



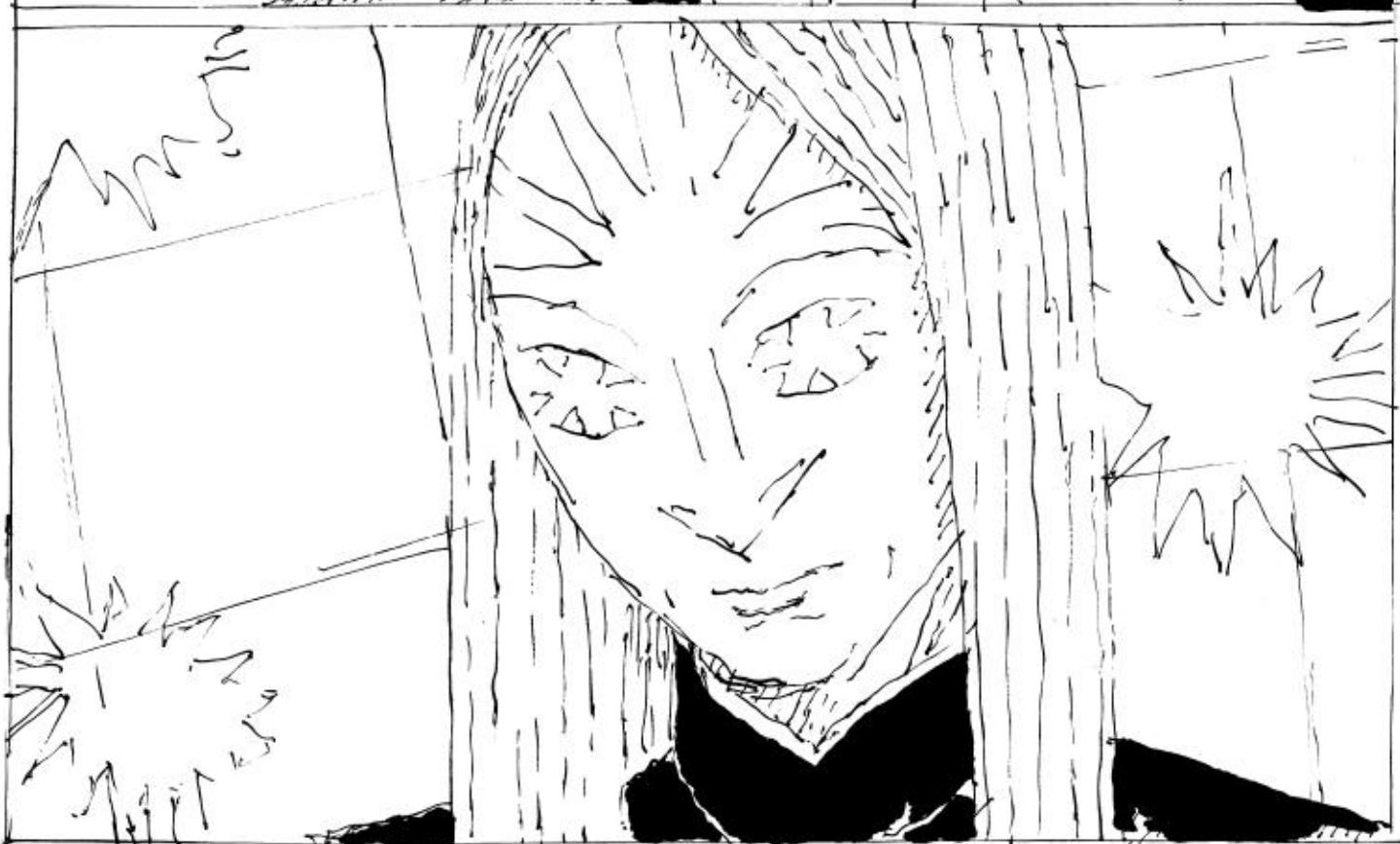
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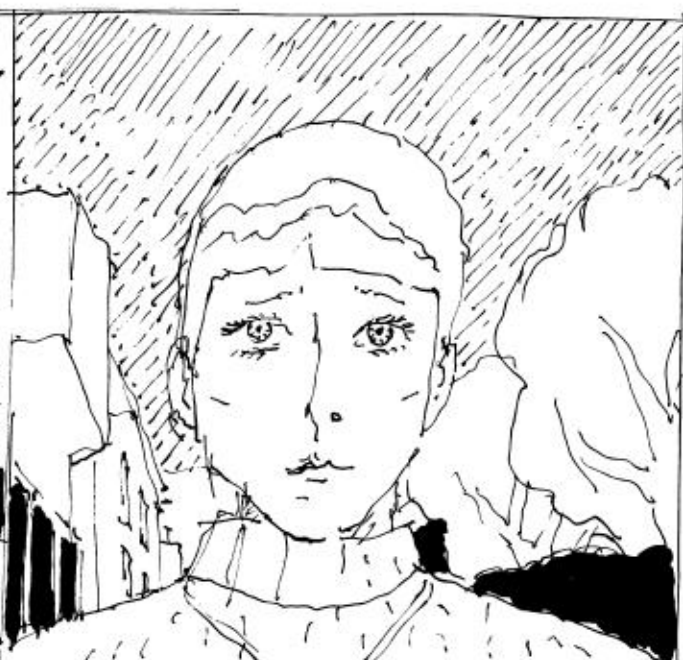


ASTROLOGICAL QUESTION



OUTSIDE IT IS RAINING SLIGHTLY . I HEAR A LOW
SOUND - MACHINES AND WIND PASSING THROUGH INDUSTRIAL
ESTATES - WHERE? LIGHTS AND MOON REFLECTED
ON THE PUDDLES OF WATER
ON THE PAVEMENTS - I MAKE
MY WAY TO THE STOP.

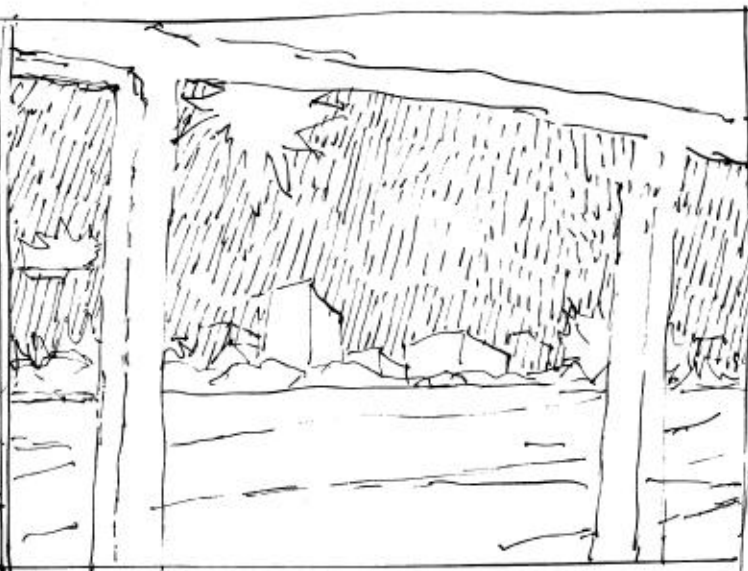




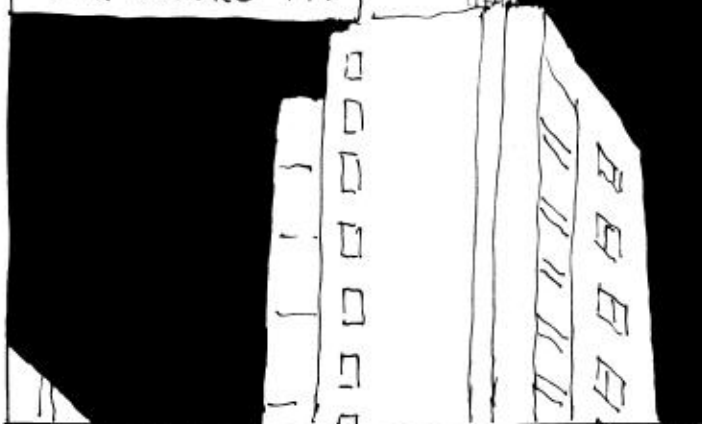
WHEN THE BUS ARRIVES WE
ENTER FRONT DOOR WE WALK
PUSH THROUGH SEATS ROWS
OF PASSENGERS - BACK ROW
TAKEN - WE SIT AT
THE FRONT



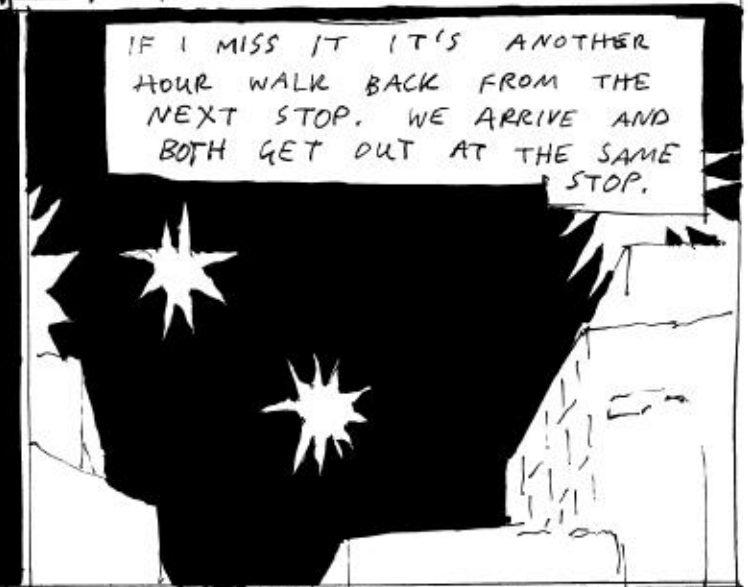
THE NIGHT BUS RIDE LASTS FOR MORE THAN AN HOUR - OUT OF THE CENTRE TO THE EAST.



I KNOW WHERE WE ARE WHEN I SEE THE SKYSCRAPER FROM A DISTANCE - I'M THE STOP BEFORE IT.



IF I MISS IT IT'S ANOTHER HOUR WALK BACK FROM THE NEXT STOP. WE ARRIVE AND BOTH GET OUT AT THE SAME STOP.



WHAT A COINCIDENCE...

SO WILL YOU INVITE
ME OVER OR WHAT?



FULL DISCLOSURE THIS
IS MY MOTHER'S PLACE,
I HAD TO MOVE IN -
-- BUT SHE'S AWAY

SO EMBARRASSING AT
MY AGE - I'M ALREADY
FORTY-THREE.

NO NEED
TO WORRY -
I'LL NOT
REVEAL YOUR SECRETS.

AND ANYWAY I CAN'T
STAY THAT LONG - I'M
LEAVING IN THE
MORNING FOR
THE AIRPORT,

GOING TO STUDY
AT A DANCE ACADEMY
ABROAD.

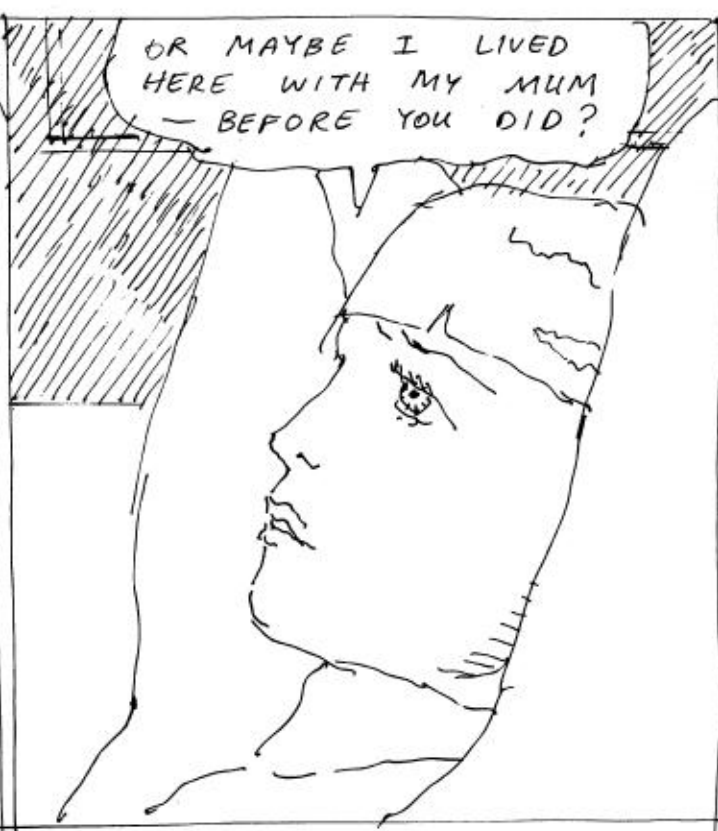
NOW I'VE NEVER EVEN
LEFT THIS CITY.

BY THE WAY
WHAT'S YOUR
STAR SIGN?

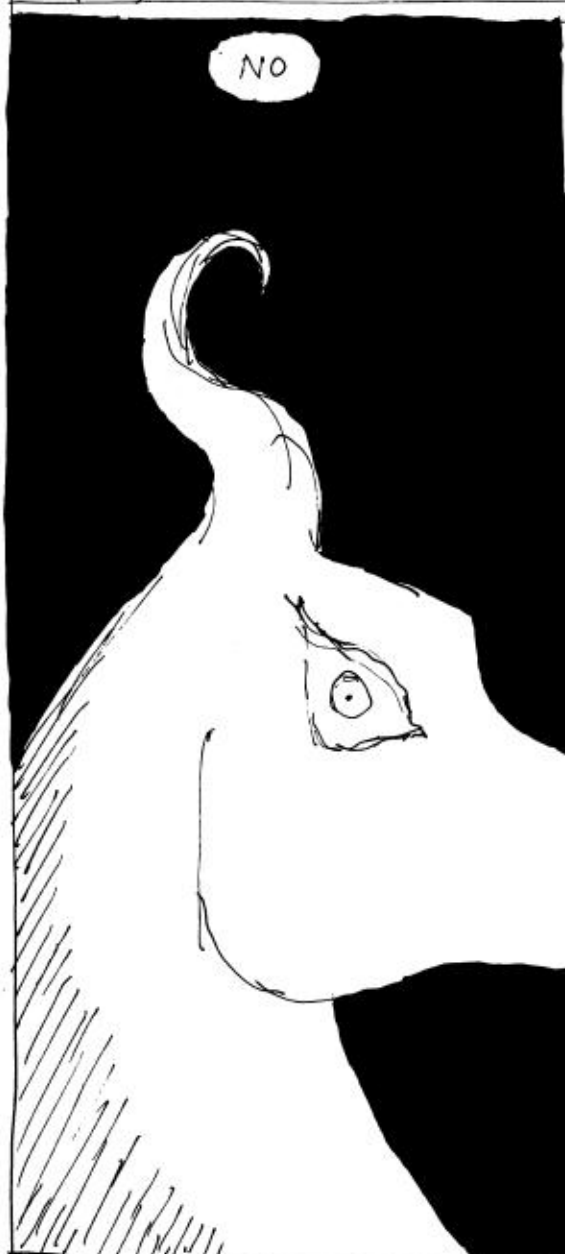




THIS PLACE SEEMS FAMILIAR,
LIKE I'VE BEEN HERE
BEFORE -



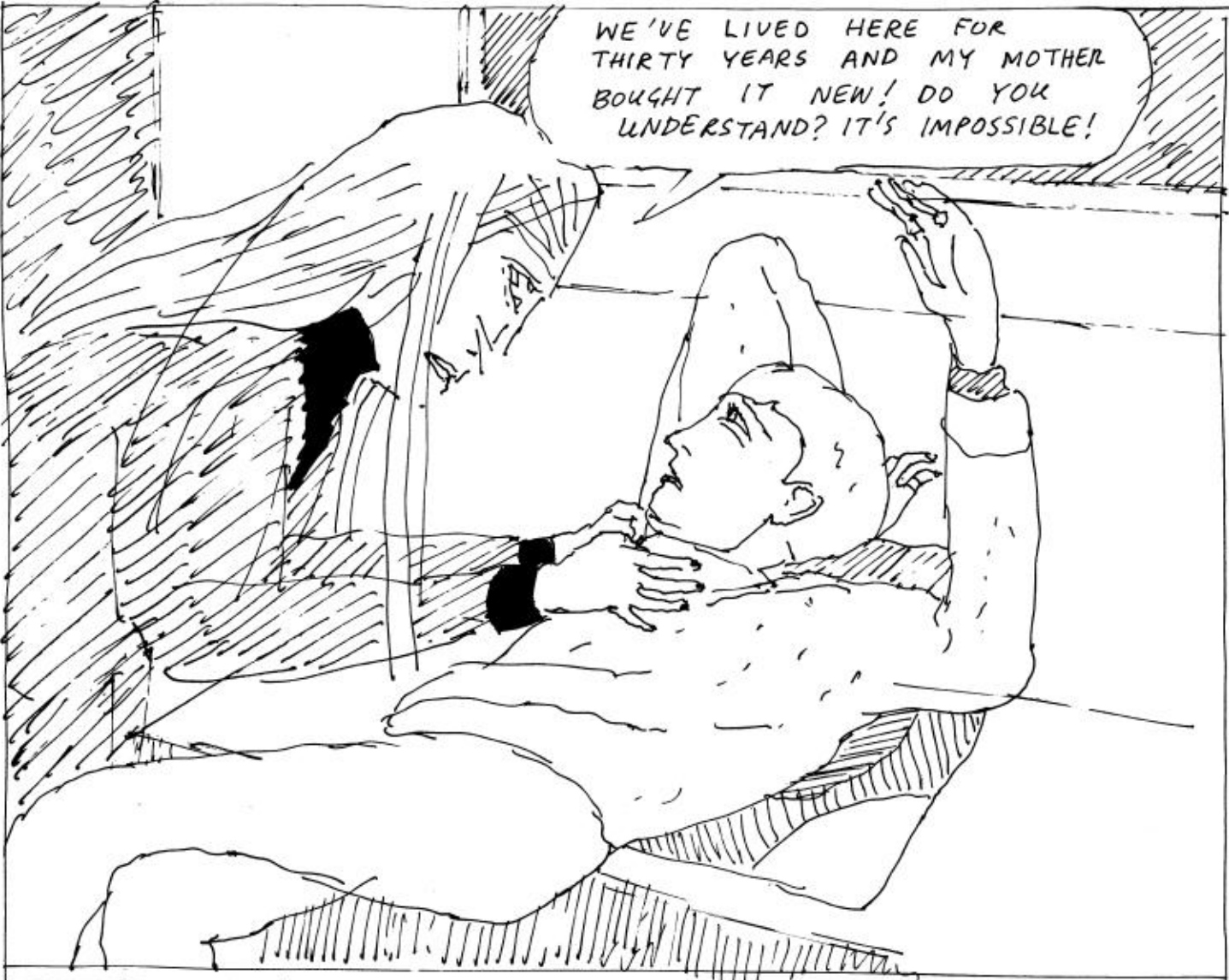
OR MAYBE I LIVED
HERE WITH MY MUM
- BEFORE YOU DID?




NO



THAT CAN'T
BE POSSIBLE.



WE'VE LIVED HERE FOR
THIRTY YEARS AND MY MOTHER
BOUGHT IT NEW! DO YOU
UNDERSTAND? IT'S IMPOSSIBLE!



I THINK - MAYBE
IT'S BETTER
I LEAVE -

WE'LL RECEIVE A COMPLAINT
TOMORROW FOR THIS BUT ANYWAY,
WHY DID THIS HAPPEN? I
KEEP THINKING WHY I GOT
SO ANGRY.



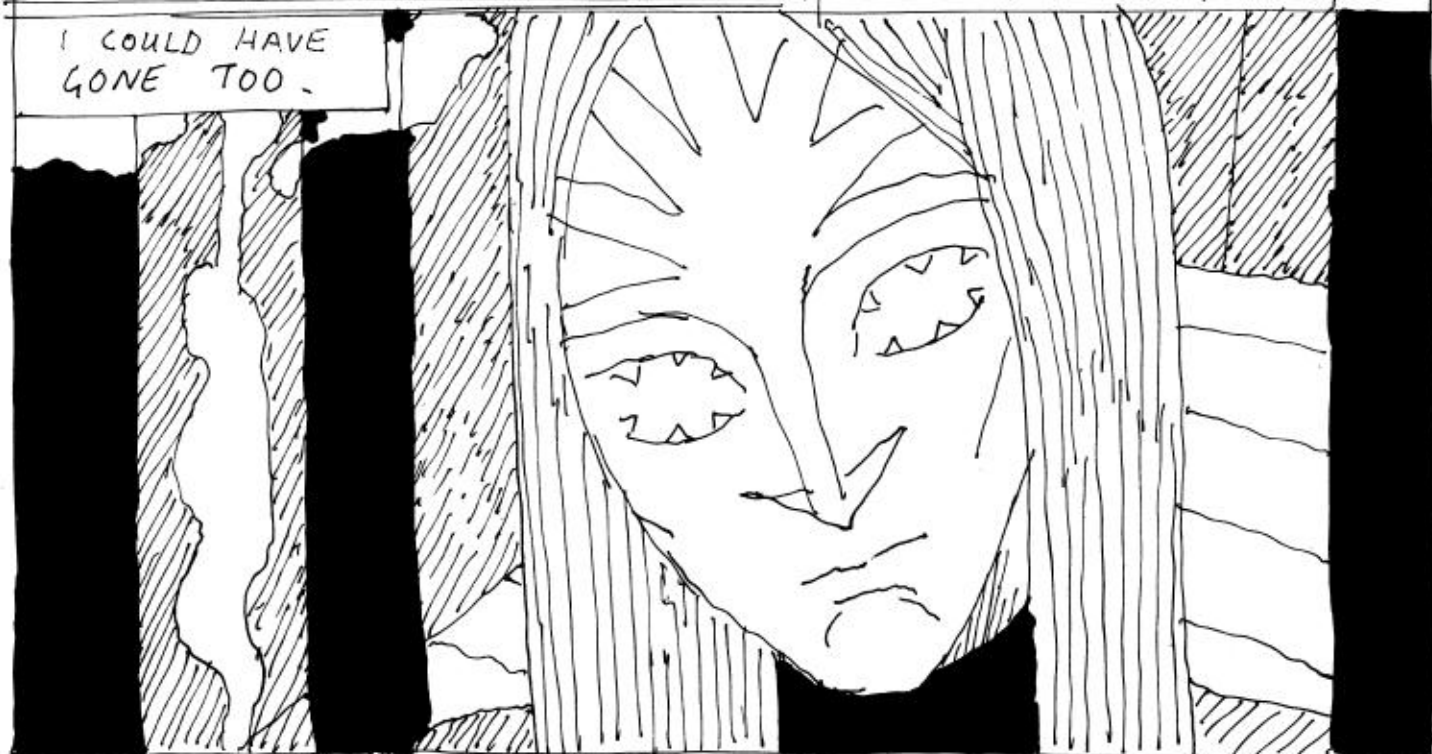
I LET MYSELF LOSE CONTROL
JEALOUS OF THEIR CONFIDENCE -
SITTING THERE WITH SUCH
ASSURANCE - I'M NOT SURE



IT DOESN'T MATTER IN
THE END, THEY'RE ON
THE PLANE NOW THINKING
OF OTHER THINGS - DANCE,
FUTURE, WHAT TO EAT



I COULD HAVE
GONE TOO.



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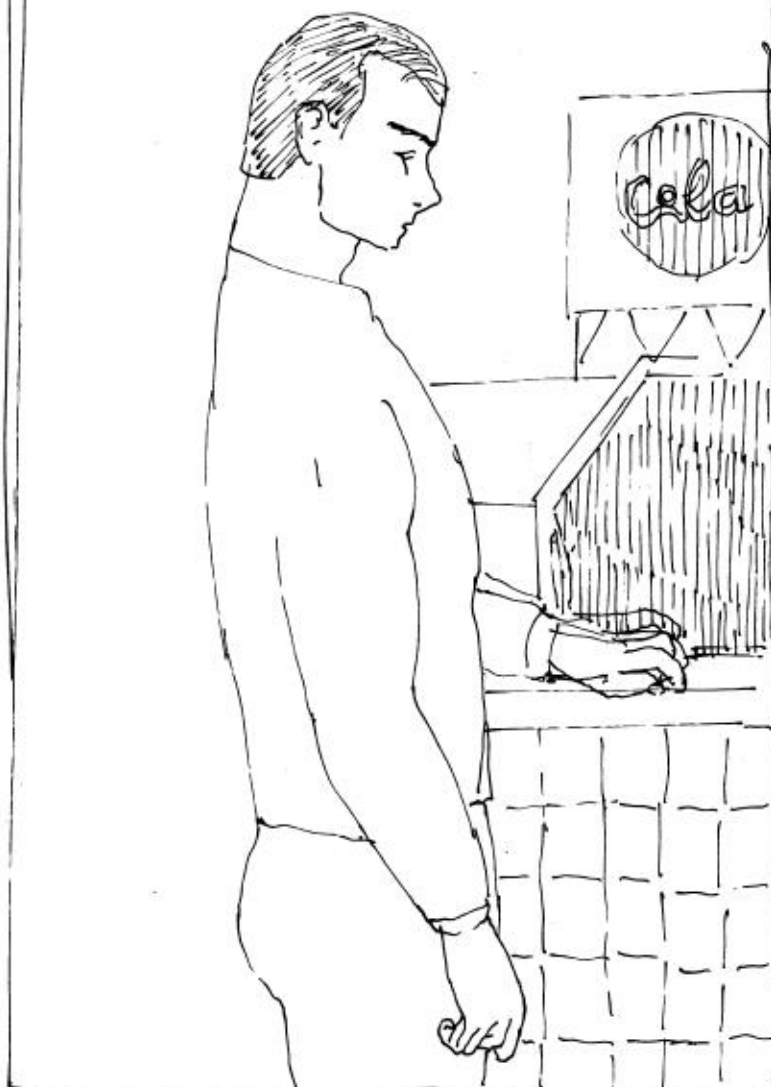
CANALSIDE
BURRITOS

ALL YOU CAN EAT
99¢ = 14

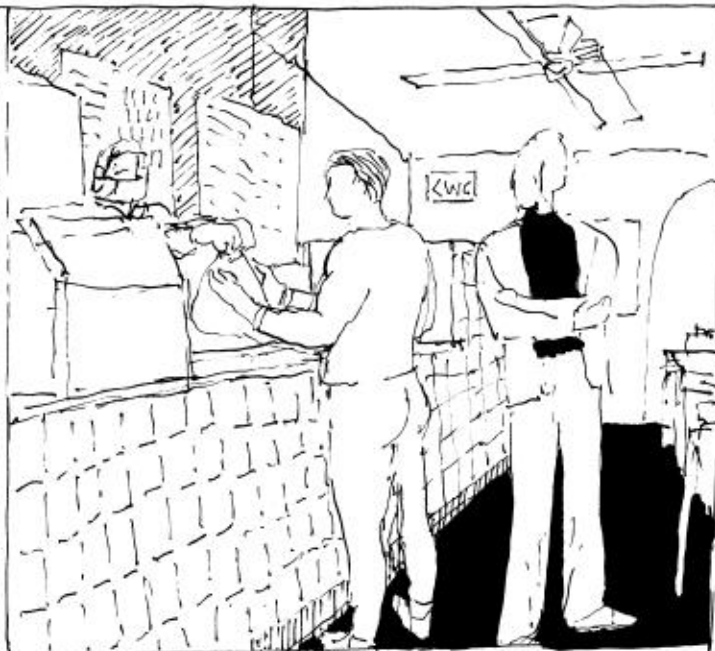
60% OFF

IS THERE ANYTHING
YOU CAN EAT HERE?

YEAH - I'LL GET
THE BEAN BURRITO
- WITHOUT CHEESE.



OH YOU CAN'T HAVE CHEESE
EITHER? THAT'S WHY YOU
DON'T GAIN MUSCLE.



YOU WORK OUT
A LOT?

YEAH - WORK A
LOT, THEN 'WORK
OUT'. WHAT ELSE
IS THERE TO DO?

PLAY
VIDEOGAMES?

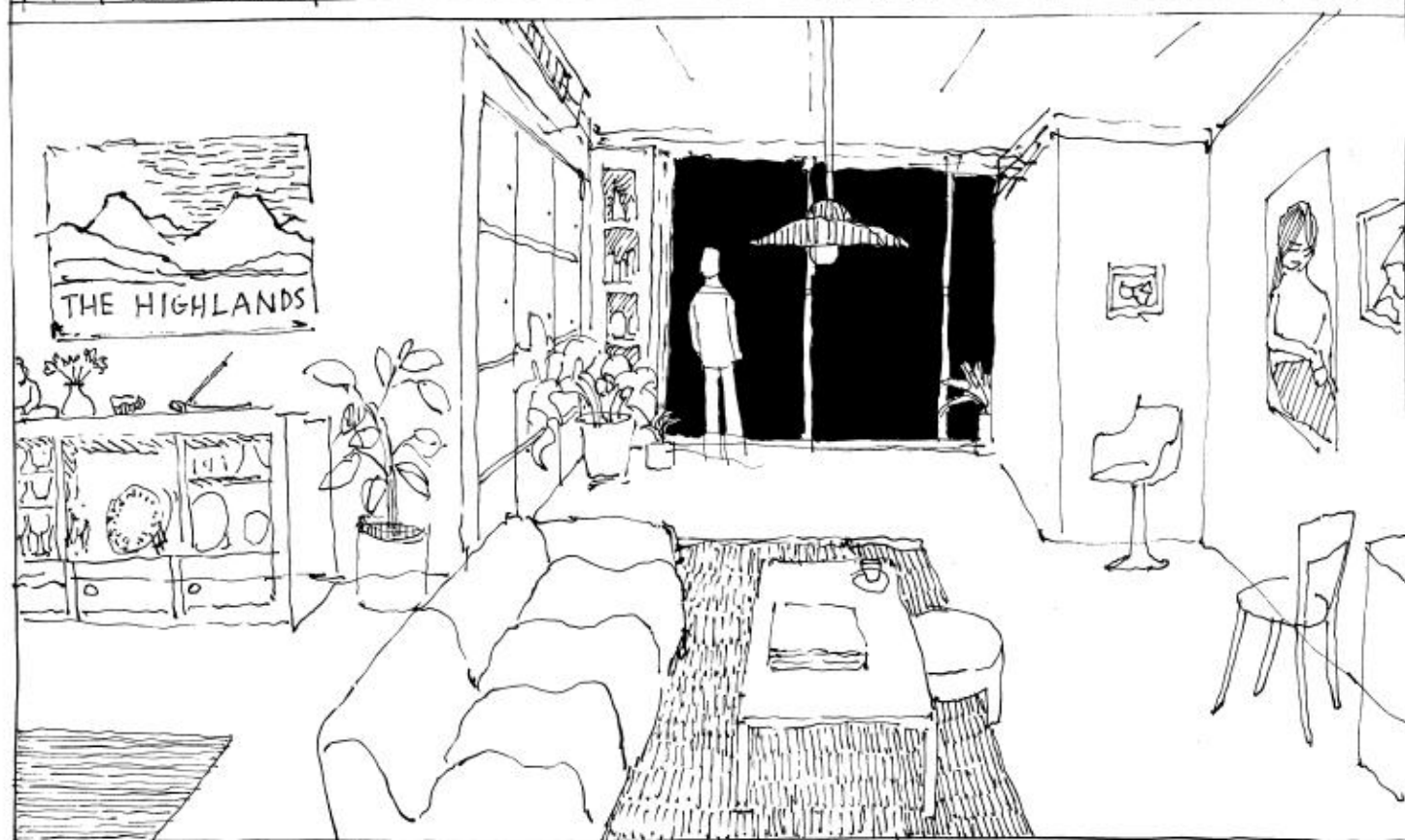
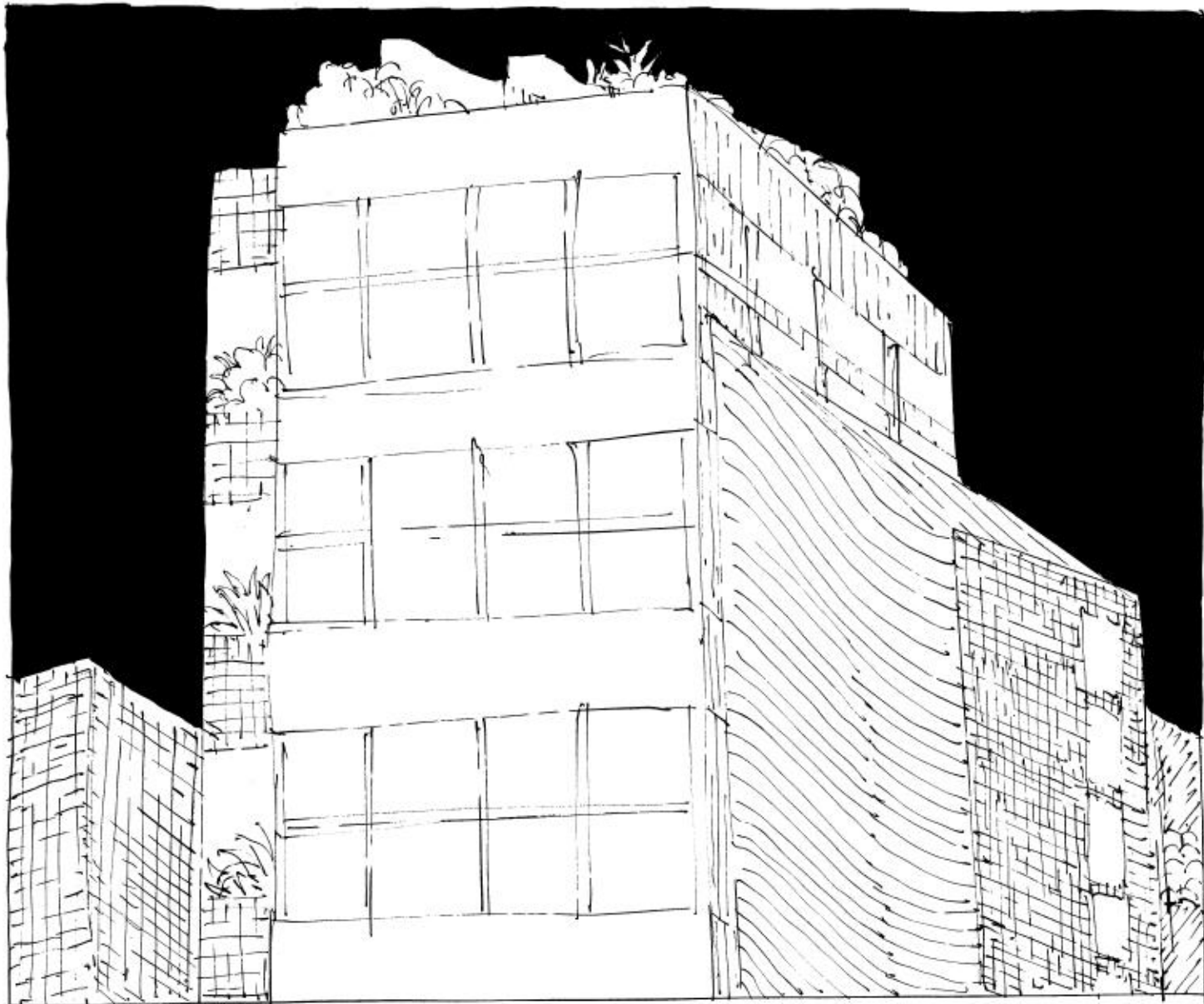
I DIDN'T
REALLY WANT
THIS - DO
I HAVE TO
EAT IT NOW?




I LIVE JUST AROUND
THE CORNER - BY
THE RIVER.


I DIDN'T WANT TO
SEEM DIFFICULT -
I'M SURE I'LL GET
FOOD POISONING -








THE VIEW FROM UP HERE
IS INCREDIBLE. HOW
DID YOU GET A PLACE
LIKE THIS IN THE CITY?




WELL I'M PAYING FOR
IT WITH MY SOUL, LET
ME TELL YOU.




HELP YOURSELF TO
WATER - TEA - ANYTHING.

I'M OK
THANKS



SO WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN
UP TO? ANY HOBBIES?
TRAVEL?

I DON'T
KNOW - THE
SAME.



WHY HAVEN'T WE
MET FOR SO LONG?
WHERE WERE YOU?

THERE WERE SOME
THINGS I HAD TO
TAKE CARE OF -
ALONE -

I ONLY REALISE HOW LONG
IT'S BEEN NOW THAT I
SEE HOW FAR YOU'VE
PROGRESSSED -

HIGHLANDS

HAVE YOU BEEN
TO SCOTLAND?

WELL YES OF
COURSE - BEEN
WITH LILI.

THE HIGHLANDS

LANDS


SHE'S SCOTTISH?

YEAH


I DON'T KNOW WHY
I'M SURPRISED - I
THOUGHT SHE'S FROM
SOMEWHERE ELSE.

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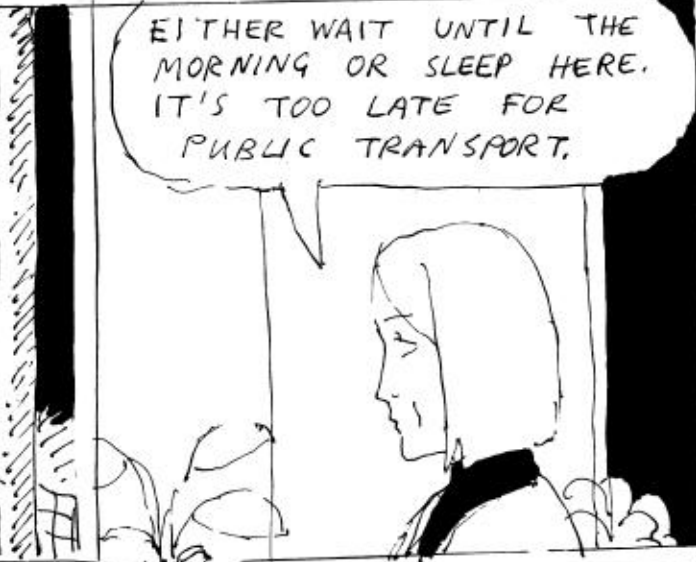
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HOW COULD YOU KNOW?
YOU HAVEN'T MET YET.
YOU MISSED THE
WEDDING.




LISTEN. WHAT ARE YOU
THINKING? BECAUSE I
SHOULD GET TO BED.



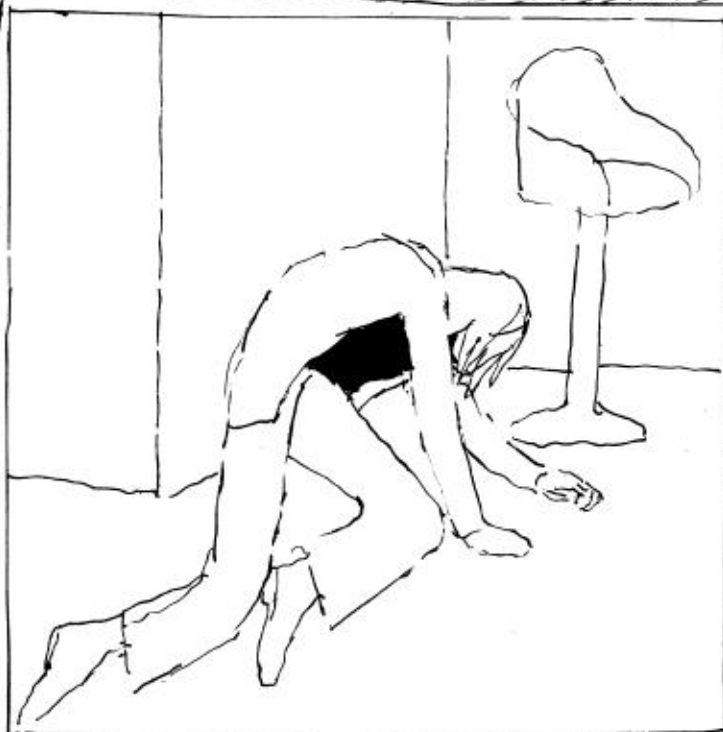
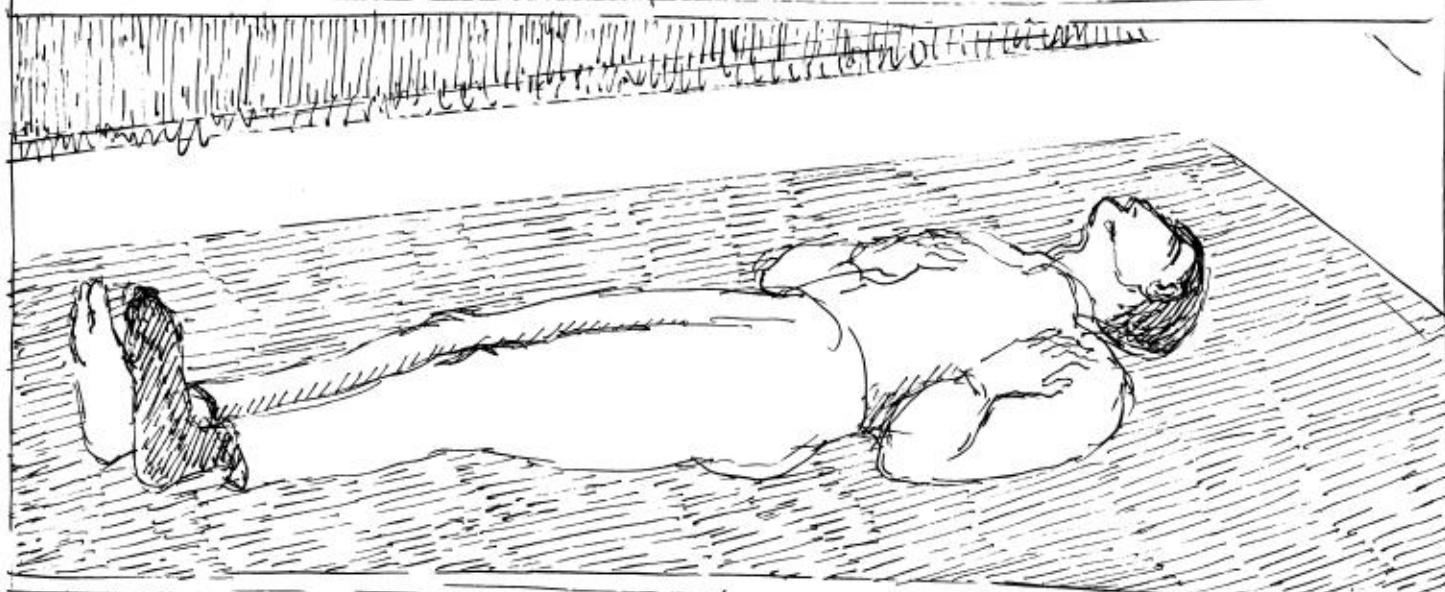
EITHER WAIT UNTIL THE
MORNING OR SLEEP HERE.
IT'S TOO LATE FOR
PUBLIC TRANSPORT.

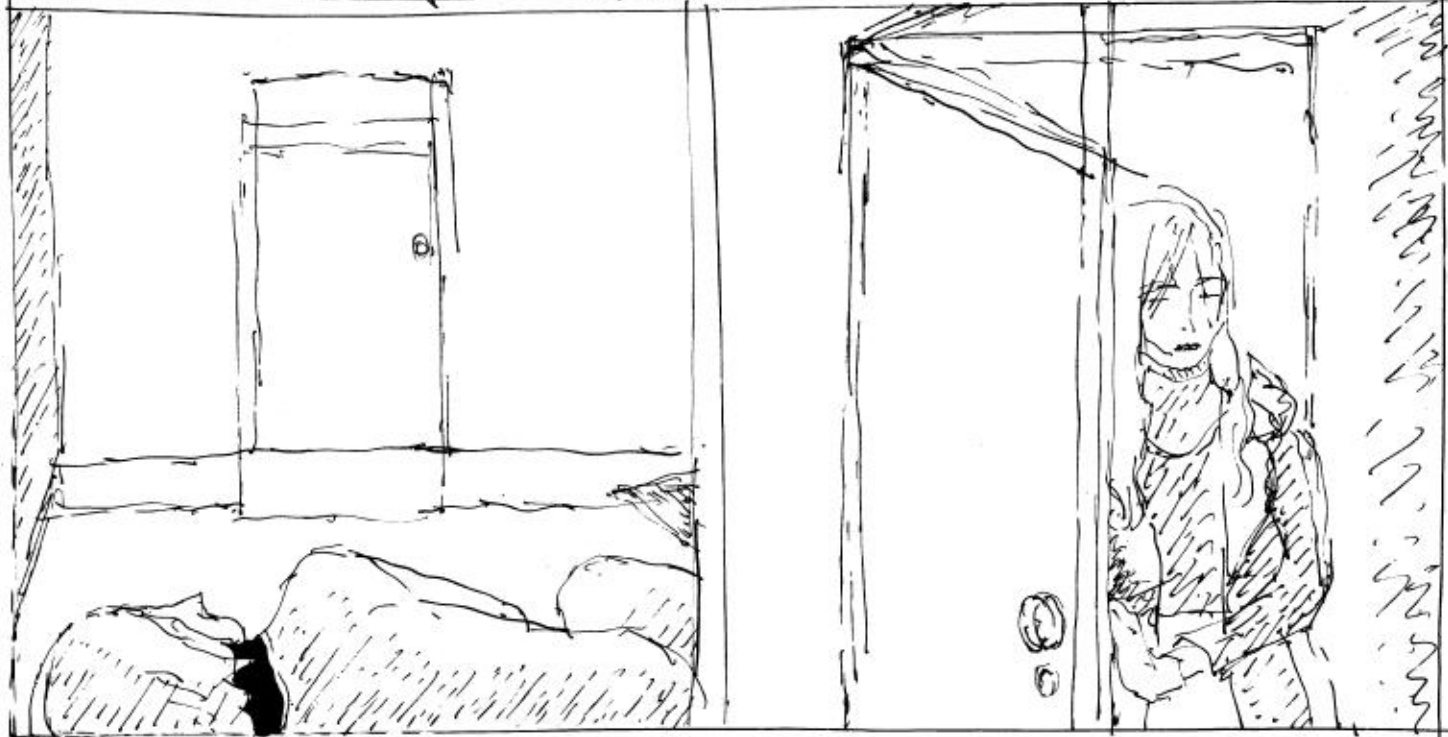
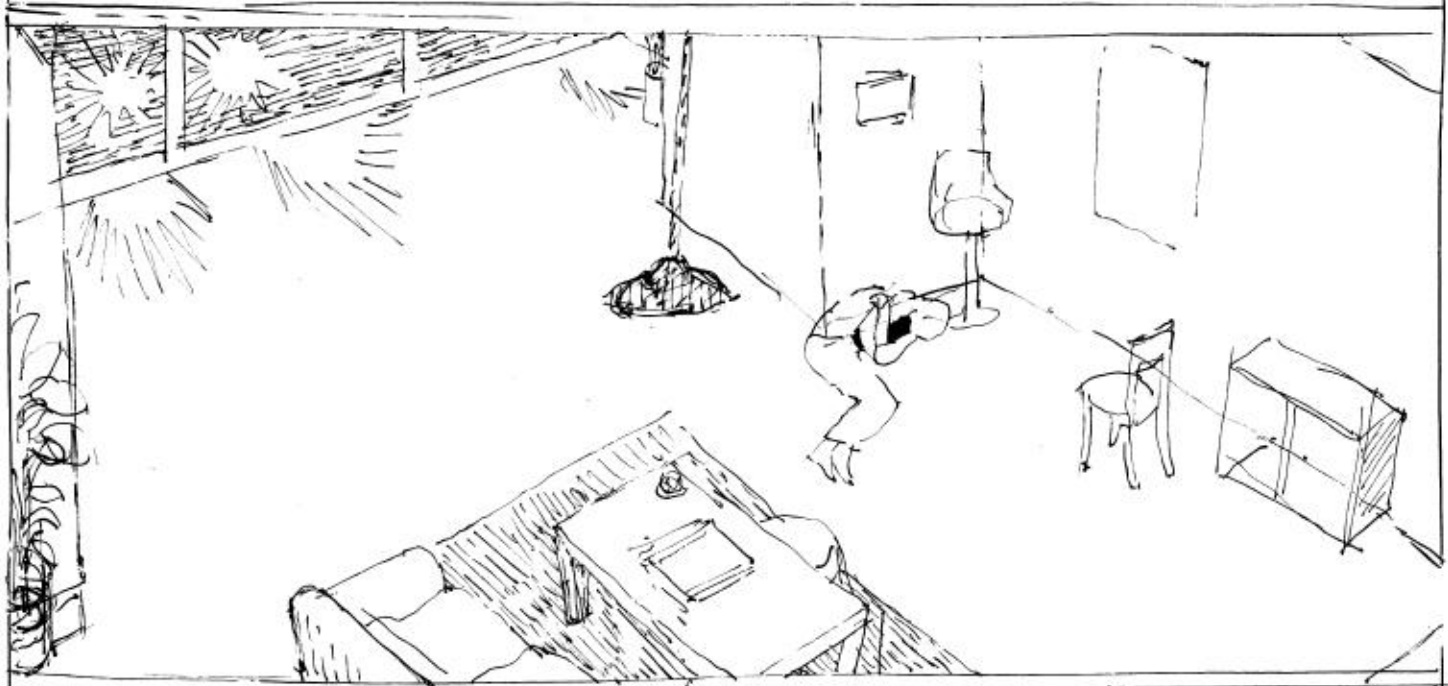
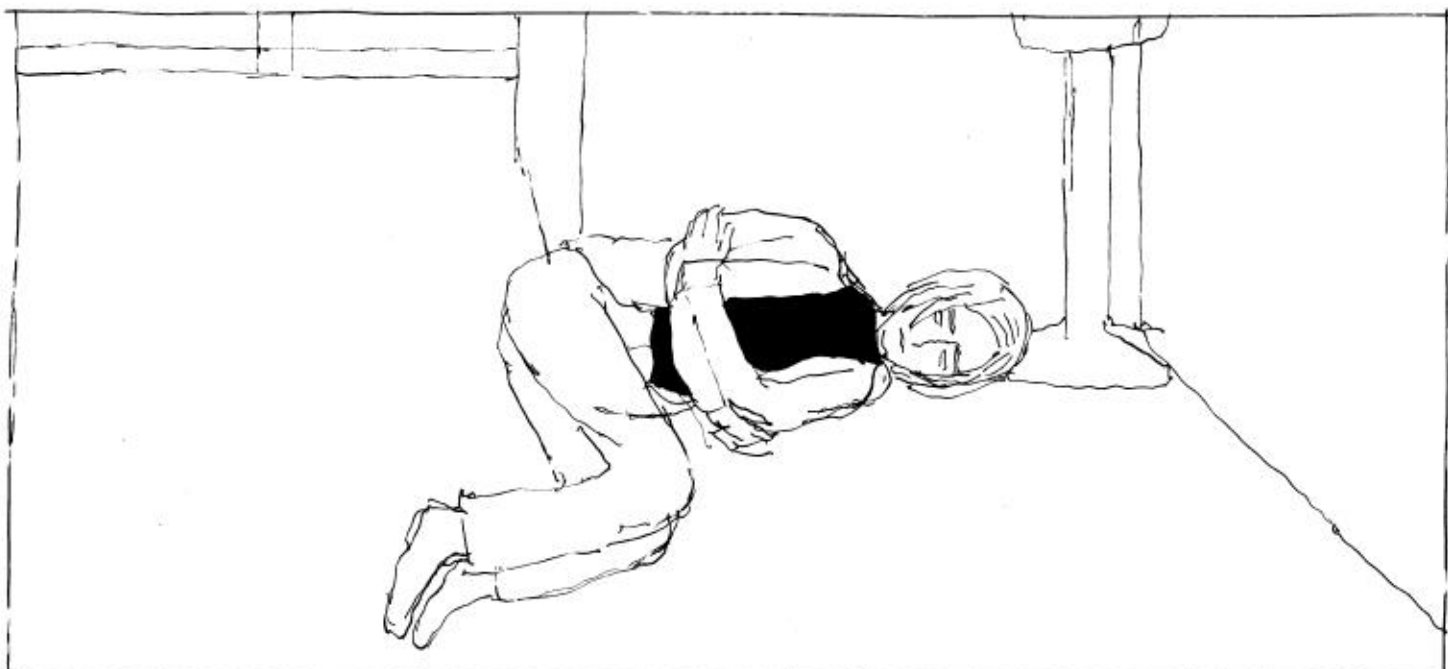


THAT'S ALRIGHT —
JUST SLEEP WHEREVER.

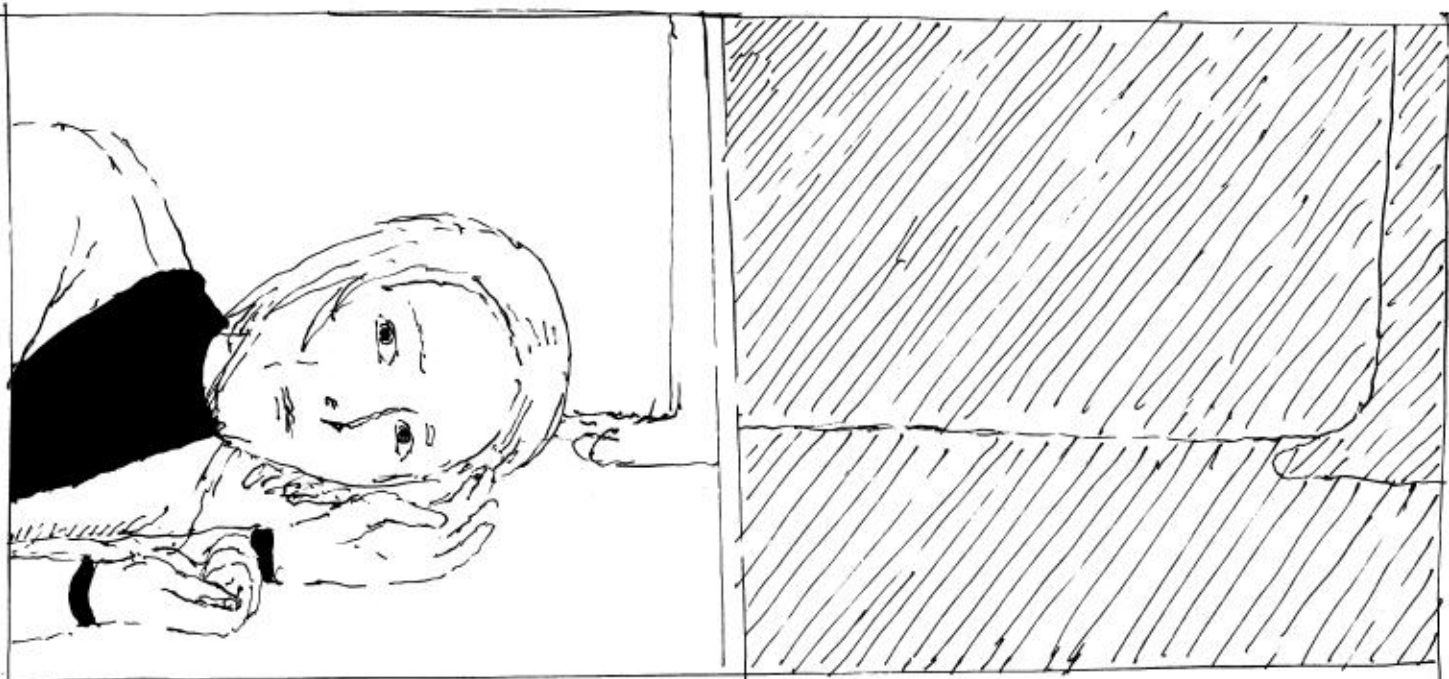


AND YOU DON'T HAVE TO
TELL ME ANYTHING — BUT
DON'T DISAPPEAR —









MORE COFFEE?



I'M BEING PUSHED
OUT OF CONSCIOUSNESS



END

