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Jane, Heather, Barney and Chip have returned from the Otherworld with a pile of priceless footage for Jane's documentary. But it's cost them the trust of their troll guide Gardt (who now has local problems of his own) and badly damaged Jane and Heather's still-healing BFF-ship. Plus, the mystery of sprocket magnate Chet Charles's disappearance has only deepened...

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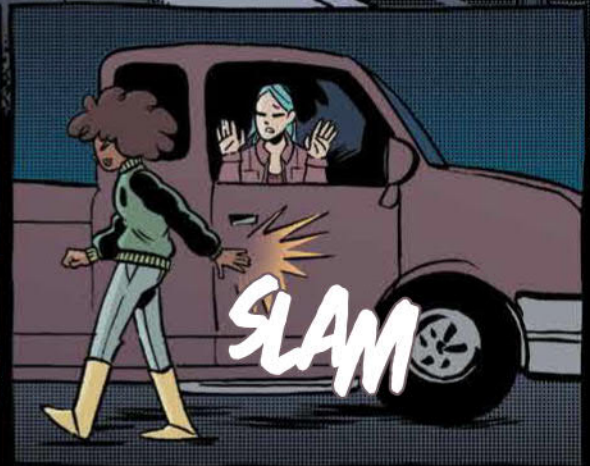
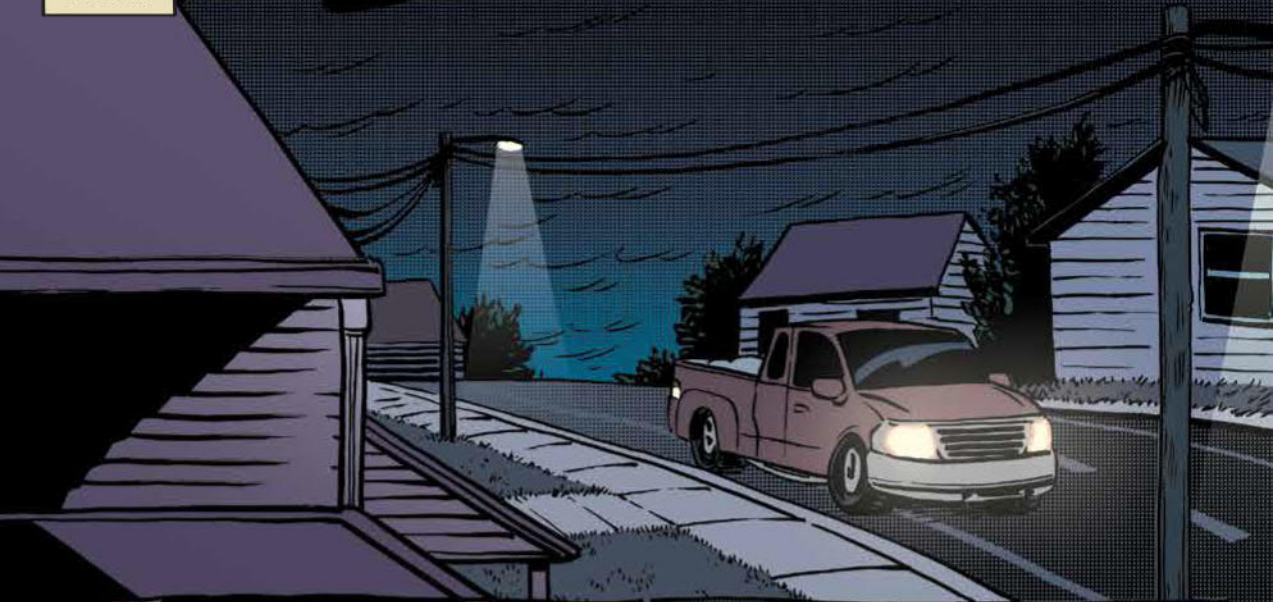
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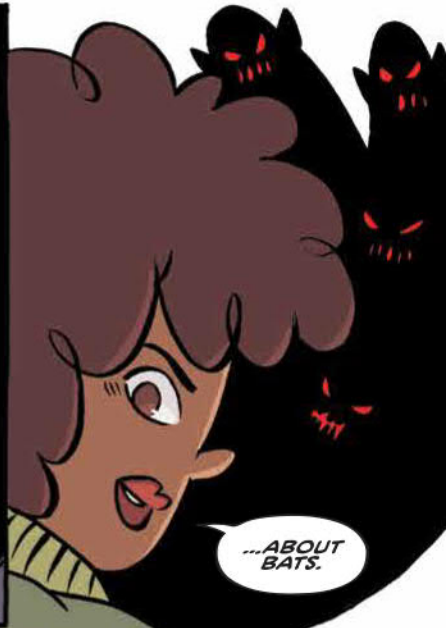
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WELL, TONIGHT WAS SOMETHIN', WASN'T IT? SOMETHIN' ELSE.

IT WAS A *DISASTER*. I DROPPED MY OLDEST FRIEND INTO A FANG BEAST NEST BECAUSE A BUG LANDED ON ME.



BUT THAT ASIDE, IT WAS AN INCREDIBLE, ONCE-IN-A-LIFETIME EXPERIENCE, RIGHT?

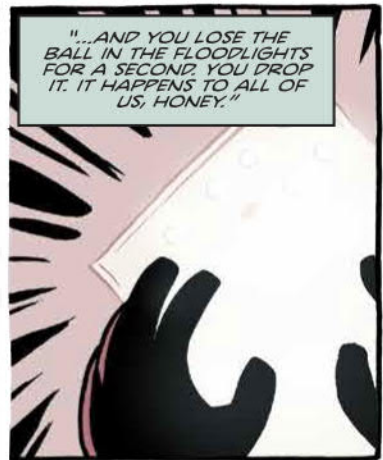
HAVE YOU EVER DONE ANYTHING THAT DUMB IN YOUR LIFE, *CHIP*? NO. NO ONE HAS.



SOMETIMES YOU'RE ON THEIR 20-YARD LINE IN THE LAST MINUTE OF THE 4TH QUARTER AND THEIR GUY DOESN'T SEE YOU...



"...ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS CATCH THAT LONG PASS AND RUN..."



"...AND YOU LOSE THE BALL IN THE FLOODLIGHTS FOR A SECOND. YOU DROP IT. IT HAPPENS TO ALL OF US, HONEY."



DAD, SPORTS METAPHORS...

...ARE A *BLIGHT* ON AMERICAN DISCOURSE.



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BEEN A WHILE SINCE YOUR LAST TWO-SLAM NIGHT, *CHIP*.

FEELS GOOD.



YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND, SEER! I DIDN'T DO ANYTHING WRONG!

AS YOUR LAWYER, I ADVISE YOU TO STOP FLAPPING YOUR IDIOT MOUTH, GARDT.



I'M INNOCENT! VERY INNOCENT!



If that's true, you have nothing to fear.



"GARDT, YOU ARE ACCUSED OF ENABLING HUMAN INCURSION, IN GROSS CONTRAVENTION OF THE NEW LAWS."