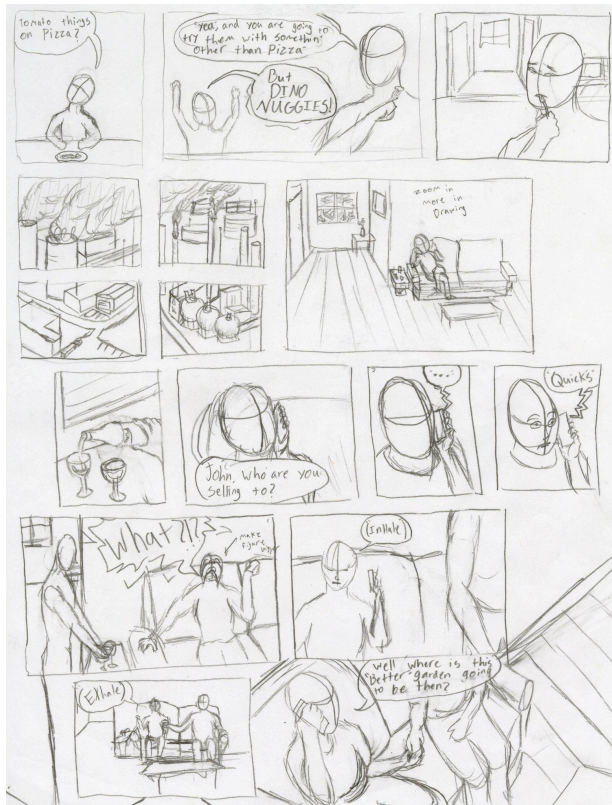


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Throughout the summer, I have been working towards creating a comic book. The goal was to create this comic book to show and educate more on the importance of community and fighting food insecurity. I chose to use the medium of a comic book rather than a novel or artwork because I saw the importance of using images to show the characters and how they are impacted.

In creating this project, I planned out how I would end up with a finished product. First, I created a storyline, script, and storyboard. Then I worked on the drawing process. The storyboarding and drawing elements of the project are the most important. They are essentially the bones and structure of the comic book itself. What comes next is using pen and ink to establish line weight and variation in shades. This step is more of the appearance of the comic and how the artwork will be perceived. This is an example of the drawing and storyboarding process.



In these eight weeks, I feel as though I met my goals even though some things ran more behind than I thought they would. I made an extreme amount of progress and there is still more to go. After the inking is finished, I plan to print black and white copies and then digitally color it later. I will be able to then work on getting the comic book into the local and college libraries.

This project is extremely important to me because it allowed me to expand on the medium of comics that I have taken an interest in my whole life. It will set me forward in life and my own artistic interests and work. The next steps after the project is finalized are the FURSCA 2025 spring exhibition, presenting at Elkin Isaac in April 2025, and posting the project digitally so people can have free access to view it.

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