: But then, you know... remarkably, I didn't die.

Annika pops up inside the dumpster from the piles of trash, a banana peel stuck on her face.

Annika: I'm alive.

Panel 2

The dumpster shakes. Veronica watches it move.

Sam (OP): That was...

Panel 3

Sam throws the dumpster lid open, ecstatic. Annika pokes her head out.

Sam: AWESOME!

Panel 4

Annika now grins, while Sam throws her arms up in victory. Veronica, from her hiding spot, takes a sneaky pic with her phone.

Sam: WOO HOO!

Panel 1

Sam leaps from the dumpster, while Annika carefully climbs out.

Sam: Fun! Fun! Fun!

Panel 2

Sam vibrates from adrenaline while Annika takes a second to process what just happened.

Panel 3

Annika throws her arms up, sharing in the fun.

Annika: WOW! That was SO MUCH FUN!

Panel 4

The girls spot Mr. Muffin staring at them.

Ms. Sunny (OP): Mr. Muffin...

Panel 5

As Ms. Sunny rounds the corner, Sam and Annika dart off in two different directions while Veronica ducks deeper into her hiding place in the piles of boxes by the dumpster.

Ms. Sunny: What's all this ruckus I'm hearing?

Panel 1

Caption: I don't know where Sam ran off to, but since, I, well, smell like DUMPSTER, I knew what I needed to do next.

Wide shot, Annika walks with all her bathroom items to the GIRLS BATHROOM.

Panel 2

Caption: The stink is like a cross between rotten milk and ten-day old dirty socks. So, it's time. Time to face my fear: the girls' bathroom. Nervous: CHECK. Unsure: CHECK. Smelly: CHECK. You see, the only other time I've shared a bathroom is at home with Mochi and Sushi.

Cartoon Annika stares at her pets while sitting on the toilet.

Annika: Hi.

Caption: But never with OTHER PEOPLE! So here is the plan: if I go during dinner then it should be pretty empty. I mean... how bad could the girls' bathroom really be?

Panel 3

Annika enters the girls' bathroom.

Panel 4

She looks around.

Annika (TB): this isn't so bad.

Panel 1

Annika sticks out a hand to turn the facet.

Panel 2

Water flows from the showerhead.

Panel 3

Annika stands in the steamy shower with a happy smile. (We see only her head and shoulders.)

Annika (TB): Oh, yeah. This is wonderful.

Panel 4

Caption: I always think best in the shower, so I started thinking:

SAM:

- Doesn't like the rules.
- Is cool!
- Is loud and spontaneous.
- Likes to have fun!

Annika: what can I do to PROVE how fun I can be?

Caption: WAIT, I KNOW! What if we somehow can beat the Grizzly Bears and win the pizza party prize? That means the Banana Slugs will have to win more points than their cabin. But how?

Panel 1

Wide shot, Annika spots a teensy-tiny frog on the shower tiles.

Annika: Oh! Hello there, frog! You're kinda cute!

Panel 2

Annika looks behind her and sees three more frogs.

Annika: Oh! Look! More froggies!

Panel 3

Suddenly a swarm of frogs manifests, crawling up her feet and legs.

Annika (OP): Oh...

Panel 4

Annika storms out of the girls' bathroom, clutching her towel, screaming loudly. Campers turn around to see the commotion.

Annika: AHHHHHHH!



Panel 1

Caption: If you want to know- I successfully survived the invasion of the frog infestation. This evening, my cabin, the Banana Slugs, decided to stay behind at the amphitheater after campfire to figure out what on earth our skit should be. I have to say, we had lots of ideas but not a consensus.

Panel 2

The Banana Slug girls sit around hashing out ideas at the amphitheater. Mimi hovers by the campfire. Kat is taking a nap.

Lara: what if we were giant redwood trees?

Veronica: What if we sang a song? Does anyone play the guitar?

Annika: How about a talent show? Does anyone have a talent?

Veronica: You all know how many points we've lost, right? We are the lowest ranked cabin!

Mimi: Firreeeeee.

Panel 3

Annika looks around suddenly realizing they are missing someone.

Annika: wait has anyone seen Sam? We can't plan this skit without her.

Panel 4

Lara folds her arms.

Lara: She was at dinner but she didn't come to the end of the day campfire.

Panel 5

Veronica looks at Kat.

Veronica: Kat, have you seen Sam?

Kat: I assigned a buddy system, so YOU PEOPLE are in charge of your bunkmates.

Panel 1

Annika stands up. A call to action.

Annika: I'm her bunk buddy. I'll go find her!

Panel 2

Kat continues with her nap.

Kat: Fantastic. Problem solved.

Panel 3

Annika walks through the redwood forest, she spots Sam leaning against a tree with her camp journal, all alone.

Annika: SAM! Everyone is worried about you. Why are you here and not at the campfire with everyone else?

Panel 4

Annika pauses once she sees what Sam is doing.

Annika: OH! Are you drawing?

Panel 1

Annika bends down to see what Sam is drawing in her book that's labeled *Sam's Camp Journal*.

Annika: Can I see?

Panel 2

Sam closes her book with a smug face.

Sam: No. It's private.

Panel 3

Annika sits a few paces from Sam as she continues to draw.

Panel 4

Annika hugs her knees, not knowing what to do next.

Panel 5

Annika makes a decision.

Panel 1

Annika looks over at Sam.

Annika: I like drawing too.

Panel 2

Sam looks up from her journal.

Sam: Hmm?

Panel 3

Annika bravely shows Sam her own journal and points to a page filled with lots of doodles.

Annika: This is my camp journal. I've been doodling in it. It might be kind of silly, but I think it's really fun.

Panel 4

Sam doesn't say anything.

Panel 5

But then she smiles!

Panel 6

Sam holds up her journal as well.

Sam: Yeah, I think it's really fun too.

Panel 1

Sam leans over to let Annika look at her journal.

Sam: Would you like to see?

Annika: I would love to!

Panel 2

Close up of Sam's journal. This time we get a fun look at Sam's unique drawing style. [Sam's doodle is of Sam jumping with her fencing sword toward Gino.](#)

Panel 3

Annika giggles with delight at Sam's drawing, *Hee! Hee! Hee!* Sam smiles.

Panel 4

Annika picks up Sam's pen.

Annika: May I?

Sam: Sure!

Panel 1

Annika's doodles an addition to Sam's drawing. It now has Sam riding the back of a gigantic banana slug to battle. It slime-bombs Gino! With the title: DEATH BY SLIME!

Sam: I am a Banana Slug! Mwa-hahaha!

Panel 2

HA! HA! HA! HA! *Snort*. The girls are dying of laughter while looking at the drawing they have created together.

Panel 3

Sam turns to Annika.

Sam: you're good at drawing, Annika, really good.

Panel 4

Sam looks back at the drawing and beams with pride.

Sam: This is so funny!

Panel 5

Suddenly, Sam smiles with a devilish smirk. Annika grins back.

Sam: What do you think about sabotaging the Grizzly Bears so they lose points?

Annika: Tell me more.

Panel 1

Caption: OPERATION SABOTAGE THE GRIZZLY BEARS

Annika has drawn a poorly executed Grizzly Bear, she labels it: *that's supposed to be a Grizzly Bear but it kinda looks like a hamster.*

Panel 2

Annika lists out their plan:

Step 1: Sneak out of the cabin after lights out!

Step 2: Gather trash and frogs from the girls' bathroom.

Step 3: Mess up the boys' cabin so they lose all their cabin-cleanliness points!

Therefore, the Banana Slugs rise in the ranks!

Cartoon Annika points to the cabin scoreboard that Sam holds up, which depicts the Banana Slugs as the #1 cabin and the Grizzly Bears are all the way on the bottom.

Annika: Pizza party, here we come!

Panel 1

It's the middle of the night and Annika follows Sam as they sneak up the hill to cabin number 1.

Sam: Turn off the flashlight.

Panel 2

Annika is having second thoughts as Sam climbs the steps to the front door.

Annika: Sam... I ....

Panel 3

Sam is ready to turn the doorknob and go inside. Annika stands beside her but is nervous.

Sam: Ready?

Annika: Oh... um... I... Sam... um...

Panel 4

Wide shot, Sam opens the door and the two stand silhouetted at the entrance of the boys' cabin. All the boys are asleep in their bunks.

Sam: Let's do this!



Panel 1

Caption: Oh goodness... Never in my life have I ever done anything bad. Well, there was that one time I accidentally overwatered my next door neighbor's plants.... But never have I been naughty on PURPOSE.

Annika stands in a literal flood as houseplants drift past her.

Panel 2

Caption: What am I doing? This is ridiculous!

Annika holds a frog. It stares at her.

Panel 3

She places it on Gino's sleeping bag!

Annika (TB): Oh Gosh, Oh goodness!

Panel 4

Sam dumps out a trash can, scattering the trash all over the floor while Annika releases frogs. The girls give each other a thumbs up.

Panel 1

Gino SNORES loudly.

Panel 2

Wide shot: A Frog LOOMS over his face as he sleeps away. The cabin is completely trashed.

Panel 3

The girls run off together; Annika looks back at cabin 1 as Sam giggles.

Panel 1

Caption: The next morning, word around camp spread very fast that Cabin 1, the Grizzly Bears, had made a mess of their cabin. Apparently, Ms. Sunny was so mad, she turned purple.

The boys wake up to find their cabin is a total disaster, an angry Ms. Sunny stands with her hands on her hips.

Ms. Sunny: In the 12 years I've run this camp, this is the filthiest cabin I have ever seen!

Panel 2

Caption: When the Banana Slugs heard the news everyone quickly ran down to the scoreboard to check which cabin had the most points!

Kids crowd the scoreboard, while Annika and Sam high-five.

Camper 1: What's the score?

Camper 2: What does it say?

Panel 3

Veronica points at the scoreboard.

Veronica: That's not what I was expecting.

Lara: Me neither.

Mimi: Oh no.

Panel 4

Sam and Annika see that both the Grizzly Bears AND the Banana Slugs are tied with 15 points each!

Annika and Sam: TIED!

Panel 1

Sam and Annika are shocked by the results on the scoreboard. Kat walks past.

Sam/Annika: TIED!

Panel 2

Kat has her hands on her hips. The girls look at her.

Kat: Don't look so surprised.

Panel 3

Kat: Have you two even SEEN our cabin?

Cartoon Annika and Sam look at their own cabin. It is a total mess: clothes, towels, overflowing trashcan and unmade beds. Ms. Sunny hovers over their shoulders and gives it a 0/5 score.

Annika/Sam: Oh.

Panel 1

Caption: At breakfast, all anyone could talk about was their activity for the day. I had pretty much forgotten all about the daily activities. I'm just glad I don't have to do a repeat of fencing - that was no fun.

The Banana Slug girls sit around their dining table in the cafeteria.

Mimi: Yesterday I was in the butterfly exhibit!

Lara: I heard canoeing is fun!

Veronica: I've got ceramics today.

Panel 2

Sam *POKE, POKES* at her inedible oatmeal. Annika *SNIFF SNIFFS* hers.

Veronica: Annika, Sam, what's your activity for the day?

Panel 3

Both girls look at each other, remembering what their daily activity is.

Sam/Annika: Uhhh... animal tracking?

Panel 4

The group at the table is excited for Sam and Annika as they discuss what cute thing they might find. The page is dominated in cute little baby animals including chipmunk, fox, deer and quail.

Lara: Oooh! Are you going to see cute baby animals?

Veronica: I want to see cute baby animals.

Caption: It's safe to say that Sam and I were getting pretty excited for our animal tracking adventure.

Panel 1

Nathaniel, a counselor, looks over his group of kids.

Nathaniel: Alright, listen closely. Today, we are going to learn how to track wild animals by following the signs left in nature. All of you will need to listen carefully and be vigilant for signs of life in the forest. And work to identify wild creatures.

Panel 2

As Nathaniel talks, Annika spies Gino in the group.

Annika (TB): It's Gino!

Panel 3

Caption: We started hiking and almost immediately we veered off trail and set off into the forest. Not going to lie. I had no idea what to expect but- I was excited to see wild animals in the WILD!

Panel 4

The group follows Nathaniel single file as he leads them deeper into the forest.

Nathaniel: Silence everyone and follow me.

Panel 1

Gino catches up to Sam and Annika. He is upset.

Gino: It was you two!

Panel 2

The girls play innocent.

Gino: You two are the ones who messed up my cabin!

Annika: No, we didn't!

Gino: I saw your footprints when I woke up.

Panel 3

Gino pries a frog off his face and peers over his bed to see two sets of footprints amid all the litter inside his cabin.

Panel 4

Annika has her hands on her hips.

Annika: How do you know it was our footprints?

Panel 5

Gino bends down and points out the girls' shoes.

Gino: Because you have small feet. And you never tie your shoes.

Panel 1

Kids have spread out in the forest looking for signs of life while Gino, Annika and Sam continue to bicker.

Annika: You're not an expert tracker!

Panel 2

Offended, Gino curls his fists.

Gino: I am INDEED!

Panel 3

Caption: Gino got riled up after that, he decided to prove all his knowledge about tracking wild animals. Here is what I learned:

Gino points out a pile of deer poo.

Gino: These are deer tracks. And this is deer scat. Often, deer tracks are found in open grassy meadows.

Gino points out raccoon poo.

Gino: These are raccoon tracks and scat. Often you will find raccoon tracks near a creek.

Gino points out bear poo.

Gino: This here is black bear scat and tracks. Often you will see scratch marks on trees.

Gino points out turkey poo.

Gino: These are turkey tracks and scat. Often turkeys don't know where they are going.



Panel 1

Gino and the girls stare at an enormous stinky, hairy, glistening pile of coyote poo.

Gino: This is coyote. As you can tell, the tracks are fresh. Notice the predatory evidence of hair in the –

Panel 2

Sam cannot contain herself.

Sam: POOOOP!

Panel 3

The girls fight the impending giggles. Gino is upset.

Gino: SCAT!

Panel 4

Annika joins the conversation.

Annika: POOP!

Panel 5

The girls unleash the giggles. HA! HA! HA! HA! HA!

Panel 6

The girls stop laughing as Nathaniel comes over this with his clipboard. Gino smiles proudly.

Nathaniel: Good job Gino identifying 6 animal tracks. The Grizzly Bear cabin gets an extra 3 points.

Panel 1

Gino triumphantly sticks out his tongue at the girls who bristle in anger behind him.

Panel 2

Caption: I was determined to not lose any more points to Gino's cabin!

Nathaniel parks himself on a log. The girls take off.

Nathaniel: If anyone else can find tracks, their cabin will also get 3 points.

Annika: Let's go, Sam.

Caption: We began our search, to scour the wilderness in search of evidence!

Panel 3

The girls walk through the forest, scanning the area.

Annika: I don't know about you, but I'm not seeing any more poop.

Panel 1

Annika SNIFF, SNIFFs the air. While Sam bends down to inspect a suspicious looking brown stick.

Annika: I'm not smelling anything.

Sam: Dang it! This is just a stick!

Panel 2

Annika inspects her surroundings, getting irritated.

Annika: The poop isn't working. We need another way to get some points.

Panel 3

Sam freezes, spotting something.

Sam: Annika...

Panel 4

Wide shot, an adorable fluffy squirrel has majestically parked itself in the sunshine where it glows.

Panel 1

The girls narrow their eyes at their target.

Sam: Annika, do you think a squirrel is worth 3 points?

Annika: I bet it's worth 5.

Panel 2

The squirrel becomes aware of the preteens.

Annika: Come here squirrel!

Panel 3

The girls give chase, and the squirrel makes a run for it!

Sam: We're not going to hurt you!

Panel 4

Gino looks over his shoulder as Annika and Sam sprint through the forest like mad people.

Gino: Weirdos.

Sam/Annika: AHHHHH!

Panel 1

Caption: Never in my life would I imagine myself here, chasing squirrels in the wilderness with a girl named Sam Ching. Yet there I was, in the wilderness, chasing a squirrel with a girl named Sam Ching.

Sam and Annika chase after the squirrel.

Annika: Get back here you fluff-butt!  
Squirrel: They're NUTS!!

Panel 2

The girls look around.

Sam: I don't see it!  
Annika: where did it go?

Panel 3

Annika points to the prize. The squirrel heads to a cluster of bushes.

Annika: THERE!

Panel 4

The squirrel seeks refuge in the bushes as the girls are right behind it.

Panel 1

Sam and Annika thin out the branches of the bushes, trying to see the squirrel through the thicket.

Sam: Do you see the squirrel?

Annika: No, these bushes are too thick.

Panel 2

Gino smirks at Sam and Annika who stand in the bushes.

Gino: That's poison oak.

Panel 3

Sam and Annika look at each other and sure enough, their faces are breaking out in a dreadful rash.

Panel 4

Caption: That's how Sam and I ended up in medical.

The girls are wrapped up like a pair of mummies in the nurse's office. Annika scratches herself all over while Sam inspects the bottom of her shoe.

Sam: I think I stepped in poop.

Panel 1

Caption: I guess it's a fair assessment to say that today was not a good day for Sam and me.

Panel 2

Sam and Annika walk past the boys' table with their dinner trays. Gino sticks out his tongue.

Ms. Sunny: Grizzly Bears, you get an extra two points for recycling!

Panel 3

The Banana Slug girls sit around their table in dismay.

Annika: Gosh, I miss sugar.

Mimi: Candy!

Lara: I miss chocolate.

Veronica: Oooh... red velvet cupcakes...

Sam: I'm a big ice cream fan.

Panel 4

Veronica is fed up.

Veronica: Look, we are running out of time to plan our skit. It's the only way our cabin will earn enough points to win the Pizza Party!

Panel 5

Lara slams her fists on the table, hyperventilating from sugar withdrawals.

Lara: The pizza party winners get ice cream sundaes too!

Panel 6

All the campers, including Kat, longingly fantasize about ice cream sundaes.

Banana Slugs (TB): Ice cream...

Panel 1

Caption: I could tell everyone from cabin 12 - every single Banana Slug, even our counselor Kat - wanted to win enough points to get that end of the week pizza party and ice cream sundae dessert!

Cartoon Annika addresses the table.

Annika: Okay. That's it. We need to come up with the greatest, funniest skit in the entire world!

Panel 2

Everyone thinks.

Panel 3

Caption: That's when I turned and saw Sam raise her hand.

Panel 4

Sam raises her hand up.

Sam: I have an idea.

Panel 5

Sam side-eyes Annika with a smile.

Sam: what if our skit was about a raccoon who steals a muffin from the cafeteria only to be stopped by Mr. Muffin who ends up eating all the muffins!



Panel 1

Caption: It was the perfect skit! We started to plot it out and make the costumes and everything!

Anika draws Herself, Mimi, and Sam in their cardboard box costumes, she labels who is who. *Sam wanted to play the Banded Bandit. I'm going to play Mr. Muffin. Mimi chose the muffin.*

Panel 2

The girls work as a team to make their cardboard costumes. Sam and Annika work together on the raccoon.

Sam: It's perfect, Annika!

Panel 3

Ms. Sunny and Mr. Muffin come over to light the campfire.

Ms. Sunny: You girls can practice your skit after campfire and song time.

Panel 1

Wide shot, Ms. Sunny addresses a crowded amphitheater full of campers. A roaring campfire in the middle. One figure, however, heads off alone into the forest.

Ms. Sunny: I hope you all had a good day today. For tonight's campfire we are going to start off with a campfire song! Would everyone stand up please!

"It starts with an S and ends with a T! It comes out of you, and it comes out of me!"

Panel 2

Annika peaks over the side of the amphitheater to watch Sam sadly walk off.

"I know what you're thinking! But don't call it that! "

Panel 3

Close up, of Annika's shocked face with the roaring campfire behind her.

"Let's be scientific and ..."

Panel 4

Close up, Sam's sad face cast in shadow.

"Call it SCAT!"

Panel 1

Annika watches Sam leave.

Annika: OH NO! Why did Sam leave? Weren't we having fun?

Panel 2

Annika pushes past the singing crowds.

Annika: Excuse me! Excuse me! Excuse me!

Annika darts past Ms. Sunny and Mr. Muffin.

Annika: Uh... I need to use the bathroom!

Panel 1

Caption: It was super strange that Sam didn't stick around for the campfire song. I don't know why she left! But I did have this sinking feeling that something was wrong because it didn't make any sense. Why would she just leave me?

Annika enters cabin 12 to find Sam sitting sadly on her bunk.

Annika: Sam?

Caption: There was only one thing to do - I had to investigate and possibly cheer Sam up to help with whatever was bothering her.

Panel 2

Annika looks at Sam who is downcast.

Panel 3

Annika bursts into the silly wiggles.

Annika: OOOOGLE! OOOOGLE! ARRRHHRGH!

Panel 4

Annika makes silly faces. It's working: Sam smiles.

Annika: GAH-RRRR!

Panel 5

Sam starts to giggle, *Hee! Hee! Hee!*

Annika: oooOOOOOoooo!

Panel 1

Annika sits down next to Sam.

Sam: Annika, you are so weird.

Annika: The highest compliment.

Panel 2

The girls look at each other.

Annika: You know you're missing the poop song right?

Sam: I can still hear it all the way over here.

Panel 3

The two stop to listen to the campfire song.

"You can smell it with your nose! It's going to decompose! You can find it on the ground. It's usually colored brown!"

Panel 4

Sam fiddles with her fingers.

Sam: Thank you for being nice to me, Annika.

Panel 1

Annika scooches closer to Sam.

Annika: Thanks for being my friend.

Panel 2

Caption: This is it. This is my CHANCE. This is the MOMENT to ask Sam!

Annika: Sam, have you heard of a B.F.F?

Sam: You mean Best. Friend. Forever?

Annika: Yeah well...

Panel 3

Sam gives Annika the biggest hug!

Sam: Annika, you are my B.F.F!

Panel 4

Caption: I did it! I made a best friend forever!

Sparkle and rainbow stickers galore!

Panel 1

Caption: I can't believe after all this time, all this trying to make a friend, I've actually done it! And Sam is so special. I've never had a friend like Sam before!

Panel 2

Caption: I love being friends with Sam because she is funny. She is goofy and does the weirdest things!

Sam BURPS loudly to a Chirping bird. She digs around in a trashcan. She balances a dinner plate on her head.

Panel 3

She kind of smells weird and can be pretty hot-headed at times but she is MY FRIEND! And I love my B.F.F. It's Sam and me against the world!

Sam and Annika size up planet earth.

Earth: What did I ever do to you two?

Sam: We are unstoppable! Nothing stands in our way!

Annika: We are all powerful and our friendship will withstand all the odds! Nothing can beat us!

Panel 1

Happy campers sing.

Panel 2

Wide shot, the campfire roars, casting warm light over the amphitheater. Ms. Sunny and Mr. Muffin walk around it. The fire sparkles, sending embers up into the starry night sky.

Panel 3

Sam and Annika give each other a big hug in the cabin.



Panel 1

A flying bird silhouette.

Caption: Oh! Is that a bird?

Panel 2

Close up: The ugly face of a vulture.

Caption: NO! It's a vulture following the scent of DEATH!

Panel 3

The sun glistens.

Caption: Oh! The light of the sun?

Panel 4

The sun blazes with a malevolent evil smile.

Caption: You mean a raging ball of FURY!

Panel 5

Annika sticks out a cracked tongue.

Caption: My tongue is cracking of unstoppable thirst!

Panel 6

Annika treks up the side of a mountain, with the sun beating down on her and a vulture circling overhead.

Caption: I'll never make it!

Panel 1

Annika bends over from exhaustion as Sam comes up behind her. The two are hiking up a mountain with the ocean behind them.

Annika: UGH! This mountain is kicking my butt!  
Sam: How much more uphill is there?

Panel 2

Caption: Thursday, June 15th... or at least I think it's Thursday? I don't know. Maybe it's Friday. I'm starting to lose track of the days here at Camp. ANYWAYS! Well, this is our last activity for week one here at Camp Wildcat for Sam and me - the hike to Big Red. Just like with fencing and animal tracking, we had NO IDEA what we were in for!

Panel 3

Theo motions the hikers onward. Sam and Annika dwindle in the back.

Theo: Five more miles to go! Whoop whoop!  
Annika: UGHHHH.

Panel 1

Wide shot, Theo shouts to the kids as they hike along through the forest. Kat sneaks a peek at his rock-hard abbs.

Theo: WATER BREAK!

Panel 2

The girls park themselves on a log. Sam hands Annika her water bottle. Nearby, Gino finds something on the ground.

Sam: Water?

Annika: Thanks, Sam

Panel 3

Gino comes up to the girls and dangles a large banana slug in their faces.

Gino: I found a banana slug, you know what I wish for?

Panel 4

Annika has drawn a fantastic drawing of Gino aggressively SMOOCHING the large slimy slug.

Panel 1

Gino has slime all over his lips. Sam and Annika glare at him.

Gino: I wished that the Grizzly Bears would win the pizza party prize.

Panel 2

Kat leans against a tree GASPING for air.

Panel 3

Theo leans in and offers a hand. Kat blushes bright red.

Theo: Need a hand?

Panel 4

Sam and Annika giggle from their resting spot on the log. *Hee! Hee! Hee! Hee!* As Theo helps a blushing Kat to her feet.

Full page spread

Caption: As we were hiking along, Sam started telling me story after story.

Sam tells a story of how she accidentally farted in class, Annika Laughs.

Sam tells the story of how she went surfing only to have a fish jump right in her face!

Sam tells the story of how once, she accidentally used the boys' restroom. Annika laughs!

Full page spread

Caption: Then I started to tell Sam a whole bunch of my own stories!

Annika tells the story of how she got peed on by a monkey at the zoo.

Annika tells the story of how her mother dressed her up as an onion at the farmer's market.

Annika tells the story of how she was walking Sushi and tripped into a mud puddle. Sam laughs!

Panel 1

Caption: At first, I didn't think we would survive the six miles but then we made it to Big Red, the gigantic old growth redwood tree!

Panel 2

A huge shot, Annika and Sam hold hands as they stare at the colossal giant old growth redwood.

Annika/Sam: WOW.

Panel 1

The girl's faces are completely awestruck. The kids and counselors behind them are as well.

Annika/Sam: No way.

Panel 2

The kids race to the trunk of the tree where a burned-out cave has been carved.

Sam: Annika check this out!

Panel 3

Sam and Annika crawl inside the tree and spiral upwards in its hollow interior.

Annika: This is so cool!



Panel 1

Annika and Sam high up in the tree, emerge onto a branch. They can see above the treetops all the way to the Pacific Ocean.

Annika: This is incredible!

Panel 2

Sam and Annika sit on the branch, taking in the view.

Sam: We are definitely not allowed up here.

Annika: Oh, absolutely not.

Panel 3

A close up, on the sun hitting their happy faces.

Panel 1

However, Annika's frown fades as Sam continues to smile beside her.

Panel 2

Annika realizes a new truth.

Annika: I never would have done this.

Panel 3

Sam looks at her now, confused.

Sam: Huh?

Panel 4

Wide shot, Annika gestures to the incredible scene before them: the forest, the cliffs, the ocean, the mountains, all of it.

Annika: THIS! I never would have climbed all the way up here on my own. You've helped me see... that... I'm more capable than I know.

Panel 1

Suddenly Sam hangs her head.

Sam: I'm sorry.

Annika: Wait, for what?

Panel 2

Sam is ashamed of herself.

Sam: For making you feel like you had to prove yourself.

Panel 3

Sam hides her face, full of shame.

Sam: That was a dumb thing for me to say.

Panel 4

Sam looks at Annika now. Her face yearning for forgiveness.

Sam: Friends are supposed to support each other. Always.

Panel 1

Wide shot, the girls stand hand in hand, way up in the tree. (Annika's journal lies on the branch)  
Annika smiles at Sam, whole heartedly.

Annika: And friends have fun. Always.

Panel 2

From down below on the ground. Gino points to the two girls way up in the tree.

Gino: HEY! They shouldn't be up there!

Panel 3

Annika hastily heads back down the tree – but forgets her journal.

Annika: What a tattler! We aren't doing anything wrong!

Panel 1

Sam watches Annika leave.

Panel 2

Sam notices Annika's camp journal that she left behind.

Panel 3

Gino races up to Theo who is chatting with Kat, neither of them paying much attention to their campers.

Gino: THEO! THEO! Two Banana Slug girls are way too high up in the tree! They're breaking the rules!

Panel 4

Sam and Annika stand next to Gino and look up into the tree. Gino just smolders, arms crossed.

Annika: Really? Sam, do you see anyone up there?

Panel 1

Theo calls all campers. Kat looks annoyed at the prospect of more hiking. Annika doesn't see it, but Sam slips her camp journal back into her backpack.

Theo: Alright, time to GO! Let's ROLL OUT!

Panel 2

Caption: This whole entire thing - I had doubts. I was so worried about coming here to Camp Wildcat. This new place, with all these new people, and being so far away from home. But if you asked me right now how I'm doing?

Annika races through the woods with her new bestie Sam.

Caption: Now I would tell you I'm SO GLAD I came! Leaving my comfort zone, going on this new adventure, and if I hadn't, well I never would have met Sam and made a BFF!

Sam and Annika hold hands over a huge title card: BFF! A big rainbow, lots of cute flowers, and even a flying magical racoon.

Panel 1

Sam and Annika make it back to their cabin, hand in hand. The rest of the Banana Slug girls are getting ready to head out.

Veronica: Okay good, we're all here! It's our last chance to practice this skit or else we will never win the pizza party tonight! Everyone to the amphitheater!

Panel 2

The girls prepare for their last skit practice.

Veronica: Costumes on!

Panel 3

Ms. Sunny lights the campfire, while the Banana Slug girls assemble on the stage.

Veronica: Everyone get in position!

Panel 4

Sam tosses her costume to the ground and exits the stage. All her cabinmates watch her leave.

Sam: I'm not doing this.

Panel 1

Caption: And just like that, Sam was leaving again! Why was she being so weird? Here, I will draw what happened:

Annika's illustrations depict a mini comic.

Sam exits the stage.

Veronica: What does she MEAN? She is not going to do this? We are running out of time!

Annika: But Sam, you have to play the Banded Bandit!

Sam: I'm not going to.

Annika chases after her.

Annika: WHAT? After all the work we put in? After everything, you're just going to give up?

Sam turns to look to Annika.

Sam: It's not fun for me! Why can't you understand that I just don't want to?

Annika fumes.

Annika: Well sometimes you make me do things that I don't want to do!

Annika reaches for Sam.

Annika: Sometimes I don't think what we do is fun!



Panel 1

The other Banana Slug girls watch from the sidelines as the drama unfolds.

Annika: But I do it anyways because that's what B.F.F.s do!

Panel 2

Annika is standing between Sam and the trail, blocking her exit.

Annika: I need you to do the skit because you are my friend and that's what you are supposed to do!

Panel 3

Sam tries to move past Annika to leave the campfire area.

Sam: Well then... I don't want to be your B.F.F. anymore!

Panel 4

Annika is heartbroken; she reaches for Sam. As she does, a log on the campfire falls into the flames, sparking a giant flame. BOOM, CRACKLE. Sam is visibly spooked.

Annika: Take that back Sam!

Panel 1

Sam SCREAMS.

Sam: NO!

Panel 2

Annika is devastated.

Sam: WE'RE DIFFERENT. We are not the SAME. You don't want to do what I want. And I don't want to do what you want.

Panel 3

Annika is taken aback by that.

Annika: That's not fair! I did all those things to make you like me. All those fun things just for you. Does none of that matter?

Panel 4

But Sam is not listening. She is running down the path, away from the amphitheater. The campfire ROARS.

Panel 1

Caption: I WAS WRONG. I FAILED. I will NEVER EVER make a friend now.

Panel 2

Annika cries by herself. As the rest of the Banana Slug girls watch Sam disappear down the path.

Lara: Sheesh! That was brutal!

Veronica: Well, there goes our one shot at getting ice cream.

Panel 3

The Slug girls watch Annika leave, her head heavy with shame.

Lara: There goes another Slug.

Veronica: Yeah, now we officially have no chance.

Panel 4

Annika walks up to the *FRONT OFFICE* where Ms. Sunny and Mr. Muffin are.

Ms. Sunny: Hi Annika! Are you excited for tonight's campfire skits?

Panel 5

Annika is completely devastated.

Annika: I want to go home.

Panel 1

Caption: My whole life, I tried so hard at everything I do and no matter WHAT, I've never-ever-ever given up.

Annika aggressively waters a seedling. Until it...

Annika: Don't you dare die!

Plant: Help! I'm drowning!

The plant blooms and wins an award for best flower.

Panel 2

Caption: I even score super high on all my tests.

Cartoon Annika displays her perfect grades.

Panel 3

Caption: Except for the mandatory physical assessment test, I never seem to do very well on that one. (But not for lack of trying my best!)

Annika: How many pushups have I done?

PE Teacher: One!

Panel 4

Caption: But what does it matter? If next year I'm going to start school all alone and without a single friend.

Annika, with a school backpack, stands all alone on "Back to school day!"

Panel 1

Caption: I thought it was so smart and clever to come here to Camp Wildcat to find a friend after I heard those middle schoolers talking about it. At the very least I could try, right? It seemed like a good idea. You know, try something new, TRY to make a friend. And well, guess what happened? Even after trying my hardest? I FAILED. I guess I am no good at making friends. I guess I am... UNFRIENDABLE!

Panel 2

Annika stops writing and looks up from her camp journal. Her mom and the minivan have arrived. Sushi BARKS! Mochi MOEWS from the back seat.

Ms. Anderson: Hey Kiddo, we're here to pick you up!

Panel 3

Caption: I guess this is my last entry in my camp journal... that's kind of sad to have to finish on such a sad note. My Mom just got here, and she is going to take me home now... well for what it's worth... I did have fun here at camp. Even the lame mandatory activities like fencing, animal tracking, and hiking to Big Red. But... what made it fun.... was Sam. ☹️ For the first time since moving to California... I didn't feel so... lonely.

Annika (TB): Okay! I'm definitely going to burn this book when I get back home!

Panel 1

Annika climbs into the backseat. Ms. Anderson sees her daughter's crestfallen face.

Annika: Hi Mom.

Ms. Anderson: It's okay, Annika, camp isn't for everyone but... I made your favorite chocolate chip cookies.

Annika: I'm not hungry.

Panel 2

They pass the sign for Camp Wildcat, Annika is slumped in her seat. Mochi and Sushi fight for her lap.

Panel 3

Annika leans her head into the window.

Panel 4

And starts to cry.

Panel 1

On the seat beside her Mochi and Sushi sniff at her camp journal.

Panel 2

They start to play with it. Mochi *BAP! BAP!* Hits the journal with his paw.

Panel 3

Annika looks as the pages flip.

Panel 4

Close up, on Annika's very wide, surprised eyes.

Full page in Sam's writing and drawing style.

Caption: HEEYYYYY ANNIKA IT'S SAM! You left your journal behind up in Big Red and well... I know your journal is private, so I didn't read it. I just wanted to add to it as a little fun surprise! (I just couldn't help myself).

I want to start off by saying that the day I came to Camp Wildcat, I was pretty sad. Despite me being sad, you were so friendly to me! You see, Annika, I never wanted to come to Camp Wildcat. But I HAD TO because my parents made me. They said it would be a "good distraction for the summer." They thought it was good.

I WAS NOT AT ALL in a friendly mood when you met me. All I wanted was to go home but I couldn't. But then, that first night here at camp - when you caught me sneaking out, I was surprised you followed me. In fact, I was SHOCKED you followed me. Because, you know, that was a very brave thing to do.

Sam's silly doodles show her own depiction of Annika catching Sam sneaking out:

Sam (TB): Wow she is brave!  
Annika: What are you doing?



Another full page in Sam's style.

Caption: I decided then - I guess it was pretty stupid now that I think about it - but I wanted to see just what else you could do.

Sam: "Prove how fun you can be," (Whoops! That was a little rude!)

Caption: But I AM proud of you!

Sam draws them up in Big Red.

Annika: "~~You helped me see that~~ I'm more capable than I know."

Caption: YOU helped yourself see that you are more capable than you know. YOU did that. And Annika, the truth is, I'm not an expert at making friends either! But as each day passed and we kept spending more time together doing fun stuff, silly stuff, even dumb stuff; I really felt like you were becoming a good friend.

Sam has drawn Annika fencing, them chasing the squirrel and Mr. Muffin.

So, I hope we can stay best friends and I love that you are goofy and fun and brave! You never give up. So, I know you will never give up on me. Thank you for being my BEST FRIEND FOREVER! – Sam 😊

Panel 1

Annika stares at her camp journal in total surprise.

Annika: Mom....

Panel 2

Wide shot, the minivan is hugging the cliffside of the iconic Highway 101 on its way back to San Francisco.

Annika (OP): Turn the car around!

Panel 1

Gino stands on the stage as a mighty Grizzly Bear who pounces! The crowd OOOs and AHHS at the display.

Gino: ROAAAAARR!

Panel 2

The Banana Slug girls sit in the audience watching the skit, irritated.

Veronica: Yep. We're going to lose.

Lara: Goodbye delicious cheesy pizza and scrump-dump-sha-licious ice cream sundaes.

Panel 3

Alone in the dark cabin, Sam hunkers in her sleeping bag.

Panel 4

The minivan races past the "Welcome to Camp Wildcat" sign.

Annika: Can't this car go any faster?

Ms. Anderson: Honey, we are already going five miles over the speed limit.

Panel 1

Annika gets out of the minivan and BOLTS.

Panel 2

Annika storms into the cabin, Sam jolts from her sleeping bag.

Annika: SAM!

Panel 3

Anika stomps over to her.

Sam: Annika?

Panel 4

Annika slams her journal onto the bed.

Annika: SAM, YOU ARE MY FRIEND!

Panel 1

Cartoon Annika speaks her mind.

Annika: You are my best friend. And you're right, I should never have forced you to do anything you don't want to do! Instead, I will SUPPORT YOU! You are brave, you are strong, and you always stick up for yourself. Now I will too.

Panel 2

Sam is touched.

Sam: And I support you too! No matter what...

Panel 3

But Sam is worried.

Sam: ... But I have to tell you something.

Panel 4

Annika sits on the bed as her friend grapples with a hard truth.

Sam: I'm scared of fire.

Panel 1

Wide shot, Sam's house is engulfed in flames and her family flees with their lives. The California hills behind the home are ablaze.

Sam: My home burned down in the big wildfire. My family and my pets are fine. We were able to get some photographs and stuff out. But now...

Panel 2

Sam is standing with all the other kids getting ready to board the big yellow school bus to Camp Wildcat, except she had a big frown on her face.

Sam: My parents sent me away to Camp Wildcat since we have nowhere to live. They're looking for a new a place to live right now.

Panel 1

Wide shot, the Grizzly Bear boys on the stage. Ms. Sunny holds up a number 10 sign.

Ms. Sunny: The Grizzly Bears get 10 points! UP NEXT! Cabin 12 the BANANA SLUGS!

Panel 2

The Banana Slug girls dread going next.

Veronica: We're doomed.

Panel 3

Back in the Cabin, Annika looks at Sam, really letting the gravity of her story sink in.

Annika: Wow. That must have been scary.

Sam: Yeah...

Annika: And what about all your toys and clothes and stuff?

Sam: Gone, most of it anyway.

Annika: I didn't know. I can't imagine. I'm so sorry.

Panel 1

Annika gives Sam a much-needed hug.

Panel 2

Caption: Poor Sam! I had no idea what she was dealing with, why she smelled like campfire the first time I met her, why she described home as “nowhere.” She lost everything to a wildfire! That is so incomprehensibly terrifying. Goodness, poor Sam. It’s no wonder she hasn’t come to any of our campfires here at Camp Wildcat, why she always ran off when we were practicing our skits - she is scared of fire! As Sam’s best friend, what could I possibly do to help her?

Panel 3

Annika comes up with an idea.

Panel 4

She looks at Sam.

Annika: Sam. Do you trust me?



Panel 1

Sam stands horrified as a blazing wall of fire stands before her.

Panel 2

Annika motions to Sam to join her in the back entrance of the stage. Taking her eyes away from the big scary campfire.

Annika: Pssst Sam!

Panel 3

Caption: What could I possibly do to help Sam? Well, that's when I came up with an idea. All she had to do was trust me. She has helped me step out of my comfort zone and face my fears to help me see that I am more capable than I know. Now it's my time to return the favor and help Sam.

Sam: I trust you, Annika

Panel 1

Annika hands Sam her costume.

Annika: You can do this

Panel 2

Cartoon Annika takes out the campfire with the fire extinguisher. *Hee! Hee! Hee!*

Panel 3

Darkness descends, the campers are worried and confused.

Camper 1: What's going on?

Camper 2: It's so dark!

Camper 3: Who put out the campfire?

Panel 1

Annika sneakily turns on her flashlight CLICK! It illuminates the stage, Sam as the Banded Bandit is front and center. The girls eye one another.

Panel 2

Annika yells to the crowd.

Annika: Everyone! Please shine your flashlights toward the stage.

Panel 4

The audience shines their flashlights onto the stage, creating beams of sparkling, twinkling spotlights on Sam.

Panel 2

Sam begins the skit while Annika races around back to put her costume on.

Sam: I am the Banded Bandit, and I am looking for a midnight snack!  
SNIFF, SNIFF. Oh, what's this?

Panel 1

Sam points to Mimi, who is a muffin. The audience LAUGHS.

Sam: A MUFFIN!

Panel 2

Annika enters the scene in her dog outfit.

Annika: Woof! Woof! Woof! Is that the Banded Bandit!!!

Panel 3

Annika – as Mr. Muffin - and Sam as the raccoon, fight over the muffin.

Annika: Stealing from camp isn't allowed! I am Mr. Muffin and I protect the camp!

Panel 1

Sam leaves the scene, having been defeated.

Annika: AHA! I have rescued the muffin from the Banded Bandit!

Panel 2

Annika leans in to take a bite as the kids laugh. HA! HA! HA! HA!

Annika: Wait... I LOVE muffins! This one looks very tasty!

Panel 3

Lara, who is supposed to be a tree, watches as Sam runs back on stage as the Banded Bandit.

Lara: Psst, SAM! What are you doing? Your scene is over!

Panel 1

Annika looks through the peep hole of her costume. She is stunned to see Sam back on stage and beside her.

Annika (whispers): Sam?

Panel 2

Caption: The skit was going just as planned - until suddenly I saw Sam rush back onto the stage. What on earth was she doing?

Sam sticks out a hand.

Sam: Friends?

Panel 3

Mr. Muffin and the Banded Bandit shake hands.

Sam/Annika: Friends

Panel 4,

The girls take fictional bites out of the muffin.

Sam/Annika: Yum! Yum!

Sam: Ewww! Raisin bran!

Panel 1

Ms. Sunny presents a number 6 sign. Kat applauds her girls, with the faintest sparkle of a smile.

Ms. Sunny: Six points for the Banana Slugs!

Panel 2

Ms. Anderson *CLAPS* loudly beside Mr. Muffin, Mochi and Sushi.

Panel 3

All six Banana Slug girls stand on the stage, hand in hand. Annika and Sam at the center. They bow dramatically. *CLAP! CLAP! CLAP!*

Panel 4

Annika and Sam smile at one another.

Panel 1

The Grizzly Bear boys gather around their feast of Pizza and Ice cream. Theo and Ms. Sunny open pizza boxes and hand them ice cream cones.

Ms. Sunny: Congratulations Grizzly Bears!

Theo: Our cabin won the most points this week! Dig in boys!

Panel 2

Annika looks over at her mom.

Annika: Psst! Mom, do you still have those chocolate chip cookies?

Panel 3

Ms. Anderson presents a plate of cookies!

Ms. Anderson: Sure do, Kiddo!

Panel 4

Annika pushes the cookie contraband at her cabinmates. The girls swarm like sharks. Annika keeps an eye out for Ms. Sunny who is still preoccupied with the Grizzly Bear Boys.

Annika: Banana Slugs, quick! Cookies! Eat as many as you can!

Kat: Give me some of those!

Lara: Oh, I miss sugar.



Panel 1

Ms. Anderson stands over by the minivan, Mochi and Sushi wait for Annika in the backseat.

Ms. Anderson: Annika, are you ready to go?

Panel 2

Annika looks back to her cabin crew who are protectively guarding their cookies.

Veronica: Ms. Sunny is coming! Hide the cookies!

Panel 3

Sam gives Annika a friendly wave.

Panel 4

Annika looks at her mom.

Annika: Actually....

Panel 1

Ms. Sunny walks over to the girls; Mr. Muffin suspiciously sniffs at them. Sam throws an arm over Annika's shoulder.

Annika: I'll stay.

Panel 2

Caption: So, I watched Mom leave... and I decided to stay here at Camp Wildcat. There is plenty of summer left and I'm excited to continue on this adventure with my new B.F.F.

Annika and Sam race back through the woods together. The rest of the girls follow them.

Annika: Last one back is a rotten egg!!

Caption: There is so much left to do! So many more adventures to be had! I can't wait for all the fun to come!

Panel 1

The Banana Slug girls are having a full-on silly pillow fight inside the cabin.

Panel 2

Kat steps into the frame. The girls stop.

Kat: HEY!

Panel 3

Annika, on the top bunk gives a broad smile to Sam, who smiles back.

Kat (OP): Lights out!

Panel 4

Annika smiles to herself in her sleeping bag.

Panel 1

Annika's eyes open wide. Rustle! Rustle!

Panel 2

Annika descends her bunk ladder.

Panel 3

She turns on her flashlight!

Panel 4

Annika stares at the raccoon caught in the light of her flashlight. (It's the exact same panel from the very first page!)

Panel 1

Sam sits up in her bed and watches Annika run out of the cabin door.

Annika: HEY!

Panel 2

Sam walks out of the cabin to see Annika race off into the woods after the raccoon. She notices a single piece of candy at her feet.

Annika: That's my candy!

Panel 3

Annika races into the forest, dwarfed by the trees.

Annika: Come back here you Banded Bandit!

Panel 4

Annika's flashlight runs out of battery.

Annika: OH! No, no, no!

Panel 1

Annika stands alone in the dark forest, her flashlight dead.

Panel 2

Suddenly Annika is illuminated in a beam of light!

Panel 3

A figure holding a flashlight appears.

Panel 4

Sam drops her flashlight down.

Sam: Annika?

Panel 1

Sam tosses Annika a lone candy bar. Annika reaches out to catch it.

Sam: Drop something?

Panel 2

Annika holds the candy bar in her hand. It's a Chocolate Chewy Nutty Chunk.

Panel 3

Annika grins at Sam, holds out the bar.

Annika: Want to split it?

Panel 4

Sam throws a friendly arm over Annika's shoulders.

Sam: I'm still allergic, you ding-bat!

Panel 1

The girls laugh and walk out of the woods together. *HA! HA! HA! HA! HA!* The banded bandit with her three babies watches from the trees, eating the stolen candy.

Panel 2

Sam's flashlight illuminates a banana slug on the ground.

Sam (Off panel): Oh look! A banana slug!

Panel 3

The girls look at one another.



Panel 1

Annika holds up the slug. Both girls mischievously grin at one another, giggling.

Sam/Annika: Are you going to kiss it?

Panel 2

Annika watches the slug crawl on her arm.

Annika: Could be fun? Make a wish?

Panel 3

Annika SMOOCHES the slug!

Annika (TB): I hope I keep making B.F.F's here at camp.

Panel 4

Sam erupts in laughter HA! HA! HA! Annika looks at her lips still on the slug's... rear end.

Sam: YOU KISSED THE BUTT!

Panel 1

Sam is dying of laughter and Annika is dying of embarrassment.

Panel 2

But then Sam leans in and SMOOCHES the slug too! Annika GASPS!

Panel 3

Both girls hold up the banana slug and burst into uncontrollable laughter!