

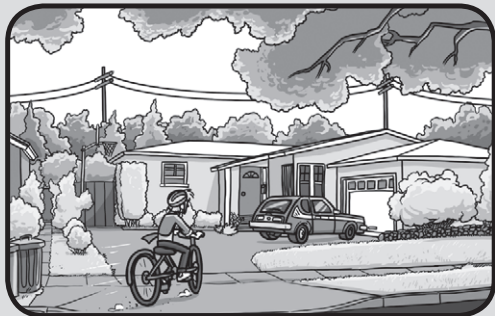


# MIK & NERO



**TEEN DRINKING:  
THE HARDEST LESSON**

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NERO IN ...

# THE HARDEST LESSON







UNNH.... WHAT  
HAPPENED?  
CARLY?...

DON'T  
MOVE, SIR.  
HELP IS ON  
THE WAY...

I CAN SMELL  
THE ALCOHOL  
FROM HERE...



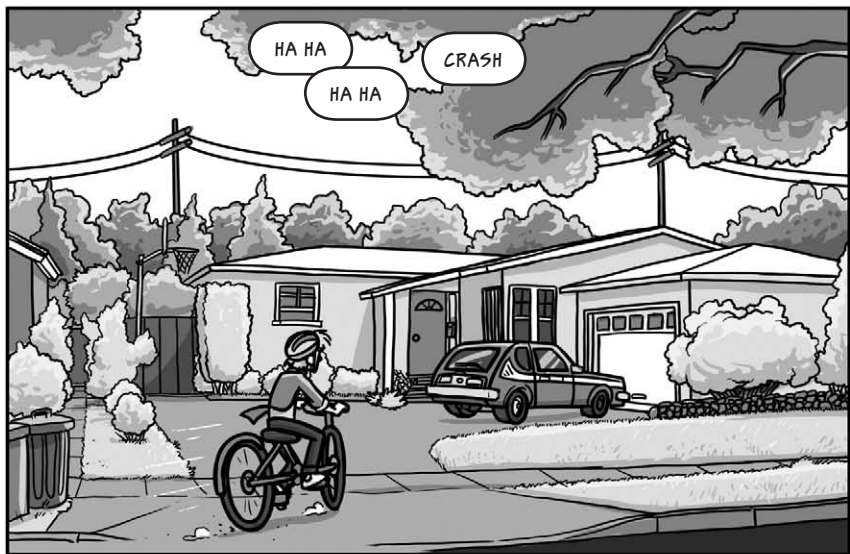
WHERE'S  
CARLY?...

I'LL STAY WITH HIM UNTIL THE  
PARAMEDICS ARRIVE! TAKE NERO  
AND FIND THE PASSENGER!

UNNH...

**THEY'D BEEN  
DRINKING!  
I TOLD THEM  
NOT TO DRIVE!**







HA HA!  
WHOOPS!

DANG! I THINK  
THAT WAS THE  
GOOD STUFF!

OH, HEY,  
LITTLE  
BROTHER...



I THINK I SAW  
ANOTHER BOTTLE  
IN THERE!  
HANG ON!

WHAT ARE  
YOU *DOING*,  
JADEN?



MOM AND DAD TOLD YOU  
NOT TO TOUCH THAT STUFF  
WHILE THEY WERE GONE!

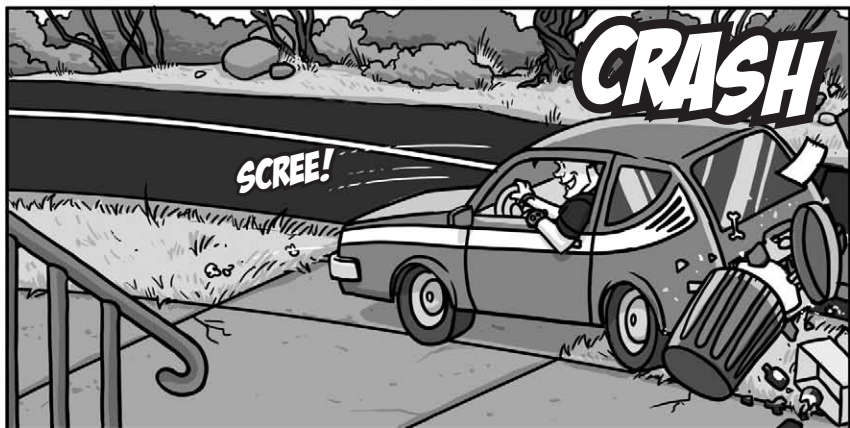
ALSO: YOU'RE  
*SIXTEEN*.

AND YOU'RE *TWELVE*,  
YOU LITTLE TWERP! WE'RE  
JUST HAVING FUN! RELAX!

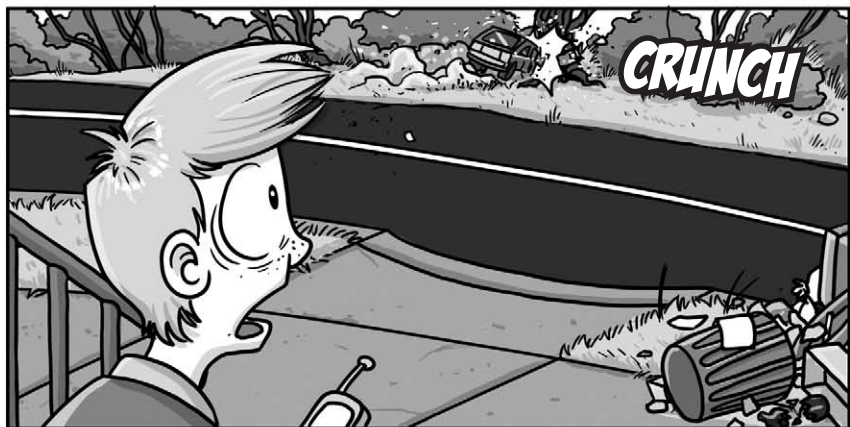




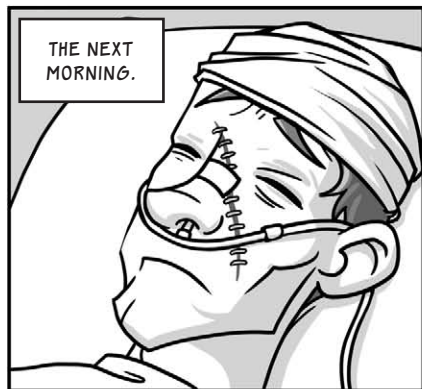


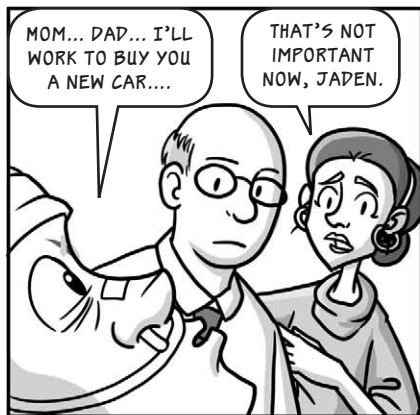












MOM... DAD... I'LL  
WORK TO BUY YOU  
A NEW CAR....

THAT'S NOT  
IMPORTANT  
NOW, JADEN.



GUESS YOU'RE GLAD YOU  
DIDN'T COME ALONG,  
HUH, LITTLE BROTHER?



WAIT.  
WHERE'S  
CARLY?

SHE... SHE WAS THROWN  
THROUGH THE  
WINDSHIELD WHEN YOU  
HIT THE TREE, JADEN.

CARLY  
ALMOST  
DIED.



THE POLICE ARE  
OUT IN THE HALL.

WHEN YOU'RE  
READY, THEY NEED  
TO ASK YOU SOME  
QUESTIONS...

OH NO...



ONE YEAR LATER.



I LEARNED THE HARDEST LESSON WHEN I CRASHED THAT CAR...

...I LEARNED BAD DECISIONS CAN CHANGE YOUR LIFE FOREVER.



I NEARLY KILLED MY GIRLFRIEND - NOW MY EX-GIRLFRIEND...

I LOST MY PARENTS' TRUST...

I LOST MY DRIVER'S LICENSE...

I HAD A HORRIBLE TIME IN JUVENILE HALL...

I HAVE TO STAND UP HERE AND TELL YOU THIS STORY...

... AND MY LEG WILL NEVER FULLY HEAL.



THERE ARE SOME PEOPLE HERE TONIGHT I REALLY NEED TO THANK...

I NEED TO THANK THE DEPUTIES - AND THEIR *DOGS* - WHO WERE FIRST ON THE SCENE THAT NIGHT...



I NEED TO THANK MY PARENTS FOR THEIR LOVE AND SUPPORT OVER THE PAST YEAR AS I PAY MY DEBT TO SOCIETY...



AND I ESPECIALLY NEED TO THANK MY LITTLE BROTHER FOR TRYING TO STOP ME...

YOU WERE RIGHT, KIDDO...

I WISH I'D LISTENED.

THE  
END

# TEACHING MOMENT



KIDS, IF YOU'RE WORRIED ABOUT SOMEONE YOU KNOW WHO'S STRUGGLING WITH DRUGS OR ALCOHOL, HERE ARE SOME THINGS YOU CAN DO TO HELP!

- Most important: **Keep yourself safe.**
- If you're aware that someone who has been drinking is driving, **call 911.**
- Never confront your friend/family member while they're drunk or high.
- If your friend/family member becomes angry or violent, leave and bring the subject up later when he/she is calm.
- You can always turn to an adult for help (mom/dad, grandma/grandpa, aunt/uncle, school counselor, neighbor, police).
- **Trust your instincts.** If something doesn't feel right, it isn't right.
- Share your love and concern for your friend/brother/sister and urge them not to drink and not to drink and drive.
- You can say, "I am worried about you, I care about you," and/or "I don't want you to get hurt."
- **How** you say something is just as important as **what** you say. A supportive, caring tone works best.
- If your friend/brother/sister doesn't listen, keep trying different strategies: Take their keys away (only if it's safe), contact parents and/or the police, or tell the nearest adult.
- Keep telling people until you get the help you need.
- Call the national hotline at **1-800-788-2800** (7 days a week, 24 hours a day).
- Remember: Your friend/family member's drug use is **not your fault!**

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