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First Second
New York

The Stratford Zoo Midnight Revue

presents:

Big Bill Shakespeare's **Romeo and Juliet**

A most excellent and woeful tragedy!
A tale of ancient grudges and the true love of good friends!

written by Big Bill Shakespeare
directed by Ian Lendler

MOM, WHAT'S
A WOEFUL
TRAGEDY?

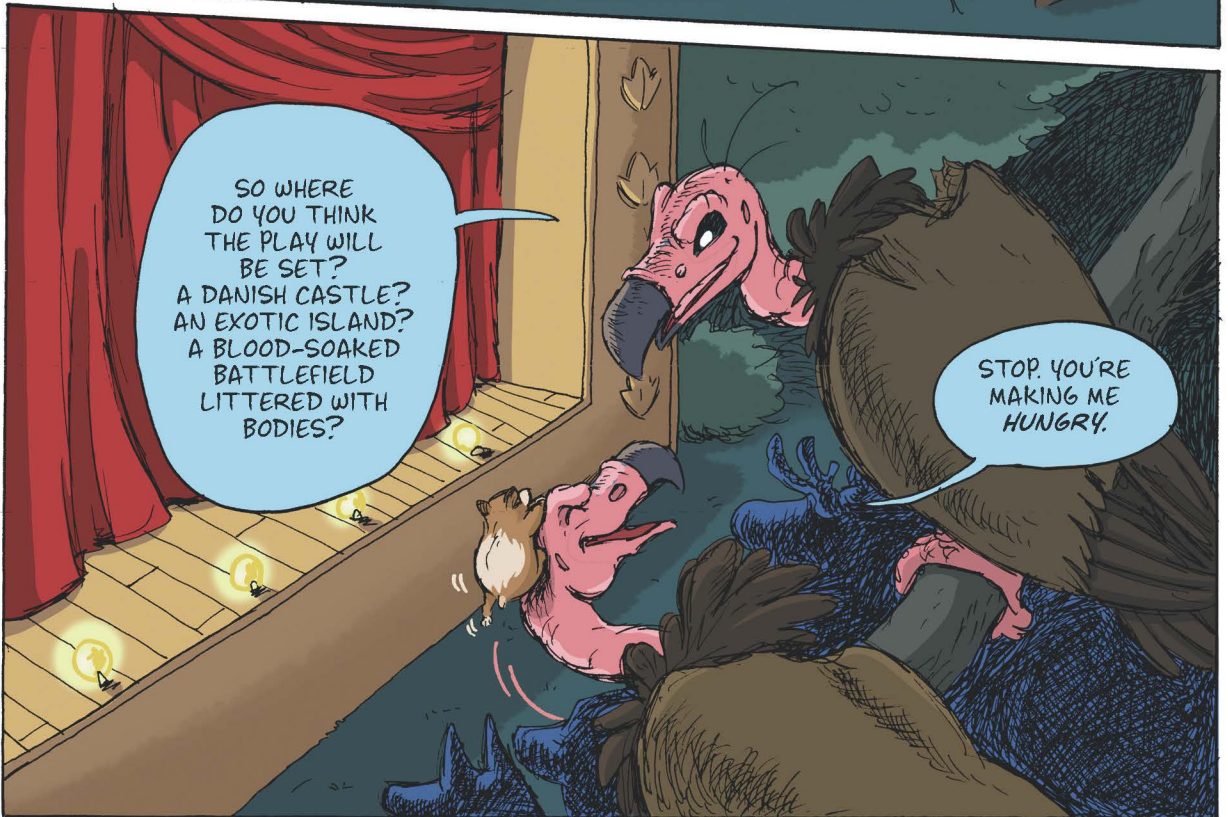
WELL, "WOE"
MEANS SADNESS.
AND A TRAGEDY
IS A SAD PLAY.

SERIOUSLY?!
A SAD PLAY FULL OF
SADNESS? THEY DID THAT
WITH MACBETH LAST WEEK!
THIS SHAKESPEARE GUY
MUST BE DEPRESSED
OR SOMETHING.



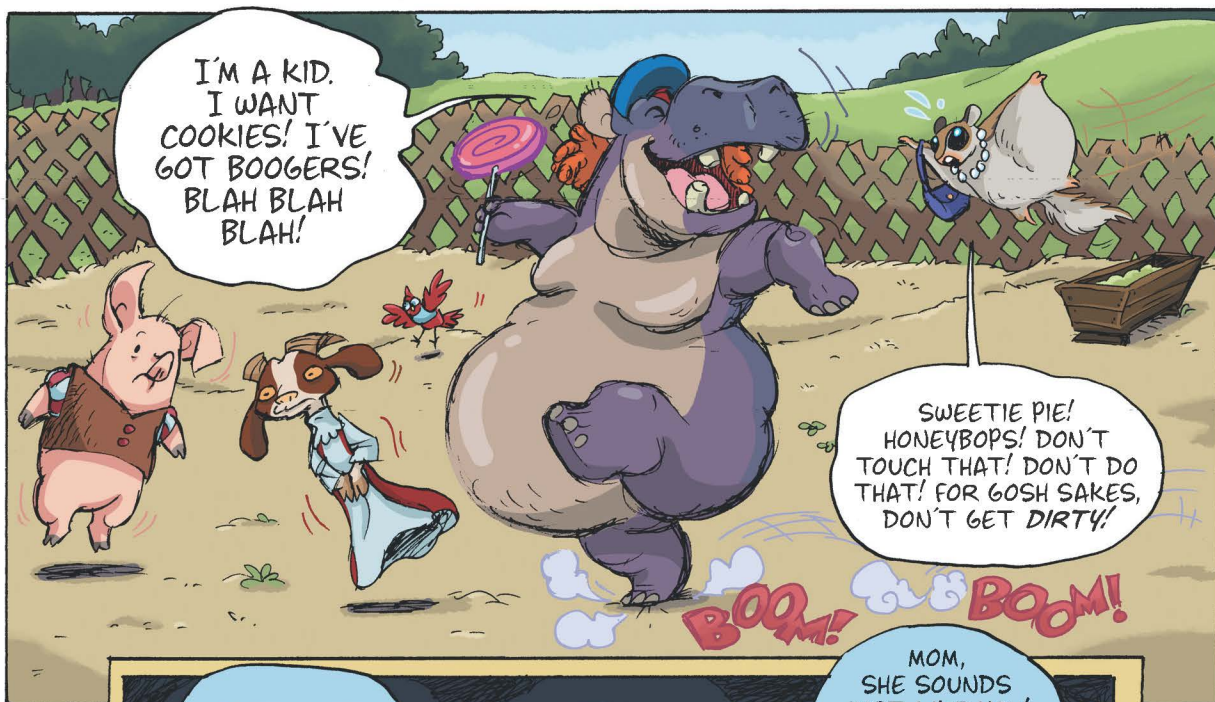
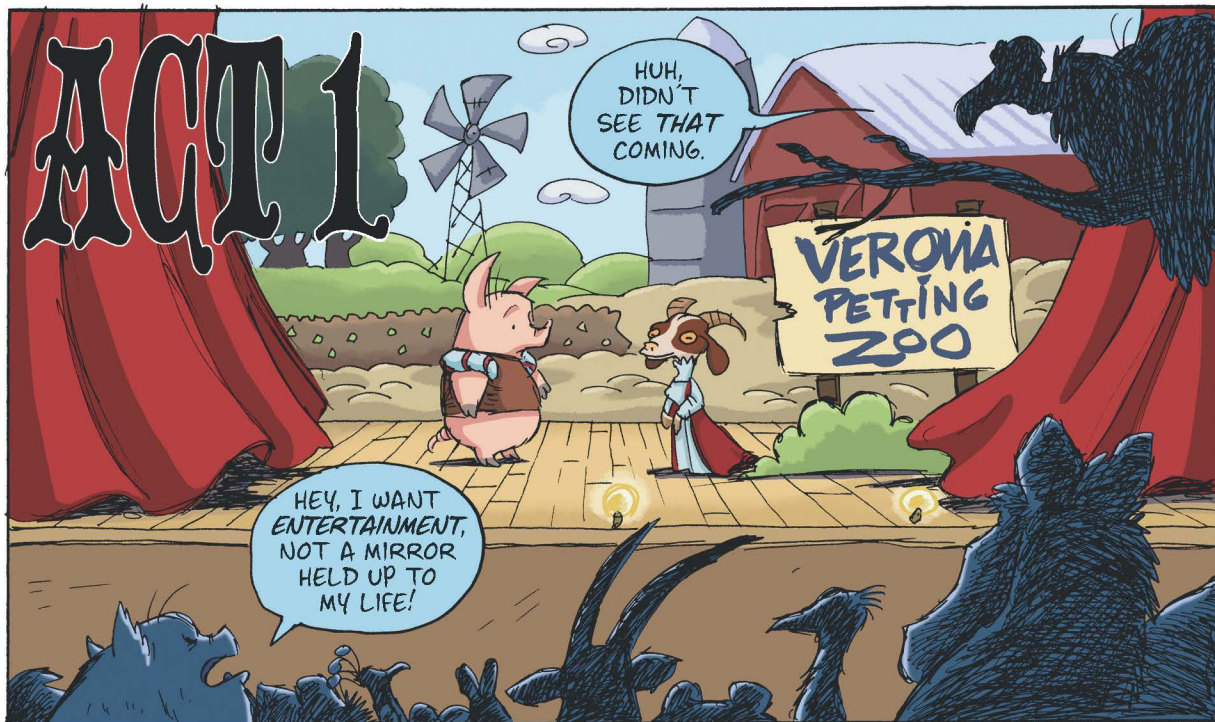
MOM, CAN I PLAY
A VIDEO GAME?
I'M ALREADY
BORED.

NO!
NOW HUSH!
THE SHOW'S
ABOUT TO
BEGIN.



SO WHERE
DO YOU THINK
THE PLAY WILL
BE SET?
A DANISH CASTLE?
AN EXOTIC ISLAND?
A BLOOD-SOAKED
BATTLEFIELD
LITTERED WITH
BODIES?

STOP. YOU'RE
MAKING ME
HUNGRY.



WELCOME TO THE
VERONA PETTING ZOO.

LOOK,
MUMMY!
A PRETTY BIRDIE!
DOES BIRDIE
WANT SOME
NUM-NUMS?

Papaat?

THIS WASN'T ANY
ORDINARY PRETTY BIRDIE.
THIS WAS ROMEO—THE
ROOSTER PRINCE.

THAT SHOULD
BE ME ON STAGE.
I AUDITIONED FOR
THE PART, YOU
KNOW.

BUT ROMEO IS
USUALLY PLAYED BY
A YOUNG ACTOR.

SO?
I'M YOUNG.
LOOK AT MY
VIGOROUS HEAD
OF HAIR!