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Journey to Burning Man

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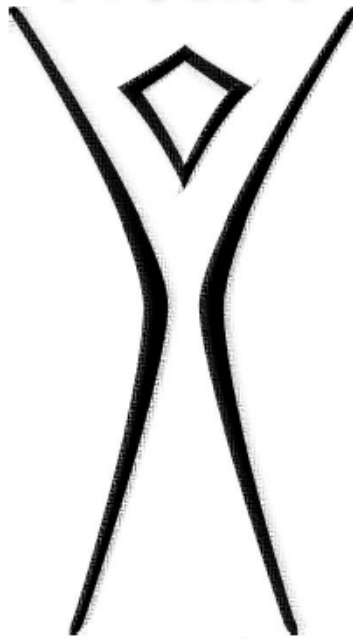
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Burning Productions Presents:

Journey to Burning

Man



Survive & Thrive

Start with the heart



Creating this comic book, it was our mission to raise awareness of the health benefits of attending rituals and festivals for people suffering from illness, injury, trauma, or extreme stress. We wanted to provide our audience with an informative yet fun comic book that persuades them that nontraditional coping practices, such as attending music festivals like Burning Man, can be effective sources of healing and comfort. Herein lies a story about our guys trying to survive and thrive in the face of stress and personal issues who are open-minded and ambitious enough to take a bus trip across the country to Burning Man. While the characters and their trip are fictionalized, the problems and emotions they deal with are very real. It is our hope that this story will inspire readers to take their own real-life journeys of self-discovery and healing.

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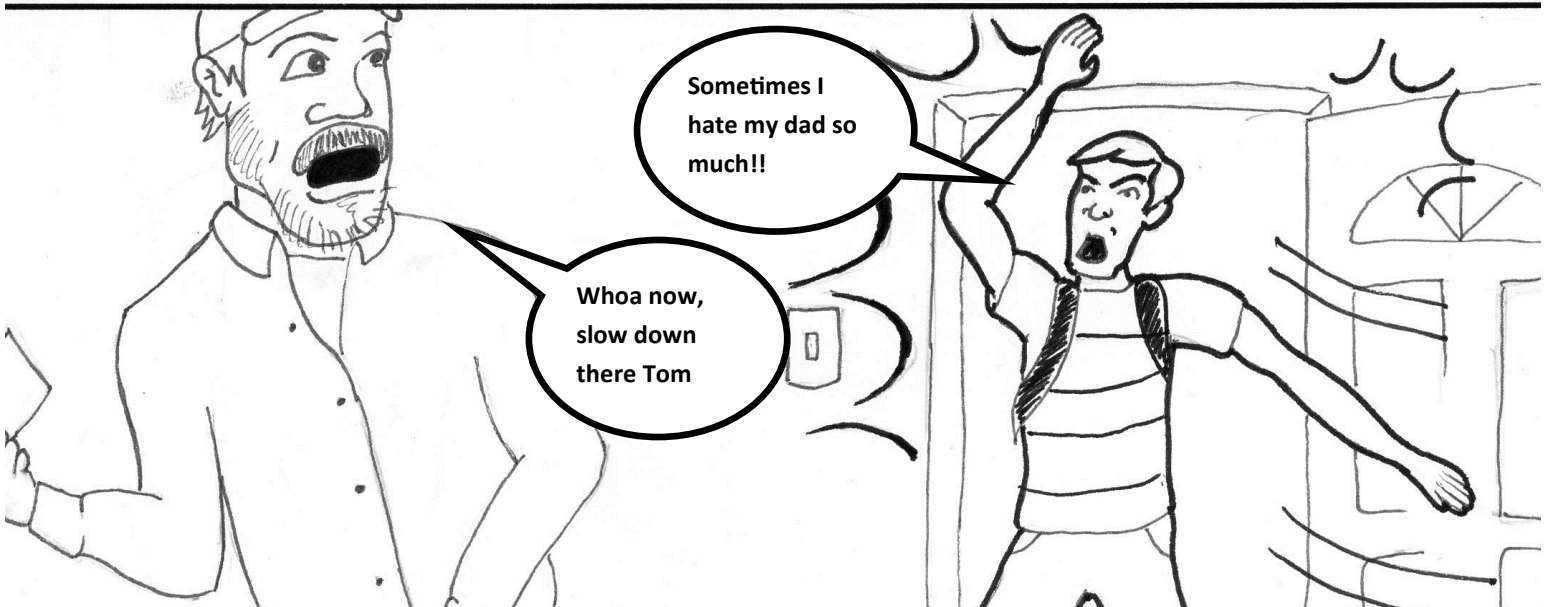
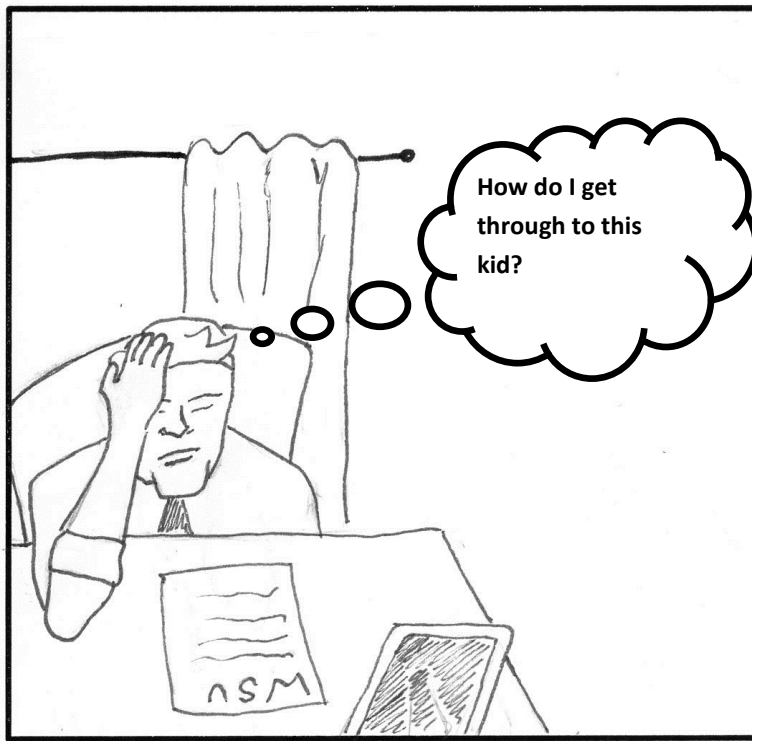
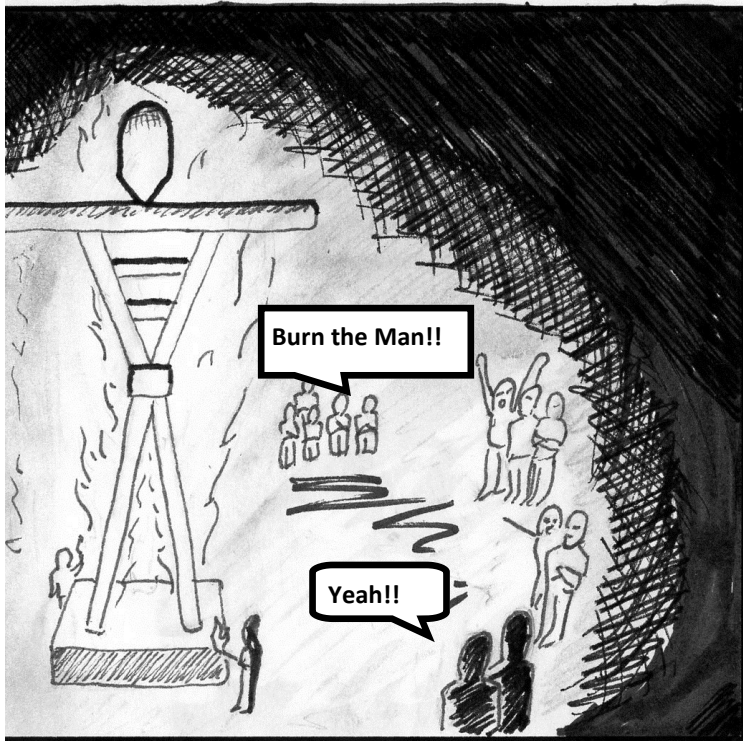
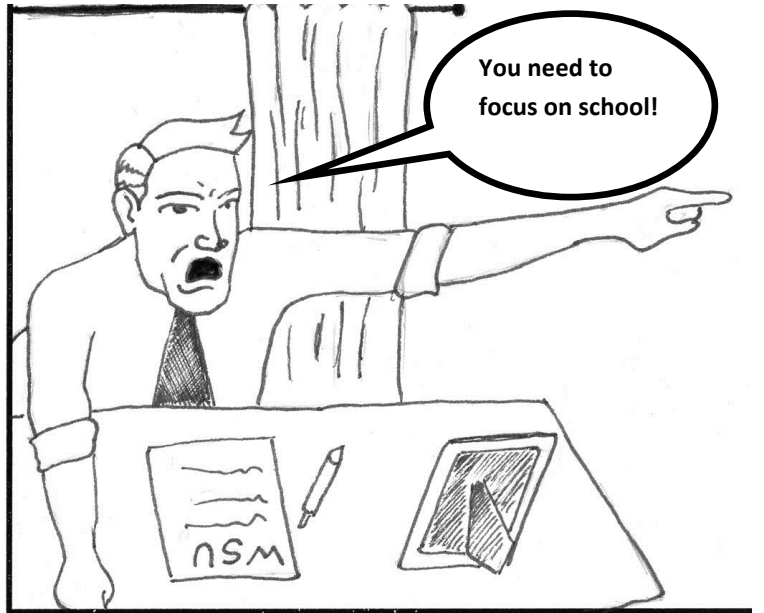
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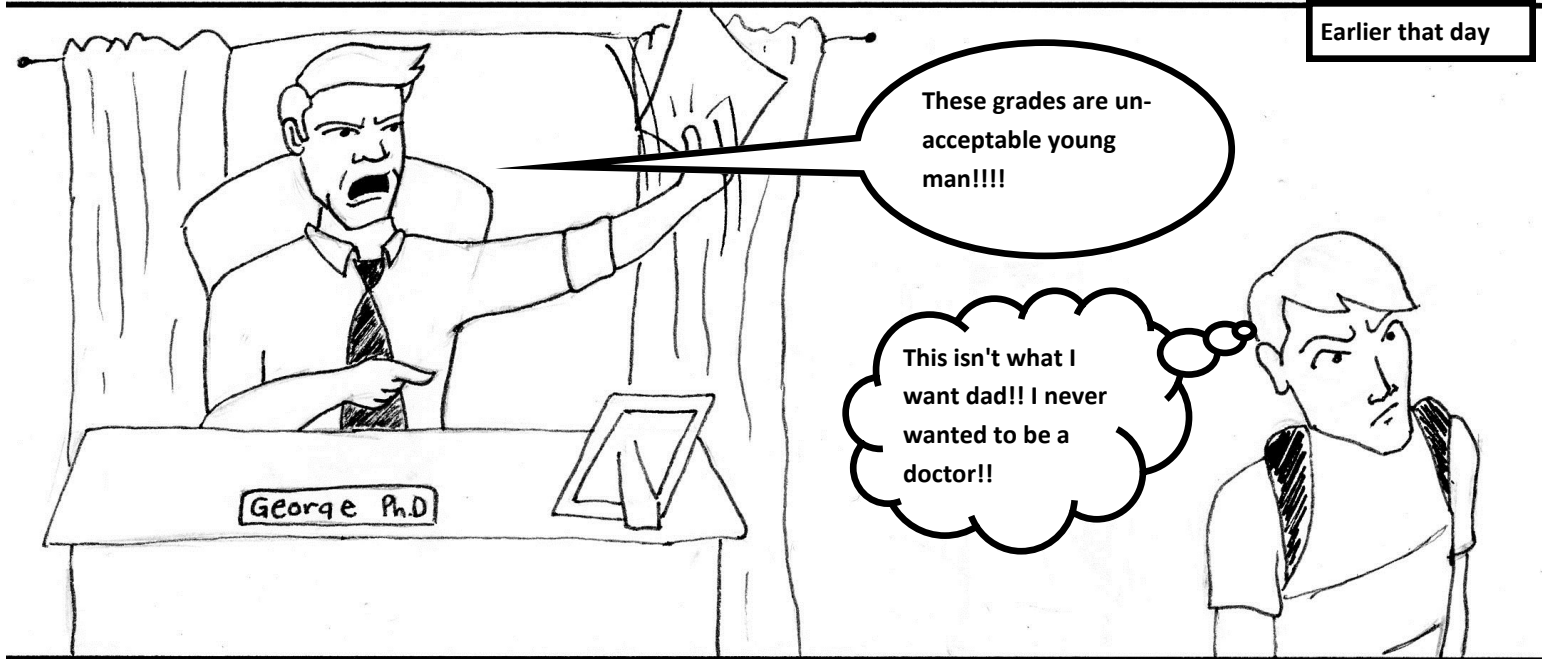


Tom...Whats going on?

Sometimes he's just...



AAAAAGGGGGH!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!



Earlier that day

These grades are unacceptable young man!!!!

This isn't what I want dad!! I never wanted to be a doctor!!

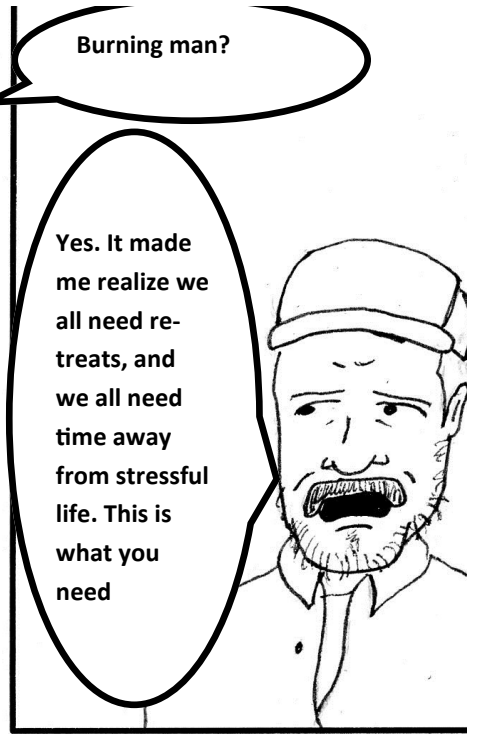
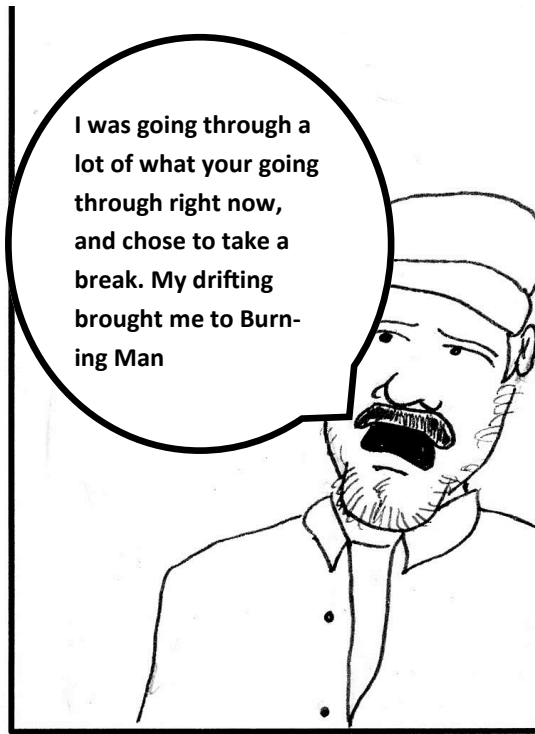


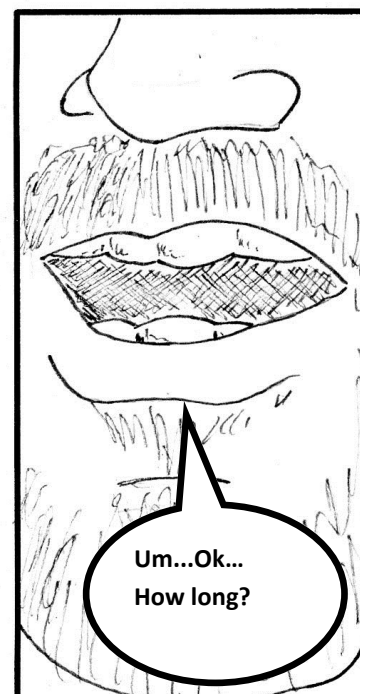
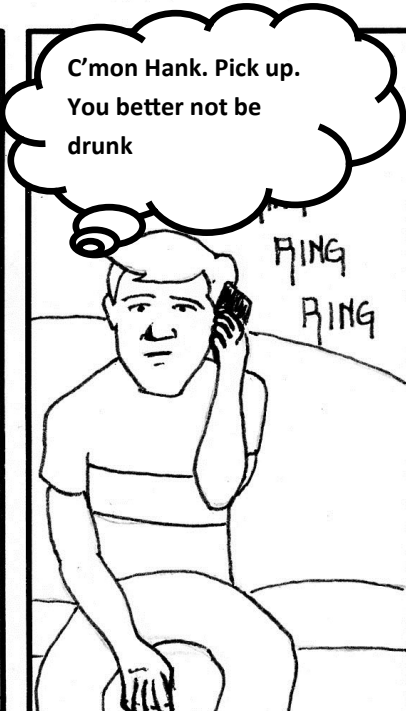
Uncle Marky! Why are you smiling?!

Tom, I think I have the perfect solution



We're gonna step out into the garage for a little while







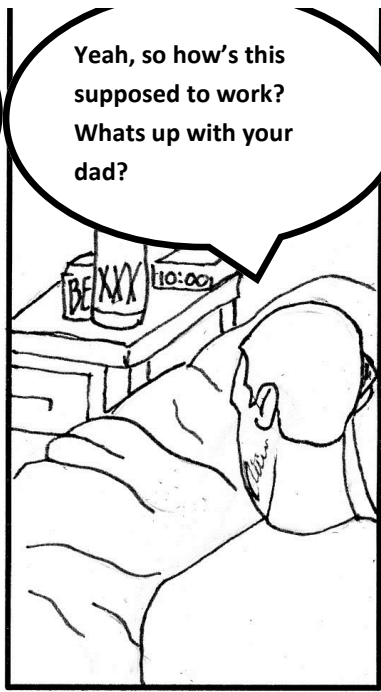
A week, maybe two

ok, works for me...when??



Soon, but there's an issue. My dad's an ass, Marky's a hippy, and we're poor college kids

Yeah...



Yeah, so how's this supposed to work? What's up with your dad?



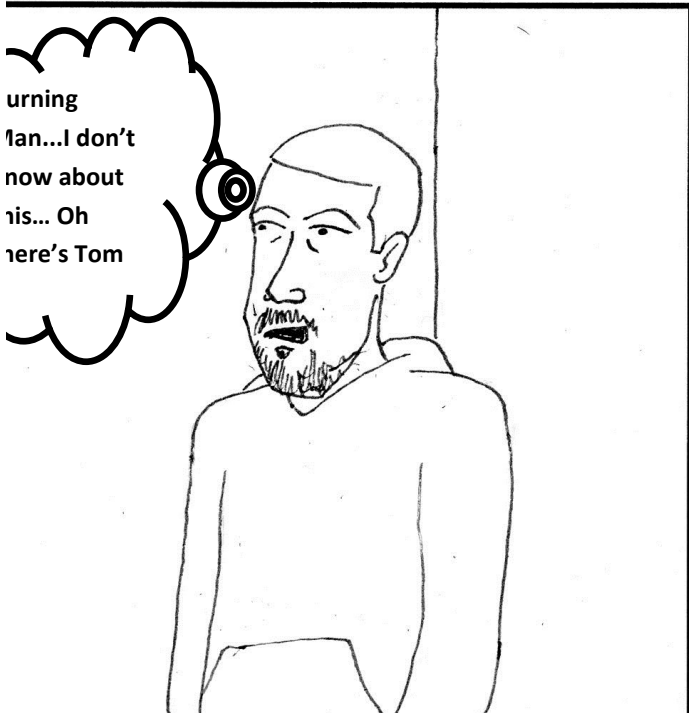
Nothing, but let's meet tomorrow around noon to cover details

Alright...

the next day



I don't know... Toms being kind of crazy...



turning
fan...I don't
now about
his... Oh
here's Tom



HANK!!!!



We're going to burning man with my uncle Marky!

Ok dude, what is this? What are we doing here?



The only problem is, we don't have very much money



Yeah, this probably wont be cheap. We're kinda screwed. We should probably forget about it



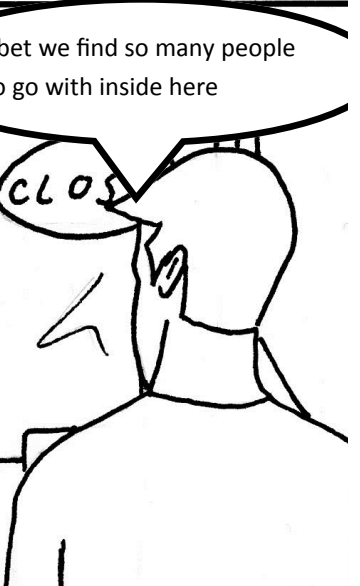
No! this will be so badass! Lets check inside and see if we can find someone to come with



Yeah ok. We'll check



Yeah, maybe Tom...

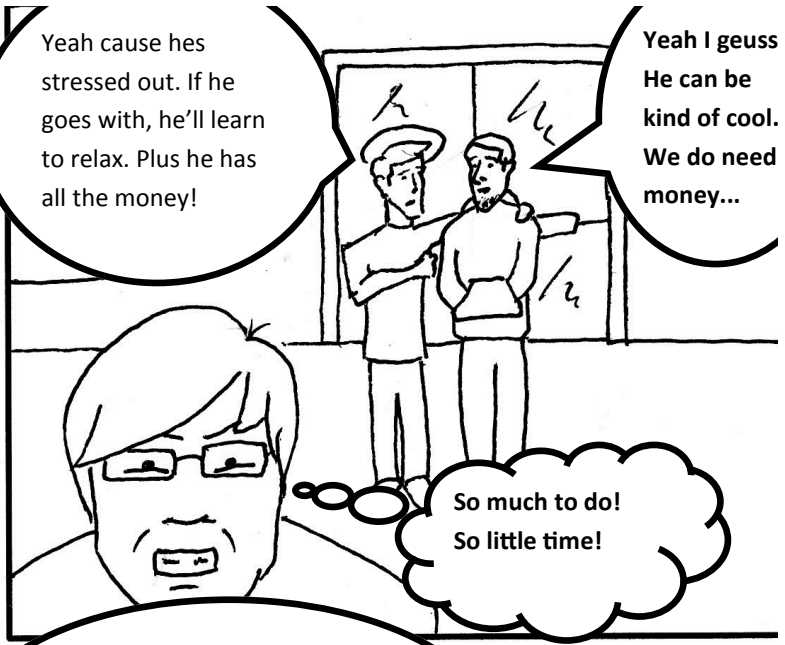


I bet we find so many people to go with inside here



Dude! I told you! There's so many people here! Hey, Harold's over there

Yeah... But He... freaks out about school so much...



Yeah cause he's stressed out. If he goes with, he'll learn to relax. Plus he has all the money!

Yeah I guess He can be kind of cool. We do need money...

So much to do!
So little time!



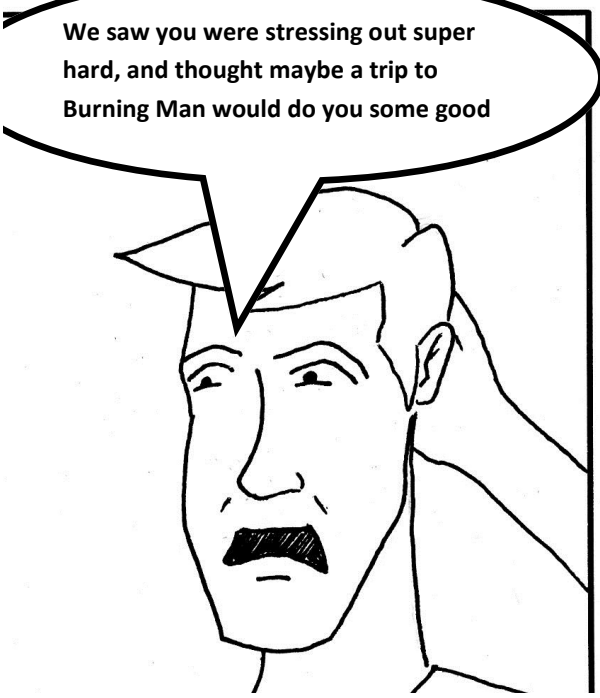
What?

Hey Harold what's up dude? You know you should totally come to Burning man with us!



WHAT?!?! Are you serious?! I have homework coming out my ass! I don't have time for some stupid hippy love fest crap!

Whoa calm down man!

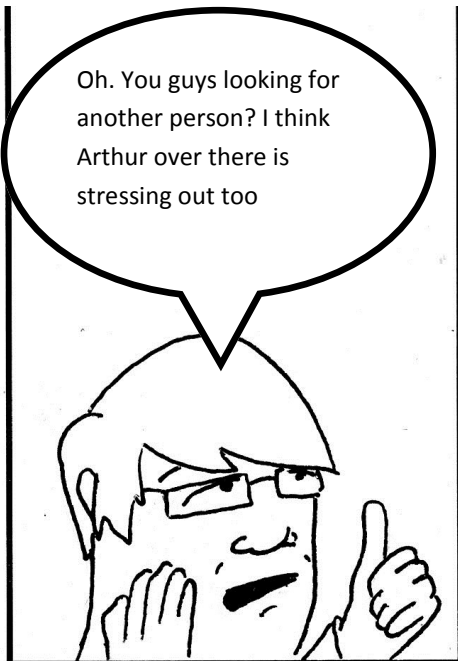


We saw you were stressing out super hard, and thought maybe a trip to Burning Man would do you some good



Well... yeah I guess I've been under a lot of stress

Yeah we saw that. We thought you could use a break





Yeah I was thinking south, then west

One small step for Hank...

What??? Its going to be so fun though!

Hey Tom., I thought about it, and decided this isn't for me



Lets do this!

They wont have that much fun. I got a lot of stuff going on anyways

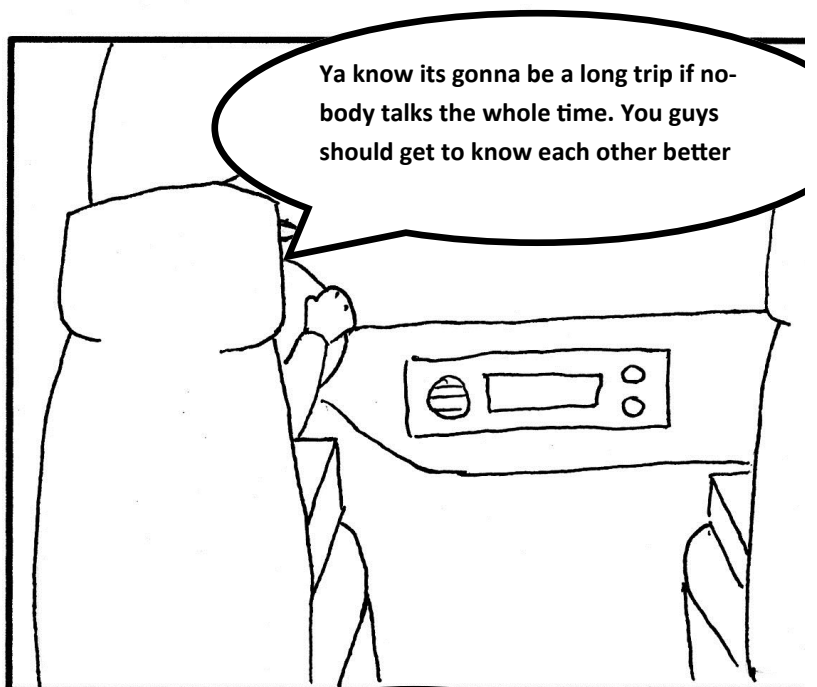


Alright guys! Butts in seats an lets do this!

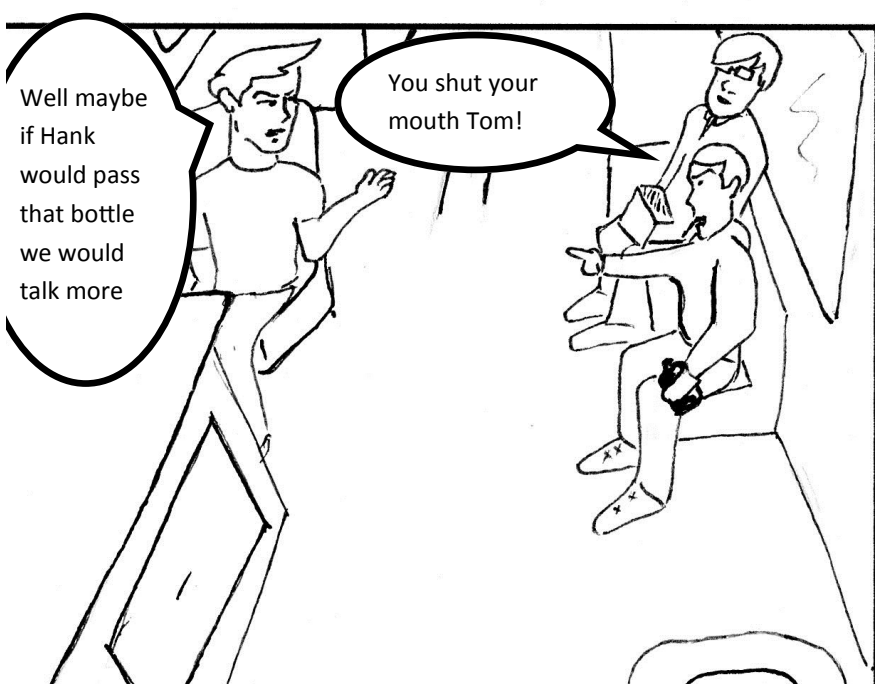


One hour later

Nevada...Iowa, New York, oh that's far. Iowa again...Minnesota...

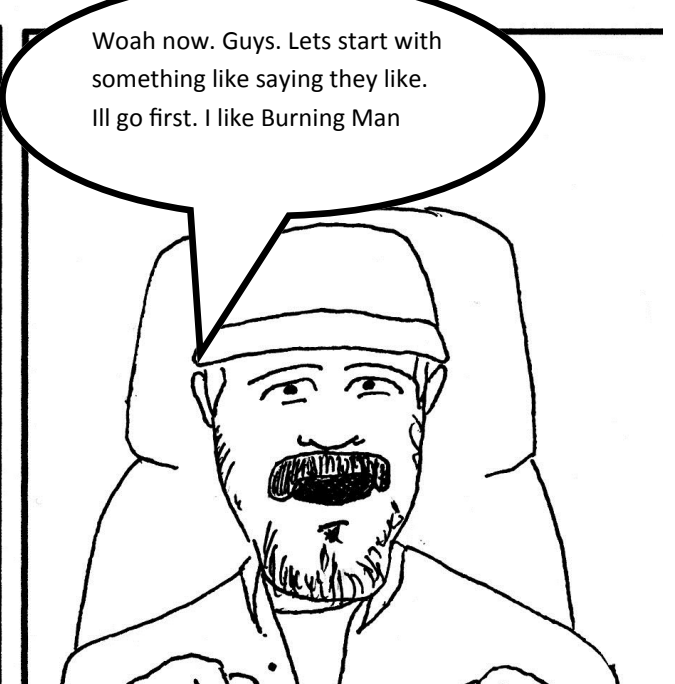


Ya know its gonna be a long trip if nobody talks the whole time. You guys should get to know each other better

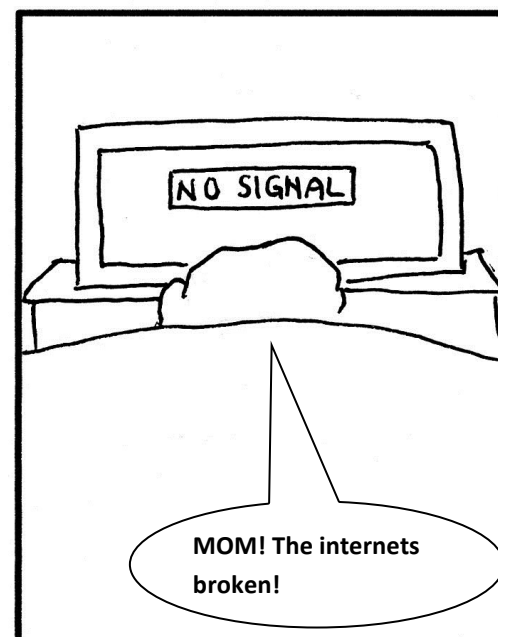
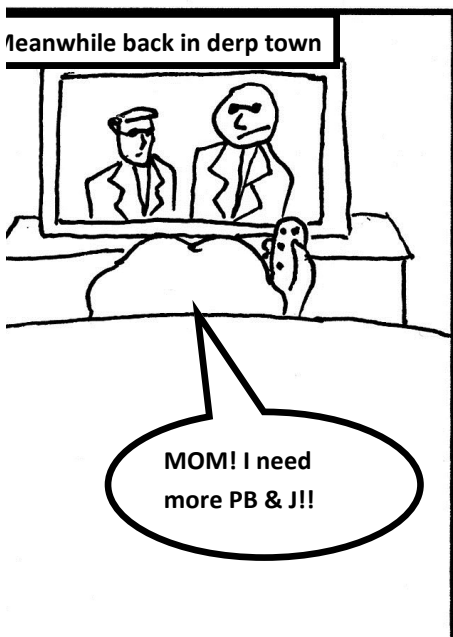


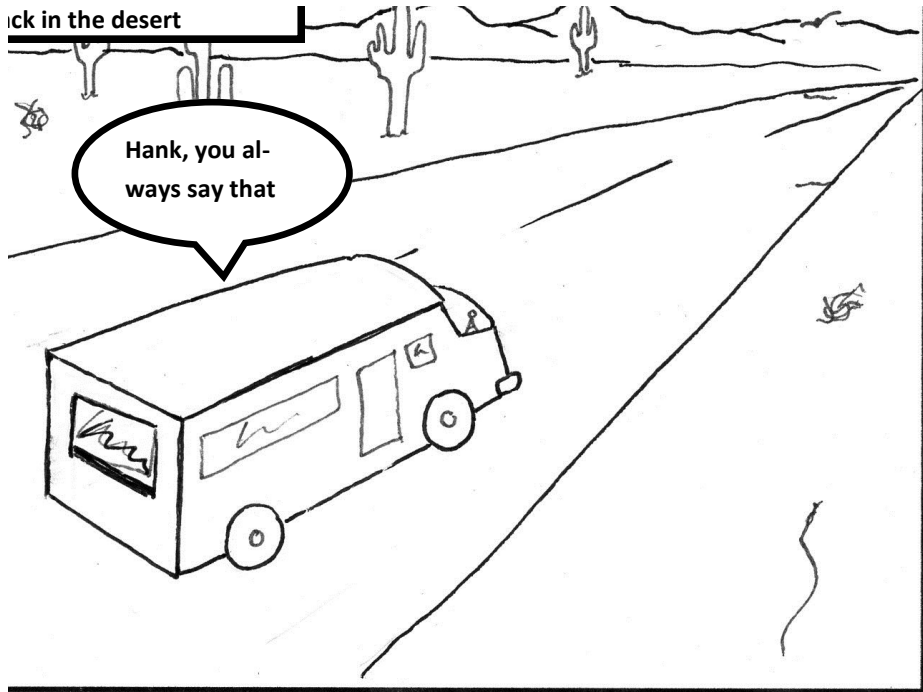
Well maybe if Hank would pass that bottle we would talk more

You shut your mouth Tom!



Woah now. Guys. Lets start with something like saying they like. Ill go first. I like Burning Man





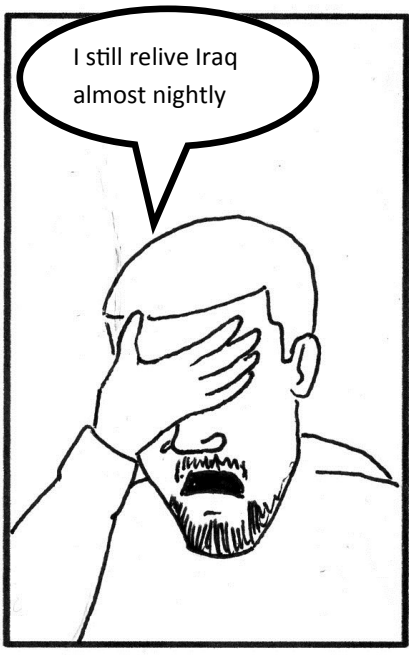
Hank, you always say that



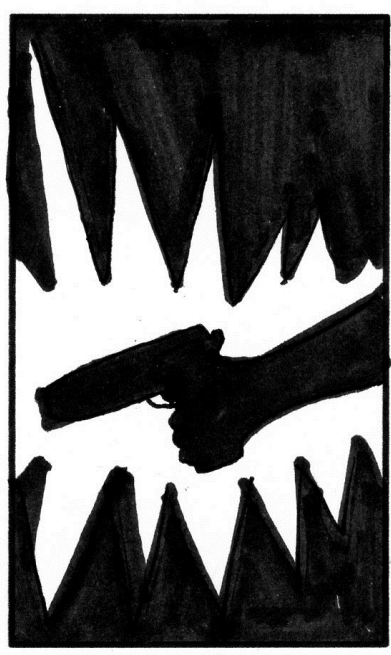
You went to Iraq? I didn't know that...



Beer helps me...forget...



I still relive Iraq almost nightly



You don't know what it was like!



Ok, lets talk about Burning Man. Anybody got goals?

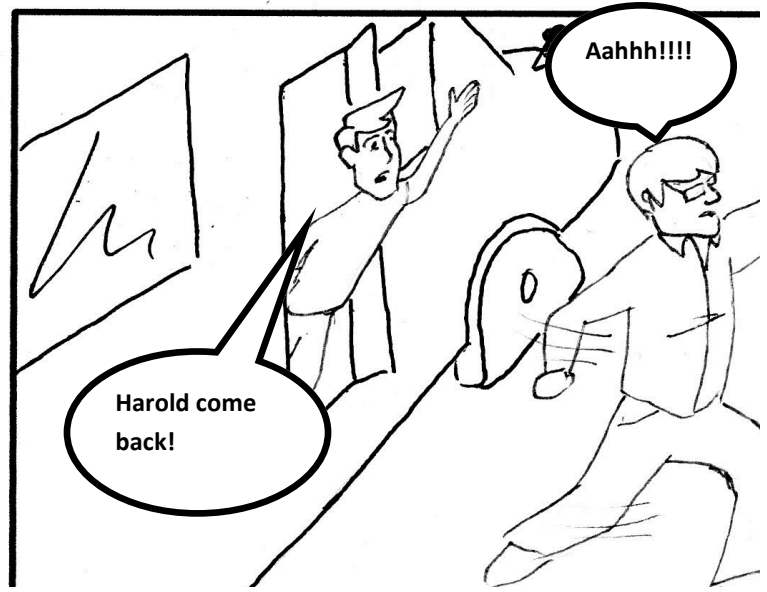
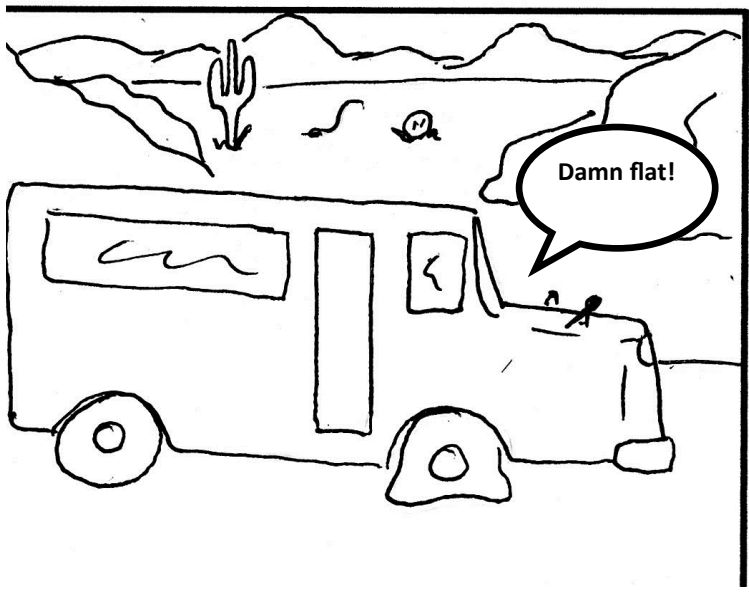
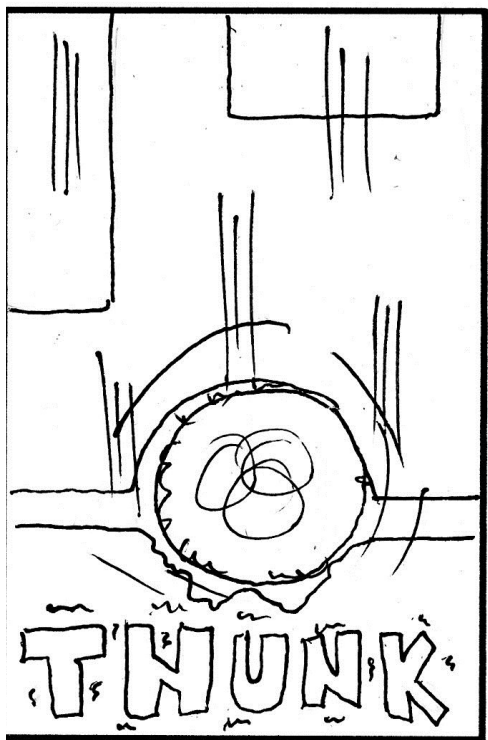
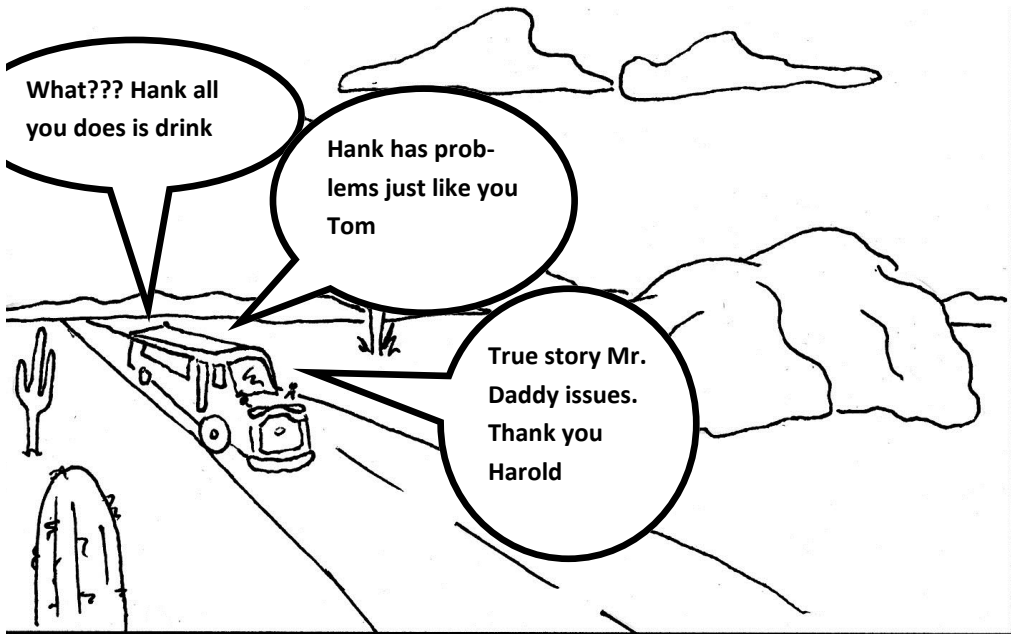
Get away from life

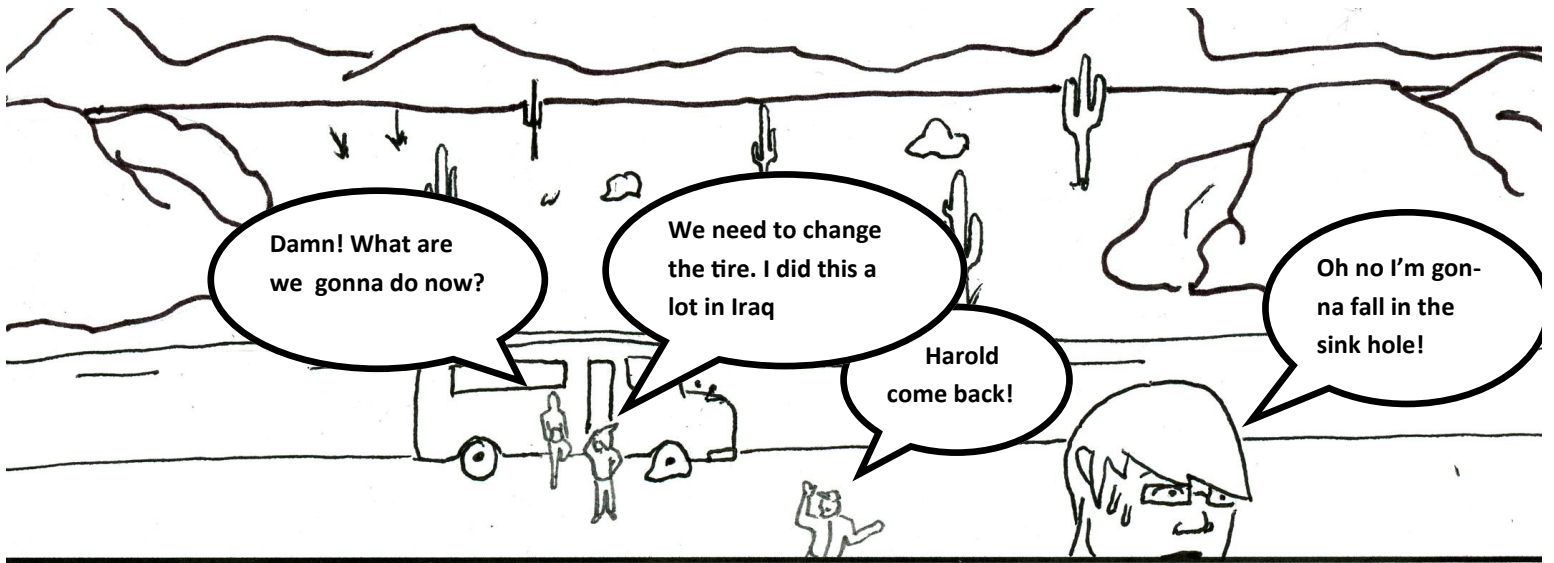
To quit drinking

Yeah, lets see if he actually quits drinking

I was stressing out way hard

I swear to god Tom...





Damn! What are we gonna do now?

We need to change the tire. I did this a lot in Iraq

Harold come back!

Oh no I'm gonna fall in the sink hole!



Oh no no no. This is Texas all over again. I never should have come

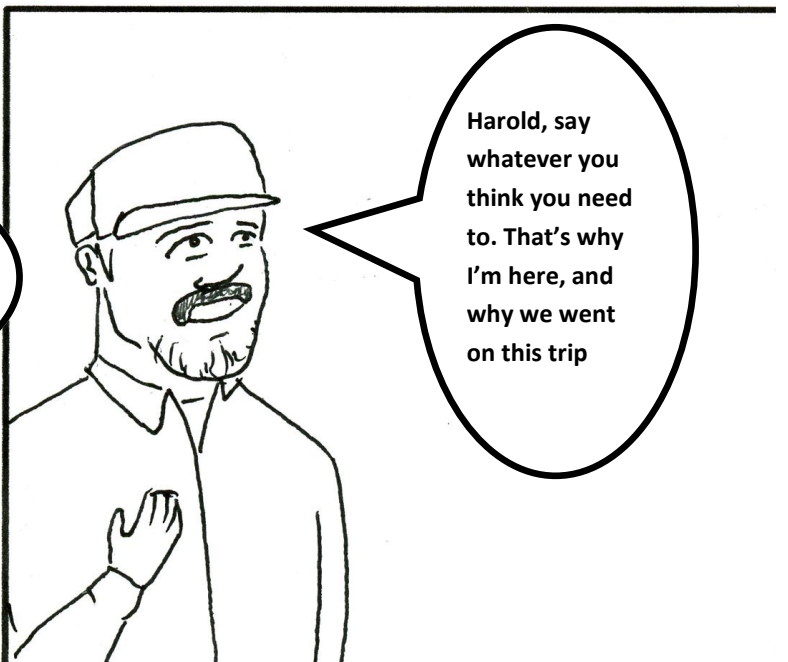


Oh geez. This is a mistake. Im falling again!



Harold? You alright?

I don't know...I mean... I don't think so...



Harold, say whatever you think you need to. That's why I'm here, and why we went on this trip

Well this place and hitting that pothole...It all just reminds me of the sinkhole in Texas I fell in...



Well like I said, We're doing this to get away an talk about this kind of stuff. Tell people about it, an listen to them too



Oh Marky. Your such a wise old sage

I try



Hank...Are you drunk? You sure you can do this?



Why would you say that??? No Tom I'm fine

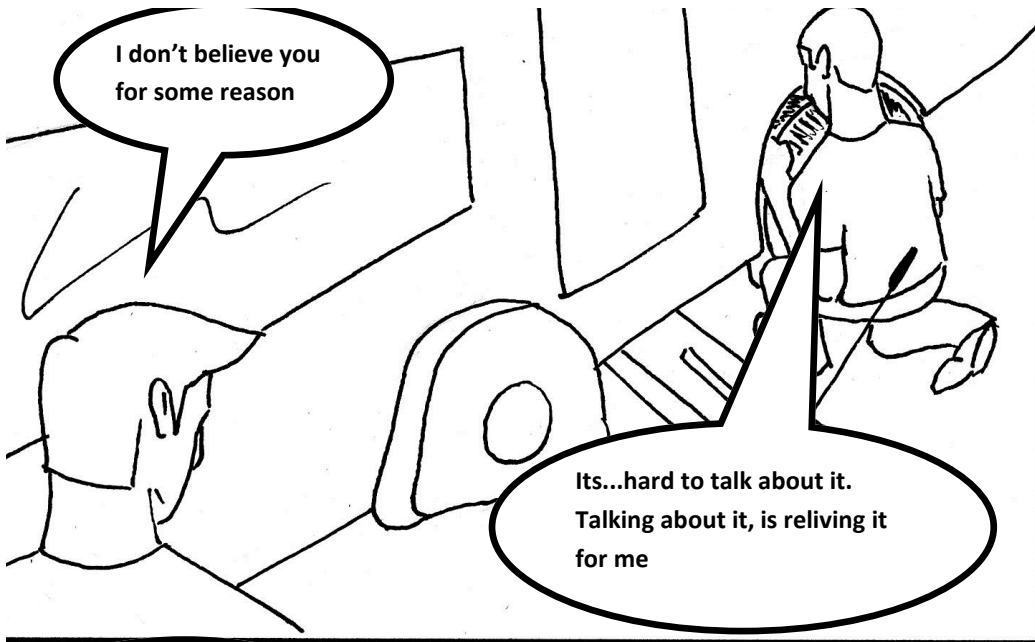


Really? Its...You don't seem ok. You say you are all the time though...



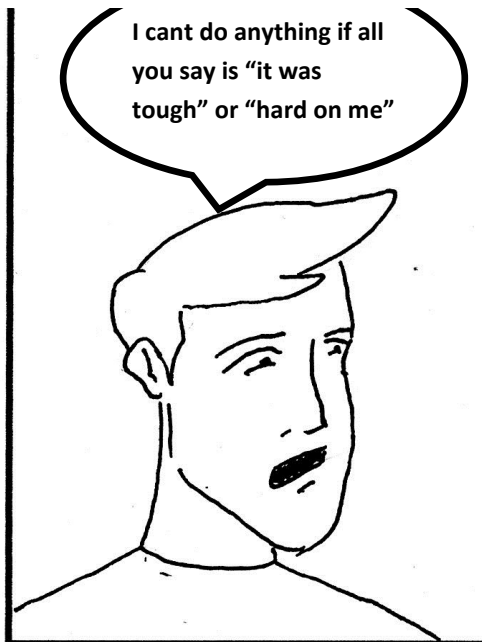
Yes Tom! I mean I when I say I'm ok!





I don't believe you for some reason

Its...hard to talk about it. Talking about it, is reliving it for me



I cant do anything if all you say is "it was tough" or "hard on me"



I already said it Tom! I don't like talking about it...but... sometimes...



Sometimes I wake up in the night...From a nightmare shooting that little kid...He wouldn't stop walking toward me!



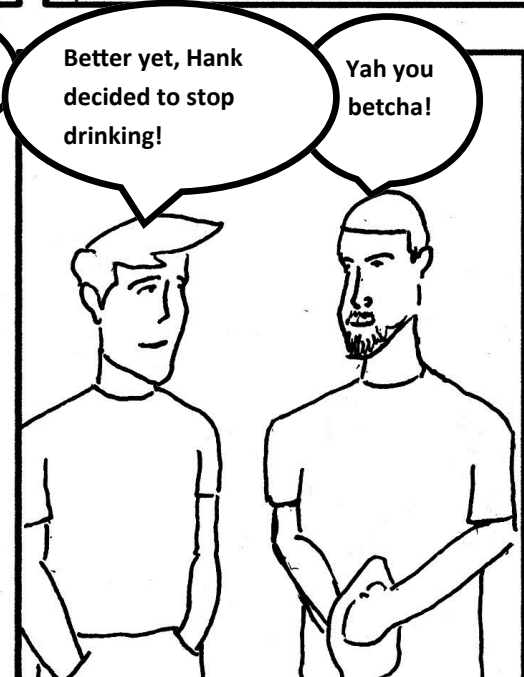
I didn't know...

You couldn't know...But...I feel better... I'm done with beer



Hey guys, look who I found!

Ha...Fix the tire?



Better yet, Hank decided to stop drinking!

Yah you betcha!



I think we've had a lot of coming together moments in this desert.

ome time later...

Going to Burning Man! With my best friends!



Aw that's so cool!

That sounds awesome!



Yeah, and then we light the man on fire!

I see it!!!



WELCOME!

These dudes look look pretty awesome!!! Welcome Burning Man Bus!!



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