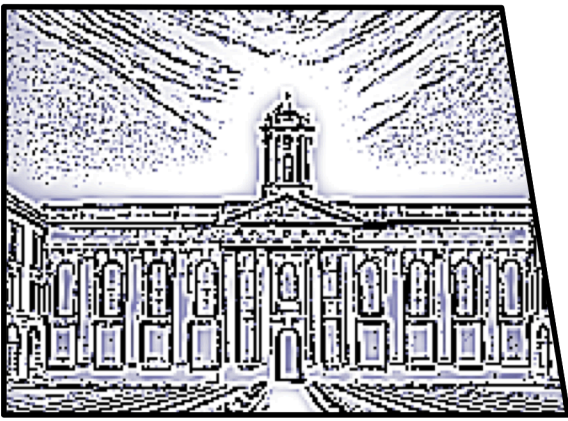


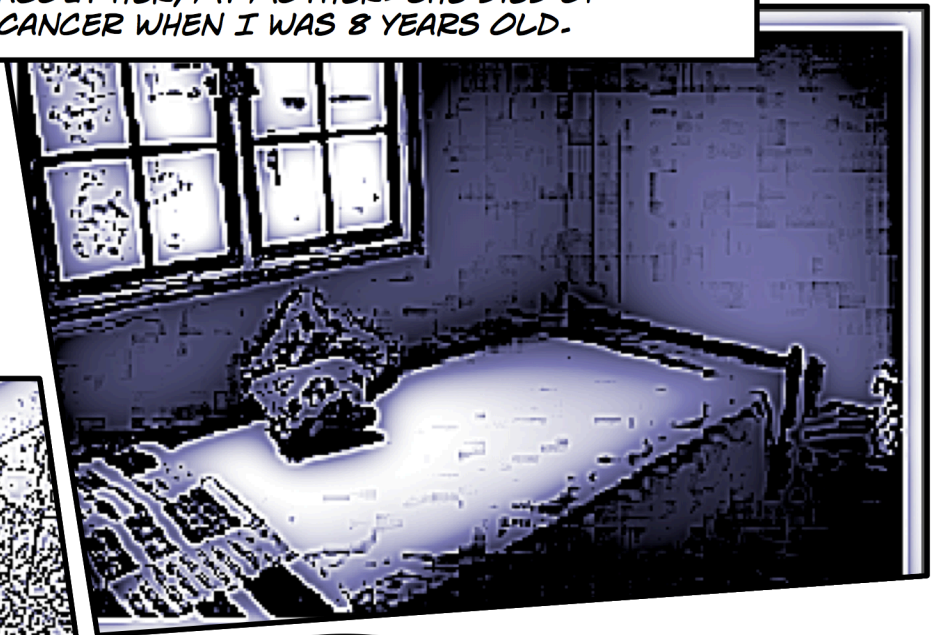


*THE STORY OF NEDETTA!*

*BY KASSY HARRISON*



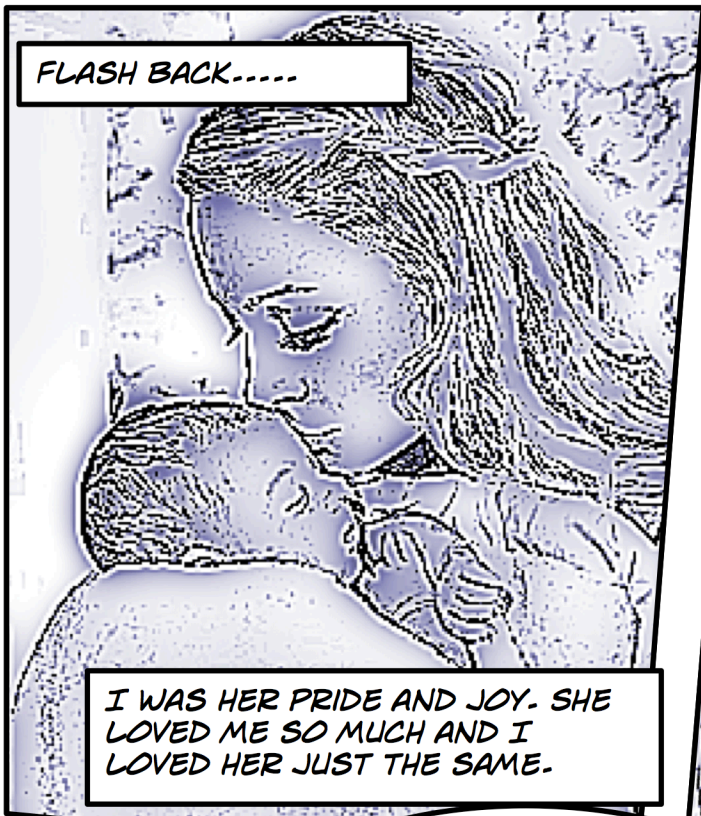
IT'S BEEN YEARS SINCE I HAVE THOUGHT ABOUT HER, MY MOTHER. SHE DIED OF CANCER WHEN I WAS 8 YEARS OLD.



I CAN'T BELIEVE I STILL HAVE THAT SILLY OUTFIT



FLASH BACK.....

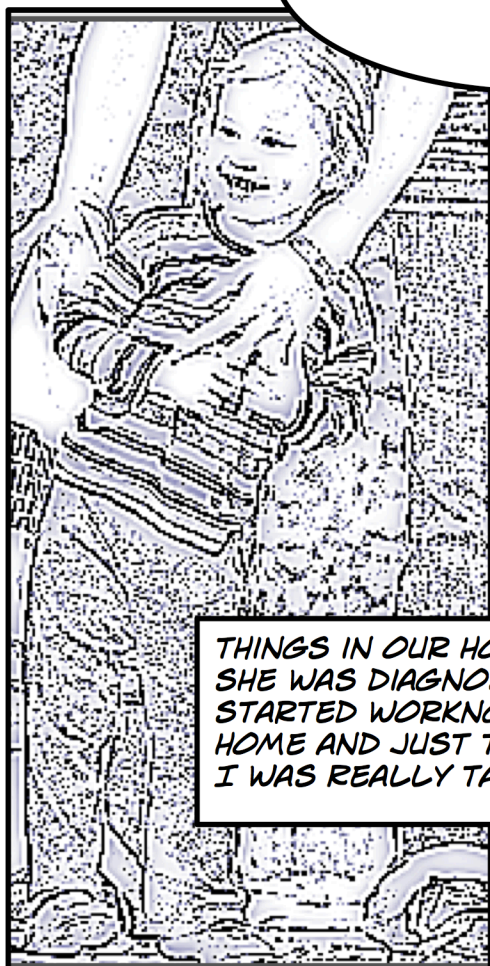


I WAS HER PRIDE AND JOY. SHE LOVED ME SO MUCH AND I LOVED HER JUST THE SAME.

WE WERE A HAPPY FAMILY. AT LEAST IT SEEMED THAT WAY....



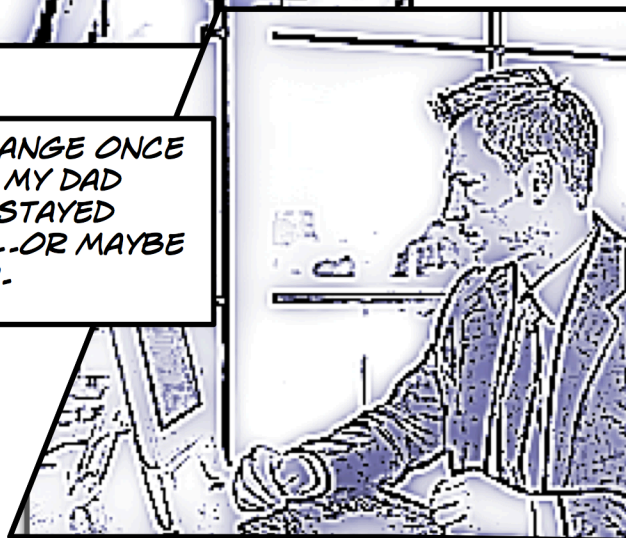
CAN I CUT MY HAIR MOMMY? SARA OUR NIEHGBOR GOT A BOB AND IT LOOKS REALLY COOL



NO SWEET HEART I'M SORRY I JUST CAN'T LET YOU



THINGS IN OUR HOUSE BEGAN TO CHANGE ONCE SHE WAS DIAGNOSED WITH CANCER. MY DAD STARTED WORKNG MORE AND MOM STAYED HOME AND JUST TOOK CARE OF ME...OR MAYBE I WAS REALLY TAKING CARE OF HER.



SHE TOLD ME I WAS A SUPER HERO THAT NIGHT, AND THE NIGHTS THAT FOLLOWED I TOLD HER OF ALL THE ADVENTURES I WENT ON THAT DAY.

ONCE UPON A TIME THERE WAS A LITTLE GIRL BORN NAMED NADETTA.

HEY THAT'S ME MOMMY THATS ME!!



DO I SEEM DIFFERENT TO YOU SALLY?

NO...WHY?

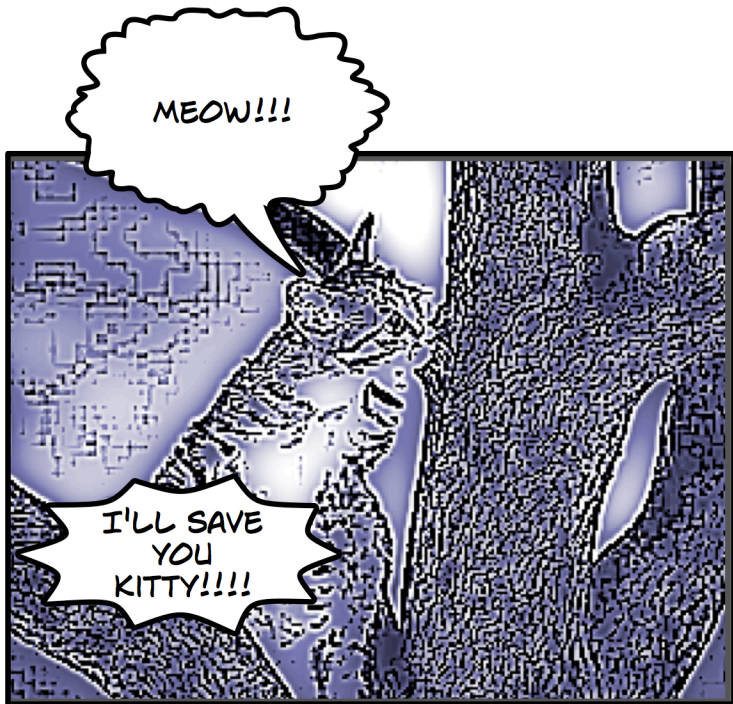
I COULDN'T TELL SALLY I WAS A SUPERHERO....AND AT SCHOOL THAT DAY I FELT 5 FEET TALL!



IRAN HOME THAT DAY AFTER SCHOOL, BECAUSE MY MOM SAID SHE HAD A SURPRISE

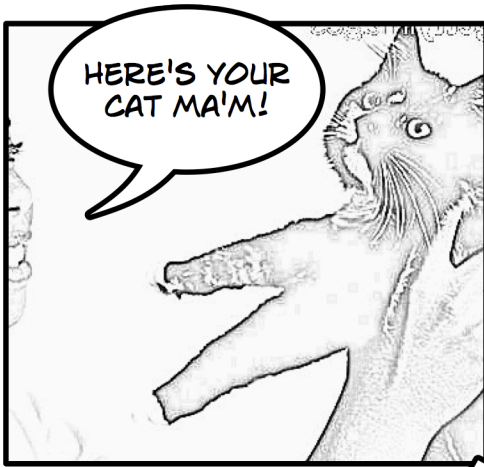


MY MOM HAD MADE MY SUPERHERO OUTFIT THAT DAY. SHE TOLD ME I MUST TELL HER OF ALL THE ADVENTURES I GO ON EVERYTIME I WORE THIS OUTFIT. I FELT THAT SHE SAID THIS BECAUSE DADDY WAS NEVER THERE...AND I THINK SHE FELT

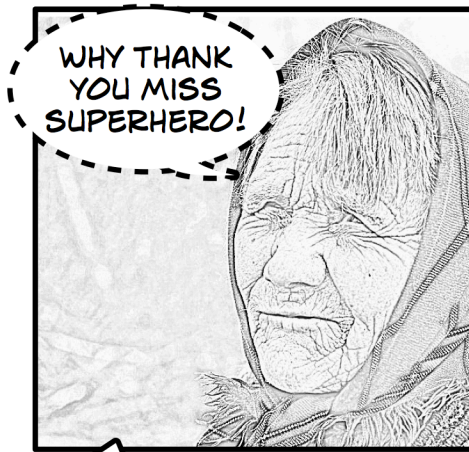


**THUMP!!!!**

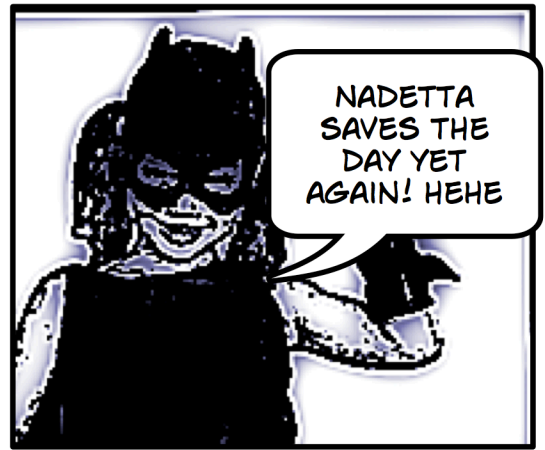




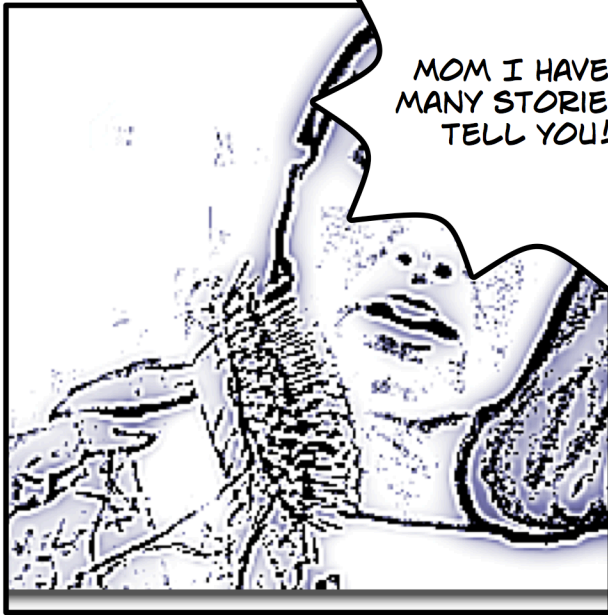
HERE'S YOUR CAT MA'M!



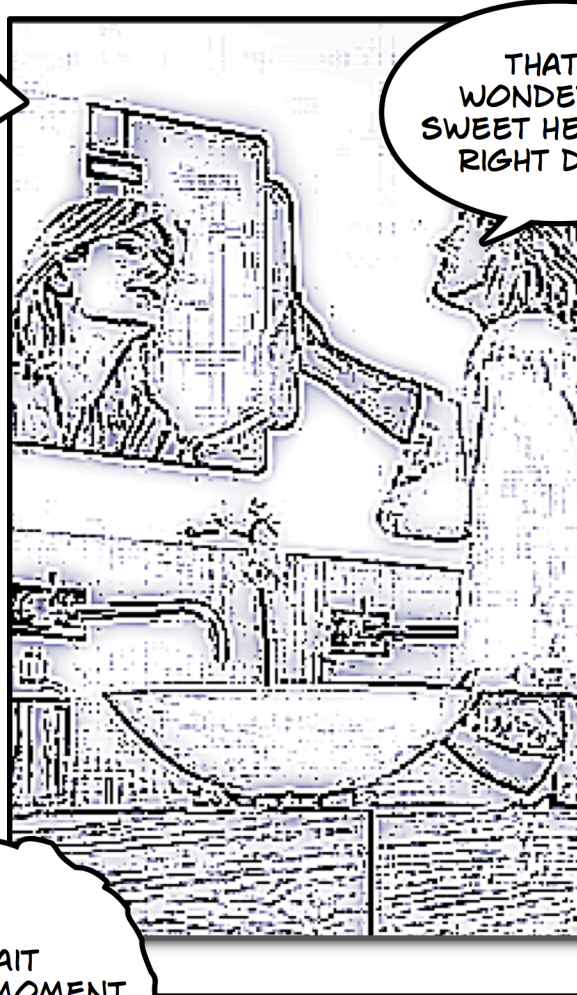
WHY THANK YOU MISS SUPERHERO!



NADETTA SAVES THE DAY YET AGAIN! HEHE



MOM I HAVE SO MANY STORIES TO TELL YOU!!!

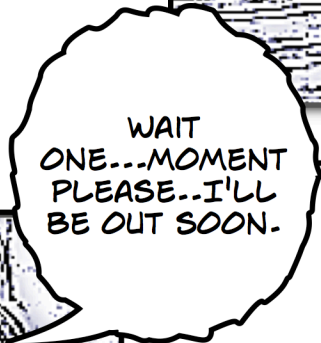


THAT'S WONDERFUL SWEET HEART BE RIGHT DOWN

LITTLE DID I KNOW MY MOMS CHEMO WAS STARTING TO TAKE AFFECT.



SO TODAY.....

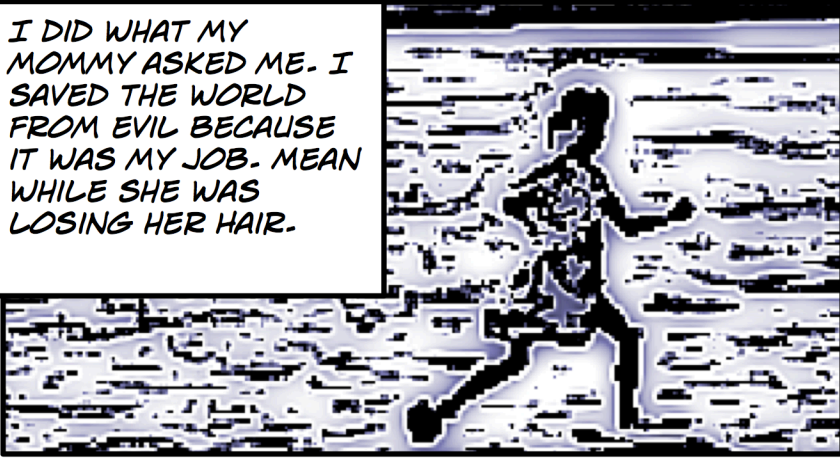


WAIT ONE...MOMENT PLEASE..I'LL BE OUT SOON.

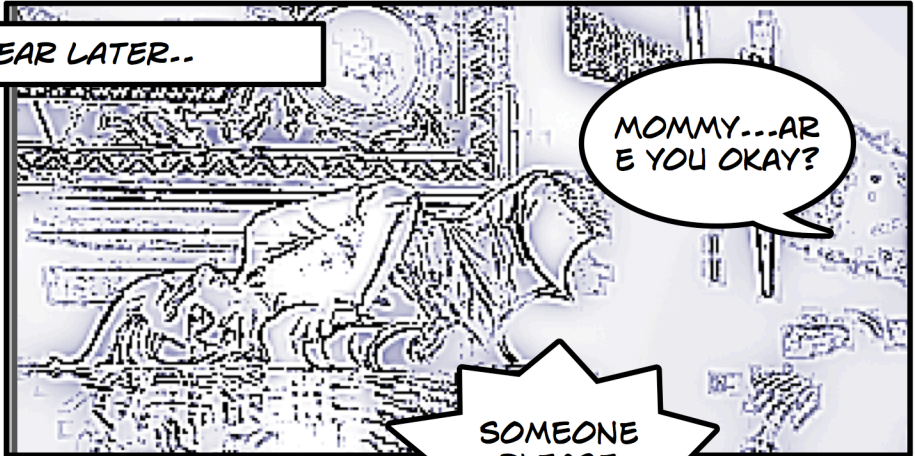


EVERYDAY FOR THE NEXT YEAR I WOULD TELL HER ABOUT HOW I SAVED CATS AND WALKED THE ELDERLY. ANYTHING THAT SEEMED HEROIC! SHE WOULD LISTEN AND SMILE, AT THE SAME TIME SHE WAS GETTING WEAKER AND WEAKER.

I DID WHAT MY MOMMY ASKED ME. I SAVED THE WORLD FROM EVIL BECAUSE IT WAS MY JOB. MEAN WHILE SHE WAS LOSING HER HAIR.



A YEAR LATER..



MOMMY...ARE YOU OKAY?

SOMEONE PLEASE HELP!!!!!!



DADDY!!!!



SIRENS!!!



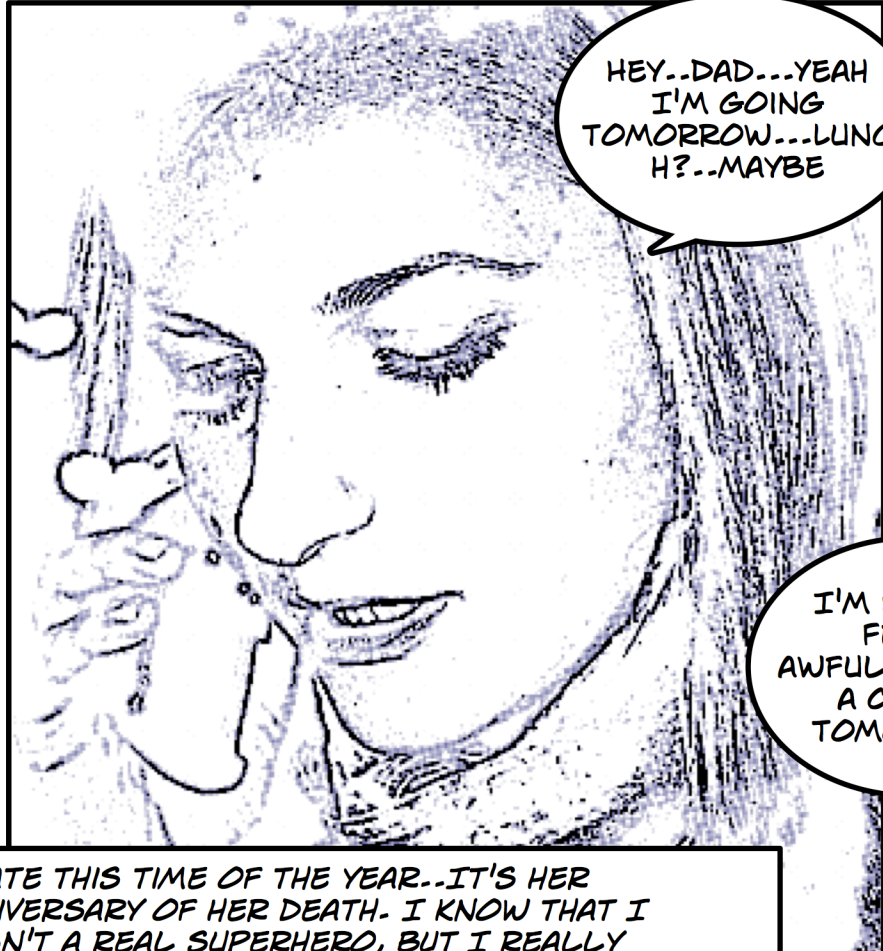


PRESENT DAY...



**RING>>RING>>RING**

THAT WAS THE LAST NIGHT I HAD WITH MY MOTHER



HEY..DAD...YEAH  
I'M GOING  
TOMORROW...LUNC  
H?...MAYBE

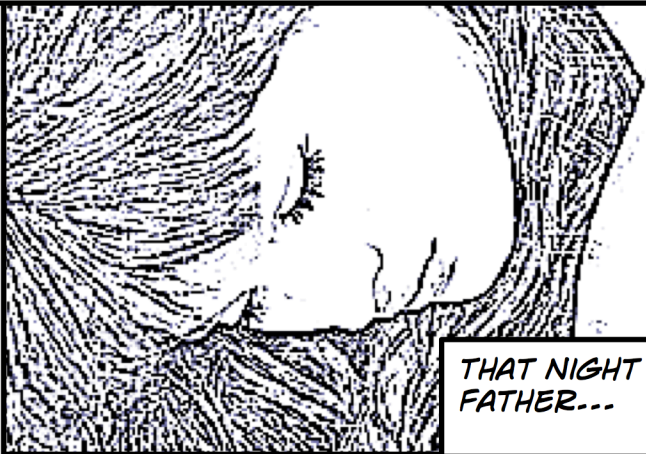


I'M STILL  
MAD AT MY  
FATHER FR  
NOT BEING  
THERE FOR  
HER.

I'M SURE HE  
FEELS  
AWFUL...GIVE HIM  
A CHANCE  
TOMORROW.



I HATE THIS TIME OF THE YEAR..IT'S HER  
ANNIVERSARY OF HER DEATH. I KNOW THAT I  
WASN'T A REAL SUPERHERO, BUT I REALLY  
BELIEVED THAT SHE COULD BE SAVED.



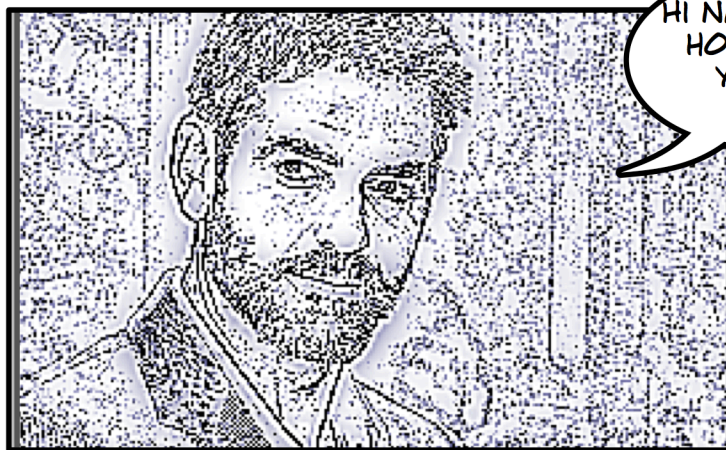
THAT NIGHT I DREAMT OF MY  
FATHER...



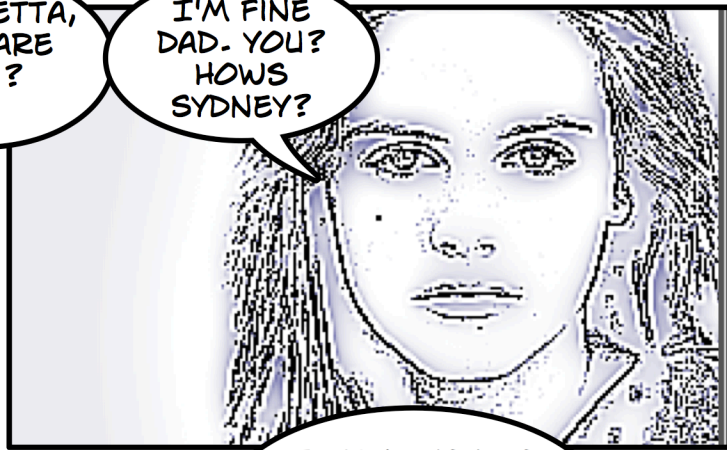
THAT MORNING



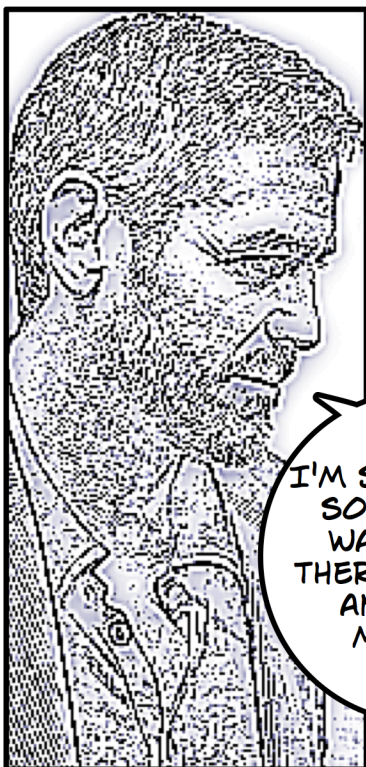
HI DAD



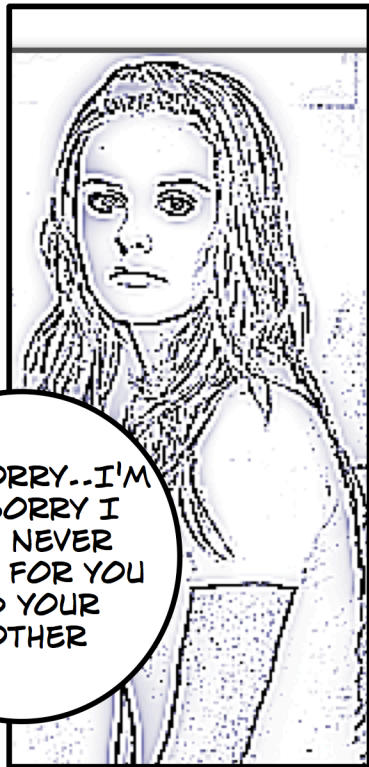
HI NADETTA,  
HOW ARE  
YOU?



I'M FINE  
DAD. YOU?  
HOWS  
SYDNEY?

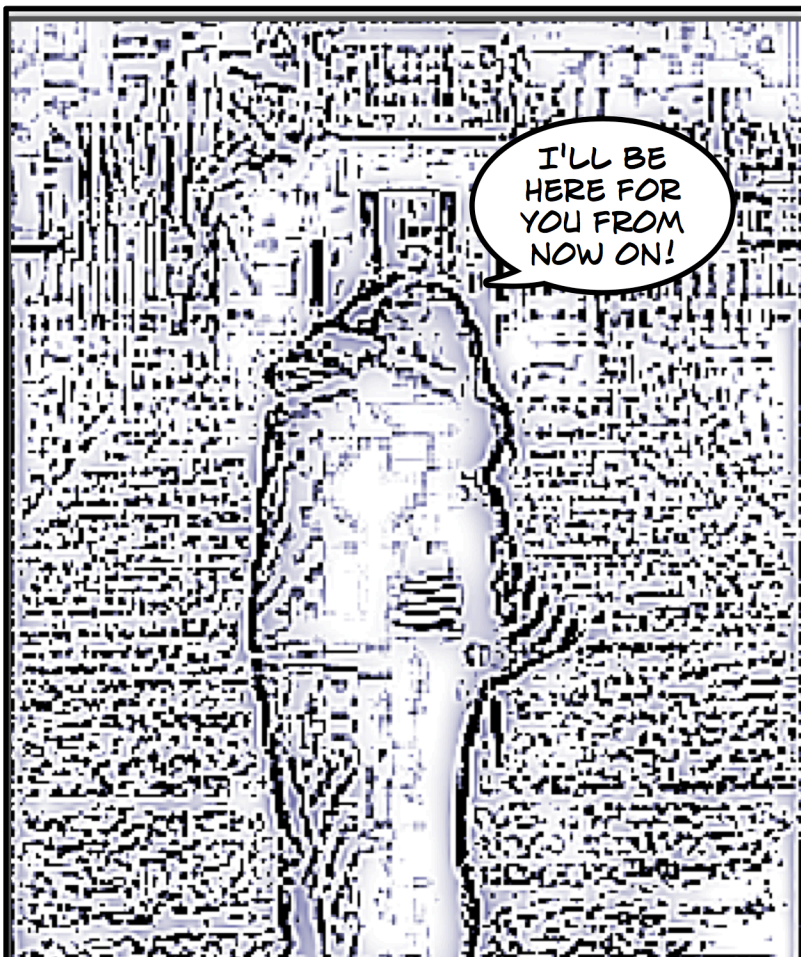


I'M SORRY..I'M  
SO SORRY I  
WAS NEVER  
THERE FOR YOU  
AND YOUR  
MOTHER



I WANT YOU TO  
KNOW THAT YOU  
WERE THE BEST  
THING FOR HER



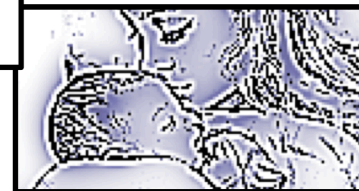


I'LL BE  
HERE FOR  
YOU FROM  
NOW ON!

THOUGH SHE WAS GONE SHE BROUGHT US  
BACK TOGETHER. I LEARNED SOMETHING  
VALUABLE FROM HER. STORIES MAY NOT SAVE  
LIVES BUT THEY DO KEEP PEOPLE STRONG.



I'VE MISSED  
YOU DAD.



I CAN STILL BE A SUPERHERO THE  
ONE THAT TRIES TO KEEP PEOPLE  
SMILING BECAUSE THERE ISN'T  
ENOUGH OF THAT

