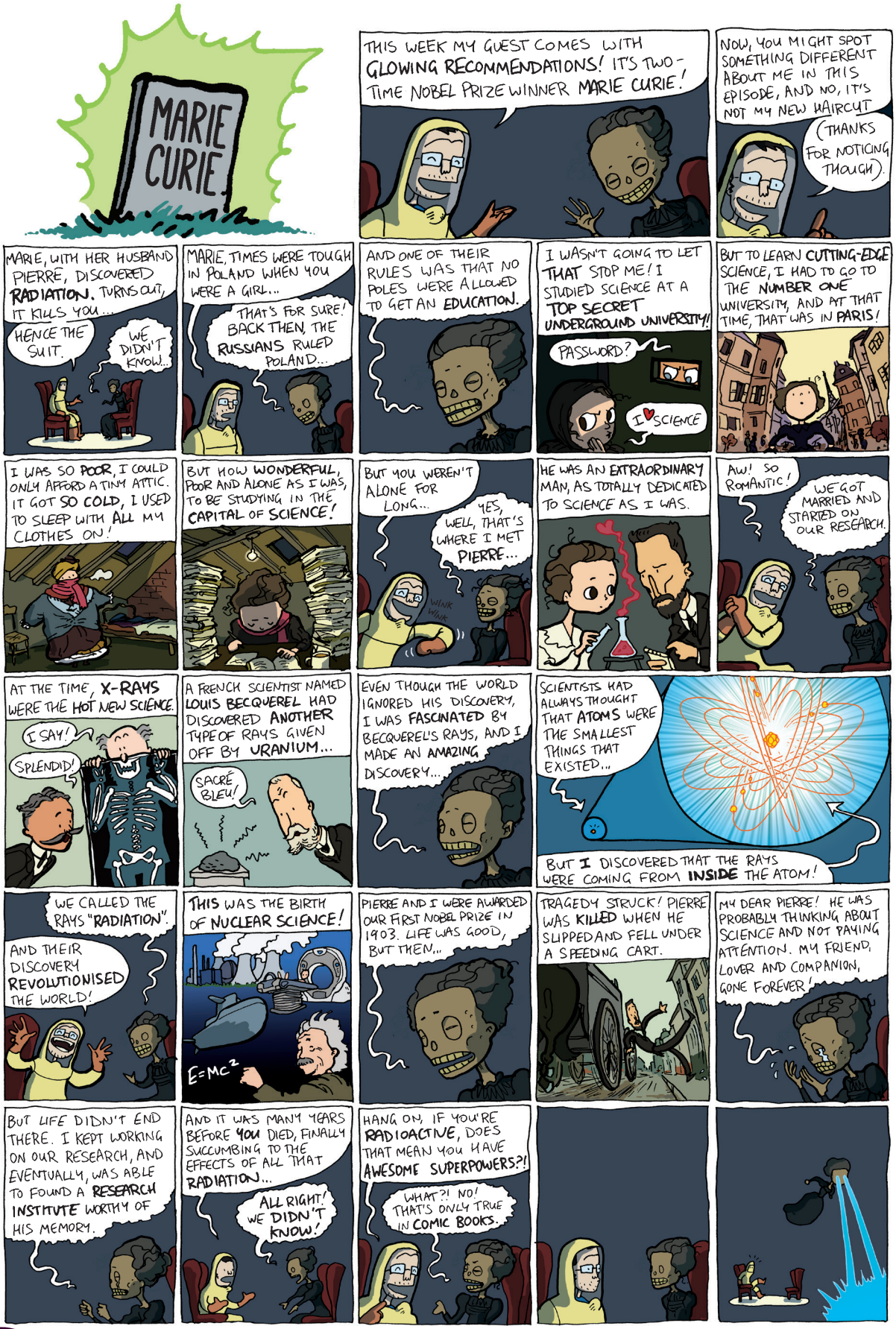

MARIE CURIE
THIS WEEK MY GUEST COMES WITH GLOWING RECOMMENDATIONS! IT'S TWO-TIME NOBEL PRIZE WINNER MARIE CURIE!
NOW, YOU MIGHT SPOT SOMETHING DIFFERENT ABOUT ME IN THIS EPISODE, AND NO, IT'S NOT MY NEW HAIRCUT
(THANKS FOR NOTICING THOUGH).
MARIE, WITH HER HUSBAND PIERRE, DISCOVERED RADIATION. TURNS OUT, IT KILLS YOU...
HENCE THE SUIT.
WE DIDN'T KNOW...
MARIE, TIMES WERE TOUGH IN POLAND WHEN YOU WERE A GIRL...
THAT'S FOR SURE! BACK THEN, THE RUSSIANS RULED POLAND...
AND ONE OF THEIR RULES WAS THAT NO POLES WERE ALLOWED TO GET AN EDUCATION.
I WASN'T GOING TO LET THAT STOP ME! I STUDIED SCIENCE AT A TOP SECRET UNDERGROUND UNIVERSITY!
PASSWORD?
I ♥ SCIENCE
BUT TO LEARN CUTTING-EDGE SCIENCE, I HAD TO GO TO THE NUMBER ONE UNIVERSITY, AND AT THAT TIME, THAT WAS IN PARIS!
I WAS SO POOR, I COULD ONLY AFFORD A TINY ATTIC. IT GOT SO COLD, I USED TO SLEEP WITH ALL MY CLOTHES ON!
BUT HOW WONDERFUL, POOR AND ALONE AS I WAS, TO BE STUDYING IN THE CAPITAL OF SCIENCE!
BUT YOU WEREN'T ALONE FOR LONG...
YES, WELL, THAT'S WHERE I MET PIERRE...
WINK WINK
HE WAS AN EXTRAORDINARY MAN, AS TOTALLY DEDICATED TO SCIENCE AS I WAS.
AW! SO ROMANTIC!
WE GOT MARRIED AND STARTED ON OUR RESEARCH.
AT THE TIME, X-RAYS WERE THE HOT NEW SCIENCE.
I SAY!
SPLENDID!
A FRENCH SCIENTIST NAMED LOUIS BECQUEREL HAD DISCOVERED ANOTHER TYPE OF RAYS GIVEN OFF BY URANIUM...
SACRÉ BLEU!
EVEN THOUGH THE WORLD IGNORED HIS DISCOVERY, I WAS FASCINATED BY BECQUEREL'S RAYS, AND I MADE AN AMAZING DISCOVERY...
SCIENTISTS HAD ALWAYS THOUGHT THAT ATOMS WERE THE SMALLEST THINGS THAT EXISTED...
BUT I DISCOVERED THAT THE RAYS WERE COMING FROM INSIDE THE ATOM!
WE CALLED THE RAYS "RADIATION".
AND THEIR DISCOVERY REVOLUTIONISED THE WORLD!
THIS WAS THE BIRTH OF NUCLEAR SCIENCE!
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PIERRE AND I WERE AWARDED OUR FIRST NOBEL PRIZE IN 1903. LIFE WAS GOOD, BUT THEN...
TRAGEDY STRUCK! PIERRE WAS KILLED WHEN HE SLIPPED AND FELL UNDER A SPEEDING CART.
MY DEAR PIERRE! HE WAS PROBABLY THINKING ABOUT SCIENCE AND NOT PAYING ATTENTION. MY FRIEND, LOVER AND COMPANION, GONE FOREVER!
BUT LIFE DIDN'T END THERE. I KEPT WORKING ON OUR RESEARCH, AND EVENTUALLY, WAS ABLE TO FOUND A RESEARCH INSTITUTE WORTHY OF HIS MEMORY.
AND IT WAS MANY YEARS BEFORE YOU DIED, FINALLY SUCCUMBING TO THE EFFECTS OF ALL THAT RADIATION...
ALL RIGHT! WE DIDN'T KNOW!
HANG ON, IF YOU'RE RADIOACTIVE, DOES THAT MEAN YOU HAVE AWESOME SUPERPOWERS?!
WHAT?! NO! THAT'S ONLY TRUE IN COMIC BOOKS.


Killer Research
Marie Curie absorbed so much radiation in the course of her work, that even her stuff is radioactive.
To this day her research notebooks are considered too deadly to touch!