the creatEUre
This is me.
Gosh! I'm late!
NGGG
I'm a secondary school teacher.
RRRR
Oh, whatever...
Me again.
(Don't take me for an egomaniac, though)

Gooood morning kids!
Recently I have been doing a little survey.
I was kind of stuck writing this comic and I said to myself:
"Hey, I could ask my students and maybe get some ideas!"
Today we're talking about...
EUROPEAN UNION
But teacher...
...aren't we supposed to do physics?
Would you prefer dealing with thermodynamics, then?
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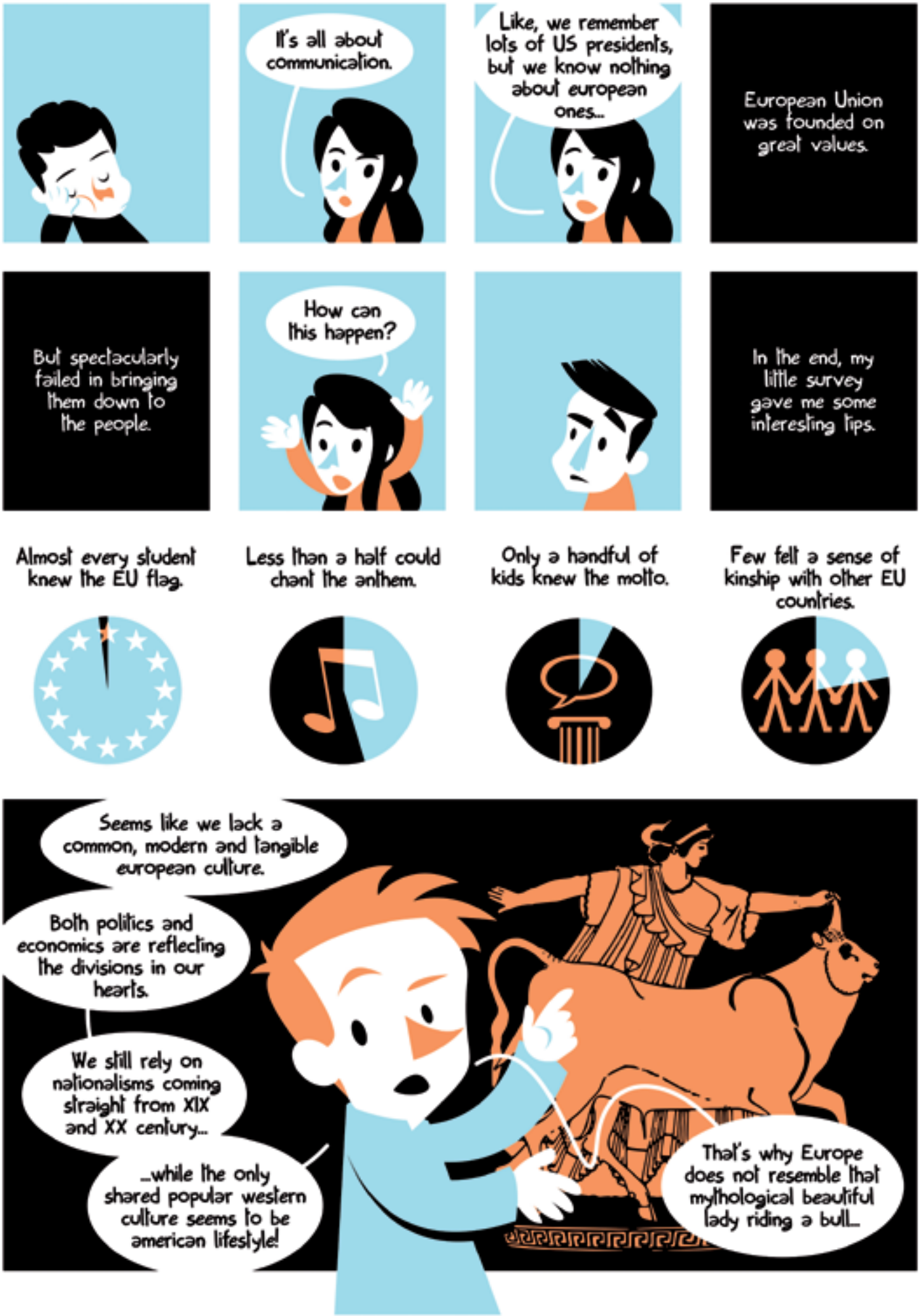
So...
What do you actually know about the EU?
What's its story?
Member states?
Symbols?
And above all...
Do you feel part of a common European identity?

I've been discussing with more than 200 students aged 14 to 19.

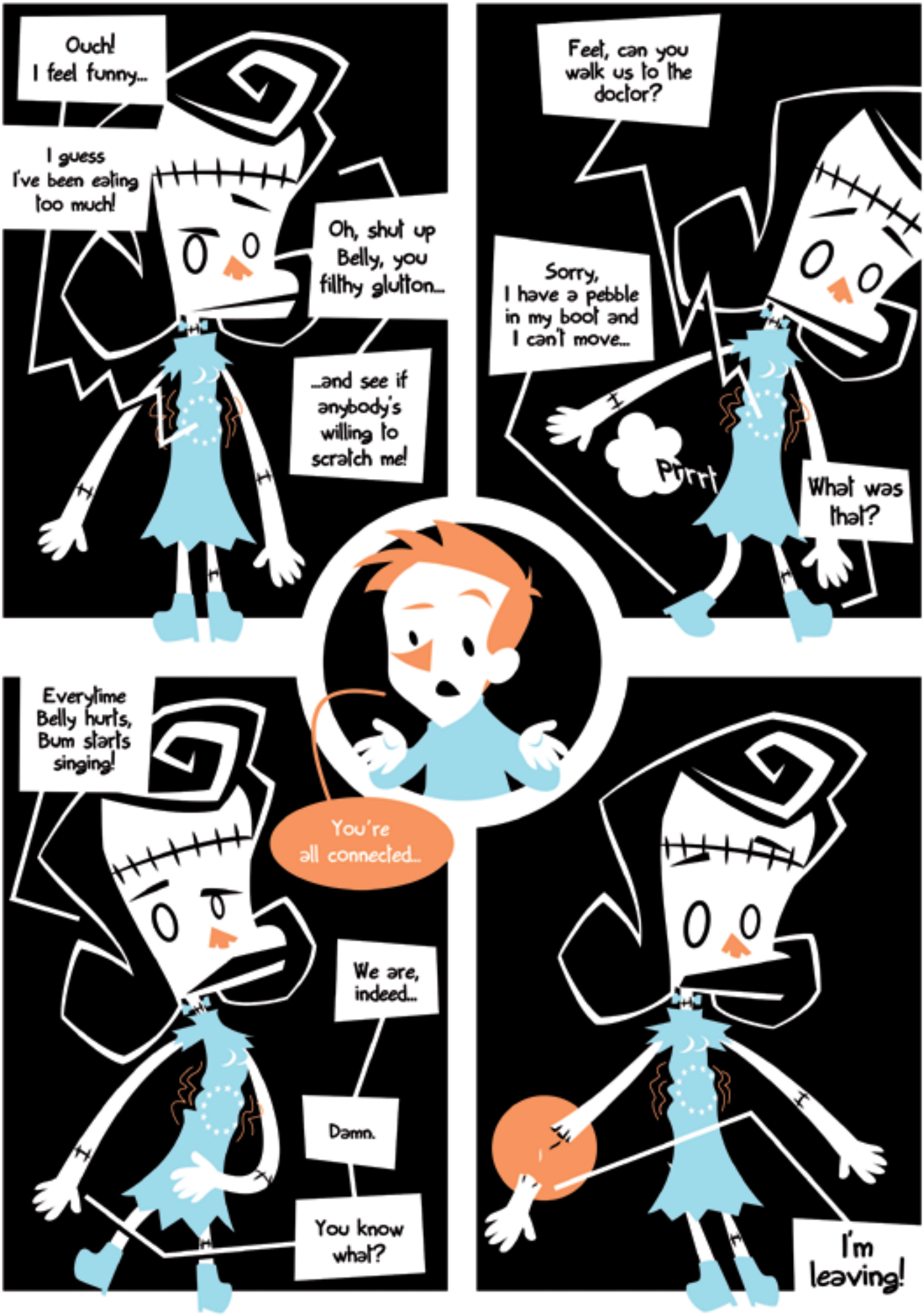
Some shared their ideas, others seemed not to really care.

Teens didn't experience massive transnational changes such as the fall of the Berlin wall or the adoption of the Euro.

Can they feel any emotional attachment to EU?


It's all about communication.
Like, we remember lots of US presidents, but we know nothing about european ones...
European Union was founded on great values.
But spectacularly failed in bringing them down to the people.
How can this happen?
In the end, my little survey gave me some interesting tips.
Almost every student knew the EU flag.
Less than a half could chant the anthem.
Only a handful of kids knew the motto.
Few felt a sense of kinship with other EU countries.
Seems like we lack a common, modern and tangible european culture.
Both politics and economics are reflecting the divisions in our hearts.
We still rely on nationalisms coming straight from XIX and XX century...
...while the only shared popular western culture seems to be american lifestyle!
That's why Europe does not resemble that mythological beautiful lady riding a bull...

...and looks rather like a sort of creepy Frankenstein monster with each part of its body thinking and acting by itself.
Sir, I have an annoying itch just below my ears...
...would you mind scratching me, please?
Don't you have hands?
I do, but...
Stop it!
Ouch...
All the time the same old story...
I'm so sick of taking care of you dumb, lazy and flaky bodyparts!
Gurgle...
Ugh...
You're right, Right Hand!
Indisputably I am.
Head, go sort yourself out!


Ouch!
I feel funny...
I guess
I've been eating
too much!
Oh, shut up
Belly, you
filthy glutton...
...and see if
anybody's
willing to
scratch me!
Feet, can you
walk us to the
doctor?
Sorry,
I have a pebble
in my boot and
I can't move...
Purrr
What was
that?
Everytime
Belly hurts,
Bum starts
singing!
You're
all connected...
We are,
indeed...
Damn.
You know
what?
I'm
leaving!

Hey, this itch is killing me!
Ouch... I hurt so bad...
Shouldn't we stitch that arm?
This pebble is wearing me out!
I'm thinking about leaving, too!
We should cooperate with each other!
Take responsibility for your own actions!
Who's to blame?
It's your fault!
If I fall you're going down with me
My way or the highway!
Get lost, it's none of your business.
I can't stand it no more!
I can't stand you all!
THUMP!
wow...
Nice trick.
is... is she dead?
Just fainted, I suppose.
She was way too weak to stand tall.
So what?!? Plug her body to those weird machines and wake her up!
A-ha!
Light bulbs, levers and blinking buttons...
I knew that it was all about physics!
Actually, it is not.

It's not just about being animated...
...it's about being alive.
...and Europe is missing one vital piece to be alive...
A heart?
A brain!
A hand.
A soul?
A soul.
Europe desperately needs a soul!
It's up to us all.
We should start looking for it, start shaping it up before it's too late!
Ok. May I go to the toilet now?
the end.