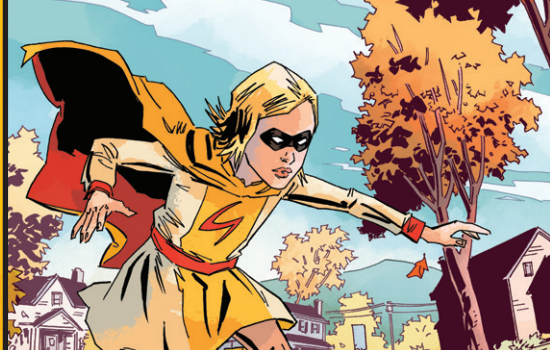


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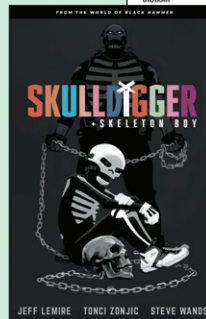
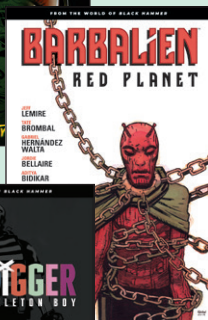
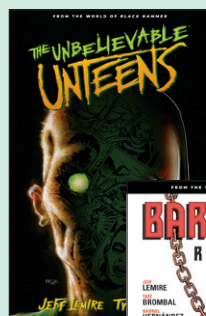
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...AND SHE
JUST RUNS UP
AND HUGS
ME!

NO.
WAY.

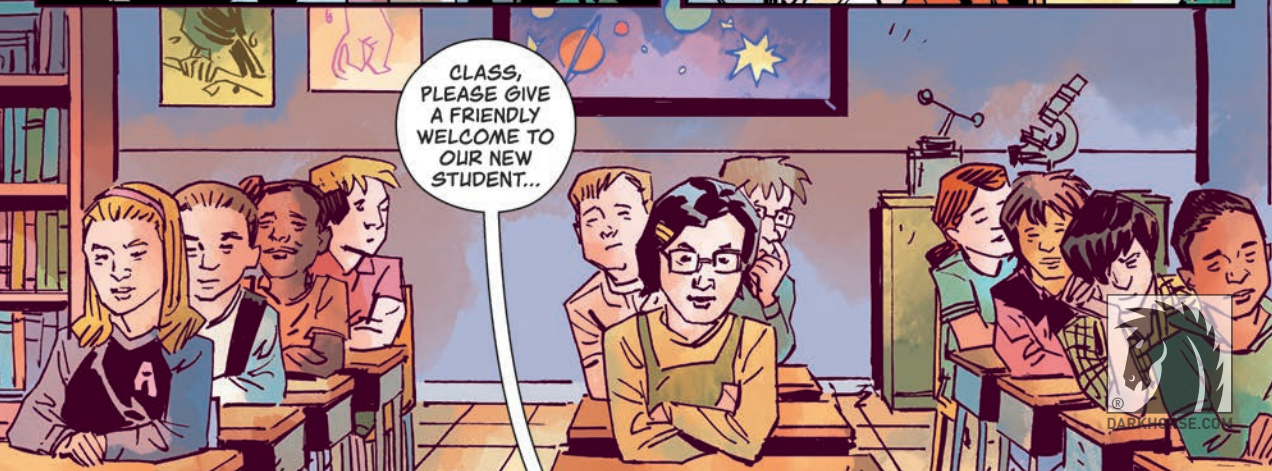
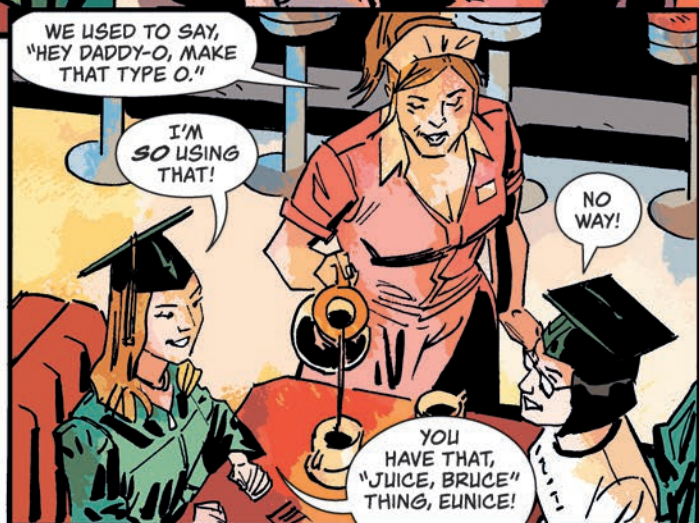
LIKE,
SHE'S A TOTAL
BITCH TO ME SINCE
WHAT, FIFTH GRADE? AND
SUDDENLY ALL THAT'S
FORGOTTEN 'CUZ
WE WHAT...

ALL FINISHED
SCHOOL ON THE
SAME DAY? NOT LIKE
WE SURVIVED A WAR
OR ANYTHING...

HA.
WHO KNOWS,
MAYBE WE DID?
MAYBE GAIL
WAS RIGHT.



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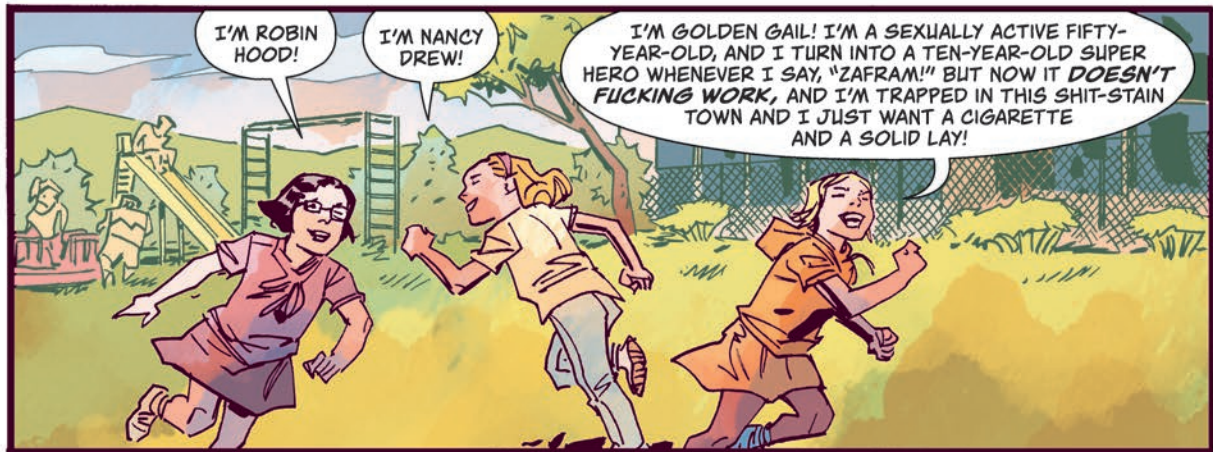
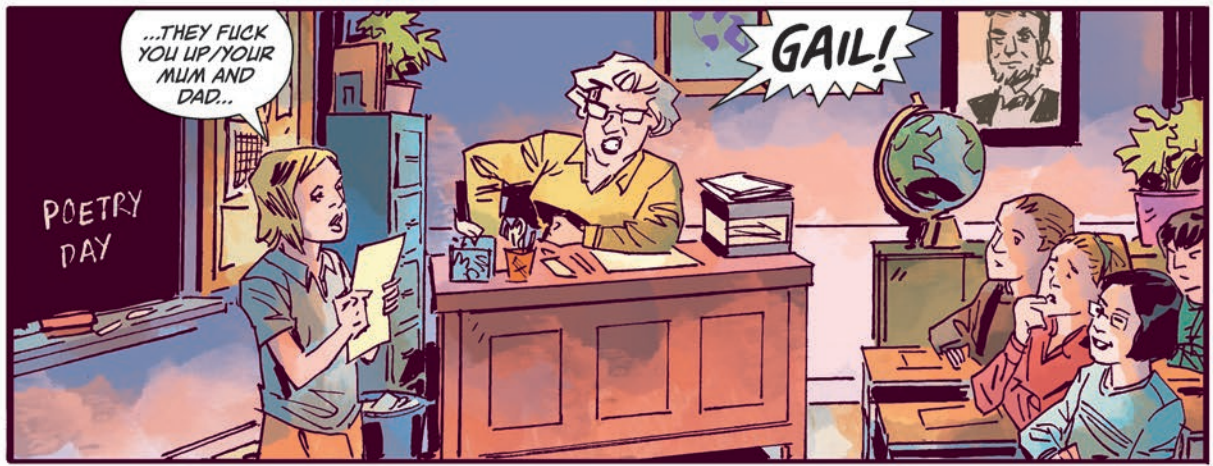
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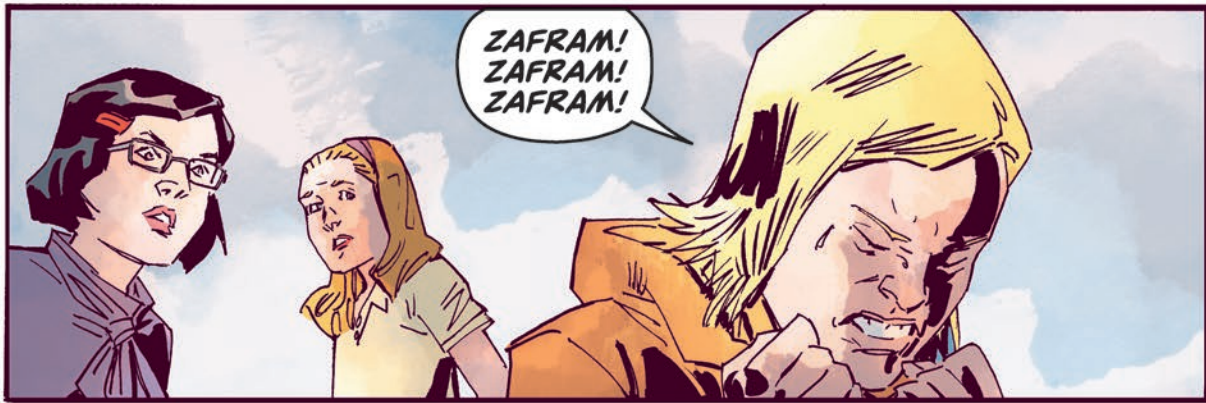
...GAIL
GIBBONS.



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WOW. HOW DO YOU REMEMBER ALL THAT? I MEAN I REMEMBER THERE BEING SOME WEIRD KIDS IN OUR SCHOOL, BUT...

DON'T YOU REMEMBER THE DAY SHE LEFT?

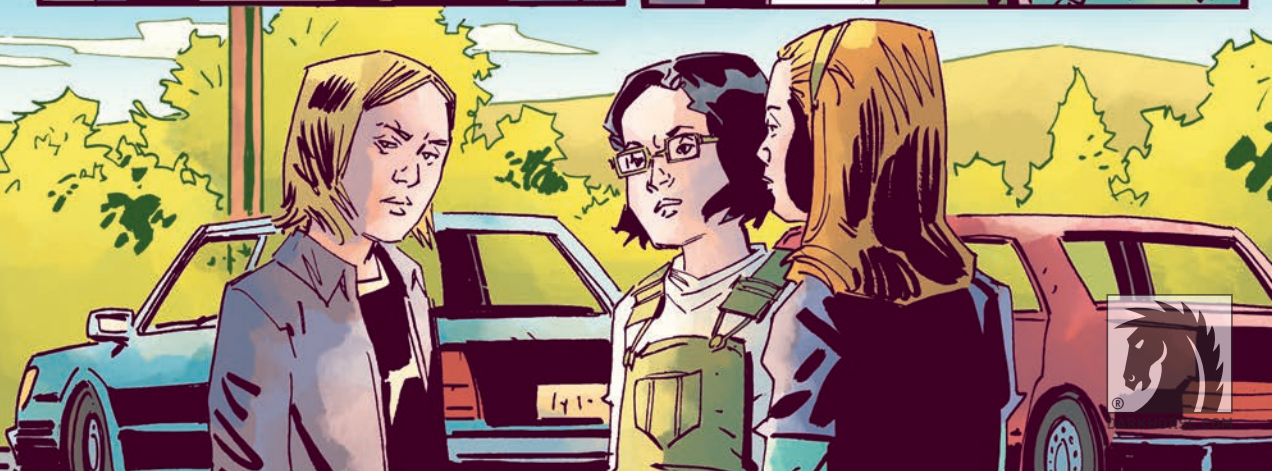
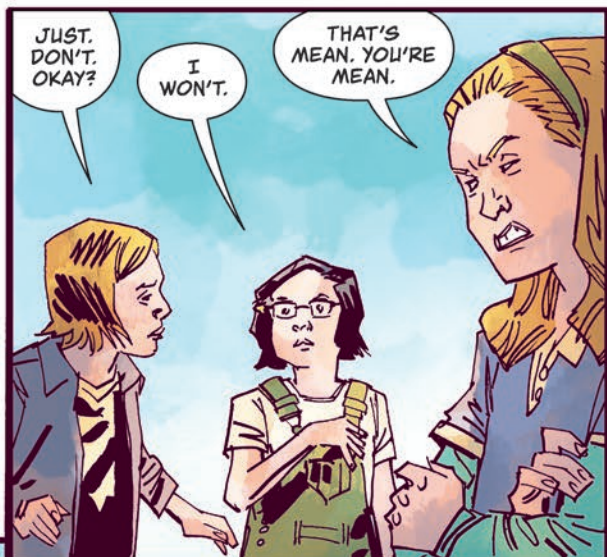
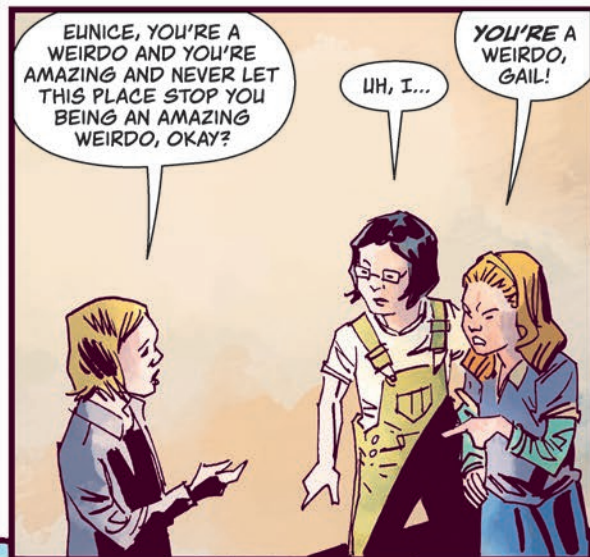
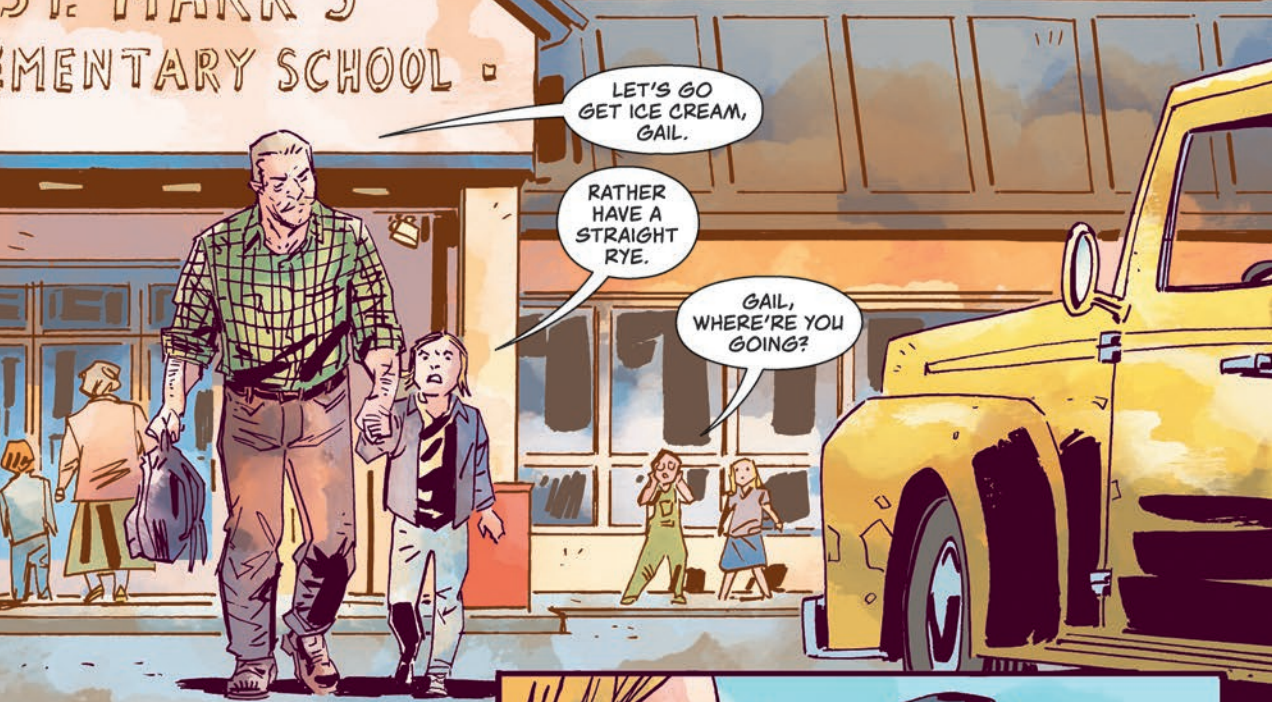


"PUT A GALLON IN ME, ALAN."



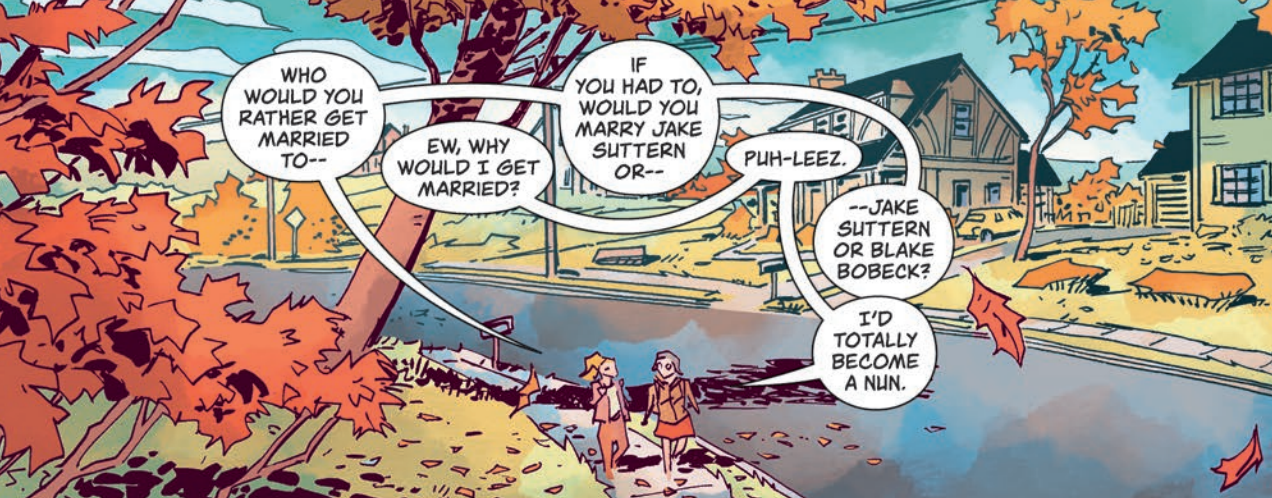
I MEAN, JUST ORDER ICE CREAM IF YOU'RE GONNA PUT THAT MUCH SUGAR IN, YA WIMP.

BLACK COFFEE TASTES LIKE ANGRY CRAYONS.



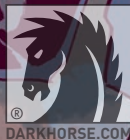








--CHOOOO!



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EUNICE, HOLY CRAP, YOU ALMOST DIED!

DID YOU EVEN SEE--IF MY ENGINE HADN'T SEIZED UP LIKE THAT--STUPID KIDS--



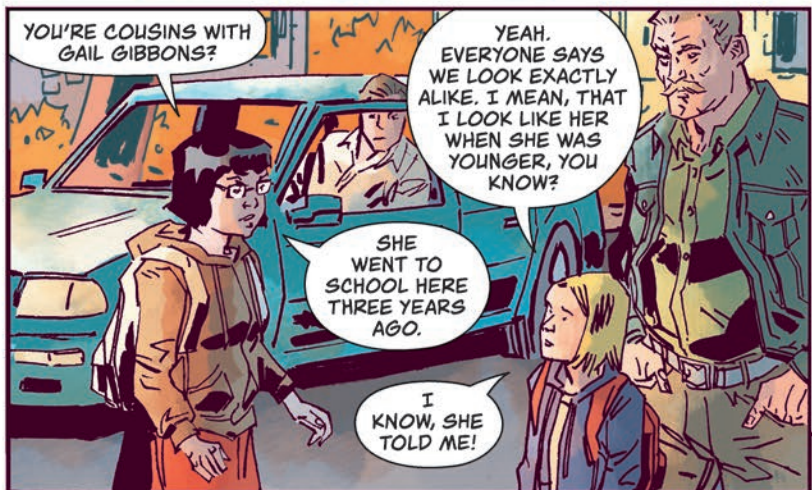
GAIL, HOW ARE YOU EVEN...I MEAN...

UM, THIS ISN'T...



OH, UNCLE ABE, SHE THINKS I'M MY COUSIN. I MEAN, THIS HAPPENS A LOT...

OH! OH, THAT'S RIGHT! IF I HAD A NICKEL. HEH HEH.



YOU'RE COUSINS WITH GAIL GIBBONS?

YEAH. EVERYONE SAYS WE LOOK EXACTLY ALIKE. I MEAN, THAT I LOOK LIKE HER WHEN SHE WAS YOUNGER, YOU KNOW?

SHE WENT TO SCHOOL HERE THREE YEARS AGO.

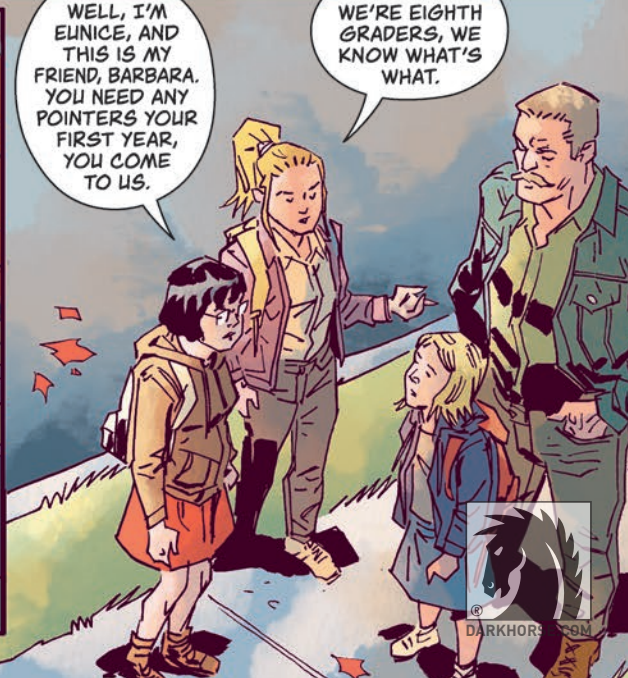
I KNOW, SHE TOLD ME!



WHAT'S YOUR NAME?

OH THIS IS, UH...

WINDY. I TRANSFERRED FROM ANOTHER SCHOOL.

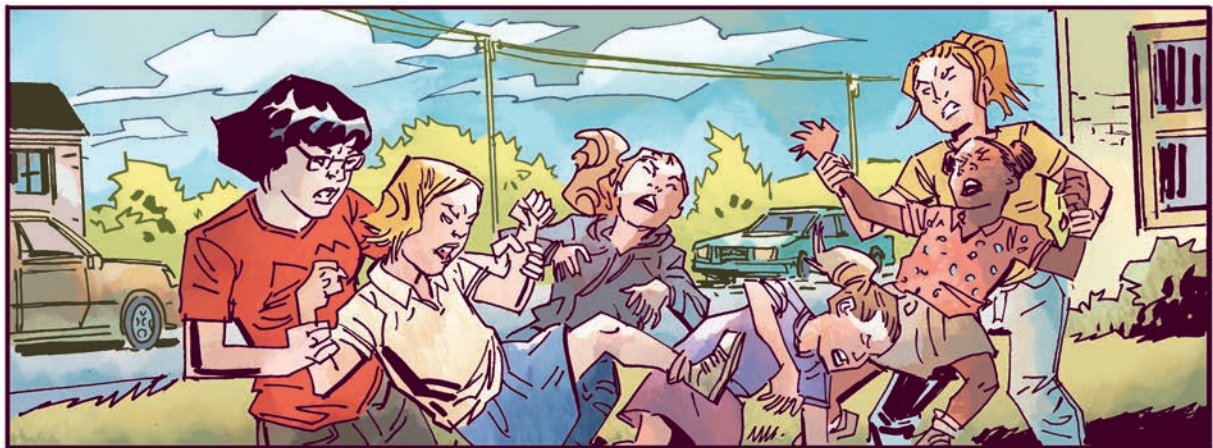


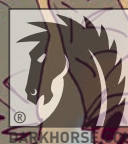
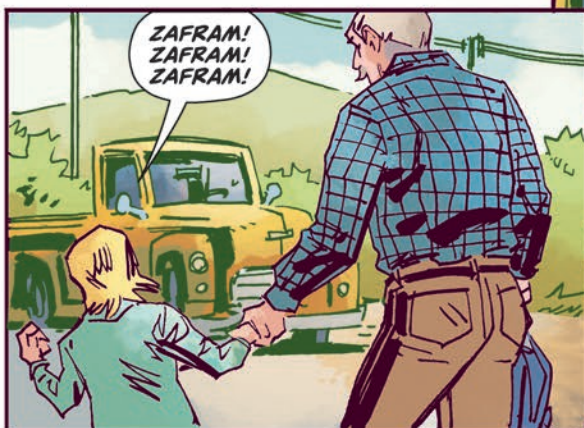
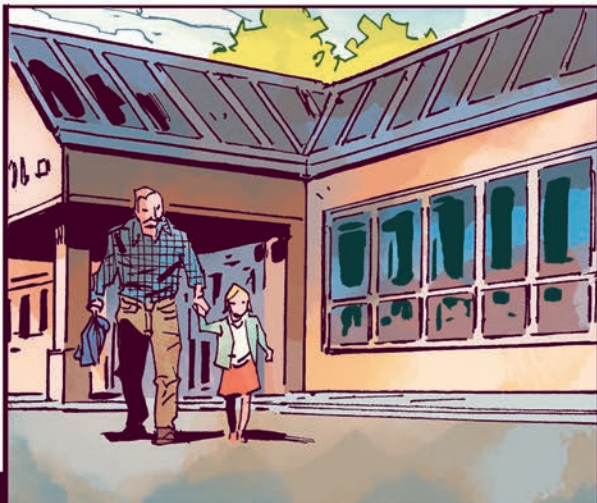
WELL, I'M EUNICE, AND THIS IS MY FRIEND, BARBARA. YOU NEED ANY POINTERS YOUR FIRST YEAR, YOU COME TO US.

WE'RE EIGHTH GRADERS, WE KNOW WHAT'S WHAT.



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SO
ITCHY.

downscale



JAKE SAYS
PEOPLE ARE GONNA
START SHOWING UP
AT HIS PLACE
AROUND--



OH MAN, BARBARA, WE JUST
GRADUATED. WHY ARE WE IN A
HURRY TO HANG OUT WITH
EVERYONE WE ALREADY
KNOW AGAIN?

JUST,
YOU KNOW, AS A
GOODBYE...



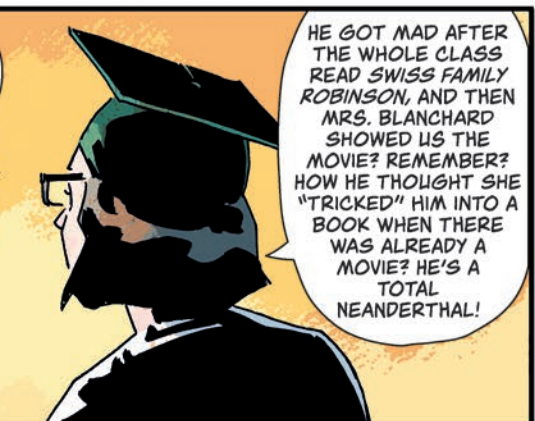
WE SAID GOODBYE
TODAY AFTER EVERYONE'S
MORTARBOARDS CAME BACK
DOWN. BESIDES, WE DON'T
HAVE ANYTHING IN COMMON
WITH THOSE JOCKS.

WELL,
I KINDA GOT TO
KNOW JAKE THIS
PAST YEAR...

WHEN?!?



JUST, IN CLASSES
AND STUFF. HE'S NOT
SOME DUMB JOCK. HE'S
AN ATHLETE. AND HE
KNOWS A LOT
ABOUT--



HE GOT MAD AFTER
THE WHOLE CLASS
READ SWISS FAMILY
ROBINSON, AND THEN
MRS. BLANCHARD
SHOWED US THE
MOVIE? REMEMBER?
HOW HE THOUGHT SHE
"TRICKED" HIM INTO A
BOOK WHEN THERE
WAS ALREADY A
MOVIE? HE'S A
TOTAL
NEANDERTHAL!



THAT WAS IN THE EIGHTH
GRADE! PEOPLE GROW,
THEY CHANGE.

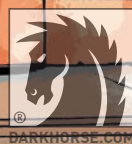
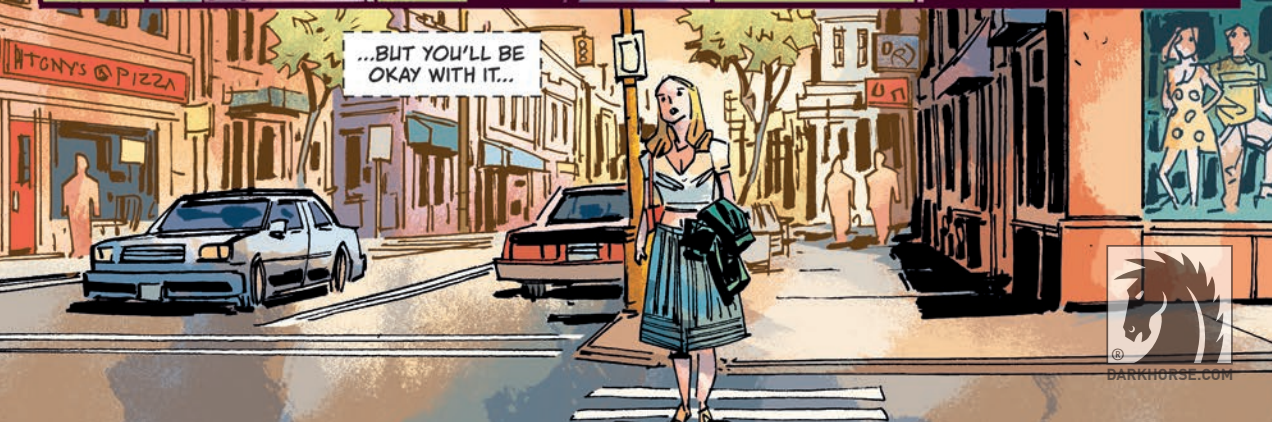
NOT IN
ROCKWOOD,
BABSY.

DON'T
CALL ME
THAT.

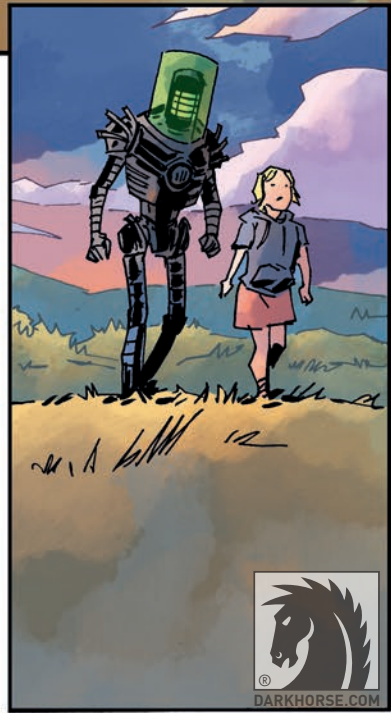
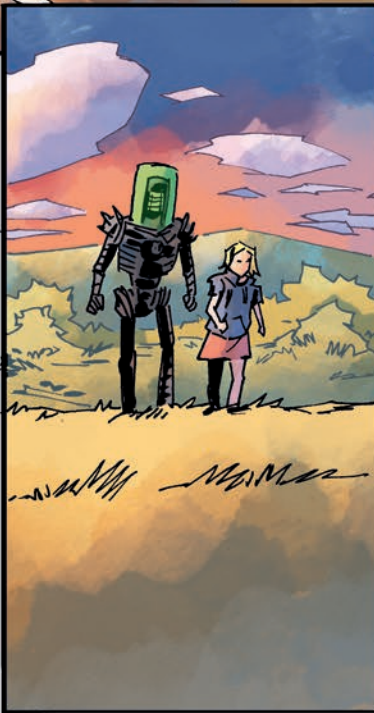
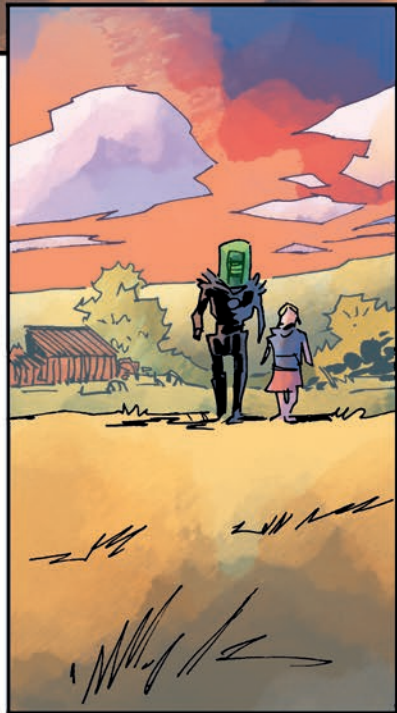
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SORRY,
"BAR-BAR-AH."

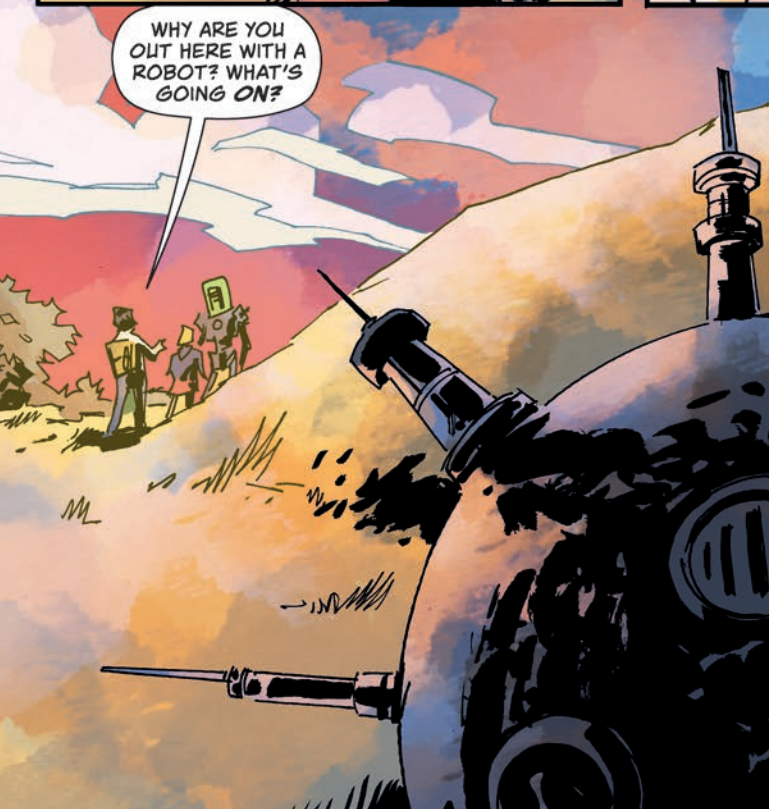
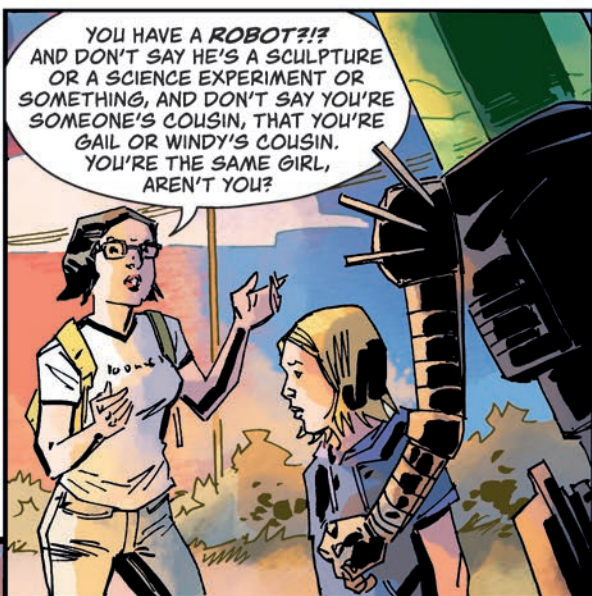
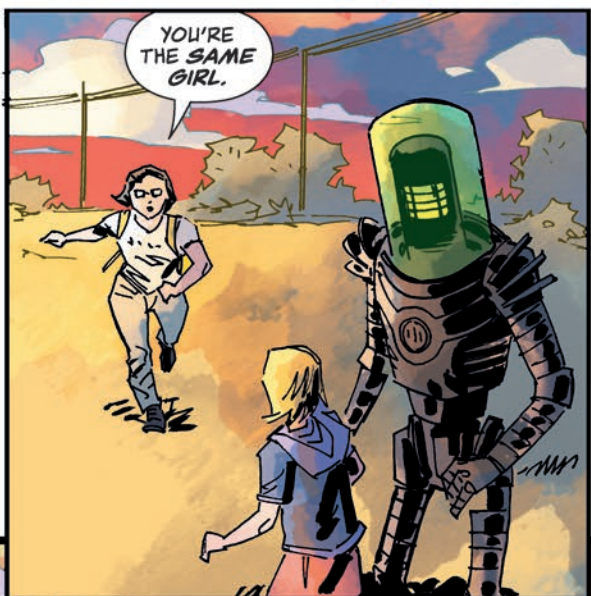
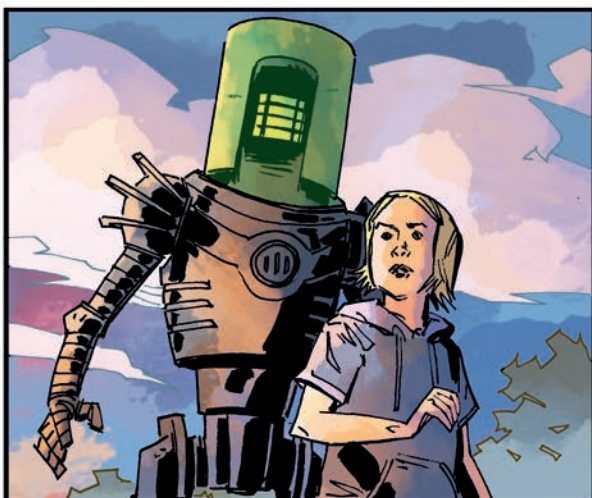






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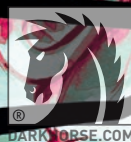
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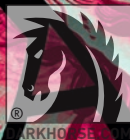
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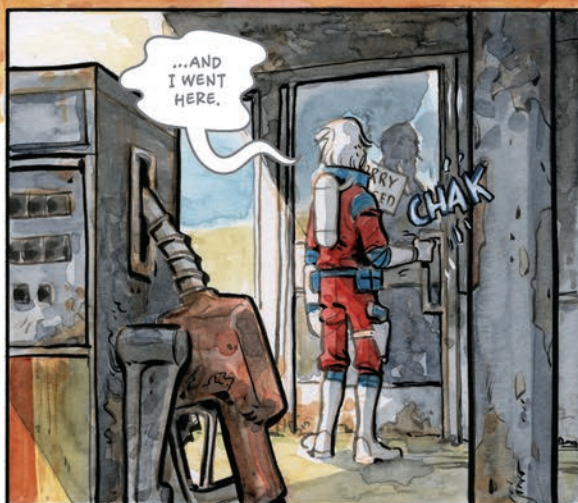
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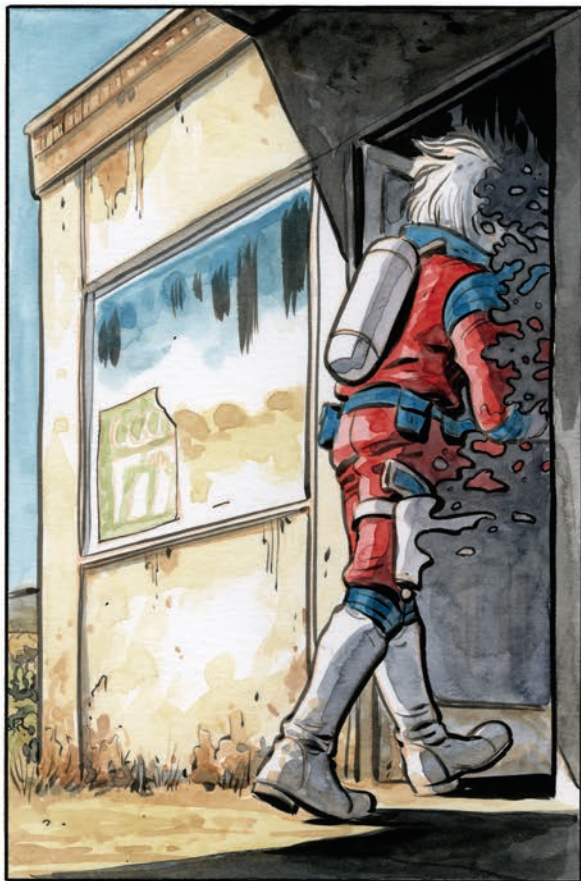
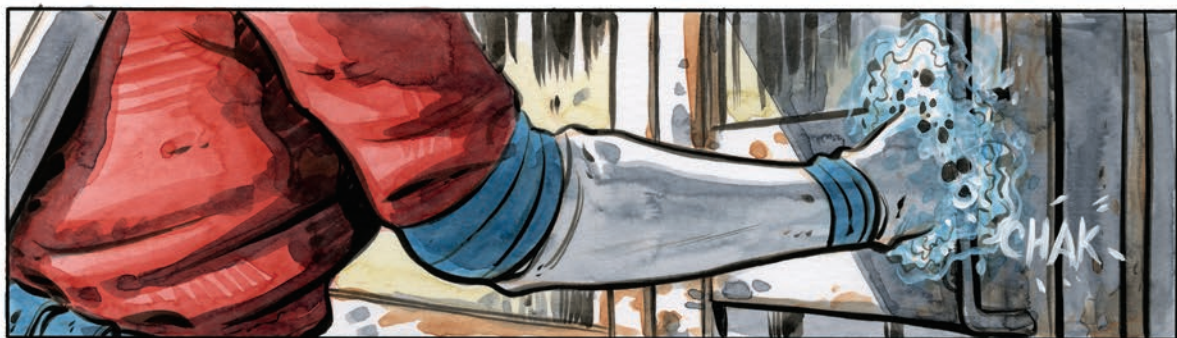


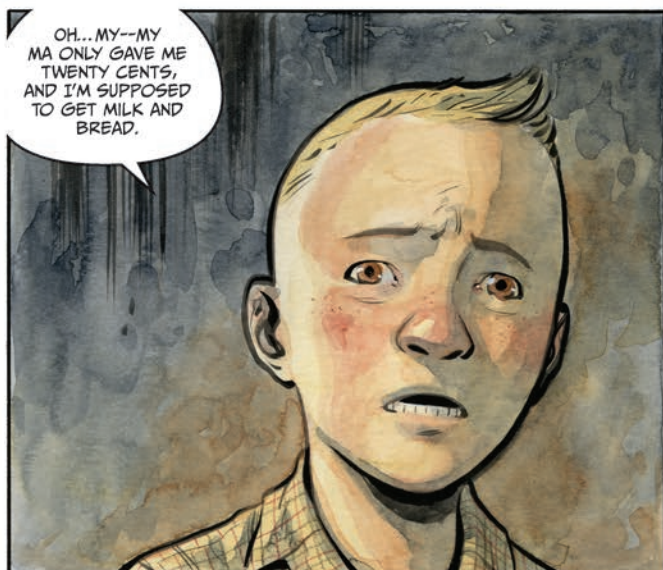
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I...DO NOT
KNOW WHAT'S...
HAPPENING.

WELL, YOU
BETTER GET IT
TOGETHER,

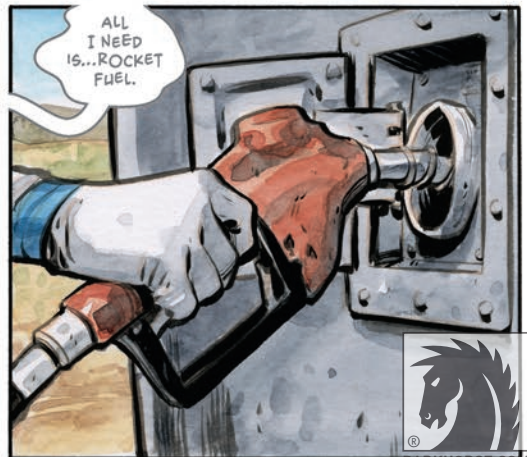
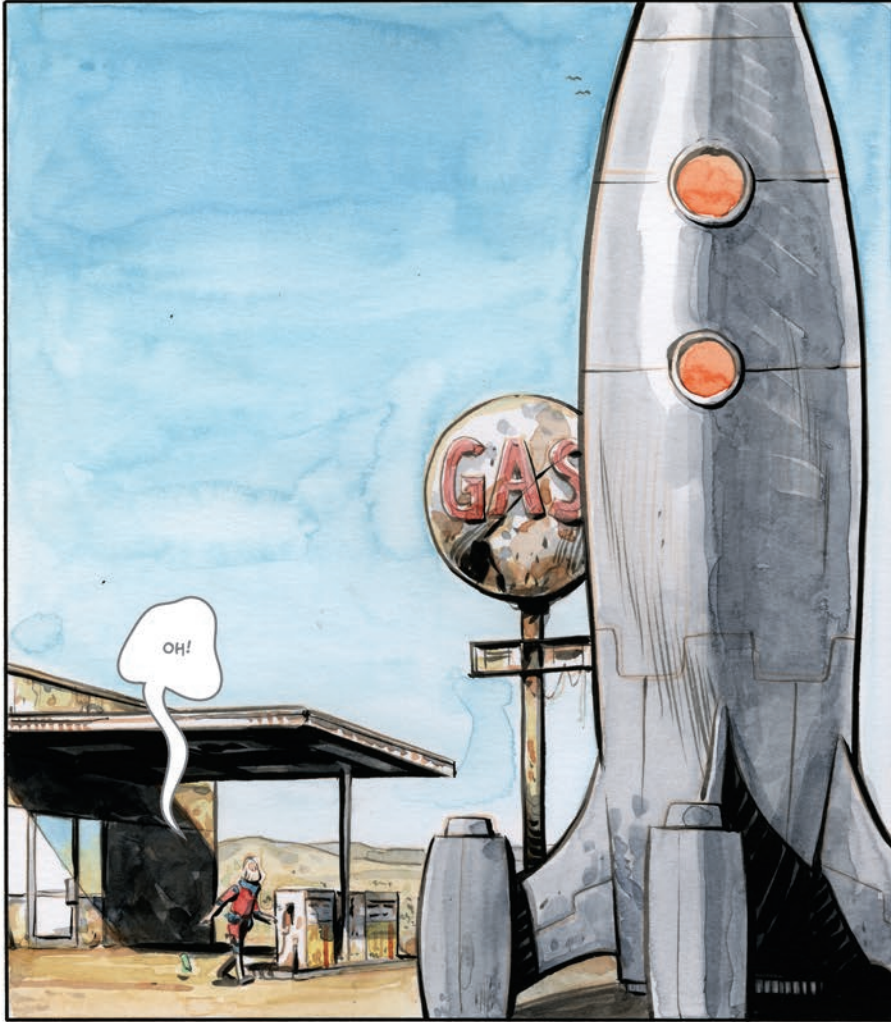
BECAUSE
THAT--THAT THING--
IS COMING AND WE
ARE ALL THAT STANDS
BETWEEN IT AND
THE END OF
SPIRAL CITY!



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I DON'T THINK IT'S JUST A DRAWING... I THINK IT'S A MAP.



NASA, THIS IS COLONEL RANDALL WEIRD.

I HAVE FOUND WHAT APPEARS TO BE A STAR CHART ON VIRIUS-6. REQUESTING PERMISSION TO INVESTIGATE FURTHER.

AFFIRMATIVE, COLONEL. REQUEST GRANTED.

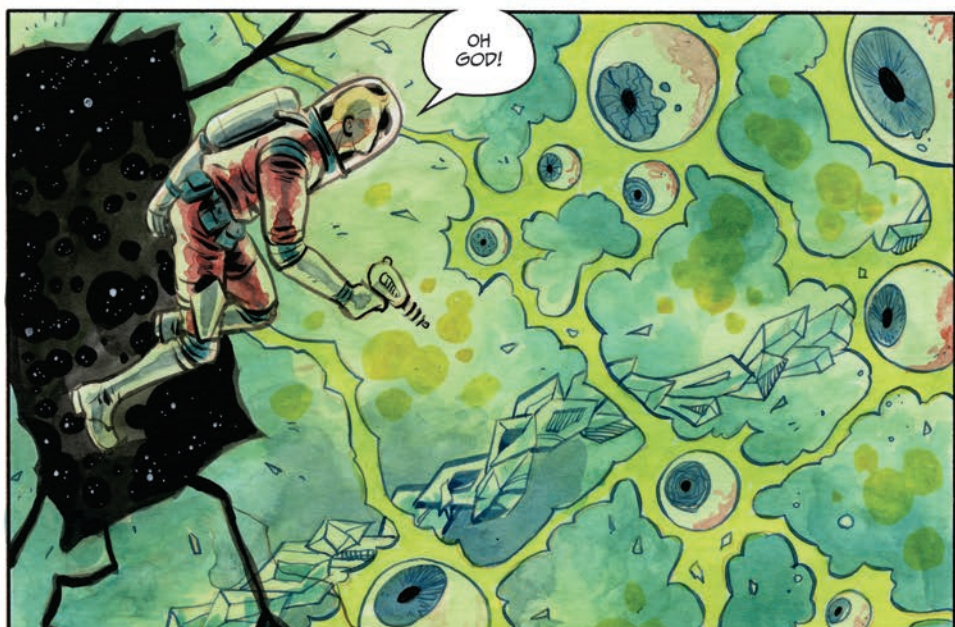
BUT YOU BETTER MAKE IT BACK HERE BEFORE NEW YEAR'S. I DON'T INTEND TO BRING IN 1956 ALONE.



--IF THE MAP I FOUND IS TO BE TRUSTED, THESE ARE THE COORDINATES IT WAS LEADING TO.



IT--IT'S A DOORWAY!



OH GOD!



...GOD?







--THERE IS
NOTHING TO
FEAR. YOU
WILL NOT BE
HARMED.

BUT
WHAT SHOULD
WE DO, ASTRO
BROTHER?

WE
CAN'T JUST
STAY HERE! THEY'LL
COME FOR US!
THEY'LL TAKE US
FROM YOU!



...LET
THEM
TRY.

I AM
A...PEACEFUL
MAN... BUT I
WILL... NOT LET
YOU BE
HARMED.



BROTHER
WEIRD!

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