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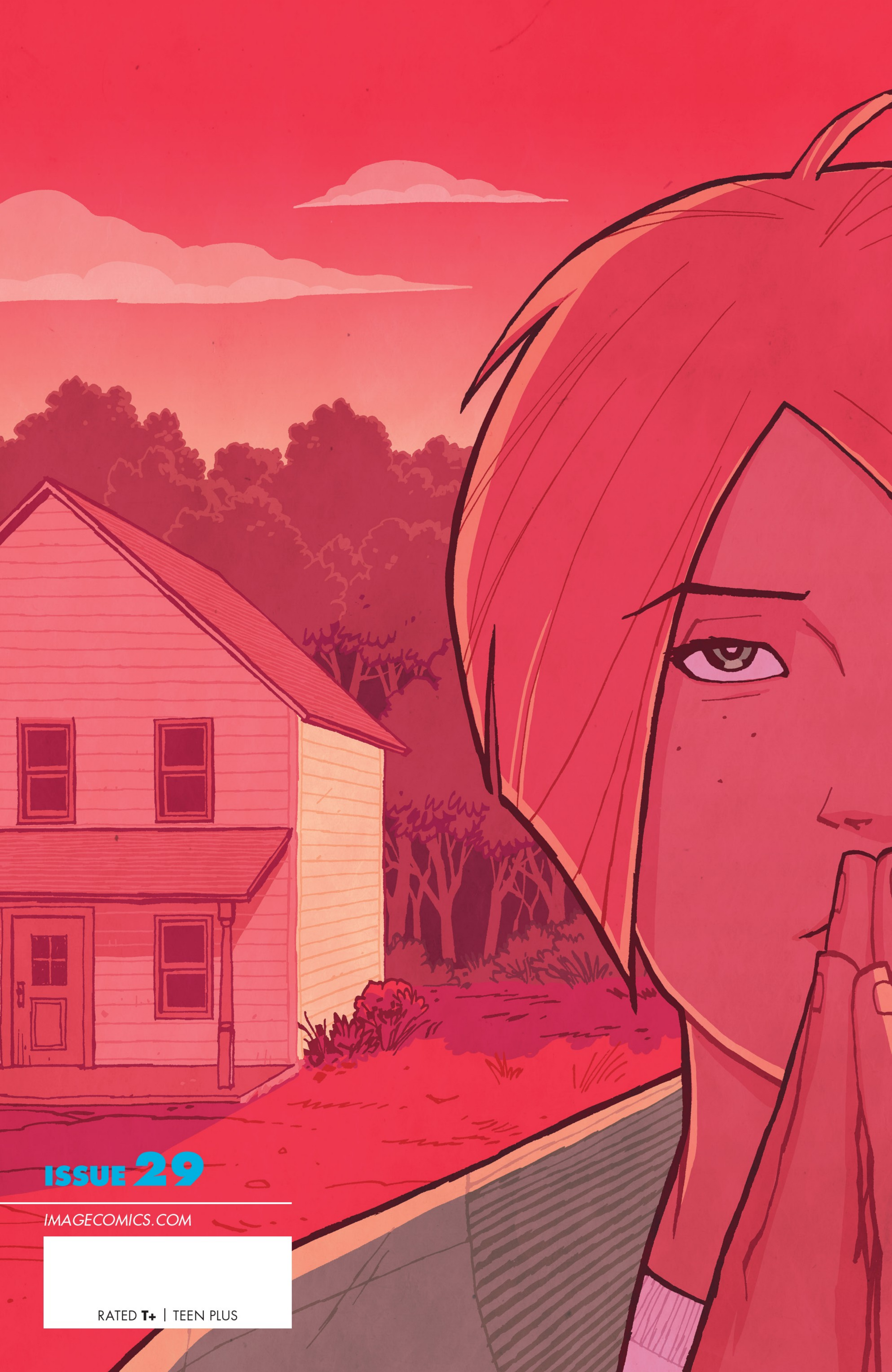
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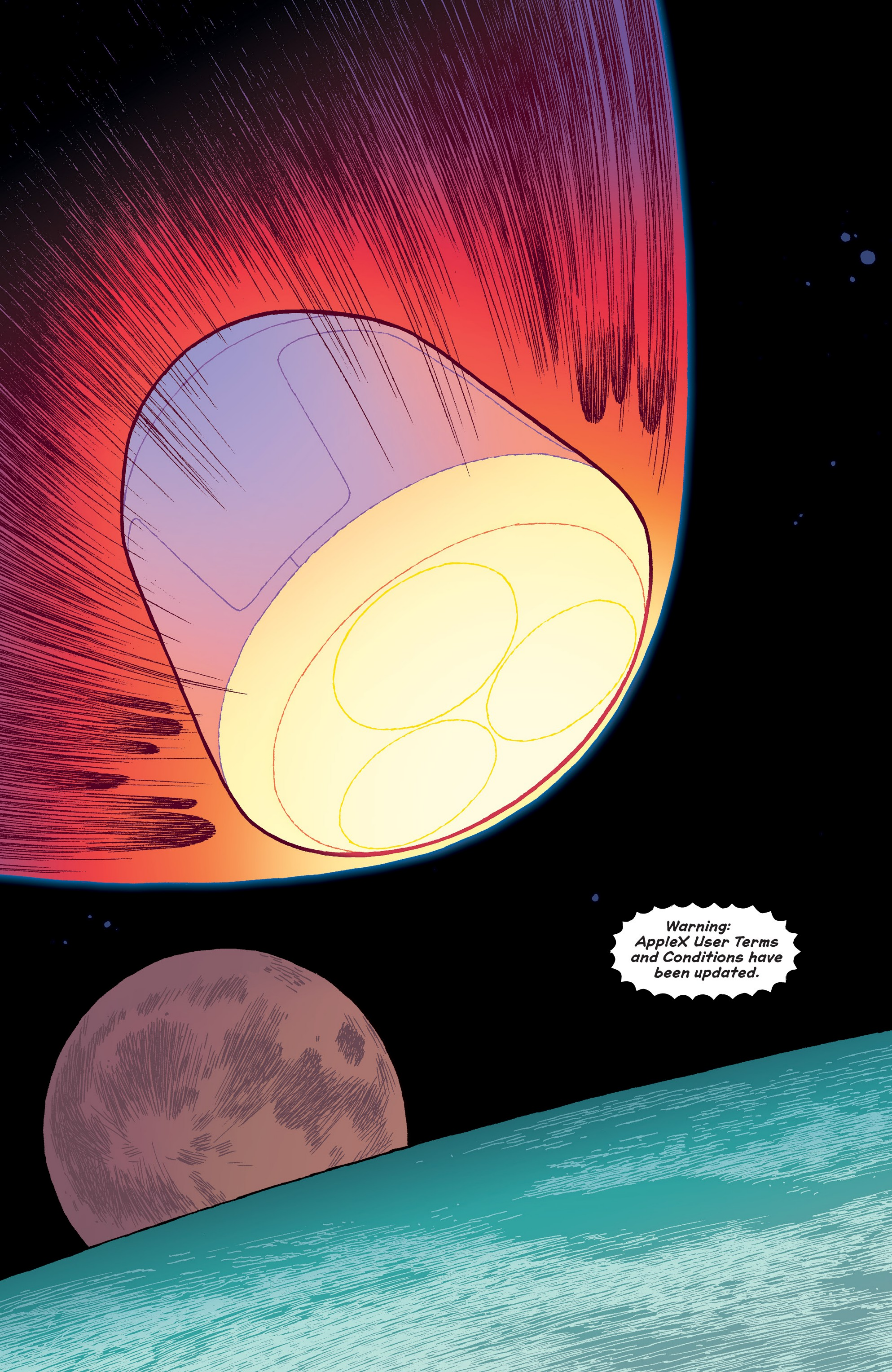
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cigarillo nor pipe ‘til his work is done.”**

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

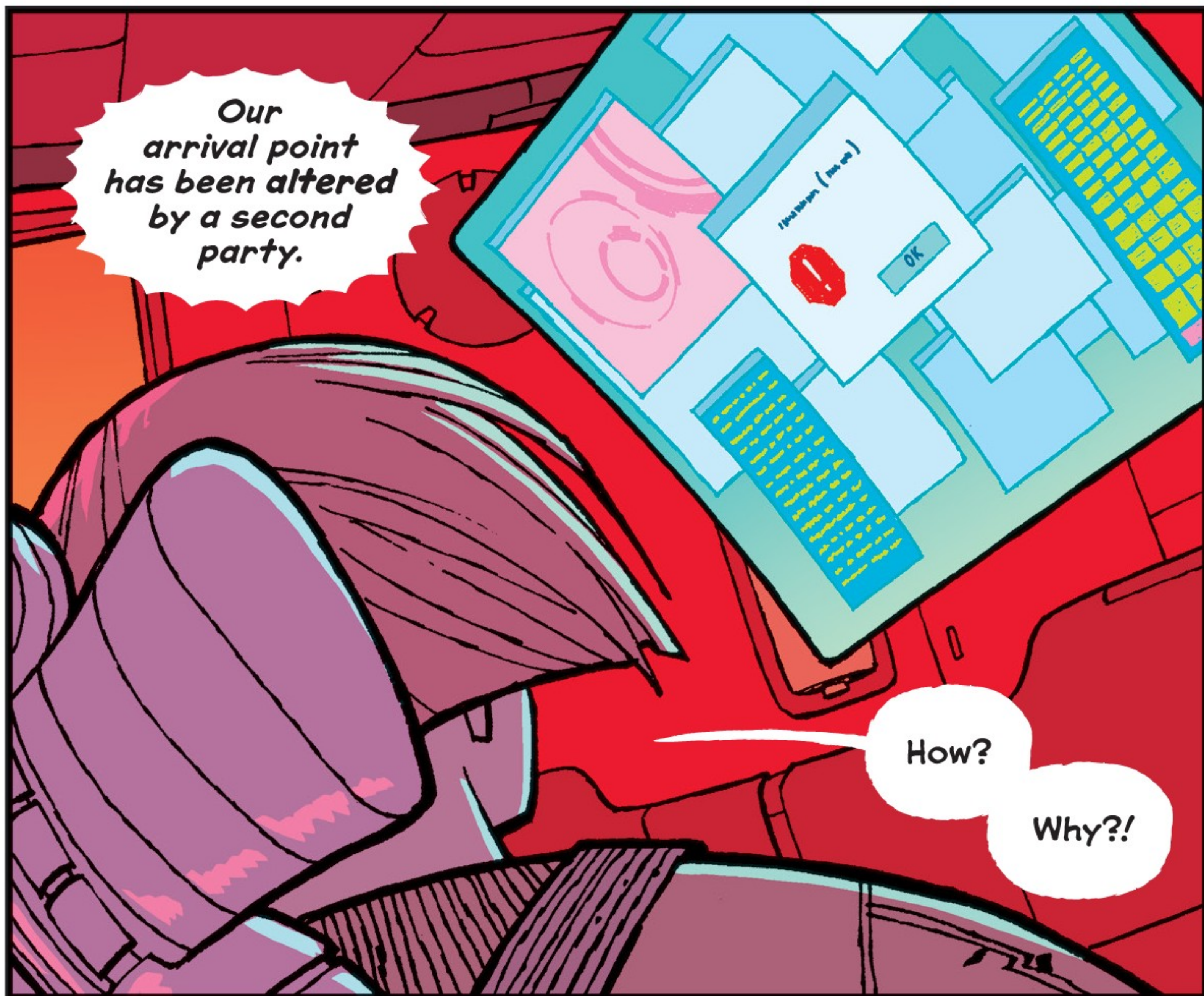




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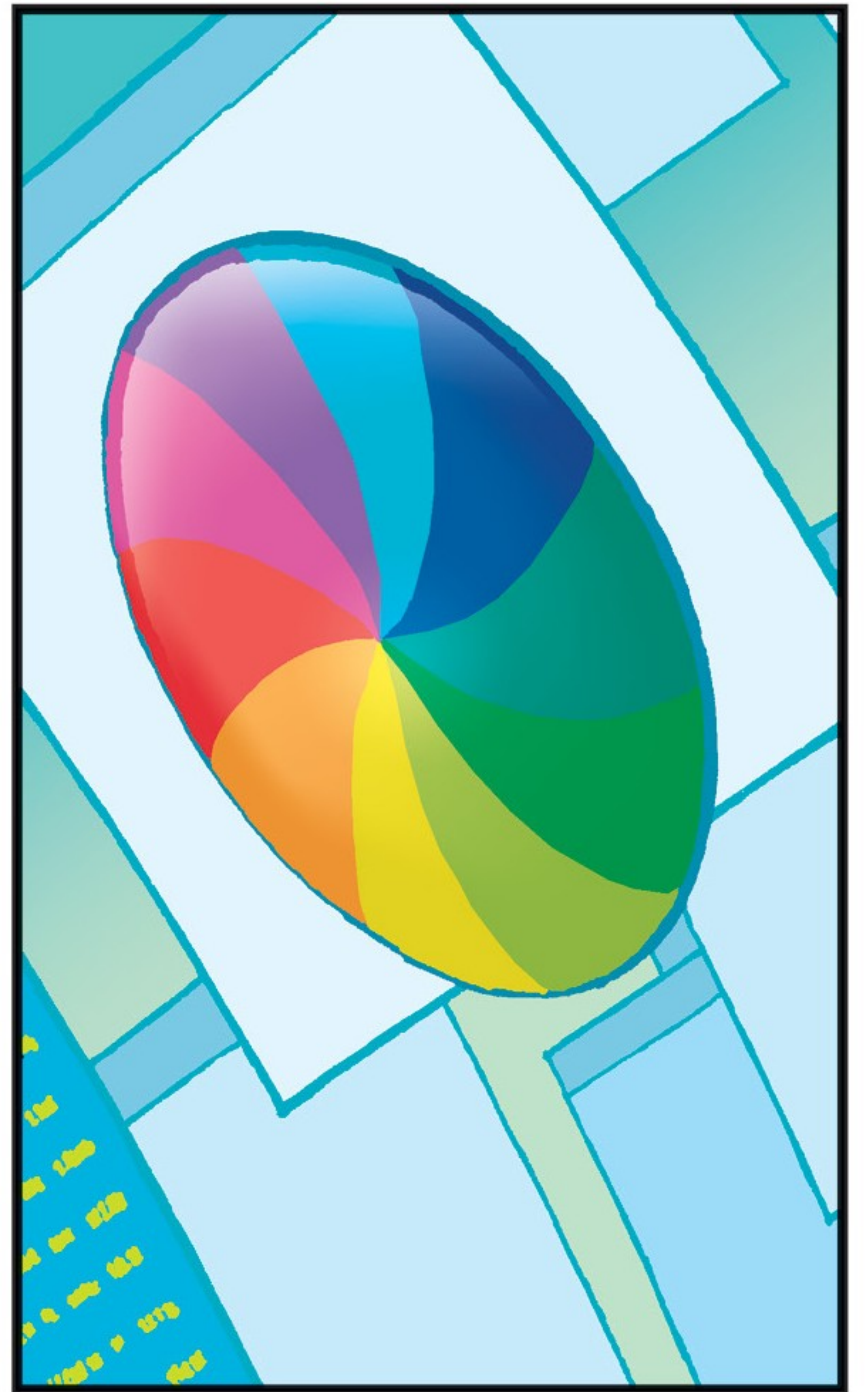
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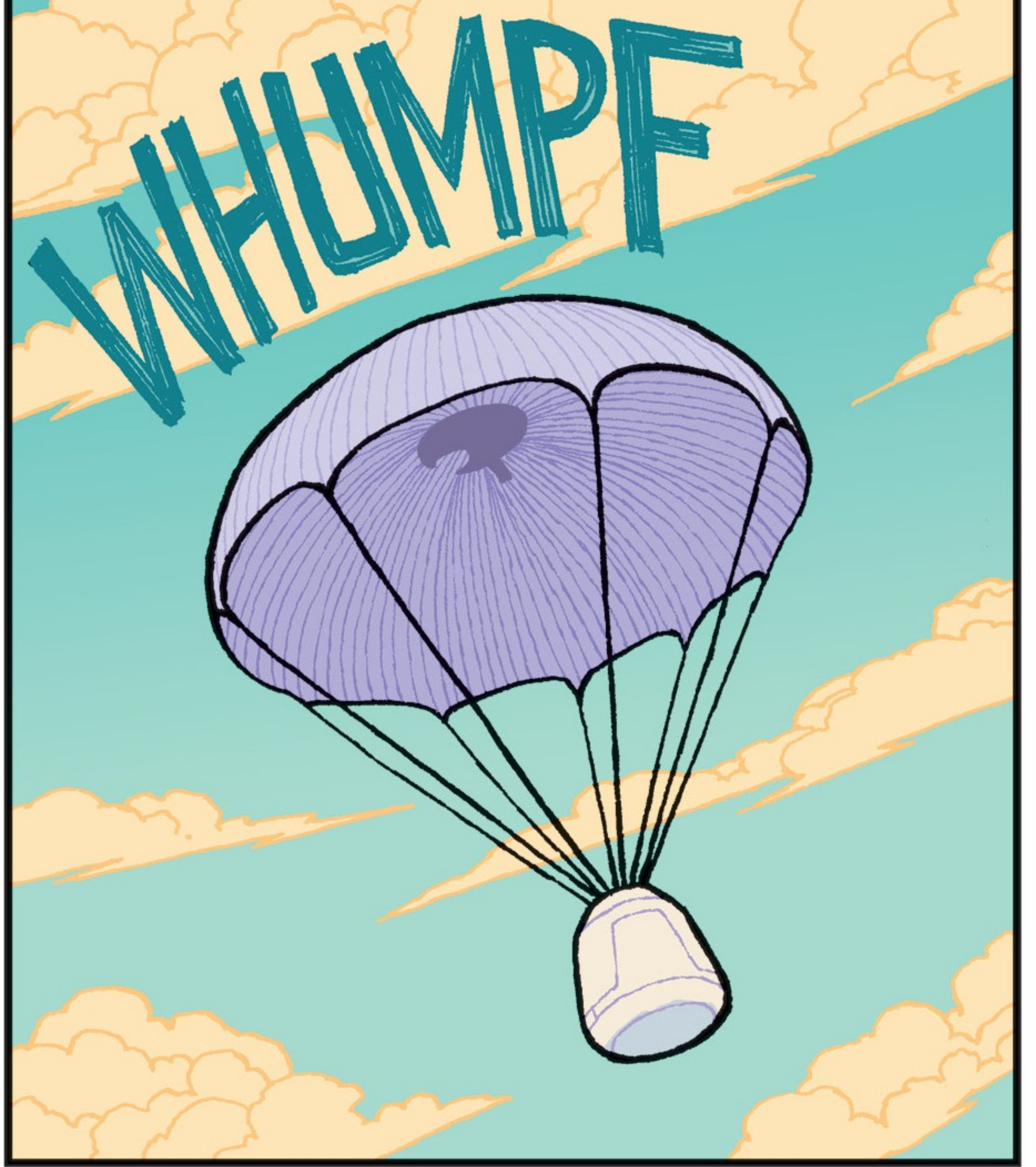
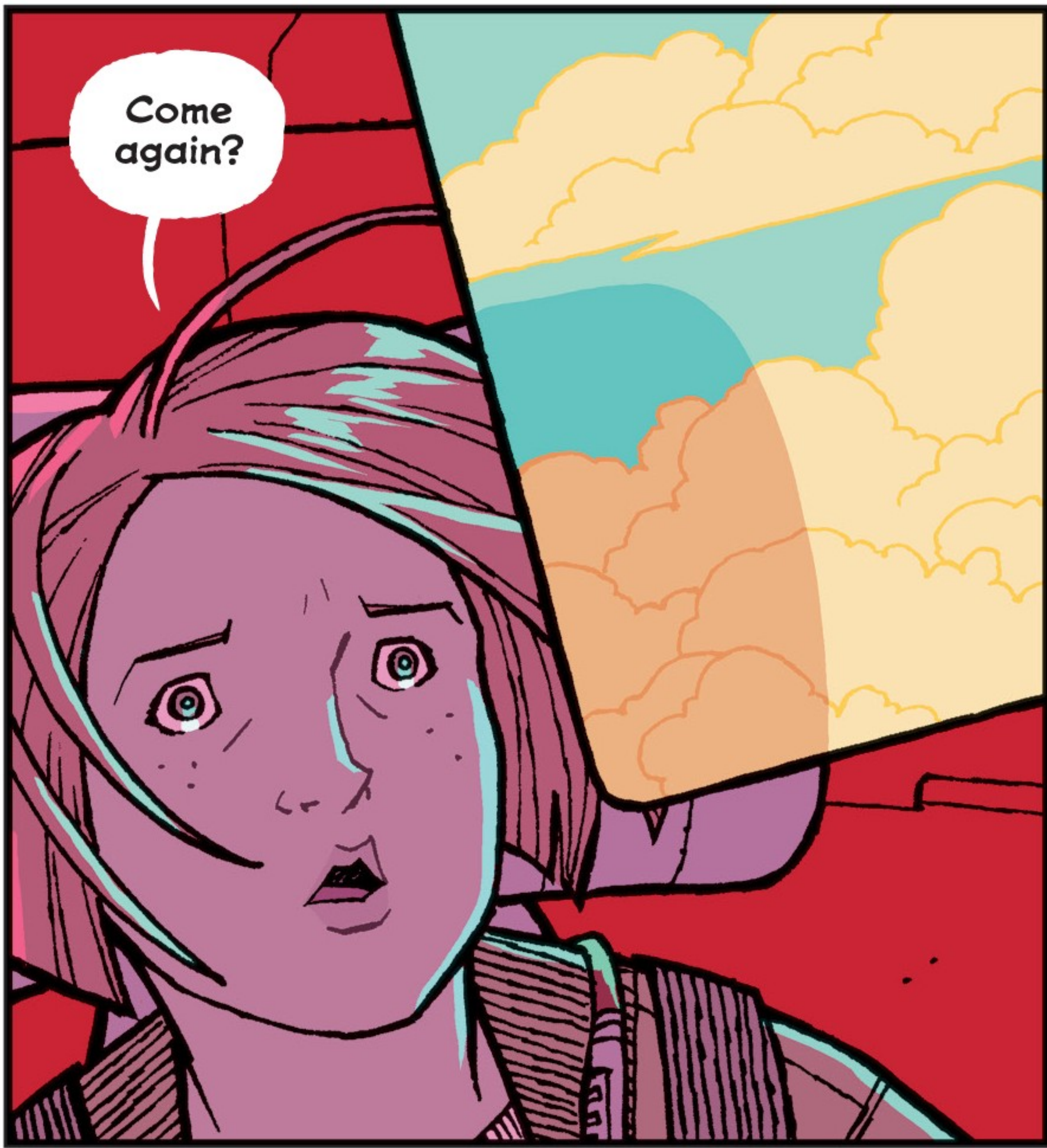
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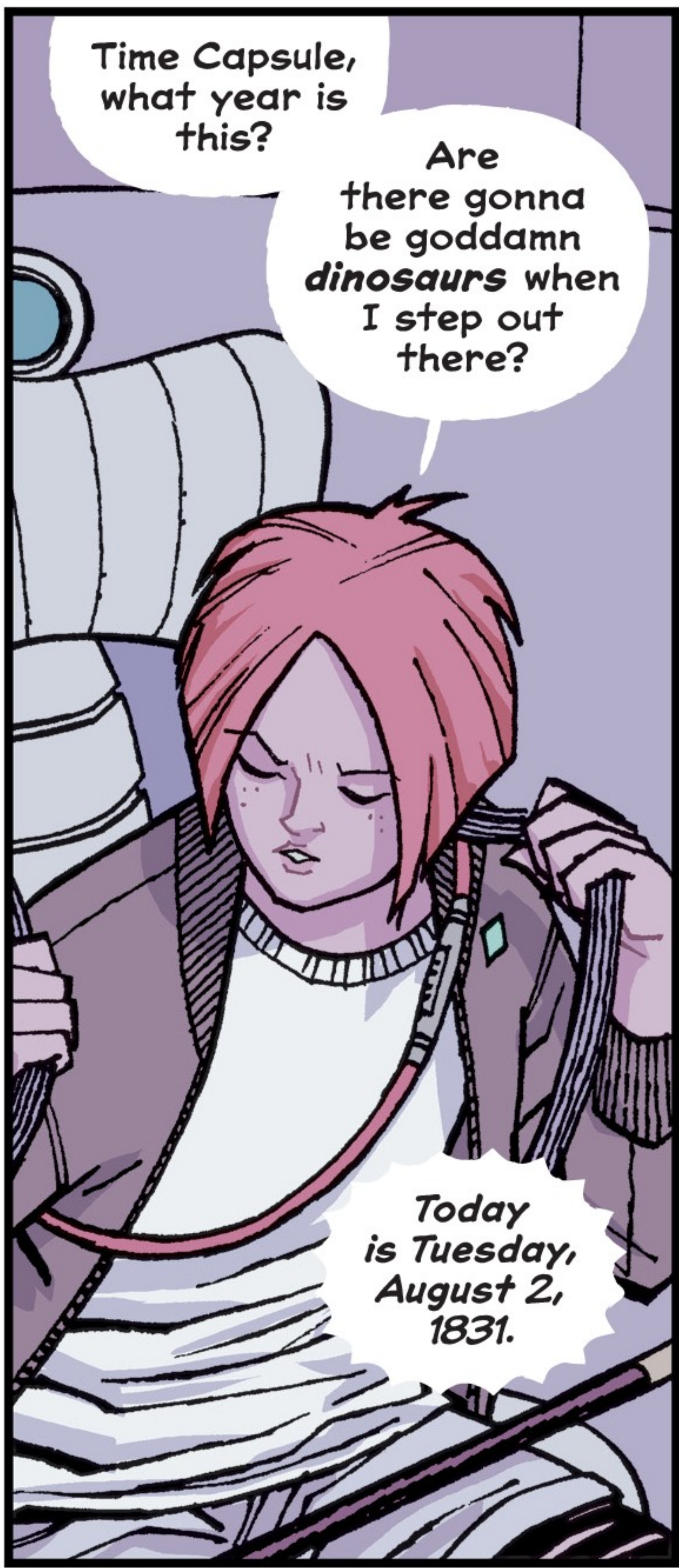


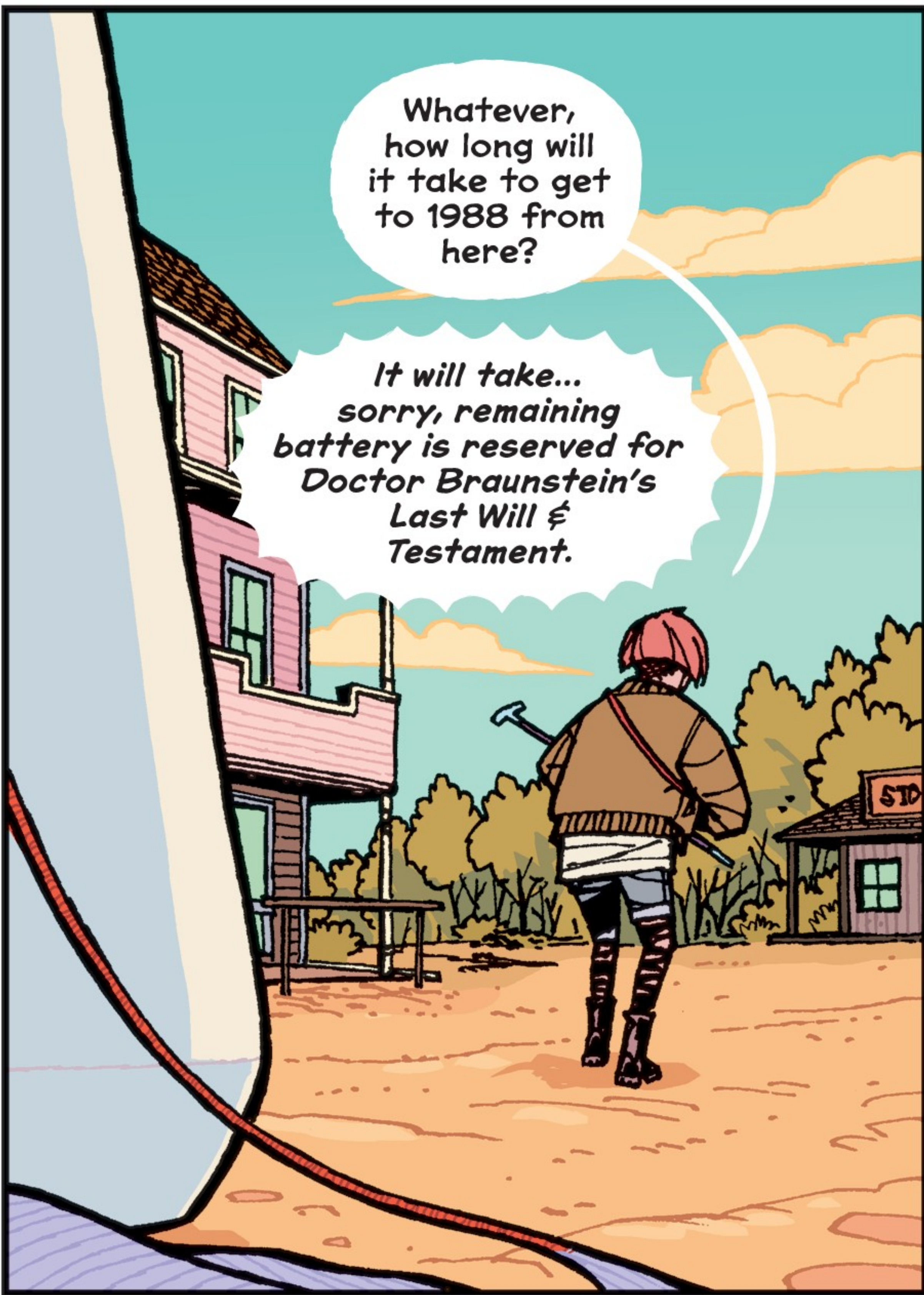
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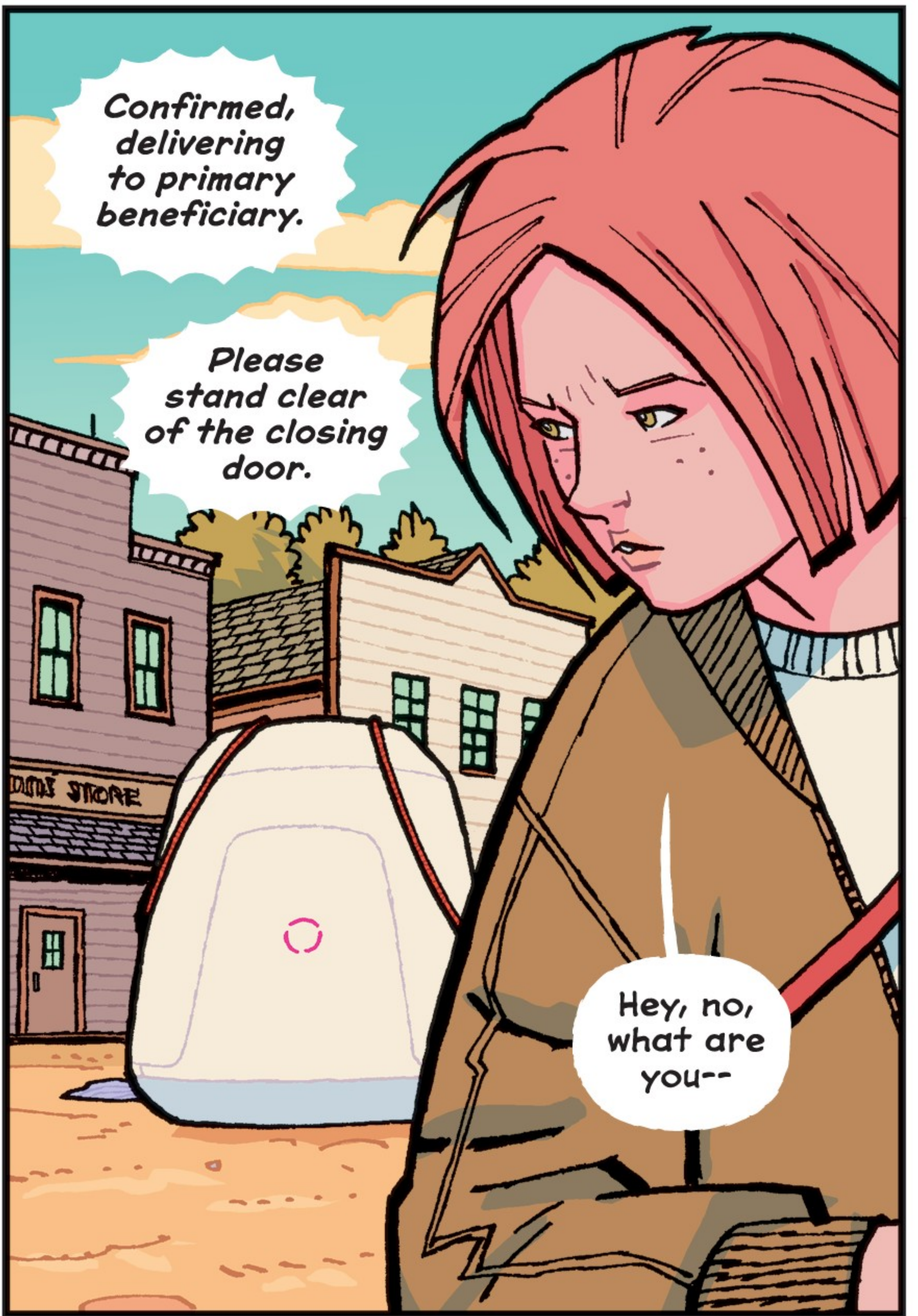






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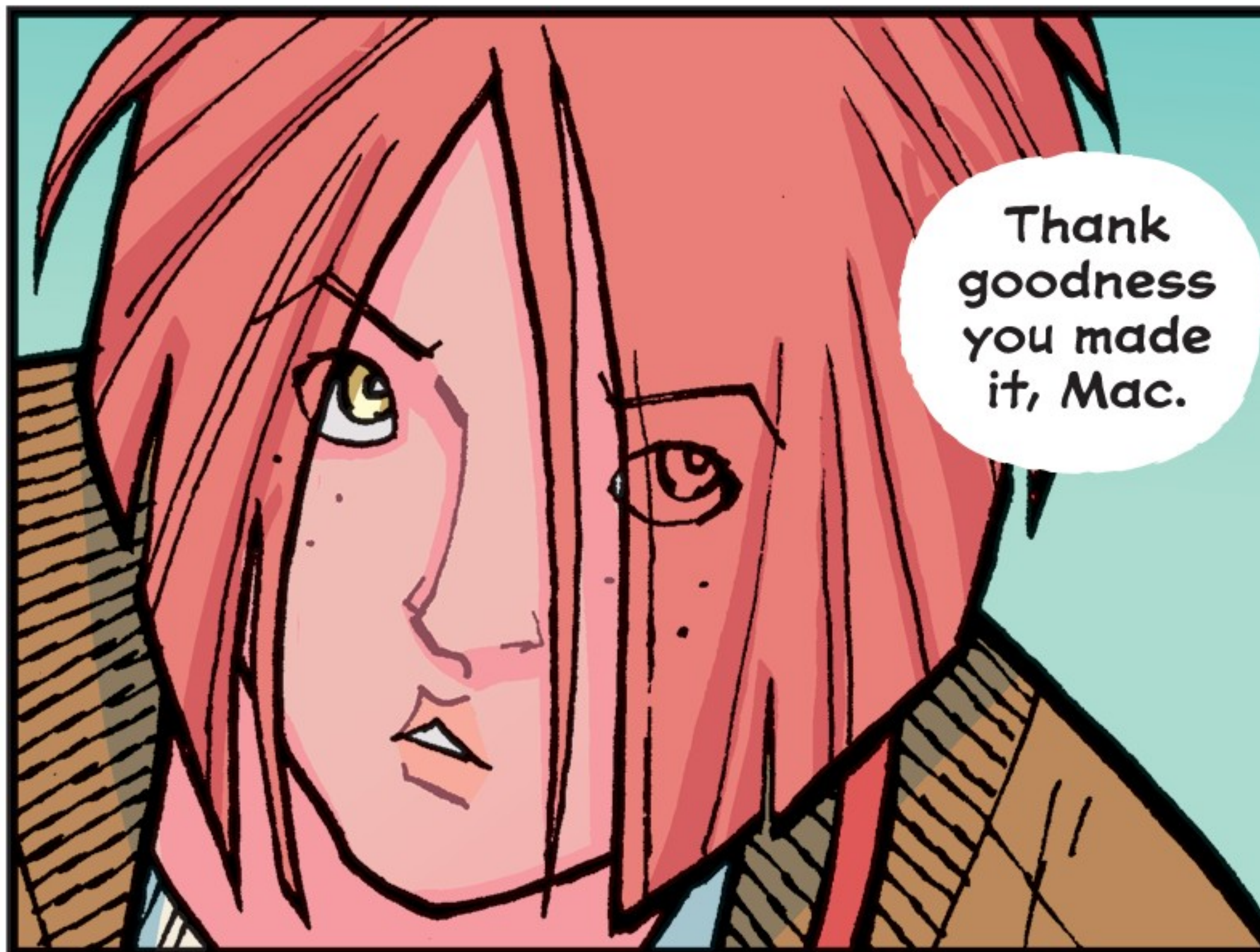
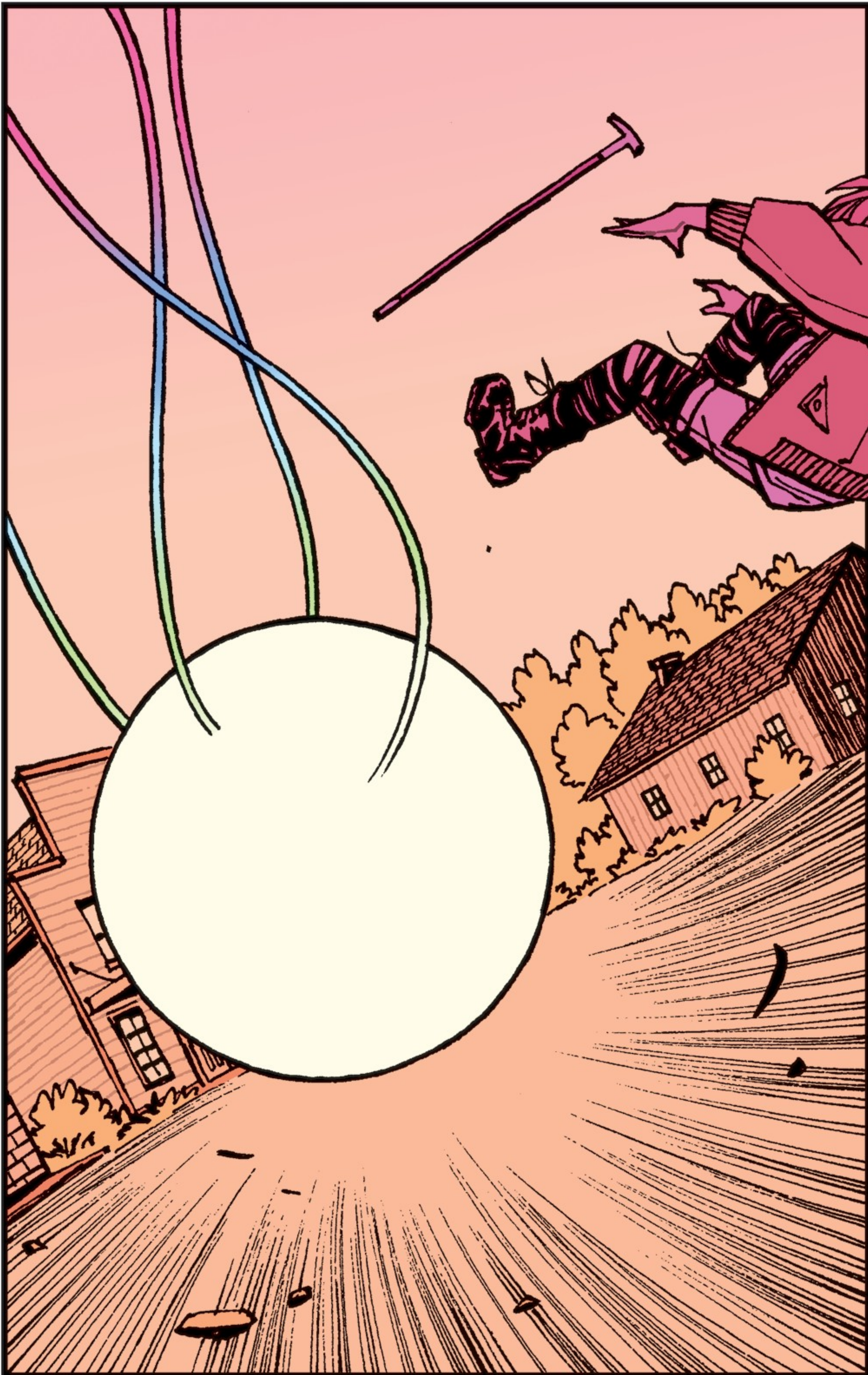
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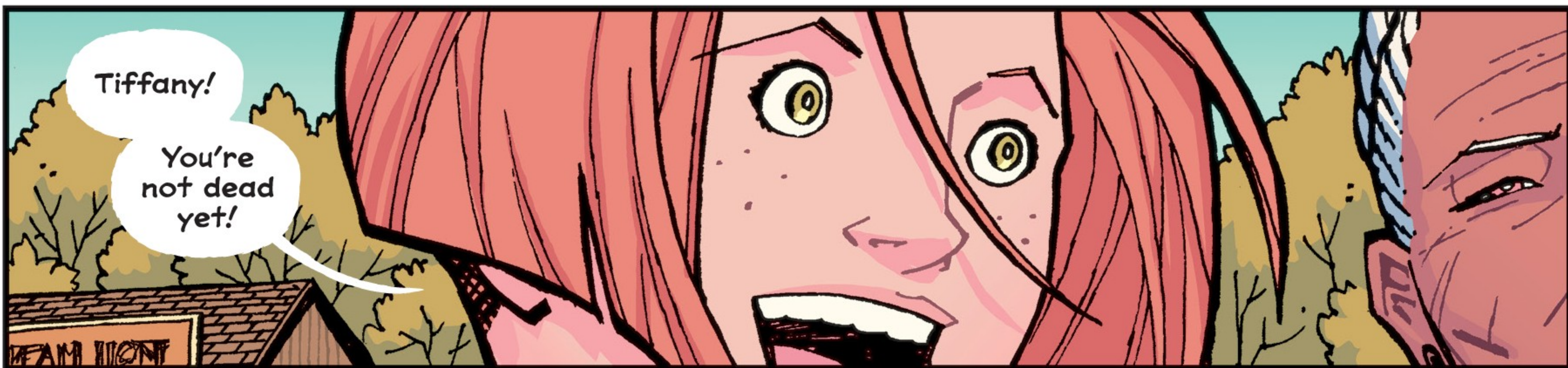
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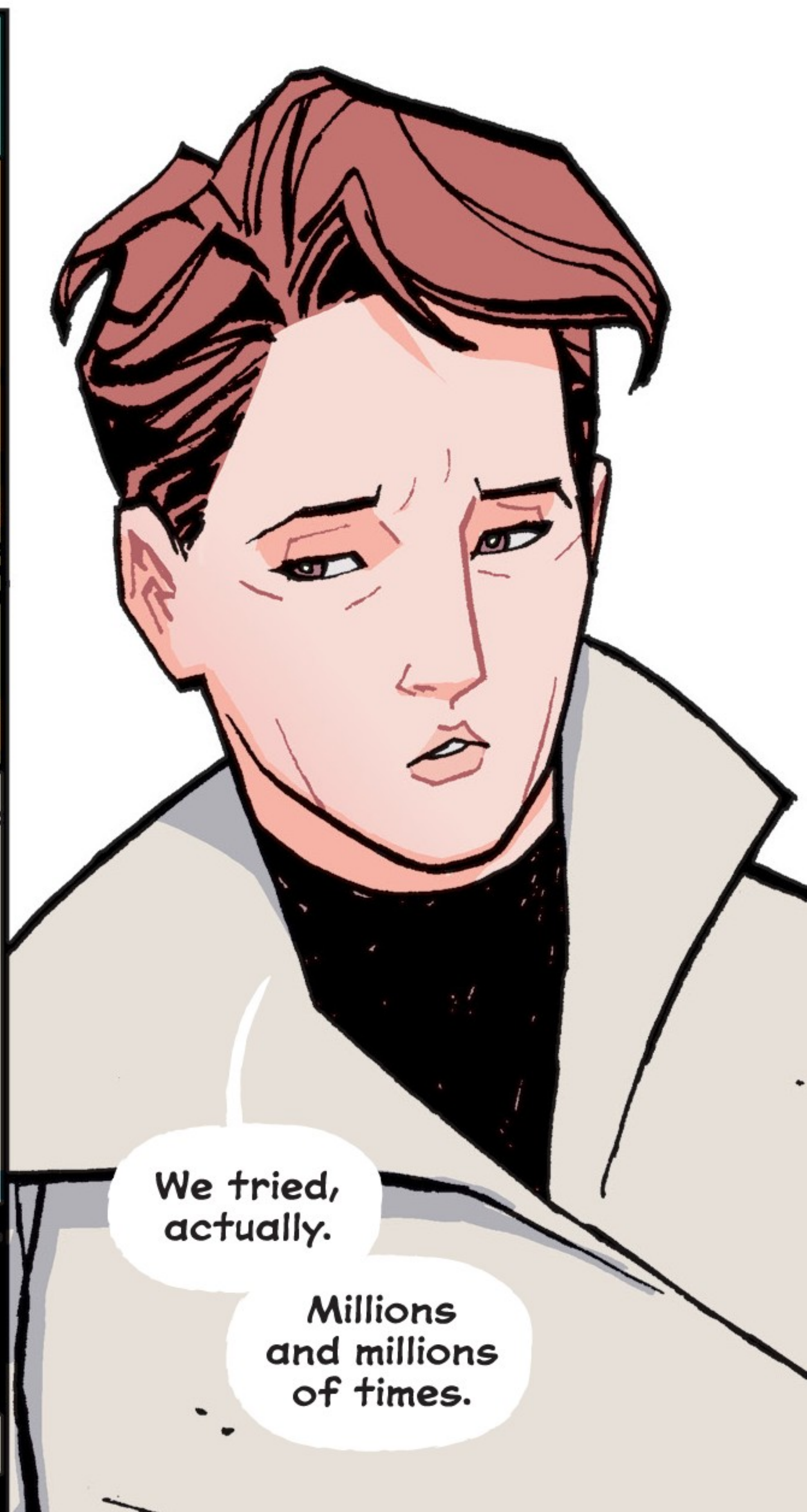
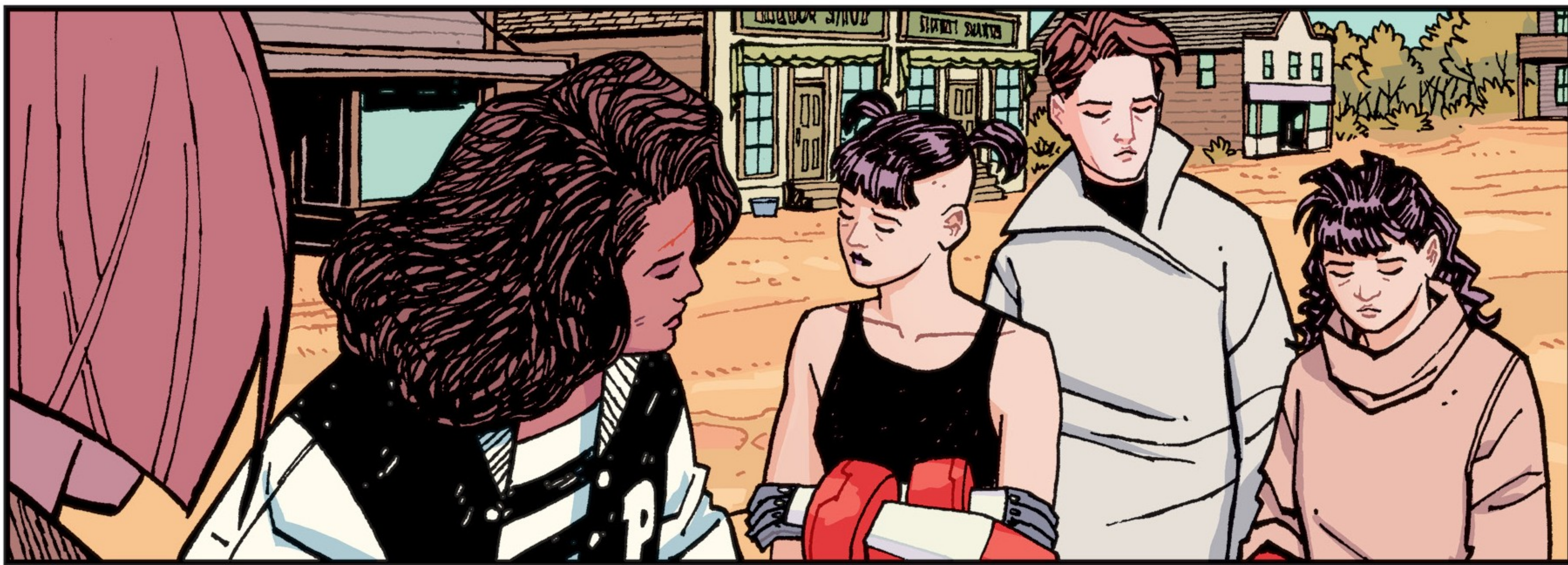
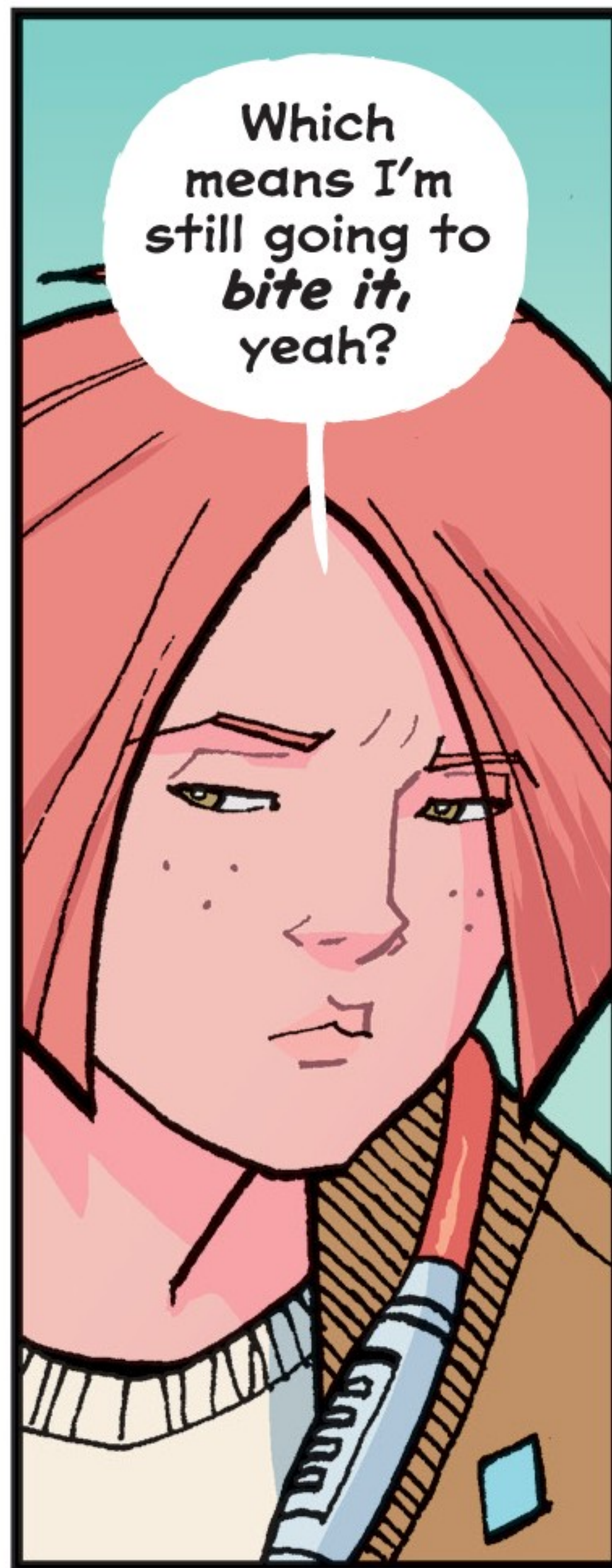
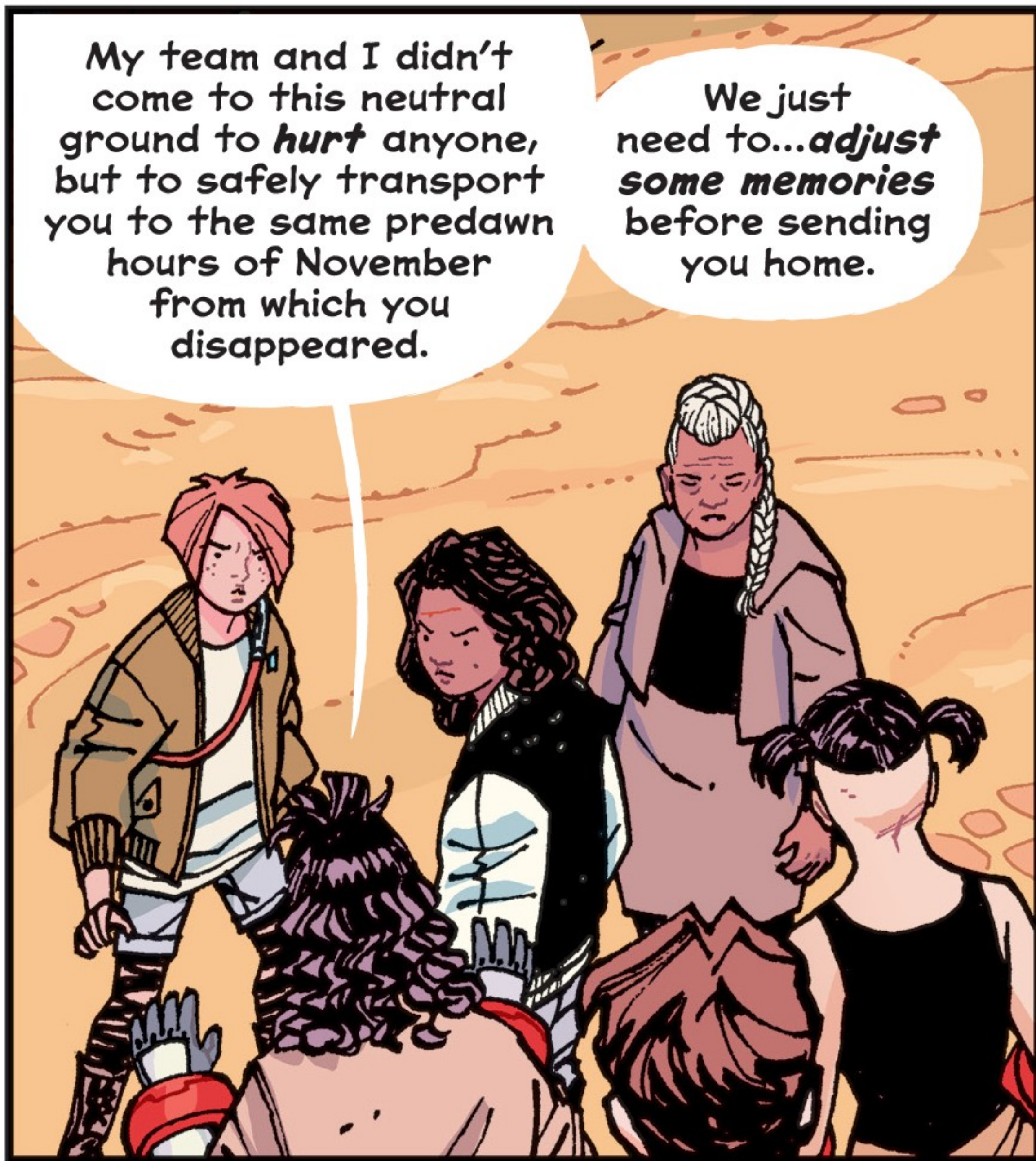
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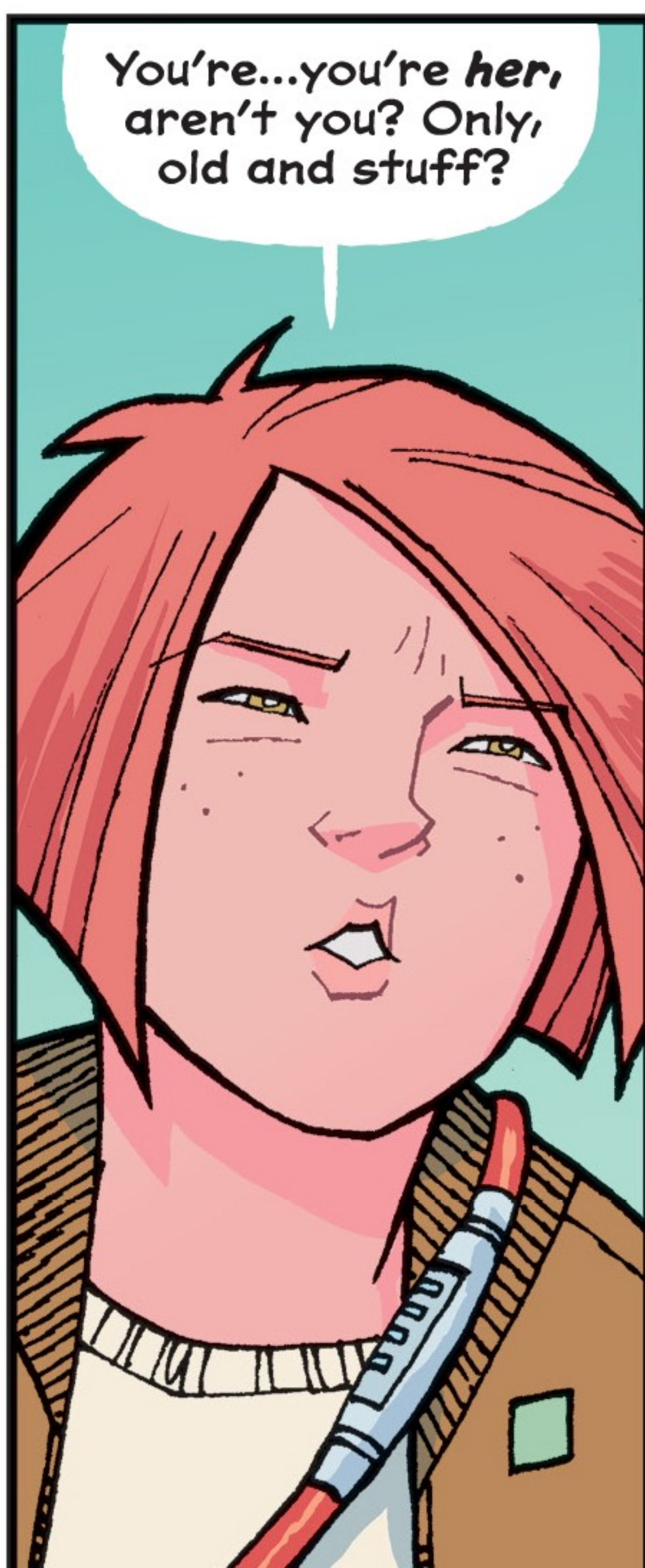
Hey, no,
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Thank
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it, Mac.









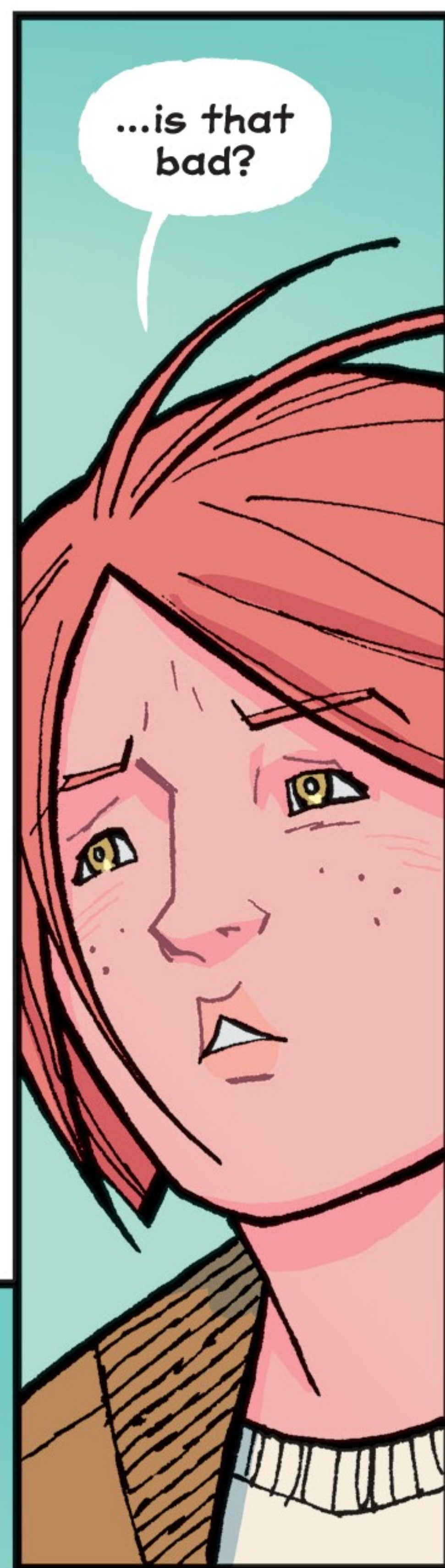
Kaje!

Careful.

How can we be sure this isn't another evil mimeograph of her?



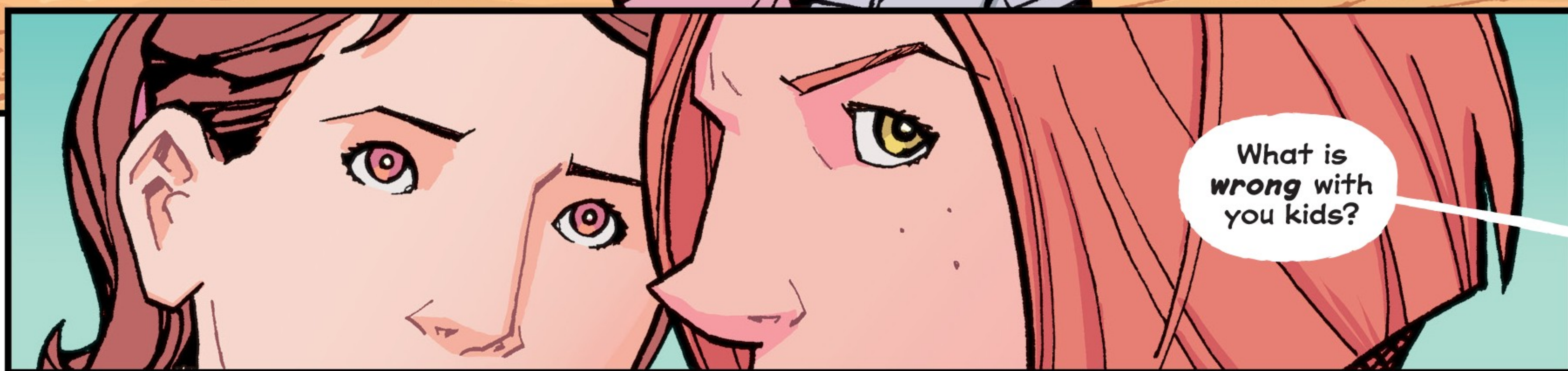
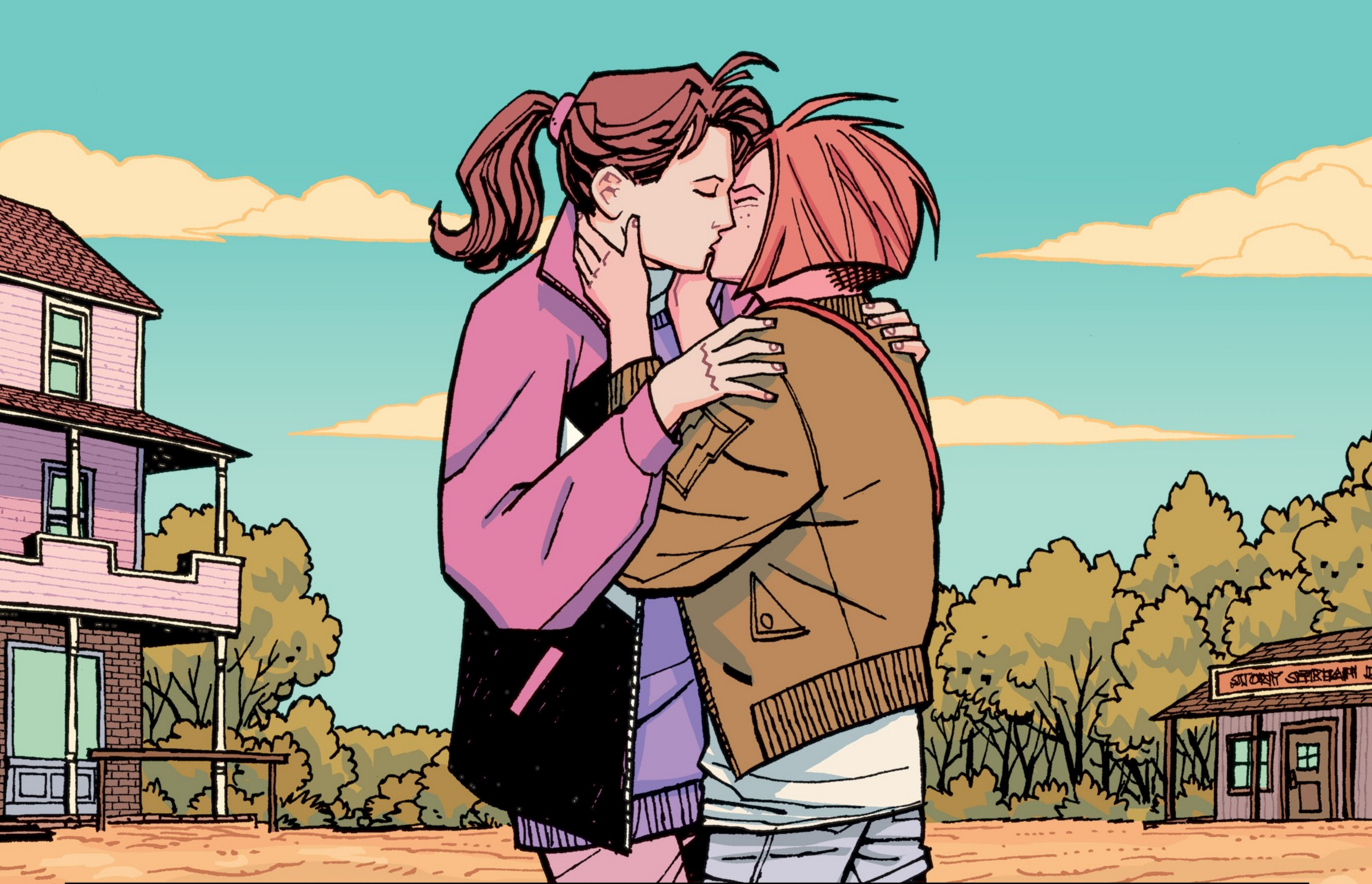
Because I know you taste like cigarettes and Ultra Brite toothpaste.

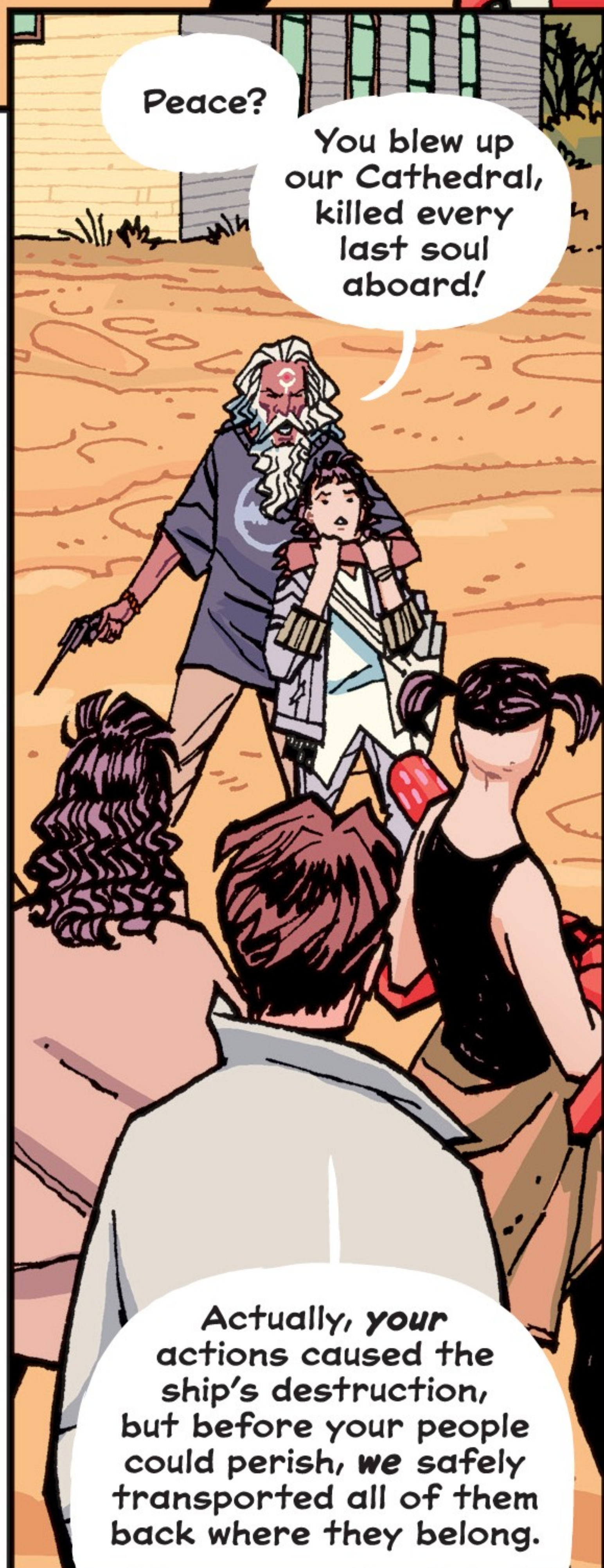


...is that bad?



It's memorable.



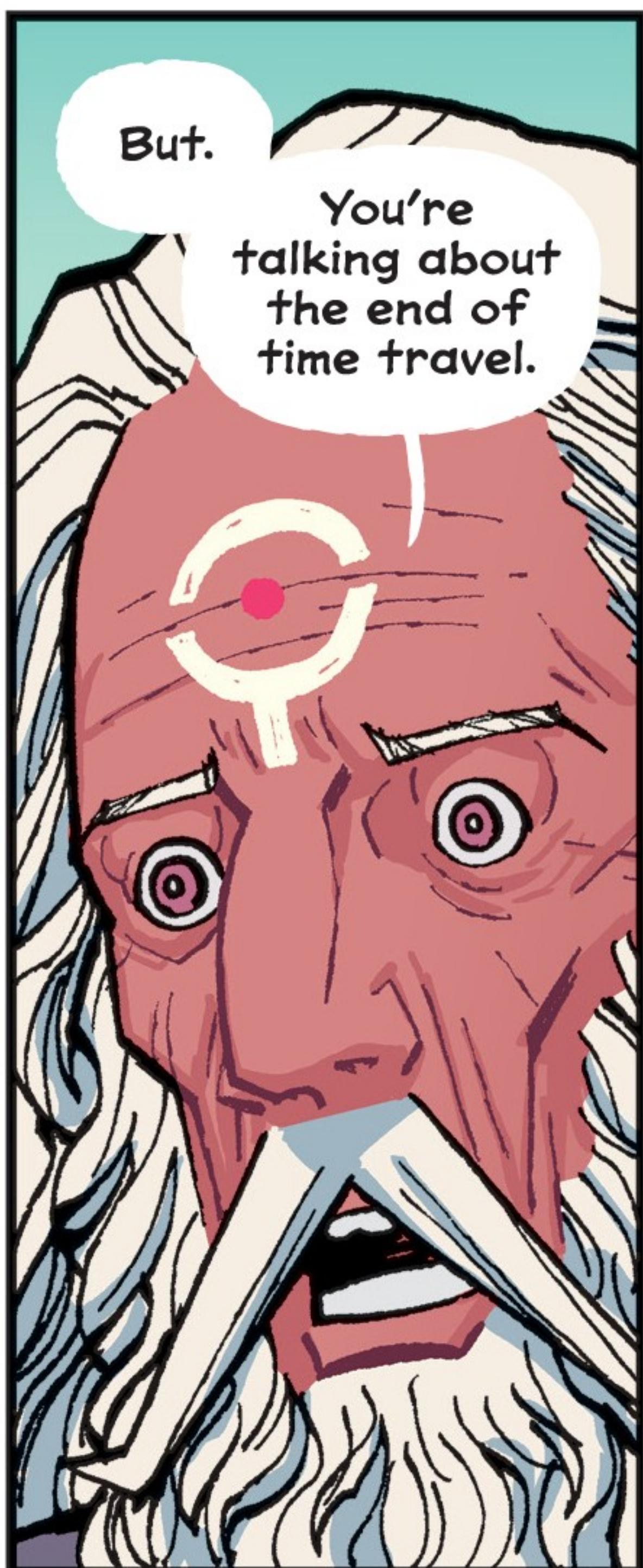






This isn't a negotiation, it's a *blood oath*.

If your generation will agree to the immediate and permanent cessation of *all* nonstandard movement through four-dimensional space...then so will ours.



But.

You're talking about the end of time travel.



Forever and ever, amen.

Obviously, we can't prevent whatever excursions have *already* taken place along the line, but together, we can ensure that this power is never exploited again.

Listen to her!

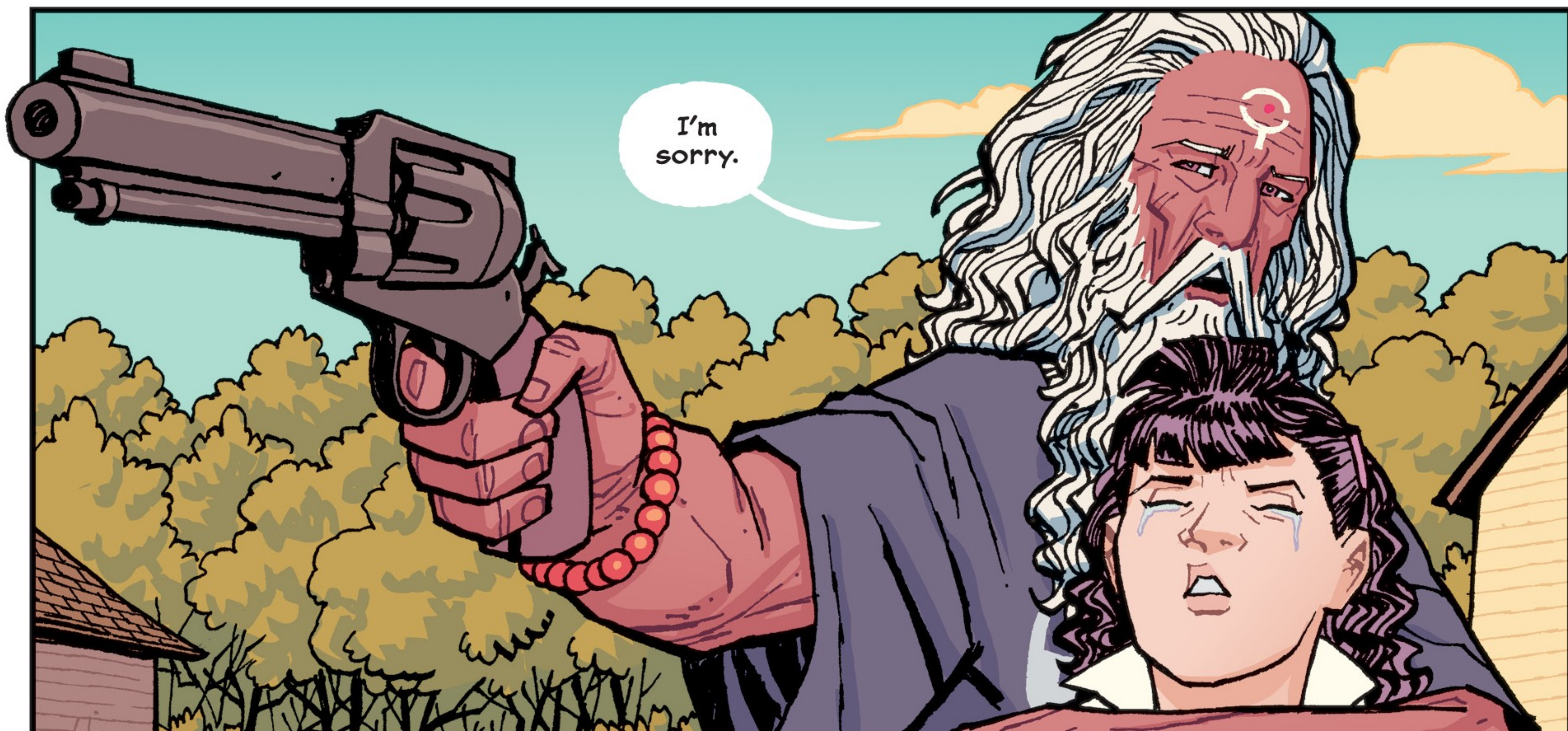


Don't you want this stupid war to *end*?

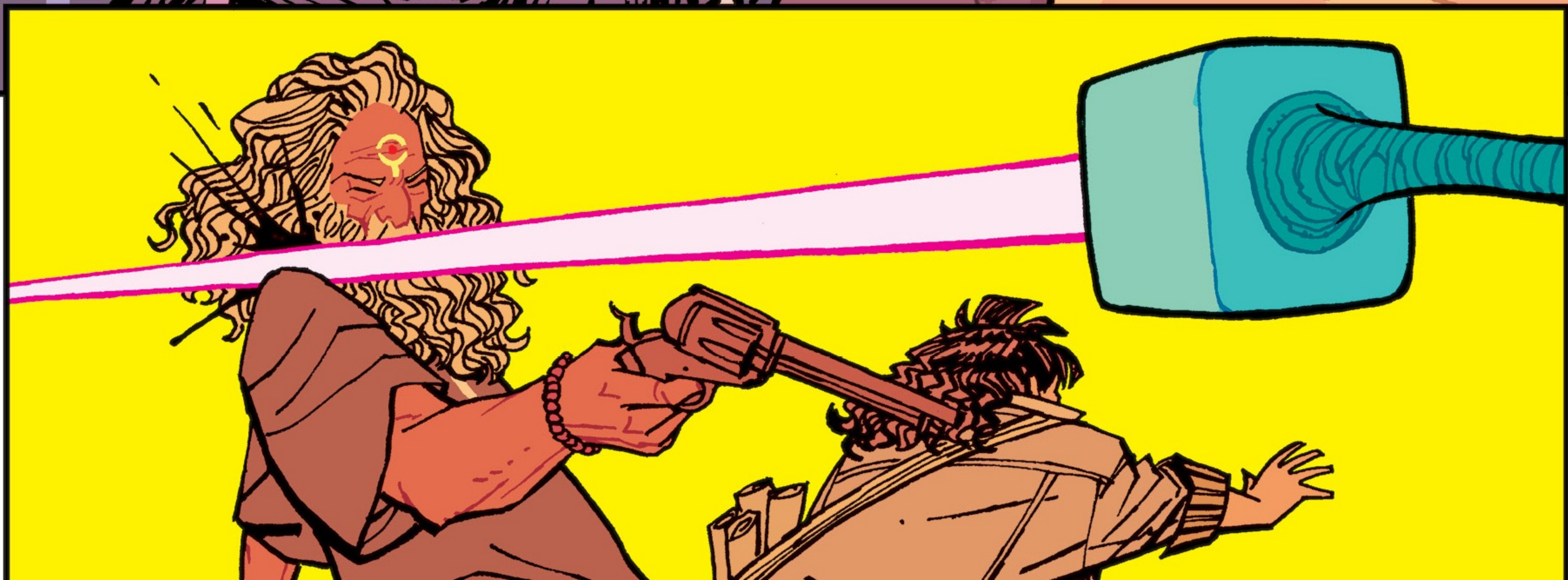
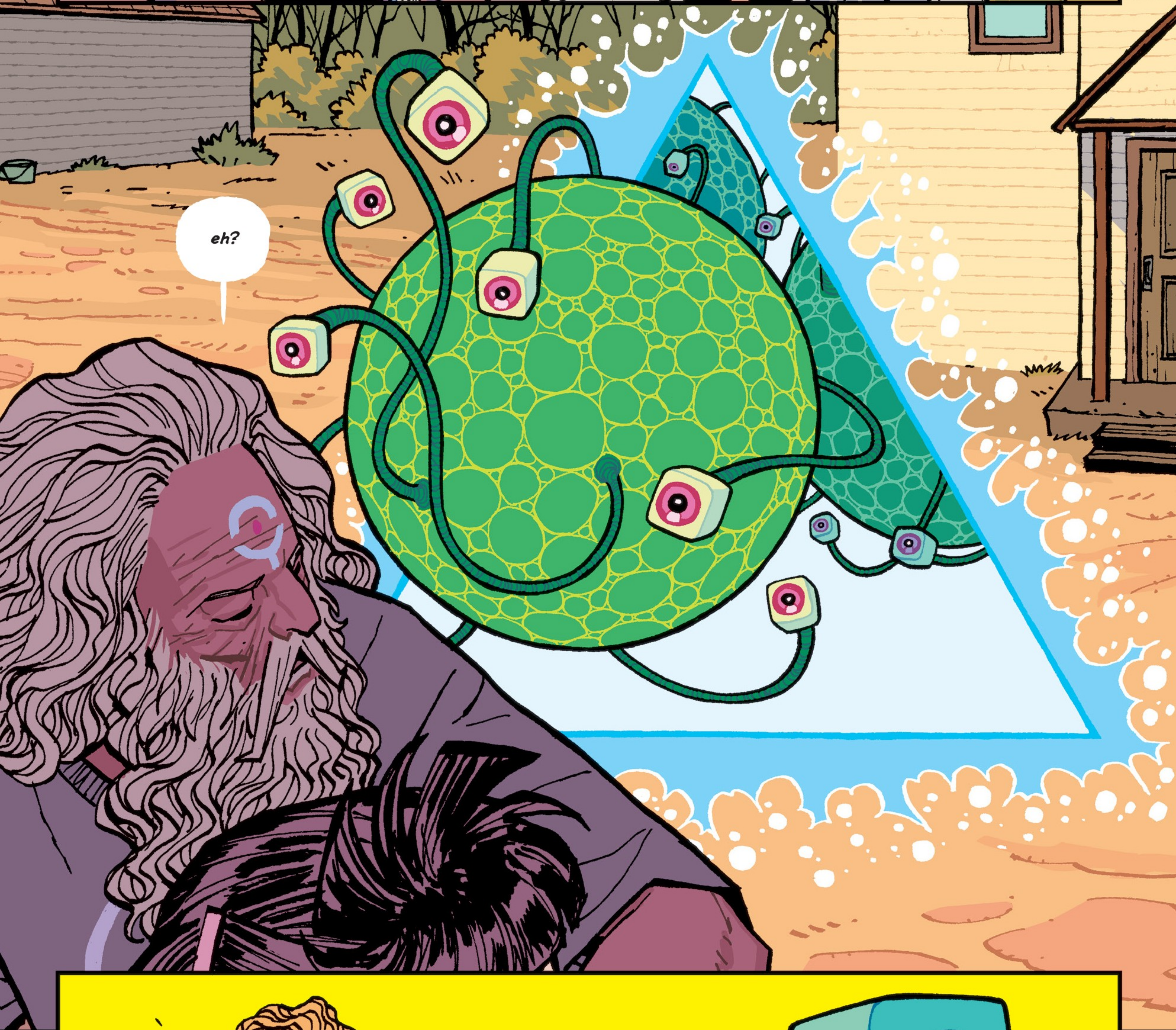


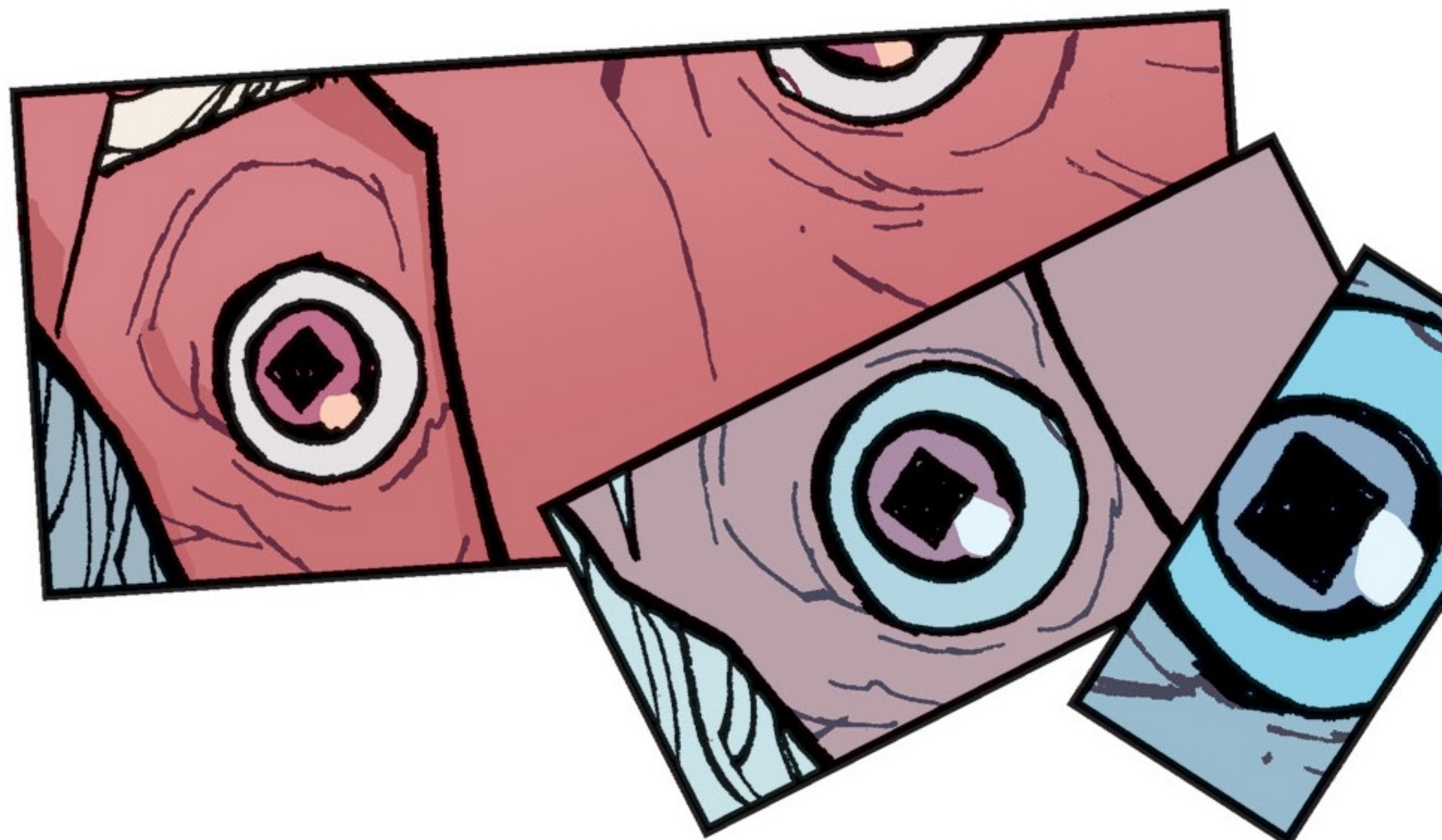
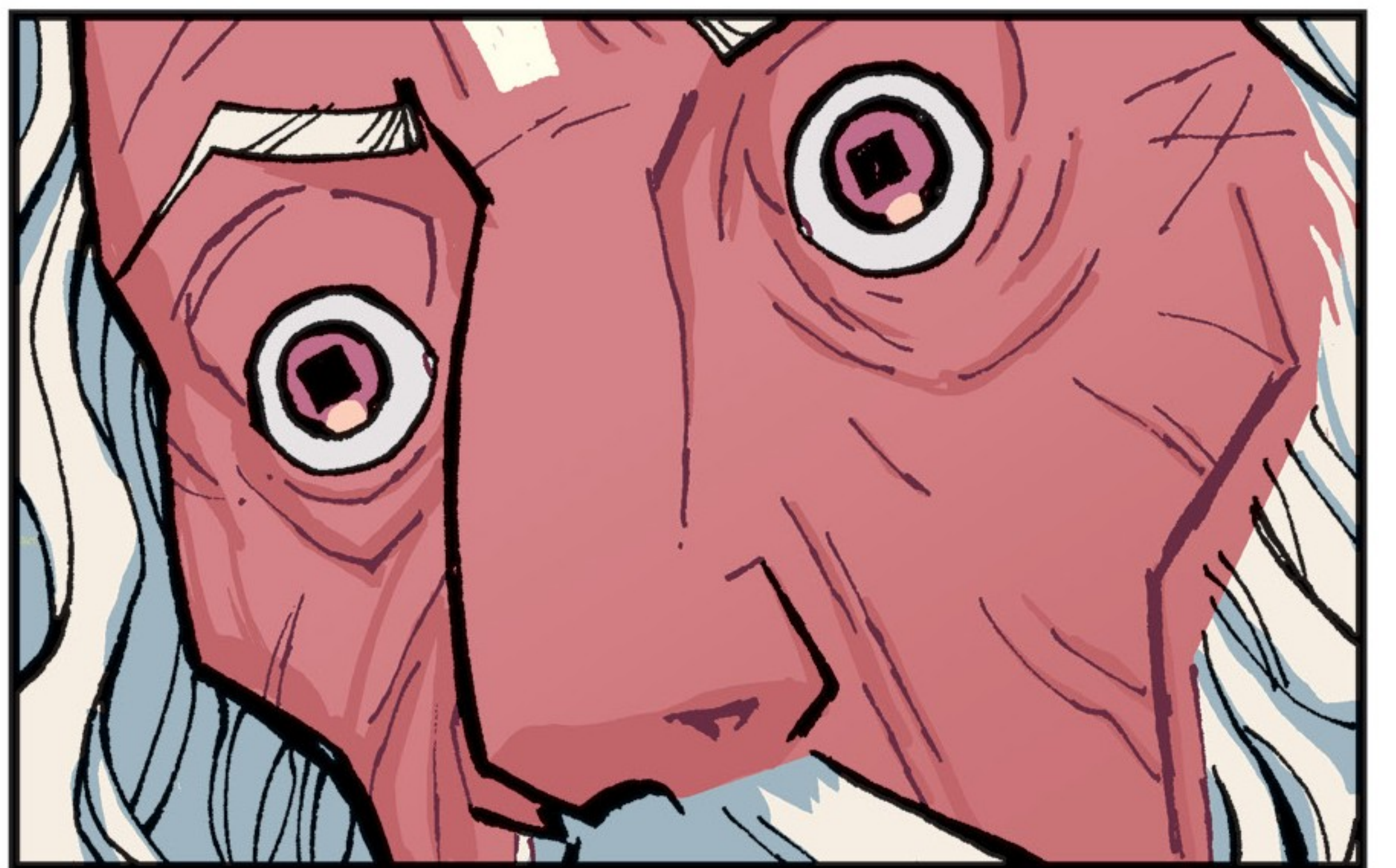
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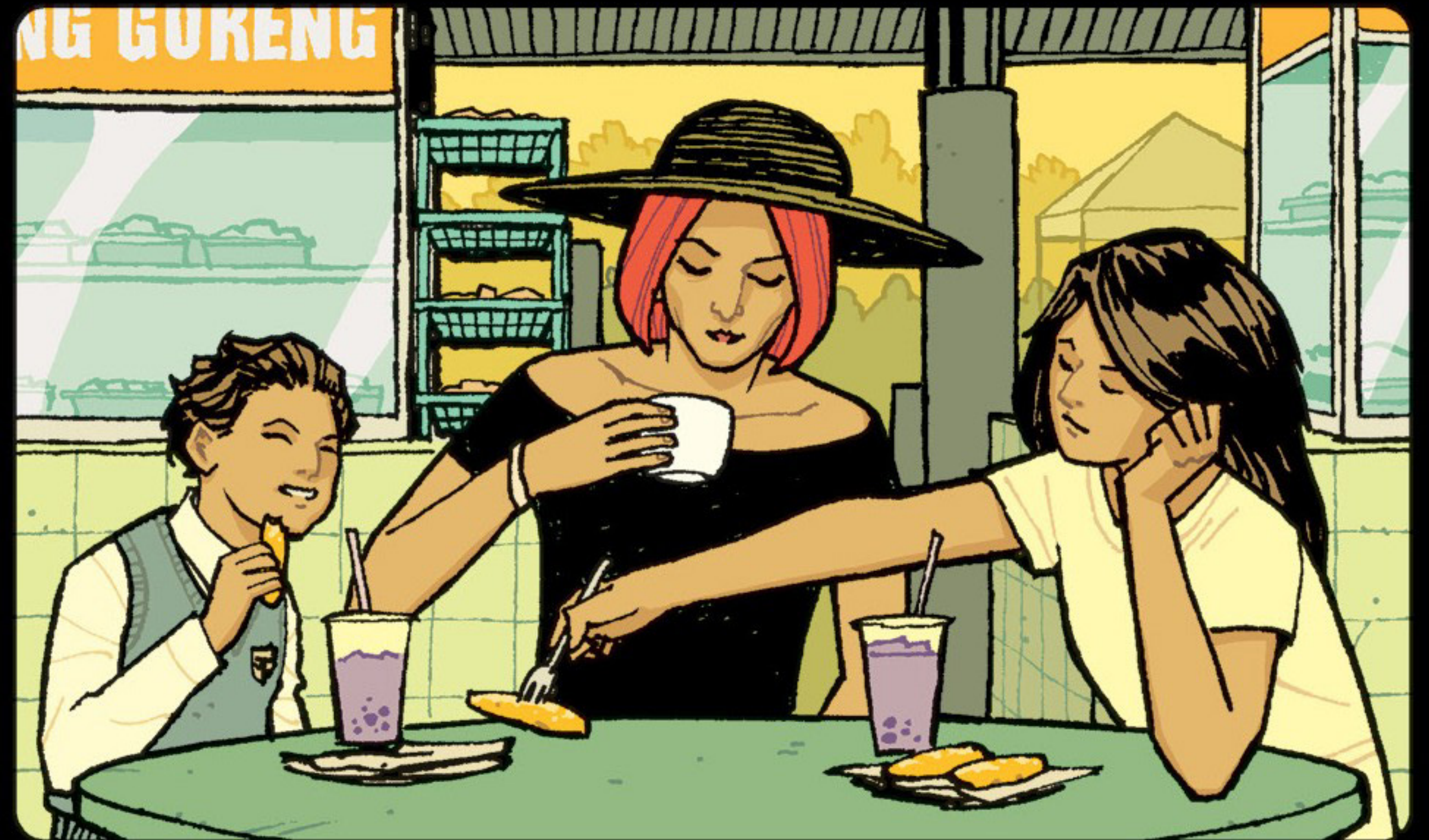
Which is why I've fallen for empty gestures from our descendants before.

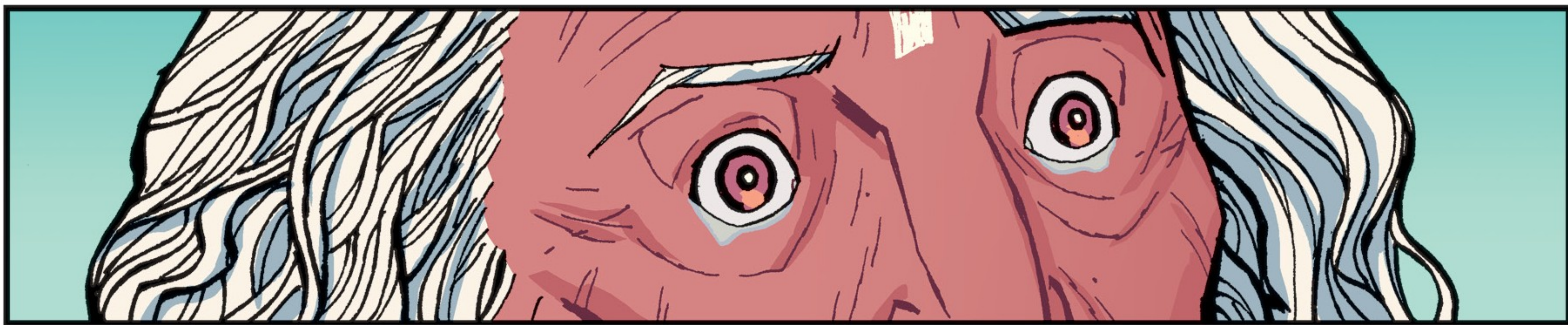


I'm sorry.











That's it?

No epic final battle?

Can you please sound less disappointed?



Does that mean we get to go home?



You'll each be safely deposited back in your lives, in the early hours shortly *after* you originally found the time machine, events you'll no longer recall.

I vaguely remember waking up *late* for my route that day, which I blamed on some crazy-vivid nightmares I instantly forgot.

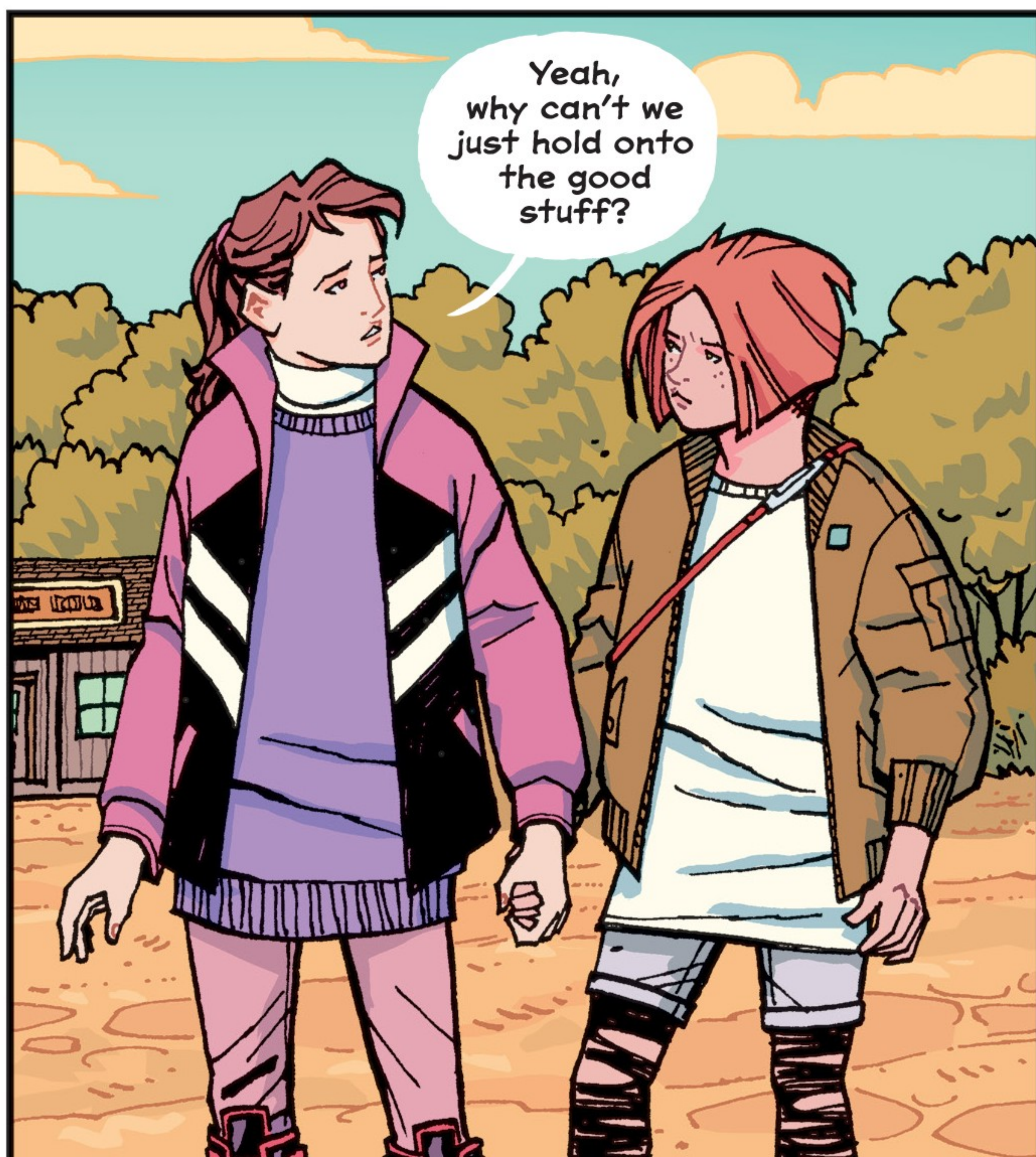


I know it sounds like a lot, but removing all of the trauma you were exposed to is actually the *least* we can do.

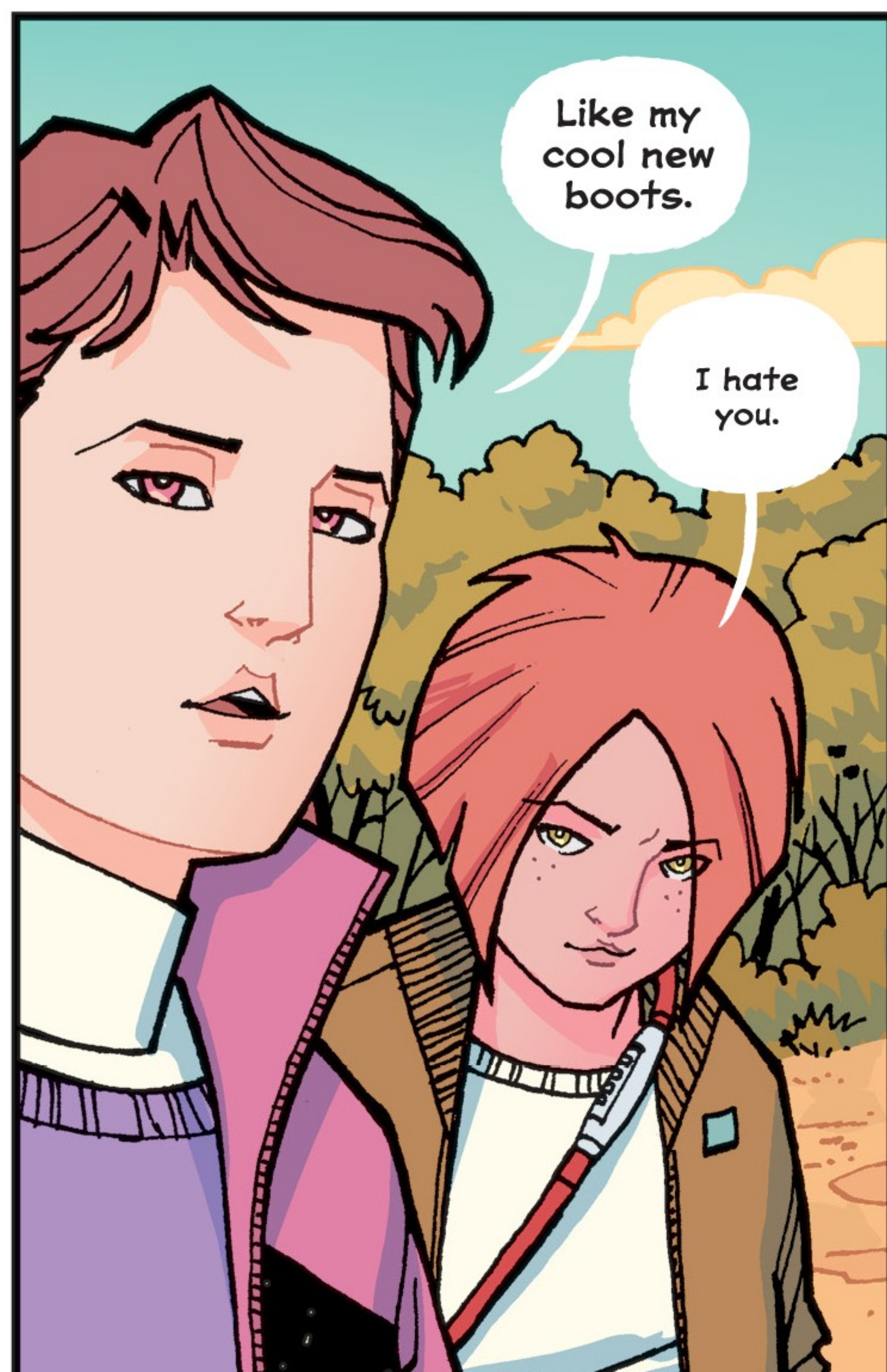


Trauma? This has been the best time of my life!

I *rode* a gigantic microscopic bug! Like at a *rodeo*!

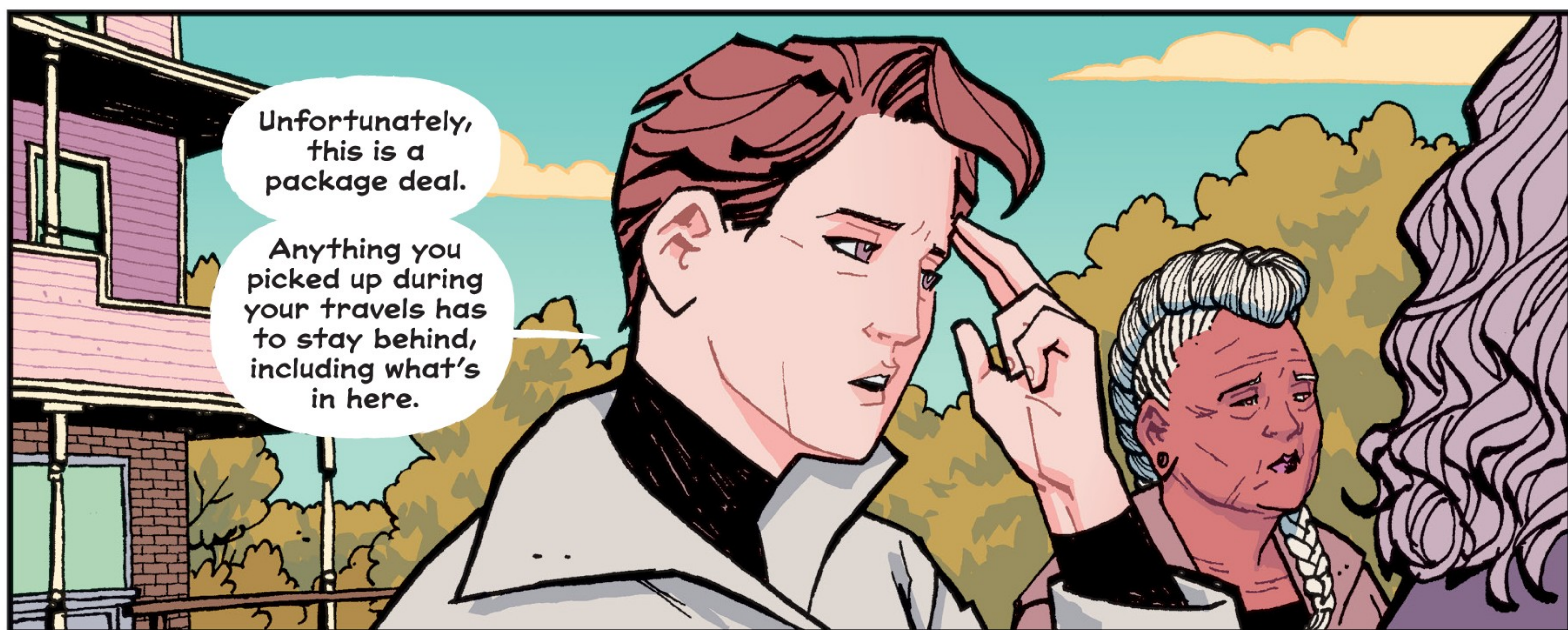


Yeah, why can't we just hold onto the good stuff?



Like my cool new boots.

I hate you.



Unfortunately,
this is a
package deal.

Anything you
picked up during
your travels has
to stay behind,
including what's
in here.



It's for
the best,
girls.

One of you
took a life, and
while that may not
weigh on her yet,
I promise it would
over time.

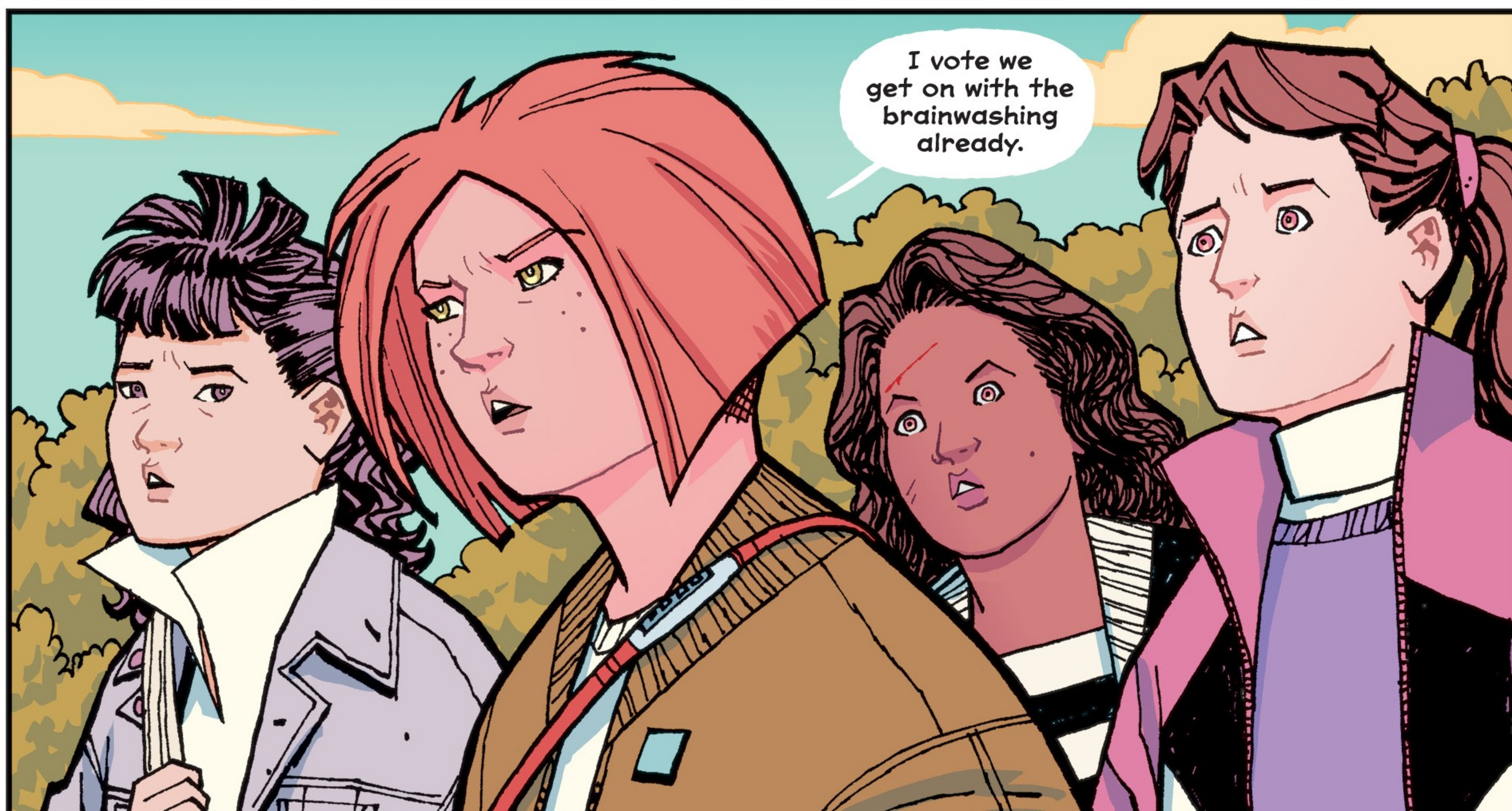


She'd come to dwell not
just on the man she was
forced to end, but on
all of the *descendants*
she likely helped erase
from history.

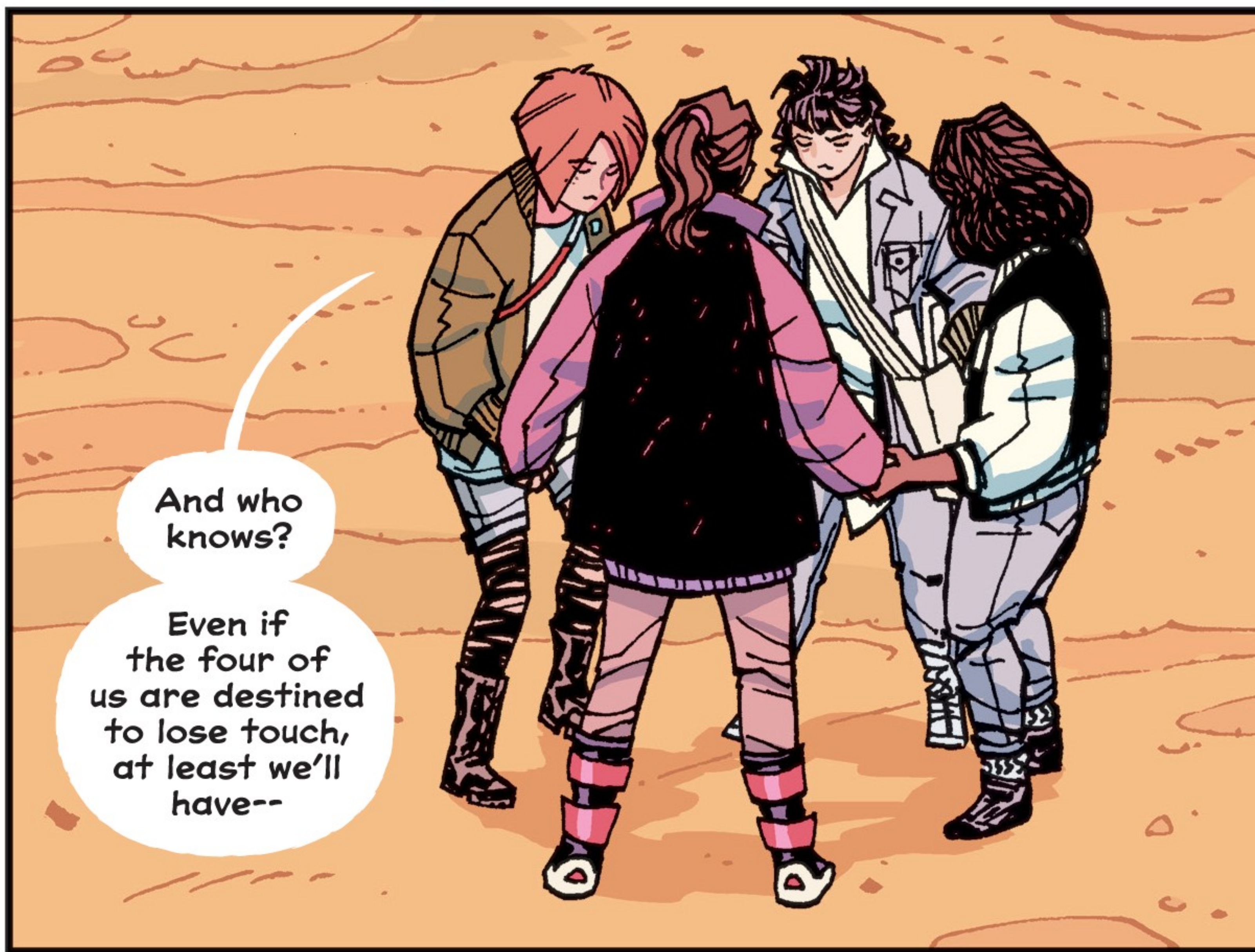
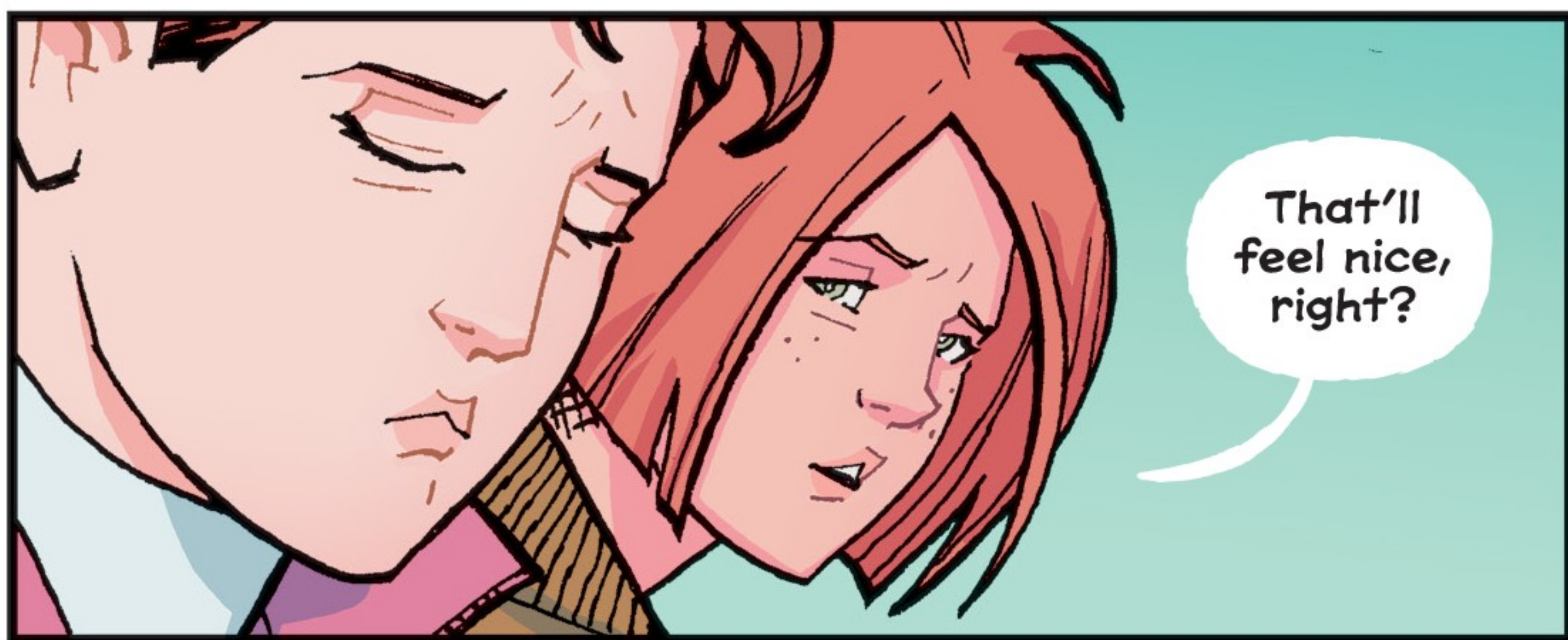


Believe me,
endless branches
of their possible faces
will haunt her for
the rest of--

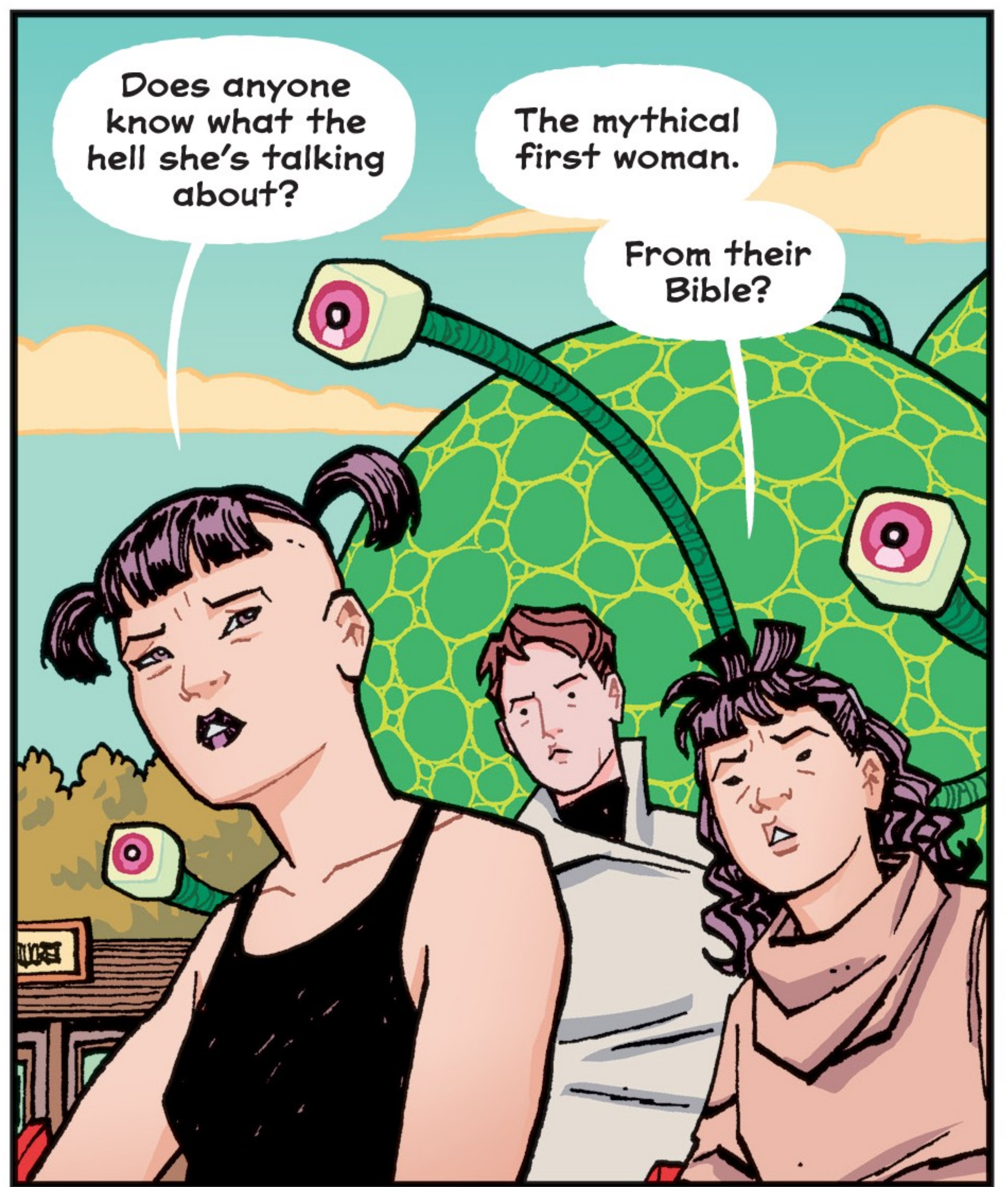
Enough!



I vote we
get on with the
brainwashing
already.







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RITA PEARL, Papergirl

Rita Pearl the Papergirl here to deliver some news of the bittersweet variety.

While Paper Girls, the periodical that's kindly hosted us for the last several years, will be back in a little over a month for one final oversized spectacular, our newsletter is ending right here and now, as the American Newspaper Delivery Guild officially announces that it will be closing its doors for good.

I know, it's heartbreaking, but times have never been tougher for the newspaper delivery racket.

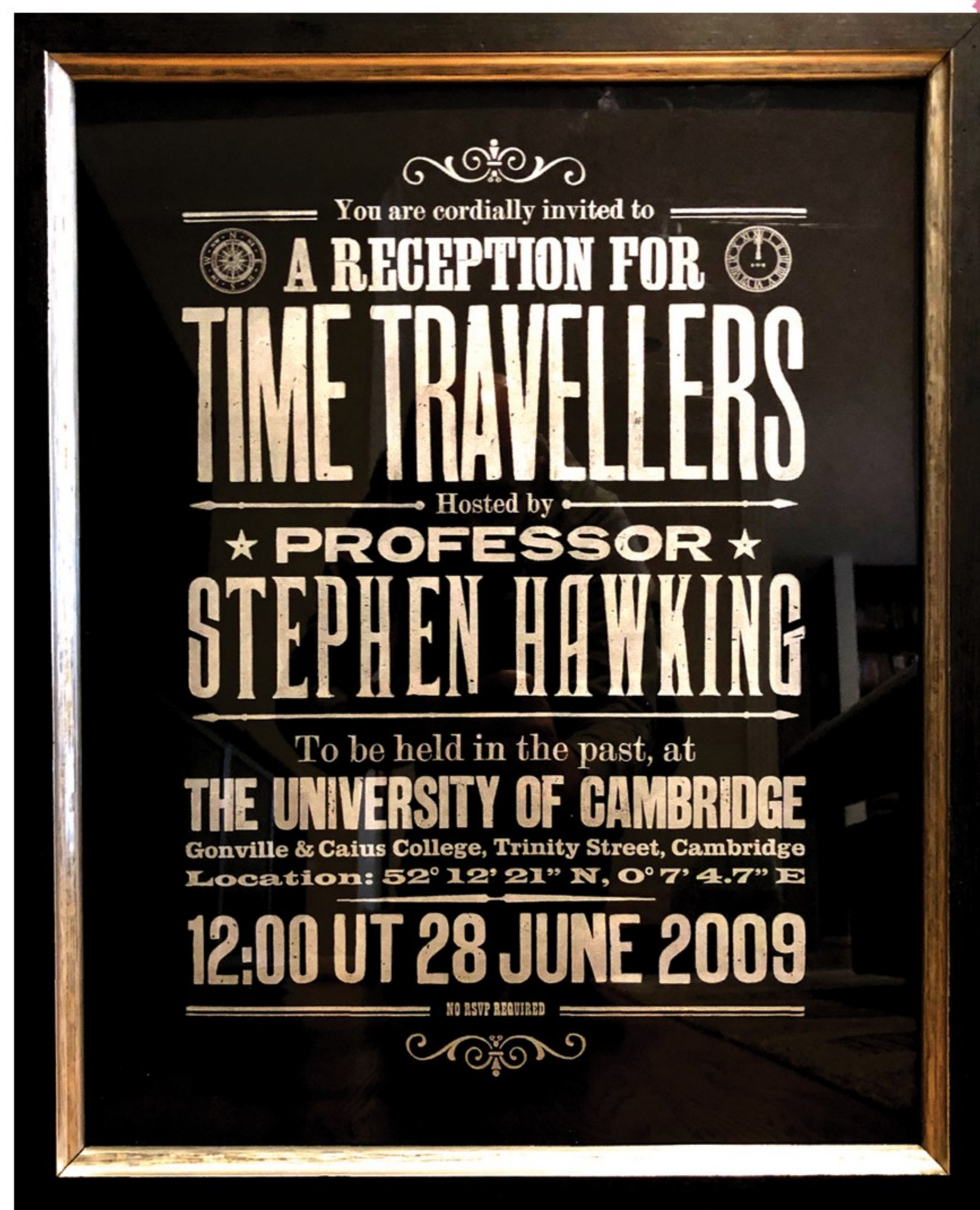
Still, maybe our future isn't written in stone?

Y'see, a few months ago, I read in one of my perfectly porch-tossed papers about an auction featuring some of the belongings of my late, great hero **Stephen Hawking**, including an invitation to his infamous "Reception for Time Travellers" held in June of 2009 (though the invitations weren't sent out until AFTER the event).

About his ingenious experiment, Hawking once said, "I'm hoping copies of it in one form or another will survive for many thousands of years. Maybe one day someone living in the future will find the information and use a wormhole time machine to come back to my party, proving that time travel will, one day, be possible."

Anyway, we had a few bucks left in the A.N.D.G. petty cash account, so before closing up shop, we half-jokingly placed a bid **and now we're the proud owners of this incredible scientific artifact!**

Goodbye, Guys ...and Gals!



Which can only mean one thing, right?

CONTEST TIME!

Yes, **YOU** could win the opportunity to be Rita Pearl's official **DATE** to the Reception for Time Travellers.

And all you need to enter is one (1) functioning time machine!

So, if you can safely traverse standard four-dimensional boundaries, please mail any and all certifiable evidence to...

Win a (Platonic) Date with Rita Pearl
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...before the especially challenging deadline of **June 5, 2019**. Good luck, and please travel safely!

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*For now, one last piece of unfinished business. When your pal Rita Pearl first came on the scene in Paper Girls #6 exactly three years ago in June of 2016, I ended my inaugural newsletter with our **Time Capsule Contest**, explaining:*

Time to put on your prognosticating hats, deliverers! Think you know what the world will look like in three years? Submit your best answers to the questions below before September 1, 2016, and we'll bury your submissions deep beneath A.N.D.G. Headquarters. Then, sometime in the year 2019 (!), the A.N.D.G. will finally open your entries and award an EXTREMELY VALUABLE PRIZE to the one individual we independently determine to be the "most correct" (with additional awards for "most entertaining"). The payoff may be a few years in the future, but there's no time like the present to submit your completed form (or a copy of it) to the address above.

Well, we received TONS of responses to our questions, all of which remained safely sealed underground... until now.

1) Who will be President of the United States in 2019?

*"Well, if it is Mr. Trump, and we're still here in 2019, I'll be way f****ing surprised. Mrs. Clinton will win."* - **Ted B.** from Windsor, NY

"Donald Trump, whose white supremacist followers will be aghast at all the Muslims and Mexicans still living here." - **Mike R.** from Carlsbad, CA

(Politics aside, Mike was one of only FOUR readers who anticipated President Trump.)

2) Will artificial intelligence be a danger to humanity by 2019?

"It's a danger to humanity in 2016, we just don't acknowledge it yet! So yes!" - **Matt M.** New York, NY

"Yes, it will have conquered 20% of the world." - **Gary V.** Merrick, NY

3) Who will play James Bond in 2019?

"Idris Elba, the first African-English man to play Bond." - **Jordan M.** Charlotte, NC

"Gillian Anderson." - **Jordan H.** Salem, OR

(Exactly NO ONE guessed that Daniel Craig would still be playing 007 by now.)

4) Will the city of Cleveland have won any major sports championships by 2019?

"Done!" - **Sarah G.** Chicago, IL

"No, the NBA was a one-time thing. They suck at everything else."

- **Alex C.** Elwood, IN

(The Cavaliers won their first NBA Championships not long after this challenge was posted. And don't bet against those Browns, Alex!)

5) Which nation or group will pose the greatest security threat to the world in 2019?

"Russia" - **Al W.** Warren, MI

"The United States of America" - **Ben L.** Philadelphia, PA

"Either Robonia (the robots) or Apetown (the Apes)." - **Edgar B.** El Paso, TX

6) Will superhero movies still dominate Hollywood in 2019?

"Superhero movies will be the only movies produced in 2019."

- **Derrick H.** Nashville, TN

"Hopefully there will be a Valiant superhero movie by then, Bloodshot or X-O Manowar." - **Shelby H.** from Batesville, IN

7) Which will be more valuable in 2019, Apple or Google?

"They will combine forces and turn us all into slaves for robots."

- **Rosalie K.** Philadelphia, PA

"Apple." - **Aaron M.** Murfreesboro, TN

8) What company, if any, will be more valuable than either of those companies by 2019?

"None." - **Travis R.** Hatfield, PA

"Whoever made Pokémon Go." - **K.** Oxon Hill, MD

"ClipClop. It's like Twitter but with Morse code. It'll be really big in 2017."

- **M.J.** Long Beach, CA

9) Will climate change have significantly impacted your country by 2019?

"Other than slightly higher tides in Florida, higher frequency of extreme weather events, higher number of mosquitoes in higher elevations, and higher frequency of record-breaking temperatures... nope, not really." - **Steven G.** Bethel, CT

"Yes, already is! (Canada.)" - **S.R.** Calgary, AB

10) Which beloved celebrity will no longer be with us by 2019?

"Stan Lee." - **T.J.** Hastings, MI

"Stephen Hawking." - **Mike S.** Austin, TX

"Betty White." - **Luke N.** Missoula, MT

(Ms. White was the most common answer by far, but I'm pleased to say that, as of this writing, Betty is still very much with us!)

11) Will marijuana be largely legalized throughout most of the U.S. by 2019?

"No, but yes from the 2020 elections." - **Bryce B.** Milwaukee, WI

"In 2019, all of the Northwestern states including California, Nevada, Montana, Wyoming, Colorado and New Mexico will have legal weed. All the cool people will move there and make art and garden. They will be poorly defended."

- **Justin R.** Dayton, OH

12) What disease will we have a cure for by 2019?

"Restless leg syndrome." - **Jim G.** Chicago, IL

"Zika." - **Stephanie T. E.** Elmhurst, NY

(Was Zika big in the news in 2016? This was a surprisingly popular answer.)

13) What food will be the new "superfood" by 2019?

"Not sure what this is, but pizza is really cool. So pizza." - **Ian F.** Madison, WI

"Seaweed, kelp, seagrass, sea cucumber, you name it! Sea vegetables will make up 60% of the American diet." - **Nathaniel F.** Champaign, IL

"Soylent Green." - **Sarah H.** Montgomery, AL

14) What current technology will be completely obsolete by 2019?

"CDs/DVDs, it will all be digital." - **Jeremy L.** Chicago, IL

"Landline phones." - **Dalton A.** Atlantic Highlands, NJ

15) Will there still be print newspapers in 2019?

"The industry is kept afloat by fetish groups terming themselves 'inkfingers'."
- **Mitch R.** Oakland, CA

"Handwritten contest entries are still around, so why not?"
- **Eric P.** Whitestone, NY

Amen to that, Eric. And while we enjoyed reading ALL of your entries, the one reader we judged to be most accurate (answering a whopping nine questions "correctly") was Mark M. from El Paso! We hope you or someone you know is still at the address you gave us in 2016, Mark, because some cool swag is headed your way!

And, as promised, we'll be sending some additional awards to our "most entertaining" reader: Erika W. from Peoria, IL, who felt strongly about the dominance of Hologram Gene Kelly in our present.

I'm about to mail out your prizes, and who knows if I'll find an entry or two for our "Reception for Time Travellers" contest already waiting for me? If so, maybe my new companion and I will go back in time and somehow breathe new life into the old newspaper delivery business.

But if not, that's okay, too. I've greatly enjoyed my time here at the venerable American Newspaper Delivery Guild (special shout-out to my boss Ruth McKee, who truly helped me find my voice), but over the last few years of talking about old bikes, delivery bags and the latchkey lifestyle, I've also experienced enough nostalgia to last the rest of my days.

And it's always a good time to try something new.

Lotsa Love,
Rita Pearl the Papergirl
A.N.D.G. # 0000000





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all four posters to see the bigger picture!

