

ALSAIN'S CHILDREN



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YEAR 7? NAH,
YOU GOT THE
WRONG GIRL,
BABES.



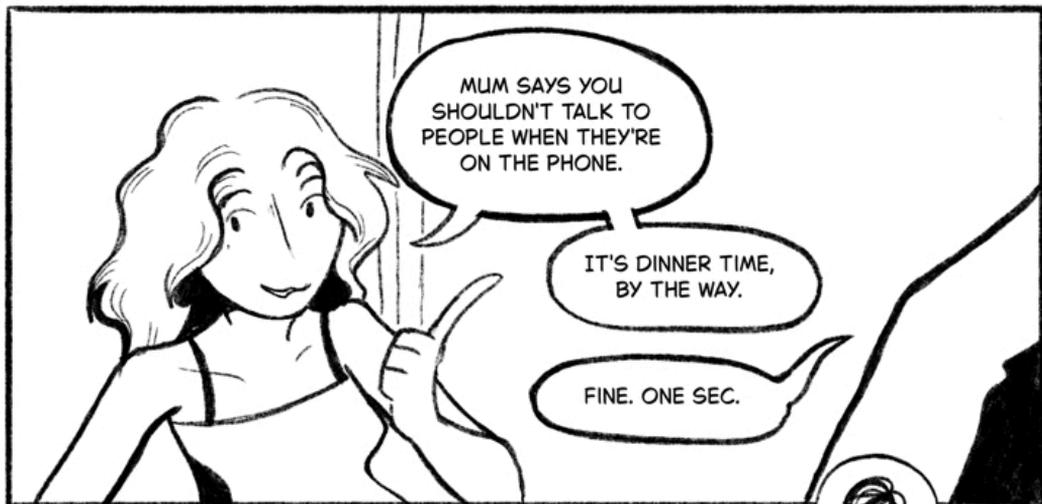
BESIDES, I GOT WAY BIGGER
SCOOPS NOW. YOU KNOW THAT
SOME KIDS GOT SNATCHED
FROM THEIR BEDS IN PALLBLY?

I'M ON THE CASE!

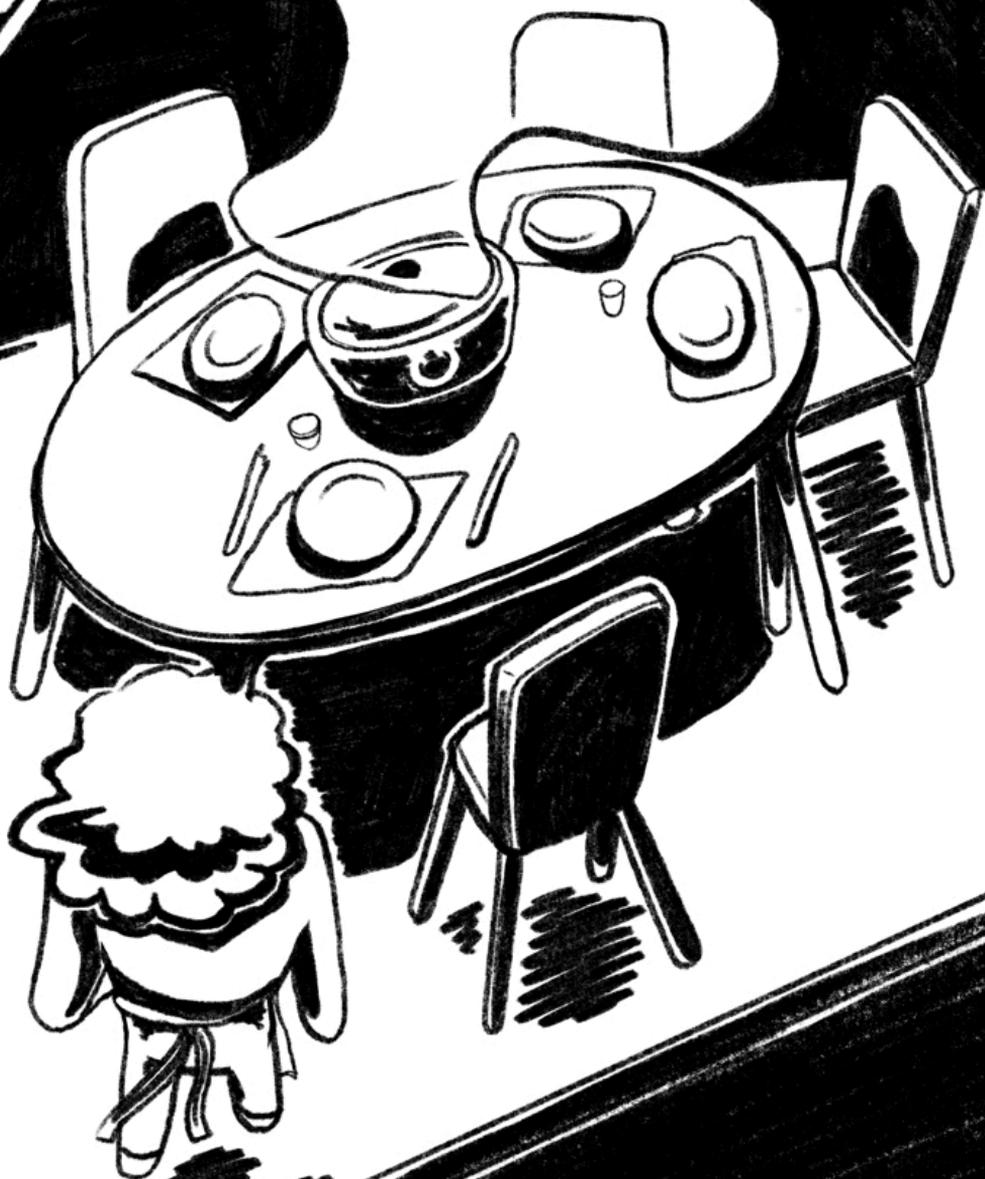


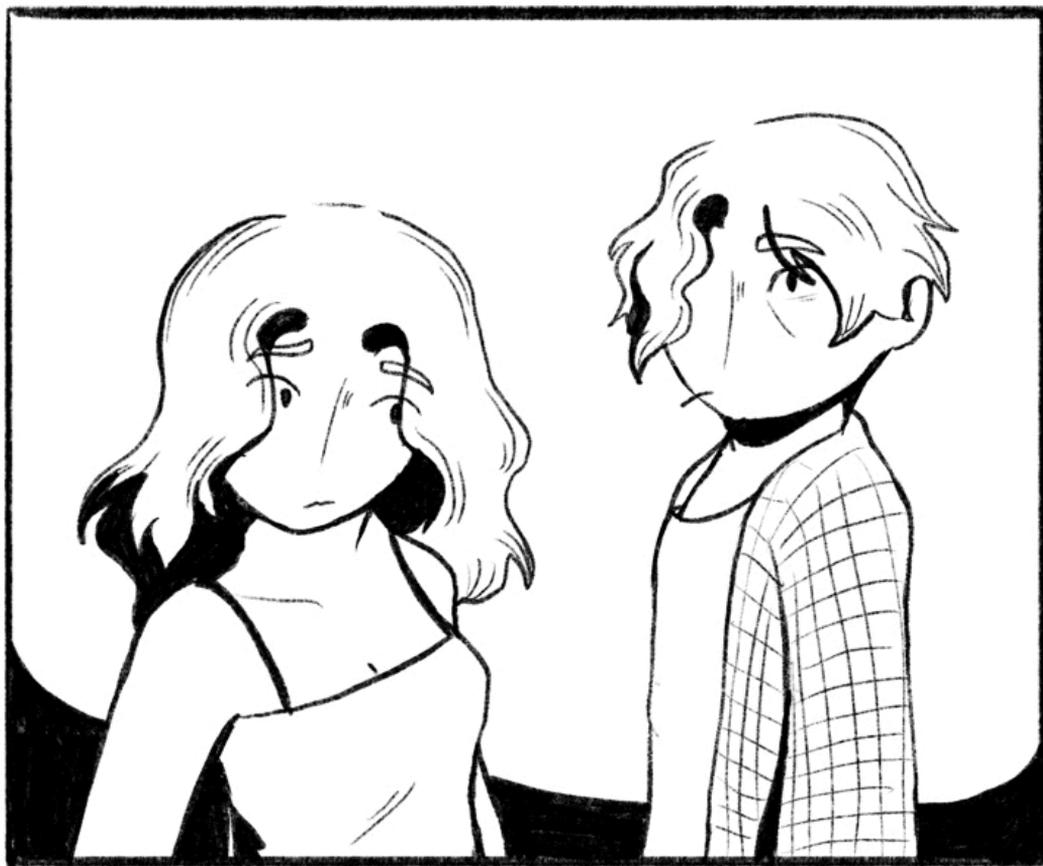
ON SOME REAL BODY
SNATCHER SHIT.

PLEASE DON'T SAY THAT
IN A PLACE WHERE
PEOPLE CAN HEAR YOU.



KIDS! HURRY
UP, YOU LAZY
THINGS!





Chapter One

WEREWOLF ATTACK ROCKS SMALL NEIGHBOURHOOD



EMERGENCY SERVICES were called to a street in in Imbrooke neighbourhood after a lycanid was reported to have savaged two children. The children, reportedly the children of local museum owner Declan O'Gadhra, sustained bad injuries after a car collided with them in the street in a freak event. Although there were no direct witnesses, the children were then reported to have been bitten by lycanids and sustained their venom in later blood tests. Despite the severe injuries, the children are expected to make full recoveries with very little impact, and doctors say it's a miracle that so little chronic damage was inflicted, suggesting that the transformative nature of lycanid venom may have helped.

But does this mean that the lycanid attack was just some unlikely saviour? Ranger Captain Lang suggests so, but Councilman Wicke denies the idea, stating that regardless of what happened, lycanids should not be interfering in human affairs, and may have even hijacked the car to begin with, as in-community lycanids cannot hold driver's licenses. Through the Rangers, the local lycanids of All's House Square employ a law of no-biting, so it is likely that this perpetrator is a rogue specimen. Private investigation into the local lycanid communities by the Rangers is ongoing to locate the criminal.

Of course, the question we should all be asking now is: is this going to be enough to save our children?

WHO'S NEXT?

7th
Oct
1994
89p

WIN
£500

CALL 1



COUNCIL
CANCELS
LATE FEE



OOOH!

WHAT... WHAT IS IT?



COTTAGE PIE.
CAN'T YOU SMELL
THE BEEF?

Shut up

SMELLS GREAT,
MUM. THANKS.



IT TOOK A WHILE, SO THIS
IS DINNER FOR THE NEXT
FEW NIGHTS.

DON'T START
UNTIL I'VE SAID
GRACE, EVELYN.



WATER, DAD?

THANK YOU, ADAM, BUT I HAVE TEA ALREADY.

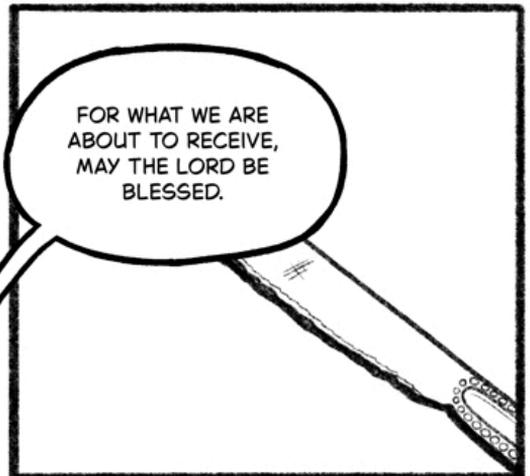


EVELYN!

You couldn't wait five minutes?



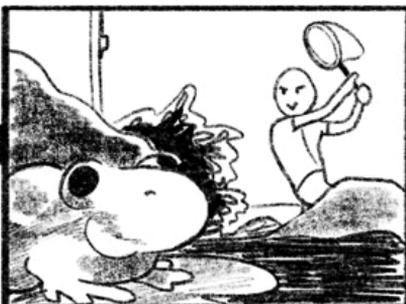
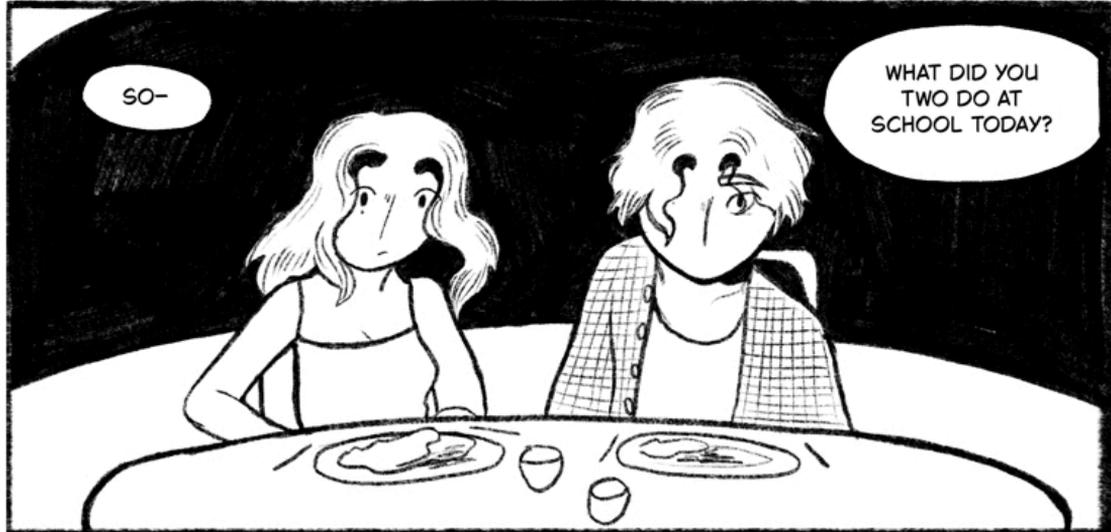
SIGH



FOR WHAT WE ARE ABOUT TO RECEIVE, MAY THE LORD BE BLESSED.

SO-

WHAT DID YOU
TWO DO AT
SCHOOL TODAY?



A GUY IN MY YEAR
GOT SUSPENDED
FOR TRYING TO
DISSECT A POND
FROG.

JACK LANG'S THE
NEW STUDENT
COUNCIL HEAD,
THE PRICK



OH, AND
ADAIM'S
GRUMPY
BECAUSE KIDS
ARE TALKING
ABOUT 'WHAT
HAPPENED'
AGAIN.





Oh, Addy, not again!

It's fine.

Yeah, it literally IS fine. Who cares?

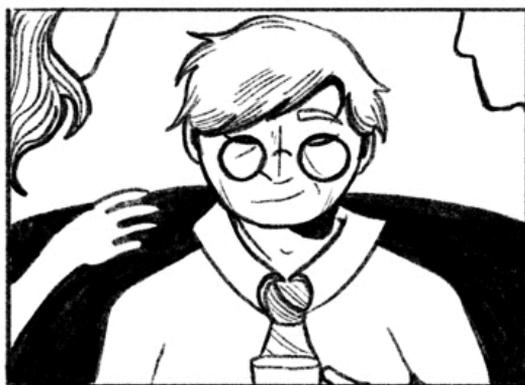


Evelyn, your brother is upset.

He's always upset!



Hey!!







COULD BE FUN.



I LITERALLY CAN'T THINK OF ANYTHING LESS FUN.

NO, NO, THINK ABOUT IT!

YOU'D JOIN A
PACK, YOU'D GET
TO COOL COOL
FOOD, YOU
WOULDN'T HAVE
TO PAY TAXES-

YOU'D GET
MARRIED OFF.

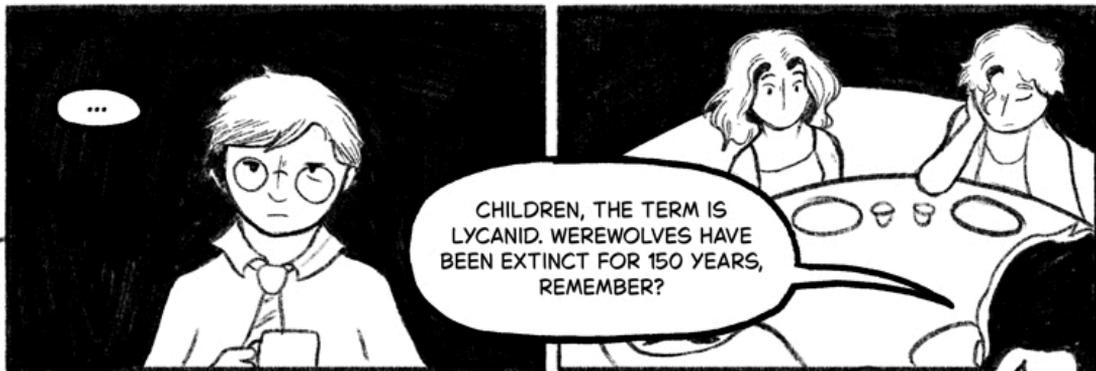
HUMANS CAN
DO THAT TOO!





YOU'D BE AN
OUTCAST!

NOT WHEN YOU'RE HANGING
OUT WITH ALL YOUR COOL
WEREWOLF FRIENDS!



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CHILDREN, THE TERM IS
LYCANID. WEREWOLVES HAVE
BEEN EXTINGUISHED FOR 150 YEARS,
REMEMBER?



OH YEAH.

'-ID'. 'HUMAN-ISH',
OR WHATEVER.

LYCAN-ID.

DRACON-ID.



I HEARD THERE
STILL WERE SOME,
AT LEAST.

??

THEY NEVER
PROVED THAT,
THOUGH.

I BET IT'S A
CONSPIRACY!

AND THAT THE
RANGERS SHOT ONE
IN HYCALDŴR A FEW
YEARS AGO.

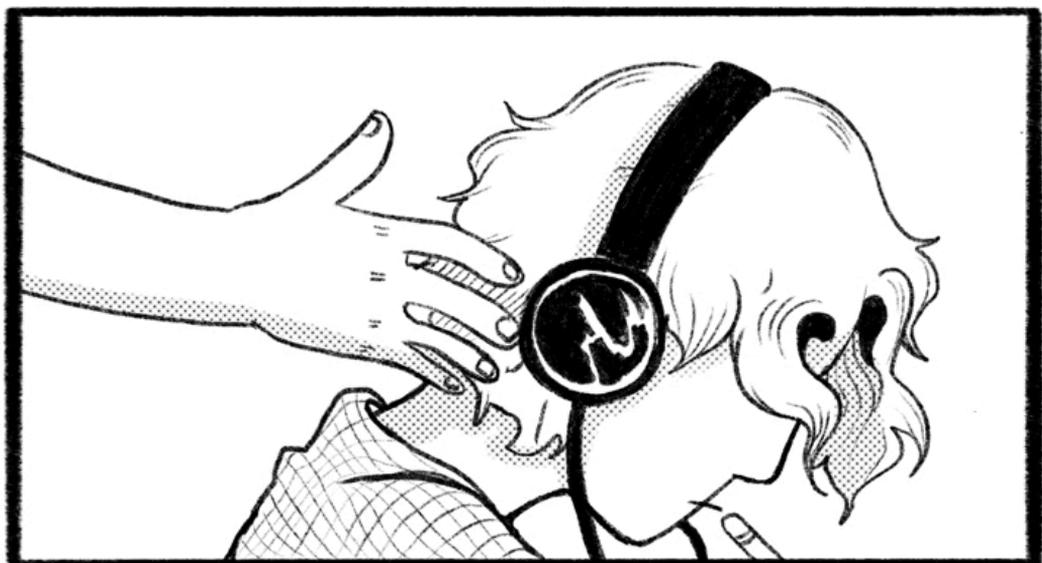
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NOW I SEE WHY YOU THINK
EMMA BICKFORD IS FUN.

NO, DUDE, YOU'RE
JUST SUPER BORING.

20:00





YOINK



WHAT WAS
THAT FOR

MUM SENT ME
UPSTAIRS TO MAKE
SURE YOU WEREN'T
CRYING.

IS THIS THE ALBUM YOU
BOUGHT LAST WEEK?



WAIT, I KNOW THIS ONE!
THIS IS OLD MUSIC FROM
MUM'S COLLECTION.



YOU KNOW, JACK LANG'S MUM
WAS REALLY PLEASED WITH
THE BRACELETS YOU MADE
FOR THE CHURCH DRIVE.

SAID SHE WAS SURE THEY
WERE GONNA SELL A TON.

REALLY? THAT'S
SURPRISING.

WHAT DID JACK
LANG HIMSELF
THINK OF THEM?

CALLED YOU
GAY.

THERE IT IS.

I GUESS IT'S BETTER
THAN 'FILTHY WEREWOLF
SPAWN'.

HE CALLED YOU
THAT RECENTLY?

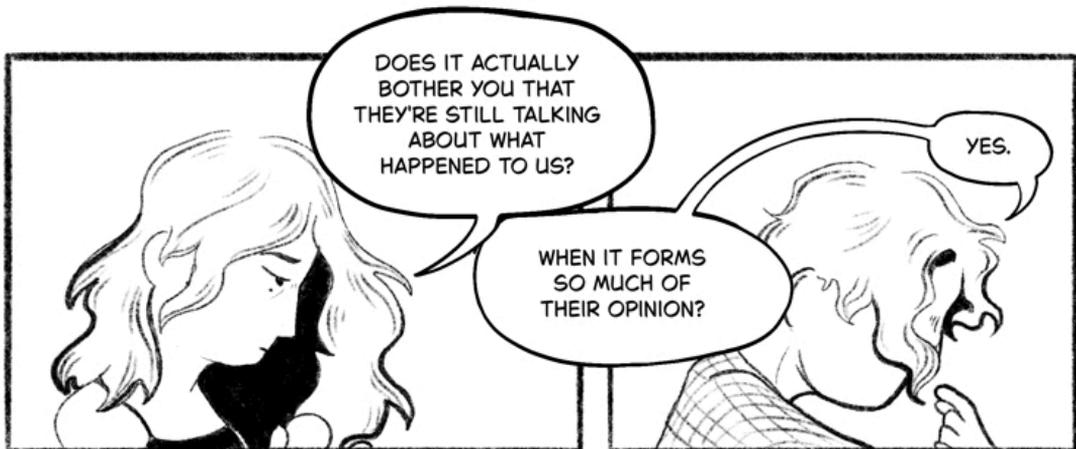
HE DID.

NOT VERY CREATIVE.

I ONCE GOT
'SLOBBERING
ROADKILL'.

I'M SURPRISED MRS LANG WAS
HAPPY WITH THEM. SHE'S NEVER
BEEN FOND OF ANYTHING TO DO
WITH NON-HUMAN FOLK.

HER AND HER KIDS... AND I
GUESS HER HUSBAND MUST
FEEL THE SAME WAY.



IF THAT CAR HAD HIT US, AND WE GOT SAVED 'CAUSE WE SUPPOSEDLY GOT BIT - THEN THERE'S BEEN NO SYMPTOMS.

BUT THAT DOESN'T SEEM TO MATTER TO PEOPLE LIKE JACK LANG AND EMMA BICKFORD.

IF THAT CAR HAD HIT US, AND NOBODY CAME TO OUR RESCUE - AND WE'D DIED - WELL, IT WOULDN'T MAKE ANY DIFFERENCE TO US. WE WOULDN'T HAVE KNOWN ANY BETTER.



DON'T SAY THAT!!

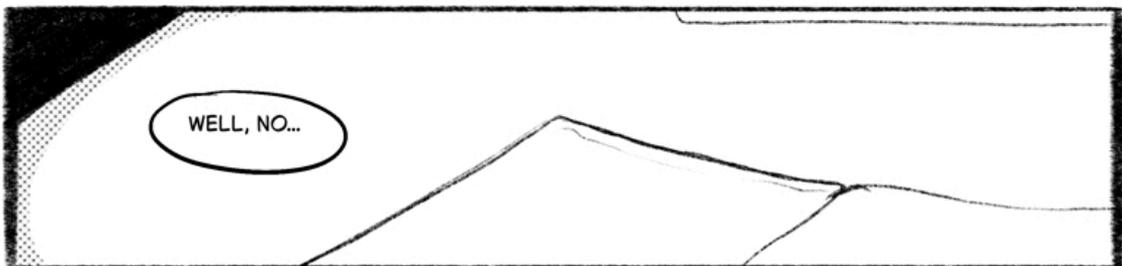
MUM AND DAD WOULD
HAVE BEEN DESTROYED IF
THAT HAD HAPPENED.

YEAH, BUT WE WOULDN'T
BE THE ONLY KIDS TO GO
MISSING AROUND HERE.



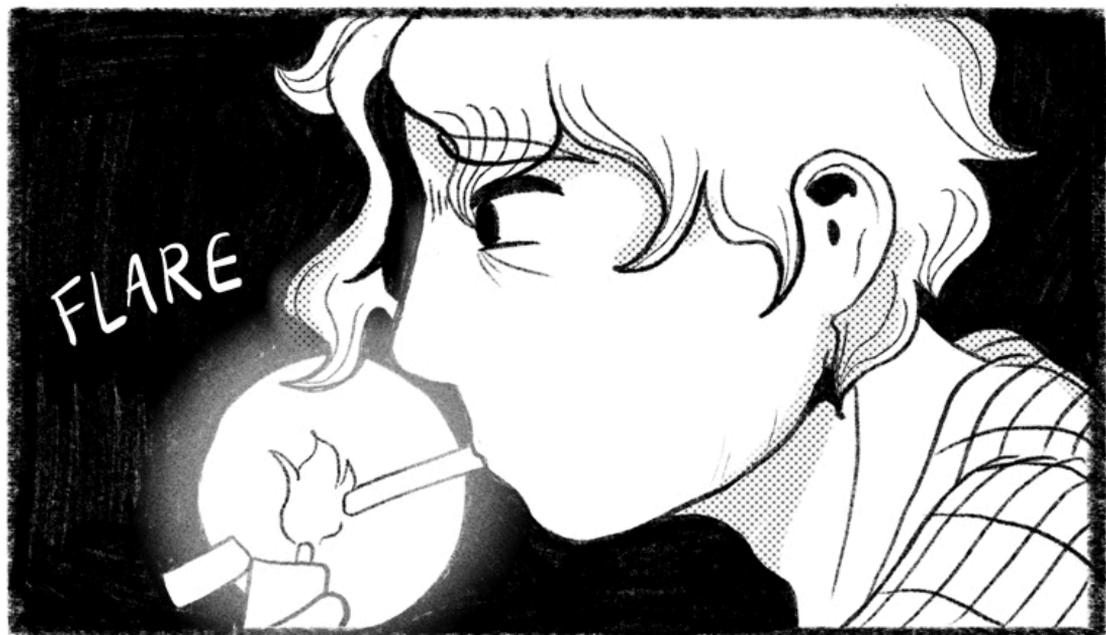
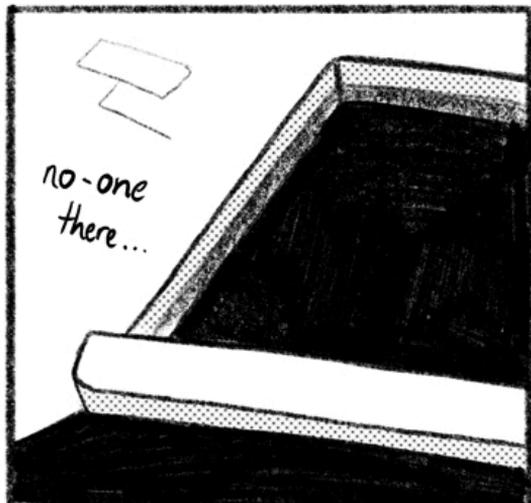
SOMETIMES I JUST
WISH THAT THERE
WAS A REAL REASON
FOR US TO NEVER BE
ABLE TO GET AWAY
FROM THIS MESS.

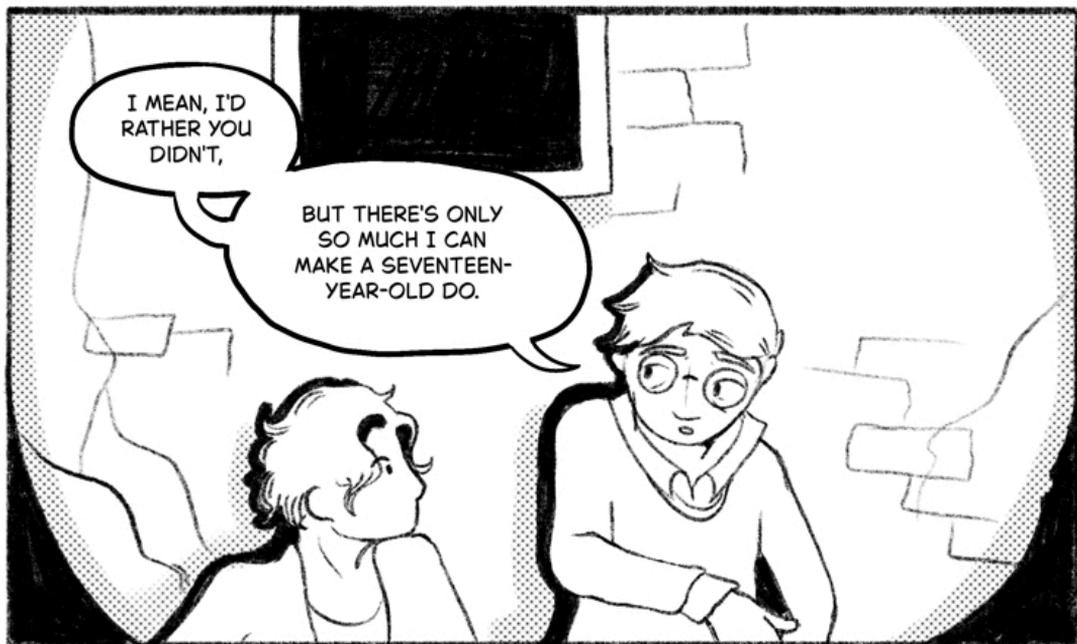
OUTSIDE OF GOSSIP AND
SPECULATION.

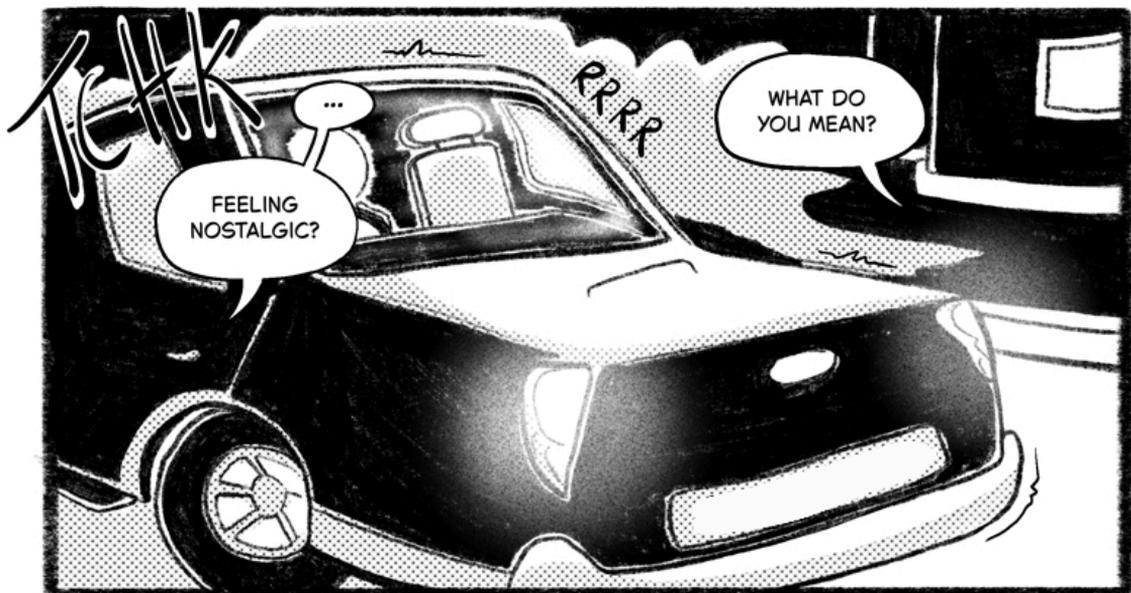


21:00











BETTER OFF
ASKING EMMA
BICKFORD THAT.

YEAH...

