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SCHOOL AT A
DOMINICAN* MONASTERY
IN SAN MARCO

*DOMINICANS ARE A
RELIGIOUS ORDER OF
PRIESTS FOUNDED BY
SAINT DOMINIC.



PHILIP,
CAN YOU
TRANSLATE
THIS LATIN
FOR ME?

NO ...



WHAAT?
STOP BEING
SUCH A
SNOB AND
JUST DO IT.

NOOOOOOO!
I FORGOT!
THEY'RE ALL
GONE!

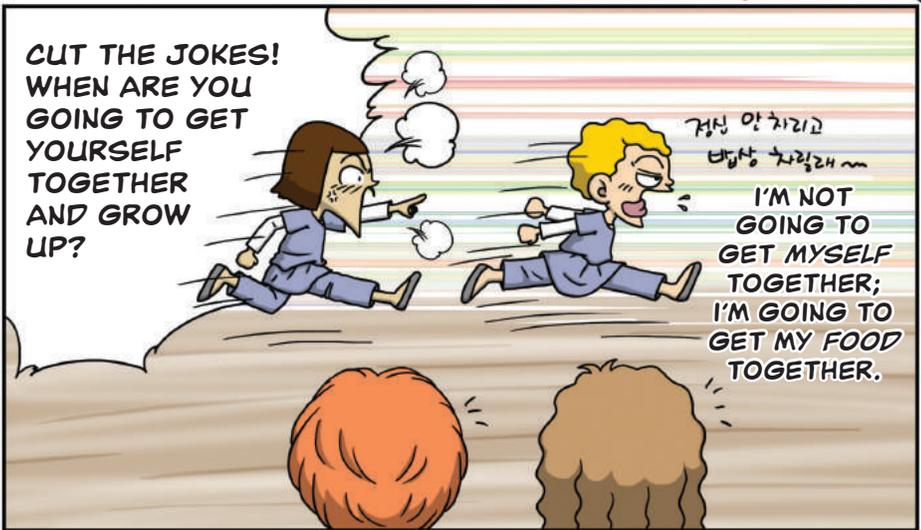
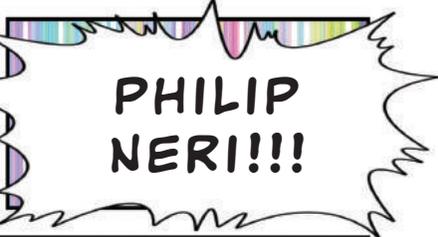


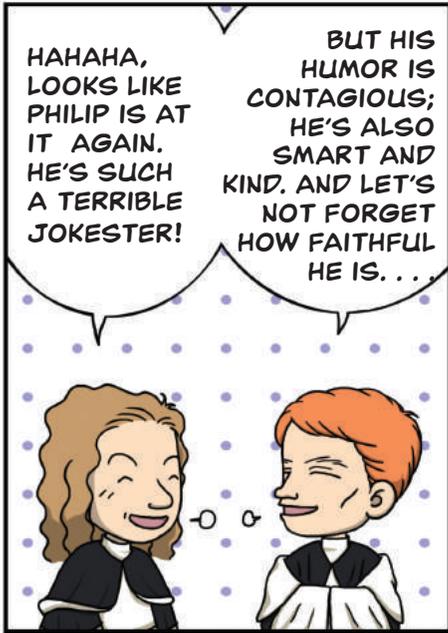
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SUBJECT. HOW COULD YOU
FORGET EVERY WORD?

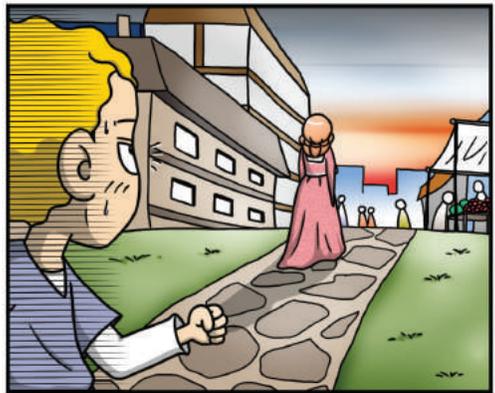
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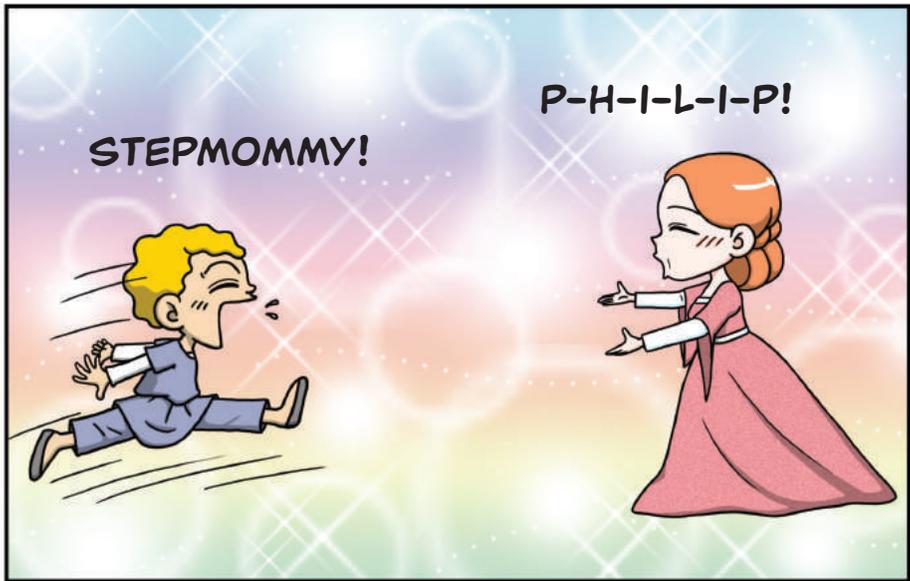
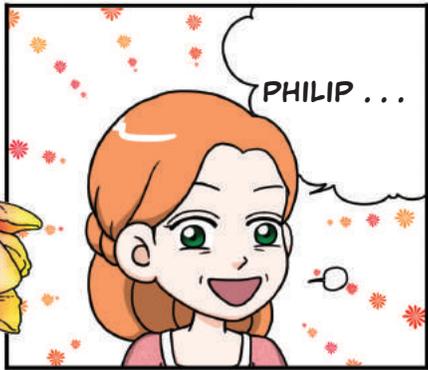
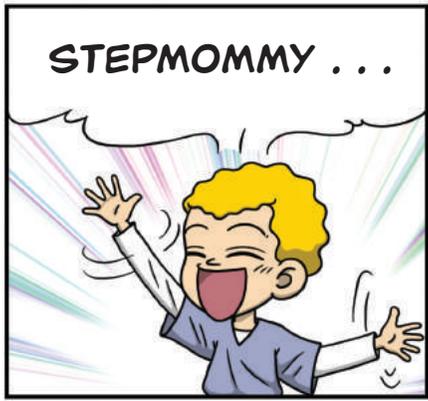
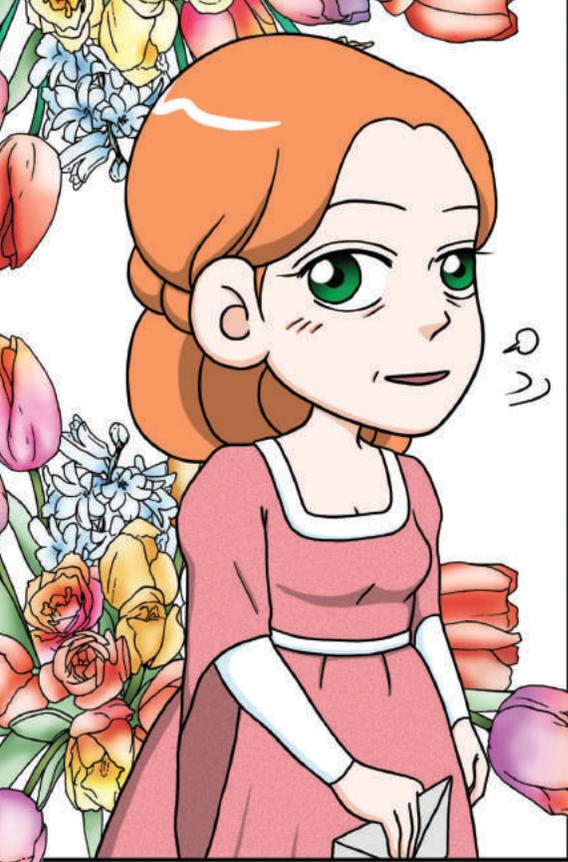
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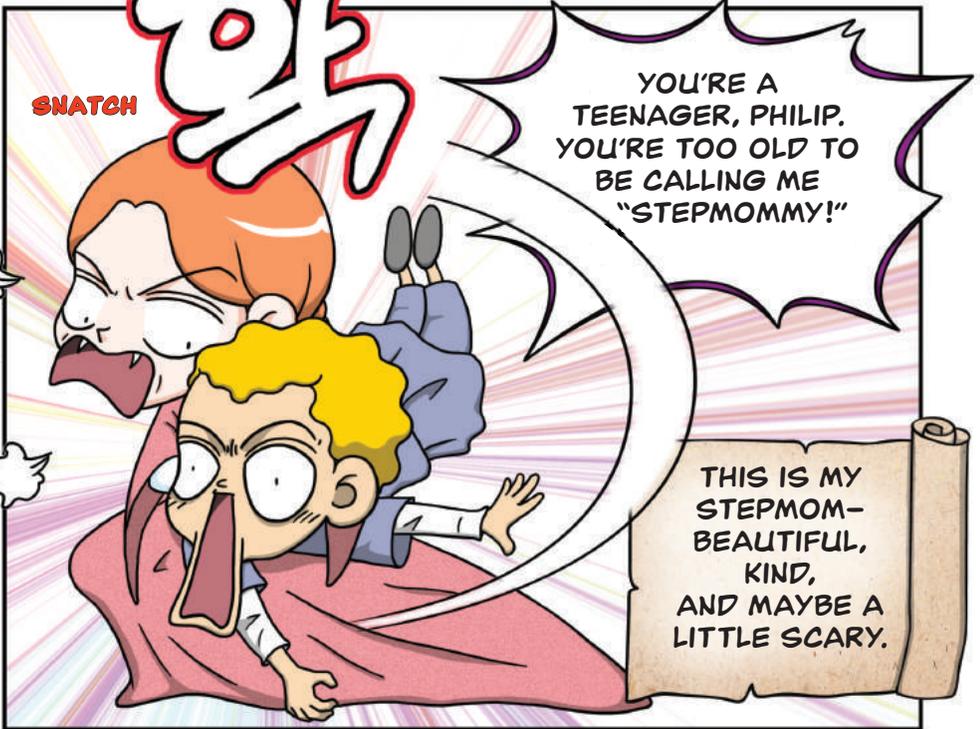












IT'S NOW 1532 AND I AM 17 YEARS OLD. I WAS BORN IN FLORENCE, ITALY IN JULY 1515 TO A POOR FAMILY WITH TIES TO NOBILITY. WHEN I WAS 5 YEARS OLD, MY BIOLOGICAL MOTHER DIED AND THIS LADY BECAME MY STEPMOTHER.

PHILIP, YOU KNOW I REALLY CARE ABOUT YOU.

AND I REALLY LOVE YOU TOO, STEPMOM.

HUG

PHILIP, I'M ALWAYS LAUGHING WHEN YOU'RE AROUND! YOU MAKE IT FUN TO BE YOUR STEPMOM,

THEN, YOU SHOULD CALL ME YOUR FUN-SON!

MY STEPMOM IS PLAYFUL, CHEERFUL, AND KIND. I WAS INFLUENCED A LOT BY HER PERSONALITY AND SHE RAISED ME WELL. SHE'S GREAT AND NOT SCARY AT ALL.