

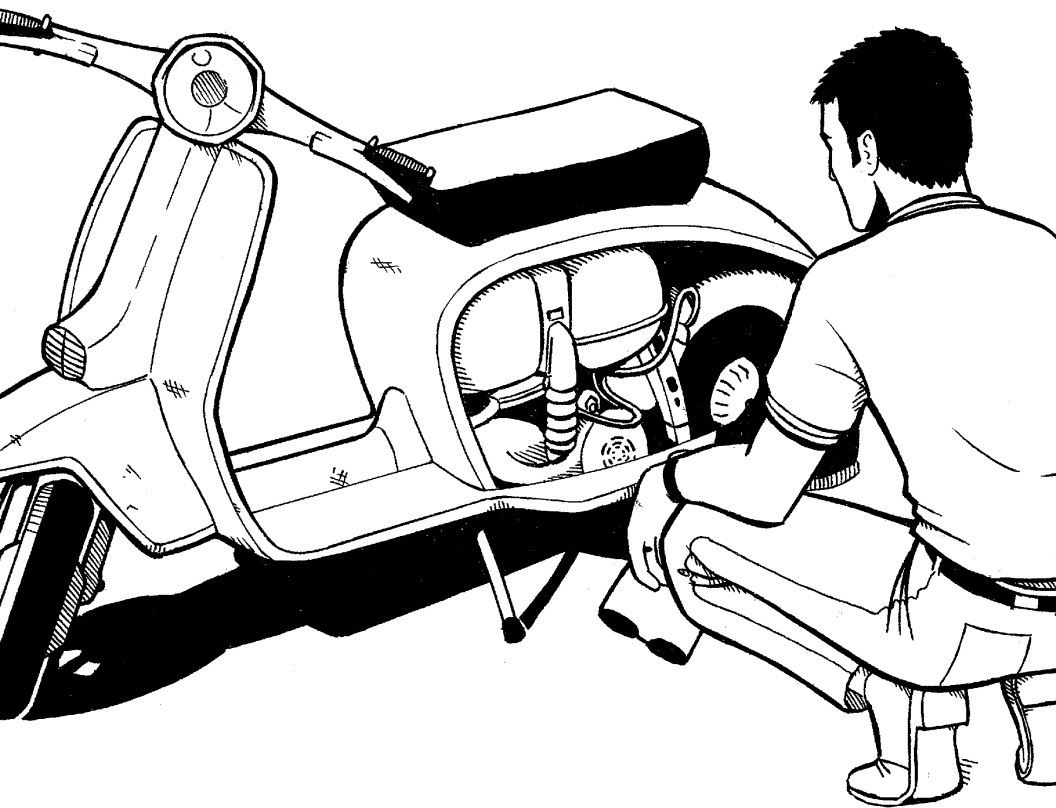


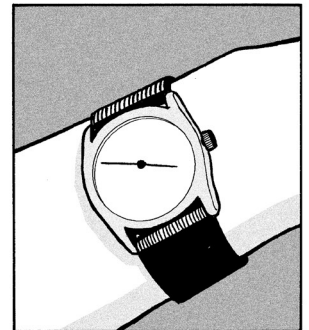
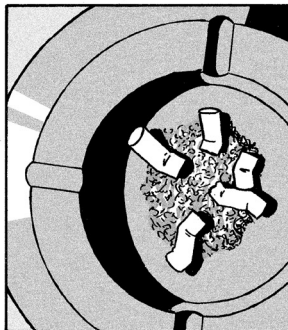
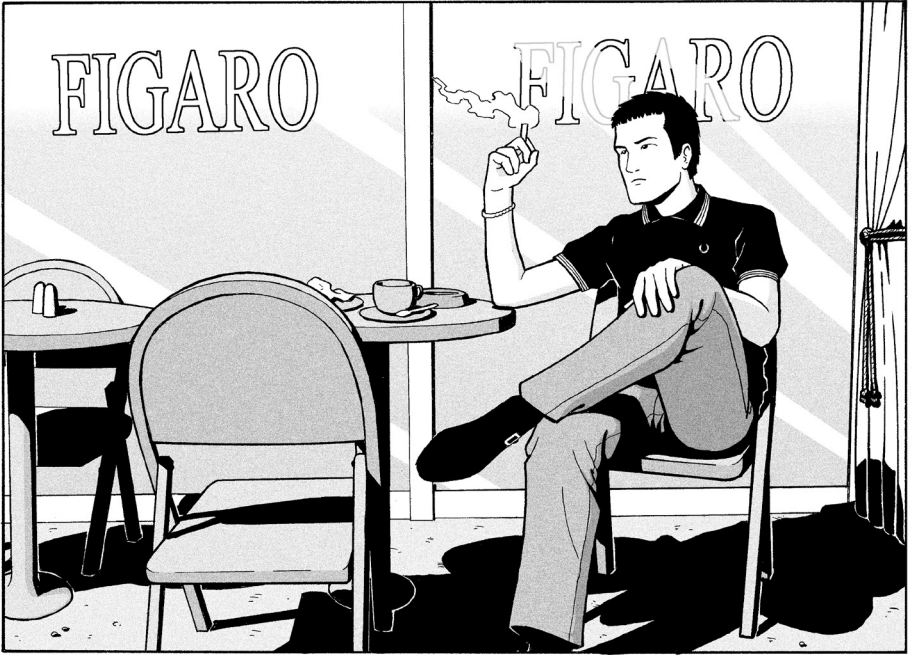
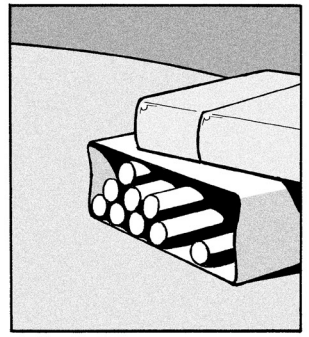
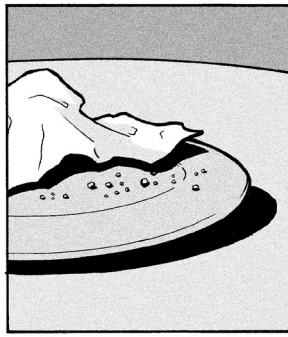
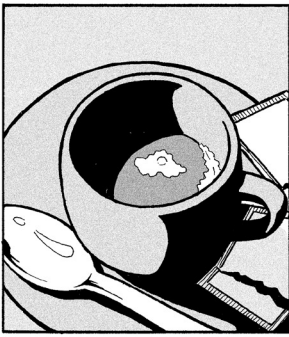
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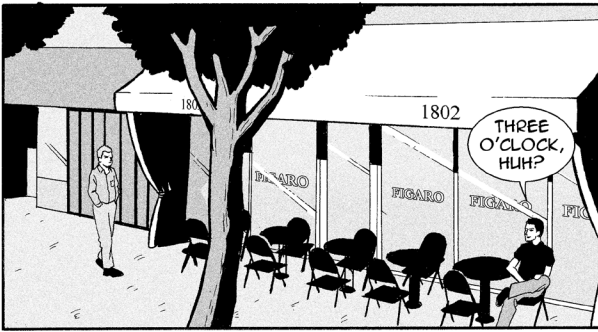
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THREE O'CLOCK, HUH?



YOU KNOW, IT'S PRETTY CLEAR YOU DON'T OWN A WATCH, BUT YOU CAN TELL TIME, RIGHT?



I KNOW -- I'M LATE.

AGAIN.



CAN WE SKIP THE PART WHERE YOU MAKE FUN OF ME, THOUGH?

I GET ENOUGH ABUSE FROM THE OTHER GUYS...



I'M NOT MAKING FUN, KEN - I'M MAKING A POINT.

YOU SAID YOU'D MEET ME AT STU'S, THREE O'CLOCK.



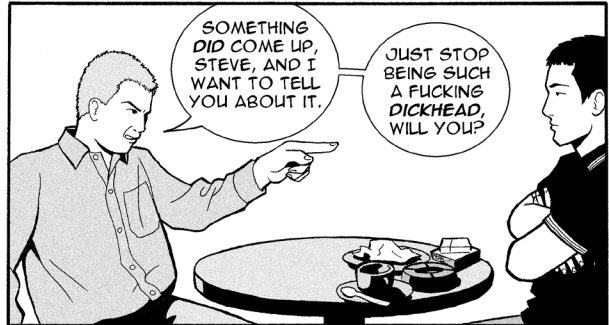
RIGHT. AND I'M SORRY.

SOMETHING CAME UP.



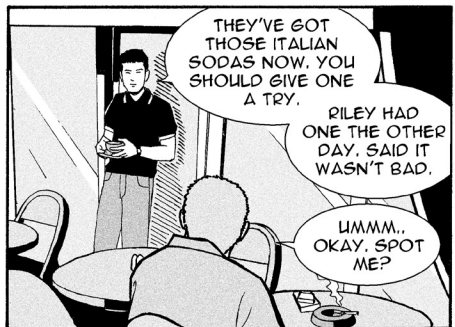
WELL, THAT'S THE THING WITH YOU, ISN'T IT?

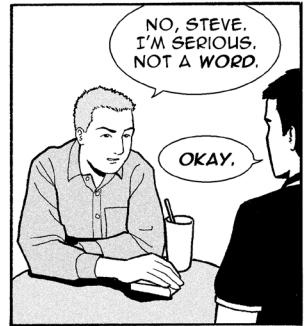
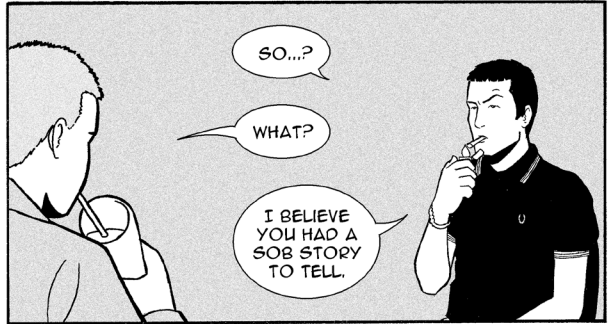
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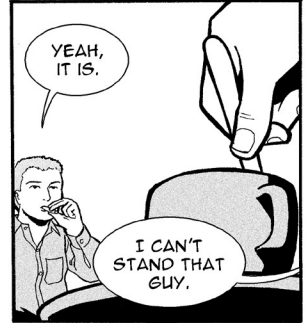
SOMETHING DID COME UP, STEVE, AND I WANT TO TELL YOU ABOUT IT.

JUST STOP BEING SUCH A FUCKING DICKHEAD, WILL YOU?













WELL, WHADDAYA THINK?

PRETTY NICE, HUH?



IT NEEDS SOME WORK.

YOU DON'T HAVE ANYTHING THAT DOESN'T NEED PAINT?



NO WAY. YOU'RE ALWAYS LOOKING FOR A SWEET DEAL ON A BIKE, BUT YOU AIN'T GONNA GET THAT ON SOMETHING THAT LOOKS BRAND NEW.

CAN'T TAKE THE EASY WAY AROUND EVERYTHING, YOU KNOW.

BESIDES, FIXING THESE BABIES UP IS ABOUT 99% OF THE FUN, IF YOU ASK ME.



YOU SHOULD GET IT, DUDE.

IF YOU'RE WORRIED ABOUT PAINTING IT, YOU KNOW WE'LL HELP OUT WITH THAT.



MAYBE. I DUNNO.

I WAS HOPING THIS WAS SOMETHING I COULD RIDE NOW.

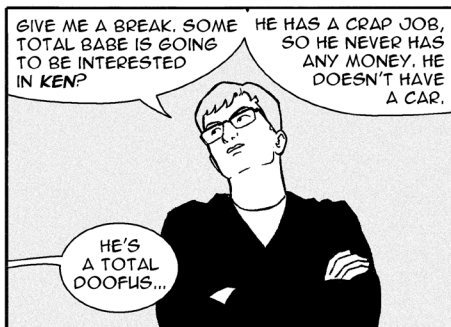
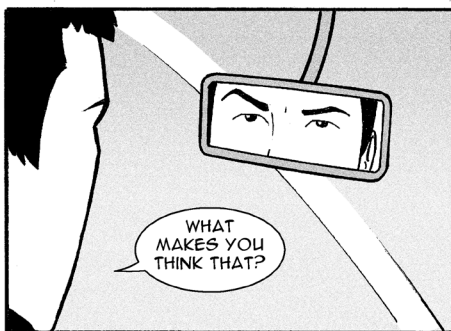
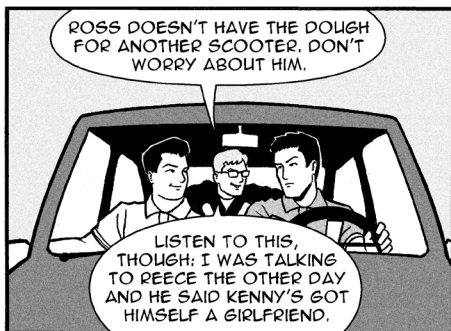
YOU SURE YOU DON'T HAVE ANYTHING ELSE, WILL?

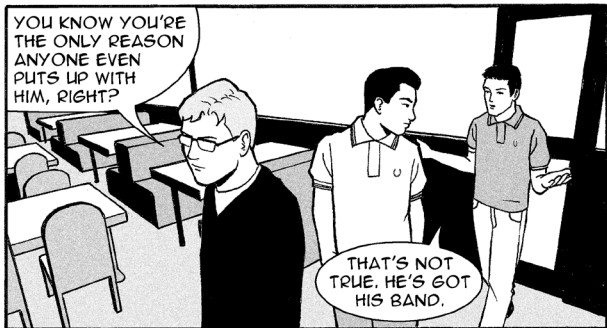


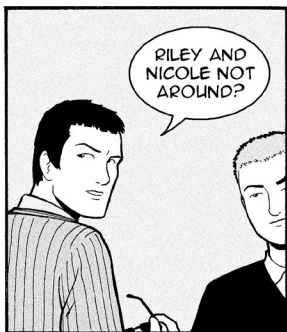
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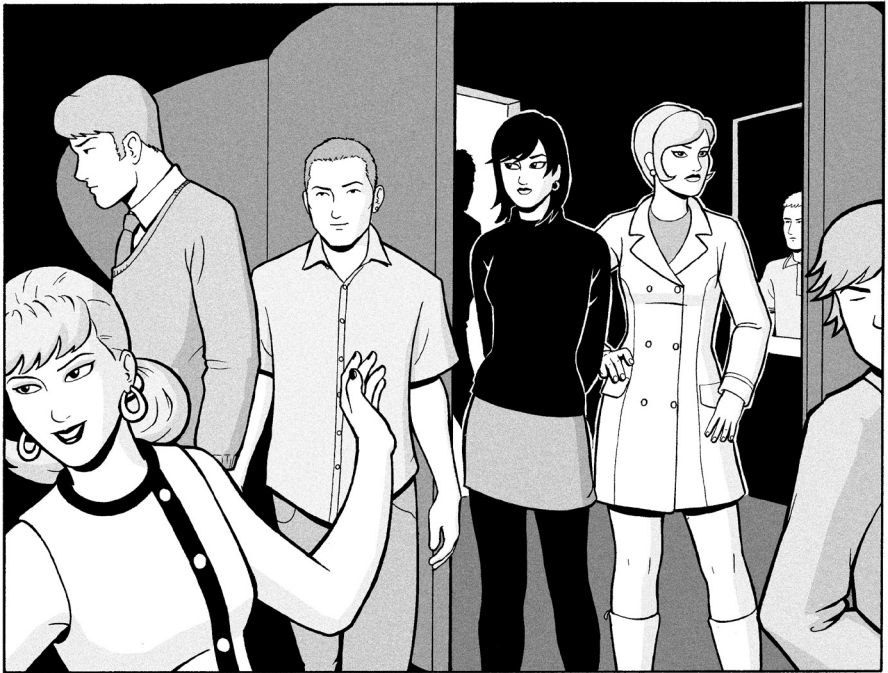
I'D THINK ABOUT IT, STEVE.

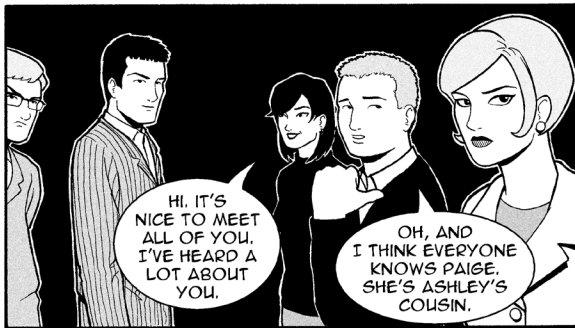
I DON'T HANG ON TO BIKES LIKE THIS FOR LONG.

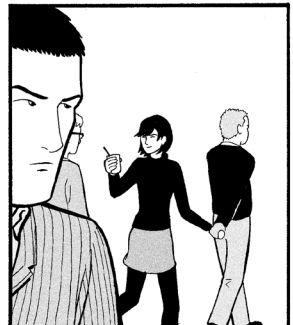
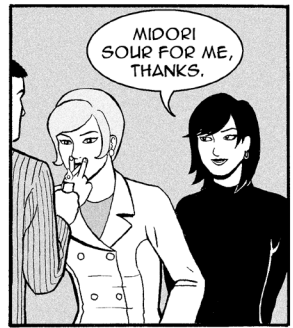












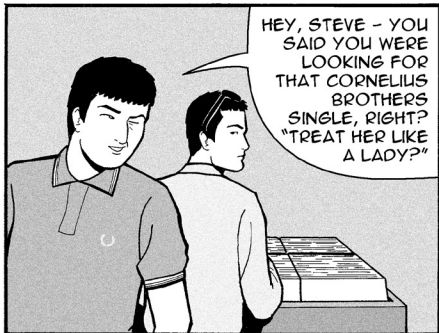


SAW YOU WITH YOUR GIRLFRIEND LAST NIGHT.

YEAH?

HOW COME YOU DIDN'T BRING HER UP TO THE BOOTH TO MEET THE MICKER?

ROGER AND FAUVE WERE KIND OF PISSED YOU DIDN'T INTRODUCE HER TO US.



HEY, STEVE - YOU SAID YOU WERE LOOKING FOR THAT CORNELIUS BROTHERS SINGLE, RIGHT? "TREAT HER LIKE A LADY?"

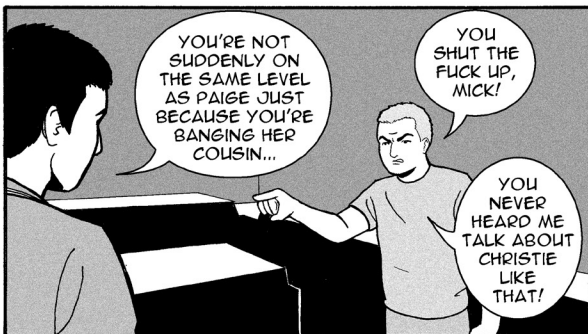


WE WERE WITH ASHLEY'S COUSIN PAIGE, AND I KNOW FAUVE AND PAIGE DON'T GET ALONG.



"WE WERE WITH PAIGE."

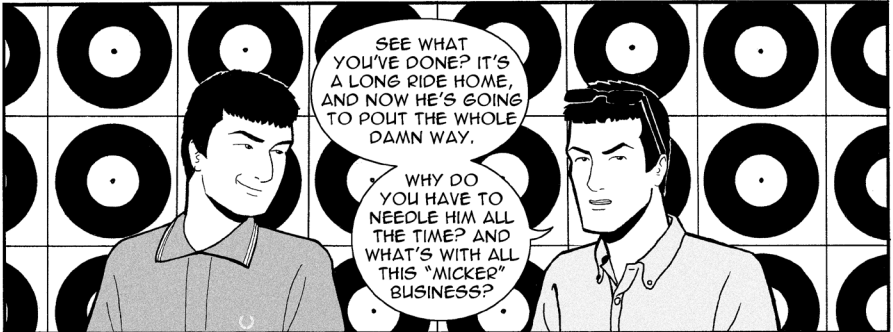
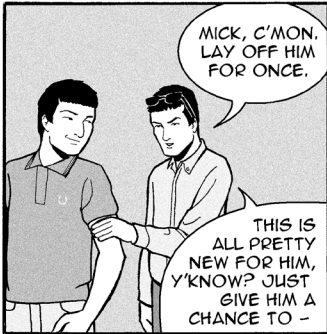
OH, WHATEVER, DUDE. PAIGE LOOKED DESPERATE TO BE ANYWHERE ELSE.



YOU'RE NOT SUDDENLY ON THE SAME LEVEL AS PAIGE JUST BECAUSE YOU'RE BANGING HER COUSIN...

YOU SHUT THE FUCK UP, MICK!

YOU NEVER HEARD ME TALK ABOUT CHRISTIE LIKE THAT!





I DON'T BLAME YOU, MAN. SHE'S A HAPPENING CHICK. PRETTY FACE. NICE LITTLE SET.

I'D SWOOP IN THERE MYSELF IF YOU WEREN'T SO OBVIOUSLY ON IT ALREADY.



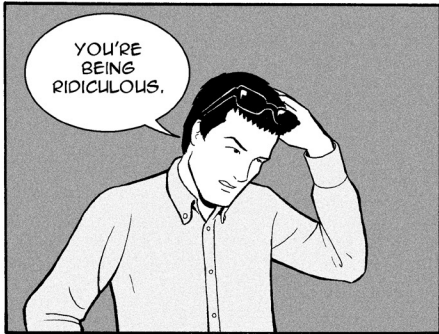
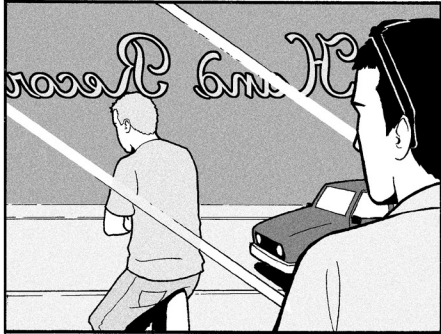
WHAT IN HELL ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT? I'M NOT SWOOPING ON ANYONE!



STEVE, I'M A DJ. I CAN SEE EVERYTHING FROM UP IN THAT BOOTH.



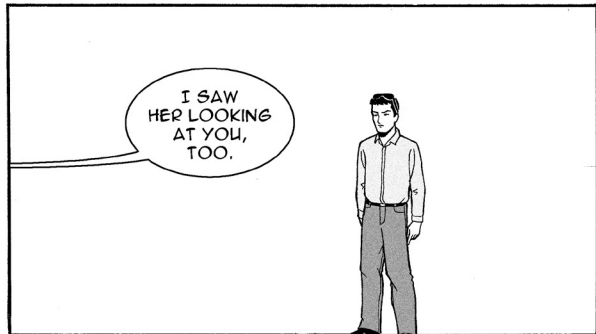
I SAW THE WAY YOU WERE LOOKING AT HER LAST NIGHT. YOU WEREN'T EXPECTING HER TO BE SO CUTE, WERE YOU?



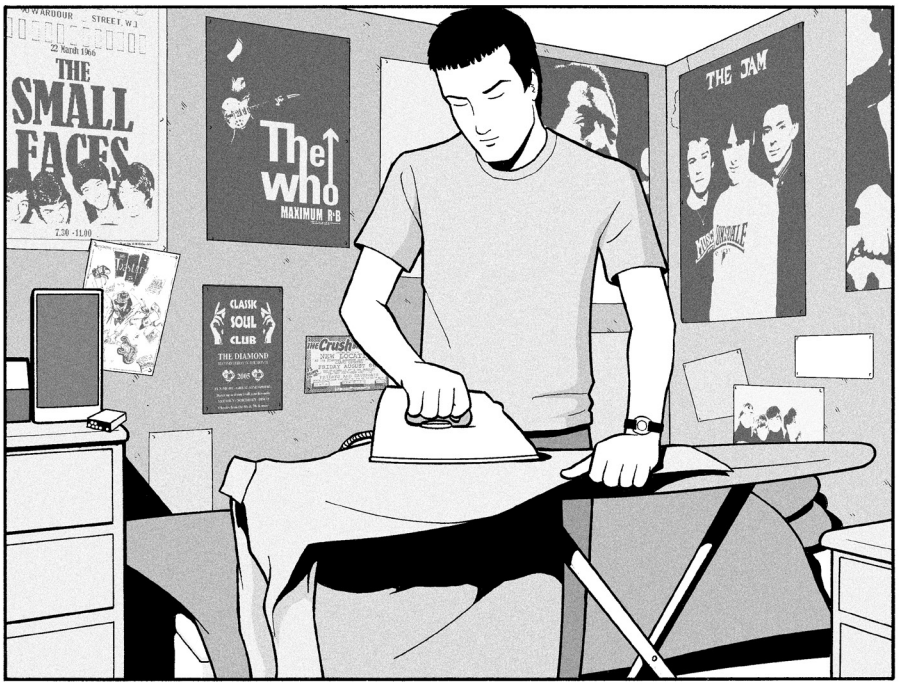
YOU'RE BEING RIDICULOUS.

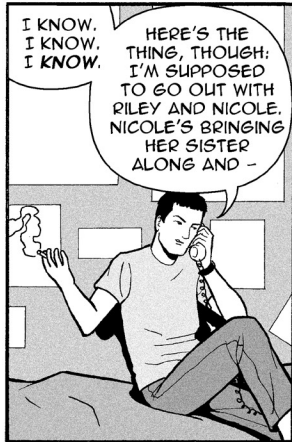
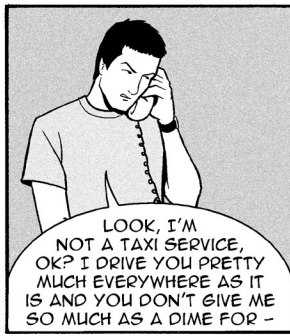


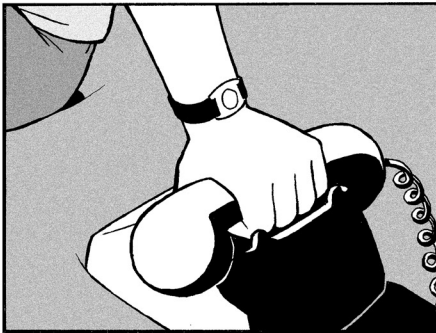
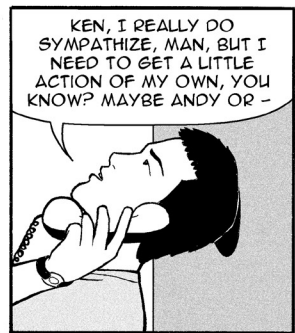
YEAH, THAT'S WHAT YOU SAY NOW, BUT I'LL TELL YOU WHAT:

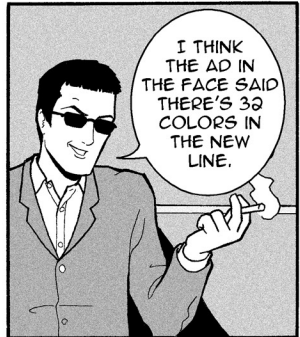
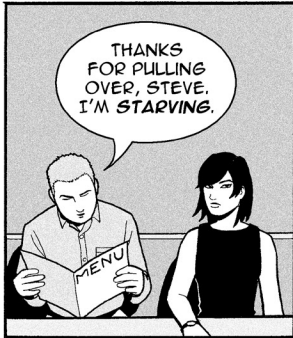
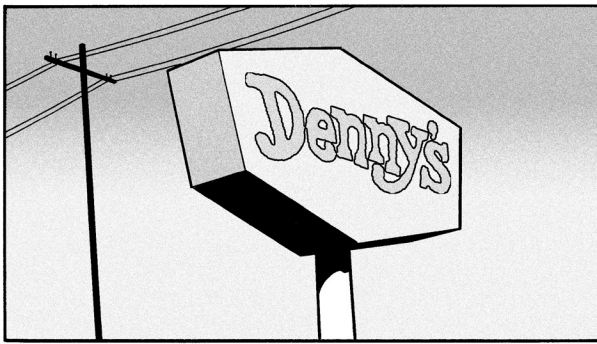


I SAW HER LOOKING AT YOU, TOO.



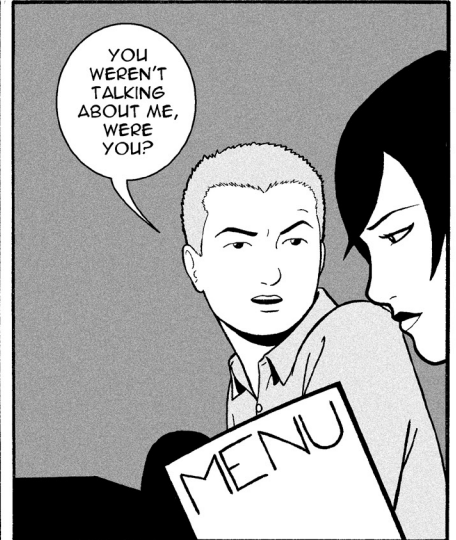


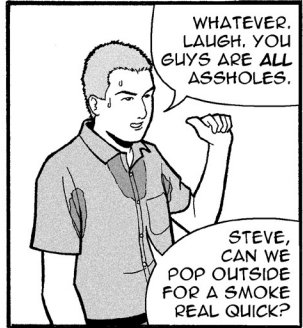
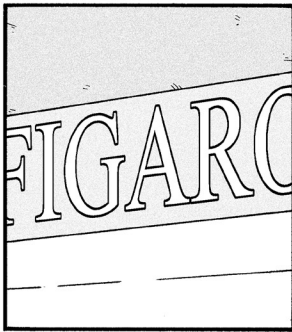


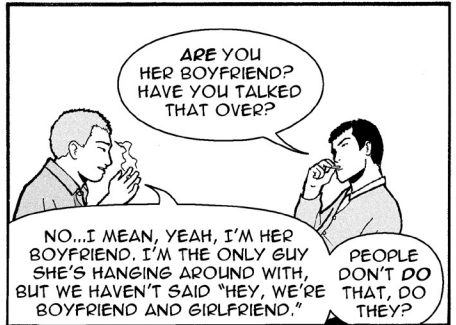
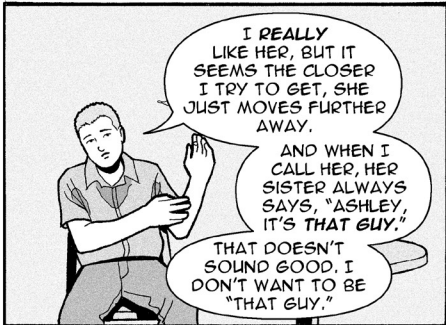
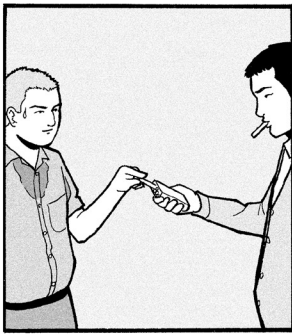


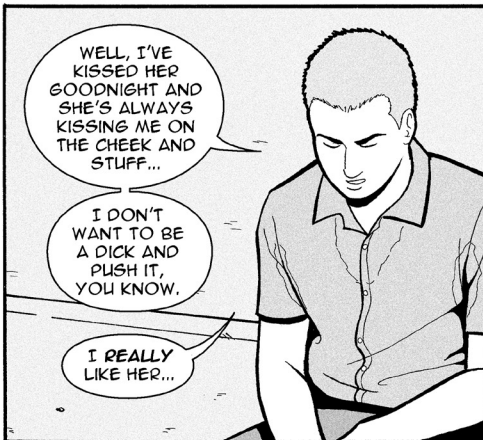














OR WHAT?

OR YOU WIND UP RUINING THE WHOLE FRIENDSHIP.

YOU HAVE TO DECIDE IF YOU'RE WILLING TO JEOPARDIZE WHAT YOU HAVE NOW FOR WHAT YOU *COULD* HAVE LATER. DO YOU FOLLOW ME?

YEAH, BUT I DON'T WANT TO BE HER FRIEND!



THEN I GUESS YOU'VE GOT SOME DECISIONS TO MAKE.

WHATEVER YOU DECIDE, YOU NEED TO TALK TO HER.



THIS SUCKS. ARE YOU SURE ABOUT ALL THIS?

ABOUT ALL WHAT? I'M JUST TELLING YOU WHAT I THINK, KEN. I DON'T HAVE ALL THE ANSWERS. AND I'M NOT THE ONE TALKING TO ASHLEY ALL THE TIME OR HANGING AROUND WITH HER.



YOU JUST NEED TO TALK TO HER, OKAY?

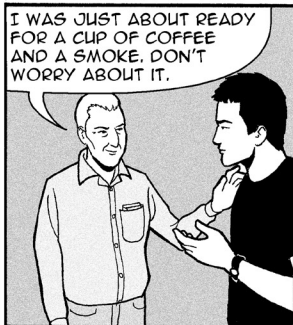


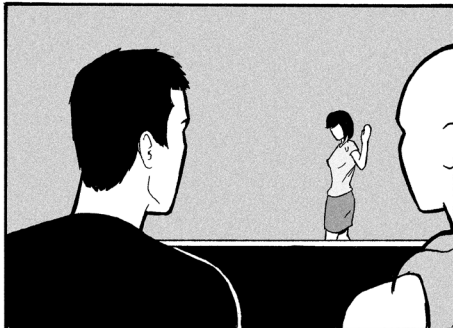
FUJ. ALL RIGHT. SHIT.

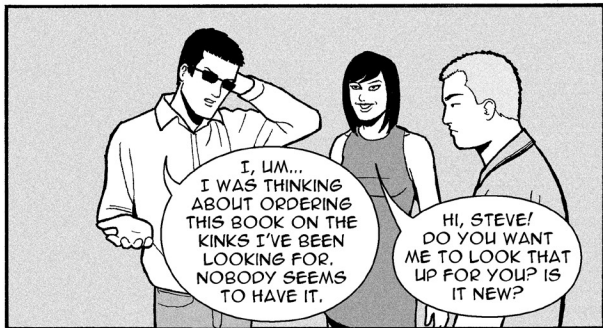
JUST DON'T TELL ANYONE, OKAY?

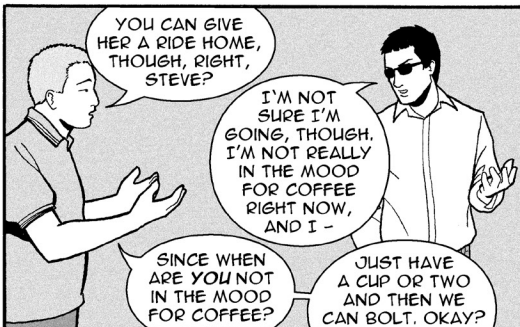
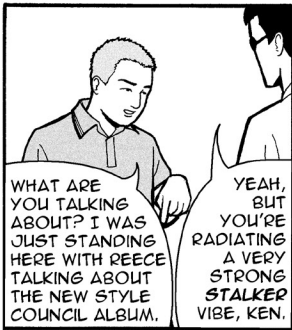


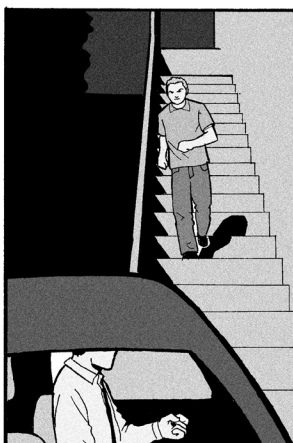
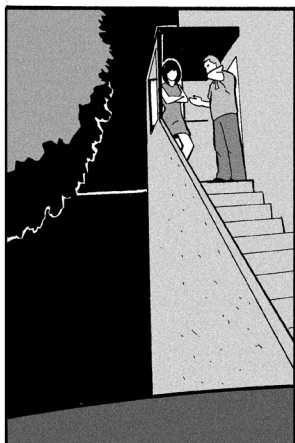
IF SHE ISN'T GOING TO GO WITH ME, THE LAST THING I WANT IS MICK OR SOME OTHER ASSHOLE SWOOPING IN ON HER.

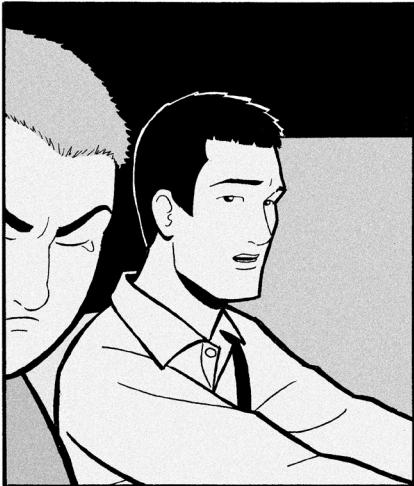


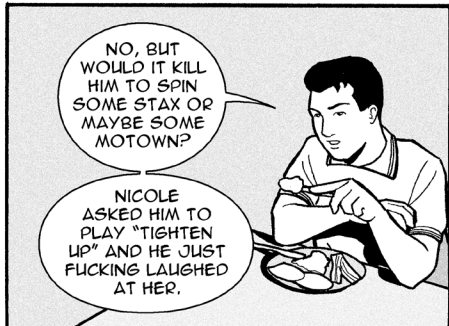
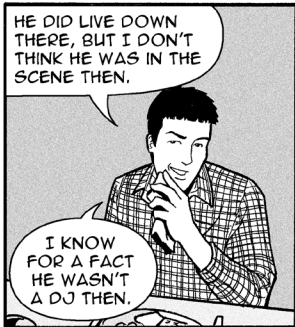
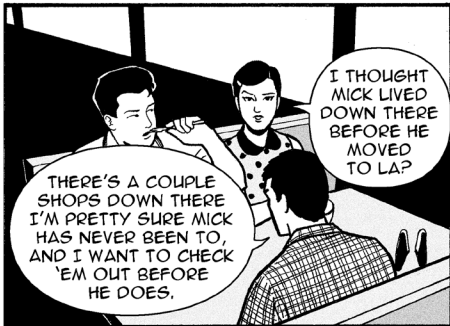
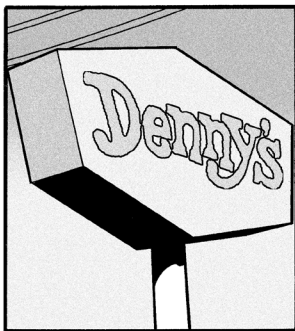


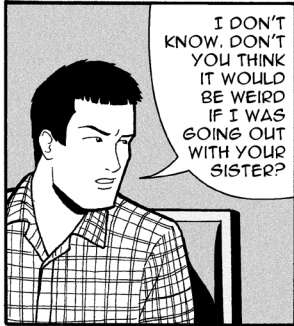
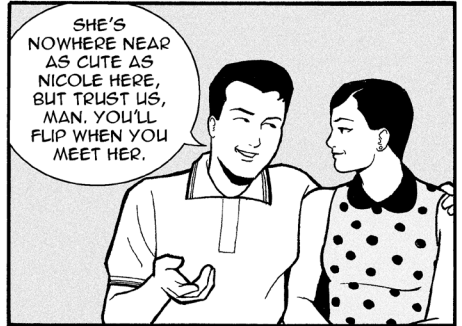


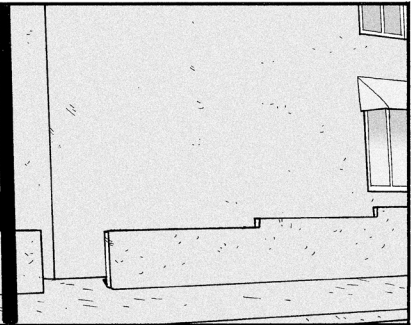
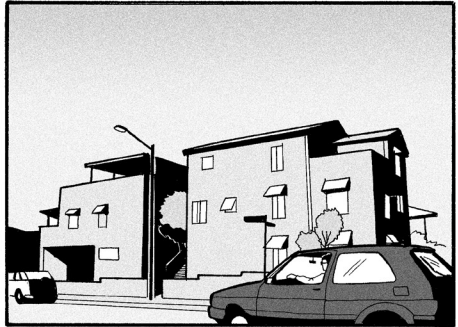
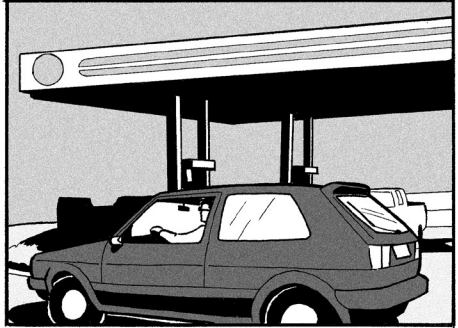
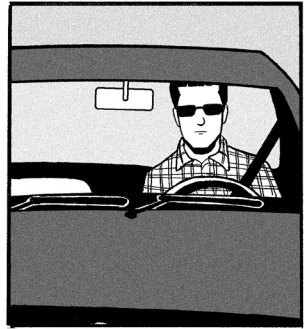


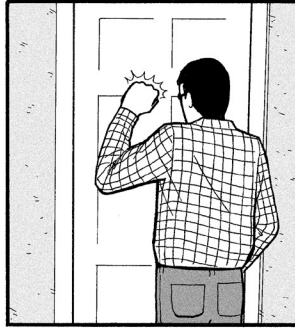














I, UH, I WAS JUST IN THE - YOU KNOW, IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD AND I -

WE'RE GETTING READY TO HAVE DINNER. YOU SHOULD JOIN US!



OH, NO - I DON'T WANT TO BARGE IN. I JUST - I WAS JUST WONDERING IF YOU MIGHT WANT TO GET SOME COFFEE TONIGHT.



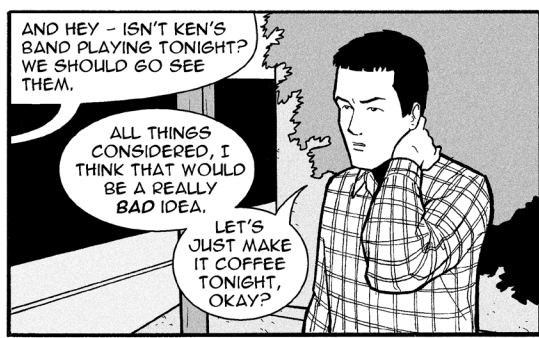
DO YOU MEAN IN A "DATE" KIND OF WAY?



YEAH, I THINK THAT'S WHAT I MEAN. IS THAT OKAY?



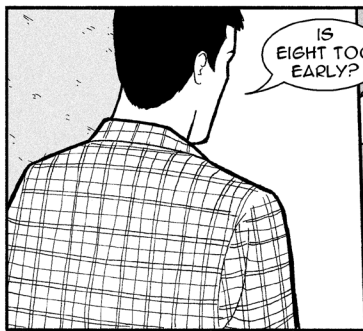
OF COURSE, IT'S OKAY! ARE YOU SURE YOU DON'T WANT TO COME IN?



AND HEY - ISN'T KEN'S BAND PLAYING TONIGHT? WE SHOULD GO SEE THEM.

ALL THINGS CONSIDERED, I THINK THAT WOULD BE A REALLY BAD IDEA.

LET'S JUST MAKE IT COFFEE TONIGHT, OKAY?



IS EIGHT TOO EARLY?

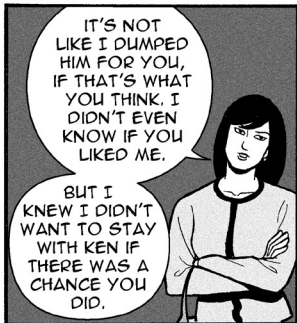
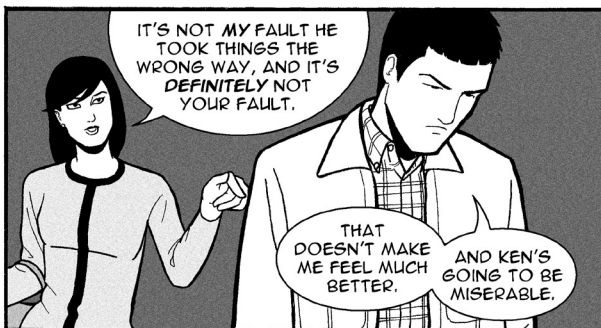


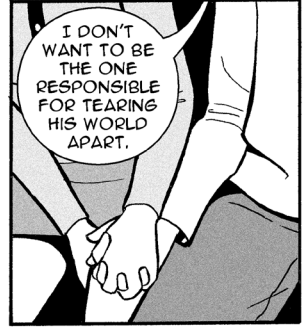
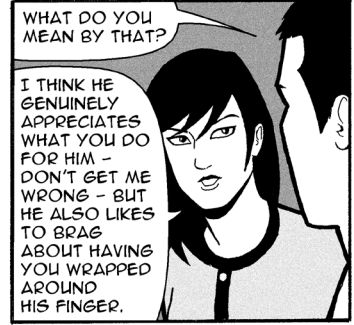
SURE, THAT'LL GIVE ME PLENTY OF TIME TO GET READY.



OKAY, THEN. SEE YOU AT EIGHT.









YOU'RE WORRIED ABOUT WHAT KEN WILL THINK, AREN'T YOU?



THAT'S PART OF IT, BUT... I DON'T KNOW, I GUESS I'M WORRIED ABOUT YOU, TOO.



I DON'T WANT TO COME ACROSS AS THAT GUY WHO'S ALWAYS SWOOPING IN ON OTHER GUYS' GIRLFRIENDS. I DON'T WANT YOU TO THINK I PLANNED THIS OR ANYTHING, YOU KNOW?



AND I DEFINITELY DON'T WANT TO LOSE A FRIEND OVER THIS.



YOU'RE THINKING TOO MUCH ABOUT ALL OF THIS.

I REALLY LIKE YOU, STEVE.



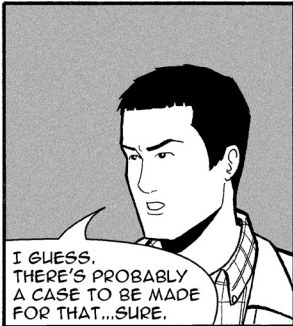
CAN YOU BELIEVE HOW HOT IT IS? IT'S SUPPOSED TO COOL OFF AT NIGHT, BUT I'M ROASTING OVER HERE.

I THINK I'M JUST MAKING YOU UNCOMFORTABLE.

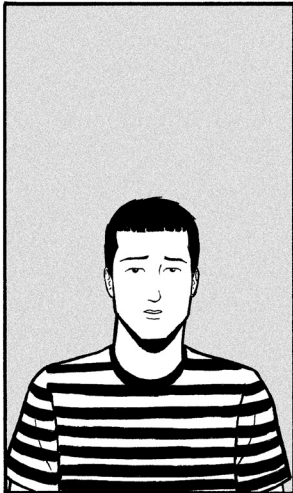
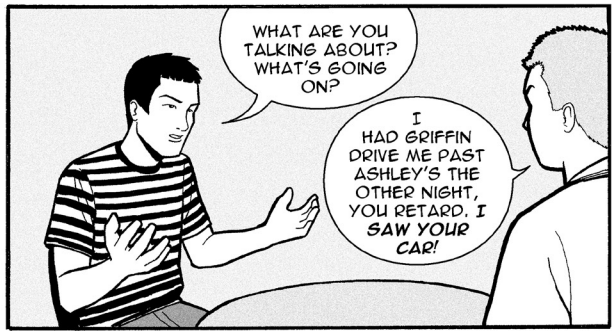
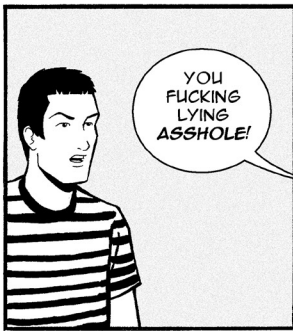


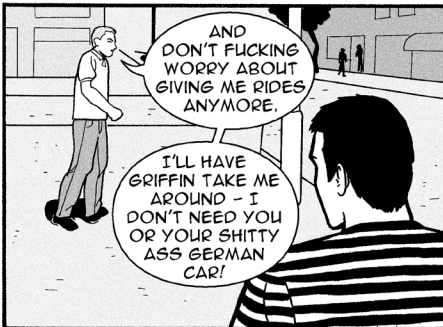
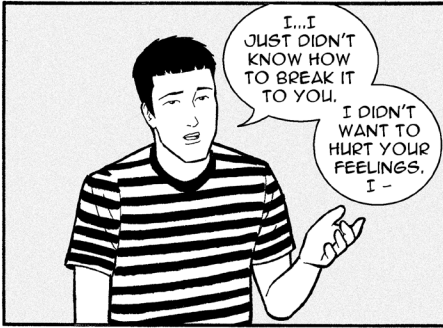
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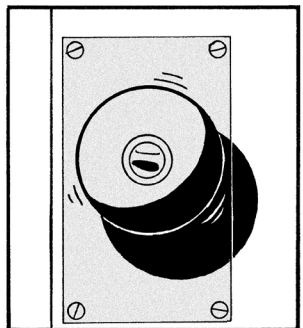




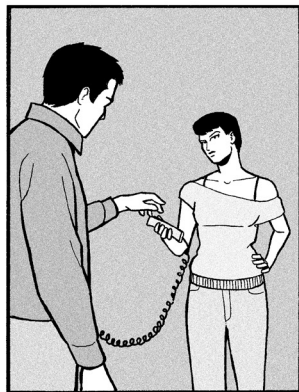


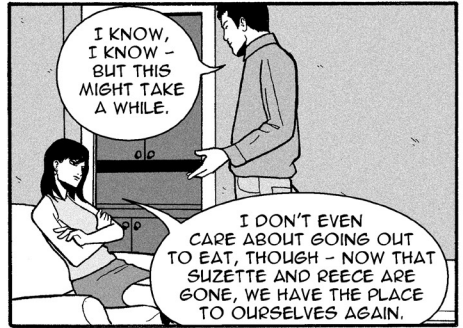
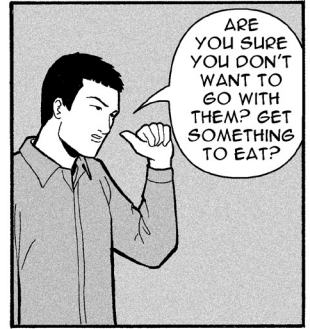
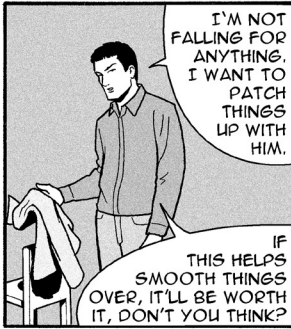
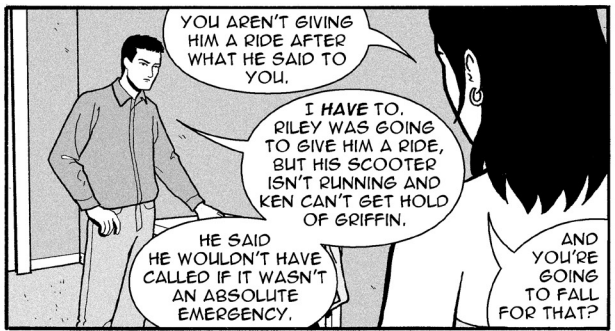






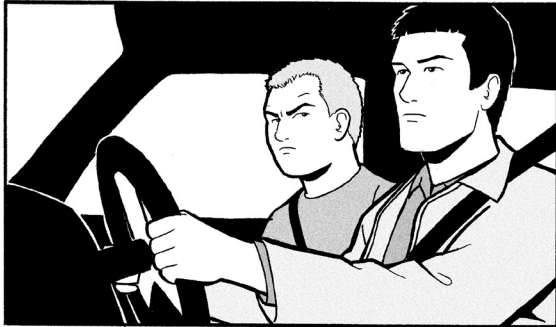


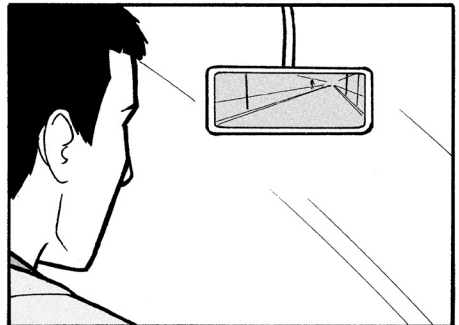
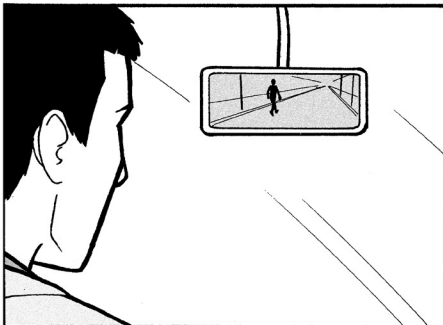










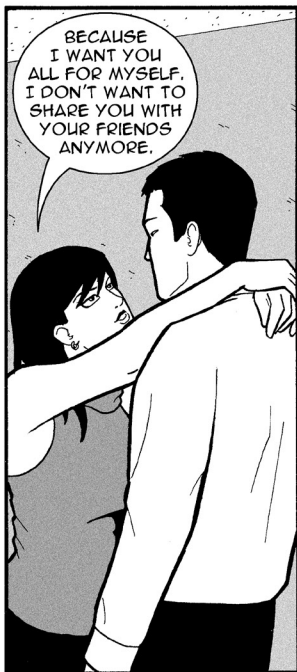




I REALLY WANT YOU TO STAY. I'M NOT MOVING UNTIL YOU SAY YES.



BUT WE BOTH MADE PLANS, ASHLEY. WHY DO WE HAVE TO KEEP DOING THIS?



BECAUSE I WANT YOU ALL FOR MYSELF. I DON'T WANT TO SHARE YOU WITH YOUR FRIENDS ANYMORE.



RIGHT, WELL, I DON'T WANT TO SIT ACROSS A TABLE FROM REECE ALL NIGHT, EITHER.



I MADE MY PLANS FOR THE EVENING AND YOU MADE YOURS. LET'S STICK TO THEM, ALL RIGHT?

GO OUT WITH PAIGE AND YOUR SISTER AND REECE AND HAVE FUN.

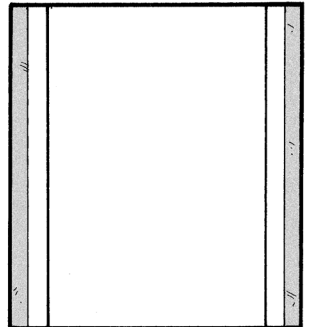


PLEASE DON'T DO THAT.

I HARDLY EVER SEE MY FRIENDS ANYMORE. IT'S NOT LIKE I DO THIS ALL THE TIME.



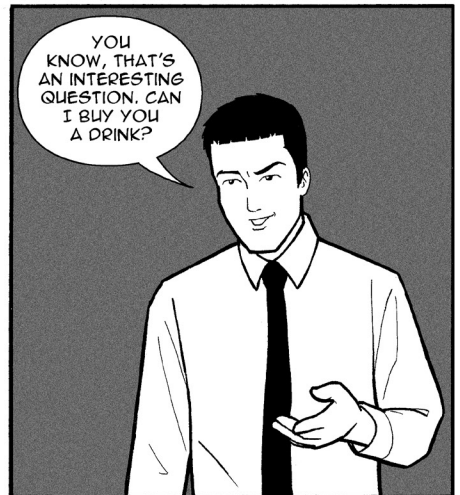
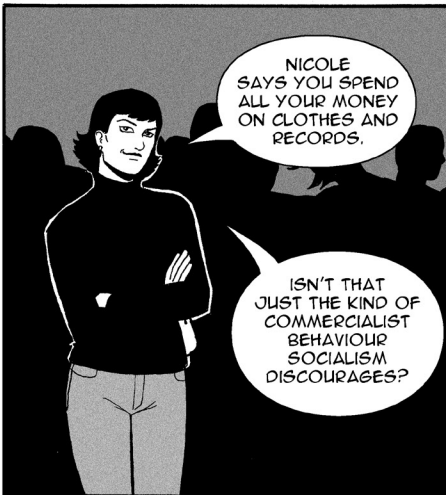
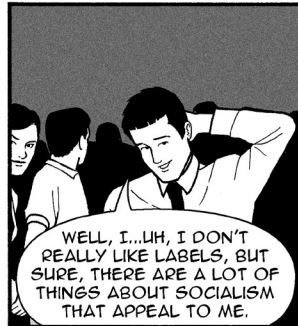
I COULD GO WITH YOU...











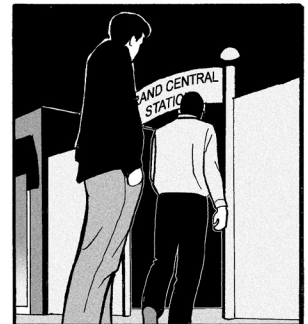
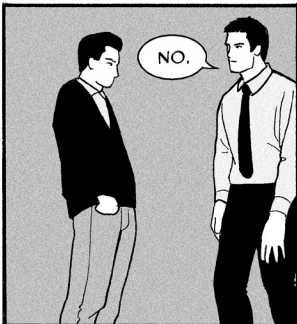
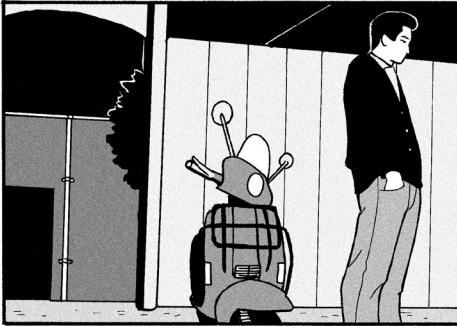
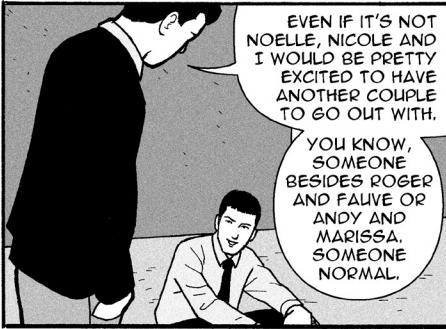
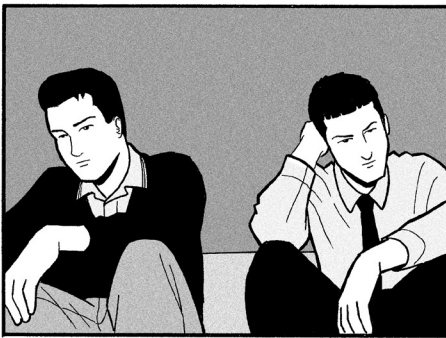


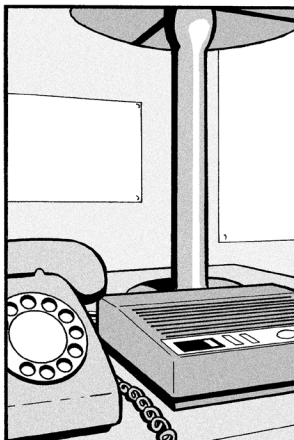
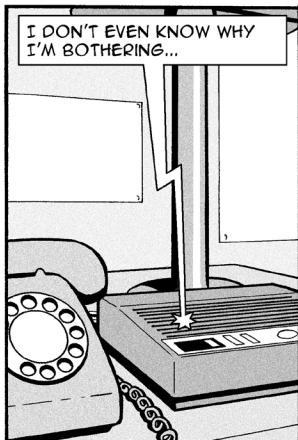
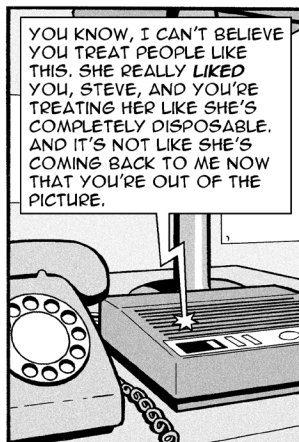
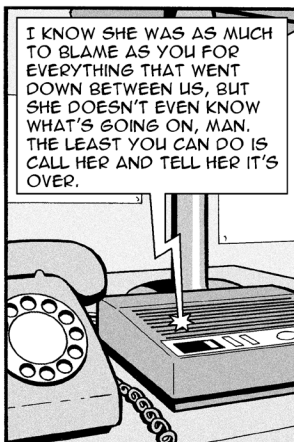
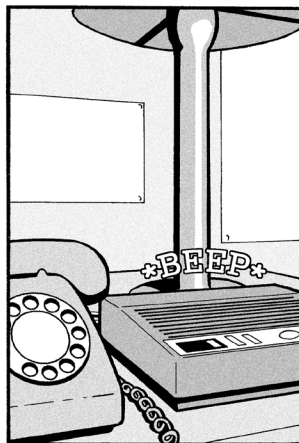
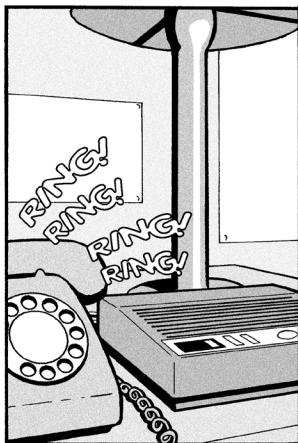












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