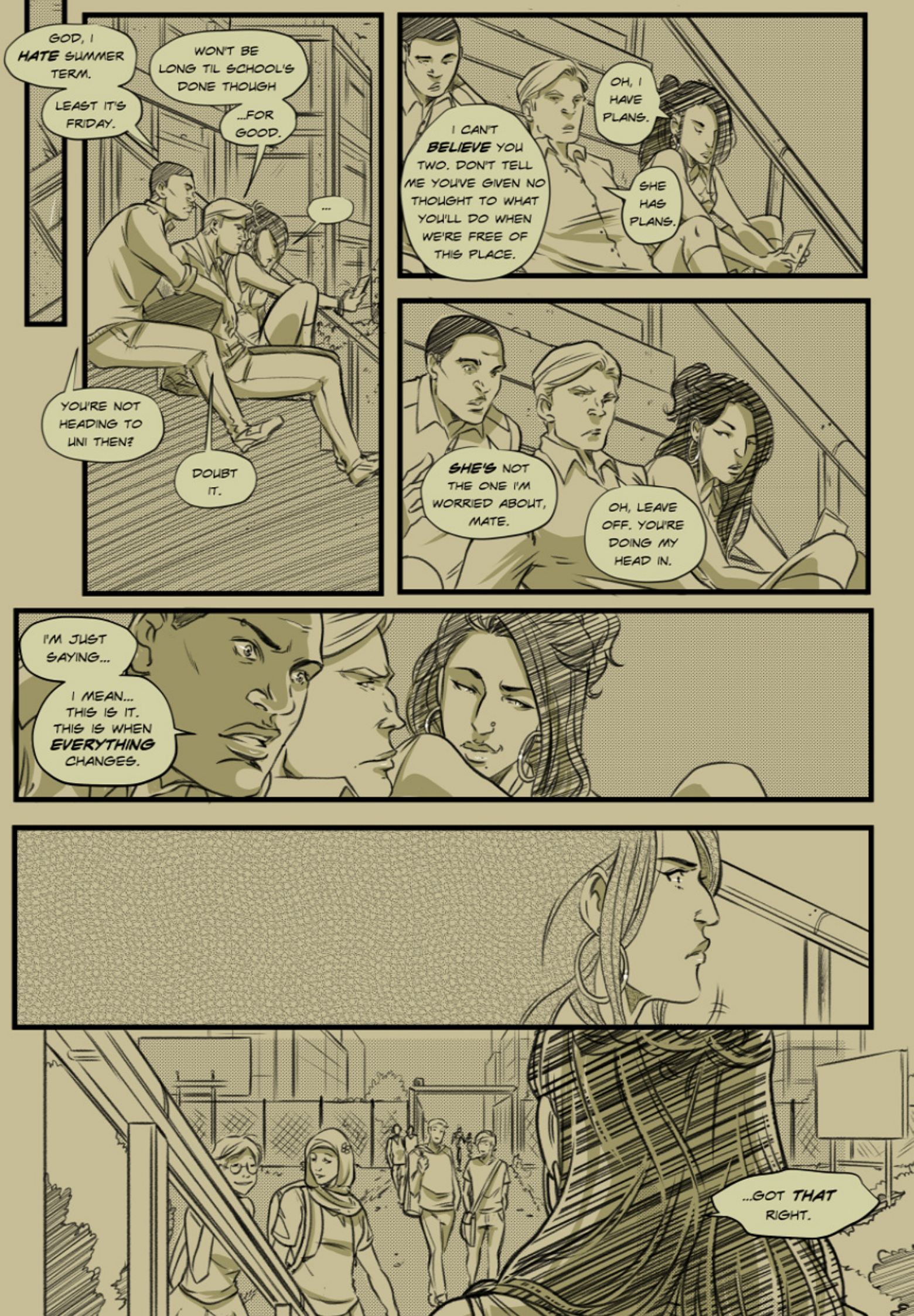
GAHK
H-HARVEY?
HARVEY!
HARV-
CORTLAND?

CORTLAND?
FU-
...
SORRY.
I THOUGHT YOU'D SET YOUR ALARM. WE'RE MEETING ZANE TODAY BEFORE SCHOOL.
I KNOW, I JUST...
IT'S FINE.
ARE YOU OKAY?
NO.
I STILL FEEL LIKE, ANY DAY NOW, THEY'LL FIGURE IT OUT.
EVERY POLICE CAR I SEE MAKES ME THINK MY TIME'S UP.
STOP THINKING LIKE THAT. SOON YOU'LL BE EIGHTEEN AND OUT OF THE SYSTEM ENTIRELY.

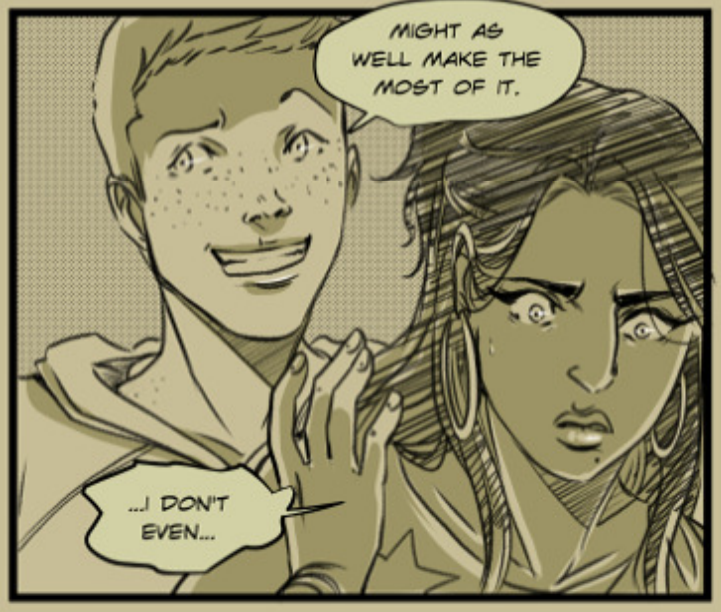
YOU'RE FREE.
THE COURT MADE ITS DECISION.
...AND I'M SUPPOSED TO LIVE WITH IT.
ISN'T IT BETTER THAN THE ALTERNATIVE?
I JUST...
HOW LONG CAN I HIDE BEHIND A LIE?
DON'T DO THIS TO ME.
NOT NOW.
YOU'LL LIVE WITH IT BECAUSE YOU MADE A MISTAKE.
WE'RE ALL LIVING WITH IT.
WITH MY MISTAKE?
THAT'S NOT WHAT I SAID...
IT'S WHAT YOU BLOODY MEANT THOUGH, RIGHT?
YOU THINK I DON'T FEEL THAT EVERY DAY?
...
SURE.
WE'RE SEEING ZANE IN AN HOUR.
JUST RETREAT BACK INTO YOUR SHELL.
GET DRESSED. IT'S THURSDAY, SO I HAVE TO MAKE THE CALL FIRST.
AS IF MUM CAN EVEN UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU'RE TELLING HER.
ONE DAY YOU'LL UNDERSTAND HOW HARD THIS IS FOR ME.


GOD, I HATE SUMMER TERM.
LEAST IT'S FRIDAY.
WON'T BE LONG TIL SCHOOL'S DONE THOUGH
...FOR GOOD.
...
YOU'RE NOT HEADING TO UNI THEN?
DOUBT IT.
I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU TWO. DON'T TELL ME YOU'VE GIVEN NO THOUGHT TO WHAT YOU'LL DO WHEN WE'RE FREE OF THIS PLACE.
OH, I HAVE PLANS.
SHE HAS PLANS.
SHE'S NOT THE ONE I'M WORRIED ABOUT, MATE.
OH, LEAVE OFF. YOU'RE DOING MY HEAD IN.
I'M JUST SAYING...
I MEAN... THIS IS IT. THIS IS WHEN EVERYTHING CHANGES.
...GOT THAT RIGHT.

'LO AND BEHOLD, I HAVE ARRIVED!
SO PLEASE STOP TEXTING ME, MILLY. BATTERY'S RUNNING OUT, AND THE VIBRATION'S MAKING MY BUTT JIGGLE.
DON'T BLAME HER, DUDE. YOU'VE BEEN LATE, LIKE, HALF THE TIME THIS MONTH.
I'VE BEEN WORKING OUT. SOME OF US TAKE OUR A-LEVELS SERIOUSLY, YOU KNOW.
REALLY?
I CAN'T FAIL P.E, CAN I? I'D NEVER LIVE IT DOWN.
WHATEVER. LET'S GET TO CLASS.
POOR DUDE.
THINGS FEEL AWKWARD WITH THEM, RIGHT?
... MORE THAN THIS?
POINT.

YOU'LL BE EIGHTEEN IN A WEEK.
SO?

SO, MAYBE IT'S TIME TO START ACTING IT?
LIKE TURNING UP FOR CLASSES ONCE IN A WHILE?
THE WAY I SEE IT, I HAVE A WEEK LEFT TO BE A TIT.


MIGHT AS WELL MAKE THE MOST OF IT.
...I DON'T EVEN...

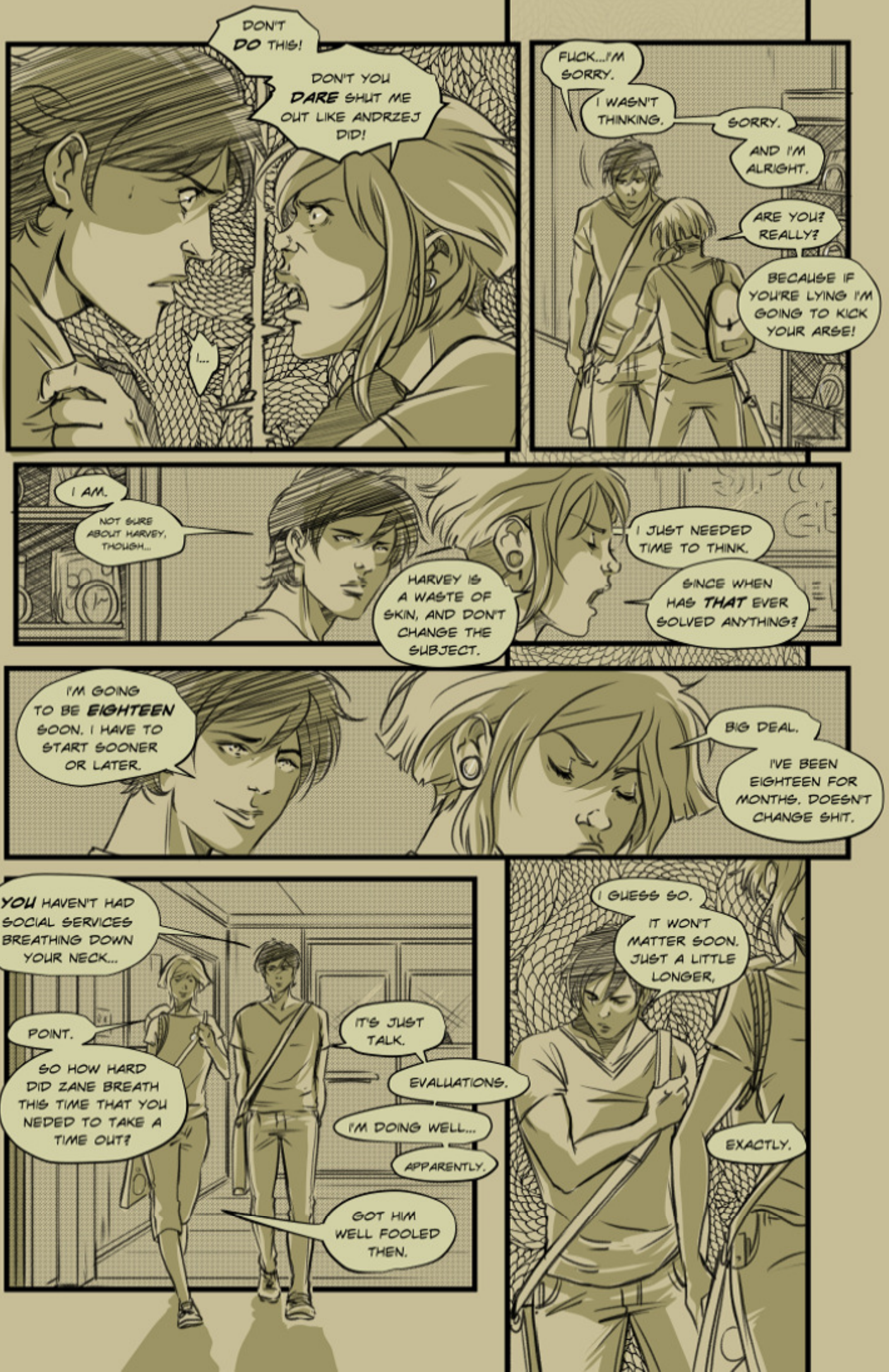
AUGH!
HEY, MILLY, I -

MILLY, I NEED TO...

I NEED TO BREAK UP WITH YOU.

DING
DING!
SHIT! I NEED TO GET TO CLASS.

SO, HOW DID THE MEETING WITH ZANE GO YESTERDAY?
YOU DIDN'T SHOW UP HERE AFTEWARDS.
I DIDN'T FEEL LIKE IT.
AND YOU DIDN'T ANSWER YOUR PHONE.
YEAH, WELL I DIDN'T FEEL LIKE TALKING.
SHOUT
FUCK YOU!
I'VE BEEN WORRIED!
ABOUT WHAT?
YOU'VE BEEN ACTING WEIRD LATELY...
I...
I GUESS THINGS HAVE I BEEN A BIT WEIRD.


DON'T DO THIS!
DON'T YOU DARE SHUT ME OUT LIKE ANDRZEJ DID!
I...
FUCK...I'M SORRY.
I WASN'T THINKING.
SORRY.
AND I'M ALRIGHT.
ARE YOU? REALLY?
BECAUSE IF YOU'RE LYING I'M GOING TO KICK YOUR ARSE!
I AM.
NOT SURE ABOUT HARVEY, THOUGH...
HARVEY IS A WASTE OF SKIN, AND DON'T CHANGE THE SUBJECT.
I JUST NEEDED TIME TO THINK.
SINCE WHEN HAS THAT EVER SOLVED ANYTHING?
I'M GOING TO BE EIGHTEEN SOON. I HAVE TO START SOONER OR LATER.
BIG DEAL.
I'VE BEEN EIGHTEEN FOR MONTHS. DOESN'T CHANGE SHIT.
YOU HAVEN'T HAD SOCIAL SERVICES BREATHING DOWN YOUR NECK...
POINT.
SO HOW HARD DID ZANE BREATH THIS TIME THAT YOU NEDED TO TAKE A TIME OUT?
IT'S JUST TALK.
EVALUATIONS.
I'M DOING WELL...
APPARENTLY.
GOT HIM WELL FOOLED THEN.
I GUESS SO.
IT WON'T MATTER SOON. JUST A LITTLE LONGER.
EXACTLY.

SO, YOU'VE GOT P.E NOW?
YOU KNOW I DO.
JUST LIKE I KNOW THAT YOU COULD HAVE SLEPT IN THIS MORNING
I NEEDED TO CATCH UP ON SOME READING.
I WASN'T HERE YESTERDAY, YOU KNOW...
SURE.
MMHMM.
IN FACT, I'LL WALK YOU TO CLASS, I THINK.
TRULY, SUCH A GENTLEMAN.
MIGHT AS WELL DO SOME READING OUT IN THE SUN.
MORE FUN THAN THE LIBRARY.
...I BET.