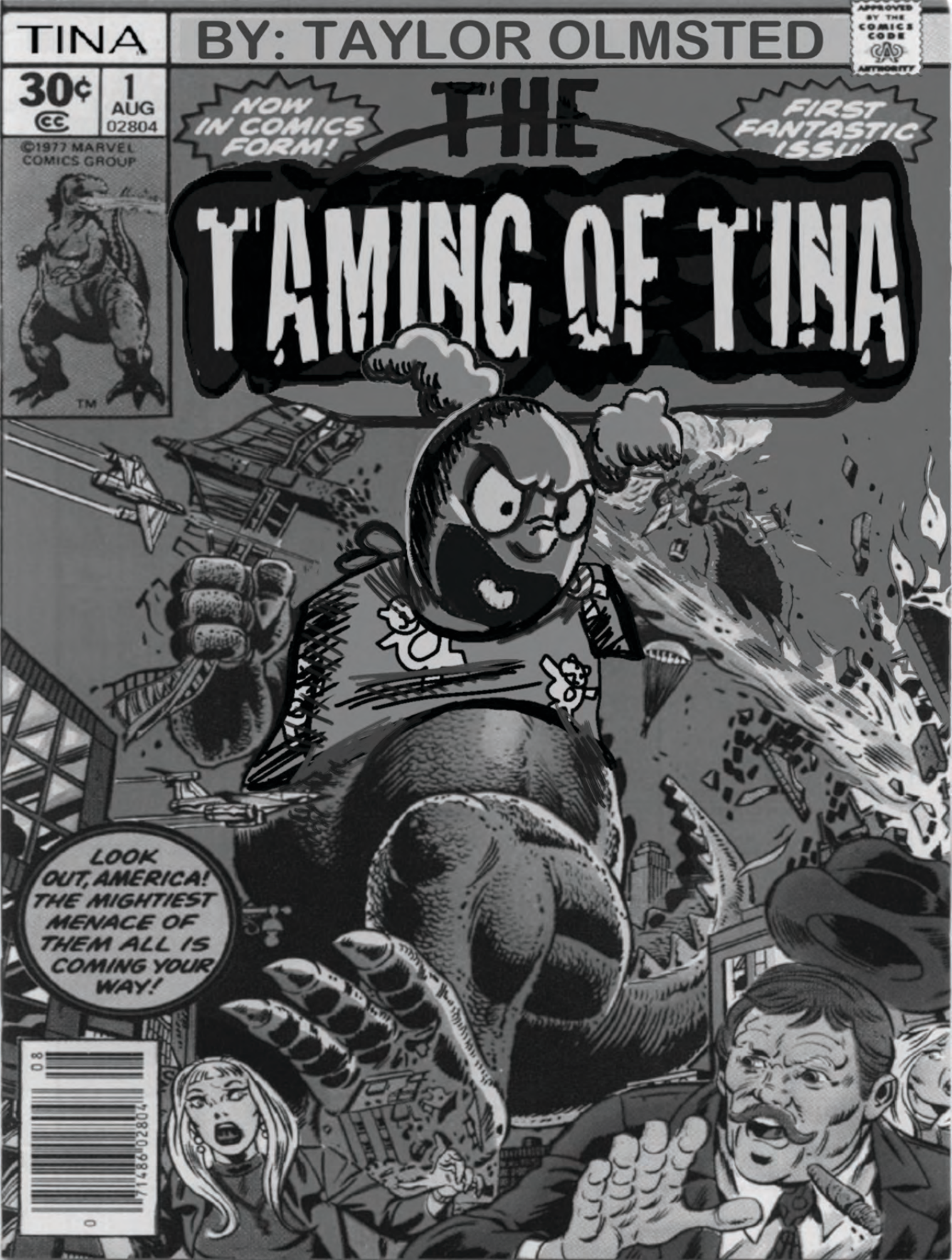
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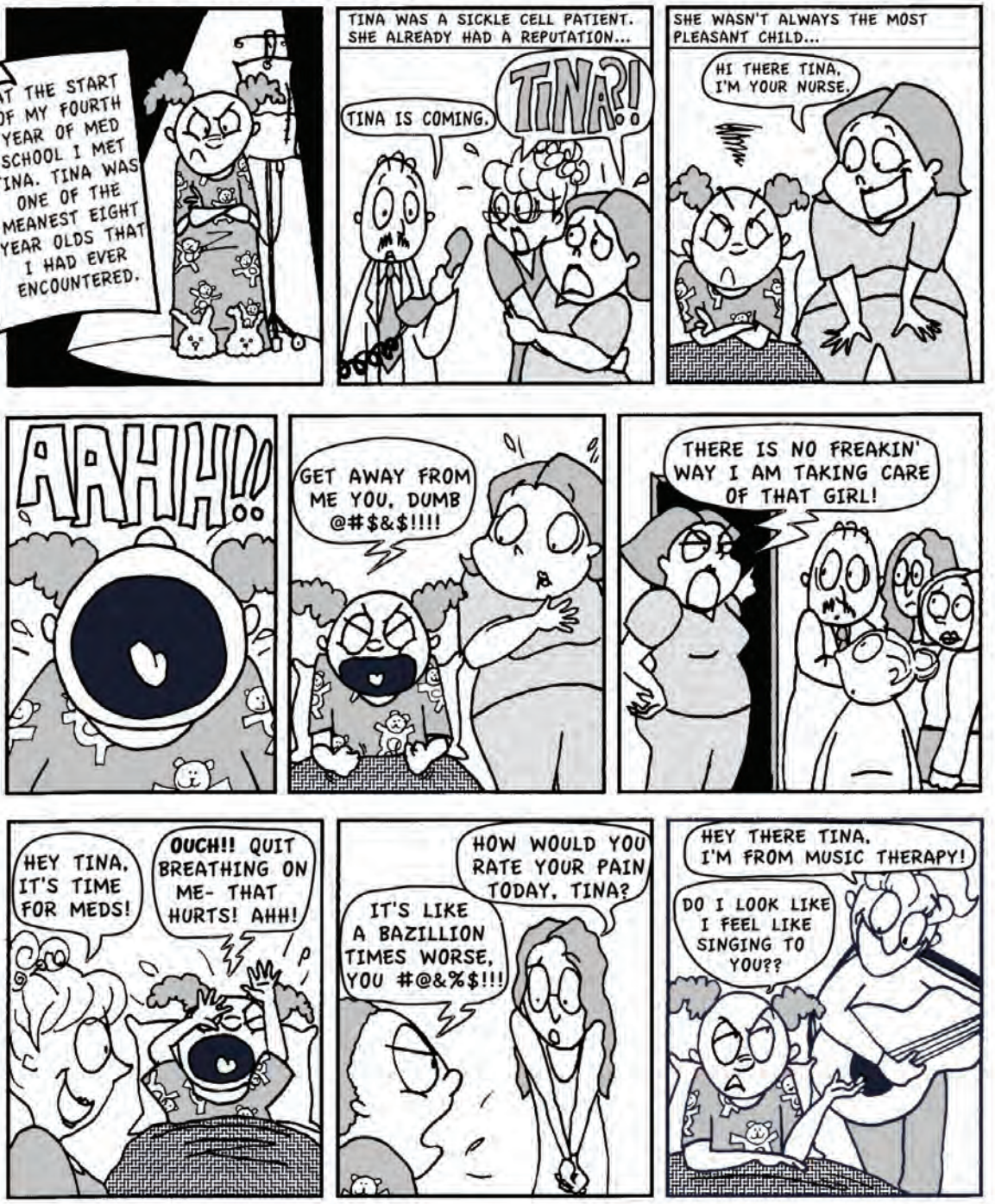
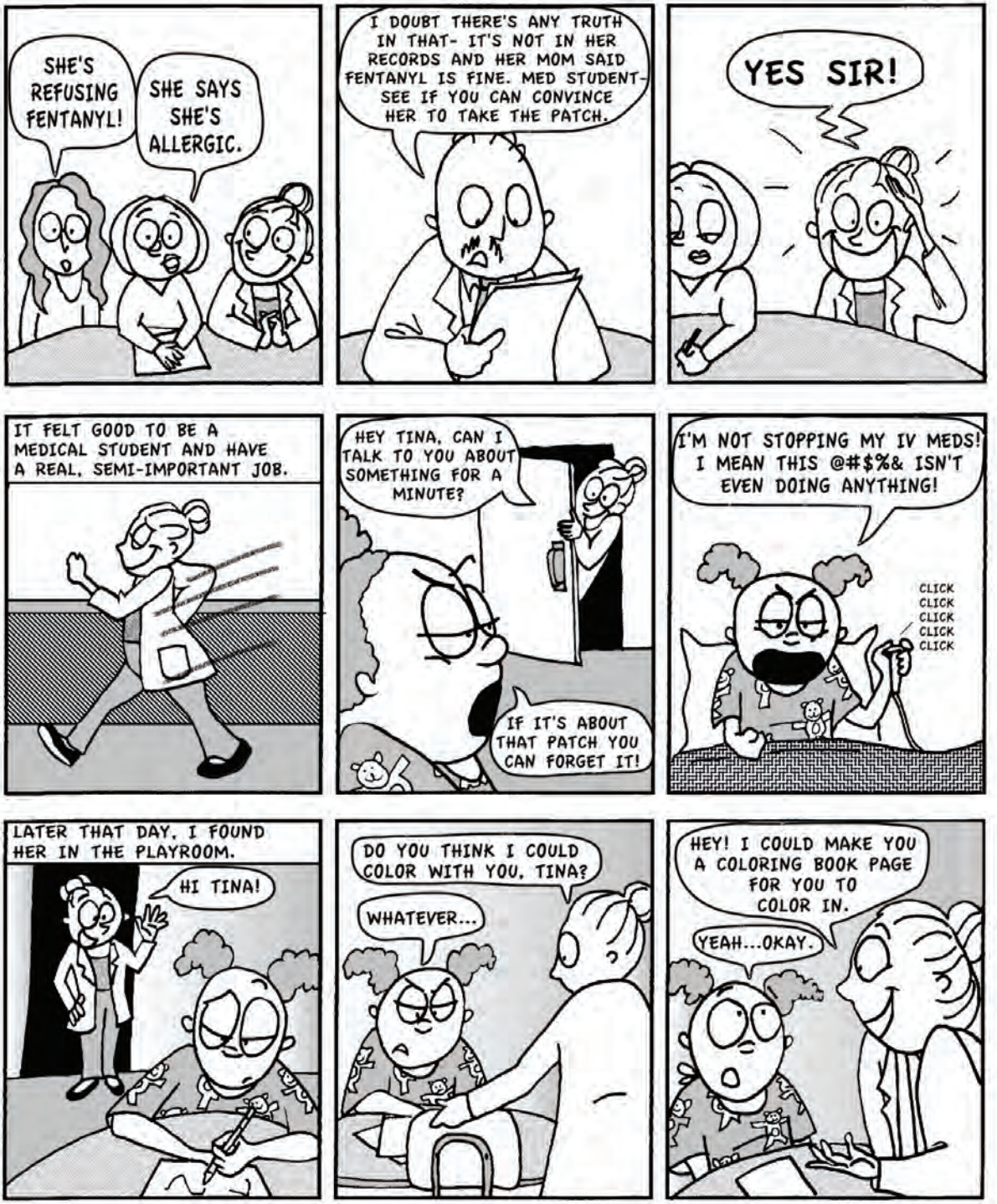
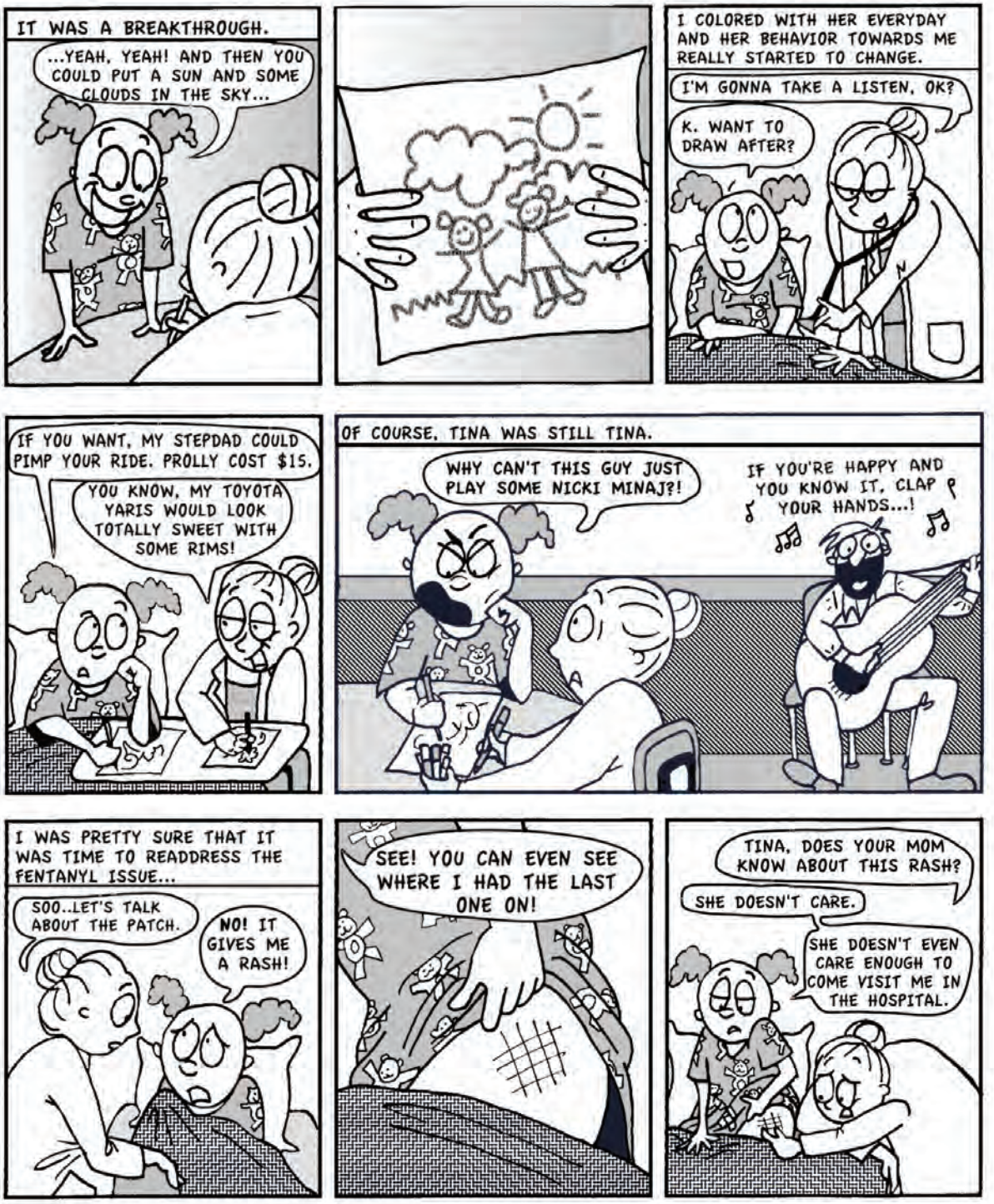


I WAS DETERMINED TO GET TINA TO OPEN UP TO ME.
HAVE NO FEAR, THE MEDICAL STUDENT IS HERE!! WITH MY POWER OF NAIVE OPTIMISM-I WILL MAKE EMOTIONAL CONNECTIONS TO ALL MY PATIENTS!
BUT IT WASN'T THAT EASY...
HI TINA, I'M TAYLOR, THE MED STUDENT. CAN I EXAMINE YOU?
OKAY...
OKAY, I'M GOING TO LISTEN TO YOUR HEART. NOW JUST BREATHE NORMALLY...
AAAHH!
AAAHH!
MEDICAL CENTER
AAAHHH!!
I WAS PRETTY SURE MY EARS WERE BLEEDING.
AFTER A WHILE, TINA'S PAIN SEEMED TO BE GETTING BETTER, BUT HER ATTITUDE HADN'T CHANGED.
ARE YOU THE NURSE TAKING CARE OF TINA? HOW'D IT GO LAST NIGHT?
WELL, SHE DIDN'T COMPLAIN OF PAIN. BUT SHE DID CALL ME A @#$%-ING PIECE OF &%#@ AFTER I TRIED TO TURN OFF HER TV...
THE MEDICAL TEAM WAS STARTING TO MAKE PLANS FOR TINA TO GO HOME.
WE NEED TO TRANSITION TINA OFF OF HER IV PAIN MEDS. LOOKS LIKE SHE HAS HAD FENTANYL BEFORE...


SHE'S REFUSING FENTANYL!
SHE SAYS SHE'S ALLERGIC.
I DOUBT THERE'S ANY TRUTH IN THAT- IT'S NOT IN HER RECORDS AND HER MOM SAID FENTANYL IS FINE. MED STUDENT- SEE IF YOU CAN CONVINCE HER TO TAKE THE PATCH.
YES SIR!
IT FELT GOOD TO BE A MEDICAL STUDENT AND HAVE A REAL, SEMI-IMPORTANT JOB.
HEY TINA, CAN I TALK TO YOU ABOUT SOMETHING FOR A MINUTE?
IF IT'S ABOUT THAT PATCH YOU CAN FORGET IT!
I'M NOT STOPPING MY IV MEDS! I MEAN THIS @#$%& ISN'T EVEN DOING ANYTHING!
CLICK
CLICK
CLICK
CLICK
CLICK
LATER THAT DAY, I FOUND HER IN THE PLAYROOM.
HI TINA!
DO YOU THINK I COULD COLOR WITH YOU, TINA?
WHATEVER...
HEY! I COULD MAKE YOU A COLORING BOOK PAGE FOR YOU TO COLOR IN.
YEAH...OKAY.


IT WAS A BREAKTHROUGH.
...YEAH, YEAH! AND THEN YOU COULD PUT A SUN AND SOME CLOUDS IN THE SKY...
I COLORED WITH HER EVERYDAY AND HER BEHAVIOR TOWARDS ME REALLY STARTED TO CHANGE.
I'M GONNA TAKE A LISTEN, OK?
K. WANT TO DRAW AFTER?
IF YOU WANT, MY STEPDAD COULD PIMP YOUR RIDE. PROLLY COST $15.
YOU KNOW, MY TOYOTA YARIS WOULD LOOK TOTALLY SWEET WITH SOME RIMS!
OF COURSE, TINA WAS STILL TINA.
WHY CAN'T THIS GUY JUST PLAY SOME NICKI MINAJ?!
IF YOU'RE HAPPY AND YOU KNOW IT, CLAP YOUR HANDS...!
I WAS PRETTY SURE THAT IT WAS TIME TO READDRESS THE FENTANYL ISSUE...
SOO..LET'S TALK ABOUT THE PATCH.
NO! IT GIVES ME A RASH!
SEE! YOU CAN EVEN SEE WHERE I HAD THE LAST ONE ON!
TINA, DOES YOUR MOM KNOW ABOUT THIS RASH?
SHE DOESN'T CARE.
SHE DOESN'T EVEN CARE ENOUGH TO COME VISIT ME IN THE HOSPITAL.

IT HIT ME THEN HOW SCARED AND ALONE TINA WAS.
THE NEXT DAY AT ROUNDS.
SO, HAVE WE GOTTEN TINA TO AGREE TO TAKE THE PATCH?
IT GIVES HER A RASH. I SAW THE MARK THE LAST ONE MADE!
HUH. I REALLY THOUGHT THAT SHE WAS FAKING THAT ALLERGY THING...
NO ONE ELSE SEEMED TO NOTICE, BUT I WAS GLAD THAT I HELPED MAKE A CHANGE FOR TINA.
OK THEN, WE'LL SEND HER HOME WITH AN ORAL MED. ALRIGHT, WHO'S NEXT ON THE LIST...?
WITH THE MED ISSUES SETTLED, IT WAS TIME TO SEND TINA HOME.
SEE YA, TINA!
MAYBE I COULD JUST STAY HERE...
NAH, YOU DON'T WANT TO HANG OUT IN THE HOSPITAL FOREVER!
YEAH, I GUESS NOT.
BYE TINA!
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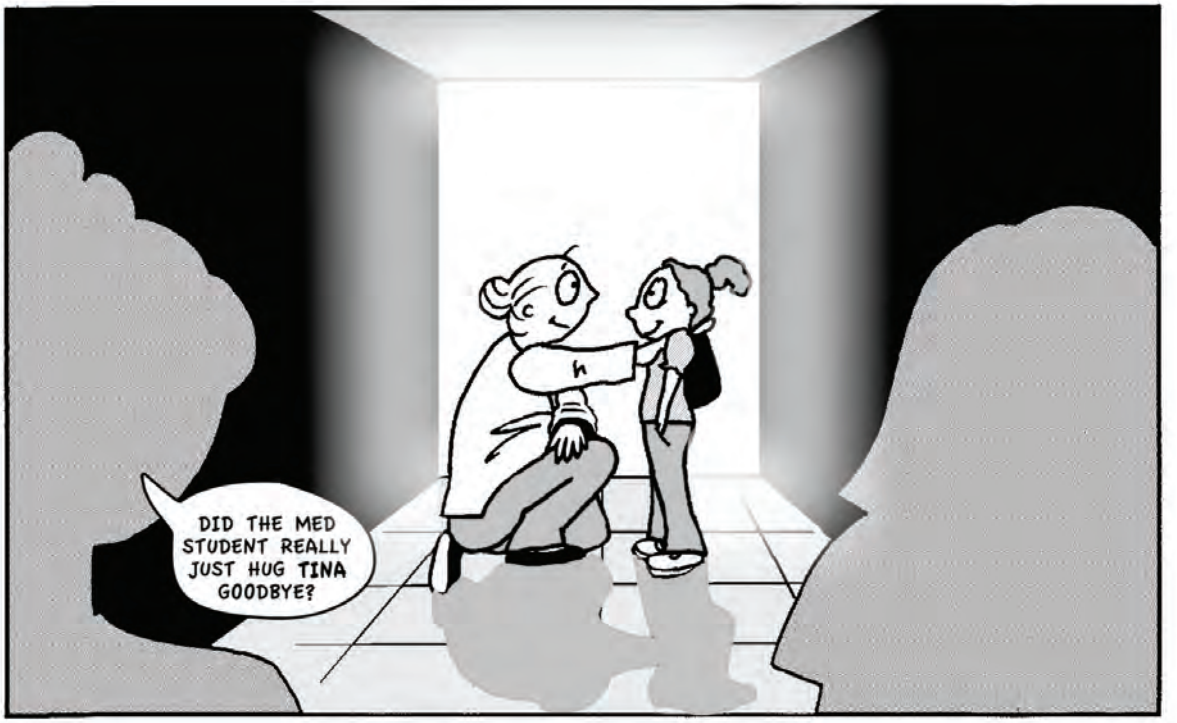

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