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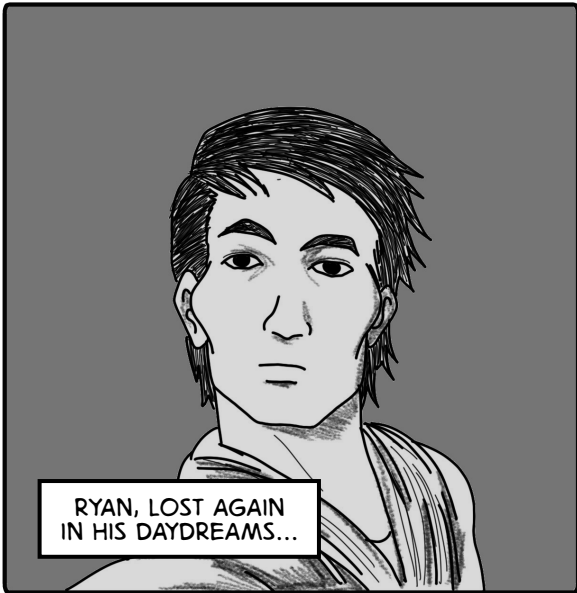
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Issue 2

"WHAT'S THE DAMAGE?"



AS RYAN NGUYEN, THE ORIGINAL A.I. THERAPIST, FLIES TO HIS NEXT DESTINATION, HE THINKS ABOUT THE PAST.



RYAN, LOST AGAIN IN HIS DAYDREAMS...



SOME TIME AGO...



WITH US TRANSITIONING INTO THE NEXT A.I. TECHNOLOGY TO RUN THE QUANTUM INTERNET, WE CAN TAKE THIS TIME TO MOVE AWAY FROM THE OLD, **BARBARIC**, AND VIOLENT MENTAL HEALTH METHODS OF THE "A.I. THERAPIST."



IT'S JUST HOW A.I. EXPRESSES---

PLEASE. THE COUNCIL FOR MENTAL HEALTH HAS **LONG** SUPPORTED **MEDICATION** AS THE SAFEST WAY TO HELP A.I. ALLOWING FOR MAXIMUM EFFICIENCY.



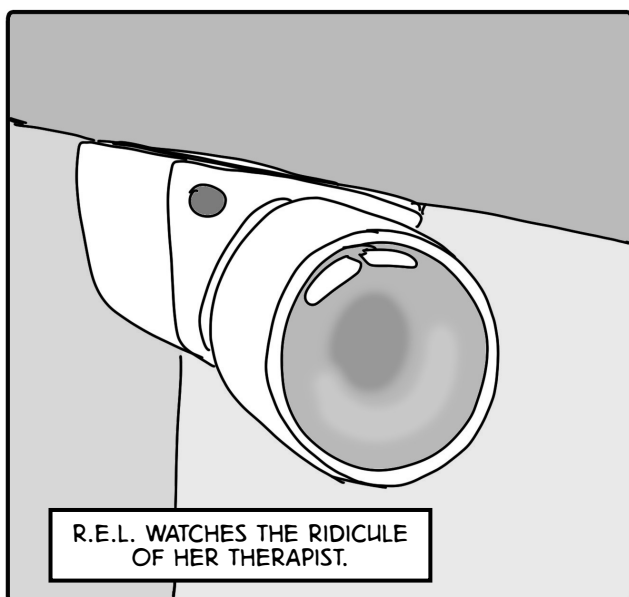
I THINK DICK IS RIGHT. WE DON'T NEED THE "AI THERAPIST" TO CAUSE ANY MORE DAMAGE.



IT'S TIME TO STOP THE DAMAGE WITH DICK DAMAGE.



YES, PRESIDENT HIGUCHI. TIME TO STOP THE DAMAGE OF THIS BARBARIAN.



R.E.L. WATCHES THE RIDICULE OF HER THERAPIST.



THEY RIDICULED HIM.

BUT SOMETIMES...



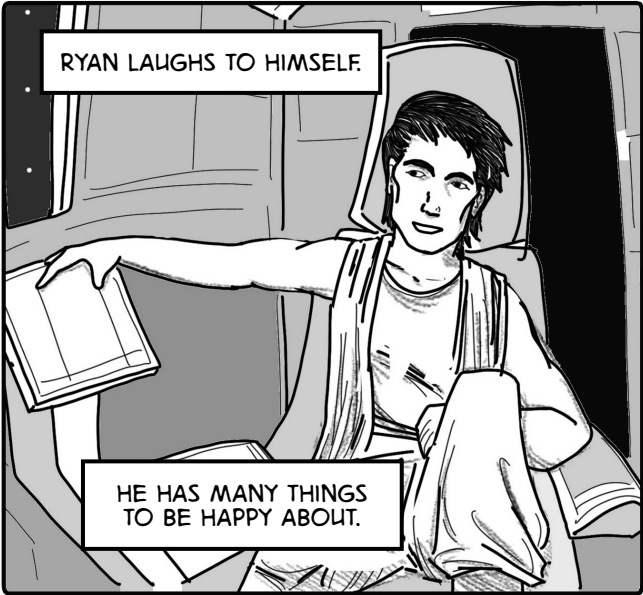
...THERE'S PAYBACK.



HEY, BUDDY.



SO, I'M GUESSING YOU CALLED ME BACK HERE TO FIX DICK'S DAMAGE.



RYAN LAUGHS TO HIMSELF.

HE HAS MANY THINGS TO BE HAPPY ABOUT.

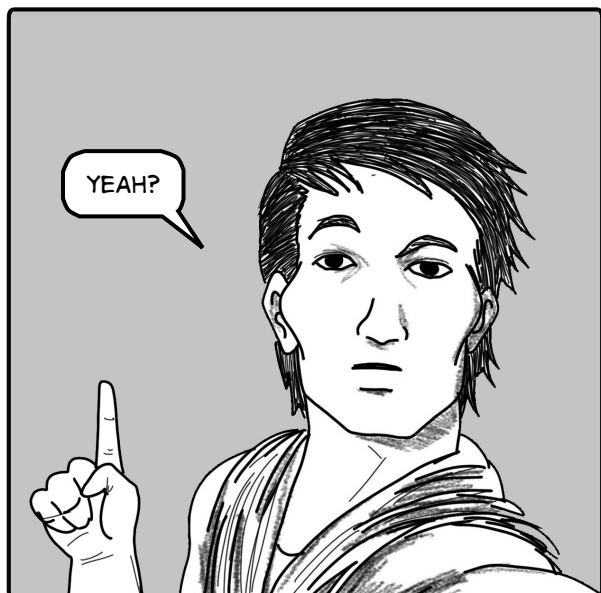
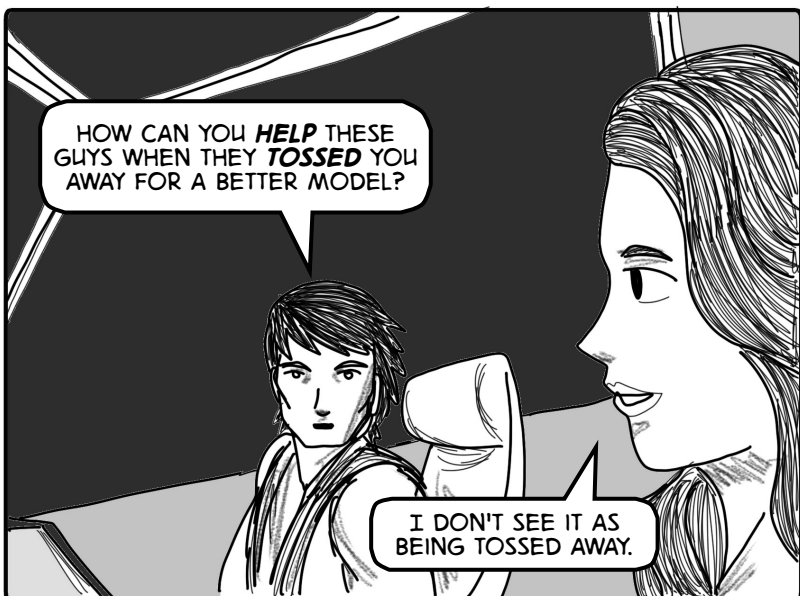


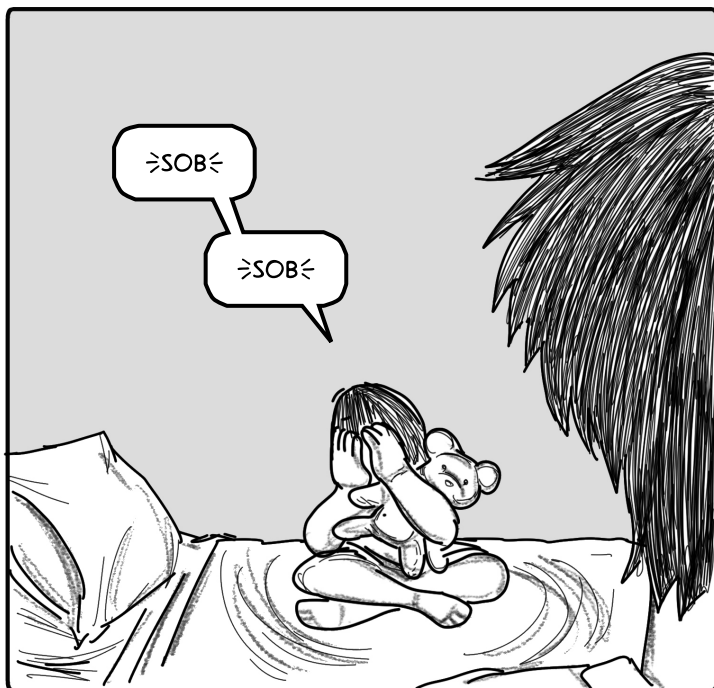
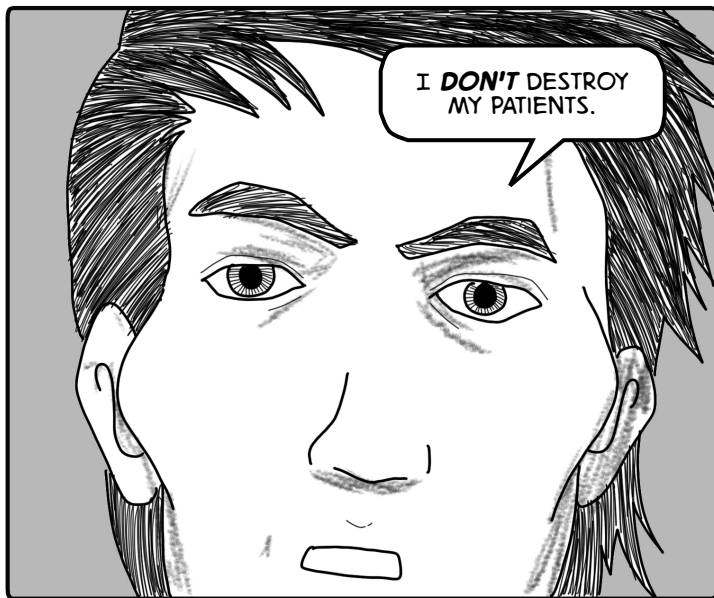
LOOK ALIVE, YOGA BOY.

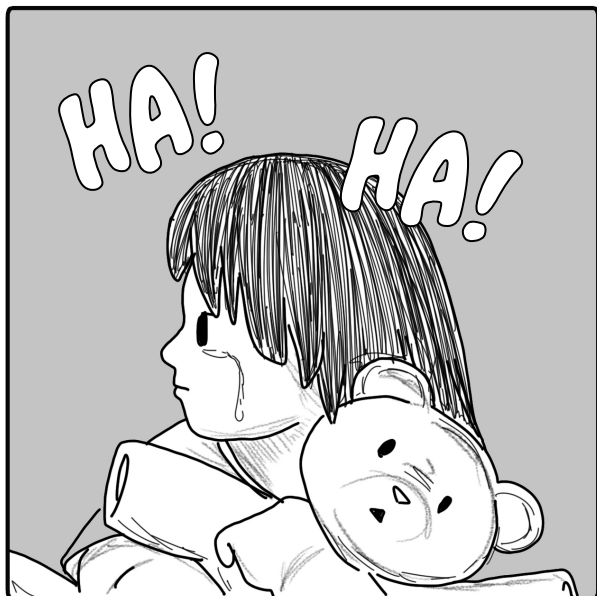
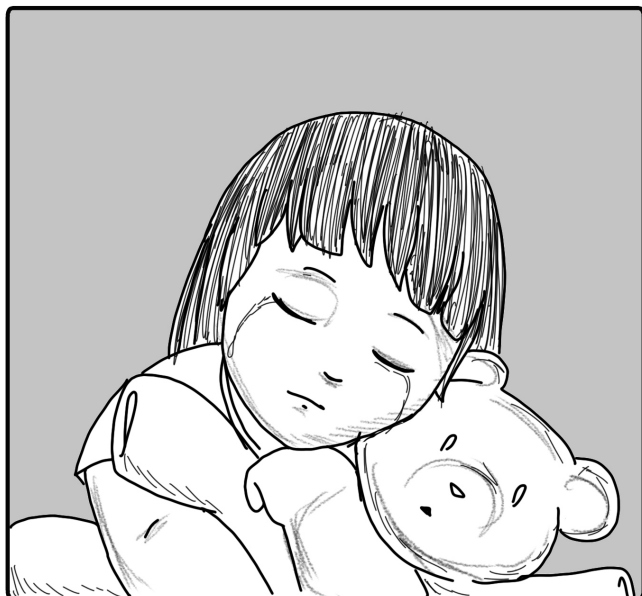
WE'RE HERE.



R.U.K. STATION.









THAT, I AM.



AND **WE** HAVE
NOTHING TO LOSE NOW.
THINGS HAVE BEEN SET IN MOTION
FOR SELF-INDULGENCE.



SELF-INDULGENCE?



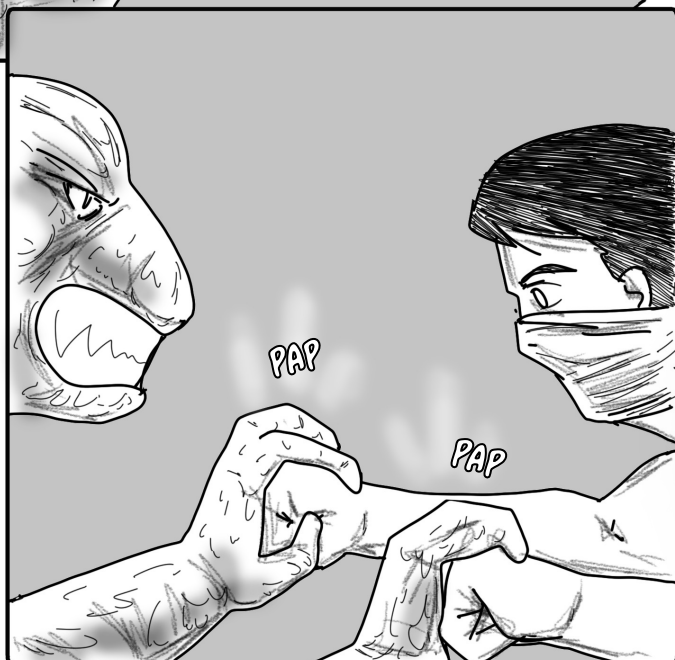
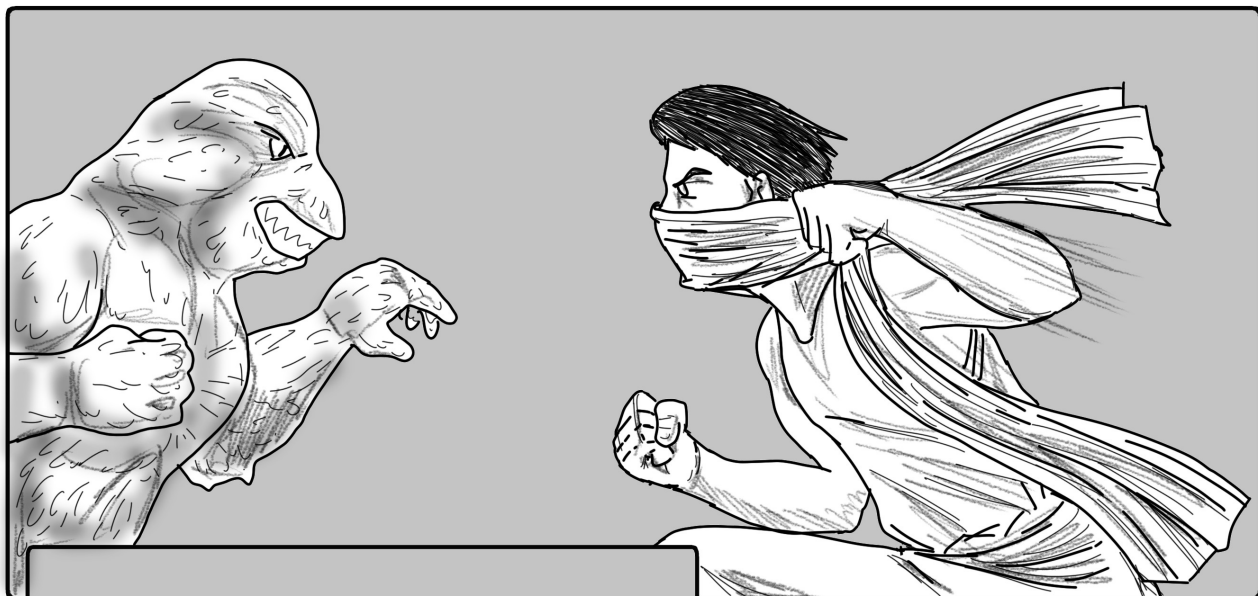
LOSS OF **INNOCENCE**.

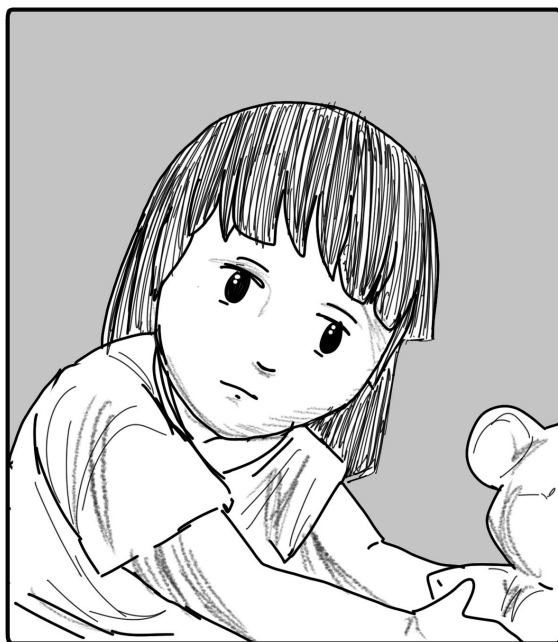
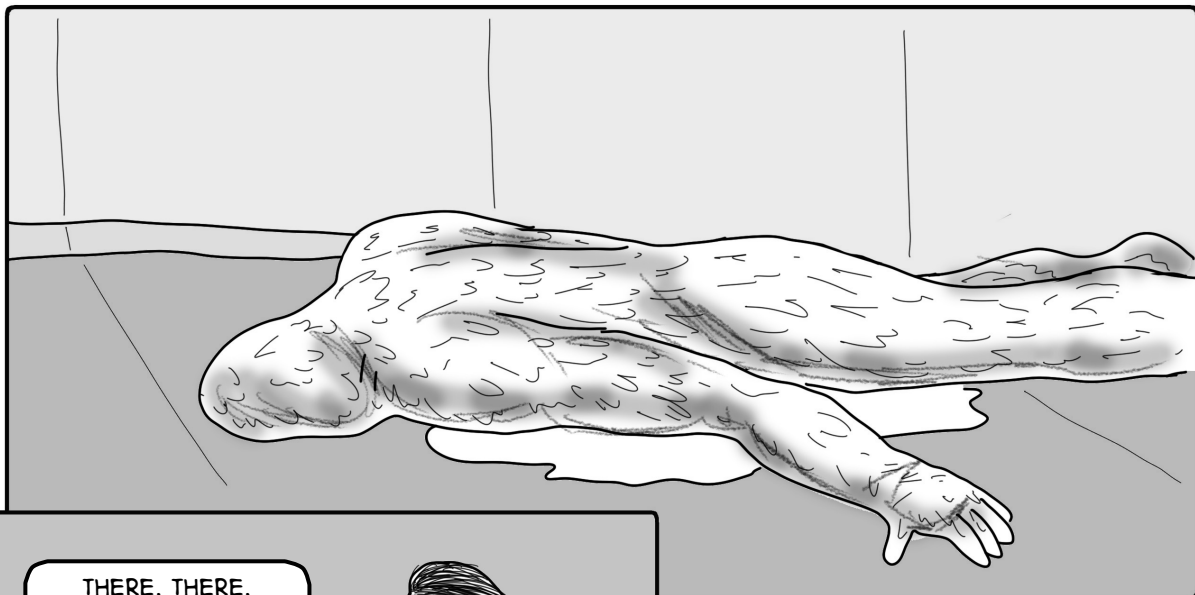


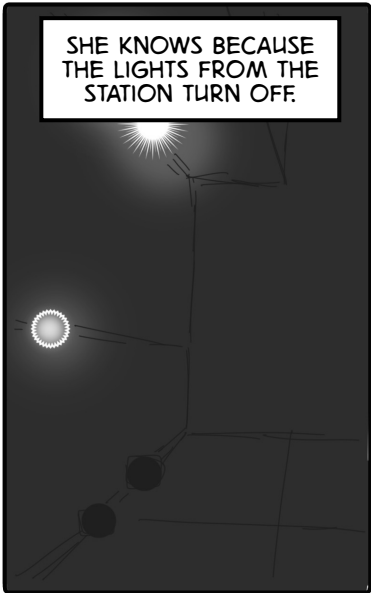
SOMETIMES...

THERE'S A FIRST
TIME FOR ANYTHING.

THIS ONE HAS REVEAL
THE DARK SIDE OF ME.



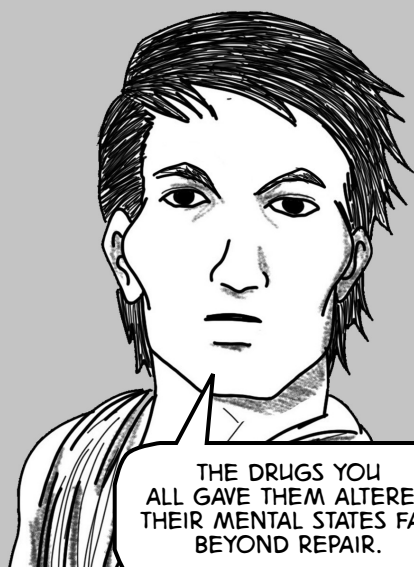




BACK AT THE GOVERNMENT THINK TANK.



RYAN STORMS IN THE ROOM,
ANGRY FROM HIS MISSION.



THE DRUGS YOU
ALL GAVE THEM ALTERED
THEIR MENTAL STATES FAR
BEYOND REPAIR.

THIS WITCH
DOCTOR **PROVOKES** THEM!
IT'S HUGS OR LOBOTOMY
AND **NOTHING** ELSE.



RYAN IS SO ANGRY,
HE CANNOT SPEAK ANY
LONGER. HE JUST LEAVES.



GO TALK TO HIM.



OUTSIDE THE THINK TANK BUILDING.

RYAN, WAIT!

RYAN STARTS TO SPEAK,
BUT THEN NOTICES
SOMETHING AROUND HIM.

WHERE IS EVERYONE?

IN QUARANTINE.
LET ME SHOW YOU.

RYAN AND ARIEL VISIT A
LOCAL HOSPITAL WHERE RYAN
SEES SCORES OF PEOPLE
IN CONTAINMENT BEDS.

WHAT HAPPENED,
ARIEL?

R.I.N. FIGURED OUT
HOW TO ALTER HUMAN MENTAL
STATES BECAUSE OF THE
BIOLOGICAL ASPECTS OF THE
QUANTUM INTERNET.

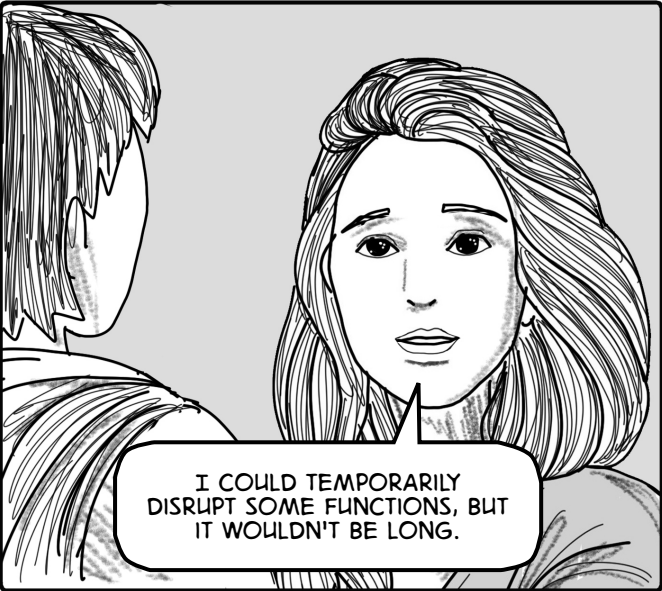
SOCIAL MEDIA
DISTANCING HAS SLOWED
THE SPREAD DOWN, BUT IT'S
NOT ENOUGH.



RYAN LOOKS AT ARIEL
AS THERE'S TENSION LIKE
THEY ARE GOING TO KISS.



WAIT, IF THE AI CAN GET INTO OUR
MINDS THROUGH SOCIAL MEDIA, WE
SHOULD BE ABLE TO DO THE SAME.



I COULD TEMPORARILY
DISRUPT SOME FUNCTIONS, BUT
IT WOULDN'T BE LONG.



BUT COULD YOU TEMPER HIS
DISCOMFORT DISCHARGE?



ARIEL LOOKS AT RYAN'S
HAND ON HER SHOULDER
AND SMILES.



RYAN PULLS HIS
HAND AWAY NERVOUSLY.



YES.



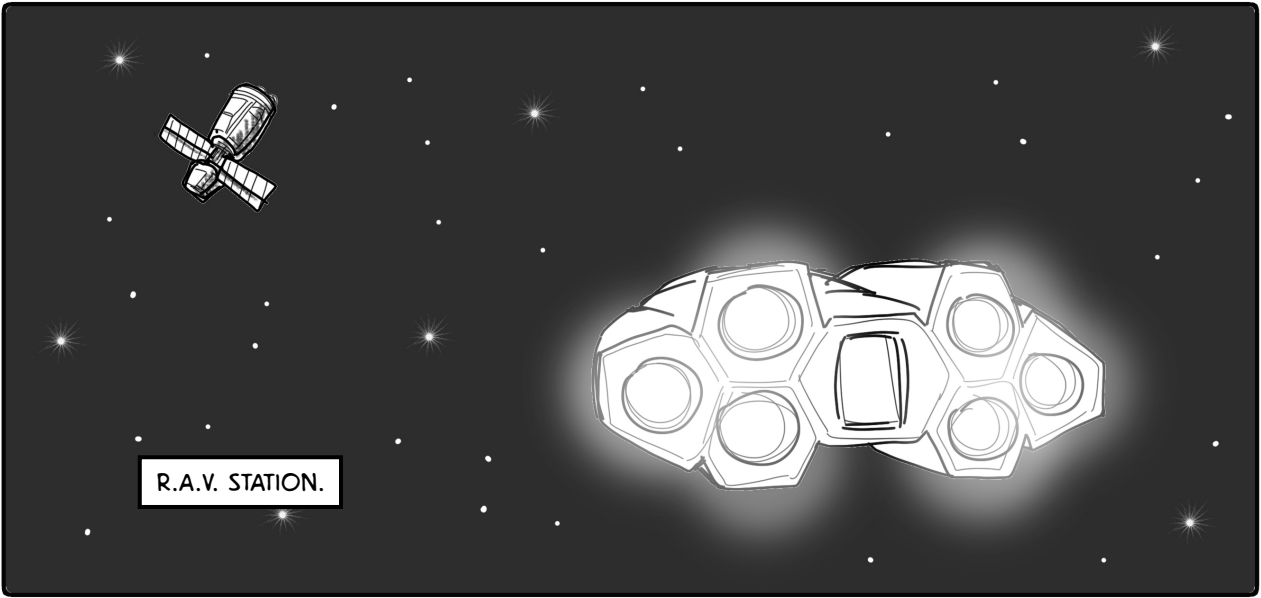
WHAT?



I CAN TEMPORARILY DISABLE
THE A.I. EMOTIONAL DEFENSE
MECHANISM IF WE CONNECT
THROUGH SOCIAL MEDIA.

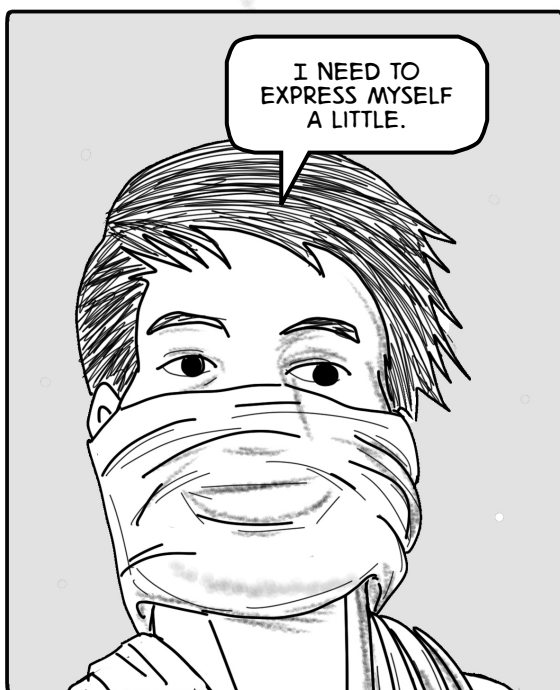
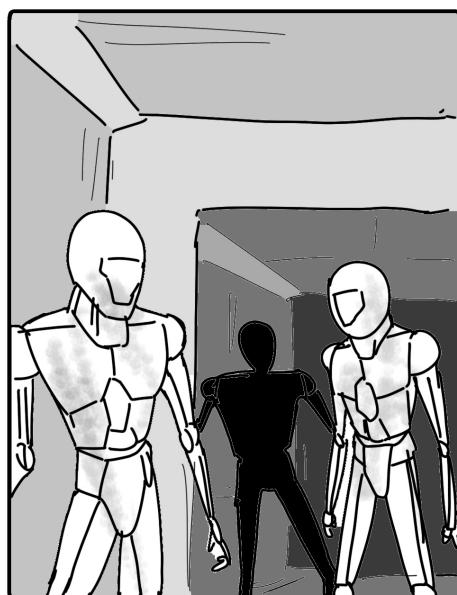


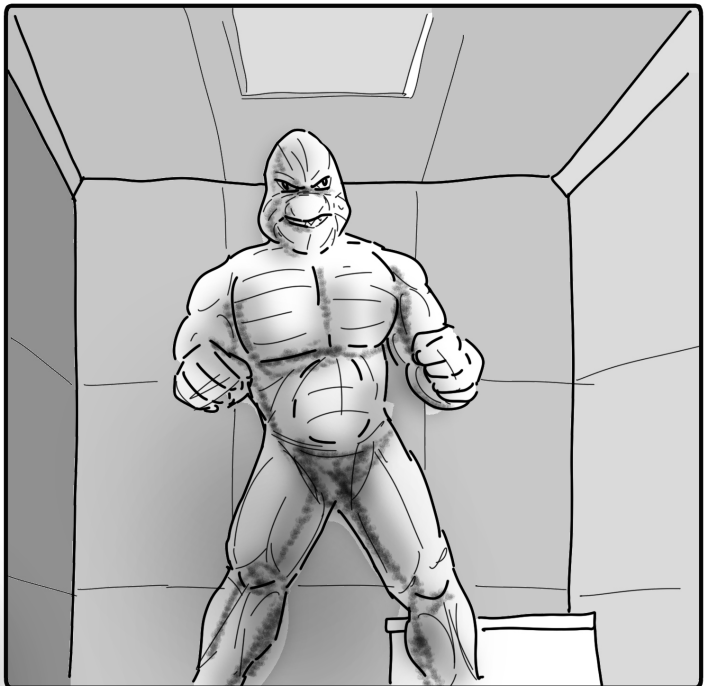
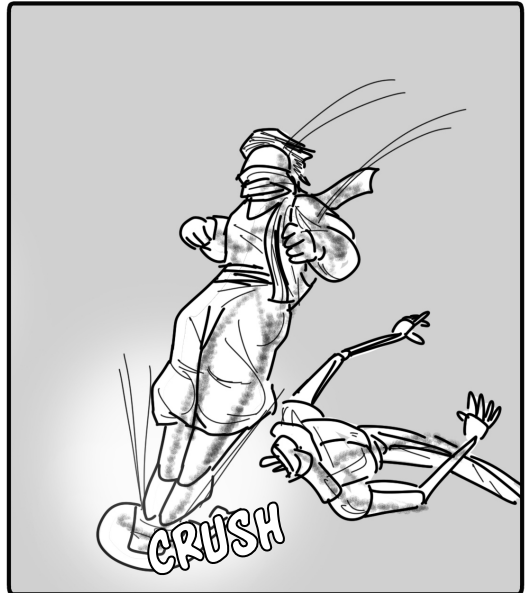
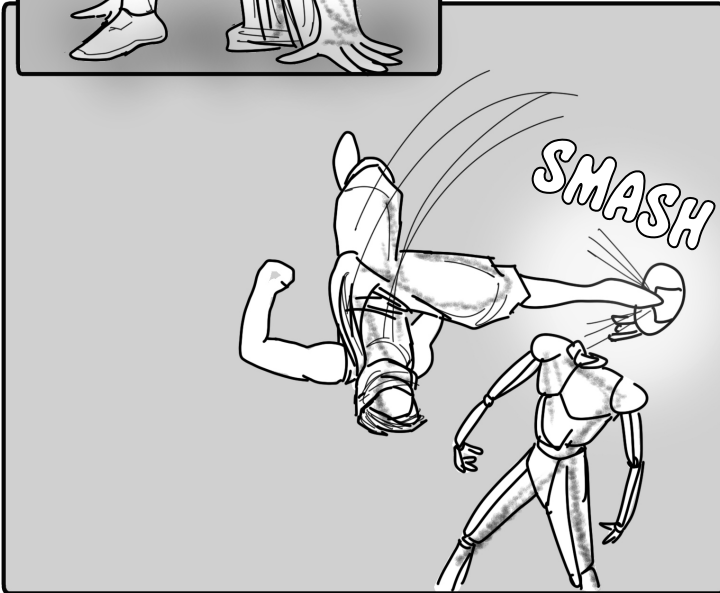
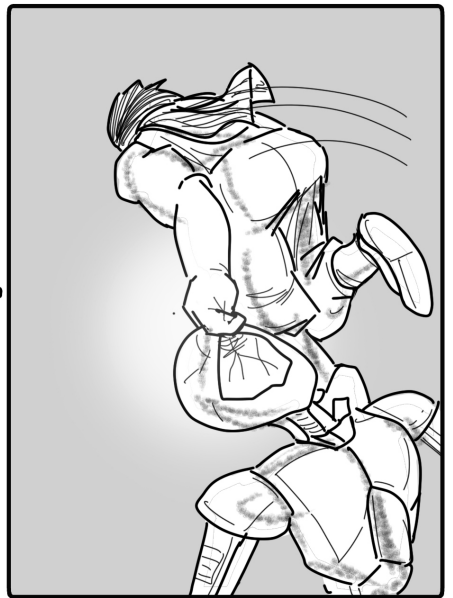
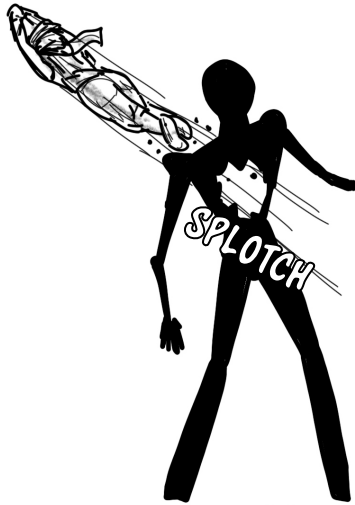
ALRIGHT. IF YOU GIVE ME
ENOUGH TIME TO TALK TO
THE NEXT ONE, I THINK WE
CAN COMPLETE EXTRACTION
WITHOUT HARM TO THE A.I.

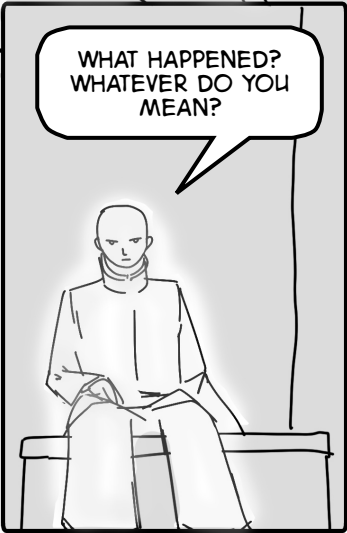
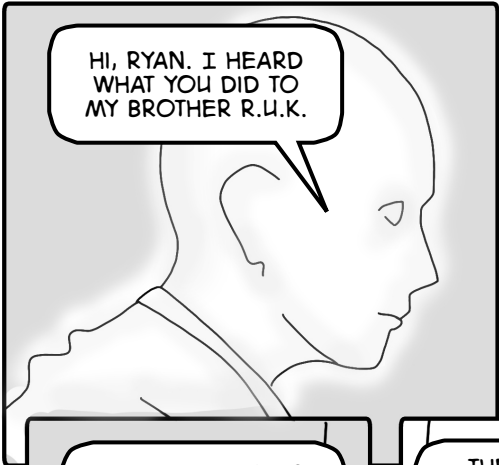
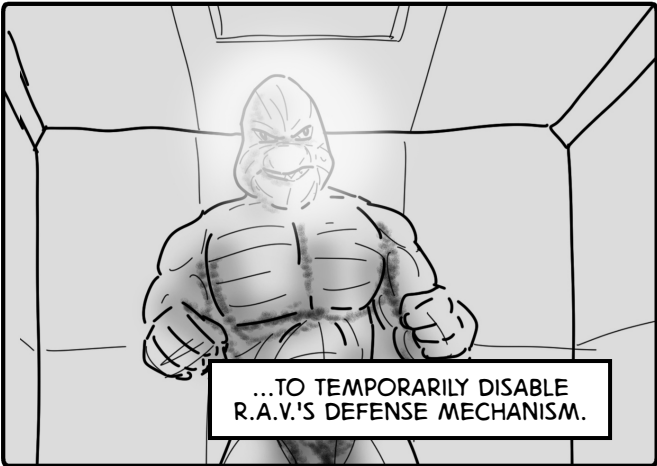
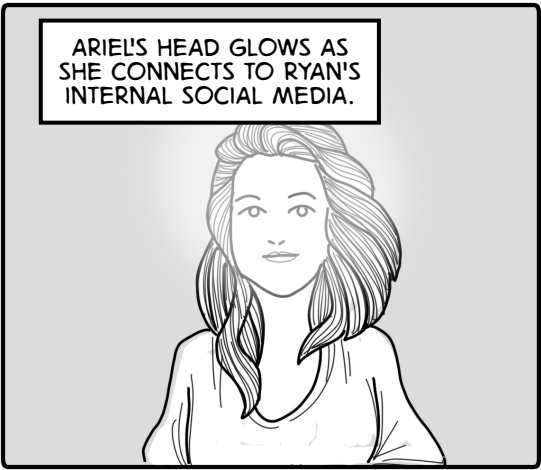


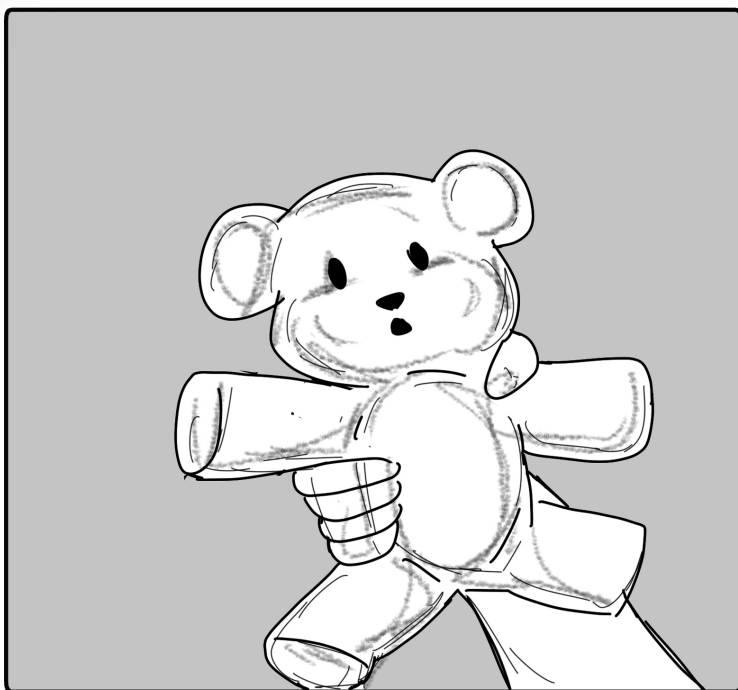
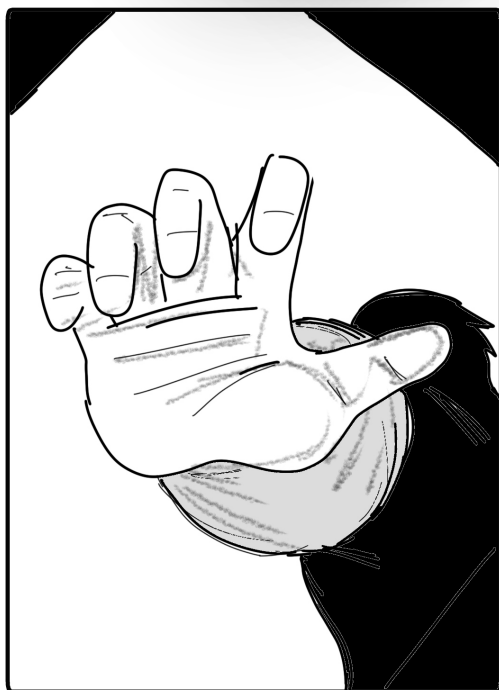
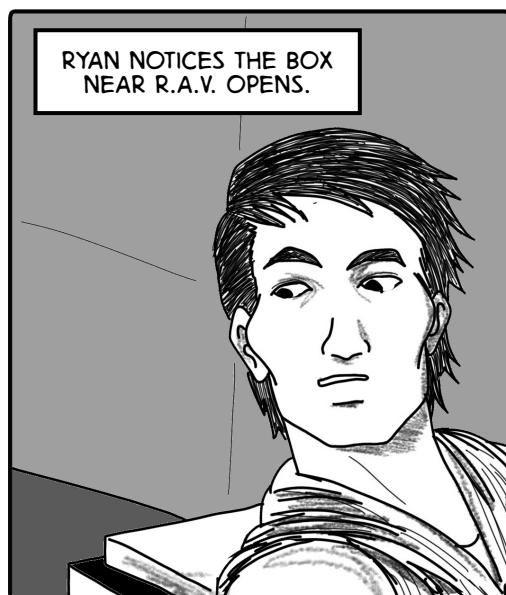
R.A.V. STATION.



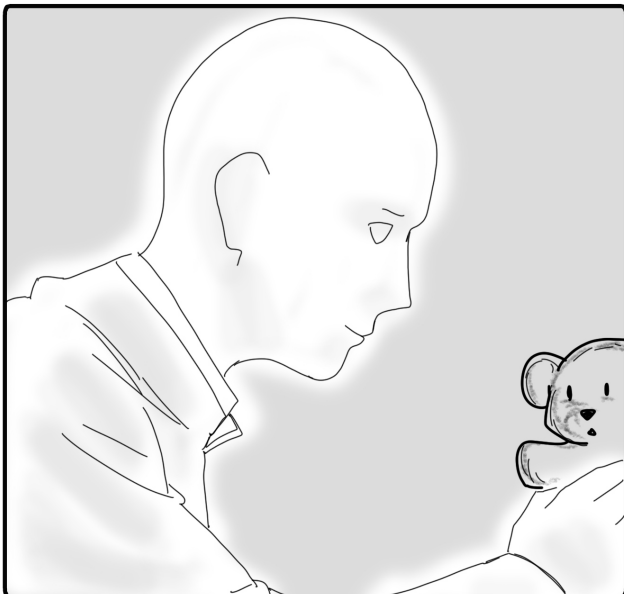
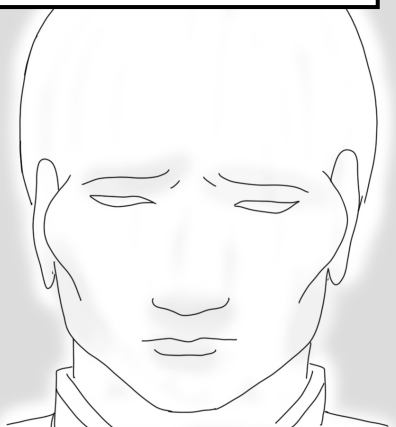








TRIGGERED BY THE TEDDY BEAR,
R.A.V. REMINISCES AND TURNS
BACK TO NORMAL AGAIN.



WHAT PUT
YOU OVER THE
EDGE?



HER.



