

WINTER'S CHOICE

A GRAPHIC NOVEL BY INDIA MADSEN

ONE NOVEMBER DAY AT SCHOOL...



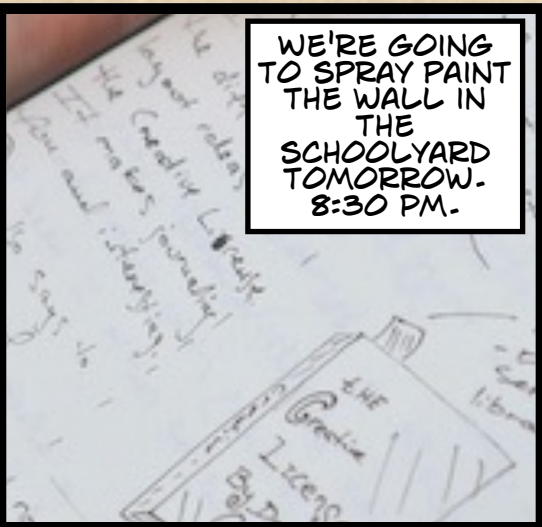
WINTER IS DOING HER WORK QUIETLY.



HER FRIEND LUCY PASSES HER A NOTE



WE'RE GOING TO SPRAY PAINT THE WALL IN THE SCHOOLYARD TOMORROW. 8:30 PM.



LATER,

WILL YOU BE THERE, WINTER?



WINTER TAKES THE
SCHOOL BUS HOME.



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THAT EVENING---

I WONDER
WHAT WILL
HAPPEN WITH
LUCY'S IDEA. I
DON'T LIKE
BREAKING THE
RULES.

AND, FOR
WHAT? TO BE
MORE POPULAR. I
WISH EVERYBODY
WOULD LIKE ME
FOR WHO I AM.

BUT, IF
I WASN'T
FRIENDS WITH
LUCY, PEOPLE
WILL STOP
WANTING TO BE
MY FRIEND...

WITH THAT, WINTER SLIPS
INTO A DREAM---



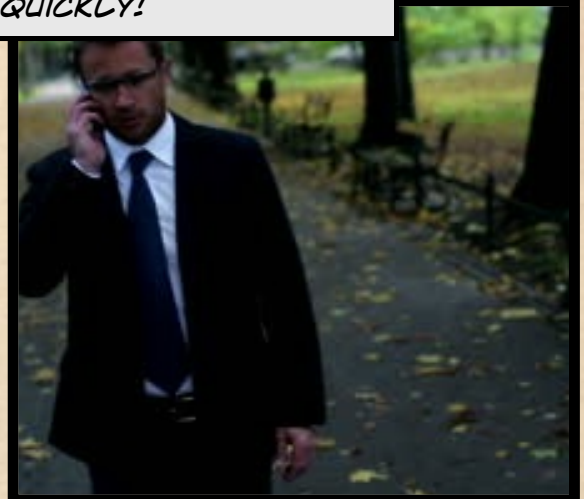
SHE DISCOVERS
HERSELF SPRAY
PAINTING THE WALL
WITH HER FRIENDS.



WINTER NOTICES A TEACHER COMING OUT OF THE CORNER OF HER EYE!



HE IS WALKING TOO QUICKLY!



THE TEACHER NOTICES THEM, WITHIN MINUTES HE HAS CALLED THE POLICE!

TORONTO POLICE DEPT HERE...

HELLO, I'D LIKE TO REPORT SOME TEENS VANDALIZING PRIVATE PROPERTY.



LATER...



PLEASE NO!

YOU ARE BEING CHARGED WITH VANDALISM AS A YOUNG OFFENDER.

WINTER AWAKES IN A COLD SWEAT



HOW COULD I DO THAT? WOW!

SHE FINALLY TURNS OUT THE LIGHT AND HAS A NEW DREAM...



THE DREAM STARTS OFF WITH WINTER IN HER ROOM.



BUT, AS THE ILLUSION PROGRESSES, WINTER NOTICES HER CELL PHONE, WAITING TO CALL LUCY...



IN A FEW MINUTES, AFTER A LOT OF CONVINCING ON WINTER'S PART...



LUCY, LAST NIGHT I HAD A DREAM THAT WE WERE SPRAY PAINTING THE WALL. THEN, WE GOT ARRESTED AND HAD TO GO TO JAIL! I REALIZED THAT IT COULD HAPPEN IN REAL LIFE.

I DON'T WANT TO BE ARRESTED, I LIKE MY LIFE. MAYBE WE SHOULD CALL THIS OFF.



LUCY FINALLY BELIEVES WINTER.



I NEVER WANT TO BREAK THE RULES AGAIN!

WINTER AWAKES.



I WON'T LET MY FRIENDS CHOOSE WHAT I DO ANYMORE!

I WANT TO BE MY OWN PERSON!

THE END!