

Lately I've been having
a hard time deciding if
college is awesome

or hell on earth.

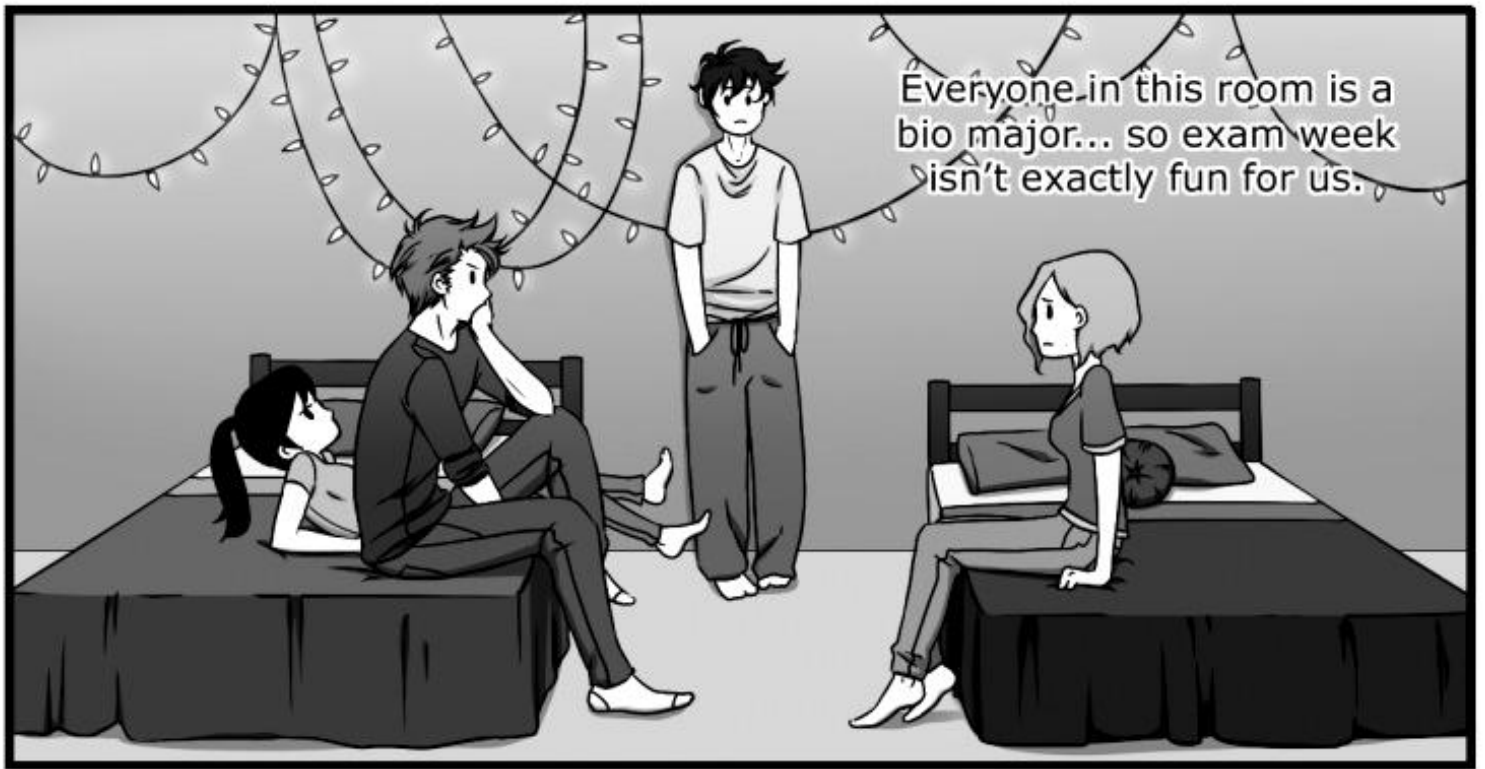
And honestly, as of
right now, I'm leaning
towards the latter.

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My name is
Howie Daniells.

And right now
I'm soaking up the
fact that the first
exams of the
semester are right
around the corner.







Ben

Howie's friend
from highschool
and roommate

That actually
happened to
me too.

Howie, do you
remember that one
time I woke you up in
the middle of the
night for medicine?



Yeah I remember.
I didn't know that
was because of finals
though.



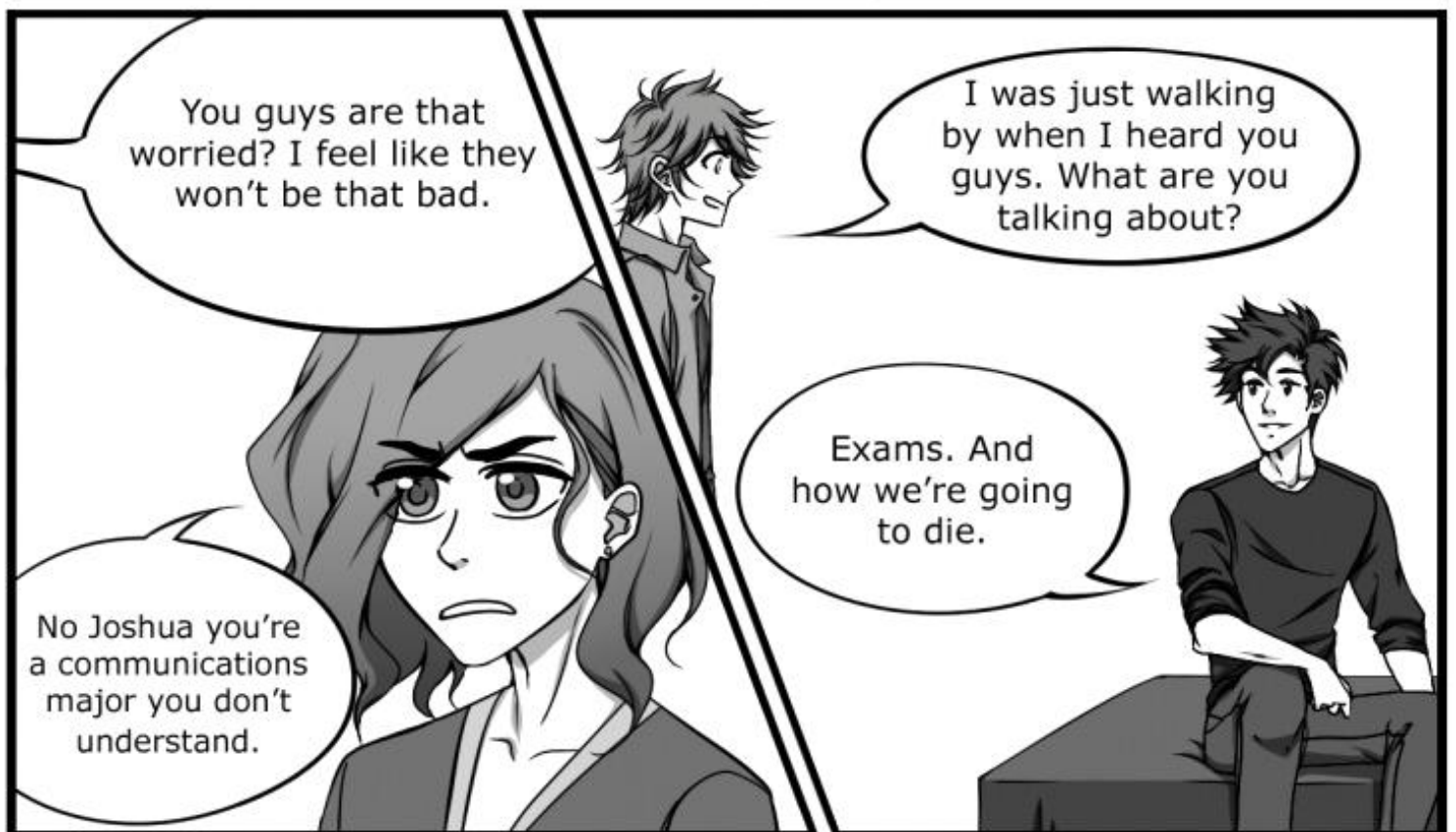
You were
throwing up so I
thought you
caught a bug or
something.

Nope.

That's awful.



I just
don't handle
stress well.







Ha ha. Very funny Howie.

Oh.... I'm gay.



He hasn't had much luck with girls lately so he's--

Nope, it's true.

Okay Steph you know what--



--you're actually gay?

Wait a second--

Whoa, hold up.



But... didn't you hook up with a few girls last year...?

Well I mean, I've kind of been hiding this for a long time.



You just weren't around the day I told Ben and Steph.

...Why am I the last one to know about this!?



Please don't say anything about this to anyone else. You three are the only ones who know.

And I don't think I'm ready for everyone to know just yet.

And speaking of telling people--



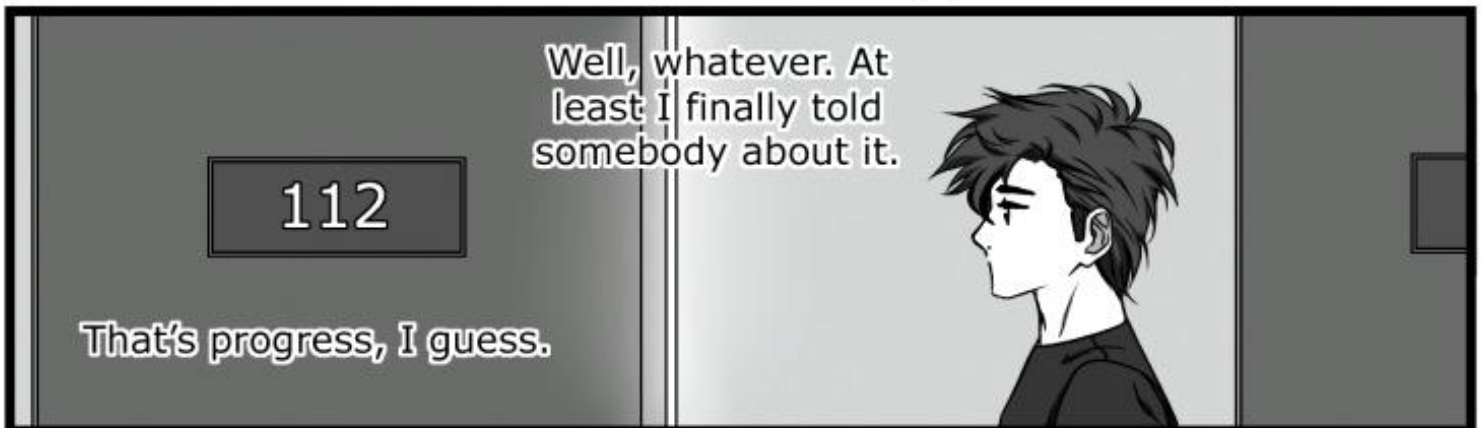




I don't even think I really have one.

I'd been so in denial about being gay that I never really put much thought to the type of guy I'm attracted to.

Up until now I wouldn't let myself think about it.



Well, whatever. At least I finally told somebody about it.

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That's progress, I guess.



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And I accidently slept until--

PULL



--Oh, hey Howie.

Casey Sooch
floormate



I met him freshman year, too. He lived in my dorm.



Besides Ben, Sooch is probably my closest friend here.

whaaat that's so much!

Sooch's actual name is Casey. Sooch is his last name, and everybody usually just calls him by that.

okay so the notes start from here...



And, I admit it, I'm kind of attracted to him.

But he's one of my best friends, so I try not to look at him like that.



Alright... Well I guess I'll go copy all this down.



Wait--

Everybody's going to Ben's frat tonight one last time before we have start studying for exams.

Come out with us.

Besides, he's as straight as they come.





...Wait, what? But you always go out!

You're not coming?!

Who the fuck am I supposed to play beer pong with?!

I don't think I can.

My grades are crappy so I really need to start studying for exams...



Excuse me for trying to be responsible!

Sooch this isn't okay you have to come--

--Okay, okay! I'll come!

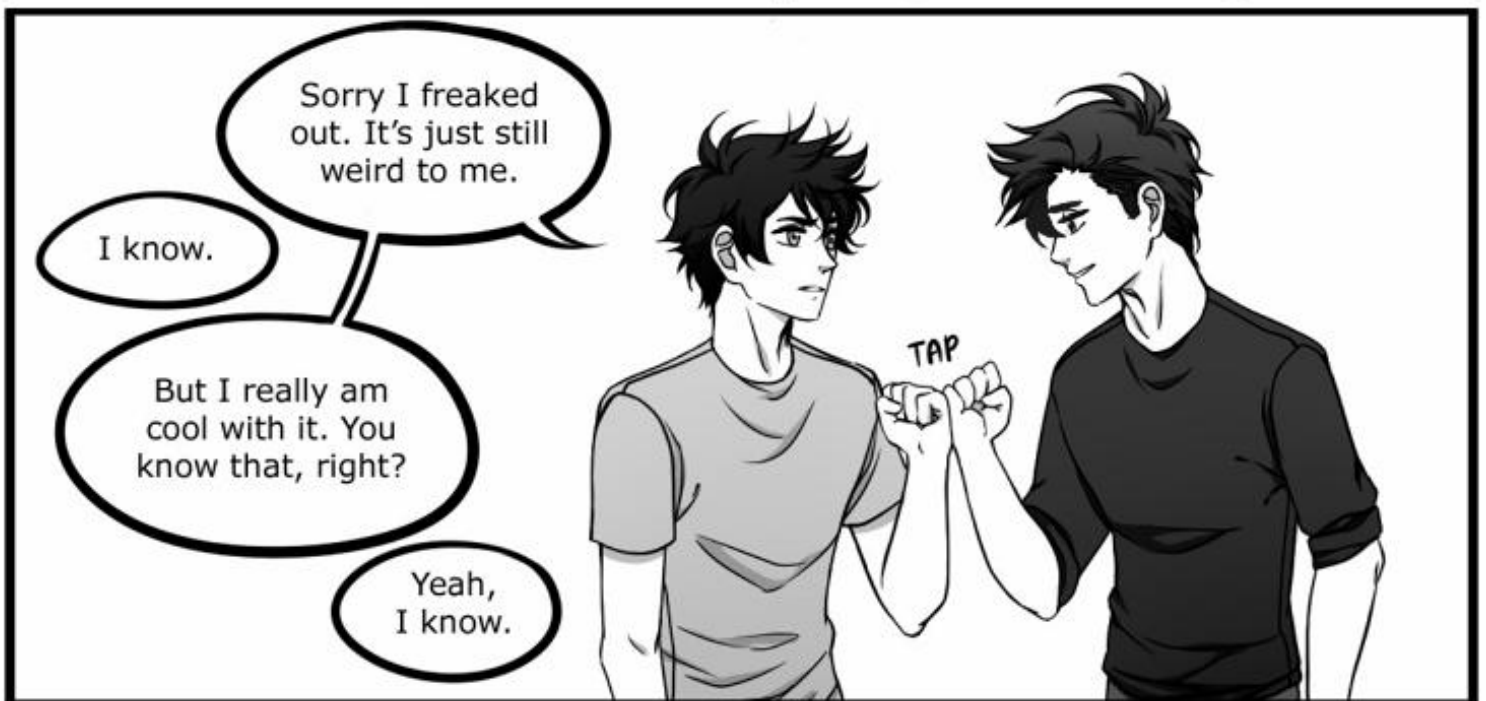


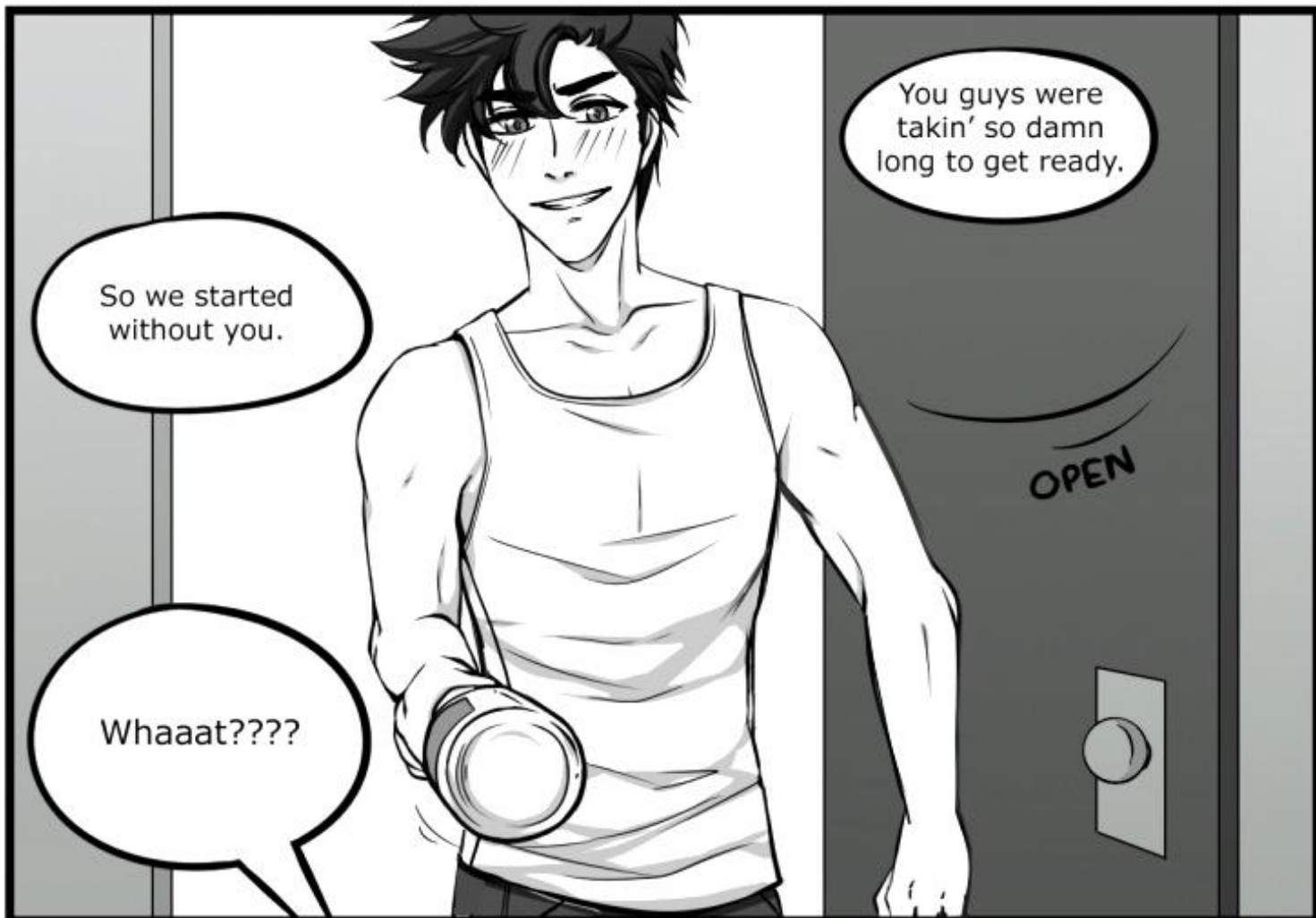
But Sooch you're not a responsible person.

Haha. Let's be honest I probably wasn't going to get any studying done anyway. Come get me when you guys are leaving.

Shut

Turn







Go away Ben nobody asked you.

Casey! I didn't know you were coming!

Hey Steph! Come take a shot with me!



Alright guys, let's get out of here already.

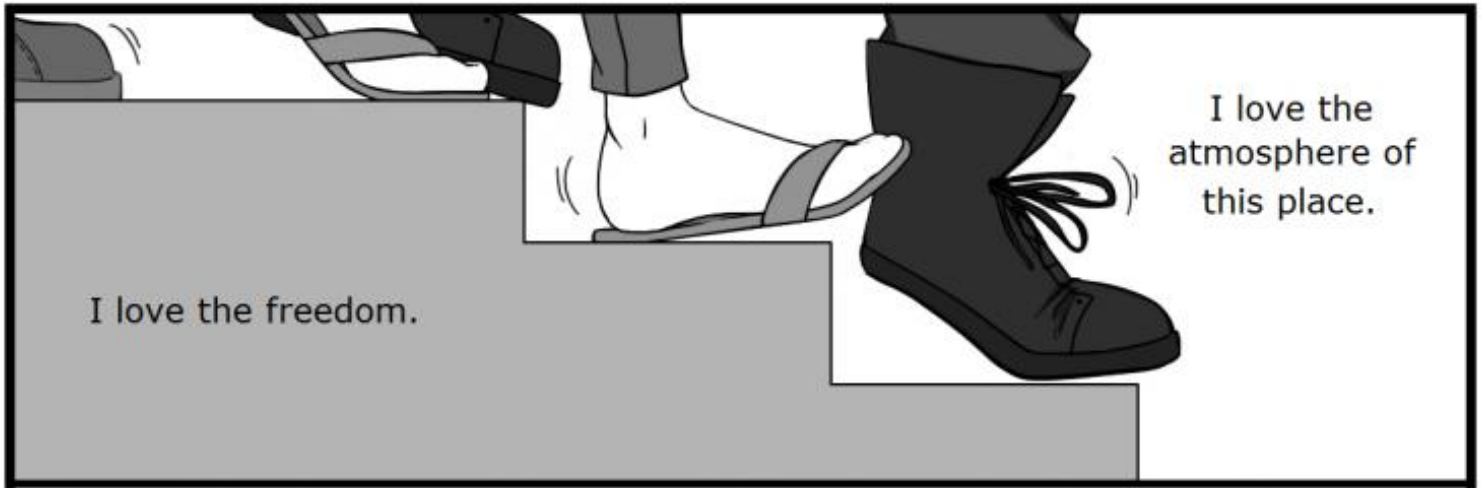


Okay, so what I said earlier about college being hell might have been a bit of an exaggeration.

College is great.

Doesn't speak Spanish

Vamanos!









Uh huh.

It's the fifth.

Sooch and I
never lose.



...

You want a hit?

Nah, I'm good.
We're about to
head out.

That's lame.
How come?

We need to get
up at a decent
time tomorrow.



Why? To study?

Pretty much.

Fuck that.

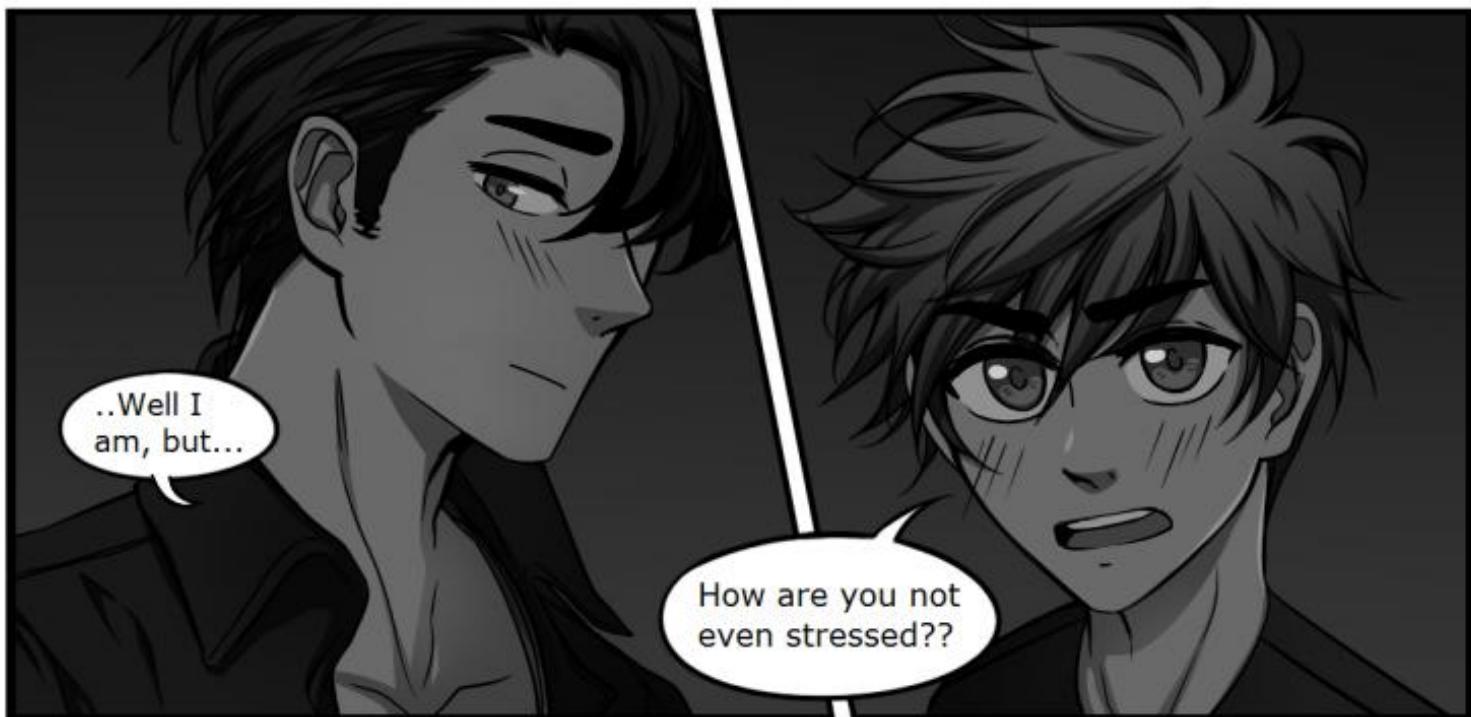
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I'm literally going to fail all my exams.

I shouldn't have gone out tonight. You don't understand how screwed I am.



..Well I am, but...


How are you not even stressed??




Well, yeah. Did you?

Just relax, Sooch. You still have a week to study.


And don't be so angry that you came out tonight. You had fun, didn't you?



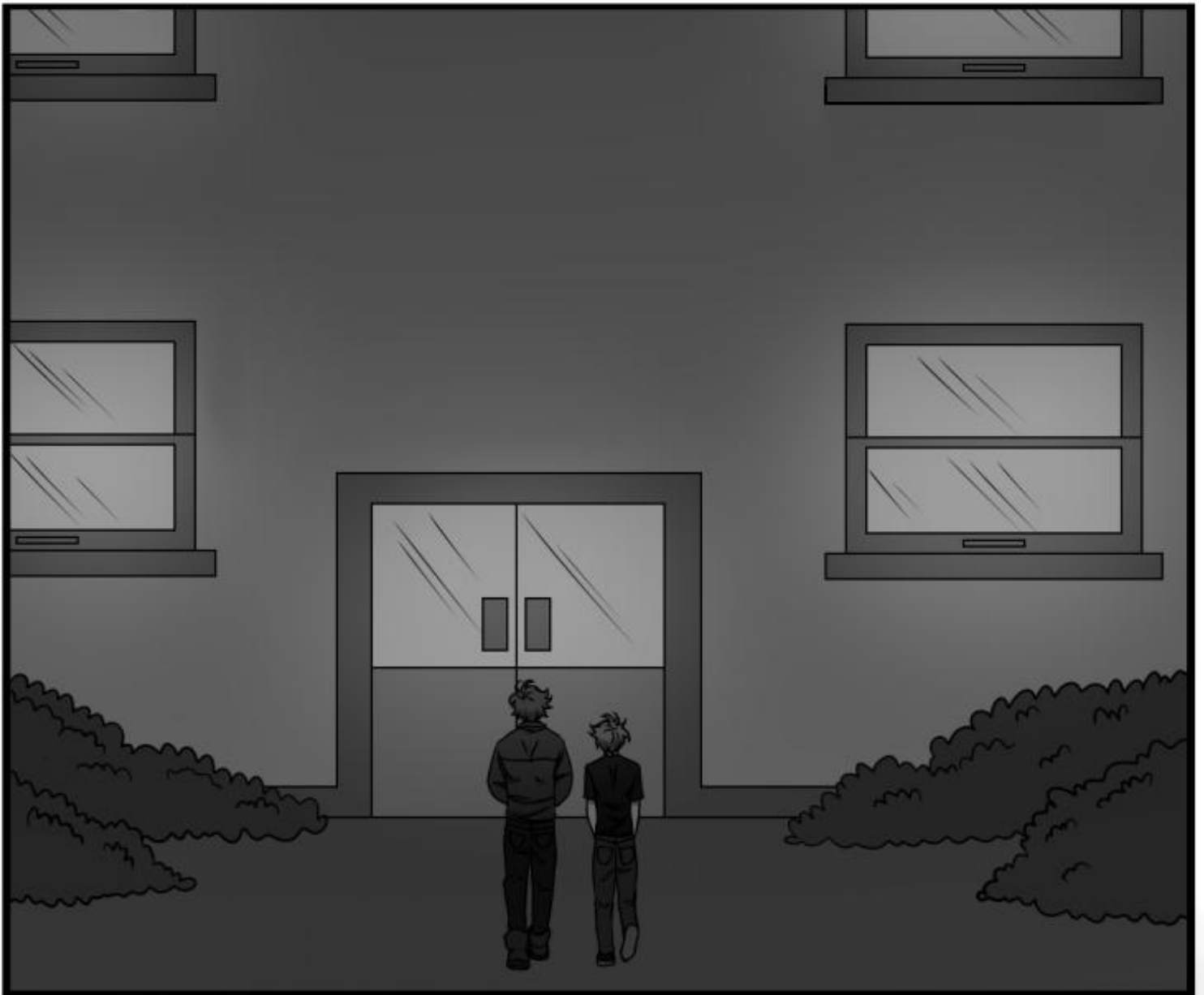
Yeah, I did.



I always have
so much fun when
I'm with you.



Yeah, same.



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