

ARCADE

ALEX



CHAPTER 4

BY
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IT HAD BEEN
AT LEAST
A WEEK
SINCE I'D
SEEN OR
HEARD
FROM ALEX.

I'D GOTTEN
NO CALLS
OR TEXTS...

AND NO ONE
SEEMED TO BE
HOME THE TIMES
I HAD STOPPED
BY HIS PLACE.



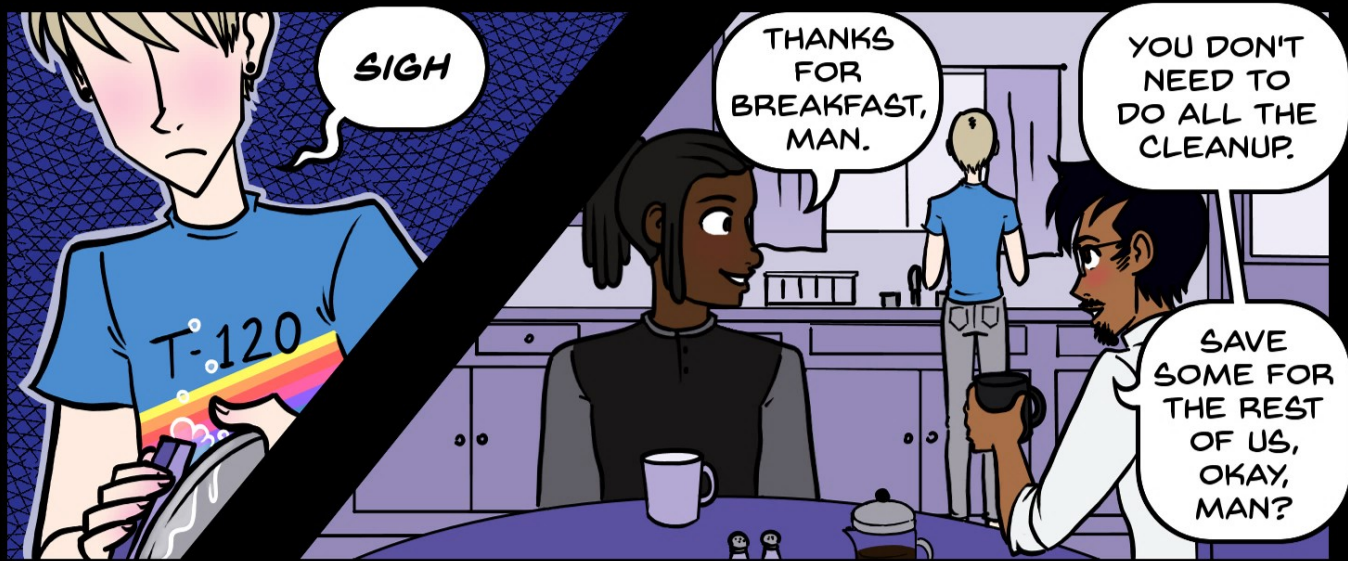
ONE DAY,
I WENT TO
THE ARCADE,
EXPECTING
HIM TO
SHOW...

I
STAYED
FOR
HOURS.



BUT
HE
NEVER
CAME.



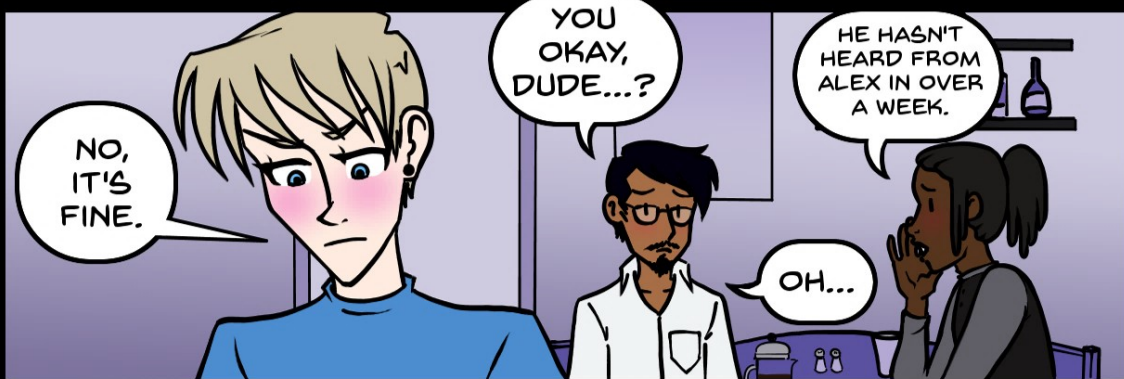


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THANKS FOR BREAKFAST, MAN.

YOU DON'T NEED TO DO ALL THE CLEANUP.

SAVE SOME FOR THE REST OF US, OKAY, MAN?



NO, IT'S FINE.

YOU OKAY, DUDE...?

HE HASN'T HEARD FROM ALEX IN OVER A WEEK.

OH...



Y'KNOW, HE COULD JUST BE BUSY, OR MAYBE HE HAD A FAMILY EMERGENCY...



DON'T OVER-THINK IT.

YOU'RE A GOOD DUDE, KAZ, SO EVEN IF...

I'M GONNA GO TO MY ROOM FOR A WHILE.



I DON'T FEEL LIKE HANGING OUT. SORRY.

I THOUGHT ABOUT WHAT RAHUL SAID. MAYBE HE WAS JUST BUSY.

BUT I ALSO COULDN'T SHAKE THE ANXIOUS FEELING THAT MAYBE I HAD DONE SOMETHING...

OR MAYBE HE WAS JUST SICK OF ME.

NO MATTER HOW I DISTRACTED MYSELF, MY MIND KEPT RETURNING TO THE NEGATIVE.

BUT THEN A VOICE BROKE ME FROM MY THOUGHTS...

HEY.



ALEX!!

SORRY FOR THE RADIO SILENCE.



WHAT HAPPENED??

ARE YOU OKAY?

I WAS REALLY WORRIED...

FINALS HAPPENED.



I DIDN'T MEAN TO MAKE YOU WORRY.

THERE WERE JUST A THOUSAND THINGS THAT HAPPENED AT ONCE...

IT ALL STARTED WITH MY ALGORITHMS PROFESSOR SAYING THAT ALL THIS CRAP WE HADN'T EVEN COVERED WOULD BE ON THE TEST.

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THEN ONE OF MY FRIENDS HAD A BREAKDOWN BECAUSE SHE GOT SICK AND MISSED A BUNCH OF ASSIGNMENTS...

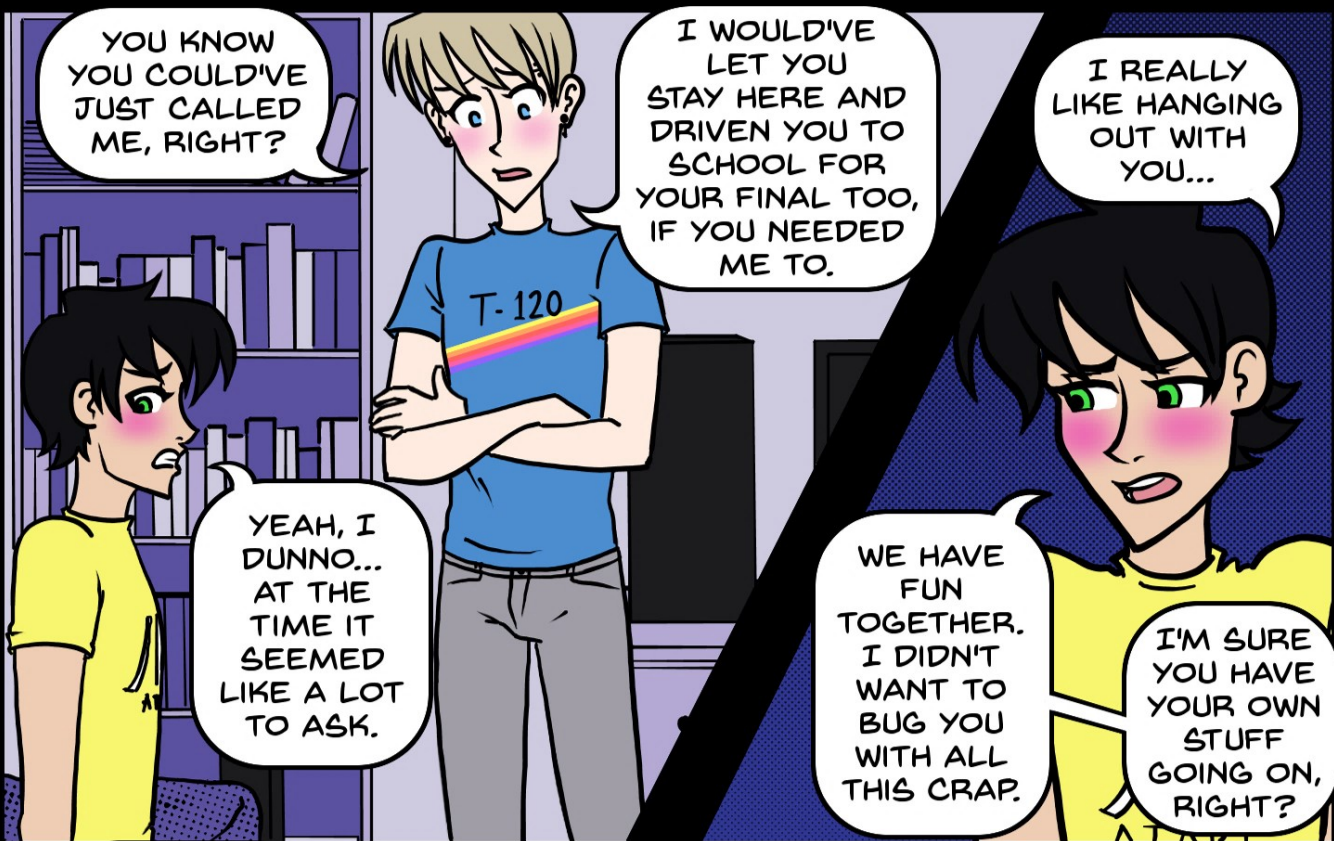
SO I SPENT A TON OF TIME GETTING HER UP TO SPEED.

THEN, AS IF THINGS COULDN'T GET ANY WORSE...

THE A/C WENT OUT IN MY APARTMENT THE NIGHT BEFORE THE LAST FINAL.

BUT THE LIBRARY WAS OPEN 24/7...

SO I TOOK ALL MY SHIT TO SCHOOL AND CRASHED THERE TIL 7 AM.



YOU KNOW YOU COULD'VE JUST CALLED ME, RIGHT?

I WOULD'VE LET YOU STAY HERE AND DRIVEN YOU TO SCHOOL FOR YOUR FINAL TOO, IF YOU NEEDED ME TO.

I REALLY LIKE HANGING OUT WITH YOU...

YEAH, I DUNNO... AT THE TIME IT SEEMED LIKE A LOT TO ASK.

WE HAVE FUN TOGETHER. I DIDN'T WANT TO BUG YOU WITH ALL THIS CRAP.

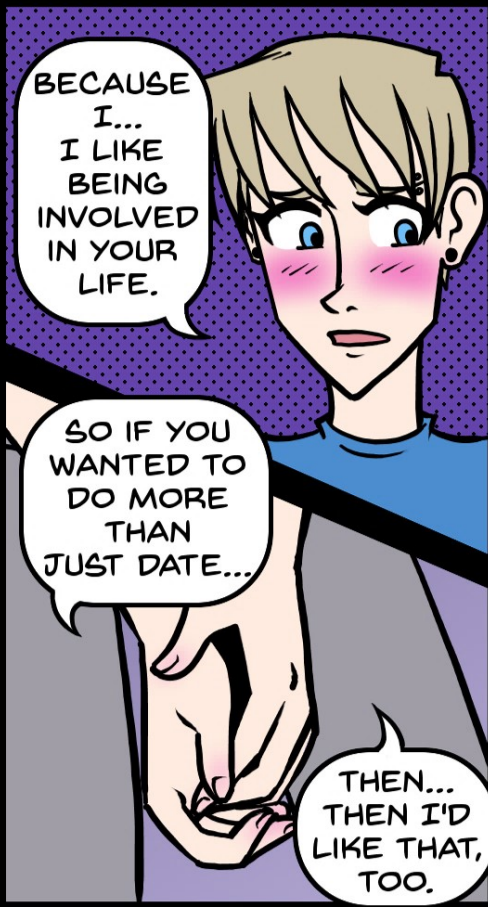
I'M SURE YOU HAVE YOUR OWN STUFF GOING ON, RIGHT?



YOU'RE NOT BOTHERING ME. YOU CAN TELL ME THIS STUFF.

BUT IF WE'RE JUST DATING, THEN IT SEEMS LIKE A LOT.

I MEAN... DO YOU WANT TO JUST DATE?



BECAUSE I... I LIKE BEING INVOLVED IN YOUR LIFE.

SO IF YOU WANTED TO DO MORE THAN JUST DATE...

THEN... THEN I'D LIKE THAT, TOO.



KAZ,
ARE
YOU...

...ASKING
ME TO
BE YOUR
BOYFRIEND?



GULP

UH...

MAYBE?
ONLY IF
YOU WANT
ME TO,
THOUGH...

OH MAN,
YOU ARE
TOO CUTE!



KAZ...

I'D LOVE
TO BE
YOUR
BOYFRIEND.



SO...

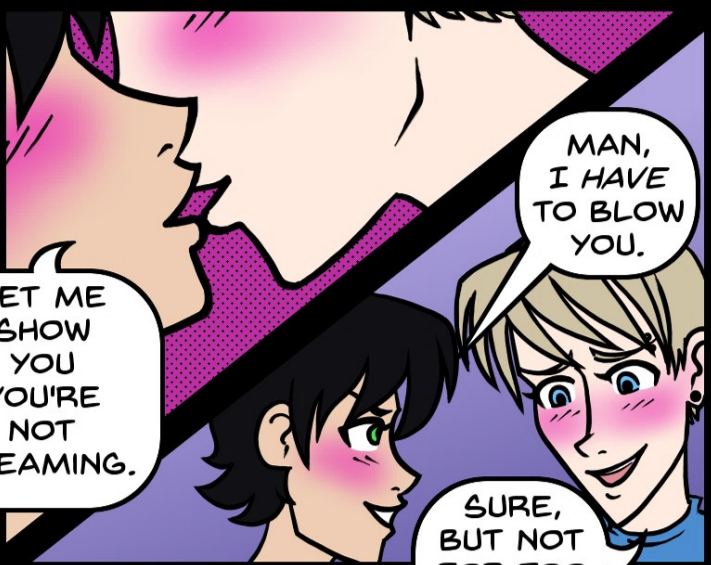
DO YOU
WANNA
CELEBRATE
OUR
RELATION-
SHIP
UPGRADE?

ALL THAT
STUDYING
DIDN'T
LEAVE ME
A LOT OF
TIME FOR
MYSELF.



WHAT DO YOU THINK, BOYFRIEND?

GOD, IT STILL DOESN'T SEEM REAL...



LET ME SHOW YOU YOU'RE NOT DREAMING.

MAN, I HAVE TO BLOW YOU.

SURE, BUT NOT FOR TOO LONG...



IT'S BEEN A WHILE AND I WANT TO MAKE YOU FEEL GOOD, TOO...

OH, DON'T WORRY, I'M PLENTY PENT UP TOO.

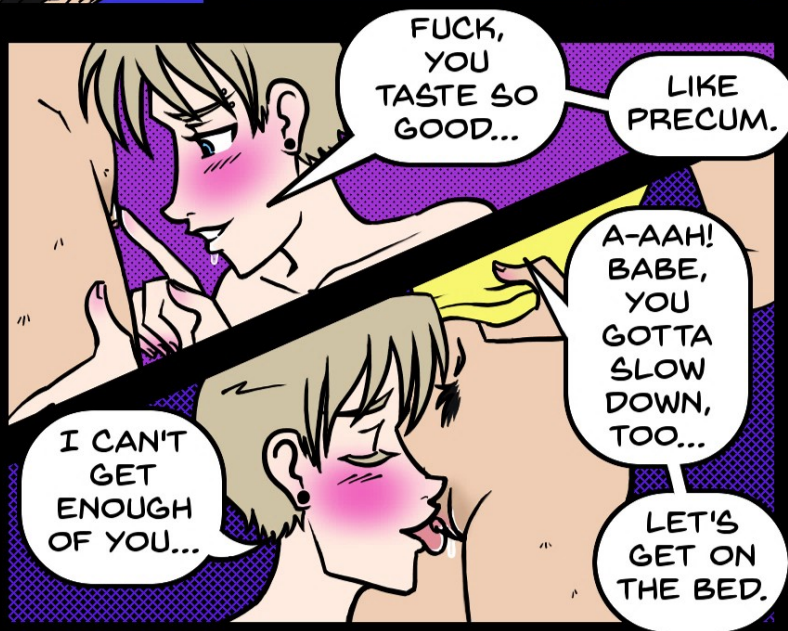
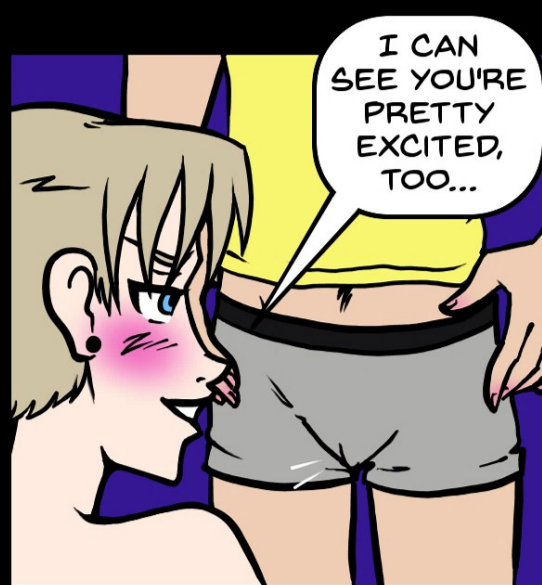


WHOA, HEY, SLOW DOWN A LITTLE...!

YEAH, YEAH... I GET IT.

TH-THAT'S ENOUGH!

IF YOU KEEP GOING...





RUB AGAINST ME LIKE THIS.



AH!

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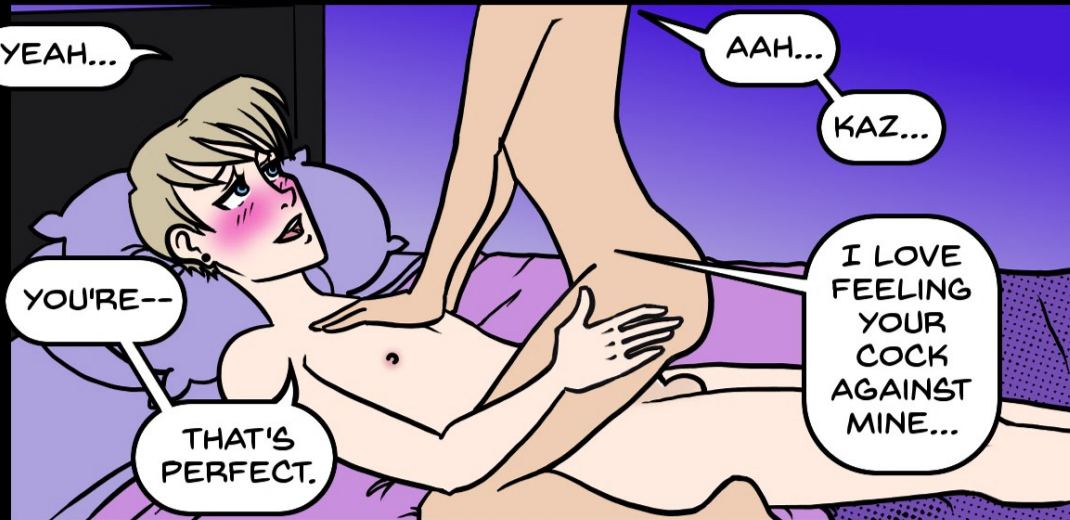
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OH, KAZ...

IT LOOKS SO HOT!

AND YOU FEEL SO GOOD...



YEAH...

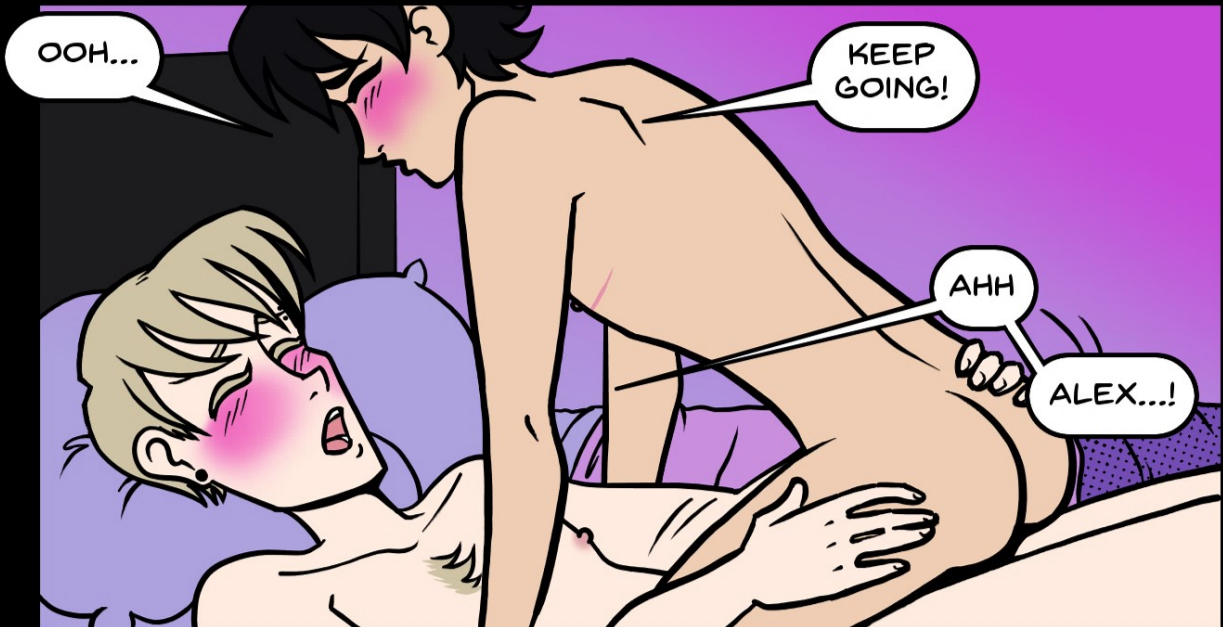
AAH...

KAZ...

I LOVE FEELING YOUR COCK AGAINST MINE...

YOU'RE--

THAT'S PERFECT.

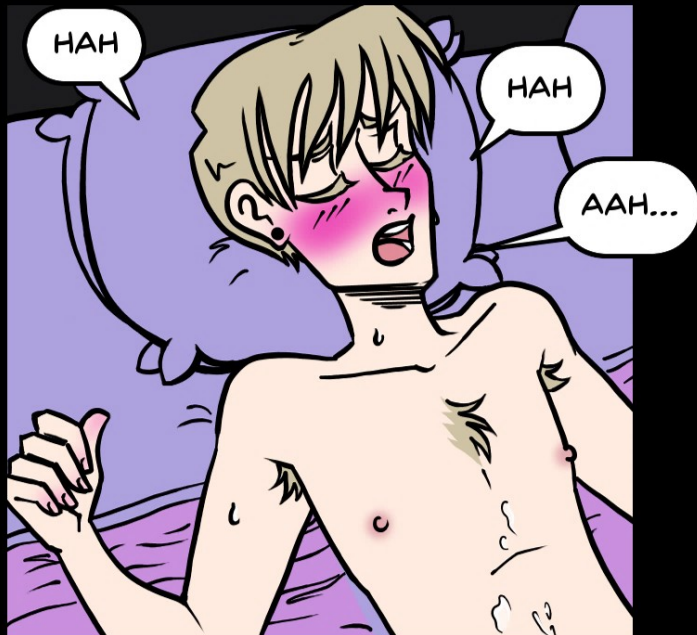


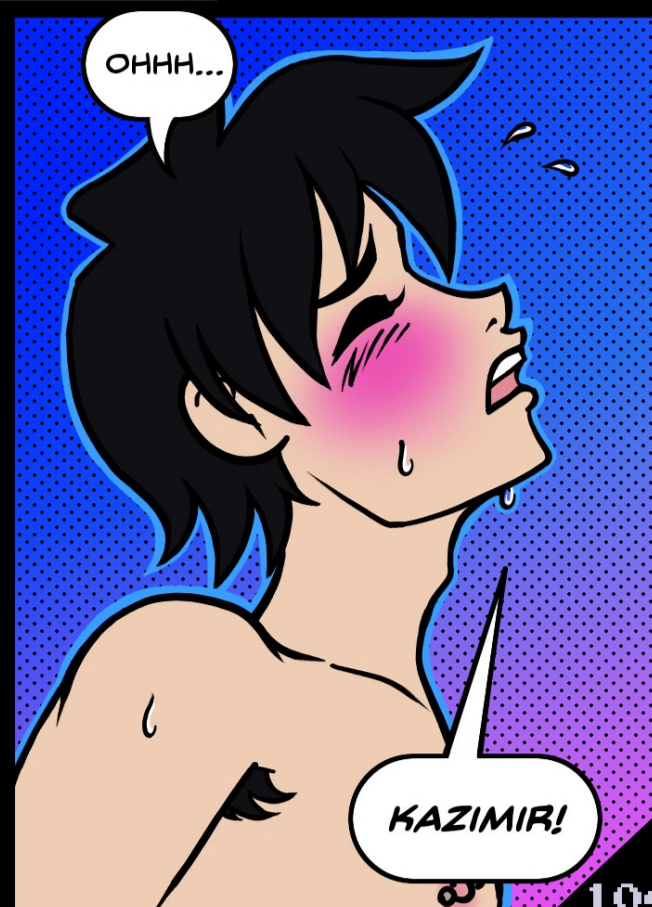
OOH...

KEEP GOING!

AHH

ALEX...!





AHH FUCK,
THE WHOLE
ROOM IS
SPINNING...

ARE YOU
OKAY?

MAYBE WE
OVERDID
IT...

OVERDID
IT??

NO WAY!
THAT WAS
AMAZING.

YOU'RE
SO HOT,
KAZ.

I'M SO
GLAD
YOU'RE
MY BOY-
FRIEND.

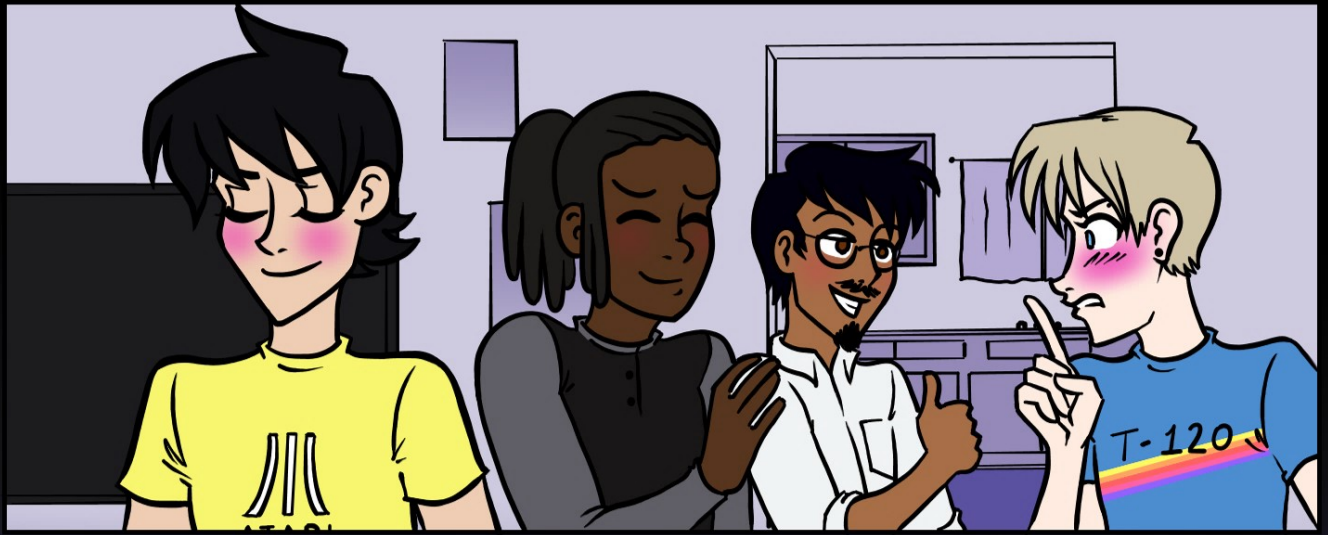
O-OH
YEAH?
I'M
REALLY
HAPPY
ABOUT
THAT, TOO.

I FEEL
LIKE I'M
BURNING
UP,
THOUGH.

WANNA GO
GET
MILK-
SHAKES?

OH
OKAY!
SURE.

MY TREAT
FOR BEING
A SHITTY
BOYFRIEND
THIS PAST
WEEK.





I DON'T
THINK I'VE
EVER DRIVEN
UP HERE
BEFORE.

PRETTY
COOL,
RIGHT?

THERE'S
ONE JUST
LIKE IT
IN
ROANOKE.



THE
ONE IN
ROANOKE
WAS
FIRST...



...THEN
STARLIGHT
CITY
GOT OUR
OWN.

