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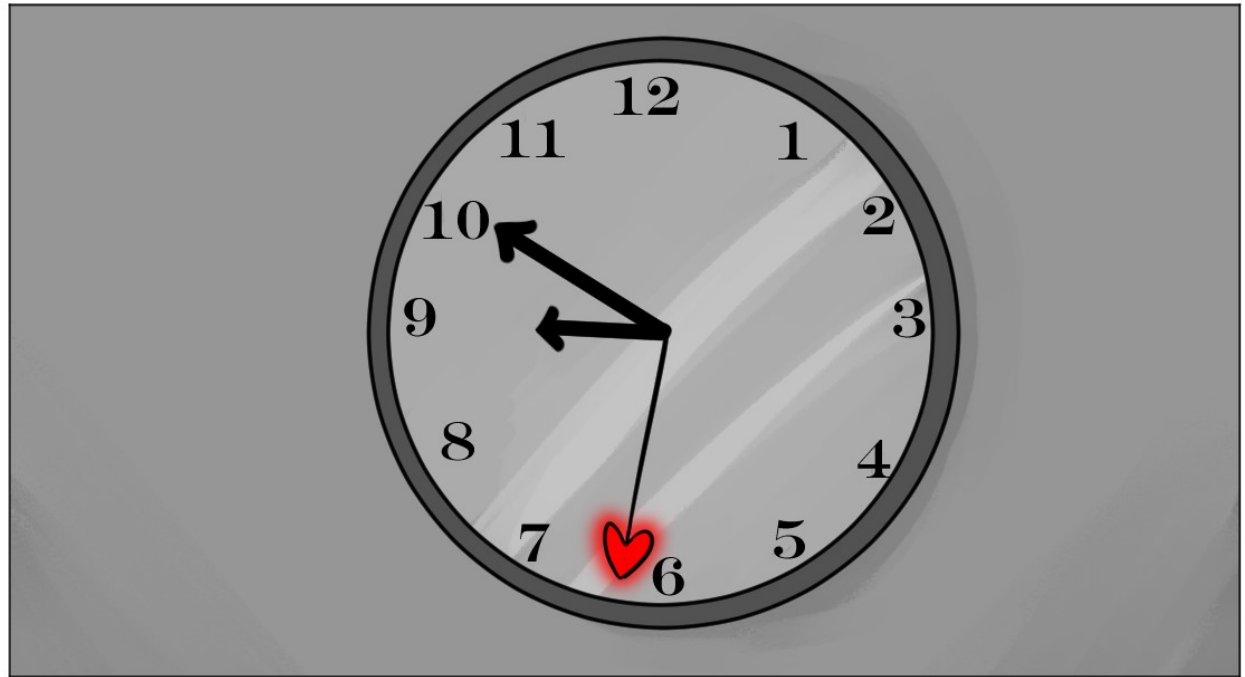


# 32

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It took me exactly  
32 seconds to fall in  
love with him



I know this  
because I have  
the event recorded  
on a tape that I've  
watched many times

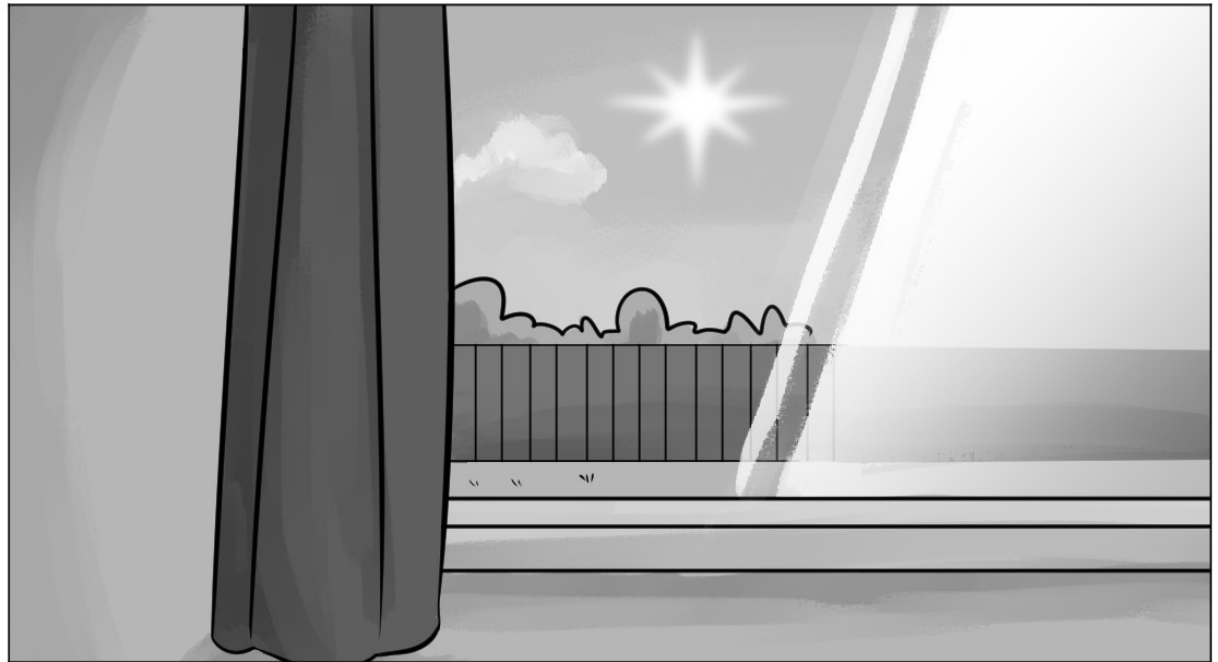


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# CHAPTER 1

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It started out as an  
ordinary day



I took my dog for a  
walk by the river as  
usual





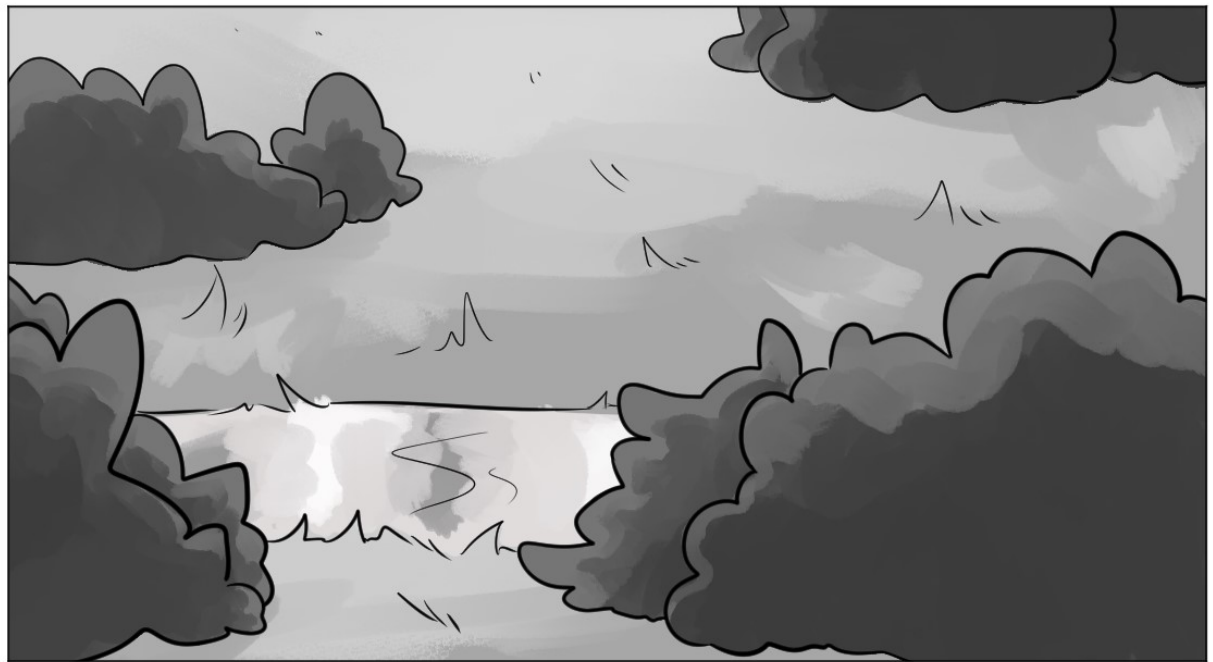
After a while  
I noticed a small  
TV crew



One of the men  
came over and  
asked if I'd mind  
being interviewed



A woman's body had  
been found in the  
bushes by the river



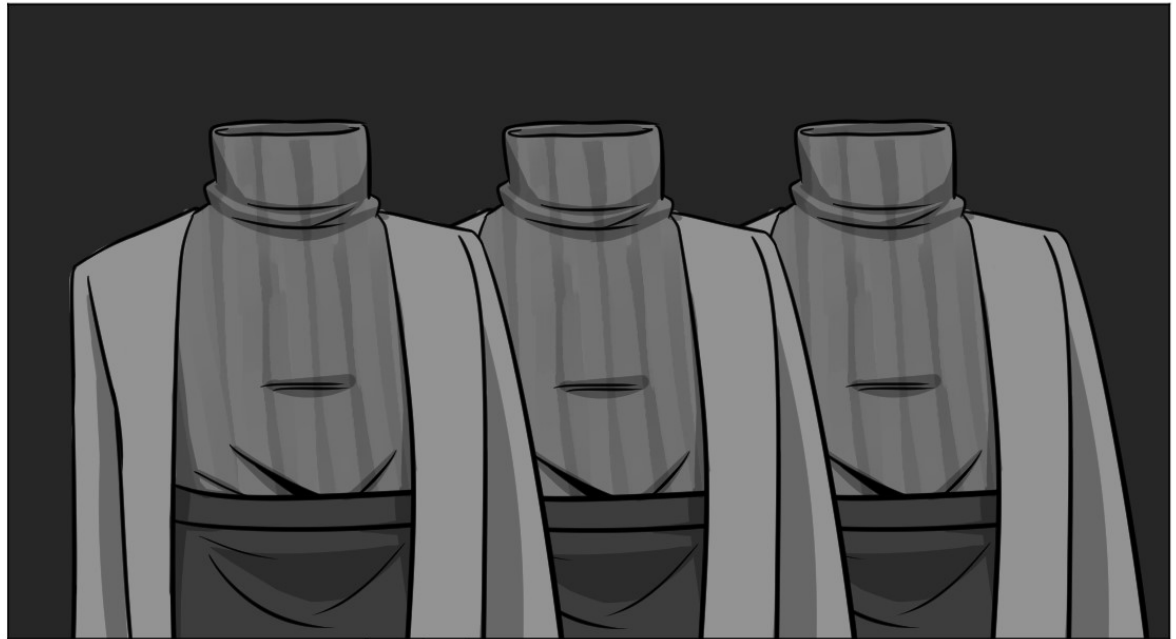
The news reporter  
asked me about a  
typical morning  
along the river



He described the  
clothes the woman  
had been wearing



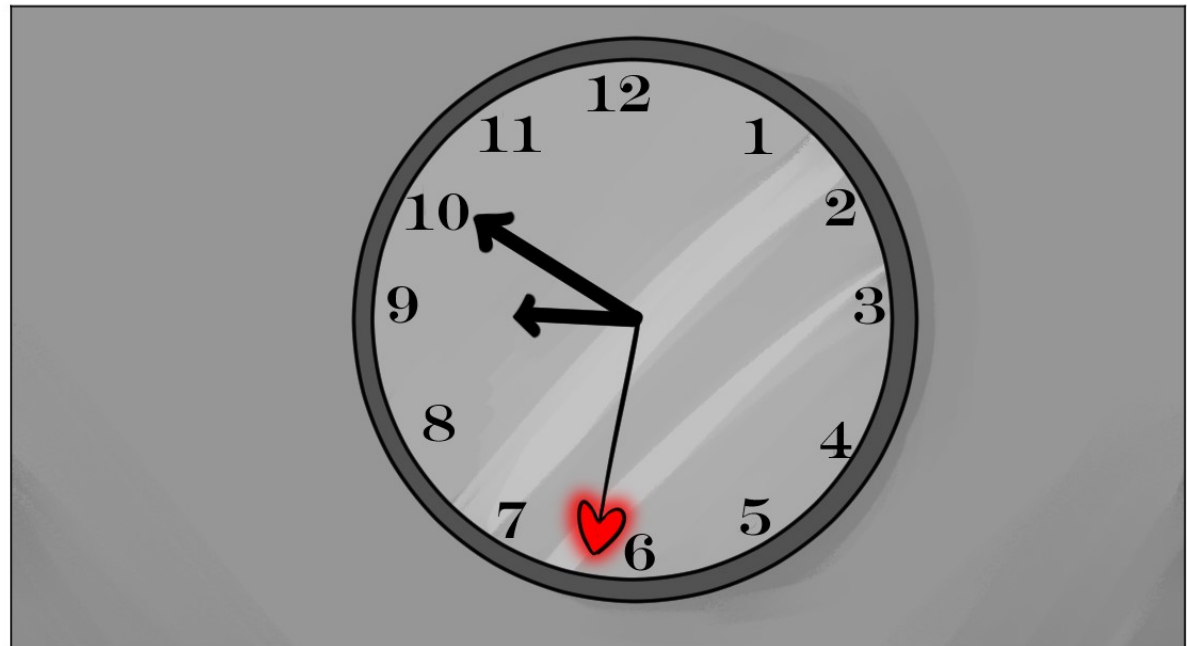
They were familiar-sounding, but very commonplace ones



Then he said "Thank you"  
and smiled. At that point  
I fell in love with him



The smile  
happened after  
32 seconds

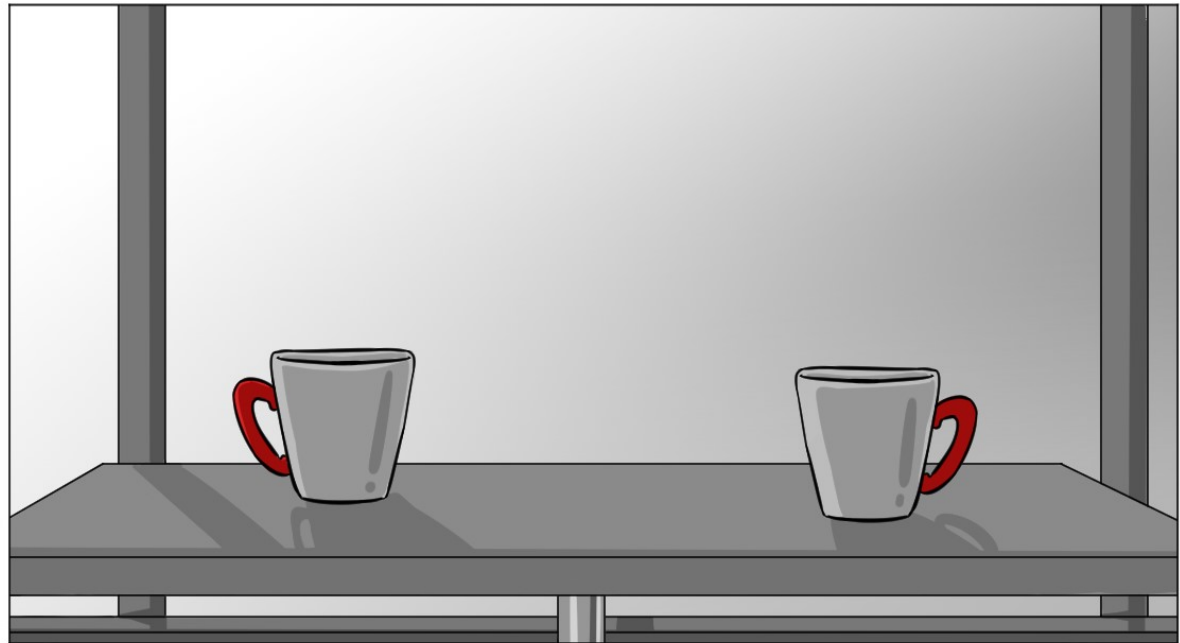




I wanted to see him  
again so I went to  
the studio that day



He was pleased to  
see me and took  
me for coffee



There was an  
instant bond, our  
souls felt complete



He came to see me  
the next day.  
We were inseperable



The body in the bushes  
was my mother's

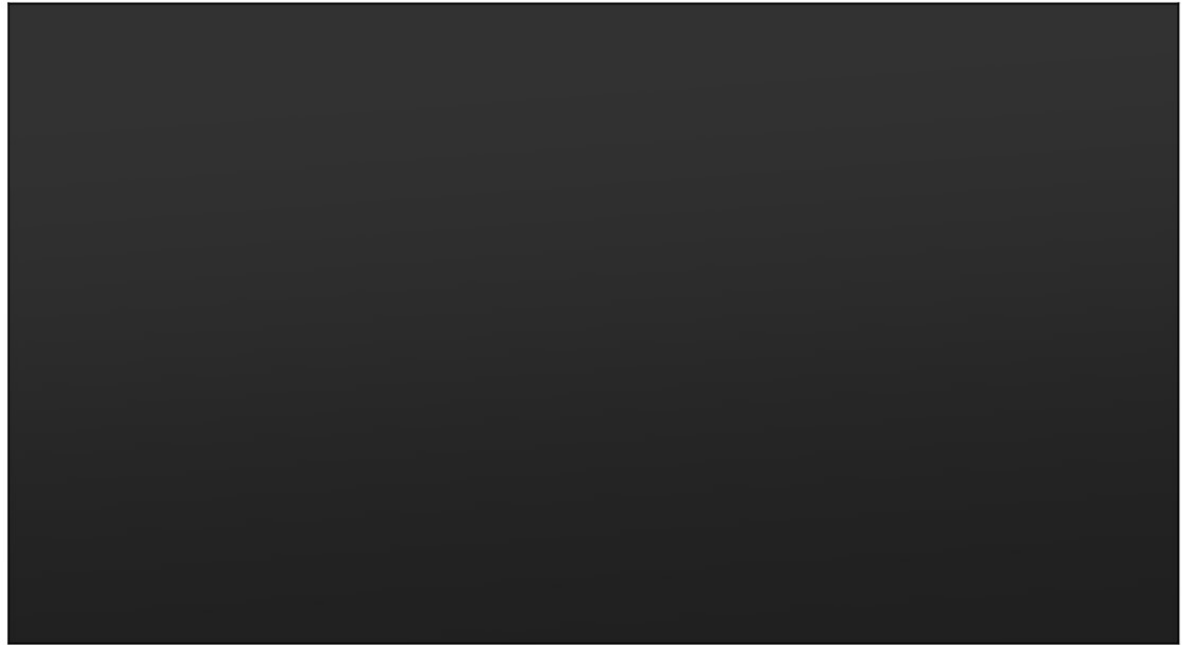


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# CHAPTER 2

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The following days  
were very, very dark



He was with me as  
often as possible,  
supporting me





Weeks and weeks went  
by and he supported  
me unconditionally



Very, very slowly  
the darkness cleared.  
Just a little



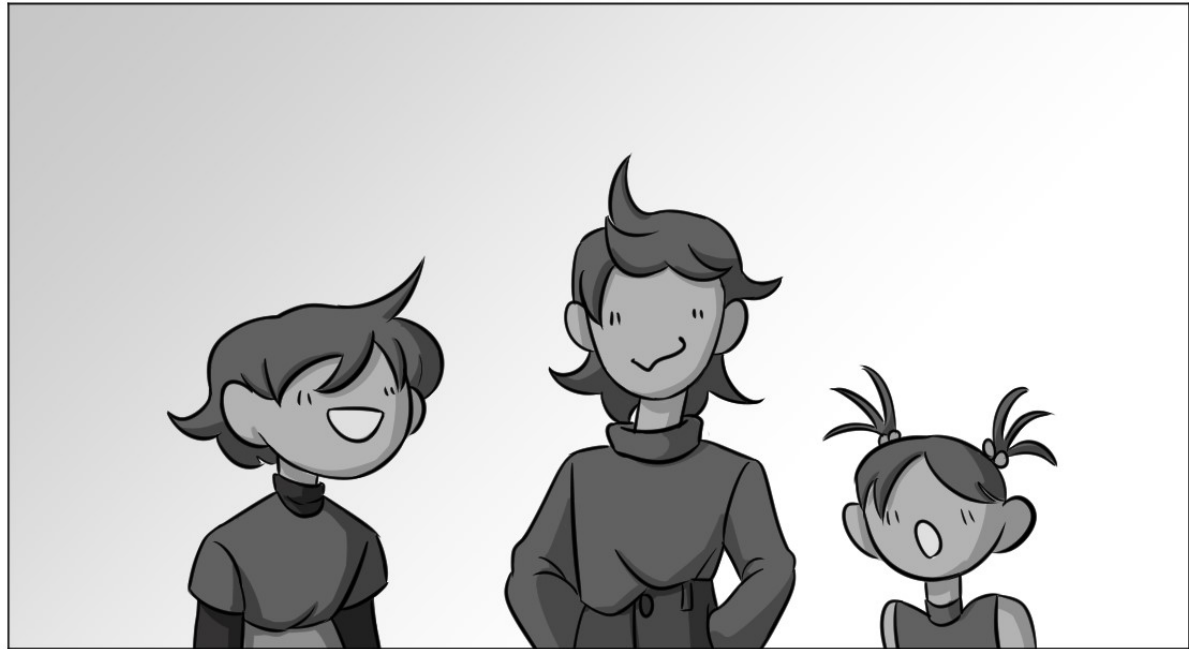
I was able to focus  
on him. On us



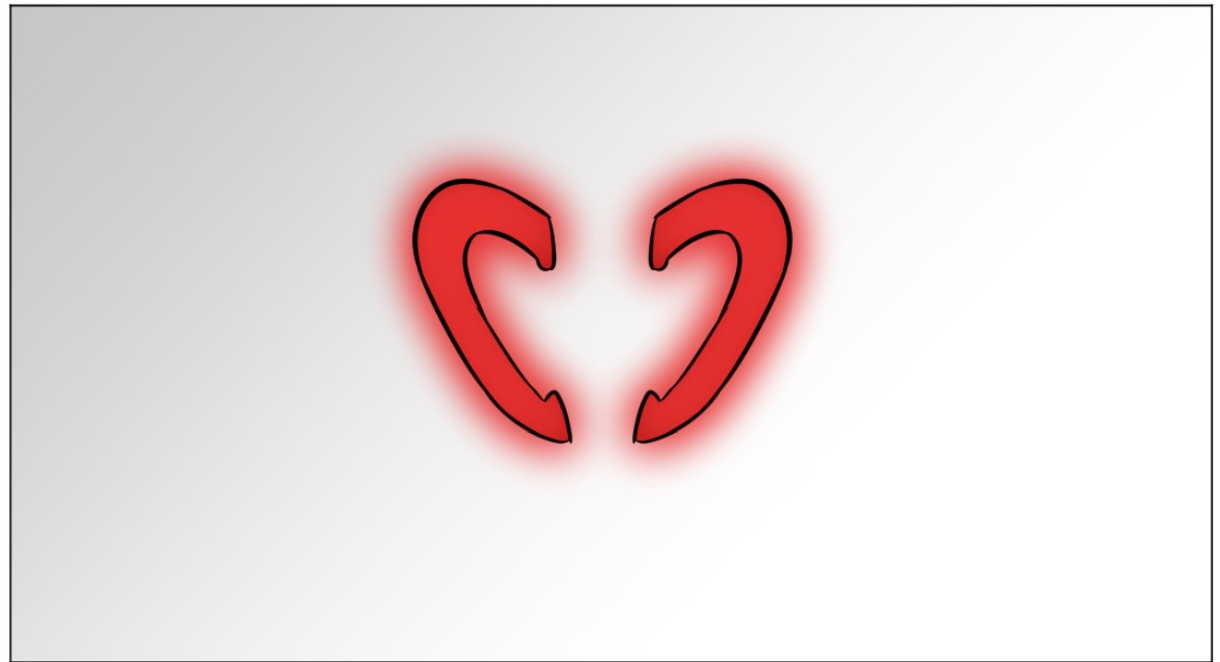
We married



Had three kids



Our love continued  
to grow



But there was never a  
time when the darkness  
left completely



It's been 32 years.  
I still watch the video

