



IMAGINE WHAT IT'S LIKE, KNOWING THAT SOMETHING HORRIBLE IS GOING TO HAPPEN...

...BUT NEVER KNOWING WHEN.

...I DON'T HAVE TO TELL YOU THAT THE WORLD IS TOUGH AND UNFORGIVING...



...YOU'VE SEEN THAT YOURSELF, YOUNGER THAN A BOY SHOULD HAVE TO.

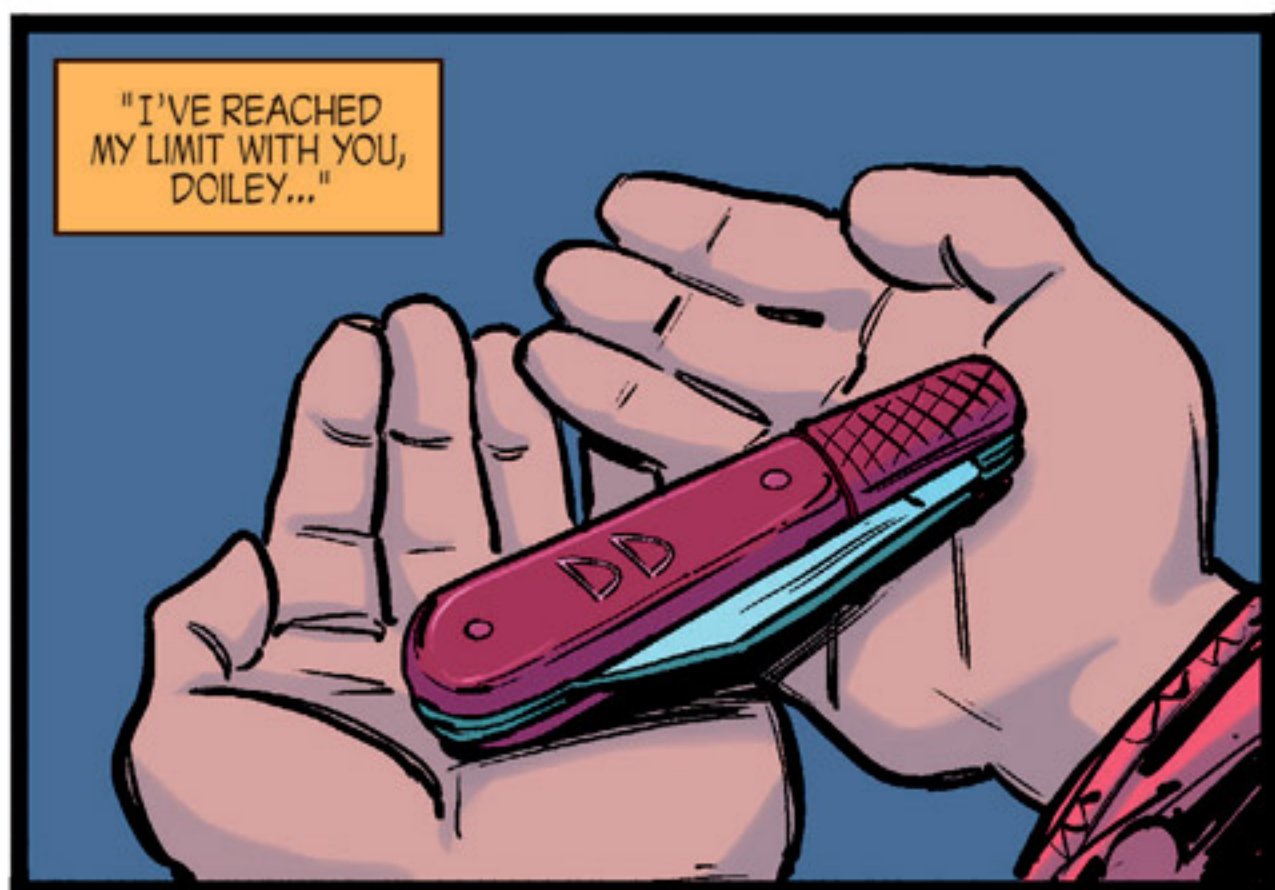
YOU'VE COME A LONG WAY, DILTON. THIS IS YOUR FINAL TEST.



I BELIEVE IN YOU, SON. I BELIEVE YOU CAN DO THIS.



NOW IMAGINE THAT YOU--AND YOU ALONE--KNOW THAT MOMENT IS HERE.

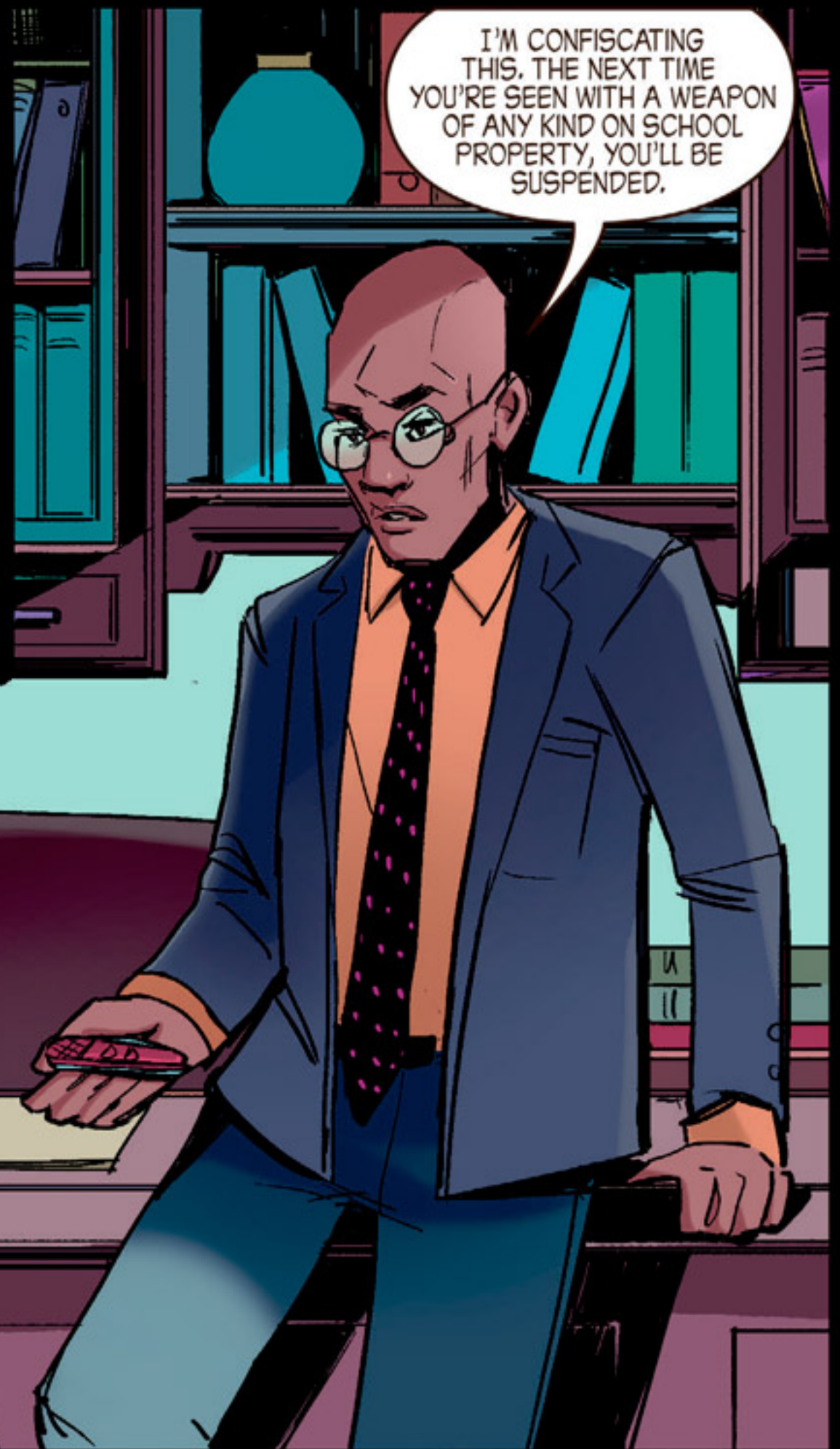


"I'VE REACHED MY LIMIT WITH YOU, DOILEY..."

...YOU'RE A GOOD STUDENT,
BUT YOUR BEHAVIOR OF LATE
IS UNACCEPTABLE.



I'M CONFISCATING
THIS. THE NEXT TIME
YOU'RE SEEN WITH A WEAPON
OF ANY KIND ON SCHOOL
PROPERTY, YOU'LL BE
SUSPENDED.



SIR, I RESPECT
THE OFFICE YOU
HOLD, BUT AS A MAN OF
AUTHORITY, YOU
KNOW AS WELL AS I
DO THAT THE WORLD
IS A DANGEROUS
PLACE.

AND THE WAY THIS
TOWN IS GOING? I HAVE
THE LEGAL RIGHT TO
PROTECT MYSELF.

THAT'S A
POCKET-KNIFE.
EVERY ADVENTURE
SCOUT HAS
ONE.



NOT IN MY HALLS, THEY DON'T.
AND IF THIS IS ABOUT SAFETY,
DILTON, REST ASSURED...YOU
ARE SAFE HERE.

BUT IN
THE MEANTIME,
A WORD OF
ADVICE? TRY
TO RELAX.

IF YOU
EVER FEEL THAT
YOU'RE NOT, SAY
SOMETHING TO
A TEACHER. OR
TO ME.

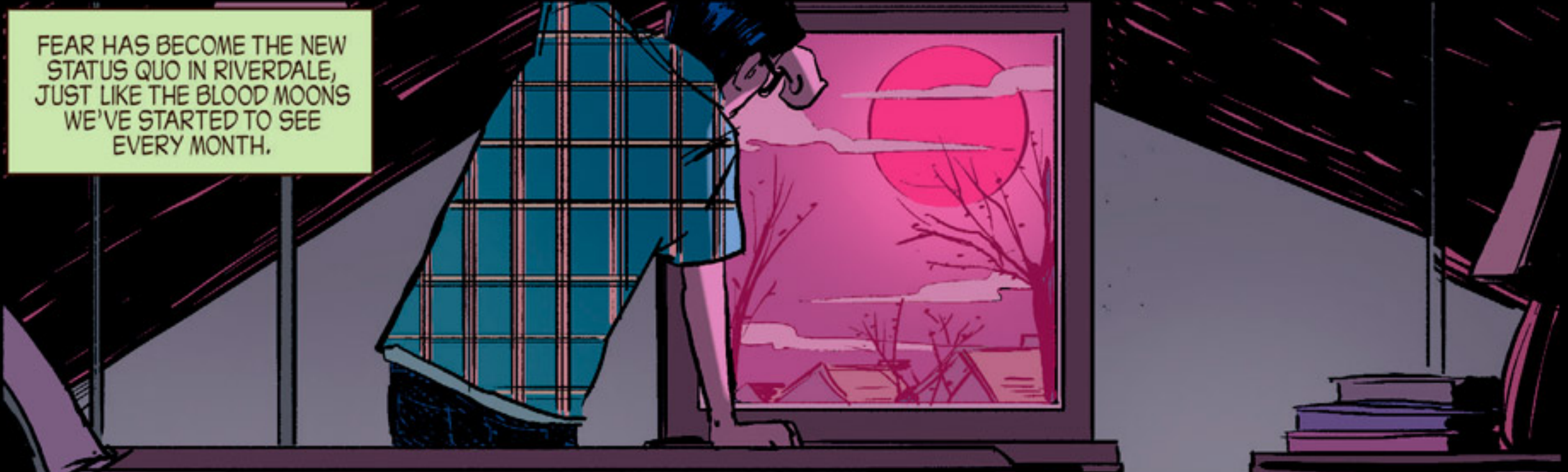


EVERYONE AROUND ME IS *BLIND*. BUT I CAN SEE WHAT'S *REALLY* GOING ON. MY EYES ARE *WIDE OPEN*.


THE UNIVERSE IS OUT TO GET US. EVERYTHING *DOESN'T* WORK OUT OKAY. THE WORST-CASE SCENARIO *WILL* HAPPEN...




IN FACT, I BELIEVE IT'S *ALREADY* HAPPENING; ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS LOOK AROUND...




FEAR HAS BECOME THE NEW STATUS QUO IN RIVERDALE, JUST LIKE THE BLOOD MOONS WE'VE STARTED TO SEE EVERY MONTH.




THE FISH IN SWEETWATER RIVER ARE DYING. SOON, THEIR NATURAL PREDATORS WILL LEAVE, TOO. AND WHO COULD BLAME THEM?



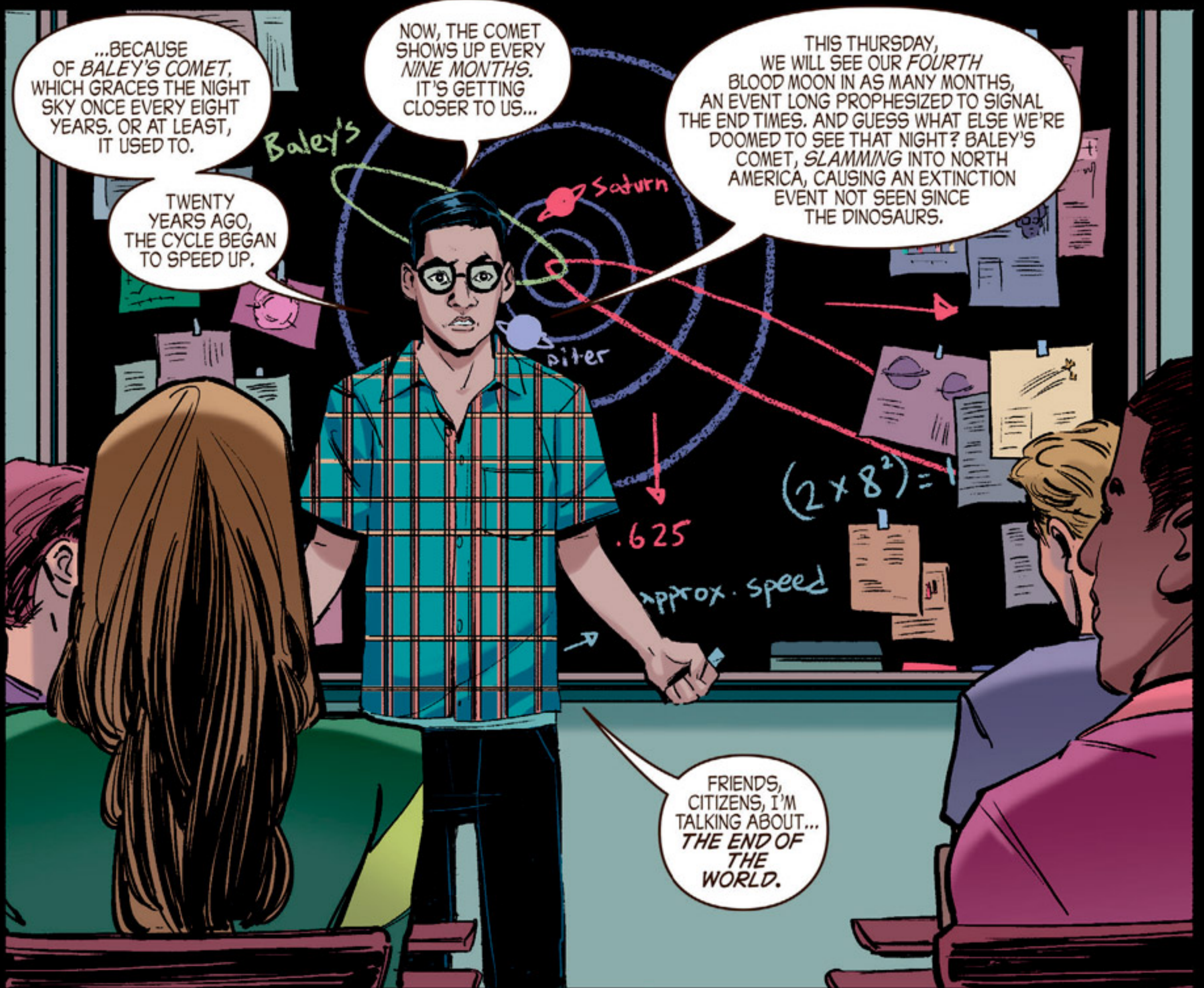
THEY'RE FLEEING A TOWN WHERE FATHERS MURDER THEIR SONS IN COLD BLOOD...



...WHERE EVIL MEN RUN AROUND, SHOOTING UP DINERS IN BROAD DAYLIGHT, WITH NO FEAR OF CAPTURE.



IT ALL ADDS UP TO ONE THING. AN INCONVENIENT-- BUT INEVITABLE--TRUTH: THE APOCALYPSE IS NIGH-- THREE DAYS FROM NOW, IN FACT. HOW DO I KNOW?



...BECAUSE OF BALEY'S COMET, WHICH GRACES THE NIGHT SKY ONCE EVERY EIGHT YEARS. OR AT LEAST, IT USED TO.

TWENTY YEARS AGO, THE CYCLE BEGAN TO SPEED UP.

NOW, THE COMET SHOWS UP EVERY NINE MONTHS. IT'S GETTING CLOSER TO US...

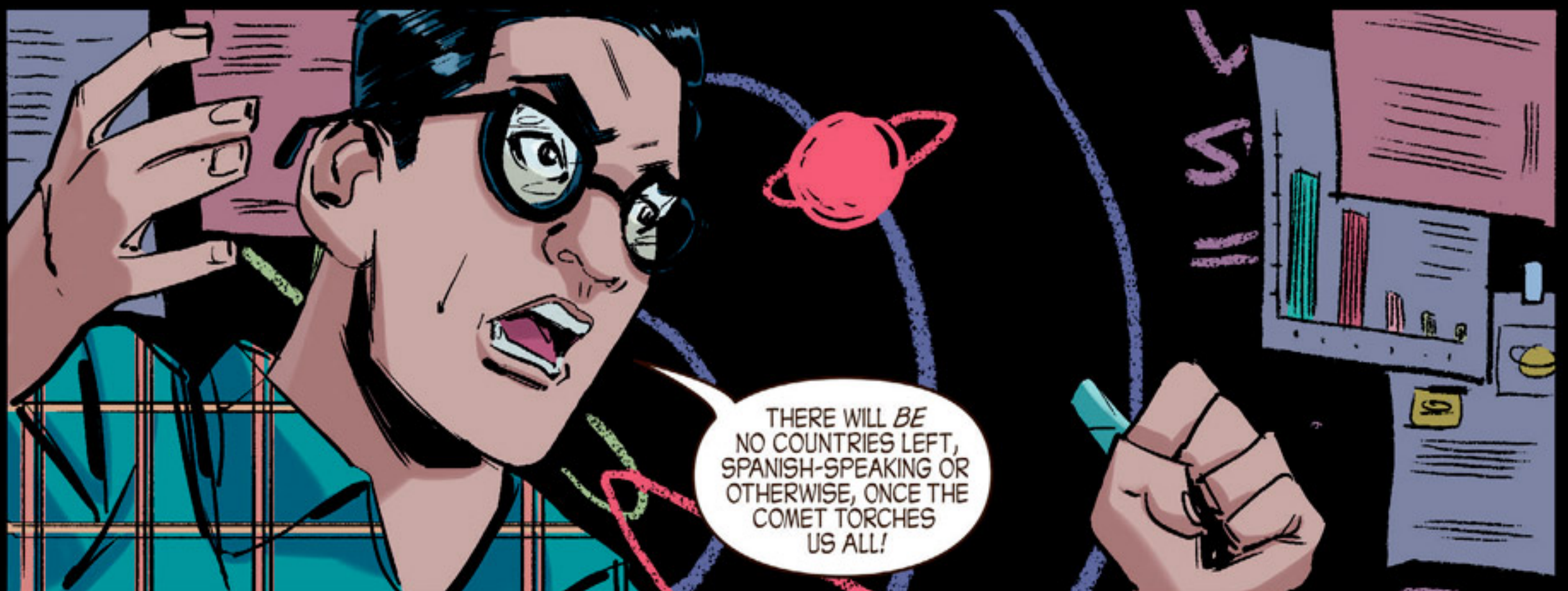
THIS THURSDAY, WE WILL SEE OUR FOURTH BLOOD MOON IN AS MANY MONTHS, AN EVENT LONG PROPHEZIED TO SIGNAL THE END TIMES. AND GUESS WHAT ELSE WE'RE DOOMED TO SEE THAT NIGHT? BALEY'S COMET, SLAMMING INTO NORTH AMERICA, CAUSING AN EXTINCTION EVENT NOT SEEN SINCE THE DINOSAURS.

FRIENDS, CITIZENS, I'M TALKING ABOUT... THE END OF THE WORLD.



DILTON... THIS IS SPANISH CLASS.

THE ASSIGNMENT WAS TO GIVE AN ORAL PRESENTATION ABOUT A SPANISH-SPEAKING COUNTRY AND ITS CULTURE.



THERE WILL BE NO COUNTRIES LEFT, SPANISH-SPEAKING OR OTHERWISE, ONCE THE COMET TORCHES US ALL!