

TEN YEARS IT'S BEEN LIKE THIS.

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SNAP!
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YOU SEE, CJ HASN'T LEFT HER
PROPERTY IN TEN YEARS NOT ONCE.

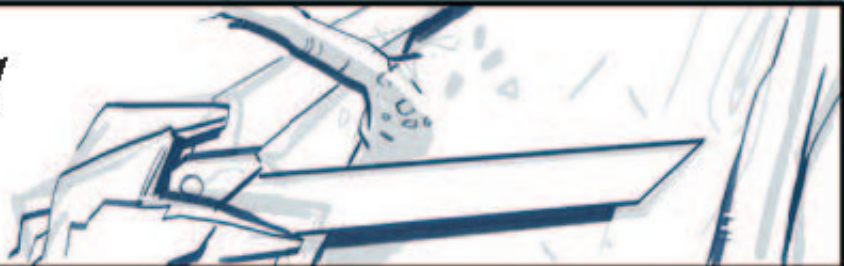
CJ WAS HAPPY.

CJ WAS A DEDICATED WIFE.

CJ WAS A COMPASSIONATE,
PROTECTIVE MOTHER.

THAT'S WHO SHE WAS.

SNAP!



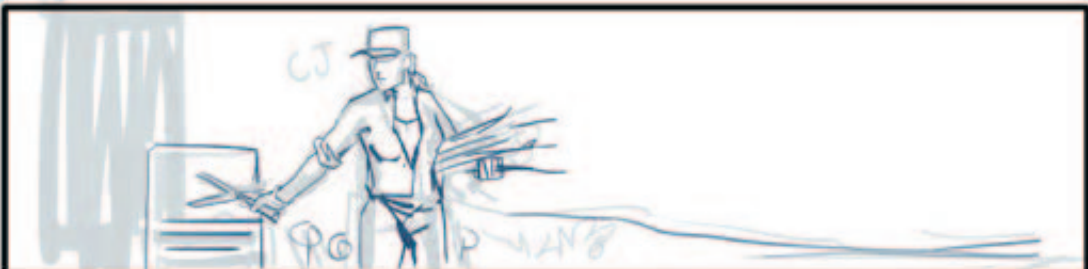
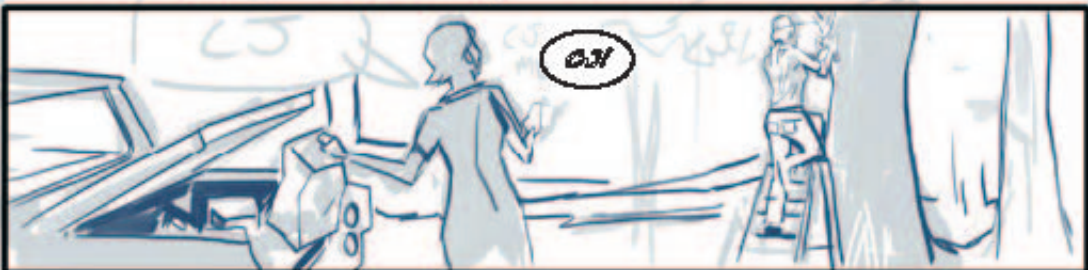
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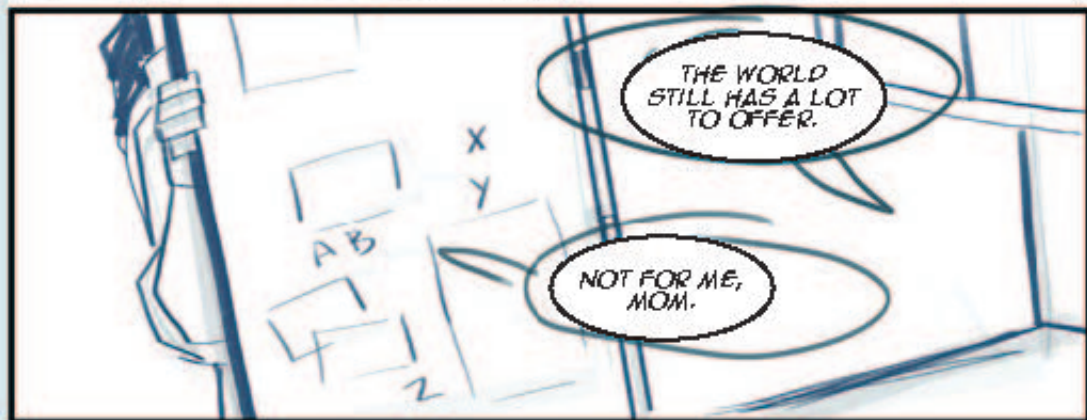


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HAS IT BEEN A
MONTH ALREADY,
MOM?









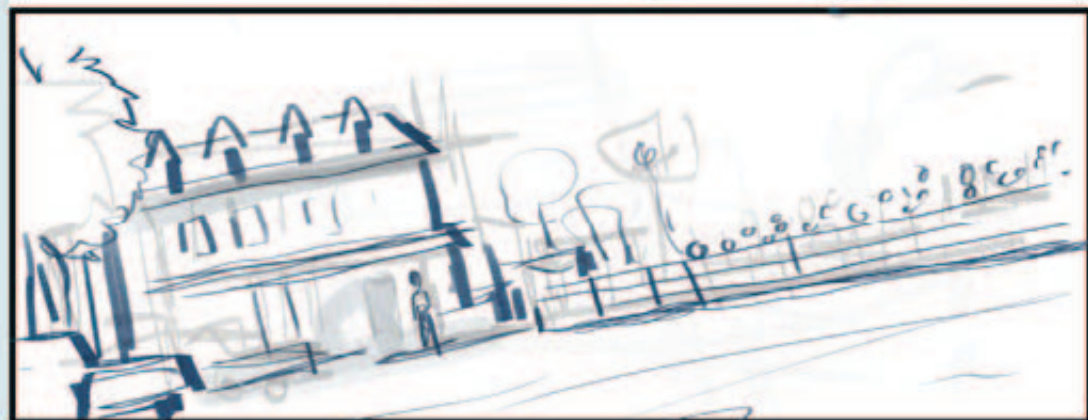
CRIME
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CRIME SCENE

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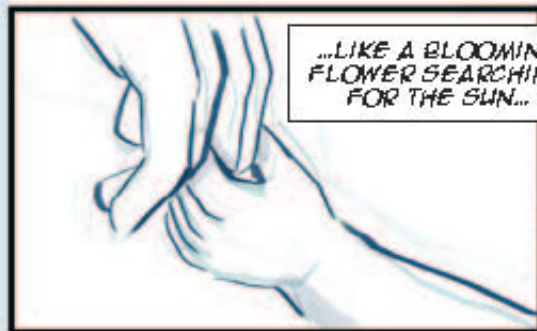
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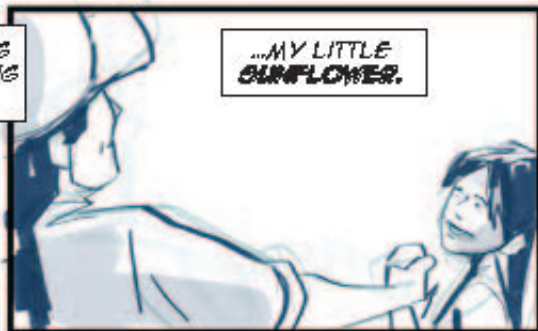
I REMEMBER MY LOVELY
TALLULAH, THAT WIDE SMILE...



...LIKE A BLOOMING
FLOWER SEARCHING
FOR THE SUN...

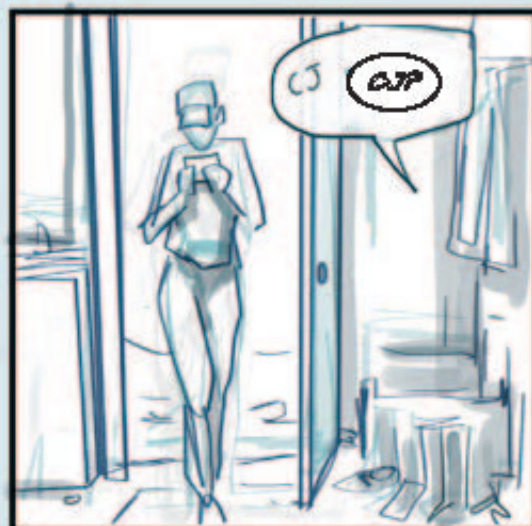


...MY LITTLE
SUNFLOWER.



GASP!!







CJ? WHERE ARE YOU GOING?

WHERE DO YOU THINK?



YOU NEED TO STOP AND THINK. CJ, BE REASONABLE.



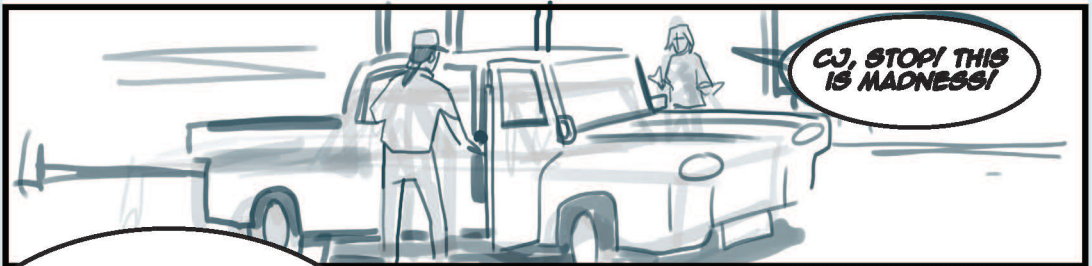
I SHOULD HAVE BEEN WITH THEM THAT DAY.



I SHOULD HAVE BEEN THERE TO DEFEND MY FAMILY! I SHOULD HAVE BEEN THERE TO DIE WITH MY FAMILY!



DEAR LORD, SHE'S ALIVE. TEN YEARS, SHE'S BEEN ALIVE!



CJ, STOP! THIS IS MADNESS!

WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO? YOU THINK YOU CAN FIND RUSH BRIDGE? AND THEN WHAT? NO. RUSH BRIDGE AND HIS FOLLOWERS KILLED MY SON-IN-LAW AND MY GRANDDAUGHTER; I WON'T LET HIM KILL YOU!

BUT MOM-

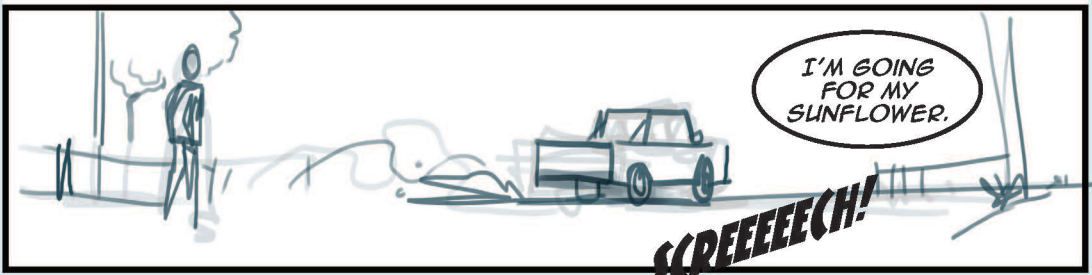
-IF SUNFLOWER WERE ALIVE, SHE'D CALL!



REVENGE NEVER SOLVED ANYTHING.



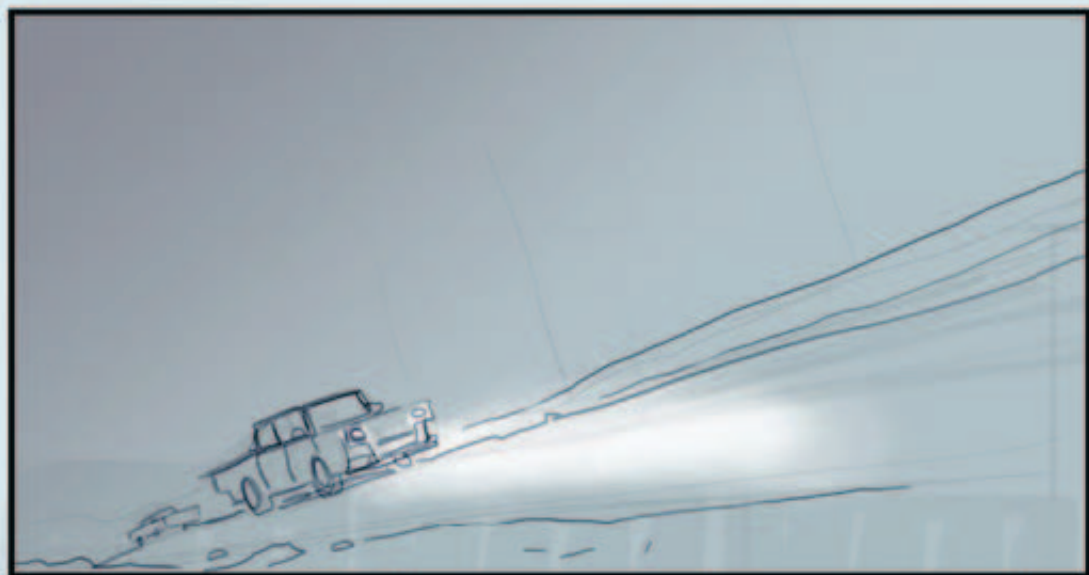
I'M NOT GOING FOR REVENGE.



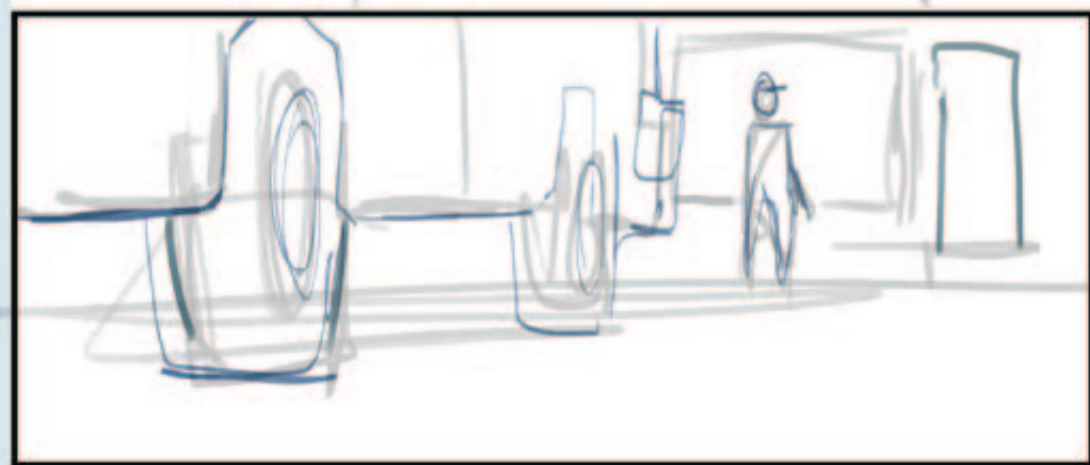
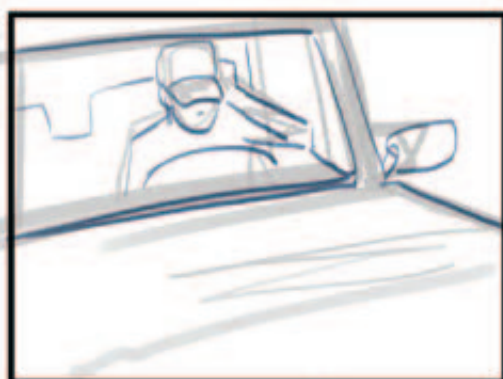
I'M GOING FOR MY SUNFLOWER.

SCREEEECH!







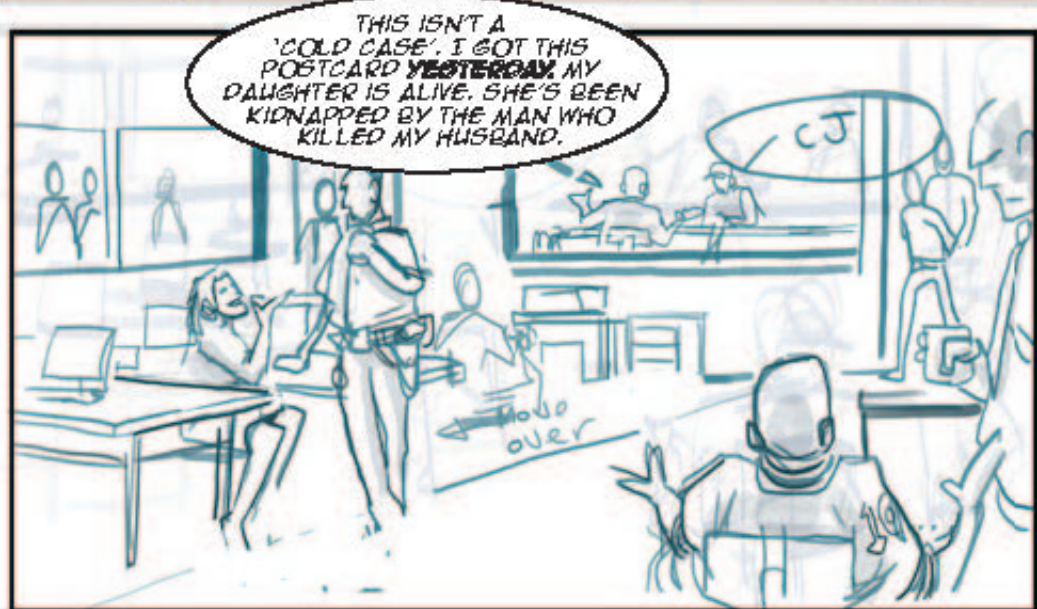






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IS THIS A CRIME?
IS THIS ACTUALLY
HAPPENING?



MRS PIERCE...



PLEASE PUT MY
SERGEANT DOWN
AND FOLLOW ME.



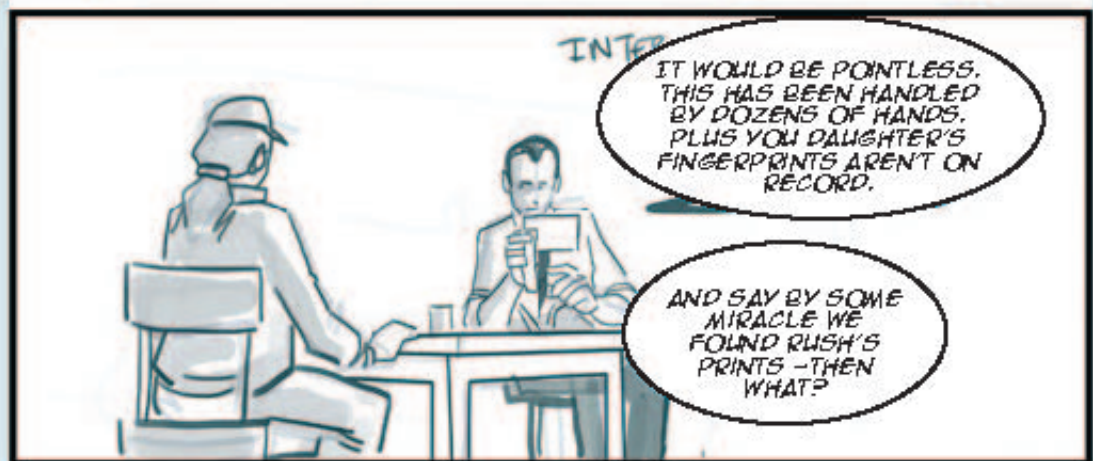
GET YOURSELF
CLEANED UP,
SERGEANT. YOU'RE
STILL ON DUTY LAST
TIME I CHECKED.





IS THIS ALL YOU HAVE?

CAN'T YOU CHECK IT FOR PRINTS?



INTERVIEW

IT WOULD BE POINTLESS. THIS HAS BEEN HANDLED BY DOZENS OF HANDS. PLUS YOUR DAUGHTER'S FINGERPRINTS AREN'T ON RECORD.

AND SAY BY SOME MIRACLE WE FOUND RUSH'S PRINTS - THEN WHAT?



OKAY, I'LL RUN IT FOR PRINTS FIRST THING.



FORGET IT, DETECTIVE.

INTERVIEW
Room

YOU'VE GOT TO UNDERSTAND, TO RUSH, OUR COMMUNITY IS A FEEDING GROUND. HE DRIFTS THROUGH THE NIGHT WITHOUT NOTICE AND VANISHES WITHOUT A TRACE. SOMETIMES HE'LL GO MONTHS WITHOUT PASSING THROUGH BY THE THEN...

AND HIS FOLLOWERS, HIS "FAMILY", WILL DO ~~ANYTHING~~ HE ASKS TO PROVE THEIR LOYALTY.

HE'S TOO SMART. HE'S TOO DANGEROUS. I... I CAN'T HELP YOU.

CHRIST, YOU'RE LIKE THE WOMAN AT THE POST OFFICE, TOO SCARED TO SAY HIS NAME...

RUSH BRIDGES. RUSH BRIDGES. RUSH BRIDGES. SEE, HE'S NOT THE CANDYMAN. HE DIDN'T COME FOR ME, DETECTIVE.

MRS PIERCE. A WORD OF WARNING.

YOU'RE RIGHT HE'S NOT THE CANDYMAN. RUSH BRIDGE IS VERY REAL. AND IF YOU KEEP SCREAMING HIS NAME, HE **WILL** COME FOR YOU.



HOW'D YOU
GET OUR
ADDRESS
AGAIN?



YOU'RE IN
THE PHONE
BOOK

IT'S THE
CHRISTIAN
THING TO DO.

THANK YOU
FOR SEEING
ME.



SO YOUR
DAUGHTER-

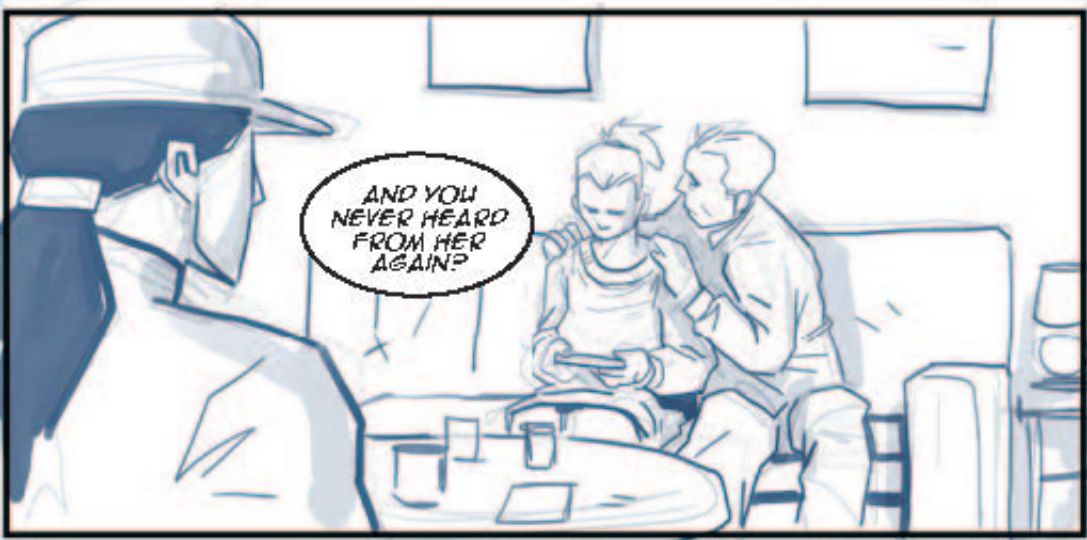
JACKIE.

YES, JACKIE...



JACKIE
WAS A GOOD
GIRL, A HAPPY GIRL. SHE
WAS WHAT SOME FOLKS
CALL 'A FREE SPIRIT'. ONE
NIGHT, WHILE WE WERE
ASLEEP, SHE SNUCK OUT;
WENT TO JOSHUA TREE
TO SEE A LUNAR ECLIPSE.
SHE CALLED THE NEXT DAY
TO SAY SHE WAS NEVER
COMING BACK. SHE'D MET A
MAN, NO, A PROPHET, WHO
HAD OPENED HER EYES.
RUSH BRIDGE HAD SHOWN
HER THE LIGHT,
SHE SAID

IF YOU CAN
BELIEVE THAT.



AND YOU
NEVER HEARD
FROM HER
AGAIN?

I'M
SORRY.

IT'S OKAY... I...
I JUST NEED A
MOMENT.

MRS
TOWNSEND

YOUR SON,
JARROD?

ABOUT A WEEK AFTER
JACKIE CALLED, HE
DECIDED TO GO AFTER
HERE. SAID HE WAS
GONNA BRING HIS SISTER
HOME.

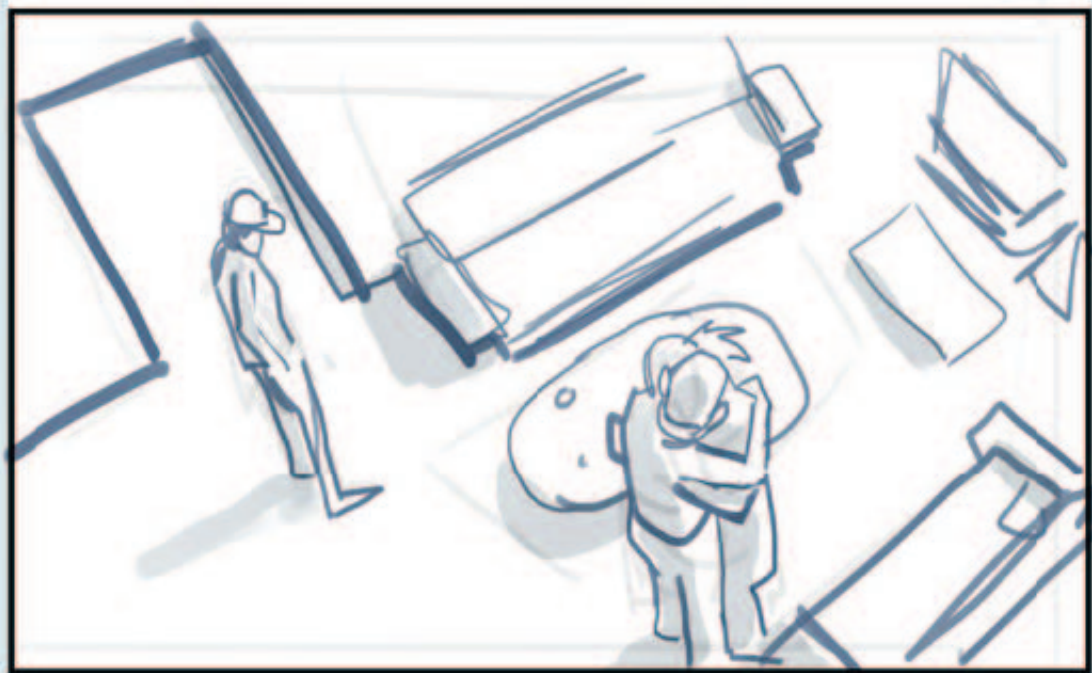
AND?

HE CALLED AFTER A
COUPLE OF DAYS. SAID
HE THOUGHT HE KNEW
WHERE RUSH BRIDGE
AND HIS FAMILY WERE
STAYING.

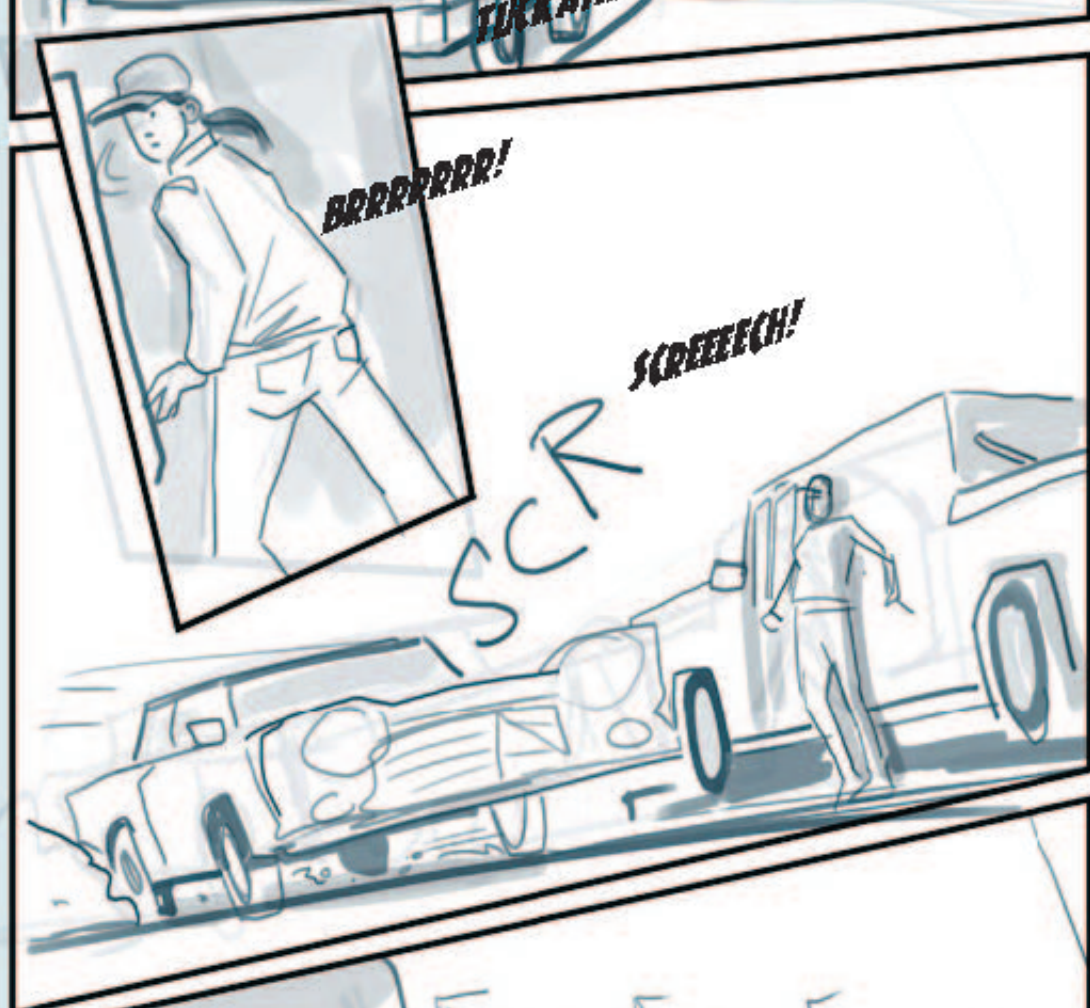
HE WAS GOING
TO GO THERE,
BUT FIRST HE
NEEDED TO GET
'MARKED BY
ANIBUS'.

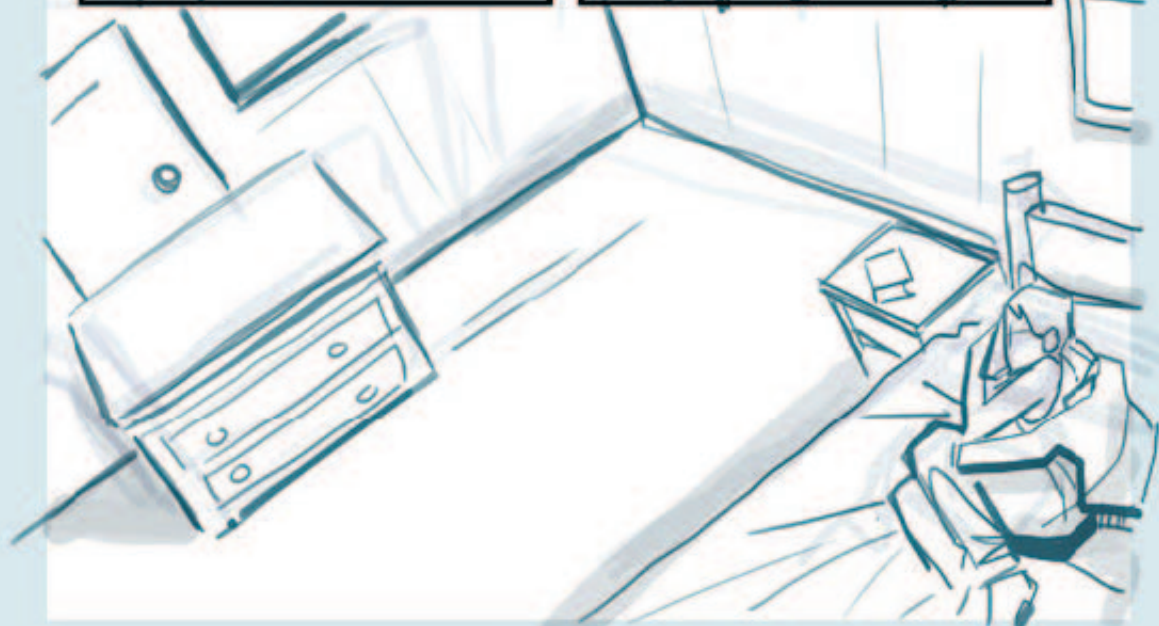
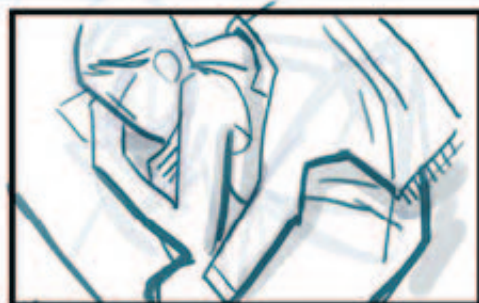
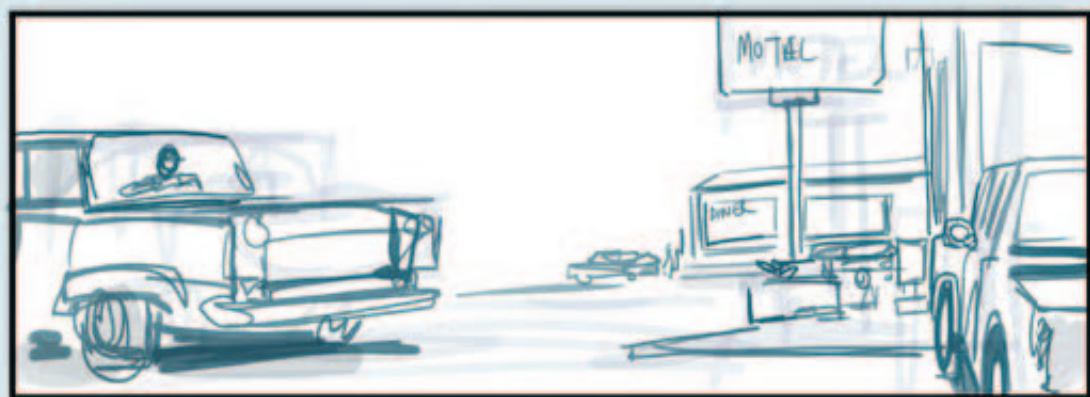
MARKED BY
ANIBUS?

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PLEASE GO BACK TO WHERE YOU CAME FROM, MRS PIERCE..

FOR YOUR OWN SAKE.

OBRIEN
UNMARKED POLICE CAR
THE POLICE SWEAR AN OATH TO PROTECT AND SERVE! YOU'RE A JOKE.

DINEK
I PROTECT AND SERVE THE PEOPLE OF BLYTHE. MEANWHILE, YOUR PRYING, YOUR INSENSITIVITY, IS RIPPING OPEN HORRIBLE WOUNDS.

AND WHAT DO YOU HAVE TO SHOW FOR IT?

YOU'RE THE LAW? WHY WON'T YOU HELP?

BECAUSE YOU HAVE NOTHING! A POSTCARD, THAT'S IT! A POSTCARD THAT CAME FROM A SICK FUCK WHO IS MESSING WITH YOU!

YOU DAUGHTER IS DEAD.

SHE'S ALIVE.

JUST LEAVE ME ALONE.

I KNOW I'M GONNA REGRET THIS...

...BUT HAVE YOU TRIED TALKING TO SHERIFF LESHING YET?

LESHING? NO.

HE LEFT THE FORCE WHEN THE CASE WENT COLD. JUST WALKED RIGHT OUT THE DOOR. NO GOOD-BYE. NO FAREWELL PARTY. NO NOTHING. TWENTY-SEVEN YEARS ON THE JOB, THEN GONE, LIKE THAT.

BE CAREFUL. I HEAR YOUR FAMILY'S CRIME REALLY FUCKED HIM UP.

HOW BAD?

BAD

double wide trailer

TENT CANOPY

BAD.