

STICKY FAMILY



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Sticky Family is a story that emerged from a series of creative workshops that took place at Swarthmore College in Fall 2018 and were co-facilitated by me and Yaroub Al-Obaidi. A group of 20 participants—Swarthmore faculty and staff; students in a related Peace and Conflict Studies course taught by Katie Price and Peggy Seiden; and collaborators on the *Friends, Peace, and Sanctuary* (FPS) project—told personal stories, created dynamic characters and stitched together a small mythos that resulted in the Sticky Family narrative.

Working on Sticky Family with FPS has been one of the best projects I have ever been a part of. I've spent months reflecting on our workshops and experiences together and feel so fortunate that folks trusted Yaroub and me to guide them through some pretty funny exercises to talk about real, honest, and difficult topics. So much of this trust is due to the relationship FPS built with its collaborators—members of the Philadelphia community who resettled from Syria or Iraq—over 2 years.

Thanks to the FPS staff for your support on this project and trusting me to co-craft workshops, the comic's script, and layout for this book. Thanks to Yaroub Al-Obaidi for bringing the concept of the "sticky family" to the table and your excitement to co-draft and facilitate our workshops. Thanks to Eric Battle for brilliantly illustrating this story and bringing these characters to life. And a huuge thanks to our incredible participants, who are the foundation of this project and who've strengthened my resolve in the power of creative storytelling.

josh graupera

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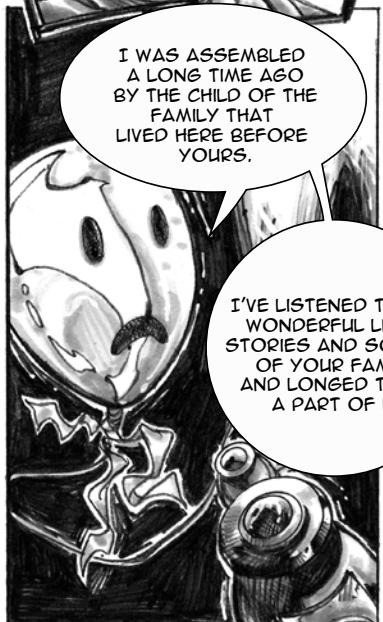
The Alhaw'a Family



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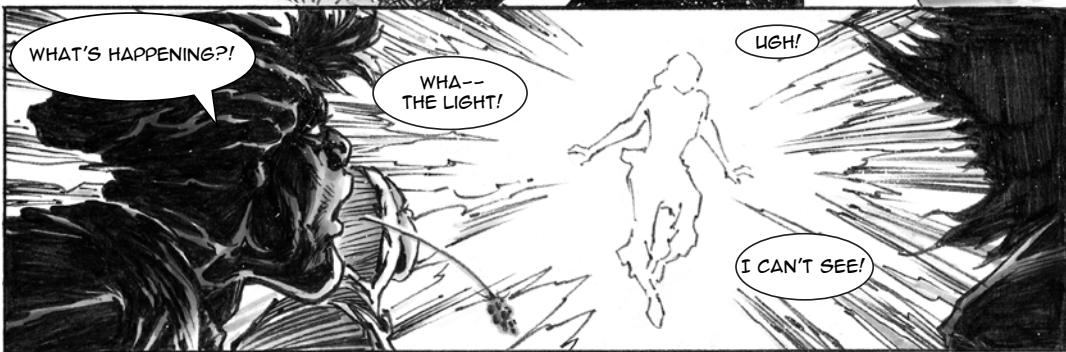
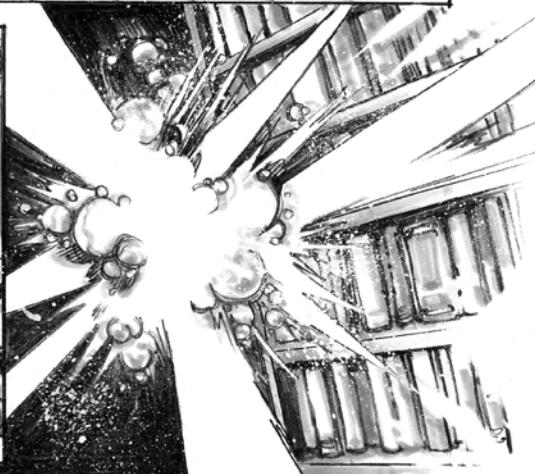
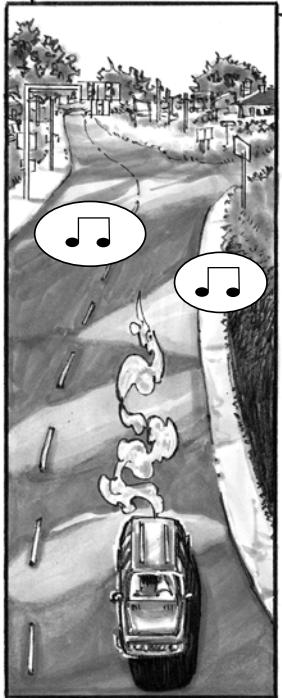




I'VE LISTENED TO THE
WONDERFUL LIVES,
STORIES AND SOUNDS
OF YOUR FAMILY
AND LONGED TO BE
A PART OF IT.

*RUSTED FOOT

The Alzamakan Family



FORGIVE ME FOR MY
INTRUSION BUT I'VE
COME WITH A WARNING.

A POWERFUL
BEING IS MAKING
ITS WAY HERE!

WHAT KIND
OF
BEING?!

WHY ARE
THEY
COMING
HERE?!

ALL I KNOW IS
THAT MY RADAR'S PICKED
UP A STRONG ENERGY
MAKING IT'S WAY TO THESE
COORDINATES AT
LIGHT SPEED.

I FELT IT WAS
MY DUTY TO
INTERRUPT
OUR HASTY
VISITOR.

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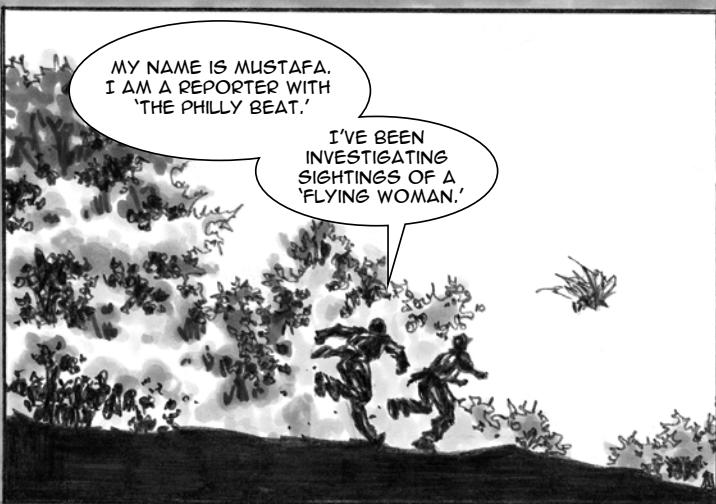
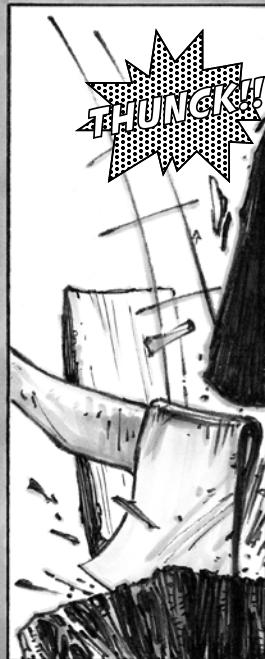
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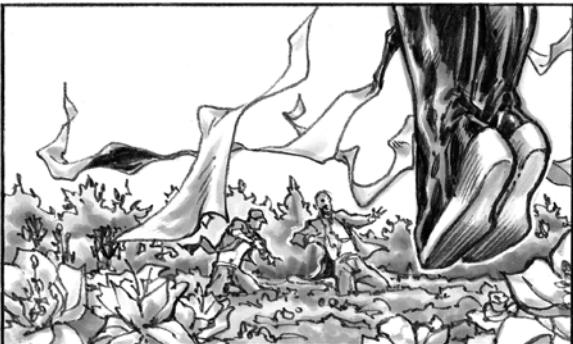


HELLO,
MY NAME IS ELI.
I'VE COME FROM
A DISTANT WORLD
ON A DESPARATE
MISSION.

I MUST FIND JULIE
THE PERFORMER!!

The Alhadiqa Family





OUTSIDE THE LANG CENTER
FOR PERFORMING ARTS,
SWARTHMORE COLLEGE



HI SUPERMIMI, SO
GLAD YOU AND YOUR
FAMILY COULD COME!

OF COURSE! I
CAN'T WAIT TO SEE
YOUR SHOW!



I HOPE YOU
DON'T MIND I
BROUGHT A FEW
FRIENDS.

YOU'RE JULIE?!

Y-YES?
AND YOU ARE?

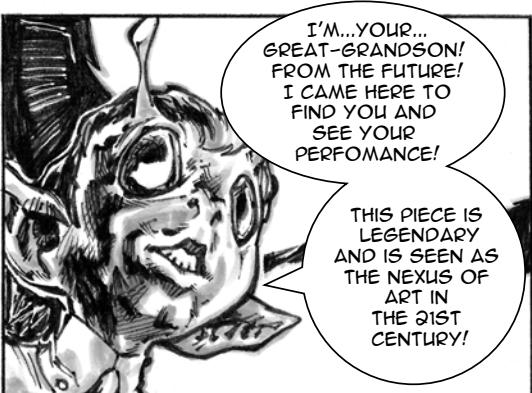


I'M...YOUR...
GREAT-GRANDSON!
FROM THE FUTURE!
I CAME HERE TO
FIND YOU AND
SEE YOUR
PERFOMANCE!

THIS PIECE IS
LEGENDARY
AND IS SEEN AS
THE NEXUS OF
ART IN
THE 21ST
CENTURY!

WHA---WHO...
UHHH....

LET'S PUT
ON A
SHOW!!!





The End.

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