

Alright, I'm going.

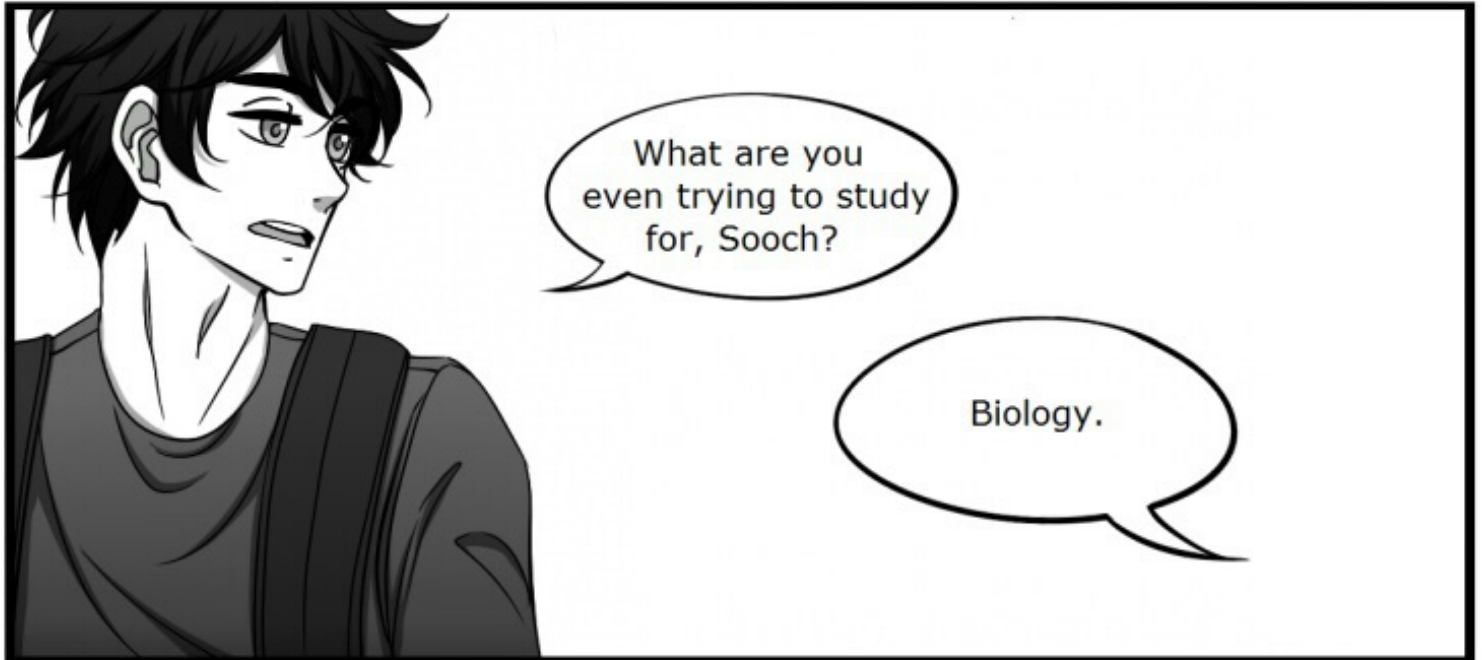


Are you guys sure you don't want to come to the study lounge with me?



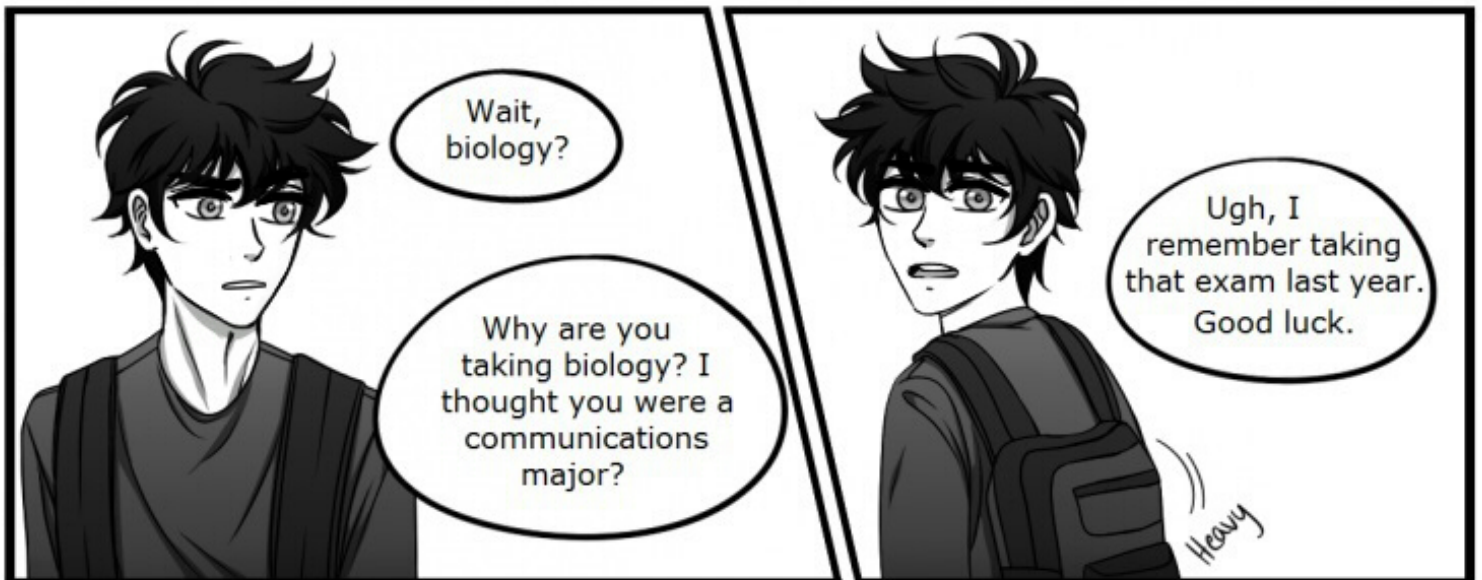
I might meet you there later.

I'm good here. I can't focus there for some reason.



What are you even trying to study for, Sooch?

Biology.



Wait, biology?

Why are you taking biology? I thought you were a communications major?

Ugh, I remember taking that exam last year. Good luck.

Heavy



Communications? Didn't you just tell me you wanted to major in accounting, like, yesterday?

That was last year.... I think I want to major in public health now.



You should probably figure it out soon, Sooch.

You know we have to declare our majors soon, right?

Yeah....

Since when ? Sooch definitely said he was majoring in communications the other week... And now that I think about it I'm pretty sure he said he was going to major in criminal justice at one point.

Yeah I remember that! I'm pretty sure he changed his mind about his major, like, six times.

Haha I feel like it was more than six times.



Okay I'm going for real now, guys. Good luck studying.

Yeah, Ben, you too.

...



Chemistry...

...

Flip



Uh, Howie--

-- Can I ask  
your opinion about  
something? Before you  
start studying again?



About what  
you and Ben were  
just saying--



Ben and I were just  
messing with you-

Oh, Sooch--



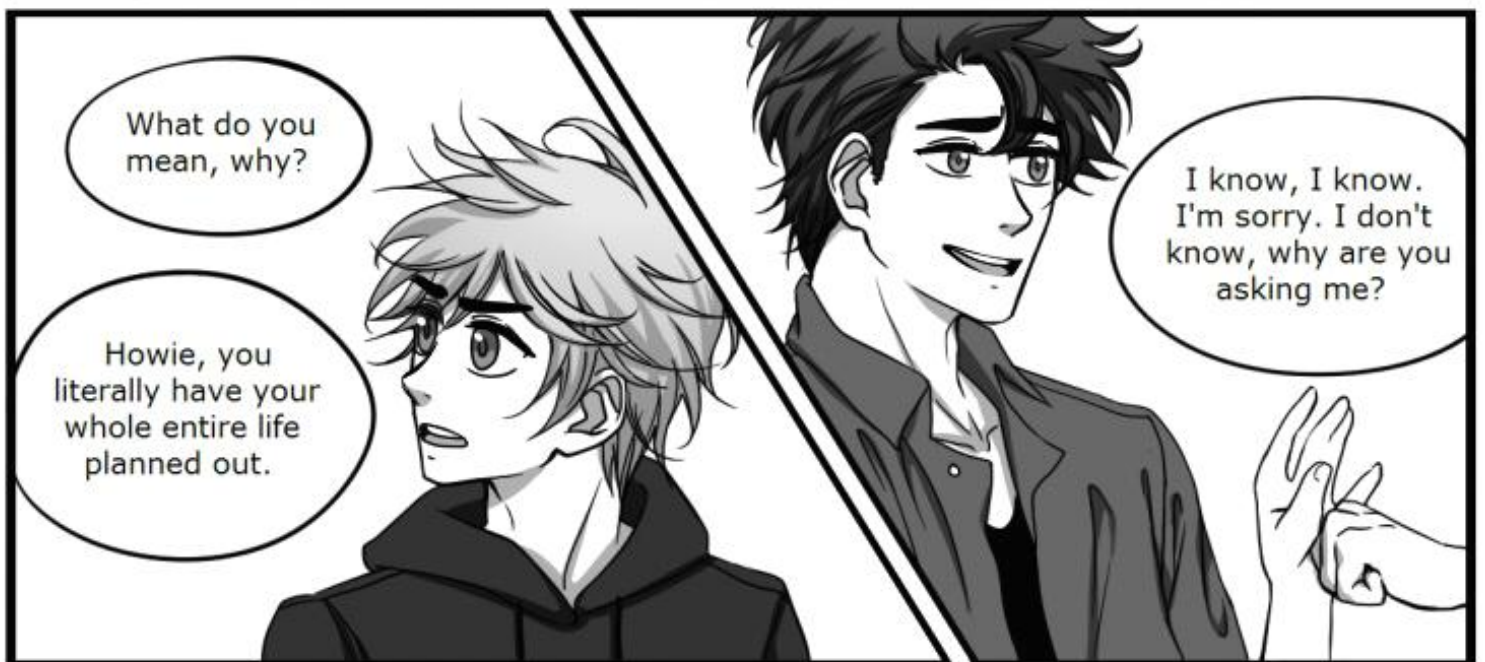
I know, I know!

But you guys are  
right, though.



Seriously though,  
we're almost halfway  
done with college and  
I still have no idea  
what I'm doing.

And, I don't know,  
I just feel like you have  
everything all figured out...  
I wanted to ask you what  
you think I should do.





I mean, you get A's in all your classes, you're focused, you're going to medical school after graduation-

I actually want to go to PA school now.

Whatever!



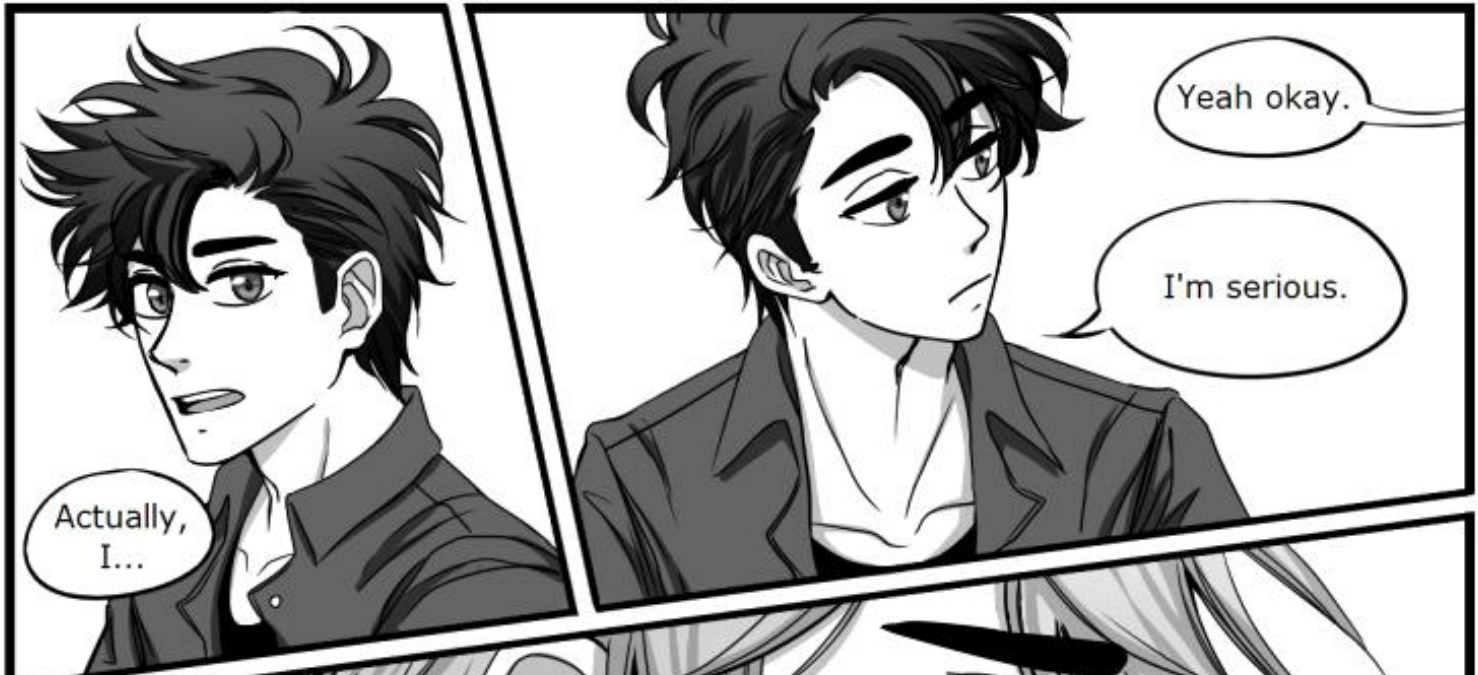
The point is I'm not like you... I'm not good at school, I don't have any goals, and I'm not making progress.

And meanwhile you know what you want to do and you know exactly what you're doing.



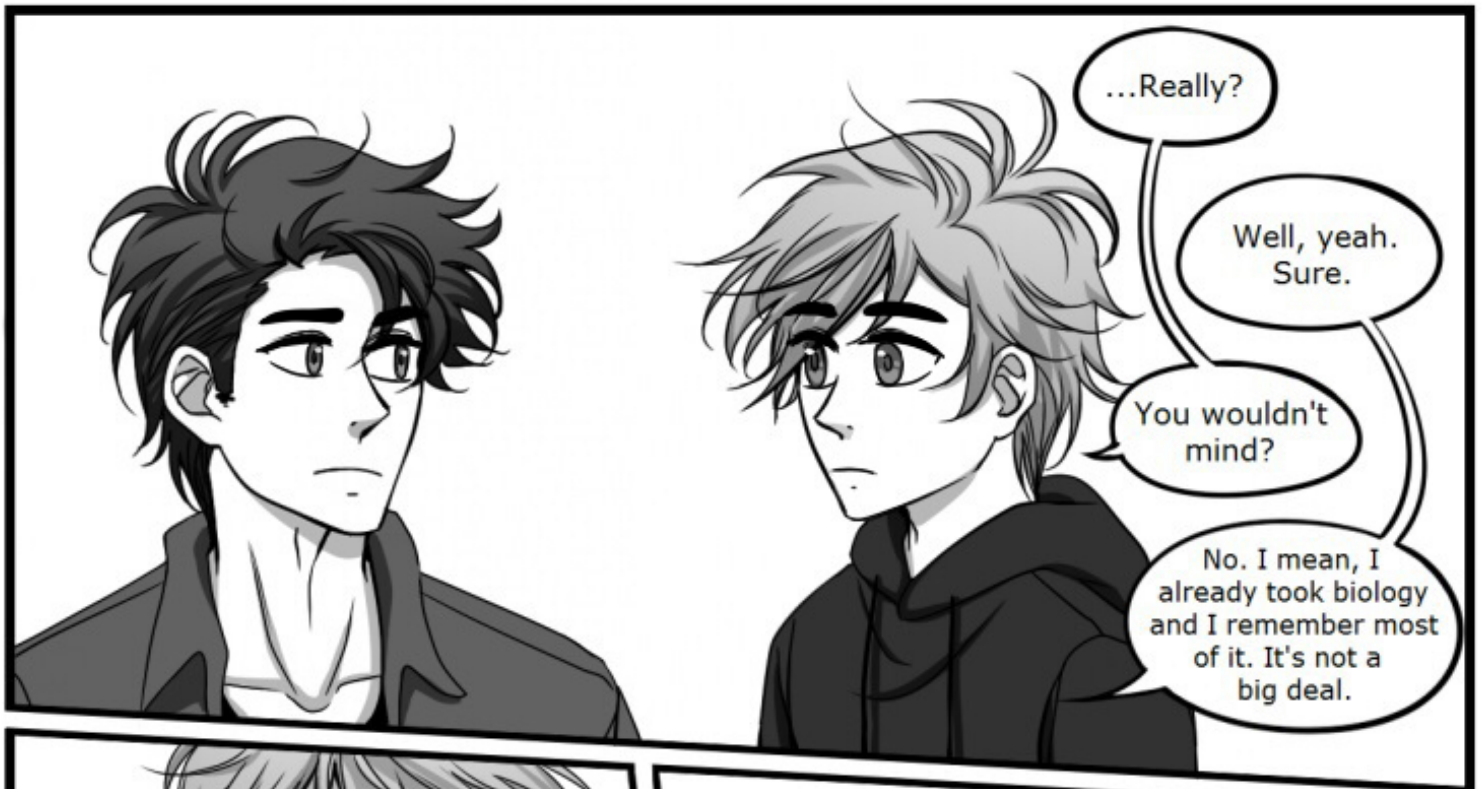
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That's not exactly true, Sooch.









...Really?

Well, yeah.  
Sure.

You wouldn't  
mind?

No. I mean, I  
already took biology  
and I remember most  
of it. It's not a  
big deal.



I've been  
trying to study it  
for hours but I can't  
figure it out. I don't  
know if you can  
help, but--

There's  
this one thing  
I really don't  
understand,



I'm actually  
surprised you  
never asked me  
for help before.

I felt bad!  
You have other  
things you need  
to worry about.

REACH

You're actually  
the best.



One second--

Hold on,  
let me find it--

Flip  
Flip





I can't look at this damn book for another second anyway.

I probably....

Throw

...shouldn't touch him anymore.

Craww!



And it isn't fair to me, since the more I touch him, the more I want him.



It's not right.

It's not fair to him. Not when he doesn't know what I'm thinking whenever I touch him.

I'm supposed to be his friend.



And no matter how much I want him, I don't have a chance.

I need to stop.

Two weeks later...

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Ugh--

I can't believe  
my chem exam is  
tomorrow already.

Believe it  
or not I actually  
feel ready for  
my exams.  
For once.

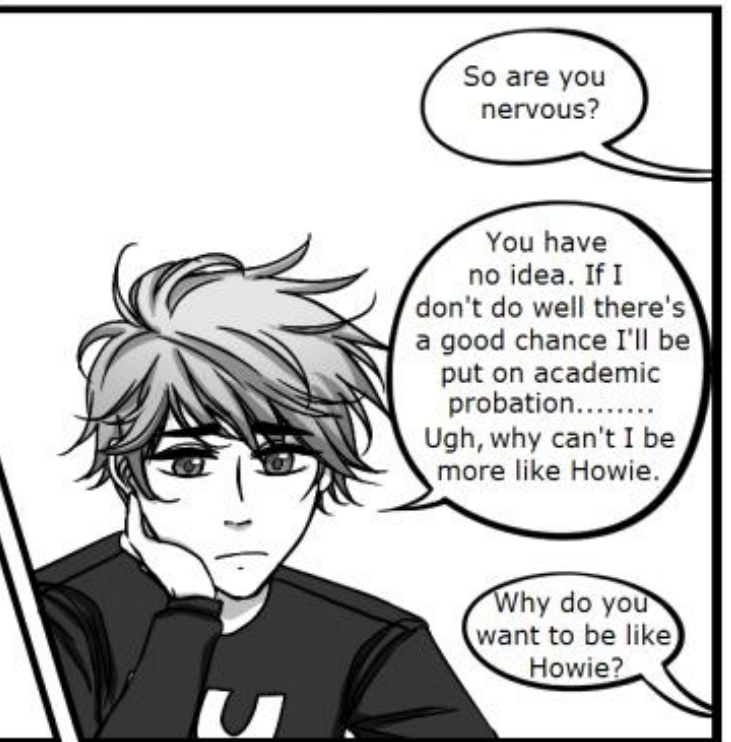
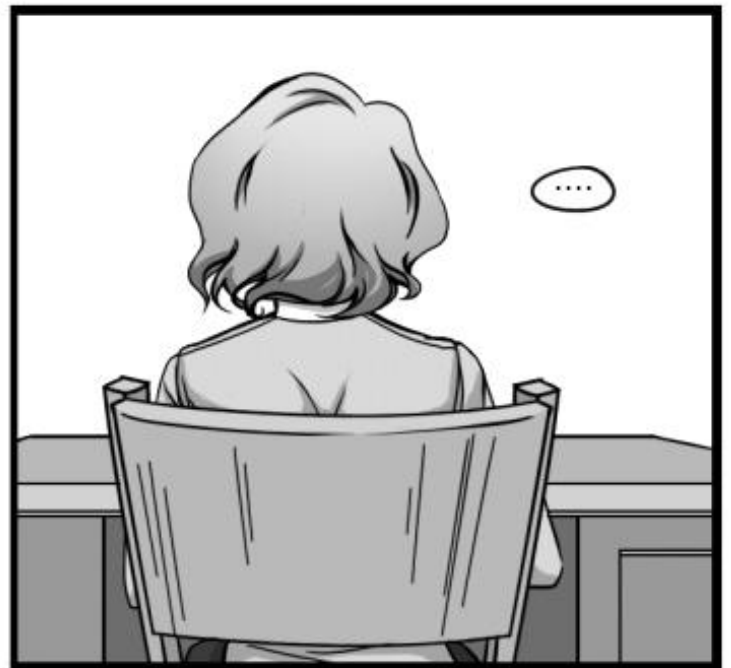
Oh really.

Yeah. Howie's  
been helping  
me study.

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I'm not ready.  
I am so not ready.

RU





What?  
Howie's not like  
that at all.

Noo, I'm telling you-  
the reason he's so smart  
is because he kills himself  
over school. It's not like  
it comes easy to him.

He wants to secure  
a good future for himself,  
which is great and all, but  
he goes way overboard if  
you ask me.



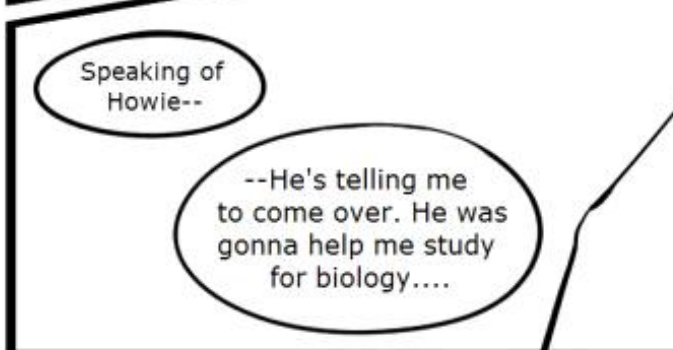
No...



I mean, that's  
why I was so surprised  
when you said Howie was  
helping you study.

I thought he'd  
be too busy freaking  
out over his own exams.  
Especially considering  
our chem exam  
is tomorrow.

He never seemed  
stressed to you?



Speaking of  
Howie--

--He's telling me  
to come over. He was  
gonna help me study  
for biology....



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Sooooo  
cchhhhhhhh  
Where you at?! I just got  
back come to my room







Hey Sooch.  
How's it going?

Flip  
Flip  
Flip



I'm okay...  
How was class?

It was okay. My  
professor let us  
out late though.

God I hate  
exam week.

RU



...

creek



Come and  
sit over here.

Show me  
what you needed  
help with.



Not really. Just trying to go over some things for my exam tomorrow...

...You look pretty busy.



... I actually just came to let you know I don't need help with this chapter after all.

You don't?

No. I, uh, figured it out while you were at class.

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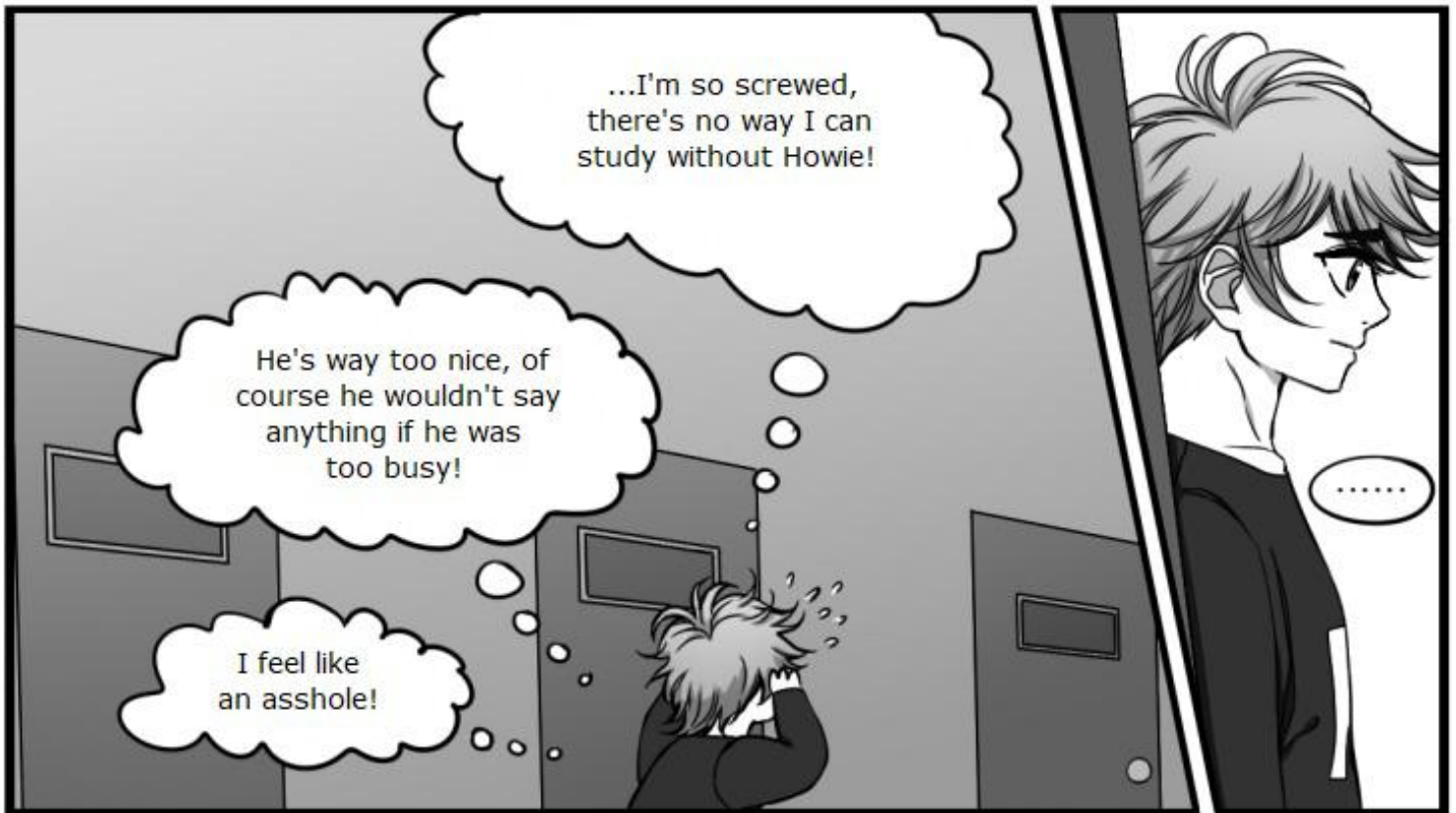
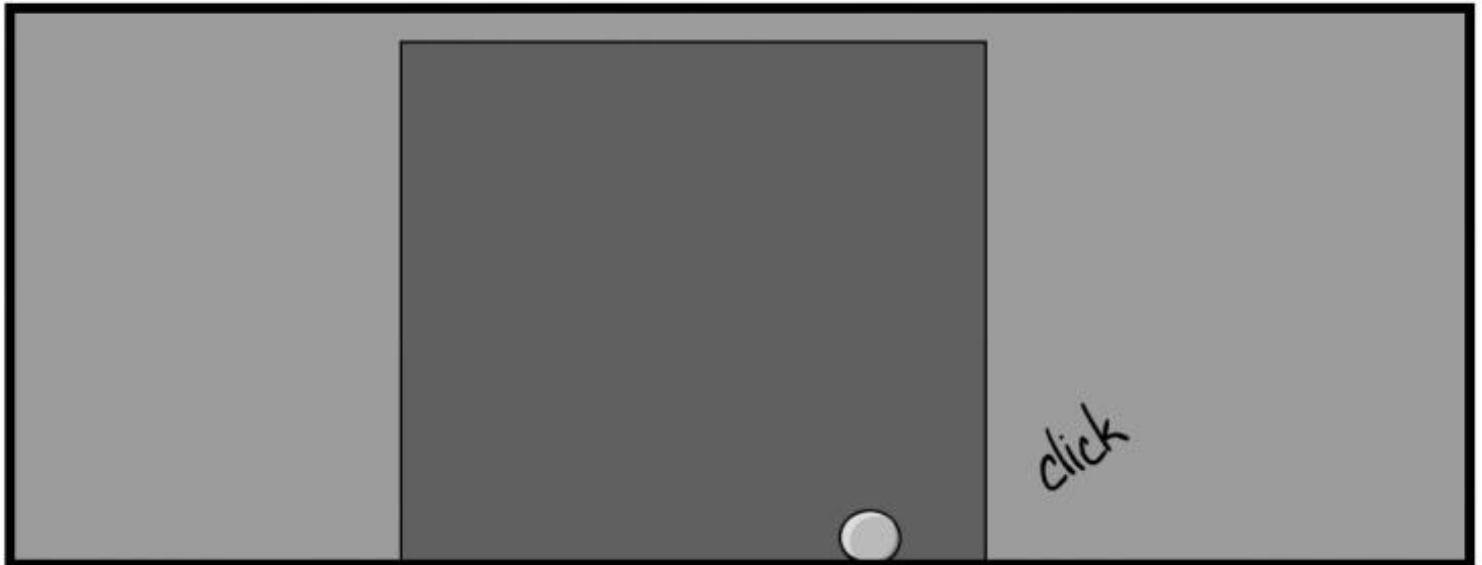
You figured out the entire chapter in the hour and a half that I was gone?

Sooch.

No-- I mean yeah--

Ugh, Howie, come on!!









Fuuuuccckk



Shit...

I'm not just  
attracted to him...

I like him, don't I.

5 days later

wooooo  
Give me  
another!

SLAM



Benjamin. I am  
not even drunk.

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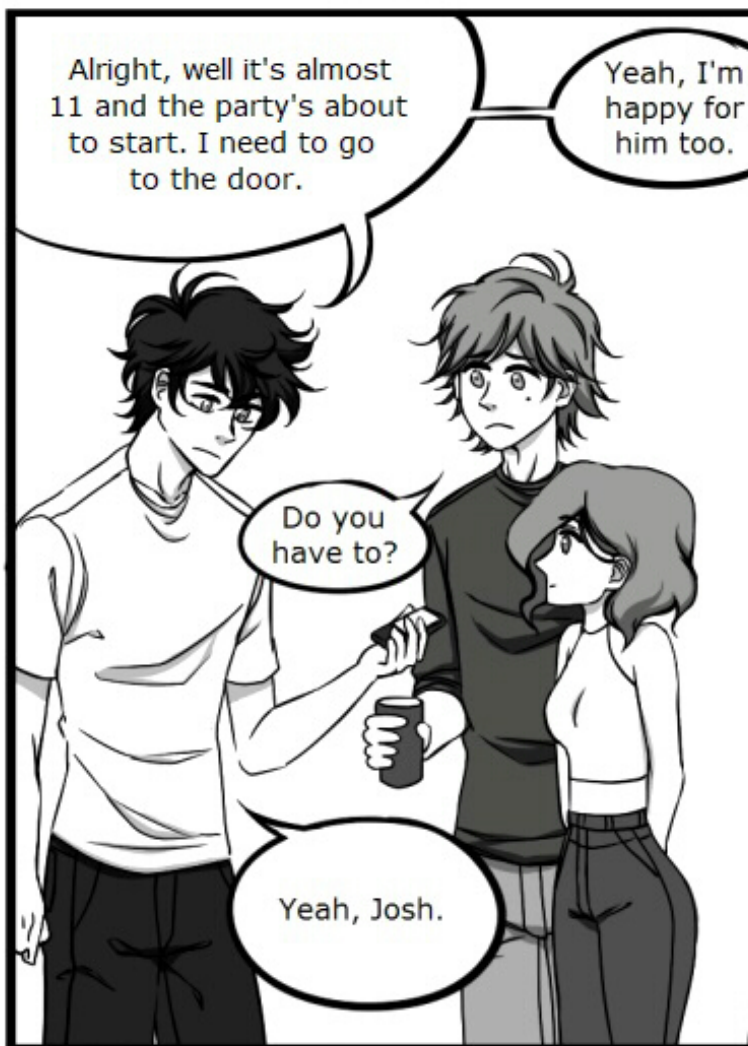
Ya okay.

Uh... I think you're  
good for now, Molly.

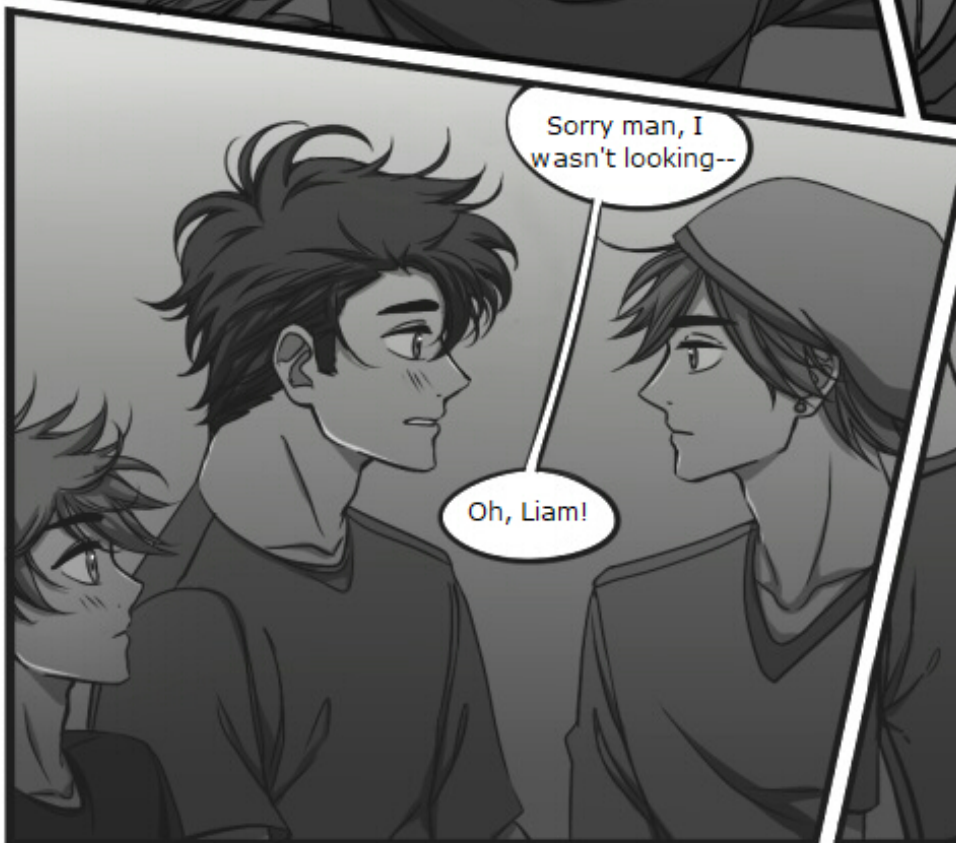


















No I want you to come! I know you don't like Liam but I promise it'll be fun! I'm not going unless you come with me.

Please??



Without you?

Yeah. Seriously, it's okay.



...No, I guess it's not. I just...



What? No, that's stupid. You shouldn't stay just because of me.

I mean, you obviously want to go.

It's not really a big deal.



....Nevermind. You're right, I'll go.





I need to start spending less time with Sooch, anyway.

...Do you think you'll be gone the rest of the night? Because if you come back after you're done we could walk home together.



Yeah, I know.

We seriously need to smoke sometime soon, though. I don't even remember the last time we did that together.

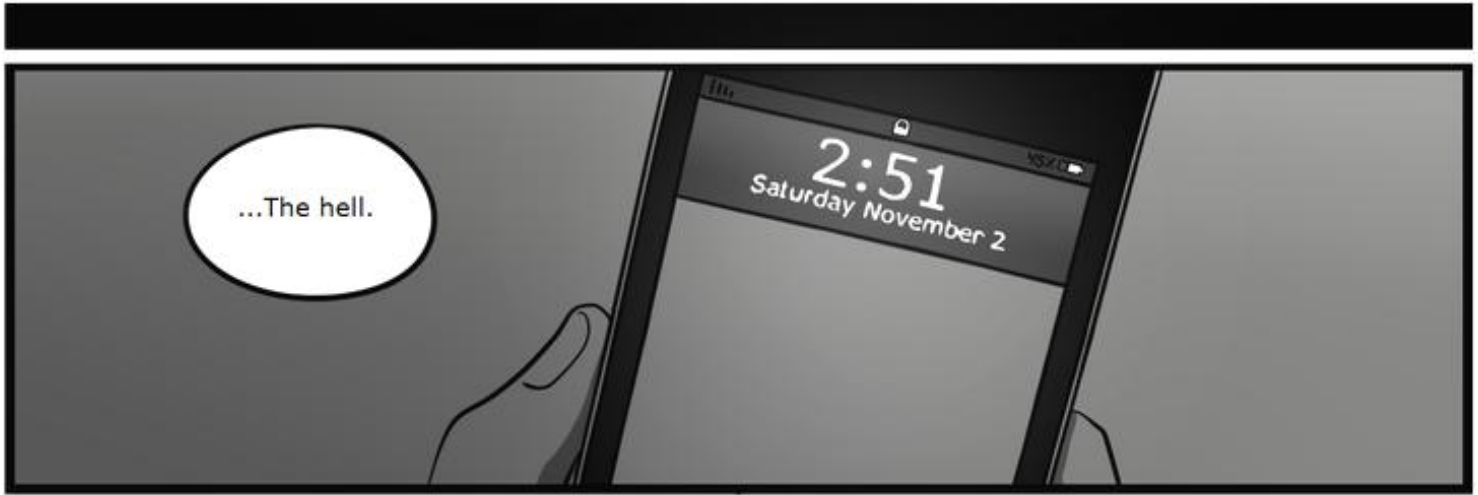
It's better if I go by myself.



...Yeah, Sooch. Definitely.

Liam's apartment is right around the block, so I'm not going far. And I'll only stay for an hour. I'll text you.

...which might be easier if he wasn't so damn cute.



...The hell.

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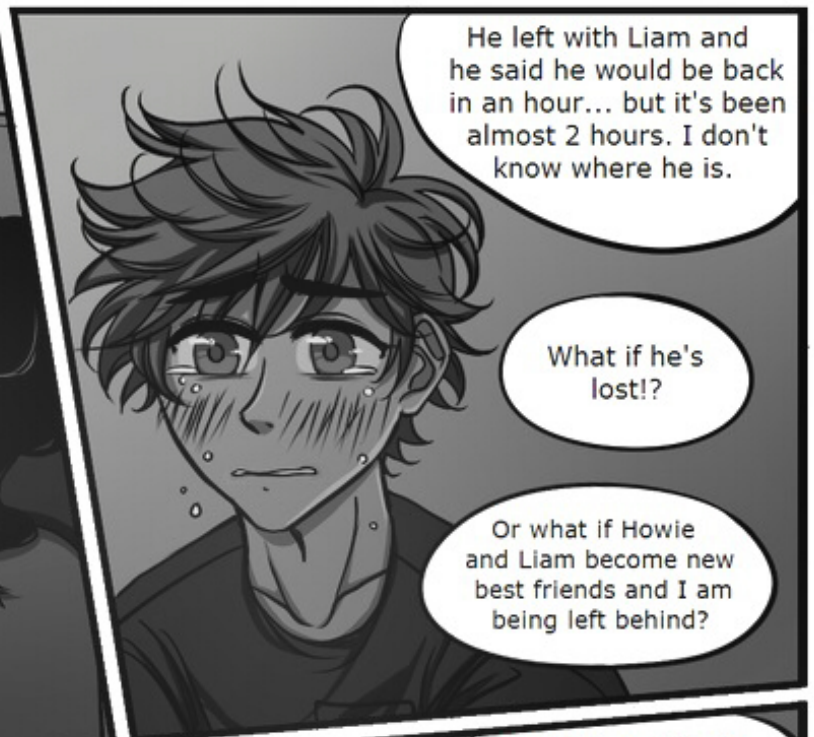
What's the matter?

I can't find Howie.



Sooch don't be sad... you can find a new best friend.

But I don't want a new best friend.



He left with Liam and he said he would be back in an hour... but it's been almost 2 hours. I don't know where he is.

What if he's lost!?

Or what if Howie and Liam become new best friends and I am being left behind?



Howie was the first friend I made at school and I love him I and I didn't want him to be sad... but now I'm going to get replaced by stupid freaking Liam.

I don't know what to do....

I didn't want Howie to go because I don't think Liam is a nice person, but I could tell he really wanted to.... and I did not want him to be sad at me....







Sure Casey.  
Anyway--

What if I told you I  
know something that will  
make you feel better?



.....Pizza?

Oh my god what  
a great idea!!



NO.

There's nothing  
you could say that  
would make me  
better.

My best friend  
is gone and my  
life is over!

Not even if I  
told you I know a  
pizza place that is  
still open?



That way,  
even though Howie  
ditched you, it's okay  
because, pizza!!





You're so quiet.  
What's bugging  
you?

Nothing. I'm just  
starting to sober up.. and  
I'm exhausted.



You're  
probably right.

.....Hey, you.



Pizza

Open  
Forever



Me too. We'll go  
back as soon as we  
get pizza.... Do you  
still want pizza?

Fuck yeah.

Guys I see  
it! It's right  
over there!



.....Hey, you.

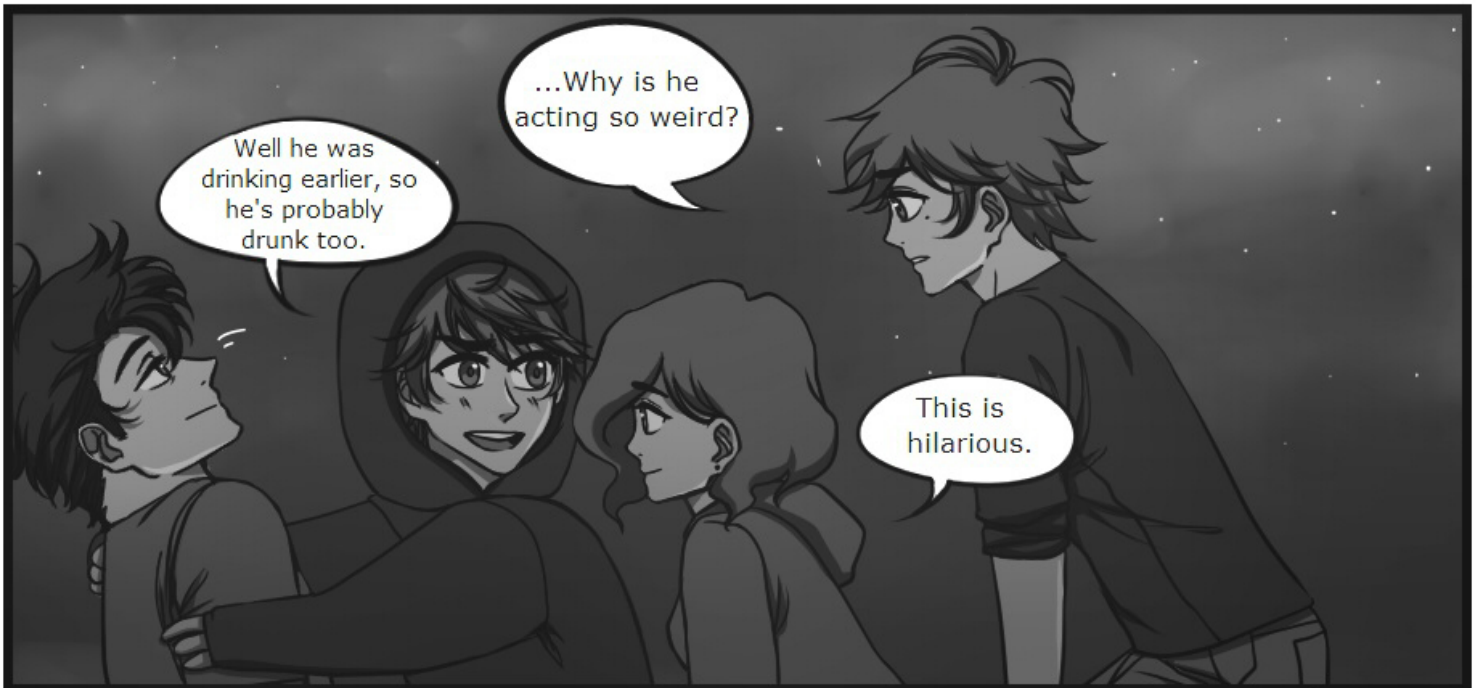














Wait a second..... Why the hell are you asking for *Liam*?

Because I'm trying to figure out how the *fuck* you got here! Do you remember the last time you saw him or not?!



I don't know.

What do you mean you don't know?

I do not know where Liam is.

What the-- Howie, do you at least remember the last time you saw him??



Okay, okay! Um, let me think--

We left... We were walking back. And then, um..... Oh, Liam wanted pizza. From that place that never closes.....

We went to Liam's. Smoked. Then I... I wanted to go back to you.

But I didn't want any so I was waiting for him outside... and then all of a sudden you were here.



I was just at that pizza place but I didn't see him in there.... Did Liam ditch you??



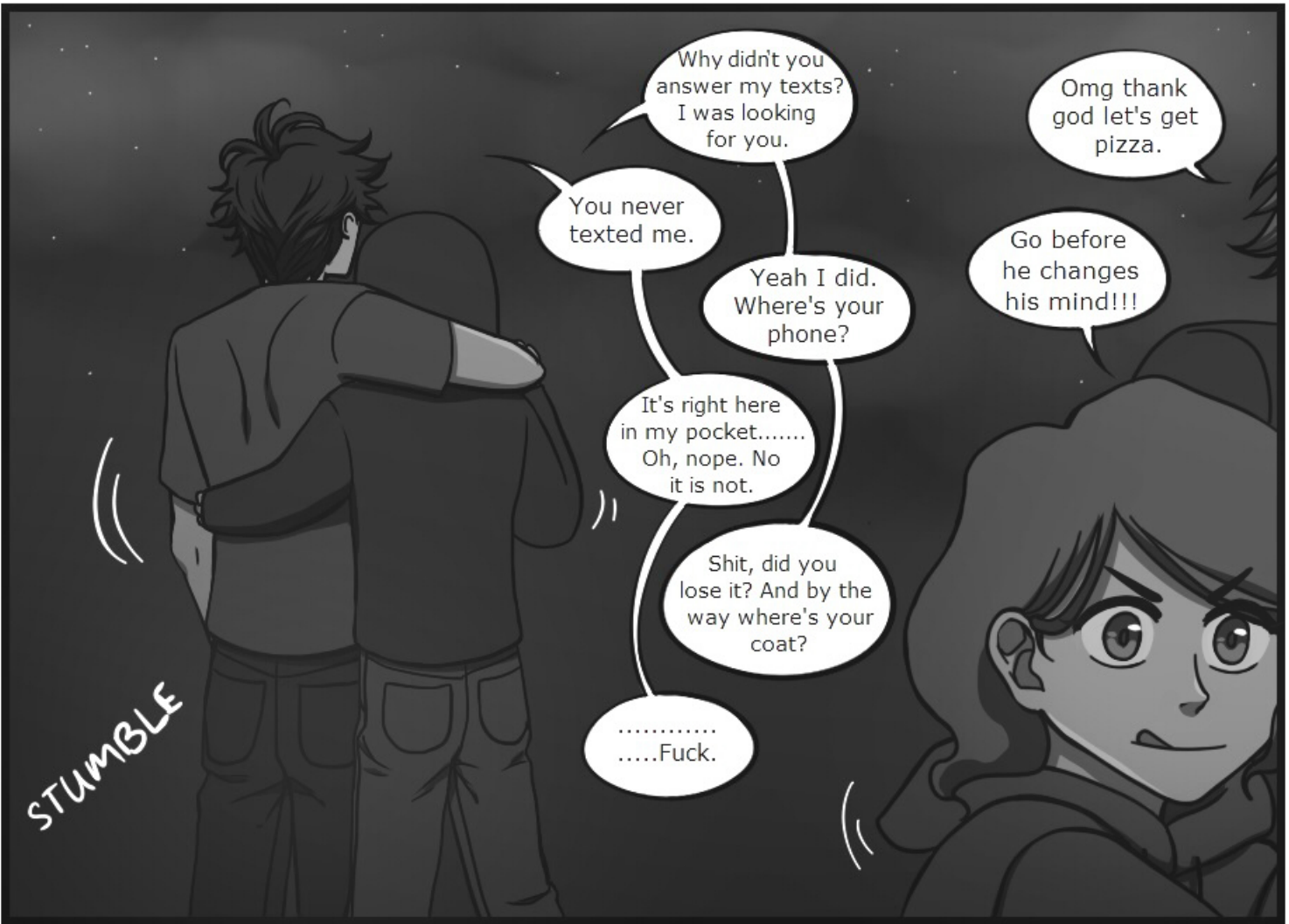


Yeah, I got him.

I'm pretty much sober now... I can handle it. I'll see you guys when you get back.



Are you sure you won't need help? I mean, you were pretty drunk earlier.....



Why didn't you answer my texts? I was looking for you.

You never texted me.

Yeah I did. Where's your phone?

It's right here in my pocket.....  
Oh, nope. No it is not.

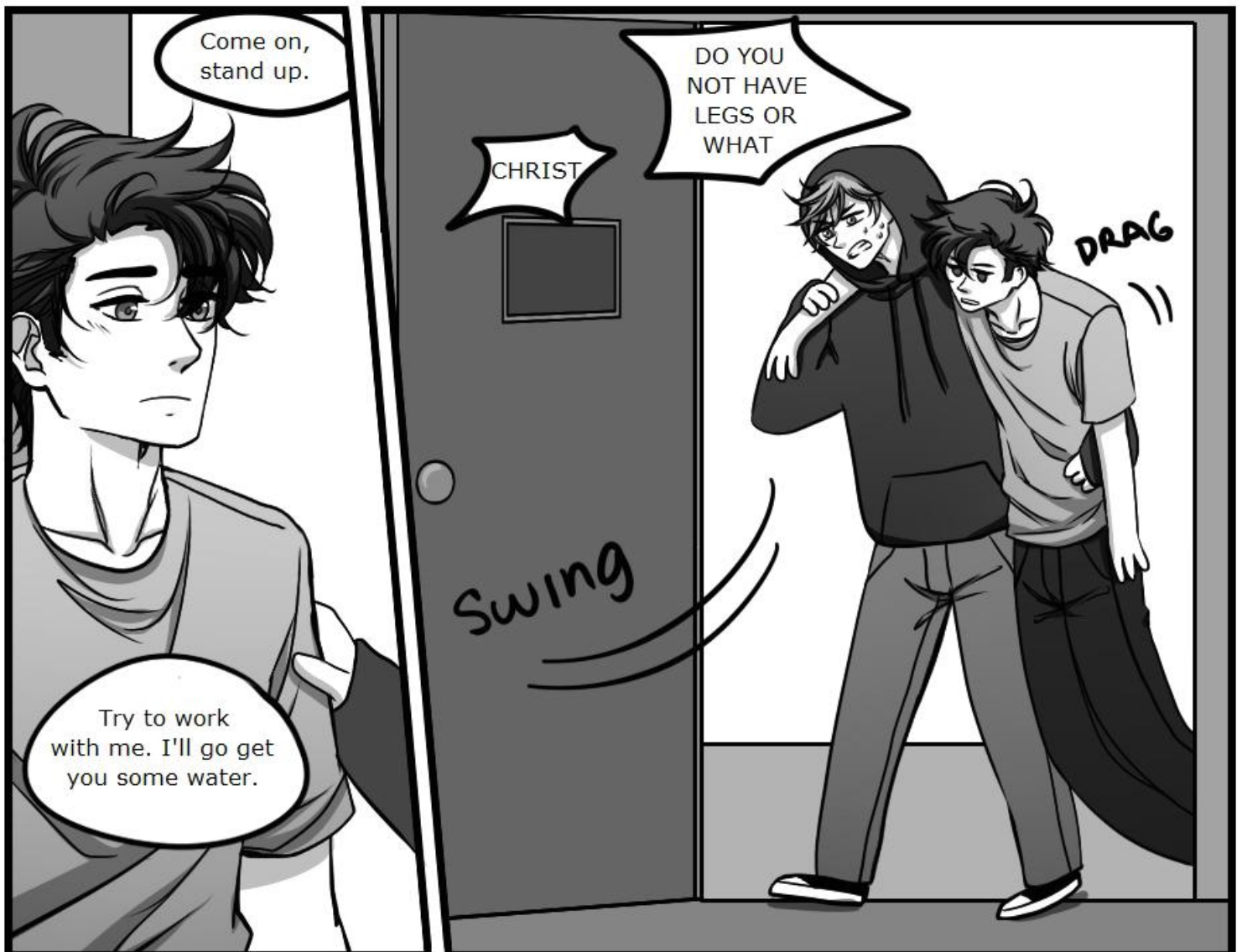
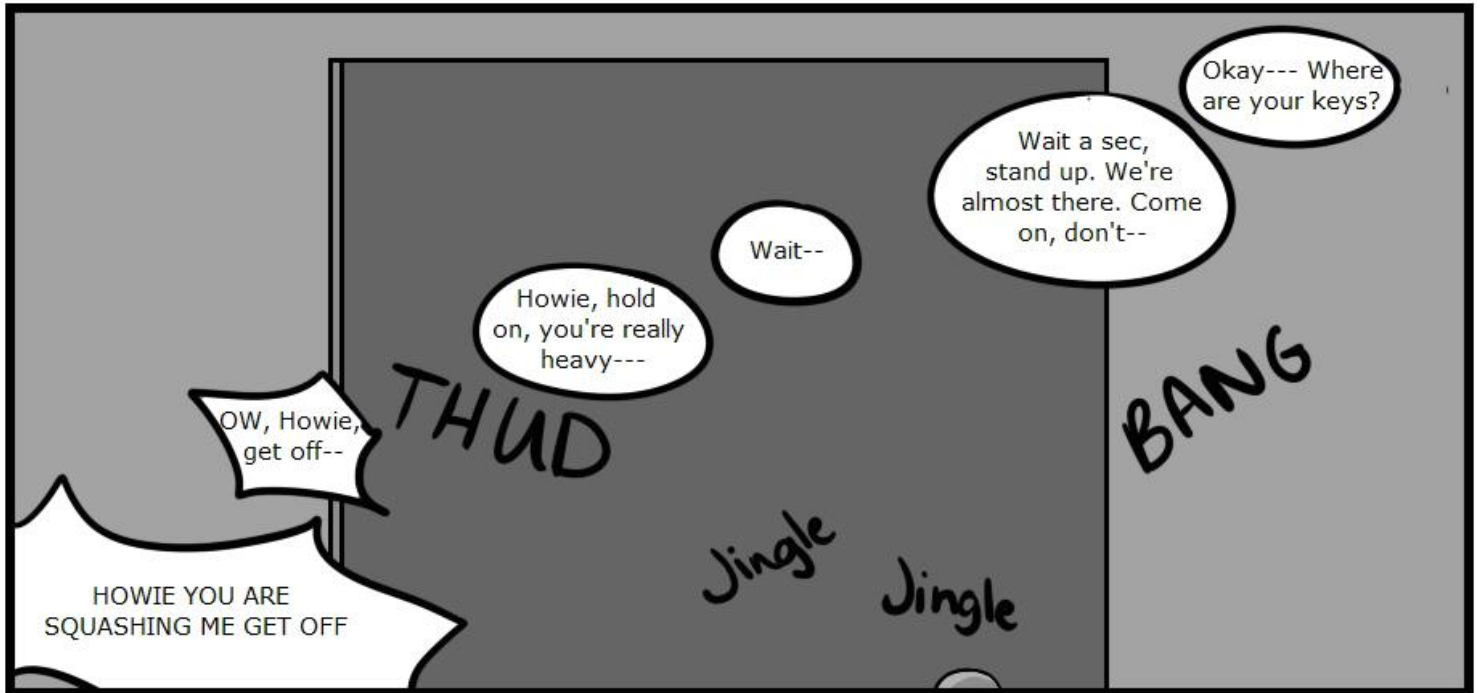
Shit, did you lose it? And by the way where's your coat?

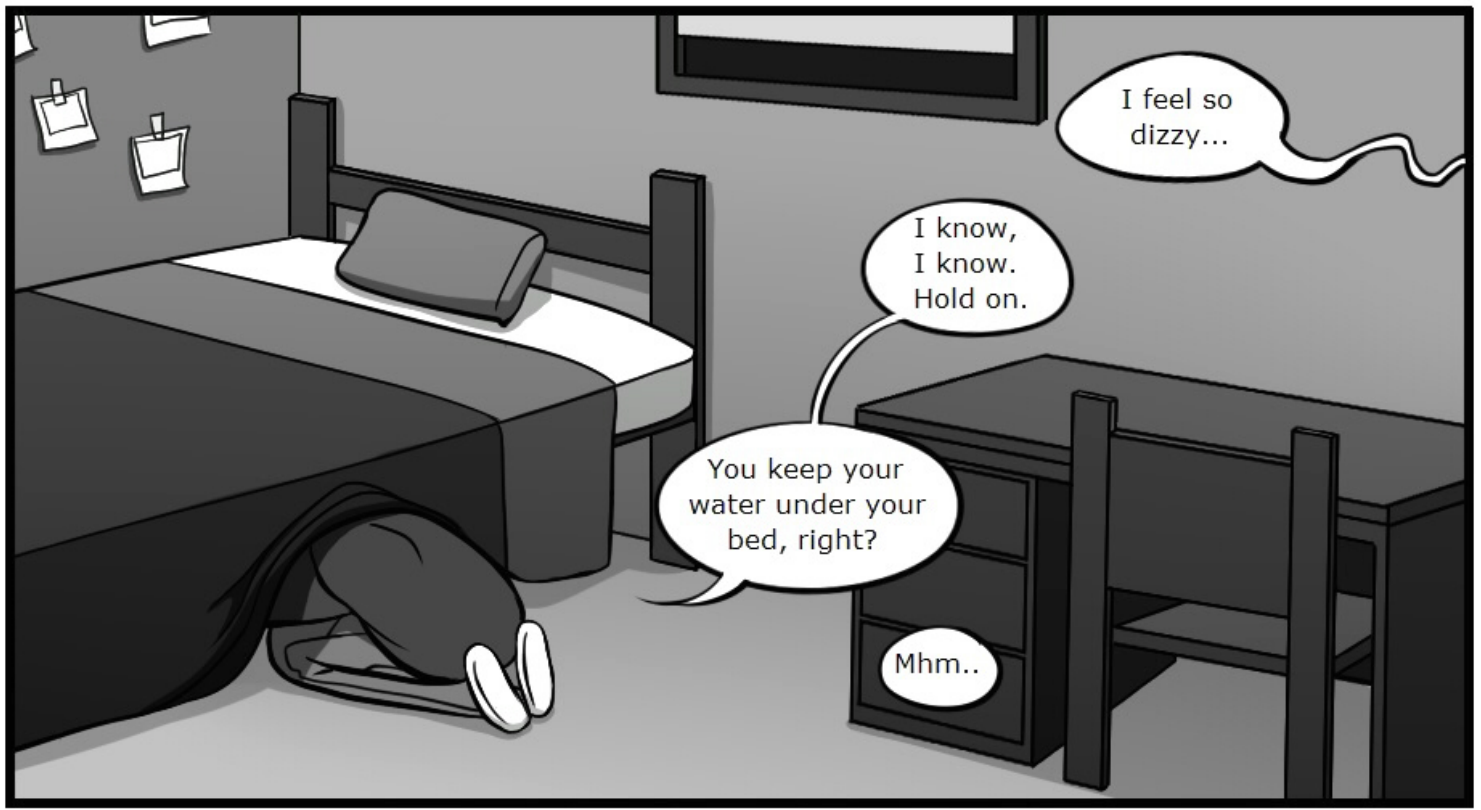
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.....Fuck.

Omg thank god let's get pizza.

Go before he changes his mind!!!

STUMBLE

















Meanwhile

Goddammit Steph  
you had one job.

