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Curbside

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I WAS IN THE HOSPITAL FOR A FEW DAYS. THE COPS CAME ALONG BUT I DIDN'T GIVE THEM ANYTHING TO GO ON.

SO YOU HAVE NO IDEA OF ANYONE WHO MIGHT WANT TO HARM YOU?



CAL VISITED ME A LOT. HE WAS ALL "TELL ME WHAT YOU NEED, TELL ME WHAT I CAN DO." I DIDN'T WANNA HEAR IT.

I JUST WANT TO BE LEFT ALONE. YOU THINK IT'S MY FAULT THAT I'M TO BLAME.



I DIDN'T REALLY THINK WHAT'D HAPPENED WAS TOTALLY HIS FAULT, BUT THEN AGAIN, IF I'D NEVER MET HIM....YOU KNOW?

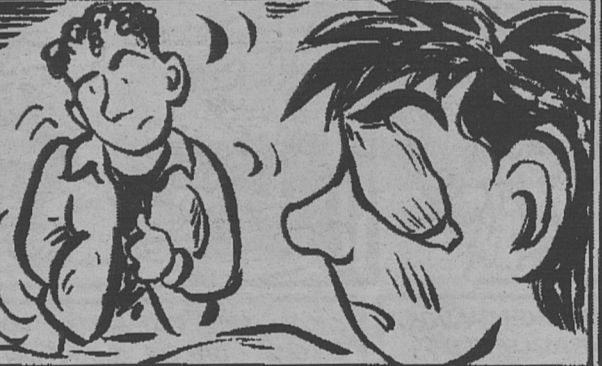
I SAID, I WANT YOU TO LEAVE ME ALONE, ALL RIGHT!??



I DIDN'T MEAN TO GET ALL DRAMATIC, BUT I WAS PRETTY TENSE; YOU KNOW, LOSING MY EYE AND ALL.



HE WASN'T FAZED. HE TOLD ME HE'D GET THE PERSON WHO DID THIS TO ME. HE SUDDENLY SEEMED TRULY "STREET" TO ME FOR THE FIRST TIME: LIKE A REAL MEMBER OF THE ATOMS RATHER THAN JUST SOME KID WHO'D GOTTEN MIXED UP WITH THE WRONG CROWD.



TURNS OUT OL' CAL WAS GENUINELY A PART OF THE WRONG CROWD ALL ALONG.

DON'T WORRY, NATHAN, I'LL TAKE CARE OF ATOM FOR YA!



Dykes To Watch Out For by Alison Bechdel

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THE PRESIDENT REPEATEDLY LINKED THE WAR IN IRAQ TO 9/11 AND SAID WE MUST DEFEAT THE TERRORISTS ABROAD BEFORE THEY ATTACK US AT HOME. IN BUSINESS NEWS, OIL PRICES TOPPED \$60 A BARREL...

...AND A CHINESE COMPANY'S BID FOR U.S. OIL GUANT UNCAL TRIGGERS CONCERN THAT CHINA MAY GAIN STRATEGIC ENERGY RESERVES.

WHAT KIND OF A WORLD AM I LEAVING YOU? LISTEN TO ME, JIAO RAIZEL. WE'RE STOPPING THE MADNESS RIGHT NOW.

MEANWHILE, IN AN UNSUSTAINABLY DESIGNED SUBURB...

FINALLY! IT TOOK US LONG ENOUGH TO GET TOGETHER AGAIN.

I KNOW! CAN YOU BELIEVE IT'S BEEN SIX MONTHS SINCE OUR TRIP TO CHICAGO?

WE'VE REACHED PEAK OIL! THE BRUTE STRUGGLE FOR THE DRAGS HAS BEGUN! YET HERE WE ALL SIT IN OUR AIR-CONDITIONED SARCOPHAGI!

WHIMPER...

GOD, THAT WAS FUN. DIDN'T THE KIDS HAVE A GREAT TIME?

YEAH. YOU TWO SHOULD'VE COME. ALL THAT WORK YOU DID TO STOP THE MARRIAGE AMENDMENT WAS WASTED ANYHOW.

ANA, THAT'S SO NOT TRUE. YES, THE BILL PASSED. BUT WE DID CRUCIAL WORK, AND WE'LL STOP IT IN THE NEXT SESSION.

OH, I MADE YOU GUYS A COPY OF THAT PHOTO OF RAF AND STELLA AT THE AQUARIUM. COULD YOU GET IT, TONI? IT'S ON THE MICROWAVE, WITH GLORIA'S PANTIES.

I GUESS I LEFT THEM HERE WHEN YOU WERE IN CHICAGO, REMEMBER, I STAYED OVER HERE WHILE TONI AND I WERE PLANNING THE RALLY?

MUSTA BEEN ONE HELL OF A RALLY.

NO KIDDING. IF THESE TWO WEREN'T THE POSTER CHILDREN FOR MARRIAGE EQUALITY, WE MIGHT HAVE REASON TO BE SUSPICIOUS.

AND ON THE SHOULDER OF A MAJOR ARTERY...

WE BUY CARS & TRUCKS FAST CASH FOR CARS

THERE! NO MORE DENIAL FOR US!

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