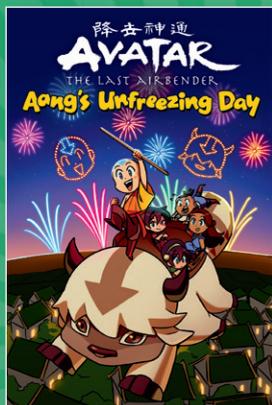
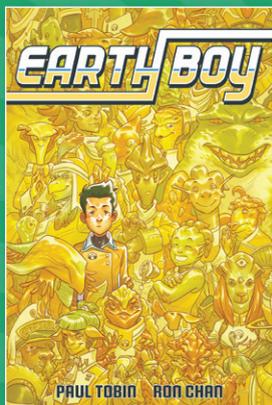


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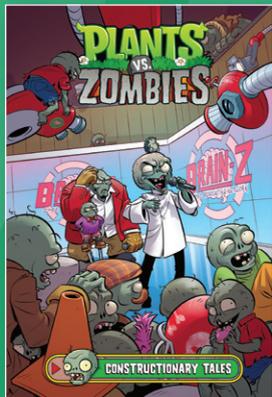
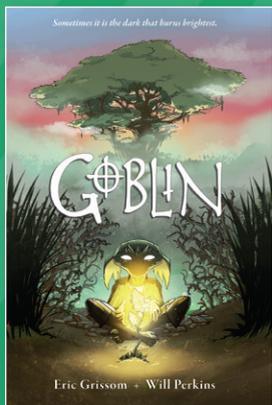
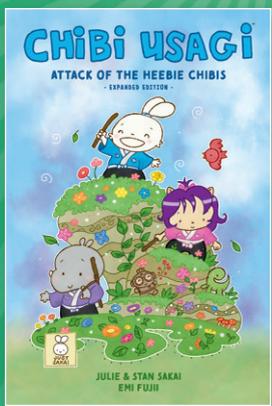
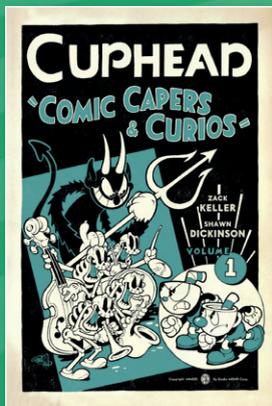
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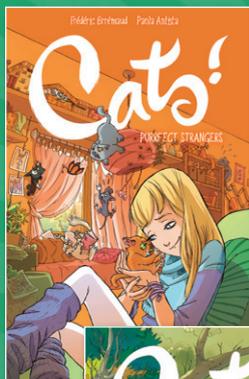
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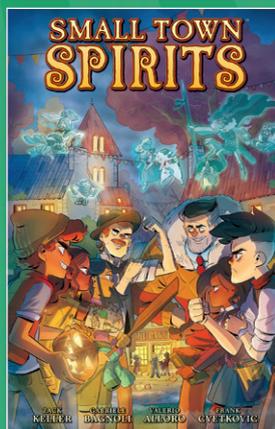
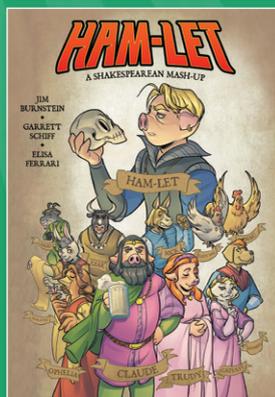
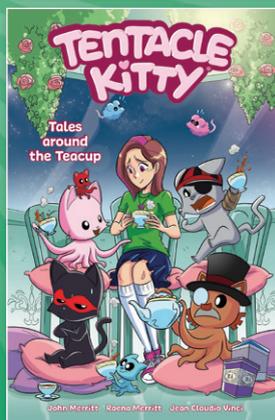
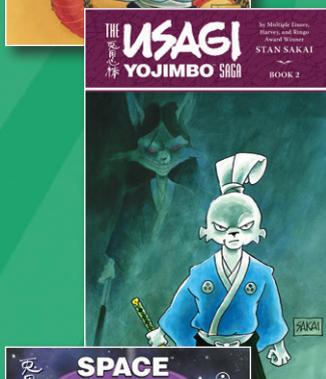
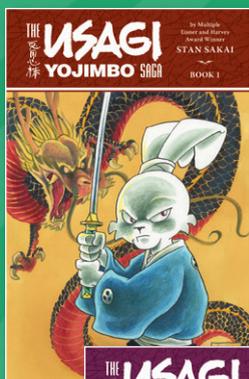
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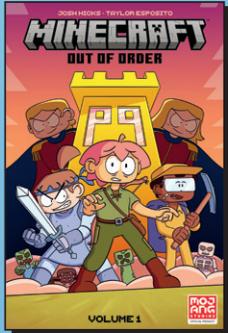
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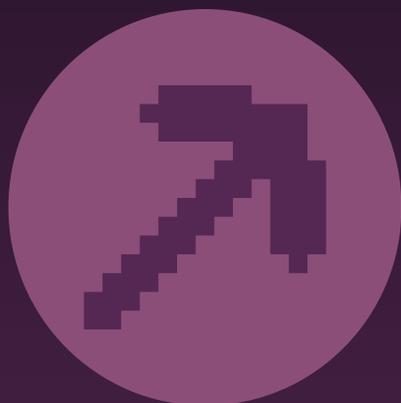
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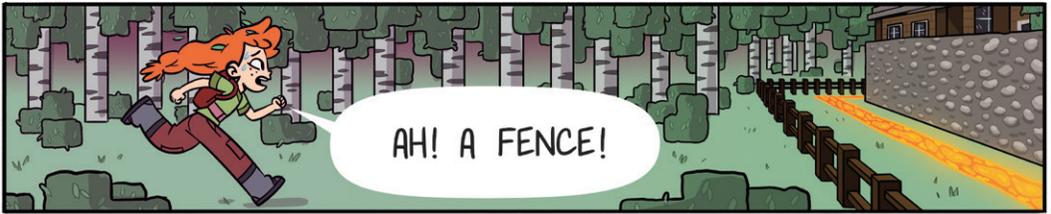


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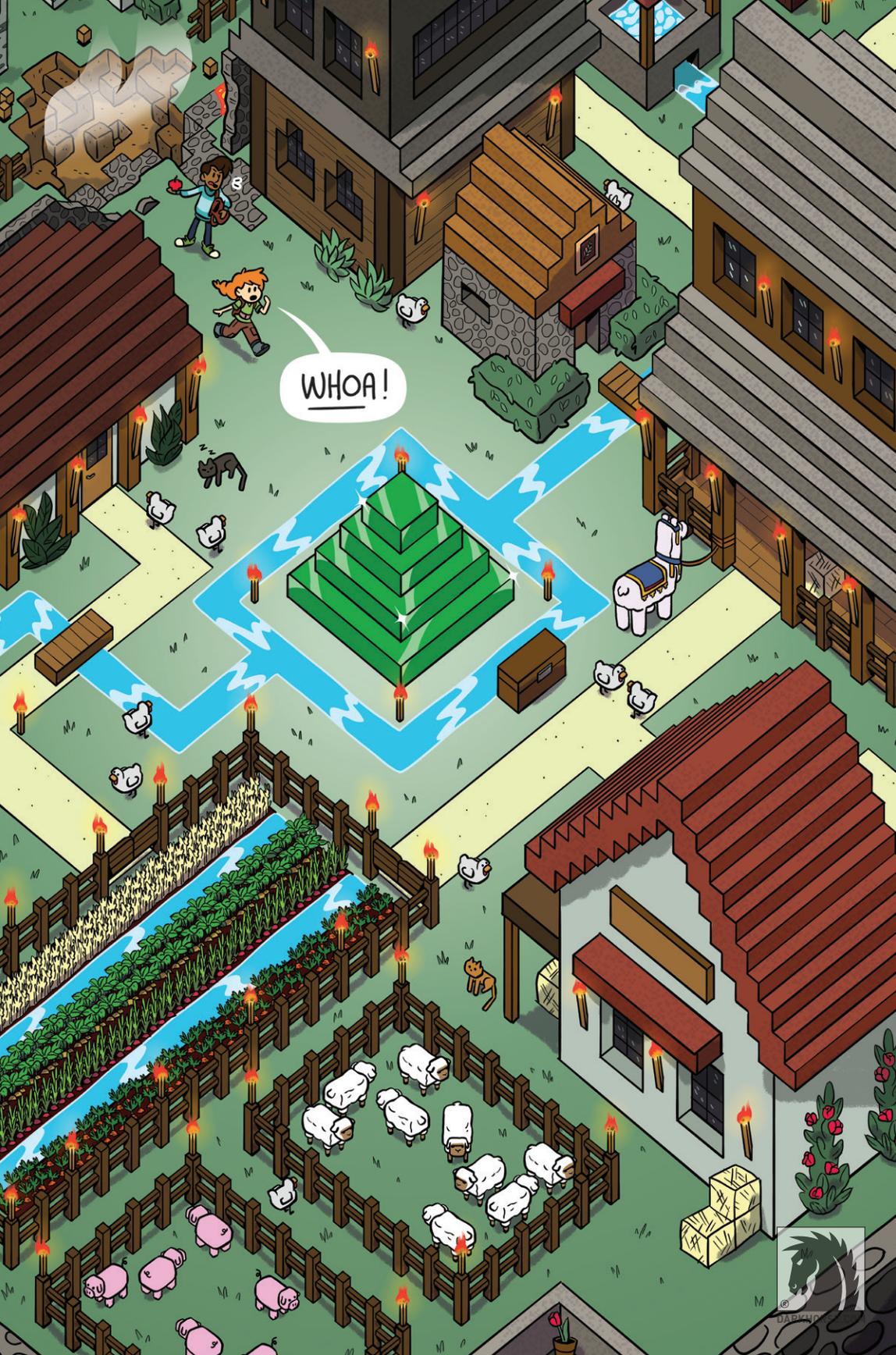


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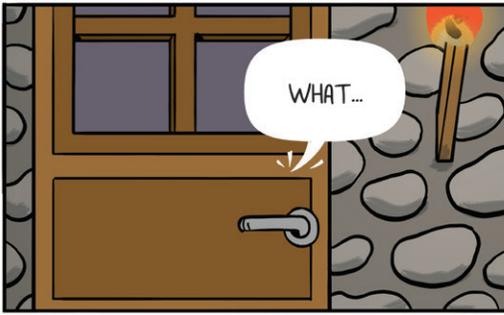


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THANK YOU, THANK YOU!
MY MOM BOUGHT ME THIS GAME
TO MAKE SOME NEW FRIENDS,
BUT THERE'S SO MUCH TO DO
I'M KIND OF OVERWHELMED!

I'M SO GLAD I MET YOU SINCE
YOU KNOW SO MUCH!
WOW, YOUR PLACE IS SO COOL!



AFTER YOU TEACH ME,
I CAN GET THAT
HEATHER STAR
AS A THANK YOU!



DON'T TOUCH!



NETHER STAR.

AND, NO, YOU WON'T,
I WASN'T SERIOUS,
IT'S TOO
DANGEROUS TO GET.



AND I DON'T NEED
ANY FRIENDS.



I'M JUST GOING TO
TEACH YOU A FEW RULES
SO YOU DON'T KILL YOURSELF.
THEN YOU'LL BE ON YOUR WAY
AND WON'T BOTHER ME AGAIN.

DEAL?

OKAY JEEZ,
DEAL...



RULE ONE:
MINECRAFT IS ESSENTIALLY
ABOUT TWO THINGS.

CRAFTING...

...AND MINING.

WHOA.



RULE TWO--

--DON'T DIE.

WHOA!





RULE THREE:
DONT DIG
STRAIGHT DOWN.



ts tink!



RULE FOUR:
DONT DIG
STRAIGHT UP EITHER.

WHOOSH



RULE EIGHT:
THE MORE TORCHES, THE BETTER.
MOBS DONT SPAWN IN THE LIGHT.



RULE ELEVEN:
GOLD DOES NOT
MAKE GOOD ARMOR.



RULE SEVENTEEN:

YOU CANNOT
PET ANIMALS.



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RULE TWENTY-ONE:
BE CAUTIOUS!
ALWAYS AVOID YOUR ENEMY!



WHAT IF YOU CAN'T
AVOID THE ENEMY?!?!



RULE FORTY - SIX:
DONT FORGET TO SLEEP!



RULE FIFTY:
WATER CAN BREAK
YOUR FALL

RULE SIXTY-SEVEN:
ALWAYS REPLANT
YOUR TREES.

RULE THIRTY

RULE SEVENTY-THREE:
NEVER ATTACK
ZOMBIFIED PIGLINS.

RULE EIGHTY-FIVE:
BUCKETS ARE YOUR
BEST FRIENDS.

RULE NINETY-FOUR

SIXTY-ONE







WHY WOULD YOU WANT TO DO SOMETHING SO DANGEROUS FOR ME? YOU SHOULD JUST WORRY ABOUT YOURSELF.

WHAT?! YOU'VE DONE SO MUCH FOR ME! YOU TAUGHT ME JUST ABOUT EVERYTHING! I WANT TO DO SOMETHING FOR YOU!

AND DON'T YOU THINK IT'D BE FUN?!



TOGETHER WE'LL GET A WITHER TOGETHER, IT'S SAFER.

DEAL?

HMM



OKAY, BUT ONLY 'CAUSE I WANT THAT NETHER STA--



YES!!
LET'S KICK WITHER BUTT!!





GOOD MORNING.



I HAVE TO ADMIT, I AM KIND OF EXCITED ABOUT THIS! I NEVER THOUGHT I WOULD GO TO THE NETHER AGAIN.

IM EXCITED TOO! I'VE BEEN DOING LOTS OF RESEARCH!

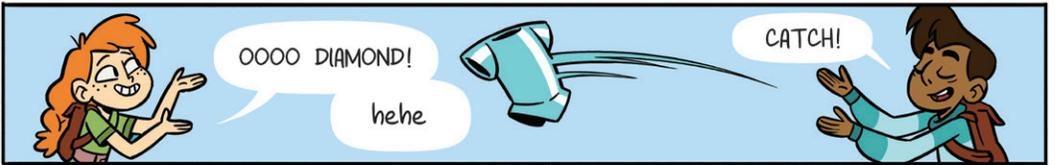


LET'S SEE, FIRST WE'LL NEED...

OH, I KNOW! ARMOR!



TADA!



OOOO DIAMOND!

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CATCH!

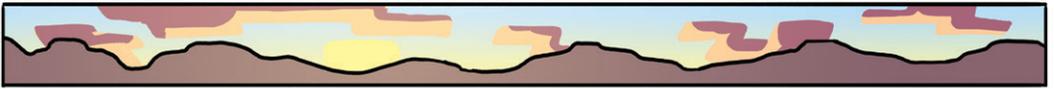


BOOP!

OH MY GOSH! I GOTTA GO!!!

CLANG!





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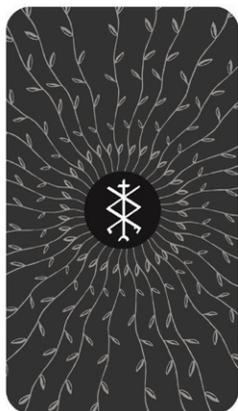
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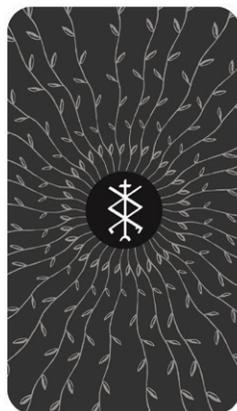
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*“If you can look into the seeds of time,
and say which grain will grow and
which will not, speak then to me...”*

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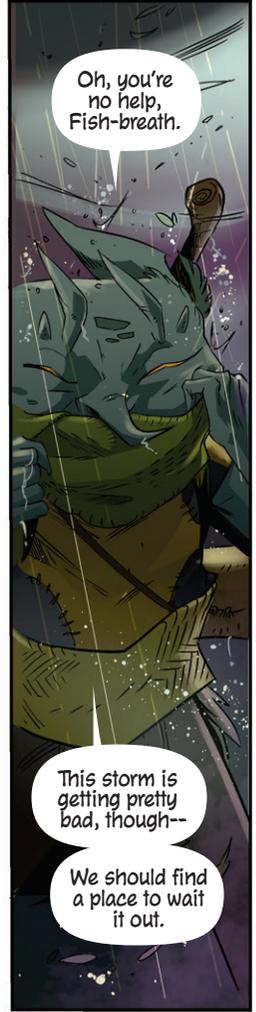
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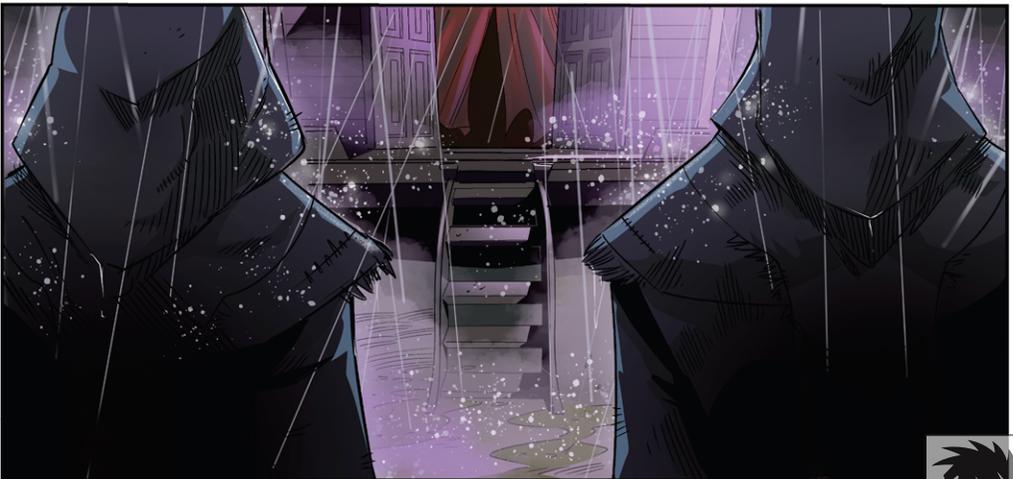
The Lupine Forest















We don't want anything, ma'am... only to wait out the storm.

I don't believe you.



You came here so that I may read your fortune.

You knew it before you walked through that door.

One coin, goblin. No more, no less.







"You suffered a great loss in the *Past*, but when the time came for *revenge*...



THE WARRIOR



"...you showed *strength* ...and *mercy*."



"But the *Present* offers a greater challenge. *Yes*. They have come...



THE HUNTERS



"...even now their bowstrings *draw taut*."



"And what of your *Future*? Oh... I see a *terrible sadness*. I see *death*... I see *your wolf*."



DEATH



Why would you say that?

Take it back!

Draw another card!





BOOOOM



KRAAKOOM



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What the--





Don't listen to a word that crazy old witch said.

Have you seen anyone *hunting* us?

Yeah, me neither.

And I swear to the Goddess, as long as I'm alive, you'll *always* be safe.



The lighthouse keeper said they *have* a shop in Silverkeep that'll pay good money for this...

...what did they call it?



The *Horn of Harrow*.

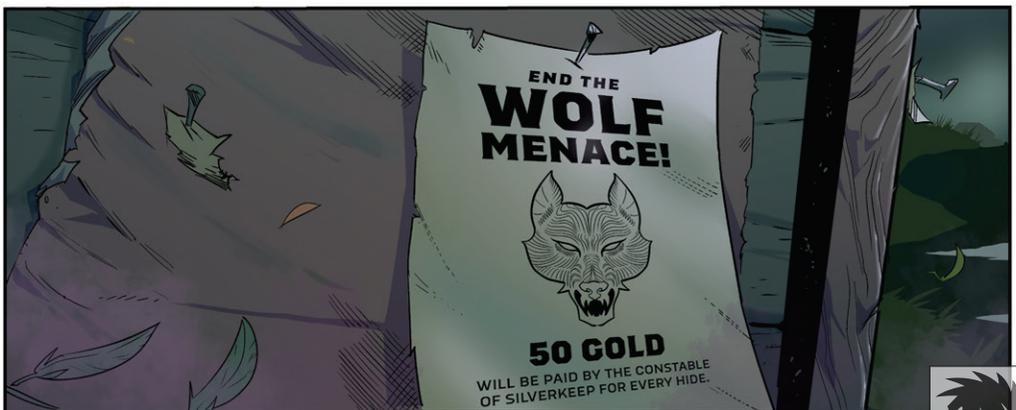
Said the conch should *absolutely, positively never* be blown."



I don't get why anyone would wanna buy a horn you can't blow, but Evonia is a *weird* place.

Speaking of which...let's get going. We'll camp down trail.

Head for *Silverkeep* in the morning...





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I had the *strangest* dream...



...it was one hundred years in the future and I was planting the Goddess's seeds on a hill.

A *hundred* years...

...can you imagine?



You and me, living *forever*. I'd like that.

Rub it right in that witch's face. Her and her stupid card trick.

Get my coin back, too.



Fish-breath?

Where'd you go?

C'mon, girl. Stop fooling around.

We oughta get back on the road.







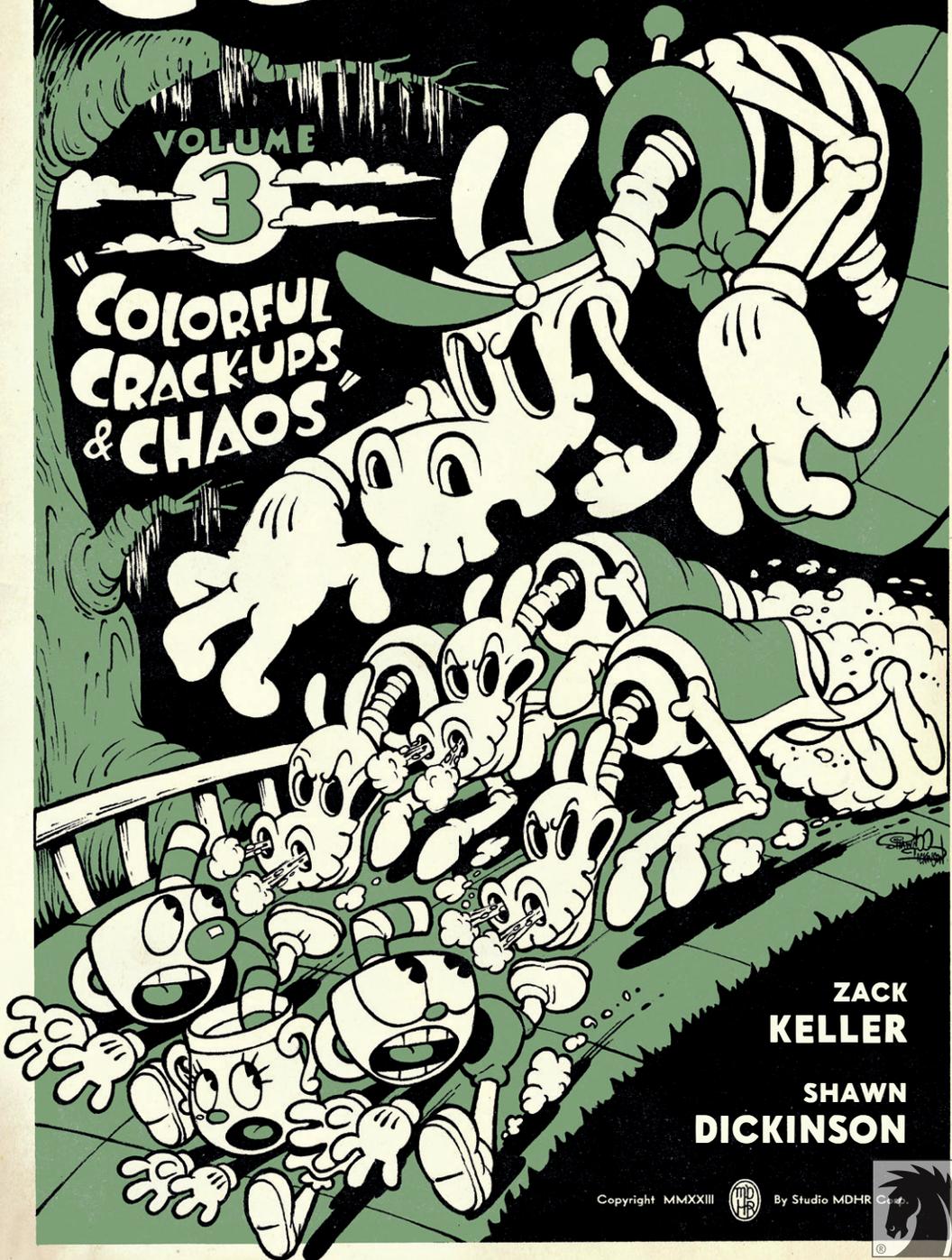


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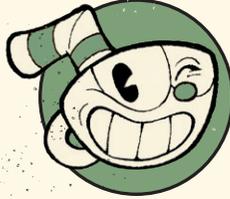
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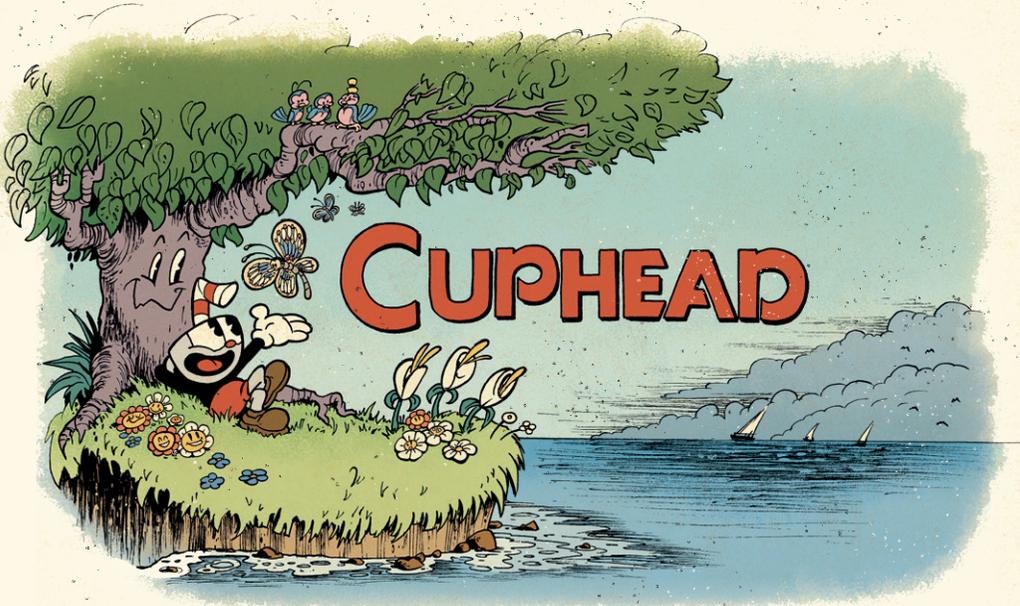
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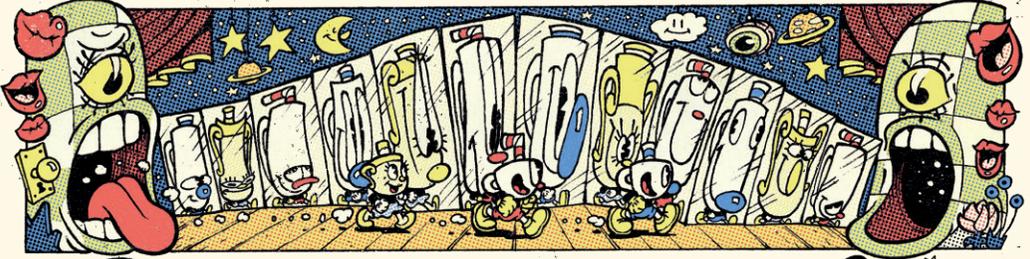
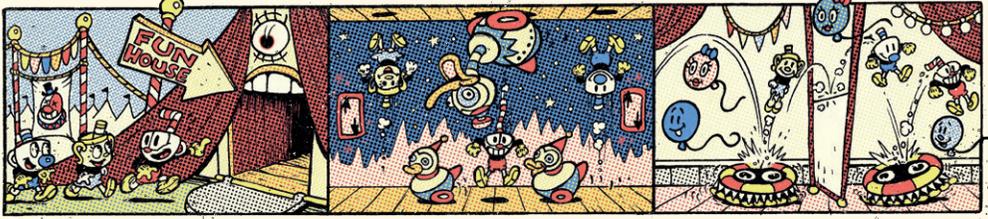
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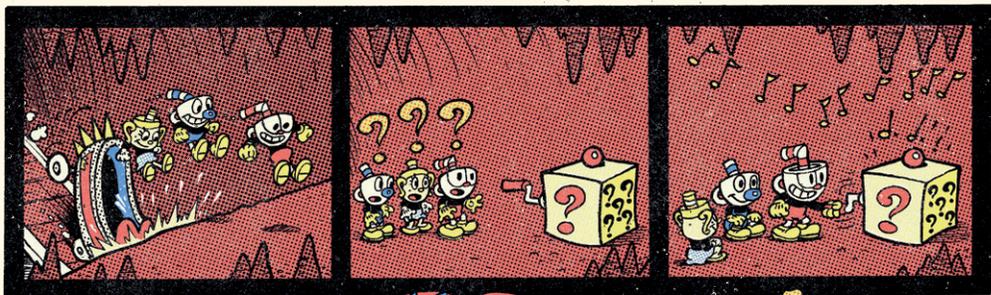
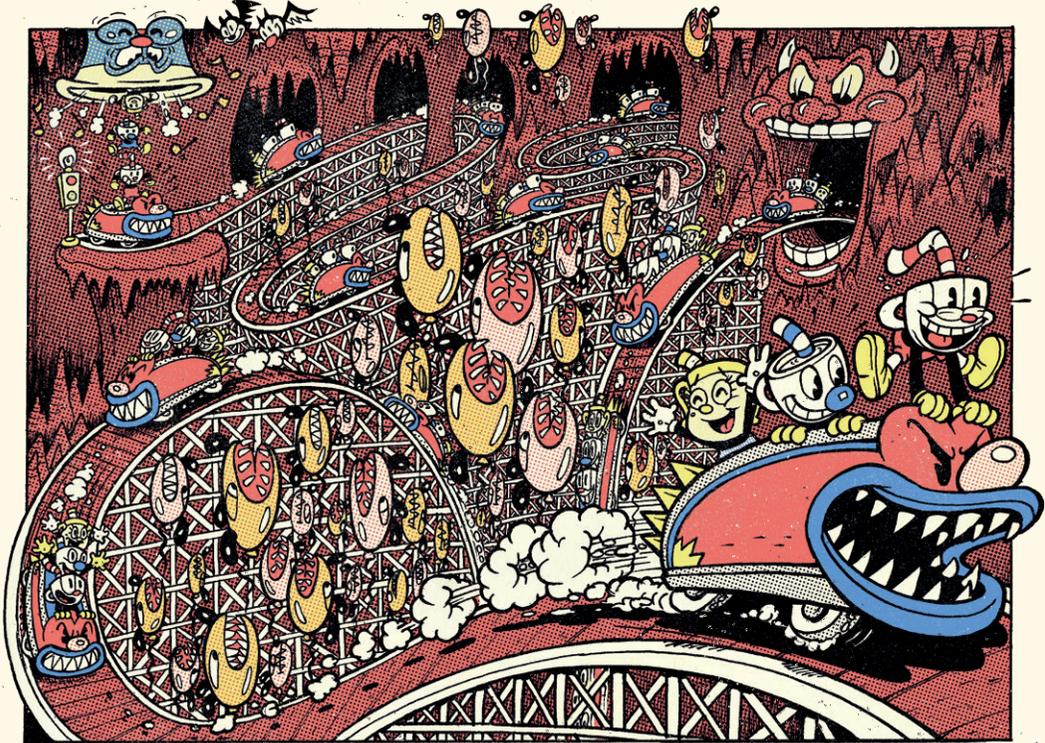
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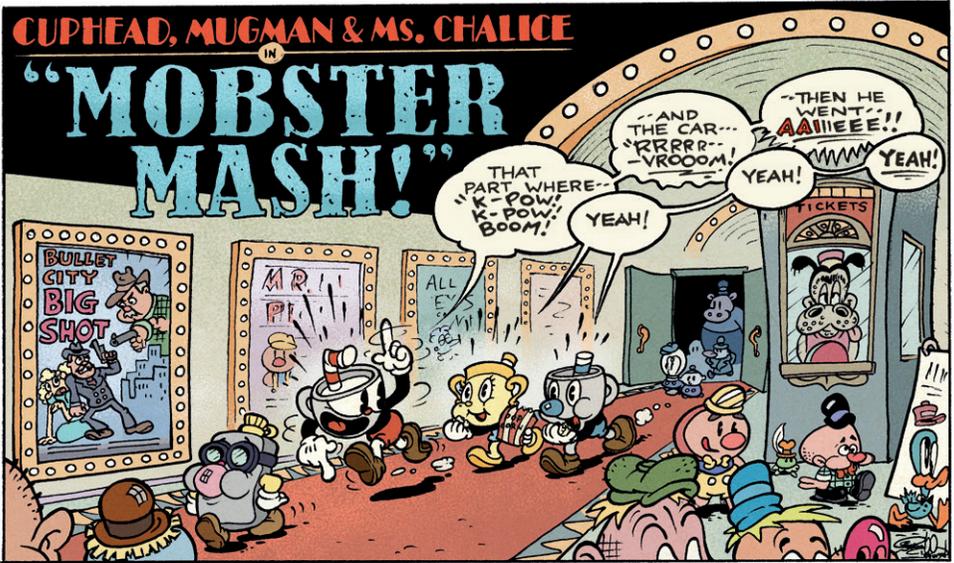
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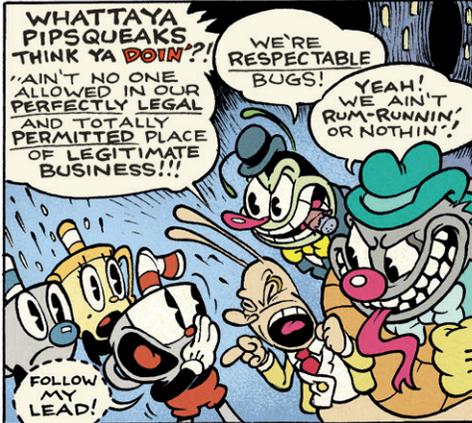
"MOBSTER MASH!"





I NEVER REALIZED THE CRIMINAL UNDERGROUND WAS ACTUALLY UNDERGROUND!

PRACTICAL AND LOGICAL!

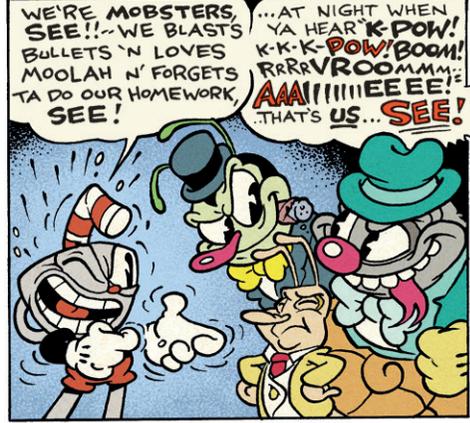


WHATTA YA PISQUEAKS THINK YA DOIN'?! 'AIN'T NO ONE ALLOWED IN OUR PERFECTLY LEGAL AND TOTALLY PERMITTED PLACE OF LEGITIMATE BUSINESS!!!

WE'RE RESPECTABLE BUGS!

YEAH! WE AIN'T RUM-RUNNIN' OR NOTHIN'!

FOLLOW MY LEAD!



WE'RE MOBSTERS, SEE!!-- WE BLASTS BULLETS 'N' LOVES MOOLAH 'N' FORGETS TA DO OUR HOMEWORK, SEE!

...AT NIGHT WHEN YA HEAR 'K-POW!' K-K-K-POW! BOOM! RRRRVROOMMM!! AAAIIIIIIIEEE!! THAT'S US... SEE!



-WE'RE MEAN! WE'RE TOUGH! WE'RE THE BEST GUM-RUNNERS YOU'VE EVER MET!

YEAH! WHAT THEY SAID!

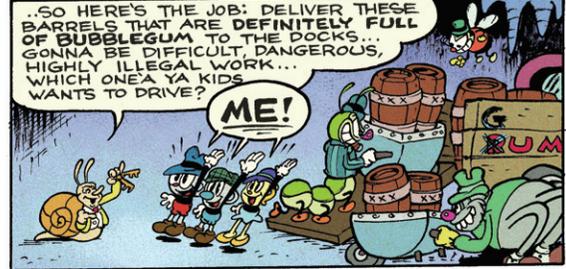
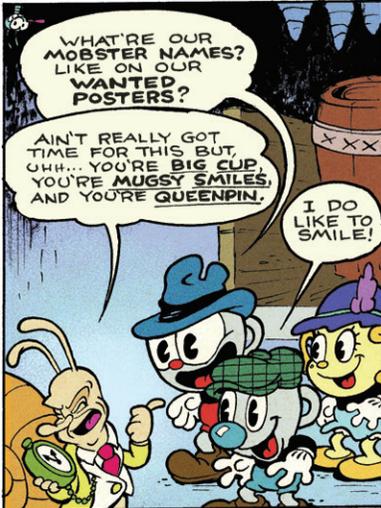
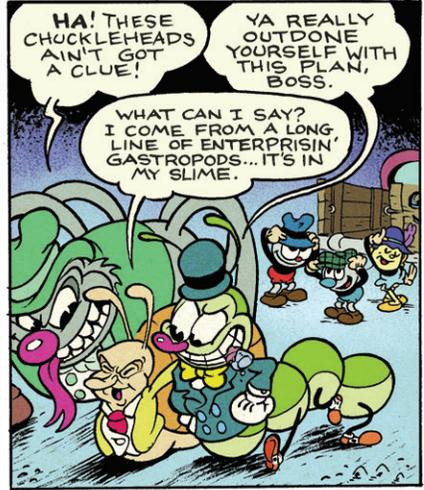


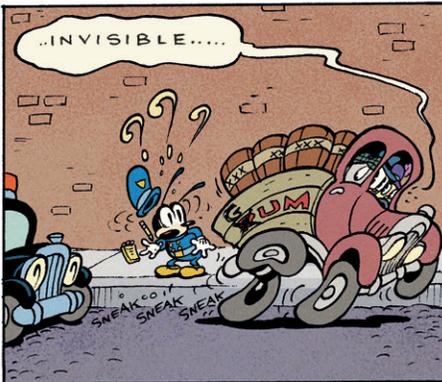
'GUM-RUNNERS' YA SAY?... MAYBE WE COULD USE SOLDIERS LIKE YOU... ..YOU'RE IN!

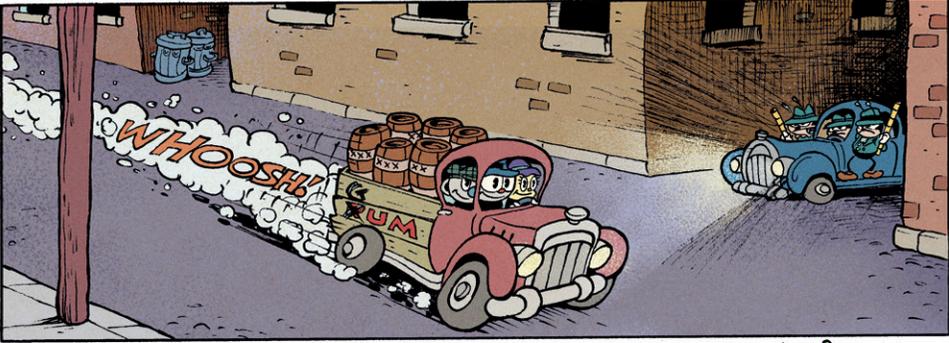
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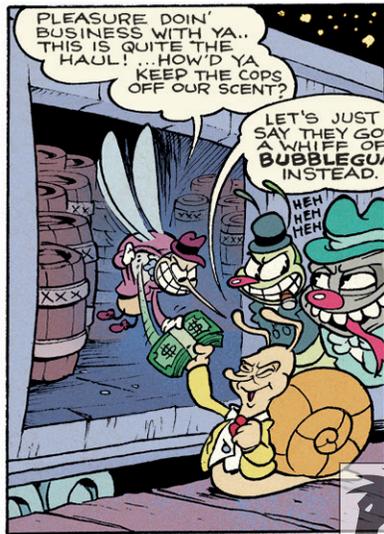
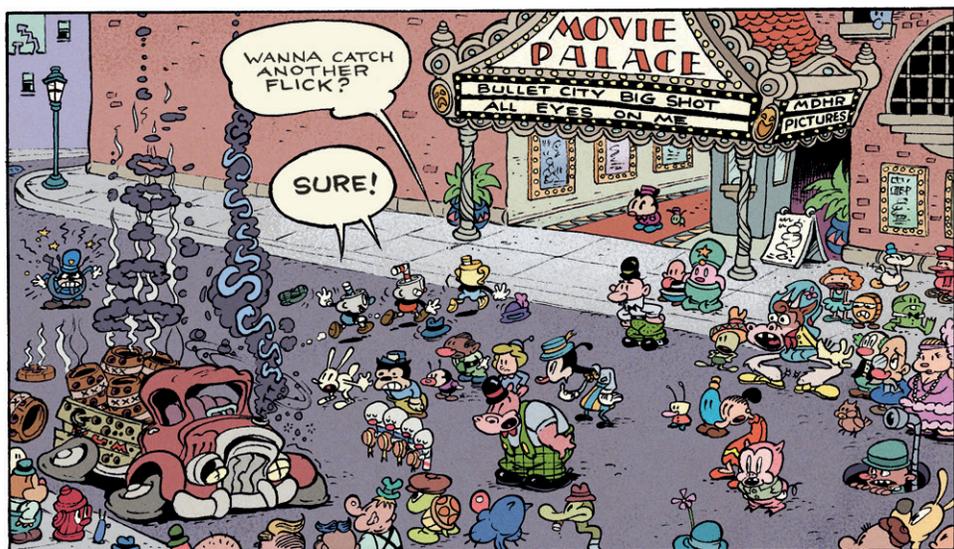
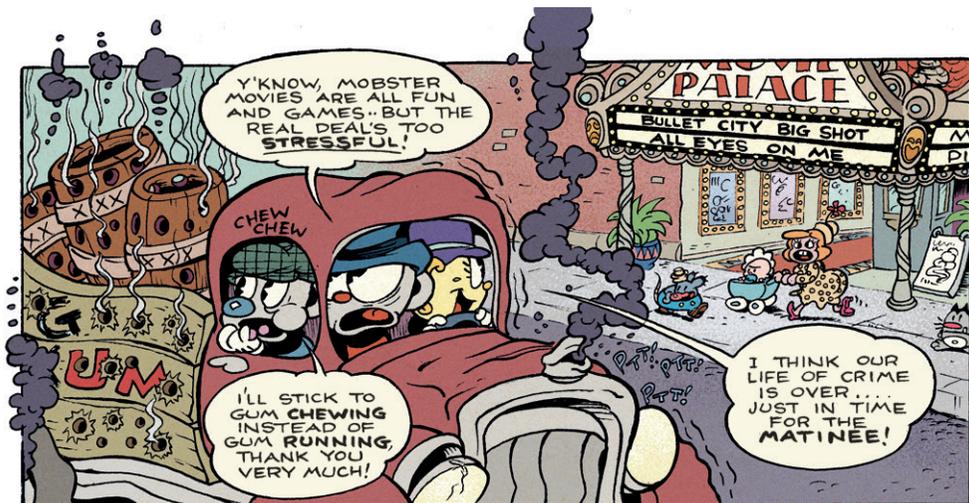
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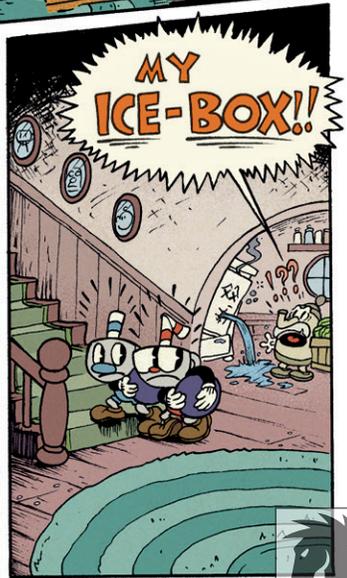
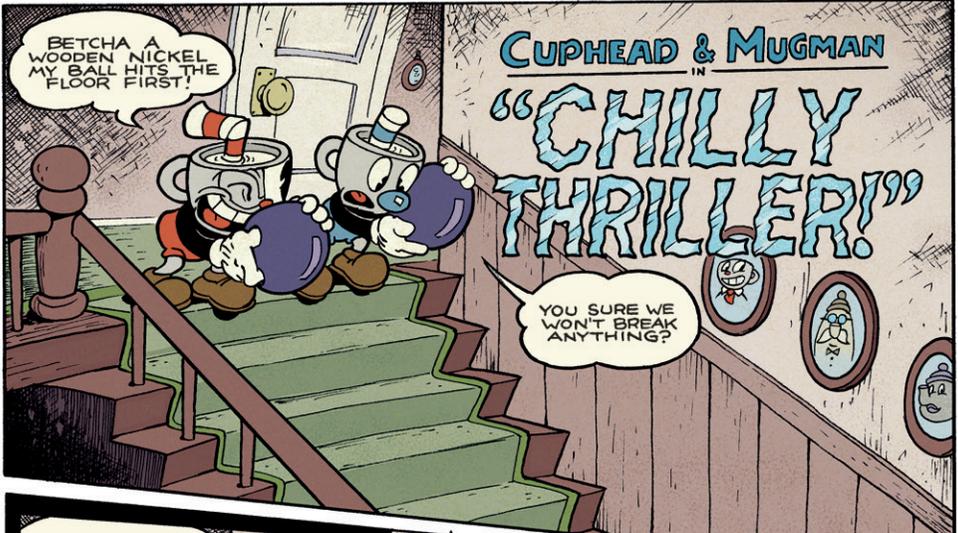


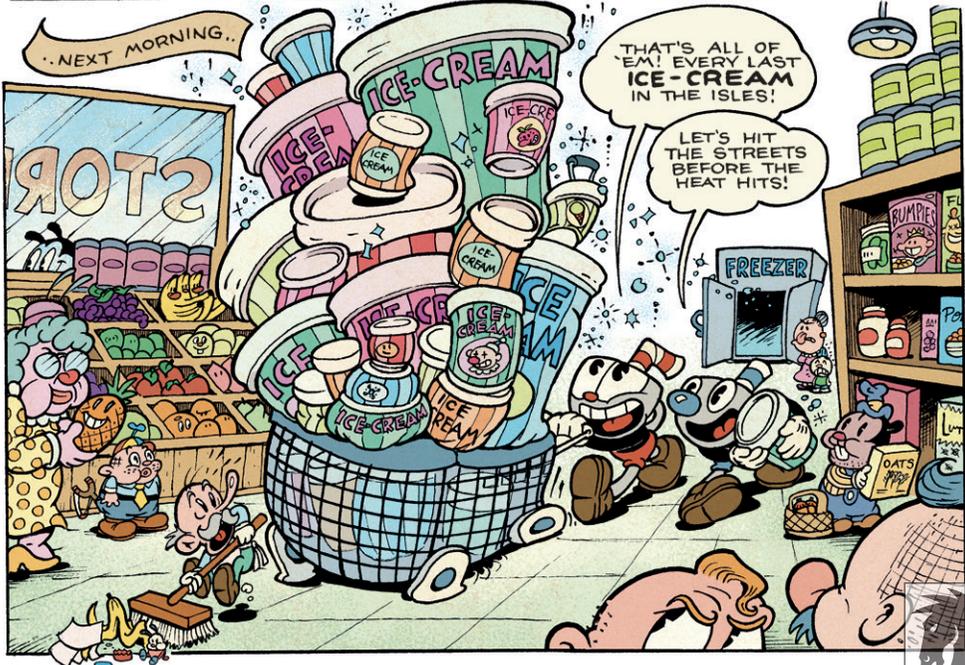
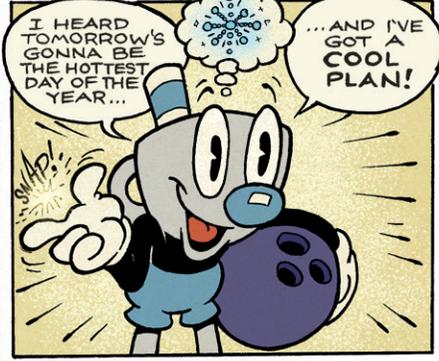
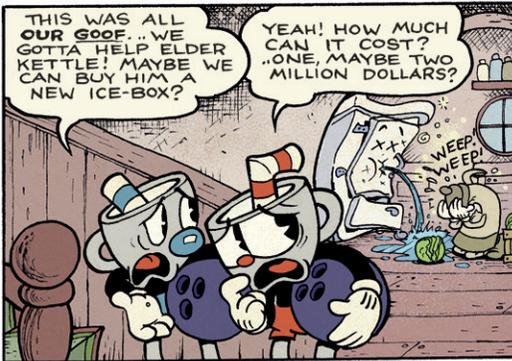
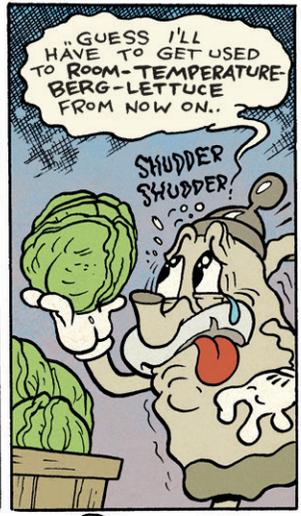
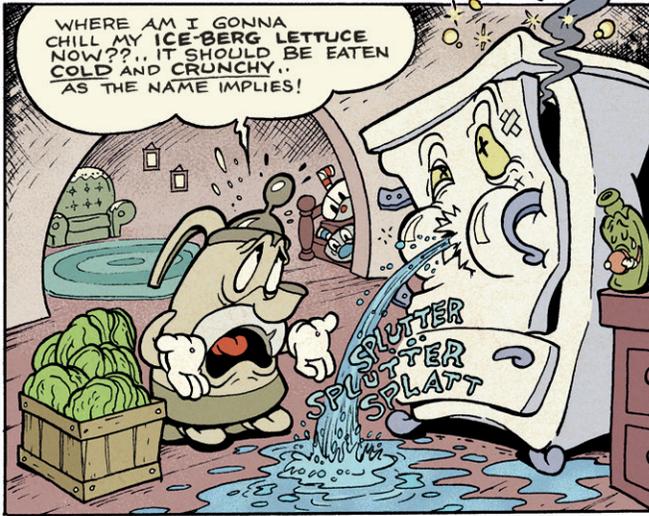


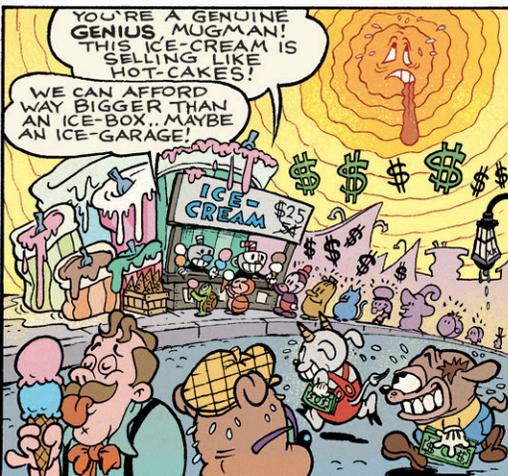
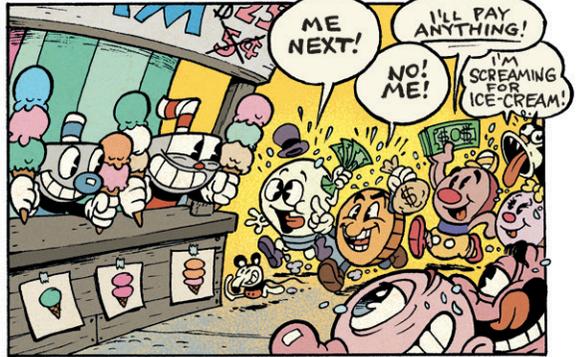
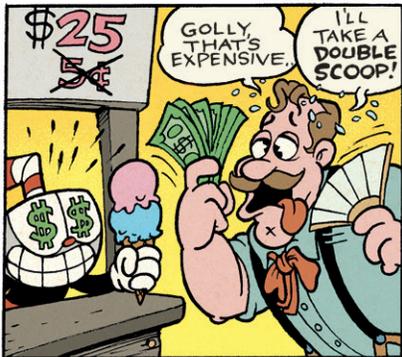
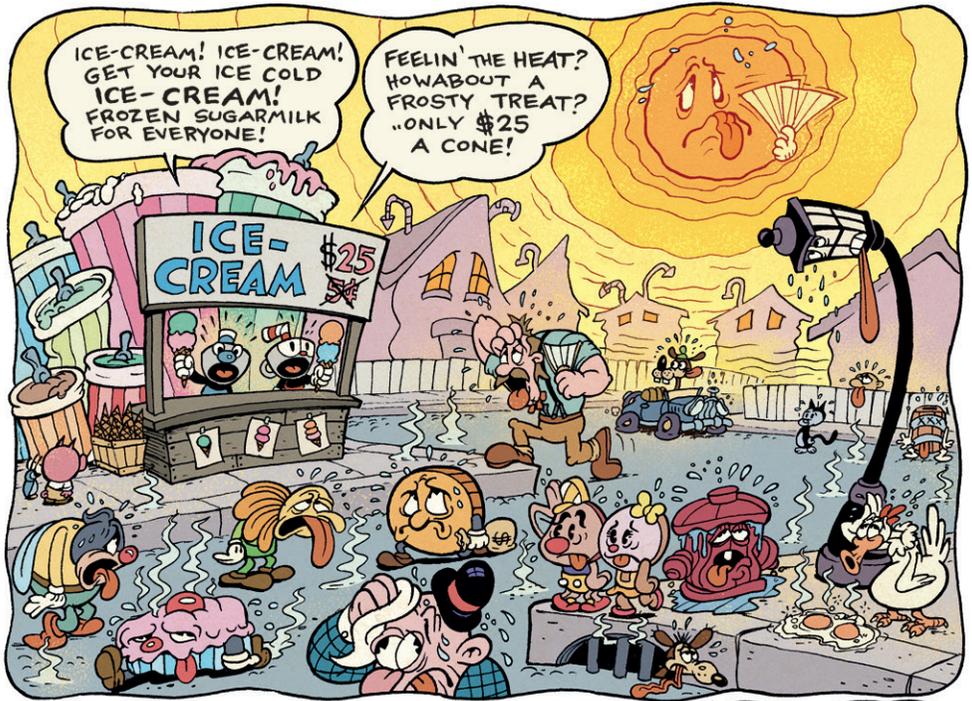


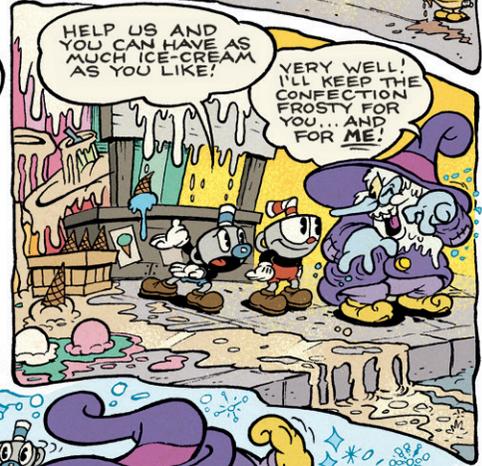


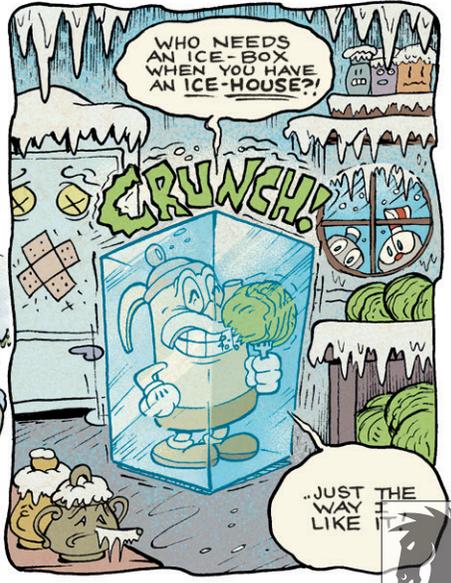
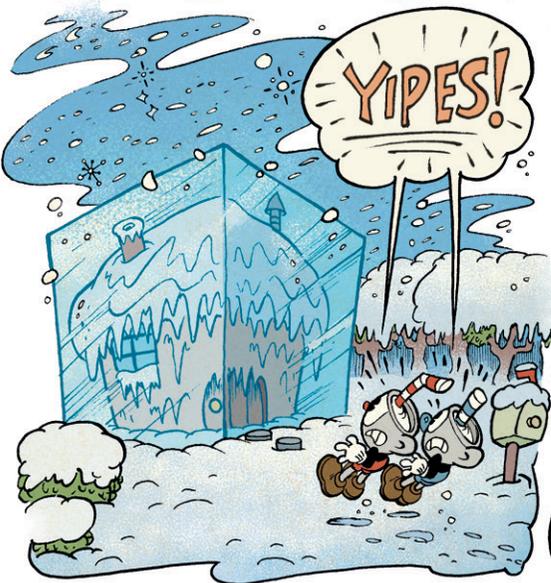
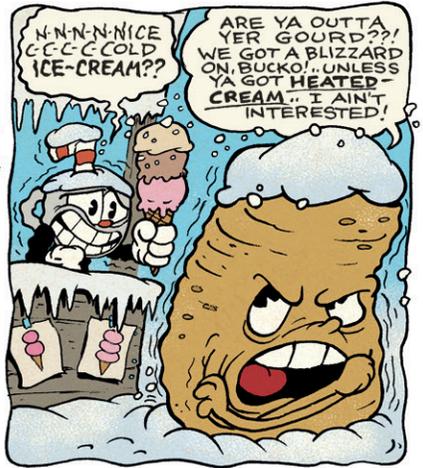




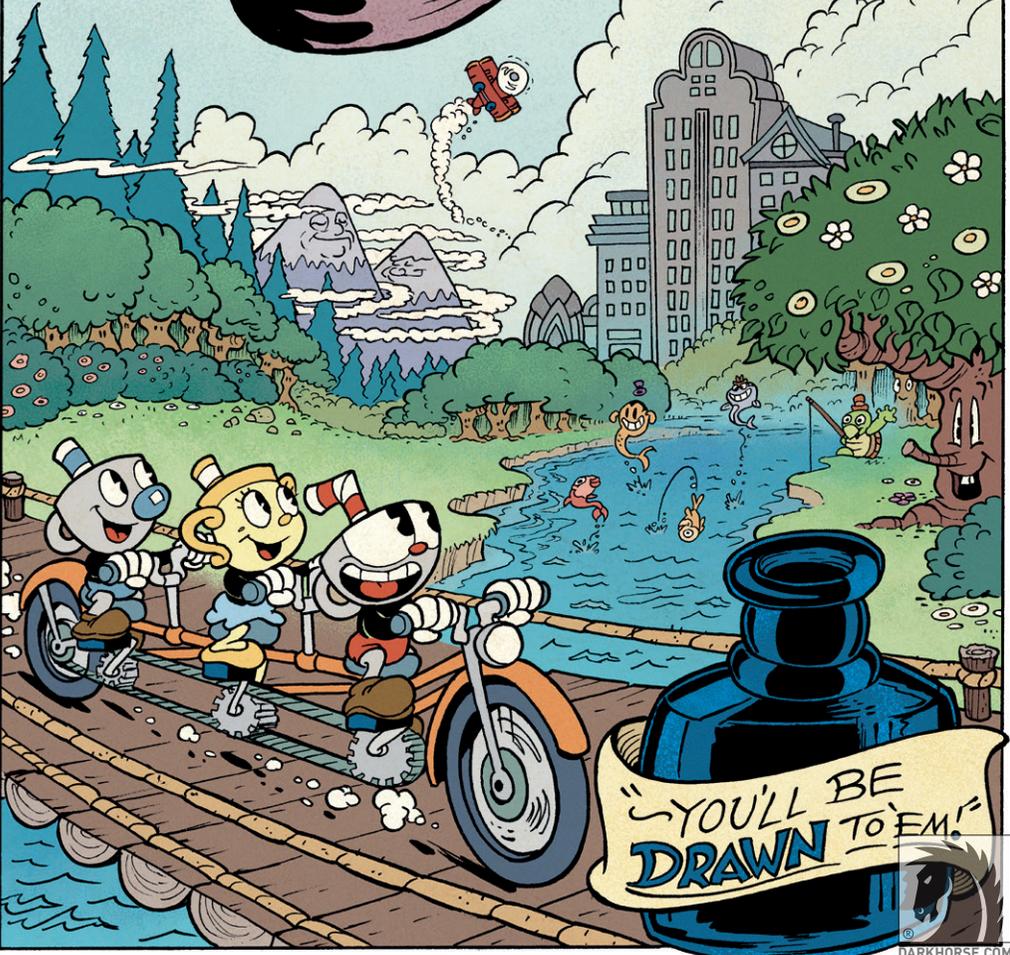
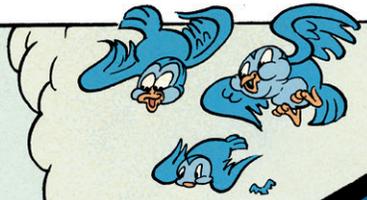


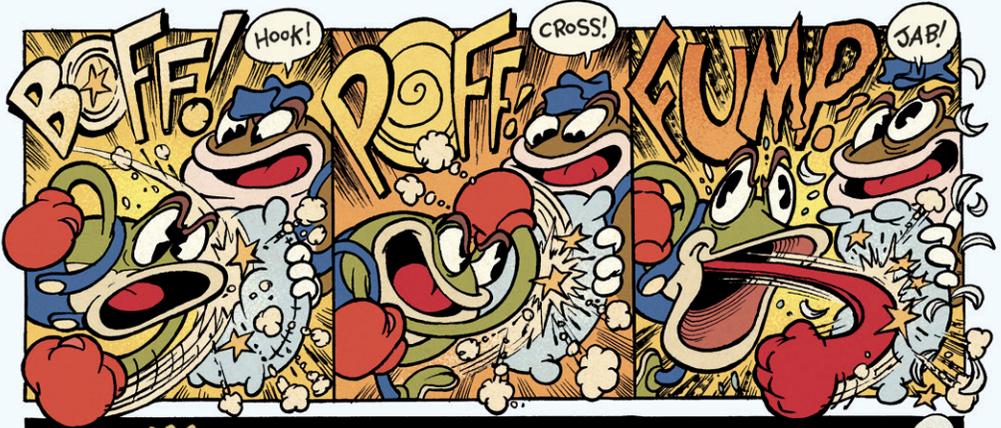


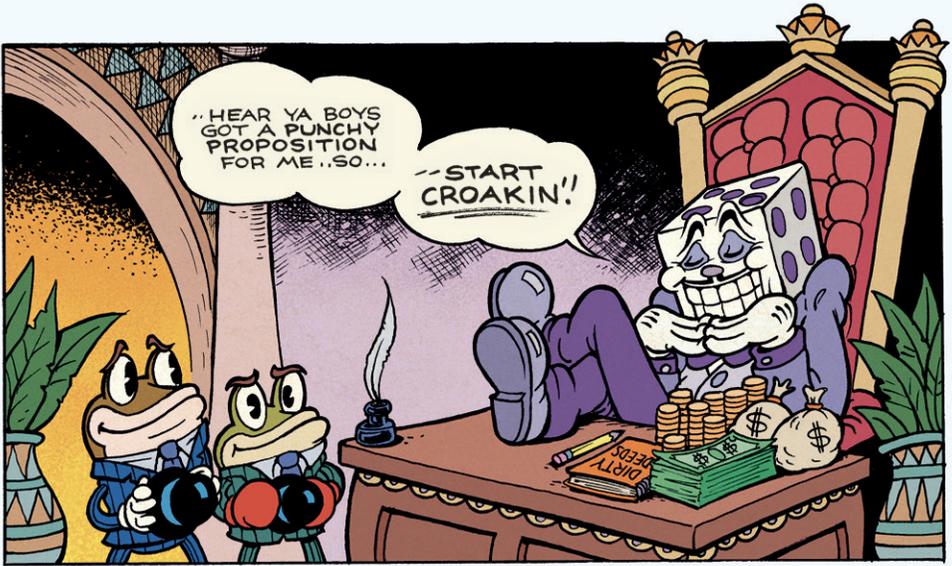




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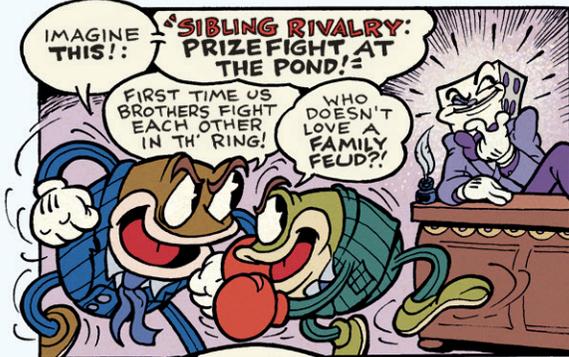






.. HEAR YA BOYS GOT A PUNCHY PROPOSITION FOR ME ..SO...

-- START CROAKIN'!



IMAGINE THIS!:

SIBLING RIVALRY: PRIZE FIGHT AT THE POND!

FIRST TIME US BROTHERS FIGHT EACH OTHER IN TH' RING!

WHO DOESN'T LOVE A FAMILY FEUD?!



YOU BOYS CLEAN WORSE THAN A BOMB IN A BOTTLE FACTORY, BUT I HEAR YA DON'T SCRAP HALF BAD!..

.. I'LL PUTCHA IN THE RING!..

... ON ONE CONDITION!



..RIBBY'S GOTTA TAKE A DIVE IN THE FIFTH!

.. ONLY WAY I'M GUAR-AN-TEED TO RECOUP MY COSTS IS BETTIN' ON A BONAFIDE WINNER!

WE'RE RESPECTABLE RUFF-HOUSERS!!! NOT TWO-BIT CON-MEN ON THE TAKE!!!!



I DON'T LIKE IT EITHER, RIBBY, BUT KEEP YER EYES ON THE PRIZE. AFTER THIS FIGHT WE'LL BE TH' MOST FAMOUS FISTICUFFIN FROGS IN TH' ISLES!

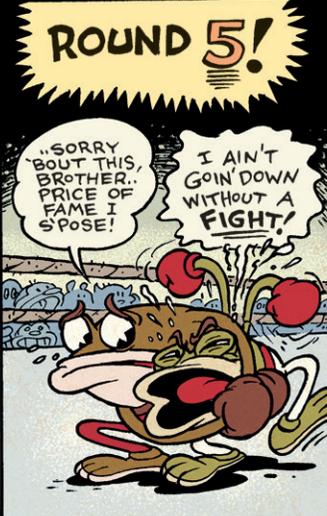
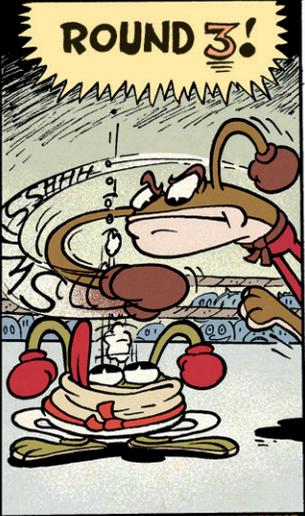
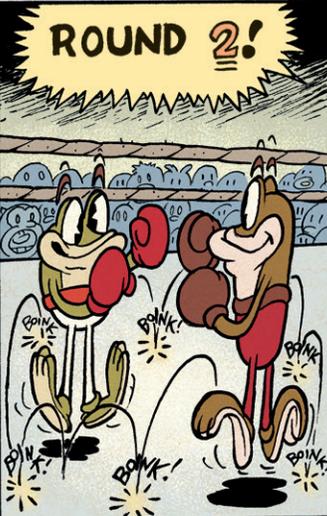


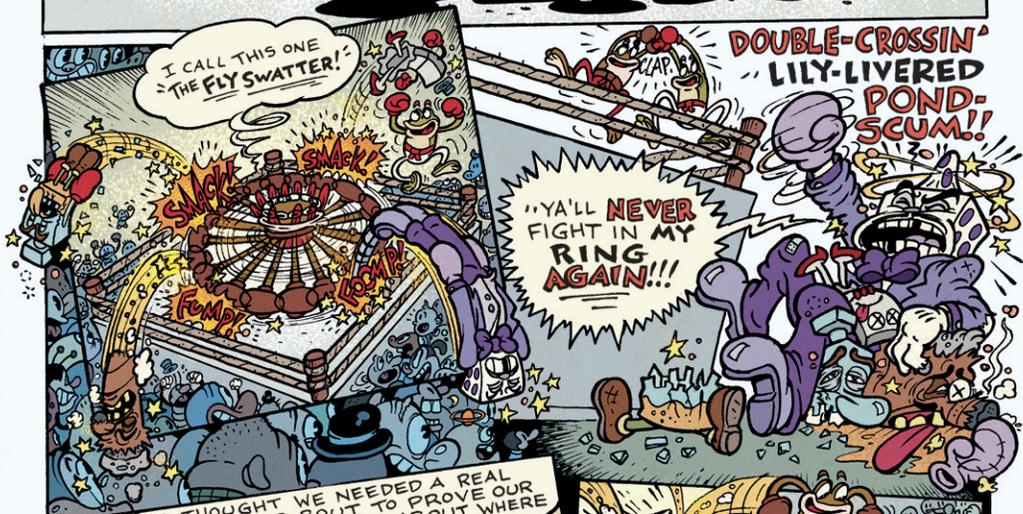
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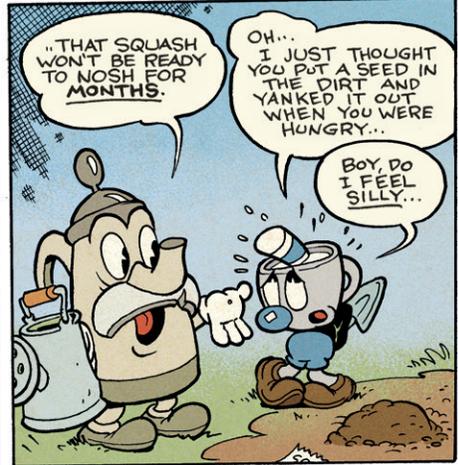
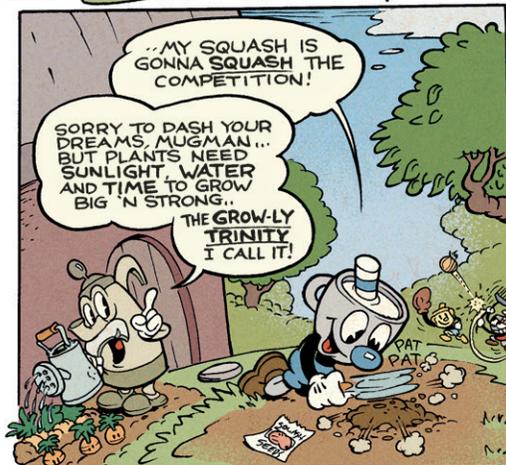
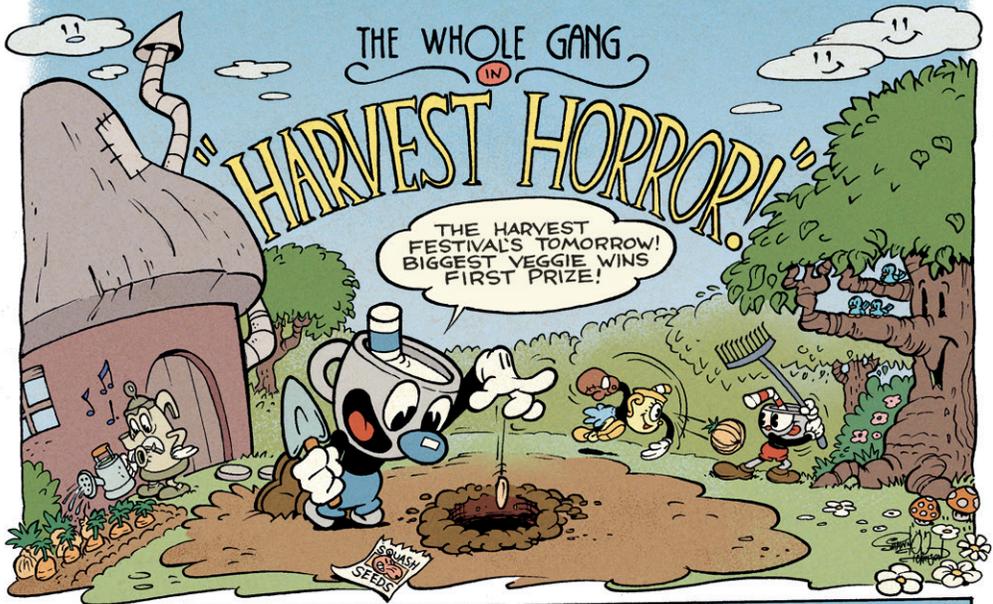
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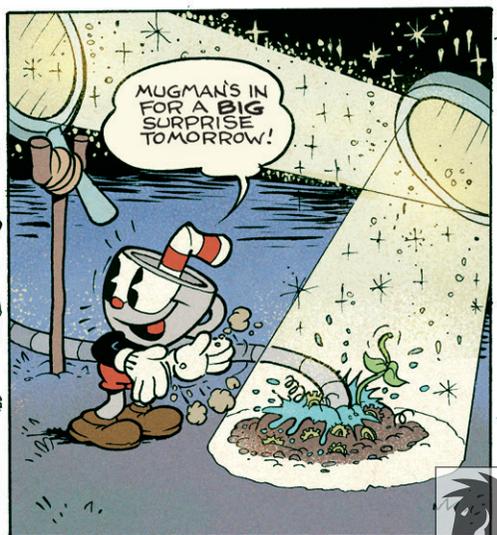
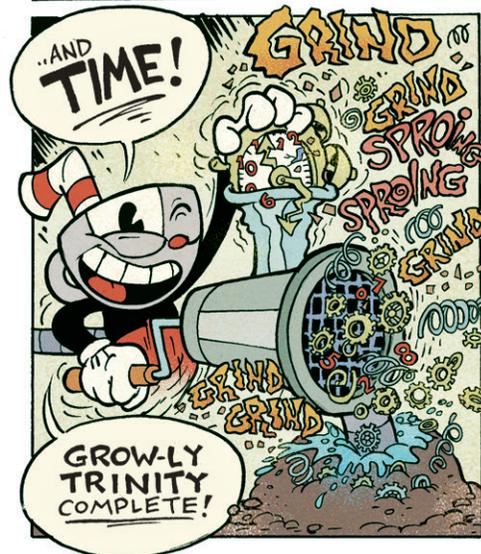
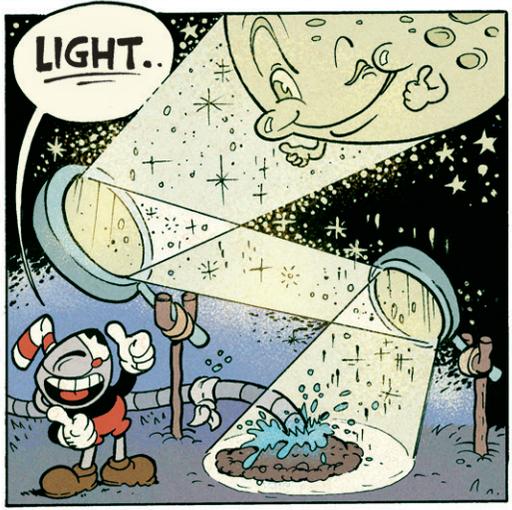
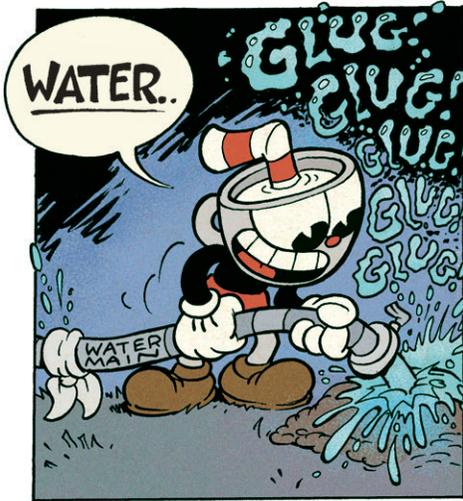
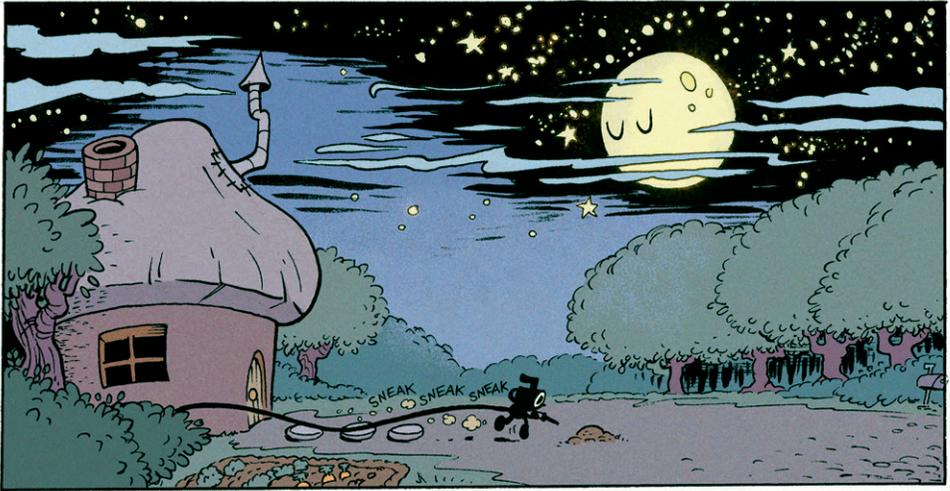












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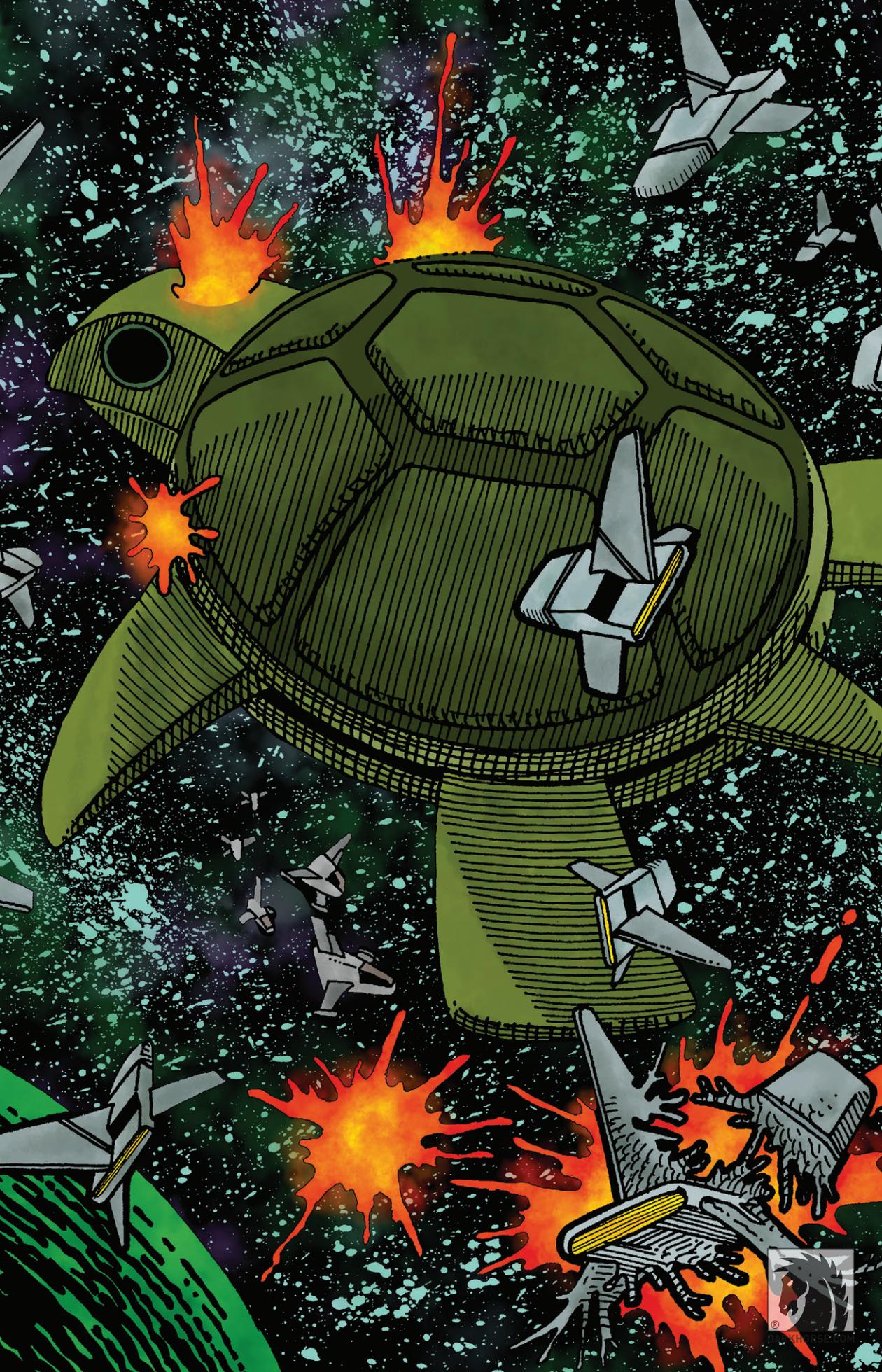


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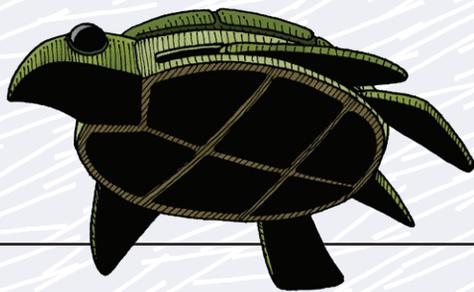
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FOREWORD

STAN SAKAI



In our industry, the book is usually published first, then merchandising follows. With *Space Usagi*, though, an action figure hit the stands before the comic did. Playmate Toys had released an Usagi Yojimbo action figure in 1989 to incorporate into their *Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles* line. The Usagi figure had sold very well—2.2 million units its first year—and Playmates was open to hearing about any other characters I had. I mentioned a line of Usagi’s descendants, following whoever had inherited Usagi’s twin swords—there was a 1930s pulp hero, a World War II veteran, a contemporary journalist . . . and a descendant in the far future. Space Usagi seemed the natural choice. The action figure was released in mid-1991.

The first *Space Usagi* story was published in Fantagraphics’ second *Usagi Yojimbo Color Special* in late 1991. His second appearance was in *Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles* #47 in 1992, from Mirage Publishing. Mirage went on to publish two three-issue mini-series, then Dark Horse published another mini-series, *Space Usagi: Warrior*, completing the “Space Usagi Trilogy.”

In the early 1990s, Turner Entertainment, Mirage Studios, Fred Wolf Films, and Usagi Studios partnered to pitch a *Space Usagi* series for television. A three-and-a-half-minute video was created, which can still be seen on YouTube. However, none of the networks picked it up and the project was abandoned. Oh, if we only had streaming back then!

However, the futuristic Miyamoto Usagi was not done yet. 4Kids, the studio that

produced the *TMNT* animated series in the early 2000s, planned a two-part *Space Usagi* story in the Turtles’ “Fast Forward” arc for Season 6, titled “A Question of Honor.” The scripts were written, and character designs for Usagi, Tomoe, Gen, and the Neko Ninja drawn. Unfortunately, the concept of the Turtles one hundred years in the future was not received as well as hoped, and “Fast Forward” was abandoned. The four heroes returned to present day New York before Space Usagi was introduced.

Netflix’s *Samurai Rabbit: The Usagi Chronicles* premiered in April 2022 and acted as a bridge between *Usagi Yojimbo* and *Space Usagi*. It took elements from *Usagi Yojimbo: Senso*, expanded upon it, and used that technology to create a new environment—futuristic, but not as far down the timeline as *Space Usagi*.

Neca Toys has already produced a new line of Usagi action figures, including Space Usagi, and there will be more merchandising—and stories—coming soon.

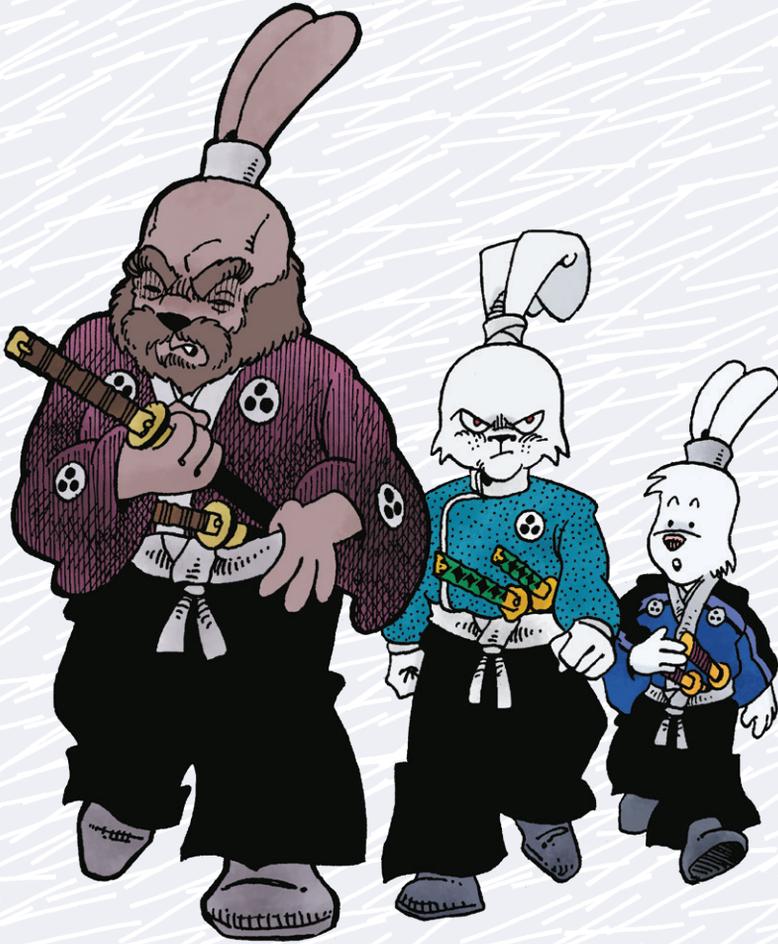
The last time we saw him was in *Usagi Yojimbo: Senso*. He and Mariko were about to become parents. It’s now a few years later and we are introduced to a new generation of *Space Usagi*, Miyamoto Akemi.

Enjoy.

—Stan Sakai, September 2023

STAN







KAORU--!

BANK LEFT! BANK LEFT!

THEY'RE RIGHT BEHIND YOU!



THEY'RE STILL ON MY TAIL!

GET THEM! GET THEM!



POOM!

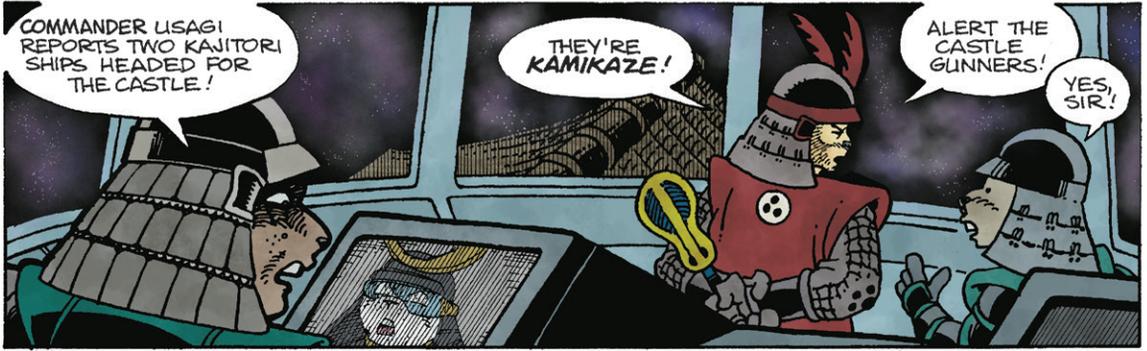
YAAHH! I'M HIT! I'M--



LIEUTENANT KAORU'S DOWN!

WE'VE GOT TWO BOGIES IN THE CASTLE PERIMETER!

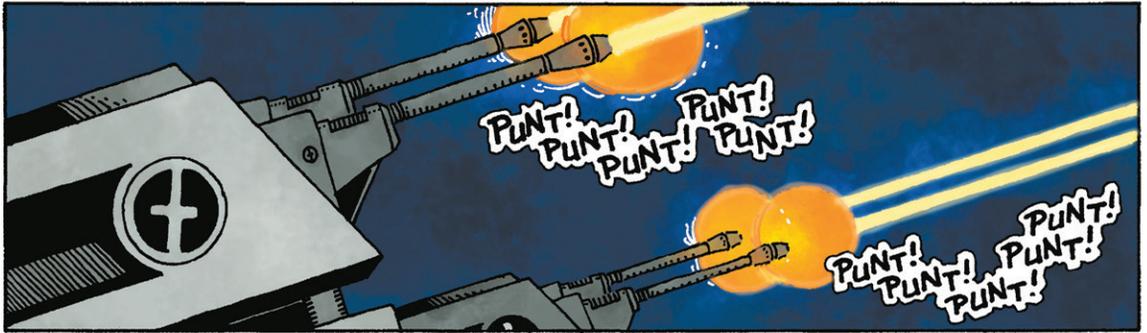
ALERT CENTRAL COMMAND!



COMMANDER USAGI
REPORTS TWO KAJITORI
SHIPS HEADED FOR
THE CASTLE!

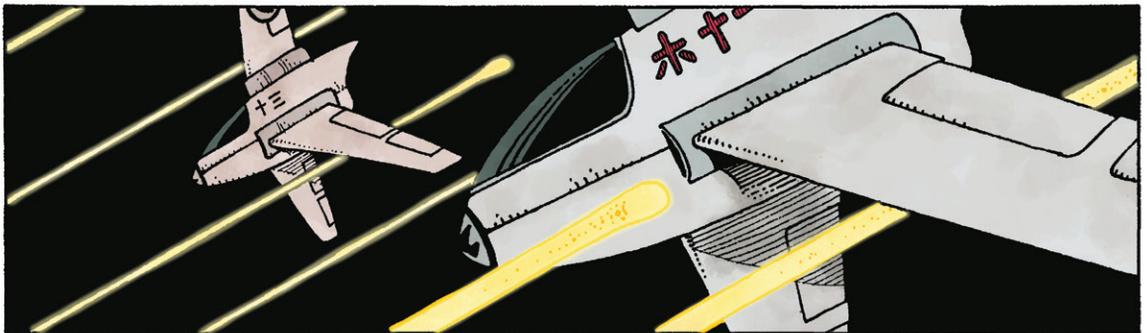
THEY'RE
KAMIKAZE!

ALERT THE
CASTLE
GUNNERS!
YES,
SIR!



PUNT!
PUNT!
PUNT!
PUNT!

PUNT!
PUNT!
PUNT!



THE OTHER
ONE'S ON COLLISION
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BAY THREE!

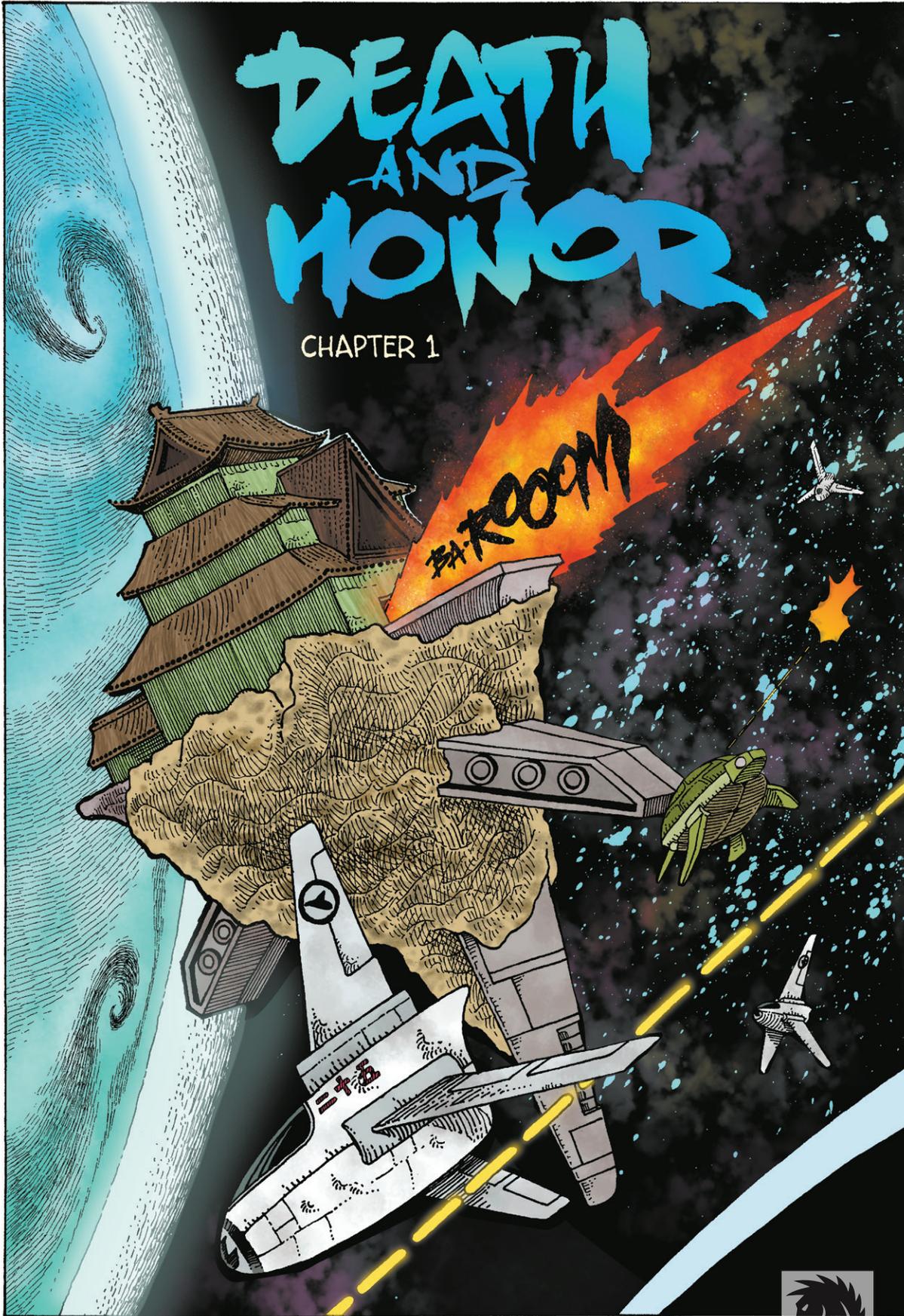
CLEAR
THAT
AREA!

GET
THOSE
PEOPLE
OUT OF
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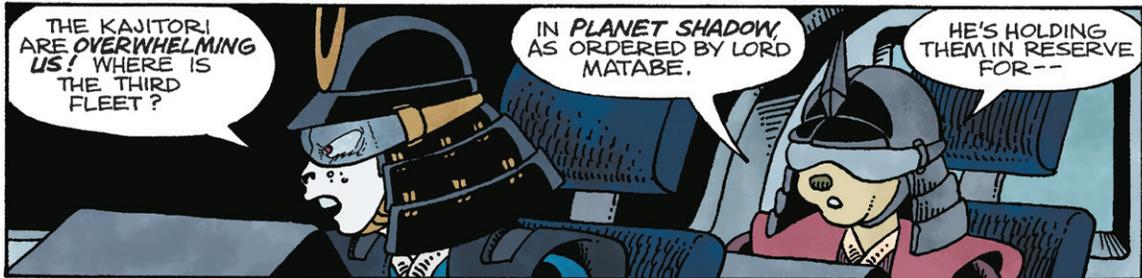


DEATH AND HONOR

CHAPTER 1







THE KAJITORI ARE OVERWHELMING US! WHERE IS THE THIRD FLEET?

IN PLANET SHADOW, AS ORDERED BY LORD MATABE.

HE'S HOLDING THEM IN RESERVE FOR--



WE NEED THEM NOW! ORDER THEIR ATTACK!

BUT, SIR, LORD MATABE--

YES, SIR!

YOU HEARD ME-- ATTACK!



WE'VE CAUGHT THEM IN A PINCH! THEY'RE RETREATING!

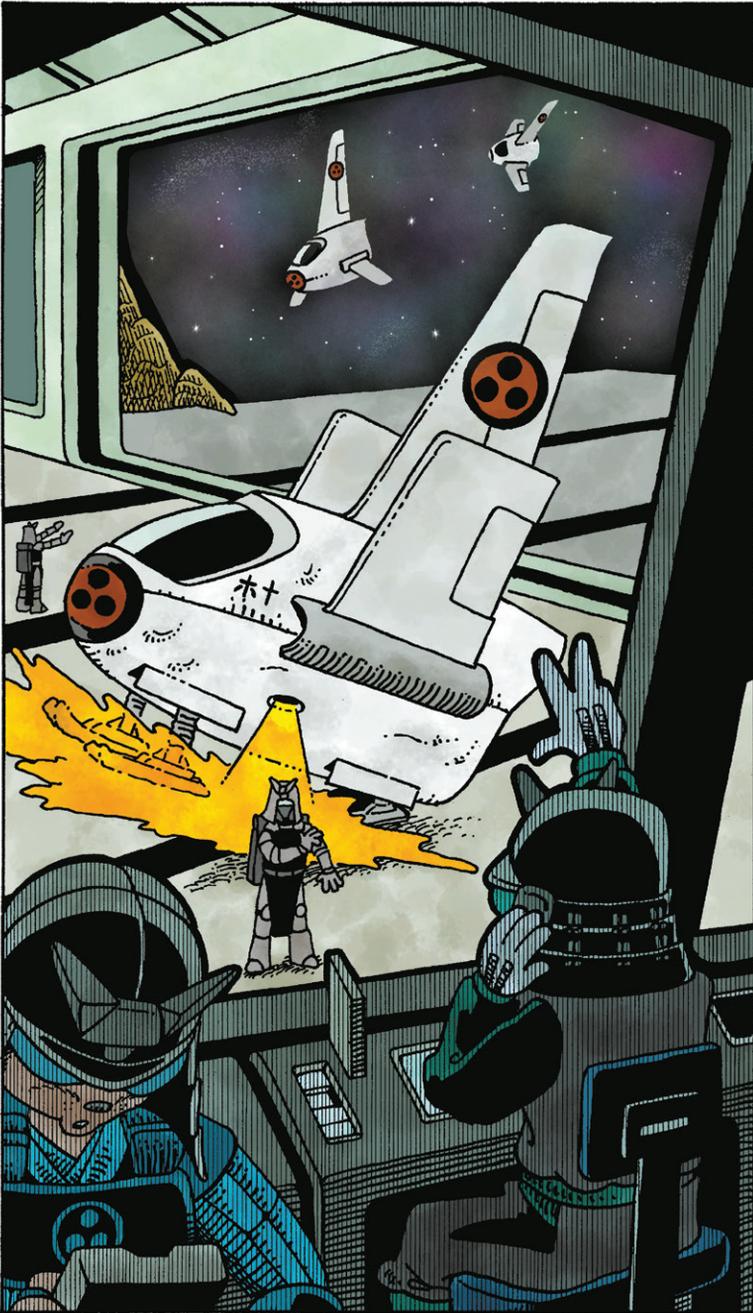


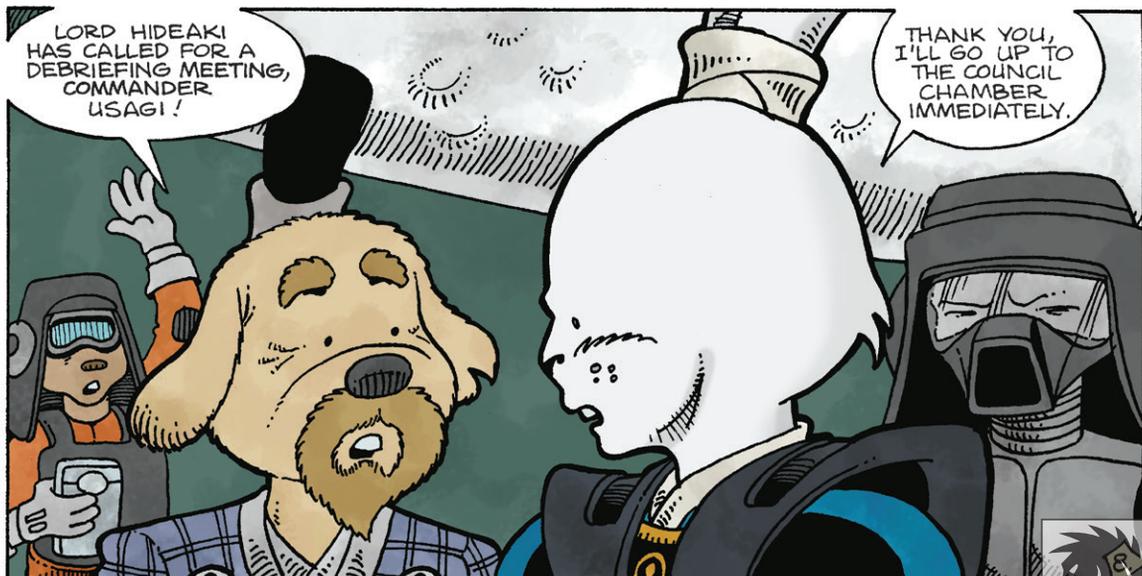
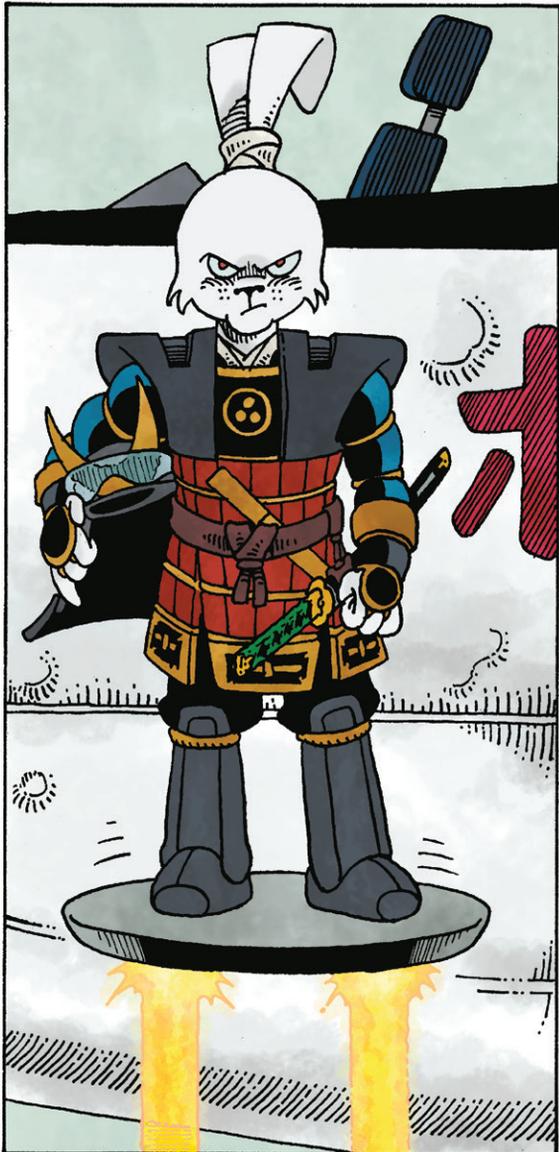
SHALL WE ORDER PURSUIT, COMMANDER USAGI?

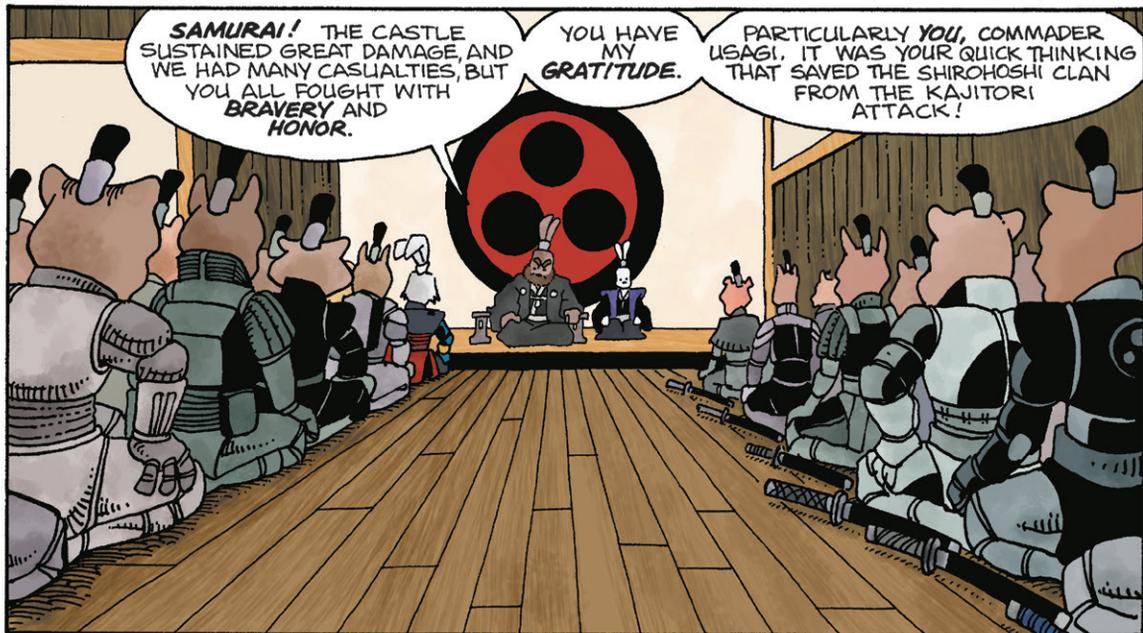
NO. WE'VE SUSTAINED TOO MUCH DAMAGE OF OUR OWN. BEST TO LICK OUR WOUNDS...



...JUST ESCORT THEM TO OUR BORDERS.







SAMURAI! THE CASTLE SUSTAINED GREAT DAMAGE, AND WE HAD MANY CASUALTIES, BUT YOU ALL FOUGHT WITH BRAVERY AND HONOR.

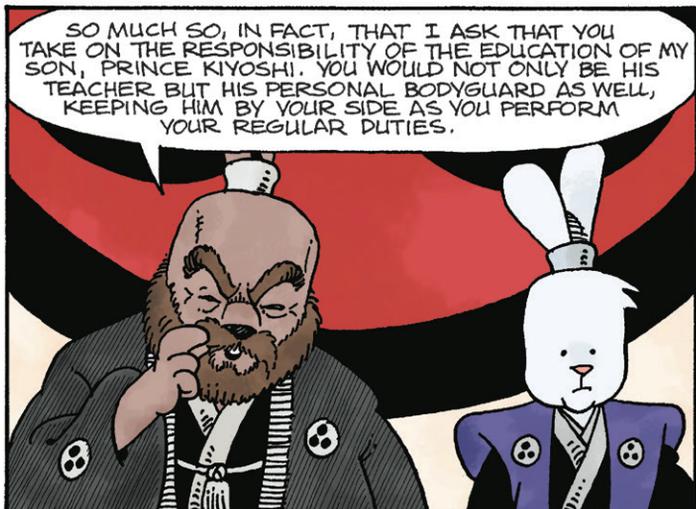
YOU HAVE MY GRATITUDE.

PARTICULARLY YOU, COMMANDER USAGI, IT WAS YOUR QUICK THINKING THAT SAVED THE SHIROHOSHI CLAN FROM THE KAJITORI ATTACK!



YOU ARE OUR YOUNGEST OFFICER HERE-- GIVEN THE POSITION BECAUSE OF YOUR FATHER, THE LATE COUNSELOR MIYAMOTO-- BUT YOU'VE PROVEN YOUR WORTH MANY TIMES IN THE PAST YEARS!

THANK YOU, LORD HIDEAKI!



SO MUCH SO, IN FACT, THAT I ASK THAT YOU TAKE ON THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE EDUCATION OF MY SON, PRINCE KIYOSHI. YOU WOULD NOT ONLY BE HIS TEACHER BUT HIS PERSONAL BODYGUARD AS WELL, KEEPING HIM BY YOUR SIDE AS YOU PERFORM YOUR REGULAR DUTIES.



SUCH AN HONOR, MY LORD. I WILL NOT BETRAY YOUR TRUST!



HE WILL ONE DAY RULE OUR CLAN, USAGI, SO TUTOR HIM WELL.



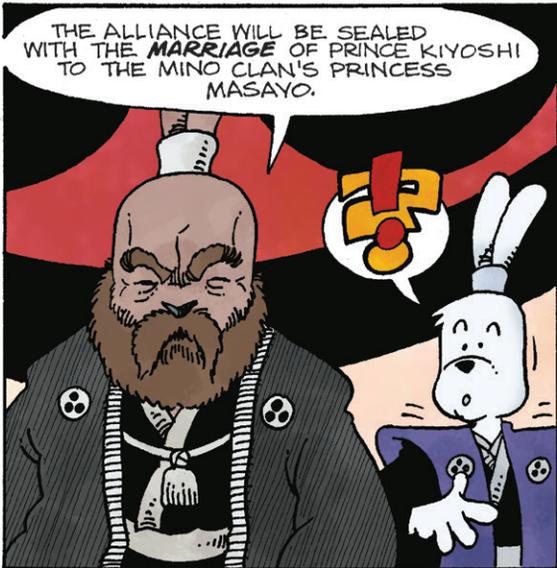


IN THE PAST YEARS, THE POWERFUL KAJITORI EMPIRE HAS GROWN BOLDER AND NOW SEEKS TO INCREASE THEIR POSSESSIONS.



THIS IS THE TIME FOR THE INDEPENDENT PROVINCES TO BAND TOGETHER. TO THIS END, I AM NEGOTIATING AN ALLIANCE WITH OUR NEIGHBORS, THE MINO CLAN.

TRUE, RELATIONS WITH THE MINO ARE, AT BEST, LIMITED BUT WE MUST FORM A SOLID COALITION AGAINST OUR MUTUAL ADVERSARY.



THE ALLIANCE WILL BE SEALED WITH THE *MARRIAGE* OF PRINCE KIYOSHI TO THE MINO CLAN'S PRINCESS MASAYO.



BUT, FATHER-- I'VE NEVER EVEN *MET* PRINCESS MASAYO! WHAT IS SHE LIKE? WHAT IF I DON'T LIKE HER?



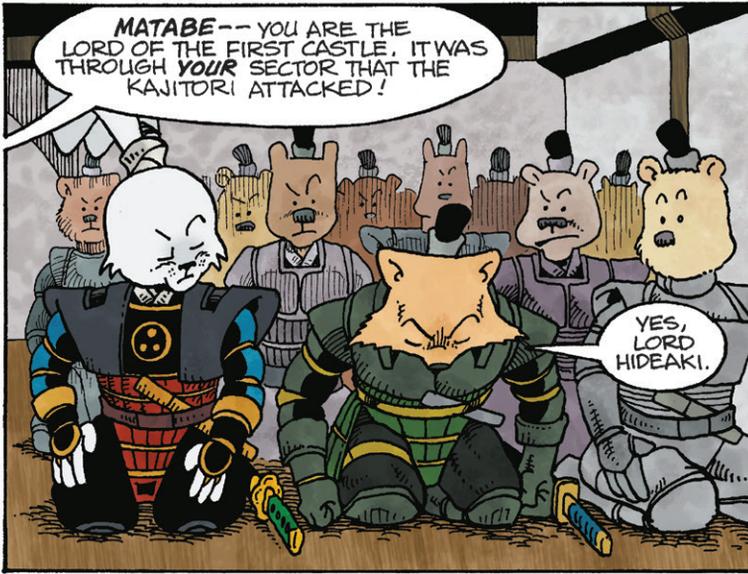
HUSH! THIS IS A *POLITICAL* MARRIAGE--ONE THAT WILL UNITE BOTH OUR CLANS. IT IS YOUR *DUTY* TO GO THROUGH WITH THE MARRIAGE!

THE MATTER IS *CLOSED*.

YES, FATHER.



THAT'S SETTLED. NOW ON TO MORE *DISTASTEFUL* CONCERNS...



MATABE--- YOU ARE THE LORD OF THE FIRST CASTLE. IT WAS THROUGH **YOUR** SECTOR THAT THE KAJITOR! ATTACKED!

YES, LORD HIDEAKI.



THEY TORE THROUGH YOUR DEFENSES LIKE IT WERE RICE PAPER AND BARELY GAVE US TIME TO LAUNCH OUR CRAFTS.



THEY CAUGHT US UNAWARE, LORD, I--

THAT IS NO EXCUSE!



WHERE THE SAFETY OF THE CLAN IS CONCERNED, YOU MUST **ALWAYS** BE PREPARED! **ALL** OF YOU REMEMBER THAT!

BUT, MATABE, YOU FAILED ME AGAIN!

YOU KEPT PART OF OUR FORCES BACK!



THEY WERE HELD IN RESERVE FOR--

YOU HELD THEM **TOO LONG!** IF COMMANDER USAGI HAD NOT MARSHALLED THEM, THE KAJITOR! WOULD HAVE **OVERWHELMED** US!



FORGIVE ME, GREAT LORD. THEY WERE ERRORS IN JUDGEMENT...



... I HAVE NO DEFENSE FOR MY ACTIONS.

