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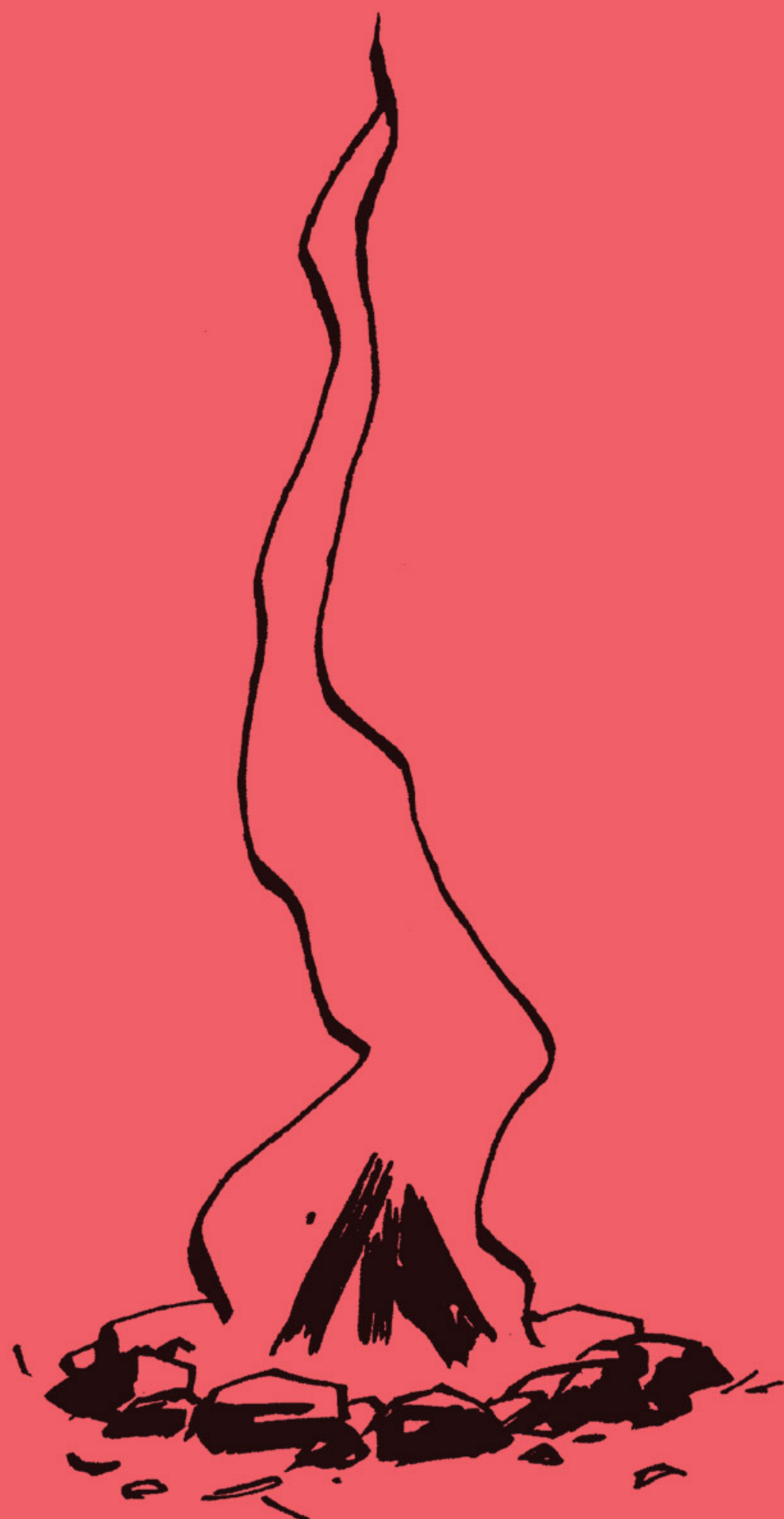


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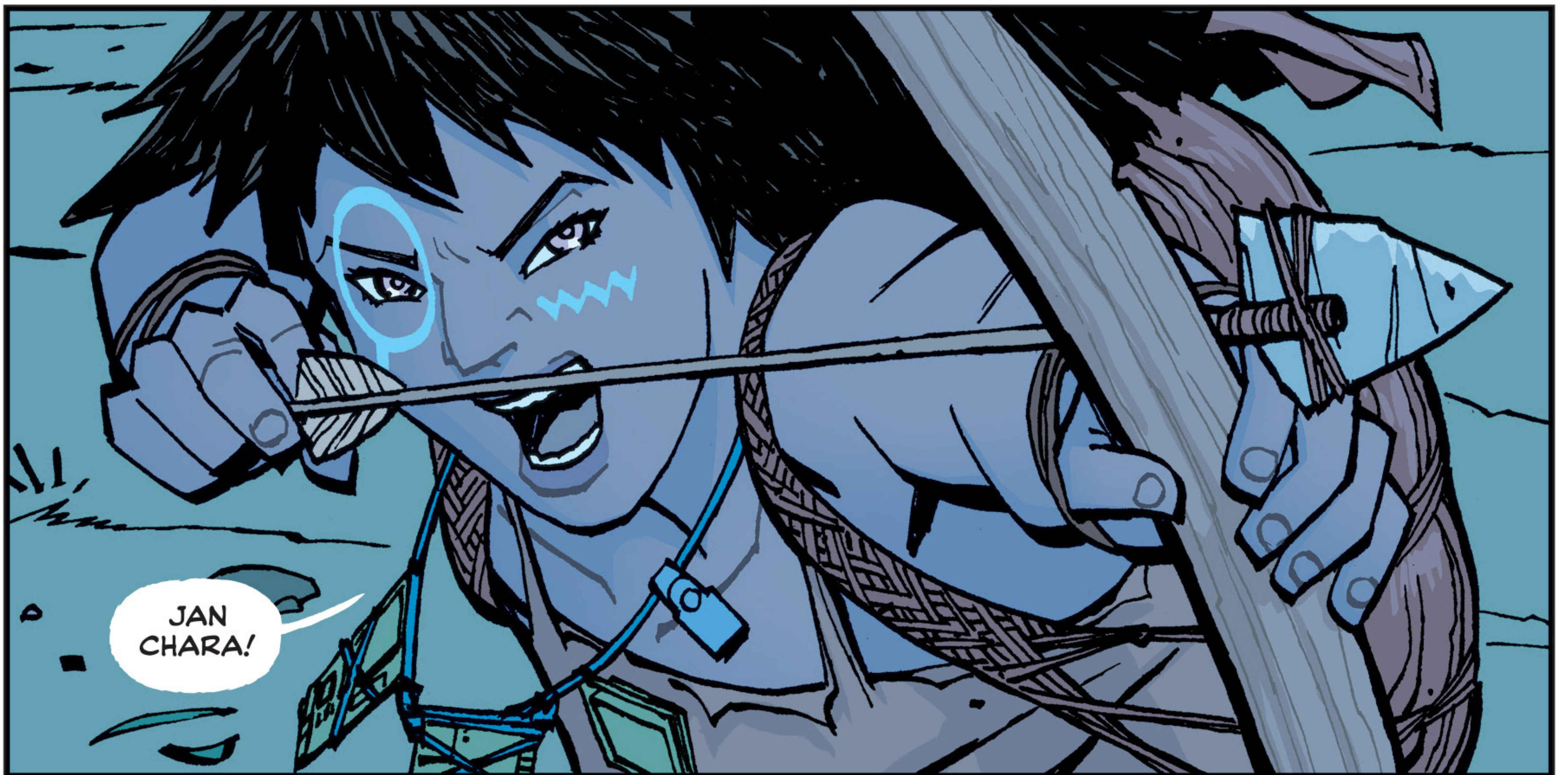
























It's okay,  
little guy.

ehhhhhhhhh

What the  
heck just  
happened?



I think she fainted.  
Women in olden  
times did it, like,  
all the time.

At least  
in books.



Whatever,  
we have to go  
after Mac  
and KJ.

The current  
could have  
carried them a  
*mile* from here  
by now.

But, we can't  
just *leave* these  
two out here.  
What if more of  
those things  
come?



Well, I'd ask if  
they want to tag  
along, but I don't  
exactly speak  
cavewoman,  
do you?

Uh-uh.



But maybe  
this thing  
does.





Is that...?

The choker I took from Future Me.

As soon as it came off, that clone girl started talking a completely different language.



Tiffany, I think this might be some kind of *translator*.

Like a Babel fish?



You've read *Hitchhiker's Guide*?

We're in seventh grade, Erin.

Everyone has read that book.



Well, I wish we had a *real* one.

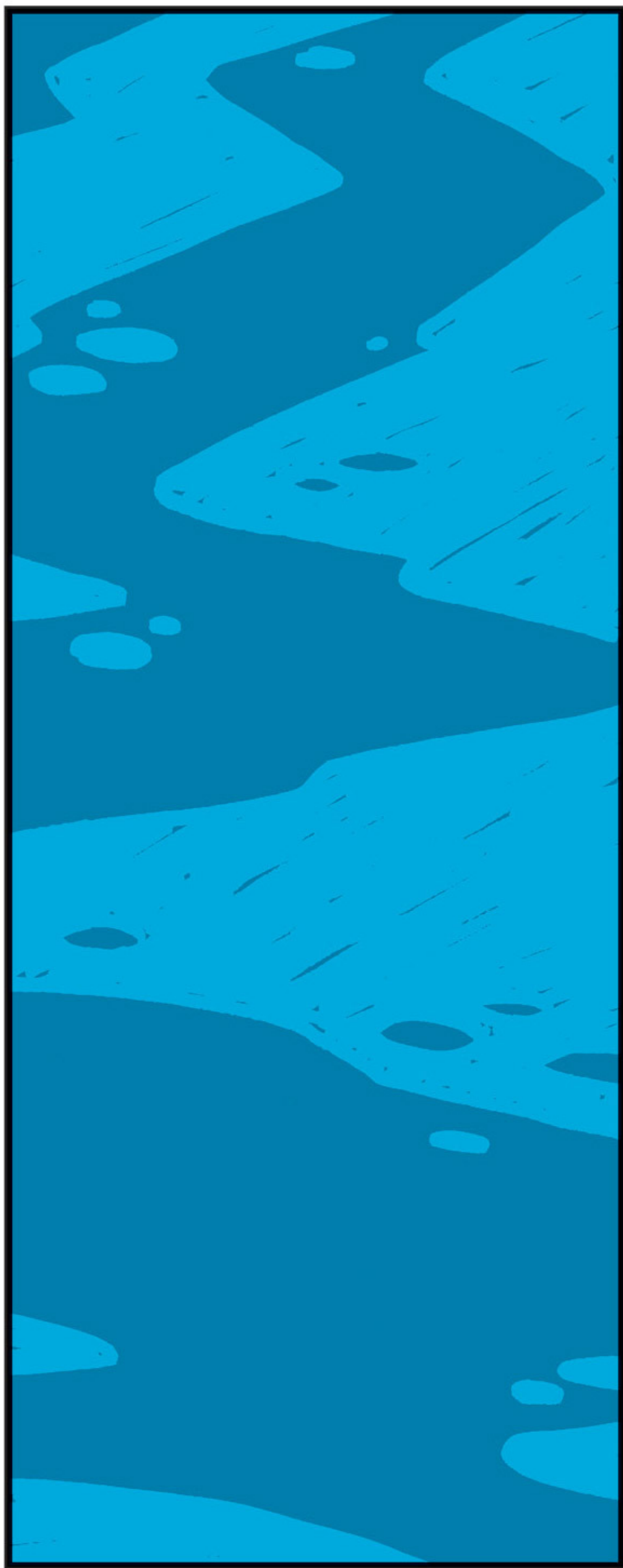
Because I have no idea where we are or what we're supposed to do.

Yeah.

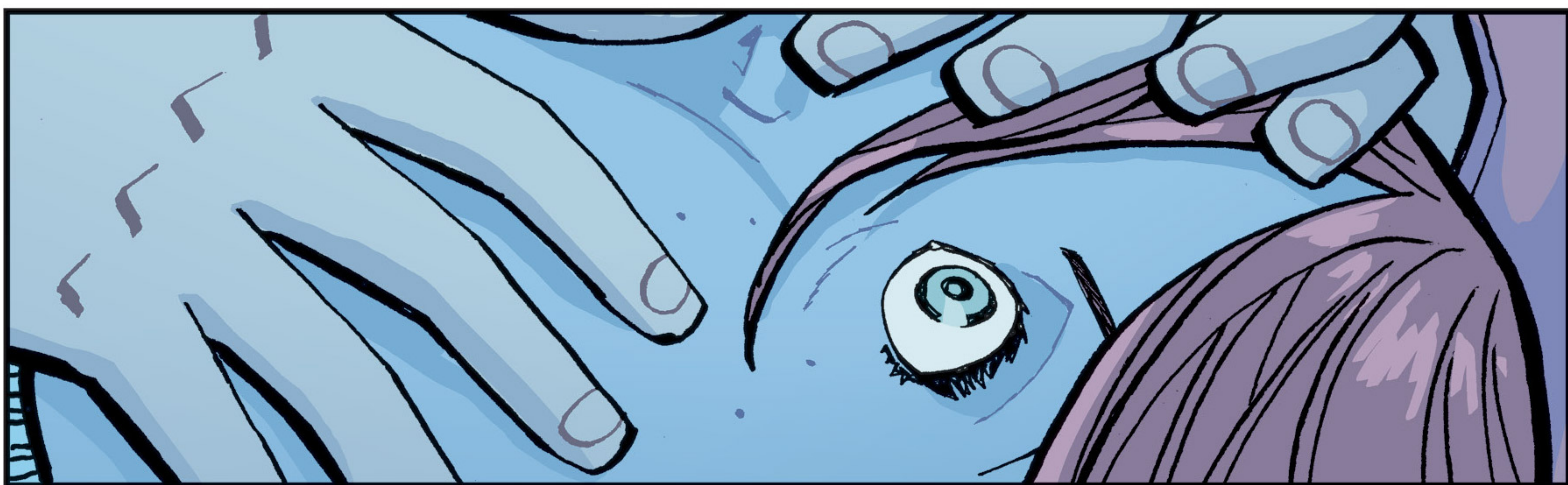
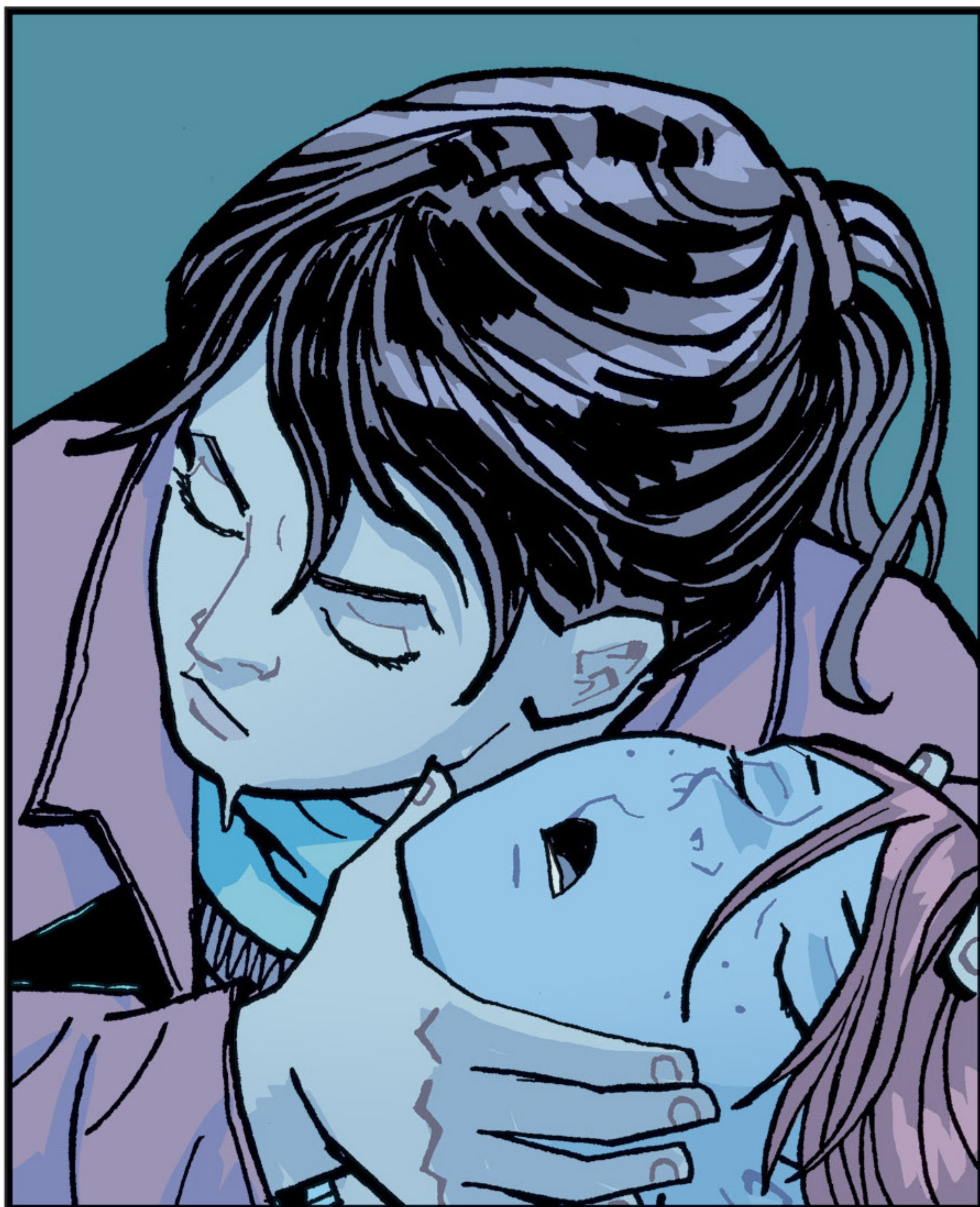


And I sure as shit didn't bring a towel.

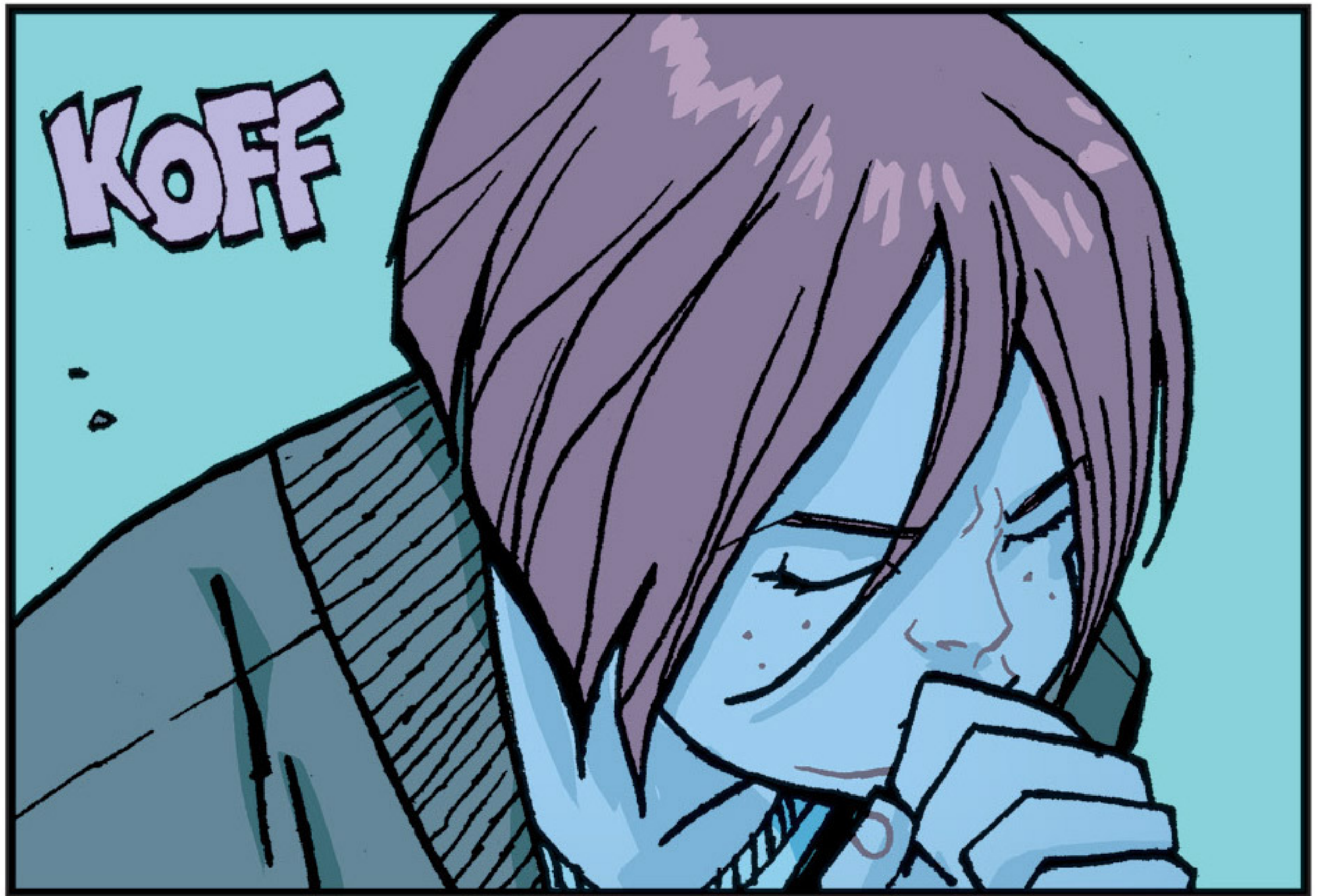
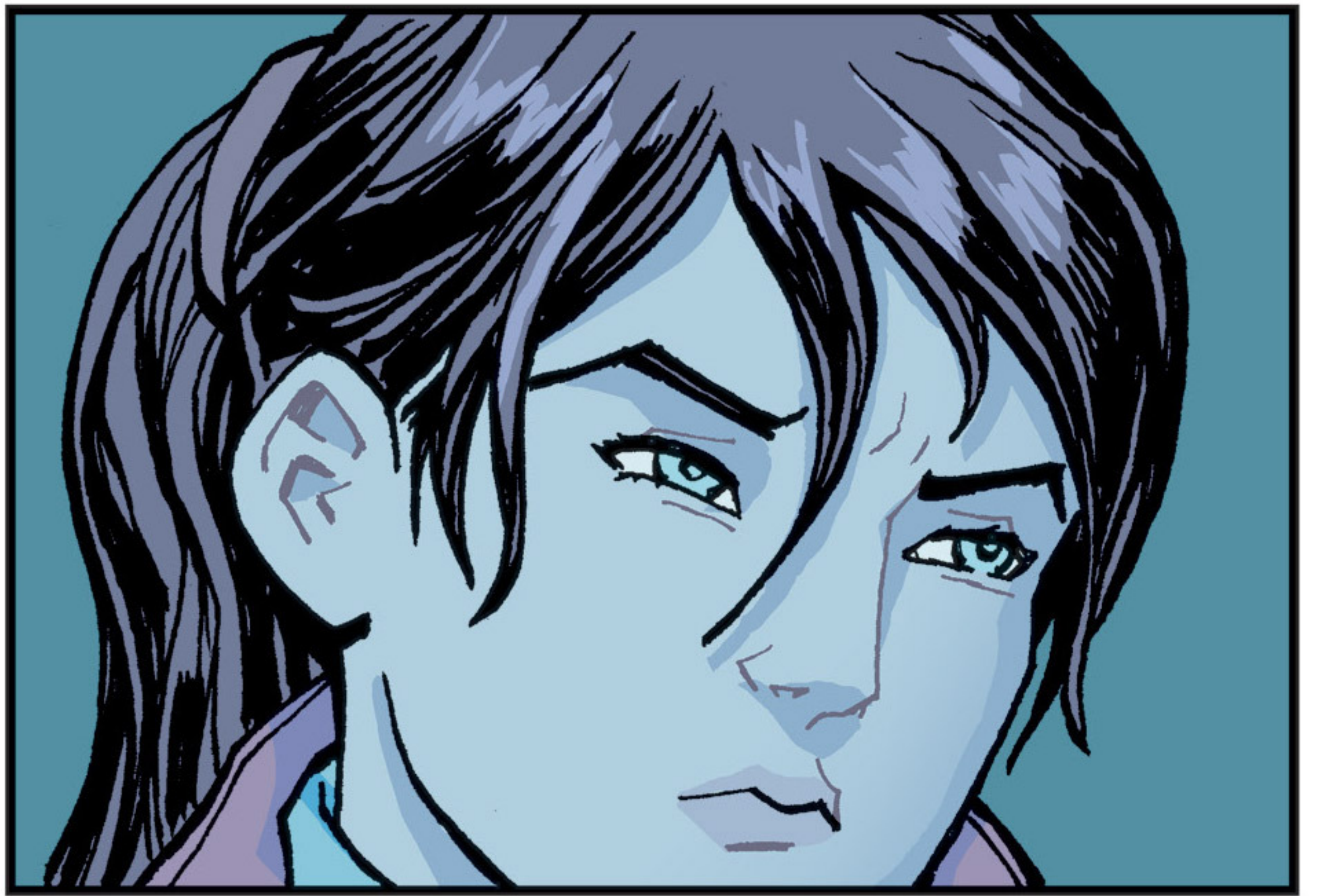












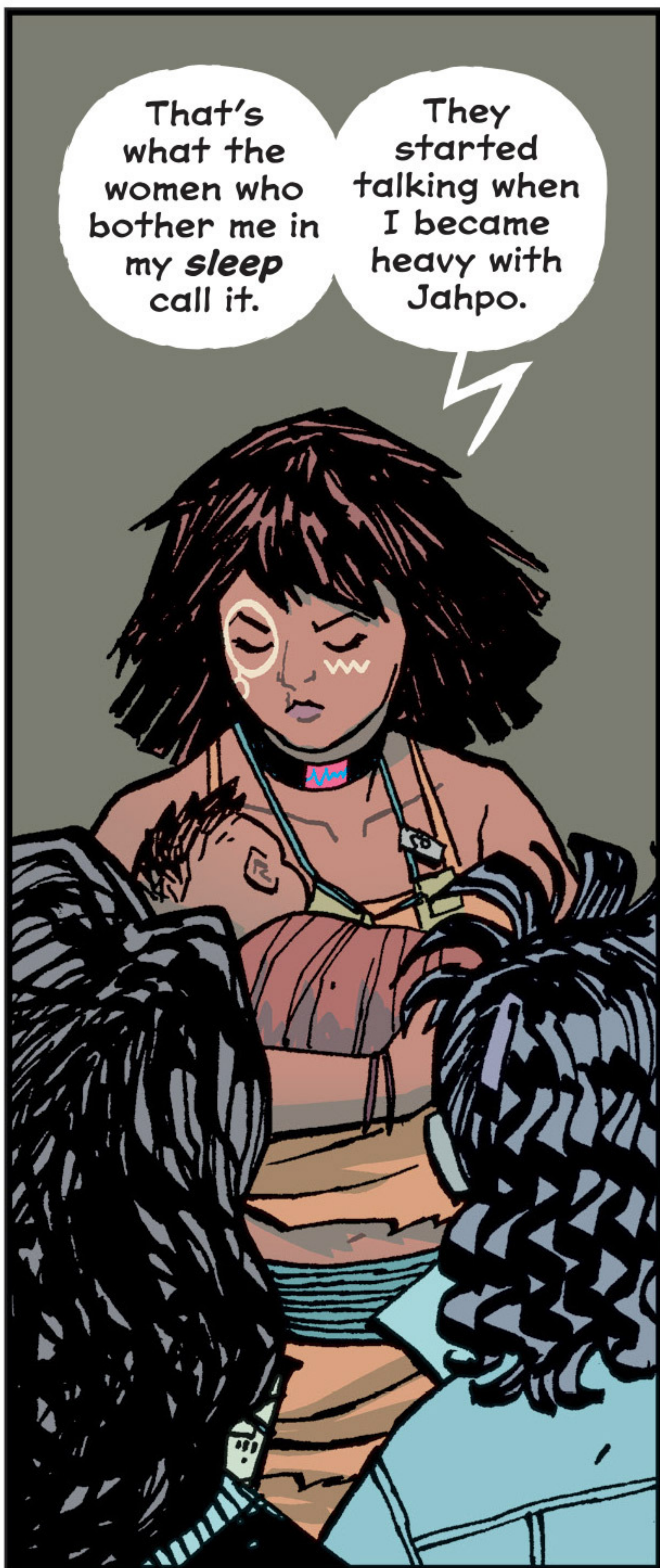
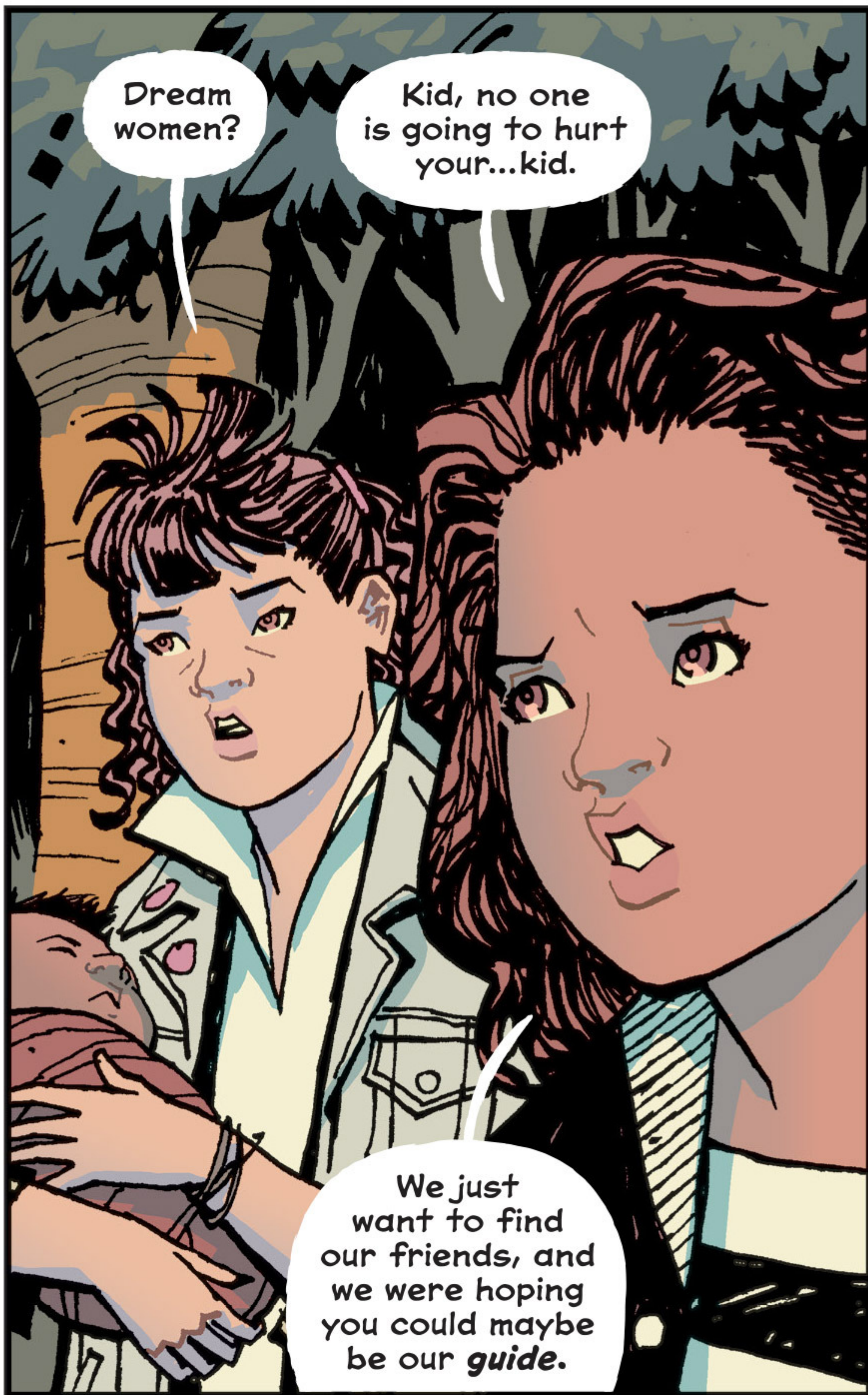








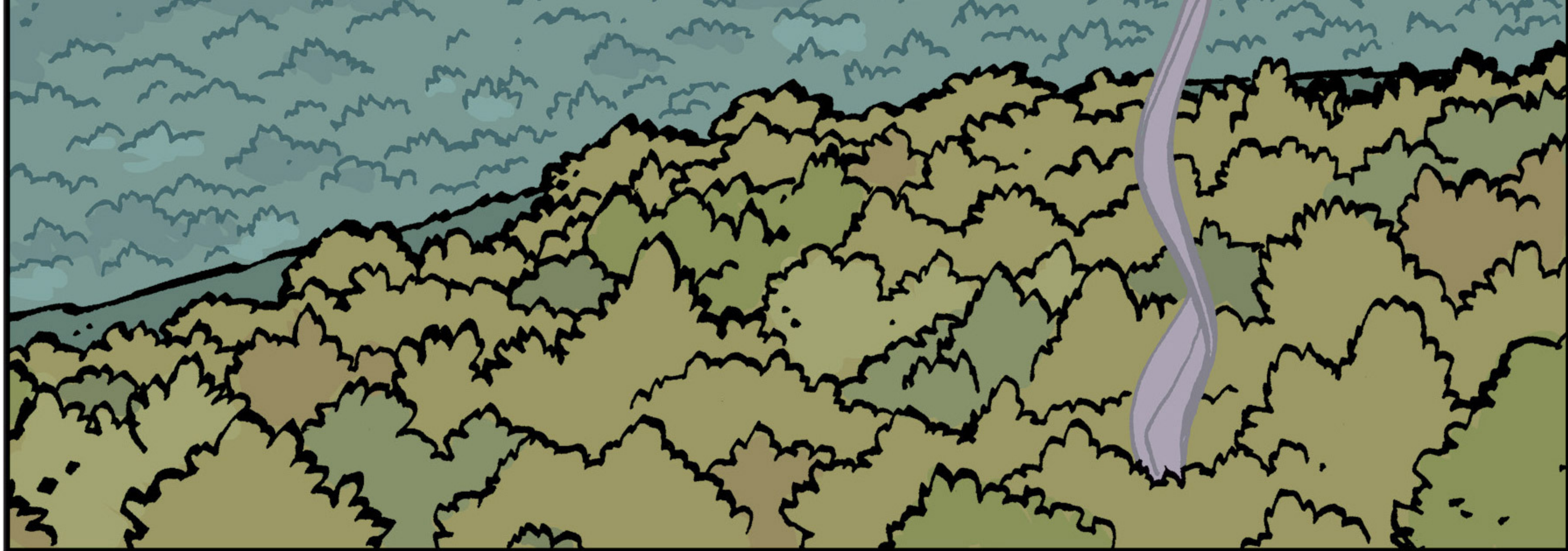












iSir: Record  
a private Time  
Capsule for  
my sister.

*When you're  
ready, Doctor  
Braunstein.*

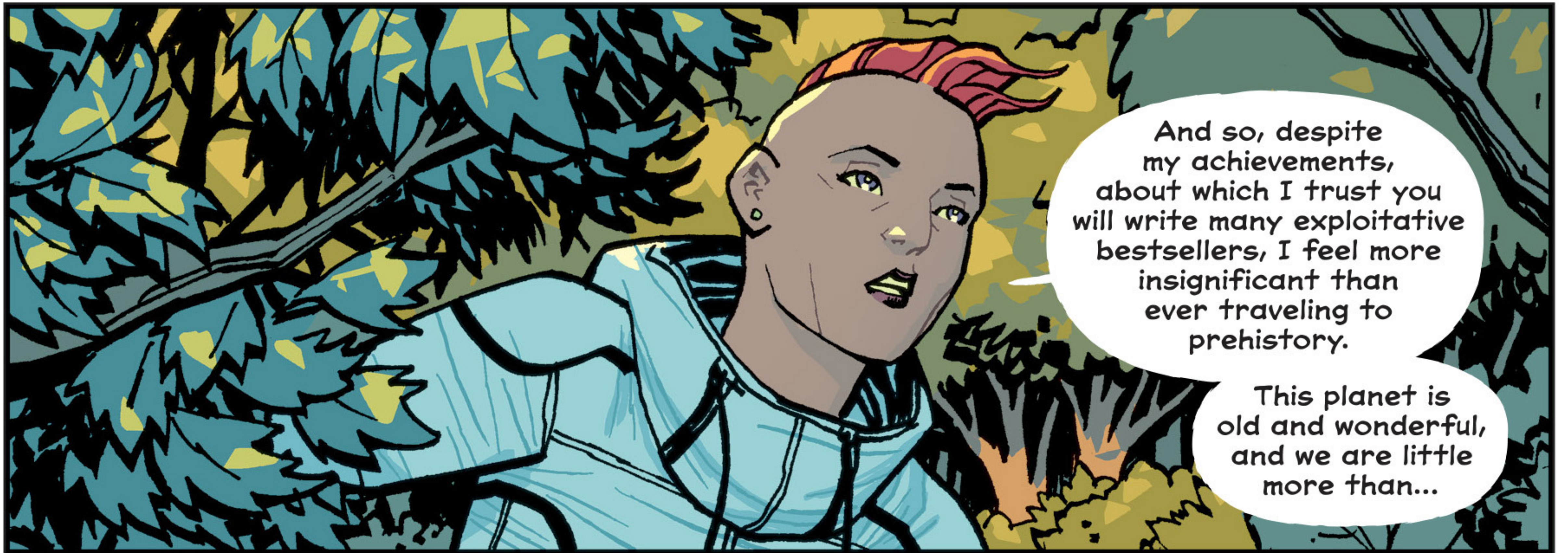


The  
first thing  
you notice is  
the air. It's  
absolutely  
delicious,  
Shusha.

I've never  
experienced  
anything like this,  
and yet, I have the  
most extraordinary  
sense of, and I know  
you'll roll your  
eyes when you  
hear this...

*...deja vu.*













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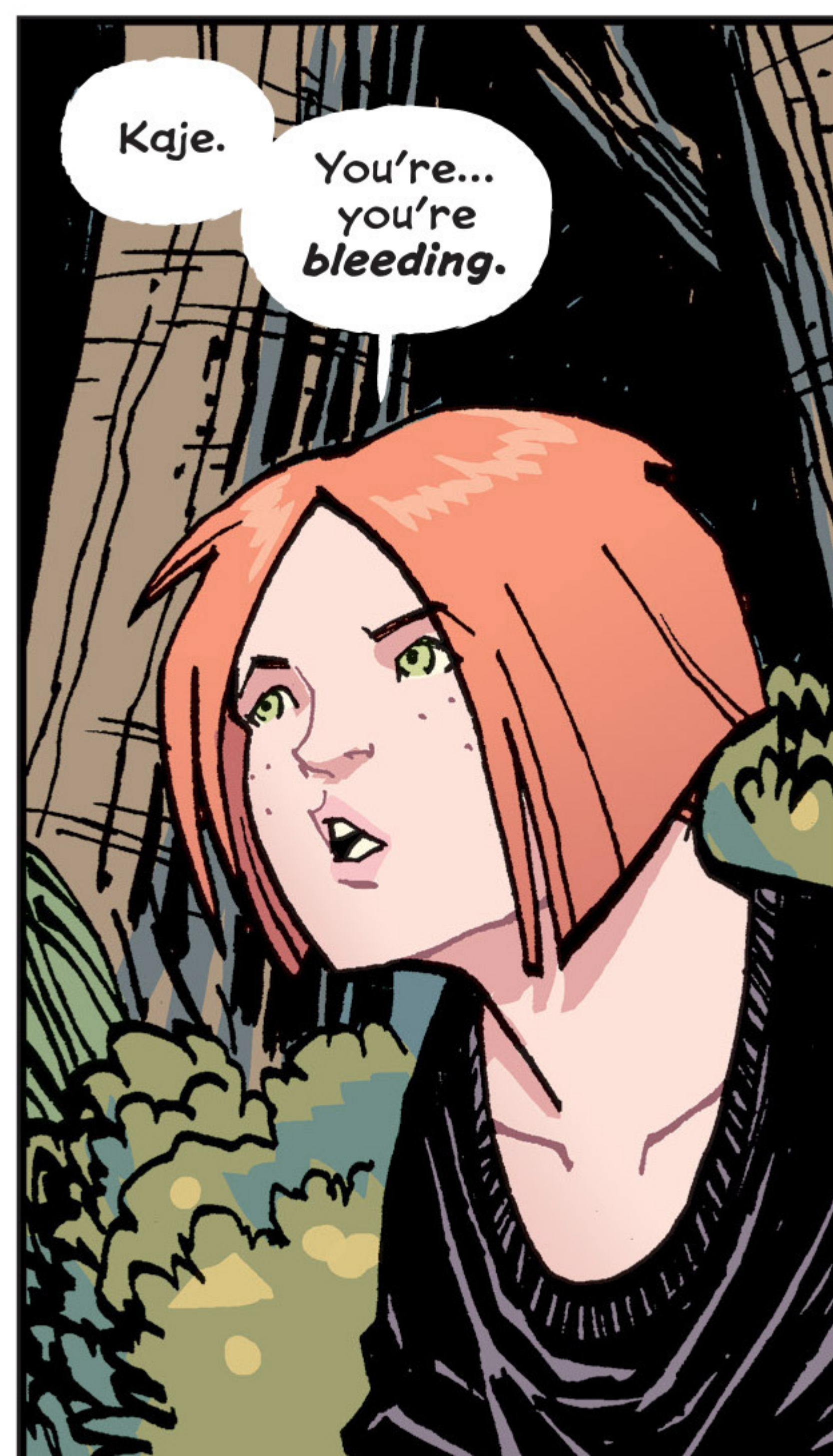
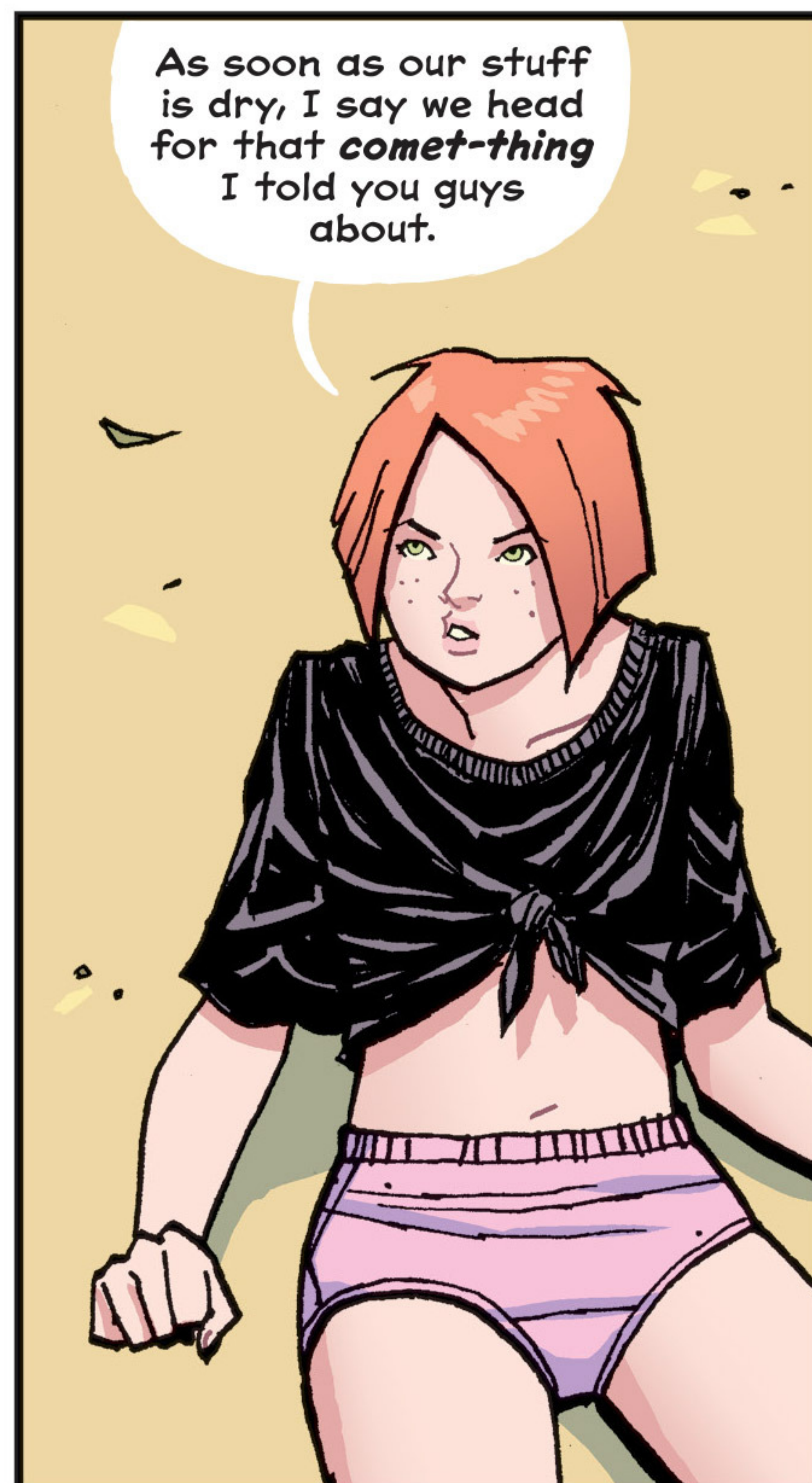




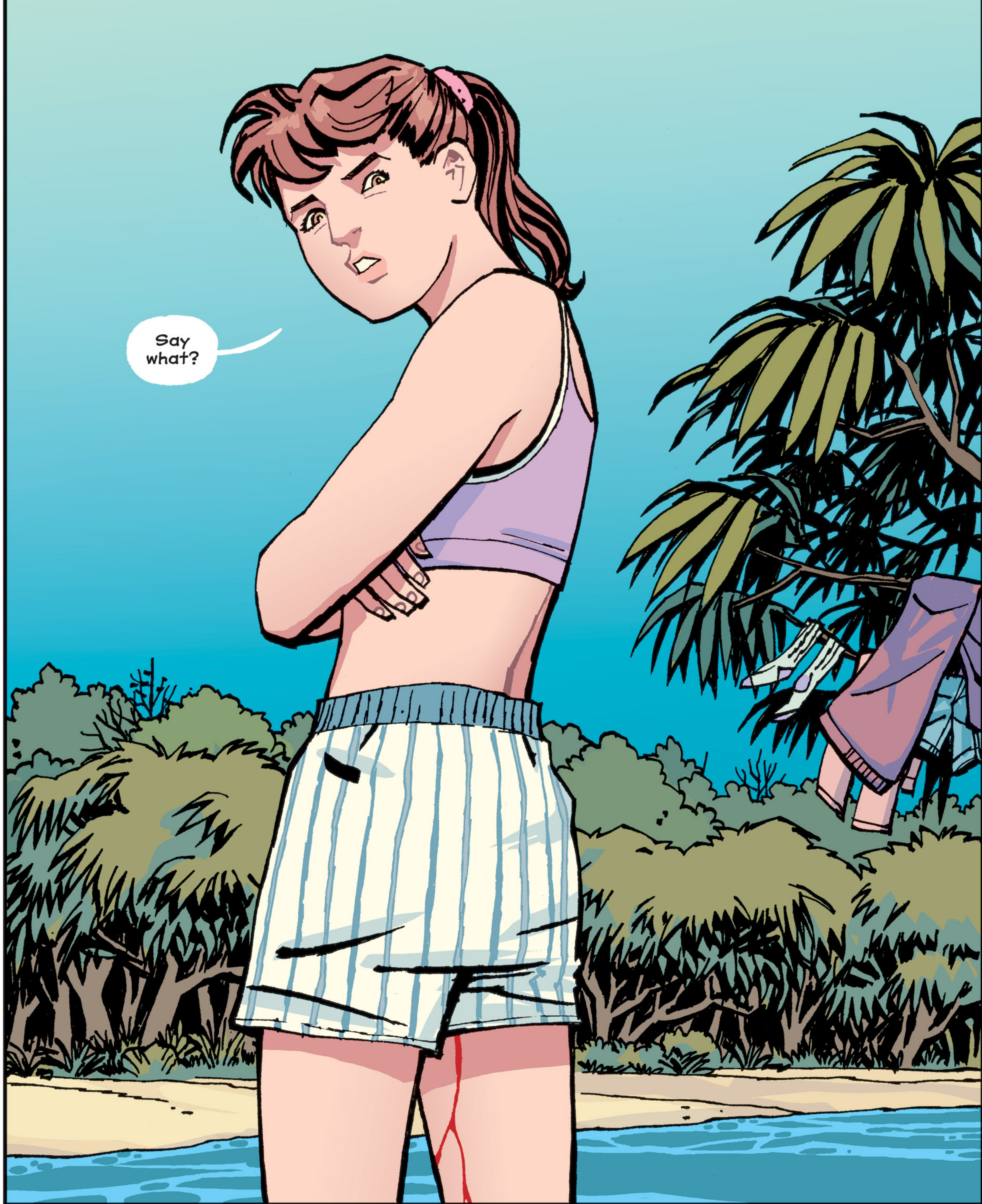


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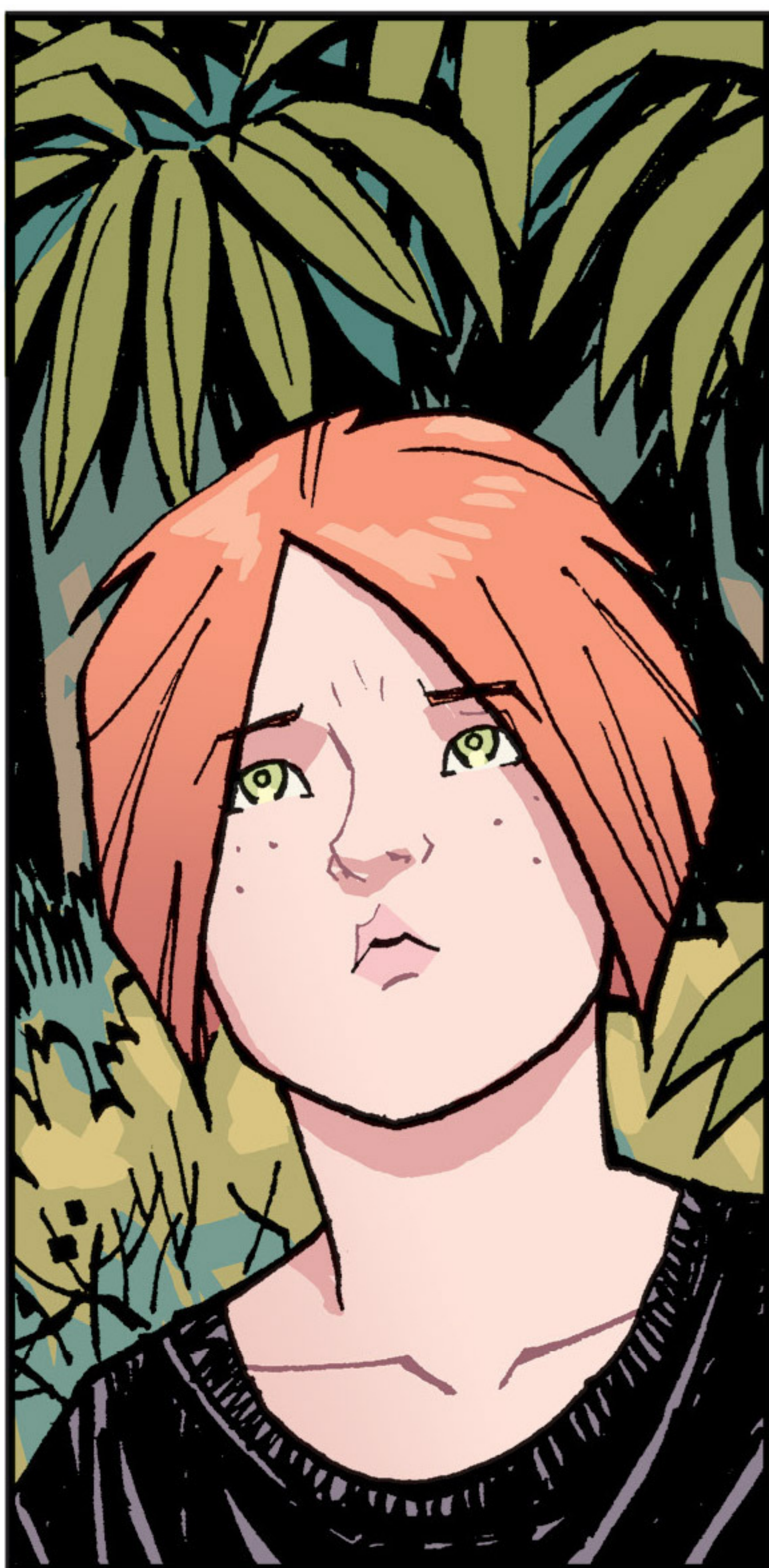
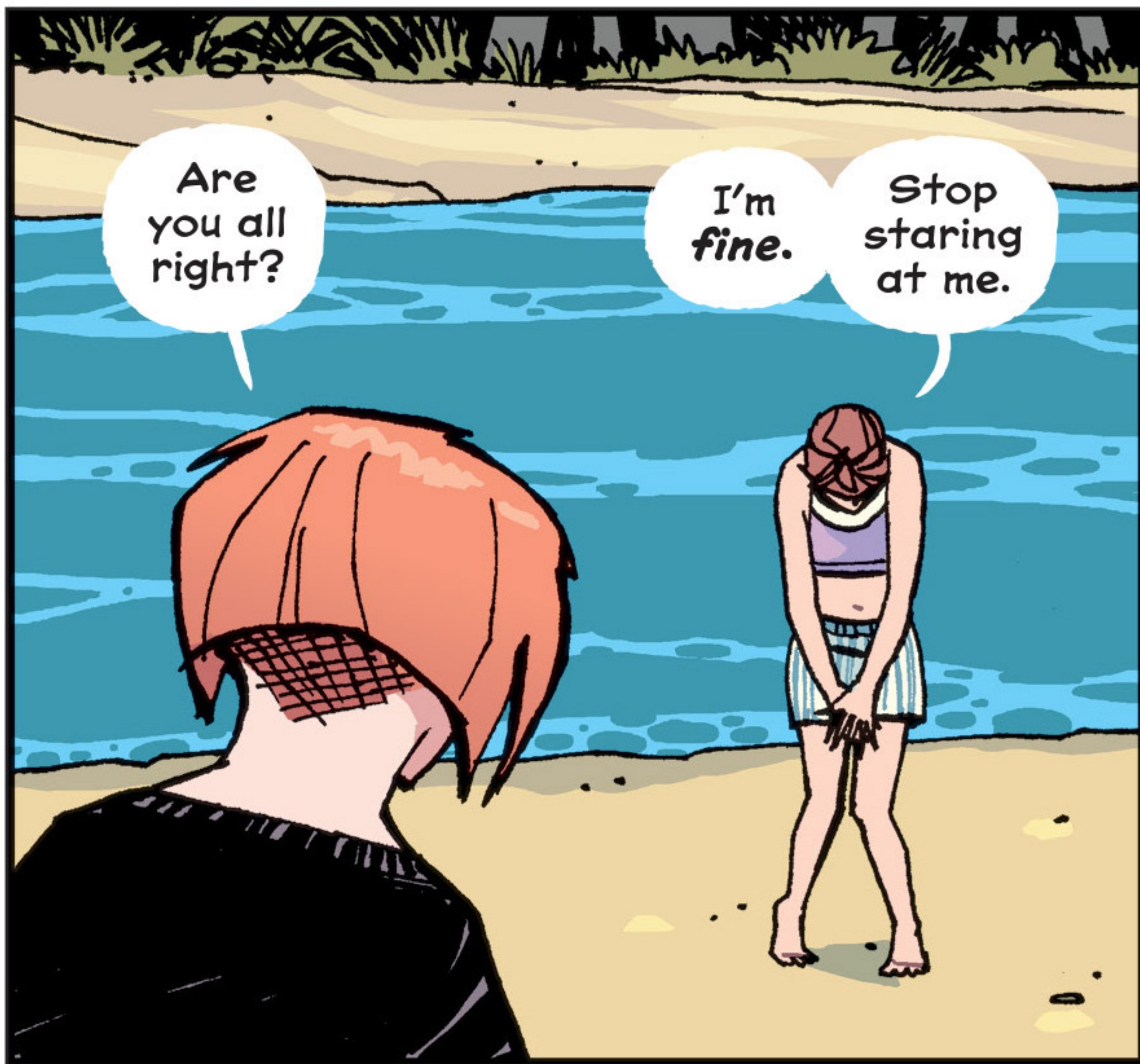




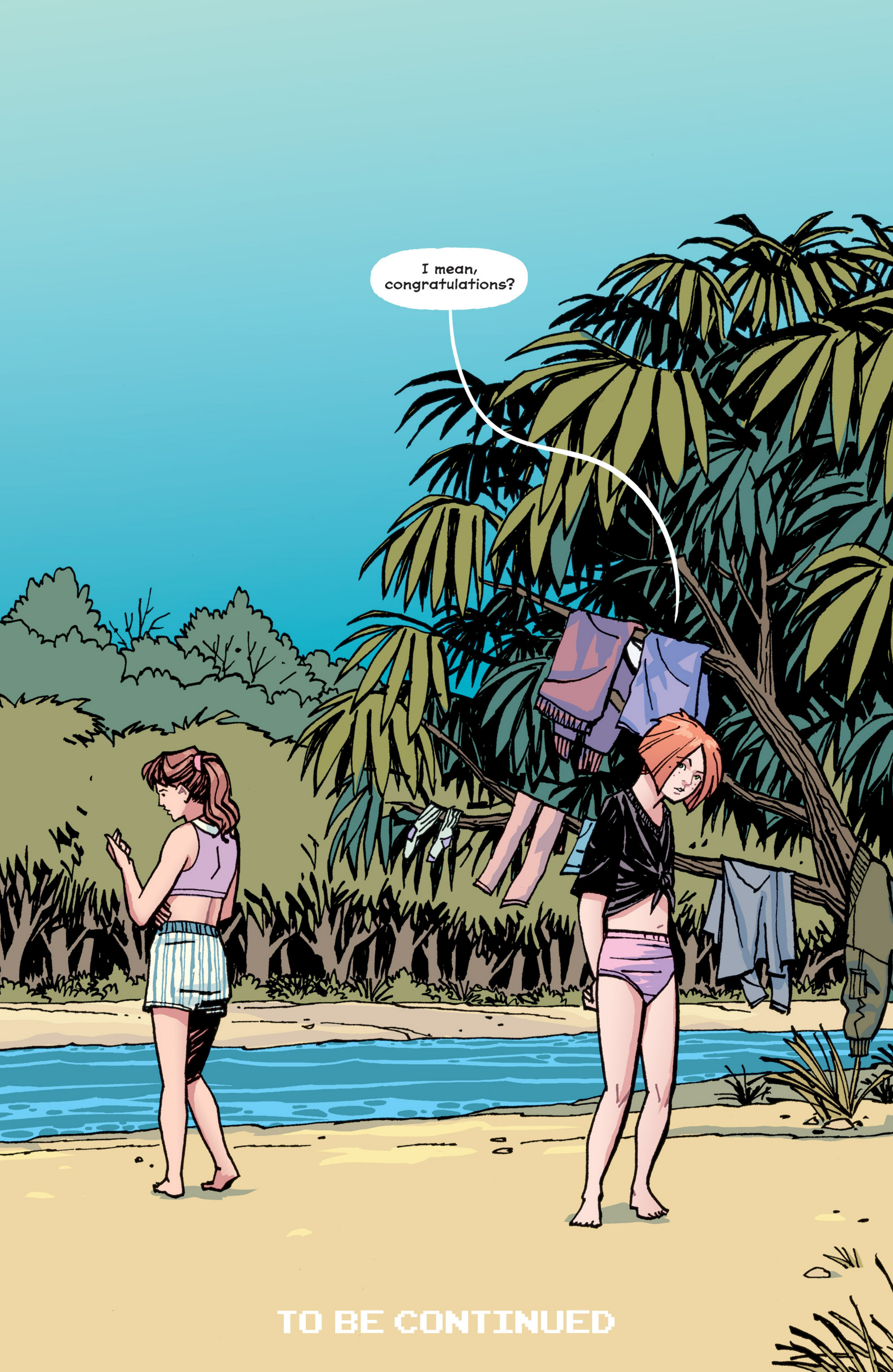












I mean,  
congratulations?

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# The American Newspaper Delivery Guild

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



*Peter Roy  
The Newsboy*

## Extra! Extra!

Spread the word, newsboys to  
help ring in the new century!

Hiya, fellers! Your mascot PETER ROY THE NEWSBOY here, and I can hardly believe that the TWENTIETH CENTURY is right around the bend!

What wonders await our proud nation in these next 100 years? Flying aero-cars? Electric-automatic housemaids? One thing is for certain..... folks will still be getting the first word about their bright futures from hard-working members of our guild, so if you're not yet part of the A.N.D.G., be sure to join today by mailing us a stamped envelope clearly marked with the address of your home, boarding house or other lodging!

Dear American Newspaper Delivery Guild:

My big brother Tommy says I oughtn't join your organization on account of Peter Roy not being a true friend of us newsies. He says you were in the pockets of them fat-cat publishers from the get. Please say it ain't so, Mister Roy.

Signed, *Bertrand Reed*

Pittsburgh, PA

*Bertrand, my colleagues didn't want me to print your potentially libelous missive, but I want to put a stop to these wretched rumors being spread by our enemies. Any suggestion that your pal Peter Roy did anything to queer the strike is a lie as big as any ever yet imagined. If your kin or anyone else could prove that yours truly ever accepted any sort of bribe, not only should you rip the inky sheets from my hands, but take my life to boot!*

Dear Peter:

I am a card-carrying member of the A.N.D.G., but just the other day, my corner was taken over by them d—Italian boys, and now I fear for my livelihood. Kindly

send some help my way to get back what is rightfully mine!

Yours, *"Dave" Fenton*

Queens, NY

*Son, no newsboy is entitled to a corner, for it must be EARNED. If a man can lick you fair and square, no matter if he's an Irish, Jew or Negro, then that spot belongs to him. If you want to protect your territory, don't look for others to fight your battles for you. Instead, we encourage you to put on gloves at your local athletic club, and learn how to scrap proper. Best of luck, pal!*

Dear American Newspaper Delivery Guild:

I am a young man who has worked hard in a facto the last three of my eleven years on this blessed am proud to say that I make a fair sum of nearly three cents each day, but I understand from periodical that a dedicated newsboy can mak as two whole dollars just for holding papers for a few hours? How can this be? Surely. clean white paper alone, to say nothing o sent by newsmen around the world, the v



a broken record, but am  
ally the only subscriber  
been receiving a messed-  
version of the A.N.D.G.  
ter? I miss your warm  
each month, Rita Pearl!

s in advance,

lin S.

cago, IL

*Sorry about the screw-up, Caitlin!  
We recently changed printers,  
and I guess it's caused some  
hiccups with a few copies of  
our monthly dispatch. But we're  
working hard to get everything  
back to normal ASAP!*

Dear Rita Pearl,

I have just finished reading  
the 10th installment of the fine  
publication *Paper Girls*, and  
finally got around to reading  
the letters section of the mag.  
For some reason, I never got  
around to reading this after  
the first nine issues. So, after  
reading #10, I read the letters  
then went back and read the  
letter columns for 6 through 9. It  
seems I've missed quite a bit: art  
contests, membership cards, and  
questionnaires! Oh, I did notice  
the Cryptography Corner in one  
of those issues, but alas, my entry  
was not the grand-prize winner.  
Anyway, after reading through  
all of that interesting back matter,  
I felt it necessary to become a bit  
more involved.

So, I will endeavor to answer  
the latest question: What jobs  
are actually, really and truly  
dreamy, once you have them? To  
preface my answer, I will say that  
I've never been a paperboy, but  
growing up, I had great respect  
for those guys and gals who  
would get up so early to deliver  
our morning paper (usually no  
matter the weather) or who would  
deliver the afternoon paper after  
school. I've often wondered  
what happened to those folks.  
Surely, perhaps in no small part  
due to their newspaper carrier

experience, they moved on to be  
successful in their chosen fields.  
As for me, I also respected my  
teachers a lot, and even though  
I fancied becoming a comic book  
writer or artist, I have ended  
up being a teacher. In many  
ways, I feel that teaching IS a  
dreamy job in that I can fulfill the  
requirements of my teacher duties  
in many ways: by acting, by  
drawing, by writing, by singing,  
and by coming up with interesting  
way to help students further their  
learning. I don't know if I can say  
that I really "love" teaching, but I  
do experience some fulfillment by  
using my creativity.

Well, I know you're a bit young  
to be worrying too much about  
a future job, Rita, but I sure  
hope that you, and Seth from  
Cincinnati, find your dream jobs.

Sincerely,

**Alan Bowman**

Saga City, Japan

*Thanks, Alan! I really appreciate  
your response. It's nice to think  
that my teachers (at least some  
of them) might actually be doing  
their dream jobs! I personally  
don't think any of us are too  
young to start considering what  
we might want to do with our work  
lives. Of course, my guidance  
counselor keeps reminding me  
that careers nowadays have  
many chapters and I don't have  
to decide for my whole life, but  
being a part of the A.N.D.G. has  
taught me that each job that we  
shoot for takes years of focus and  
training and hard work! So the  
more groundwork we can lay, the  
better, right?*

Dear A.N.D.G.,

I've had a fantastic vacation here  
on Treasure Island. And to have a  
good time on the beach, I looked  
for some interesting comic books  
and found your trade paperback  
of *Paper Girls, Volume 1*. It was  
such a great book that I revisited  
the comic book store and bought

the rest in single issues up to No.  
10. Wonderful design, choice  
of colors, and the story: Wow, I  
can't wait to see how it goes on.

In the 80s, I was a paperboy  
for the biggest German Sunday  
Newspaper. I had a small  
motorcycle and a racing bike to  
cover the areas I had to deliver to.  
I heard Billy Idol on my Walkman  
and I lost my thoughts somewhere  
between the stars in the very dark  
morning sky.

Your book called back all these  
memories about a time when  
everything was still possible for  
me, just as anything is possible in  
*Paper Girls*.

Many Thanks,

**Christian**

Hamburg, Germany

*Wow, Christian. Thanks for  
sharing these memories! So  
glad we could be a part of your  
vacation. I hope while you were  
on the island you also took some  
time to remember the things that  
are still possible in your own life.*

Dear Rita Pearl,

Though I've never been a paper  
deliverer, I really appreciate  
what you and Petey Roy are  
doing. Now, I don't know where  
you two live, but here in Florida,  
I know many paperboys or girls  
are really struggling to get those  
papers out; it's way too hot  
here! Not only do they have to  
deal with pesky neighborhood  
dogs and annoying humans,  
but they have to pedal through  
that godawful heat, too! Thank  
you Rita, Petey, and all of you  
newspaper deliverers for doing  
what you do.

Thank you again and good luck  
on all of your routes!

Sincerely,

**Dawson**

Orlando, FL



Thanks, Dawson! And yes, here's to all the amazing deliverers who get out there in the summer heat! A tip for you: before you go to bed at night, put one water bottle in the fridge and a second in the freezer. That way you'll stay cool and hydrated for your whole route.

Of course, you probably have a few more months before you have to worry about the heat again. Do any of our northern comrades have any tips to share for getting through these colder days?

To the team at Paper Girls,

I know it doesn't sound like much but thanks for making Erin Chinese-American. I can relate to her so much, especially when 40-year-old Erin talks about how much her mom thinks she's a failure because she hasn't been married and because she works at a dead-end job (This is in issue 7).

I'm glad Erin is a whole character, and she doesn't fall according to stereotypes. She has worries that she wants the other papergirls to be her friends, and I can relate to that anxiety so much. But I love the adventure she is in and I can't wait to see the story unfold more.

Also, Cliff's art is phenomenal!

Sincerely,

**Timothy**

Los Angeles, CA

That's awesome that you feel represented, Timothy! I imagine many of our readers can relate to disappointing their mothers. Just remember, it all comes from a place of love—you can't disappoint someone unless they really believe in you to start with. And while I honestly have my quibbles about some of the writing in the unfolding story that "hosts" our periodical (uh-oh, biting the hand that feeds!), I agree that the art is phenomenal.

Hi Team Paper Girls!

I absolutely loved the moment in issue #6 when Tiffany, Erin and Mac were dazzled by the flat-screen TV. Despite it being a Sony model, am I correct in saying there is a videogame console right below it...and that it is a Microsoft Xbox One?! That's my system of choice! Is it safe to say then that Erin grows up to become a gamer? What genre would be her favorite?

And going back to the TV, I was pleasantly surprised when *TMNT: Out of the Shadows* made a brief cameo. Whose idea was that? Did anyone go see it, and if so, what are their thoughts? Finally, after all these years as a Turtle fan, I got to see not just Beebop and Rocksteady, but KRANG too!

**Dimitrios B.**

Berlin, MA

You are a close reader, Dimitrios! The creators of this comic are lucky to have someone like you, picking up every detail. I personally haven't seen the new *Turtles* movie yet, but thanks for your enthusiasm...

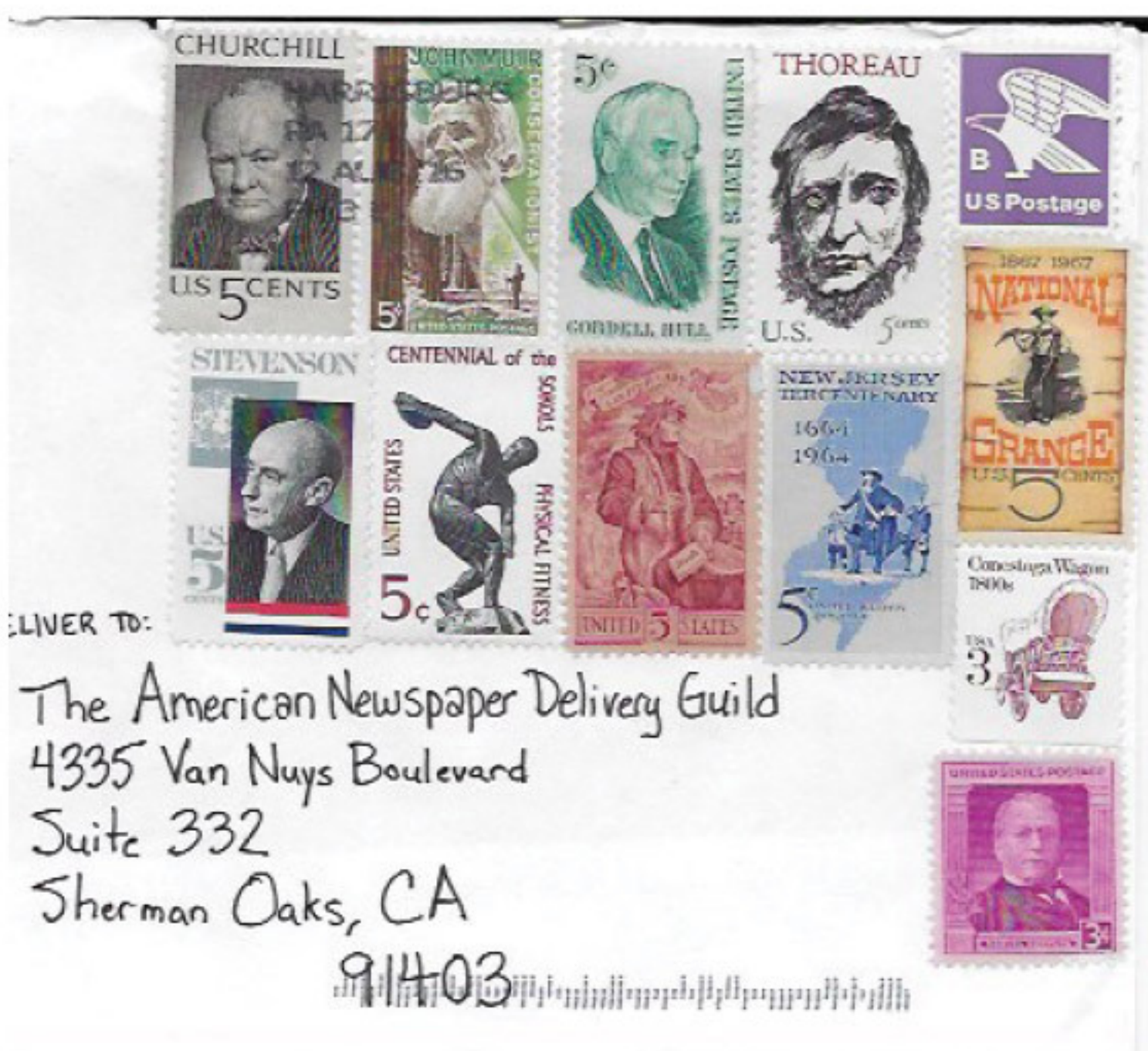
Hello,

I heard about your Petey card offer tonight on my ham radio after we all watched *The A-Team*. I hope I wrote down the address right. I used the old stamps my Dad gave me for this and the S.A.S.E. I am a delivery boy so that I can buy videogames. The Vectron is my favorite. I feel like I'm going through a timeship when I play it. I deliver papers to buy more games. I like them. President Regan [sic] talked about *Star Wars* on the ABC news tonight. Maybe he likes videogames, too. I want to deliver newspapers until I go to college, then maybe my little sister can take my route. She's cool. She can have my bike too, then. I won't need it when I go to college. Thank you for the Petey card, mister.

Best,

**Chris**

York, PA



I just received your letter, here in 2017, with its awesome collection of stamps depicting Winston Churchill, John Muir, Cordell Hull, Henry David Thoreau, Samuel Gompers, Adlai Stevenson and more. It kind of blew my mind in several directions. Why did this letter take thirty years to get here? Why does it have stamps from all different eras? Did it travel through time to get to me, or just take a long, circuitous journey? Whichever way, it feels like there is a story here. Thanks for sharing yours.

Speaking of stamps, has anyone noticed that the U.S.P.S. recently issued a series of Wonder Woman stamps, and that one of them features art by Paper Girls' own Cliff Chiang? That is pretty damn cool, IMHO, and for being our Deliverer of the Month, we'll send a few of these stamps your way, Chris!

For the rest of you, please keep those letters coming! We're always excited to hear from you, especially with your questions, queries and suggestions for other deliverers.

Until next time, stay strong and pedal on!

Peace,

**Rita Pearl, Paper Girl**



# THE A.N.D.G. Art Corner!

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Rita & Co.,

Just wanted to let everyone know  
what a great job you're doing on  
creating such an awesome comic!

Enclosed is my rendition of the  
coolest Paper Girl I know!

Looking forward to whatever  
direction this amazing book goes.

Best, **Jason Young**

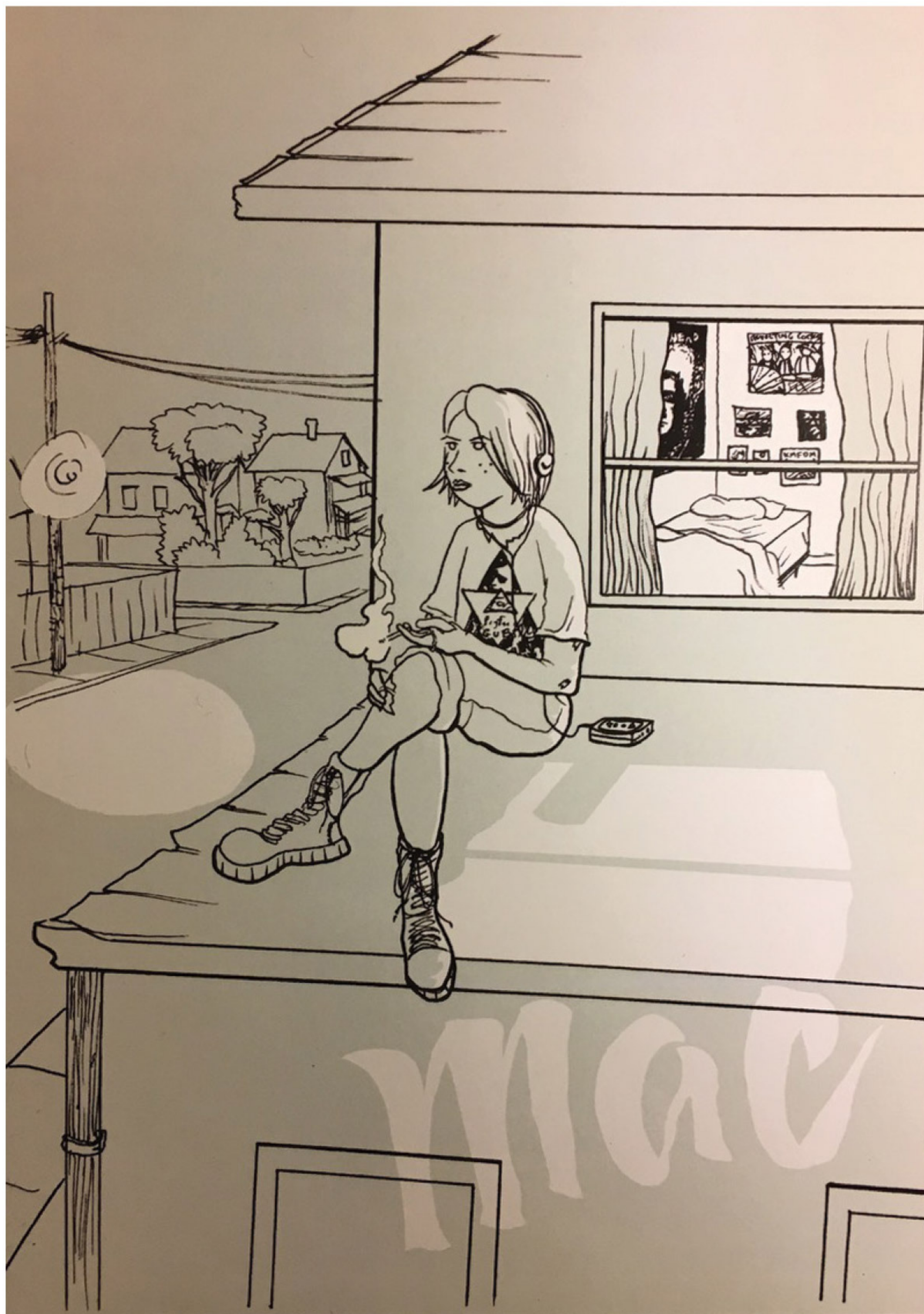
Dayton, OH

*Wow, that's some totally "maud"  
artwork, Jason! (We just learned  
that slang term this week.)*

*Anyway, as thanks for your lovely  
contribution, we'll be sending you  
some of our highly coveted PETEY  
ROY & RITA PEARL PINS! ▼*



*If any of you other deliverers  
out there would like to share  
a drawing with us (it can be a  
character or characters from  
Paper Girls, or anything at all  
to do with our line of work), just  
send your masterpiece to the  
address above!*



Jason Young



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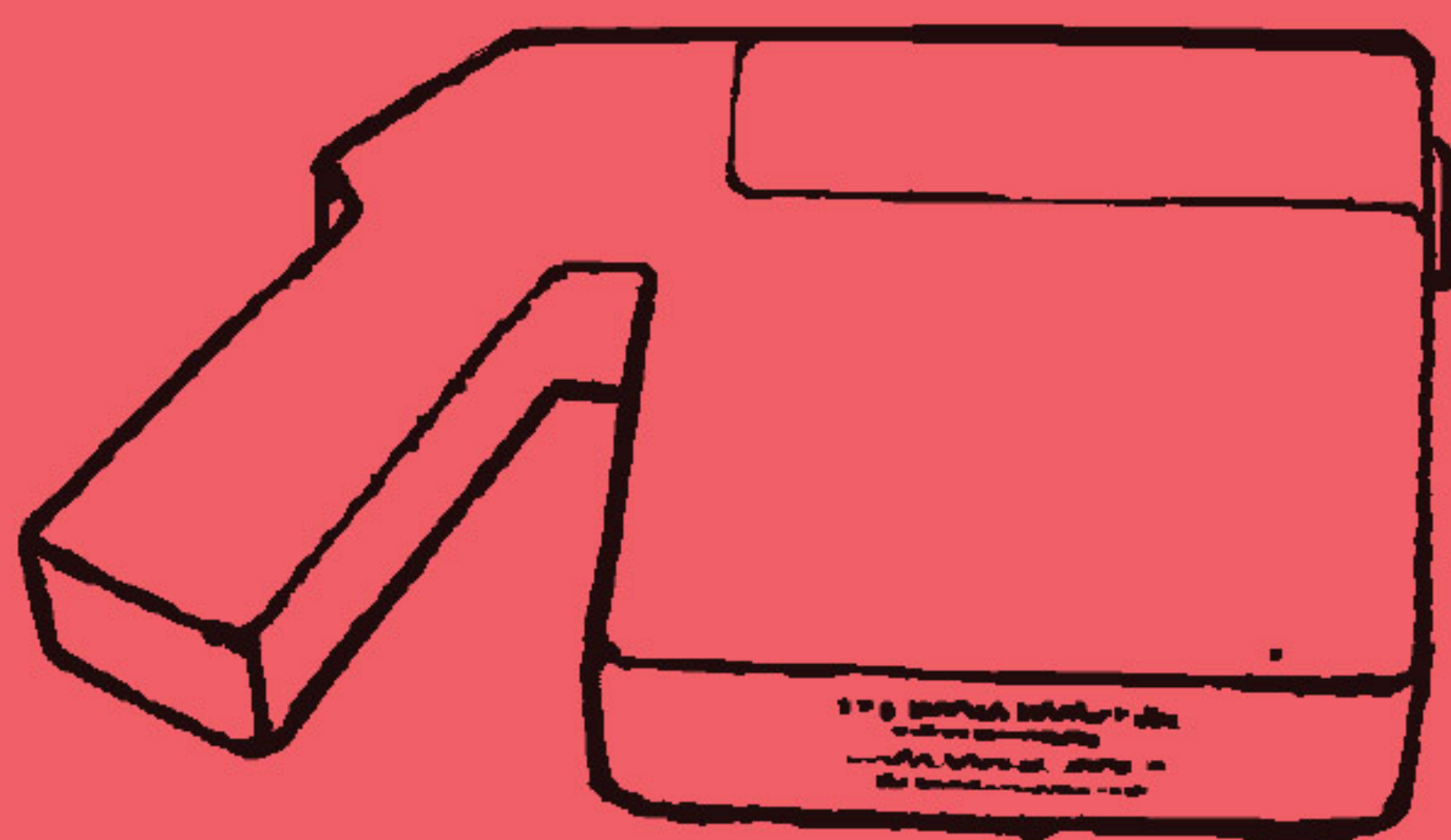
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