

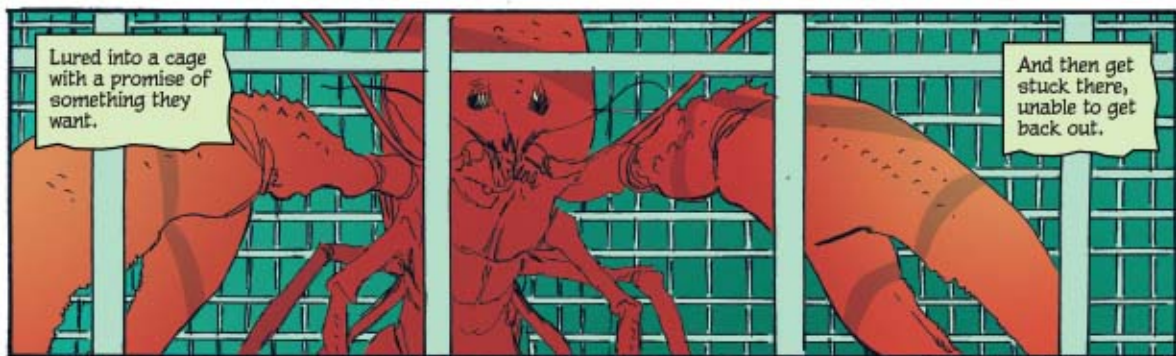


They love their lobsters in Bayport--food, cartoon characters, stuffed animals.

I like them too. But what I find MOST interesting about them is...



...how they're trapped.



Lured into a cage with a promise of something they want.

And then get stuck there, unable to get back out.



I learned about the lobster fishing process years ago while visiting as a child.



And now that I'm back, I have a different trap to set...

...with the help of Frank and Joe Hardy.

OKAY, TELL US WHAT THIS PLAN OF YOURS IS.

WE *DID* WHAT YOU SAID. WE'RE SUSPECTS IN OUR FATHER'S DEATH.

YOU DID A GREAT JOB ON THAT END.

SO...WHAT'S NEXT? WHAT DOES THE GREAT NANCY DREW HAVE UP HER SLEEVE?





BAYPORT, TEN YEARS AGO.

Frank and Joe are just as I remembered them.



Smart, and nice. Maybe too nice.



My family would spend the summers here.



And I would spend my days with the Hardys looking for adventures.



Solving "crimes" and "mysteries".



We came up with fun names. Like "The Case of the Missing Chums".



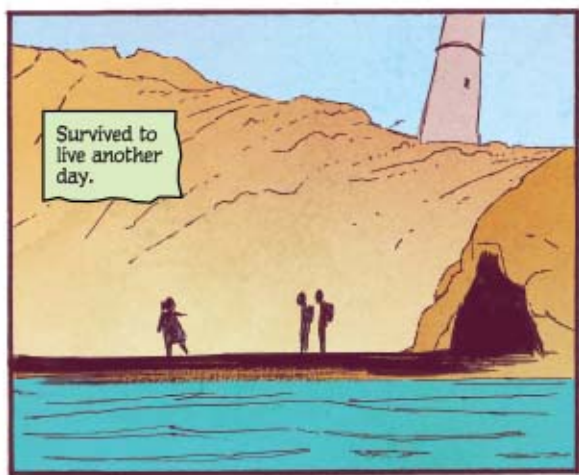
They were silly mysteries, but to us...



...they felt like life and death.



We always survived every case, every mystery.



Survived to live another day.



But that summer someone I loved didn't survive...