

# ACTIVE RED



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ACTIVE RED COMICS

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***ISSUE 1: Time to Make Your Move***

Here it is - Active Red: Issue 1 - Time to Make Your Move.

It's taken a little while but please give it a look and let me know what you think - I'd love some feedback.

It's a little cheesy but give it a chance because I've got a whole bunch of cool ideas for future issues.

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ISSUE 1: Time to make your move!



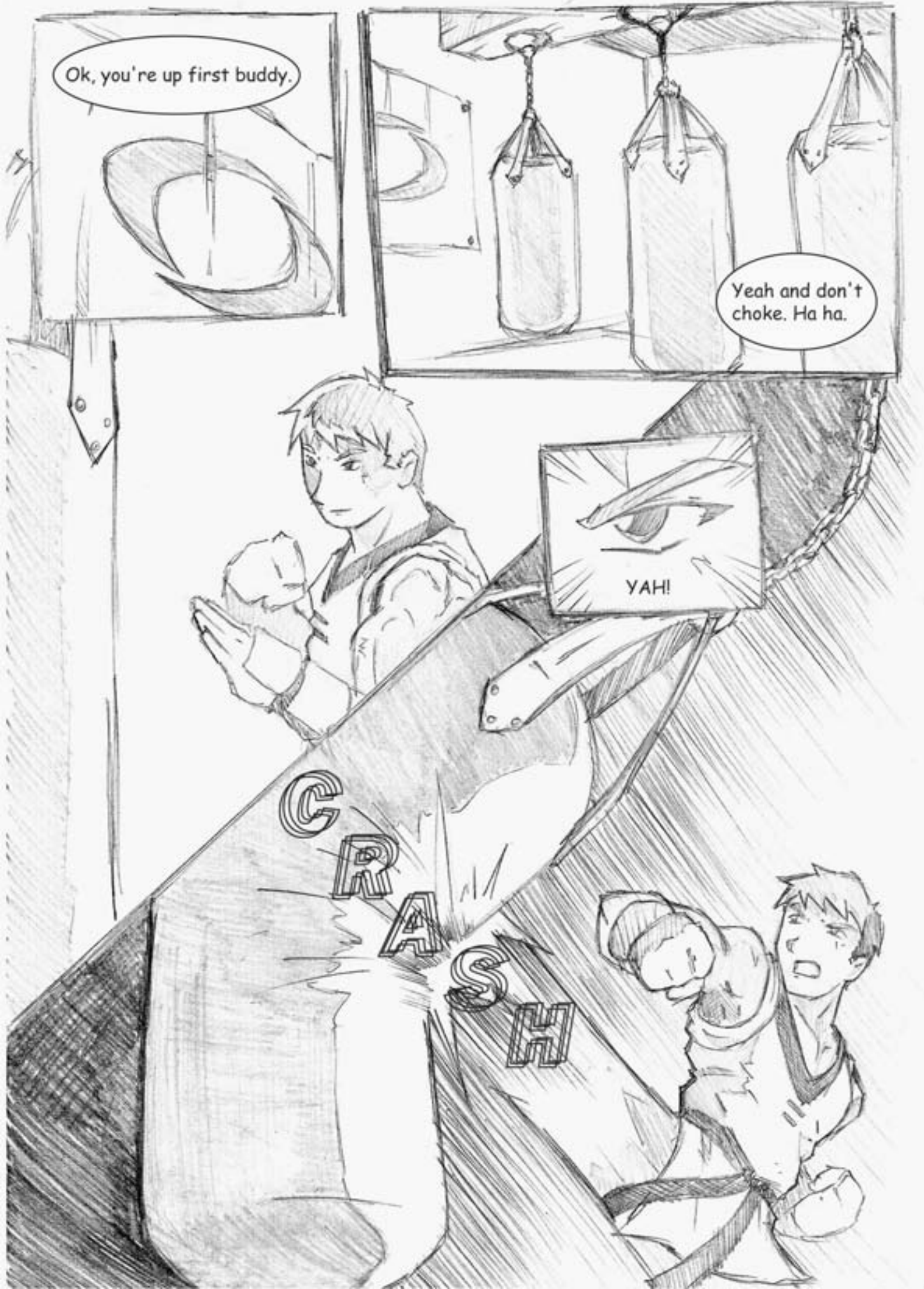
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Ok, you're up first buddy.

Yeah and don't choke. Ha ha.

YAH!

CRASH



Ha ha ha...

heh heh

...Oh man that bag barely even flinched. HAHAHA

Geez it wasn't that bad.

Come on dude I hope that wasn't your best.

What's the matter? You're not warmed up enough?

Cos we could spend more time warming up if you think it would help.

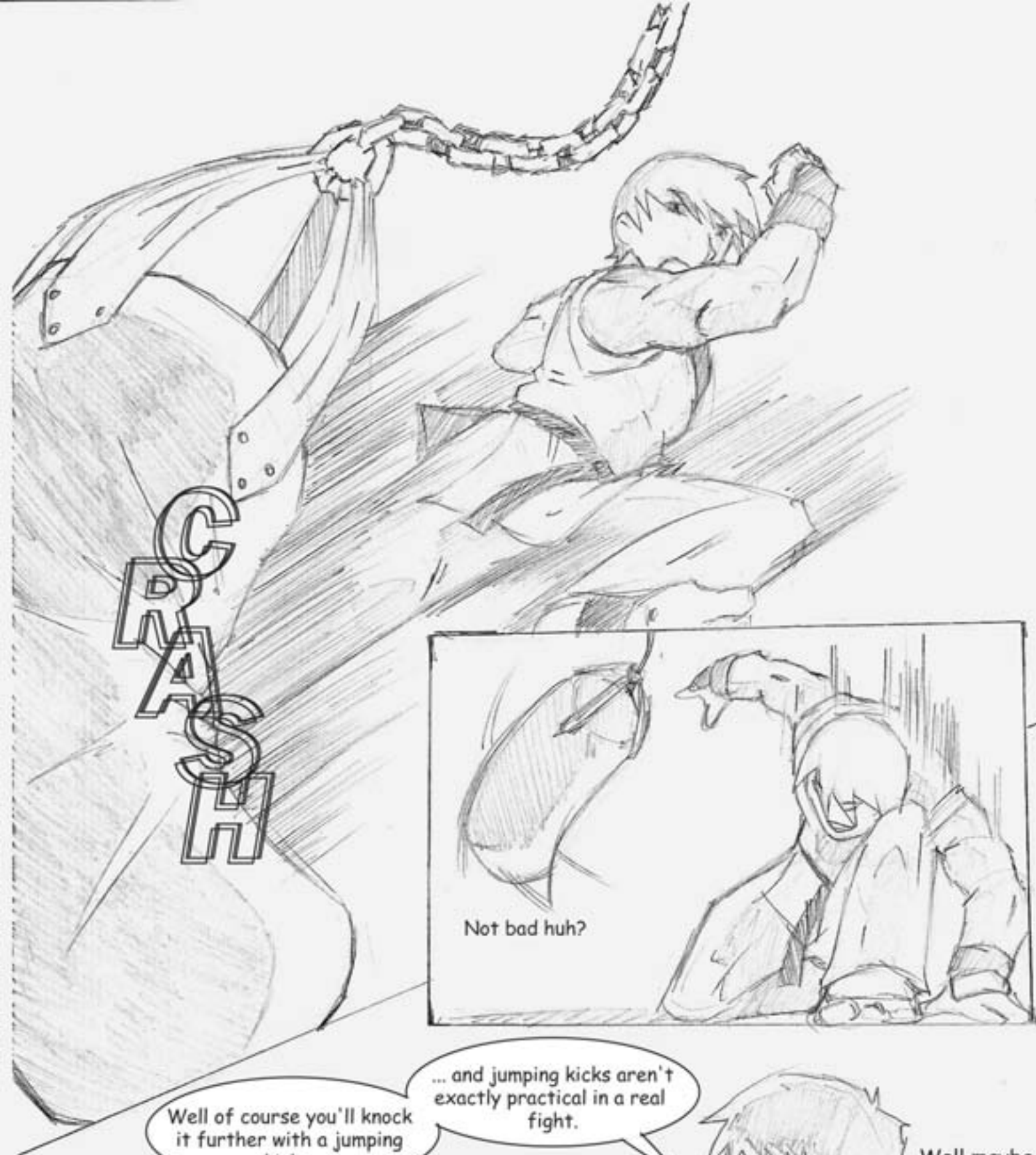
haha...

Well if the bag moves as much as your mouth after your turn then I'll be impressed.

That means you're up next buddy.

... you got it!





Well of course you'll knock it further with a jumping kick...

... and jumping kicks aren't exactly practical in a real fight.

Well maybe we can find out later?

That's how it's done bro.

They are if they're as fast as your standing kicks. Keep practicing huh.

Whatever you say.

Yeah man it's your turn.

Ok, Zack that leaves you.

Ok guys, but don't get upset  
when I beat both of you.

Whatever

Alright here we go.

Hmmm





Using a punch -  
not bad.

No way!





Well Zack I guess you win.



Yeah you certainly knocked the hell out of that one.



You are a freak.



Heh heh

Hey I can't help it if you guys can't keep up.



We better clean this mess up before class starts.



Well shouldn't that be Zack's job?

Did you guys just miss that kick? I should be the one making you guys clean it up. Heh heh.



Get over yourself, the kick wasn't that good.



I see, you did miss it.  
Did you want another  
demonstration?

Listen to this guy.

Yeah I know. So are you  
going to kick his butt or  
am I?

I wouldn't be so hasty guys - I mean that  
kick was pretty powerful.



Heh, I got him.



Ya know I was  
going easy on the bag.



Ya know bags don't  
hit back.



Hmm



Ok Dan, show me what  
you've got.

Hopefully it's more than  
what you gave that punching  
bag.

Haha you got it  
Zack.



10 years later...



...I didn't know sleeping in to 12pm was part of your business plan...

Geez you didn't have to...

... It's been almost a year since I helped you open this school and you're doing nothing with it!

Well I've got three classes going at the moment and they're...



And your rent is due at the end of next week, do you even have the money to cover it? I'm not going to cover it for you again.

Man, rent again?!

'Rent again? ', you already owe me for the past two months.

Well about that...

Stop, I don't want to hear it.  
When do you plan on taking this whole thing seriously?

I am, it's just that it's hard to get new members.

What have you done to get any new members?

... ..

Exactly. Other martial arts clubs have 10 times the amount of members you have...

Well other martial arts clubs care more about a profit than actually teaching people.

At the moment it looks like if you don't start caring about your profits a little more than you wont be helping anyone. New members wont just come to you - there's actually work involved

It's like I said though - it's hard to sign up new members. Most people don't want to train when they find out that it's going to be tough - to many people care just about getting a balck belt rather than the quality of their training.

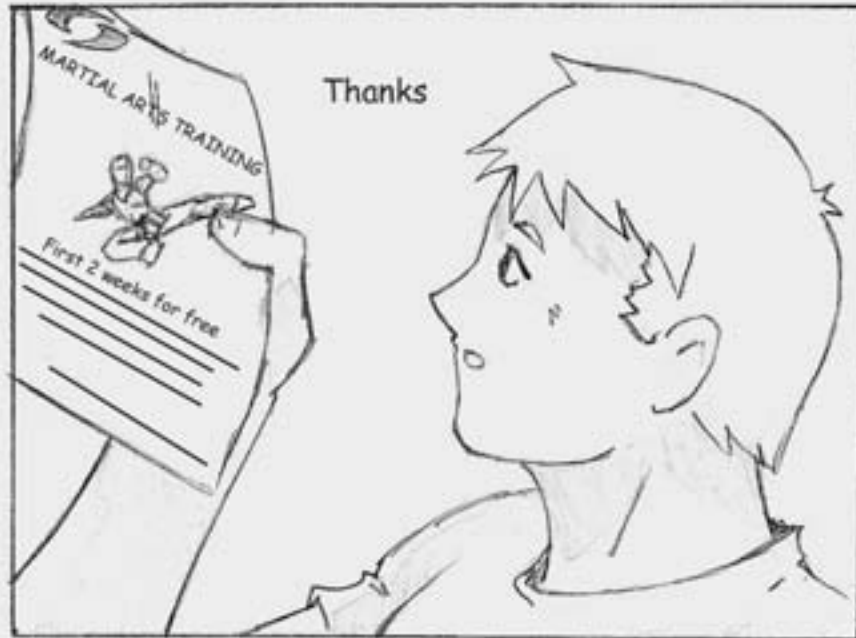
Well you need to do something soon because as I said I'm not helping you out of another months rent.

... ..  
What should I do?

\*sigh\* I knew you'd say that.

I've got something for you that'll help out a little...





Thanks



'First two sessions for free... morning, lunch and evening classes available...'

...thanks Becs, this is great.

I know that it's not much but it should help out.

Dan, you've really got to start taking this seriously. Your club isn't going to take off by itself.

I want you to hand all of these out by the end of the day. I don't want to see them when I drop by later today.

I know, thanks again.

You got it.

I'm serious, there'll be trouble if there are any of them left.

Think of how seriously you take your own training and apply that same energy to your business.



I really want to see this club do well because I know what you're capable of...



... but that won't happen unless you do something about it.



Anyway I better get back to work - some of us don't have the luxury of sleeping in.



Ha, thanks Rebecca.

4 hours later...



Another one?

Have these people heard of a bin?  
I've been out here for hours putting  
these flyers under every car window  
and into every letter box, what's the  
point if people are just going to  
throw them away?

At this rate I'll never hand them all out.



Wait a sec...

Hi I run a martial arts club  
and was wondering...



Er, no thanks.



ok



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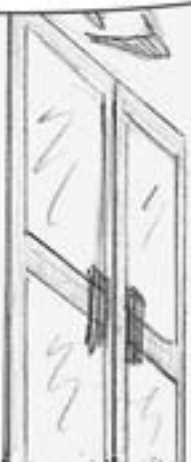
Haha...

... maybe think about  
it and get back to me.



\*sigh\*

I've barely made a dint in this pile and I've gotta  
hand them all out before Rebecca gets back.  
It was great of her to do this for me so the least  
I can do is finish dropping these off.



Man, I wouldn't have thought handing out flyers would be this tough.

But Becs is right if I don't start doing something soon then I'll never build the club up. Besides I owe a lot to Rebecca, I wouldn't even be at this point if it wasn't for her.

Since she helped me set up this club she's wanted it do well just as much as me...

...but man training is a lot easier than running a business. Ok last try, if the next person turns me down I'm gonna train.

Hi there, I was wondering...

What!

Get out of my face jerk.

\*sigh\*

OK time to train.

Elsewhere...

Today is just dragging on,  
i've got so much work to  
get done.  
I guess I'll be working back  
late tonight...

BBRRRRRRR  
BBRRRRRRR  
BBRRRRRRR

Hello, Rebecca speaking.

Hello Miss Hall

May I ask  
who's speaking?

\*oh great\* Yes Mr Wolf?  
You already know the school  
isn't for sale - so what  
do you want?

Phillip Wolf

Well Miss Hall, as it happens  
I'm calling to see if you  
would reconsider my offer.

... you see your club - as you already  
know - is in the same suburb as  
the next proposed Wolf Martial Arts  
club. And we are growing rapidly,  
unlike your school...

Look you know I wont sell, we've been  
over this many times Mr Wolf. Dan is  
running the club at the moment and  
it's going along pretty well.

I've seen the numbers Dan Field's  
club is getting and I don't think it'll  
be long before he finishes up.

If you sell now I'll let Dan come on  
board as an instructor.

\*what a pain this guy is  
I don't think Dan's principles  
will fit in with the Wolf  
Martial Arts philosophy

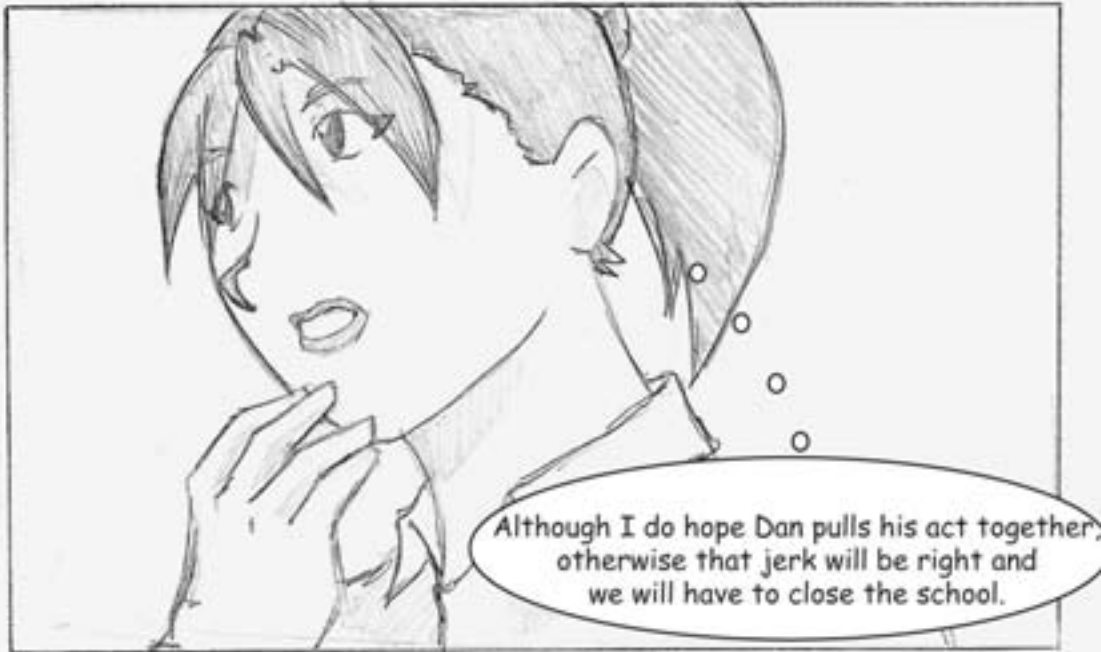
What? Dan doesn't want to  
make a little extra profit?

\*total jerk\*  
I don't think you understand  
what we're trying to do  
with our school Mr Wolf

Ok Miss Hall, lets end these little games.  
We both know it's only a matter of time  
until your club goes broke - it was a waste  
of time for you to even start while WMA  
is around. This is your last chance to take me  
up on my offer or you'll find that your club  
will fall a lot sooner than you realise.

\*why's he got to sound like such a loser?\*

I don't appreciate that little threat  
Mr Wolf, I think it's time for you to go.



Elsewhere...

I need you three to pay Miss Hall a visit. She doesn't want to cooperate so I'll need you to convince her to change her mind...

HAH!

SMASH!!

... with force if necessary.

Heh|heh

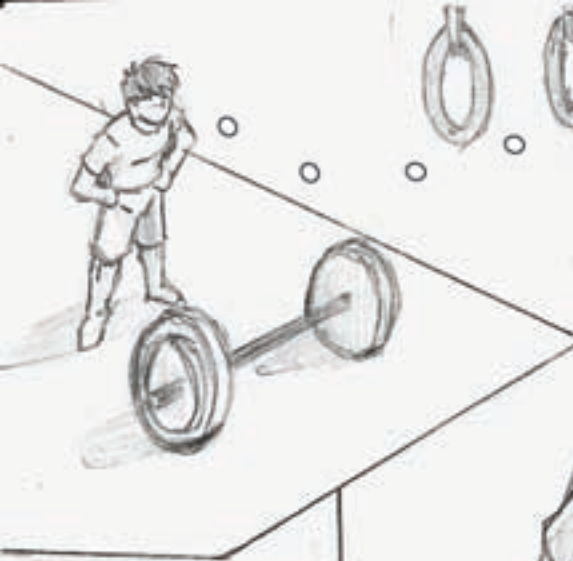
HAH!

SMASH!!

This has gone on long enough.

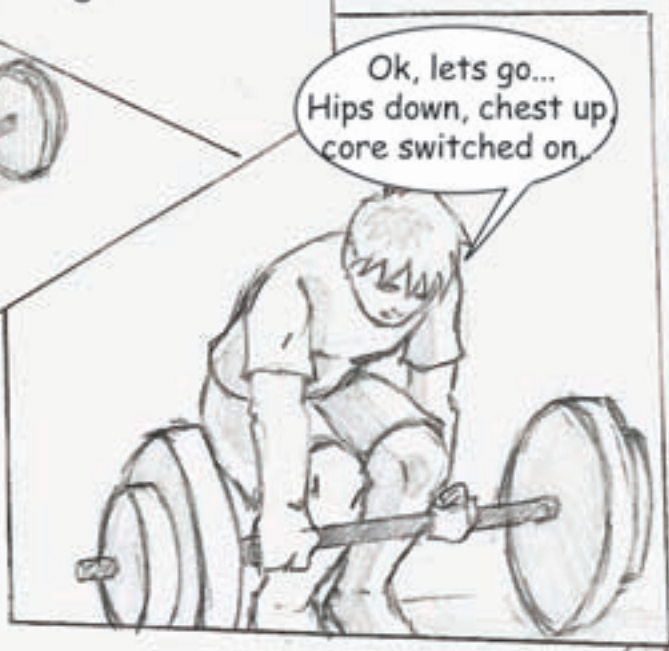
Meanwhile...

Ok lets see...



... deadlifts, front squats and chin ups.

5 supersets with 20 reps of each exercise. I'll rest for 3-5mins at the end of each set.



Ok, lets go...  
Hips down, chest up,  
core switched on.



Hmmpf!

1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7...

... 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13...

... 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20!



phew!

geez talk about  
a warm up.

Ha!

Shhhft

Clank!

Clank!

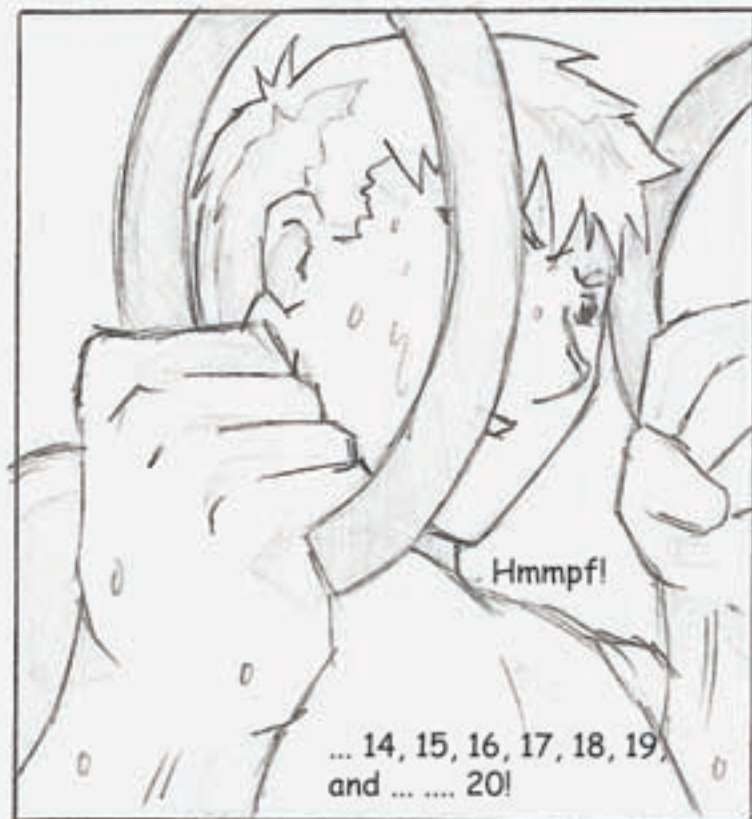
Swoosh

phew!

Gotta keep moving. I'll take a rest after these

1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7...

... 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13...



Hmmpf!

... 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19,  
and ... .. 20!



Alright - not bad.  
One set down, four  
to go. Heh heh.

Later...

Geez it's getting late...

... but I'm all done!

You're done too huh Bec?

Yeah finally!

You seem pretty pumped all of a sudden.

Dave it's been an insanely long day, why wouldn't I be pumped? Also it's Friday so that means no work tomorrow.

Tell me about it.

Yeah it has been a long day. I'm almost done - man no one should have to finish at this time on a Friday

So Bec what's on for the weekend? By the way how's the martial arts school going?

Not much on for the weekend and I think Dan has been going well. I'm going to drop by on my way home to check.

Alright that's everything.

See you guys on Monday.

Seeya Bec.





I wonder how Dan's doing? I hope he finished handing out those flyers.



She's leaving right now...



You know what to do.



Yes Sensei. Let's do it guys.



Good evening Miss Hall...

Huh?...

... what the...? Look guys I don't have any money. Hey how do you know my name?

We're not after your money Miss Hall. We wanted to have a word about your Martial Arts club...

Haha are you guys from Wolf Martial Arts? Don't you get sick of working for such a loser?

I don't think you realise what kind of trouble you're in right now...

And I don't think you realise that you're just going to get the same answer I already told Phillip- I'm not interested.

We were told that we had to make you change your mind and now you're really starting to annoy me...

Well I'm sorry about that but I'm going home - now excuse me...

Not so fast...





Now lets try again...



Hey get off me!



Whoosh



Clang!

**GET HER!**

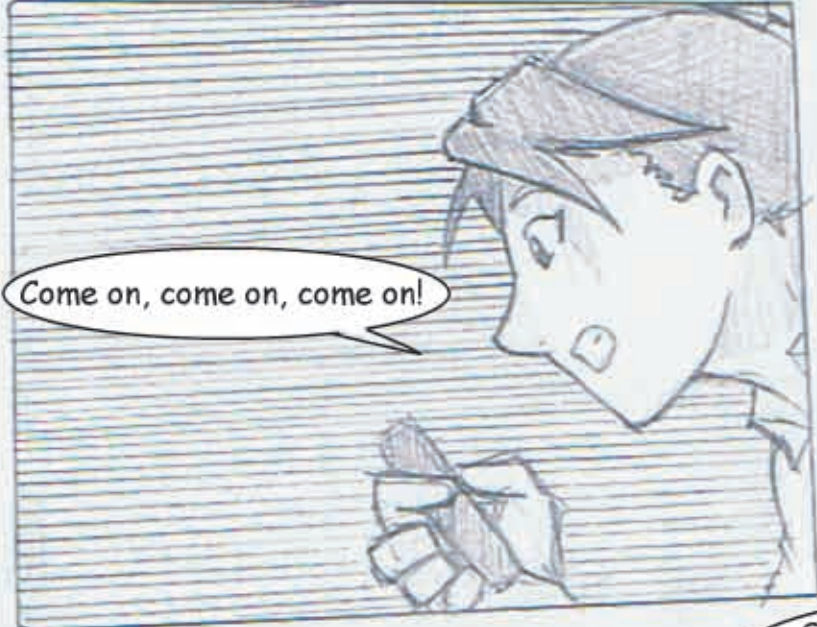


Oh no

Where are you going Rebecca? We still need to have our chat.



HA HA HA



Come on, come on, come on!

Oh hey Becs what's up?

Dan I need your help...



Slow down!? Just meet me at the supermarket near my work.



... there are these guys...

Puff Puff

... and they want to...

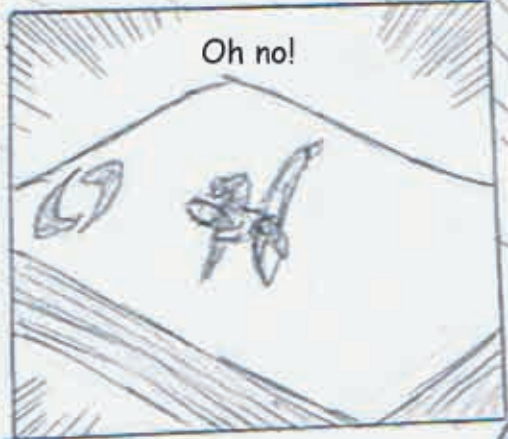


Woah can you slow down? I can't hear you



Ok what's going on?

DAN JUST DO IT!



Oh no!



I totally forgot about these after my workout. Bec is really gonna kick my butt when she finds out.

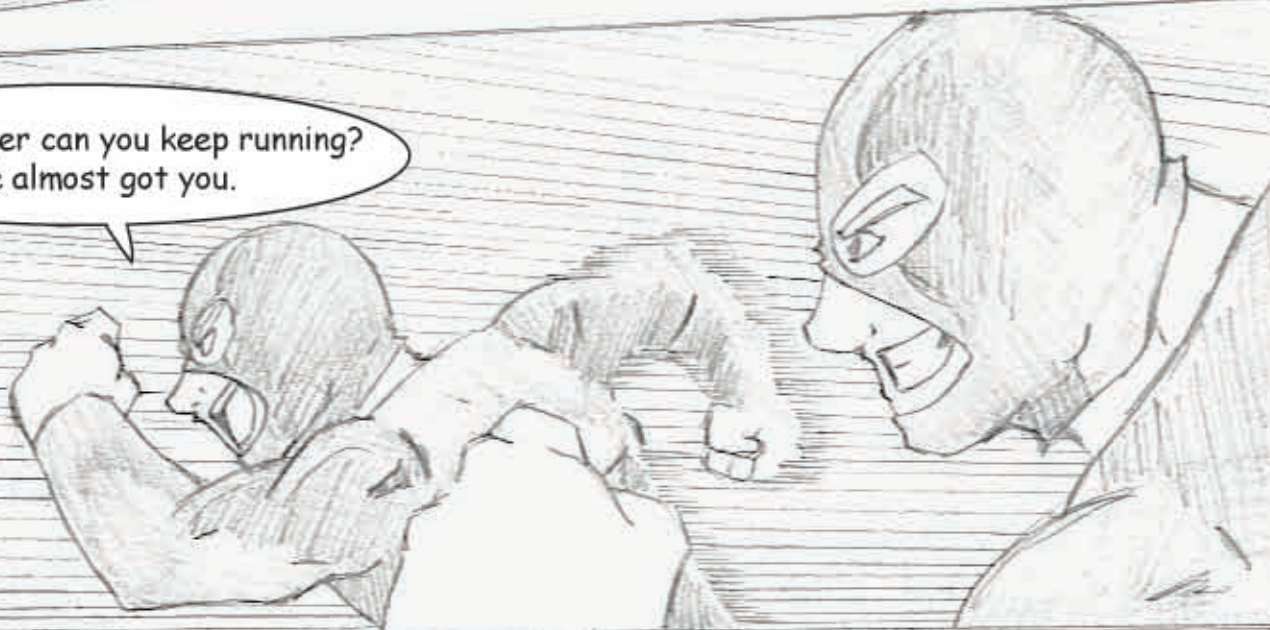


I better take them with me. Maybe I can hand a few out.



Bec sounded really stressed out before - I hope she's alright. I better move it.

How much longer can you keep running?  
We've almost got you.



Oh God.

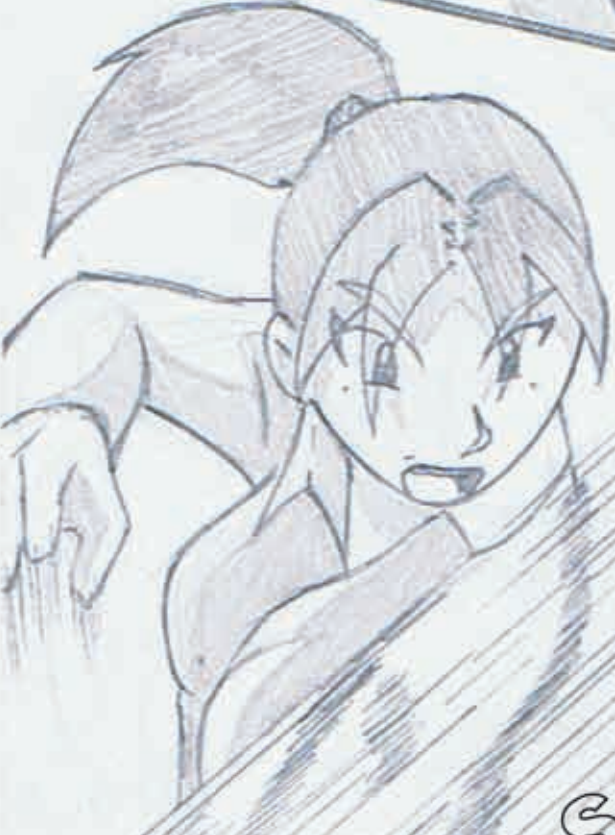
Arrgh

**Whack!**



Ah!

HEH HEH

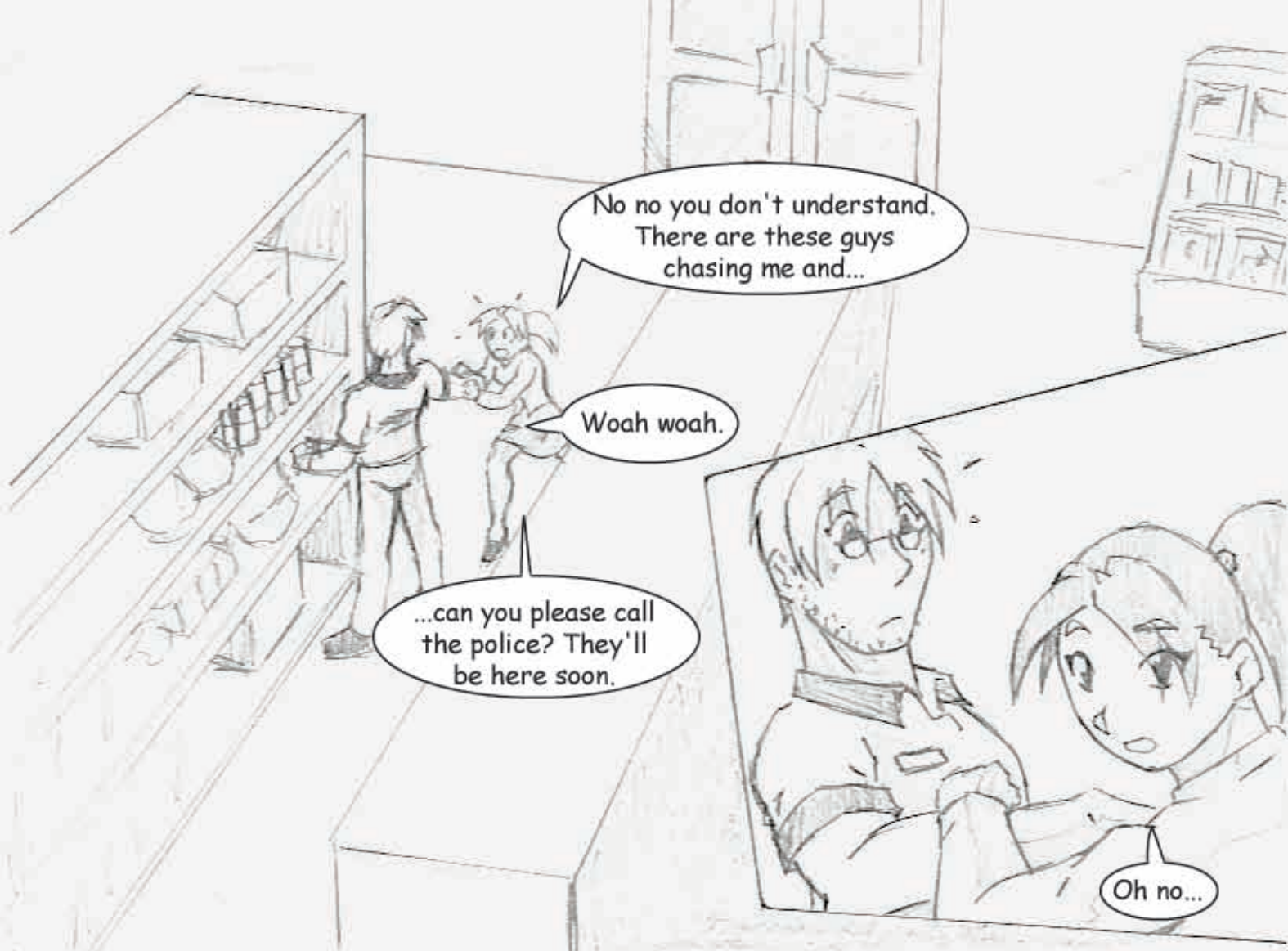


SMASH!!

uurgh!







No no you don't understand.  
There are these guys  
chasing me and...

Woah woah.

...can you please call  
the police? They'll  
be here soon.

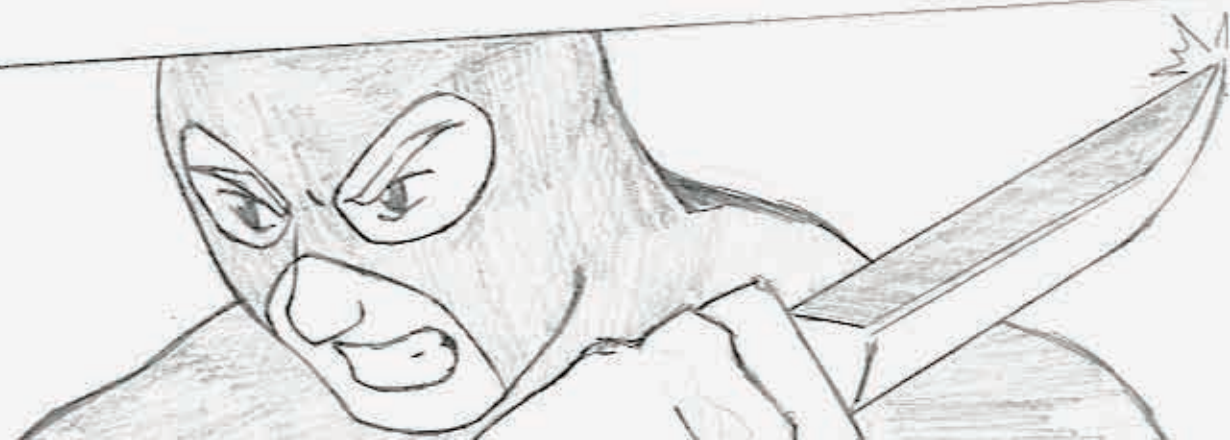


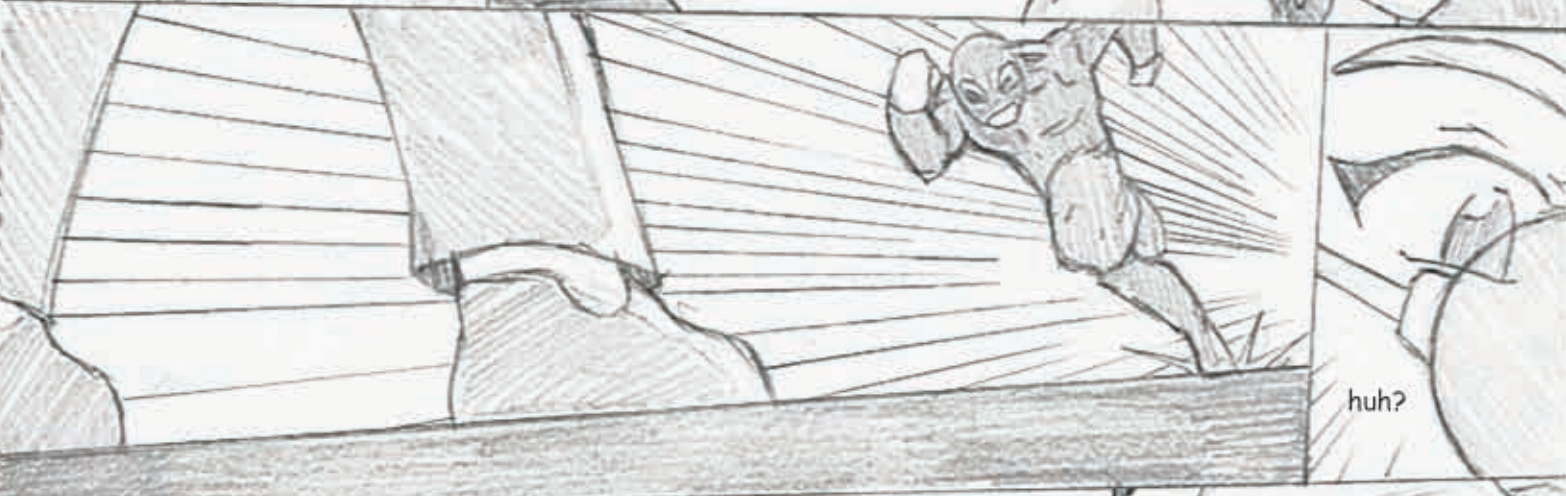
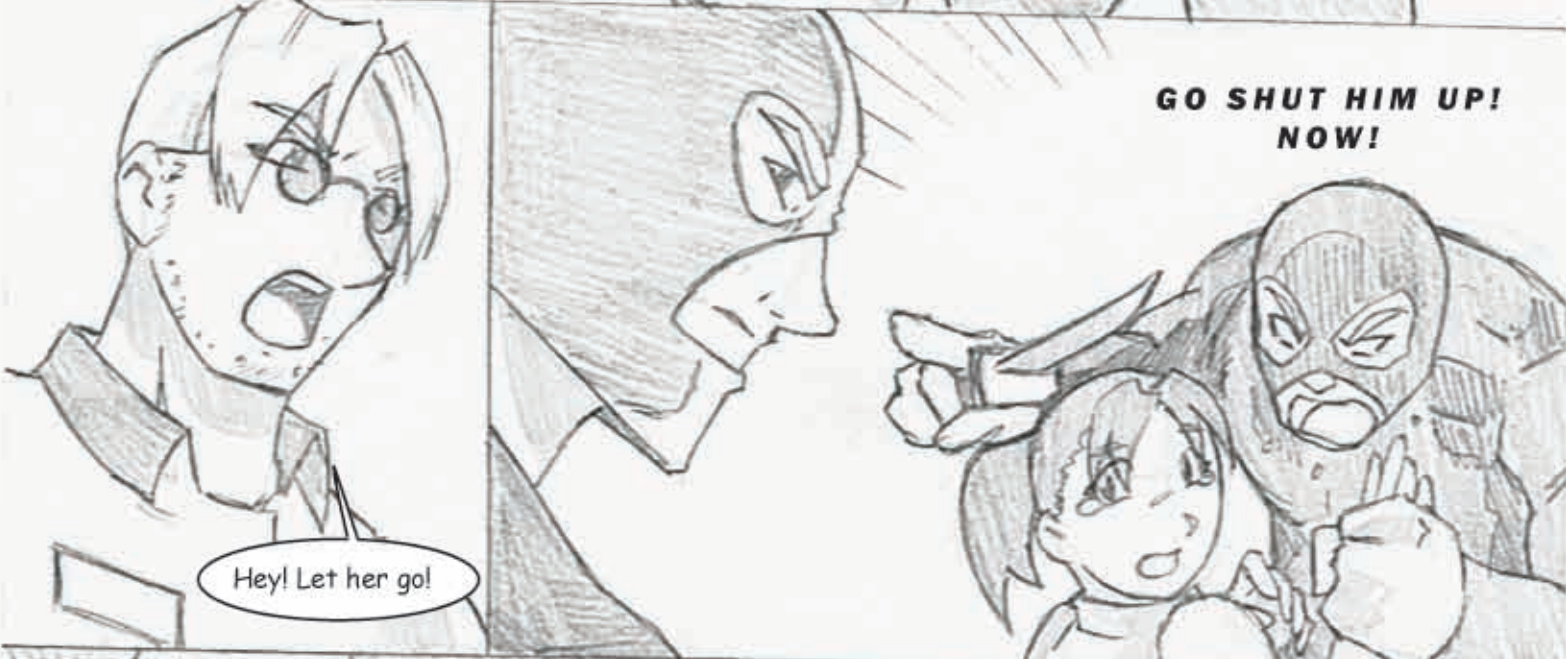
Oh no...



"cling  
cling"

There you are!  
Ok time for our  
chat.







Arrgh. Who the hell are you?  
What the hell are you doing here!?

Woah what's going on? I  
don't think you should be waving  
that around like that...

Shut up and get out of  
here - this doesn't concern you...

... unless you want stay and  
play with this knife.

What the!?



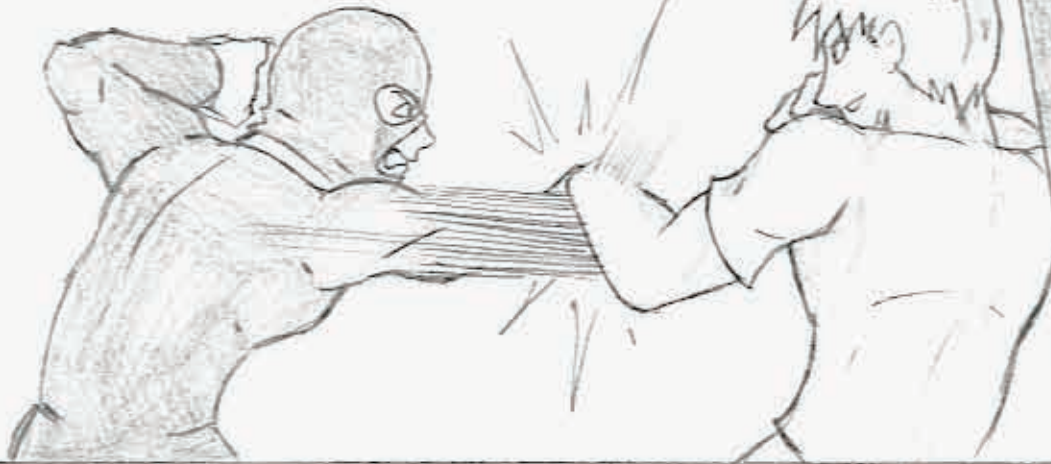
SMASH!!

SWISH!!

CRACK!!



Ha, way too slow. You shouldn't throw such wide punches.



SHUT UP!

Have it your way - you'll just waste your energy and I'll keep blocking them.

Almost forgot about the other one...



HAH!

Lets see how that smart mouth of yours likes this...



crack

Hwah!

Ha where did you guys learn to fight?  
You're slow, your timing is way off...

Ok now it's my turn...


Dammit





Guuh!

SMASH



My God!  
How did he do that?

Well he made  
short work of  
them.

Short work alright.  
He took out three  
guys like it  
was nothing!

Is that it?  
haha

Hmm now the  
question of why  
he didn't hand  
out those  
flyers.

I wonder what  
excuse he's  
cooked up  
this time?

urgh

Wow! That was really cool! I've never seen someone move so fast! Man and the way you nailed that last guy - awesome!

Haha - it was nothing.

Can you teach me how to do that? I'd love to be able to do all those things...

Well sure, I actually run my own club...

Dan... anything you want to let me know?

Oh yeah, I'm sorry Bec. I forgot to...

Geez! You forgot! Even after I came home to give these to you.

And you're 'sorry' again - how funny Dan.

I keep trying to help you out with this business and what have you got to show for it!?

Well I...

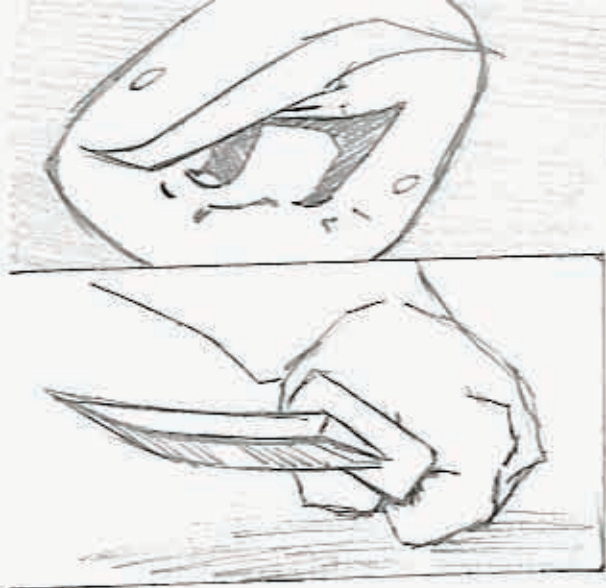
... over trying to build his dream business.

I'll tell you what - a club that is two months behind in rent and an instructor that prefers to waste time training and playing video games...

I'm thinking that helping you out was a mistake.

Woah. Hey Bec don't say that...

HERE!



Why not Dan?  
What should I say?  
'Oh well you forgot again,  
make sure you remember next  
time'? It'd be pretty  
easy for you huh?

I always try to help  
you out and you  
never care.

Well? What do  
you have to say?



I don't know...

Great!



BEC!



Dan...



... what are  
you doing?

WOAH!



GGRRR

SLASH!!



Heh heh lucky,  
but I wont miss  
twice.



H-he just tried  
to stab me...



Hey are you alright?

What the hell!  
I can't believe you'd just  
try to openly try to harm  
someone like that!

What the hell do you  
lunatics want?!

This has gotten way out of  
hand.



If she just sells the training  
hall we'll leave you all alone  
and you'll never see us again.

If she doesn't, I promise  
this will continue and  
you wont like the outcome.

Now what's it going to be?

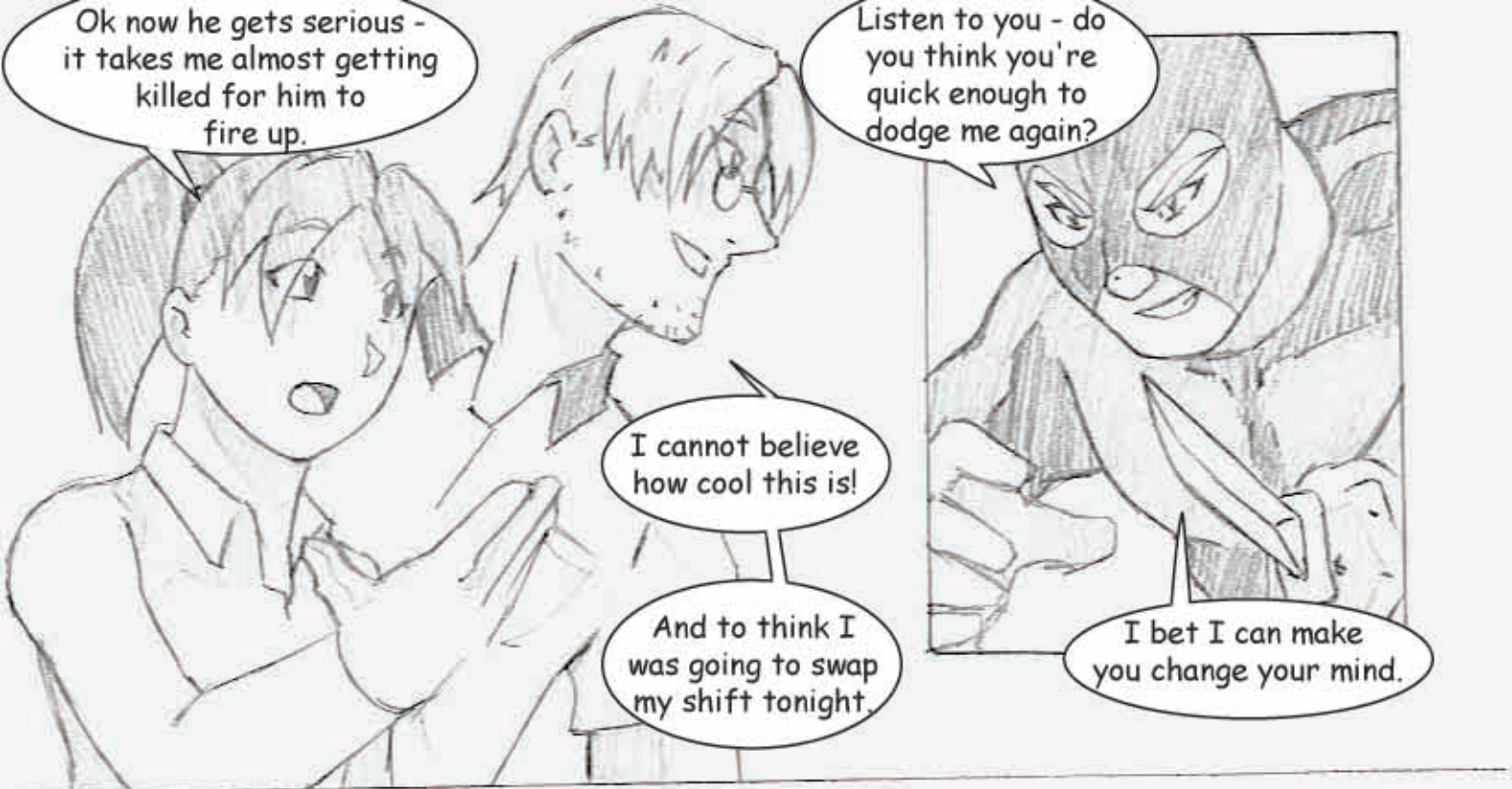


Sell the trianing hall!?  
All of this drama over that!?  
That's just ridiculous.

Tell your boss to come see  
Dan Field if he has a problem  
with that.



Our school and my fighting  
style stands to overcome  
people like you so make  
sure your boss knows that  
he'll never get what he  
wants as long as I'm around!



You're hopeless...

YAH!

**Dammit!!**

**SWISH!!**

**SWISH!!**

... a real martial artist would never attack someone like this...

... martial arts are designed to protect people...

... not to bully people...

... you're an embarresment to martial arts!

**SWISH!!**

**Shut it!**

And you'll never beat me.

urgh

**Slap!**

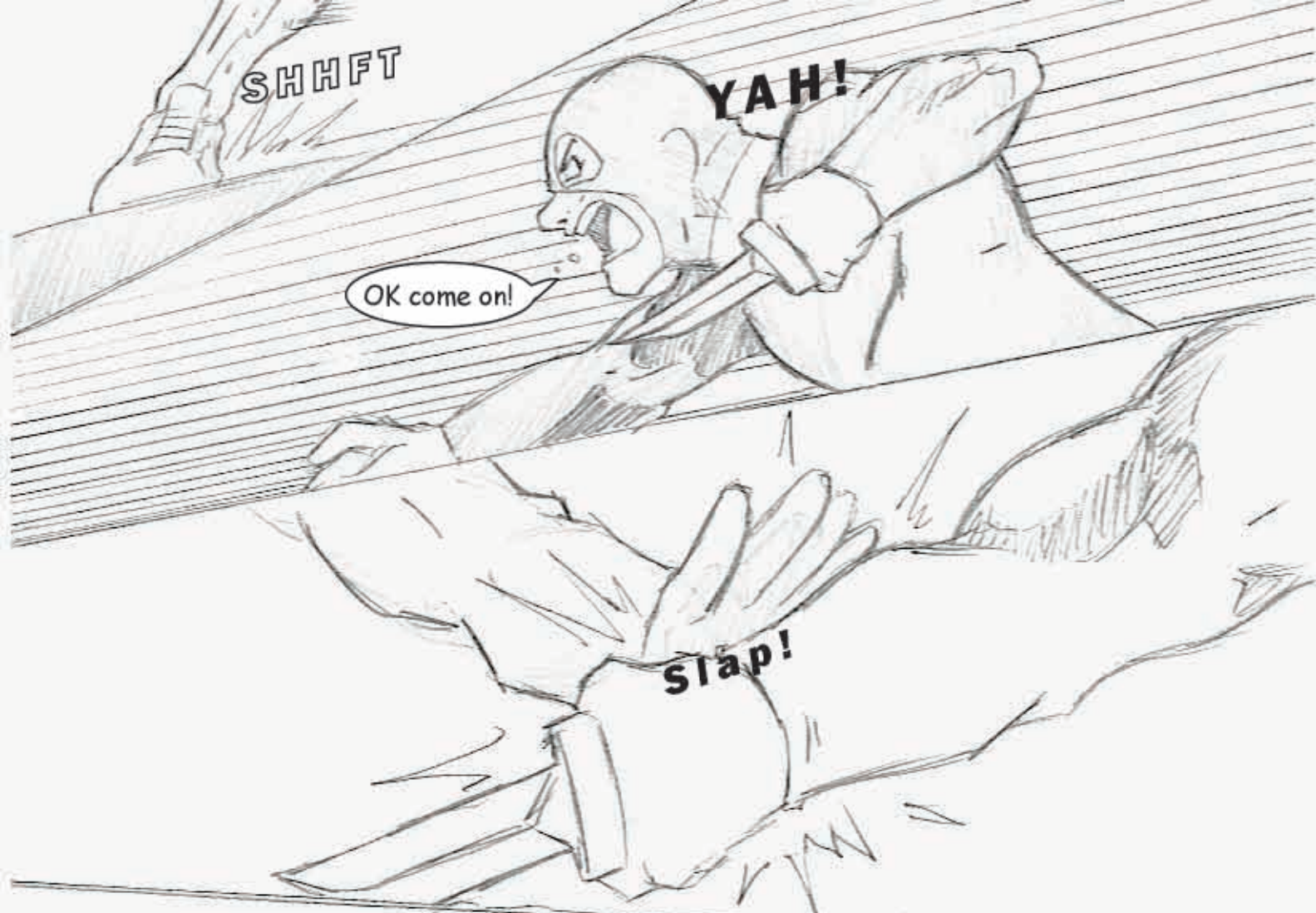
**Crack!**

Now, have you had enough?

We're not done yet!

**GET READY!!**

I guess not.



SHHFT

YAH!

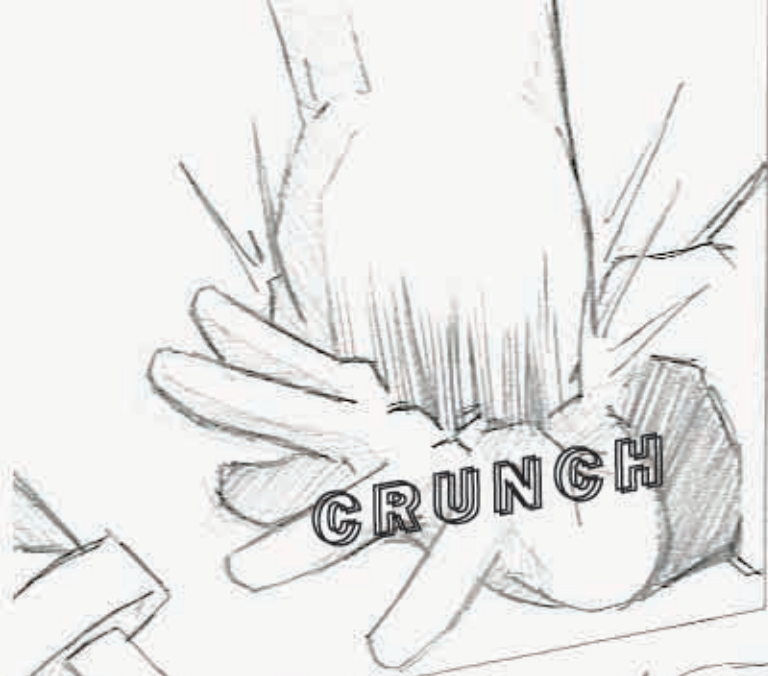
OK come on!

Slap!



Eh!  
What the?

AARHI



I doubt this hand will ever be able to hold a knife again.



AH! AH! LET GO! LET GO!

Ah LET GO!



Magic word?



PLEASE!  
PLEASE  
LET GO.

Guys like you never learn.  
Picking on those weaker than  
you doesn't make you strong -  
it makes you a coward.

I hope you guys  
have learnt your  
lesson. The police  
will be here soon.

Cool!  
Cool!  
Cool!

My hand...



Man that was awesome - I've  
gotta learn how to do that.

Oh brother



Heh  
heh.



Later back at the club...

Geez Dan...

yum... ..  
what?

... lets just say that you'd probably be able to afford rent if you didn't eat so much.

Yeah but four servings? I'm full and I didn't even finish all of mine - how come you don't get fat?

I've gotta eat - and I trained today.

Train often and you can eat as much as you want - as long as it's good quality food...

Sorry you lost me at 'train often'.

Hahaha

Ah delicious!

It'll be fine. We locked those guys in the storeroom and the police said they weren't far away.

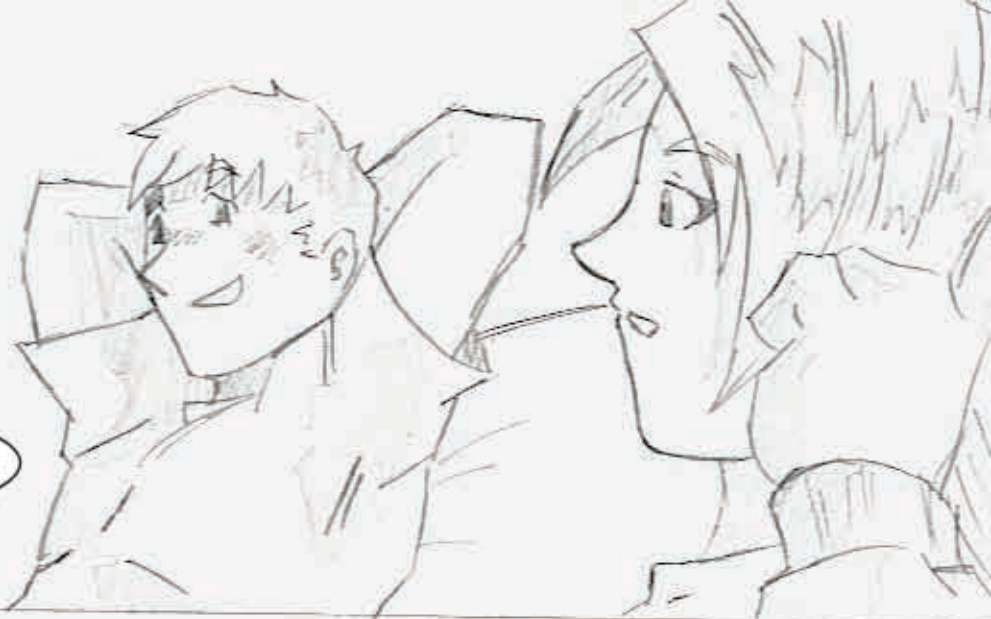
I still think we should've waited at the shop until the police arrived. Just to make sure nothing went wrong.

I know but just to be sure.

Phew what a day it's been...

... also, before you forget - you're definitely not off the hook with those flyers.

Heh heh - I know.



Where are they by the way?



Ha, I left them at the shop - I'll grab them first thing in the morning though.



Geez that sounds like something you'd do. But I don't mind, but only because you saved me from getting stabbed - again.

Can you change the channel, what else is on?

Lets see...

'click'

We are currently out the front of a local martial arts club. The instructor of this school, only moments ago, prevented...

... three attackers from harming a young woman.

As you will see in the following footage his rescue is nothing short of amazing.



As you can see he clearly makes it look all too easy...



Then watch how he effortlessly disarms the attacker with a simple flick of the wrist.

... to reach this level of skill takes years of practice and dedication.

We will now speak to the store clerk who witnessed the whole incident...

Haha check it out!  
Hey I actually look pretty good.  
Haha.  
Hmm I was a little slow with that back kick...  
Lost my balance a little there...

What the?  
Are they actually outside?

Woah, they're actually outside!  
There's guys with cameras,  
a van...

Cool lets go check it out!

Man it was seriously the coolest thing I've ever seen!

The first guy came at him and blocked the punches like this...

... then he takes out the second guy with a spinning back kick!

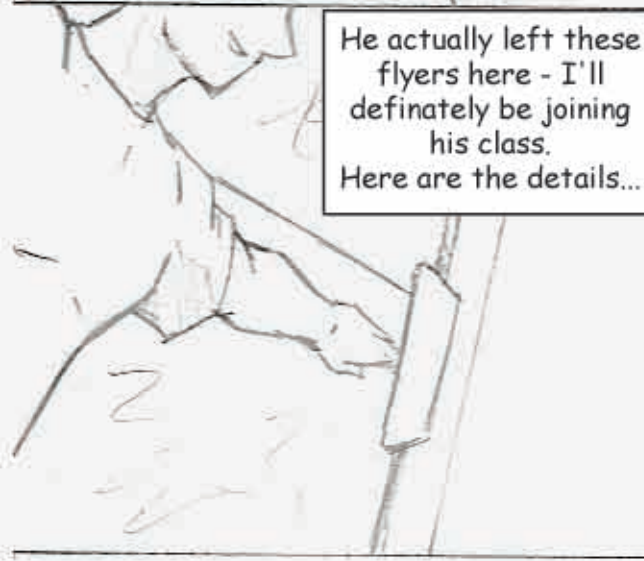


The best part though was when he took on the guy with the knife.

He puts a wrist lock on the guy and smashes his hand and is like

- 'this hand wont be holding a knife anymore' -

it was really cool.



He actually left these flyers here - I'll definitely be joining his class. Here are the details...



Woah! haha

Haha, hey Bec I guess your flyers did the trick.

Haha Yeah.



Mr. Field just a few words...

How long have you been training?

Is your school accepting new members?

Is there anything you'd like to say to people wishing to join up?

To be continued...



***ISSUE 1: Time to Make Your Move***

There you have it. Not bad huh? :)

Ok so the stage is set for the club to start making some business - what new members will join? What new challenges will there be for Bec and Dan? Will you find out more about Dan's history and his friends?

Exciting huh? Keep checking back for new issues - I'll be putting a couple of pages from issue 2 up very soon.

Enjoy.