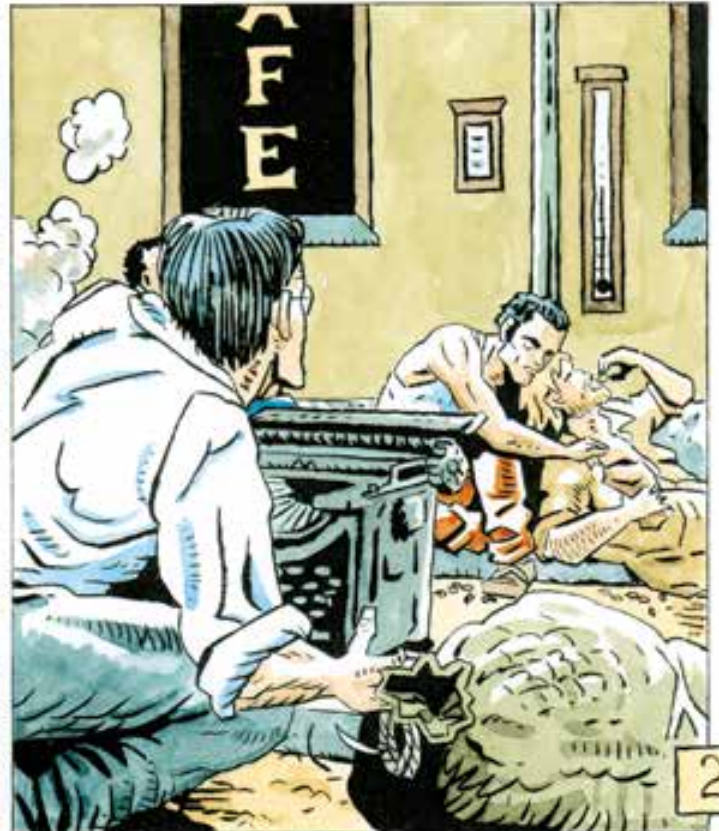
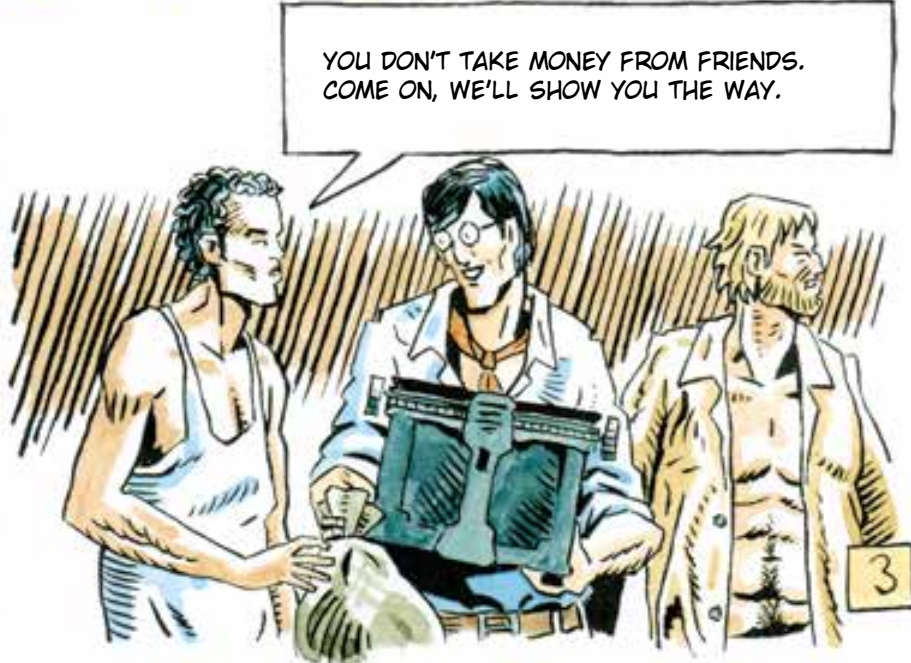
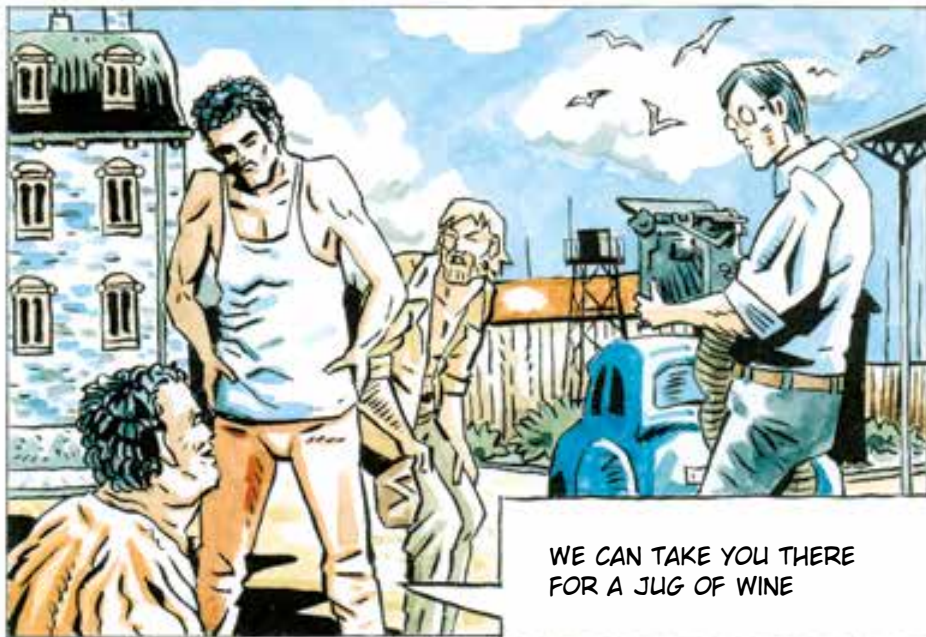




# The Budding Writer







A FEW HOURS LATER.

... BUT WHY HAVE YOU COME HERE?

LIGHT. SCHOOL DON'T SOUND GOOD. I CAN'T READ.

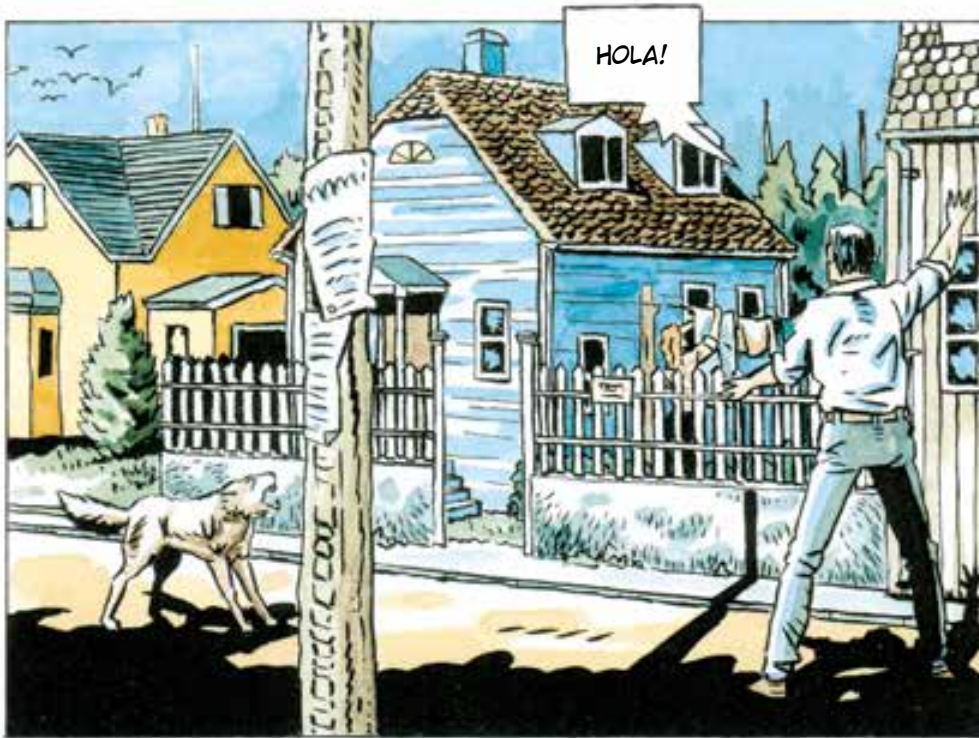
I WENT TO SCHOOL FOR A WHILE. WHAT'S THE BOOK ABOUT?



I'M THINKING ABOUT WRITING A BOOK. BEING A SCHOOLTEACHER WAS MAKING ME SURLY AND I THOUGHT THE SEA MIGHT INSPIRE ME.



I DON'T KNOW YET. BUT I'LL MAKE SURE TO SHOW YOU ONCE I'VE WRITTEN SOMETHING.



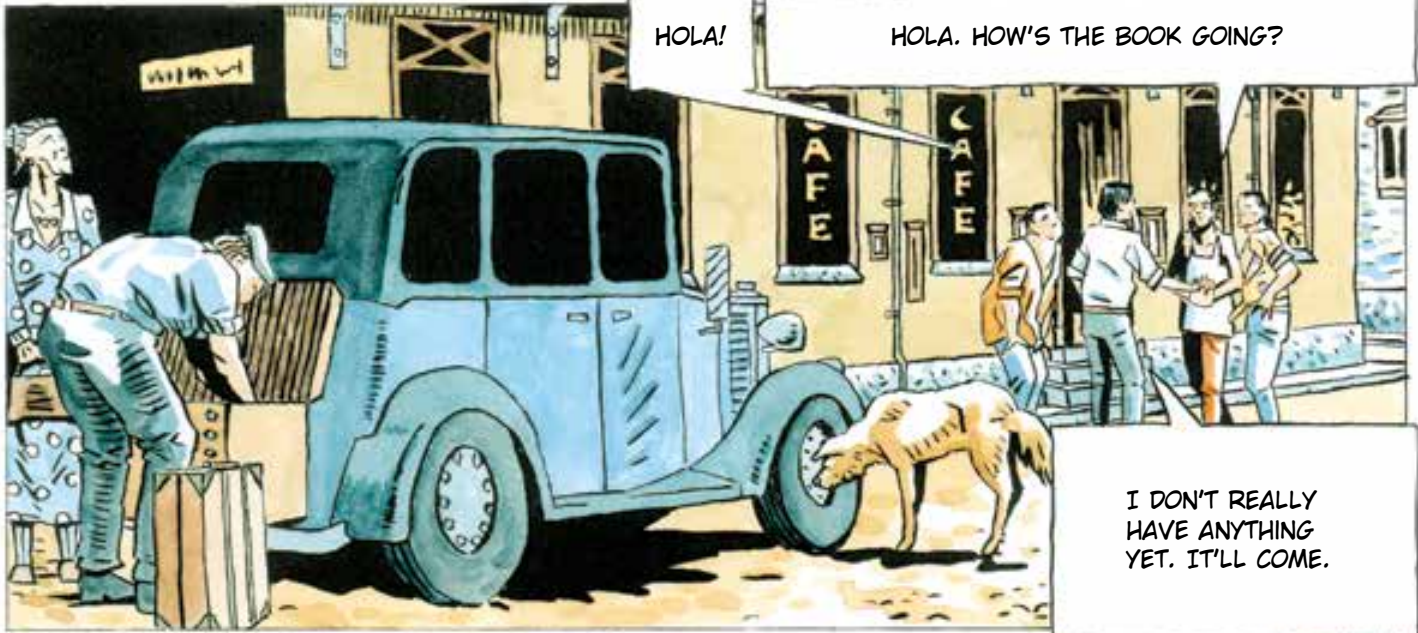
HOLA!



HELLO. I SPEAK ENGLISH.

THE NEXT DAY.





HOLA!

HOLA. HOW'S THE BOOK GOING?

I DON'T REALLY HAVE ANYTHING YET. IT'LL COME.

YOU NEED A VISION LIKE JACOB WHO HAD TO BUILD AN ARK.



JACOB DREAMED OF A LADDER WITH ANGELS.



THAT'S WHAT HE MEANT. VERY NICE OF YOU TO BRING WINE.

THERE'S FOOD IN THE KITCHEN. I'M GOING TO BED NOW. DON'T STAY UP TOO LATE. WE HAVE TO SAVE THE CANDLE.





OH MY! DON'T TELL ME YOU HAVEN'T SEEN THIS BEFORE.



SORRY. I ... EM. I'M HEADING DOWN TO THE BEACH.







HOLA. UNA HABITACIÓN, POR FAVOR.



HABITACIÓN MEANS ROOM.

OH DEAR. YOU'RE SOAKED THROUGH. DON'T YOU SPEAK ENGLISH? HABLAS INGLÉS?



NO, SEÑORITA.

SHE'S SLEEPING NOW. POOR GIRL.

IT GETS WORSE. SHE SAID SHE WAS RAPED BY HER STEPFATHER AND HAD NOWHERE TO GO.

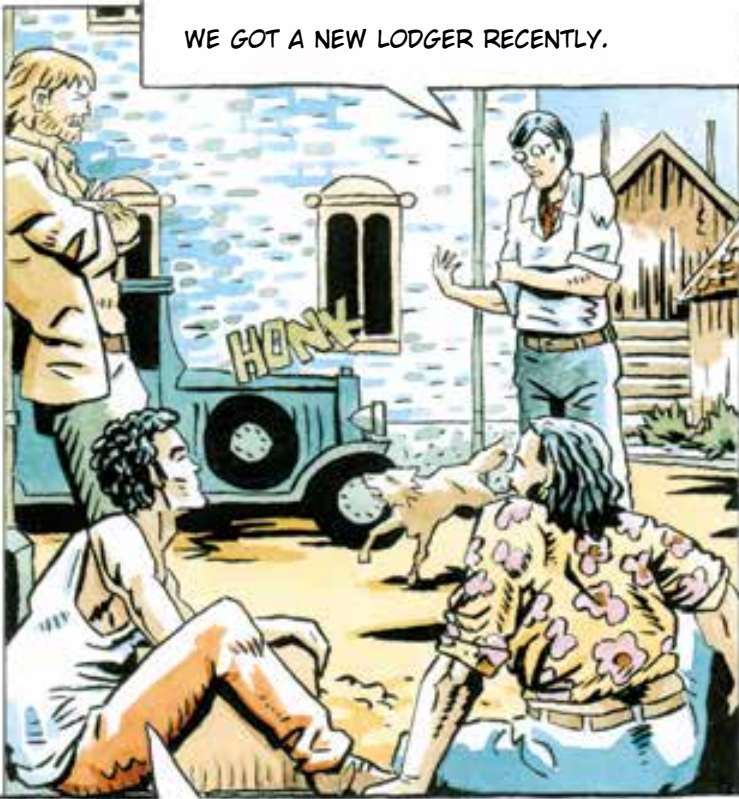
OH NO! SHE'S SO YOUNG AND SHE HAS NO MONEY. I'LL BRING HER TO THE CANNERY DOWN AT THE HARBOR TOMORROW. THEY'RE ALWAYS HIRING PEOPLE. I'VE NO PLANS TO JUST RUN A SHELTER.



WOULD YOU LIKE SOME WINE?

WE GOT A NEW LODGER RECENTLY.

IT WAS HER STEPFATHER ...



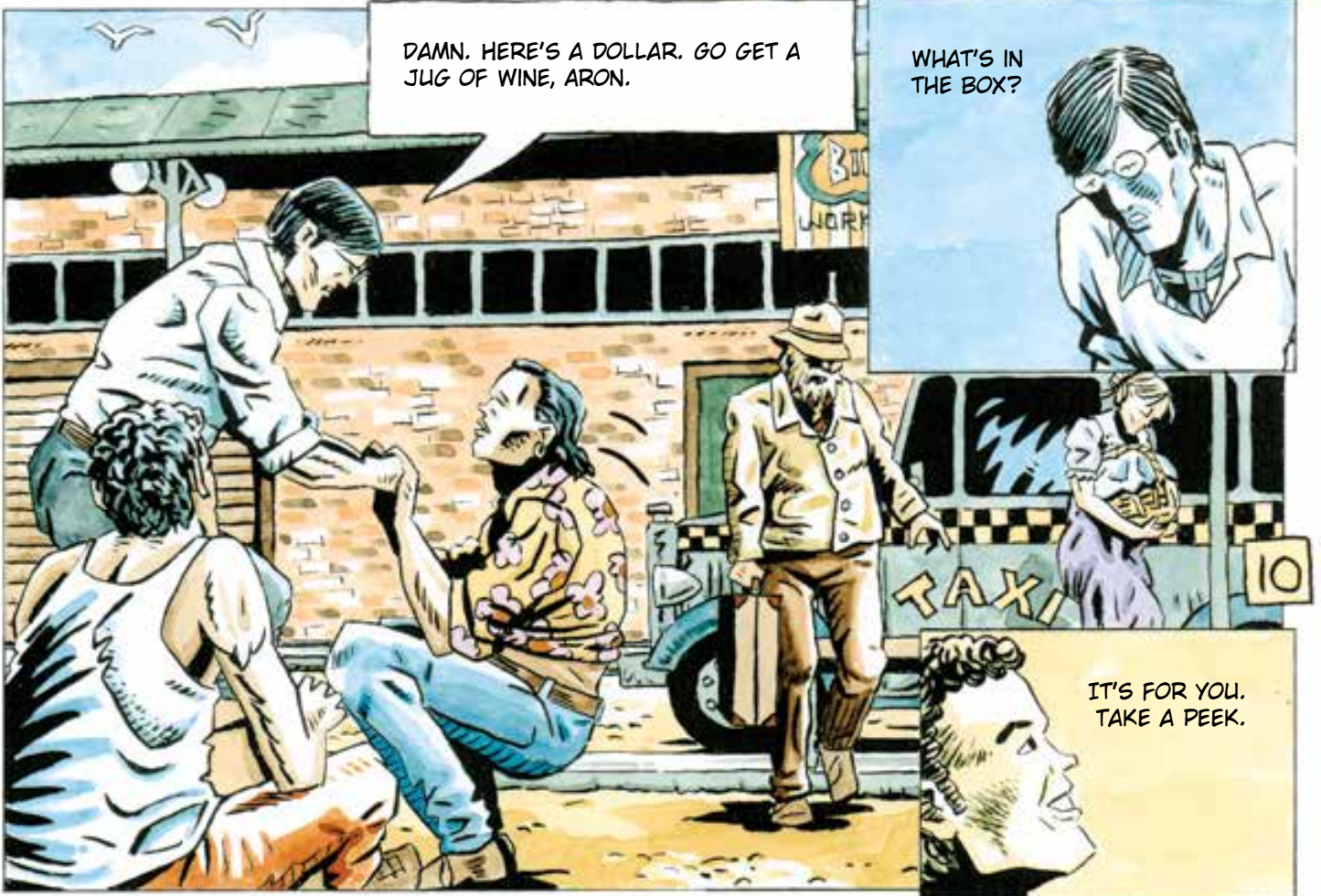
SI, SI. ESE  
DIABLO.

WE KNOW. WE'RE THE ONES WHO SENT HER.  
THE POOR GIRL IS PREGNANT.



DAMN. HERE'S A DOLLAR. GO GET A  
JUG OF WINE, ARON.

WHAT'S IN  
THE BOX?



IT'S FOR YOU.  
TAKE A PEEK.