



HATE ME ALL YOU WANT, KID,

BUT YOUR FATHER IS THE STRONGEST MAN I KNOW.

IF I HAD TO LIVE THROUGH HALF THE CRAP HE HAS--



IMAGINE IF ALL YOUR FANS KNEW THE TRUTH...

BUT YOU DIDN'T!

YOU GOT TO BE A CELEBRITY INSTEAD!

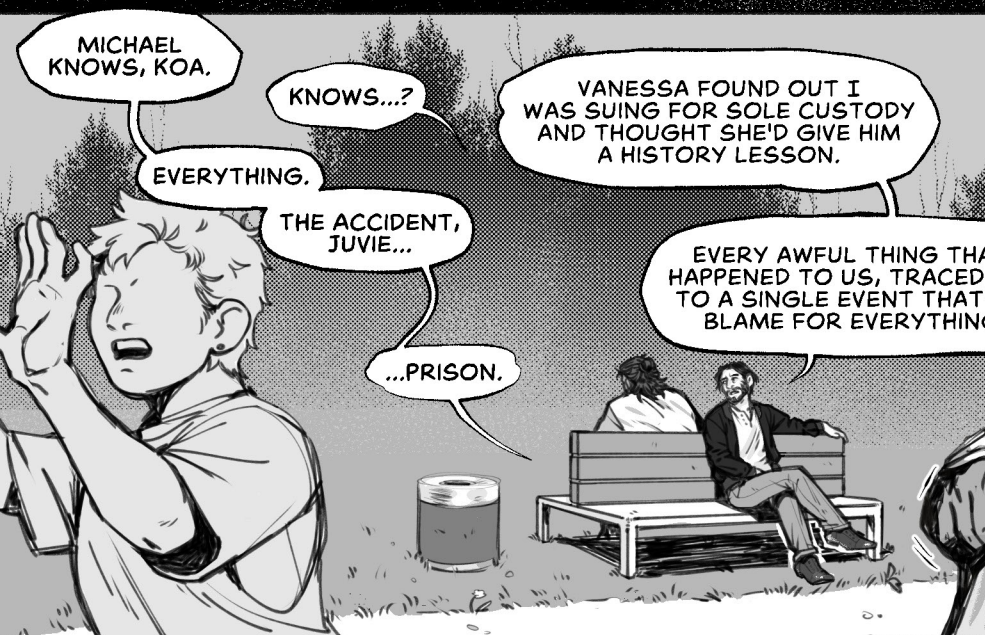
THAT THEIR STUPID LEGEND IS NOTHIN' BUT A BIG, FAT, FRAUD!

WE'RE HERE...



SIX YEARS AGO

WHAT KIND OF "PROBLEM"?



MICHAEL KNOWS, KOA.

KNOWS...?

EVERYTHING.

THE ACCIDENT, JUVIE...

...PRISON.

VANESSA FOUND OUT I WAS SUING FOR SOLE CUSTODY AND THOUGHT SHE'D GIVE HIM A HISTORY LESSON.

EVERY AWFUL THING THAT'S HAPPENED TO US, TRACED BACK TO A SINGLE EVENT THAT'S TO BLAME FOR EVERYTHING...



...THE LIE I TOLD.



THE LIE WE TOLD, KOA.

AND I LET YOU. I DON'T KNOW WHAT'S WORSE,

THAT SHE'D POISON HER OWN KID'S MIND LIKE THAT...

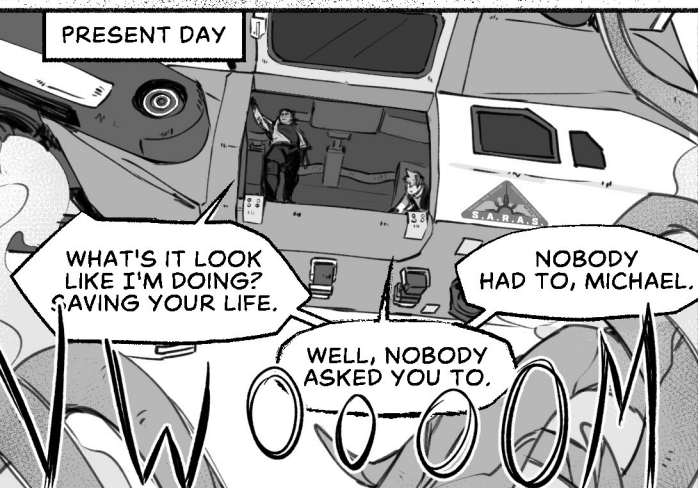
...OR THAT SHE'S ABSOLUTELY RIGHT.



WHAT'S HE DOING HERE?

DAD?!

KOA, STOP IT--



PRESENT DAY

WHAT'S IT LOOK LIKE I'M DOING? SAVING YOUR LIFE.

NOBODY HAD TO, MICHAEL.

WELL, NOBODY ASKED YOU TO.



KOA,

YOU MISS, AND WE'RE PICKING PIECES OF YOU OUT OF THE CONCRETE.





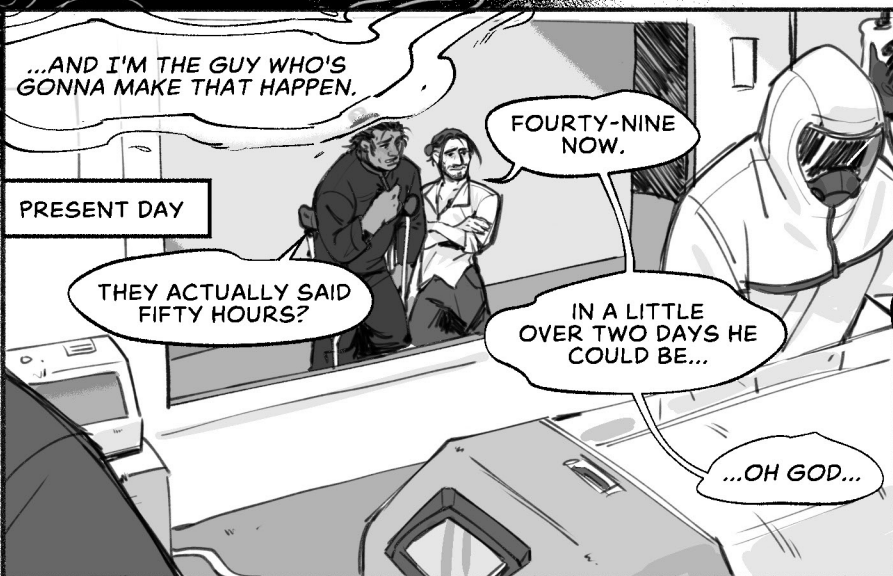


WHAT ABOUT YOU?

YOUR FUTURE? YOUR LIFE?

DON'T YOU GET IT?

YOU'RE THE GUY WHO'S GONNA SAVE THE WORLD ONE DAY, KOA...



...AND I'M THE GUY WHO'S GONNA MAKE THAT HAPPEN.

FOURTY-NINE NOW.

PRESENT DAY

THEY ACTUALLY SAID FIFTY HOURS?

IN A LITTLE OVER TWO DAYS HE COULD BE...

...OH GOD...



I NEVER SHOULD HAVE ASKED YOU TO COME HERE.

IF YOU HAD STAYED ON PSAMATHE--

KOA?



SHUT UP ALREADY!

I CAN'T MAKE YOU FEEL BETTER, AND MY KID, AND TAKE CARE OF MYSELF...

...AND I CAN'T...

...I CAN'T...

I'M SORRY, BUT IF I HAVE TO LISTEN TO ANOTHER ENCORE OF "THIS IS ALL MY FAULT", I'M GONNA LOSE IT!

I'M NOT THAT STRONG!

I GOTCHU, BRUDDAH...

...HE HAS TO LIVE, KOA...

HE HAS TO...

MICHAEL'S GONNA MAKE IT...



...AND I'M THE GUY WHO'S GONNA MAKE THAT HAPPEN.

OOPS!

CHE SAYS I'M A TERRIBLE STORYTELLER

SILVA?!

I "MEANDER, IT'S FRUSTRATING". WHO'S MEANDERING NOW, HERMANA?

WHO'S HE TALKIN' TUH?

WAIT, WHAT WAS I SAYING...?

RIGHT!

THOSE POOR BOYS.

WE GOTTA STOP THIS TING, D.O.C.

YUH GOT MY ATTENTION, O.

TELL ME YUH STORY.

NEXT: THE TRUTH COMES OUT...



