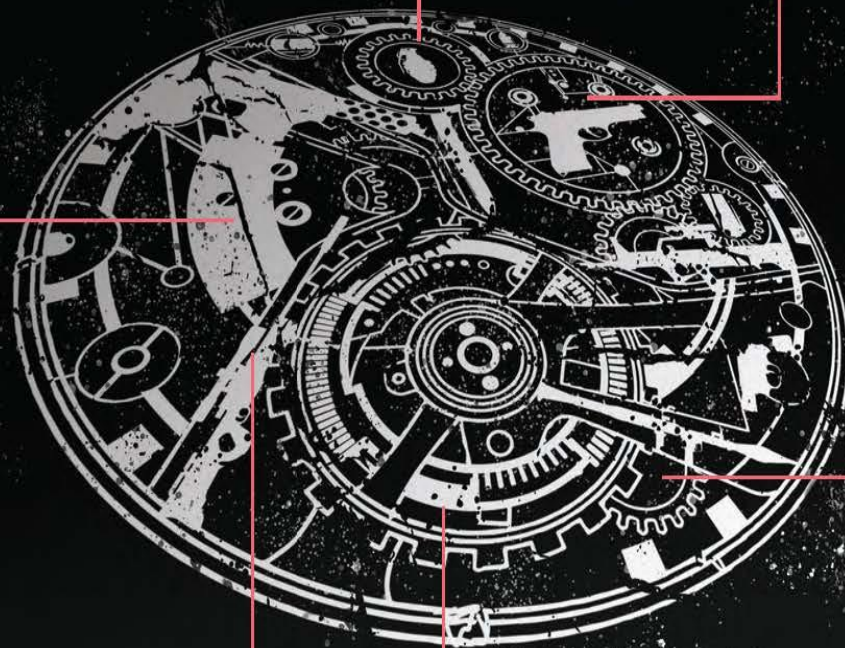


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YOU WANNA KNOW THE TRUTH?



I'M FROM THE FUTURE.



MAAAAAAAN, ~~██████~~ YOU.

YOU DON'T WANNA TELL ME, TELL ME TO STUFF OFF, MIND MY OWN BUSINESS.

YOU AINT GOTTA BE PATRONIZING!

YOU'RE RIGHT. I APOLOGIZE.

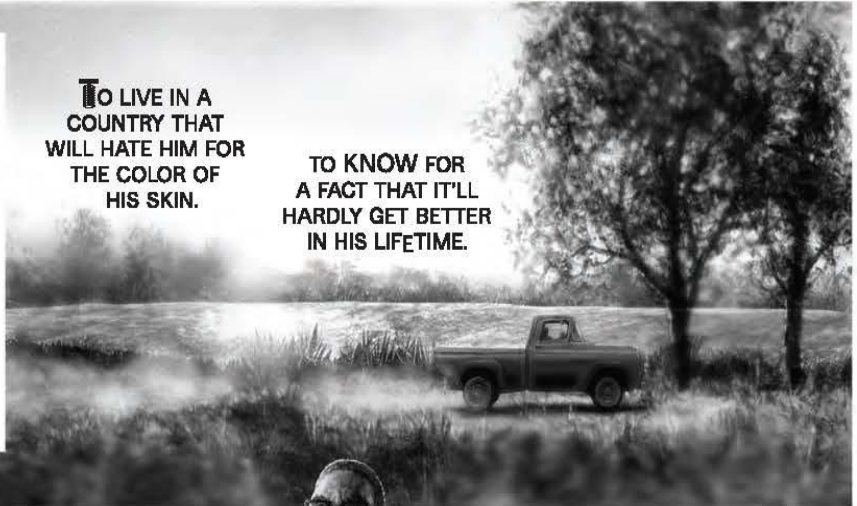


**HOW DO YOU PREPARE  
A CHILD FOR THE LIFE  
THEY'RE GONNA HAVE?**



**TO LIVE IN A  
COUNTRY THAT  
WILL HATE HIM FOR  
THE COLOR OF  
HIS SKIN.**

**TO KNOW FOR  
A FACT THAT IT'LL  
HARDLY GET BETTER  
IN HIS LIFETIME.**



**OR HIS  
CHILDREN'S,  
FOR THAT  
MATTER.**



**HOW DO I PREPARE  
HIM FOR WHAT'S  
COMING?**





I DON'T KNOW HOW IT HAPPENED. BUT I DON'T NEED TO.



I ALREADY KNOW THE OUTCOME.



THIS WAS ALWAYS GOING TO HAPPEN.

HER PULSE IS STRONG. THANK GOD.



NOT WHAT I...



NO.









TODAY'S ORDER OF OPERATIONS... FIRST, WE'LL--

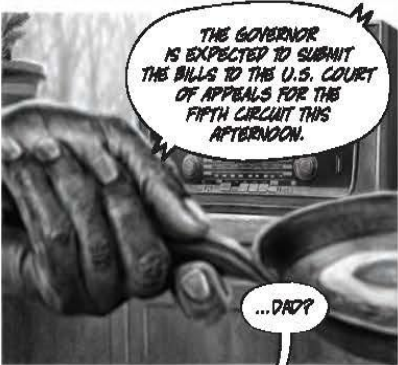
**FISH!**

--EAT SOME BREAKFAST. THEN...

...FURTHER ESCALATING THE TENSIONS IN THE SCHOOL DESEGREGATION CRISIS...



SUPERINTENDENT REYNOLD JUST ORDERED SCHOOLS SHUT DOWN ONCE AGAIN IN AN ATTEMPT TO GIVE GOVERNOR DAVIS TIME TO PROPOSE A NEW ROUND OF BILLS TO BLOCK INTEGRATION...



THE GOVERNOR IS EXPECTED TO SUBMIT THE BILLS TO THE U.S. COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE FIFTH CIRCUIT THIS AFTERNOON.

...DAD?



SORRY, TOMMY. DAD'S GOTTA RUN INTO TOWN FOR WORK. REAL QUICK. WE'LL FISH WHEN I GET BACK.. YOU GET THE POLES SET UP WHILE I'M GONE.

THE POLES ARE IN THE CELLAR. YOU WANT ME TO--



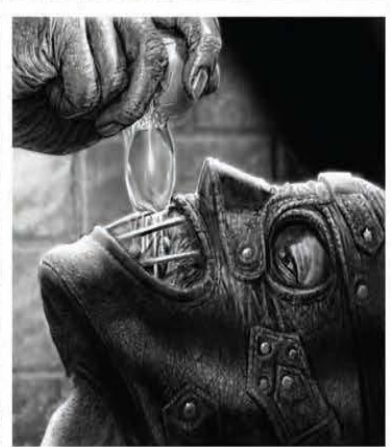
**NO.**



WHAT'S THE RULE?









TOMMY...

WHAT DID I SAY?



DID YOU GET THE POLES?

YOU CAN'T COME DOWN HERE.



COME ON, KIDDO.



WE'LL FISH WHEN I GET--

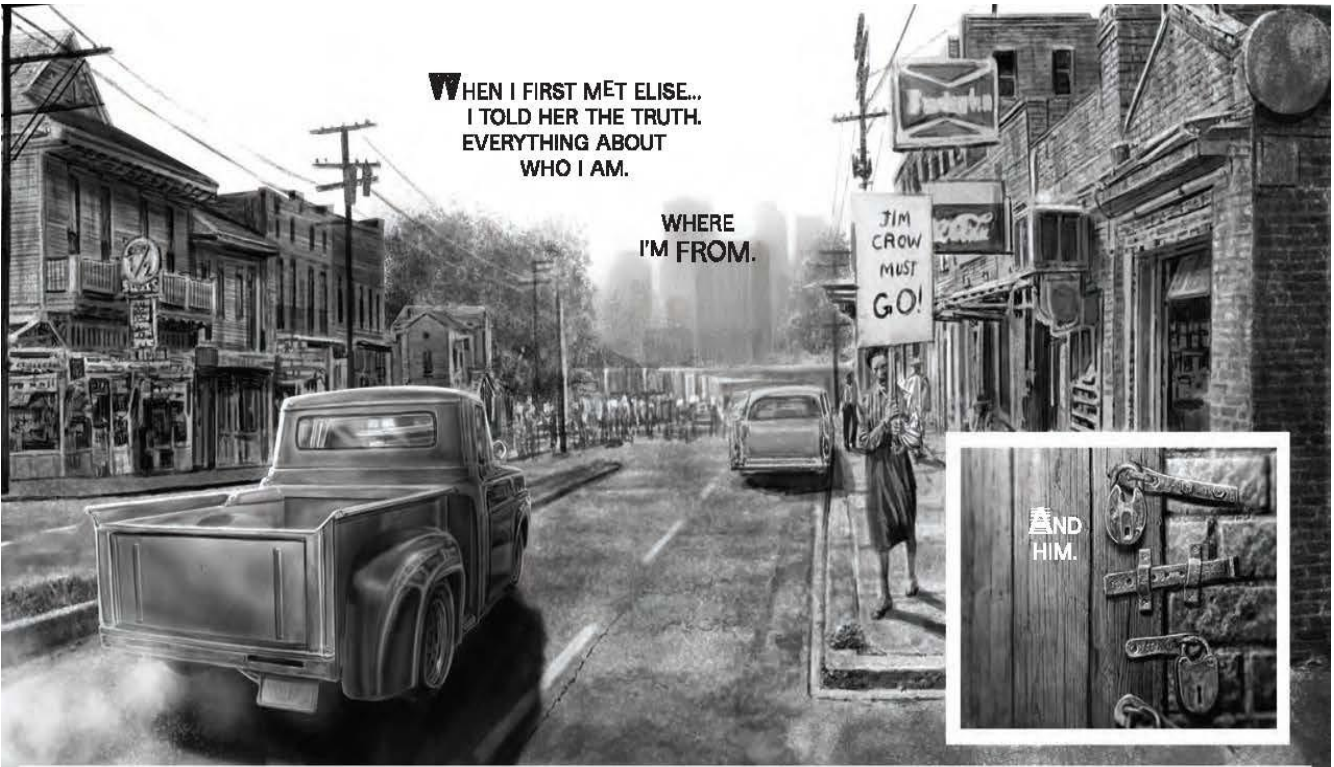
THERE'S NO LINES ON THESE RODS.



I'LL PICK UP SOME LINE WHILE I'M OUT. YOU MIND YOUR MOTHER, OKAY?

YES, SIR.

AYABOX.



WHEN I FIRST MET ELISE...  
I TOLD HER THE TRUTH.  
EVERYTHING ABOUT  
WHO I AM.

WHERE  
I'M FROM.



AND  
HIM.



TOMMY'S  
GETTING  
OLDER...

IT'S GETTING  
HARDER TO LIE  
TO HIM.

IT'S HARD IN  
GENERAL.



WISH I COULD  
TELL HIM LIFE  
WAS GONNA  
GET EASIER.



BUT IT'S NOT.

