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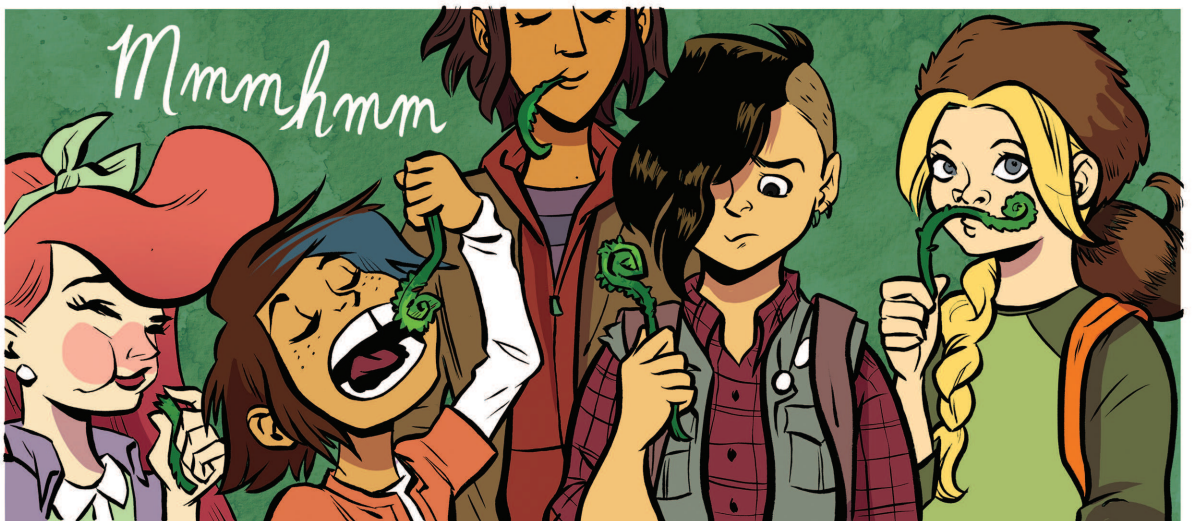
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Ah, what a lovely day for an edible plant identification hike! By the time we're through you lovely ladies will be able to prepare the ultimate foraged feast for the entire camp!

Uh, that part's optional right?





Hmm. Not bad.  
Tastes like asparagus.

Eww, it's like  
**soap** in my mouth!



Molly, you don't  
know where that's  
been!



It grew up  
here! It hasn't  
been anywhere!



But what if a poisonous slug  
peed on it?! You could be eating  
**slug pee** right now!!



Uh, guys, I don't  
taste anything. Guys?  
Is something wrong  
with me?

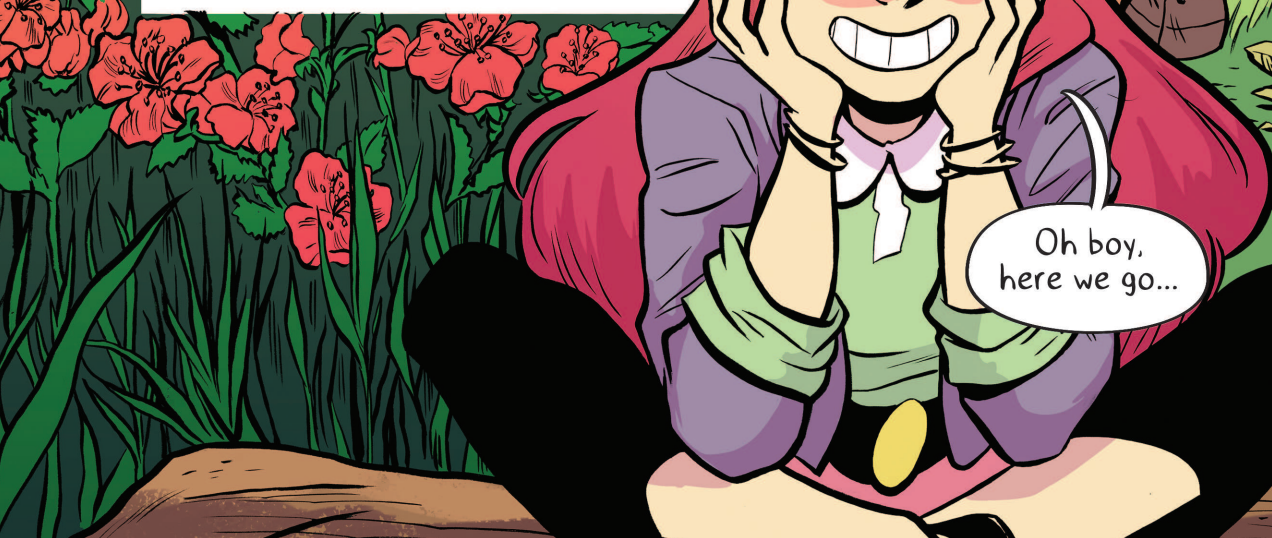


It's so pretty here!  
There was a gold rush nearby,  
wasn't there?

Correct! This is where  
early settlers tried to set  
up camp. They failed to find  
any gold and a cold winter sent  
them home. In fact, there's a  
pretty good ghost story...



G-ghost story?



Oh boy,  
here we go...




The year the miners were here a really bad winter happened.

"Without enough to eat the miners started to go a little crazy trying to stay alive."

"They say one of them completely lost his mind and started terrorizing the others with an axe."



"Sometimes he would take their food. Other times..."



" By the time winter ended, half the miners were gone, including the axe-murderer. No one knows what happened to the ones who vanished.

" The ones left alive refused to speak of it.

"The camp was abandoned."



Legend says he still haunts these woods looking for food. Eternally restless and starving.



That's horrible.



But nothing to worry about, ladies! I've been up here plenty of times, there's no axe-murderers here, just plants!



It's okay, Mal, It's just a story. Lots of people went through hard times in the 19th century.

Yeah imagine if you had to eat foraged plants every meal of your life.

Jen has really been brushing up on her "Makin' The Ghost of It" badge skills...



C'mon, almost there!



There better be some sweet berries at the end of this!!



And here we are!  
Columbia Falls! Site of our  
local gold rush almost 200  
years ago.

\*groooooannh\*



Look, and this is the site of the gold rush camp!



Hey Jen, what's this?

Hmm. Not sure I've seen that before.



Don't see it here.  
I'll see if I can ID it  
back at camp.



Alright  
gang, let's push  
onward!



What's wrong, Mal?



Nothing.  
I just...

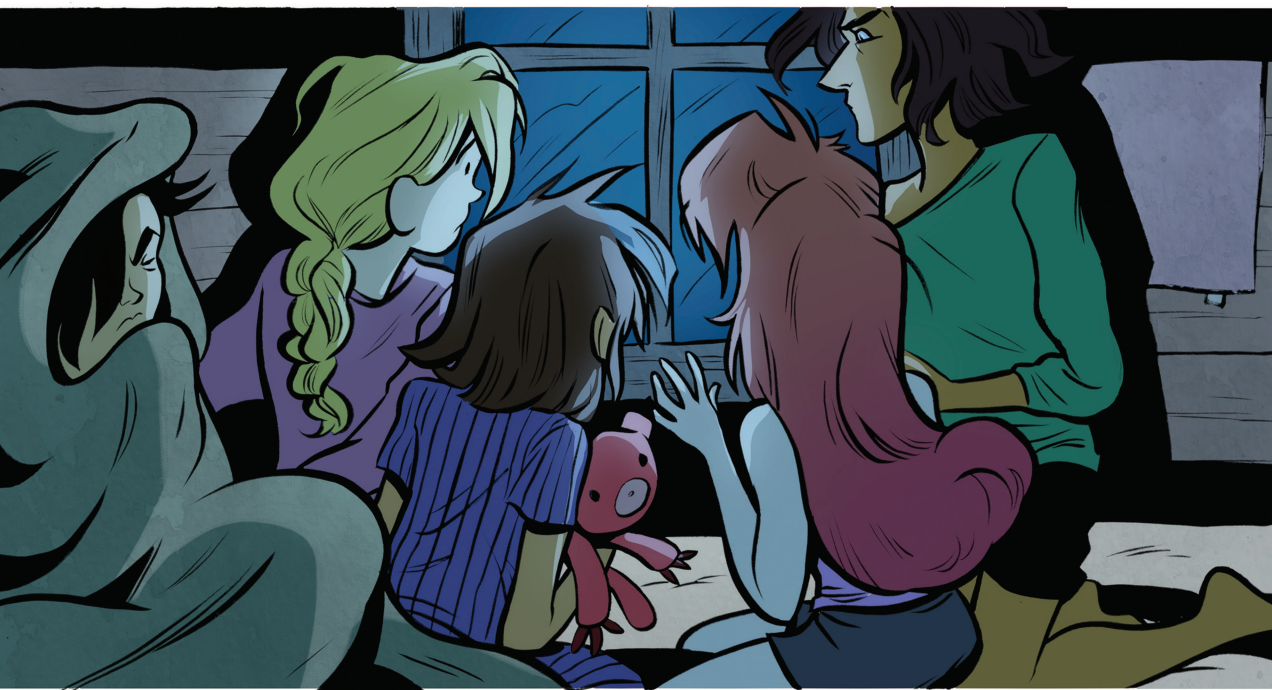
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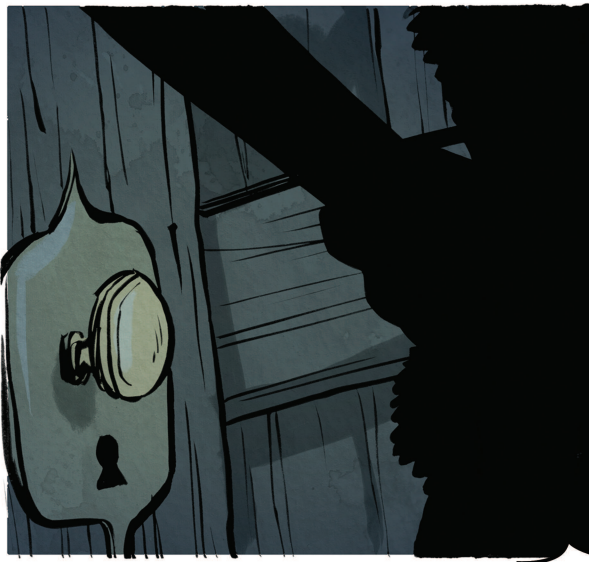
\*sigh\* Yeah. I'm  
just being silly. Don't  
worry about it, I'll fall  
asleep eventually.

Okay.

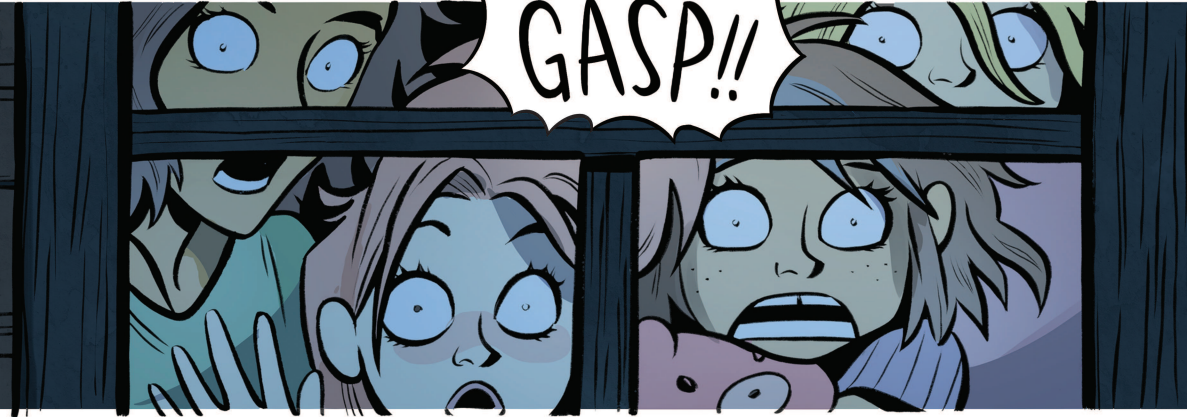








GASP!!



What do we do?!  
Someone's in the  
kitchen!

And stealing  
our food!

It's all a dream...





Let's fight it!



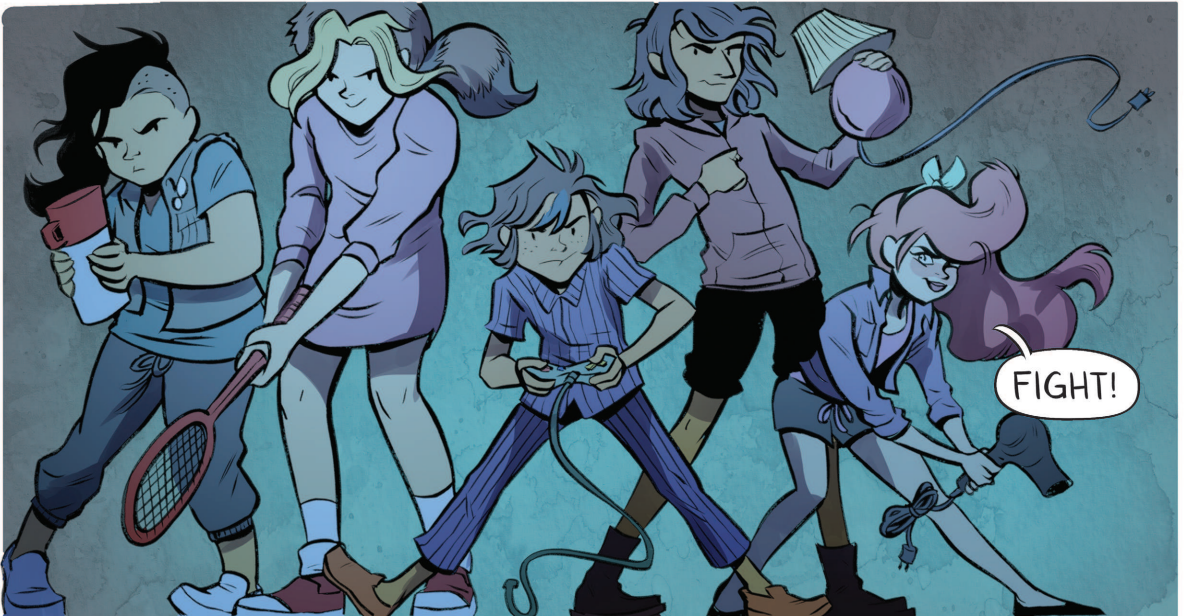
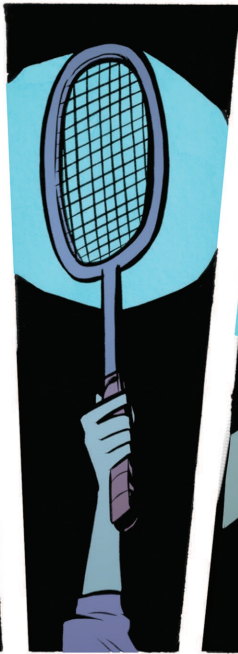
NO! It's too dangerous, we're staying right here.



Look!



trudge trudge





A few hours later...



Ugh! Whyyyy would you volunteer us to do this.



Hmm. You missed a spot.













I'm glad you're looking out for us, Mal. At the same time, we have strength as a group. This is our camp too!



If anyone needs to take a chill pill and go home it's that axe-murderer ghost!



Yeah and it's eating our delicious food! I cannot forgive!



\*sigh\* Okay. You're right. The sooner we get rid of that ghost, the safer the camp will be.





Here it comes.



Get ready.



NOW!





Oh Restless Spirit!  
Hear my words and heed  
my warning! I banish  
thee--huh?!



JEN?!



ughhuhgghuh



Wait a minute!  
Don't tell me this whole  
time it was Jen?!

But why?



Look, she's still  
eating all the chips!

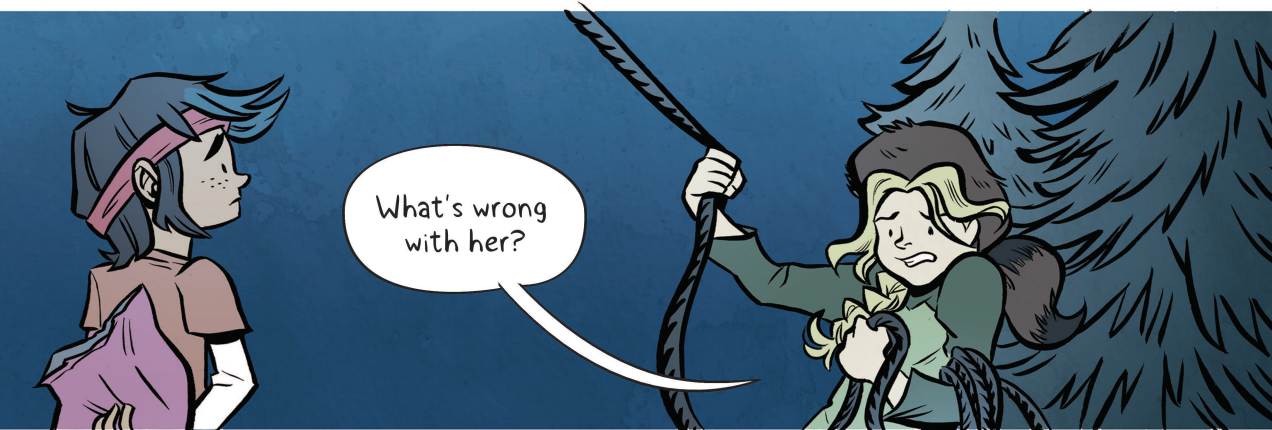


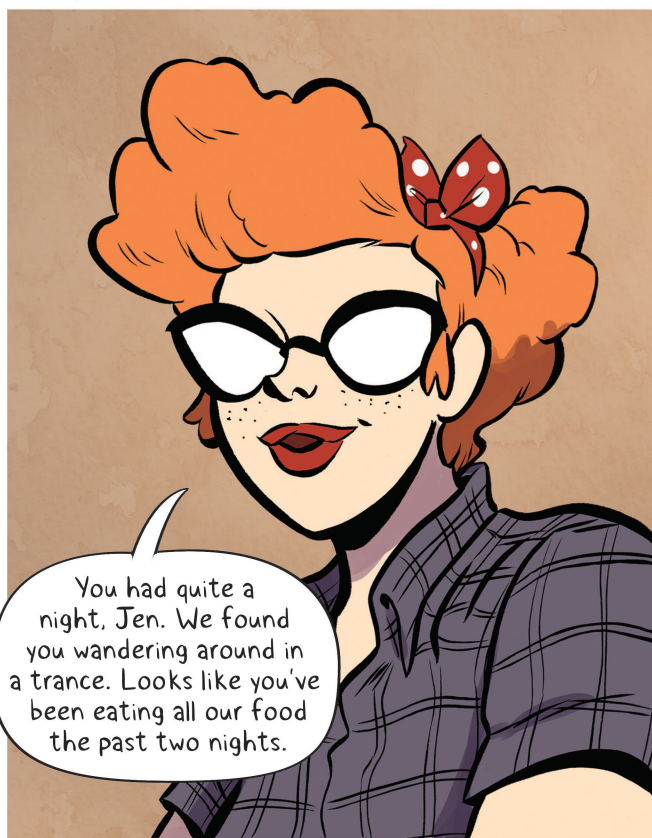
Can I have  
those chips  
back?



Ugghghuughgh

I'll share  
when you feel  
better.









Holy Eva Peron...



UGH, this whole time I thought it was a stupid axe-murderer. I'm so dumb.



No I'm the one that's dumb. I should've known better and practiced caution when picking that flower. So thank you, Mal. Without you I'd still be wandering those woods.



But so much of the food is gone! What are we going to eat now?

Well...



I did just teach you guys how to find more food.

Oh. No.



Looks...edible.

What is that?

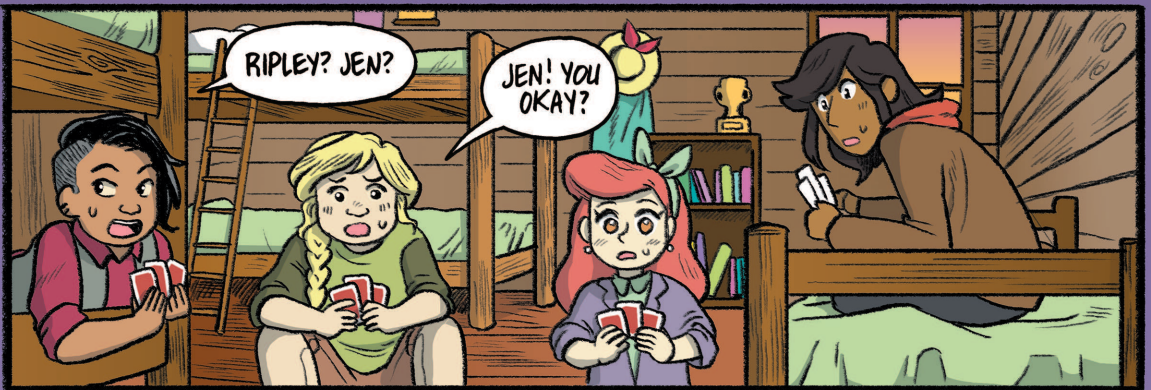
THE ULTIMATE FORAGED FEAST!

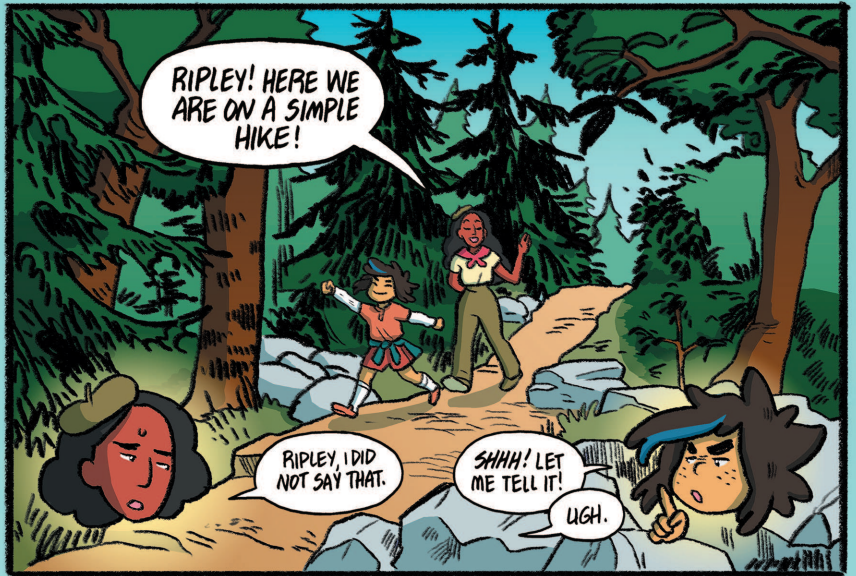
I think it's moving...

THE END

# SPHINXES, RIDDLES, AND WISHES. Oh My!

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YESSSSSS.

HELLO, RIPLEY.  
I AM THE SPHINX.

DOUBLE  
YESSSS.

HEY, SPHINX...MY  
FRIEND GOT LOST.  
CAN YOU HELP ME  
FIND HER?

HER NAME'S  
JEN, SHE'S  
THE BEST.



I AM SORRY, RIPLEY.  
I CANNOT DO THAT FOR YOU.

JUNK!

BUT IF YOU ANSWER  
MY RIDDLE, I WILL  
GRANT YOU A WISH...

...AND PERHAPS  
THAT COULD HELP  
YOU FIND YOUR  
FRIEND.

SO MANY  
YESSSESSSS!

UM...RIP, A  
SPHINX DOESN'T  
GRANT WISHES.

THIS ONE DID!  
NOW SHUSH!



ONE WARNING, RIPLEY.  
IF YOU CANNOT ANSWER,  
I GET TO DEVOUR YOU.

WHOA.



WELL, I GOTTA  
FIND JEN, NO  
MATTER WHAT  
THE RISK, SO...



HIT ME,  
SPHINX-Y!



WHAT RUNS BUT CANNOT WALK,  
HAS A MOUTH BUT CANNOT TALK--

WHAT HAS A HEAD BUT NEVER WEEPS,  
HAS A BED BUT NEVER SLEEPS?



OH BOY.







BUT I'D ALSO NEED FAIRY WINGS, OF COURSE...

...AND BE COVERED IN GLITTER.

AND RIDING ONE OF THOSE FAT UNICORNS TOO!

AND SOME SHARK PARTS...WAIT... TOO SCARY!



JUST THE FIN!



WAIT...THIS IS OBVIOUSLY TOTALLY AWESOME. I MEAN LOOK AT ME!

BUT I CAN'T KNOW THAT THIS WILL HELP ME FIND JEN.

YOU DON'T WANT THESE THINGS?

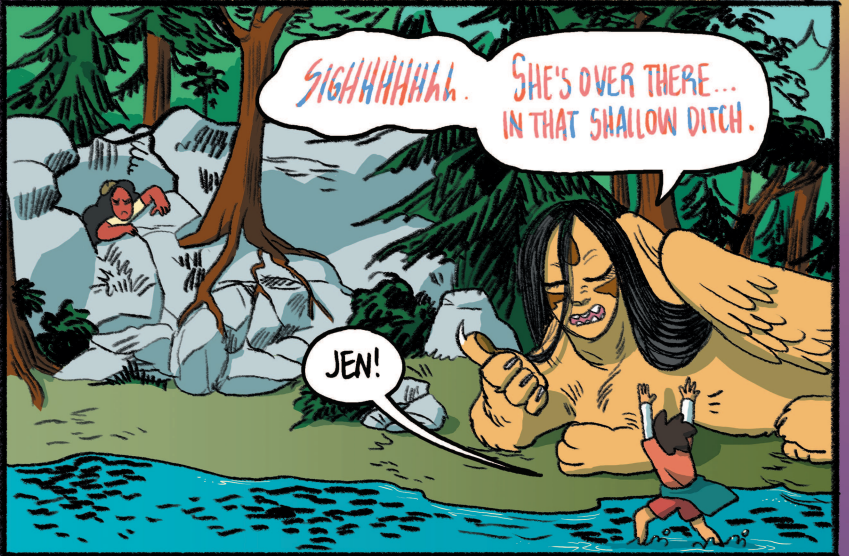


YEAH, I DON'T WANT IT.

ARE YOU SURE? YOU COULD BE A GOD?

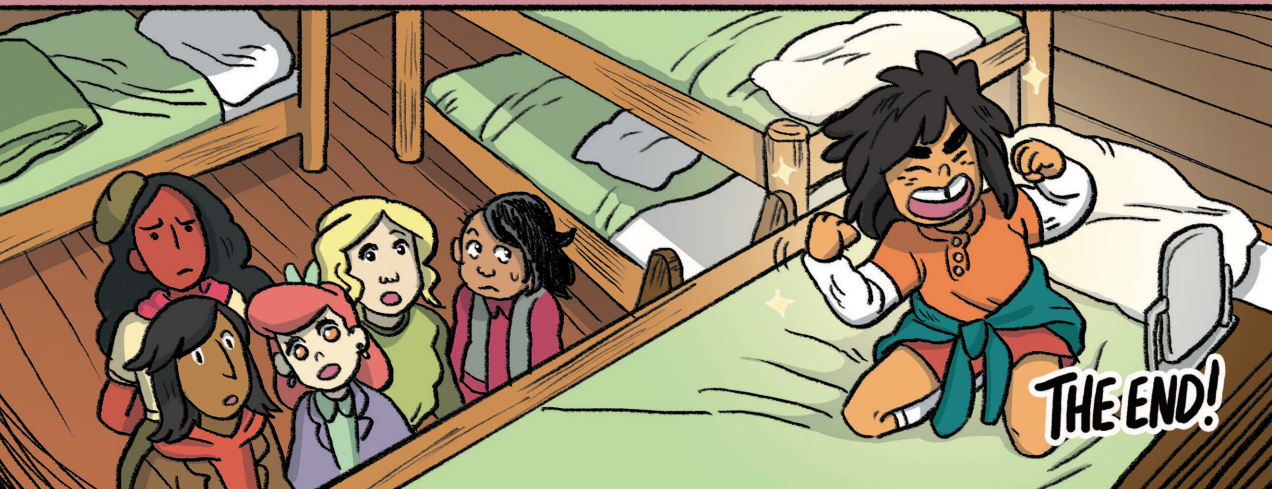
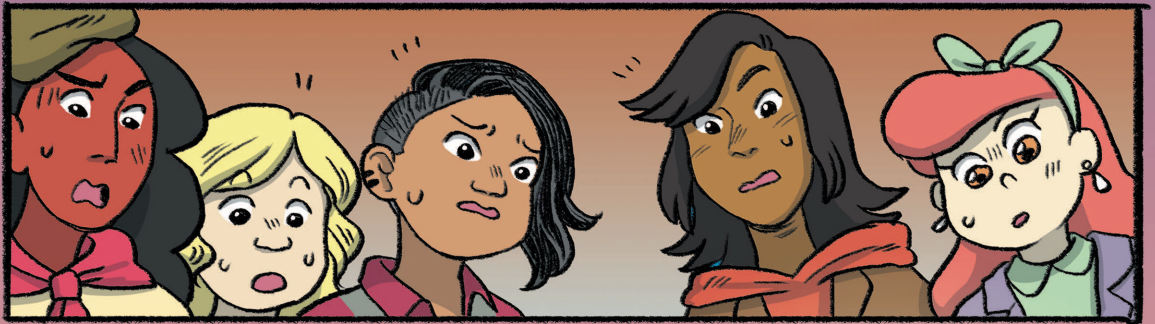
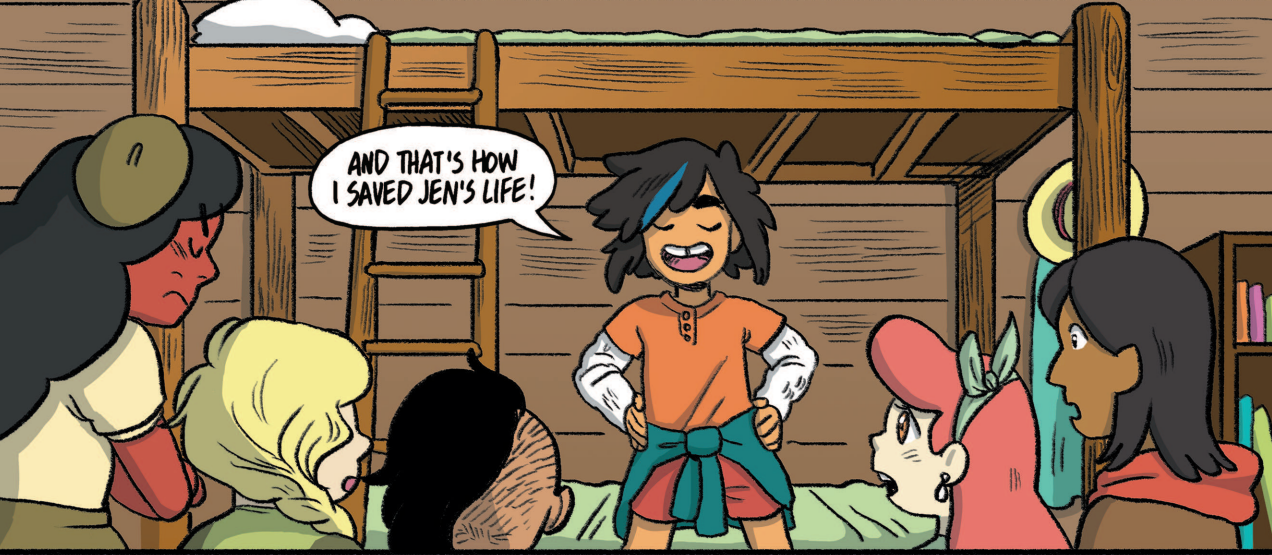
EH, I'VE ALREADY BEEN A GOD. I JUST WANT TO FIND JEN. THAT'S MY WISH.

FIND JEN, SPHINX.



SIGHHHHHH... SHE'S OVER THERE... IN THAT SHALLOW DITCH.

JEN!



From your friends at...

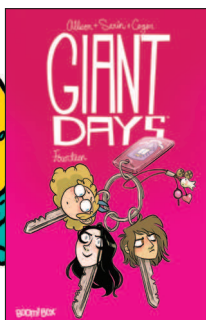
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Howdy BOOM! Boxers,

What are you cats out there passionate about right now? I am writing to you from a time long ago, in March, when it is raining in Los Angeles and the world is probably much different than it is for you right at this moment! What a world it must be in May, with spring springing and flowers flowering! Has Beyoncé unexpectedly dropped an album? Do you have a new dog? I just finished my third year of exhibiting at L.A. Zine Fest, the most punk-rock of all small-press shows, where whatever you're passionate about can be scrawled down, copied, stapled and distributed to the masses yearning for a voice like yours. Zines are for everyone, an all-in explosion of

feeling on paper, publishing at its finest and most raw. If you have some spare time this spring, break out the scissors and make a friend at your local copy shop and make a mini-comic or a zine or something that you can hold that collects the thoughts of your precious precious brain. Do it outside if you want, don't let that spring air pass you by.

Stay swell,  
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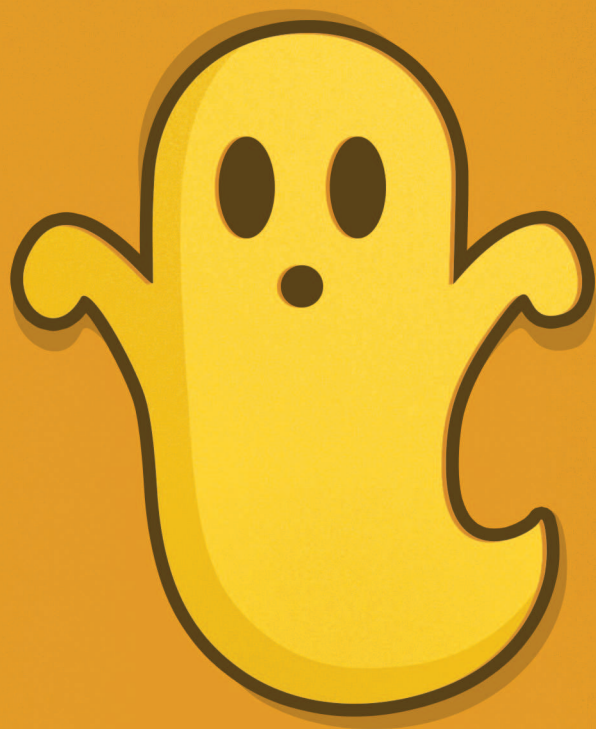
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