

IT IS SNOW OUTSIDE

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HE HAD TO CUT OFF THE LAST TWO LEAVES OF THE PLANT.

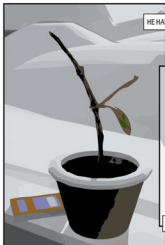
IT WAS JUST A MATTER OF TIME.

ALTHOUGH HE HAD HOPED THAT HE MAY BE WRONG ...

... THAT BY SOME MIRACLE THE LIFE IN IT WILL FIGHT ITS WAY.

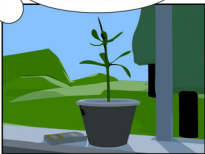
IT DIDN'T.

MAYBE IT WAS HIS FAULT?



TOO MUCH WATERING OR WHAT?

HOW LONG DO THESE PLANTS LIVE AFTER ALL?
PERHAPS IT WAS SIMPLY ITS END?
IT DIED FROM OLD AGE.





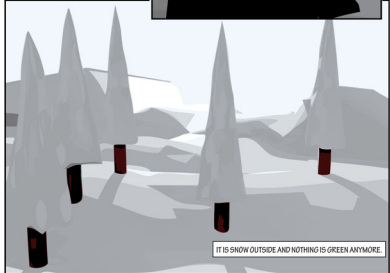
STILL, THE LEAVES KEPT SOME MOISTURE
AND THEY RESISTED CRUMPLING ...

... BEFORE HE THREW THEM IN GARBAGE.



HE WATCHES THE POT FULL OF SOIL
FROM WHICH A NAKED PIECE OF STALK EMERGES.

HE WILL HAVE TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT THAT ...



IT IS SNOW OUTSIDE AND NOTHING IS GREEN ANYMORE.