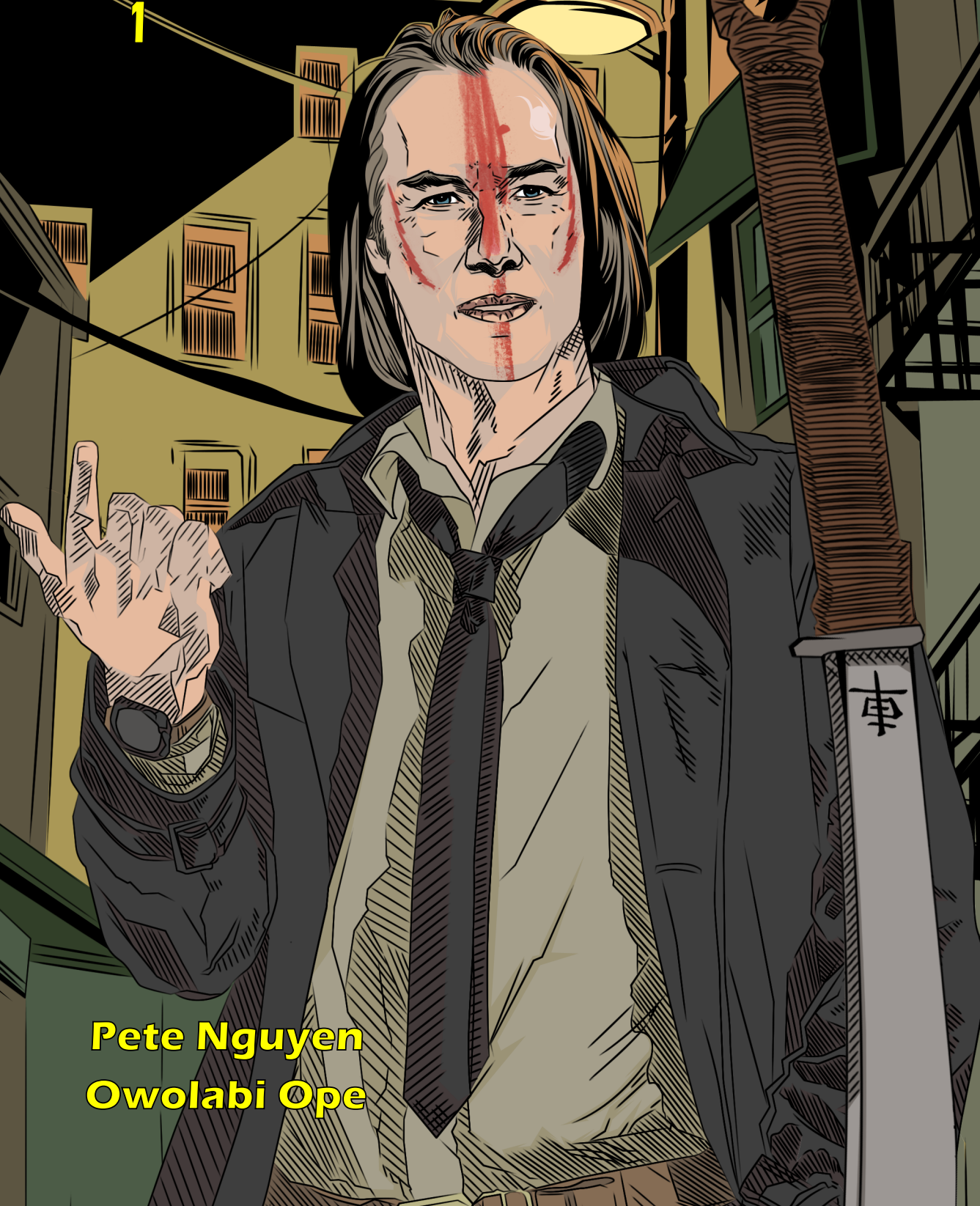




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LEE'S COFFEE SHOP.

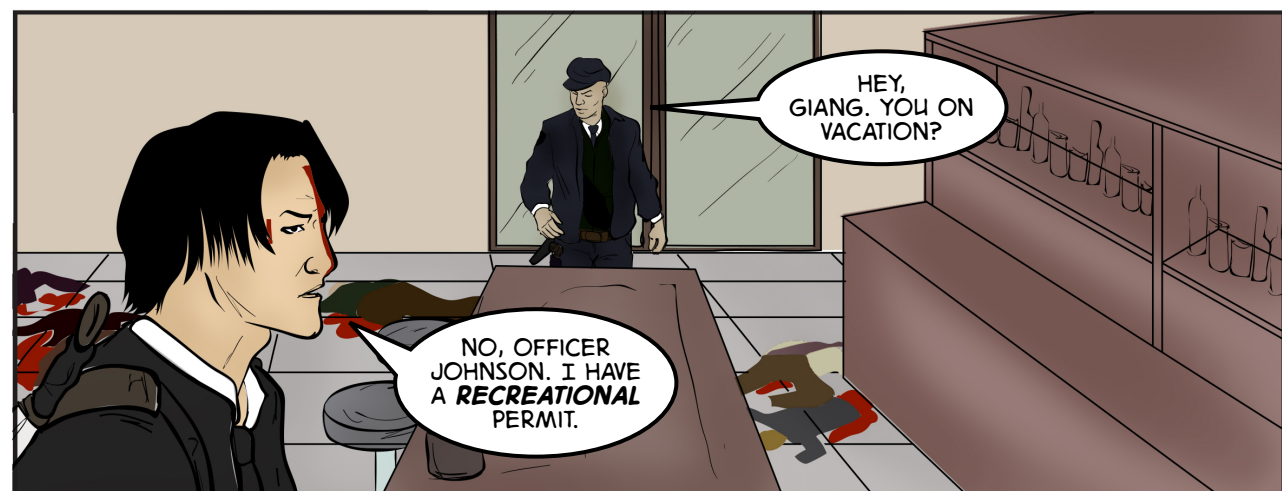
NOW.

MY FATHER GAVE ME A SET OF RULES.

ONE WAS THAT I SHOULD NEVER
SPEAK TO SOMEONE IF YOU'VE
ALREADY DECIDED TO KILL THEM.

IT'S IMPOLITE.





HERE THEY ARE.



HE HAS A
RECREATION PERMIT.
YOU BEST STAY OUT OF
HIS WAY.

SHUT
UP, PIG.

WHAT IN
THE--



WHAT THE
HELL
ARE YOU DOING
HERE?

A COUPLE WEEKS AGO.

FIVE SEEMS
LIKE A LOT, ARNOLD!
MAYOR WILLIAMS IS GOING
TO BE UPSET.

THE *SOUTHERN
GENTLEMEN'S*
WAITING ROOM.

GHERRILLA BOIS'
WAITING ROOM.

WE GIVE UP
TWO PERCENT
OF ANY LAND TOTAL.
IF IT'S MORE,
IT'S WAR.

FIVE PERCENT
IS THE ***MOST***. WE WON'T
GET THERE.

YOU MAY
NOW ENTER...

TWO PERCENT?
LET'S JUST GO TO WAR
RIGHT ***NOW***.

...THE RESORT
CONFERENCE ROOM.

THE RESORT CONFERENCE ROOM.

LET US
COMMENCE WITH THE
NEGOTIATION.

YES. LET'S.

WE PROPOSE
AN EIGHT PERCENT TERRITORIAL
TRANSITION WHERE WE GET FIVE
PERCENT OF THE NORTHWEST SIDE, AND
WE RELINQUISH THREE PERCENT
OF THE SOUTHWEST SIDE.

FIVE
PERCENT?! YOU'RE
NOT EVEN PRETENDING
TO MAKE IT FOUR PERCENT TO
MAKE IT EVEN? DO YOU WANT
A WAR? WE WILL GIVE
YOU WAR.



THE MAYOR'S OFFICE.

WELL, THAT'S JUST DISAPPOINTING, ARNOLD. FOUR PERCENT?! AT LEAST THAT'S LESS GOOKS TO GET RID OF.

I CAN GET 'EM OUT RIGHT NOW, MAYOR WILLIAMS.

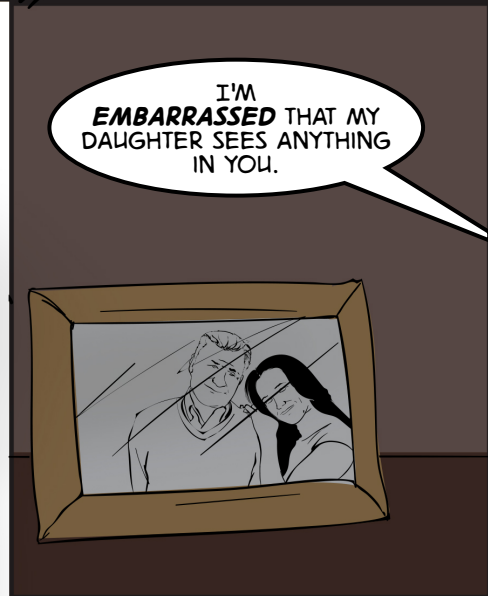
WE SHOULD NOT ACT UNTIL WE FILE ALL THE RIGHT PAPERWORK.

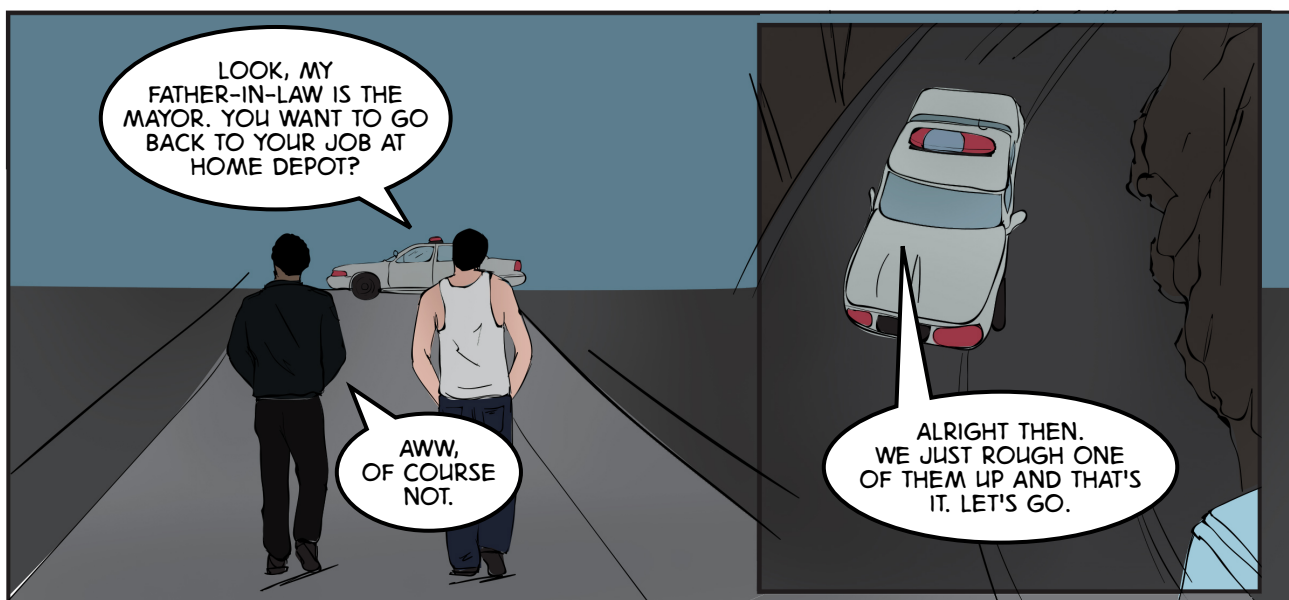
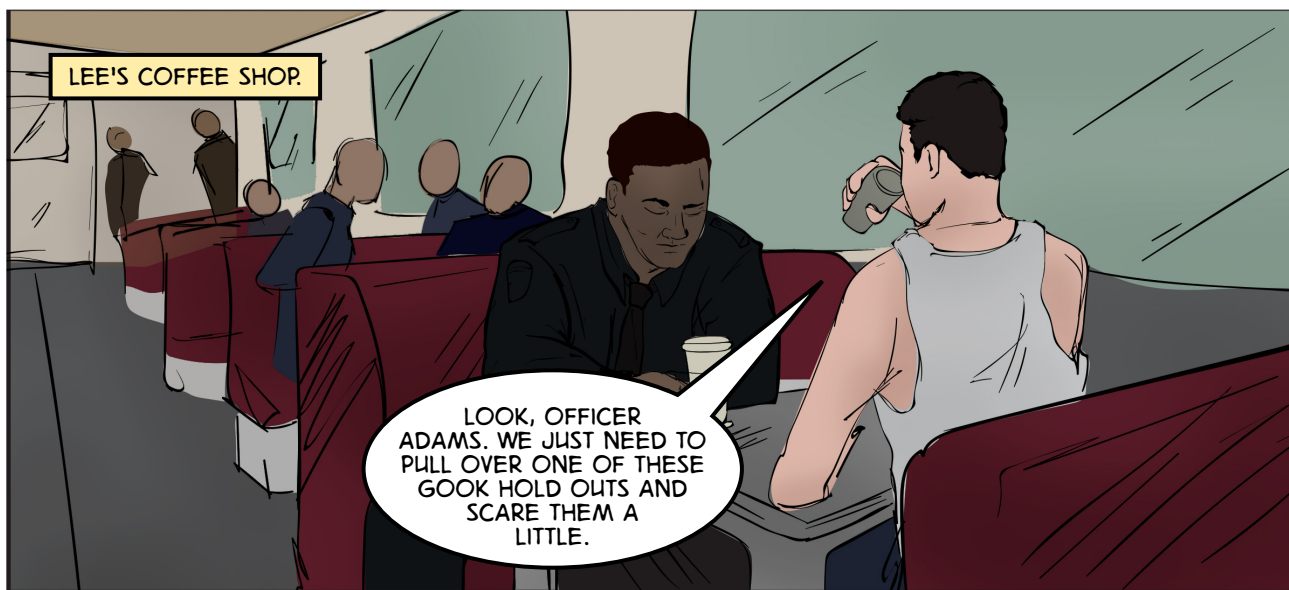
I'M ALMOST DONE, ANYWAYS.

MY SON-IN-LAW IS RIGHT. WE NEED TO MOVE THEM IMMEDIATELY TO START CONSTRUCTION ON **NEW DIXIE**. WE'RE LOSING MONEY.

JIMMY'S WRONG. WE **REALLY** SHOULD WAIT.

OH, ALRIGHT. NO NEED TO UPSET ANYONE WE DON'T NEED TO.



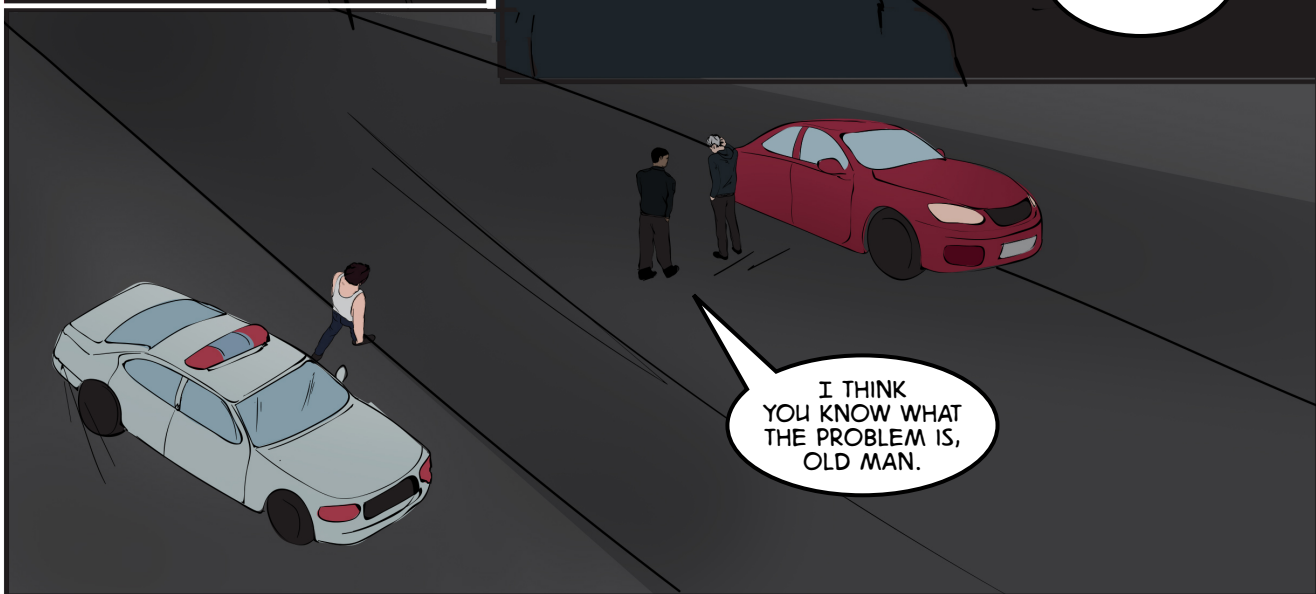


ON THE ROAD SOMEWHERE.



CAN
YOU STEP OUT
OF THE CAR
PLEASE?

IS THERE
A PROBLEM,
OFFICER?



I THINK
YOU KNOW WHAT
THE PROBLEM IS,
OLD MAN.



SOUTHERN CENTRAL LIBRARY.



ARNOLD!
GUESS WHAT **WE**
FOUND.



JIMMY
PAYNE AND OFFICER
ADAMS.

WHAT
DID YOU
FIND?

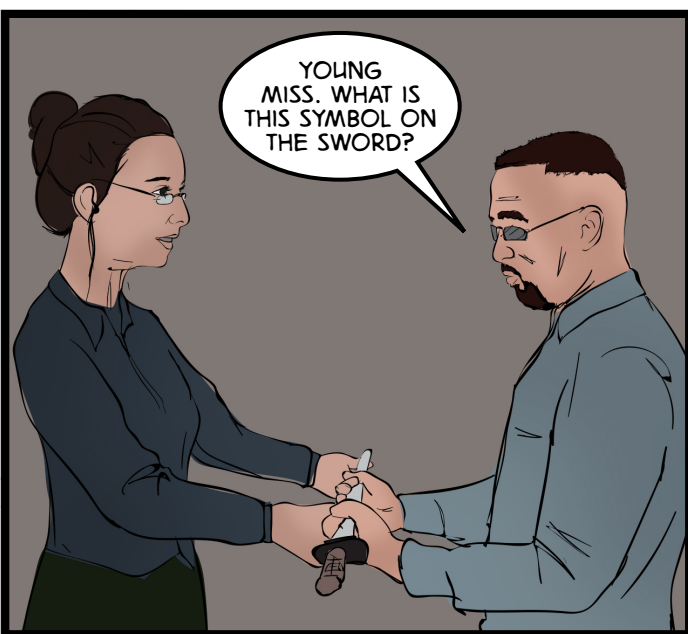


WE TRIED
TO SCARED THIS OLD VIET
AND ACCIDENTALLY KILLED
HIM. BUT CHECK OUT
HIS SWORD.

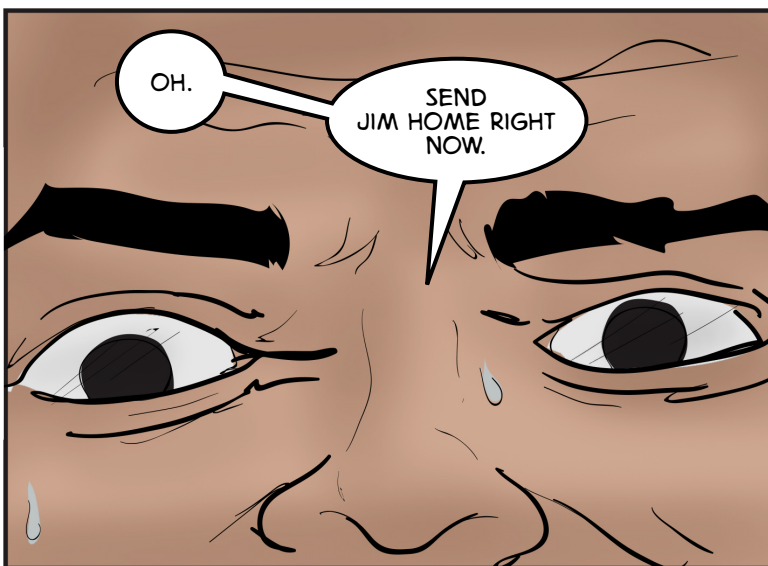
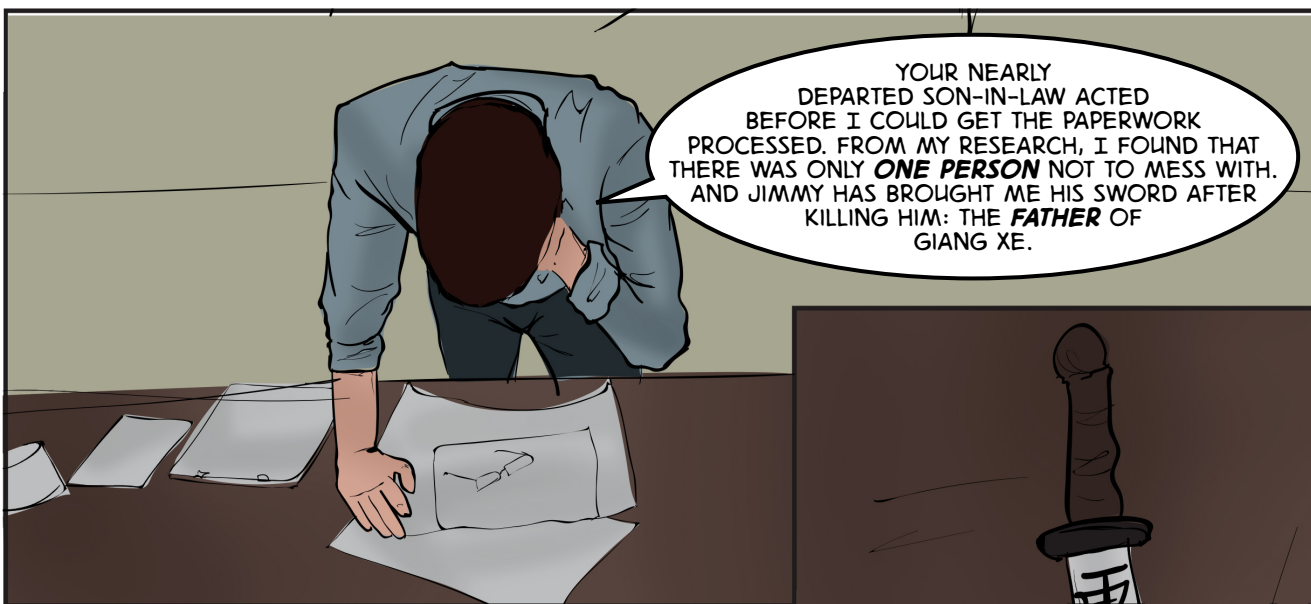
INTERESTING,
JIMMY. I'LL HAVE THE
LIBRARIAN CHECK
IT OUT.



YOUNG
MISS. WHAT IS
THIS SYMBOL ON
THE SWORD?



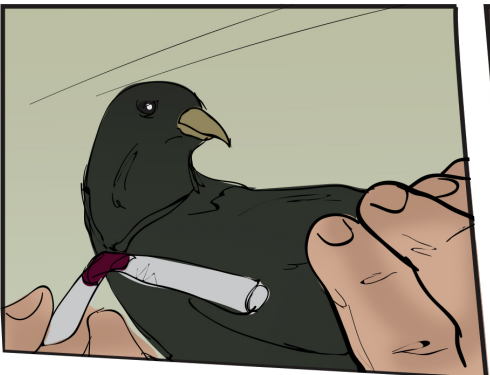




THE MAYOR'S OFFICE.

THE MAYOR KNOWS HE ONLY HAS ONE SHOT TO SAVE HIS SON-IN-LAW: PLEADING WITH GIANG XE THROUGH THE OLD CHANNELS.

Mr Xe
can you
help me
find out
who are
the ones
who are
stealing
the money
from the
bank?



TIME PASSES.

A PIGEON RETURNS.



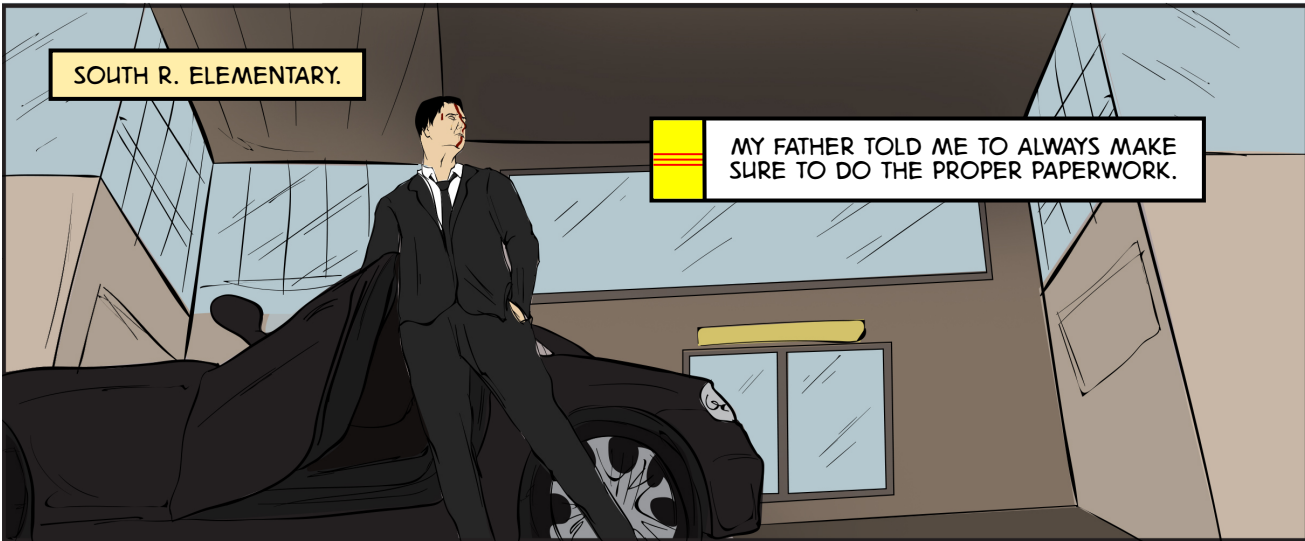
YES?

THIS ASIAN GUY IS
HERE AT LEE'S. HE
JUST KILL EV--



SEND SOME
MEN TO LEE'S COFFEE
SHOP TO KILL GIANG
XE.





MY FATHER TOLD ME TO ALWAYS MAKE SURE TO DO THE PROPER PAPERWORK.



HEY, BUDDY.



DO YOU KNOW WHERE THE LIBRARY IS?

DOWN THE HALL!

THANKS, KID.



ARNOLD. YOU HAVE IT?

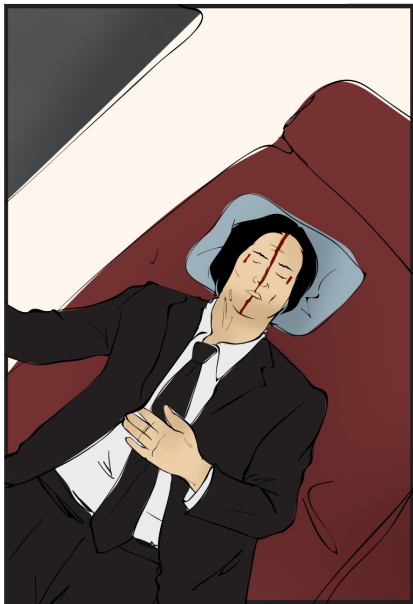
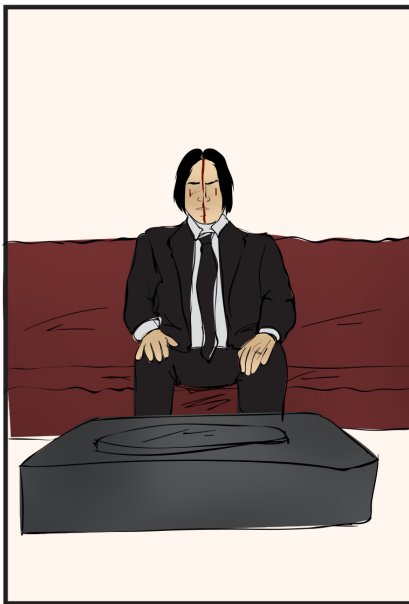
YES. WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO?

CHECK OUT A RECREATIONAL BOOK.



GO HOME IF YOU DON'T WANT TO END UP LIKE THE OTHERS WILL.

THANK YOU, MR. XE.



YOUR
RECREATION PERMIT HAS
BEEN APPROVED.

THANK YOU.

THE BOOK
CAN BE BORROWED
FOR TWO WEEKS AND
THEN MUST BE
RETURNED.

PAST DUE
WILL FACE HEAVY
PENALTIES.

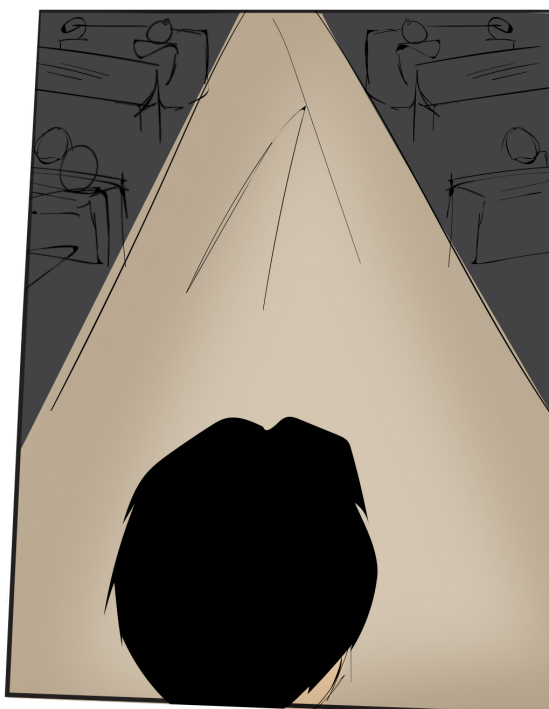
TIME TO GIVE THE SILENT
TREATMENT TO A LOT OF PEOPLE.

WORK PERMIT

LEE'S COFFEE SHOP.



THEY ALL STARED AT ME AS I ENTERED LEE'S COFFEE SHOP, ONE OF THE MAIN HANGOUTS OF THE SOUTHERN GENTLEMEN. BUT I HAD TO REMEMBER...



DON'T BE IMPOLITE.



WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE, THUG!



