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THIS COLLECTION PRINTS THE 12 REMASTERED NEVER MIND STRIPS. COMPLETELY REDRAWN AND RELETTERED, IT IS MY PLEASURE TO PRESENT TO YOU THIS STRIP THAT LOOKS BETTER, BUT, MORE IMPORTANTLY, READS BETTER. THE ORIGINAL 12 STRIPS HAD GOTTEN QUITE A BIT OF ATTENTION WHEN IT ORIGINALLY CAME OUT IN 2006, AND I'M SO HAPPY AND HUMBLLED THAT THESE REMASTERS FOUND A NEW AUDIENCE, AS WELL IN 2020.

AS WITH THIS FIRSTS SEASON OF STRIPS, THE OTHER 4 SEASONS WILL LITTLE BY LITTLE ALSO BE REMASTERED AS WELL, I HOPE YOU ALL LOOK FORWARD TO IT, I WILL DO MY ABSOLUTE BEST TO MAKE THE BEST POSSIBLE COMIC I CAN MAKE. THANK YOU ALL SO MUCH, CATCH YOU NEXT TIME!

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UNAUTHORIZED OF THIS MATERIAL IS PROHIBITED.  
COPYRIGHT ALVARO CORTES JR 2021. BUT, OK,  
SERIOUSLY...."HEROES REBORN" AGAIN?  
SERIOUSLY?



# never mind, all that glitters.

MY MOM AND I USED TO WALK MY SISTER BACK HOME AFTER SHE'D GET OUT FROM WORK.

ON OUR WAY BACK, SOMETHING CAUGHT MY MOM'S ATTENTION.....



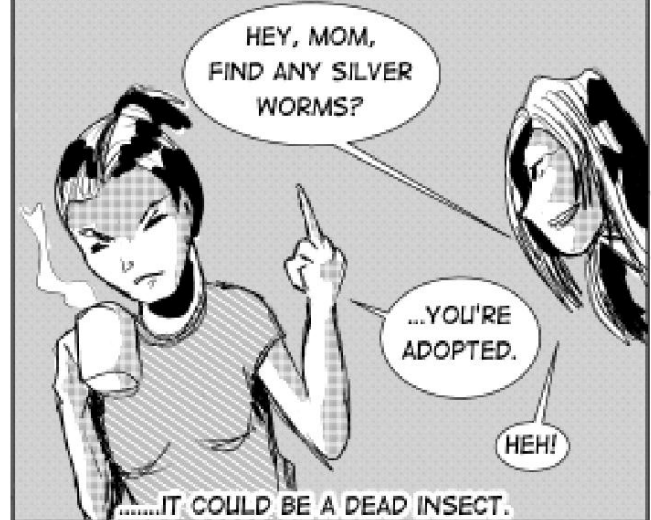
A "PIECE" OF GOLD MY SISTER AND I SAID TO OURSELVES, BUT BEFORE WE COULD QUESTION OUR MOM, SHE ALREADY WAS BENDING DOWN. SHE GOT THE GOLD RUSH, I GUESS.



TO HER SURPRISE, IT ACTUALLY WASN'T A "PIECE" OF GOLD. WHAT WAS GLITTERING, IN FACT, WAS THE SHELL OF A VERY DEAD COCKROACH.



THAT NIGHT MOM LEARNED A VALUABLE LESSON. NOT EVERYTHING THAT GLITTERS IS GOLD.....



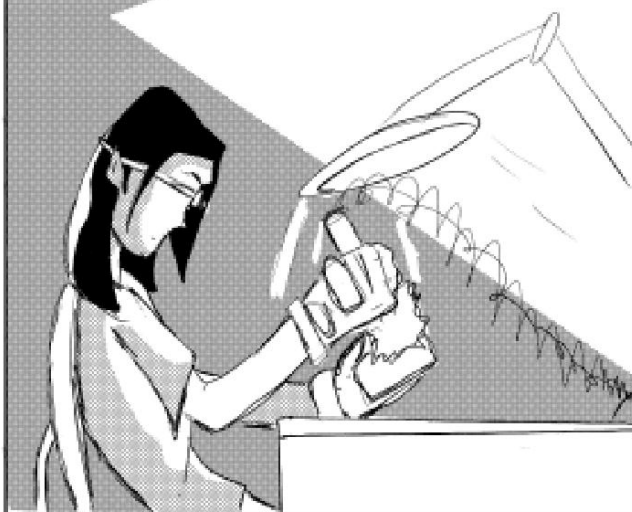


# never mind, the heartache

2004

I CAN'T BELIEVE IT'S BEEN SIX MONTHS ALREADY  
SINCE I BROKE UP WITH HER.

I FEEL...GUILTY...SOMETIMES.



NEARLY THREE YEARS OF LOVE AND HEARTACHES.  
AMAZING HIGHS AND BRUTAL LOWS. THREE YEARS  
AND YET SOMEHOW...I GOT OVER HER SO...FAST.

I FEEL GUILTY FOR GETTING OVER  
HER SO FAST. DID I EVER REALLY  
LOVE HER? DO I EVEN LOVE  
MYSELF? CAN I REALLY LOVE?



I MET SOMEONE AT WORK. SHE TERRIFIES ME.  
IT'S STUPID, I KNOW. TO FEEL THIS GUILT. TO  
FEEL THAT I CAN'T FEEL FOR ANYONE.

I AVOID HER. I TRY TO PUSH HER  
AWAY, BUT SHE'S FORCED  
HERSELF  
INTO MY LIFE.  
I PUSH HER AWAY  
EVEN THOUGH I...  
--I--



WAKE  
UP! IT'S  
LUNCH.

I'M  
WAITING ON  
YOU. SERIOUSLY,  
WHAT'S ON YOUR  
MIND ALL THE  
TIME?



NOTHING,  
GIRLY. GIVE ME  
TWO MINUTES  
TO WASH UP AND  
I'LL BE RIGHT  
WITH YOU.

I GIVE YOU  
ONE, MISTER! I'M  
STARVING!



OH? SO YOU THINK  
YOU'RE THE BOSS  
OF ME NOW?

I DON'T THINK,  
I KNOW I AM!

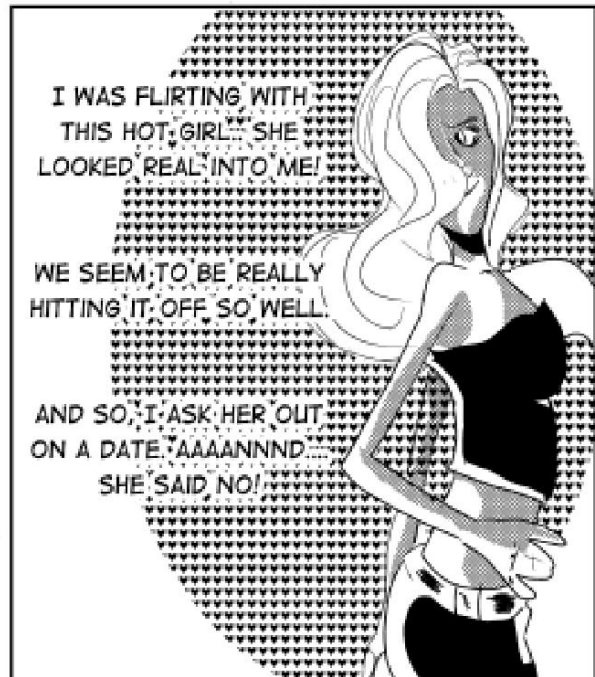
AH, CONCEIT! SEE,  
THAT IS WHY YOU'LL  
ALWAYS BE THE PUPIL,  
AND I THE MASTER,  
GRASSHOPPER!

MASTER!? LET  
ME TELL YOU-

HAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHA!



# never mind, the nightmares





# never mind, the gender

THIS HAPPENED WHEN I WAS  
AROUND SIX OR SEVEN YEARS OLD.  
I WAS AT A STORE WITH MY MOM AND  
SISTER, WAITING FOR MY FATHER. I WAS  
CRYING FOR ONE REASON OR ANOTHER.



AWW,  
CHILD, WHY YOU  
CRYING?

I-I..MY  
MOM, I-I

YOU'RE BREAKING  
MY HEART, DON'T CRY,  
LITTLE GIRL!



THAT DAY, I  
SAW JUST HOW  
FAST SIXTY-YEAR-OLDS  
CAN RUN.





# never mind, work crushes.

YEARS AGO, AT AN OLD WORKPLACE. I LIKED TO SIT ON MY BREAK AND READ, AND OF COURSE, ANOTHER COWORKER IN PARTICULAR HAD THE SAME BREAKS AS ME.

MAN, YOU'RE HOT. WHAT DO YOU SAY, MY DUDE?

SORRY, AGAIN, NO.

DON'T TURN IT DOWN IF YOU HAVEN'T TRIED IT, SWEETY.

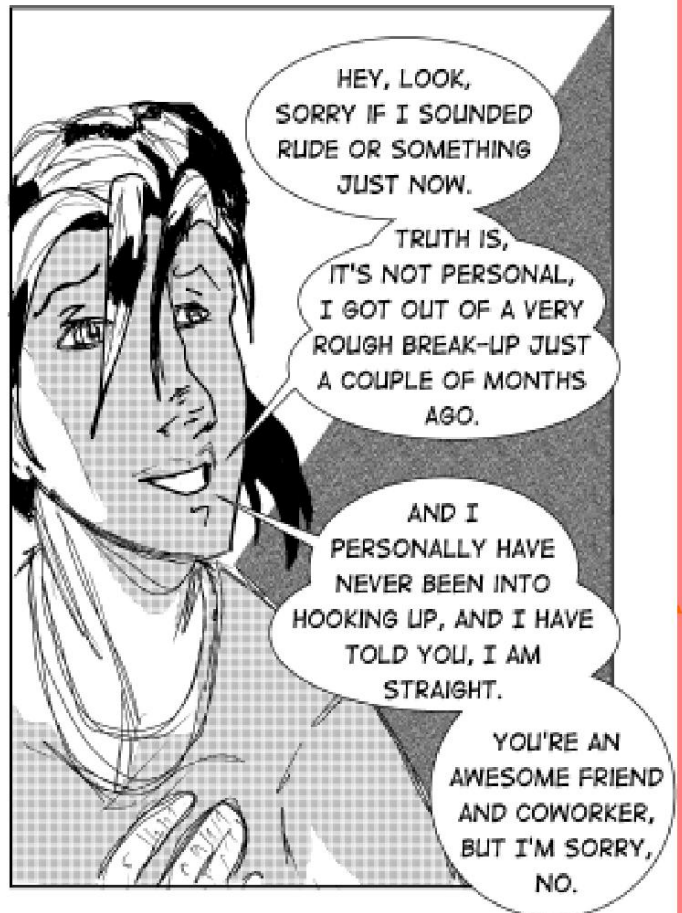


HEY, LOOK, SORRY IF I SOUNDED RUDE OR SOMETHING JUST NOW.

TRUTH IS, IT'S NOT PERSONAL, I GOT OUT OF A VERY ROUGH BREAK-UP JUST A COUPLE OF MONTHS AGO.

AND I PERSONALLY HAVE NEVER BEEN INTO HOOKING UP, AND I HAVE TOLD YOU, I AM STRAIGHT.

YOU'RE AN AWESOME FRIEND AND COWORKER, BUT I'M SORRY, NO.



FAIR ENOUGH. I DO APPRECIATE THAT EVEN THOUGH I TRY AND TRY, YOU DON'T JUDGE ME AND YOU'RE SO PATIENT.

I CAN SEE WHY SHE HAS A CRUSH ON YOU, OUR COWORKER THAT ALWAYS HANGS OUT WITH YOU.



OH! IF I TALK HER INTO A THREESOME WITH US, WE ALL WIN! LATER!

L-LATER.

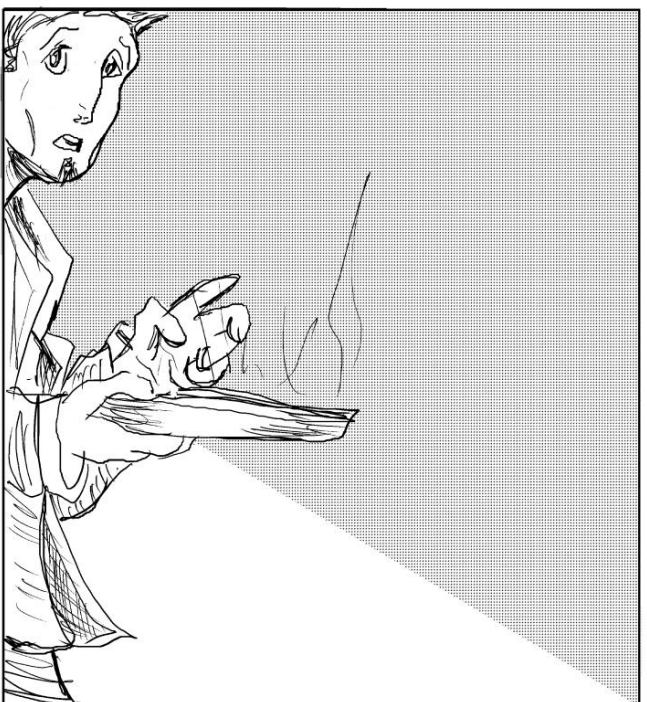
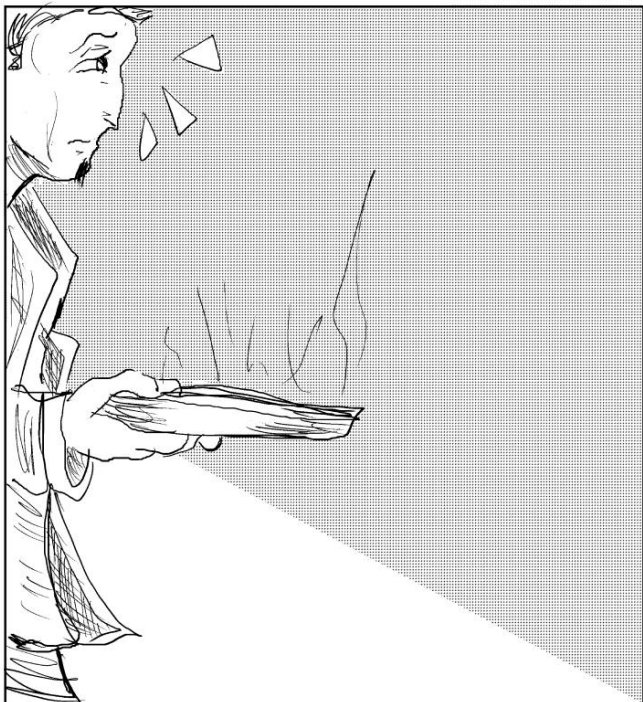


...SHE HAS A CRUSH? ON...ME?





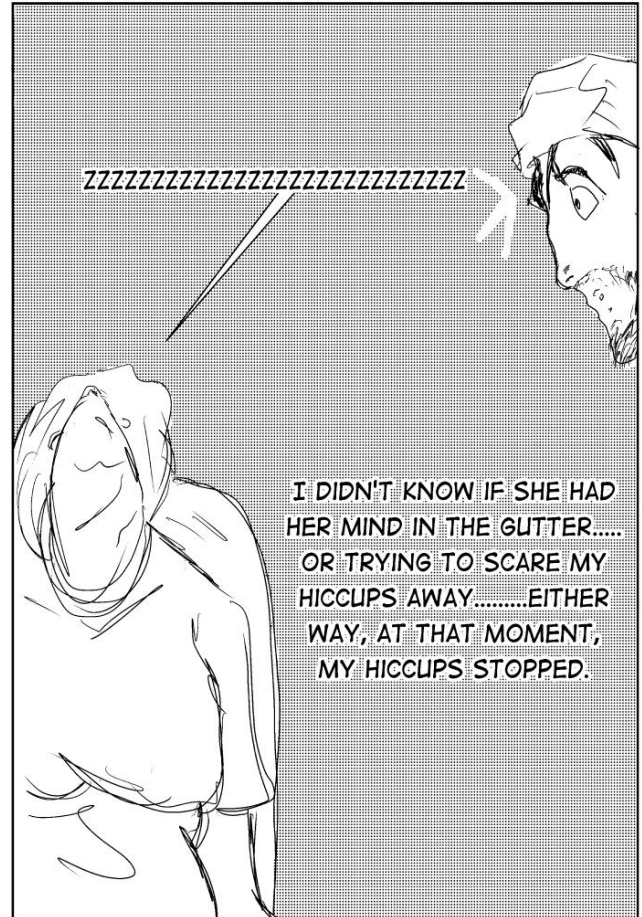
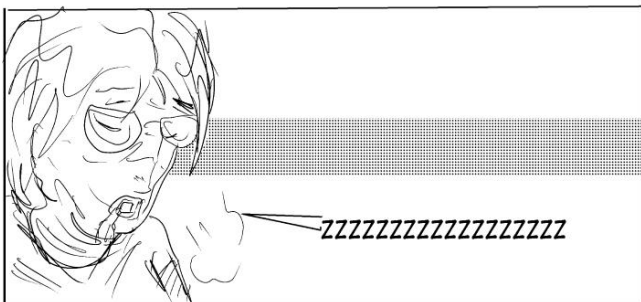
# never mind, the pepperoni





## never mind, the hiccups

THIS HAPPENED AT AN OLD WORK PLACE. THERE WAS  
THIS OLDER COWORKER THAT SAT CLOSE TO THE  
WATER COOLER THAT ALWAYS TALKED TO ME.







# nevermind, Christmas 2001



BEING ALONE IS PROBABLY AS GOOD  
AS IT WILL EVER GET FOR ME.....

I FEEL LIKE I'M SOME  
EXTRA LIVING IN SOMEONE  
ELSE'S LIFE. I NEVER KNEW I'D  
GROW UP TO BE SO.....  
INCONSEQUENTIAL..



IF GOD REALLY EXISTS  
AND IS MERCIFUL, KILL  
ME NOW OR GIVE ME  
SOME PURPOSE TO  
ACTUALLY BREATHE AND  
HAVE MY LIFE BE.....  
WORTH A DAMN FUCK.

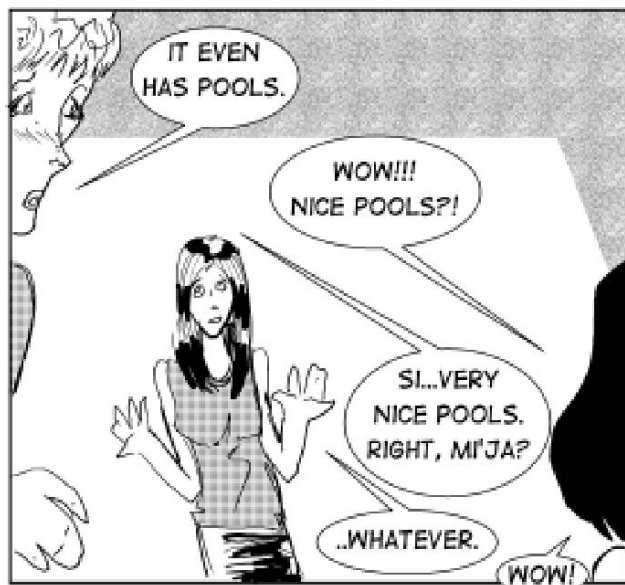
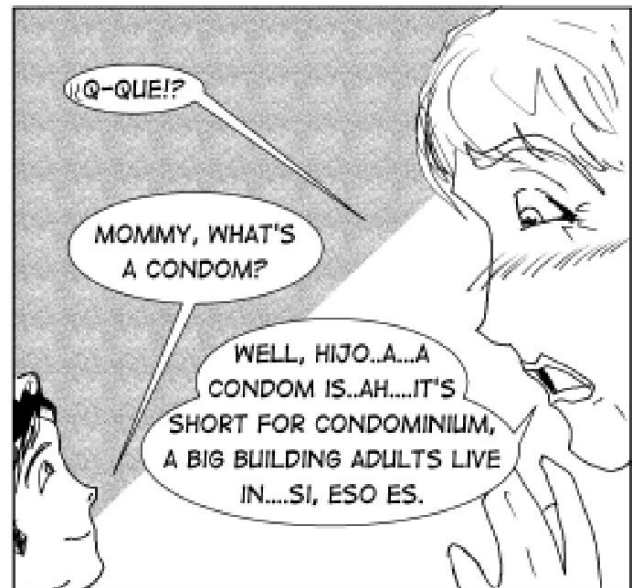
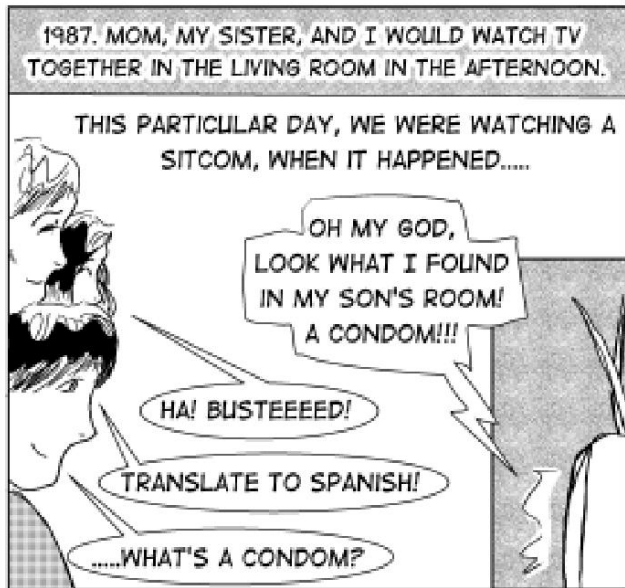
.....MAYBE NEXT YEAR WILL BE  
BETTER. YEAH, THINGS WILL  
PICK UP IN 2002.....







# never mind, the condom





# never mind, the water

2001. I WAS ON MY WAY TO SCHOOL.  
FUN FACT: EVEN THOUGH I'M RIGHT  
HANDED FOR DRAWING AND WRITING,  
I'M LEFT HANDED FOR ALMOST  
EVERYTHING ELSE.

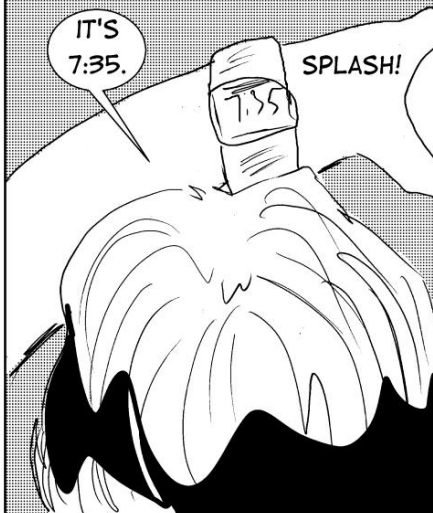
AS THIS POOR GIRL IS ABOUT  
TO FIND OUT.



NOT EVERYONE HAD CELLPHONES  
BACK THEN, OR EVEN BEEPERS.  
SO IT WASN'T UNCOMMON FOR  
PEOPLE RANDOMLY ASKING FOR  
THE TIME.

IT'S  
7:35.

SPLASH!



..?! HEY,  
MY WATER IS  
ALMOST DONE?!  
I COULD'VE SWORN  
IT WAS ALMOST  
FULL---



SHE WASN'T MAD. ACTUALLY  
SHE HAD A GOOD LAUGH, LIKE SHE  
REALLY NEEDED A LAUGH.

I WONDERED TO MYSELF  
AFTERWARDS.....



.....WAS SHE WHAT THEY  
CALL AN ANGEL OF MERCY...?





# never mind, the poetry

2004. A LOT OF THINGS HAPPENED. I LOST PRETTY MUCH EVERYTHING. THANKFULLY I HAD MANY OPTIONS, MORE THAN MOST IN MY SITUATION, ANYWAY. I WAS AT A CROSSROADS IN A PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL MANNER. AS I USUALLY DO IN TIMES OF UNCERTAINTY, I WRITE. I WROTE THIS WHEN I WAS STILL SORT OF GOING TO CHURCH AND WAS SEEING HOW MY FAITH BACK THEN WAS CRASHING HEAD FIRST INTO MY REALITY OF THE TIME.  
I'M NOT A CHURCH GOER ANYMORE, HAVEN'T BEEN IN A VERY LONG TIME. I WROTE THIS THEN-

BLIND FAITH:

I WAS ONCE BLIND  
THEN I COULD SEE  
ONLY TO TURN MY SIGHT AWAY  
AND SPIRITUALLY SEW MY EYES SHUT

I WASN'T BAD, BUT WASN'T A SAINT  
STAYED LUKEWARM  
TRIED TO BE ALONE  
VICTIM OF MY OWN CIRCUMSTANCE

I'M ONLY LIVING ON BORROWED TIME  
MY LIFE IS NOT MINE TO WASTE  
TRIED TO BE KING OF MY LONELY WORLD  
BUT NO MAN IS AN ISLAND

I KNOW YOU CAN ONLY SHOW ME THE PATH  
YET YOU LET ME WALK IT IF I CHOOSE TO  
CARRY ME, WHEN I CAN'T NO MORE.  
YOU'VE ALWAYS CARRIED ME, WHEN I HIT THE FLOOR

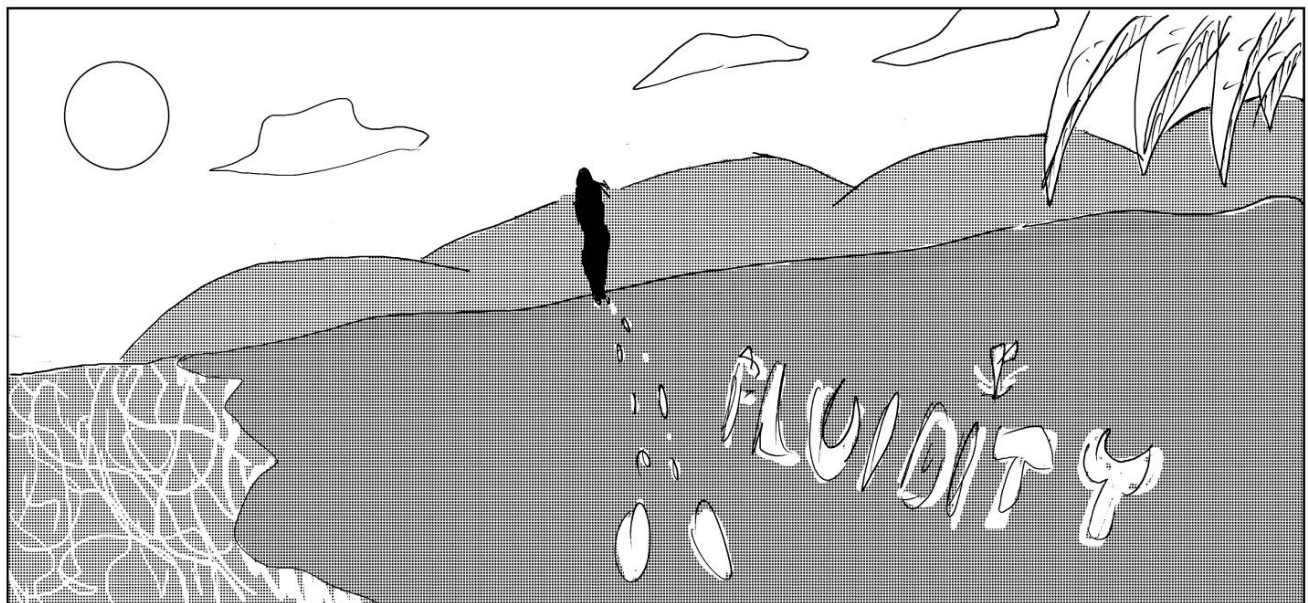
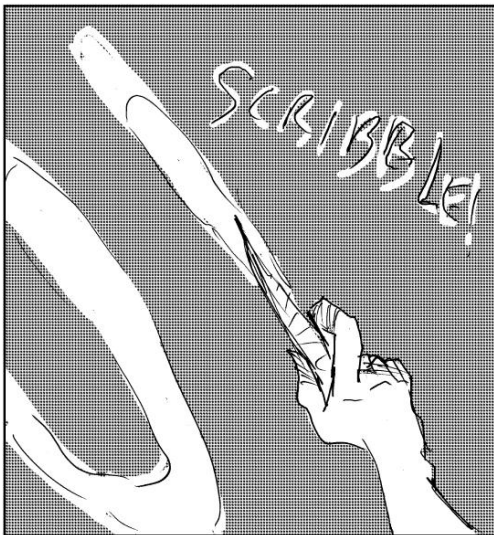
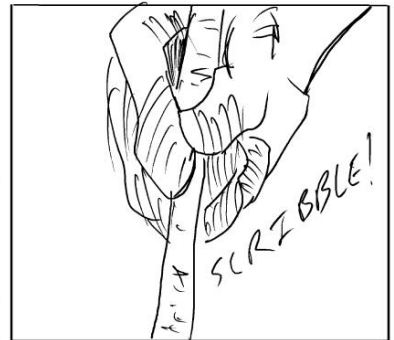
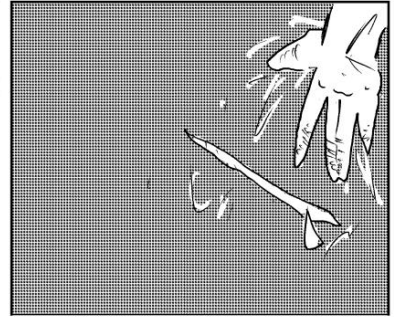
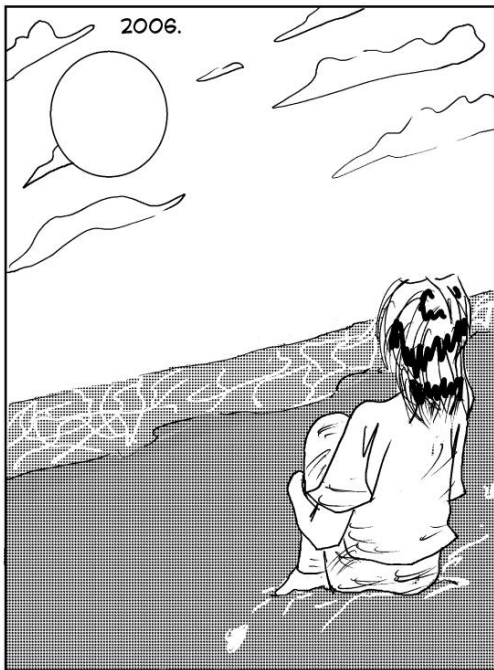
THE SAND CLOCK IS RUNNING  
YOU HELPED ME WALK ON WATER  
AND I NEARLY DROWNED WHEN I  
TRIED TO DO IT ON MY OWN  
THE SAND CLOCK IS STILL RUNNING  
I'M ONLY LIVING ON BORROWED TIME  
SO AS I DIE A LITTLE MORE EVERY DAY  
I'LL TRY TO LIVE FOR YOU







# never mind, the beach





# nevermind

## Odds and Ends:

Recently, I got Adrian Tomine's "Shortcomings" graphic novel. I had originally bought the first issue when it was part of Optic Nerve when it first came out. I used to LOVE that comic so much, and wanted to find out what happened with these characters that intrigued me so much.

I finally read the whole thing and it was such a nostalgic, satisfying experience to revisit this little world and to get closure as well. Tomine is SO great at writing dialogues and giving characters such unique personalities, I can only hope I can one day reach at least a small bit as good as that.

When I bought "Shortcomings", I saw this small Tomine boxset named "32 Stories". Curiosity got the best of me and I also purchased it when I bought the graphic novel. It contains the reprint of the original Optic Never mini comics, so I am SUPER excited to read that.

In any event, if this is the first time you're here, thank you all for giving this comic a shot! If you also purchased the "Never Mind: The Original 12 Strip Collection", thank you for your support, and great seeing you again!

Hopefully I'll see you all again later this year with the second issue of "Never Mind: TC Edition"!

