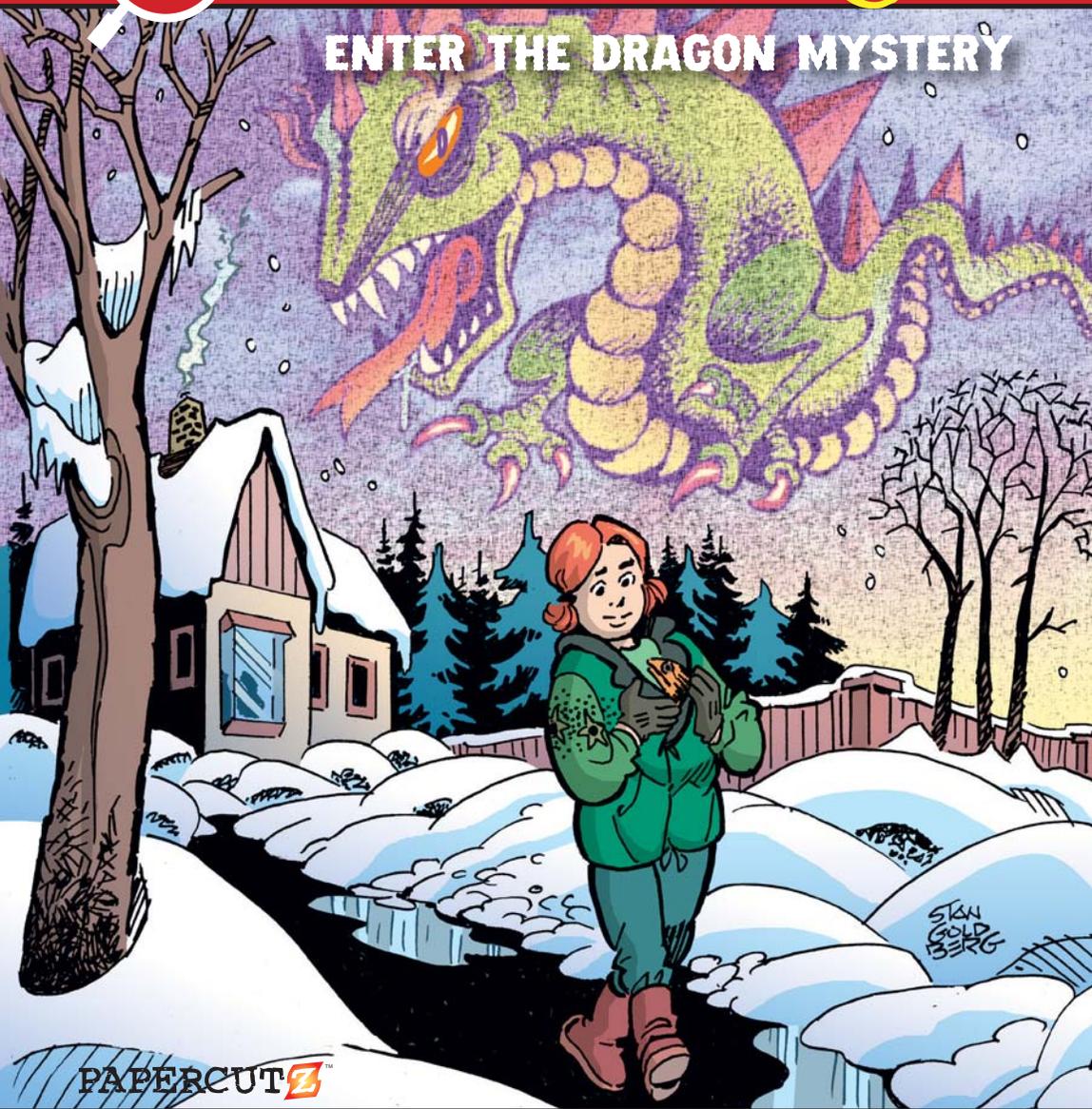


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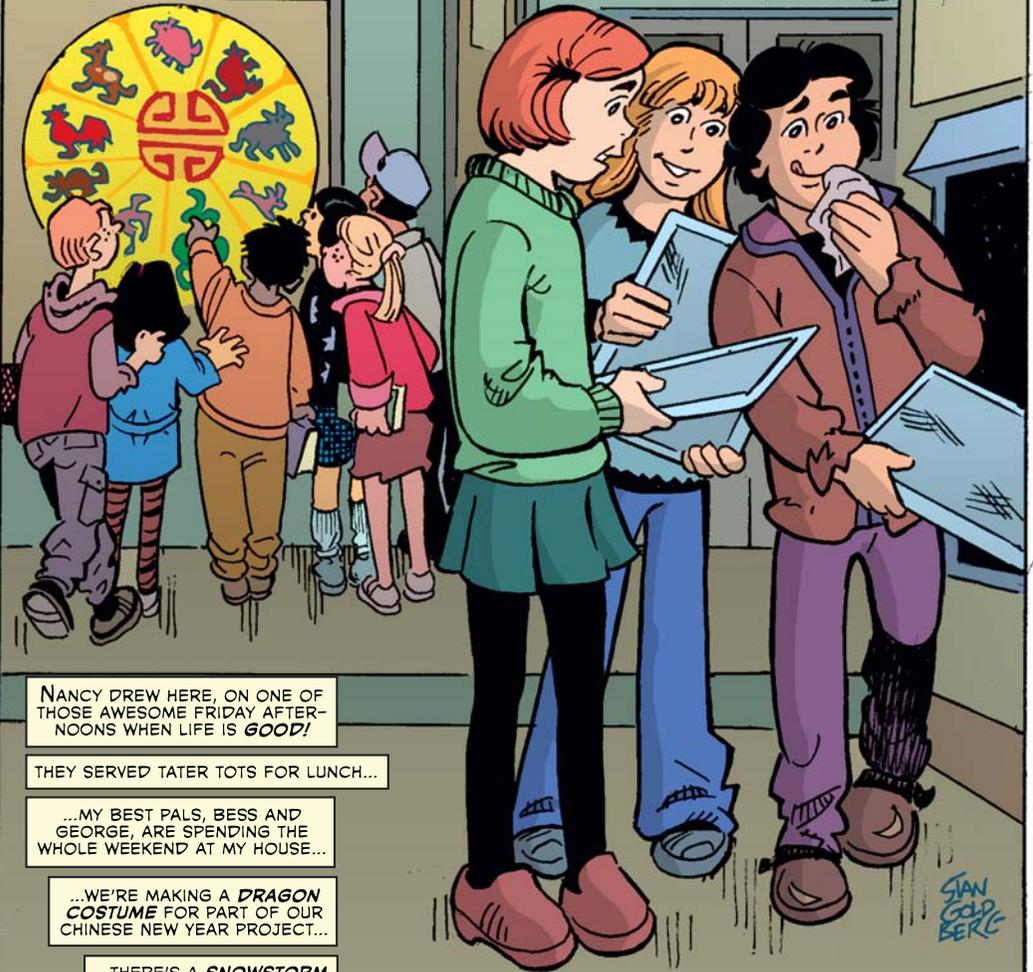
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HAPPY CHINESE NEW YEAR!
新年快樂

CHAPTER 1:
DRAGON TALE



NANCY DREW HERE, ON ONE OF THOSE AWESOME FRIDAY AFTERNOONS WHEN LIFE IS **GOOD!**

THEY SERVED TATER TOTS FOR LUNCH...

...MY BEST PALS, BESS AND GEORGE, ARE SPENDING THE WHOLE WEEKEND AT MY HOUSE...

...WE'RE MAKING A **DRAGON COSTUME** FOR PART OF OUR CHINESE NEW YEAR PROJECT...

...THERE'S A **SNOWSTORM** IN THE FORECAST...

...AND, MY DAD SAID I COULD BE A WEEKEND "SITTER" FOR ONE OF OUR **CLASS PETS!**

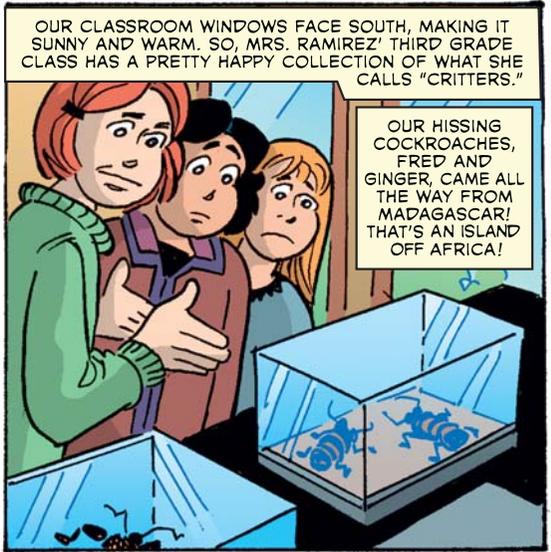
DOESN'T GET BETTER THAN THIS!



I GET FIRST PET PICK. SO, WHO DO YOU WANT TO BABYSIT THIS WEEKEND?

HMM.

WELL, I KNOW WHICH PET I **DON'T** WANT TO SIT FOR, OR SIT ANYWHERE NEAR...

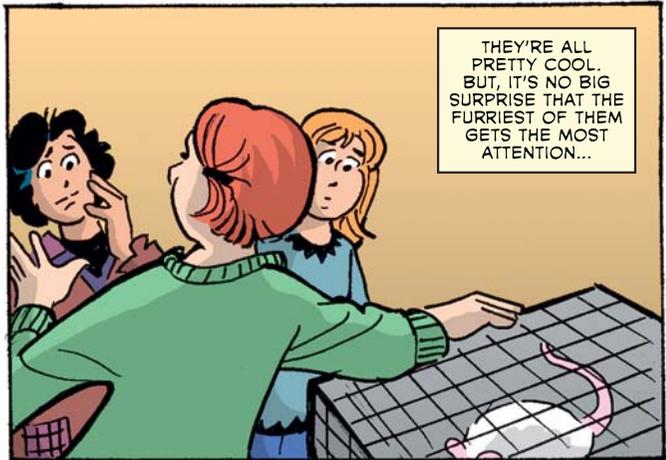


OUR CLASSROOM WINDOWS FACE SOUTH, MAKING IT SUNNY AND WARM. SO, MRS. RAMIREZ' THIRD GRADE CLASS HAS A PRETTY HAPPY COLLECTION OF WHAT SHE CALLS "CRITTERS."

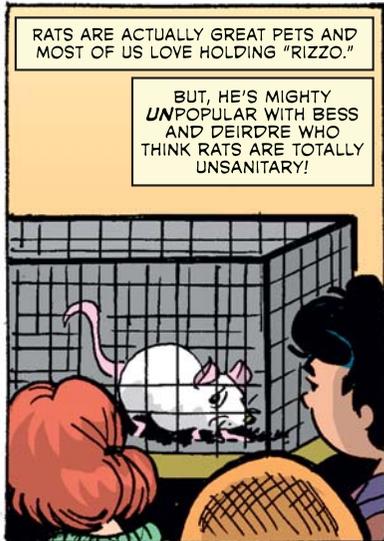
OUR HISSING COCKROACHES, FRED AND GINGER, CAME ALL THE WAY FROM MADAGASCAR! THAT'S AN ISLAND OFF AFRICA!



FLUFFY, OUR TARANTULA, CAME FROM A DESSERT IN ARIZONA.

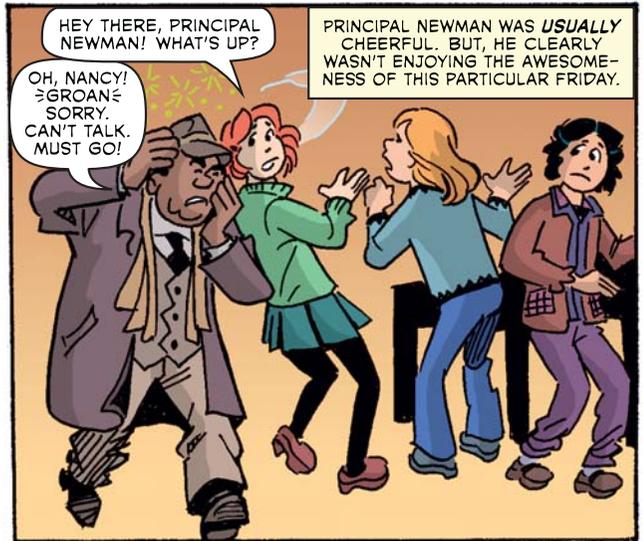


THEY'RE ALL PRETTY COOL. BUT, IT'S NO BIG SURPRISE THAT THE FURRIEST OF THEM GETS THE MOST ATTENTION...



RATS ARE ACTUALLY GREAT PETS AND MOST OF US LOVE HOLDING "RIZZO."

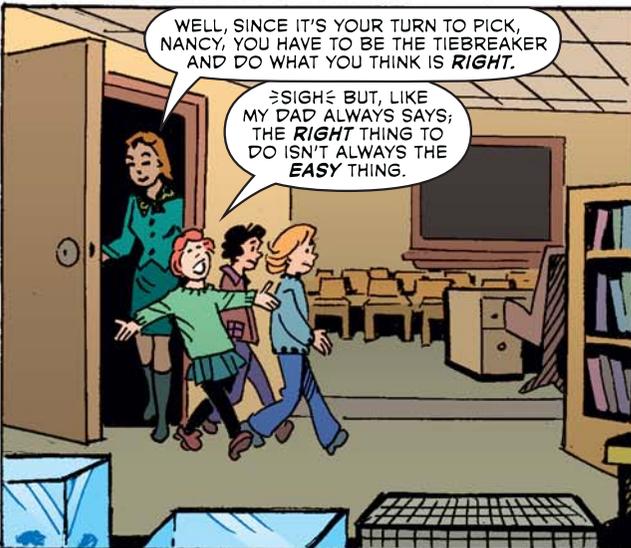
BUT, HE'S MIGHTY **UNPOPULAR** WITH BESS AND DEIRDRE WHO THINK RATS ARE TOTALLY UNSANITARY!



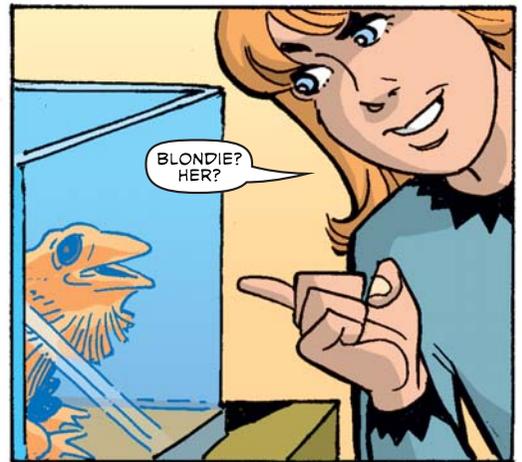
HEY THERE, PRINCIPAL NEWMAN! WHAT'S UP?

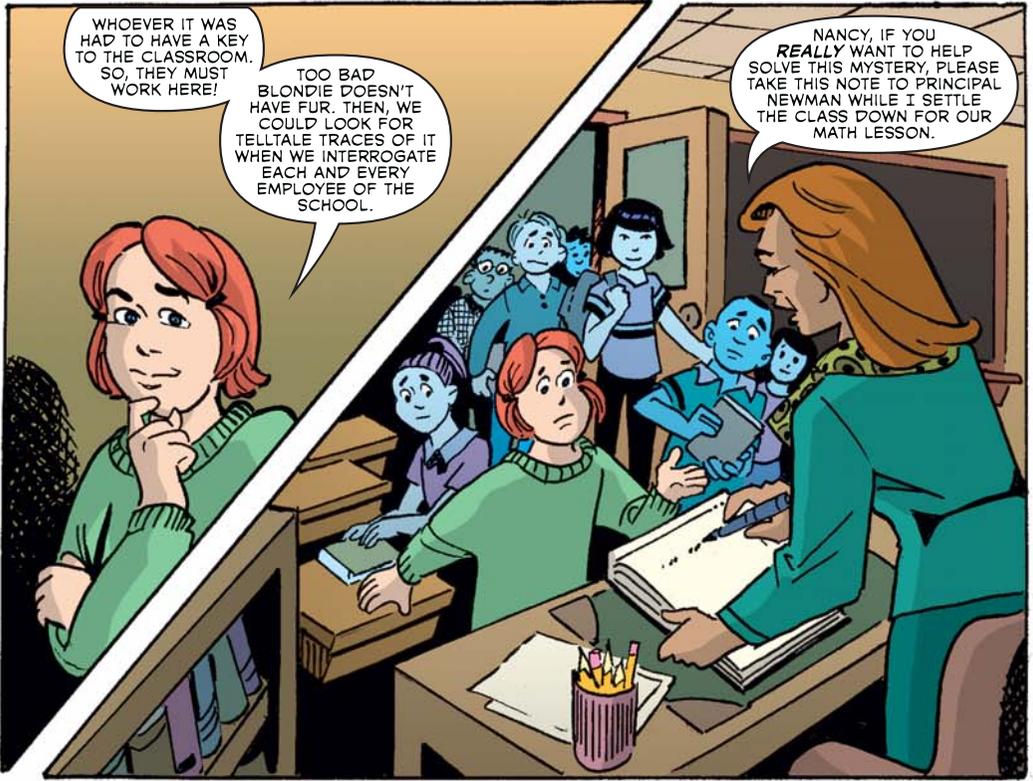
OH, NANCY! GROAN! SORRY. CAN'T TALK. MUST GO!

PRINCIPAL NEWMAN WAS **USUALLY** CHEERFUL. BUT, HE CLEARLY WASN'T ENJOYING THE AWESOMENESS OF THIS PARTICULAR FRIDAY.









WHOEVER IT WAS HAD TO HAVE A KEY TO THE CLASSROOM. SO, THEY MUST WORK HERE!

TOO BAD BLONDIE DOESN'T HAVE FUR. THEN, WE COULD LOOK FOR TELLTALE TRACES OF IT WHEN WE INTERROGATE EACH AND EVERY EMPLOYEE OF THE SCHOOL.

NANCY, IF YOU REALLY WANT TO HELP SOLVE THIS MYSTERY, PLEASE TAKE THIS NOTE TO PRINCIPAL NEWMAN WHILE I SETTLE THE CLASS DOWN FOR OUR MATH LESSON.



AYE AYE, CAPTAIN RAMIREZ! BUT, WHAT'S IN THIS CRIME-BUSTING NOTE OF YOURS?



IT REQUESTS THAT HE MAKE AN INTERCOM ANNOUNCEMENT ASKING WHO LEFT THE BEARDED DRAGON IN OUR CLASSROOM. IT COULD SAVE US A LOT OF INTERROGATION TIME.

OF COURSE! WHY DIDN'T I THINK OF THAT?

EVEN YOU CAN'T THINK OF EVERYTHING. NOW, HURRY BACK, DETECTIVE.

YESS! I MEAN, MRS. RAMIREZ!