



I WOULD NEVER HAVE BEEN CAUGHT DEAD IN A DRESS LIKE THIS TWO MONTHS AGO.

AND ONLY PARTLY BECAUSE IT RETAILS FOR SEVERAL GRAND.

CHIN UP, VALERIE. WE LOOK GREAT, AND THIS IS A HUGE NIGHT FOR US!

YEAH! ALL THESE PEOPLE ARE HERE FOR US!

WELL, NOT ALL, MELODY. THEY COULD BE HERE FOR ANOTHER BAND.

OH, WOW, THE RUMORS ARE TRUE! THAT EUROPEAN GROUP UR-C MAJOR HAS ROBOT BACKUP DANCERS!



BY NIGHT'S END, IN PLACE OF THEIR "OTHER BANDS" THEY SHALL HAVE PUSSYCATS! NOT DARK, BUT LEOPARD PRINT AND--



HOW DID YOU MAKE THE WIND PICK UP LIKE THAT?





REMINDE ME AGAIN WHY WE'RE PLAYING THIS AWARDS SHOW?

WELL, OTHER THAN THE FACT WE'RE UP FOR A FEW OF TONIGHT'S AWARDS, PLAYING HERE IS A HUGE HONOR, REGARDLESS.

REGARDLESS HONOR? QUITE THE PHRASE TO DESCRIBE ARBITRARY HONORIFICS. HOW COULD THE OPINIONS OF SELF-SELECTED, INSULAR INSTITUTIONS DETERMINE SUCCESS IN THE EYES OF THE PEOPLE, LET ALONE THE ARTISTS THEMSELVES?



Uh, WHAT?

DID I SAY SOMETHING JUST NOW? I FELL ASLEEP LISTENING TO A KROPOTKIN AUDIOBOOK LAST WEEK, AND I THINK IT'S BEEN MESSING WITH ME.



FUGUE STATE MELODY DOES HAVE A POINT, THOUGH.

WHY ARE WE EVEN HERE?

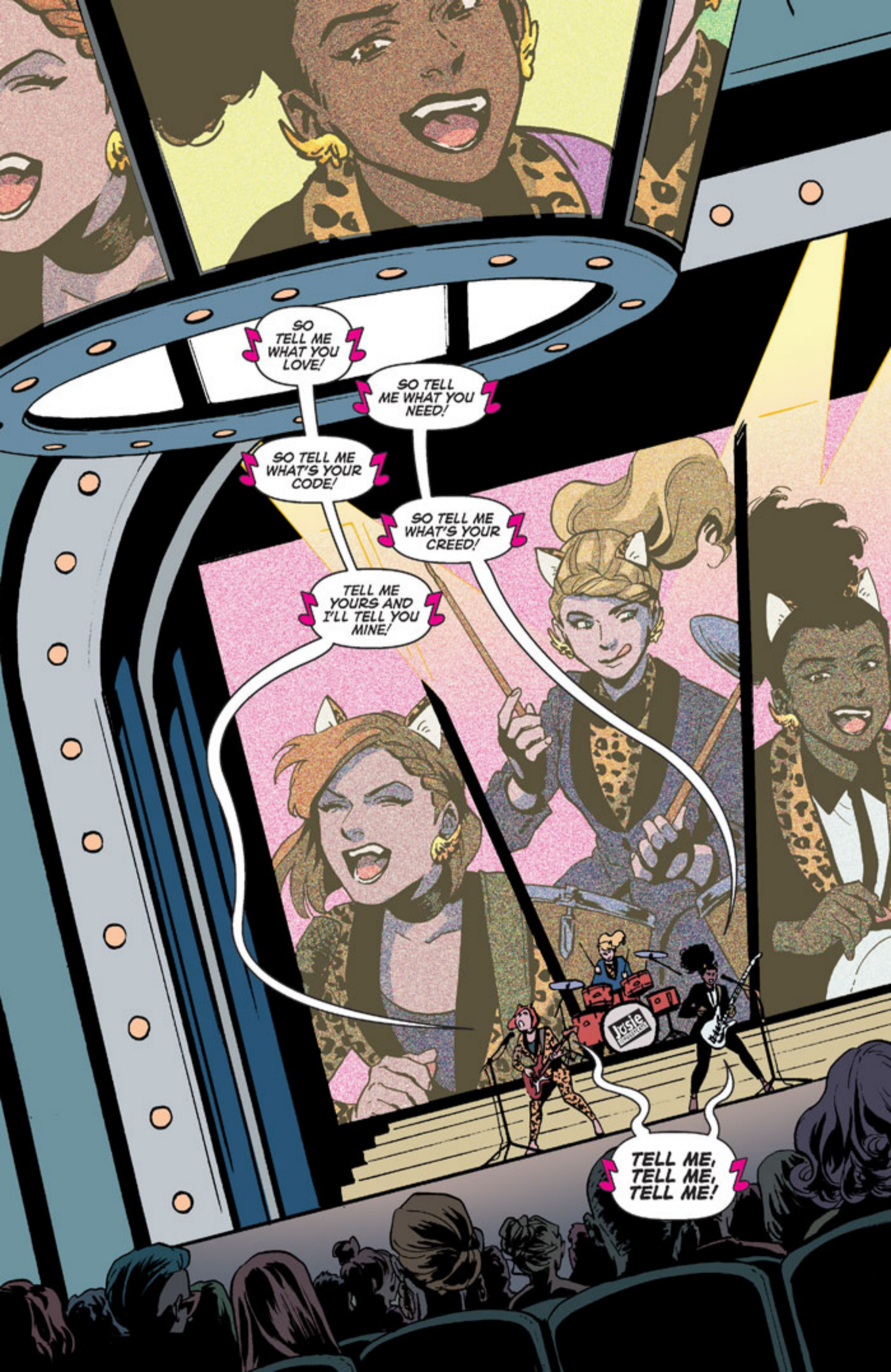
I'M HERE BECAUSE JOSIE'S HERE, VALERIE'S HERE, AND OUR CAT IS HERE!

AND I'M HERE BECAUSE OUR CAREERS ARE HERE. SORRY, BUT THAT'S KIND OF HOW IT IS.



I'VE COME TO ACCEPT THAT AT LEAST A THIRD OF THE TIME WHEN I WALK UP TO YOU A **SERIOUS CONVERSATION** IS GOING ON, BUT YOU'RE ON, GIRLS.

GO BREAK A LEG!



SO TELL ME WHAT YOU LOVE!

SO TELL ME WHAT YOU NEED!

SO TELL ME WHAT'S YOUR CODE!

SO TELL ME WHAT'S YOUR CREED!

TELL ME YOURS AND I'LL TELL YOU MINE!

TELL ME, TELL ME, TELL ME!



SEE?! THAT WAS AWESOME!

THAT WAS FUN!

YEAH! GREAT SONG, BY THE WAY, VAL. YOU OUGHTA WRITE MORE!



THANKS! MAYBE I WILL.

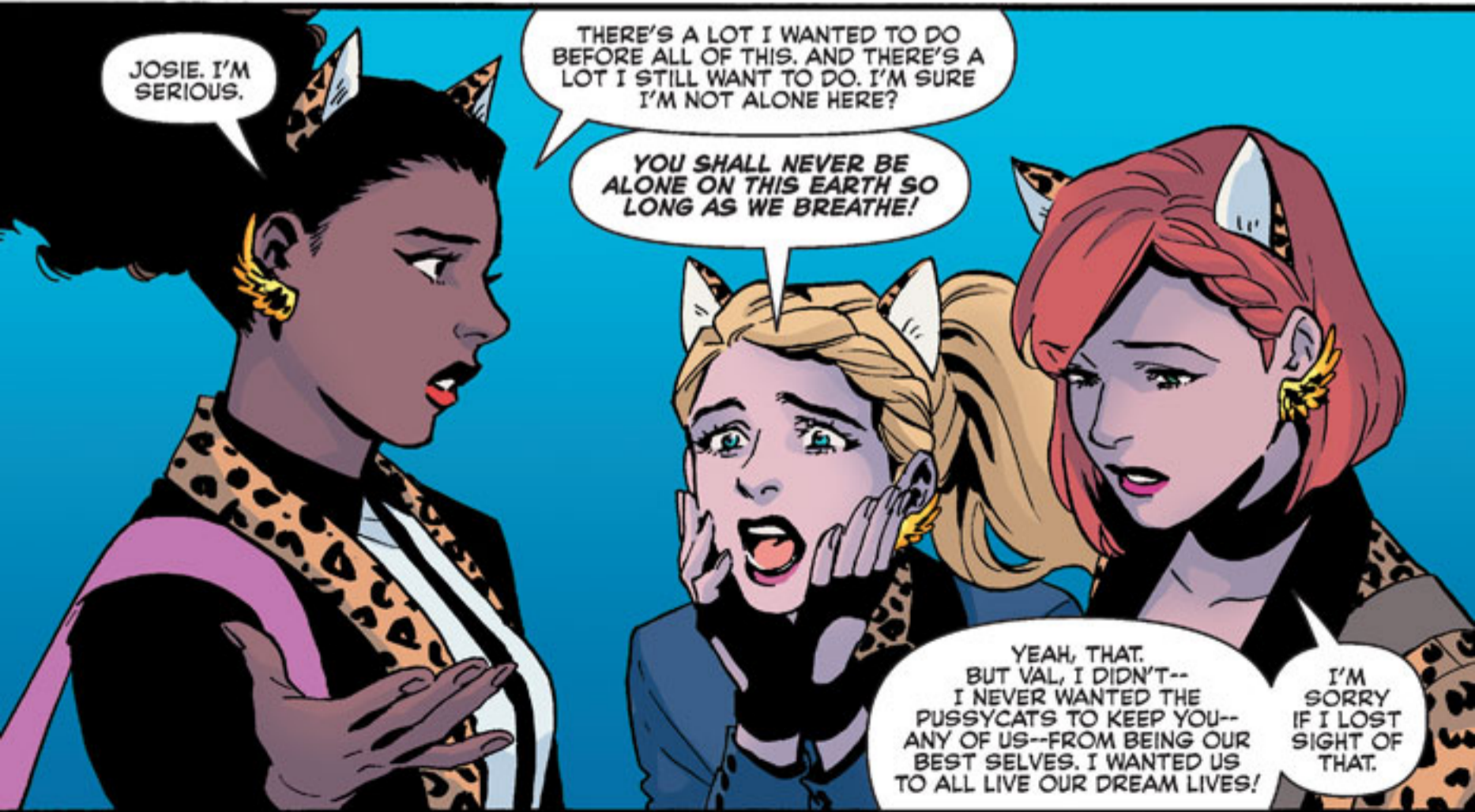
BUT, BETWEEN THE SONG AND THAT FLYER FROM EARLIER, IT GOT ME THINKING...



IS FAME A MEANS OR AN END FOR US? IF A MEANS, THEN...FOR WHAT? Y'KNOW?

YOU THOUGHT ALL THAT WHILE SINGING SO WELL THAT CALIFORNIA NAMED YOU ITS STATE BIRD?!

TO BE FAIR, THE CALIFORNIA VALLEY QUAIL HAS BEEN MIRED IN THAT MASS SURVEILLANCE SCANDAL FOR MONTHS.



JOSIE. I'M SERIOUS.

THERE'S A LOT I WANTED TO DO BEFORE ALL OF THIS. AND THERE'S A LOT I STILL WANT TO DO. I'M SURE I'M NOT ALONE HERE?

YOU SHALL NEVER BE ALONE ON THIS EARTH SO LONG AS WE BREATHE!

YEAH, THAT. BUT VAL, I DIDN'T-- I NEVER WANTED THE PUSSYCATS TO KEEP YOU-- ANY OF US--FROM BEING OUR BEST SELVES. I WANTED US TO ALL LIVE OUR DREAM LIVES!

I'M SORRY IF I LOST SIGHT OF THAT.