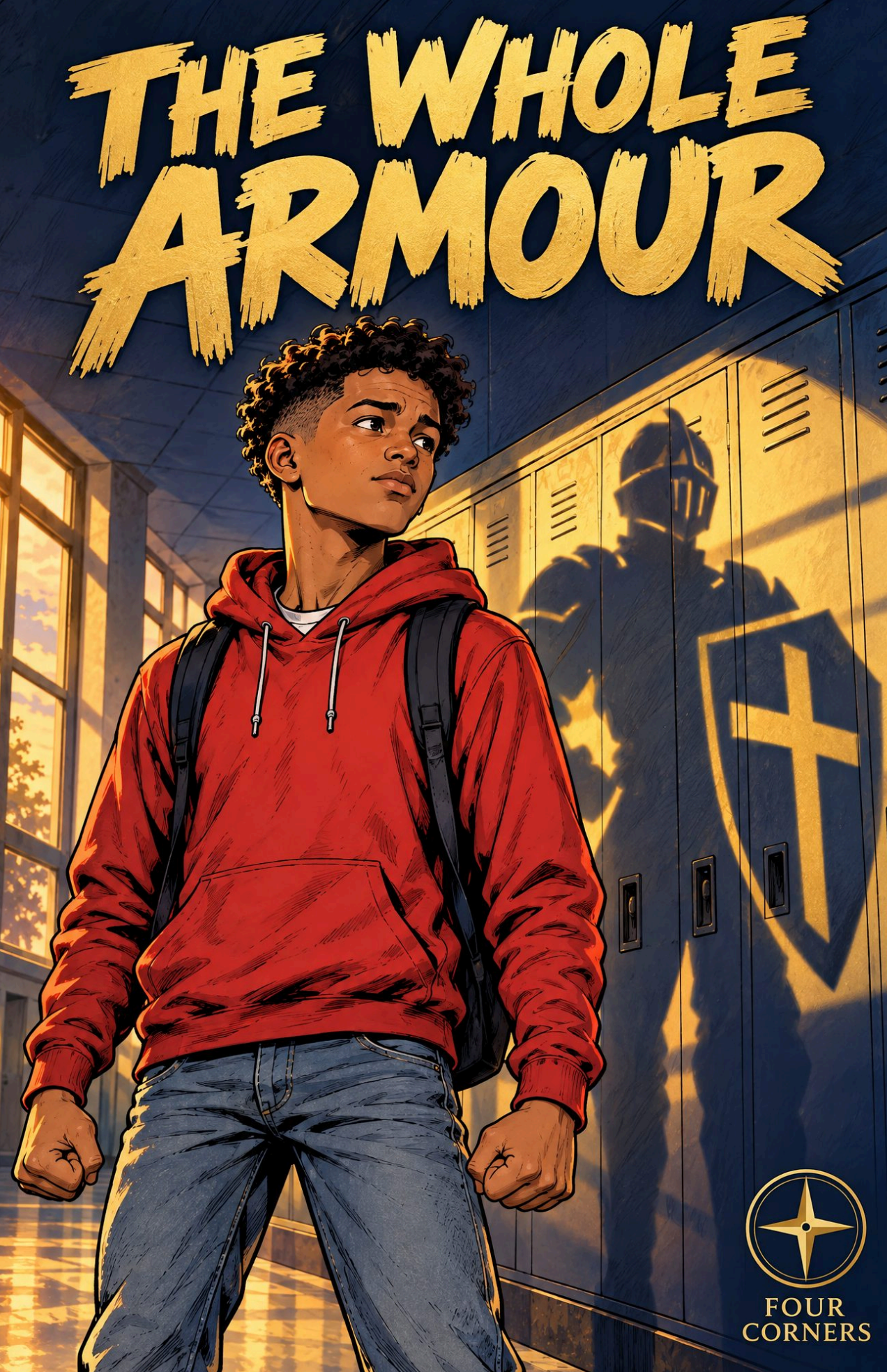
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A Four Corners comic

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WHO IS IN THIS STORY

Jay, Mr. Walter, Tyler, Mateo, Dana, Ms. Okafor

HOW TO READ A COMIC

1. Read each page from left to right, top to bottom.
2. Words in boxes tell the story.
3. Words in round balloons are people talking.
4. ***Slanted words are from the Bible (KJV). The small name under them tells*** you where to find them.

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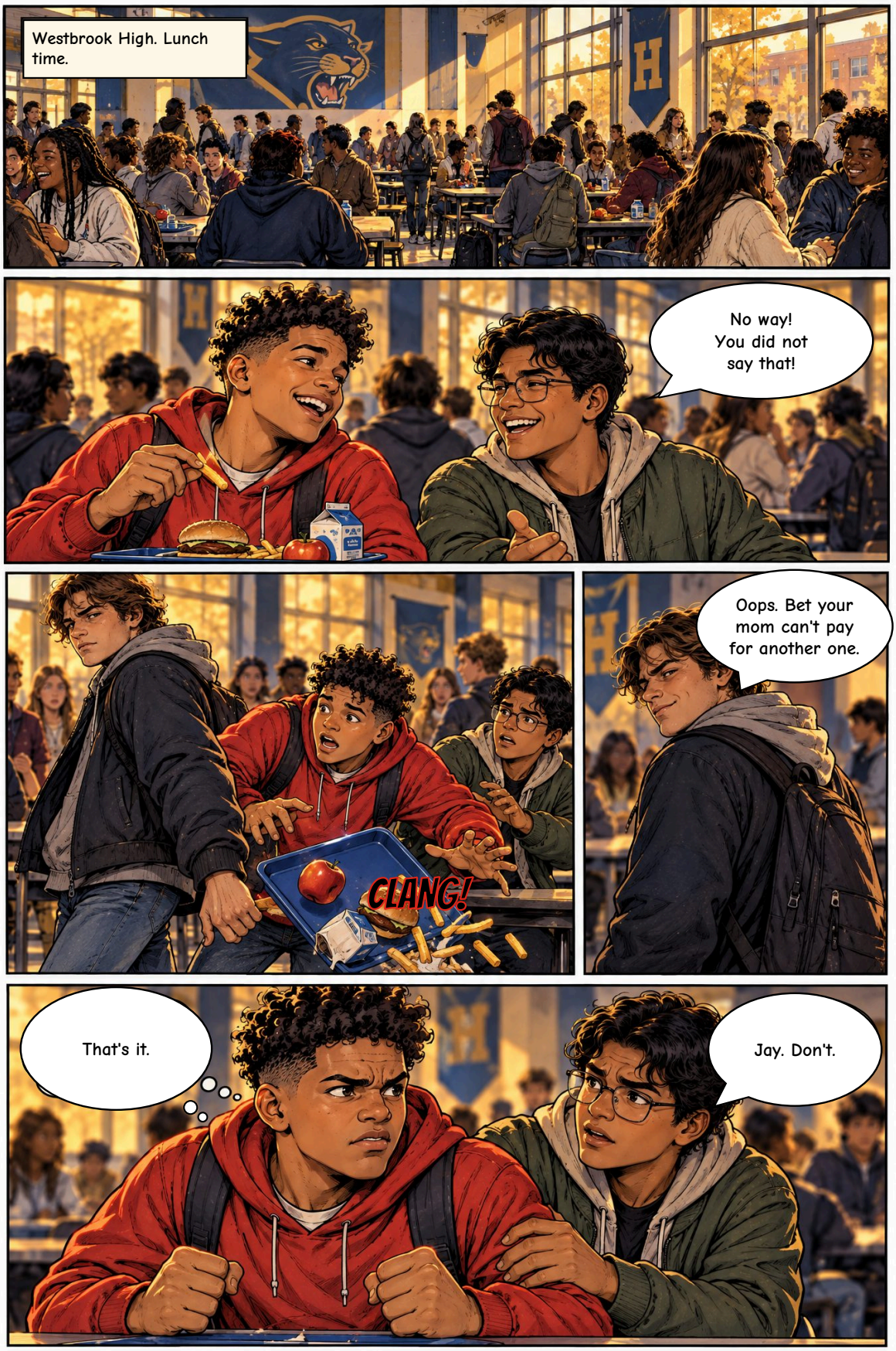
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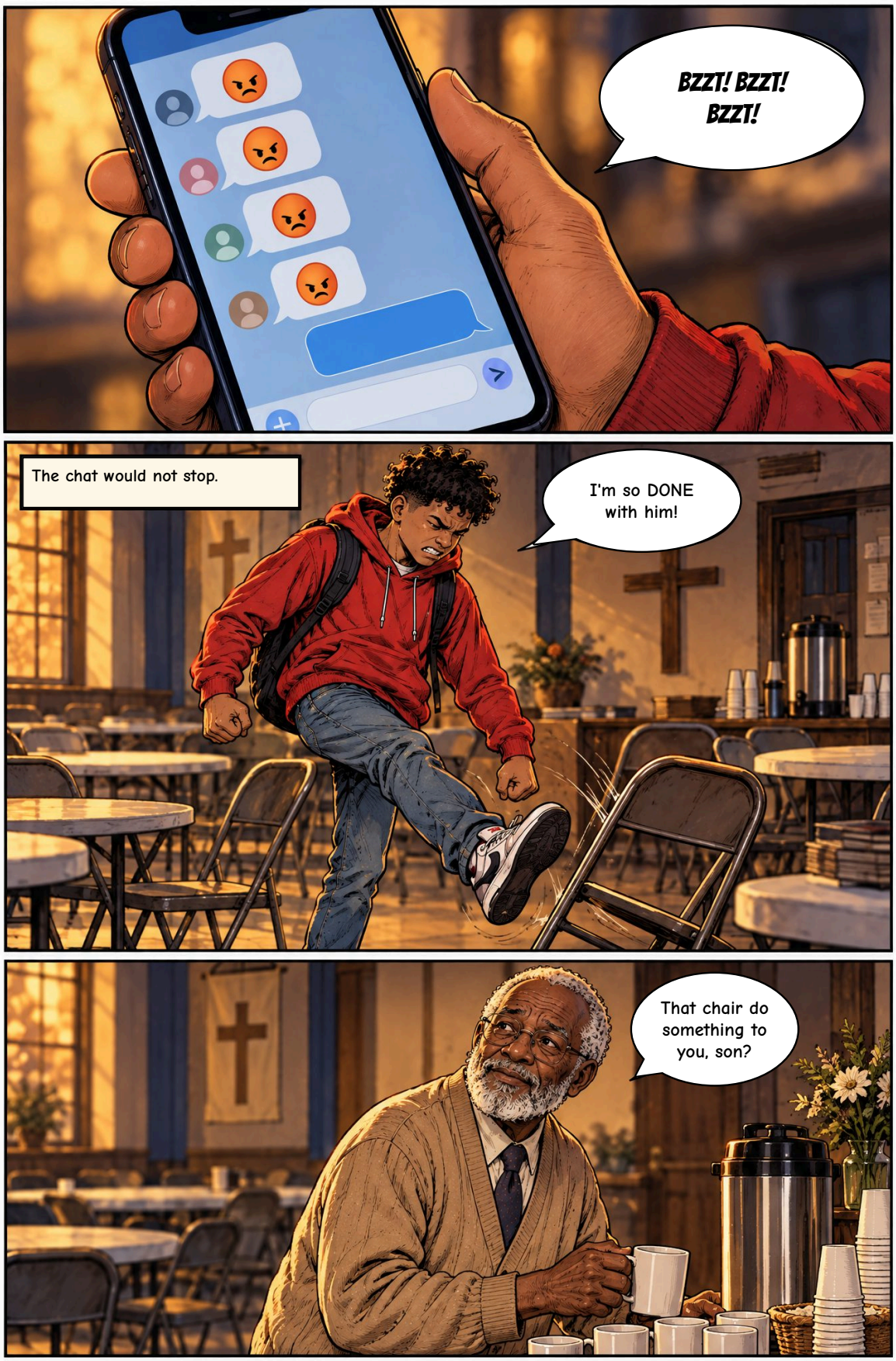
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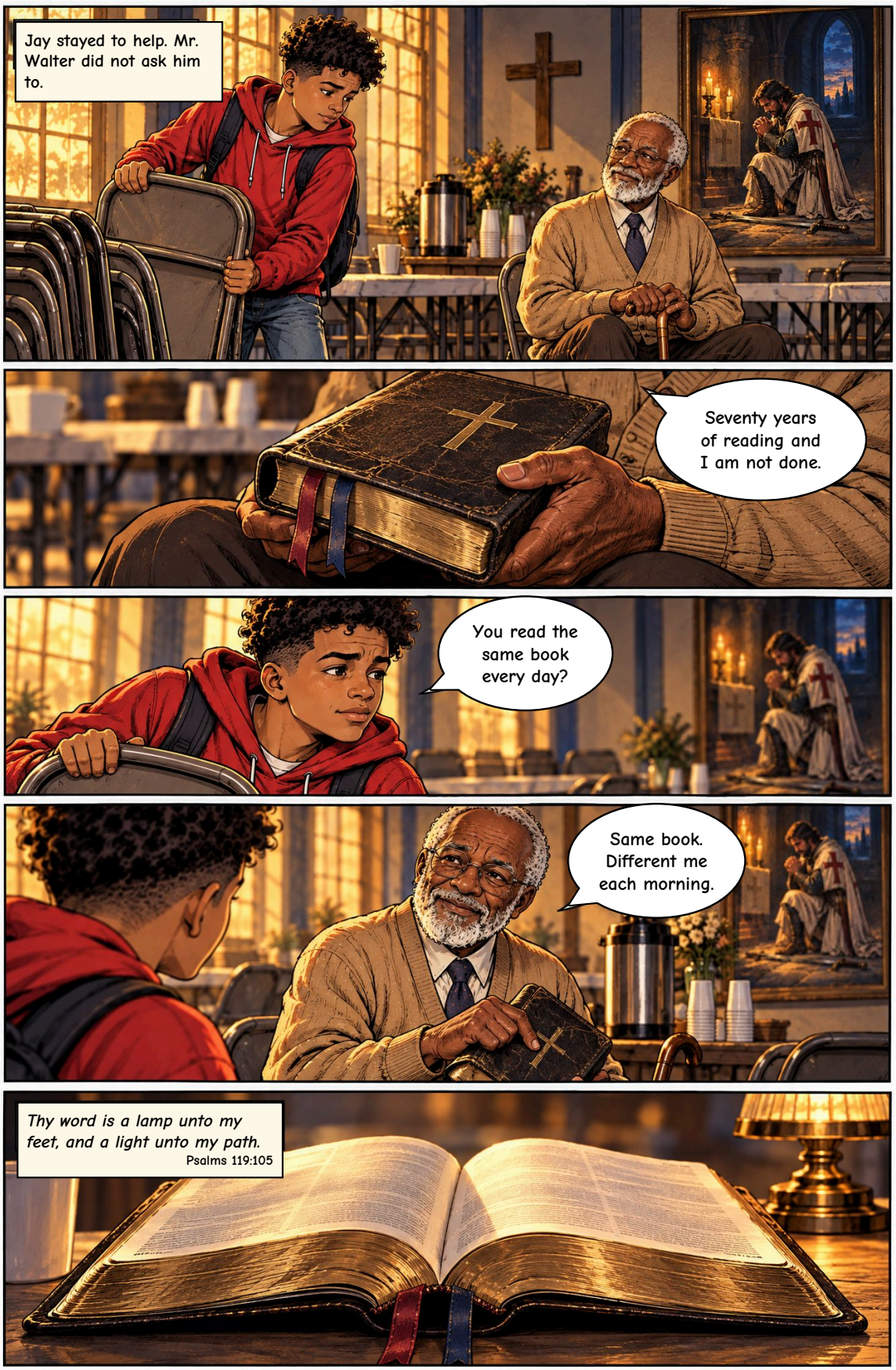
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Westbrook High. Lunch time.
No way! You did not say that!
CLANG!
Oops. Bet your mom can't pay for another one.
That's it.
Jay. Don't.


By last period, the whole school was talking.
Tomorrow. 3:15. Behind the gym. Don't be scared.
I'll be there.
Bro, you could get kicked out.
I don't care.
Every day after school, Jay went to the church on the corner. His mom worked late.

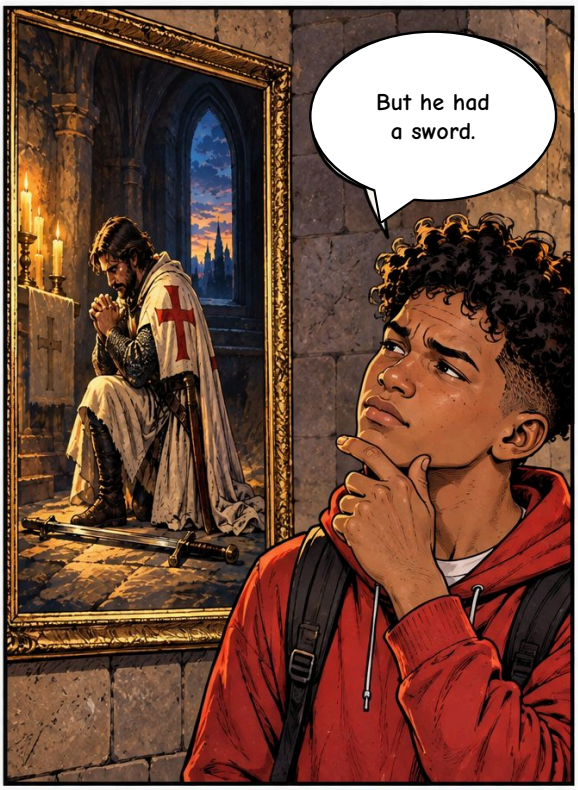

BZZT! BZZT! BZZT!
The chat would not stop.
I'm so DONE with him!
That chair do something to you, son?


He talked about my mom! If I walk away, I look weak.
Come here. Let me show you a real fighter.
Before every battle, he knelt.

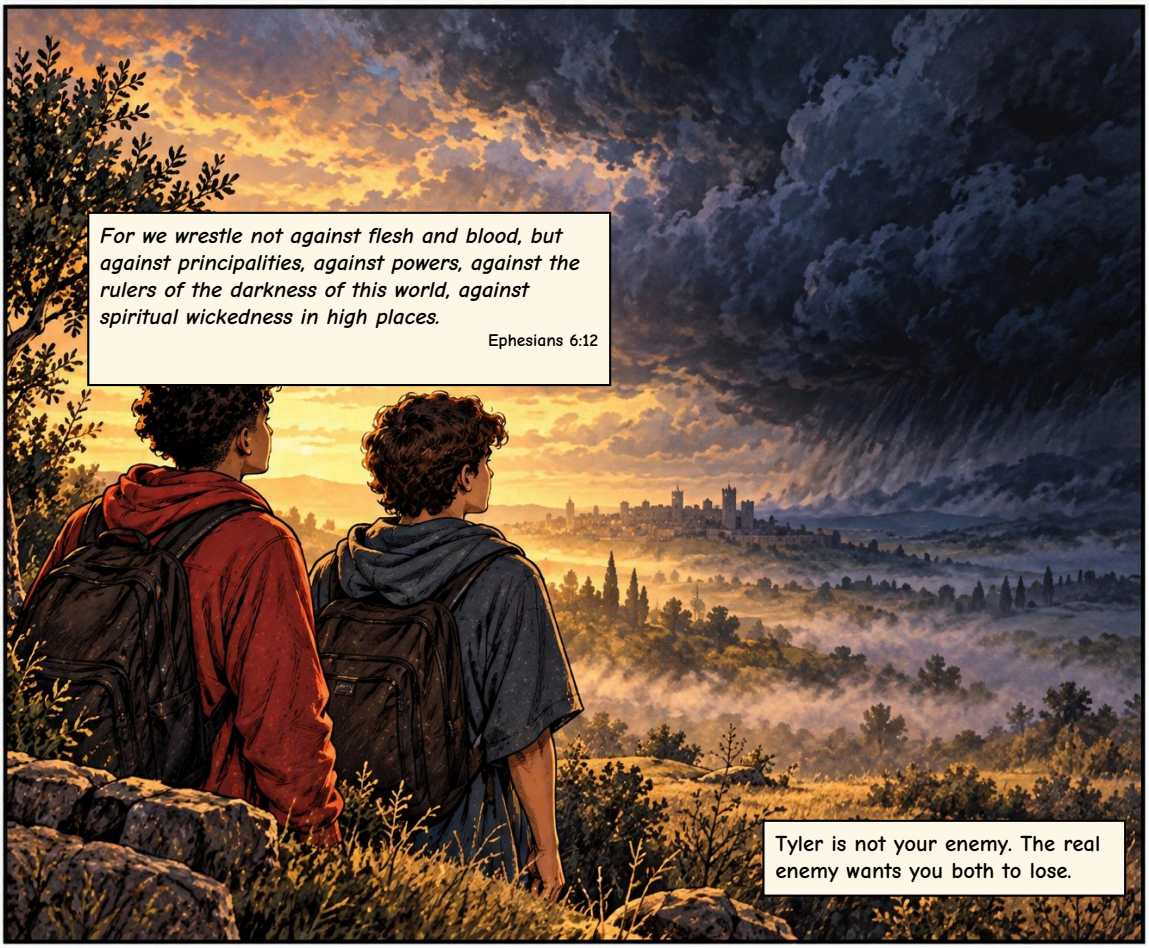

Jay stayed to help. Mr. Walter did not ask him to.
Seventy years of reading and I am not done.
You read the same book every day?
Same book. Different me each morning.
Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.
Psalms 119:105


I was angry like you once. Real angry.
1966. Walter was seventeen.
Baby, your fists are fighting the wrong war.
So what did you do?
I learned how to really fight. On my knees.


Walter's fight was on a corner, in front of everybody.
He won the shouting. He lost his friends.
Sit down, baby. Let us talk about who you are fighting.
For the wrath of man worketh not the righteousness of God.
James 1:20


But he had a sword.


Read this, son. He knew who the real enemy was.


For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.
Ephesians 6:12
Tyler is not your enemy. The real enemy wants you both to lose.

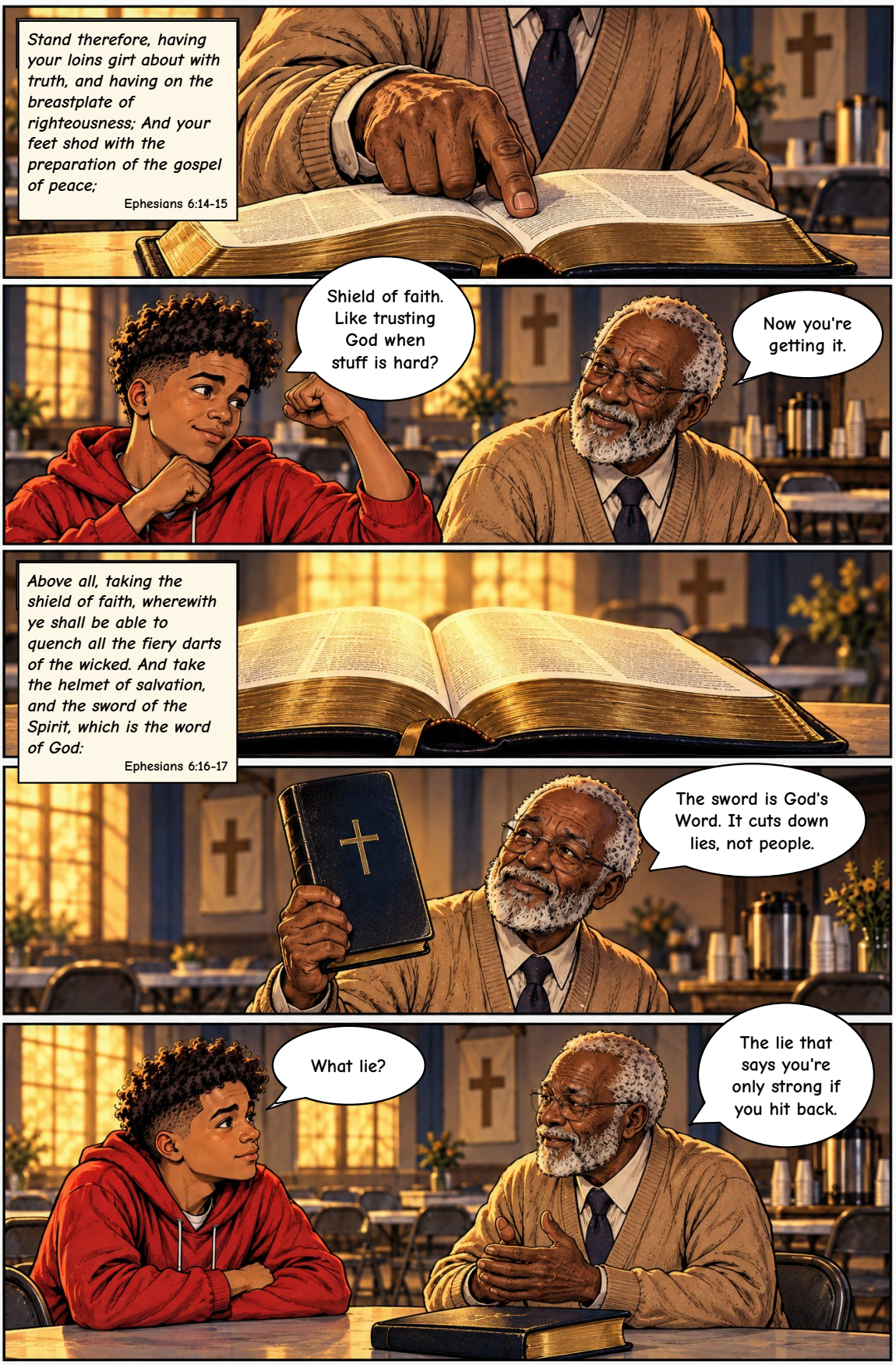

You don't know Tyler. He's mean to everybody.
Hurt people hurt people. Do you know his story?
Jay remembered something.
His dad left last year. Everybody knows.
Then he's carrying something heavy too.
Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath:
James 1:19


Mateo walked Jay home that day.
Whatever you decide, I'm with you. But I don't want to watch you get hurt.
He is the one friend who never leaves.
Thanks, man. For real.
A friend loveth at all times, and a brother is born for adversity.
Proverbs 17:17

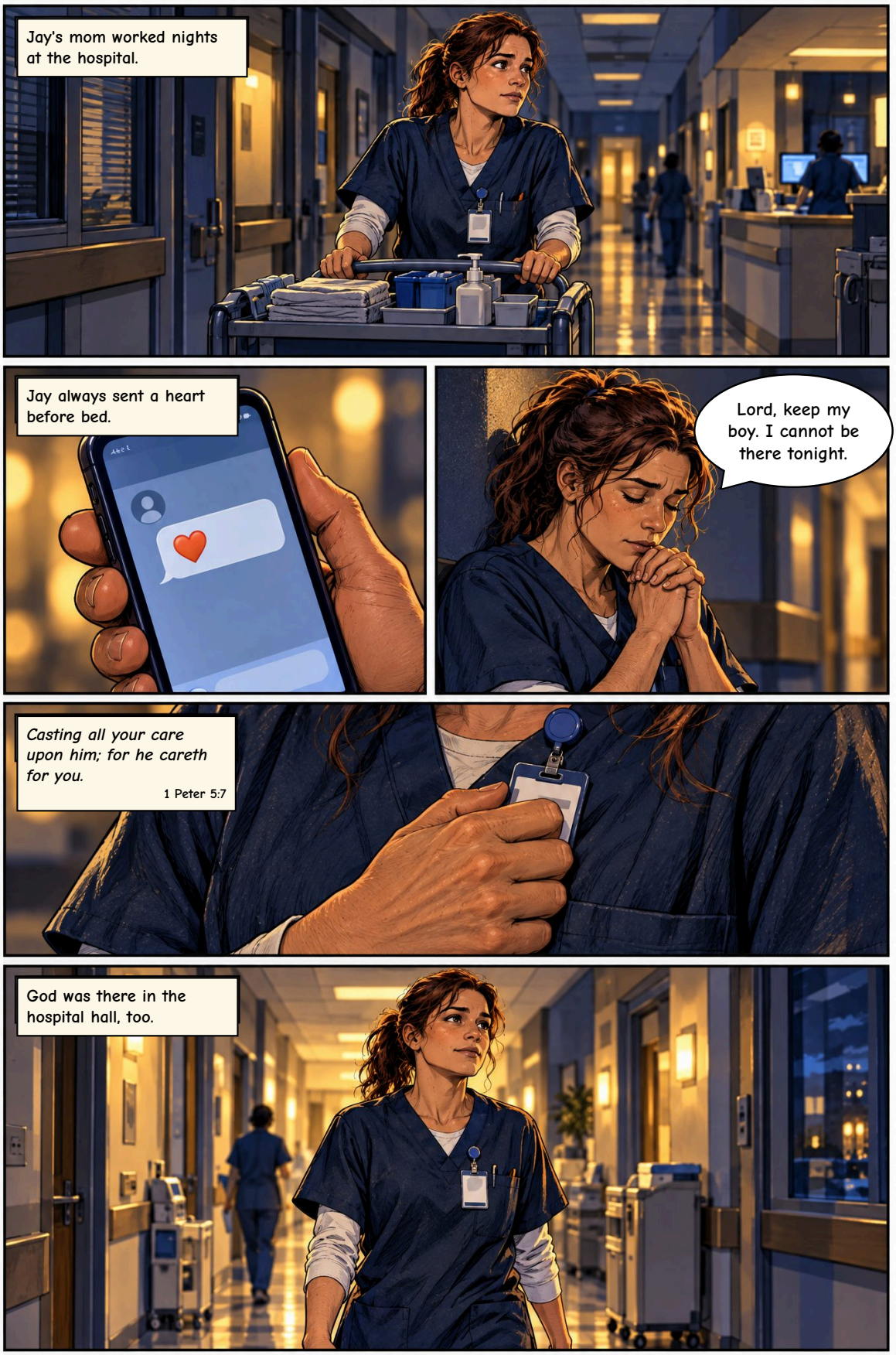

breastplate of righteousness
helmet of salvation
belt of truth
shield of faith
Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.
Ephesians 6:11
gospel of peace
sword of the Spirit

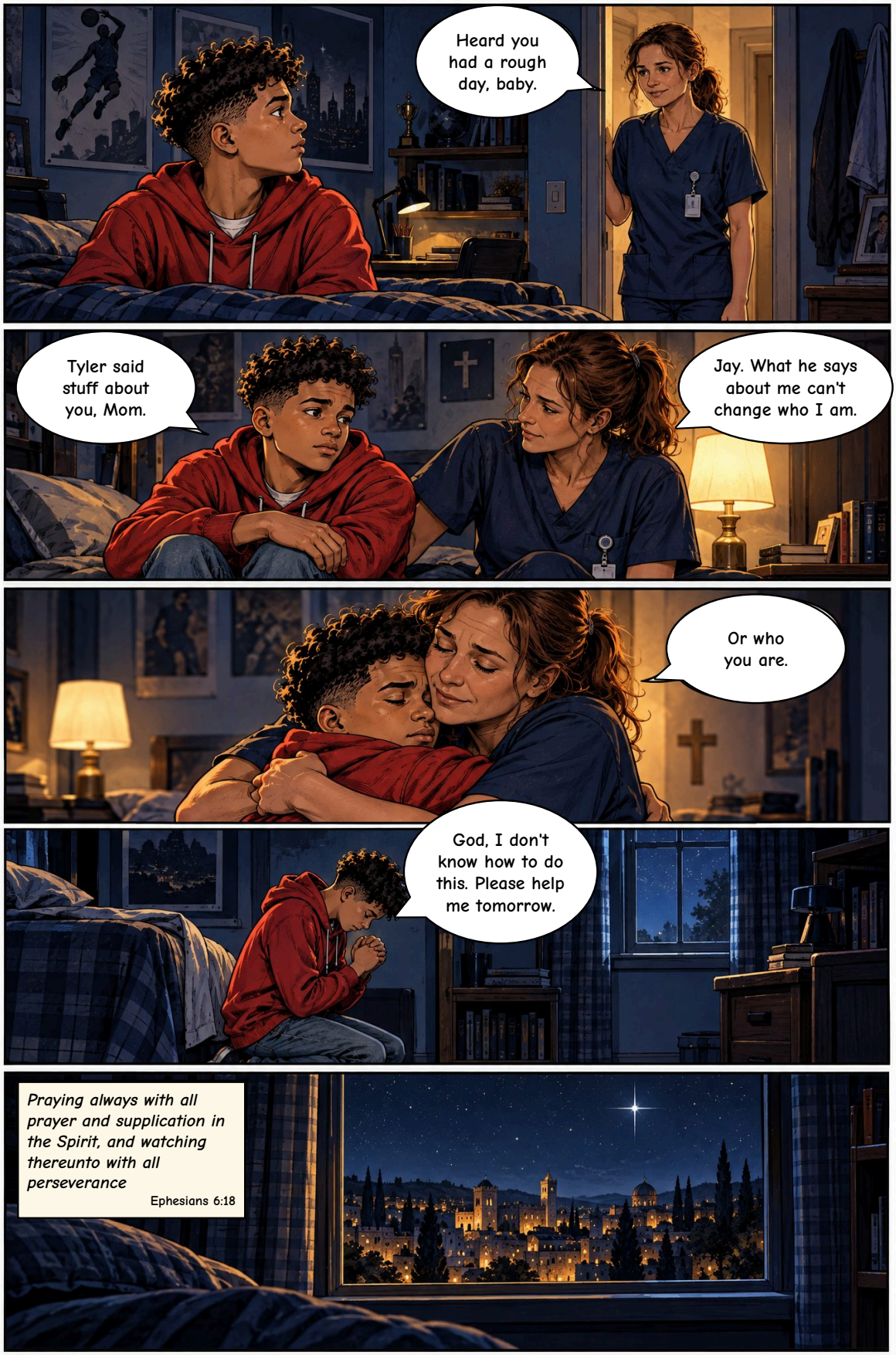

God gives the armour. You just put it on.

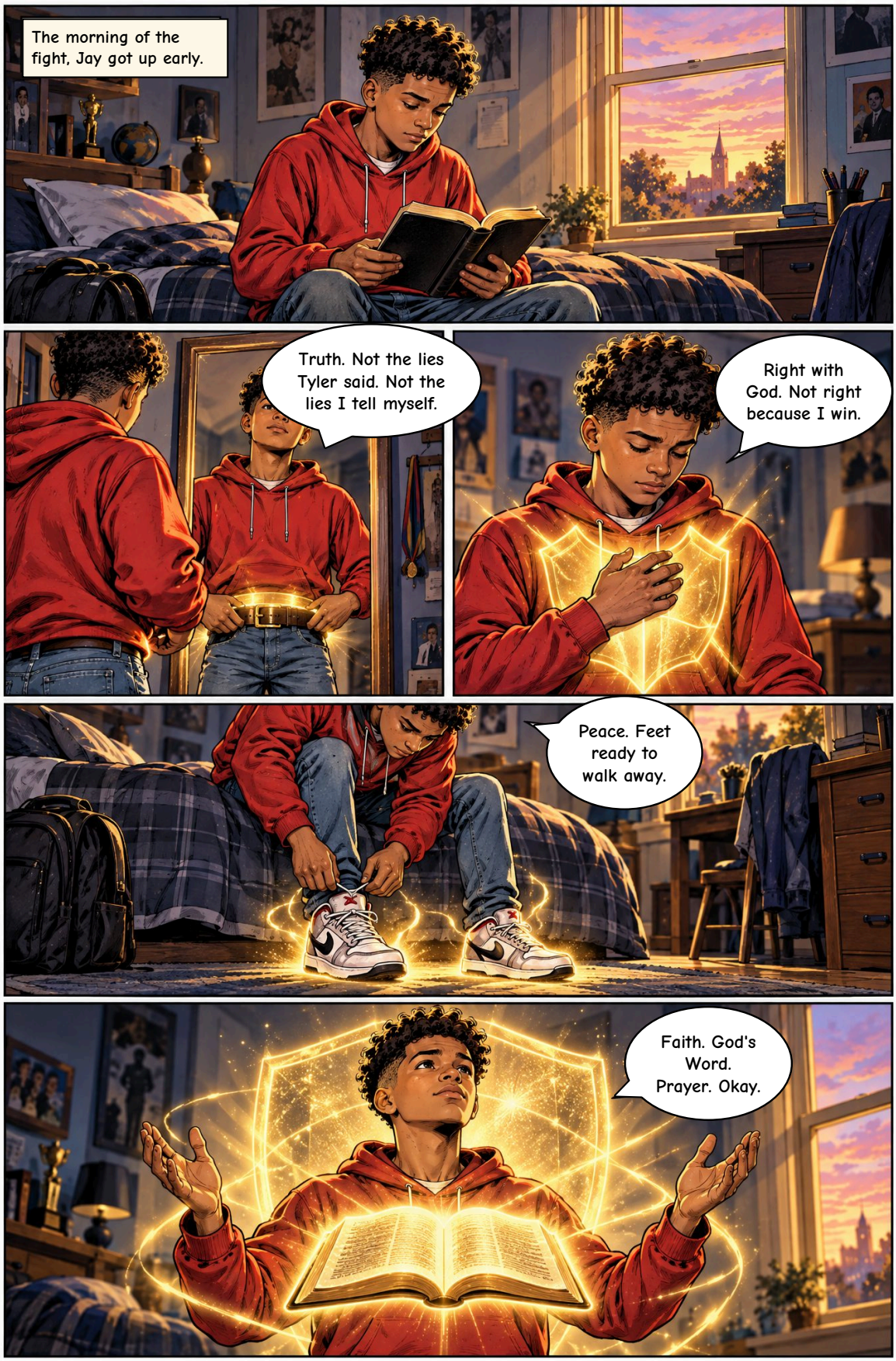

So I don't need my fists?


Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace;
Ephesians 6:14-15
Shield of faith. Like trusting God when stuff is hard?
Now you're getting it.
Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:
Ephesians 6:16-17
The sword is God's Word. It cuts down lies, not people.
What lie?
The lie that says you're only strong if you hit back.

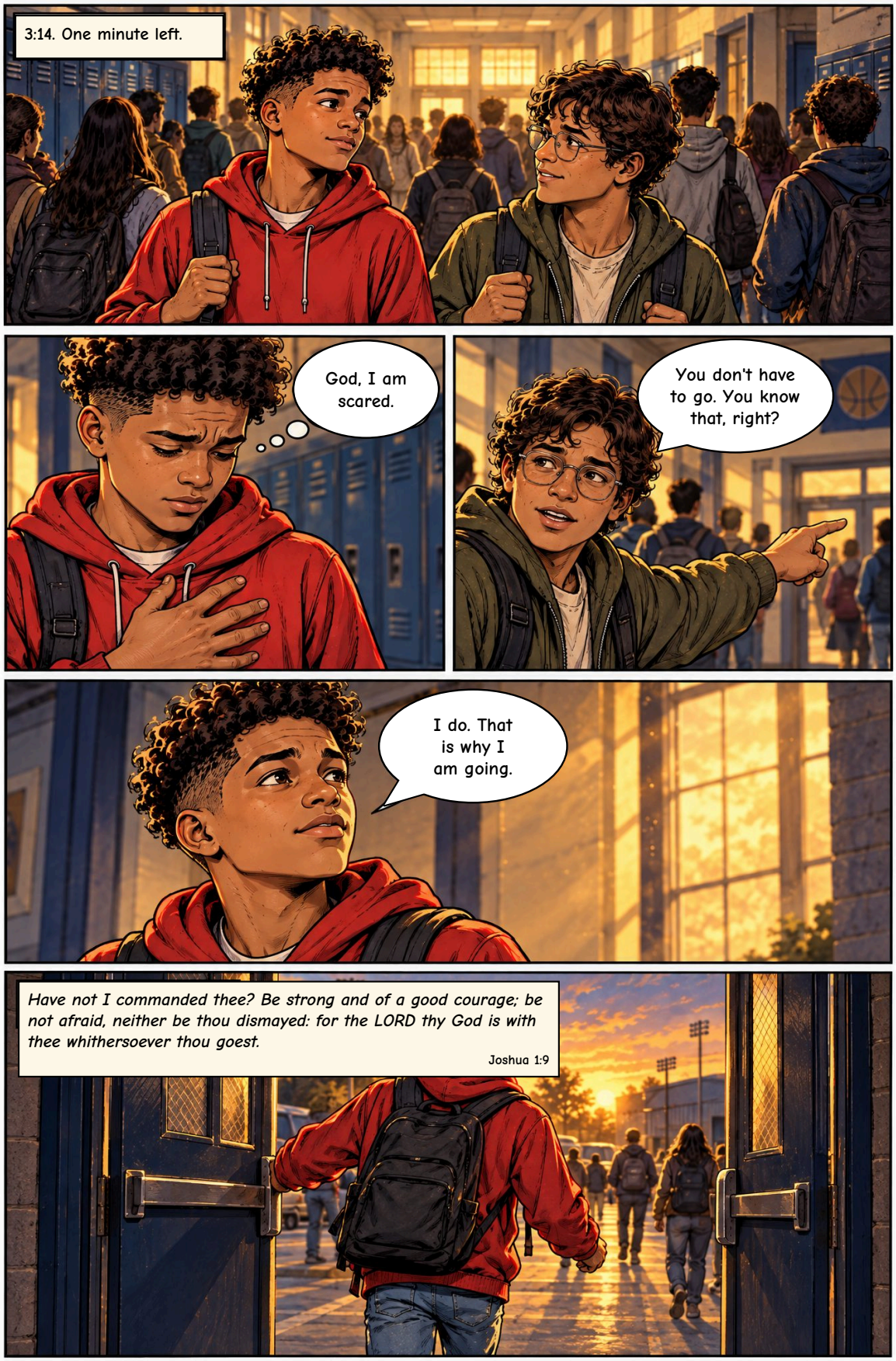

Across town, Tyler ate supper alone.
His dad's chair stayed empty.
Tomorrow I will show them all I am not weak.
Tough on the outside. Tired on the inside.
God setteth the solitary in families
Psalms 68:6


Jay's mom worked nights at the hospital.
Jay always sent a heart before bed.
Lord, keep my boy. I cannot be there tonight.
Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.
1 Peter 5:7
God was there in the hospital hall, too.


Heard you had a rough day, baby.
Tyler said stuff about you, Mom.
Jay. What he says about me can't change who I am.
Or who you are.
God, I don't know how to do this. Please help me tomorrow.
Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance
Ephesians 6:18


The morning of the fight, Jay got up early.
Truth. Not the lies Tyler said. Not the lies I tell myself.
Right with God. Not right because I win.
Peace. Feet ready to walk away.
Faith. God's Word. Prayer. Okay.


The next day. Almost 3:15.
You're really going?
Yeah. But not how you think.
Belt of truth. Shield of faith. Okay, God. Here we go.
Took you long enough.


3:14. One minute left.
God, I am scared.
You don't have to go. You know that, right?
I do. That is why I am going.
Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the LORD thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest.
Joshua 1:9

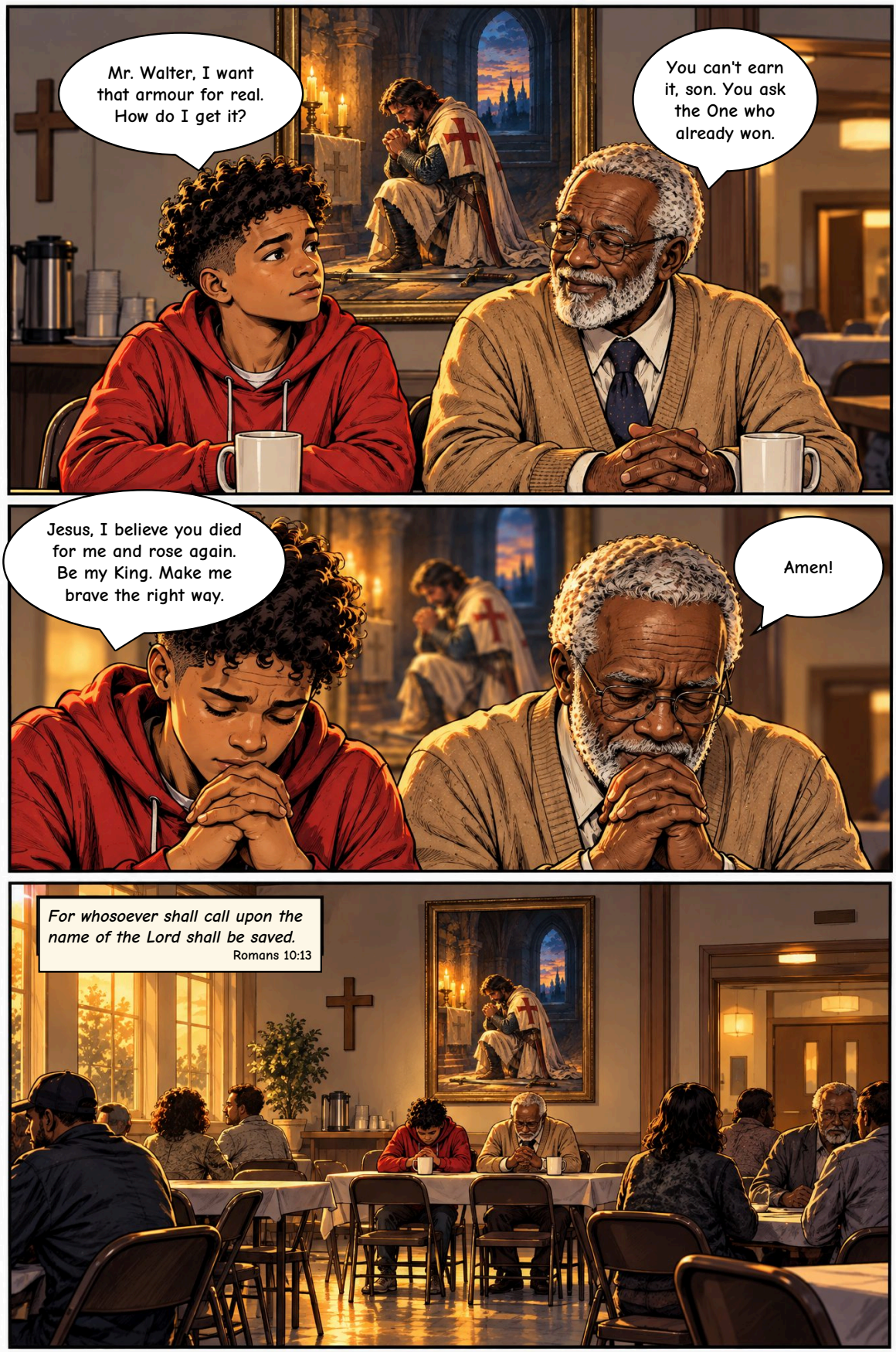

Everybody had their phones out.
I'm not fighting you, Tyler.
What? You scared?
Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good.
Romans 12:21

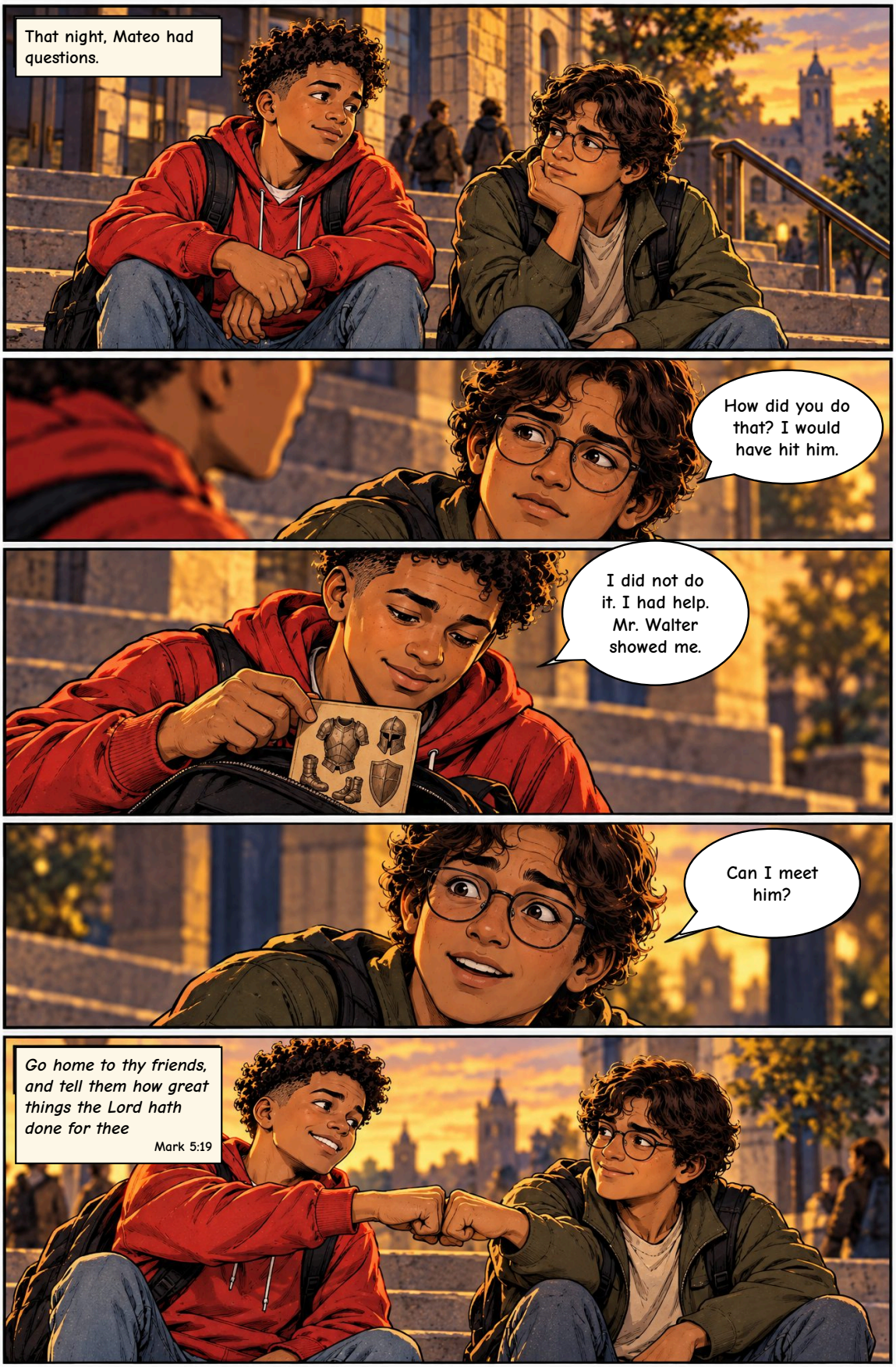

Everyone expected a fight.
Wait. Is he not going to hit him?
That is my boy.
No fight. No video. Just two boys standing in the afternoon sun.


No. I'm just done being mad. I heard about your dad. I'm sorry, man.
Nobody ever says that.
Everything okay back here?
Yes, ma'am. We're good.
A soft answer turneth away wrath: but grievous words stir up anger.
Proverbs 15:1

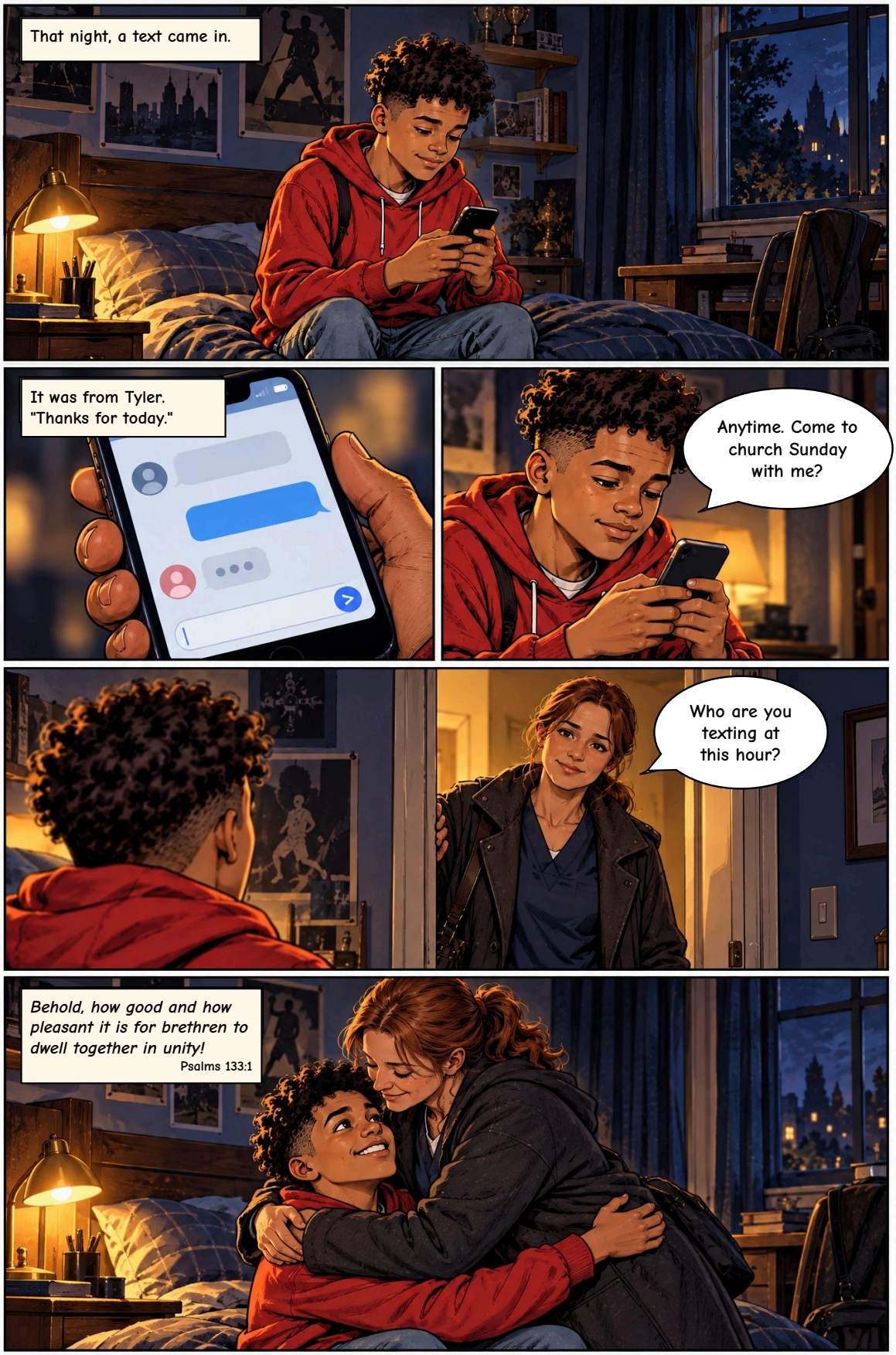

My dad just left. He didn't even say bye.
My dad left too. When I was little.
So how are you not mad all the time?
I was. Yesterday. Then an old man showed me a painting. Want to see it?

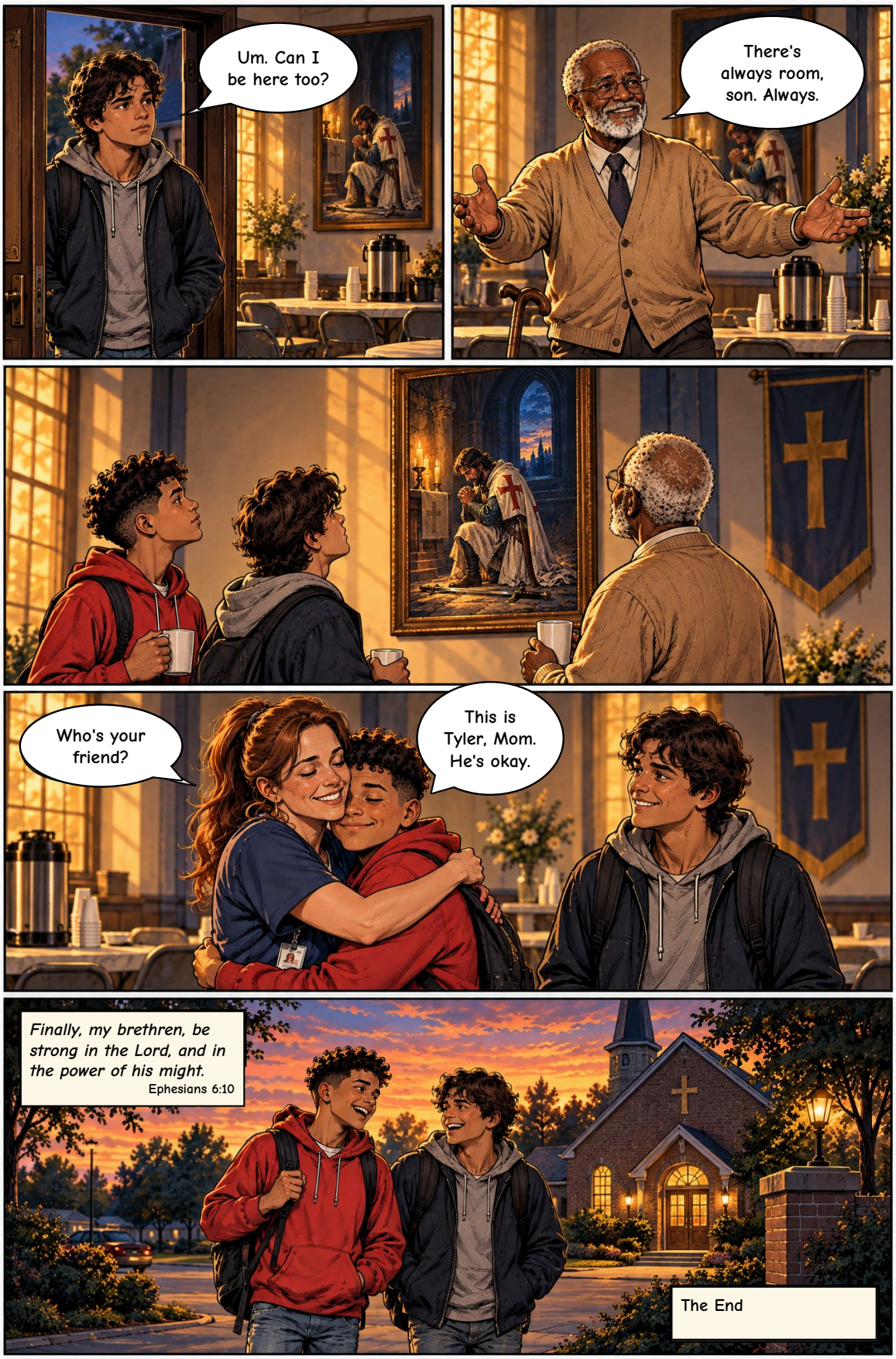

Ms. Okafor asked them both to come in.
I heard what you did out there, Jay. That took courage.
I should not have said what I said about your mom.
Thanks. I forgive you.
Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.
Matthew 5:9


Mr. Walter, I want that armour for real. How do I get it?
You can't earn it, son. You ask the One who already won.
Jesus, I believe you died for me and rose again. Be my King. Make me brave the right way.
Amen!
For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.
Romans 10:13


That night, Mateo had questions.
How did you do that? I would have hit him.
I did not do it. I had help. Mr. Walter showed me.
Can I meet him?
Go home to thy friends, and tell them how great things the Lord hath done for thee
Mark 5:19


Monday. Same lunch room.
Hey. Um. Can I sit here?
Yeah. Sit.
For your tray. From last week.
It was not a fight. It was a seat at the table.


That night, a text came in.
It was from Tyler. "Thanks for today."
Anytime. Come to church Sunday with me?
Who are you texting at this hour?
Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!
Psalms 133:1


Um. Can I be here too?
There's always room, son. Always.
Who's your friend?
This is Tyler, Mom. He's okay.
Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.
Ephesians 6:10
The End

WANT TO TALK TO GOD?

You can pray a prayer like this one. The words don't have to be perfect. God looks at your heart.

> ***Dear God, I know I have done wrong things. I am sorry. I believe Jesus died on the cross for me and came back to life. Please forgive me. Please be my Lord and lead my life. Thank you for loving me. In Jesus' name, amen.***

WHAT'S NEXT?

1. Tell someone! Share what you prayed with a friend or family member.
2. Read the Bible. The book of John is a great place to start.
3. Talk to God every day. He loves to hear from you.
4. Find a church family near you.
5. Pass this book on to someone who needs it.

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Jay had a fight set for 3:15. An old deacon showed him a different kind of strength.

For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Romans 6:23

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