



It's been about two weeks since I last spoke to Sooch.



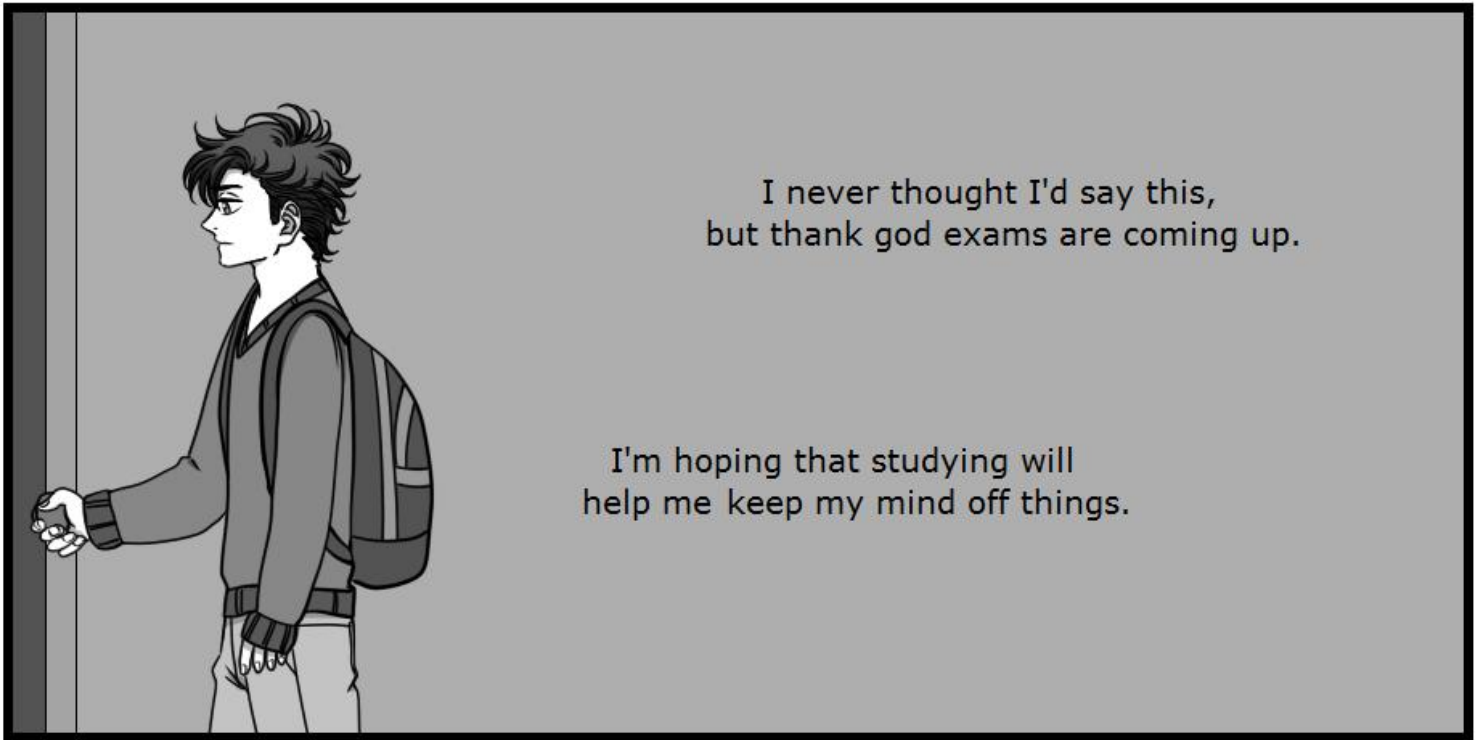
I do my best to keep my distance. I hardly ever see him around, so I guess that means he's doing the same.



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It sucks.





I never thought I'd say this,
but thank god exams are coming up.

I'm hoping that studying will
help me keep my mind off things.

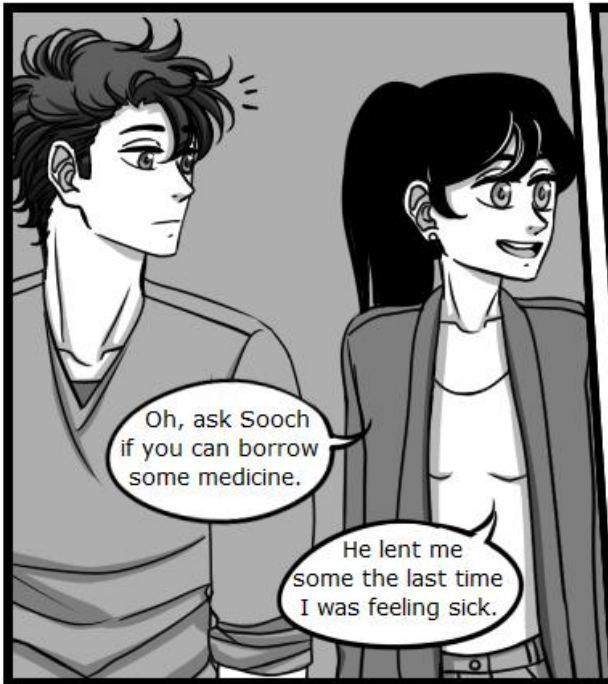


November 22nd



November 23rd

Tutoring



Oh, ask Sooch if you can borrow some medicine.

He lent me some the last time I was feeling sick.



November 24th

You guys know how that bug's been going around? I think I caught it.

I haven't been feeling so great.



November 25th

Hi! I'm Jeremy. Nice to meet you.

Hi...

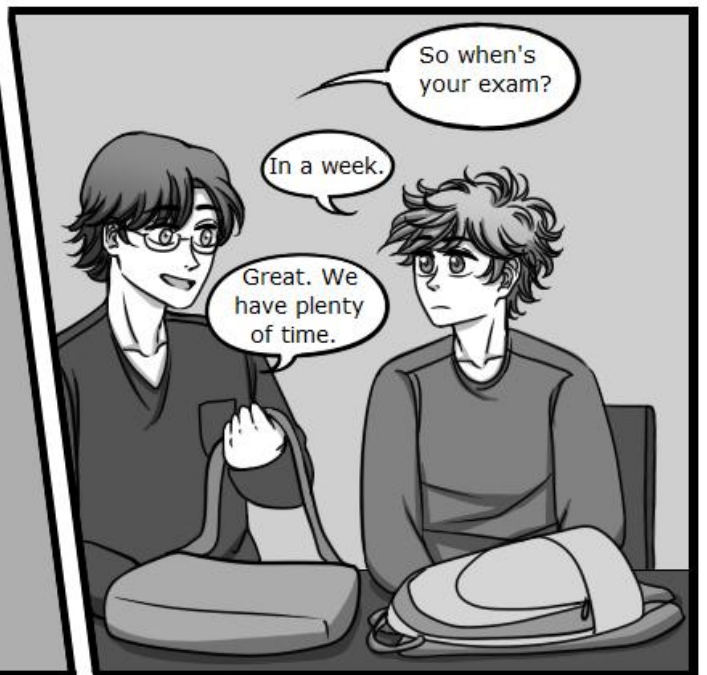


Really? Okay, I'll ask him for some then.

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November 26th



So when's your exam?

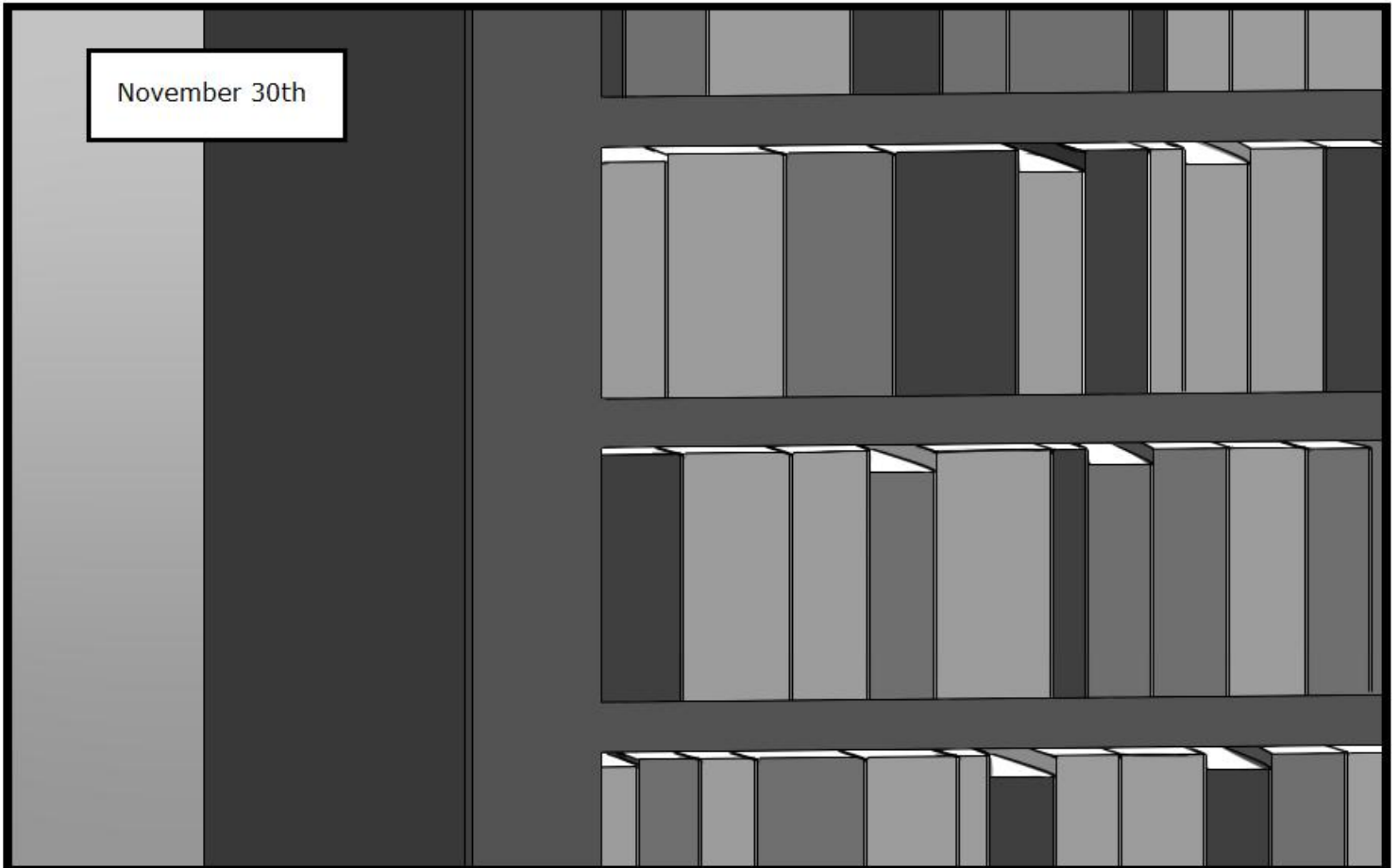
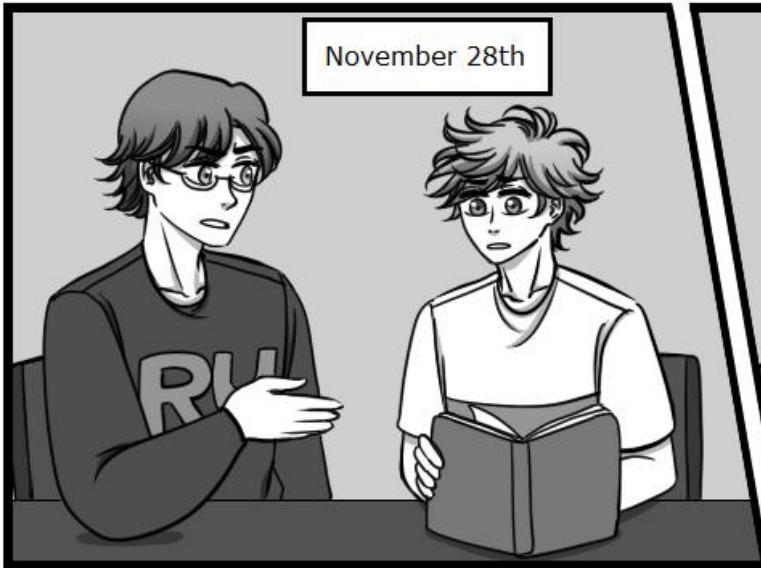
In a week.

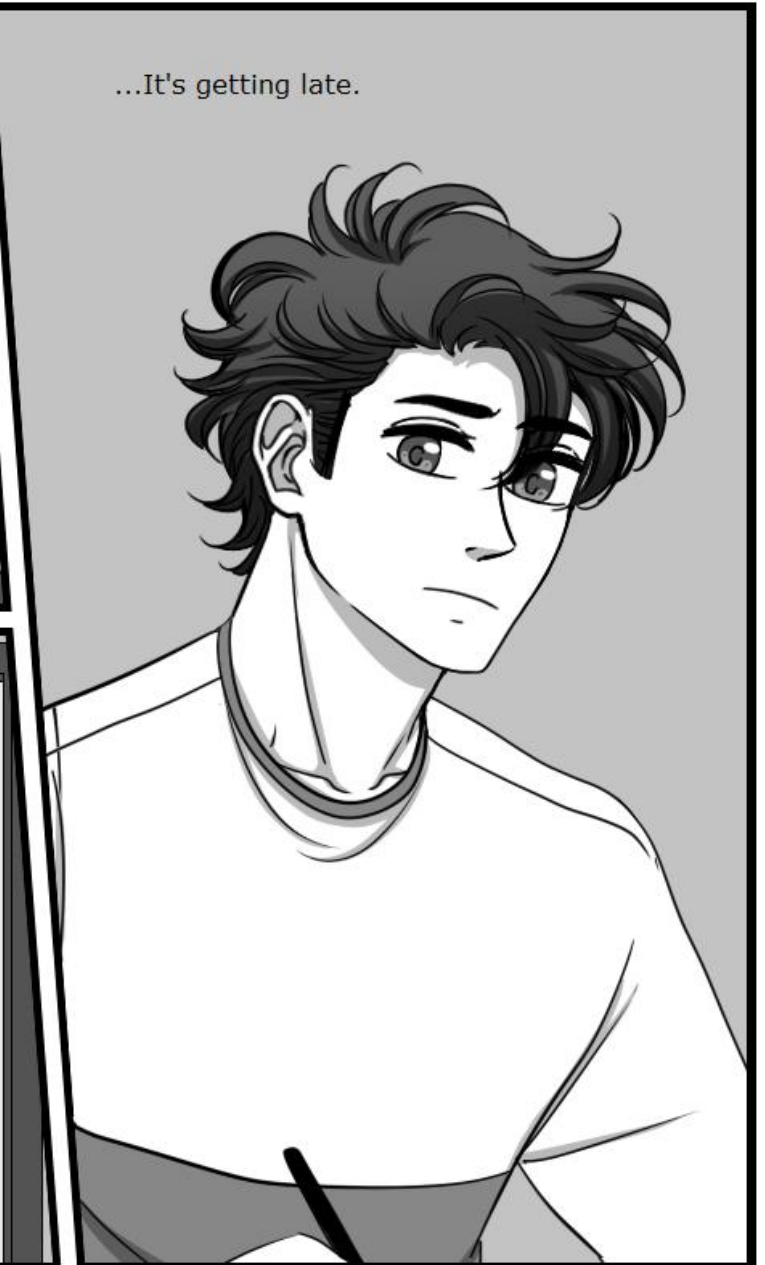
Great. We have plenty of time.

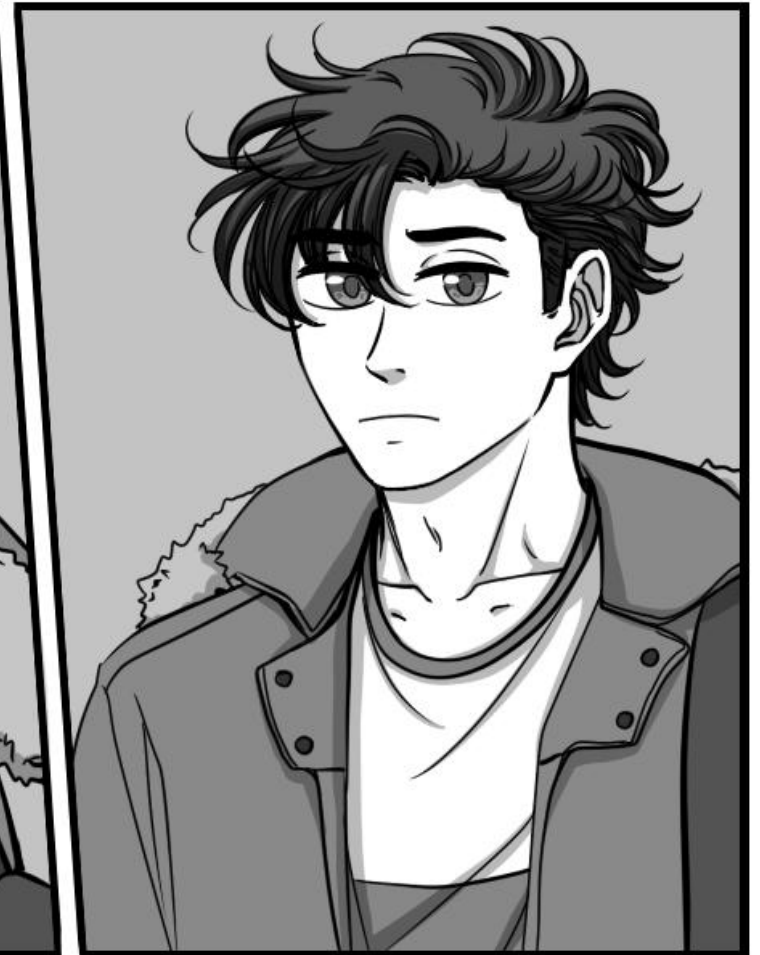


Isn't that Liam...?

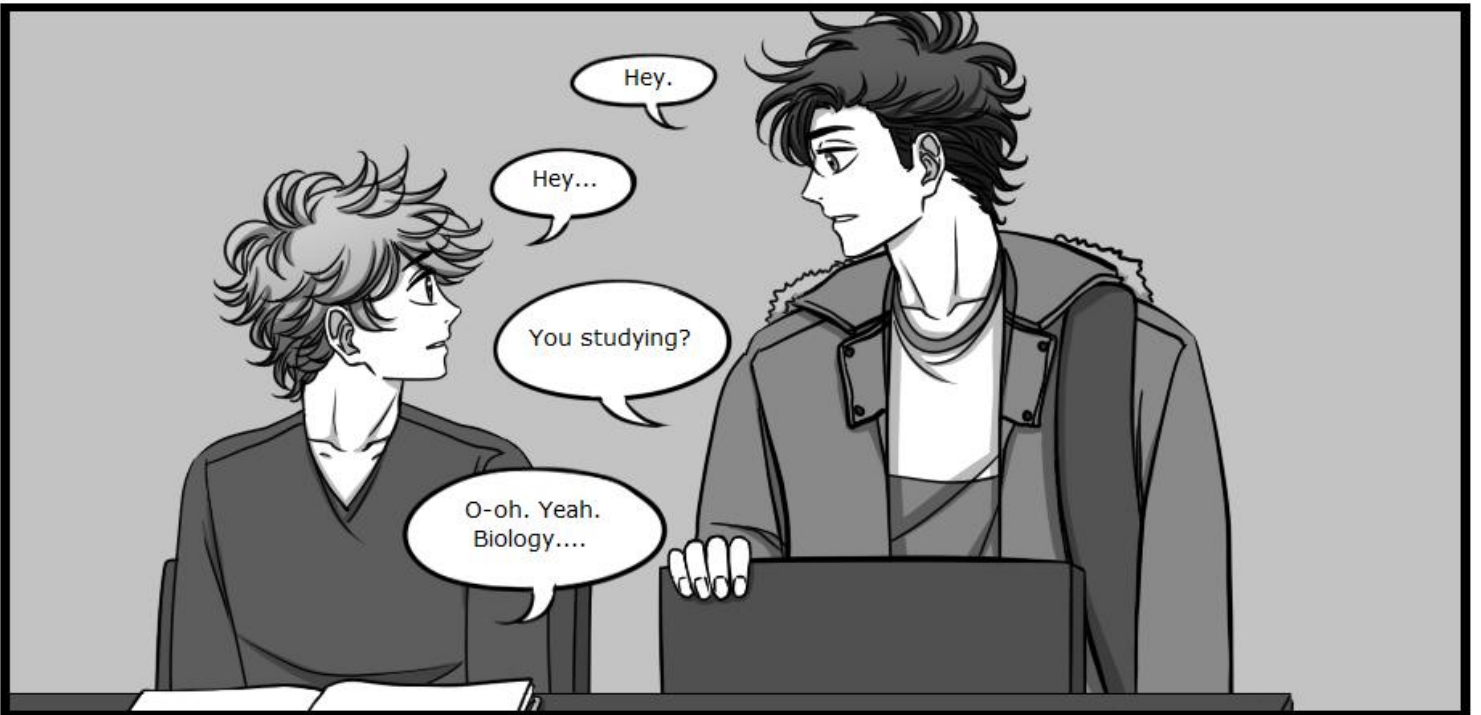
What the hell is Howie doing with Liam?

















....Okay.

Okay. It's okay.

Don't worry about the essay for now. I can't really help with that anyway. It's probably best to focus on your bio exam now, and to do the essay after.

So which chapter are you on.....



Basically, the electron transport chain is where oxidative phosphorylation takes place.



So this one's a pain because you need to memorize the concept and the process.



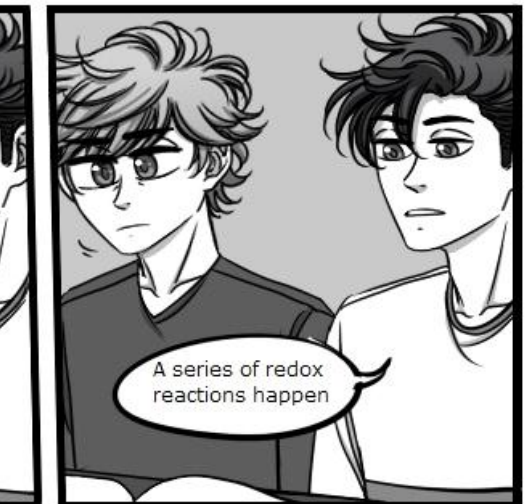
Oh. The electron transport chain.



And at the same time, protons are going to travel across the cell membrane.



which is gonna ultimately transfer electrons from donors to acceptors.

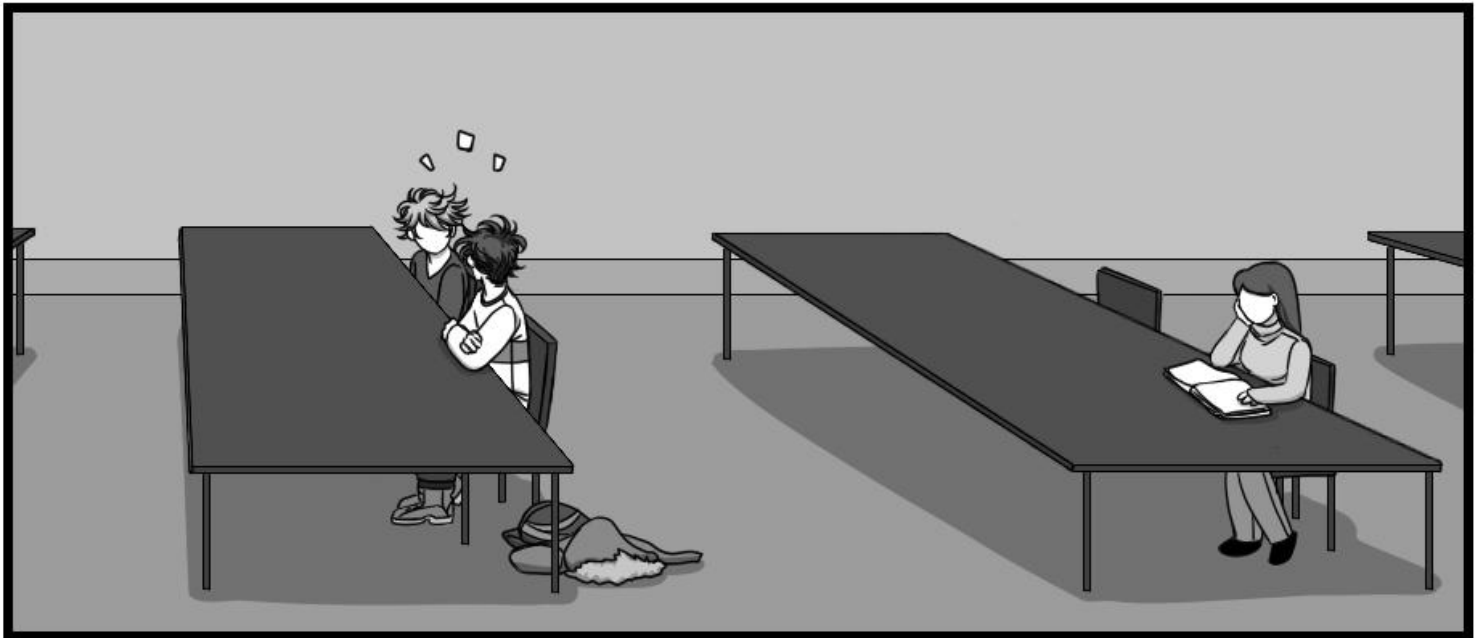


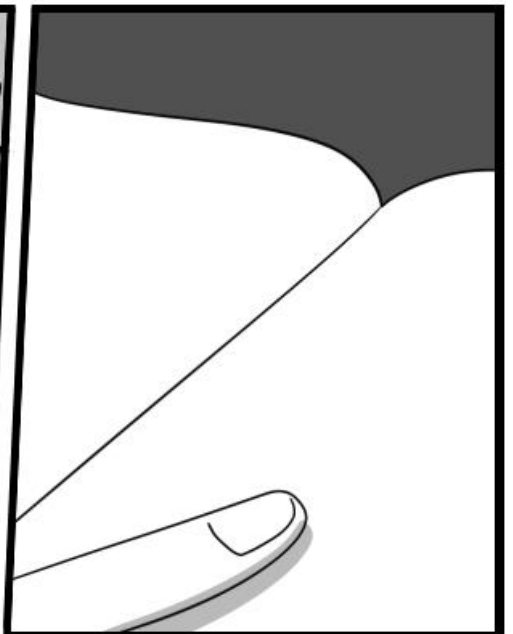
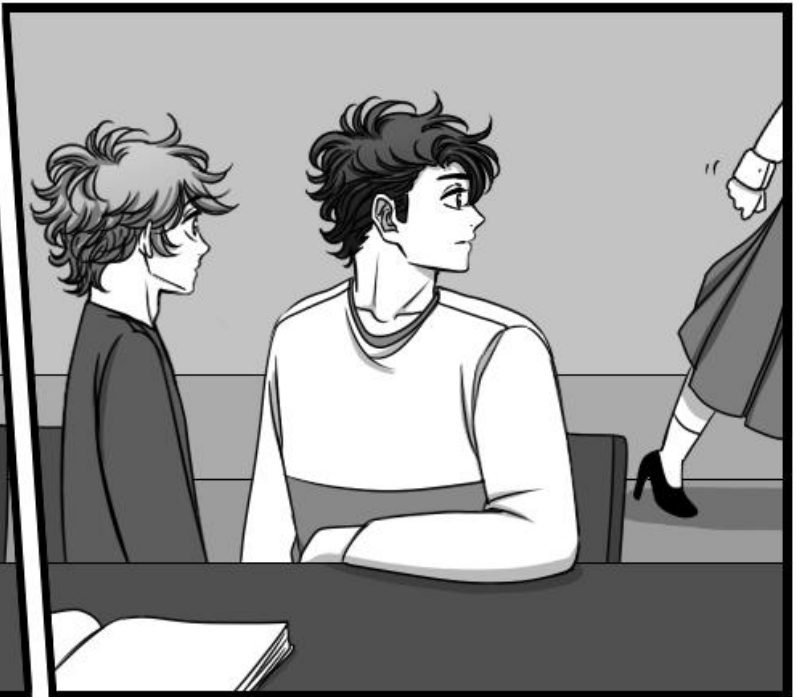
A series of redox reactions happen

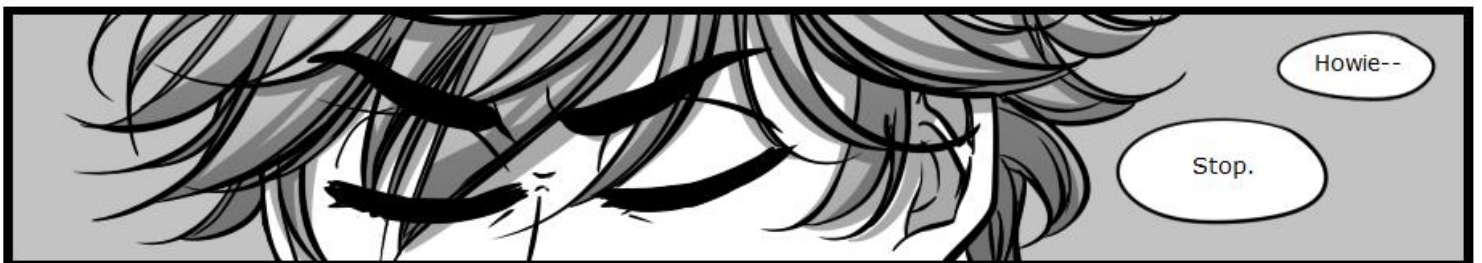
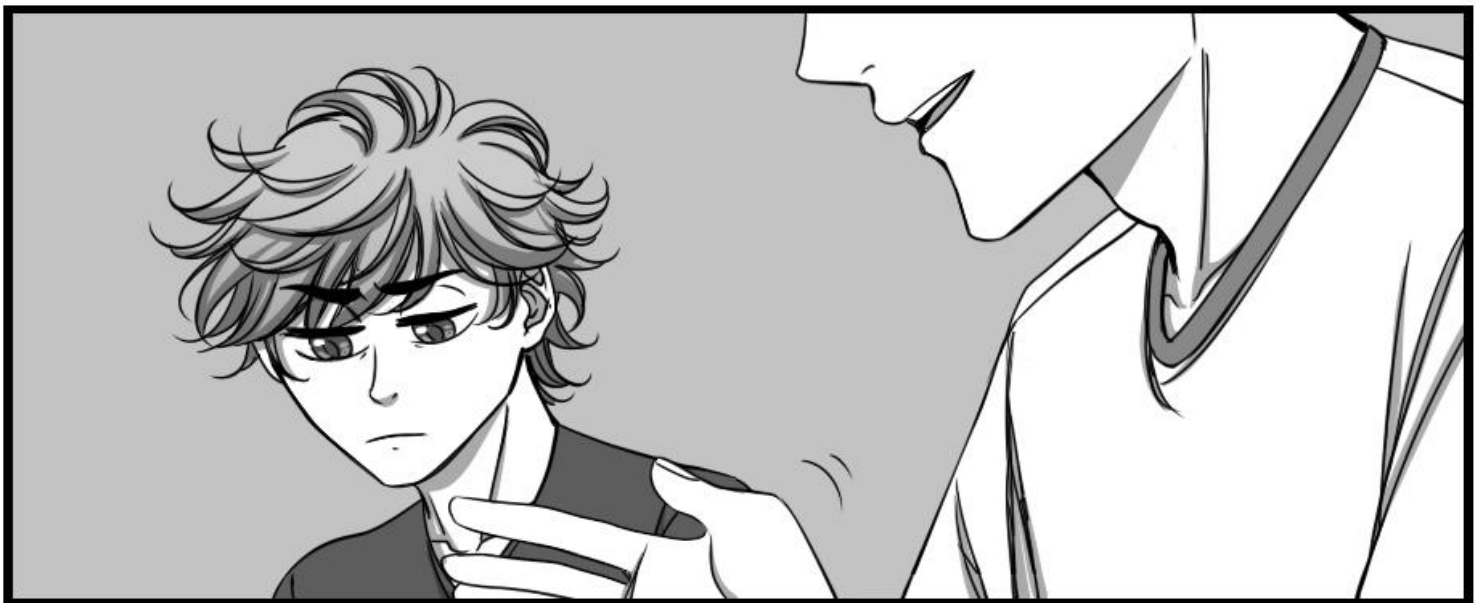
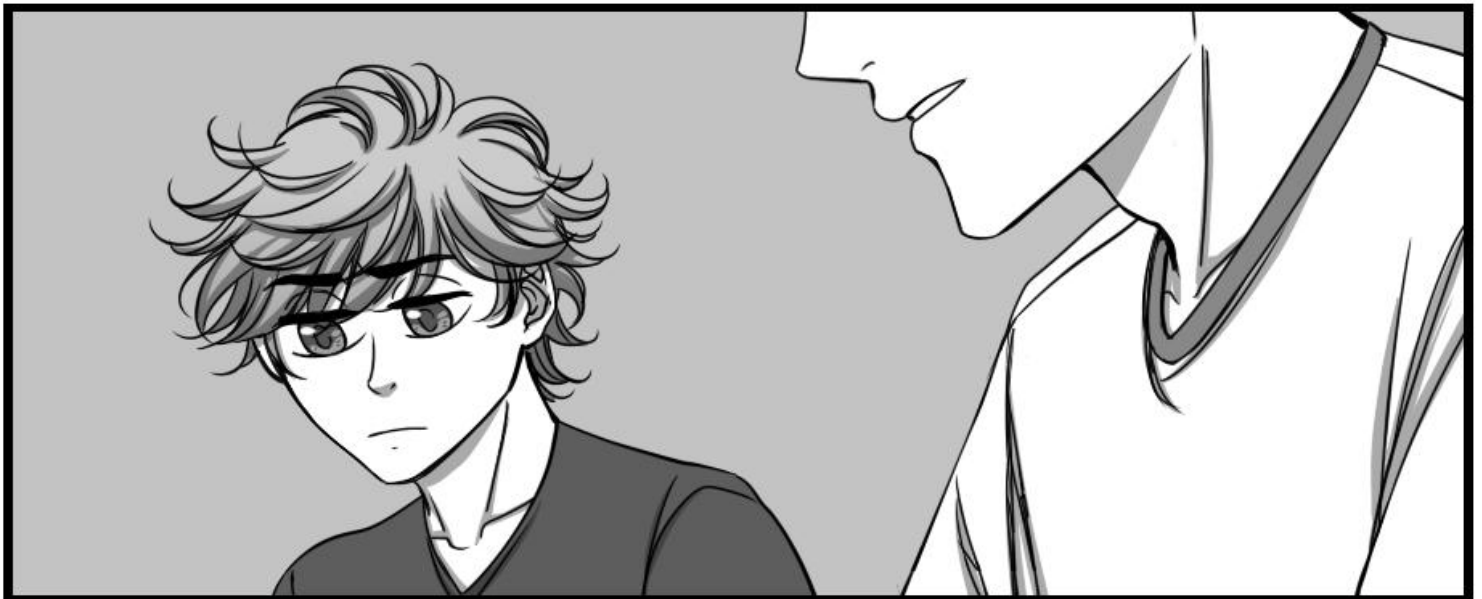
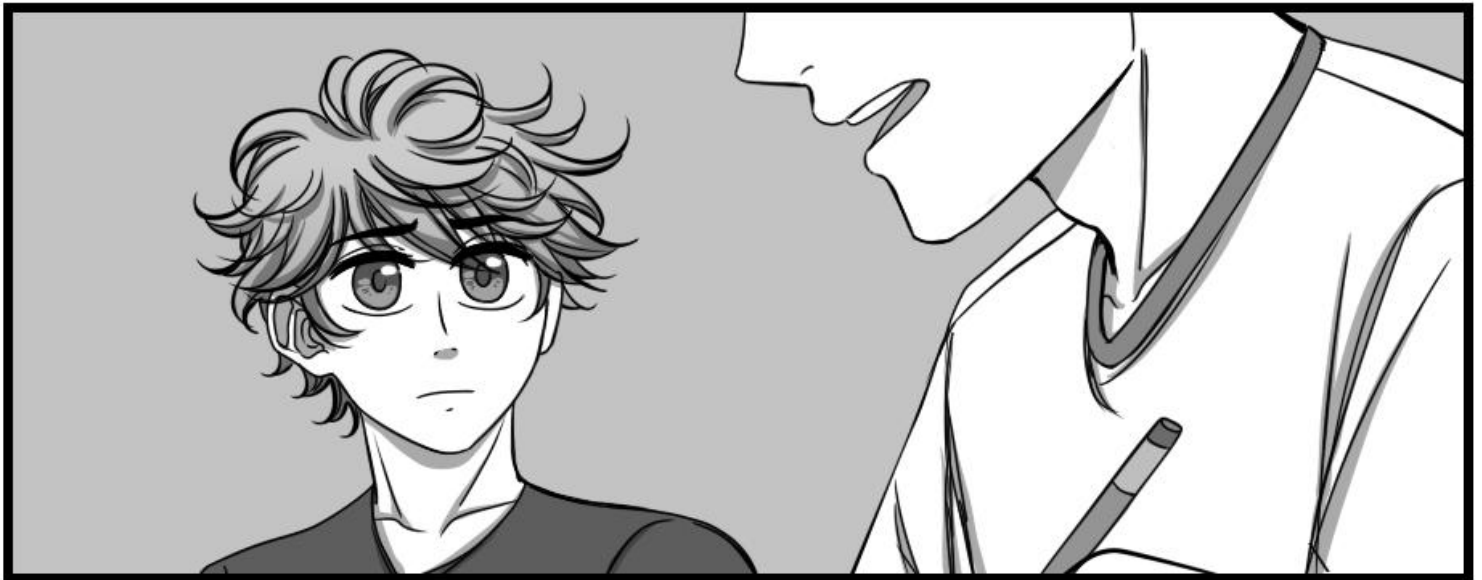


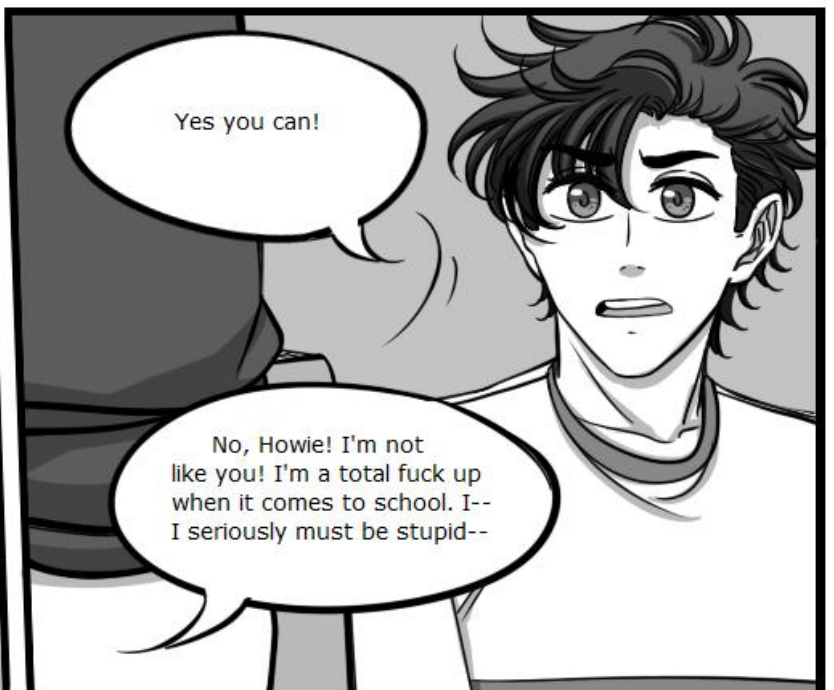
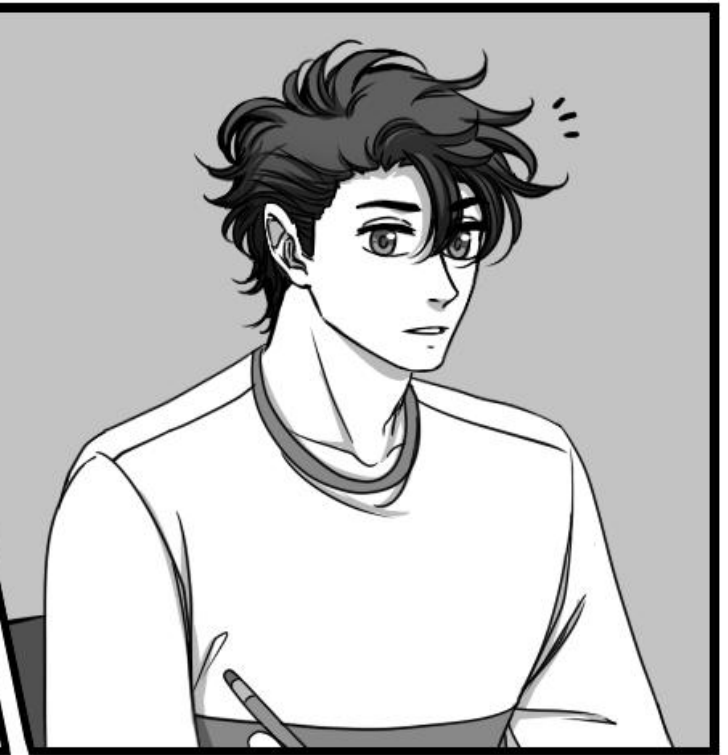
This process creates a proton gradient, which will drive-













No, you're not.



Stop that.
Listen to me.



Don't get mad.
You're just tired and
frustrated.



Sit down.



I don't like studying
this way because I think it's
tedious, but maybe it'll be
better for you.



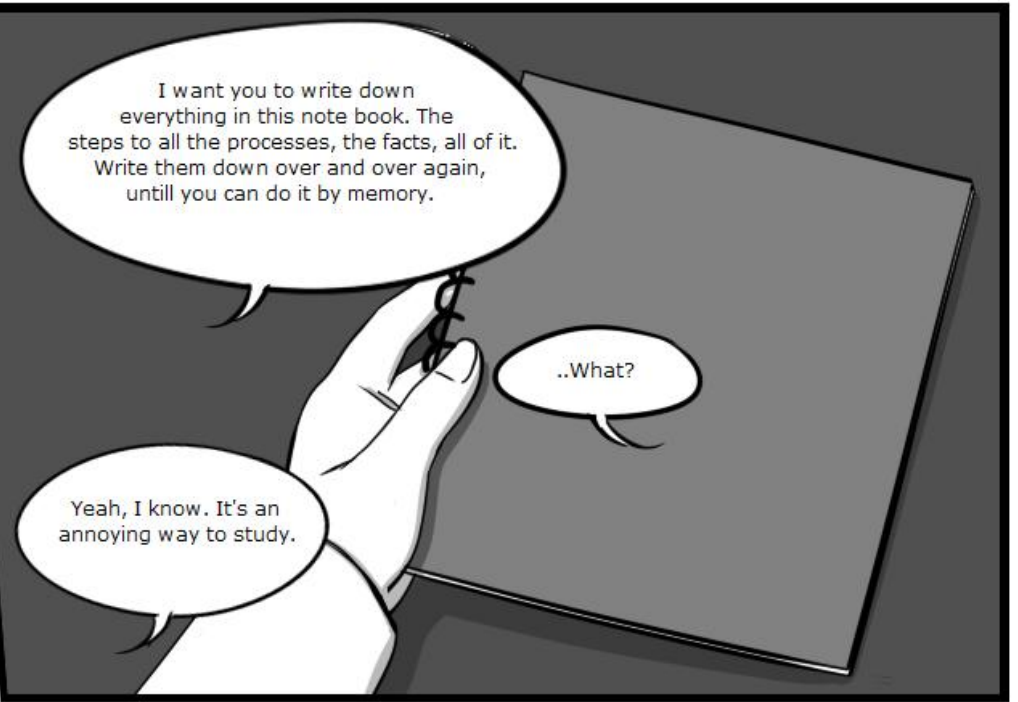
Clearly discussing
the material isn't
working for you.

I thought discussing
this stuff with you would be
best, since that's how I like to
study. But not everyone
learns the same way.

Let's try
something else.



But I think it'll be better than...



I want you to write down everything in this note book. The steps to all the processes, the facts, all of it. Write them down over and over again, until you can do it by memory.

..What?

Yeah, I know. It's an annoying way to study.



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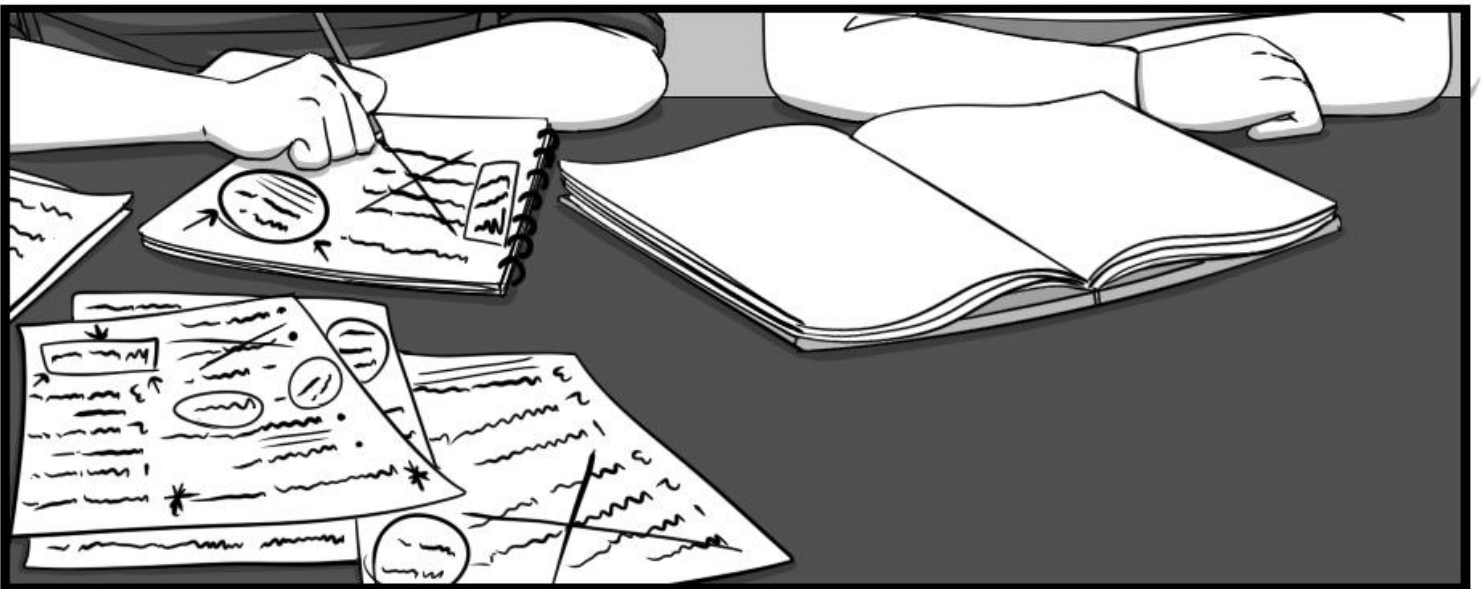
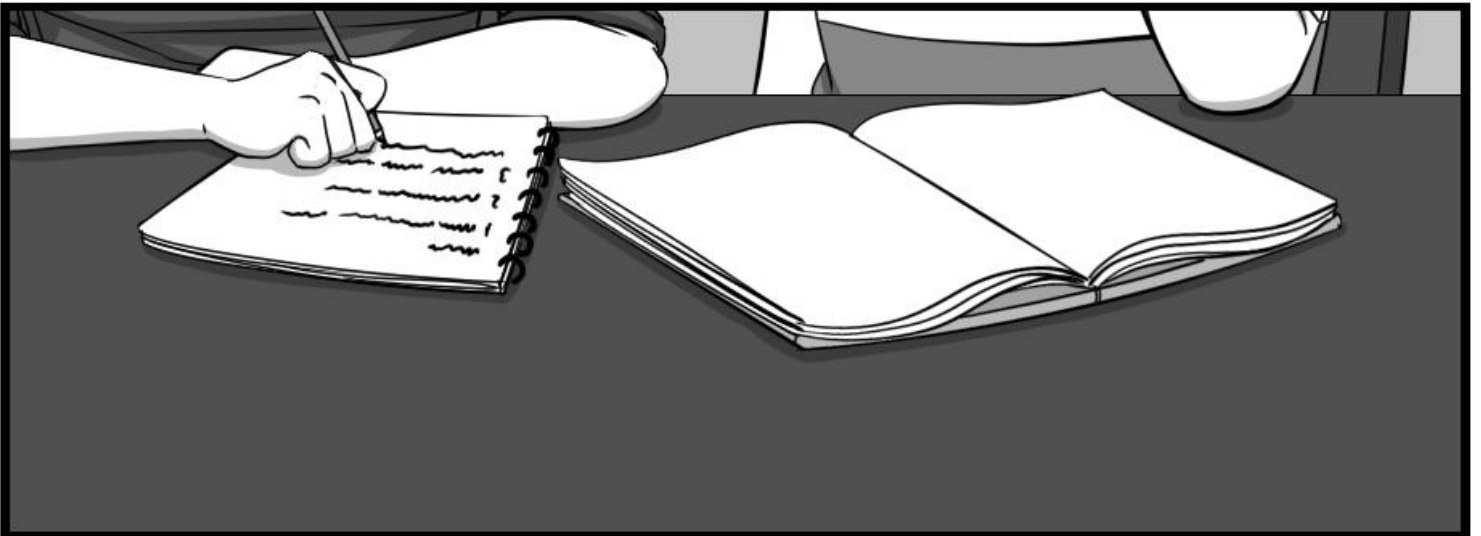
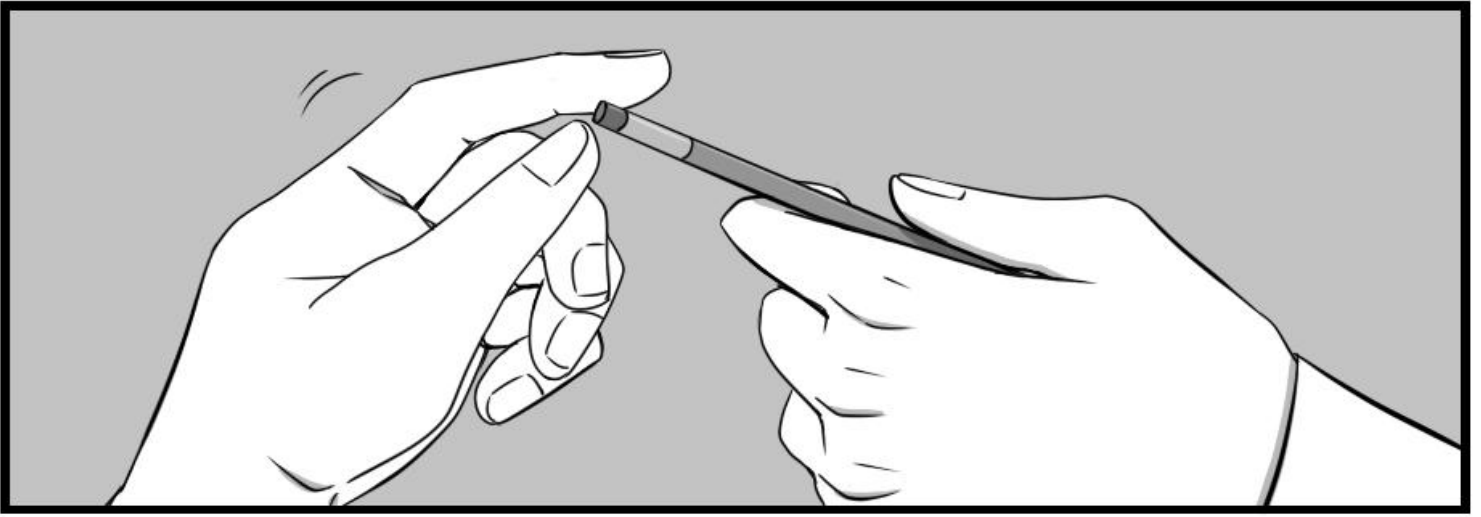
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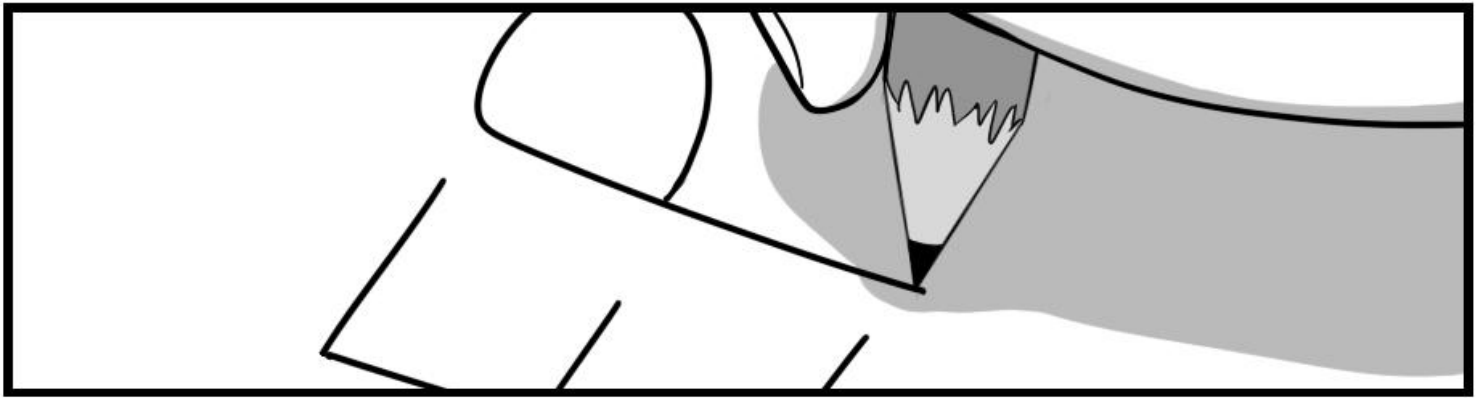


It's alright.



Hey...





The electron transport chain is the third stage of cellular respiration...

Pumping electrons down the chain makes a hydrogen concentration gradient.. And this membrane potential is used to phosphorylate ADP to ATP.

It's formed by four protein complexes in the mitochondria....

NADH and H⁺, and FADH₂ donate electrons to the protein complexes, and become oxidized. And the electrons are passed along the chain...

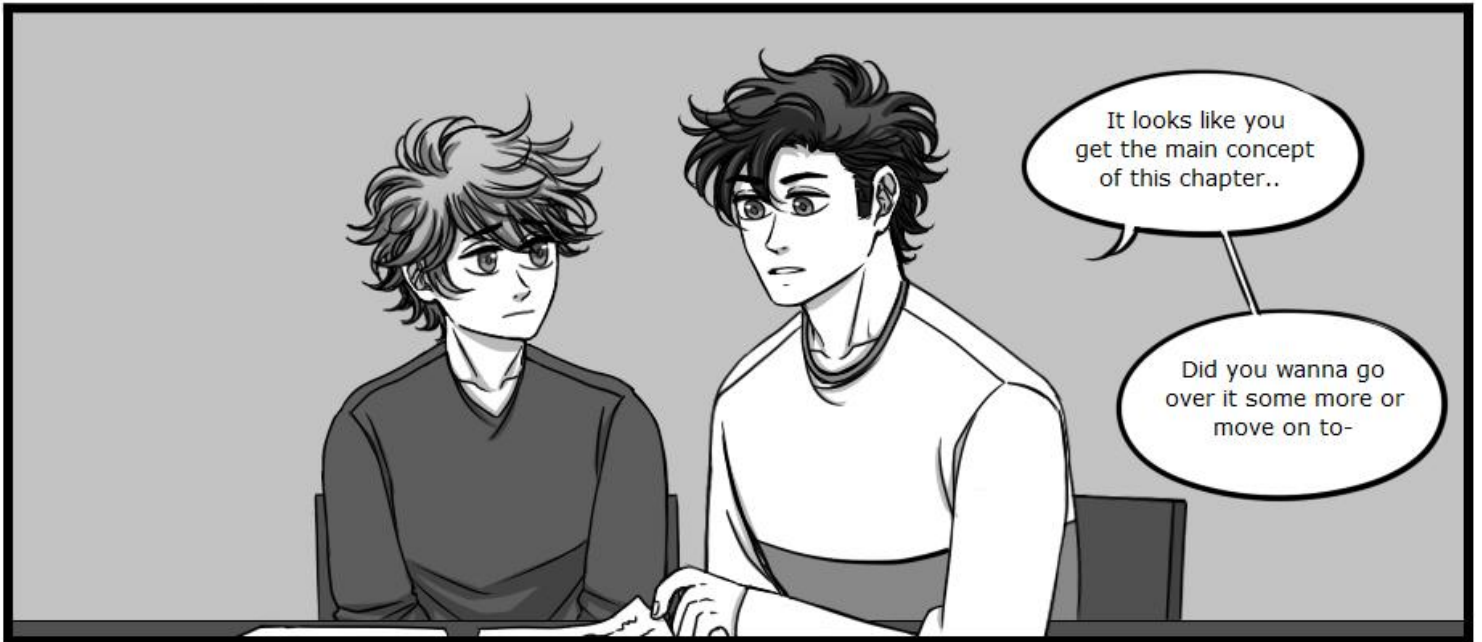
....I got it right.

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"This class isn't even hard!" "What's with these grades?" "Did you even study?"
"You stupid or something?" "Haha, you dumbass." "What happened?"
"We're not making much progress. Maybe you'll have better luck with a different tutor."
"You're not even trying." "Airhead."







Thanks again for sticking around to help me.

Don't mention it.

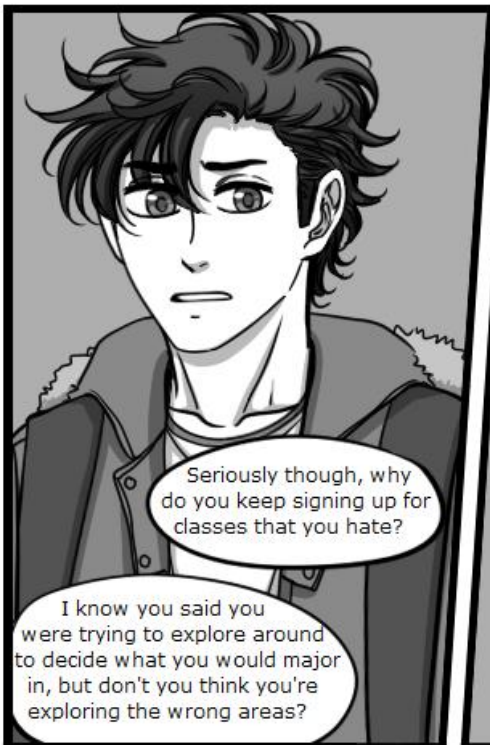


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..I don't ever want to hear you talk about yourself like that again.

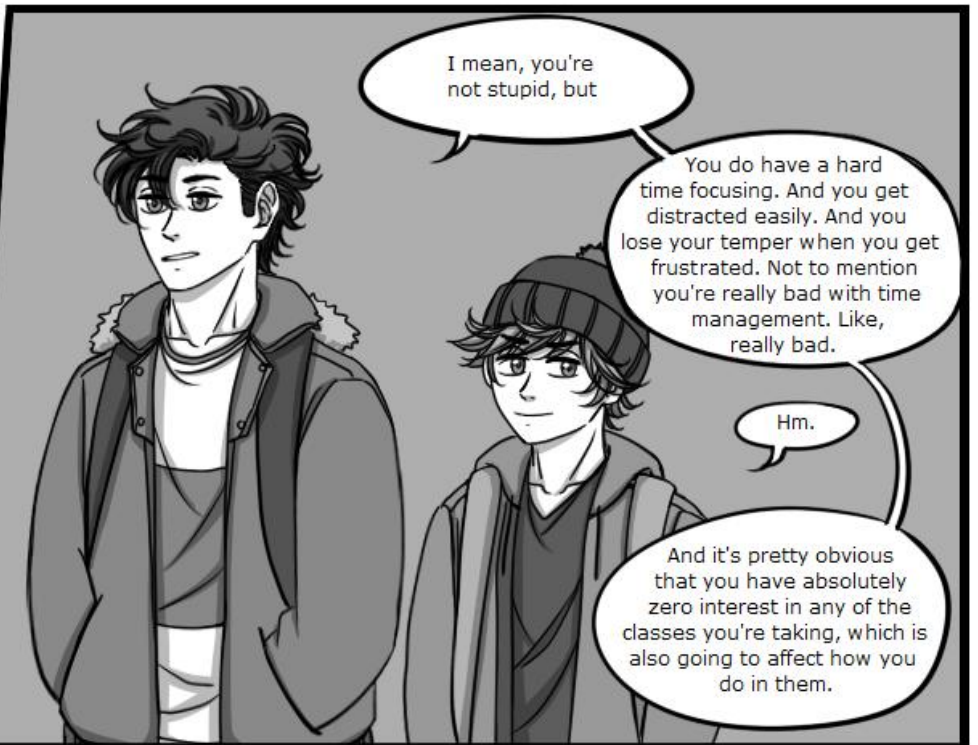


And I'm sorry that I kind of threw a fit back there. I'm pretty embarrassed...



Seriously though, why do you keep signing up for classes that you hate?

I know you said you were trying to explore around to decide what you would major in, but don't you think you're exploring the wrong areas?



I mean, you're not stupid, but

You do have a hard time focusing. And you get distracted easily. And you lose your temper when you get frustrated. Not to mention you're really bad with time management. Like, really bad.

Hm.

And it's pretty obvious that you have absolutely zero interest in any of the classes you're taking, which is also going to affect how you do in them.

