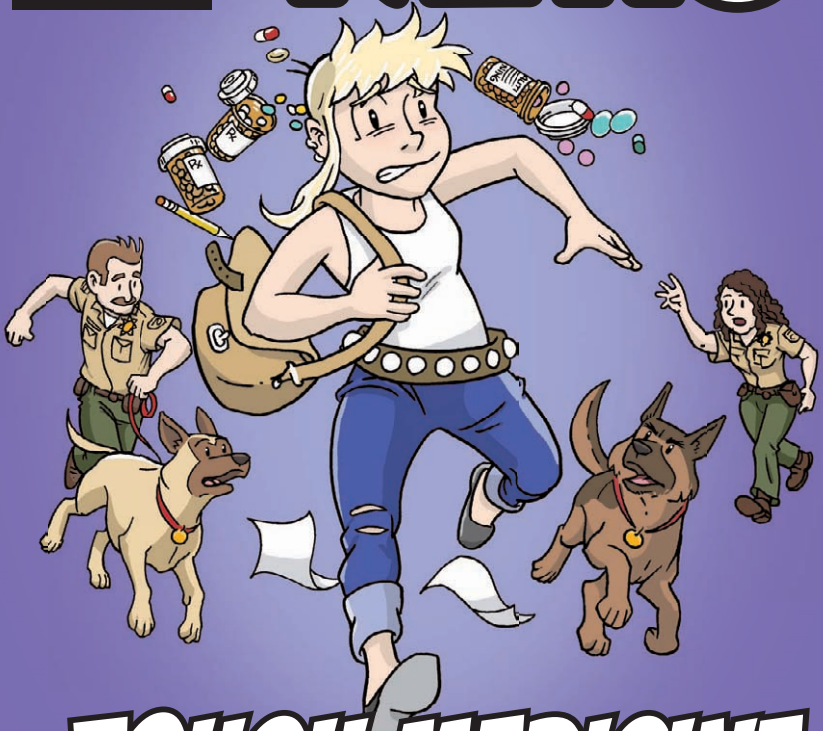




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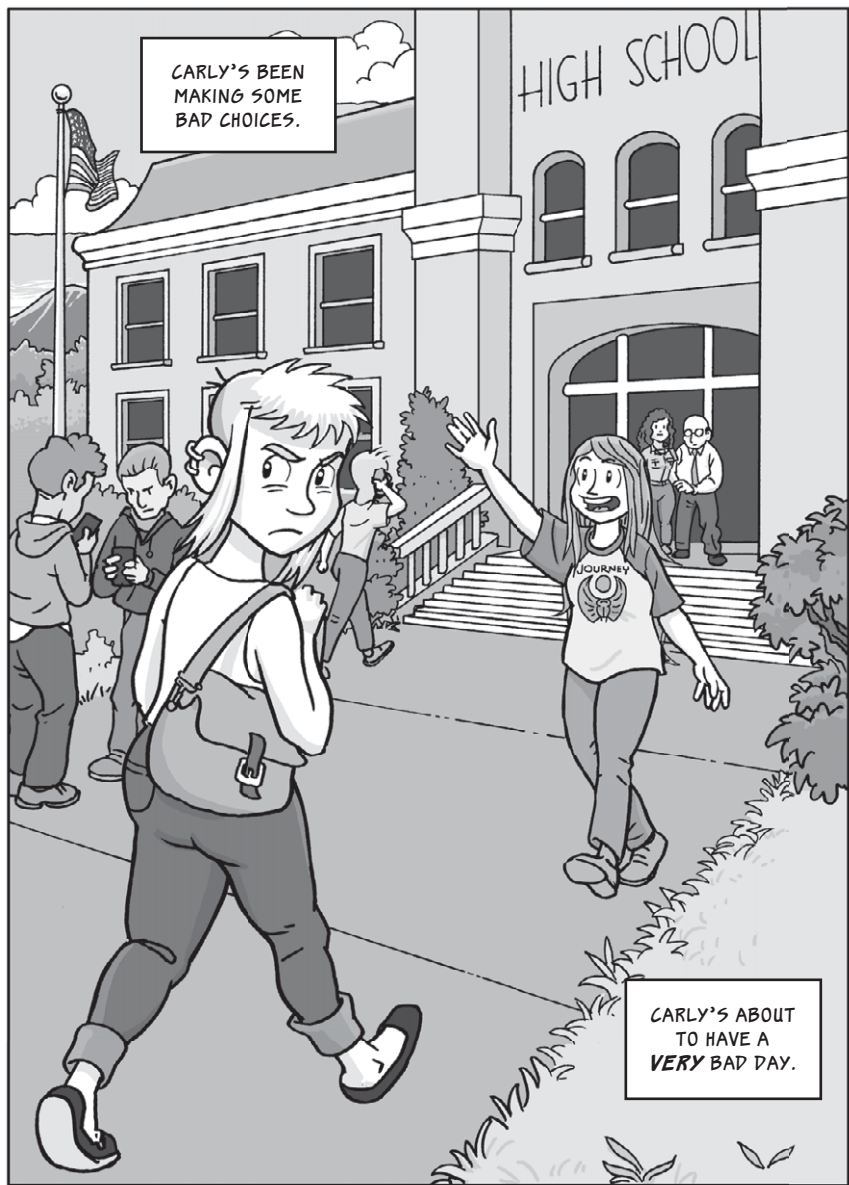
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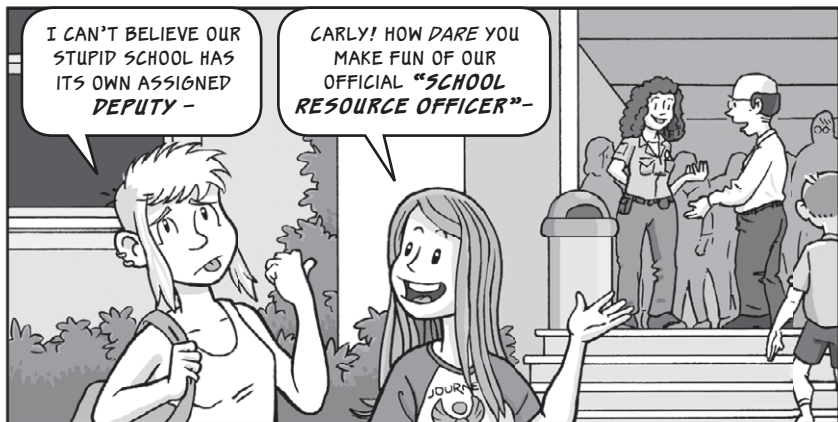
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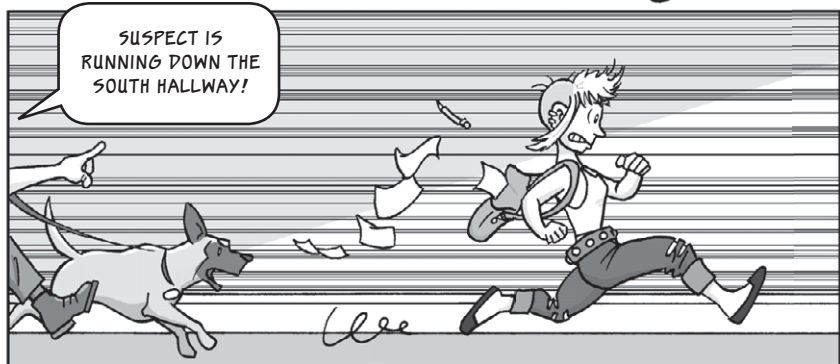


CARLY'S BEEN
MAKING SOME
BAD CHOICES.

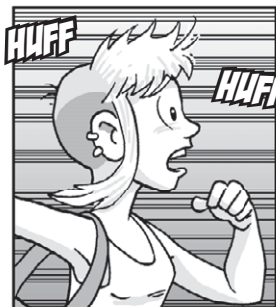
CARLY'S ABOUT
TO HAVE A
VERY BAD DAY.













THE DEPUTIES
WANT ME TO LEAD
THE QUESTIONING,
CARLY.

WE WANT TO GIVE
YOU A CHANCE
TO TALK BEFORE
THIS GOES ANY
FURTHER.



PLEASE. I'M
NOT SAYING
ANYTHING.



THAT'S YOUR
RIGHT, CARLY.

BUT LET ME
REMINDE YOU
OF YOUR
SITUATION....

WE RECEIVED
VERY SOLID TIPS
THAT YOU WERE
DEALING
PRESCRIPTION
DRUGS AT
SCHOOL.
PAINKILLERS,
MOSTLY.

A DRUG-
SNIFFING
DOG FOUND
THESE PILLS
IN YOUR
LOCKER.

AND THEN
YOU LED
US ON A
MERRY CHASE
THROUGH
HALF THE
SCHOOL.

YOU'RE ABOUT TO BE CHARGED
WITH MULTIPLE COUNTS
OF THEFT, POSSESSION AND
DISTRIBUTION OF CONTROLLED
SUBSTANCES. FELONIES.

YOU COULD
LOSE YOUR
LICENSE. THIS
COULD WRECK
YOUR COLLEGE
PLANS, ANY
CAREER PLANS
YOU HAD.

WAIT - I
COULD LOSE
MY **LICENSE?**

CARLY, I'M
GOING TO GIVE
YOU A CHANCE TO
COOPERATE BEFORE
YOU'RE CHARGED.

THE PRINCIPAL HAS
AGREED NOT TO
EXPEL YOU - *IF* YOU
TELL US HOW YOU
GOT THESE PILLS.

THIS IS BAD,
CARLY. BUT IT
CAN GET WORSE.

YOU WANT TO WAIT
AN EXTRA YEAR TO
GRADUATE?



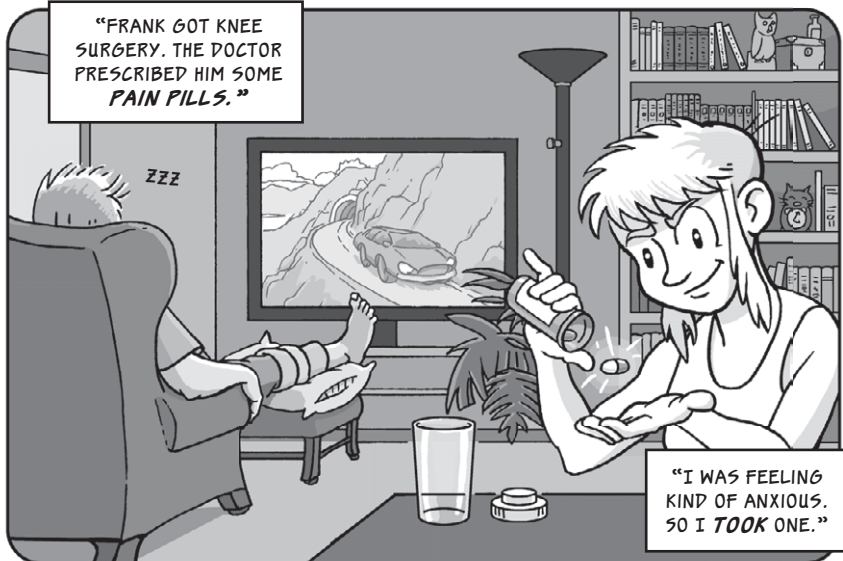
FINE. WHO CARES.
MY LIFE STINKS
ANYWAY.

WHAT DO YOU
WANT TO KNOW?

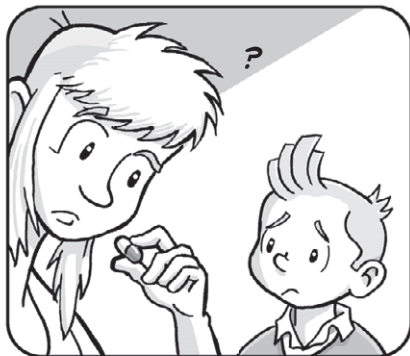





"FRANK GOT KNEE SURGERY. THE DOCTOR PRESCRIBED HIM SOME PAIN PILLS."



"I WAS FEELING KIND OF ANXIOUS. SO I **TOOK** ONE."




"MIND YOUR OWN BUSINESS."



CARLY,
THOSE WERE
PRESCRIBED
BY A DOCTOR,
SPECIFICALLY
FOR YOUR
STEPPAD.

I WAS MANAGING
MY STRESS!

IN THE DUMBEST WAY
POSSIBLE. IF YOU THINK YOU
NEED MEDS, YOU NEED A
DOCTOR'S DIAGNOSIS AND
PRESCRIPTION.




OH, COME ON. A
DOC PRESCRIBED
THEM. THEY'RE
FINE.

THEY'RE ONLY
"FINE" FOR THE
PERSON WHO GOT
THE PRESCRIPTION...

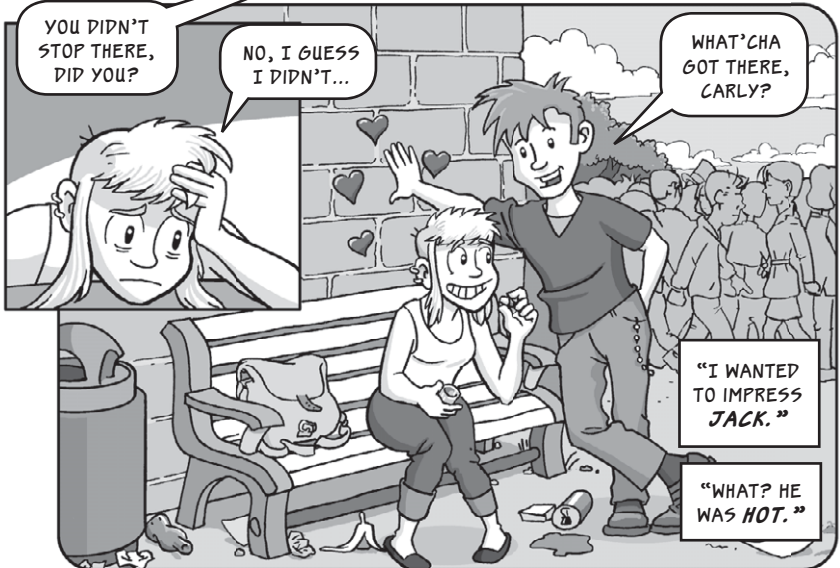
... IN THIS CASE,
A GUY IN A LOT OF
PAIN FROM
SURGERY.

PAINKILLERS ARE
ADDICTIVE. USED
WRONG, THEY CAN
BE **DANGEROUS.**



YOU DIDN'T
STOP THERE,
DID YOU?

NO, I GUESS
I DIDN'T...



WHAT'CHA
GOT THERE,
CARLY?

"I WANTED
TO IMPRESS
JACK."

"WHAT? HE
WAS **HOT.**"

"SO I SKIMMED MORE PILLS. BUT I WORRIED FRANK MIGHT NOTICE.... SO...UM...."



"WELL, FOR STARTERS, I GUESS THERE WAS GRANDMA'S PURSE..."



"... AND MY FRIEND'S MEDICINE CABINET..."



"... MAYBE ONCE OR TWICE ON THE INTERNET..."



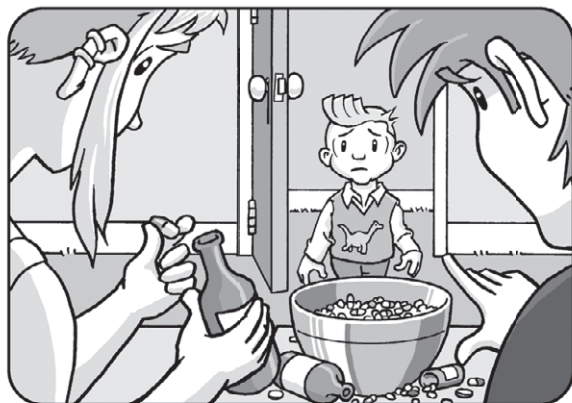
WHAT THEN?



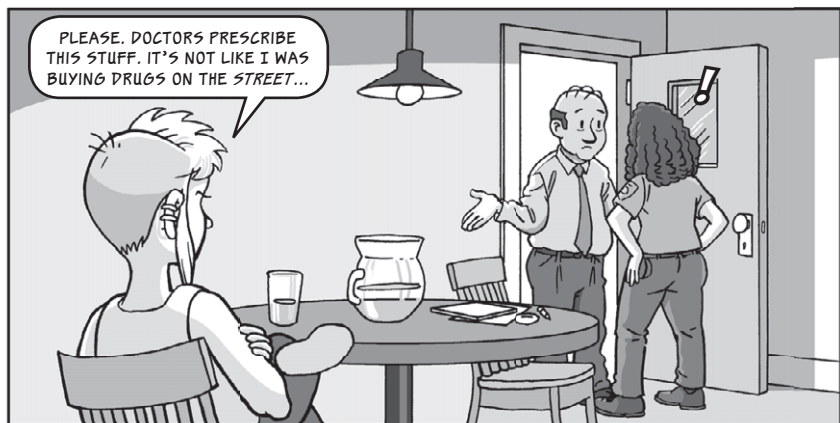
WE KNOW IT GOT WORSE, CARLY. WE HEARD ABOUT THE PARTY.



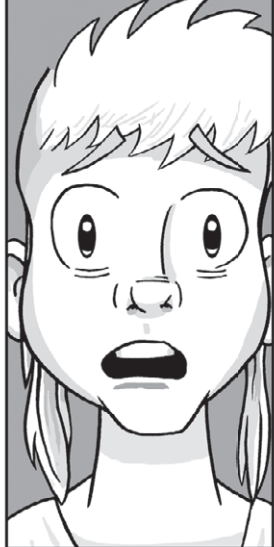
HOW MANY KIDS SHOWED UP?



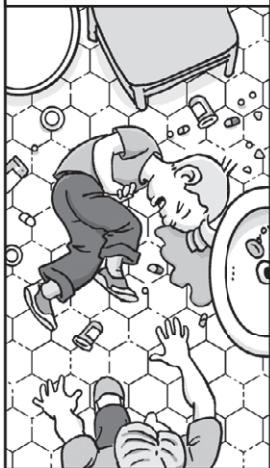




HE'S IN THE HOSPITAL...



"YOUR MOM FOUND HIM ON THE FLOOR IN THE BATHROOM. LOOKS LIKE HE GOT INTO THEIR MEDICINE CABINET."

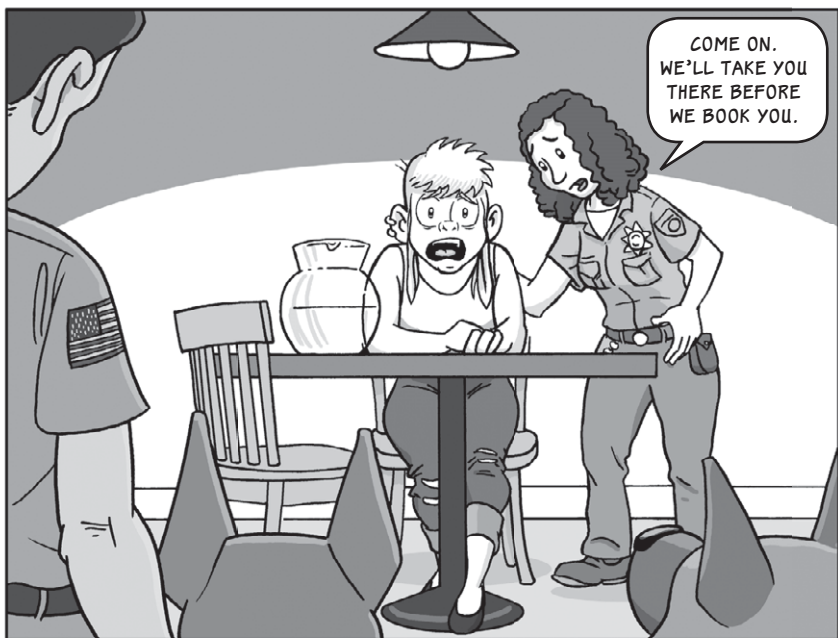


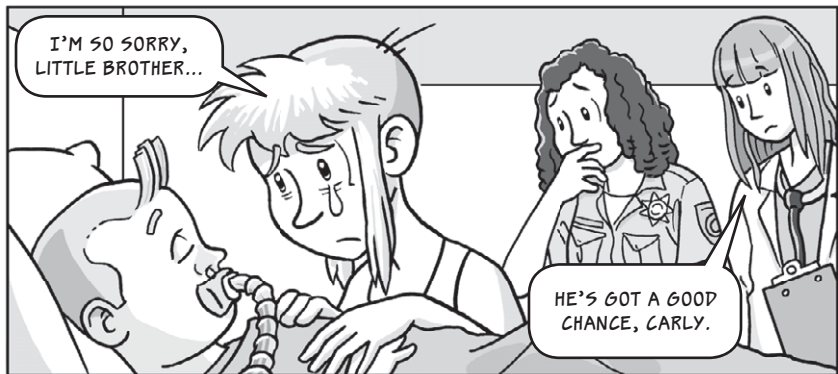
"HIS HEART HAD STOPPED. THE PARAMEDICS REVIVED HIM, BUT HE'S IN A COMA."



"THE DOCTORS ARE CHECKING HIS LIVER."

COME ON. WE'LL TAKE YOU THERE BEFORE WE BOOK YOU.





YOU DID THIS BECAUSE OF ME...

I'M GOING TO GET HELP. I'M GOING TO CHANGE...

AND I SWEAR - I'M GOING TO TELL **EVERYONE** HOW DANGEROUS THIS STUFF CAN BE...



THE END

TEACHING MOMENT



SOME IMPORTANT POINTS
TO REMEMBER...

- Doctors prescribe specific pills to specific people for specific reasons.
- NEVER take prescription medicine that wasn't prescribed to you.
- If you have a problem with prescription medication or know someone who does, seek help!
- If you think you might need medicine to manage your stress, or for any other reason, see a doctor.
- Mixing pills — or mixing pills with alcohol — can be deadly.
- If your school has a **School Resource Officer (SRO)**, keep in mind that the SRO is there to help you. SROs are “law-enforcement counselors” — they're deputies or officers from local law-enforcement agencies whose job is to educate and encourage crime prevention among the student body. SROs often take on mentorship roles — and they help foster a healthy relationship between law enforcement and students.

Partnership for a Drug Free America

www.drugfree.org

The DEA's “Drug Prevention” resource page
(click on “How Teens Abuse Medicine”)

www.justice.gov/dea/resources/drug_prevention.html

National Alliance for Drug Endangered Children

www.nationaldec.org

National Institute on Drug Abuse

www.drugabuse.gov

Canby High's YouTube “Talk About It” campaign

youtube.com/watch?v=YQmoheAJtWA

Also: Call your local Sheriff's Office and see if they have a **prescription-drug drop box** for the safe disposal of discarded medications!

LEARN MORE
ABOUT THE
DANGERS OF
PRESCRIPTION
DRUG ABUSE
ON THE **WEB!**





WHY YES, THEY ARE REAL

Mik (pronounced "Mick") and **Nero** are real-life K-9 dogs with the Clackamas County Sheriff's Office in Oregon.

To learn more online about the real-life K-9 Unit that employs Mik and Nero, visit www.clackamas.us/sheriff/kids



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