

CMN 231 A3 Comic-script

Overview/preface (?)

This comic, currently titled *Familiar* (subject to change), revolves around the universal experience of making new friends in a new environment. I am quite introverted and keep to myself often, so the idea of reaching out to people has always been daunting, regardless of how many times I've successfully done so. My comic simply seeks to share a bit of my experience in university within the first few weeks of the term.

The comic follows my morning routine of getting ready and going to class. It follows the journey to my first class of the day and my first encounter making a new friend in university

Other comic notes:

- Pages and script are divided by 'sections' as I plan to have a more dynamic panel layout
- I don't plan to use much dialogue and therefore a lot of the storytelling will depend on the visuals
- Comic won't be fully coloured

Page 1 : Getting ready

section 1: I wake up to my laptop flashing at me in bed, surrounded by papers and notebooks, having fallen asleep while reviewing class notes. I check my phone as I brush my teeth and scroll past the countless email and class reminders to see a singular message notification

section 2: I open to see it is from a group chat of some mutuals in my program. I send a message in the active chat and flusteredly swipe away after being left on seen, cutting to my message list. Aside from the group chat, the last messages I sent were from over a week ago to present how little I've been talking to people

Page 2 : the commute

section 3: As i leave my front door, it transitions to a flashback of our elementary friend group walking home from school. Comic cuts to a paralleled panel of me walking down the same street by myself with my earbuds in.

section 4: I board my bus and sit at the back by myself as another flashback cuts in to show my high school friends and I taking the bus (this all to simply emphasise how I'm not socialising much and have been MIA with my friends)

Page 3 : Class

section 5: I walk through campus to my class, zoning out to the music in my headphones and drowning out the conversations of the people around me. I notice someone I know and fail to share a greeting as they pass by

section 6: I make my way to my class building and follow someone to the elevator down. We exchange glances and friendly smiles before leaving the elevator on the same floor. We exchange another smile as we both enter the same room

Page 4 : a new friend !!

section 7: class starts and I find the closest desk to the door (that just so happens to have nobody around it). I'm handed a booklet and immediately struggle with solving the problems in the package.

section 8: I look around to see everyone working on problems together and make eye contact with the same person from the elevator. With a small nod they gesture for me to come over and the comic ends with us introducing ourselves formally and doing the work together.