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The coastal Maine town of Jonah's Harbor was settled in 1763 by Colonel Jonathan Bandy.



He named the new territory after his infant son Jonah, who died in childbirth, along with the Colonel's wife.



In 1777, acting as the Jonah's Harbor justice of the peace, Bandy accused his mistress of witchcraft.



Local legend holds that before she died, the woman put a two-hundred-year curse on the town.

Over the years, the town was beset by random tragedies and bizarre occurrences.

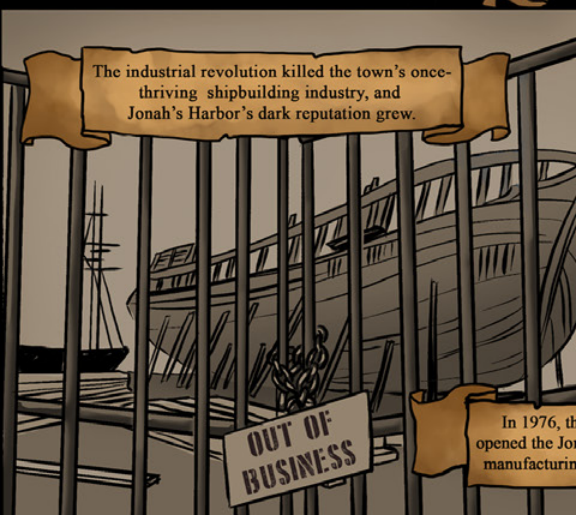


In 1898, while out on a moonlight stroll, a woman named Sarah Crockett was brutally murdered by an unknown assailant who was never caught.



Crockett's headless body was found three days later.

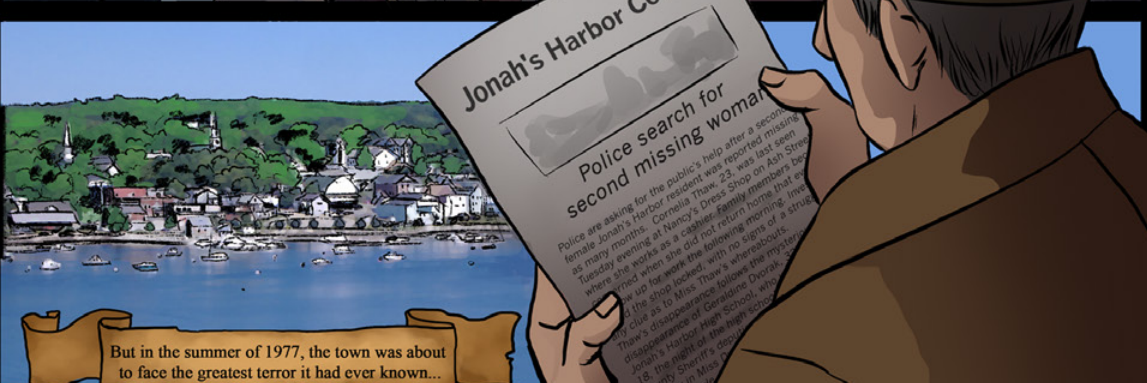
The industrial revolution killed the town's once-thriving shipbuilding industry, and Jonah's Harbor's dark reputation grew.



In 1976, the Sea Star Paper Company opened the Jonah's Harbor Mill, a paper mill manufacturing 350 tons of newsprint a day.



The mill thrived and the town thrived, and to long-time residents of Jonah's Harbor, it seemed as if the bad times had finally ended.



But in the summer of 1977, the town was about to face the greatest terror it had ever known...

Jonah's Harbor Courier

Police search for second missing woman

Police are asking for the public's help after a second female Jonah's Harbor resident was reported missing as many months ago. Cornelia Thaw, 23, was last seen Tuesday evening at Nancy's Dress Shop on Ash Street where she works as a cashier. Family members believe she was abducted with no signs of a struggle when she did not return home that night. The disappearance follows that of a 17-year-old girl who disappeared in the same area last year. The police are looking for a suspect who was seen near the shop located with no signs of a struggle. The disappearance follows that of a 17-year-old girl who disappeared in the same area last year. The police are looking for a suspect who was seen near the shop located with no signs of a struggle.

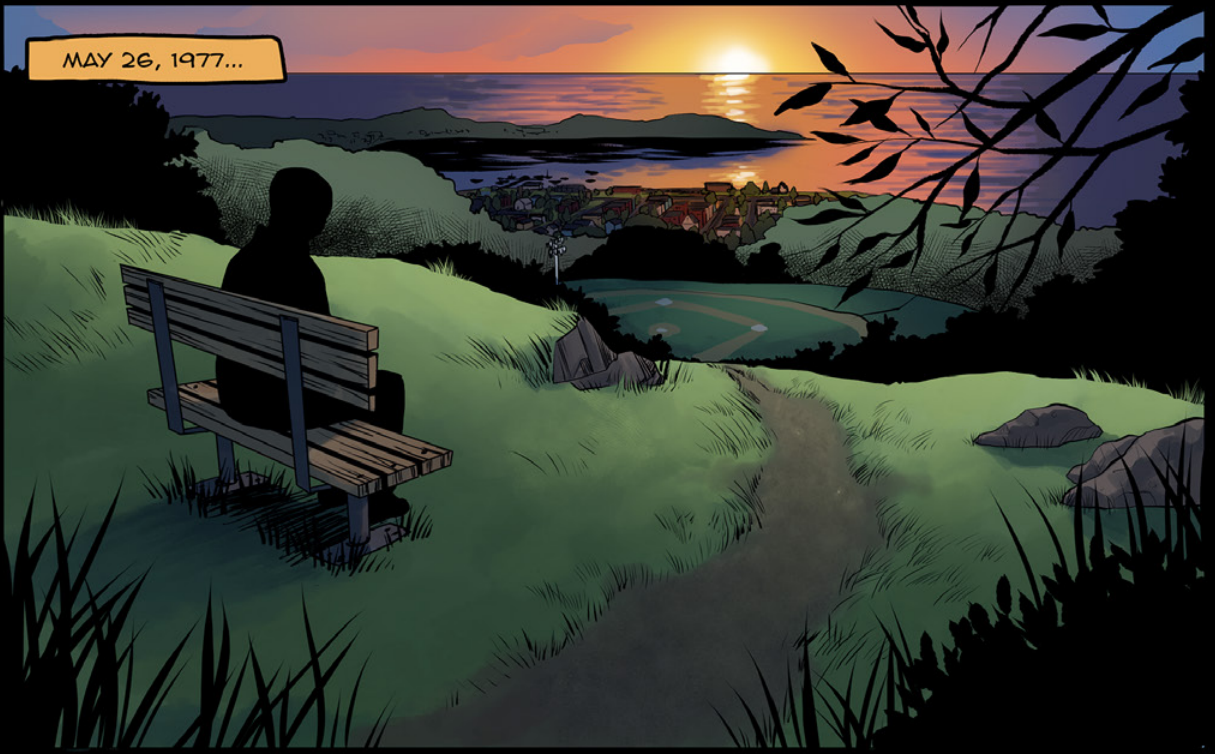
...and before anybody even realized what was happening, it was already too late to stop.



GO CHICKADEE

CRACK

MAY 26, 1977...





HOW'D THE GAME GO?



IT WAS A BLOWOUT!
WE KILLED THEM,
12-21!



HEH...YEAH,
I KNOW.
I WAS THERE.



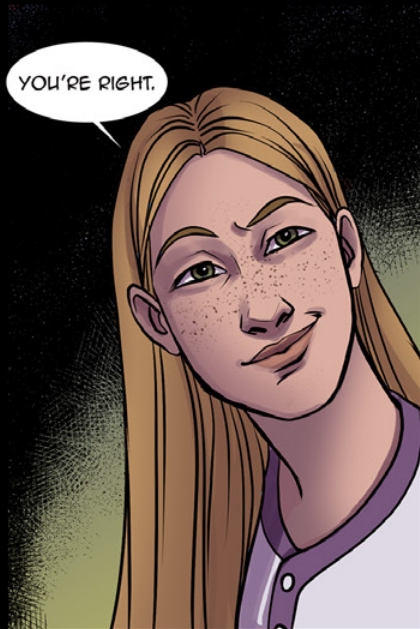
THEN WHY'D YOU ASK?!

I JUST THOUGHT YOU'D ENJOY SAYING IT.

SMACK!



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YOU'RE RIGHT.



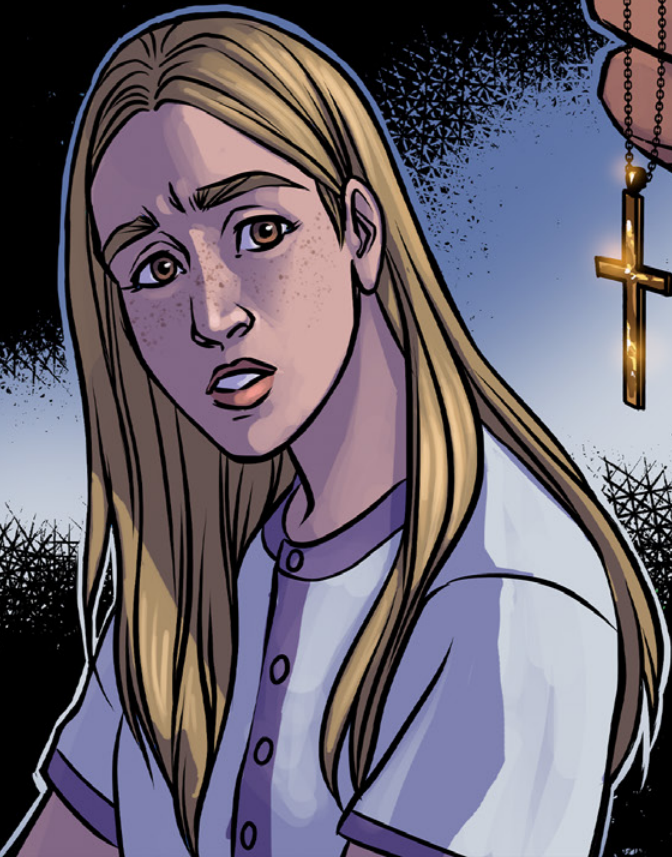
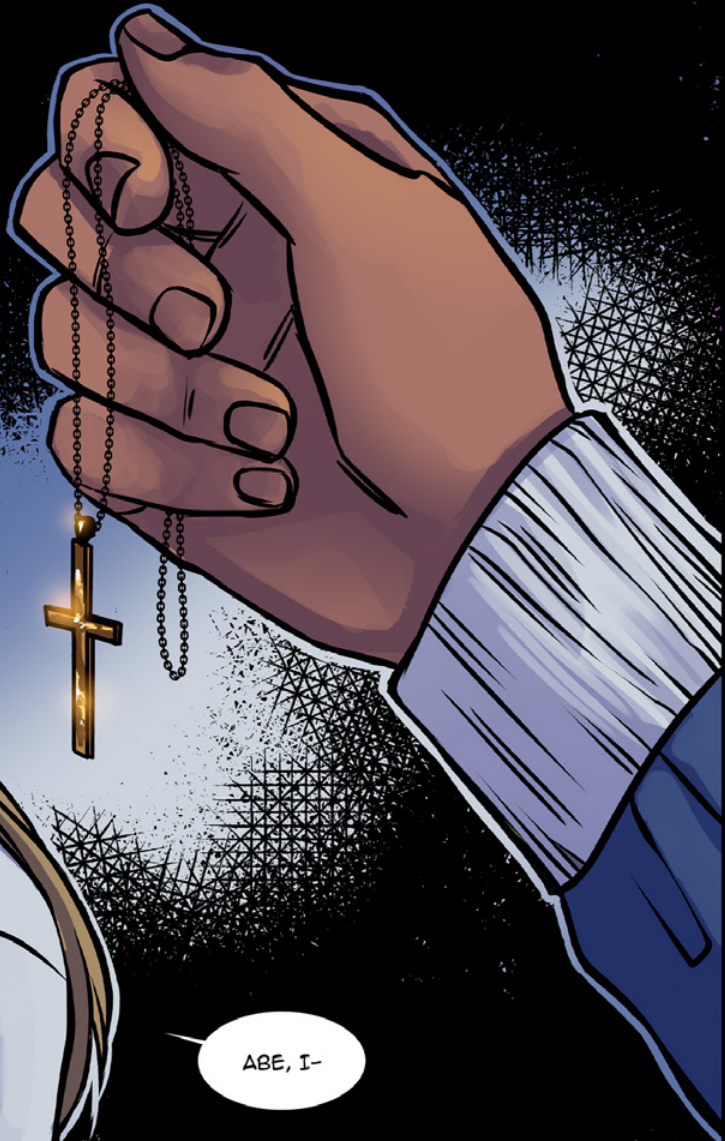


I GOT SOMETHING FOR YOU.

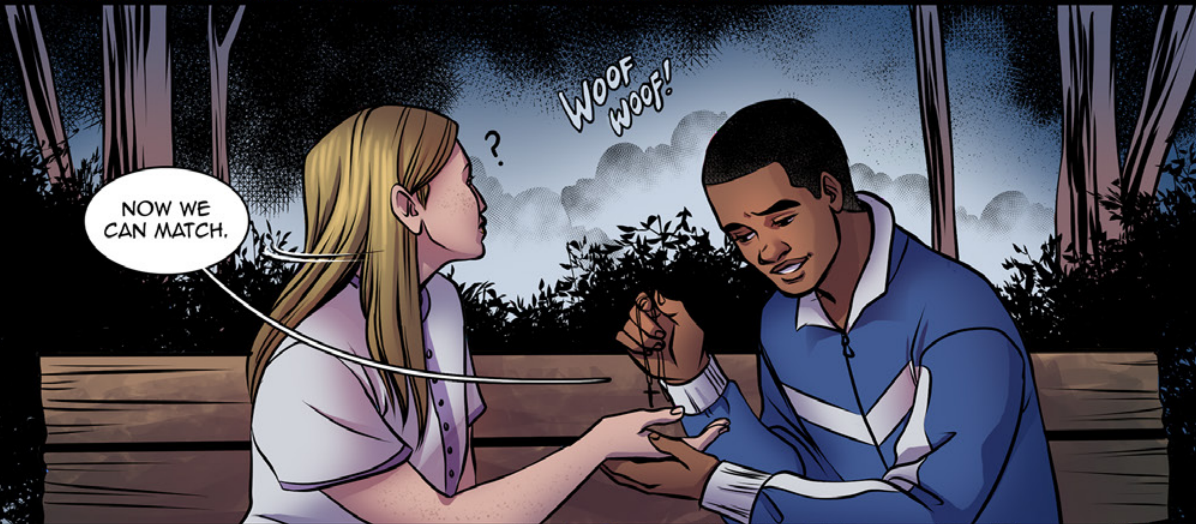
YEAH?



I GOT YOU ONE.



ABE, I-



NOW WE CAN MATCH.

WOOF WOOF!

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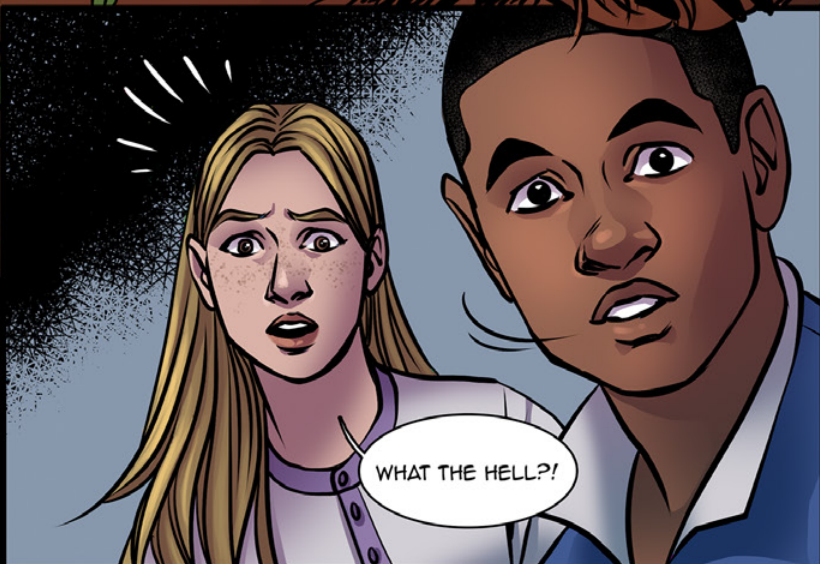


ABE, I DON'T KNOW IF I SHOULD TAKE-



ARF ARF
ARF ARF
ARF ARF
ARF ARF

PSSH



WHAT THE HELL?!



WHAT'S WRONG, BOY?



CAREFUL, JESSIE. IT COULD BE RABID.



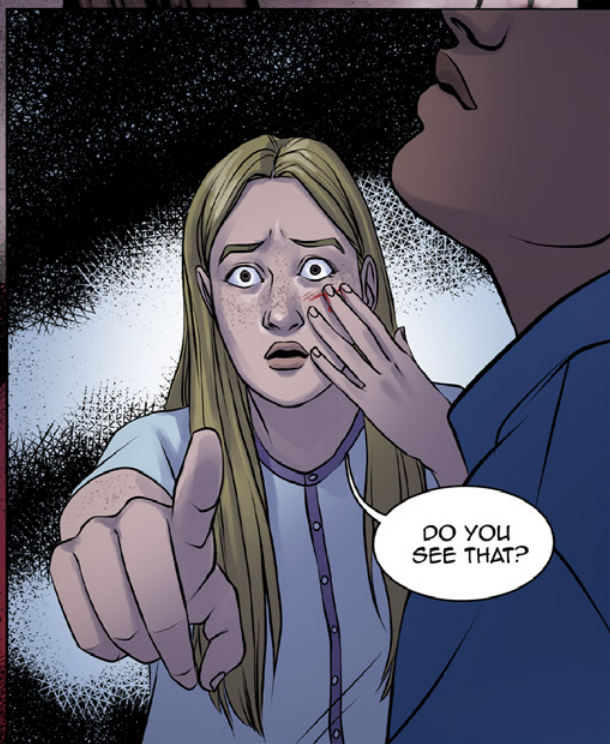
YOU'RE OKAY BUDDY. LET'S READ YOUR COLLAR HERE.

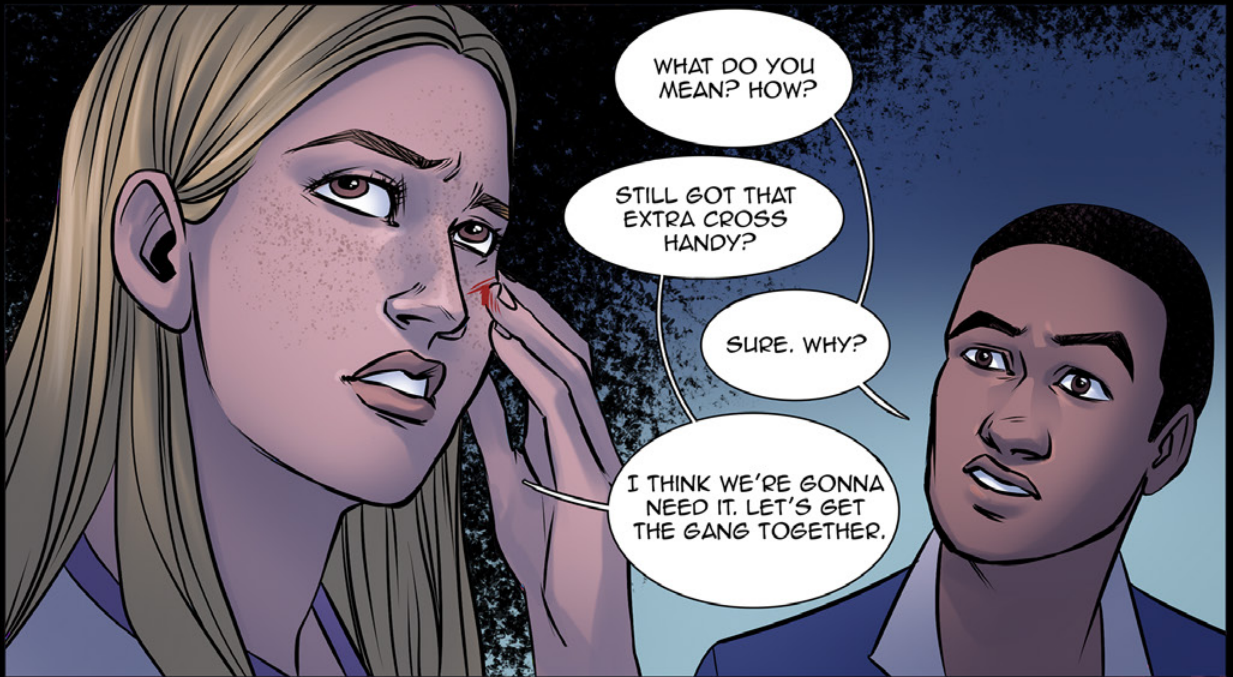
SCREEEEEEEEEEEE











...I OWE SOMEONE AN APOLOGY.



JOSH! VALERIE!
LOOK! THIS IS IT!

welcome to
Jonah's Harbor.





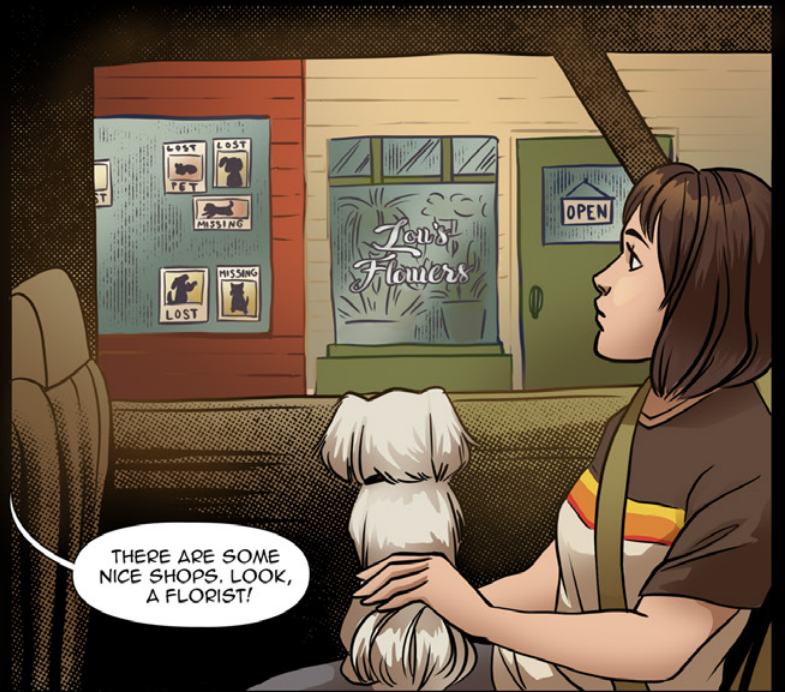
LOOK AT THE PRETTY BRIDGE, VAL! OOOH AND A COOL FORT BACK THERE!

JOSH? ARE YOU AWAKE?

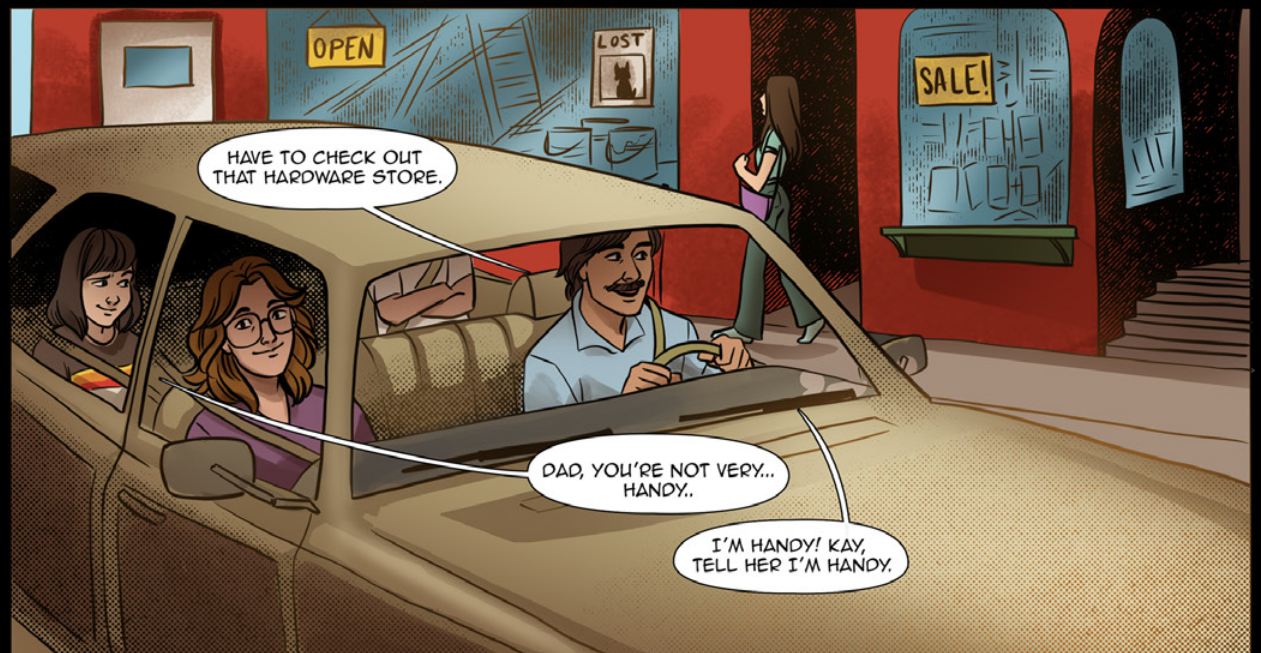


I'M AWAKE! I'M AWAKE! JESUS!

LANGUAGE.



THERE ARE SOME NICE SHOPS. LOOK, A FLORIST!



HAVE TO CHECK OUT THAT HARDWARE STORE.

DAD, YOU'RE NOT VERY... HANDY..

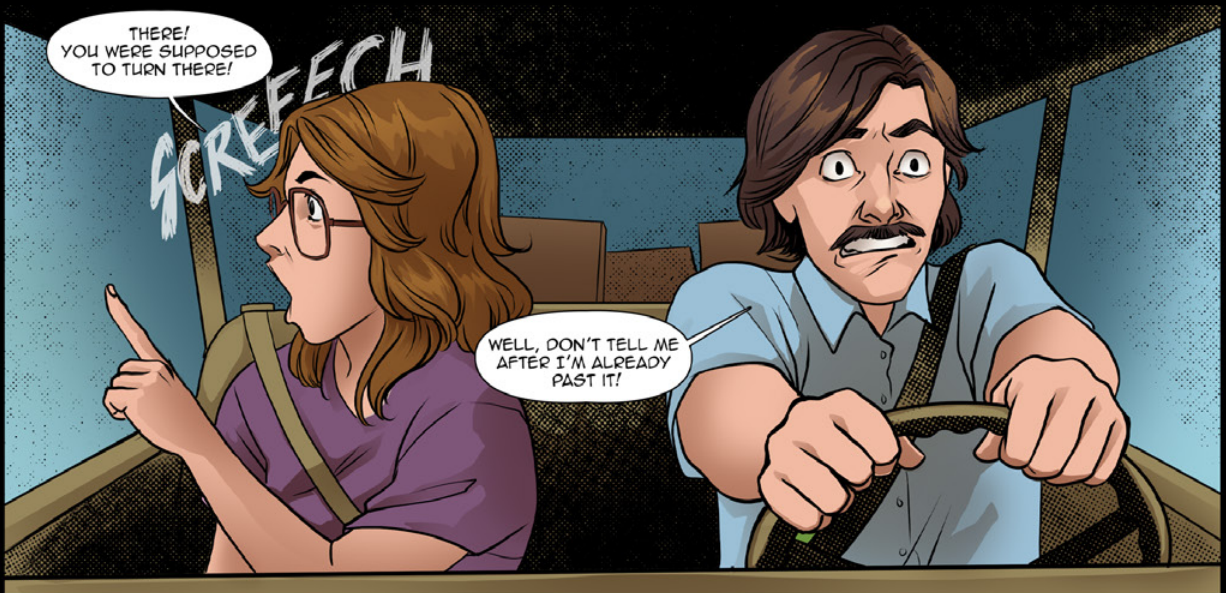
I'M HANDY! KAY, TELL HER I'M HANDY.



VALERIE, YOUR FATHER IS HANDY.



IS IT JUST ME OR ARE THERE A LOT OF LOST PET SIGNS?



THERE! YOU WERE SUPPOSED TO TURN THERE!

SCREEECH

WELL, DON'T TELL ME AFTER I'M ALREADY PAST IT!

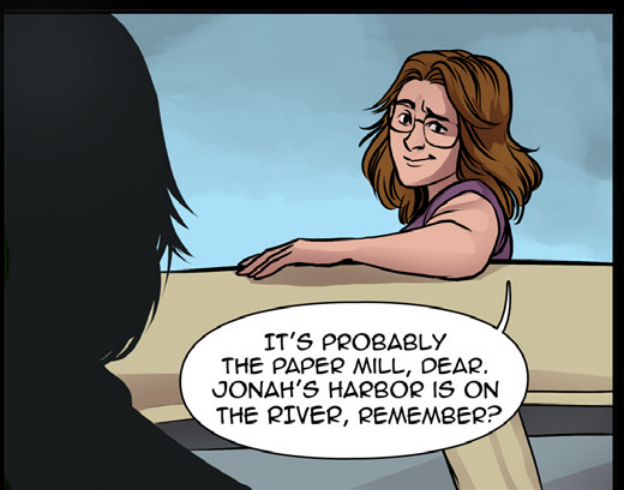
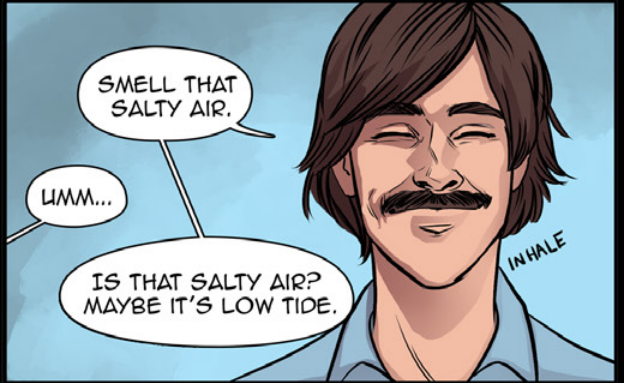
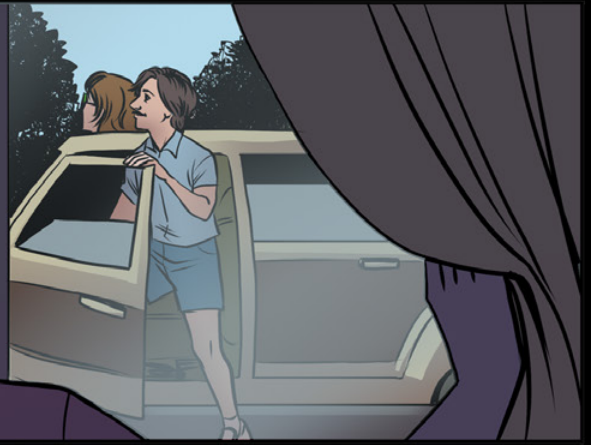


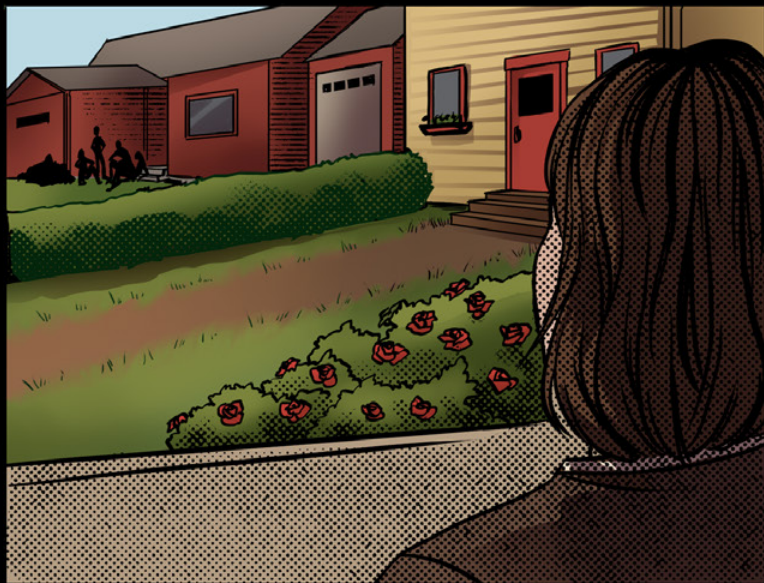
I THINK THAT'S IT.
UP THERE,
ON THE RIGHT.



OH MY GOSH, ROD!
IS THIS REALLY IT?
IT'S BEAUTIFUL!

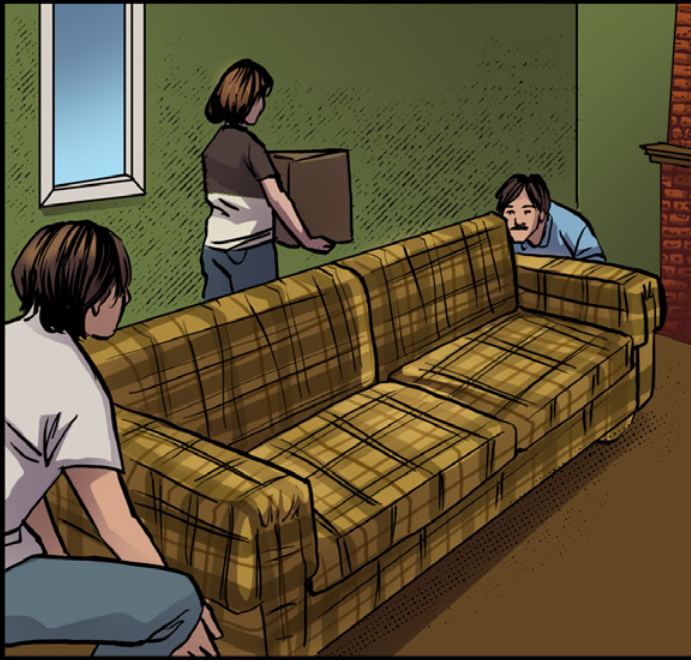
DIDN'T I TELL YOU?
THE COMPANY HOUSING
ISN'T BAD!







WHEN DID WE GET AN AXE?



SEE? A REAL FIREPLACE!
I ALWAYS WANTED ONE OF THESE.



THAT'S WHY I GOT THE AXE!
LET'S GO. THERE'S PLENTY MORE.





WHAT DO YOU THINK?

IT'S FINE.



VALERIE?



WHAT?

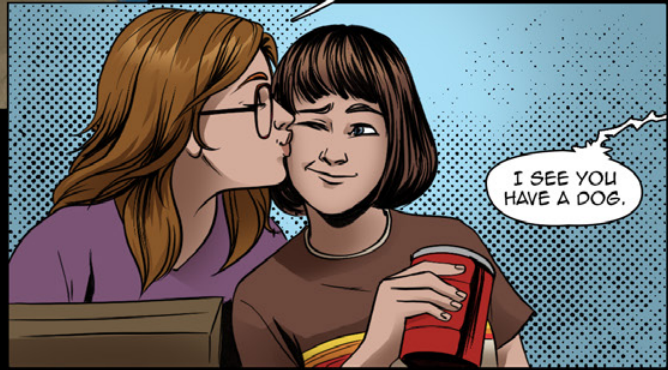
WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THE HOUSE?



I THINK IT'LL BE GREAT, MOM. I REALLY DO.

ANYONE SEEN MY MERCURY DIME COLLECTION?

LOVE YA PUMPKIN. BETTER GET THOSE SILLY DIMES TO YOUR FATHER.



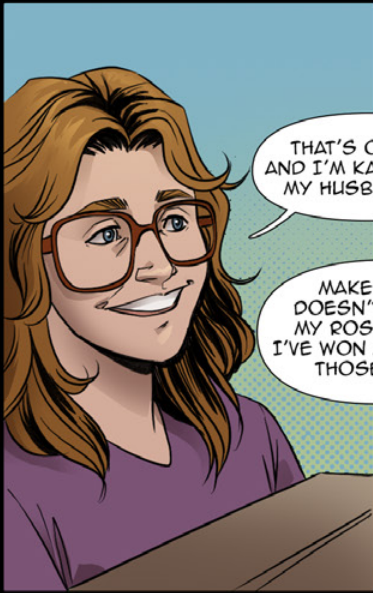
I SEE YOU HAVE A DOG.



I'M SORRY?



I SAID, I SEE YOU HAVE A DOG.



THAT'S OUR LUCY.
AND I'M KAY HASKELL.
MY HUSBAND ROD...

MAKE SURE IT
DOESN'T GET INTO
MY ROSE GARDEN.
I'VE WON AWARDS FOR
THOSE ROSES.



OH, NO.
LUCY IS A GOOD DOG.
SHE WON'T BE
ANY TROUBLE.



THOSE ARE
PRIZE ROSES.

I SEE. THEY'RE...LOVELY.
CONGRATULATIONS, MISS...
I'M SORRY. I DIDN'T
CATCH YOUR NAME.

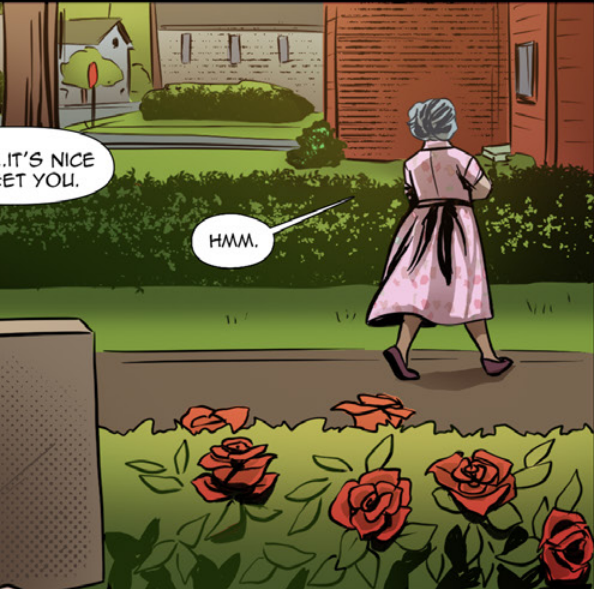


MRS. SANDERS.
GOOD DAY.



ANYWAY...IT'S NICE
TO MEET YOU.

HMM.





I CAN'T BELIEVE WE'RE HERE.



JOSH, WHY DON'T YOU TAKE LUCY FOR A WALK?



JOSH!

JUST- LEAVE HIM BE.



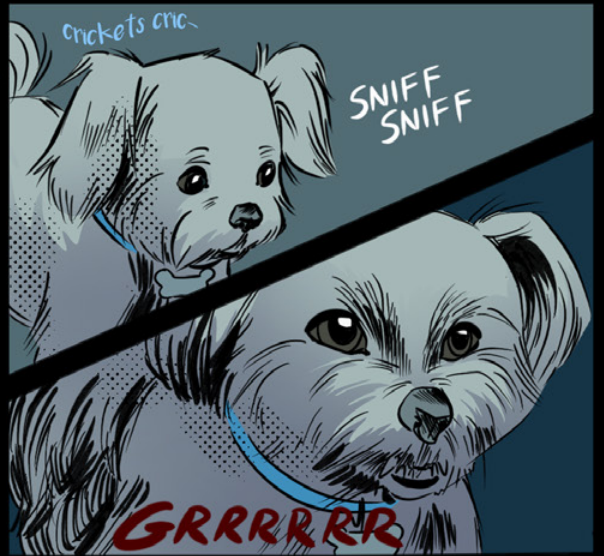
I'LL TAKE HER.



THANKS, HONEY.



DON'T WAIT UP!







WHO DO WE HAVE HERE?

HELLO?



NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH.
I DON'T THINK I KNOW YOU.



VALERIE HASKELL.



MY FAMILY JUST MOVED
IN ON CEDAR STREET.



WE'VE GOT A CURFEW
IN OUR TOWN, VALERIE.
A YOUNG LADY LIKE
YOURSELF SHOULD STICK
CLOSE TO HOME
AFTER DARK.



LIKE MYSELF??



WE GOT OFF ON THE WRONG FOOT. LET'S START OVER. I'M ED TYRE. I'M ONE OF THE GOOD GUYS. WHO'S YOUR LITTLE FRIEND?



THIS IS LUCY.

ARF!

LUCY LOOKS LIKE A GOOD WATCHDOG. YOU MIGHT NOT HAVE HEARD, BUT THERE'S A CURFEW IN PLACE RIGHT NOW. BAD STUFF HAS BEEN GOING ON.



VANDALISM... PEOPLE'S PETS HAVE GONE MISSING... A WOMAN WENT MISSING TOO. REAL BAD STUFF.

WE SAW A WOLF.

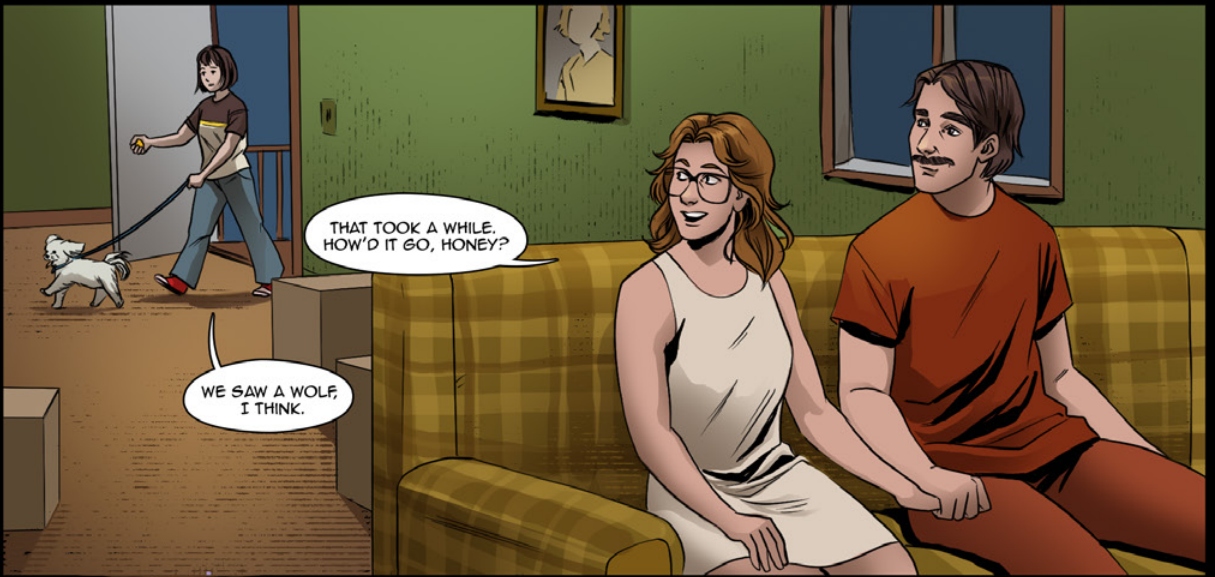
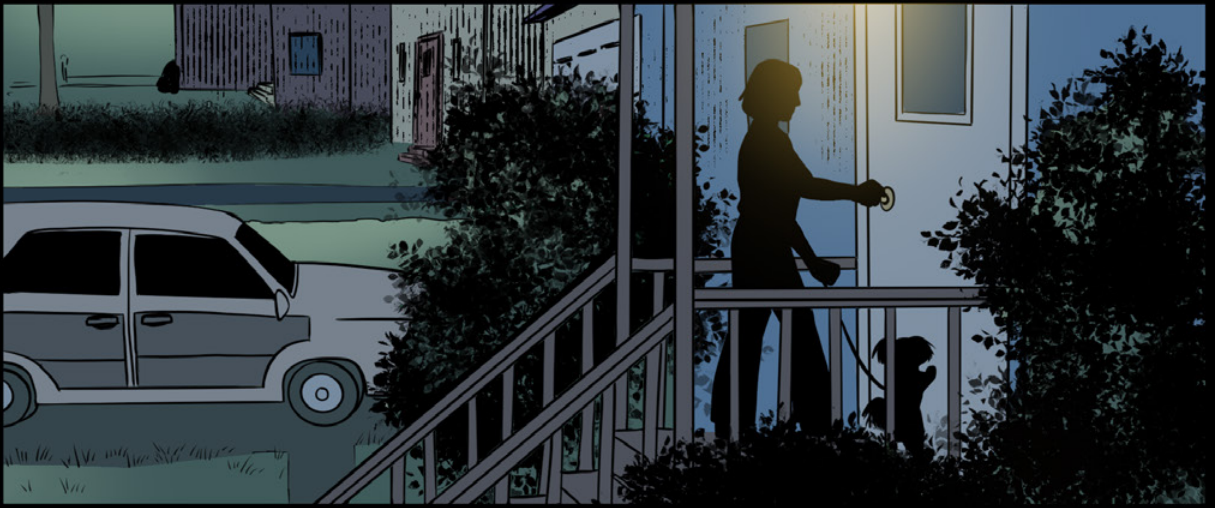


THIS CLOSE TO TOWN? YOU SURE?



IT JUST HAPPENED. YOU DIDN'T SEE IT? IT CAME OUT RIGHT BY THAT TREE-LINE. HEADED RIGHT FOR US!



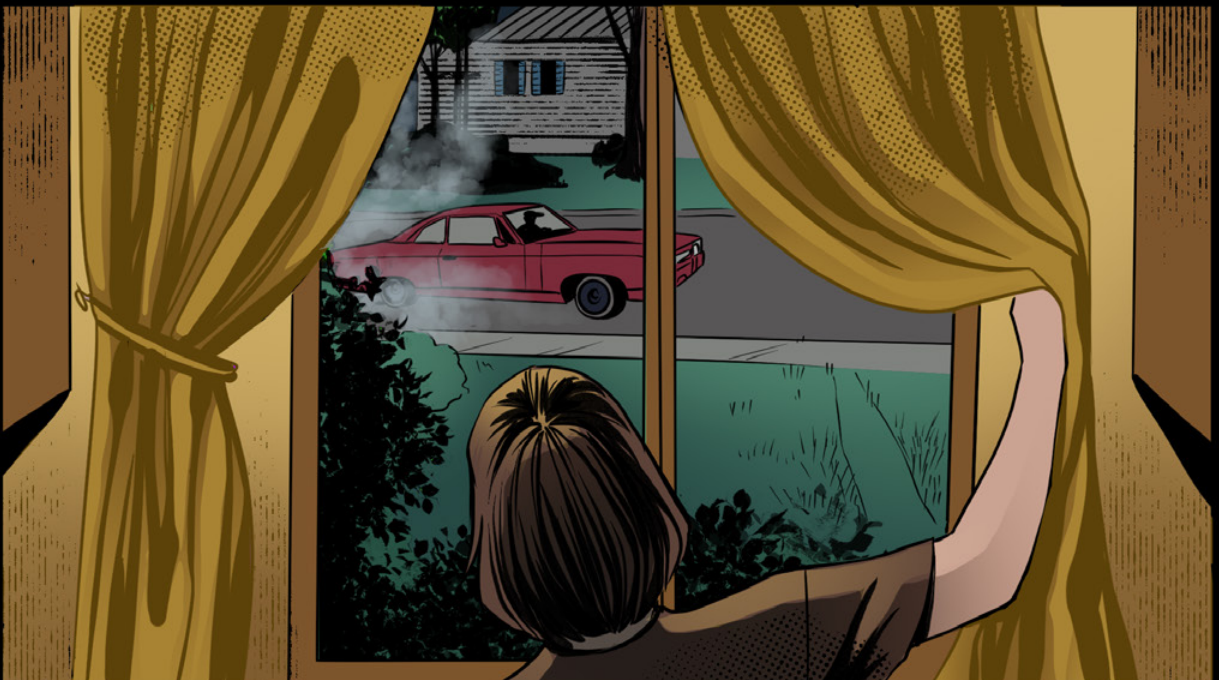




A CURFEW? REALLY?
WHAT TIME?



AFTER DARK, I GUESS.







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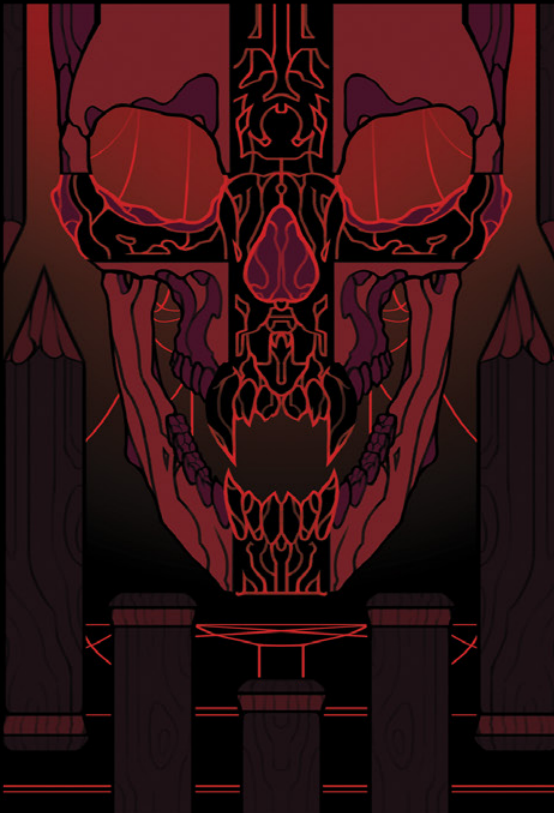
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At some point in your childhood, you and your friends went outside to play together for the last time and nobody knew it.



THANK YOU!

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