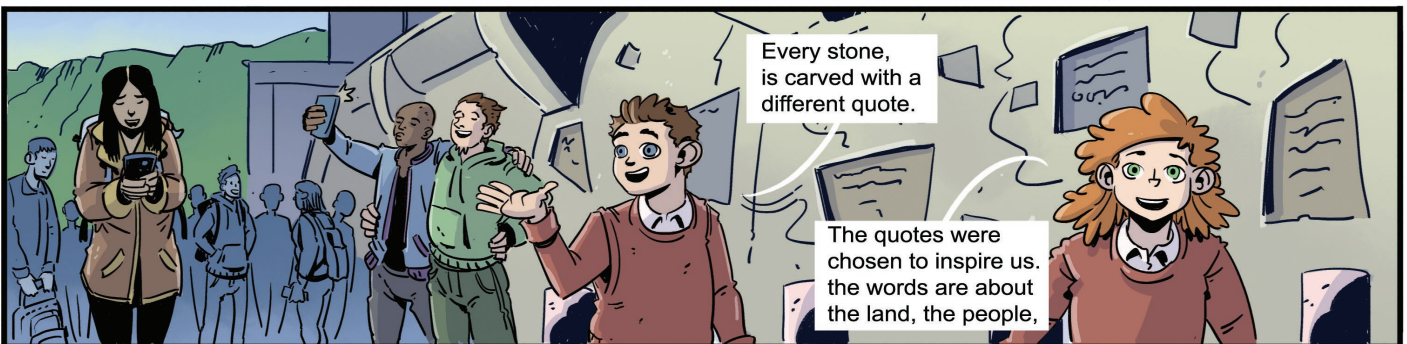




# Our Words The Canongate Wall

The Scottish Parliament  
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

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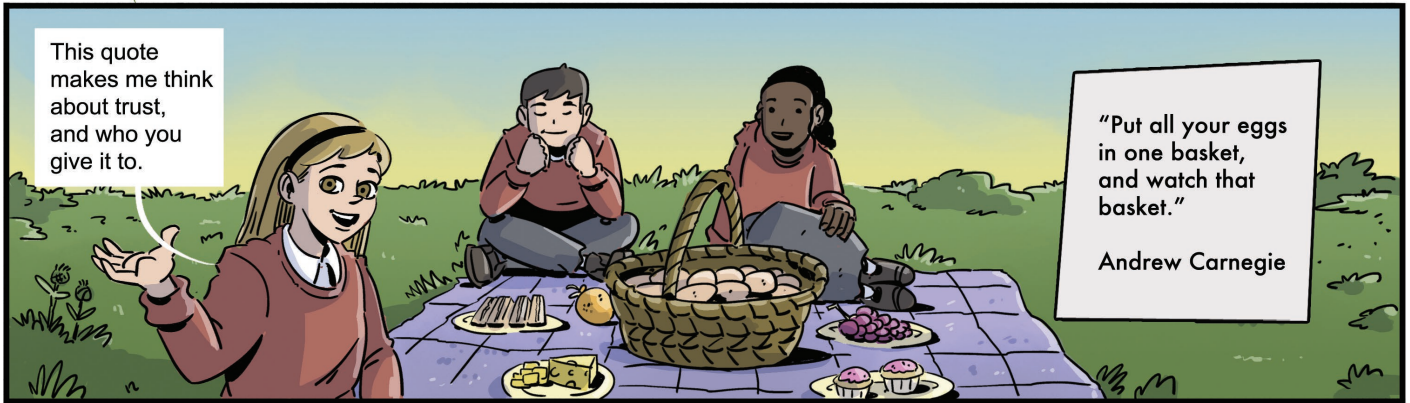




"The rose of all the world is not for me. I want for my part only the little white rose of Scotland that smells sharp and sweet and breaks the heart."  
Hugh MacDiarmid

I feel like I could travel anywhere, but I would always come back to Scotland because it means so much to me.

we are unique like the white rose.



This quote makes me think about trust, and who you give it to.

"Put all your eggs in one basket, and watch that basket."  
Andrew Carnegie



"This is my country, the lands that begat me. These windy spaces are surely my own. And those who toil here in the sweat of their faces are flesh of my flesh, and bone of my bone."  
Sir Alexander Gray

This has a great explanation of Scotland.

It makes me feel proud to be Scottish. We are a country and a community.

My gran used to read this to me when I was sad, and it makes me think of her.



These aren't scary ghosts, they are memories of people that made a difference.

"Sweet ghosts in a loving band roam through the houses that stand - for the builders are not gone."  
George Macdonald



"What a lovely, lovely moon. And it's in the constituency too."  
Alan Jackson

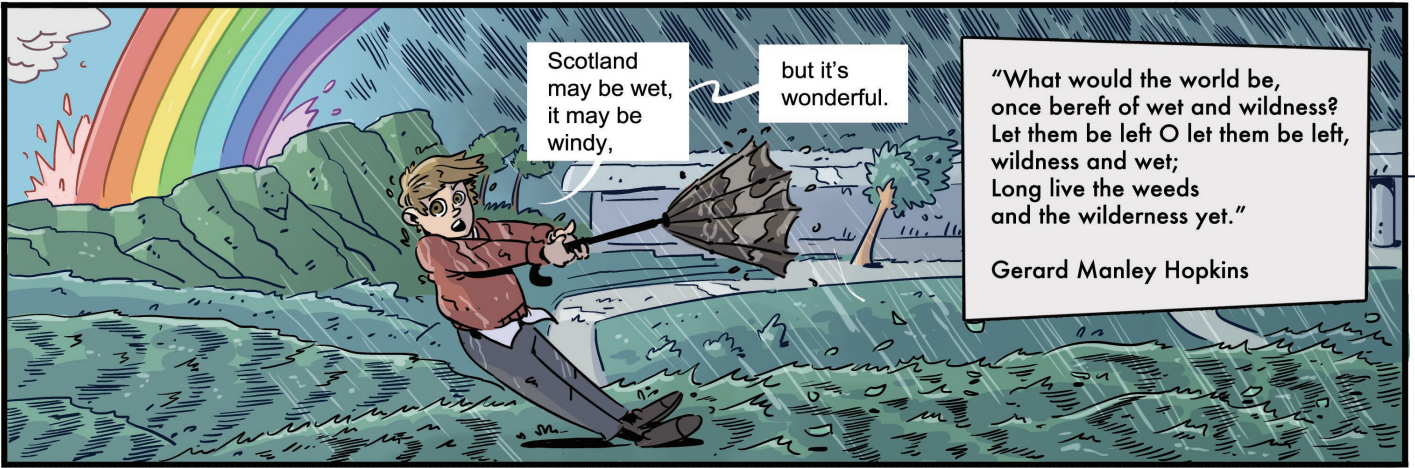
It's subtle and inspirational at the same time. it makes me think of astronauts.

It reminds me of a dream of stargazing.

"But Edinburgh is a mad god's dream  
fitful and dark, unseizable in Leith  
and wildered by the Forth,  
but irresistibly at last  
cleaving to sombre heights  
of passionate imagining till stonily,  
from soaring battlements,  
earth eyes eternity."

Hugh MacDiarmid

This reminds me of places I know,  
and how Edinburgh is spacious,  
and tiny, and busy and a place  
everyone should see.

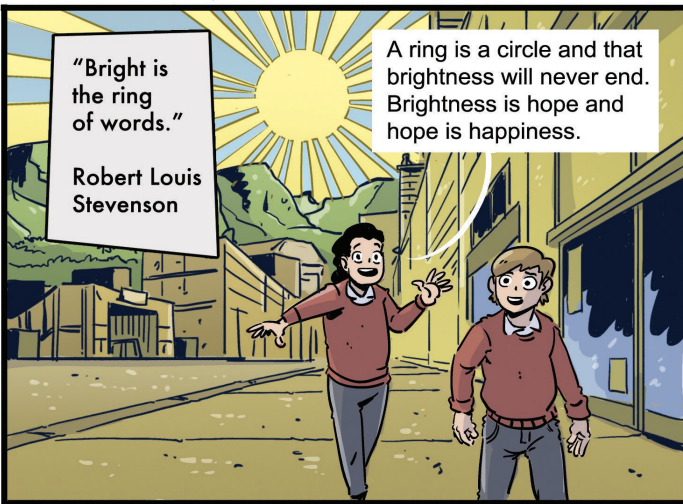


Scotland  
may be wet,  
it may be  
windy,

but it's  
wonderful.

"What would the world be,  
once bereft of wet and wildness?  
Let them be left O let them be left,  
wildness and wet;  
Long live the weeds  
and the wilderness yet."

Gerard Manley Hopkins



"Bright is  
the ring  
of words."

Robert Louis  
Stevenson

A ring is a circle and that  
brightness will never end.  
Brightness is hope and  
hope is happiness.



"...if a man were  
permitted to make all  
the ballads,  
he need not care who  
should make the laws  
of a nation."

Andrew Fletcher

Making poems  
and songs can  
be just as  
important as  
making the law.



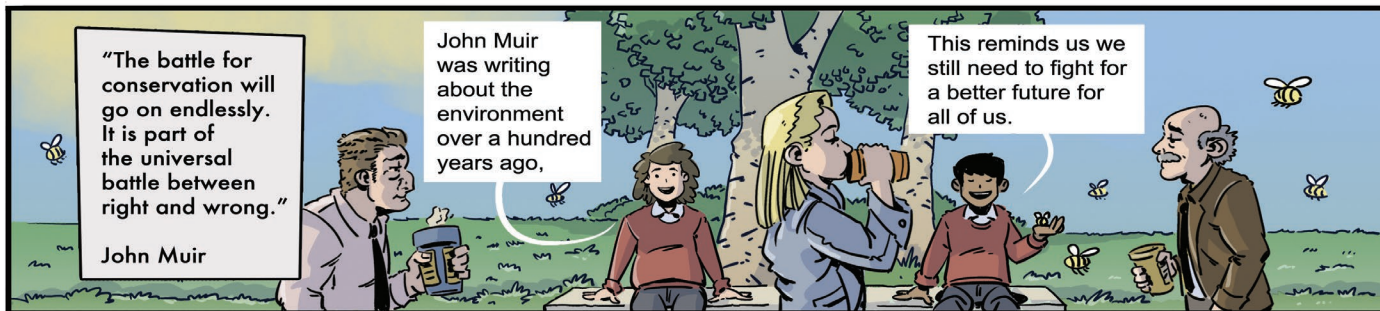
"Abair ach beagan  
is abair gu math e."

Seannfhacal

"Say but little and  
say it well."

Proverb

People shouldn't talk  
just for the sake of it.  
Think about what  
you say.



"The battle for conservation will go on endlessly. It is part of the universal battle between right and wrong."  
John Muir

John Muir was writing about the environment over a hundred years ago.

This reminds us we still need to fight for a better future for all of us.



We all have a responsibility to work together for that future.

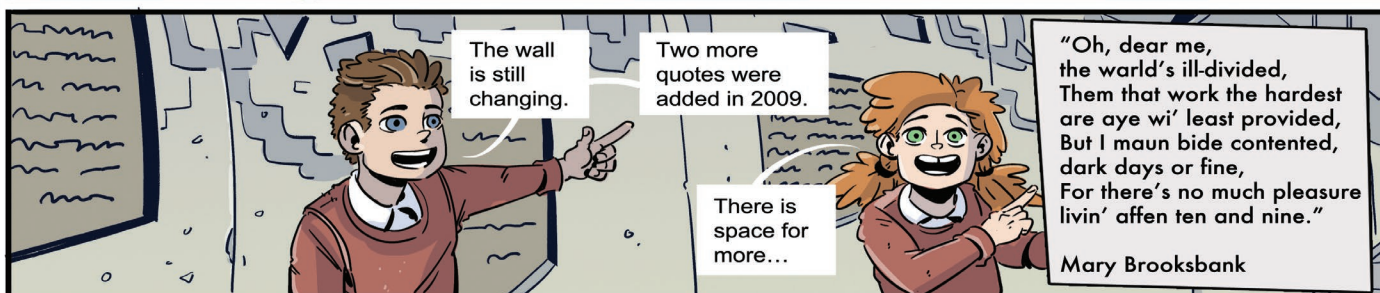
"Work as if you live in the early days of a better nation."  
Alasdair Gray



There are many more quotes to read on the wall

...what's your favourite?

and why?



The wall is still changing.

Two more quotes were added in 2009.

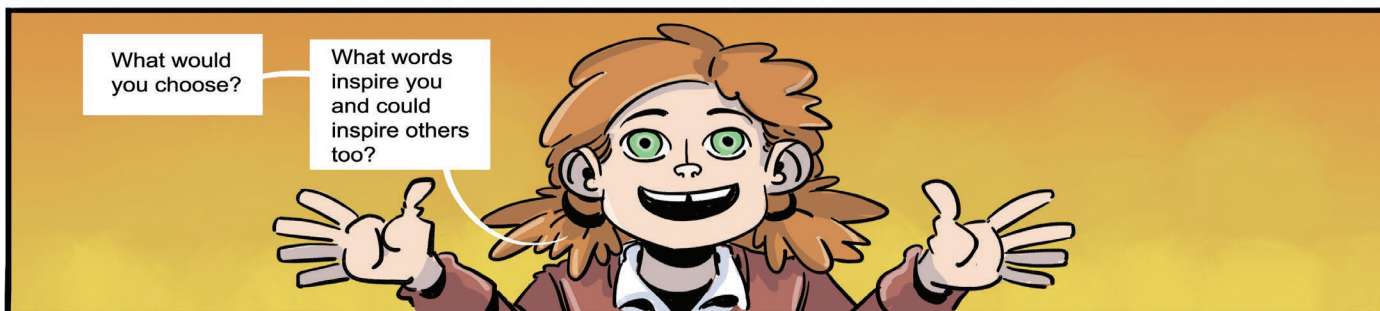
There is space for more...

"Oh, dear me, the world's ill-divided, Them that work the hardest are aye wi' least provided, But I maun bide contented, dark days or fine, For there's no much pleasure livin' affen ten and nine."  
Mary Brooksbank



If we could choose a new quote, from anyone in the world, it would be...

"It isn't where you come from, it's where you're going that counts."  
Ella Fitzgerald



What would you choose?

What words inspire you and could inspire others too?



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