

I know I should have told him about it, since it involves him....

But at the time I was just so embarrassed... It's totally humiliating when a bigger guy throws you around like that. Plus it would have felt like I was running crying to Howie with my problems.

Part of the reason I still haven't told Howie about it is because I know he'll get pissed. I know he'd get angry with Liam, not with me. But I just really, really don't want to bring up anything that might upset him right now.



The other reason I still haven't told him...

...is because I don't even really know what to make of what happened.



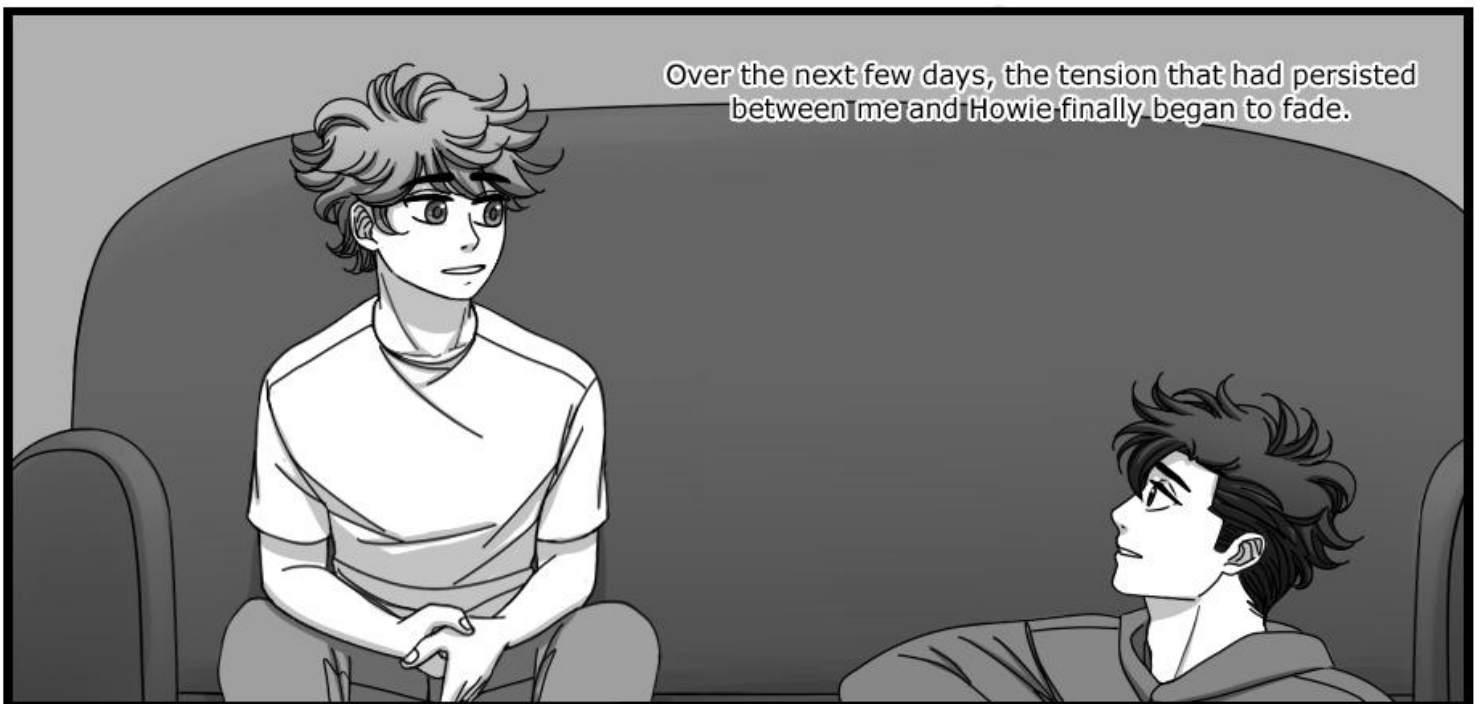
I might just be over-thinking it...

It's just, the way Liam reacted...

This is my building.

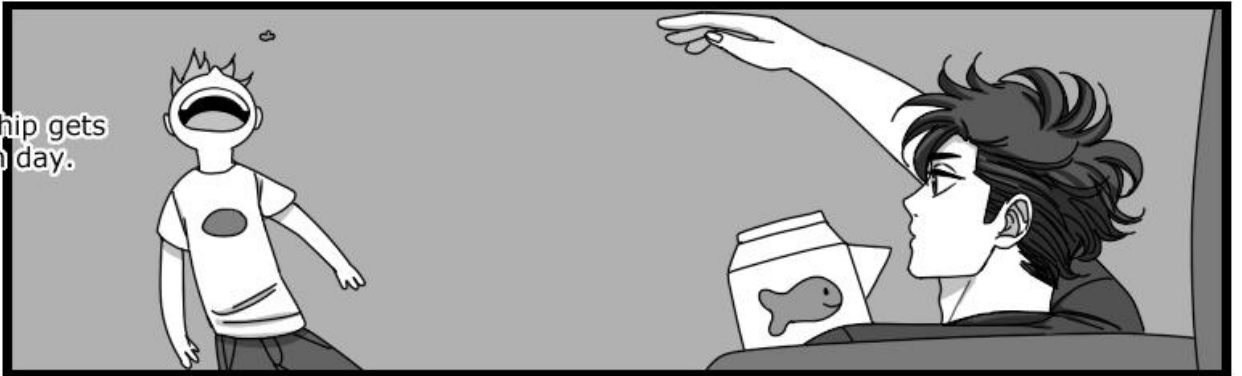
But either way, I think that Liam's a toxic person. And I don't want him anywhere near Howie.

Either he's insanely homophobic, or... there's something else going on there.



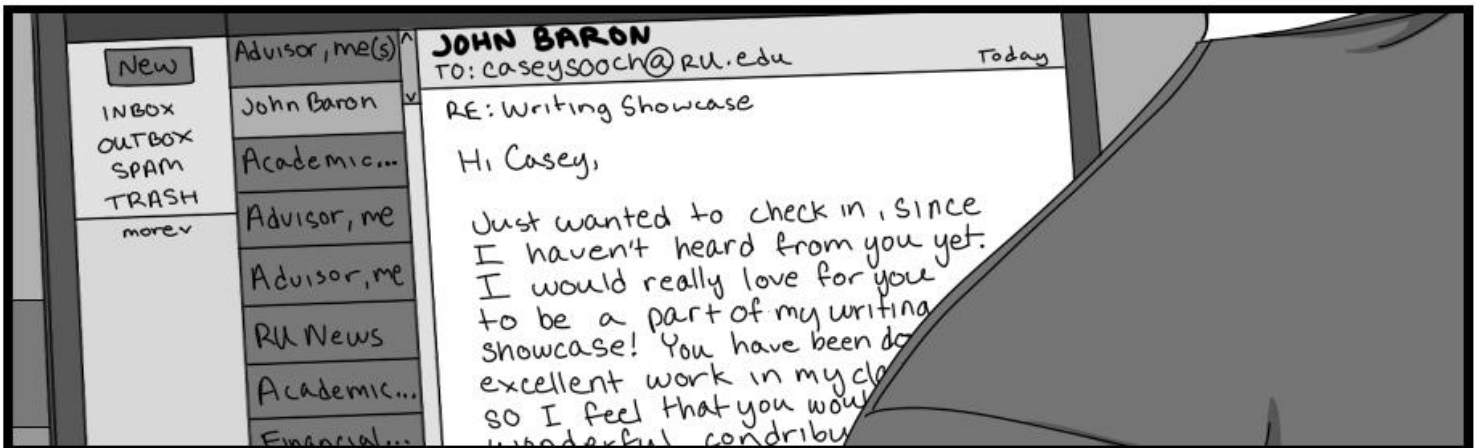
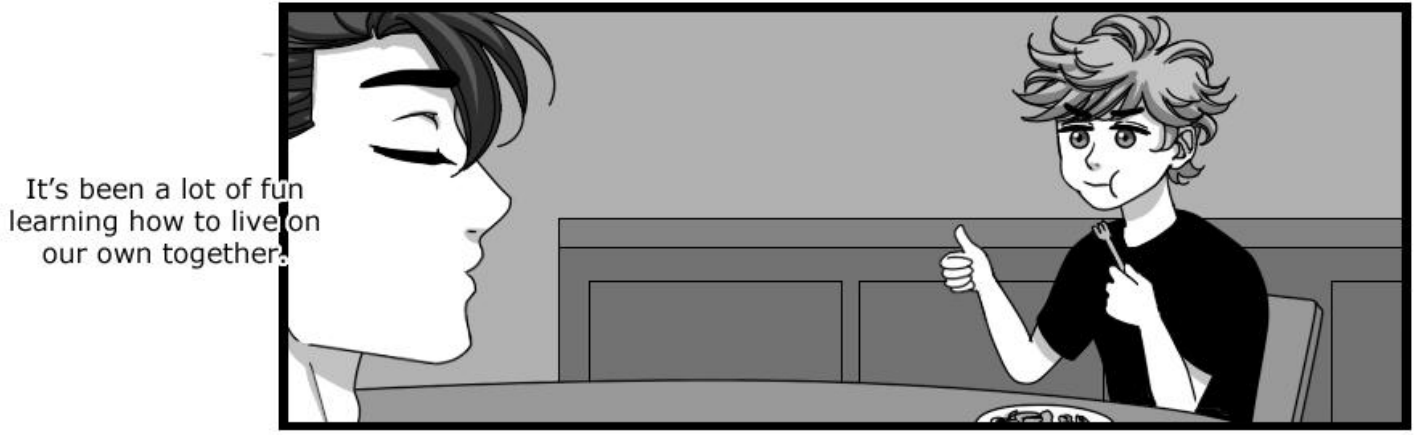


Our relationship gets better each day.

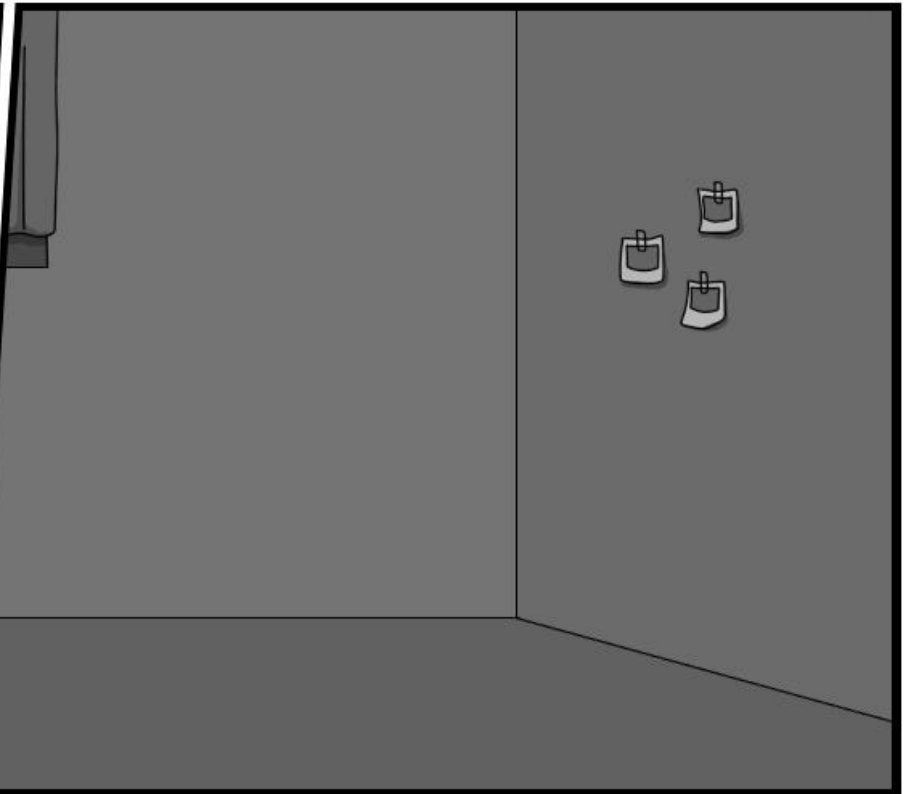
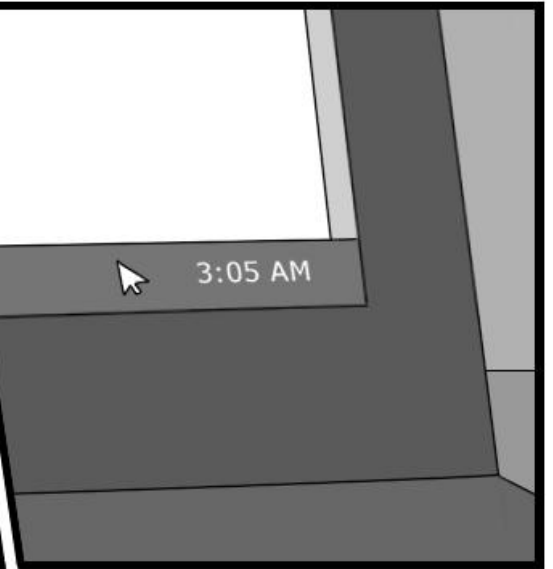


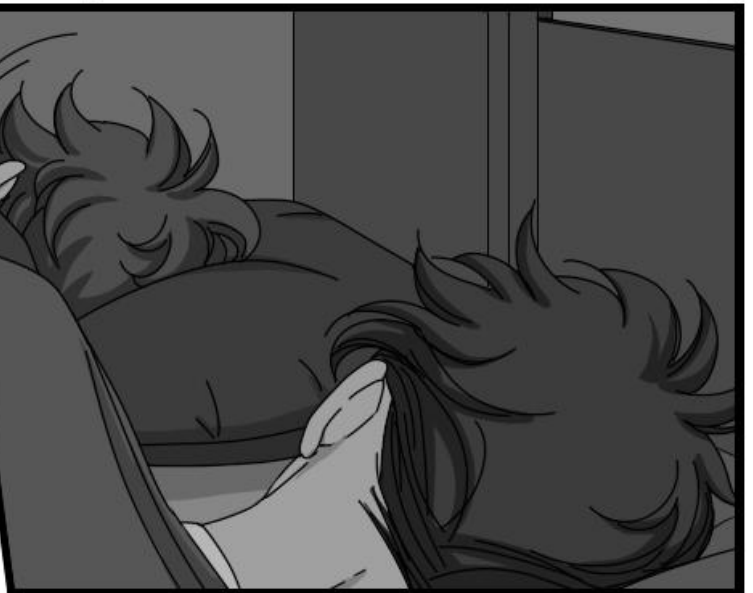
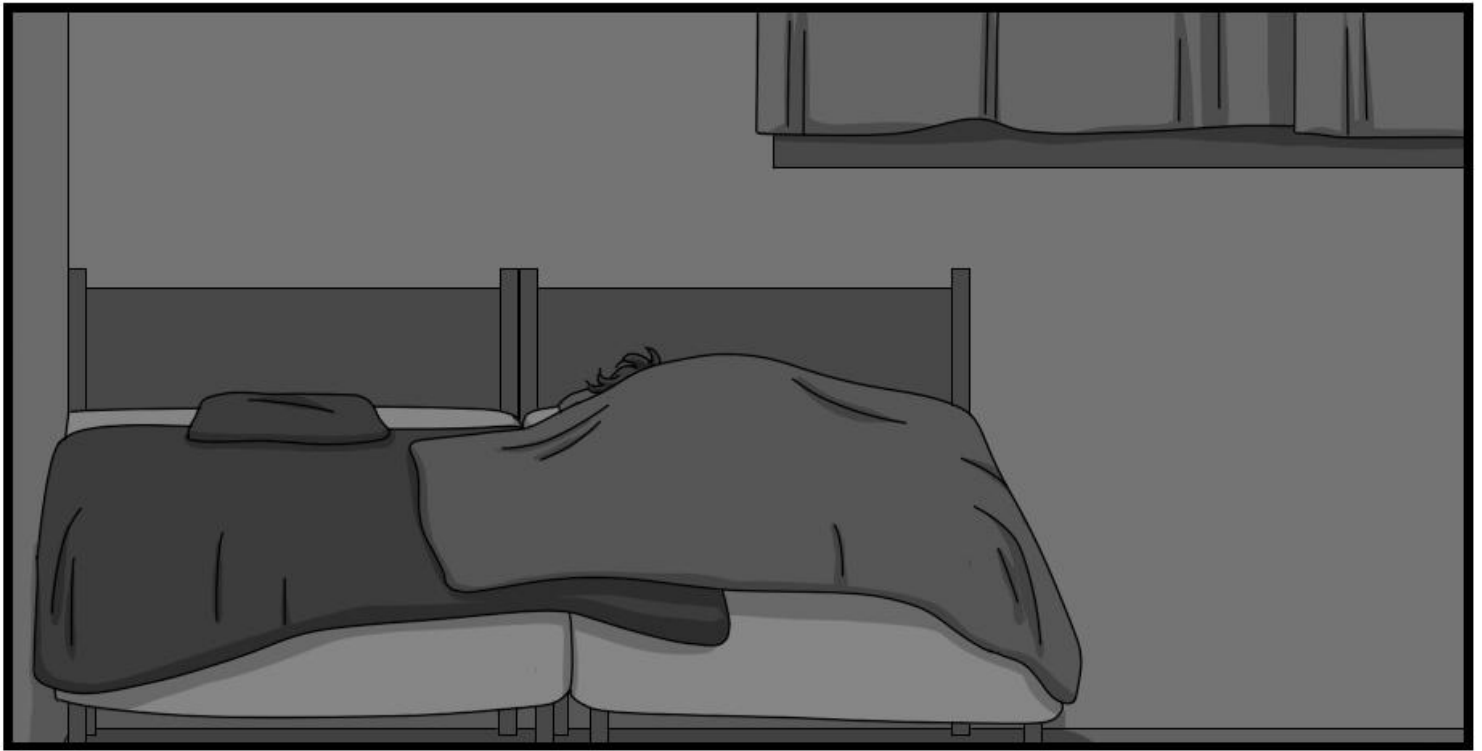
And we're getting comfortable being in each other's space.





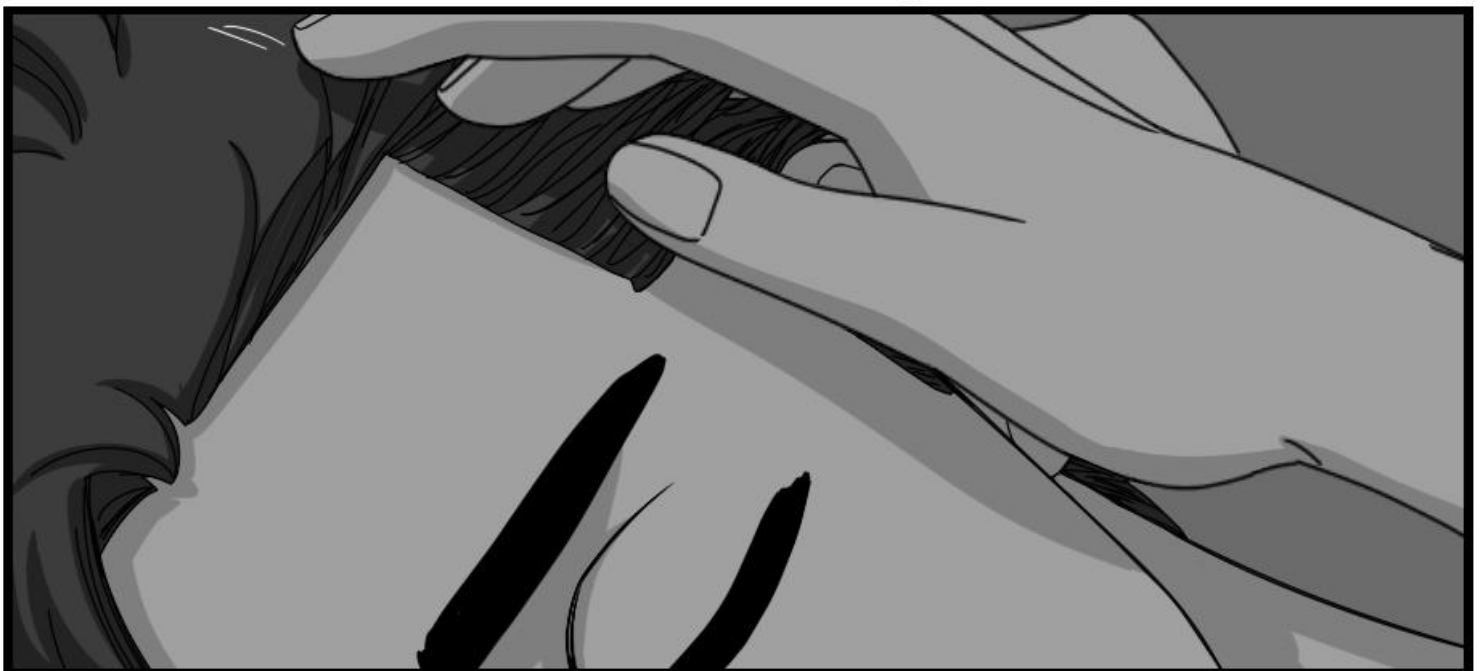


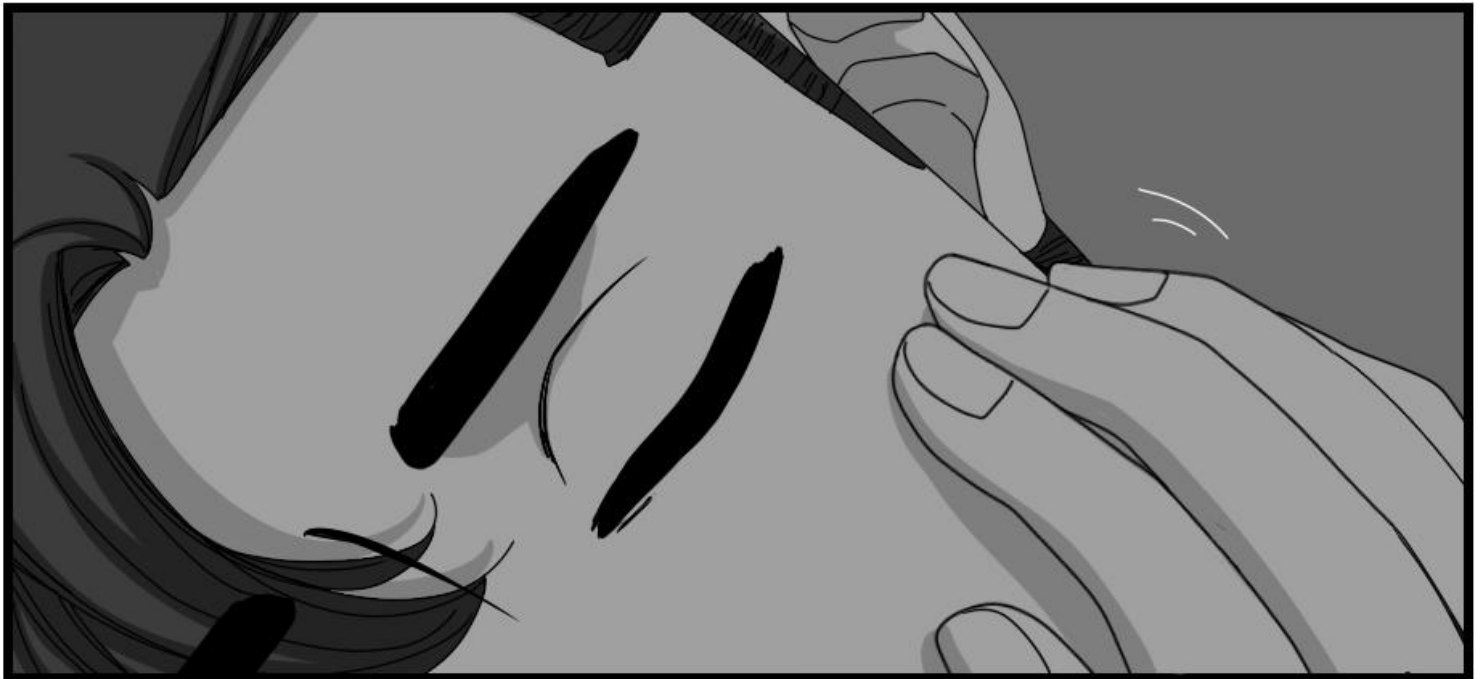












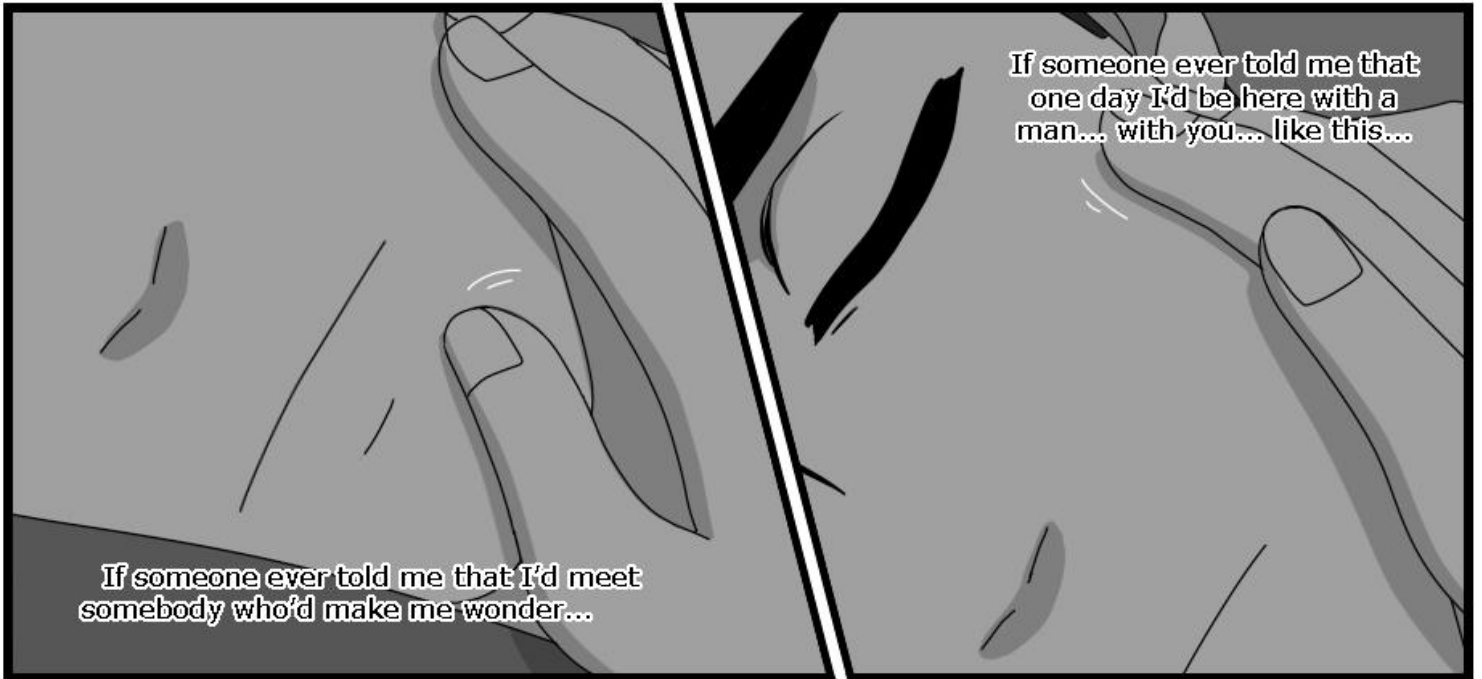
He's kinda... stubbly...

He has to shave.



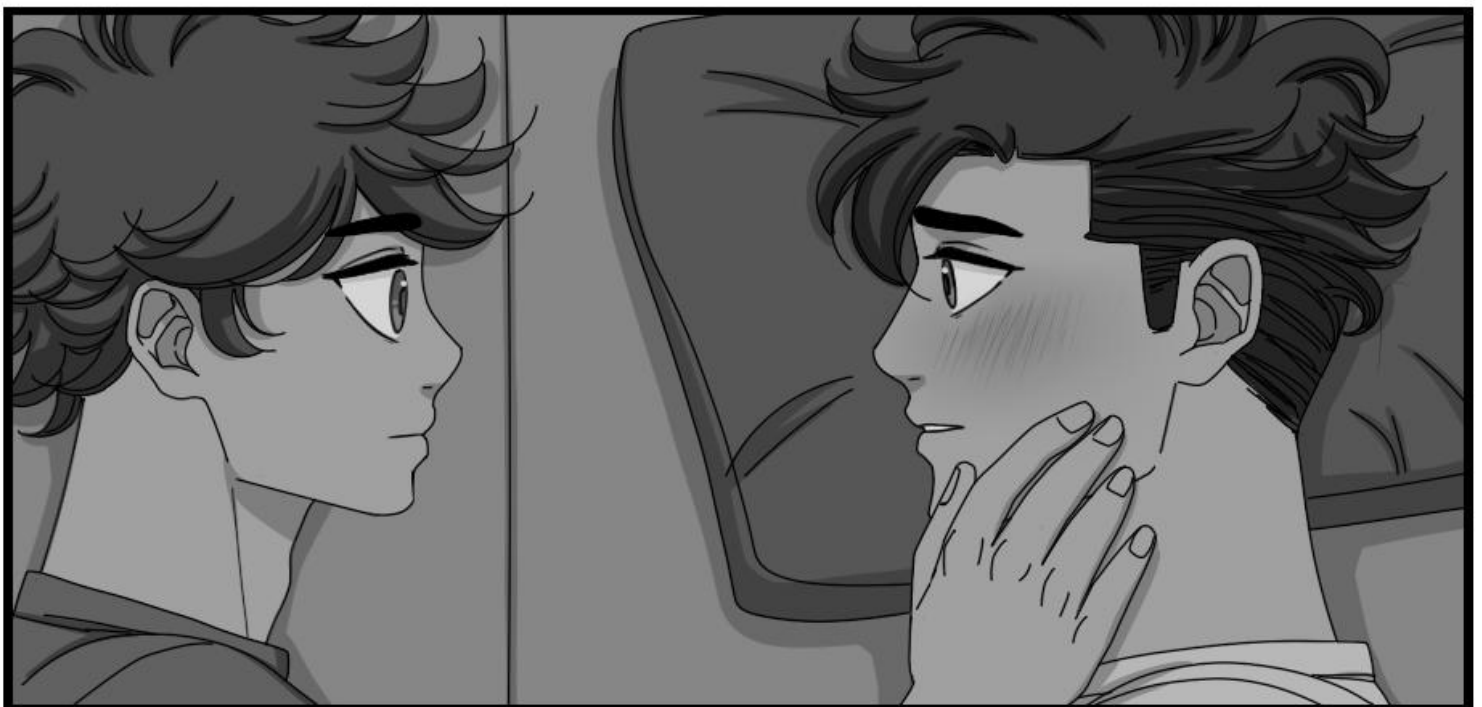
I...

...really am here
with a man, huh...



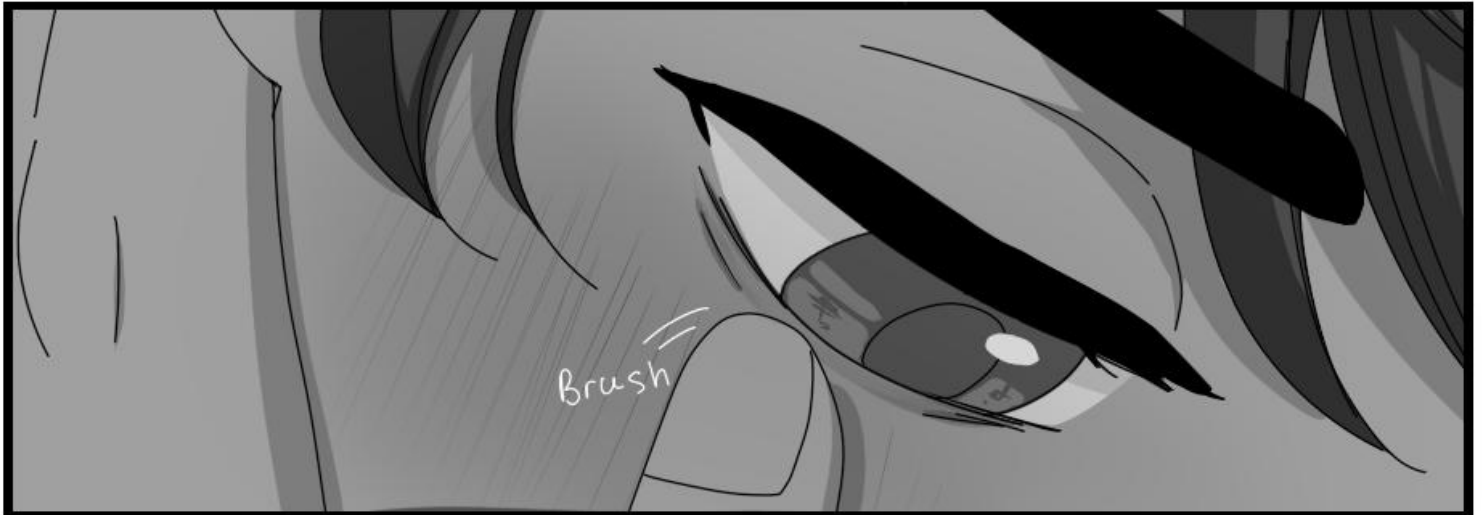
If someone ever told me that
one day I'd be here with a
man... with you... like this...

If someone ever told me that I'd meet
somebody who'd make me wonder...





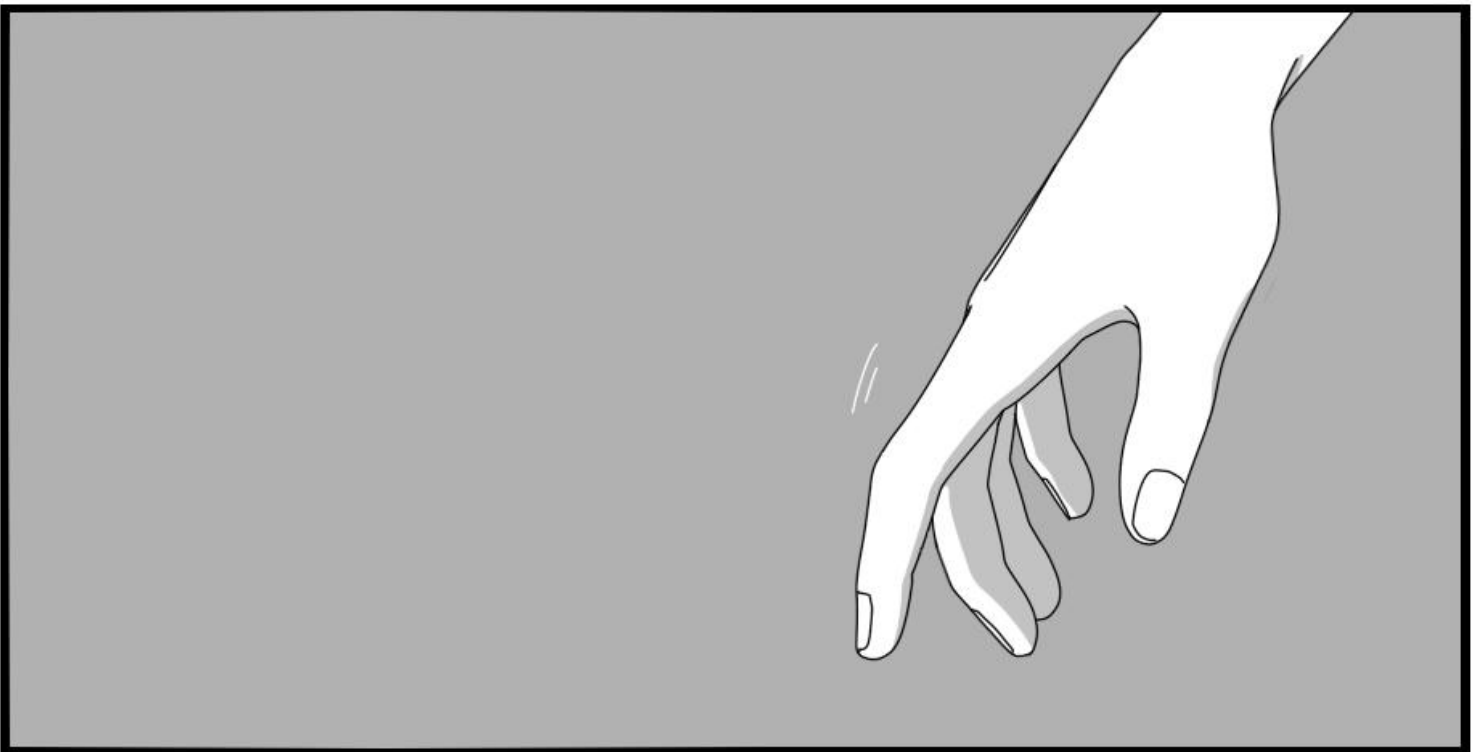








The next day



Touch

Ah...

Howie's hand...

This is...



Sooch, wake up.

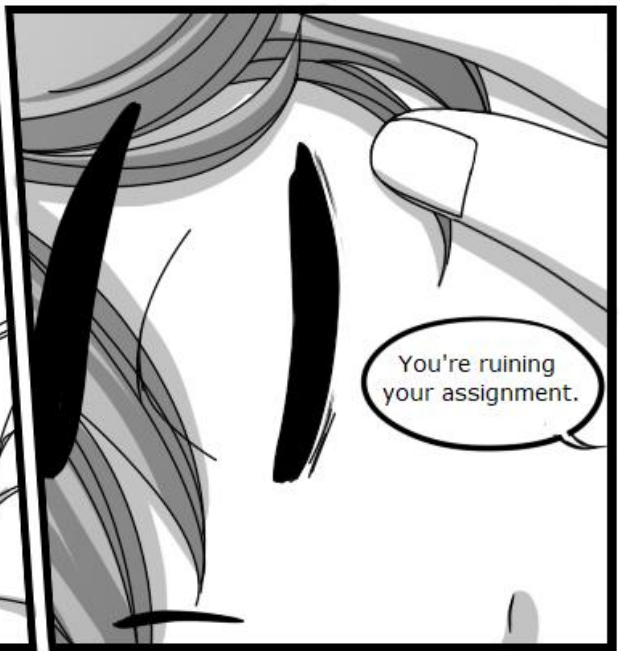
No...

Sooch...

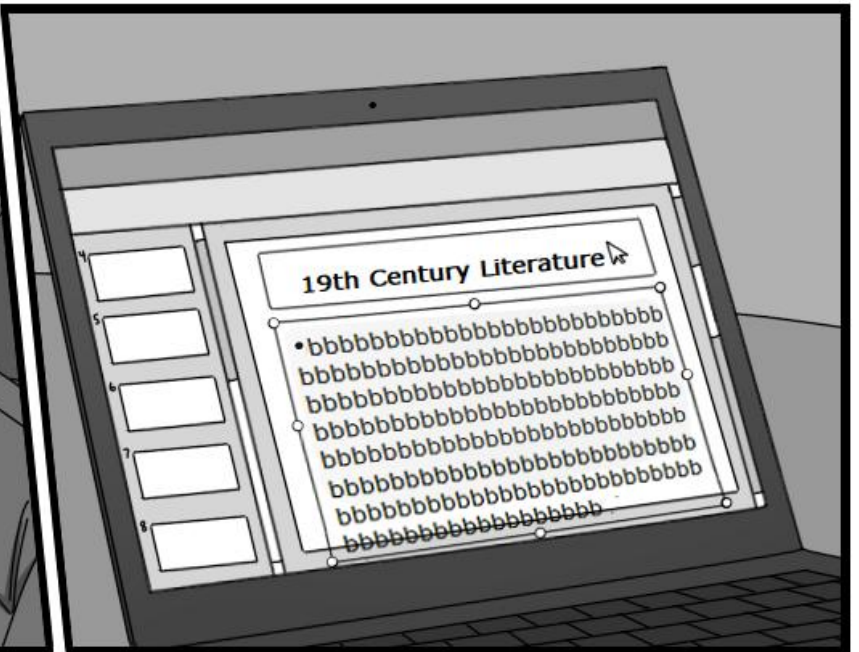
Pet
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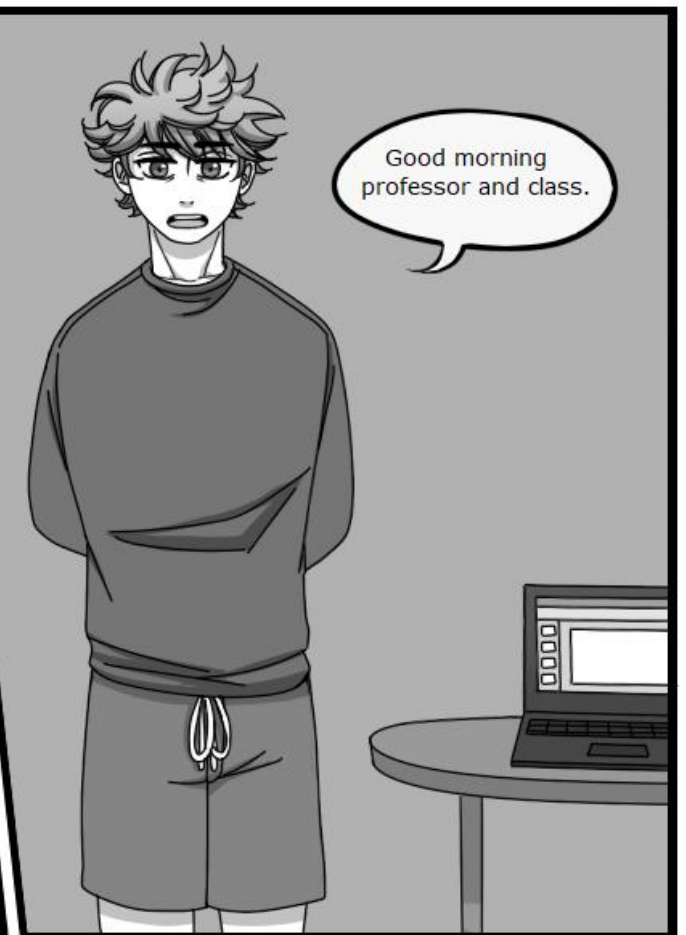
Wake up...

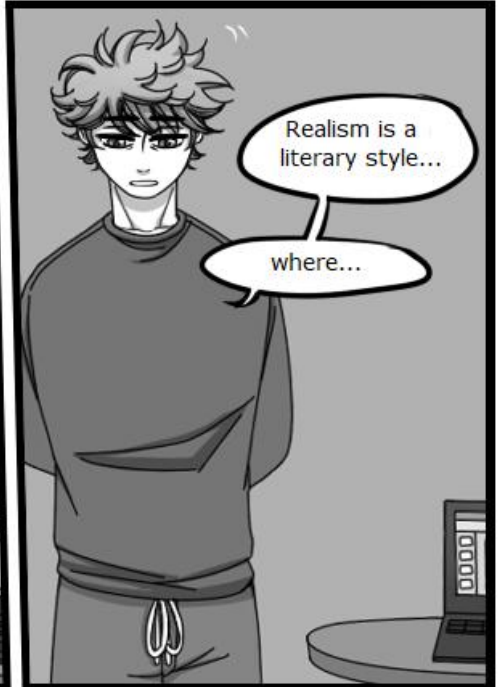
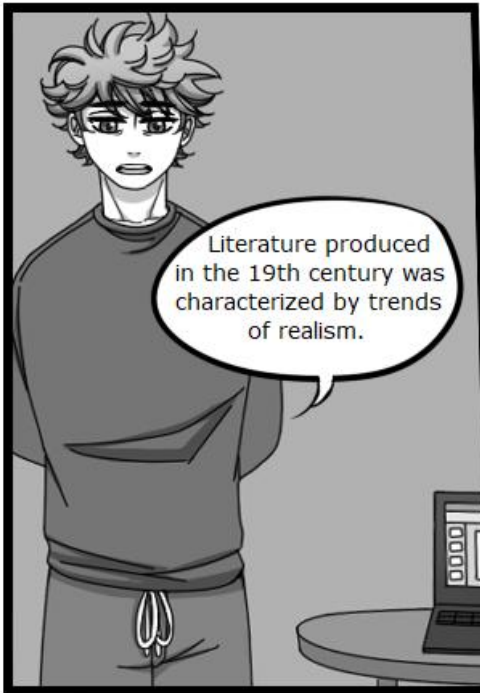
I said no....

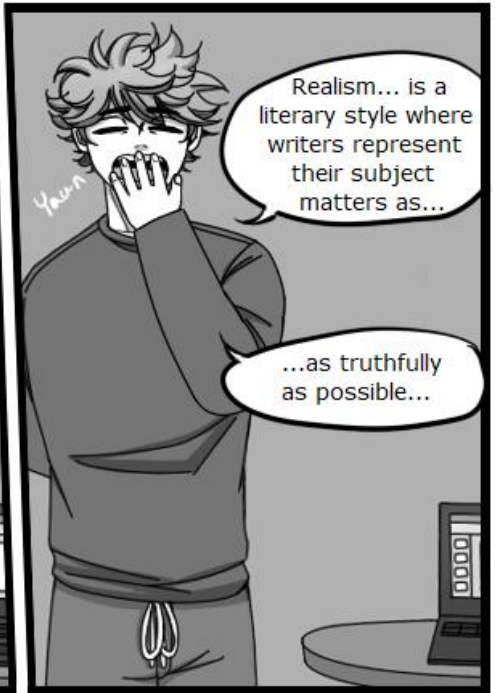
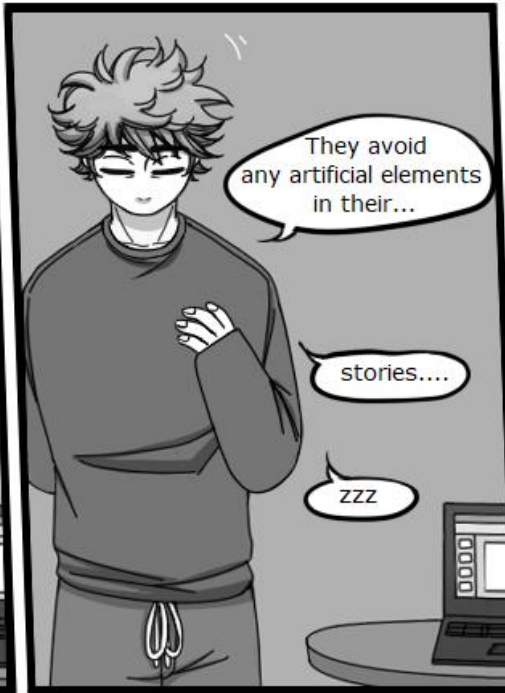


You're ruining your assignment.

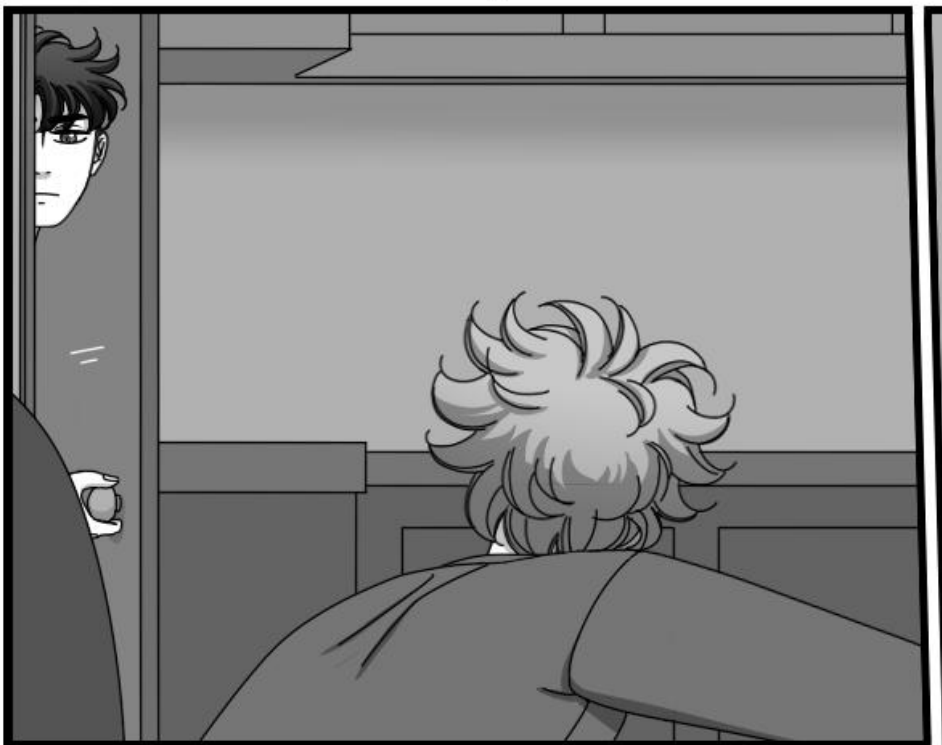


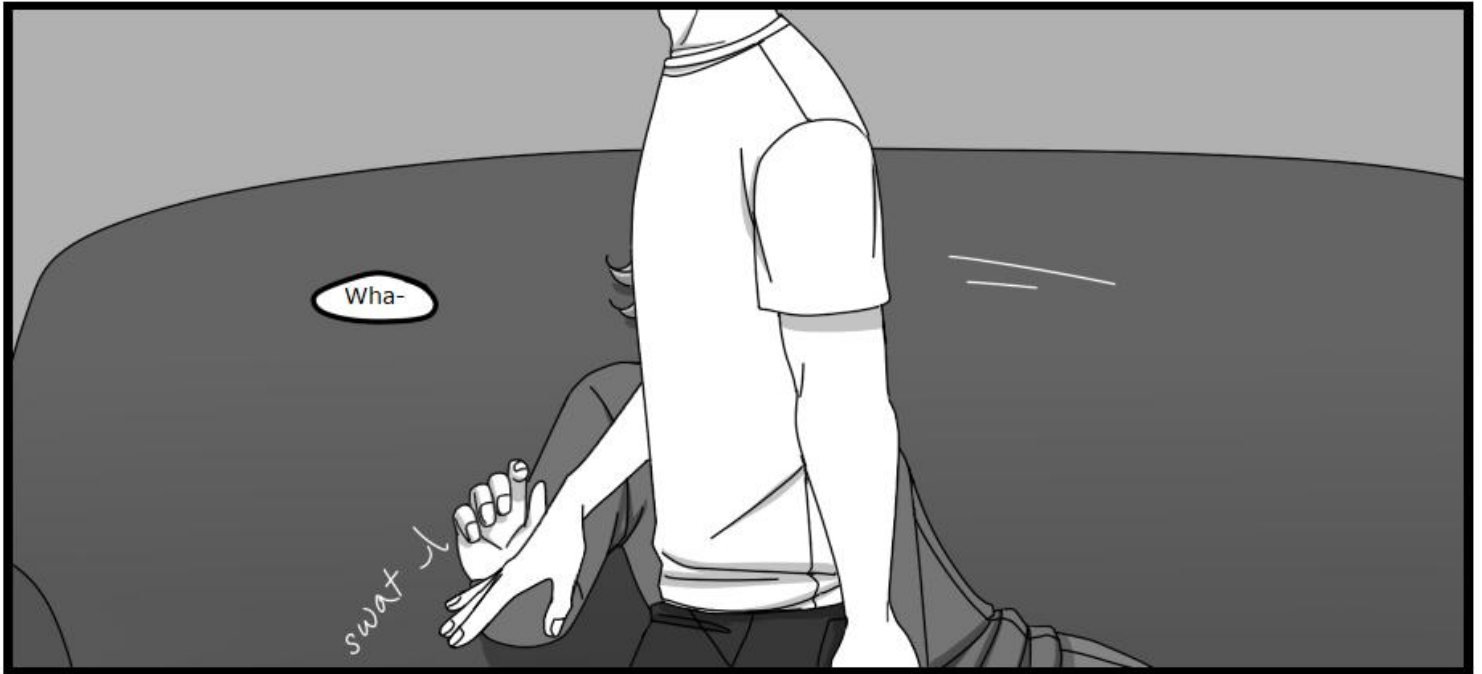
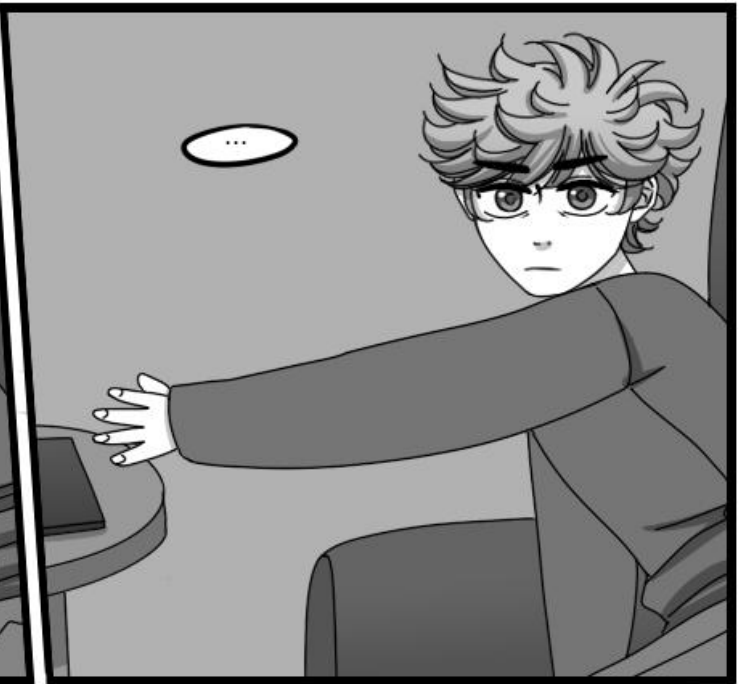


















I don't need you
telling me what to do, okay?!

This isn't even any
of your business..!

You're literally the
most annoying person...



Besides..! There's no way...



I could even sleep....

like this...



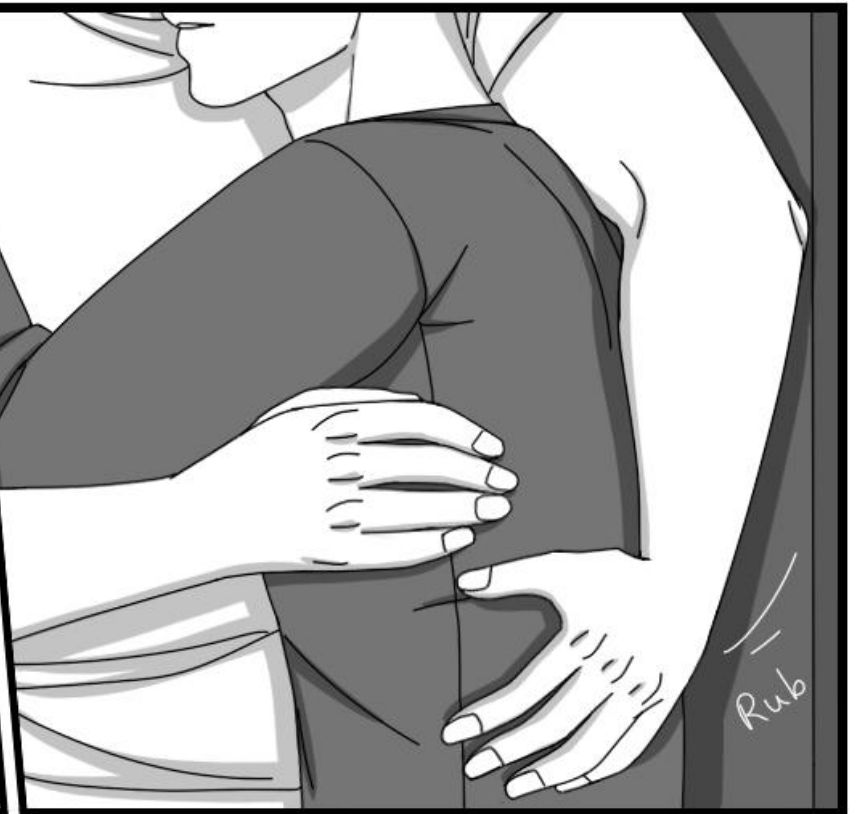




Whoa... I actually fell asleep.



He didn't realize
I woke up, I guess...



Rub



I've...

...never been held like this before...



Oh... I can hear his heart.



