

BASED ON THE AWARD-WINNING
SHORT FILM 18

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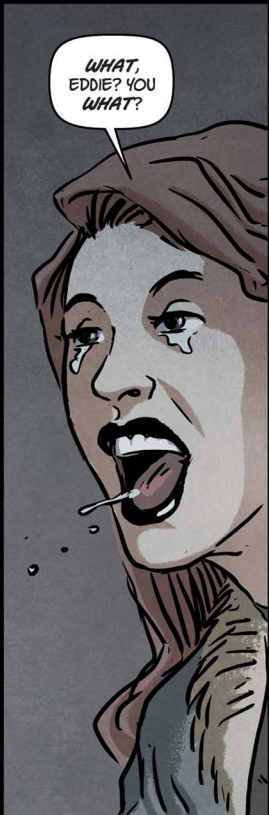
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Story based on the award-winning short film 18. Watch it here.







THE WEEK BEFORE.

I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO!

CROUCH, BRUV! PRESS CROUCH!



I KNOW, JEROME! I KNOW!

DO IT THEN!

WHAT YOU THINK I'M TRYING TO DO?!



KEEP IT TOGETHER, BRO, WE ALMOST GOT THIS!

WAIT - WAIT! I THINK I'VE -



AH MAN! YOU WELL MESSED IT UP!

HEY, I ALMOST DID IT!



YOU WERE MILES OFF!

FACE IT, YOU'RE RUBBISH AT THIS.



TALKING ABOUT BEING RUBBISH... YOU ASKED HER YET?

WHAT YOU-

YOU KNOW WHAT I MEAN. YOU GONNA MAKE ME SAY IT?



AL, MAN, ALL... WHEN YOU GONNA POP THE QUESTION?



I DUNNO, I WAS THINKING THE PARTY...?

THE PARTY? YOU SERIOUS?!



PARTY'S TOO LATE! ASK HER BEFORE!

AND ANYWAY, I HEARD HE WAS COMING, TOO.

WHO'S 'HE'?

HER EX...

AND? YOU KNOW WHAT 'EX' MEANS, YEAH?



AND ANYWAY, IF HE DOES SHOW HIS FACE, I'LL BE LIKE-

YOU'LL BE LIKE WHAT?



I ASKED YOU A QUESTION, TOUGH GUY.

YOU'LL BE LIKE WHAT?



I WAS JOKING, THAT'S ALL...

LEAVE HIM ALONE MAN, WE'RE JUST JOKING AROUND!



JOKING, WAS IT? ABOUT PUNCHING SOMEONE? DON'T SOUND FUNNY TO ME, LITTLE BRO.

I DIDN'T MEAN NOTHING BY IT.

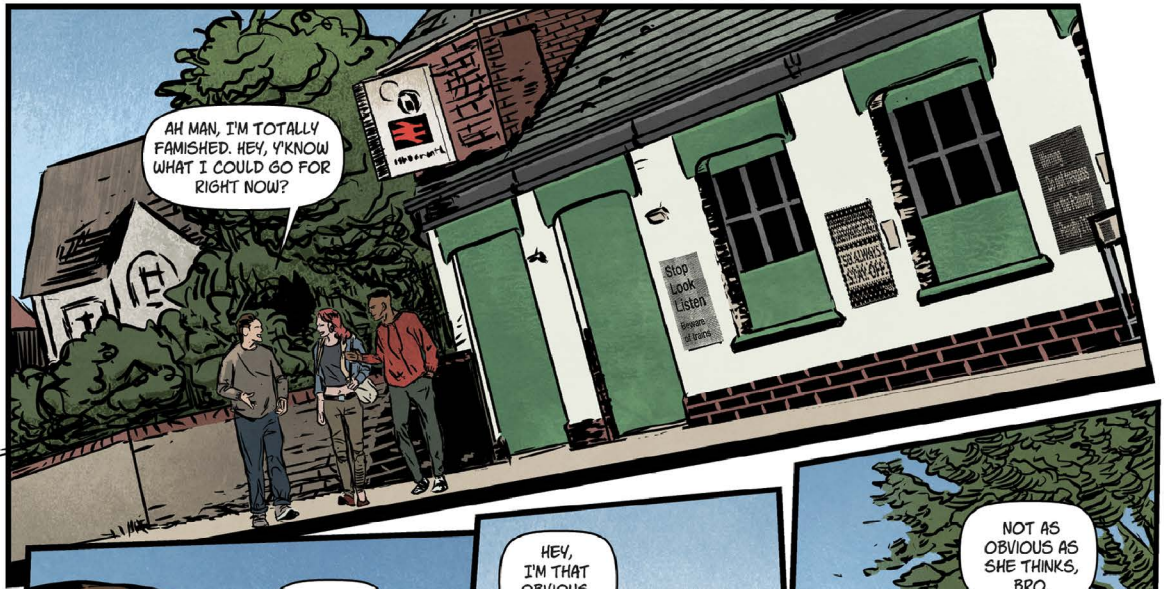
NO, GUYS LIKE YOU NEVER DO.

I.

DON'T.

TRUST.

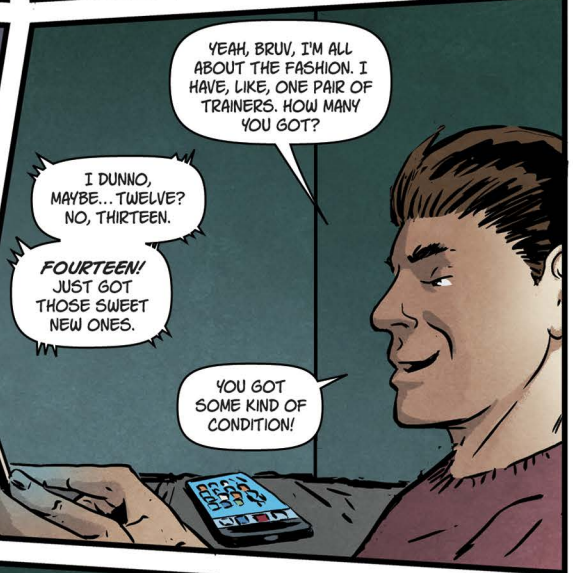
YOU.





EDDIE!

I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO...





SORRY. I DIDN'T MEAN TO...

IT'S COOL, MAN. YOU GET USED TO IT.

I KNOW THE FEELING. LEAST YOU AIN'T GOT A BIG BROTHER PLAYING DAD.



HE'S JUST LOOKING OUT FOR YOU, Y'KNOW.

YEAH, I KNOW. STILL DON'T HAVE TO LIKE IT THOUGH, YEAH.

WELL, HE DON'T LIKE ME, SO IT EVENS OUT.



THAT DOESN'T MAKE SENSE, EDDIE.

I KNOW, BUT IT SOUNDED WICKED SMART. RIGHT?

IF YOU SAY SO, BRUV...



YOU PICKED A SHIRT YET?

I GOT IT NARROWED DOWN TO TWO.

WHICH TWO?



PINK OR CHECKED.

GO WITH THE PINK.

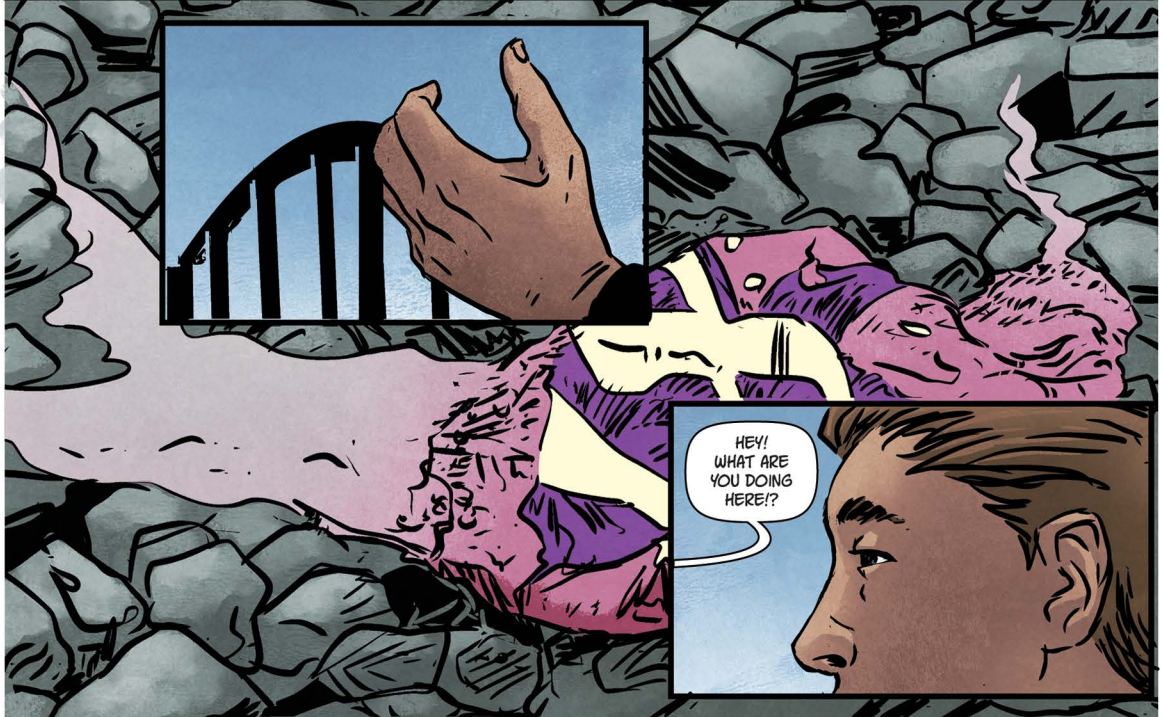
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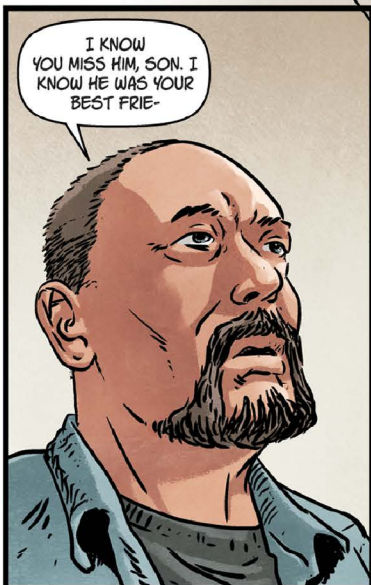
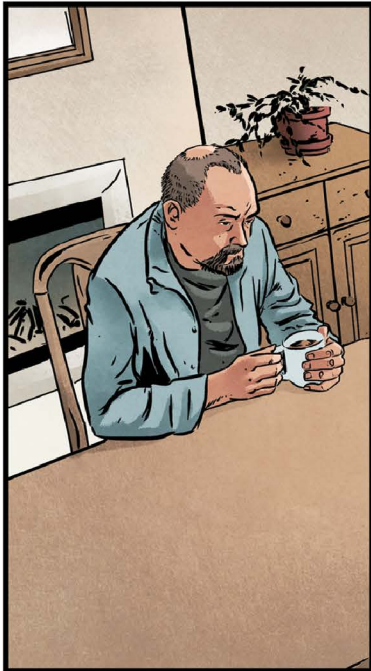
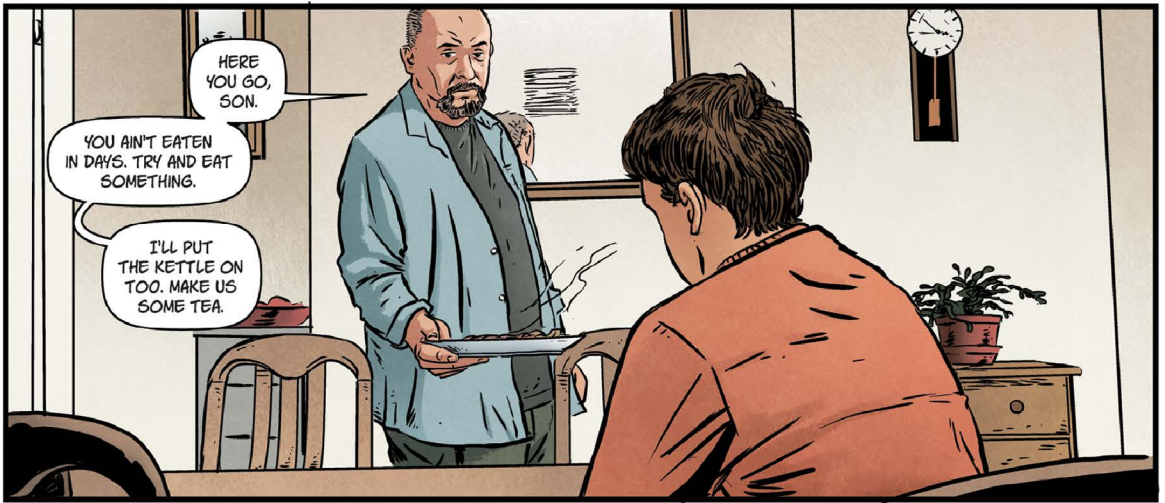


ABSOLUTELY.

I DON'T KNOW WHAT I'D DO WITHOUT YOU, BRUV.

AH, IT'S NOTHING - IT'S WHAT FRIENDS DO, RIGHT?







"I JUST WANT TO SEE HIM AGAIN!"
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EDDIE...



NO.
THIS CAN'T
BE...







HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

THANK YOU.

I SEE YOU WORE THE PINK.

I TRY!



I LIKE YOUR EARRINGS. REALLY NICE.

THANK YOU.

ALI, I-

YO!



DAMN, GIRL! YOU LOOK GOOD!



SO, WHERE ARE YOU TAKING ME?

YEAH, ABOUT THAT, I THOUGHT WE'D GO DOWN TO THE CHICKEN SHOP AND GRAB SOME WINGS BEFORE WE ROLL OUT, YEAH?



IS HE SERIOUS?

HOLD ON.



WHAT ARE YOU DOING MAN?

I MISSED BREAKFAST, I NEED SOME WINGS.



IT'S HER 18TH BIRTHDAY AND YOU WANT TO TAKE HER TO THE CHICKEN SHOP?

RELAX MAN - I'M JUST THROWING HER OFF THE SCENT.

YOU'RE THROWING ME UNDER THE BUS, MAN.



RELAX, I GOT IT COVERED.

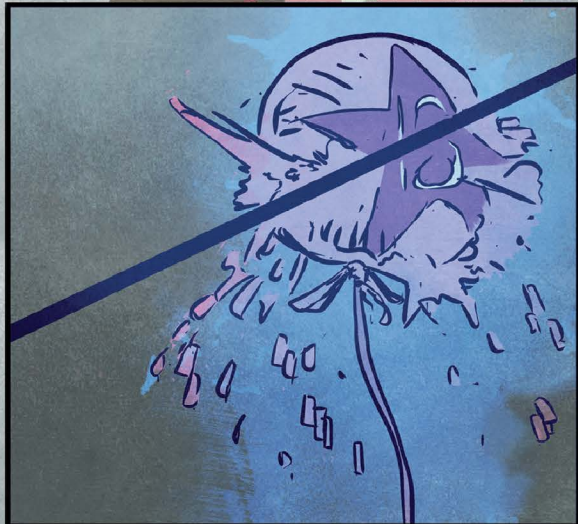
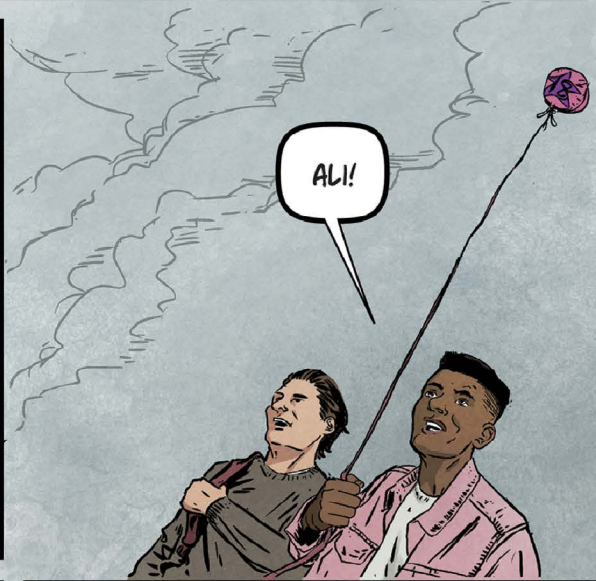


TRUST ME, SHE'S GOING TO LOVE IT.



OH - NICE SHIRT CHOICE, BY THE WAY.





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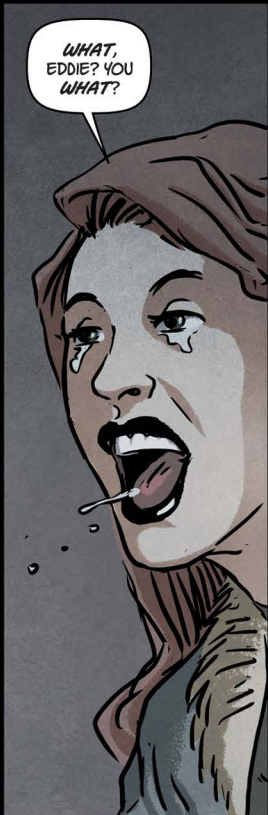




EDDIE!



ALL, I-



WHAT, EDDIE? YOU WHAT?



I DON'T-



YOU DON'T WHAT?



I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO...





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"I...I...I...don't know what to do!"



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