



Quiet Please!!!

ZIP YOUR LIP!

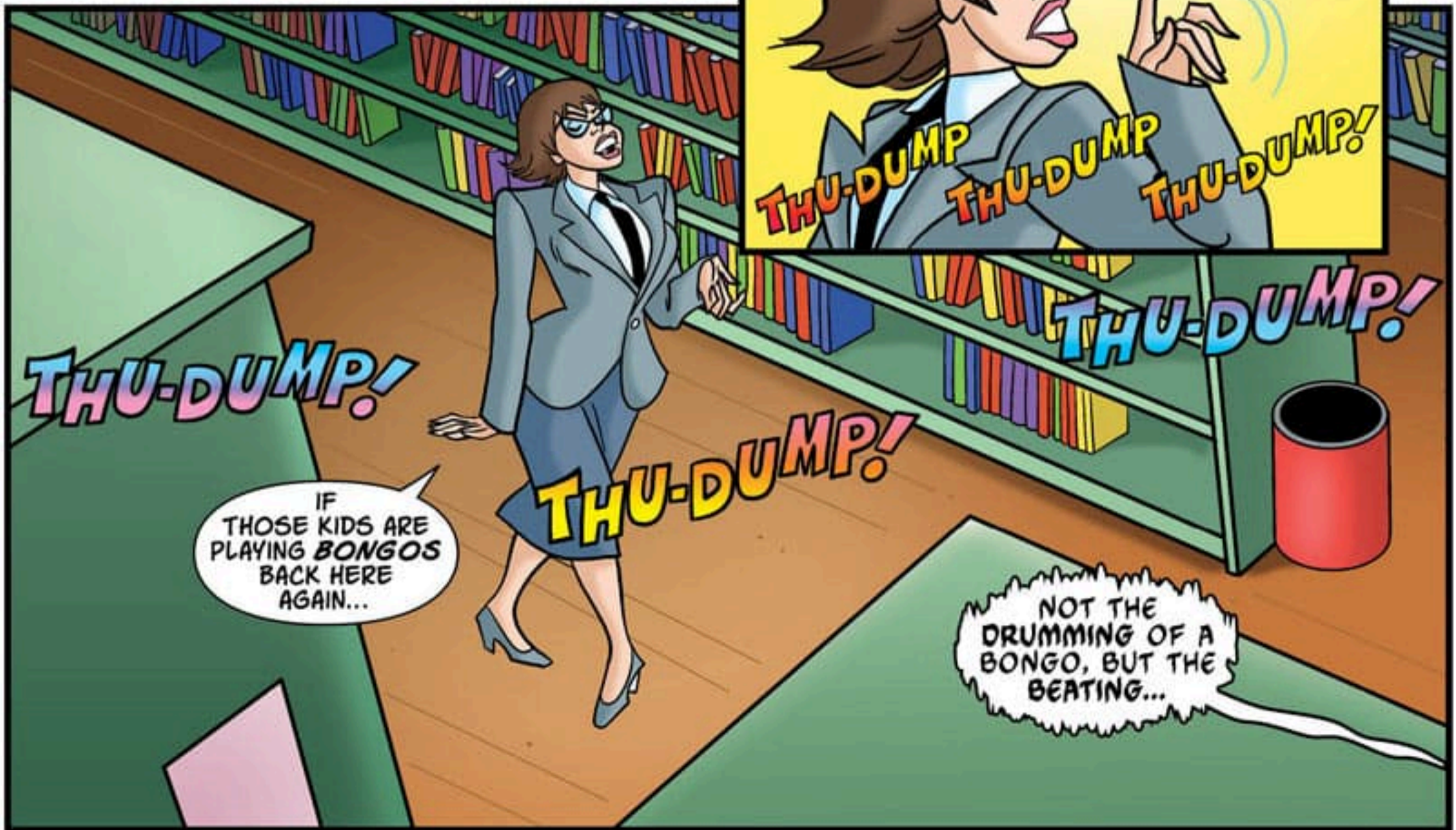
WELL, HUSH YOUR MOUTH!



IF YOU MUST TALK, PLEASE STEP OUTSIDE. THIS IS A LIBRARY, NOT A CHAT ROOM!



THU-DUMP THU-DUMP THU-DUMP!



IF THOSE KIDS ARE PLAYING BONGOS BACK HERE AGAIN...

NOT THE DRUMMING OF A BONGO, BUT THE BEATING...

GHOST WRITERS

...OF A
TELLTALE
HEART!

I-IT'S--
--EDGAR
ALLAN
POE?!

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THE GHOST OF EDGAR ALLAN POE? ARE YOU SURE, MS. TURNER?

CALL ME PAIGE, FRED.

AND YES. EDGAR ALLAN POE DIED IN 1849, SO I'M PRETTY SURE HE'D HAVE TO BE A GHOST.



UNLESS IT'S SOMEONE PRETENDING TO BE POE'S GHOST.

EITHER WAY, YOU HAVE TO SOLVE THIS CASE QUICKLY. OUR EXHIBIT OF RARE MANUSCRIPTS IS SCHEDULED TO OPEN IN TWO DAYS!

SHHH!



EXCUSE ME, BUT THIS IS AN EMERG--

RELAX, PAIGE, I'M JUST KIDDING. I'D BE HAPPY TO TAKE YOUR MANUSCRIPTS HOME AND KEEP THEM IN MY COLLECTION OF RARE BOOKS UNTIL YOU SETTLE THIS PROBLEM.

I'M SURE A BOOK COLLECTOR LIKE YOU WOULD BE HAPPY TO TAKE THEM HOME, MR. LIBRIS. I ASSURE YOU THE MANUSCRIPTS ARE PERFECTLY SECURE IN THE LIBRARY'S SAFE.



I DON'T KNOW WHY ANYONE WOULD WANT TO LOOK AT THOSE MOLDY OLD MANUSCRIPTS ANYWAY! YOU SHOULD BE EXHIBITING THE WORK OF NEW POETS, LIKE Z!

I'M GUESSING YOU'RE Z?

YES. I HAVE TRANSCENDED THE NEED FOR NAMES. A POEM, BY Z:

"BLACKNESS OOZING SCHMOOZING OVERBEARING UNDERCOATING..."



OUT OF HERE--BOTH OF YOU!

WELL, IF YOU DON'T WANT MY GENEROUS OFFER...

"REJECTED EJECTED DEJECTED..."



THOSE RARE MANUSCRIPTS THAT YOU MENTIONED. BY ANY CHANCE, WERE THEY WRITTEN BY EDGAR ALLAN POE?

WHY, YES! HOW DID YOU KNOW? POE AND ONE OTHER CLASSIC WRITER...

"ALAS, POOR YORICK! I KNEW HIM, HORATIO..."

LET ME GUESS...



"...A FELLOW OF INFINITE JEST..."

WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE! RECITING THE GRAVEYARD SCENE FROM HAMLET!

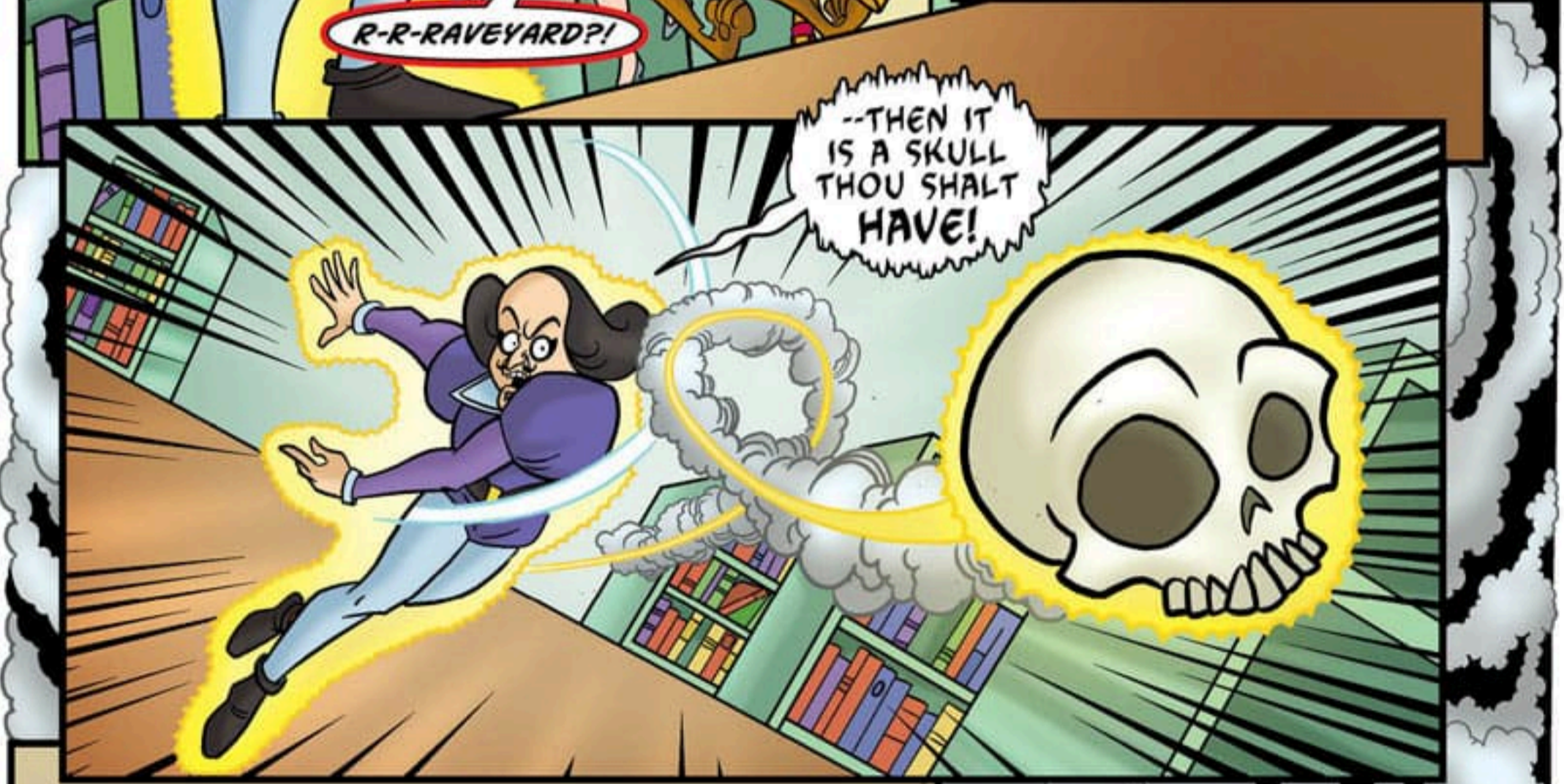
R-R-RAVEYARD?!



OKAY, SHAKESPEARE-- THIS IS A LIBRARY, SO COME QUIETLY!

PUT DOWN THE SKULL AND STEP AWAY FROM THE BOOKS!

VERILY, IF IT IS A SKULL THOU DOST WANT--



--THEN IT IS A SKULL THOU SHALT HAVE!



A SKULL! LET'S, LIKE, HEAD OUT OF HERE!

NO, LOOK! IT'S NOT JUST A SKULL!



IT'S ALSO A--

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--SMOKE BOMB!

