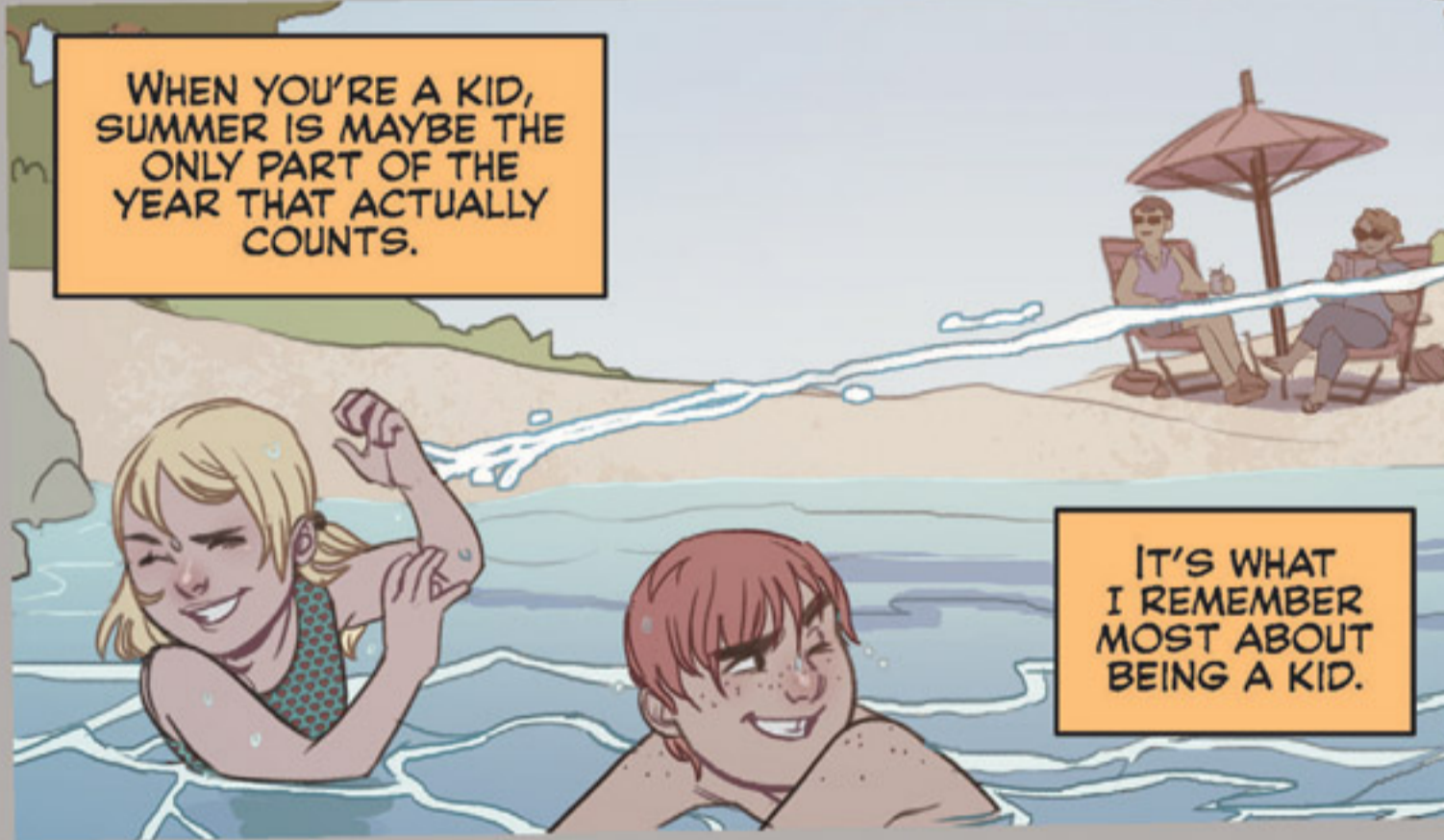




SUMMER.



WHEN YOU'RE A KID, SUMMER IS MAYBE THE ONLY PART OF THE YEAR THAT ACTUALLY COUNTS.

IT'S WHAT I REMEMBER MOST ABOUT BEING A KID.



IT WAS THE TOTAL FREEDOM TO HANG OUT WITH YOUR FRIENDS, JUST BEING YOU. ALL DAY LONG.

YOUR REAL YOU. OR SOMETHING.



A LITTLE STRANGE YOU HERE WITHOUT YOUR CREW, ARCHIE.

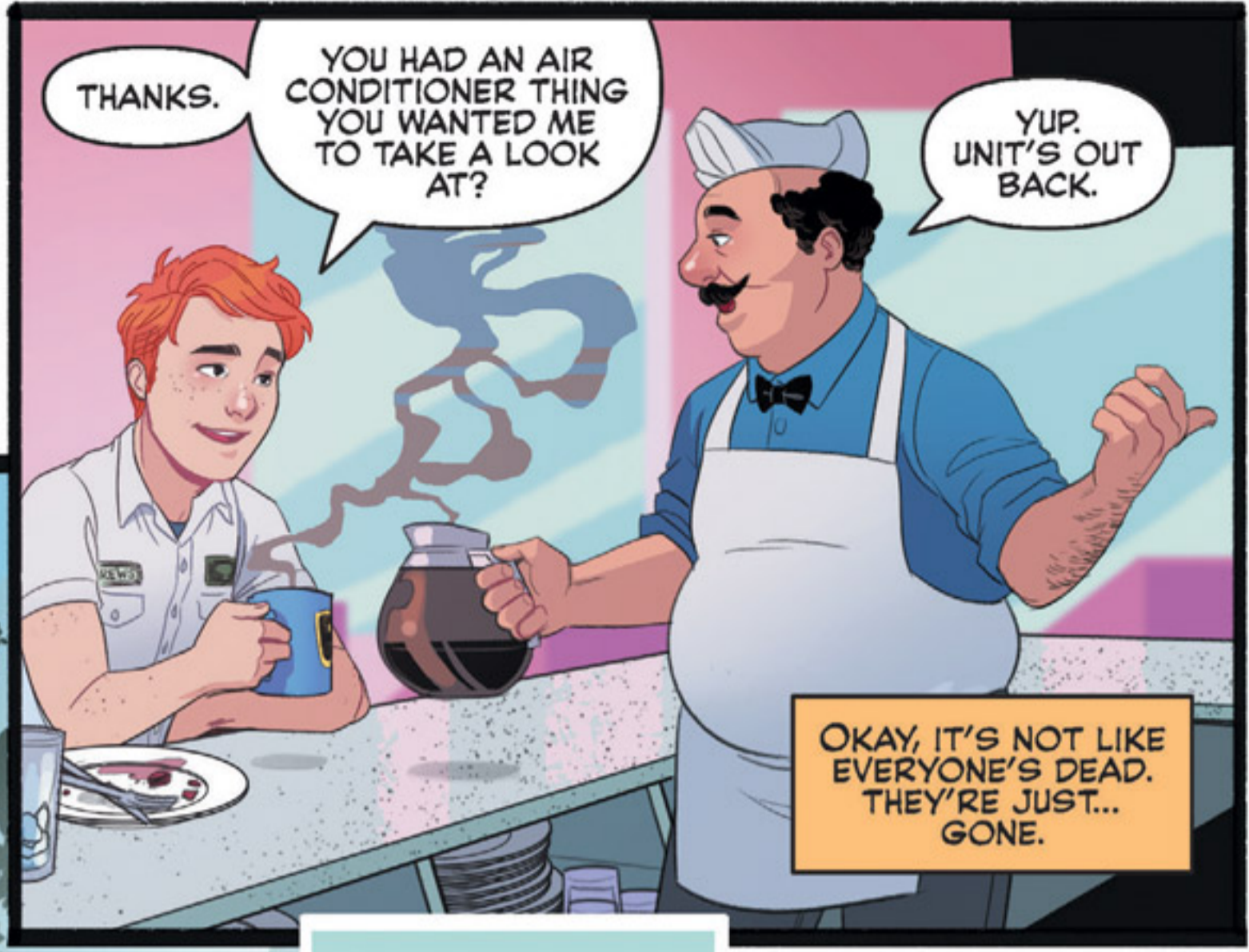
YEAH.

SUMMER WAS MAGIC.



CHEER UP. YOU'RE YOUNG.

NOW SUMMER IS JUST ...ME.



THANKS.

YOU HAD AN AIR CONDITIONER THING YOU WANTED ME TO TAKE A LOOK AT?

YUP. UNIT'S OUT BACK.

OKAY, IT'S NOT LIKE EVERYONE'S DEAD. THEY'RE JUST... GONE.



DOING THEIR THINGS OUTSIDE OF RIVERDALE.



HAVING A LIFE OUTSIDE OF RIVERDALE.



MEANWHILE, I'M HERE, STUCK FIXING THE LITTLE PARTS OF IT THAT NEED REPAIR.

STUCK--



GET A GRIP, ARCHIE. YOU'RE STARTING TO SOUND LIKE JUGHEAD.

SPELLMAN HOUSE...

STUCK?

WHO'S STUCK?

IT'S NOT THAT RIDICULOUS GOPHER AGAIN, IS IT? THAT GOPHER REALLY GETS MY GOAT.

ME. AND NOT *STUCK*. JUST I JUST WISH--

YOU HAVE LOTS TO DO, SABRINA, IF YOU WOULD LIKE A LIST --MY LARDER IS LOW.

NO PROBLEM, AUNT ZELDA. I'LL GO TO THE WOODS TODAY.

DARK HEART TOADSTOOLS, SOME FLANNAGAN'S MOSS, A SAMPLE OF ARCHER'S EARTH.

SOME MILLER'S TOES WOULD BE NICE.

WAITING? MAYBE THAT'S IT.

HOW LONG?

WISH?

MAYBE NOT WISH. IT FEELS LIKE I'M...



I CAN GET, UH, CHALK WHITE NOW, BUT THE, MAJESTIC IVORY IN TRUECOAT YOU WANT?

THAT WILL TAKE ABOUT A WEEK.

DAMN. I REALLY DO PREFER IVORY.

BUT OKAY.



IF JUGHEAD WERE HERE, HE WOULD GIVE ME A WHOLE SPEECH ABOUT ME DECIDING TO STAY--HAVING SOMETHING TO DO, BEING SO TIED UP IN...



...DRAMA. WHATEVER. STUFF.

THAT I CAN'T... EVOLVE, OR SOMETHING?



ARCHIEKINS?

ARCHIE?



I CAN SEE ABOUT THE PAINT. MAYBE MAX'S HARDWARE HAS IT.

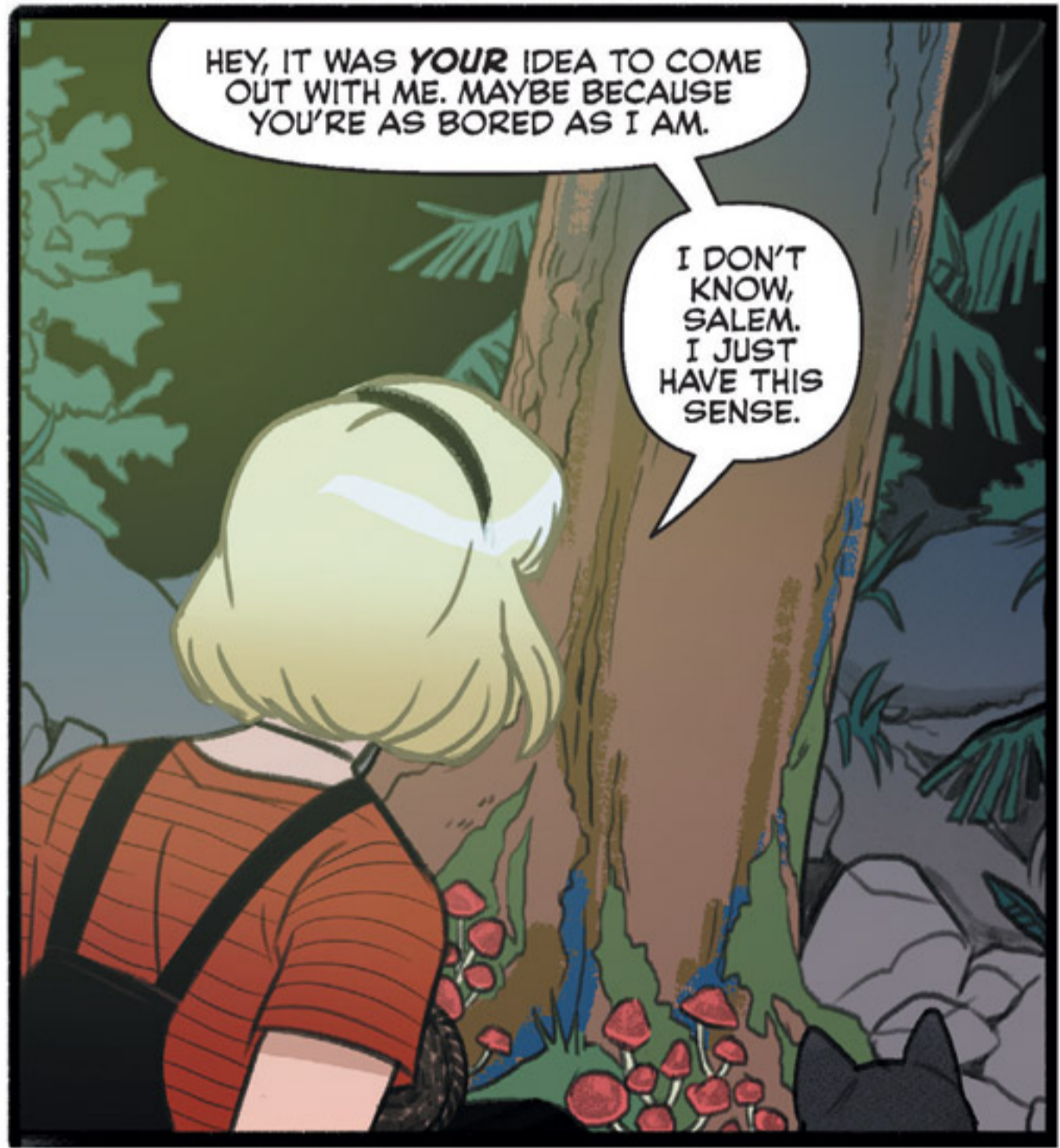
THANK YOU.



WATCH YOUR FEET!



--OR A FEW OF THESE WILL LEAVE YOU WITH SOME PRETTY ITCHY PAWS, SALEM.



HEY, IT WAS *YOUR* IDEA TO COME OUT WITH ME. MAYBE BECAUSE YOU'RE AS BORED AS I AM.

I DON'T KNOW, SALEM. I JUST HAVE THIS SENSE.



AND MY SENSES ARE RARELY WRONG.



INTERESTING. DARK HEARTS DON'T USUALLY BLEED.

UNLESS IT'S A SIGN.