

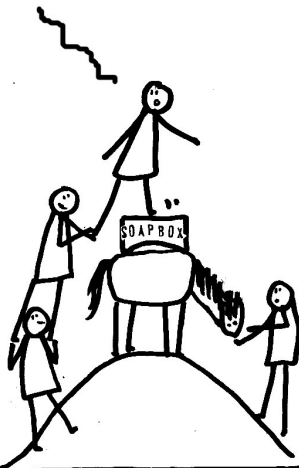
day  
fourteen

Hey it's me,  
striker & comics maker &  
precariously-employed researcher  
& PhD student & person with  
responsibilities

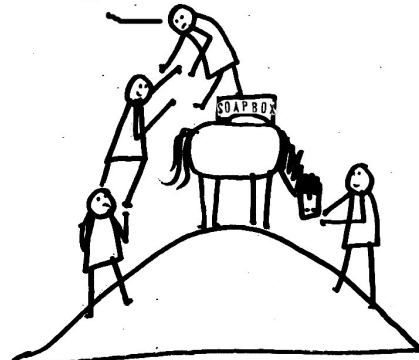
& who used  
to work in  
professional services  
& has worked  
outside of  
uni.s  
&



whoa there

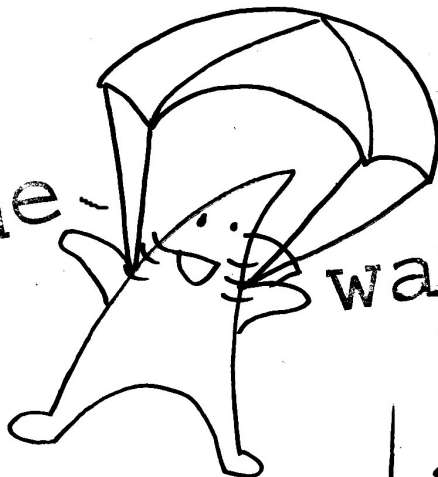


nope, get me off  
this high horse



hey,  
it's  
me-

I make comics  
not speeches



wait  
up

if only someone would  
parachute in and fix  
the problems in our sector



IT'S JUST LIKE

# SCOOPY-DOO!



A GANG OF MISFITS really cool professionals

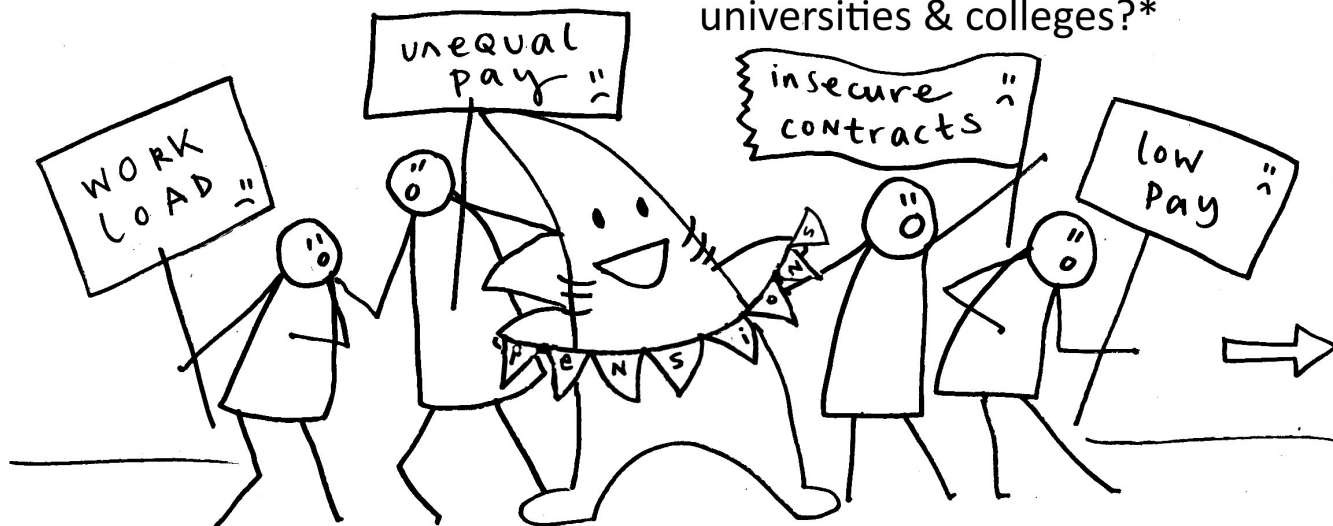
ENCOUNTER A MYSTERY

HAVE HIJINKS & SOLVE THE MYSTERY

& UNMASK THE BADDIE

SO...

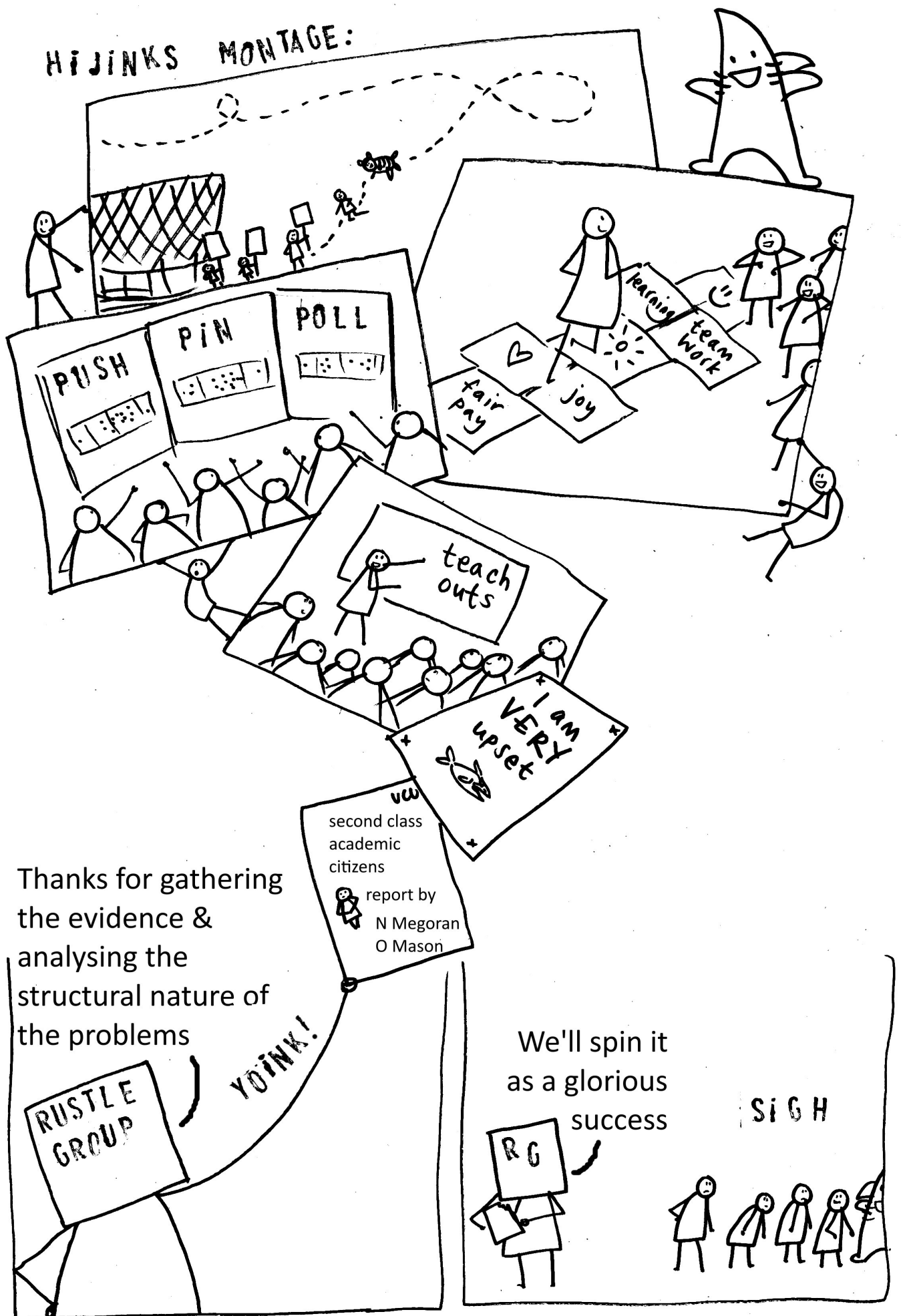
Oh it is such a mystery what could be causing these problems in our universities & colleges?\*



\* and in too many other areas of our society, too

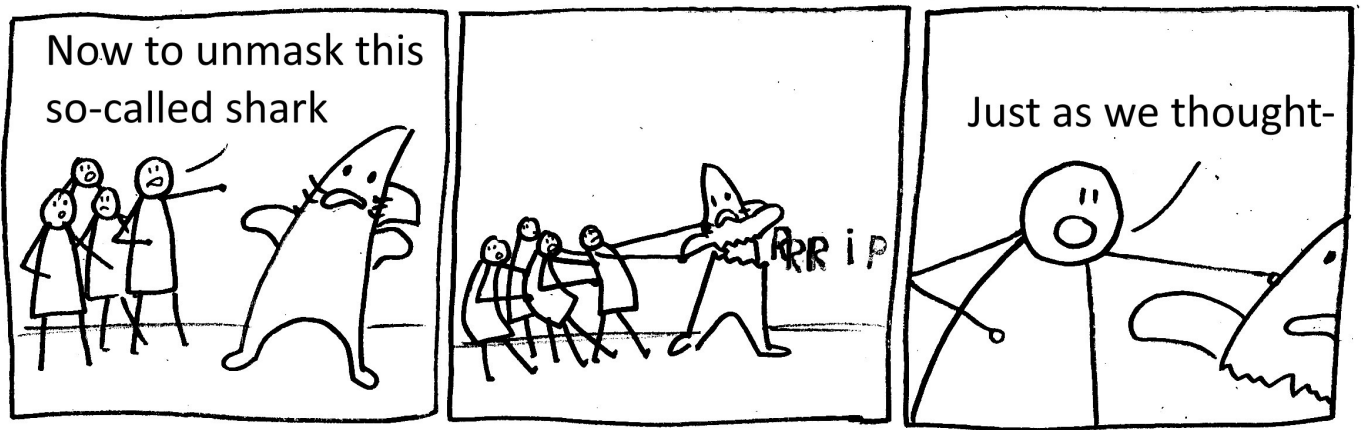
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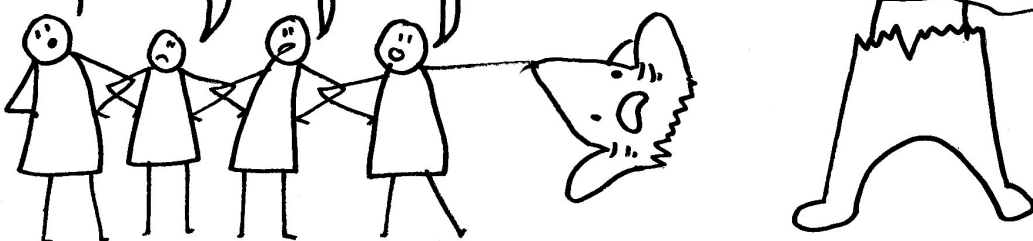
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it was a combination of local-regional-inter/national factors including social/economic/political contexts, particularly structural inequities in access to power & resources, compounded by decisions made with a mistaken focus on 'consumers' (!) in education, and though in certain areas there have been bad faith actors attempting to advance their own greed we must also attend to the unnecessary bureaucratisation of processes that facilitate the running of educational institutions, some of which we can tackle in isolation but the majority of which need major structural change and none have magic easy solutions, for we know that a combination of strong teamwork and strong leadership are needed to address the current and future health of our sector's students, staff, partner organisations and community members, all of whom are facing what we might politely call 'challenging circumstances' but must not shy away from naming as the effects of neoliberal gameplaying at the expense of well-resourced education & research for everyone

all along



Tune in next episode as we all go back to work and continue to ~~solve mysteries~~ contribute to the advancement of knowledge but also desperately sort out our own working conditions because we can't stagger on much longer. This comic was made by Lydia Wysocki with @NewcastleUniUCU but the uni-on & uni-versity are made by us all.