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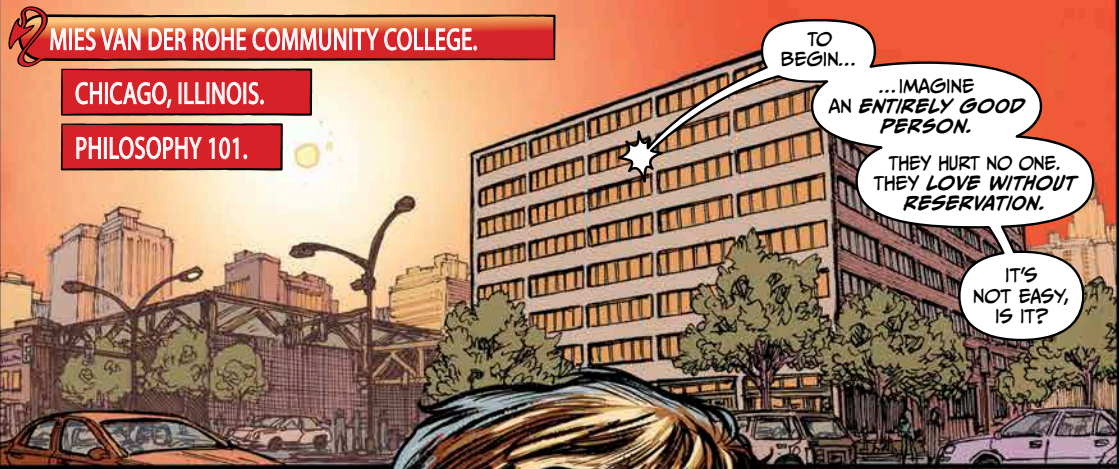
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PHILOSOPHY 101.

TO BEGIN...

...IMAGINE AN ENTIRELY GOOD PERSON.

THEY HURT NO ONE. THEY LOVE WITHOUT RESERVATION.

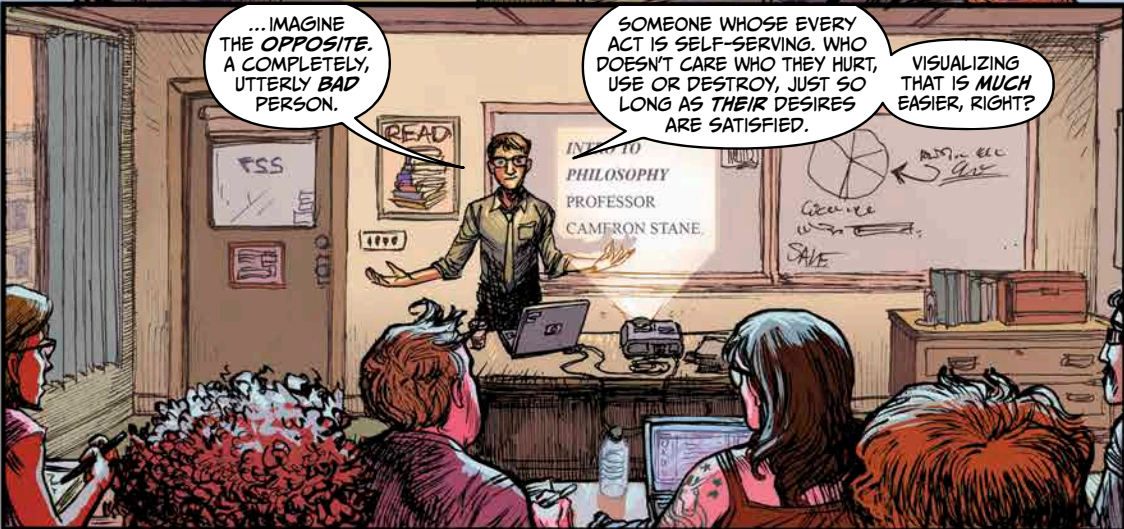
IT'S NOT EASY, IS IT?

MAYBE AN INFANT, OR A REALLY YOUNG KID... BEYOND THAT, IT'S TOUGH TO VISUALIZE A TRUE, ONE-HUNDRED-PERCENT GOOD PERSON LIVING IN OUR WORLD TODAY.

EVEN JUST EXISTING AS A MODERN HUMAN MEANS YOU'RE PROBABLY BENEFITING FROM THE EXPLOITATION OF OTHERS.

REALLY RELIGIOUS PEOPLE? MONKS AND NUNS? MAAAYBE... BUT WE'VE ALL HEARD STORIES OF RELIGIOUS FOLKS WHOSE PRIVATE LIVES, UH, DON'T STAND UP TO SCRUTINY.

NOW...



...IMAGINE THE OPPOSITE. A COMPLETELY, UTTERLY BAD PERSON.

SOMEONE WHOSE EVERY ACT IS SELF-SERVING. WHO DOESN'T CARE WHO THEY HURT, USE OR DESTROY, JUST SO LONG AS THEIR DESIRES ARE SATISFIED.

VISUALIZING THAT IS MUCH EASIER, RIGHT?



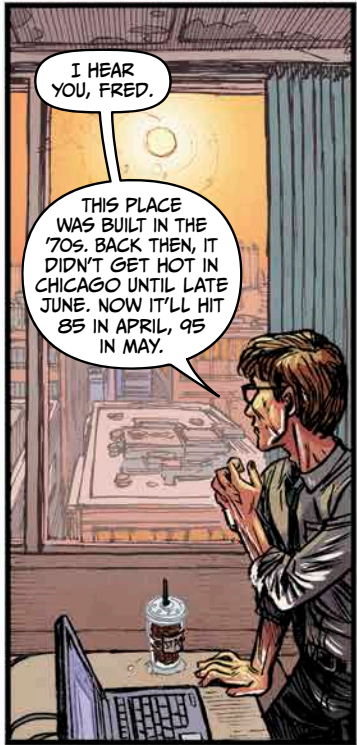
WHY DO YOU SUPPOSE THAT IS?

WHY IS IT SO MUCH EASIER TO IMAGINE A TOTALLY BAD PERSON THAN A COMPLETELY GOOD ONE?

ANYONE?



SORRY, PROFESSOR STANE--IT'S HOT AS HELL IN HERE. HARD TO FOCUS.



I HEAR YOU, FRED.

THIS PLACE WAS BUILT IN THE '70S. BACK THEN, IT DIDN'T GET HOT UNTIL LATE JUNE. NOW IT'LL HIT 85 IN APRIL, 95 IN MAY.



ANYWAY, SMART, THOUGHTFUL PEOPLE HAVE BEEN KICKING THESE QUESTIONS AROUND FOR THOUSANDS OF YEARS.

PEOPLE LIKE SOCRATES, ARISTOTLE, JOHN LOCKE, EVEN A BLEAK NAMED FRIEDRICH NIETZSCHE.

I'VE GOT SOME SLIDES HERE THAT COVER THE--

TYP! TYP! TYP!

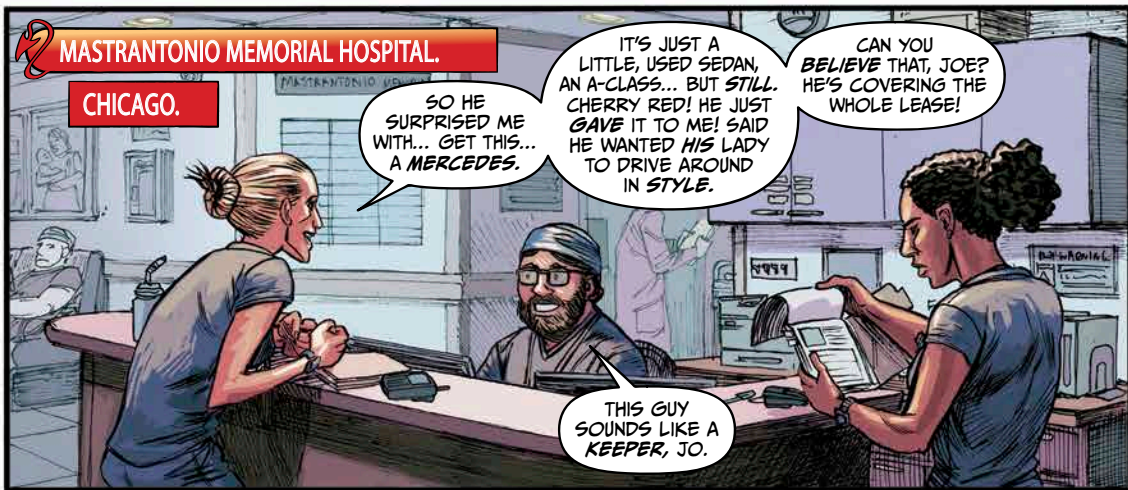


WHOA! SHIT!

GZAT!



OKAY. IT'S OKAY. WE'LL JUST... PIVOT.



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SO HE SURPRISED ME WITH... GET THIS... A MERCEDES.

IT'S JUST A LITTLE, USED SEDAN, AN A-CLASS... BUT *STILL*. CHERRY RED! HE JUST GAVE IT TO ME! SAID HE WANTED HIS LADY TO DRIVE AROUND IN STYLE.

CAN YOU BELIEVE THAT, JOE? HE'S COVERING THE WHOLE LEASE!

THIS GUY SOUNDS LIKE A KEEPER, JO.



CODE BROWN IN ROOM 243. NEED IMMEDIATE ASSISTANCE.

OOF. THAT'S NOT GOING TO BE PRETTY.

NOPE. WELL, YOU GOT THE LAST ONE, JOE, AND I GOT THE ONE BEFORE THAT-- LOOKS LIKE IT'S JO'S TURN.

ACTUALLY, STARR...



...DID I NOT TELL YOU? MY TRANSFER TO THE ANESTHESIA UNIT CAME THROUGH.

NO MORE █████ SHEETS FOR ME. HAD ENOUGH OF THAT TO LAST A LIFETIME.

I WAS JUST COMING BY TO SAY GOOD-BYE BEFORE I HEAD UP TO THE TENTH FLOOR.

I... WELL, CONGRATULATIONS, JO. I'M HAPPY FOR YOU, SERIOUSLY.



UM, LIKE YOU SAID, STARR, I GOT THE LAST CODE BROWN, SO I GUESS...

YEP. I GOT IT, JOE. IT'S COOL.



COOL, COOL, COOL.

COOL.

HEY,
CAM.

MY NAME'S
COLLAR.



HI,
STARR.

I'M
RAKE.



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PART ONE: LIMBO