

MY FAMILY AND OTHER GYPSIES



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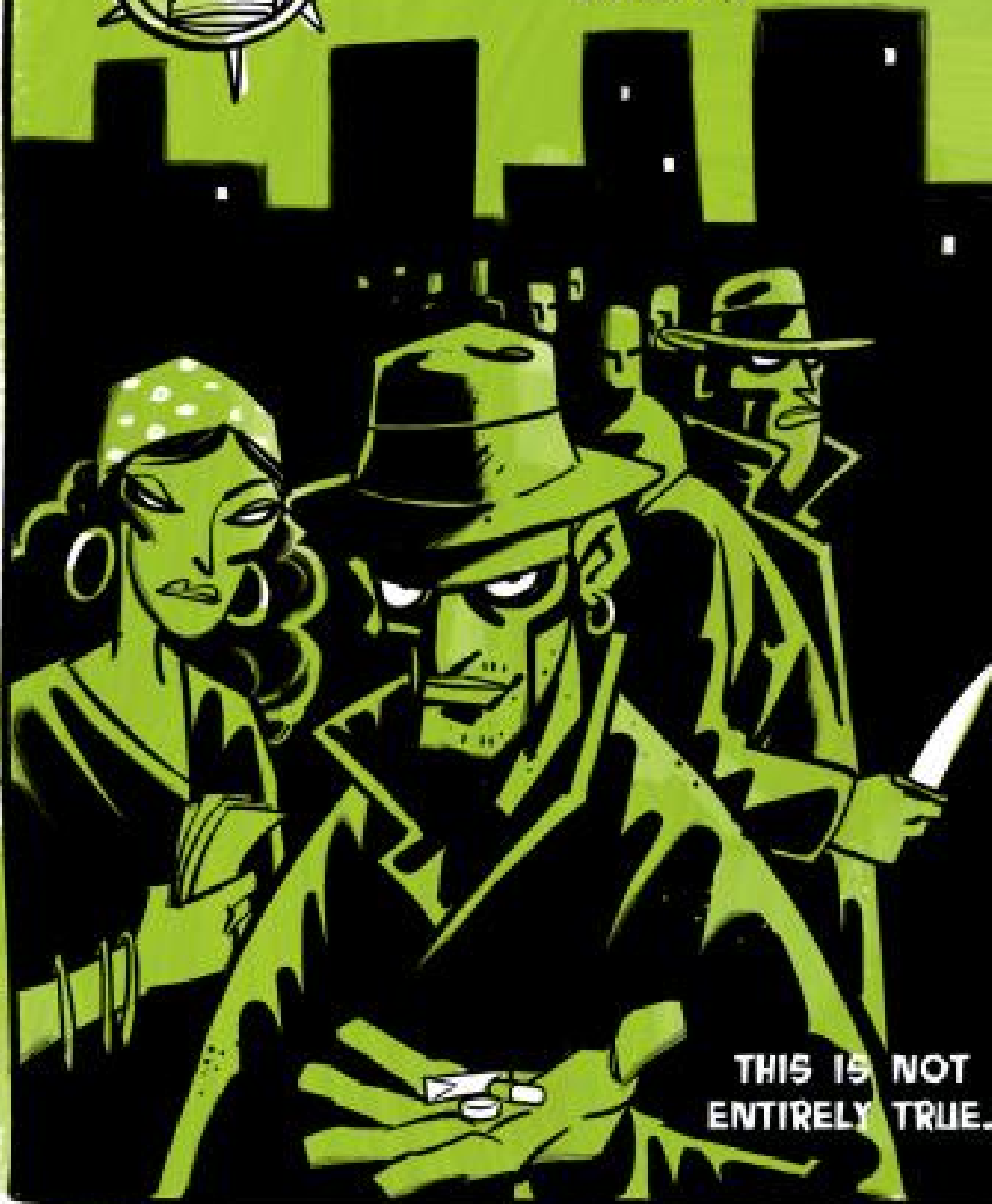
MY FAMILY ARE GYPSIES,
WE LIVE IN CARAVANS
AND TRAVEL THE WORLD
SINGING AND DANCING
AND MAKING PEOPLE
HAPPY.



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ENTIRELY TRUE...

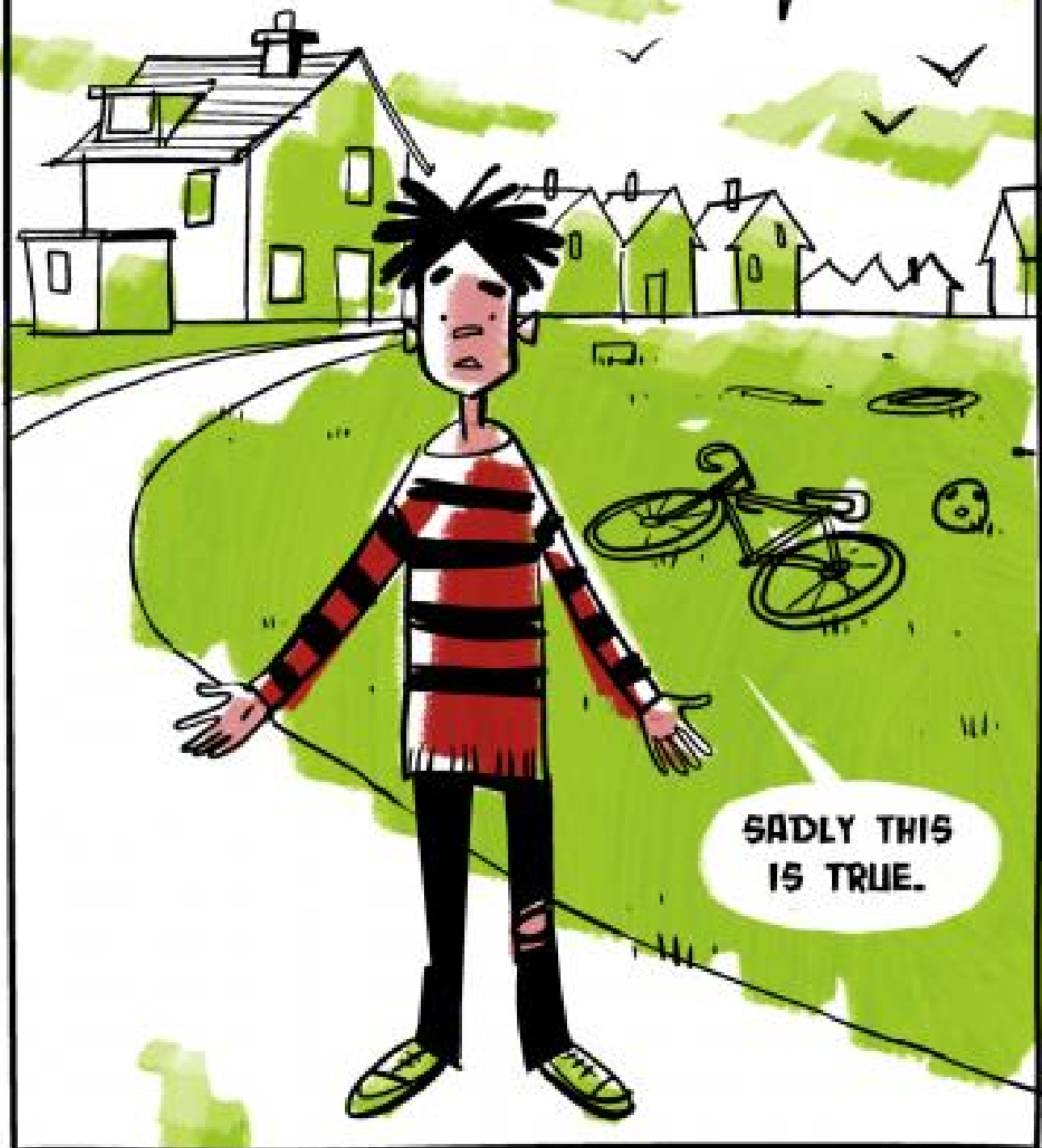


MY FAMILY ARE GYPSIES,
WE ARE THIEVES, BEGGARS
AND DRUG DEALERS. WE
LIKE TO MAKE PEOPLE
UNHAPPY.



THIS IS NOT
ENTIRELY TRUE.

MY FAMILY ARE GYPSIES,
BUT I GREW UP IN A
NORMAL HOUSE ON A
NORMAL STREET AND HAD
NO IDEA WE WERE GYPSIES
BECAUSE MY FATHER KEPT
IT A SECRET FROM ME.



SADLY THIS
IS TRUE.

OVER TIME I
WORKED IT OUT
FOR MYSELF - MY
GRAMPY AND UNCLES
KEPT HORSES, LIVED IN
WAGONS AND SPOKE A
SECRET LANGUAGE. AND
THEY MADE PEGS!

THEY WERE GYPSIES.

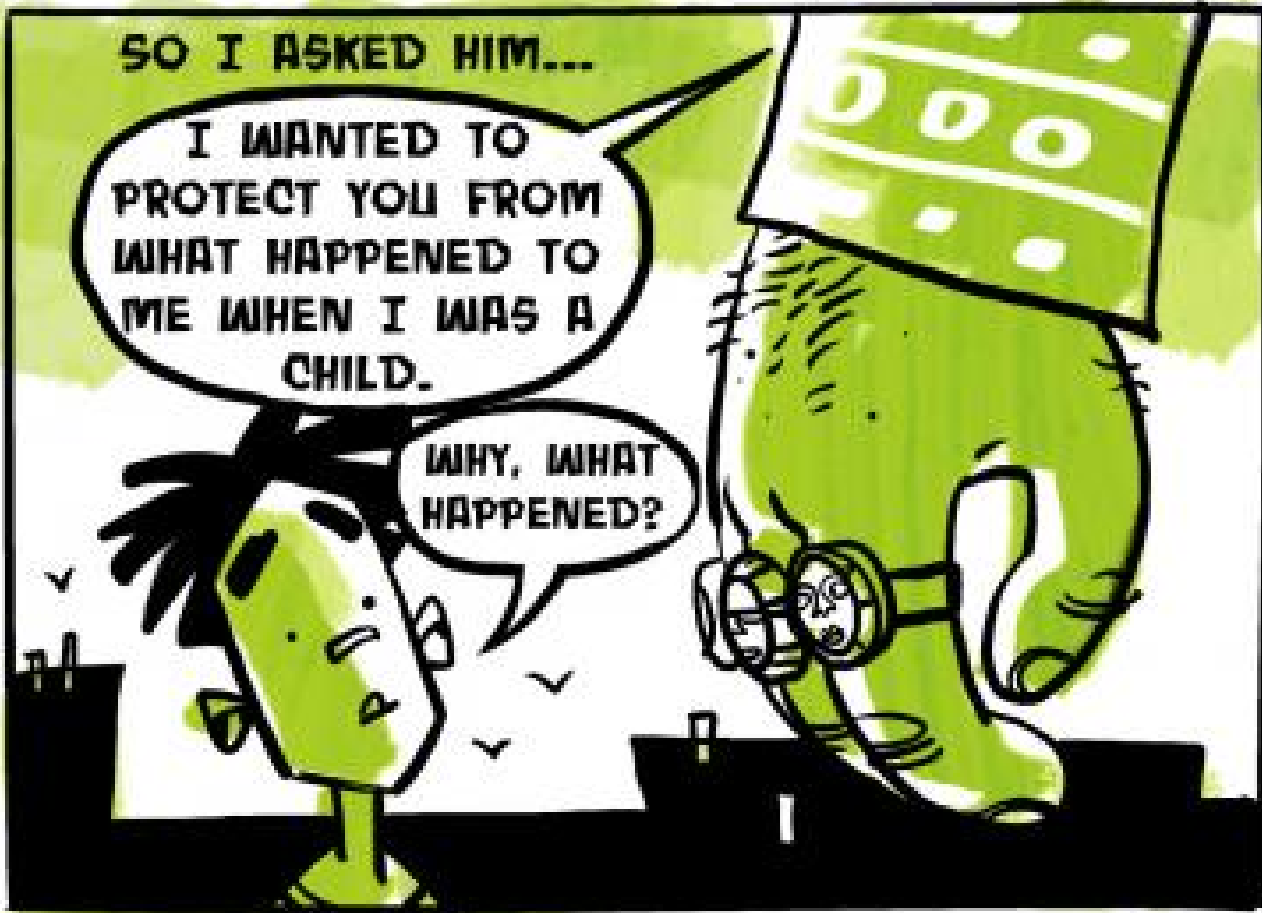
I WANTED TO FIND OUT
WHY MY DAD DIDN'T
WANT ME TO KNOW
THIS.



SO I ASKED HIM...

I WANTED TO
PROTECT YOU FROM
WHAT HAPPENED TO
ME WHEN I WAS A
CHILD.

WHY, WHAT
HAPPENED?



Turns out Dad was made to go to school by his dad which was unusual for Gypsy children back then. And because they were poor he had to go to school bare foot.



The other boys at school saw his bare feet and knew he was Gypsy child.

**LOOK, HE'S A
FILTHY GYPO!**

**EURGH! GYPSIES
SPREAD DESEASES.**

**THEY HYPNOTISE
PEOPLE AND STEAL
FROM THEM!**

**HE DESERVES
A GOOD BEATING!**

**THEY BEAT HIM EVERY DAY. THEY STRIPPED
HIM NAKED AND COVERED HIM IN DOG SHIT.**





**DAD SAYS THIS IS THE WAY IT HAS ALWAYS
BEEN FOR GYPSIES.**

**HE TOLD ME ABOUT A TREE ON THE
OUTSKIRTS OF MY TOWN THAT WAS USED AS A
HANGING TREE IN THE OLDEN DAYS. MOST OF
THE PEOPLE WHO SWUNG FROM ITS BRANCHES
WERE GYPSIES - WHATEVER THE CRIME IT WAS
ALWAYS EASIER TO HANG A GYPSY WHETHER
THEY WERE GUILTY OR NOT.**

**IT DOESN'T MATTER WHAT THE TRUTH IS
PEOPLE WILL BELIEVE WHAT THEY WISH AND
GYPSIES MAKE IT EASY FOR THEM BECAUSE
THEY KEEP THEMSELVES TO THEMSELVES AND
LOVE A GOOD STORY.**

**ALL THE SAME I WENT LOOKING FOR THE
TRUTH ABOUT GYPSIES.**

HERE IS WHAT I DISCOVERED...

GYPSIES COME FROM THE UNDERSEA KINGDOM OF ATLANTIS WHERE THEY MADE PEGS FOR NEPTUNE.



BELIEVE THIS IF YOU WISH.

GYPSIES WERE AN INDIAN WARRIOR CAST EXILED FROM THEIR HOMES A THOUSAND YEARS AGO DURING THE SALT AND PEPPER WARS.



BELIEVE THIS IF YOU WISH.

ONCE THEY'D LEFT ATLANTIS, INDIA, OR WHEREVER IT WAS GYPSIES ROAMED THE WORLD AS PERFORMERS, SINGING FOR KINGS AND TEACHING BEARS TO DANCE.



BELIEVE THIS IF YOU WISH.

THEY ROAMED THE WORLD STEALING FROM ANYONE AND EVERYONE, SELLING DRUGS AND SPREADING DISEASES.



BELIEVE THIS IF YOU WISH.

GYPSIES CAN DO MAGIC AND READ FORTUNES. THEY READ PALMS, CRYSTAL BALLS AND EVEN TEA LEAVES! SADLY THEY USE THESE POWERS TO HYPNOTISE PEOPLE AND STEAL THEIR MONEY.



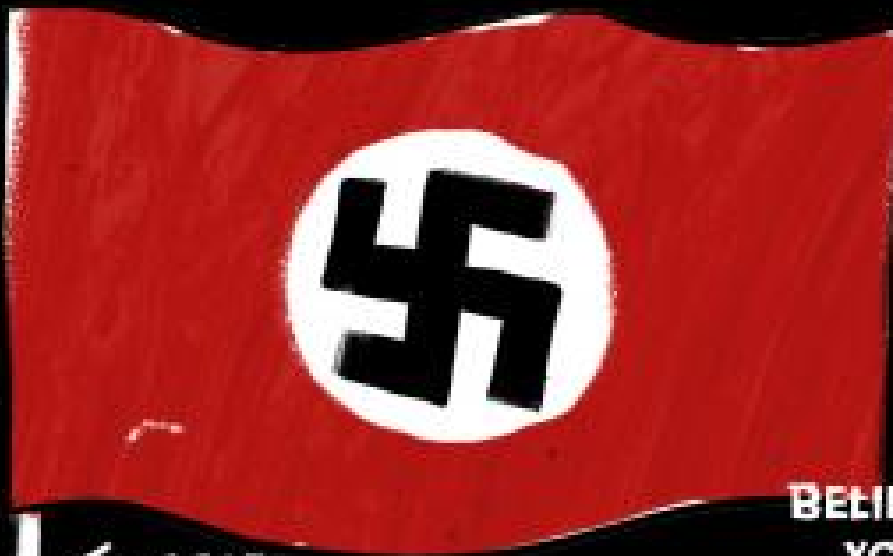
BELIEVE THIS IF YOU WISH.

THE VAST MAJORITY OF GYPSIES ARE LIKE THE VAST MAJORITY OF RUSSIANS, THEY'RE NO MORE LIKELY TO THIEVE OR SELL DRUGS THAN THEY ARE TO TEACH CATS TO SPEAK.



BELIEVE THIS IF YOU WISH.

HITLER EXTERMINATED AN EVEN HIGHER PERCENTAGE OF THE GYPSY POPULATION THAN HE DID THE JEWS. OVER 200,000 WERE KILLED FOR THE CRIME OF BEING A GYPSY.



← POLE

BELIEVE THIS IF YOU WISH.

GYPSIES ARE A NATION WITHOUT A NATION, THEY ARE CALLED ROMA AND HAVE A FLAG BUT NO NEED FOR A FLAG POLE AS THEY HAVE NO HOMELAND TO STICK IT IN.



← NO POLE

BELIEVE THIS IF YOU WISH.

HERE'S WHAT I KNOW FOR A FACT -
I AM PROUD TO CALL MYSELF A GYPSY AND I AM
PROUD TO TELL MY CHILDREN THEY ARE GYPSIES.

I DON'T WANT TO TELL YOU WHAT TO BELIEVE,
YOU ARE INTELLIGENT ENOUGH TO FIND ANSWERS
YOURSELF IF YOU WANT THEM. HELL, YOU CAN
BELIEVE WHAT YOU WISH, ALL I ASK IS THIS...
IF I RESPECT YOU - WILL YOU RESPECT ME?

