

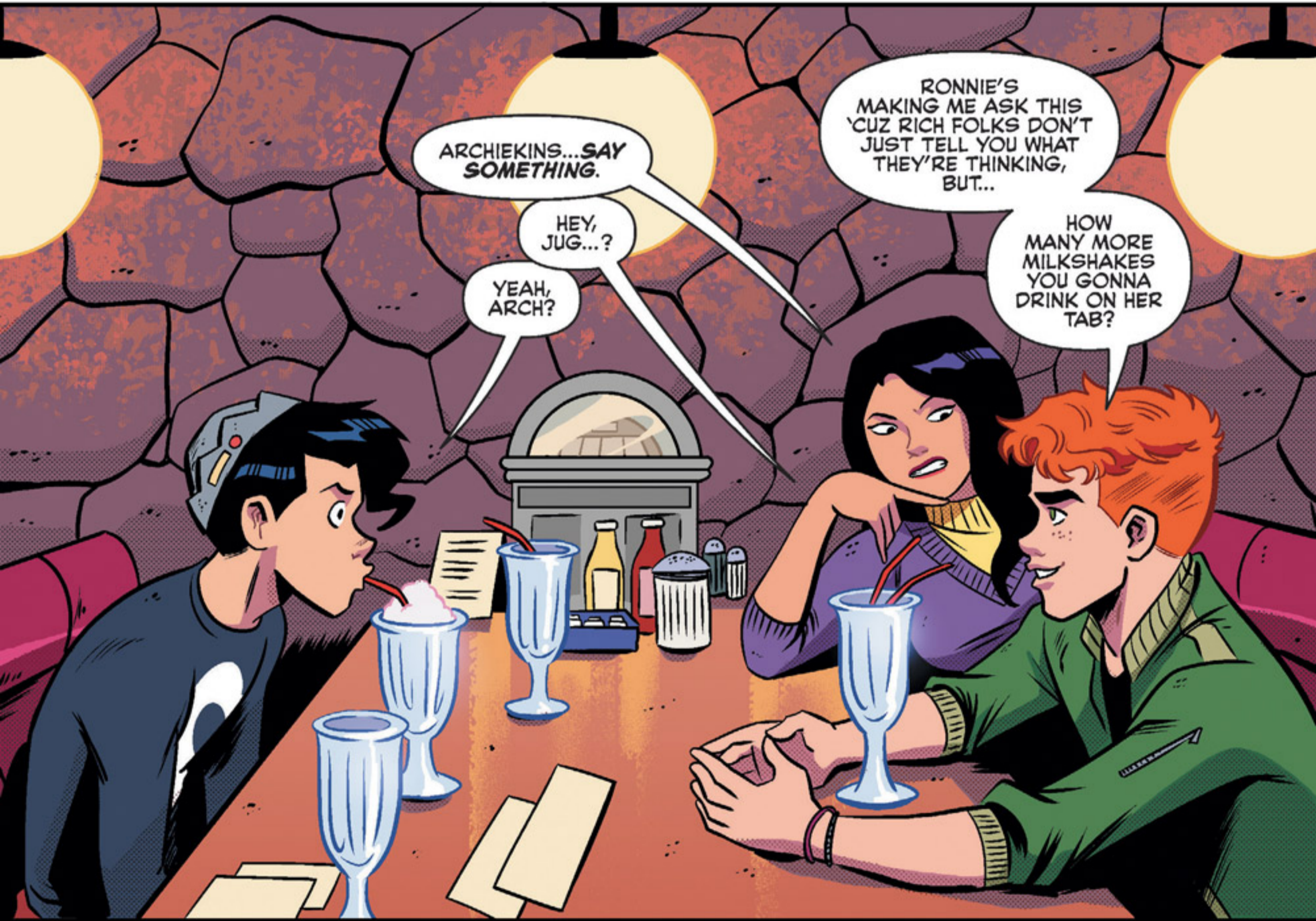
OKAY, BUT IF THEY'RE JUST KIDS, THEN WHERE ARE THE SOUR PATCH PARENTS?!

POP'S. AN AVERAGE DAY.

Pop's
HOT COFFEE
MILKSHAKES
BURGERS
WI-FI

DINER

OPEN LATE
Pop's
DINER



ARCHIEKINS... SAY SOMETHING.

RONNIE'S MAKING ME ASK THIS 'CUZ RICH FOLKS DON'T JUST TELL YOU WHAT THEY'RE THINKING, BUT...

HOW MANY MORE MILKSHAKES YOU GONNA DRINK ON HER TAB?

HEY, JUG...?

YEAH, ARCH?



YES, DIDN'T YOU INTERRUPT OUR DATE BECAUSE YOU WERE ON SOME ERRAND???



YIPES!
MILKSHAKES DISTRACTED ME, HOT DOG! WE'LL ONLY HAVE TIME ENOUGH TO MAKE THE PENDLETON FAMILY LEMON MERINGUE PIE WITH WHAT WE'VE GOT IN THE PANTRY.
WE DIDN'T NEED *THAT* MUCH FROM THE GROCERY STORE.

I SAW THE LIST... WE DO.



BETTY COOPER!

AUDITIONING TO REPLACE SPORTY SPICE?

PLEASE, I'M A BABY SPICE AND YOU KNOW IT.

RIVERDALE PIE CONTEST, YOUR COVETED GRAND PRIZE--A LIFETIME OF PIES AND JAMS-- WILL BE MINE...

TAP

Archie
COMICS
PRESENTS...

Jughead's TIME POLICE

WHILE QUALITY INGREDIENTS ARE THE TRICK TO A GREAT PIE, I'M ALSO A FIRM BELIEVER IN TIME MANAGEMENT.

YOU WANT TO GIVE YOURSELF PLENTY OF TIME TO BOIL THE FILLING BEFORE WHISKING THE EGG YOLK BACK IN...

...AND EVERY MINUTE COUNTS WHEN GETTING YOUR MERINGUE SOFT AND FOAMY...

Oh, CRAP! HERE IT COMES--!

DRUM SOLO!!

AND, IF YOU LEAVE YOUR PIE IN A MINUTE OR TWO LONGER THAN THE RECIPE SAYS IN THE OVEN, YOUR CRUST WILL TURN THIS GOLDEN BROW--



DISQUALIFIED?

BANNED?

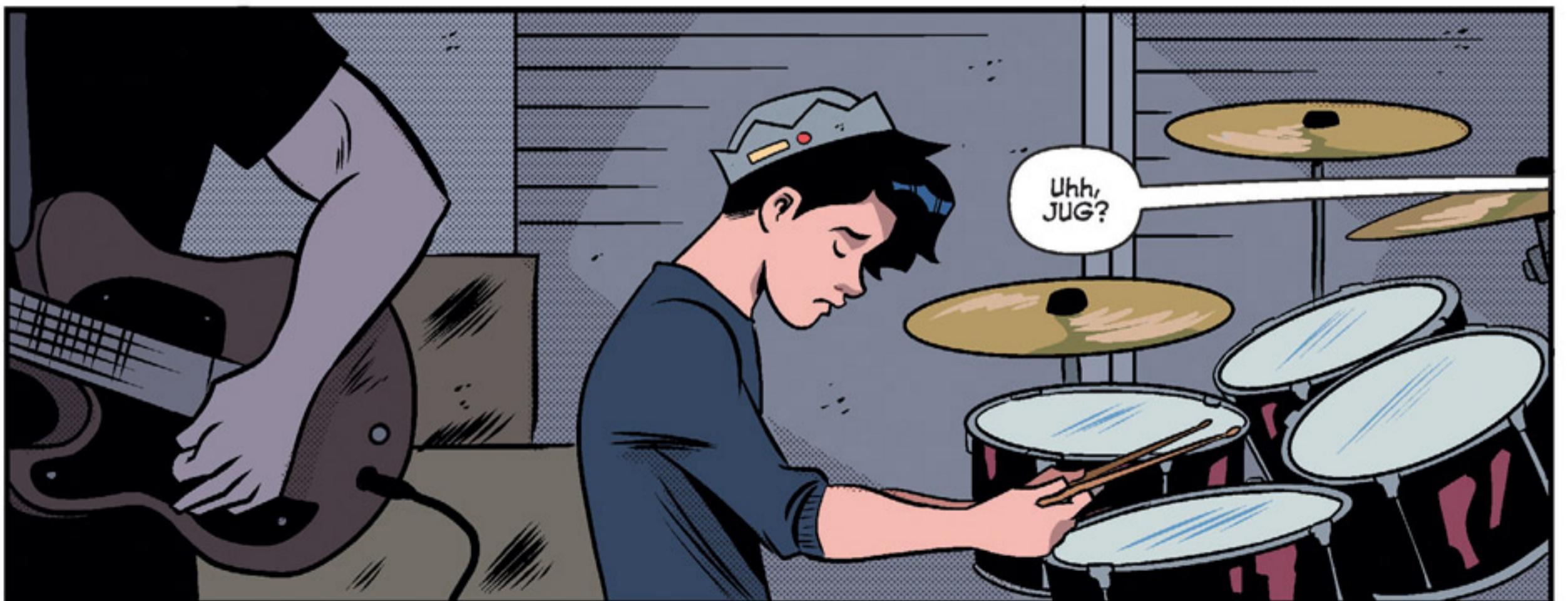
FOR LIFE?!

MR. JONES,
YOUR ENTRY COULD
HAVE GOTTEN YOU
ARRESTED FOR
POISONING--ALL OF
OUR JUDGES ARE
NOW *INDISPOSED*.

BUT ALL I
DID WAS USE
MARGARINE
INSTEAD OF
BUTTER...

...IS IT
POSSIBLE
I MIXED AN
INGREDIENT
UP...?







ARCHIEKINS... SAY SOMETHING.

HEY, EARTH TO JUG--

YOU WERE SUPPOSED TO COME IN A COUPLE-DOZEN-MEASURES AGO?



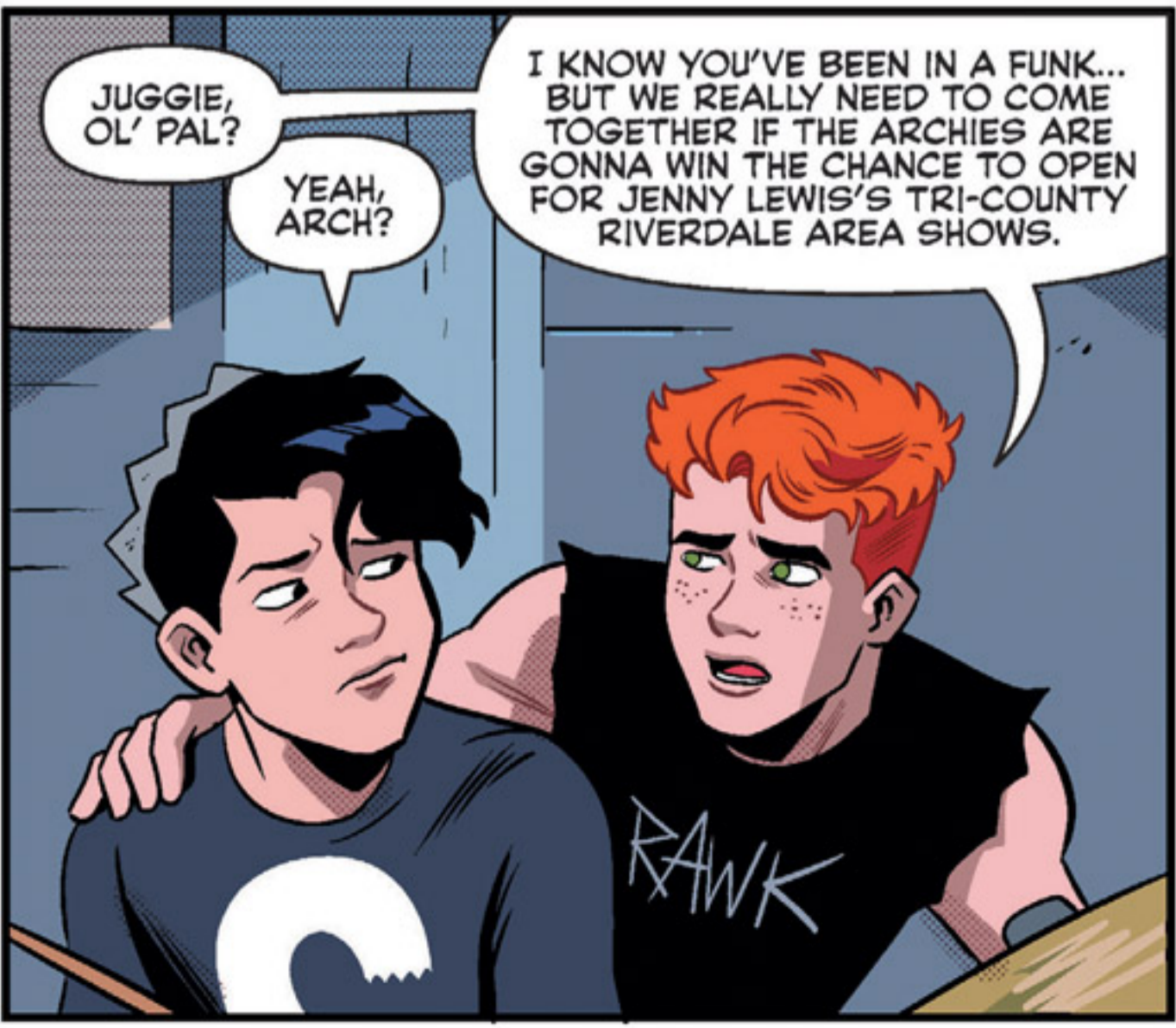
WHA...?

SORRY, I THINK I STILL HAVE MY EYES ON THE PIES.



I'LL HANDLE THIS...

HURRY, BEFORE HE SAYS "PIE FELICIA" IN EARNEST.



JUGGIE, OL' PAL?

YEAH, ARCH?

I KNOW YOU'VE BEEN IN A FUNK... BUT WE REALLY NEED TO COME TOGETHER IF THE ARCHIES ARE GONNA WIN THE CHANCE TO OPEN FOR JENNY LEWIS'S TRI-COUNTY RIVERDALE AREA SHOWS.



ALSO, IT'S JUST ONE PIE CONTEST A YEAR--

--WHY WOULD YOU LET THIS GET YOU DOWN?



JUST ONE CONTEST?

Oh, DEAR.

I'M SORRY, BETTY, BUT HOW WOULD YOU FEEL IF YOU WERE BANNED FROM A CARBURETOR-BUILDING CONTEST?

AND YOU COULD NEVER SHOW OFF YOUR MECHANIC SKILLS WITH COLLEAGUES...



...AND YOU NO LONGER HAVE ACCESS TO PURCHASE THE FINEST SEASONAL CARBURETOR FILLING AT THE AUTO SHOW YOU'VE BEEN BANNED FROM...

...AND YOU'RE THE LAUGHINGSTOCK OF THE ENTIRE MECHANIC COMMUNITY!?

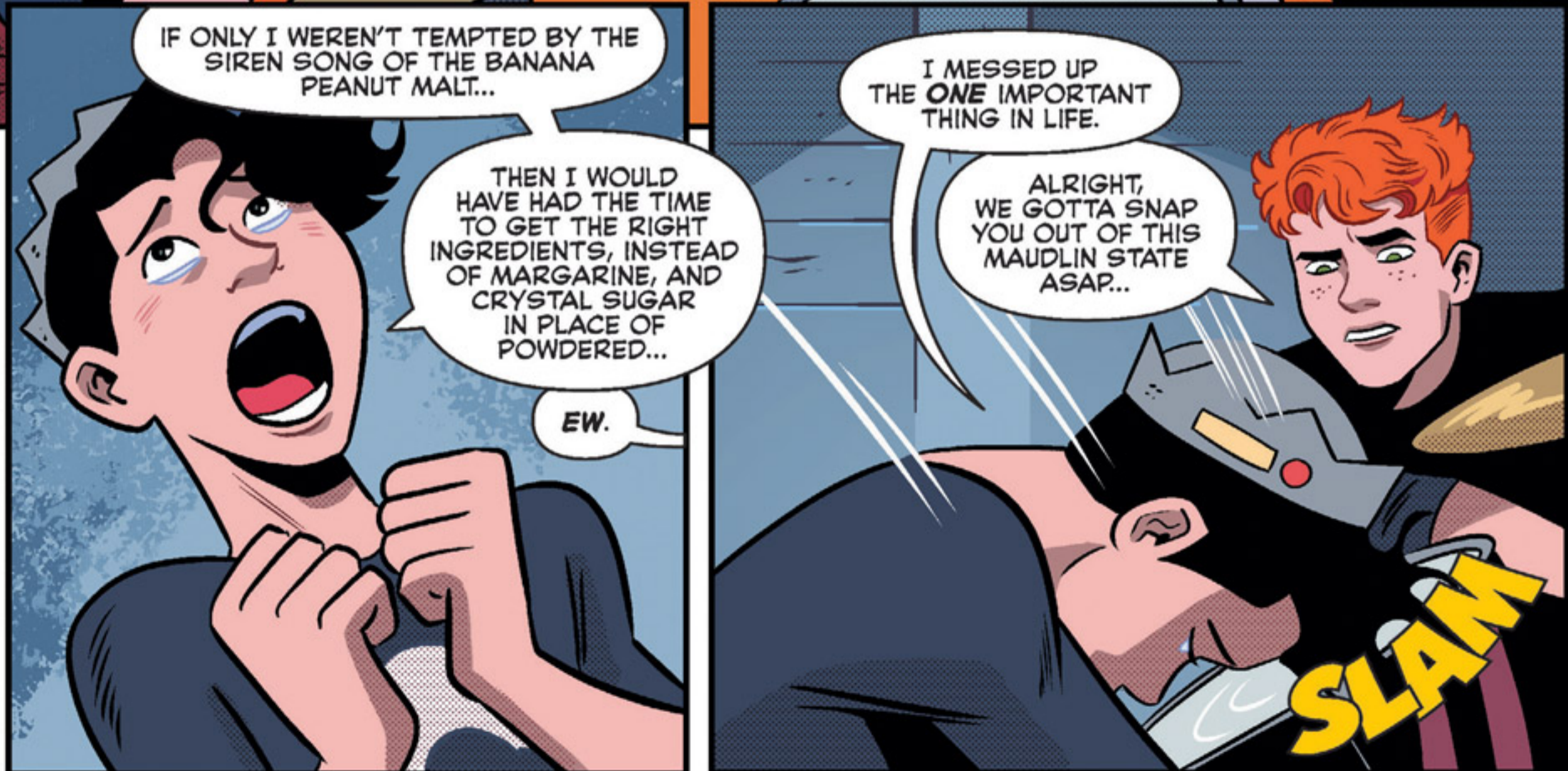
IF ONLY I WEREN'T TEMPTED BY THE SIREN SONG OF THE BANANA PEANUT MALT...

THEN I WOULD HAVE HAD THE TIME TO GET THE RIGHT INGREDIENTS, INSTEAD OF MARGARINE, AND CRYSTAL SUGAR IN PLACE OF POWDERED...

EW.

I MESSED UP THE ONE IMPORTANT THING IN LIFE.

ALRIGHT, WE GOTTA SNAP YOU OUT OF THIS MAUDLIN STATE ASAP...



SLAM