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Barbie

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me!

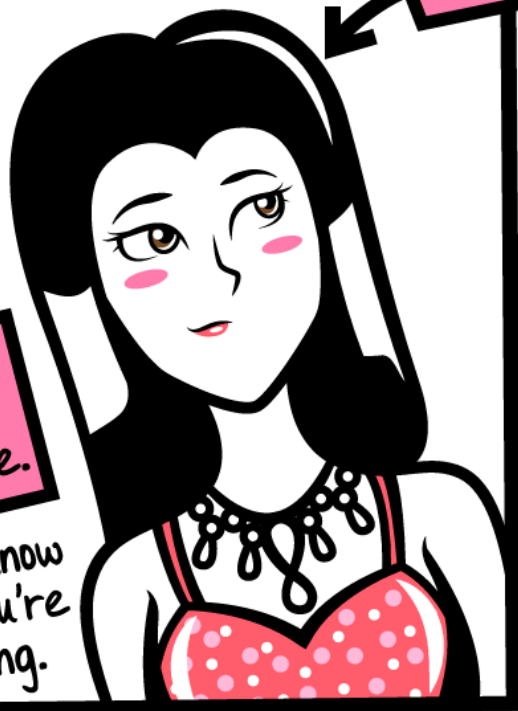
She doesn't look like Barbie.

Most Barbies are blonde haired and blue eyed.



This is Barbie.

And I know what you're thinking.



But this Barbie has brown hair and brown eyes.

But she's definitely Barbie.



In fact...

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She's my first Barbie.



My grandmother got her for me, from a toy store in Istanbul.

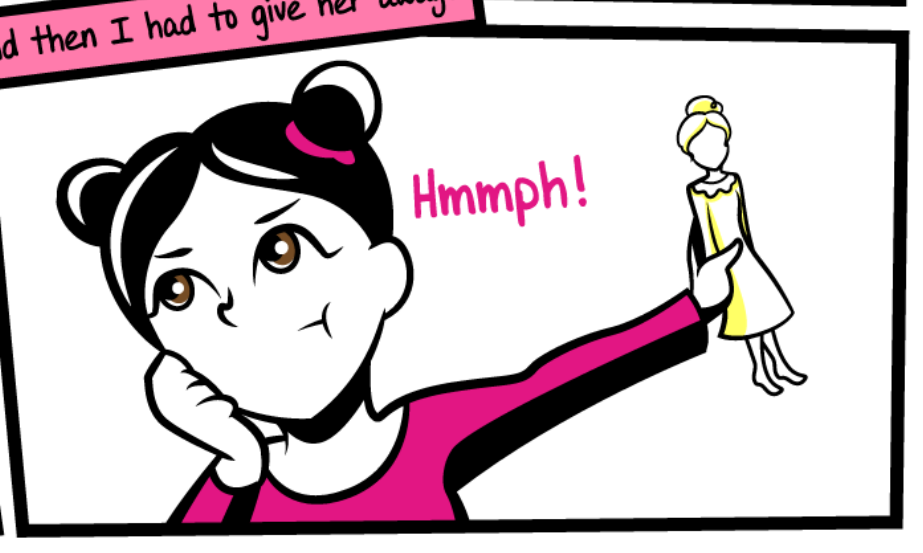
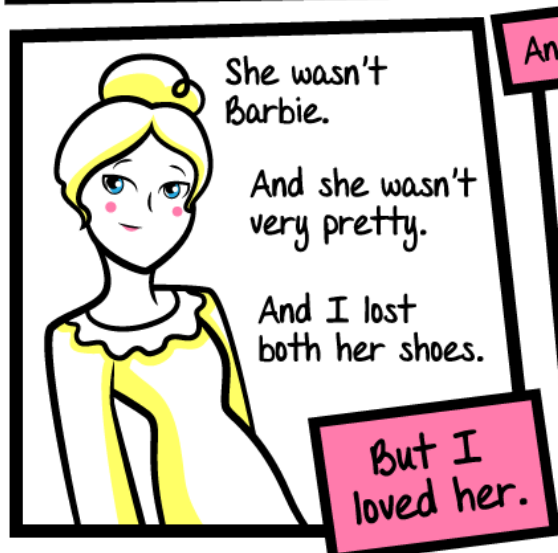
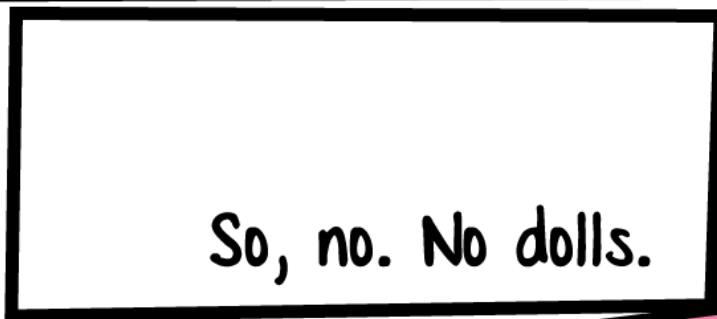
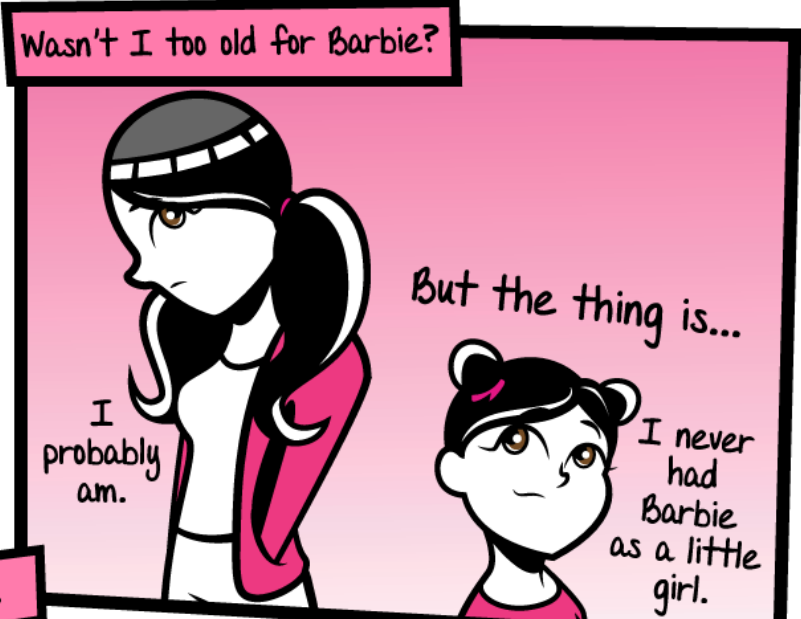
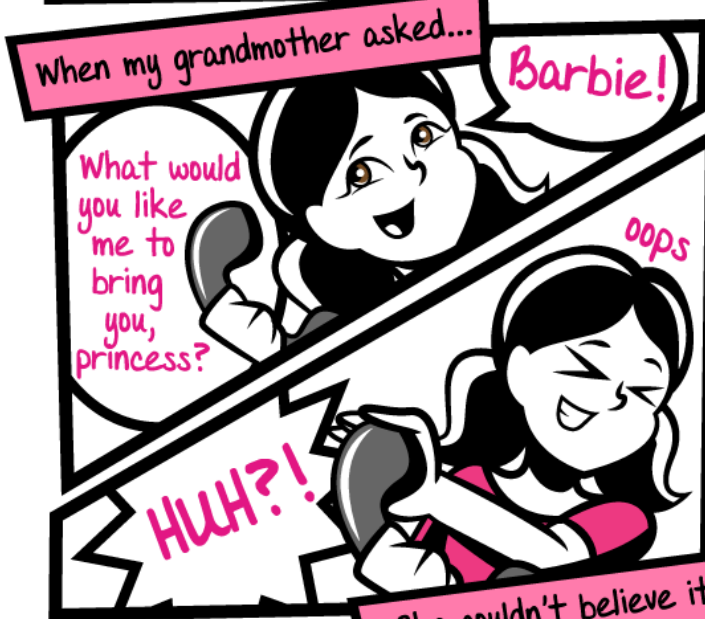


She said she chose the one who looked most like me.

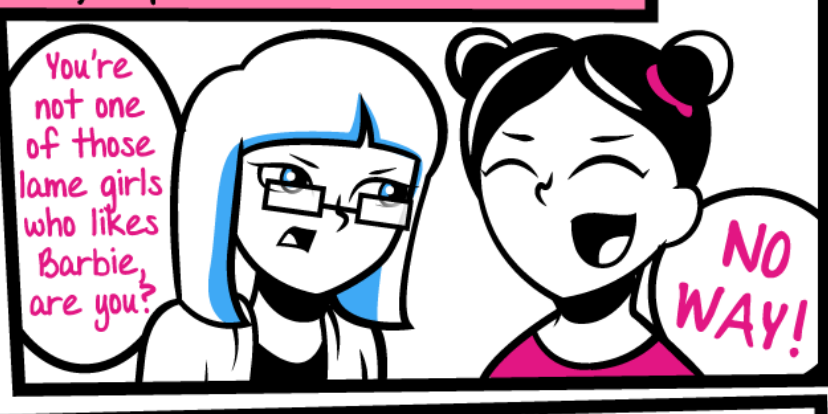
I was very flattered.



Do you want to know when I got her?

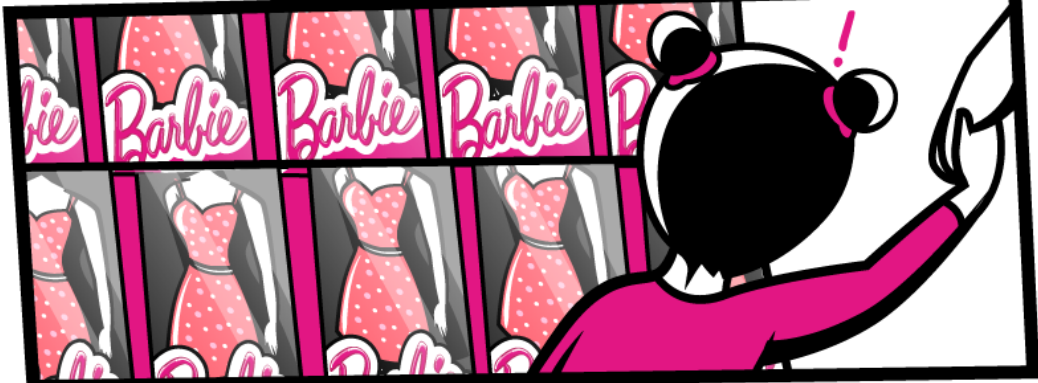


Because I didn't have a Barbie, I pretended not to like her.

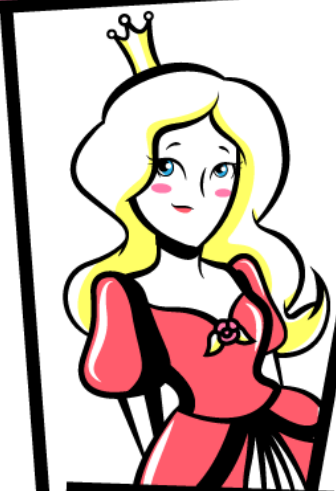


But it was a lie.

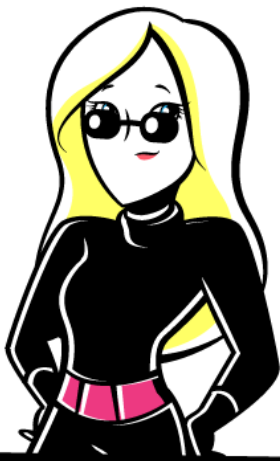
I thought Barbie was amazing.



And she is. She can be anything...



a superspy,

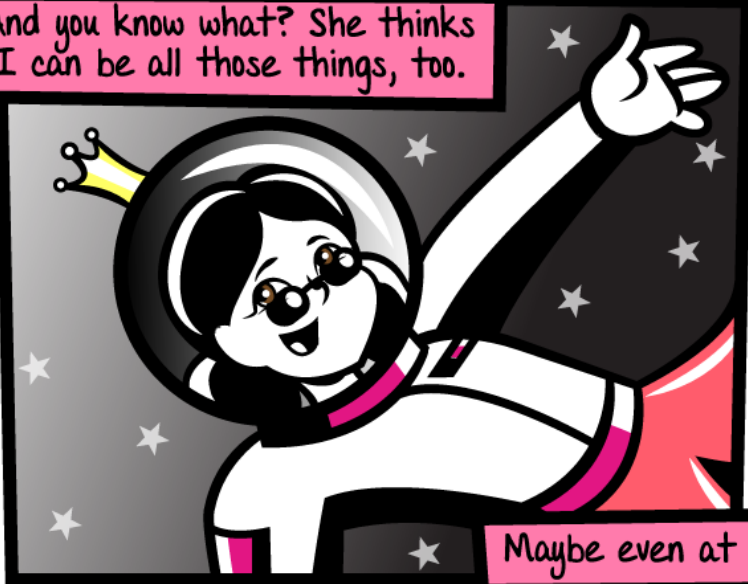


a ballerina,

and even an astronaut.



And you know what? She thinks I can be all those things, too.



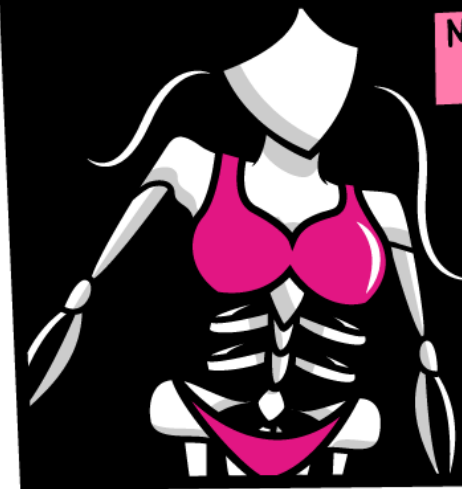
I wonder why some people hate Barbie?



Maybe because she's so pink.

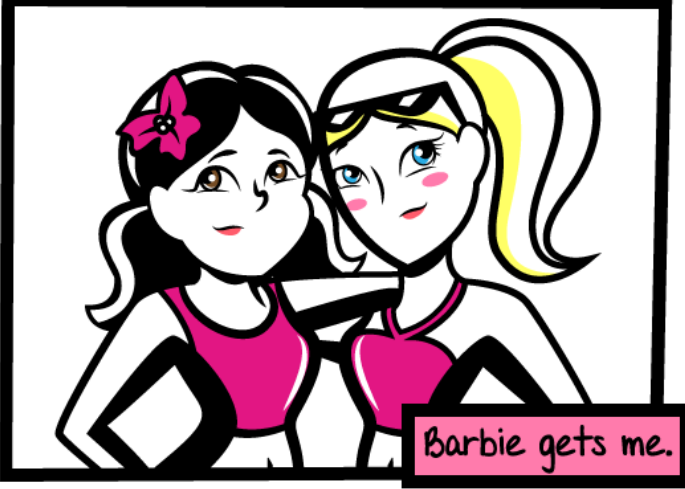


But Barbie can dress in any color she wants. (And so can I.)

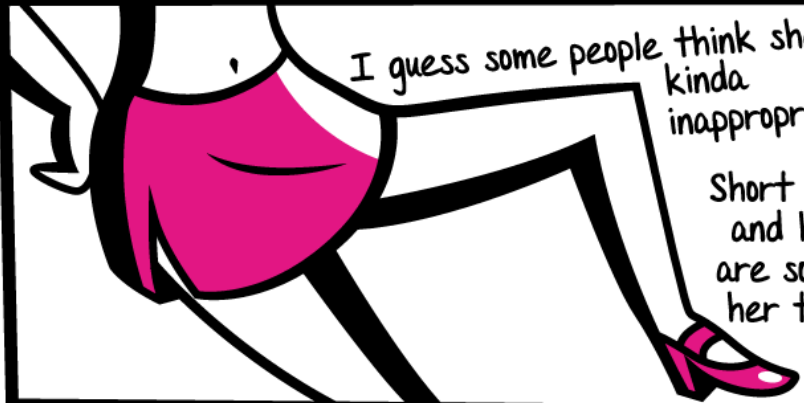


Maybe it's because she's so skinny.

I'm underweight too. I was picked on for being sickly and skinny in a country where curvier equals prettier.



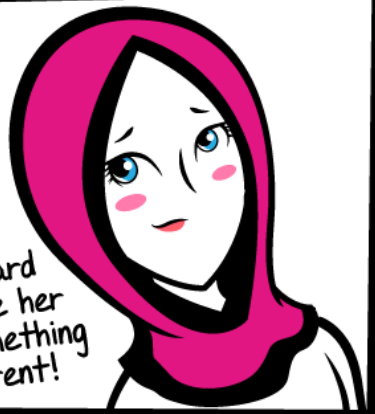
Barbie gets me.



I guess some people think she's kinda inappropriate?

Short skirts and heels are sort of her thing.

But she's just a doll.



Not hard to make her wear something different!

It's really silly, how people think Barbie's all about



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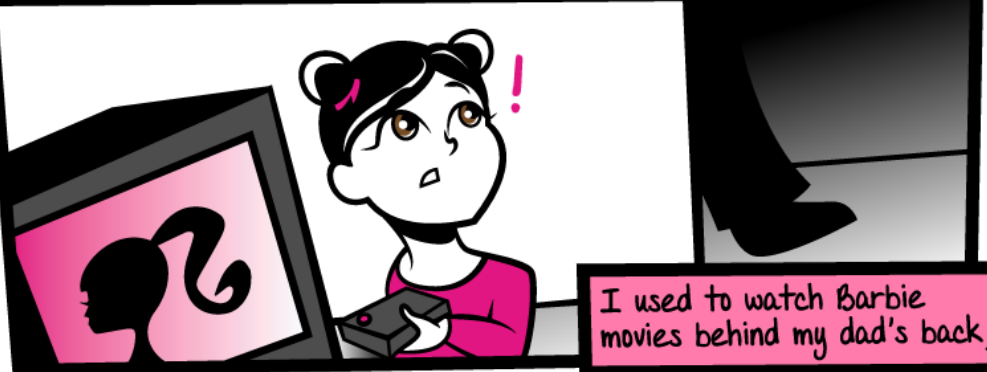


hair styling



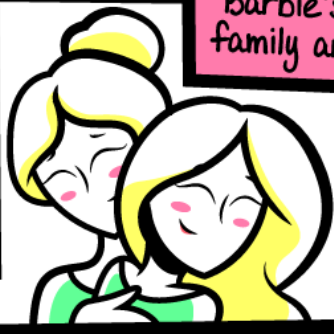
and kissing Ken.

And I think that's certainly a part of her, and a part of me, but that's not all there is to either of us!



I used to watch Barbie movies behind my dad's back,

and I couldn't believe how wrong people were.



Barbie's all about family and friends,



being a good person while being your self.



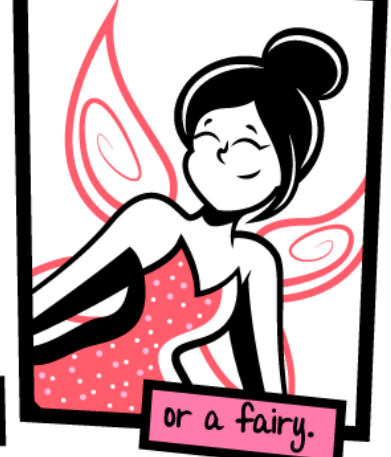
I can be a pilot,



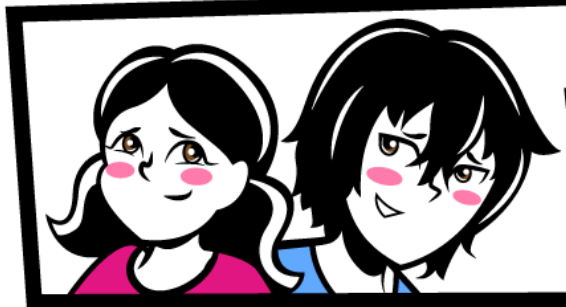
or an ice skater.



I can be a mermaid,



or a fairy.

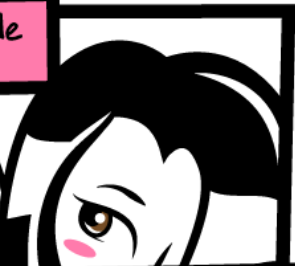


I can be happy with Ken or without him.

I can be happy with hundreds of friends or just one.



I can be pretty with blonde hair and blue eyes,



or with brown hair and brown eyes.

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