

MIRAGE, NEW MEXICO

I CRAVED DESOLATION. I
MOVED MY ENTIRE LIFE, MY
WIFE, TO THE SHADOW OF
THE SANGRE DE CRISTO
MOUNTAINS...

THE AIR IS CLEANER, THE
FEW PEOPLE WE SEE ARE
FRIENDLIER AND THIS
COULD QUITE POSSIBLY
BE A PERFECT LIFE, IF IT
WEREN'T FOR ONE THING...

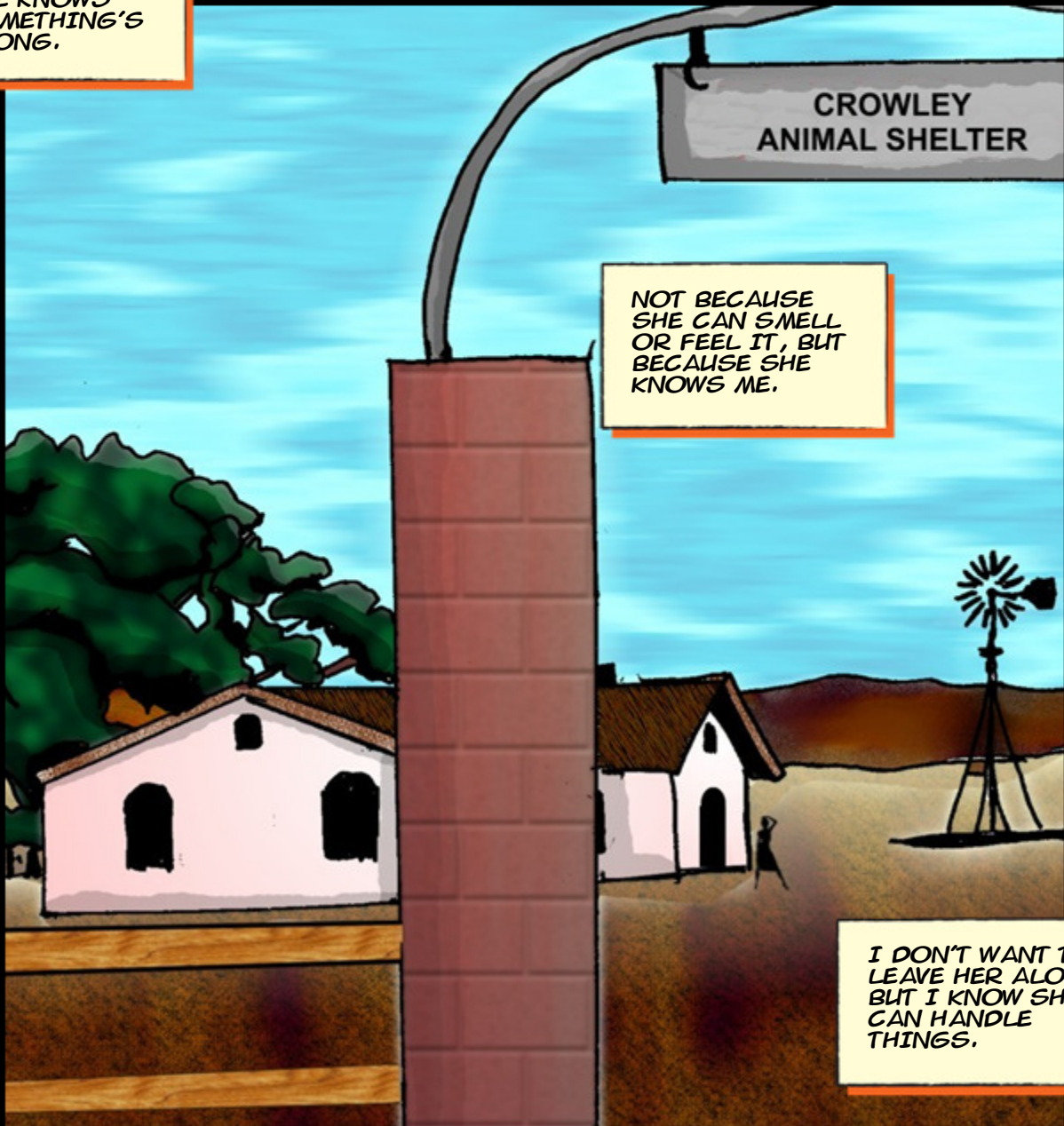
IT'S ALL FALSE.

SIX MONTHS AGO, WE FAILED
TO FIX THE WORLD, AND I CAN
FEEL IT SLOWLY ABSESS. THE
CLEAN AIR CARRIES ON IT THE
TAINT OF SPOILING MEAT.
SEEMS ONLY I CAN SMELL IT.



NATHAN...
IT'S
DINNER!

SHE HASN'T
SAID IT, BUT
SHE KNOWS
SOMETHING'S
WRONG.



CROWLEY
ANIMAL SHELTER


NOT BECAUSE
SHE CAN SMELL
OR FEEL IT, BUT
BECAUSE SHE
KNOWS ME.

I DON'T WANT TO
LEAVE HER ALONE,
BUT I KNOW SHE
CAN HANDLE
THINGS.



I DON'T KNOW
HOW LONG
I'LL BE GONE.

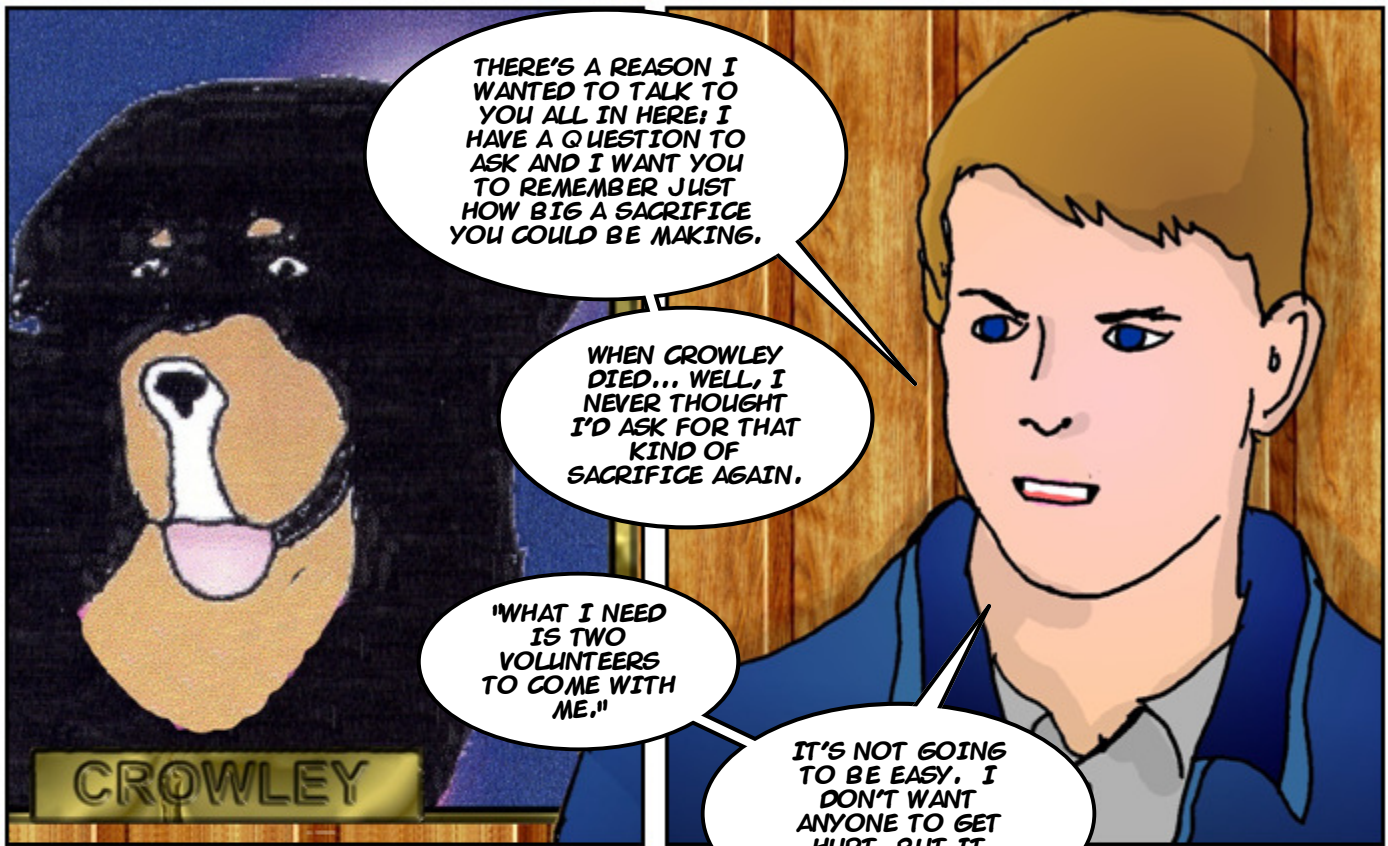
"I KNOW YOU'LL TAKE
CARE OF EACH OTHER
AND YOU'LL TAKE CARE
OF ELOISE."



"THE ONLY THING I CAN
SAY FOR CERTAIN ABOUT
WHERE I'M GOING IS THAT
IT WILL BE DANGEROUS."



WE'RE FAMILY AND
REGARDLESS OF WHAT
HAPPENS, I LOVE YOU ALL.



THERE'S A REASON I WANTED TO TALK TO YOU ALL IN HERE; I HAVE A QUESTION TO ASK AND I WANT YOU TO REMEMBER JUST HOW BIG A SACRIFICE YOU COULD BE MAKING.

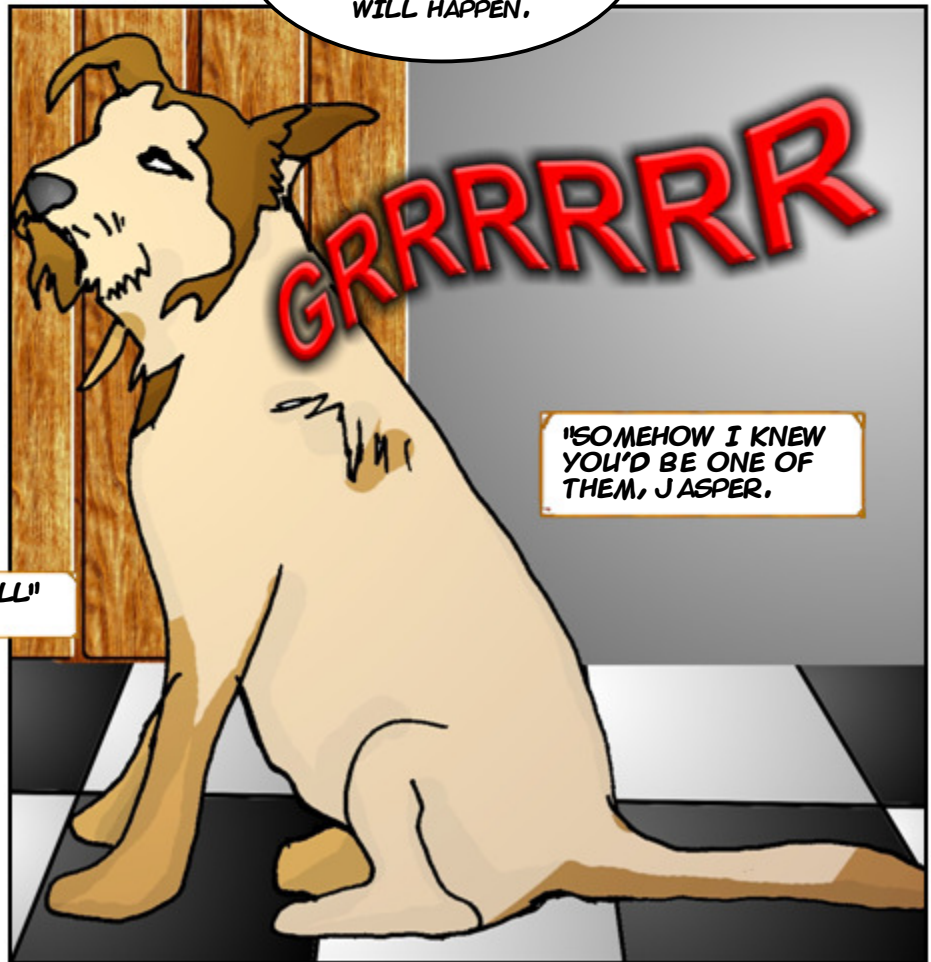
WHEN CROWLEY DIED... WELL, I NEVER THOUGHT I'D ASK FOR THAT KIND OF SACRIFICE AGAIN.

"WHAT I NEED IS TWO VOLUNTEERS TO COME WITH ME."

IT'S NOT GOING TO BE EASY. I DON'T WANT ANYONE TO GET HURT, BUT IT WILL HAPPEN.



"THANKS, O'DELL"



GRRRRRRR

"SOMEHOW I KNEW YOU'D BE ONE OF THEM, JASPER."

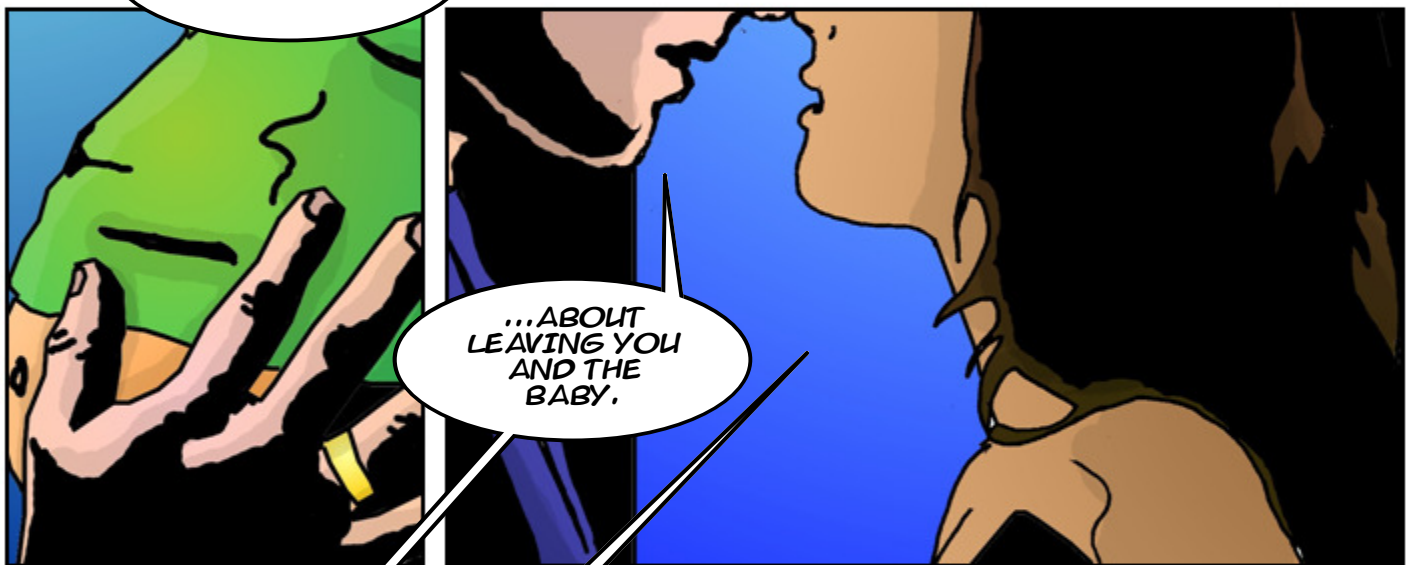


I'LL BE BACK AS SOON AS THIS IS SETTLED. I WISH I COULD BE MORE SPECIFIC.

FORMER WOLF GIRL, REMEMBER?

I'M PROBABLY THE LAST PERSON YOU NEED TO EXPLAIN TO.

DOESN'T MAKE ME FEEL ANY LESS GUILTY...



...ABOUT LEAVING YOU AND THE BABY.



BEFORE LITTLE... ERIC IS BORN.

YOU ALREADY TOOK CARE OF ONE CURSE. GO OUT AND FIX WHAT YOU NEED TO FIX BESIDES YOU HAVE A FEW MONTHS TO GET BACK HERE.

ERICA. SHE KICKS LIKE A GIRL.