

A3: Comic Creation Script: GRADUATION

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PANEL 1 [Long shot]: Evelyn is standing in her bedroom, looking in the mirror, hairbrush in hand. We see a calendar on the wall, month of June 2018, with a date circled. She is wearing a dress. Her room has a fuzzy carpet, Taylor Swift posters, and a guitar.

1. NARRATION: The dreaded day had come.

PANEL 2: Close up on the calendar, revealing what the circled date (with a red circle) says.

2. CALENDAR: On June 28 - GRAD
3. NARRATION: High School Graduation

PANEL 3: Front door of the house. A short woman and a tall man stand in the doorway holding bags, smiling and waving. The man's bag has an american flag patch.

4. NARRATION: My aunt and uncle had traveled 7 hours to be here

PANEL 4 [wide shot]: Image of the foyer of the house. There is a curved staircase and a railing along the second floor. The family dog is at the bottom of the stairs looking up with her tail wagging.

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| 5. NARRATION: | The house was abuzz |
| 6. MOM (off - kitchen): | Jenn says she'll meet us there |
| 7. LIL SIS (off- bathroom): | Where's the hair curler? |
| 8. BIG SIS (off- basement): | Has anyone seen my brown purse? |
| 9. EVELYN (off- her room): | We have to leave soon! |

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PANEL 5 [wide shot]: We see a black dodge caravan with tinted windows and a speech bubble coming out of it.

10. NARRATION: I tried putting things off as long as I could. I postponed getting my license since Dad was supposed to teach me how to drive. We only had

one lesson.
11. DAD: The van is hard to teach in, it has big blindspots

PANEL 6: Evelyn is sitting at on a porch bench with her arms crossed. She is wearing sunglasses and her hood is up.

12. NARRATION: Meeting my mom's new boyfriend.
13. MOM: My therapist warned me about **this**!
14. CHRIS: Hi?

PANEL 7: We see a bride running away from a wedding arbour.

15. NARRATION: Lord forbid what would happen if I ever get married.

PANEL 8: Evelyn is in the middle row of the family van, looking out the window. She is wearing the same dress seen in panel 2. A separate smaller panel showing a picture of Mom and Jenn pouring a glass on wine.

16. NARRATION: But this was out of my control.

17. NARRATION: I am glad to have all this support. Everyone is here with their parents. Then there's my mom and her best friend Jenn.

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IN BETWEEN PANELS

18. NARRATION: The thing is.....

PANEL 10: Evelyn is sitting on her bed, scrolling on her phone. Jenn walks into the house with dinner. (speech bubble coming from door frame)

19. NARRATION: The other day I forgot what it was like to have him around.
20. JENN (from bubble): Guess who brought dinner?

PANEL 11: Evelyn, Lil sis, Big sis, Mom and Jenn are sitting at the dinner table. They are having a fun time. The dog is begging at Evelyn's chair. They are eating Mary Brown's chicken.

21. NARRATION: The new normal was just normal.

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PANEL 12 [wide shot]: The living room. Dad is sitting on the couch and has a dinner plate. Lil sis and Evelyn are sitting on the floor in front of him also with dinner plates. Mom is sitting on the other side and Big Sis is on her phone on a chair. The dog is begging for food from Dad.

22. NARRATION:	A few nights ago I dreamt he came home. And we all sat in front of the TV to eat dinner. I forgot how often we did that.
23. NARRATION:	But that felt so far away.

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PANEL 13 [vertical, birds eye view] Evelyn is in line at graduation.

PANEL 14: Four different photos directly from her childhood, family photos that have Dad in them. All photos are labeled with a year.

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PANEL 15: Evelyn is on stage at graduation looking out at the crowded auditorium.

24. NARRATION:	It is hard to allow myself to live.
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PANEL 16: Shot of a camera taking a photo, emphasis on the flash.

25. NARRATION:	But life keeps moving forward.
26. MOM (off-screen):	SMILE!

PANEL 17: Evelyn is on stage at graduation looking out at the auditorium, but now it is empty except for one seat, the figure is a lighter shade of grey, with a white outline.

27. NARRATION:	And so will I.
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PANEL 18: The photo taken in panel 16. Labeled 'Evelyn's Grad 2018.' Real life photo!