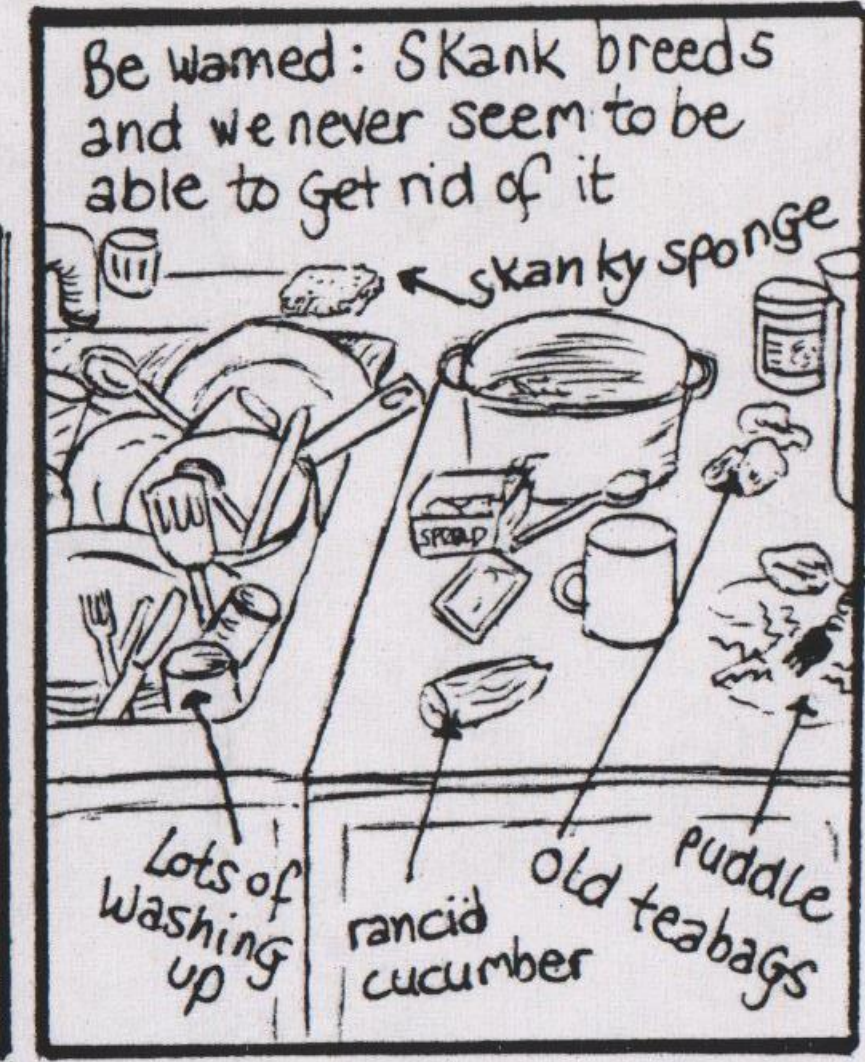


Chronicles of Utopia feb. 99, Isy



We've lived for over a year in a shared house in the middle of town on housing benefit, and it's shit ... the yard full of rubbish, no proper heating, dodgy leccy, and most of the time, too many people around to fit in it...



Be warned: Skank breeds and we never seem to be able to get rid of it



THERE'S SOMEONE BREAKING INTO MY ROOM!
OI! WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
I'M FROM SEEBARD. PAY YOUR LECCY BILLS!



I THINK I'M DYING OF THAT HYPOTHERMOS-THING



I HATE LIVING HERE! THIS HOUSE IS FREEZING AND RANCID, OUR LANDLORD'S RANDOM AND I CAN HEAR EVERYONE SHAGGING!
UGH WHAT'S THIS?
LET'S MOVE! MY MUM'S LOOKING TO BUY A HOUSE AS A CO-OP



So we sit in endless meetings... and we found the PERFECT HOUSE!



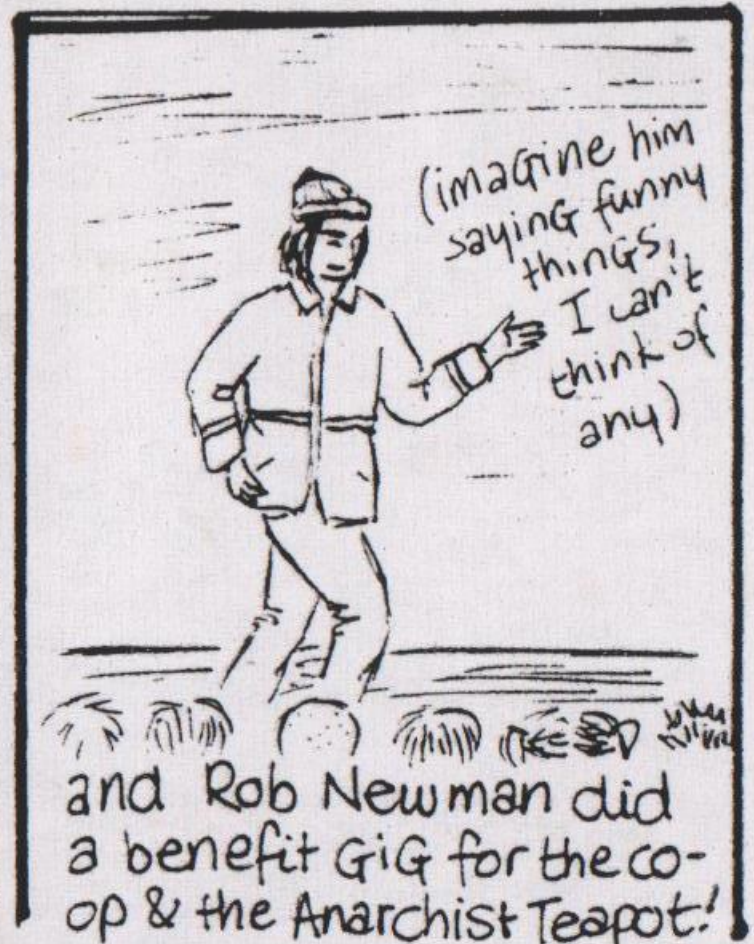
THE GARDEN! THIS IS LIKE RULING CLASS!
PUSH CARPETS! BUT IT COSTS MORE MONEY THAN I CAN EVEN IMAGINE
AS A COOP WE CAN GET A LOAN..

And guess what? We are getting a big mortgage! US! US DOLEY SCUM!

We also had to raise some loanstock, i.e. Get our richer mates to invest in us to top up the mortgage...



SO YOU'RE TRYING TO TELL ME YOUR MATES WILL BE PAYING BACK THESE LOANS OUT OF THEIR GIRLS?
PLEASE DAD



(imagine him saying funny things, I can't think of any)

WE SEEM TO HAVE ENOUGH TOGETHER NOW...

and Rob Newman did a benefit gig for the co-op & the Anarchist Teapot!



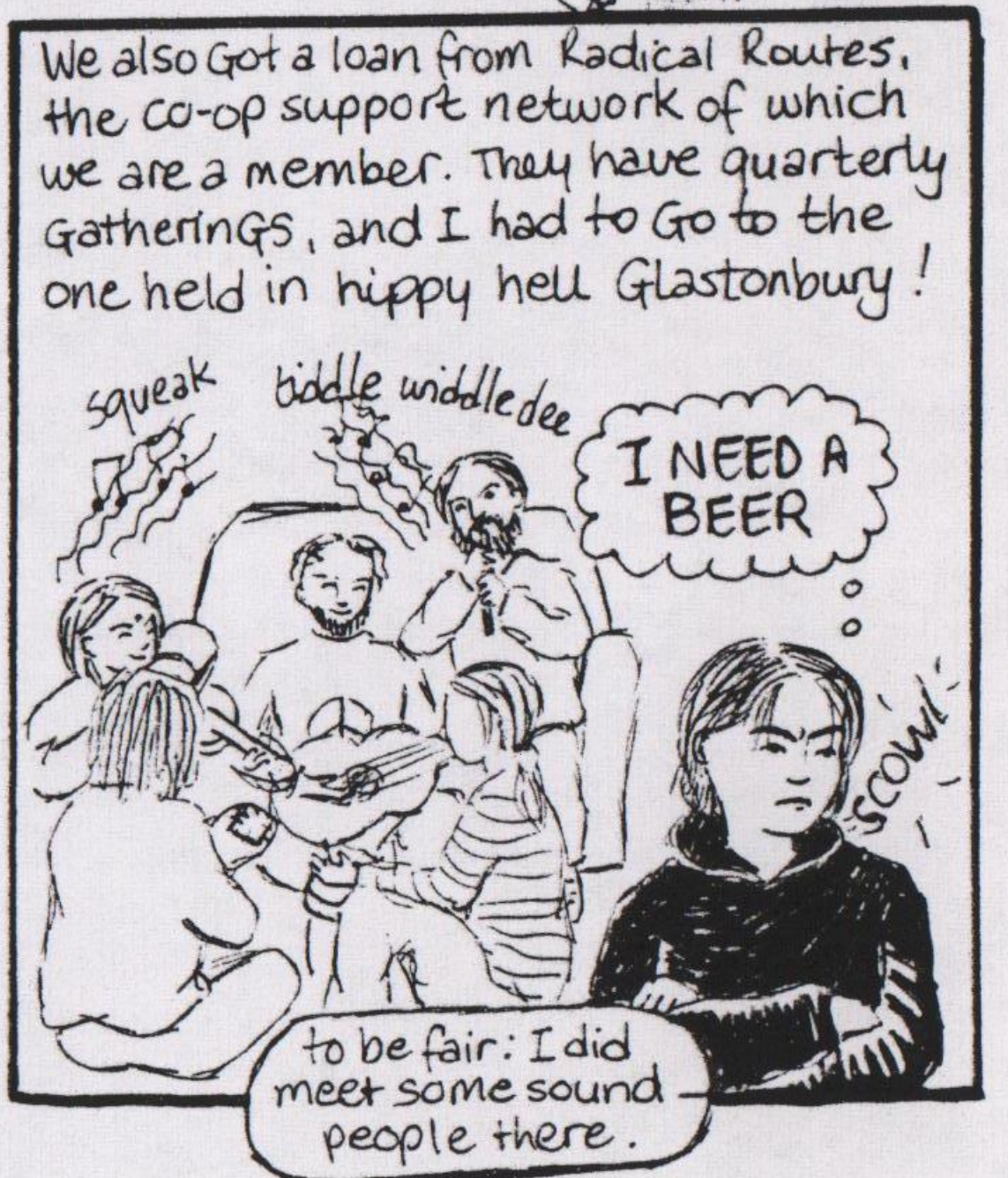
IMAGINE, PUTTING ON MORE THAN ONE COOKER RING AT ONCE, AND THE ELECTRICITY NOT BLOWING! WOW!
EVERYTHING WILL BE BETTER WHEN WE LIVE IN UTOPIA!
Yes, we've started referring to it as "Utopia"

We've been seeing this a lot as a collective thing - us, all mates & involved in direct action, sorting out a "base" for ourselves. We want this to get us motivated, to go out and do stuff, but also to live communally (no lentils, though!)



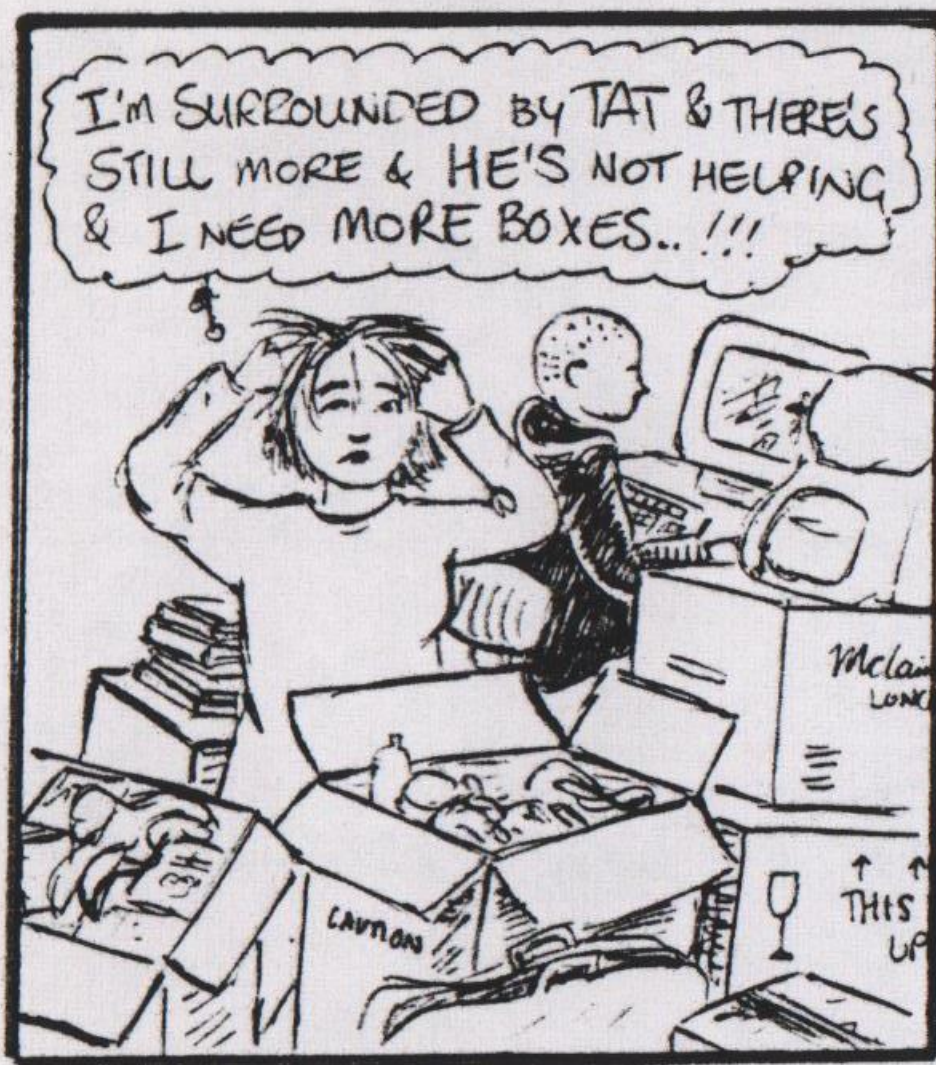
APPARENTLY, THEY WANT TO SIGN THE CONTRACT BEFORE JANUARY..
our solicitor
WELL NOW THEY'RE SAYING THEY NEED THE HOUSE TIL APRIL.
POSSIBLY END OF JANUARY
WHAT? WE CAN'T GET THE MONEY THAT EARLY!
CAN'T WE DO IT MID-JANUARY?

fuckin filthy rich tossers we're buying the house off! They think the world evolves around THEM and are just so awkward!



We also got a loan from Radical Routes, the co-op support network of which we are a member. They have quarterly gatherings, and I had to go to the one held in hippy hell Glastonbury!
squeak
biddle widdle dee
I NEED A BEER
to be fair: I did meet some sound people there.
scowl

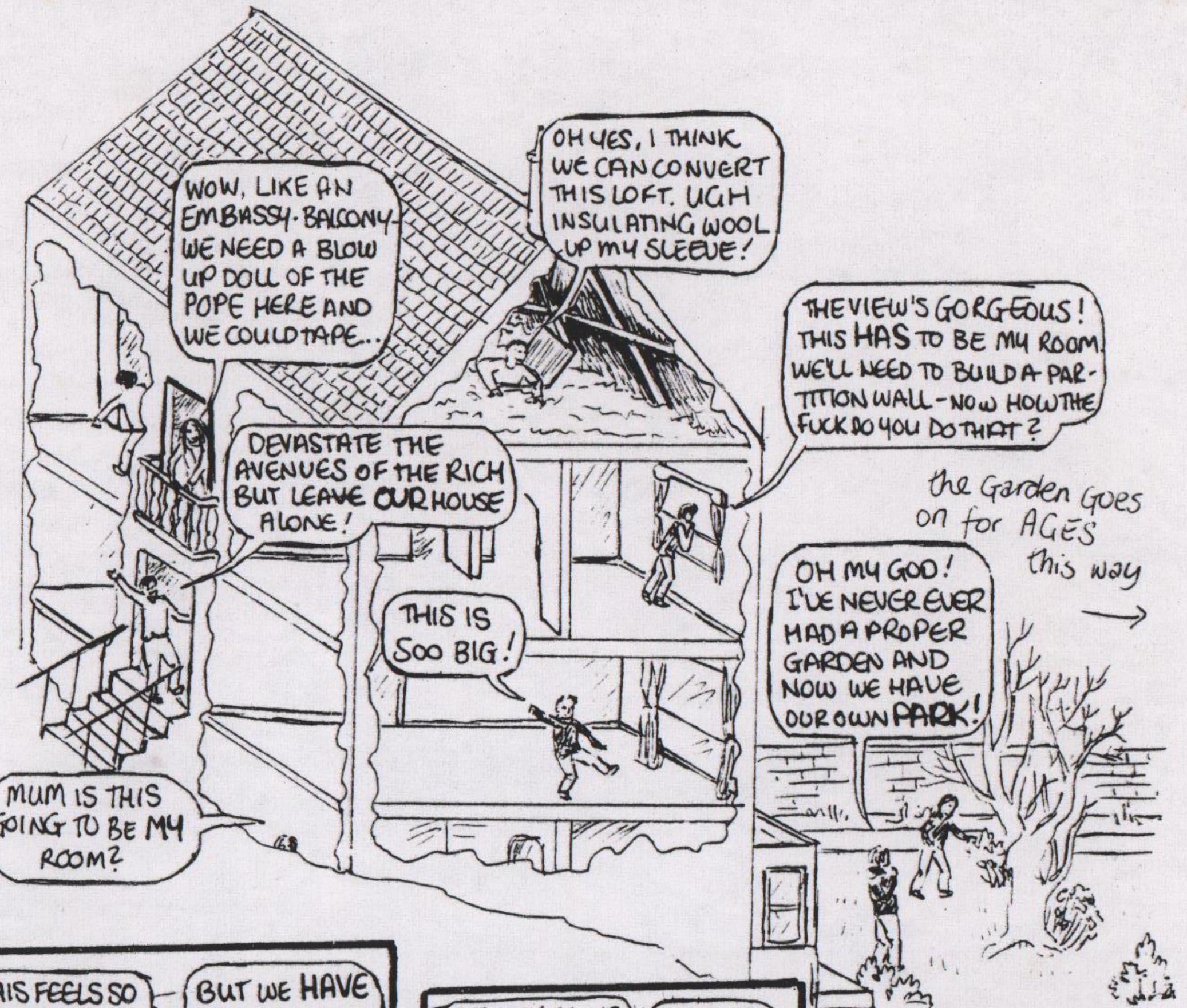
march '99 Isy Yes! we exchanged contracts and the house will be ours!



We've got Mounds of indescribable TAT everywhere... (soo much STUFF?)



on that Friday, we all met up in the pub to storm our NEW HOUSE!



There's an AMAZING view from the lounge window...!



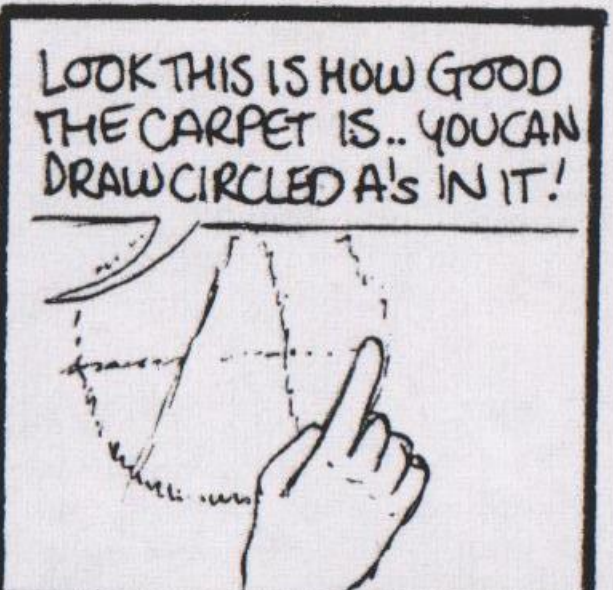
OOH LOOK, A DISHWASHER! ANYONE KNOW HOW TO USE IT? MAYBE WE COULD SELL IT?

NO SKANK! AMAZING! I WANT TO COOK NOW!

The whole house is sooo plush



The ceiling on the ground floor has got this plaster-decoration stuff!!!



LOOK THIS IS HOW GOOD THE CARPET IS.. YOU CAN DRAW CIRCLED A'S IN IT!



the garden's huge and lovely!!



LOOKS LIKE 3 OF US ALL WANT THE SAME 2 ROOMS

Thank fuck noone else wants my room

SO ARE YOU GOING TO DRAW STRAWS OR FIGHT TIL DEATH IN THE GARDEN?

Hm



We met our neighbours.. it was scary.. like out of an american sitcom..

HI, WE'RE YOUR NEW NEIGHBOURS!!

they are more middle class than I could imagine

The rooms thing needed lots of sorting out, but all rooms are actually quite nice & they're all big. I got one with a bay window - wow!



the first night we got drunk and all slept in the lounge