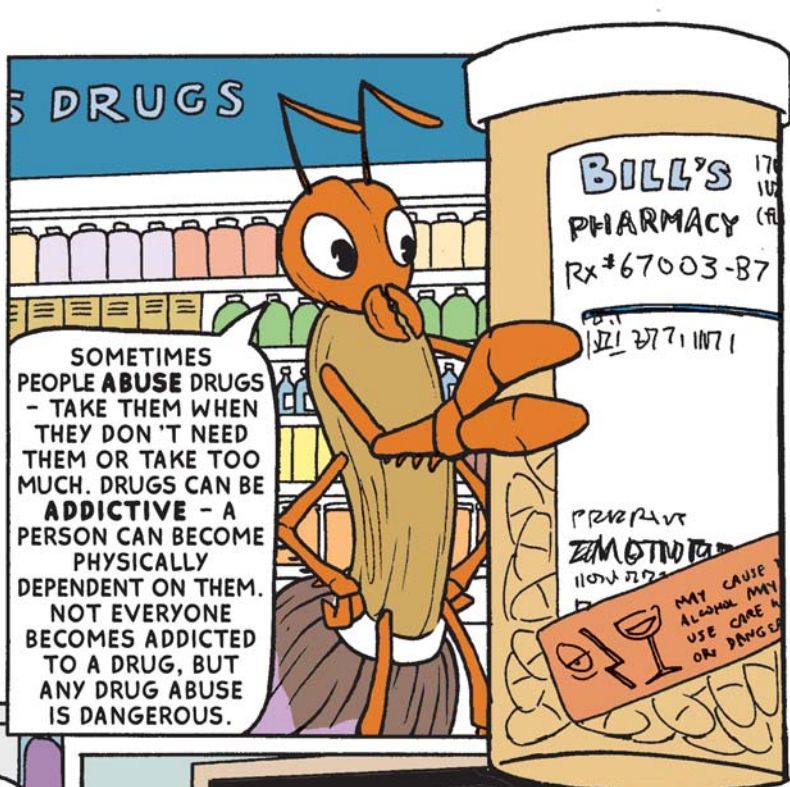
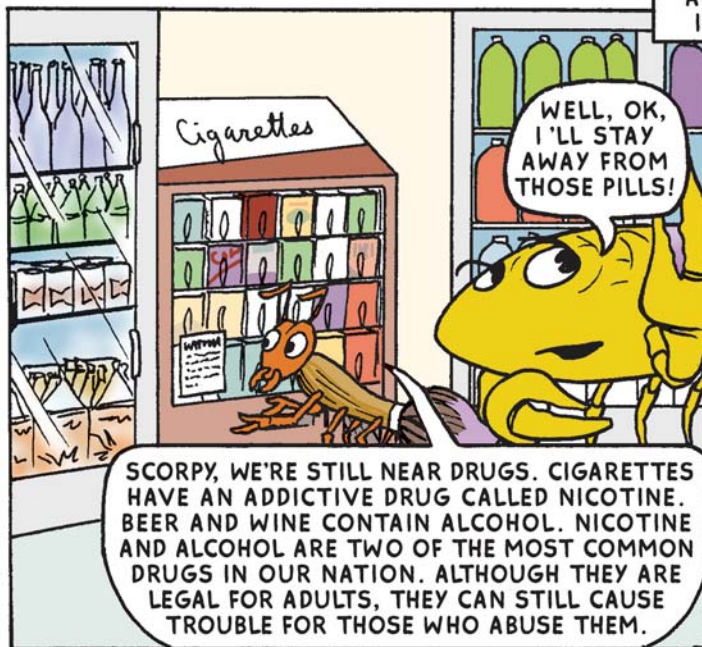


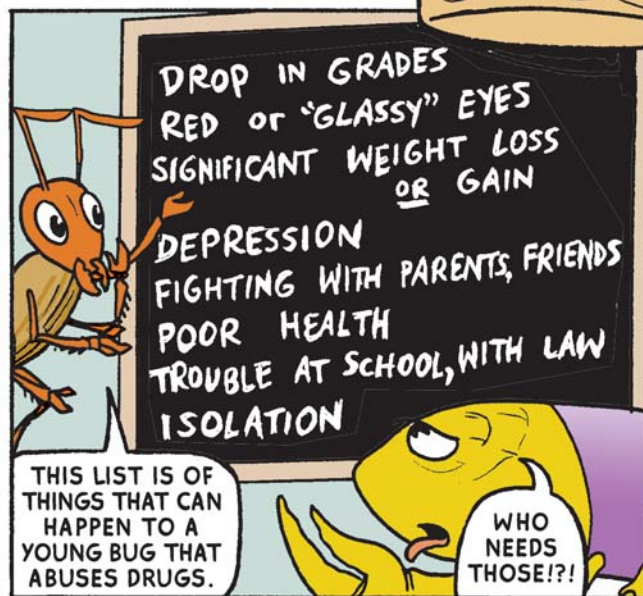
PREScription DRUGS ARE MEDICINES LEGALLY PRESCRIBED BY DOCTORS TO MAKE US BETTER WHEN WE'RE SICK. THERE ARE ALSO OVER-THE-COUNTER MEDICINES WE CAN BUY WITHOUT A DOCTOR'S PERMISSION. BUT SOME DRUGS ARE SO DANGEROUS THAT THEY ARE ILLEGAL.



SOMETIMES PEOPLE **ABUSE** DRUGS - TAKE THEM WHEN THEY DON'T NEED THEM OR TAKE TOO MUCH. DRUGS CAN BE **ADDICTIVE** - A PERSON CAN BECOME PHYSICALLY DEPENDENT ON THEM. NOT EVERYONE BECOMES ADDICTED TO A DRUG, BUT ANY DRUG ABUSE IS DANGEROUS.



SCORPY, WE'RE STILL NEAR DRUGS. CIGARETTES HAVE AN ADDICTIVE DRUG CALLED NICOTINE. BEER AND WINE CONTAIN ALCOHOL. NICOTINE AND ALCOHOL ARE TWO OF THE MOST COMMON DRUGS IN OUR NATION. ALTHOUGH THEY ARE LEGAL FOR ADULTS, THEY CAN STILL CAUSE TROUBLE FOR THOSE WHO ABUSE THEM.



DROP IN GRADES
RED or "GLASSY" EYES
SIGNIFICANT WEIGHT LOSS
OR GAIN
DEPRESSION
FIGHTING WITH PARENTS, FRIENDS
POOR HEALTH
TROUBLE AT SCHOOL, WITH LAW
ISOLATION

THIS LIST IS OF THINGS THAT CAN HAPPEN TO A YOUNG BUG THAT ABUSES DRUGS.

WHO NEEDS THOSE?!

HEY, ANTE, WHAT DOES THAT MEAN: "SMOKING SECTION"?

THAT AREA IS FOR PEOPLE WHO SMOKE CIGARETTES, CIGARS, AND PIPES. NON-SMOKERS LIKE US DON'T WANT TO BE AROUND BAD SECOND-HAND SMOKE. MANY PUBLIC BUILDINGS, AIRPLANES, AND BUSES DON'T ALLOW SMOKING AT ALL!

Smoking SECTION

IS SMOKING REALLY THAT BAD FOR YOU?

YES, SCORPY. MORE THAN 420,000 AMERICANS DIE EACH YEAR FROM THE EFFECTS OF SMOKING.

WHAT'S WRONG WITH THAT GUY?

HE LOOKS ADDICTED TO SMOKING. SMOKING CAUSES HEALTH PROBLEMS SUCH AS RESPIRATORY ILLNESSES, CANCER, AND A DRY COUGH. IT CAN MAKE YOU LOOK OLDER AND BE LESS ACTIVE. TOBACCO ALSO MAKES YOUR TEETH YELLOW AND GIVES YOU BAD BREATH.

HAK KOFF

WHY DON'T THOSE SMOKERS JUST QUIT SMOKING?

IT'S NOT THAT EASY, SCORPY. THE NICOTINE IN TOBACCO IS VERY ADDICTIVE AND CAUSES A SMOKER TO CRAVE IT. EVEN SMOKELESS TOBACCO, LIKE CHEWING TOBACCO AND SNUFF, CONTAINS NICOTINE.

SMOKING IS NOT ONLY DANGEROUS, IT IS EXPENSIVE! A SMOKER SPENDS MORE THAN \$1,200 PER YEAR ON TOBACCO PRODUCTS.

I GUESS THE BEST WAY TO STOP SMOKING IS **NEVER TO START**. I'LL SAY NO TO SMOKING AND YES TO A NEW SET OF GOLF CLUBS!

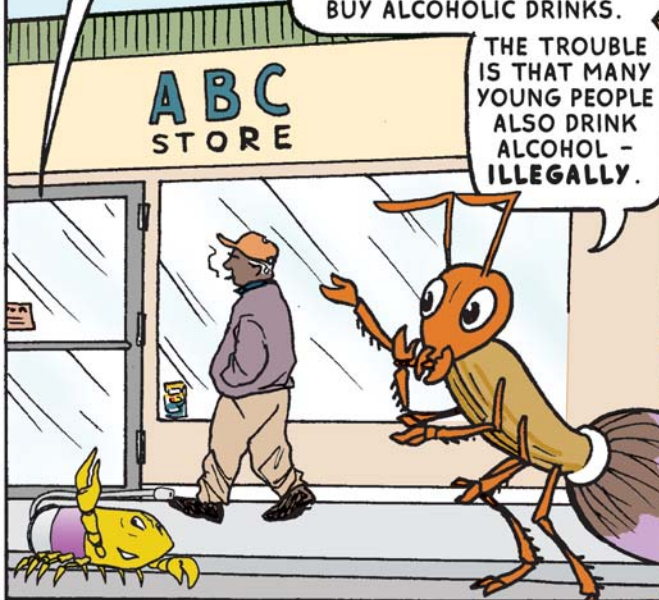
EVERY DAY NEARLY 6,000 KIDS UNDER THE AGE OF 18 START SMOKING. IT IS ESTIMATED THAT 4.5 MILLION YOUTH UNDER THE AGE OF 18 ARE NOW SMOKING.

HEY, ANTE, I NEED TO PICK UP SOME SCHOOL SUPPLIES.

NO, SCORPY, THIS ABC STORE IS AN ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL STORE RUN BY STATE GOVERNMENT. THIS IS WHERE ADULTS CAN BUY ALCOHOLIC DRINKS.

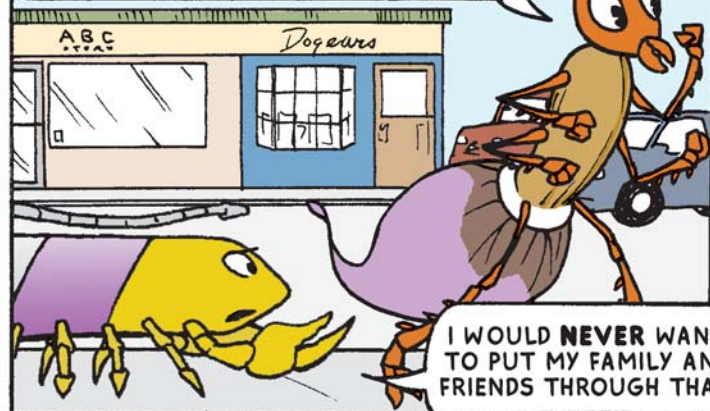
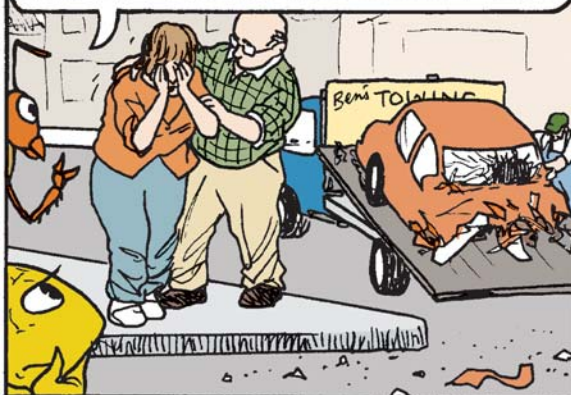
THE TROUBLE IS THAT MANY YOUNG PEOPLE ALSO DRINK ALCOHOL - ILLEGALLY.

AN ADOLESCENT WHO BEGINS DRINKING ALCOHOL BEFORE AGE 15 IS FOUR TIMES MORE LIKELY TO GET ADDICTED TO IT THAN THOSE WHO BEGIN DRINKING AT AGE 21. STUDIES ESTIMATE THAT MORE THAN THREE MILLION TEENAGERS ARE ADDICTED TO ALCOHOL.



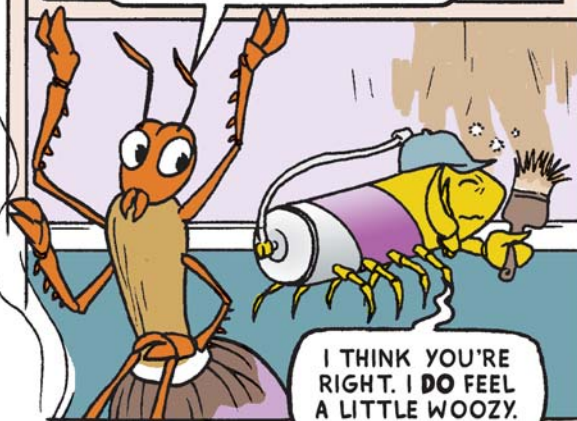
THE LEADING CAUSE OF DEATH AMONG 15-24 YEAR OLDS IS CAR ACCIDENTS INVOLVING ALCOHOL. EVERY 15 MINUTES SOMEONE DIES FROM AN ALCOHOL-RELATED CAR CRASH. ON WEEKENDS, A TEENAGER DIES IN A CAR ACCIDENT INVOLVING ALCOHOL EVERY HOUR.

YOUNG PEOPLE WHO USE ALCOHOL ARE ALSO MORE LIKELY TO USE ILLEGAL DRUGS. MANY TIMES THEY ALSO HAVE BEHAVIORAL PROBLEMS SUCH AS FIGHTING, STEALING, SKIPPING SCHOOL, OR FEELING DEPRESSED.



I WOULD NEVER WANT TO PUT MY FAMILY AND FRIENDS THROUGH THAT.

SCORPY, YOU ARE DOING A GREAT JOB PAINTING, BUT YOU NEED TO OPEN A WINDOW. THE FUMES FROM PAINT ARE NOT HEALTHY FOR YOU TO BREATHE.



I THINK YOU'RE RIGHT. I DO FEEL A LITTLE WOZZY.

YOU WERE BREATHING THOSE FUMES BY ACCIDENT, BUT SOME YOUNG FOLKS INHALE DANGEROUS FUMES INTENTIONALLY. THIS IS CALLED **HUFFING** AND IS VERY DANGEROUS.



STATISTICS SHOW THAT BY 8TH GRADE, 1 IN 5 STUDENTS WILL HAVE USED **INHALANTS** - USEFUL, LEGAL, EVERYDAY PRODUCTS THAT GIVE OFF FUMES OR VAPORS THAT CAN GIVE A PERSON A LIGHT, FLOATING FEELING. PRODUCTS SUCH AS PAINT, GLUE, COOKING SPRAY, AND NAIL POLISH REMOVER CAN BE ABUSED. THESE ARE NOT DRUGS, **THEY ARE DEADLY CHEMICALS AND POISONS!**

WHAT HAPPENED TO HIM?



HE USED INHALANTS. MISUSE OF THESE DANGEROUS PRODUCTS CAN DAMAGE YOUR HEART, KIDNEYS, AND LIVER. IT CAN ALSO CAUSE SHORT-TERM MEMORY LOSS, HEARING LOSS, AND PERMANENT BRAIN DAMAGE.

THERE IS ALSO A GREAT RISK OF DEATH. SUDDEN SNIFFING DEATH SYNDROME CAN HAPPEN TO ANYONE WHO HUFFS - WHETHER IT'S THEIR FIRST TIME OR 100TH TIME.



I'M GOING TO BUY A FACE MASK TO FINISH PAINTING MY ROOM. I'M NOT GOING TO RISK IT.



HEY, ANTE! SAM HAS INVITED ME TO HIS HOUSE TONIGHT TO WATCH MOVIES!

WAIT A MINUTE, SCORPY. I NEED SOME INFORMATION BEFORE YOU CAN GO. ARE SAM'S PARENTS GOING TO BE THERE? WHO ELSE IS INVITED?

WHAT? YOU KNOW SAM IS NICE. DON'T YOU TRUST ME THERE?

I DO TRUST YOU, SCORPY - AND I DON'T WANT TO LOSE THAT TRUST EVER. WE'RE ON THE SAME TEAM, WITH RULES WE BOTH FOLLOW AND BEHAVIORS THAT ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE. I NEED TO MAKE SURE WHAT YOU'RE DOING AND WHO YOU'RE SPENDING TIME WITH.



SEE THAT YOUNG MAN? HE'S SAYING NO TO DRUGS, REFUSING THAT PEER PRESSURE. **PEER PRESSURE** IS WHEN SOMEONE ABOUT YOUR AGE TRIES TO CONVINCE YOU TO DO SOMETHING WRONG, LIKE TAKE DRUGS OR SMOKE. YOU NEED TO MAKE UP YOUR **OWN** MIND. AND YOU KNOW IT'S NEVER A GOOD IDEA TO ABUSE ANY KIND OF DRUG. IF YOU NEVER ABUSE A DRUG, YOU WON'T GET ADDICTED TO IT!



UGH. IT'S REALLY GOING TO EMBARRASS ME IF YOU CALL SAM'S PARENTS ABOUT OUR PLANS FOR TONIGHT.

YOU SHOULDN'T BE EMBARRASSED. SAM'S PARENTS WILL APPRECIATE MY CONCERN AND INTEREST. TALKING ABOUT DRUGS LIKE THIS IS A **GREAT** WAY TO PREVENT DRUG ABUSE.

GOOD! THAT SOUNDS GREAT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.



YOU SEE, SCORPY, EVERYTHING'S FINE. SAM'S PARENTS WILL BE THERE THE ENTIRE EVENING, AND THE OTHERS THAT HAVE BEEN INVITED ARE BUGS I KNOW. GO HAVE A WONDERFUL TIME!

OK, THANKS. I'M GLAD YOU SEE THAT I'M MAKING GOOD DECISIONS. IT **DOES** FEEL GOOD TO BE ON THE SAME TEAM, ANTE!