

THE SANDWICH SHOP AT 9TH & PINE

“a bad start”

by
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MONDAY,
6 AM

WHERE'S
DAVID?

NOT
HERE.

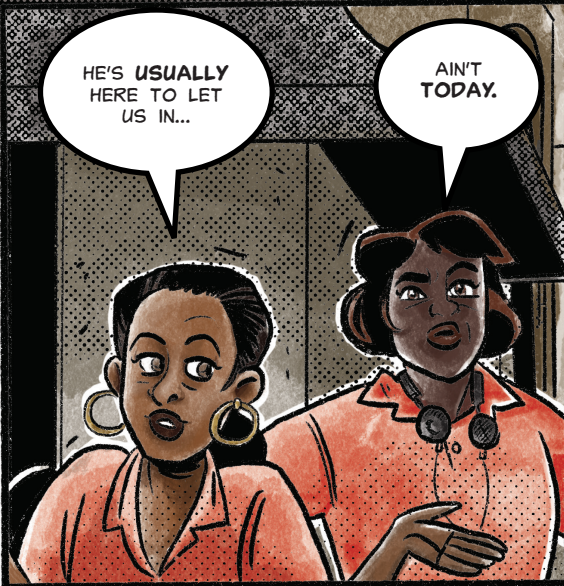
I'M GONNA
KICK HIS ASS
ALL THE WAY
TO DELMAR.

HE'S **USUALLY**
HERE TO LET
US IN...

AIN'T
TODAY.

DON'T **YOU**
HAVE A KEY,
MR. ASSISTANT
MANAGER?

THEY DON'T TRUST
ME WITH THE MEAT
SLICER, LET ALONE
A KEY...





WHERE
YOU BEEN?

SORRY,
SORRY,
SORRY!

LAURIE CALLED
JUST AS I GOT
OUR BREAD IN!

click

BAKER ON 4TH
NEVER SHOWED SO
I HAD TO START
THEIR BREAD!

beepbeepbeepbeep



NO!

NO!

NO!

OH,
DAVID...

IT'S
NOT YOUR
FAULT.

WE'LL JUST
MIX THEM IN
WITH THE OTHER
BATCHES, NO ONE
WILL KNOW.

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I
GOT
IT.

YOU DON'T
HAVE TO ANSWER
IT EVERY TIME!

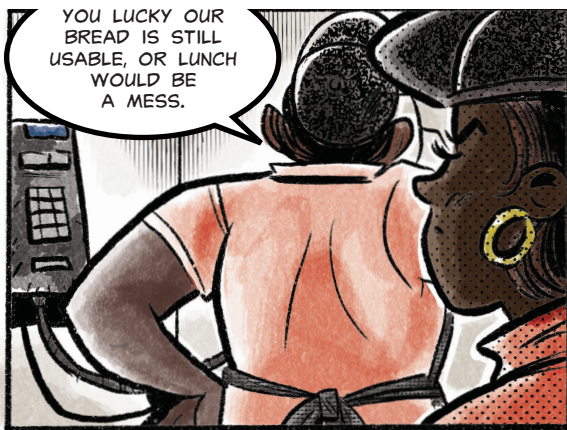


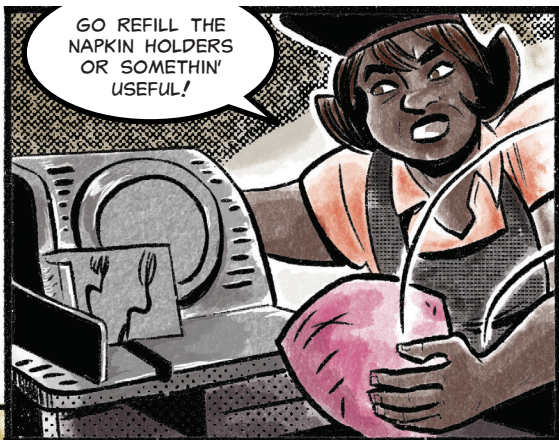
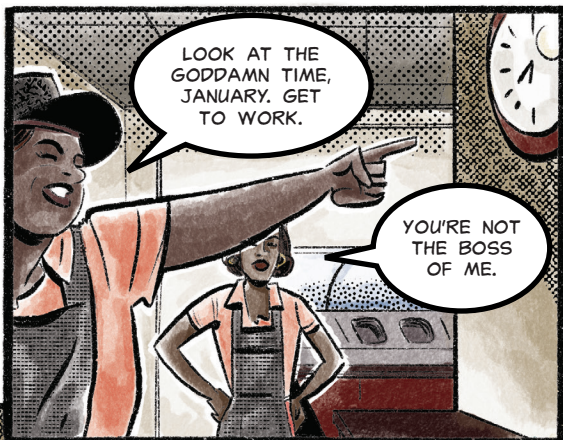
YEAH, LAURIE.
IT'S GWEN.
YES, HE DID.

BUT YOU
GOT NERVE
TO--

UH-
HUH.

YUP.





WE DON'T
HAVE TIME FOR
ANYONE TO GET
HURT TODAY!

OR
FOR YOUR
NONSENSE.

LEAVE
HER ALONE,
GWEN.

WHY DO
YOU EVEN
CARE?

IF WE OPEN THIS PLACE LATE,
WE **LOSE MONEY** TODAY.
AND CUSTOMERS STOP COMIN'
BACK, AND THEN THE DELI
CLOSES, AND I LOSE MY JOB.
THEN MY KIDS GO HUNGRY.

I GOT MORE
TO THINK ABOUT
THAN MY NAILS.

CUSTOMERS
ARE LINING
UP!

HUSTLE,
NOW!

JANUARY,
DON'T YOU
DARE ANSWER
THAT PHONE!

ONLY OPENING
7 MINUTES LATE.
NOT A BAD
START?

SIGH. CAN'T OPEN
ON TIME WHEN
YOU START LATE.

GOOD MORNIN'
AND HAPPY
MONDAY.

COME
ON IN.

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MONICA GALLAGHER
MATT BEAUGRAND

STORY, PENCILS
INKS
COLORS

THANK YOU TO BRI WILLIAMS



THE AUTHOR, WITH
(LEFT TO RIGHT)
OLIVIA, JANET,
JANUARY, YVETTE,
AND GWEN AS
PHOTOGRAPHED BY
DAVID.

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