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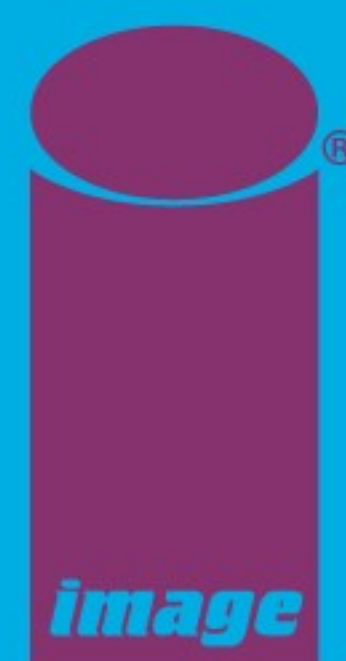
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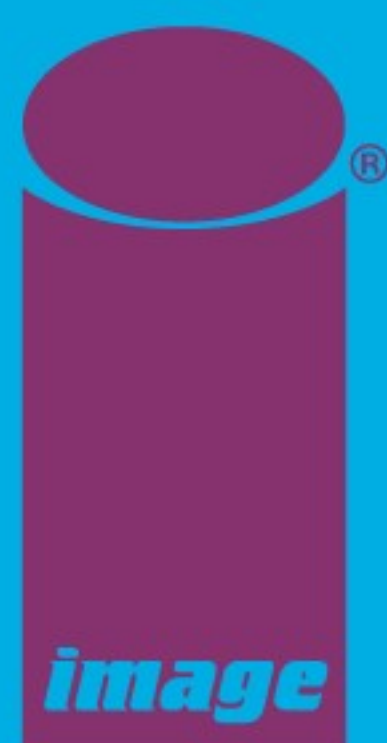


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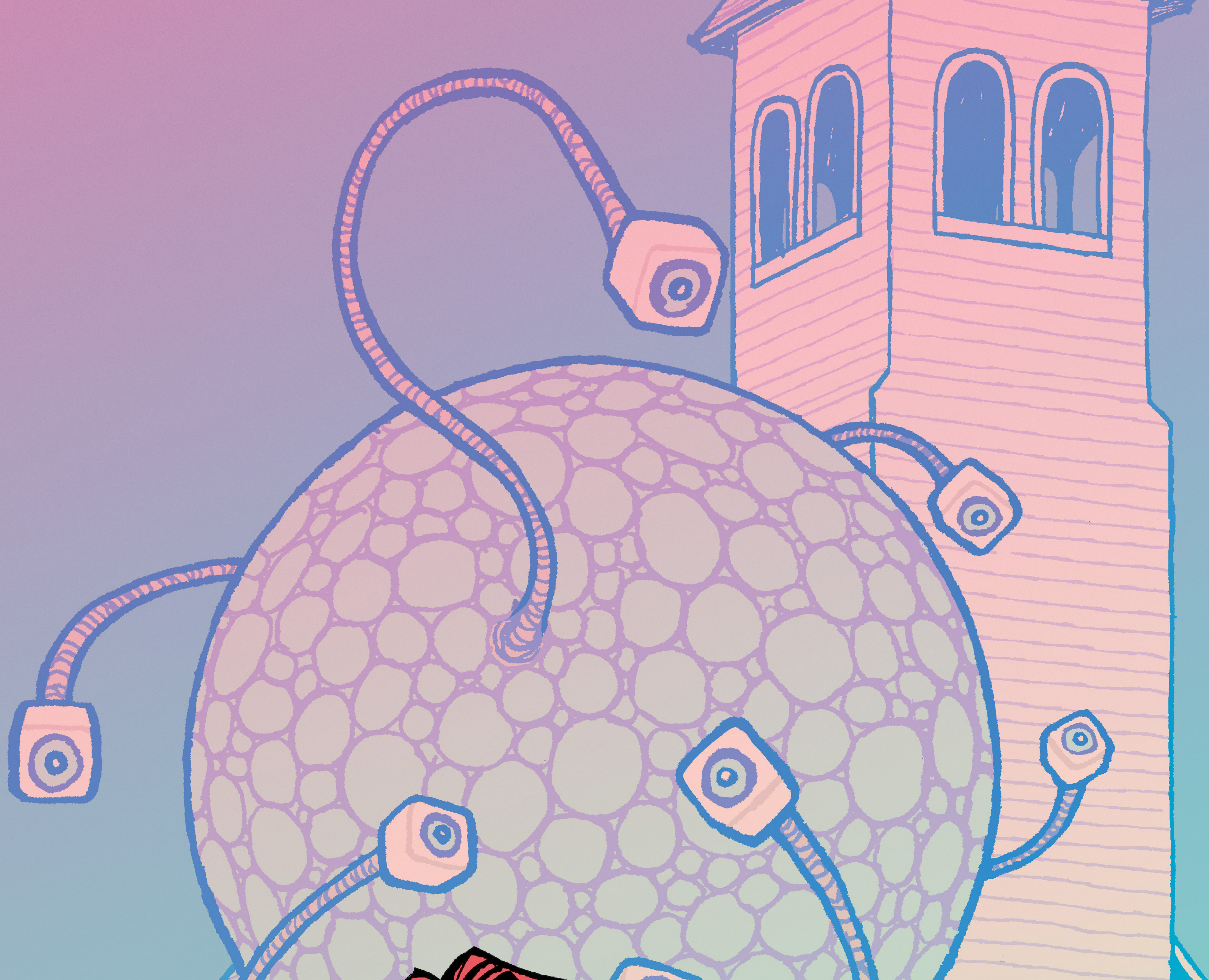
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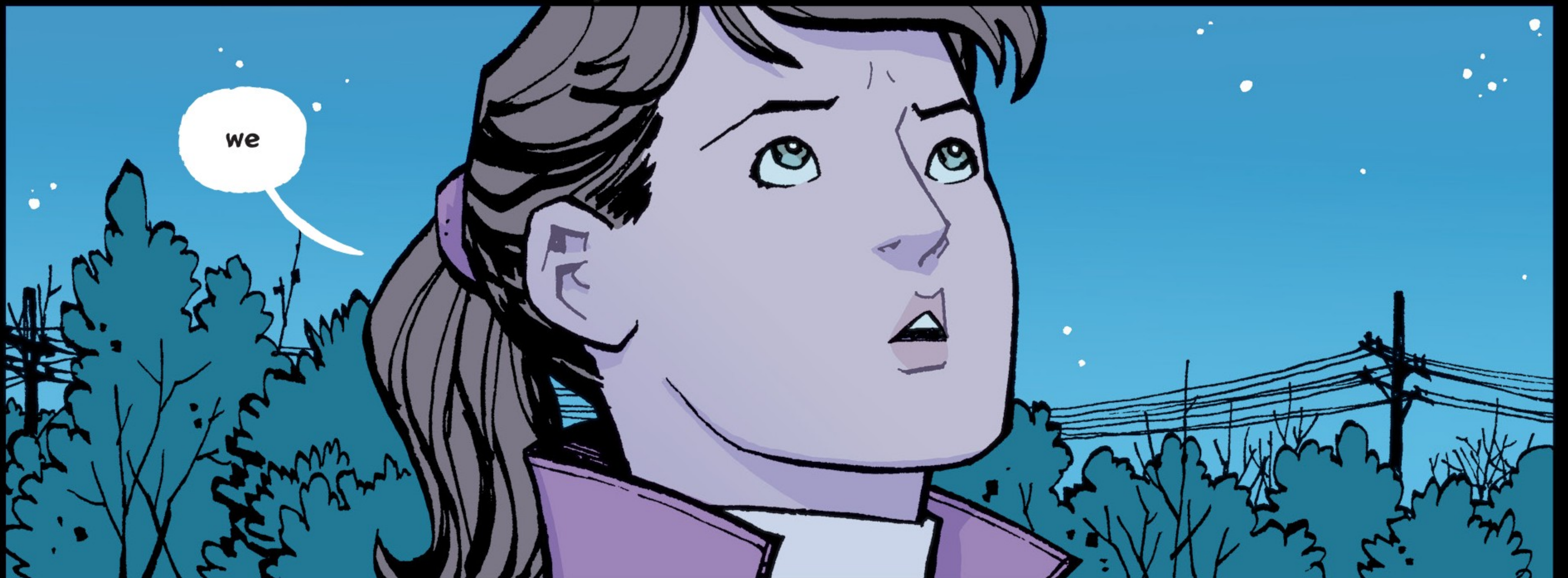
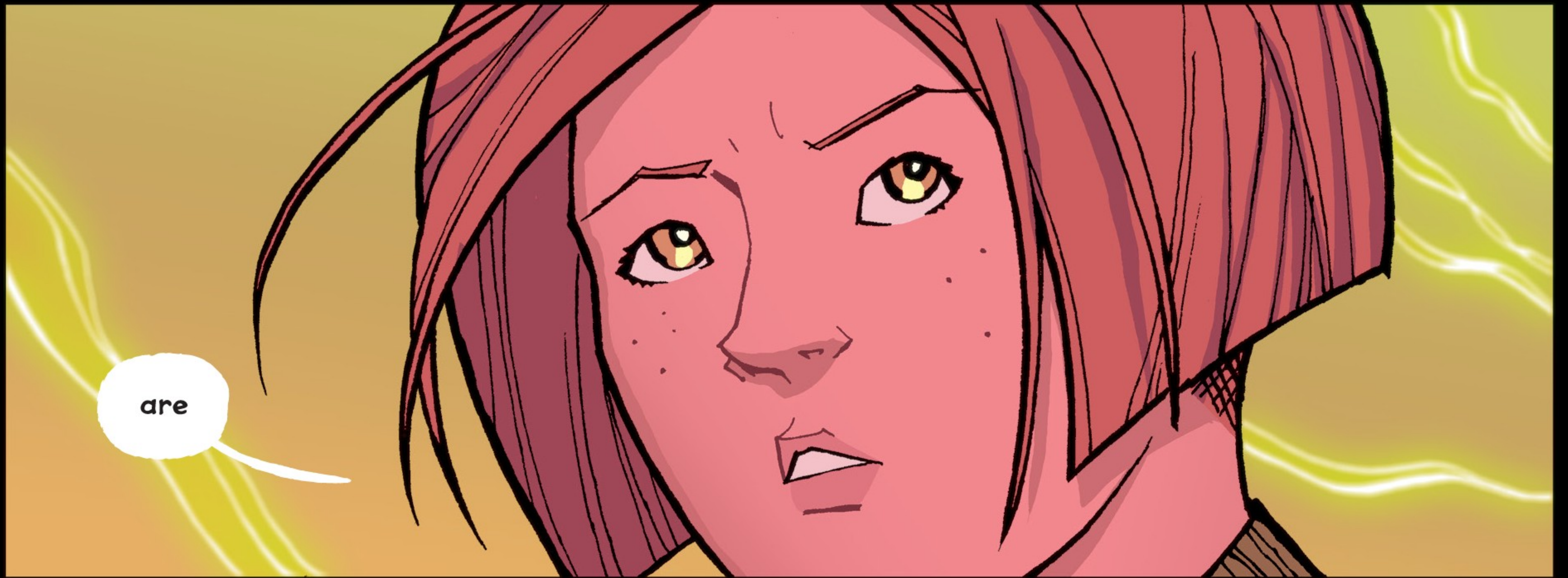
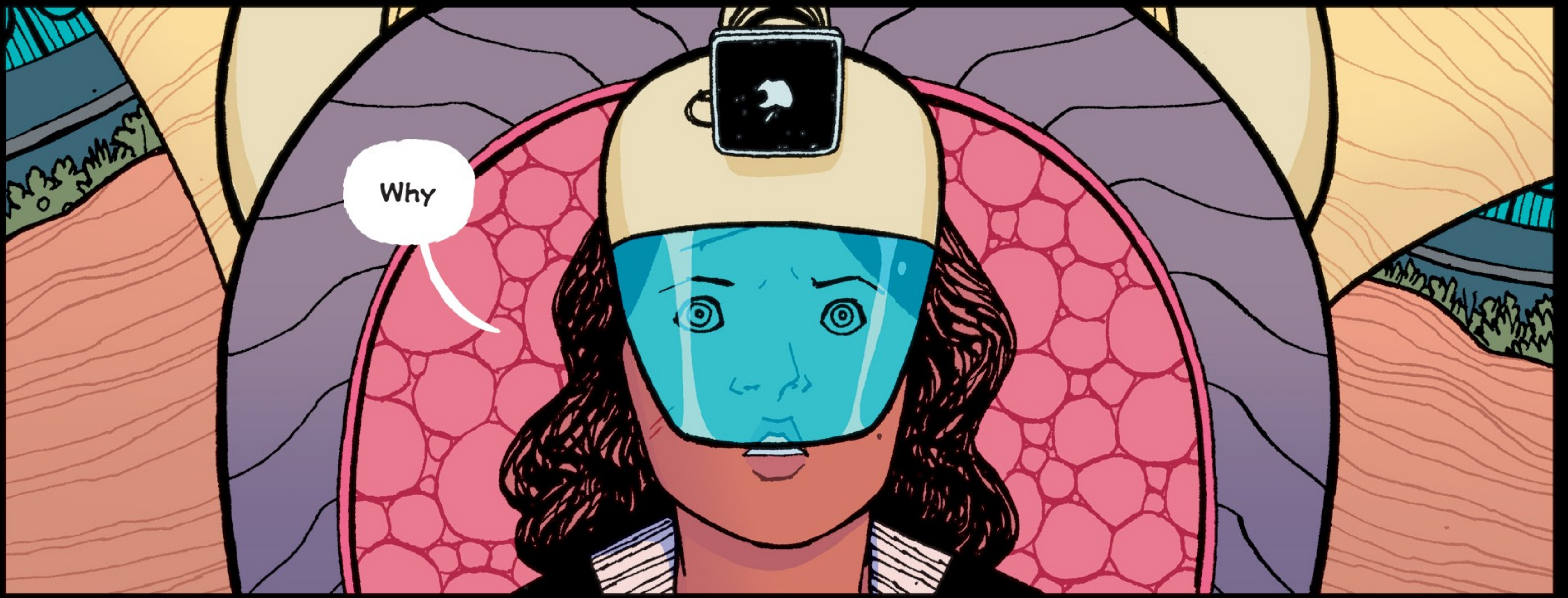
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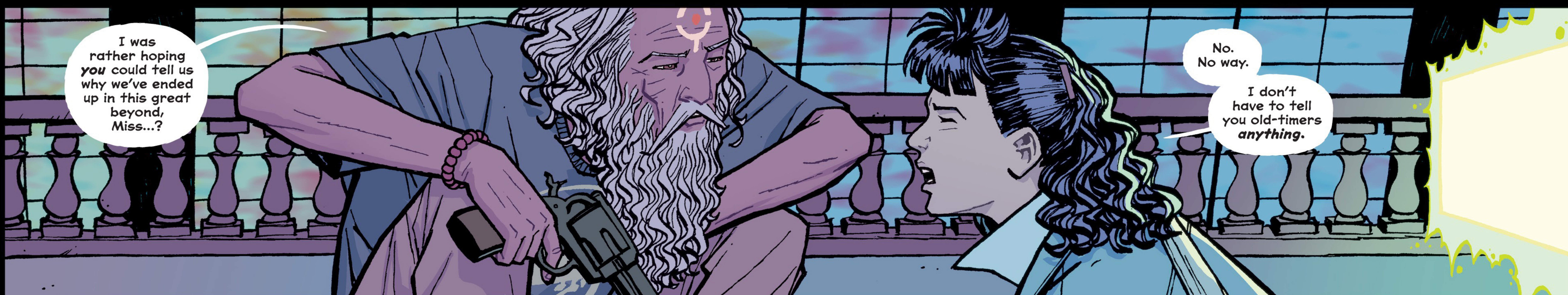
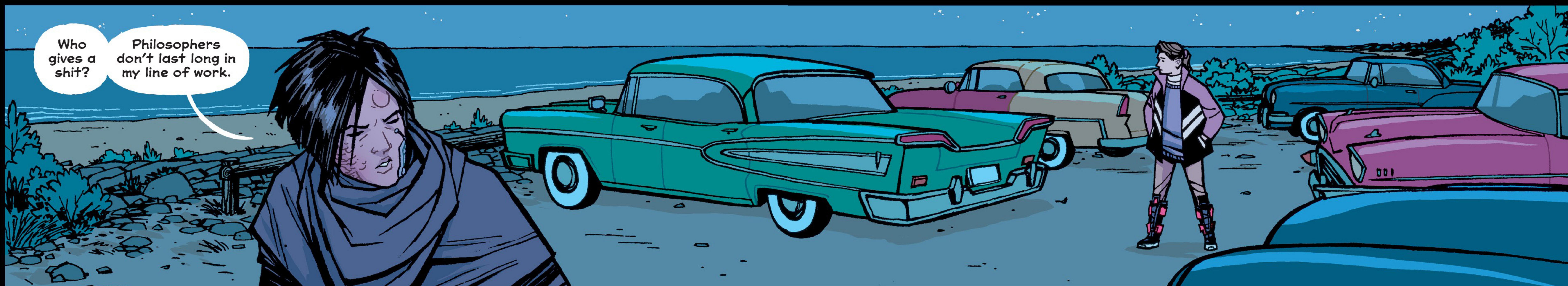
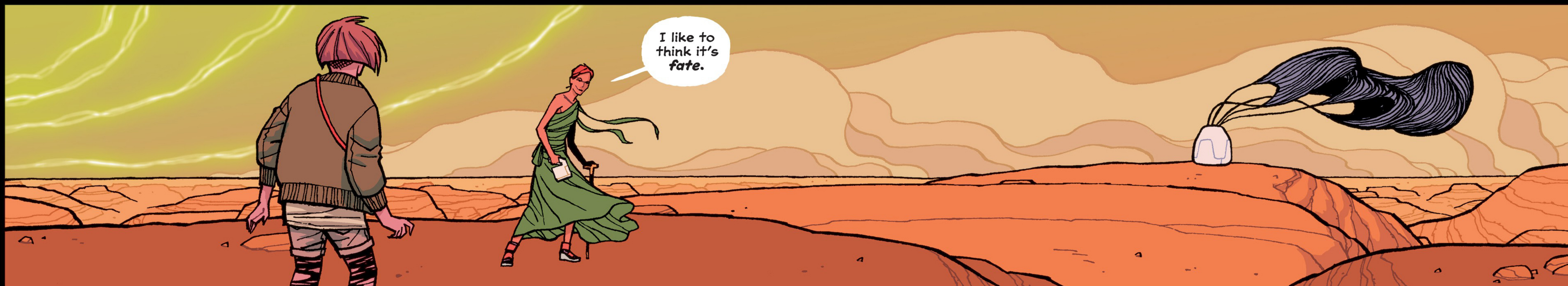
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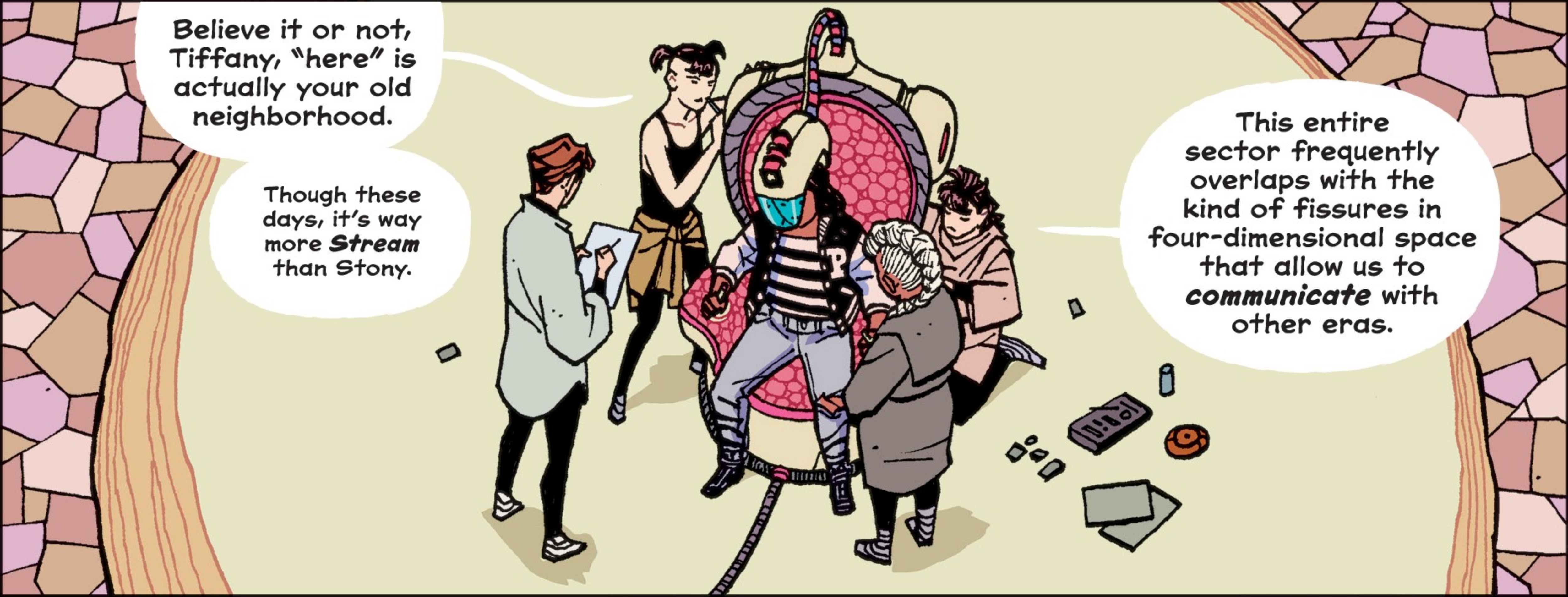
“Rule #3: A paperboy sticks to his route, from start to finish.”

–From *The American Newspaper Delivery Guild Handbook*, published in 1932









Believe it or not, Tiffany, "here" is actually your old neighborhood.

Though these days, it's way more *Stream* than *Stony*.

This entire sector frequently overlaps with the kind of fissures in four-dimensional space that allow us to *communicate* with other eras.



No offense, but that doesn't sound very *scientific*.

Is fate really all that different than Einstein's determinism?

Sure, maybe you and your friends just *happened* to stumble onto that time machine, but I like to think the universe *needed* it to happen.



No, Jude, I mean, why did you drag me to *Edgewater*, where the acne crowd goes to lock braces?

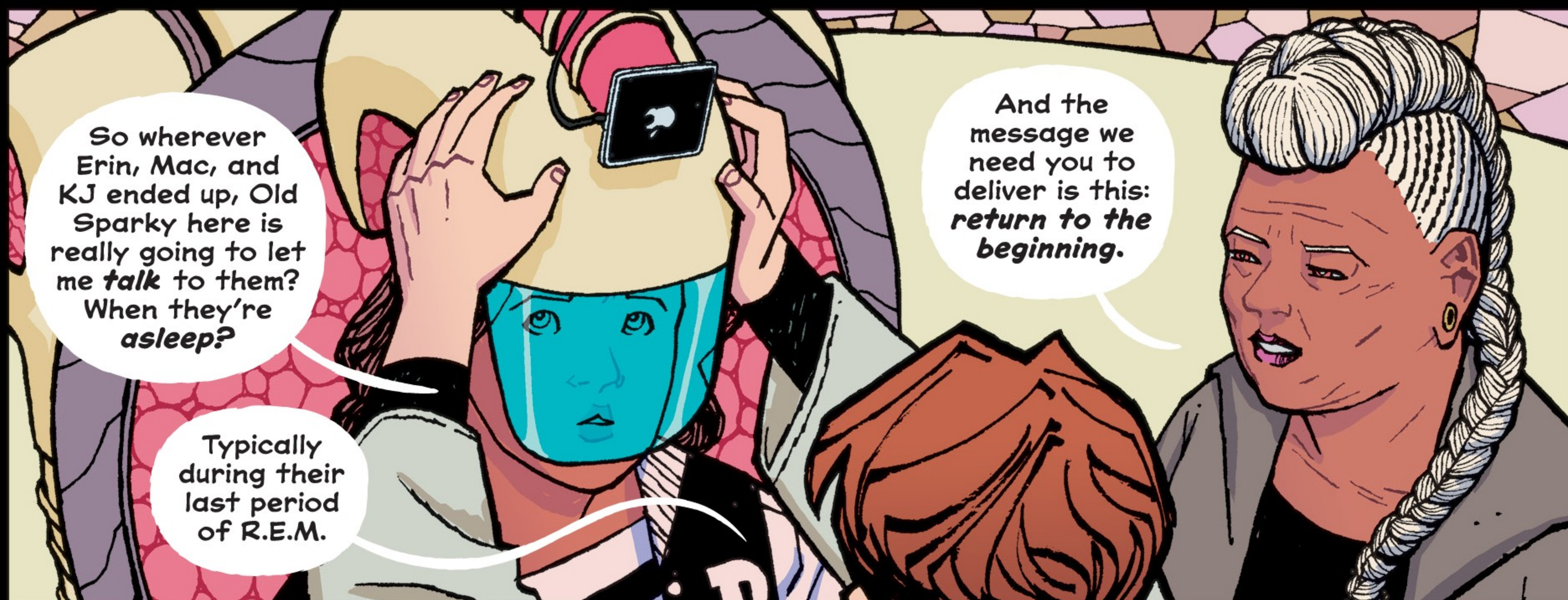
Oh, when our "lifeboat" arrived in '58, it splashed down in your filthy lake, so my *회복준비개천백년준비* and I set up camp not far from here.

Careful making your way down...



Grand Father, she's carrying the same satchel as the young ones who attacked me in 001988!

This poor girl's not our enemy, she's just an innocent bystander...isn't that right?



So wherever Erin, Mac, and KJ ended up, Old Sparky here is really going to let me *talk* to them? When they're *asleep*?

Typically during their last period of R.E.M.

And the message we need you to deliver is this: *return to the beginning.*



In the end, what's it matter?

Life existed on this rock for less than a blink of the universe's eye, and somehow, against truly astronomical odds, you and I both got to be part of it!

Man, for a terminal cancer patient, you're like a living Bobby McFerrin song.



Heck and Naldo are probably still out scavenging for parts, but they should be back soon.

Cool, it'd be good to see some familiar faces.

Yeah, you said you met the two of them...but what about *me*?



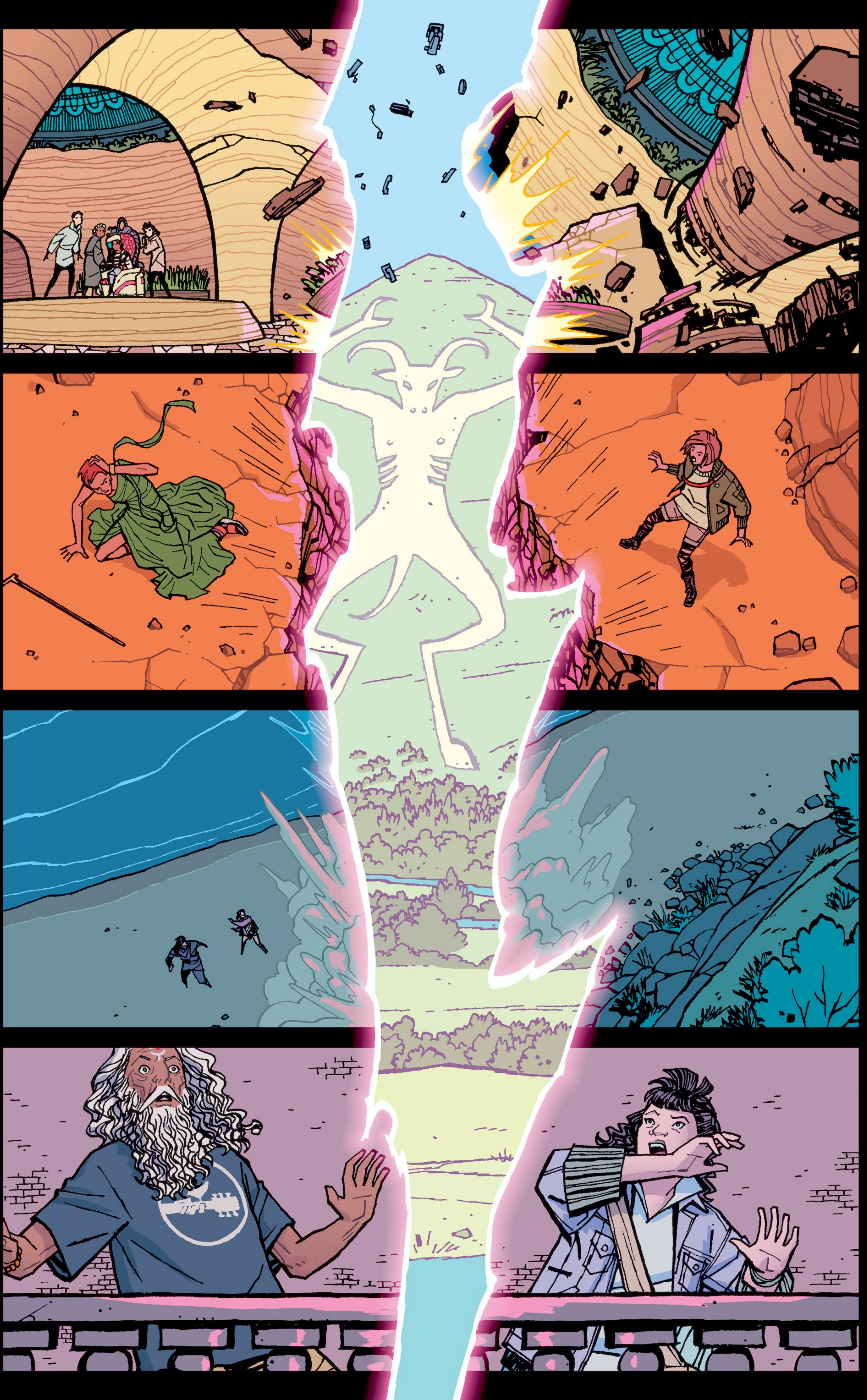
Please, I just want to see my friends again.

And I give you my word we'll do everything in our power to make that happen.

For now, would you like to see our dinosaurs?











But, we just accidentally blew chunks of the future into that time hole!

You *recognize* where it opened to, right?!



My girl.

I saw the place where I *found* her.



I wish there was something I could do, but...

Yeah, you can mess with time all you want, but there's no cheating death, huh?

Not like I was destined for a long life anyway.



I thought these monsters *worked* for you!

A few of the females left this realm to work *alongside* us...but I have no idea what these natives intend.

Regardless, I think we should get you *elsewhere*.



You've seen
that place
before?

I've *been*
there!


You people...
you must be
who *Wari* thought
was sending
her stuff!



Her
and her
precious
boy.

Oh.


Oh,
Jesus.



You have
the same
disease as
my...my
girlfriend.

The one
some *time*
travelers
get?

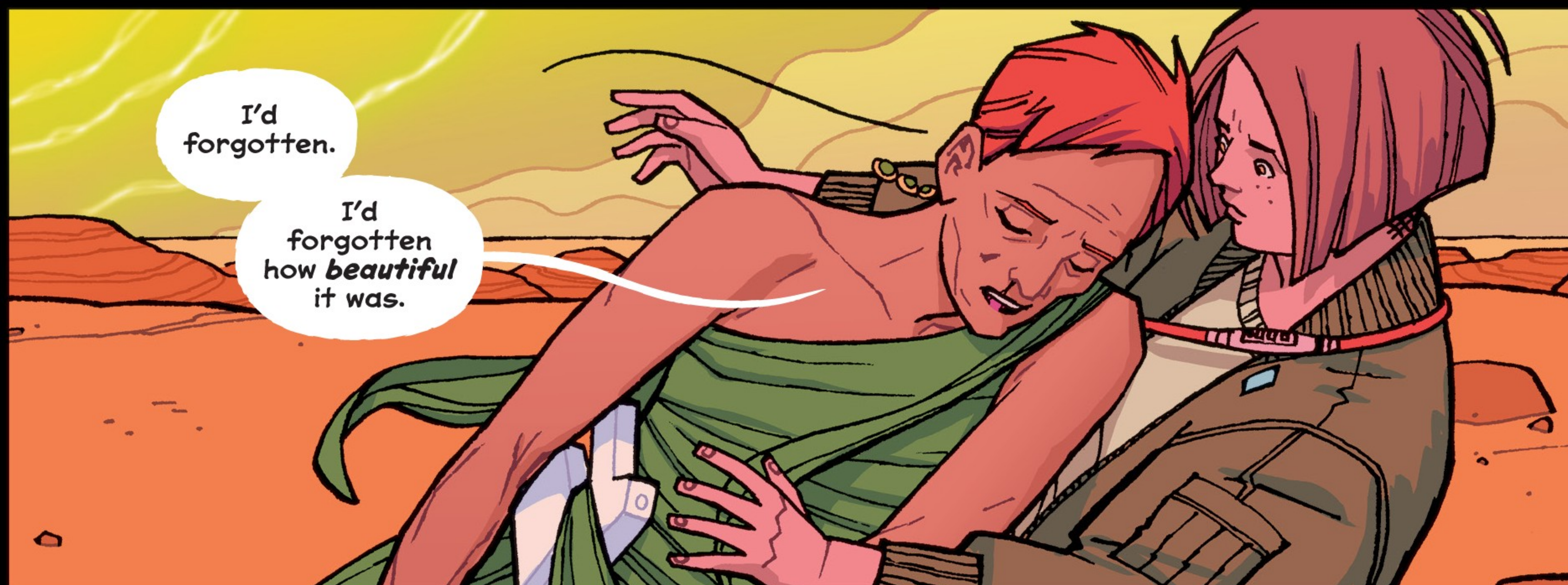
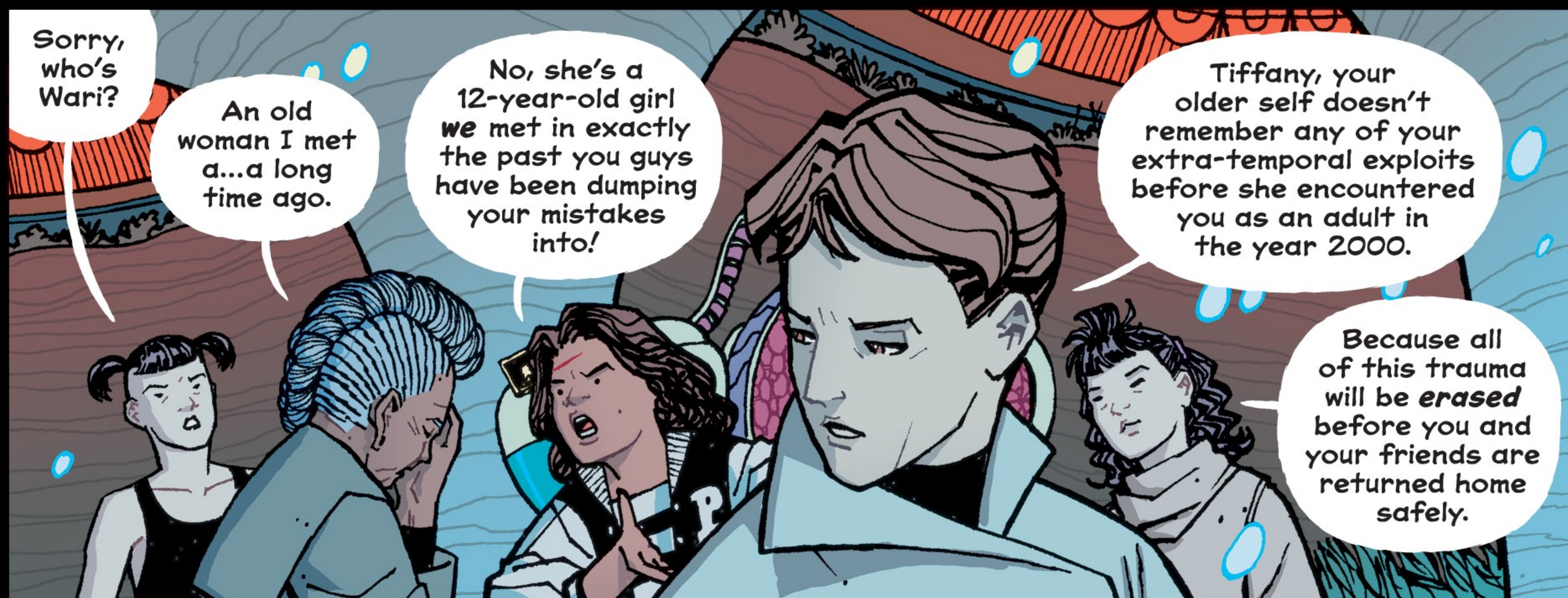
Most travelers
by the time my
generation rolls around.
Lucky if you're immune.
Our *implants* can redirect
the mutations for a
while...but nothing
stops the
inevitable.



Our four-dimensional
guests first revealed
themselves to the world
when I was about your
age, on the day we all
discovered that time
travel was possible.

What we call the
Editrixes helped us
understand the awesome
responsibilities that
come with--

Bullshit!





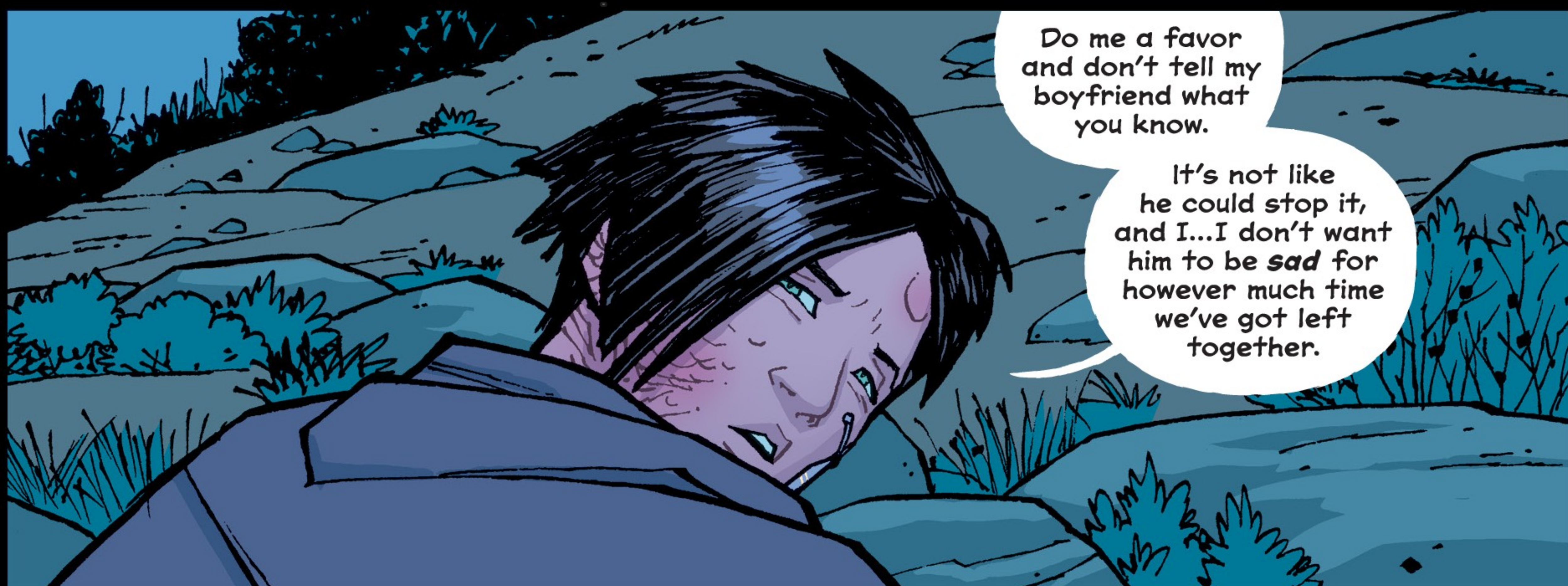
What the hell did you just say?



Don't... be afraid.

It's not... as scary... as you think.

What isn't?



Do me a favor and don't tell my boyfriend what you know.

It's not like he could stop it, and I...I don't want him to be *sad* for however much time we've got left together.



What the hell did you just say?

That whatever war you've been part of is *stupid*.

I barely understand it, but I still seem to know way more than *you*.



Don't worry, whatever the old-timers are going to do to you-- to *us*--won't hurt a bit.

What do you mean *going* to do?! I thought all of this was about *defeating* the old-timers!

Actually, we told you we were going to *end* the war, not win it.



I promise... it doesn't even... hurt.

Almost feels... exciting?



Wow, you are *so* not like anyone I've ever met.

That's just the smell of a guy who hasn't bathed in literally decades.

Now let's move before the *아리왕의 공격* strikes back.



Nothing you say makes a lick of sense.
My mother wasn't some inventor, she was--

AAAAHHH!



So my friends and I are getting our brains washed by the bad guys as part of your *surrender*?

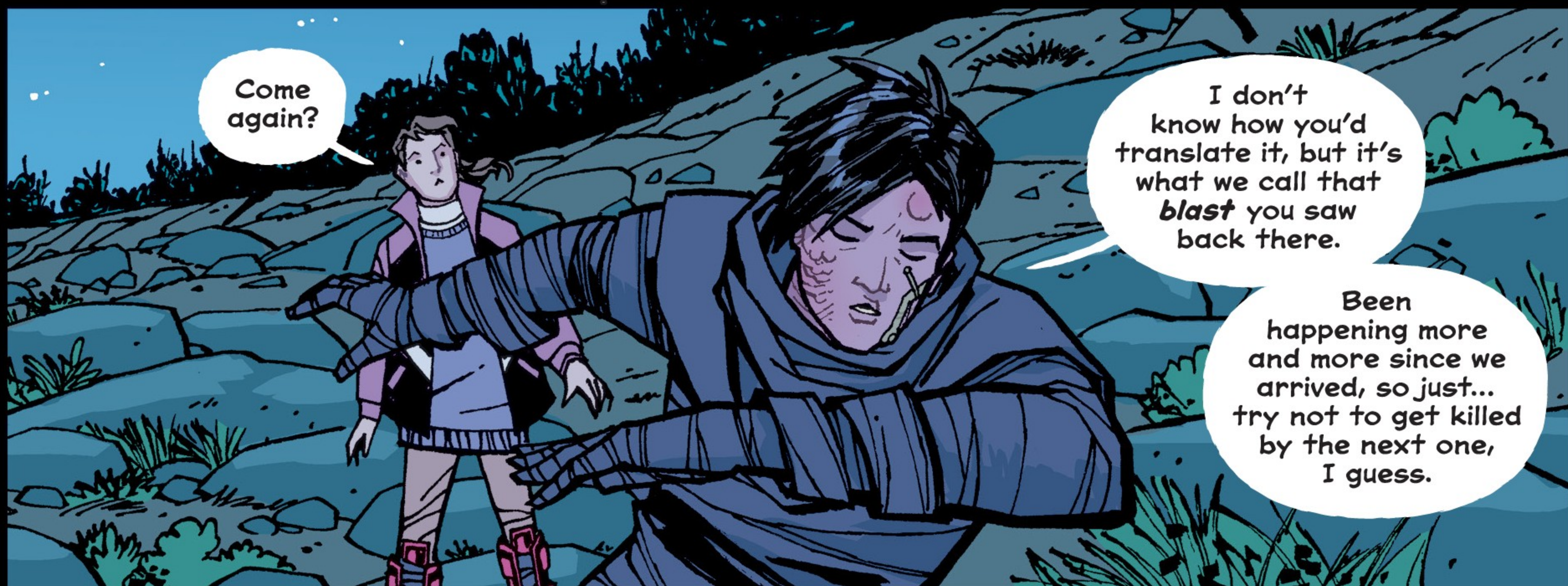
This isn't a surrender, it's a *truce*.

One that will last *forever*.



...like something *wonderful*...

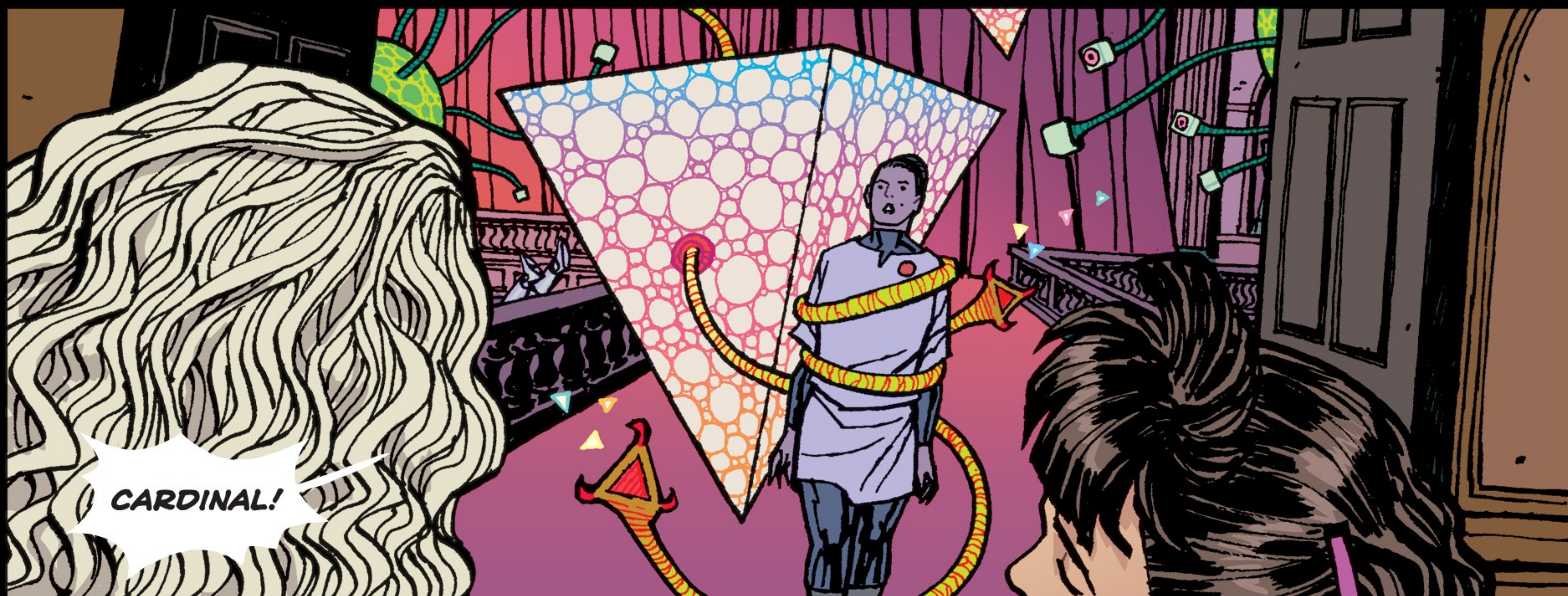
...is... about... to...



Come again?

I don't know how you'd translate it, but it's what we call that *blast* you saw back there.

Been happening more and more since we arrived, so just... try not to get killed by the next one, I guess.



CARDINAL!



My friends
and I will forget
everything that's
happened! Every-
thing that's *made*
us friends!

I swear, it's
a small price to
pay for the life-
time of happiness
you'll eventually
find in this
paradise.

You told me
the next twelve
years of my life will
be a *train wreck*!
Why do I have to
make the same
mistakes as
you?!



Can I ask
one last
thing?

Do my boys
at least get
revenge on whatever
asshole eventually
does me in?

The old-timer
who murders
you, he...he
gets *shot*.



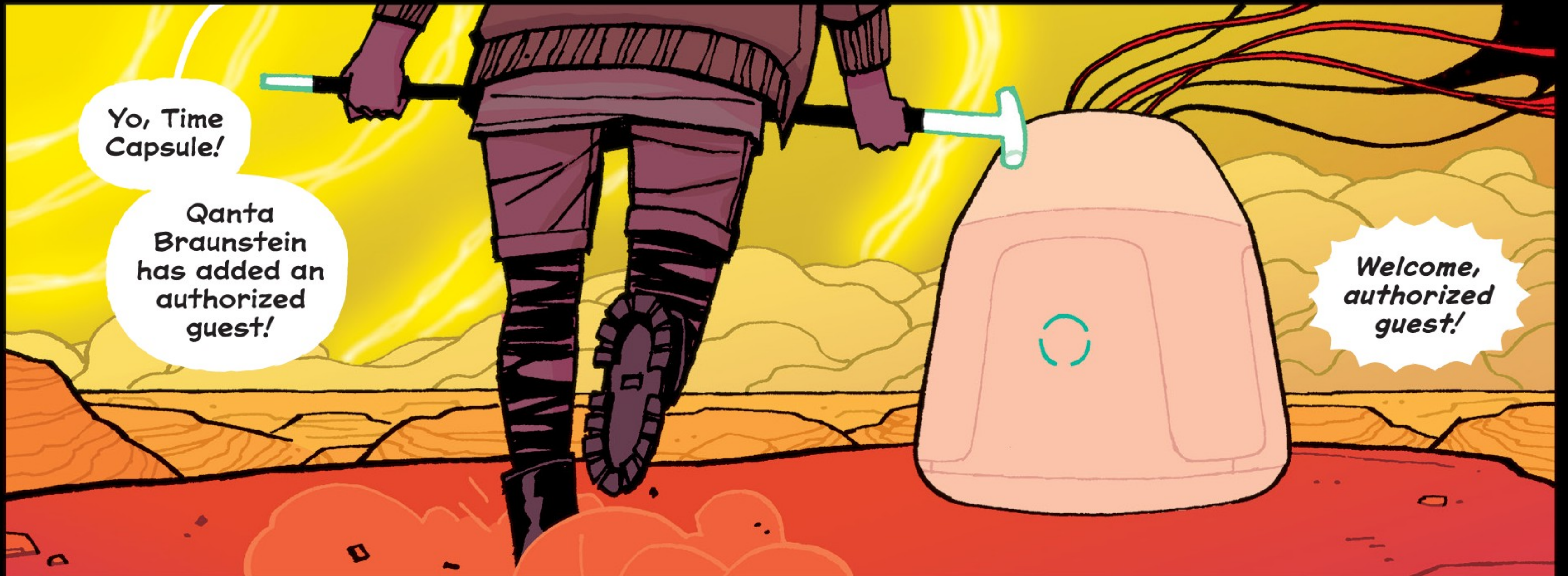
Don't
shoot!

It's not
trying to
hurt her!

We don't
know *what*
it's doing!

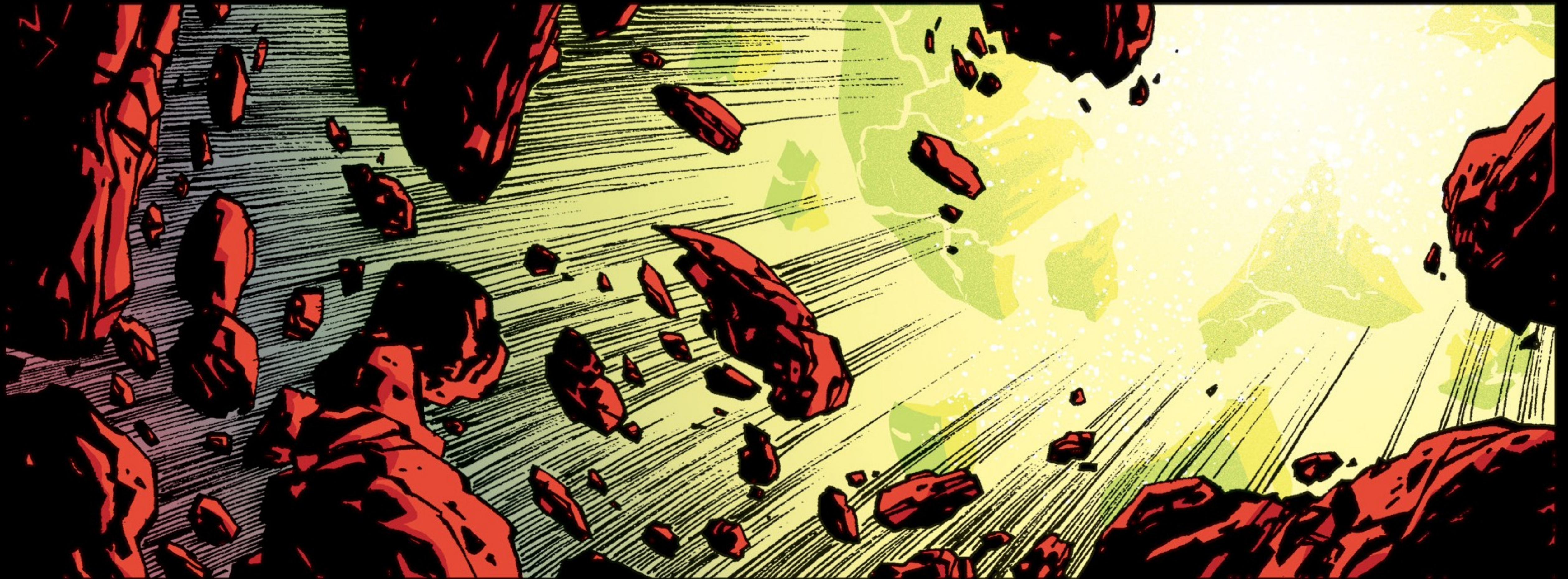
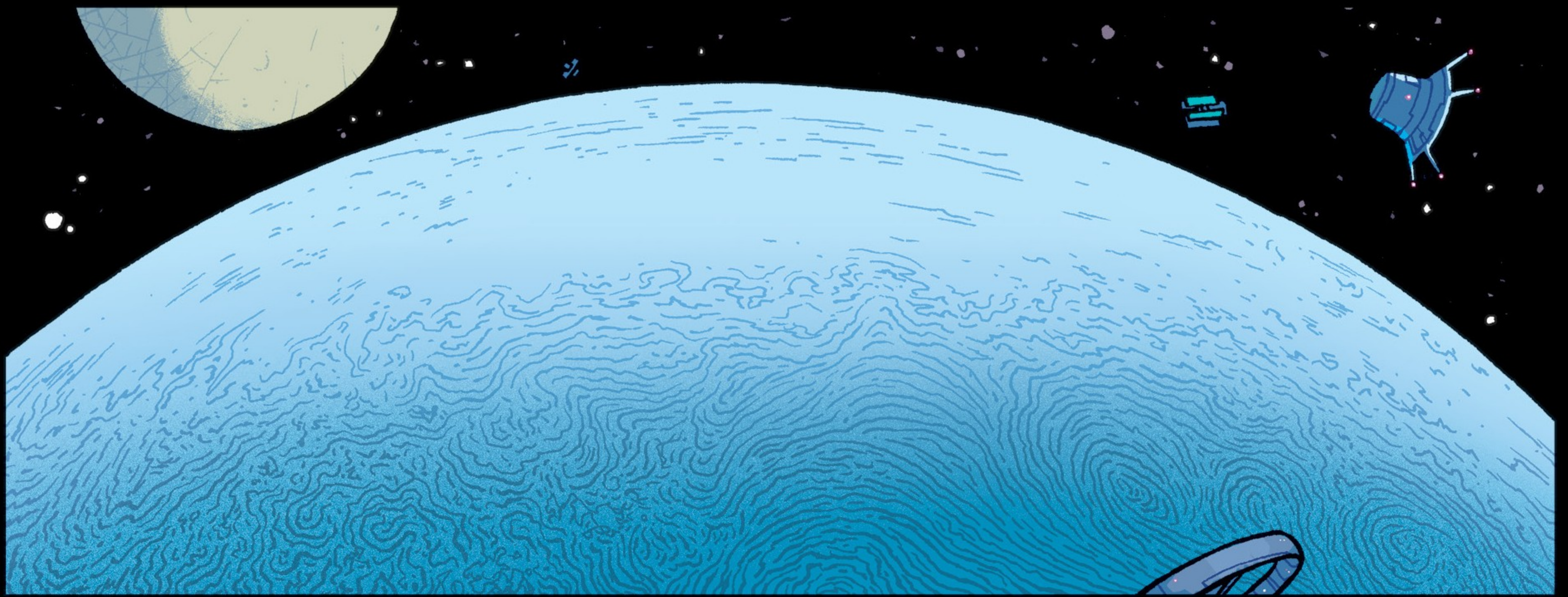












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The American Newspaper Delivery Guild

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



Peter Roy
The Newsboy

Extra! Extra!

One third of all automobiles sold
this past year were powered by
ELECTRICITY!

What wonders await us in 1901?

Hiya, futuristic fellers! Your loyal mascot
PETERROYTHENEWSBOY here, welcoming
you back to another bestselling edition of our
beloved periodical for ALL deliverers, no matter
which year you were born.....!

MY resolution for 1901 is to answer every single
piece of correspondence left in the A.N.D.G.
mailbag, so best hop to it.....!

To Mister Roy:

Before selling yesterday's late edition, I read an article
in it about this new "Prix Pierre Guzman," established
to award 100,000 francs (French dollars, I reckon) to
the first man to communicate with "any celestial body
excepting Mars," as the prize committee apparently
thinks chatting with our red neighbor will be too simple.

Well, nobody but nobody communicates with folks more
than a newsboy, so I was wondering if you thought one
of OUR lot could win the loot?

Kindly salutations,

Willis A.
Dallas, TX

*No, Willis, a newsboy WON'T claim this prize, nor will
men from any other profession, for the only life in this cold
cosmos worth speaking with is right here on God's Green
Earth.....!*

*I'd bet you a fat nickel on it, but we ain't supposed to
condone gambling in these pages.....!*

Dear Petey Roy (Paperboy),

I vote for your new look with the cool shades and vest! I
swiped my dad's last vest to deliver *The Shopping News*
last Saturday and now he won't let me watch monster
movies on Sir Graves Ghastly for a whole month - boy!!

Anyways, once when my bike chain was busted my
sister said I should deliver the papers on roller skates.
Girls are dum!!

Signed,

Terry A.
Woodstock, NY

PS

Don't teller I lost her skate down the sewer grate at
Finkel and Hubbard! OK? Please?

*Based on that meaningless drivel ("movies?").....I'd
say that YOU may be the "dum" one, Terry. For while you
may never have heard of so-called "ROLLER SKATES,"
I assure you that this recent import to our fair country is
already quite popular with the "hep" crowd.....
which apparently includes your female sibling, HA
HA.....!*

Still, the artwork in your letter was magnificent, thank you.

Dear Peter Roy,

I could sure use your advice, sir. Though I never forget to wind my clock, I keep showing up late to my delivering corner.

Just the other morning, a whole half an hour seemed to DISAPPEAR. It's almost as if some demon is gobbling up my time, sir!

Please, what can be done?

May G-d Bless You,

George G.
Pittsburg, PA

Aye, George, there's a demon afoot.....one called IDLENESS, and he's consuming your SOUL, not your missing minutes!

Take it from Peter Roy the Newsboy.....honest work (approached with gratitude and done in a timely fashion) is the only salve for what ails you!

Hello,

My name is Denny and I publish (along with other local creators) a comic newspaper called Comics Never Stop.

I have included the first two volumes for your enjoyment along with my S.A.S.E.

Really enjoying *Paper Girls*!

Thanks,

Denny R.
Phoenix, AZ

Oh dear.....not another wisenheimer wasting our precious time with foolish talk of "S.O.S." or "S.E.A.S." or what have you.

Scram, I says!

To Whom It May Concern at the A.N.D.G.:

What should a growing newsboy have for breakfast?

Thank you for reading my question,

Humphert D.
Boison, OH

Immediately upon waking, I drink two cups of warm water before eating one sliced cucumber, some broiled ham, hominy, a firm bread, half a stewed prairie chicken, two bowls of sago, and every other morn, one Sally Lunn. All washed down with a quick pot of tobacco leaves.....

I encourage Humphert and all of you to start your days the same healthful way (replacing the sago with a nutmeg melon if your constitution dictates!).

Dear A.N.D.G.,

While never an actual delivery boy, I used to be a math teacher, so I do have experience throwing papers at people!

Signed,

Aaron K.
Virginia Beach, VA

Because Peter Roy is a strong supporter of corporal punishment in the classroom.....your A.N.D.G. membership card is in the post, Aaron.

Dear "Peter Roy,"

Not to sound like a hawkshaw or nothing, but how come sometimes you sound like a regular fella, but sometimes you sound like a... well, a real old-timer?

Suspicious-like,

M.S.
Cleveland, OH

Young sir, if you have something you'd like to accuse me of..... get to it already, ya no-good goop!

Dear Rita,

Hello! I'm writing to join the A.N.D.G. on behalf of my daughter, Riley. She's five at the moment, and so it'll be a few years before she's able to hop on a bike and deliver any papers, but I think you and your fellow papergirls are pretty spectacular role models, and I know she'll someday read all about your Thrilling Exploits.

As the father of a fantastic young girl (and a terrific young boy - hi, Wyatt!) I'm always on the lookout for capable, thoughtful, intelligent, empathetic, hardworking people to serve as positive examples. You and your colleagues - Mac, KJ, Erin, and Tiffany - definitely qualify.

Keep up the hard work and keep on peddling!

Best,

Matt M.
New York, NY

"PaperGIRLS?"

Who would waste 2 whole cents on a stamp just to send fantasy poppycock like this.....?

Dear Rita Pearl,

Thanks for the membership card! Super excited to be joining the guild! I recently discovered *Paper Girls* and I have to say that it is truly a great comic! The art is absolutely gorgeous and the story is extremely captivating! The A.N.D.G. column is also a really nice touch to the story. Please congratulate the team behind this amazing comic!

Best,

Dalton A.
Atlantic Highlands, NJ

Dalton, if your card came from this so-called "Rita Pearl," it's assuredly COUNTERFEIT, and I recommend you forward it to our offices at once so it can be properly DESTROYED.....!

Dear Rita Pearl,

Are you and Petey Roy friends?

Sincerely,

Gary V.
Merrick, NY

As I have no earthly idea about whom you are talking, the answer would be a resounding.....NO!!

Peter Roy is still not sure what this Rita Pearl game is all about, but I won't be answering another letter addressed to this charlatan-esse!

Dear A.N.D.G.,

I hope you enjoy this Spam greeting card.

Thanks,

Erika
Peoria, IL

PS

Rita Pearl the Papergirl is so choice!

.....*maddening.*

Dear Peter Roy,

Is there anything worse than cheapskates who don't tip?

Cordially,

Hastings L.
Baltimore, MD

How about a newsboy who grubs for more than he's earned.....?

Working a corner is a privilege, Hastings, and any additional compensation one might enjoy in not our due, but a rare gift of which we are most unworthy.....!

Hey A.N.D.G.,

I'm 17 years old and have been reading comics for about a year now. Have to give a special shoutout to Marvel, because if it wasn't for them, I wouldn't be writing this letter! Still, I'm proud to be able to communicate with amazing creators like you. That's something you just can't get from the big two.

Thanks,

Ian F.
Madison, WI

Marvel?

Isn't that the feminine hygiene company?

Hey A.N.D.G.,

I'm hoping you can help me with a problem. You see, I applied for A.N.D.G. membership roughly 30 years ago (give or take a few), making sure to include postage and handling, a whole bunch of box tops, and (yes!) a properly addressed S.A.S.E.

BUT my membership card never arrived! I can only assume this was due to the cavalier leadership of one Petey Roy. I spent, as I mentioned, something like 30 YEARS waiting.

Anyhoo, since you uncovered some classic membership cards, maybe you can make my dreams come true and send one my way? If there's one thing the A.N.D.G. can do, it's deliver, so I will hopefully await my membership card.

Keep on deliverin'

Nathaniel F.
A.N.D.G. (aspiring) Member

Champaign, IL

30 years? I'm certain there must be some mistake, Nathaniel, for our fine institution was founded a mere.....

Hold.

Something.....something is happening.

I was told I'd have these offices to myself at this late hour.....and yet, I hear unfamiliar voices outside this very door.

There are lights.....lights unlike anything I have ever

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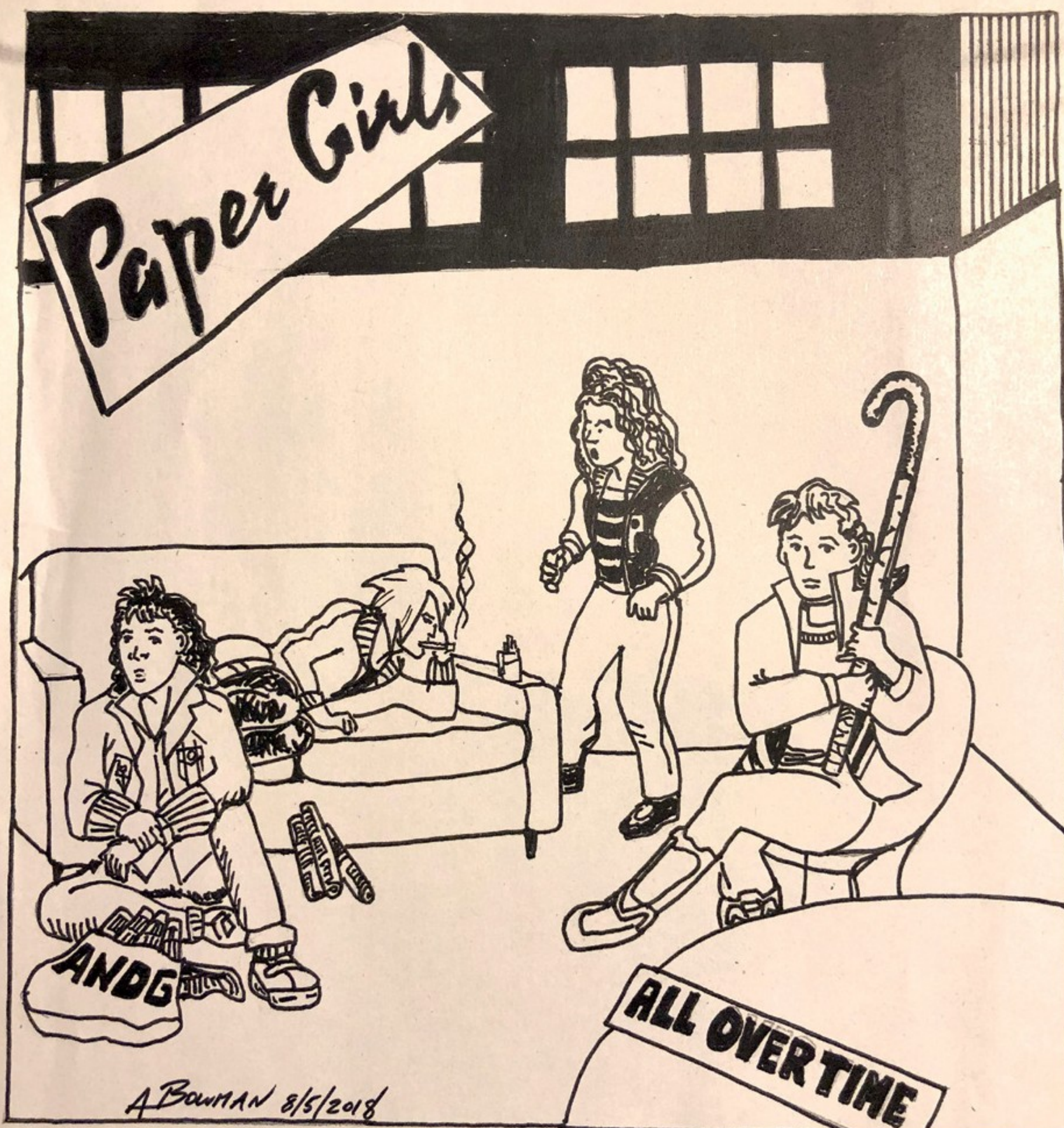
Dear Paper Girls crew,
I wanted to show my appreciatron for
this fantastic comic, so I've enclosed
my interpretation of Frankie Tomatah.
Paper Girls has gotten me through high
school and I'm proud to be a member of
the A.N.D.G.!

Sincerely,
Bridget R.
Urbana, IL



Bridget R.

Dear A.N.D.G.,
Well, as much as I've been loving the Paper Girls time-travelin'
story (especially issue #21), this time out I was inspired by
the art corner!



I imagined that ERIN, MAC, Tiffany and K.J. might've listened
to the Gangle's 1984 album "All over the Place" and then came up
with a Paper Girls-style homage cover to that album. "All Over
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