

# IN THE CITY



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'Rub One Out' lyrics  
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The Heart of The City

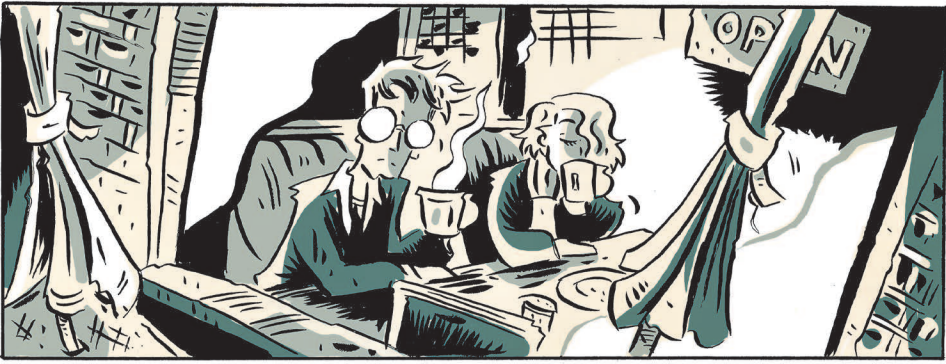
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"For those who are lost, there will always be cities that feel like home."  
- Simon Van Booy



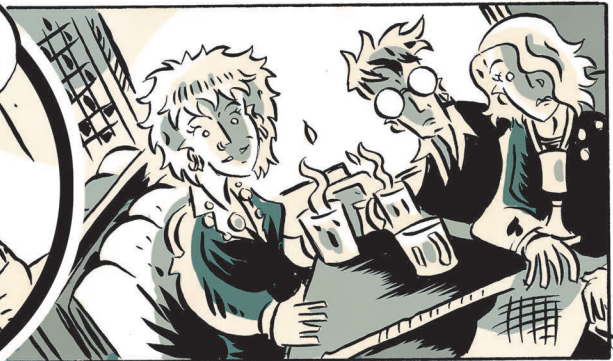




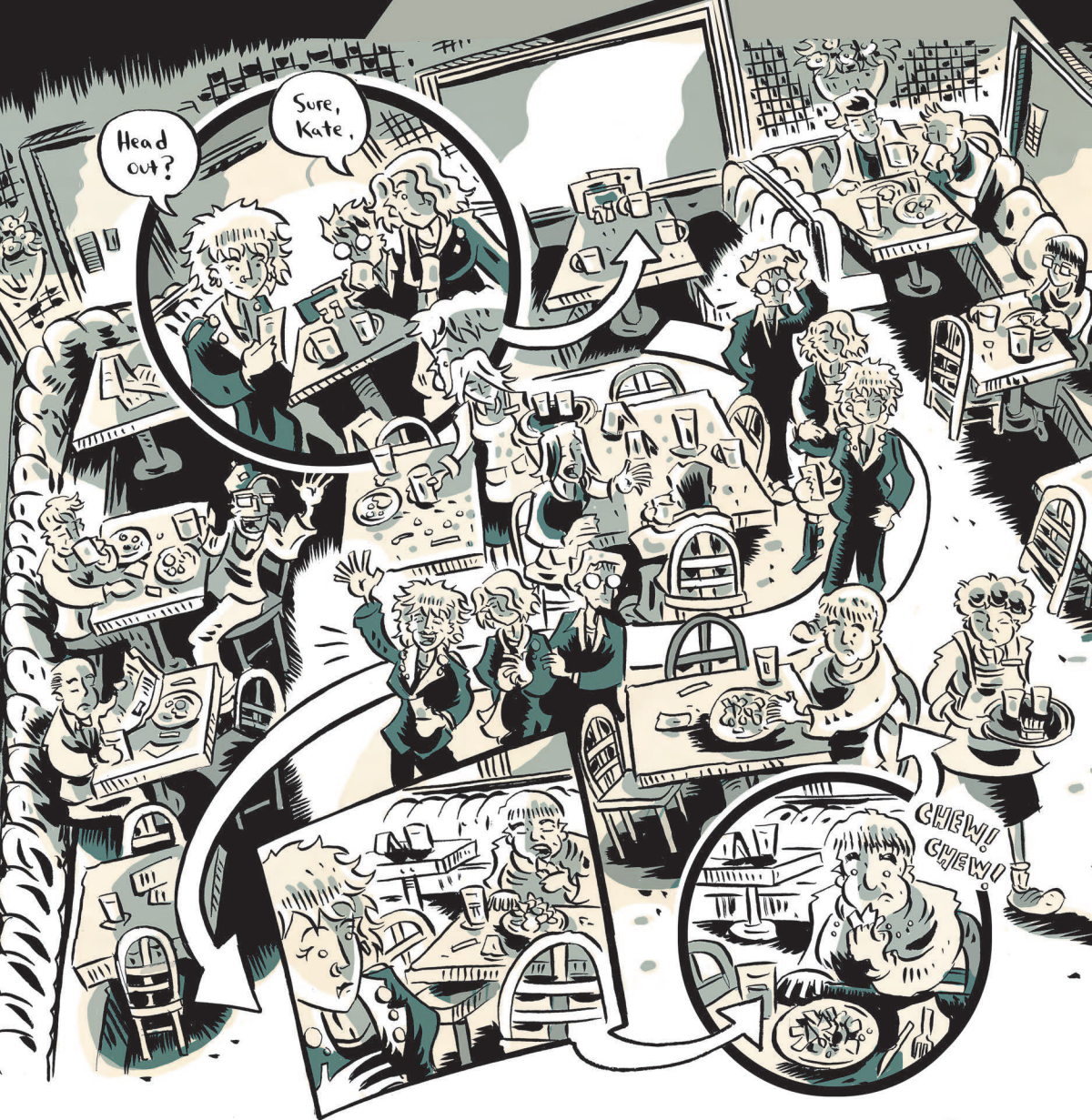
















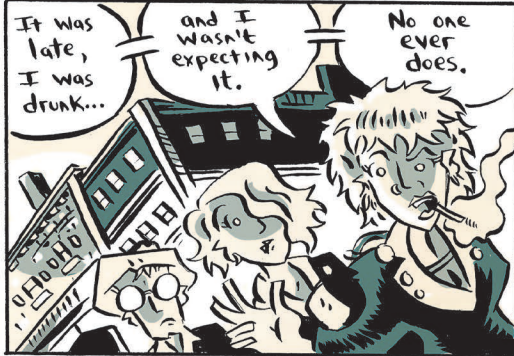
John really helped me out after I got attacked.



You got attacked?!

Yeah... A few years ago.

Not far from here actually.



It was late, I was drunk...

and I wasn't expecting it.

No one ever does.



Two women jumped me.

I got roughed up pretty bad.



Don't remember much except thinking that one of my attackers...

"had really nice hair."



Anyway, I know John from the neighborhood.

He helped me out in recovery and got me back on my feet.



I'd heard that he's been having a hard time lately...

and wanted to help out in a small way.



Besides...

No one should ever have to eat nachos alone.

HA! HA! HA!

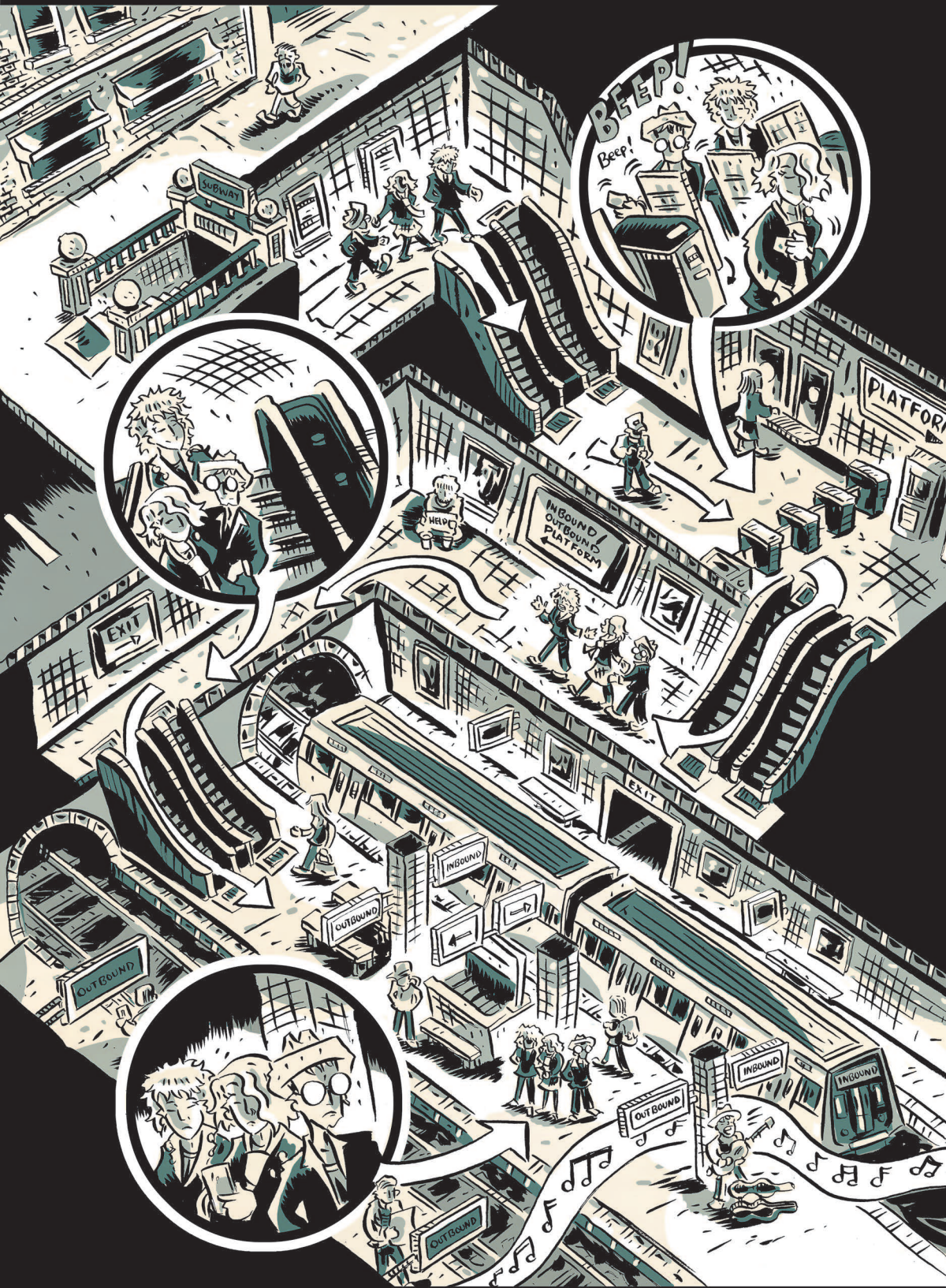




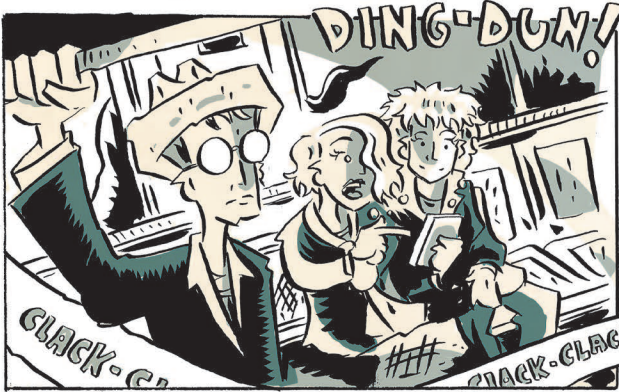
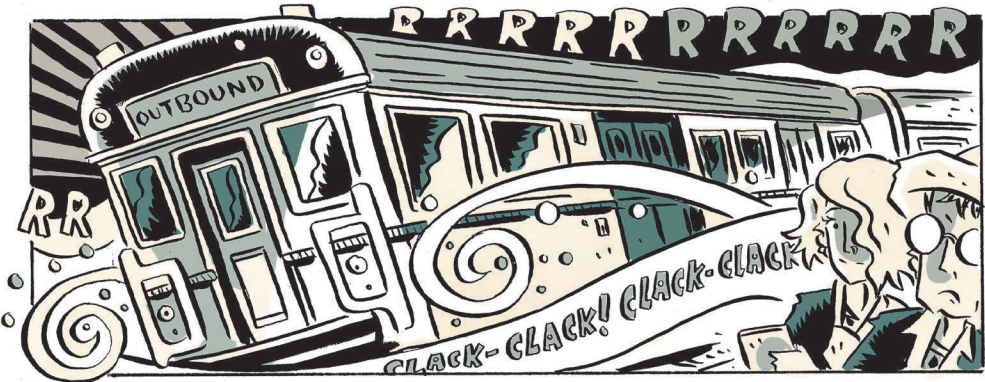
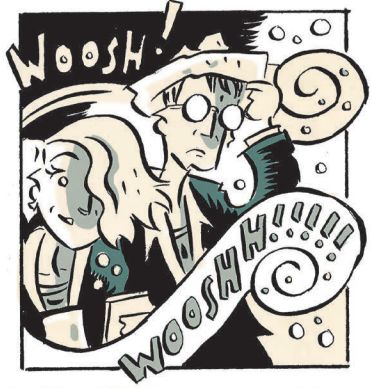




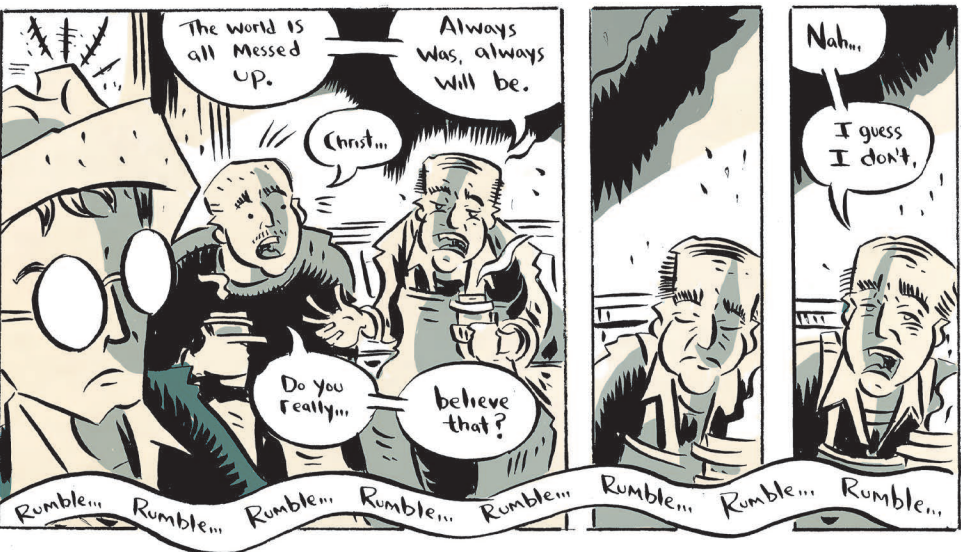
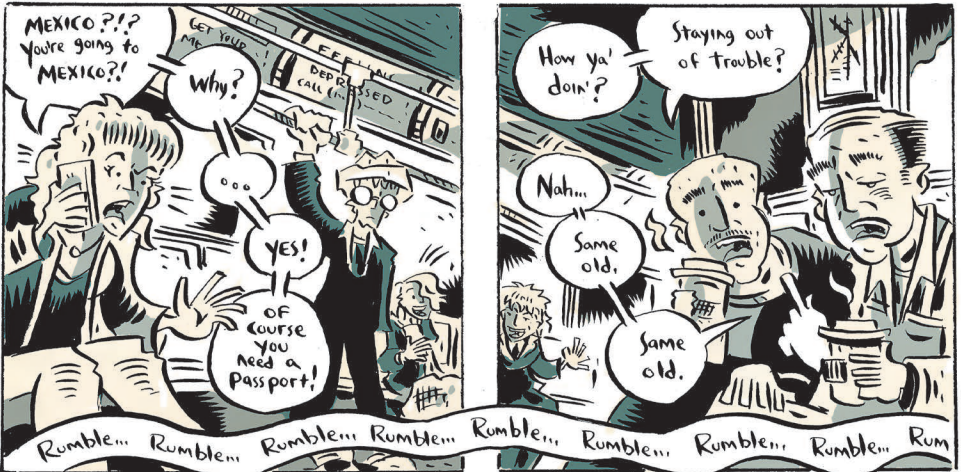
















All of us, locked in a metal tube, going about The City, and just trying not to acknowledge each other.

This is my stop.

Rumble... Rumble... Rumble... Rumble... Rumble... Rumble... Rumble... Rumble... Rumble... Rumble...



Are you both around tonight?

Maybe.

Why?

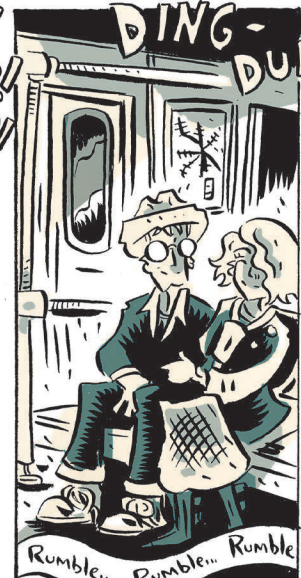
There's this show going on.

Never heard of the band,

but kinda wanna check them out.

Been seeing these flyers everywhere,

Rumble... Rumble... Rumble... Rumble... Rumble... Rumble... Rumble... Rumble... Rumble...



DING-DUN!

BEEP! BEEP! BEEP!

DING-DUN!

Maybe I'll see you later!!

Nice boots, wanna see a show?

Rumble... Rumble... Rumble









"The coarseness, contrasts and conflicts of a city give it its intense excitement and pulsating energy. It needs the grime as much as it needs the sanitation. Places of low morals and even lower dives, of glamour and wealth, it is the discordant and disquieting character of big cities that gives them energy. The city is Utopia and dystopia at the same time."

- Ben Wilson, 'Metropolis'

It happened just this morning...

As I was having coffee and my first cigarette.

When I heard someone yelling in the alley.





