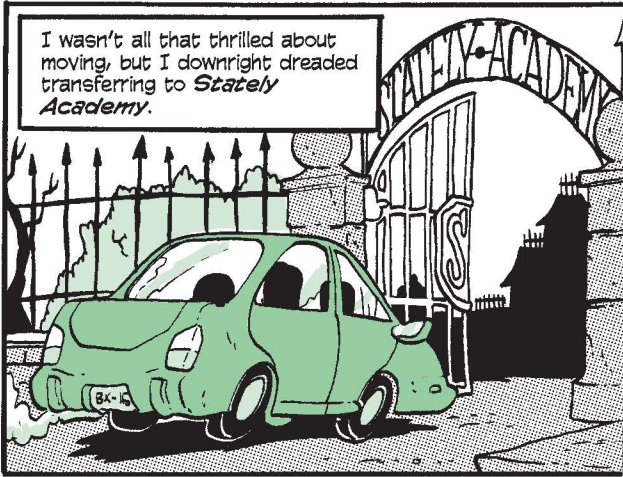


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First Second
New York



I wasn't all that thrilled about moving, but I downright dreaded transferring to *Stately Academy*.



Drop me off in the front.

Over the summer, my mom kept trying to convince me that it was the best school in town.



No. I'm parking in the back. We can--

I wanna walk in by *myself*, Mom. *Please*.

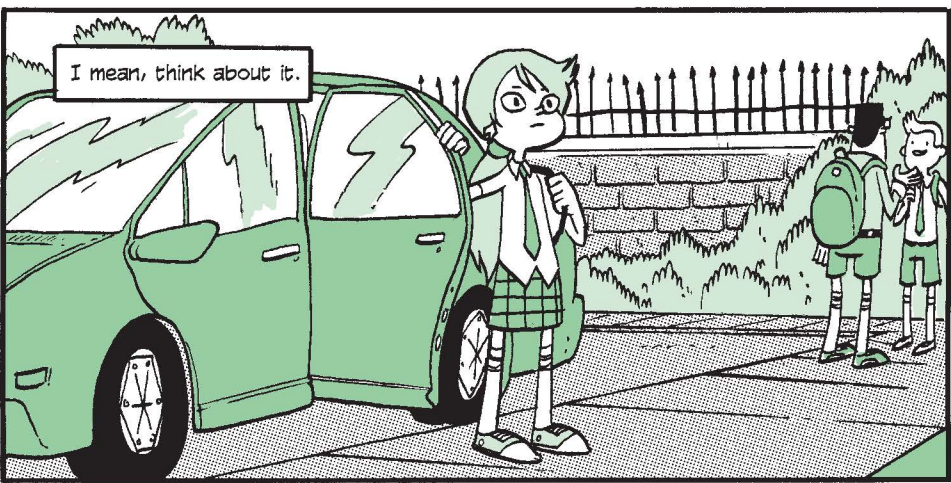
I didn't believe her, of course. She was blinded by her own reasons.



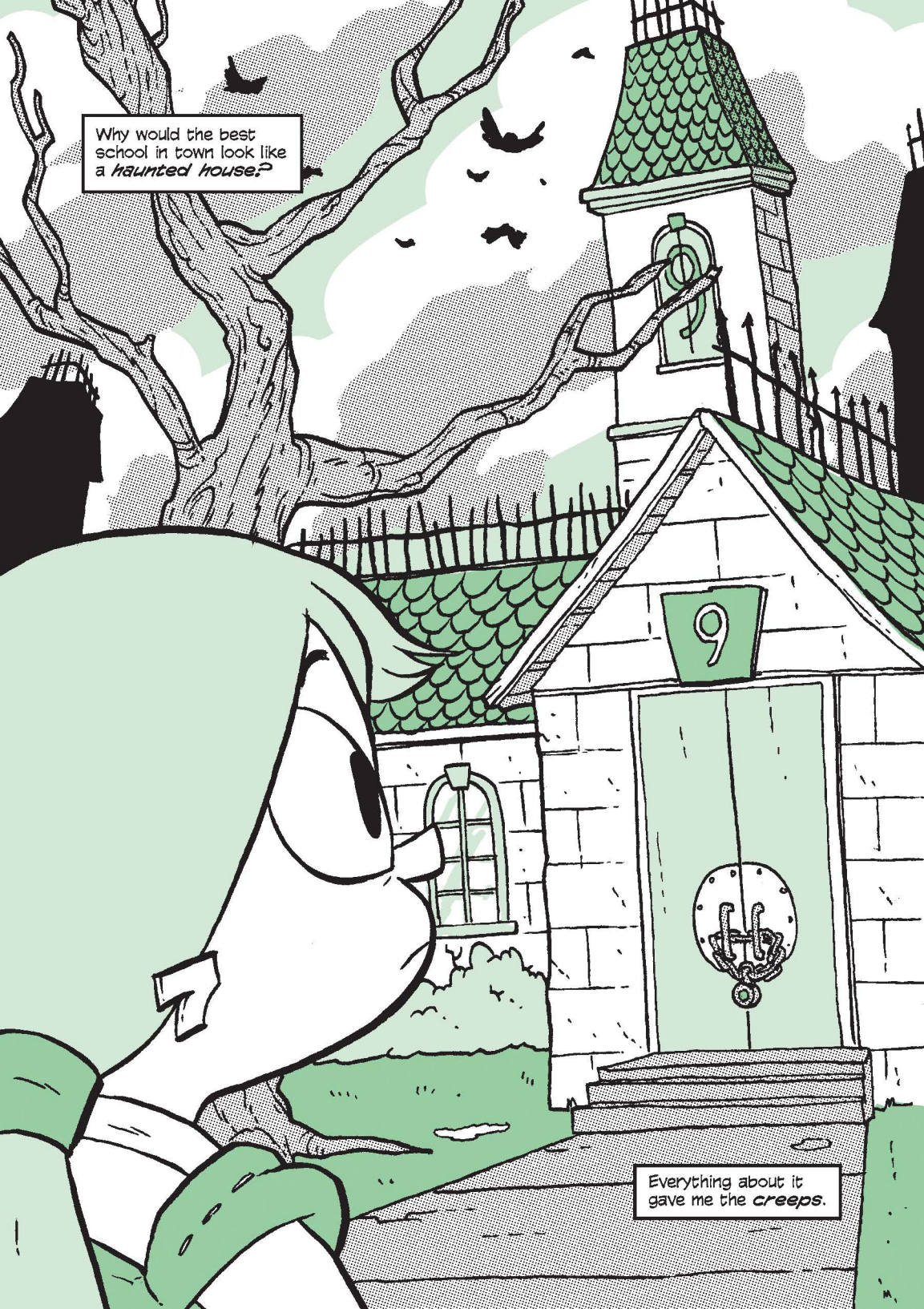
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Fine.



I mean, think about it.



Why would the best school in town look like a *haunted house*?

Everything about it gave me the *creeps*.

