



Daisy's DINER

- Late Again: Special Edition -





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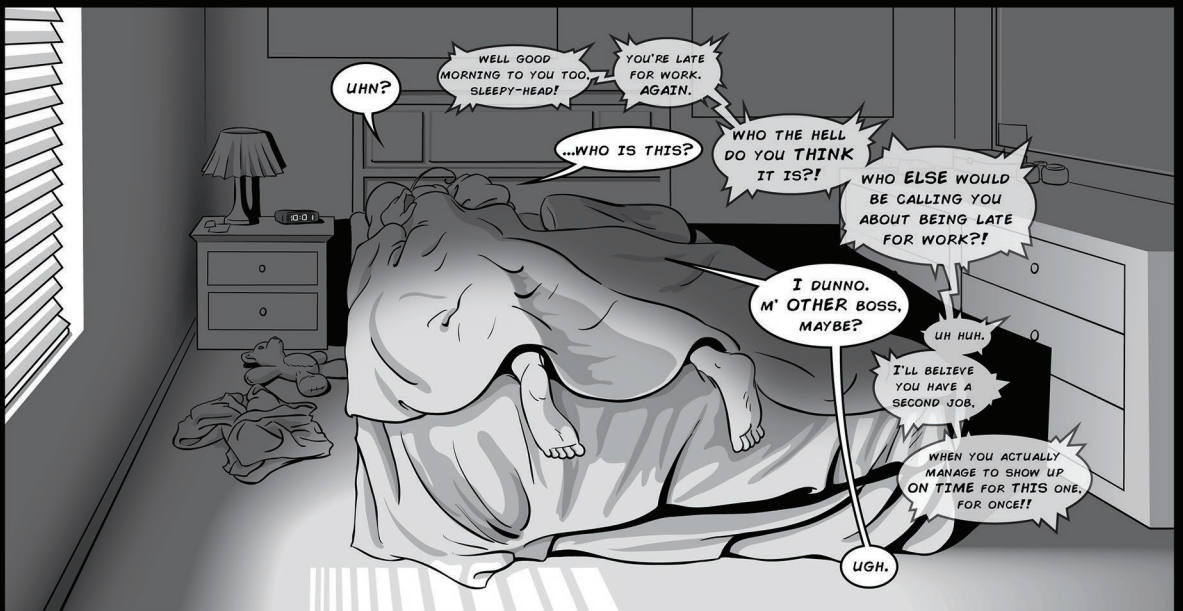
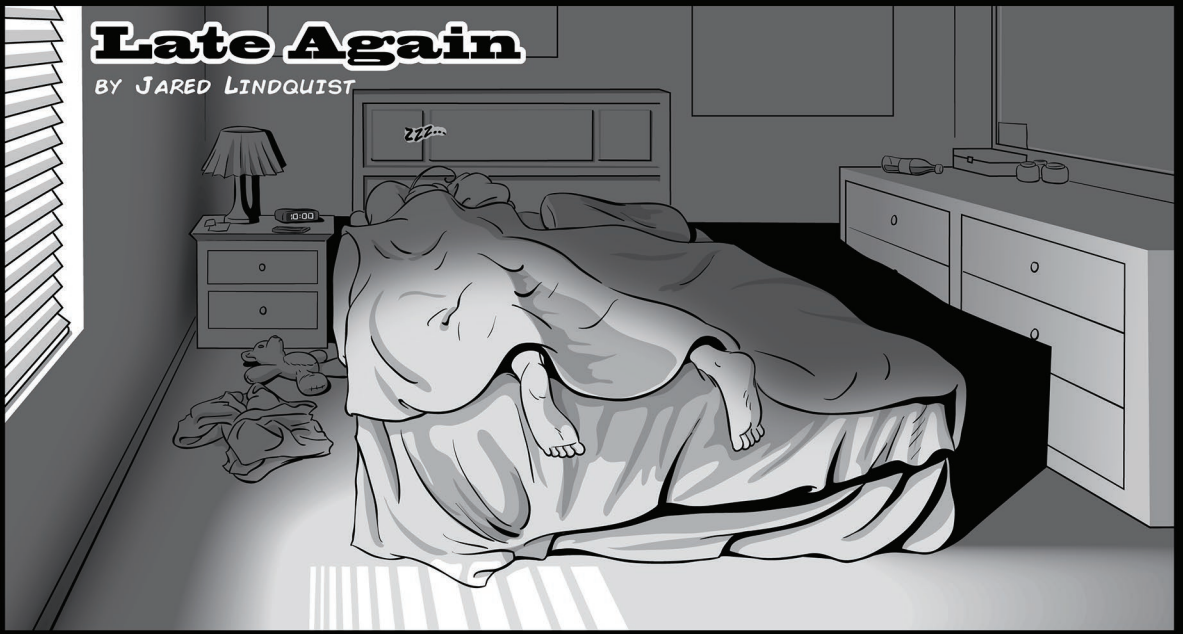


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BY JARED LINDQUIST



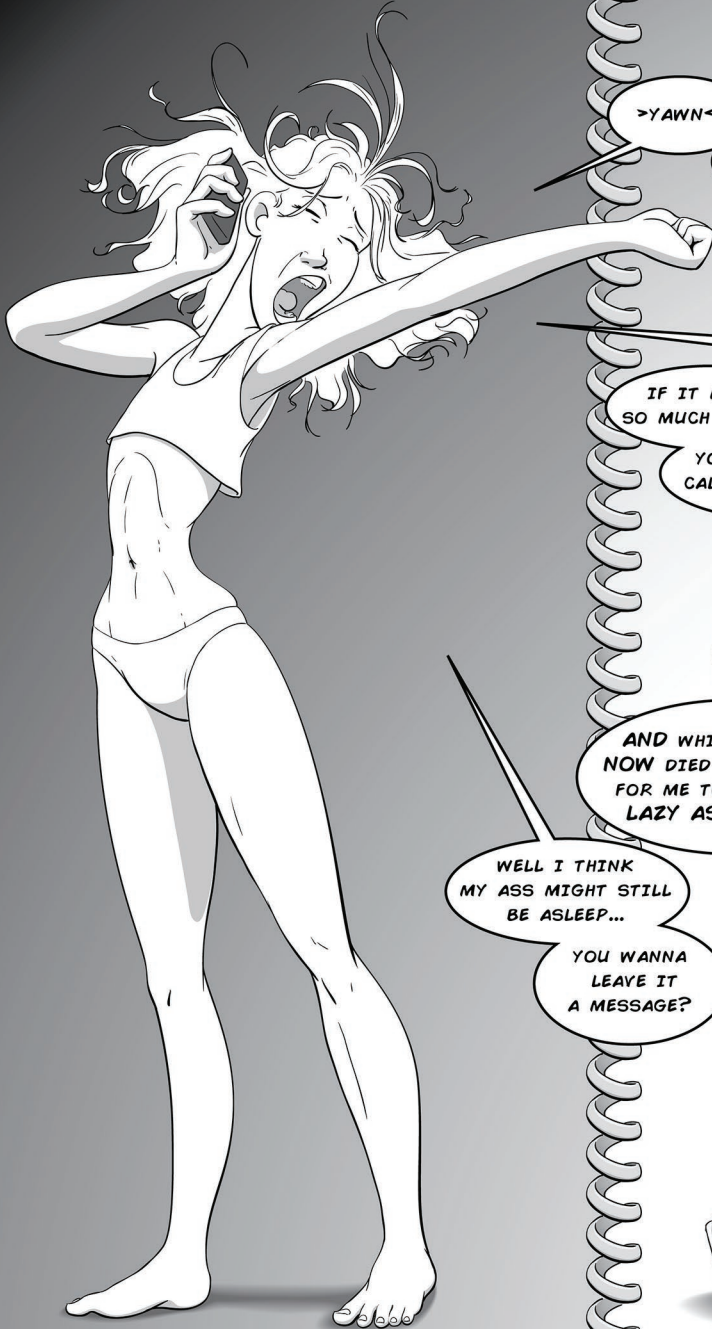


WHA TIME ISIT?

10 A.M...



YOU WERE SUPPOSED TO BE HERE AT 7!



>YAWN<...

SO I OVERSLEPT A LITTLE, BIG

3 HOURS IS NOT "A LITTLE"!

WE OPEN AT 6 A.M., SO I'M ALREADY GIVING YOU AN HOUR TO SLEEP IN!

YEESH...

IF IT MEANT SO MUCH TO YOU,

YOU SHOULD HAVE CALLED ME SOONER!

OKAY ONE - I SHOULDN'T HAVE TO BE YOUR ALARM CLOCK!

TWO - I DID CALL! SEVERAL TIMES!!

AND THREE - I'VE BEEN BUSY WITH THE MORNING RUSH, WHICH YOU WERE SUPPOSED TO BE HERE TO HELP WITH...

AND WHICH HAS ONLY NOW DIED DOWN ENOUGH FOR ME TO CALL YOUR LAZY ASS AGAIN!!

WELL I THINK MY ASS MIGHT STILL BE ASLEEP...

YOU WANNA LEAVE IT A MESSAGE?



DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA HOW DISRUPTING IT IS WHENEVER YOU'RE RUNNING THIS LATE?!

GIMME A BREAK! THE RESTAURANT ISN'T THAT BIG!

OR POPULAR...

ONE LESS WAITRESS ISN'T GOING TO

THREE!

HUH?

WE'RE SHORT THREE PEOPLE TODAY!

AMY'S OUT SICK, MIKE'S ON VACATION, AND THEN THERE'S YOU!

RACHEL WAS THE ONLY OTHER PERSON I COULD GET A HOLD OF, AND I HAD TO OFFER HER DOUBLE-TIME TO COME IN-TODAY!!



YOU'RE MY SISTER! YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE ONE OF THE FEW PEOPLE I CAN COUNT ON!

DID YOU EVER EVEN STOP TO CONSIDER HOW QUICKLY THINGS CAN GET BACKED UP IF THERE'S ONLY TWO SERVERS,

AND ONE OF THEM CAN'T EVEN REACH THE PLATES COMING OUT OF THE KITCHEN?!

FLUSH

HEY, YOU'RE THE ONE WHO ALWAYS MAKES A POINT THAT YOU DON'T NEED ANY HELP KEEPING UP ...

AND THAT YOU SHOULDN'T BE TREATED ANY DIFFERENT FROM EVERYONE ELSE!

DON'T TURN THIS ON M-

...YOU'D BETTER REMEMBER TO WASH YOUR HANDS!

GEEZ, WHO ARE YOU, MOM, ALL OF A SUDDEN?

I MIGHT AS WELL BE, IF I HAVE TO REMIND YOU TO CLEAN YOURSELF!

IT'S BAD ENOUGH YOU'RE LATE,

I DON'T WANT YOU GETTING MY CUSTOMERS SICK, TOO!

AND DON'T GET ME STARTED ON YOU TALKING ON THE PHONE WHILE USING THE BATHROOM...

OKAY, FIRST OF ALL - MY HANDS ARE STILL PERFECTLY CLEAN!

AND SECOND, I ONLY DELIVER PEOPLES' FOOD! I'M NOT COOKING OR HANDLING IT DIRECTLY!

WASH YOUR DAMNED HANDS!!!

UHG! YES, "MOTHER"!

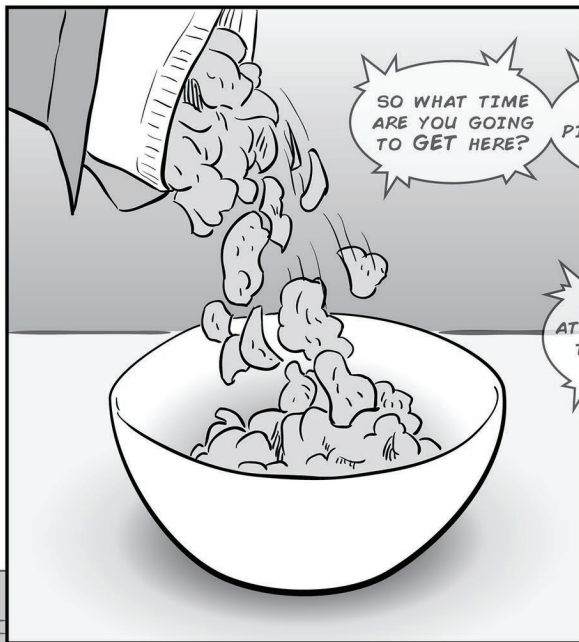
MOM WOULD TELL YOU THE EXACT SAME THING!

(ACTUALLY SHE'S NO WHERE NEAR AS BITCHY...)

WHAT?!



NUTHIN!



SO WHAT TIME ARE YOU GOING TO GET HERE?



RACHEL NEEDS TO LEAVE SOON TO PICK UP HER SON FROM PRE-SCHOOL...

YOU MAY BE TOO LATE FOR THE MORNING RUSH,

BUT YOU CAN AT LEAST BE HERE TO HELP WITH LUNCH!

YOU KNOW, YOU KEEP SAYING I'M LATE, AND IT'S GETTING KINDA OLD...
YOU'RE STARTING TO SOUND LIKE A PARROT THAT'S BEEN TRAINED BY A BROKEN RECORD!
AND ALSO THE PARROT HAS ALZHEIMER'S!

WELL YOU ARE LATE!

NO, I'M REALLY NOT!

YES, YOU REALLY ARE!!
ONCE YOU GET HERE, I CAN SHOW YOU THE SCHEDULE.

I CAN EVEN TEACH YOU HOW TO PROPERLY READ AND SET A CLOCK.

AND THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A.M. AND P.M....

I DON'T CARE, JUST AS LONG AS YOU GET HERE!!

I KNOW HOW TO TELL TIME, SMART-ASS!

THE WAY I SEE IT, BEING LATE IMPLIES THAT I INTENDED TO COME IN AT ALL TODAY..

BUT SINCE I DIDN'T, I CAN'T TECHNICALLY BE LATE, NOW CAN I?

...GOD I WISH I COULD FIRE YOU!!

YEAH, TOO BAD YOU PROMISED MOM AND DAD...





"TAKE CARE OF YOUR LITTLE SISTER" THEY SAID!

THEY DID NOT SAY THAT!

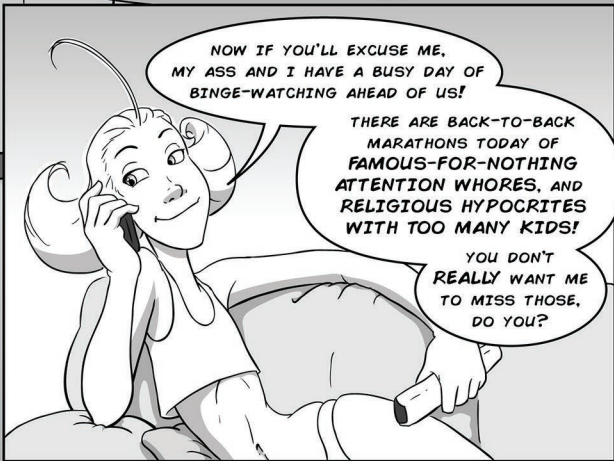
WELL THAT WAS THE GIST!

NO, I PROMISED THEM THERE'D ALWAYS BE A JOB FOR YOU AT THE DINER.

IF YOU COULDN'T FIND WORK ANYWHERE ELSE!

I NEVER SAID I'D PAY YOU JUST TO SIT ON YOUR ASS AND DO NOTHING ALL DAY!

THAT SOUNDS LIKE SOMETHING THAT SHOULD'VE BEEN SPELLED OUT IN THE FINE PRINT!



NOW IF YOU'LL EXCUSE ME, MY ASS AND I HAVE A BUSY DAY OF BINGE-WATCHING AHEAD OF US!

THERE ARE BACK-TO-BACK MARATHONS TODAY OF FAMOUS-FOR-NOTHING ATTENTION WHORES, AND RELIGIOUS HYPOCRITES WITH TOO MANY KIDS!

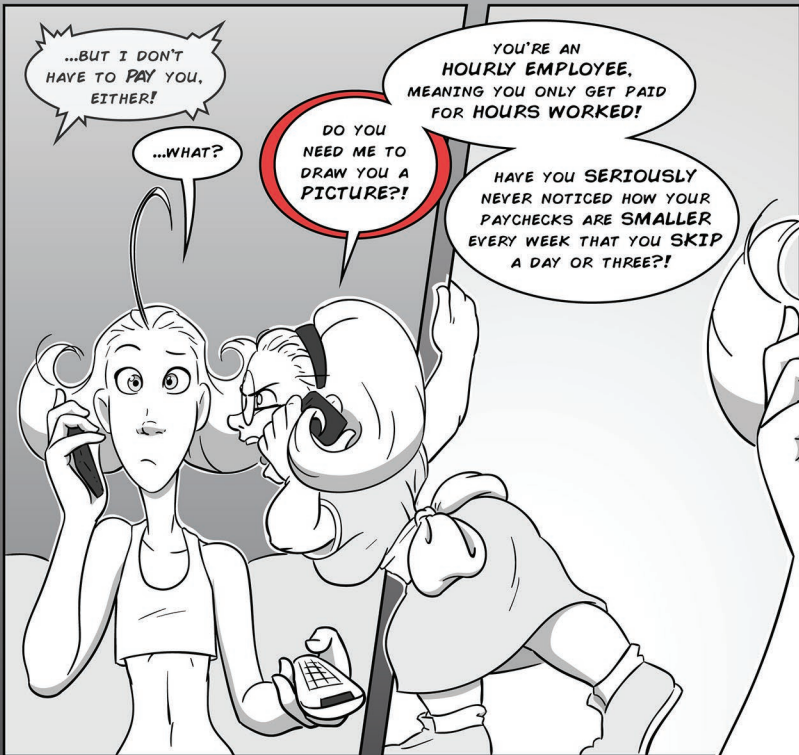
YOU DON'T REALLY WANT ME TO MISS THOSE, DO YOU?



...FINE. I'M DONE ARGUING WITH YOU.

YAY!

I MAY NOT BE ABLE TO FIRE YOU...



...BUT I DON'T HAVE TO PAY YOU, EITHER!

...WHAT?

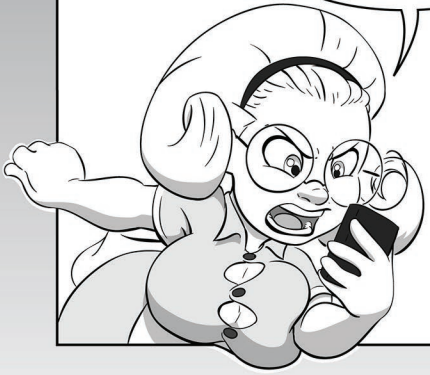
DO YOU NEED ME TO DRAW YOU A PICTURE?!

YOU'RE AN HOURLY EMPLOYEE, MEANING YOU ONLY GET PAID FOR HOURS WORKED!

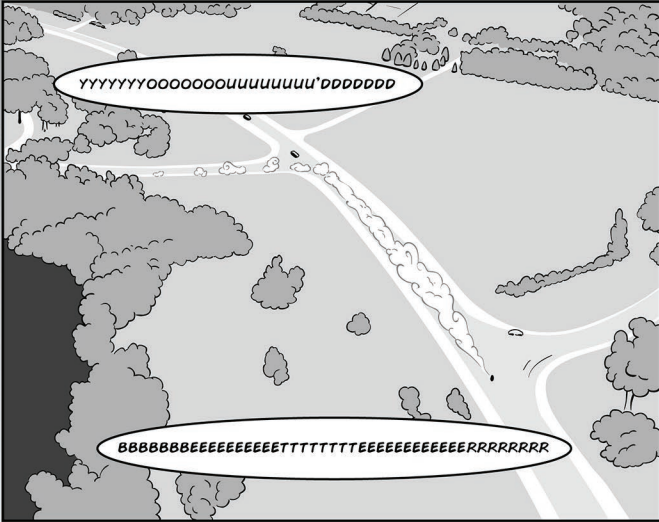
HAVE YOU SERIOUSLY NEVER NOTICED HOW YOUR PAYCHECKS ARE SMALLER EVERY WEEK THAT YOU SKIP A DAY OR THREE?!



SO IF YOU EXPECT
TO HAVE ANY MONEY FOR
PARTYING OR SHOPPING
OR WHATEVER THE HELL
IT IS YOU WASTE SO MUCH
OF YOUR TIME WITH.



YYYYYYYYOOOOOOUUUUUUUU'DDDDDD



BBBBBBBEEEEEEEEETTTTTTTEEEEEEEEEERRRRRRR

GET HERE AS -
WHERE DO YOU
NEED ME, BOSS?

HUH-WHA...?
HOW?!

WHOOSH!



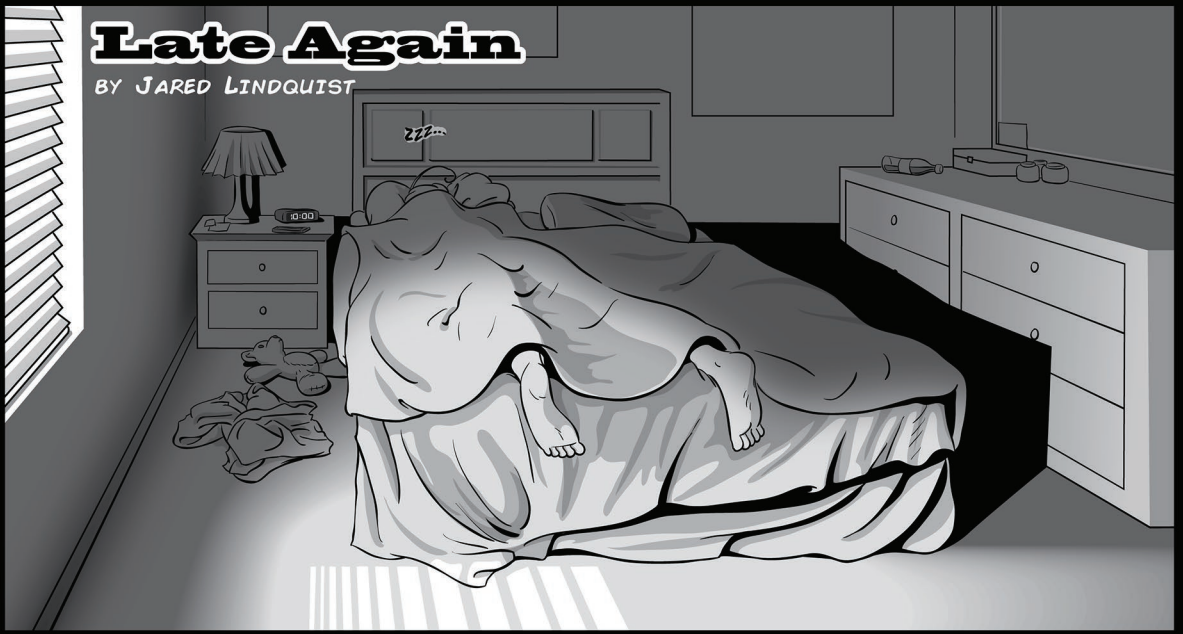
I really, REALLY wish that the title of this comic was intended as some sort of meta joke... The original plan was much simpler, clocking in at only three pages, two of which would have used recycled artwork. That idea didn't work very well, though, but unfortunately I'd only realized this after I'd already drawn the first page.

If I'd have known what kind of nightmare was ahead of me, I might not have tried to fix this one. I'd started drawing it during a break between freelance work, but had no way of knowing that that "break" would last for six months. Doubt and depression eventually set in, and it affected every aspect of my personal work, this comic most of all. But the nightmare is over, now, and I can finally move on.

For the sake of completeness, the following pages are what the comic would have been, if I'd stuck to the original script.

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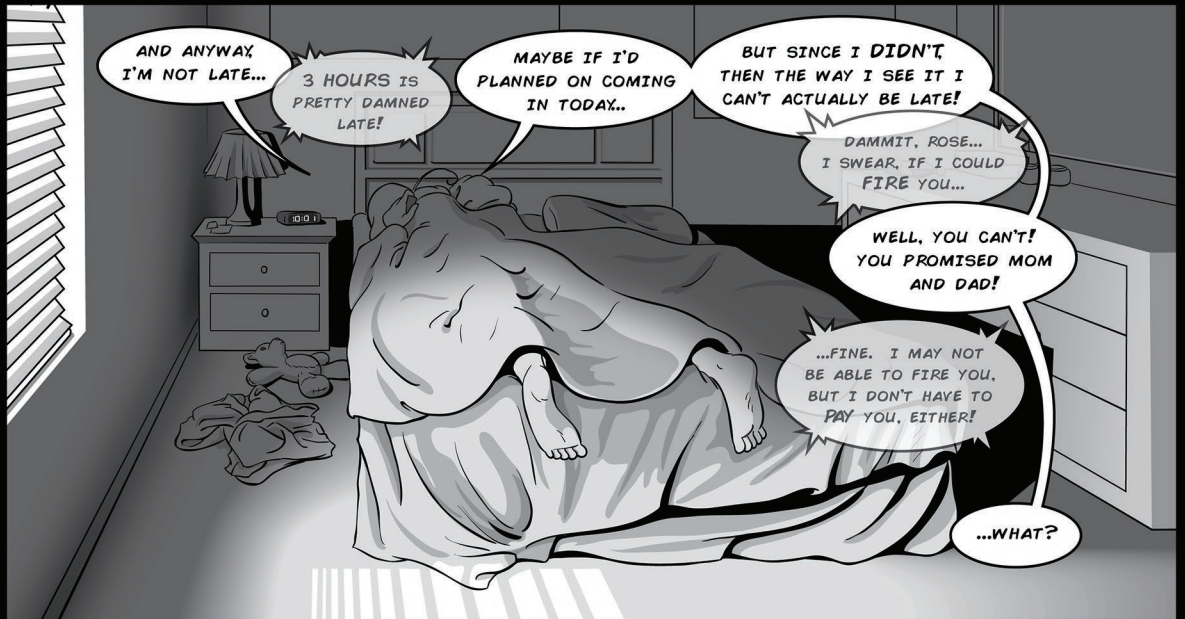
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DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA HOW HARD IT IS FOR THE REST OF US TO KEEP UP WHEN EVER YOU'RE RUNNING THIS LATE?!

>YAWN<... DON'T KNOW, DON'T CARE!



AND ANYWAY, I'M NOT LATE...

3 HOURS IS PRETTY DAMNED LATE!

MAYBE IF I'D PLANNED ON COMING IN TODAY..

BUT SINCE I DIDN'T, THEN THE WAY I SEE IT I CAN'T ACTUALLY BE LATE!

DAMMIT, ROSE... I SWEAR, IF I COULD FIRE YOU...

WELL, YOU CAN'T! YOU PROMISED MOM AND DAD!

...FINE. I MAY NOT BE ABLE TO FIRE YOU, BUT I DON'T HAVE TO PAY YOU, EITHER!

...WHAT?

DO YOU NEED ME TO SPELL IT OUT?!

YOU ONLY GET PAID FOR HOURS YOU ACTUALLY WORK!

NO WORK MEANS NO PAYCHECK, WHICH MEANS NO SHOPPING OR PARTYING!

SO GET OFF YOUR LAZY ASS AND GET HERE BEFORE THE LUNCHTIME RU-

WHERE DO YOU NEED ME, BOSS?

HUH-WHA...?

HOW?!

WHOOSH!