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# **FAMILY MAN LARRY**

OK FOLKS, MEET LARRY, AN ORDINARY GUY HAVING A REALLY CRAPPY DAY...

LARRY HAS A MINOR ADDICTION TO SUPER SWEET COFFEE, HE'S INVISIBLE TO HIS KIDS OH AND HIS WIFE'S NAME IS KAREN, ENOUGH SAID.

INSTEAD OF JUST TAKING HIT AFTER HIT AND DOING NOTHING... LARRY FINALLY DECIDES TO TAKE ACTION!

LET US LEAD YOU THROUGH THE INCREDIBLE JOURNEY OF FAMILY MAN LARRY.

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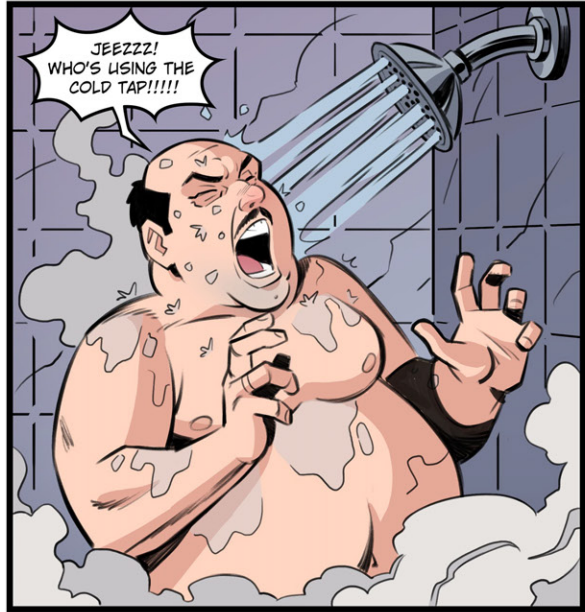
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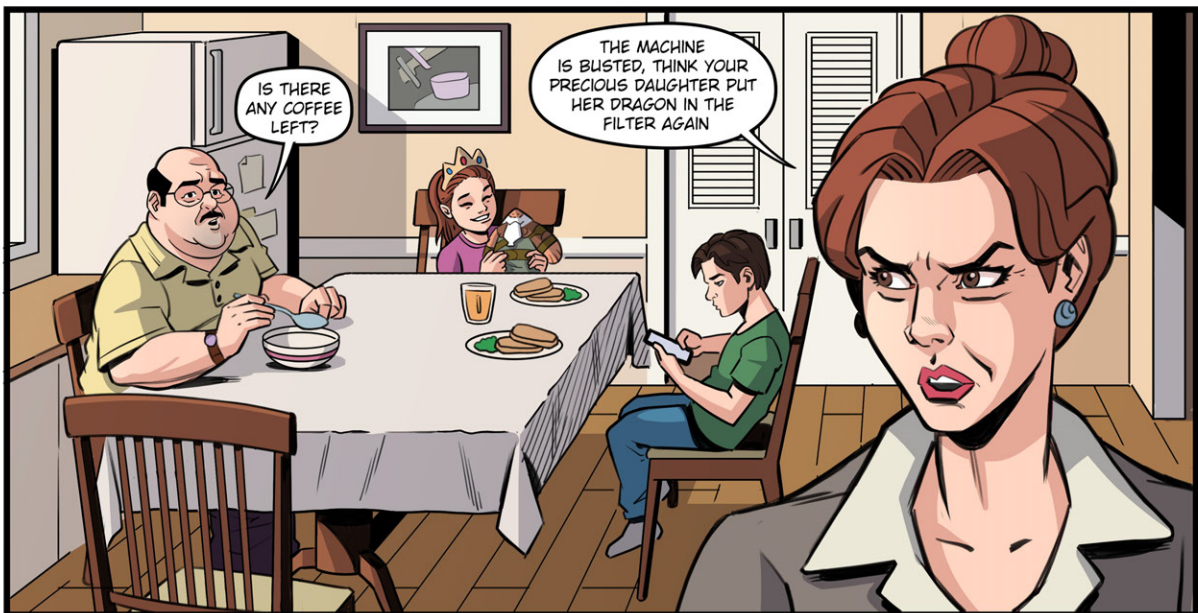
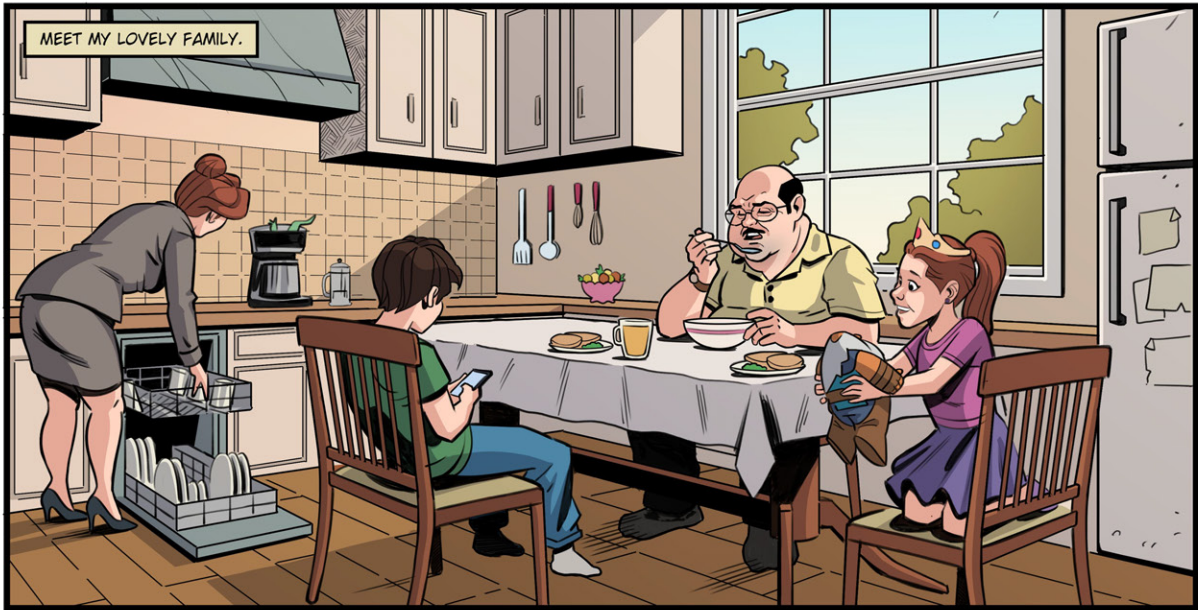
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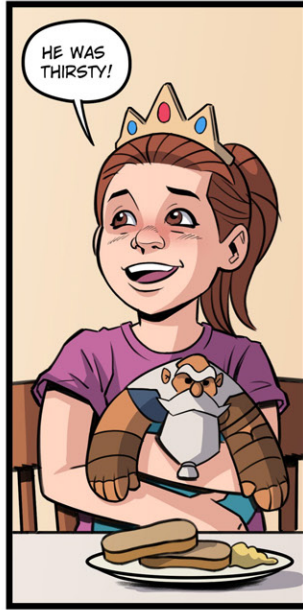




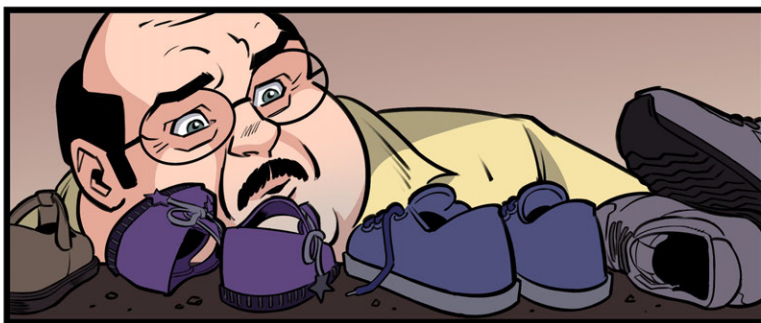
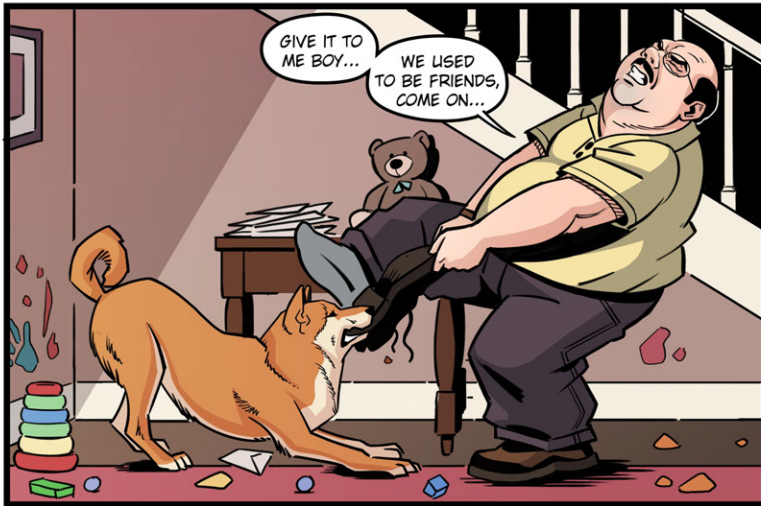


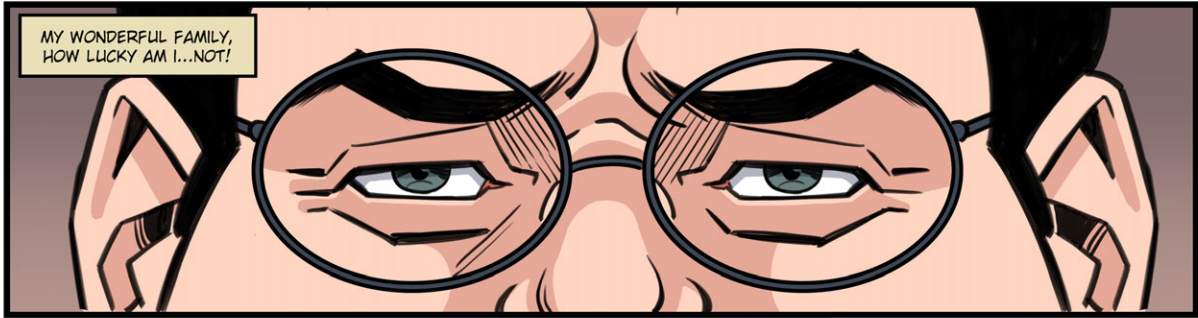




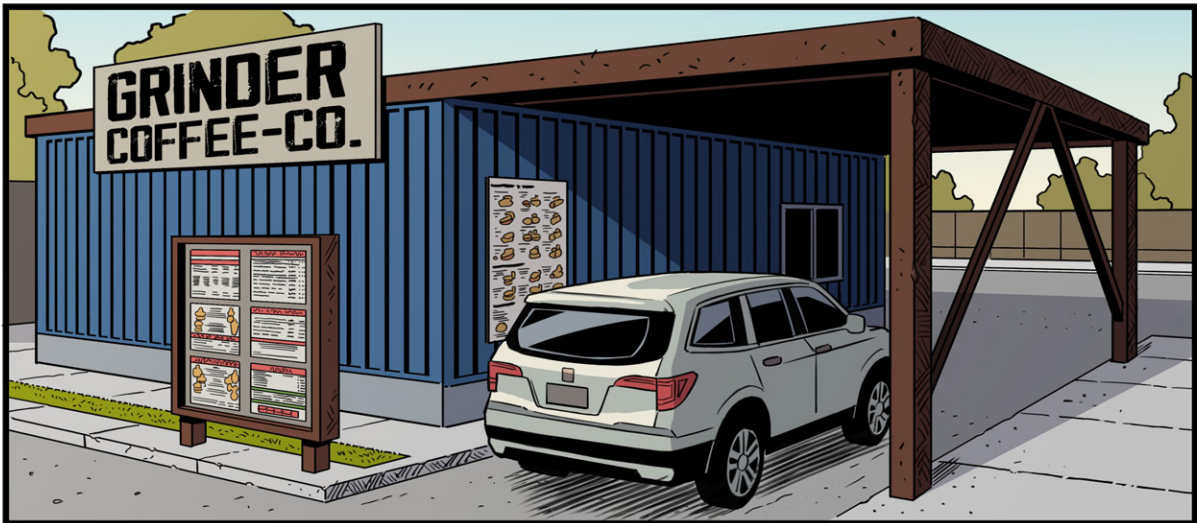


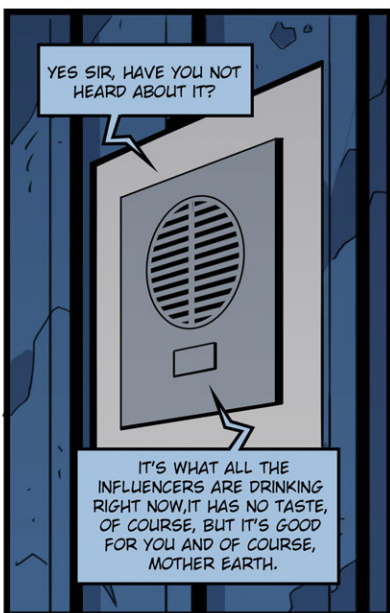
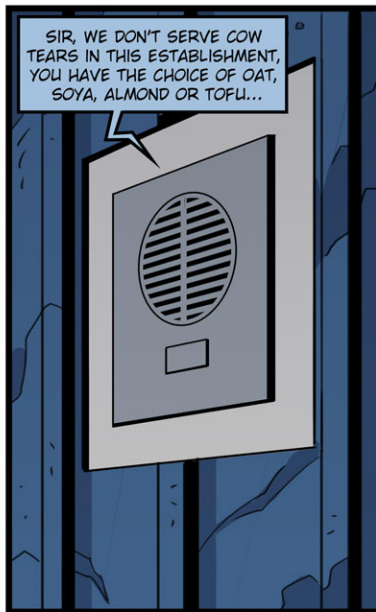
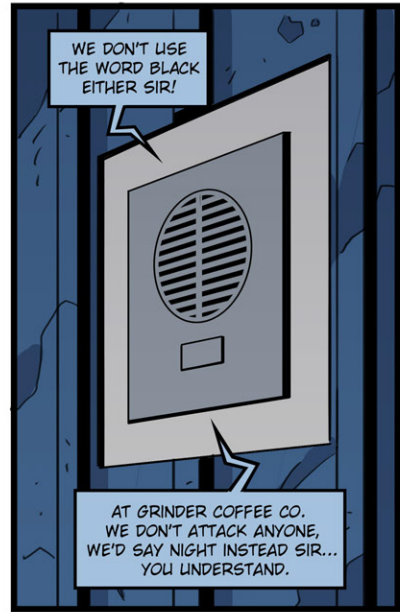
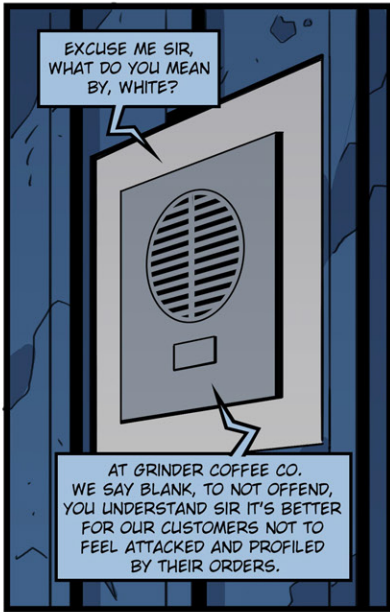
















THAT WILL BE \$9.95, CONTACTLESS, NFT OR CRYPTO TRANSFER?

CASH PLEASE!

WE DON'T TAKE CASH HERE DUDE.

\$9.95?! ARE YOU SERIOUS? AND WHAT THE HELL IS AN NFT? IS THAT A NEW BANK OR SOMETHING?

BUT I CAN SEE THE CASH REGISTER RIGHT BEHIND YOU?!

WE CAN ONLY GIVE CHANGE DUDE BUT WE DON'T ACCEPT CASH. NEW POLICY, I DON'T MAKE THE RULES MAN.

AND CASH IS SO OLD-SCHOOL DUDE, I CAN'T EVEN REMEMBER THE LAST TIME I PAID WITH CASH.

ARGH! THAT MAKES NO SENSE!

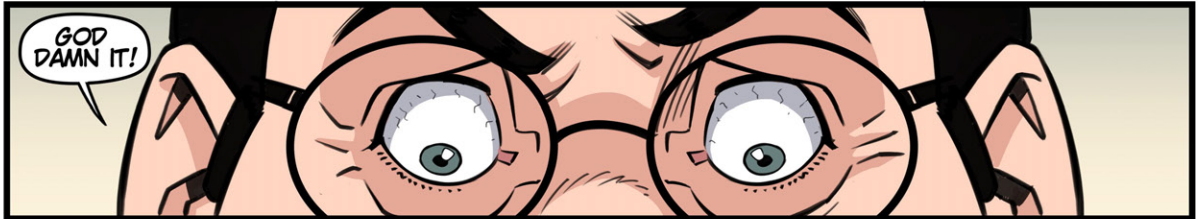
I DON'T MAKE THE RULES MAN, I JUST WORK HERE.

RIDICULOUS HIPSTER COFFEE SHOPS, DON'T EVEN LET YOU PAY HOW YOU WANT TO ANYMORE...

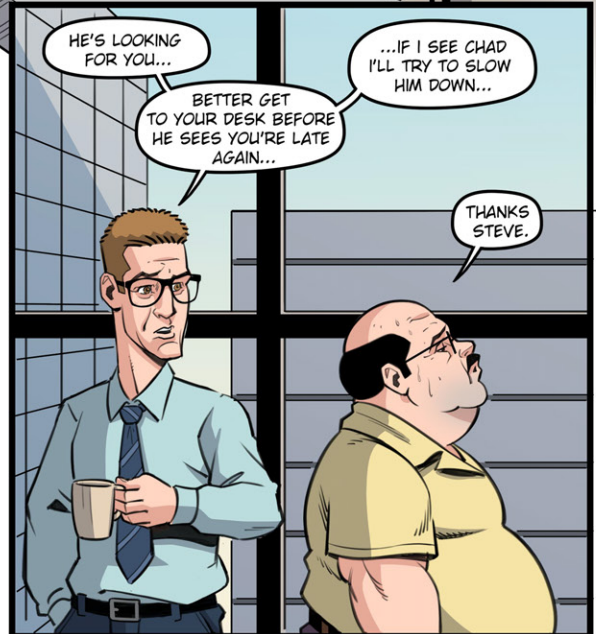
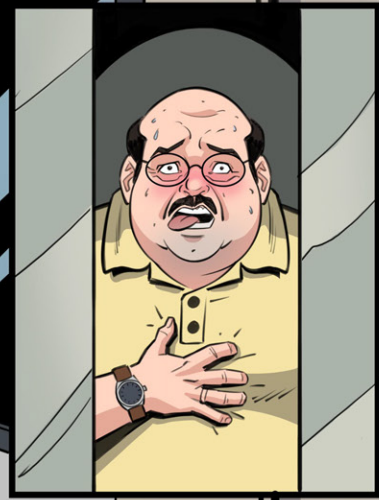
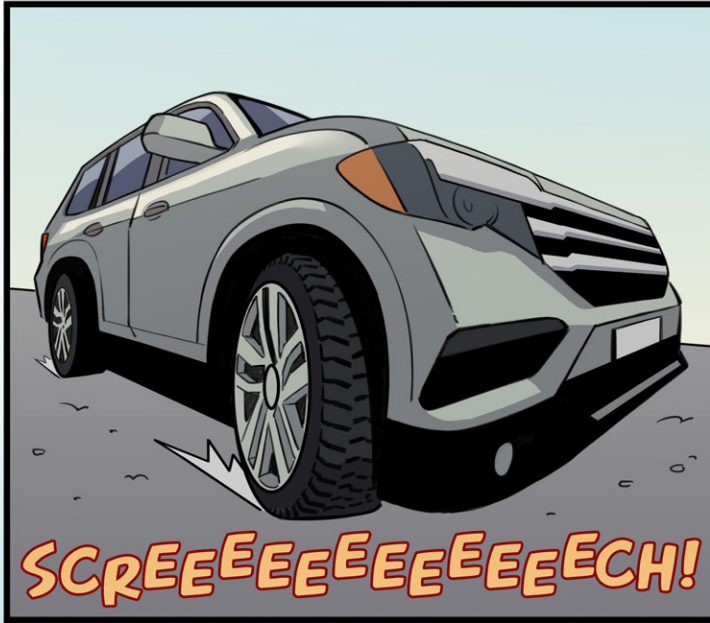
AFTER TODAY WE'RE GOING CASHLESS, YOU NEED TO GET WITH THE TIMES OLD MAN.

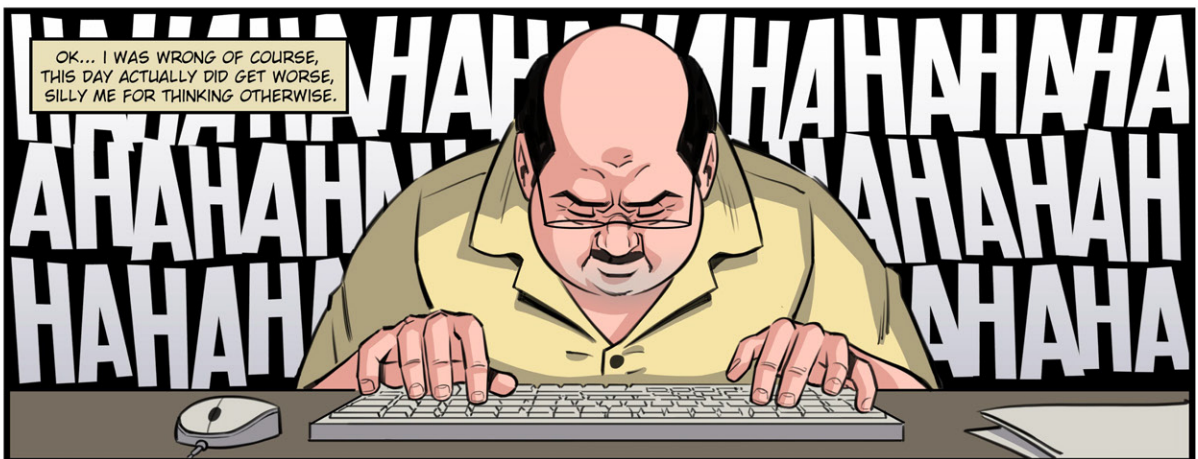
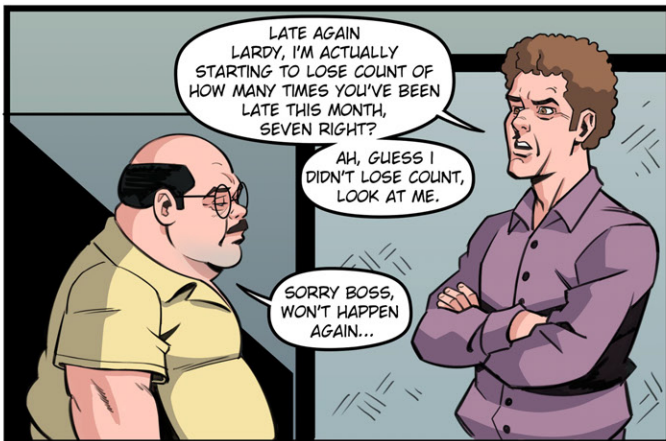
SO I'LL ASK AGAIN HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO PAY?



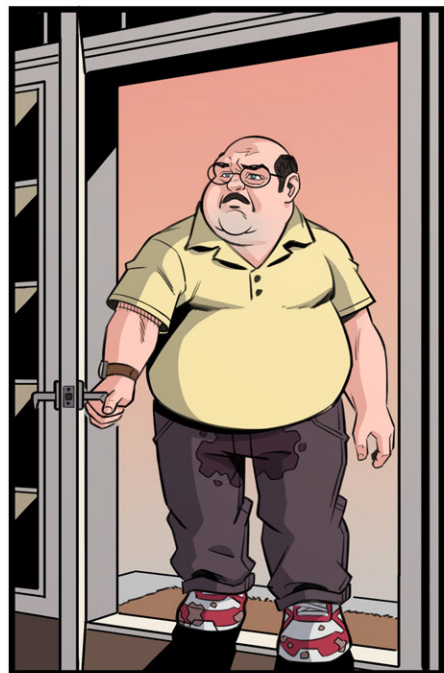
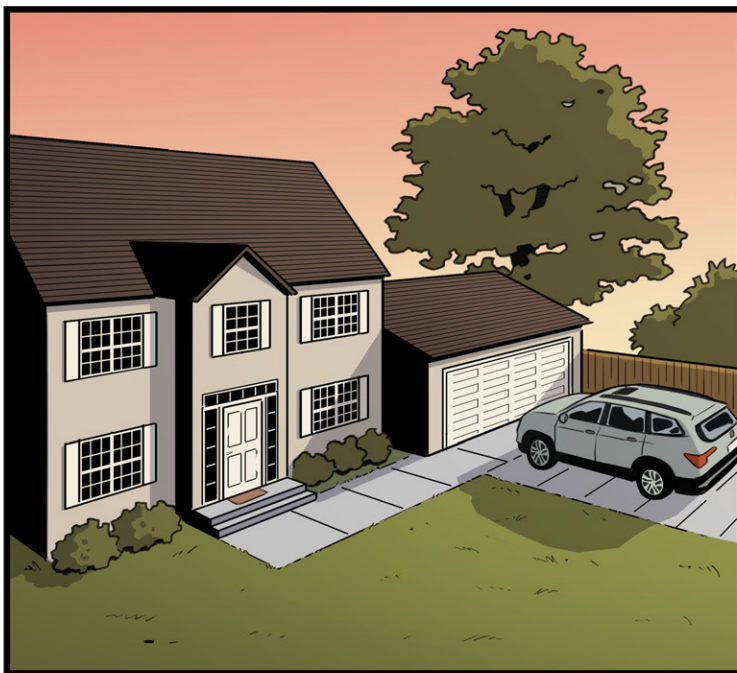
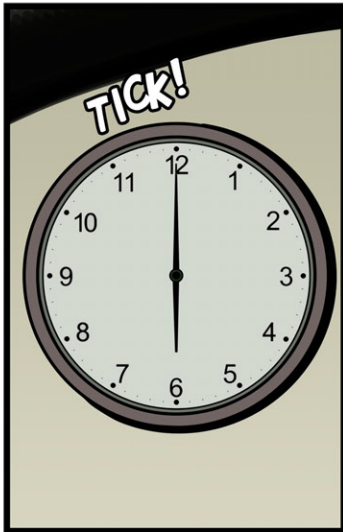




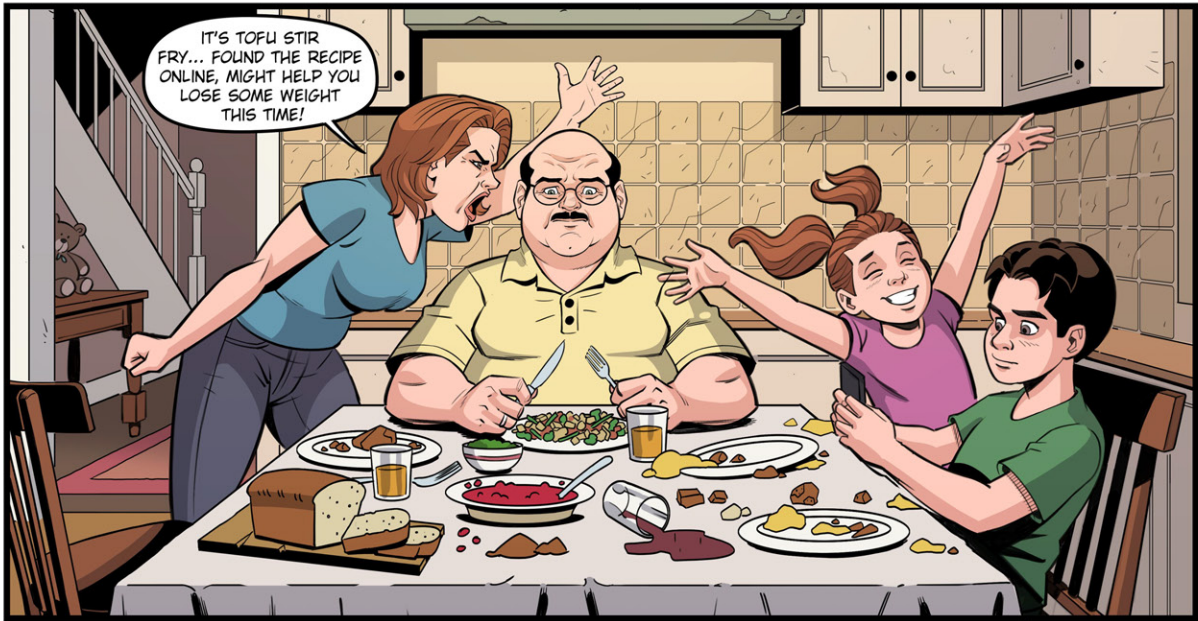




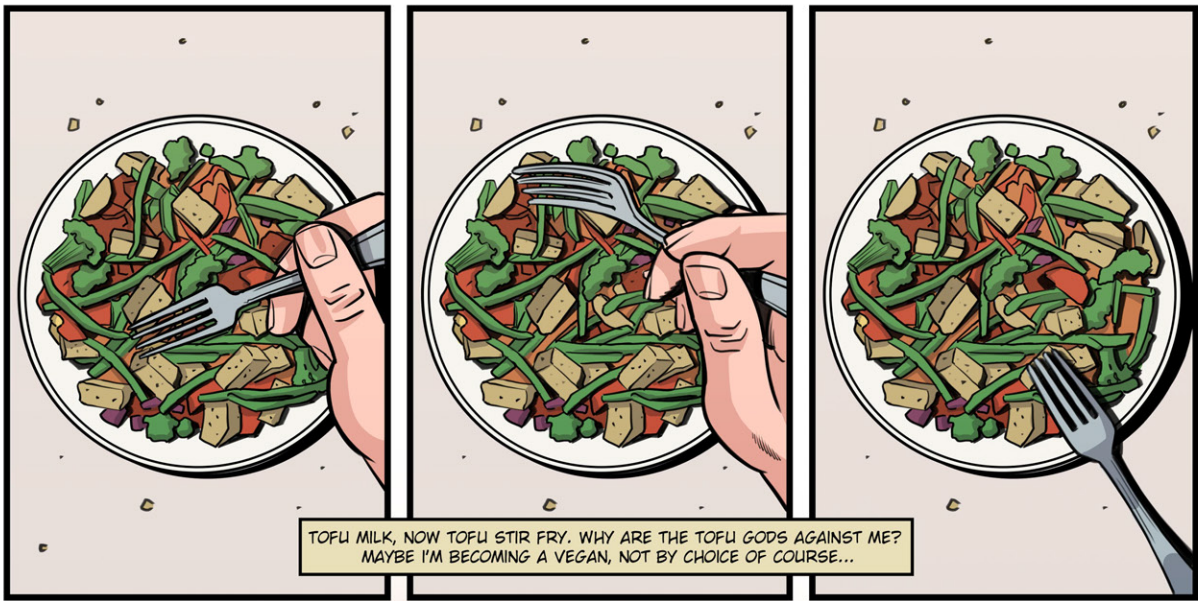








IT'S TOFU STIR FRY... FOUND THE RECIPE ONLINE, MIGHT HELP YOU LOSE SOME WEIGHT THIS TIME!

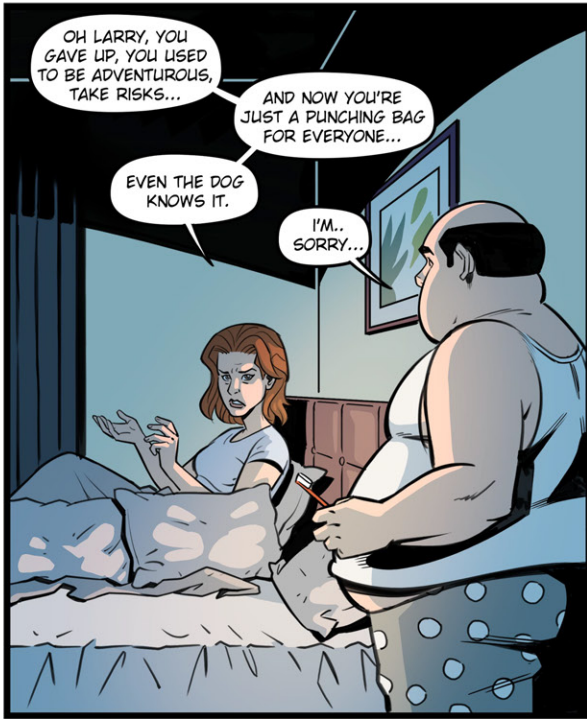


TOFU MILK, NOW TOFU STIR FRY. WHY ARE THE TOFU GODS AGAINST ME? MAYBE I'M BECOMING A VEGAN, NOT BY CHOICE OF COURSE...



WHAT HAPPENED TO US, KAREN?





OH LARRY, YOU GAVE UP, YOU USED TO BE ADVENTUROUS, TAKE RISKS...

AND NOW YOU'RE JUST A PUNCHING BAG FOR EVERYONE...

EVEN THE DOG KNOWS IT.

I'M.. SORRY...



THAT'S THE PROBLEM! YOU'RE ALWAYS SAYING SORRY! YOU DON'T HAVE THE BALLS TO STAND UP FOR YOURSELF

...I KNOW, SORRY...

AGAIN WITH THE SORRY! I'M SICK OF IT, GOOD NIGHT.

NIGHT.



WELL LET'S BE HONEST SHE ISN'T WRONG. I DON'T KNOW WHAT HAPPENED TO ME. I GUESS LIFE. LIFE GOT ME DOWN. DID I CAUSE ALL OF THIS TO HAPPEN? SOMETHING NEEDS TO CHANGE AND FAST.



I'LL SHOW YOU WHO'S GOT BALLS!

***END OF PART I***



## FROM SCRIPT TO PANEL

LARRY

"DAMMIT, WHERE'S MY OTHER SHOE?"

LARRY LOOKS DOWN AND SEES THE DOG WITH HIS WORK SHOE IN HIS MOUTH  
ALL CHEWED UP COVERED IN SLOBBER.

LARRY

"GIVE IT HERE BOY, WE USED TO BE FRIENDS COME ON" (PLEADING)

HE BENDS DOWN AND BEGINS A TUG OF WAR WITH THE DOG FOR THE SHOE.  
THE DOG IS GROWLING AND ALL OF A SUDDEN LETS GO AND THE FORCE OF IT  
MAKES THE SHOE SMASH LARRY RIGHT IN THE FACE.

MONOLOGUE

"EVEN THE DOG IS AGAINST ME, I CAN'T WIN"





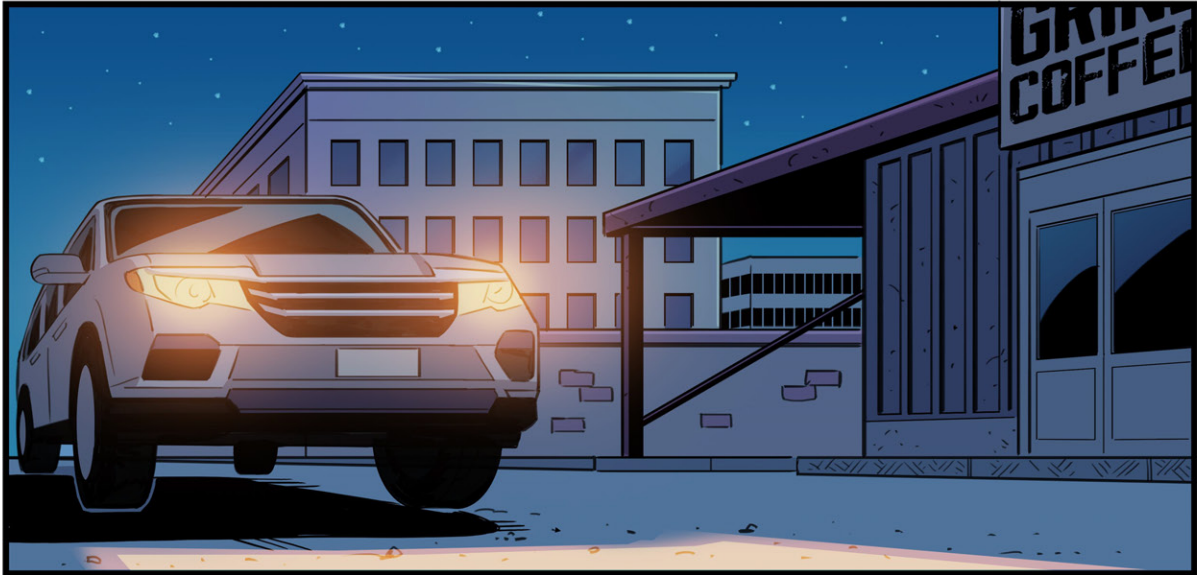


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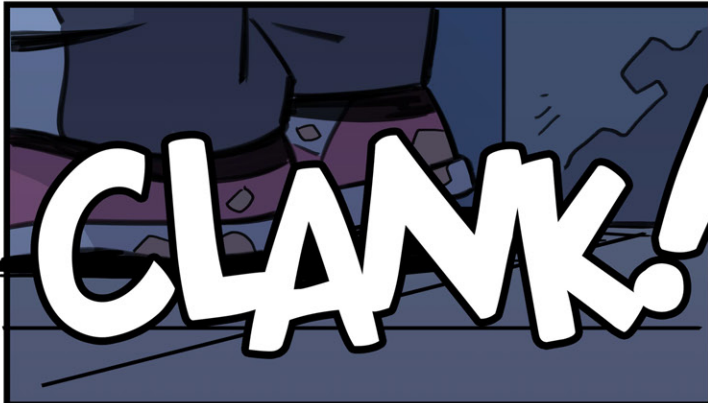
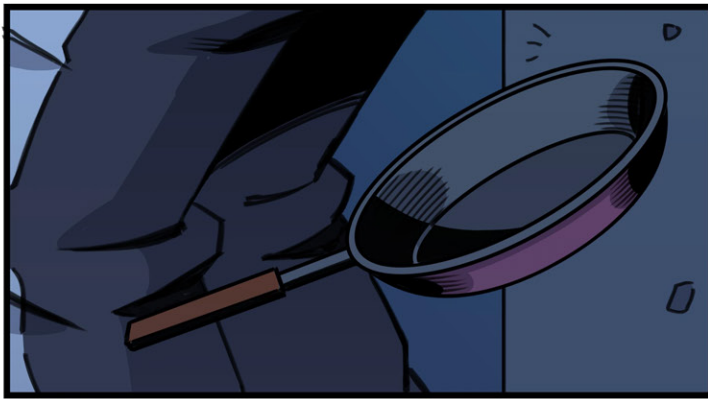






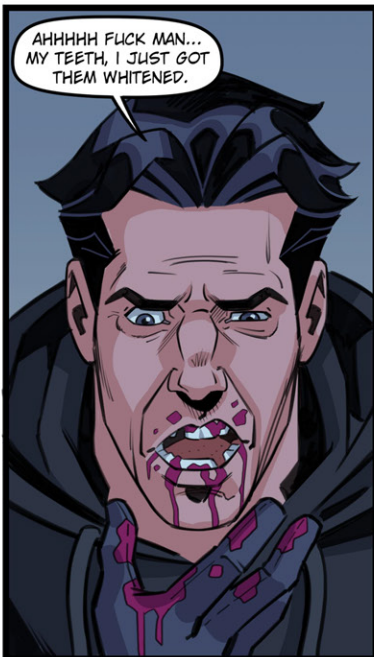




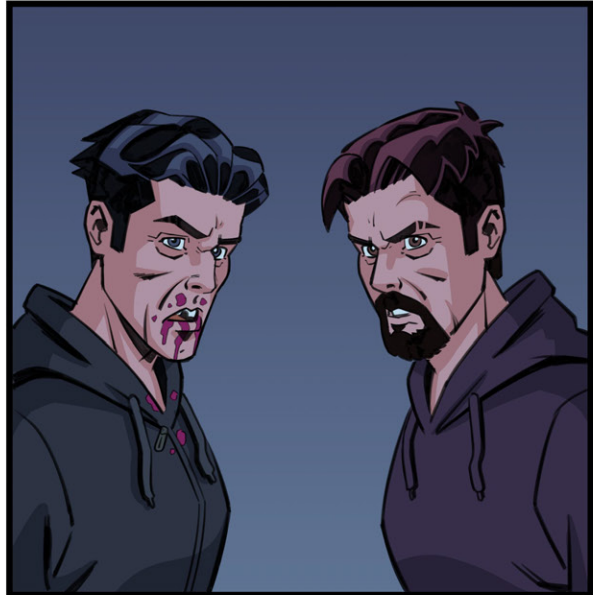
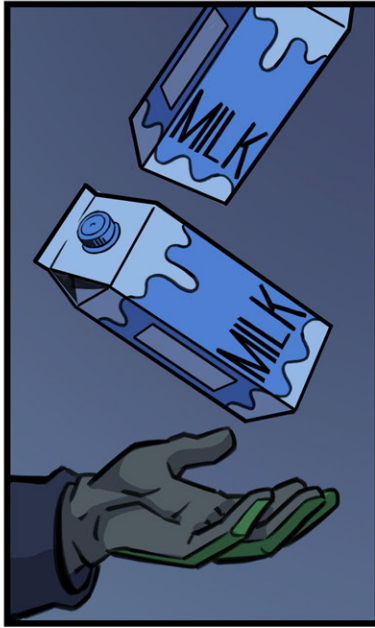












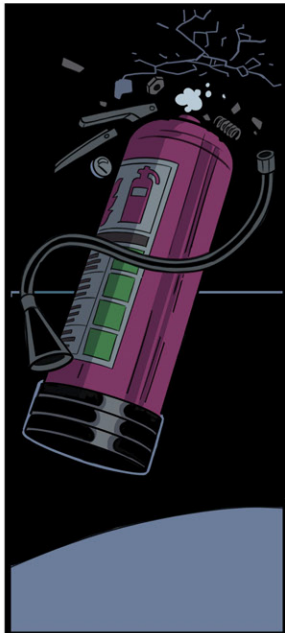












DID I JUST KILL TWO CRIMINALS?

URGH, I THINK I'M GOING TO BE SICK!



OH CRAP, THE COPS!

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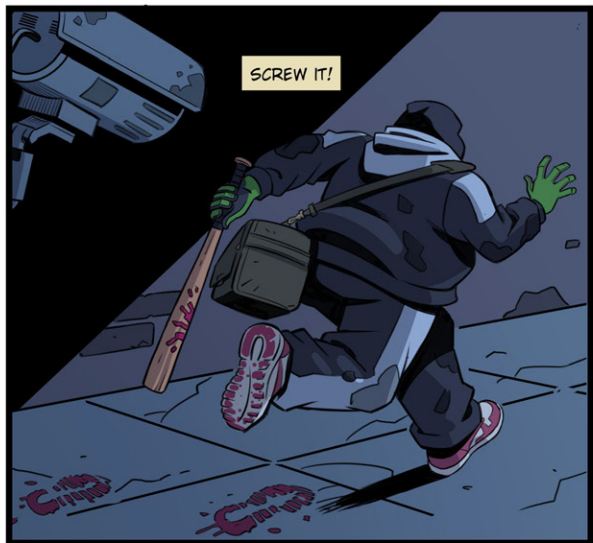


SHOULD I TAKE THE MONEY AND RUN?

KAREN SAYS I NEVER TAKE ANY RISKS.



SCREW IT!

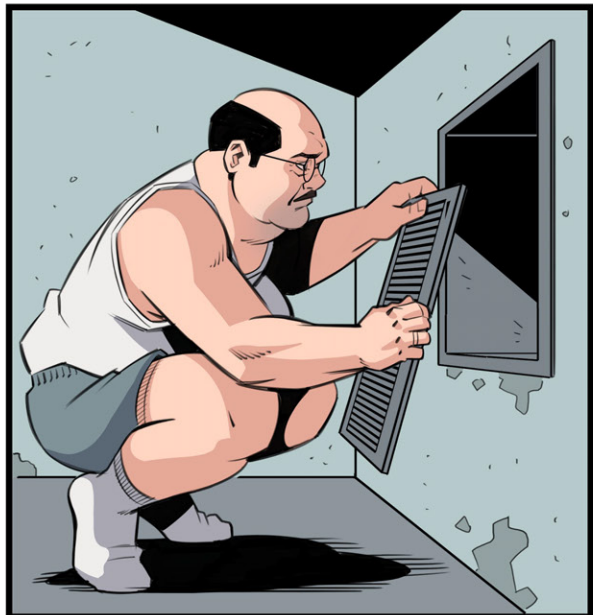
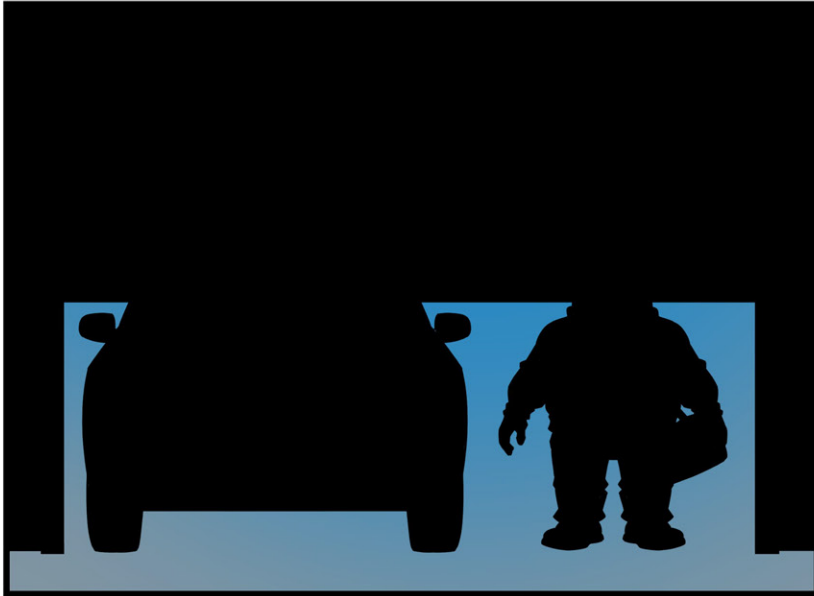


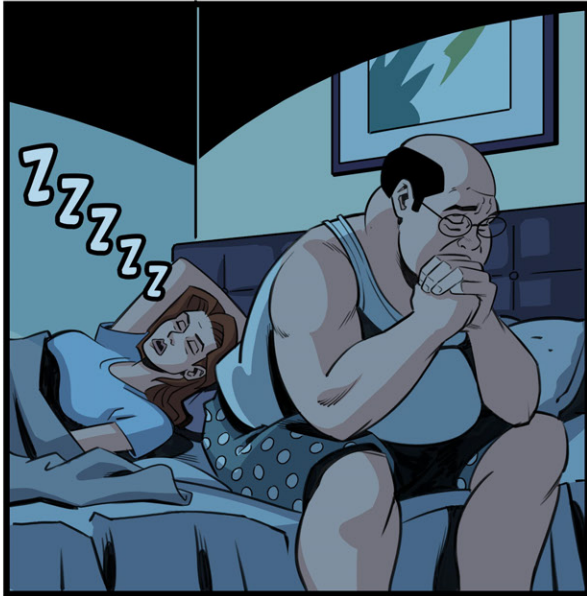
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I KNEW THEY WERE LYING ABOUT THE MILK.











***TO BE CONTINUED...***



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MALE SUICIDE IS A PRESSING CONCERN IN THE UK AND THE US, WITH A SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF MEN TAKING THEIR OWN LIVES ANNUALLY. THIS HIGHLIGHTS THE URGENT NEED FOR ATTENTION AND INTERVENTION.

- IN 2020, 4,639 MALES IN THE UK DIED BY SUICIDE
- MEN ACCOUNT FOR 74% OF ALL SUICIDES IN THE UK
- THE SUICIDE RATE AMONG MEN IS THREE TIMES HIGHER THAN THAT OF WOMEN
- MEN BETWEEN 45-64 HAVE THE HIGHEST SUICIDE RATE AMONG MEN
- AMONG MALES AGED 1-19 YEARS OLD, SUICIDE IS THE SECOND LEADING CAUSE OF DEATH

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SOCIETAL EXPECTATIONS, MENTAL HEALTH STIGMA, LIMITED SUPPORT NETWORKS, AND DIFFICULTIES IN SEEKING HELP CONTRIBUTE TO THIS DISTRESSING TREND. ADDRESSING THE ISSUE REQUIRES COMPREHENSIVE EFFORTS TO RAISE AWARENESS, PROMOTE MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT, AND DISMANTLE BARRIERS HINDERING MEN FROM SEEKING HELP AND SHARING THEIR STRUGGLES.



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