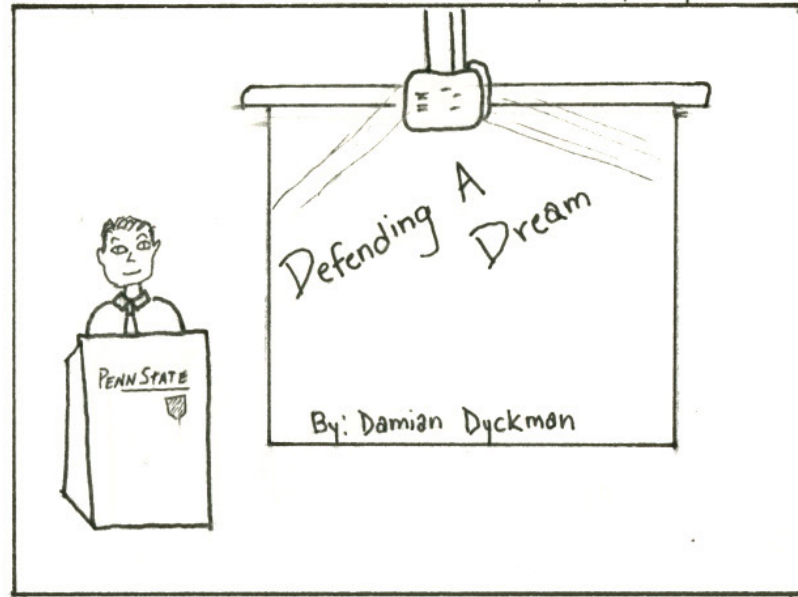


Here it is, the day of my Thesis Defense!

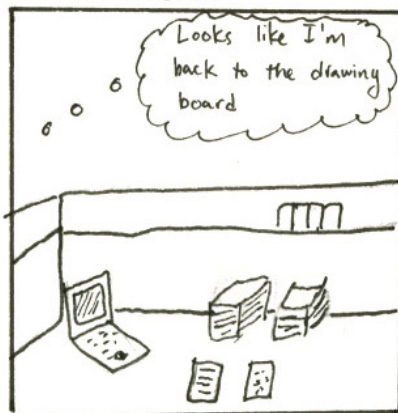
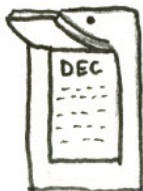


But what a journey it took to get here - Let's go back 1 year!

At the Committee Meeting



So back to the desk...

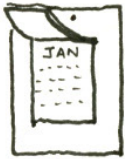


Several Days Later...



And the wait continued...

Moving onto the research study...



After a long month...



Approval has arrived.



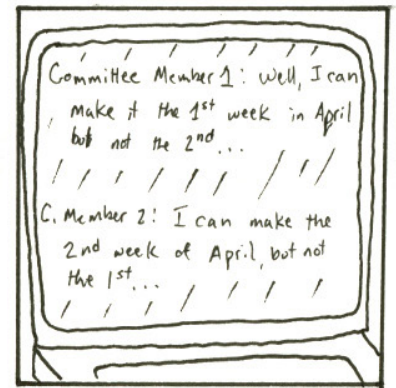
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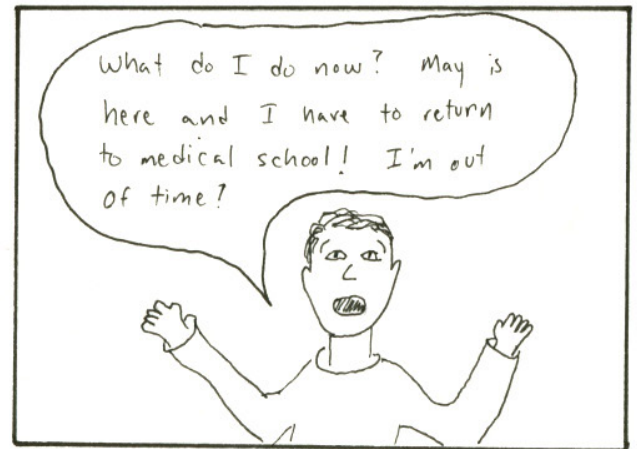
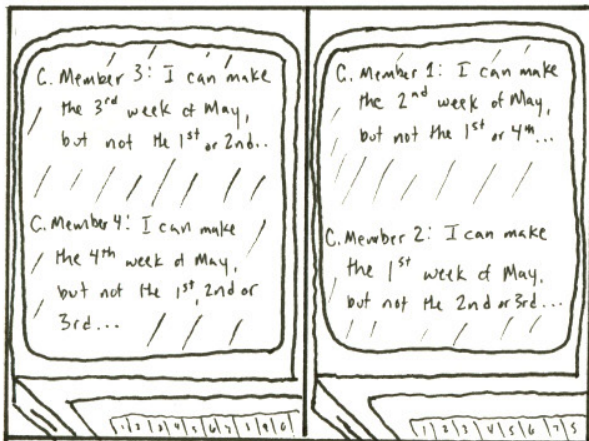
Studies wrapping up...



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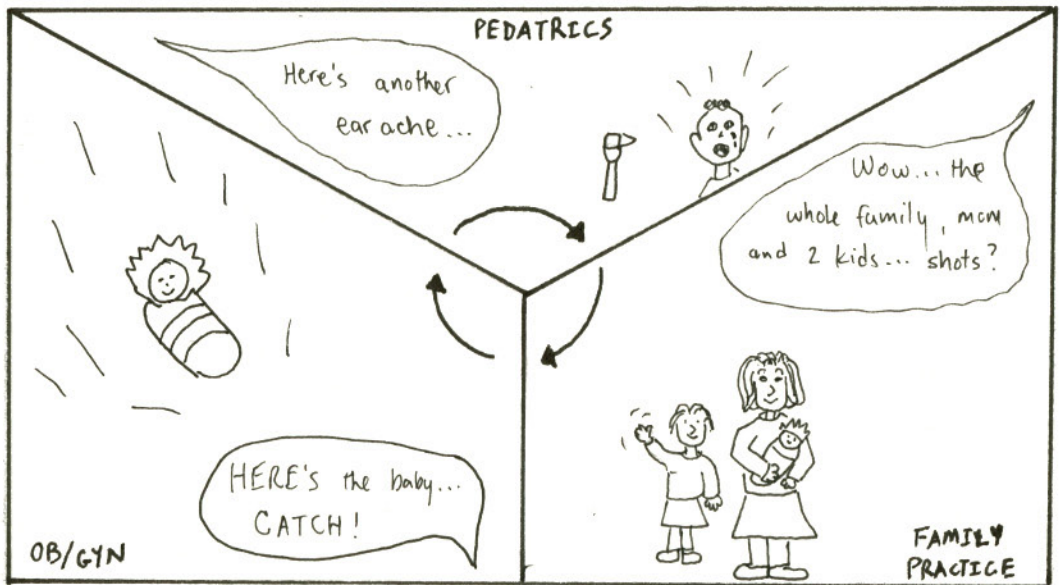
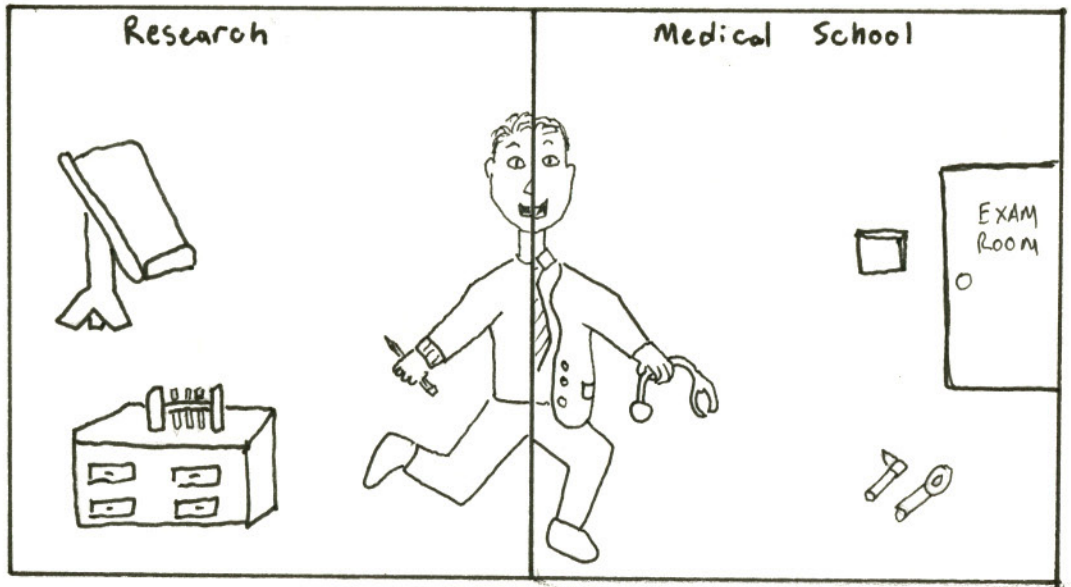
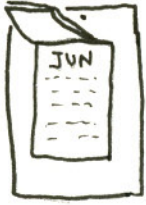


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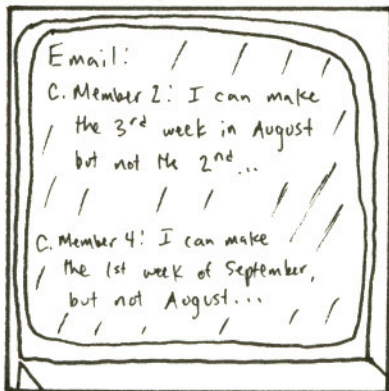




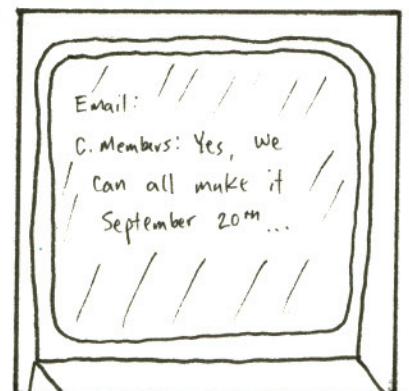
The Return to Medical School... time to return...



Meanwhile...



Several weeks later...

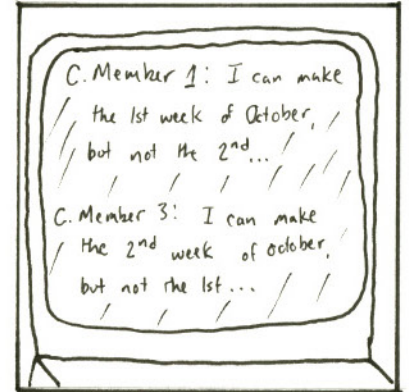


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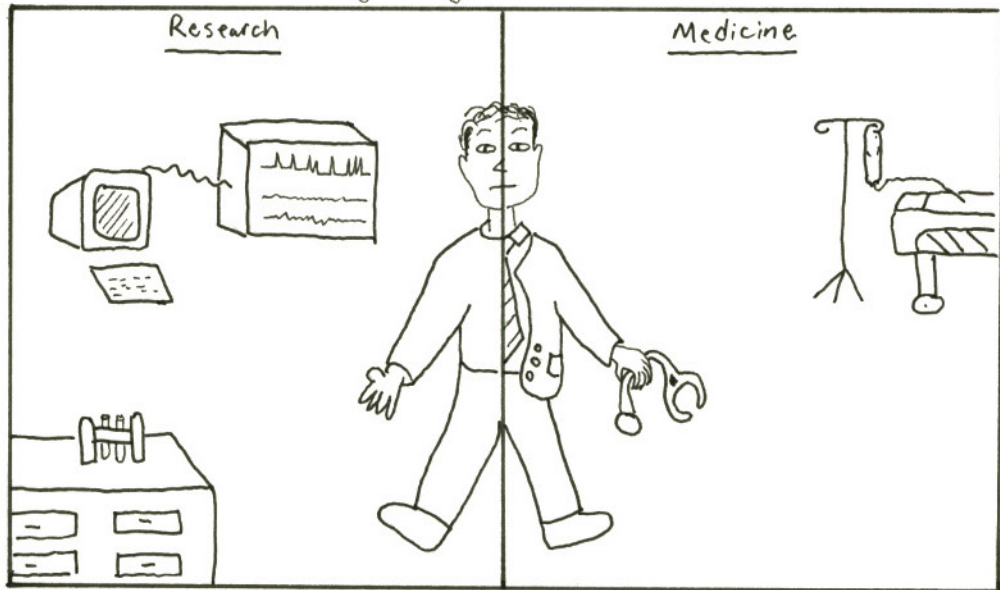
One week before defense...



Back to the emails...



I'm beginning to wonder...



... Is it possible to exist in both worlds!

And it continues...



Finally, the real day arrives

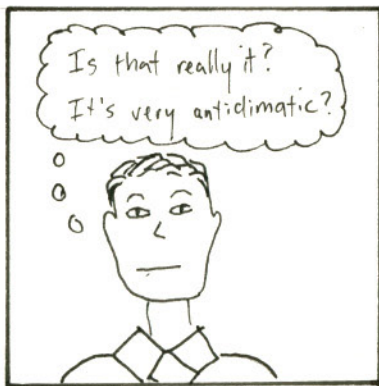
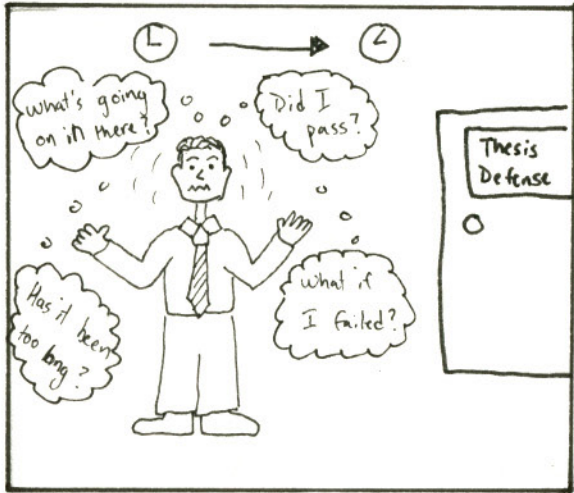




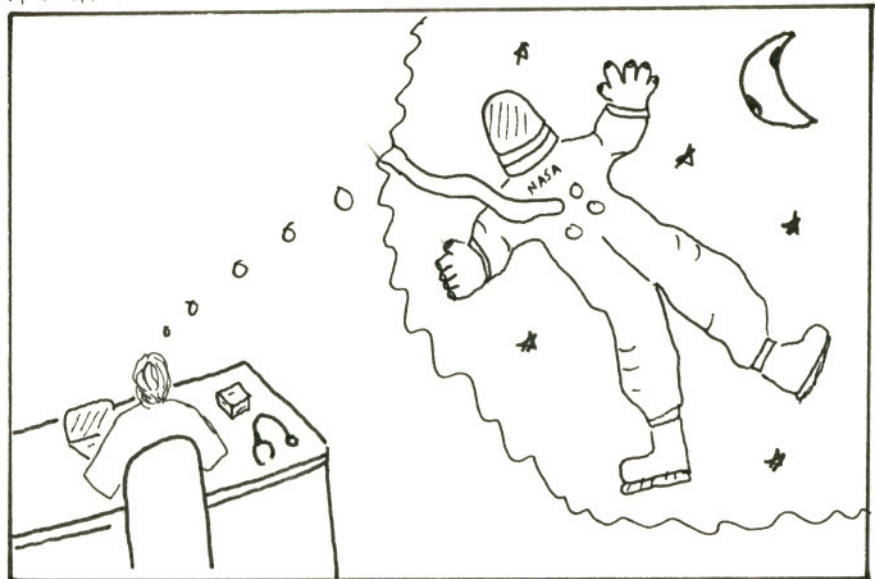
Back to the defense...



Then, the longest 5 minutes of my life...



Well, back to work...



Moving onto the next dream on the list...