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PANT
PANT
GASP
AH! A FENCE!
OKAY!
OOF!
WHAM
WHAT THE --
I CAN'T GET OVER?
SSSSSSSSSS
THIS IS SO LOW,
I DON'T GET --
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tap
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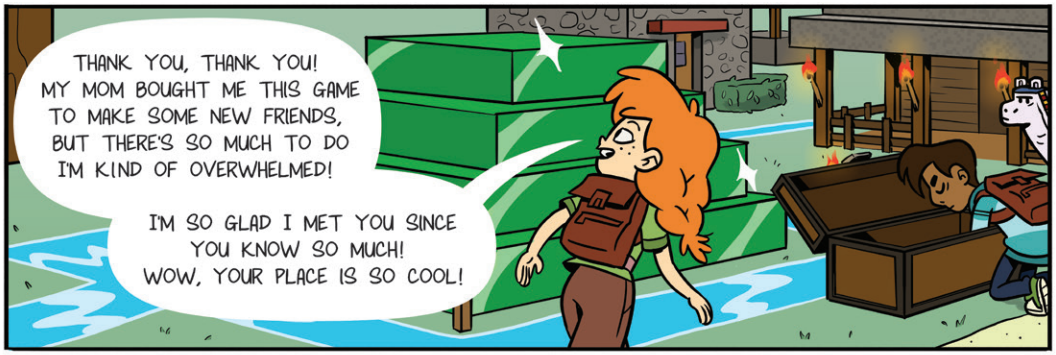


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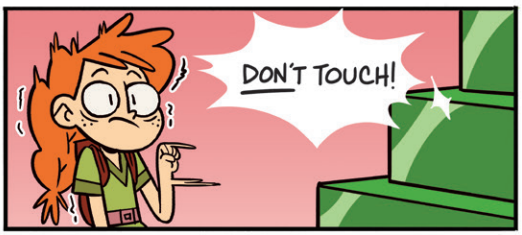


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THUD
THUNK
WHAT IS SHE DOING??
ARE YOU KIDDING ME? DON'T DO THAT!
WHY?
THUD
THUNK
YOU'RE GOING TO GET YOURSELF KILLED. JUST DON'T.
WHY?
THUD
THUNK
SIIIIIIIIGGGGHHHHHH
DO YOU... NEED SOME HELP? DO YOU WANT ME TO TEACH YOU THE BASICS?
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THUNK
YES!
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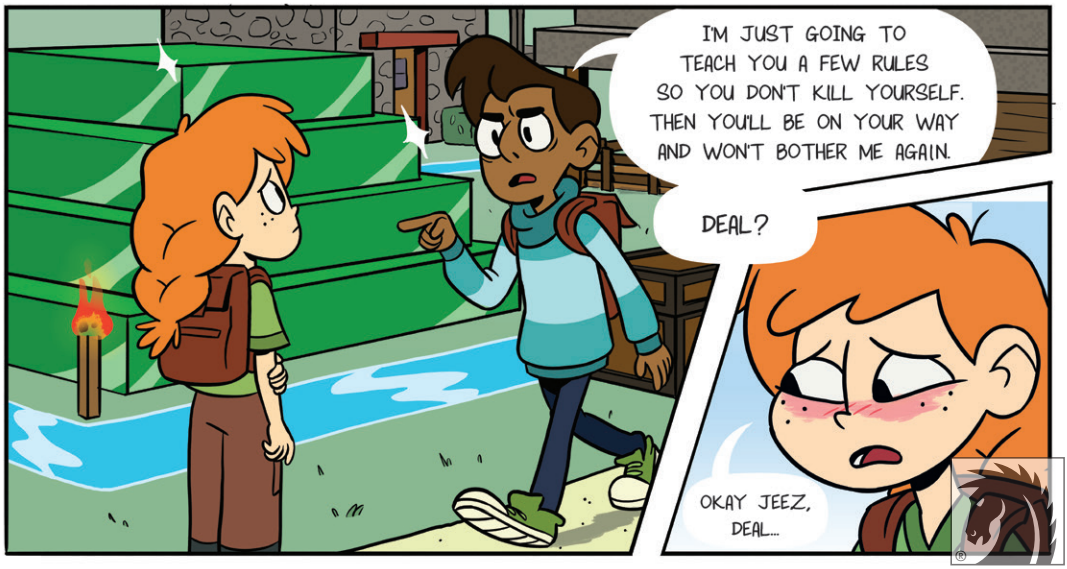












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CRAFTING...
...AND MINING.
WHOA.
RULE TWO--
--DON'T DIE.
WHOA!
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tink!
RULE FOUR: DON'T DIG STRAIGHT UP EITHER.
WHOOSH
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WHAT IF YOU CAN'T AVOID THE ENEMY?!?!
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RULE SEVENTY-TH NEVER ATTACK ZOMBIFIED PIGLINS.
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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--
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LET'S KICK WITHER BUTT!!
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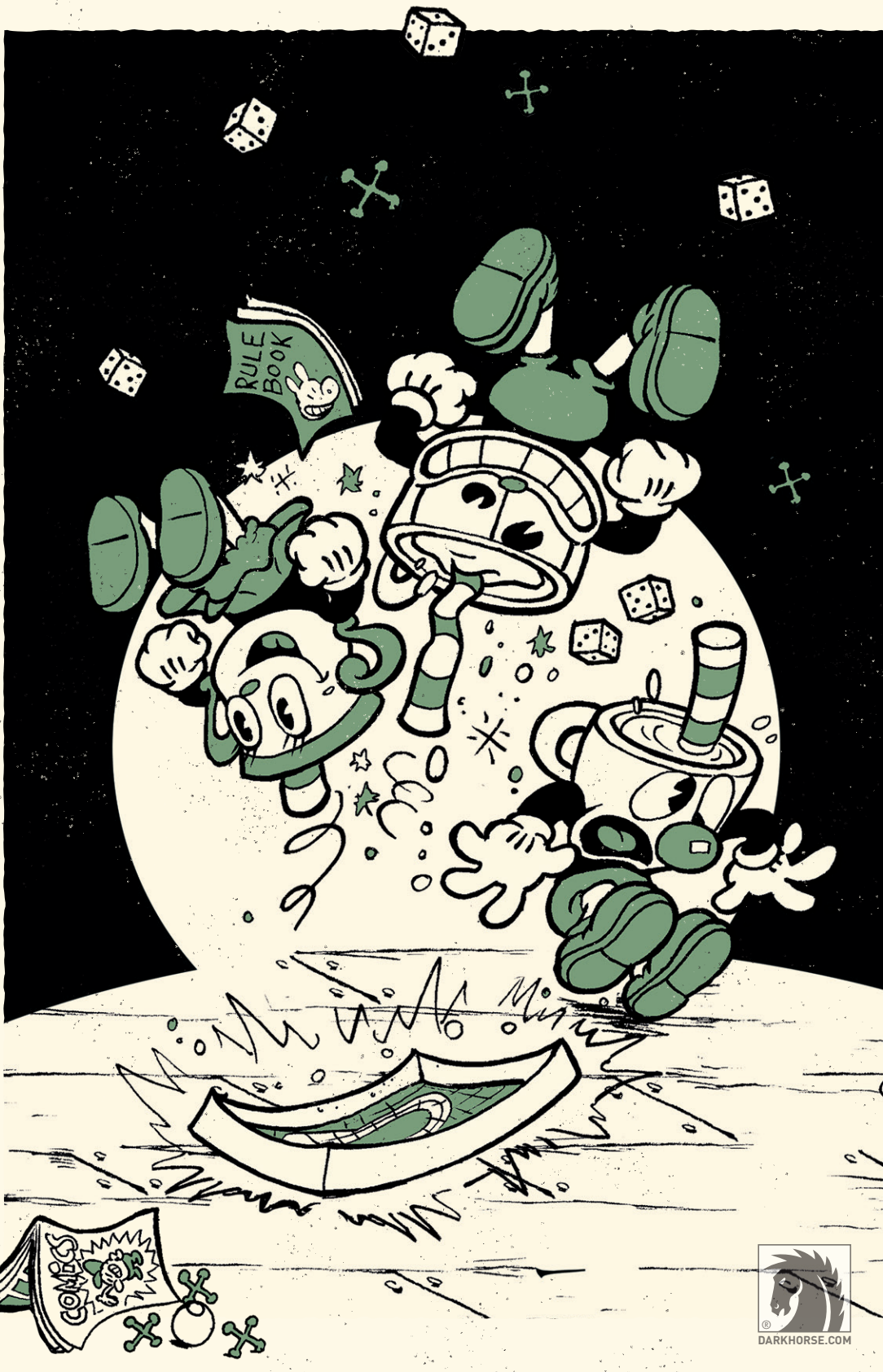
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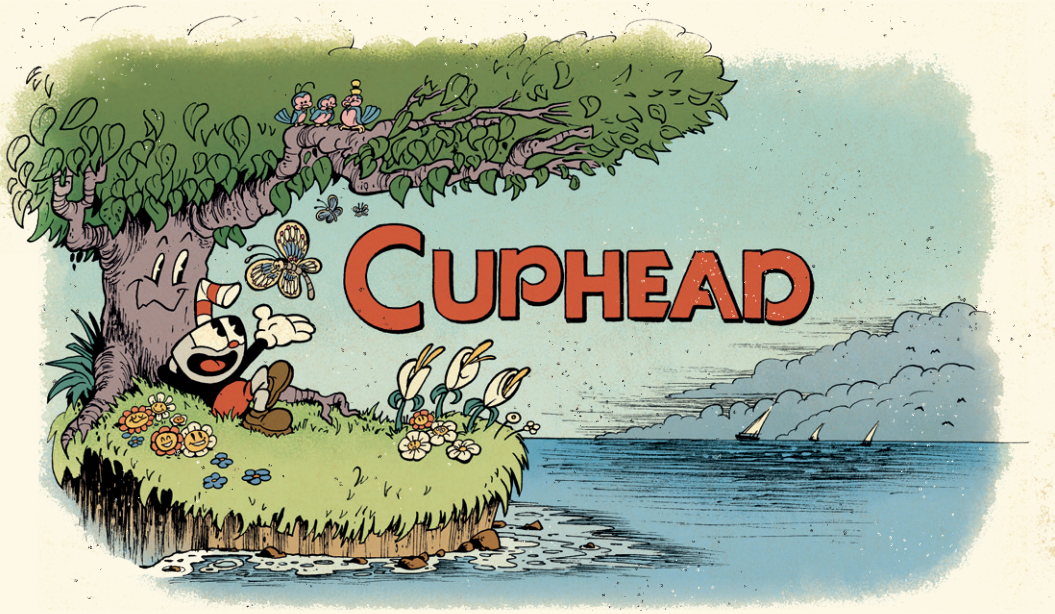
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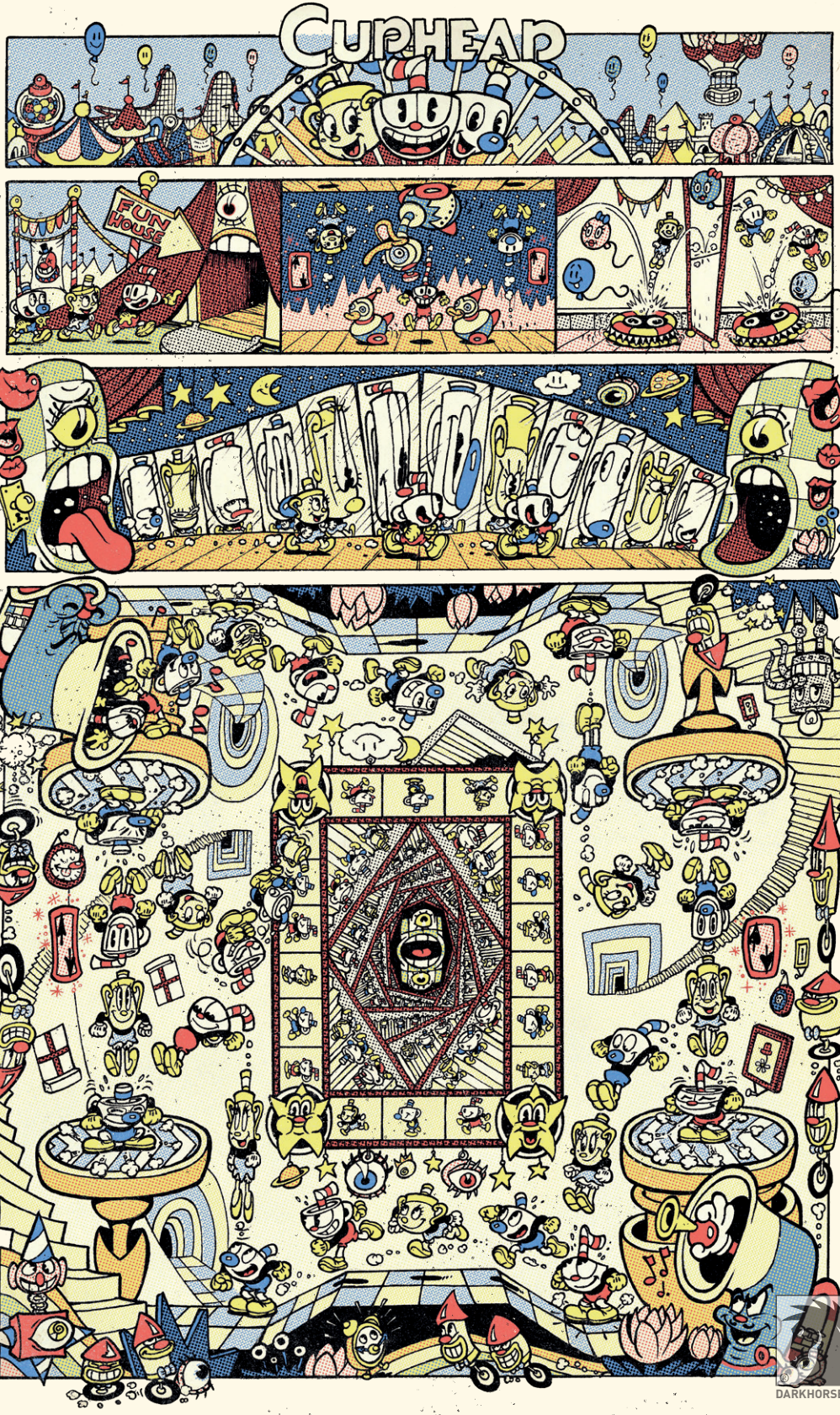
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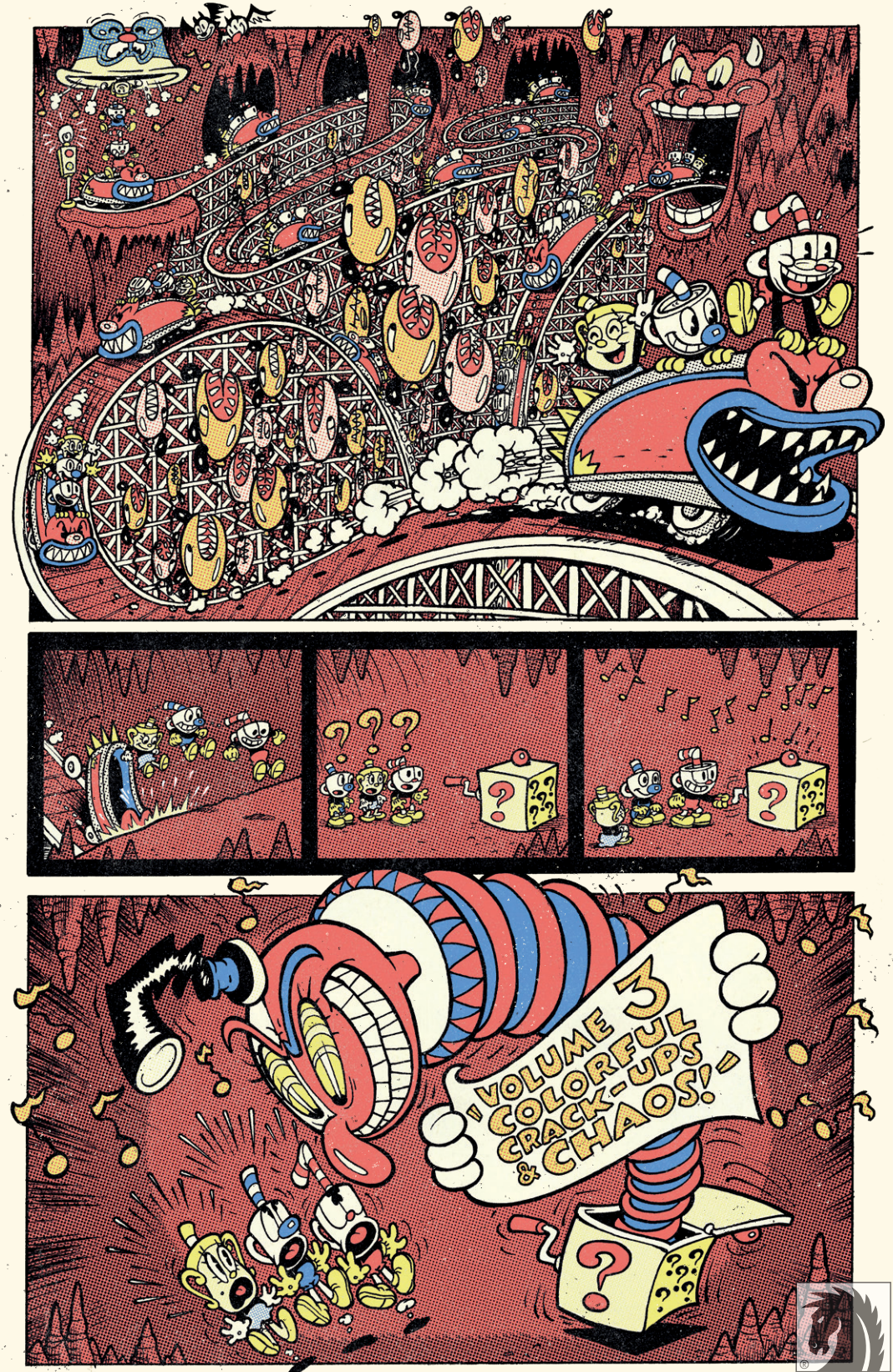
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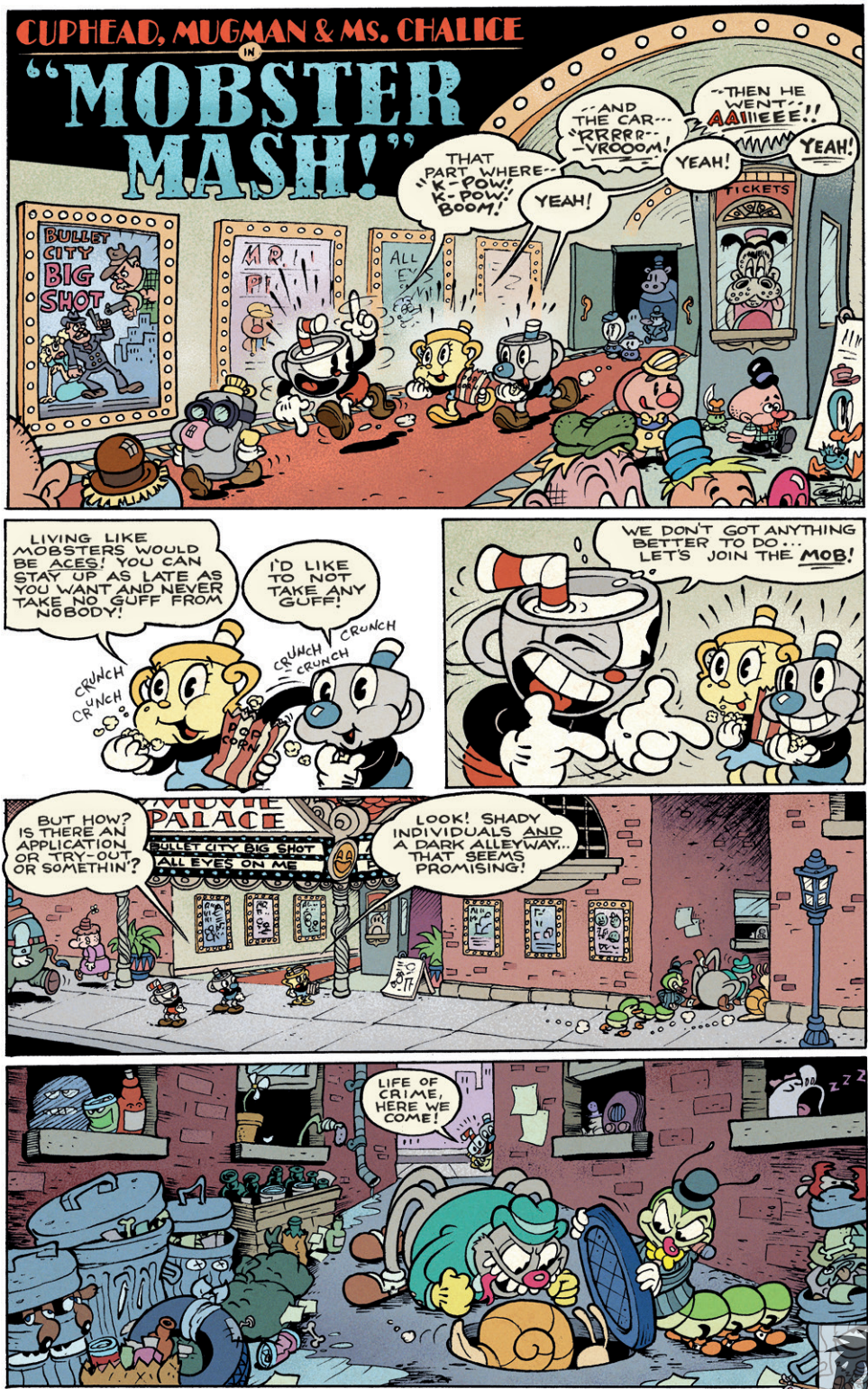

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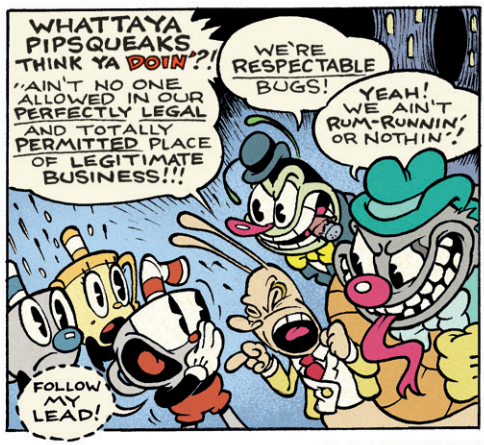


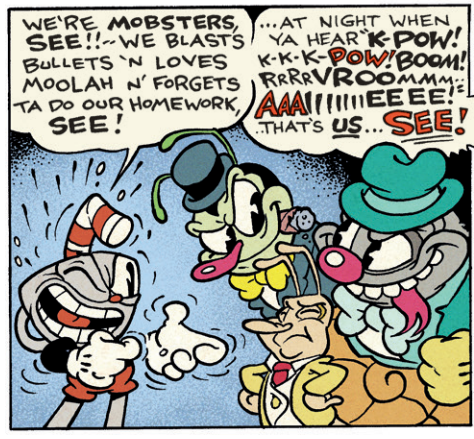
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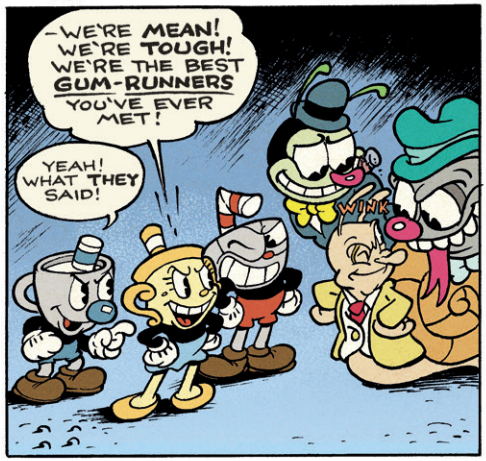


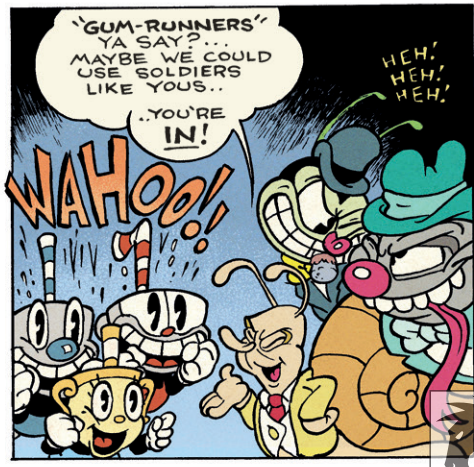
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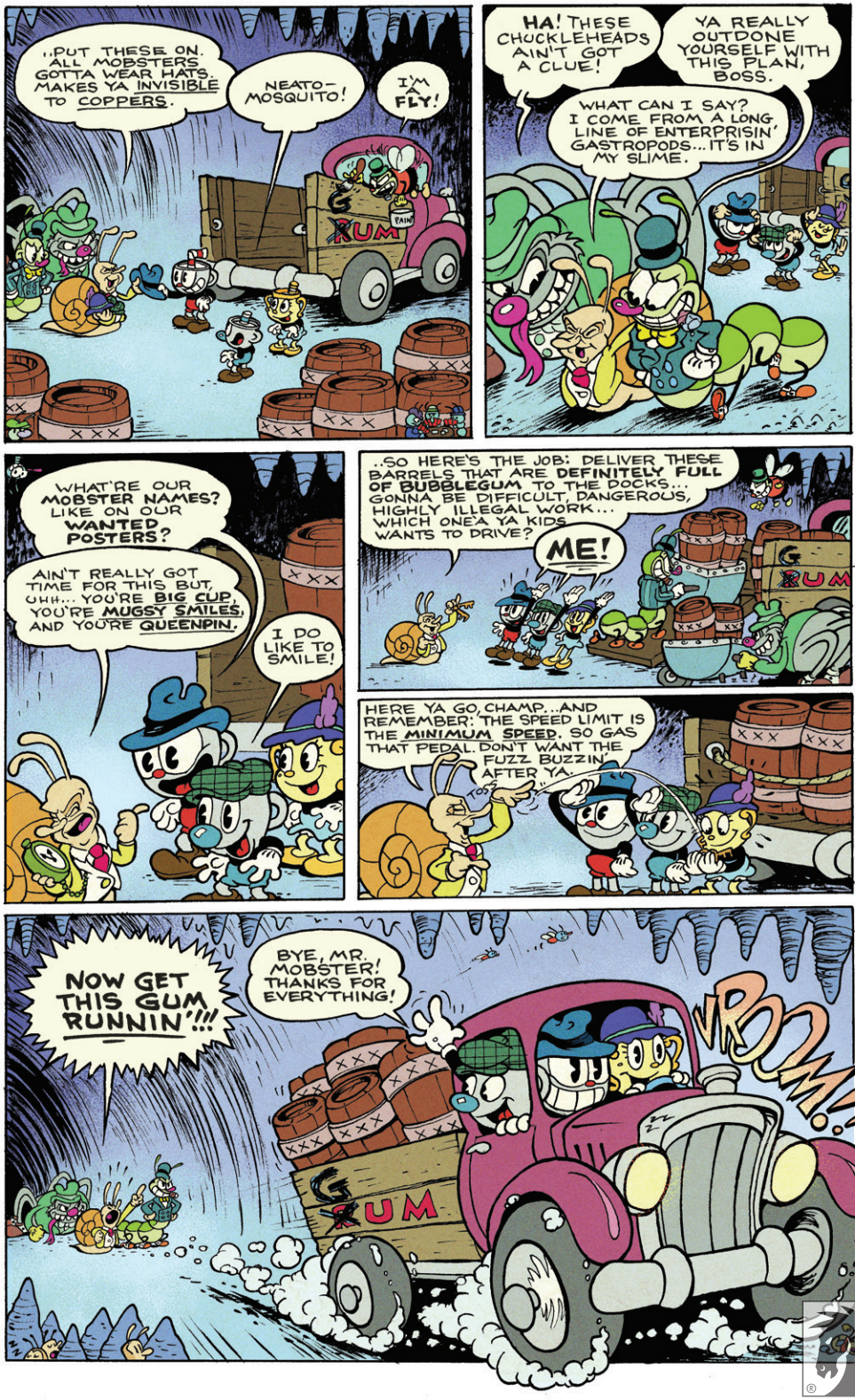




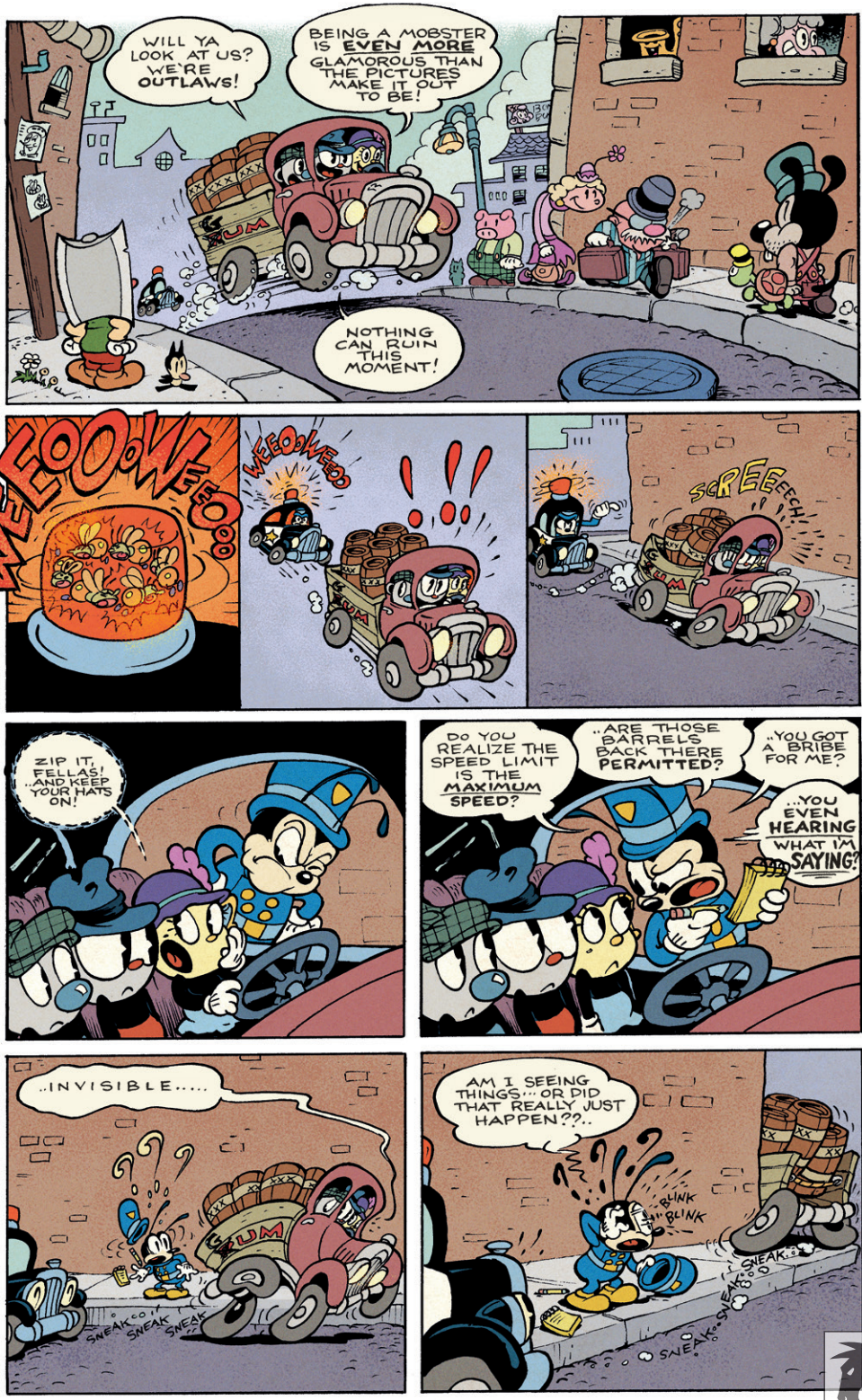




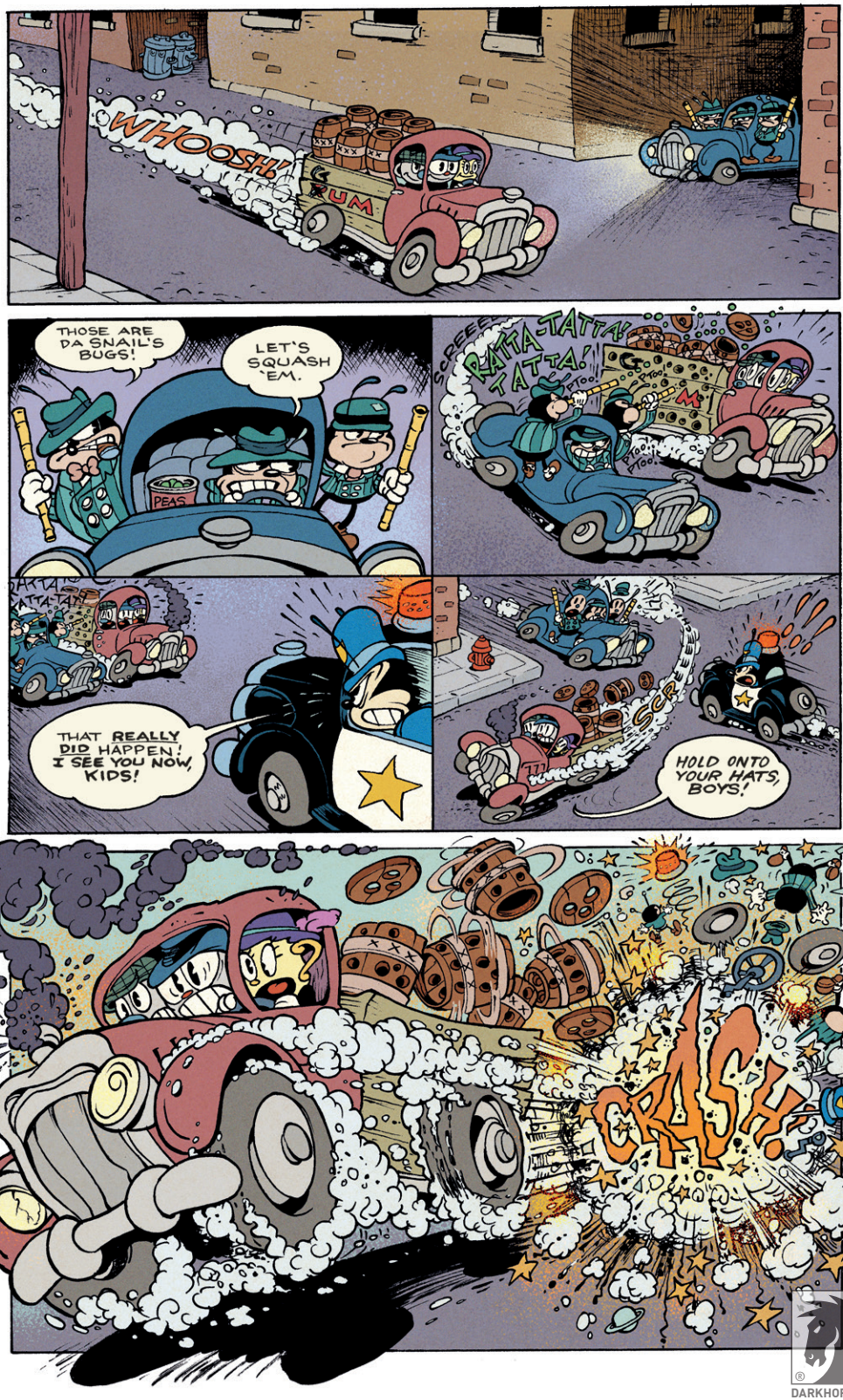
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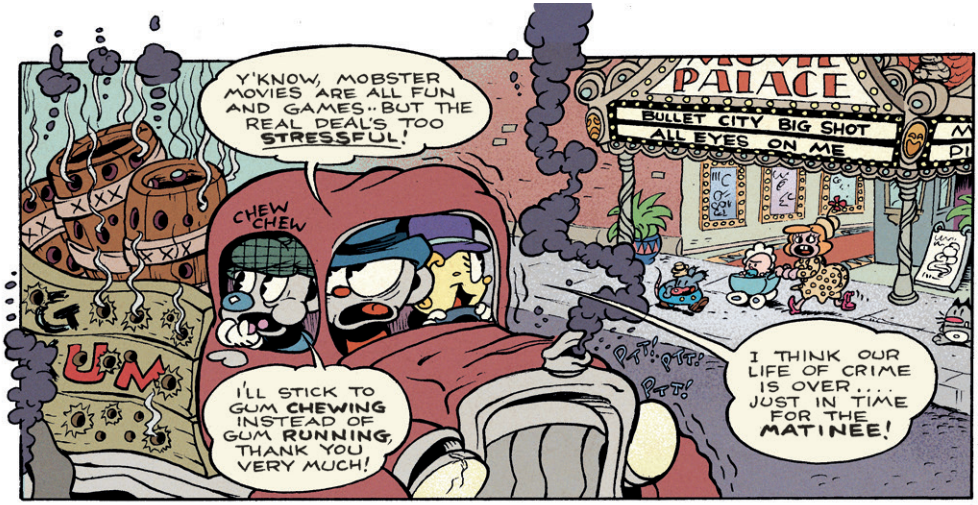
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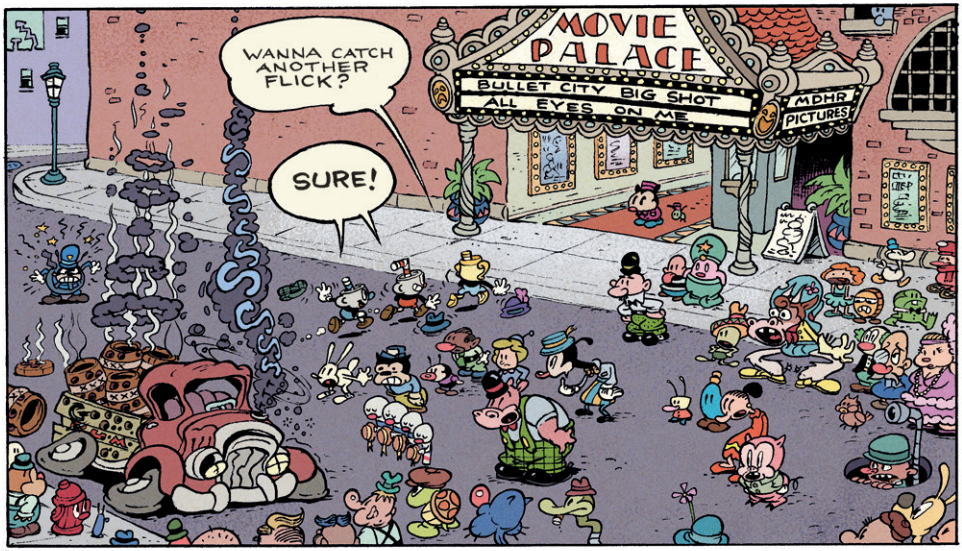


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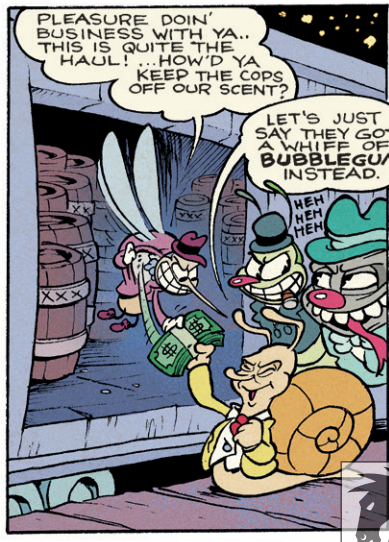


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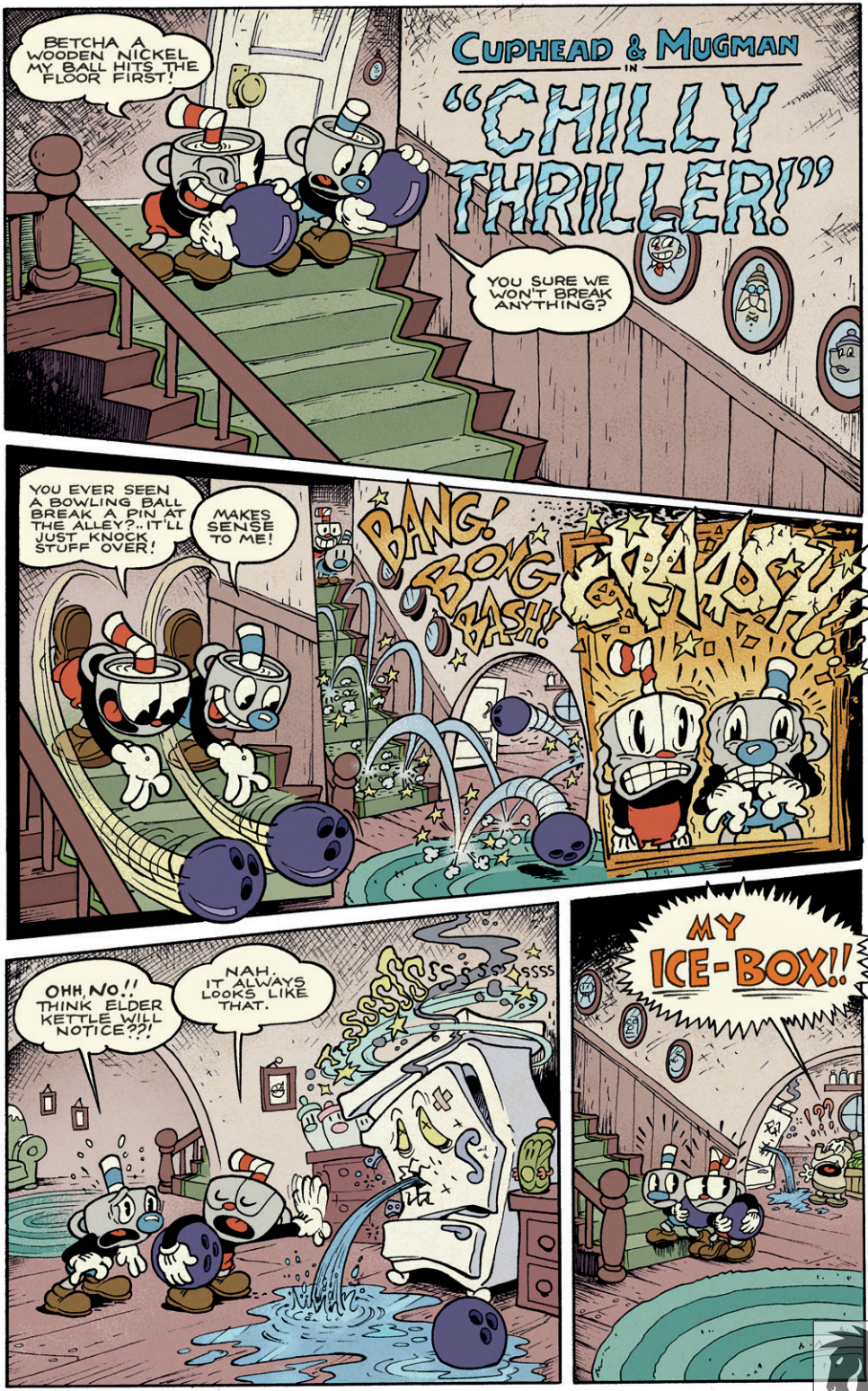








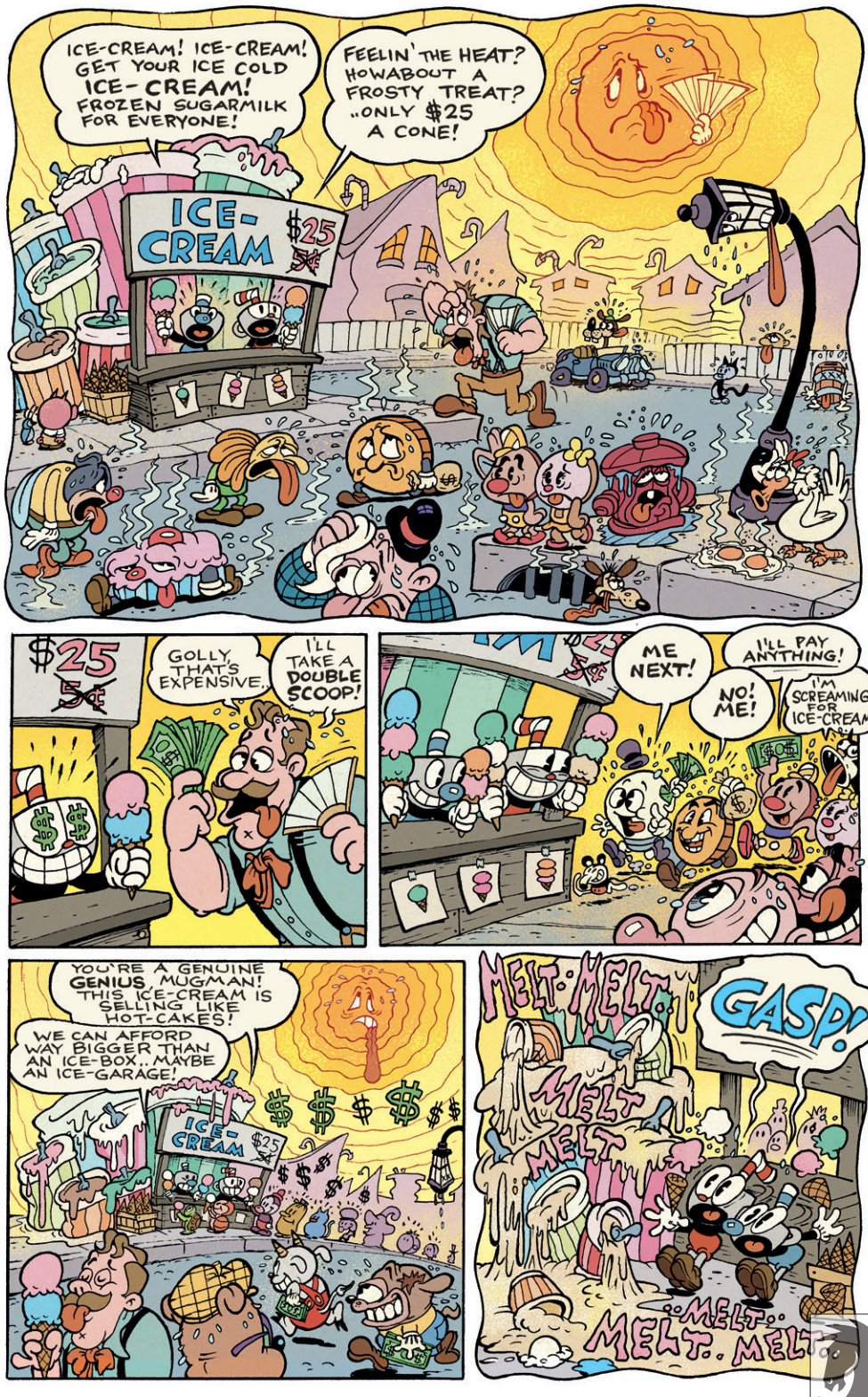
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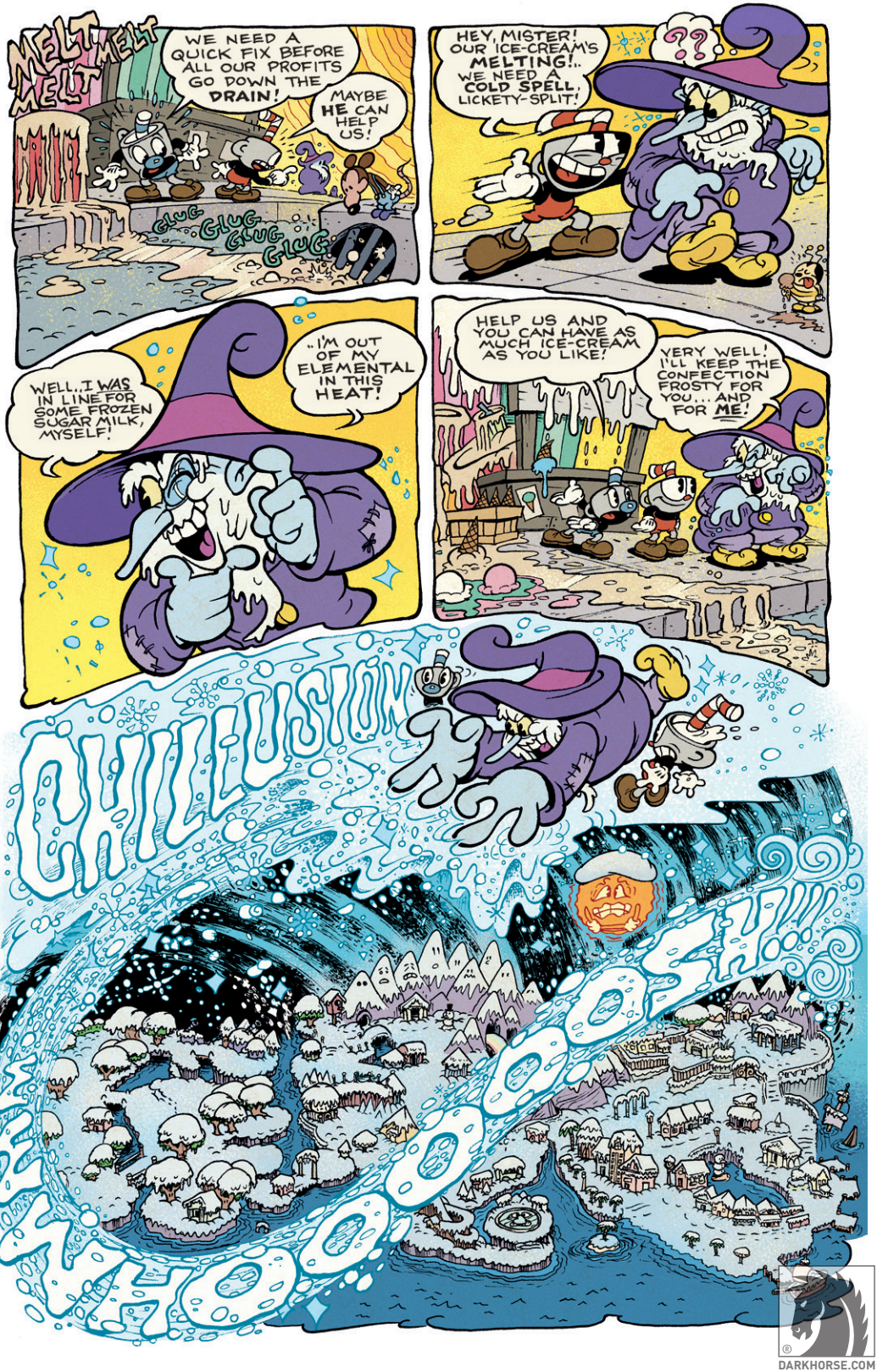
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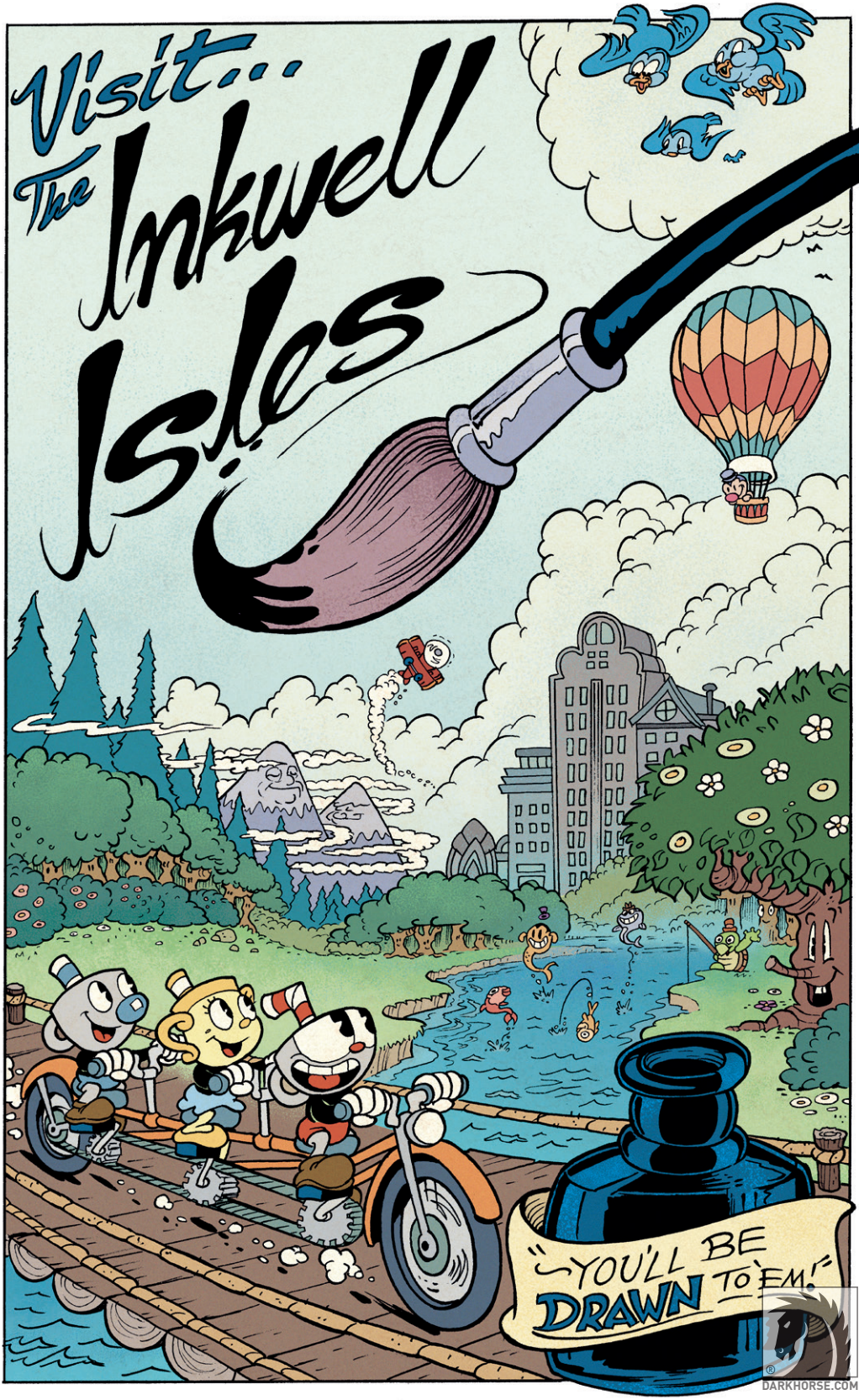
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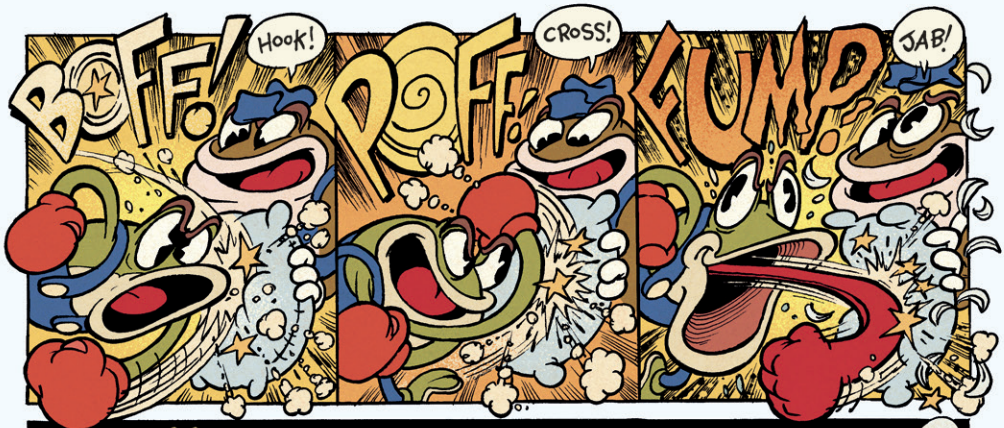


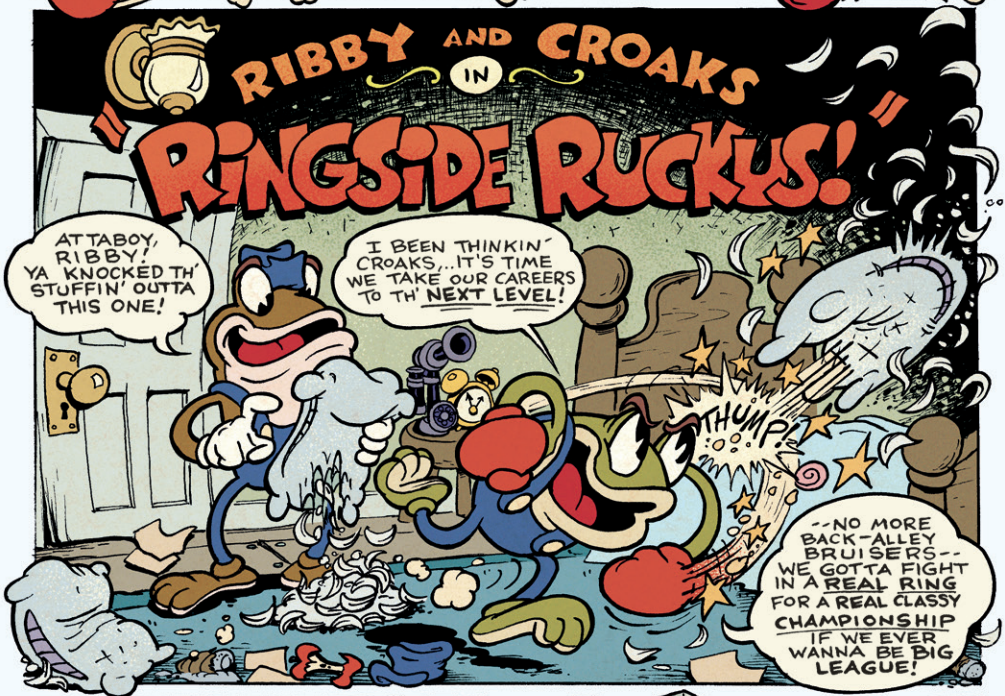
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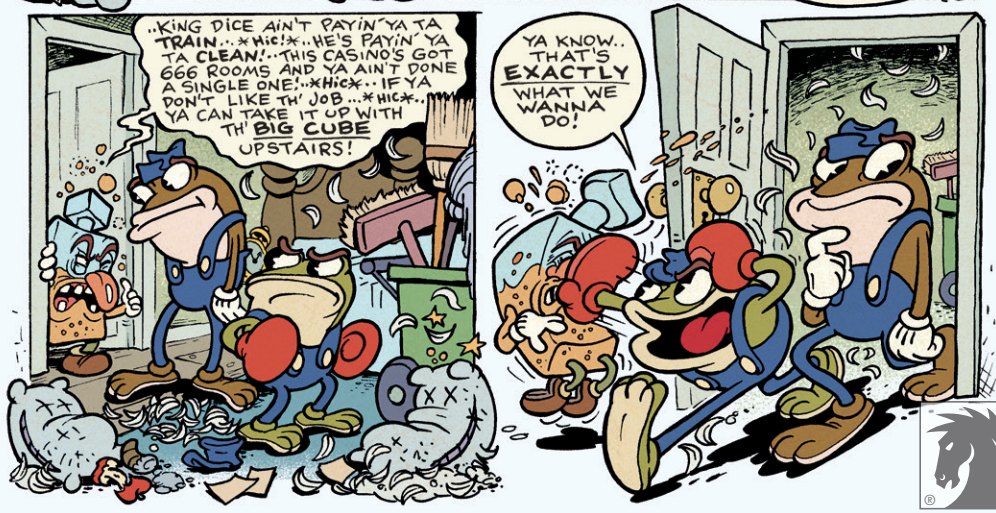


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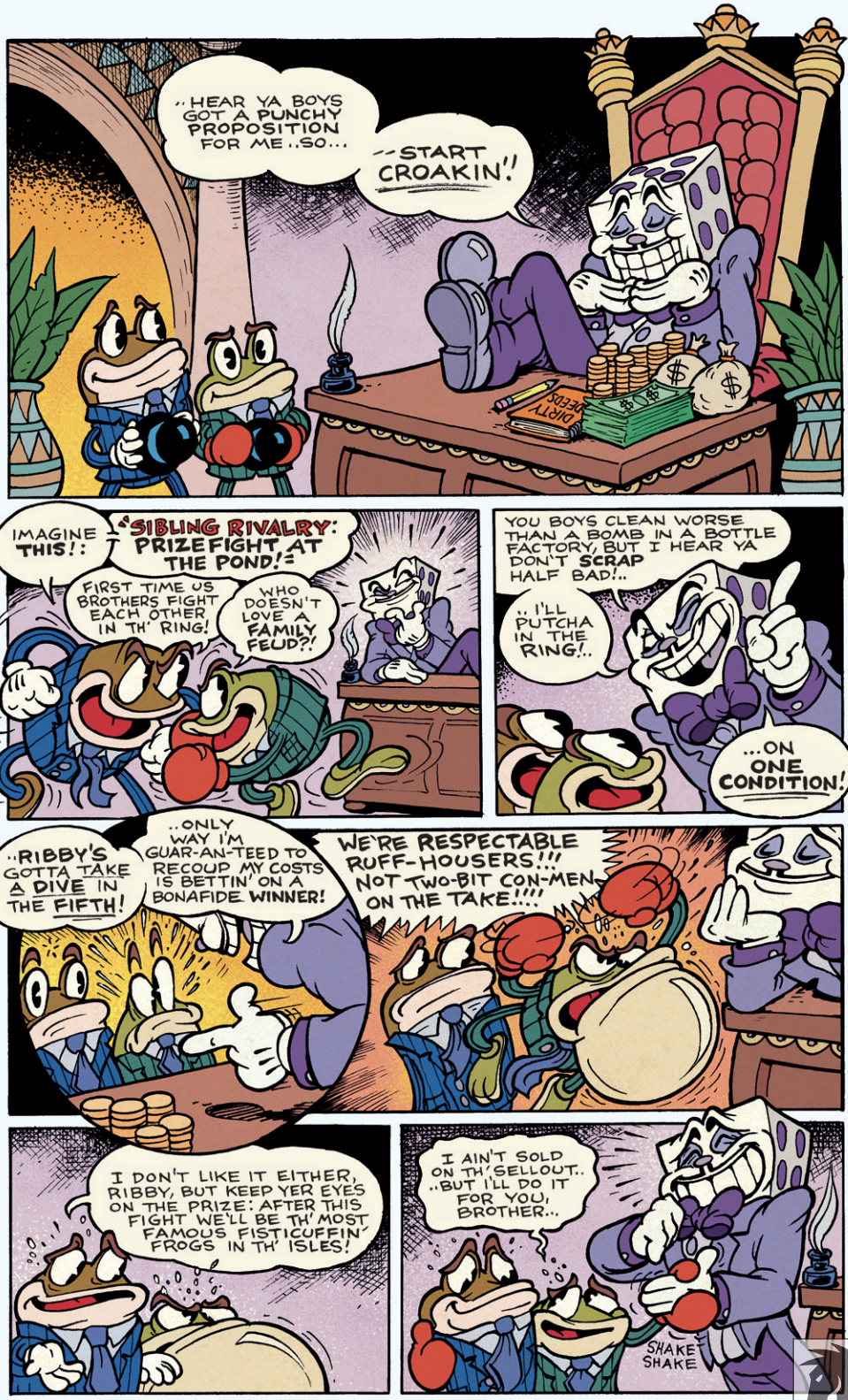

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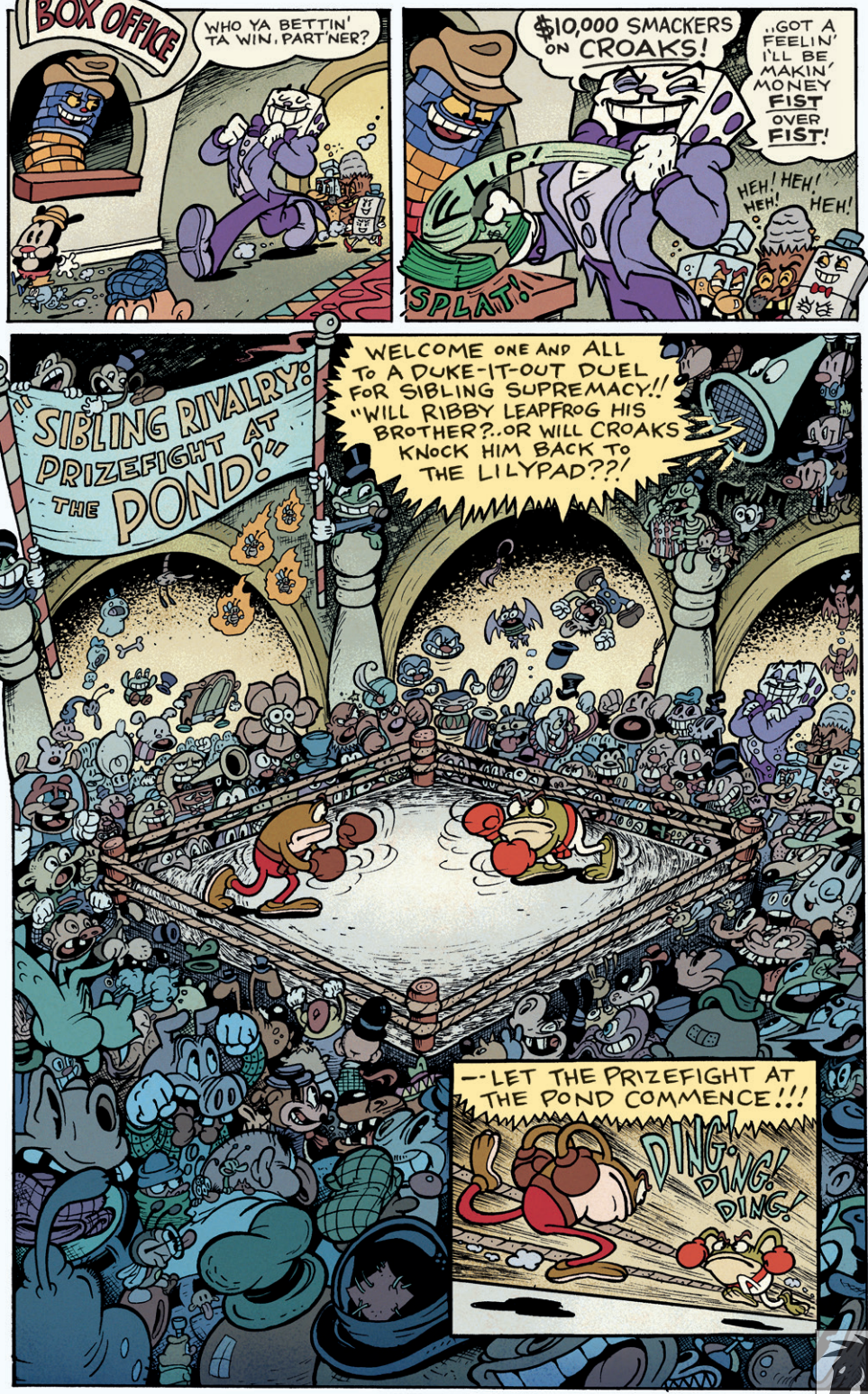




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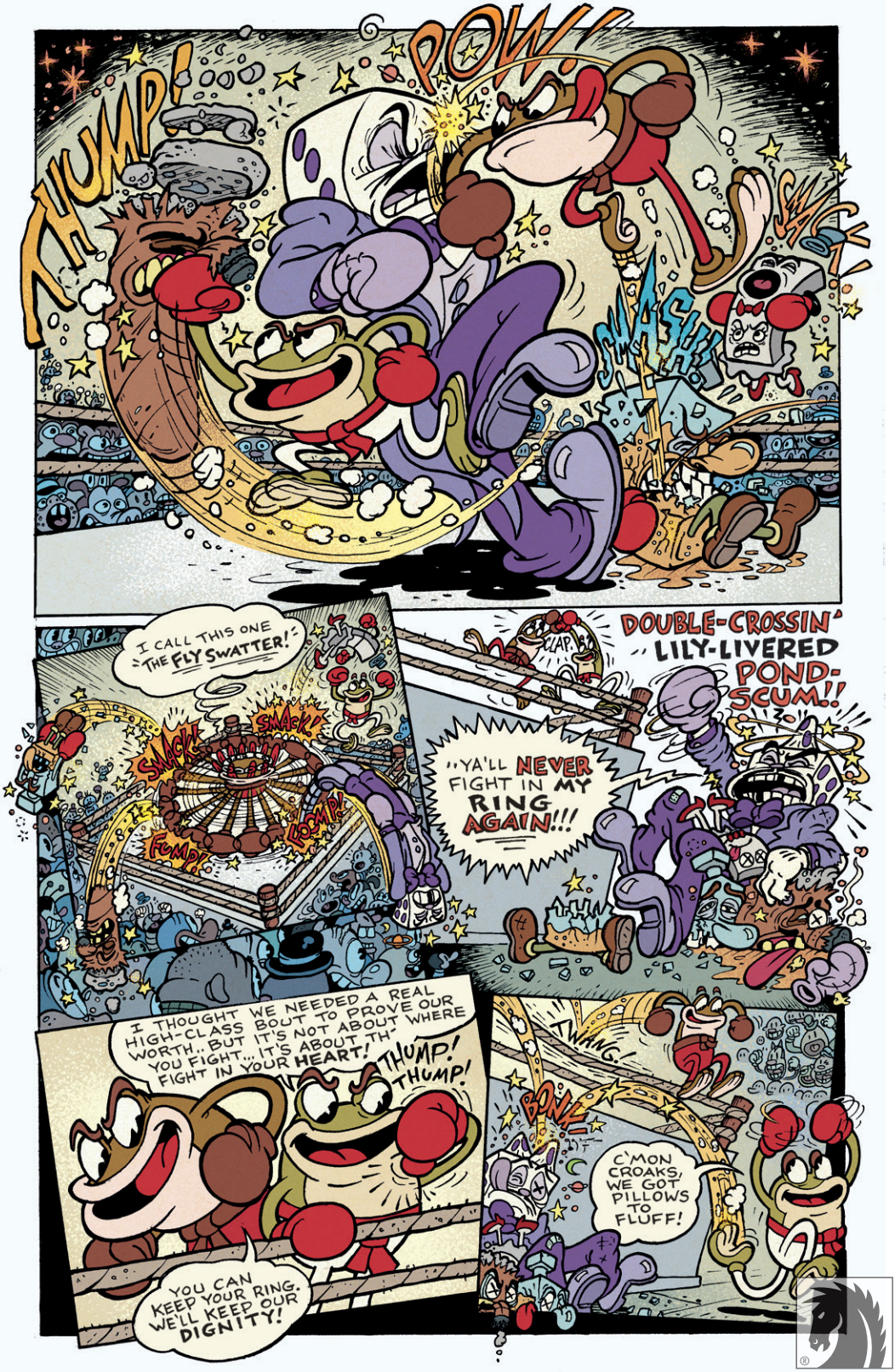
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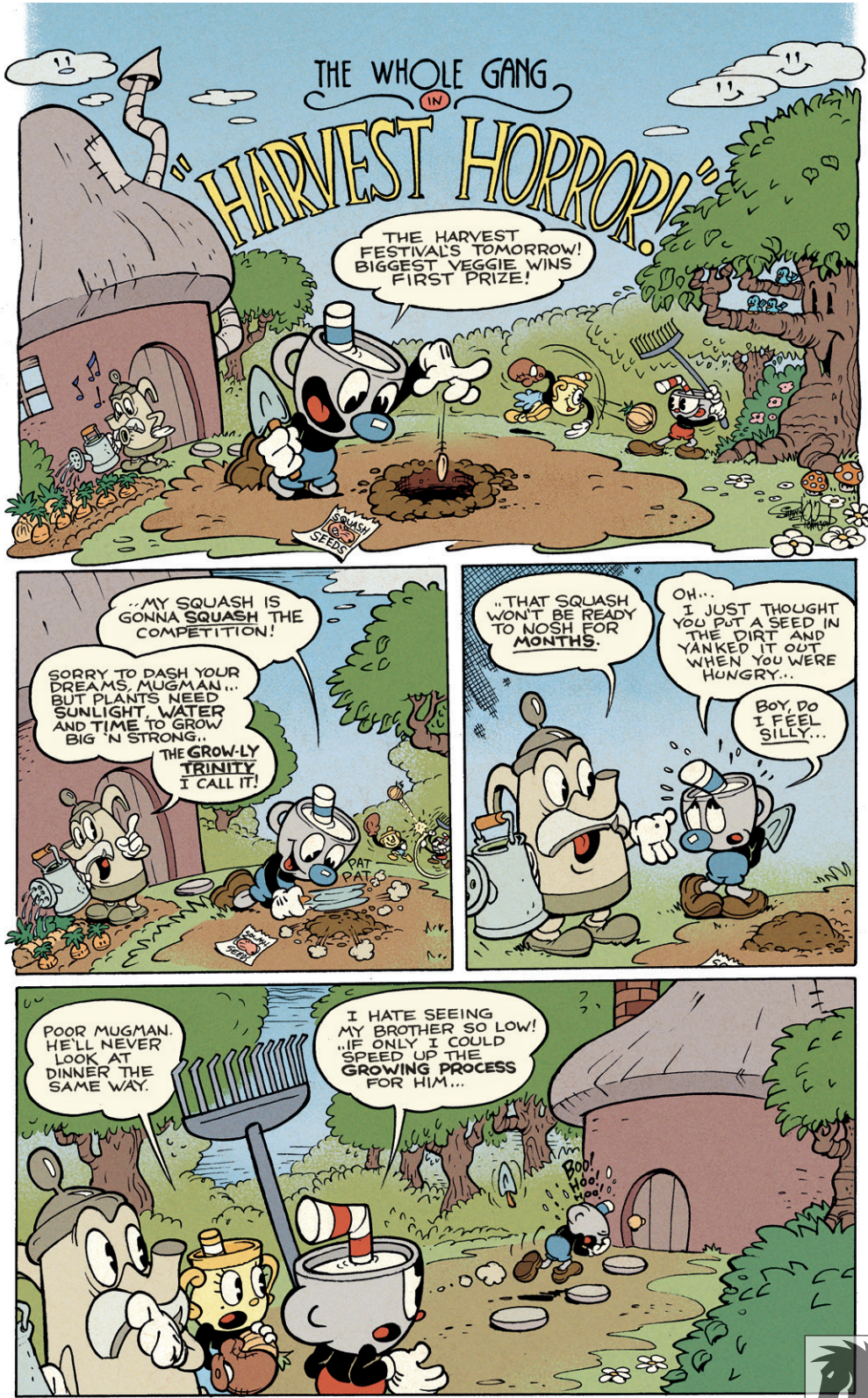
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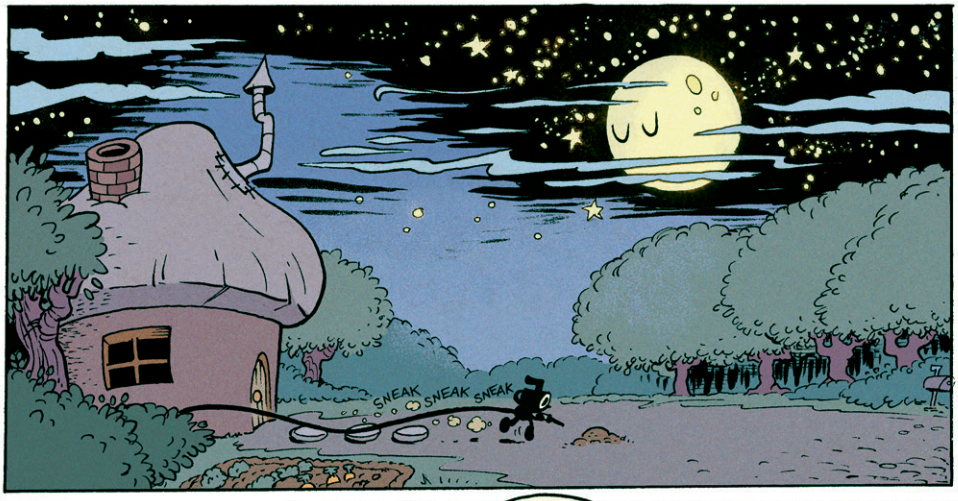
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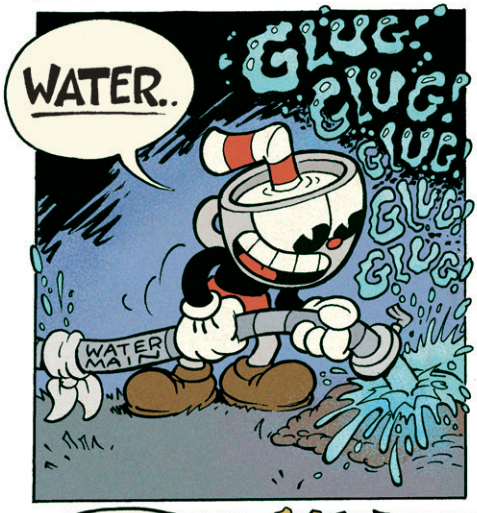


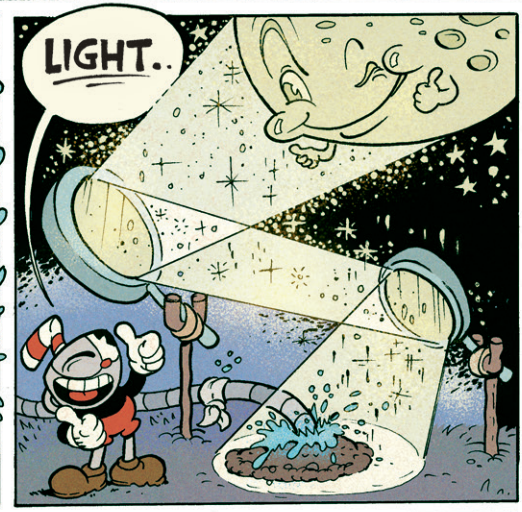
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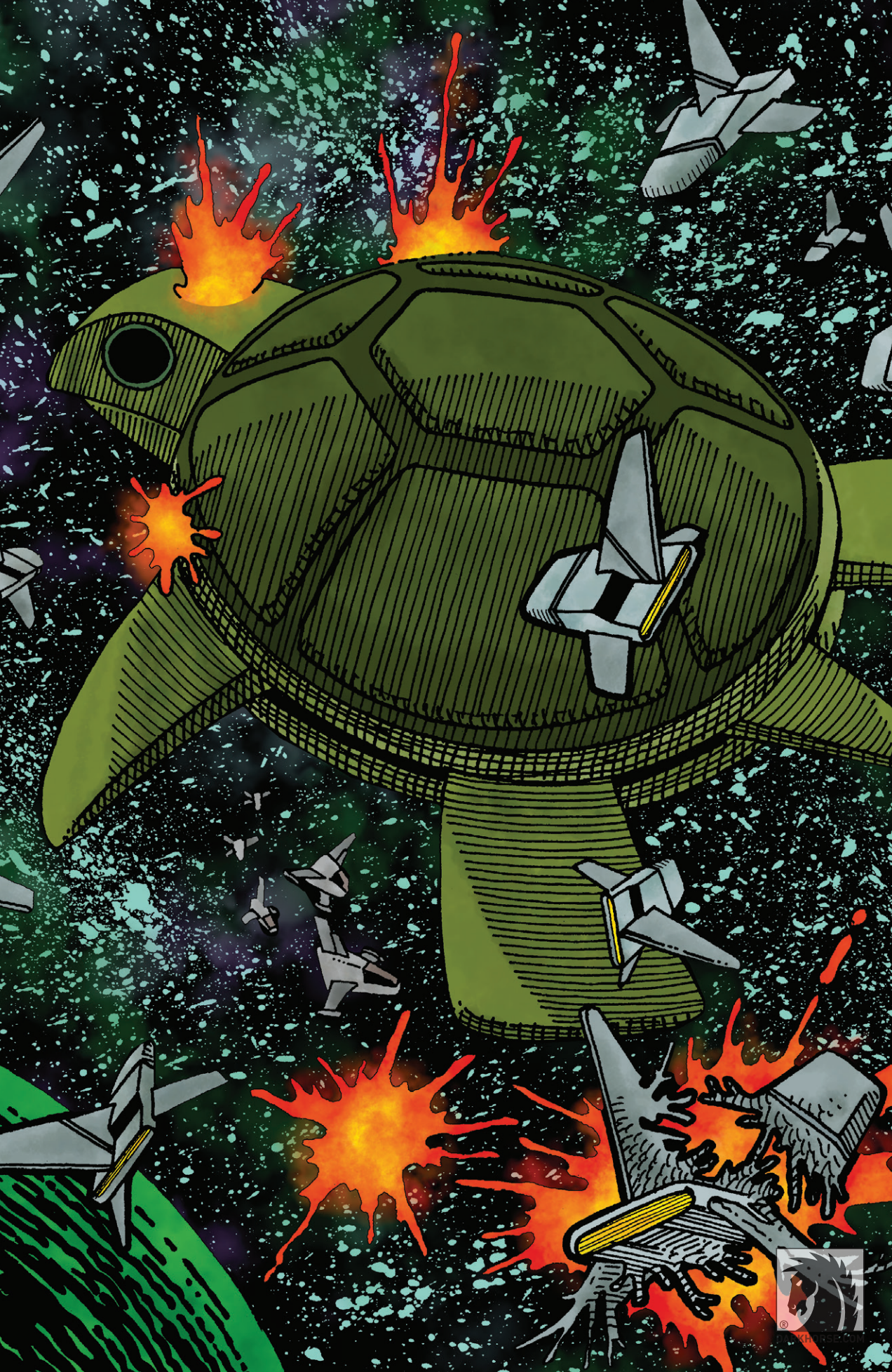


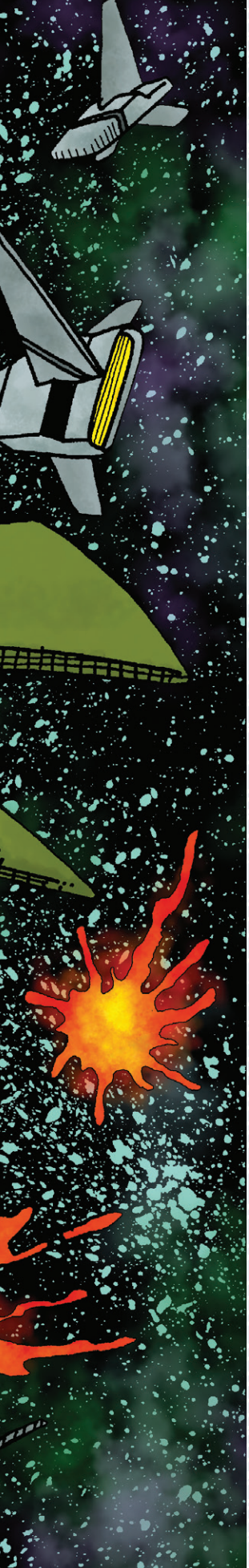
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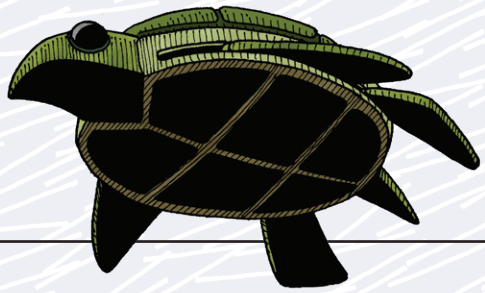
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FOREWORD

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.

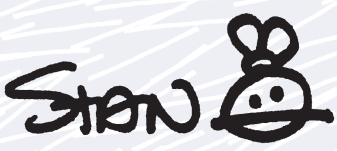
Netflix's *Samurai Rabbit: The Usagi Chronicles* premiered in April 2022 and acted as a bridge between *Usagi Yojimbo* and *Space Usagi*. It took elements from *Usagi Yoimbo: Senso*, expanded upon it, and used that technology to create a new environment—futuristic, but not as far down the timeline as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

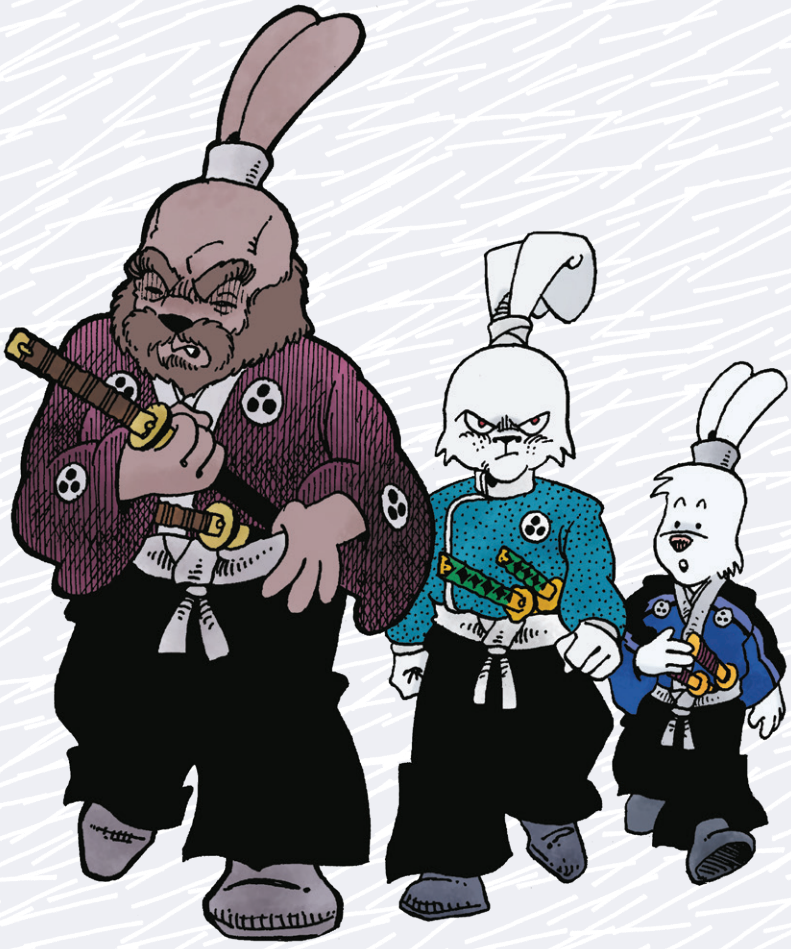
The last time we saw him was in *Usagi Yojimbo: Senso*. He and Mariko were about to become parents. It's now a few years later and we are introduced to a new generation of *Space Usagi*, Miyamoto Akemi.

Enjoy.

—Stan Sakai, September 2023



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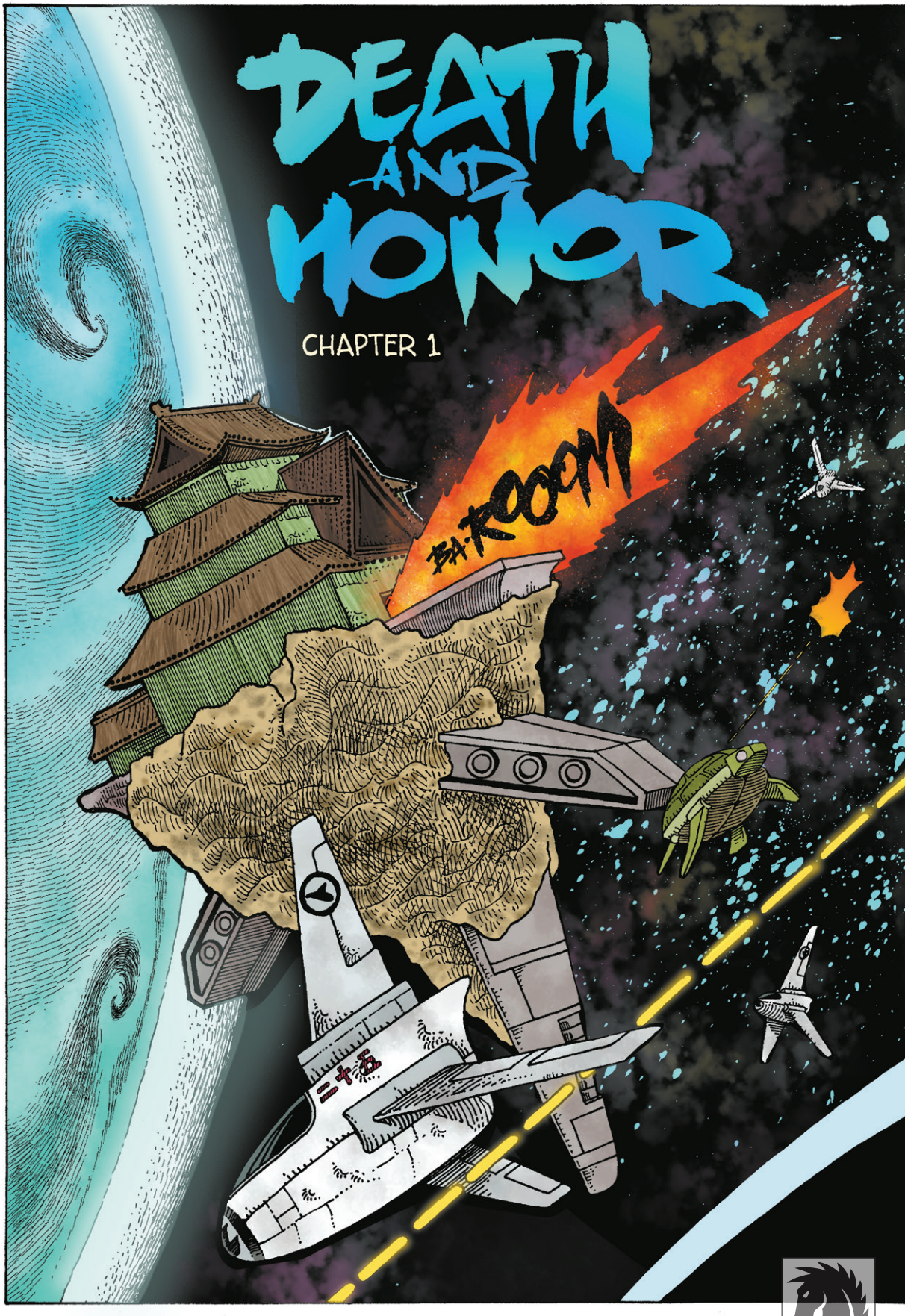
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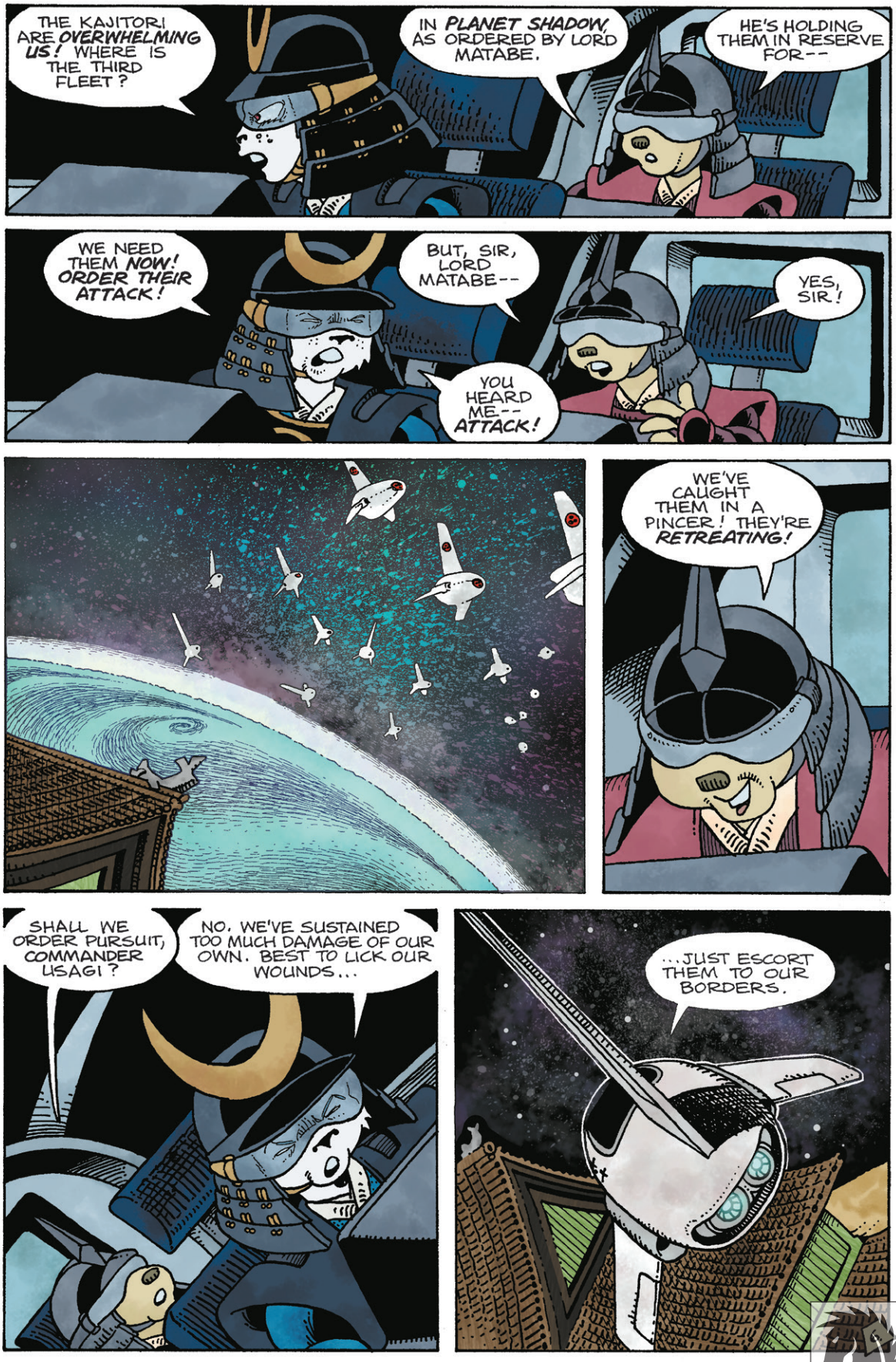
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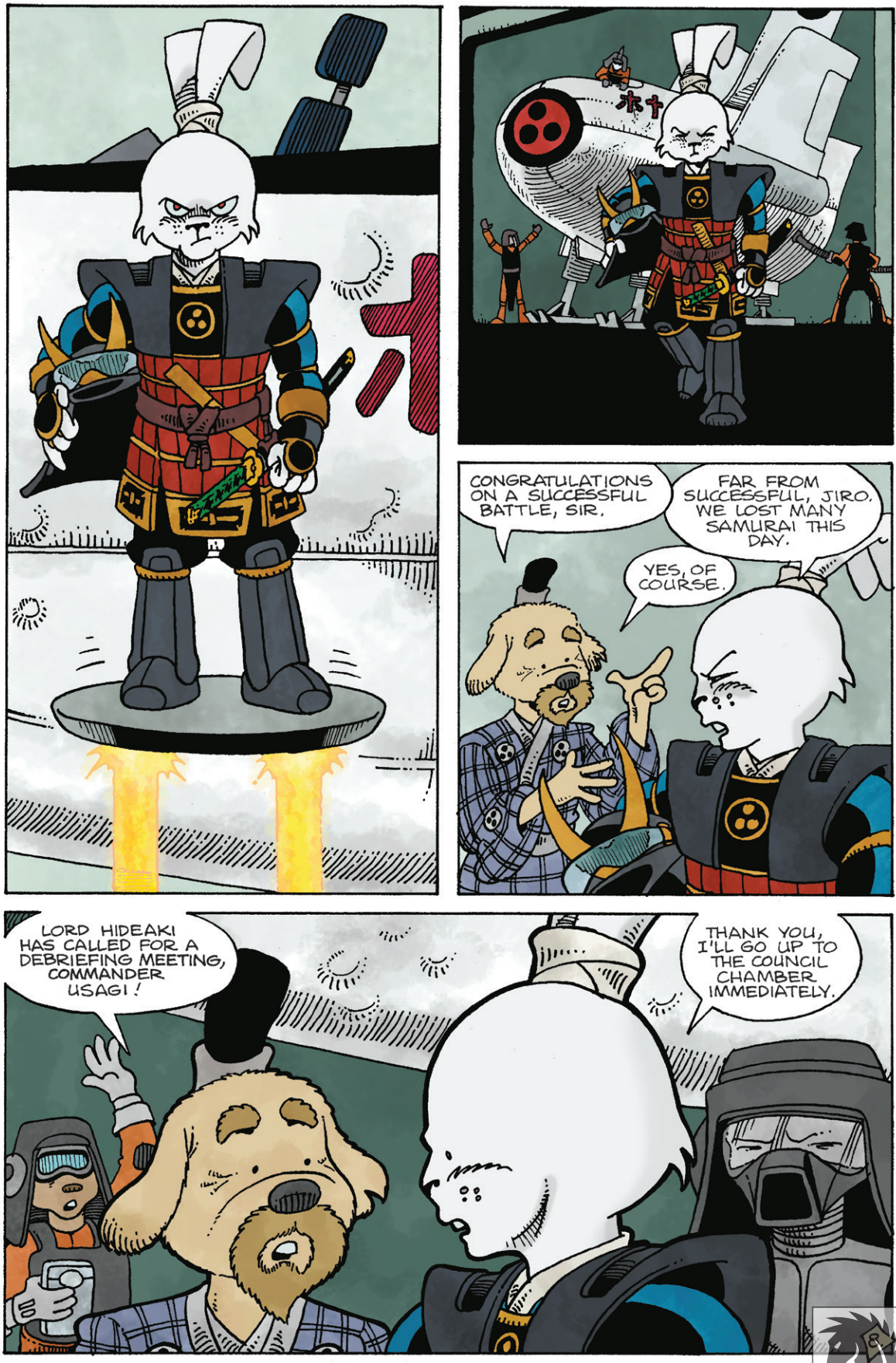
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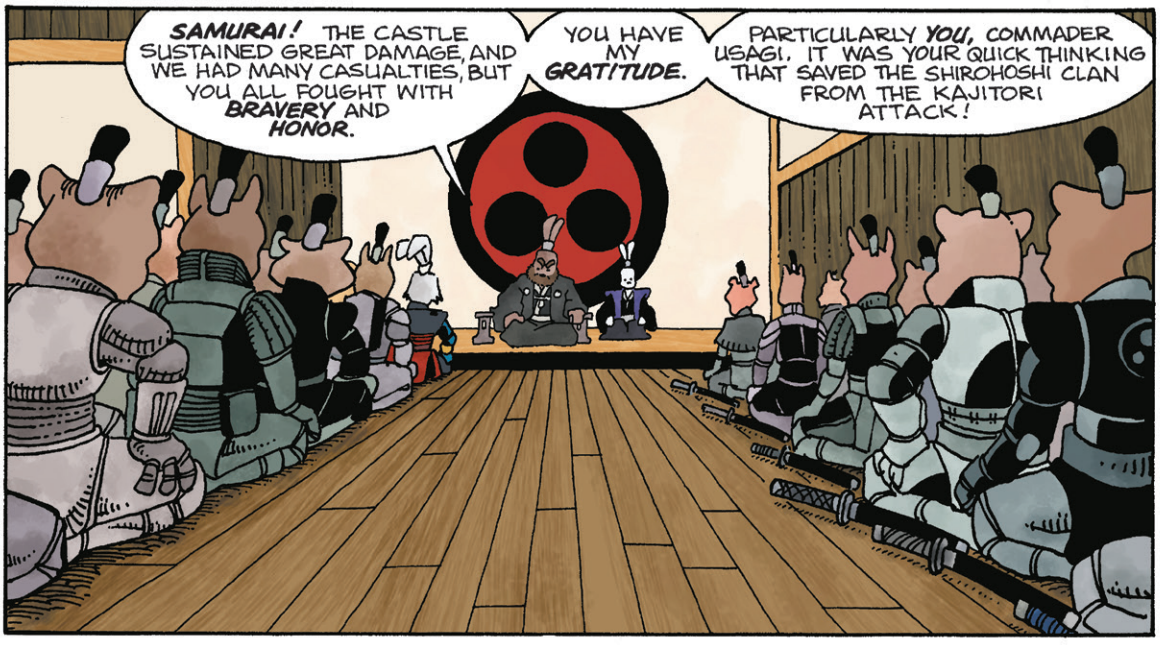
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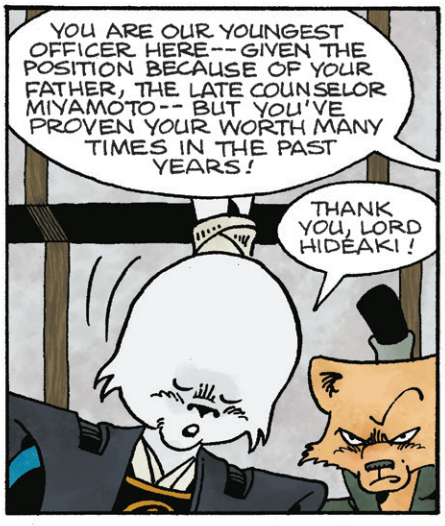


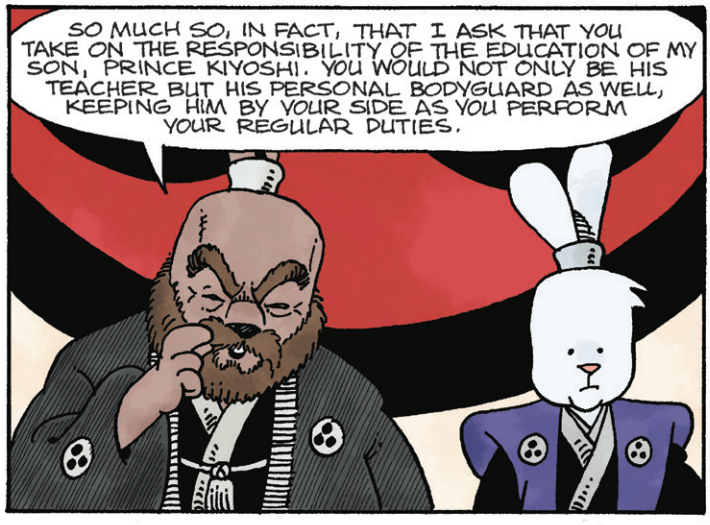
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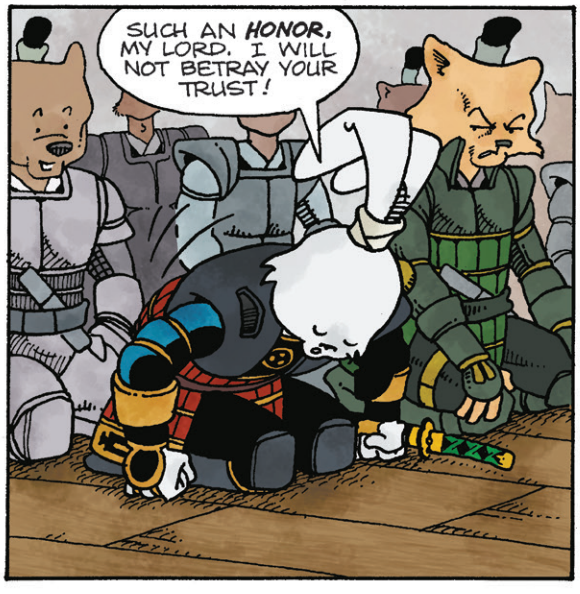


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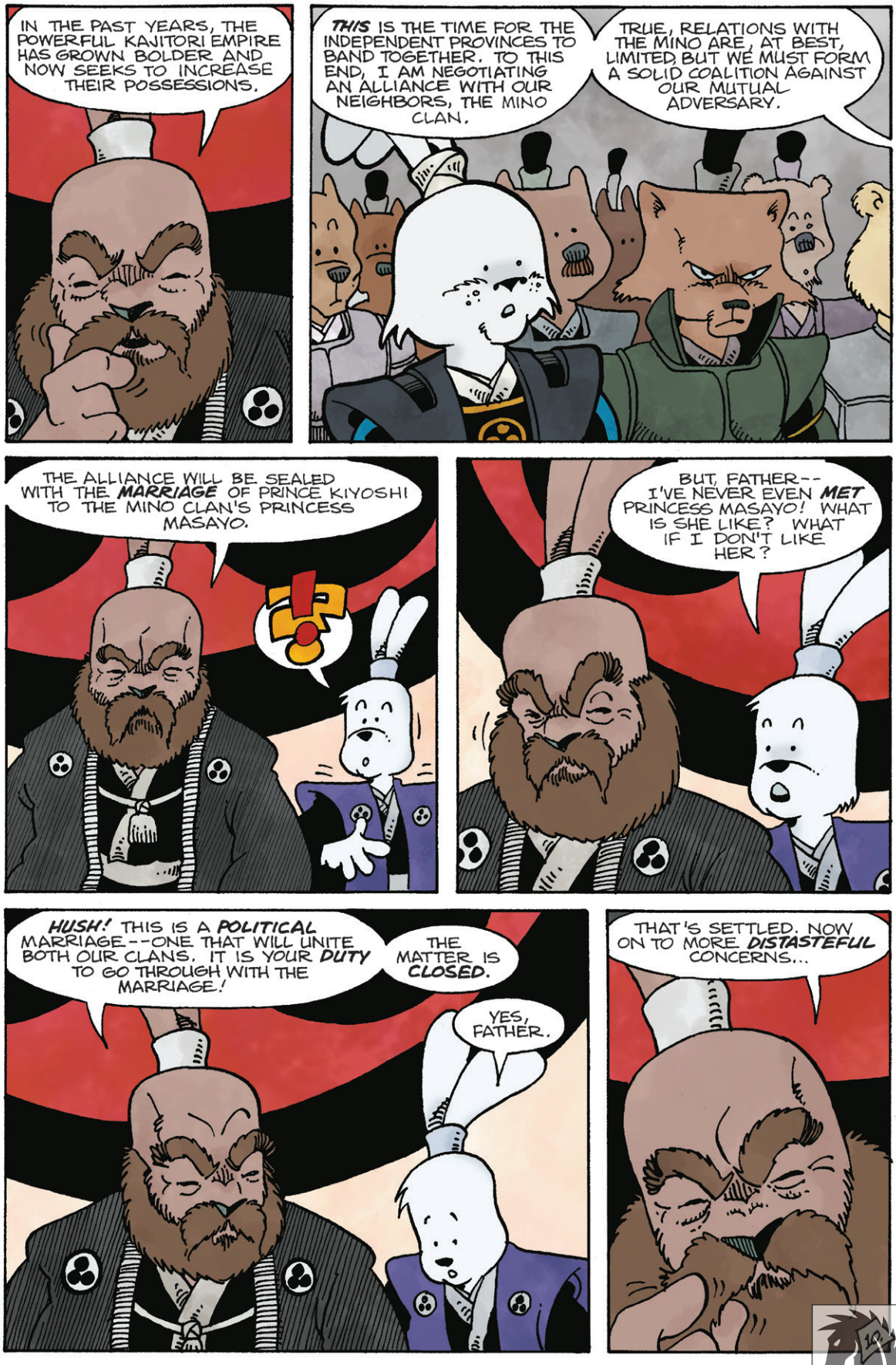








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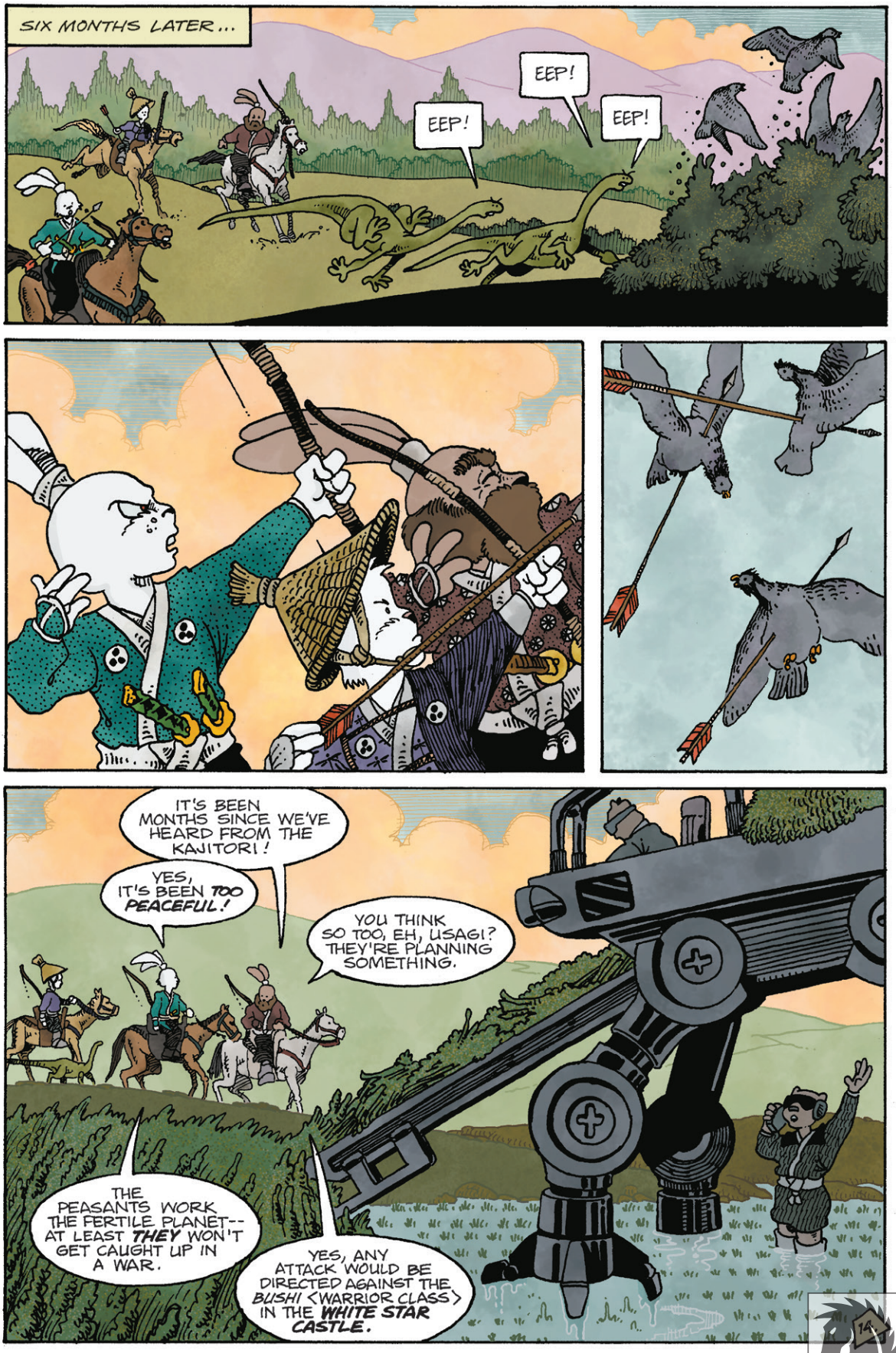
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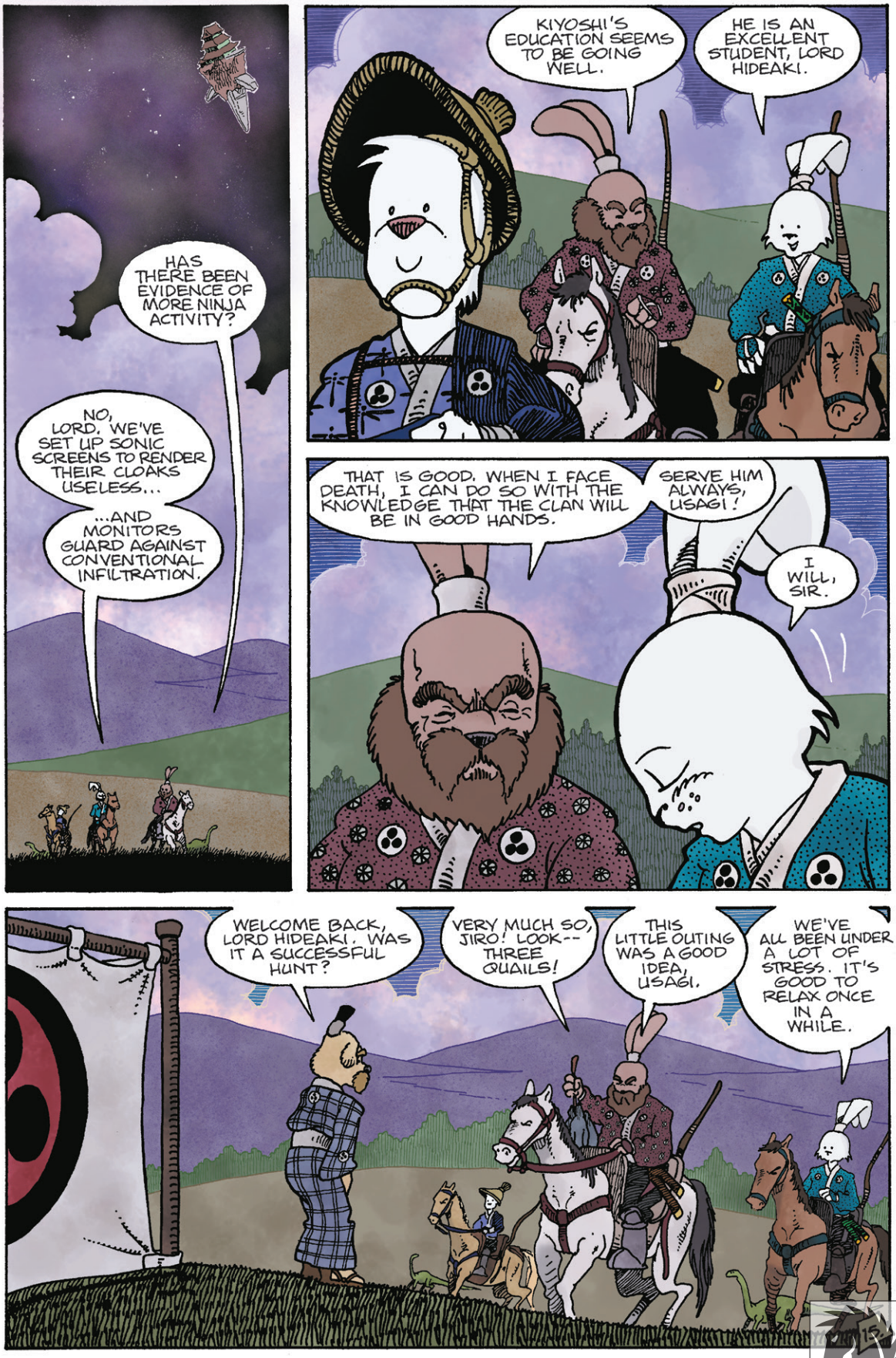
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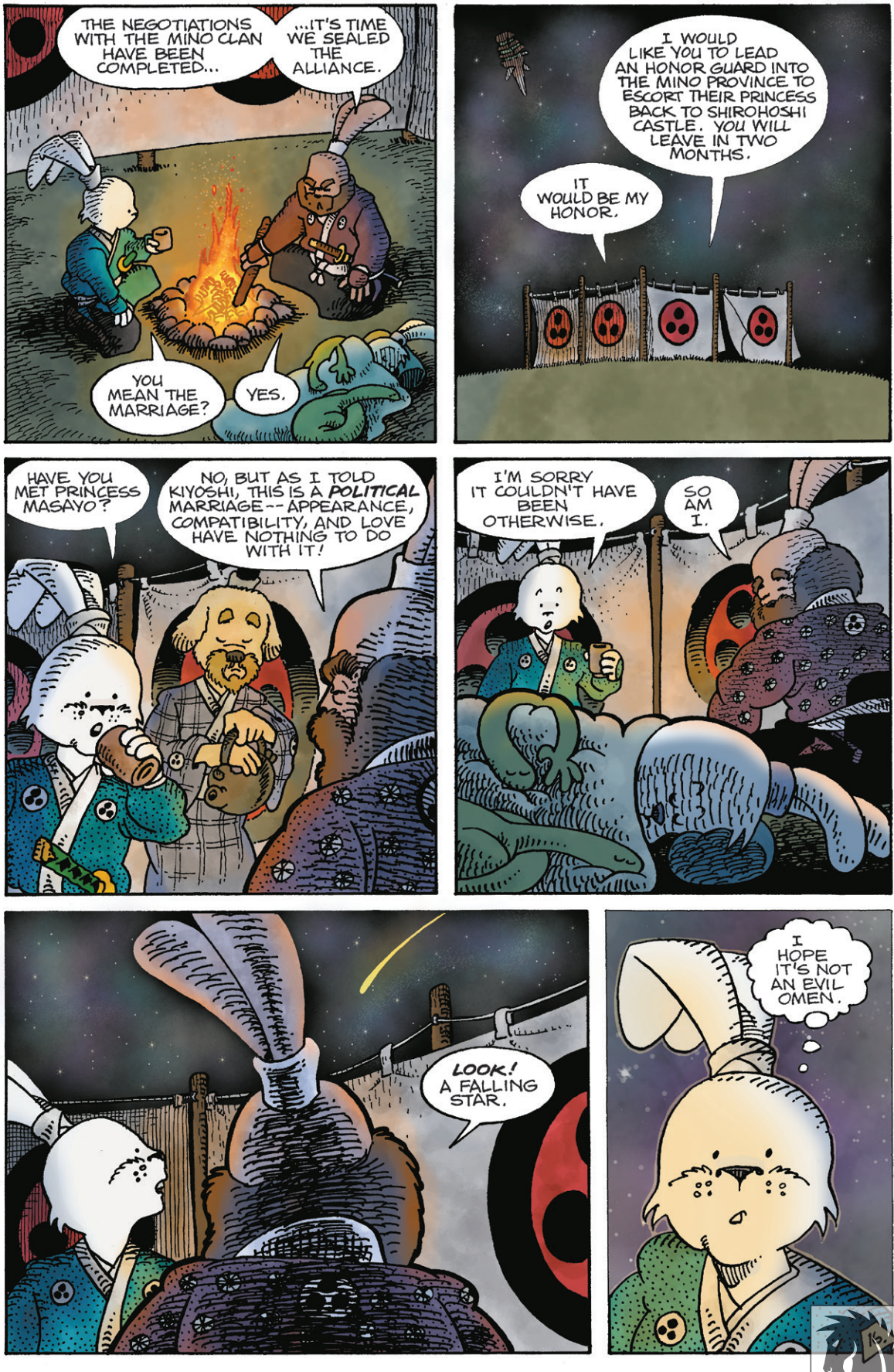
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