

THAT SOLDIER'S
ON THE SIDE OF
THE REBELS.

HE CAN'T
JOIN US.

SO HE DOES
WHAT HE CAN.





...AAAND THERE'S THE SIGNAL. WE CAN GO BY SAFELY NOW.



ABU TAYSIR'S A LEADER IN THE REBEL ARMY. YOU SHOULD GET TO KNOW HIM, SOPHIE.

MY PLEASURE.



THE PLEASURE IS ENTIRELY MINE, INSHA'ALLAH!



ACTUALLY, I HAVE A SON, TAYSIR*.

A BRILLIANT BOY. HE SPEAKS FRENCH.

SOPHIE, YOU'RE A CHARMING GIRL. WHY NOT PUT OUR CHEESE ON YOUR BREAD?



YOUR CHEESE ON MY BREAD?



HA HA HA! ABU TAYSIR'S OFFERING HIS SON IN MARRIAGE SYRIAN-STYLE!

* ABU TAYSIR MEANS "FATHER OF TAYSIR".



OH, RIGHT.

WELL, MAYBE
I COULD MEET
HIM FIRST?

MERELY JOKING,
MY GIRL. THANKS
TO ALLAH, I'M MORE
OPEN-MINDED THAN
I MIGHT SEEM.

AND MY SON
TAYSIR IS ALREADY
STUDYING IN PARIS.



FAREWELL, GIRLS. TAKE CARE OF YOURSELVES. MAY ALLAH PROTECT YOU.

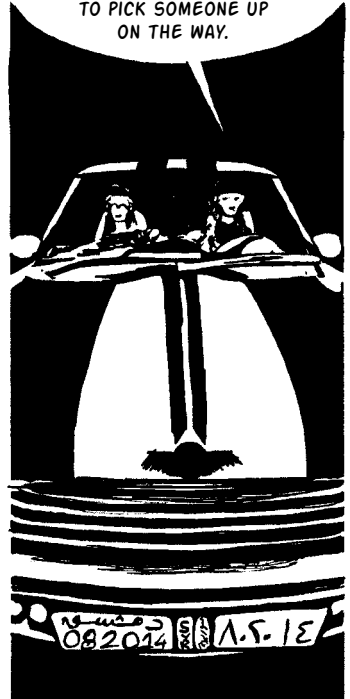


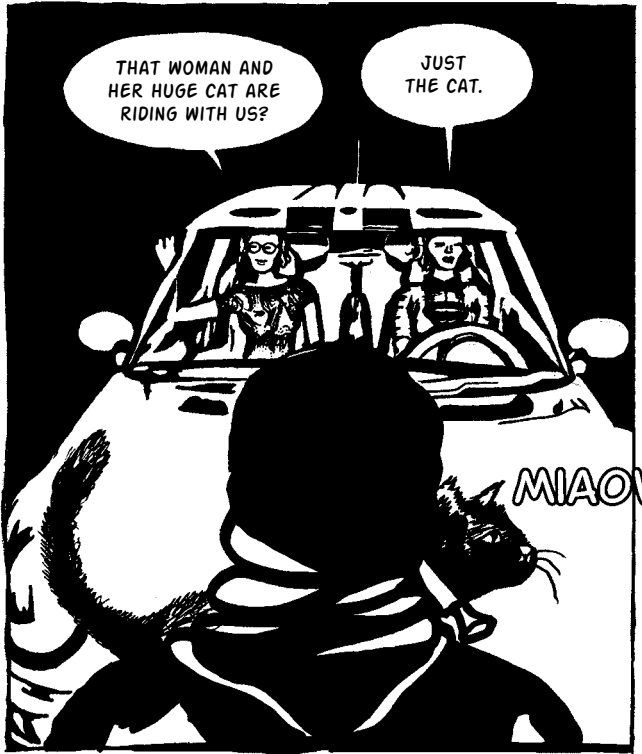
WHY'D YOU STICK A PHOTO OF THAT ANIMAL ON YOUR CAR?



IT'S COVER. WE'RE GOING THROUGH A PRO-BASHAR NEIGHBORHOOD.

C'MON, WE HAVE TO PICK SOMEONE UP ON THE WAY.





THAT WOMAN AND HER HUGE CAT ARE RIDING WITH US?

JUST THE CAT.

MIAOW



HURRY. IT'S LATE.

GOT IT. THANKS, OM FAISAL.

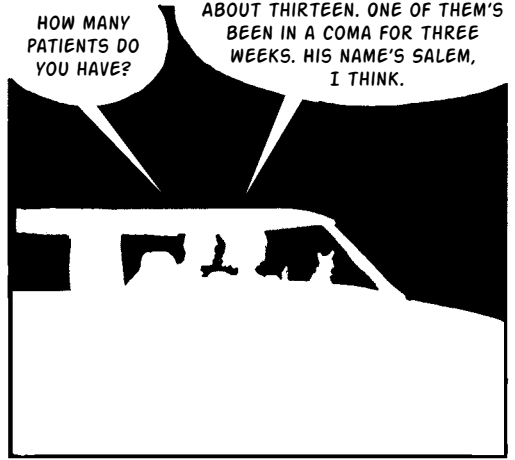


OOOH, HE'S SOOOO CUTE!

HIS OWNER WAS KILLED YESTERDAY.

YOU RUN A VET HOSPITAL TOO?

LOL, HA HA HA!





THERE WERE SOME SKIRMISHES. HE WAS THE ONLY SURVIVOR.



I SEE. AND ARE WE SLEEPING AT THE HOSPITAL?

YES.



WE'VE ALREADY BEEN THIS WAY, HAVEN'T WE?

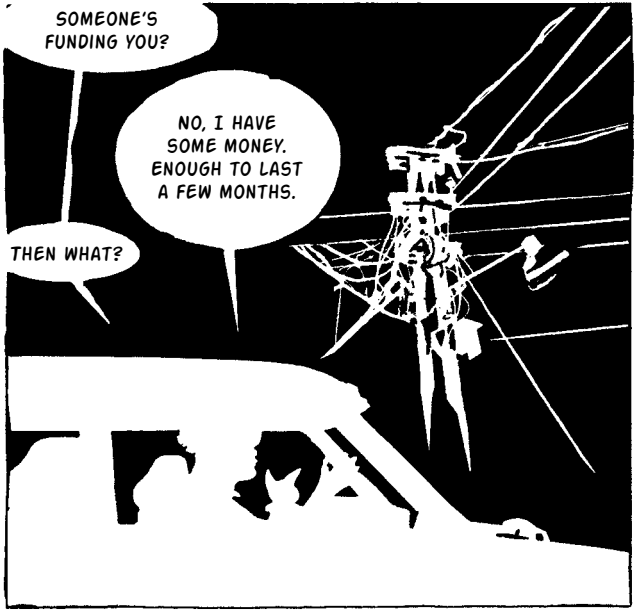
STOP WORRYING, SOPHIE. I KNOW MY OWN CITY. YOU'RE IN GOOD HANDS.





SO... THE HOSPITAL:
ARE YOU RENTING
SPACE?

I OWN IT.



SOMEONE'S
FUNDING YOU?

NO, I HAVE
SOME MONEY.
ENOUGH TO LAST
A FEW MONTHS.

THEN WHAT?



YOU KNOW
THE STORY OF
JOHA AND HIS
DONKEY?

NO.

ONE DAY, THE KING
TOLD JOHA HE'D GIVE
HIM A LOT OF MONEY
IF HE COULD TEACH A
DONKEY TO SPEAK LIKE
A HUMAN BEING.

SO JOHA TOOK
THE MONEY AND
SWORE TO TEACH
THE DONKEY TO
SPEAK WITHIN
TEN YEARS.

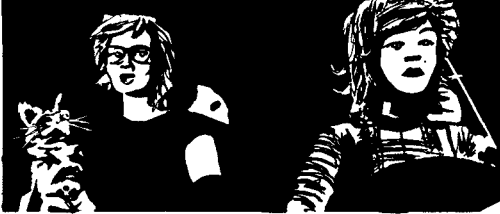
THEY WARNED
JOHA THE KING
WOULD HAVE HIM
EXECUTED IF HE
PROVED UNTRUE TO
HIS WORD.

JOHA SAID,
"IN TEN YEARS,
EITHER I'LL BE DEAD
OR THE KING WILL,
OR THE DONKEY."



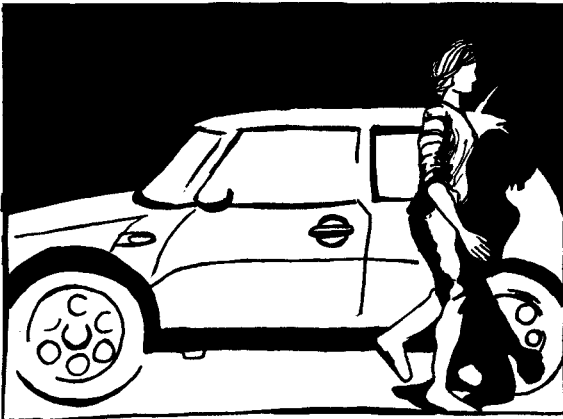
BUT WHAT IF TEN YEARS GO BY AND NO ONE DIES?

DON'T WORRY, SOPHIE. THE REVOLUTION'S MAKING PROGRESS, AND THE REGIME WILL FALL IN THE NEXT TEN MONTHS.



AS FOR ME, I HAVE TO GO TO THE STATES IN SEPTEMBER. I'VE BEEN ACCEPTED AT A COLLEGE.

THAT'S TERRIFIC, YASMINE! CONGRATULATIONS!



NOW YOU'RE UNDERFOOT WHERE YOU BELONG.

