

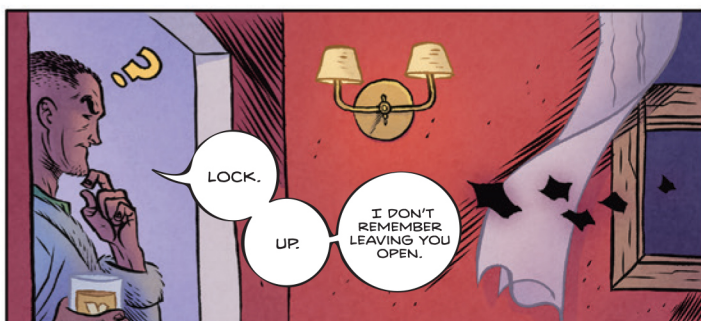


WHAT
ARE YOU
WAITING
FOR?



GET
YOUR ASS
UP TO BED,
TYLER!

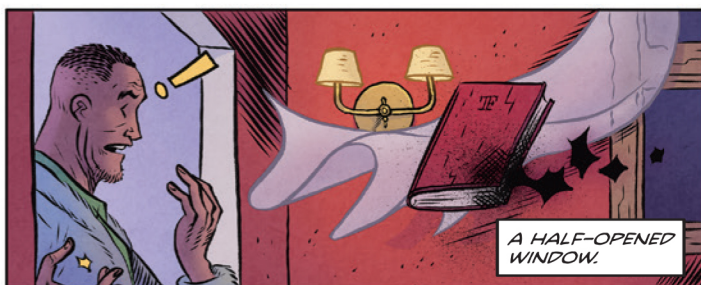
I'LL
BE UP IN
ONE SECOND,
JUST NEED
TO...



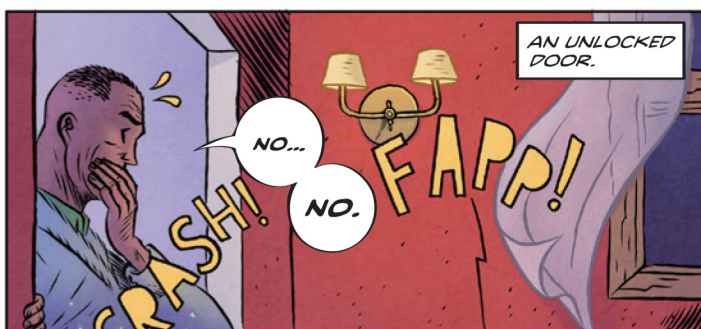
LOCK.

UP.

I DON'T
REMEMBER
LEAVING YOU
OPEN.



A HALF-OPENED
WINDOW.



AN UNLOCKED
DOOR.

NO...

NO.



AFTER
ALL THESE
YEARS...



THE BLACK GRAVITY OF THE PAST HAS A WAY OF CATCHING UP WITH US NO MATTER HOW FAR WE RUN.



He is resigned to his fate before he even notices what is happening-- before he notices the very folds of reality closing in upon him.



In one last tragic moment, he becomes aware, painfully aware. But it's already too late. He's already...



...gone.

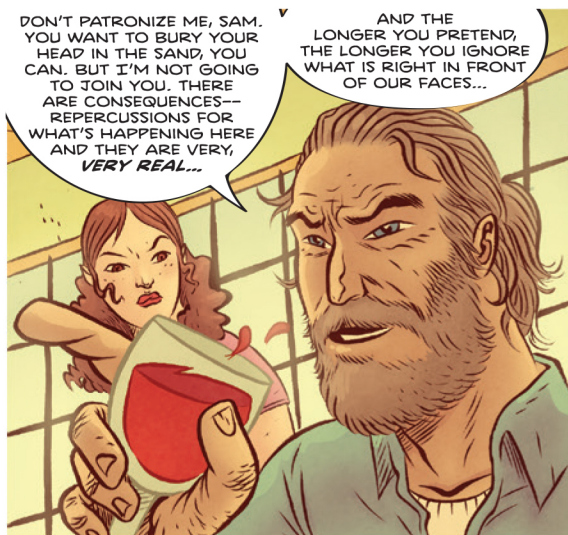
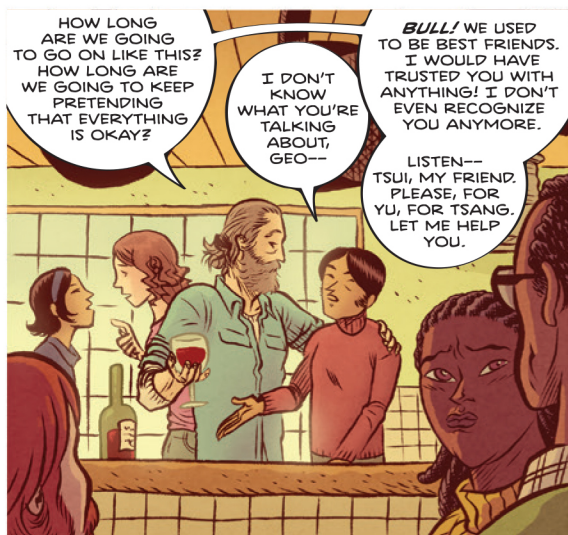
TYLER? YOU OKAY?

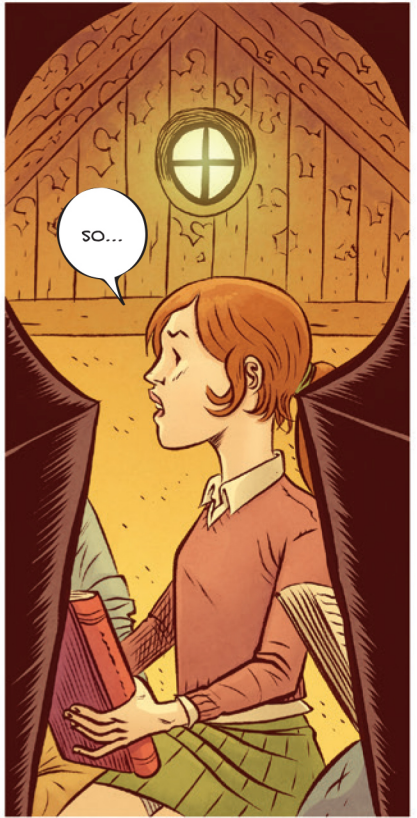
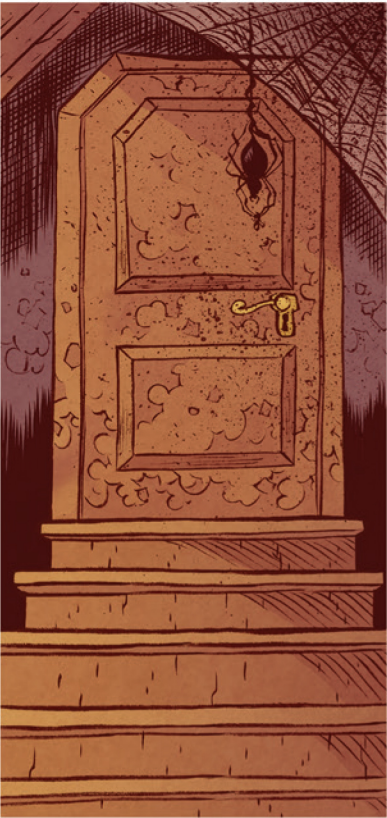
TAP!!

I SUPPOSE IF WE'RE GOING TO START ANYWHERE...

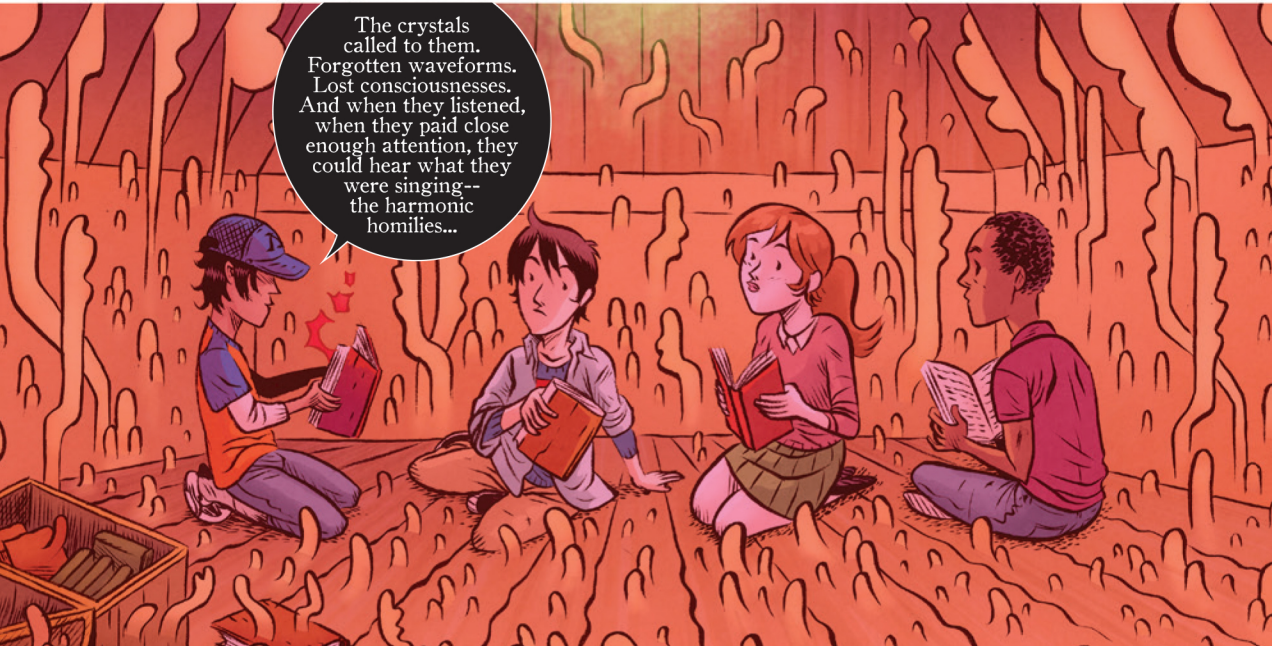
...IT SHOULD BE
THE BEGINNING.

Fifteen years earlier









"...of some forgotten truth."

WHOA.

WHAT THE HELL DID YOU DO, MAN?

I DON'T KNOW, I WAS JUST--


IT WAS THE BOOK. RIGHT BEFORE WE ENDED UP HERE, YOU READ THE PASSAGE. IT--IT WAS DESCRIBING THIS PLACE.

IT BROUGHT US HERE.

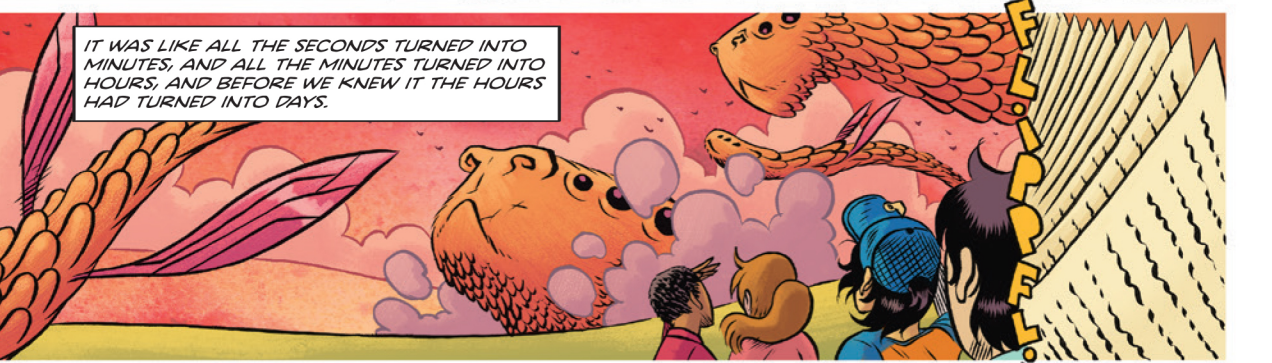
AT FIRST IT WAS SCARY...




AFTER A WHILE, THOUGH, IT STOPS BEING **SCARY** AND JUST STARTS BEING **EXCITING**.



IT'S--I DON'T KNOW IF I COULD EVER DESCRIBE HOW IT FELT, BUT I'LL TRY.



IT WAS LIKE ALL THE SECONDS TURNED INTO MINUTES, AND ALL THE MINUTES TURNED INTO HOURS, AND BEFORE WE KNEW IT THE HOURS HAD TURNED INTO DAYS.



IT WAS LIKE JUST WHEN YOU THOUGHT YOU'D SEEN ALL YOU WERE EVER GOING TO SEE, ALL THERE COULD POSSIBLY BE TO EXPERIENCE...



YOU'D REALIZE YOU HADN'T EVEN SCRATCHED THE SURFACE.

THAT WAS OUR LIVES
BACK THEN: ADVENTURE.
DISCOVERY. HAPPINESS.

THAT WAS OUR LIVES
BACK THEN, AND IT
WAS BEAUTIFUL....

UNTIL IT
WASN'T.

HEY, YOU
GUYS SEEN
TSANG?

HE
WAS--
HE WAS
HERE JUST
A SECOND
AGO.

TSANG?

TSANGGG?!

C'MON,
DUDE,
THIS ISN'T
FUNNY.

IT'S
NO USE,
YOU
GUYS...

