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in the strangest places...

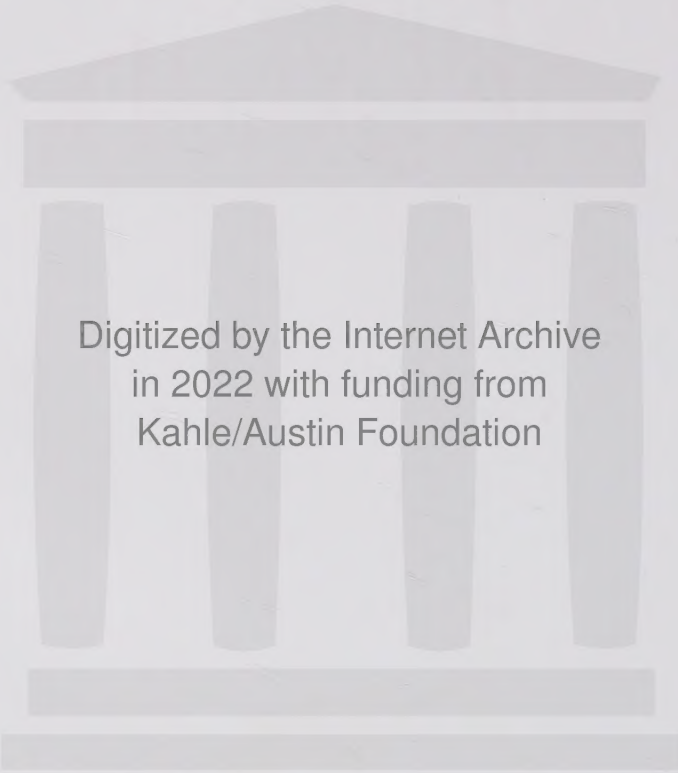


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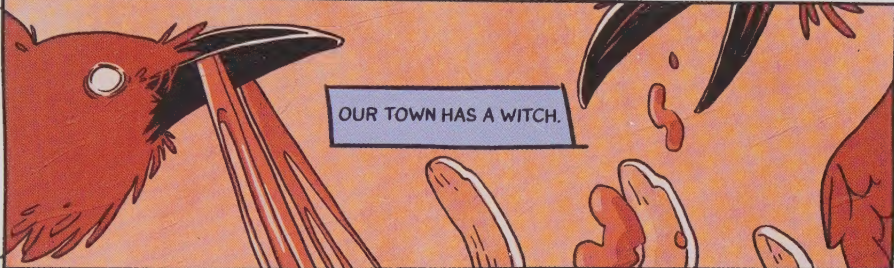
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First Second
NEW YORK




OUR TOWN HAS A WITCH.



SHE FED HER EYE
TO THE DEVIL. SHE
EATS ROADKILL AND
CASTS SPELLS WITH
THE BONES...





THAT'S THE
KIND OF BULLTHE
DUMB KIDS AT MY
SCHOOL SAY.



WITCHES
AIN'T REAL.

SHE'S JUST
AN OLD
LOONY.



BUT...

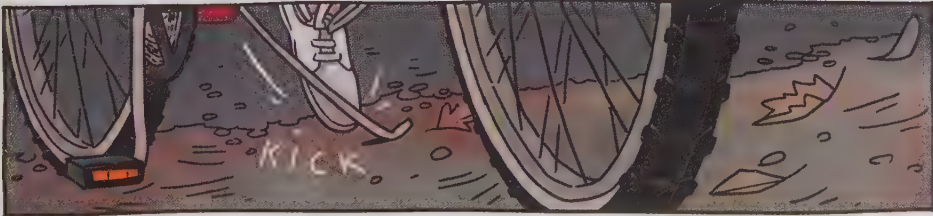


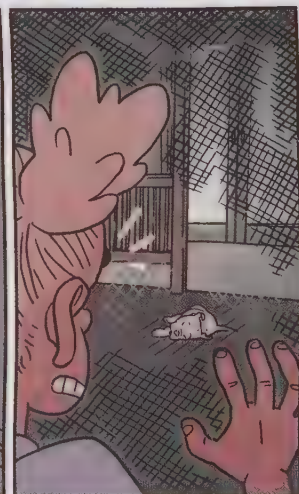
...THEY ALSO
SAY SHE
EATS PETS.

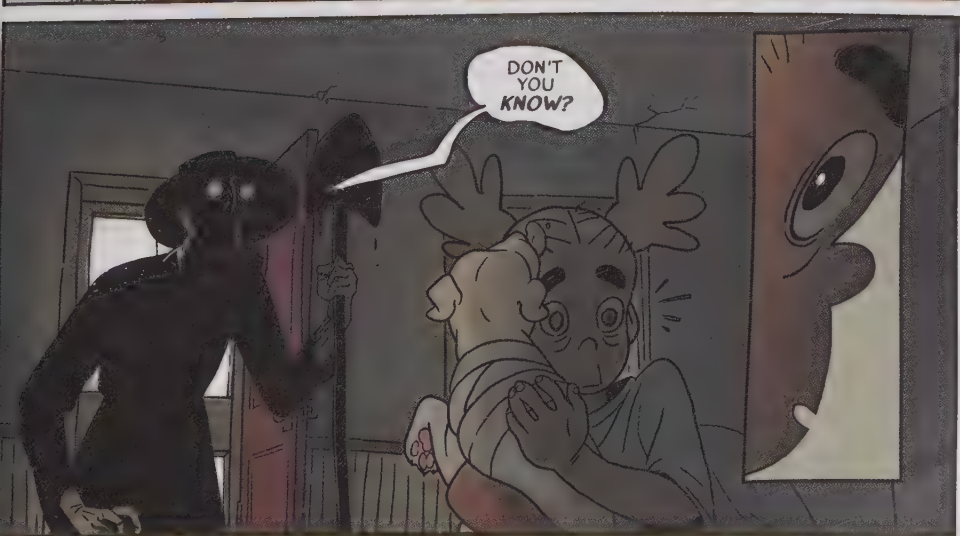
CLENCH

SO I HAVE
TO BE SURE.

PART 1: THE WITCH

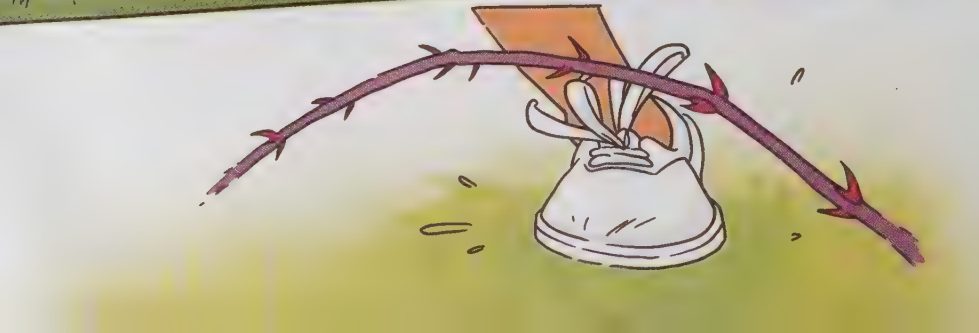




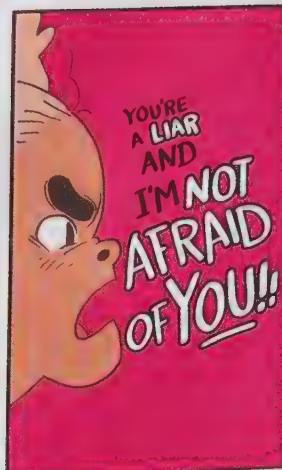


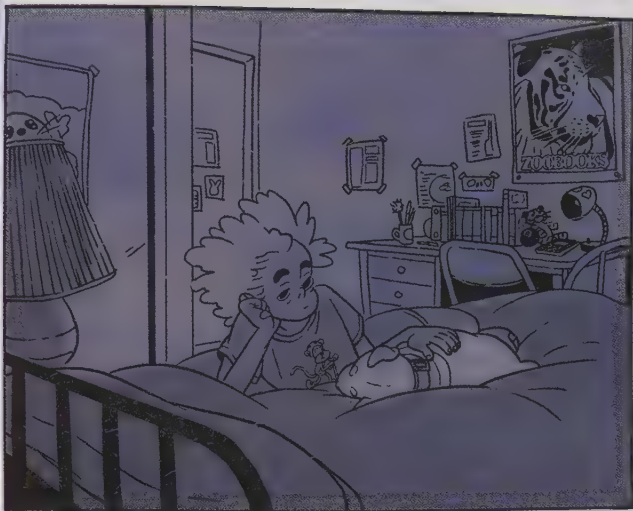
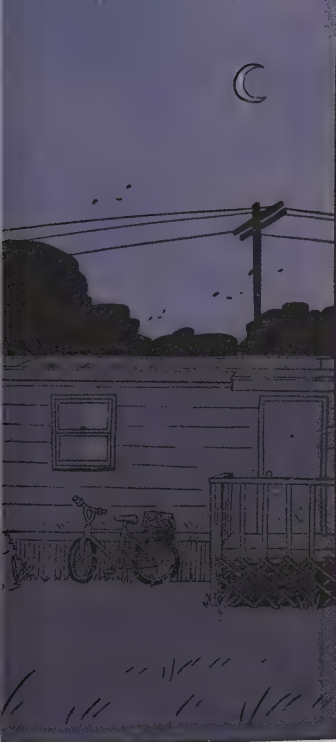


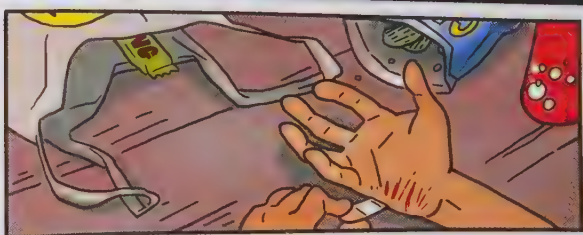
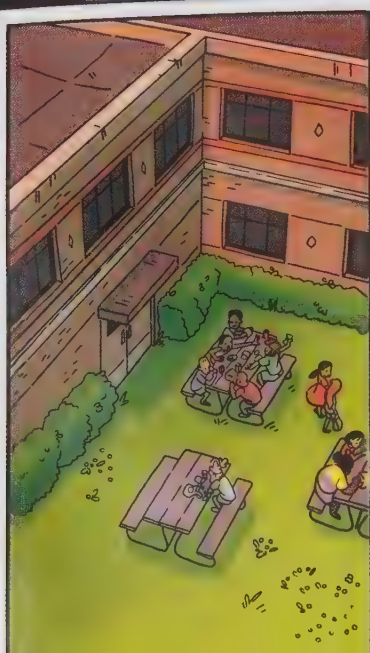
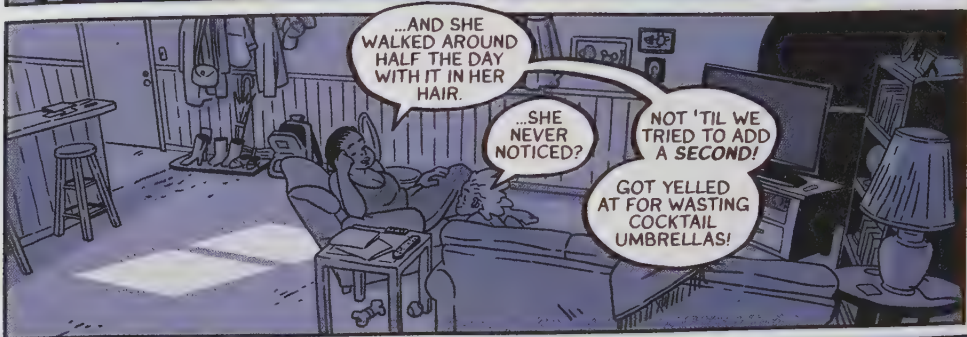
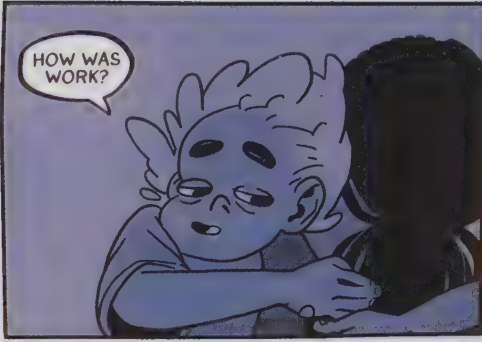
I'M EATING
HIM PIECE
BY PIECE...

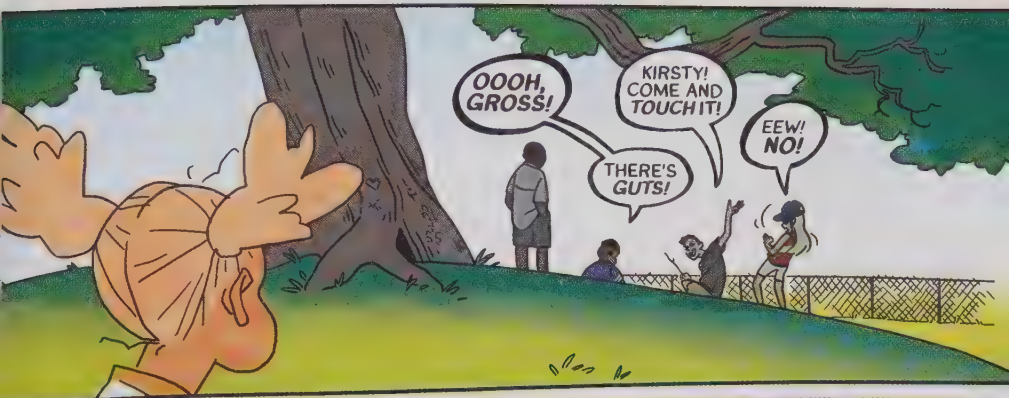










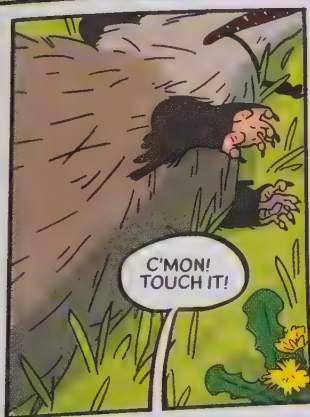


OOOH, GROSS!

KIRSTY! COME AND TOUCH IT!

THERE'S GUTS!

EEW! NO!



C'MON! TOUCH IT!

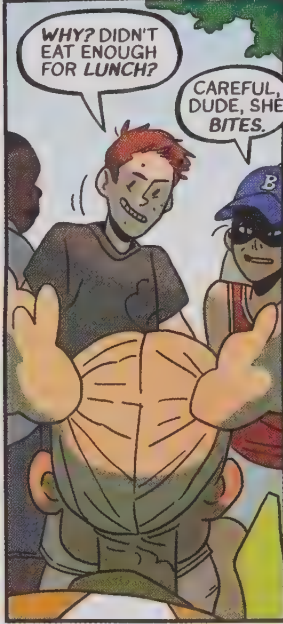


HEY!



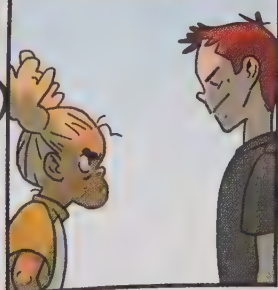
HEY! IT'S SNOTTY!

LEAVE IT ALONE!

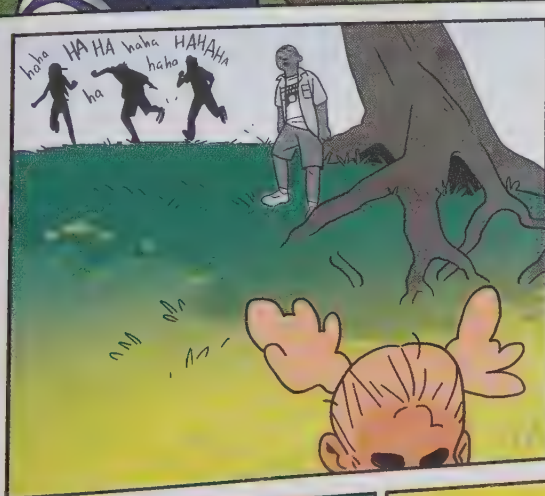


WHY? DIDN'T EAT ENOUGH FOR LUNCH?

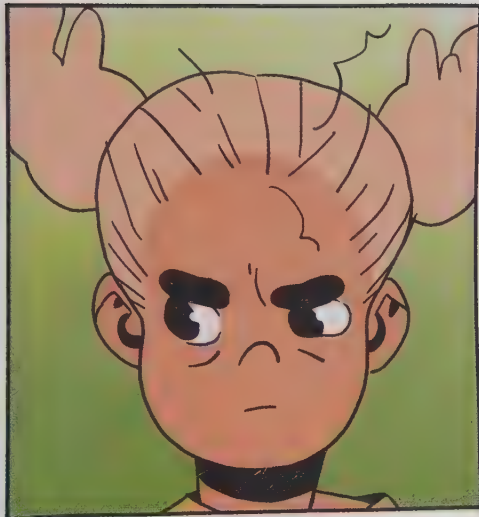
CAREFUL, DUDE, SHE BITES.

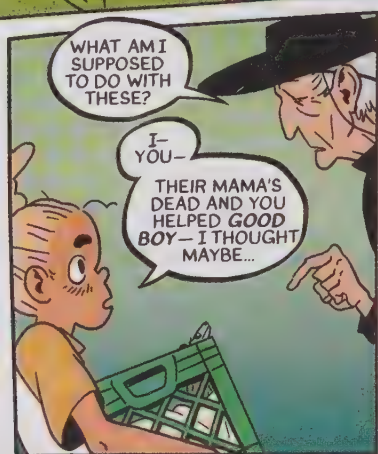


OH, GROSS, LOOK!





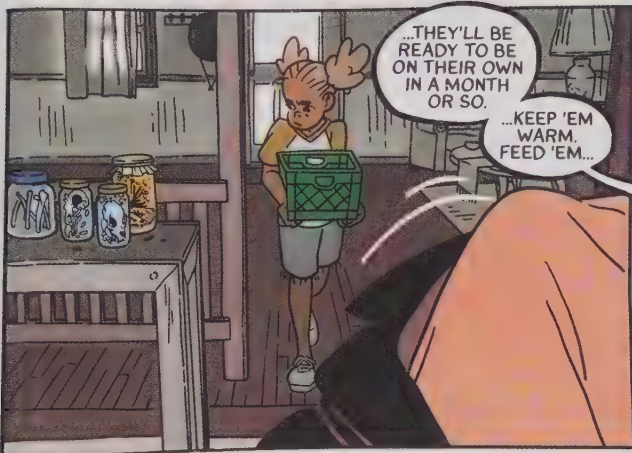






THEY LOOK A FEW WEEKS OLD...

THAT'S LUCKY.



...THEY'LL BE READY TO BE ON THEIR OWN IN A MONTH OR SO.

...KEEP 'EM WARM. FEED 'EM...



...THEY'LL LIKELY SURVIVE.



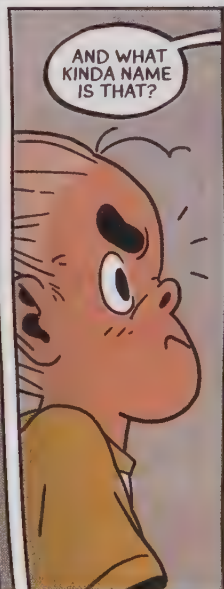
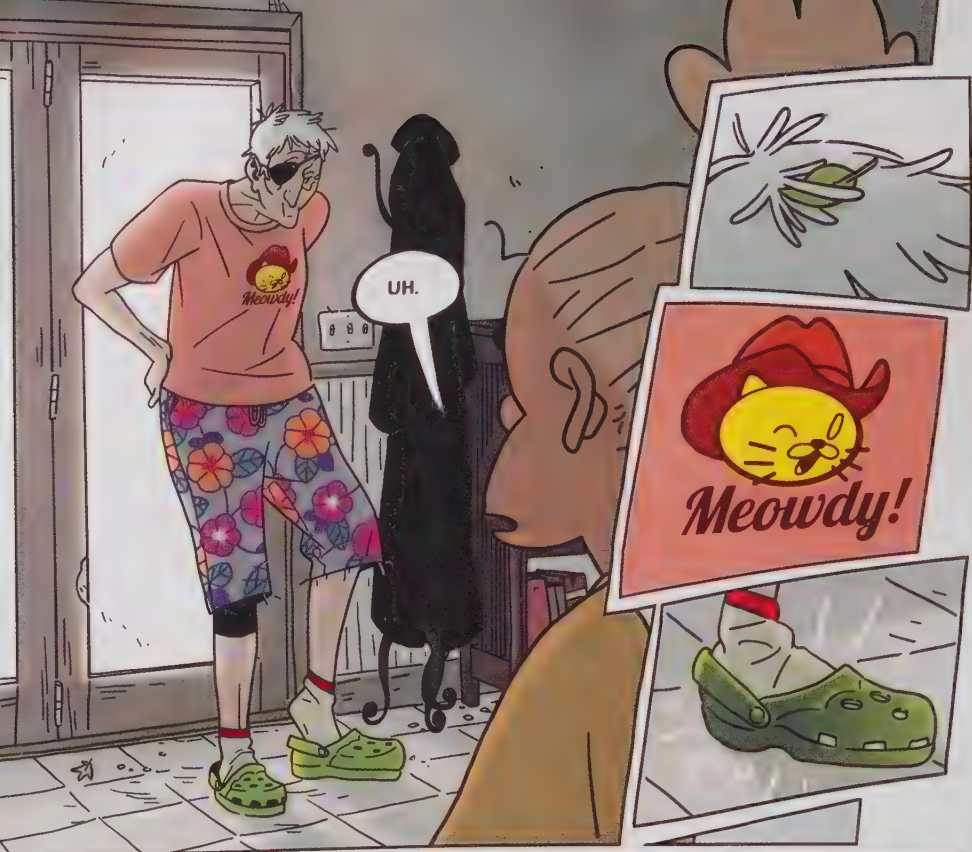
YOU'LL NEED TO FEED 'EM A FEW TIMES A DAY...

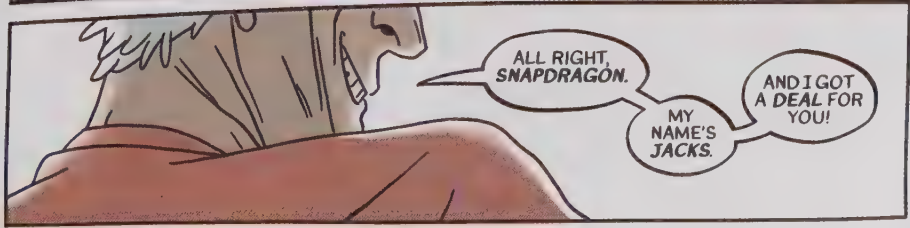
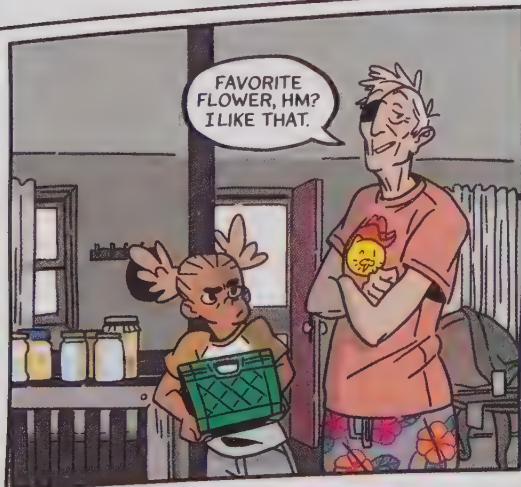
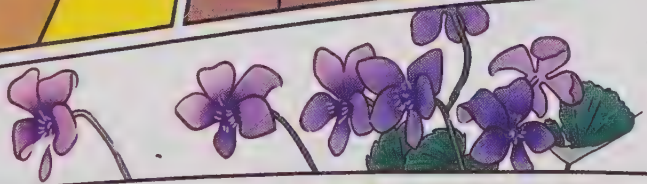


WH-I THOUGHT YOU WOULD TAKE CARE OF-



-UH.







I'LL KEEP THEM POSSUMS HERE. BUT YOU GOTTA TAKE CARE OF 'EM.

I'LL EVEN SHOW YOU HOW...

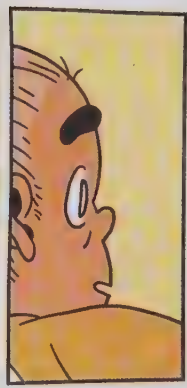


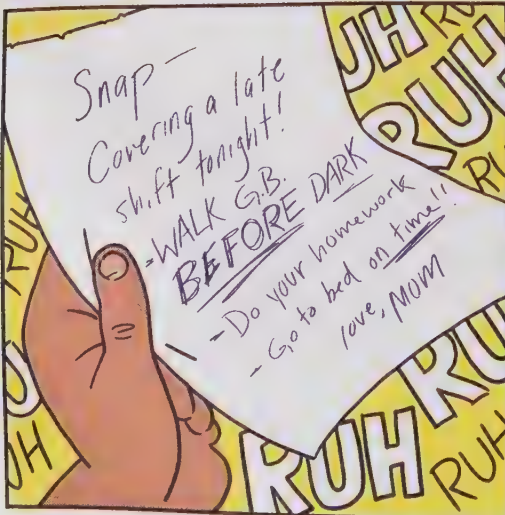
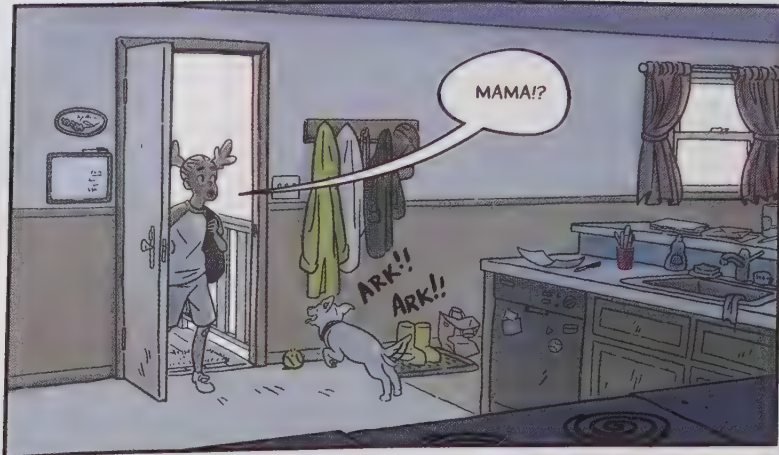
BUT IN EXCHANGE FOR HELPING YOU, YOU'VE GOT TO HELP ME WITH MY...

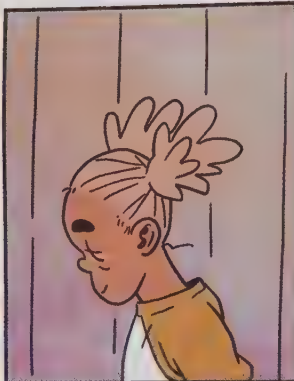
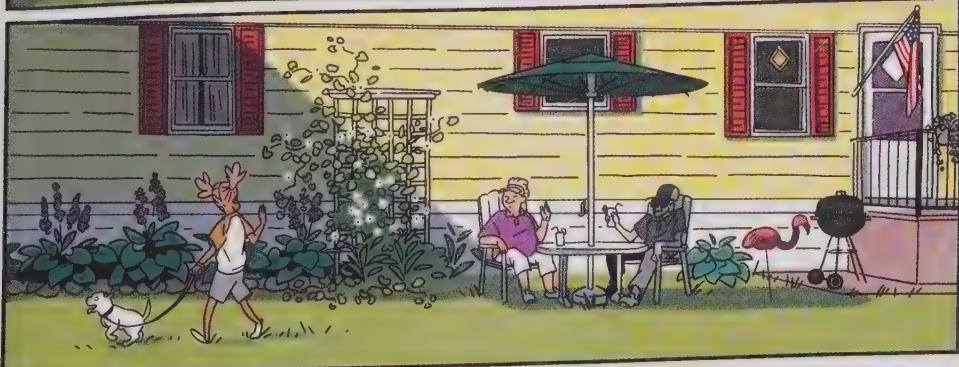
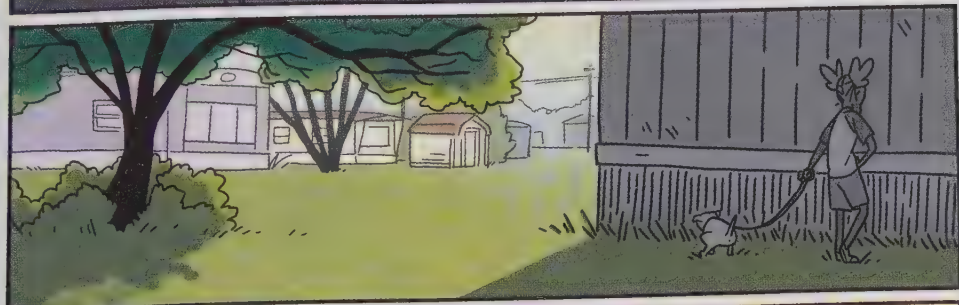
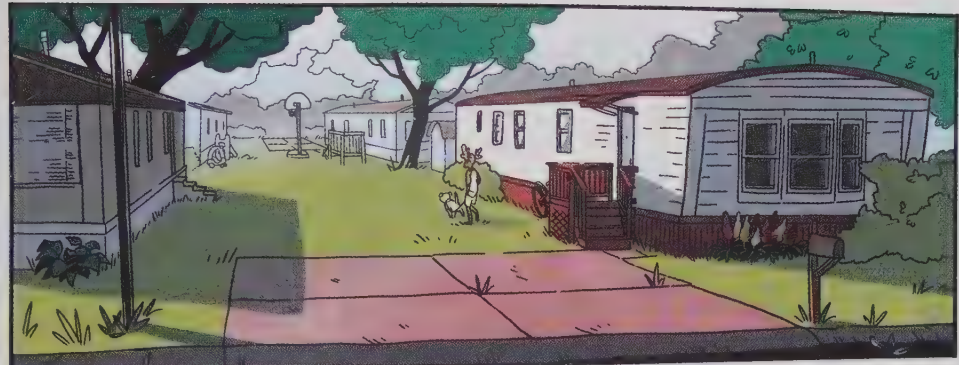
...WORK.

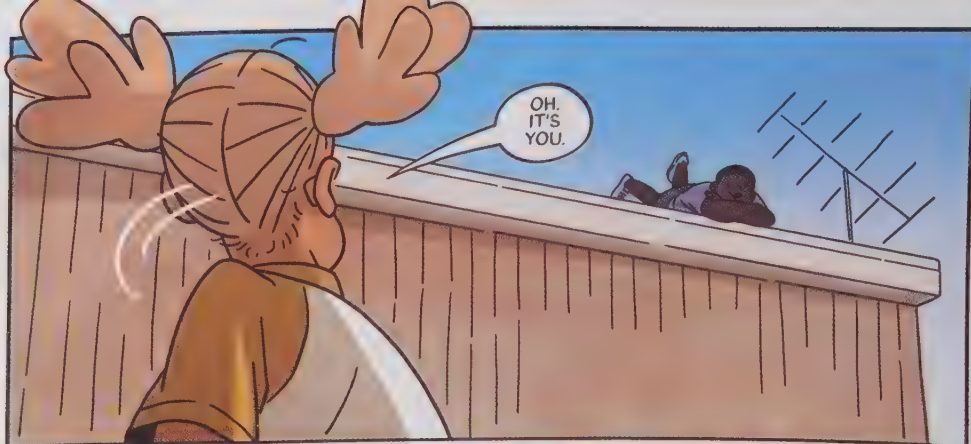


...WHAT KIND OF WORK?

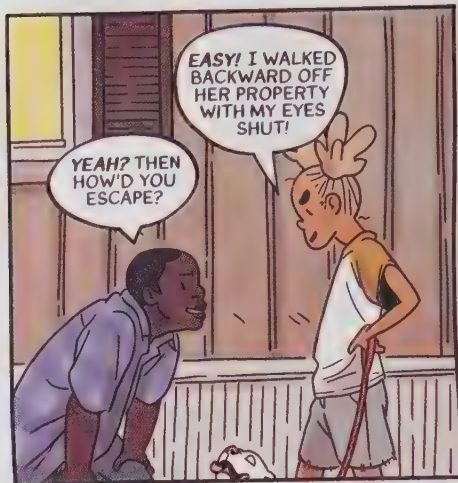










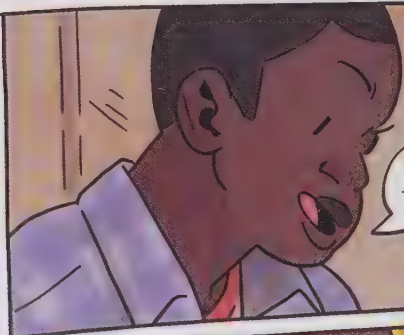


YEAH? THEN HOW'D YOU ESCAPE?

EASY! I WALKED BACKWARD OFF HER PROPERTY WITH MY EYES SHUT!



THAT'S THE ONLY WAY TO ESCAPE A WITCH!



OH, REALLY? AND DID YOU DO IT WITH A ROSEMARY SPRIG IN YOUR POCKET?

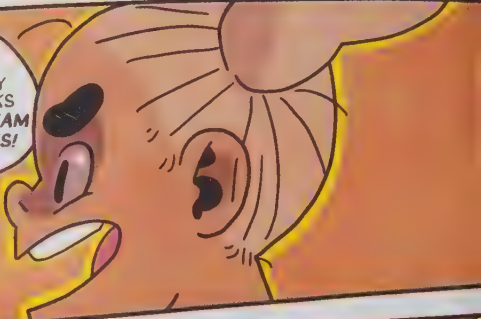
EVERYONE KNOWS THAT'S THE SECRET!



WAIT A SECOND...



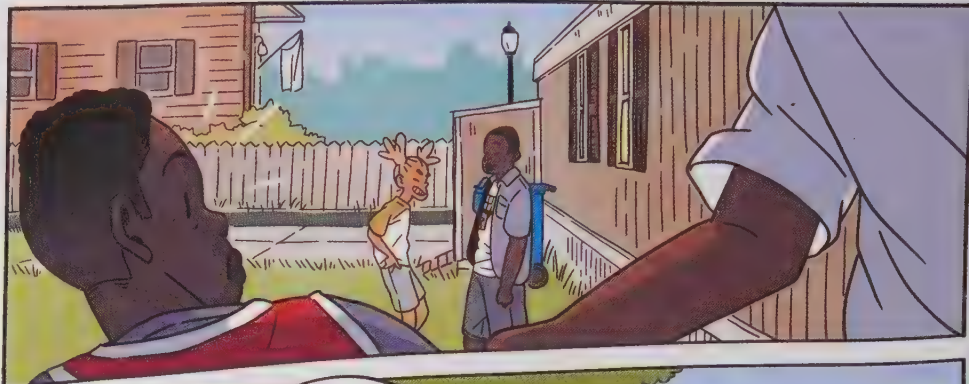
NO! BECAUSE ROSEMARY ONLY WORKS DURING DREAM SEQUENCES!

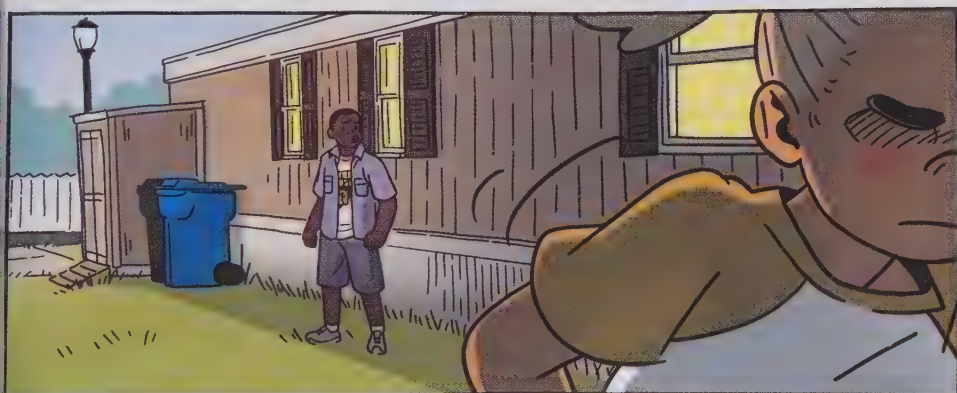
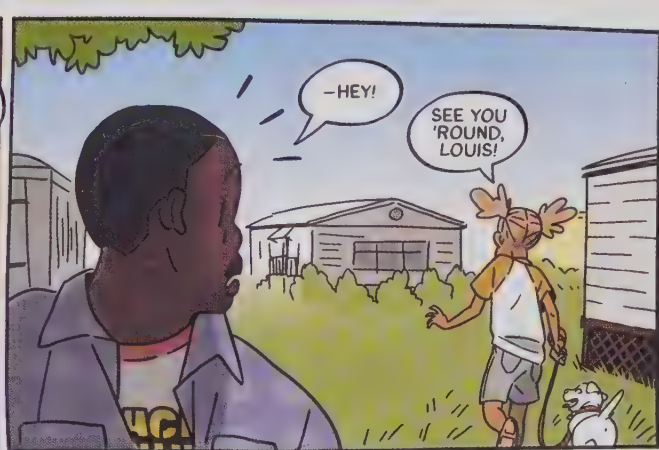


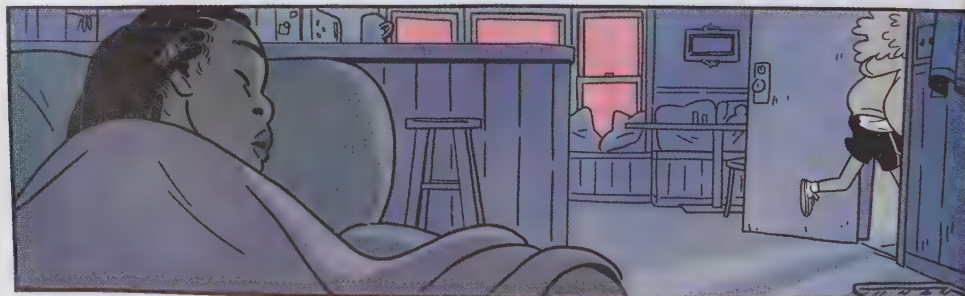
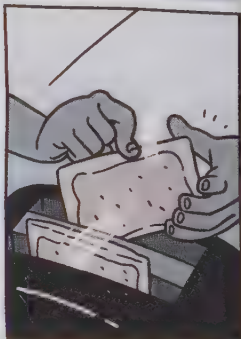
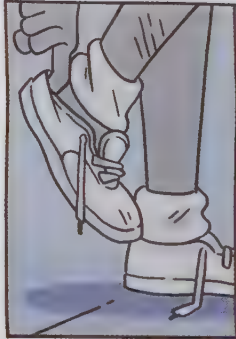
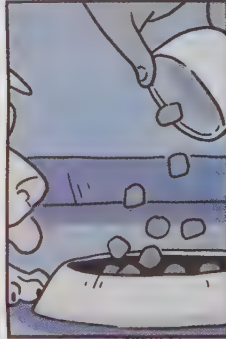
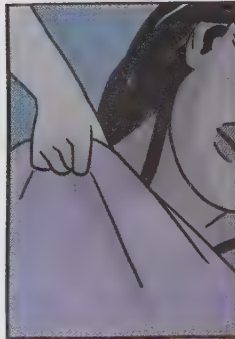
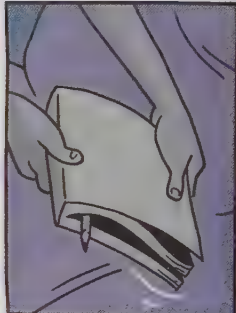
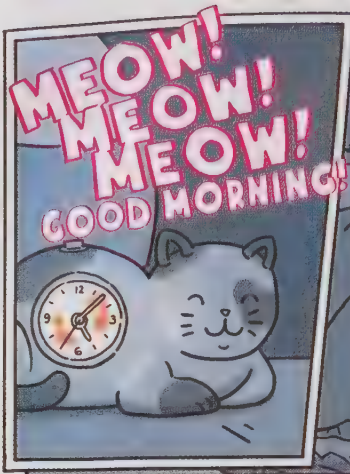
I KNEW THAT! THAT WAS A TEST! WHAT YOU REALLY NEED TO CARRY WITH YOU IS ANGELICA ROOT-

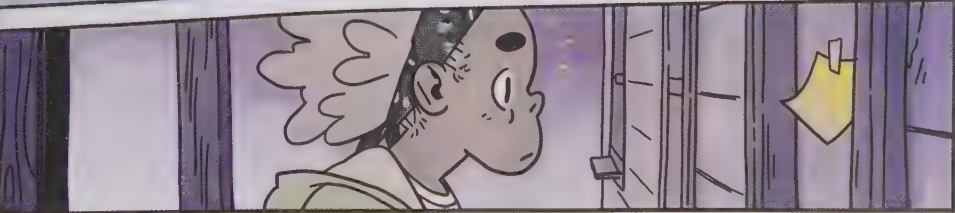
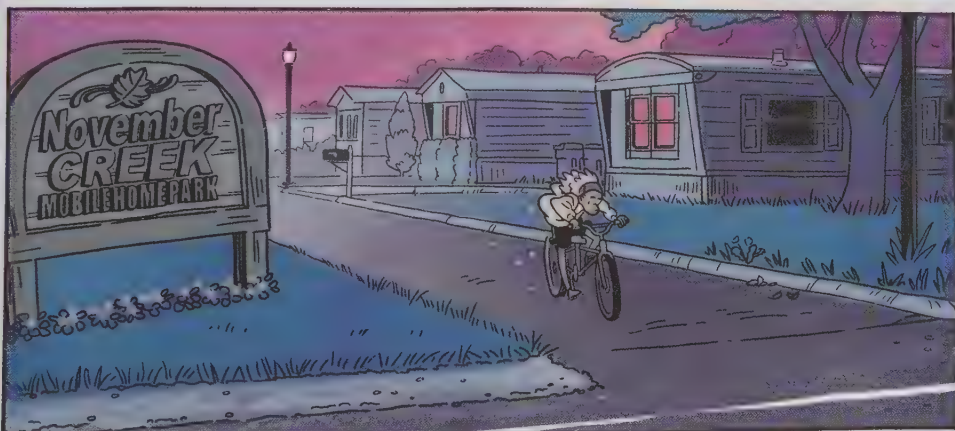
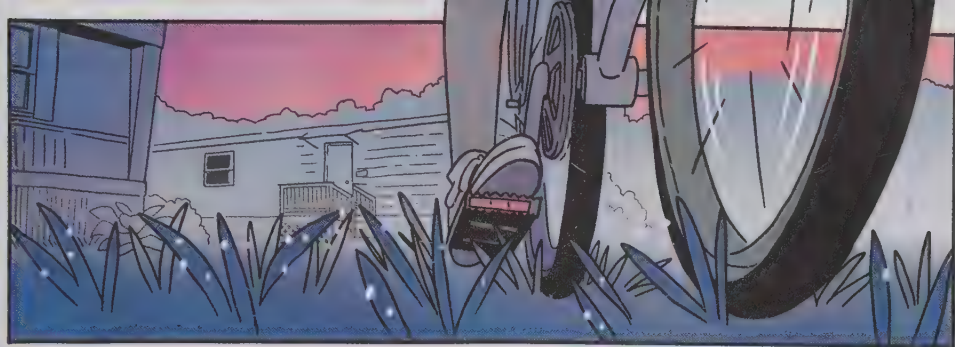


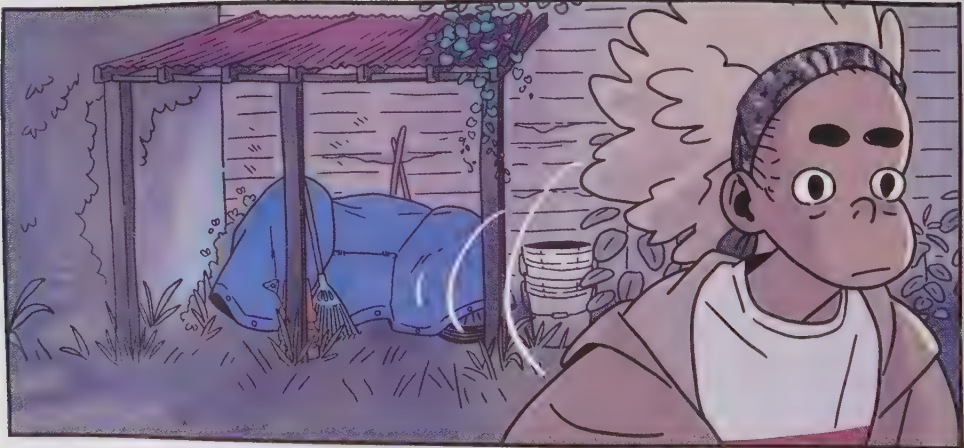
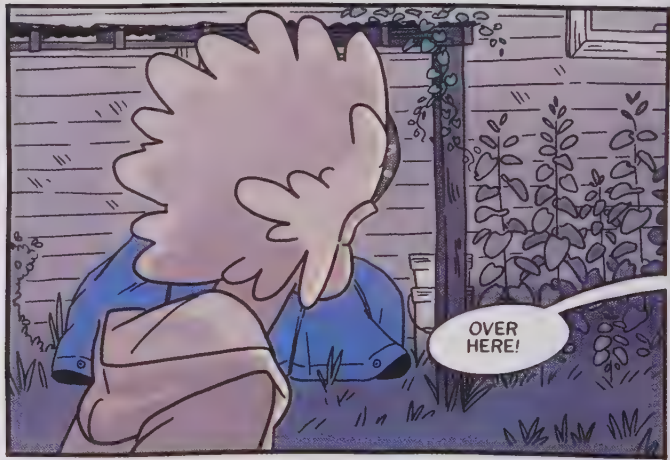
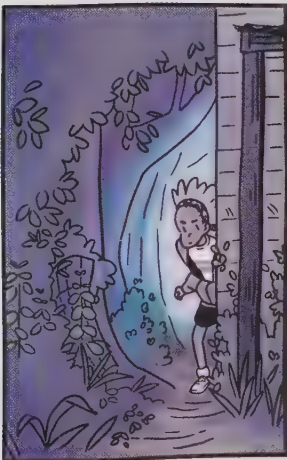












YOU'RE ON TIME.

YOU SAID SIX A.M.

HMPH.

ARE THE POSSUMS OKAY?

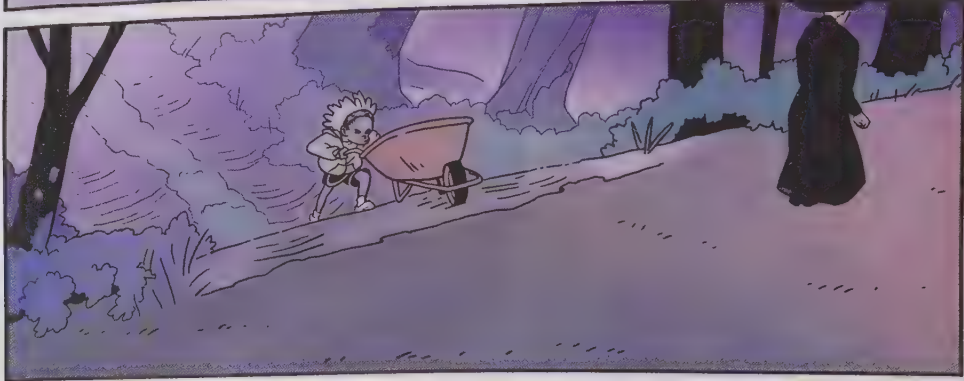
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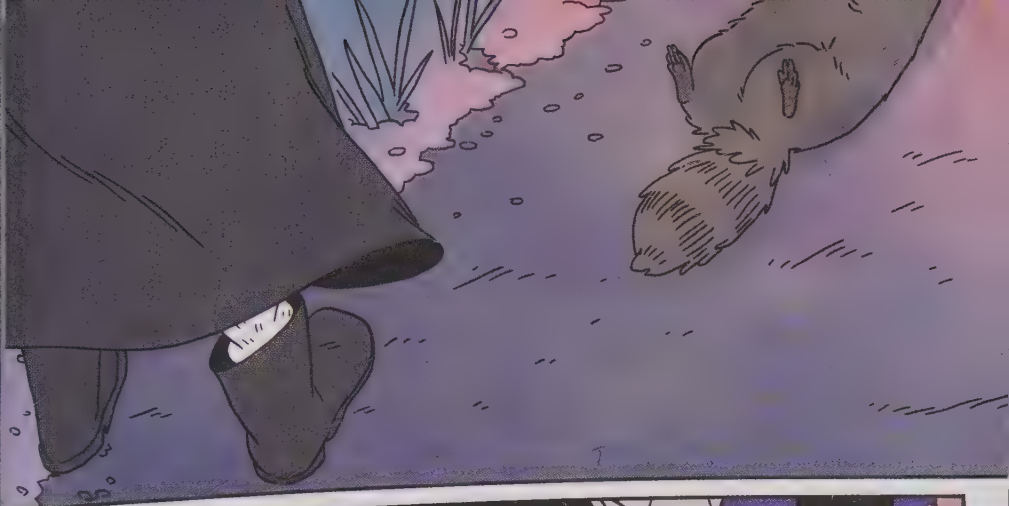
I'LL SHOW YA HOW TO FEED THEM AFTER THE COLLECTION.

BRING THE WHEELBARROW, PLEASE.

THE COLLECTION?!

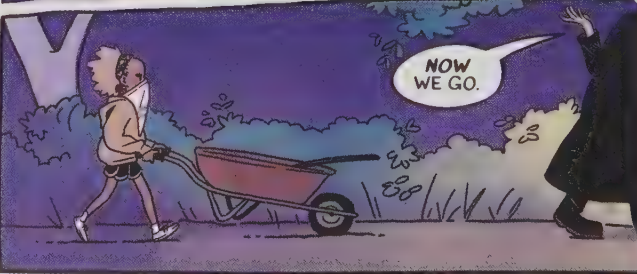


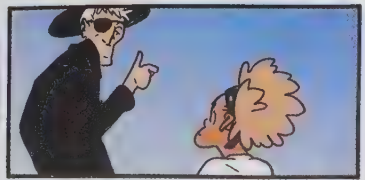
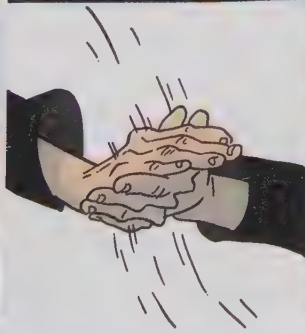
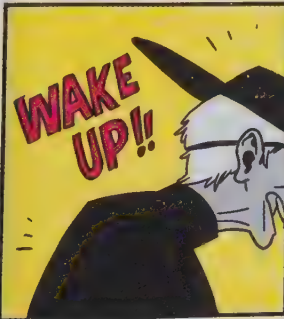
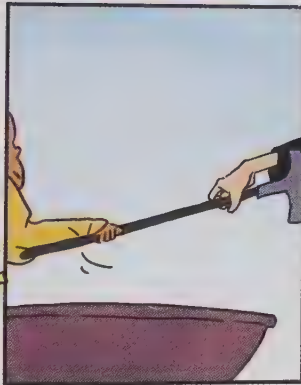
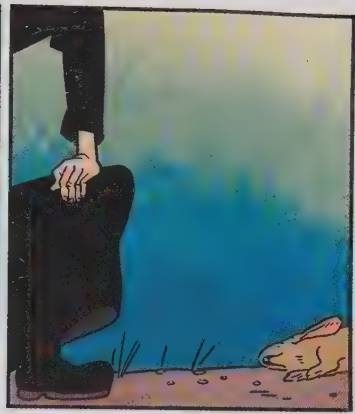
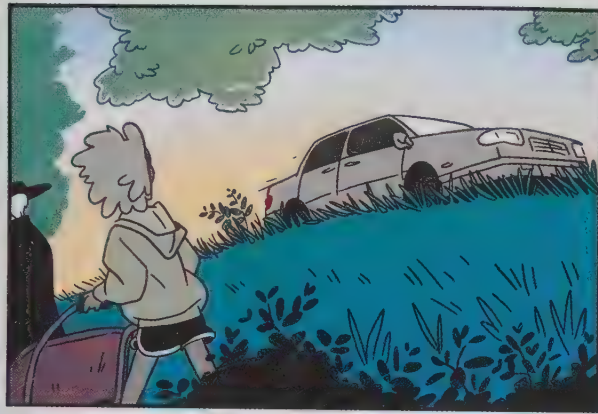


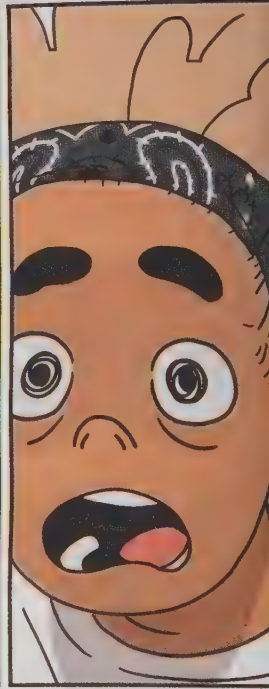
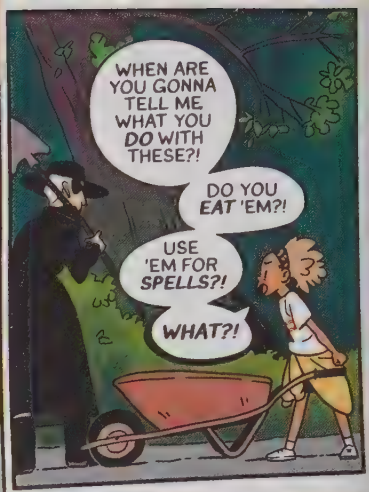




SCRAAAPE!!



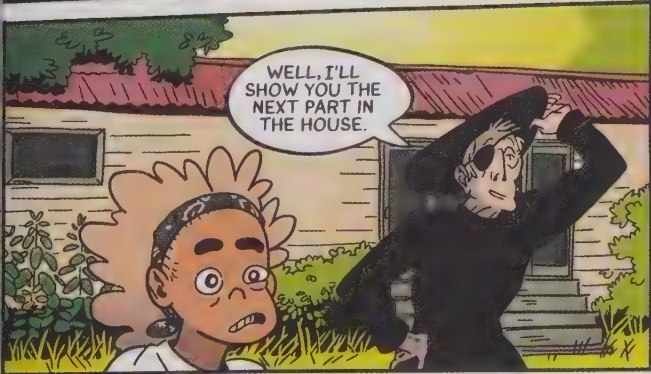






SUPPOSE
IT WAS TOO
FOGGY THIS
MORNING TO
SEE.

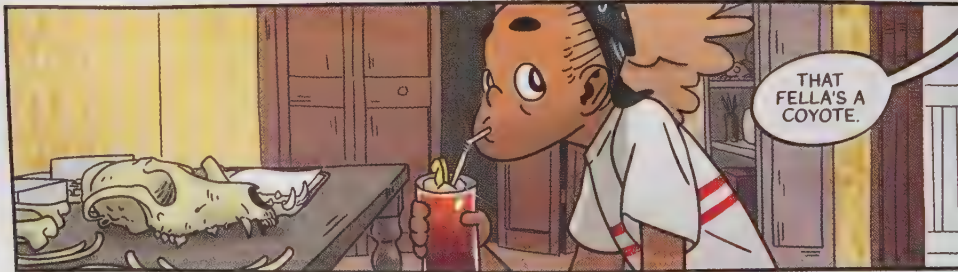
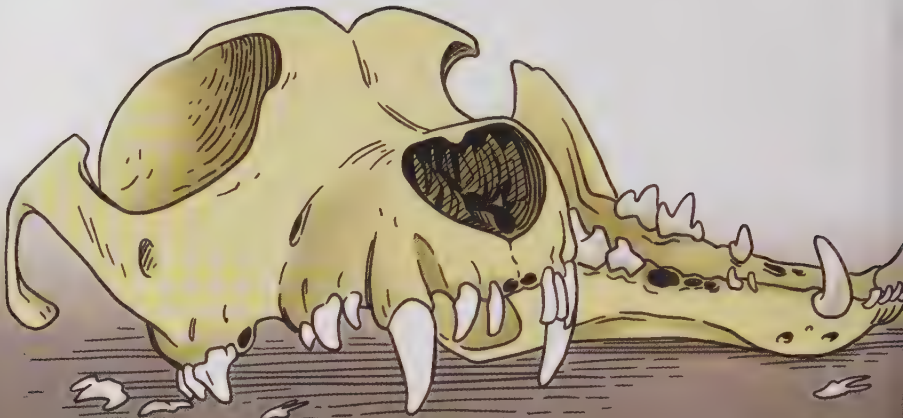
I LET 'EM SIT
OUT HERE 'TIL
THEY'RE JUST
BONES, AND
THEN—



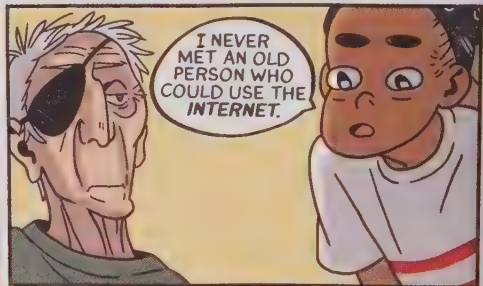
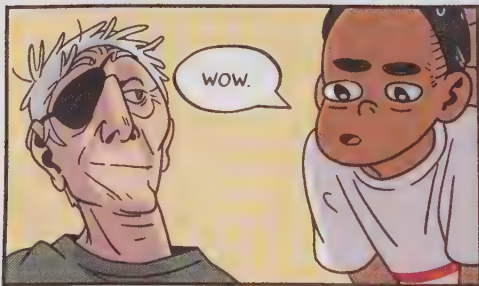
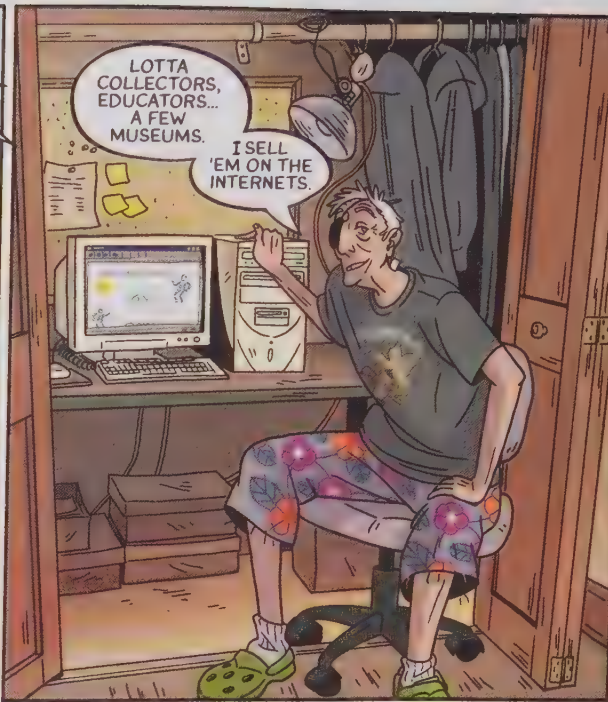
WELL, I'LL
SHOW YOU THE
NEXT PART IN
THE HOUSE.



ALSO,
THERE'S
TEA!



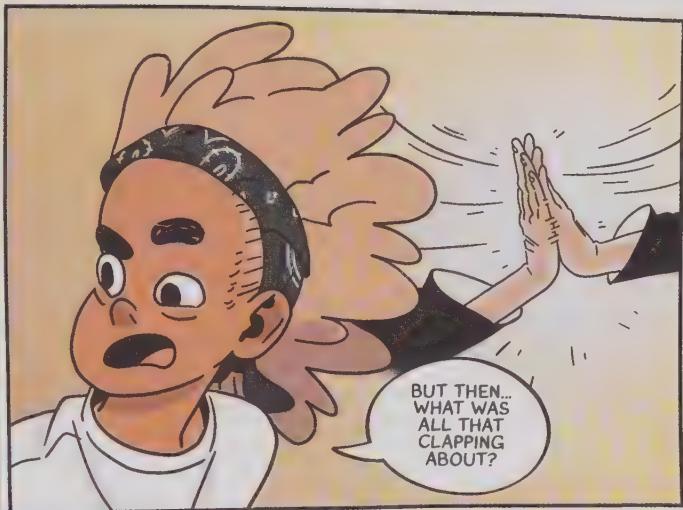




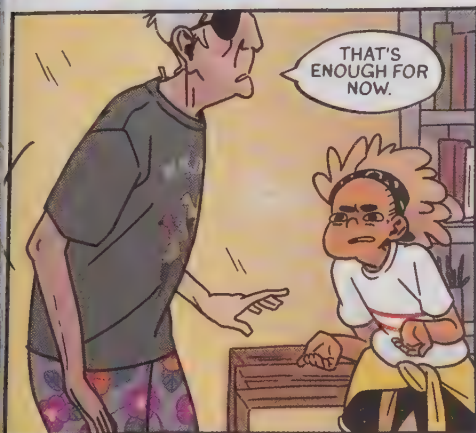


-REALLY-

OKAY.



BUT THEN...
WHAT WAS
ALL THAT
CLAPPING
ABOUT?



THAT'S
ENOUGH FOR
NOW.

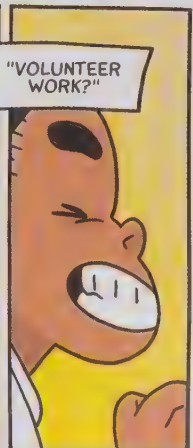


IT'S TIME
I SHOWED
YOU HOW THE
POSSUMS
ARE FED...



UNLESS MY
WORK'S TOO
CREEPY FOR
YOU AND YOU
WANT TO
QUIT?

HELL NO,
MA'AM!



"VOLUNTEER
WORK?"





YOU FIND EVERYTHING OKAY?

YEAH, THANKS. I'LL TAKE THESE.

WITH THE STUDENT DISCOUNT.



AND THIS ONE!



OH, HONEY...

THIS ISN'T A NICE BOOK FOR LITTLE GIRLS.



WE HAVE A LOT OF CUTE BOOKS ABOUT ANIMALS!



ACTUALLY, SHE'LL TAKE THIS ONE.

THANK YOU.



WHICH DO YOU THINK HAS MORE BONES: A HUMAN OR A MOUSE?



FEMUR, PLEASE!



THAT'S THE—

LEG BONE. YEAH, YOUR MAMA KNOWS SOME STUFF, TOO.



GOOD B?

SO WHAT'S ALL THIS FOR? SCHOOL PROJECT?

I JUST THINK IT'S INTERESTING.



YOU BEEN MAKIN' ANY NEW FRIENDS AT SCHOOL?

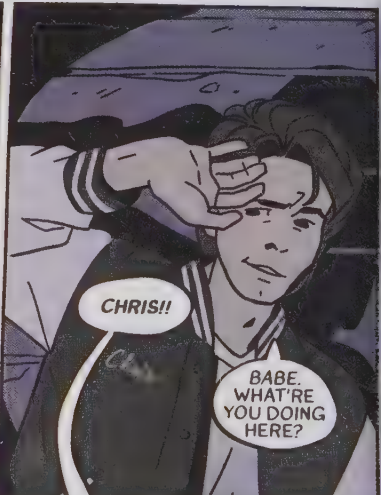
NAH. I'M OKAY ON MY OWN.

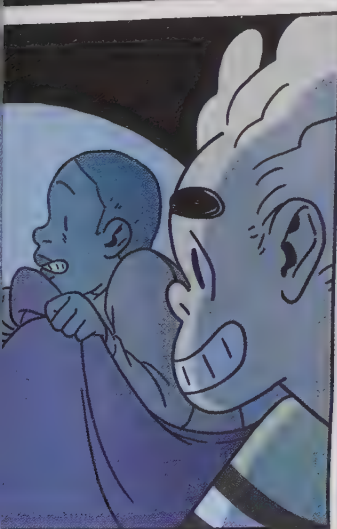
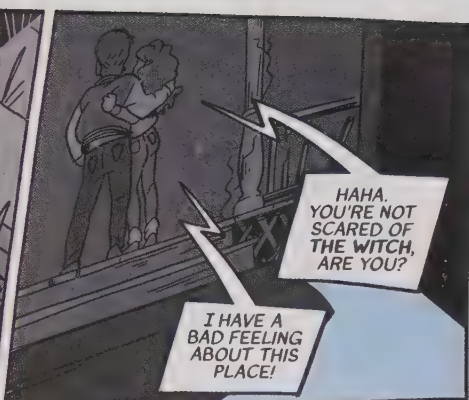
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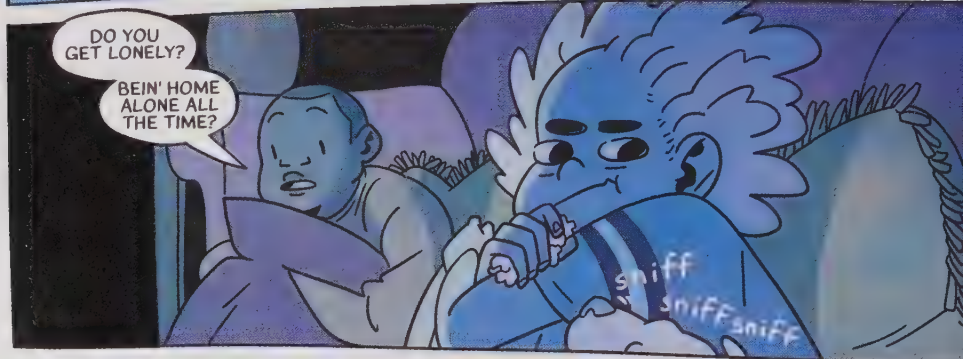


EVERYONE THINKS I'M WEIRD.

YOU SURE THAT'S WHAT EVERYONE THINKS...







HE SUCKED?

SO HARD!

BUT MY MAMA BOOTED HIM, AND I GOT G.B.!

SO NOW IT'S THE THREE OF US AND THAT'S JUST FINE BY M—

—OH YES, THIS IS THE BEST PART!!!

AAAAAAAAAAH!!!

AAHH!!

HAHA HA

HA HA HA HA HA HA

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ONE-EYED TOM!

"MY GRANNY
WAS THE FIRST
TO SEE IT."

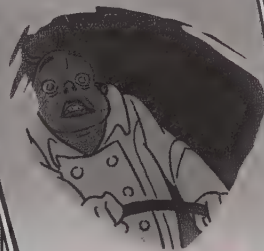
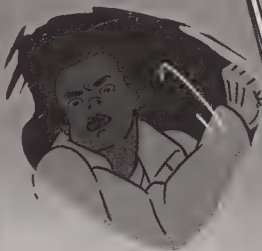
"IT WAS SO FOGGY
THAT NIGHT, SHE
ENDED UP ON A
ROAD SHE DIDN'T
RECOGNIZE."



"AND TO MAKE
IT WORSE--"

"--THE
DEFROSTER
HAD STOPPED
WORKING."

ARG!

A small, stylized cartoon character with a star on its head, appearing to be shouting or reacting to the situation.

SCREEEEEEEE

"SHE'D SEEN..."

"...SOMETHING..."

"...BUT WASN'T
SURE WHAT."



"SHE GOT OUT
TO MAKE SURE IT
WASN'T ANOTHER
PERSON."

HELLO?

"BUT THEN HER
FLASHLIGHT
DIED!"

"PSH. NO
WAY!"

"SHUT UP,
LOU!"

"AND THEN
SHE SAW IT."

"JUST BEYOND
THE REACH OF HER
HEADLIGHTS, THE
SHAPE OF
SOMETHING..."

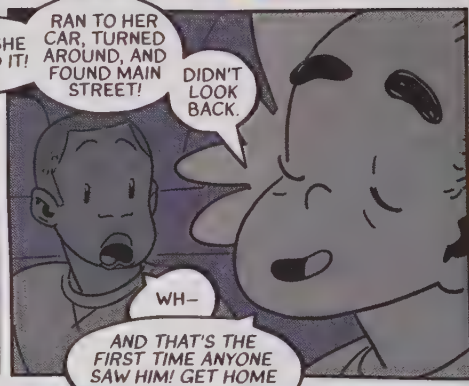
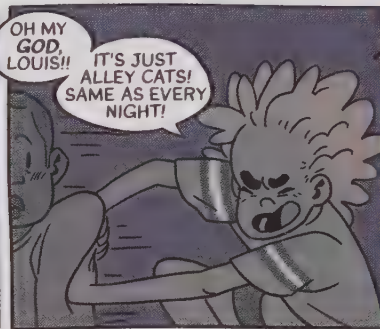
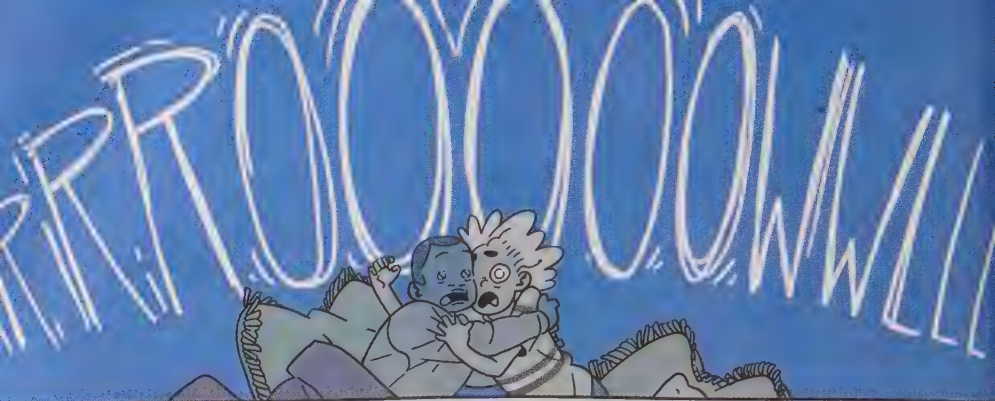
"...MOVING
TOWARD
HER."

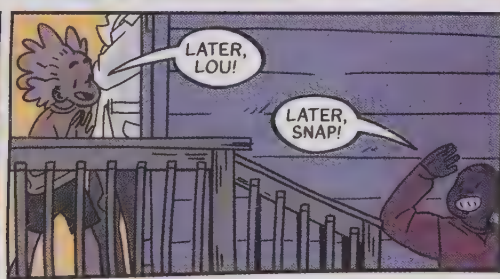
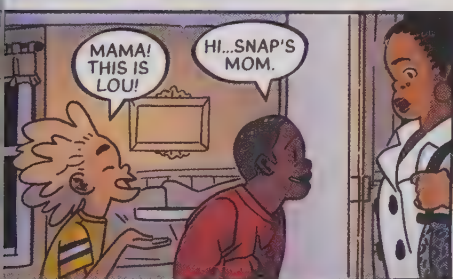
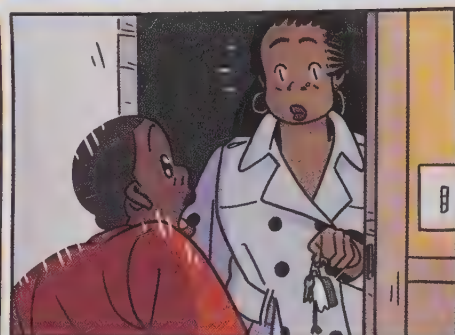
"IT HAD
ONE EYE..."

"...AND IT WASN'T
NO KINDA ANIMAL
SHE EVER SEEN
BEFORE."

"...AND THE
SOUND IT
MADE!"

RRRRRRRR:OOOOOWWWWWW



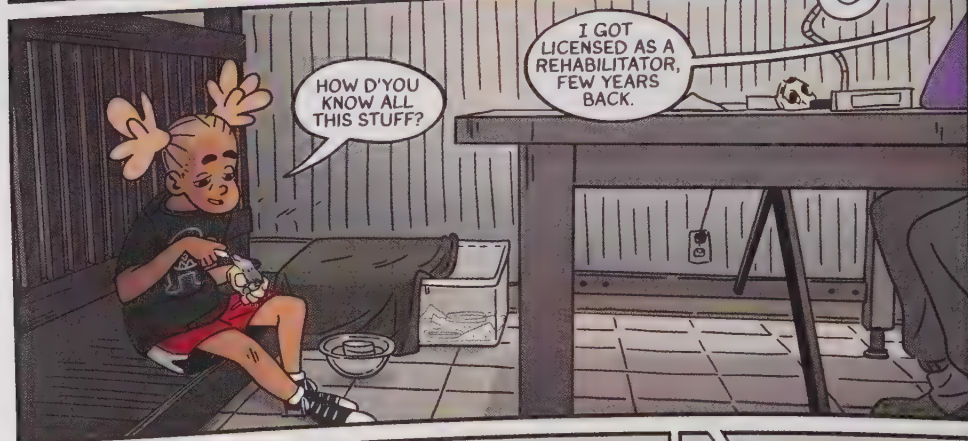




THAT'S IT,
LET 'EM EAT
AT THEIR
OWN PACE.

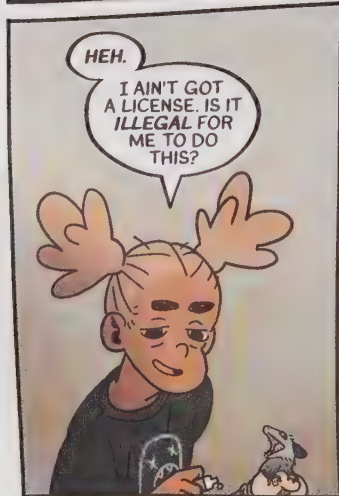
DON'T LET
ANY GET IN
THEIR NOSE.

THEY'RE
NEARLY READY
TO EAT ON
THEIR OWN.



HOW D'YOU
KNOW ALL
THIS STUFF?

I GOT
LICENSED AS A
REHABILITATOR,
FEW YEARS
BACK.



HEH.
I AIN'T GOT
A LICENSE. IS IT
ILLEGAL FOR
ME TO DO
THIS?



YEAH.

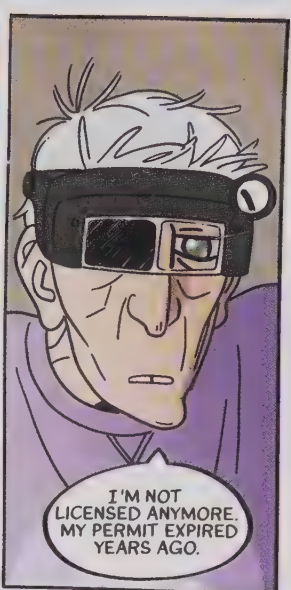


WAIT.
REALLY?

DON'T WORRY
ABOUT IT. I'M
SUPERVISING.



YOU--
-YOU
AIN'T EVEN
WATCHING!



I'M NOT
LICENSED ANYMORE.
MY PERMIT EXPIRED
YEARS AGO.



WH-- I DON'T
WANT TO KILL
THESE BABIES!!

YOU
WON'T.

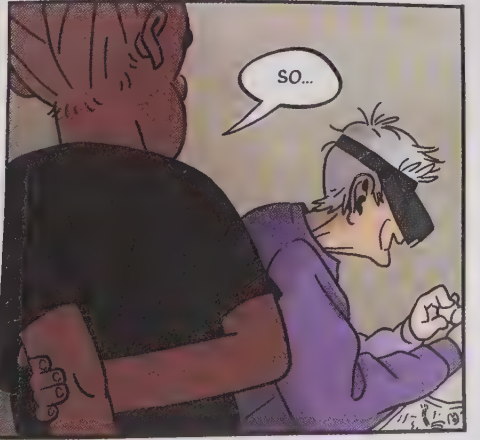
BUT--

I WATCHED
YOU FEED
THE OTHERS.
YOU DID A
FINE JOB.

BELIEVE
ME, I'D
TELL YA IF
YA DIDN'T.



...OKAY.



SO...



...WHATCHA DOIN'?



PUTTIN' THE SPINE OF THIS RABBIT TOGETHER.



THE ORDER OF THE VERTEBRAE GOTTA BE RIGHT.



JACKS, IF YOU CARE ABOUT ANIMALS...

...HOW COME YOU MESS AROUND WITH THEIR BONES?



"MESS AROUND"?

WELL, Y'KNOW...



I AIN'T DISRESPECTIN' THESE CRITTERS.

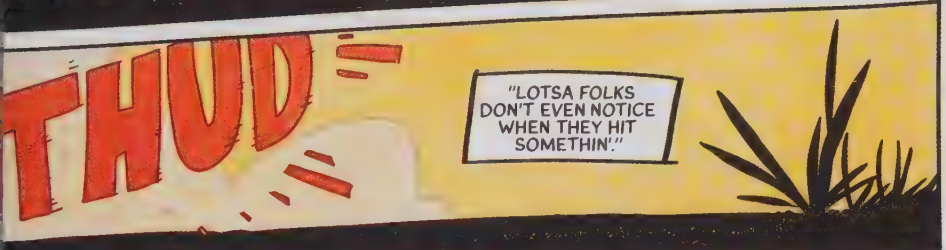
"CRITTERS DIE ALL THE TIME, BUT IT OUGHT TO BE FOR A REASON."



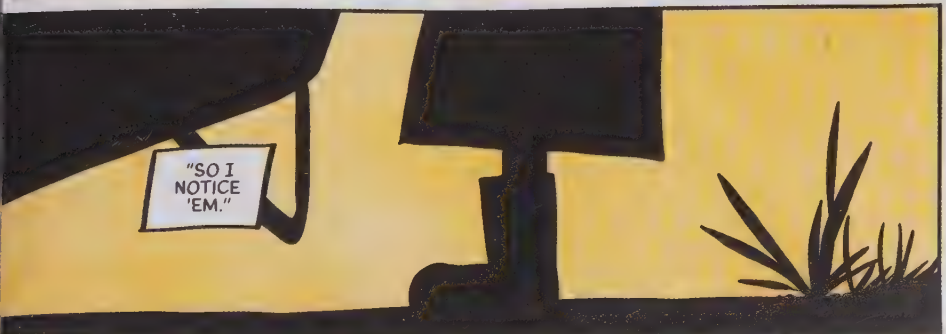
"THAT'S WHAT EVEN THE LEAST OF US DESERVE."



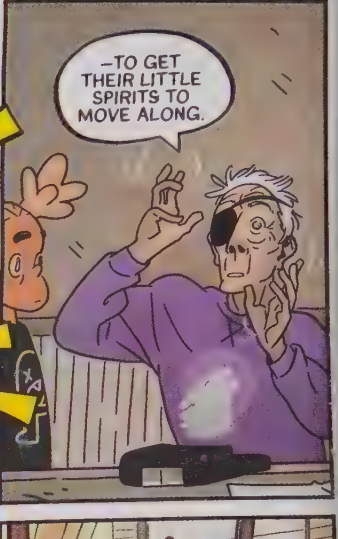
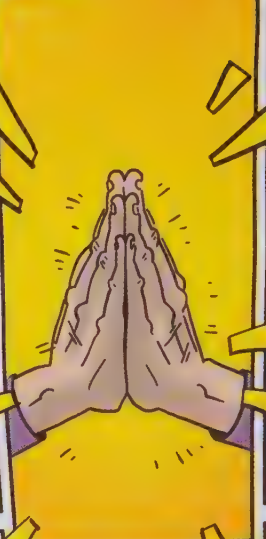
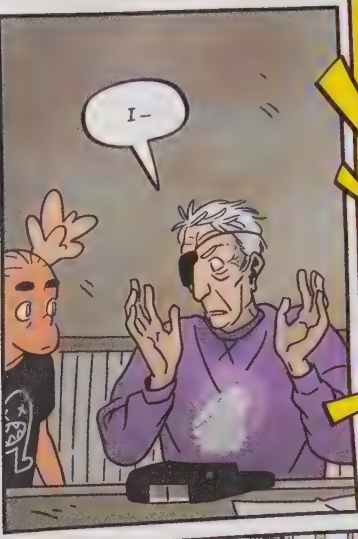
"BUT ROADKILL'S A LOUSY WAY TO END UP."

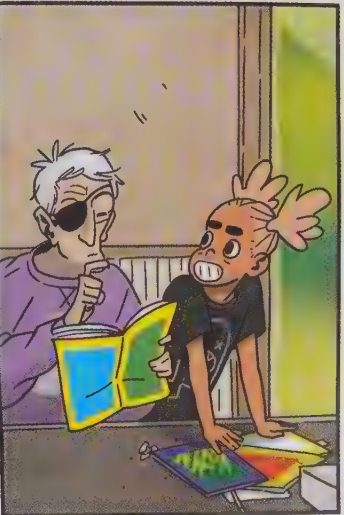
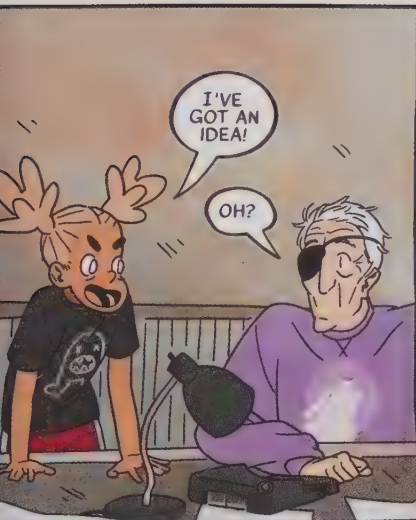


"LOTS A FOLKS DON'T EVEN NOTICE WHEN THEY HIT SOMETHIN'!"



"SO I NOTICE 'EM."







MMM,
INTERESTING...

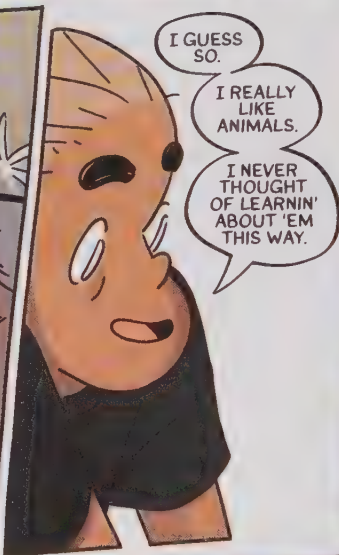


I'VE ALWAYS
USED THE
SAME POSES,
THOUGH...

I COULD
HELP!



YOU
REALLY DO
LIKE ALL THIS
STUFF?



I GUESS
SO.

I REALLY
LIKE
ANIMALS.

I NEVER
THOUGHT
OF LEARNIN'
ABOUT 'EM
THIS WAY.



OKAY,
THEN.

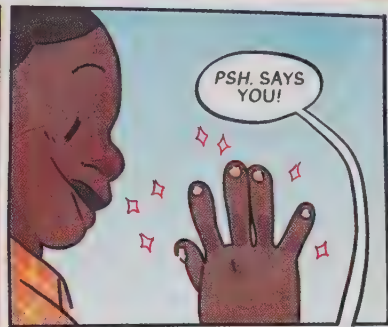
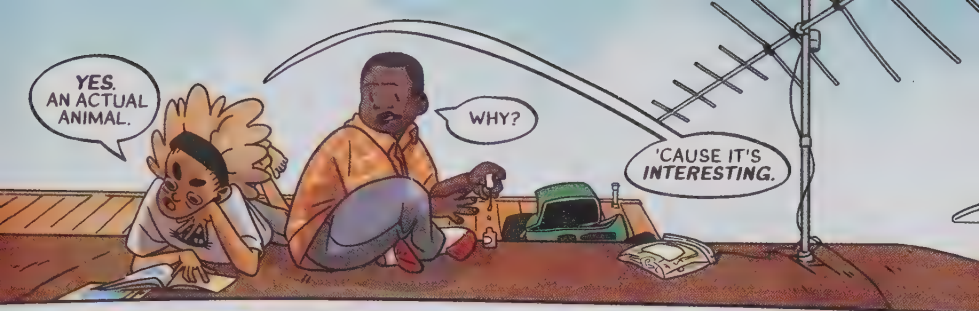
WE'LL
TRY IT.



"FIND A GOOD
POSE WE CAN
USE."

LIKE,
FROM AN
ANIMAL?

LIKE...
ACTUAL
BONES?



IF YOU WANTED
A GIRLY-GIRL
FRIEND YOU
SHOULDA
PICKED LIKE...

...**LITERALLY**
ANY OTHER
GIRL AT OUR
SCHOOL.

NAW, I DON'T
CARE IF YOU
DON'T LIKE
GIRLY THINGS.

YOU DON'T
MAKE FUN OF
ME FOR LIKING
THEM.

OH!

SPEAKING
OF WHY
WE'RE
FRIENDS...

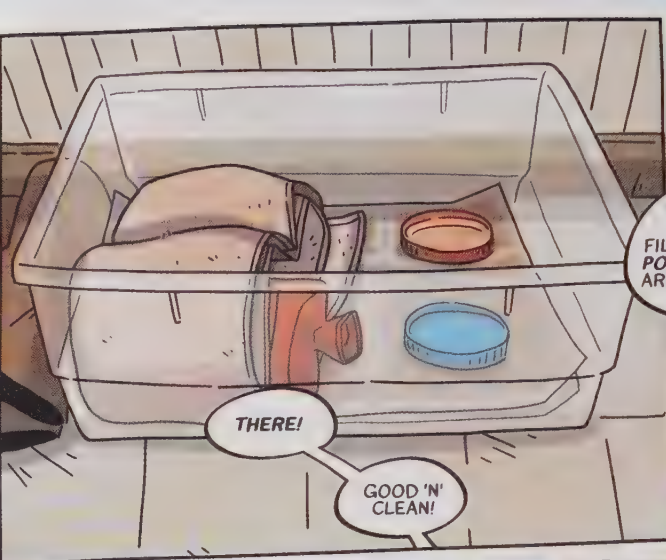
CHECK
IT!

WHAAAT!!

THE
DIRECTOR'S
CUT OF
WITCH'S
HILL FIVE?!

HOW ARE
YOU ONLY
MENTIONING
THIS NOW?!?!

WE GOTTA
WATCH IT
NOW! NOW!
NOW!



THERE!

GOOD 'N' CLEAN!

YOU'RE GONNA FILL IT WITH POOP AGAIN, AREN'T YOU?



YES!
I!
AM!



I LOVE THEM!

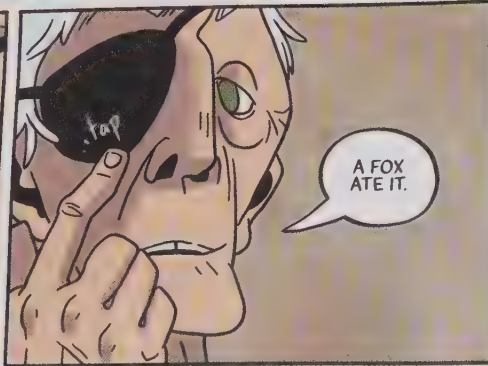
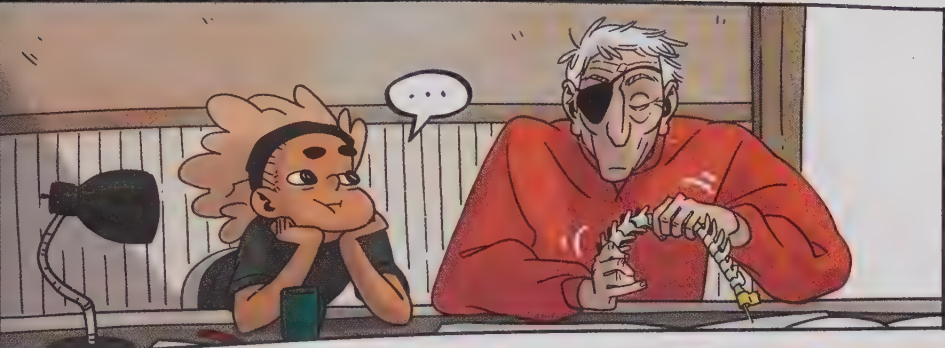
DON'T GET ATTACHED.

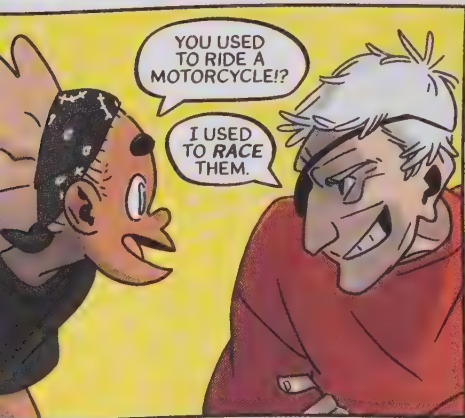
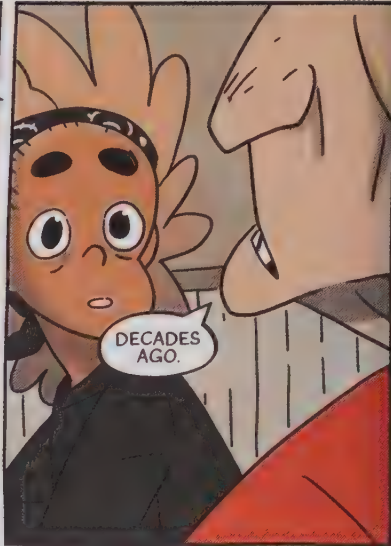
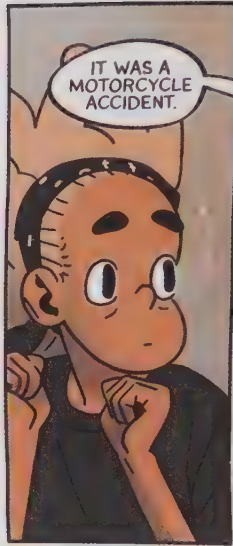
YEAH, I KNOW.



SO WHAT CAN I DO?!

ONCE I BEND THE SPINE INTO THE RIGHT SHAPE, YOU CAN HELP SORT THE TOE BONES.



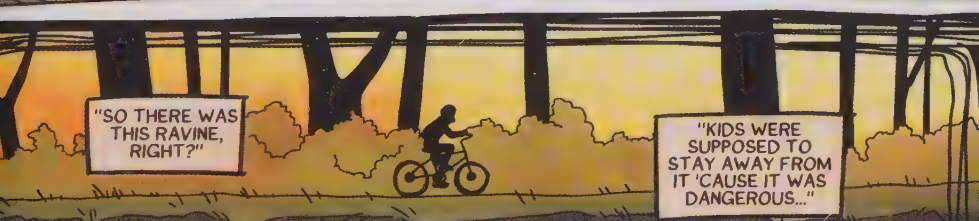


WHAT!!





NOT NO MORE.



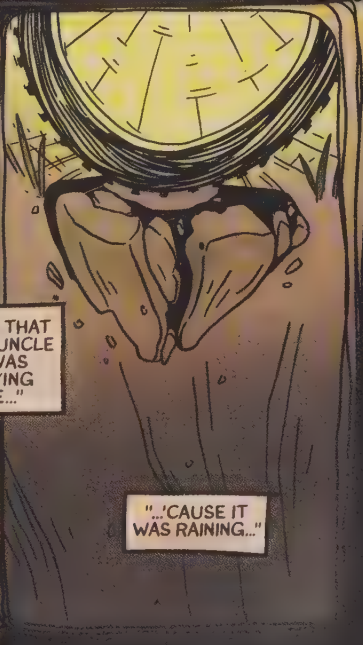
"SO THERE WAS THIS RAVINE, RIGHT?"

"KIDS WERE SUPPOSED TO STAY AWAY FROM IT 'CAUSE IT WAS DANGEROUS..."

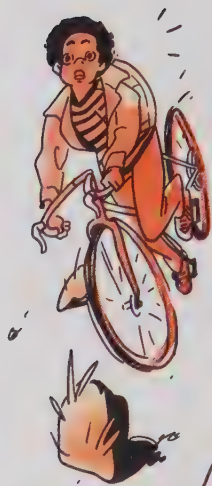


"BUT IT WAS ALSO AN AWESOME SHORTCUT!"

"AND ON THAT DAY, MY UNCLE ABE WAS HURRYING HOME..."



"... 'CAUSE IT WAS RAINING..."

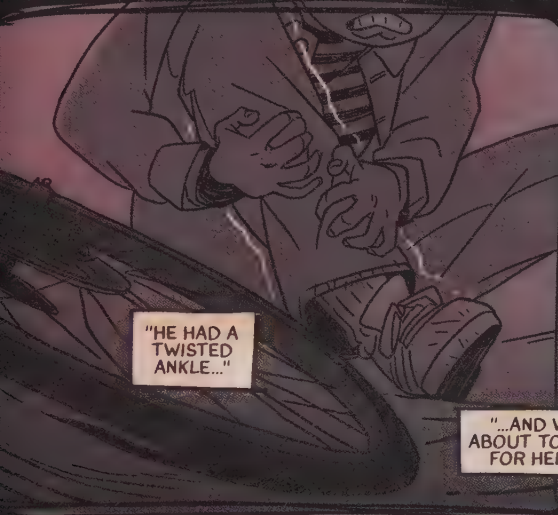


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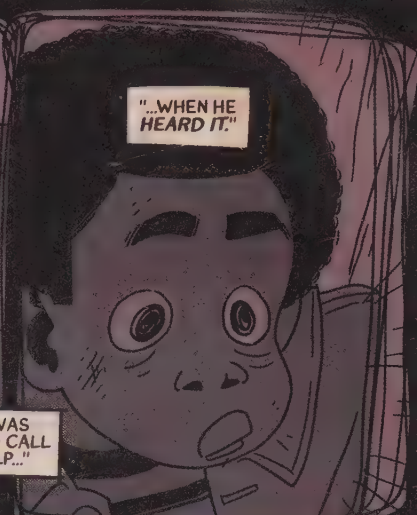
"AND HE MUST
HAVE HIT HIS HEAD
WHEN HE FELL
'CAUSE WHEN HE
WOKE UP—"

"—TIME HAD
PASSED."





"HE HAD A TWISTED ANKLE..."

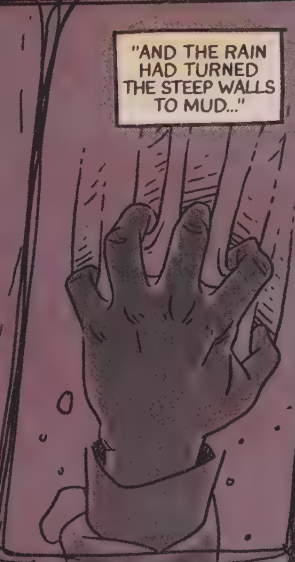


"...WHEN HE HEARD IT."

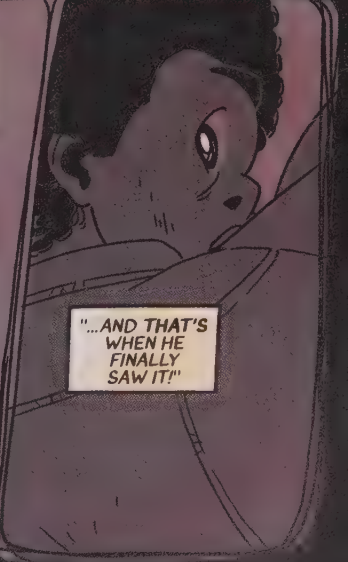
"...AND WAS ABOUT TO CALL FOR HELP..."



"HE TRIED TO CLIMB OUT, BUT HIS ANKLE THROBBED."



"AND THE RAIN HAD TURNED THE STEEP WALLS TO MUD..."



"...AND THAT'S WHEN HE FINALLY SAW IT!"

"CLIMBING!"

"DOWN!"

"THE
RAVINE!"

"RIGHT
TOWARD
HIM!"



"THEN ITS
MOUTH
OPENED..."

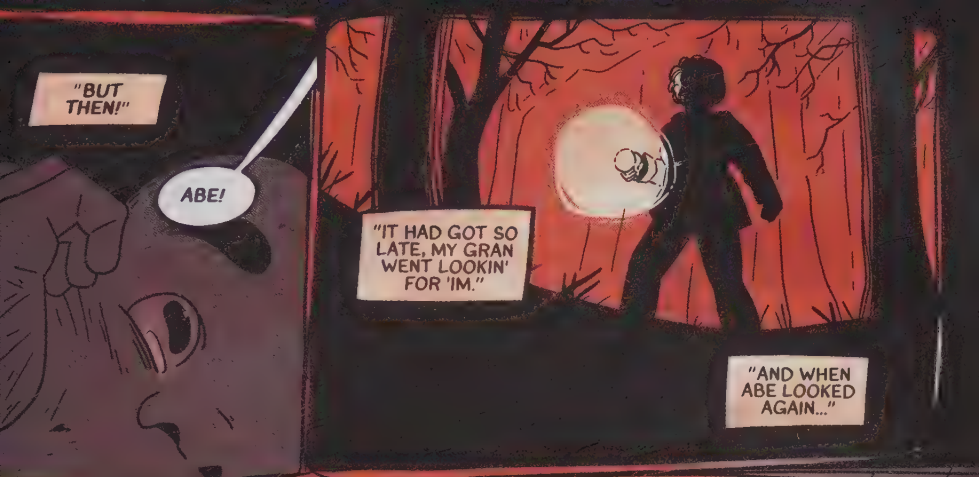


"...AND
OPENED..."



"...AND
OPENED!"

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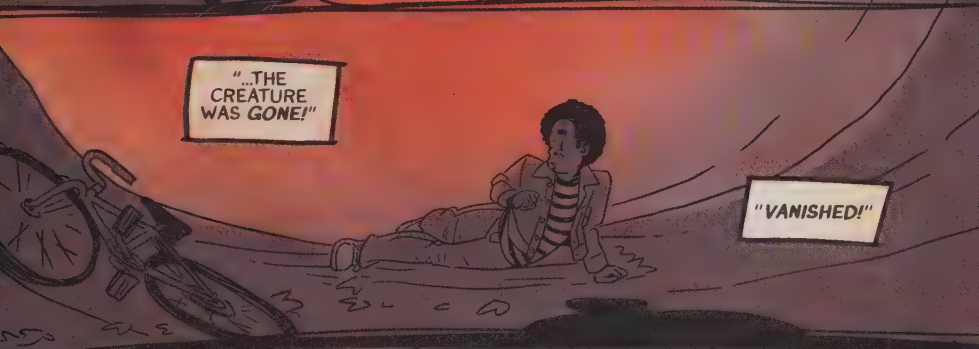


"BUT THEN!"

ABE!

"IT HAD GOT SO LATE, MY GRAN WENT LOOKIN' FOR 'IM."

"AND WHEN ABE LOOKED AGAIN..."

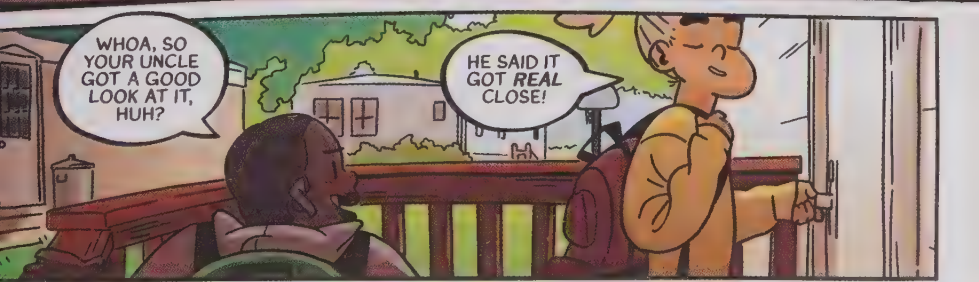


"..THE CREATURE WAS GONE!"

"VANISHED!"

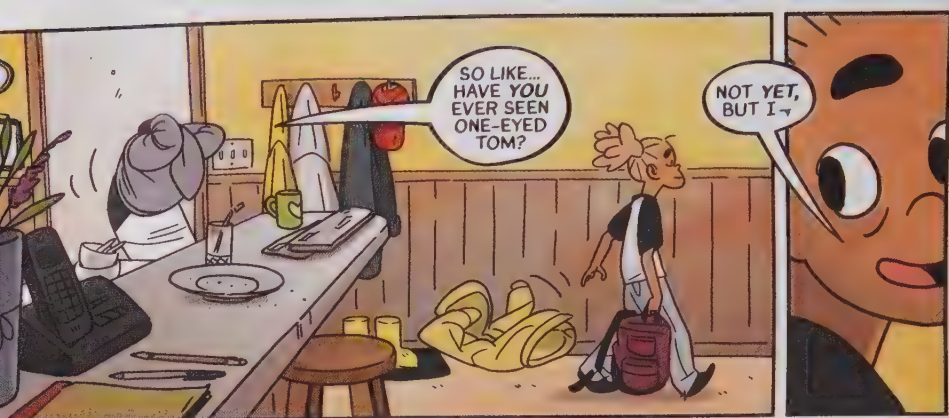


"GRANNY HAULED HIM OUTTA THAT RAVINE HERSELF."



WHOA, SO YOUR UNCLE GOT A GOOD LOOK AT IT, HUH?

HE SAID IT GOT REAL CLOSE!





REALLY!?

UH, YEAH, LIKE I SAID, IT'S A HANDED-DOWN HAND-ME-DOWN.



...CAN WE DO OUR HOMEWORK NOW?

LET'S TRADE.



N-NO, I MEAN, IT'S NOTHING... I DON'T NEED ANYTHING...YOUR CLOTHES WOULDN'T FIT ME ANYWAY...

HMMM...



OH! I GOT IT!

HUP!

NO, IT'S FINE! REALLY!

JUST TAKE IT!



SNAP?



Pick... pick



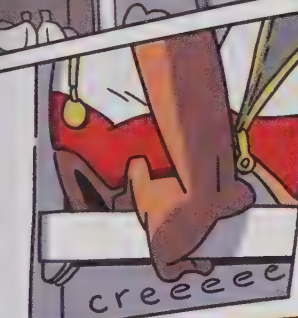
WELL?

C'MON!





CAREFUL!

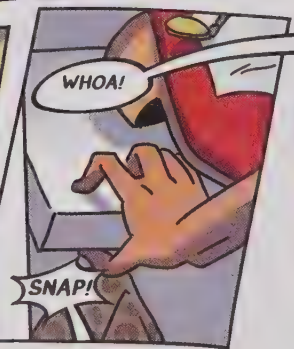


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'80's

DID you try?



WHOA!

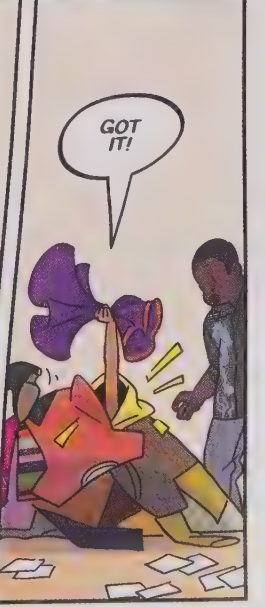
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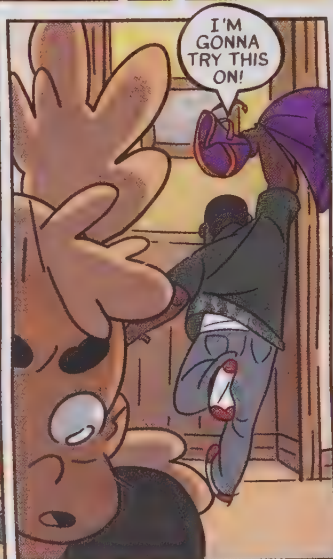
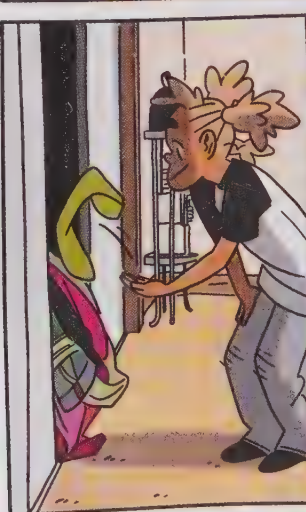
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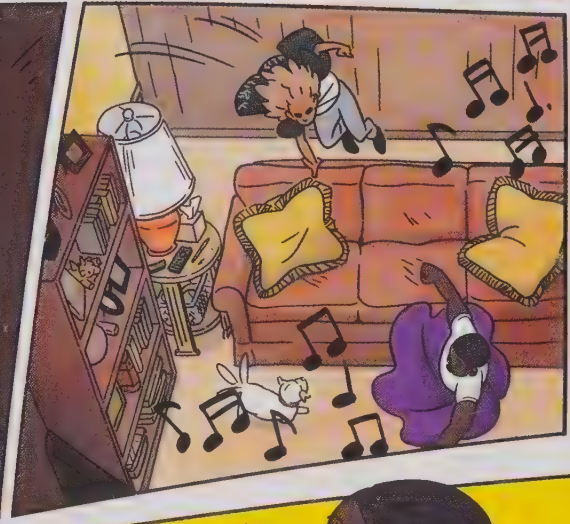
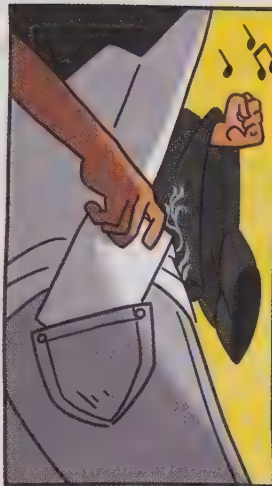


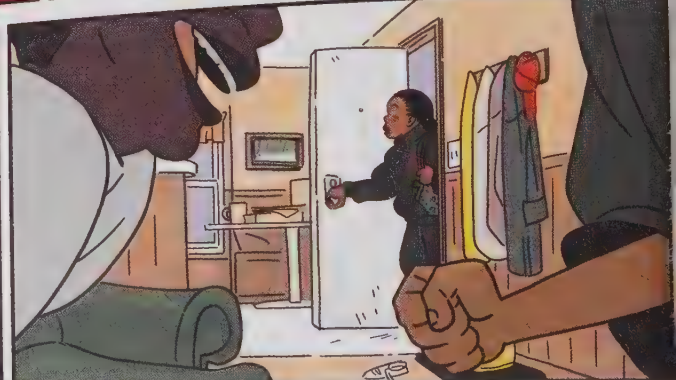
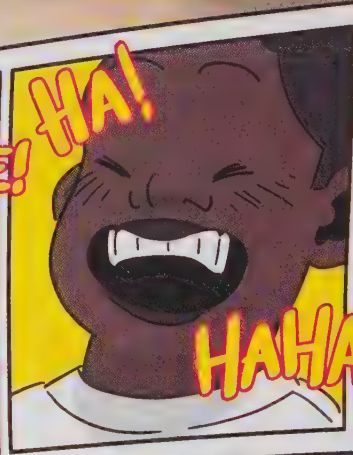
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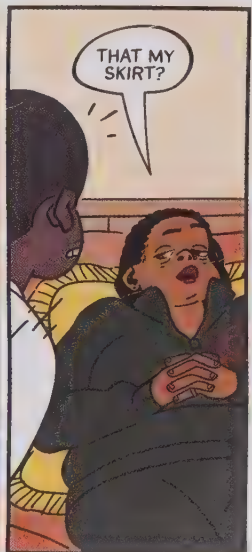
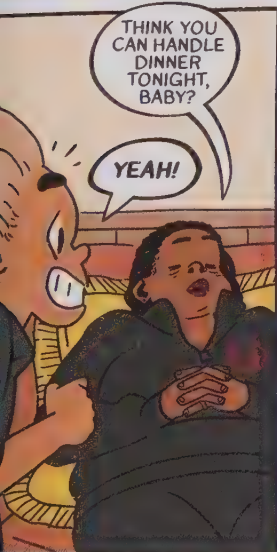
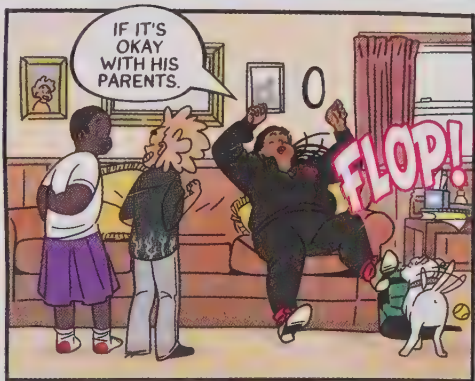
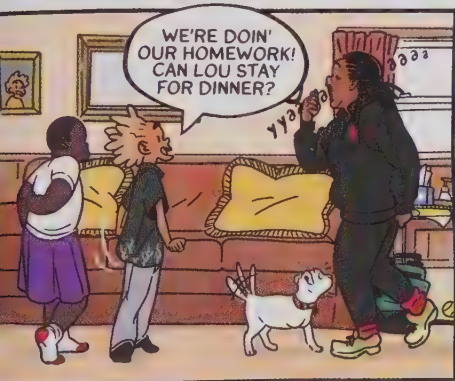


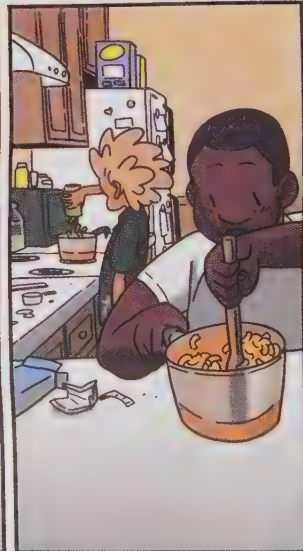
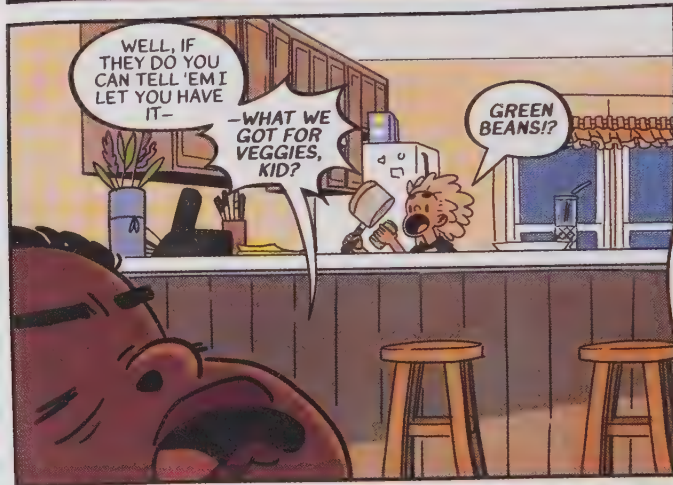
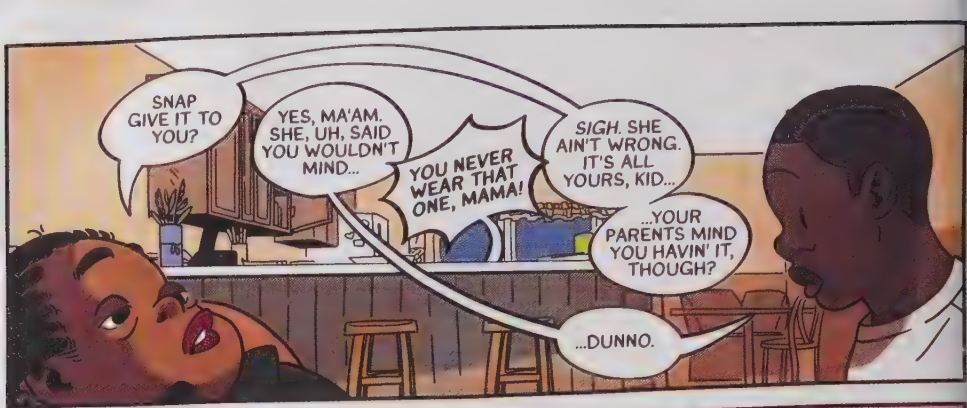
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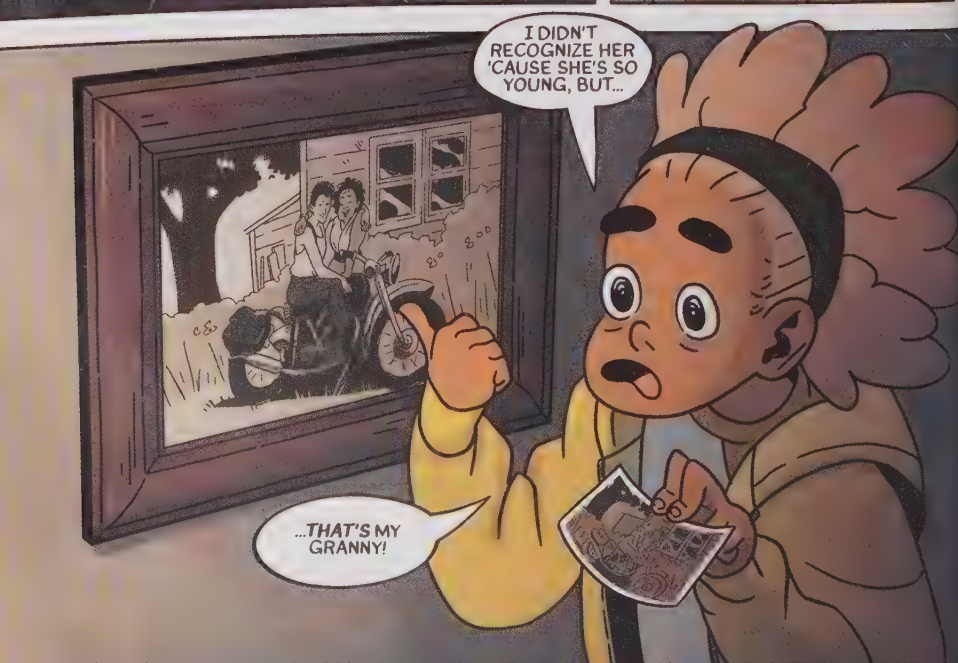
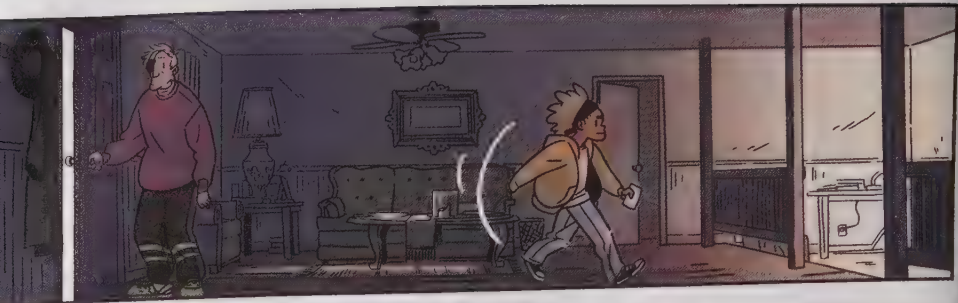






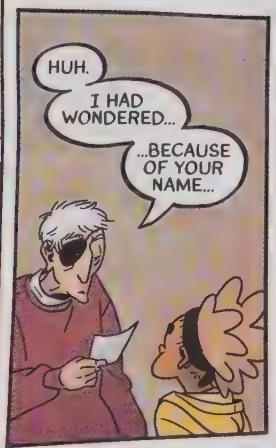








THAT'S YOU AND MY GRANNY, AIN'T IT?



HUH.

I HAD WONDERED...

...BECAUSE OF YOUR NAME...



Y'KNOW YOU LOOK LIKE HER SOMETIMES?

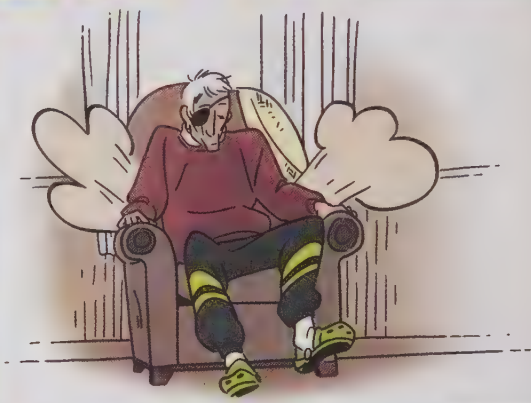
MAYBE NOT RIGHT NOW...

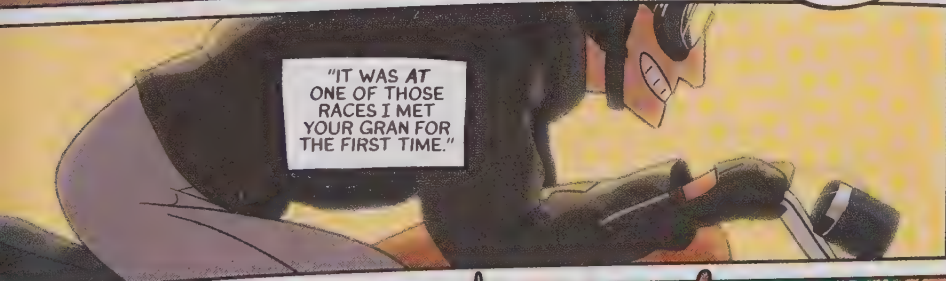


WH-

YOU-

HOW-







"WE WEREN'T A PICKY BUNCH."

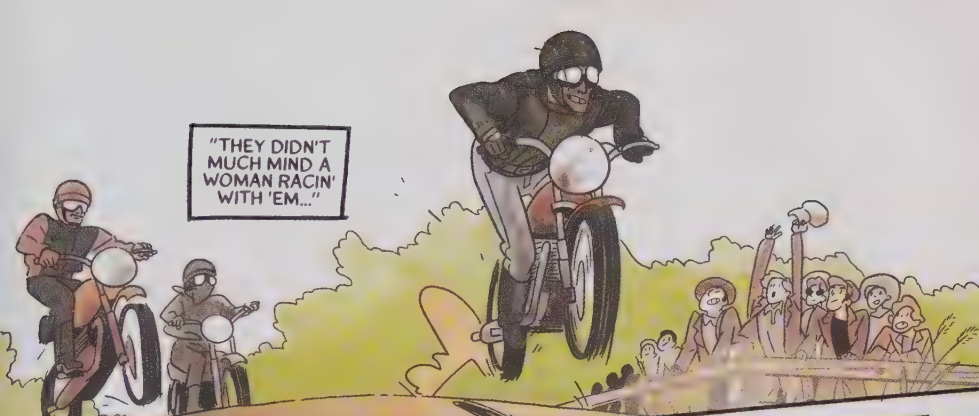


"THE 'WHERE' AND THE 'WHO' DIDN'T MATTER ALL THAT MUCH."

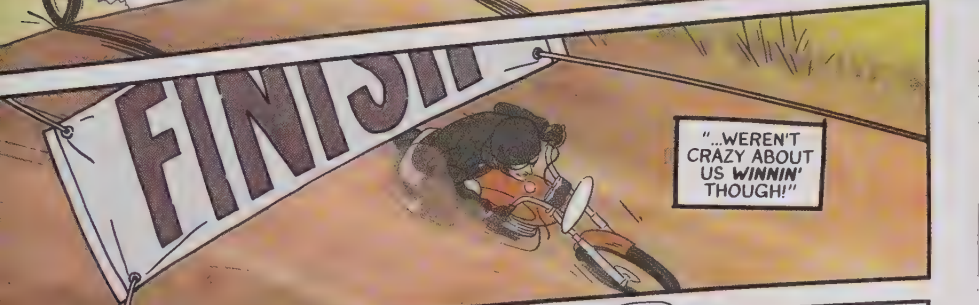
"THE TRACK WAS WHATEVER STRETCH OF DIRT WE COULD FIND THAT WAS LONG ENOUGH."



"AND HECK, ANYONE FOOL ENOUGH TO PARTICIPATE WAS WELCOME!"



"THEY DIDN'T
MUCH MIND A
WOMAN RACIN'
WITH 'EM..."




"...WEREN'T
CRAZY ABOUT
US WINNIN'
THOUGH!"



"—BUT I WAS TALL,
GANGLY, COVERED
IN DIRT, AND IF
I DIDN'T TALK
MUCH..."

EVERYONE JUST
ASSUMED I WAS
A FELLA."



"EVERYONE
EXCEPT—"

LOOKS
LIKE YOU GOT
NICKED THERE,
HONEY!

ON YOUR CHEEK, RIGHT HERE.



OH.
I, UH...



UH, THANK YA, MA'AM!
MUSTA BEEN A ROCK!

SCRUB
SCRUB

NO, NO,
DON'T USE
THAT FILTHY
OL' THING!



THANK YA,
MA'AM.

HERE.

...Y'KNOW,
HONEY, YOU
WERE THE
ONE I WAS
ROOTIN'
FOR.



I COULD TELL YOU WERE A HANDSOME ONE!



THANK YA, MA'AM, BUT I'M NOT...

I'M ACTUALLY A WO-

MAKES NO DIFFERENCE TO ME!



I STAND BY WHAT I SAID!

M-MA'AM! YOUR KERCHIEF!

KEEP IT, HONEY!

JESSIE, GIRL, YOU SHAMELESS!



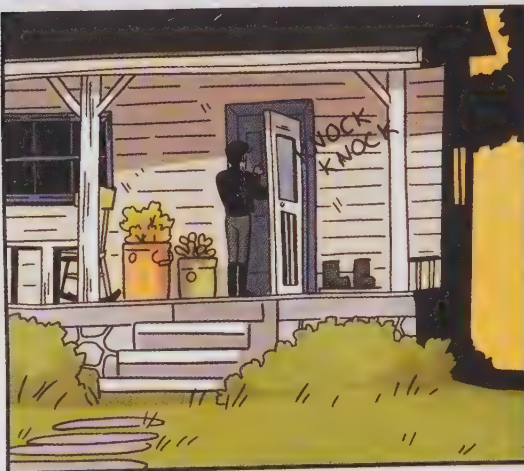
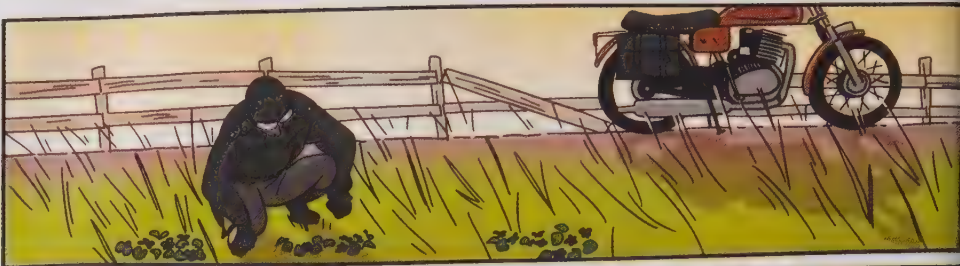
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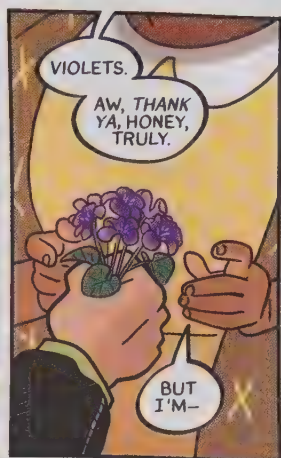


ALLOW ME...

ALLOW ME TO RETURN IT TO YOU!

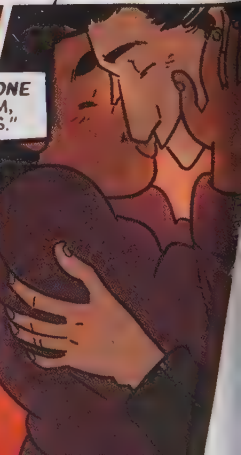
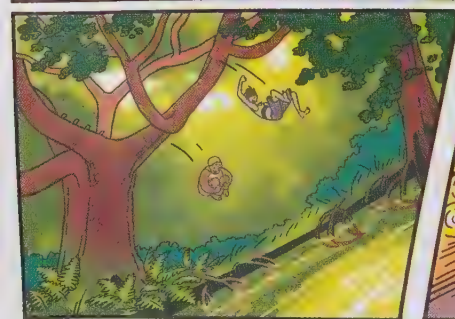
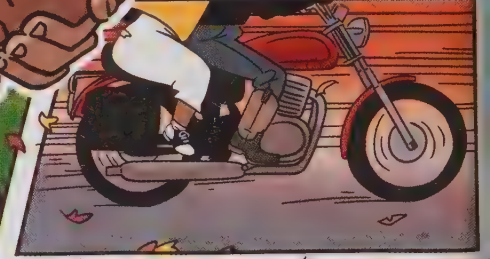








"AND THAT WAS IT."



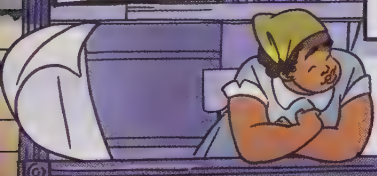
"LOTTA FOLKS
SAW US TWO
TOGETHER AS
ALL KINDS OF
WRONG..."



"...SO WE HAD
TO MAKE THE
MOST OF IT!"

"AND SOME
GOOD FOLKS
STILL SAW US
AS NEIGHBORS."

"I COULDA STAYED
LIKE THAT, WITH
JESSAMINE,
FOREVER."



"WE WERE
HAPPY."



"BUT THERE
WAS ONE
THING..."



IT JUST
AIN'T
FAIR!



MY FAMILY
GOT **ONE**
TRADITION:

NAMIN' OUR
BABY GIRLS
AFTER OUR
FAVORITE
FLOWERS.

SHOULD BE
THE SIMPLEST
THING IN THE
WORLD, HM?



I AIN'T
EVER LIKED
A FLOWER MY
WHOLE LIFE!

SO WHAT
AM I SUPPOSED
TO DO...





ALLS I CAN DO IS HOPE AN' PRAY FOR BOYS!



"...JESSAMINE WANTED A FAMILY."



A BIG, SPRAWLING FAMILY!

SPILLIN' OUTTA EVERY ROOM!

"SHE'D IMAGINE THE HOLIDAYS, THE BIG SUNDAY DINNERS...THE PITTER-PATTER OF LITTLE FEET..."

"SHE WANTED A BUSTLIN' HOME..."



"BUT I ... DIDN'T."



"IT DIDN'T MATTER AT FIRST..."

"WE LOVED EACH OTHER."



"BUT AFTER TIME...OUR FEELINGS DIDN'T CHANGE."



WE WOULDN'T EVEN BE THE ONLY... UNCONVENTIONAL FAMILY!

THAT WIDOWER NEXT TOWN OVER'S RAISIN' HIS LOT WITH ANOTHER FELLA...

AN' AN' THAT COUPLE IN VIRGINIA, THE LOVINGS, THEY—

THAT'S NOT WHY I DON'T WANT KIDS, JESSIE...



"I'M AFRAID I'LL TURN OUT LIKE MY PARENTS."



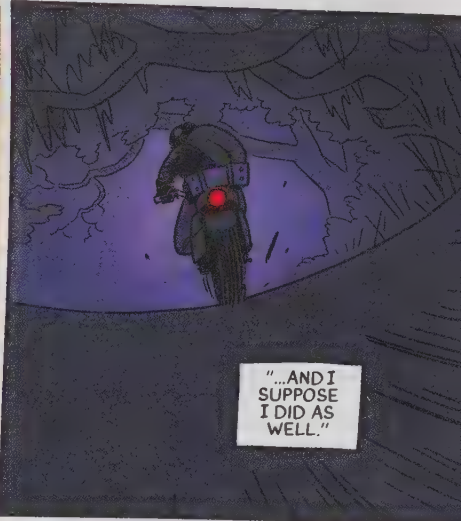


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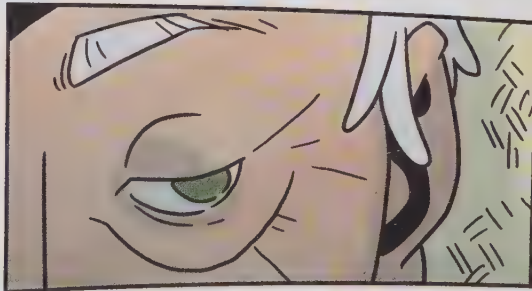
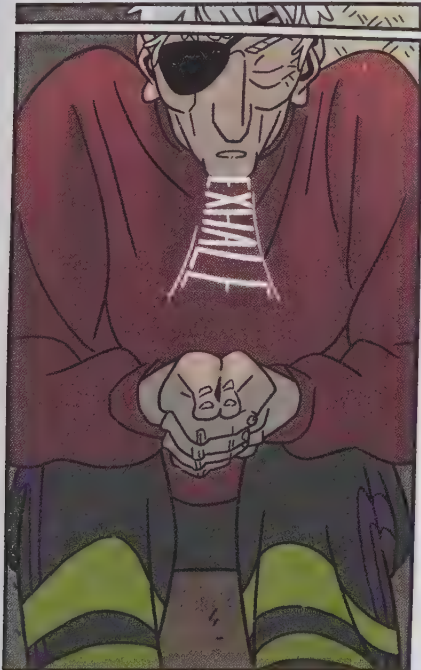


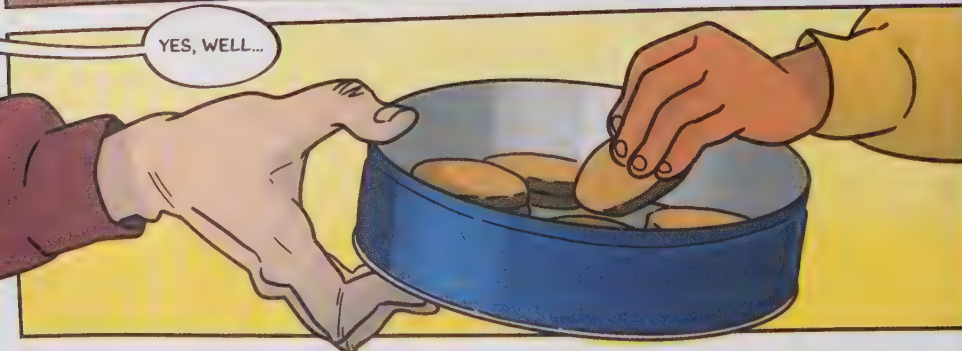
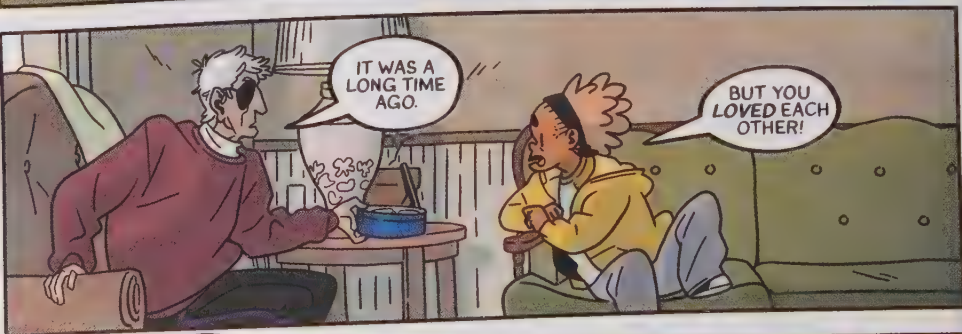
"JESSAMINE MET A KIND MAN AND THEY RAISED THE FAMILY SHE WANTED."

"SHE GOT WHAT SHE WANTED..."



"...AND I SUPPOSE I DID AS WELL."







IF WE'D STAYED TOGETHER, YOU WOULDN'T EXIST.



AND THAT'D BE A SHAME.



SINCE YOU'RE HERE, I MAY AS WELL GIVE YOU SOMETHING I BEEN MEANIN' TO...

wsh wsh w



AND THEN SHE GAVE ME THIS!



IT'S GOT ALL THE BONES AND HOW THEY GO TOGETHER!

JACKS DREW IT ALL HERSELF!

SO IT'S ONE OF A KIND...



...BUT JACKS SAID I COULD USE IT TO FAMILIARIZE MYSELF WITH BONES!



HMM...

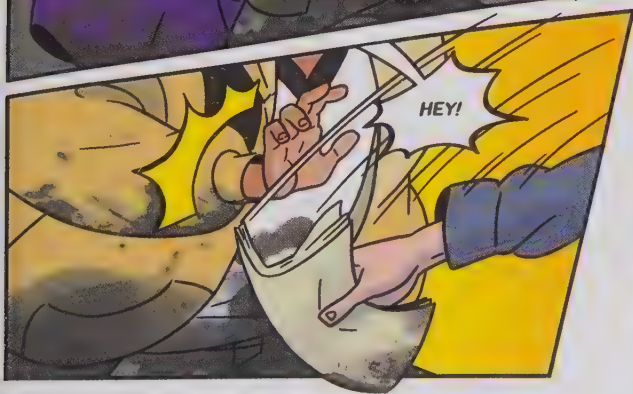
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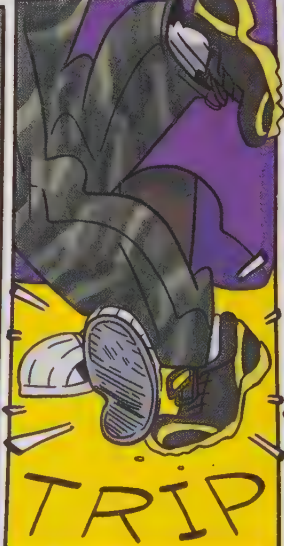
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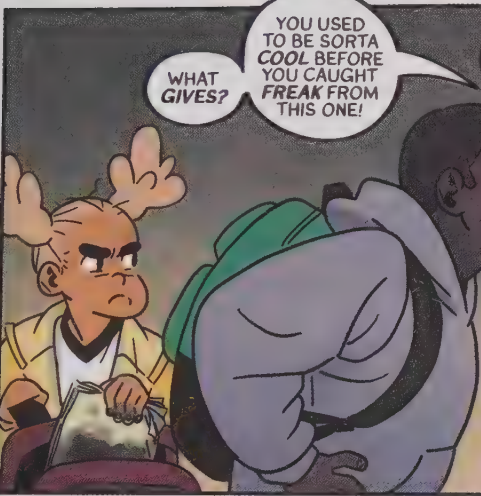
AW, C'MON, LULU! IT'S COOL!

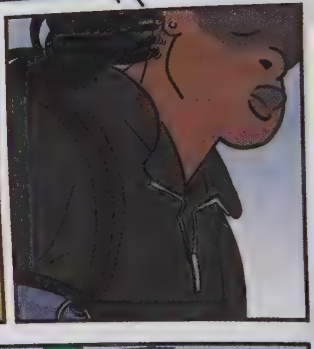
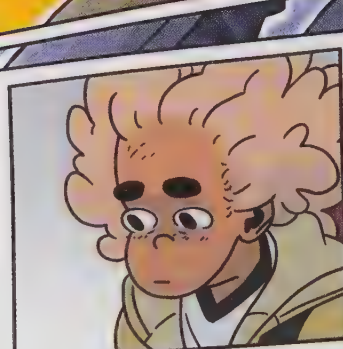


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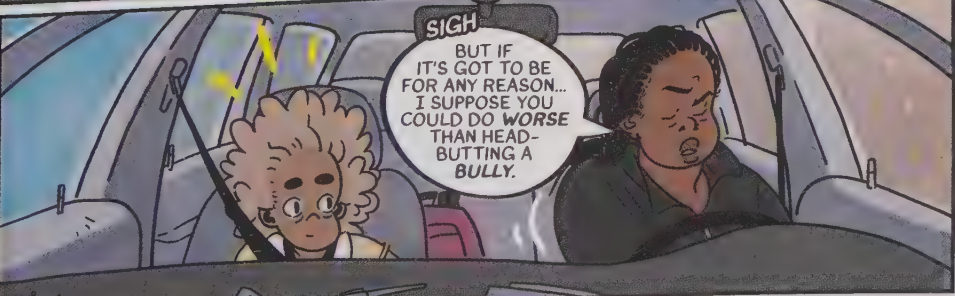
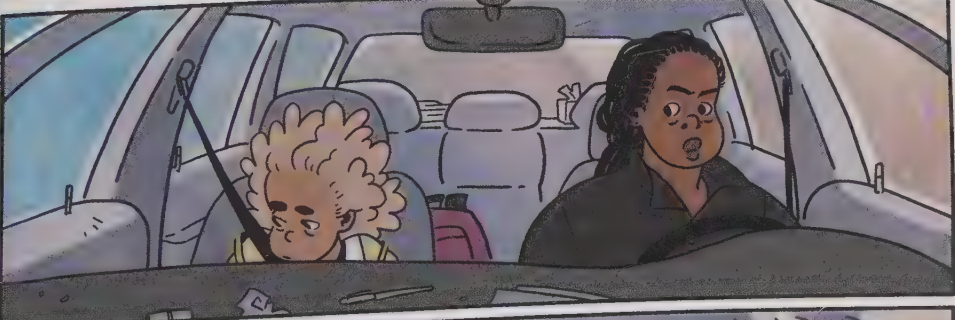
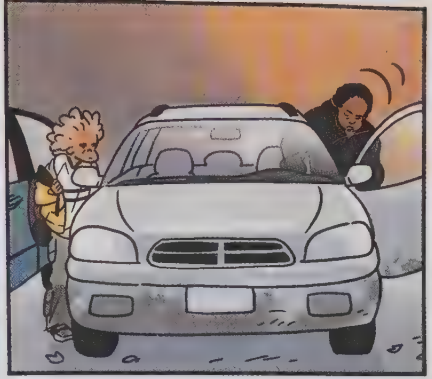








I DON'T WANT ANY MORE CALLS LIKE THIS, SNAPDRAGON.



SIGH
BUT IF IT'S GOT TO BE FOR ANY REASON... I SUPPOSE YOU COULD DO WORSE THAN HEAD-BUTTING A BULLY.



BABY, YOU KNOW YOU CAN TALK TO ME 'BOUT ANYTHING... RIGHT?

YEAH?



DO YOU FEEL LIKE YOU'RE A BOY? LIKE THE WAY LULU'S A GIRL?



NO, MAMA.

YOU CAN TALK TO ME ABOUT THESE THINGS—



I'M JUST... I'M NOT LIKE OTHER GIRLS!

I WONDERED IF MAYBE I WAS REALLY A BOY, LIKE LULU'S A GIRL... BUT THAT DON'T FEEL RIGHT, EITHER...

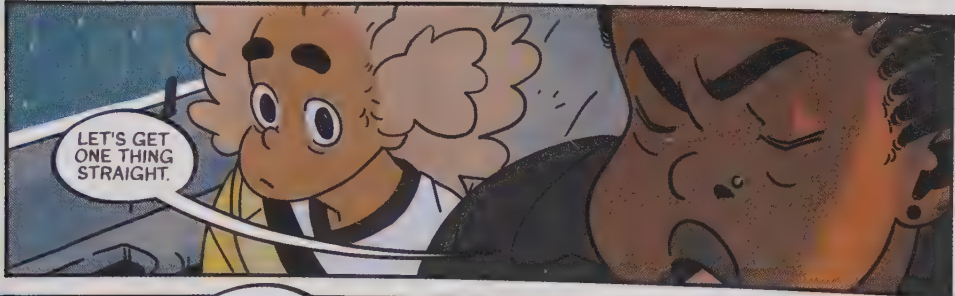


I FEEL LIKE A GIRL...

...I JUST DON'T ACT RIGHT.



A'RIGHT...



LET'S GET ONE THING STRAIGHT.

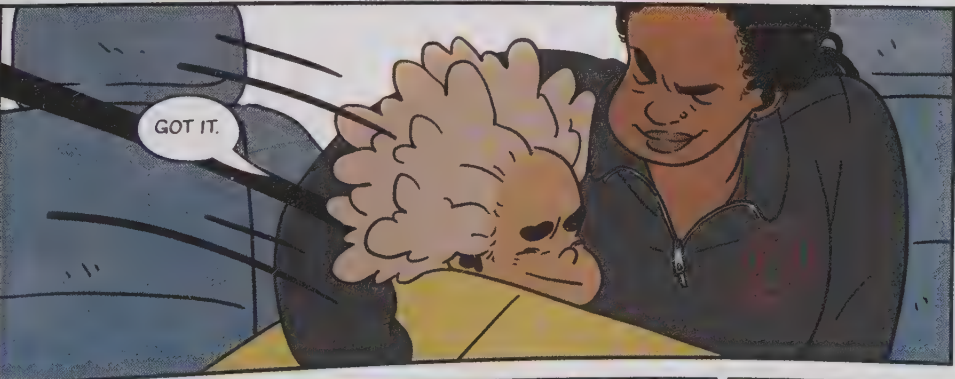
YOU STOOD UP FOR YOURSELF, AND YOUR FRIEND, AGAINST A BULLY—

—SO YOU ACT JUST FINE.

I'M PROUD OF WHO YOU ARE, BABY—

—AND I DON'T WANT YOU ACTIN' ANY OTHER WAY.

GOT IT?



GOT IT.



NOW, WE GOIN' BACK TO THE STATION CAUSE I HAD MY TRAININ' INTERRUPTED BY SOMEBODY...

YEAH, I THOUGHT YOU'D LIKE THAT...

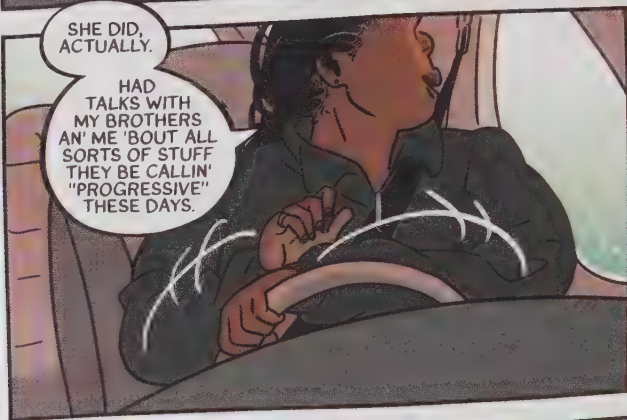


HEY MAMA?

MM-HM?



...DID GRAN EVER TALK WITH YOU 'BOUT...THIS KIND OF STUFF?



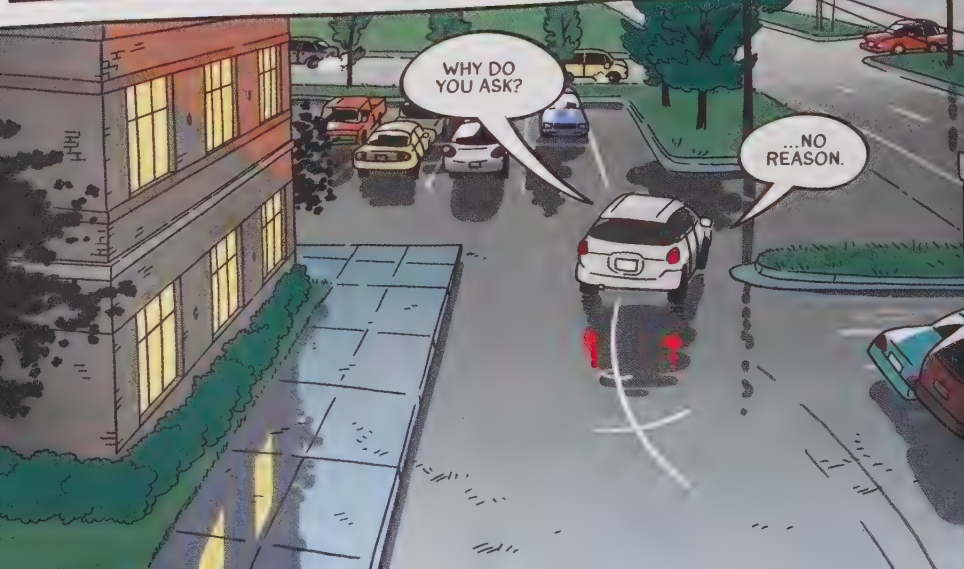
SHE DID, ACTUALLY.

HAD TALKS WITH MY BROTHERS AN' ME 'BOUT ALL SORTS OF STUFF THEY BE CALLIN' "PROGRESSIVE" THESE DAYS.



YOUR GRAN'S ALWAYS BEEN AHEAD OF HER TIME. YOU'D BE SURPRISED!

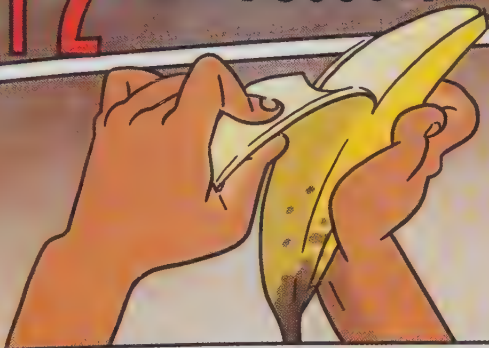
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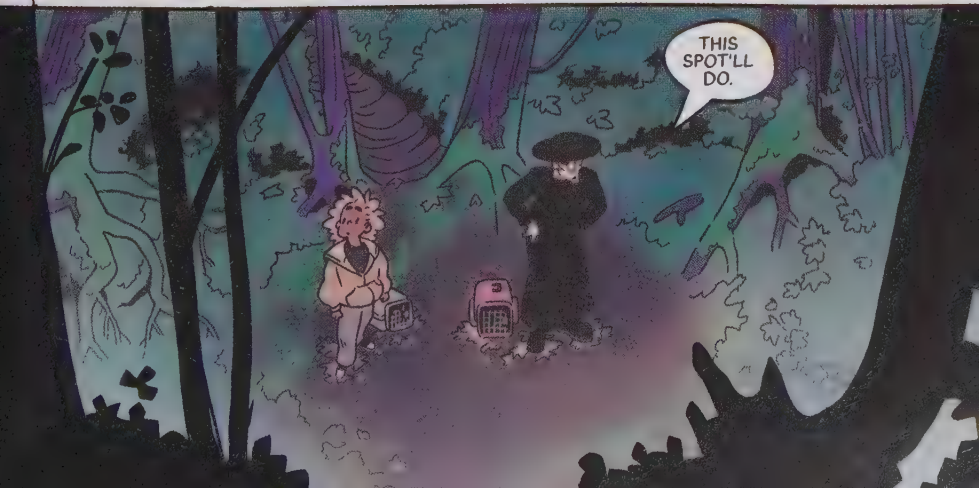
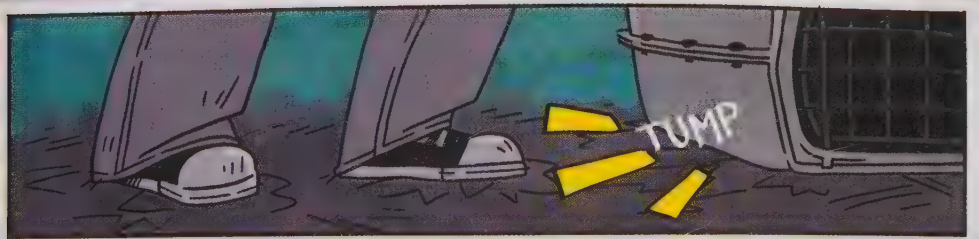
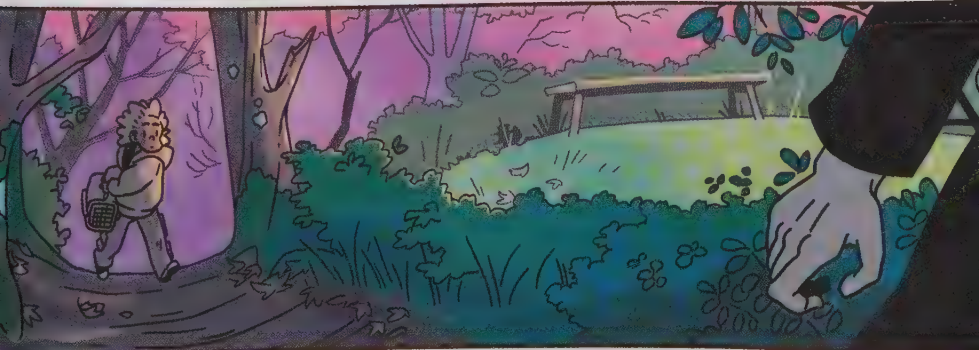
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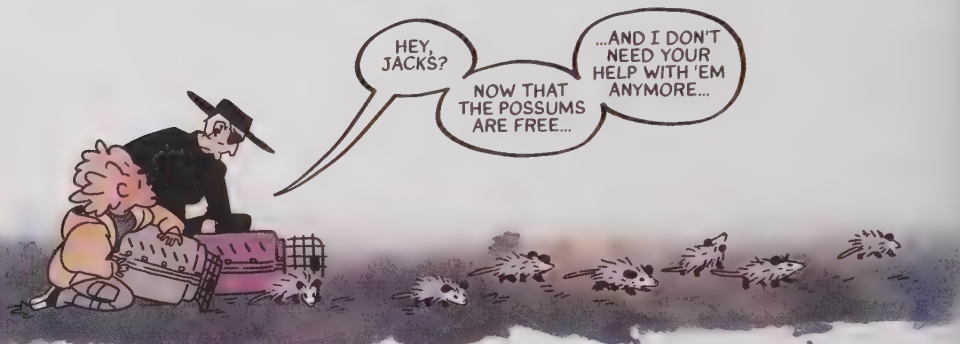
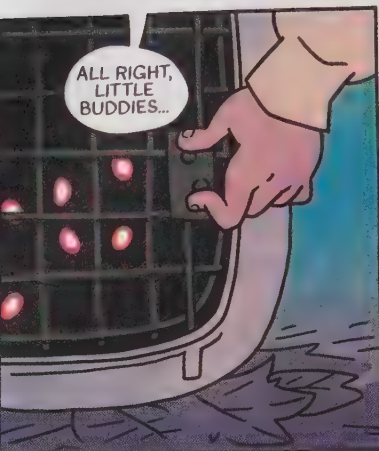
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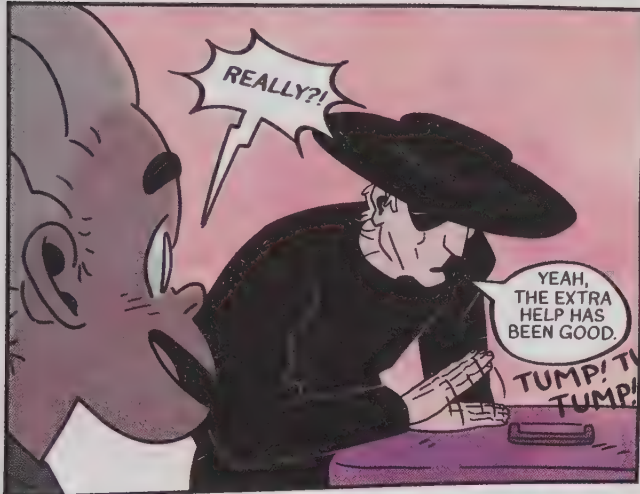
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REALLY?!

YEAH, THE EXTRA HELP HAS BEEN GOOD.

TUMP! TUMP!
TUMP!



YER DOIN' A GOOD JOB.



HEM!
NOW!

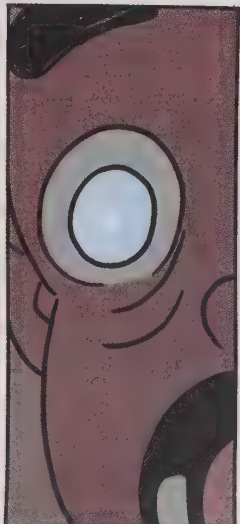
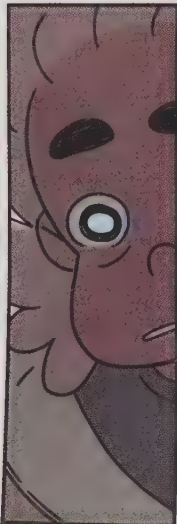
USE THEM SKINNY ARMS AND GET THIS LAST STUBBORN LITTLE JOEY OUT HERE!

AHA!
THE REAL REASON YER KEEPIN' ME AROUND!

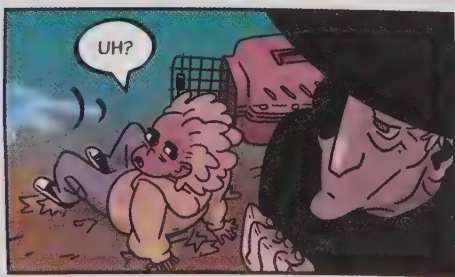
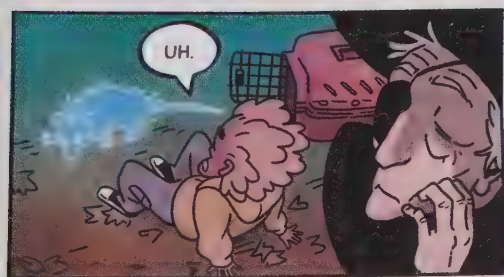


YA CAUGHT ME.

HA, C'MON LITTLE BABY, TIME TO GO!







YEEEP,
GHOSTS IS
REAL.

I BEEN
SAYIN' AS
MUCH.

THE DAY
YOU BRUNG
THEM BABIES
TO ME...

...YOU CARRIED
MAMA HERE,
TOO.

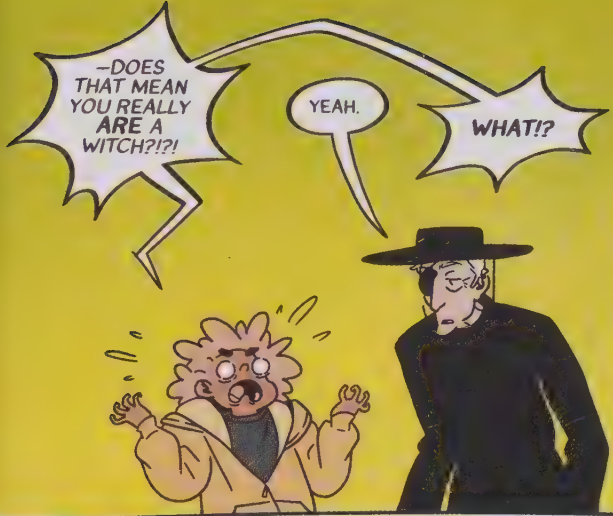
I KNOW
YOU'RE NOT
A WITCH.

OH?

MAMAS
SOMETIMES
STICK AROUND
FOR THEIR
BABIES.

LEFTOVER
INSTINCTS, I
IMAGINE.

WAIT-



-DOES THAT MEAN YOU REALLY ARE A WITCH?!?!

YEAH.

WHAT!?

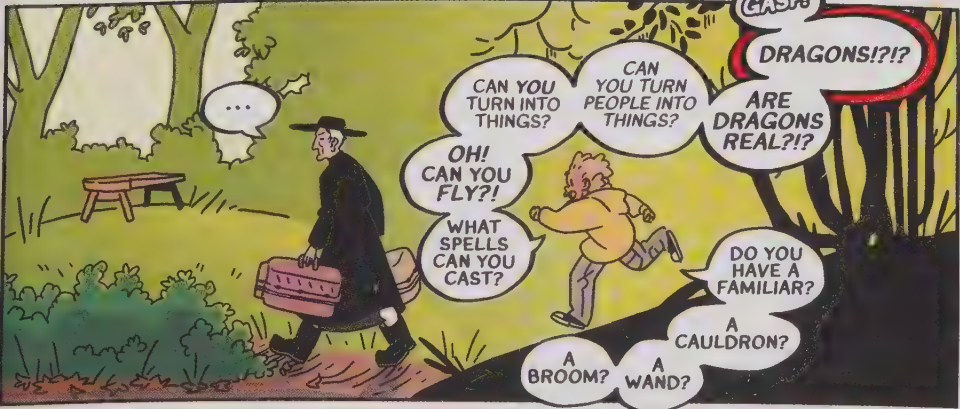


SO IF WITCHES AND GHOSTS ARE REAL...

...WHAT ABOUT VAMPIRES?

ZOMBIES?

WERE-WOLVES?!?



...

CAN YOU TURN INTO THINGS?

CAN YOU TURN PEOPLE INTO THINGS?

GASP!

DRAGONS?!?!

ARE DRAGONS REAL?!?

OH! CAN YOU FLY?!?

WHAT SPELLS CAN YOU CAST?

DO YOU HAVE A FAMILIAR?

A CAULDRON?

A BROOM?

A WAND?



OH! OH! COULD I BE A WITCH?!?



THIS AIN'T MAKE-BELIEVE.

THUNDER

I IMAGINE YOU GOT A PICTURE IN YOUR HEAD OF WHAT WITCHES IS.

LIKE FROM THOSE MOVIES YOU WATCH.

EVIL, UGLY, SCARY THINGS...



WELL, IT AIN'T LIKE THAT.



IT AIN'T EXCITIN'.

IT'S HARD, LONELY WORK.

WITCHES DON'T FIT INTO THE ROLES WE'RE SUPPOSED TO.



SO WE'RE ALWAYS ON THE OUTSIDE.

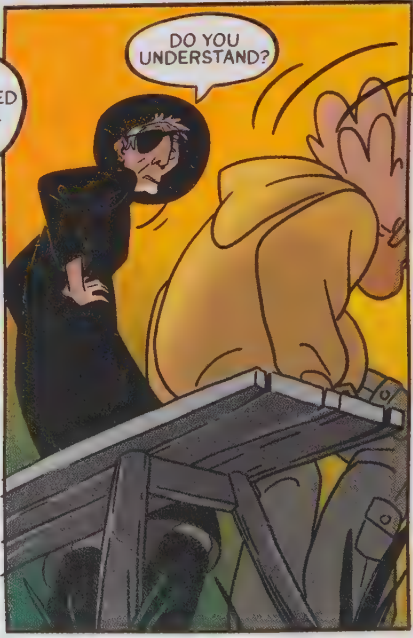
AND SO, WITCHES GOT MADE INTO SCARY THINGS TO BE FEARED.

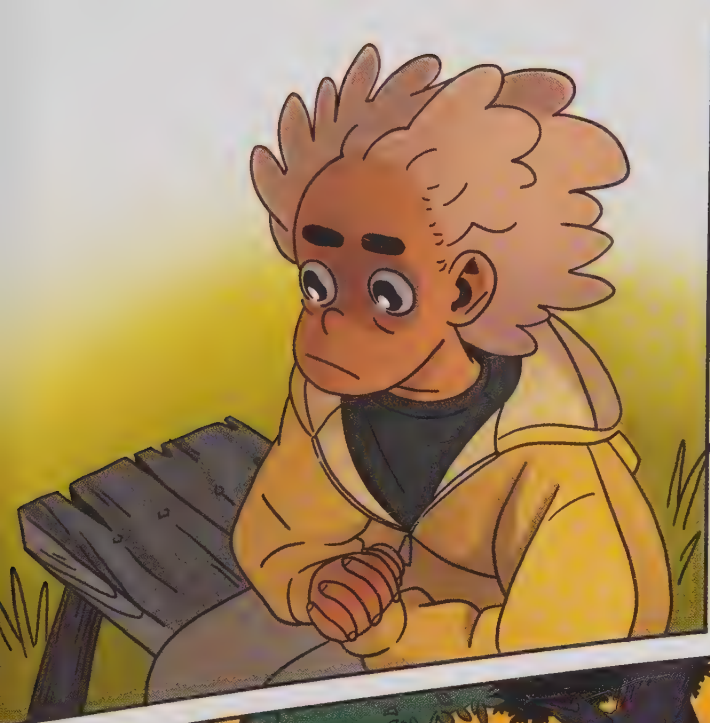
TO EXCUSE THE CRUEL THINGS DONE TO US.

THAT'S WHAT SCARED FOLKS DID. STILL DO.

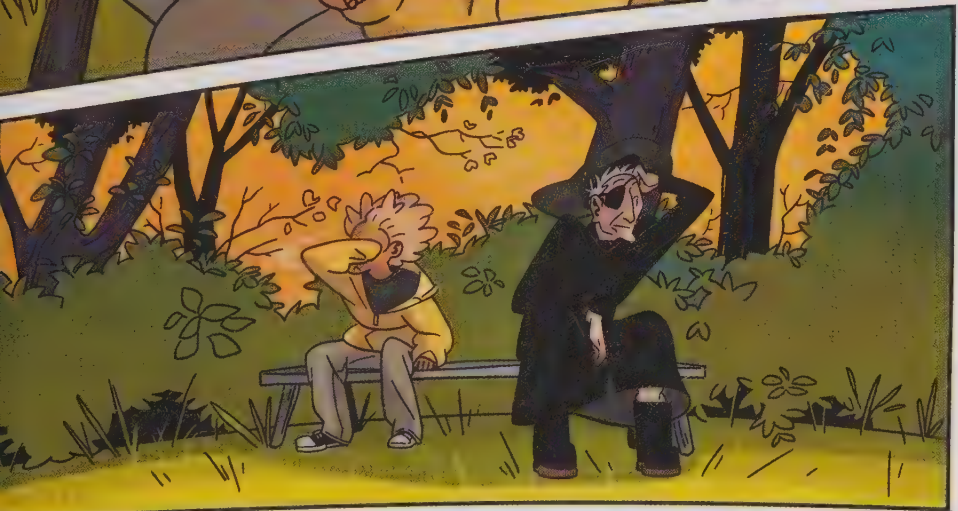


DO YOU UNDERSTAND?





YEAH.



HEY, JACKS?

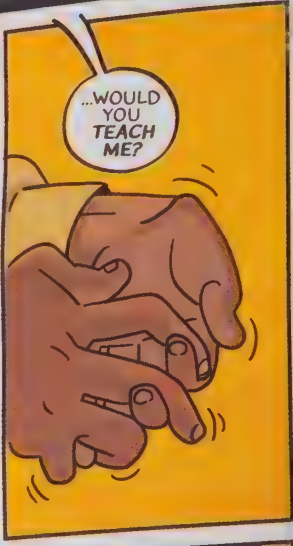


COULD I BE A WITCH?




WOULD YOU...

I DON'T KNOW HOW IT WORKS...



...WOULD YOU TEACH ME?



SNAP.



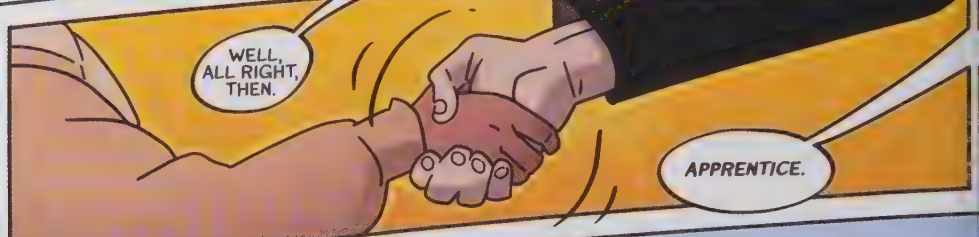
NOT EVERYONE IS ABLE TO USE MAGIC...





WELL,
ALL RIGHT,
THEN.

APPRENTICE.



LUUU!

**KNOCK!
KNOCK!
KNOCK!!**



HI,
MRS. HILL!

HELLO,
SNAP.





MAGIC IS REAL, I CAN SEE GHOSTS,

JACKS IS A WITCH, AND I'M GONNA BE ONE, TOO!



...UH-HUH.

I'M BEING SERIOUS!

UH-HUH.

REALLY!



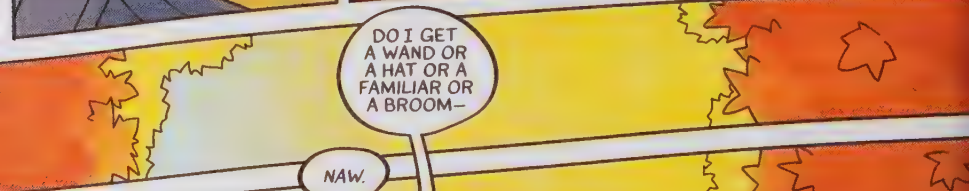
C'MON, SNAP, DON'T TEASE ME.

NO! NO! I'M NOT—

—I SWEAR, IT'S TRUE!



BUT THAT AIN'T THE ONLY THING I LEARNED...



DO I GET A WAND OR A HAT OR A FAMILIAR OR A BROOM—

NAW.

YOU DON'T NEED ANY OF THAT HOCUS-POCUS.



AWW.



SOMETHING THE MATTER?

NO! NO! SORRY!

THAT JUNK'LL CLUTTER YOUR BRAIN AND DISTRACT YOU FROM REAL CONTROL.

YOU GOTTA BE ABLE TO RELY ON YOURSELF.

'CAUSE MAGIC'S ALL ABOUT YOUR OWN WILL AND ENERGY.

AND THE GHOSTS?

GHOSTS IS JUST LEFTOVER ENERGY.

YOU CAN ALREADY SEE IT—THAT'S GOOD.

A GOOD FIRST STEP...




...BUT CONNECTIN' WITH IT AND USIN' IT HOW YOU WISH...

...THAT'S THE FINICKY BIT—

—THAT'S MAGIC.





—AND MAGIC IS A MATTER OF **WILL**.

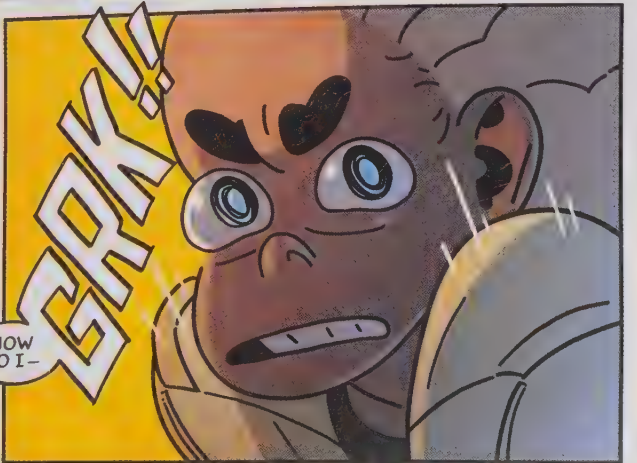
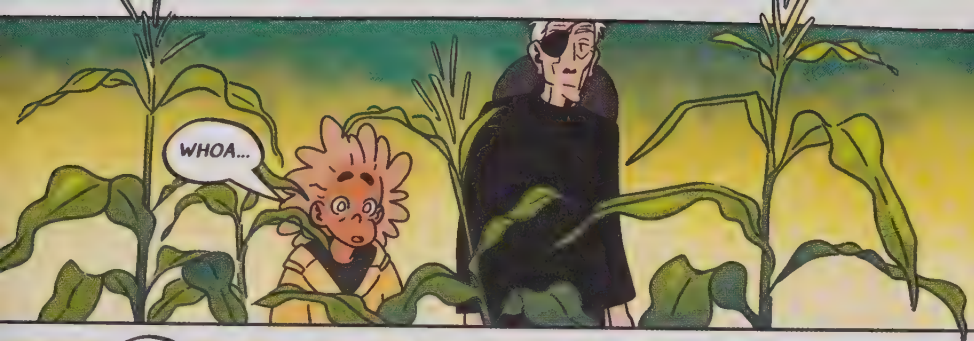


NO WORDS...

NO PROPS...

YOU NEED NOTHING BUT YOURSELF.







UUUH...

YOU...
WHAT?
WHAT
IS IT?



OH,
THAT'S
JUST--
BUCK!
SCRAM!
SCRAM!



THAT'S
JUST
BUCK.

MOST
GHOSTS DON'T
LINGER PAST A
FEW MONTHS.
TOPS.



"A FEW YEARS
AGO, I FOUND
'IM BARELY
ALIVE."

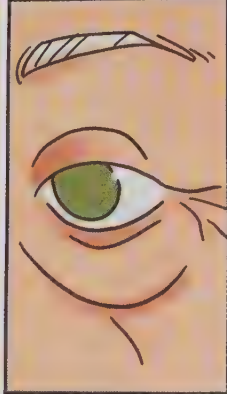
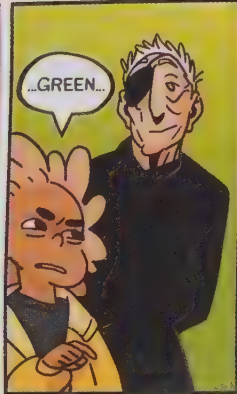
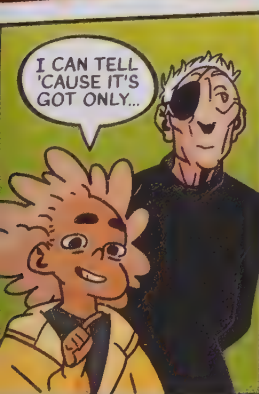
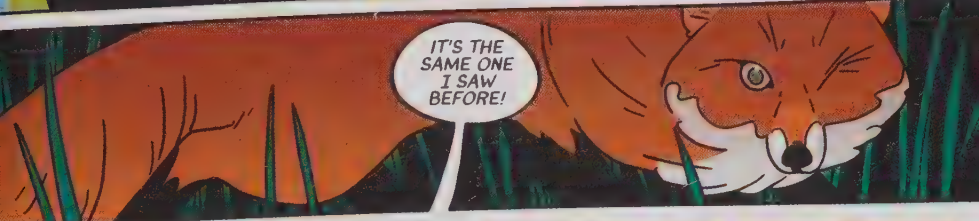
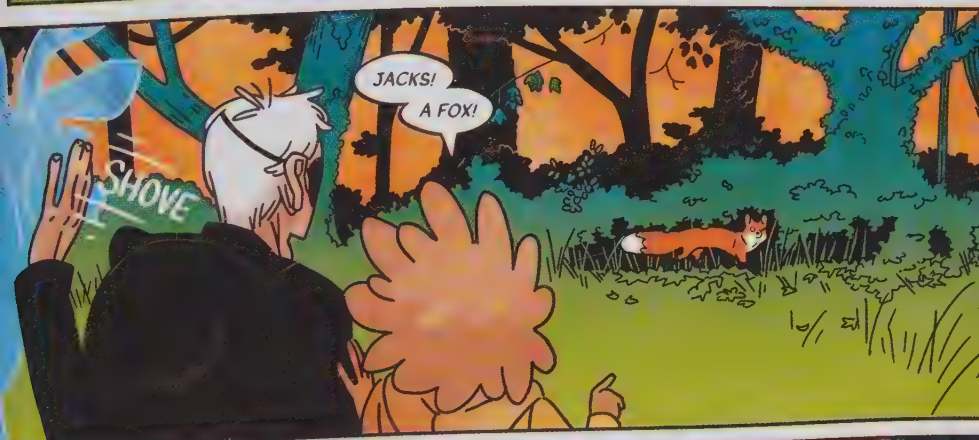


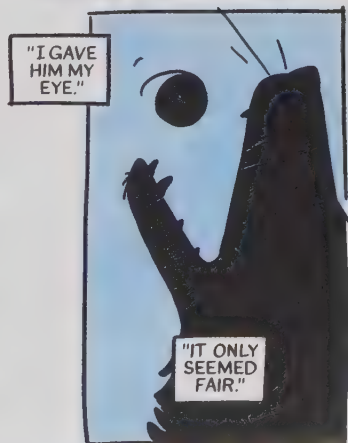
"I STAYED
WITH 'IM 'TIL
HE PASSED."

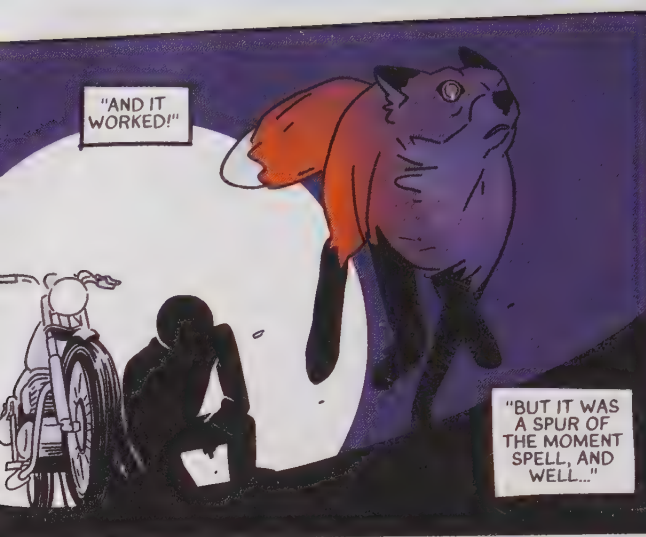
"BUT HE'S A
STUBBORN
ONE...."



"...AND NOW
HE JUST
WON'T
LEAVE!"







"AND IT WORKED!"

"BUT IT WAS A SPUR OF THE MOMENT SPELL, AND WELL..."



...I MAY HAVE... CURSED HIM.

BY MISTAKE.



"WE'D BECOME LINKED."



IN FACT, HE'D EVEN CHECK IN ON JESSAMINE ONCE IN A WHILE.

WHOA WHOA WHOA.

HOLD IT.





WHOA WHOA WHOA.

STOP.

HOLD IT.

ARE YOU TELLING A ONE-EY-



ARE YOU TELLING ME-

ONE-EYED TOM IS A REAL, DECADES-OLD FOX-

-AND THE OLD LADY YOU PUT SKELETONS TOGETHER WITH SHARES AN EYE WITH HIM?!

YEAH.

TURNS OUT TOM WASN'T HAUNTING US, AFTER ALL.

JUST WATCHING OVER US.



"...LIKE BY KEEPIN' MY GRAN FROM DRIVING ONTO A COLLAPSED BRIDGE ON A FOGGY NIGHT..."

"...OR WATCHING
OVER MY UNCLE
WHEN HE FELL IN
A RAVINE."

ROOOOWWWW!!!

"AND MAKING
NOISE TO LEAD
MY GRAN TO
HIM..."

WOW.

YEAH.

HEY!

DO YOU
THINK THERE
WERE OTHER
TIMES, TOO?

HM?

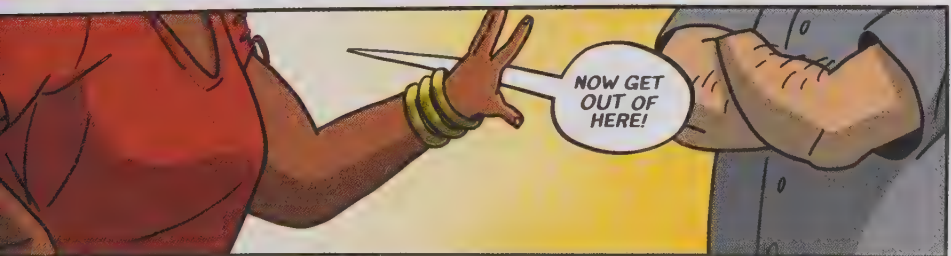
LIKE,
OTHER TIMES
HE HELPED OUT
YOUR FAMILY
THAT YOU DON'T
KNOW ABOUT?

...I
SUPPOSE...

HUH.

A FEW MONTHS AGO...

"I WOULDN'T KNOW, WOULD I?"





IF YOU'RE GONNA BE LIKE THIS I'M TAKING MY DAMN DOG BACK!



OH NO YOU ARE NOT.

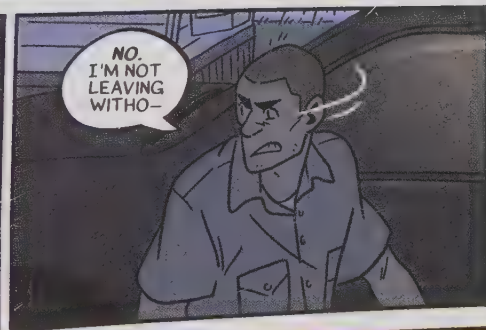
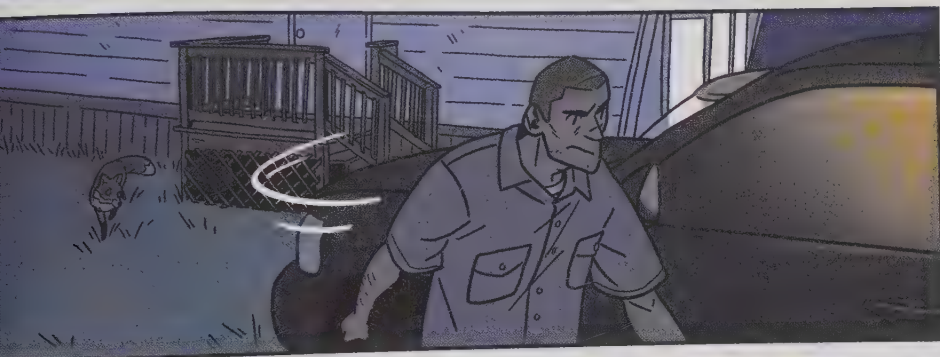
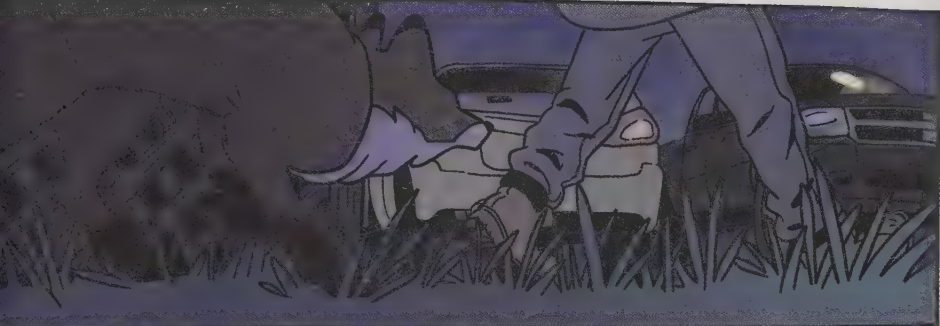
AND IF I CATCH YOU SKULKING AROUND MY HOUSE AGAIN—

—OR ANYWHERE NEAR MY DAUGHTER OR HER DOG...

I WILL—



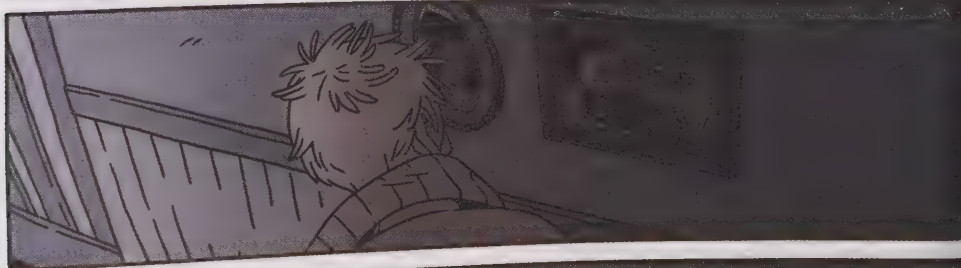
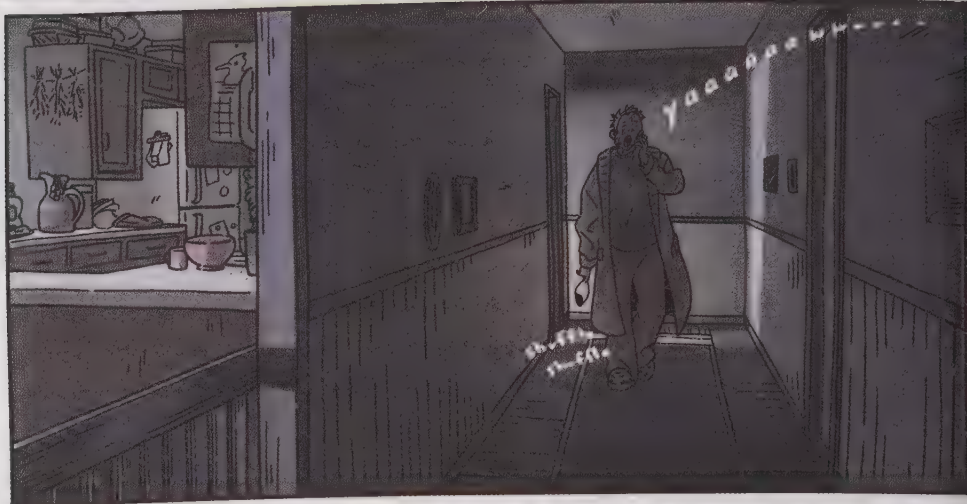
NOW GET OUT OF HERE!







BACK TO THE PRESENT...

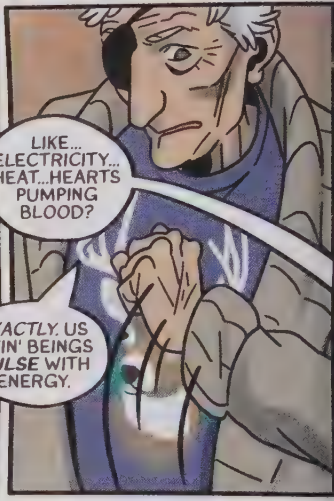




WHAT'S MAGIC, KID?

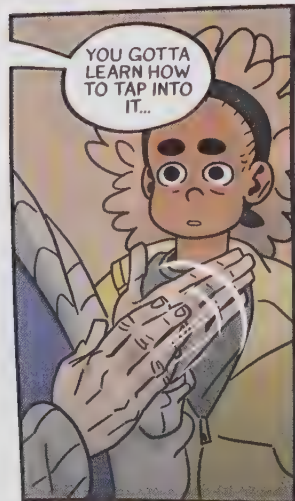
UH, YOU SAID IT WAS BEIN' ABLE TO...CONTROL ENERGY WITH YOUR, uh, WILL...

RIGHT. AND WHAT'S ENERGY?

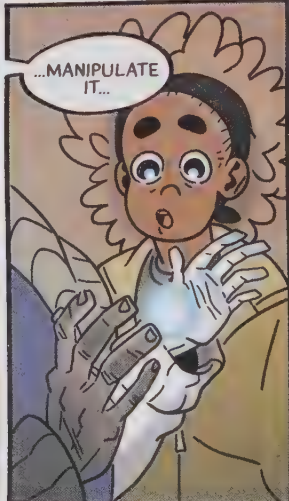


LIKE... ELECTRICITY... HEAT... HEARTS PUMPING BLOOD?

EXACTLY. US LIVIN' BEINGS PULSE WITH ENERGY.



YOU GOTTA LEARN HOW TO TAP INTO IT...

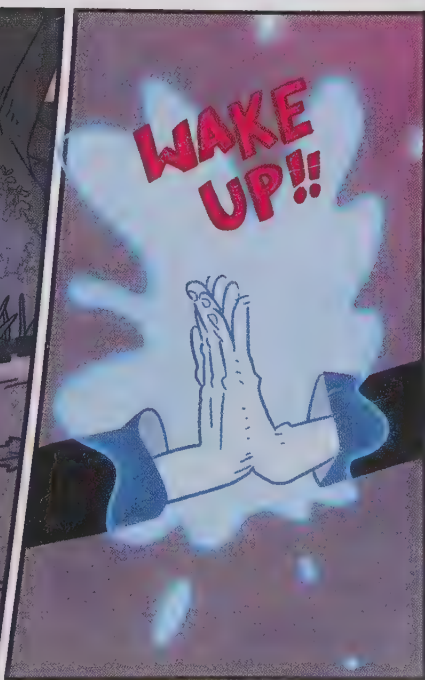
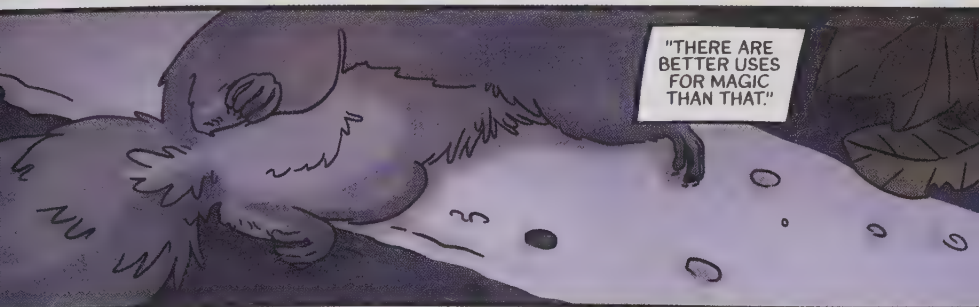
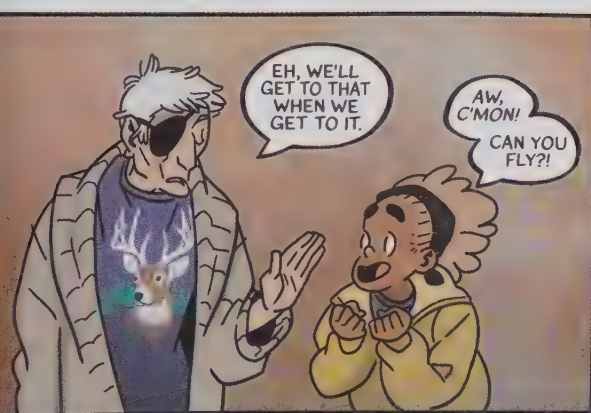


...MANIPULATE IT...



...THEN YOU CAN DO ALL SORTS OF THINGS.

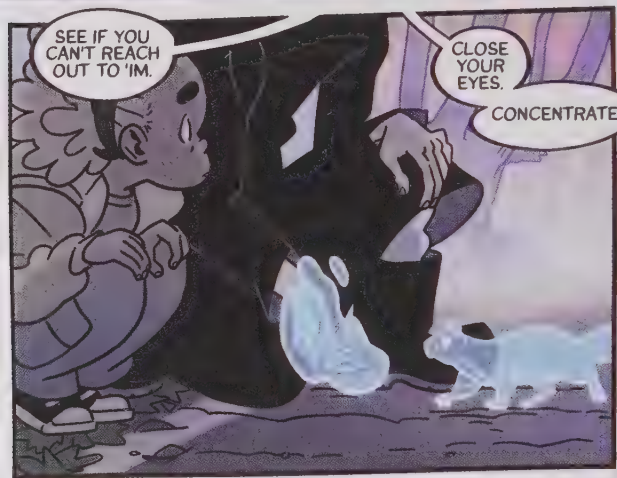
YEAH?! LIKE WHAT?!





SEE 'IM?

YEAH!



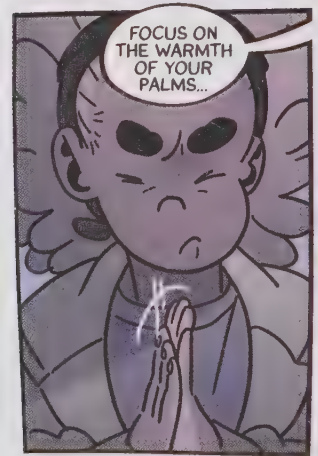
SEE IF YOU CAN'T REACH OUT TO 'IM.

CLOSE YOUR EYES.

CONCENTRATE.



TRY WARMIN' YOUR HANDS.



FOCUS ON THE WARMTH OF YOUR PALMS...



...IMAGINE IT'S A LIGHT...



...FEEL YOUR HEARTBEAT...

...NO, DON'T HOLD YOUR BREATH.



FOCUS.



NOW TRY...

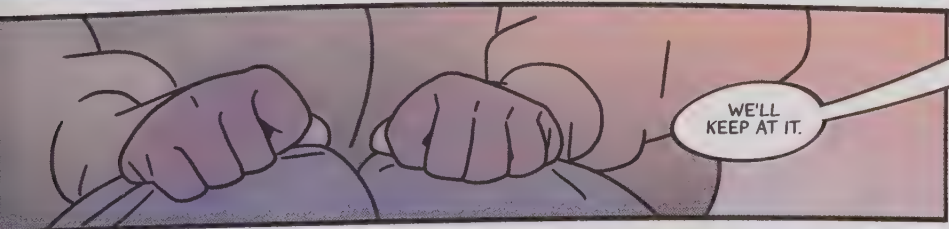


...IT DIDN'T WORK...

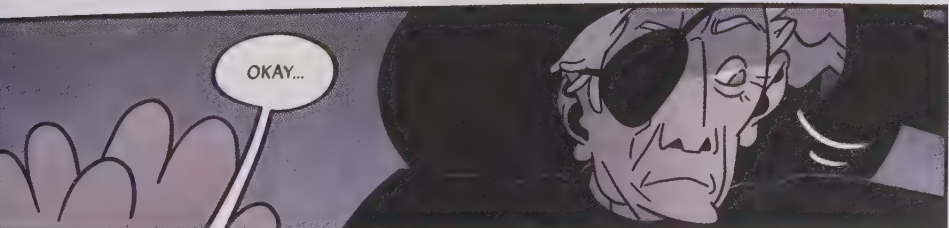
DON'T FRET.



IT DON'T ALWAYS CLICK RIGHT AWAY.



WE'LL KEEP AT IT.



OKAY...



"THIS IS A SKILL.
SAME AS ANY
OTHER."

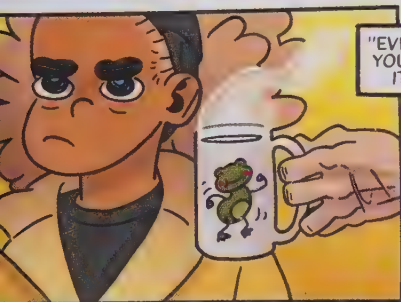
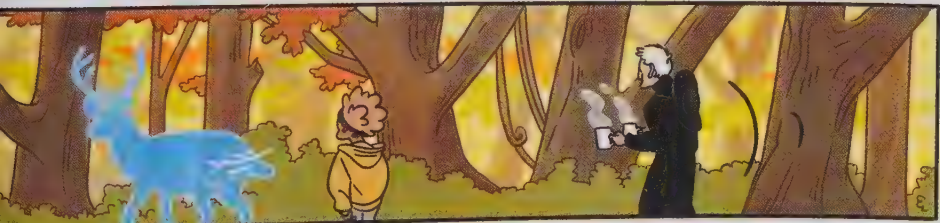


"YOU GOT A
LOTTA FOCUS.
A LOTTA DRIVE..."

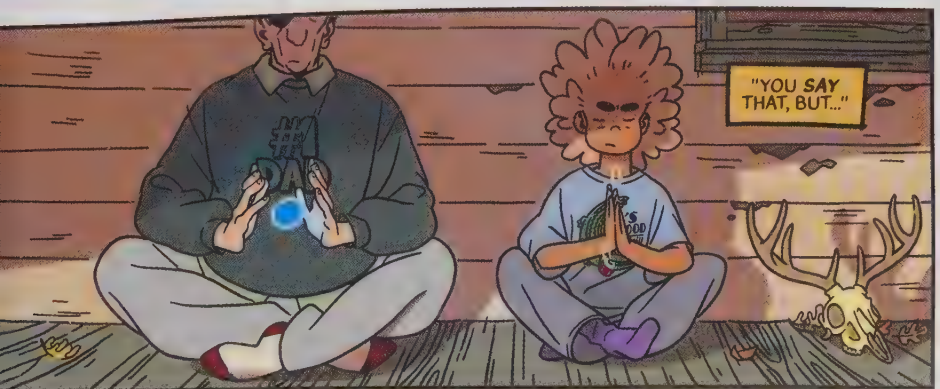
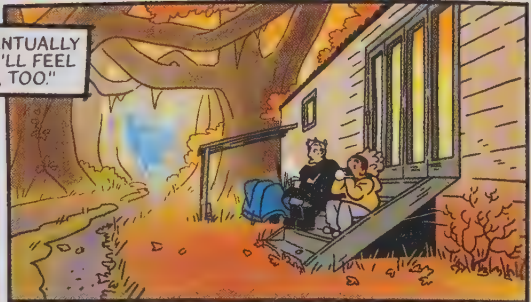


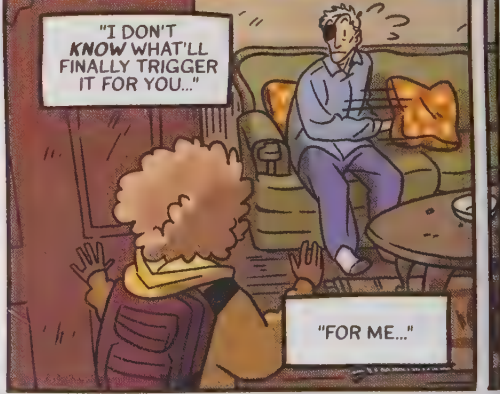
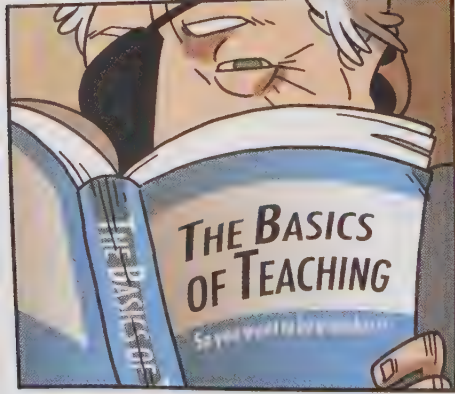
"SO WE'LL
WORK AT IT!"

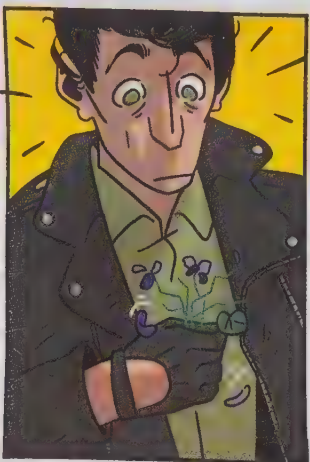
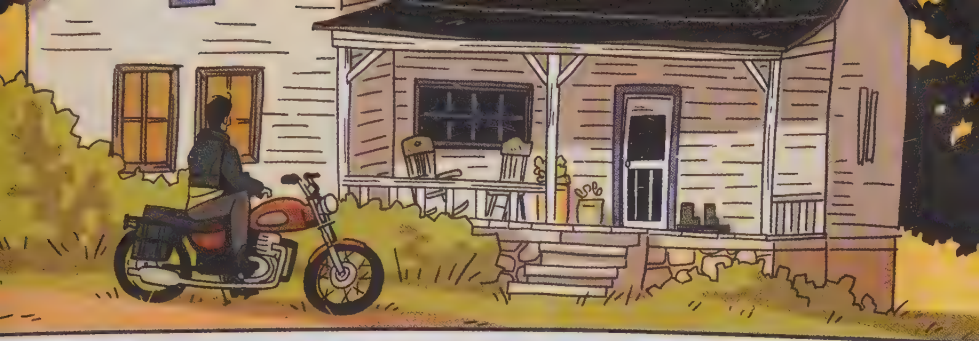




"EVENTUALLY YOU'LL FEEL IT, TOO."



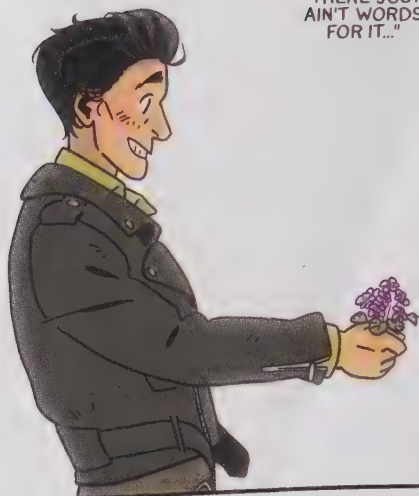




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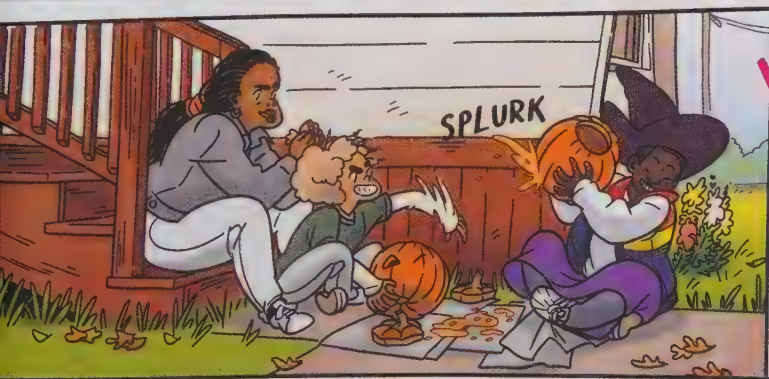


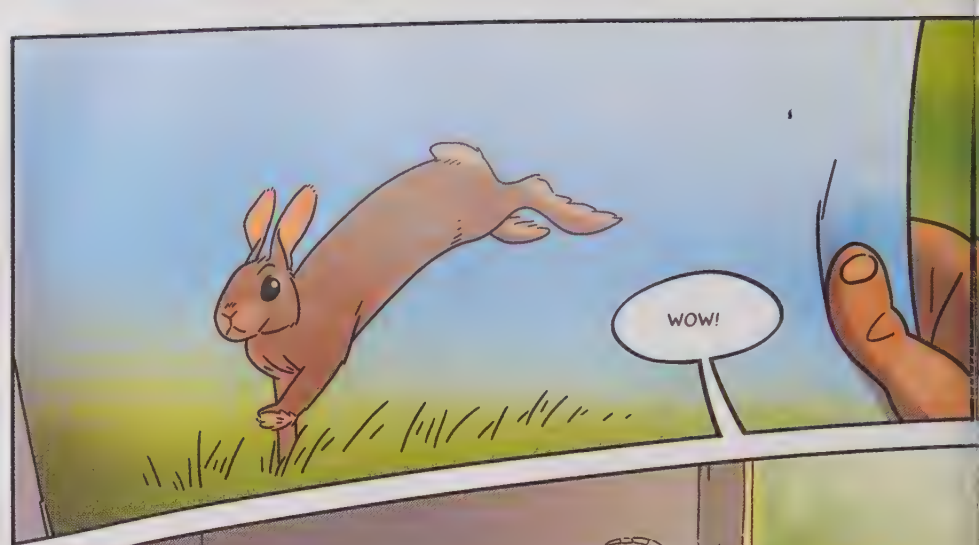
"THERE JUST
AIN'T WORDS
FOR IT..."



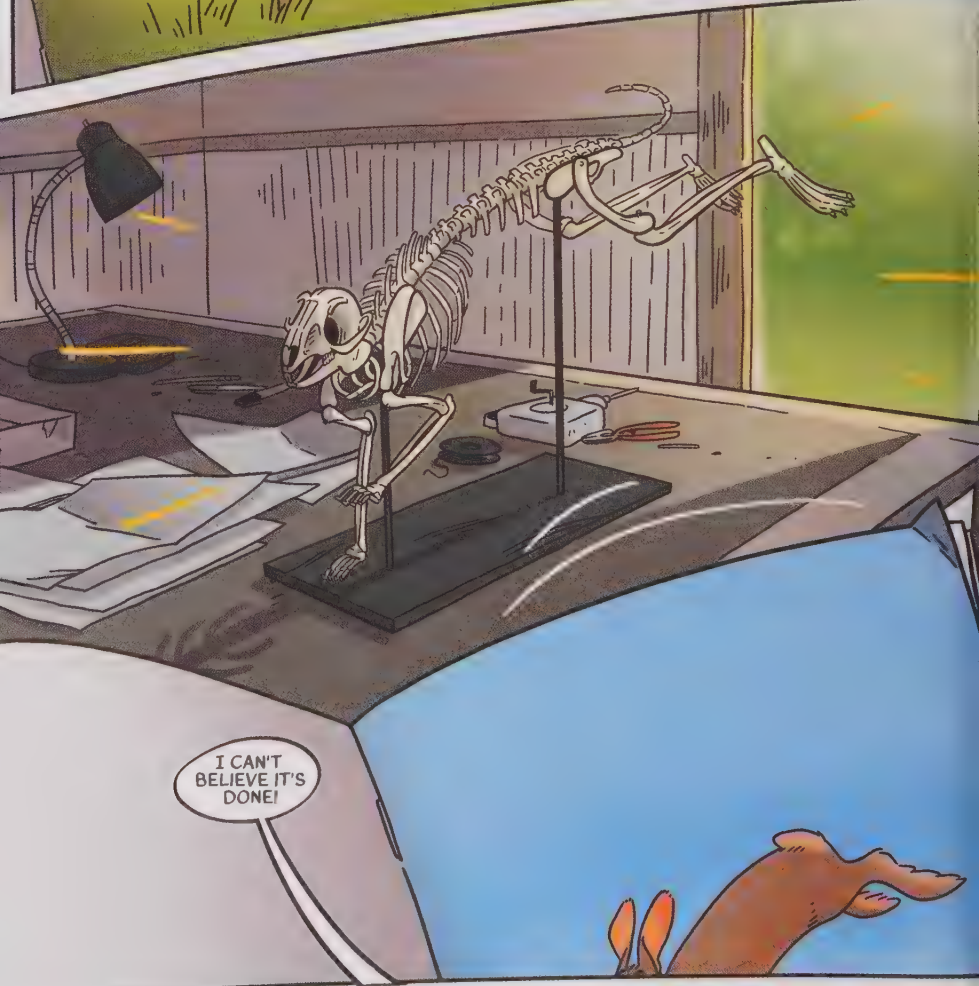
"WELL
THAT AIN'T
HELPFUL."







WOW!



I CAN'T BELIEVE IT'S DONE!



IT LOOKS JUST LIKE THE ONE IN THE PICTURE!



LOOKS GOOD.

IT LOOKS AMAZING!!!



YEAH!

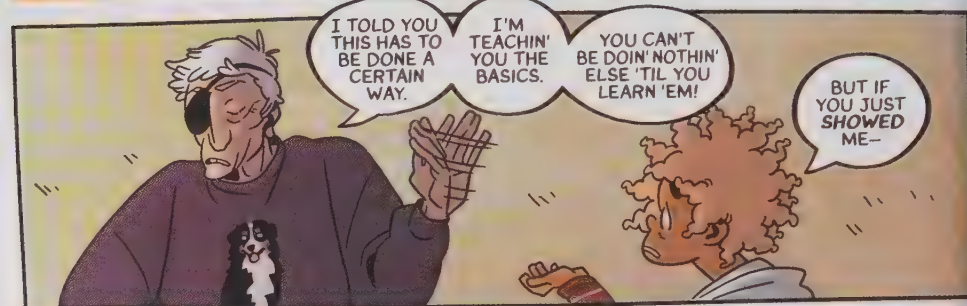


NOW, READY FOR MAGIC PRACTICE?

...



WHAT'S THAT FACE?





A DISTRACTION
FROM CONSTANTLY
FAILING!!



AND THEN ALL
SHE SAID WAS TO
COME OVER ON
HALLOWEEN,
AT DUSK.

WHAT!?

SO NO
TRICK-OR-
TREATING!?

IS SHE
TRYING TO
PUNISH
YOU?!

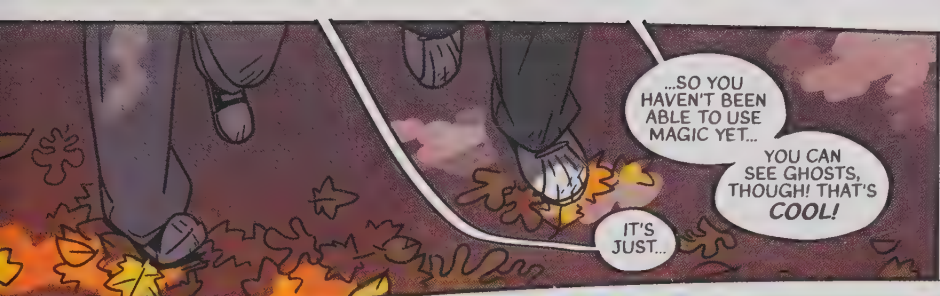


I DON'T
THINK SO.

SHE SAYS
SHE WANTS
TO SHOW ME
SOMETHING.

MAYBE IT'S
SOMETHING—

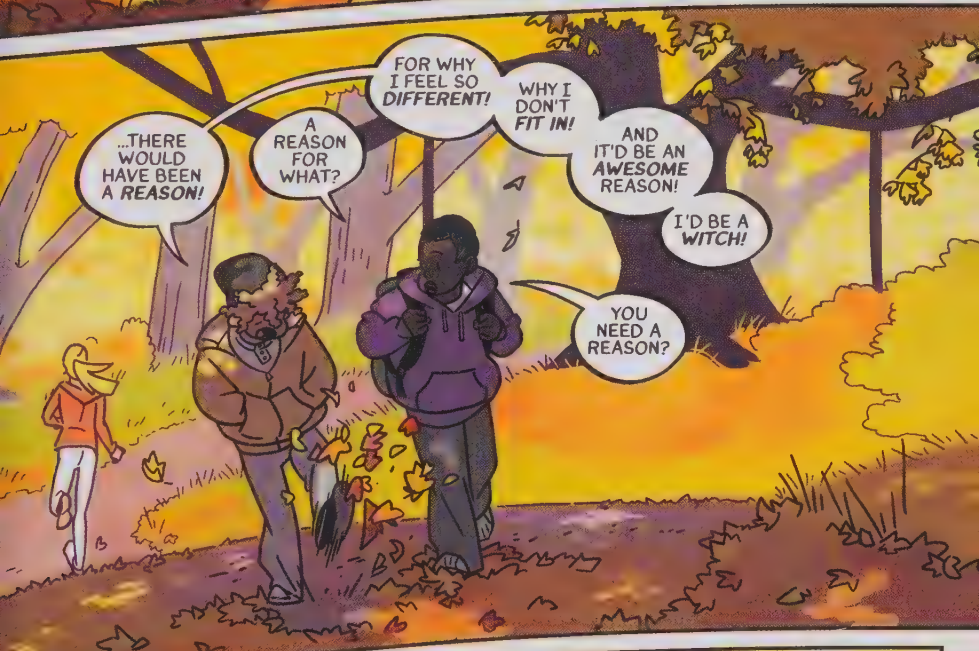




...SO YOU HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO USE MAGIC YET...

YOU CAN SEE GHOSTS, THOUGH! THAT'S COOL!

IT'S JUST...



...THERE WOULD HAVE BEEN A REASON!

A REASON FOR WHAT?

FOR WHY I FEEL SO DIFFERENT!

WHY I DON'T FIT IN!

AND IT'D BE AN AWESOME REASON!

I'D BE A WITCH!

YOU NEED A REASON?



HOW 'BOUT THIS:

IT'S THE REASON WE'RE FRIENDS!

I HANG OUT WITH YOU 'CAUSE—WITCH OR NOT—YOU STILL THE BIGGEST WEIRDO I KNOW!



NICE EARRINGS, BY THE WAY!

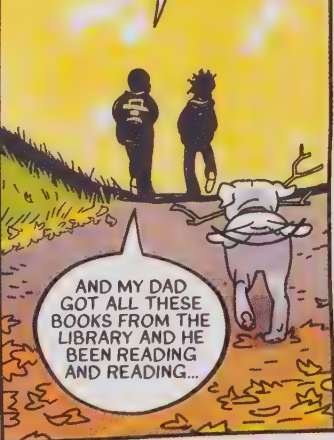
YOU FINALLY NOTICED!

YOUR MAMA LET YOU DO THAT?

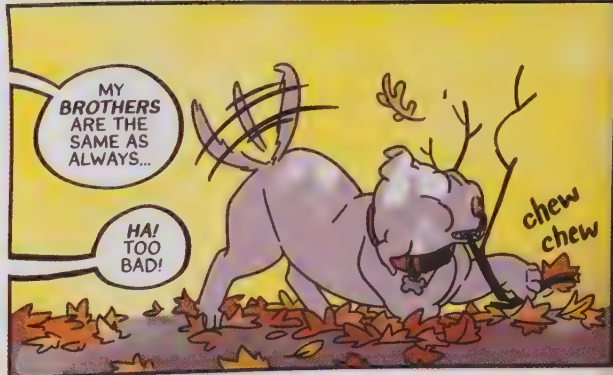


MY MOM
CAN'T GET ME
NEW CLOTHES
ALL AT ONCE...

BUT I DO
GET TO PICK
OUT MY OWN
FROM NOW
ON!



AND MY DAD
GOT ALL THESE
BOOKS FROM THE
LIBRARY AND HE
BEEN READING
AND READING...



MY
BROTHERS
ARE THE
SAME AS
ALWAYS...

HA!
TOO
BAD!

chew
chew



NOW IF MY
HAIR WOULD ONLY
GROW FASTER
SO I COULD DO
SOMETHING
CUTE WITH IT!

SEE!?
I BET IF I
COULD DO
MAGIC I
COULD
HELP!



NOW THAT'S
MOTIVATION!

HAVE YOU
TRIED—

uff
uff



—EXACTLY!

uff!

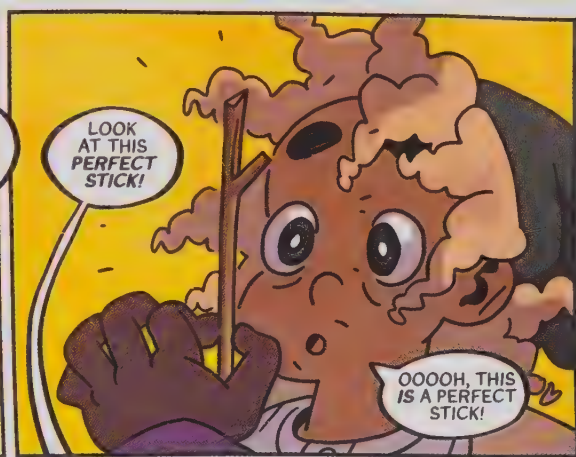
A WAND!



NOPE!
NO PROPS!

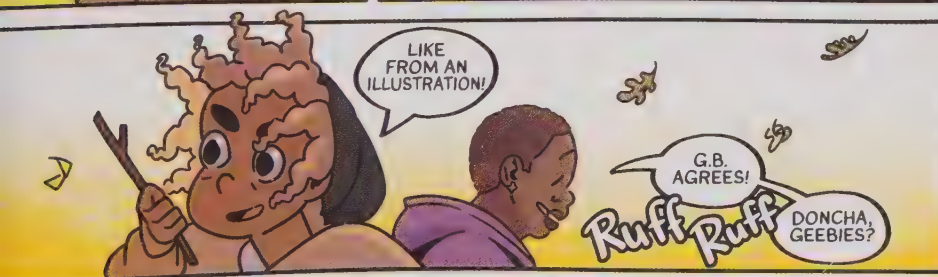
JACKS SAYS
THAT'S ALL
FAKE JUNK
ANYWAYS!

C'MON,
SNAP!



LOOK
AT THIS
PERFECT
STICK!

OOOOH, THIS
IS A PERFECT
STICK!



LIKE
FROM AN
ILLUSTRATION!

G.B.
AGREES!

Ruff Ruff

DONCHA,
GEBBIES?

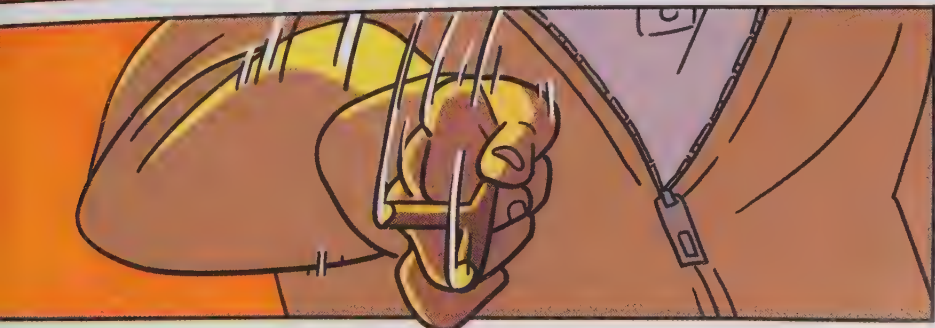
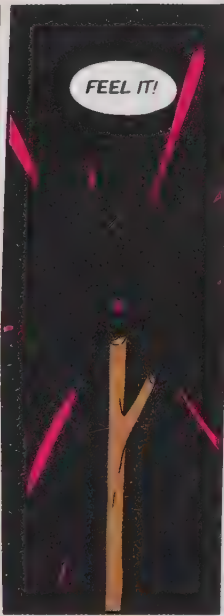


YEAH!
IF THIS WERE
A MOVIE IT
WOULD—
—TOTALLY
WORK!



LIKE
MAGIC.







hahaha ha

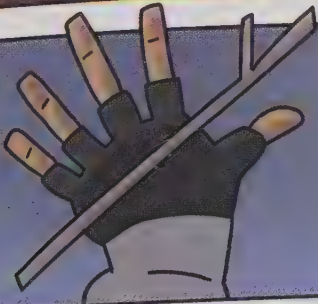
ha ha ha



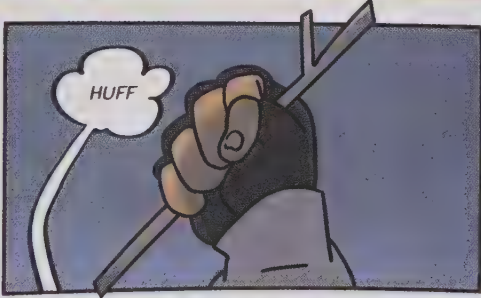
I DON'T BELIEVE IT!



DUDE! JACKS IS GONNA FREAK WHEN YOU SHOW HER YOU CAN DO MAGIC!!!



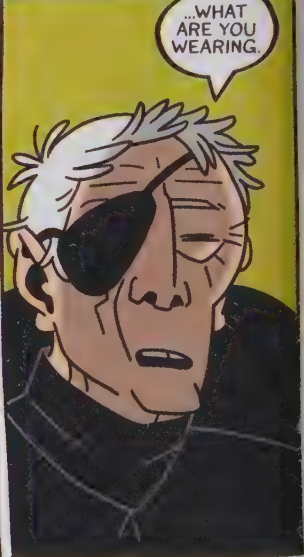
HUFF



KNOCK KNOCK

C'MON IN.

HALLOWEEN NIGHT



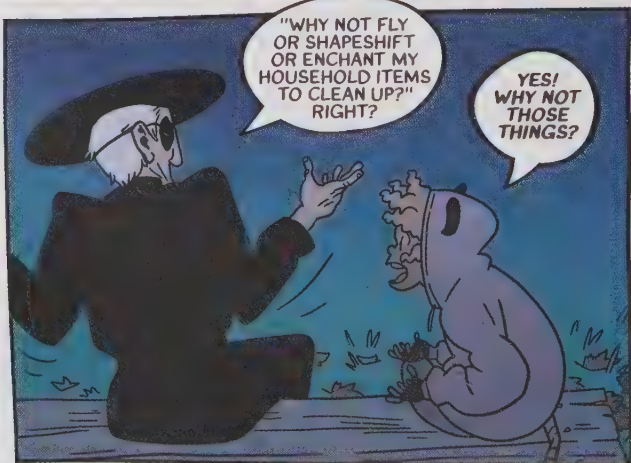




I KNOW YOU'RE FRUSTRATED ABOUT YOUR LESSONS.

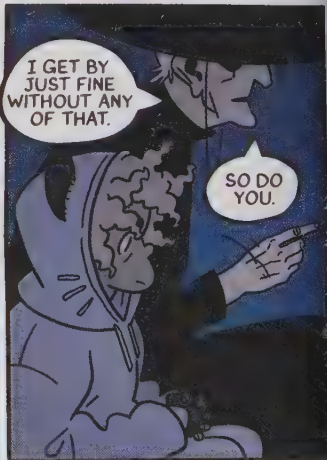
THEY AIN'T QUITE WHAT YOU WERE EXPECTIN'.

I DID WARN YOU THEY WOULDN'T BE.



"WHY NOT FLY OR SHAPESHIFT OR ENCHANT MY HOUSEHOLD ITEMS TO CLEAN UP?" RIGHT?

YES! WHY NOT THOSE THINGS?



I GET BY JUST FINE WITHOUT ANY OF THAT.

SO DO YOU.



WE AIN'T JUST USING THE ENERGY AROUND US, SNAPDRAGON.

OUR OWN LIVIN' SPIRITS.

WE'RE USING OUR OWN.

THUD



THAT'S WHY WE TAKE THINGS SLOW.

THAT'S WHY WE CAN'T BE FRITTERIN' IT AWAY ON FOOLISHNESS.

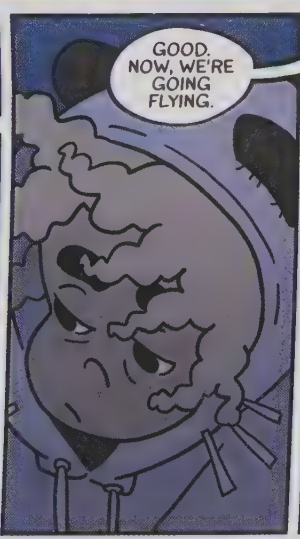


IT'D TURN US HOLLOW.

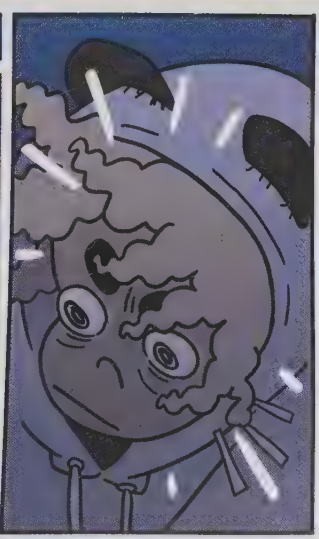


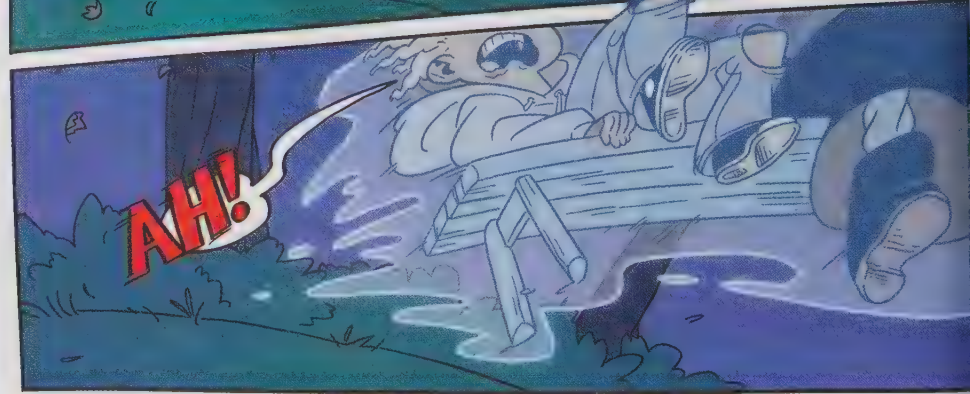
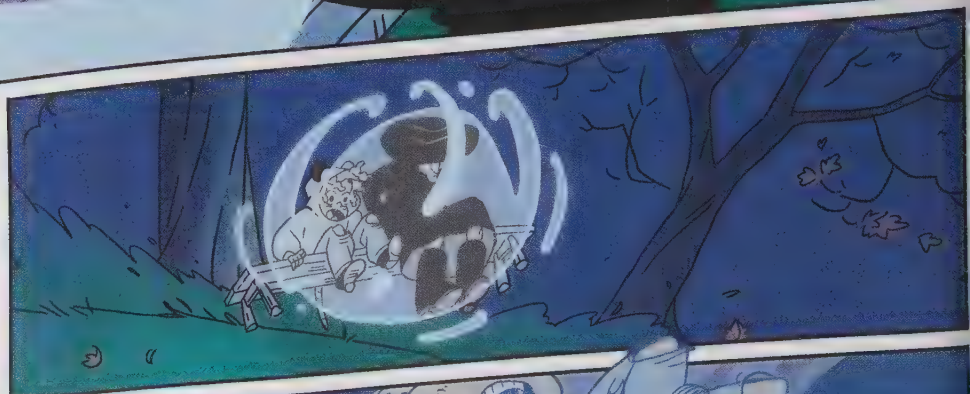
DO YOU UNDERSTAND?

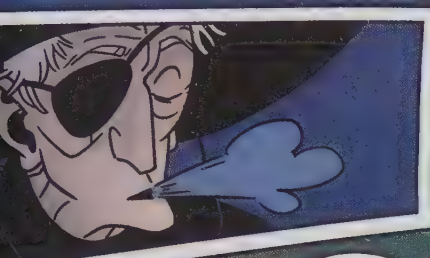
YES.



GOOD, NOW, WE'RE GOING FLYING.







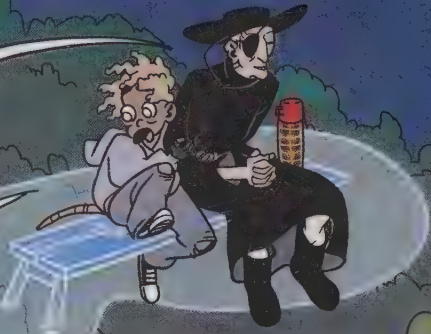
THERE WE GO. TAKEOFF'S ALWAYS THE HARDEST.

'SPECIALLY WITH THE BENCH.

WH-WH-WHY-

WHY THE BENCH? I LIKE TO SIT DOWN.

AND BELIEVE YOU ME, IT'S COMFIER THAN A BROOM.



NO--

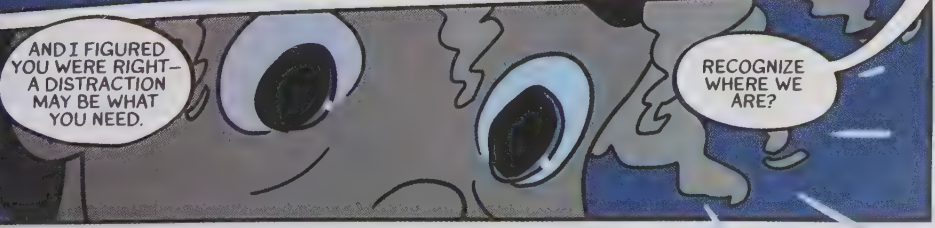
WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL ME YOU COULD FLY!?!?

I DON'T. OFTEN.

BUT THERE ARE CERTAIN TIMES CHARGED WITH ENERGY--

--LIKE HALLOWEEN--

--WHEN IT'S EASIER.



AND I FIGURED YOU WERE RIGHT-- A DISTRACTION MAY BE WHAT YOU NEED.

RECOGNIZE WHERE WE ARE?



OH! THE SHARP TURN ON PRATTER ROAD!

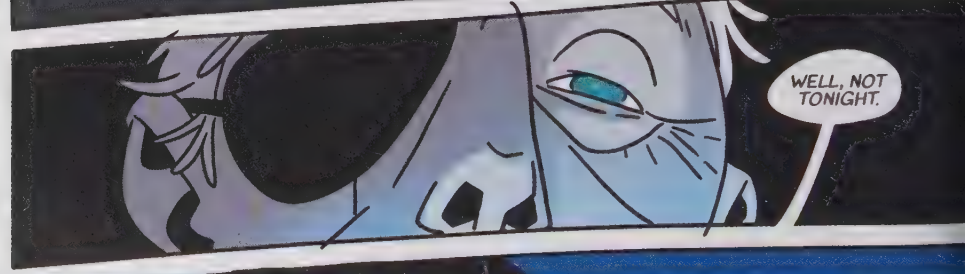
"SPLATTER" ROAD. THAT'S RIGHT.



THE BUSIEST SPOT FOR OUR WORK, RIGHT?

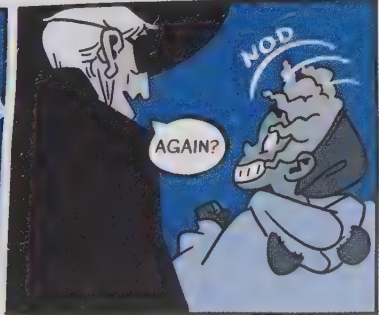
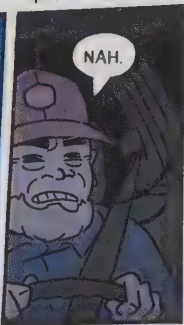
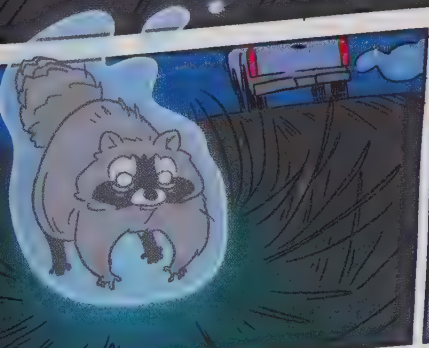
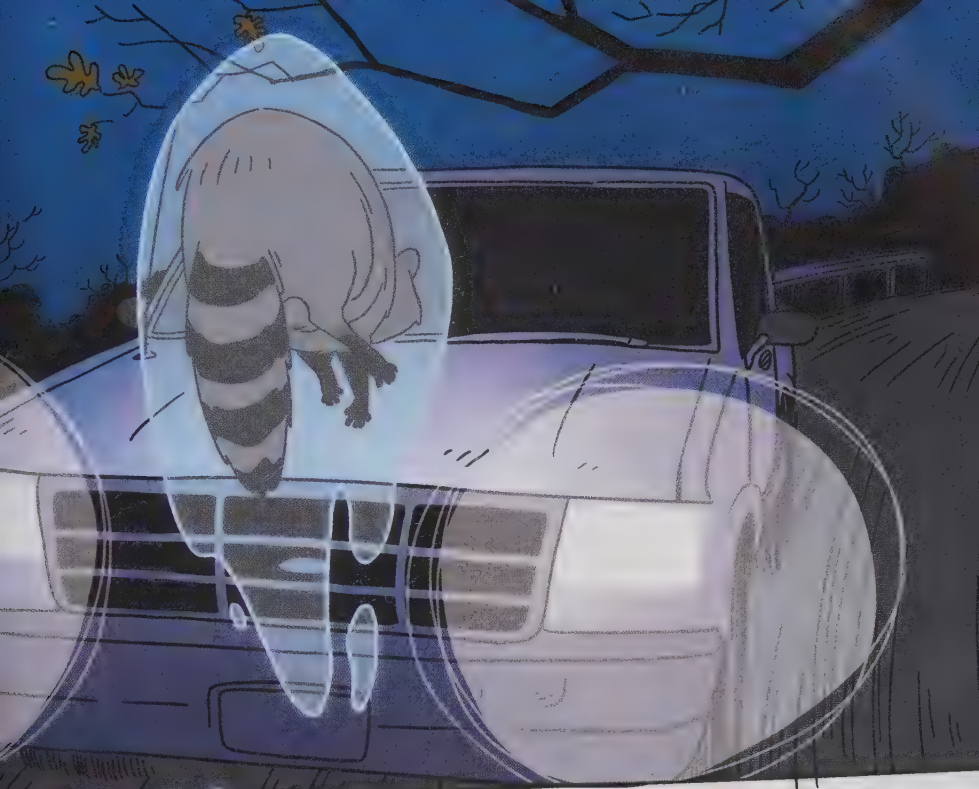


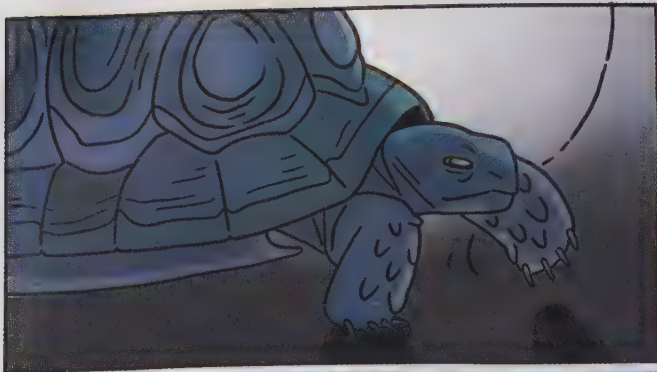
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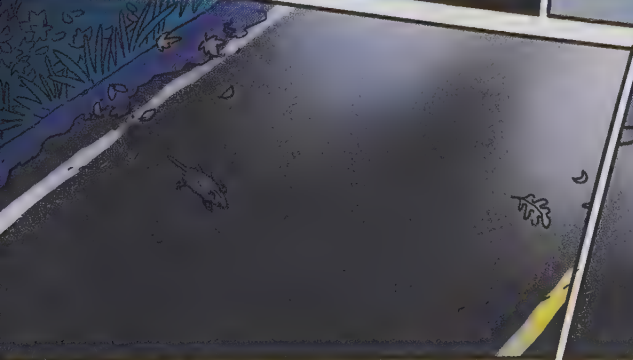
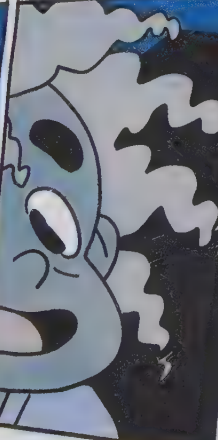
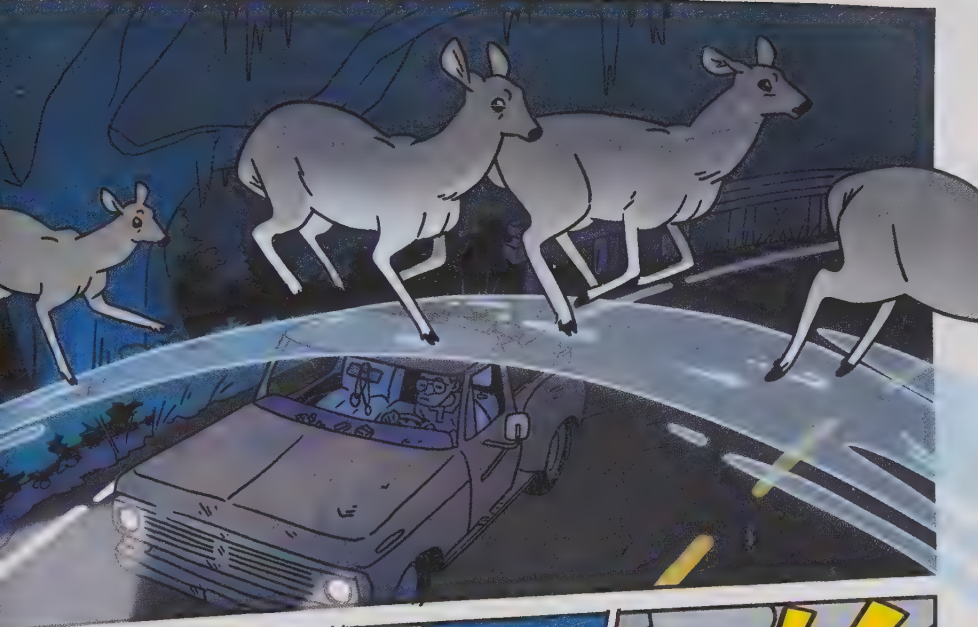


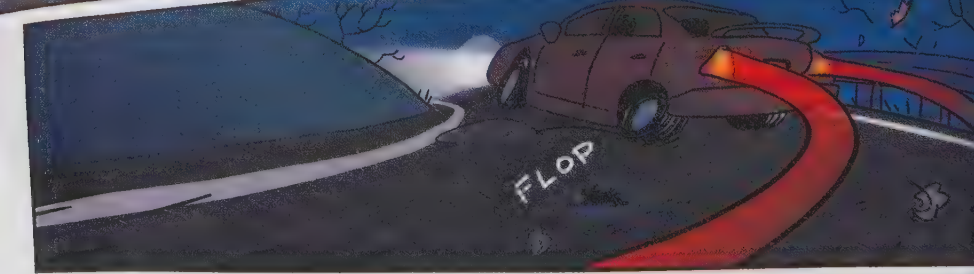
WELL, NOT TONIGHT.

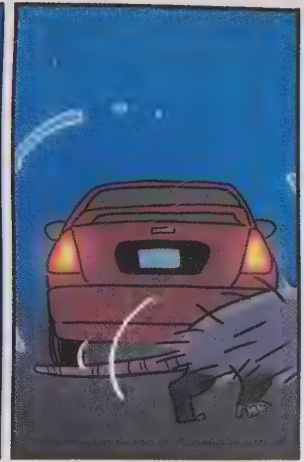
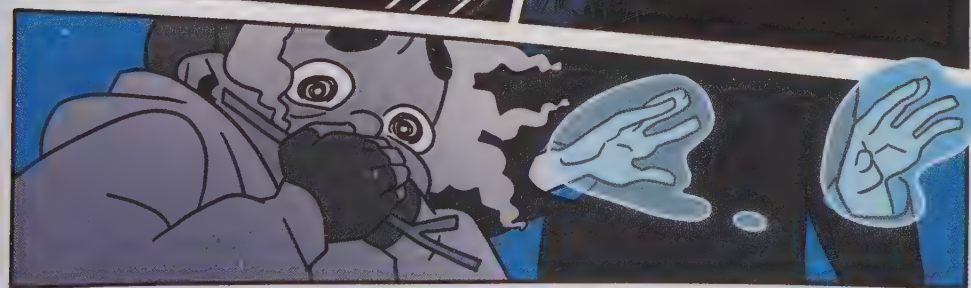


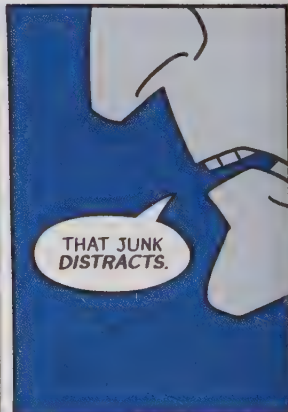
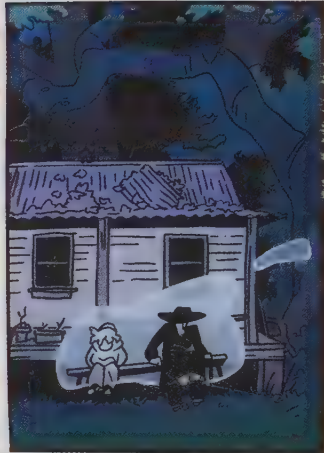














BUT IT WORKED!

YOU SENT YOUR RAW POWER FLYING AT A CAR... WORKED?!



THAT WHATCHU WANTED?

NO. THEN IT DIDN'T WORK.

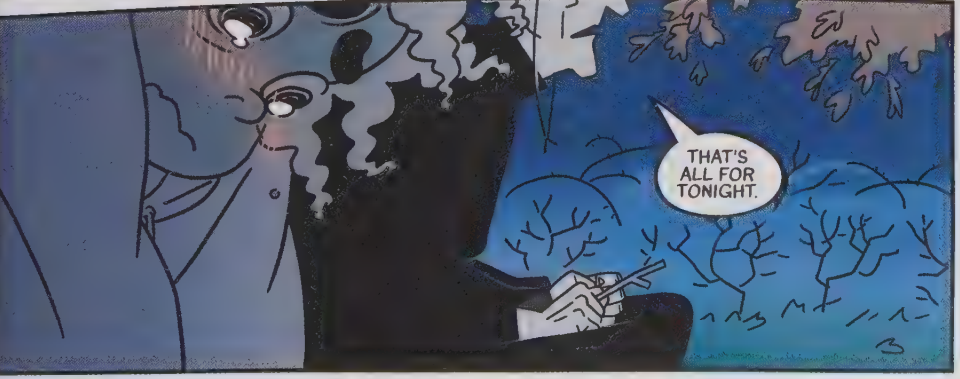
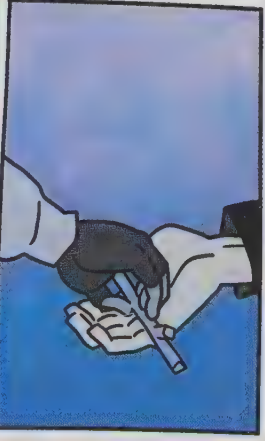
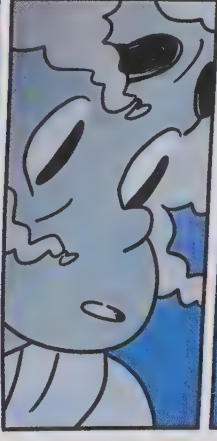
I BEEN TRYIN' TO TEACH YOU REAL CONTROL SO YOU DON'T MAKE MISTAKES LIKE THAT-



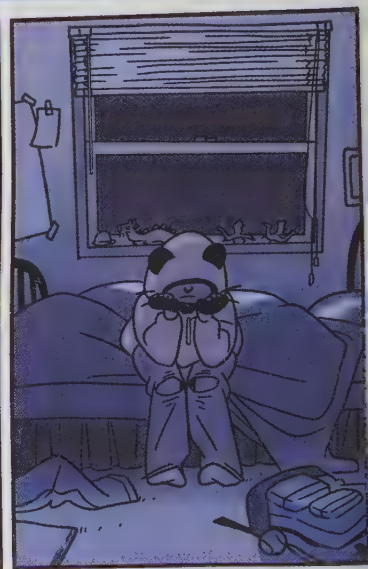
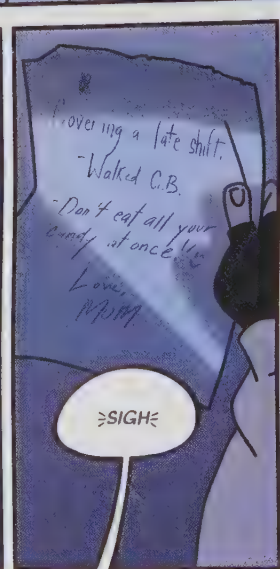
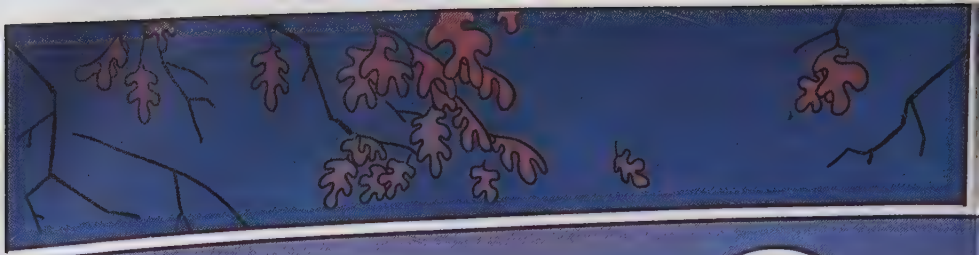
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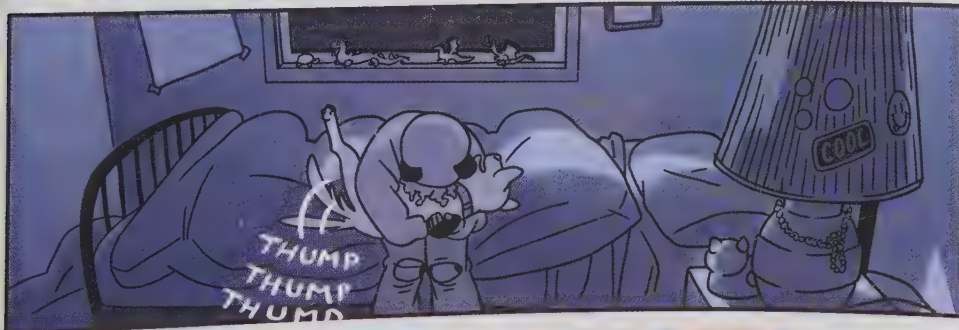
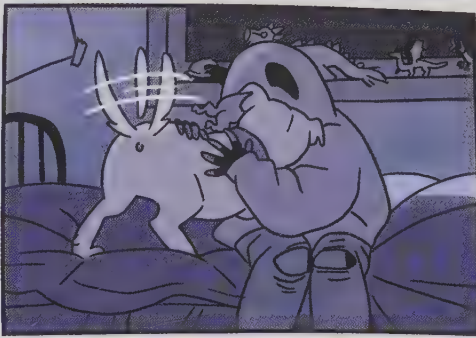


I'M VERY TIRED, SNAP-DRAGON.



THAT'S ALL FOR TONIGHT.







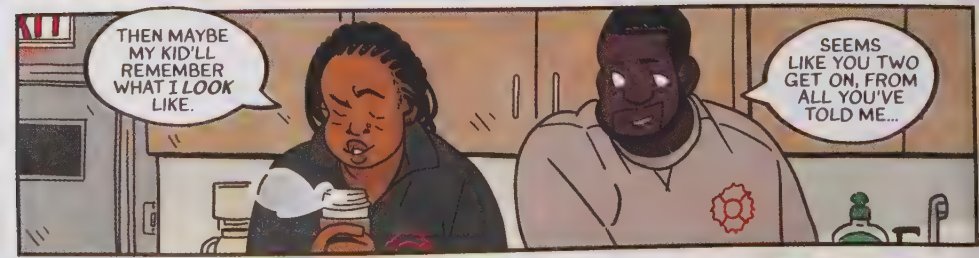
HERSCH!
YOU'RE A
PEACH!

WELL,
CLASSES,
WORK, TRAINING,
BEING A MOM...



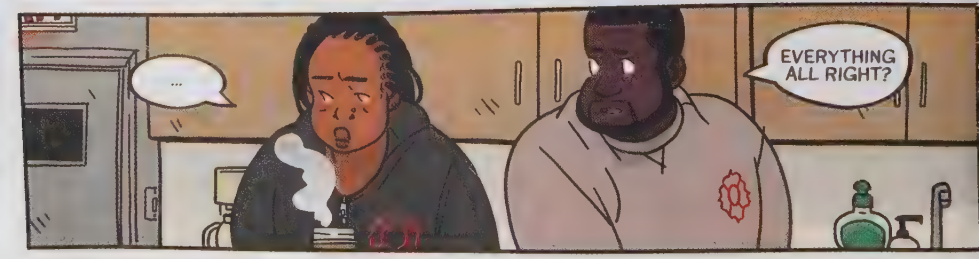
...I FIGURE
ONCE IN A
WHILE YOU
GOTTA EAT,
RIGHT?

PFF, MAYBE
ONCE THIS
SEMESTER IS
OVER!



THEN MAYBE
MY KID'LL
REMEMBER
WHAT I LOOK
LIKE.

SEEMS
LIKE YOU TWO
GET ON, FROM
ALL YOU'VE
TOLD ME...



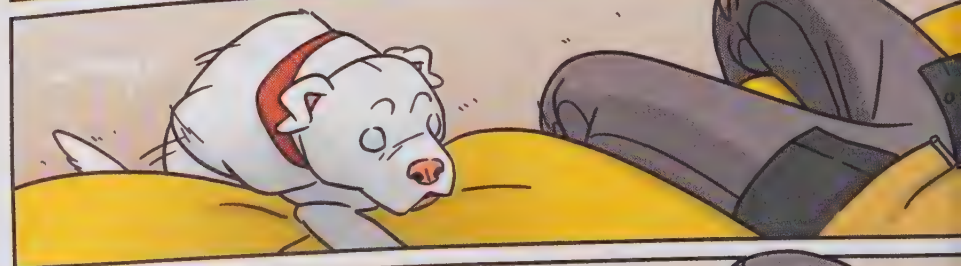
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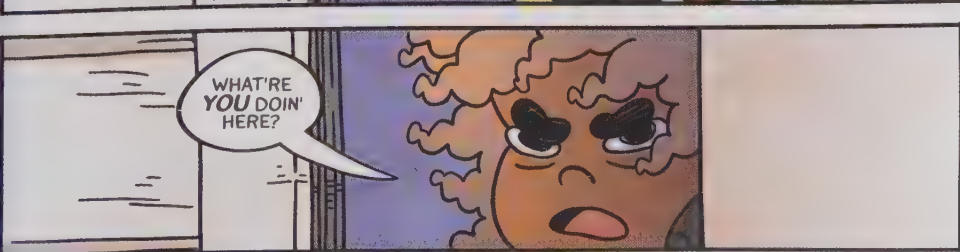
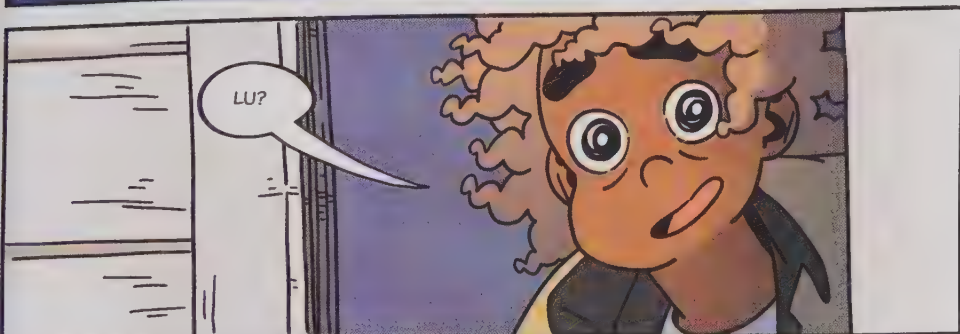
EVERYTHING
ALL RIGHT?





"MY LAST BOYFRIEND WAS A COMPLETE DISASTER..."







HEY, KID.

...CHUCK.



YOUR MAMA HOME?



YOU'RE NOT ALLOWED TO BE HERE, CHUCK.

RELAX. I'M JUST HERE FOR MY STUFF.

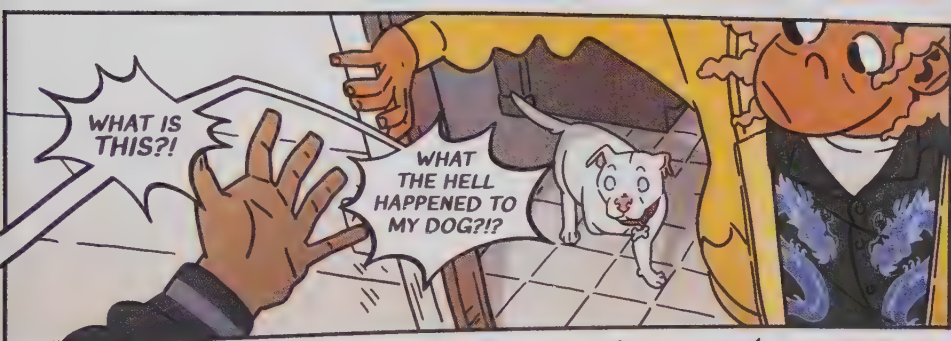
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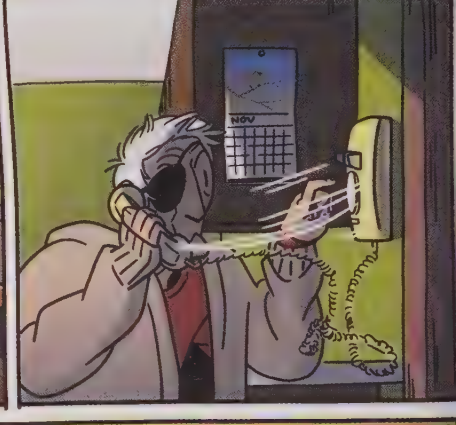
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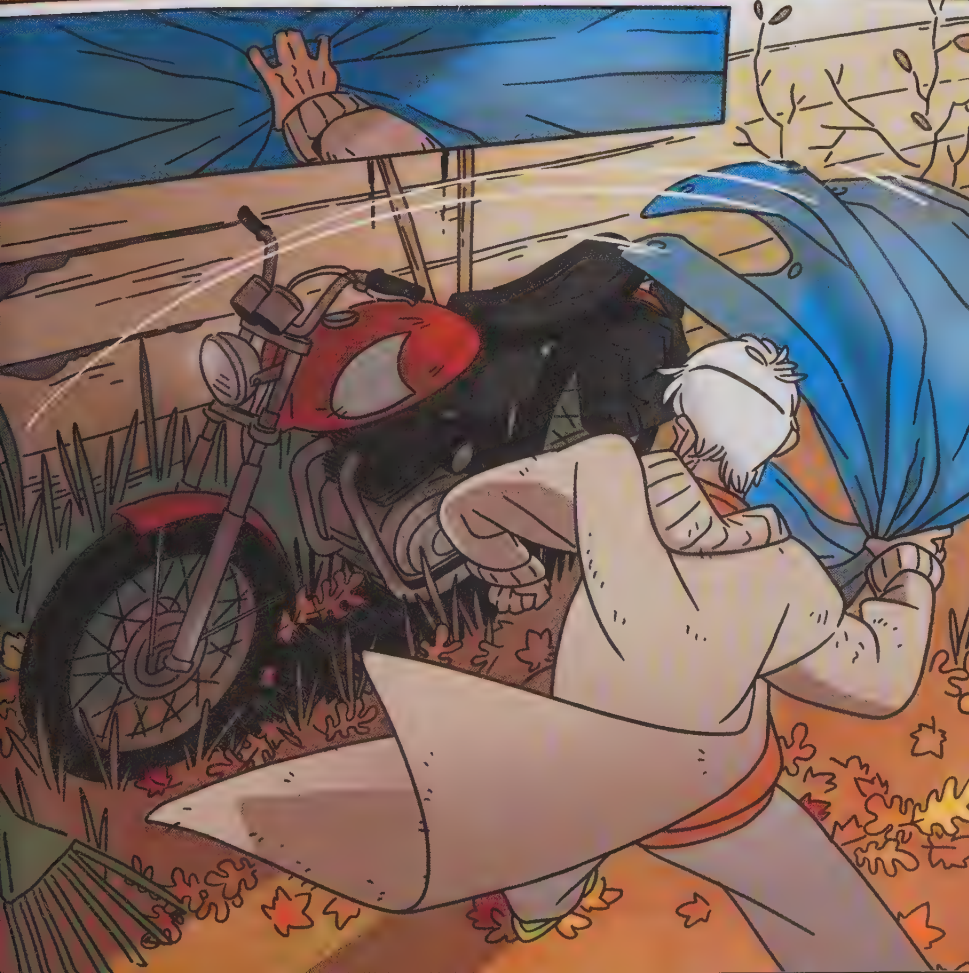


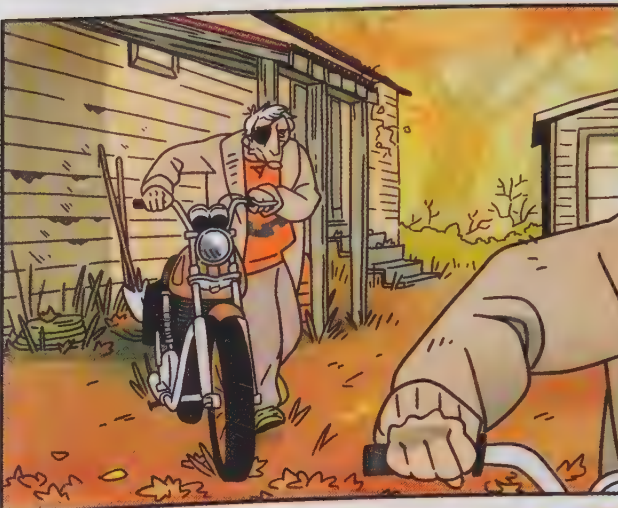
LEAVE!

OH! THERE HE IS NOW!











HE STILL BELONGS TO ME, SO I CAN.



LET HIM GO!!

ARK!
ARK!
ARK!!



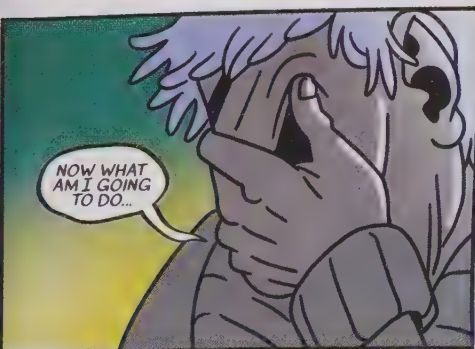
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ARK!
ARK!

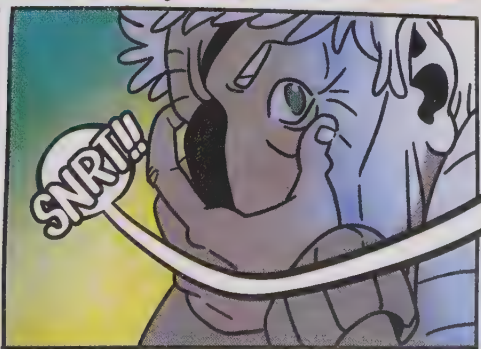


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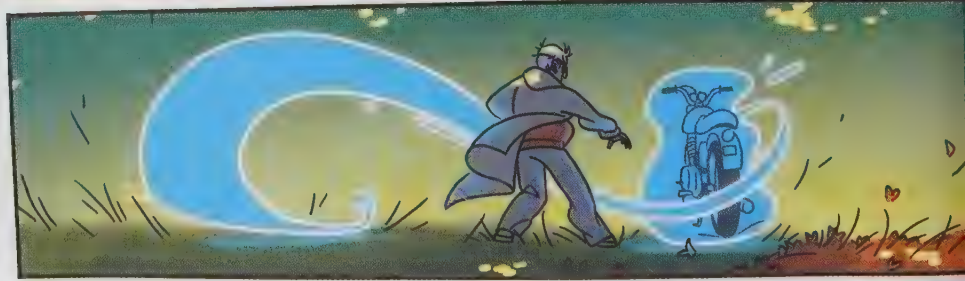
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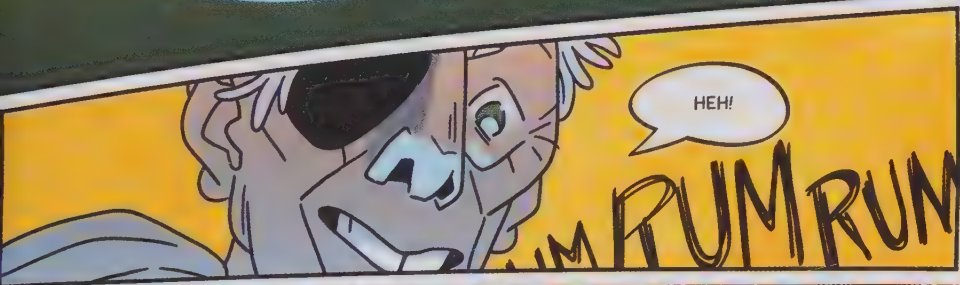


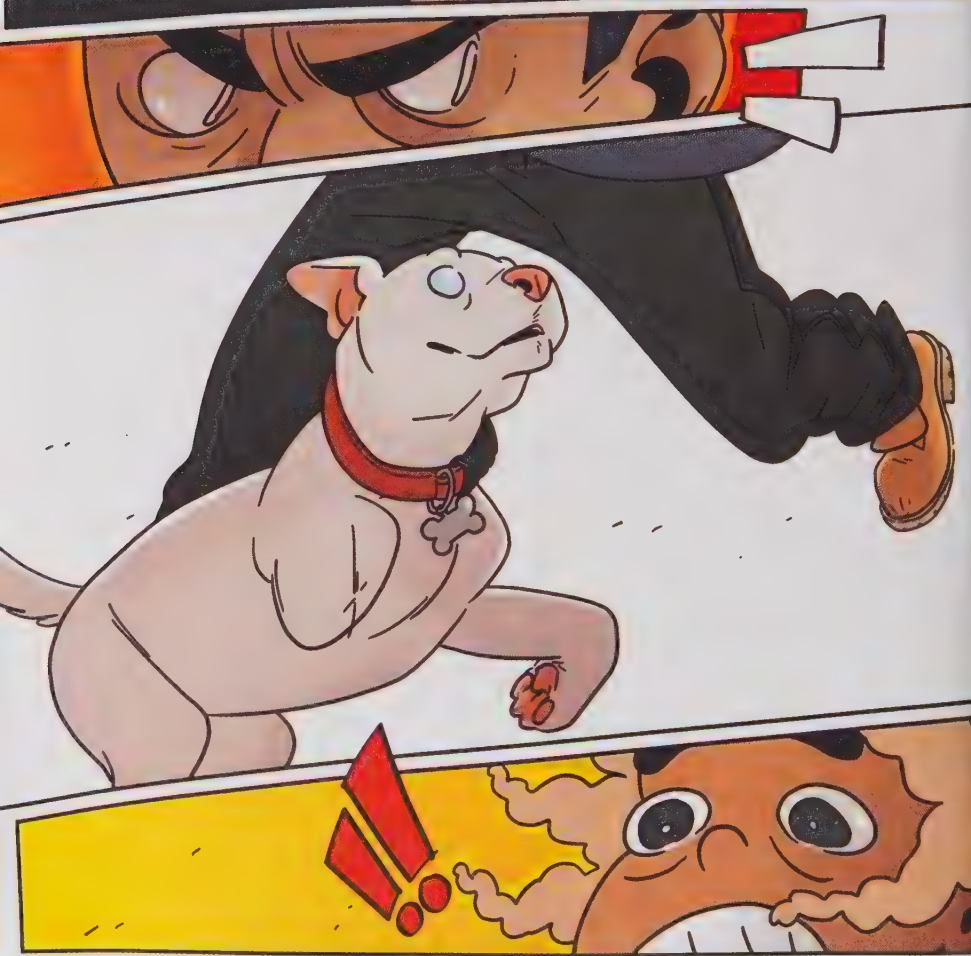
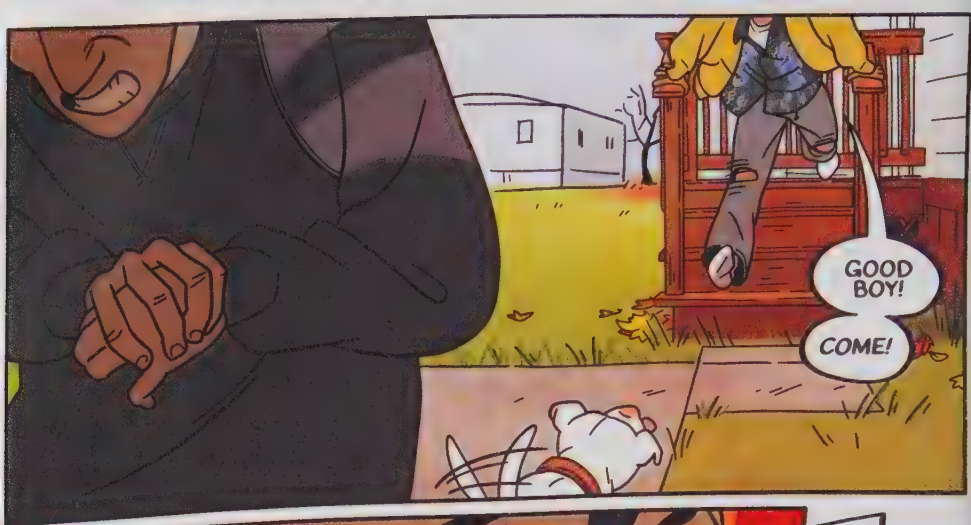
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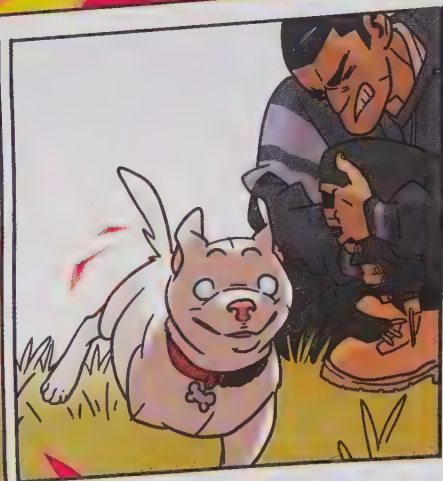


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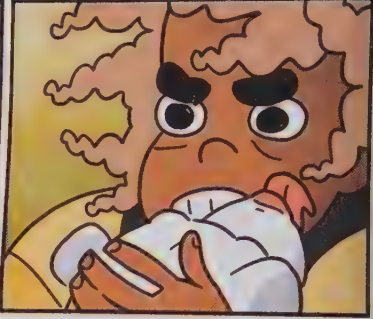
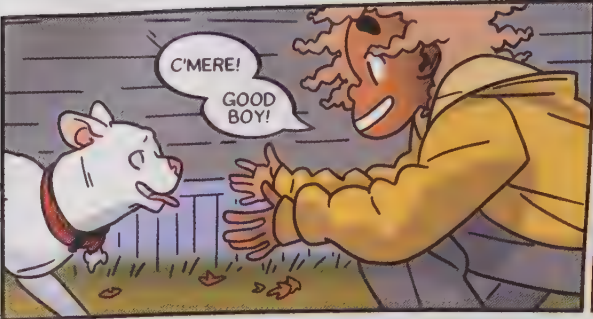


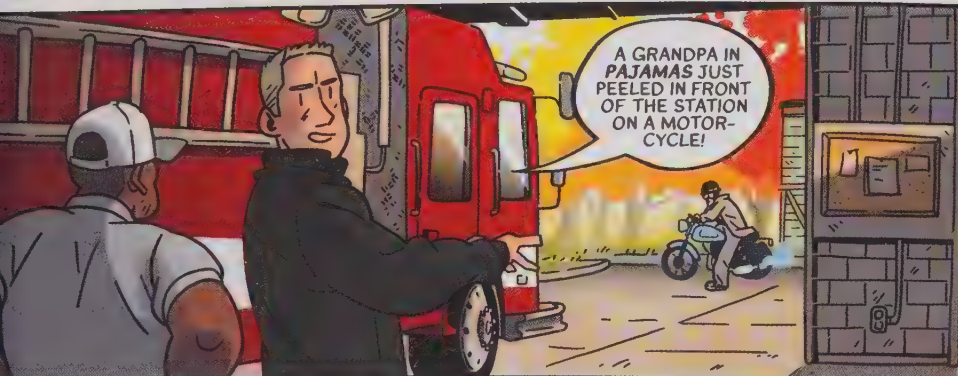




huff
huff huff











C'MON, CHUCK! JUST LEAVE!!



NO!! I WANNA KNOW WHAT THE HELL THAT WAS!

WHAT DID YOU DO!?!



AND-AND WHAT WAS THAT GIANT...THING I SAW HERE LAST TIME...

GIANT THING?

SHUT UP!!



TELL ME WHAT'S GOING ON HERE!!

YOU KNOW WHAT I'M TALKING ABOUT!!!

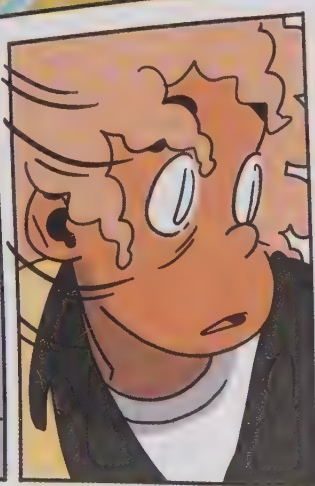


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AWAY!!

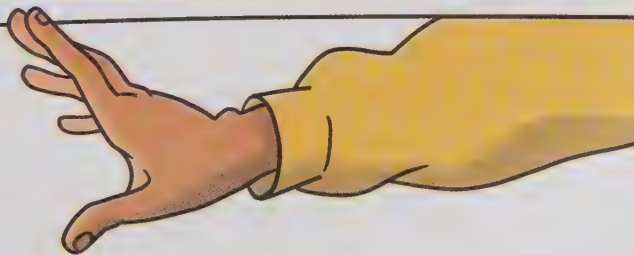
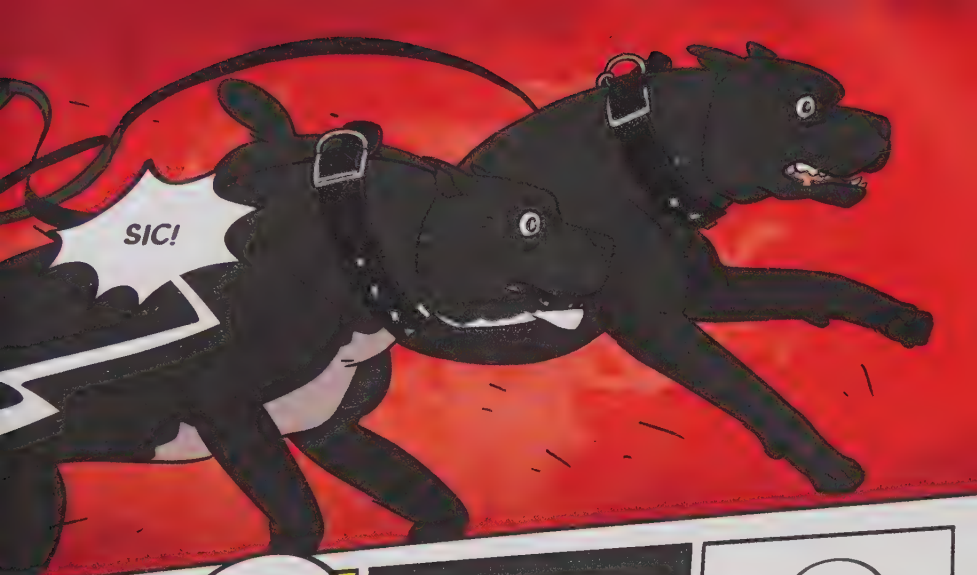
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EH?







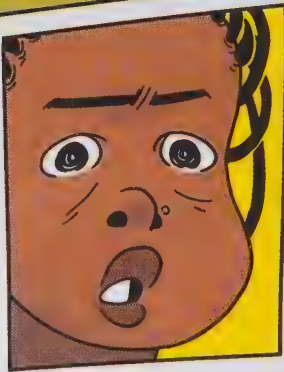


GOOD DOGS!

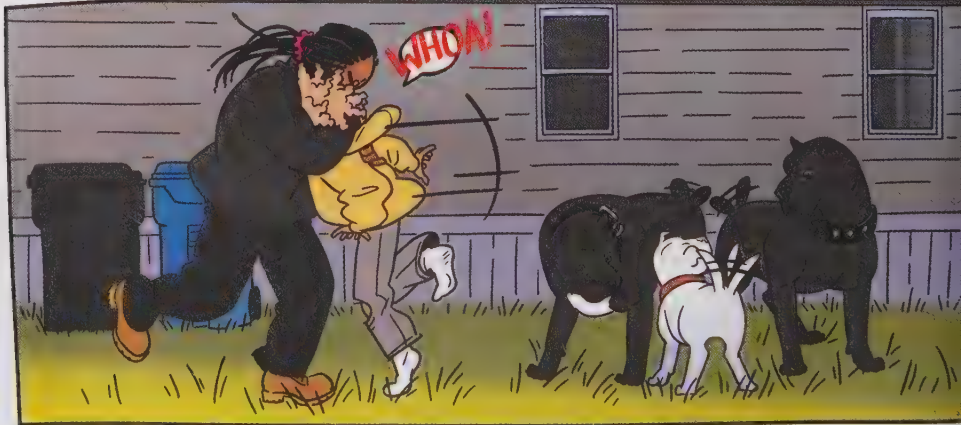
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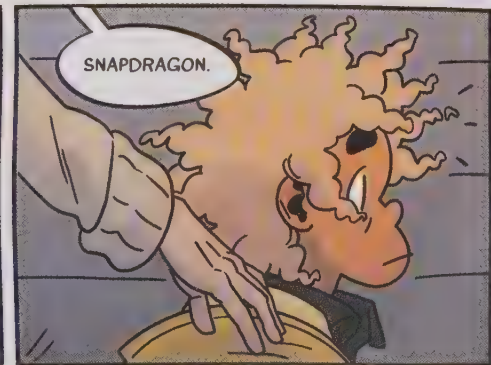
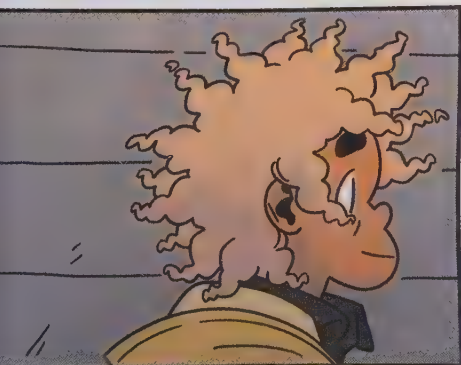
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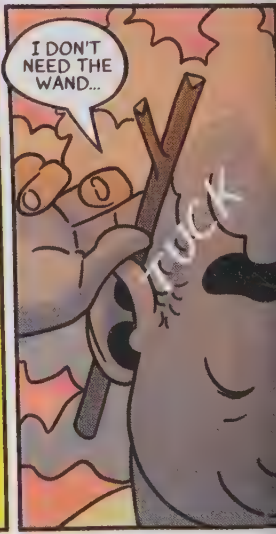


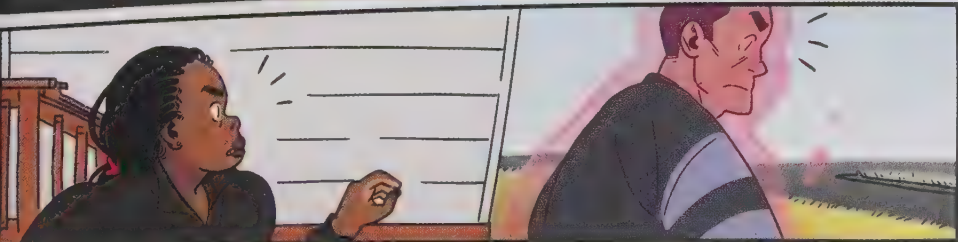
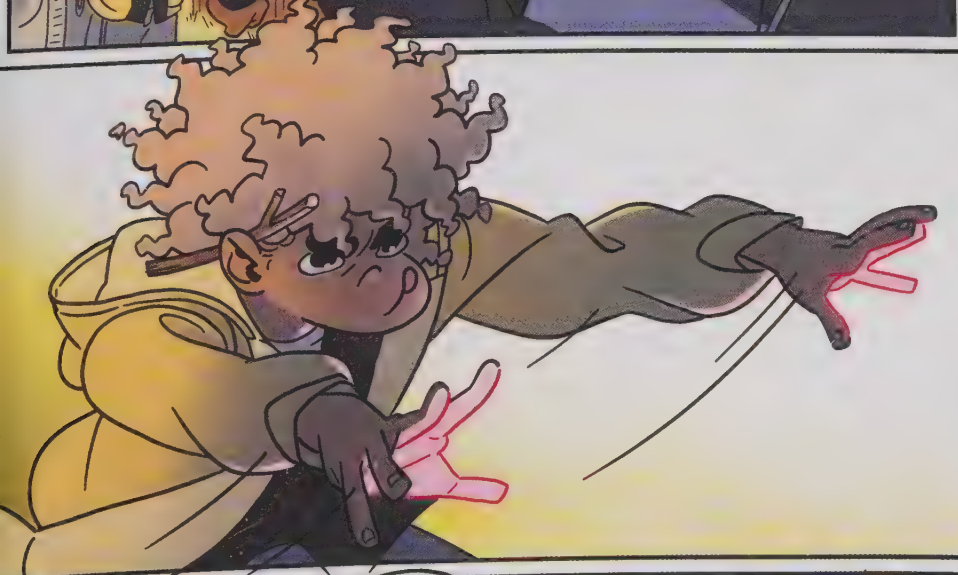
HEE HEE!



WHOA!







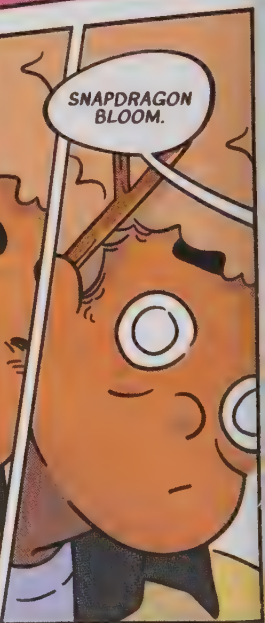


HA! I LIKE WHERE YER GOIN' WITH THIS. LET ME GIVE YE A HAND.

HEH HEH THANKS.



SNAPDRAGON BLOOM.





THREE WEEKS LATER...

THANKS FOR THE RIDE, MAMA!

I'LL PICK YOU UP AFTER MY SHIFT.

MAKE SURE YOUR HOMEWORK GETS DONE!

OKAY!

REMINDE JACKS ABOUT DINNER ON THURSDAY!

I KNOW, I KNOW...

HAVE FUN WITH YOUR... MAGIC AND SKELETONS.

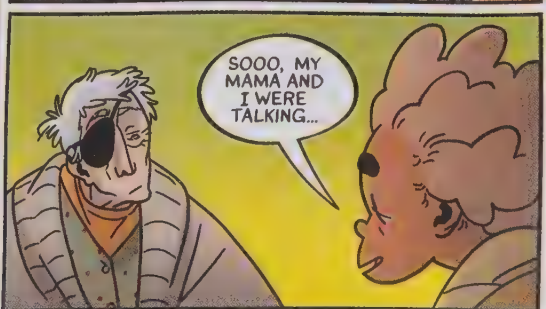
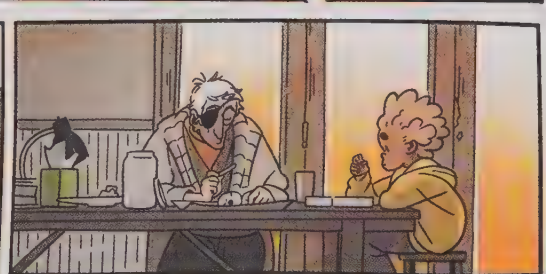
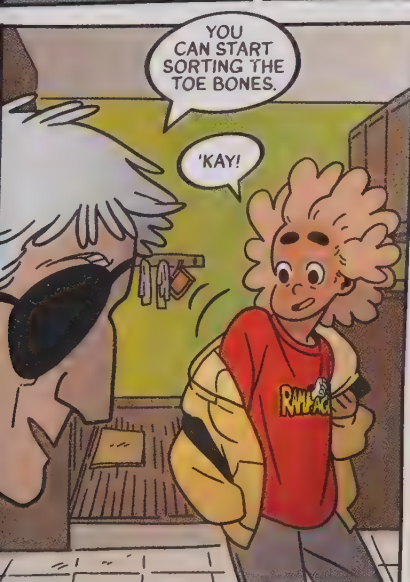
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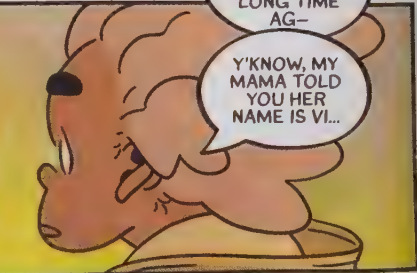
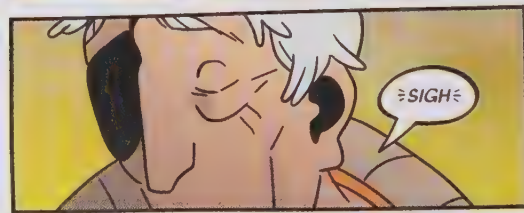
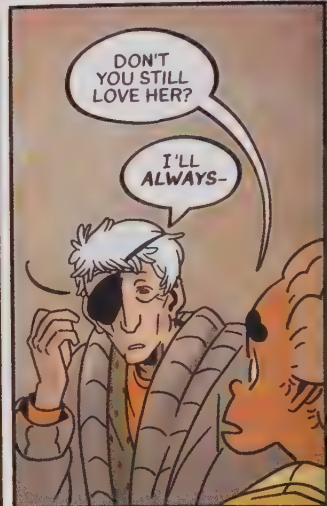
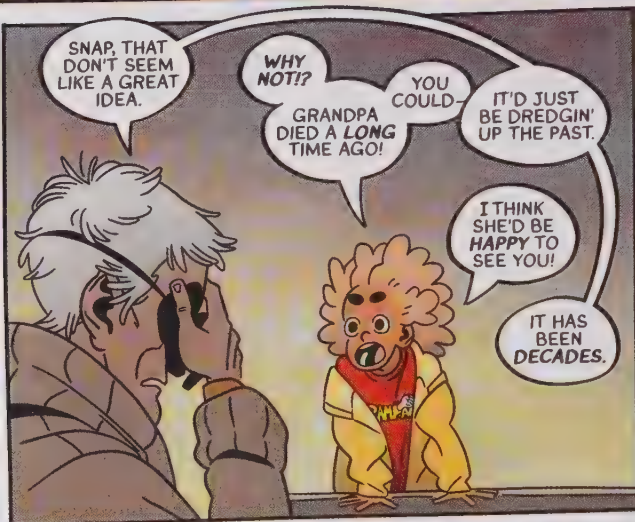
AND HEY!

DON'T FORGET TO TELL JACKS—

OF COURSE I WON'T FORGET!

IT WAS MY IDEA!





VIOLETS.

AW, THANK YA, HONEY, TRULY.

VIOLET.

I AIN'T EVER LIKED A FLOWER MY WHOLE LIFE!



=: sigh =:

OKAY, NOW BRING THE FRONT PIECE 'ROUND THE BACK OF THE, UH, BACK PIECE.

THEN LOOP IT TO THE, UH...

...RIGHT!

AND AROUND THE BACK AND BRING IT UP PAST YOUR CHIN.

THEN YOU TUCK THE FRONT PART INTO THE LOOP YOU JUST MADE...

...TIGHTEN IT AND YOU SHOULD BE DONE?

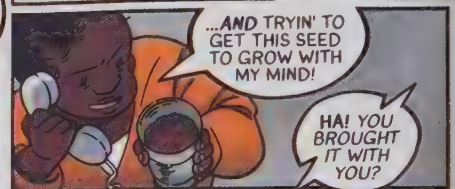


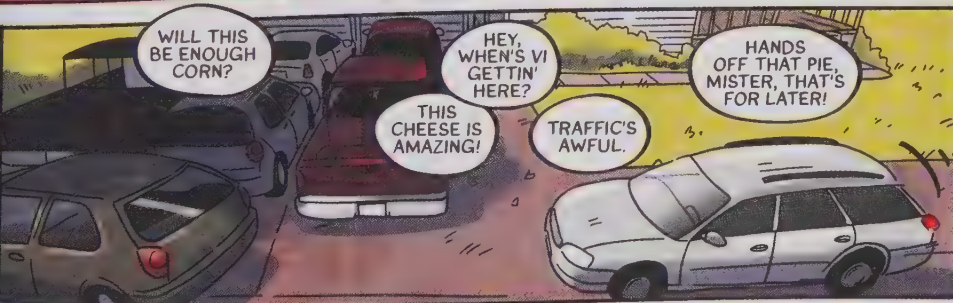
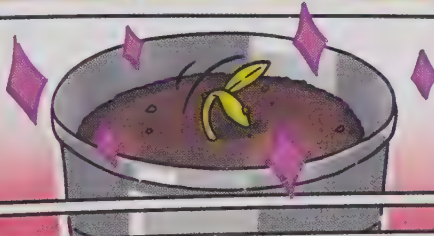
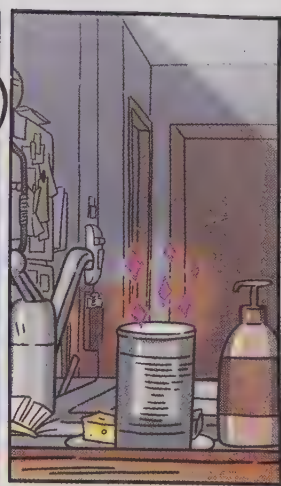
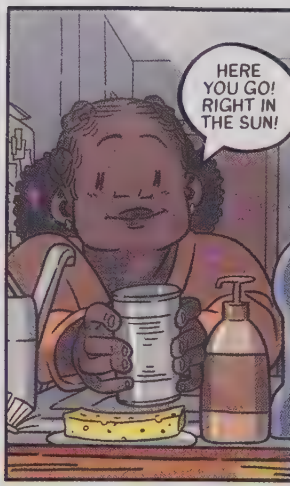
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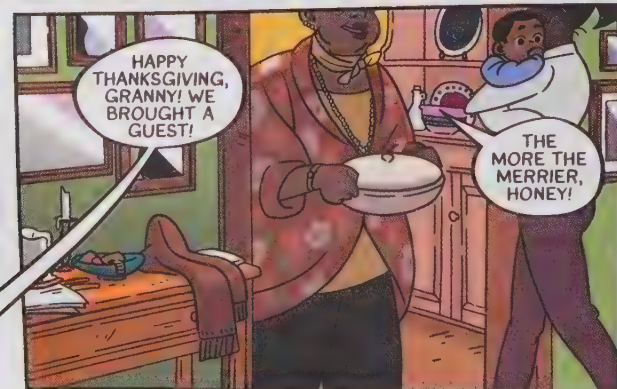
I THOUGHT YOU KNEW HOW TO TIE A TIE, LULU!

IT ISN'T SOMETHING I CAN EXPLAIN OVER THE PHONE!

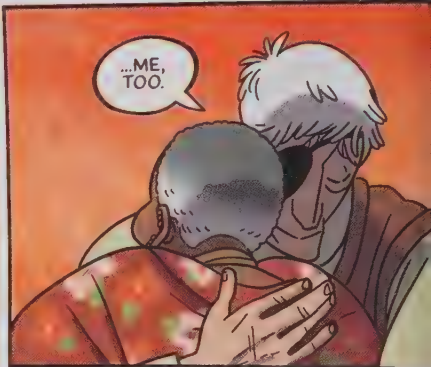








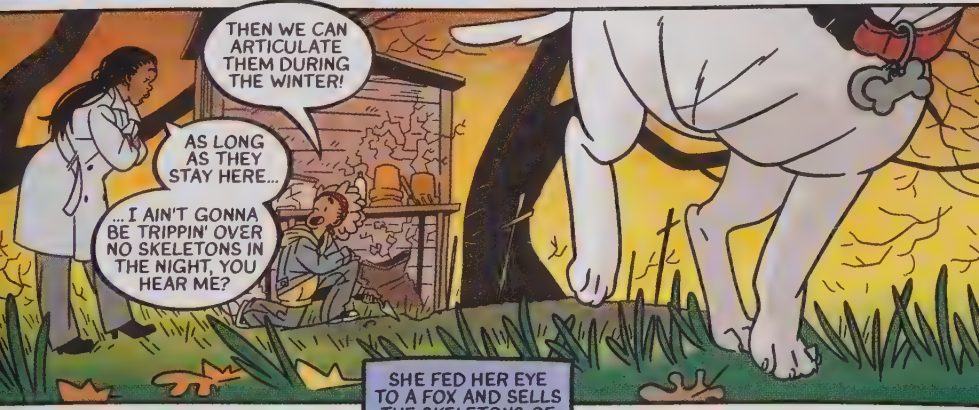






OUR TOWN
HAS A WITCH.

JACKS WANTS
TO GET THESE
DUG UP BEFORE
THE GROUND
GETS TOO
HARD.

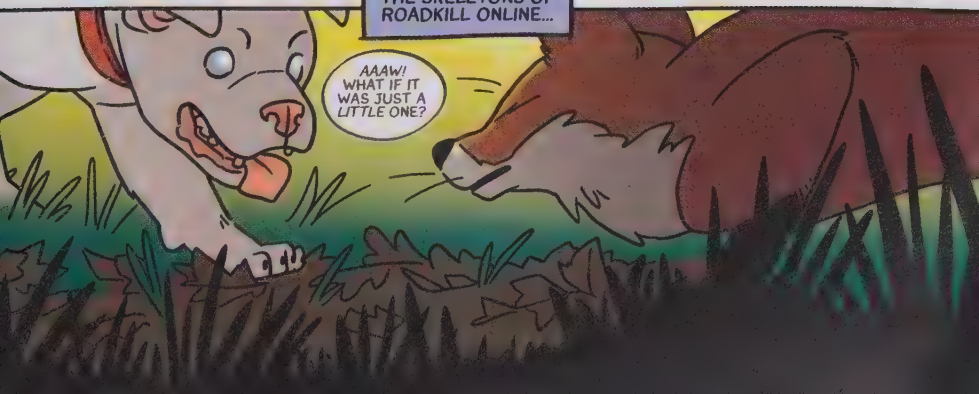


THEN WE CAN
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THEM DURING
THE WINTER!

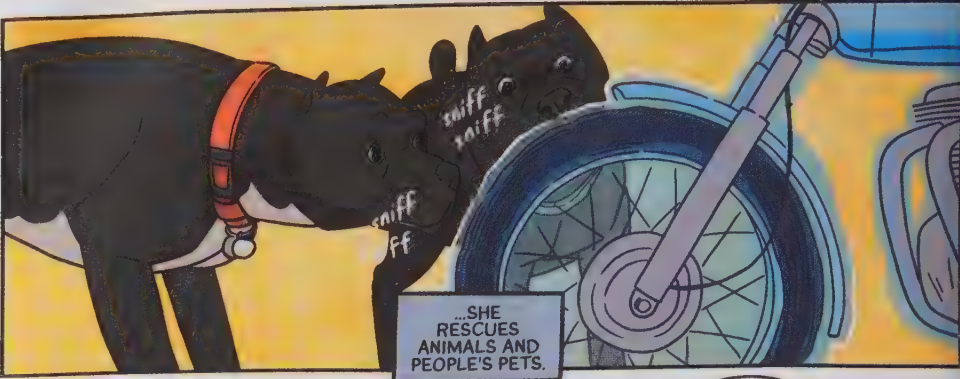
AS LONG
AS THEY
STAY HERE...

... I AIN'T GONNA
BE TRIPPIN' OVER
NO SKELETONS IN
THE NIGHT, YOU
HEAR ME?

SHE FED HER EYE
TO A FOX AND SELLS
THE SKELETONS OF
ROADKILL ONLINE...



AAAW!
WHAT IF IT
WAS JUST A
LITTLE ONE?



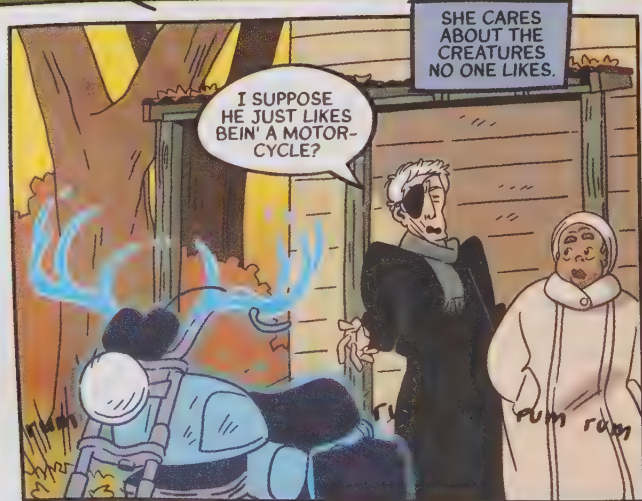
...SHE RESCUES ANIMALS AND PEOPLE'S PETS.



...AND SINCE THAT DAY BUCK HASN'T LEFT THE BIKE...

...I KINDA ASSUMED HE'D...ASCEND OR SOME SUCH.

WHATEVER IT IS GHOSTS DO ONCE THEY FEEL...DONE.

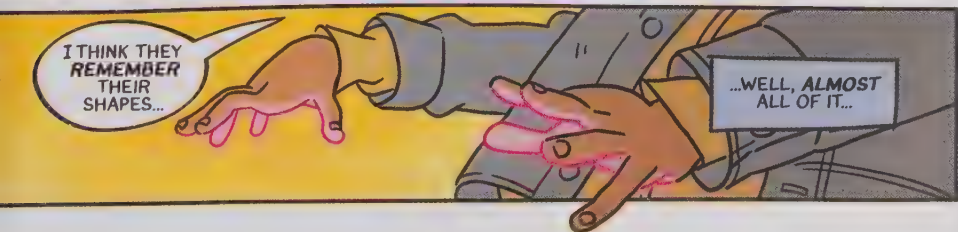
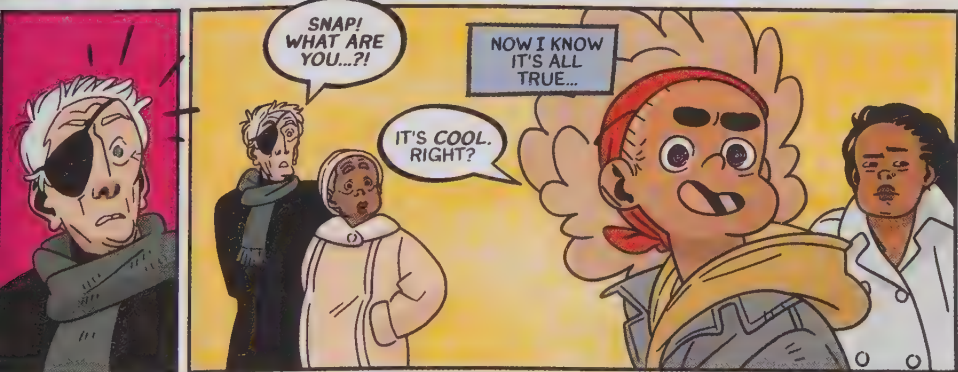
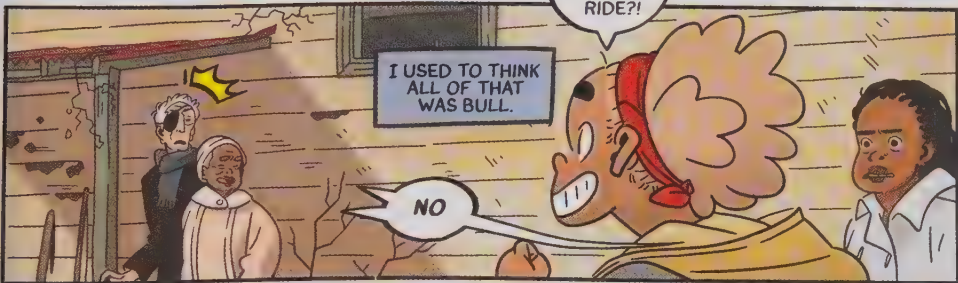
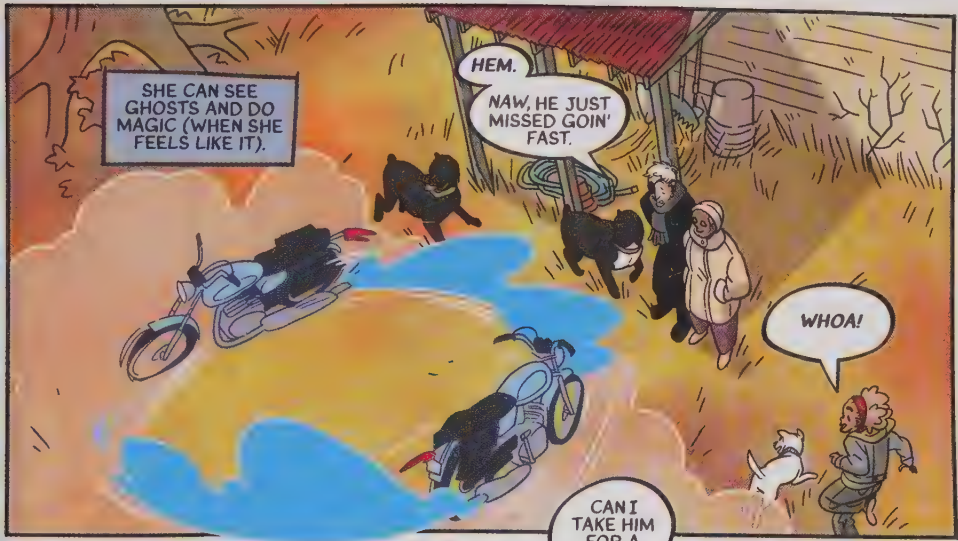


SHE CARES ABOUT THE CREATURES NO ONE LIKES.

I SUPPOSE HE JUST LIKES BEIN' A MOTOR-CYCLE?



OR HE JUST AIN'T DONE WITH YOU YET, HONEY.

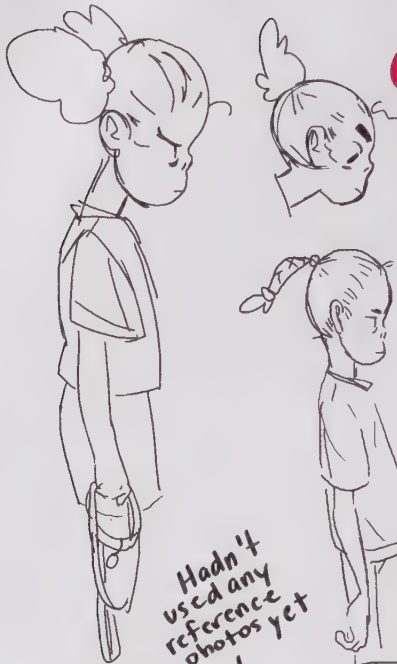


...THERE'S
MORE THAN ONE
WITCH IN OUR
TOWN...





FIRST CHARACTER SKETCHES of...



SNAP



Hair Down
←

Hadn't used any reference photos yet



↑
Perpetually Grumpy Kid

OLDER SNAP (& GoodBoy) DESIGN



GOOD BOY



Sweet skull cowboy boots



Outside
witch



JACKS

Inside witch

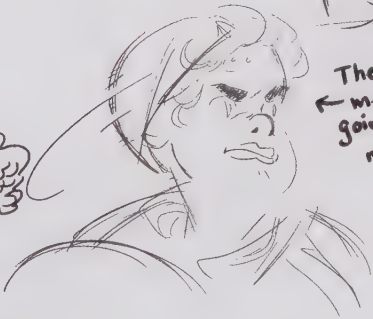
- Loose pants
- cheap sweaters
- croqs



↑
Young
Jacks?



JESSAMINE



← Their original
meeting was
going to be
more tense

SNAP'S OUTFITS & HAIRSTYLES

Colors: Black, white, yellow, red

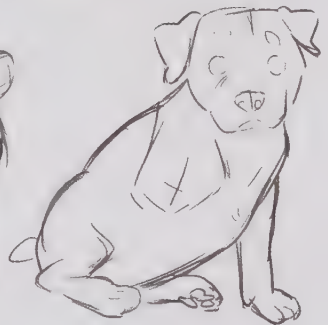
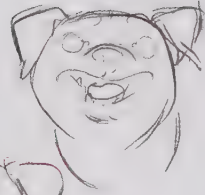


Early '00s fashion

VI'S TATTOO DETAIL



GOOD
BOY!



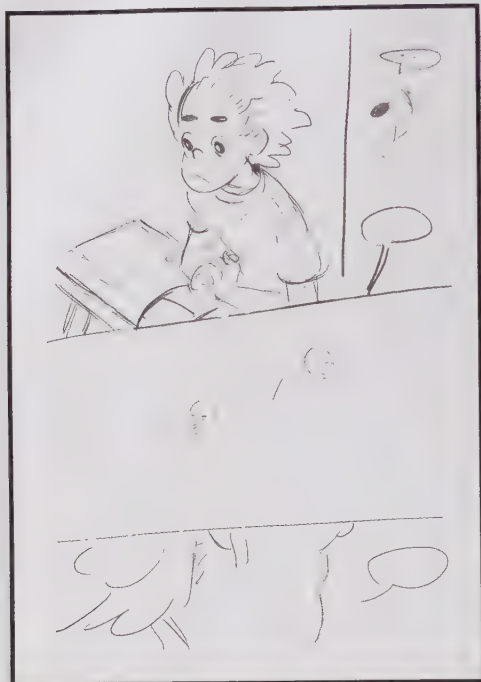
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PROCESS OF PAGE 123

STEP 1: SKETCH

THIS STEP IS PRACTICALLY PART OF THE WRITING PROCESS AS I FIGURE OUT PACING, EXPRESSIONS, ANGLES...EVERYTHING!

OFTEN PANELS NEED TO BE REFINED, BUT OTHERS I TRY TO KEEP AS CLOSE TO THE ORIGINAL SKETCH AS I CAN.



STEP 2: LINES

AFTER REFINING THE ORIGINAL ROUGH SKETCH, IT'S TIME TO TRACE.





STEP 3: FLAT COLORS

JUST LIKE IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, I COLOR IN THE LINES BEFORE I DECIDE ON THINGS LIKE TIME OF DAY, LIGHTING, TONES, AND HUES.

(THIS STEP IS ONE OF MY FAVORITES AND CAN BE VERY RELAXING.)

STEP 4: FINALIZE

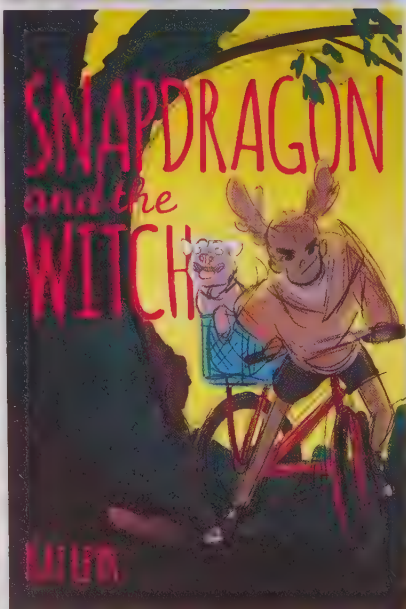
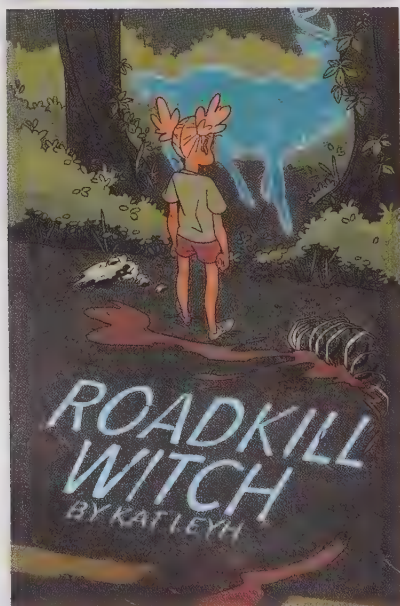
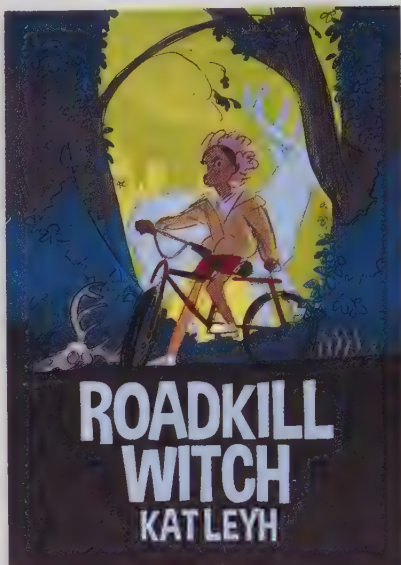
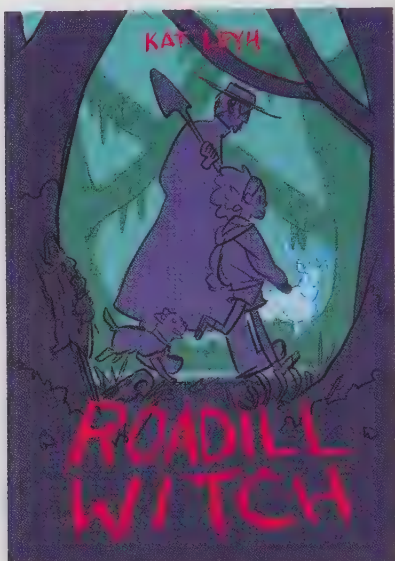
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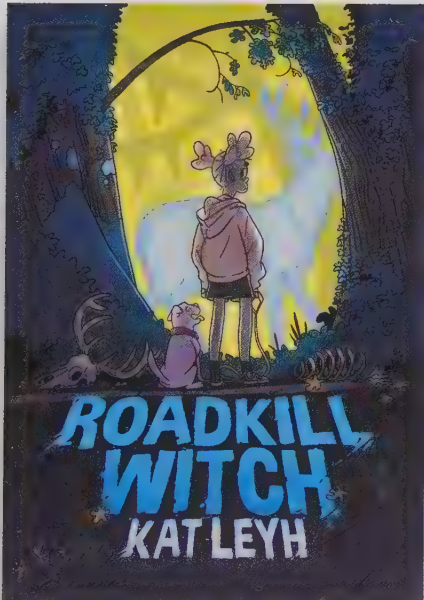
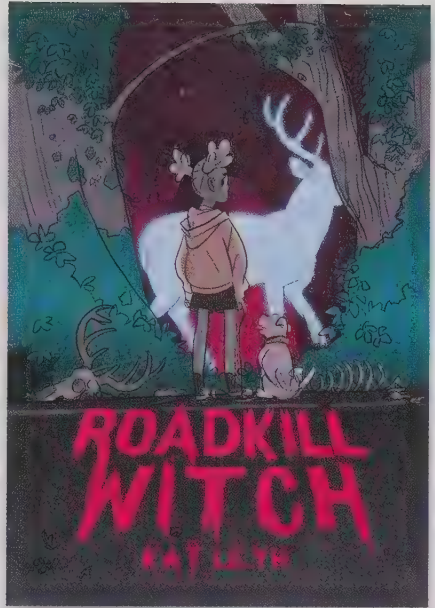
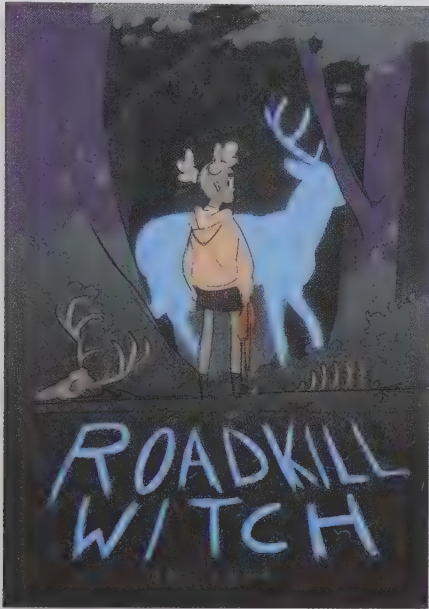
I DECIDE ON THE DIRECTION AND COLOR OF THE LIGHT AND ALL THE OTHER LITTLE DETAILS THAT COMPLETE THE ART AND TELL THE STORY.



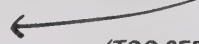
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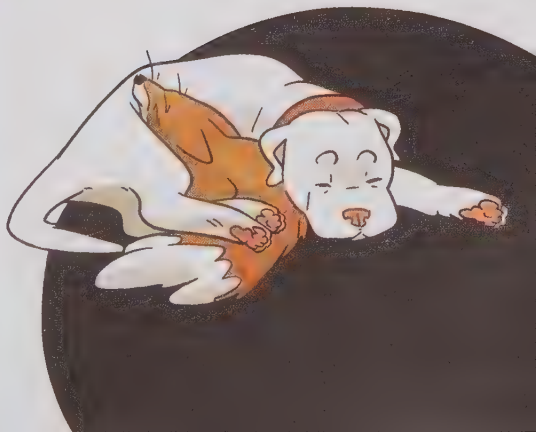
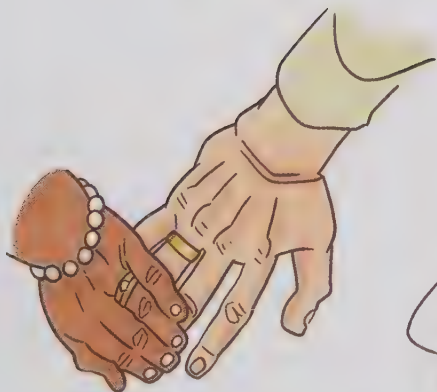


FIRST CRACK AT
A COVER BEFORE
TITLE CHANGE.



(TOO SERIOUS
AND SPOOKY
LOOKING.)







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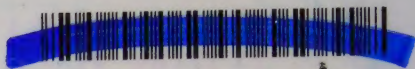
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SNAP'S TOWN

At least, that's the rumor.

In reality, Jacks is just a Crocs-wearing, internet-savvy old lady who sells the skeletons of roadkill online. It's creepy, *sure*, but Snap thinks it's kind of cool, too.

Snap needs a favor from this old woman, though, so she begins helping Jacks with her strange work. Snap gets to know her and realizes that Jacks may in fact have *real* magic—and an unlikely connection to Snap's family's past.

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