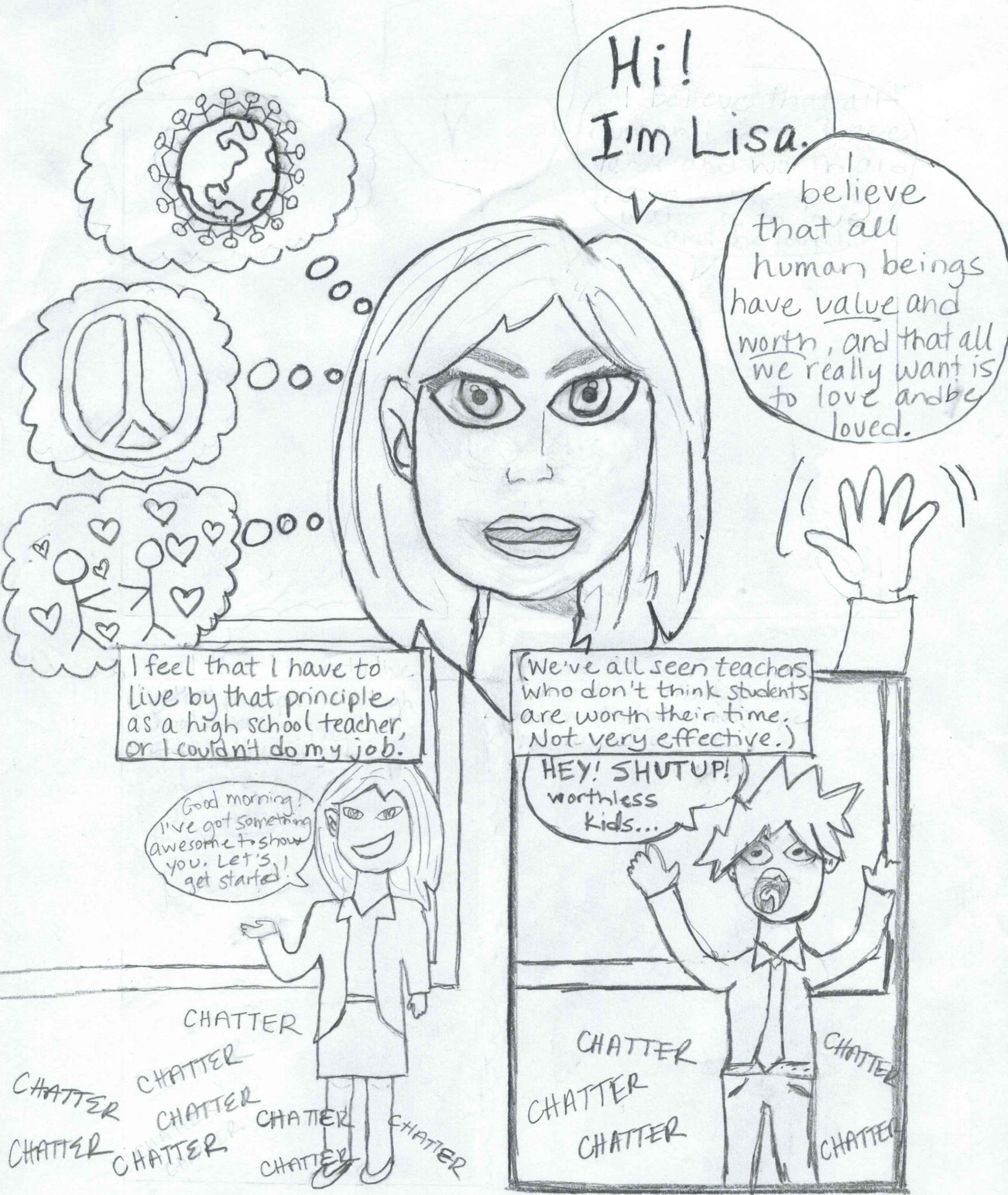




Hi!
I'm Lisa.

I believe
that all
human beings
have value and
worth, and that all
we really want is
to love and be
loved.

I feel that I have to
live by that principle
as a high school teacher,
or I couldn't do my job.

Good morning!
I've got something
awesome to show
you. Let's
get started!

(We've all seen teachers
who don't think students
are worth their time.
Not very effective.)

HEY! SHUTUP!
worthless
kids...

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And it's really difficult, because I don't feel like I consistently lean one way or the other on the cynical-optimistic spectrum. My thoughts vacillate wildly between "Humanity does not deserve to continue" and "Humanity is amazing and wonderful."

Humanity is inherently wonderful and we will work together until we all live in peace



Hopeful, ↑
Optimistic ↑
Lisa ↑

Optimism

Reasonable
(Middle Ground)

CYNICISM

OUR SPECIES IS DOOMED BECAUSE WE ARE INSUFFERABLE IDIOTS WHO CAN'T STOP KILLING EACH OTHER



ANGRY, ↑
CYNICAL ↑
↑ LISA ↑

(Hard to accept)



Rational, ↑
reasonable ↑
↑ Lisa ↑

Sometimes humans are ok, and sometimes they're not. ::shrug::

Because one minute,
I'm watching this:

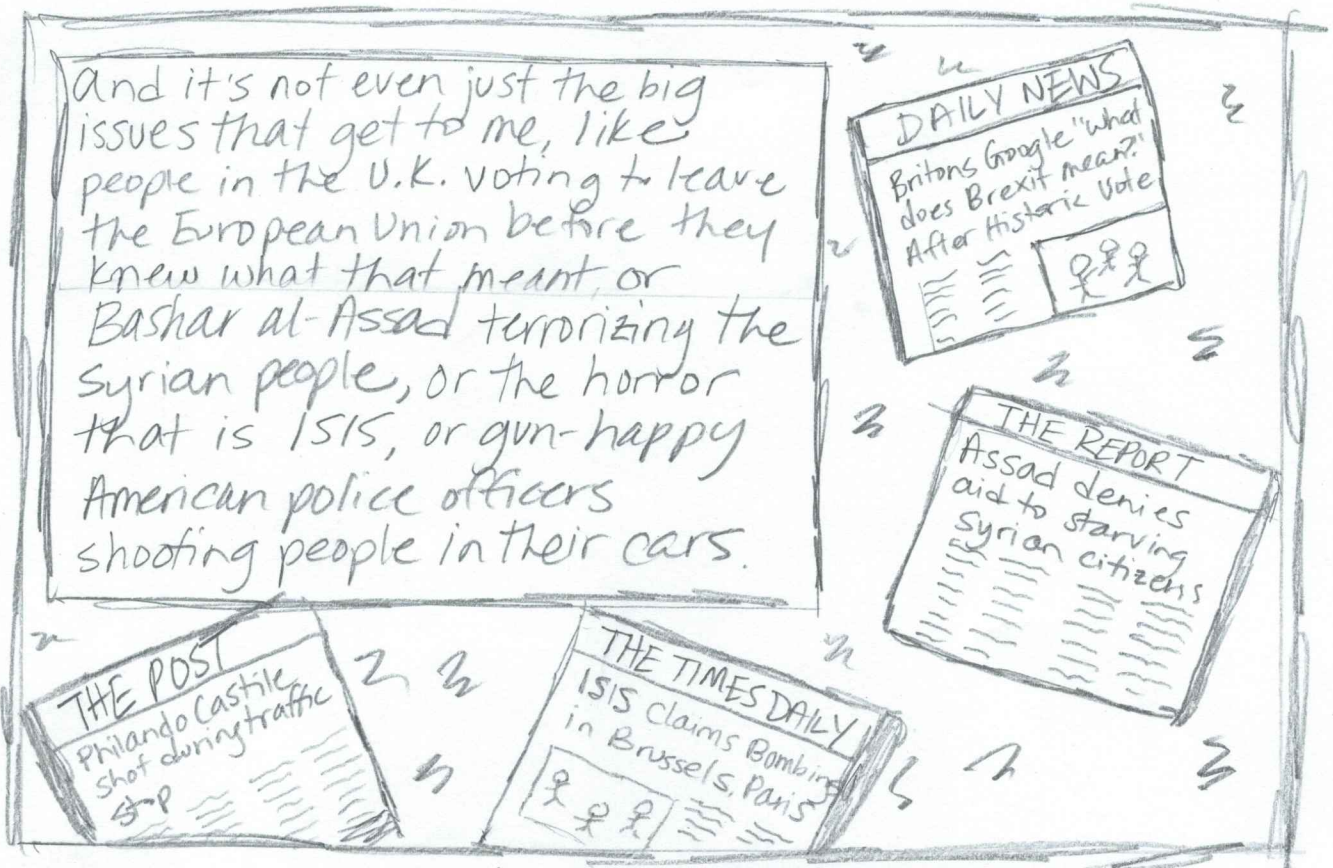
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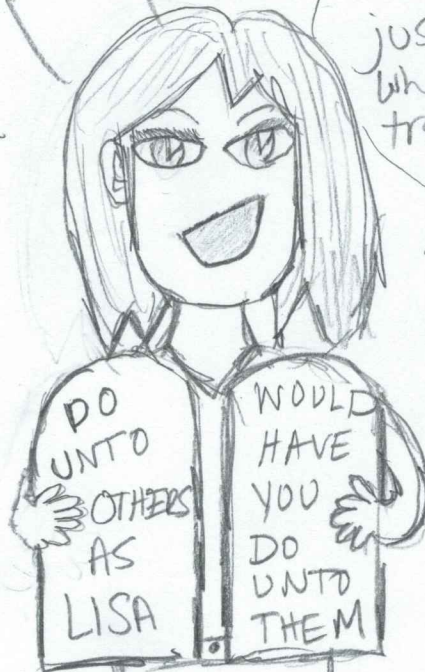






GOLDEN

I guess I
just can't stand
when people don't
treat others the way I
think they deserve
to be treated.



RULES



I feel like I have to fight these thoughts, or I am no better than the people I vilify.

POW!

HATE

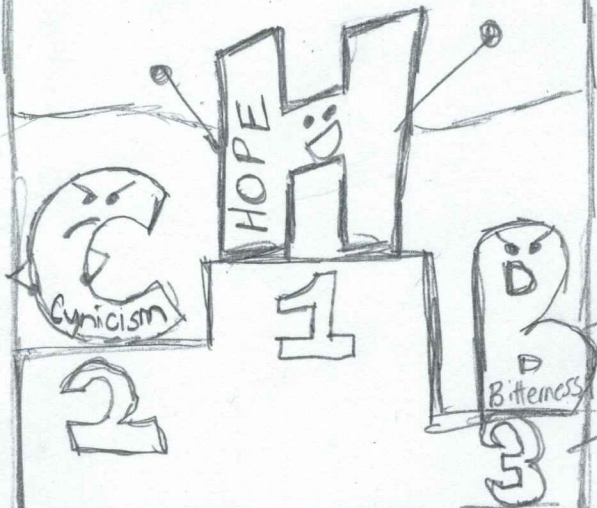
BLAM!

ANGER

WHAM!

REVENGE

I don't want cynicism to win. I don't want bitterness to win.



So I'll try to focus on the good things instead of constantly surrounding myself with negativity.

Sometimes good things happen too!



I'm going to smile more
at people in public to
let them know I see them
and they matter.



I'll do my best to
teach my students to
respect each other.

My classroom is a
welcoming place. Make
everyone feel important
and accepted
every day.



And even though I can't
stop people from doing hateful
things, I can hope for a better
future.



The Milky Way
Galaxy

We are
on a teeny
planet right
about here

I have to.