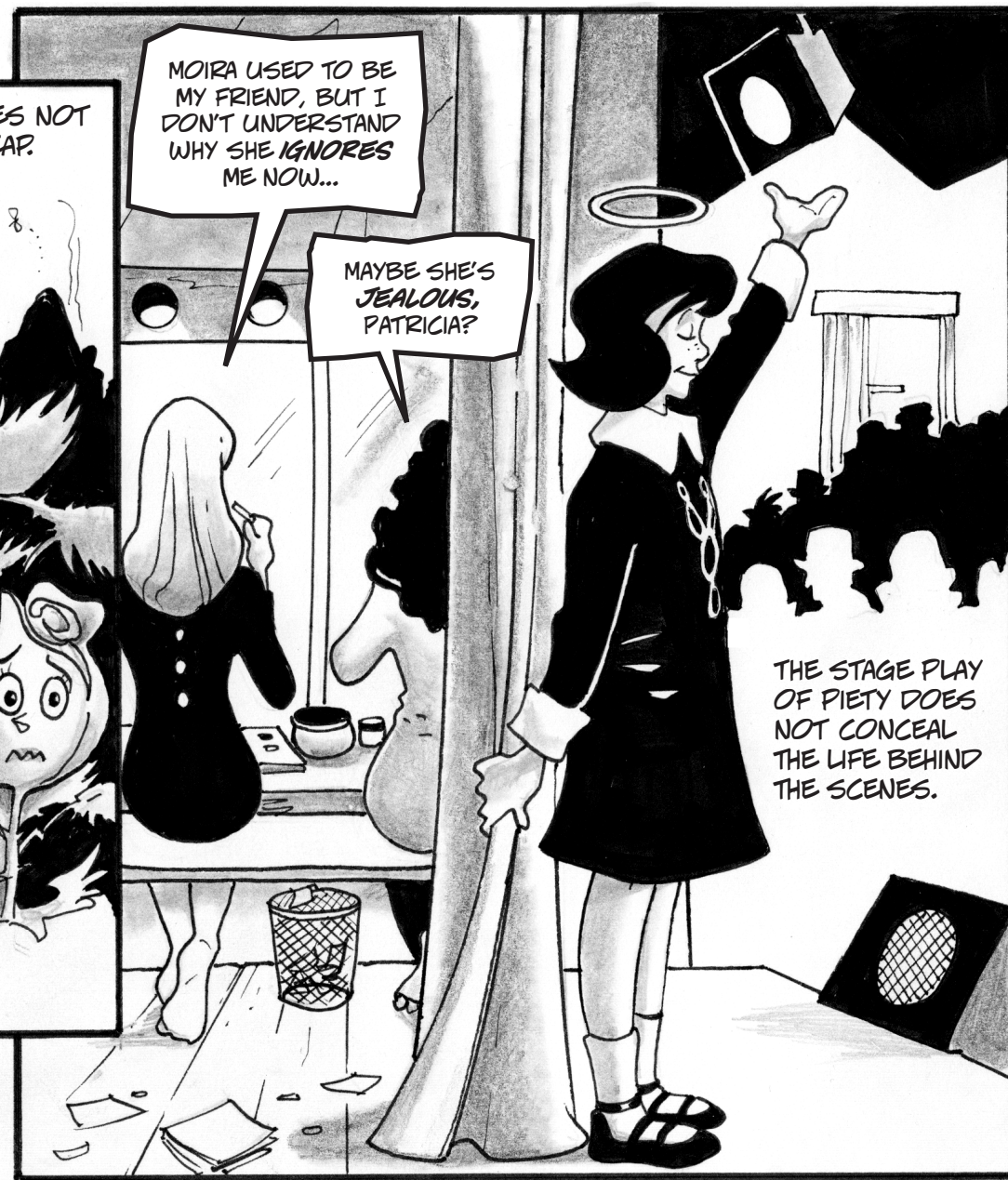
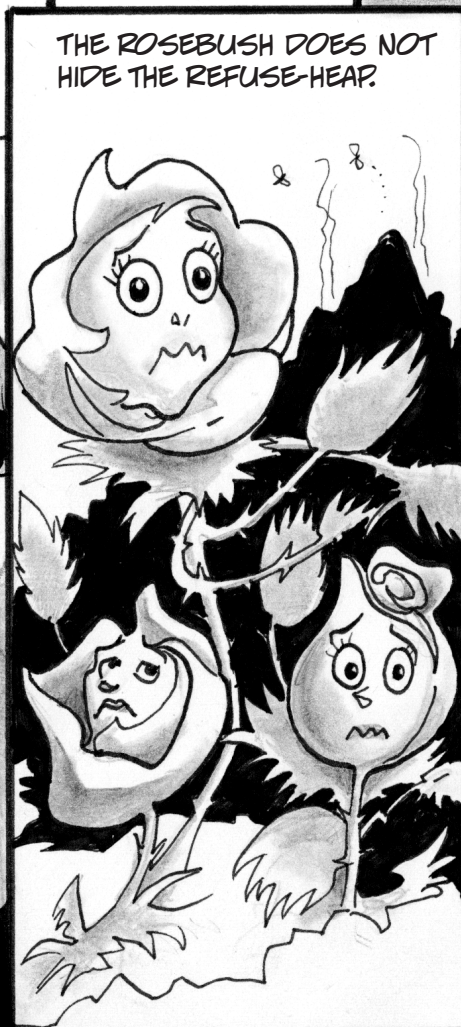
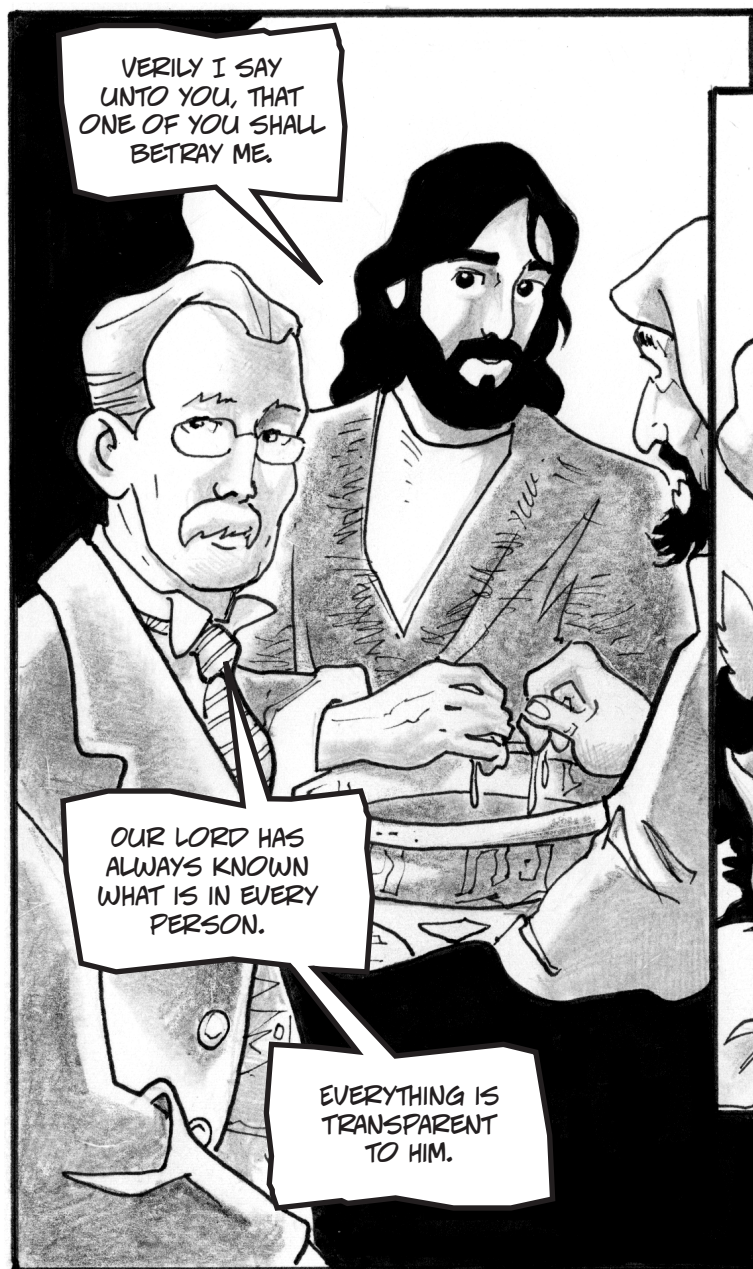


Growing
Stronger,
No. 6:

The Worst and the Best

"HE KNEW WHAT
WAS IN MAN"
(JOHN 2:25 KJV).



WE HAVE NO SECRET
CORNERS TO HIM.

HE KNOWS ALL ABOUT OUR
MOST PRIVATE ROOMS.

ENVY
MALICE
GOSSIP
VANITY
DECEIT
GREED

HERE, AT ANY RATE,
ALL CAMOUFLAGE IS
USELESS.

SUCH LOVELY
HAIR!

HE SEES THE DARK THOUGHTS THAT
HAVE NOT YET FOUND WORDS.

THERE THEY GO
AGAIN, TALKING
ABOUT HOW
PRETTY PATRICIA
IS...

AS IF SHE
DOESN'T KNOW
ALREADY. I
WISH SHE'D GET
FAT AND UGLY.

HE SEES THE PETTY
JEALOUSIES,
DISCONTENT, AND
MEANNESS.

The Lord knows all about us.

WE ARE GLASSHOUSES, AND EVERYTHING IS MANIFEST.

ON THE ONE HAND, THIS SHOULD FILL US WITH HOLY FEAR:



ON THE OTHER HAND, IT SHOULD FILL US WITH INSPIRATION.

REALLY?



THOU, GOD, SEEST ME!

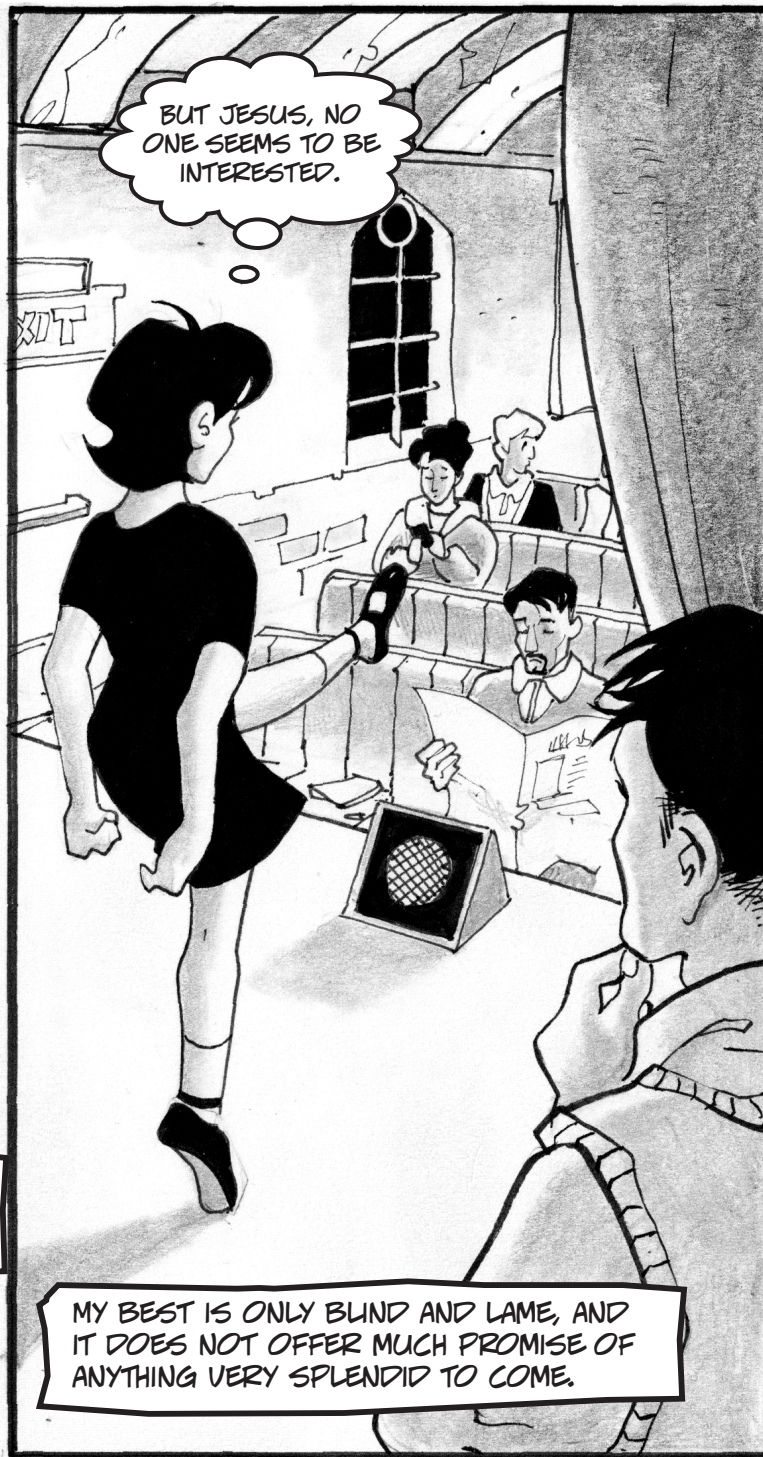


THE LORD CERTAINLY KNOWS MY WORST, AND YET HE HAS THE BEST HOPES FOR ME.

FOR I KNOW THE THOUGHTS THAT I THINK TOWARD YOU, THOUGHTS OF PEACE, AND NOT OF EVIL...



THAT IS ONE OF THE MOST WONDERFUL OF ALL WONDERFUL THINGS!

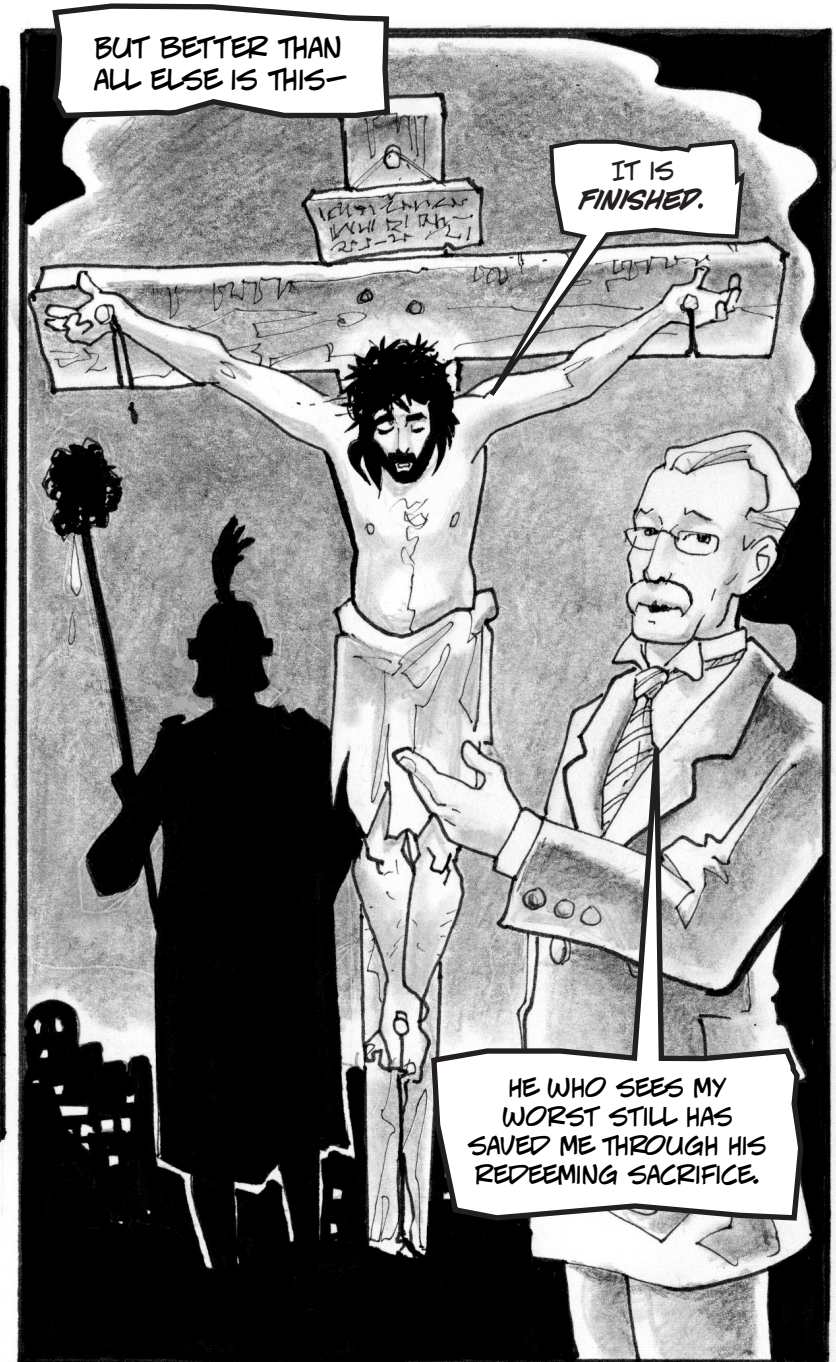
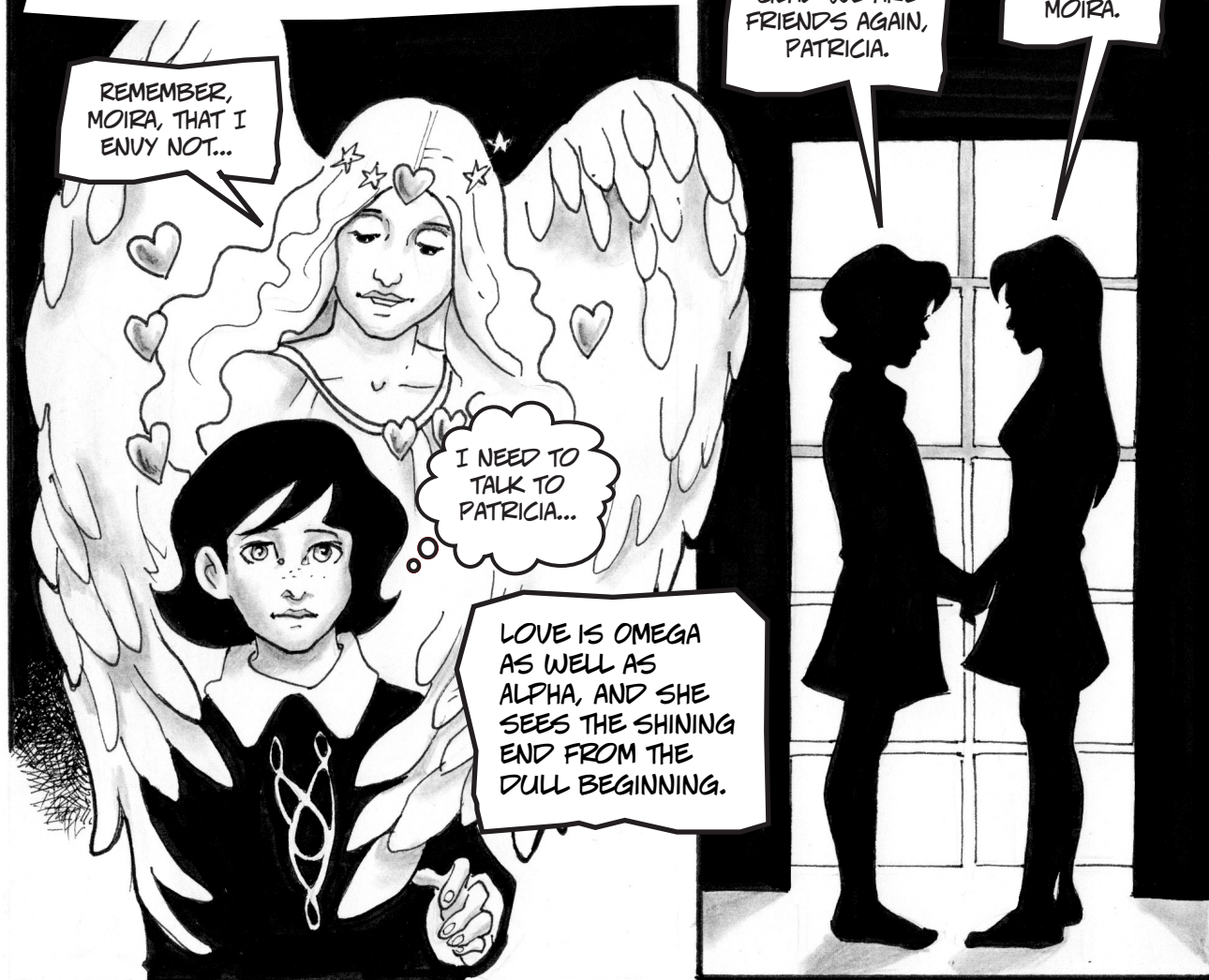


But the Saviour sees my very worst.



This wonderfully hopeful way of looking at the worst is born of His unspeakable love.

FOR IT IS ONE OF THE CROWNING DISTINCTIONS OF LOVE THAT HER SIGHT IS NOT ONLY CLEAR INSIGHT BUT ALSO RADIANT FORESIGHT.



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