



...WHICH IS MORE OFTEN THAN NOT...



KYLE!



WHAT HAVE I TOLD YOU ABOUT DRAWING DURING CLASS?















OOOH, THANK YOU KIDS FOR SHOWING UP. I'M HONOURED TO SEE SO MANY YOUNG FACES.



PROBABLY YOU'D RATHER BE SOMEWHERE ELSE.

YEAH, LIKE DRAWING.



BUT, BY SHOWING UP HERE YOU SHOW ME A LOT OF RESPECT. AND I AM SERIOUSLY HONOURED BY THAT.



I WANNA TALK TO YOU ABOUT RESPECT AND ABOUT THE OLD WAYS.



OLD STORIES WE PASS ON TO EACH OTHER.



ABOUT WESAKECAK, THE TRICKSTER, AND WHAT HE TEACHES US ABOUT OURSELVES.



THE WAY HE LOOKS IS REALLY UP TO THE IMAGINATION OF THE STORYTELLER. SOMETIMES, HE'S AN OLD MAN. SOMETIMES, HE'S YOUNG.




HE CAN BE A RAVEN OR A COYOTE.




ANYTHING HE NEEDS TO TELL US HIS STORY.










EVERYONE GIVES ME SUCH A HARD TIME. EVERYONE.




I DON'T HAVE ANY FRIENDS. THE ONLY FRIEND I HAVE IS YOU.



NO ONE LIKES THE WAY I DRESS, THE MUSIC I LISTEN TO. EVERYTHING ABOUT MY LIFE IS USELESS.



BUT, KYLE, YOU'RE SUCH A GOOD ARTIST. YOU'RE SO TALENTED.



SO WHAT?! IT DOESN'T MEAN ANYTHING!





MY FUTURE? WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY THAT?



I'M JUST TRYING TO GET THROUGH TODAY.



SO DON'T TELL ME I'VE GOT A FUTURE.



AND DON'T FORGET ALL THE OTHER KIDS JUST LIKE ME.



LIKE LEONARD PATCHANAK, THAT GUY WHO KILLED HIMSELF BEHIND THE HOCKEY ARENA.



OR JENNIFER AHENAKEW, THAT GIRL WHO WALKED INTO THE WOODS AFTER A PARTY AND FROZE TO DEATH.



DID THEY HAVE A FUTURE? NO.

THEY JUST DRANK TOO MUCH AND DIED.







WHY DON'T YOU GO OUTSIDE AND PLAY SOME SPORTS? MAYBE YOU'LL LOSE SOME WEIGHT.

CLEAN THIS PLACE UP!!

DON'T YOU KNOW WHAT A WRENCH IS? BOY, YOU'RE USELESS.














I'M GLAD TO SEE YOU'RE DRAWING AND TAKING AN INTEREST IN THE OLD WAYS.

TOO BAD YOU LEFT MY SPEECH EARLIER 'CAUSE I SAW YOU GETTIN' EXCITED ABOUT IT.



BUT I WAS KINDA UPSET AT YOUR TEACHER FOR INTERRUPTING ME AND TREATING YOU SO POORLY.




SO TOMORROW YOUR TEACHER IS GOING TO HAVE AN APOLOGY FOR YOU.

REALLY!




OH YEAH, AND YOU FORGOT THIS.

WESAKE CHAK



IT'S A REALLY GOOD IDEA - USING YOUR ART AS A WAY TO KEEP THE STORIES ALIVE.



TOO BAD YOU LEFT SO EARLY. I DIDN'T GET TO TELL YOU ABOUT WHITIKO.



DO YOU KNOW ABOUT WHITIKO?



A LITTLE...

OOHHH, WIHTIKO. HE'S A DEMON SPIRIT WHO LIVE IN THE WOODS. IF YOU GO INTO HIS WOODS HE'LL DRAW YOU IN.



HE'LL USE YOUR CONFUSION. HE'LL USE YOUR SADNESS. AND HE'LL USE YOUR FEARS AGAINST YOU, AND HE'LL EAT YOUR SPIRIT.



RIGHT NOW...OOHH, HE'S EATING A LOT OF SPIRITS.



ESPECIALLY AMONG THEM TEENAGERS.



THAT WIHTIKO...SO EASY FOR THEM TO GET SUCKED INTO HIS WOODS.



WESAKECAK, HE'S SAD 'CAUSE NOBODY HEARS HIS STORIES ANYMORE. NOBODY BELIEVES IN HIS MEDICINE.



HE'S LOST HIS POWER. HE JUST SEES ALL THESE PEOPLE DYING AND HE DECIDES NOT TO SIT AROUND AND LET THIS HAPPEN ANYMORE. OOOHH, THAT WESAKECAK, HE'S NOT A WARRIOR...

...BUT HE CAN'T STAND BY ANYMORE AND LET THIS HAPPEN.



HE'S GONNA FIGHT HIM?



OH YEAH, BUT WESAKECAK KNOWS HOW POWERFUL WIHTIKO IS...



SO HE DRESSES FOR BATTLE.



HE PUTS ON THE CLOTHES HE THINKS WOULD IMPRESS THE DEMON, WIHTIKO.



HIS BODY IS PREPARED.



HIS MIND IS FOCUSED.

HIS SPIRIT IS READY

FOR BATTLE.



WESAKECAK LEAVES HIS LODGE.



AND HEADS FOR THE DARK PART OF THE LAND WHERE NIHTIKO LIVES.



WESAKECAK, HE'S A SMART ONE.



HE USES HIS SHAPESHIFTING POWER...



AND TURNS INTO A RAVEN.





AND FLIES INTO THE WIND.



GOOHHH, THAT WIHTIKO HE LIVES IN THE DARKEST PLACES...

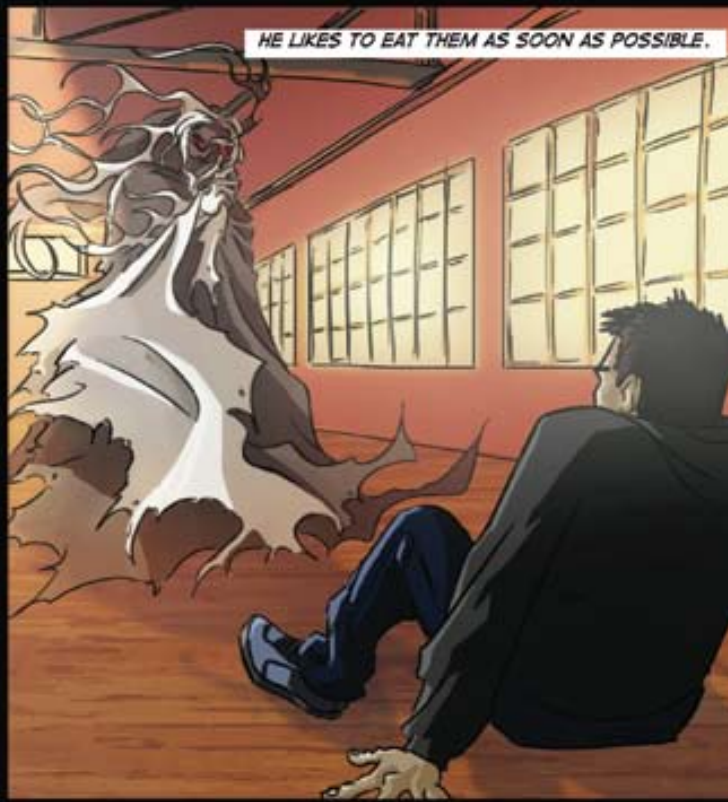


WHERE ALL THAT EVIL...

WHERE ALL THAT POWER OF HIS IS MANIFESTED.



HE LIKES TO EAT THEM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE



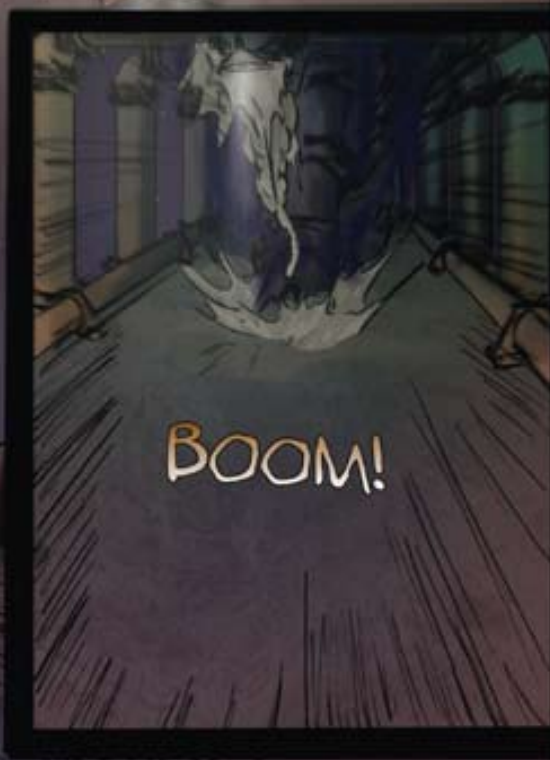
WHENEVER WIHTIKO FINDS A NEW VICTIM...

'CAUSE ONCE YOU LOOK IN HIS EYES



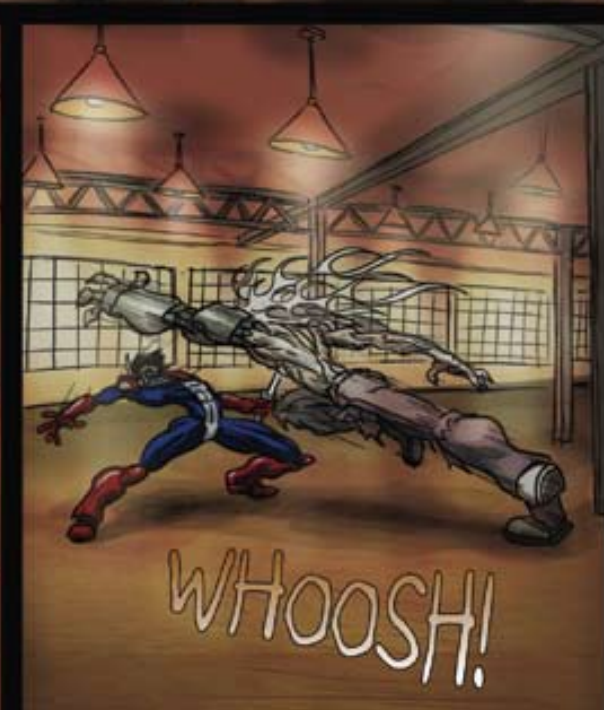
YOU CAN'T LOOK AWAY.





























HUH? WHAT THE??!

THAT FAT USELESS THING?!



HE'S NOT MORE POWERFUL THAN ME.



DON'T LISTEN TO HIM, KYLE! THAT'S HOW HE GETS YOU!

HE USES YOUR CONFUSION AGAINST YOU.



DON'T LET HIM...UUH!



YOU CAN'T STOP ME.



YOU ARE NOTHING...



OH, MY GOD!
WHAT'S HAPPENING?



DON'T LISTEN TO HIM, KYLE!



I'M GOING TO EAT YOU SLOWLY!



YOU HAVE TO BELIEVE IN YOURSELF!



...!



I DON'T
WANNA DIE!

I DON'T
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NOW YOU KNOW.
NOW YOU KNOW
THE POWER
INSIDE YOU. YOU
KNOW HOW MUCH
YOU'RE WORTH.



NOW IT'S YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO PASS IT ALONG TO SOMEONE ELSE.



I KNOW YOU CAN WITH YOUR DRAWING AND YOUR WISDOM.



YOU HAVE A STRONG SPIRIT INSIDE OF YOU.



WAIT! WHAT IF WIHTIKO COMES BACK FOR ME? WHAT IF...?



DON'T WORRY, KYLE. YOU'VE ALREADY FOUND THE STRENGTH TO STAND UP TO WIHTIKO. SO IF YOU EVER FEEL THAT DARKNESS AGAIN, REACH OUT TO SOMEONE.



AND DON'T FORGET YOU'VE GOT SARAH. SHE LOVES YOU, YOU KNOW.

