

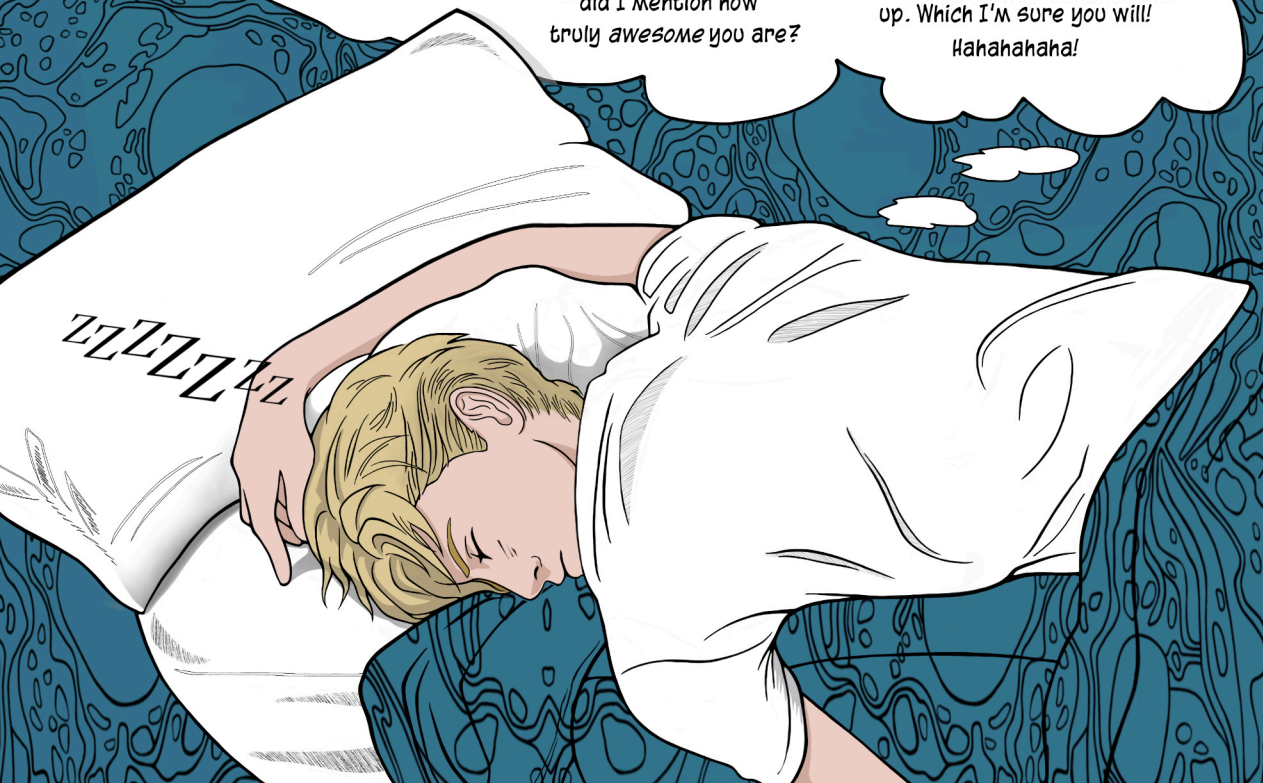
...LATER THAT NIGHT, AFTER JONNY FINDS OUT WHAT TYLER DID OR DIDN'T DO AND WHEN HE DID OR DIDN'T DO IT...



Well, Jonny...your kid brother says he didn't trash your room...and Cher—who rats him out every chance she gets—backed him up...and they stuck to their story, even when you said if they Pessed up you'd let them play Call of Duty with the violence and swearing turned on! I think it might be a poltergeist, but there's no time just now to find out—the Riff-Off contest is only two weeks' away, and you *seriously* need to nail down that Lover's Triangle guitar riff! You don't want to bomb out in front of your ex-best friend Chaz, do you? Or me, either, cuz you know how totally hot I am!

And since this is *your* dream, did I mention how truly *awesome* you are?

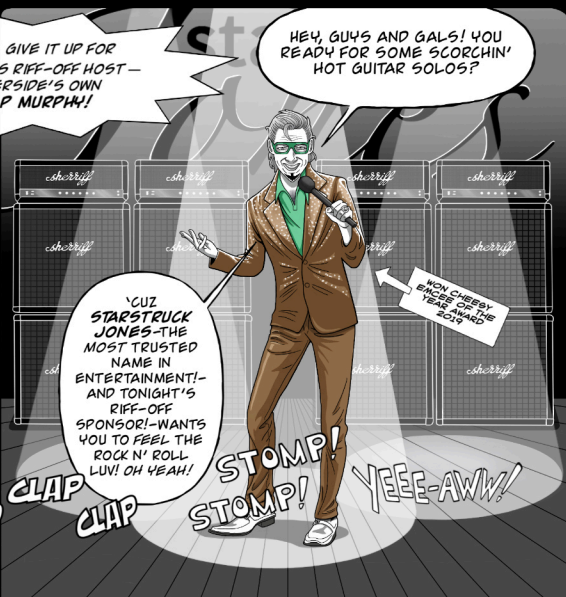
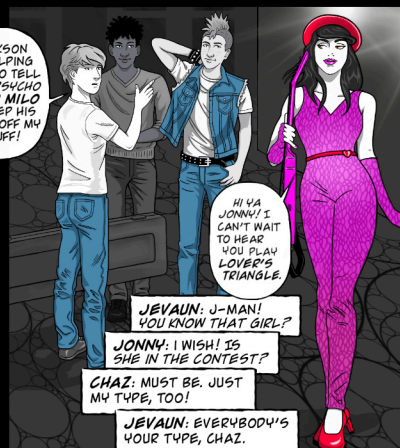
HAH! You're about as awesome as a case of 3-day diarrhea, McSuck! No pressure, but let's get real—you don't really deserve that cool guitar—plus the Lab Rats are counting on you, and you're gonna look like a jerk if you screw this up. Which I'm sure you will! Hahahahaha!

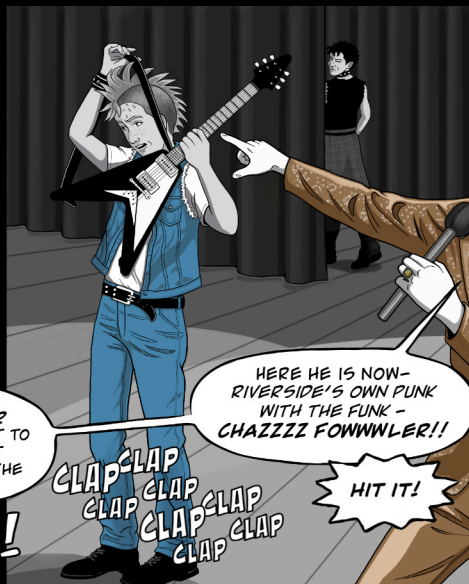
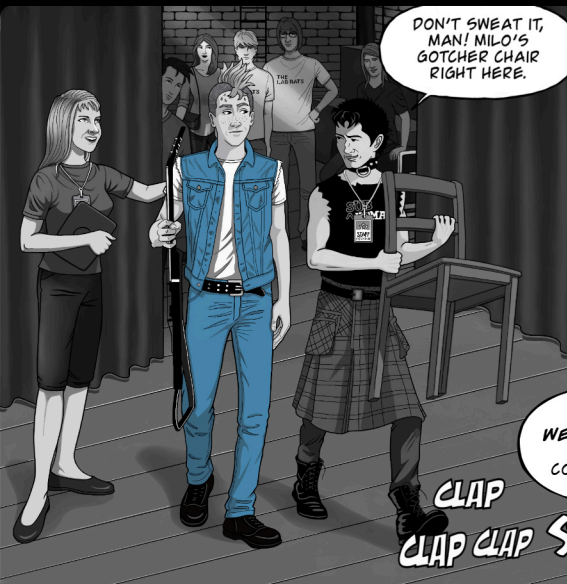
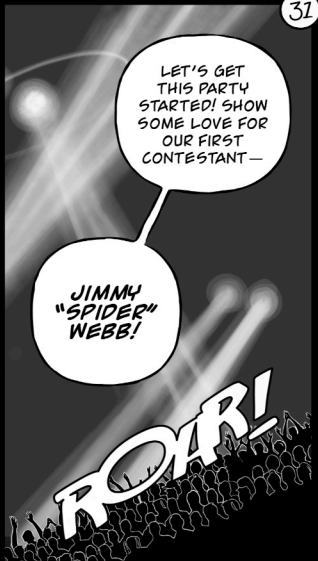


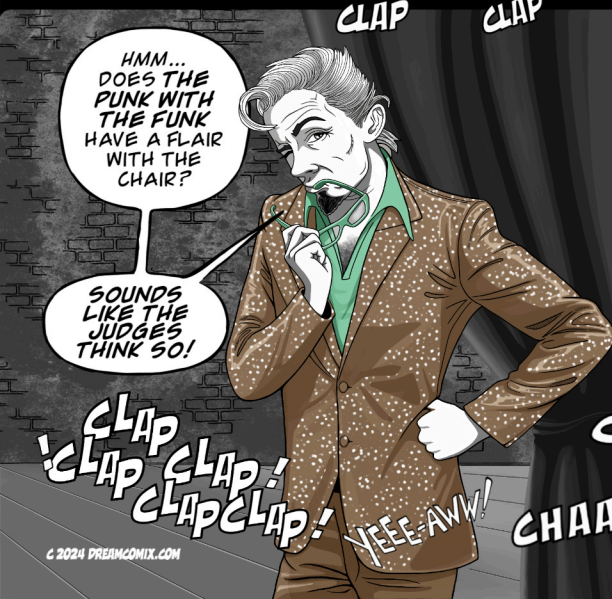
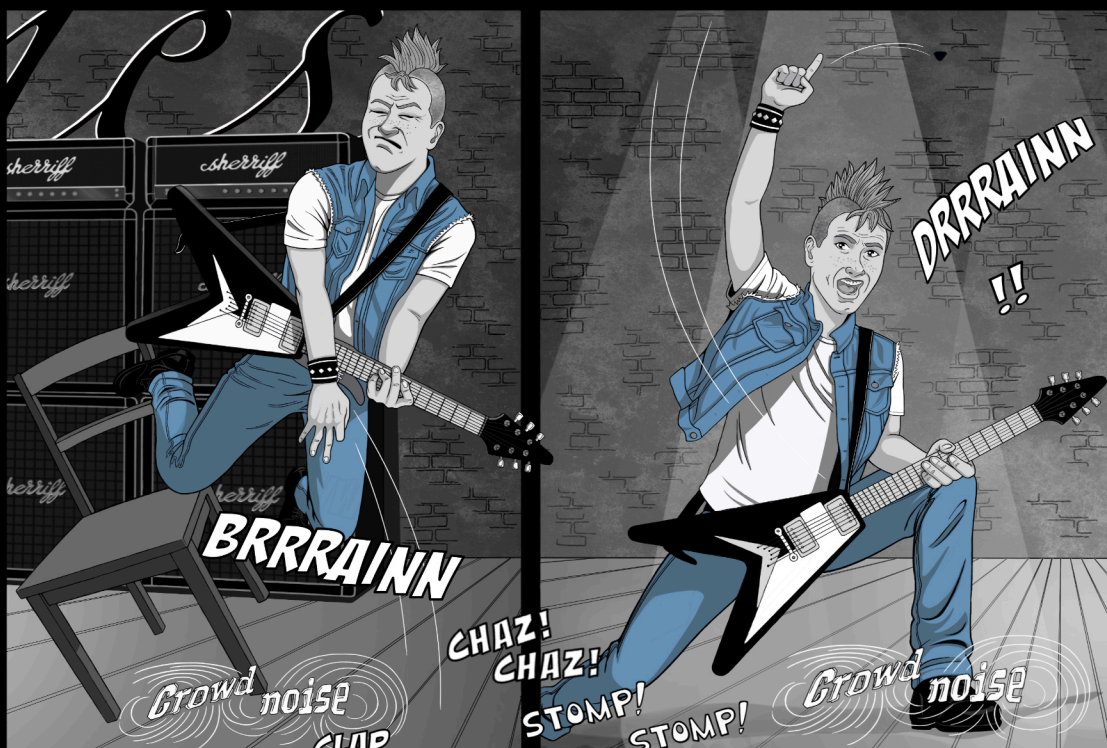
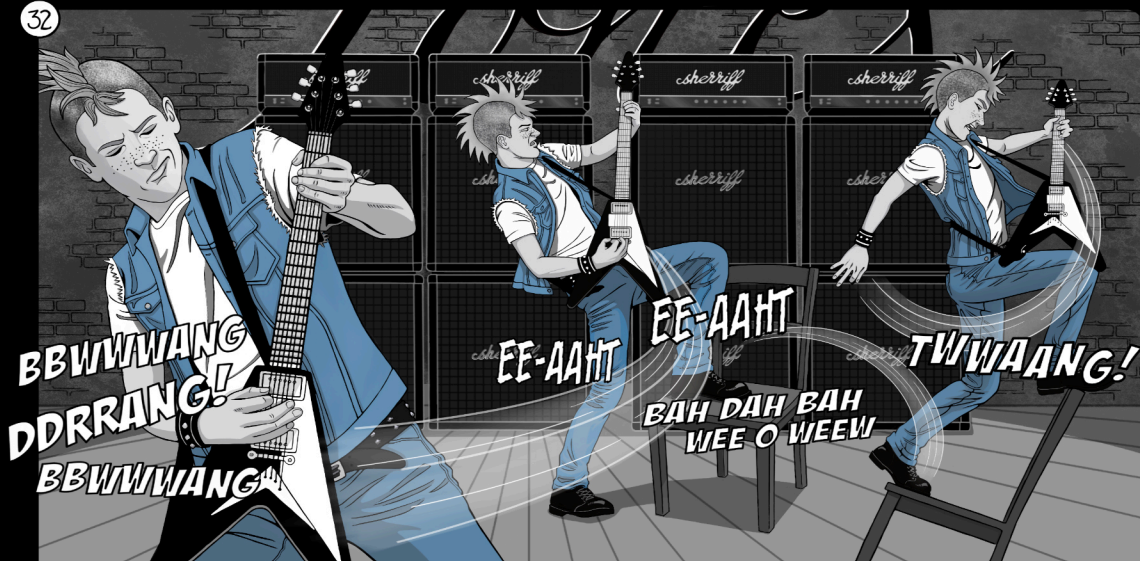
EPISODE EIGHT

JONNY AND RIFF PRACTICED EVERY DAY LEADING UP TO THE CONTEST. THERE WERE TIMES WHEN RIFF CAME PERILOUSLY CLOSE TO BREAKING A STRING, BUT BY SHEER LUCK HIS METAL THREADS HELD TOGETHER. STILL, HE NEVER COULD QUITE SHAKE THE FEELING OF VERTIGO WHENEVER JONNY SWUNG HIM AROUND TO FINISH THE SONG.

TIME FLEW AS IF IN A DREAM, AND BEFORE THEY KNEW IT, THE BIG NIGHT HAD ARRIVED. NOW, THEY'RE ABOUT TO FIND OUT IF PRACTICE REALLY DOES MAKE PERFECT!









J-MAN!
WE'VE BEEN
LOOKING
EVERYWHERE
FOR YOU!

DID YOU SEE
CHAZZ MAN!
HE WAS
AWESOME!

HANG ON,
MARTIN...
JONNY, YOU
OKAY?



I CAN'T GO OUT
THERE! I'M
TOTALLY GOING TO
SCREW UP!



YOU DIDN'T COME
ALL THE WAY
ACROSS TOWN TO
SUCK, DID YOU?

WELL, NO,
BUT...

COOL. A
CHANCE TO
PRACTICE MY
EMPATHY
FACE.



YOU MIGHT HAVE
STAGE FRIGHT,
DUDE.

NOT
HELPFUL,
ROBBIE.



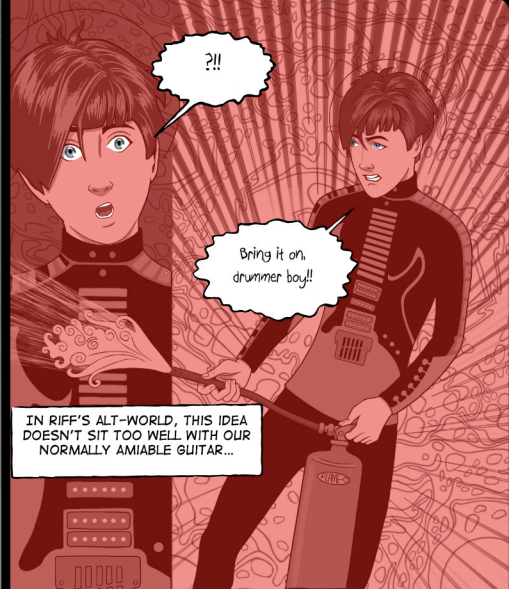
MARTIN SAID IT-CHAZ
WAS AWESOME! I'M GONNA
NEED MY JOE A.M. MOVE JUST
TO STAY EVEN WITH HIM...BUT
TO BE HONEST, I'M NOT SURE I
CAN PULL IT OFF

SO GIVE ME
SOME IDEAS,
GUYS!



[INSERT
BRIEF
TIME-OUT
FOR A
MOMENT
OF TEEN
MALE
THINKING]
THEN ...

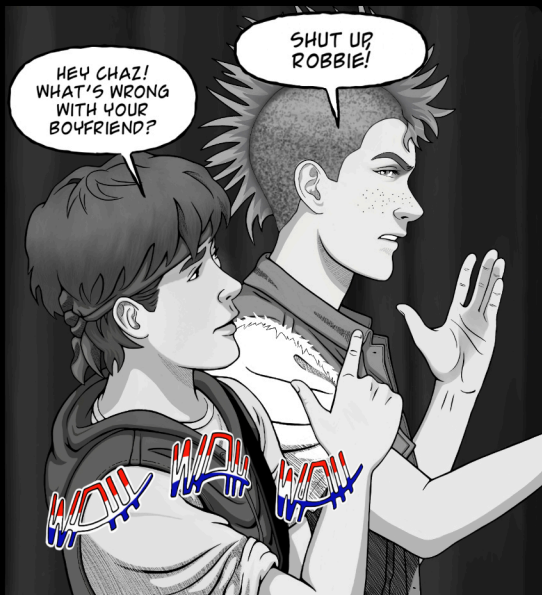
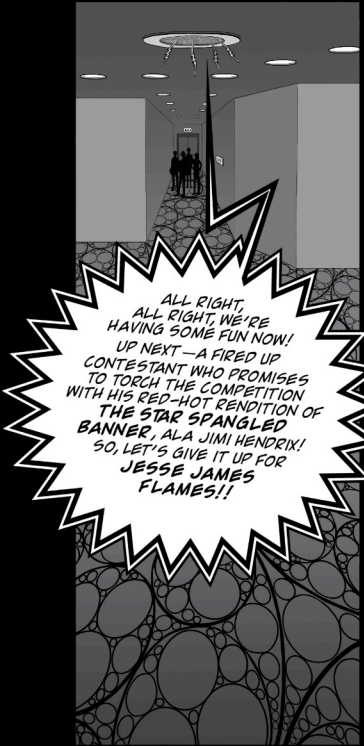
I GOT
IT! HOW'S
ABOUT WE
SET RIFF ON
FIRE, Y'KNOW,
LIKE JIMI
USED TO
DO?

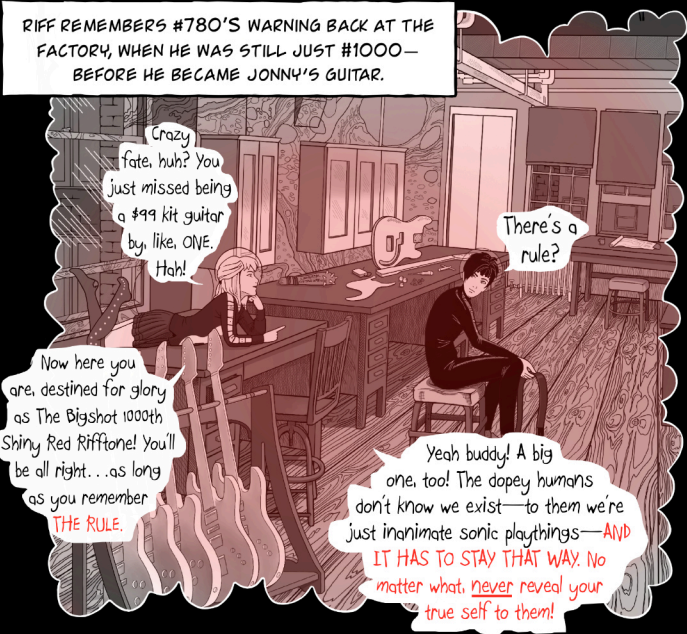
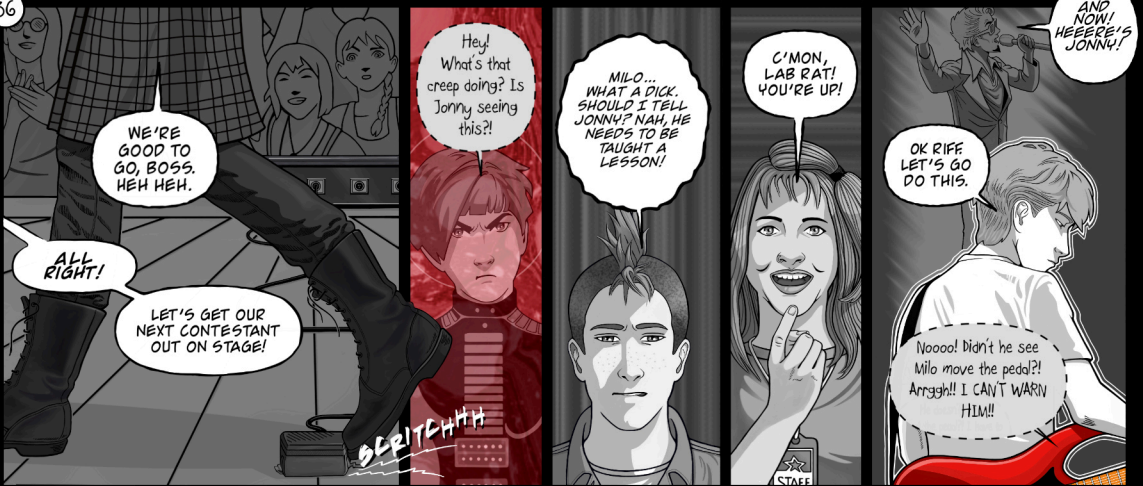


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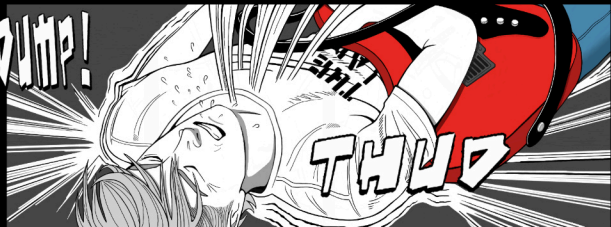
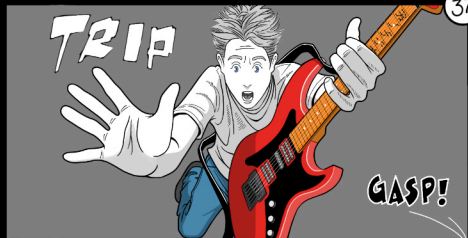
Bring it on,
drummer boy!!

IN RIFF'S ALT-WORLD, THIS IDEA
DOESN'T SIT TOO WELL WITH OUR
NORMALLY AMIABLE GUITAR...





Crowd noise





NOT JONNY'S FINEST MOMENT, FOR SURE. BUT MORE UNPLEASANT SURPRISES AND A BIG DECISION AWAIT.