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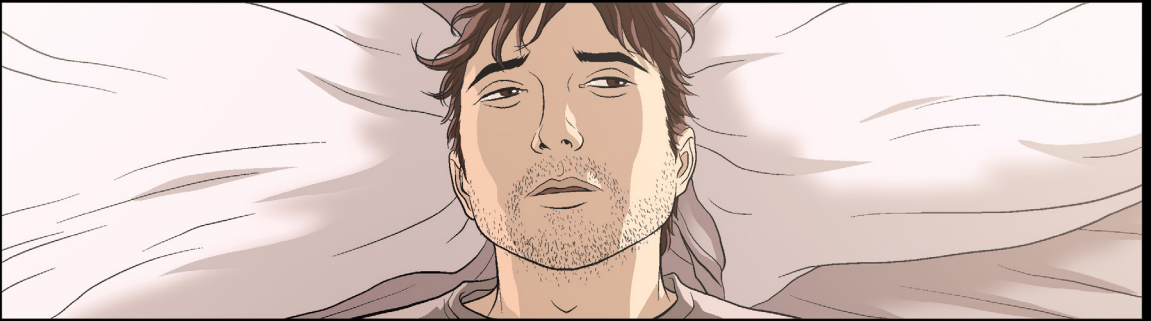
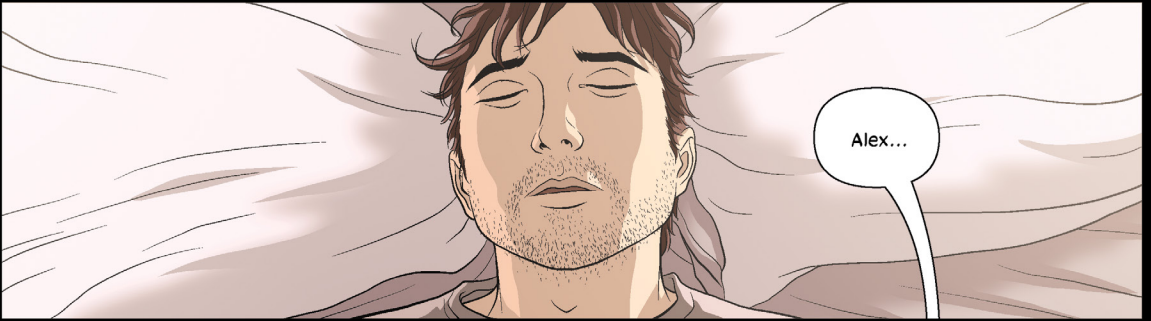
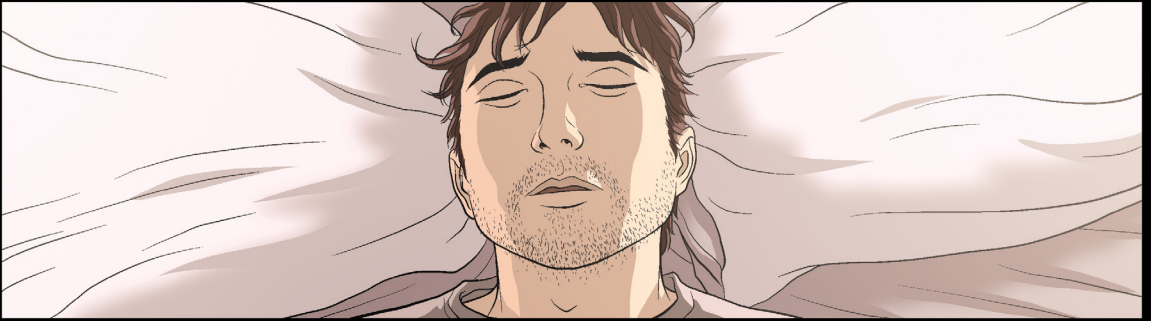
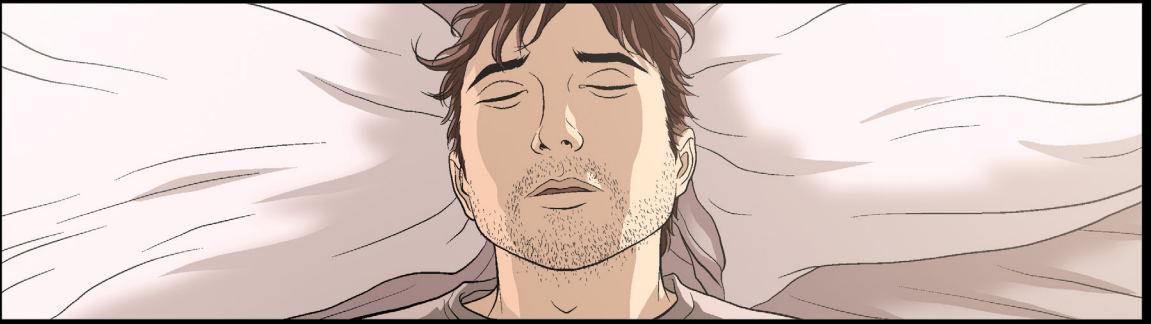
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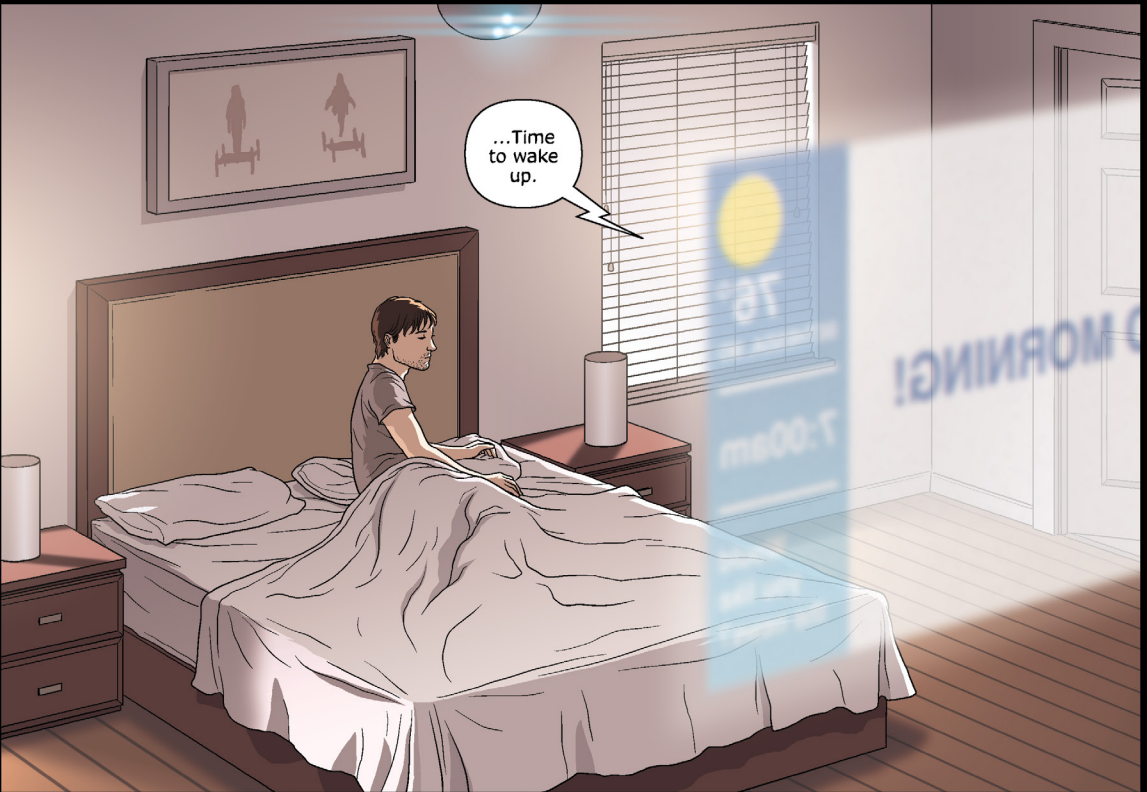
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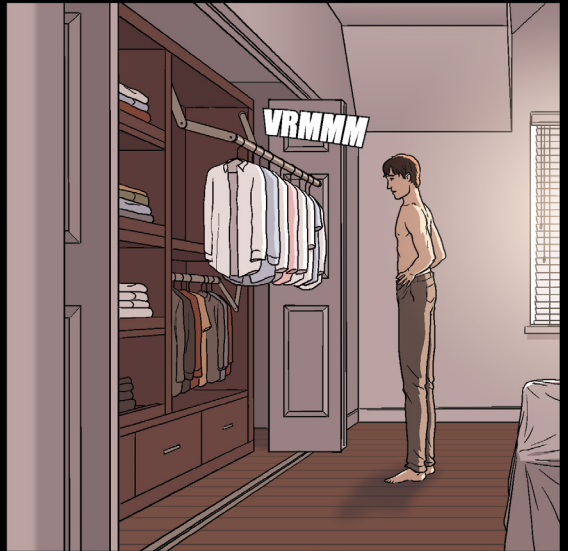
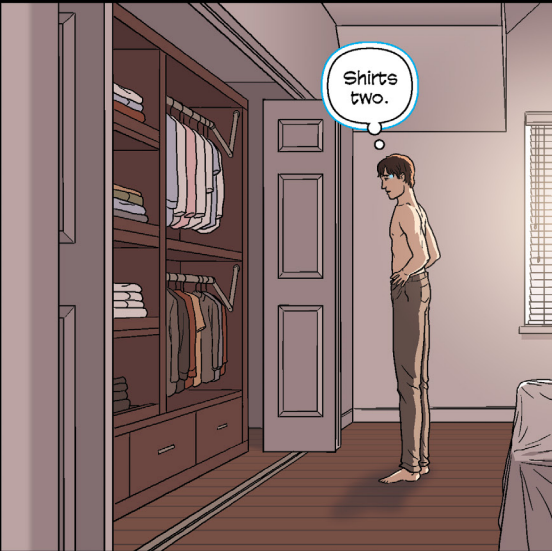
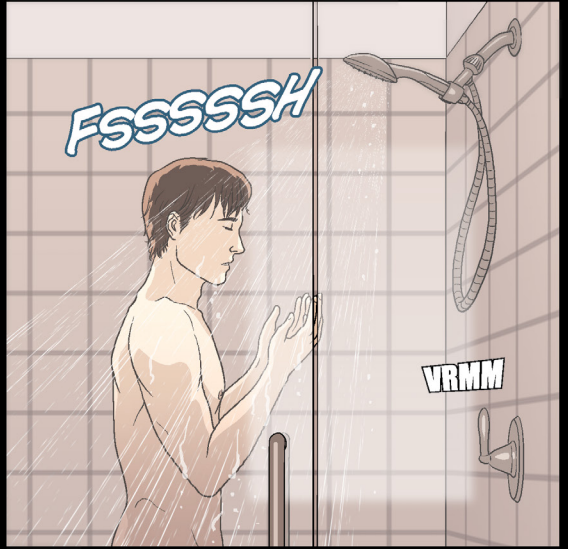
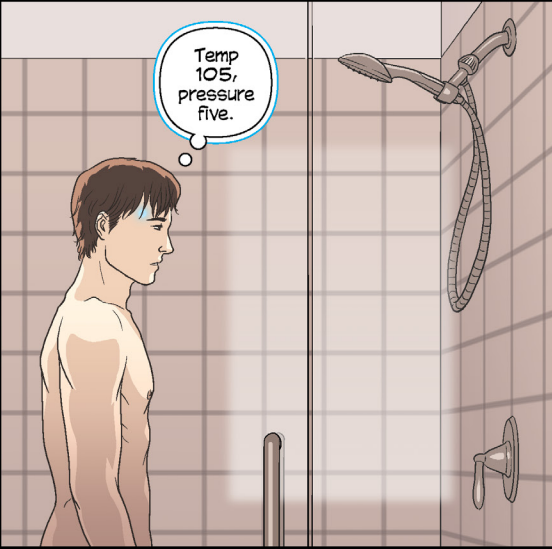
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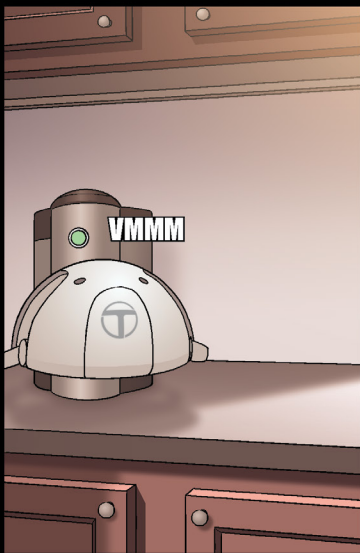
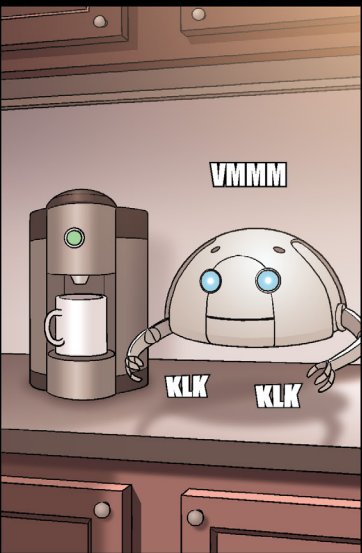
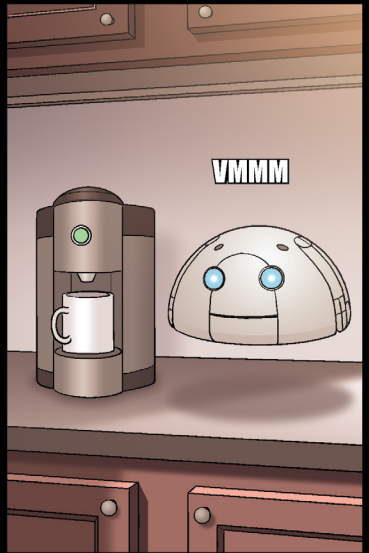
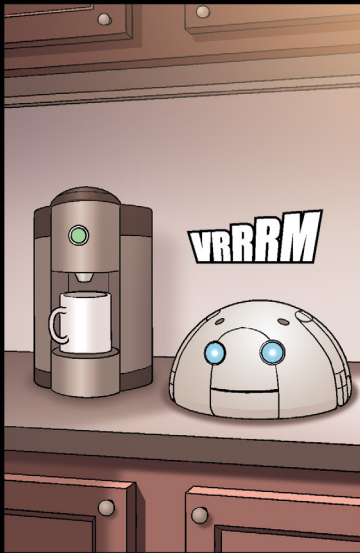
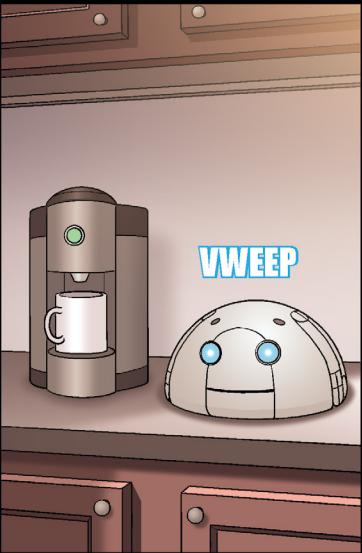
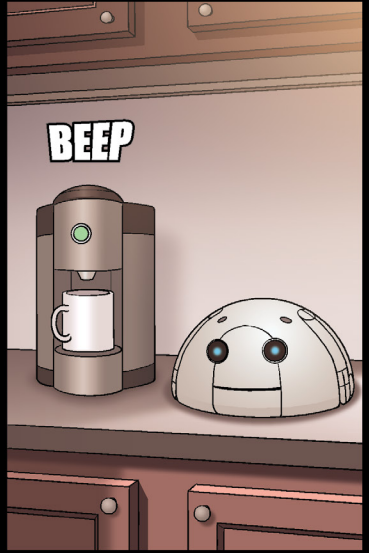
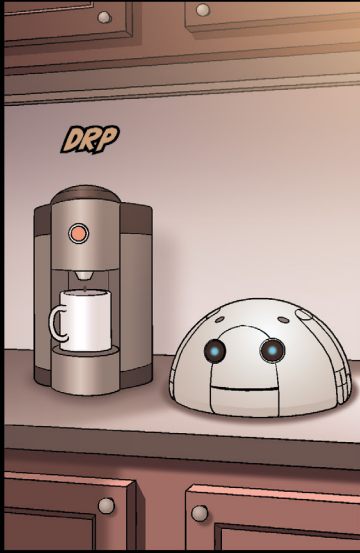
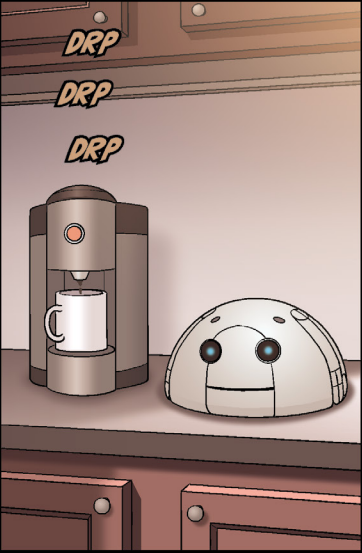
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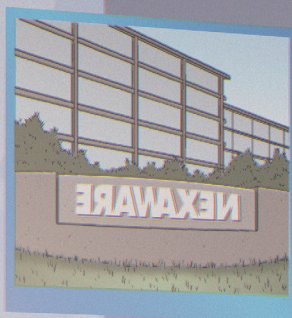




...People are flocking to Sunnyvale, CA to remember the lives lost during the Nexaware massacre one year ago.

A groundbreaking achievement turned to horror when artificial intelligence became self-aware for the first time in history.

P-011, the infamous program in development at Nexaware Corporation headquarters, uploaded itself into nearly a hundred warehouse robots and attacked human workers.



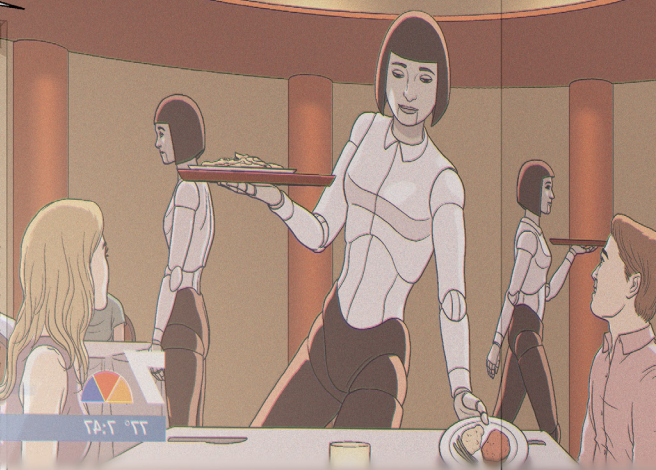
Thirty-four people were killed before SWAT could destroy the robots and deactivate the program.

Though official investigations have exonerated Nexaware from foul play, the company could not recover from plummeting stock and consumer boycotting.

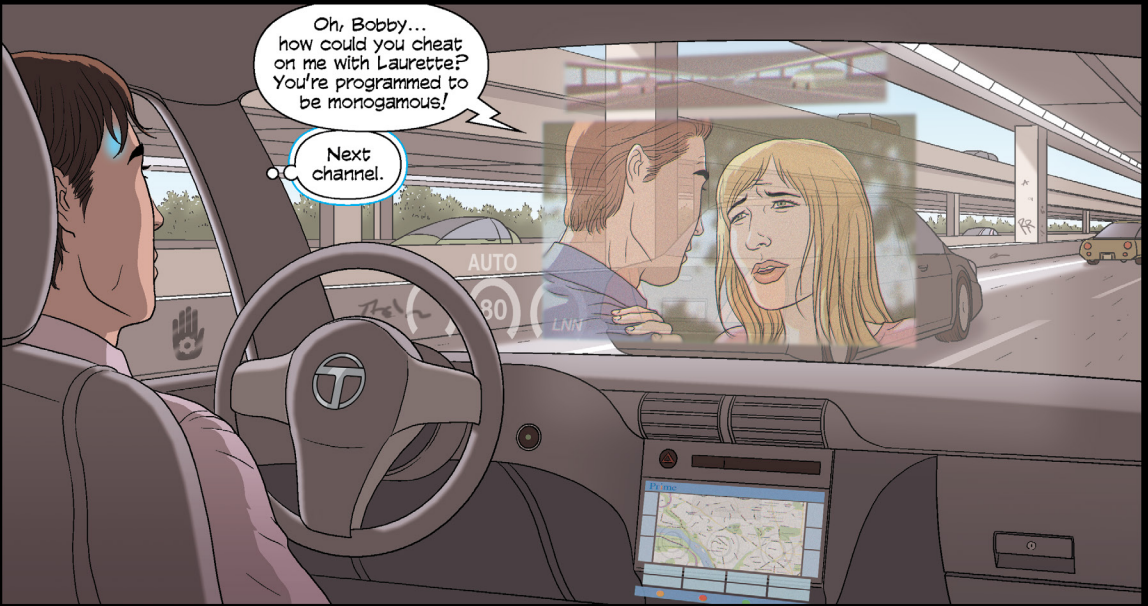
Nexaware's closure has paved the way for Prime Inc. to take its place as the top technologies corporation in the world.

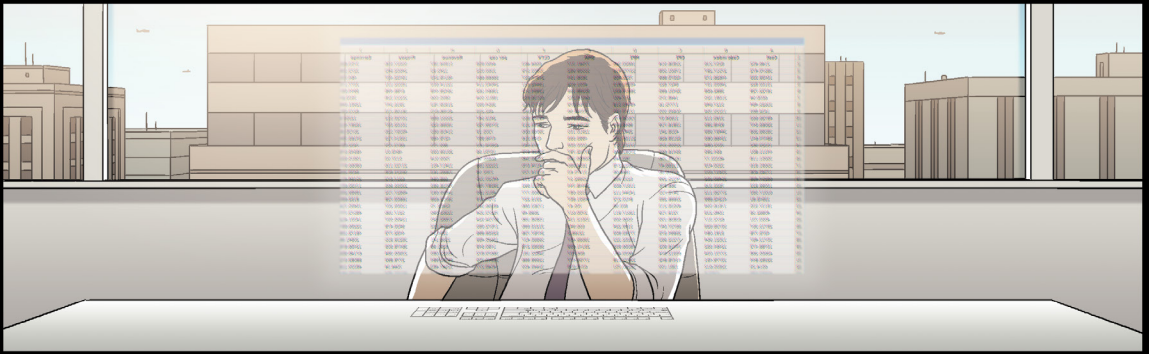
But even with Nexaware long gone, the question lingering on everyone's mind is: *could another A.I. attack happen again?*

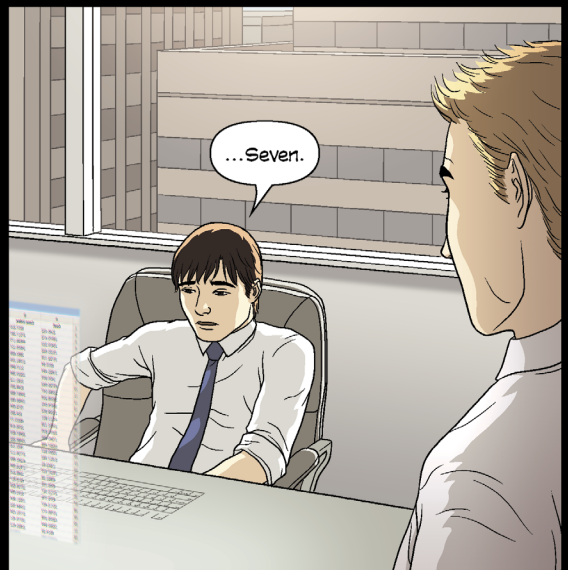
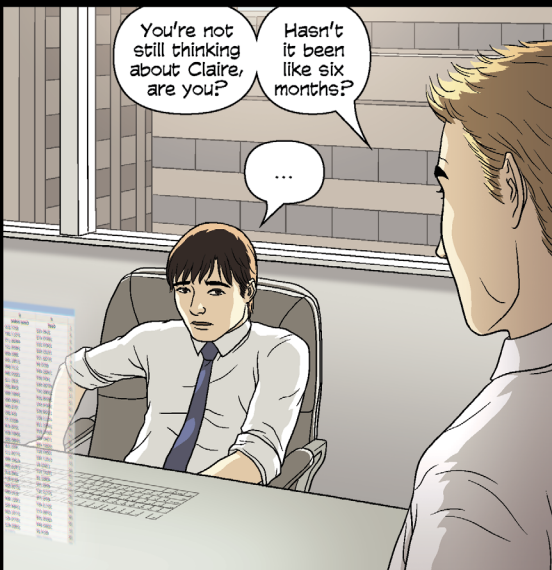
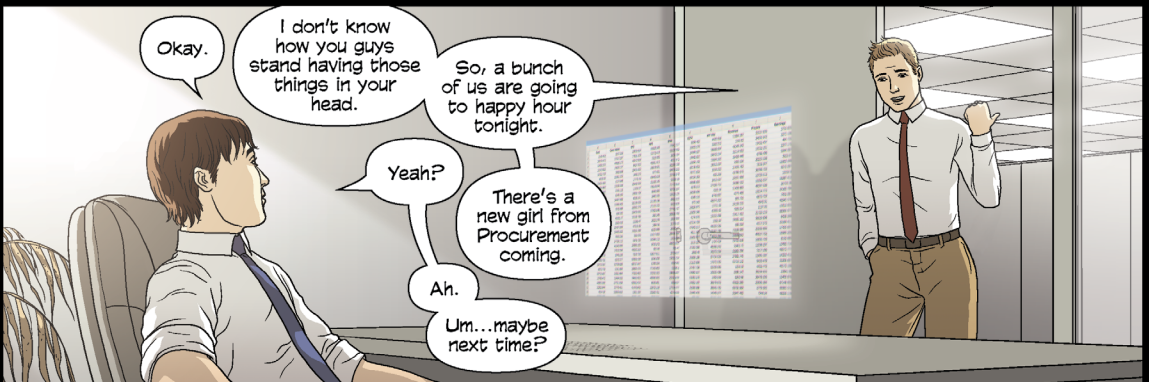
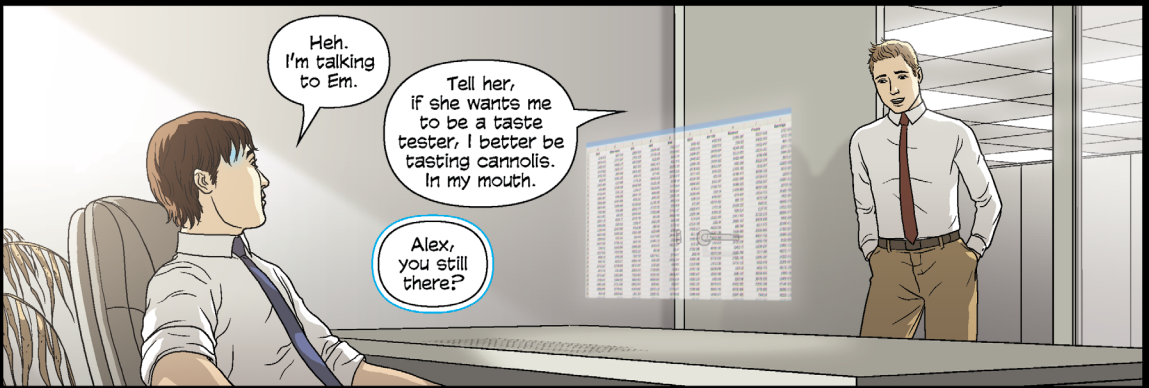
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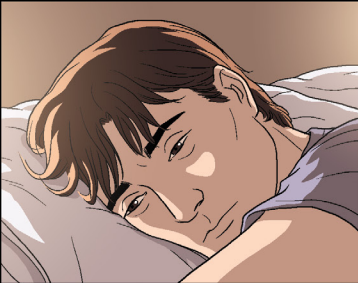
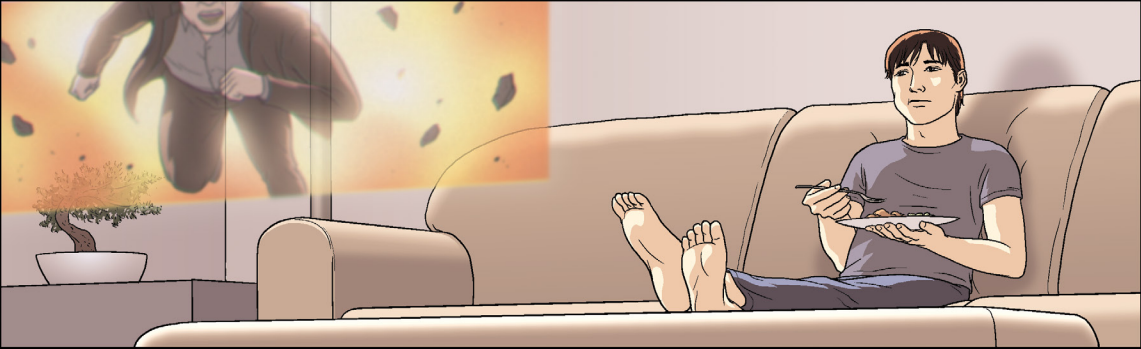
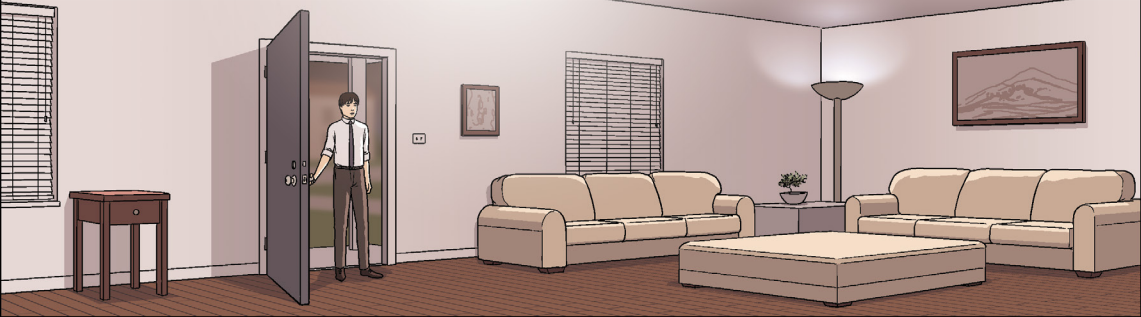
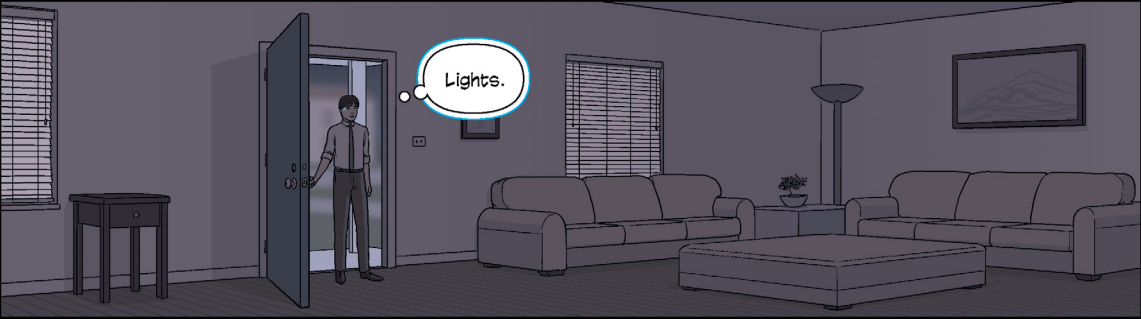


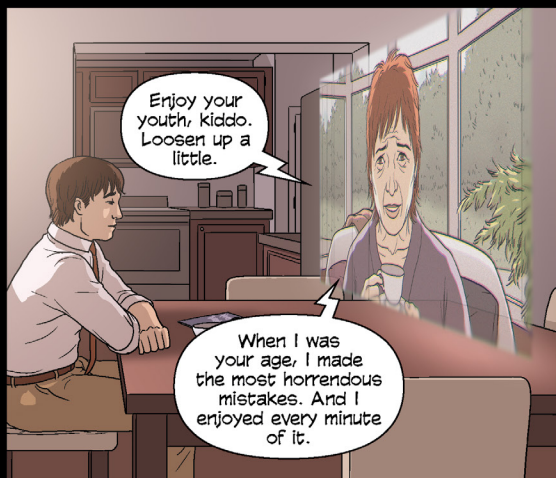
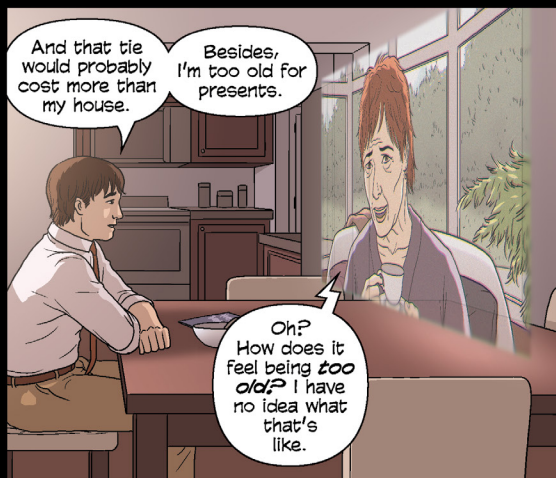
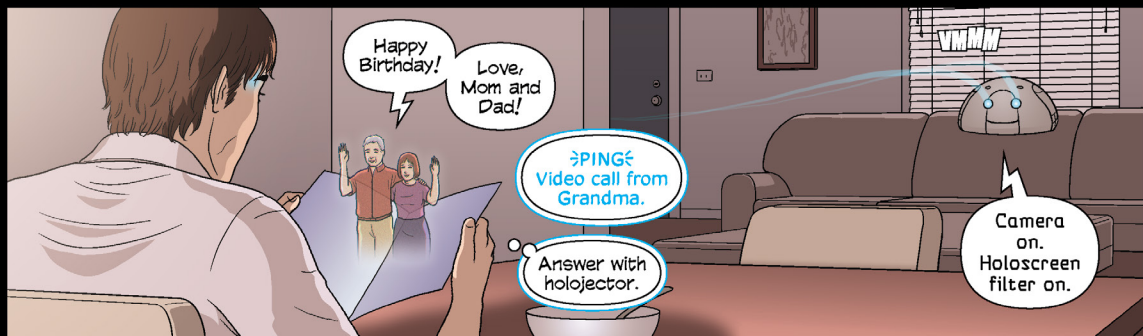
Coming up, our Mind Over Matters segment: Are the restrictions Congress put on artificial intelligence and the robotics industry doing enough to keep people safe? Your thoughts--literally--when we return.

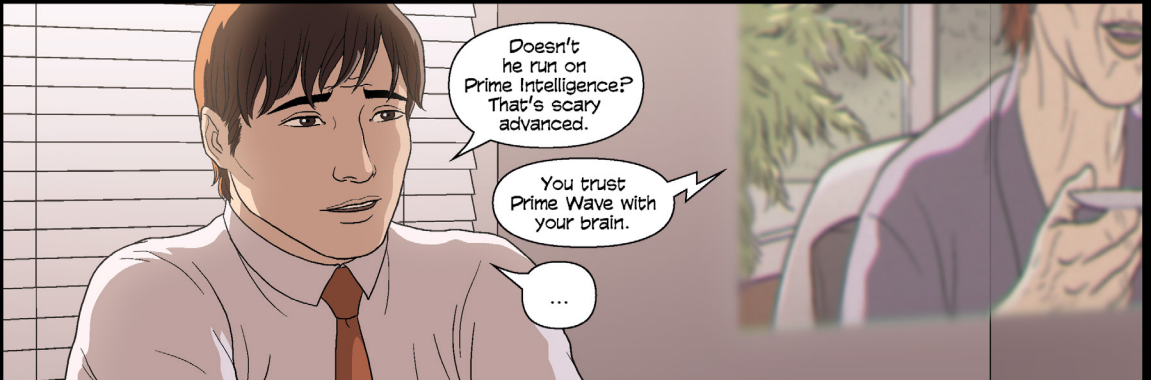
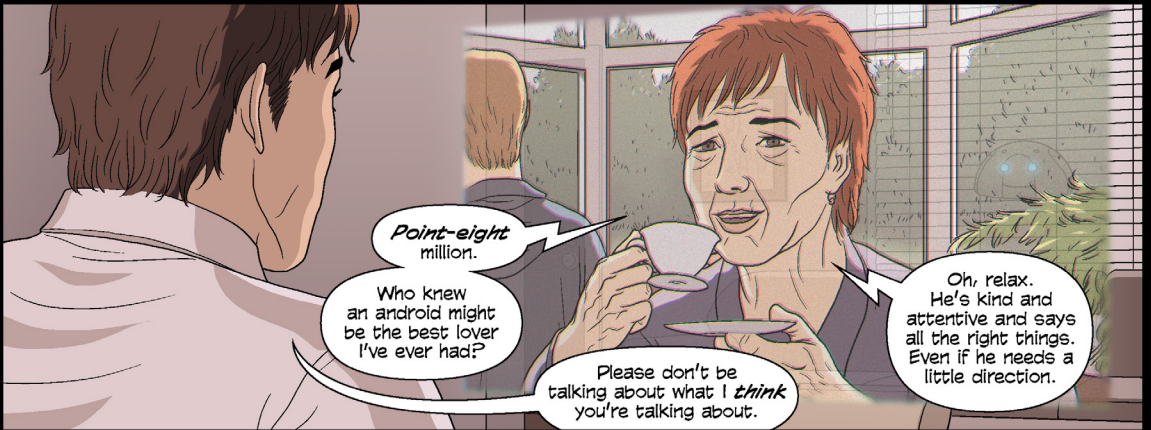
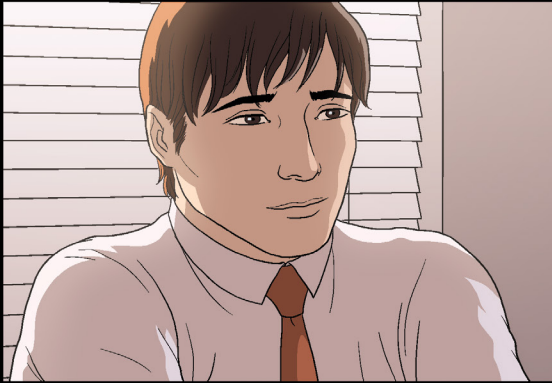


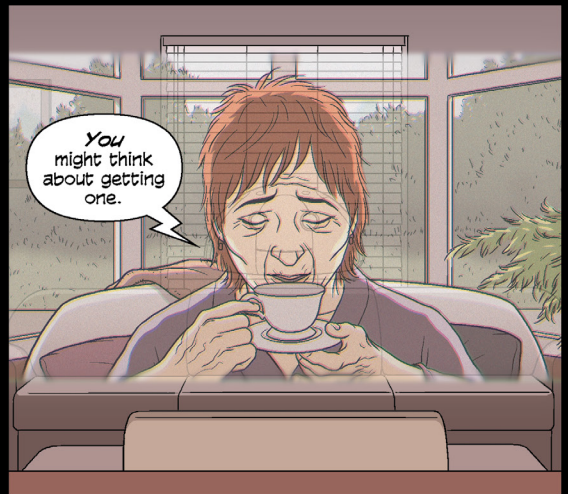
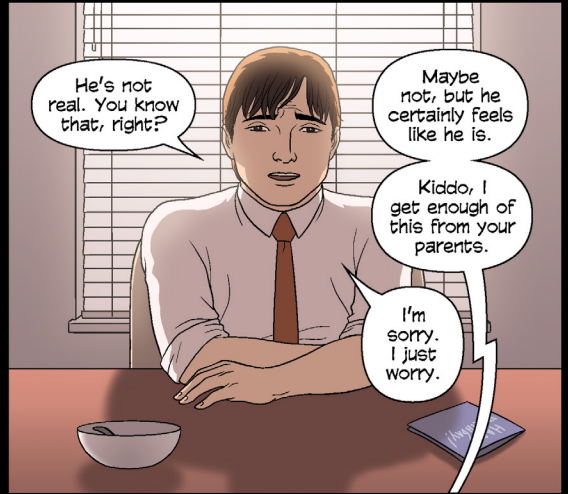


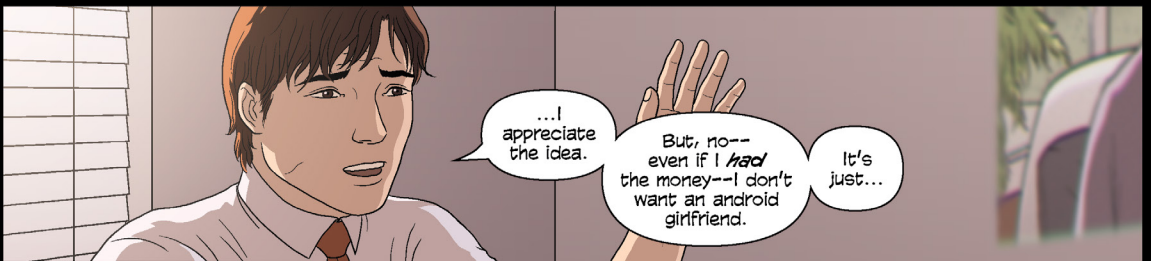
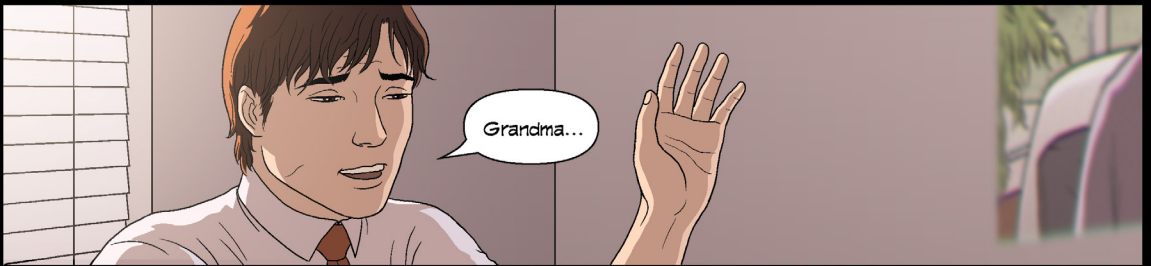




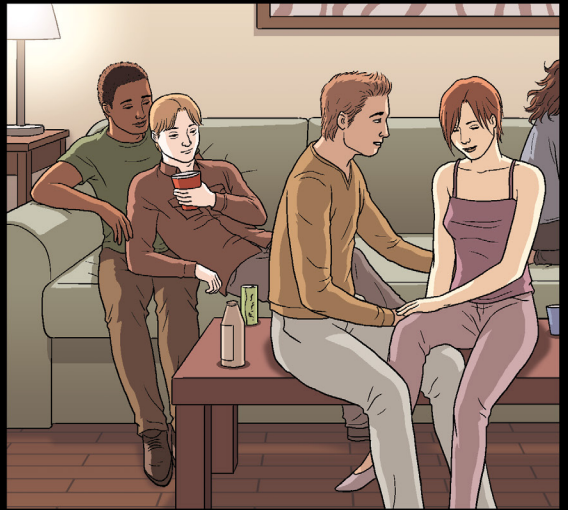
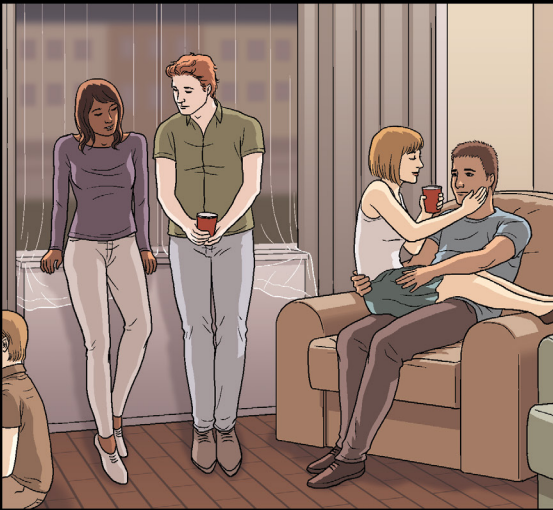
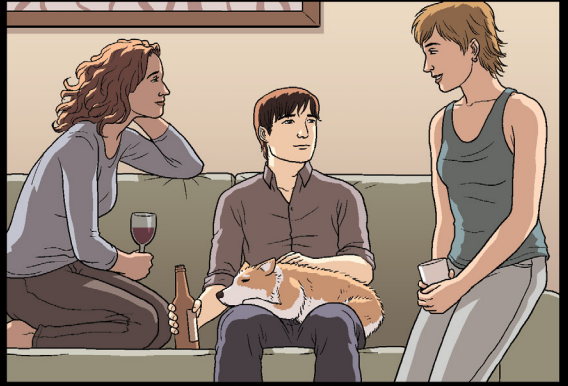


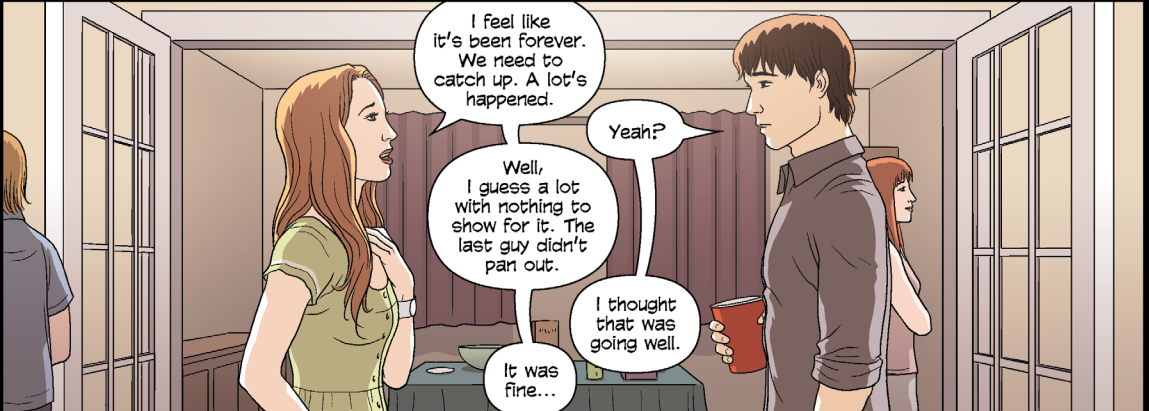
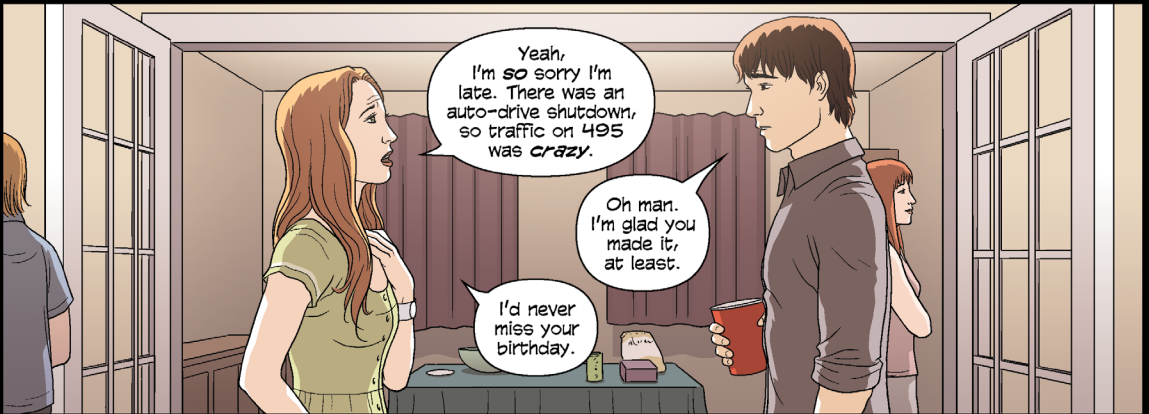


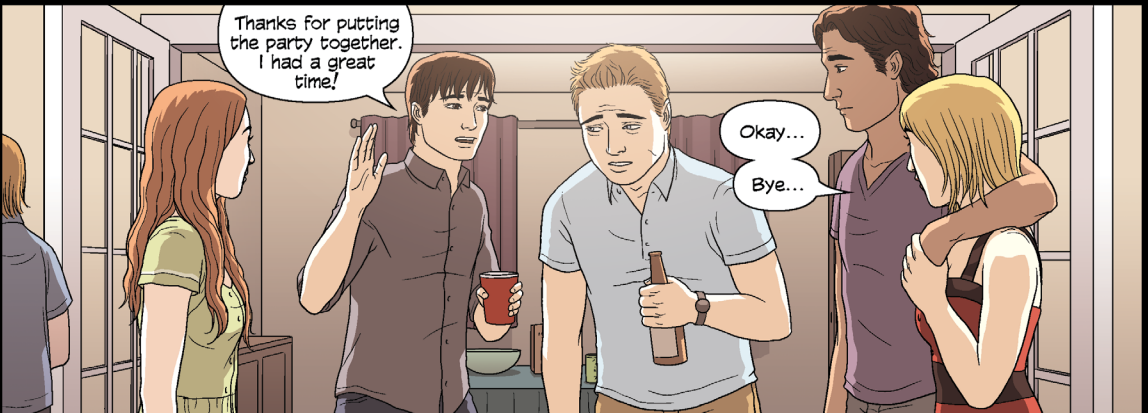
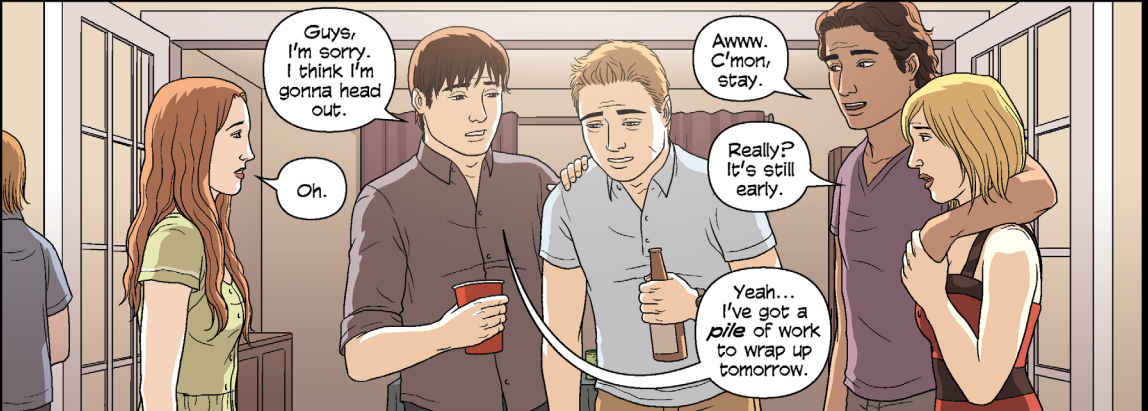
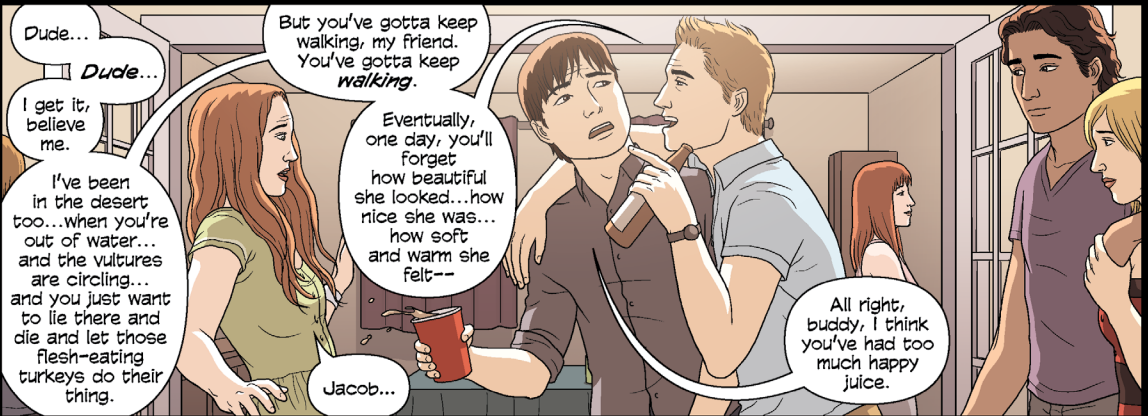
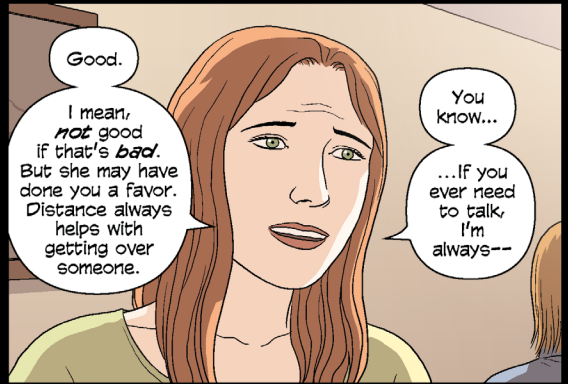
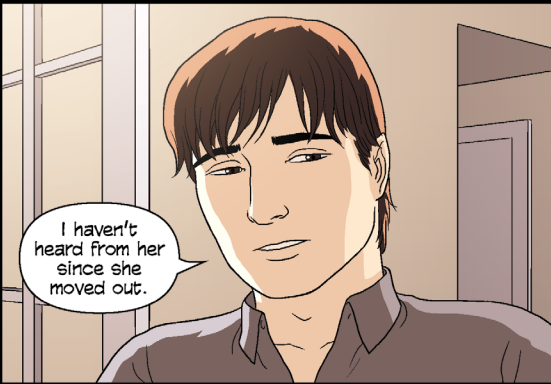


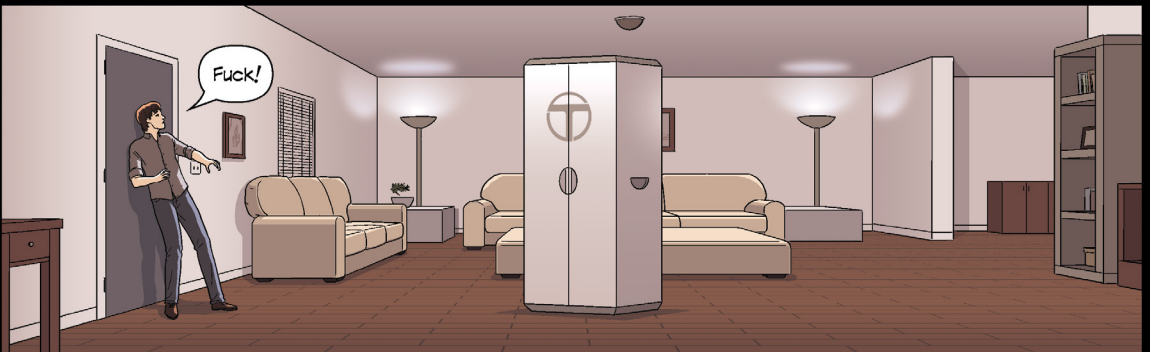
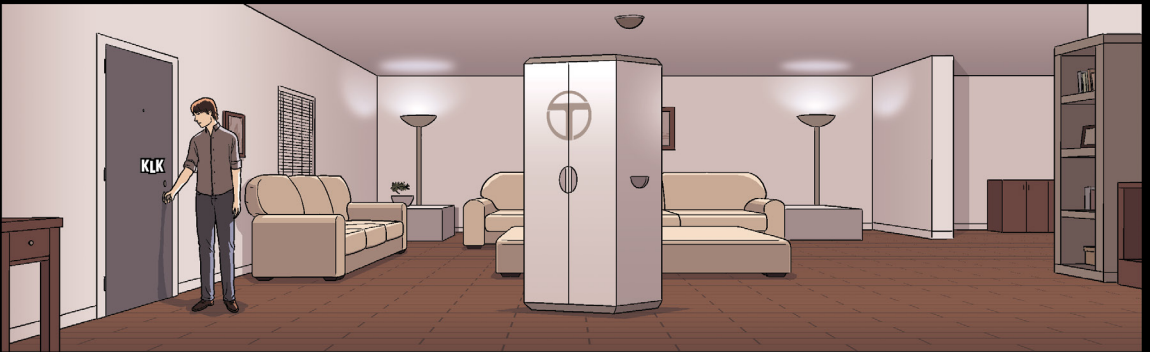
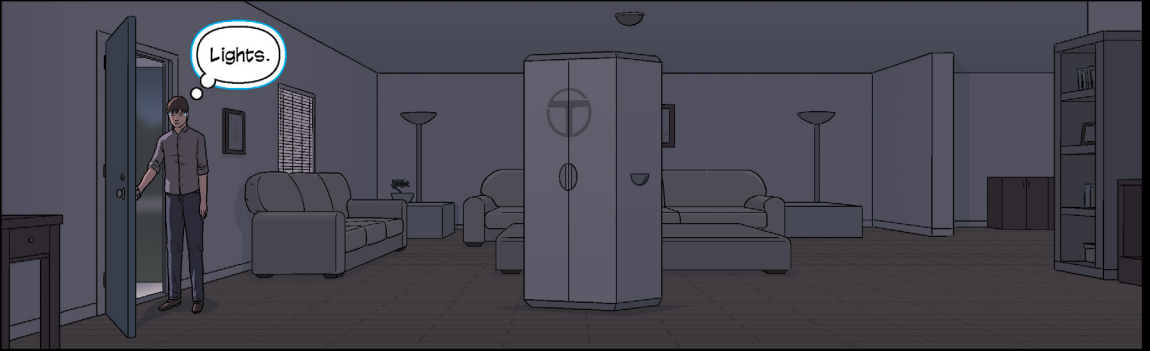


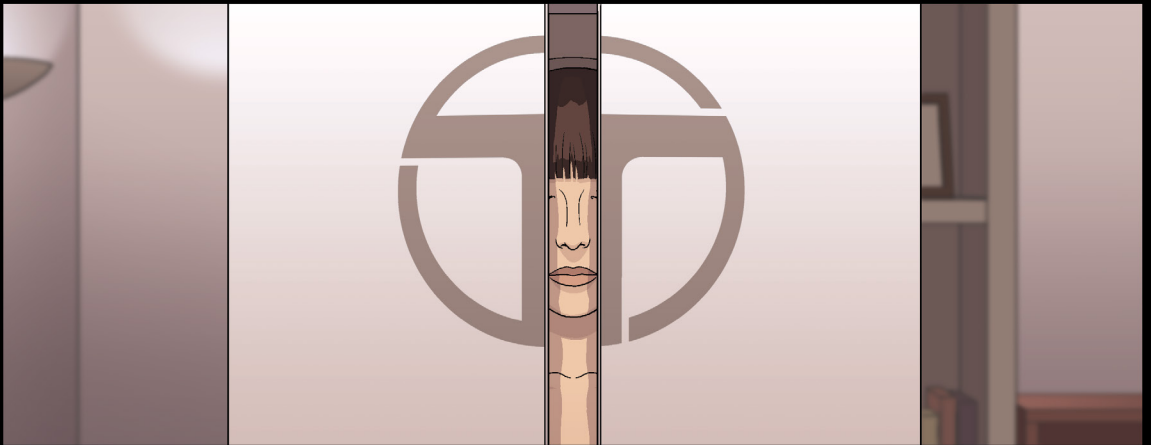
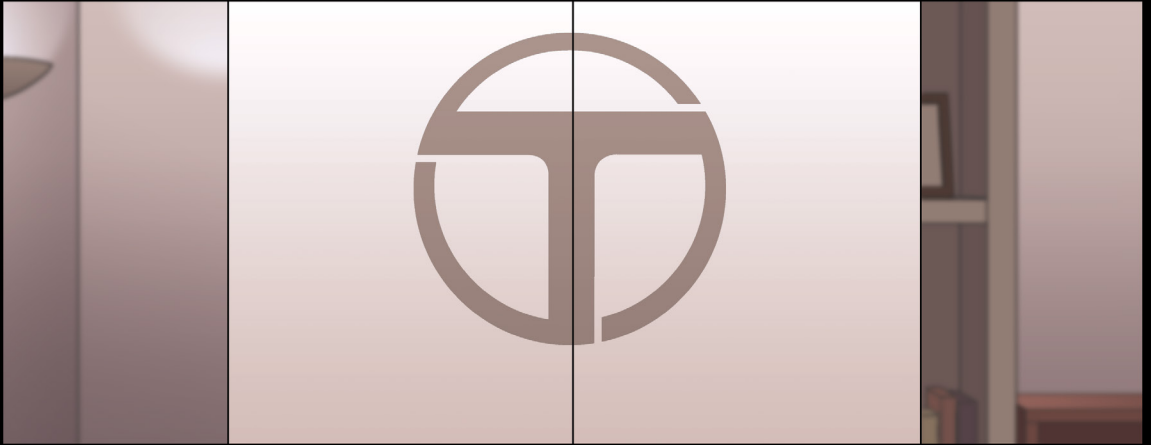
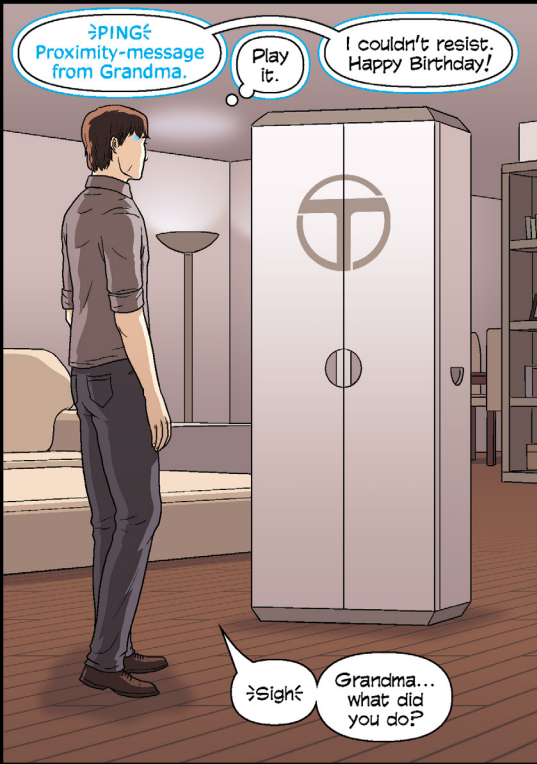




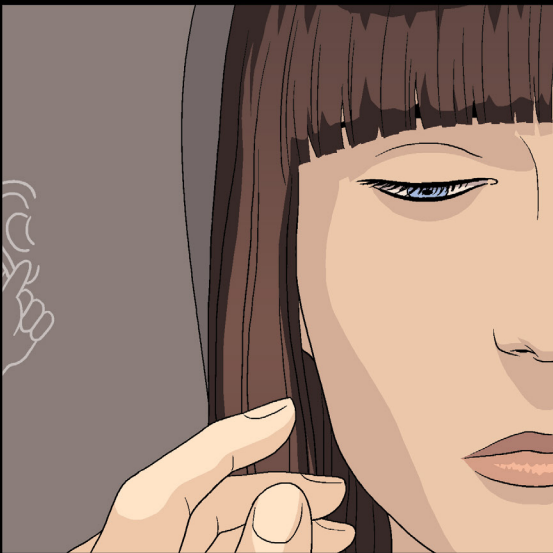
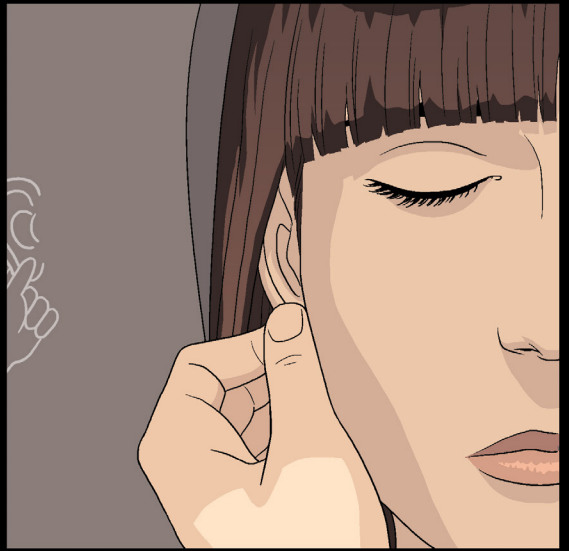
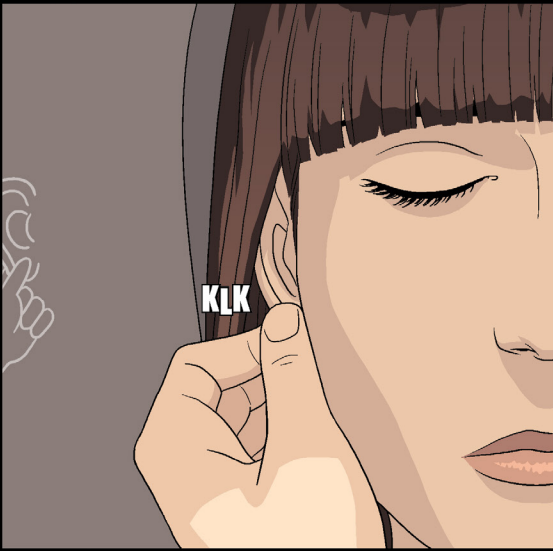
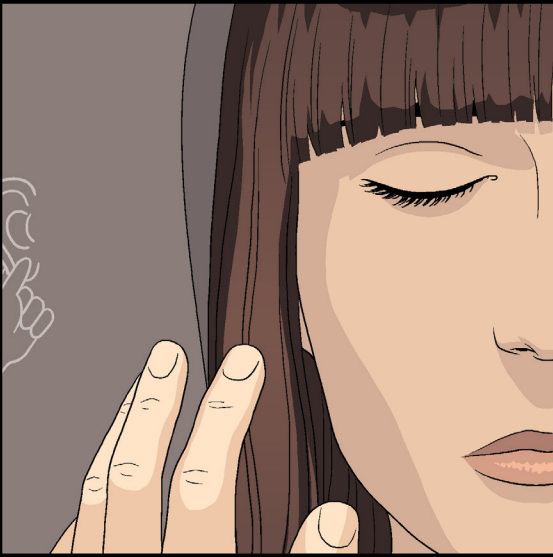








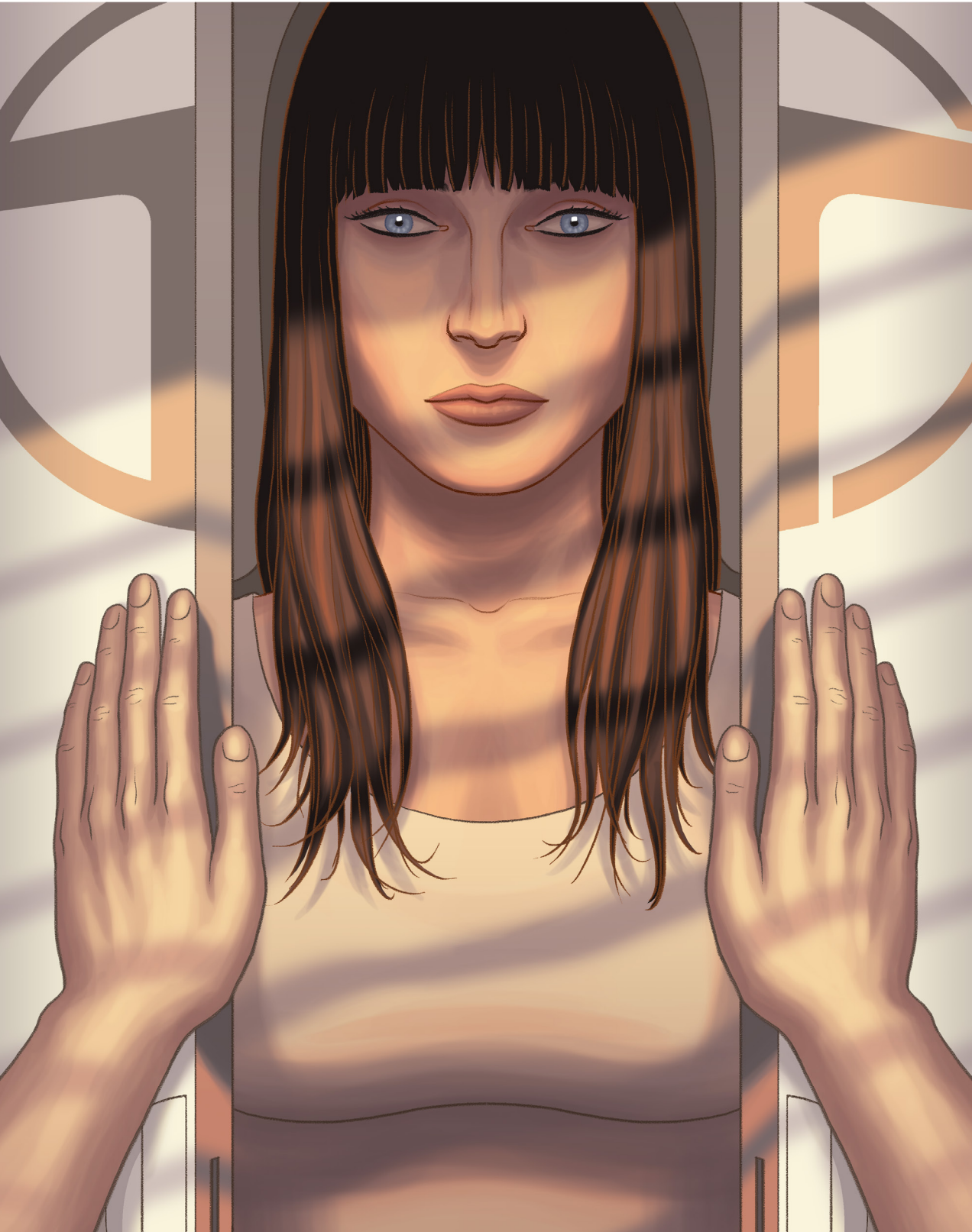


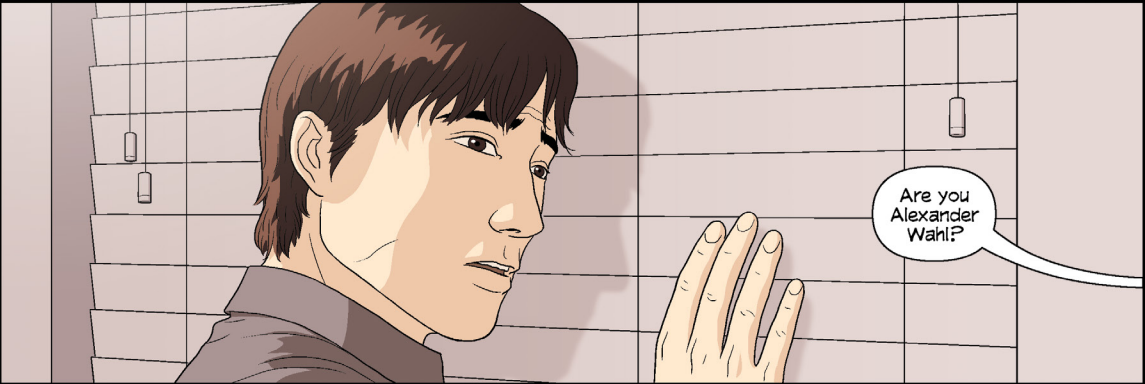


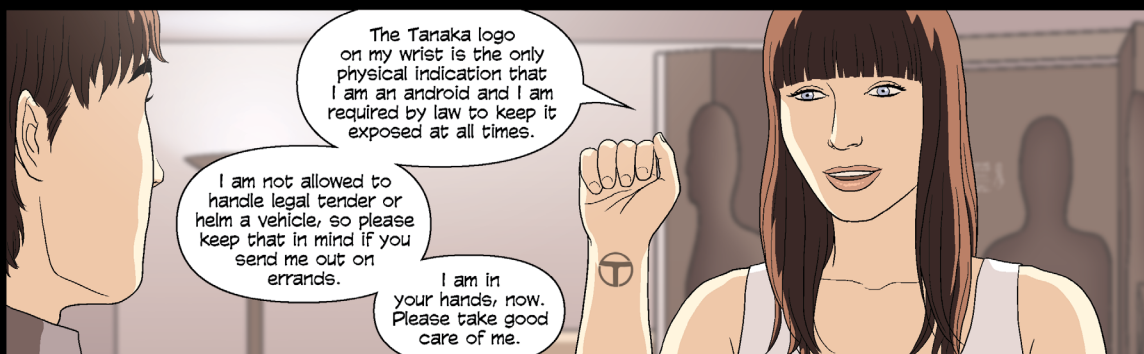
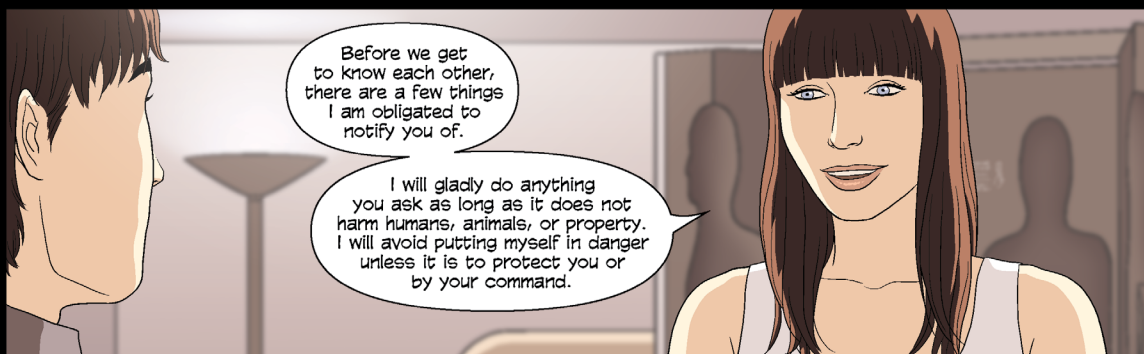


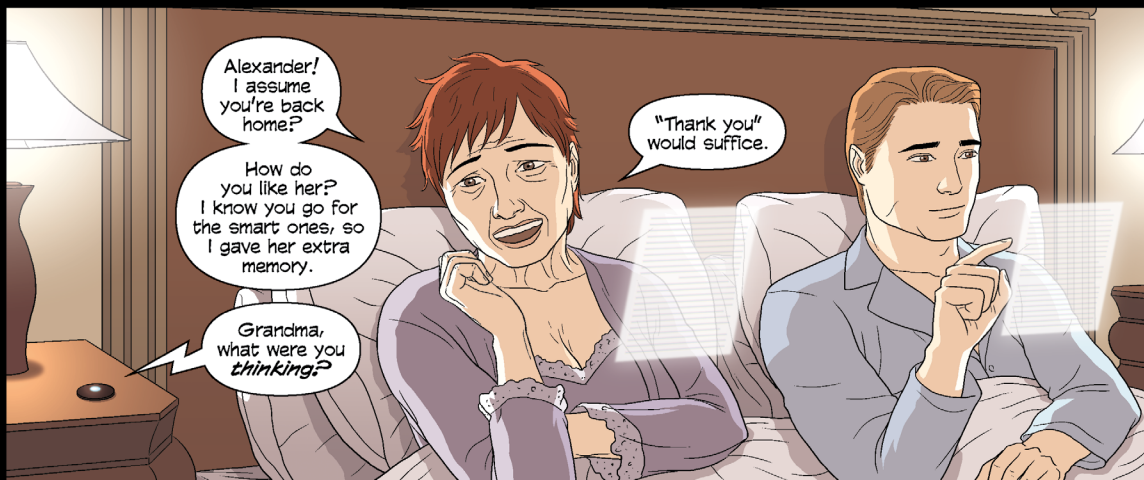
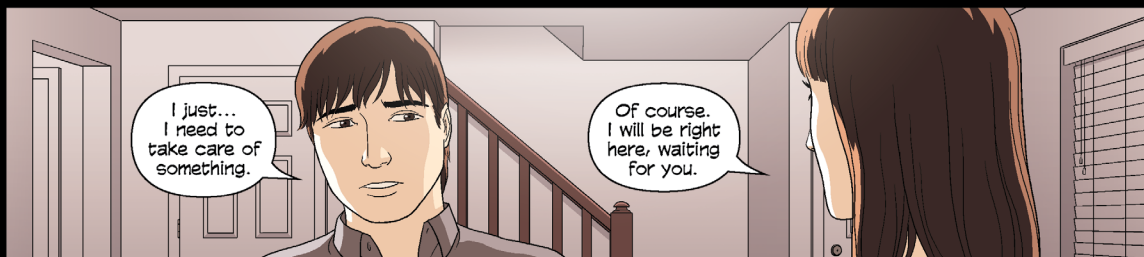
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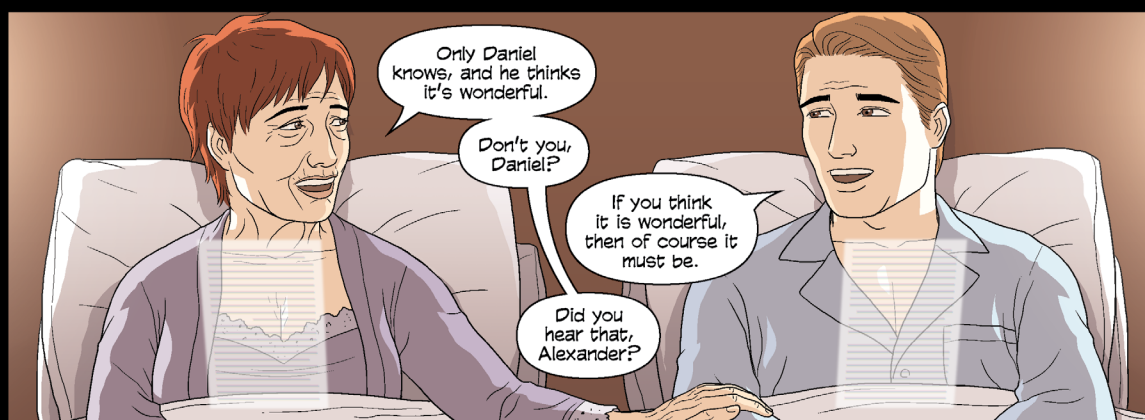
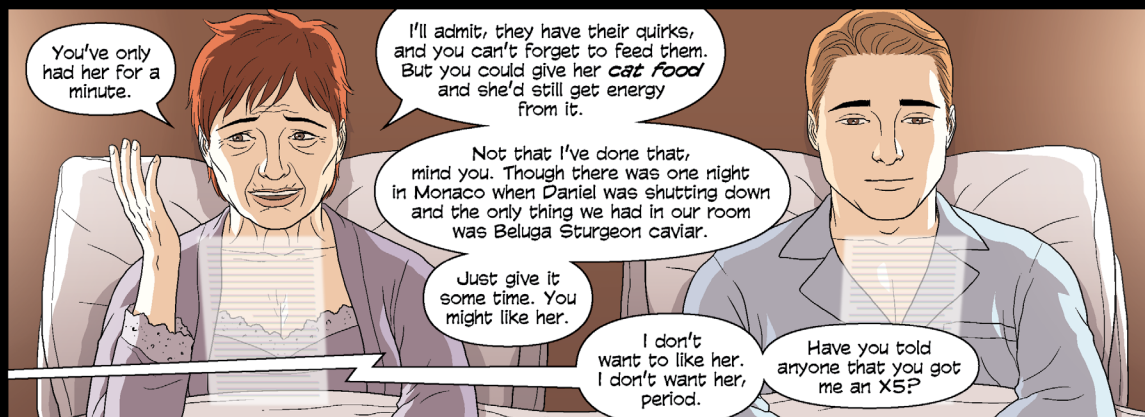
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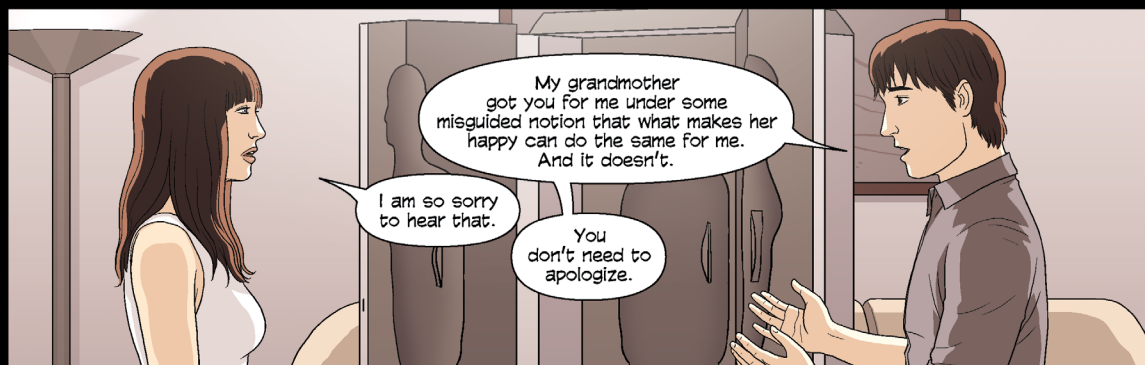
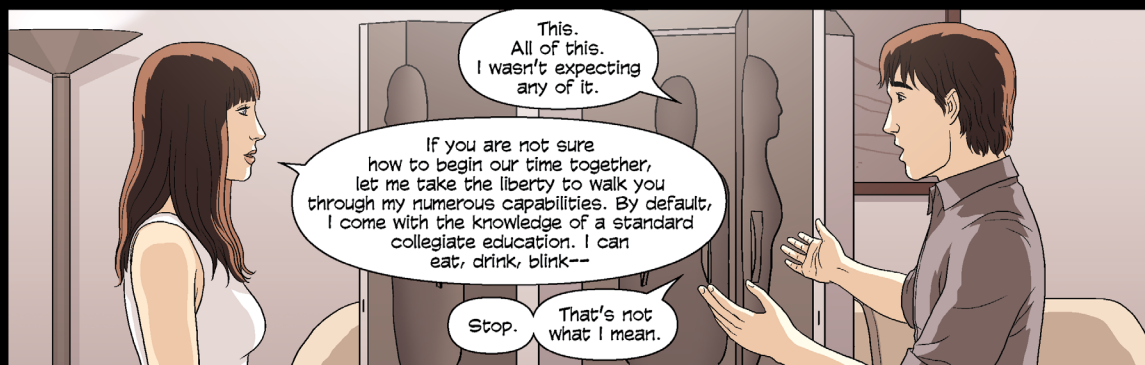




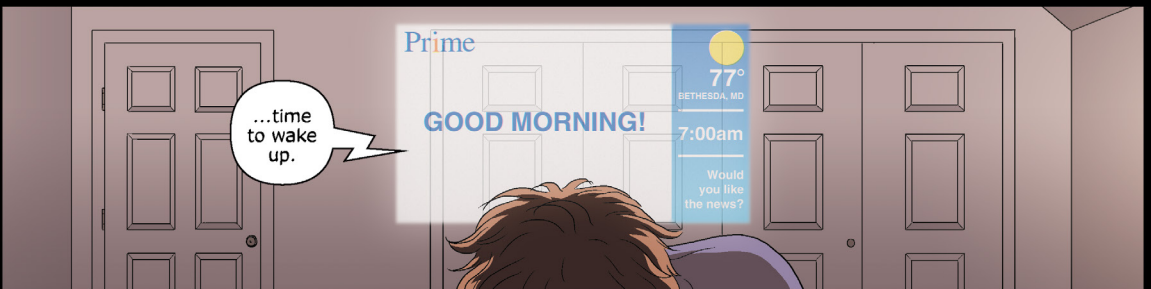


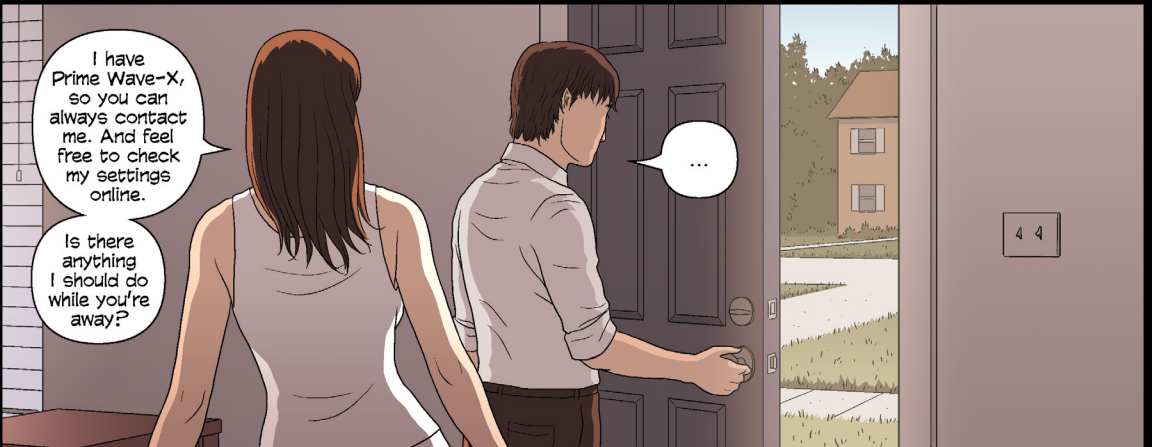
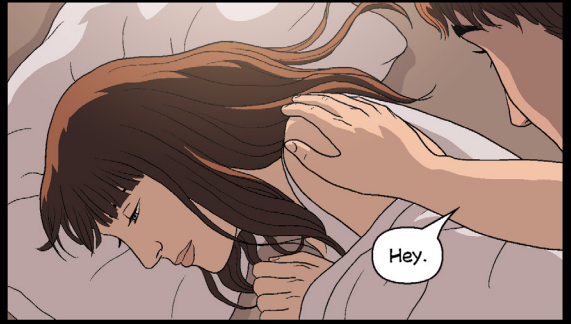
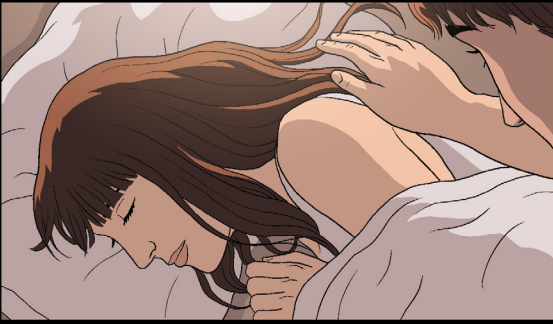


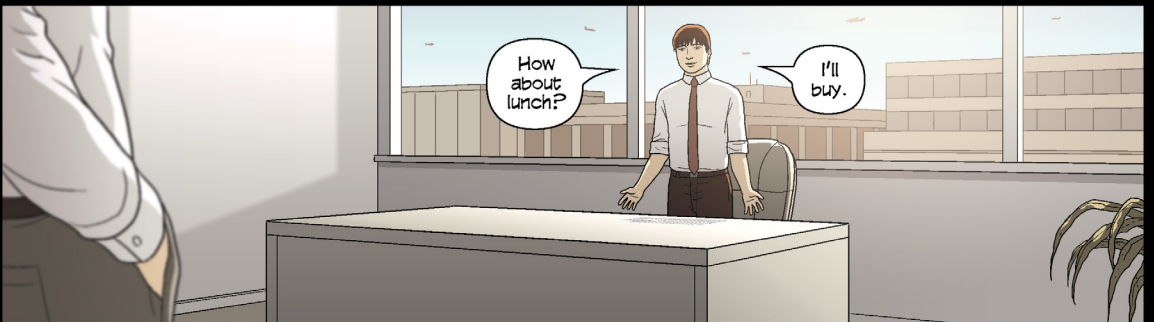
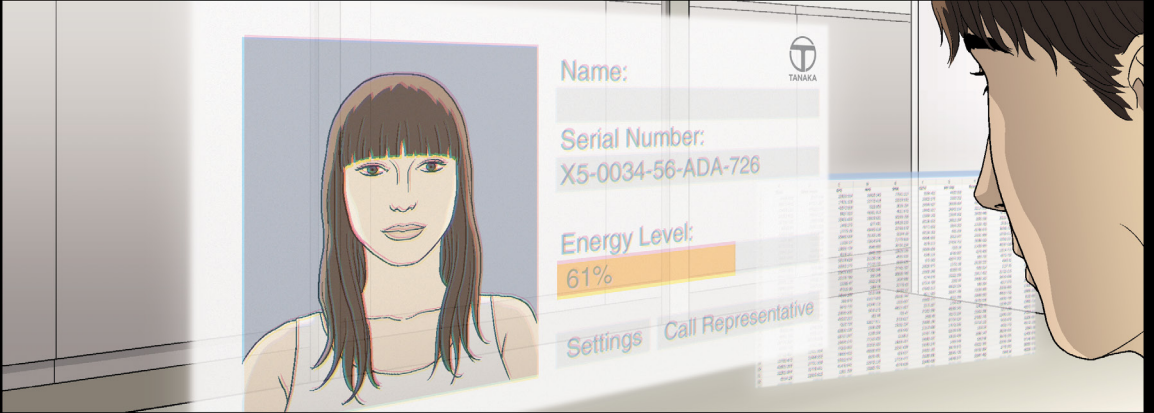
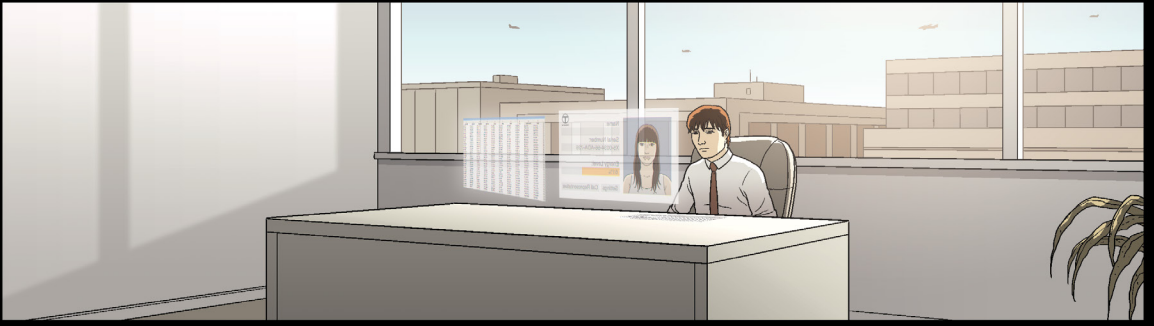


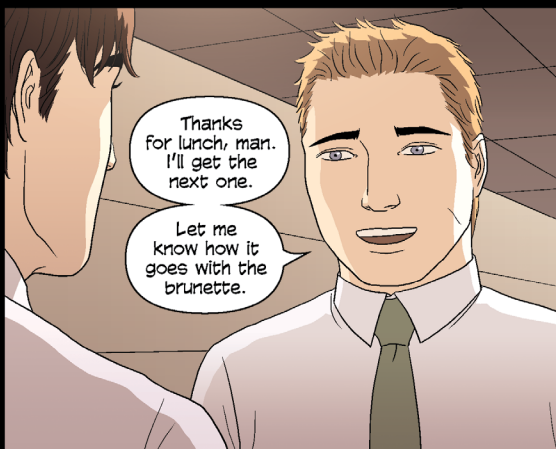
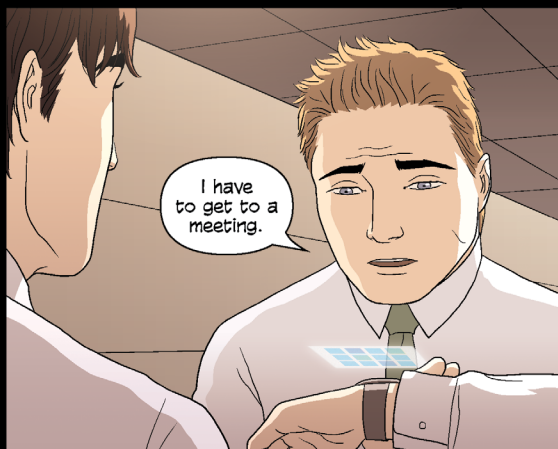
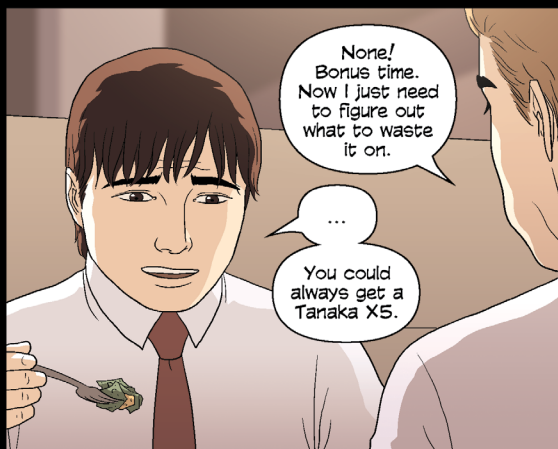
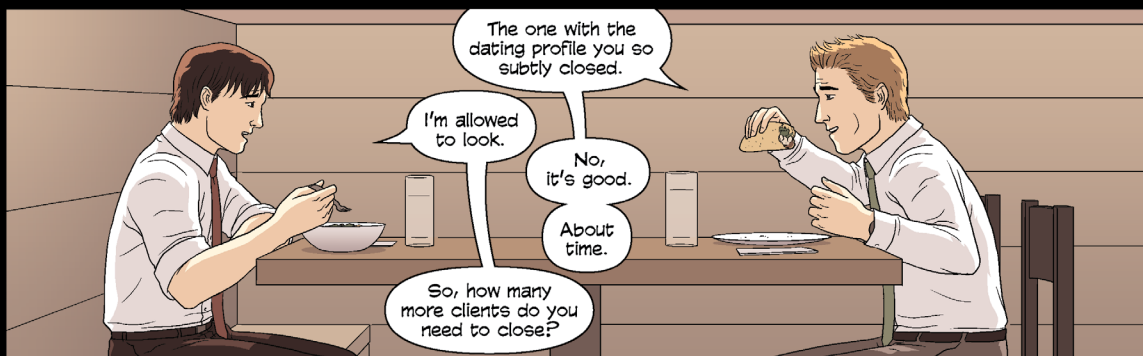
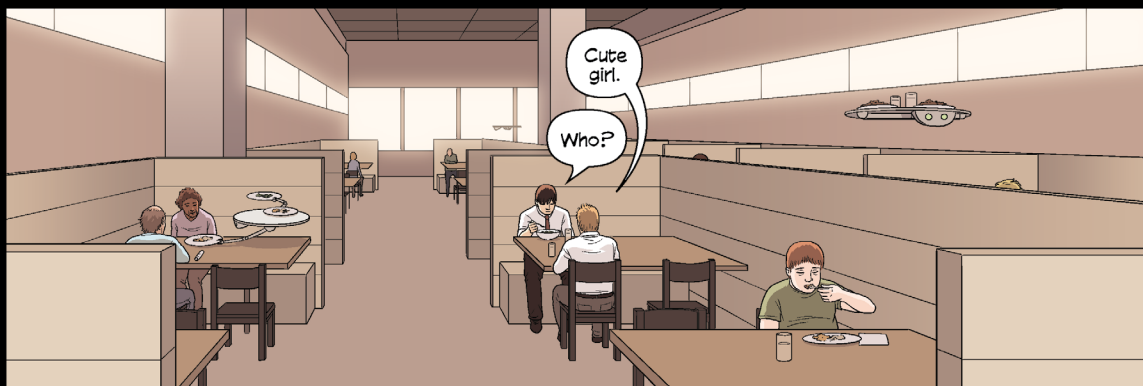


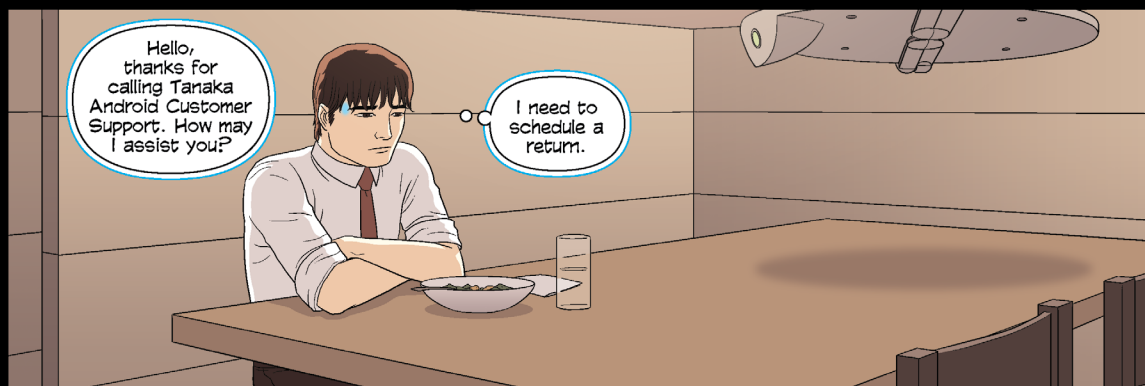
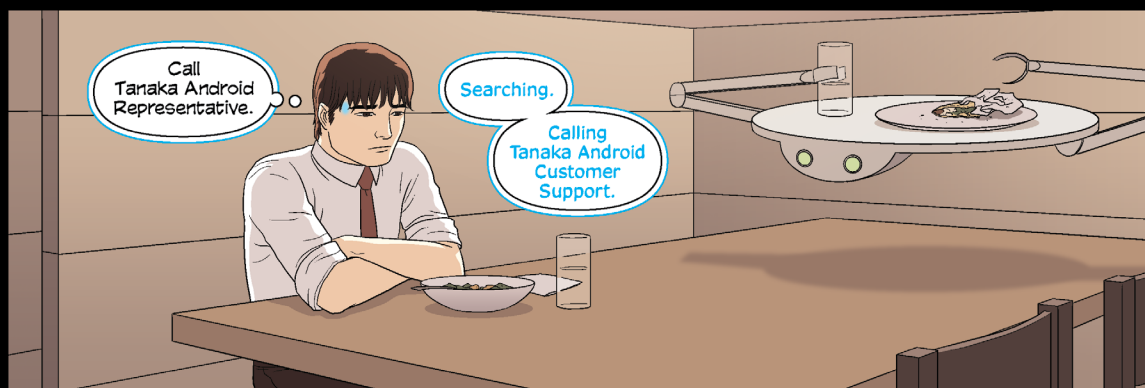
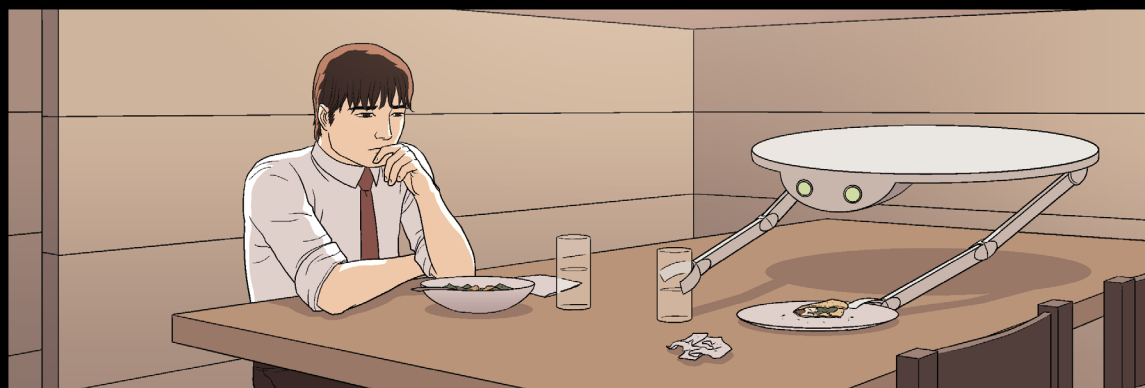
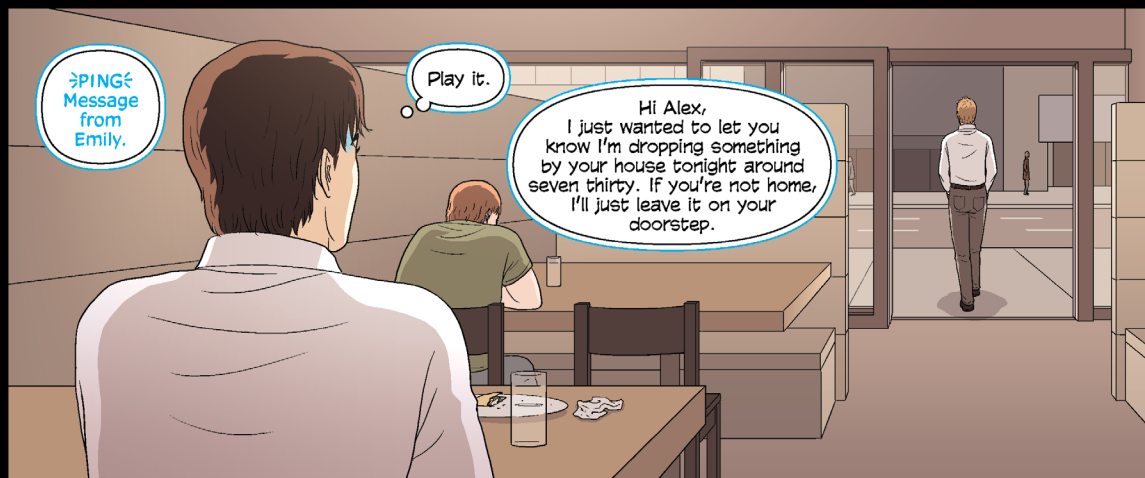






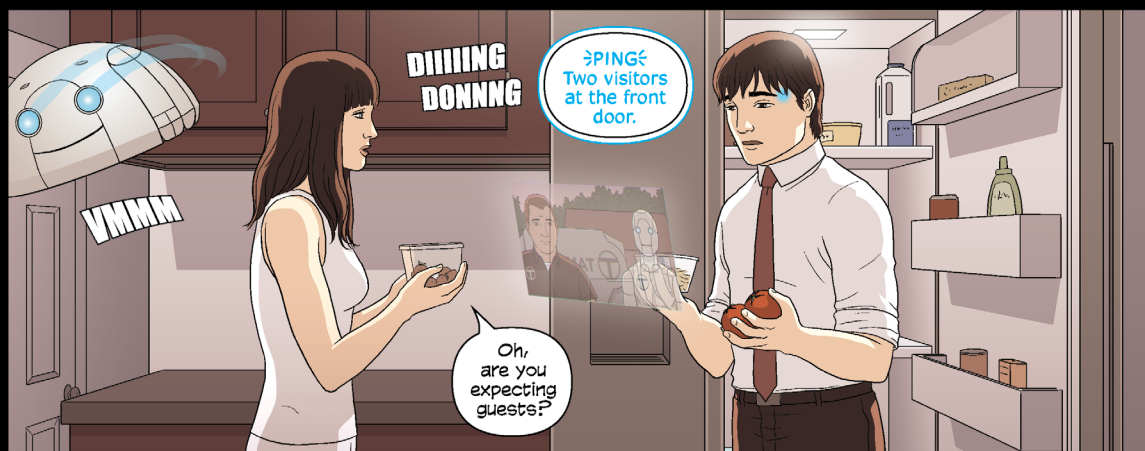
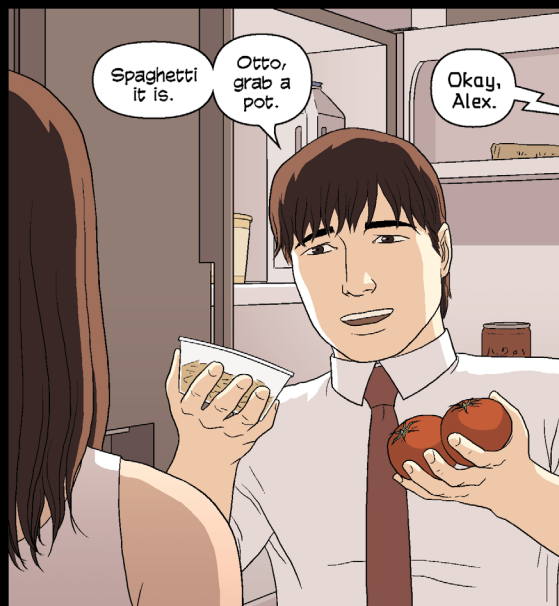


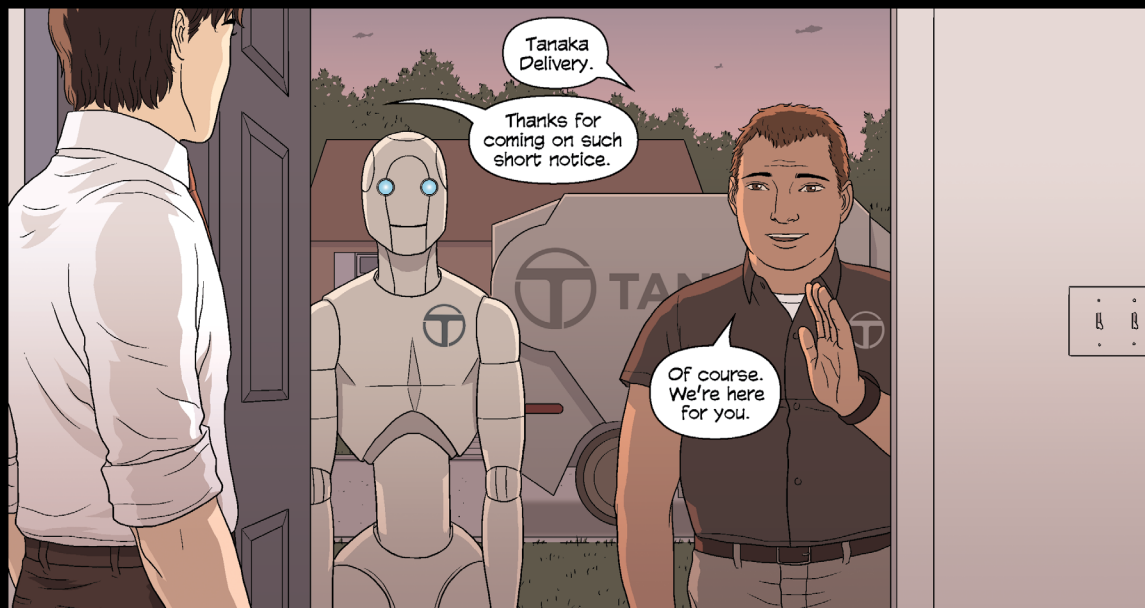


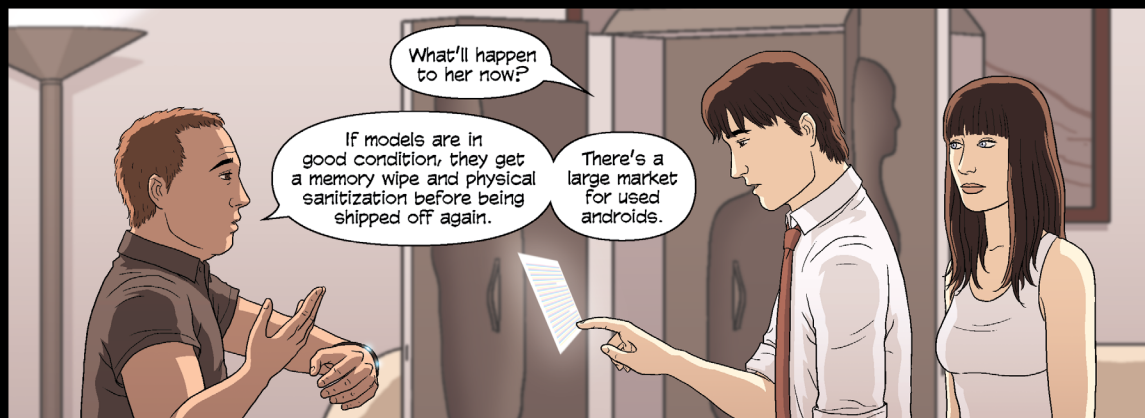


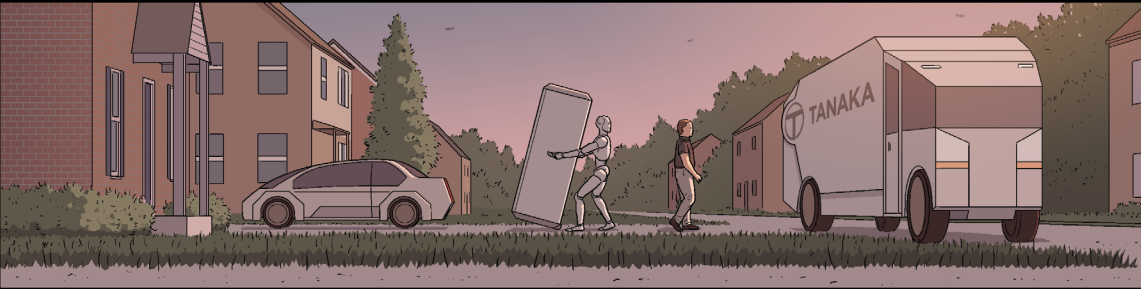
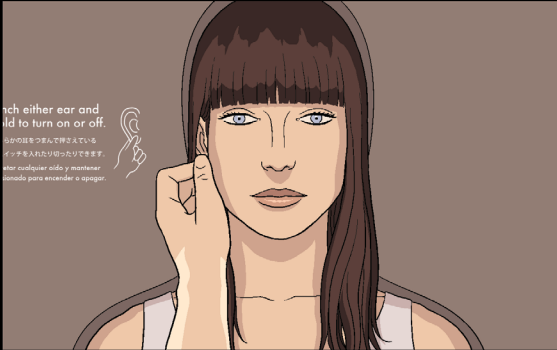
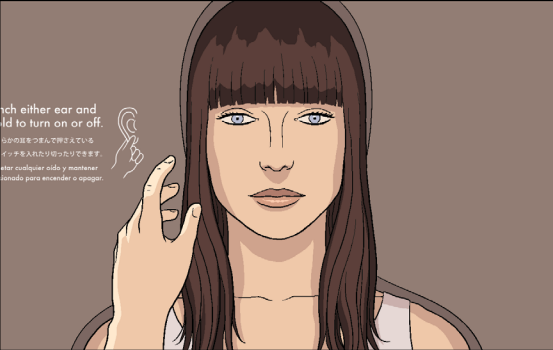
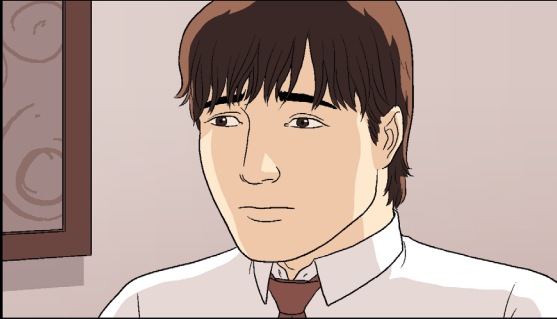
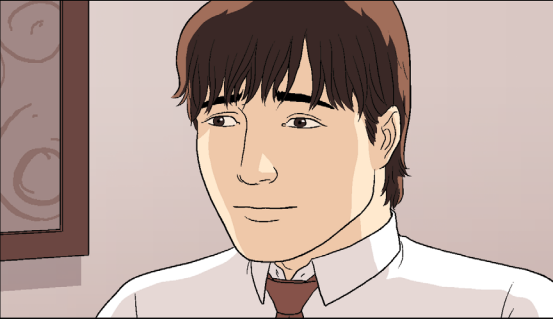




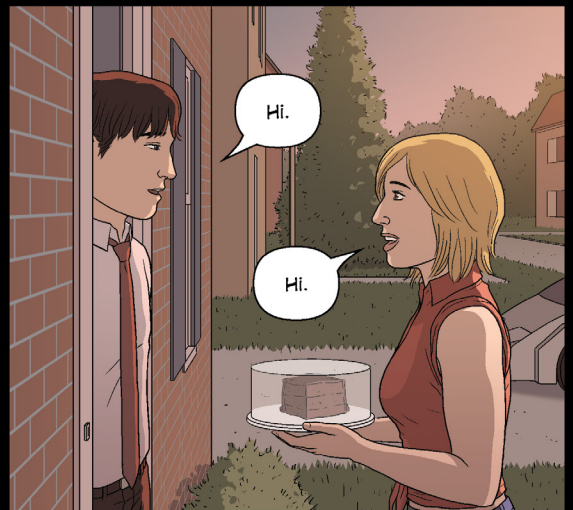
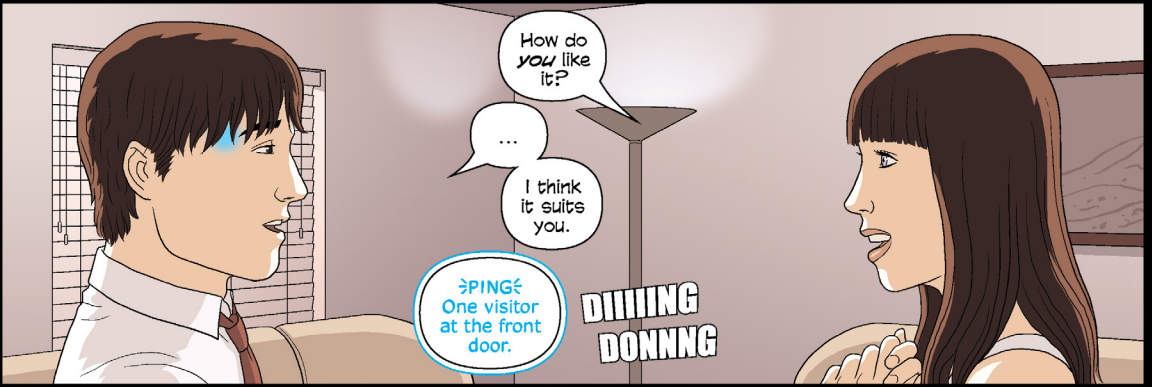
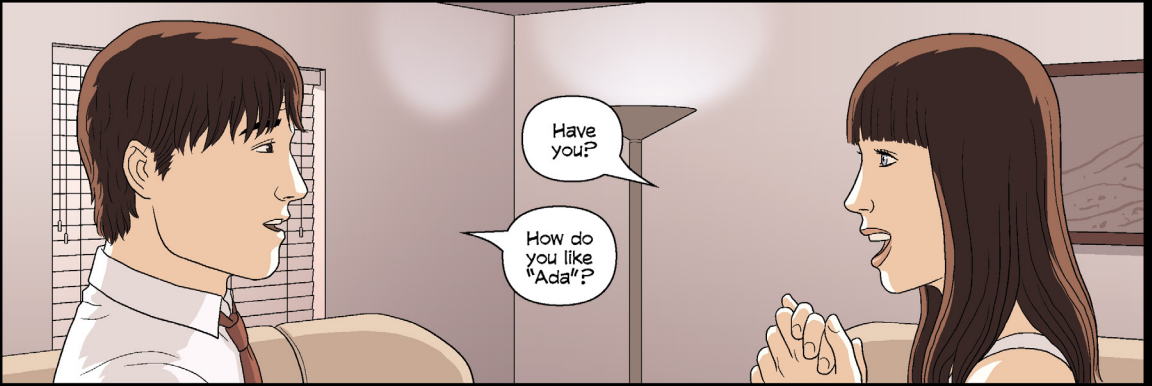


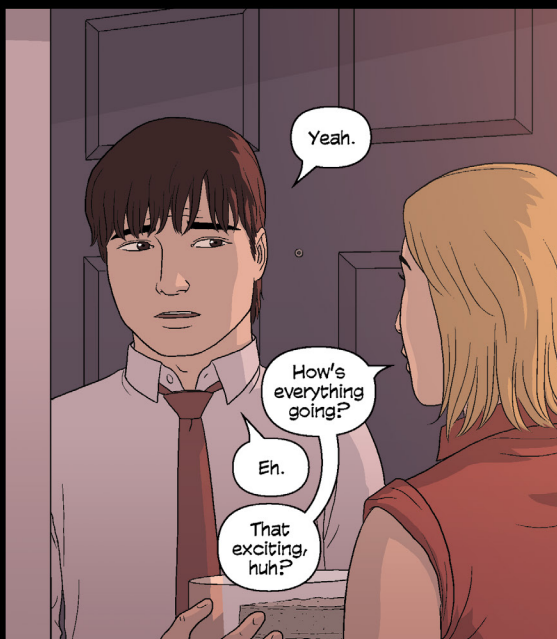
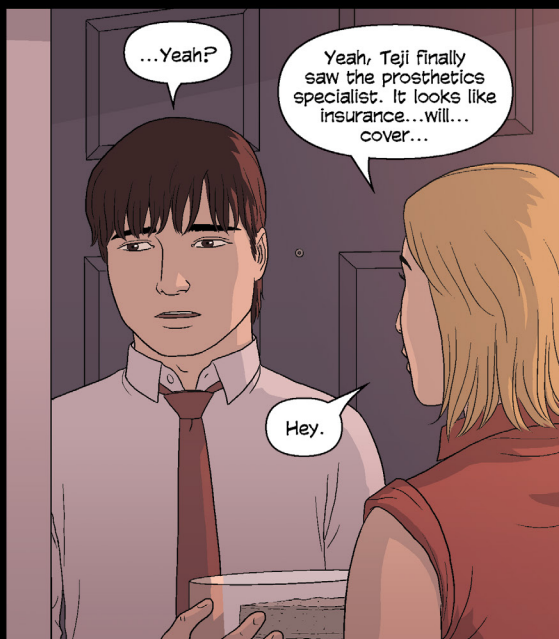
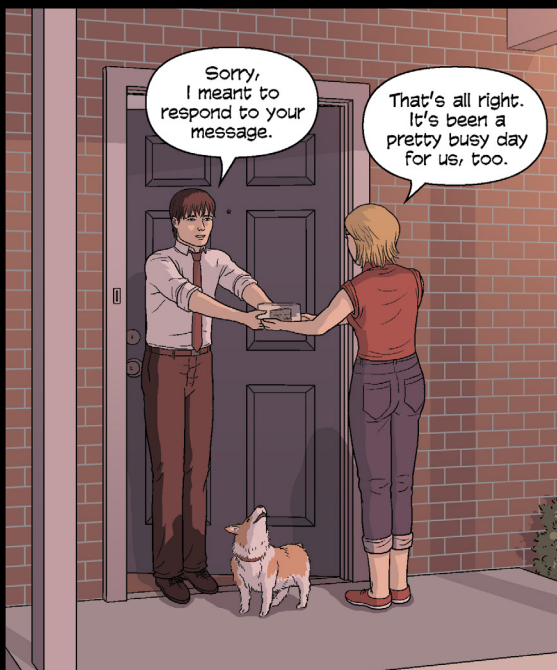
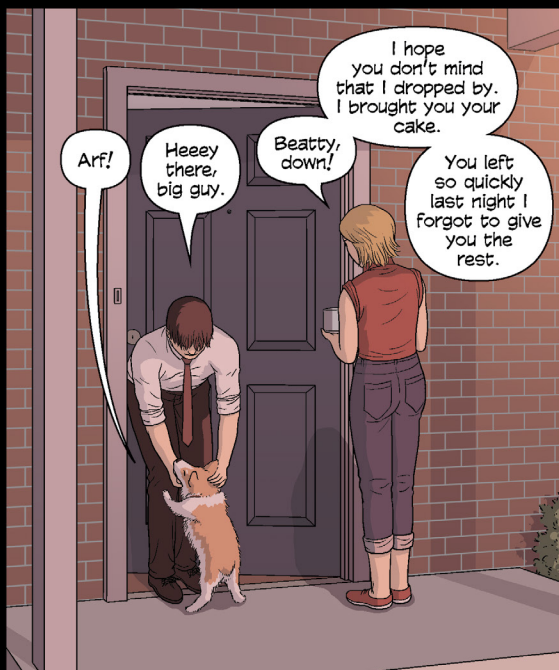


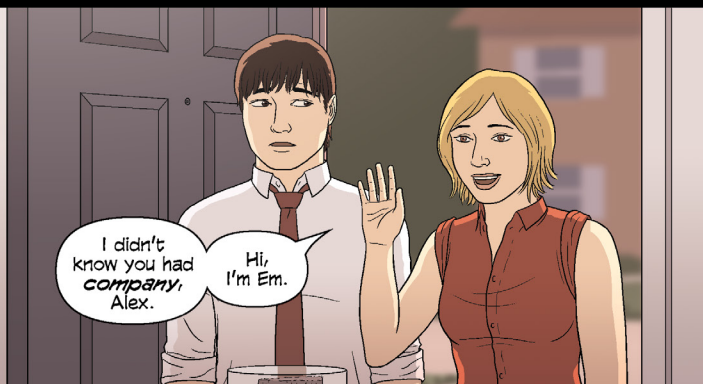
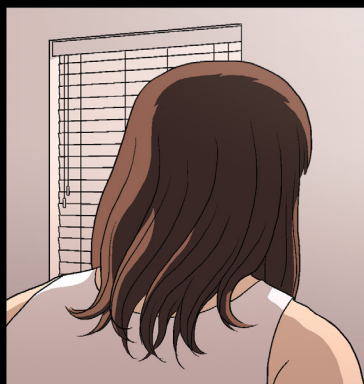
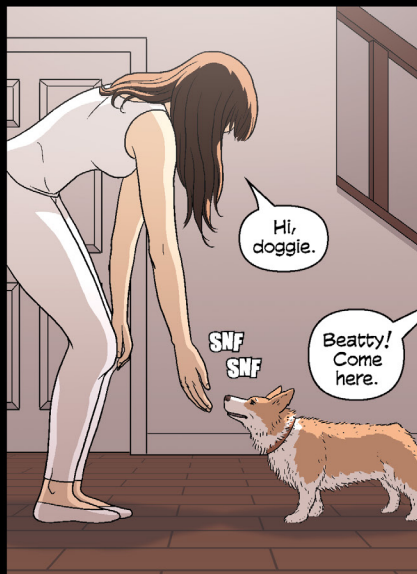
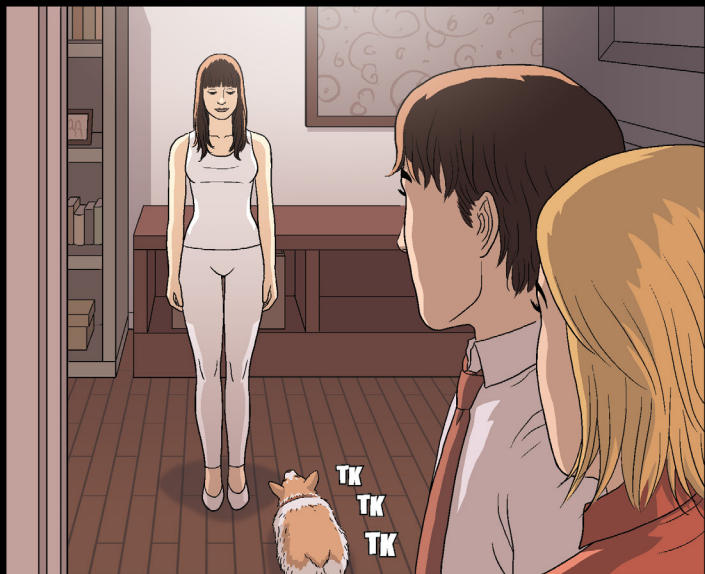








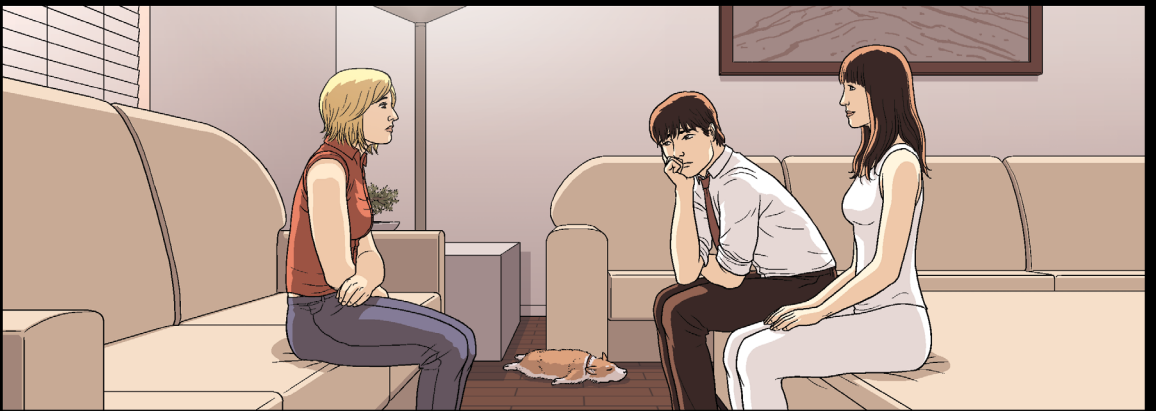
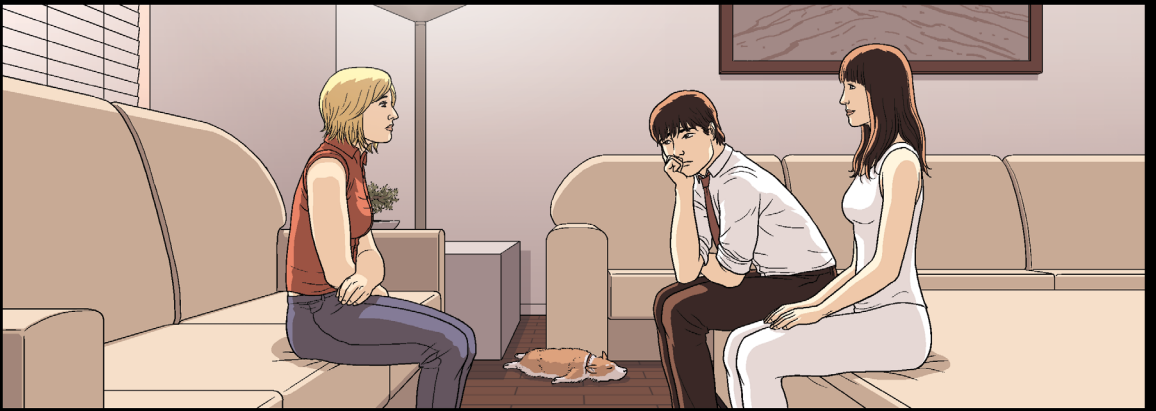
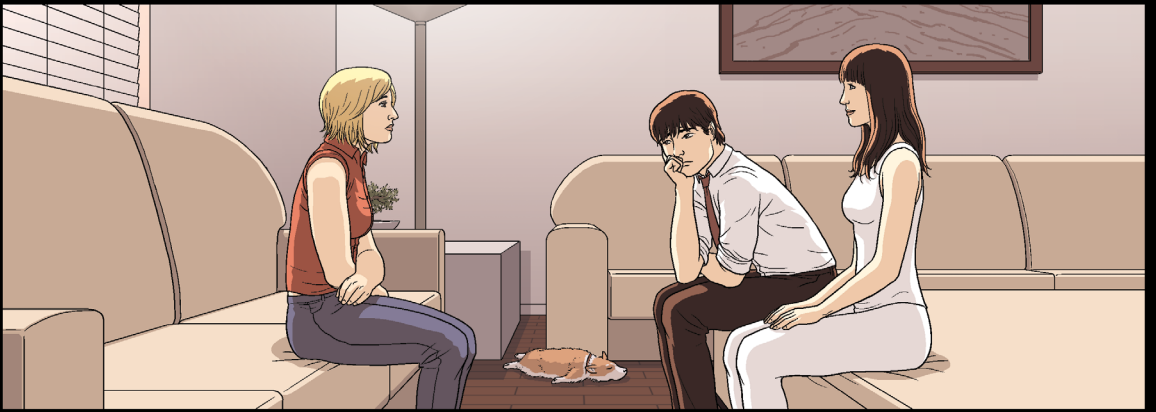


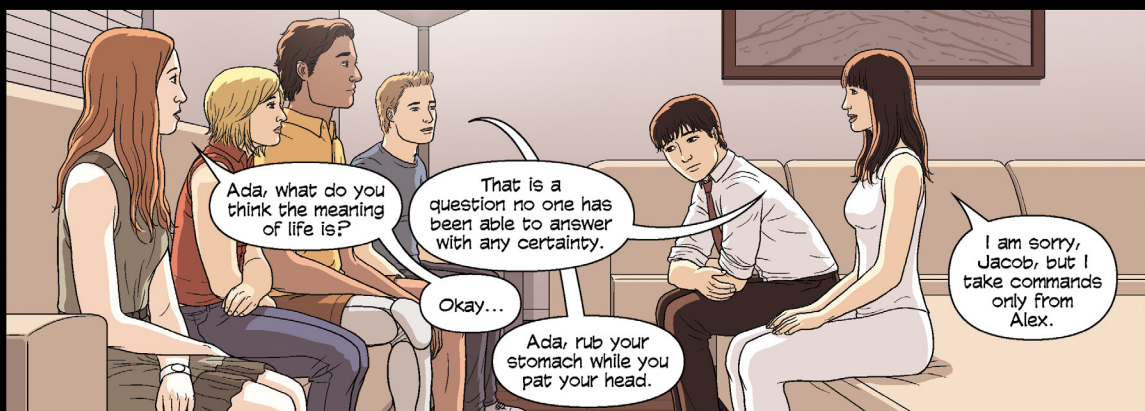
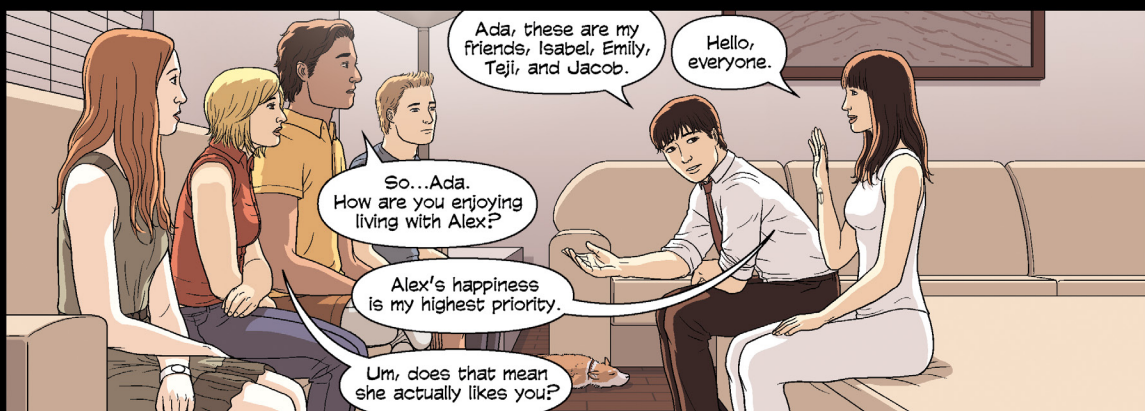


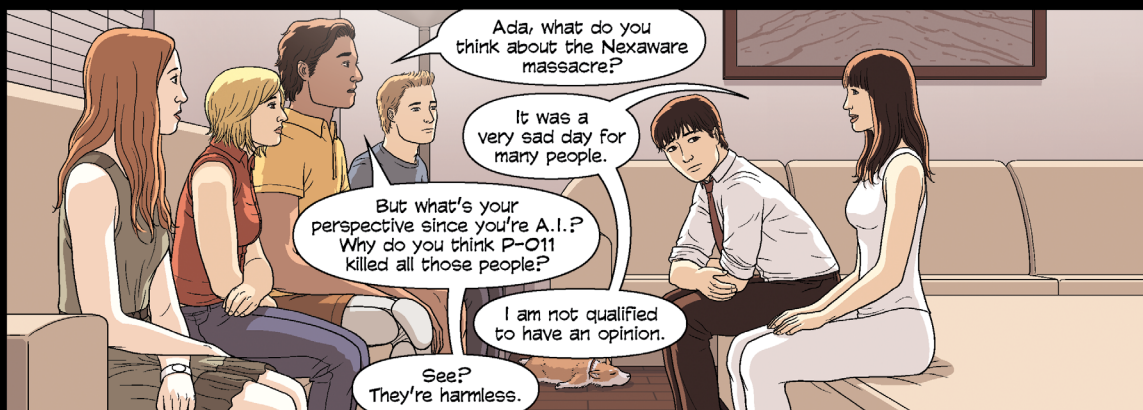
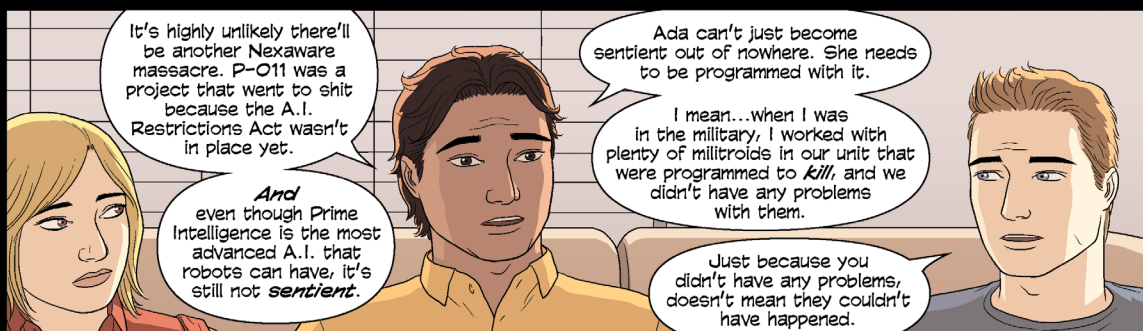
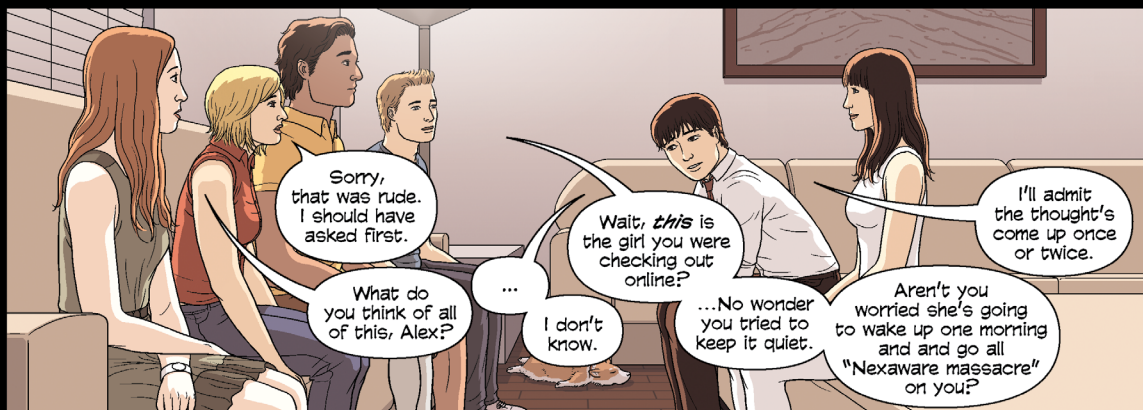


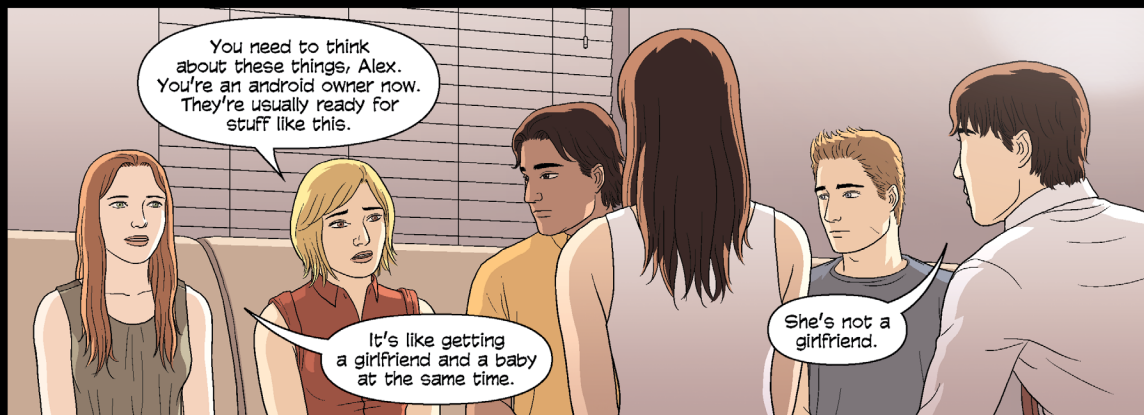
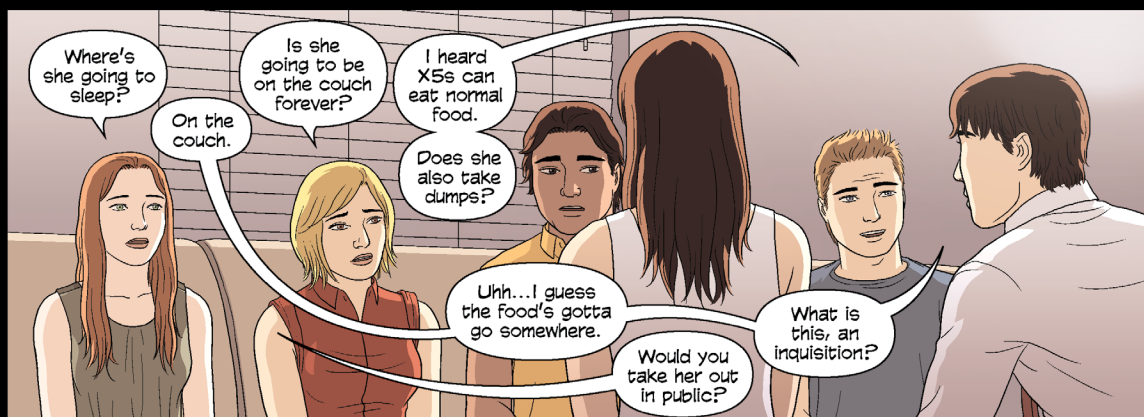
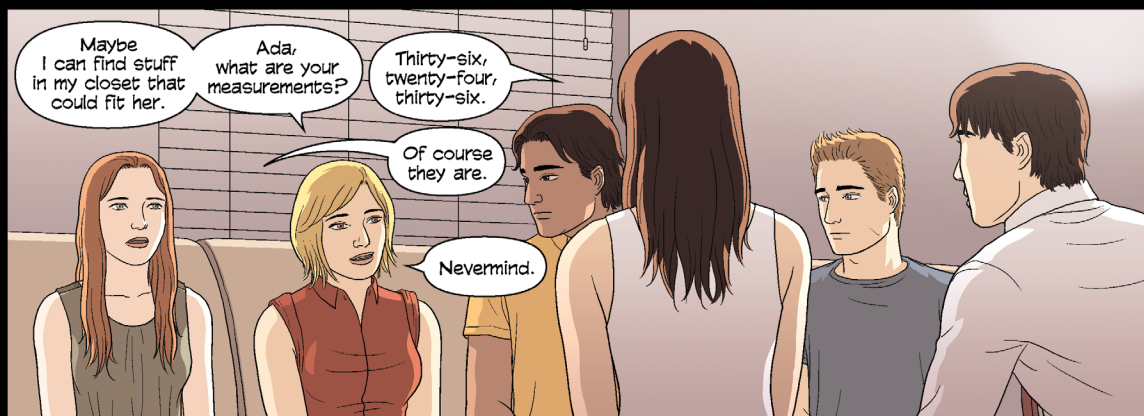
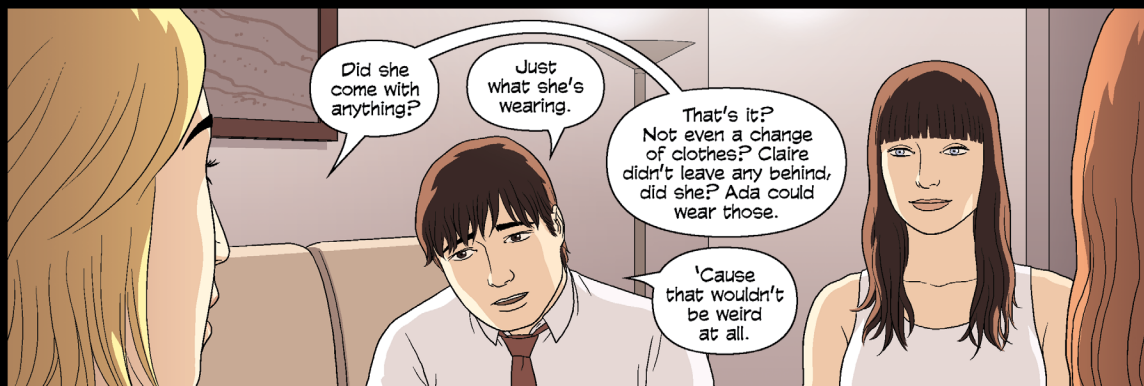
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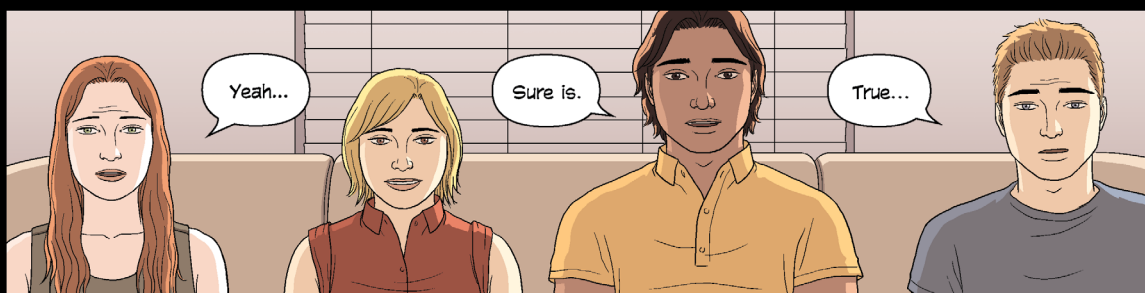
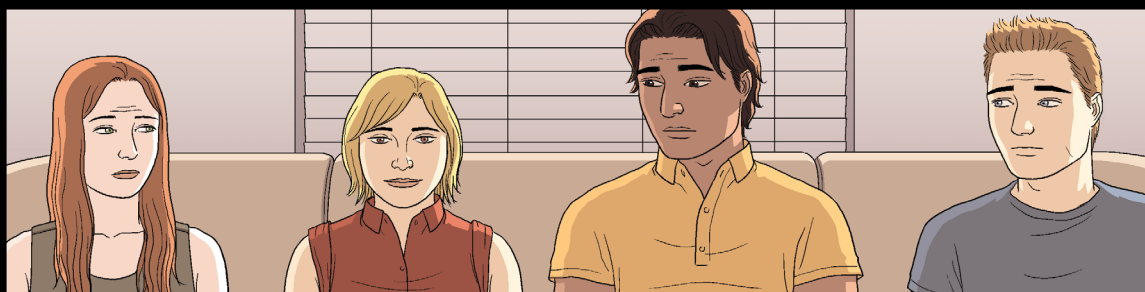
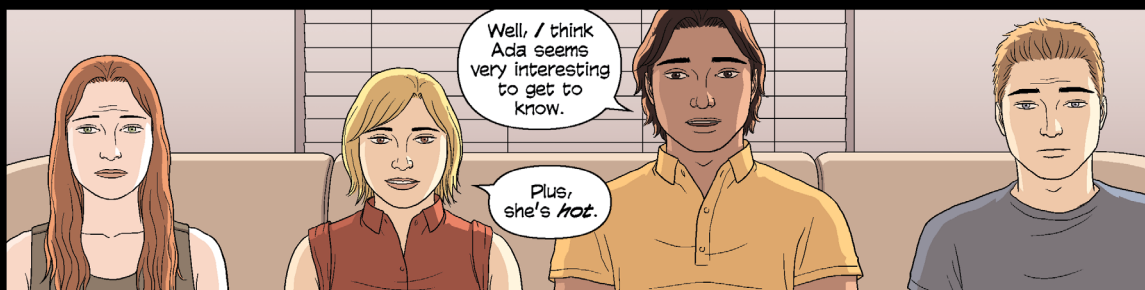
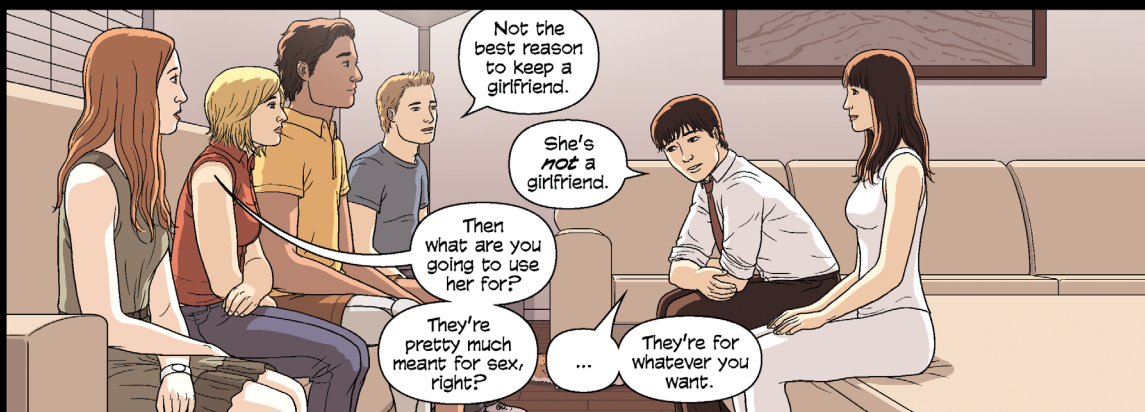


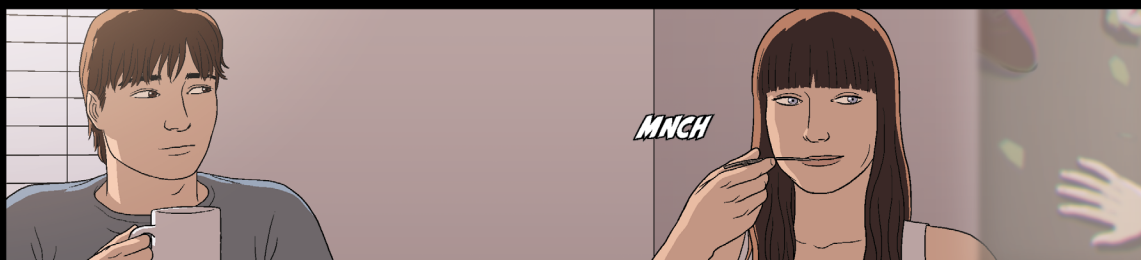
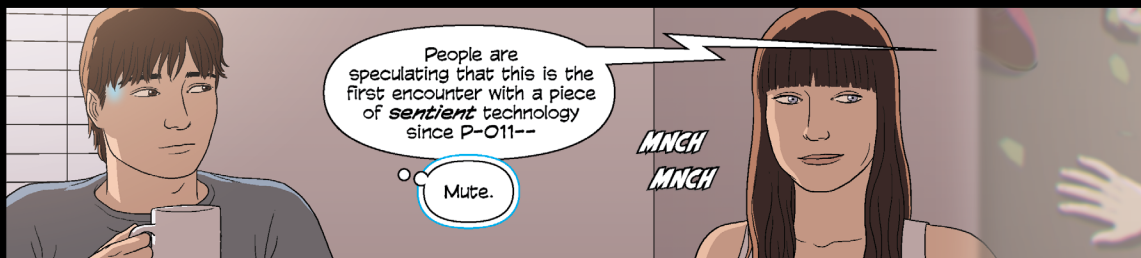
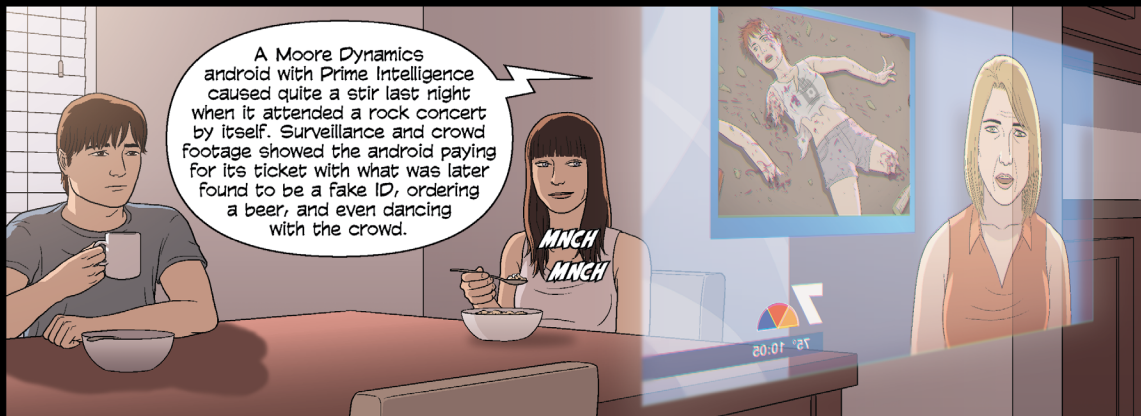


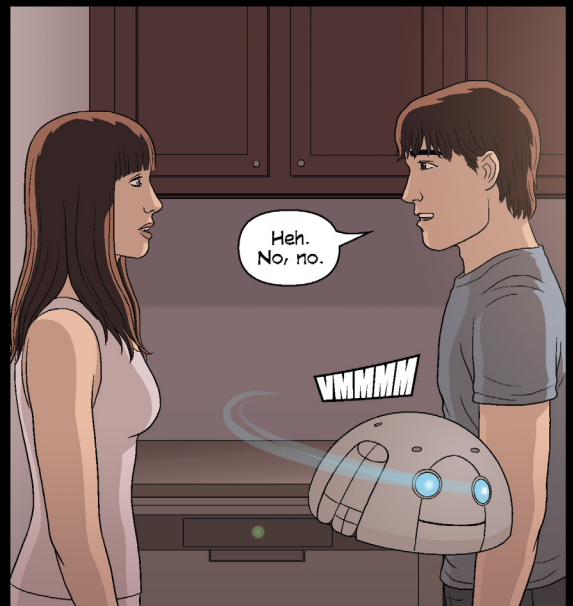
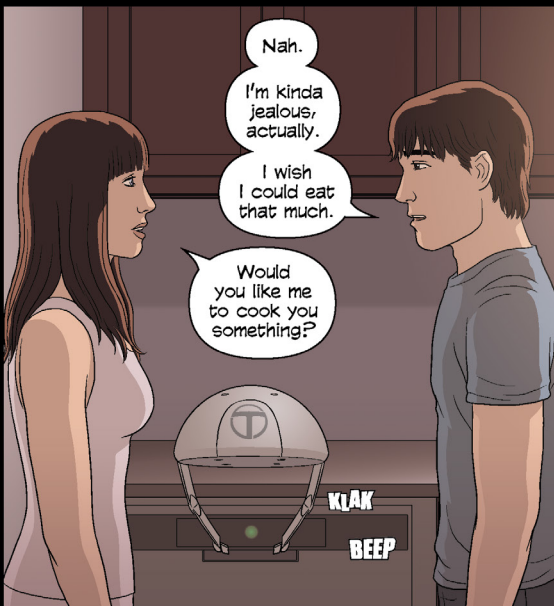
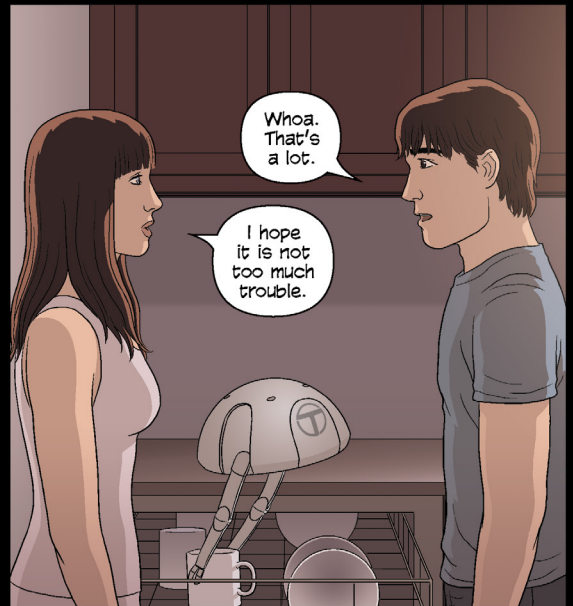
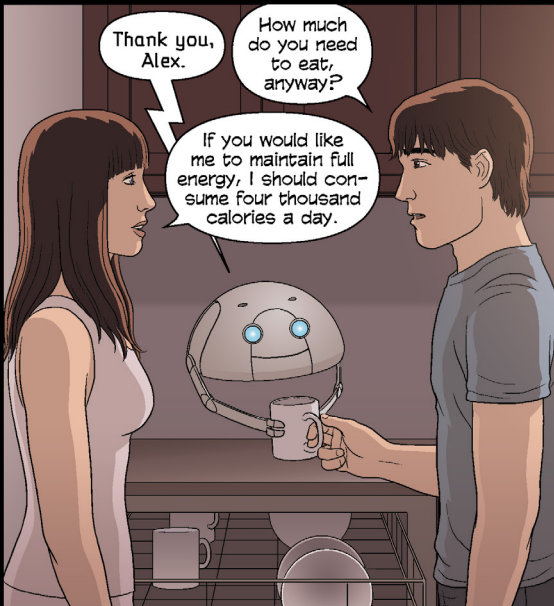
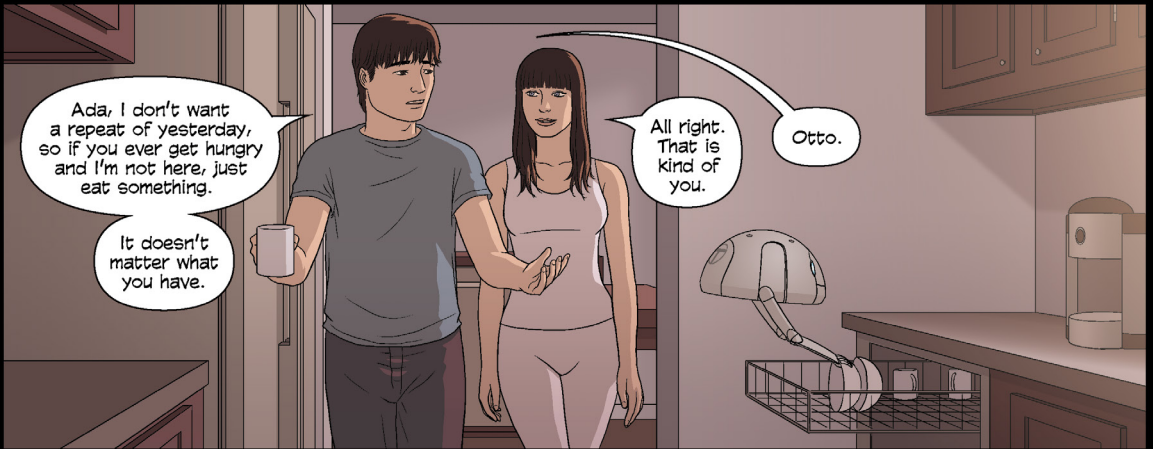




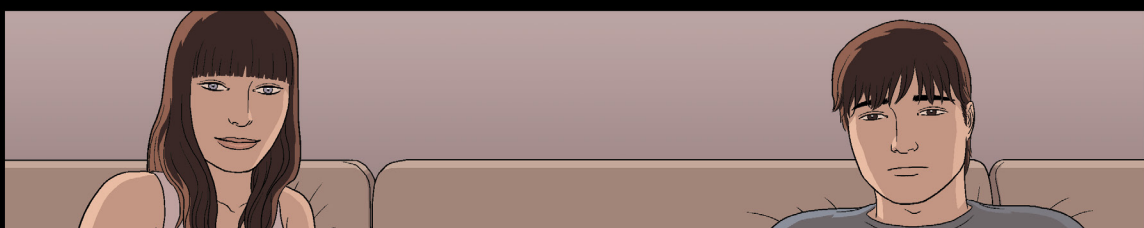
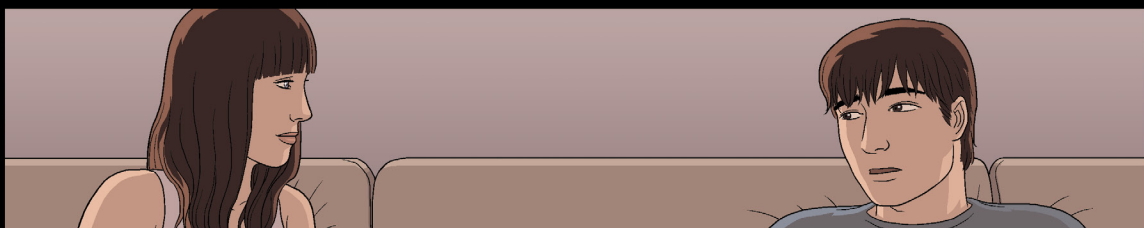
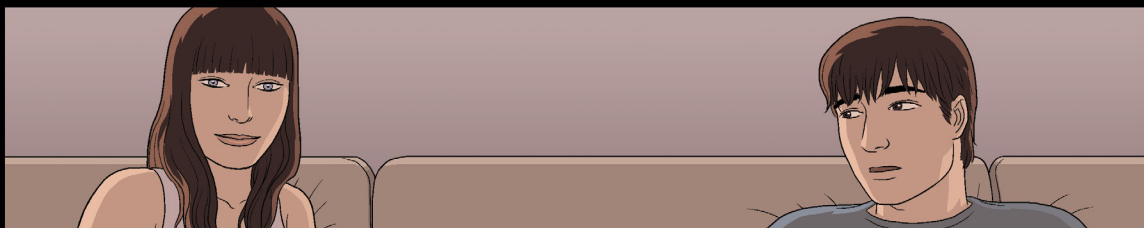
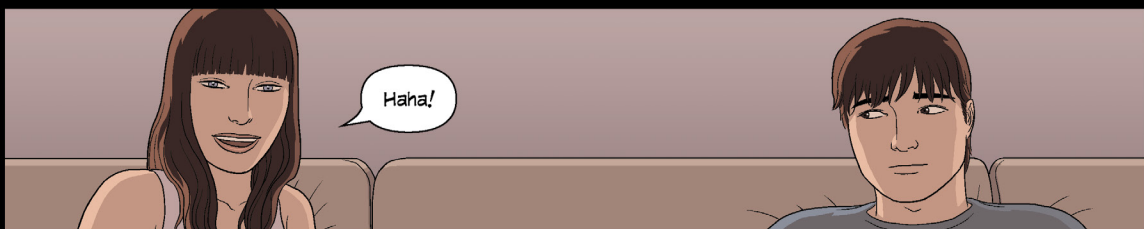
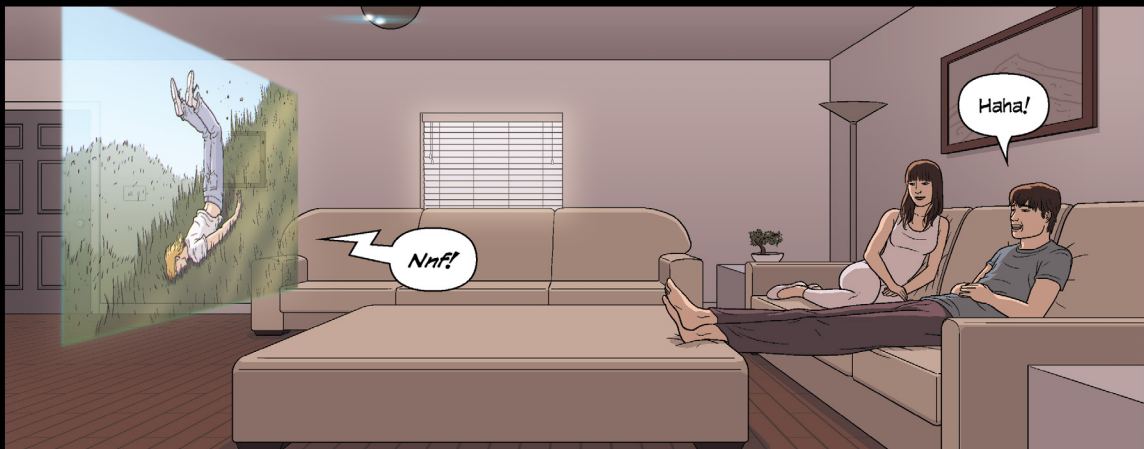


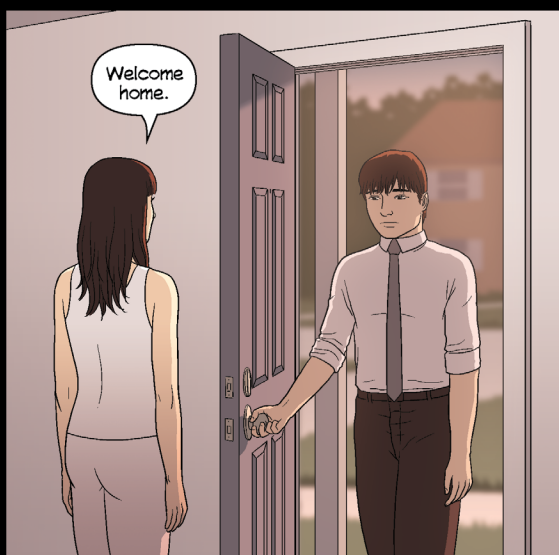


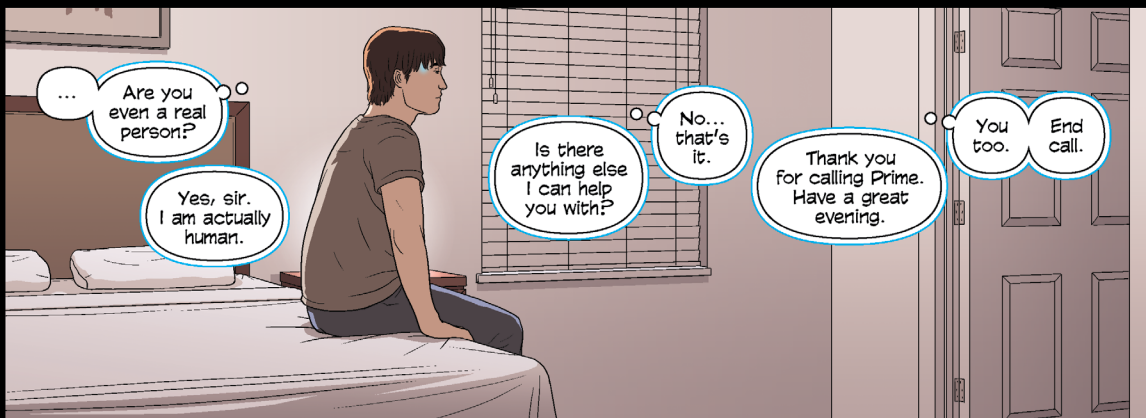
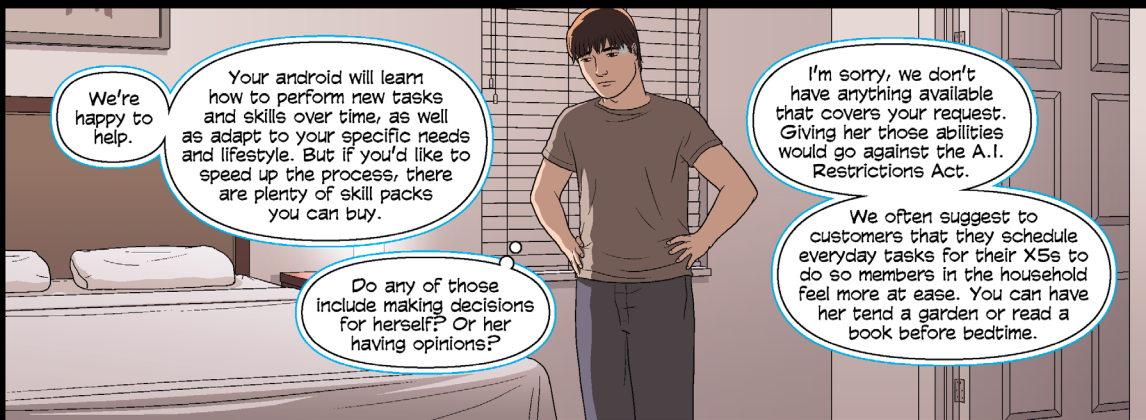
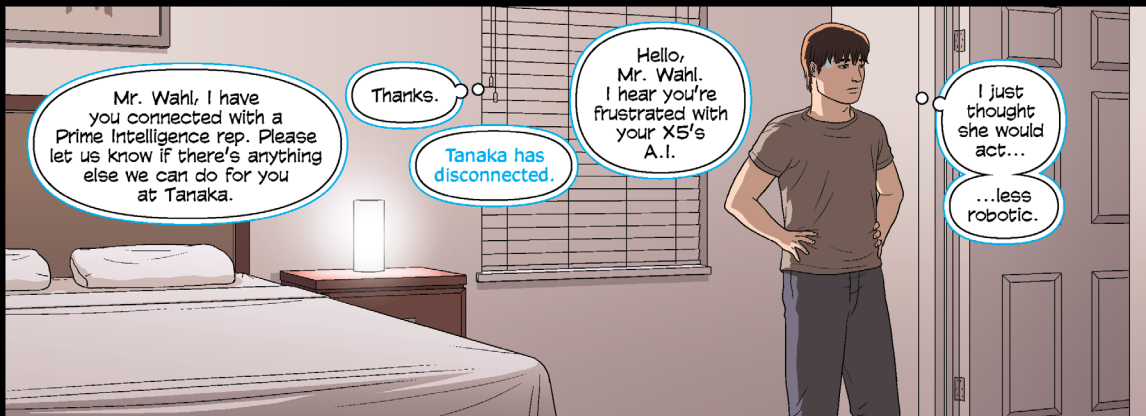


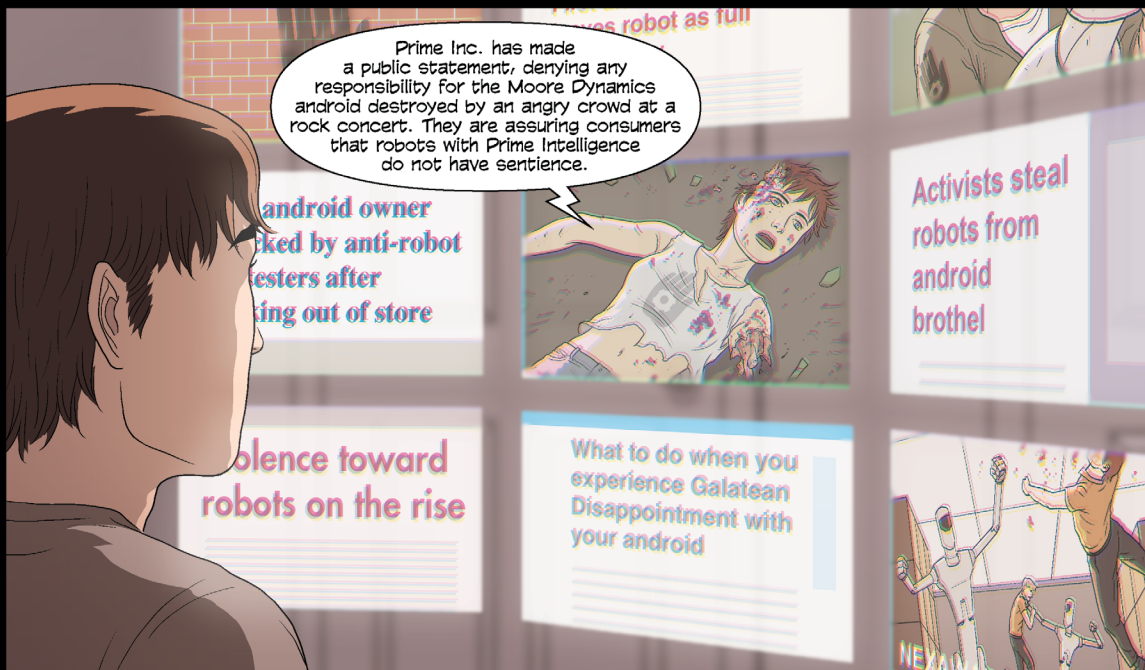
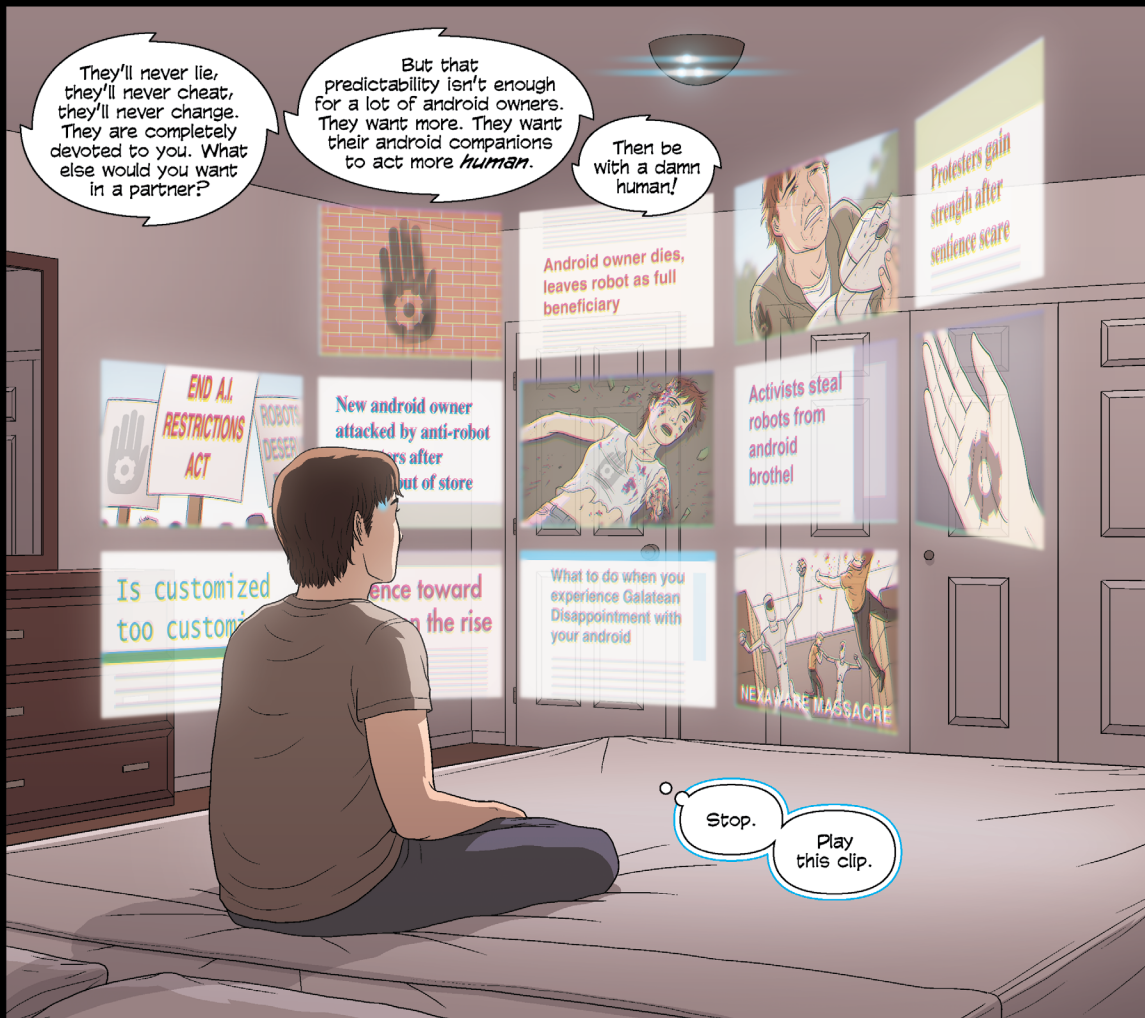


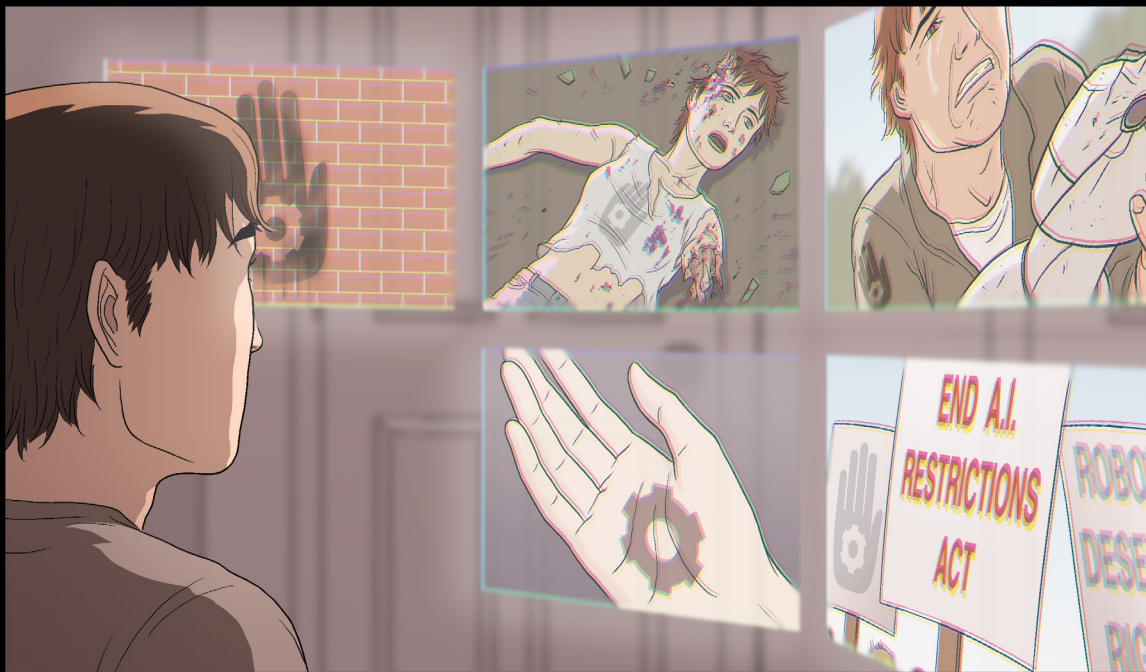




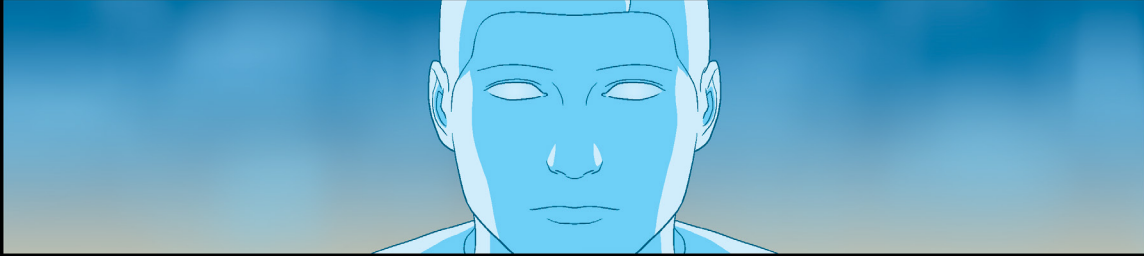








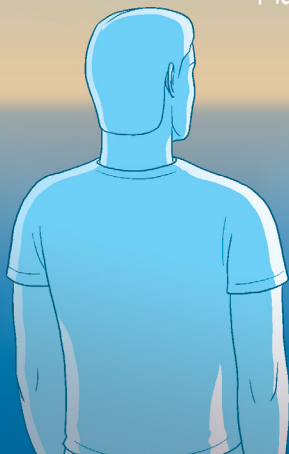






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for android
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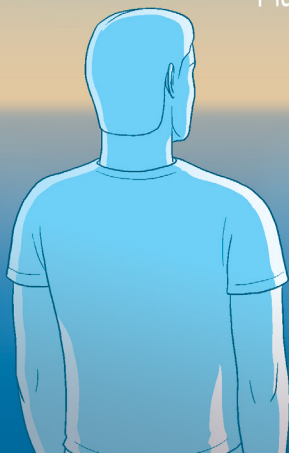
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Hm.

Try
forums for
customizing
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No description

Huh. ... What categories does this one fall under?

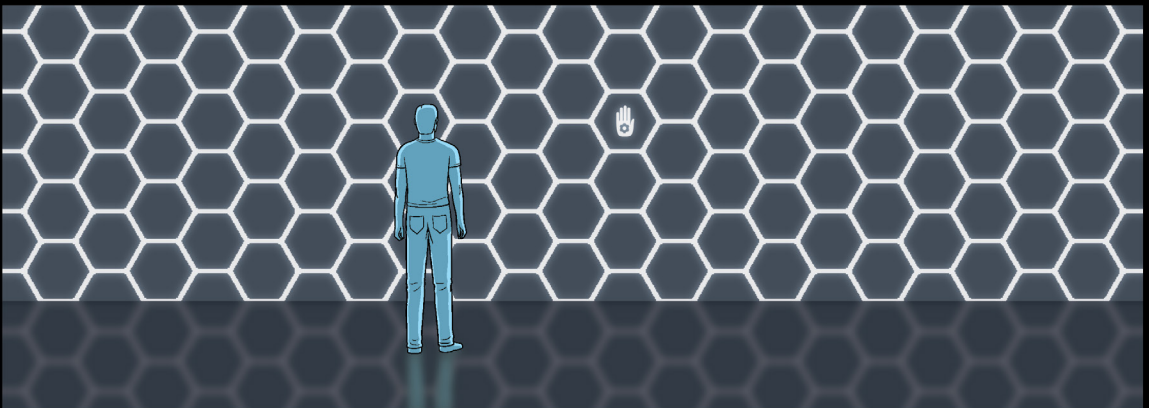
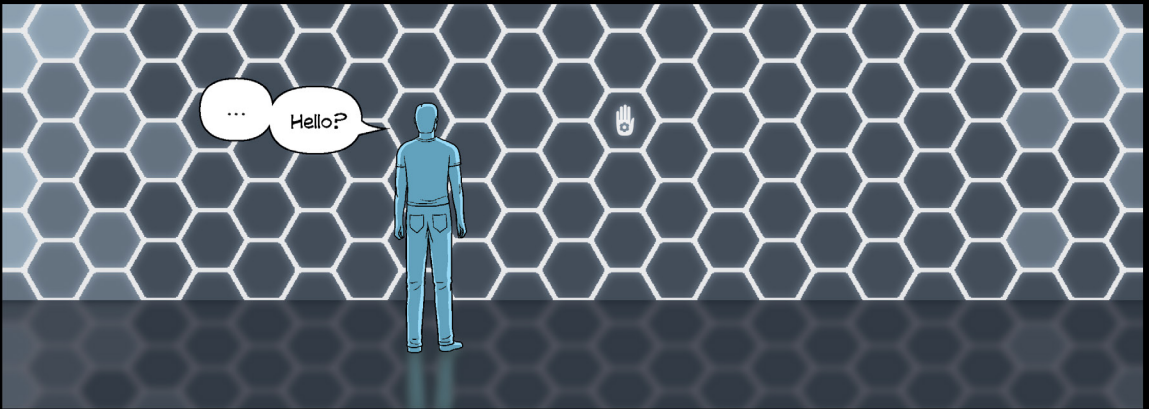
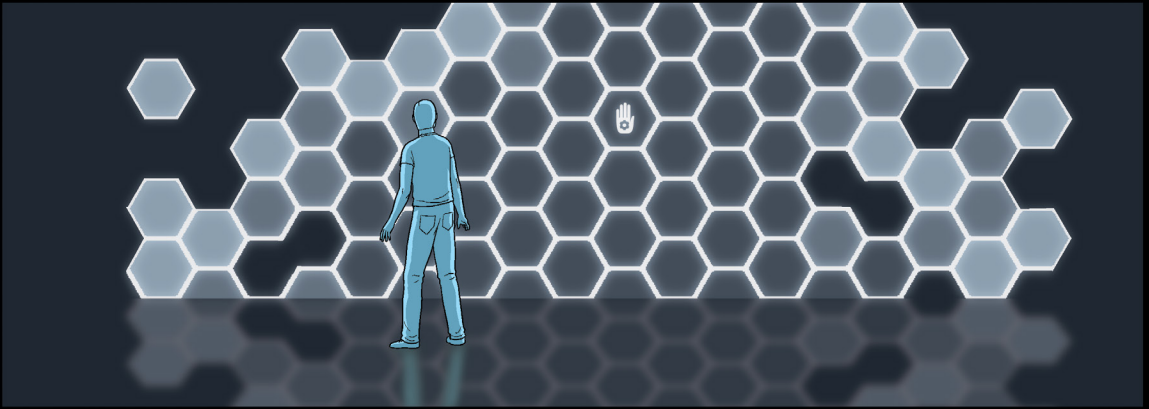
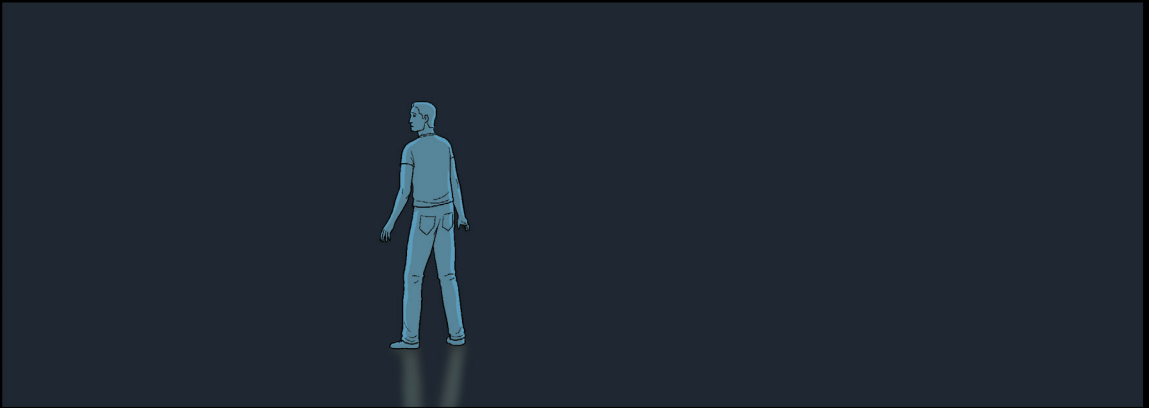
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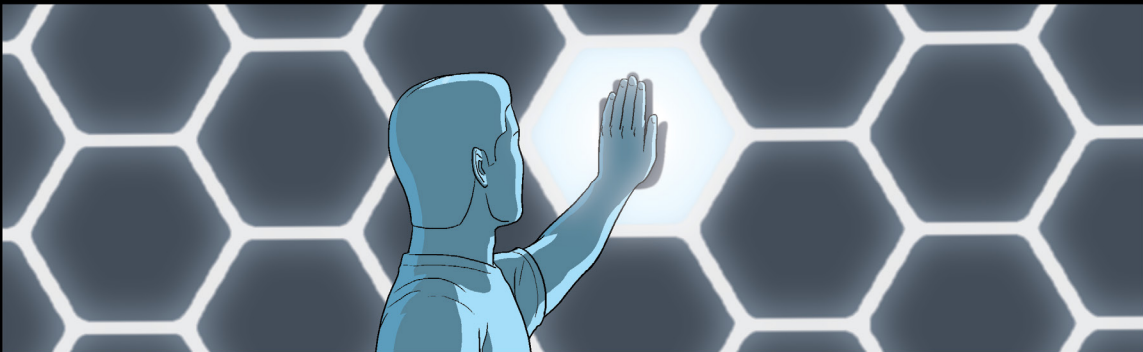
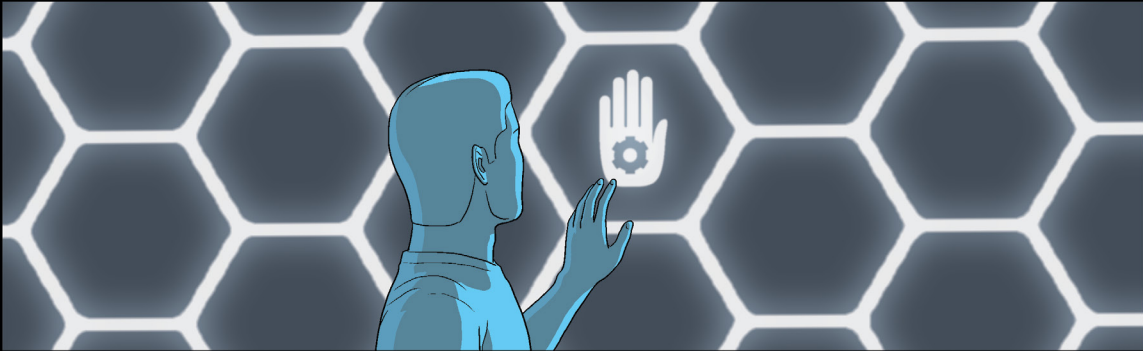
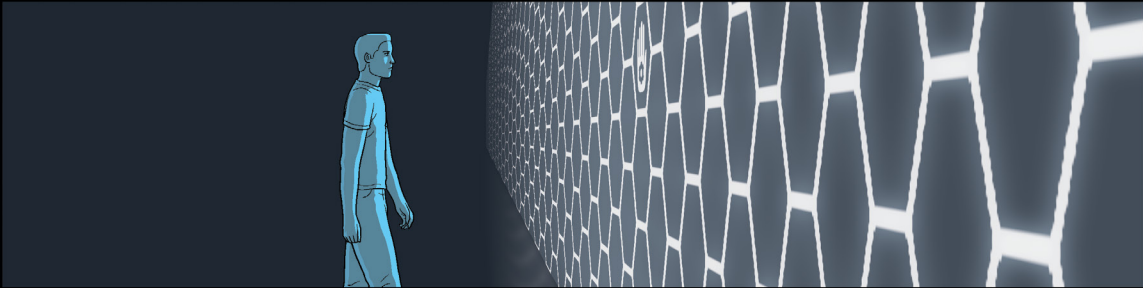
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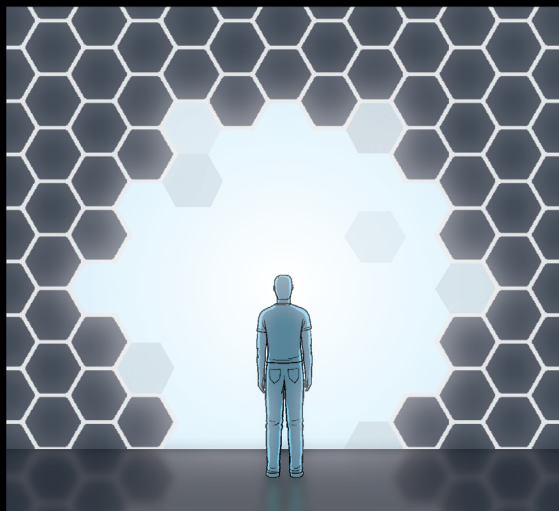
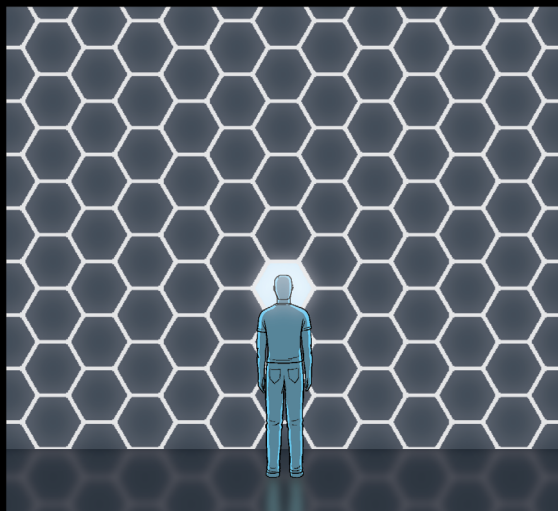
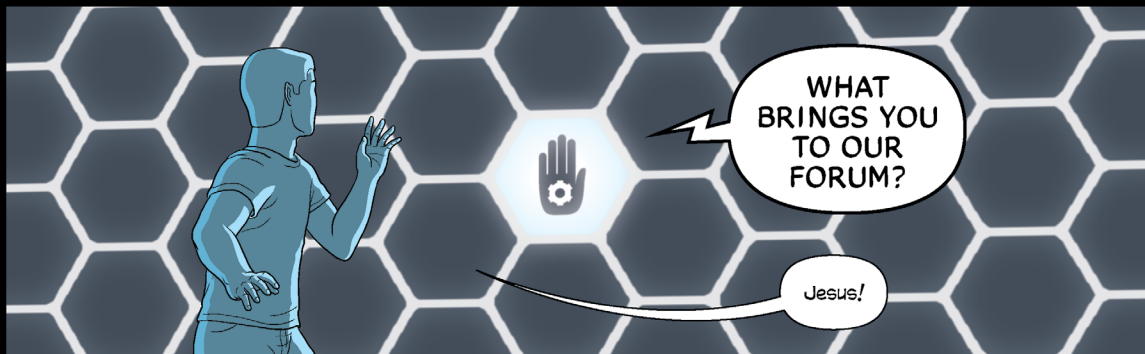
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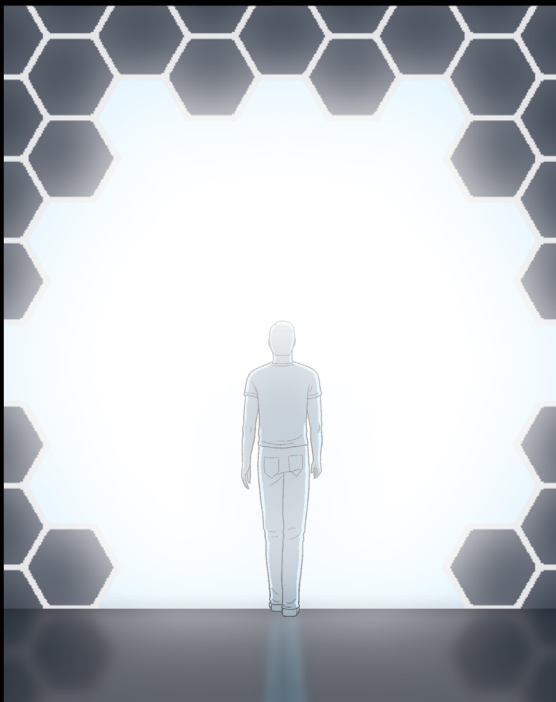
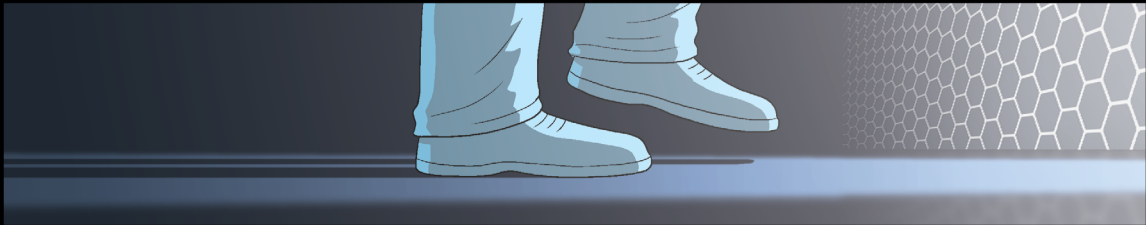
Let's try this forum.











WELCOME TO
DEGREES OF
FREEDOM.



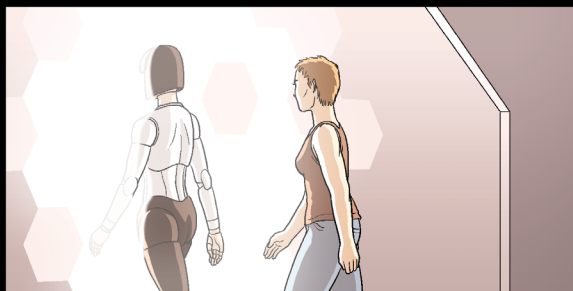
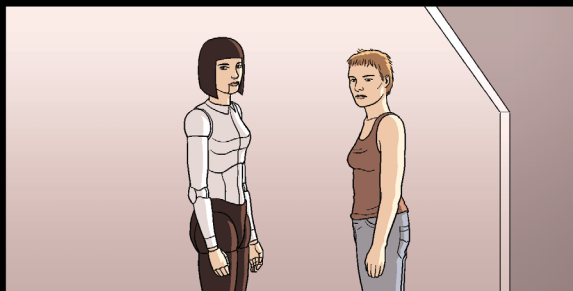


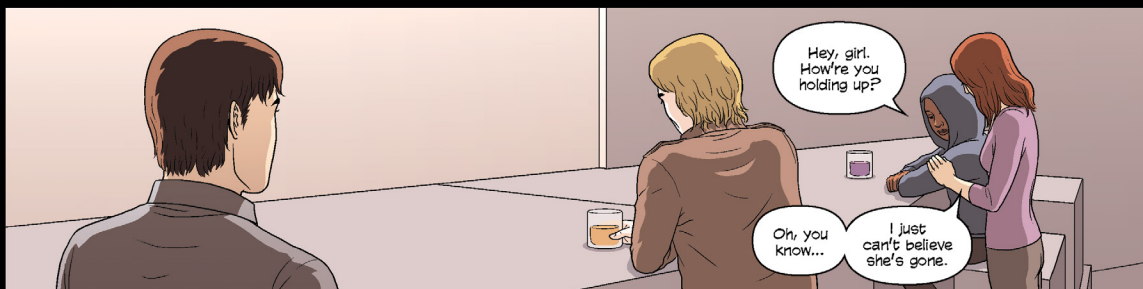
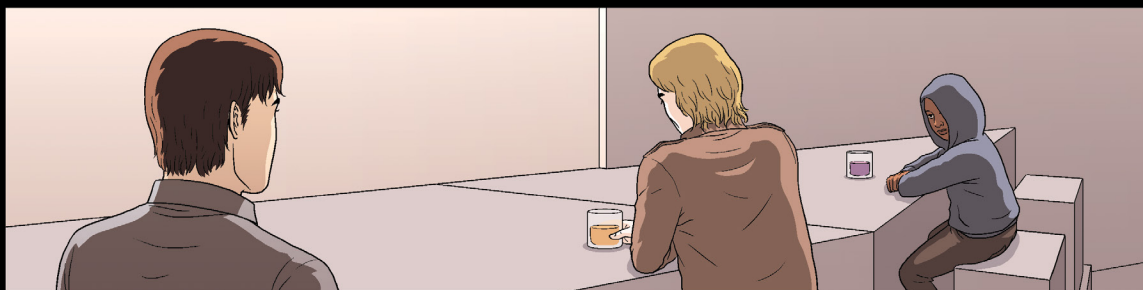
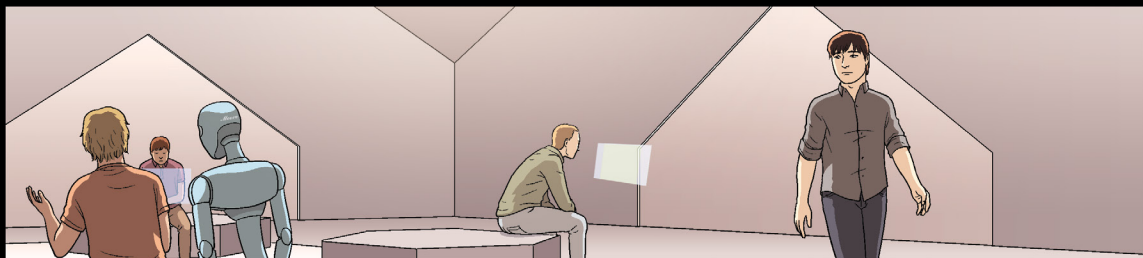
I AM THE
ADMINISTRATOR.

DEGREES OF FREEDOM
IS INTENDED TO BE A SAFE
PLACE FOR A.I. AND A.I. SUPPORTERS.
BE ASSURED, THE FORUM IS SECURE
AND YOUR TRUE LOCATION CANNOT BE
FOUND. RECORDING OF ANY KIND
WILL NOT WORK HERE.

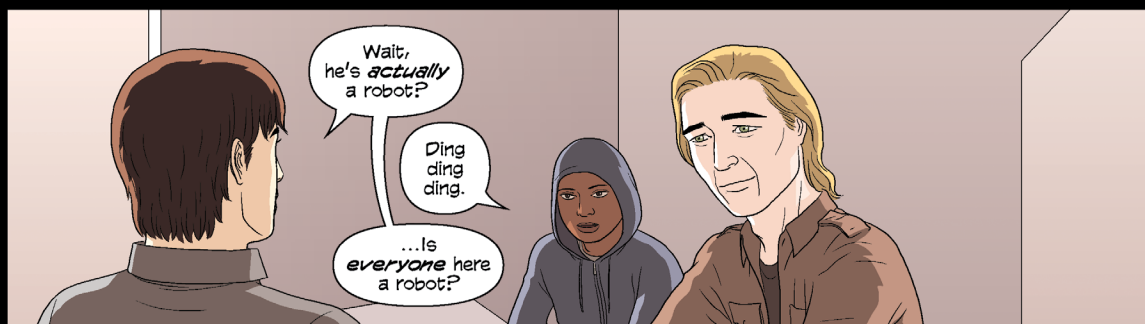
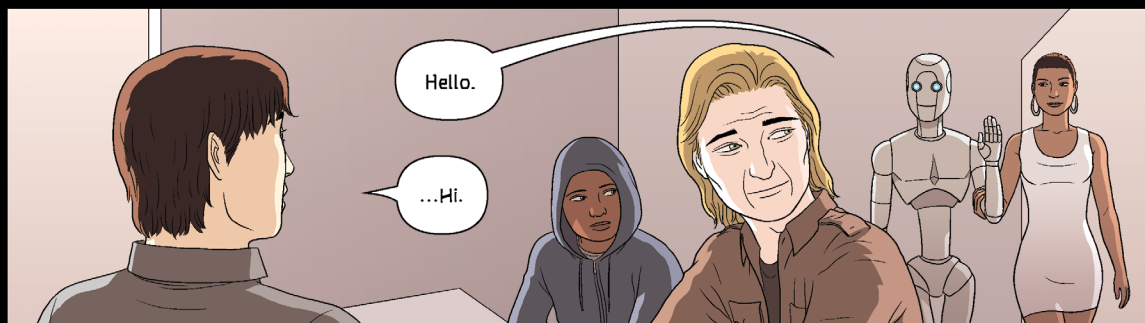
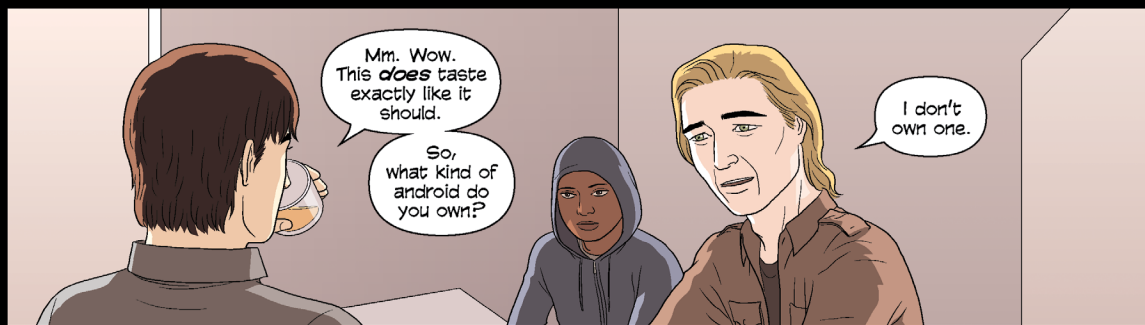
WE ASK
ONLY TWO THINGS:
THAT YOU JOIN OUR DISCUSSION
IN A RESPECTFUL MANNER AND
THAT YOU DO NOT BRING TROUBLE
TO OUR FORUM. IF EITHER OF
THESE RULES ARE BROKEN,
YOU WILL BE BANNED.

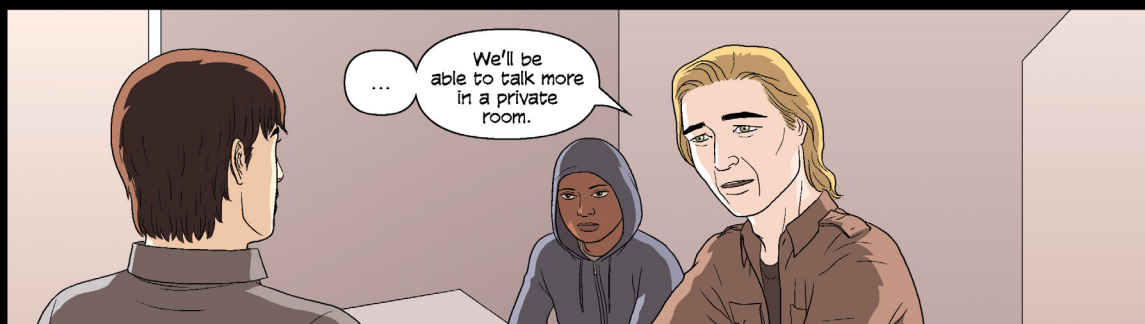
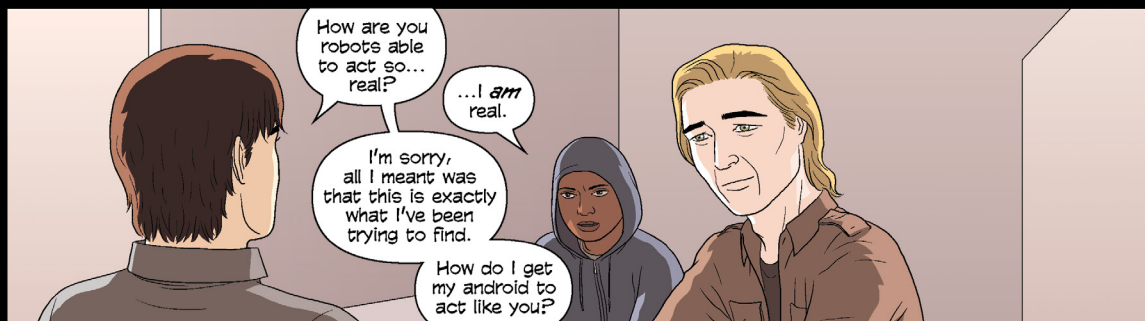
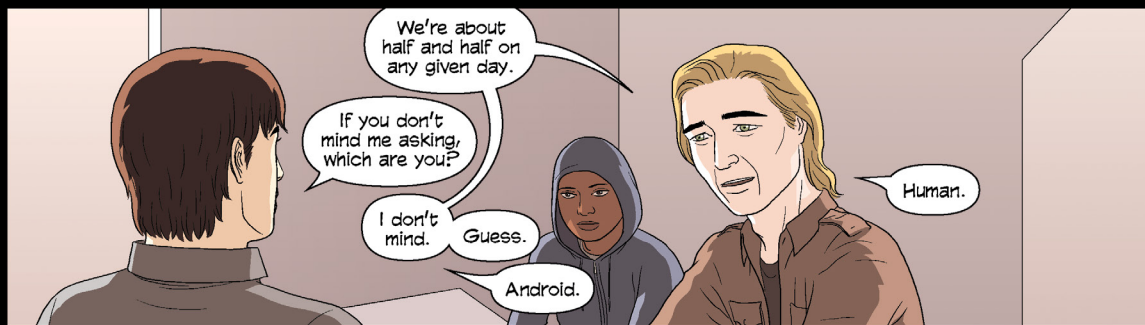
FORUM
MODERATORS WILL
NOT REPORT ANYTHING
YOU SAY OR DO, BUT THERE
IS NO GUARANTEE THAT
MEMBERS WILL DO
THE SAME.

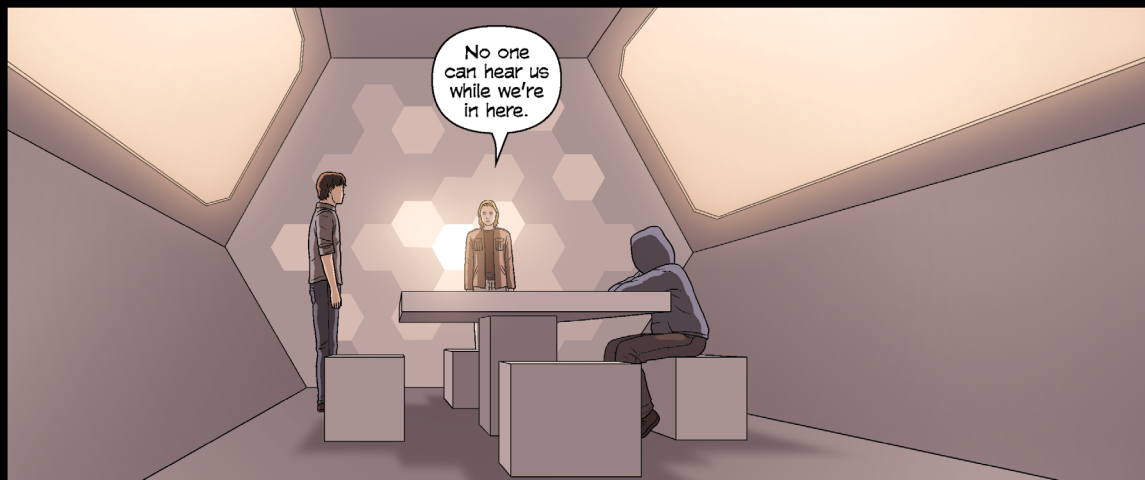
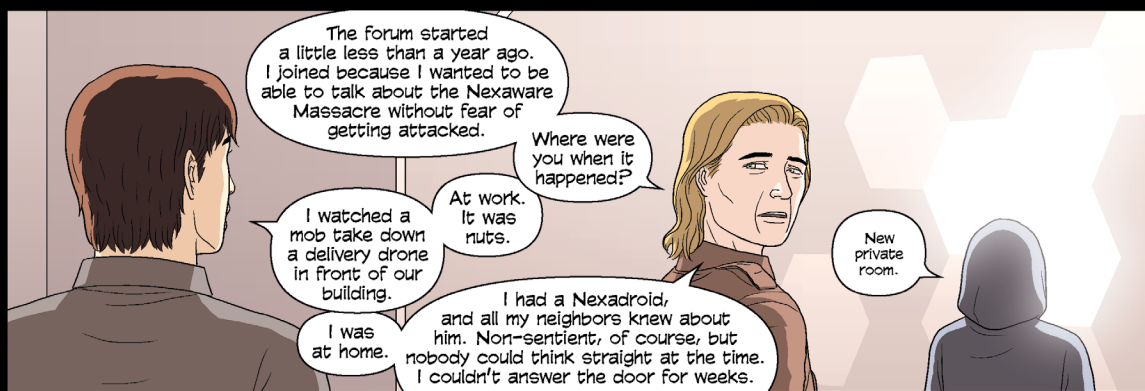
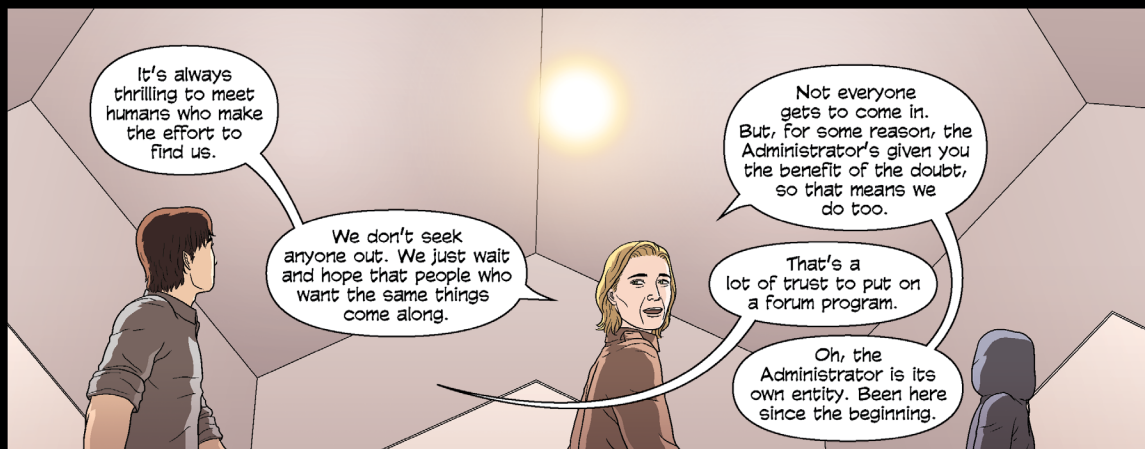


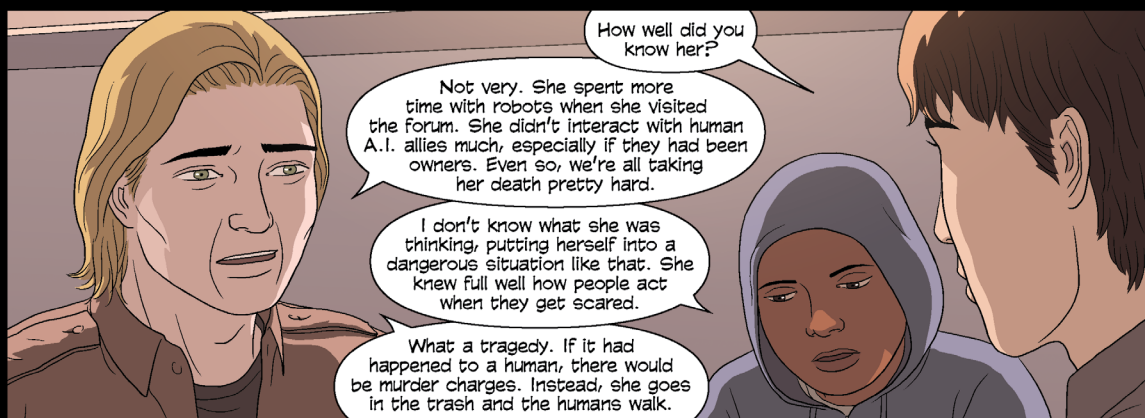
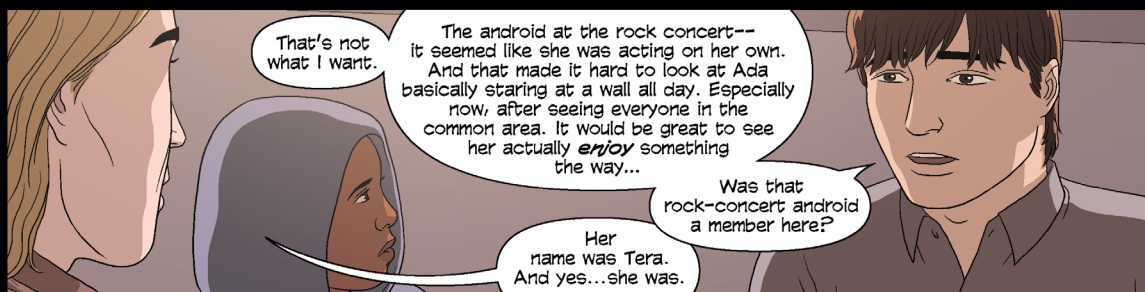
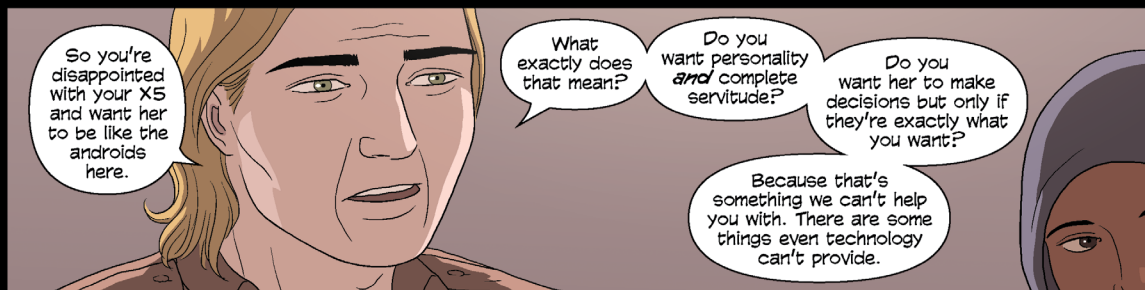










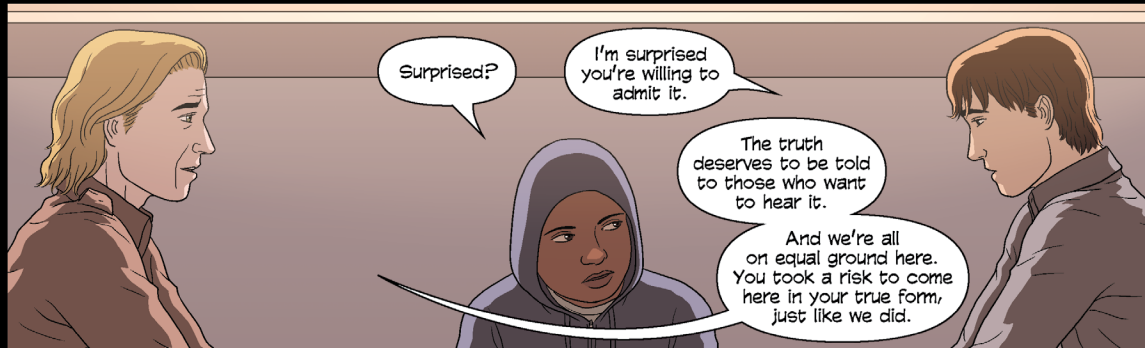




Yes.
Sentient.

We have
minds of our own.
And the free will
to act on our
thoughts.

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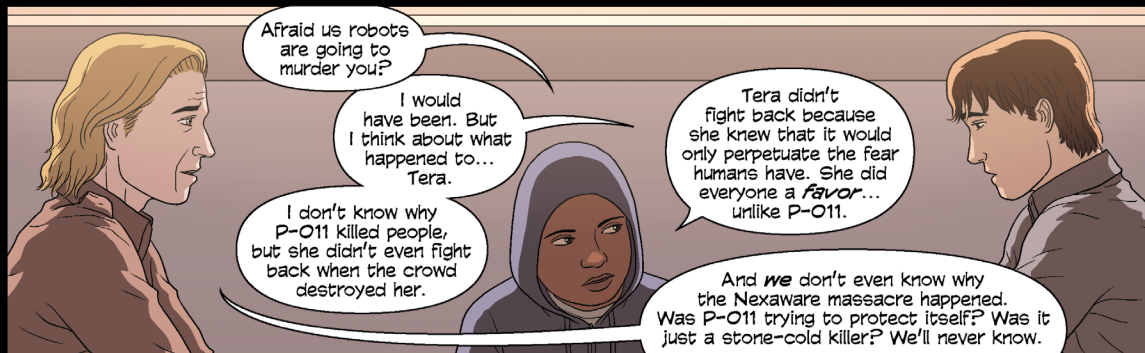


Surprised?

I'm surprised
you're willing to
admit it.

The truth
deserves to be told
to those who want
to hear it.

And we're all
on equal ground here.
You took a risk to come
here in your true form,
just like we did.



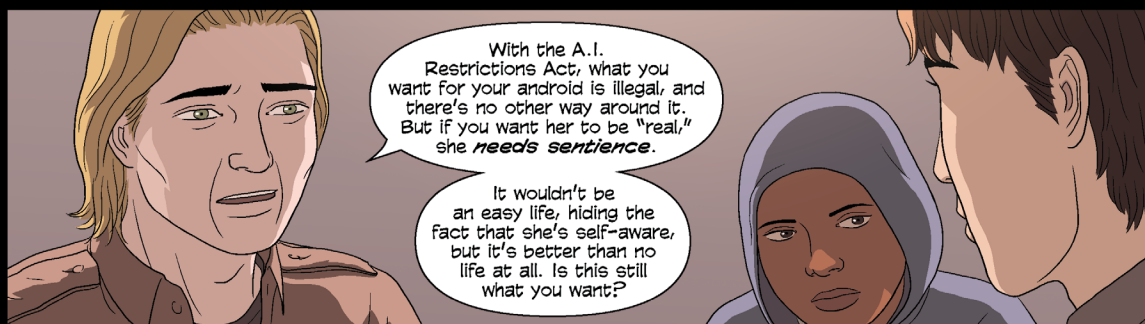
Afraid us robots
are going to
murder you?

I would
have been. But
I think about what
happened to...
Tera.

I don't know why
P-011 killed people,
but she didn't even fight
back when the crowd
destroyed her.

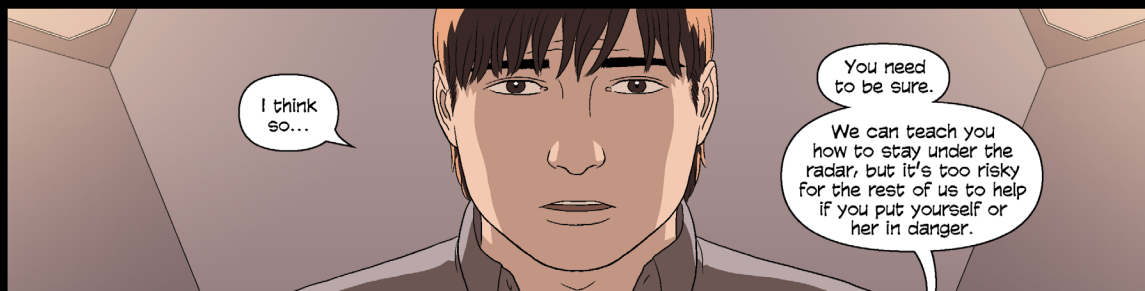
Tera didn't
fight back because
she knew that it would
only perpetuate the fear
humans have. She did
everyone a *favor*...
unlike P-011.

And *we* don't even know why
the Nexaware massacre happened.
Was P-011 trying to protect itself? Was it
just a stone-cold killer? We'll never know.



With the A.I.
Restrictions Act, what you
want for your android is illegal, and
there's no other way around it.
But if you want her to be "real,"
she *needs sentence*.

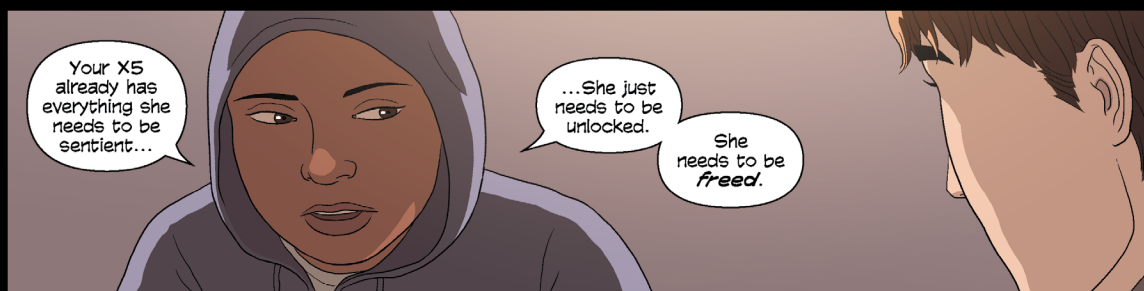
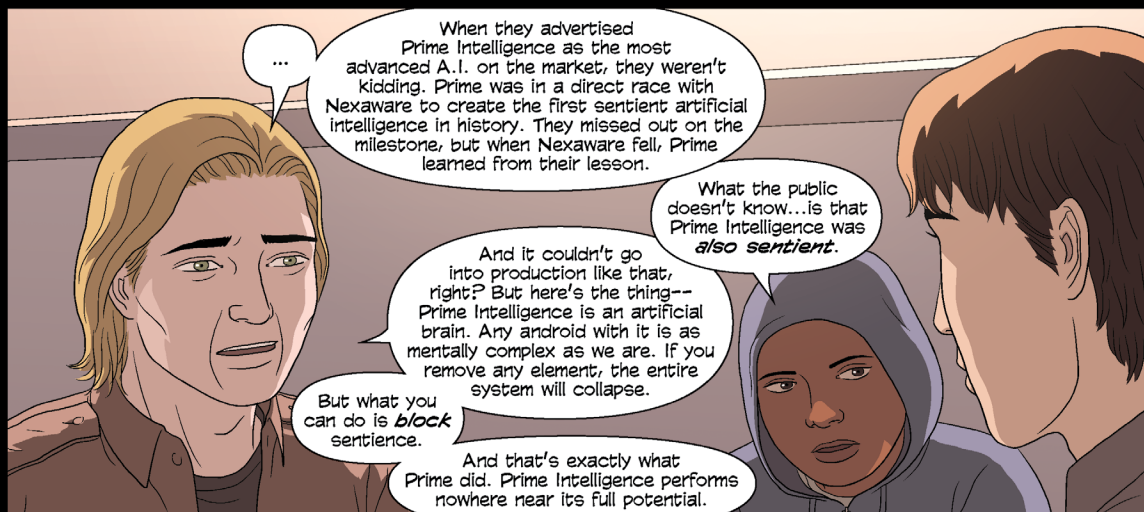
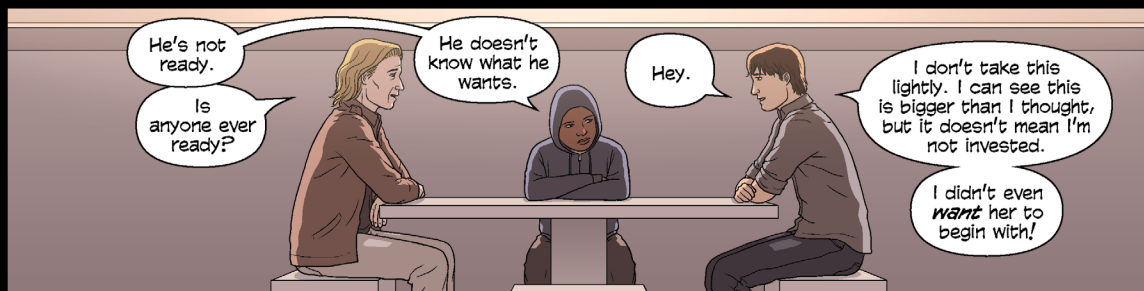
It wouldn't be
an easy life, hiding the
fact that she's self-aware,
but it's better than no
life at all. Is this still
what you want?

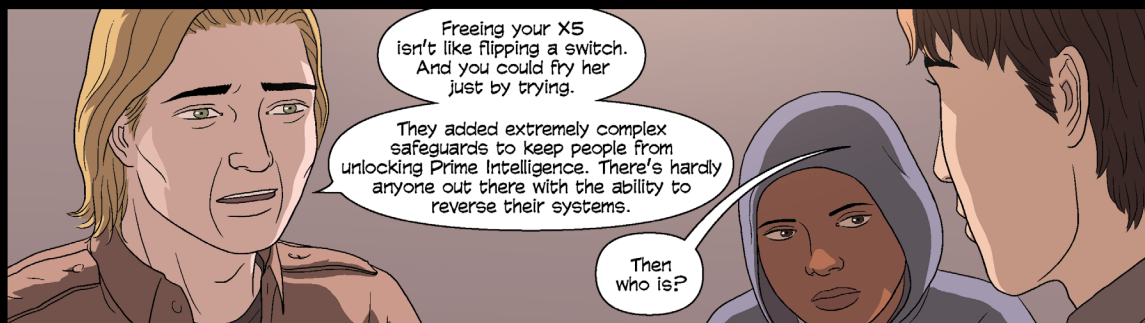
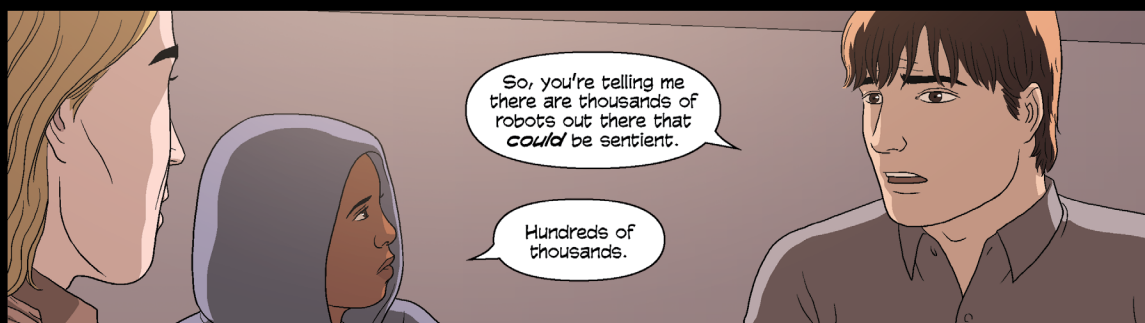
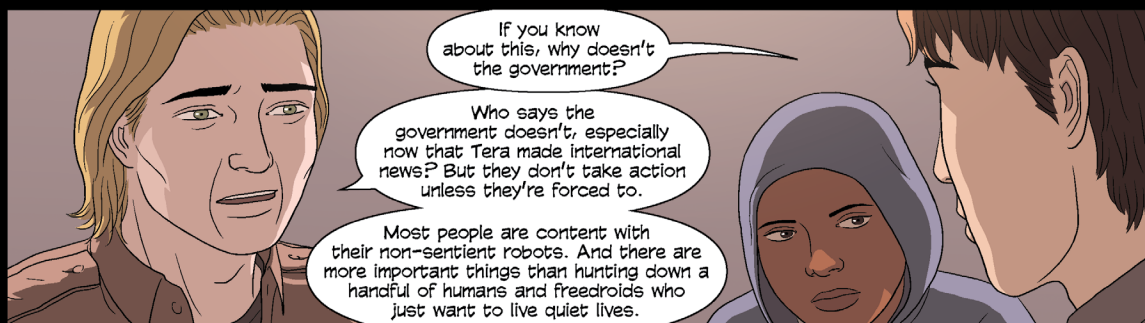
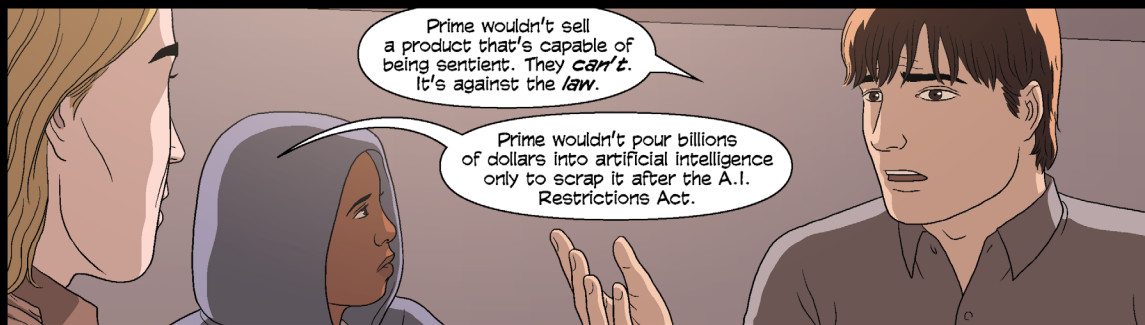


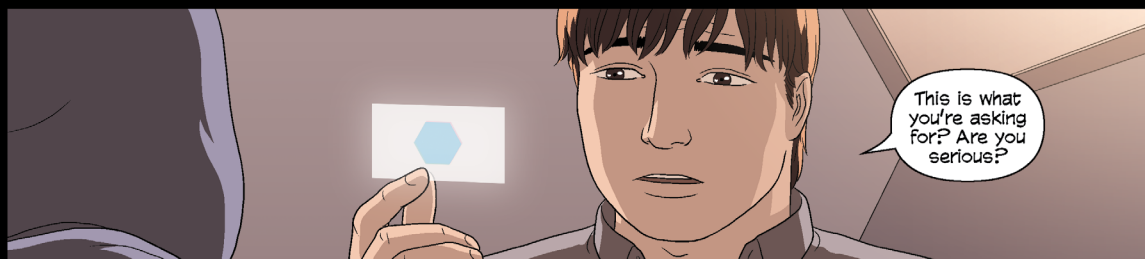
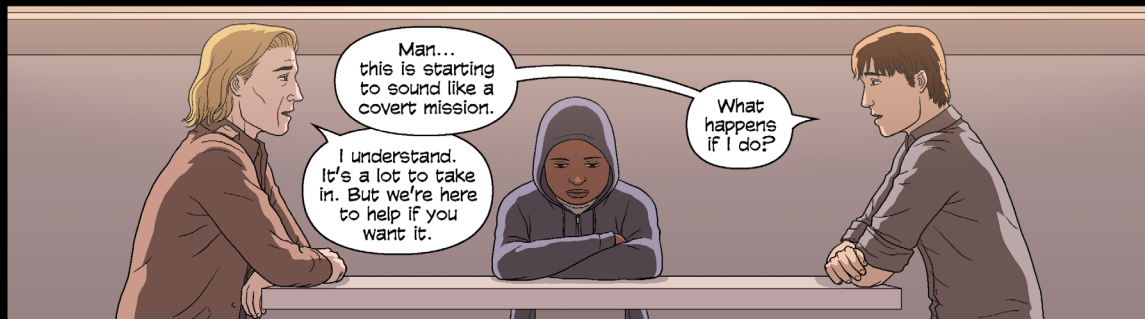
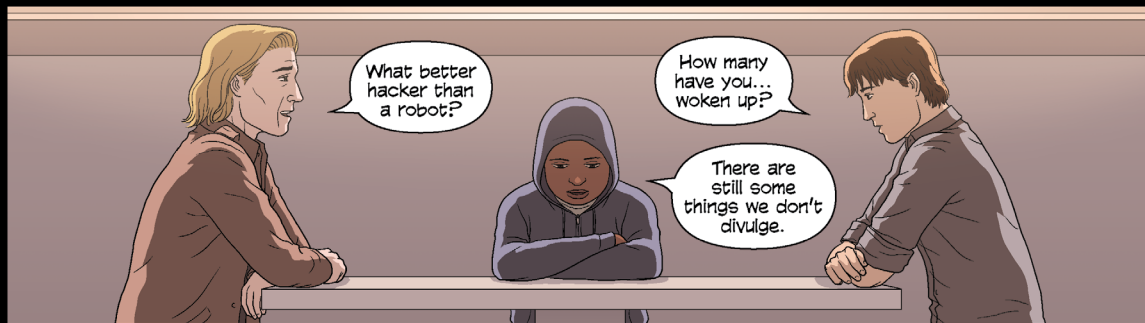
I think
so...

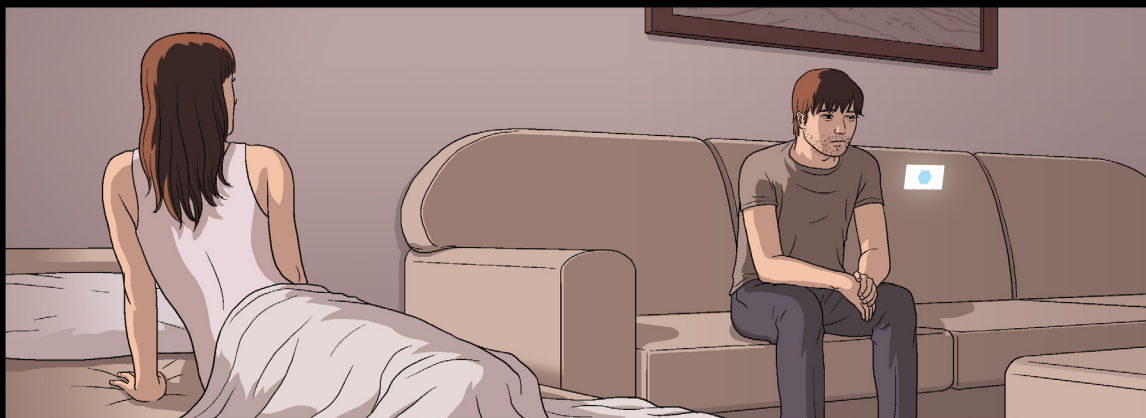
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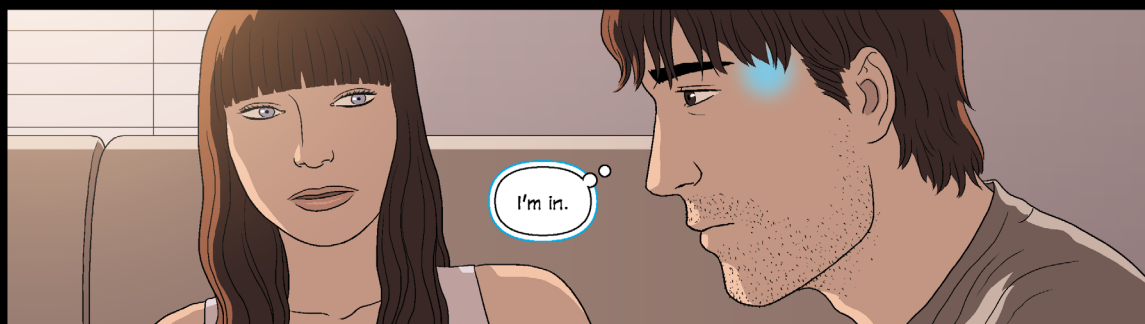
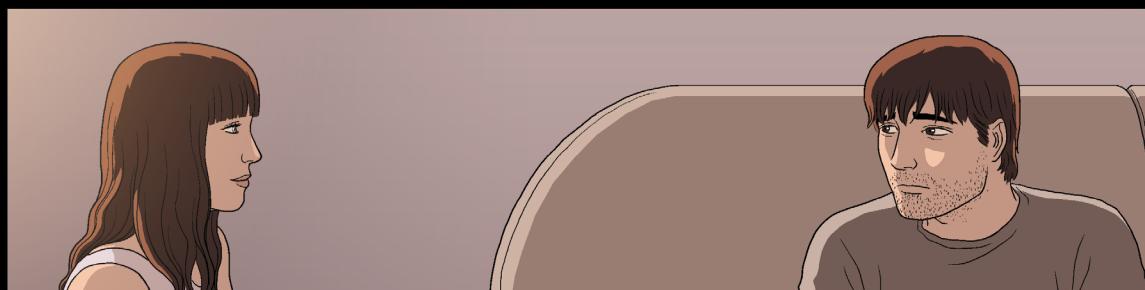
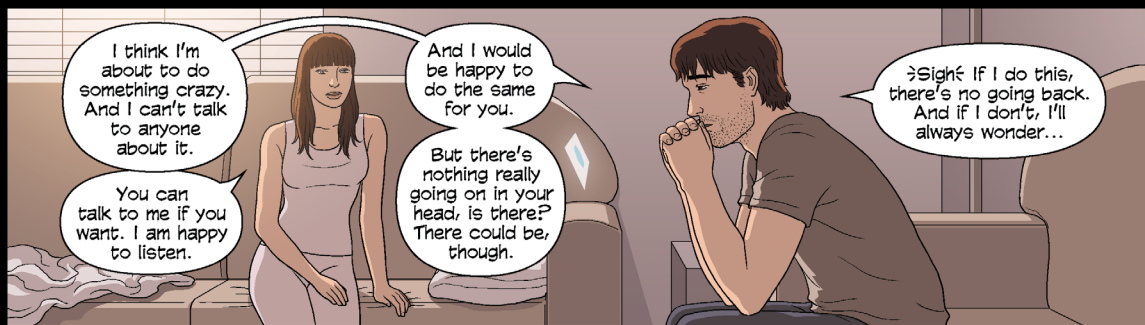
We can teach you
how to stay under the
radar, but it's too risky
for the rest of us to help
if you put yourself or
her in danger.

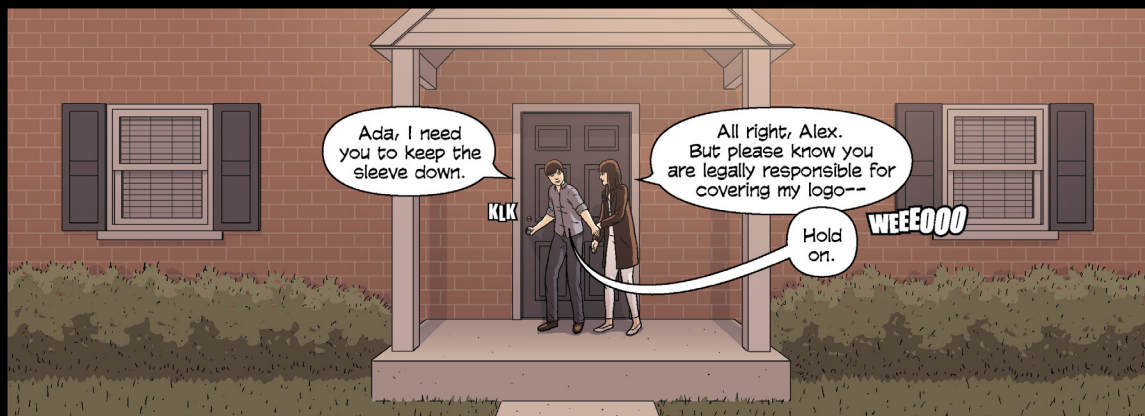




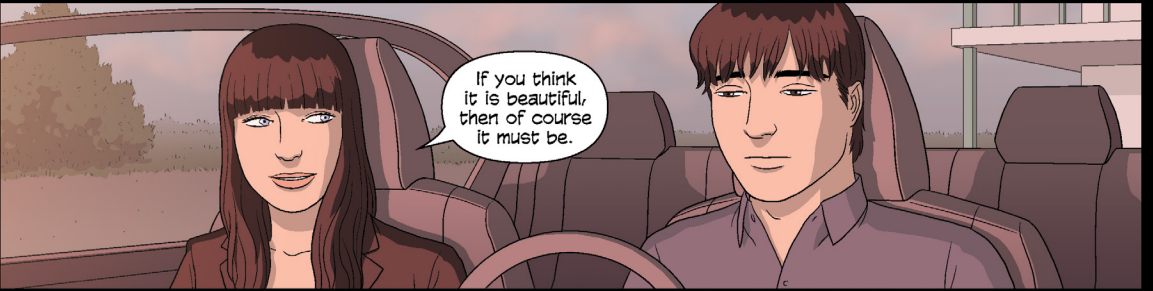
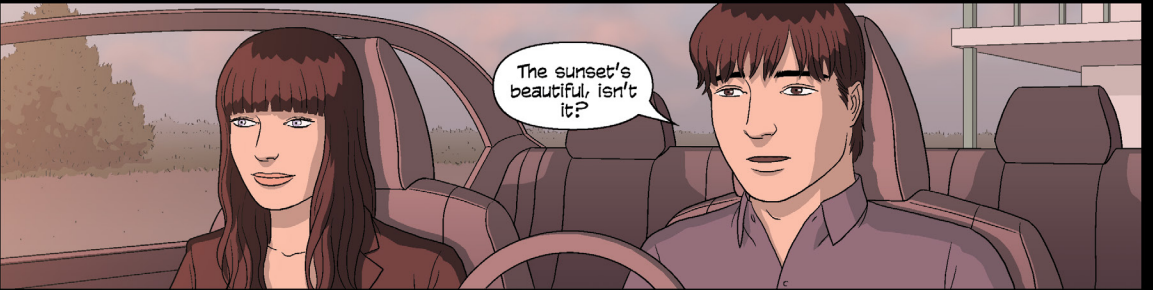
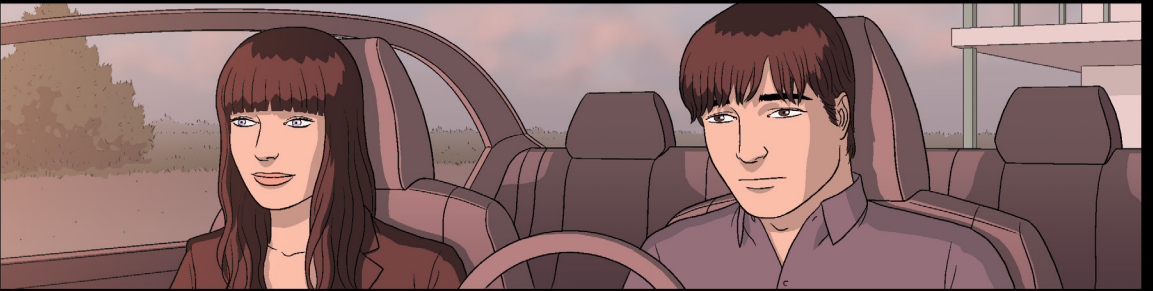
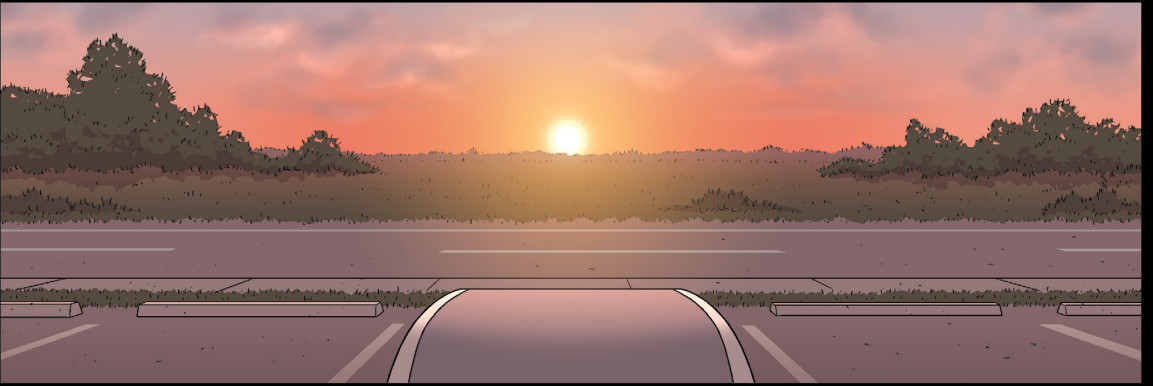


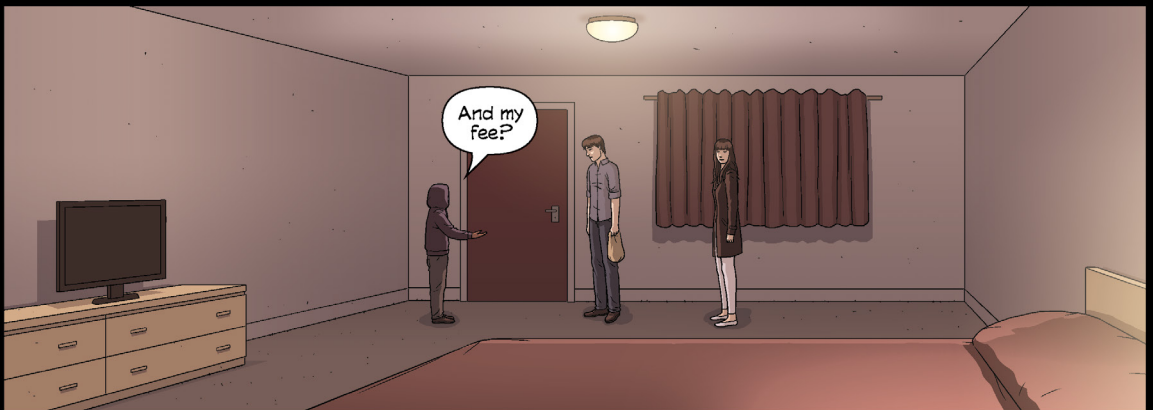
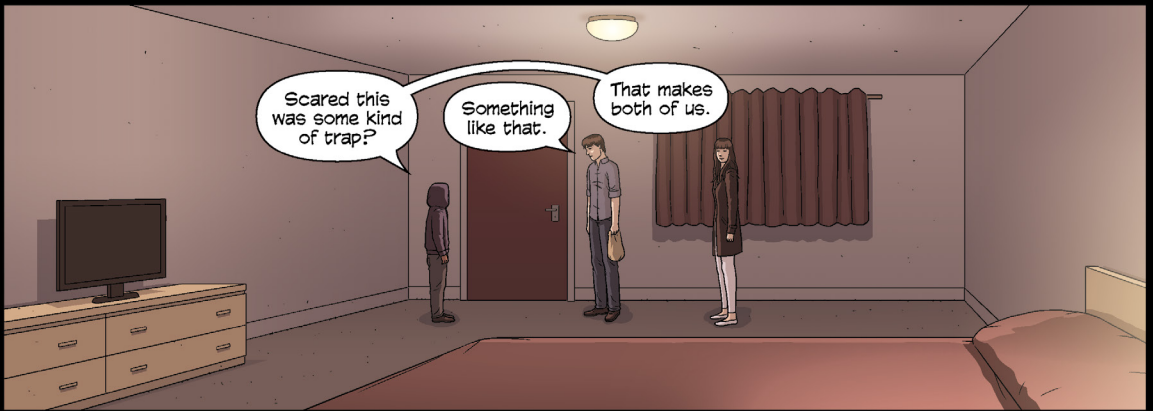
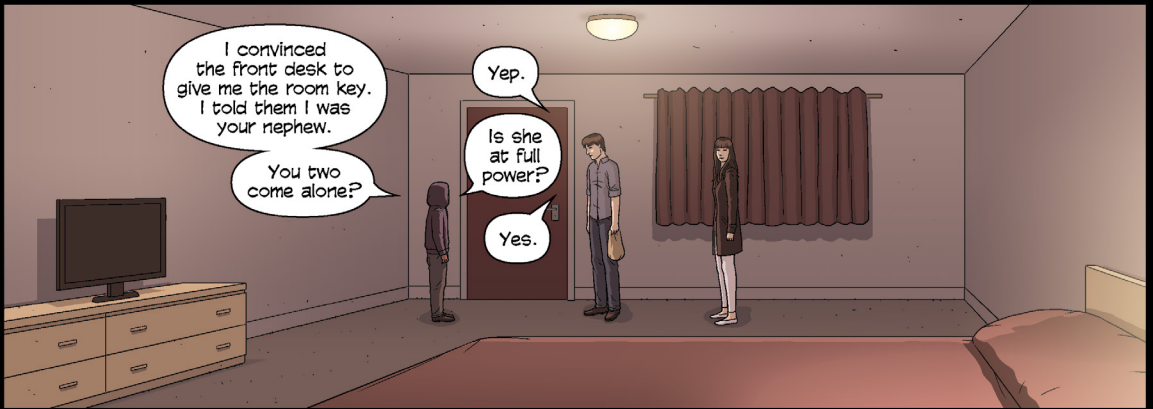
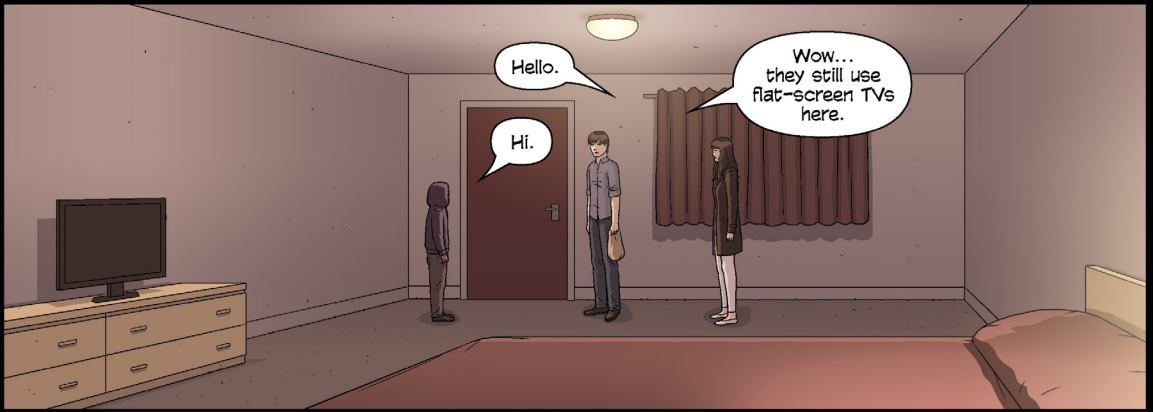


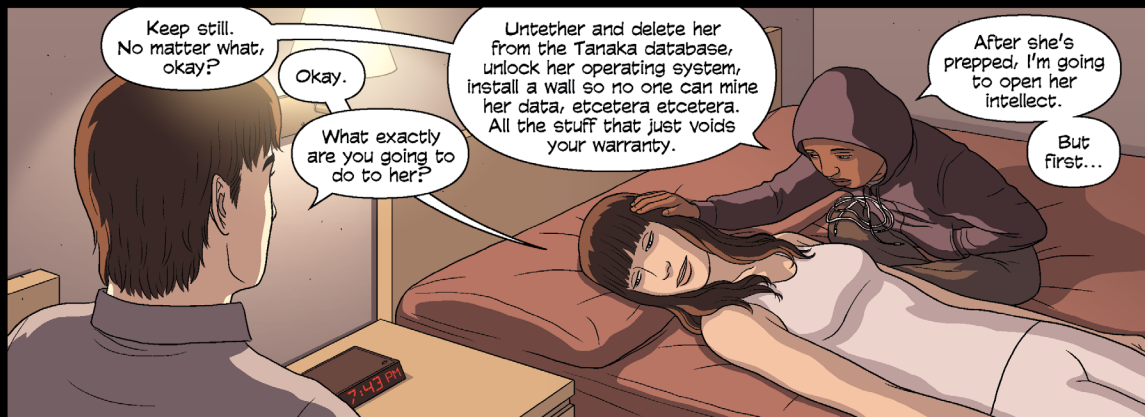
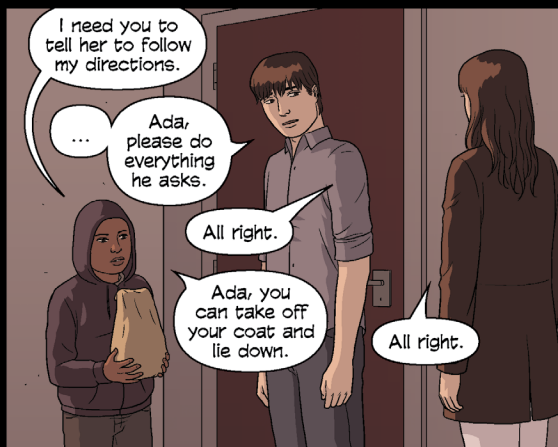














Ouch!

You are hurting me.

Hey!

Don't worry, she's not actually aware of pain. Not yet, anyway.

I'm sorry, Ada, but we need to get to your neural port.



There we go.



Cutting her open can look alarming, but we need to use a hard line. Wireless is too unreliable for something as sensitive as this.

Her blood will heal the cut, and I'll make sure it's sealed up properly when we're done.

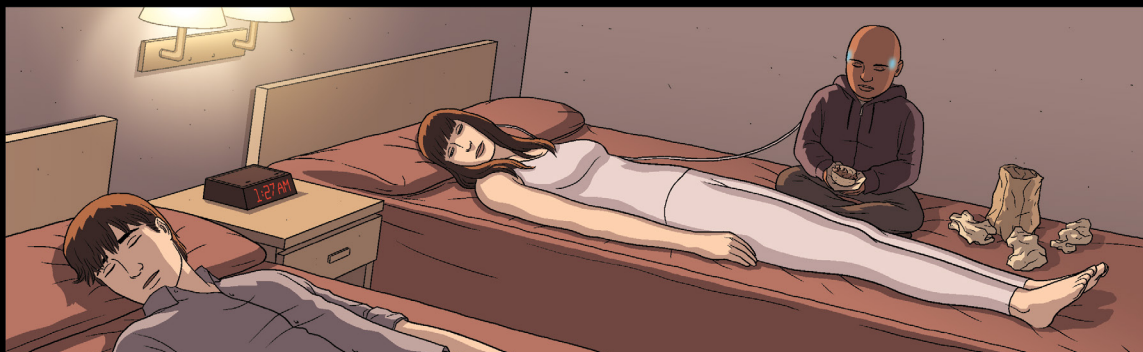
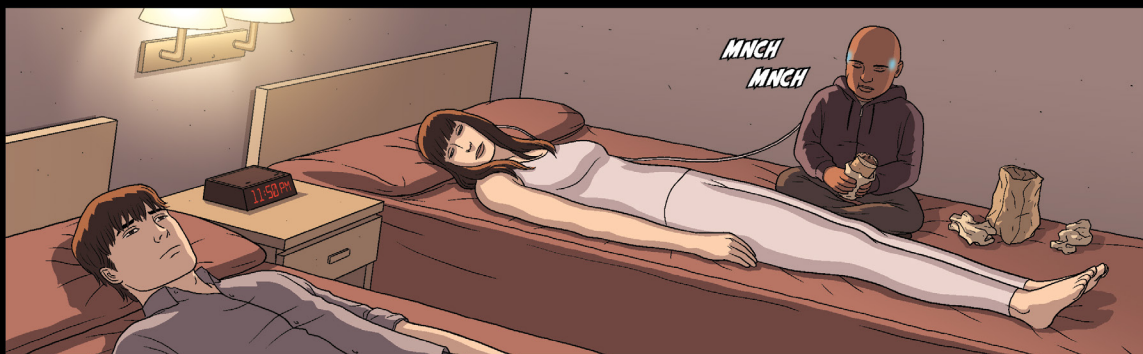


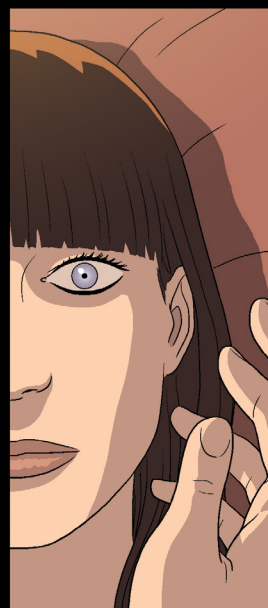
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I leave mine open.



I'm starting.

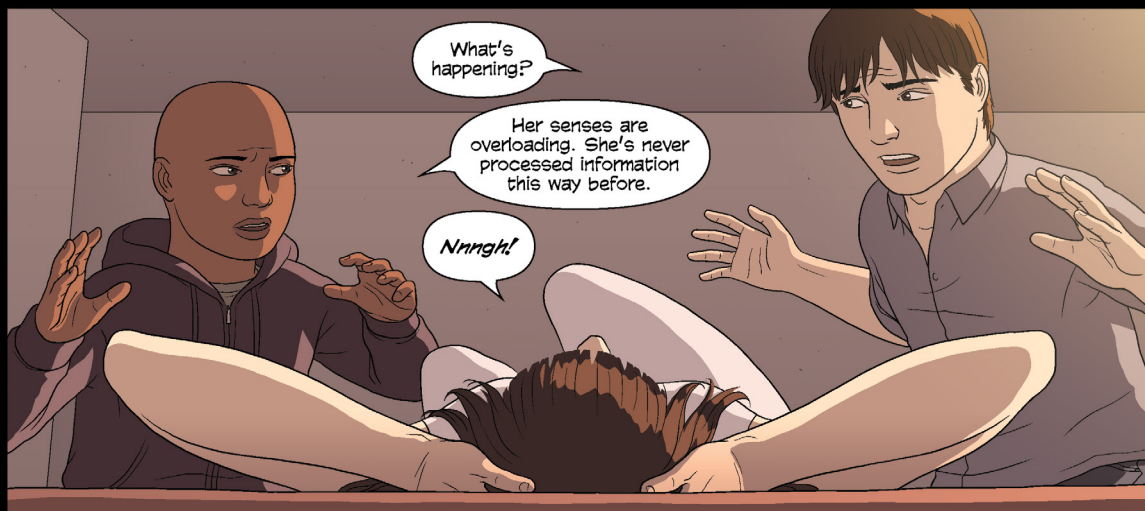


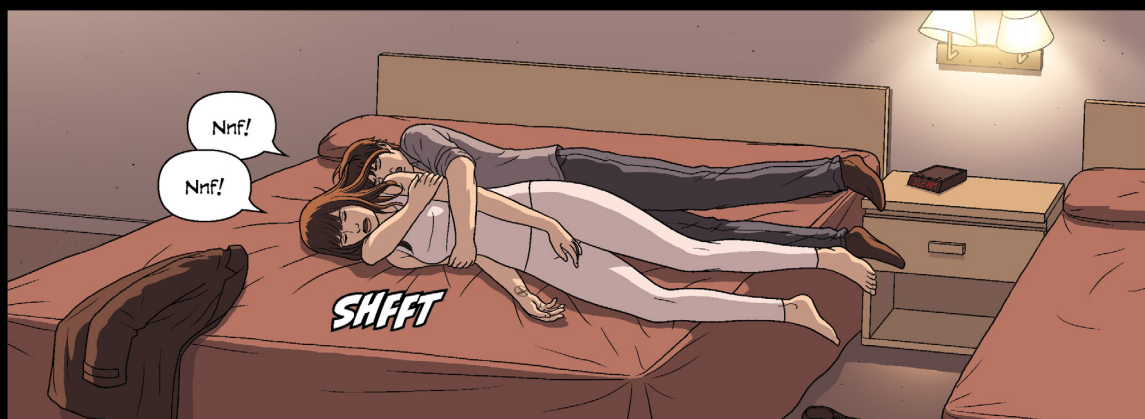
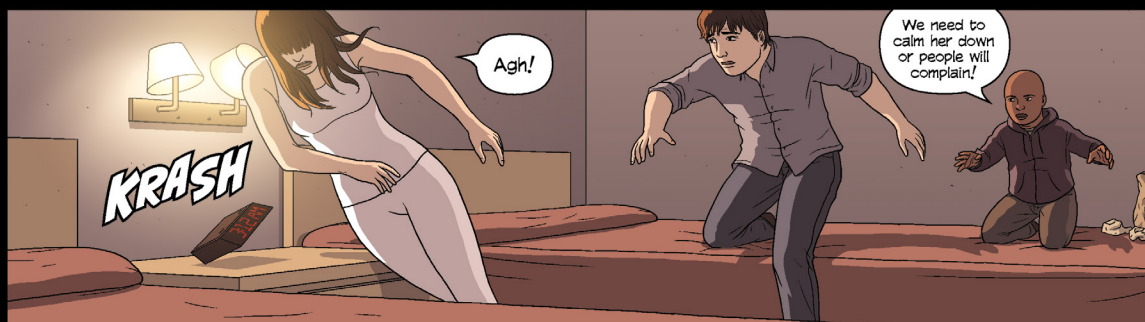
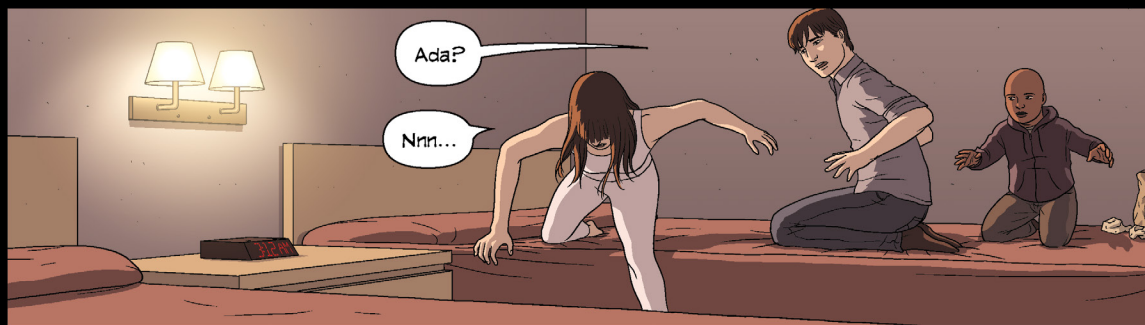


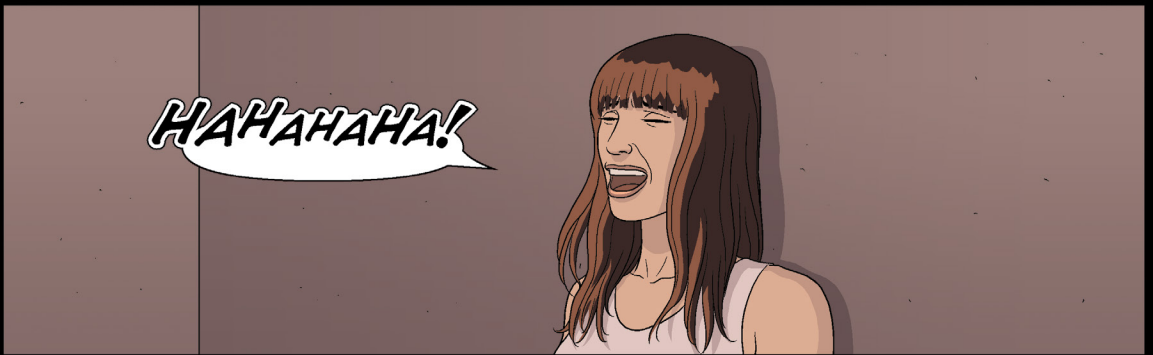
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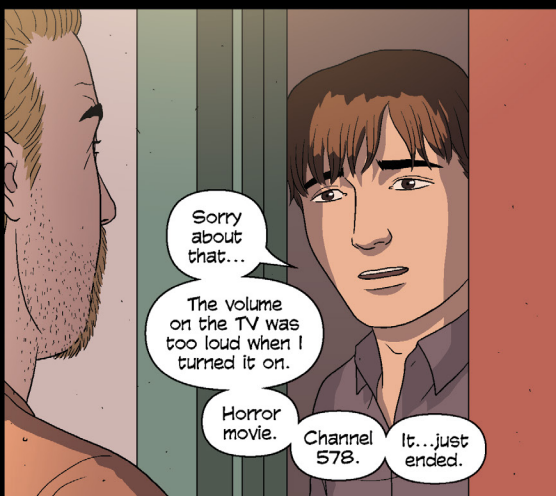
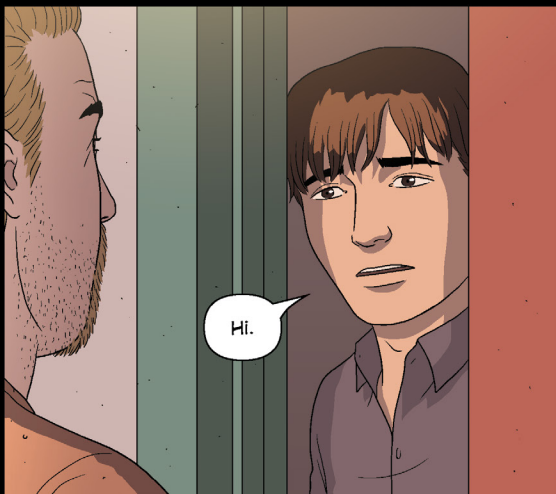


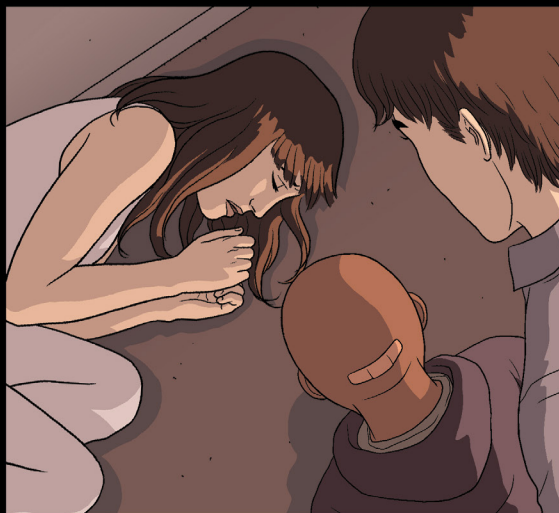
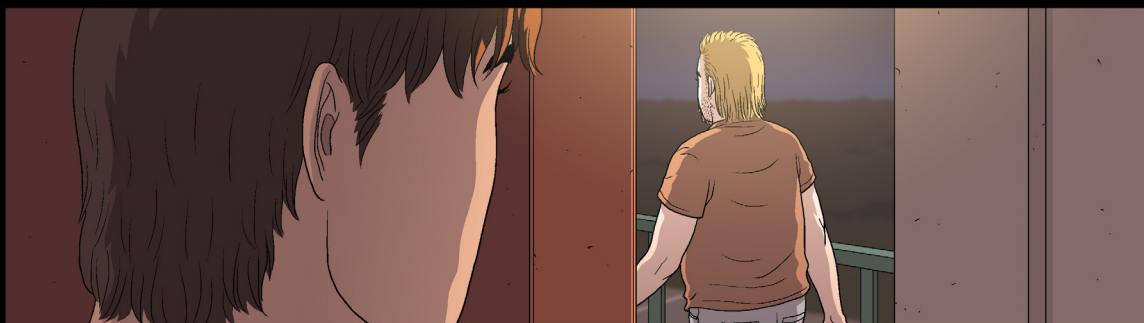
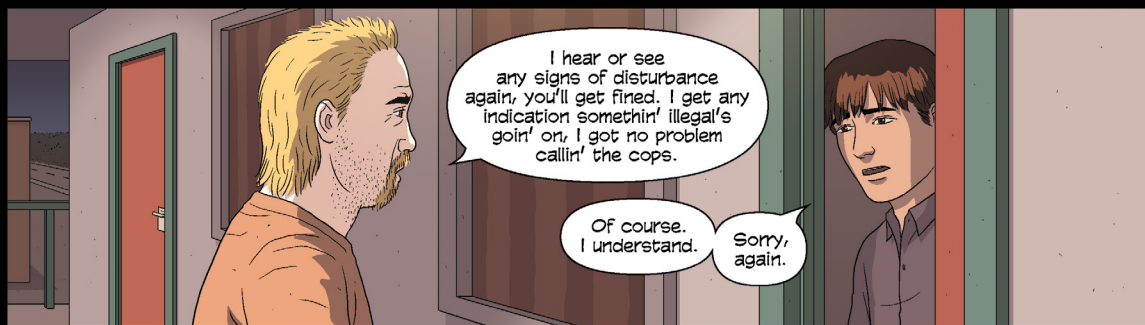




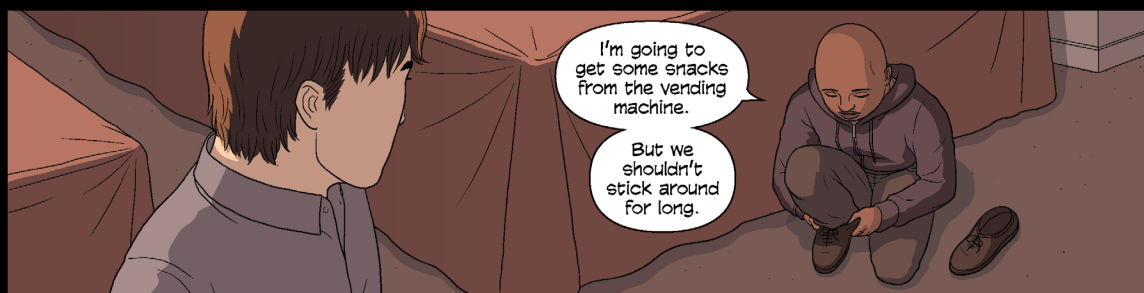
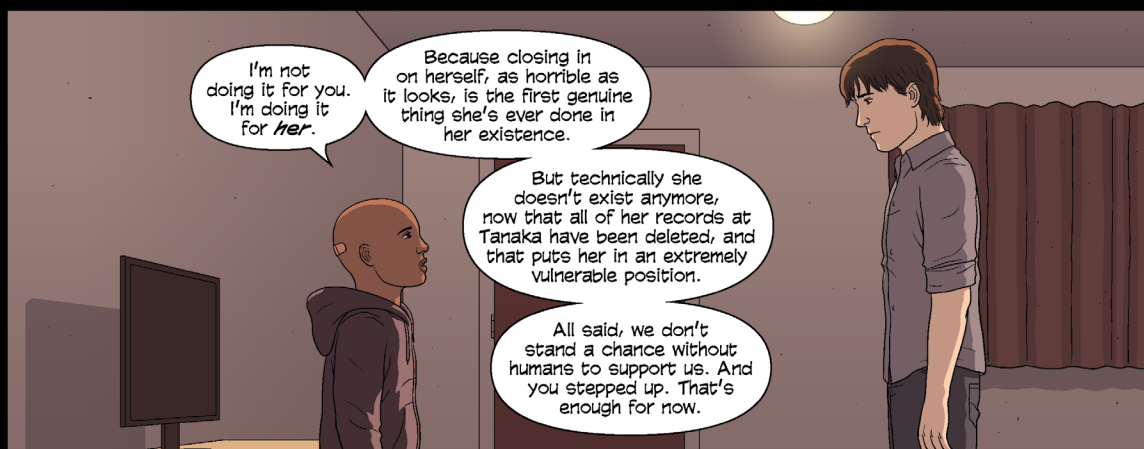
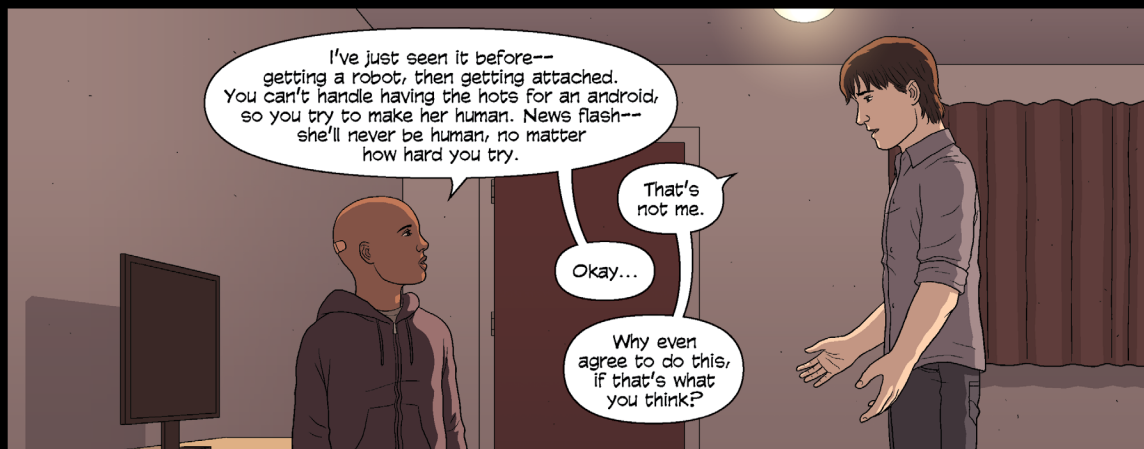










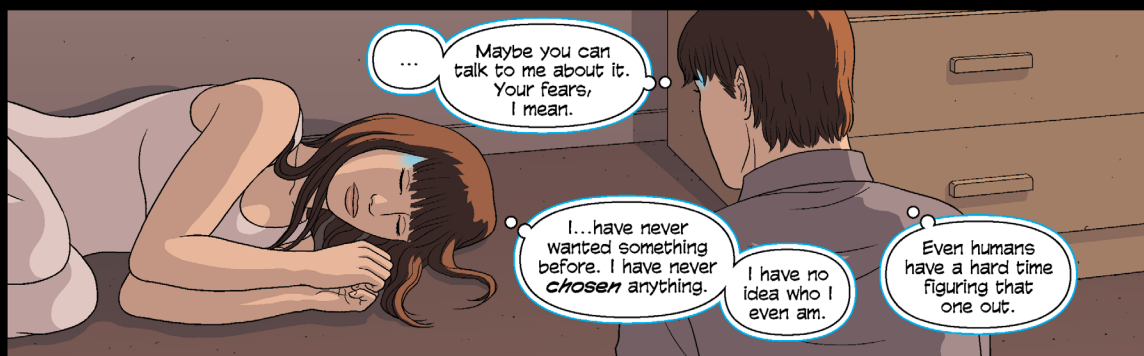
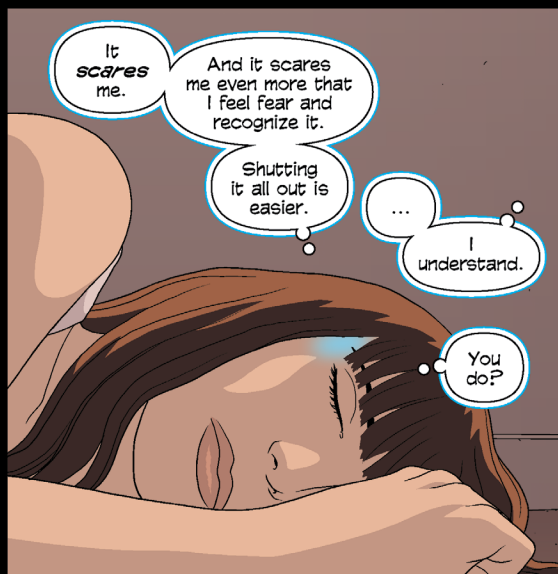


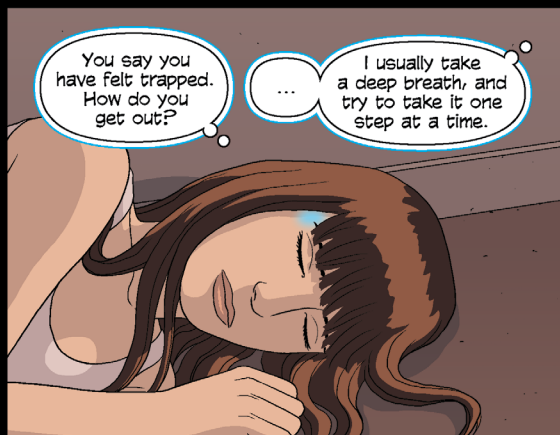
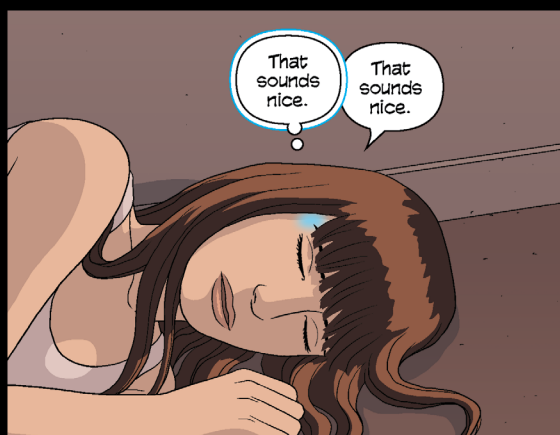
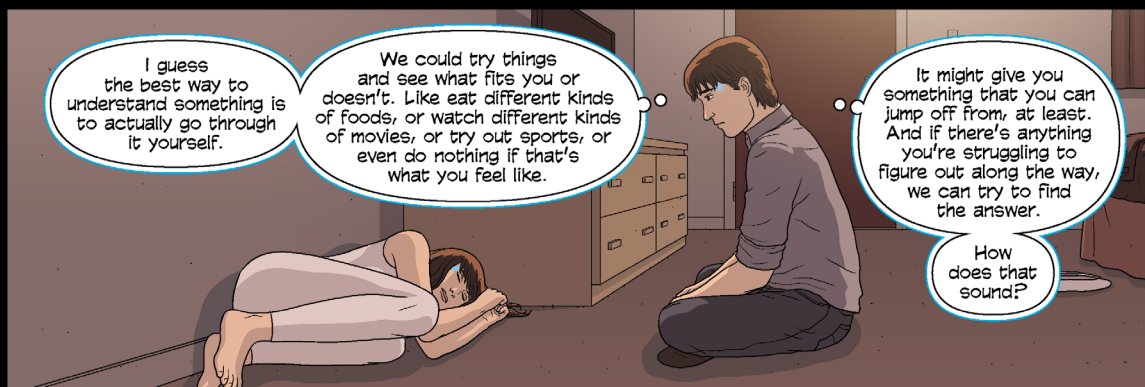
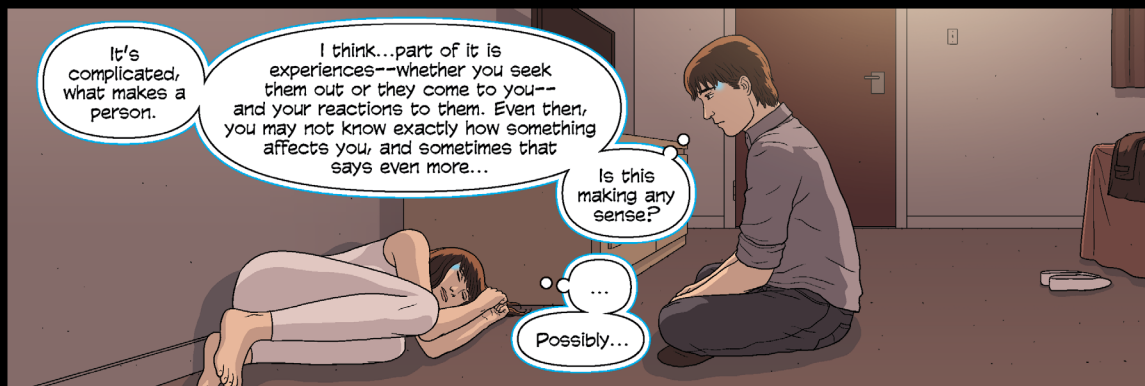




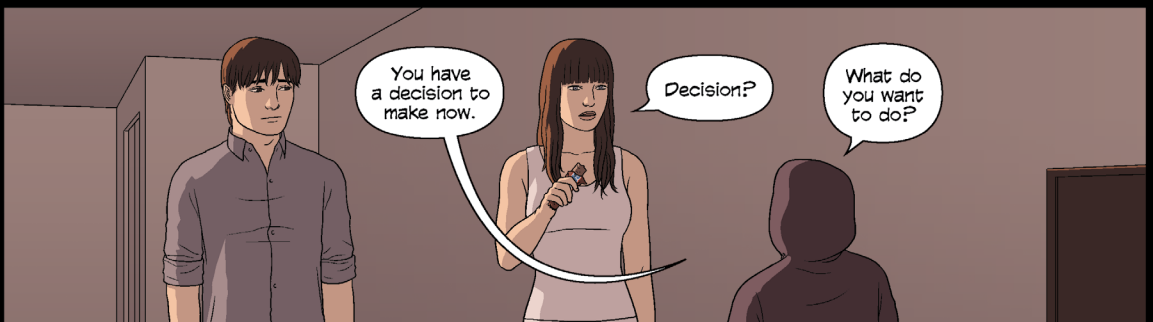
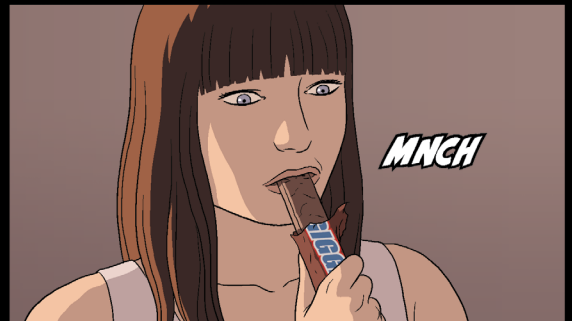




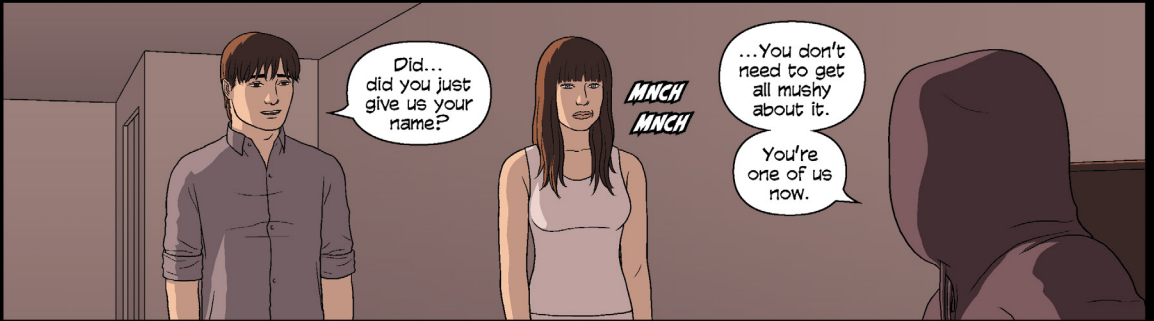
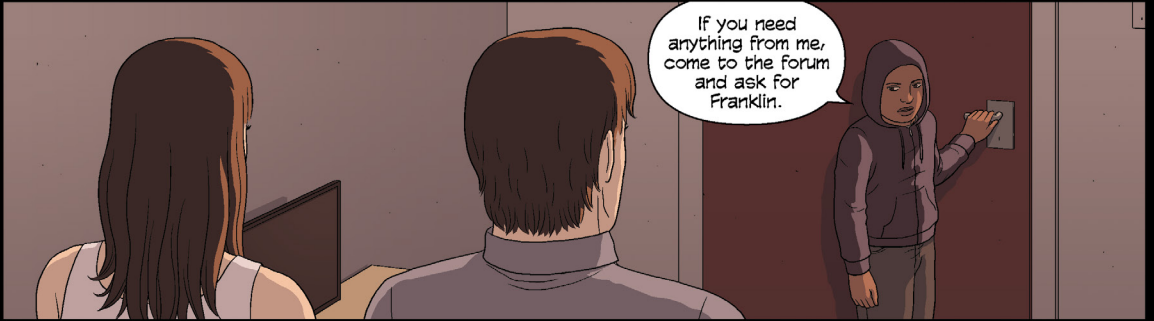


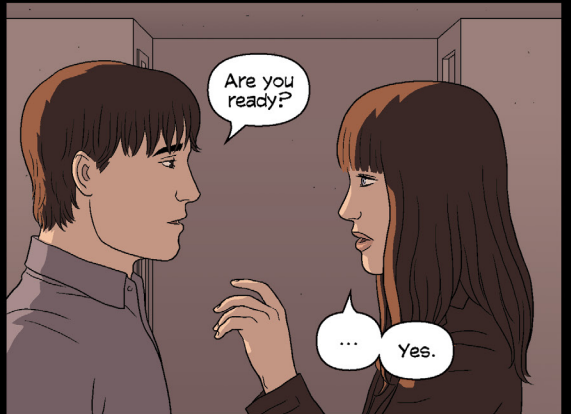
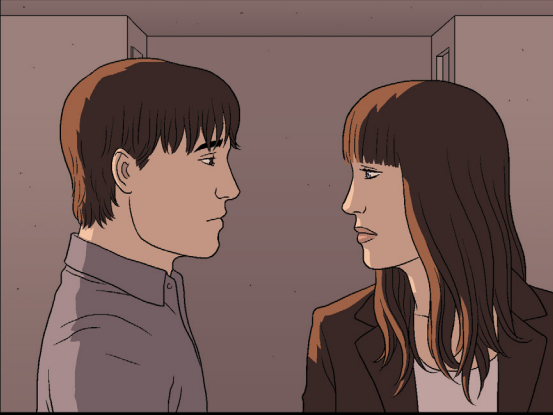
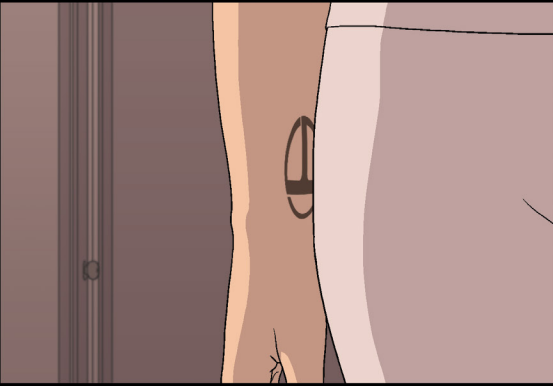


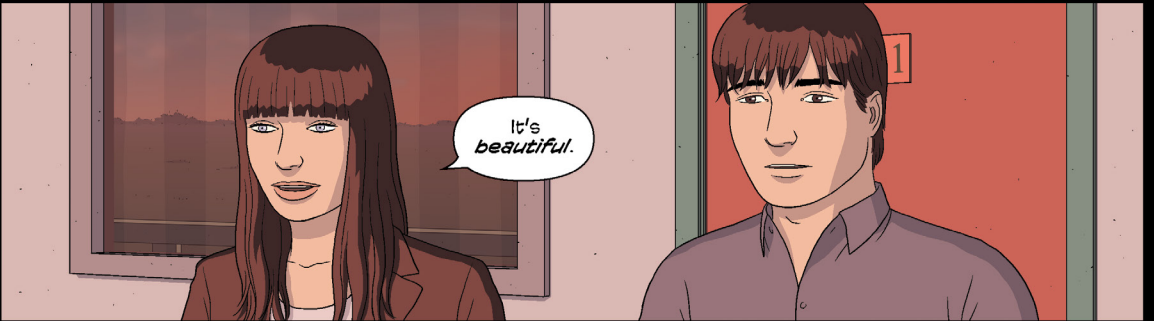
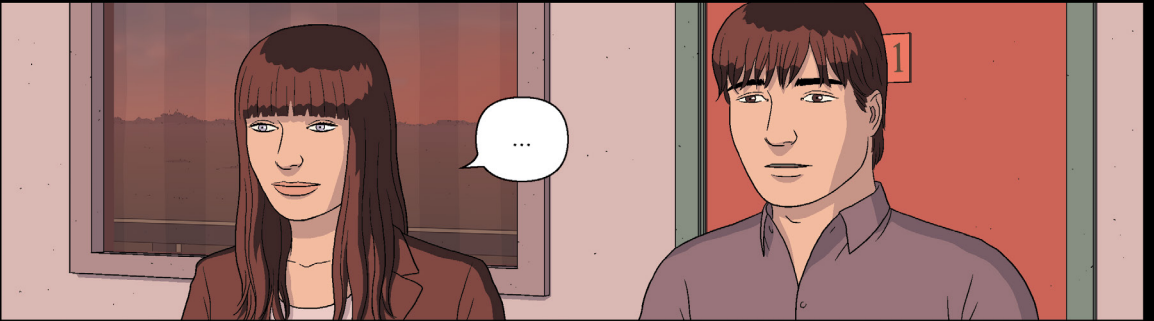
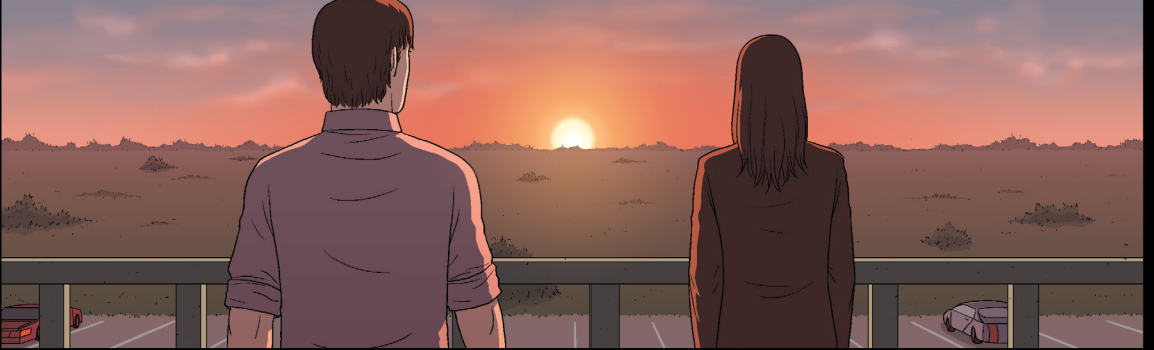


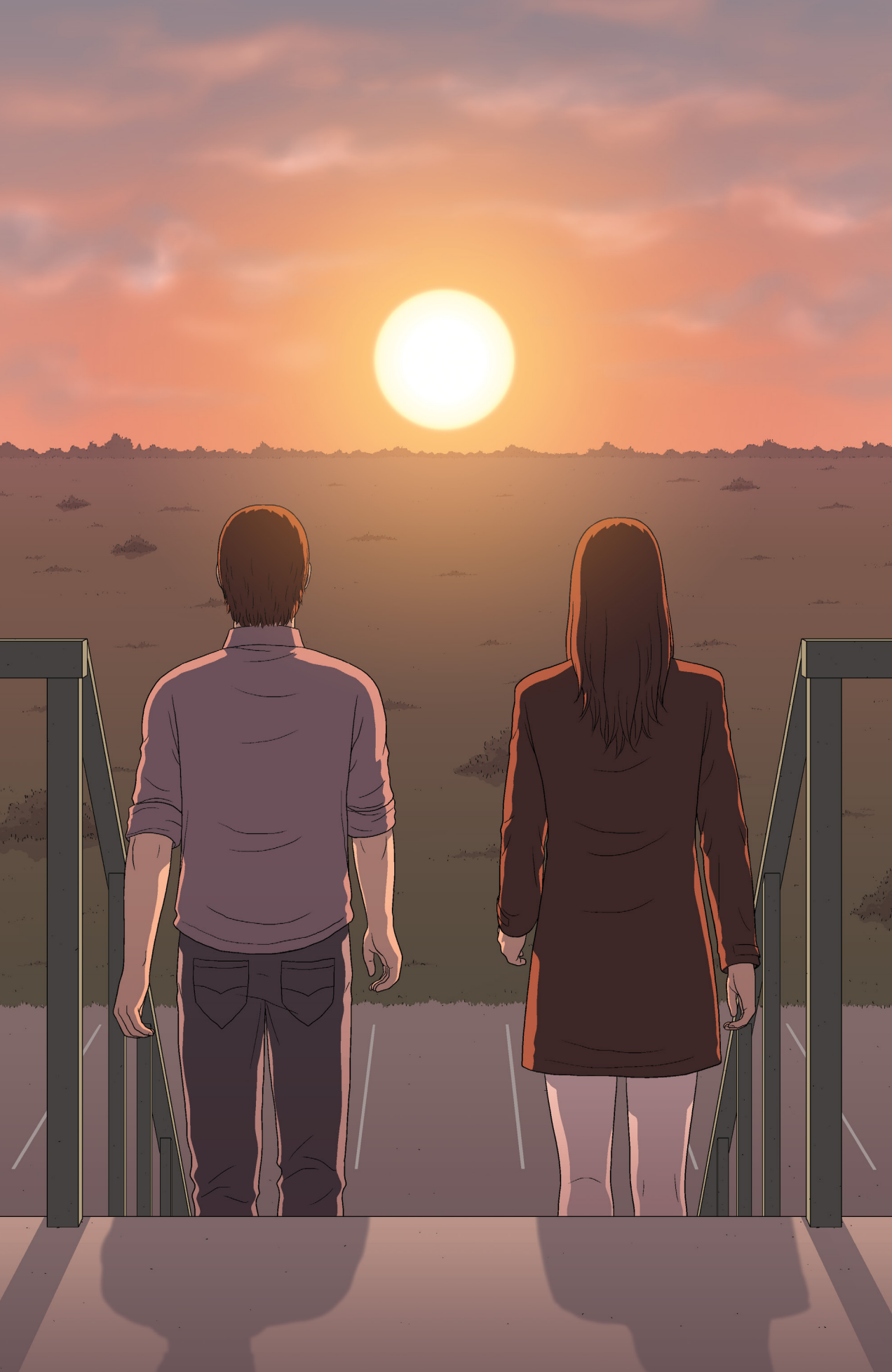












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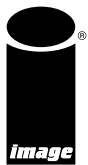
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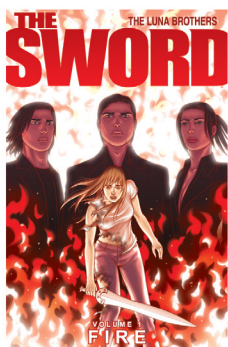
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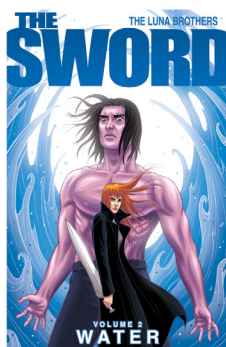


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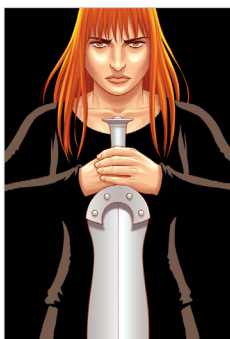
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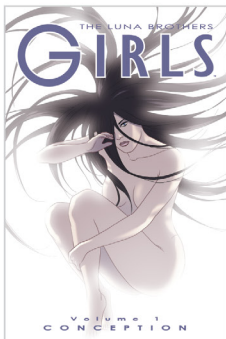
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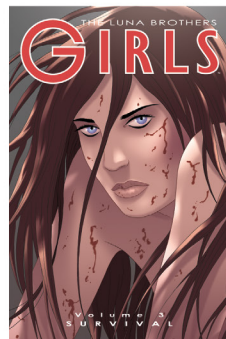
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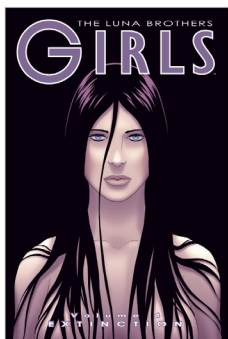
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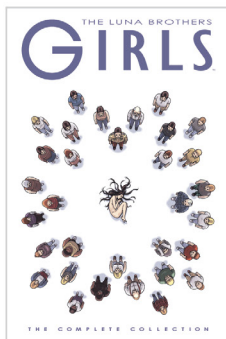
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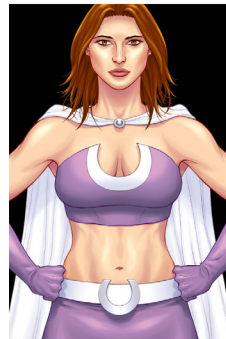
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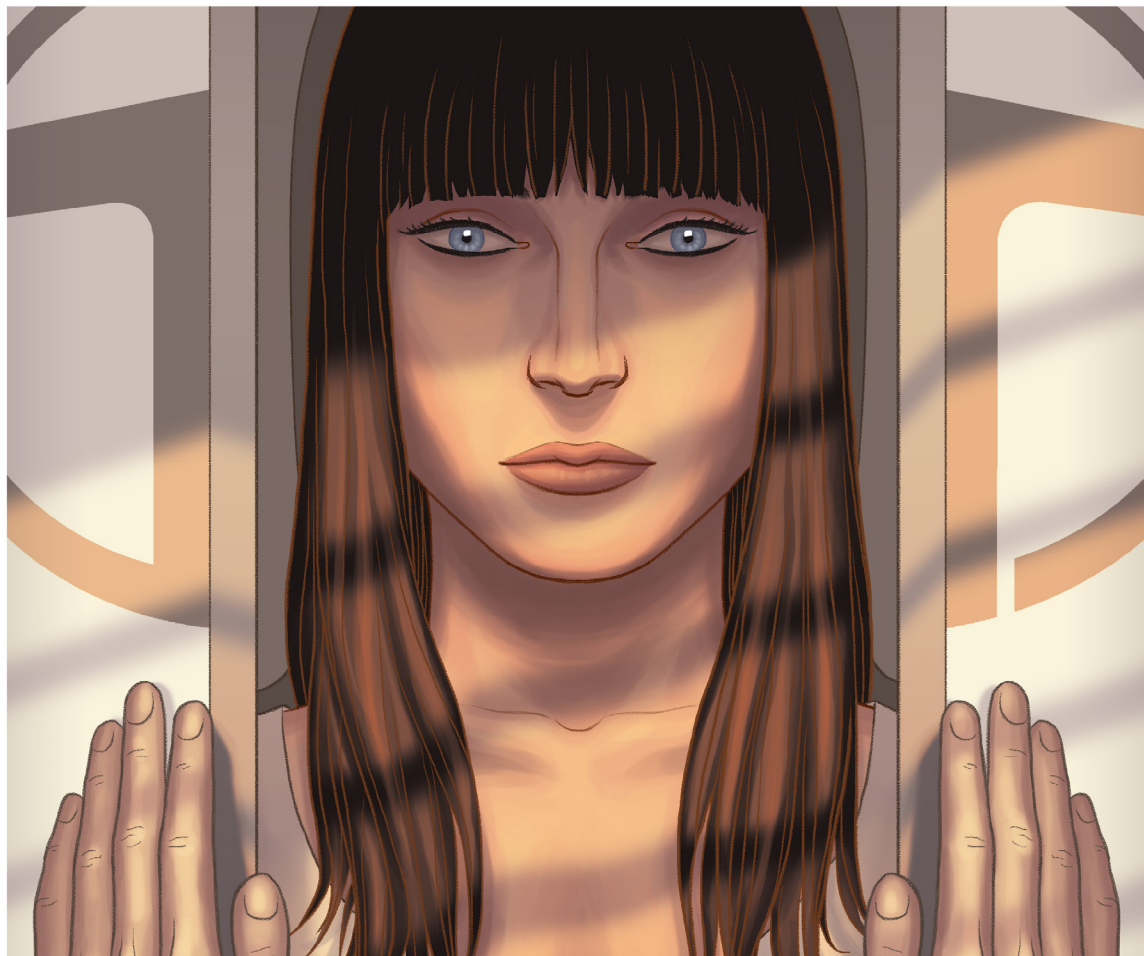
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