

2018 YOUNG PEOPLE'S
Creative Writing Contest
FOR AGES 10-18

"Be Yourself" by Charity Farell
2nd Place, Comix 16-18

Poems ● **Essays** ● **Comix**
Short Plays ● **Short Stories**

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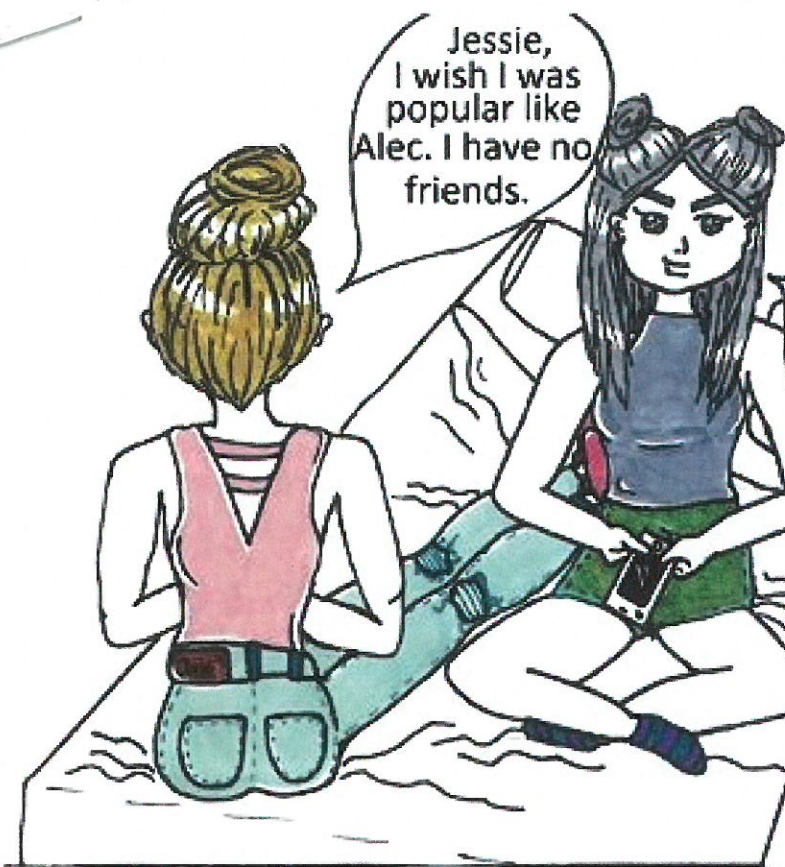
Entries Accepted Feb. 1-March 3

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Jessie,
I wish I was
popular like
Alec. I have no
friends.

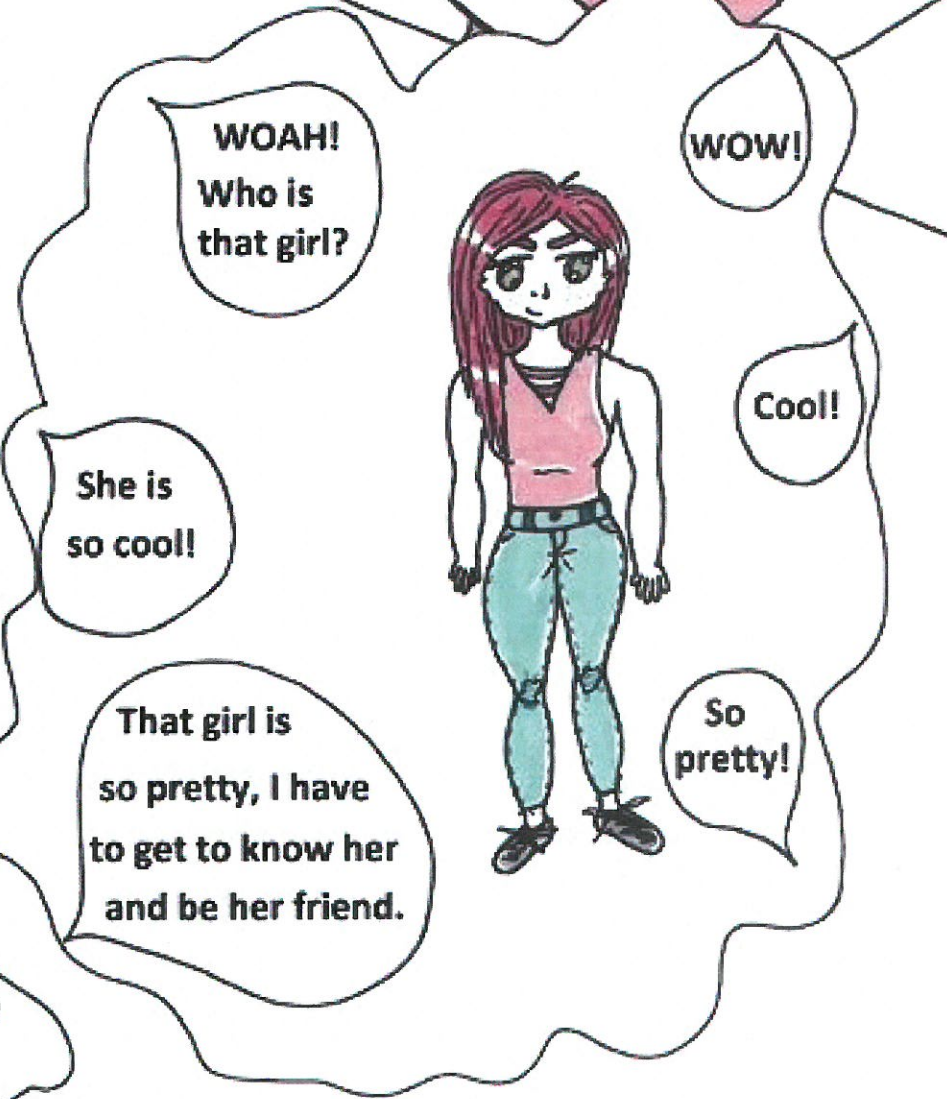
Gosh Grace,
what am I?

You
know what I
mean. I just wish
people liked me
more. I want to
be like Alec.

2nd



Daily Gossip
Pink hair is
in!
10 reasons to go pink
1. You will look more
fun
2. Ever will want
your friend
cool!



WOAH!
Who is
that girl?

WOW!

Cool!

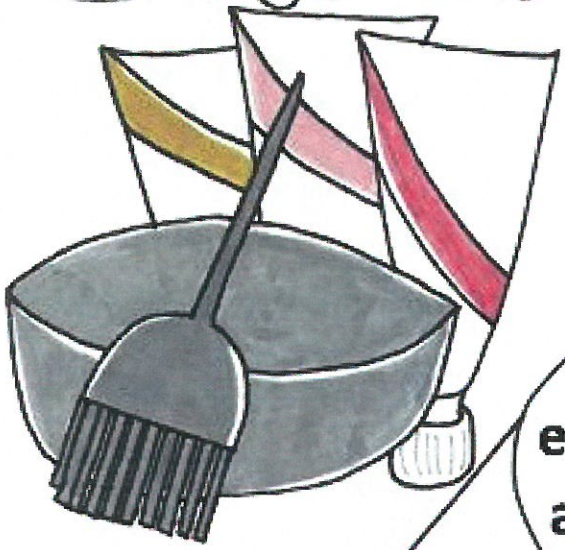
She is
so cool!

That girl is
so pretty, I have
to get to know her
and be her friend.

So
pretty!

Maybe if I dyed my
hair people would like
me more...

Later + that day



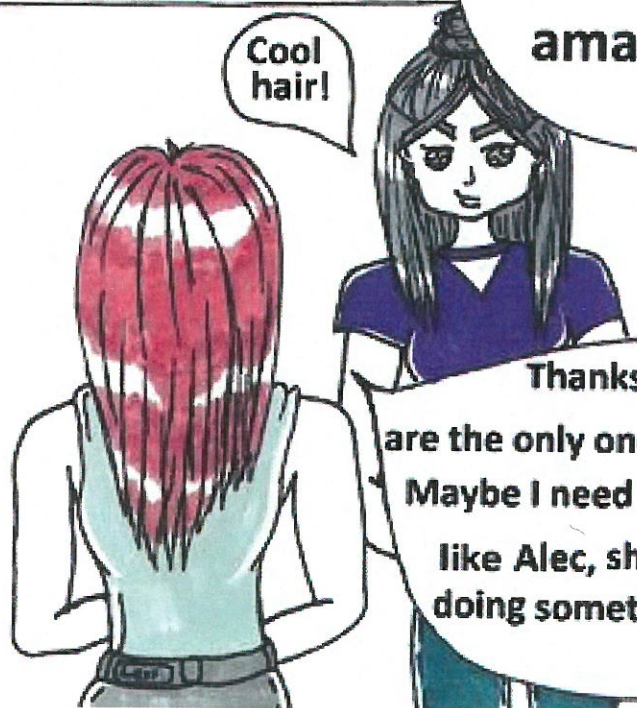
Your eyebrows are next!

I am so excited! I will be so popular, I will have so many friends.

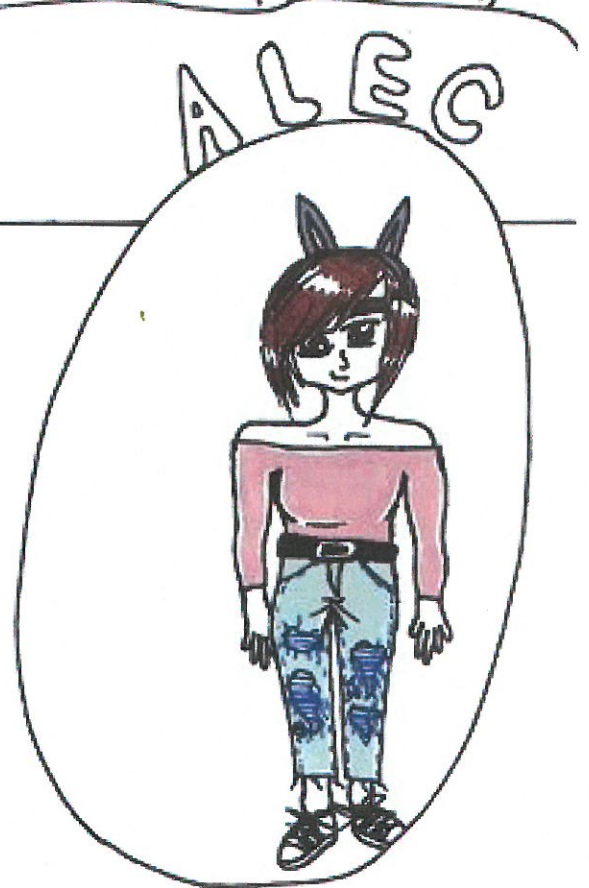


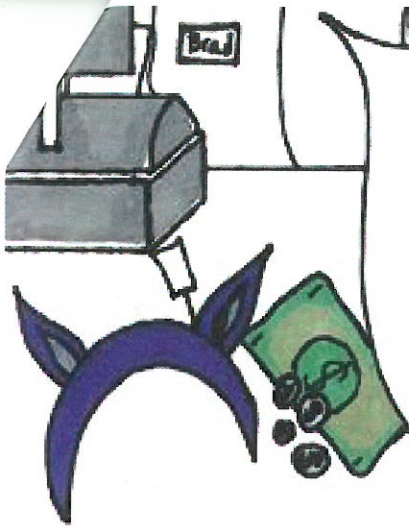
Your hair already looks amazing!

Cool hair!



Thanks, but you are the only one that noticed. Maybe I need to look more like Alec, she must be doing something right.

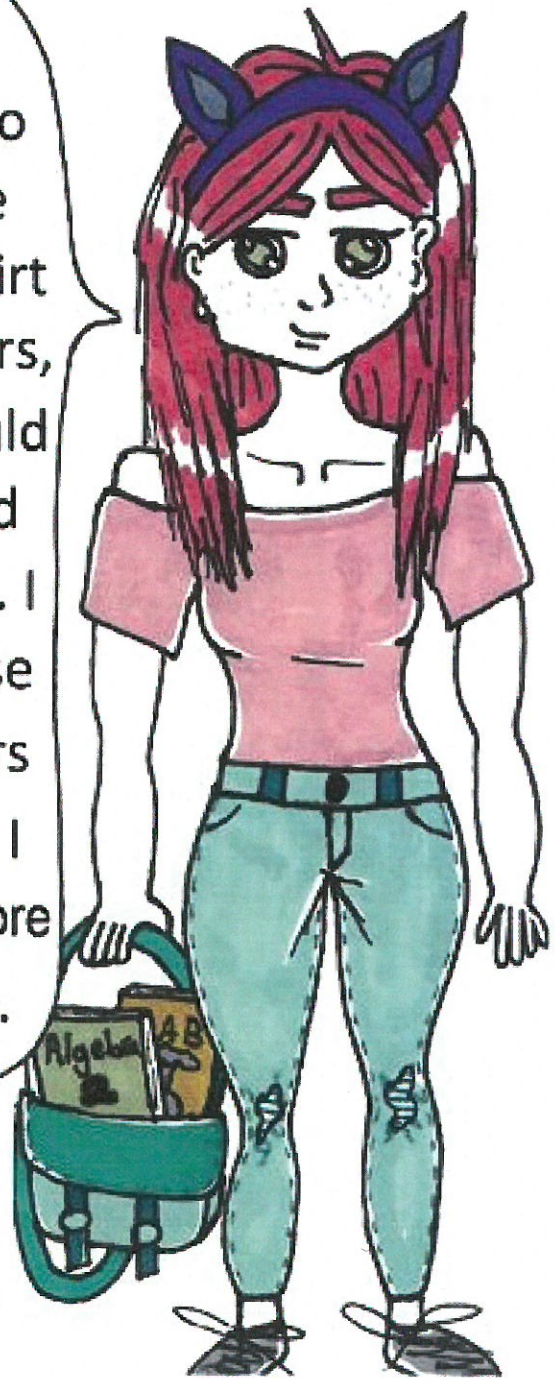




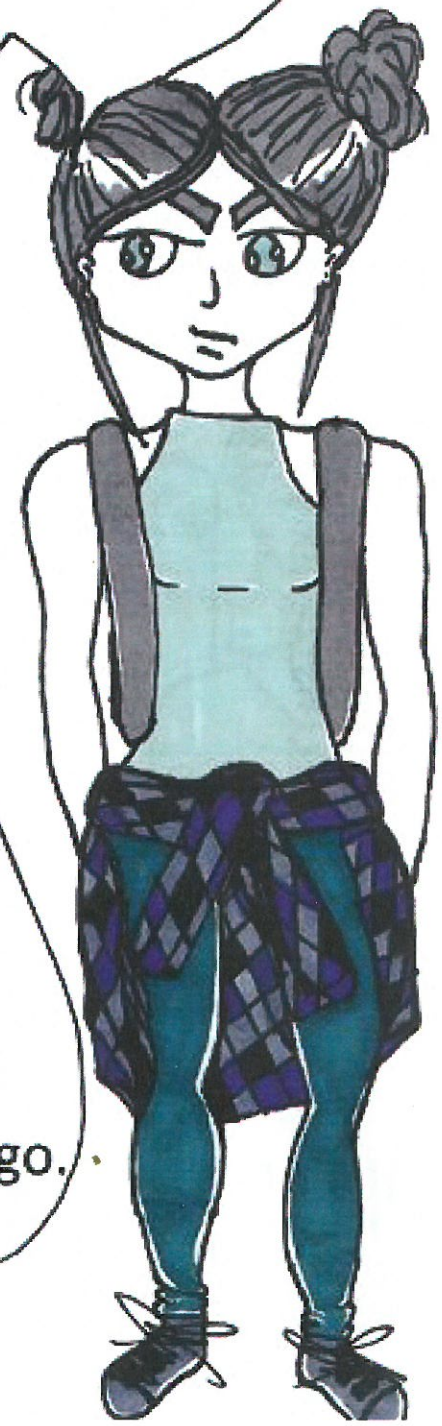
That will be
a \$1.46

What is going
on with you? You
have not been acting
like yourself. You are
even dressing like
Alec.

I am?
I tried to
find the
same shirt
she wears,
but I could
only find
this one. I
got these
kitty ears
though. I
need more
friends.



Um, I
have to go.



Jessie, Grace
Is on the phone.
She wants to
talk.



Tell
her I am
not here.

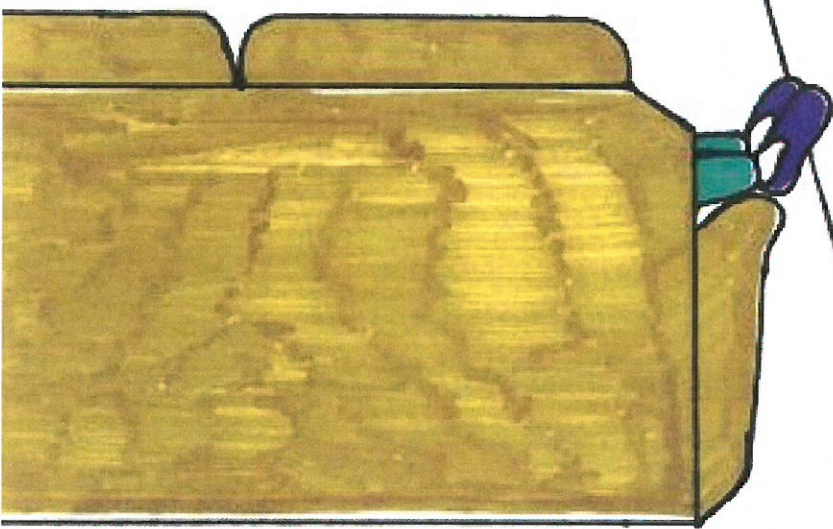
Grace has been acting like
a completely different person, I
can not stand it, it seems like I am
not even her friend anymore.

Alright,
what color
contacts do
you want?



She did
not answer.
Oh well, I am
just going to get
contacts.

Brown!
Just like
Alec's.



Sorry
Alec, I did
not see you
there.

No
silly, it is me
Grace!

WHAAATT?

Ha, ha,
ha, she is totally
just copying Alec's
style!

Who
are you and
why are you
copying me?

Eww

She should just
get her own
style.

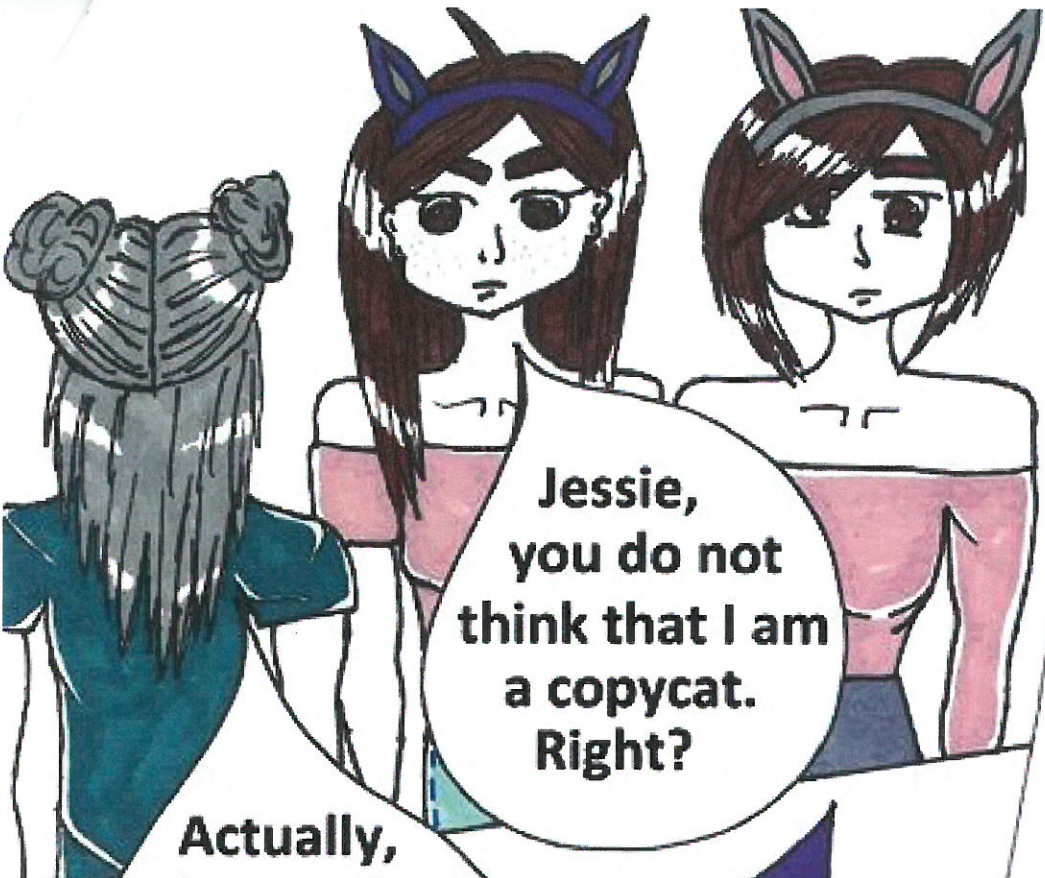
That is
sad.

I am Grace!
I adore you. You are
so cool and popular.
Everyone love you. I
want to be like you.
we can be friends!

Who
does she
think
she is?

She is
so weird, I can
not believe she
stole Alec's
style.

Ew



Jessie, you do not think that I am a copycat. Right?

Actually, I do. You have been acting like a different person lately and I really do not like it.



I just wanted to be popular! I wanted to see what it was like having the whole school begging to be your friend. My whole life I have been the girl in the shadows, the not as "special" girl, the one with no friends. I just really wanted to be the "it" girl for once, instead of the quiet girl in the corner. I am sorry, I guess I messed up.



Sweetie, how was school? Your parents are coming back from their trip tomorrow, so we will be picking them up after school.

I wonder what my parents are going to say when they see me...

Jessie, are you ok? What is wrong?

Grandma, I lost my best friend, because I wanted people to like me.

Oh...

Sweetie, no one will like you unless you like yourself.

