

"GREAT, KOOKY, MONSTROUS FUN!"

- JIM BENTON, BESTSELLING AUTHOR OF FRANNY K. STEIN

# OLGA

AND THE SMELLY THING FROM NOWHERE

FEATURING:

A LOT OF  
WEIRD  
SCIENCE

THIS  
GRUMPY  
KID (ME)

I'M SO  
IRRITATING!



SOME  
ANNOYING  
HUMANS

CUTE  
ANIMALS



STRANGE DOGS  
THAT PEE  
EVERYWHERE

YUK  
YUK!



MORE  
ANNOYING  
HUMANS

MEH.



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POUR SHIRA  
ET TOM



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# Introduction

HEY THERE.  
I'M **OLGA**.



WHAT YOU'RE ABOUT TO READ IS MY

**OBSERVATION NOTEBOOK.**

I like to watch stuff. All kinds of stuff. If you are weird, or a bit strange, or



look like a turtle, I will watch you and write things down. I might even be watching you right now.

Just kidding. I'm not. I've got more interesting things to watch, like

**ANiMALS.**

Let me tell you about the cool animals I've studied.



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ANIMALS

ARE THE

BEST.

YES WE ARE!



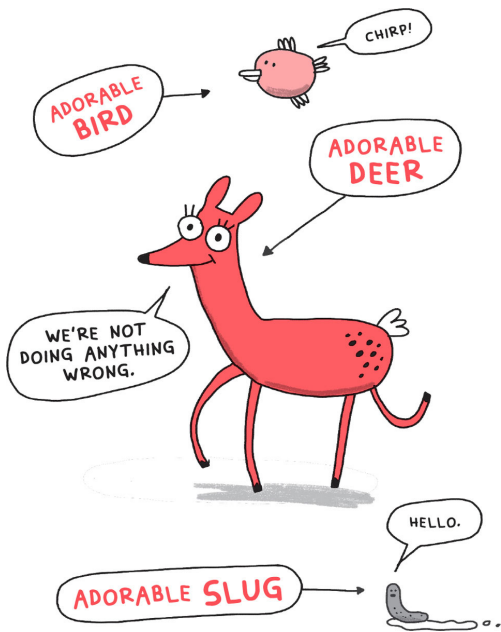
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# I LOVE ANIMALS.

All of them. I am on excellent terms with animals, except maybe mosquitoes. Animals are so much cuter than humans.



Also, animals don't pollute the planet and make wars and lie to you and steal your erasers and call you names. They're just there, minding their own business, watching you with their big beautiful eyes, being adorable.





## OBSERVATION # 1:

IF WE WERE TO COMPARE HUMANS AND ANIMALS IN

### CUTENESS CONTESTS,

ANIMALS WOULD WIN ALL THE TIME. LET'S TAKE A LOOK AT THESE PEOPLE, FOR EXAMPLE:

THIS MAN

FIG. 1:



VS.

A BUNNY



THIS WOMAN



VS.

A HAMSTER



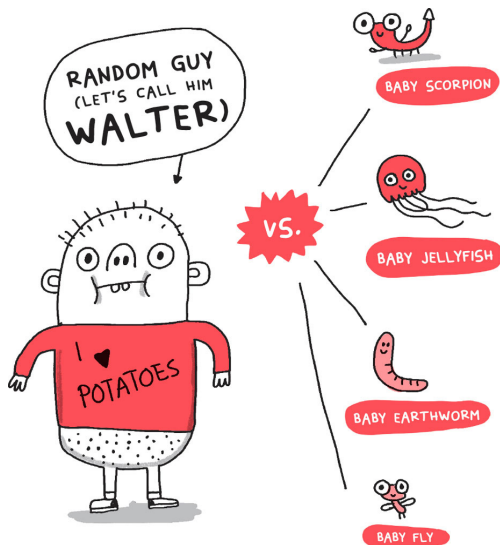
See? It's obvious. Animals are

## THE CUTEST.

Even animals that people usually dislike are cuter



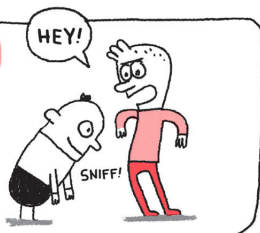
than humans, in my humble opinion. But then some people will tell you that I have weird taste—which is perfectly fine with me, thank you very much. Nobody's forcing them to read this book.



Not too hard to pick a loser here, is it?

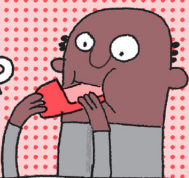
In case you're still not convinced that animals are cuter than humans, consider this: almost **EVERYTHING ANIMALS DO IS CUTE**. But if humans did the same things, it wouldn't be cute at all.

HUMAN SNIFFING  
ANOTHER HUMAN'S  
BEHIND



HUMAN  
CHEWING  
SLIPPERS

CHOMP  
CHOMP

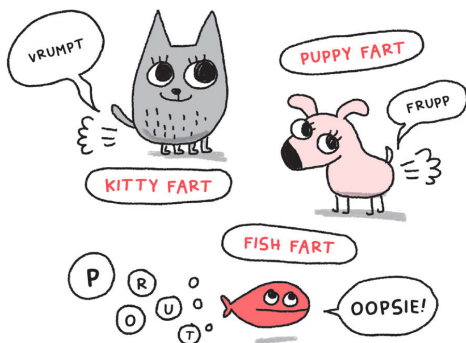


HUMAN LICKING  
ANOTHER HUMAN'S  
FACE

SLURP!



EVEN  
THEIR  
FARTS  
ARE CUTE.



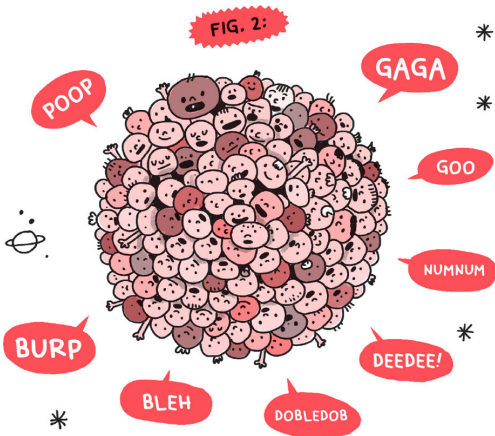
OK, I have to admit, SOME humans are not bad. Like babies. Babies are



**CUTE!**

I would love a planet  
entirely populated by  
babies ANYTIME.

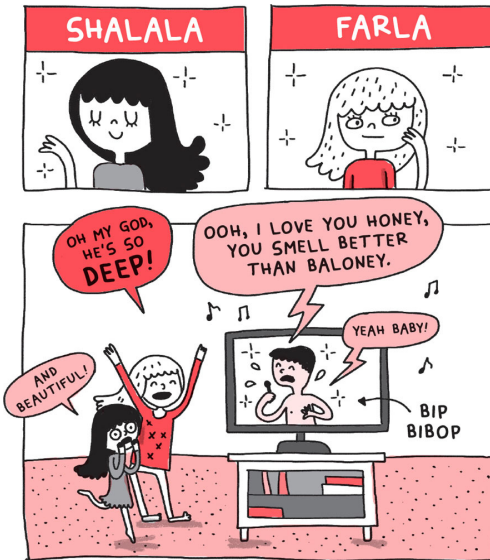
Although, come to think of  
it, it would be a pretty weird  
planet.



It's when they grow up that they become less cute. Look at Shalala and Farla. They're my neighbors. They think they are adorable, but they're not. All they care about is what they wear and how they do their hair, and Bip Bibop, a Korean pop star who most

human girls are in love  
with.

But not me. I am not in love  
with anybody. Ew.



We've been neighbors  
forever, but for as long as I

can remember, they've  
always annoyed me.





Sometimes I wonder what it would feel like to have human friends.

Right now my closest friend is cooler than any human friend I could imagine. Her name is Rita. She's a spider who lives under the bathroom sink. She's very nice and polite, her legs are just the right length and not too hairy, and she's a very good listener.



BONJOUR!\*

\*I LIKE TO PRETEND THAT RITA SPEAKS FRENCH, BUT SHE DOESN'T. SHE'S A SPIDER. (BONJOUR! MEANS "HELLO!")

BUT...

## OBSERVATION # 2

SPIDERS ARE NOT VERY CUDDLY.

I'D LIKE TO GIVE YOU A HUG, BUT YOU WOULD DIE.

YEAH, DON'T, S'IL VOUS PLAÎT.\*\*

\*\* PLEASE



I may not have many friends, but I am never bored. I am always very busy, and amazing things are ALWAYS happening to me. Also, I have big, big plans. I'm going to be a

zoologist. A zoologist is a scientist who studies animals. I'll have a very cool lab coat, an office up a tree in the jungle, and, of course, a monkey lab assistant who I will dress up in pajamas and name Herbert.



\*TRANSLATION: GENIUS PROFESSOR OLGA, I AM SORRY TO DISRUPT YOUR VERY IMPORTANT RESEARCH, BUT YOUR MAC AND CHEESE WITH PICKLES IS READY.

I will study animals and protect them from evil humans and their pollution. Also, I will create new animals from existing species. I will probably become very famous for that. More famous than Bip Bibop, even.