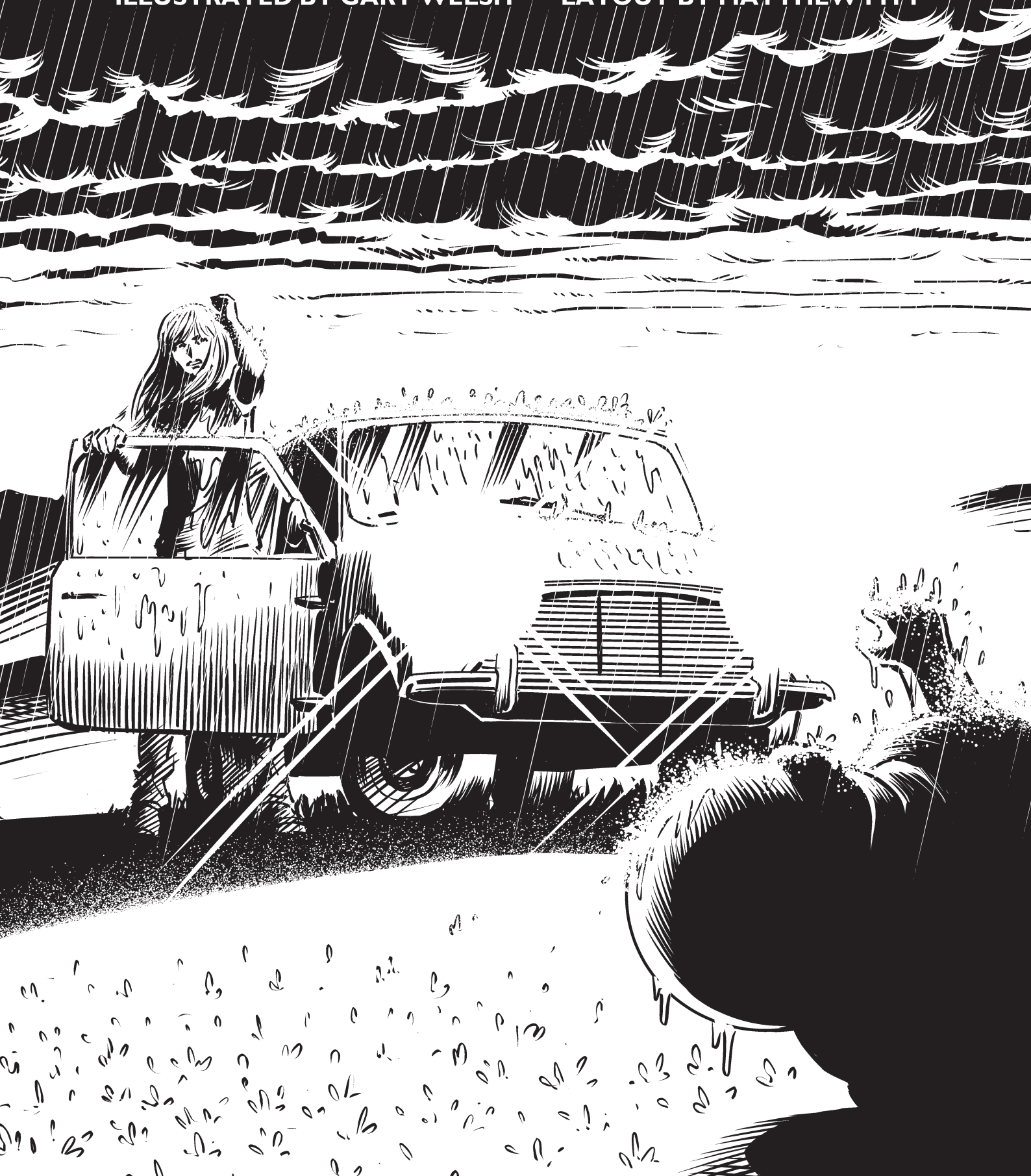


MOOR BABY

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WAN NIGHT IN LATE OCTOBER . . .

...CARLINE WIS DRIVIN OVER THE FENNICK MOOR.



THE MOOR WIS A RIGHT DREICH PLACE.

NUT A TREE FOR TEN MILE. NUT A HOUSE OR FARM.



THE RAIN WIS SKELPIN DOON LIK BROKEN STEEL RODS.



CARLINE NIVER NOTICED IT MUCH.



"THE WRONG GUY,
THE WRONG SITUATION,
THE RIGHT TIME TO
ROLL TO ME."

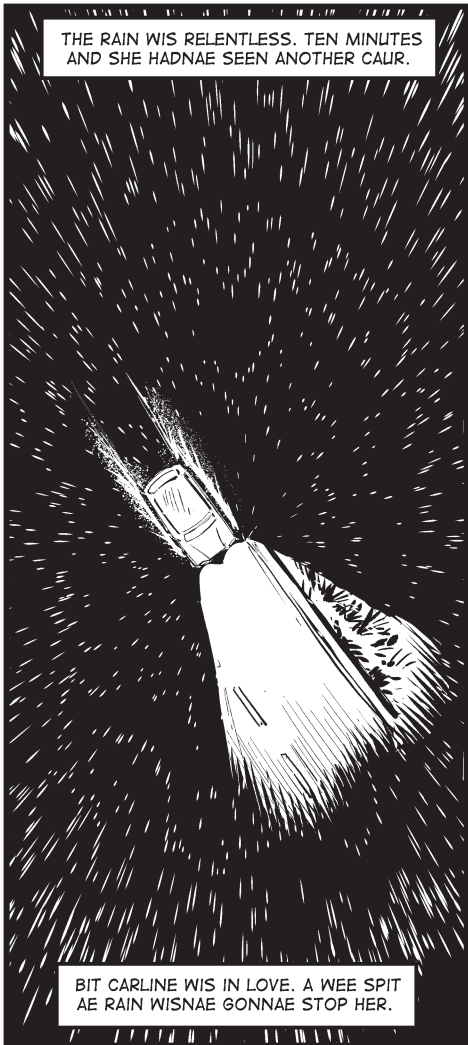
THE PLEASURE AE THE RADIO NURSIN HER AW THE WAY TAE ERR TAE SEE HER BOYFRIEND, BOBBY.

ON THE BACKSEAT WIS A PAIR O SIZE 9 BLACK PATENT LEATHER SHOES SHE'D BOUGHT FIR BOBBY.



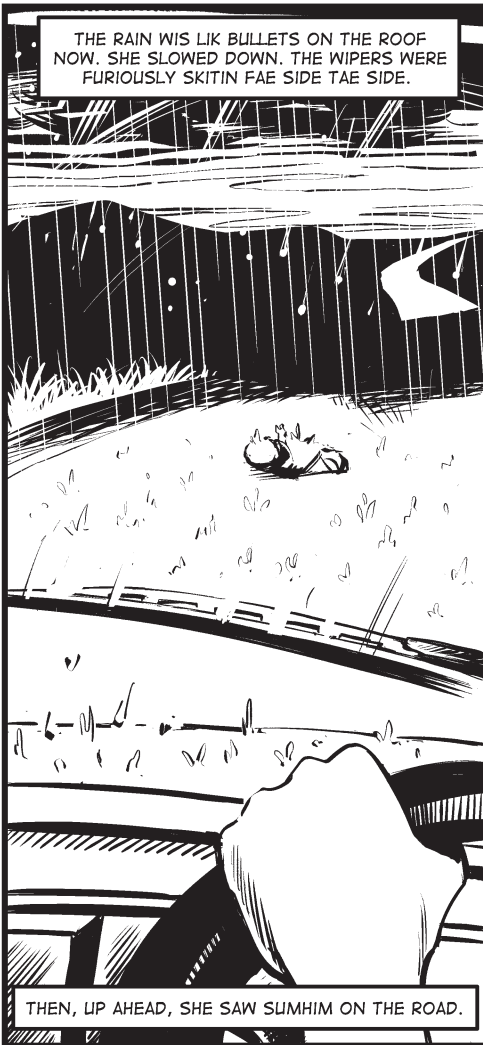
SHE WIS WORKIN AN HE WISNAE. SHE BOUGHT HIM SUMHIN NOW AN THEN TAE CHEER HIM UP.

THE RAIN WIS RELENTLESS. TEN MINUTES AND SHE HADNAE SEEN ANOTHER CAUR.



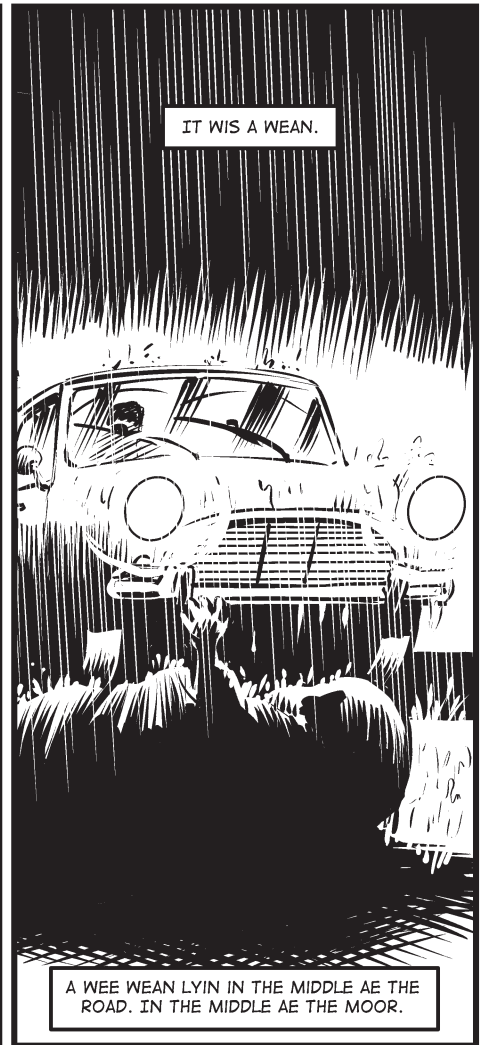
BIT CARLINE WIS IN LOVE. A WEE SPIT AE RAIN WISNAE GONNAE STOP HER.

THE RAIN WIS LIK BULLETS ON THE ROOF NOW. SHE SLOWED DOWN. THE WIPERS WERE FURIOUSLY SKITIN FAE SIDE TAE SIDE.



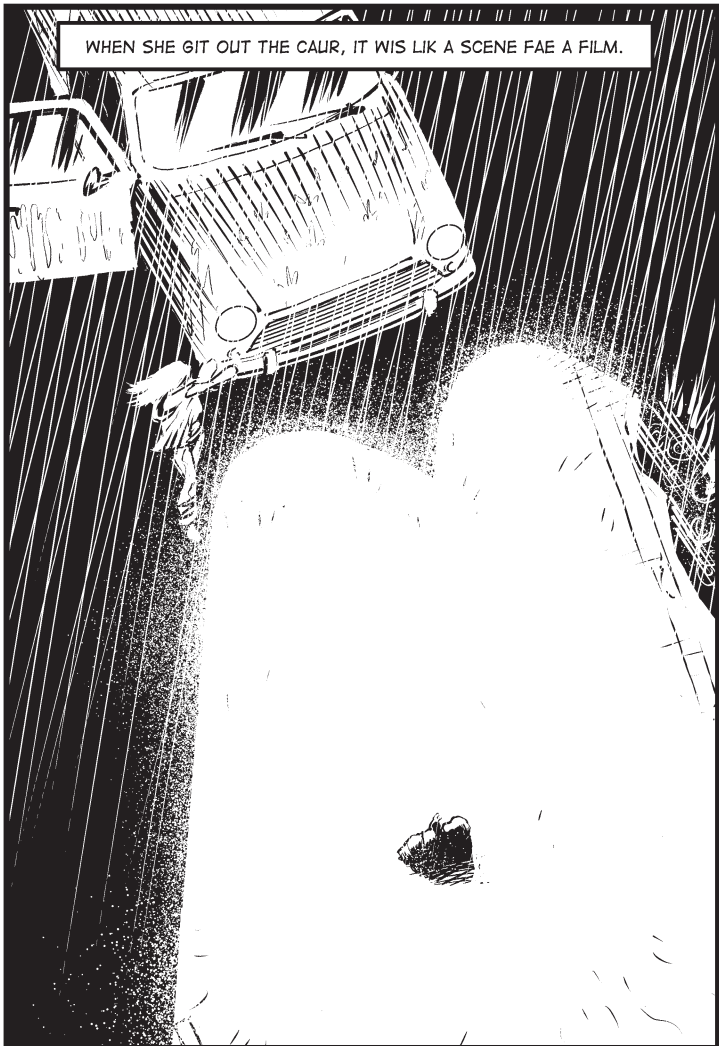
THEN, UP AHEAD, SHE SAW SUMHIM ON THE ROAD.

IT WIS A WEAN.

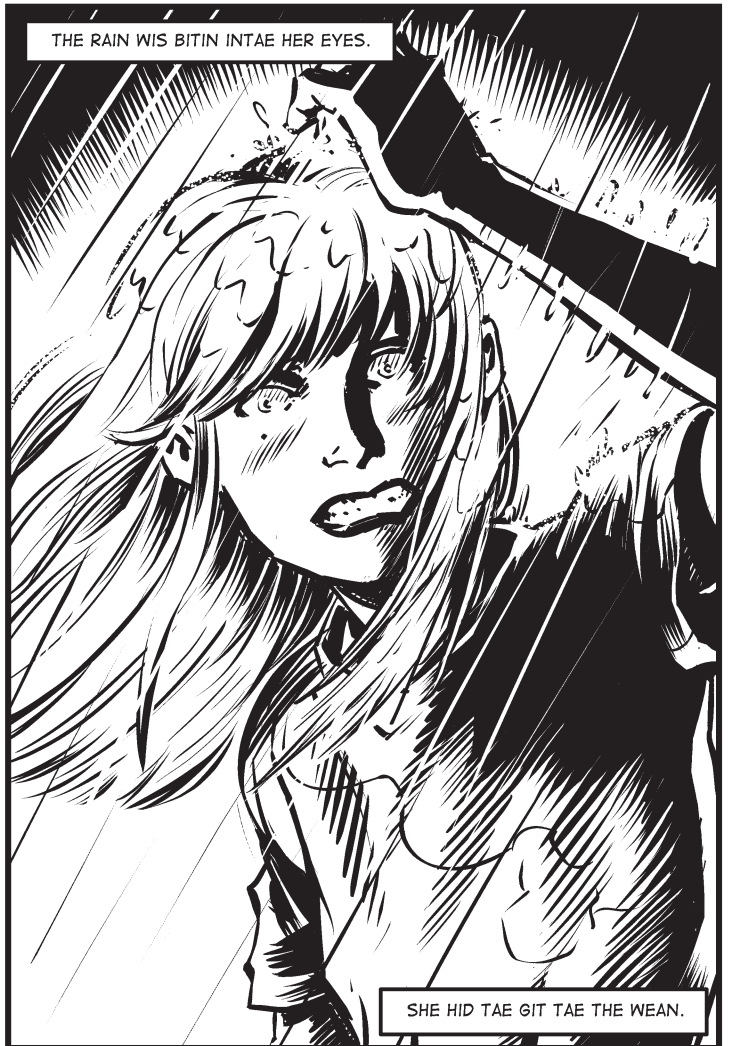


A WEE WEAN LYIN IN THE MIDDLE AE THE ROAD. IN THE MIDDLE AE THE MOOR.

WHEN SHE GIT OUT THE CAUR, IT WIS LIK A SCENE FAE A FILM.



THE RAIN WIS BITIN INTAE HER EYES.

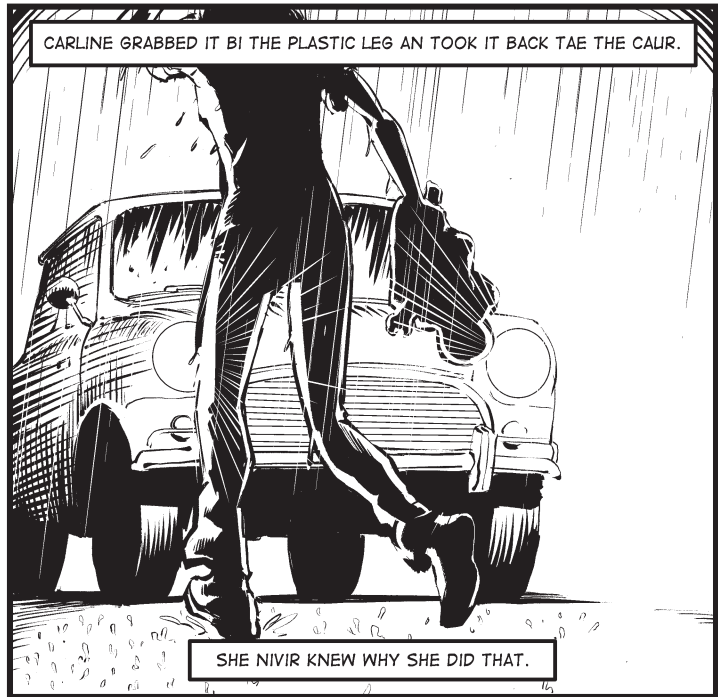


SHE HID TAE GIT TAE THE WEAN.



BIT IT WISNAE A WEAN.

IT WIS A DOLL DONE UP TAE LUCK LIK A WEAN.



CARLINE GRABBED IT BI THE PLASTIC LEG AN TOOK IT BACK TAE THE CAUR.

SHE NIVIR KNEW WHY SHE DID THAT.

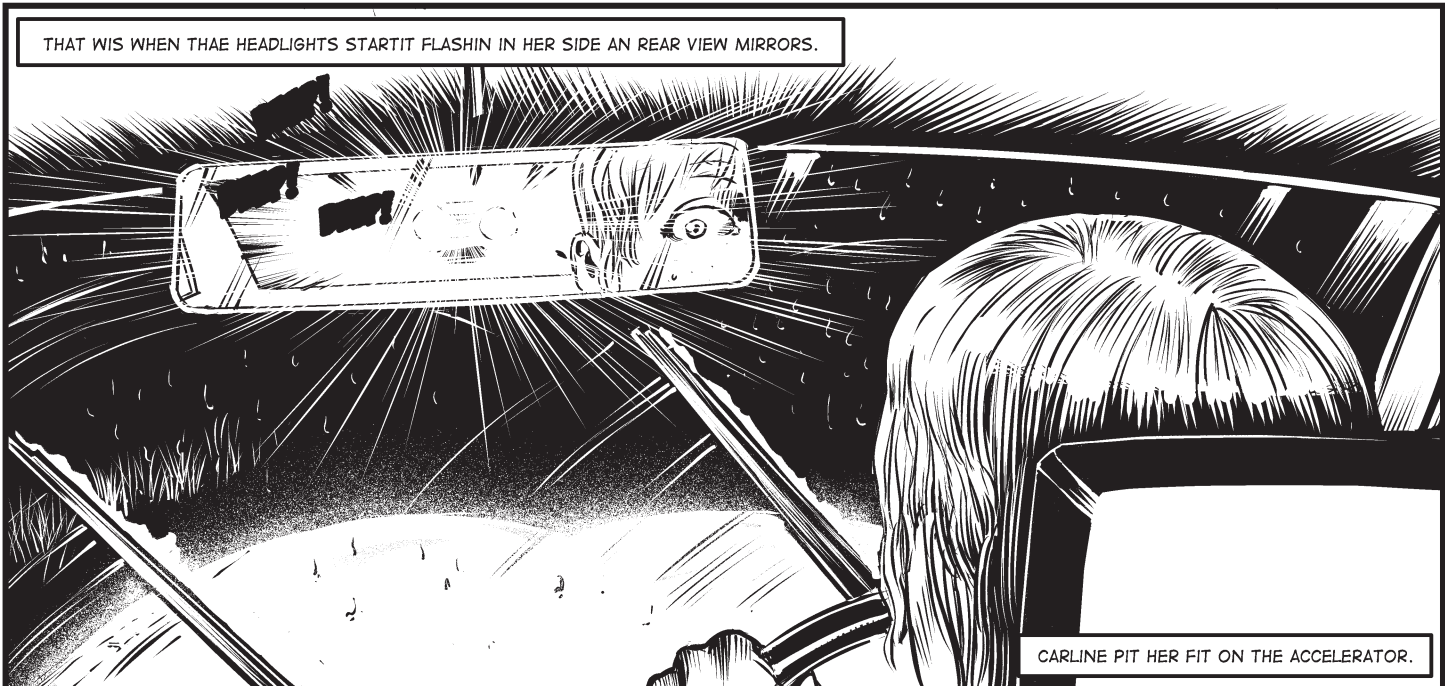


SHE FLUNG THE DOLL ON THE FLAIR AT THE PASSENGER SIDE AS HER BAHOOKIE HUT THE SEAT, SLAMMED THE DOOR AND DROVE AFF.



BUT HER ANGER SOON SUBSIDIT. SHE'D DONE A GLUID TURN REALLY. IT MIGHT HUV CAUSED A CRASH.

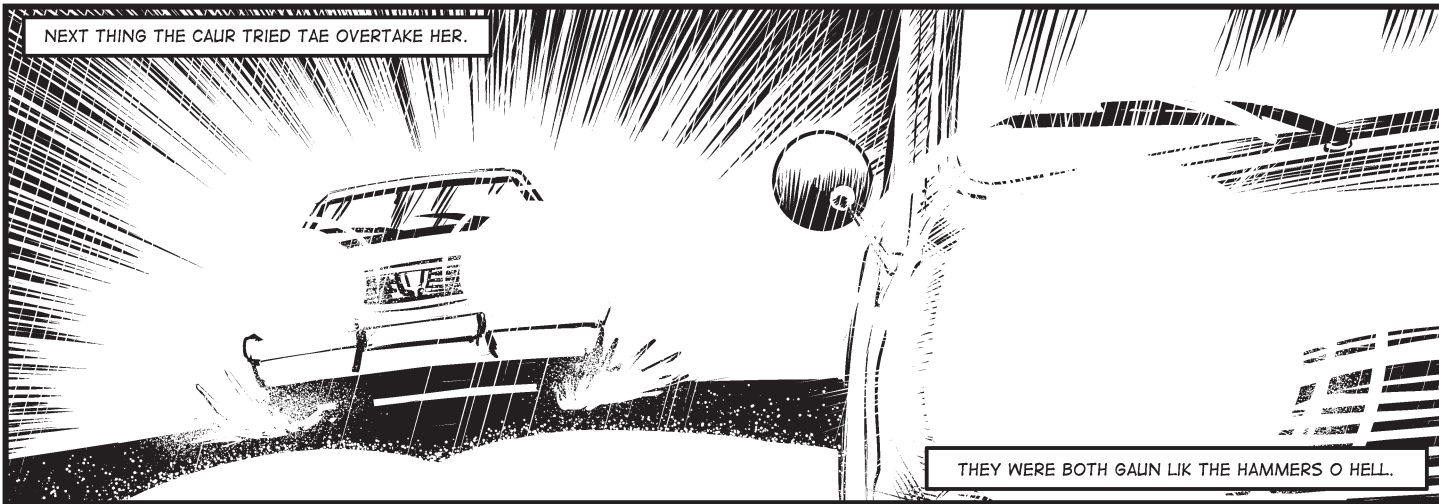
SO SHE WIS FEELIN AWRIGHT.



THAT WIS WHEN THAE HEADLIGHTS STARTIT FLASHIN IN HER SIDE AN REAR VIEW MIRRORS.

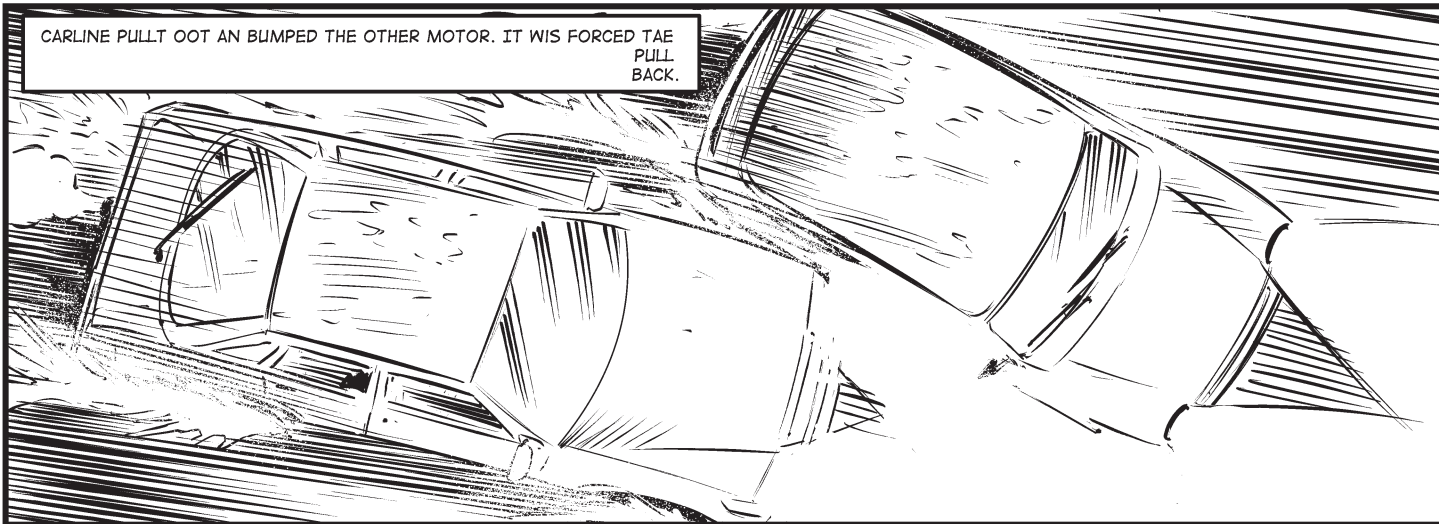
CARLINE PIT HER FIT ON THE ACCELERATOR.

NEXT THING THE CAUR TRIED TAE OVERTAKE HER.

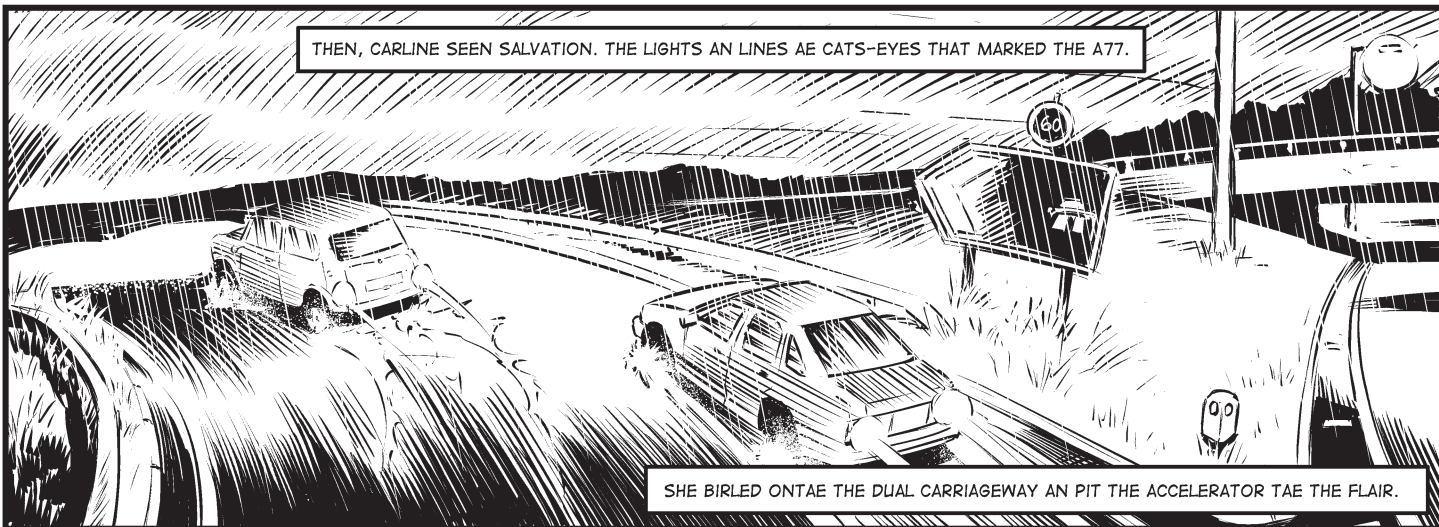


THEY WERE BOTH GALIN LIK THE HAMMERS O HELL.

CARLINE PULLT OOT AN BUMPED THE OTHER MOTOR. IT WIS FORCED TAE PULL BACK.

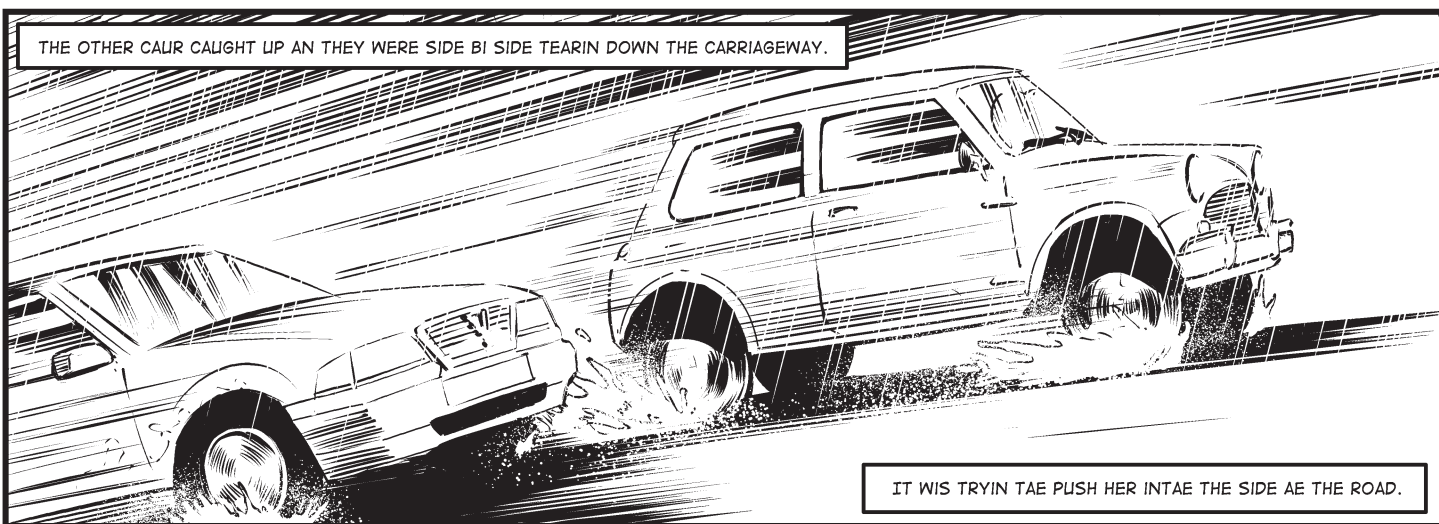


THEN, CARLINE SEEN SALVATION. THE LIGHTS AN LINES AE CATS-EYES THAT MARKED THE A77.



SHE BIRLED ONTAE THE DUAL CARRIAGEWAY AN PIT THE ACCELERATOR TAE THE FLAIR.

THE OTHER CAUR CAUGHT UP AN THEY WERE SIDE BI SIDE TEARIN DOWN THE CARRIAGEWAY.



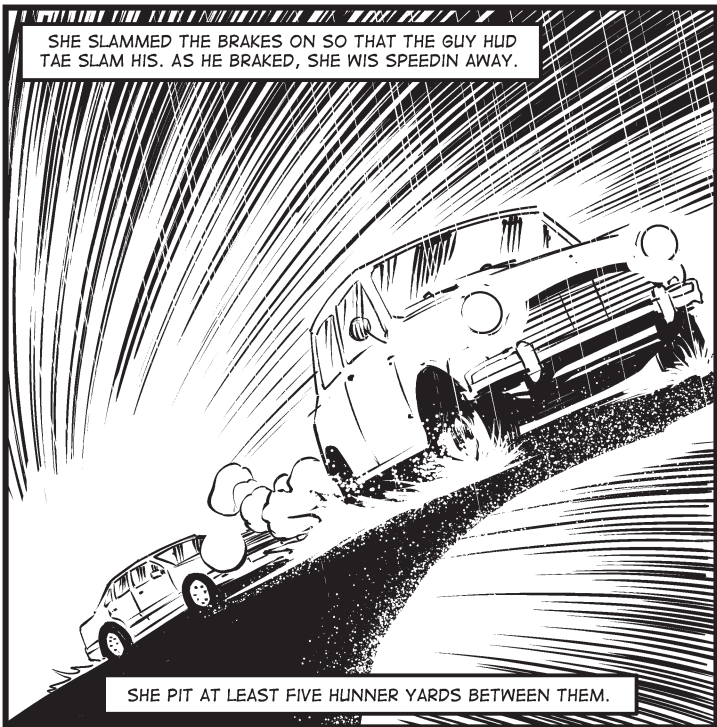
IT WIS TRYIN TAE PUSH HER INTAE THE SIDE AE THE ROAD.

CARLINE BRAKED HARD. SO DID THE CAUR. SHE GOT A GUID LUCK AT THE DRIVER.

HE LUCKT LIK HE WIS NO RIGHT IN THE HEAD. HIS EYES BULGIN LIK THEY WERE TRYIN TAE TALK.



SHE SLAMMED THE BRAKES ON SO THAT THE GUY HAD TAE SLAM HIS. AS HE BRAKED, SHE WIS SPEEDIN AWAY.



SHE PIT AT LEAST FIVE HUNNER YARDS BETWEEN THEM.

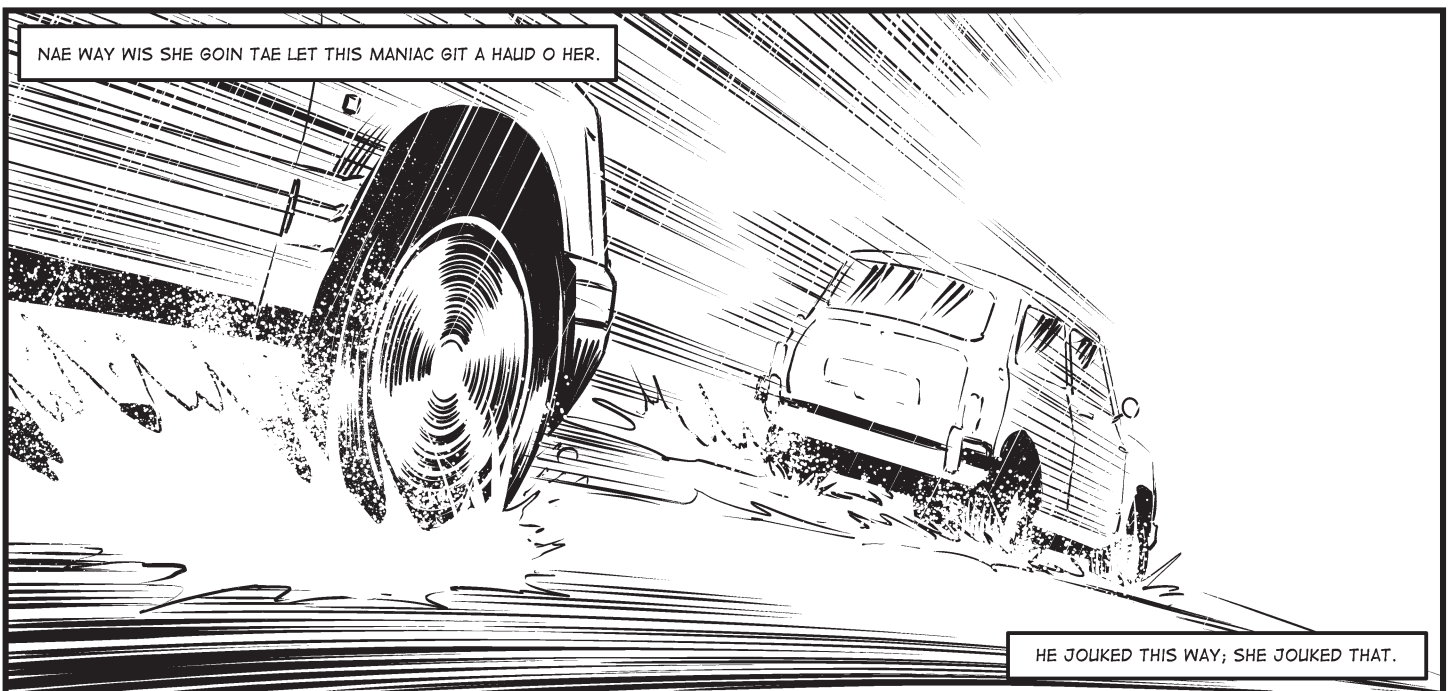
SHE WIS JIST SIGHIN SOME RELIEF WHEN THERR HE WIS.



HELP ME,
HELP ME!

CARLINE WIS SHOUTIN AN SCREAMIN TAE THE OTHER CAURS, ZOOMIN PAST IN THE OPPOSITE DIRECTION LIK WEE BUBBLES AE HOPE FLOATIN UP FAE A DEEP DARK BURN.

NAE WAY WIS SHE GOIN TAE LET THIS MANIAC GIT A HALD O HER.



HE JOUKED THIS WAY; SHE JOUKED THAT.

CAUSE SHE WIS FULL AE FEAR SHE HID THE
ACCELERATOR TAE THE FLAIR AN GOT GUID
TRACTION AS SHE SCREECHED ROUN THE BEND.

HER PURSUER DIDN'T.



CARLINE LAUGHED A LANG SHRIEK.

THERR WIS A DUNT. HE WIS STILL THERR. RIGHT BEHIND HER.

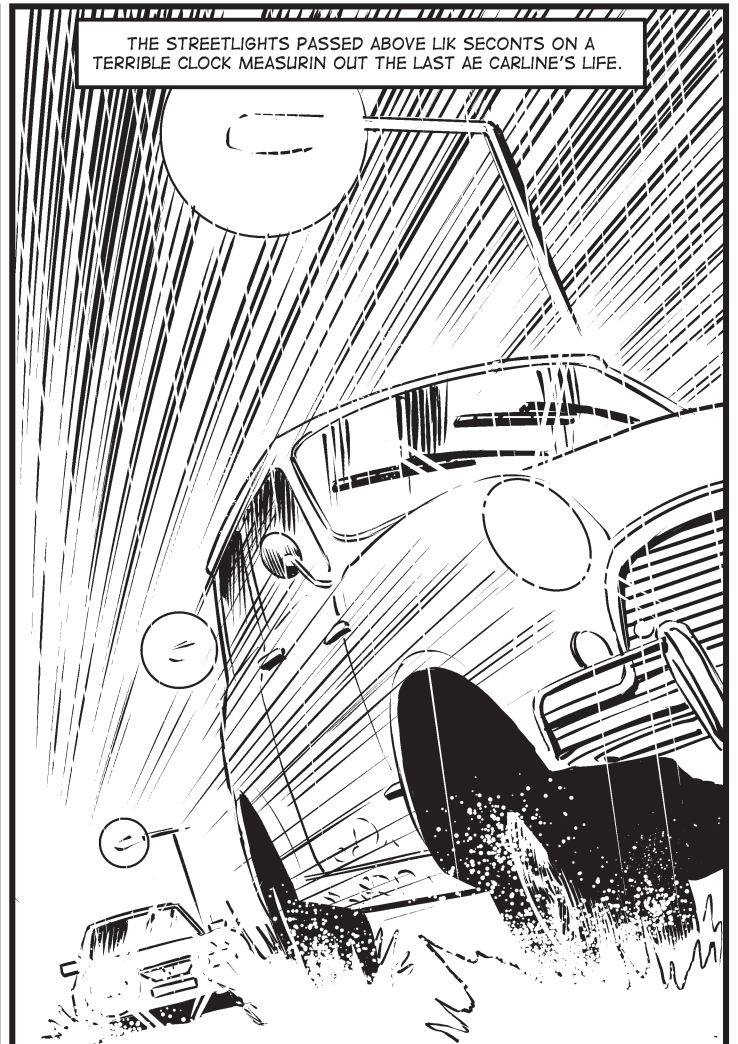


THE SHUNTIN MADE THE DOLL ROLL ABOOT, ITS EYES GLINTIN
AN ITS FACE GRINNIN AS THE SODIUM LIGHTS SLID THEIR
GHOSTLY YELLA OVER ITS FACE.

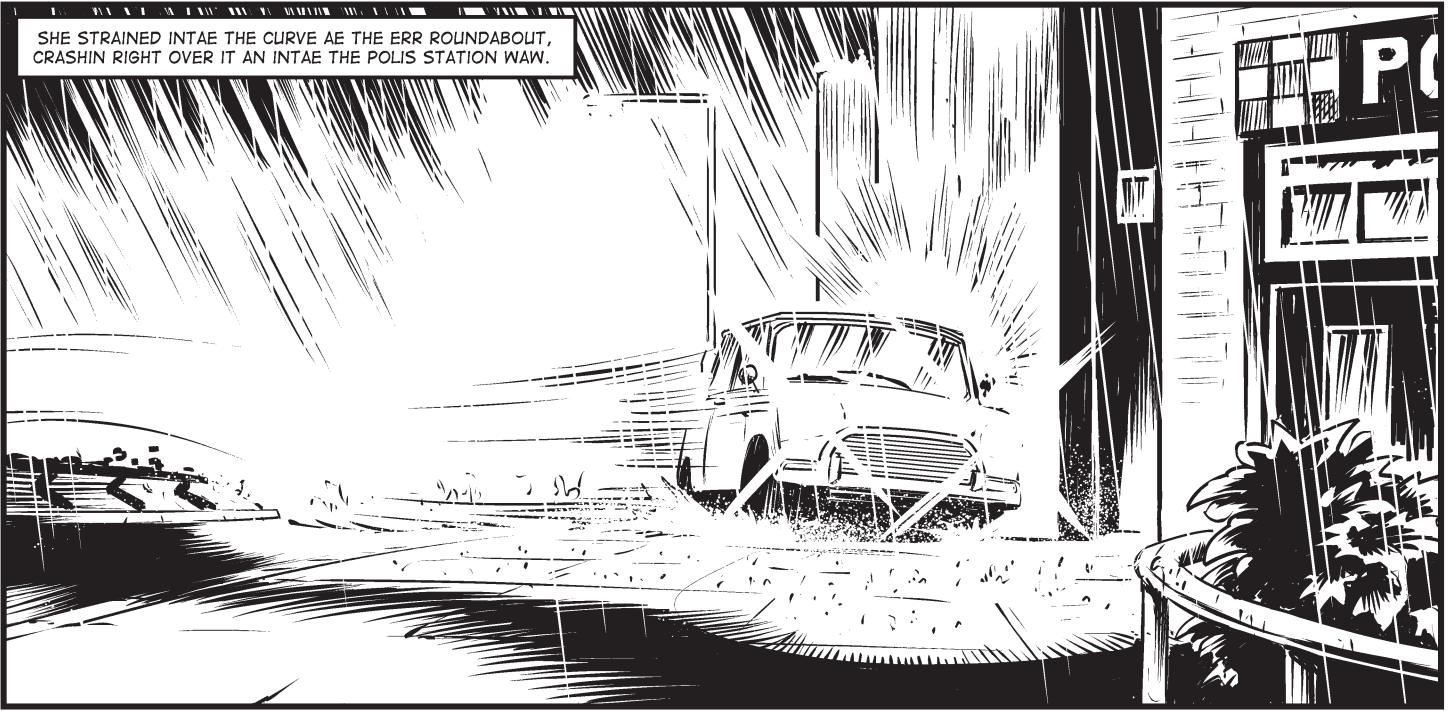


IT LUCKT LIK IT WIS LAUGHIN.

THE STREETLIGHTS PASSED ABOVE LIK SECONTS ON A
TERRIBLE CLOCK MEASURIN OUT THE LAST AE CARLINE'S LIFE.

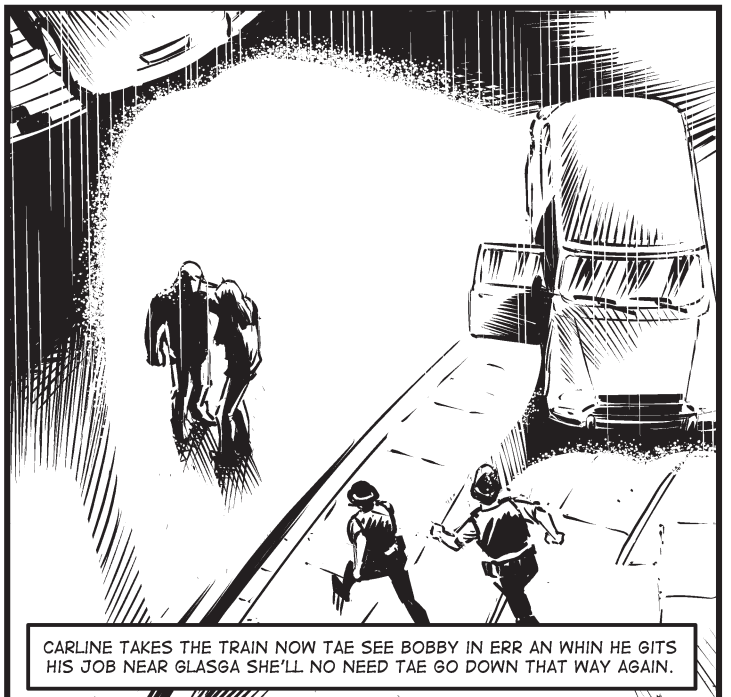
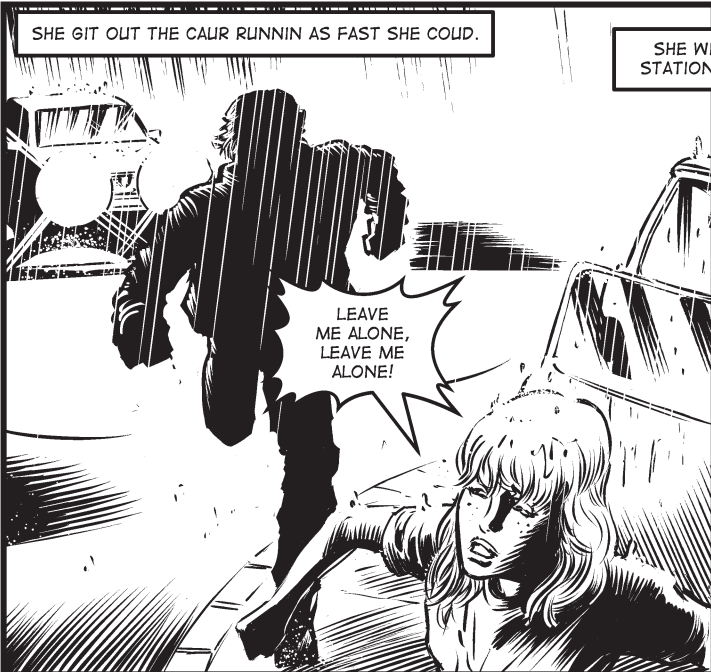


SHE STRAINED INTAE THE CURVE AE THE ERR ROUNDABOUT, CRASHIN RIGHT OVER IT AN INTAE THE POLIS STATION WAW.



SHE GIT OUT THE CAUR RUNNIN AS FAST SHE COULD.

SHE WIS NEARLY AT THE FRONT DOOR AE THE STATION WHEN HE GRABBED HER BI BOTH AIRMS.



WHEN THEY SEARCHED CARLINE'S CAUR THERE WIS NO DOLL.

BIT THE SEATS HAD BEEN SLASHED. THE BLACK SHOES
CARLINE HID BOUGHT FIR BOBBY WERE GONE AN AW.

OH AN BY THE WAY, IN CASE YE WERE WINNERIN, THEY CAUGHT HIM THREE MONTH LATER.

STANNIN ON THE TAP AE A CAR WI A WUMMIN'S HEAD
IN WAN HAN AN THE WEE DOLL IN THE OTHER.
HE WIS HOWLIN AT THE MOON AN THE BLOOD WIS DRIPPIN
ONTAE HIS NICE SIZE 9 BLACK PATENT LEATHER SHOES.

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