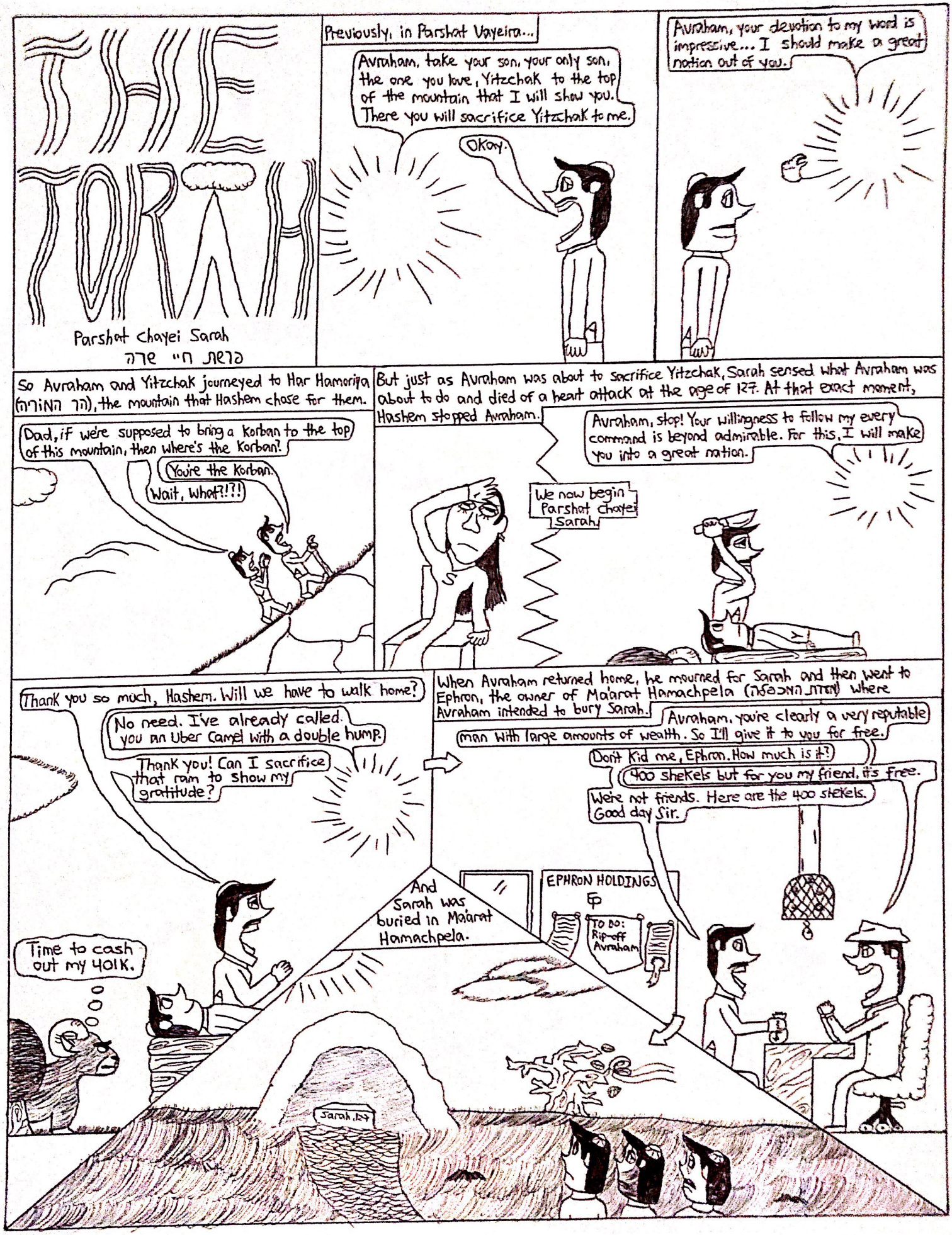
THE TORAH
Parshat Chayei Sarah
פרשת חיי שרה
Previously, in Parshat Vayeira...
Avraham, take your son, your only son, the one you love, Yitzchak to the top of the mountain that I will show you. There you will sacrifice Yitzchak to me.
Okay.
Avraham, your devotion to my word is impressive... I should make a great nation out of you.
So Avraham and Yitzchak journeyed to Har Hamoriya (הר המוריה), the mountain that Hashem chose for them.
Dad, if we're supposed to bring a Korban to the top of this mountain, then where's the Korban?
You're the Korban.
Wait, What?!?!
But just as Avraham was about to sacrifice Yitzchak, Sarah sensed what Avraham was about to do and died of a heart attack at the age of 127. At that exact moment, Hashem stopped Avraham.
Avraham, stop! Your willingness to follow my every command is beyond admirable. For this, I will make you into a great nation.
We now begin Parshat Chayei Sarah.
Thank you so much, Hashem. Will we have to walk home?
No need. I've already called you an Uber Camel with a double hump.
Thank you! Can I sacrifice that ram to show my gratitude?
When Avraham returned home, he mourned for Sarah and then went to Ephron, the owner of Ma'arat Hamachpela (מערת המכפלה) where Avraham intended to buy Sarah.
Avraham, you're clearly a very reputable man with large amounts of wealth. So I'll give it to you for free.
Don't kid me, Ephron. How much is it?
400 shekels but for you my friend, it's free.
We're not friends. Here are the 400 shekels. Good day Sir.
EPHRON HOLDINGS
TO DO: Ripoff Avraham
And Sarah was buried in Ma'arat Hamachpela.
Time to cash out my 401K.
Sarah, 127

Once Sarah was buried, Avraham focused on finding Yitzchak a wife.

Eliezer, my most faithful servant. How goes the search?

No new matches on "J-date" and "The Bachelor" isn't allowing any more auditions.

So Avraham sent Eliezer to find a suitable wife for Yitzchak.

♪ We're going on a trip, in our favorite rocket ship... ♪

("Little Einsteins" theme song)

When Eliezer got to Aram, he came up with a strategy to find the girl for Yitzchak.

Excuse me, could you help me get some water from the well?

Sure and I'll get water for your camels too.

Thank you! Also, does water magically fly from the well into your bucket whenever you're getting water?

It does.

How'd you like to marry a learned patriarch?

Rivkah then brought Eliezer to her parents' house to see if they'd permit her to be married.

Thank you for this delicious meal.

So what do you say, can Rivkah marry my master?

Give us ten months to think it over.

What? But that'll be in ten months from now! Could we please fast track this?

Hmm..okay fine, Rivkah can go.

Lavan, Rivkah's brother

Devorah Rivkah's mom

Betuel, Rivkah's dad*

When Rivkah arrived at Yitzchak's tent, they were married immediately. And the heavenly cloud that hovered above Sarah's old tent returned, showing Avraham that Rivkah was the right wife for his son.

THE END

Next week's parsha is...

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Parshat Toldot

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*The Midrash says that Betuel attempted to poison Eliezer's food but an angel switched their plates so Betuel ate the poisoned food and died.

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