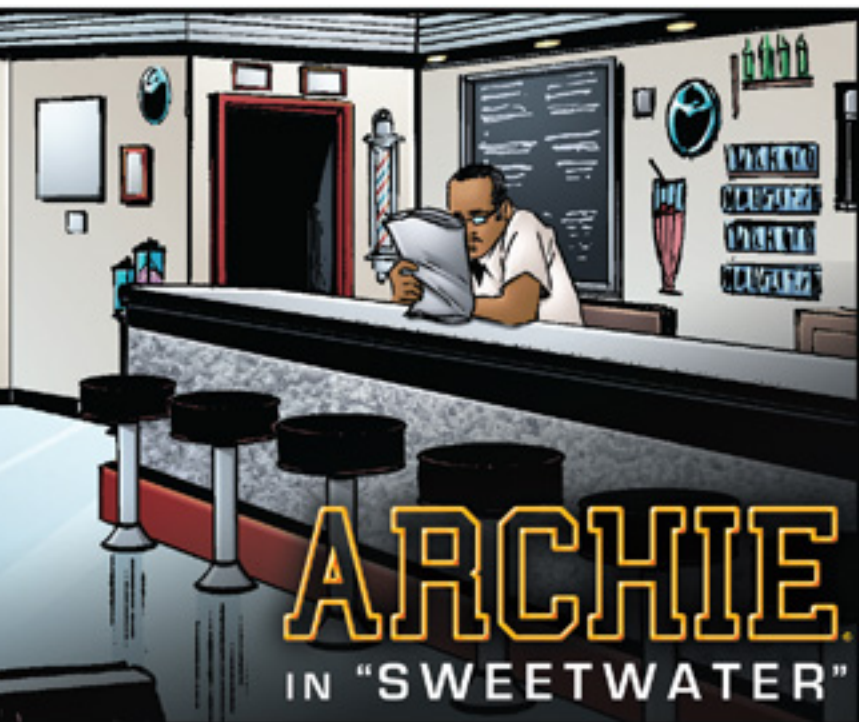


THERE'S THIS QUOTE FROM A MOVIE, "FRIENDS COME IN AND OUT OF OUR LIVES LIKE BUSBOYS IN A RESTAURANT..." I NEVER REALLY UNDERSTOOD WHAT IT MEANT UNTIL NOW.

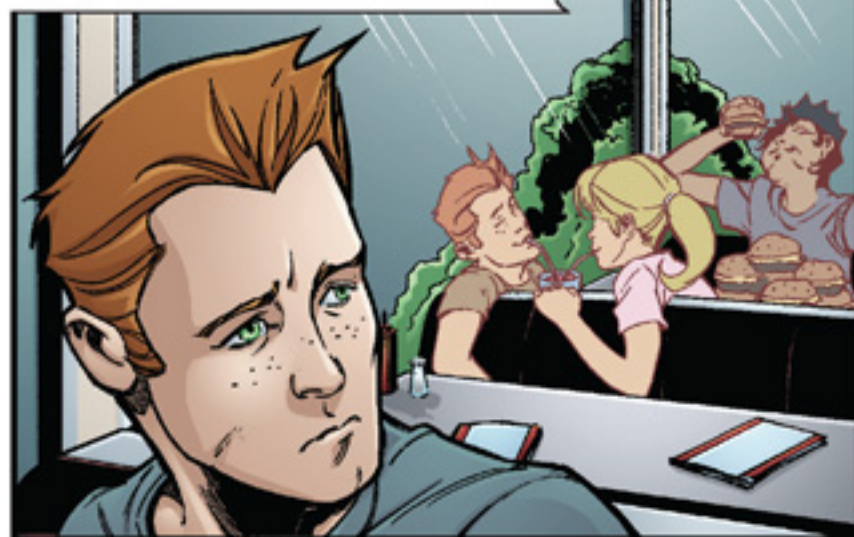


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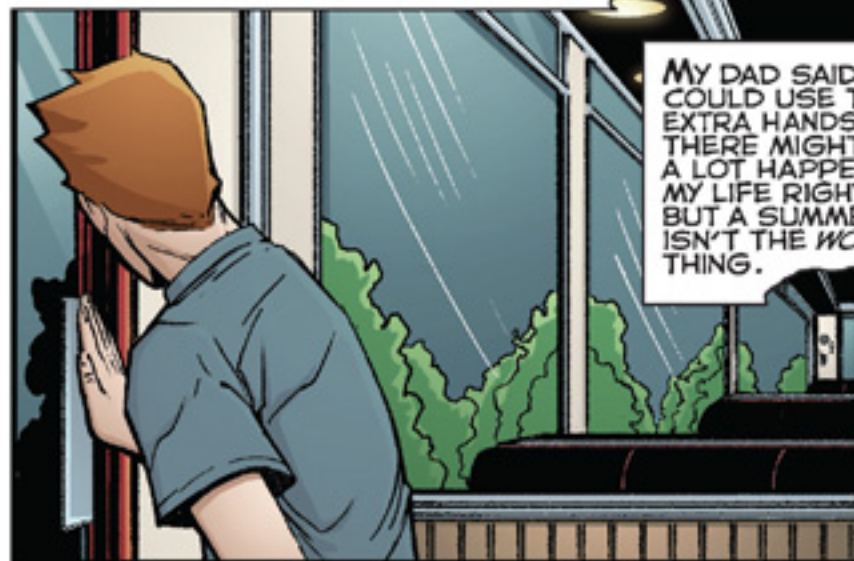
IN "SWEETWATER"

A WEEK AGO, MY LONGTIME SWEETHEART BETTY COOPER LEFT RIVERDALE FOR A SUMMER INTERNSHIP IN L.A. AND MY BEST PAL JUGHEAD JONES... WELL, WE WERE NO LONGER ON THE BEST OF TERMS.

ALL THE STUFF I LOVED TO DO AS A KID--TELLING GHOST STORIES ON CAMPING TRIPS WITH JUGHEAD... DOUBLE-FEATURES AT THE BIJOU WITH BETTY... DRINKING TOO MANY MILKSHAKES TOO FAST--ALL THAT WAS BEHIND ME NOW.



SO WITH NO SCHOOL, NO FRIENDS, AND NO FOOTBALL PRACTICES TO FILL MY DAYS, I DECIDED TO HELP MY DAD FULL-TIME AT ANDREWS CONSTRUCTION.



MY DAD SAID HE COULD USE THE EXTRA HANDS. AND HEY, THERE MIGHT NOT BE A LOT HAPPENING IN MY LIFE RIGHT NOW, BUT A SUMMER JOB ISN'T THE WORST THING.



YOU'RE THREE MINUTES LATE, STRINGBEAN! THAT CONCRETE WON'T POUR ITSELF!

SORRY, SIR!



LATELY, I CAN'T SHAKE THE FEELING THAT THERE'S SOMETHING BIG COMING. LIKE I'M WATCHING THE OCEAN REcede SECONDS BEFORE A WAVE COMES CRASHING DOWN.

I FOCUSED ON HELPING MY DAD. HE HADN'T HAD THE EASIEST PAST FEW MONTHS-- WHAT WITH THE BUSINESS STRUGGLING, AND MOM BEING GONE...

...THE HOURS WERE BRUTAL, THE HEAT UNFORGIVING...

THAT'S USING YOUR NOODLE, ANDREWS!

...BUT LIKE ANYTHING, WITH ENOUGH TIME AND EFFORT...

...THINGS GOT EASIER. MY SECRET? WELL, WHILE I WAS ON THE JOB, I'D SORT OF GET INTO THESE RHYTHMS EVERY DAY...

...AND WHILE I'D BE HAULING PLYWOOD OR LAYING FOUNDATION, I'D BE BUILDING SOMETHING OF MY OWN. NOT WITH BRICK OR CONCRETE, BUT WITH WORDS IN MY HEAD. THEY WERE POEMS...

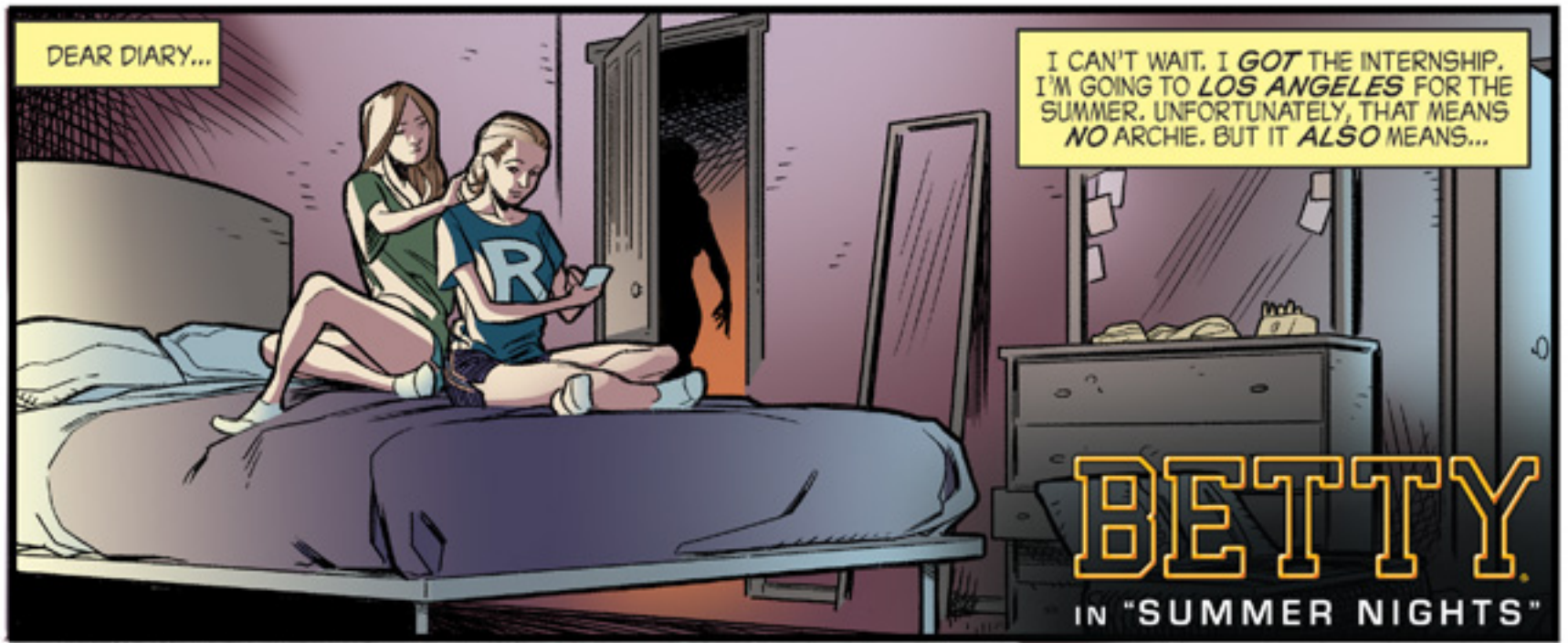
HEY, DAD!

ARCHIE, DON'T OVERDO IT!

LOOKING GOOD, ARCHIE!

...EXPRESSIONS OF WHAT I WAS THINKING AND FEELING OVER THE SUMMER...

THEN CAME THE DAY MY DAD DECIDED TO CLEAN OUT THE GARAGE.



DEAR DIARY...

I CAN'T WAIT. I **GOT** THE INTERNSHIP. I'M GOING TO **LOS ANGELES** FOR THE SUMMER. UNFORTUNATELY, THAT MEANS **NO ARCHIE**. BUT IT **ALSO** MEANS...

BETTY

IN "SUMMER NIGHTS"



...NO MOM.

I'M **WORRIED** ABOUT THIS. IT'S **UNNATURAL** FOR A GIRL TO **WANT** TO BE AWAY FROM HER FAMILY.



I'M **STAYING** WITH AUNT GERTRUDE.

IT'S OKAY, MOM. SHE'S **SMART**, SHE'LL BE **FINE**.



WELL OF COURSE **YOU'D** SAY THAT. WHAT WITH THOSE **CHEERLEADERS** YOU'VE BEEN **HANGING** OUT WITH, AND THE **CARS**, **AND...**

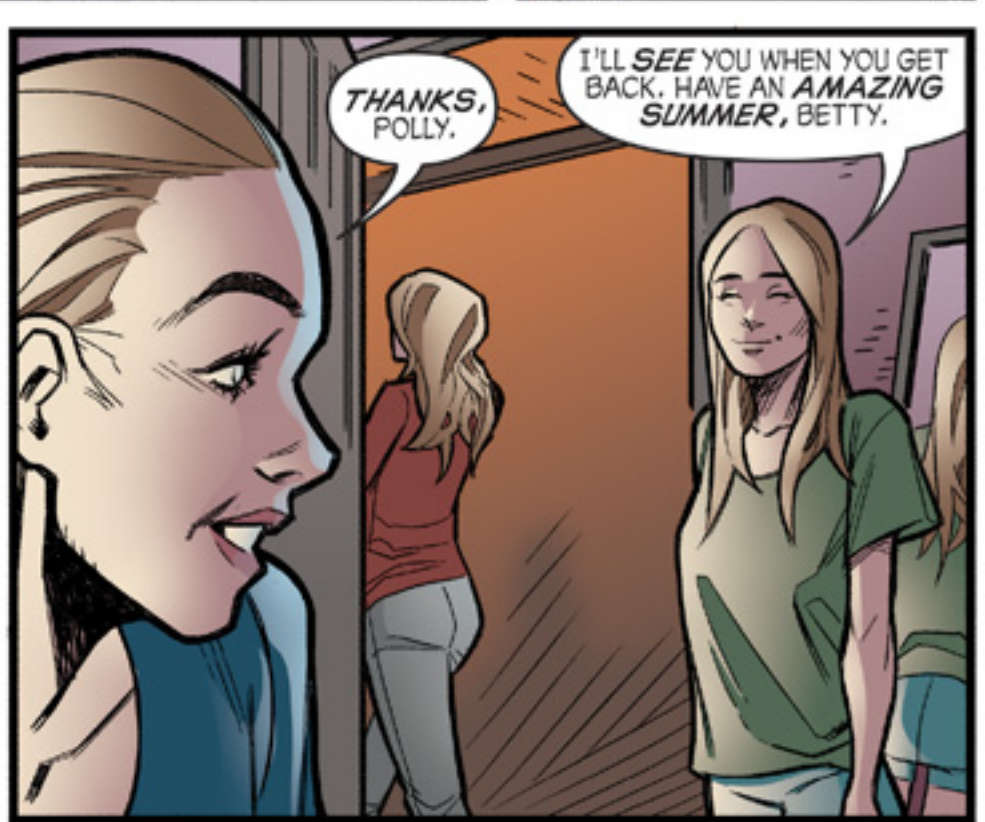
...**THAT BOY**.



HE HAS A NAME --

JASON.

... I SWEAR, **SOMETIMES** IT FEELS LIKE I DON'T **KNOW** MY OWN DAUGHTERS.



THANKS, POLLY.

I'LL **SEE** YOU WHEN YOU GET BACK. HAVE AN **AMAZING** SUMMER, **BETTY**.



SURE IT WAS A *PAIN* GETTING TO THE AIRPORT--



AND *YES*, I HAD TO SIT IN THE *MIDDLE* SEAT--



AND *OKAY*, AUNT GERTRUDE'S HOUSE *SMELLS* WEIRD--



AND SURE, THE *TRAFFIC* IS HORRIFYING--



AND YEAH, THE TV IS *BROKEN*--

BUT DIARY...

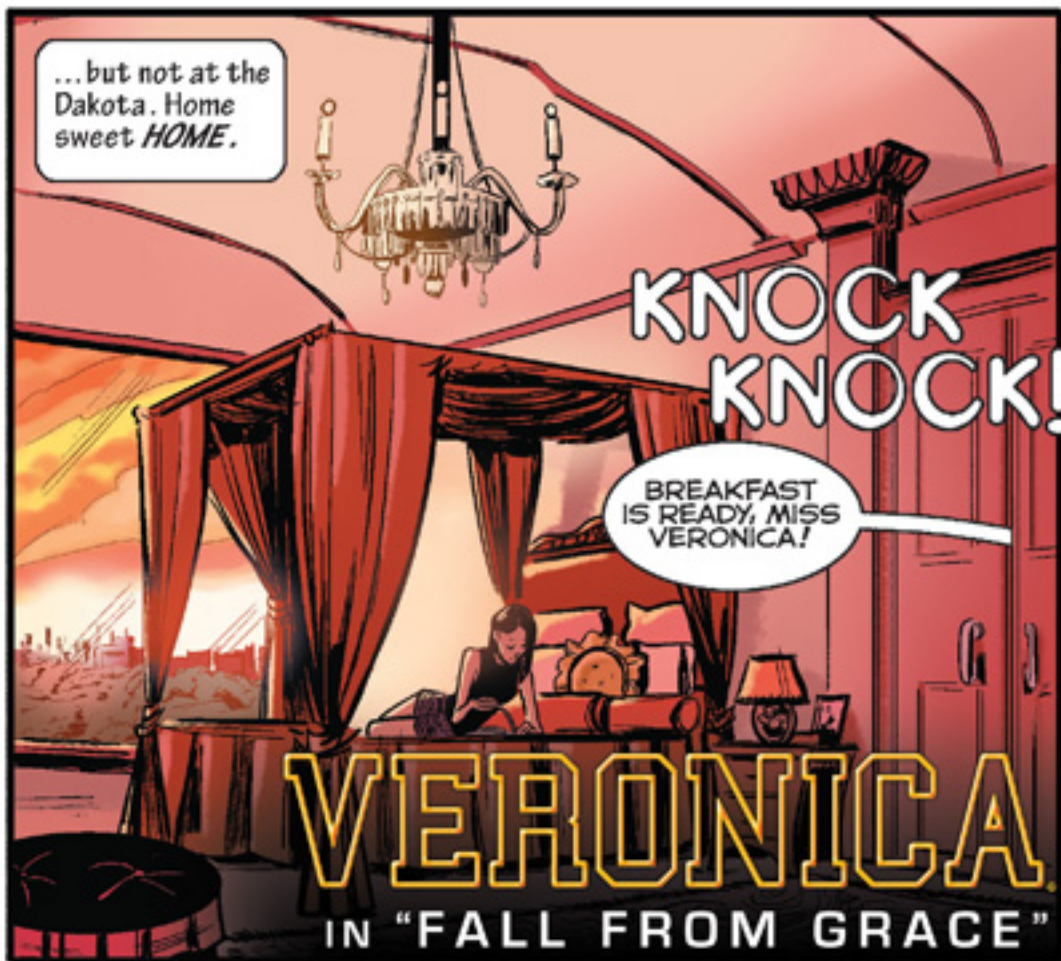
IT'S AMAZING.





THE DAKOTA.

I just love summer in New York. It's dreadfully hot...

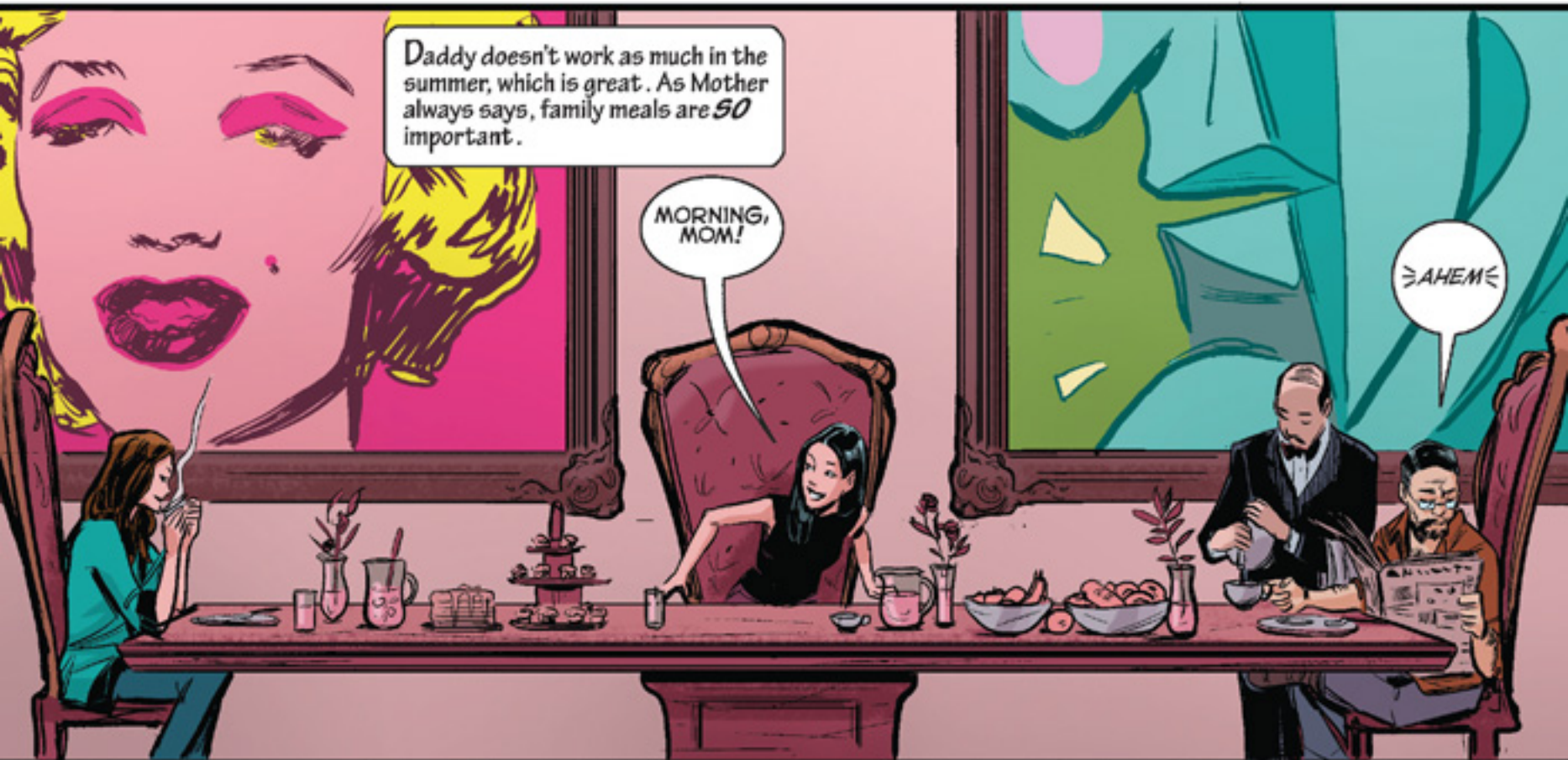


... but not at the Dakota. Home sweet HOME.

KNOCK KNOCK!

BREAKFAST IS READY, MISS VERONICA!

VERONICA
IN "FALL FROM GRACE"



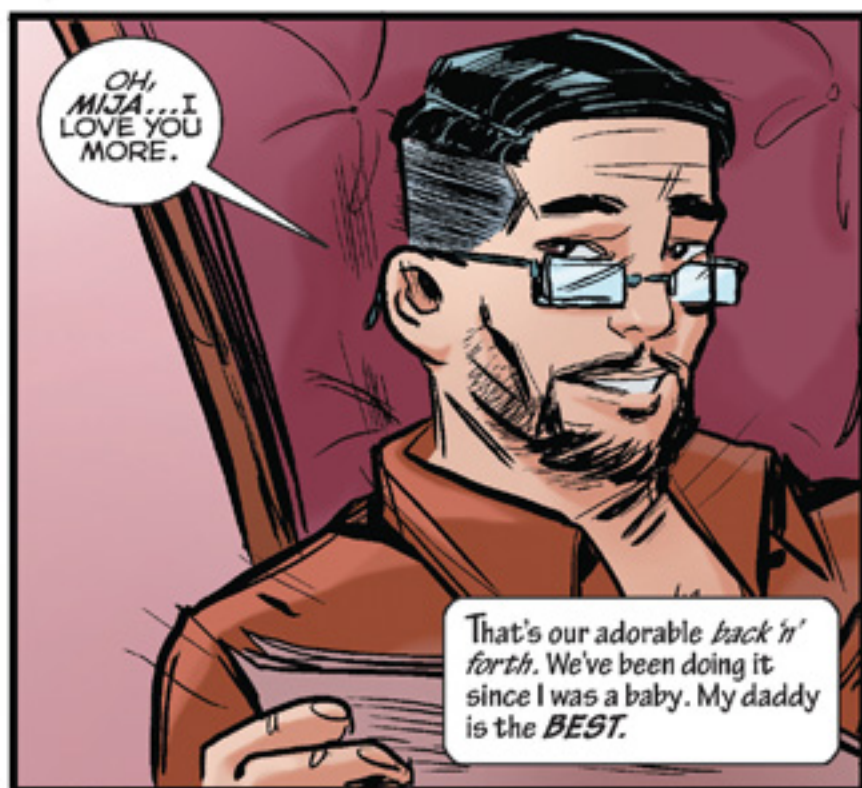
Daddy doesn't work as much in the summer, which is great. As Mother always says, family meals are *SO* important.

MORNING, MOM!

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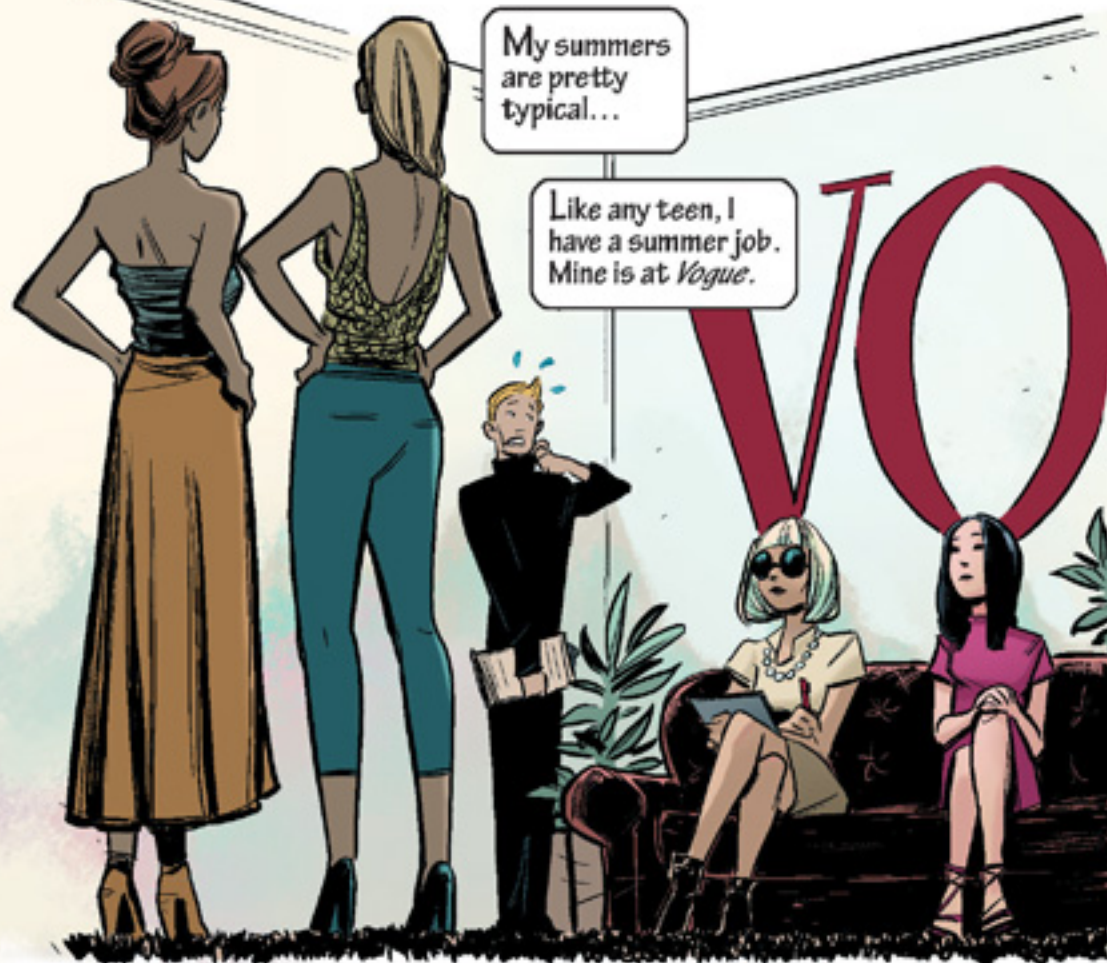


OH, DADDY... I LOVE YOU.



OH, MIJA... I LOVE YOU MORE.

That's our adorable *back 'n' forth*. We've been doing it since I was a baby. My daddy is the *BEST*.



My summers are pretty typical...

Like any teen, I have a summer job. Mine is at *Vogue*.



I usually squeeze in a little shopping during my time off.

THIS ONE'S PERFECT! I'LL TAKE IT, TOO. YOU KNOW MY SIZE.



I always make time for friends. And box seats at *Adele*.

THIS IS AMAZING, RONNIE. YOUR DAD IS THE BEST!

LET'S GO TO LE BAIN AFTER THIS, CAMILA!



To really unwind, Daddy takes the boat out to the Hamptons.

The SS Loophole.

...CALM DOWN, IT'LL ALL BE OKAY...



I always love weekly family dinners. At *Le Cirque*, of course.

UH, HOW ABOUT SOME MOTHER/DAUGHTER TIME THIS WEEK, DEAR?

I'M IN. MESSAGES TOMORROW?

JUGHEAD

IN "IT WAS A DARK AND STORMY NIGHT..."

