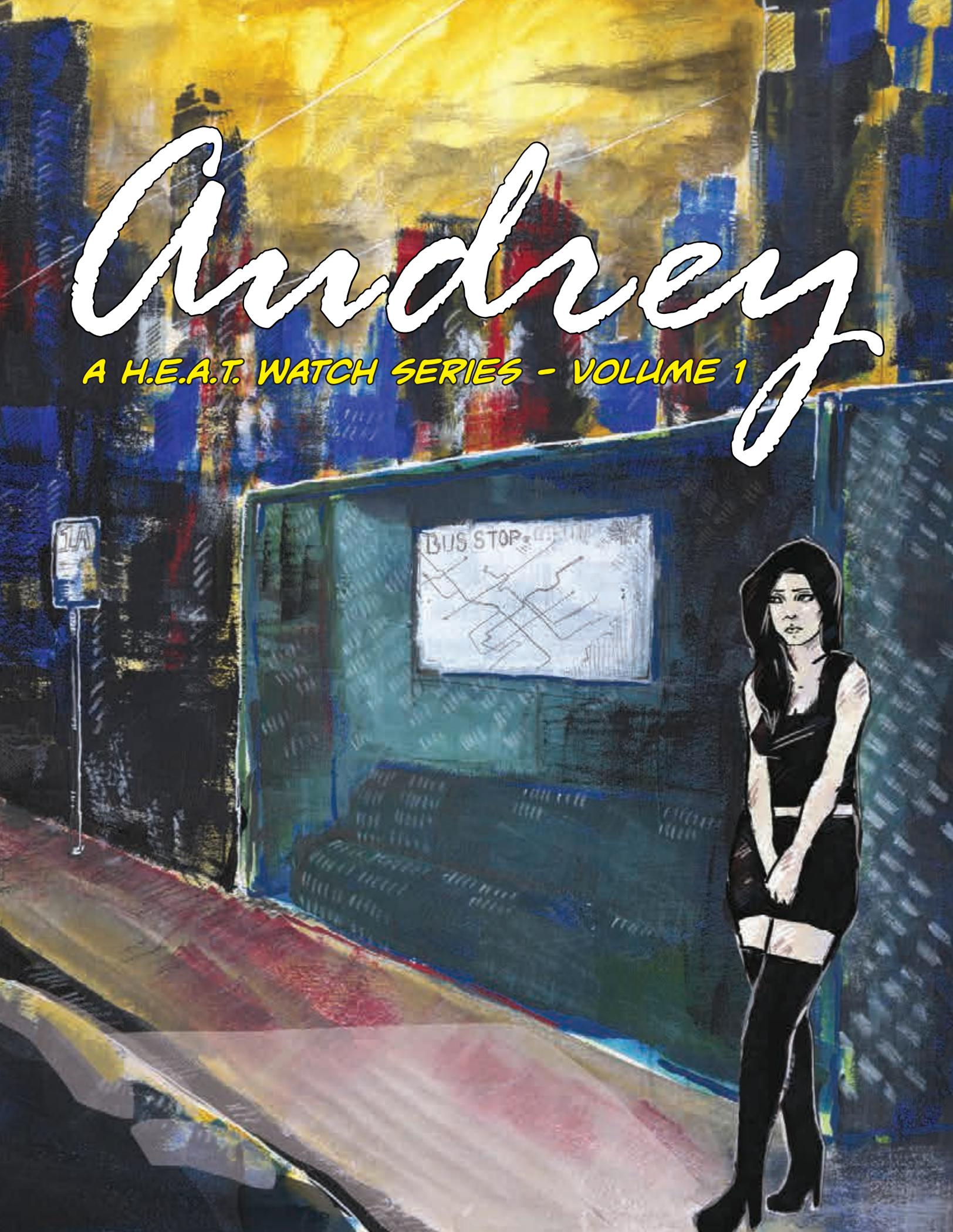


Andrey

A H.E.A.T. WATCH SERIES - VOLUME 1



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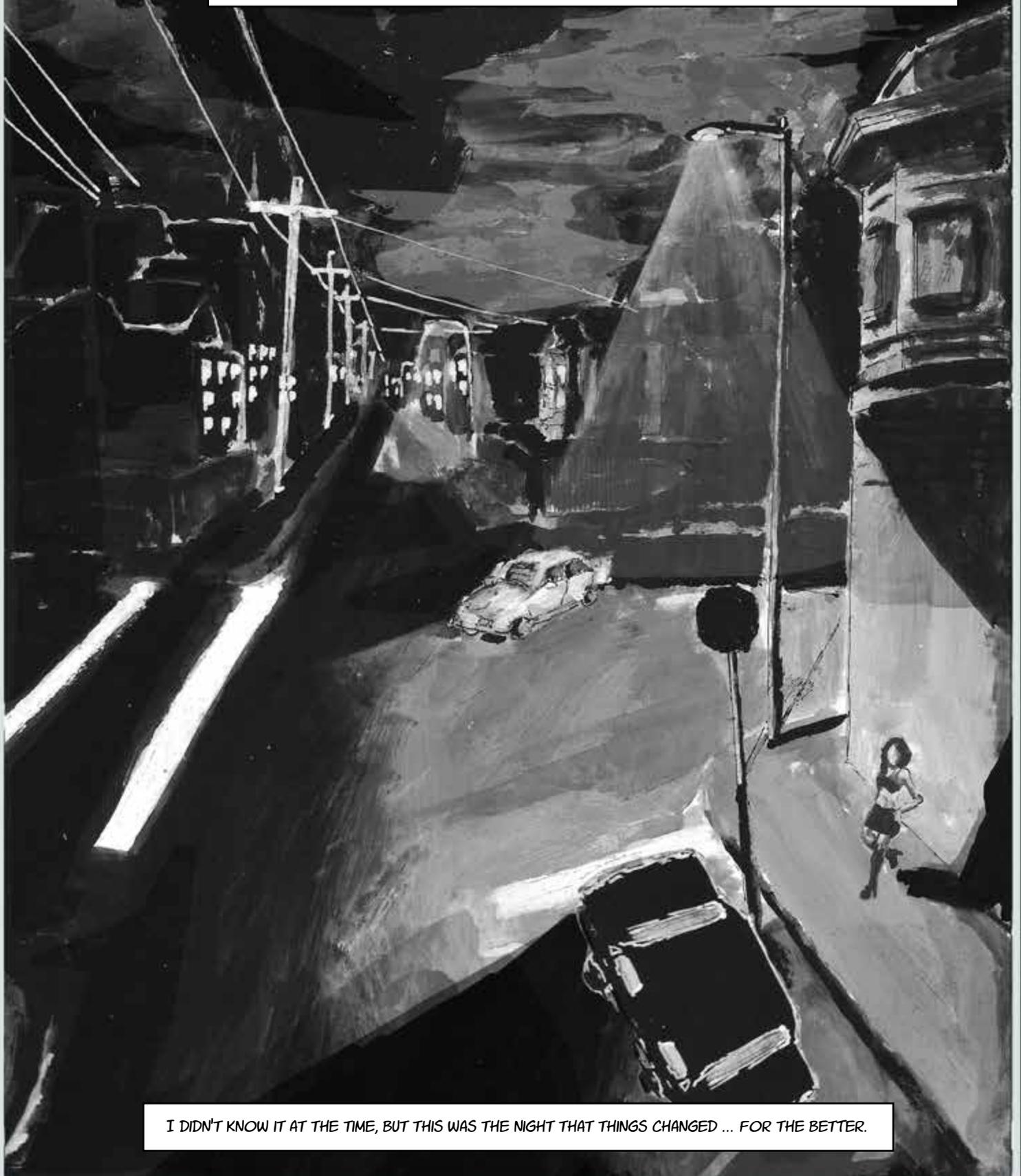
When I was really young, I never thought I'd be a victim of child sex trafficking. It's not something I dreamed of becoming, like a doctor, lawyer, or teacher. This is my story of survival on the streets. This is my story of being rescued. I'm sharing this piece of my life with you because it's part of my healing process. And even though I'm free today, I want you to know what happened to me so that we all come together to keep this from happening to someone else.

Andrey



LATE ONE NIGHT, NOT LONG AGO...

IT HAD TO HAVE BEEN THE COLDEST NIGHT *EVER* AND MAC MADE ME WEAR PRACTIALLY NOTHING. I'D BEEN WORKING THE "TRACK" FOR *HOURS*, BUT I'D ONLY HAD A FEW "DATES". I HADN'T MADE ENOUGH MONEY TO GIVE HIM ... MAC WAS GOING TO BE *REALLY* MAD AT ME.



I DIDN'T KNOW IT AT THE TIME, BUT THIS WAS THE NIGHT THAT THINGS CHANGED ... FOR THE BETTER.





WE KNOW THAT YOU'RE NOT 21 YEARS OLD AND THAT YOU AREN'T CHRISTINA LOPEZ.



YOUR REAL NAME IS AUDREY REYNOSO.

I WANT TO INTRODUCE YOU TO CASSIE. SHE'S AN ADVOCATE AND SHE'S HERE TO HELP YOU.

WE'RE GOING TO TAKE YOU SOMEPLACE SAFE, AWAY FROM YOUR PIMP.



YOU DON'T *KNOW* ME! YOU CAN'T HELP ME! AND YOU DON'T *CARE* ABOUT ME!

THE NEXT DAY...





HI, AUDREY, DO YOU REMEMBER ME ?



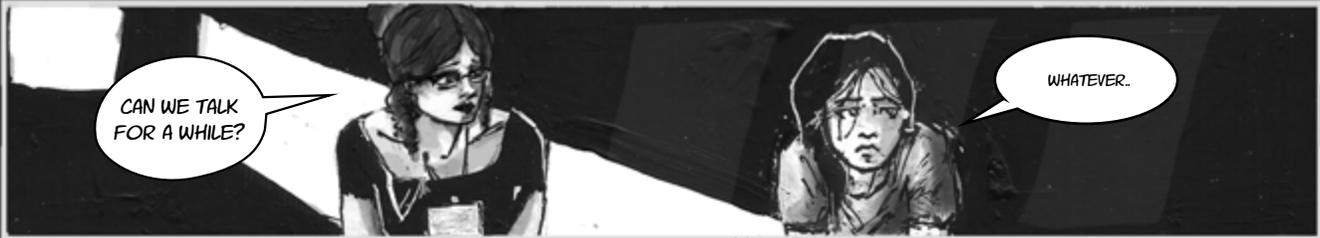
MY NAME'S CASSIE AND I'M HERE TO TALK.



I KNOW YOU HAD A ROUGH NIGHT...

...HOW ARE YOU? ...REALLY?

NOT ANOTHER PERSON MESSIN' WITH ME...



CAN WE TALK FOR A WHILE?

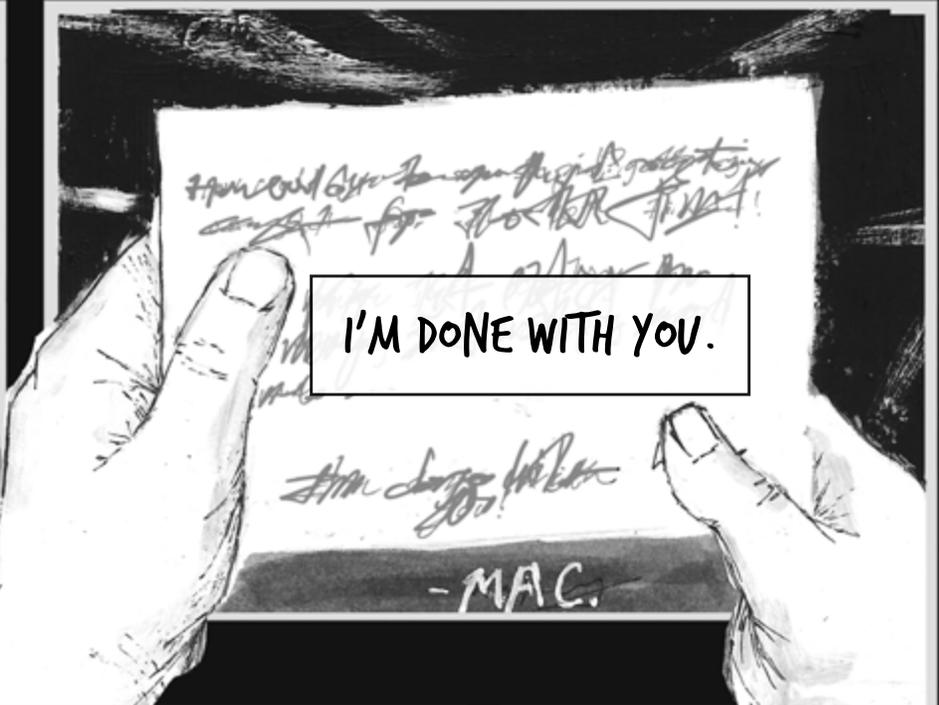
WHATEVER..



TELL ME ABOUT YOURSELF, AUDREY.

WELL, I HAVE A BROTHER AND SISTER.

CASSIE KEPT VISITING ME, EVEN WHEN I WAS RELEASED FROM THE HALL AND SENT TO A GROUP HOME. SLOWLY, I STARTED TO FEEL SAFE AROUND HER. THEN I GOT THIS LETTER FROM MAC...



WHEN I WAS IN MIDDLE SCHOOL...

...WE WERE ALWAYS HUNGRY. THERE WAS NEVER ENOUGH FOOD IN THE HOUSE AND I DID WHAT I HAD TO DO...

I'M HUNGRY, AUDREY!
I WANT FOOD. I
DIDN'T EAT ANYTHING
ALL DAY!

ME, TOO!



DON'T WORRY.
I'LL GET YOU
SOMETHING.

WAIT HERE.



WHERE DO YOU
THINK YOU'RE
GOING, YOUNG
LADY?!

A COP PICKED US UP AND BROUGHT US HOME, BUT HE DIDN'T KNOW HOW MEAN MY STEP-DAD WAS, ESPECIALLY WHEN HE DRANK - AND HE ALWAYS DRANK.



THANK YOU, OFFICER.



YOU STUPID, GOOD FOR NOTHIN' !*#@%! BRINGING THE COPS TO MY DOOR...

...AGAIN?!!

I'M GONNA GIVE YOU THE *WHOOPI*' YOU DESERVE!

WAIT! *WAIT!* I CAN EXPLAIN!



THEY WERE HUNGRY!!

MY MOM WAS TOO DRUGGED OUT TO PROTECT ME.

BY THE TIME I WAS IN HIGH SCHOOL...



...MY LIFE AT HOME WAS JUST TOO CRAZY. I COULDN'T HANDLE IT ANYMORE.

SO, ONE NIGHT I LEFT.



AUDREY - WHERE ARE YOU GOING?



SHHHH...

I CAN'T STAY HERE ANYMORE. HE GETS ANGRY AND TAKES IT OUT ON ME.

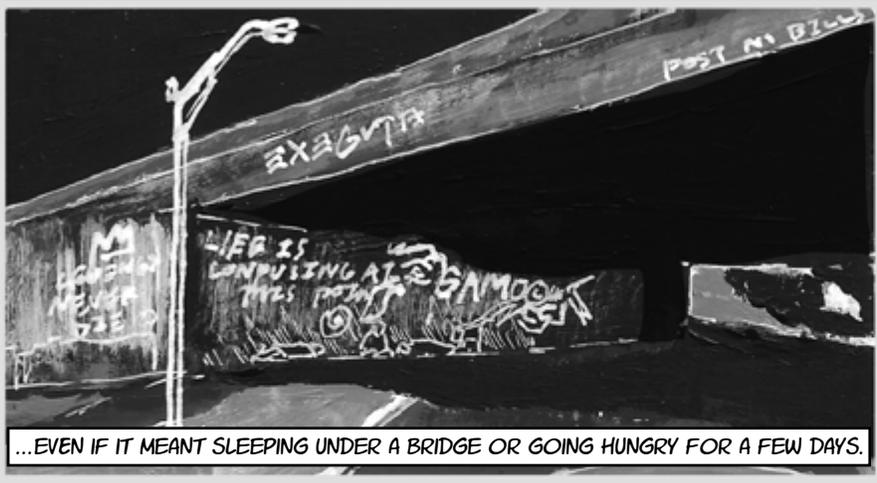
LOOK AFTER YOUR BROTHER UNTIL I CAN COME BACK FOR BOTH OF YOU.



I LOVE YOU.



I GOT OUT OF THERE AS FAST AS I COULD. I FELT BAD LEAVING MY BROTHER AND SISTER, BUT I COULDN'T BE MY DAD'S PUNCHING BAG ANY MORE. ANYTHING WAS BETTER THAN HOME...



...EVEN IF IT MEANT SLEEPING UNDER A BRIDGE OR GOING HUNGRY FOR A FEW DAYS.



IT WASN'T LONG BEFORE **MAC** FOUND ME...



HEY BEAUTIFUL.



NOW, WHAT'S A
PRETTY YOUNG GIRL
DOIN' OUT HERE ALL
ALONE AT NIGHT?



DONT YOU
HAVE A PLACE
TO GO?

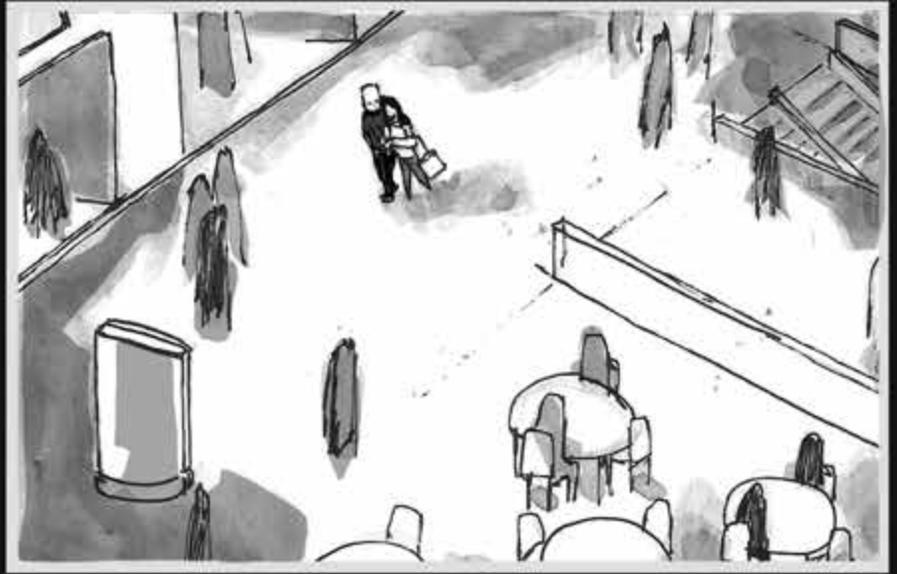


WHY DONT
YOU STAY WITH
ME AND DAISY
FOR A WHILE.



I SHOULDN'T HAVE GOTTEN IN THE CAR, BUT HE WAS NICE AND SHE SEEMED FRIENDLY. BOY, WAS I WRONG...

OVER THE NEXT FEW WEEKS, MAC GAVE ME EVERYTHING I EVER WANTED: LOVE, AFFECTION, AND ATTENTION. I OPENED UP TO HIM AND TOLD HIM ABOUT MY PAST. HE MADE ME FORGET THE PAIN. HE WAS LIKE THE DAD I NEVER HAD AND THE BOYFRIEND I ALWAYS WANTED.



AND JUST LIKE THAT, I WAS IN THE LIFE.



MAC HAD DAISY TEACH ME AND ALL HIS GIRLS THE *RULES OF THE GAME*.



SHE TOLD US TO BRING IN \$300 A NIGHT...



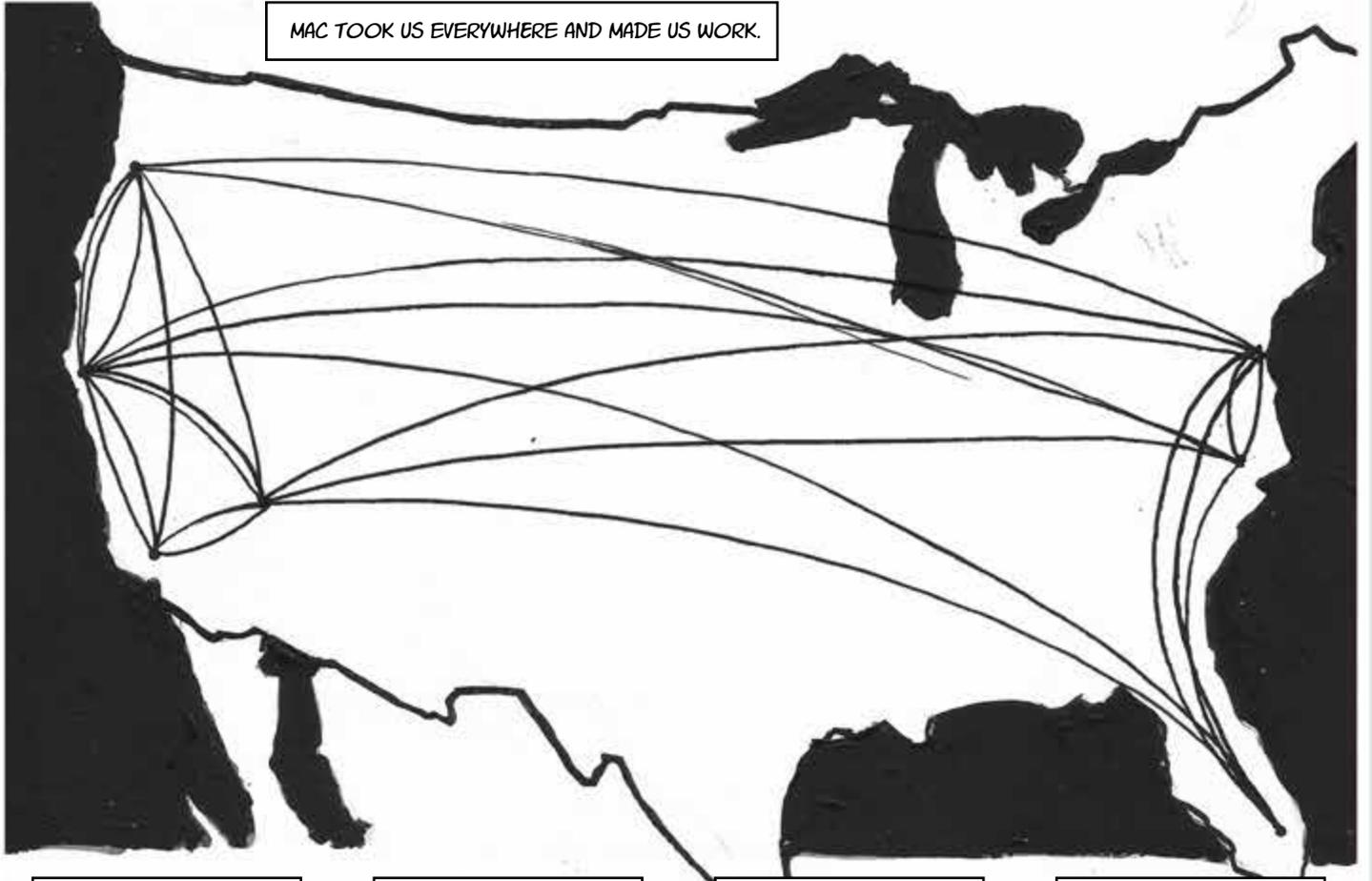
...AND IF I GOT PICKED UP BY THE COPS, I HAD TO GIVE THEM A FAKE NAME AND TELL THEM I WAS 21 YEARS OLD.

SHE TOLD ME WE WERE FAMILY AND THAT LOYALTY WAS EVERYTHING...



...BUT IN REALITY, I BELONGED TO MAC.

MAC TOOK US EVERYWHERE AND MADE US WORK.



OAKLAND, CA



IT ALL BEGAN HERE.

NEW YORK, NY



IT WAS FREEZING AND MAC MADE ME WEAR A MINI SKIRT.

SEATTLE, WA



I GOT IN TROUBLE FOR NOT MAKING ENOUGH MONEY.

LAS VEGAS, NV



IT WAS A BUSY NIGHT.

ATLANTIC CITY, NJ



I LIED ABOUT MY AGE AND GOT LOCKED UP WITH ADULTS.

LOS ANGELES, CA



I GOT MAC'S NAME TATOORED ON MY BACK.

MIAMI, FL



MAC LET ME CALL MY SISTER FOR THE FIRST TIME.

WASHINGTON, DC



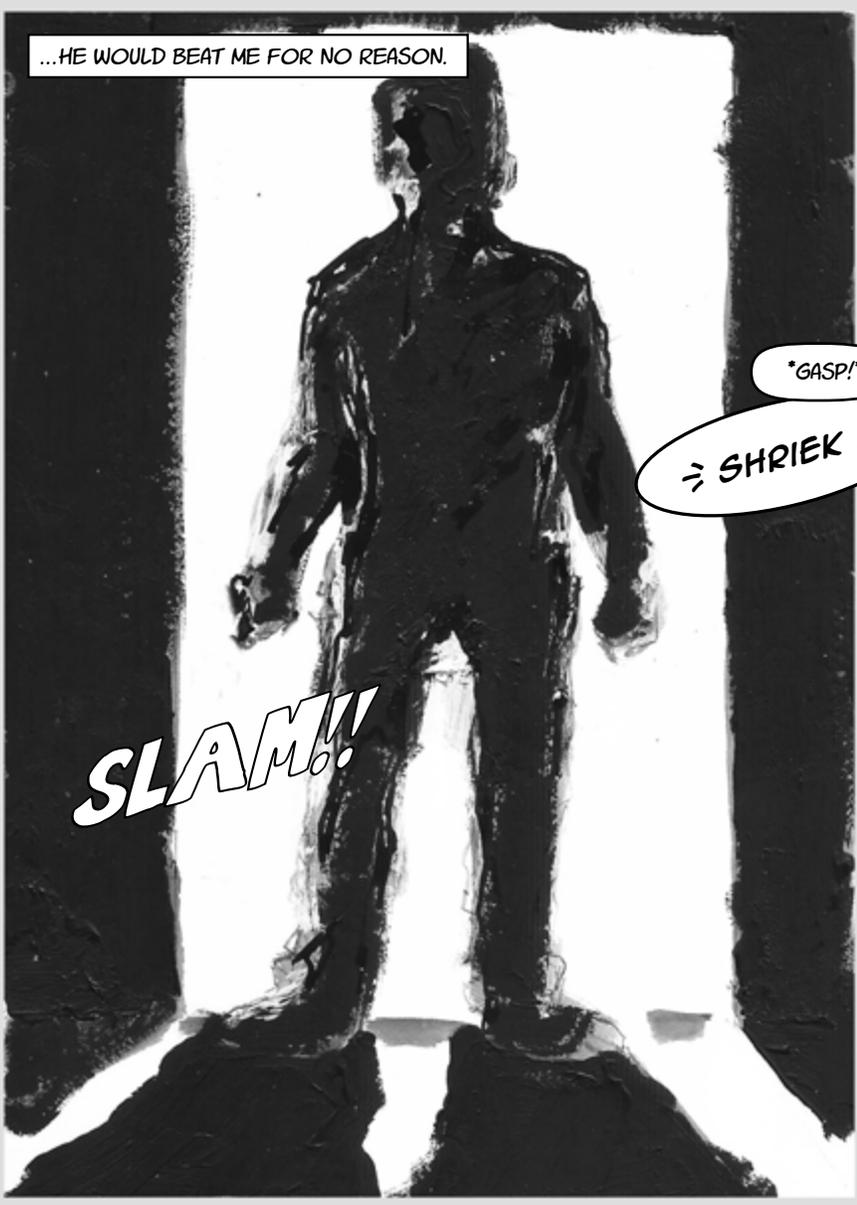
I WAS SICK AND MAC WOULDN'T LET ME GO TO THE HOSPITAL.

AND THEN THERE WAS THE VIOLENCE...



WHEN I LIVED AT HOME, MY STEP-DAD WOULD BEAT ME WHEN I GOT IN TROUBLE AND WHEN HE'D BEEN DRINKING.
WITH MAC IT WAS DIFFERENT...

...HE WOULD BEAT ME FOR NO REASON.

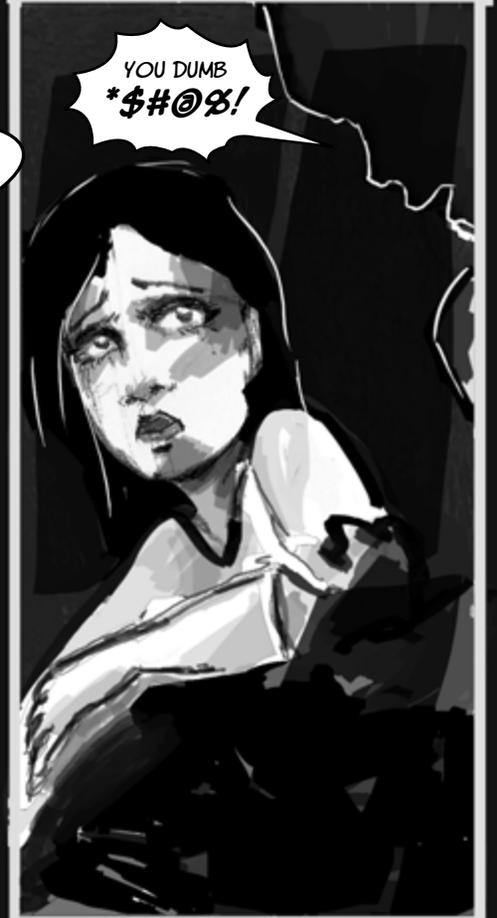


GASP!

⇒ SHRIEK ⇐



OH, NO!



YOU DUMB
*\$\$@%!



I DIDN'T DO ANYTHING!



WHIMPER



I DIDN'T WANT THIS LIFE, BUT HE WOULD NEVER LET ME GO. I JUST DID WHAT HE TOLD ME TO DO. I FELT TRAPPED.

So, here I am today...



I THOUGHT HE LOVED ME, BUT ALL HE DID WAS HURT ME.



I CAN'T DO THIS ANYMORE.



I'VE HEARD THAT BEFORE.

DON'T MAKE PROMISES YOU CAN'T KEEP.



IT'S GOING TO BE OKAY. I'M GOING TO DO EVERYTHING I CAN TO HELP YOU.



AUDREY, THERE ARE A LOT OF PEOPLE WHO ARE HERE TO HELP YOU. NOT JUST ME... THERE ARE MANY.

OKAY...I GET IT... I'M NOT ALONE ANYMORE.



WHAT HE DID TO ME AND THE OTHER GIRLS WAS WRONG. I WANT TO TELL MY STORY IN COURT.

TO BE CONTINUED...

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What are some misconceptions people have about victims of child sex trafficking? Point out some of the scenes in the graphic novel that show the reality versus the myth.
2. Describe some of the factors that Audrey and other youth like her encounter while growing up, which put them at greater risk for being a victim of sex trafficking.
3. How does MAC lure Audrey into a false sense of a relationship, and what are other ways human traffickers recruit youth?
4. How does MAC groom Audrey to work for him on the streets, and what are other ways human traffickers force youth to sell themselves?
5. What are some methods that MAC uses to control Audrey, and what are other ways human traffickers control youth to keep them from escaping their abuse?
6. Is there is light at the end of the tunnel for Audrey? What do you think that looks like?



ABOUT HUMAN TRAFFICKING

- Child sex trafficking is modern-day slavery and child abuse.
- Human trafficking is a multi-billion dollar industry (*United Nations Office of Drugs and Crime, 2012*).
- Child sex trafficking happens in the U.S. to American children.
- Victims of domestic child sex trafficking can be anybody.
- 1.6 million children run away from home each year (*National Incidence Studies of Missing, Abducted, Runaway, and Thrownaway (NISMAART)*).
- Advocates estimate 1 in 3 teens will be approached by a human trafficker within three days of running away and/or becoming homeless (*Girls Education & Mentoring Services (GEMS) 2013*).

For more information about human trafficking, go to: www.heat-watch.org/human_trafficking





H.E.A.T. WATCH[®]

H.E.A.T. STOP HUMAN EXPLOITATION AND TRAFFICKING

UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF THE ALAMEDA COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

The Alameda County DA's Office H.E.A.T. Watch Program is a 5-point strategy created to protect victims, hold traffickers accountable, and empower communities with tools to combat human trafficking through: 1) law enforcement training; 2) aggressively prosecuting offenders; 3) coordinating services for victims; 4) educating policymakers so they can create strong anti-trafficking laws; and 5) community awareness and engagement.

VOTED "TOP 25 ABOLITIONISTS IN AMERICA"

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 "Like" us on Facebook (HEAT Watch), and  "Follow" us on Twitter (@HEATwatch).

You can also access our H.E.A.T. Watch Toolkit to help you start an anti-trafficking program in your community. Go to toolkit.heat-watch.org for more information.



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REPORT HUMAN TRAFFICKING

- Call the National Human Trafficking Resource Center Hotline at 1-888-3737-888 or text **BeFree**.
- Report a missing child to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children at 1-800-843-5678.

LOCAL RESOURCES

- Alameda County DA Victim-Witness: www.alcoda.org/victim_witness; (510) 272-6180.
- Alameda County Family Justice Center: one stop shop for victims of crime; www.acfjc.org; (510) 267-8800.
- Asian Health Services: teen health clinic; www.asianhealthservices.org; (510) 986-6830.
- Banteay Srei: support services for Southeast Asian youth; www.girlsempoweringthemselves.com; info@banteaysrei.org.
- Bay Area Women Against Rape (BAWAR): 24 hour first responder/advocacy; www.bawar.org; (510) 845-7273.
- Children's Hospital Teen Clinic: (510) 428-3387.
- Love Never Fails: mentoring and missing child search; www.loveneverfailsus.com.
- Motivating, Inspiring, Supporting and Serving Sexually Exploited Youth (MISSEY): case management, mentorship, drop-in center, training; www.missey.org; (510) 290-6450.
- Native American Health Center: community and school-health clinics; (510) 535-4410.
- Oakland Police Department Child Exploitation Unit: (510) 238-7911.
- West Coast Children's Clinic (WCC) C-Change Program: individual, family and group psychotherapy, case management, parent support, psychological assessment, training; www.westcoastcc.org; call (510) 269-9030.



TAKE ACTION

You can make a difference and help prevent child sex trafficking by sharing this story with your community. Scan the QR code for an online copy of "Audrey". Become an abolitionist, and join the H.E.A.T. Watch Youth Action Network.



Read About It

There are many books and articles on human trafficking. Google what's out there and become a local expert. Share these books with friends and family, and talk about what you've read. You can also access the H.E.A.T. Watch Toolkit at toolkit.heat-watch.org and read our blog at www.heat-watch.org/blog/.

Talk About It

Find us on Twitter (@HEATwatch) and Facebook (HEAT Watch), and use #StopHEAT to start the conversation on social media sites. Blog about it and use your creativity on YouTube, Instagram, Vine, and other online networks to spread the word. Talk about it with everyone you know to raise awareness and action.

Fundraise and Donate

Support H.E.A.T. Watch and other agencies that help survivors of human trafficking. Organize a bake sale, 5k run, or other fundraising event. Then donate your proceeds to H.E.A.T. Watch by going to www.heat-watch.org/donate. Proceeds will support the Young Women's Saturday Program for victims of, and those at risk for, sex trafficking.

Volunteer and Attend Trainings

Be an active member in the community. Support local anti-trafficking organizations by attending trainings, community events, and volunteering your time. To join the Bay Area H.E.A.T. Coalition mailing list and learn about upcoming events, subscribe at www.heat-watch.org/blog/ and look for the sign up link.

Create a Club on Campus

Start a H.E.A.T. Watch Club at your school and bring classmates, teachers, parents, and the community together for trainings, fundraisers, and film screenings. Email our team for advice and support at info@heat-watch.org.

Tell Us About It

We want to know all about your efforts and success'. Email us at info@heat-watch.org. Can't wait!

See Something, Say Something

If you believe you are witnessing suspected human trafficking, call 911. For all non-emergency reports, call the National Human Trafficking and Resource Center Hotline at 1-888-3737-888 or text BeFree.

Buying a teen for sex is child abuse.
Turning a blind eye is neglect.



A STORY OF CHILD SEX TRAFFICKING IN AMERICA