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WHEN IT'S OVER I CAN'T REMEMBER ANYTHING, BUT I ALSO CAN'T STOP THINKING ABOUT MY FIRST CAMPING TRIP.

I WAS 10 YEARS OLD WHEN MY DAD TOOK ME.

I GOT REALLY INTO COLLECTING BUGS THAT YEAR...

AND I'D EXHAUSTED OUR NEIGHBORHOOD'S SUPPLY OF INSECTS SO WE WENT UP TO THE MOUNTAINS FOR A WEEKEND BUG SAFARI.

WE FILLED OUR BACKPACK WITH OLD YOGURT CONTAINERS AND HIKED AROUND FOR WHAT FELT LIKE DOZENS OF HOURS.

WE'D WRITE DOWN WHAT WE THOUGHT THE BUG WAS, WHERE WE FOUND IT, AND OUR NAMES ON LITTLE CARDS.

IT WAS FOR SCIENCE, HE TOLD ME.

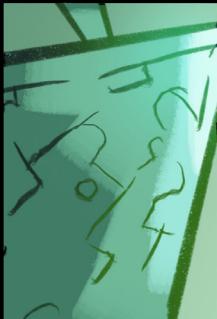
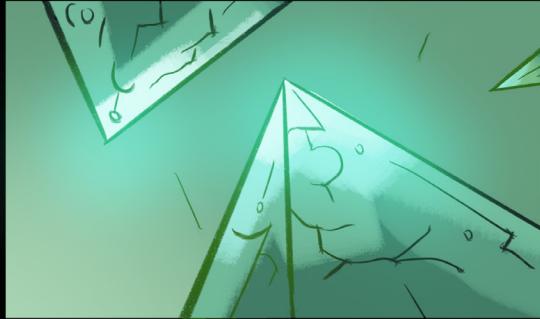
WE FILLED OUR BACKPACKS UP AND THEN, SUNDAY EVENING, WE DROVE BACK HOME AND THREW THEM IN THE FRIDGE.

HE SAID WE WEREN'T HURTING THEM. THEY WOULD JUST FALL ASLEEP AND NEVER WAKE UP.

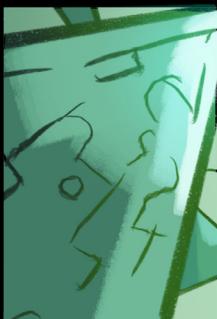




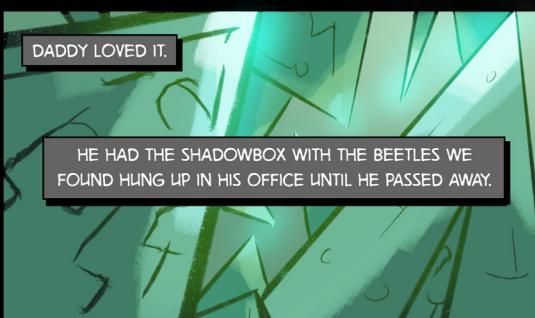
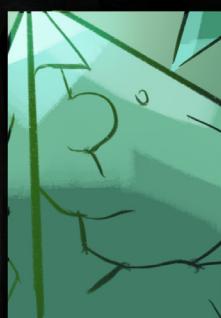
I WATCHED ITS LITTLE LEGS PUMP IN
MID-AIR, SAVE THE ONE I'D CRIMPED
BETWEEN MY FINGERS



I IMAGINED MY FAVORITE BEETLE
LOOKING TO ITS LEFT AND RIGHT,
SEEING A WHOLE BUNCH OF
STRANGERS, THAWING, DEAD,
PINNED TO A BOARD.



AND REALIZING IT
WASN'T SUPPOSED TO BE
AWAKE TO SEE THIS.



DADDY LOVED IT.

HE HAD THE SHADOWBOX WITH THE BEETLES WE
FOUND HUNG UP IN HIS OFFICE UNTIL HE PASSED AWAY.



ANYWAY, I STILL DON'T REMEMBER MUCH
WHEN I WAKE UP, BUT EVERY TIME I DO
I FEEL LIKE ONE OF DADDY'S BUGS.

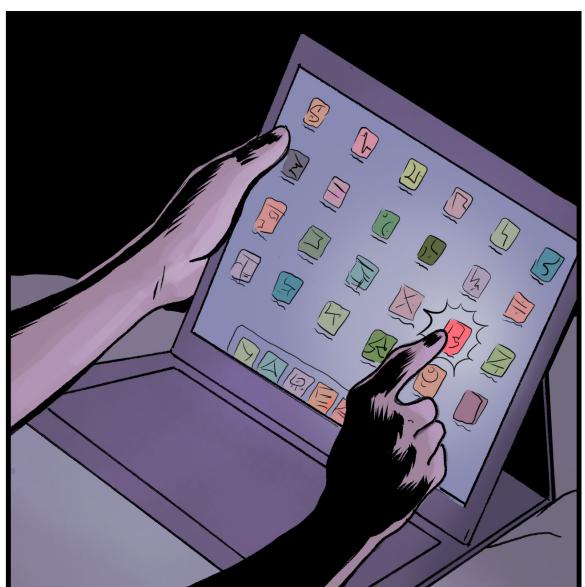
SUFFOCATING UNDER GLASS-

-SEEING SOMETHING I WAS NEVER MEANT TO.









WHEN IT'S OVER I CAN'T FOR
anything, but I also can't
thinking about my first c
was 10 years old wh

PREVIE
POST E

Click Clack
Click Click

A comic strip interface. At the top, there's a speech bubble containing text. Below it are two large buttons labeled "PREVIE" and "POST E". At the bottom, there are two rows of small icons with labels: "Click Clack" and "Click Click".

When it's over I can't remember anything, but I also can't stop thinking about my first camping trip. I was 10 years old when my dad took me. I'd asked him to. I had gotten really into collecting bugs that year...

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SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH

TARGET ACQUIRED. JESUS. GAVE US THE SLIP. I WAS AFRAID WE LOST HIM FOR GOOD. DO YOU THINK HE MADE US?

NEGATORY. A PARANOID SCHIZOPHRENIC CONVINCED HE WAS BEING SURVEILLED IS COMMON, NOT OUR FAULT HE WAS RIGHT IN THIS ONE INSTANCE.

NO DIFFERENCE ON HOW WE TAKE HIM, ANYWAYS. IT'S WHY I LOVE BAGGING HOMELESS GUYS.

WE'RE READY TO GO. ARE THE DRONES IN POSITION, SERGEANT KARLSSON?

NOBODY GIVES A SHIT ABOUT THEM. WE CAN GO IN AND OUT WITH NONE OF THIS CLANDESTINE COVER-UP SHIT.

SERGEANT KARLSSON?

MHH? YEAH, THE BOYS ARE IN PLACE AND READY TO ASSIST.

UH, SERGEANT, I THINK YOU MIGHT BE PULLING IN TOO CLOSE.

WHHHRRRRR

I KNOW WHAT I'M DOING, ROOKIE. JUST BE SURE YOU'RE IN PLACE.

UH OH...

NO...NO,

WHU-WHAZZAT?

SHIT.

NNOCO, YOU WON'T TAKE ME AGAIN, FASCIST COPS!

NO. NO. NO. NOT AGAIN!

SHIT.

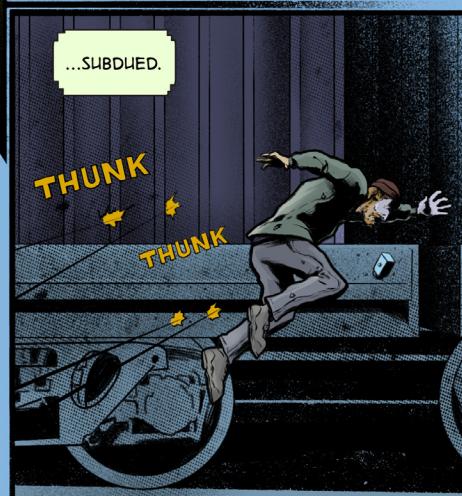
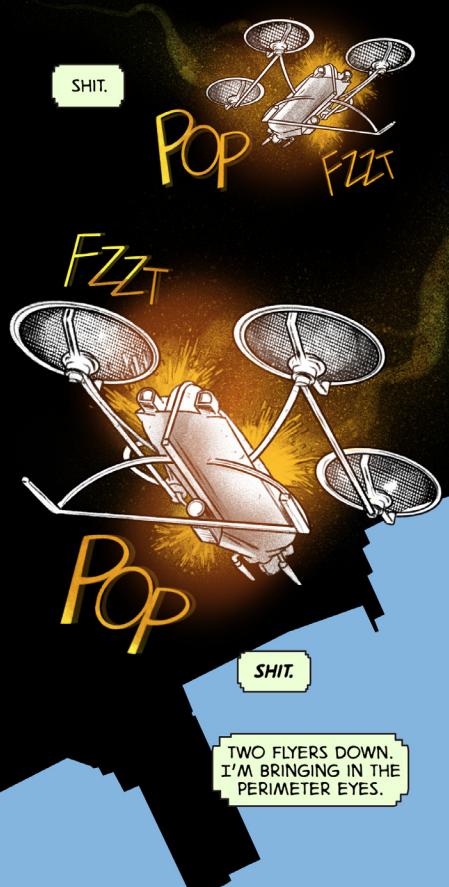
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HE'S BOLTING, SARGE.

NNOCO, YOU WON'T TAKE ME AGAIN, FASCIST COPS!

NO. NO. NO. NOT AGAIN!





KEEPING THE BOYS AT 4 AND 8,
IF HE STAYS BOXED IN WE CAN
JUST PUSH HIM MY WAY.

-FLICKIN'
RABBIT EARS
BULLSHIT.

NO ANTENNAS.
WON'T SLEEP UNDER
ANY ANTENNAS
NEXT TIME.

- OLLPPHHH

KRAK

NGHHH,
NOT AGAIN.
WON'T DO
THIS AGAIN-

WE'RE CLOSE,
WE'RE CLOSE!

NO.
NO, NO, NO,
NO, NO!

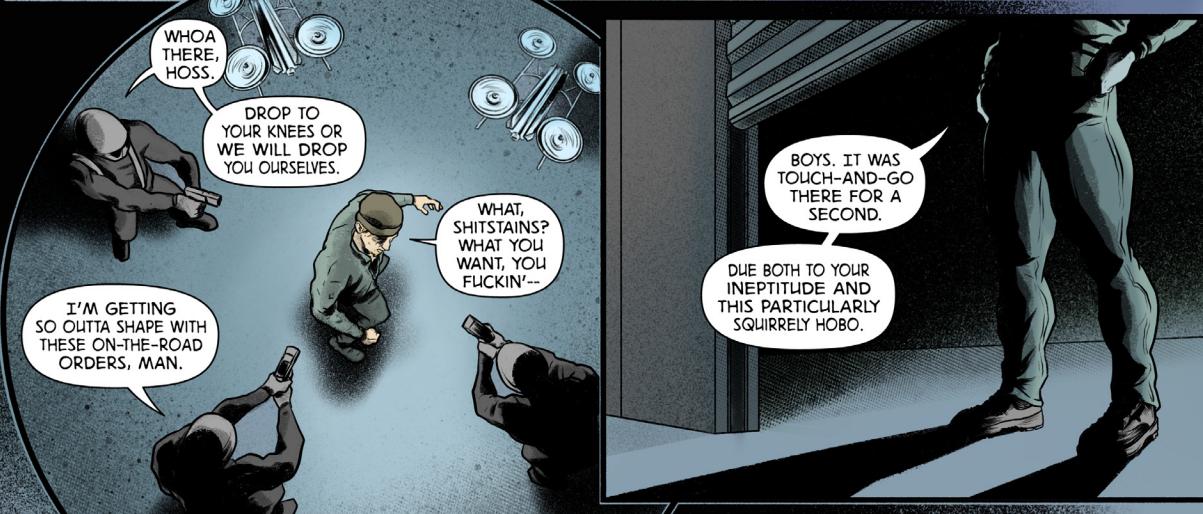
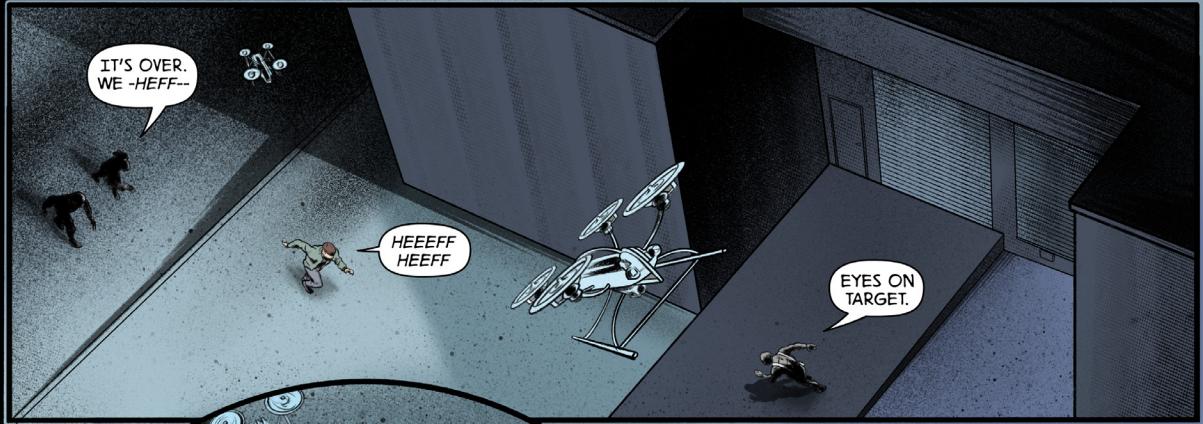
ALMOST
--HEFF--
GOT HIM
--HEFF--

CREEAAAACK

HRGGHH

-HEFF
HEFF--

-HEFF
HEFF--







WE'VE GOTTA HUSTLE
IF WE'RE GOING TO MAKE
THE COLORADO DROP.

KATON, NEW MEXICO

ANYWAY, THE RADIO SHOW
KEEPS ON TRUCKING. THEY'VE
STARTED SELLING THIS NOW-

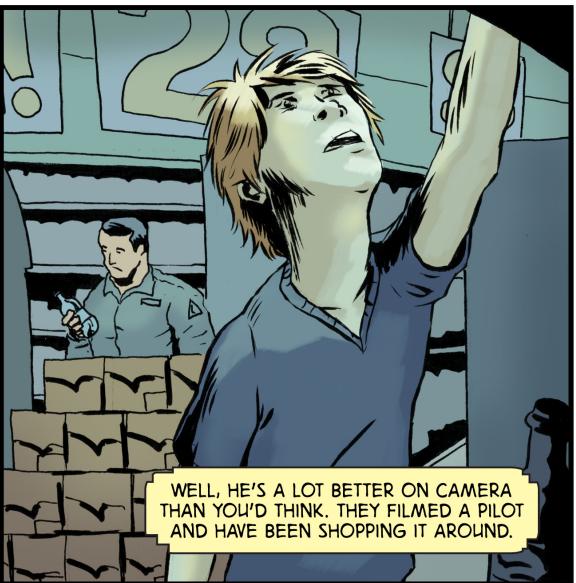
SELLING THINGS?

YES, VITAMINS AND PROTEIN
SHAKES AND THE LIKE. IT'S ALL
BRANDED GREY REALMS STUFF.

Katon
GROCERY

DAVE, THE GUY THEY FOUND AFTER YOU LEFT-

I HEARD, I LISTENED TO A
FEW EPISODES AT THE START.

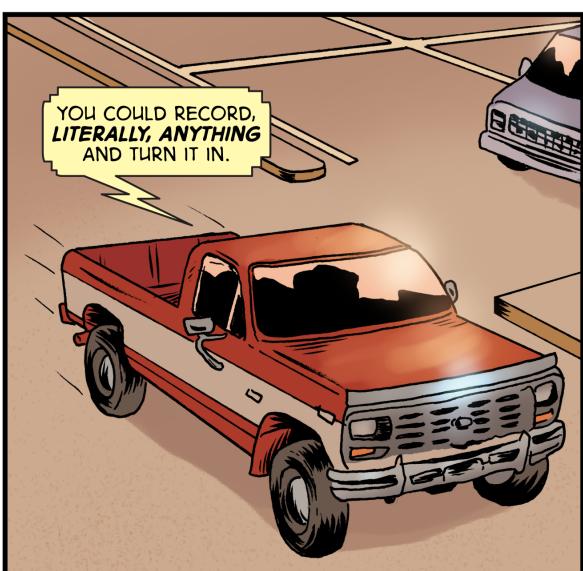


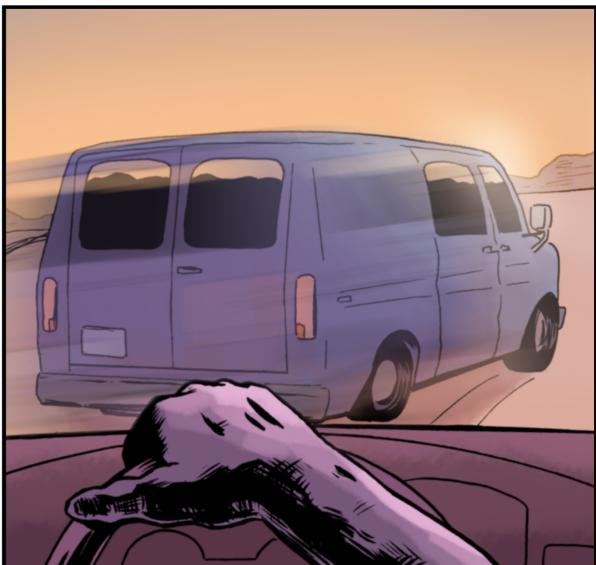
THINGS WERE LOOKING GOOD WITH SYFY AGAIN,
BELIEVE IT OR NOT, BUT IT ULTIMATELY FELL THROUGH.

I THINK THE BUDGET DAVE
HAD IN HIS HEAD WAS UH,
SIGNIFICANTLY OFF FROM
WHAT THEY OFFERED.









WHAT?
WHAT HAPPENED?



...
HELLO? ARE YOU ALRIGHT?
~~~~ SHOULD I CALL 911?

I'M HERE. I'M FINE.  
SORRY. WAS JUST NEARLY RAN  
OFF THE ROAD BY ONE OF  
THOSE BIG TRUCKS ON THE  
HIGHWAY.

...GODDAMN.

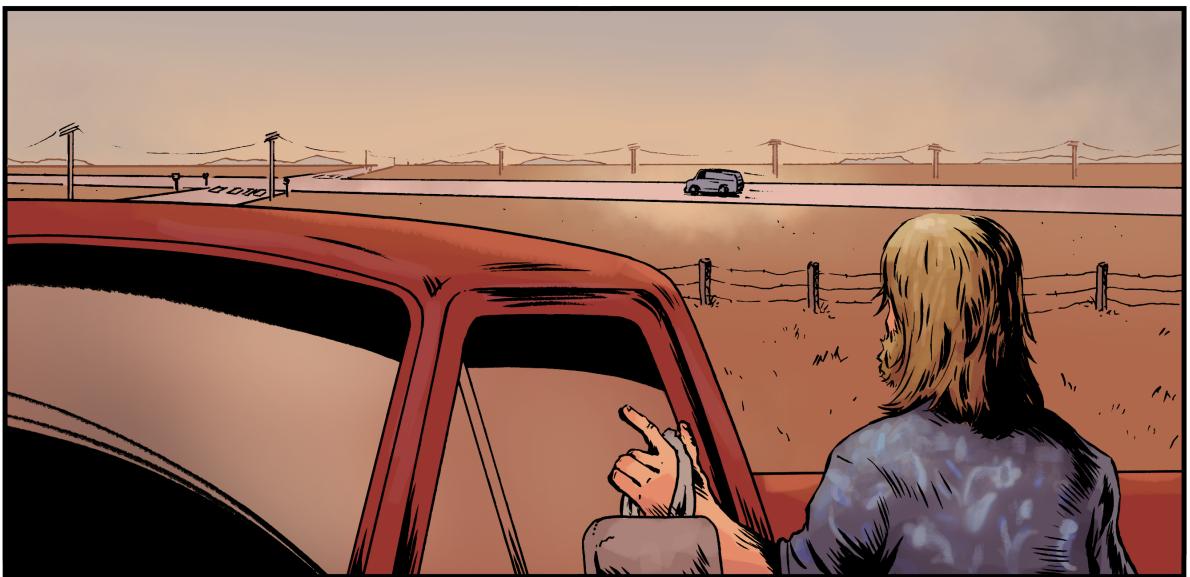
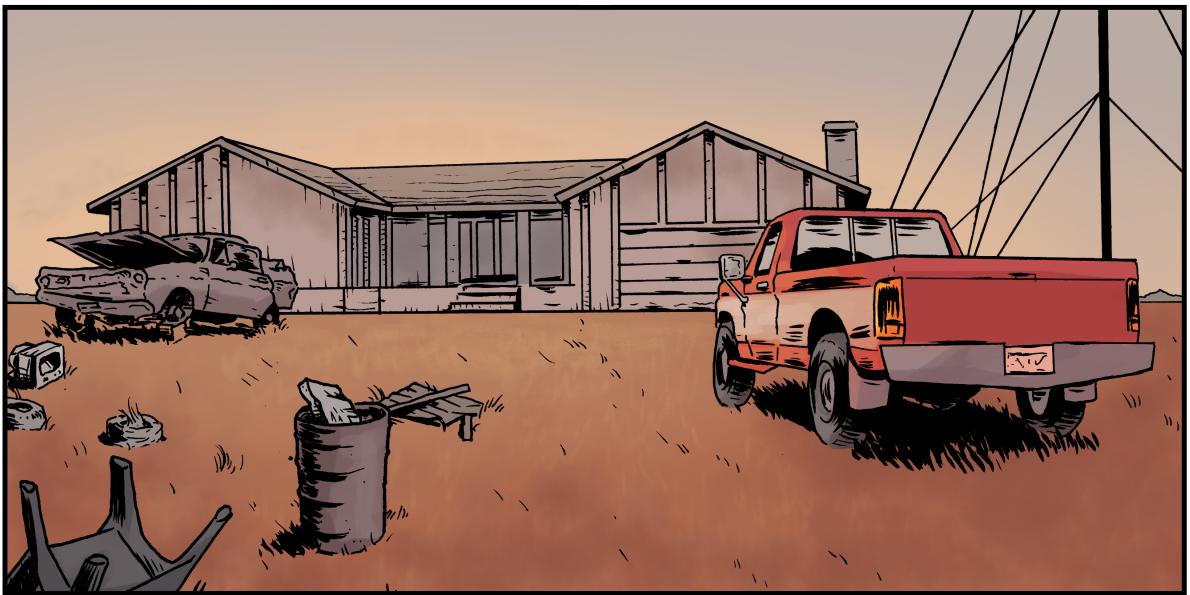
I'M ~~~~ LAD  
YOU'RE OKA~~~

ME TOO.

YOU G~~~M DRIVE?

I'M GETTING CLOSE TO  
HOME SO I'M LOSING YOU, JAMES.  
THANKS FOR THE UPDATE.  
WE'LL TALK NEXT MONTH.

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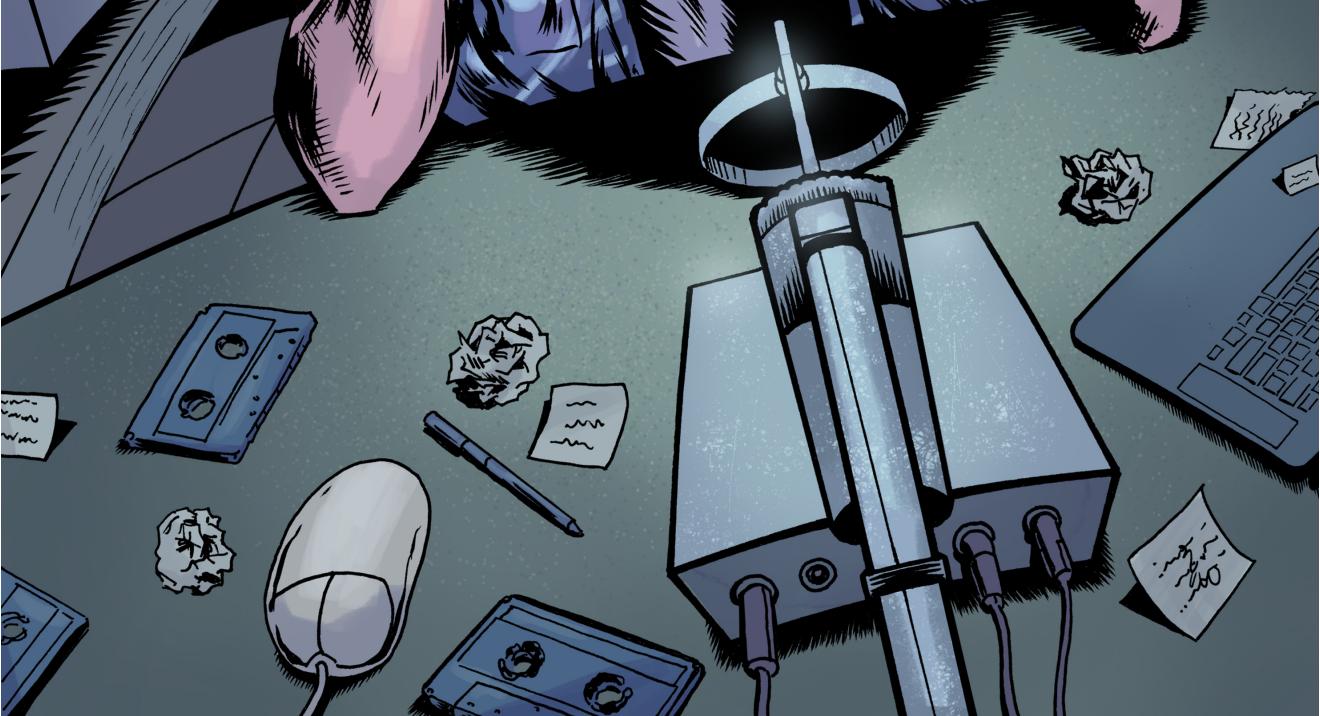


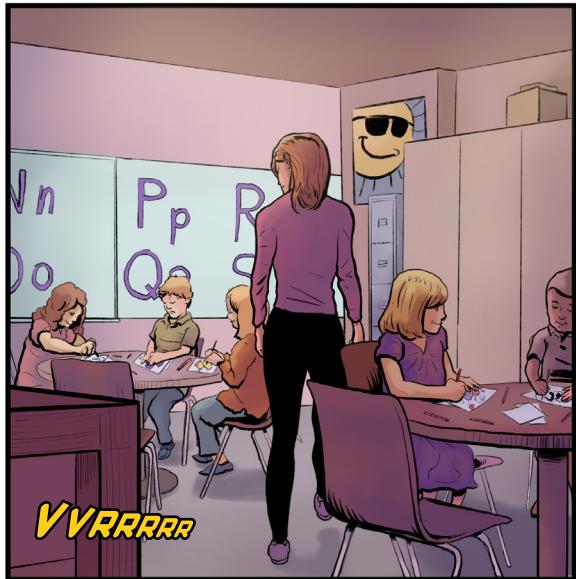
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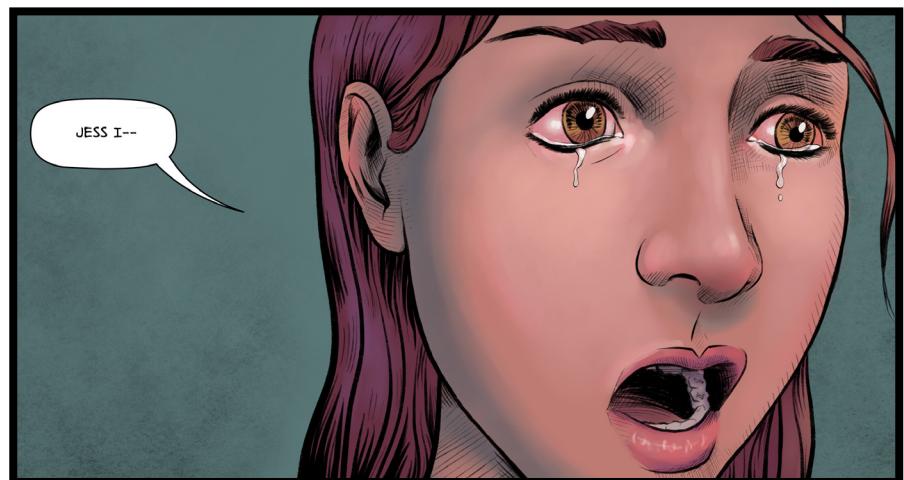


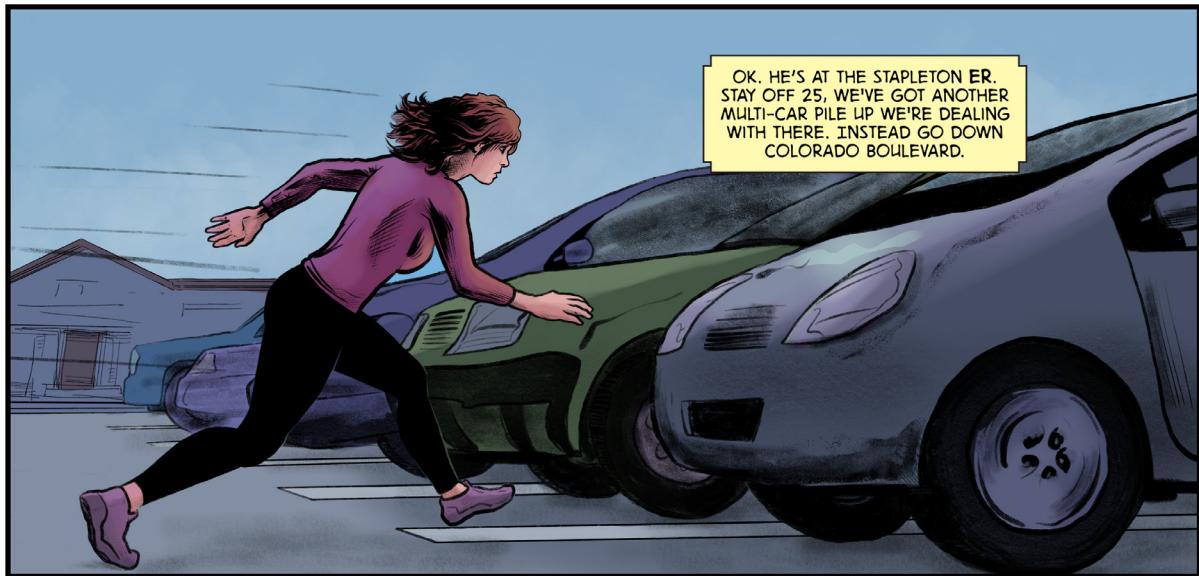
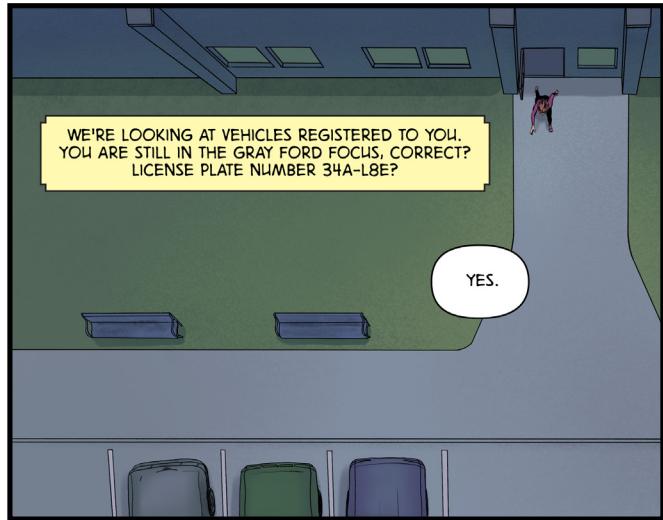


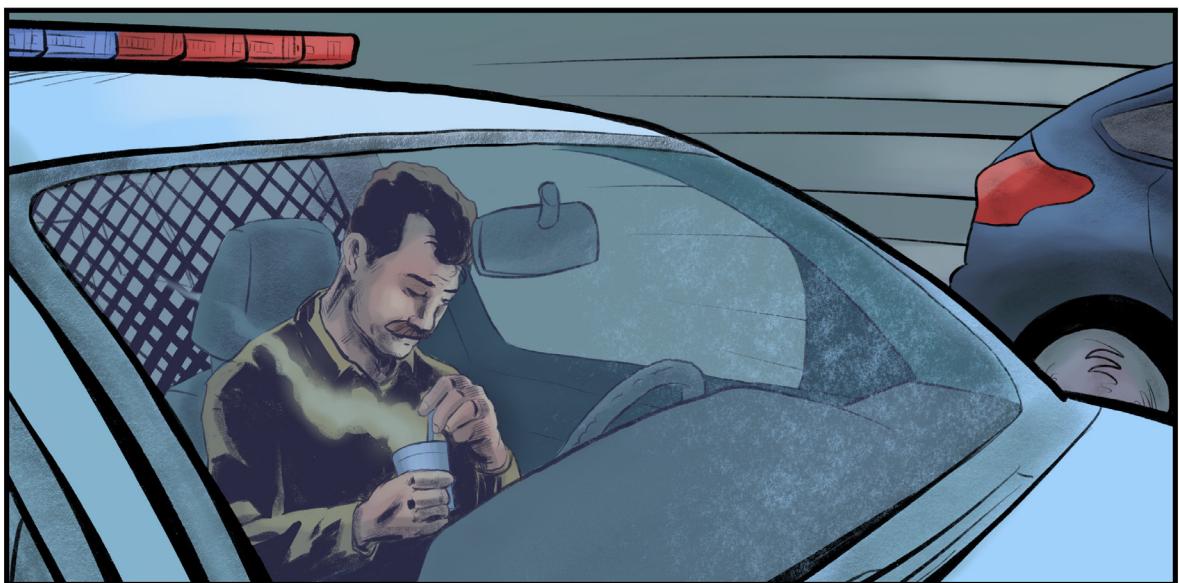
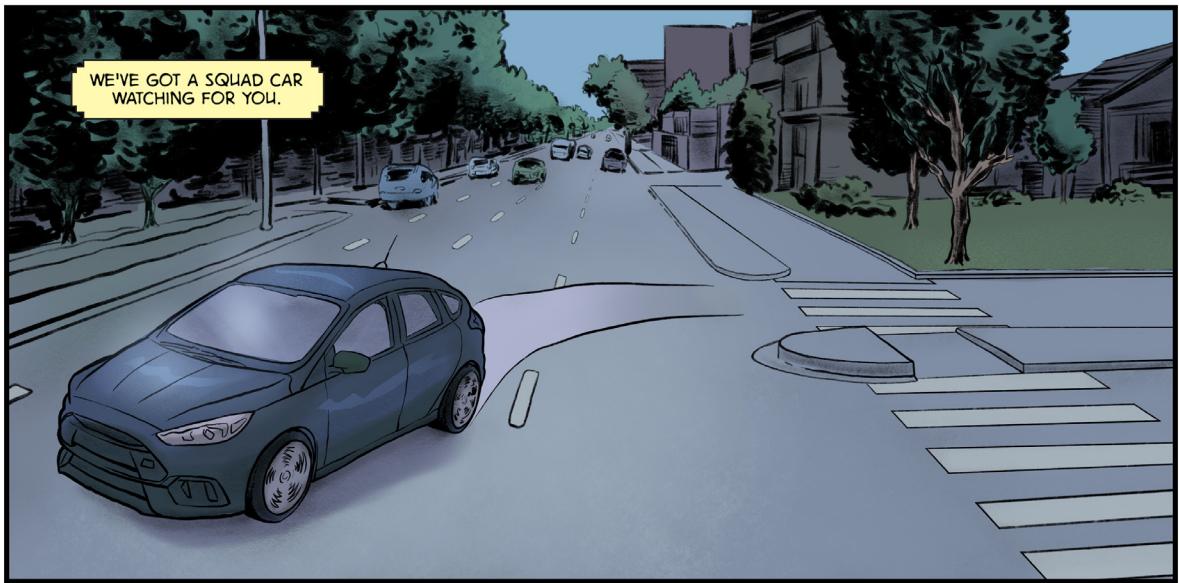
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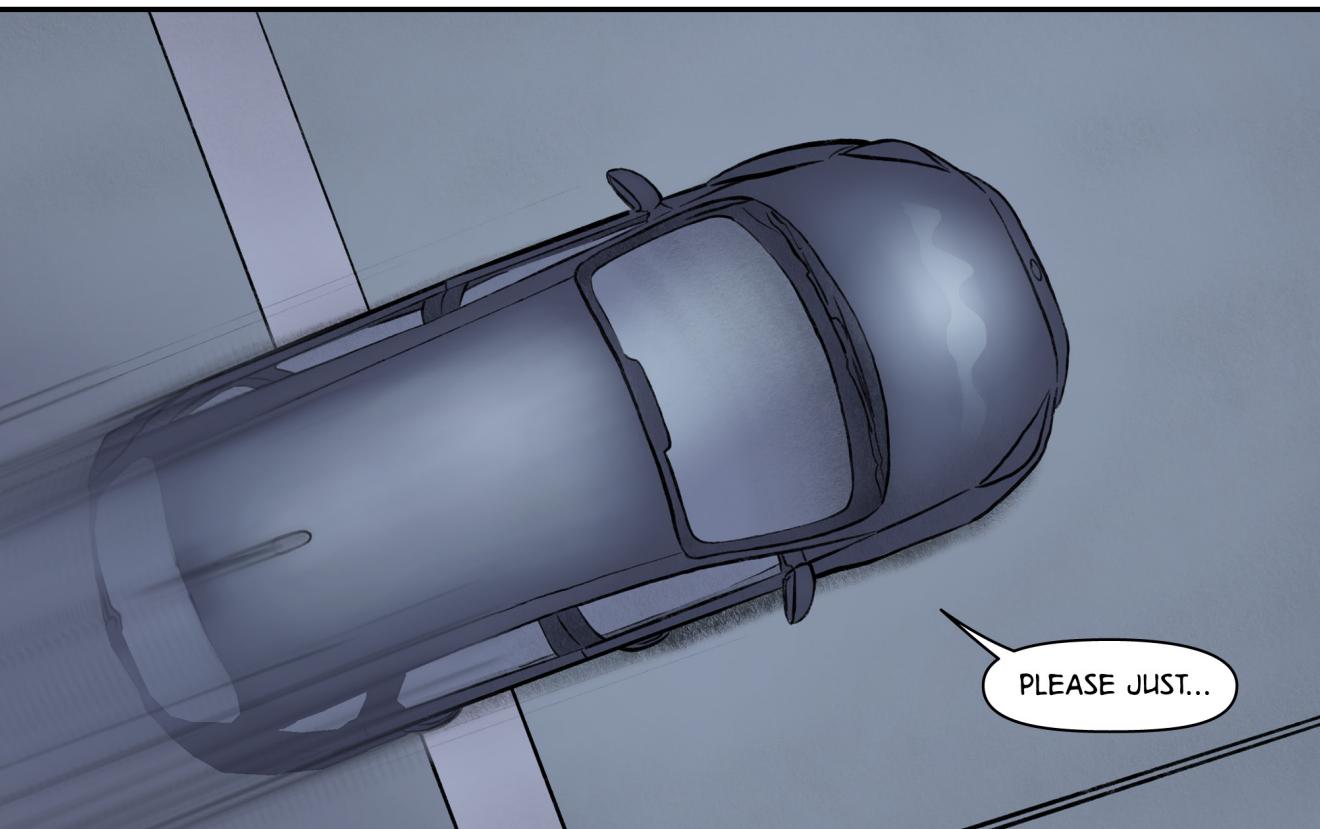
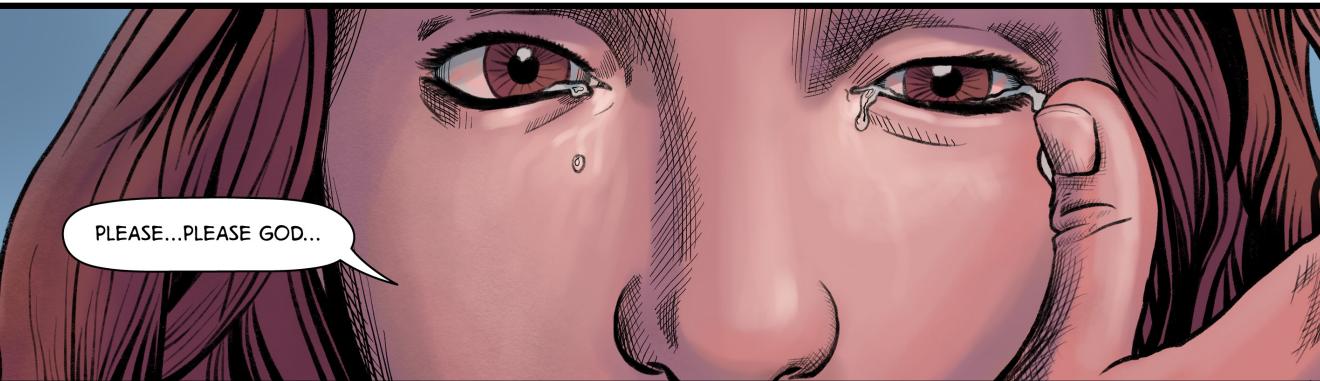
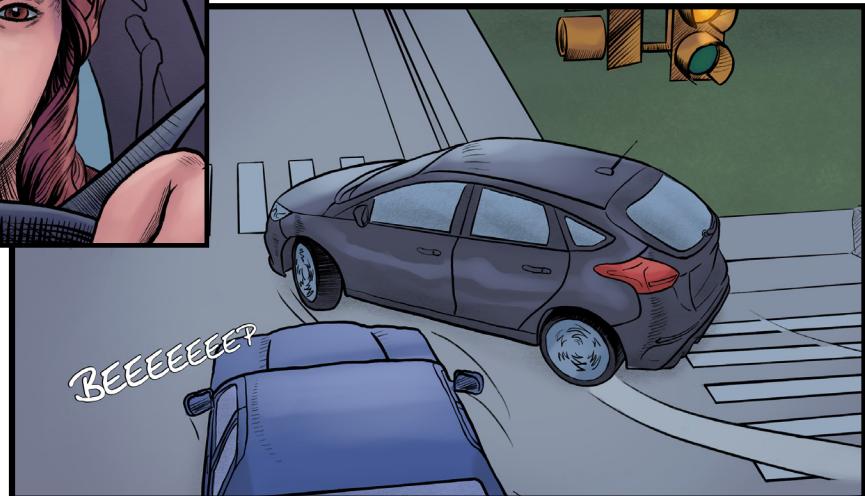
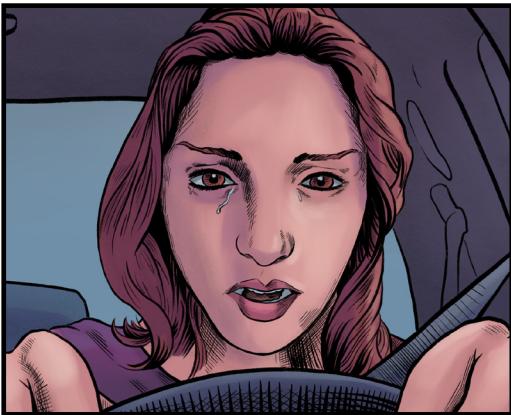


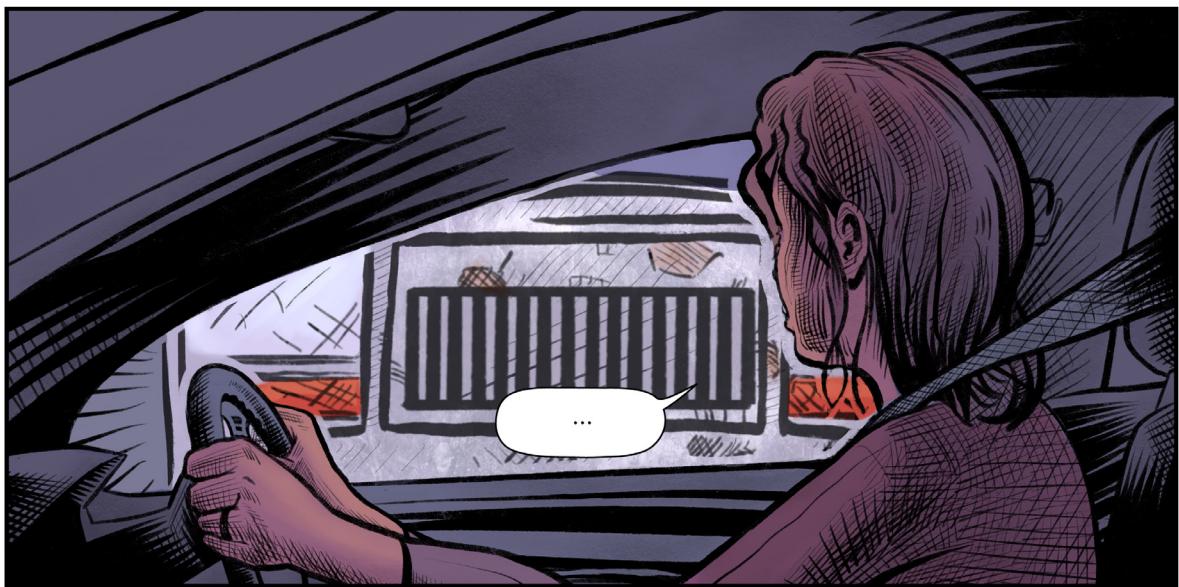
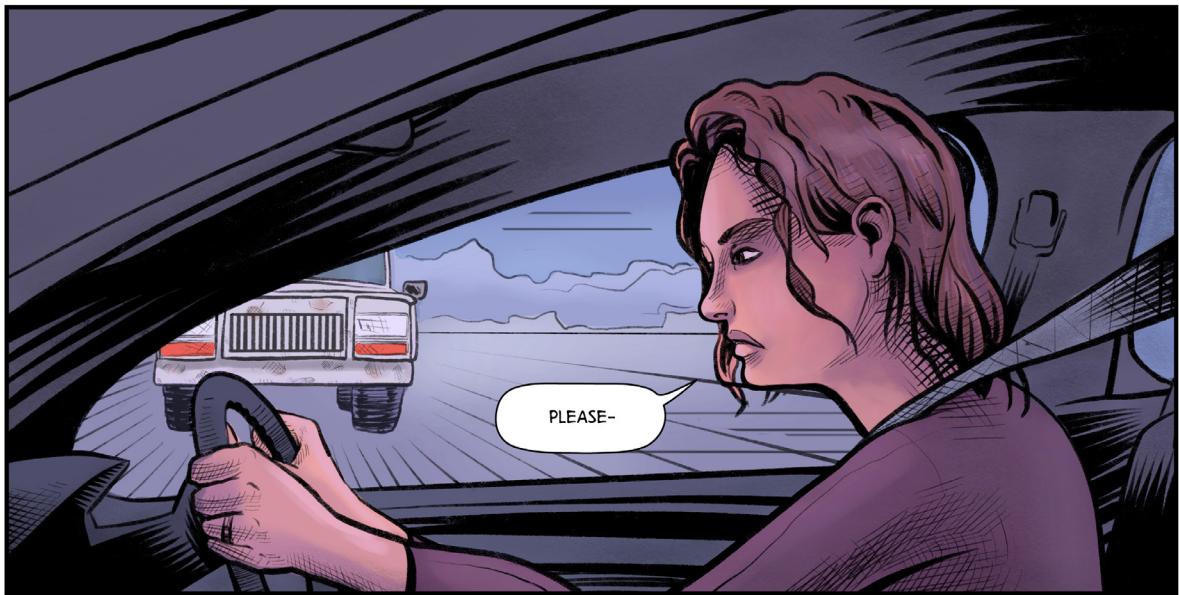




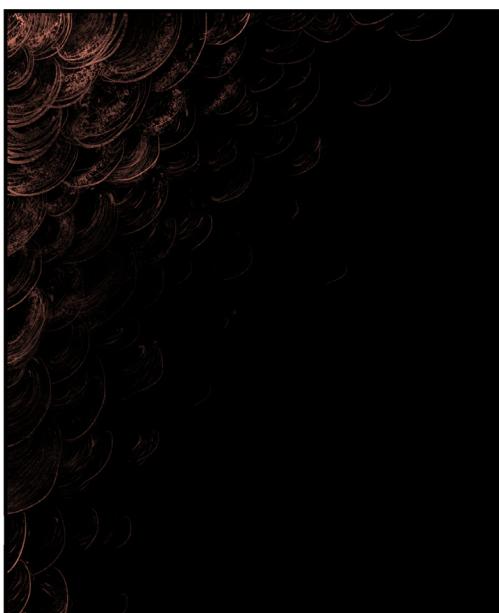
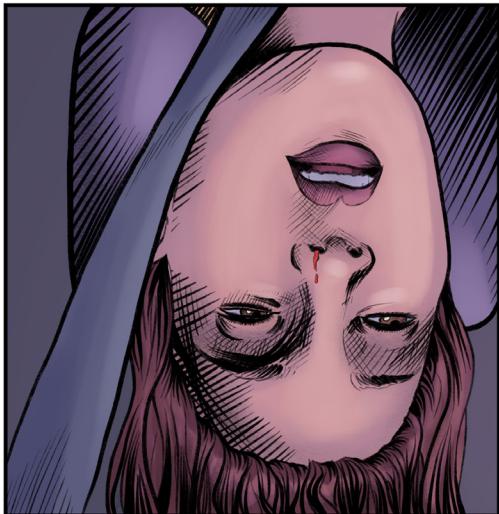
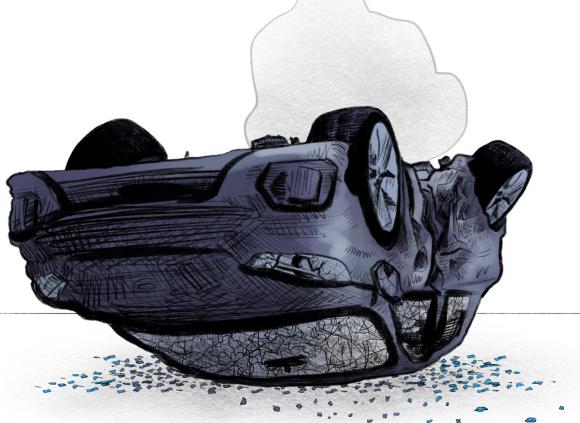












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