

# HOWARD the DUCK



OH...HEY THERE! HOW'S IT GOING? YOU SEEM A LITTLE CONFUSED, BUT THAT'S OK. WE'LL GET YOU CAUGHT UP.

BASICALLY **HOWARD T. DUCK** HAS BEEN HOPPING ALL OVER THE GALAXY HAVING CRAZY ADVENTURES. HE MET HIS **FEMALE CLONE**; HE GOT DUCKNAPPED BY A BUNCH OF PEOPLE (INCLUDING **GALACTUS!**); HE GAINED (AND LOST) THE **POWER COSMIC**; AND HE STAGED A PRETTY SLAMMIN' PRISON BREAK FOR THE **COLLECTOR'S COLLECTION**. THERE WAS EVEN SOME ZANINESS WITH **SQUIRREL GIRL (#KRA-VAN)**. AND BEFORE ALL THAT HE WENT ON A BIG ADVENTURE TO A DINOSAUR THEME PARK WITH THE AVENGERS.

THE CRAZIEST PART, THOUGH, WAS WHEN HE BRIEFLY BECAME A **LIVING NEXUS**. (THAT'S RIGHT. HOWARD SOMEHOW BECAME THE EMBODIMENT OF A WEIRD SPACE/TIME GATEWAY THING.) BUT BEFORE HIS BOND WITH THE NEXUS WAS COMPLETELY OBLITERATED, HOWARD USED HIS STRANGE POWER TO OPEN A DOOR TO THE ONE PLACE THAT'S ELUDED HIM FOR MONTHS...**HOME**.

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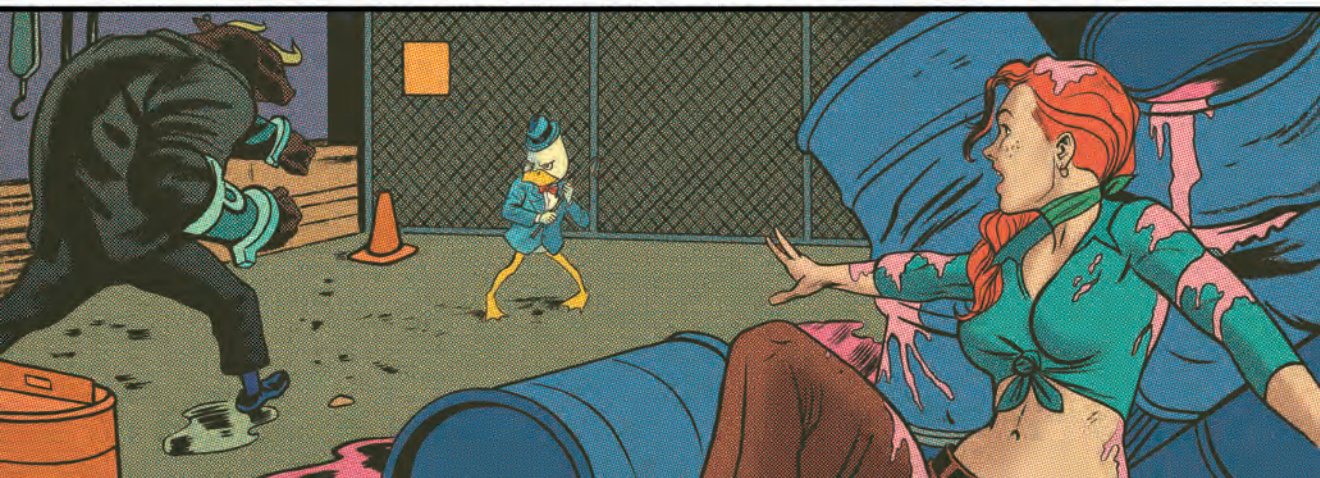
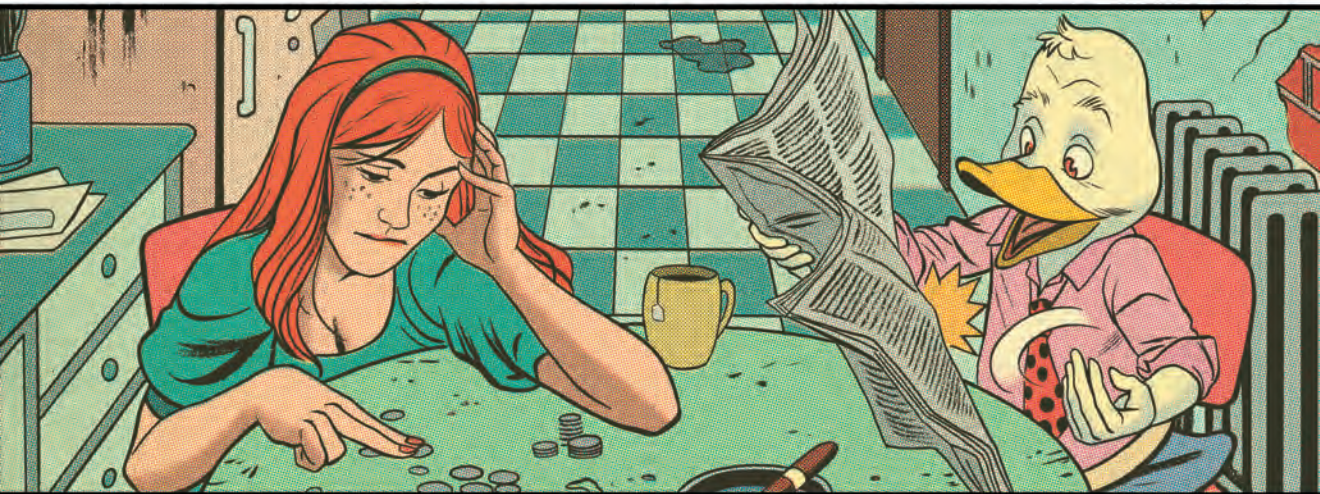
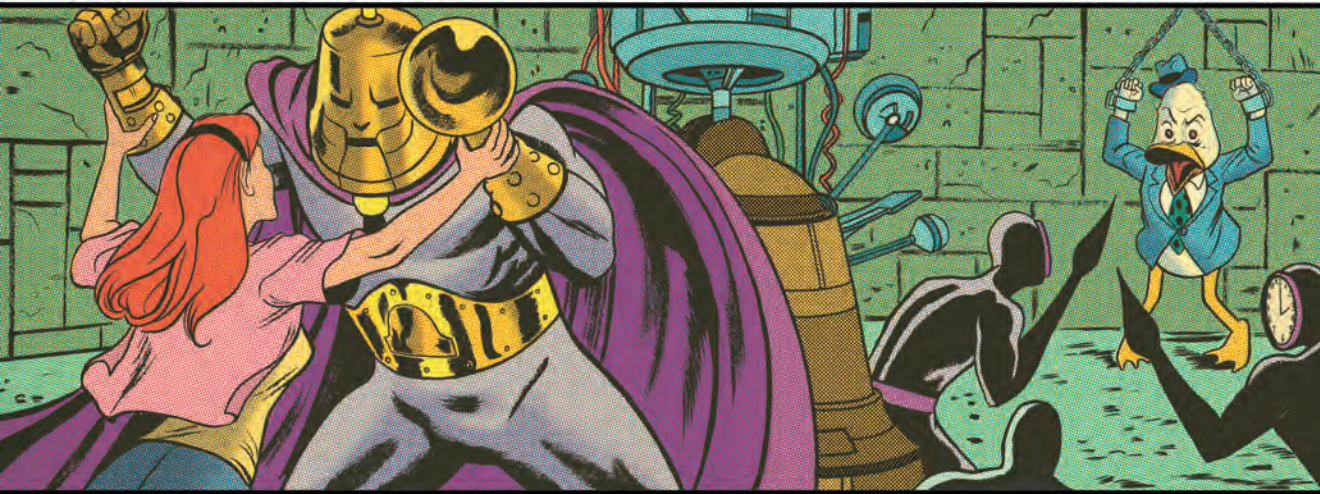
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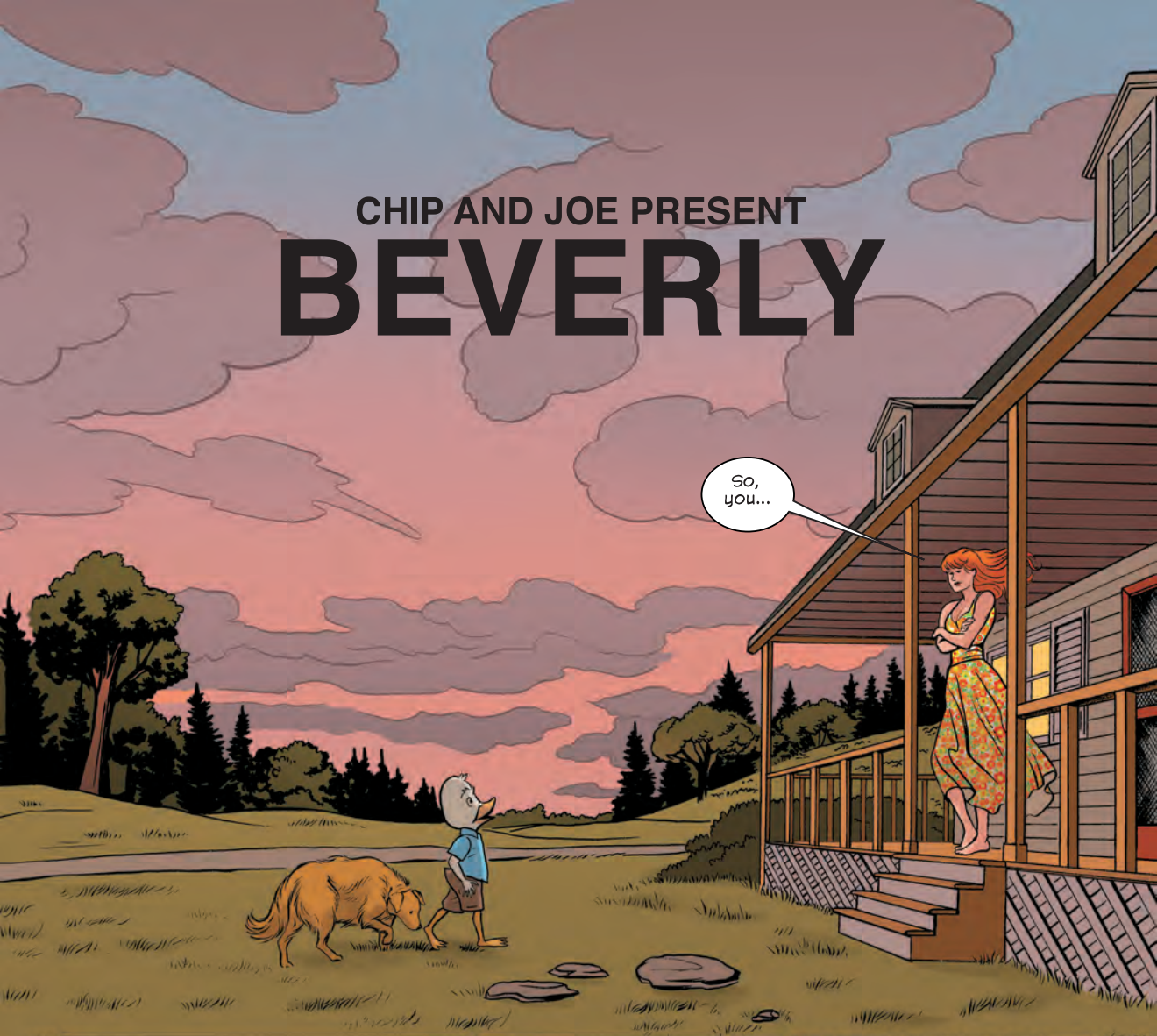
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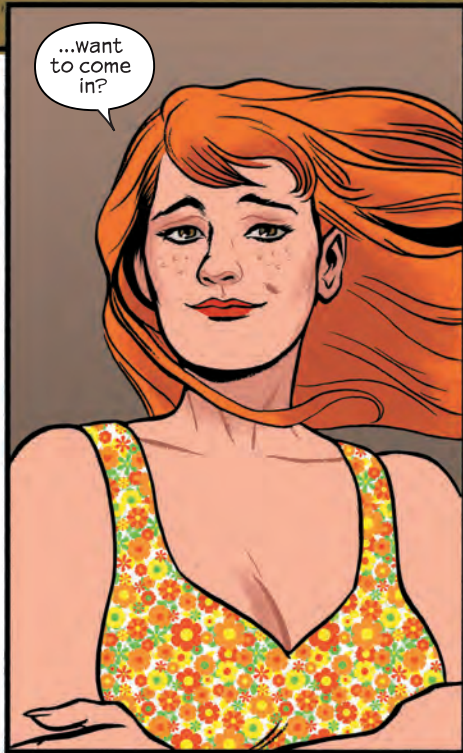
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**BEVERLY**



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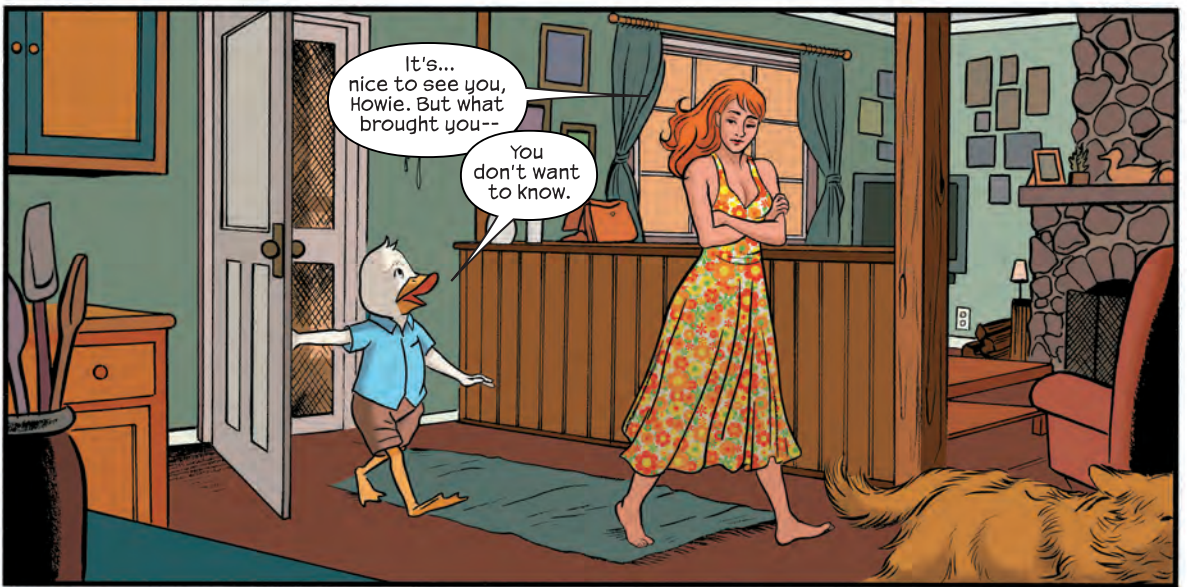


**WOOF**  
**PANT**



'Zat apply to  
us *non-dog*  
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**WHINE**  
**WHINE**



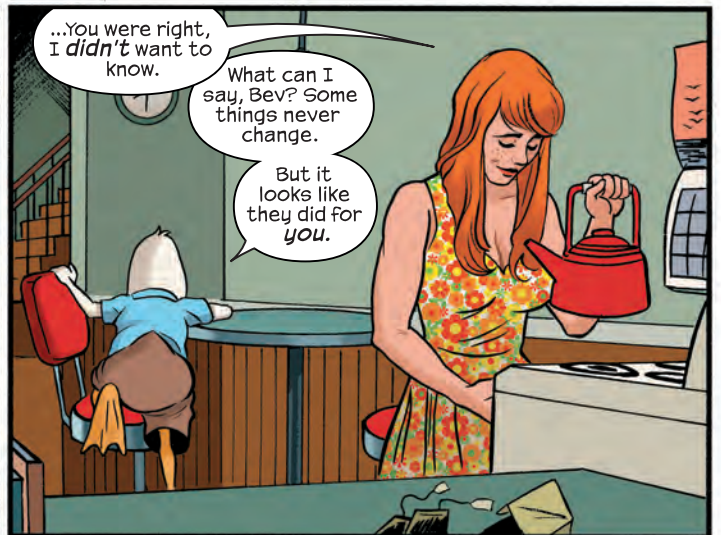
It's... nice to see you, Howie. But what brought you--

You don't want to know.



Try me.

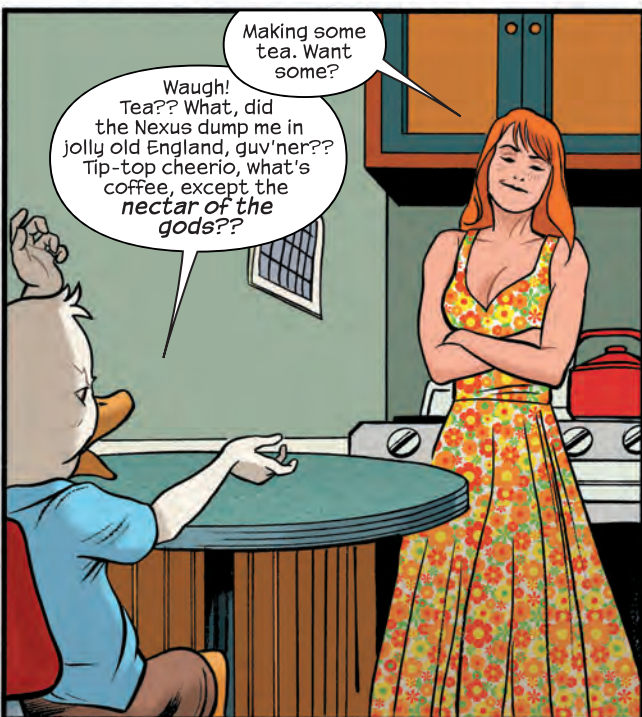
You remember The Nexus of Realities? Well, it became a part of me and I was hunted across the universe by a bunch of yahoos and I freed a prison planet and got separated from the Nexus and it brought me here.



...You were right, I *didn't* want to know.

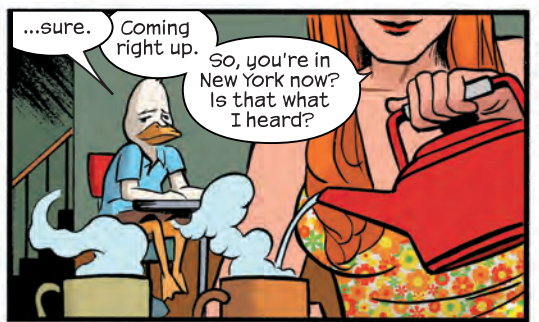
What can I say, Bev? Some things never change.

But it looks like they did for *you*.



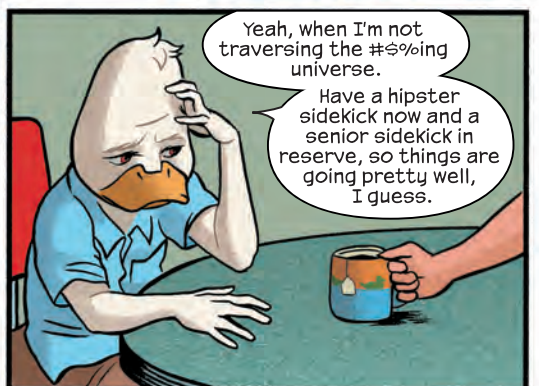
Making some tea. Want some?

Waugh! Tea?? What, did the Nexus dump me in jolly old England, gov'ner?? Tip-top cheerio, what's coffee, except the nectar of the gods??



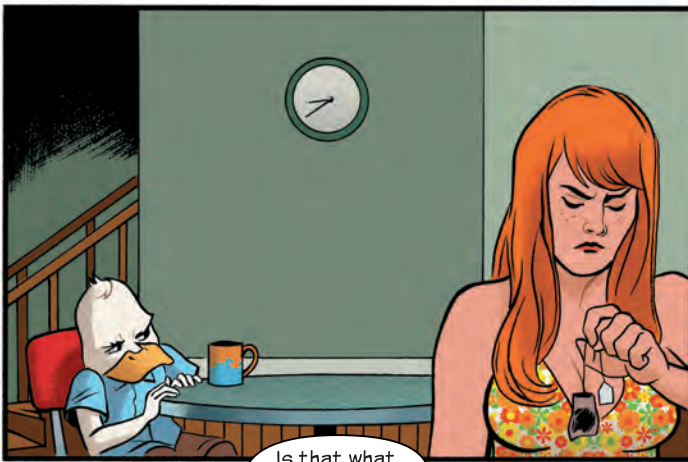
...sure. Coming right up.

So, you're in New York now? Is that what I heard?



Yeah, when I'm not traversing the #%%ing universe.

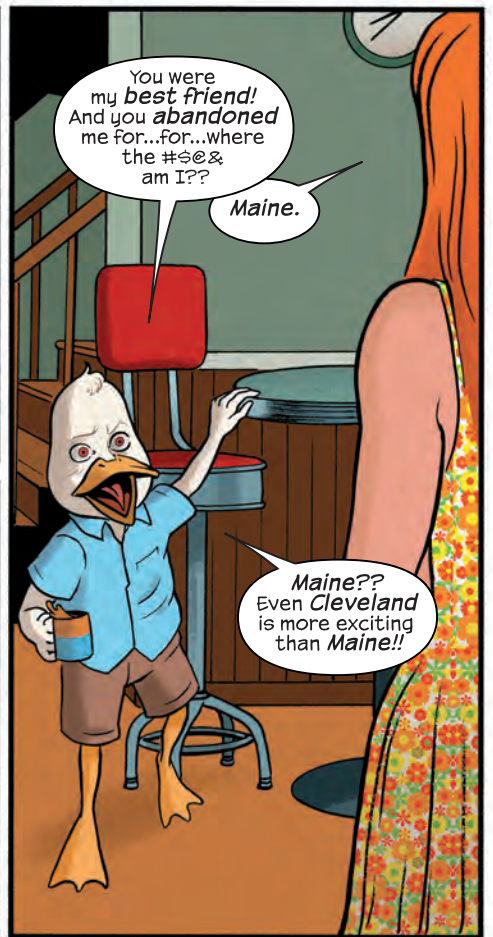
Have a hipster sidekick now and a senior sidekick in reserve, so things are going pretty well, I guess.



Is that what I was to you? A sidekick?



What? No! No, that's-- how could you even say that??



You were my *best friend!* And you *abandoned* me for...for...where the #&@% am I??

Maine.

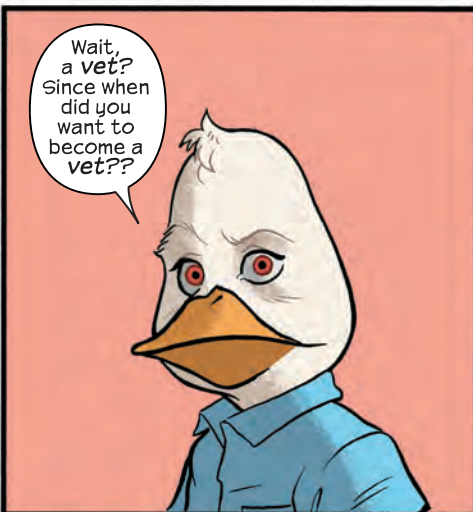
Maine?? Even Cleveland is more exciting than Maine!!



What are you even *doing* here?? Are you still life modelling? I bet *Maine* would lock you up for th--



I'm...I'm in the middle of veterinarian school. Second year at U of M and--



Wait, a *vet*? Since when did you want to become a *vet*??

