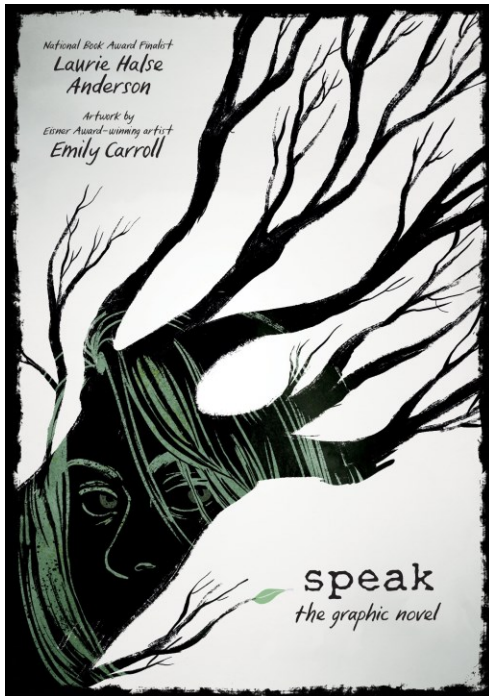


SPEAK: THE GRAPHIC NOVEL



Young Adult Graphic Novel

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Book Summary:

A teenage girl has difficulties in school and home after keeping her sexual assault a secret.

Summary of Concerns:

This book contains profanity; alcohol use involving minors; controversial social commentary; self-harm including anorexia, and suicidal ideations; sexual activities; and sexual assault.

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Page	Content
3	"Trojan means condom, and that wasn't a strong abstinence message he said. Better the devil you know than the Trojan you don't, I guess.
32	The illustration on the bottom right of the page depicts a teenage girl with a cigarette in her mouth.
33	The illustration on the top of the page depicts a teenage girl in a bathroom, with a smoking cigarette in her fingers near her mouth.
76	I think overbearing Eurocentric Patriarchs would be perfect, but I don't mention it.
85	"So tell me why my son can't get a job. I'll tell you why- REVERSE DISCRIMINATION."
87	"...As a citizen and a student, I am protesting the tone of this lesson as racist, intolerant, and xenophobic."
88	"...I try to get a debate going and you people turn it into a race thing. Sit down or you're going to the principal."
101	"The knife and fork are obviously middle-class sensibilities..."
123	I only get two days of vacation before my parents force me into illegal child labor.
143	She has stopped eating and bitches about retaining water all the time.
144	This week she's down to a size one and she's killing herself to get down to a size zero.
154	<p>The illustration on the bottom of the page depicts a teenage girl's arm with several horizontal lines across the forearm. She is holding a modified paperclip to her arm next to a line.</p> <p>The text on the page reads: If a suicide attempt is a cry for help... ...then what is this? A whimper? A peep?</p> <p><i>See Figure 1.</i></p>
241	He kissed me, man kiss, hard, sweet, and deep.
242	<p>The illustrations on the bottom of the page depict a man holding the back of woman's head while forcefully kissing her lips.</p> <p>The illustration below the above, depicts two people's thighs while wearing jeans. One person has their leg pressed into the groin of the other one with their hand on the other person's outer buttock.</p> <p>The illustration on the bottom depicts a person's shoulder leaning into a woman. The woman's hand is pushing on the other person's shoulder as the other person is grasping her left breast.</p> <p>The text on the page reads: He was getting rude, but my tongue was thick with beer.</p> <p><i>See Figure 2.</i></p>
243	The illustration on the top of the page depicts a couple kissing. The woman is pushing the man's right shoulder back as his right hand is reaching under her shirt toward her left breast.

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245	The illustration on this page depicts a man lying on top of a woman from a posterior view. The woman's left hand is clinched in a fist while the man is tightly holding her wrist. The text on the page reads: No. I do not like this. ...His lips lock on mine and I can't say anything.
246	There is a boulder on top of me. In my head I'm screaming NO, I DON'T WANT TO! But no one can hear me. He makes sure of that.
247	...crimping my hair and gluing on fake nails and he smells like beer and mean and he hurts me and hurts me AND HURTS ME AND...he smiles.
252	"We are THE HORNETS, HORNY, HORNY HORNETS!!!..."
297	Was I raped?
298	"You said 'no.' He covered your mouth. You were thirteen years old. Just because you were drinking didn't give him permission to have sex. You didn't give him your consent." "Didn't you ever think of telling anyone? You were raped."
318	The climax of mating season is nearly upon us: the Senior Prom.
329	I stand on the edge of a cliff, wondering if I'm going to fall or jump.
331	I didn't call the cops to break up the party. I called cuz... a guy raped me. Under the trees. I was stupid and drunk and I didn't know what was happening and he raped me.
345	The illustration on the middle upper area of the page, depicts a man pulling up a woman's dress. She is pushing his right chest away. The illustration on the upper right of the page depicts the same couple described above. The man has his right hand on her left breast as her face looks toward the audience in disgust. The text on the page reads: When she told him to stop humping her on the dance floor, he ignored her. <i>See Figure 3.</i>
350	"Rachel said you're spreading some bullshit story about me raping you. I never raped anybody. I don't have to. Every girl in school is talking about me like I'm some kind of pervert."
351	"What's wrong ugly? Haven't been able to get any since that night?"

Profanity	Count
Ass	1
Bitch	5
Piss	2
Shit	2

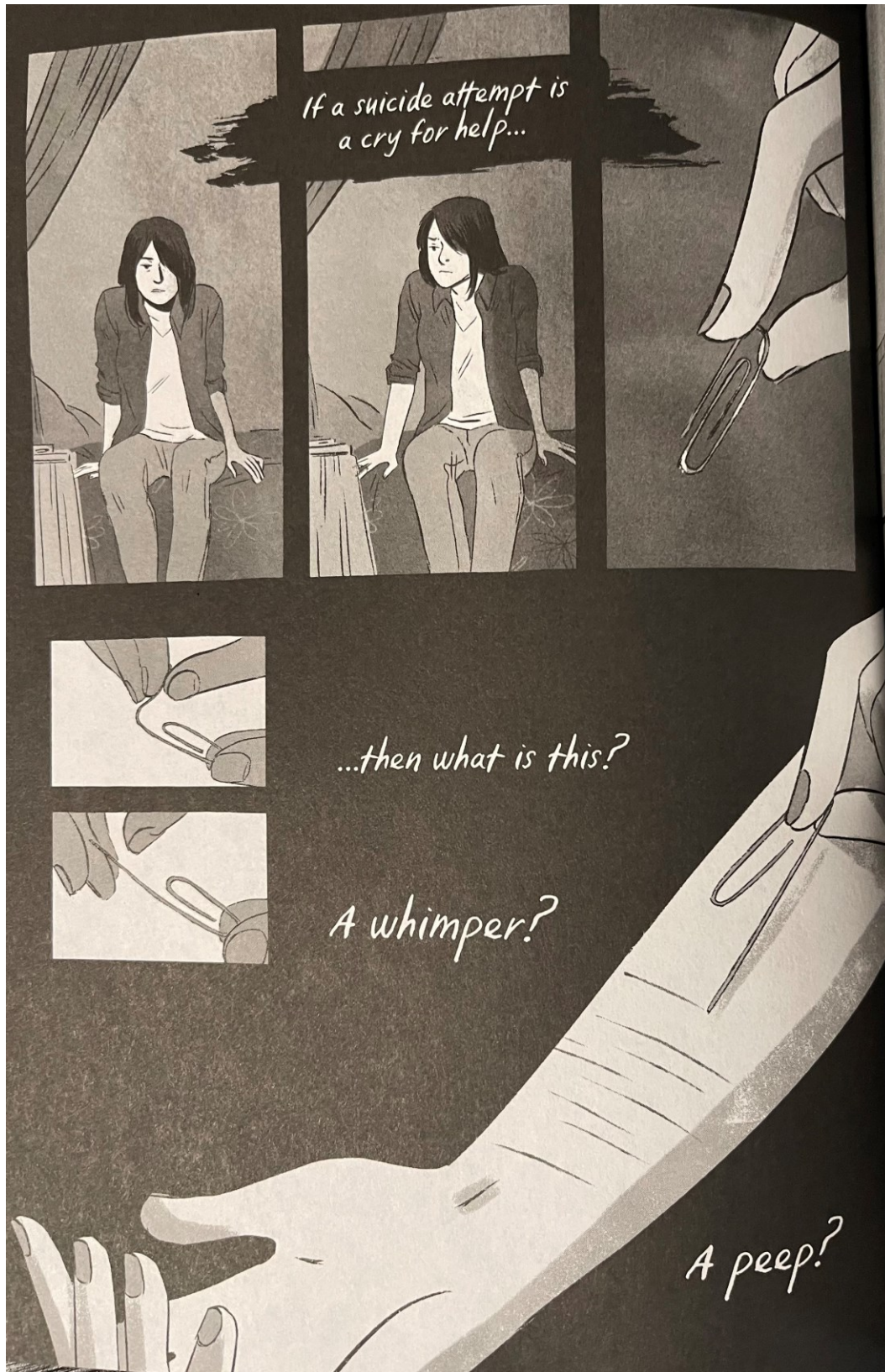


Figure 1

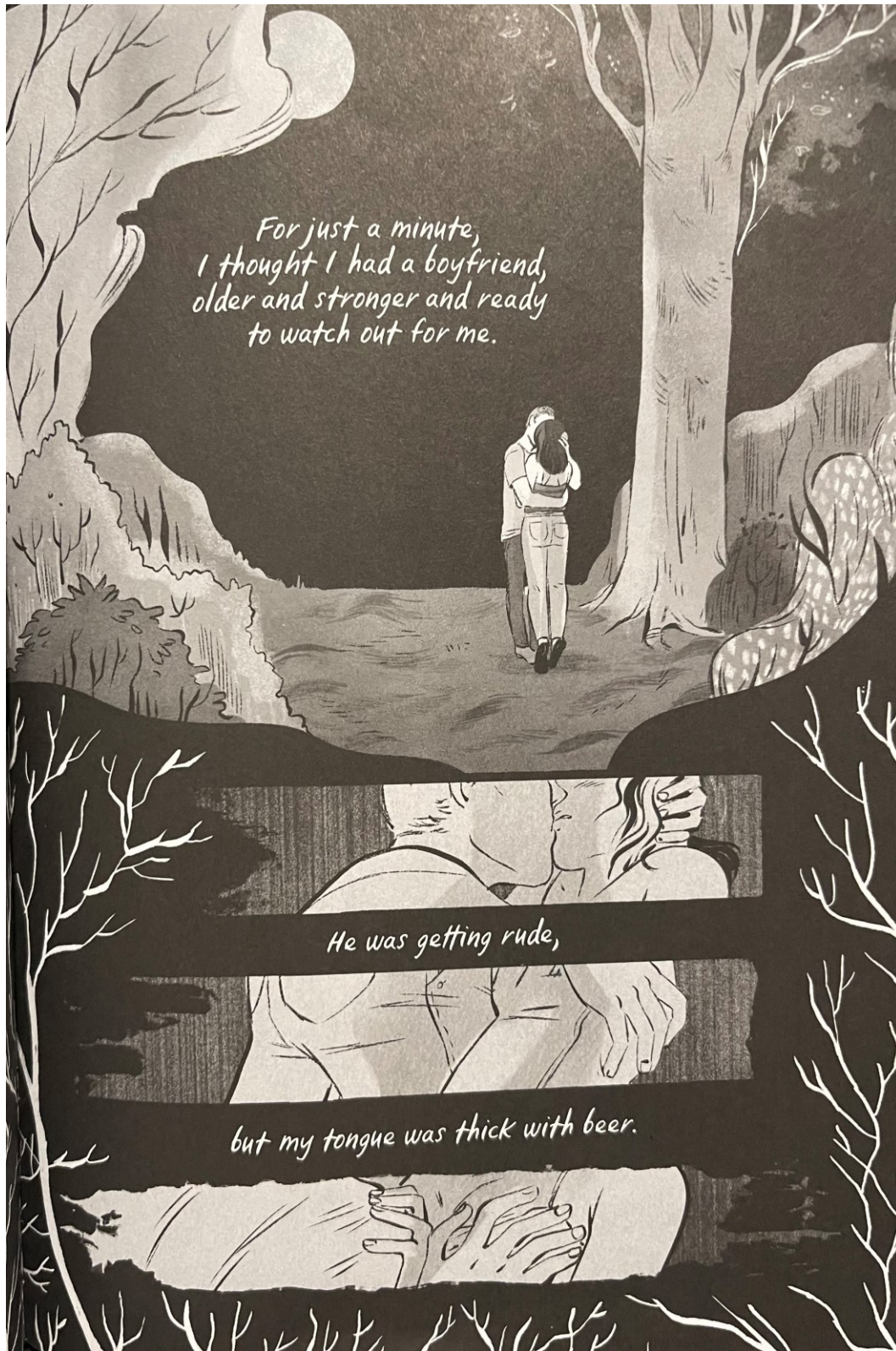


Figure 2



Figure 3