RED EARTH
DARKNESS
CALLS
CERTIFIED ORIGINAL

HIGH SCHOOL
...HOW TO DIVIDE ALGEBRA INTO THE TRIANGULAR ISOSCELES...
...WHEN WE LOOK BACK AT WHAT WE'VE DONE...
...ASSUME YOU UNDERSTAND...
...APPLY THIS TO YOUR DAILY LIVES...

...WHICH IS MORE OFTEN THAN NOT...
KYLE!
WHAT HAVE I TOLD YOU ABOUT DRAWING DURING CLASS?

BBbbbbRiInngg!
OK, EVERYBODY GO FOR LUNCH.
KYLE, WE NEED TO TALK AGAIN.
I'VE TOLD YOU TIME AND TIME AGAIN NOT TO DRAW IN CLASS.
YOU JUST DOODLE YOUR WHOLE LIFE AWAY. YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE TO LEARN TO FOCUS.
ARE YOU EVEN LISTENING TO ME? WHAT'S THE POINT.
UH HUH, YEAH... NO, I'M LISTENING
JUST GO FOR LUNCH. THAT'S ALL YOU'RE GOOD AT ANYWAY.

THEN I SEEN THAT PUNK...
HEEEY KYLE. WHAT CHA' DOIN' BRO?
WHAT'S UP, KYLE? I THOUGHT WE WERE YOUR FRIENDS.
HEY, HOW COME YOU DO YOUR HAIR LIKE THIS? ARE YOU GAY?

HEY, WHADYA LISTENING TO?
SOUNDS LIKE PUNK MUSIC.
GUESS THAT MEANS YOUR A PUNK HUH?
Ooooof!!
AWWW, YOU GOTTA BE CAREFUL WHERE YOU WALK HUH?
YEAH DUDE, IT'S A DANGEROUS WORLD OUT THERE.
AW, WE'RE JUST MESSING WITH YOU.
HERE.
Stomp

AH, DUDE THAT'S TOO BAD.
YOU GOTTA BE CAREFUL.
WHADYA GONNA DO, HUH?
AW, I DON'T THINK HE'S GONNA DO ANYTHING, CUZ HE'S A PUNK.
SHUT UP, SHUT UP. STOP CRYING.

HEY KYLE.
SORRY ABOUT YOUR HEADPHONES.
LEAVE ME ALONE. DON'T BOTHER ME.
DON'T WORRY ABOUT THOSE GUYS. ALL THEY WANTED TO DO WAS GET YOU INTO A FIGHT AND BEAT YOU UP.
JUST IGNORE THEM.BESIDES YOU GOT ART CLASS TO LOOK FORWARD TO.
HE, HE..WELL, THAT SUCKS.

NICE.
ALL CLASSES CANCELED. SPEECH IN GYM. ALL STUDENTS MUST ATTEND.
PRINCIPAL
THIS DAY JUST KEEP'S GETTIN BETTER AND BETTER.
ALRIGHT, WELL I'M GLAD TO SEE EVERYONE. WE HAVE A VERY SPECIAL GUEST WITH US TODAY.
HE'S AN ELDER FROM ANOTHER COMMUNITY.
HE KNOWS A LOT ABOUT THE ANCIENT STORYTELLING WAYS.
SO I'D LIKE TO GIVE HIM THE FLOOR.

OOOH, THANK YOU KIDS FOR SHOWING UP. I'M HONOURED TO SEE SO MANY YOUNG FACES.
PROBABLY YOU'D RATHER BE SOMEWHERE ELSE.
YEAH LIKE DRAWING.
BUT BY SHOWING UP HERE YOU SHOW ME A LOT OF RESEPCT. AND I AM SERIOUSLY HONOURED BY THAT.
I WANNA TALK TO YOU ABOUT RESPECT AND ABOUT THE OLD WAYS.
OLD STORIES WE PASS ON TO EACH OTHER.
ABOUT WEESAKICHAK, THE TRICKSTER, AND WHAT HE TEACHES US ABOUT OURSELVES.
THE WAY HE LOOKS IS REALLY UP TO THE IMAGINATION OF THE STORYTELLER. SOMETIMES HE IS AN OLD MAN, SOMETIMES HE'S YOUNG.
HE CAN BE A RAVEN OR A COYOTE.
ANYTHING HE NEEDS TO TELL US HIS STORY.

WEESAKICHAK!
HEY, THAT'S COOL!
SOMETIMES HE MAKES A FOOL OF HIMSELF BUT HE ALWAYS..
THAT'S TIGHT.
KYLE!
HUH?
HUH?
LET ME SEE THAT.
YOU OBVIOUSLY DON'T RESPECT HIM OR YOUR OWN CULTURE ENOUGH TO BE HERE. GO TO THE OFFICE.
IT'S BAD ENOUGH YOU DISRESPECT ME BY DRAWING IN MY CLASS BUT TO DO IT WHILE OUR GUEST IS SPEAKING?!

AW, I WASN'T LISTENING ANYWAYS.
KYLE.
WHAT? GO BACK. YOU'LL GET IN TROUBLE.

EVERYONE GIVES ME SUCH A HARD TIME. EVERYONE.
I DON'T HAVE ANY FRIENDS. THE ONLY FRIEND I HAVE IS YOU
NO ONE LIKES THE WAY I DRESS, THE MUSIC I LISTEN TO. EVERYTHING ABOUT MY LIFE IS USELESS.
BUT, KYLE, YOU'RE SUCH A GOOD ARTIST. YOU'RE SO TALENTED.
SO WHAT IT DOESN'T MEAN ANYTHING!

ALL IT DOES IS GET ME IN TROUBLE.
ALL I DO IS DRAW ALL DAY AND IT DOESN'T GET ME ANYWHERE.
IT'S USELESS.
NOOO!
DON'T EVER TREAT YOUR DRAWINGS LIKE THIS.
THESE DRAWING S ARE SO SPECIAL.
THESE DRAWINGS ARE YOUR FUTURE.

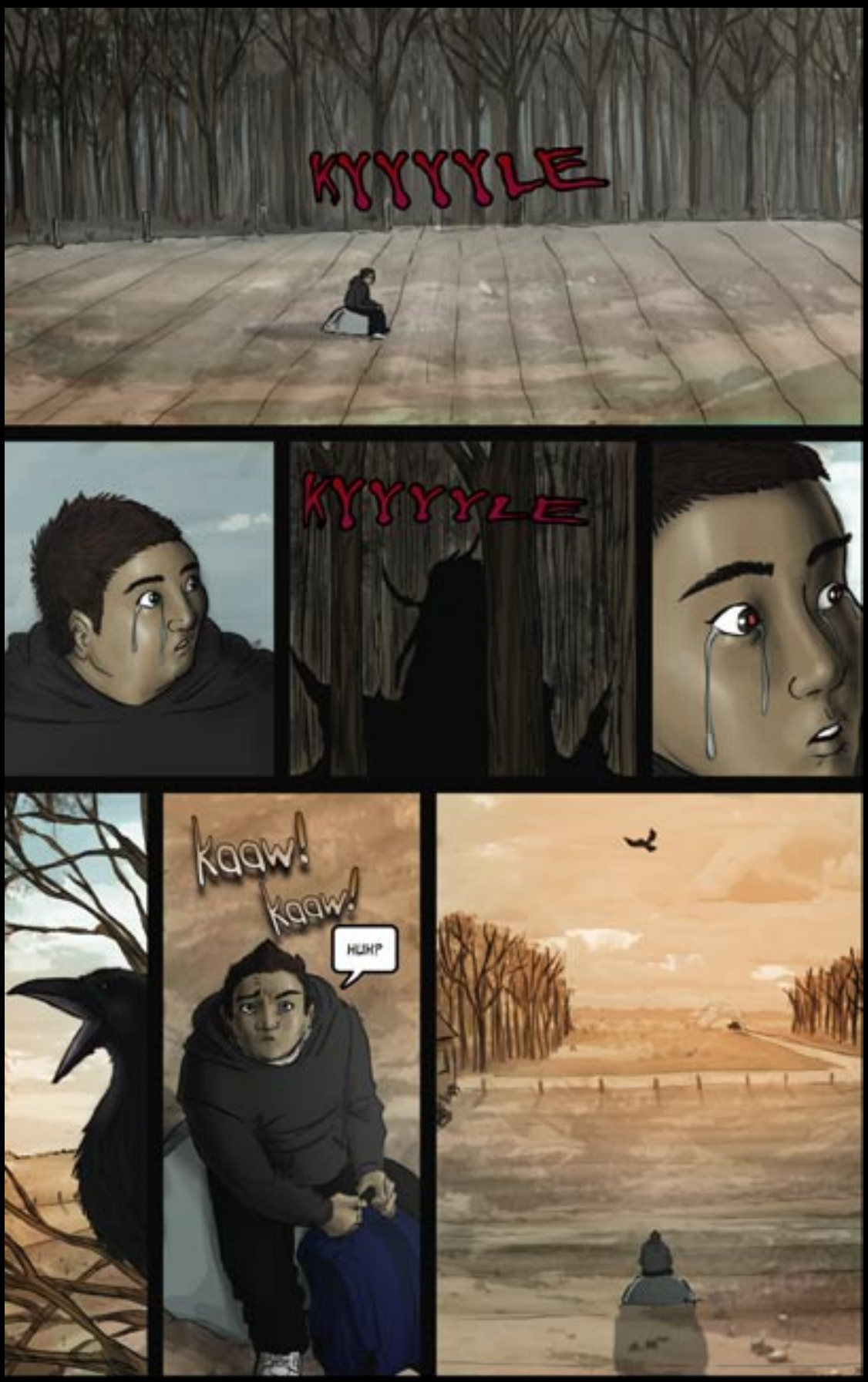
MY FUTURE? WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY THAT? I'M JUST TRYING TO GET THROUGH TODAY.
SO DON'T TELL ME I'VE GOT A FUTURE!.
AND DON'T FORGET ALL THE OTHER KIDS JUST LIKE ME.
LIKE LEONARD PATCHANAK, THAT GUY WHO HUNG HIMSELF BEHIND THE HOCKEY ARENA.
HOCKEY
OR JENNIFER ARENAKEW, THAT GIRL WHO WALKED INTO THE WOODS AFTER A PARTY AND FROZE TO DEATH.
DID THEY HAVE A FUTURE? NO.
THEY JUST DRANK TOO MUCH AND DIED.

THAT'S ALL PEOPLE WANT TO DO IS DRINK AND DIE. THAT'S ALL I HAVE TO LOOK FORWARD TO.
YEAH I KNOW WHAT YOU MEAN. IT'S PRETTY HARD TO IGNORE.
ALL I KNOW IS WHEN I SEE MY PARENTS AND ANYONE ELSE DRINKING, IT MAKES ME SICK. I DON'T WANT TO TOUCH THAT STUFF. AND I HOPE YOU DON'T EITHER...
I THINK YOU'RE WAY COOLER THAN THAT.
I JUST DON'T SEE THE LIGHT AT THE END OF THE TUNNEL. I DON'T SEE ANY HOPE AT ALL...
I DON'T KNOW HOW MUCH MORE I CAN TAKE.

I'LL SEE YOU TOMORROW RIGHT, KYLE? KYLE?

WHY DON'T YOU GO OUTSIDE AND PLAY SOME SPORTS? MAYBE YOU'LL LOSE SOME WEIGHT.
CLEAN THIS PLACE UP.
DON'T YOU KNOW WHAT A WRENCH IS? YOU'RE USELESS.

I WANT TO DIE...I WANT TO DIE.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Kaaw!
Kaaw!
HUHP

HEY...
AWWW MAN...
UH, HEY, HO YA DOIN'?
OOOHHH, GOOD TO SEE YOU AGAIN, KYLE.
DO WE KNOW EACH OTHER?

OH SURE. I'M YOUR GRANDFATHER.
REALLY?
WELL, I'M YOUR GRANDFATHER'S BROTHER ON YOUR MOM'S SIDE.
ARE YOU LOOKING FOR MY PARENTS?
UMM, I DON'T SEE THEIR VEHICLE... I GUESS THEY'RE IN TOWN.
BUT YOU KNOW HOW IT IS.
YEAH, THEY AROUND?
OOOH. THAT'S TOO BAD...DROVE A LONG WAY.
WEEELLL, YOU COULD COME IN AND WAIT FOR THEM.
OH, DON'T MIND IF I DO.
PUT ON SOME TEA.
OOOHHH, I'VE KNOWN YOU SINCE YOU WERE A LITTLE BOY, KYLE.
BOY, YOU SURE GOT BIG.

I'M GLAD TO SEE YOU'RE DRAWING AND TAKING AN INTEREST IN THE OLD WAYS.
TOO BAD YOU LEFT MY SPEECH EARLIER 'CAUSE I SAW YOU GETTIN' EXCITED ABOUT IT.
BUT I WAS KINDA UPSET AT YOUR TEACHER FOR INTERRUPTING ME AND TREATING YOU SO POORLY.
SO TOMORROW YOUR TEACHER IS GOING TO HAVE AN APOLOGY FOR YOU.
REALLY!
OH YEAH. AND YOU FORGOT THIS.
WESAKECHAK
IT'S A REALLY GOOD IDEA. USING YOUR ART AS A WAY TO KEEP THE STORIES ALIVE.
TOO BAD YOU LEFT SO EARLY. I DIDN'T GET TO TELL YOU ABOUT WIHTIKO.
DO YOU KNOW ABOUT WIHTIKO?
A LITTLE...

OOOHHH, WIHTIKO. HE'S A DEMON SPIRIT WHO LIVE IN THE WOODS. IF YOU GO INTO HIS WOODS HE'LL DRAW YOU IN.
HE'LL USE YOUR CONFUSION. HE'LL USE YOUR SADNESS. AND HE'LL USE YOUR FEARS AGAINST YOU AND HE'LL EAT YOUR SPIRIT.
RIGHT NOW...OOOH HH HE'S EATING A LOT OF SPIRITS.
ESPECIALLY AMONGSTHEM TEENAGERS.
THAT WIHTIKO...SO EASY FOR THEM TO GET SUCKED INTO HIS WOODS.
WESAKECAK, HE'S SAD 'CAUSE NOBODY HEARS HIS STORIES ANYMORE. NOBODY BELIEVES IN HIS MEDICINE.

HE'S LOST HIS POWER. HE JUST SEES ALL THESE PEOPLE DYING AND HE DECIDES NOT TO SIT AROUND AND LET THIS HAPPEN ANYMORE. OOOHH, THAT WESAKECAK, HE'S NOT A WARRIOR...
...BUT HE CAN'T STAND BY ANYMORE AND LET THIS HAPPEN.
HE'S GONNA FIGHT HIM?
OH YEAH, BUT WESAKECAK KNOWS HOW POWERFUL WIHTIKO IS...
SO HE DRESSES FOR BATTLE.
HE PUTS ON THE CLOTHES HE WOULD IMPRESS THE DEMON WIHTIKO.
HIS BODY IS PREPARED.
HIS MIND IS FOCUSED.

HIS SPIRIT IS READY
FOR BATTLE.
WESAKECAK LEAVES HIS LODGE.
AND HEADS FOR THE DARK PART OF THE LAND WHERE WINTIKO LIVES.

WESAKECAK HE'S A SMART ONE.
HE USES HIS SHAPESHIFTING POWER...
AND TURNS INTO A RAVEN.

AND FLIES INTO THE WIND.
OOOHHH, THAT WHITIKO HE LIVES IN THE DARKEST PLACES...
WHERE ALL THAT EVIL...

WHERE ALL THAT POWER OF HIS IS MANIFESTED.
WHENEVER WIHTIKO FINDS A NEW VICTIM...
HE LIKES TO EAT THEM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
'CAUSE ONCE YOU LOOK IN HIS EYES
YOU CAN'T LOOK AWAY.

BWAAAA!
SMASH!

BOOM!

CRASH!
SCREEEEEECH

AHH, WESAKECAK.
I'M NOT GOING TO LET YOU KILL ANYMORE YOUNG SPIRITS.
WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO ABOUT IT?

WHOOSH!

POW!
THUD
HHUUCK!

I TOLD YOU.
I'M NOT GOING TO LET YOU KILL ANYMORE YOUNG SPIRITS.

HA...HA
HA/HA
HAHAHA! YOU THINK...
YOU CAN STOP ME!
HHUGH!

YOU CAN'T STOP ME! I'M ALL POWERFUL. NOBODY BELIEVES IN YOUR MAGIC ANYMORE. YOU HAVE NO MEDICINE.
NOW YOU'RE GOING TO WATCH THIS KID DIE.
YOU'RE RIGHT... I CAN'T STOP YOU. YOU'RE MORE POWERFUL THAN ME.
BUT, THERE IS SOMEONE HERE...
IT'S HIM.
WHO CAN STOP YOU. HE'S RIGHT HERE...

HUH? WHAT THE??!
THAT FAT USELESS THING?!
HE'S NOT MORE POWERFUL THAN ME.
DON'T LISTEN TO HIM KYLE. THAT'S HOW HE GETS YOU.
HE USES YOUR CONFUSION AGAINST YOU.
DON'T LET HIM..UUH!
YOU CAN'T STOP ME.

YOU ARE NOTHING...
OH MY GOD! WHAT'S HAPPENING?
DON'T LISTEN TO HIM, KYLE!
I'M GOING TO EAT YOU SLOWLY!
YOU HAVE TO BELIEVE IN YOURSELF!
I...I...

I DON'T WANNA DIE.
WHAT?...
THAT'S IT!
I DON'T WANNA DIE! I DON'T BELIEVE IN THE THINGS YOU SAY ABOUT ME! I'M SICK OF PEOPLE CRITICIZING ME AND EVERYTHING I DO!
YOU DON'T GET TO CHOOSE THAT FOR ME!!
YOU HAVE NO POWER OVER ME.

I DON'T WANNA DIE!
I DON'T WANNA DIE!
I DON'T WANNA DIE!

NOW YOU KNOW. NOW YOU KNOW THE POWER INSIDE YOU. YOU KNOW HOW MUCH YOU'RE WORTH.

NOW IT'S YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO PASS IT ALONG TO SOMEONE ELSE.
I KNOW YOU CAN WITH YOUR DRAWING AND YOUR WISDOM.
YOU HAVE A STRONG SPIRIT INSIDE OF YOU.
WAIT! WHAT IF WIHTIKO COMES BACK FOR ME? WHAT IF...?
DON'T WORRY, KYLE. JUST BELIEVE IN YOURSELF AND YOU'LL BE OKAY.

BWAAAA!