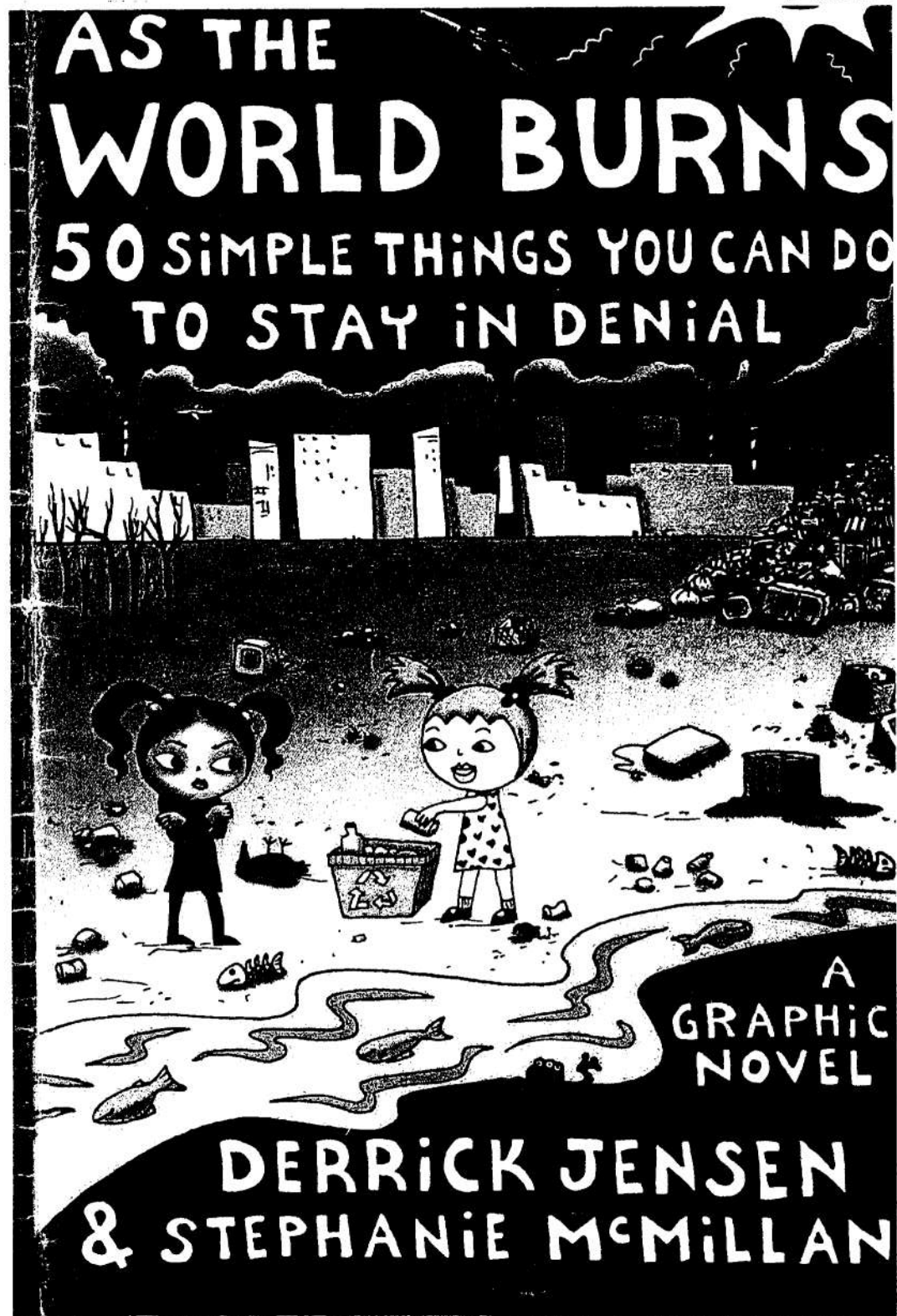




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AS THE
WORLD BURNS
50 SIMPLE THINGS YOU CAN DO
TO STAY IN DENIAL

A GRAPHIC NOVEL



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Don't worry. You evolved together with us, to be with us. You're part of us. Let go of your destructive culture and you'll remember how to live with us, and how to be happy.

We'll help you.

I believe them.

Me too.

Yes, we'll start right now.

Thank you for telling us.

Welcome back.



We see this so often.

50 SIMPLE THINGS YOU CAN DO TO SAVE THE EARTH!

LET TIKI THE PENGUIN GUIDE YOU! FIND OUT HOW KIDS CAN STOP GLOBAL WARMING!

CAN STREAMING VIDEO STOP GLOBAL WARMING?



YAHOO CELEBRATES 35 YEARS OF EARTH DAY WITH "10 SIMPLE WAYS YOU CAN SAVE THE WORLD IN A DAY!"

GREEN YOUR EVERYDAY ONLINE SHOPPING AND STOP GLOBAL WARMING!

Wouldn't it be wonderful if life were this simple, the problems we face so easily solvable? Every cell in my body wants for recycling to save the day, wants for shorter showers to save enough water for the rivers to run free.

But they won't. You know that. Fish and turtles and beavers and frogs and bears know that. Everybody knows that.

Sometimes we forget.



I just saw a great movie about how the world is heating up, and about what we can do to stop it.



Finally the issue is being addressed? It's about damn time.



One thing we can do is to change our light bulbs.



Light bulbs.



Light bulbs?

Replacing one regular light bulb with a compact fluorescent saves 150 pounds of carbon dioxide per year!



That's their solution?!



Oh, there's so much more!



I can hardly wait.

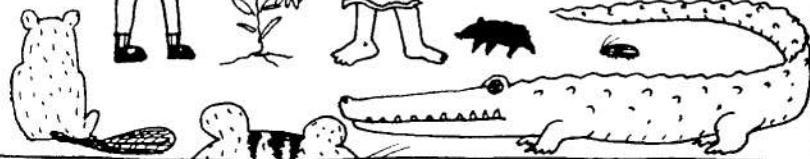


Oh really? Then how did we live in balance with all living beings for hundreds of thousands of years? You've only lived in this irrational way for a tiny fragment of time.

How can you even call it living, when you're murdering yourselves and every other living being around you?



That's all you've been doing since you made the error of separating yourselves from the rest of us.



I wish it hasn't come to this. It will be so hard. Our habits and addictions are so embedded. People like all that stuff, the products of civilization.

We've been so thoroughly brainwashed that we feel proud of what we've done.

We've forgotten how to like other things: the forest, the sky, the water, our relationship with you.



Wow, that's really drastic. It will be really hard for people to do all of that at once. Is it really necessary to do it all now, or can we work on it gradually?

It might have been possible, if you'd started hundreds of years ago, to make these changes less abruptly. But now it's developed into a real emergency.

It may even be too late.



But... if we get rid of all that's been built up, the cities, grocery stores, giant farms, highways and trucks, gas stations and cars and planes, medicines, water treatment plants, hair and nail salons, computers and televisions, CDs of Beethoven and The Clash, baseball games, great books and paintings, fine food, air conditioning and central heating, then how will we live?

We don't know how to live without these things.



We'll die without them.

Ready to stop global warming?

Yeah, let's stop the burning of oil and coal!

I'm so excited!

Me too! All we need to do is dismantle the industrial economy!

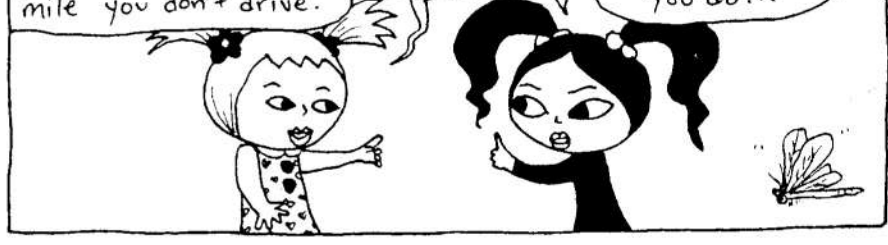
So... we already talked about changing light bulbs.

You think I'm kidding.

Don't be silly.

The movie said we should drive less. Walk, bike, carpool or take mass transit more often. You'll save one pound of carbon dioxide for every mile you don't drive.

Which means you put out one pound for every mile you do...

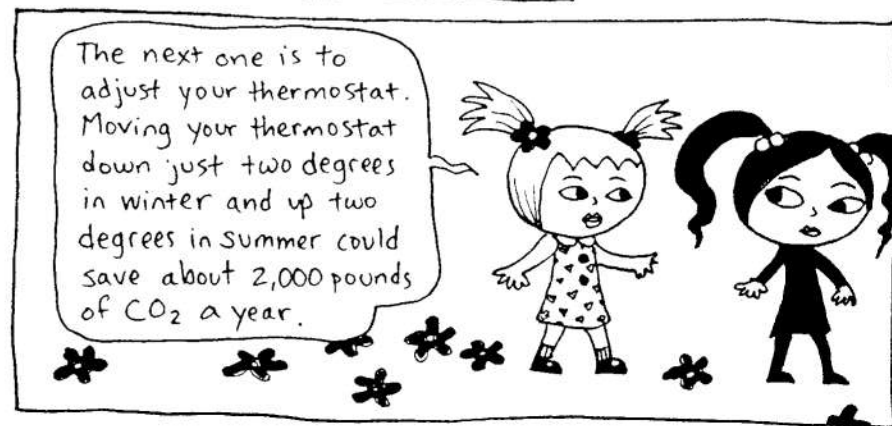


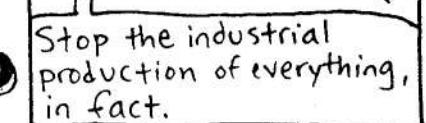
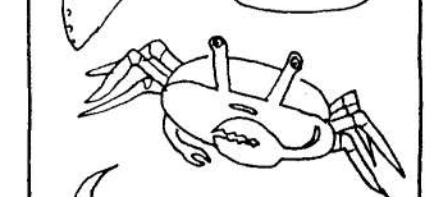
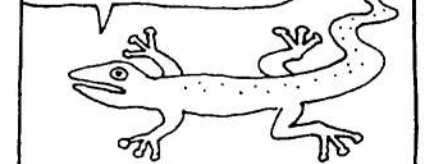
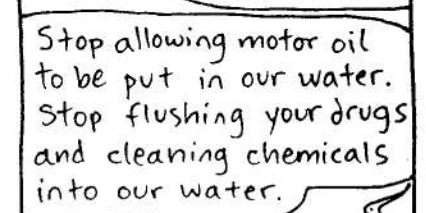
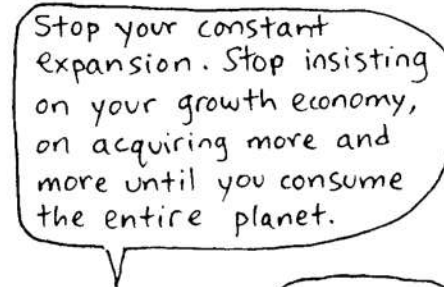
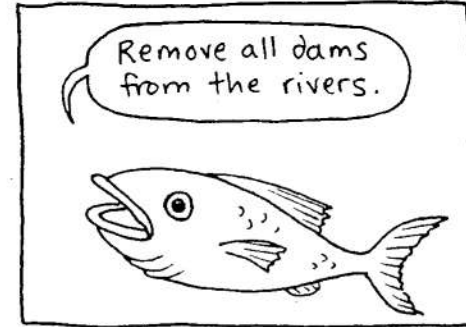
Recycle more: you can save 2,400 pounds of carbon dioxide per year by recycling just half of your household waste.

Which means...











Maybe you've been asking the wrong people.

Huh?

You've been looking for solutions from people who are invested in the very way of life that's destroying the planet in the first place. Addicted people. People who love power and things.

Maybe you should ask someone else.

Like who?

How about that bird?



People talk all the time about how the world is running out of water.

Well, that's just not true. There's as much water on the planet as there ever was. Where do they think this water went?

They talk about how people are dying of thirst.

Don't forget nonhuman people.



But these people ~ including nonhuman people ~ aren't dying because the world is running out of water. They're not even dying because they're running out of water.

They're dying...

Because the water is being stolen.



We're always told that the "solution" to the "water crisis" is that we should take shorter showers. But what we're not so often told is that more than 90 percent of the water used by humans...

Caw!

...is not actually used by humans at all, but by agriculture and industry. And of the water used by cities, as much water is used for golf courses as is used by human beings.

So the people aren't dying because there isn't enough water. They're dying because the water is being stolen, for mining and factories, for bottled water and soda pop, for cash-crop farms and ranches.

For golf courses.

So if you really want to make it so people have enough to drink...

Including nonhuman people...

...I think there are more effective things you can do than take shorter showers.

Well, you've shot down every idea I've offered about how to fix all the environmental problems and stop global warming. These are what experts tell us are the answers. If they are wrong, then I don't know what to do.

Now I feel like just giving up. Thanks a lot.

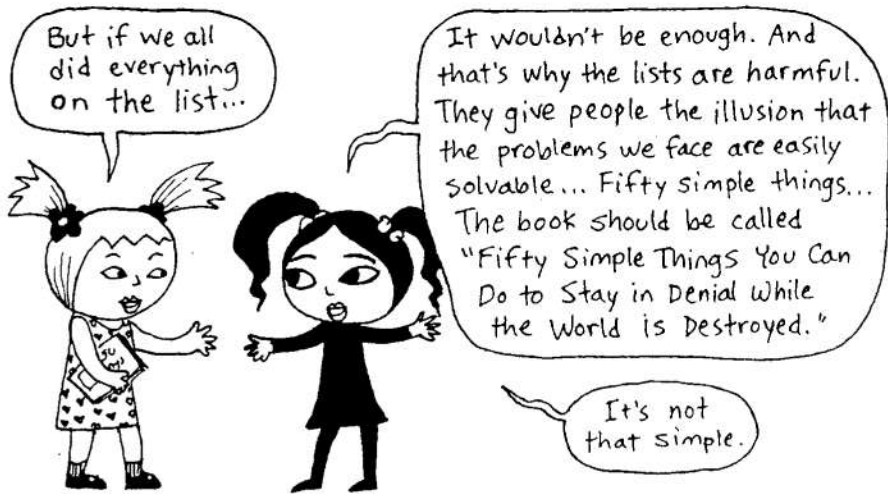
Giving up isn't the answer either.

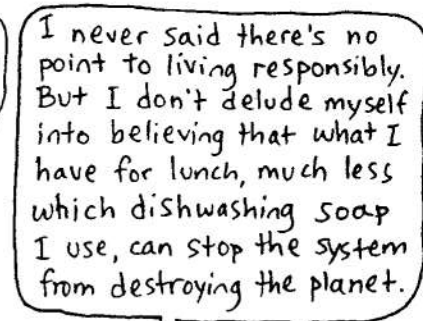
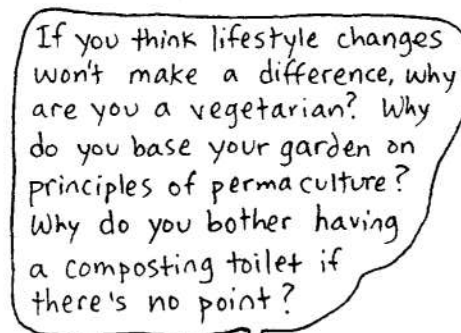
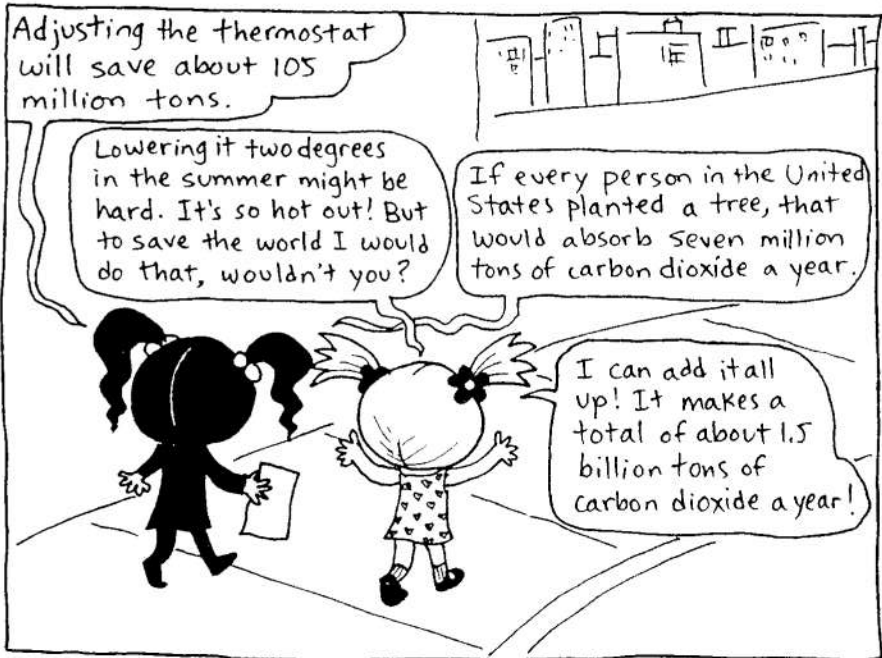
Then tell me what is the answer. What is it? If we don't act quickly, the planet will die! Tell me what we should do!

I don't know.
I don't know!

How can you say you don't know? Is that fair, or nice, to crush every solution I've offered and then have nothing to replace them with?

It might not be nice, but I'm not going to lie to myself or to you, give you false hopes and busywork just to make you feel better.







Did you notice that on the list from the end of that movie, all their suggestions for action have to do with individuals?

That's because they're things you or I could do.



But there was nothing about stopping the governments and corporations that are the main causes of the problems.

Did you know that all by itself, ExxonMobil has released five percent of all carbon emissions put out by this culture?

They're the real problems, not us.

But we can't do anything about them. We can only do something about ourselves.



we will go quietly, meekly, to the end of the world, if only you allow us to believe that buying low energy light bulbs will save us.

