

I HAD THAT DREAM AGAIN.

MY GRANNY'S DIED AND I'M CHAINED TO HER DEAD BODY IN THE MIDDLE OF A DIRT ROAD.

I WANT TO ESCAPE, BUT I CAN'T. IT'S THE LAW. I HAVE TO TAKE CARE OF HER.

GRAMPS JUST IGNORES ME. HE WON'T HELP.

IT'S SO UNFAIR! IF IT WASN'T FOR HER, I WOULDN'T BE HERE!

THEN I SEE IT COME...

I THINK I SEE SOMEONE DRIVING TOWARD ME...

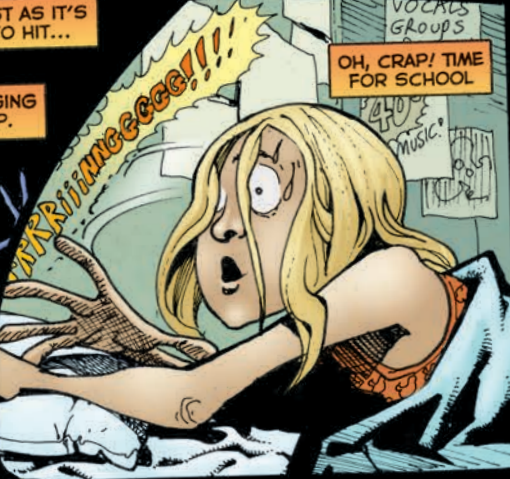
... BEARING DOWN.

... BUT I'M NOT SURE.

THEN, JUST AS IT'S ABOUT TO HIT...

... A LOUD RINGING WAKES ME UP.

OH, CRAP! TIME FOR SCHOOL



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WASSNOOKBELL

WHAT A WEIRD DREAM. I WISH IT DIDN'T MAKE SO MUCH SENSE. GRAMPS SLEEPS SO MUCH NOW AFTER HIS TREATMENTS-- HE'LL FORGET TO TAKE ME TO SCHOOL AGAIN.

IT'S MONDAY. ON FRIDAY MY WHOLE WORLD TURNS TO SCREW IT! I'M TAKING THE BUS TO THE LIBRARY INSTEAD.

GRAMPS WON'T FIGURE OUT I'VE CUT CLASS.



BUT GRANNY WILL PUT IT TOGETHER.

LEAVING HER HANGING IS A BOLD MOVE THAT I KNOW I'LL PAY FOR LATER. BUT I CAN'T TAKE IT. I'VE GOT TO ESCAPE, AND THIS IS MY LAST WEEK OF FREEDOM!!!

YEAH, SHE'LL KNOW.

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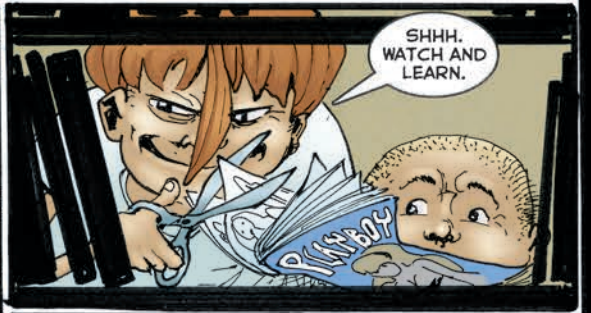
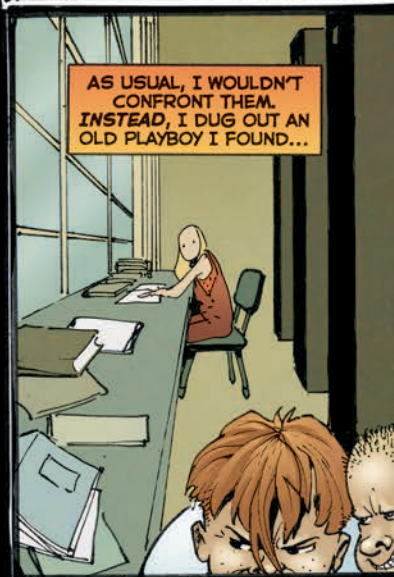
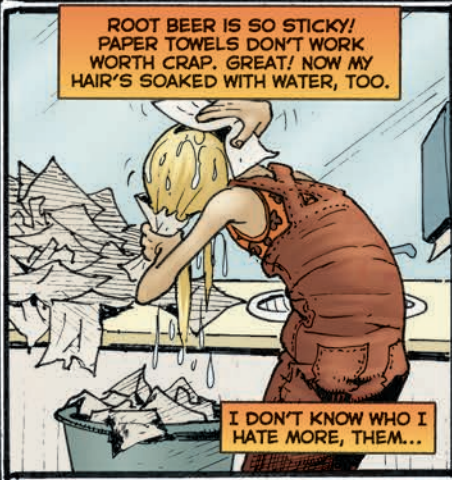
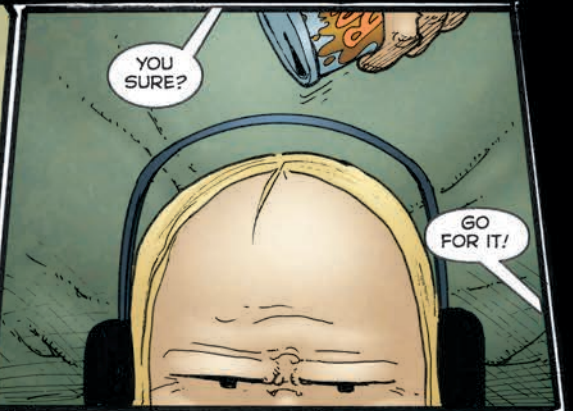
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THAT'S WHY I'M FEATHERING MY NEST. I FELT LIKE A DORK RIDING ON THE BUS WITH A QUILT FULL OF STUFF.

AND I CAN'T CARRY IT THROUGH THE LIBRARY, BUT I LIKE SNEAKING IT THROUGH THE MOVIE ROOM'S BACK WINDOW, ANYWAY.

IT'S MY SECRET FORT, AND I'LL SPEND THE REST OF THE DAY JUST HIDING IN IT.



Wednesday

I CAUGHT HELL YESTERDAY FROM GRAMPS FOR IGNORING GRANNY. I BETTER GET THIS ONE. DAMN THE EVIL DOOR!

CRAZY LADY. CRAZY LADY.

KIWI KIWI.

GRANNY WILL KILL ME IF I DON'T PICK UP IN TIME.

SHE GAVE UP. THANK GOD, BUT I'LL PAY FOR THAT ONE, TOO.

I LURK IN THE SHADOWS, DARK AND TROUBLED CREATURE THAT I AM.

HEY KID, CAN YOU GET THAT?

YEAH, RIGHT. LIKE I'M GONNA HELP HER.

C'MON, KID-- THROW IT HERE! I HAVEN'T GOT ALL DAY!

THAT'S THE SAME GIRL THAT STOOD BY AND LET HER FRIEND PICK ON ME LAST TIME. I HATE SOCCER GIRLS-- THEY'RE EVIL COWS.

DON'T BE A BABY! GIMME THAT!

OH, NOT SO BIG AND TOUGH NOW, ARE WE?

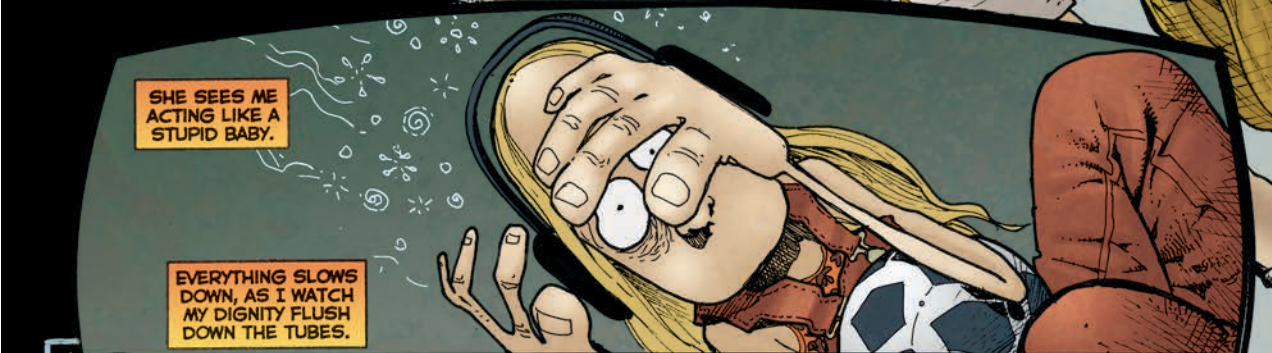
THE BRAT WON'T GIVE IT BACK!

MAKE ME.

OH, GOD! IT'S HER!!!

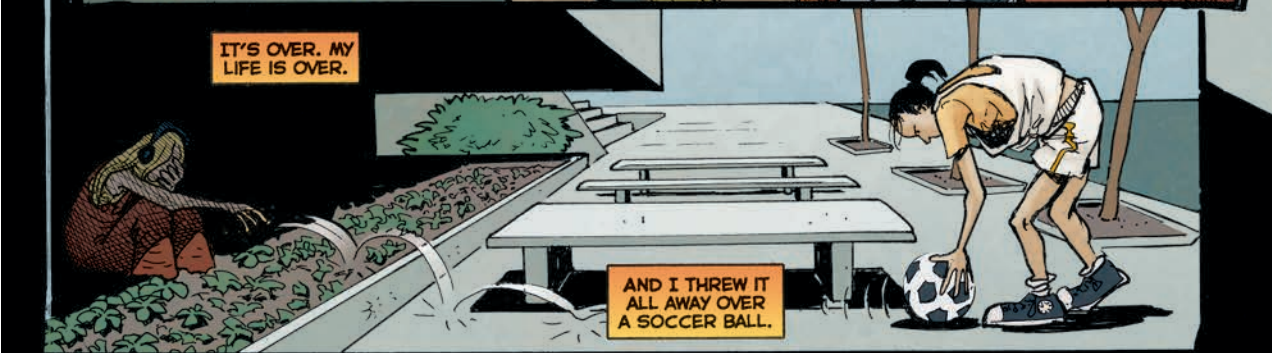


IT'S HER! AND SHE'S LOOKING RIGHT AT ME!



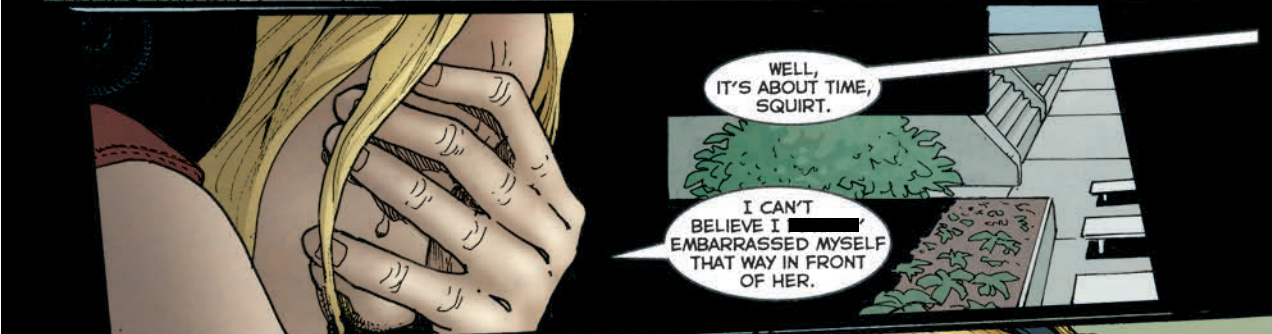
SHE SEES ME ACTING LIKE A STUPID BABY.

EVERYTHING SLOWS DOWN, AS I WATCH MY DIGNITY FLUSH DOWN THE TUBES.



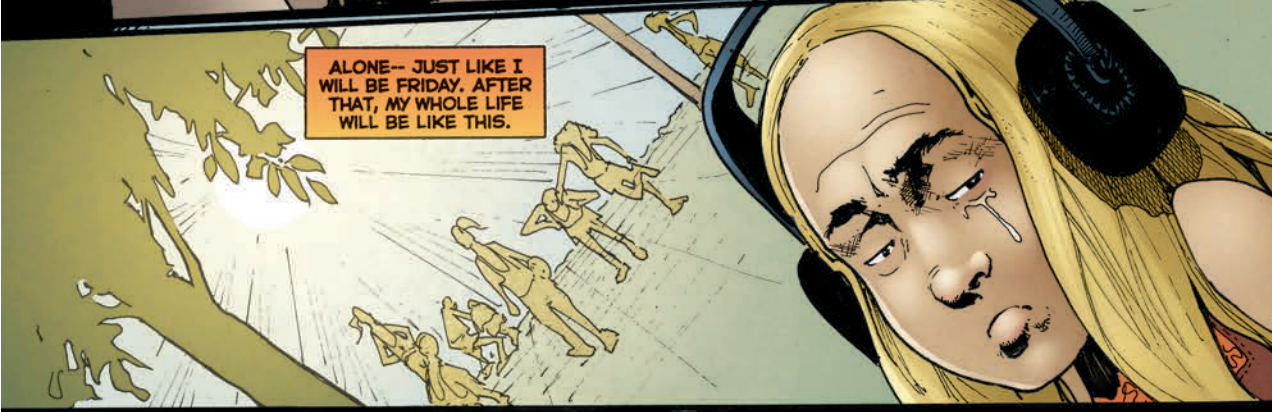
IT'S OVER. MY LIFE IS OVER.

AND I THREW IT ALL AWAY OVER A SOCCER BALL.



WELL, IT'S ABOUT TIME, SQUIRT.

I CAN'T BELIEVE I EMBARRASSED MYSELF THAT WAY IN FRONT OF HER.



ALONE-- JUST LIKE I WILL BE FRIDAY. AFTER THAT, MY WHOLE LIFE WILL BE LIKE THIS.