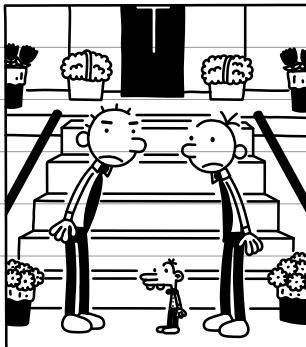
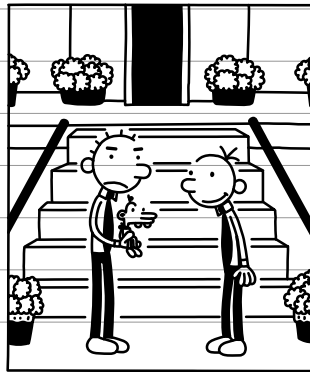
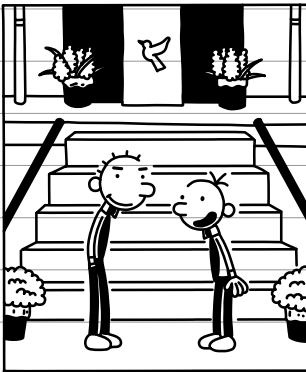


Monday

Tonight at dinner Dad told us that his younger brother, Uncle Gary, got engaged to his girlfriend, Sonja. I guess that's great news and all, but Uncle Gary has been married three times before, so this has kind of become a regular thing in our family. In fact, we don't even use growth charts at home, because we can just look at pictures from Uncle Gary's weddings to keep track of our progress.



So I think everyone's a little burned out by now. When Uncle Gary got married the THIRD time, Mom didn't even bother to replace the picture of his second wedding on the mantel. She just taped a photo of the new wife's head on top of the old one.



Uncle Gary's not a bad guy or anything. He just rushes into these relationships too quickly. He got engaged to his first wife, Linda, two months after they met, and she didn't even find out what he did for a living until their wedding day.

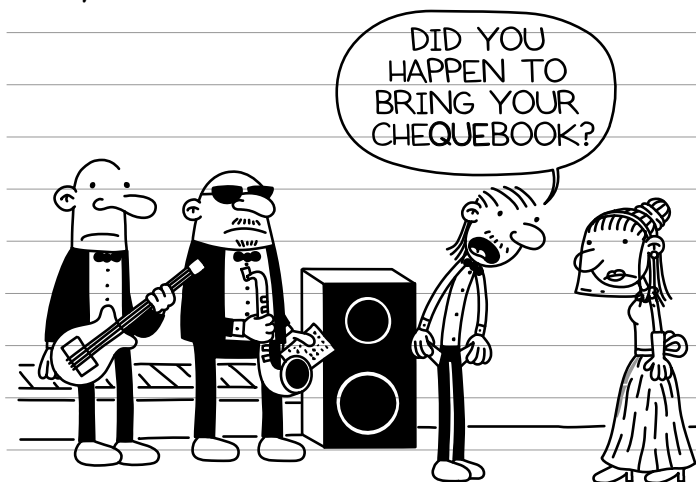


And I heard Uncle Gary's second wife, Charlene, thought he had a lot of money because of a miscommunication on their second date.



It turns out Uncle Gary only had forty-five dollars, not forty-five THOUSAND dollars.

But Charlene didn't find that out until it was time to pay the band at the wedding.



Dad's always saying Uncle Gary needs to "grow up" and stop acting like a child. But if I were Dad I wouldn't hold my breath.

