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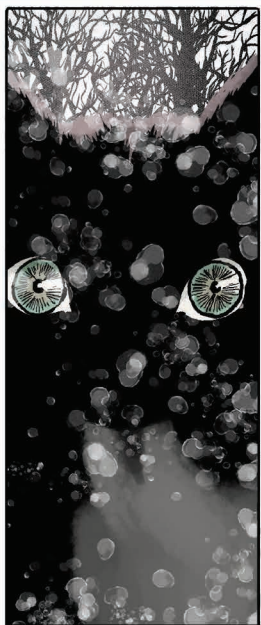
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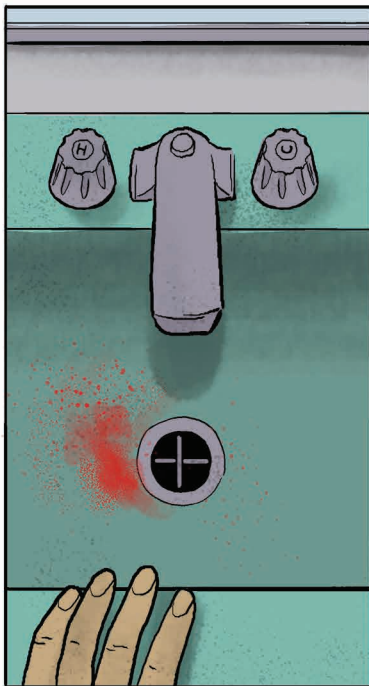
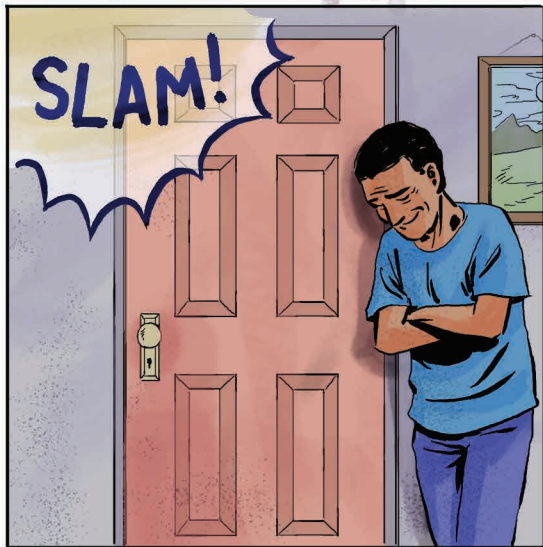
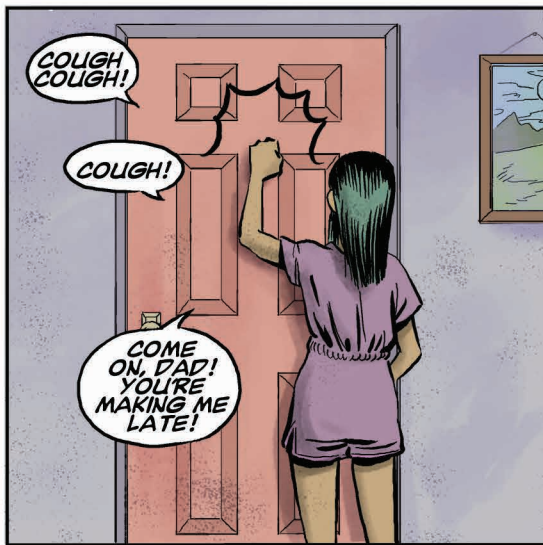
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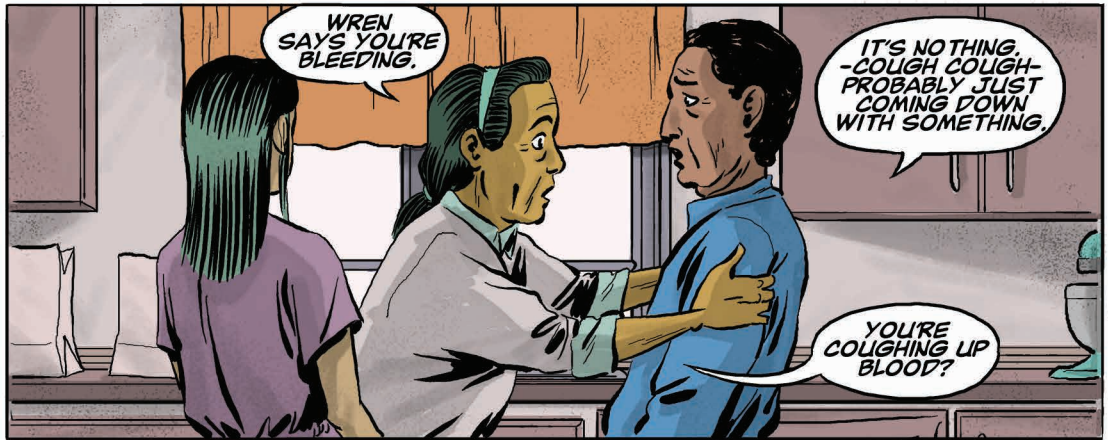
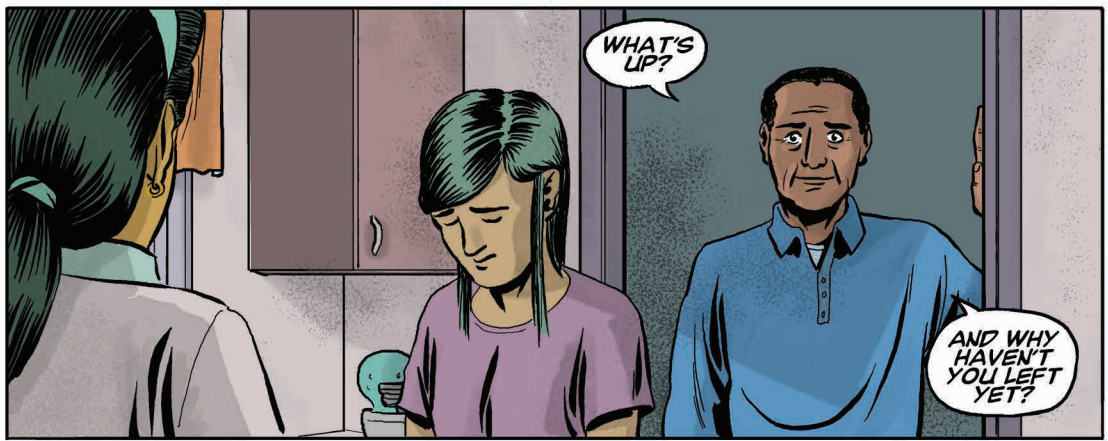
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I'M SORRY I DIDN'T PLAN ON GETTING STUCK IN THIS SNOWSTORM TODAY.

I JUST WANTED TO GET SOME EXERCISE. I THINK WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO FIND A PLACE TO REST FOR THE NIGHT. MAYBE WE CAN START A FIRE.

WHAT ABOUT MOM? IF WE DON'T GET HOME, SHE'S GONNA KILL US!



ASSUMING WE SURVIVE THE NIGHT.

COME ON, YOU GUYS. YOUR GRANDPA AND I HAVE CAMPED IN WORSE CONDITIONS THAN THIS.



LOOK, WE KNOW THE RIVER IS TO THE WEST. IF WE CAN FIND THE RIVER, WE CAN FOLLOW IT DOWN.

WE JUST HAVE TO FIND A PLACE TO WAIT UNTIL THIS STORM BLOWS ITSELF OUT.

WE'LL KNOW WHICH WAY TO GO WHEN THE SUN COMES UP.



AND WHAT IF THE STORM DOESN'T DIE OUT? WHAT IF WE CAN'T SEE THE SUN IN THE MORNING?

THEN WE'LL ALL FREEZE TO DEATH.



ALWAYS LOOKING ON THE BRIGHT SIDE, HEY?

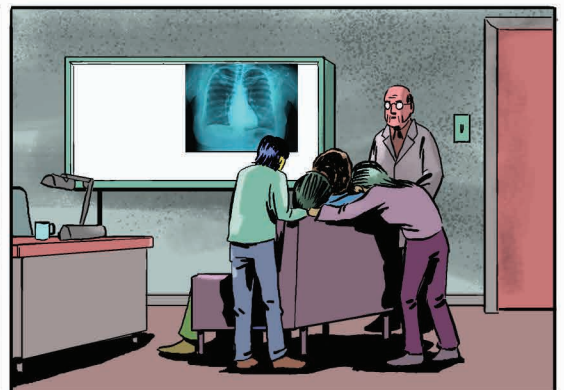
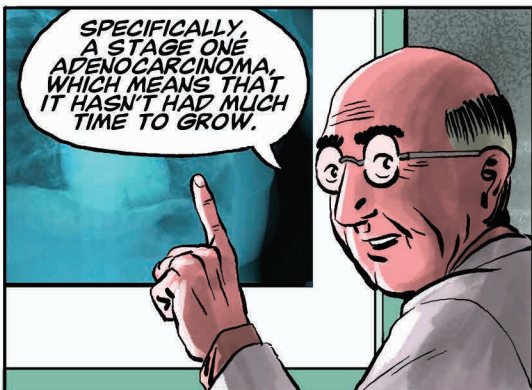
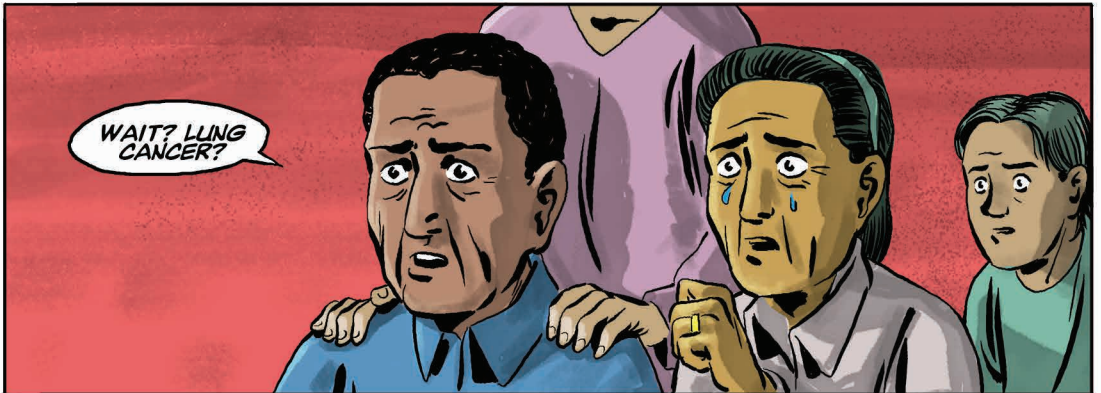
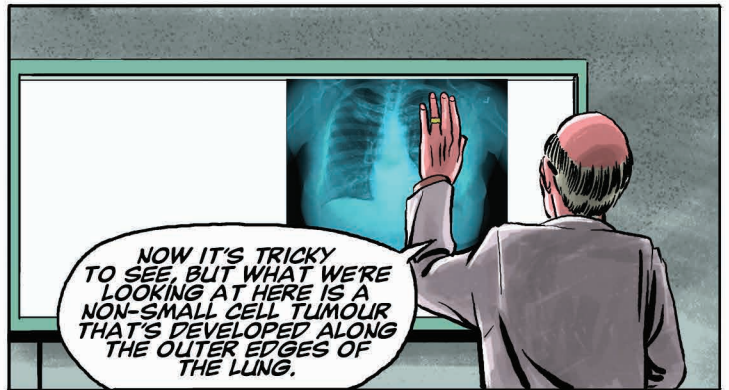
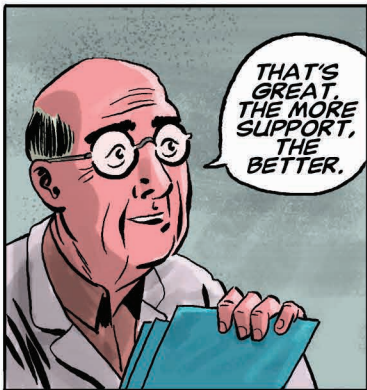
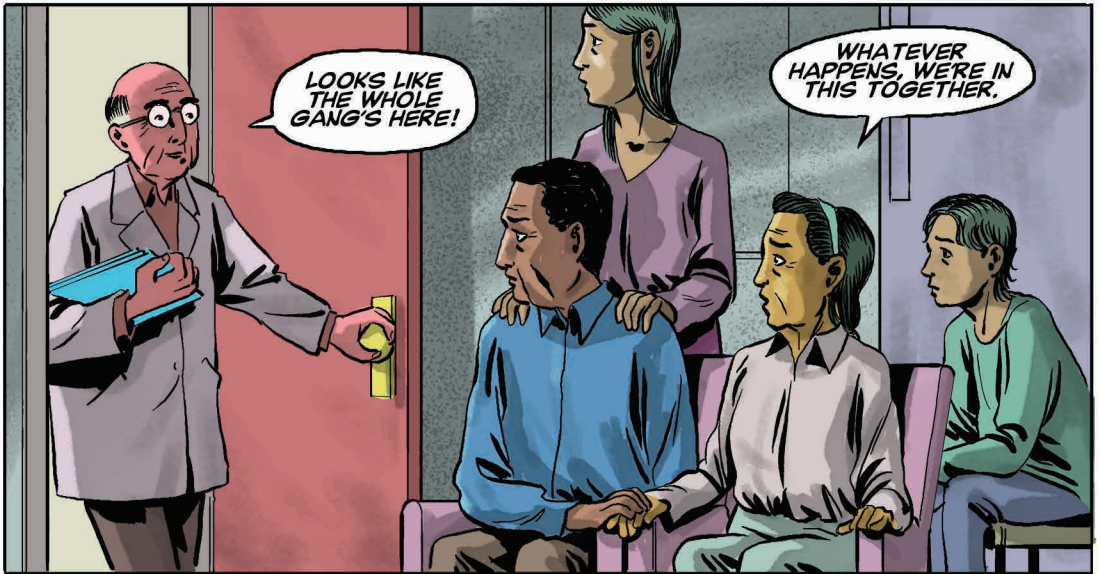


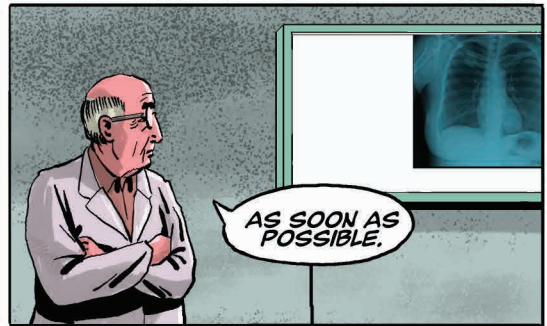
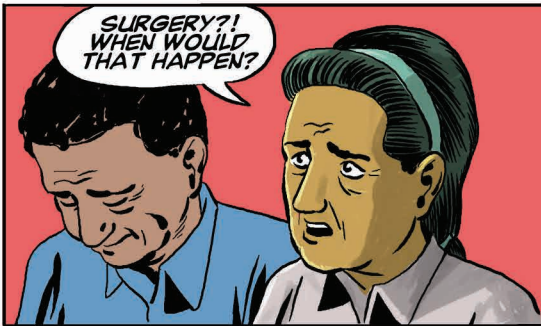
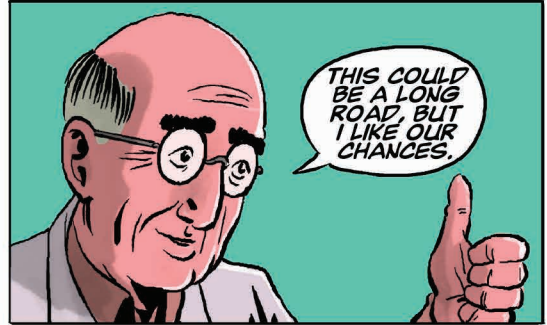
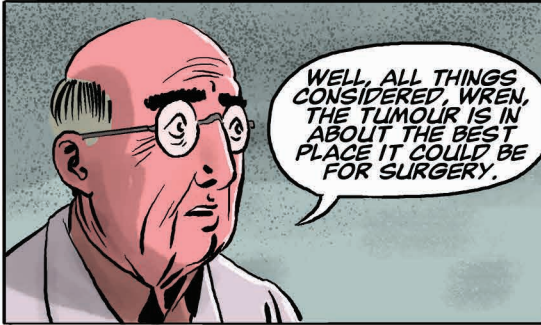
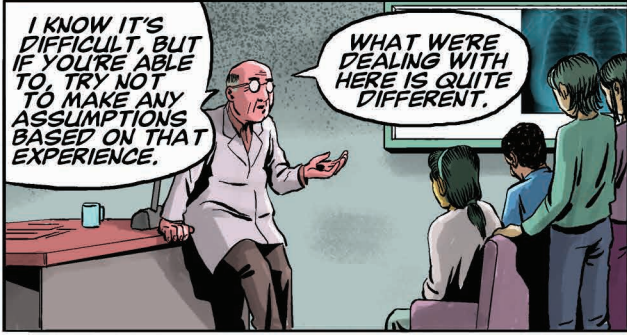
ALL RIGHT, YOU TWO, GO GATHER UP ALL THE SMALL STICKS AND BARK YOU CAN CARRY.

I'LL GO LOOK FOR DEAD-STANDING BIRCH TO BREAK UP.



AND STAY TOGETHER!

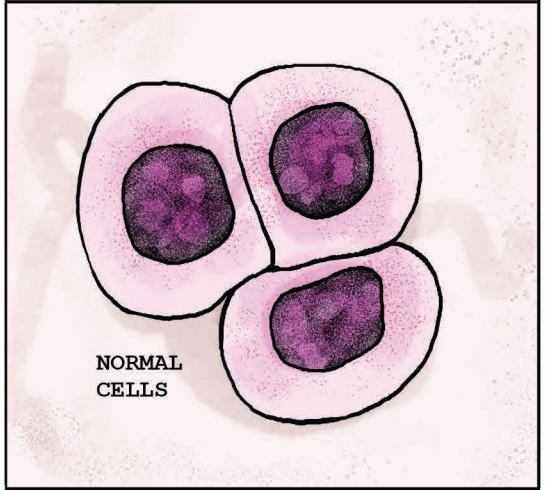




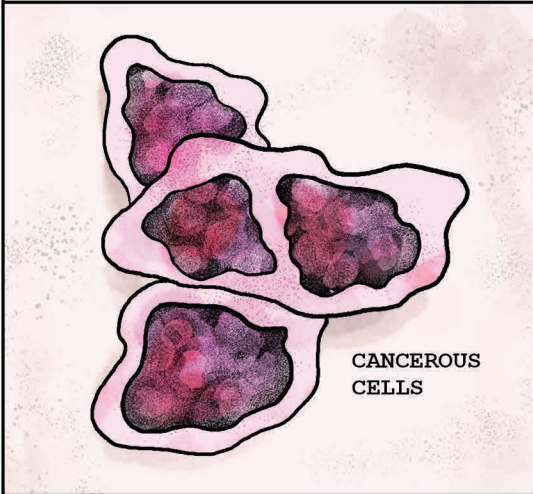
4 out of 10 Canadians develop cancer some time in their lives.



The body has trillions of cells - such as bone cells, skin cells, and brain cells.



Cancer starts small - in a single cell.



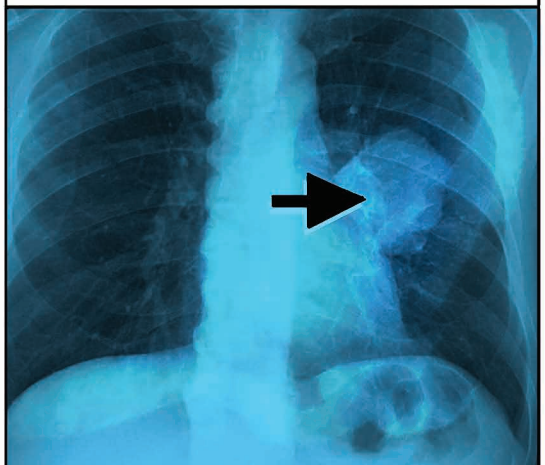
If a cell gets damaged, your body fixes or removes it.

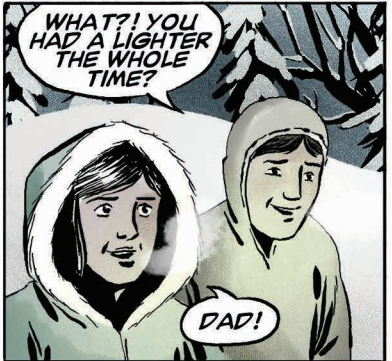


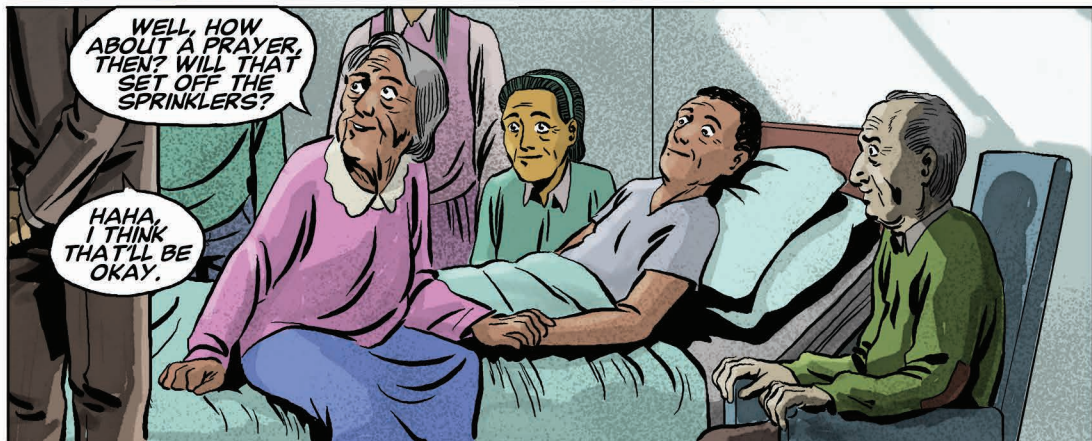
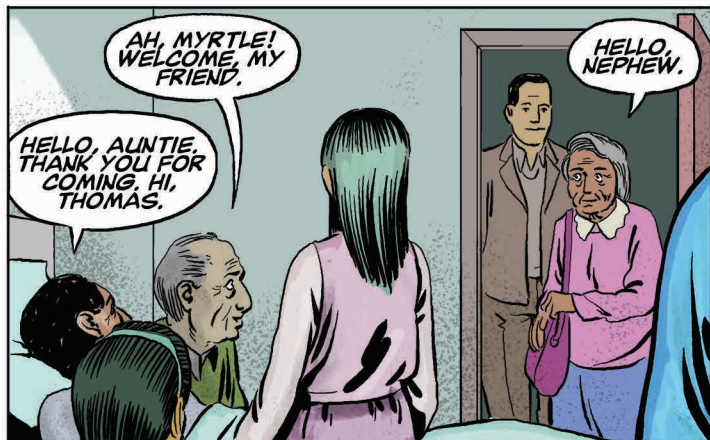
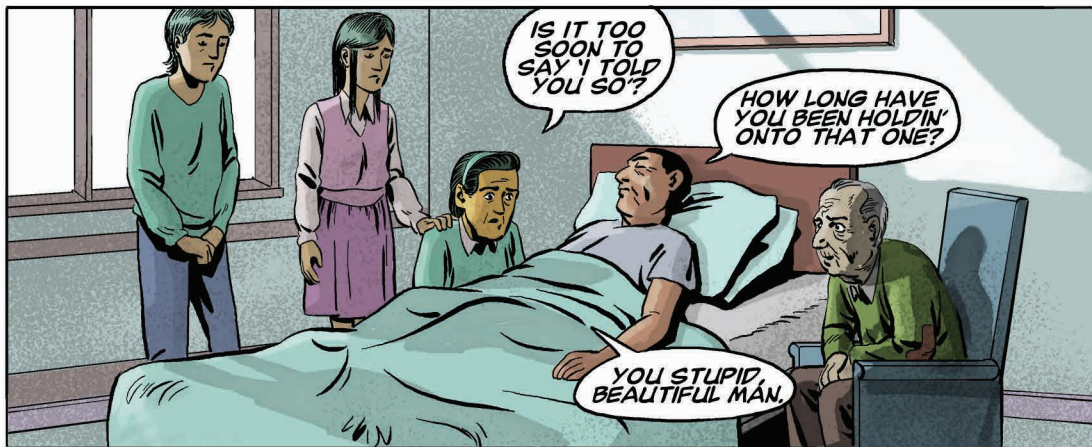
Cancer happens when damaged cells aren't fixed and grow out of control.

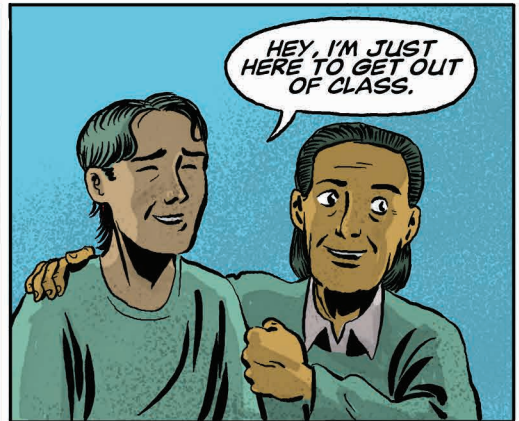
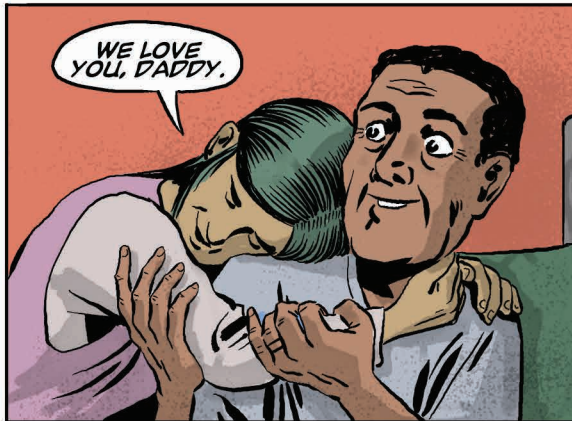
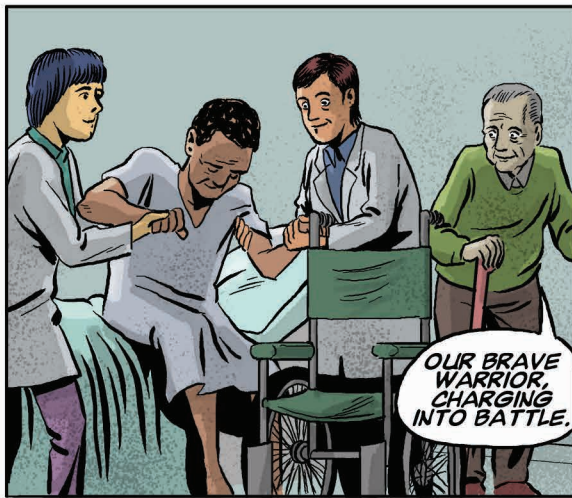
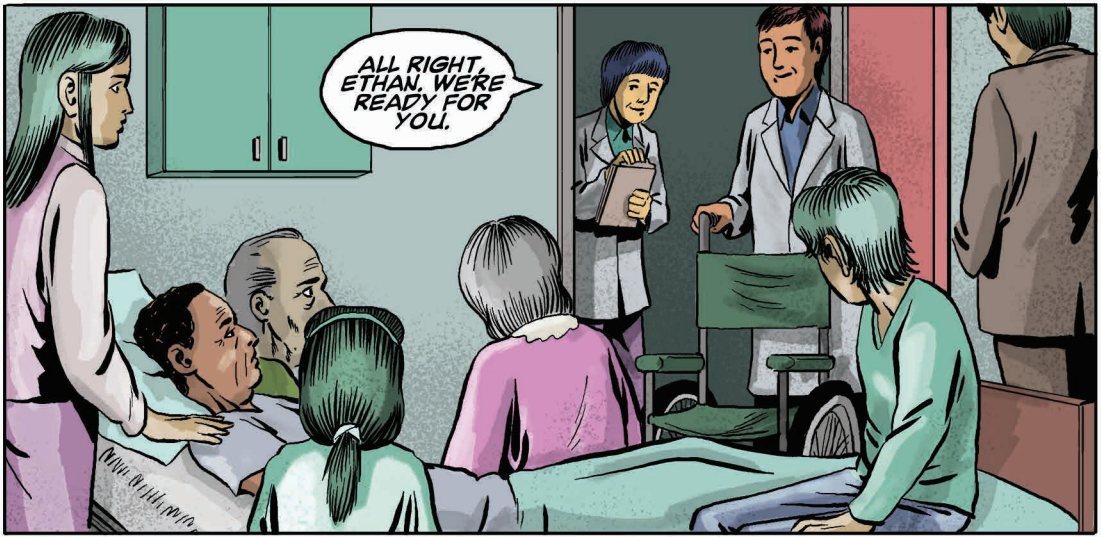


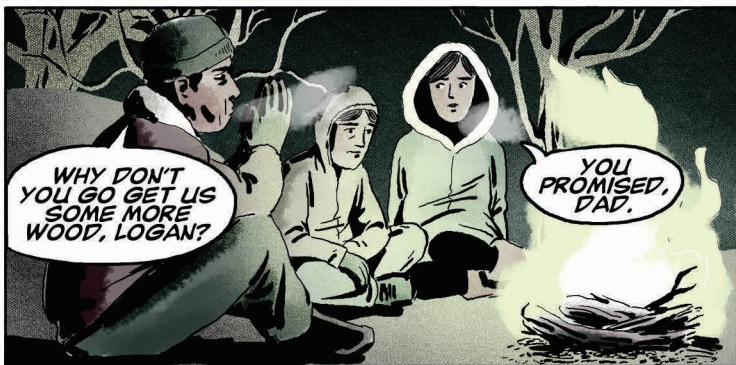
Some cancer cells clump together and form lumps or tumours. They invade their neighbours, stopping them from working right.

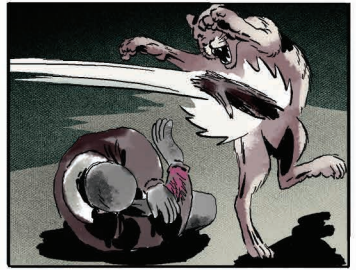












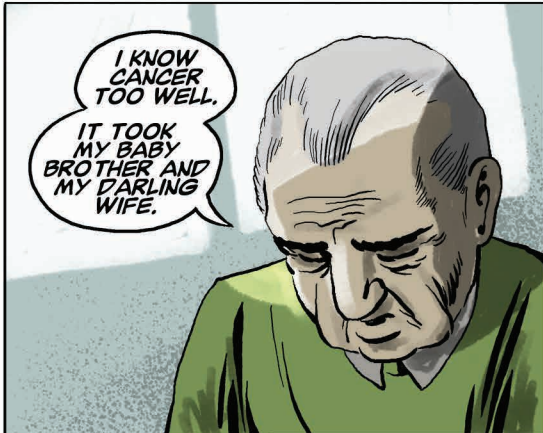
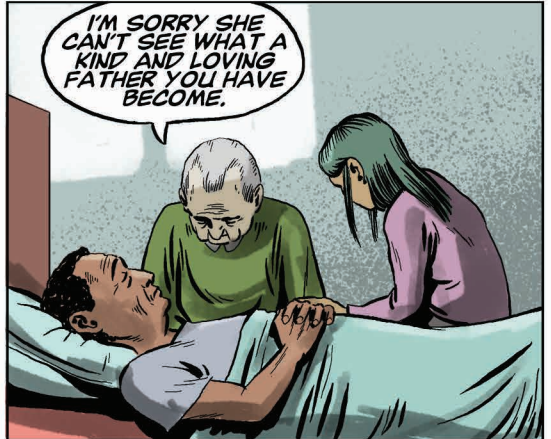
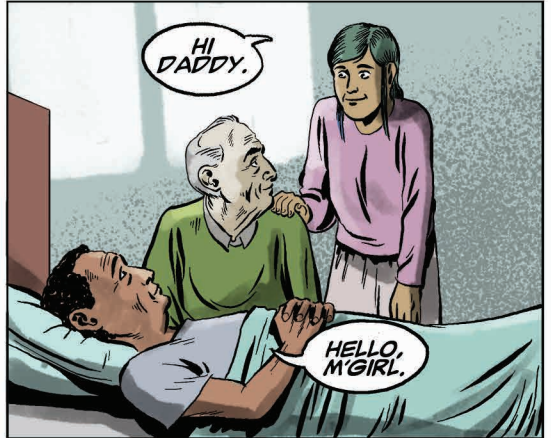
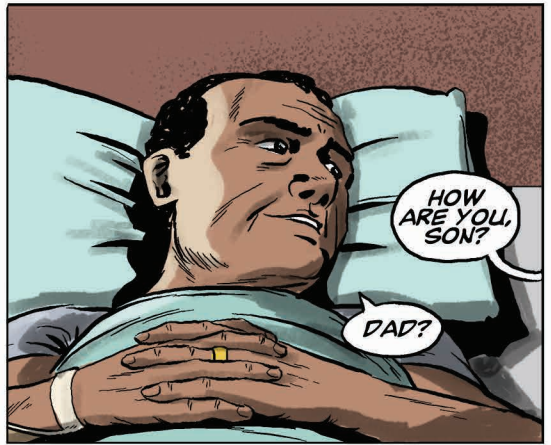
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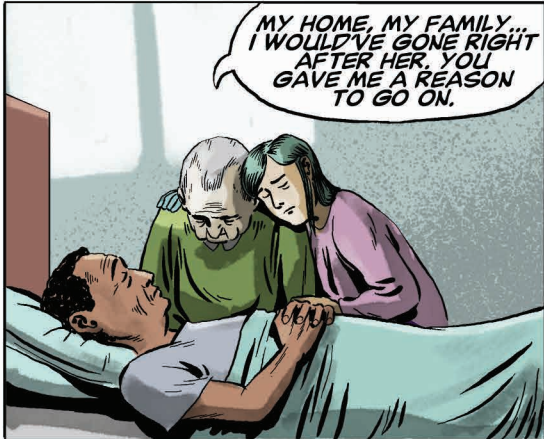
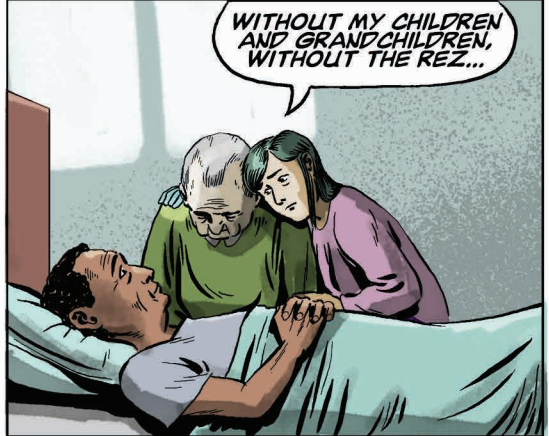
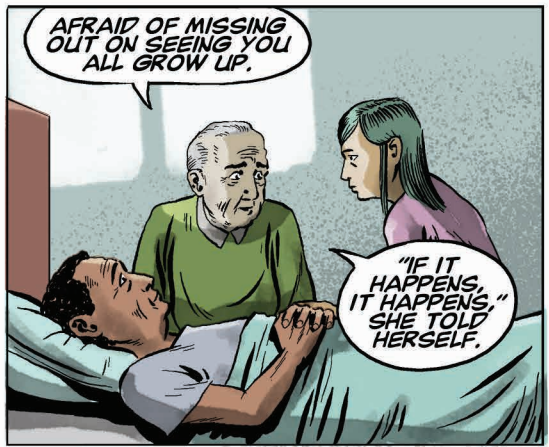
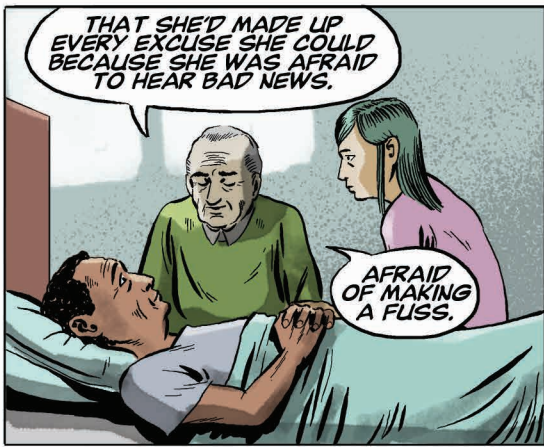
NOT WITHOUT YOU, DAD!

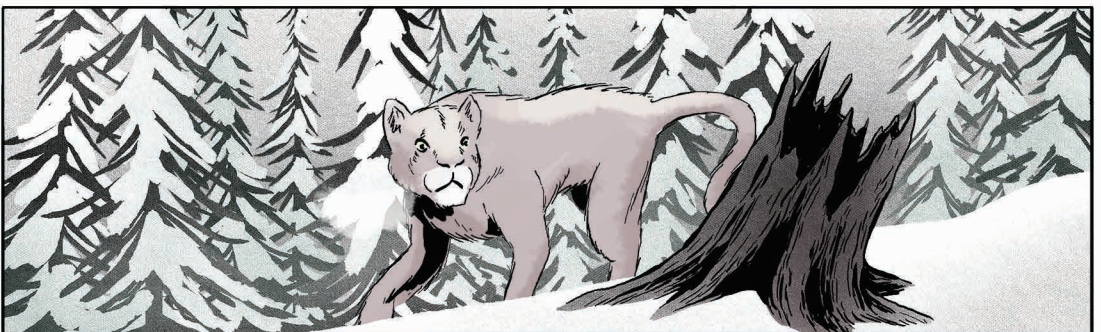
ARE YOU OKAY, DAD?! DID HE BITE YOU?!

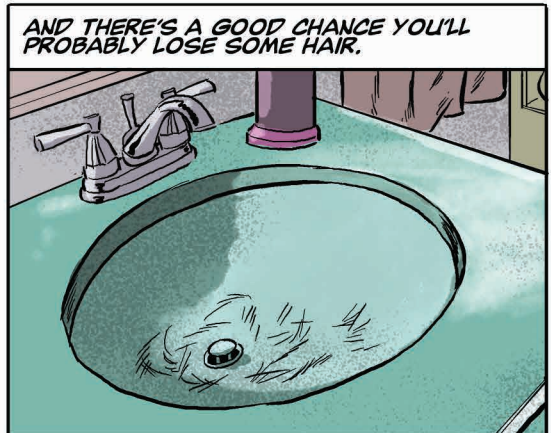
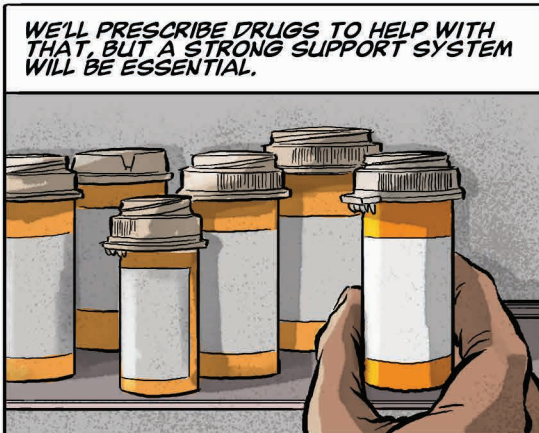
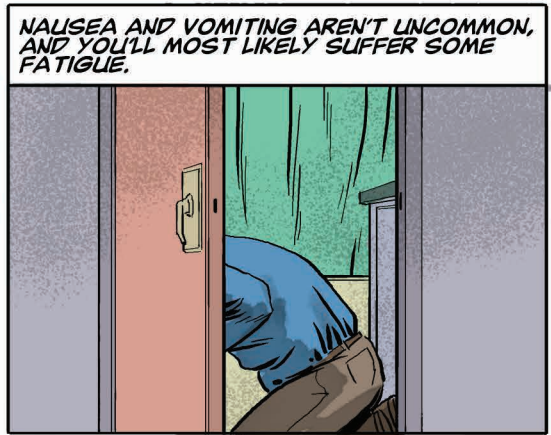
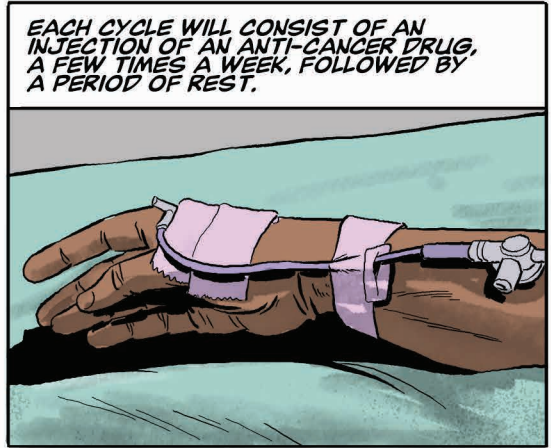
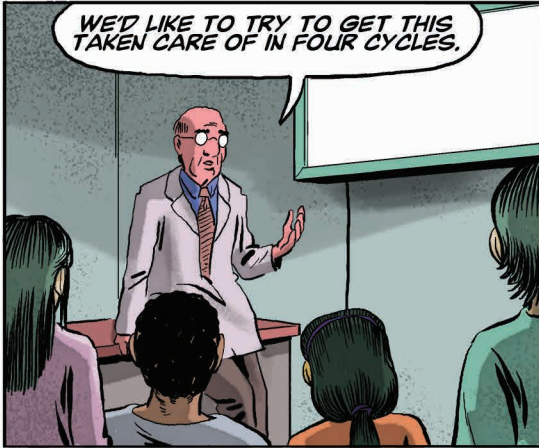
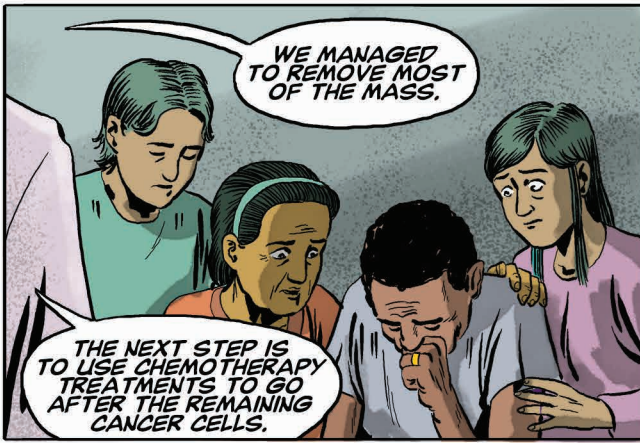
MOSTLY JUST MY JACKET, I THINK. I'M OKAY.

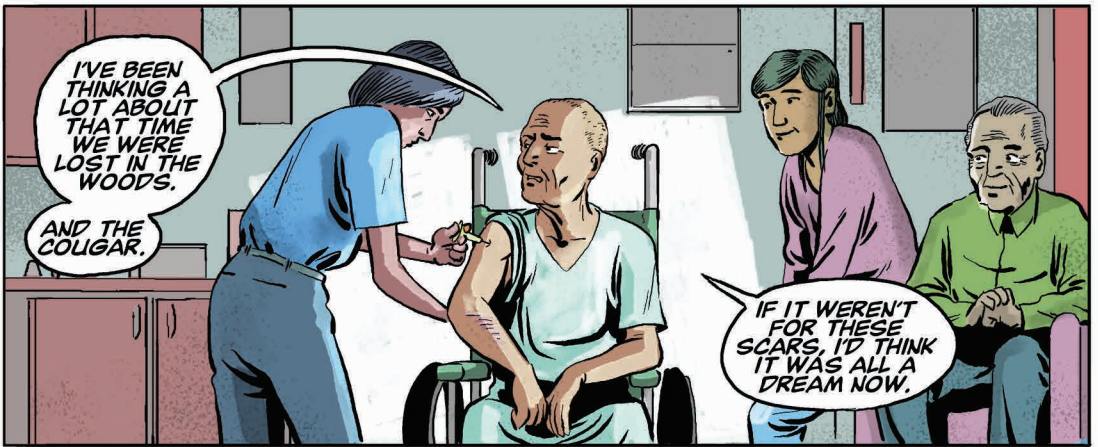
STAY BACK!







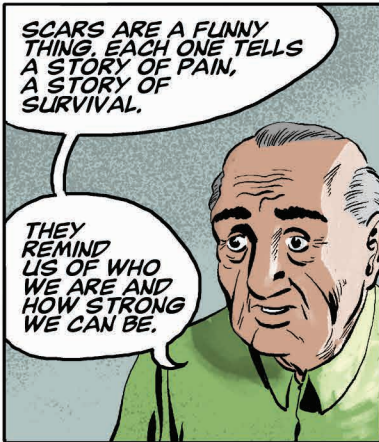




I'VE BEEN THINKING A LOT ABOUT THAT TIME WE WERE LOST IN THE WOODS.

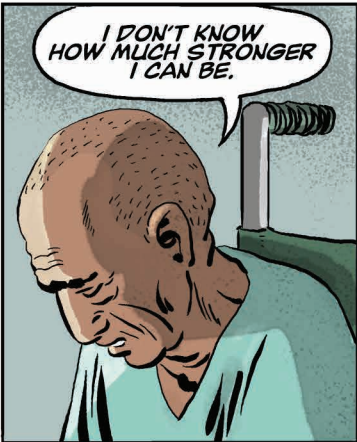
AND THE COUGAR.

IF IT WEREN'T FOR THESE SCARS, I'D THINK IT WAS ALL A DREAM NOW.

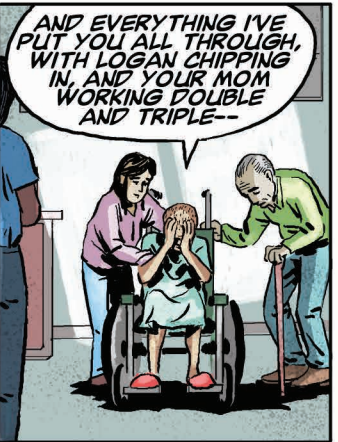


SCARS ARE A FUNNY THING, EACH ONE TELLS A STORY OF PAIN, A STORY OF SURVIVAL.

THEY REMIND US OF WHO WE ARE AND HOW STRONG WE CAN BE.



I DON'T KNOW HOW MUCH STRONGER I CAN BE.



AND EVERYTHING I'VE PUT YOU ALL THROUGH, WITH LOGAN CHIPPING IN, AND YOUR MOM WORKING DOUBLE AND TRIPLE--



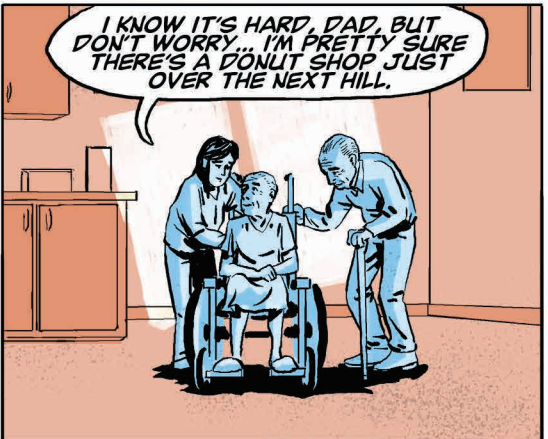
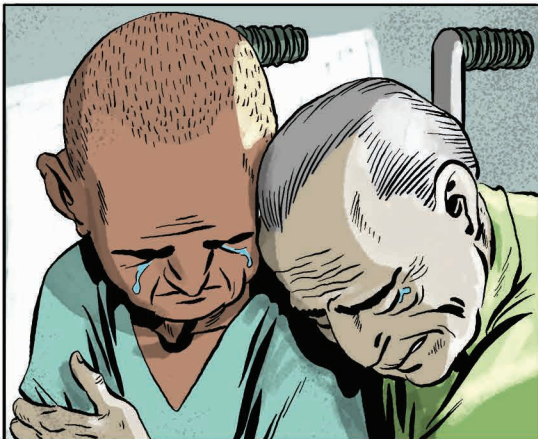
YOU HAVE A STRENGTH, MY SON, THAT I HAVE NEVER HAD. THERE'S SOMETHING IN YOU...

A FIRE...

THAT NOTHING CAN PUT OUT.

DON'T YOU KNOW THAT YOU HAVE CARRIED US ALL? AND NOW WE CARRY YOU.

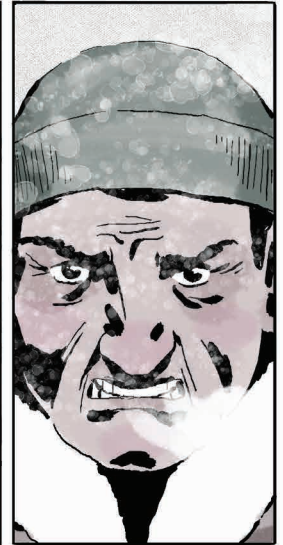
THIS IS NOT A BURDEN TO US, THIS IS A GIFT.

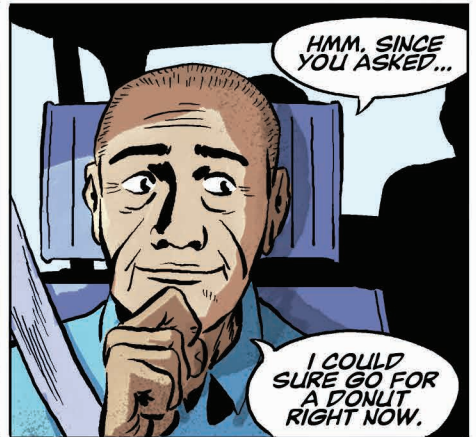
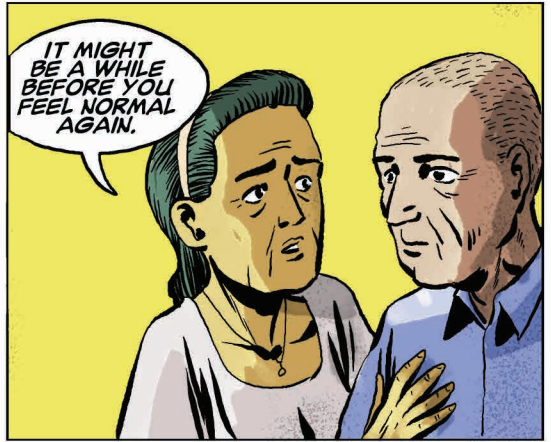


I KNOW IT'S HARD, DAD, BUT DON'T WORRY... I'M PRETTY SURE THERE'S A DONUT SHOP JUST OVER THE NEXT HILL.







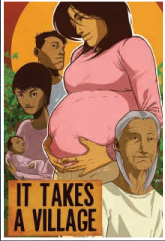




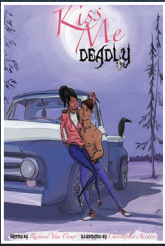
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Lost Innocence - A fictional story (but based on documented real life experiences of survivors) of a brother and sister's residential school experience in the 1930's. It's our longest book at 64 pages and has a truth and reconciliation theme.



It Takes a Village - Our maternal child health book is about Lara, a young mom-to-be that is visited by Danis, a stranger. Danis teaches Lara the importance of eating healthy foods, avoiding alcohol, breastfeeding, keeping dad involved and bonding with your baby.



Kiss Me Deadly - Interlinking stories cover a variety of issues in our sexual health comic book – from respect and communication in relationships to pregnancy and sexually-transmitted infections – as well as exploring sexual health as a career or youth-led project and the concept of two-spirit people.



River Run - The story of a group of youth that learn the traditional use of tobacco while on a canoe trip. One of the youth, who smokes, gets her world opened up along the way.



Just a Story - Wendy doesn't have any friends her age and feels overwhelmed at school. Her little brother is more social but he's quick to lose his temper and get into fights. Something is clearly bothering them both. Good thing they're open to getting help and breaking down the stigma of mental health.



An Invited Threat - is about a family's realization that the food they eat and make available to their community is not good for them. It's about making healthy decisions now, rather than waiting until it's too late.

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This comic was developed by Cancer Care Ontario's Aboriginal Cancer Control Unit, whose work addresses cancer among First Nations, Inuit and Métis (FNIM) communities in Ontario.

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