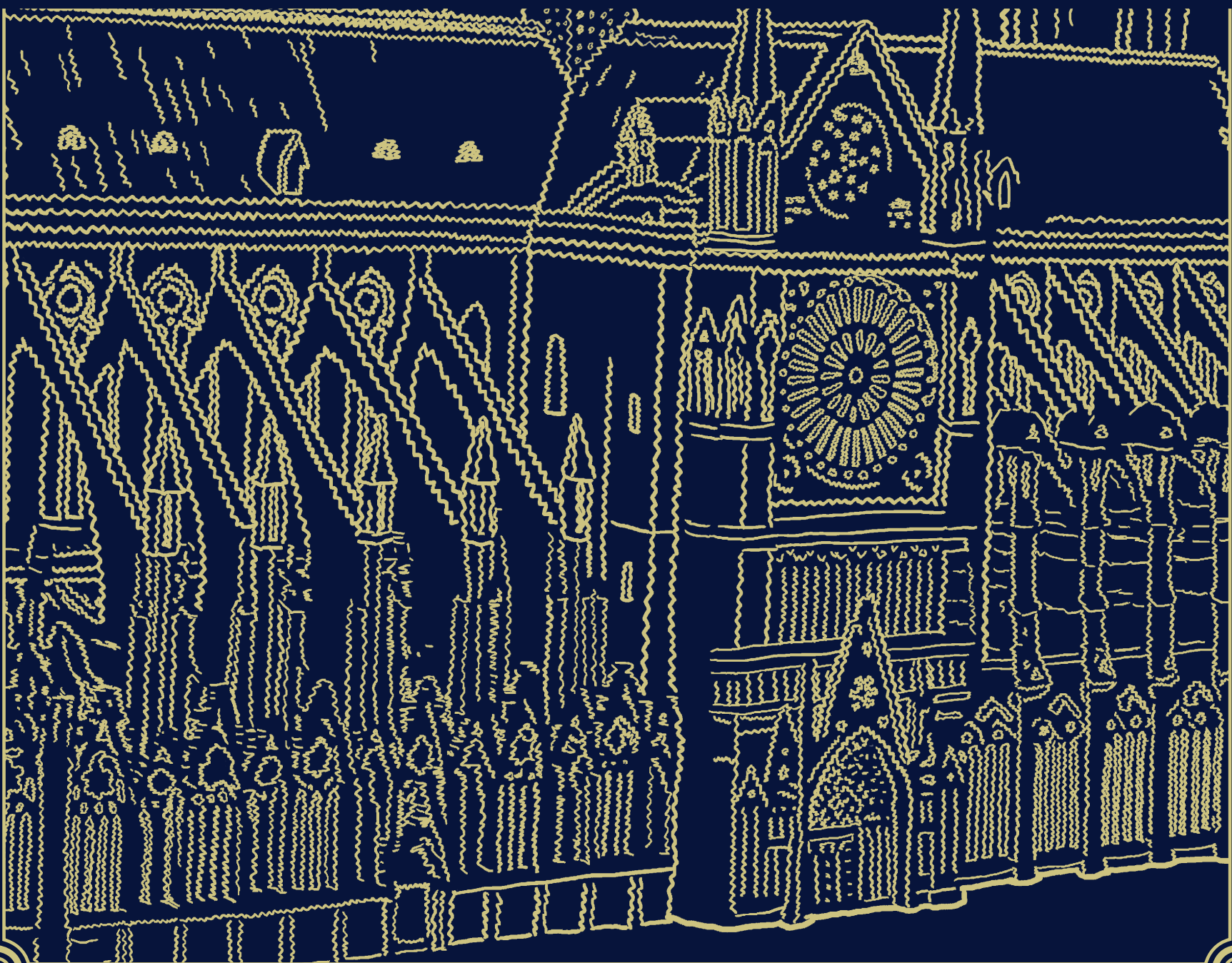


# MATCHSTICKS

INSPIRED BY HANS CHRISTIAN ANDERSEN'S  
THE LITTLE MATCH GIRL — RIEKO CHACEY





WOULD YOU LIKE SOME MATCHES?

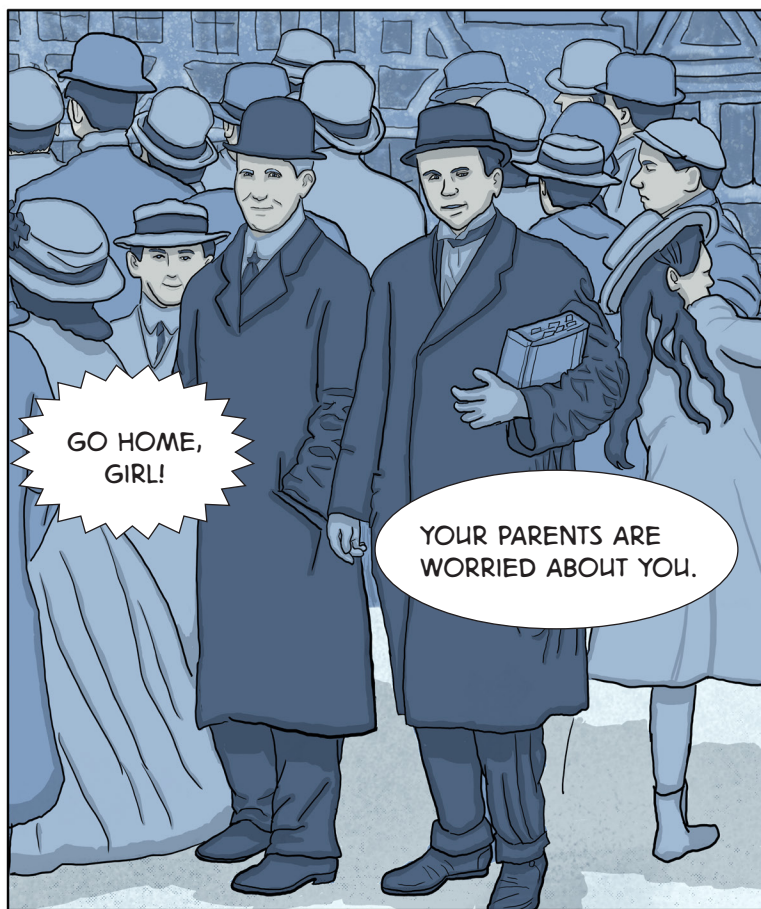
OH, NO THANK YOU, HONEY.

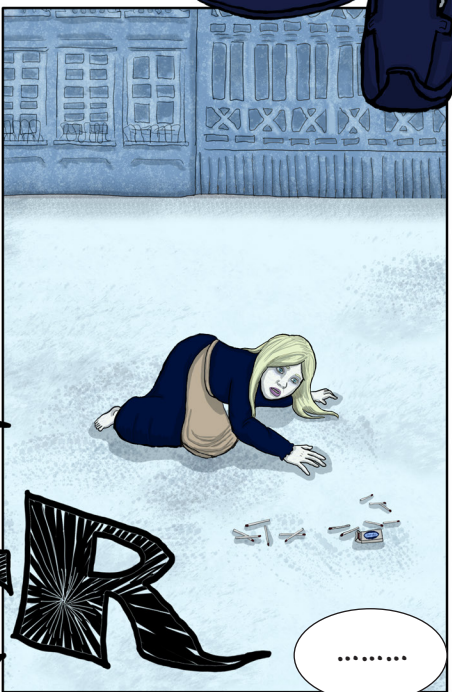
SO COLD!

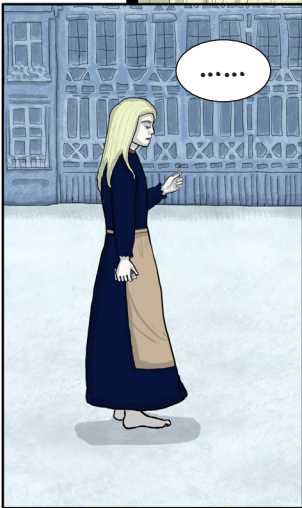
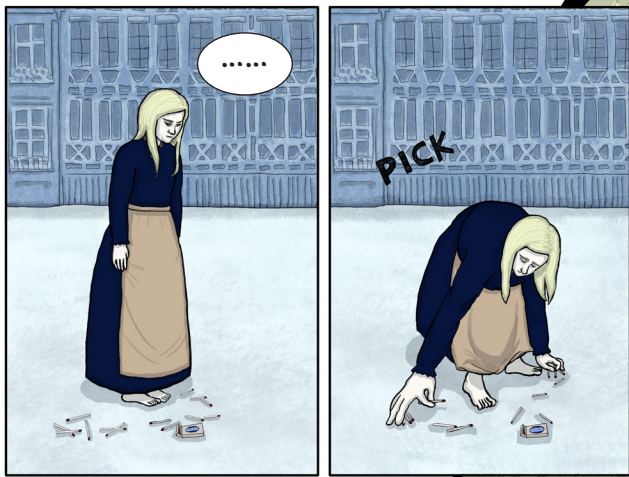
OF COURSE, IT'S A RECORD LOW.

MATCHBOXES FOR SALE!

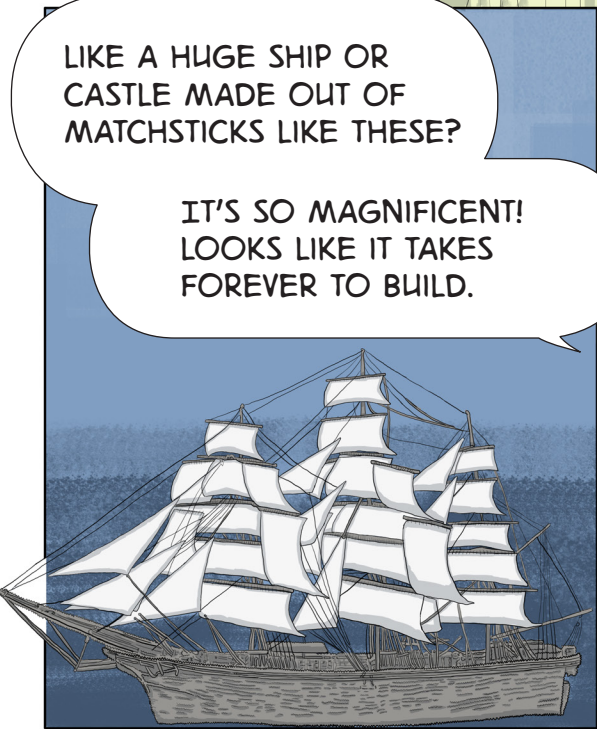
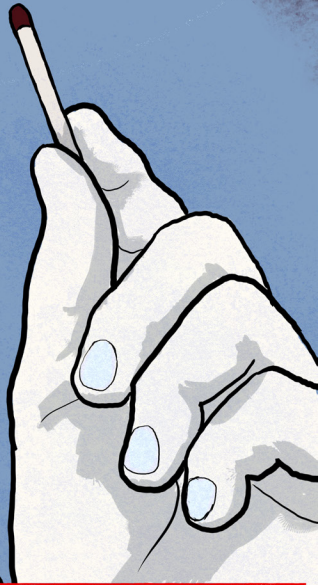
A MATCHBOX FOR A QUARTER!



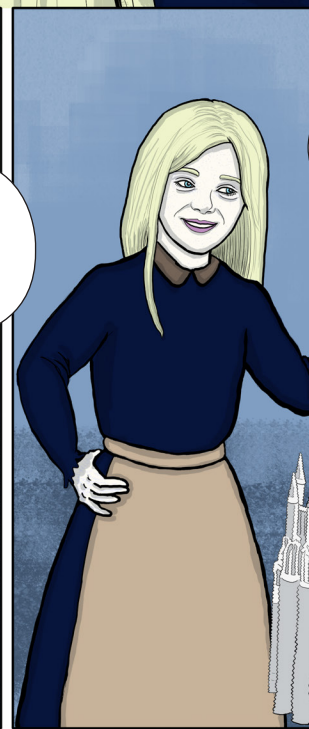




HAVE YOU SEEN MATCHSTICK ART?



LIKE A HUGE SHIP OR CASTLE MADE OUT OF MATCHSTICKS LIKE THESE?  
IT'S SO MAGNIFICENT! LOOKS LIKE IT TAKES FOREVER TO BUILD.



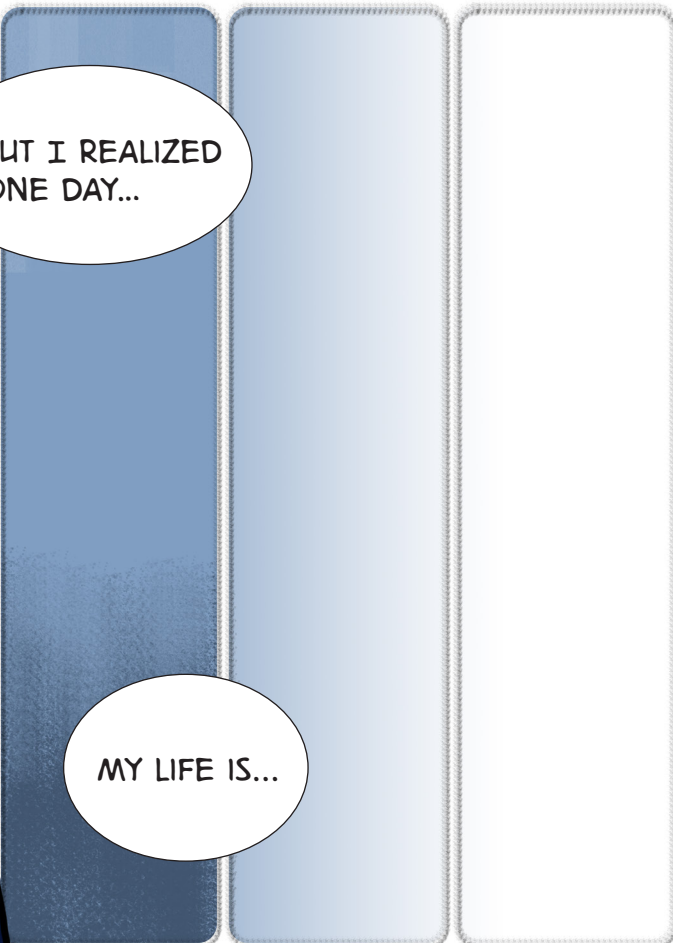
I USED TO THINK MY LIFE IS LIKE THIS CASTLE.

MY LIFE



BUT I REALIZED ONE DAY...

MY LIFE IS...



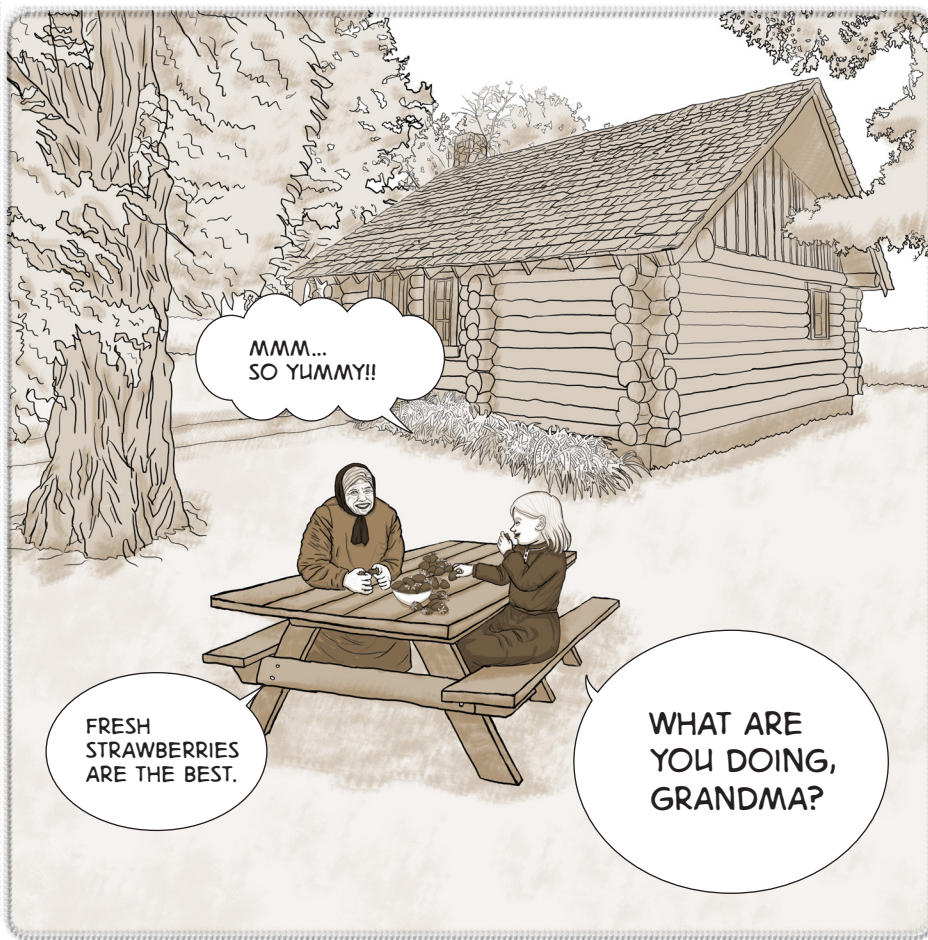
THIS ONE LOOKS RIPE.



STRAWBERRIES!

STRAWBERRIES!

WAIT A MINUTE,  
OH DEAR...!



MMM...  
SO YUMMY!!

FRESH  
STRAWBERRIES  
ARE THE BEST.

WHAT ARE  
YOU DOING,  
GRANDMA?



GETTING THE  
SEEDS OUT TO  
DRY THEM.

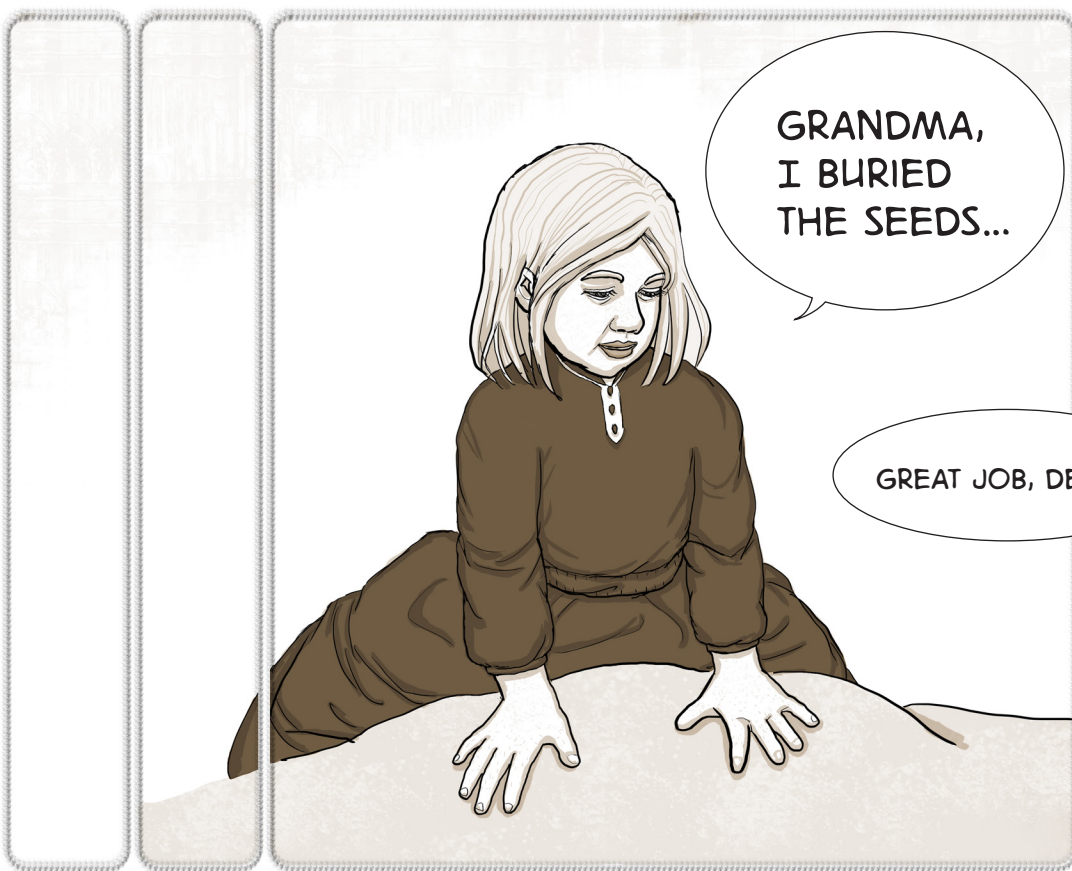


TO PLANT THEM.

WE CAN GET  
MORE STRAWBERRIES  
NEXT YEAR.



EACH OF THESE  
SEEDS WILL BEAR  
SO MUCH FRUIT.

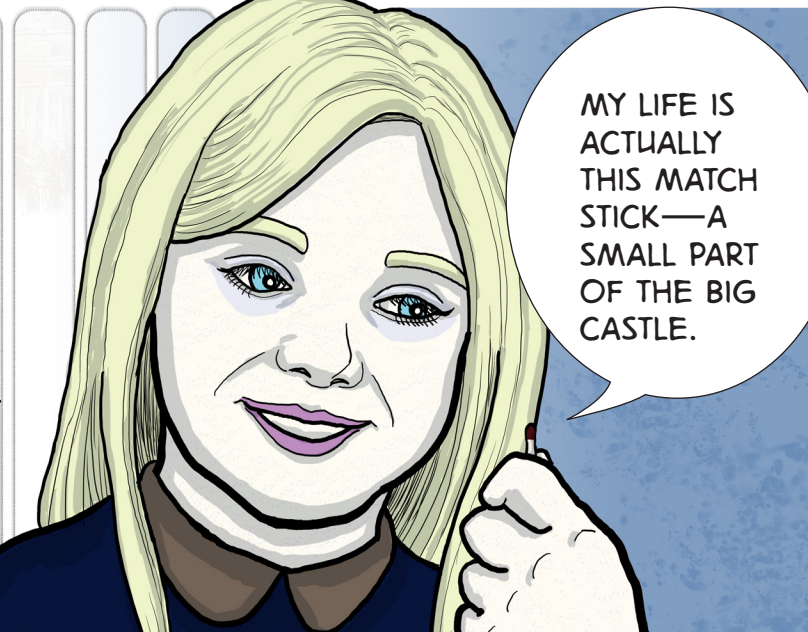
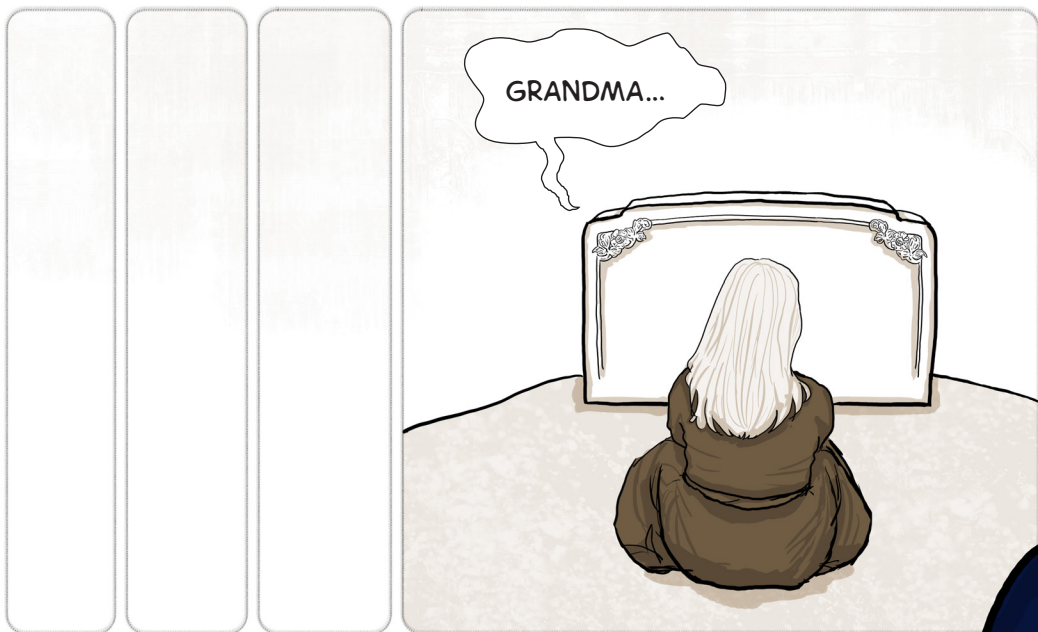
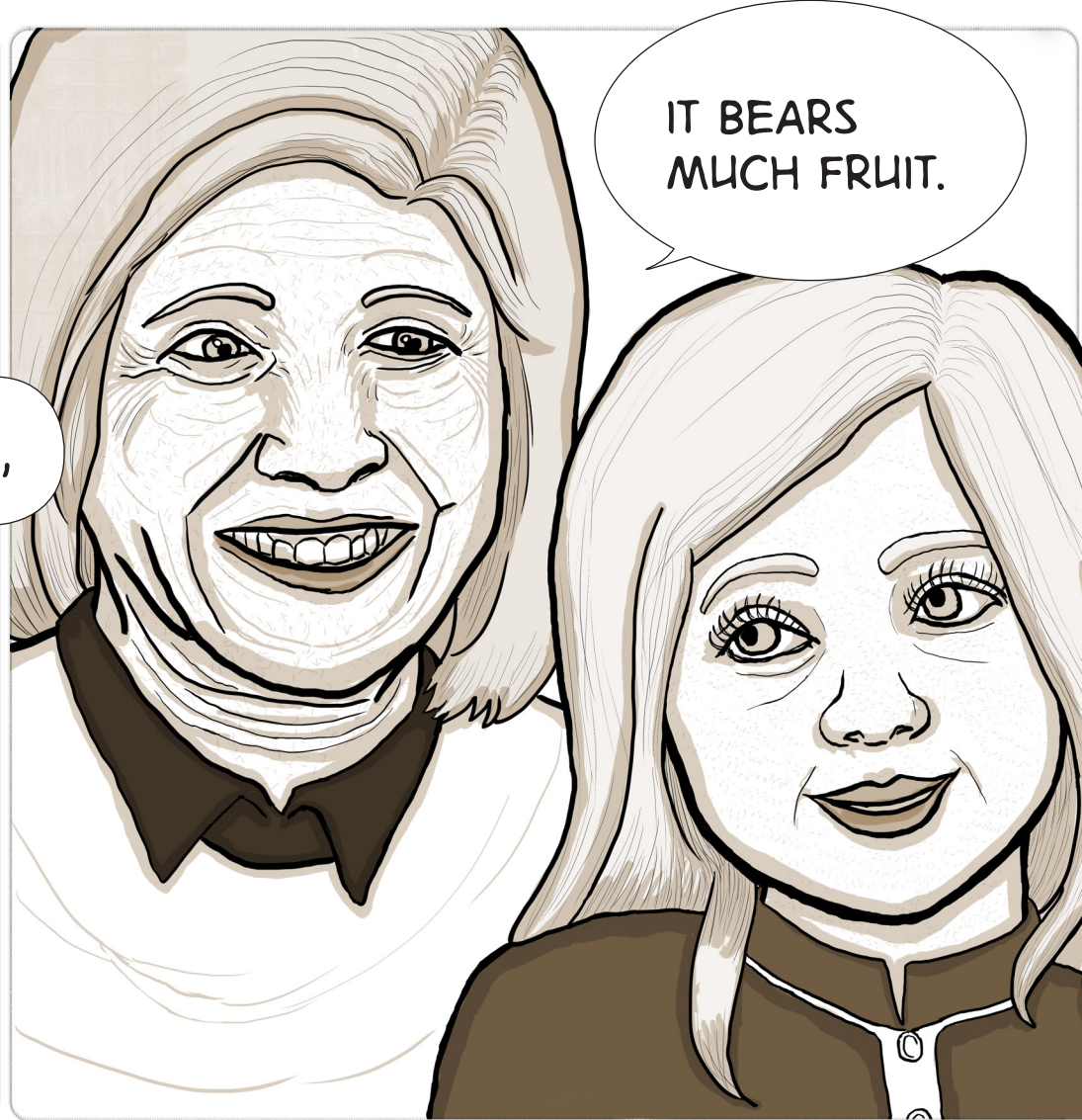
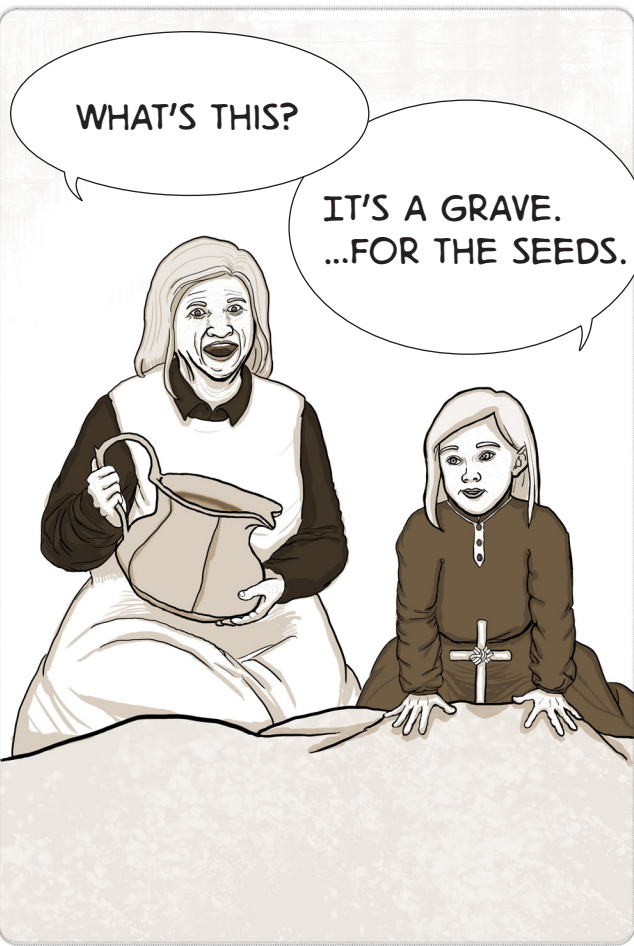
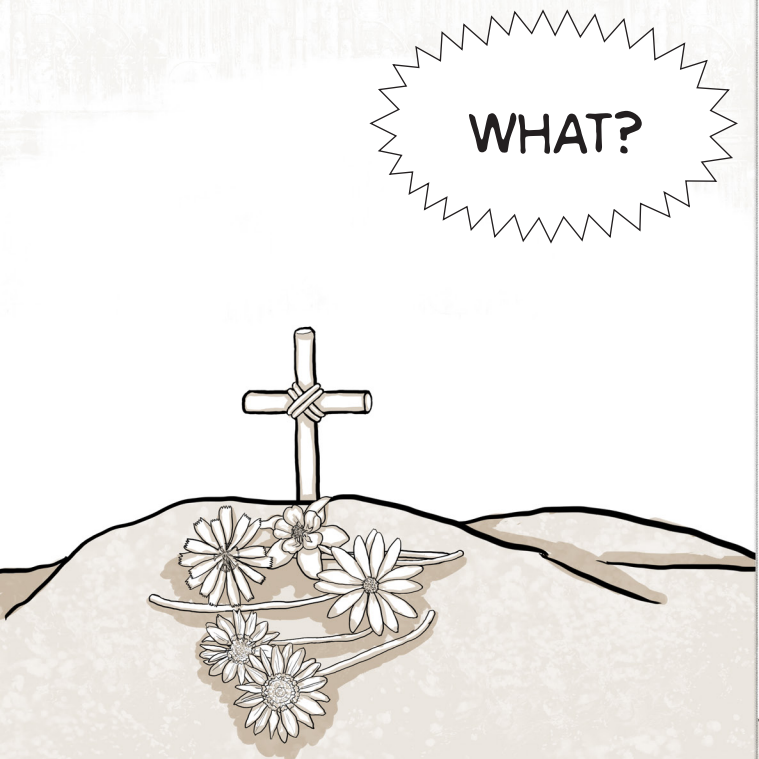


GRANDMA,  
I BURIED  
THE SEEDS...

GREAT JOB, DEAR!!



LET'S WATER THEM NOW.



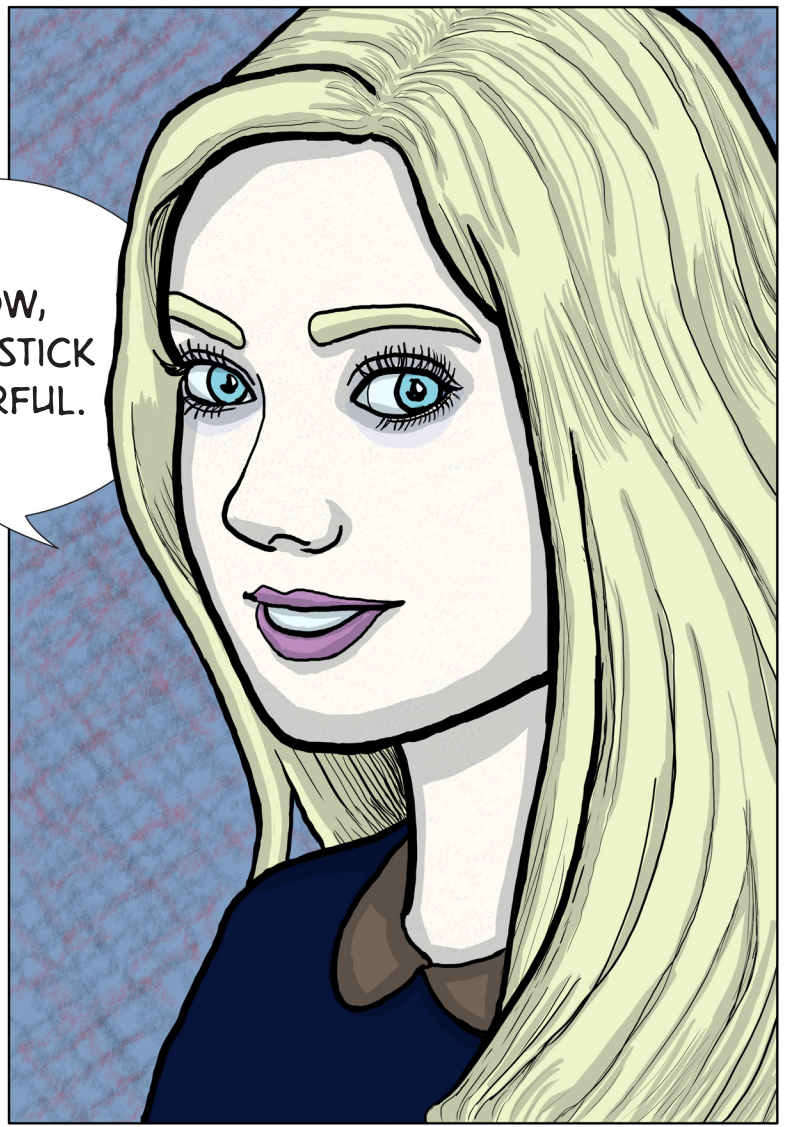
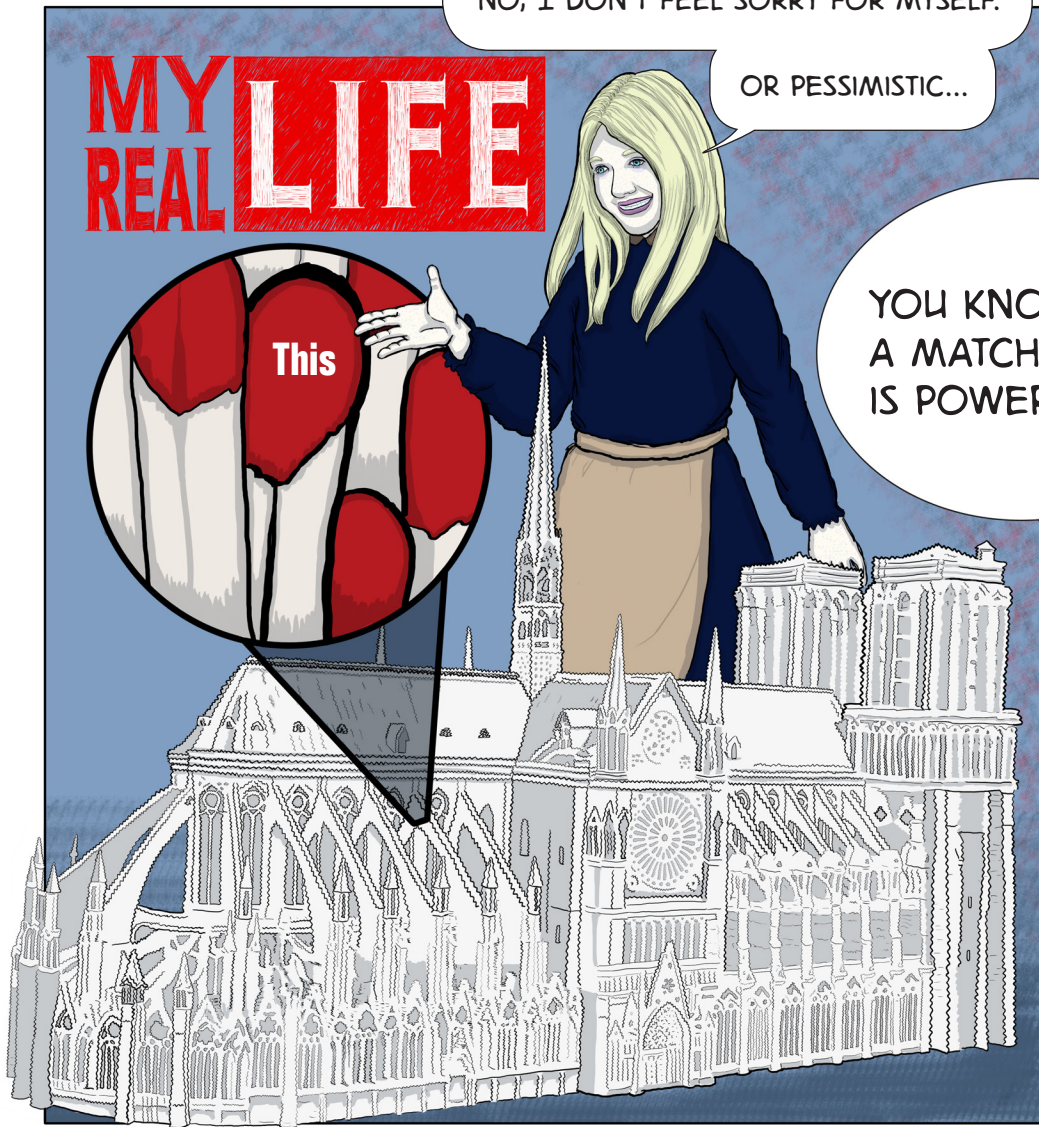
NO, I DON'T FEEL SORRY FOR MYSELF.

OR PESSIMISTIC...

# MY REAL LIFE

This

YOU KNOW, A MATCHSTICK IS POWERFUL.



IT CAN SET A FOREST ON FIRE.



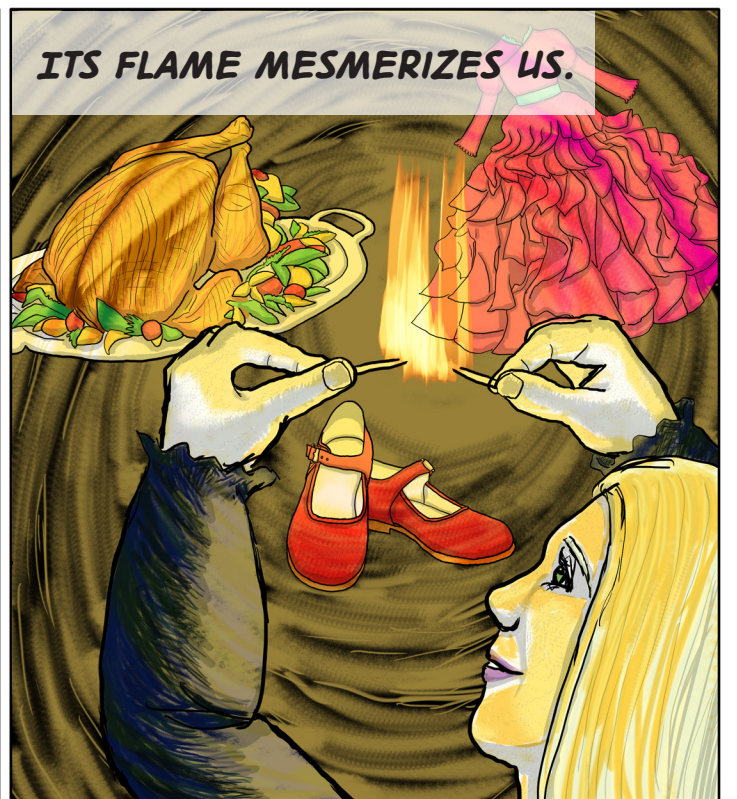
IT CAN OVERPOWER DARKNESS.



IT CAN WARM SOMEONE.

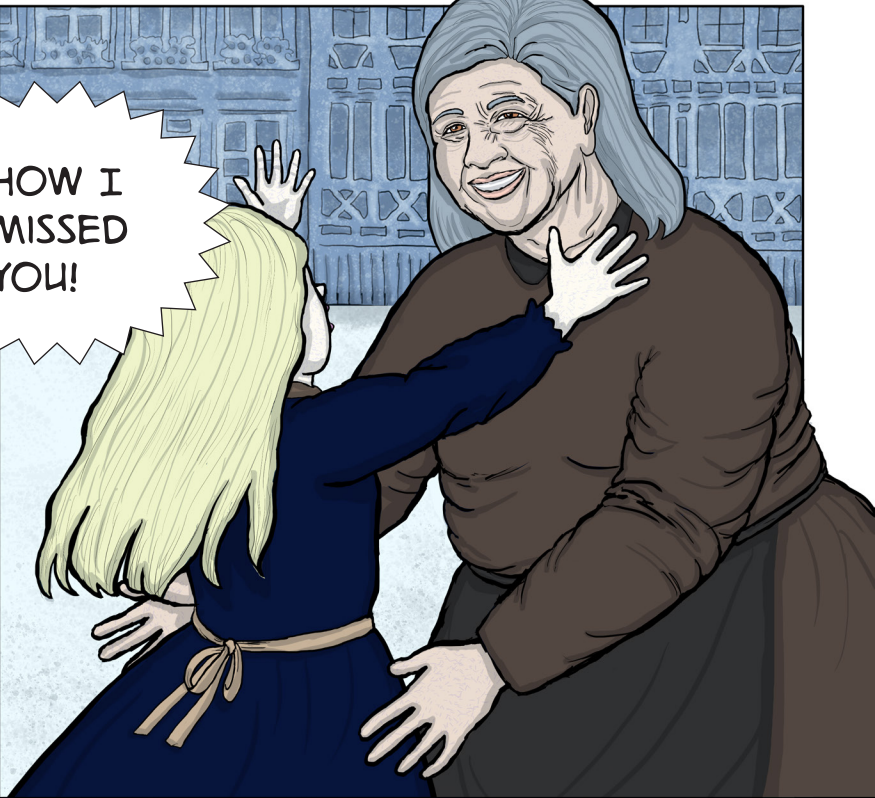
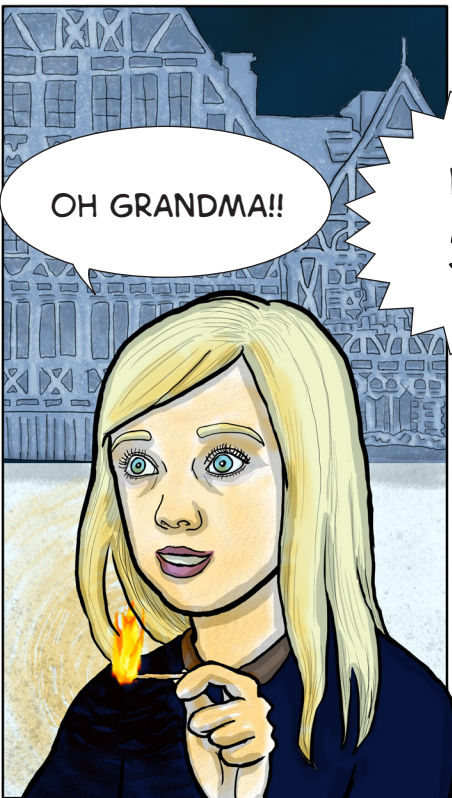
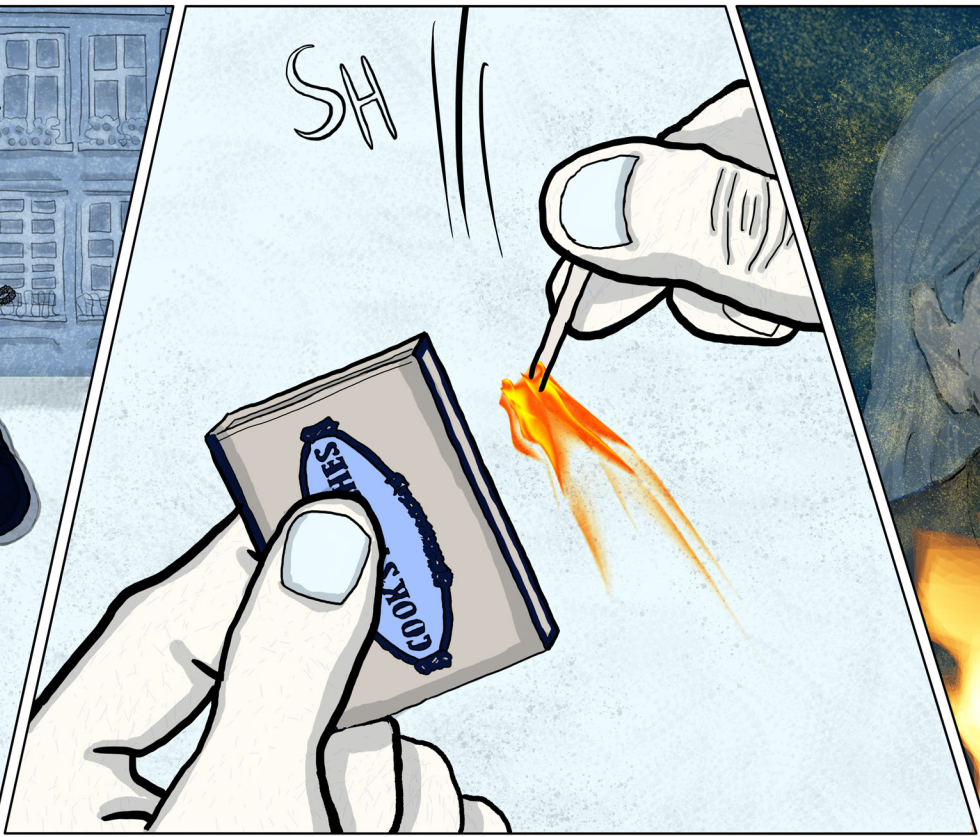
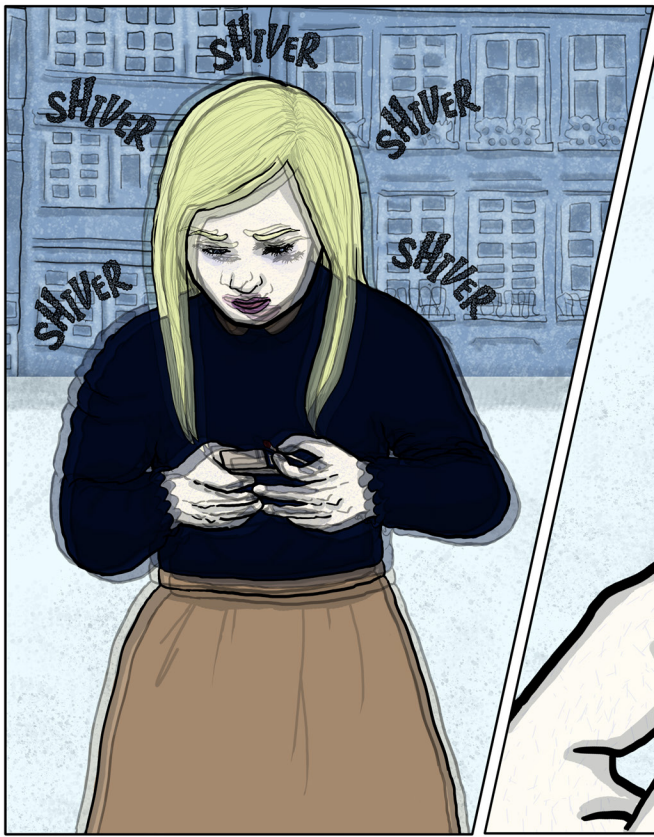


ITS FLAME MESMERIZES US.



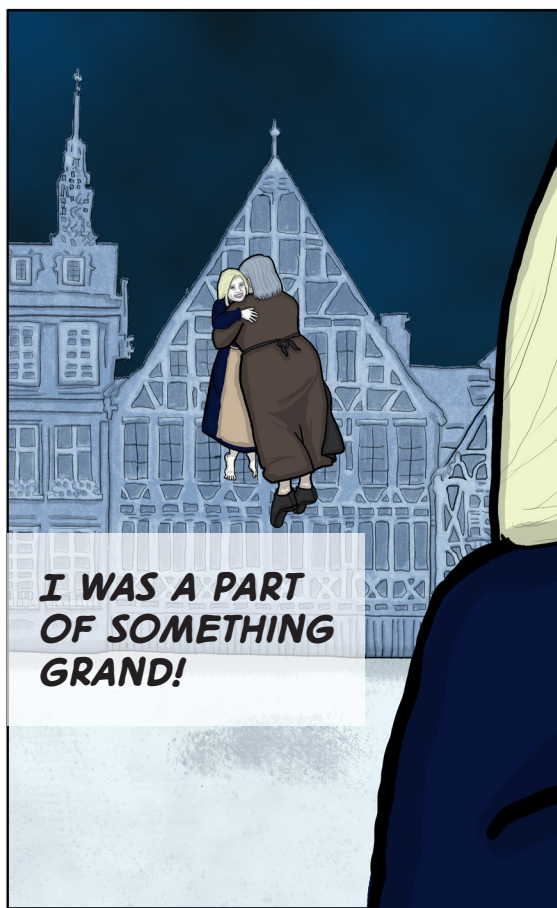


I AM A MATCHSTICK—A PART OF SOMETHING GRAND!





GRANDMA...



I WAS A PART OF SOMETHING GRAND!

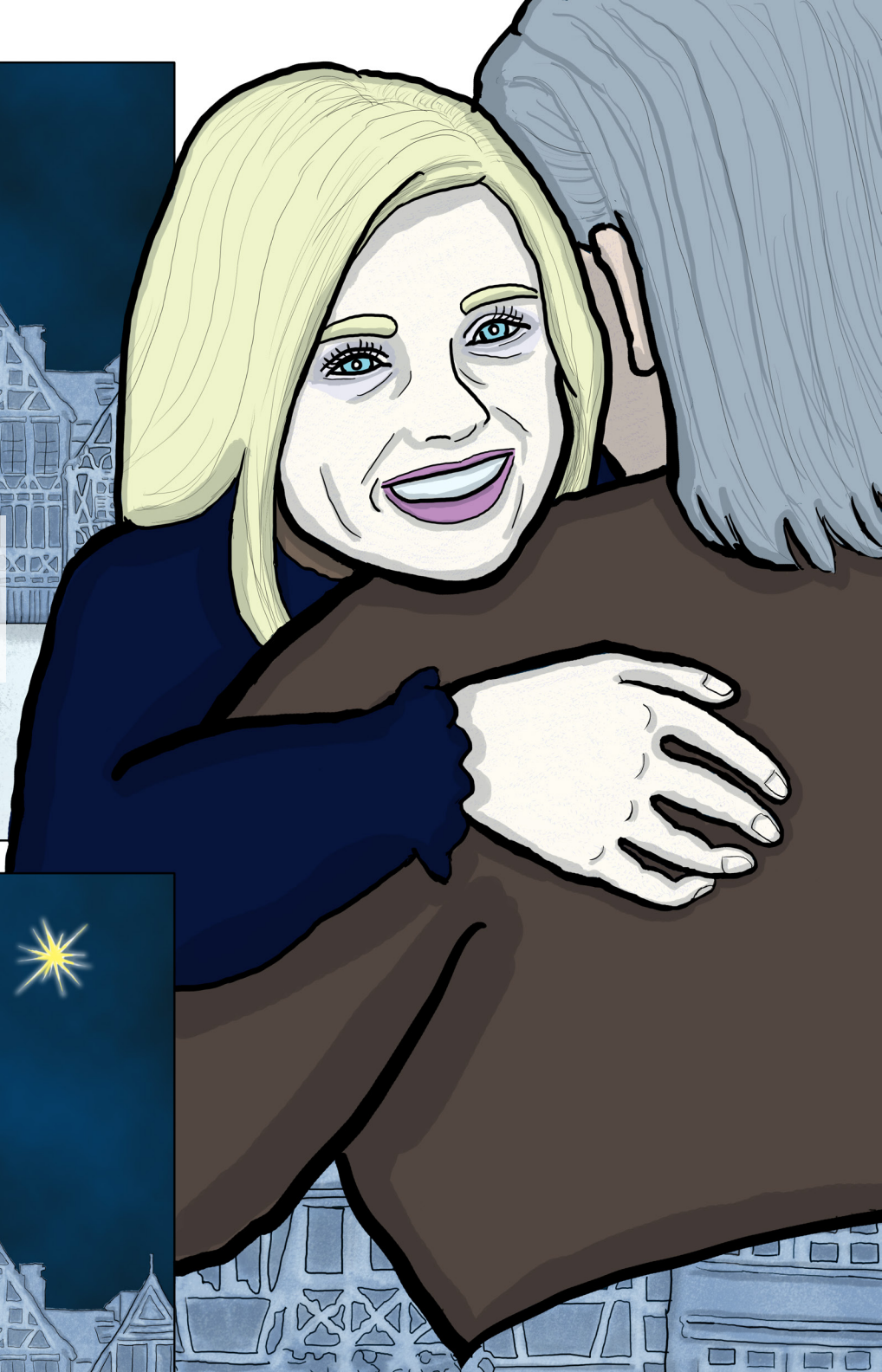


I'M SO HAPPY TO BE PART OF ALL THAT'S WONDERFUL!



HICCLIP

TSK! IT'S EMPTY.



DAMN IT!

KICK

BANG

RUFF

RUFF

RUFF

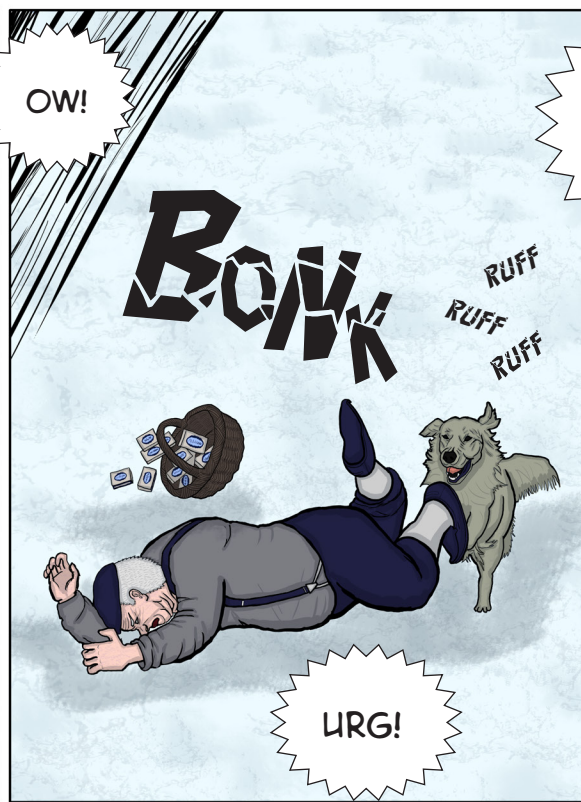


STUPID MUTT!

RUFF

GRRRRR

CHOMP



OW!

BONK

RUFF  
RUFF  
RUFF

URG!



HELP ME!

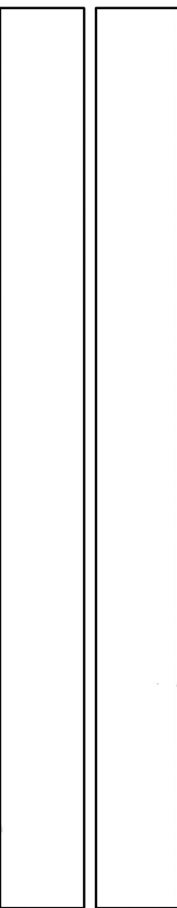
GRRRRR



FIDO, LEAVE IT.

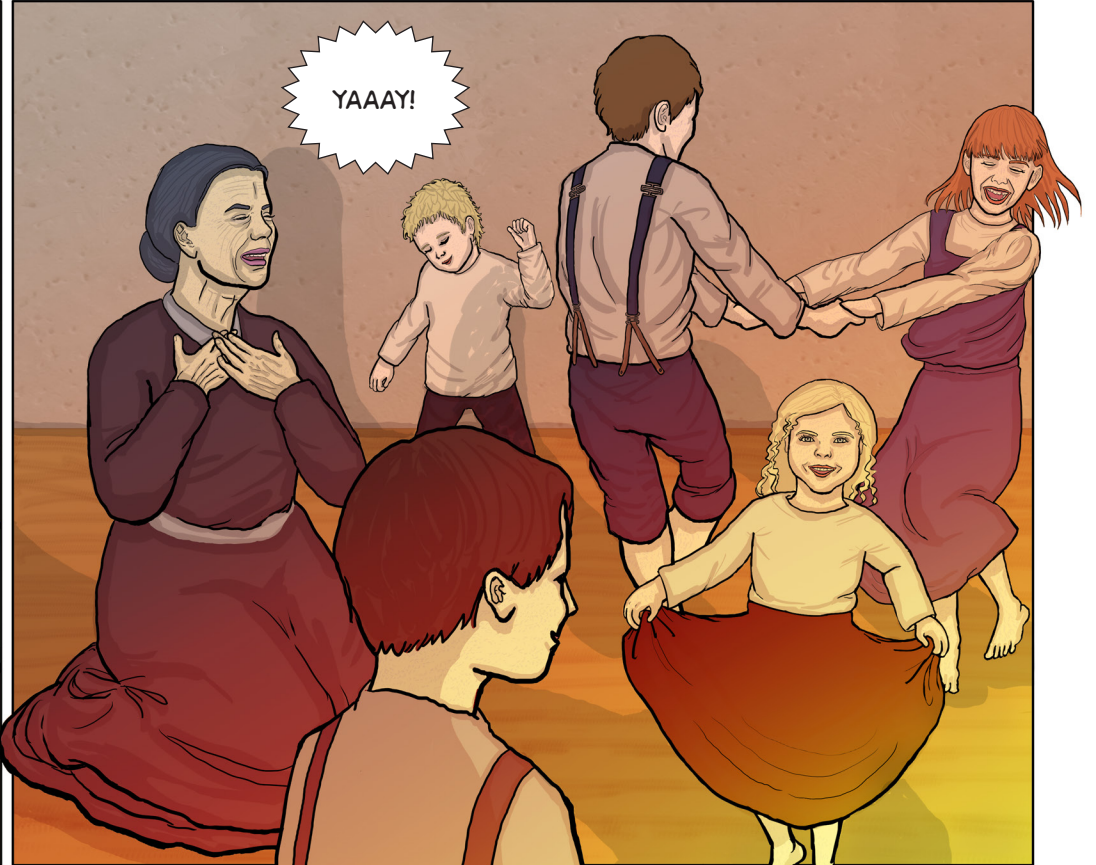
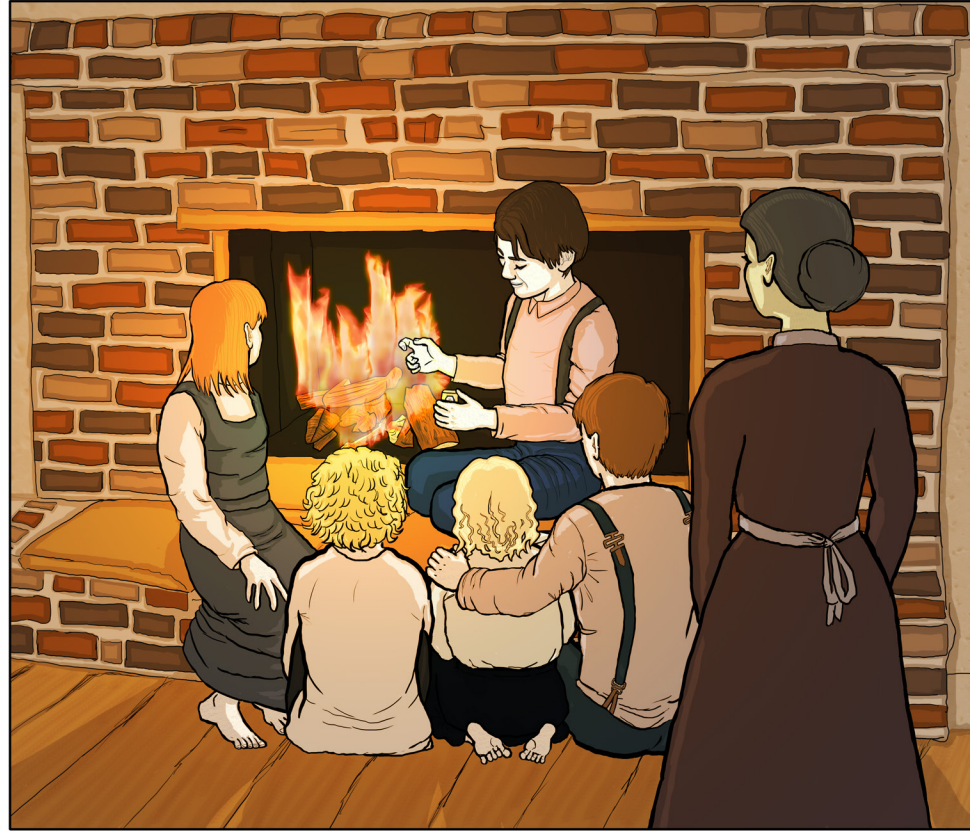
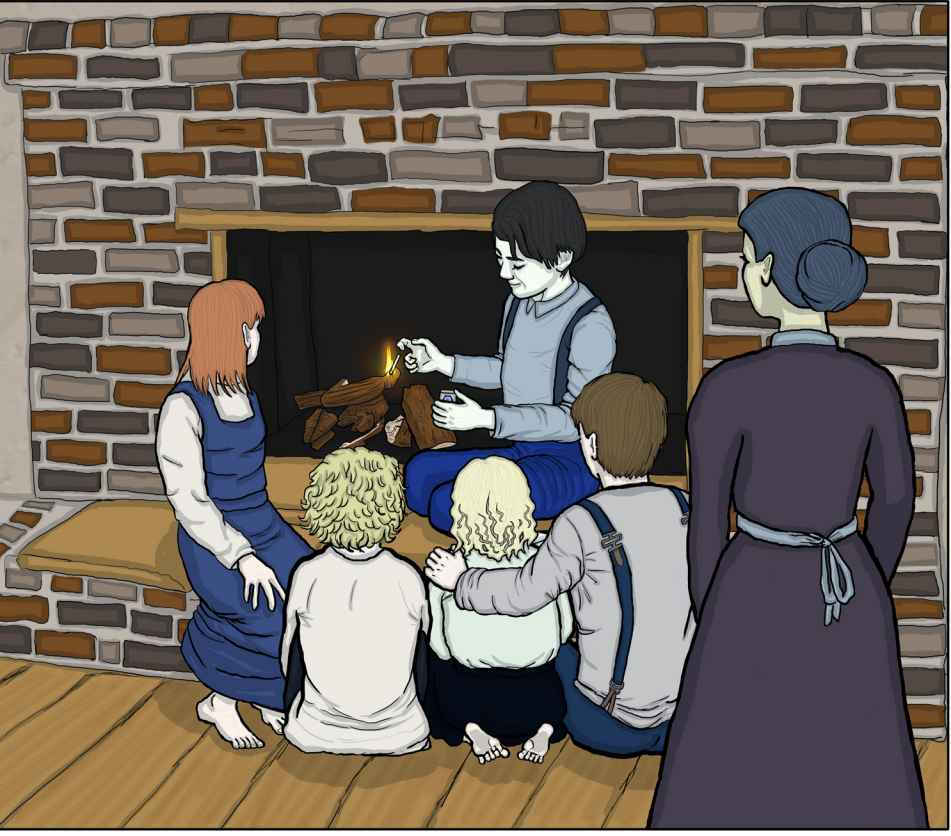


...GREAT!

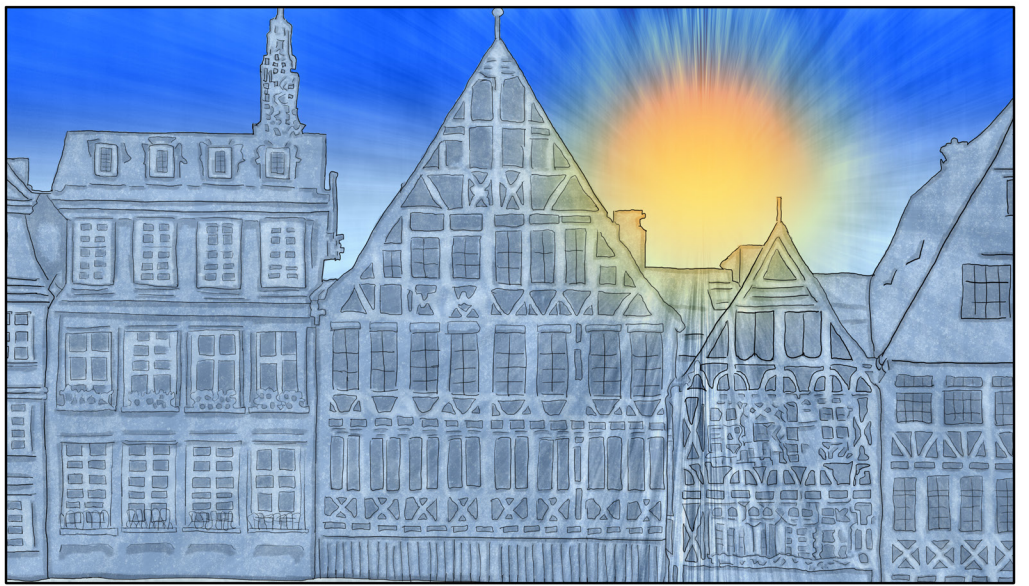
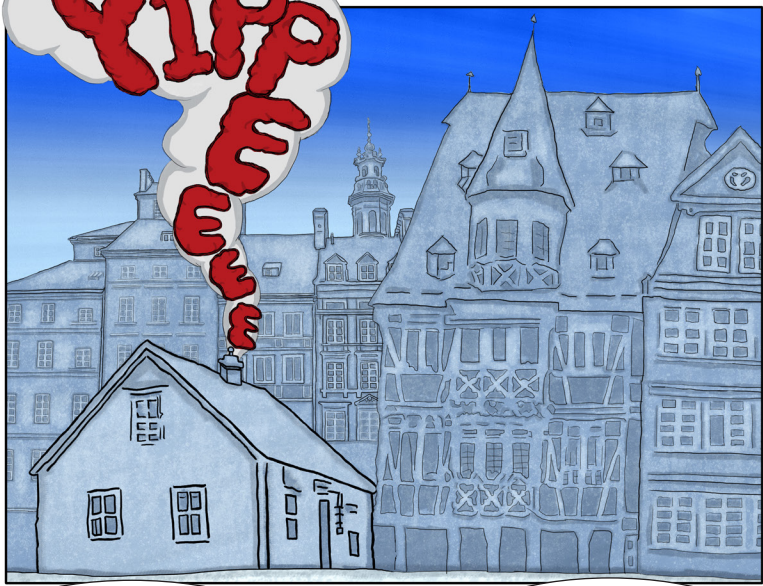


TOM!!

HOW WAS IT?

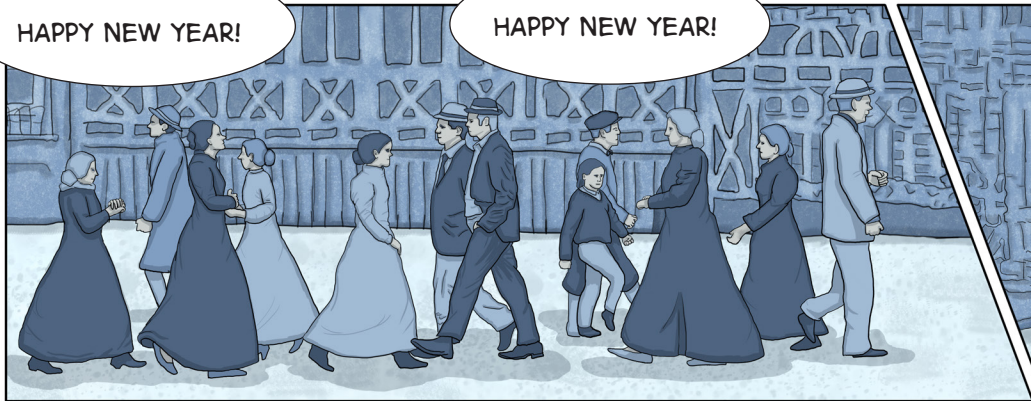


VIPPEE



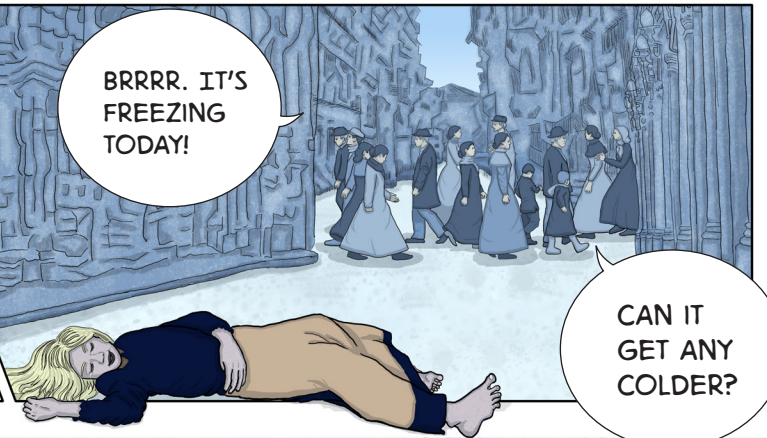
HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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BRRRR. IT'S FREEZING TODAY!

CAN IT GET ANY COLDER?



I KNOW. IT'S A RECORD LOW!

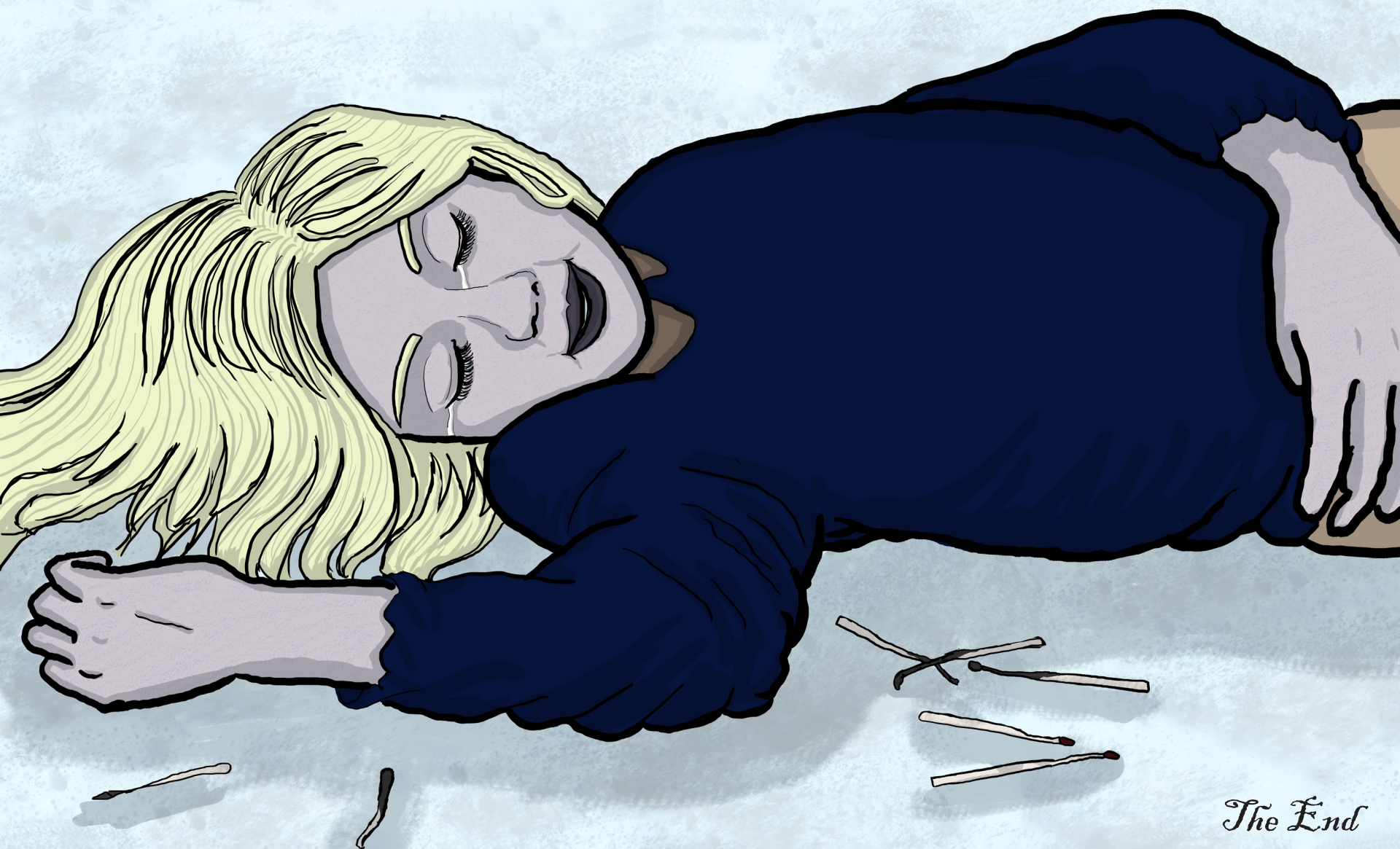
MORNING.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

IT'S THE START OF A BRAND NEW YEAR!

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

HAPPY NEW YEAR!



*The End*