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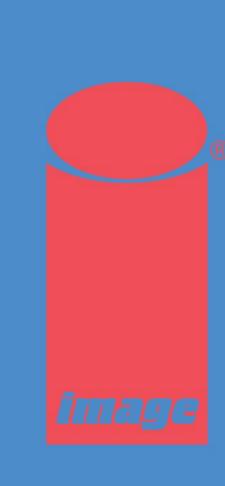
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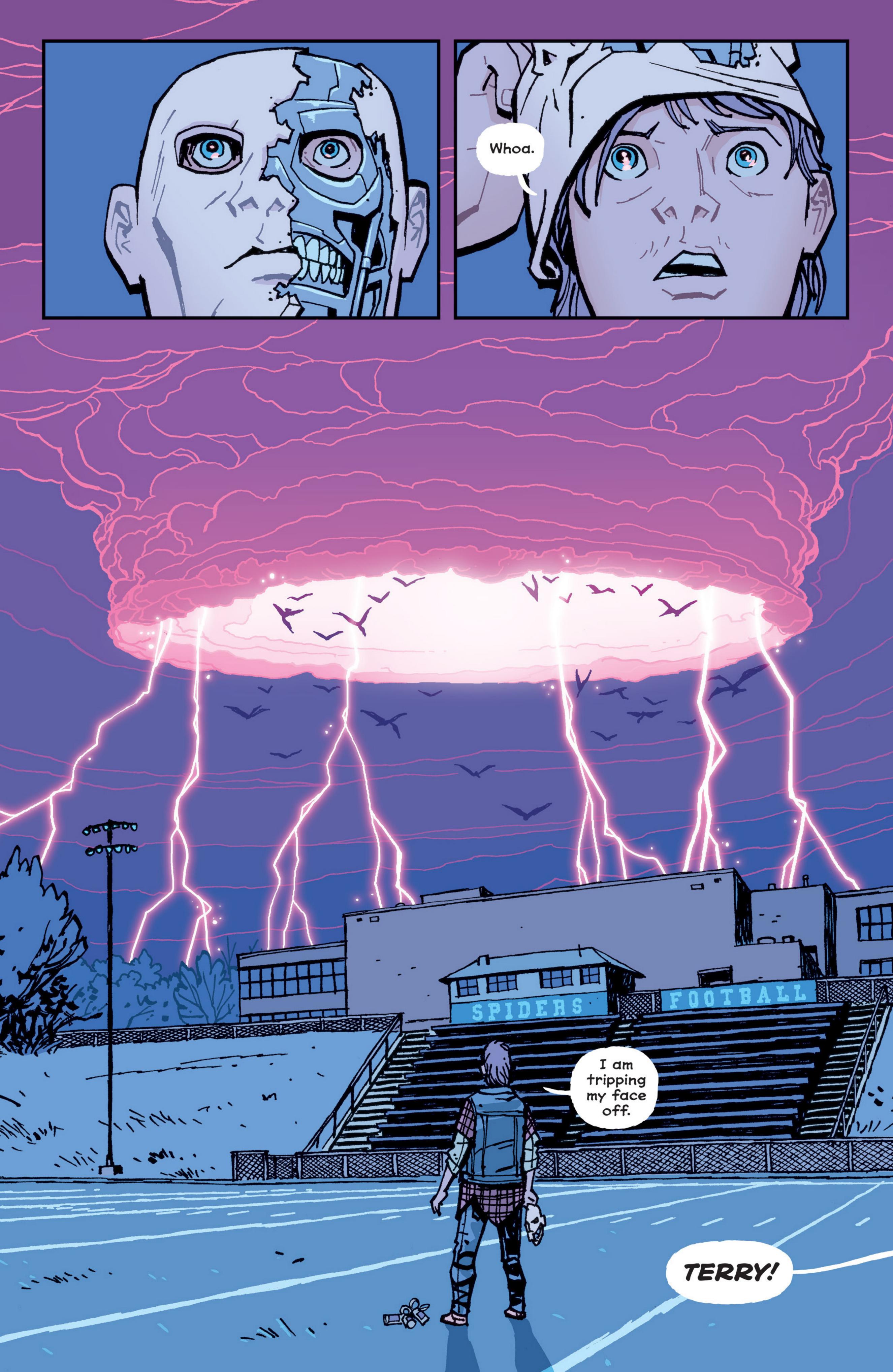
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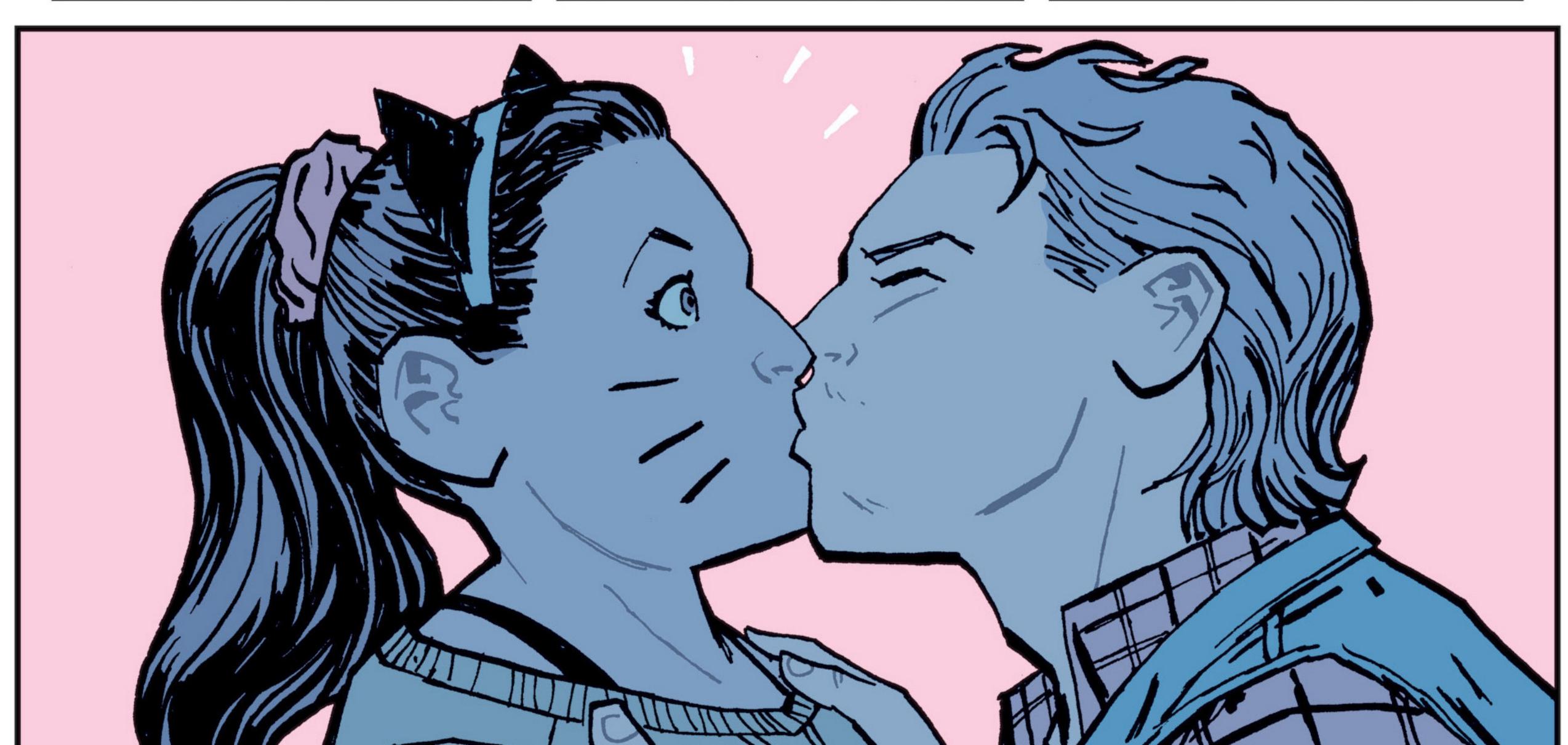












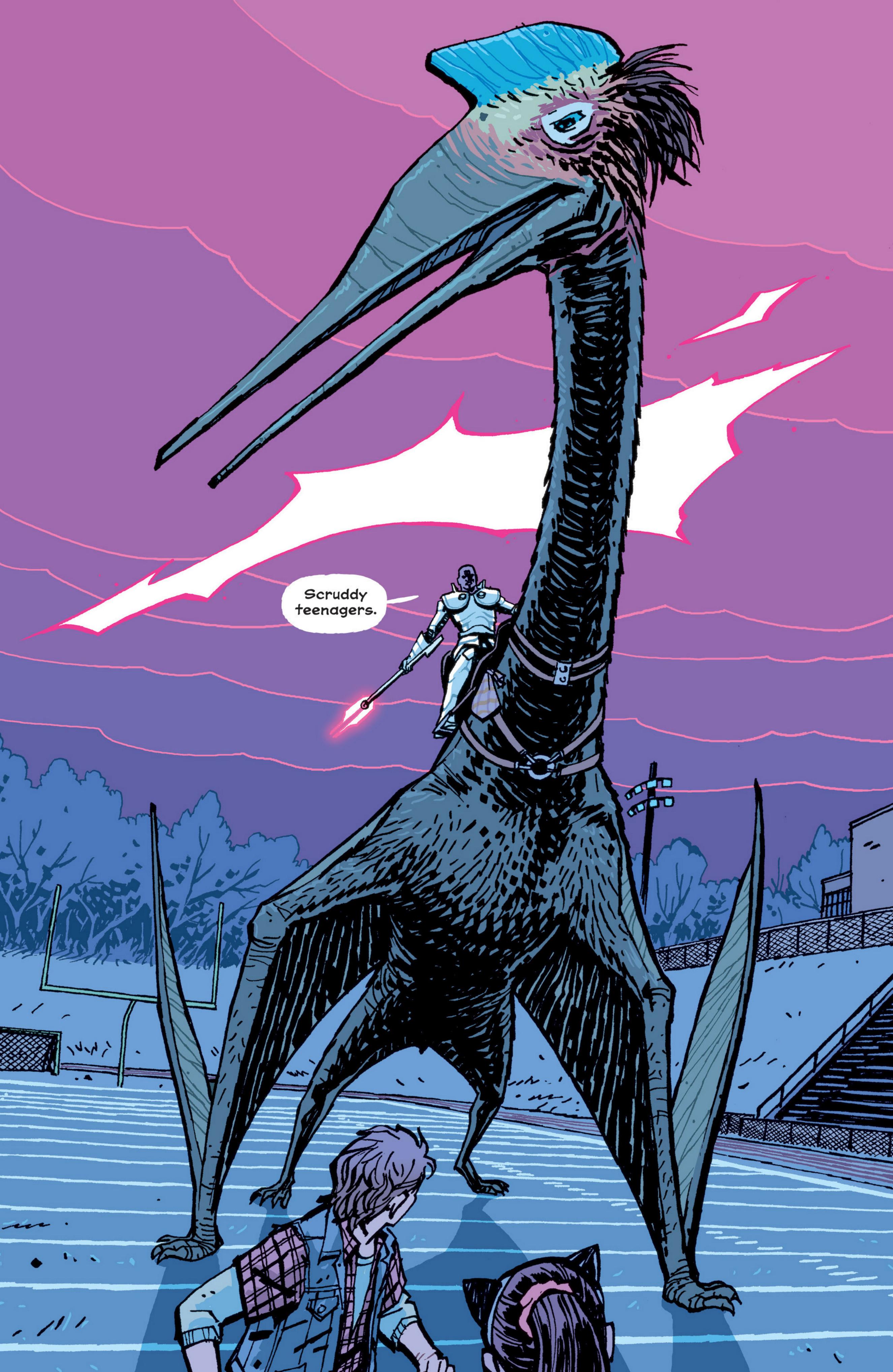


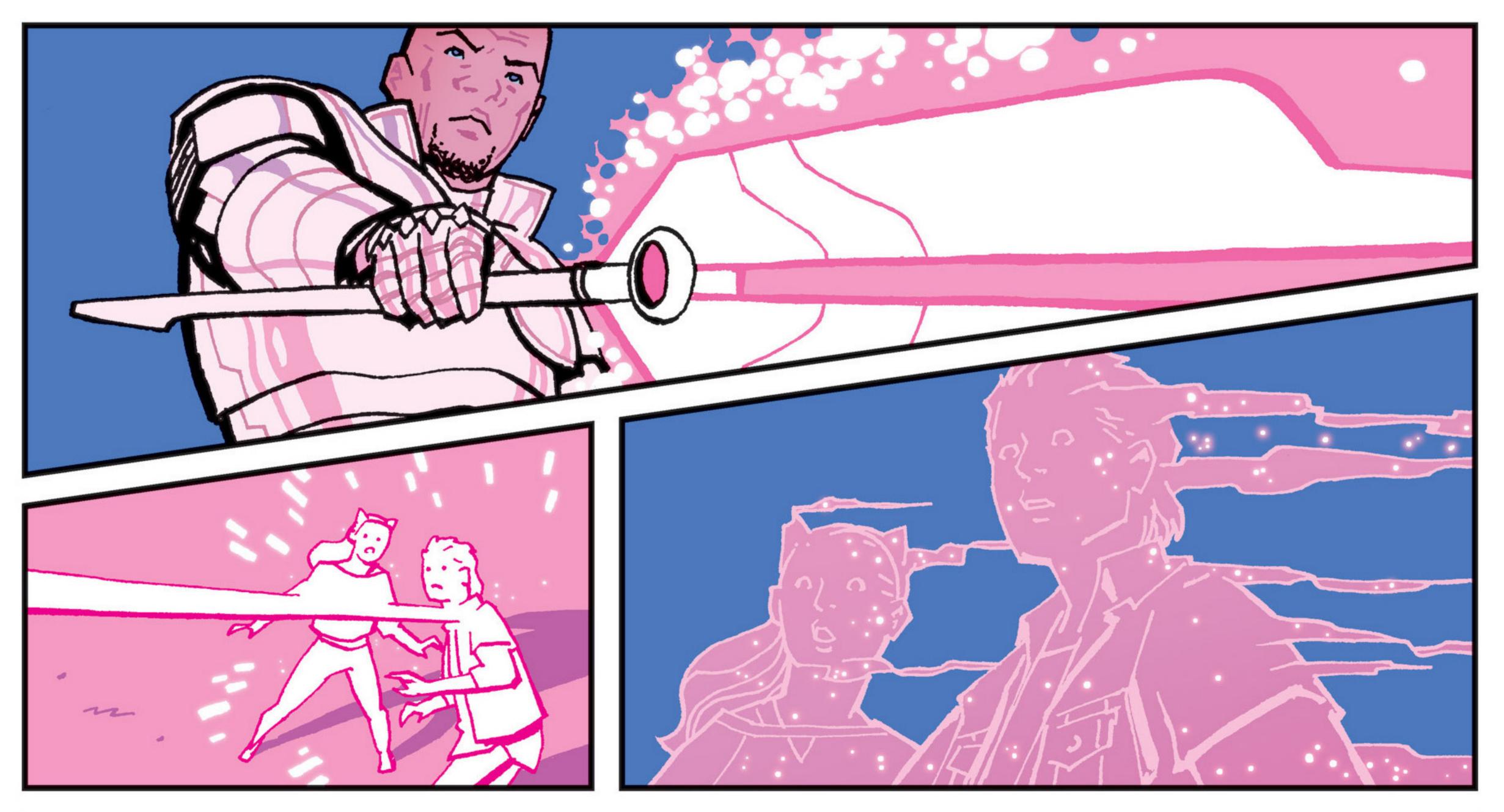


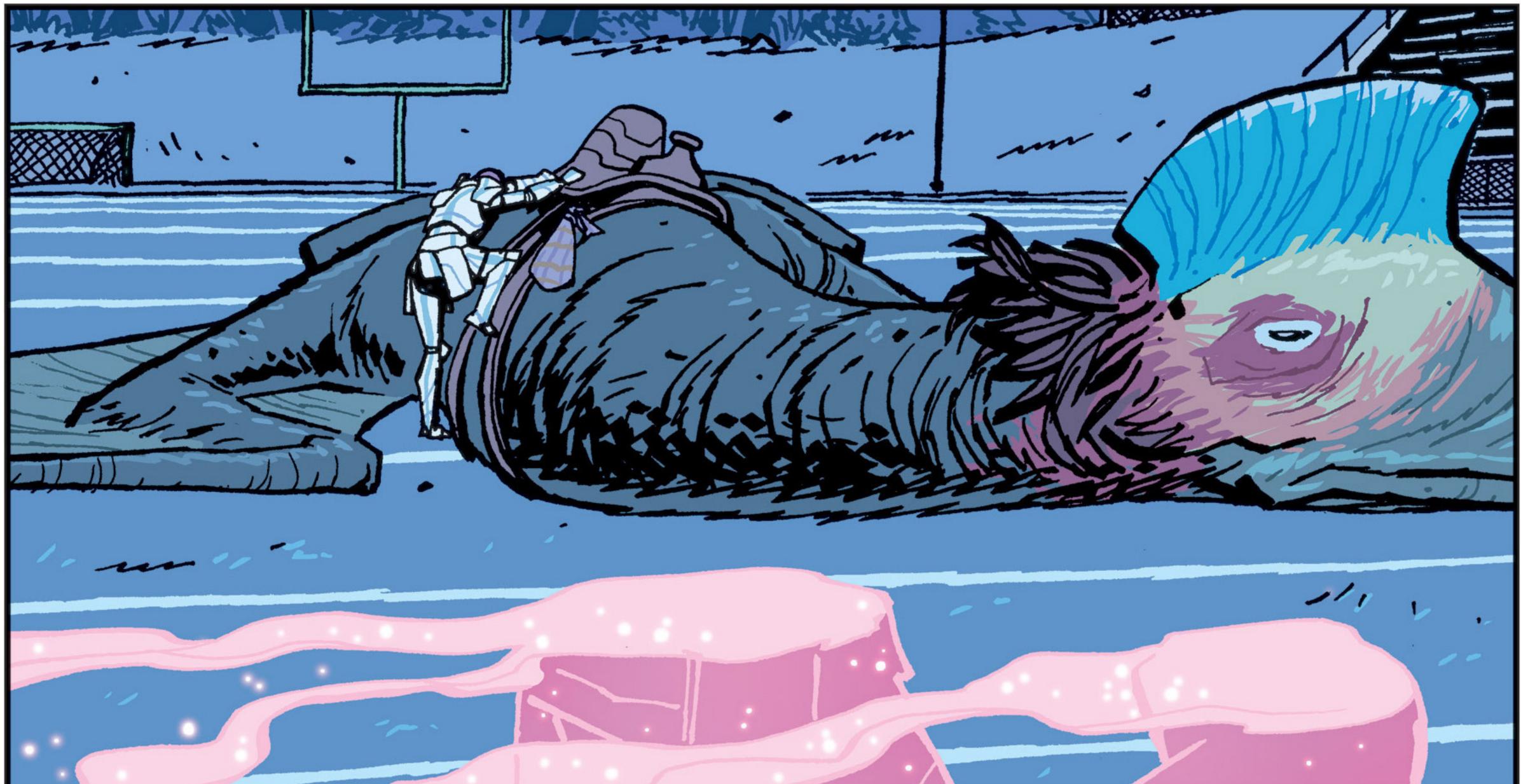


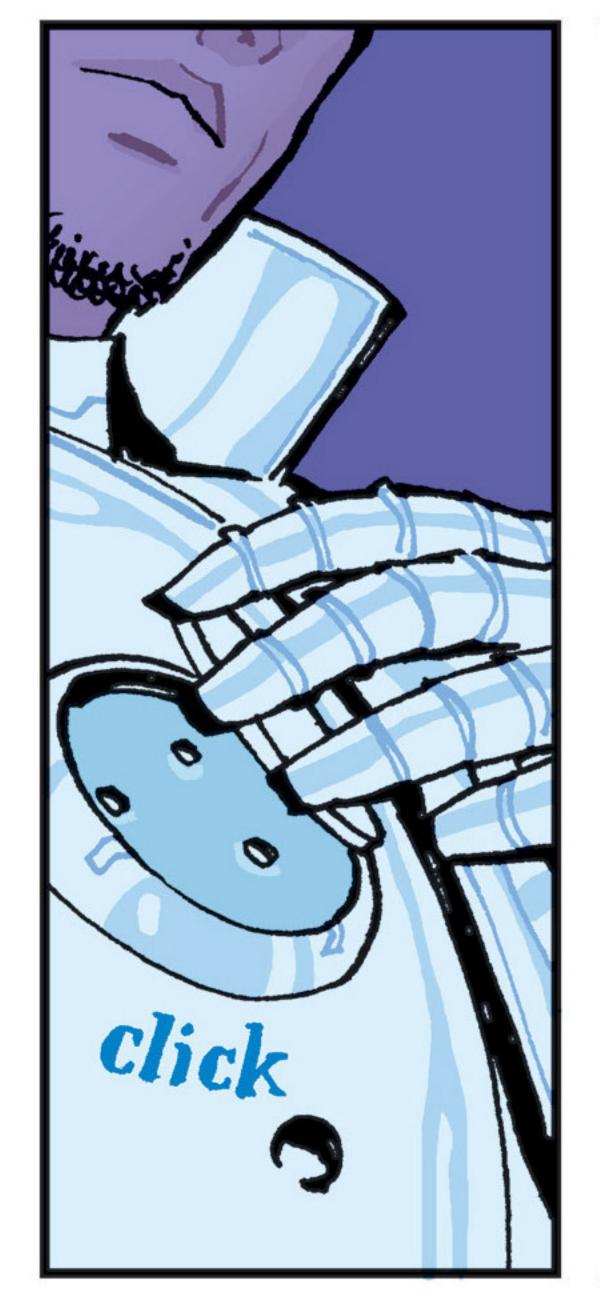




































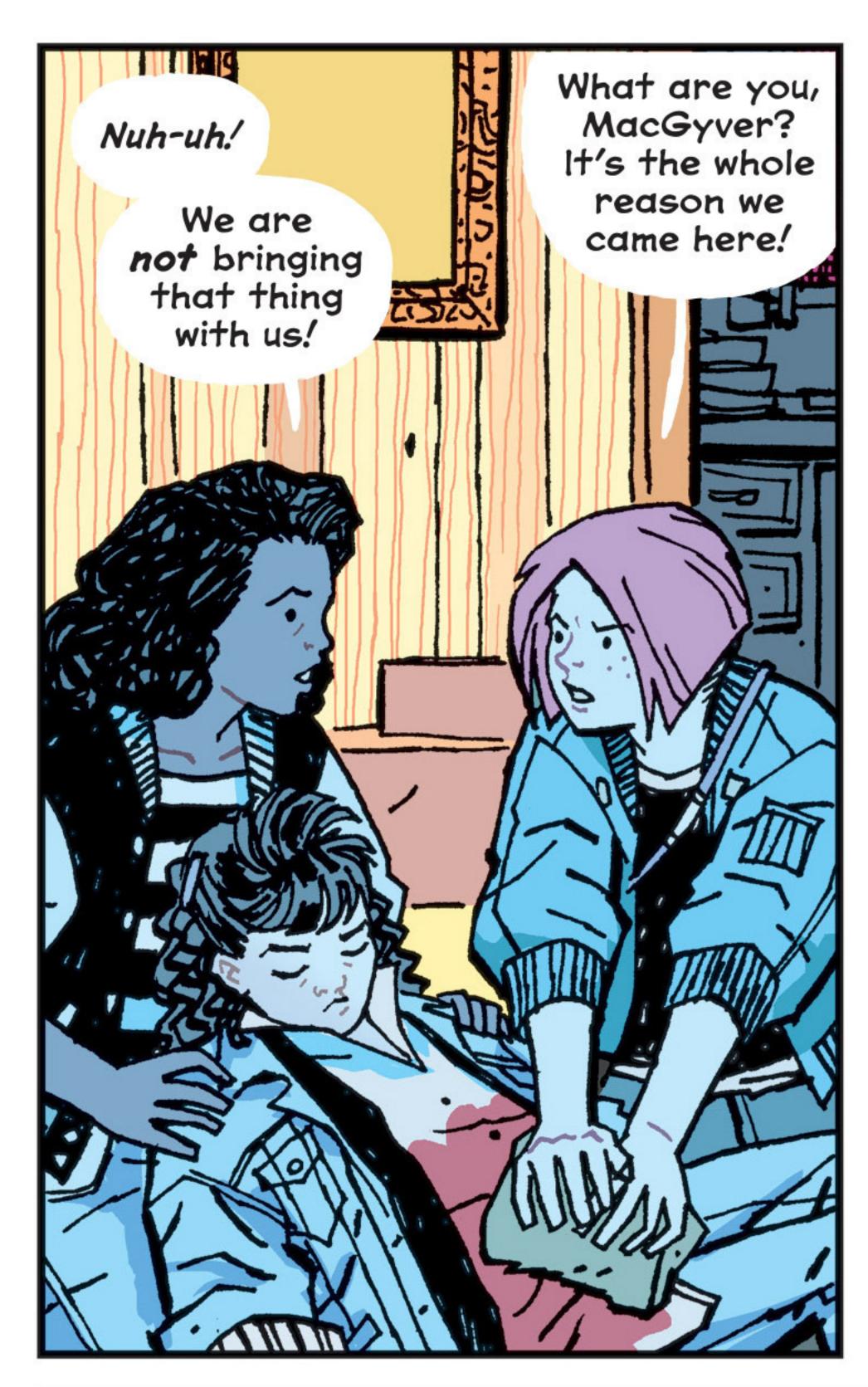










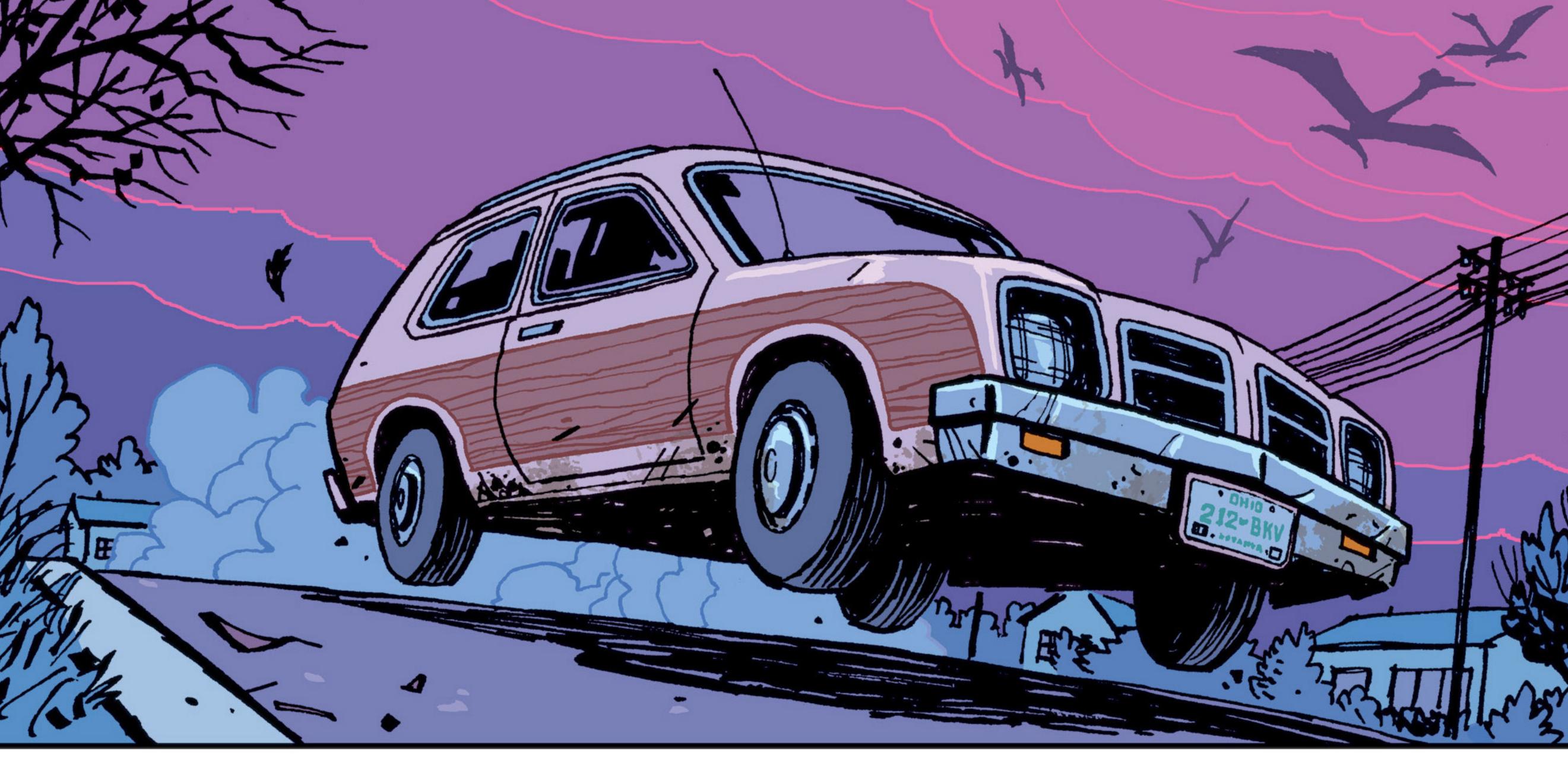








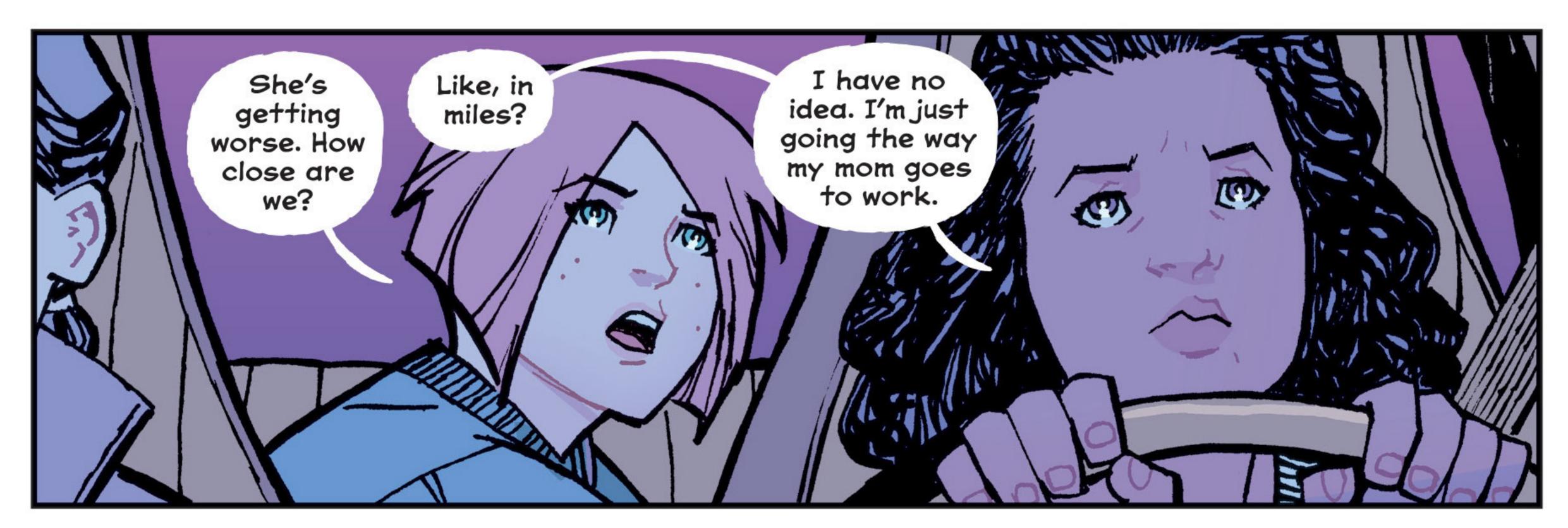






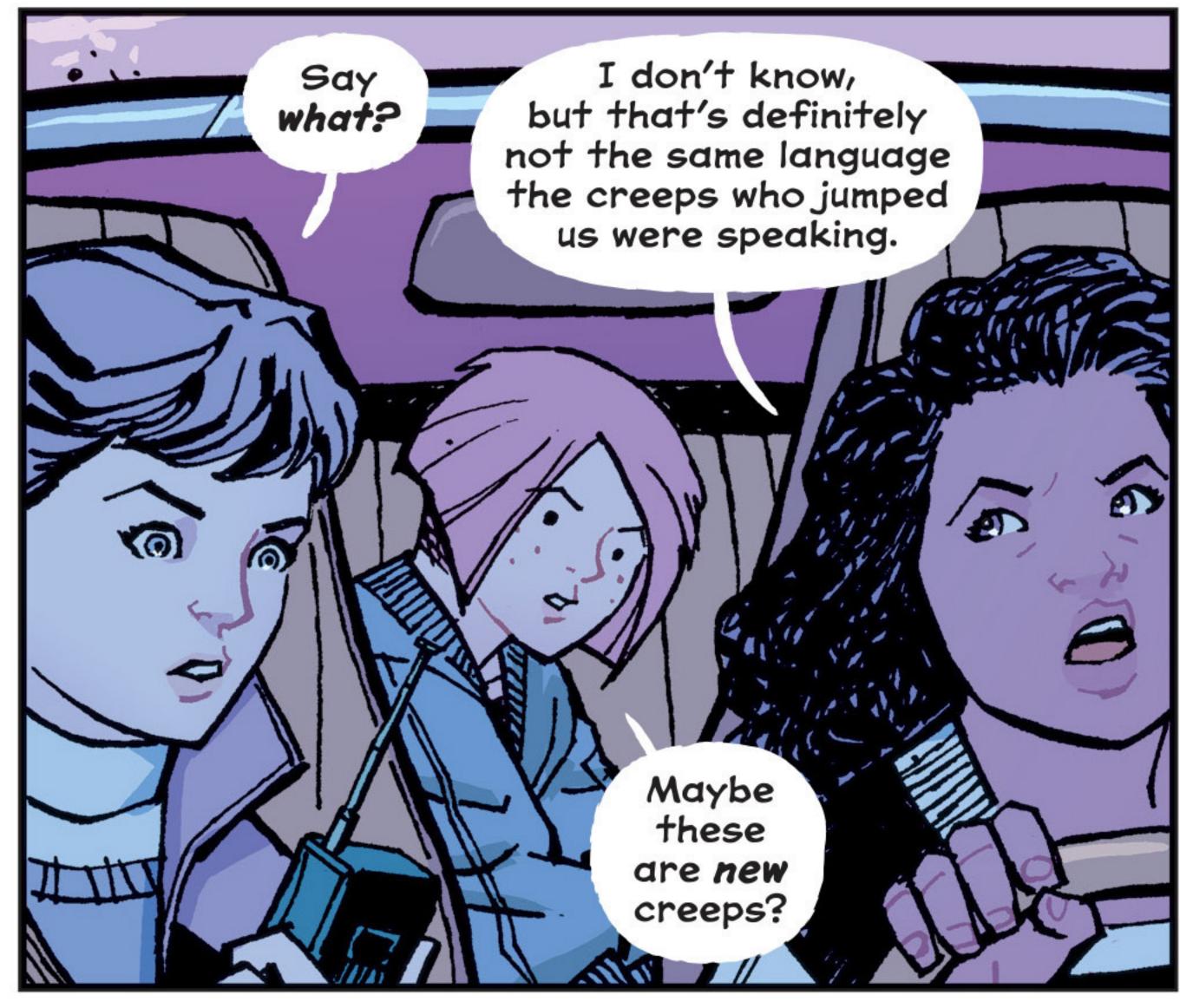




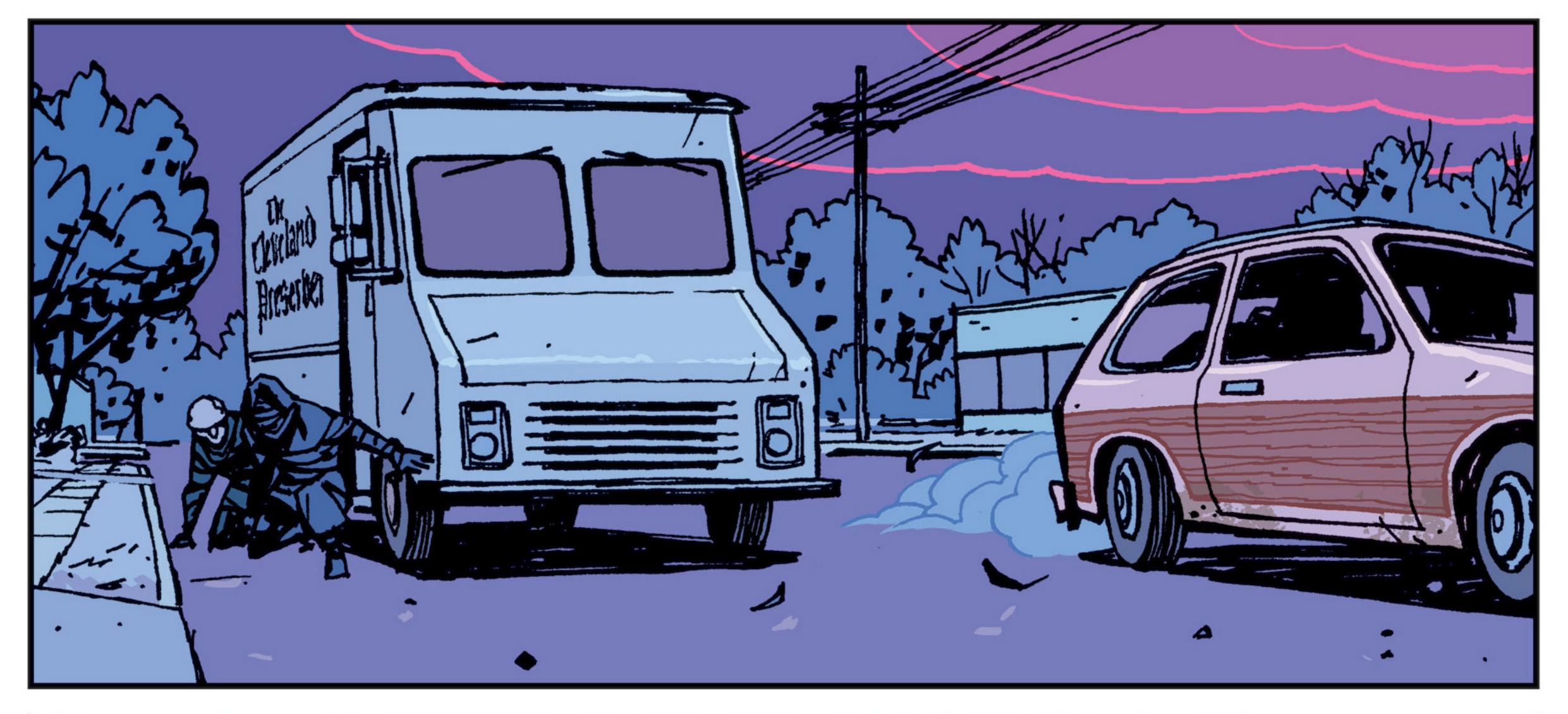






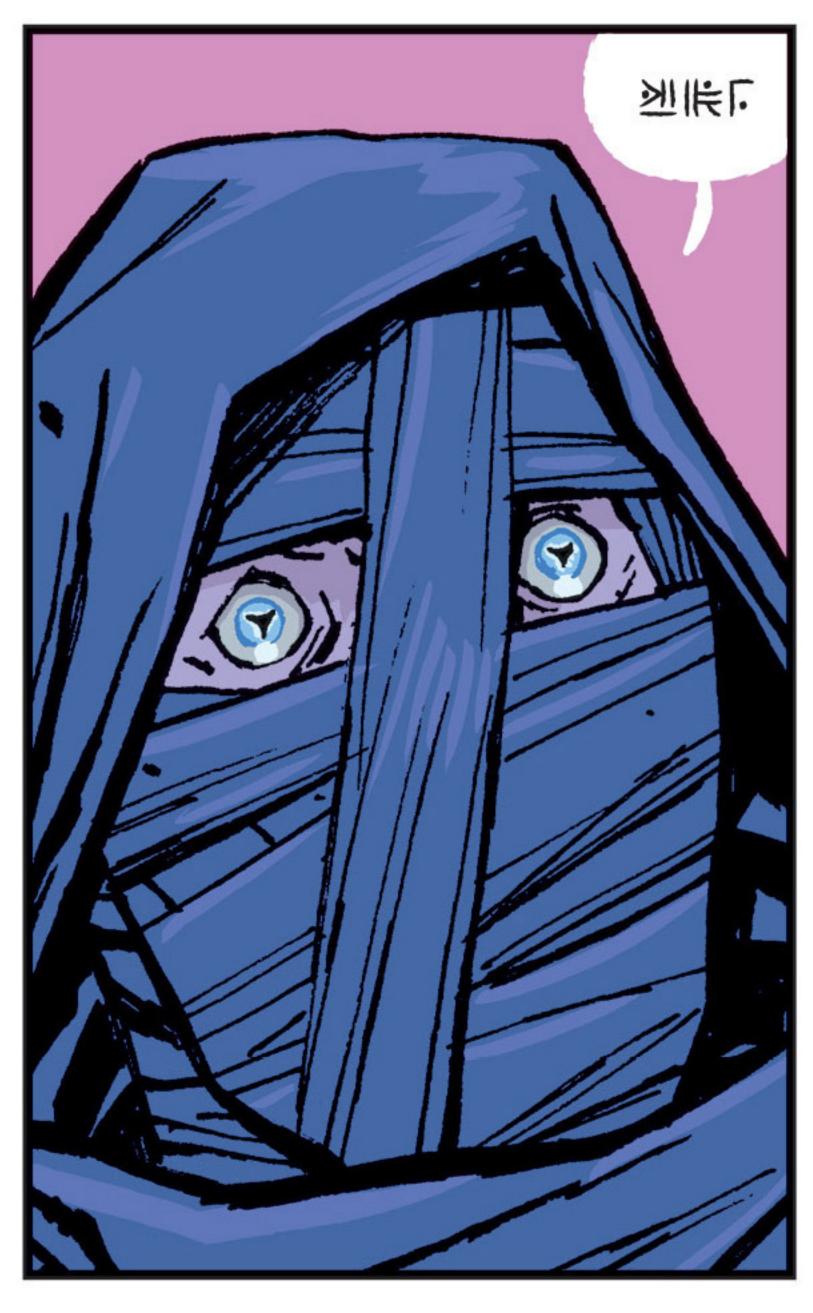




















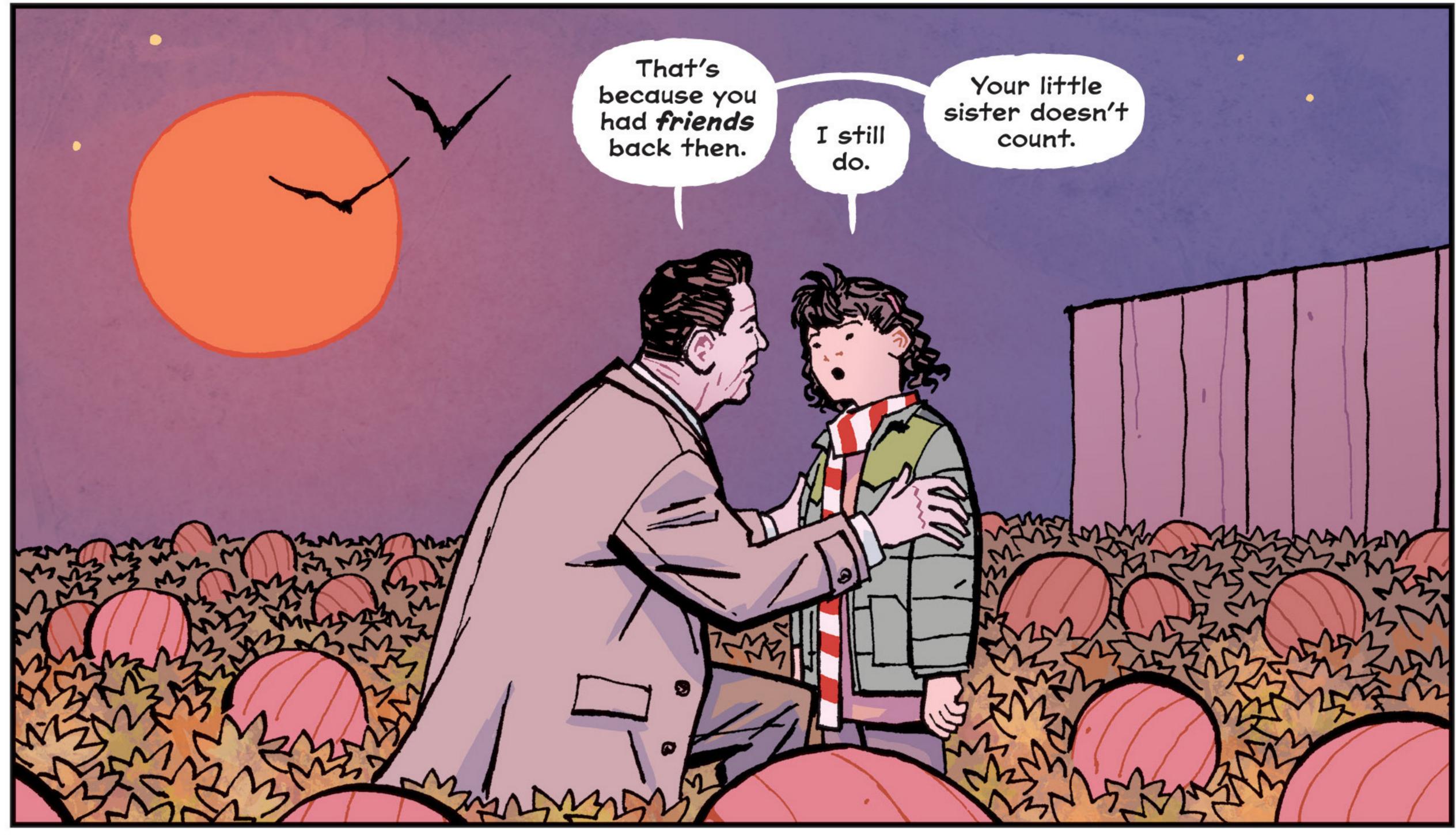






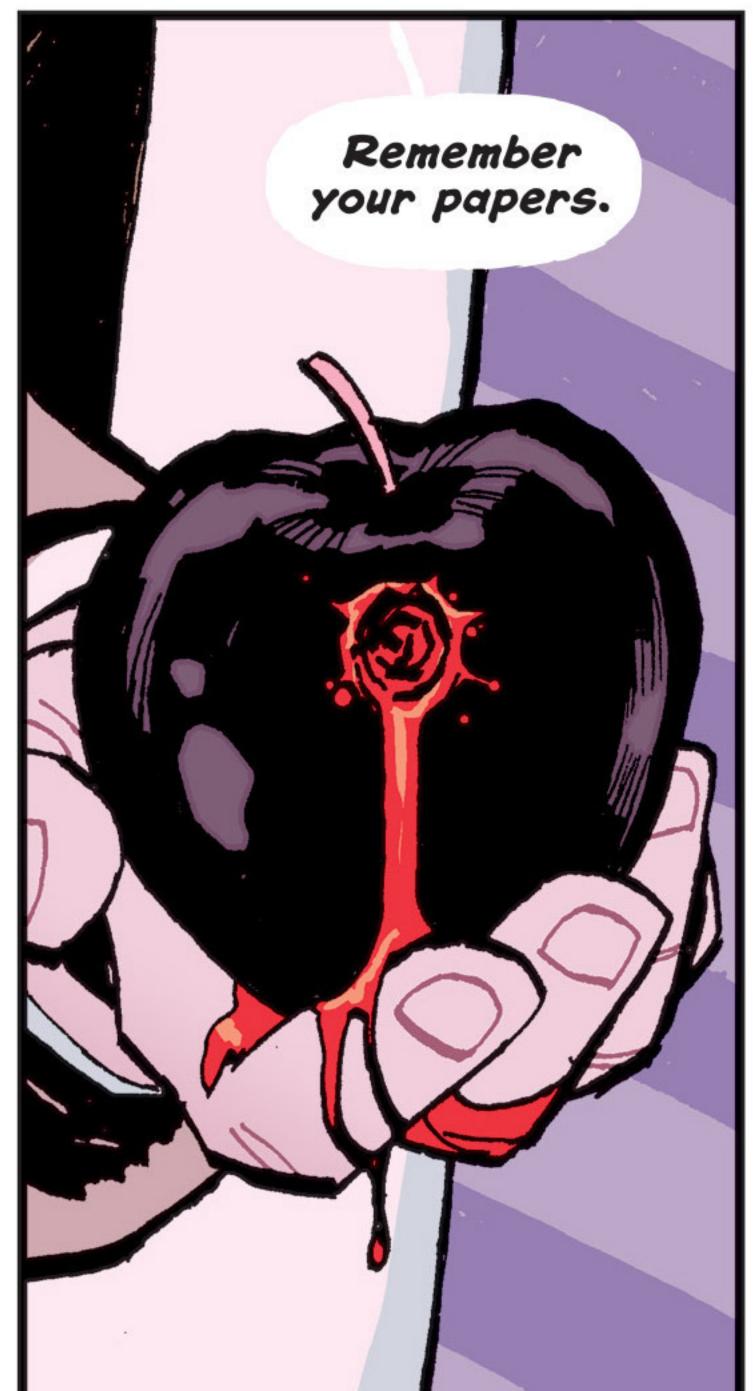




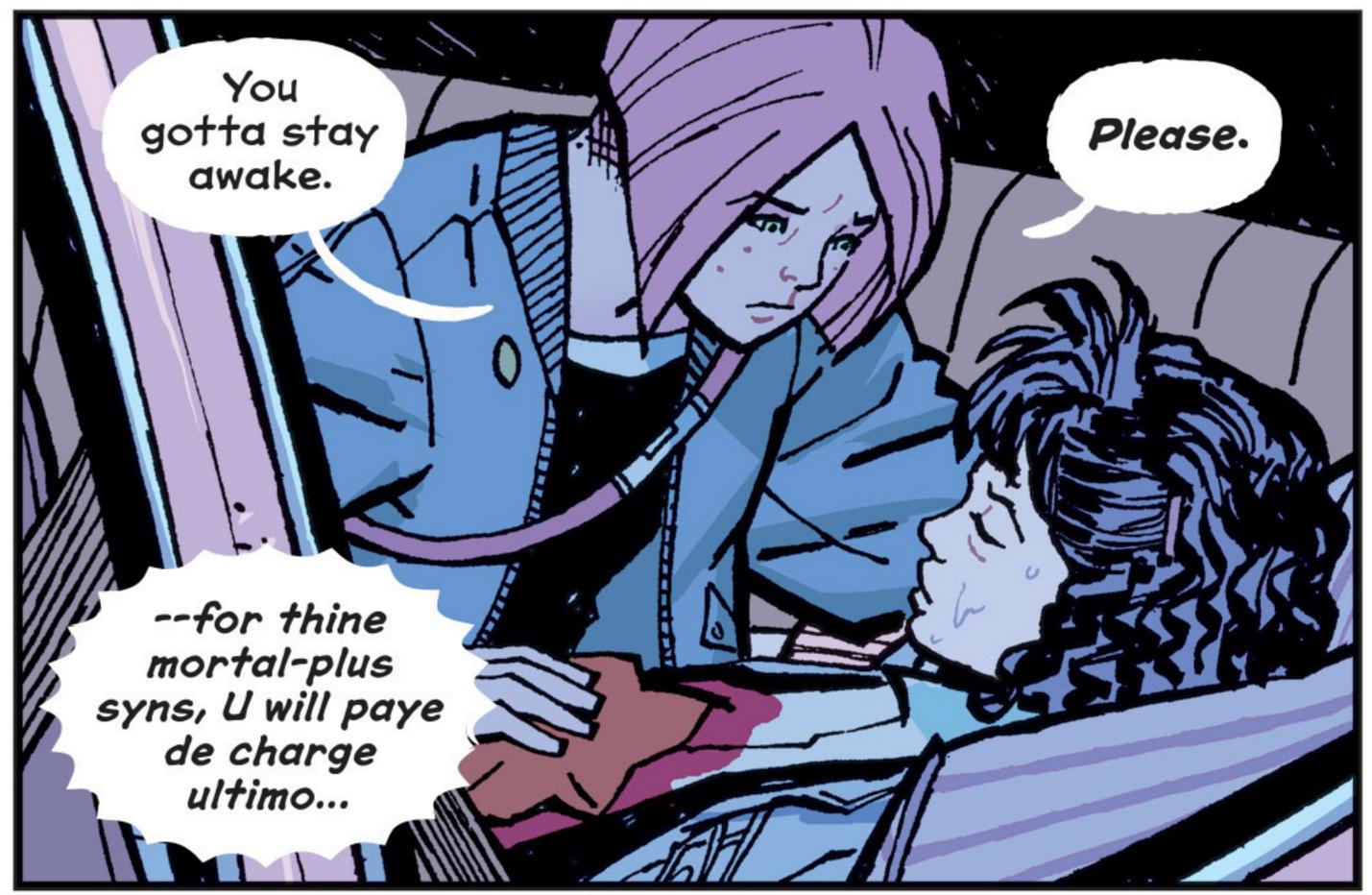






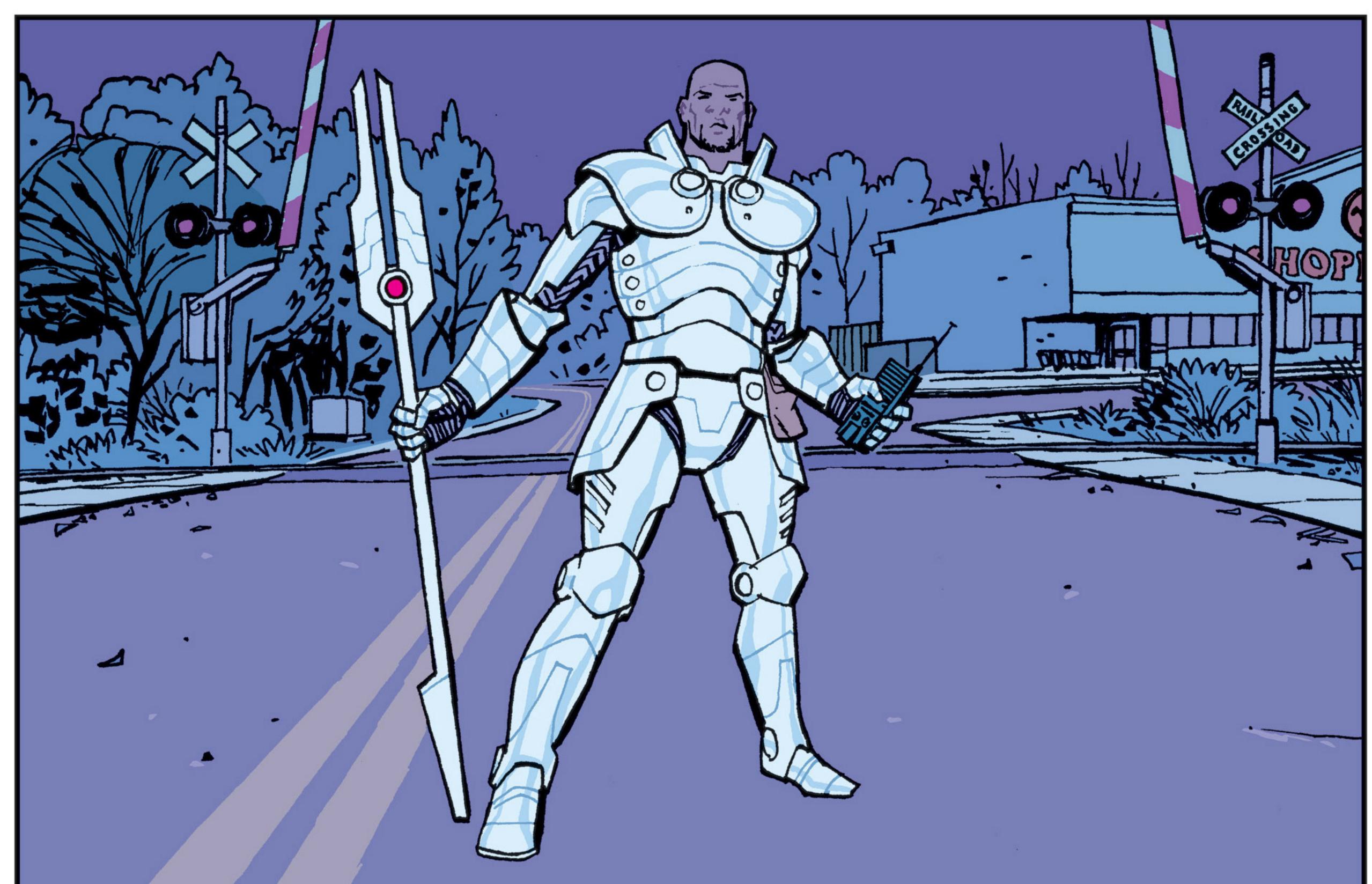


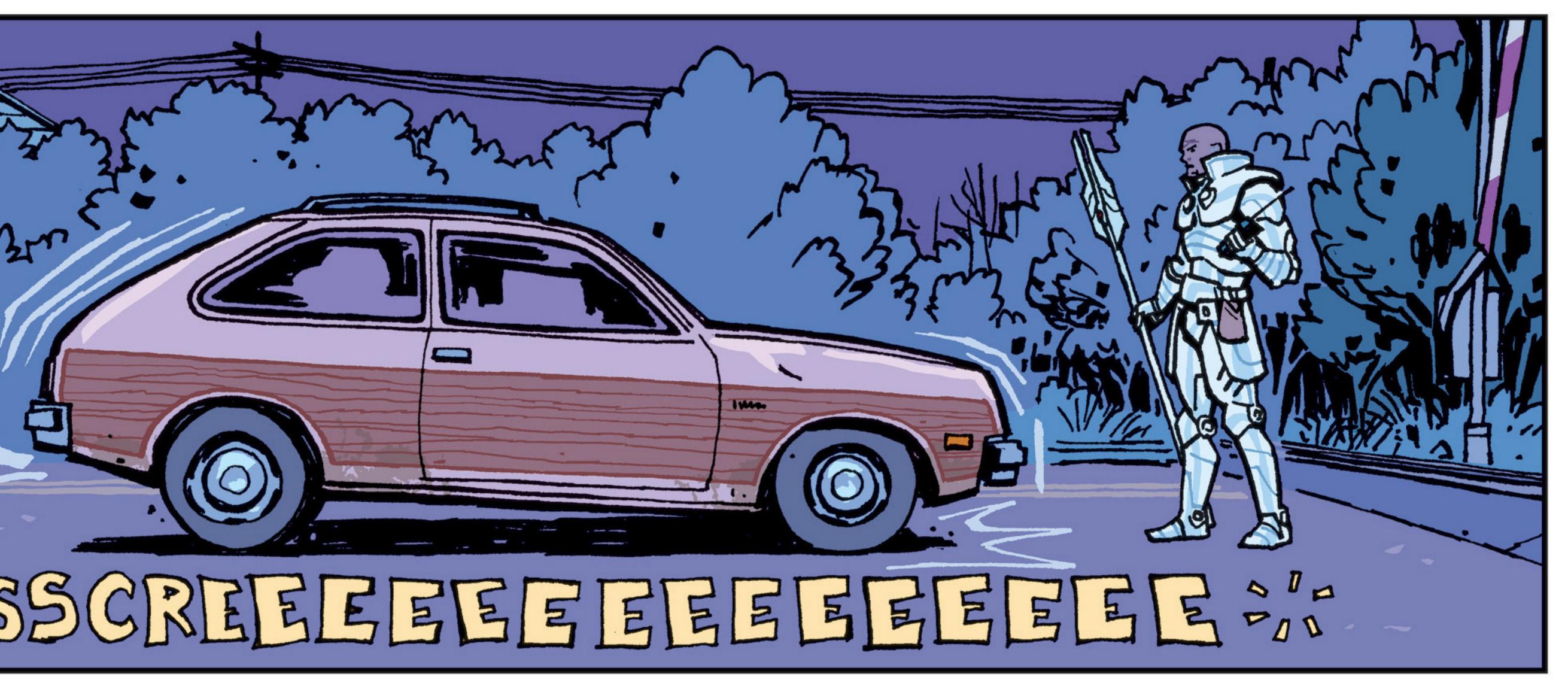






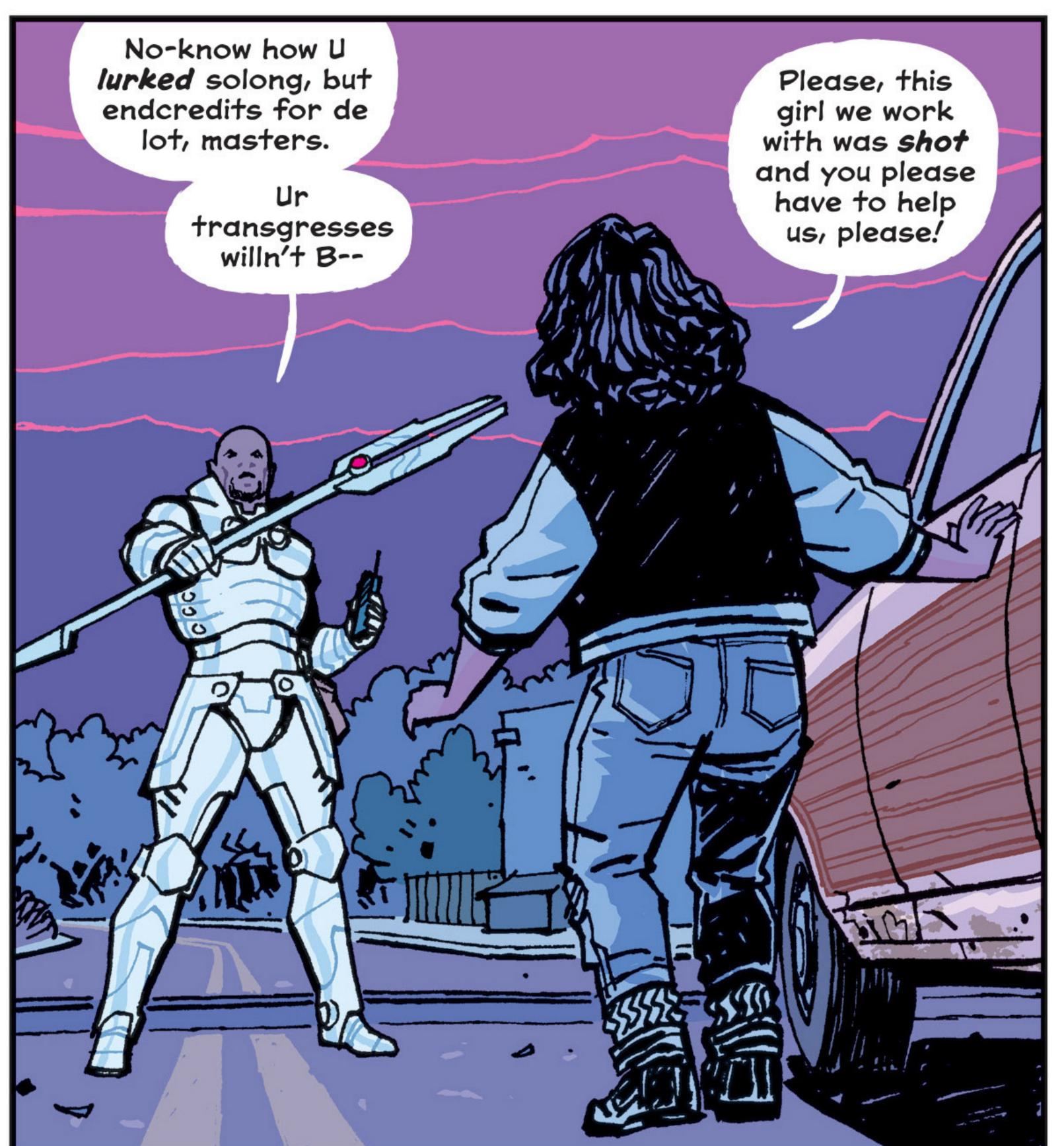










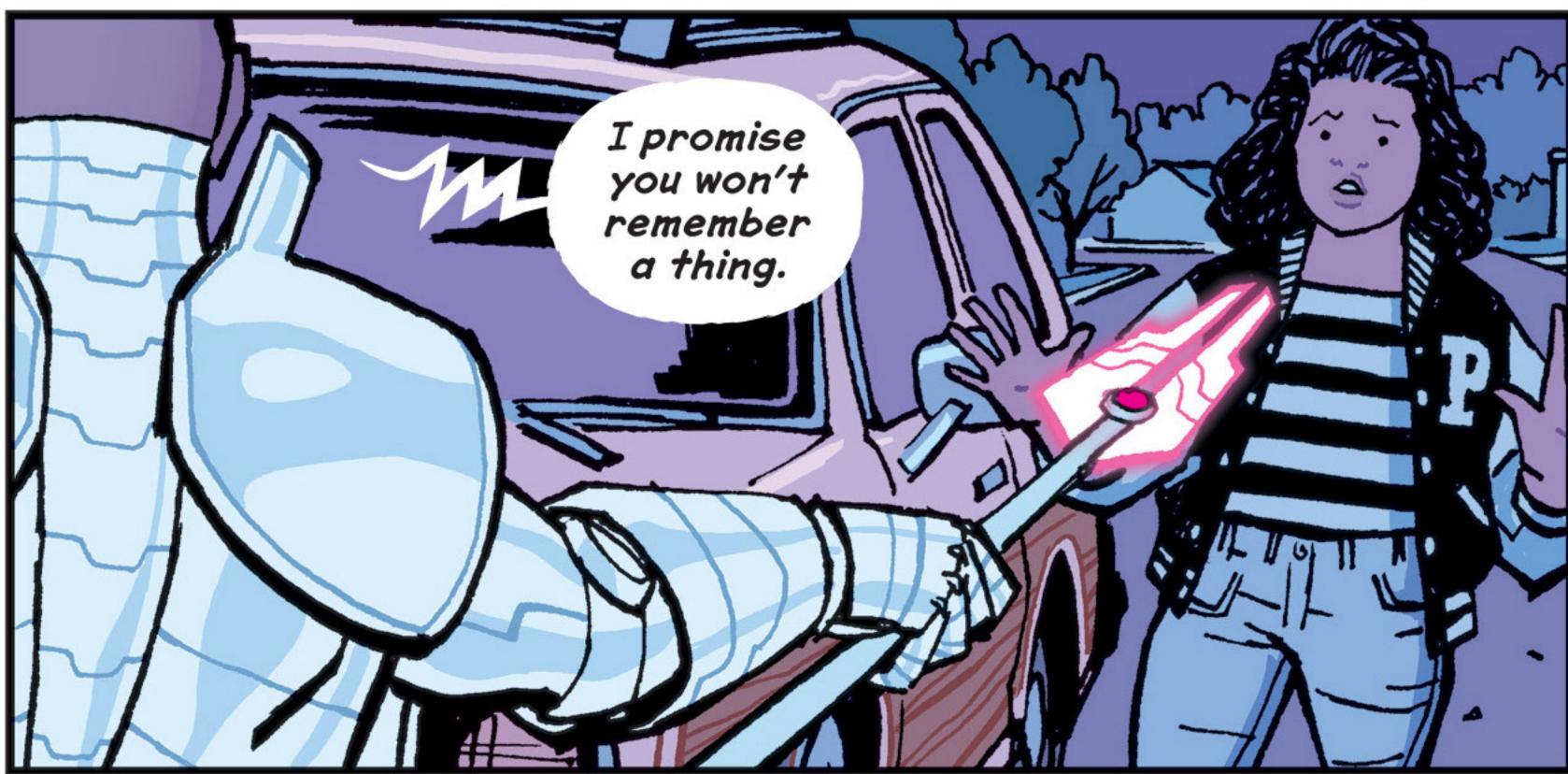












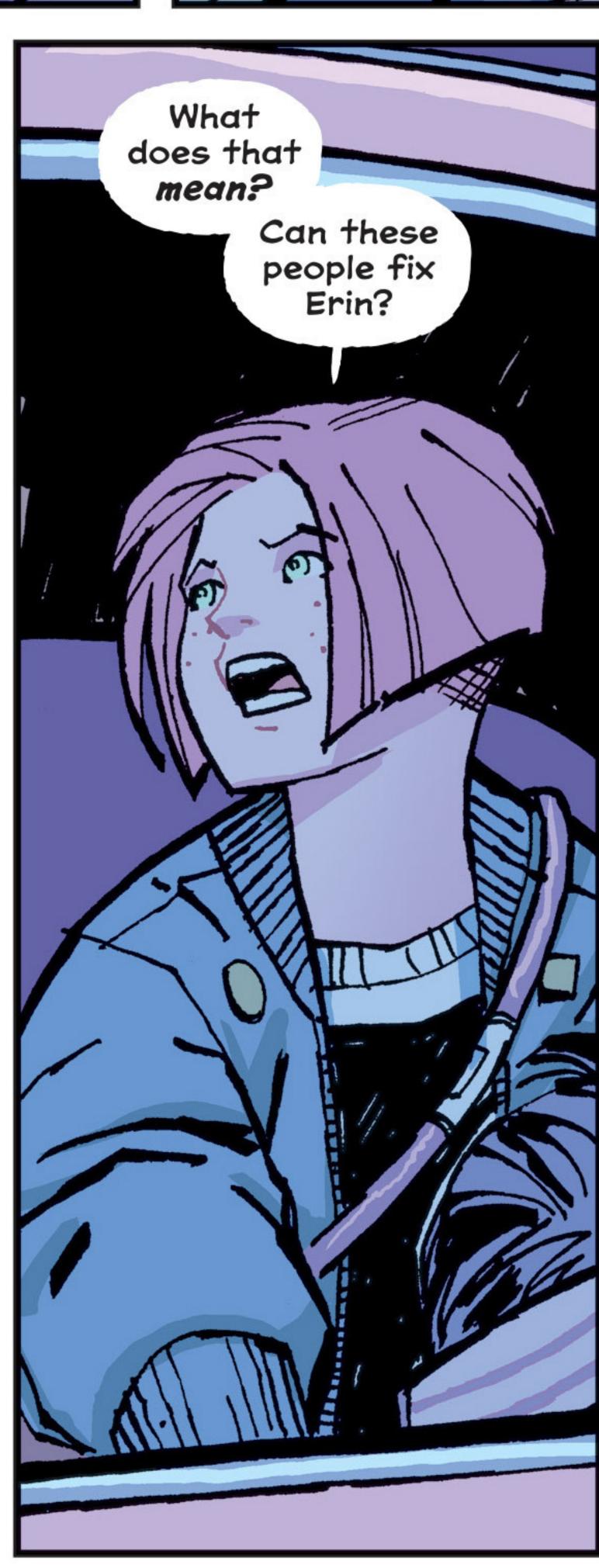


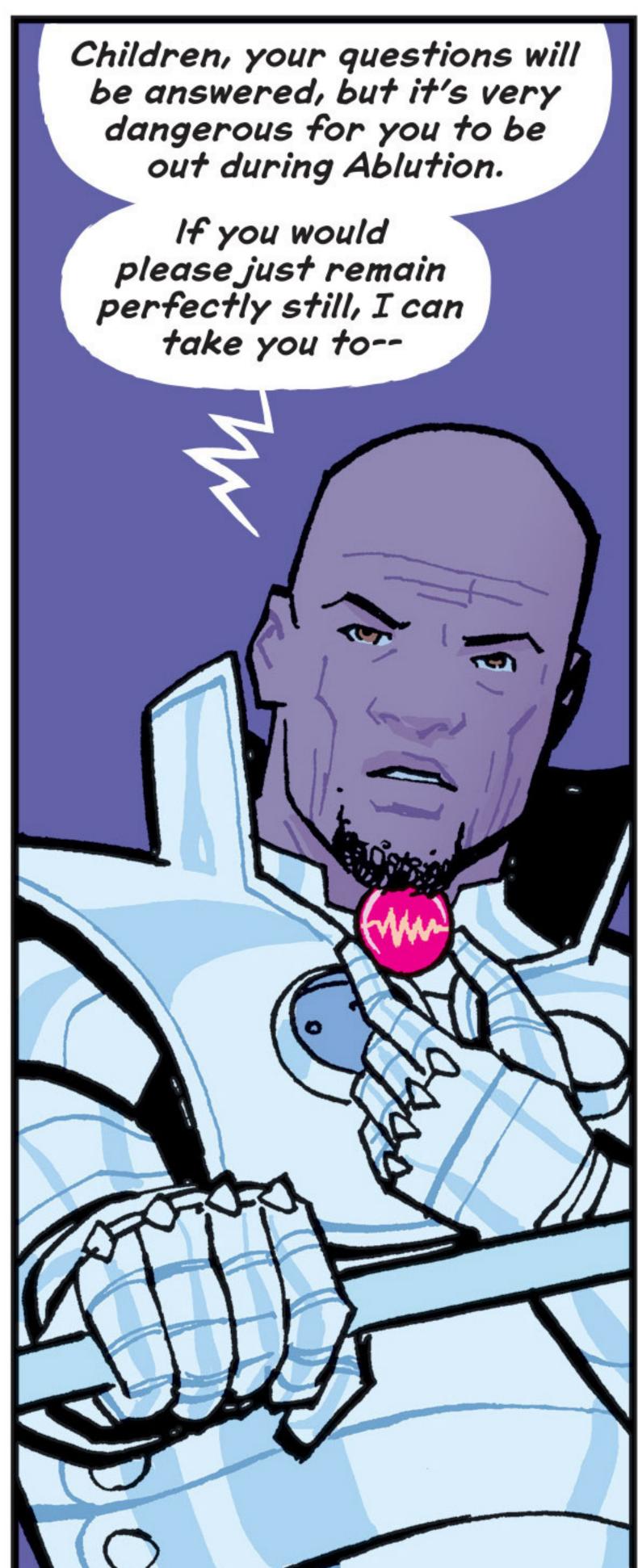






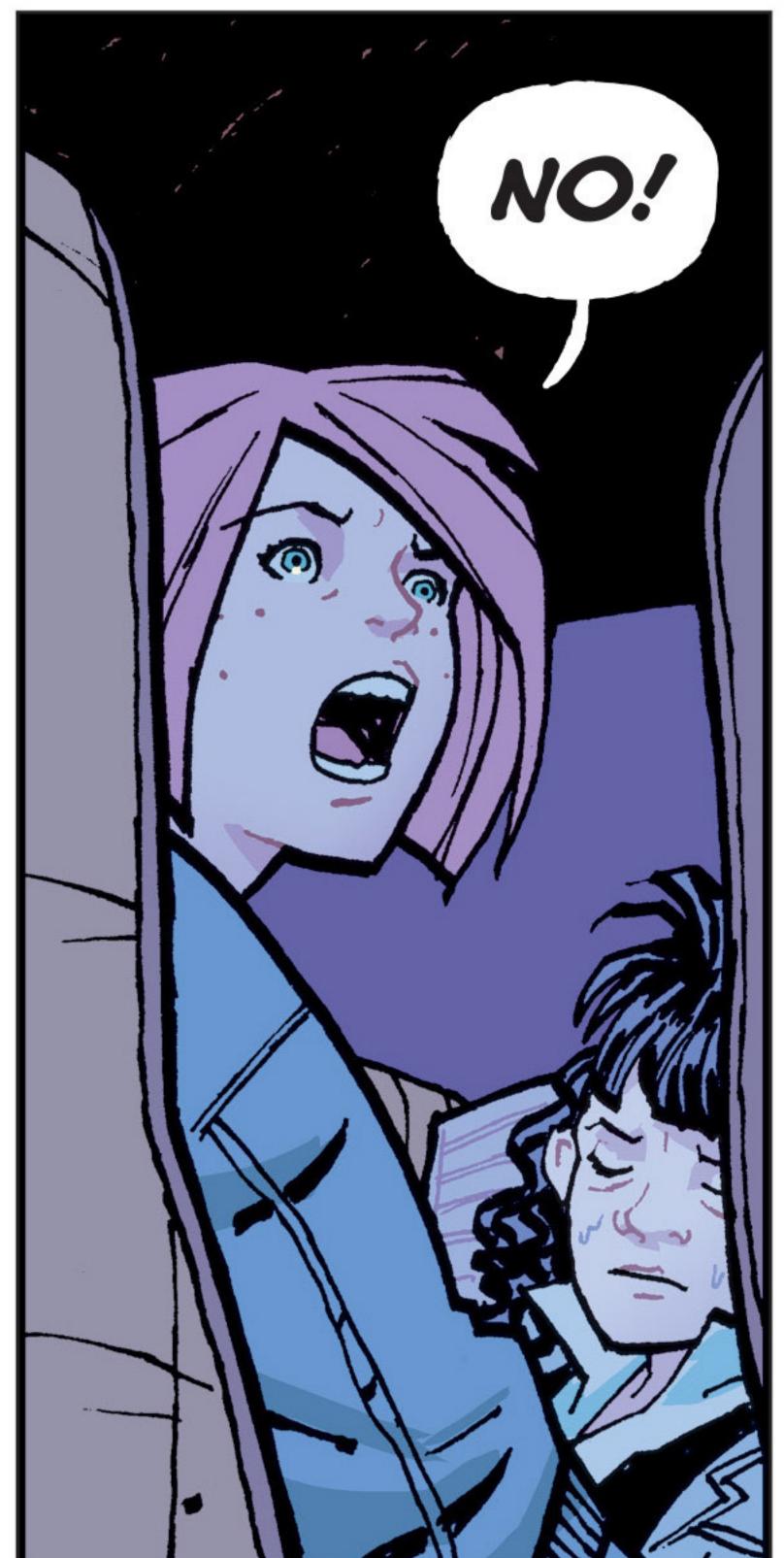






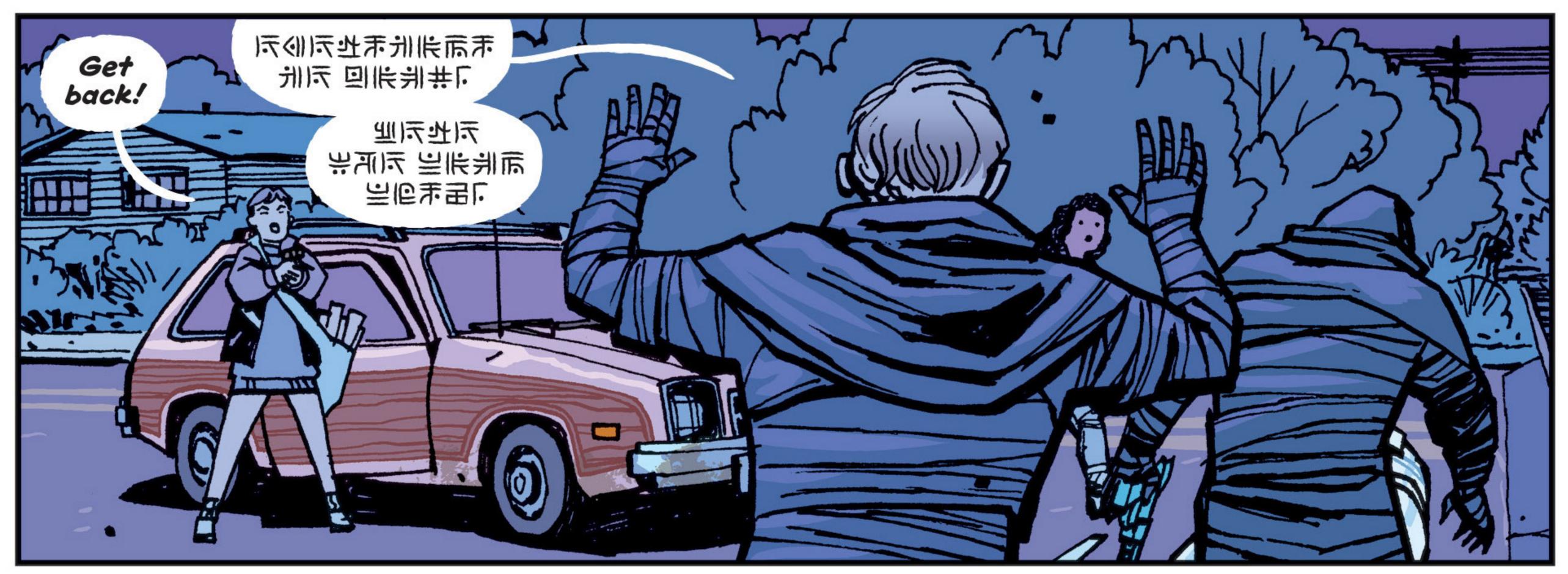




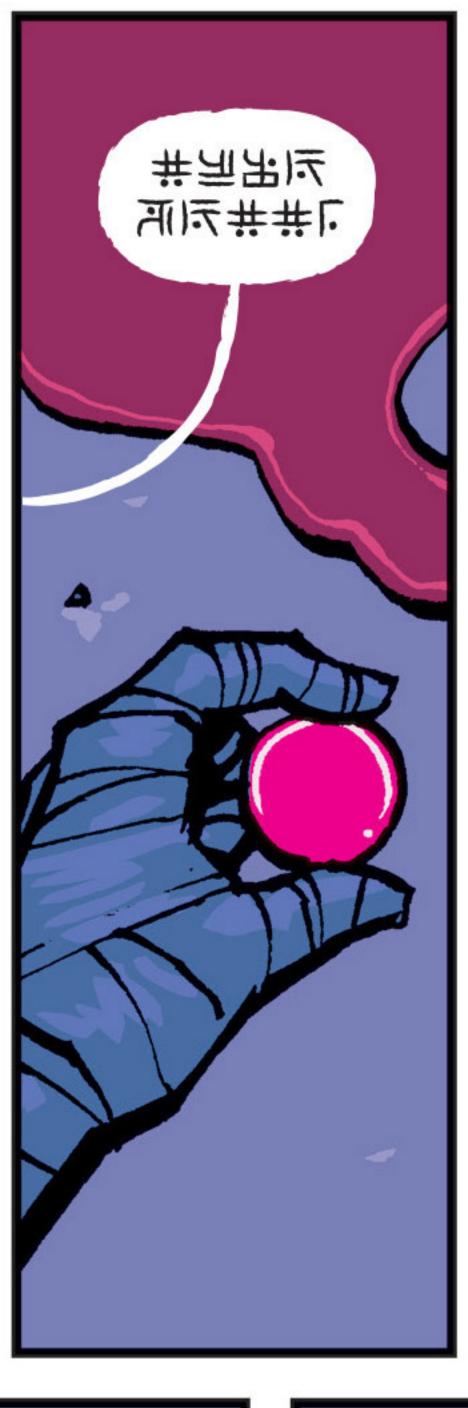






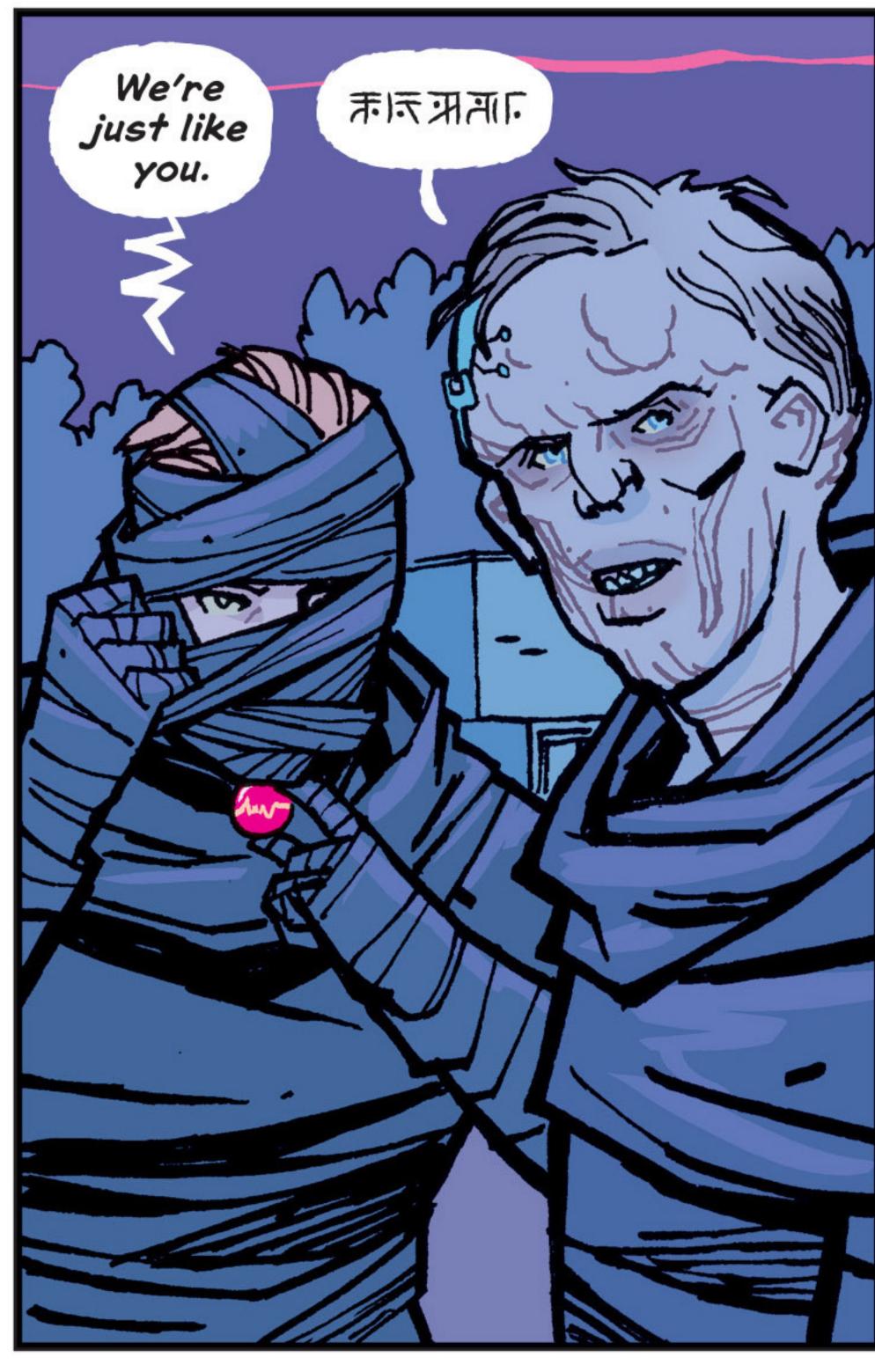


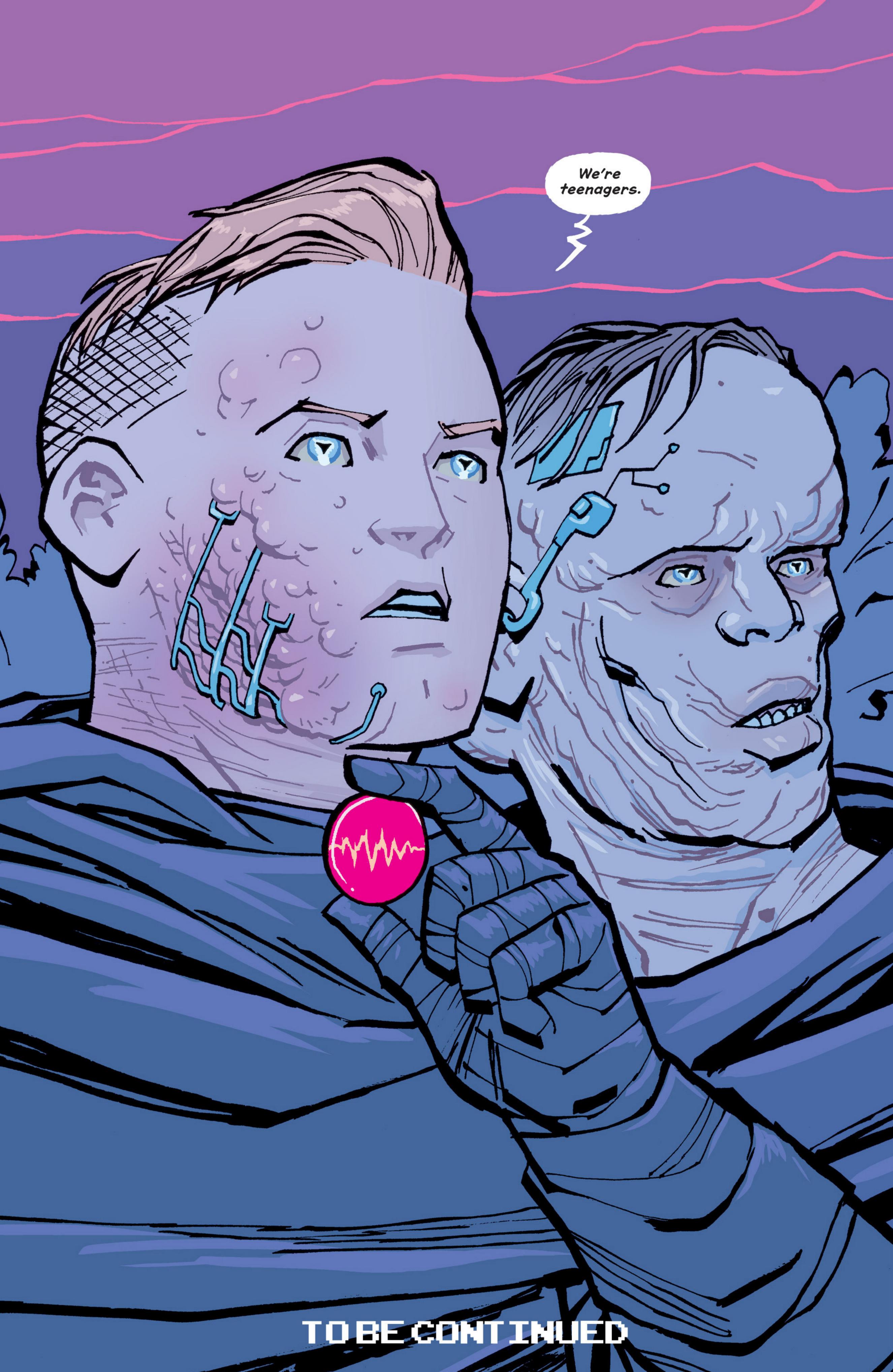












THE AMERICAN NEWSPAPER DELIVERY GUILD

4335 Van Nuys Boulevard - Suite 332, Sherman Oaks, CA 91403 U.S.A.

SINCE 1899!



Petey Roy, Paperboy

It's probably going to take the home office a few weeks to catch up with the tremendous backlog of requests for our sought-after Membership Cards, so I'm afraid we'll need to temporarily SUSPEND REGISTRATION after the end of this month. This may be your last opportunity to join for some time, so if you've ever considered becoming a member, be sure to send your self-addressed stamped envelope to the address above TOMORROW.

I've ever seen a response as humongous as the one to last

month's call inviting you fine fellows to join our humble guild.

For now, let's hear from a few of you who were nice enough to include a short note with your S.A.S.E.!



Dear A.N.D.G.,

My name is Michael Thomas Ossowski, and I would very much like to join your guild. I deliver in the 78704 area code of Austin, Texas. My route is small and sparse, but I work hard to provide quality service to my clientele. Thank you very much for your time and consideration. Ciao!

Sincerely, Michael O.

Austin, TX

Outstanding, Michael. Never forget, there are no small routes, only small deliverers!

Dear Petey Roy,

I would like to join the A.N.D.G. please. My name is Jason Jacobs and I am 11 years old. Can you send me an official membership card? I like your sunglasses.

Sincerely your friend, Jason J.

Gardendale, AL

Glad you approve of my rad new shades, Jason. Your Membership Card is in the mail!

To the prestigious A.N.D.G.,

I am writing this letter as a formal request to join the American Newspaper Delivery Guild.

I have recently started my career in newspaper delivery, and would love to be a part of a group that is as passionate as I am about delivering America's news to the doors of its citizens.

A fellow paperperson, Cody K.

Auburn, WA

We don't mean to single you out, Cody, because you were just one of many people who inexplicably sent us an EMPTY ENVELOPE when requesting your A.N.D.G. Membership Card!

While I suppose that any envelope with a return address that one puts in the mail is technically a "self-addressed stamped envelope," this is completely missing the contemporary and widely understood definition of a "S.A.S.E."

If you require further clarification before resending, don't be afraid to ask your local mailman.

Dear Petey,

Can't wait to become part of the A.N.D.G.! Although I'm no longer a delivery boy, I still hold the fond memories close to my heart—freezing winters, two dog bites (one so bad I couldn't walk for three days), not getting paid on time, and dry, inky fingers. But, I did buy a Sega Game Gear all by myself. Worth it!

As a thank you for accepting me into the guild, please enjoy a photo of me taken during my route in the blizzard of 1994.

Regards, Adam H.

Newburyport Daily News

Game Gear? Blizzard of 1994? At first, ol' Petey was scratching his head about what the heck Adam could be talking about... until I realized that this must be a very clever entry in our June '88 newsletter's Essay Contest topic: "What do you predict for the future?"

Sorry you missed that particular deadline, Adam, but I hope your future turns out to be as exciting as you imagined (minus those dog bites!).

Dear American Newspaper Delivery Guild,

the IRS--from a news agency, where I stuffed the Chicago Tribune and Chicago Sun Times but rarely did home delivery (and then it was by tossing papers out of a moving step van). But I was part of the team, so I hope I've earned a membership card all these decades later.

Sincerely, Jim Ottaviani

Ann Arbor, MI

p.s. "Stuffing" is what we called assembling the pre-printed...well...stuff for the Sunday editions. The Travel section, Homes & Leisure Living (no, really), the magazine and TV guide, and of course, the comics. This meant I got to read *Peanuts* and *Dick Tracy* days before civilians.

Petey Roy is well aware what stuffing is, James. And I'm not sure why you're dragging the Internal Revenue Service into this, as the fine newspapers you mentioned are both American institutions beyond reproach, as are any and all of their affiliated agencies.

Your request for a Membership Card is presently under review with our Review Board.

Dear Petey,

I'm down to join the A.N.D.G.

Sabrina B.

Valley Village, CA

"Down?" I'm not sure I understood your terse message, Sabrina.

And while I don't know the specific rules and regulations for all of the newspaper routes in Valley Village, young women like you who aspire to be deliverers may first want to check with members of your local chapter to find out if that's the best decision for your particular community.

Dear American Newspaper Delivery Guild,

Not sure if this is serious or not, but I'm down to pay two stamps to test it out.

Thanks, Emily M.

Berkeley, CA

The repetition of this phrase "down" amidst the sudden influx of multiple letters from allegedly female new readers of our newsletter makes Petey think that this might all be some kind of "stunt" by a radio shock jock or their insufferable ilk. Be advised that the matter is presently under official investigation.

Dear Delivery Bag,

I wanted to nominate my young Paper Girl-in-training to the A.N.D.G. She does a fine job of retrieving our paper on Sundays. She hopes to be the youngest deliverer in town.

Sincerely, **Brad O.** (and Addie)

Ada, OH

Absolutely not, Brad. I have no idea if this is all part of the same joke, but if your child is interested in joining the A.N.D.G., he or she should at the very least be capable of sending his or her OWN request.

After all, if you were lucky enough to have a son, YOU wouldn't fill out his Selective Service registration within thirty days of his eighteenth birthday, would you? Of course not. Citizenship comes with certain responsibilities, and enrollment in our guild is no different.

To whom it may concern,

My dream is to deliver newspapers. My family says it's the dream of communists, I know I'm a capitalist. I'm so confused. Please help me find my way?

Thanks, Lily "the Dreamer" O.

Norman, OK

Lily, we won't even dignify your parents' slanderous (and now potentially libelous) accusation with a response.

Petey,

I have a real dilemma about my route and could really use your advice. I have a new customer that just moved onto my route. She seems very friendly but sometimes offers to cook me breakfast after I finish my route. I know I shouldn't talk to strangers but I don't want to make a new customer feel unappreciated or hurt. What should I do?

Thanks, Matt S.

San Marcos, TX

Finally, a terrific letter. Thanks for writing, Matt. I know I was a little hard on some of the gals earlier, but I think your question illustrates an important point. Should an experienced paperboy accept breakfast from a lady on his route? The answer is: of course. No customer is ever a "stranger," and my years of experience have taught me that this is a customary service many neighborhood women love to provide to hard-working guys like us.

But what if this same question were asked about a hypothetical young FEMALE deliverer? And

what if the customer inviting her into his house happened to be an adult MAN?

We at the American Newspaper Delivery Guild are of course 100% in favor of equality (and have been proudly accepting deliverers of many different races since 1921), but I think it's pretty apparent that this is a more complicated situation.

Still, because there's even been some debate inside our own home office about this tiny but rapidly growing segment of our demographic, I thought I'd throw it out to you fine folks...

PETEY ASKS:

WOULD YOU FEEL COMFORTABLE GETTING YOUR MORNING PAPER DELIVERED BY A GIRL?

IT'S YOUR LAST CHANCE FOR THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE TO JOIN THE A.N.D.G.!

For the next few weeks only, you can mail one SELF-ADDRESSED STAMPED ENVELOPE (inside the envelope you send it in, of course) to this address...

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ART CONTEST!

You wowed us with your writing skills during our Essay Contest, but now it's time to see your **ARTISTIC** take on the exact same question:

"What do you predict for the future?"

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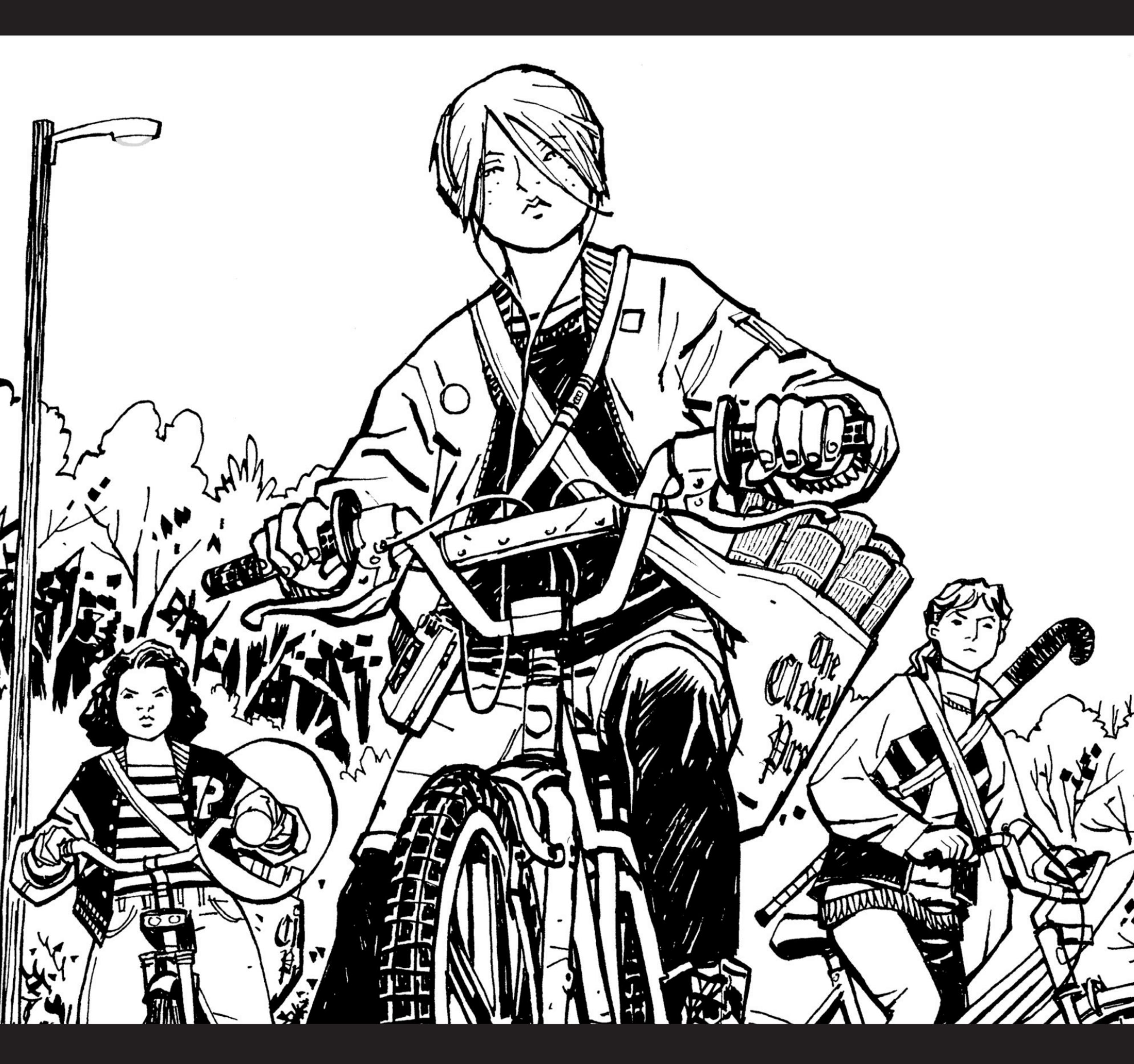
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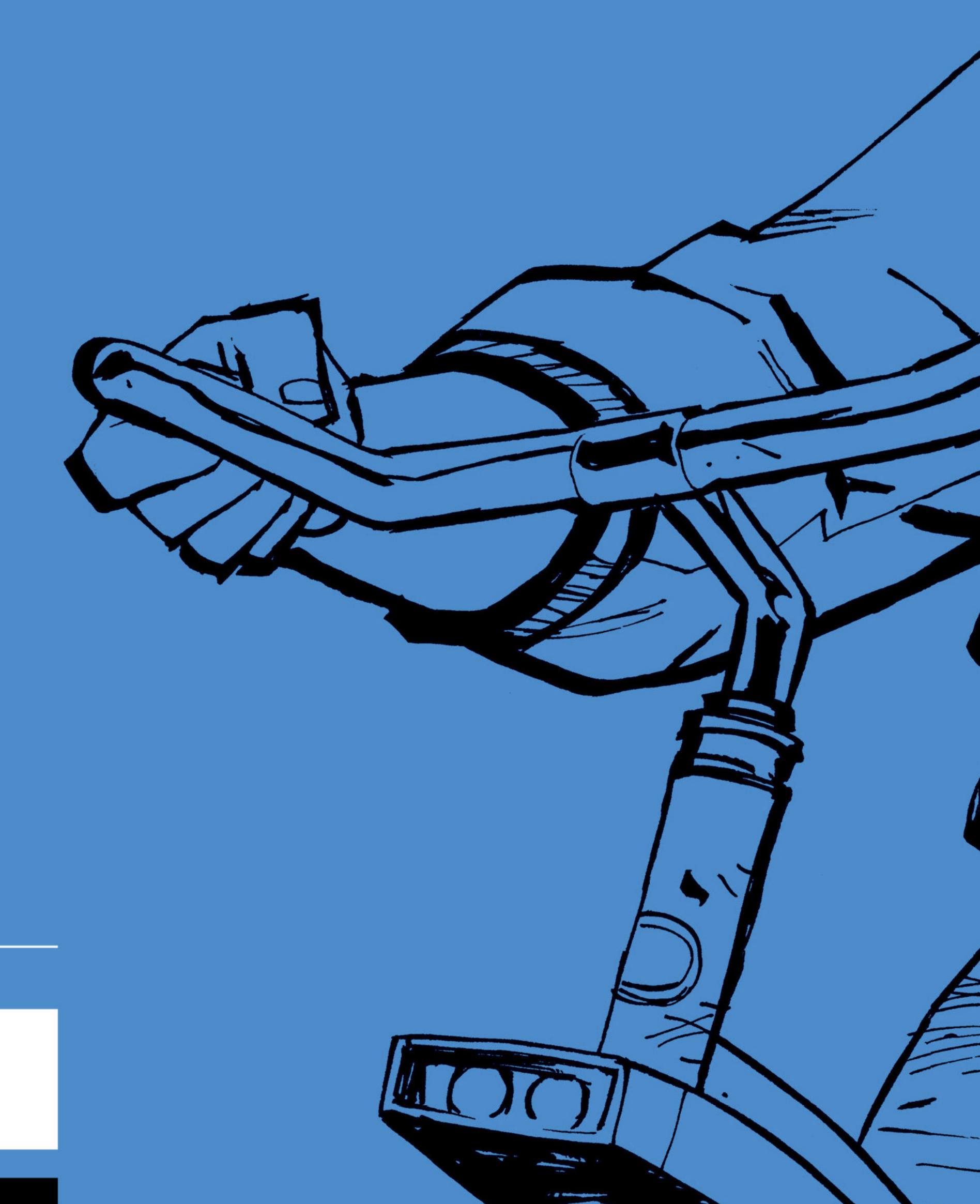
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