

CHILDHOOD'S

END

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CH. 1:

THE BEGINNING









WHAT'VE I SAID ABOUT CRYING??



MEN DON'T CRY!!



BAM!



BAM!

C CHORD: SECOND
STRING-FIRST FRET



YA PUSSY.

FORTH STRING-SECOND FRET



BAM!





MARY,
WHERE'S MY
BEER?



WHERE ARE YOU GOING?



... SAM'S HOUSE.



MOTOROLA



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Thomas

Hey, you free today?

Can't, homework

Its saturday!

Sorry



WELL, I
GOTTA GO
NOW...

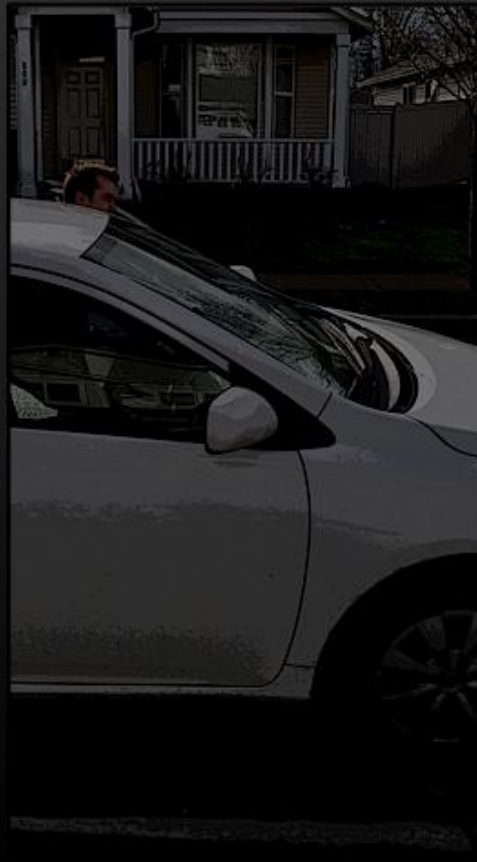


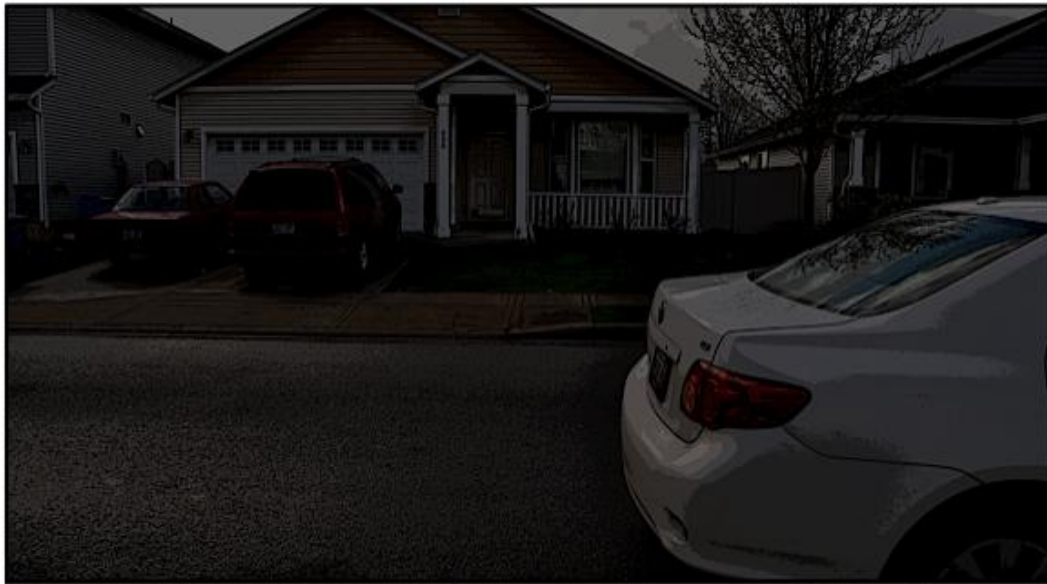
DO YOU HAVE
TO?



YES. I'LL SEE
YOU
TOMORROW?

OKAY. DRIVE
SAFE.









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THE

MEMORIAL







I HATE YOU.



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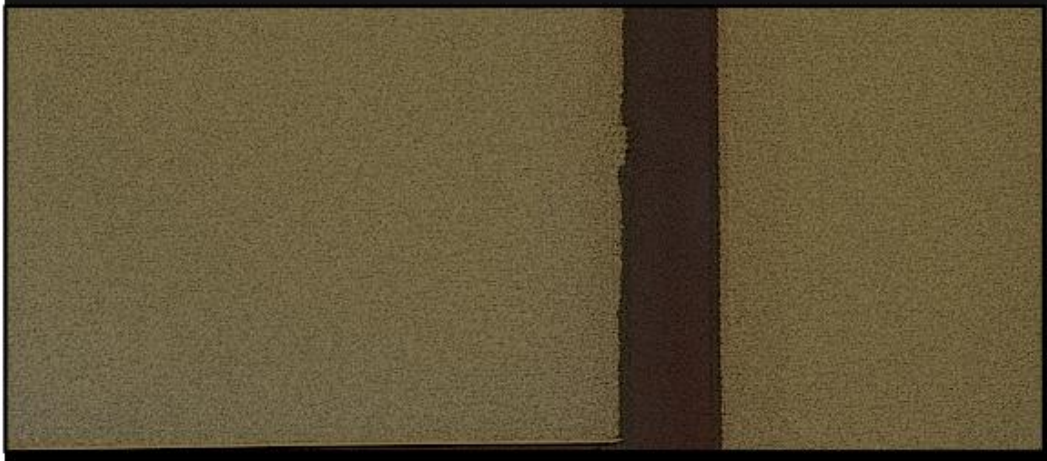


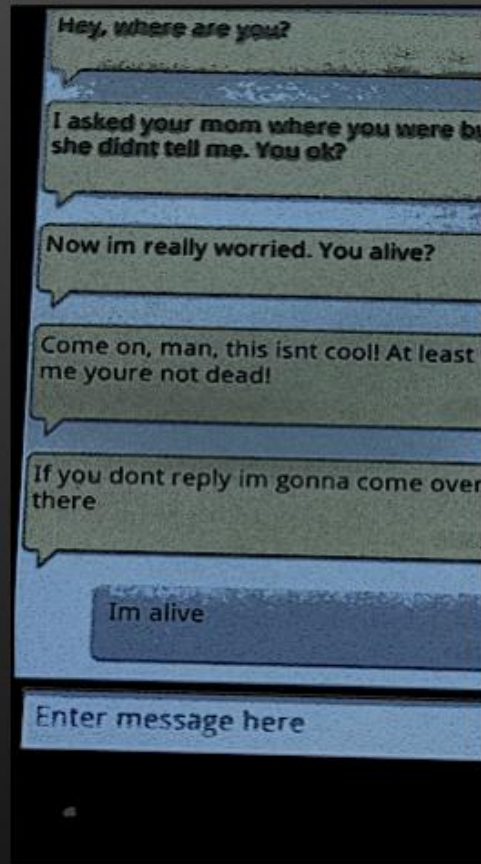
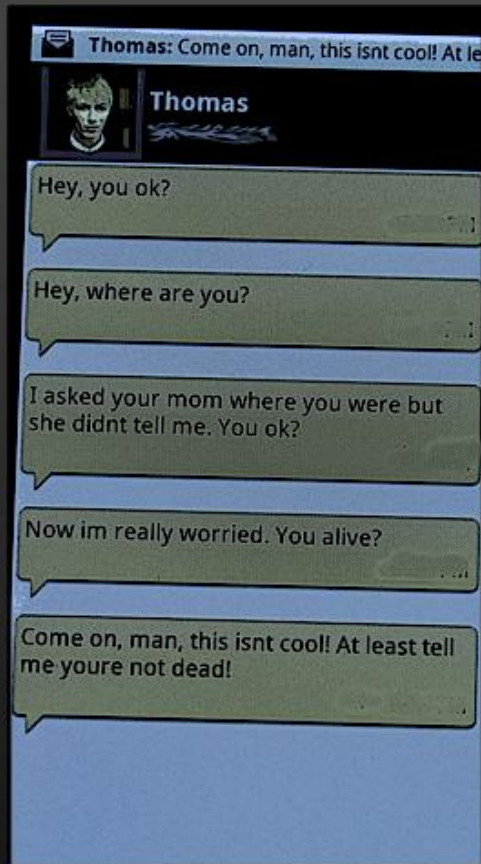
I HATE YOU!

YOU @#\$%ING BASTARD! WHY?!

WHY'D YOU LEAVE ME?!











WELL, I,
UH... YOU
KNOW...

...NO...



WELL, I JUST
WANTED TO, YOU
KNOW, BE IN HIS
ROOM.

OF COURSE, SHE'S
HERE FOR THAT
BASTARD.

YOU WON'T TELL
ANYONE, WILL
YOU?



WHAT
HAPPENED TO
YOUR FACE??



... SORRY.
WHAT
HAPPENED?

...NOTHING.





I CAN SEE WHY YOU
CHOSE HER...

CH. 3:

IN MY ROOM













NOTHING.

OH, BULL.



YOU CAN'T JUST PASS IT OFF AS NOTHING. YOU'RE SERIOUSLY INJURED!

I GOT IN A FIGHT.

WITH AN ELEPHANT?

WHAT SHOULD I SAY...

CLOSE ENOUGH.



NO, SOME FOOTBALL PLAYERS.

WHO.

REALLY?

OH, YOU KNOW. JUST SOME GUYS ON THE TEAM. DIDN'T LIKE MY ATTITUDE.

JUST BUY IT ALREADY!

YES.



FINE.
WHATEVER. I
NEED TO GET
HOME.

...THANKS.



IT'S NOTHING.
REMEMBER TO
CALL ME IF
YOU NEED TO
TALK.



CH. 4^o

THE RUSSIANS

DING DONG!



CRAP, IT'S THOMAS

DUDE, WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU?

\$%^&... THINK OF SOMETHING!

I GOT BEAT UP IN AN ALLY.

WHAT ALLY? THIS IS BATTLE GROUND, THE PLACE NAMED FOR THE LACK OF A BATTLE.

I GOT INTO A FIGHT WITH SOME RUSSIANS BEHIND FREDDY'S.

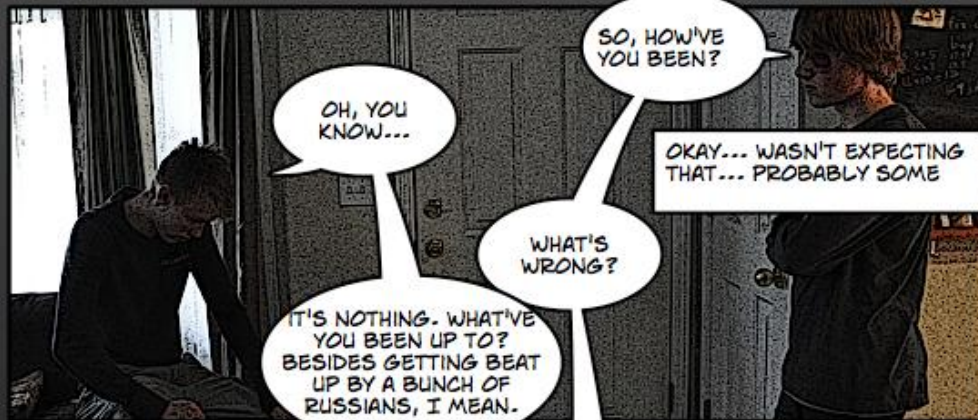
NOW THAT MAKES SENSE.

PHEW.

CAN I COME IN?

SURE.





OH, YOU KNOW...

SO, HOW'VE YOU BEEN?

OKAY... WASN'T EXPECTING THAT... PROBABLY SOME

WHAT'S WRONG?

IT'S NOTHING. WHAT'VE YOU BEEN UP TO? BESIDES GETTING BEAT UP BY A BUNCH OF RUSSIANS, I MEAN.

UM, YOU KNOW... FINE.

WHAT A LOAD OF CRAP. THIS SUCKS.

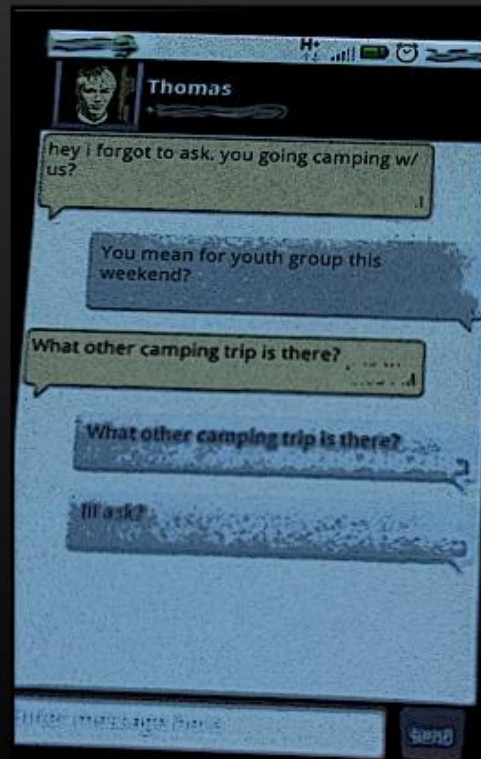


YOU KNOW, I THINK THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'VE EVER BEEN INSIDE YOUR HOUSE.

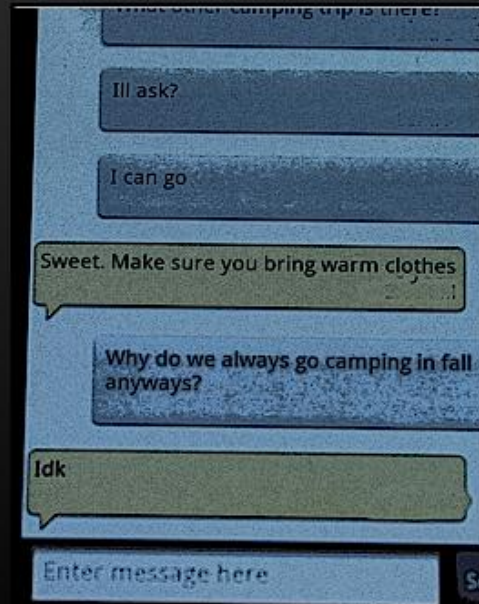
IT'D BE TOO DANGEROUS WITH MIKE HERE...

HUH. WEIRD.

AFTER SHOWING THOMAS TO LUKE'S BEDROOM, THEY TALKED FOR A WHILE, THOMAS EXCUSING HIMSELF LATER, SAYING HE HAD HOMEWORK.







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THE CAMPING TRIP



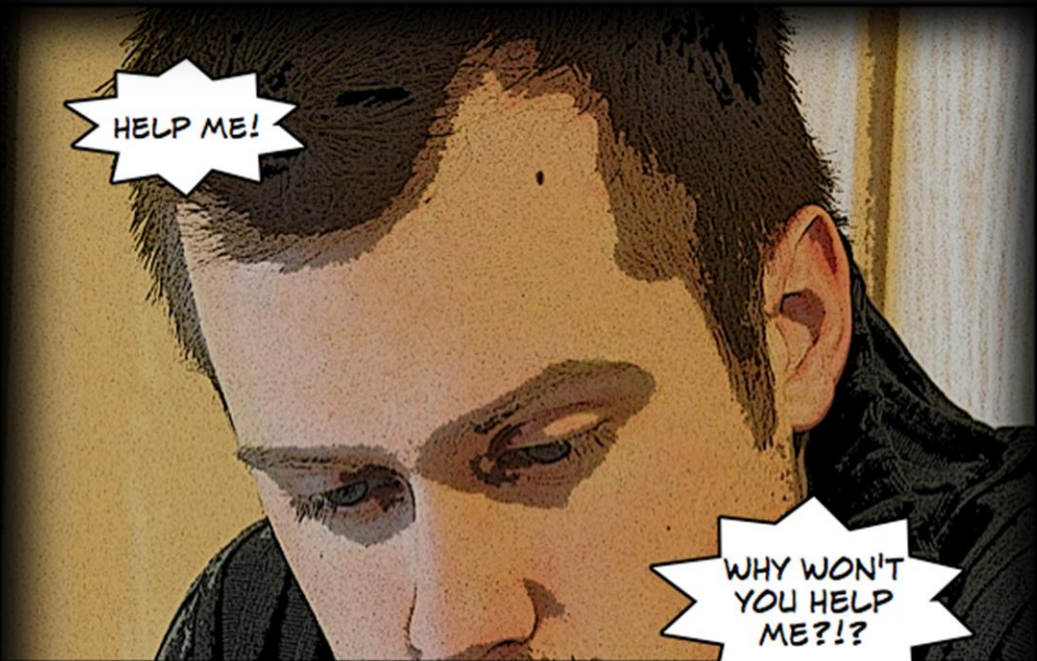












HELP ME!

WHY WON'T
YOU HELP
ME?!?

LUKE!

LUKE!





INSERT BEEPING NOISE



DID YOU EVER GO BACK TO SLEEP?

...NO. YOU?



NOT REALLY. KEPT OF FADING IN AND OUT OF IT...



I'M GONNA GO EAT BREAKFAST.

I'M GONNA CHANGE FIRST.

K.







... THOSE RUSSIANS REALLY GOT YOU!

HUH? WHAT RUSSIANS?

LUKE GOT JUMPED BY SOME RUSSIANS BEHIND FREDDY'S.



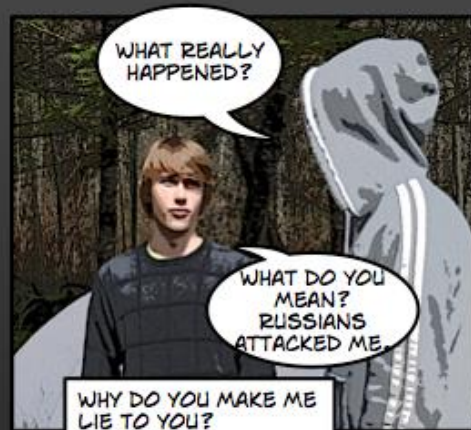
I FEEL YOUR PAIN.



UH, YEAH... IT WAS PRETTY BAD...

I'LL MEET YOU GUYS AT BREAKFAST.

THAT WAS CLOSE...





THIS WON'T BE
AWKWARD...







ACTUALLY, NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT, I'M PRETTY SURE I SAW THOMAS TOO.



GREAT...

HE LOOKED PRETTY DEPRESSED.

YOU PROBABLY SHOULDN'T LEAVE HIM ALONE FOR TOO LONG.



THANKS. I'LL BE BACK, JAMES.



K. HURRY.







NOTHING.



YEAH, AND MIKE'S GONNA WIN PARENT OF THE YEAR.

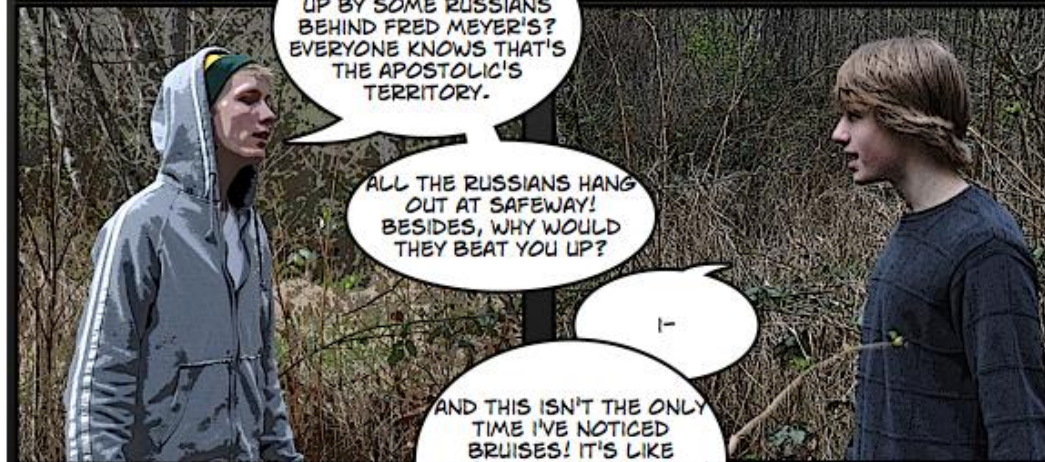
YOU KNOW I'M HERE FOR YOU, RIGHT?



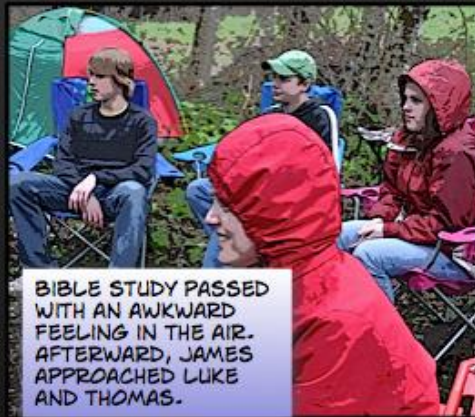
I COULD SAY THE SAME THING TO YOU.



HUH?







BIBLE STUDY PASSED WITH AN AWKWARD FEELING IN THE AIR. AFTERWARD, JAMES APPROACHED LUKE AND THOMAS.









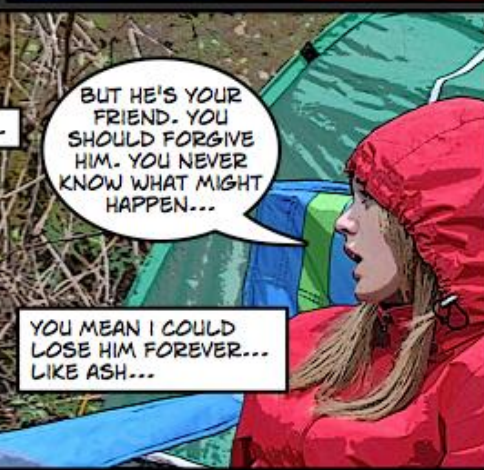


YOU GUYS
SHOULDN'T FIGHT. I
MEAN YOU'RE BEST
FRIENDS. I'M SURE
YOU GUYS IDDN'T
MEAN WHATEVER
YOU SAID.



HE WAS A
TOTAL JERK.

I WAS A TOTAL JERK.



BUT HE'S YOUR
FRIEND. YOU
SHOULD FORGIVE
HIM. YOU NEVER
KNOW WHAT MIGHT
HAPPEN...

YOU MEAN I COULD
LOSE HIM FOREVER...
LIKE ASH...



HEY, SAM! WE
FOUND THIS SUPER
COOL SPOT! YOU
HAVE TO COME AND
SEE IT!



OH, YEAH.
SEE YA.

I'LL SEE YOU
LATER.



NOW TO FIND HIM...
WHERE WOULD I GO IF
I WERE A PISSED OFF
THOMAS...





NOT VERY CREATIVE...



JUST GO AWAY.



NO. I WANTED TO SAY SORRY. I SHOULDN'T HAVE SAID THAT STUFF. I MEAN, I'M SURE YOU HAVE YOUR REASONS.

I CERTAINLY HAVE MINE.

WILL YOU FORGIVE ME?





THE REST OF THE CAMPING TRIP PASSED WITHOUT INCIDENT AND LIFE RETURNED TO NORMAL, WEEKS FLYING BY.



CH. 6:

A FEW WEEKS LATER



DID MIKE FORGET HIS KEY? NO, THE DOOR ISN'T LOCKED...



HI LUKE.

THOMAS, WHAT'RE YOU DOING HERE?



JUST WANTED TO HANG OUT. CAN I COME IN?

I GUESS.



GREAT. NICE ONE,
LUKE.



WOW. THAT JUST HAPPENED.



UH, YEAH... I DON'T THINK IT'S GONNA GO ANYWHERE THOUGH. I MEAN, SHE'S ASH'S GIRLFRIEND.



... YOU KNOW, I THINK YOU MIGHT HAVE A CHANCE, ACTUALLY.



WHAT??



IT'S NOT LIKE THEY WERE MARRIED OR ANYTHING. PLUS ITS BEEN, WHAT, FIVE MONTHS?



YEAH...

I'M SURE SHE'S MOVED ON BY NOW.

SHE VISITS HIS ROOM ALL THE TIME.

YEAH? WELL, HOW DO YOU KNOW THAT SHE'S NOT USING THAT AS AN EXCUSE TO SEE YOU?

I DON'T THINK

DOES SHE TALK TO YOU AFTERWARDS?



YEAH...

FOR HOW LONG?

ABOUT AN HOUR OR SO...



DUDE, SHE TOTALLY LIKES YOU! YOU SHOULD GO FOR IT, MAN!



I DUNNO...



...YOU DON'T
FEEL GUILTY,
DO YOU?



GUILTY? AS IF!
THAT SELFISH
BASTARD DID IT TO
HIMSELF.



WHAT? HE GOT HIT BY A DRUNK DRIVER.

THAT'S WHAT THEY SAY. BUT I KNOW FOR A FACT THAT THE BASTARD DID IT TO HIMSELF.

... BUT THEY ARRESTED THE DRUNK-

YEAH, YEAH. HE COLLIDED WITH A DRUNK DRIVER. I'M SAYING HE CRASHED ON PURPOSE.

HOW DO YOU EVEN COME UP WITH SOMETHING LIKE THAT??





LOOK.



THIS... IT'S...



A SUICIDE
NOTE. I
FOUND IT ON
HIS BED
AFTER THE
CRASH.

THE SELFISH
BASTARD SAYS HE
COULDN'T TAKE IT
ANYMORE. WHAT
DID HE EVER HAVE
TO DEAL WITH?




YOU THINK
THIS IS
ABOUT THE
ABUSE?



THAT
BASTARD
DIDN'T-


WAIT...
HOW...?



I FIGURED IT OUT
ON THE CAMPING
TRIP. THAT'S
ACTUALLY WHY I
CAME OVER.

I KNOW THAT MIKE BEATS YOU.
WHY DO YOU PUT UP WITH IT? WHY
DON'T YOU CALL THE COPS? I
MEAN, YOU COULD COME AND
STAY WITH ME IF YOU WANTED—

NO.



THEN WHY DON'T YOU
TELL THE COPS? IT'S
NOT LIKE THEY WOULD
PUT YOU IN FOSTER CARE;
YOU STILL HAVE YOUR
MOM.



IT'S NOT THAT BAD.

BULL...



THAT'S BULL \$%^& AND YOU KNOW IT.

WHY DON'T YOU GET OUT OF IT?



WHY DO I PUT UP WITH IT?

I DUNNO...



HAH.



WORTH MORE?



WORTH ENOUGH FOR MY MOTHER AND BROTHER TO LOOKE THE OTHER WAY WHEN MY DAD BEATS THE CRAP OUT OF ME?



WORTH ENOUGH FOR MY OWN BROTHER TO END HIS LIFE, LEAVING ME BY MYSELF??

WHAT ABOUT ME?? DON'T I COUNT?!





Thomas

Srry i got mad. Youre worth it, k? Oh and i still think you should go for sam. Ash gave her up, right?

Its ok. We'll see

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OUT OF

NO WHERE















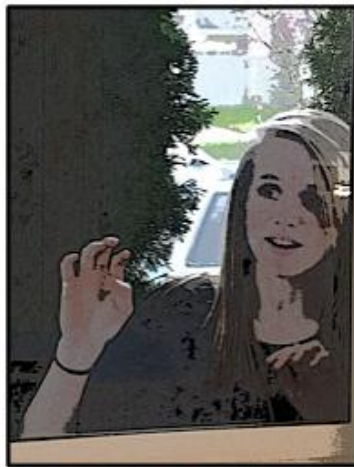


HELLO?

IS THIS
LUKE?

..YEAH...

I'LL BE RIGHT
THERE.







WAIT. THIS IS LUKE.
ASH'S BROTHER.



WE CAN'T DO
THIS! YOU'RE
ASH'S
BROTHER!

THAT
BASTARD
LEFT YOU!
HE DIED!



YEAH, HE DIED!
SO WHAT! IT'S
NOT HIS FAULT
HE'S DEAD!

TIN' BUCK
RUC



CH. 8:

ASH'S ROOM

INSERT SNIFFLING/
CRYING

CRAP...

SIGH.

@#%... WHAT DO I
DO?

YOU KNOW, I USED
TO REALLY LOOK
UP TO ASH.





THAT- WE CAN'T-

WHY?? DON'T YOU LIKE ME?

COME ON, WE'VE TALKED FOR TOO MANY TO HOURS TO COUNT, AND YOU KISSED ME BACK!

.....
YES, I LIKE YOU.



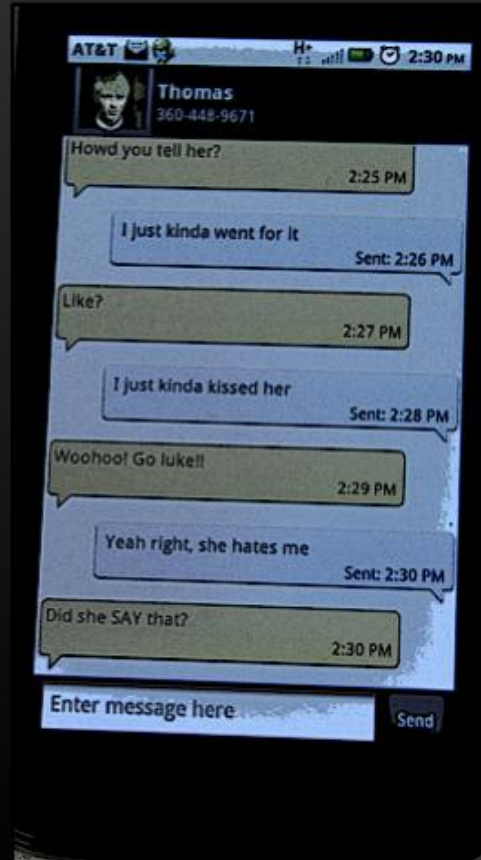
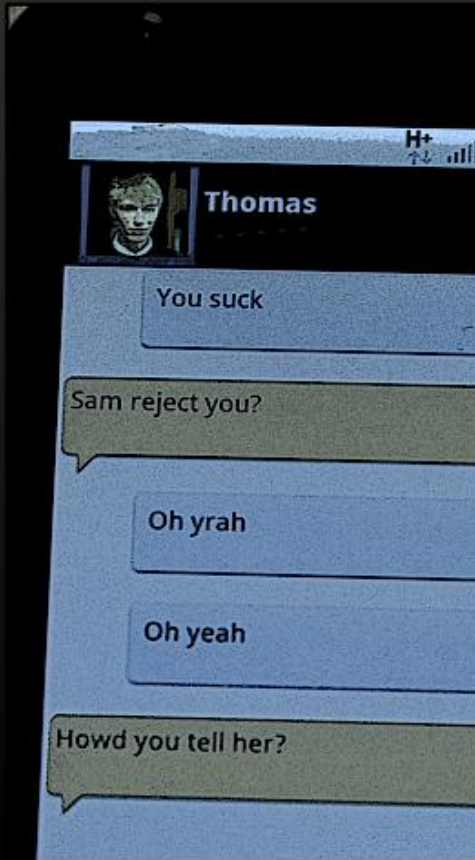


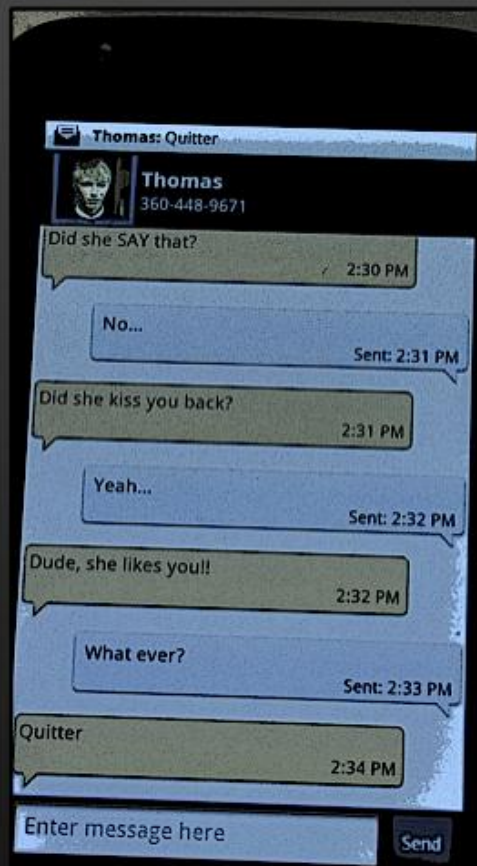
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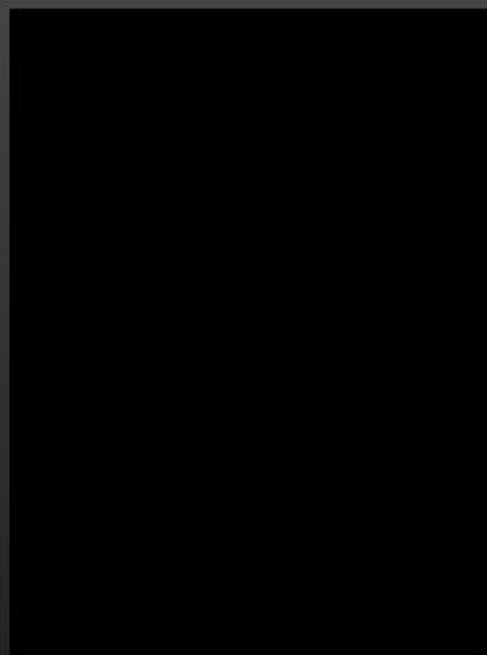
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SAM?



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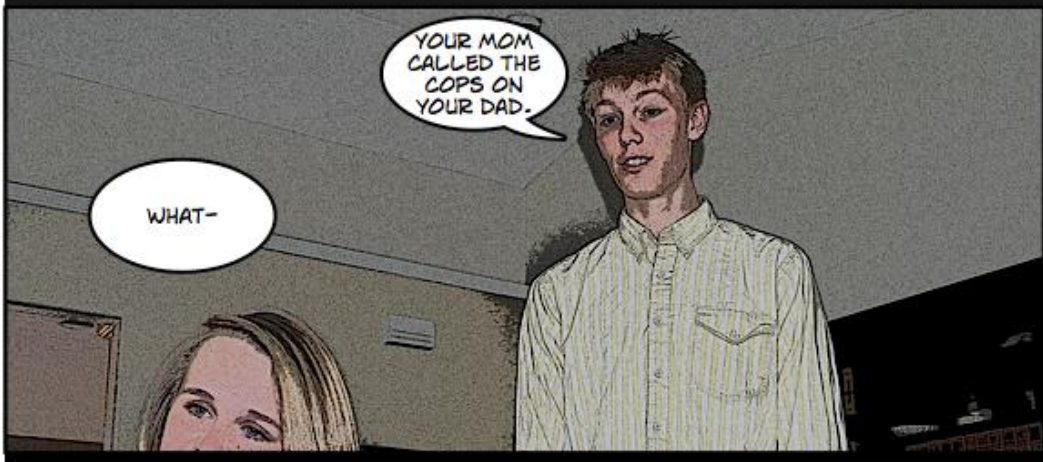
HUH? WHAT?



YOUR
PHONE'S
RINGING.

OH.







THOMAS TOLD ME
EVERYTHING.
...EVERYTHING.



DUDE, IT WAS
INTENSE.



AND-

AND THIS IS WHAT I
HAVE TO SAY ABOUT
IT.





THE

END