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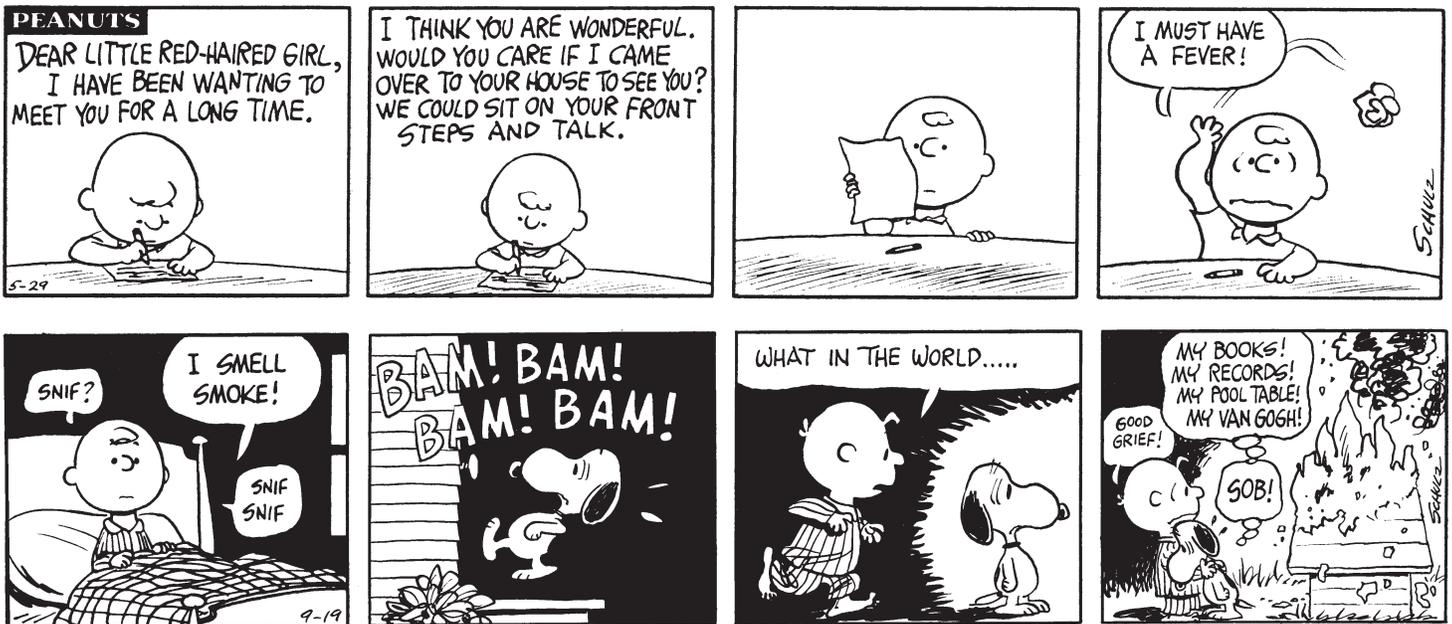"If you read the strip, you would know me. Everything I am goes into the strip—all of my fears, my anxieties, and my joys."
—Charles M. Schulz

Many great comics and graphic novels are inspired by real-life events, including *Peanuts*. Charles M. Schulz, the creator of *Peanuts*, often combined his life with his imagination to create his comics. For example, as a child, he had a dog named Spike who gave him the idea to create Snoopy.

Schulz also used real-life events as storylines. In the late 1940s, Schulz proposed to a woman with red hair named Donna Mae Johnson, but she chose to marry another man instead. Schulz translated this rejection into an ongoing storyline in which Charlie Brown is forever in love with the Little Red-Haired Girl, but never has the courage to talk to her. In 1966, a fire destroyed Schulz's studio. He translated those feelings into a strip about Snoopy's doghouse catching fire.
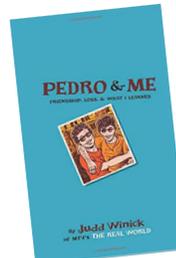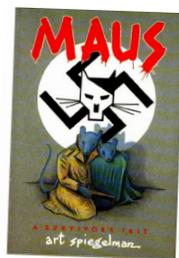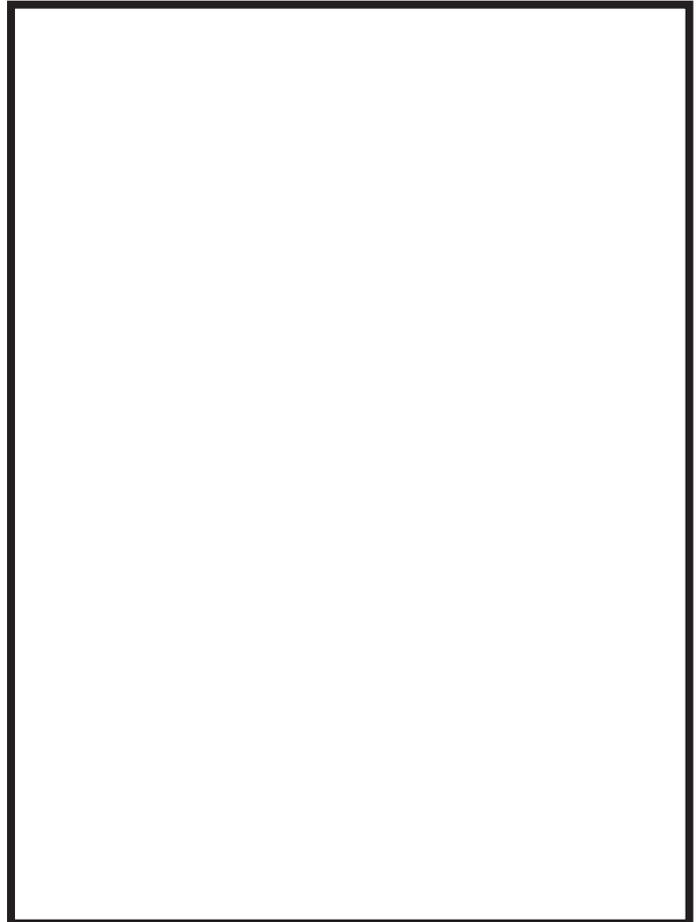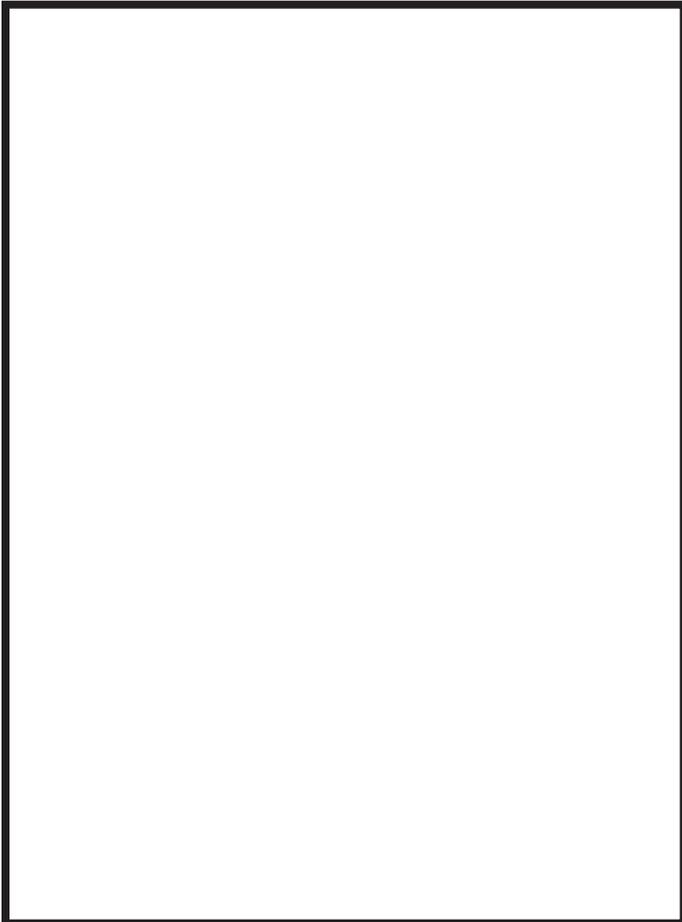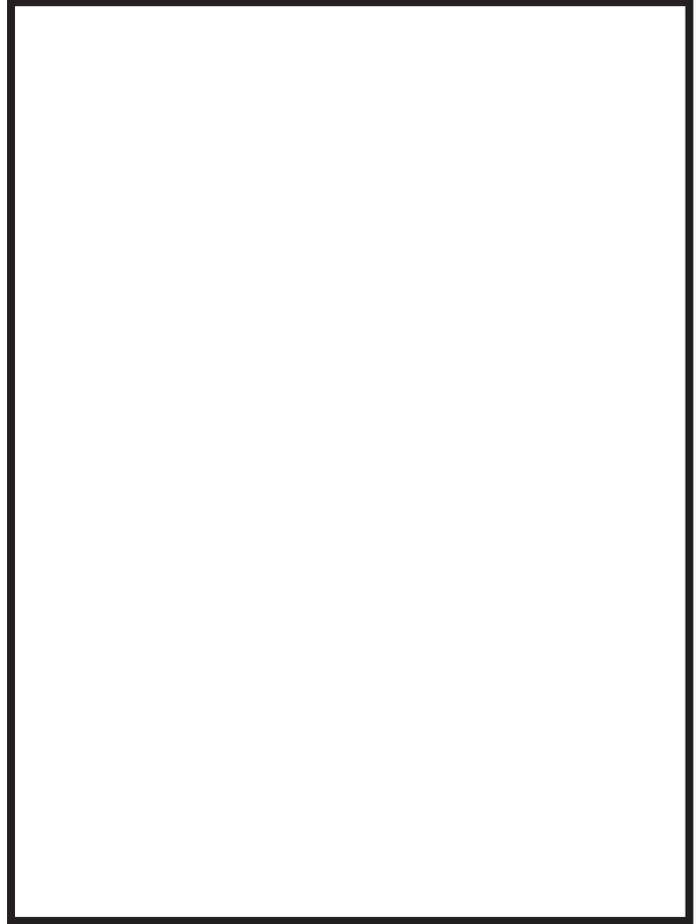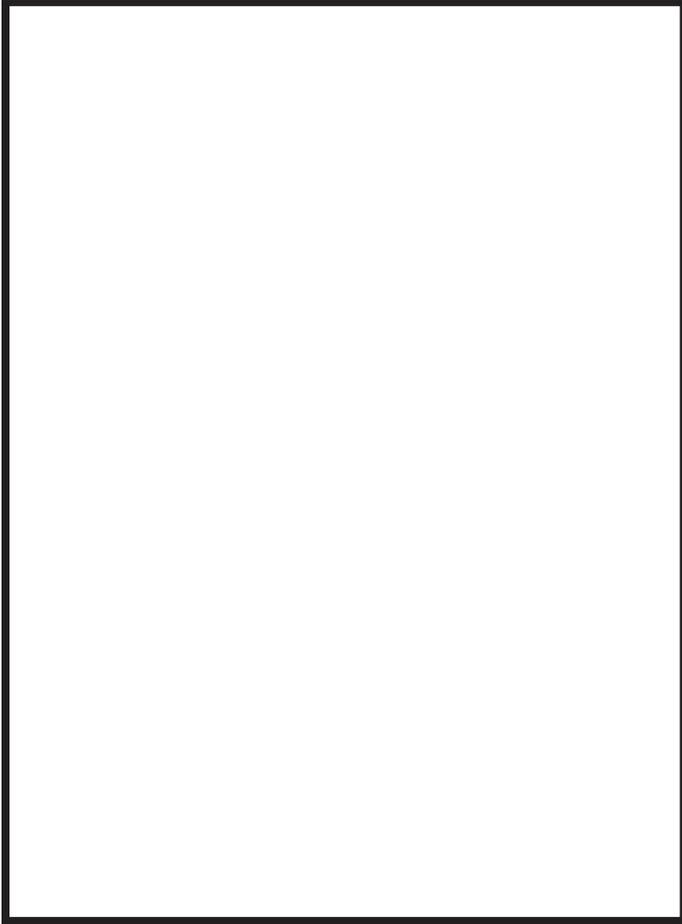

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Try a four-panel comic strip like Peanuts or add more panels to create a comic book page!