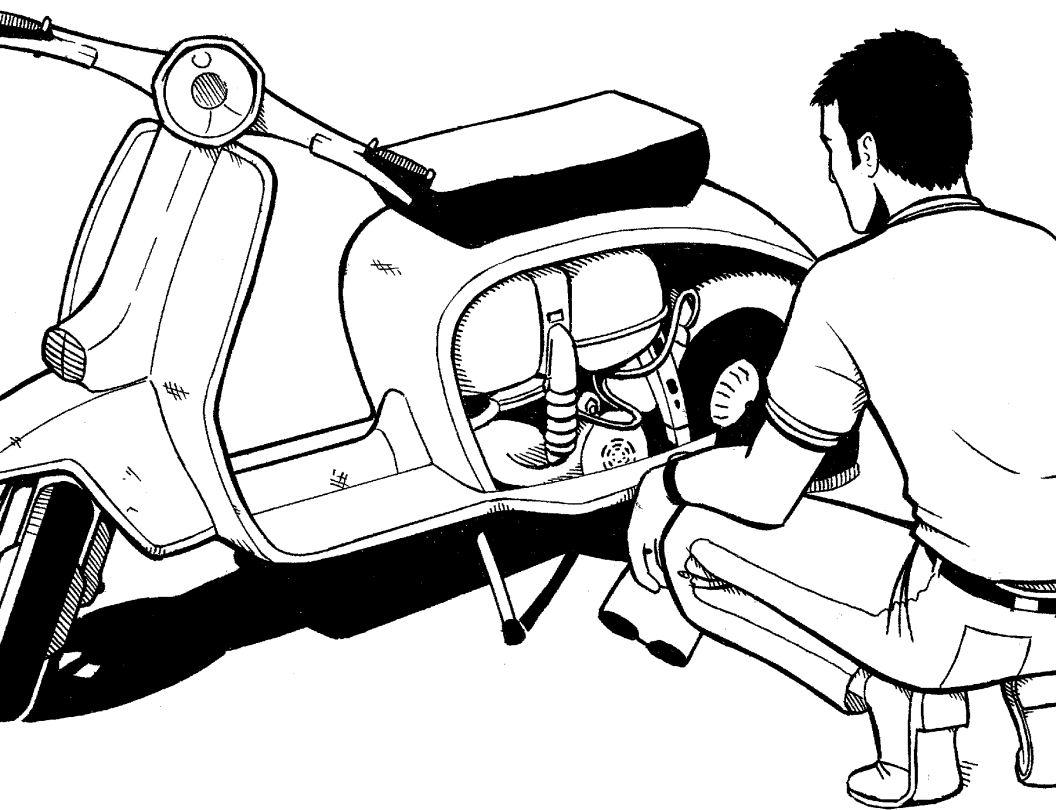
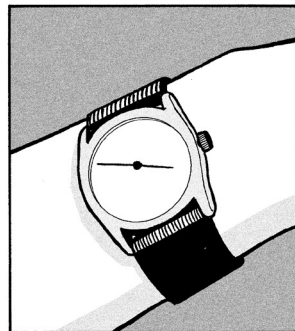
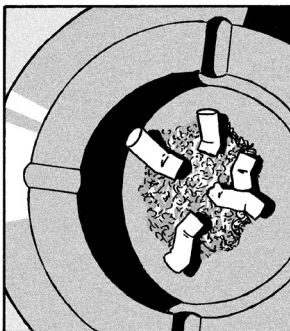
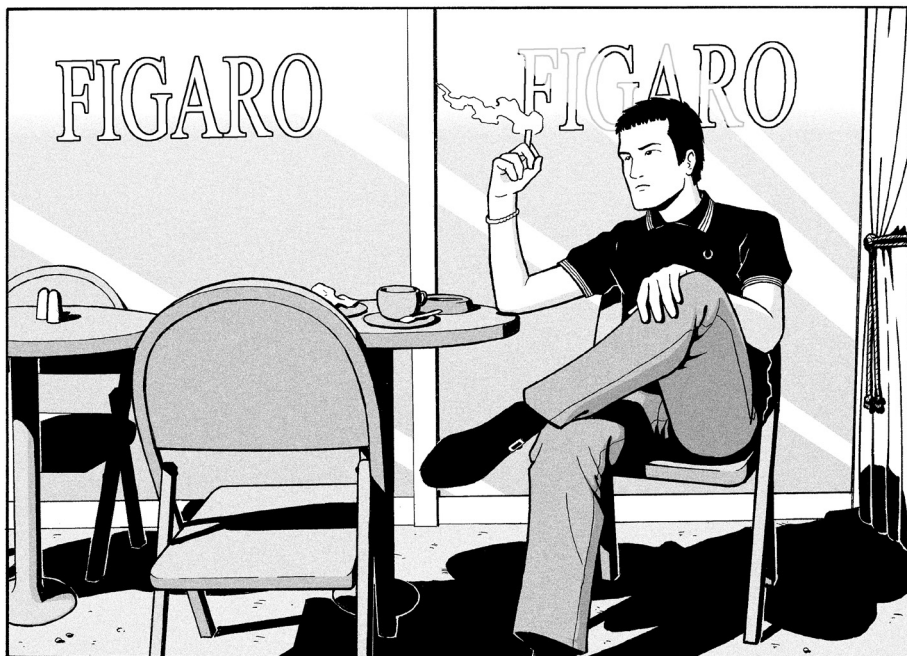
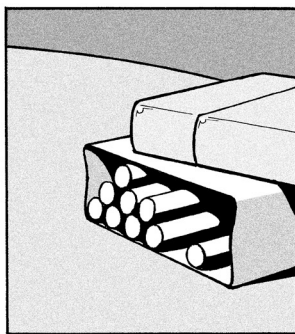
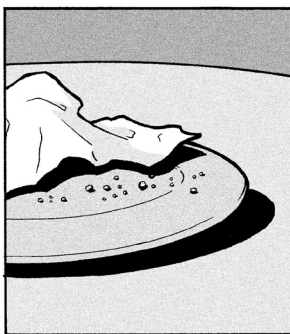




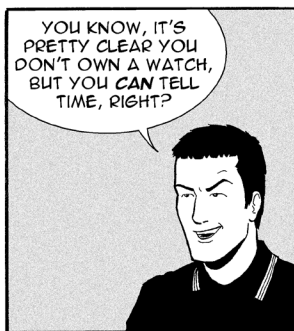
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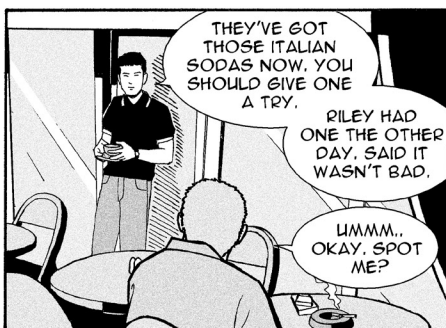
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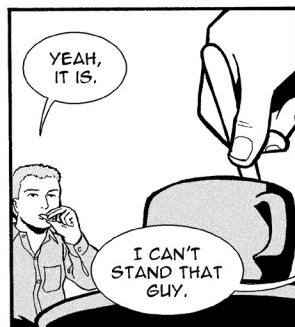






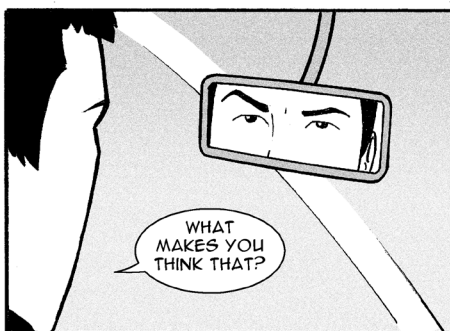


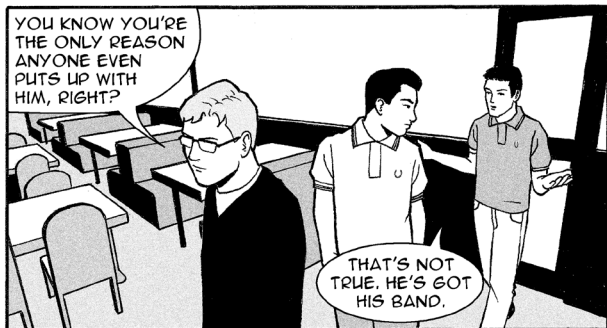




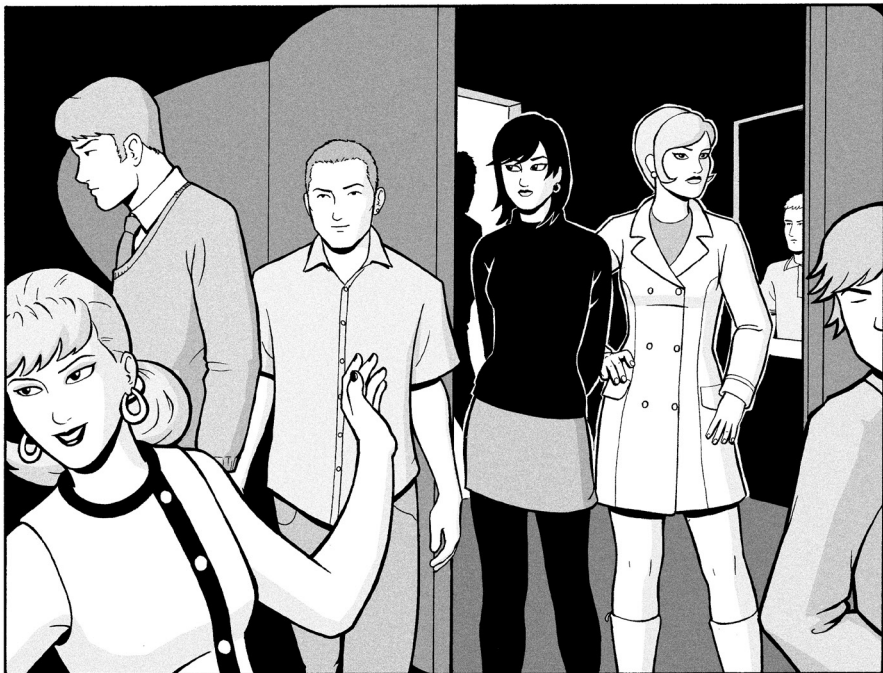


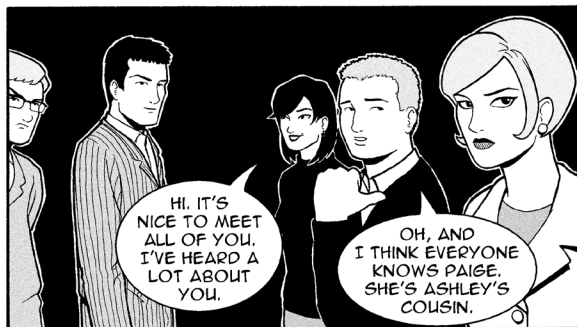


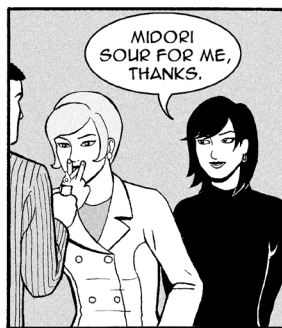


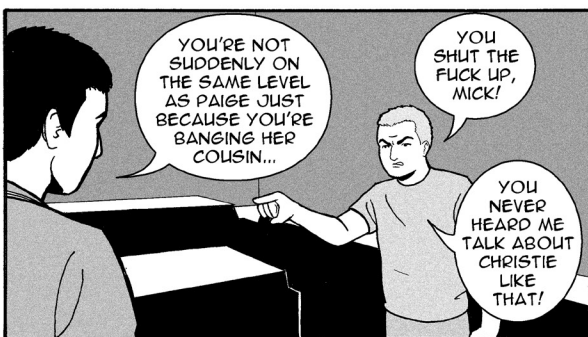
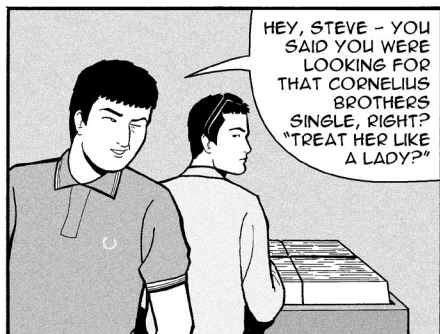




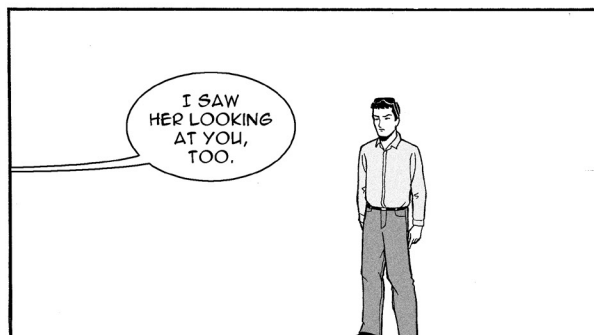
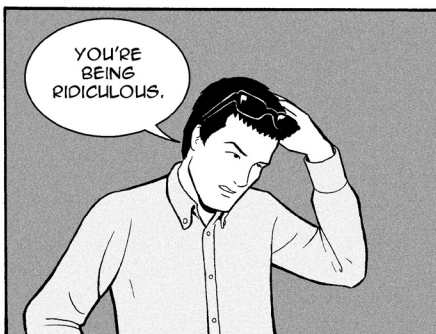




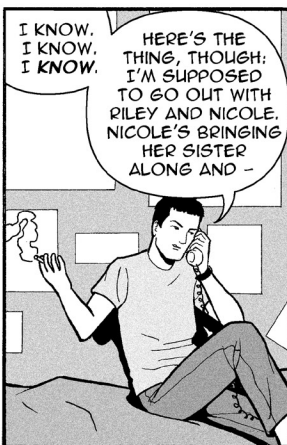
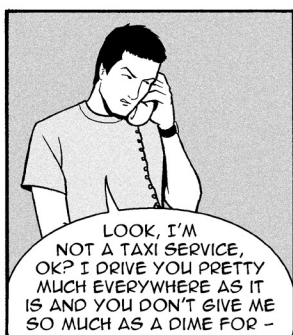


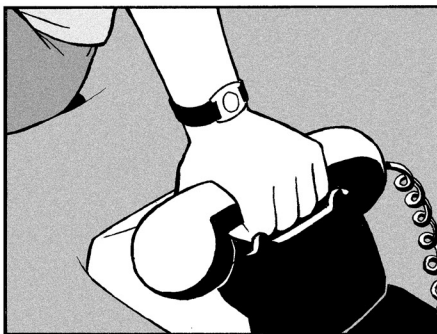
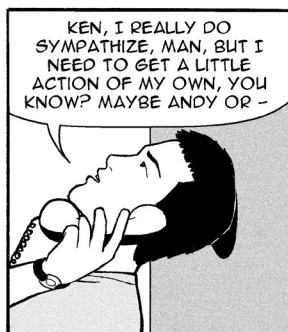


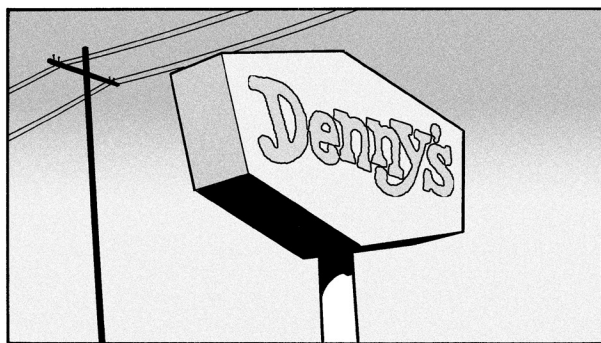


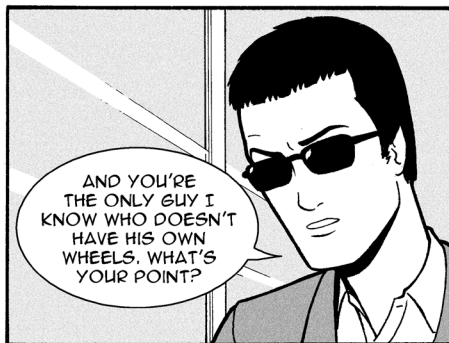






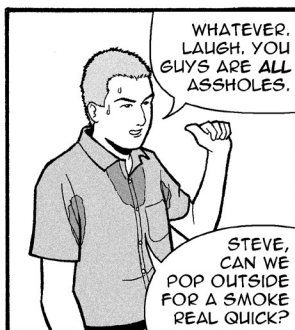
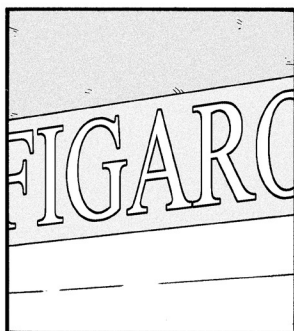


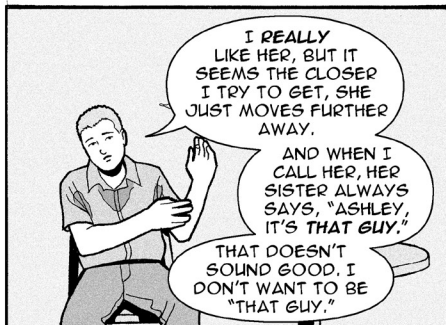
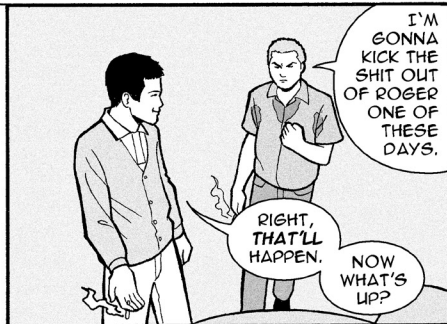
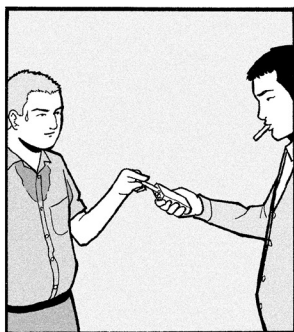


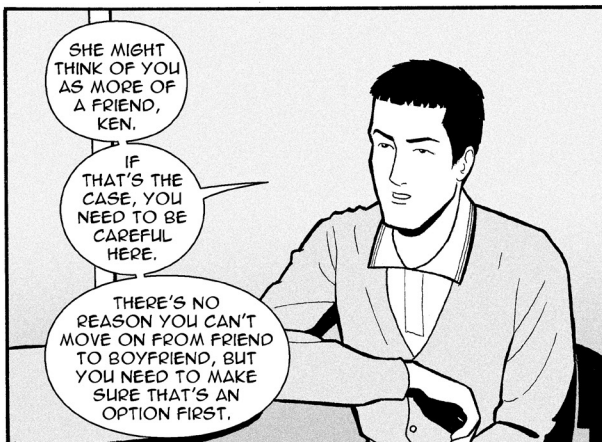




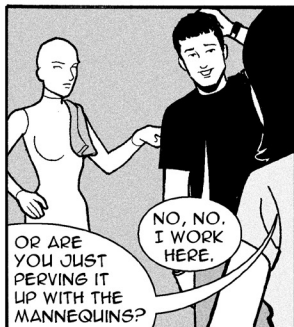
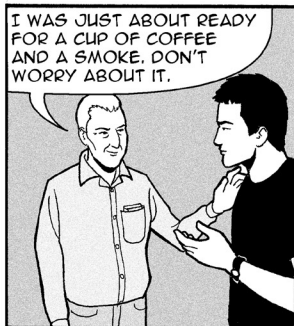




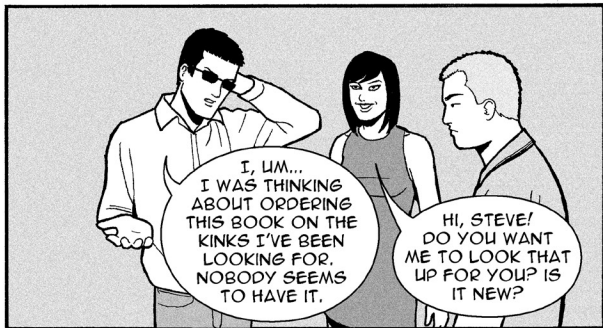
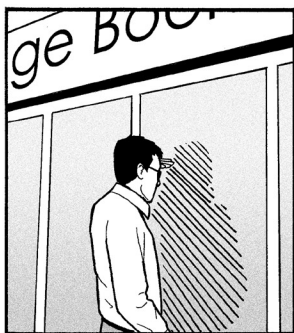


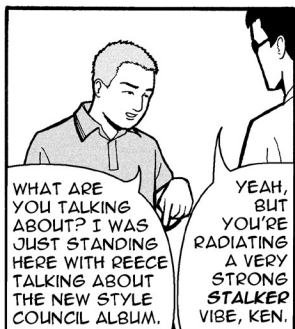




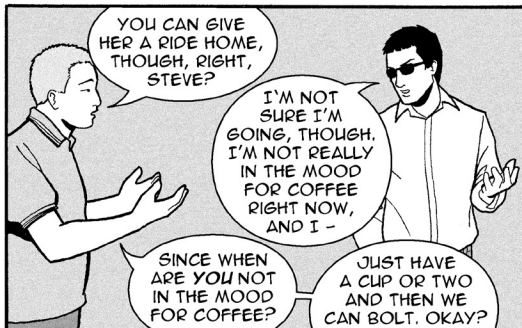
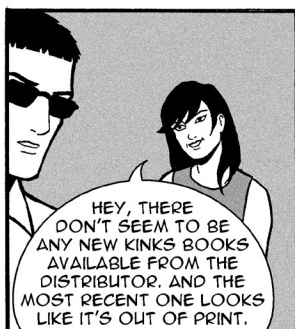


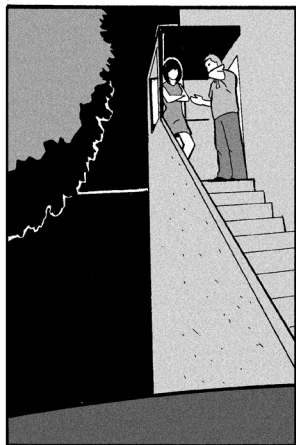




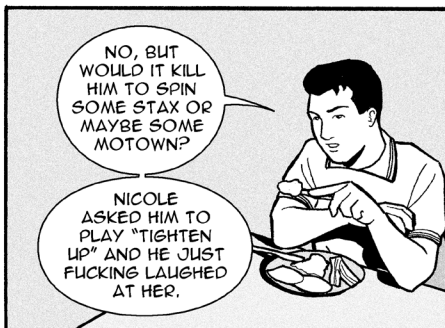
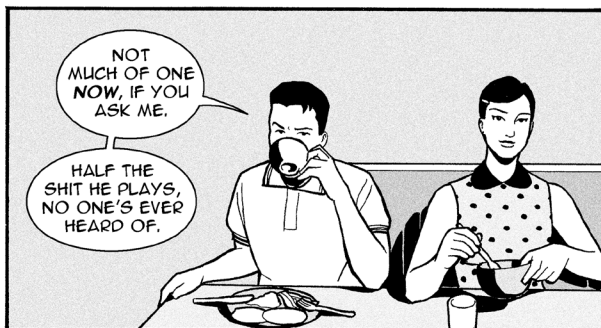
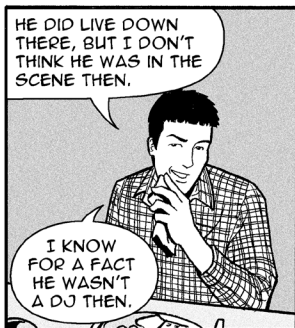
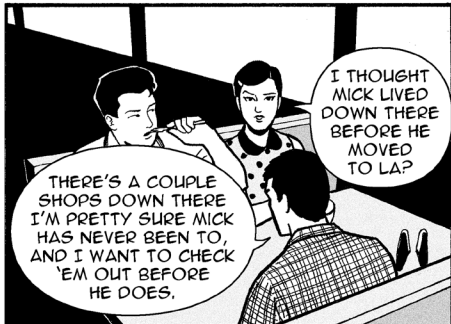
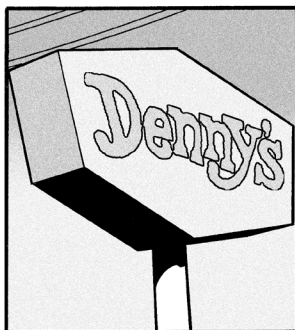


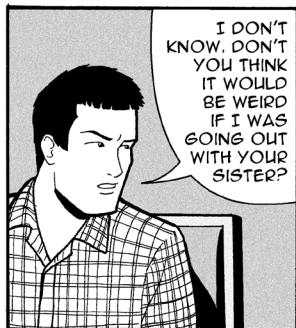
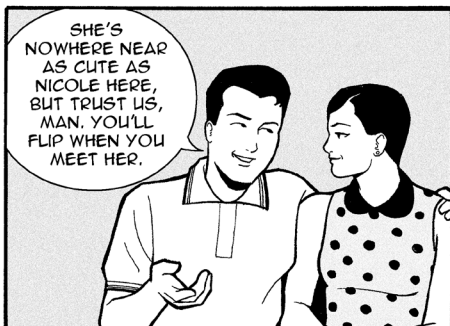
YEAH, BUT YOU'RE RADIATING A VERY STRONG STALKER VIBE, KEN.

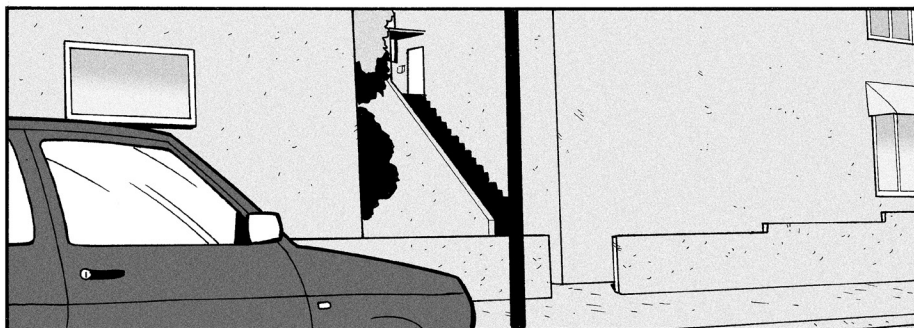
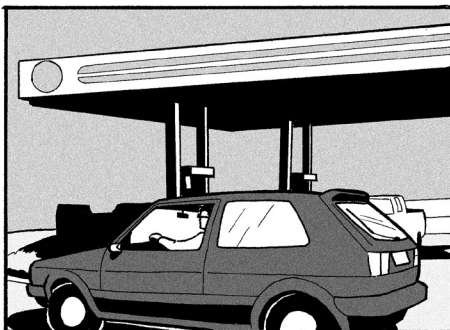
















I, UH,
I WAS JUST
IN THE - YOU
KNOW, IN THE
NEIGHBORHOOD
AND I -

WE'RE
GETTING READY
TO HAVE DINNER.
YOU SHOULD
JOIN US!



OH, NO - I DON'T WANT
TO BARGE IN. I JUST -
I WAS JUST WONDERING
IF YOU MIGHT WANT TO
GET SOME COFFEE
TONIGHT.



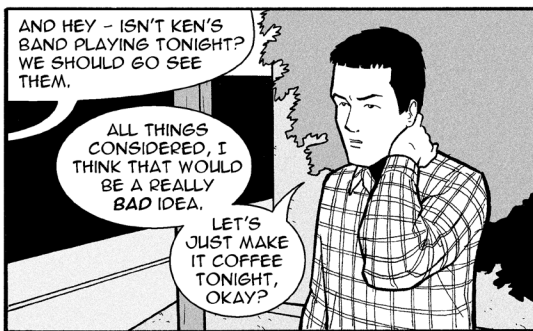
DO YOU
MEAN IN
A "DATE"
KIND OF
WAY?



YEAH,
I THINK
THAT'S WHAT
I MEAN. IS
THAT OKAY?



OF COURSE,
IT'S OKAY! ARE
YOU SURE YOU
DON'T WANT TO
COME IN?



AND HEY - ISN'T KEN'S
BAND PLAYING TONIGHT?
WE SHOULD GO SEE
THEM.

ALL THINGS
CONSIDERED, I
THINK THAT WOULD
BE A REALLY
BAD IDEA.

LET'S
JUST MAKE
IT COFFEE
TONIGHT,
OKAY?

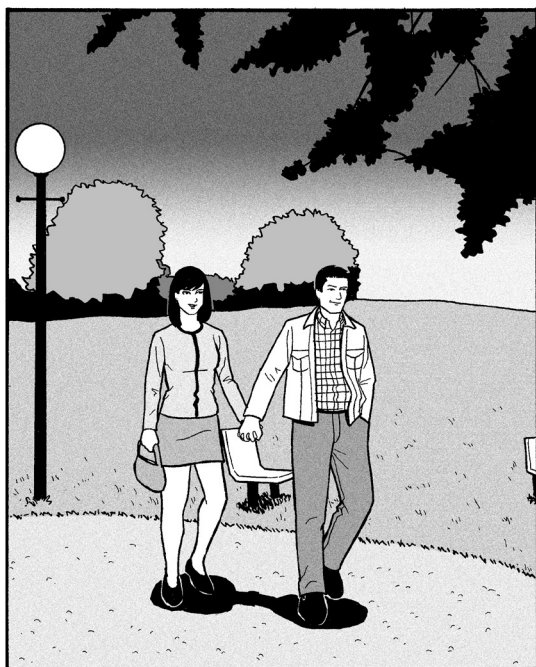


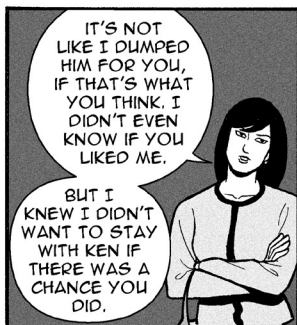
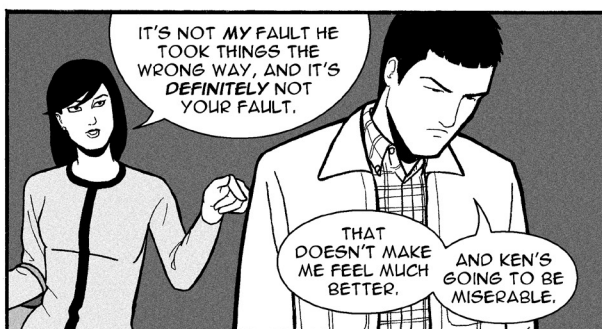
IS
EIGHT TOO
EARLY?

SURE, THAT'LL GIVE
ME PLENTY OF
TIME TO GET
READY.



OKAY,
THEN. SEE
YOU AT
EIGHT.







SEE, THE
THING WITH KEN
IS I'M THE ONLY
ONE WHO LOOKS
AFTER HIM.



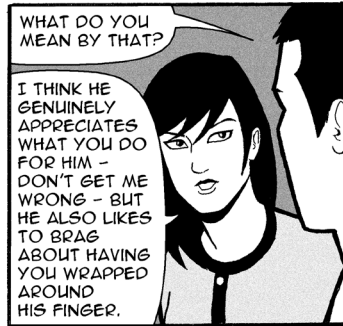
THE OTHER GUYS ARE CONSTANTLY
GIVING HIM SHIT, HE NEVER HAS ANY
MONEY, HE ALWAYS NEEDS A RIDE
OR SOME CIGARETTES OR -

BELIEVE ME,
I UNDERSTAND.
I'VE SEEN YOU
TWO IN ACTION,
REMEMBER?

AND IT'S
REALLY SWEET
OF YOU, BUT
HE IS AN ADULT,
YOU KNOW.



AND I THINK YOU'RE
PROBABLY TOO
NICE TO HIM,
ANYWAY.



WHAT DO YOU
MEAN BY THAT?

I THINK HE
GENUINELY
APPRECIATES
WHAT YOU DO
FOR HIM -
DON'T GET ME
WRONG - BUT
HE ALSO LIKES
TO BRAG
ABOUT HAVING
YOU WRAPPED
AROUND
HIS FINGER.



PFFT. I
KNOW WHAT
KEN'S ALL
ABOUT.

HE'S AN
UNREPENTANT
MOOCH. WHATEVER.
I'M STILL THE BEST
FRIEND HE'S GOT.



I DON'T
WANT TO BE
THE ONE
RESPONSIBLE
FOR TEARING
HIS WORLD
APART.



THEN WHY'D
YOU COME TO
MY APARTMENT
THIS EVENING?



IT'S GETTING
LATE. I SHOULD
DROP YOU OFF
HOME.



YOU'RE WORRIED ABOUT WHAT KEN WILL THINK, AREN'T YOU?



THAT'S PART OF IT, BUT... I DON'T KNOW, I GUESS I'M WORRIED ABOUT YOU, TOO.



I DON'T WANT TO COME ACROSS AS THAT GUY WHO'S ALWAYS SWOOPING IN ON OTHER GUYS' GIRLFRIENDS. I DON'T WANT YOU TO THINK I PLANNED THIS OR ANYTHING, YOU KNOW?



AND I DEFINITELY DON'T WANT TO LOSE A FRIEND OVER THIS.



YOU'RE THINKING TOO MUCH ABOUT ALL OF THIS.

I REALLY LIKE YOU, STEVE.



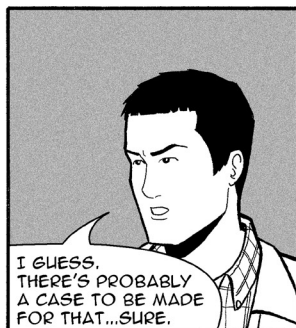
CAN YOU BELIEVE HOW HOT IT IS? IT'S SUPPOSED TO COOL OFF AT NIGHT, BUT I'M ROASTING OVER HERE.

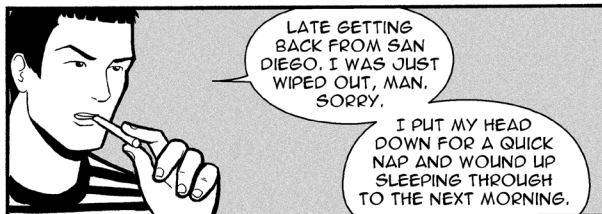
I THINK I'M JUST MAKING YOU UNCOMFORTABLE.

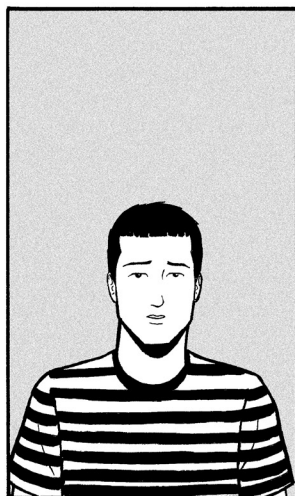
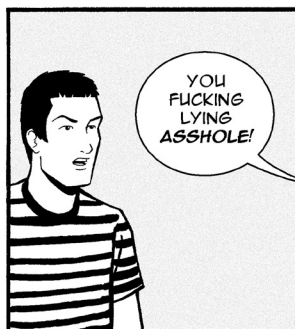


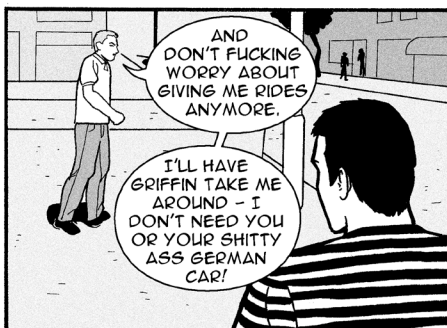
DO YOU BELIEVE IN LOVE AT FIRST SIGHT, STEVE?

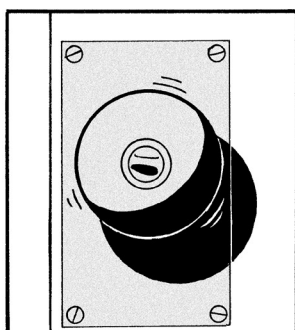






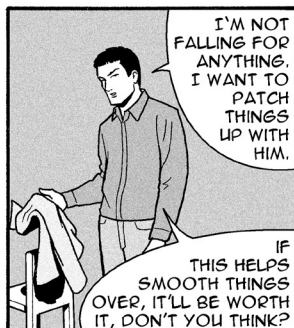


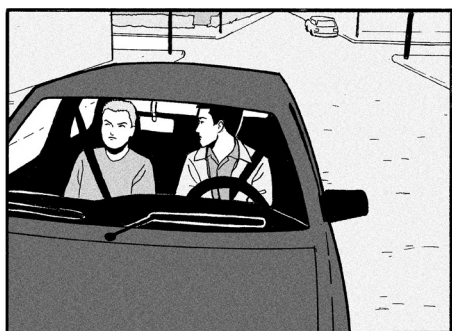






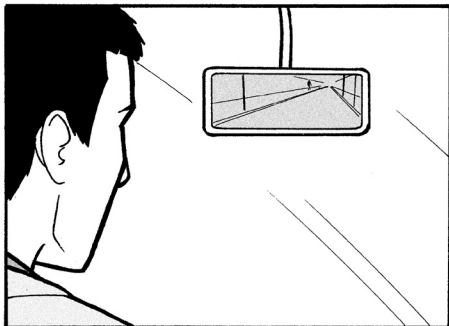
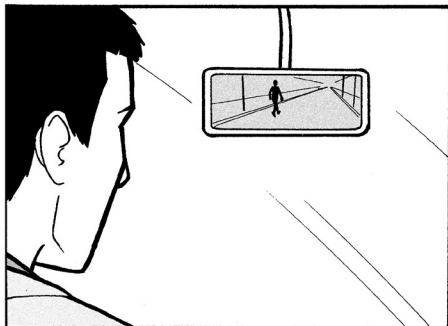
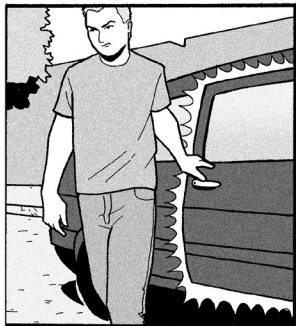




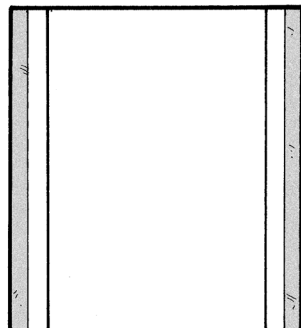




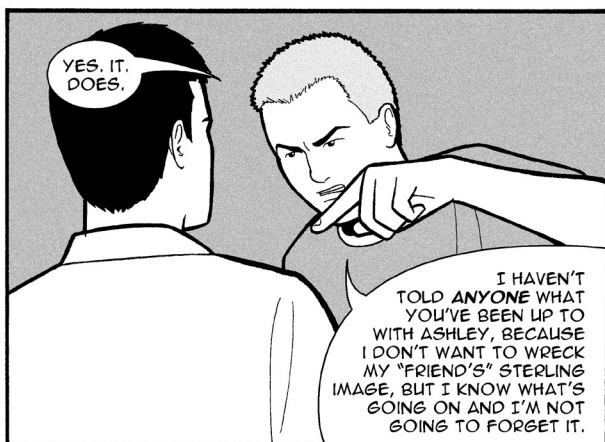
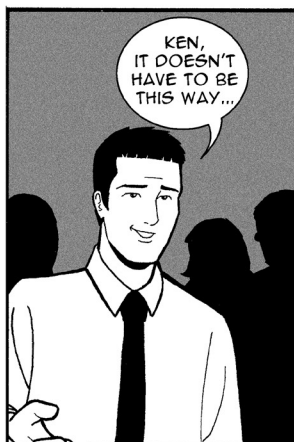




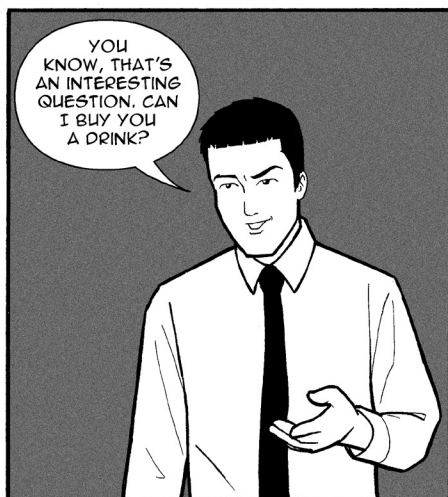
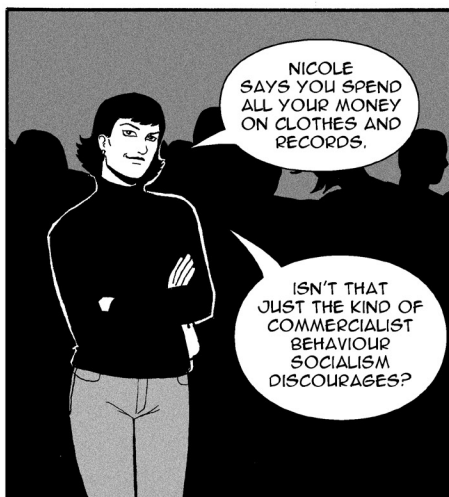
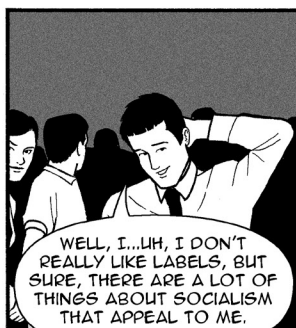








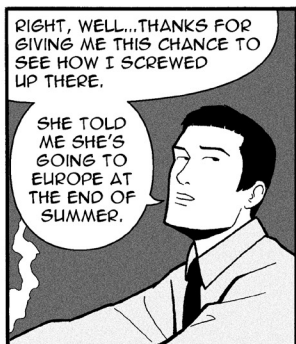




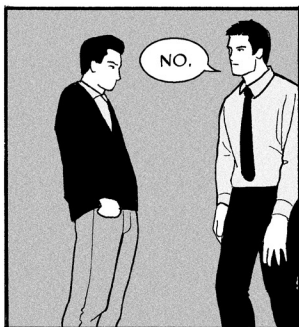
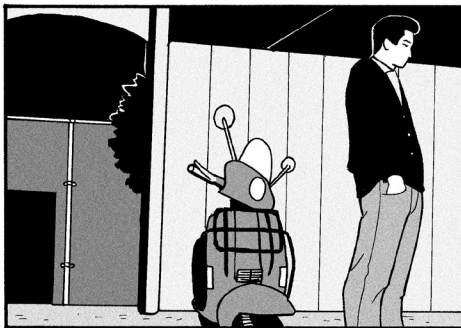
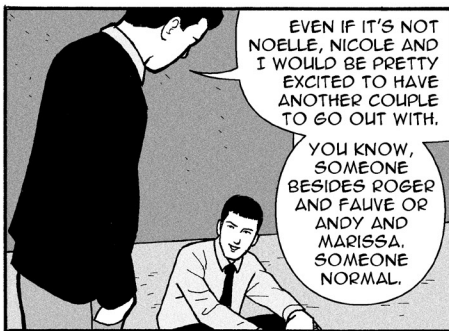
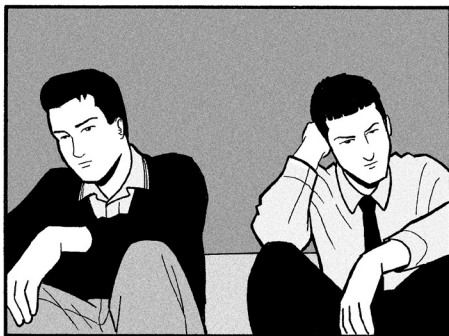


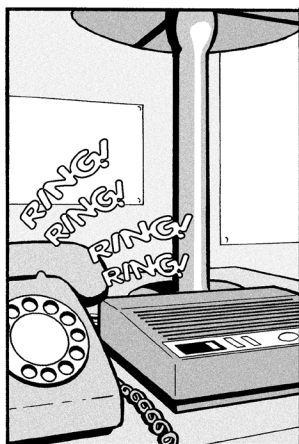




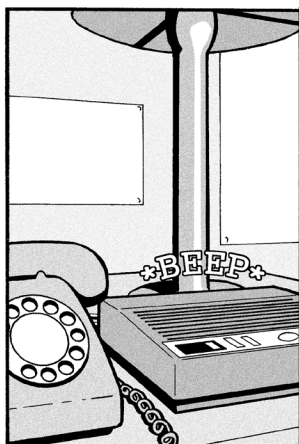




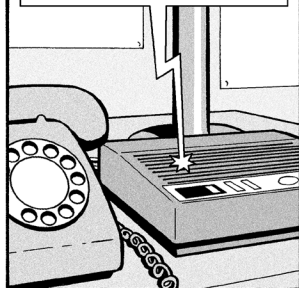




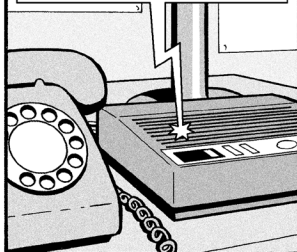
HI, YOU'VE REACHED STEVE HENSON AND I'M UNABLE TO COME TO THE PHONE RIGHT NOW. LEAVE A MESSAGE AT THE BEEP.



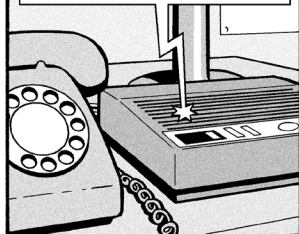
IT'S KEN, STEVE. LISTEN, I RAN INTO ASHLEY THE OTHER DAY AND SHE TOLD ME SHE HASN'T HEARD FROM YOU IN OVER A WEEK. SHE SAYS YOU'RE NOT RETURNING HER CALLS.



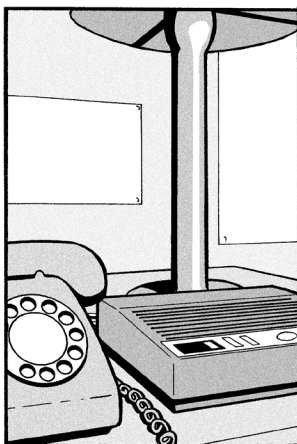
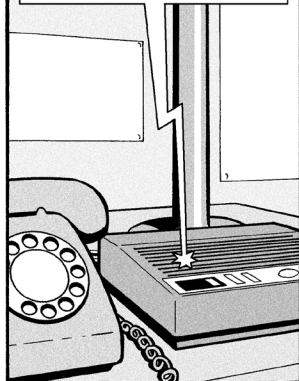
I KNOW SHE WAS AS MUCH TO BLAME AS YOU FOR EVERYTHING THAT WENT DOWN BETWEEN US, BUT SHE DOESN'T EVEN KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON, MAN. THE LEAST YOU CAN DO IS CALL HER AND TELL HER IT'S OVER.



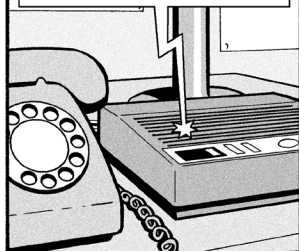
YOU KNOW, I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU TREAT PEOPLE LIKE THIS. SHE REALLY LIKED YOU, STEVE, AND YOU'RE TREATING HER LIKE SHE'S COMPLETELY DISPOSABLE. AND IT'S NOT LIKE SHE'S COMING BACK TO ME NOW THAT YOU'RE OUT OF THE PICTURE.



I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHY I'M BOTHERING...



I HOPE YOU REMEMBER ALL THIS, STEVE. I HOPE SOMEDAY YOU LOOK BACK AND REMEMBER HOW YOU TOTALLY RUINED AN ENTIRE SUMMER FOR THREE PEOPLE, BUT DIDN'T GIVE A DAMN UNTIL YOU REALIZED ONE OF THEM WAS YOU.



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Boy meets girl... meets boy!



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