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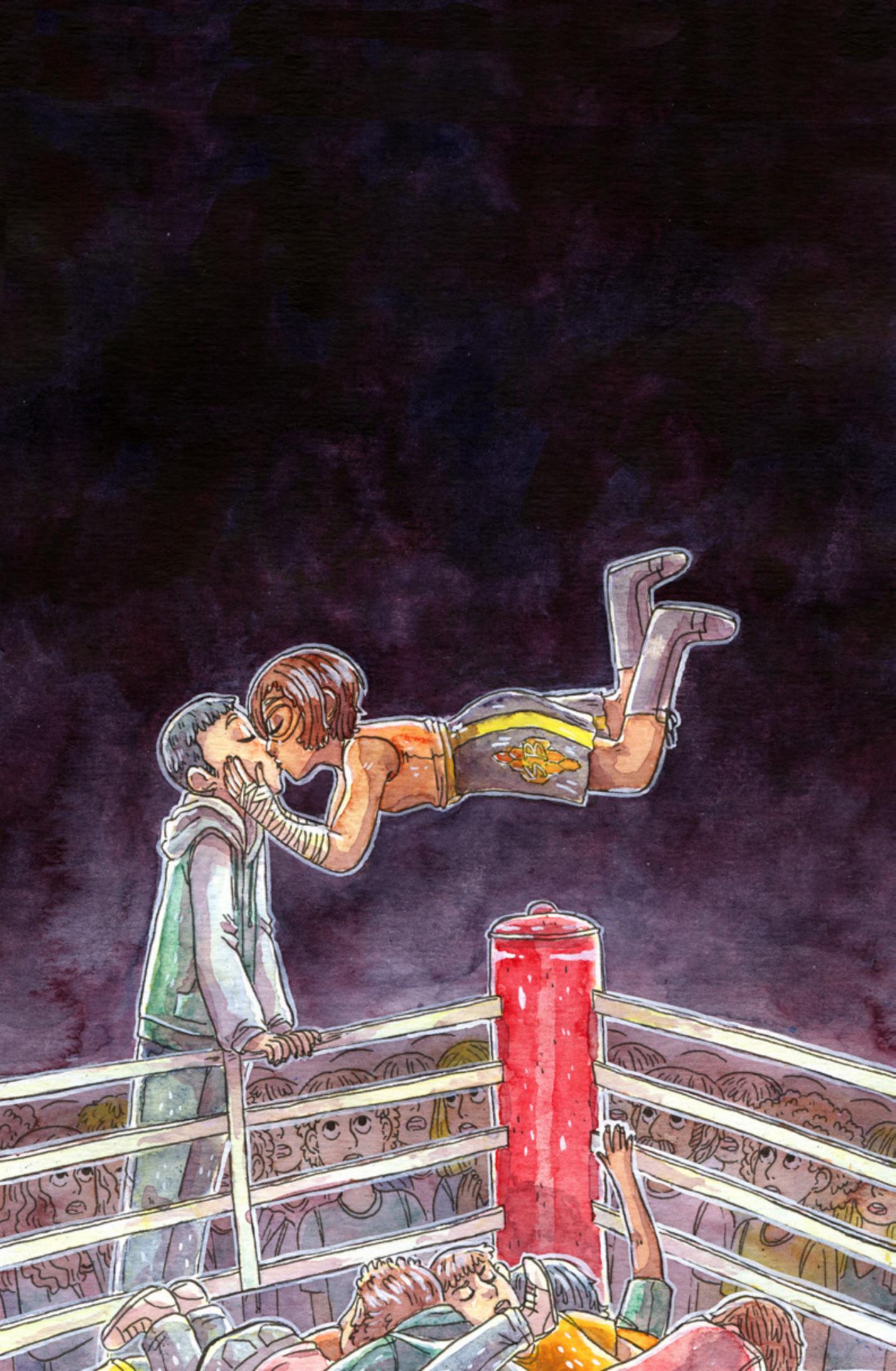
THE SHADOW BAY BEE



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Hey,

No matter what I write, I'll never consider it good enough, so here's a done-in-one pass. What you are reading is the basic version of *The Shadow Bay Bee #1*, the first full comic I have written. I am immeasurably happy to have gotten to this point. I made it a goal to have a comic written by my 30th birthday, and I (basically) made it. None of this would be possible without Kelly's help and collaboration, and the backup story is all thanks to Dawn powering through some tough times in her life (and Graham coming through in a pinch).

There will be a more-expanded version later, with commentary, even more exclusive pages not seen for free on the site, art of the characters by other artists, and such. If this version of the story hooked you, I hope you'll check out the Super Turbo Championship Dash Plus Hyper edition down the road.

I might take more than five minutes to write that intro paragraph.

Thank you for giving this a shot.

– Chad Bonin

Hello everyone!

I'll probably keep this pretty short and sweet.

When Chad approached me with the idea behind *Shadow Bay Bee*, I was quick to jump aboard since I loved the idea so much! It would not have been made possible without Chad's writing and collaboration. I really hope you enjoy the characters as much as I enjoy drawing them.

– Kelly Leigh Miller

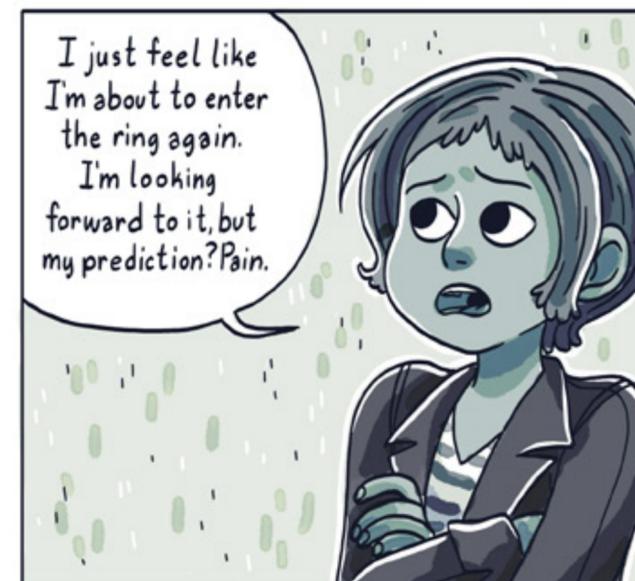
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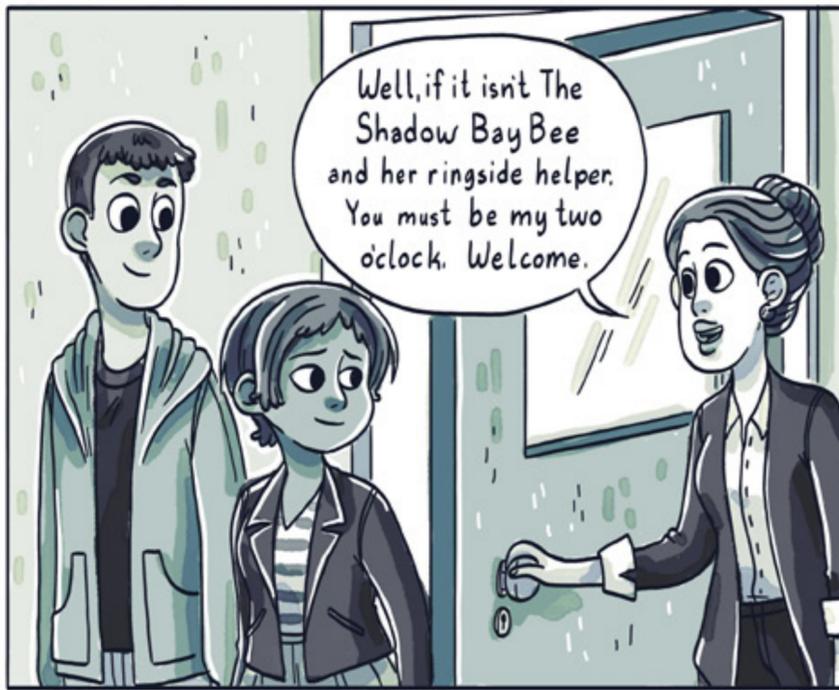
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Well, if it isn't The Shadow Bay Bee and her ringside helper. You must be my two o'clock. Welcome.



Thanks for seeing us.



I'm glad you two decided to take me up on my offer. I hope I can be of help.

Well, I don't think anything's busted or broken, but--



Every good relationship's like a car. If you want to put mileage on it, you need to go in for regular tune-ups. Trust me, more than anyone, I get what you're going through.

Can I offer you anything to drink? Snacks?

I think we're good.

Yeah, thanks, though.



Alright, let's get down to it, then. What would you say brings you here? Was there a certain incident, or just a general feeling, or--



Insurance decided to cover it!

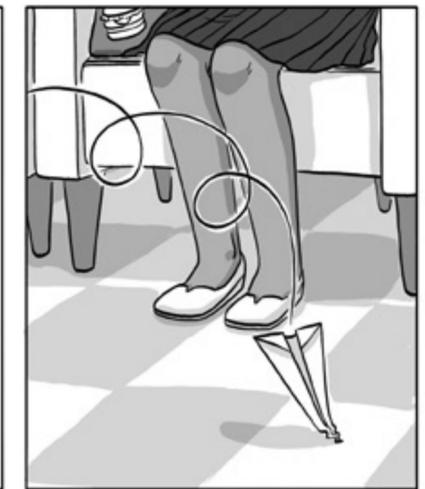
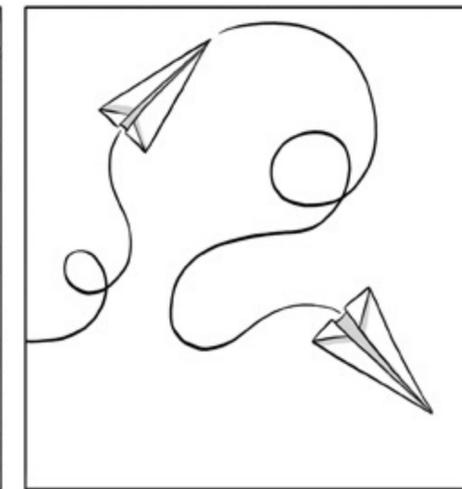
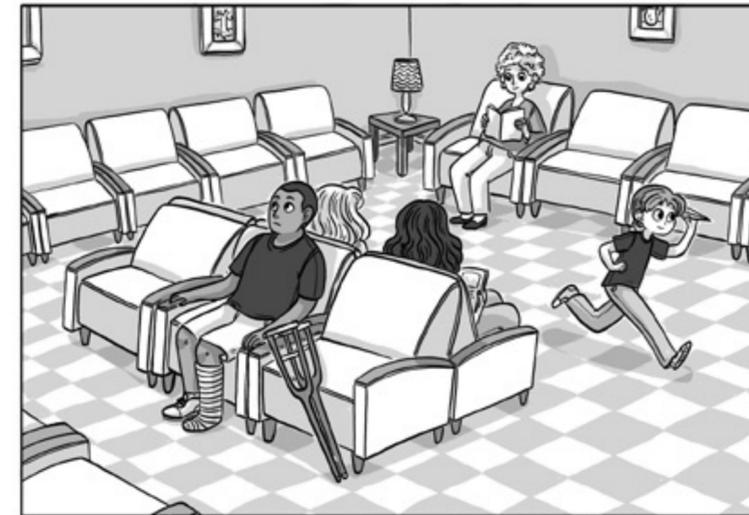
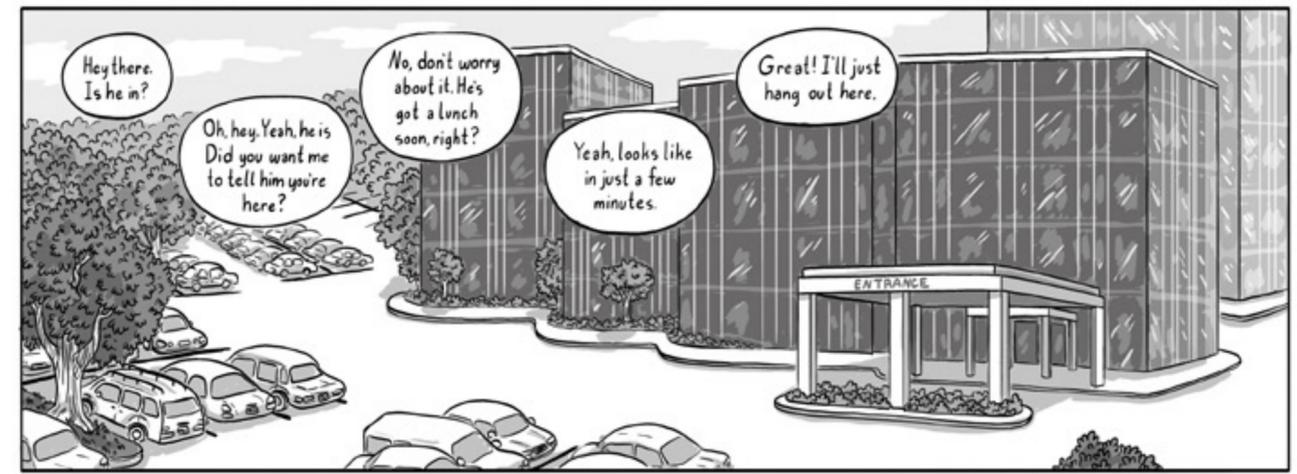


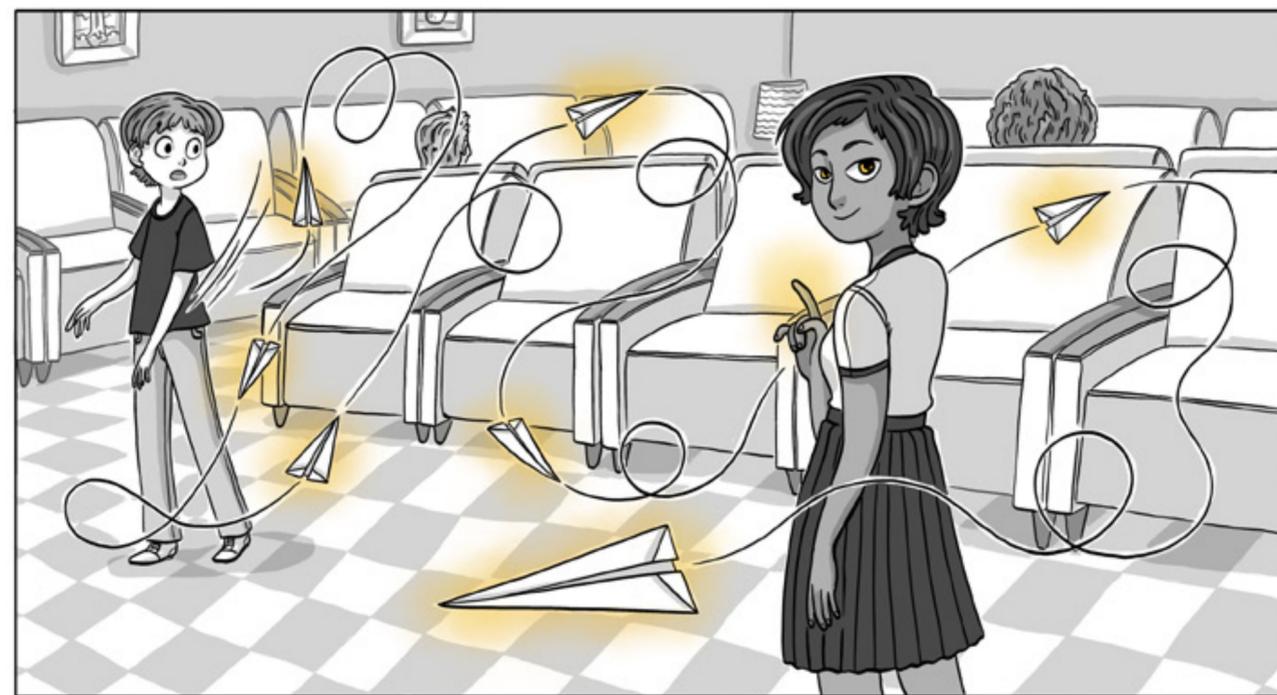
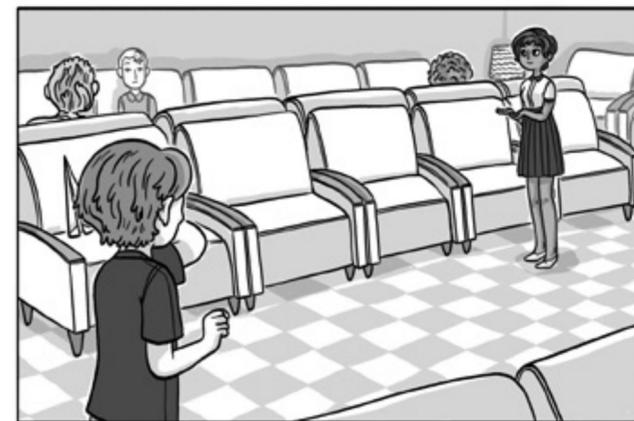
Well, I'd say there's a bit of-- I don't know-- lack of listening. I can't really know what she's going through, but when I try to offer an opinion, it's just dismissed.



Well, to give you an idea about how I like to work, I find it best for one person to tell a story about a moment they think is relevant to the discussion, while their partner listens. Usually you can find real bits of truth when you say it aloud. Could you go ahead and tell me of a time you felt you were "dismissed?"

#001: FLIGHT

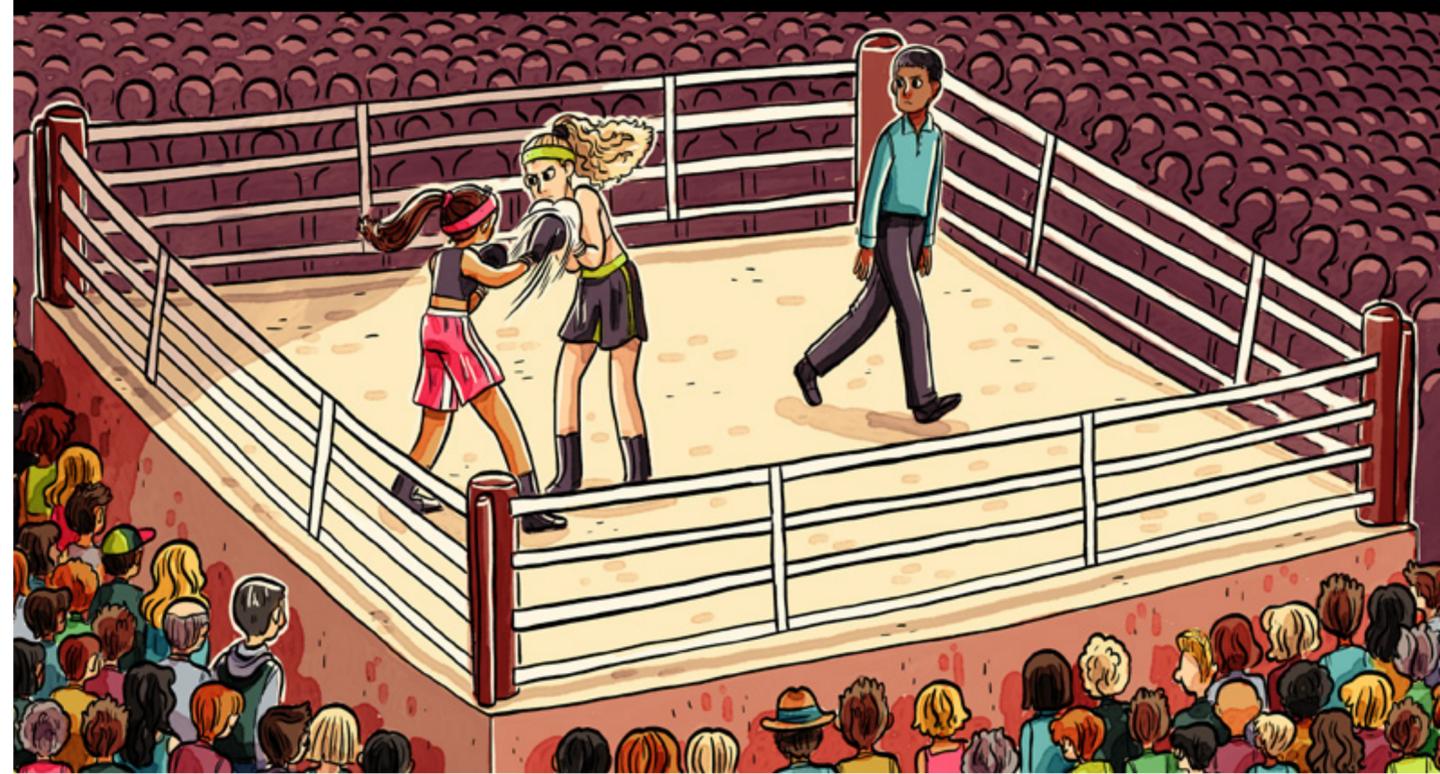








#002: Boop





She's out every few nights.

We schedule it so I can help her remotely.



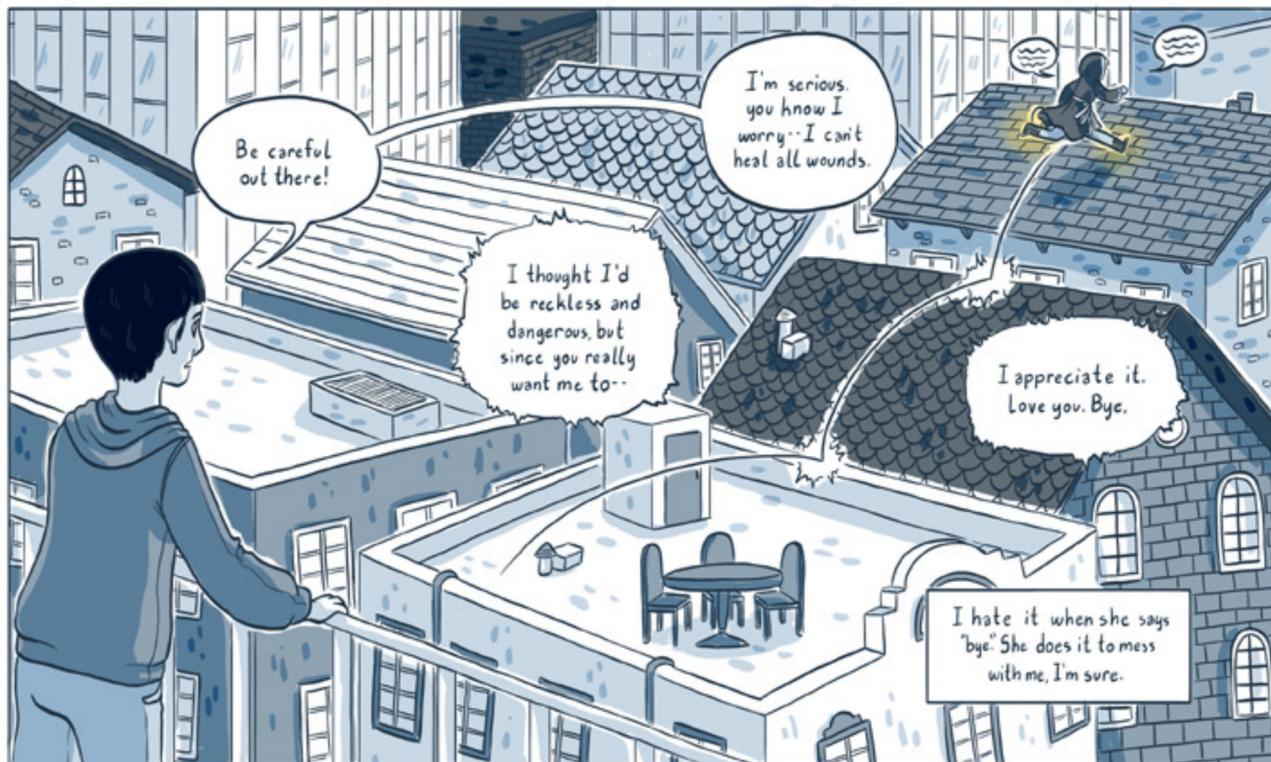
Got everything?

Yes, mom.

Got the headset all charged up and on?

--and on?

Of course. You can keep an ear out for my safety.



Be careful out there!

I thought I'd be reckless and dangerous, but since you really want me to--

I'm serious, you know I worry--I can't heal all wounds.

I appreciate it. Love you. Bye.

I hate it when she says "bye." She does it to mess with me, I'm sure.



AAAHHH!

GAH! Alright, alright, we're all good... It's all good.



Got a knife situation. Seems pretty simple.

Alright, I'll be listening.

We keep in constant contact while she goes on her "workouts." It's part of the deal we made. She can go off and take care of evil, I get to listen in and make sure she's okay.

Look, just hand over any money, valuables, whatever. I don't want your cell phone, or your drivers license. Just cash and junk.

Okay... I don't have much... I mean, who keeps cash--

I'm sure you've got enough.

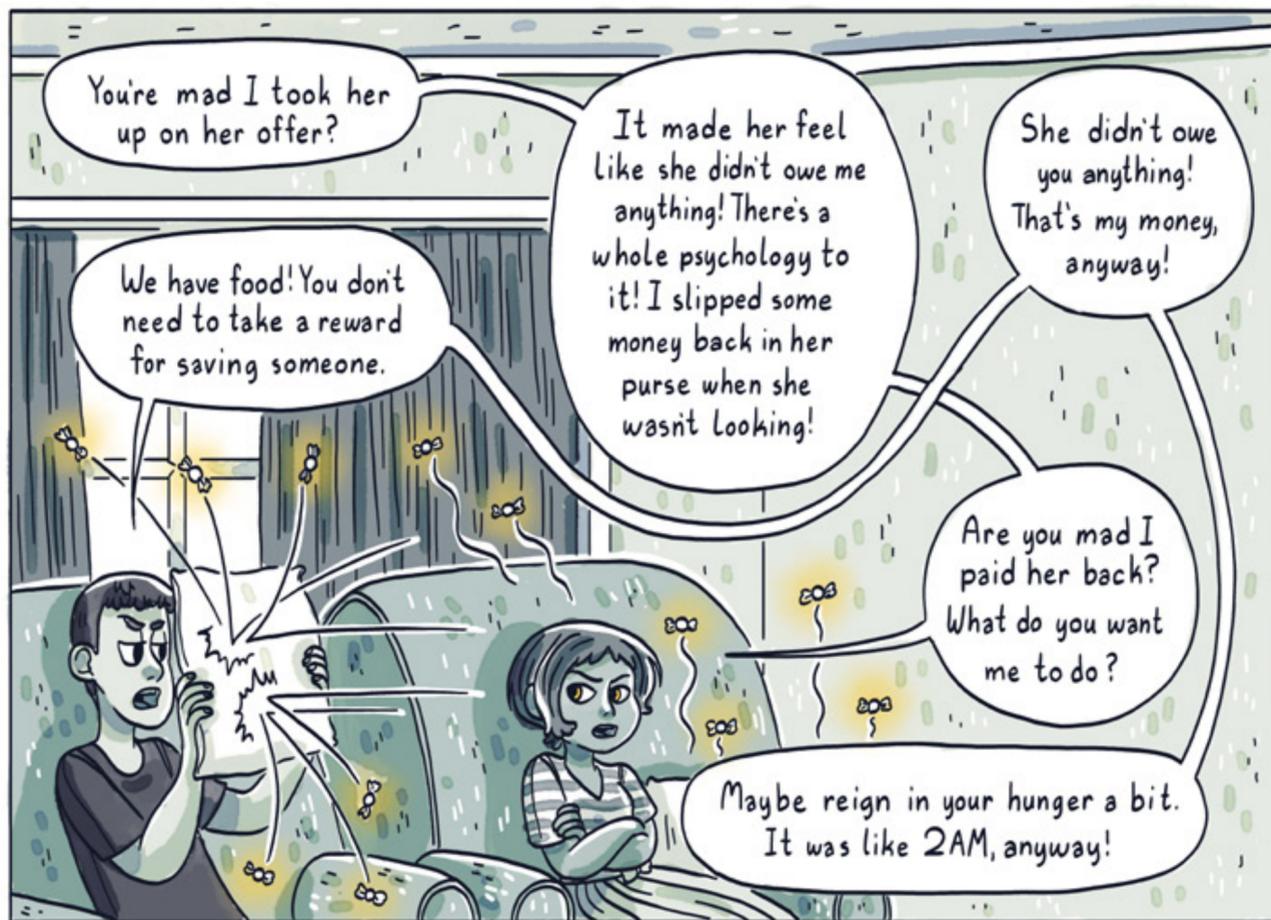


Put the knife down! There are no weapons allowed in the ring of The Shadow Bay Bee!



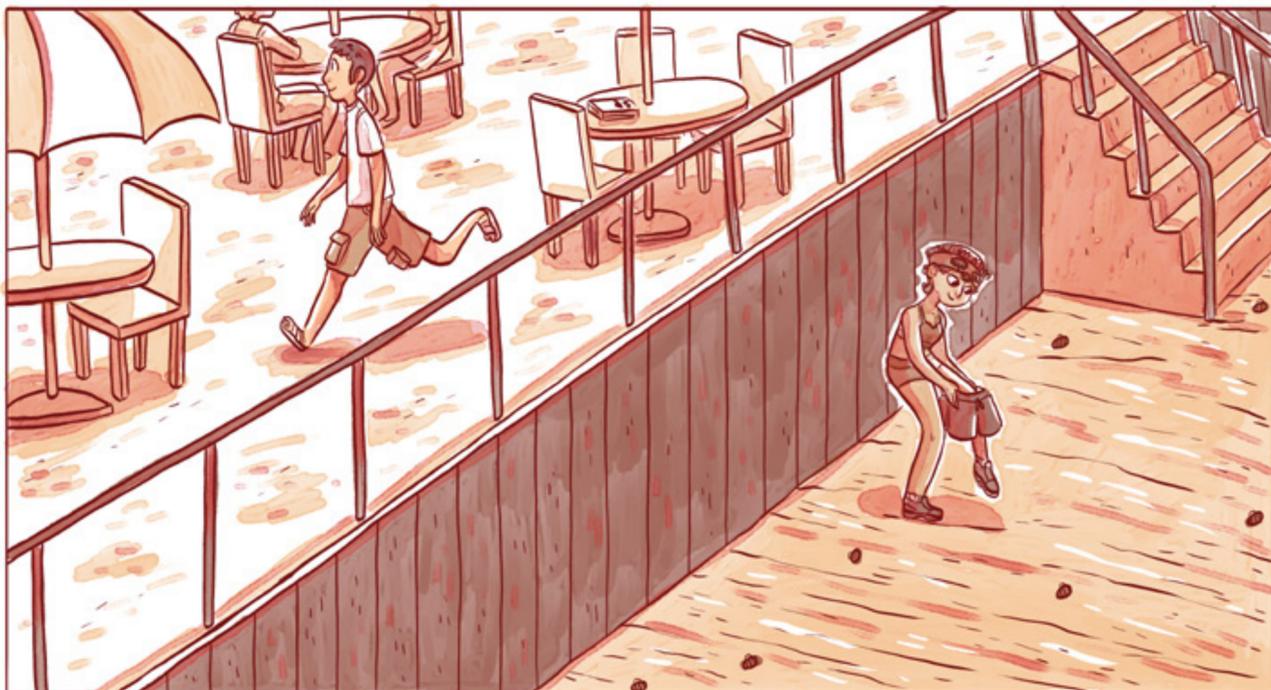


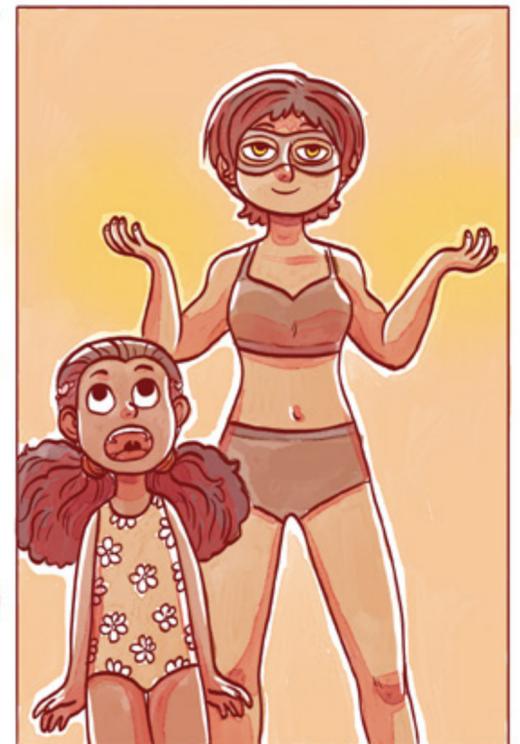


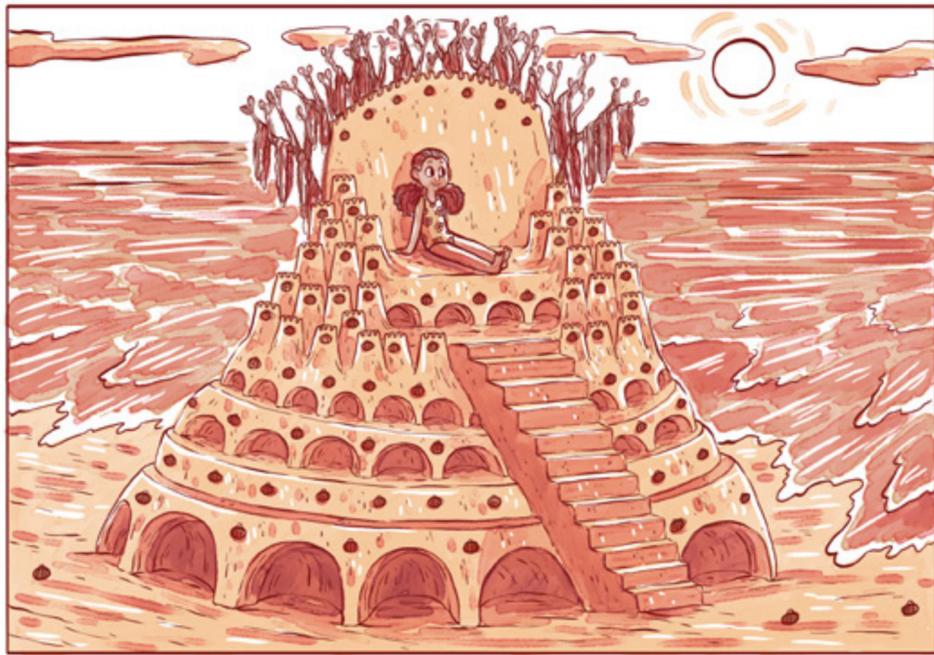


#003: Royalty









I did not know you could do that.

Neither did I.



Hey, can I get a picture?

Sure.

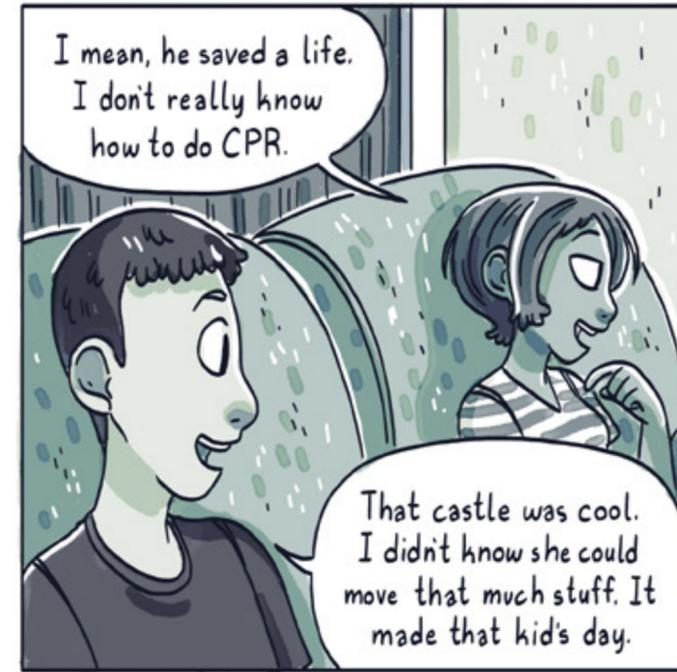
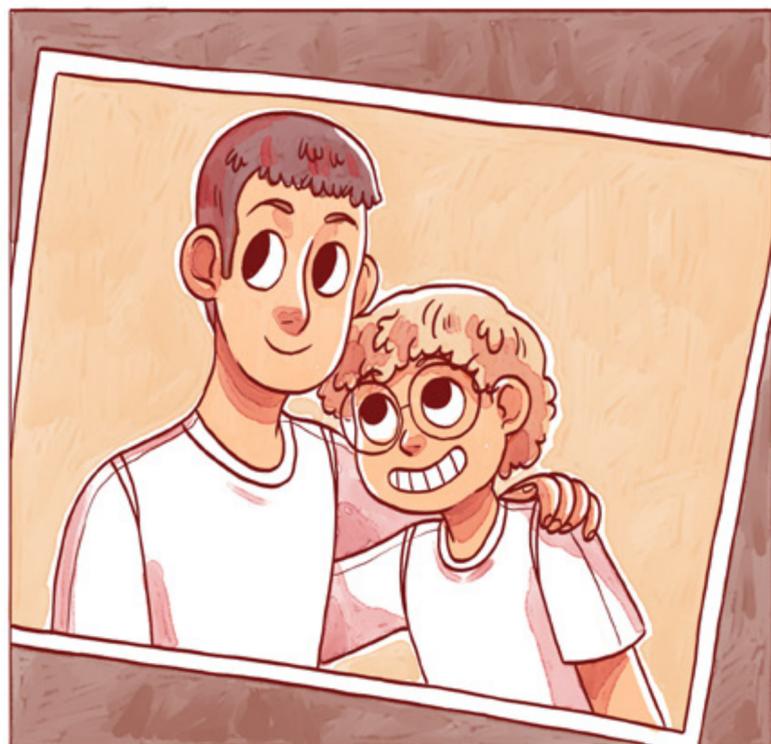
No, with him! He saved my dad. I want to be a nurse when I grow up!



HA!



Smile!



I mean, he saved a life. I don't really know how to do CPR.

That castle was cool. I didn't know she could move that much stuff. It made that kid's day.



Umm... any thoughts?



People don't like awkward silences, do they? I find they try to find their true comfort in them. They get defensive, sure, but they also go to what's important to them, like one another.





So... how broken are we?

Well, this is our first actual session, but I don't really think you are. Every couple has issues or schism between each other, but you two seem to want to understand each other, and that's the biggest thing going for you.



That's good, right?

M-hm.



Do we need to make this a regular thing?

Well, we can, but it might just be something you can think about if things are going rough. Play it by ear. I do want to leave you with some parting thoughts to think about.



You've been in a relationship for years, so clearly you've had to think about this at some point. Two of your stories heavily dealt with children.

For a couple without children, why would you lean so heavily towards helping them?

Also, you didn't have a problem with me referring to you as your hero name in your civilian life. Do you prefer one world to another?



Presider



THAT'S NOT BY MY CHOICE. I PERSONALLY LIKE TO TALK SOFTLY AND CARRY A BIG STICK.

LAYLA!

PRESIDER

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THEY SAY THAT FREEDOM OF SPEECH IS AN INALIENABLE RIGHT!

I SAY THEY'RE WRONG! DON'T FLEE IN TERROR! YOU KNOW YOU APPRECIATE THE SILENCE AS MUCH AS I DO.

YOU'VE GONE WAY TOO FAR ENOUGH, CENSORA! FREEDOM OF SPEECH IS A HUMAN RIGHT!

WHAT DO YOU HAVE TO SAY FOR YOURSELF?

HA, I GUESS YOU REALLY CAN'T SAY ANYTHING!

IT'S A SHAME, I LOVE TO HEAR YOU ALL PLEAD AND BEE FOR YOUR LIVES.

THAT'S ABOUT THE ONLY THING I LIKE TO HEAR FROM YOU ALL.

YOU AMERICANS WITH YOUR "HUMAN RIGHTS." YOU'LL SOON LEARN WHAT IT'S LIKE TO LIVE UNDER MY RULE!

"AMERICA DID NOT INVENT HUMAN RIGHTS! IN A VERY REAL SENSE... HUMAN RIGHTS INVENTED AMERICA!"

ARE YOU READY TO TAKE THE OATH, SIS?

YOU'VE GOT IT, SIS.

THEN RAISE YOUR RIGHT HAND.

I, MADISON MCKINLEY, DO SOLEMENLY SWEAR TO FAITHFULLY EXECUTE THE POWERS OF PRESIDER, AND WILL PRESERVE, PROTECT, AND DEFEND THE CITIZENS OF THE UNITED STATES!

CONGRATULATIONS, PRESIDER

NOW, I JUST NEED THE POWER OF MY NAMESAKE TO CUT THROUGH ALL THIS RED TAPE.

EXECUTIVE POWER OF THE 4TH:

THE SIGNAL'S COMING FROM AROUND THE CORNER, MADISON!

ARE YOU SURE, LAYLA? IT'S SO... QUIET.

HAS THE PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY LED US DOWN THE WRONG PATH BEFORE?!

OH TRUST ME, I HAVE ENOUGH FAITH IN OUR FOREFATHERS...





From everyone who worked on this book, thank you for reading the first issue of *The Shadow Bay Bee* (and the first short story, *Presider*). For more, please visit shadowbay.tumblr.com, and follow us on Twitter at [@TheShadowBayBee](https://twitter.com/TheShadowBayBee).

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