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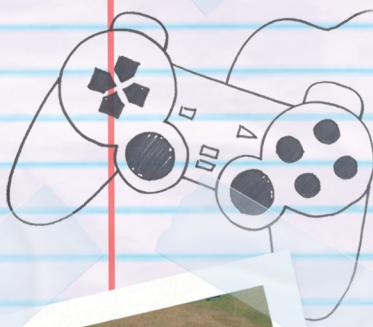
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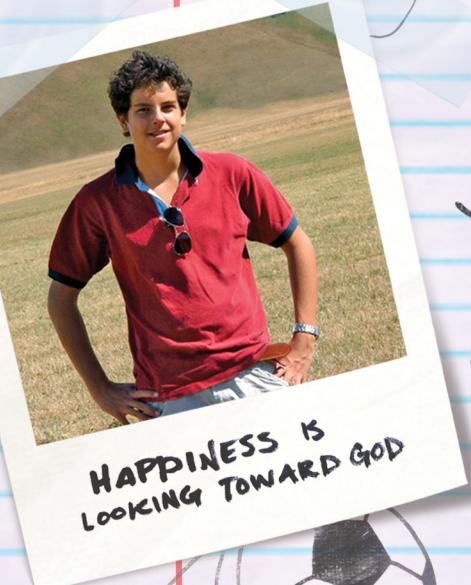
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2004. MILAN, ITALY.
CARLO ACUTIS,
A YOUNG 13-YEAR-OLD
VIDEO-GAME LOVING
TEENAGER, HAD AN EVEN
DEEPER LOVE OF HIS
CATHOLIC FAITH...

...HIS FAITH EVEN SURPRISED HIS
PARENTS, ANDREA AND ANTONIA, WHO
ONLY RECENTLY STARTED GOING BACK
TO MASS, THROUGH HIS INFLUENCE...



...THEY WERE OFTEN BUSY WITH WORK,
LEAVING CARLO IN THE CARE OF VARIOUS
HELPERS, WHO FOSTERED THIS FAITH.

AS CARLO GREW OLDER, HE LOOKED FOR
NEW WAYS TO PRESENT THE FAITH, EVEN
FINDING INSPIRATION IN A CONFERENCE
DEDICATED TO BEAUTIFUL CARS.



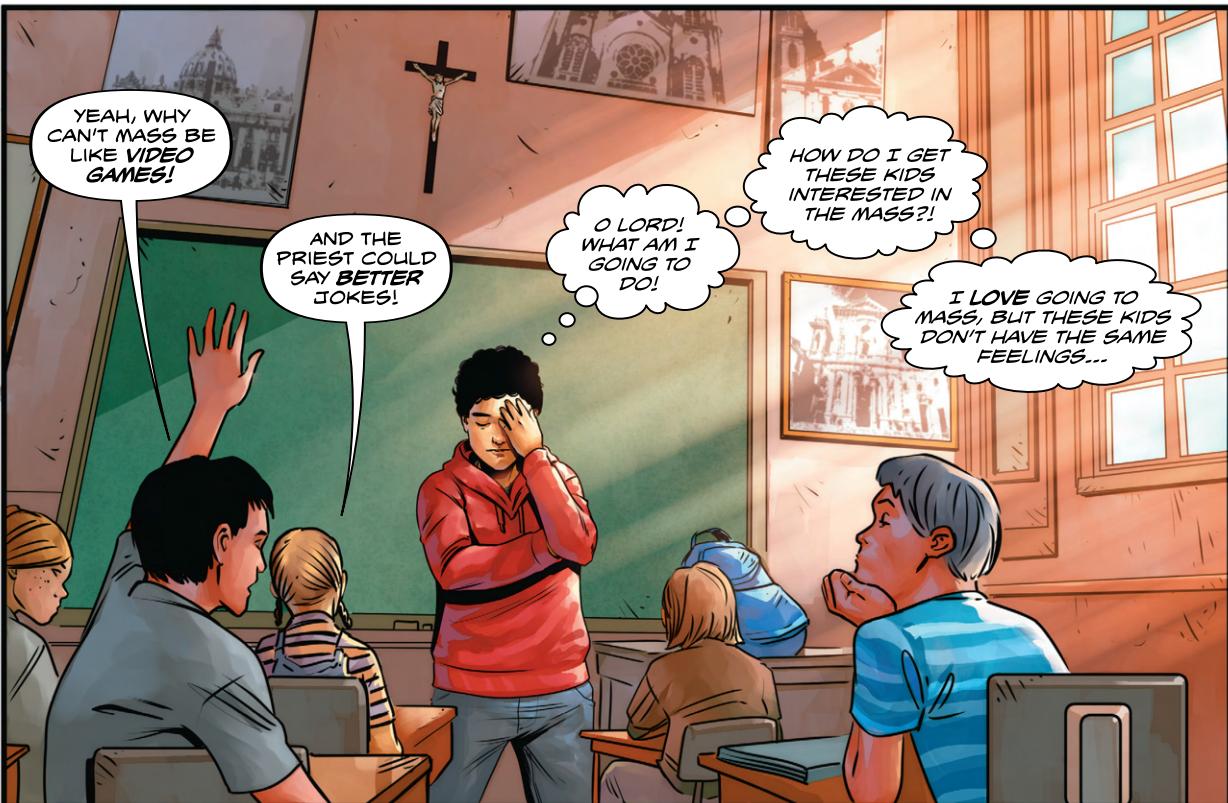
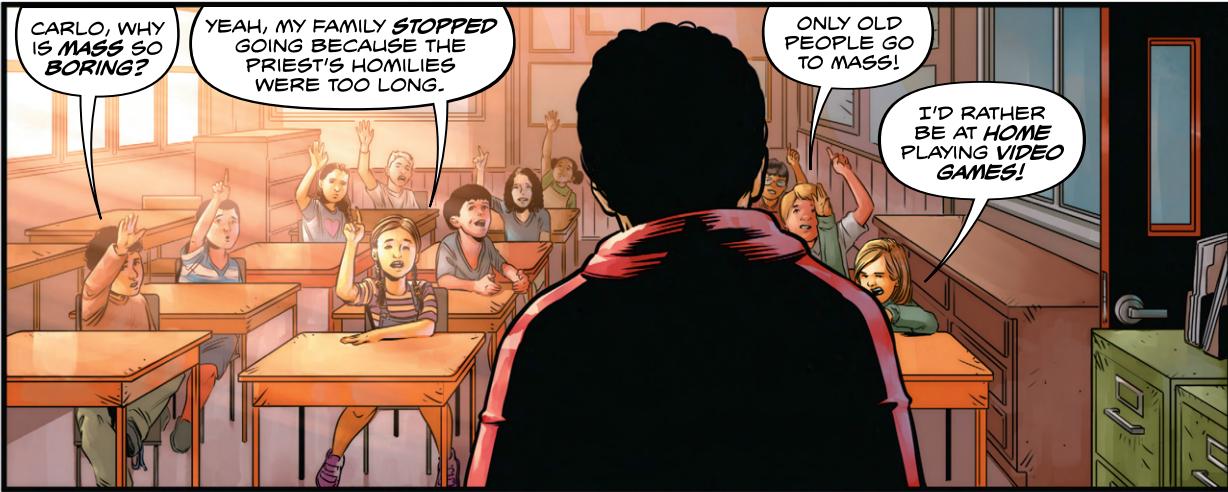
TODAY, THOUGH, HIS FAITH MET
ANOTHER CHALLENGE, AS HIS
PARISH PRIEST ALLOWED HIM
TO TEACH CATECHISM CLASS
FOR THE FIRST TIME ON HIS
OWN, EXPLAINING TO THEM
ABOUT THE BEAUTY OF MASS.

I LOVE
GOING TO
MASS!

THE MORE WE
RECEIVE JESUS
IN THE EUCHARIST,
THE MORE WE
WILL BECOME
LIKE HIM!

CAN YOU NOT
SEE THE BEAUTY
HIDDEN IN THE
MASS?!







FATHER ANTONIO!
SOMEONE IS WAITING
FOR YOU IN YOUR
OFFICE.

LOOK IT UP ON
THE INTERNET
WHEN YOU GET
HOME TODAY!

I AM
CERTAIN IT
WILL HELP
ENLIVEN THE
FAITH OF YOUR
STUDENTS!

HOW DID YOUR
FIRST CATECHISM
CLASS GO TODAY
TEACHING BY
YOURSELF?

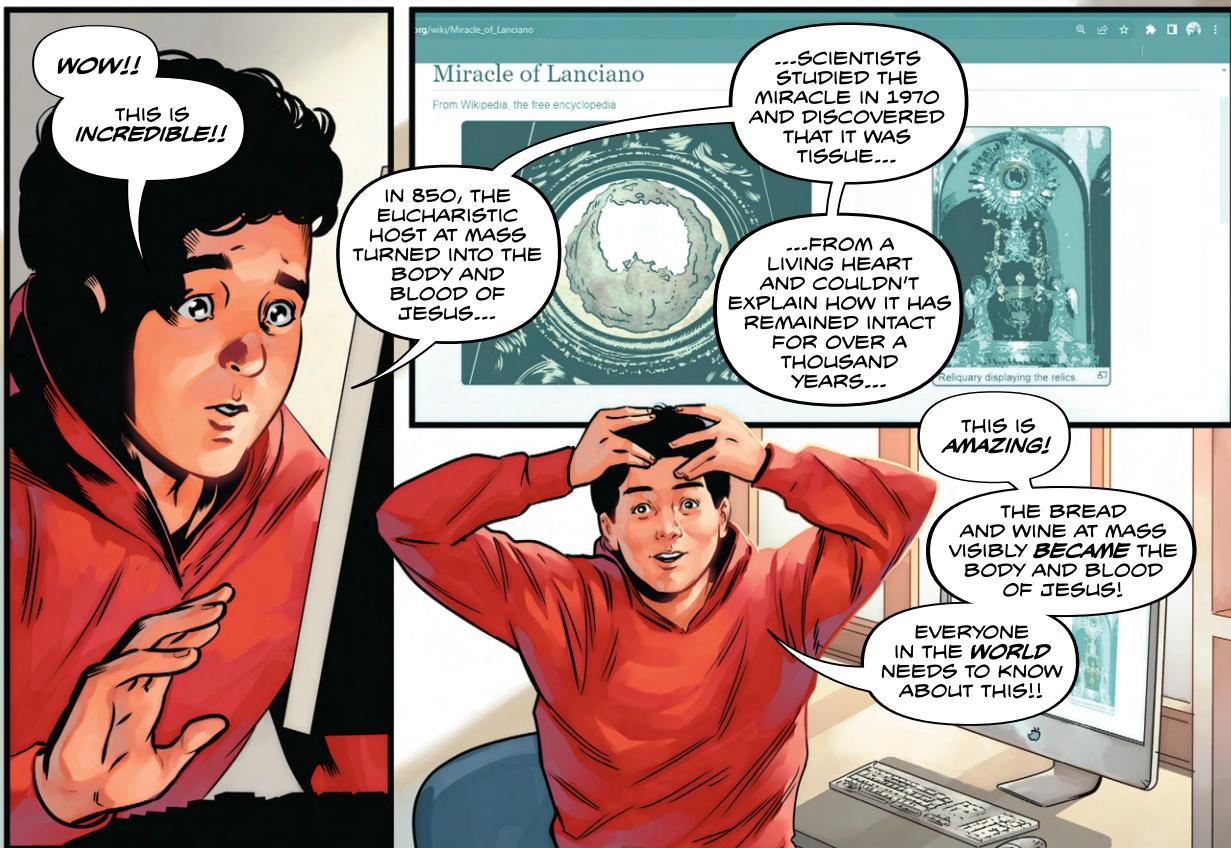
MAMA, IT
WASN'T EASY!

THE KIDS
WEREN'T
INTERESTED IN
MASS AT ALL, BUT
FATHER ANTONIO
GAVE ME GOOD
ADVICE.

HE'S A WISE
PRIEST!

KA-KLIK!

I CAN'T WAIT TO
LEARN ABOUT THE
EUCARISTIC MIRACLE
FATHER ANTONIO
SUGGESTED.



A FEW WEEKS LATER AT
CARLO'S SCHOOL...

I'LL TAKE,
MATTEO,
FRANCESCO,
AND BRUNO.

AND I'LL
TAKE PAOLO,
FEDERICO
AND...

...CARLO!

I-I
W-WANT TO
PLAY!!

PAOLO, YOU
BE GOALIE!

CARLO,
I NEED A
FORWARD!

YES! SILVIO,
I WON'T LET
YOU DOWN!

WHAT ABOUT
MICHELE?

WE ARE
SHORT ONE
POSITION ON
THE FIELD!

YOU HAVE TO BE
KIDDING ME!

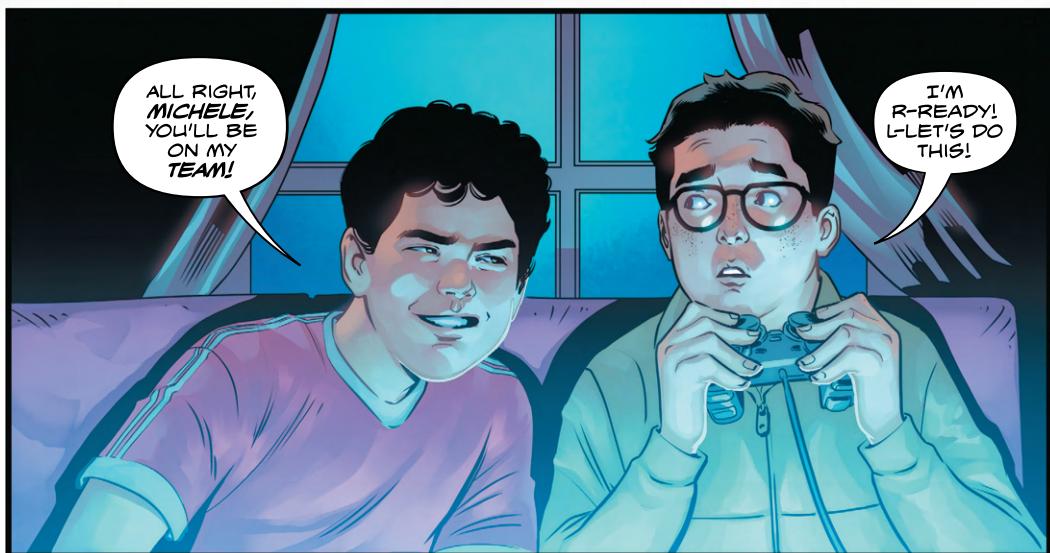
MICHELE
IS SUCH A
LOSER!

HE NEVER
KICKS THE
BALL RIGHT!





LATER THAT AFTERNOON AT CARLO'S HOUSE...



FIVE HOURS LATER...

YOU'RE NOT
GETTING OUR
FLAG THIS
TIME!

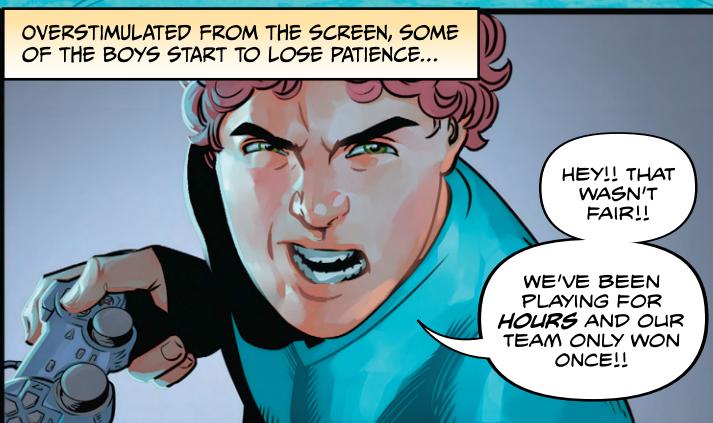


GREAT SHOT,
MICHELE!!



TH-THANKS!!
TH-THIS IS
FUN!!

OVERSTIMULATED FROM THE SCREEN, SOME OF THE BOYS START TO LOSE PATIENCE...



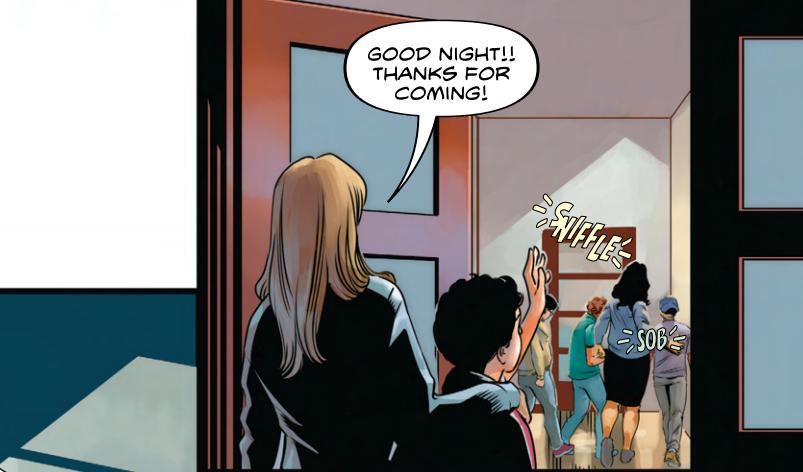
HEY!! THAT
WASN'T FAIR!!

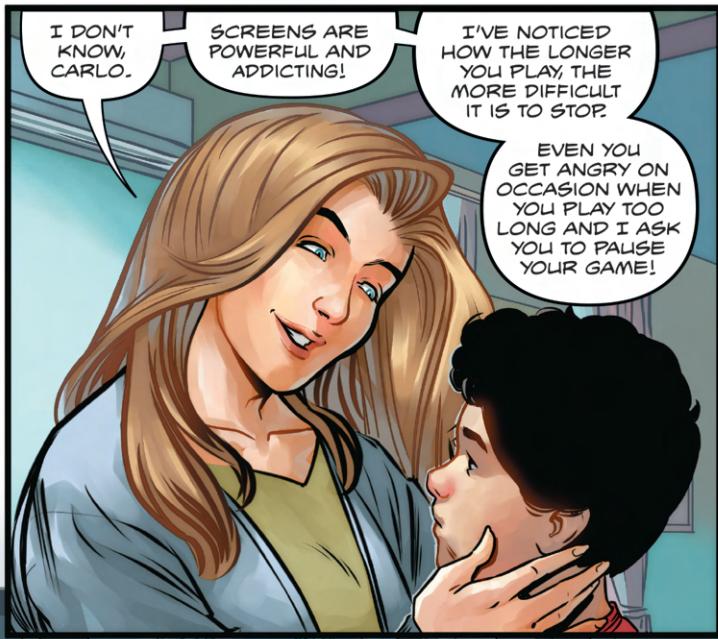
WE'VE BEEN
PLAYING FOR
HOURS AND OUR
TEAM ONLY WON
ONCE!!

THIS IS SUCH A
DUMB GAME!!

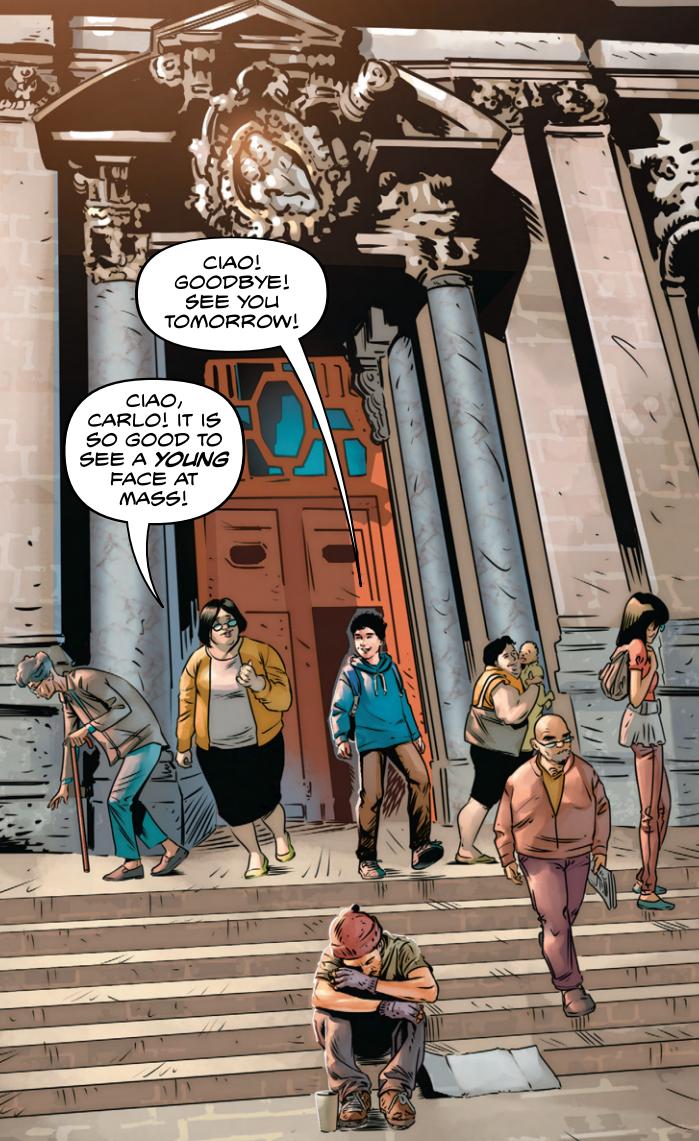
I HATE
IT!!!

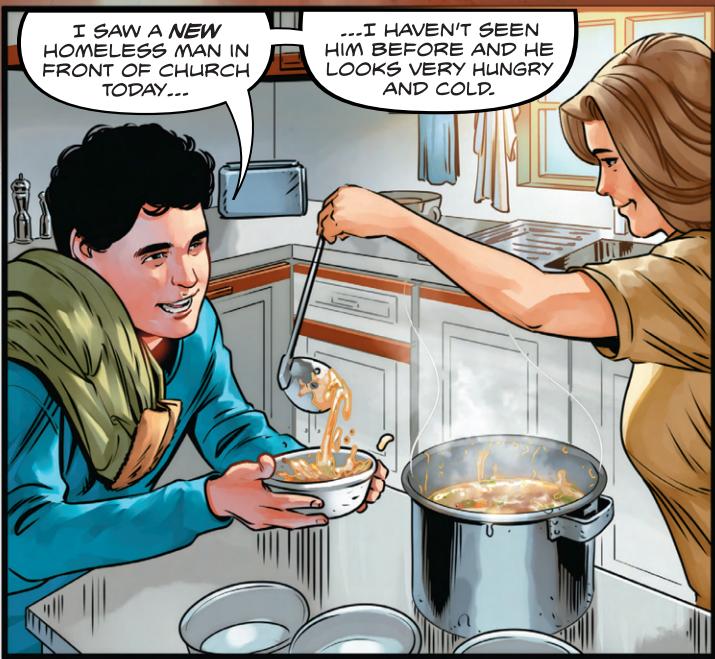






CARLO LOVED THE EUCHARIST SO MUCH HE ALWAYS WENT TO DAILY MASS, RECEIVING THE STRENGTH HE NEEDED FOR ALL OF HIS CHARITABLE WORKS...





CARLO'S FAVORITE CITY WAS ASSISI, ITALY, WHERE HIS PARENTS BOUGHT A SECOND HOME.

CARLO'S FAMILY WOULD FREQUENTLY GO THERE DURING SCHOOL VACATIONS.

HEY CARLO!!
YOU'RE BACK!

WE NEED YOU ON THE SOCCER FIELD TODAY!

WE ARE OUTMATCHED!

IS IT OKAY, MAMA, PAPA?

OF COURSE,
CARLO!

GO HAVE FUN WITH YOUR FRIENDS!

A FEW HOURS LATER ON THE SOCCER FIELD, CARLO KICKS THE WINNING GOAL...

WHACKKK!!

I WISH YOU COULD ALWAYS LIVE HERE!

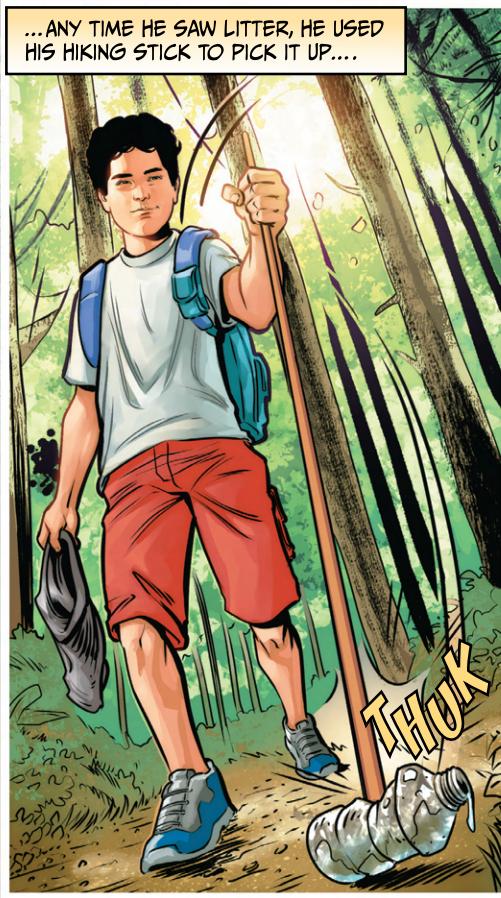
CARLO, YOU DID IT!!

SLAPP!

BESIDES PLAYING SOCCER, CARLO LOVED TO HIKE IN THE FOREST NEAR ASSISI, EXPERIENCING THE BEAUTY OF GOD'S CREATION AND RESPECTING IT BY HIS ACTIONS...



...ANY TIME HE SAW LITTER, HE USED HIS HIKING STICK TO PICK IT UP....



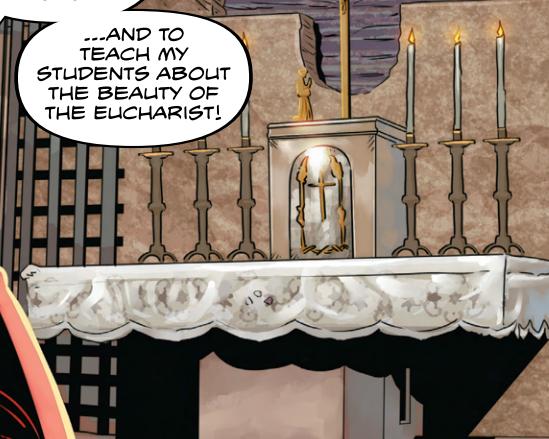
...AND WHENEVER HE ENCOUNTERED AN INJURED ANIMAL, HE BEGGED HIS PARENTS TO KEEP IT!



CARLO WAS ESPECIALLY CLOSE TO SAINT FRANCIS, ALWAYS PRAYING AT HIS TOMB FOR GUIDANCE.



...AND TO TEACH MY STUDENTS ABOUT THE BEAUTY OF THE EUCHARIST!



BACK AT HOME IN MILAN, CARLO BEGAN A MASSIVE PROJECT TO EDUCATE OTHERS ABOUT EUCHARISTIC MIRACLES.

HMM...

WHAT ARE YOU WORKING ON, CARLO?

I'M WORKING ON A NEW PROJECT...

...TO SHOW MY STUDENTS AND THE WORLD EUCHARISTIC MIRACLES!

I'M CURIOUS, HOW ARE YOU GOING TO DO THAT?

WHAT'S YOUR IDEA?

REMEMBER THAT CONFERENCE WE WENT TO TWO YEARS AGO?

YES, I REMEMBER THAT!

I RECALL HOW YOU WERE FASCINATED BY THOSE DISPLAYS!

IT HAD LARGE PANELS LIKE THIS, EXPLAINING THE CONNECTION BETWEEN ART AND THE AUTOMOBILE.



IF SOMEONE CAN MAKE A DISPLAY ABOUT CARS AND ART...

...WHY CAN'T WE MAKE ONE ABOUT JESUS IN THE EUCHARIST!

IT'LL BE THE **PERFECT** EXHIBIT TO SHOW MY STUDENTS WHY MASS IS SO AMAZING!

THEY WILL SEE THAT JESUS IS **TRULY PRESENT** IN THE EUCHARIST AND WHY **EVERY MASS** IS A **MIRACLE!**

YOU ARE FULL OF IDEAS!

PAPA AND I WILL SUPPORT YOU IN ANY WAY WE CAN...

...LET US KNOW EVERYTHING THAT YOU NEED!

CARLO AND HIS PARENTS DIDN'T WASTE ANY TIME AND STARTED WORK ON THE DISPLAY, WHICH NEEDED TO COVER 152 EUCHARISTIC MIRACLES.

I BOUGHT MORE PANELS TODAY!

AWESOME!

THANKS, PAPA!

PART OF CARLO'S WEEKLY ROUTINE, AND AN ESSENTIAL PART OF HIS PREPARATION FOR THE PROJECT, WAS TO GO TO EUCHARISTIC ADORATION, WHERE A CONSECRATED HOST IS EXPOSED FOR ALL TO SEE...

COME ON EVERYONE!

DON'T BE SHY!



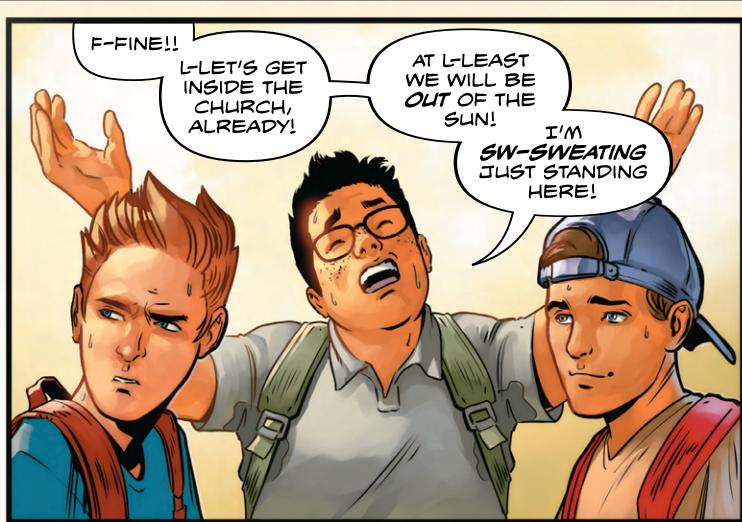
...BUT WHEN WE GET IN FRONT OF JESUS IN THE EUCHARIST, WE BECOME SAINTS!

F-FINE!!

L-LET'S GET INSIDE THE CHURCH, ALREADY!

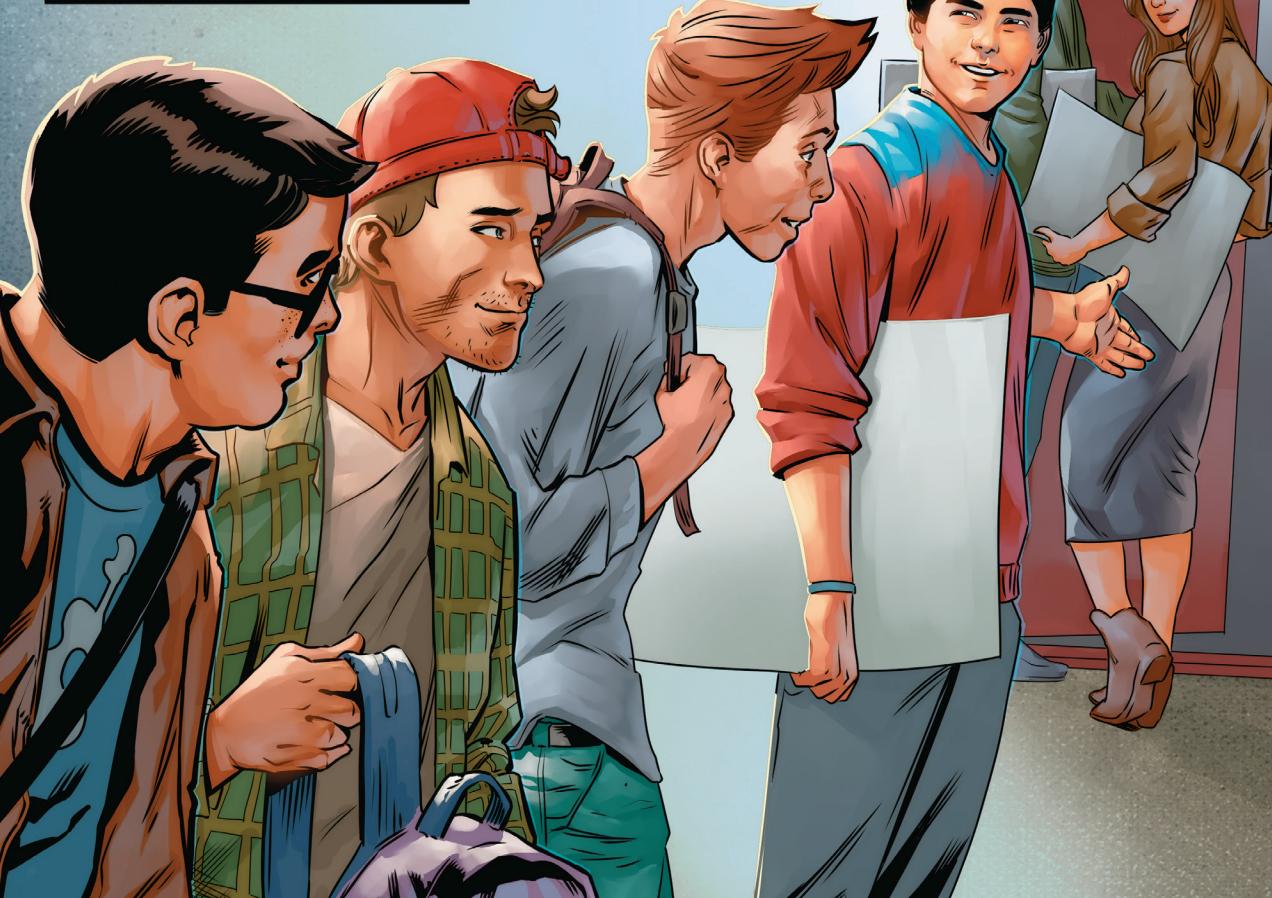
AT L-EAST WE WILL BE OUT OF THE SUN!

I'M SW-SWEATING JUST STANDING HERE!





AFTER TWO YEARS OF HARD WORK ON HIS EUCHARISTIC DISPLAY, CARLO IS ALMOST DONE WITH HIS PROJECT...





OCTOBER 1, 2006.

WITH HIS EUCHARISTIC DISPLAY COMPLETE, CARLO PREPARES FOR THE FIRST SHOWING OF HIS EXHIBITION AT HIS HIGH SCHOOL, THE LEO XIII INSTITUTE IN MILAN.

ARE YOU EXCITED, CARLO?

ONLY A FEW MORE DAYS UNTIL EVERYONE GETS TO SEE YOUR EXHIBIT!



LATER THAT DAY AT THE DOCTOR'S OFFICE...

WE RAN A FEW TESTS AND HE LOOKS FINE...

...IF HE DOESN'T IMPROVE, WE MAY HAVE TO RUN MORE TESTS.

A FEW DAYS LATER, RIGHT BEFORE THE DAY OF HIS EXHIBITION, CARLO IS UNABLE TO GET OUT OF BED AT HOME.

MAMA... I REALLY WANT TO GO...

...BUT I CAN BARELY MOVE...

...SOMETHING'S WRONG WITH ME!

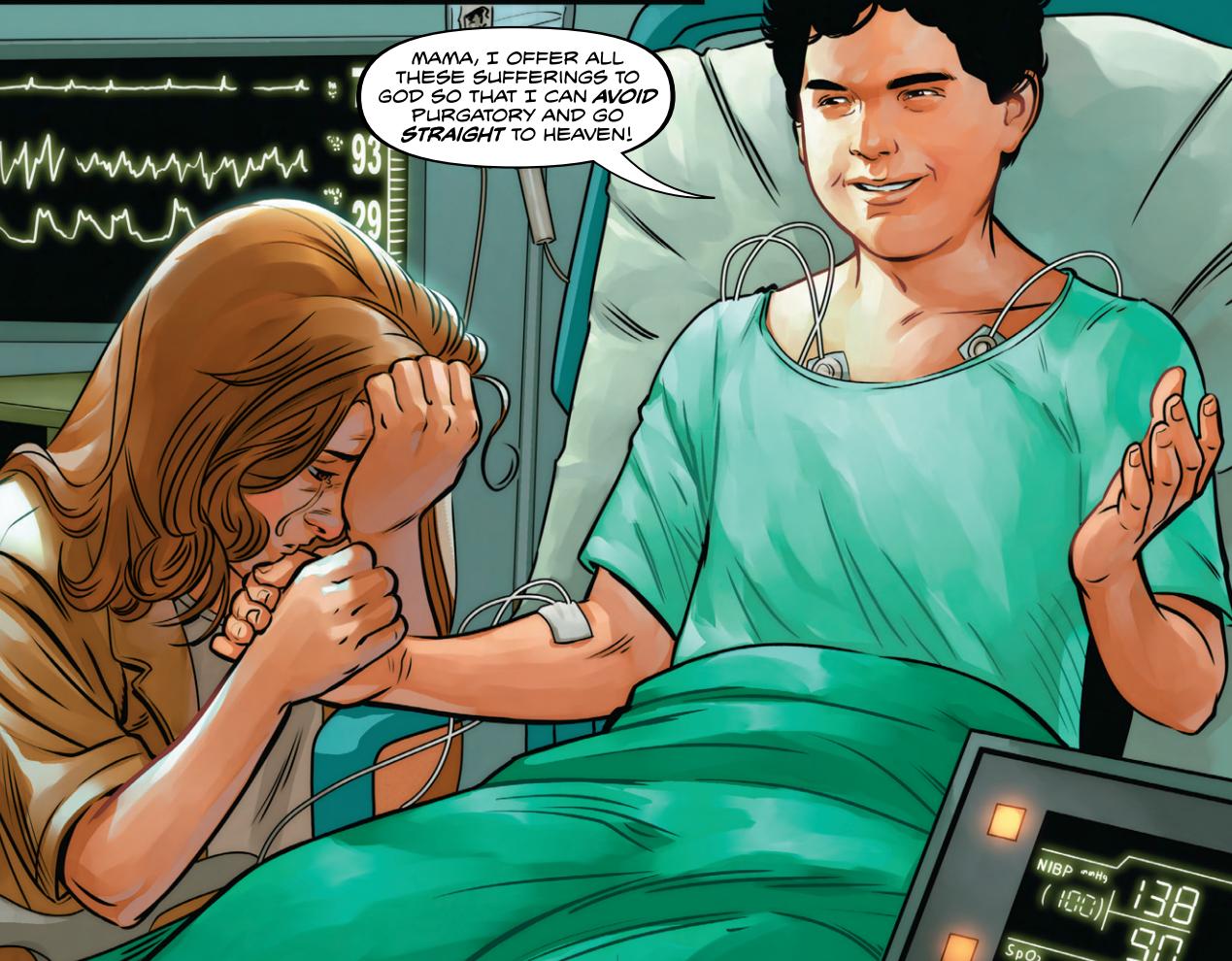
DON'T WORRY, CARLO...

...WE'LL TAKE YOU BACK TO THE HOSPITAL TODAY AND YOUR TEACHER WILL PRESENT THE EXHIBITION.

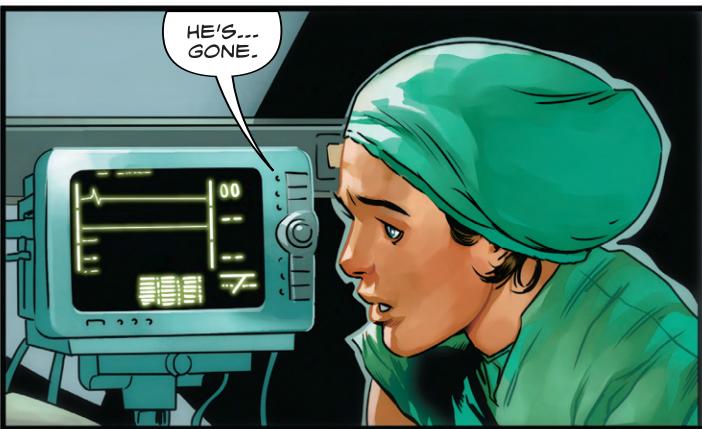
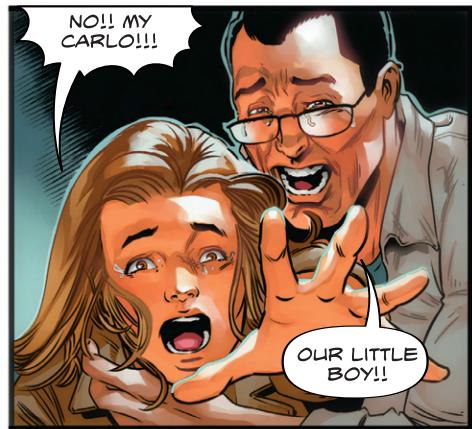
OCTOBER 4, 2006.

ONE OF YOUR CLASSMATES, CARLO ACUTIS, CREATED THIS DISPLAY OF EUCHARISTIC MIRACLES...

IT TOOK HIM OVER TWO YEARS TO FINISH IT, AND HE HOPES YOU WILL SEE THAT THESE MIRACLES ARE NOT LEGENDS, BUT REAL EVENTS, VERIFIED BY SCIENCE.



OCTOBER 11, 2006.



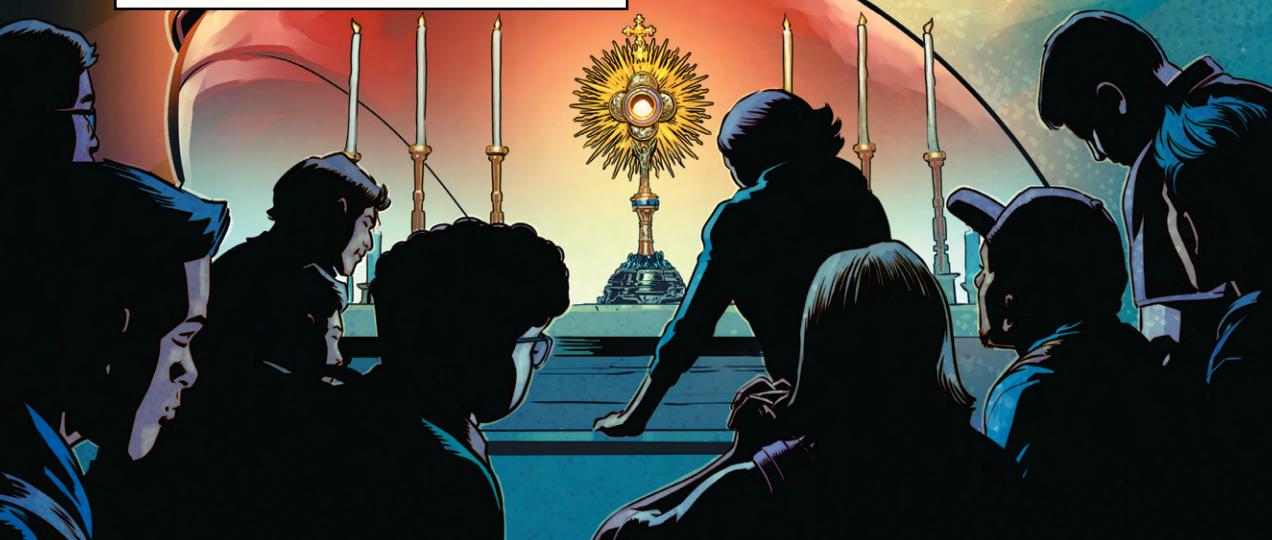
CARLO'S FUNERAL ON OCTOBER 14 WAS ATTENDED BY A LARGE CROWD, INCLUDING MANY HOMELESS PEOPLE WHOM CARLO BEFRIENDED...

IT WAS ALSO THE BEGINNING OF THE MIRACLES...



CARLO'S EXAMPLE OF HOLINESS BECAME A BEACON OF LIGHT TO MANY AROUND THE WORLD.

HE WAS BEATIFIED BY THE CATHOLIC CHURCH ON OCTOBER 10, 2020, THE LAST STEP BEFORE HE CAN BE RECOGNIZED AS A SAINT.



THE LIFE OF BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS



MAY 3
1991

Carlo Acutis was born on May 3 in London, England.



JUN 16
1998

Carlo receives his first Holy Communion at the Convent of the Romite Sisters of Saint Ambrose in Pergo, Italy.

MAY 24
2003

On May 24 Carlo receives the Sacrament of Confirmation in his parish church, Santa Maria Segreta in Milan, Italy.



SEP.
2005

Carlo begins high school at the Leo XIII Institute.

2004 - 2006

Carlo enjoys soccer, playing with his dogs and traveling to shrines.

OCT. 2
2006

On October 2, Carlo falls ill with flu-like symptoms.

OCT. 8
2006

On October 8, Carlo is diagnosed with M3 acute leukemia.

OCT. 11
2006

On October 11, Carlo falls into a coma from a brain haemorrhage.

OCT. 12
2006

Carlo's heart stops beating on October 12 at 6:45 am.

AZ

THE STAGES OF CANONIZATION

CARLO'S JOURNEY TO SAINTHOOD!

The Diocese of Milan officially opens Carlo's Cause for Beatification and Canonization, naming him a "Servant of God"

OCT. 12, 2012

A four-year-old child, Matheus Vianna, is cured of a rare congenital pancreatic deformity after kissing a relic of Carlo Acutis in Campo Grande, Brazil

OCT. 12, 2013

Pope Francis confirms the "heroic virtue" of Carlo Acutis and declares him as "Venerable"

JUL. 5, 2018

The Congregation for the Causes of Saints approves the miraculous cure of Matheus Vianna through the intercession of Carlo Acutis

NOV. 14, 2019

Carlo Acutis is officially beatified in a ceremony in Assisi, Italy, giving him the title of "Blessed"

OCT. 10, 2020

SERVANT OF GOD

Promoter group (diocese, parish, religious congregation, etc.) requests an investigation by the Holy See; if granted, the candidate receives the title: Servant of God

VENERABLE

The declaration of a person's heroic virtues and sanctity of life, after which his/her title is: Venerable.

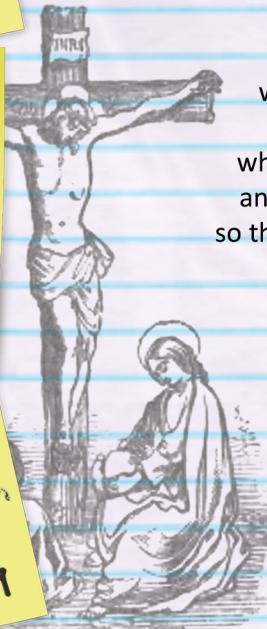
BLESSED

Once a miracle is attributed to the intercession of the candidate, the candidate is declared: Blessed.

SAINT

After a second miracle is attributed to the candidate's intercession, the Holy Father declares the candidate to be a Saint.

OFFICIAL PRAYER FOR THE CANONIZATION OF CARLO ACUTIS



Oh Father,
who has given us the ardent testimony,
of the young Blessed Carlo Acutis,
who made the Eucharist the core of his life
and the strength of his daily commitments
so that everybody may love You above all else,
let him soon be counted among the
Saints in Your Church.

Confirm my faith,
nurture my hope,
strengthen my charity,
in the image of young Carlo
who, growing in these virtues,
now lives with You.
Grant me the grace that I need ...

I trust in You, Father,
and your Beloved Son Jesus,
in the Virgin Mary, our Dearest Mother,
and in the intervention of Your Blessed Carlo Acutis.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be

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