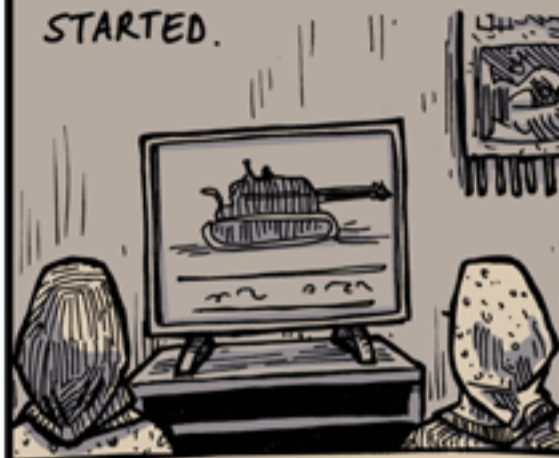


ROUBA AND NOURA MERZAH ARE SISTERS FROM ALEPPO IN SYRIA.



THEIR LIFE THERE WAS SIMPLE UNTIL THE WAR STARTED.



AT FIRST THE WAR WAS ELSEWHERE IN SYRIA.



IN 2012 IT CAME TO THEIR CITY.



THE SITUATION WAS GETTING WORSE EVERY DAY

WE HAD ONE MONTH WITH NO WATER.

THERE WAS NO ELECTRICITY.

THE CITY WAS DANGEROUS.

SO WE CAME TO TURKEY TO GET A RELAX FROM THE SITUATION IN SYRIA.

"BUT AFTER SIX MONTHS WHEN WE DECIDE TO COME BACK, OUR RELATIVES TELL US-"

DON'T COME BACK. THE SITUATION IS VERY DANGEROUS.

"MY DAD HE TALKED WITH HIS FRIEND. HE SAY-"

COME TO GERMANY. IN THREE DAYS YOU WILL BE HERE.

IT'S A LITTLE DIFFICULT JOURNEY BUT THEN YOU WILL BE THERE SAFE.

"MY DAD, HE TELL US-"

IF YOU DON'T LIKE IT THERE WE CAN COME BACK TO SYRIA ANYTIME WE WANT.

"MY MUM, SHE DOES NOT WANT-"

BECAUSE I WILL BE FAR AWAY FROM MY FAMILY.

"OUR SISTER FOUND LOVE IN TURKEY."

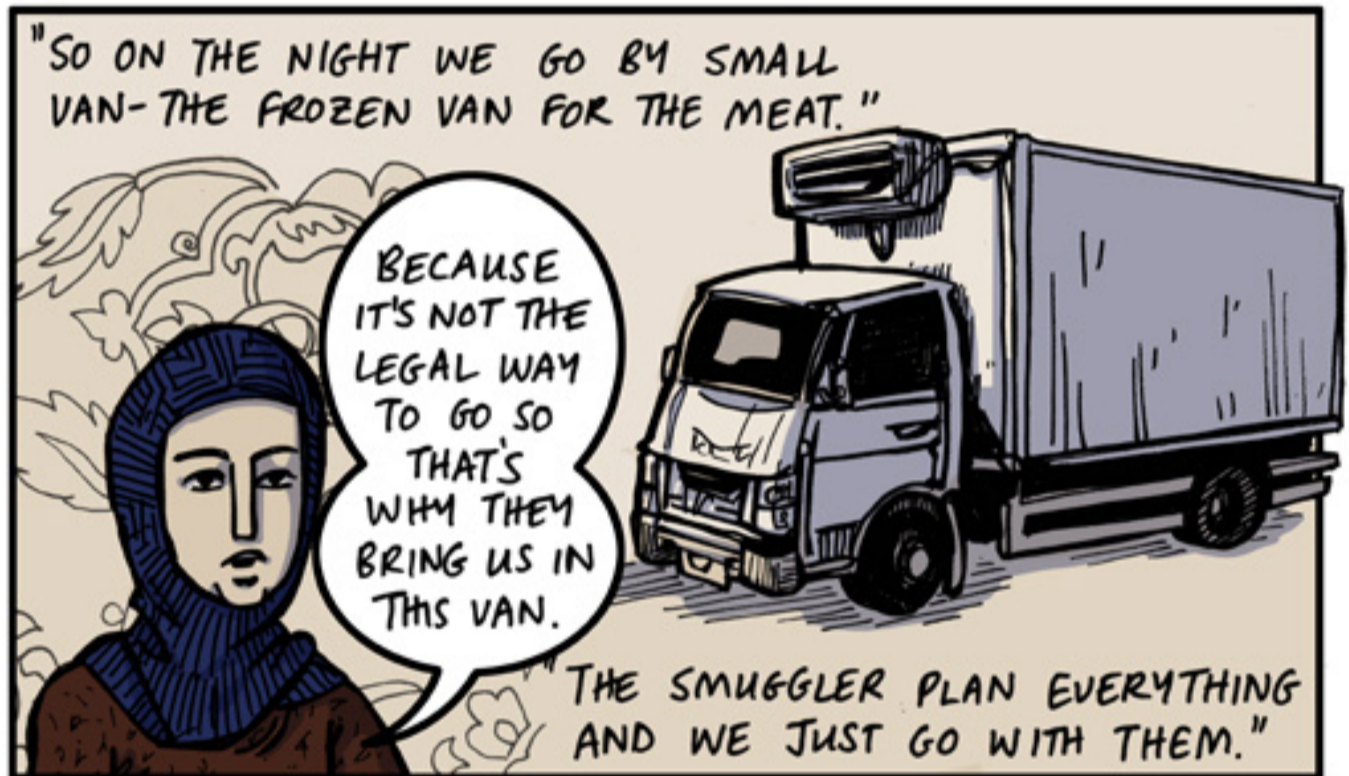


"SO SHE DID NOT COME"

"IN THE END MY DAD CONVINCED US ALL."



SO WE DECIDE TO GO TO EUROPE IN ONE NIGHT.

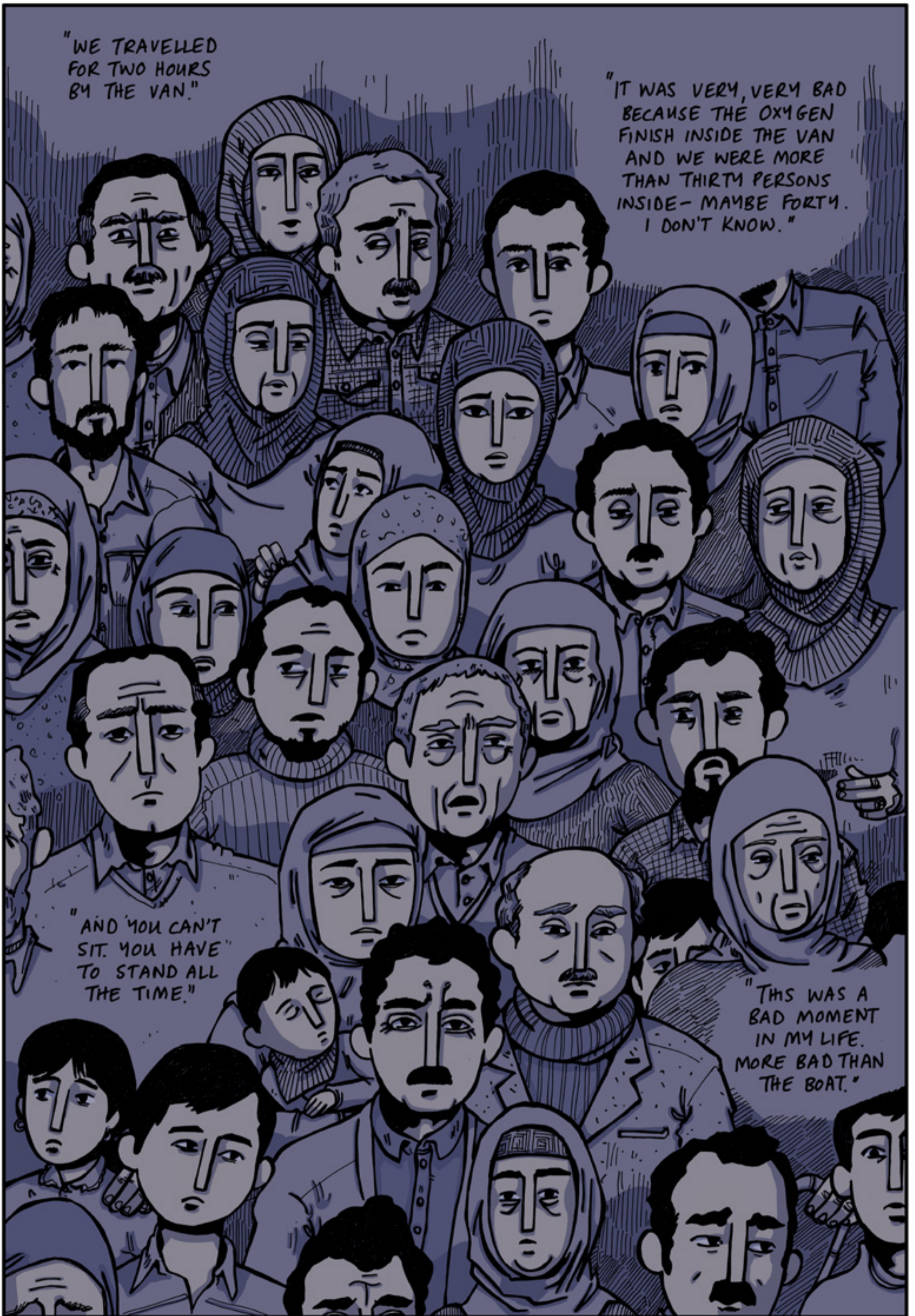


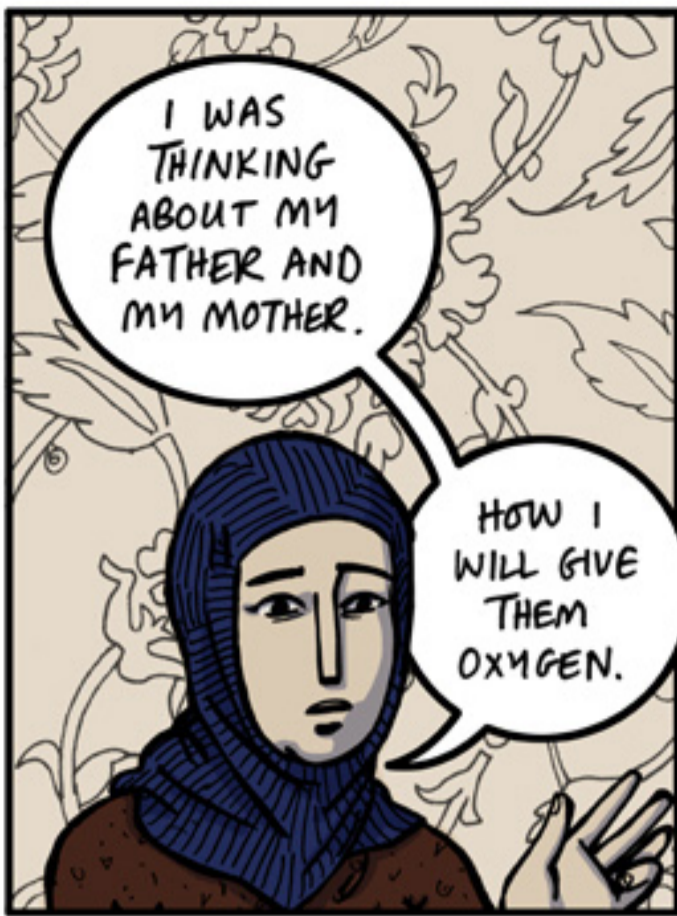
"WE TRAVELLED
FOR TWO HOURS
BY THE VAN."

"IT WAS VERY, VERY BAD
BECAUSE THE OXYGEN
FINISH INSIDE THE VAN
AND WE WERE MORE
THAN THIRTY PERSONS
INSIDE - MAYBE FORTY.
I DON'T KNOW."

"AND YOU CAN'T
SIT. YOU HAVE
TO STAND ALL
THE TIME."

"THIS WAS A
BAD MOMENT
IN MY LIFE.
MORE BAD THAN
THE BOAT."



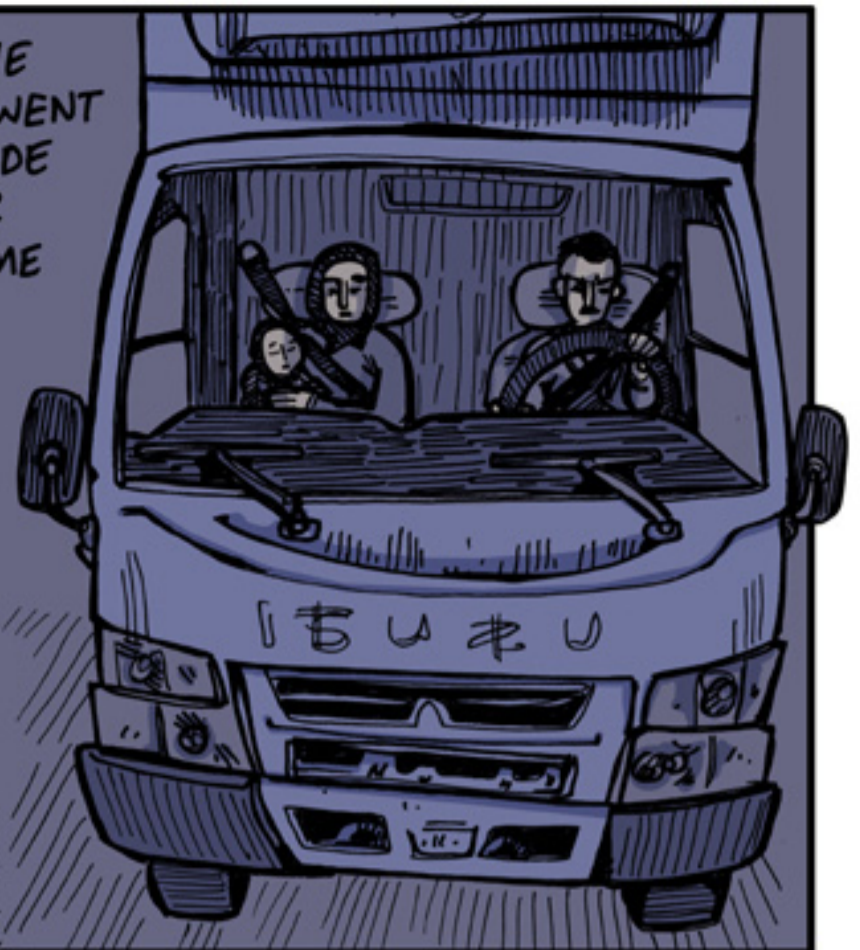


"SO THE BABY WAS JUST FOUR DAYS OLD."



"THIS BABY WAS GOING TO DIE."

"SO WHEN WE STOPPED, SHE WENT AND SIT BESIDE THE DRIVER TO TAKE SOME OXYGEN."



"OTHERWISE THE BABY WOULD DIE."

"THE REST OF THE JOURNEY IT WAS DIFFICULT FOR THE OTHER PEOPLE."

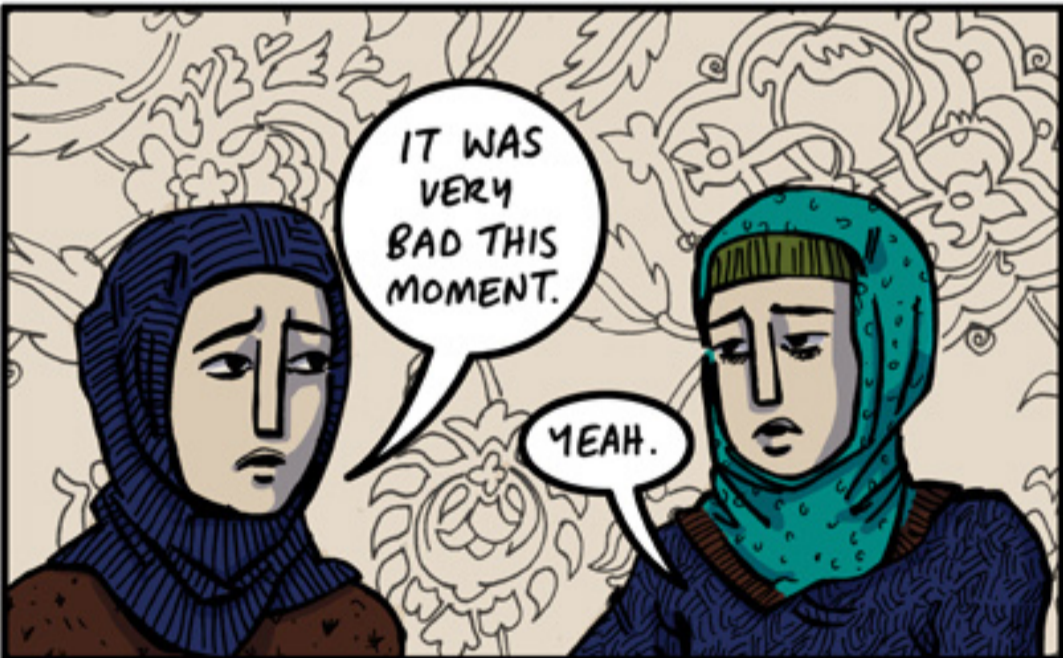


"CHILDREN."

"OLD PEOPLE."

IT WAS VERY BAD THIS MOMENT.

YEAH.

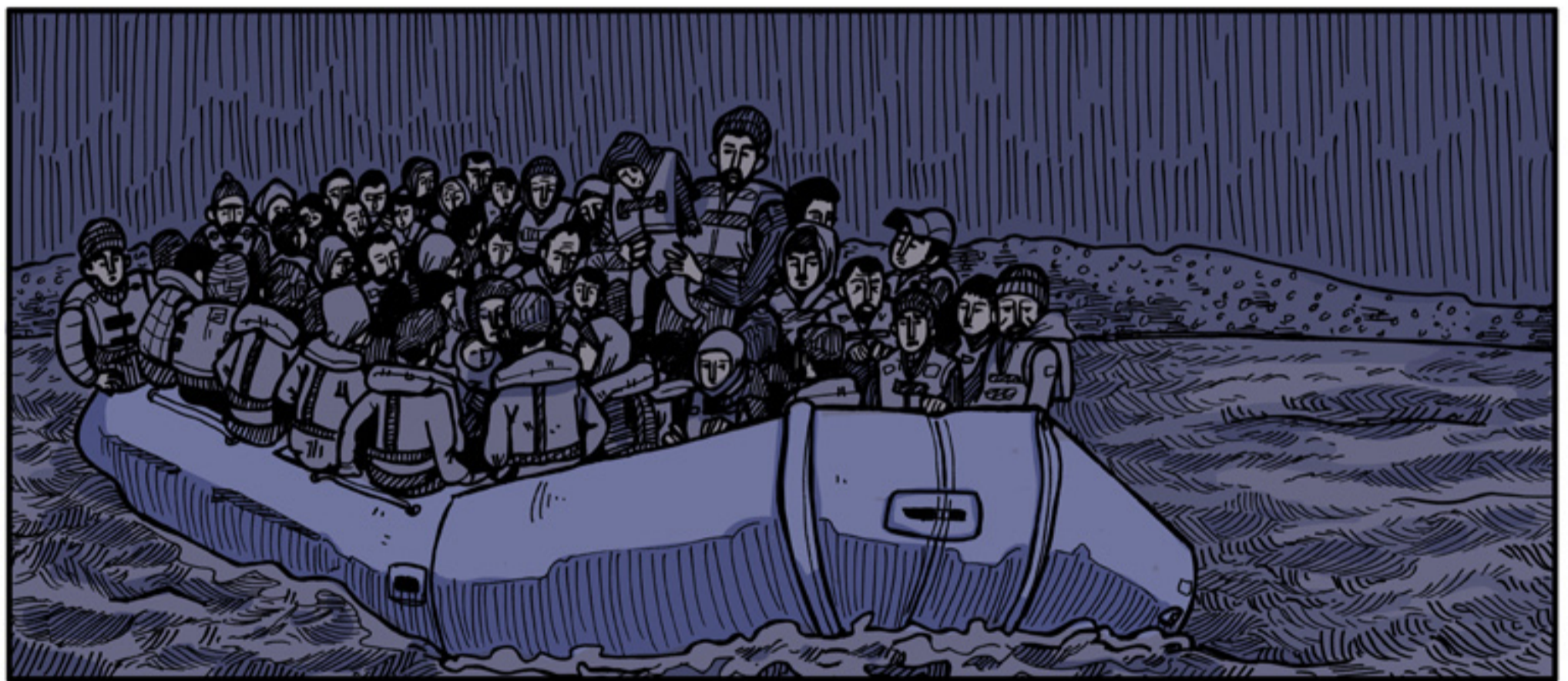
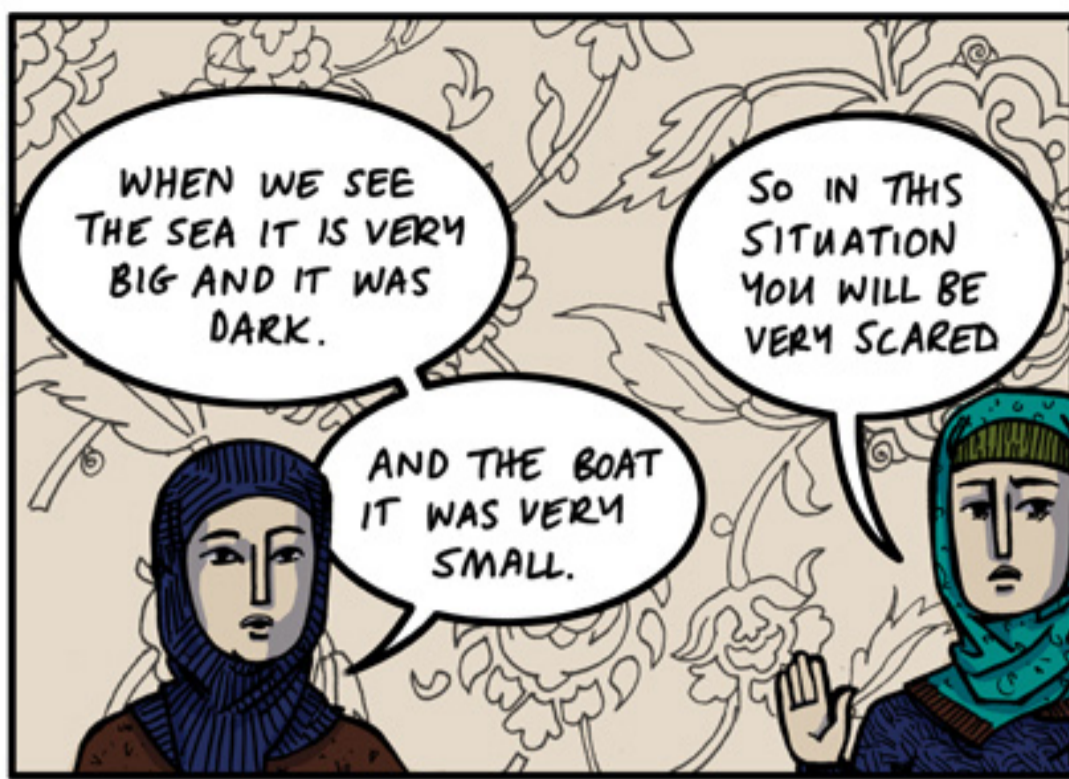


"WHEN WE ARRIVED WE WAS CRYING."



"THEN WE PREPARE OURSELVES"

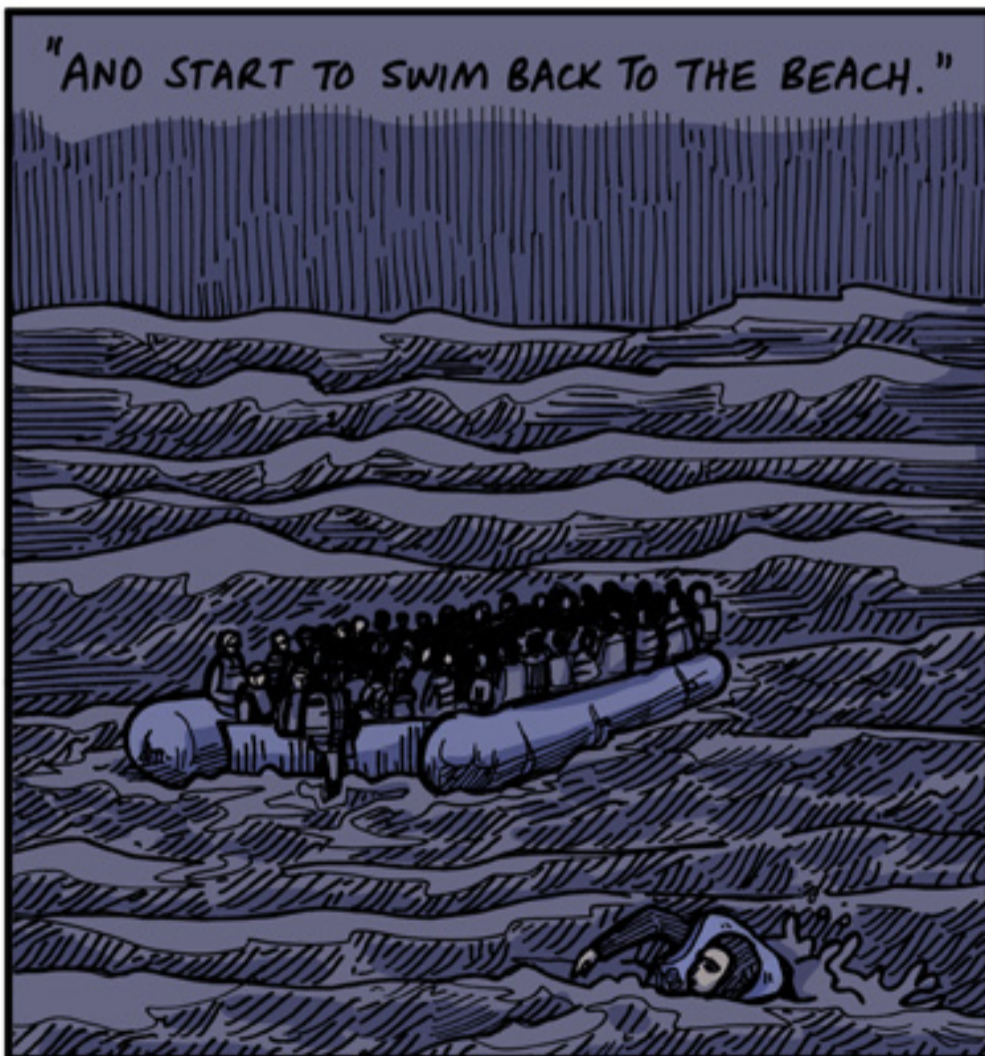




"THERE WERE MAYBE SEVENTY FIVE PEOPLE ON THE BOAT. TWO OR THREE PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES."









"I WAS SO WET BUT I WAS HAPPY. BECAUSE I GOT BIG POWER FROM THIS."



"AND MY FAMILY WAS AFRAID. BUT WHEN THEY SAW WHAT I DID THEY GOT POWER TOO."



"THEN AFTER HALF HOUR -"

WE WAS PRAYING FOR GOD.

TO HELP US AND SAVE US.



WE WERE SEVENTY FIVE PERSONS IN THE BOAT.

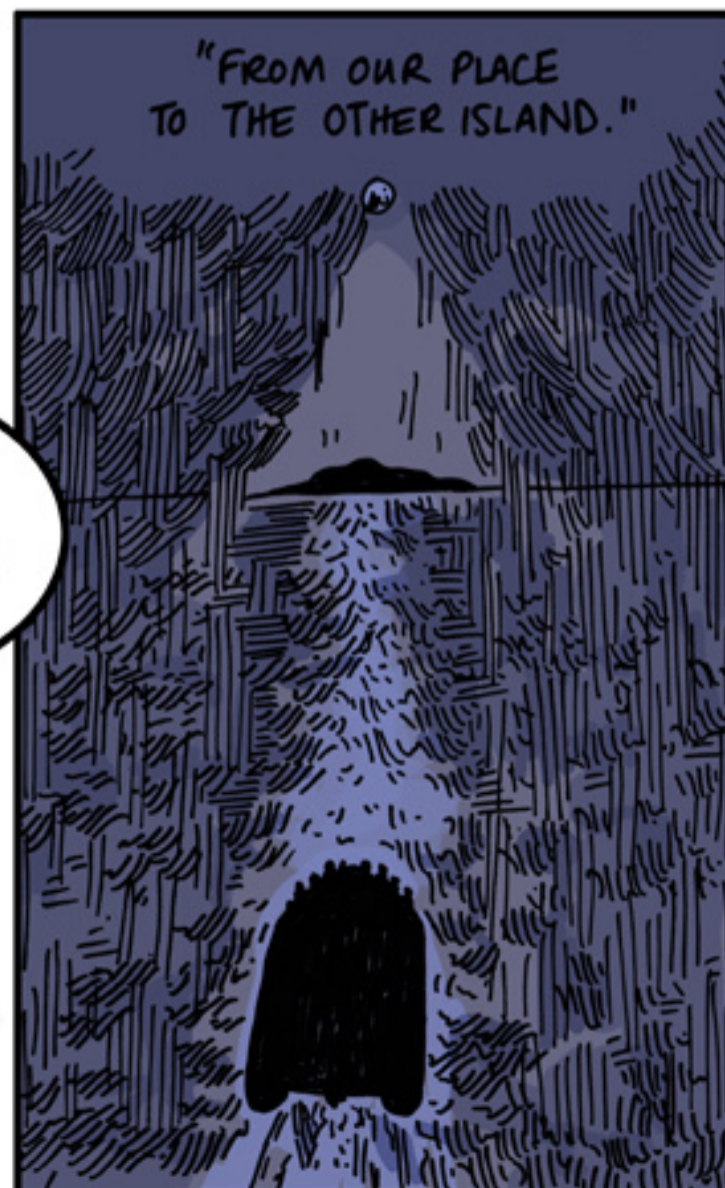
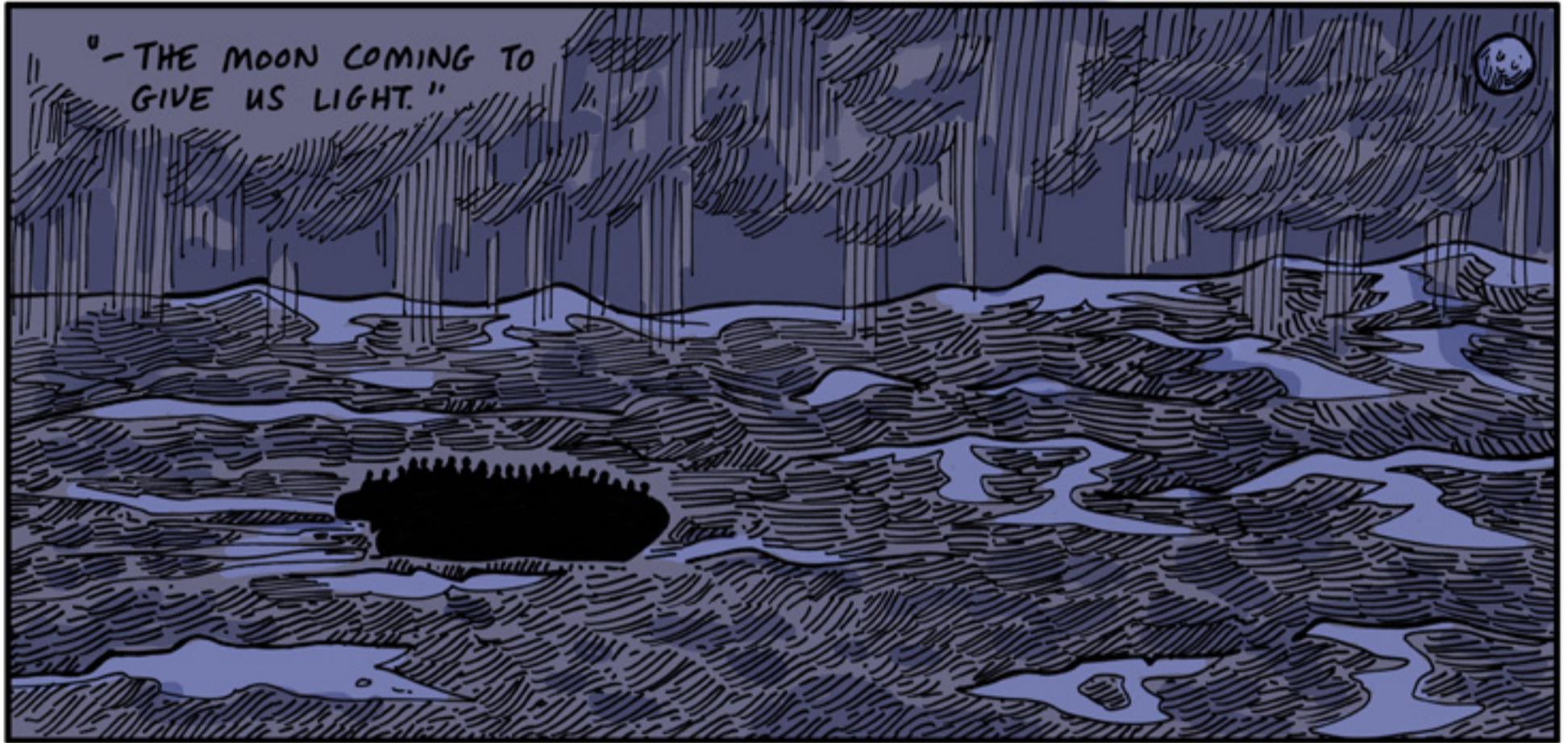
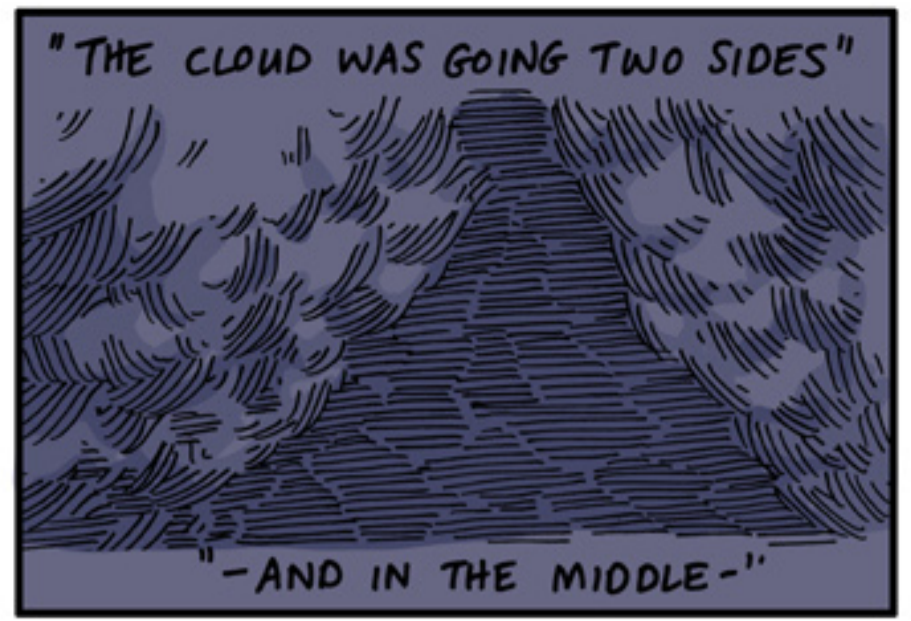
A LOT OF PEOPLE IN A VERY SMALL PLACE.



"THE SEA WAS ROUGH AND THE WEATHER WAS SO BAD."



"IT WAS VERY SCARY."





"THEN THE ENGINE STOP."

PHUT!
PHUT!



"IN THIS MOMENT EVERY BODY WAS SHOUTING AND CRYING."

WE'RE GOING TO DIE.

WHAT WILL WE DO?



"AND THE DRIVER HE TRIED TO TURN IT ON AGAIN BUT HE CAN'T."



"THE DRIVER START SHAKING."



"AND HE WAS VERY AFRAID!"



"I WAS BESIDE HIM. SO I HELP HIM."



"THEN THE ENGINE START WORKING AGAIN."



AND WE CONTINUE.



IT STOP THREE TIMES MORE BUT IT WORK AGAIN.

I HELP HIM. HE WAS VERY AFRAID

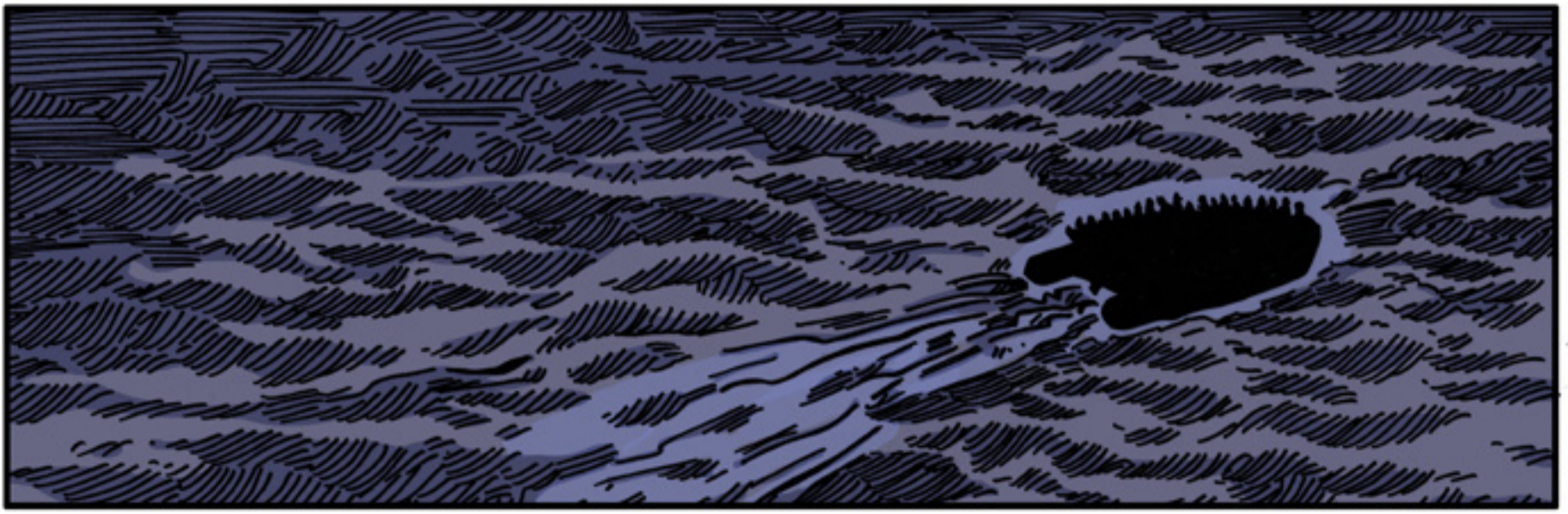
BUT I WASN'T AFRAID LIKE HIM.



BECAUSE I THOUGHT-

-I HAVE POWER.

SO I WAS SMILING AND JOKING.





TO BE CONTINUED