SPILLING SOME COFFEE

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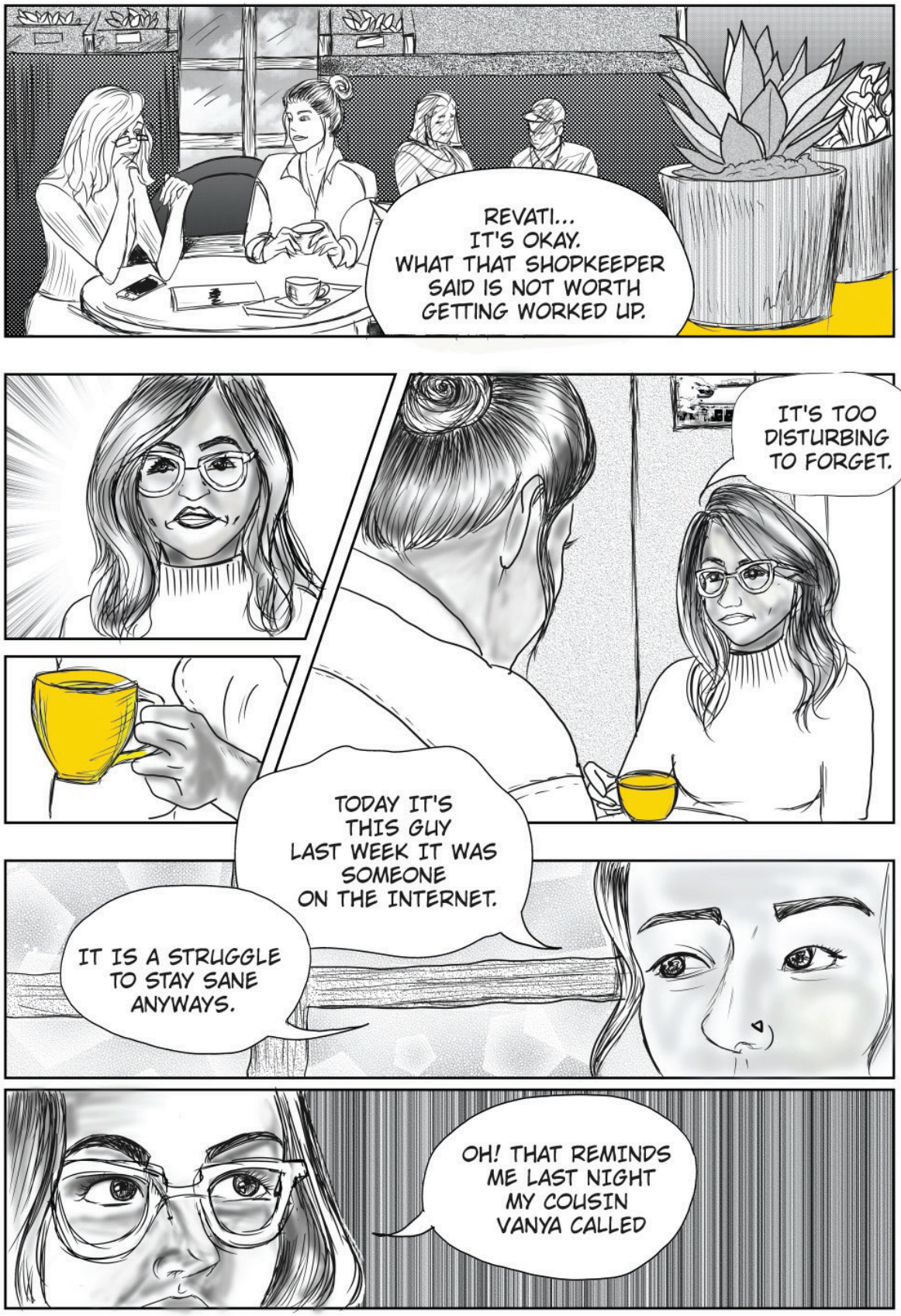
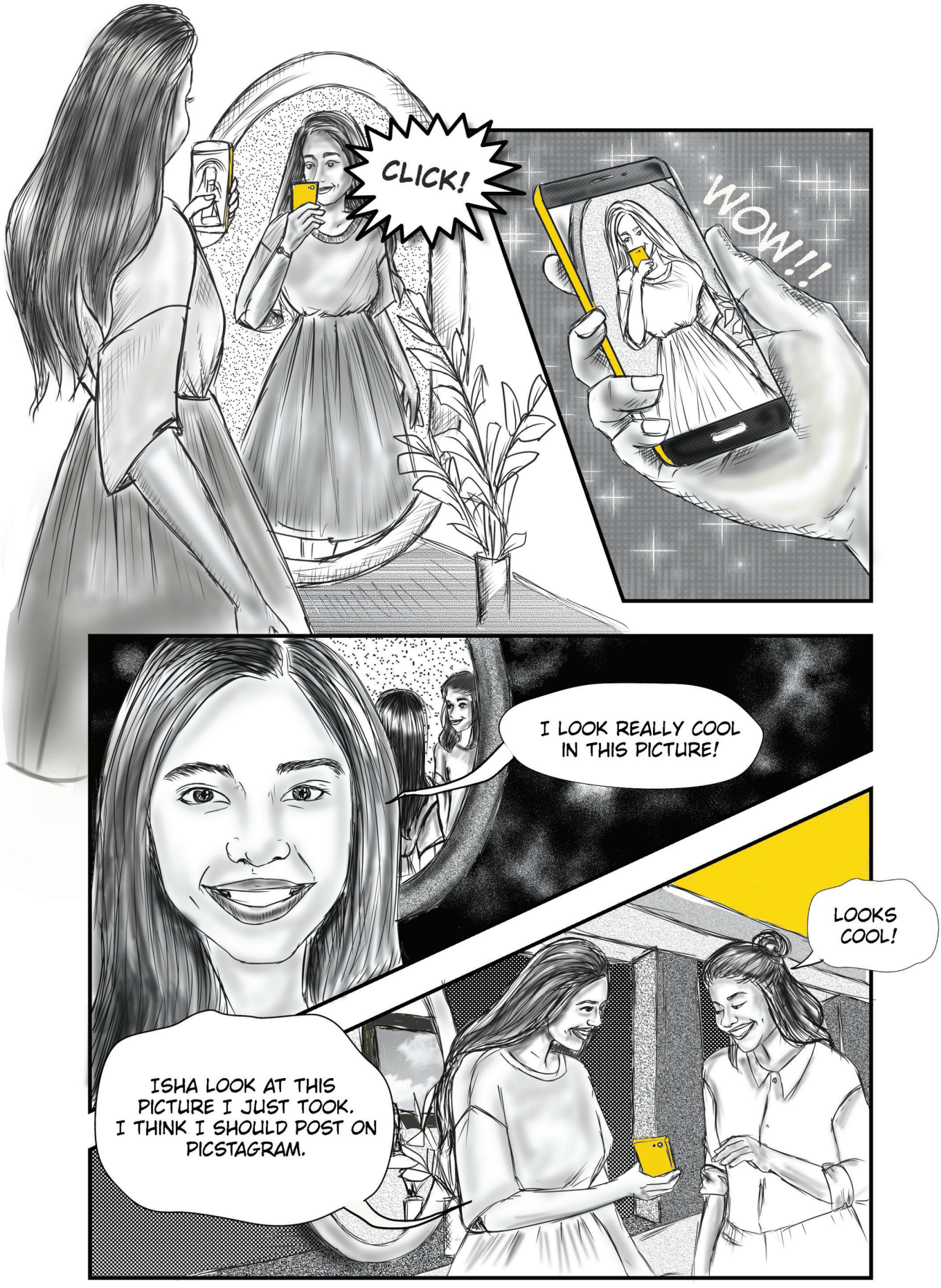
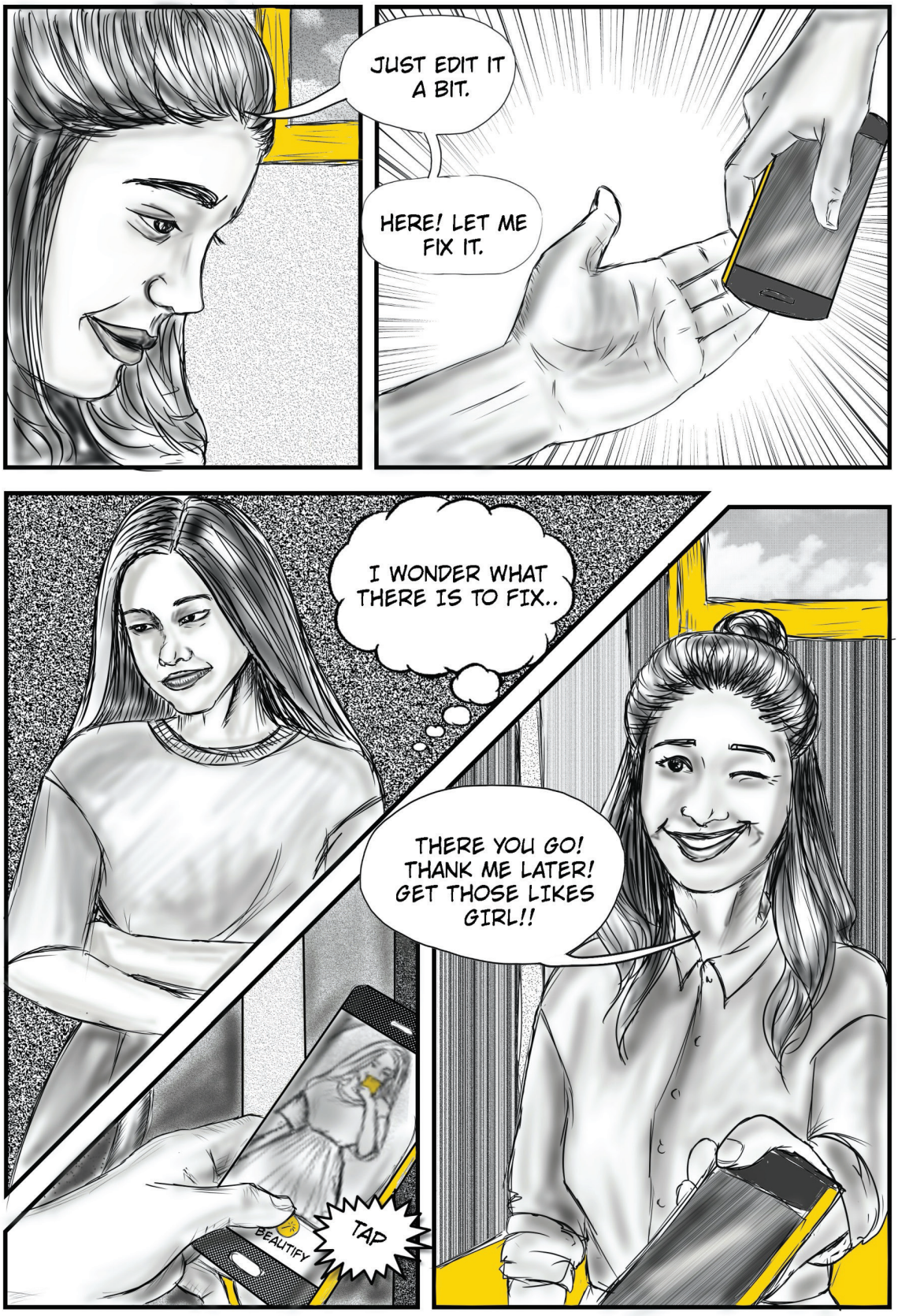
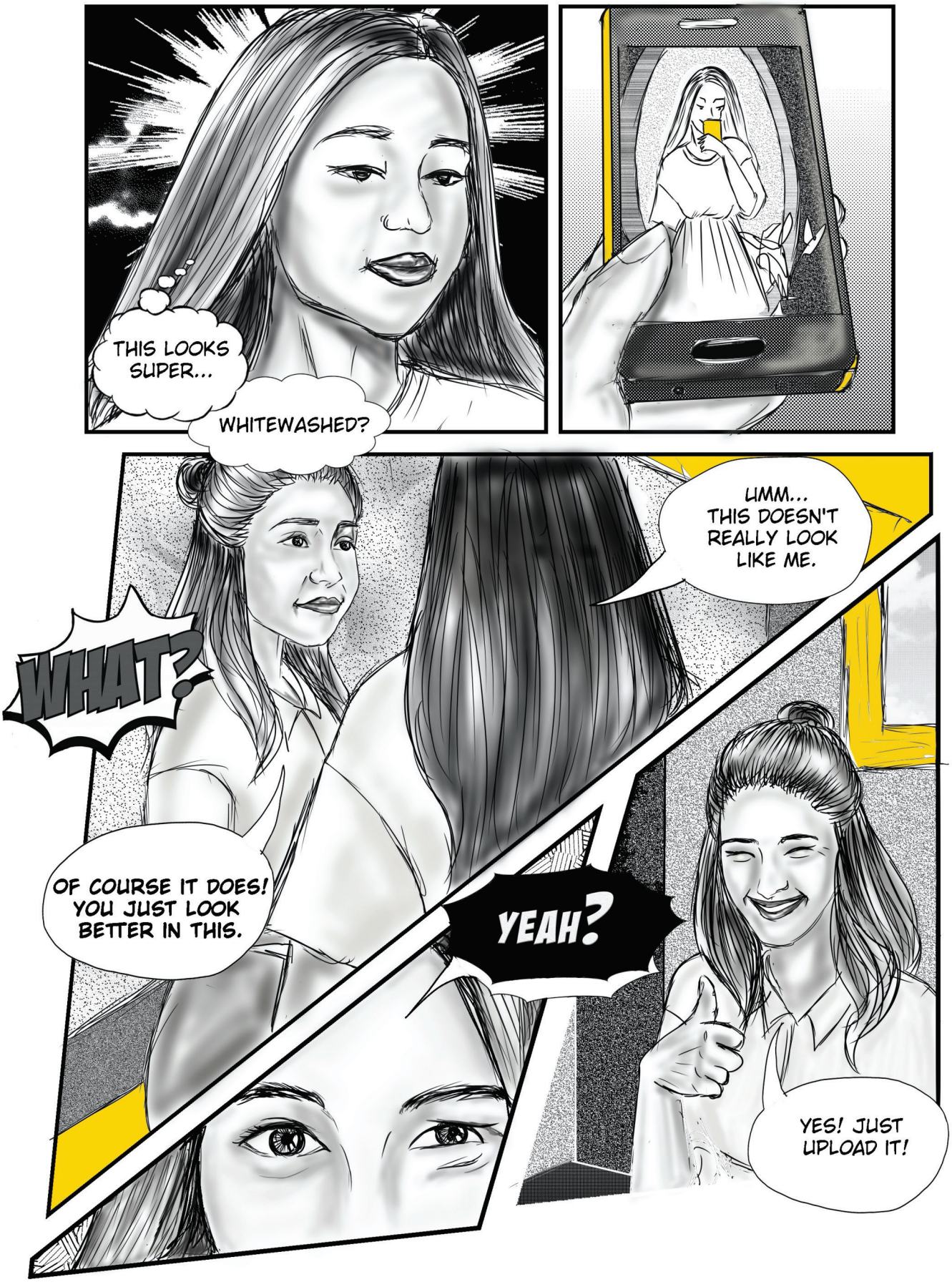
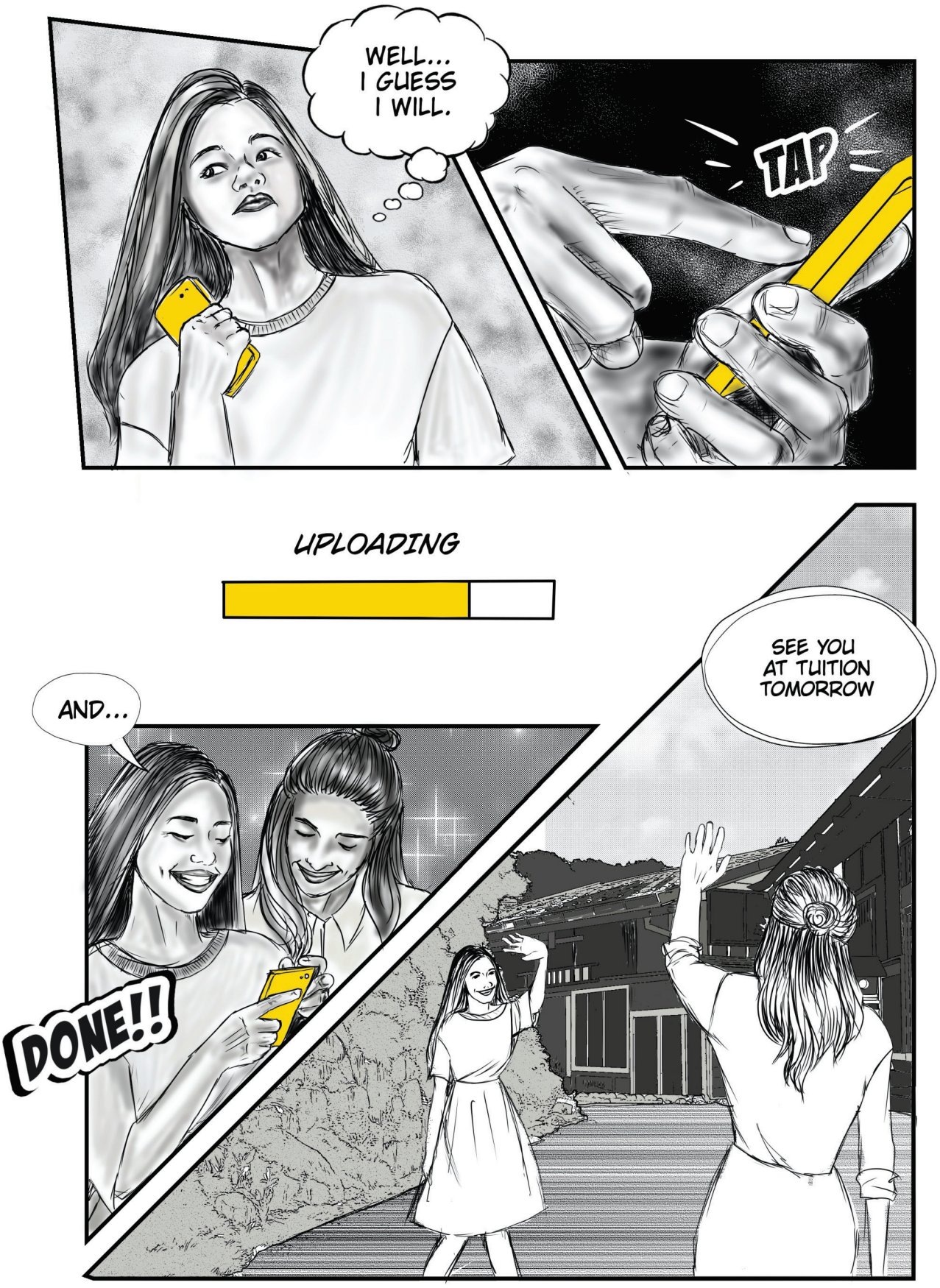

REVATI...
IT'S OKAY.
WHAT THAT SHOPKEEPER SAID IS NOT WORTH GETTING WORKED UP.
IT'S TOO DISTURBING TO FORGET.
TODAY IT'S THIS GUY LAST WEEK IT WAS SOMEONE ON THE INTERNET.
IT IS A STRUGGLE TO STAY SANE ANYWAYS.
OH! THAT REMINDS ME LAST NIGHT MY COUSIN VANYA CALLED


CLICK!
WOW!!
I LOOK REALLY COOL IN THIS PICTURE!
LOOKS COOL!
ISHA LOOK AT THIS PICTURE I JUST TOOK. I THINK I SHOULD POST ON PICSTAGRAM.

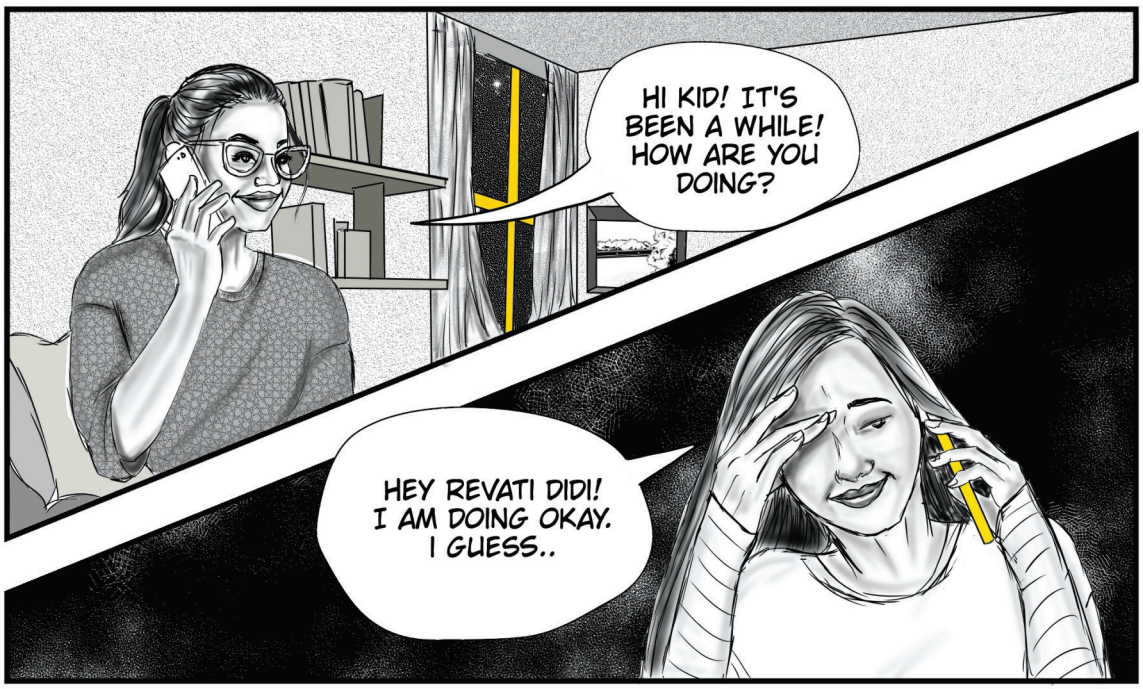

JUST EDIT IT A BIT.
HERE! LET ME FIX IT.
I WONDER WHAT THERE IS TO FIX..
THERE YOU GO! THANK ME LATER! GET THOSE LIKES GIRL!!
BEAUTIFY
TAP

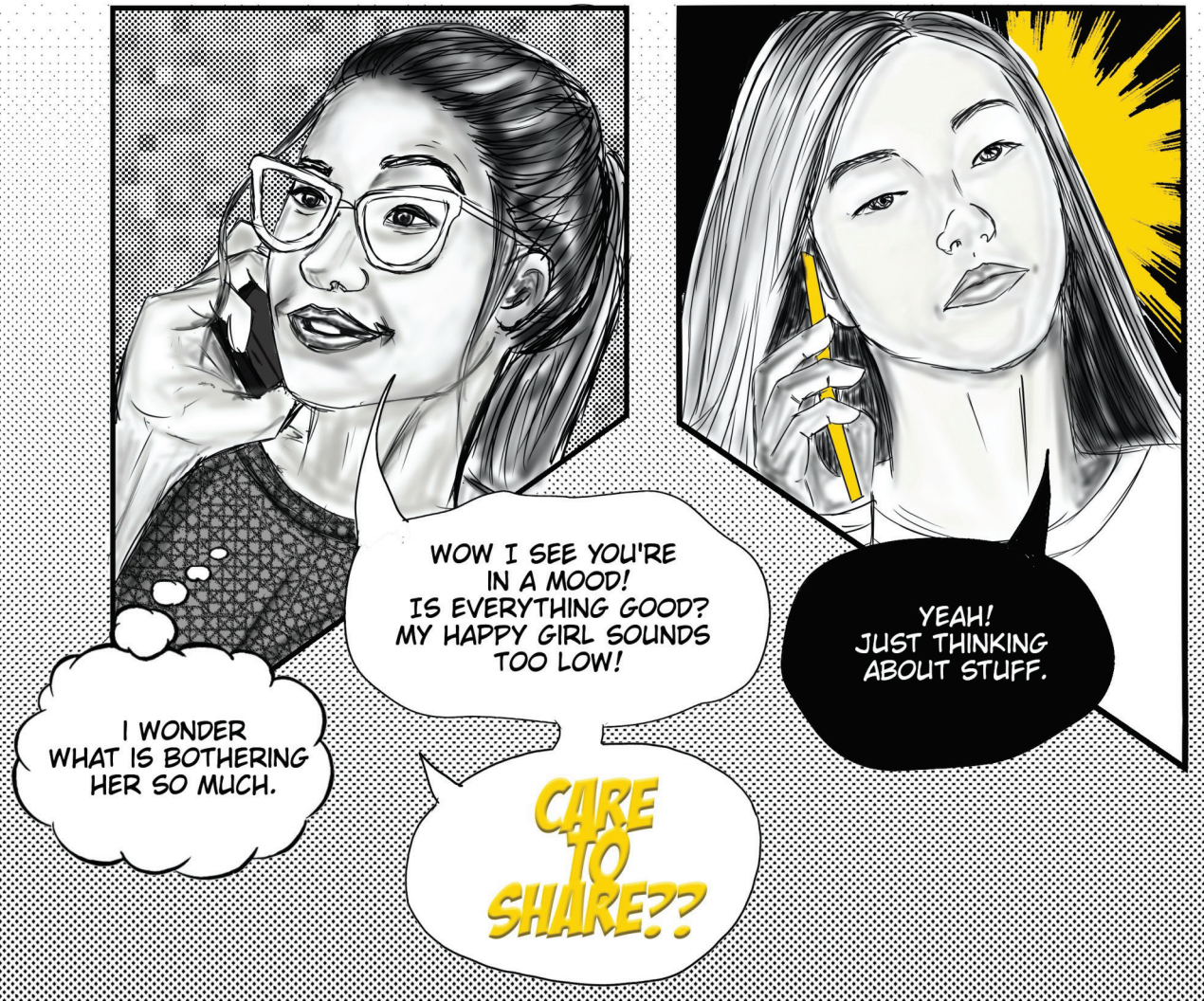

THIS LOOKS SUPER...
WHITEWASHED?
UMM... THIS DOESN'T REALLY LOOK LIKE ME.
WHAT?
OF COURSE IT DOES! YOU JUST LOOK BETTER IN THIS.
YEAH?
YES! JUST UPLOAD IT!

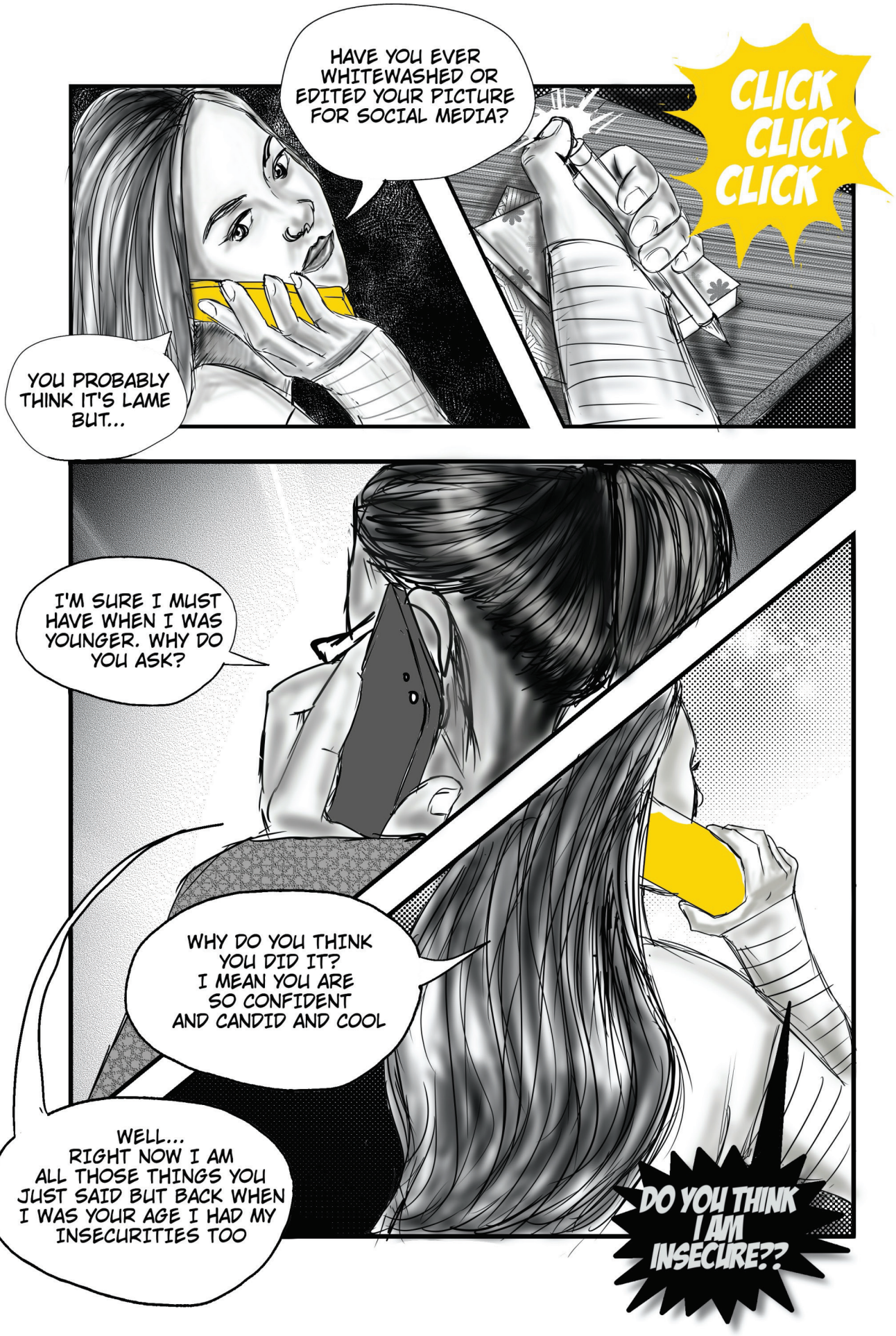

WELL... I GUESS I WILL.
TAP
UPLOADING
SEE YOU AT TUITION TOMORROW
AND...
DONE!!

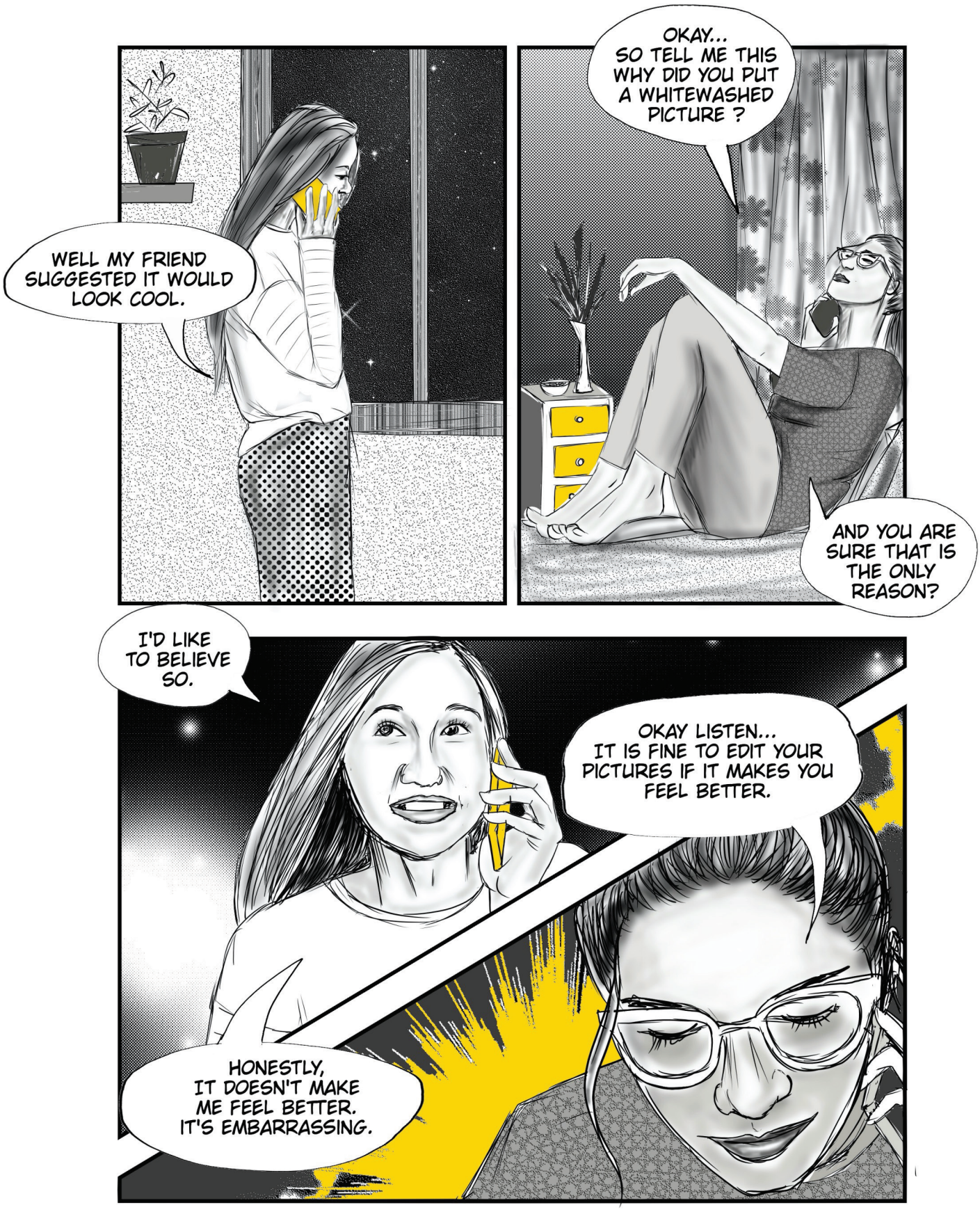
Comments
komalbasith Very nice!
15h 1 like Reply
sproutedminds
13h 1 like Reply
ericakoesler Love!!
12h 2 likes Reply
WOULD PEOPLE HAVE STILL LIKED IT IF IT WEREN'T WHITEWASHED?
DO I REALLY CARE SO MUCH OF WHAT PEOPLE LIKE?
AM I BEING FAKE?

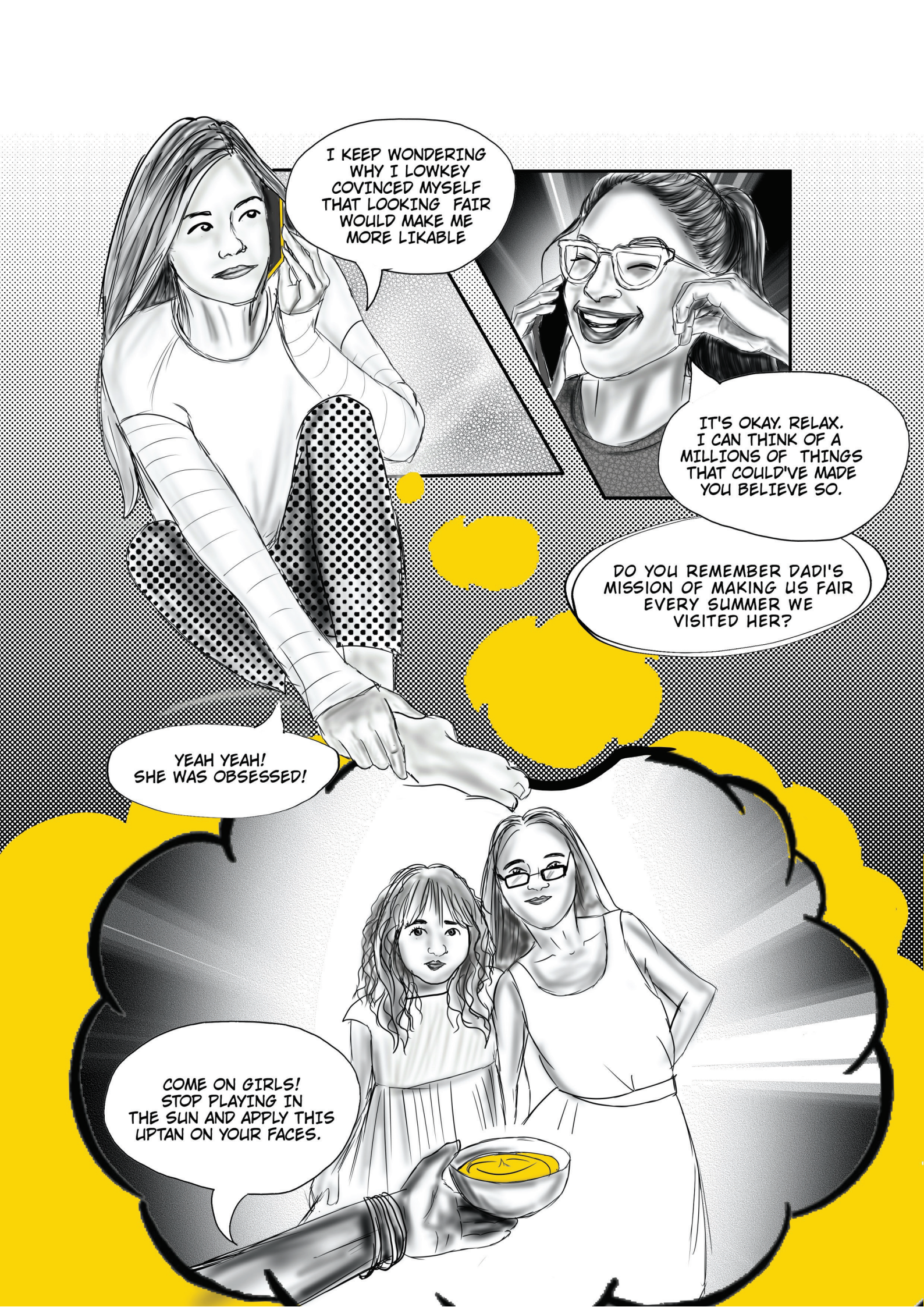
I FEEL UNCOMFORTABLE WHENEVER I THINK ABOUT THAT PICTURE.
THE COMMENTS ALSO DON'T HELP ME FEEL BETTER. I FEEL LIKE I TRIED TO FOOL PEOPLE. AND DISRESPECT MYSELF.
NEW COMMENT!
BZZ BZZ BZZ
Incoming call
Revati Didi
Mobile +918825238123
8 Apr
Most recent call
TRRING! TRRING!! TRRING!!!
OH THANK GOD SHE CALLED OR I WOULD LOSE MY MIND!

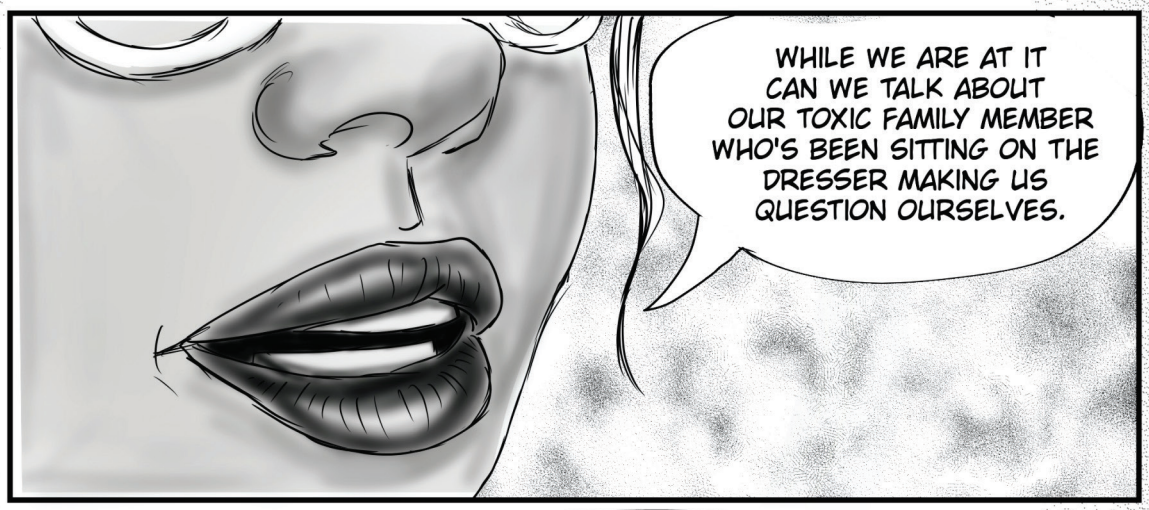

HI KID! IT'S BEEN A WHILE! HOW ARE YOU DOING?
HEY REVATI DIDI! I AM DOING OKAY. I GUESS..

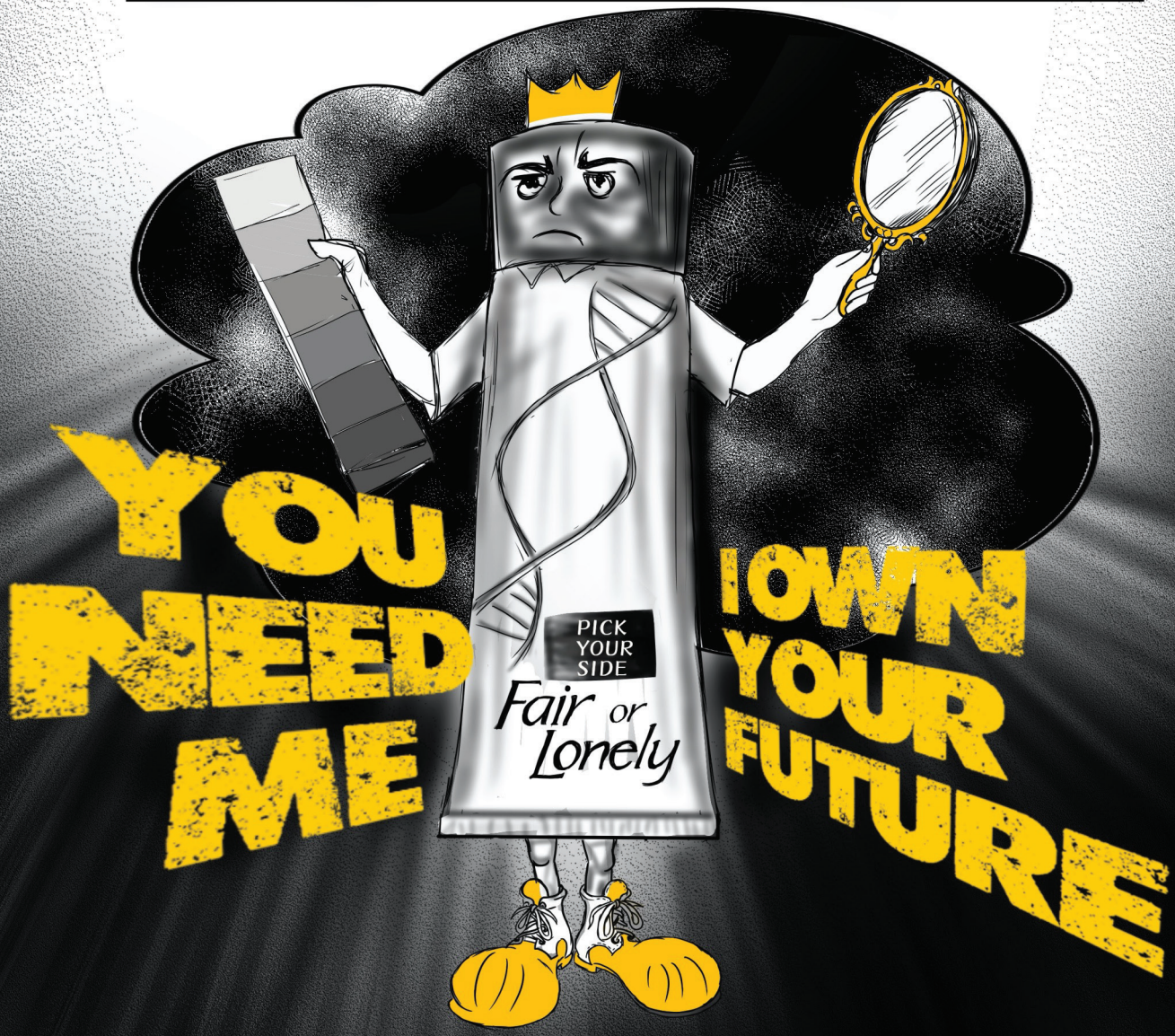

I WONDER WHAT IS BOTHERING HER SO MUCH.
WOW I SEE YOU'RE IN A MOOD! IS EVERYTHING GOOD? MY HAPPY GIRL SOUNDS TOO LOW!
YEAH! JUST THINKING ABOUT STUFF.
CARE TO SHARE??

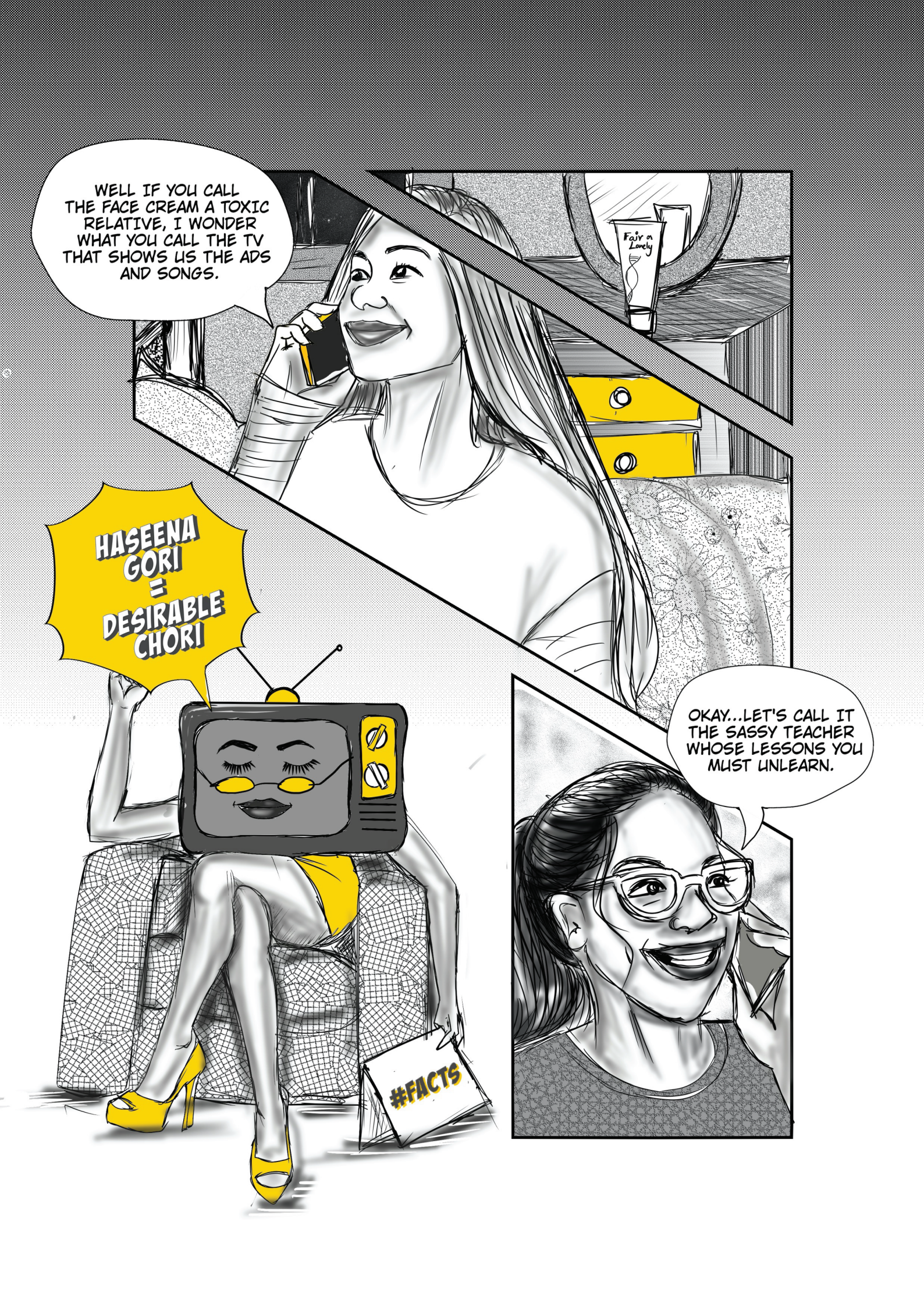

HAVE YOU EVER WHITEWASHED OR EDITED YOUR PICTURE FOR SOCIAL MEDIA?
CLICK CLICK CLICK
YOU PROBABLY THINK IT'S LAME BUT...
I'M SURE I MUST HAVE WHEN I WAS YOUNGER. WHY DO YOU ASK?
WHY DO YOU THINK YOU DID IT? I MEAN YOU ARE SO CONFIDENT AND CANDID AND COOL
WELL... RIGHT NOW I AM ALL THOSE THINGS YOU JUST SAID BUT BACK WHEN I WAS YOUR AGE I HAD MY INSECURITIES TOO
DO YOU THINK I AM INSECURE??

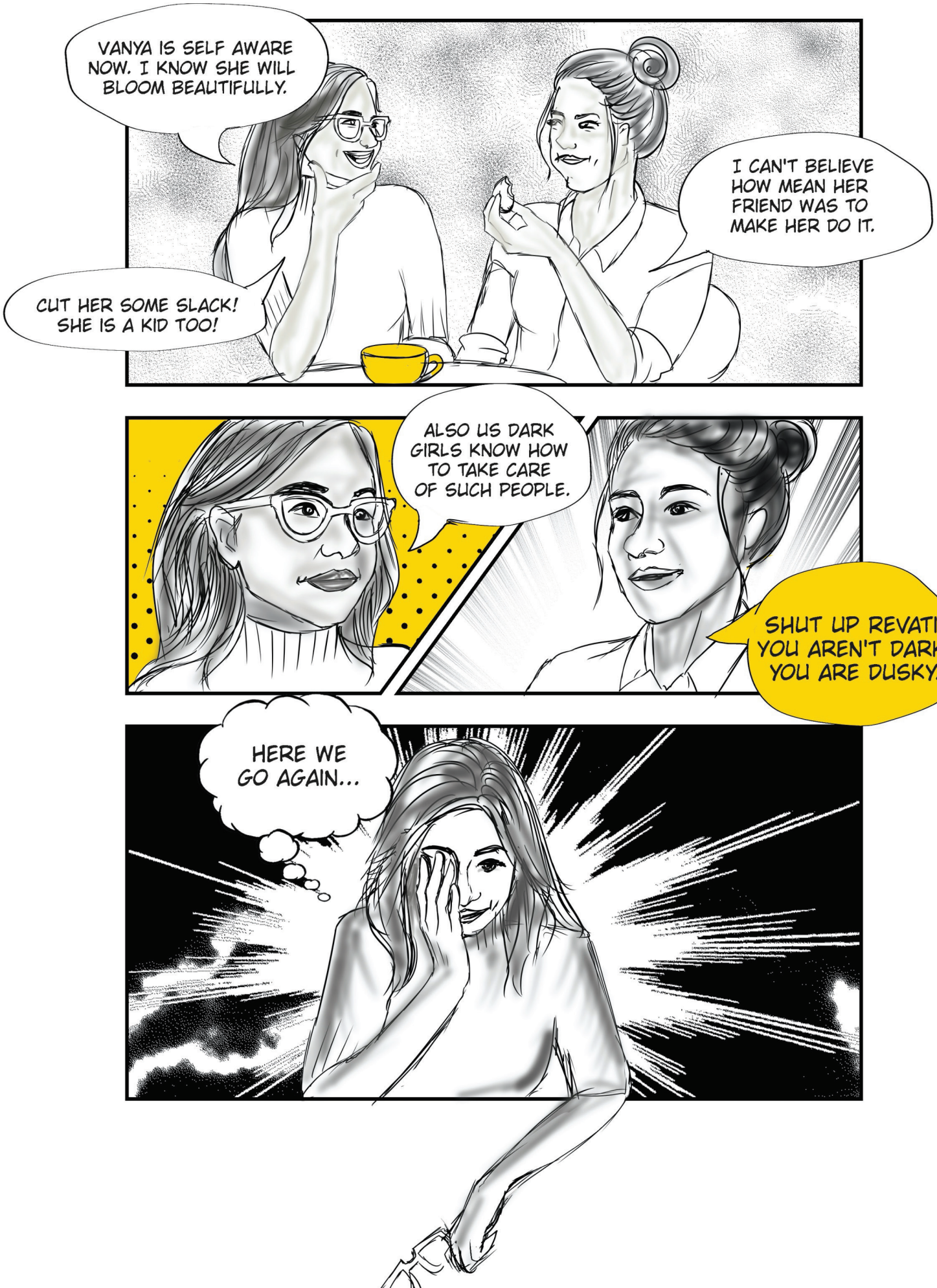

WELL MY FRIEND SUGGESTED IT WOULD LOOK COOL.
OKAY... SO TELL ME THIS WHY DID YOU PUT A WHITEWASHED PICTURE ?
AND YOU ARE SURE THAT IS THE ONLY REASON?
I'D LIKE TO BELIEVE SO.
OKAY LISTEN... IT IS FINE TO EDIT YOUR PICTURES IF IT MAKES YOU FEEL BETTER.
HONESTLY, IT DOESN'T MAKE ME FEEL BETTER. IT'S EMBARRASSING.

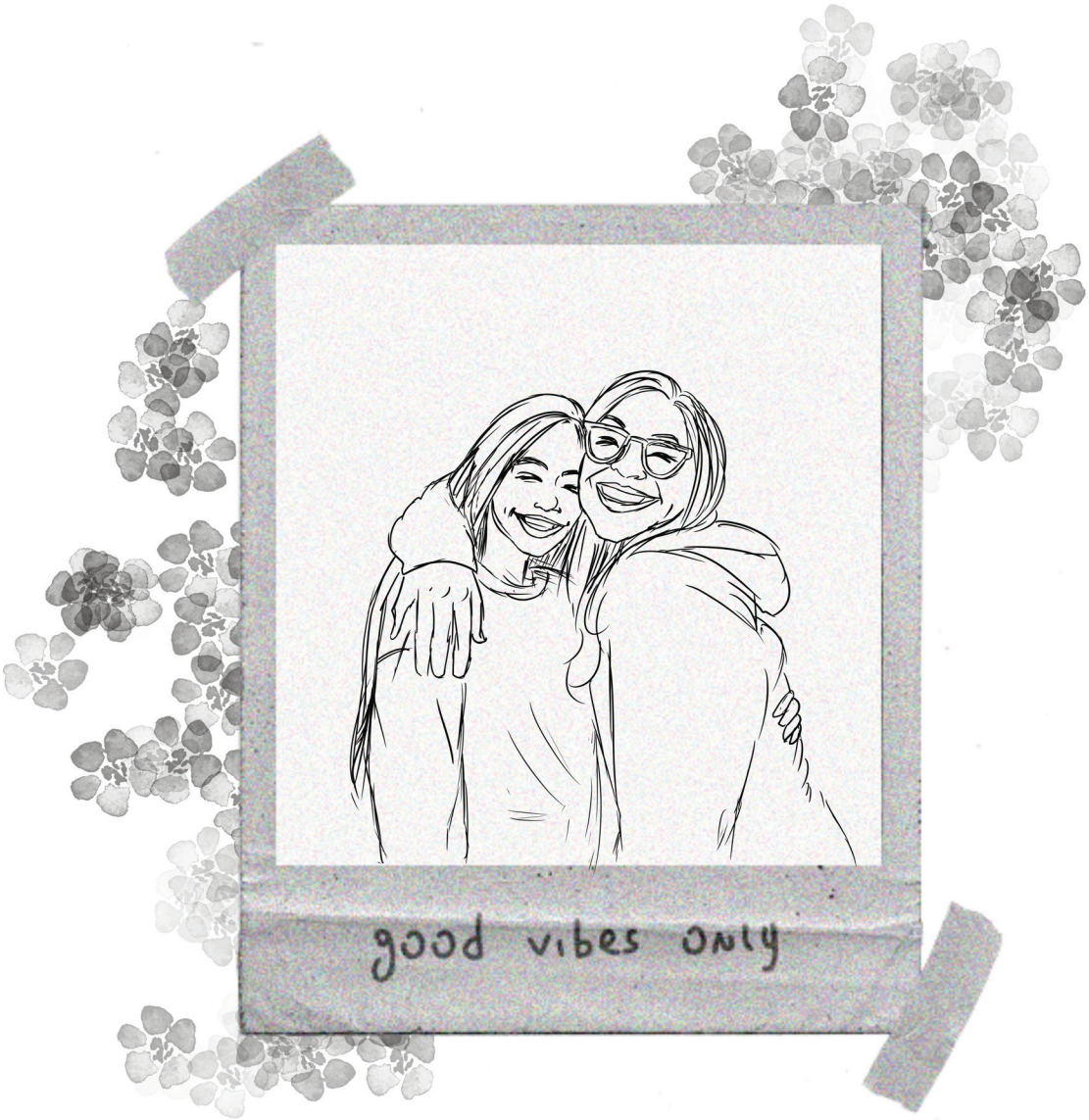

I KEEP WONDERING WHY I LOWKEY COVINCED MYSELF THAT LOOKING FAIR WOULD MAKE ME MORE LIKABLE
IT'S OKAY. RELAX. I CAN THINK OF A MILLIONS OF THINGS THAT COULD'VE MADE YOU BELIEVE SO.
DO YOU REMEMBER DADI'S MISSION OF MAKING US FAIR EVERY SUMMER WE VISITED HER?
YEAH YEAH! SHE WAS OBSESSED!
COME ON GIRLS! STOP PLAYING IN THE SUN AND APPLY THIS UPTAN ON YOUR FACES.


WHILE WE ARE AT IT CAN WE TALK ABOUT OUR TOXIC FAMILY MEMBER WHO'S BEEN SITTING ON THE DRESSER MAKING US QUESTION OURSELVES.


YOU NEED ME
PICK YOUR SIDE
Fair or Lonely
I OWN YOUR FUTURE


WELL IF YOU CALL THE FACE CREAM A TOXIC RELATIVE, I WONDER WHAT YOU CALL THE TV THAT SHOWS US THE ADS AND SONGS.
Fair n Lovely
HASEENA GORI = DESIRABLE CHORI
#FACTS
OKAY...LET'S CALL IT THE SASSY TEACHER WHOSE LESSONS YOU MUST UNLEARN.


VANYA IS SELF AWARE NOW. I KNOW SHE WILL BLOOM BEAUTIFULLY.
I CAN'T BELIEVE HOW MEAN HER FRIEND WAS TO MAKE HER DO IT.
CUT HER SOME SLACK! SHE IS A KID TOO!
ALSO US DARK GIRLS KNOW HOW TO TAKE CARE OF SUCH PEOPLE.
SHUT UP REVATI! YOU AREN'T DARK. YOU ARE DUSKY.
HERE WE GO AGAIN...



GROWING UP REVATI WISHED SOMEONE TOLD HER IT WAS OKAY TO BE HERSELF, IT WAS OKAY TO BE HER DARK AUTHENTIC BEAUTIFUL SELF.
NOW SHE KNOWS SHE WILL BE THERE FOR VANYA AND NEVER LET HER QUESTION HER SELF WORTH.

VANYA STILL CONTEMPLATES HUNDERED TIMES
BEFORE POSTING SOMETHING.
SOMETIMES AVOIDING A CLOSE UP SHOT,
SOMETIMES FLAUNTING HER SMILE
SHE IS GRADUALLY LEARNING TO BE
COMFORTABLE IN HER OWN SKIN.