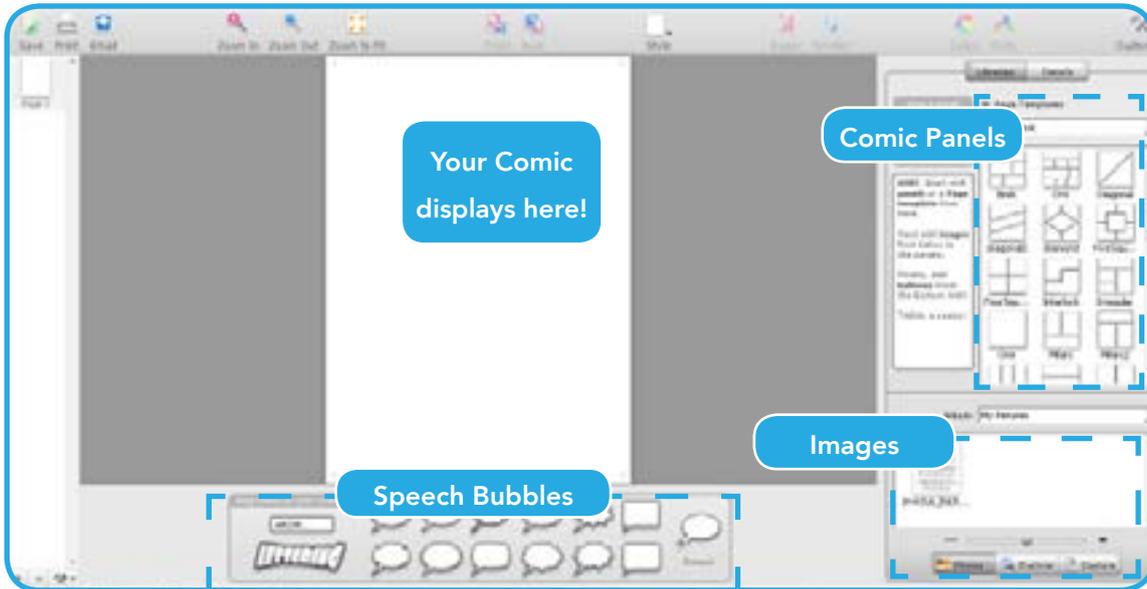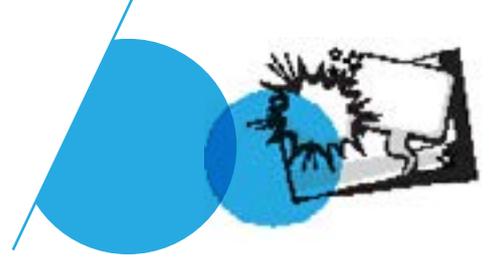# HELP GUIDE
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This section contains help on how to create a comic using Comic Life. Comic Life is a desktop publishing software package which allows users to create comics using images and text.
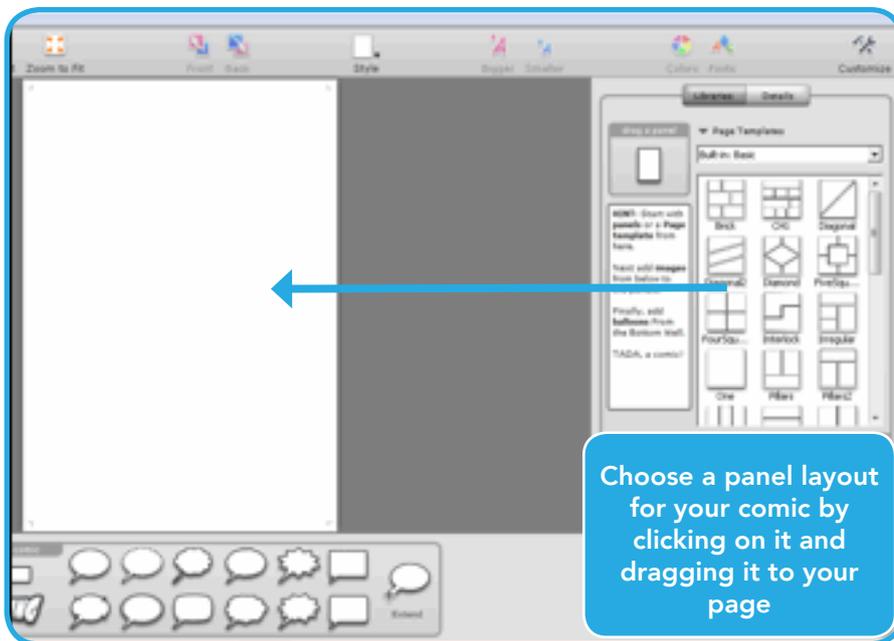Comic Life is available to download from http://www.plasq.com.

Other comic creation software tools that are available are:

>> Kindle Comic Creator

>> Comic Creator by Summitsoft

>> Comic Life (App for iPad and Android)

>> Comic Strip It! (App for Android)

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Choosing a Panel Layout

Choose a panel layout for your comic by clicking on it and dragging it to your page
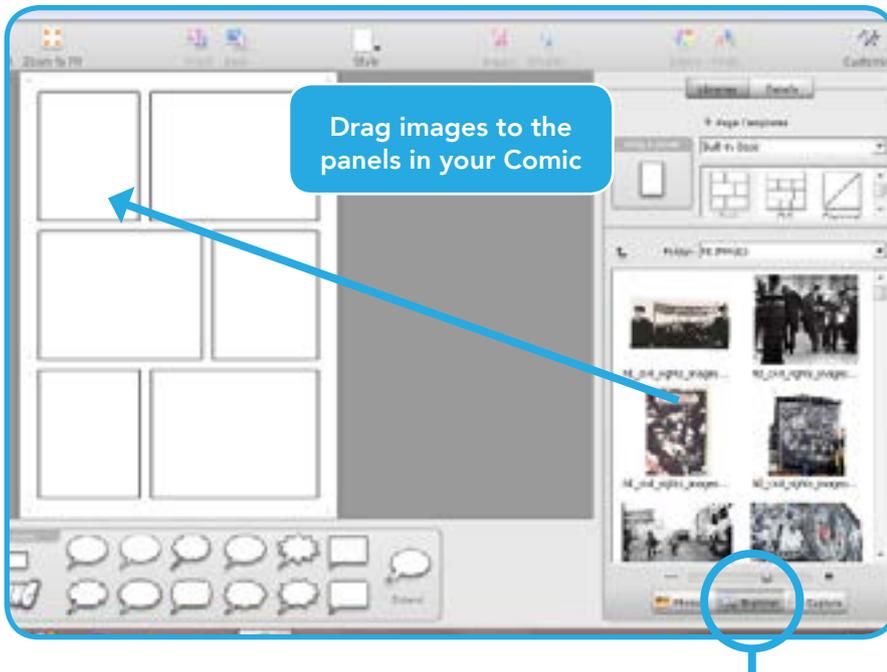
ATTENTION!!

Panels can be resized, rotated, moved or deleted to suit your comic – just click on them once and edit them the way you want! Drag the green squares to resize
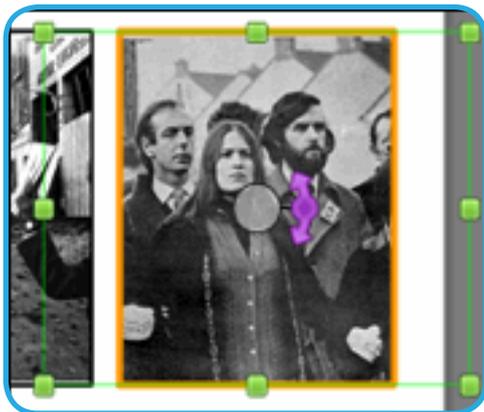
Drag the purple arrows to rotate

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Choosing images for your Comic

Drag images to the panels in your Comic

Comic Life will automatically look for images from default locations on your PC or Mac. On PC this location is "Pictures" and on Mac it is "iPhoto".

To choose images from a different location, click on the "Explorer" button. From the "Album" dropdown box - above where the images appear - locate the drive and folder where your images are stored.

ATTENTION!!

Images can be resized, rotated, moved or deleted to suit your comic – just double click on them and edit them the way you want!

(You will know you have selected the image and not the panel because of the orange border)

Drag the green squares to resize

Drag the purple arrows to rotate

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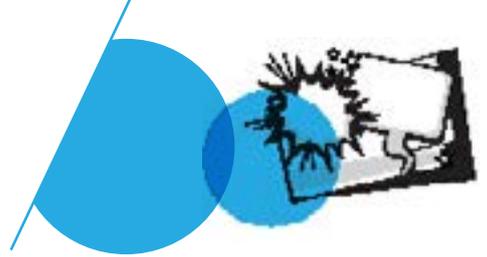## Adding Lettering, Captions and Speech Bubbles

Choose lettering, captions and speech bubbles for your Comic by clicking on them and dragging them onto your Comic

Lettering can be used for titles

Captions can be used for narration

Speech/Thought Bubbles can be used to show what a character is thinking/feeling

ATTENTION!!

Lettering and Captions can be resized, rotated and moved. Click on them once to activate these features (much like images and panels).

Lettering can also be stretched – hover over your lettering to activate the blue stretching circles

ATTENTION!!

Hovering over a speech/thought bubble will allow you to move it (green cross), add another arm

(orange plus sign) and change

the direction of the speech arm (blue circle). Clicking on the speech/thought bubble will also allow you to resize it

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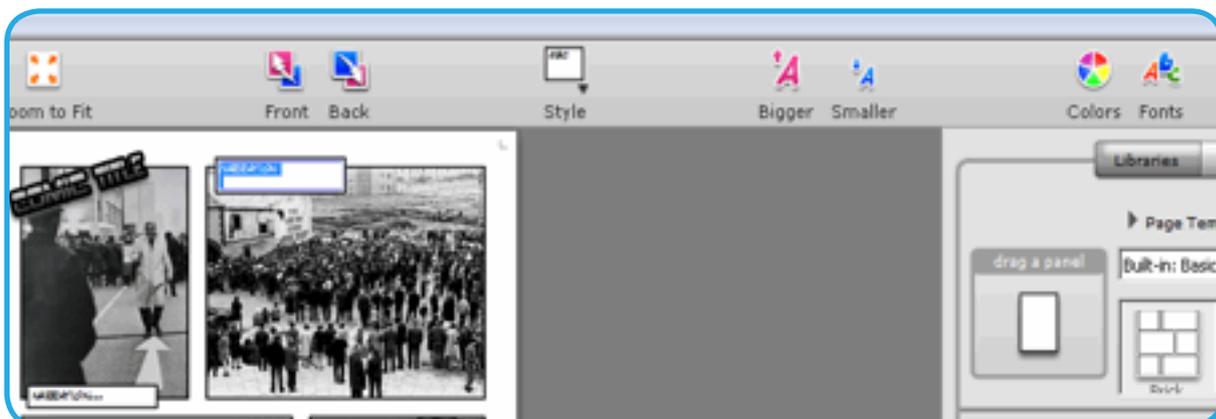## Changing the Style of items in your Comic

To change the Style of a panel, title, caption, or speech/thought bubble click on the item and then click the "Style" button on the toolbar
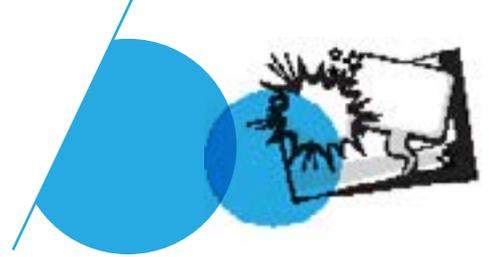
Each individual item has its own set of styles

ATTENTION!!

To change the style of an image you must double click on the panel the image is in. Once the image is highlighted, you will then be able to change the style
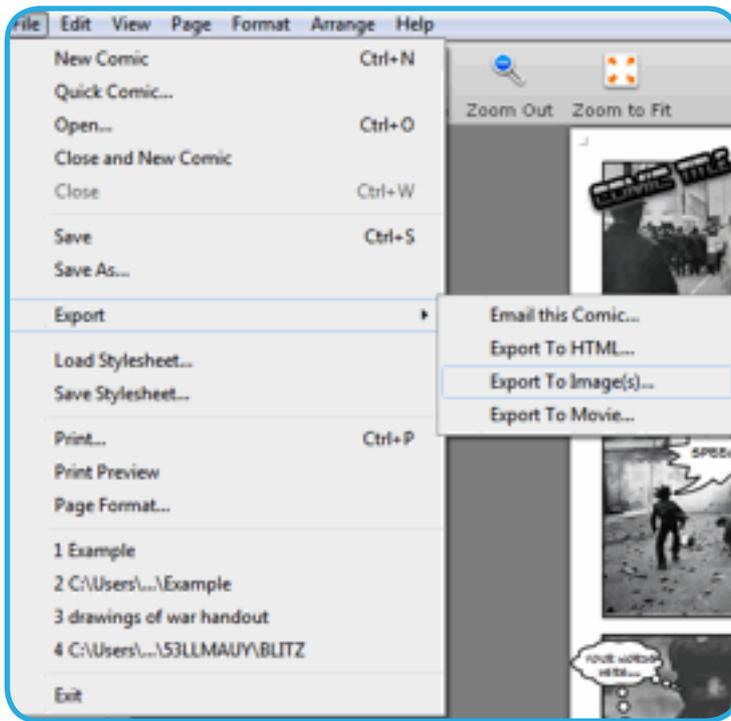

Double clicking on a caption or speech/thought bubble will activate the "Bigger", "Smaller", "Colors" and "Fonts" buttons on the toolbar. These buttons will only affect the font within the caption or bubble.
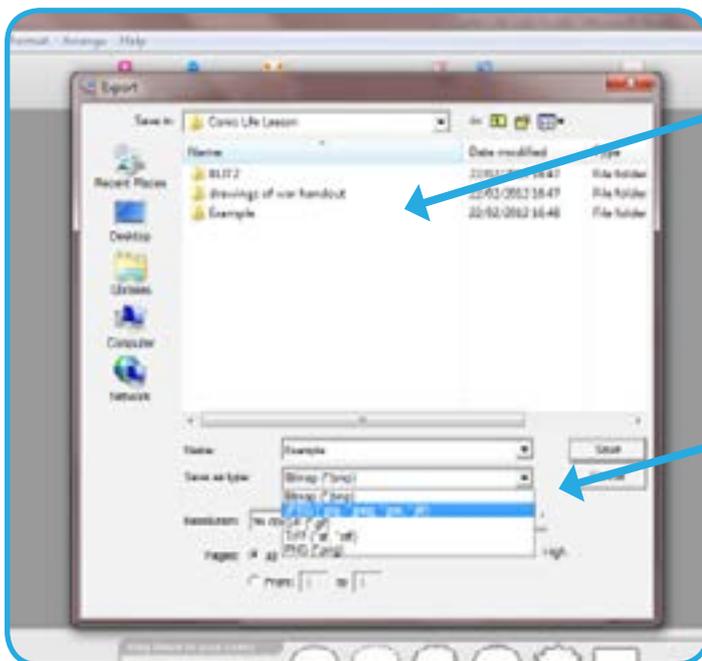
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Saving and Exporting

Saving your comic will result in it being saved as a ".comicdoc" file. This is fine if your comic is still a work in progress. If your comic is finished, you may want to save it as a JPEG, BMP or GIF. To do this, you must Export your comic.

Click on File >> Export >> Export To Image(s)

You must then choose a location for your exported comic

Clicking on this dropdown box will allow you to choose which file type you export your comic as e.g. JPEG

For more information on Comic Life and its benefits to education visit: **http://plasq.com/education/**