



IT ISN'T EASY BEING A TEENAGER.



I AM NOT PARTICULARLY HANDSOME OR PARTICULARLY RICH.



I DON'T PLAY ANY SPORTS, AND MY FATHER ISN'T ANYONE FAMOUS OR IMPORTANT.



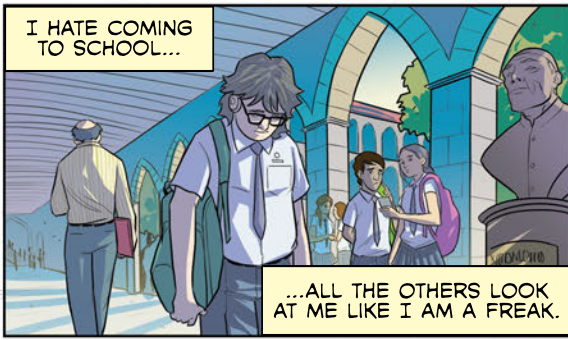
IN SHORT, WHAT I AM IS A NOBODY, ONE OF THOSE INVISIBLE KIDS WHO GETS THROUGH EACH DAY BY KEEPING HIS HEAD DOWN AND TRYING NOT TO GET NOTICED.



GROWNUPS JUST DON'T UNDERSTAND...

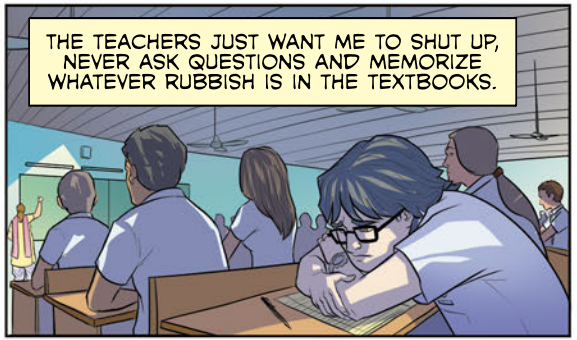
...BEING YOUNG ISN'T FUN...

...IT'S HELL.



I HATE COMING TO SCHOOL...

...ALL THE OTHERS LOOK AT ME LIKE I AM A FREAK.



THE TEACHERS JUST WANT ME TO SHUT UP, NEVER ASK QUESTIONS AND MEMORIZE WHATEVER RUBBISH IS IN THE TEXTBOOKS.



THE ONLY GOOD THING ABOUT SCHOOL IS *HER*...

...HER NAME IS AYESHA, AND SHE IS THE MOST POPULAR GIRL IN MY CLASS...

...SHE'S PERFECT, OF COURSE, AND SHE DOESN'T KNOW THAT I EXIST.



JUST ONCE, I WISH I WAS SPECIAL...

How to believe in your own self

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...JUST ONCE, I WISH I WAS SOMEONE--



GOOD SHOT!

WHAT A GEEK!

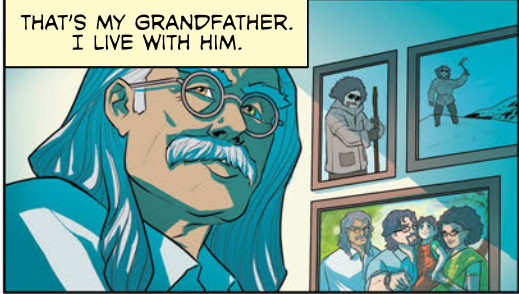
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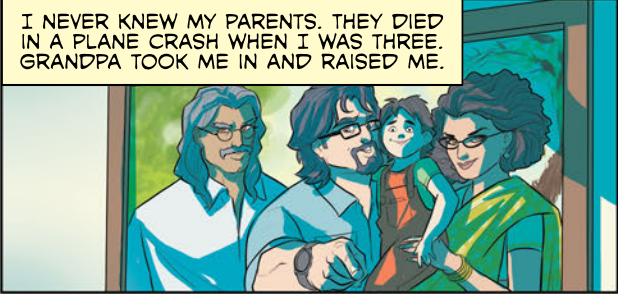


BAD DAY, I TAKE IT?

I DON'T WANT TO TALK ABOUT IT, DADA.



THAT'S MY GRANDFATHER. I LIVE WITH HIM.



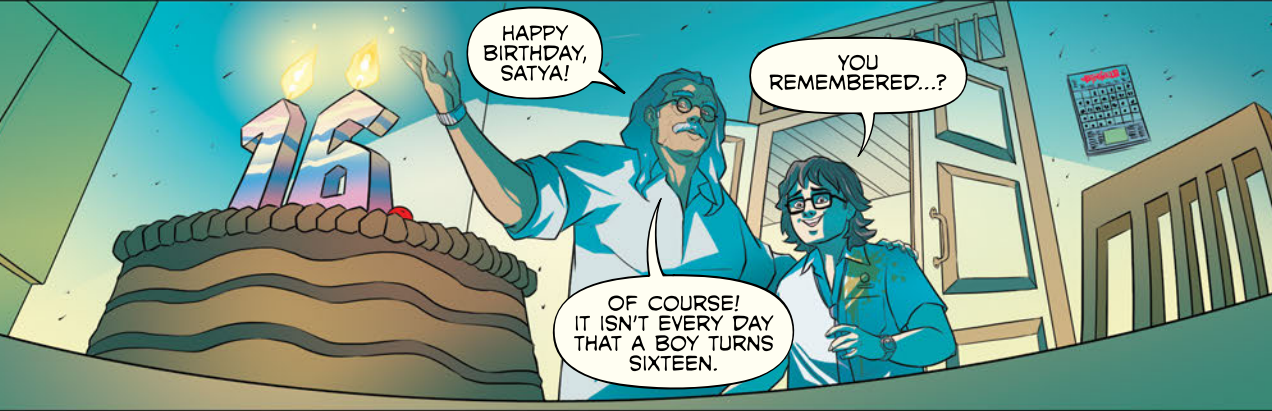
I NEVER KNEW MY PARENTS. THEY DIED IN A PLANE CRASH WHEN I WAS THREE. GRANDPA TOOK ME IN AND RAISED ME.



WILL YOU COME INTO THE OTHER ROOM FOR A MOMENT, PLEASE?



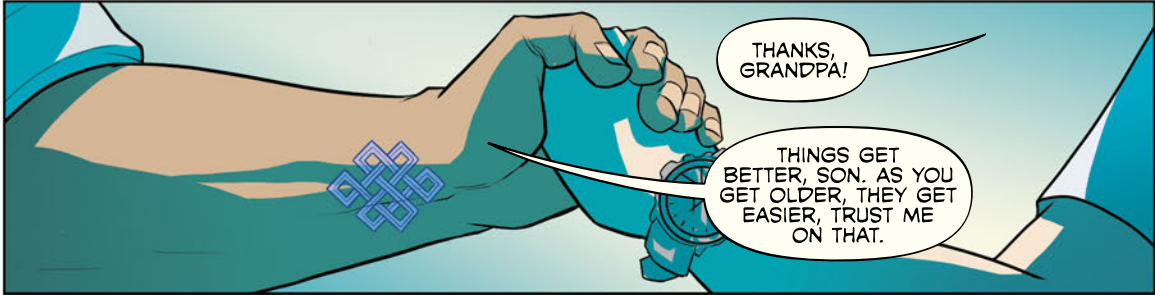
HE'S A GOOD MAN, BUT A LITTLE OUT OF TOUCH WITH REALITY. I THINK THE ONLY TIME HE IS REALLY HAPPY IS WHEN HE HAS HIS HEAD BURIED IN HIS BOOKS, BUT HE TRIES HIS BEST, I'LL GIVE HIM THAT MUCH.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY, SATYA!

YOU REMEMBERED...?

OF COURSE! IT ISN'T EVERY DAY THAT A BOY TURNS SIXTEEN.



THANKS, GRANDPA!

THINGS GET BETTER, SON. AS YOU GET OLDER, THEY GET EASIER, TRUST ME ON THAT.

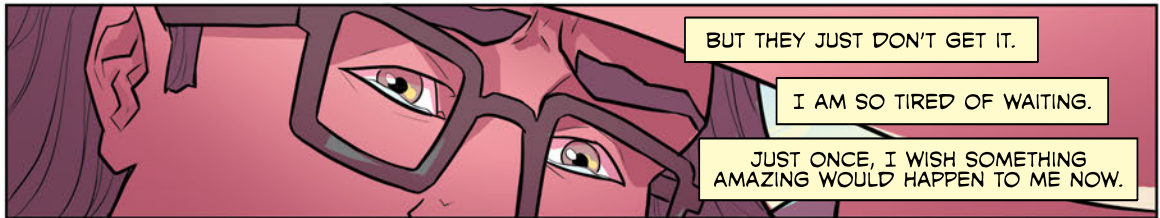


THAT'S WHAT ADULTS ALWAYS SAY.

THINGS WILL GET BETTER...

...YOUR SKIN WILL CLEAR UP...

...GIRLS WILL REALIZE WHAT A GREAT GUY YOU ARE!



BUT THEY JUST DON'T GET IT.

I AM SO TIRED OF WAITING.

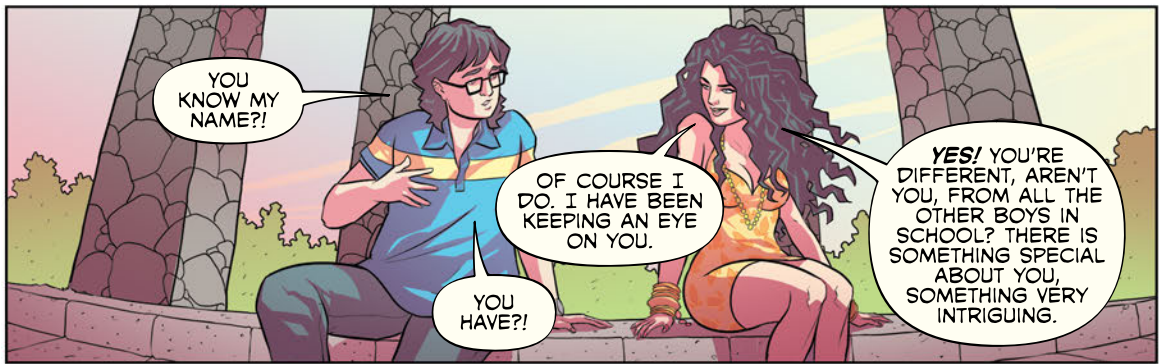
JUST ONCE, I WISH SOMETHING AMAZING WOULD HAPPEN TO ME NOW.



YOU'RE SATYA, AREN'T YOU?

A-- AYESHA?

DO YOU MIND IF I SIT HERE?



YOU KNOW MY NAME?!

OF COURSE I DO. I HAVE BEEN KEEPING AN EYE ON YOU.

YOU HAVE?!

YES! YOU'RE DIFFERENT, AREN'T YOU, FROM ALL THE OTHER BOYS IN SCHOOL? THERE IS SOMETHING SPECIAL ABOUT YOU, SOMETHING VERY INTRIGUING.





WELL, WELL,
WHAT HAVE WE
HERE?

BABY, YOU
ARE JUST TOO HOT
TO HANG OUT WITH
THIS LOSER!

YEAH, YOU
SHOULD BE WITH
A REAL MAN!



GRRR



WHY DON'T
YOU JUST LEAVE
US ALONE?



STOP IT!
YOU'RE HURTING
HIM.



LIKE I SAID...

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A TEENAGER.