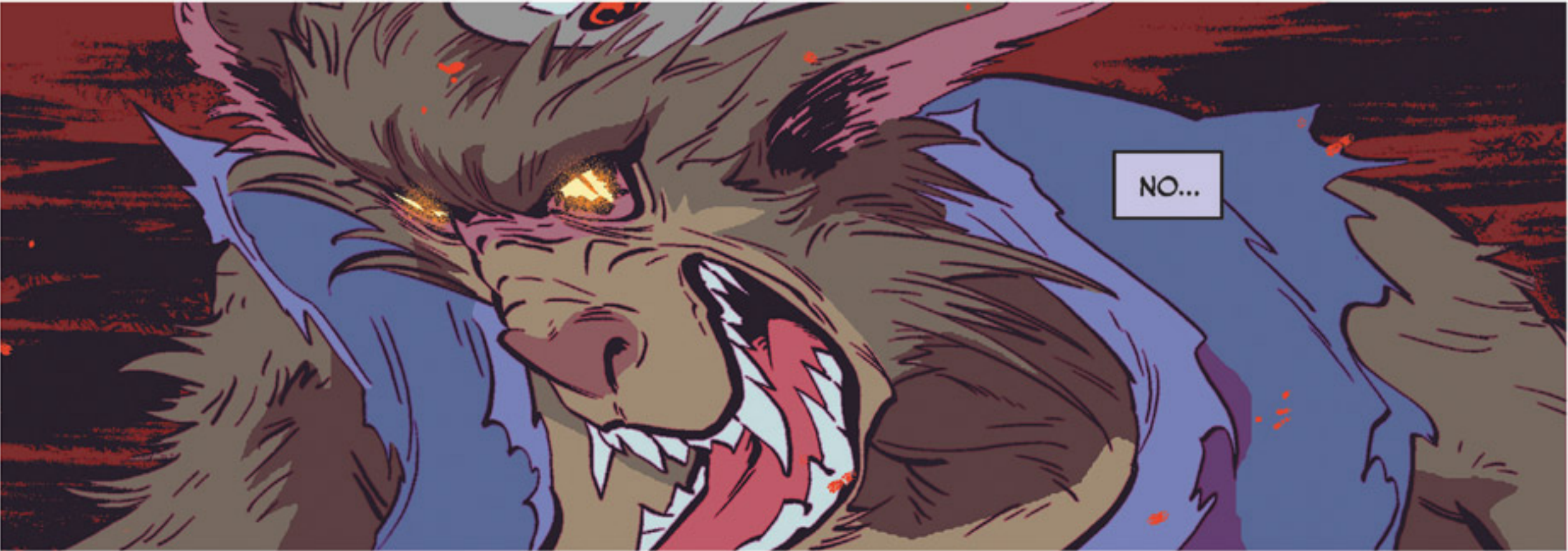
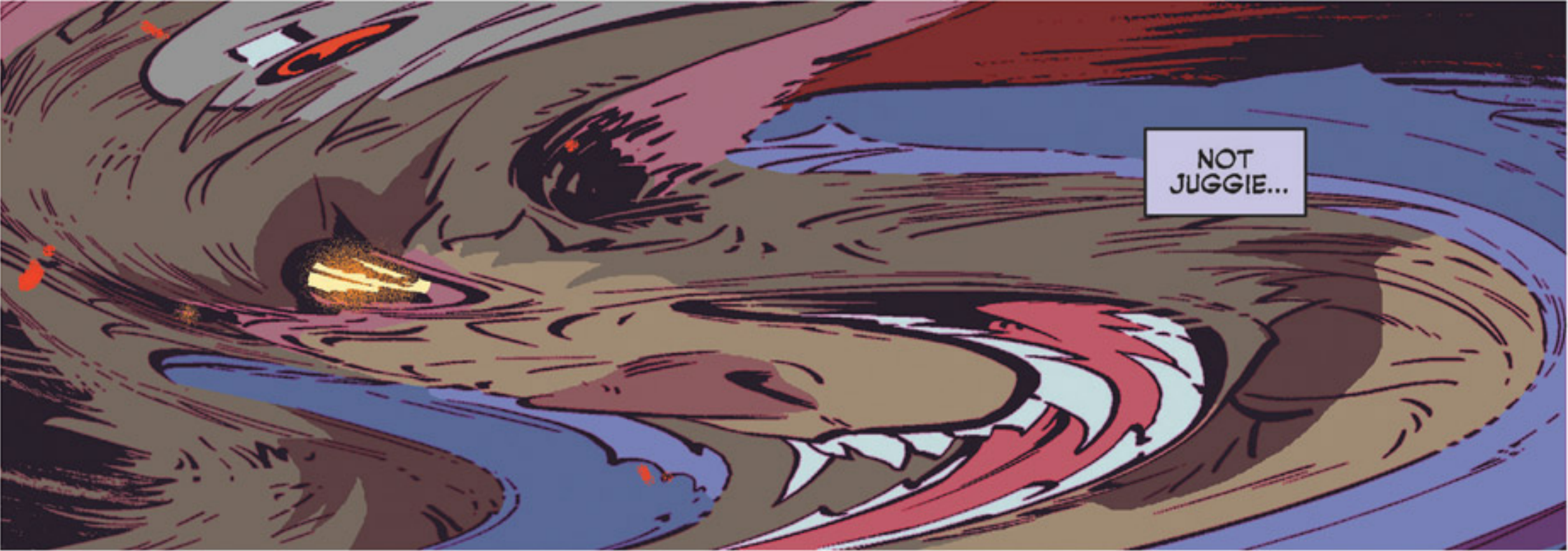


Uhhh...
WHERE
AM I...

WITH...
JUG
WOLF?



NO...



NOT
JUGGIE...



SOMEPLACE
A LOT LESS
SCARY...

SOME-
PLACE
A LOT
MORE...





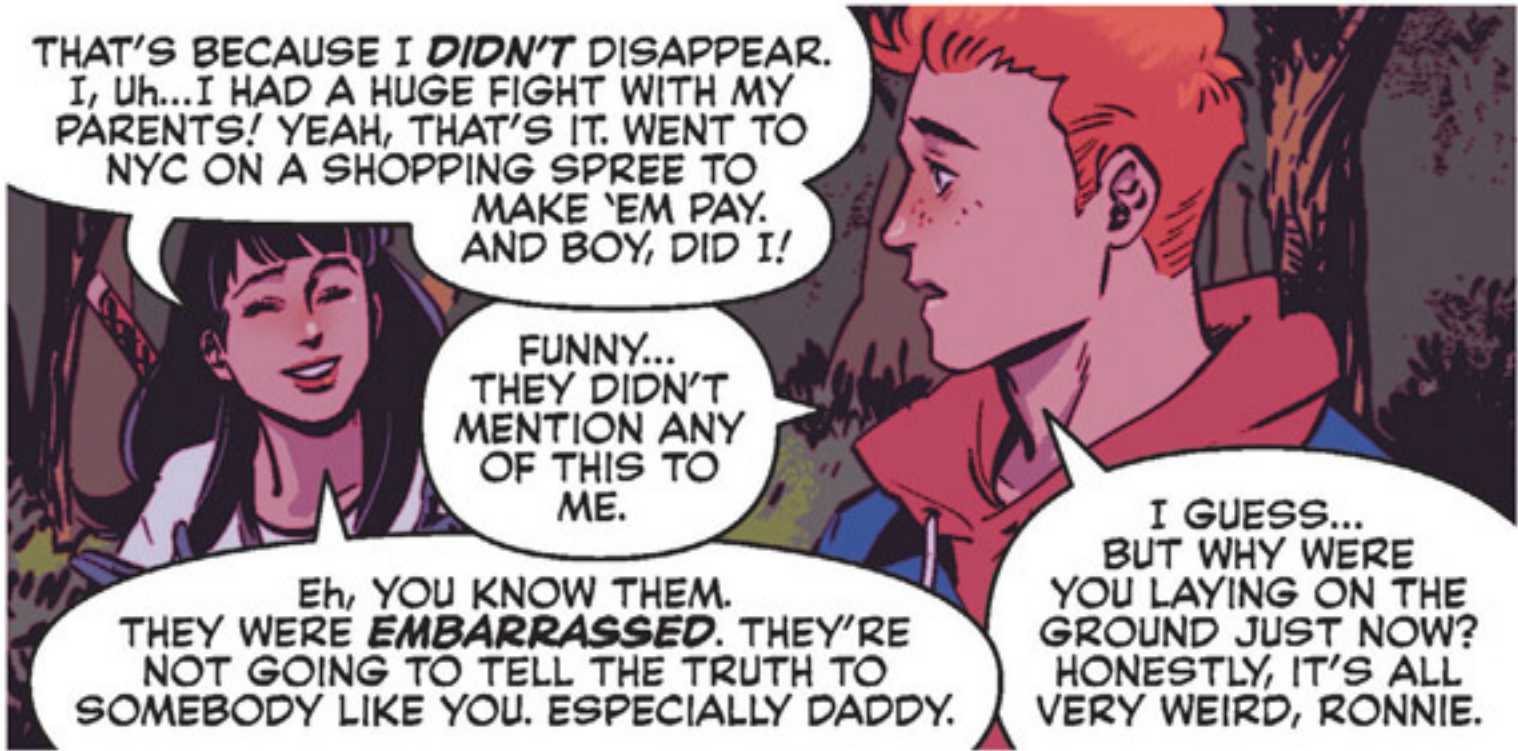
WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN?

YOU, POP TATE, BUNCH OF PEOPLE...

ALL JUST DISAPPEARED INTO THIN AIR ONE DAY. AND HAVEN'T BEEN SEEN SINCE.



WELL... OTHER THAN YOU RIGHT NOW.

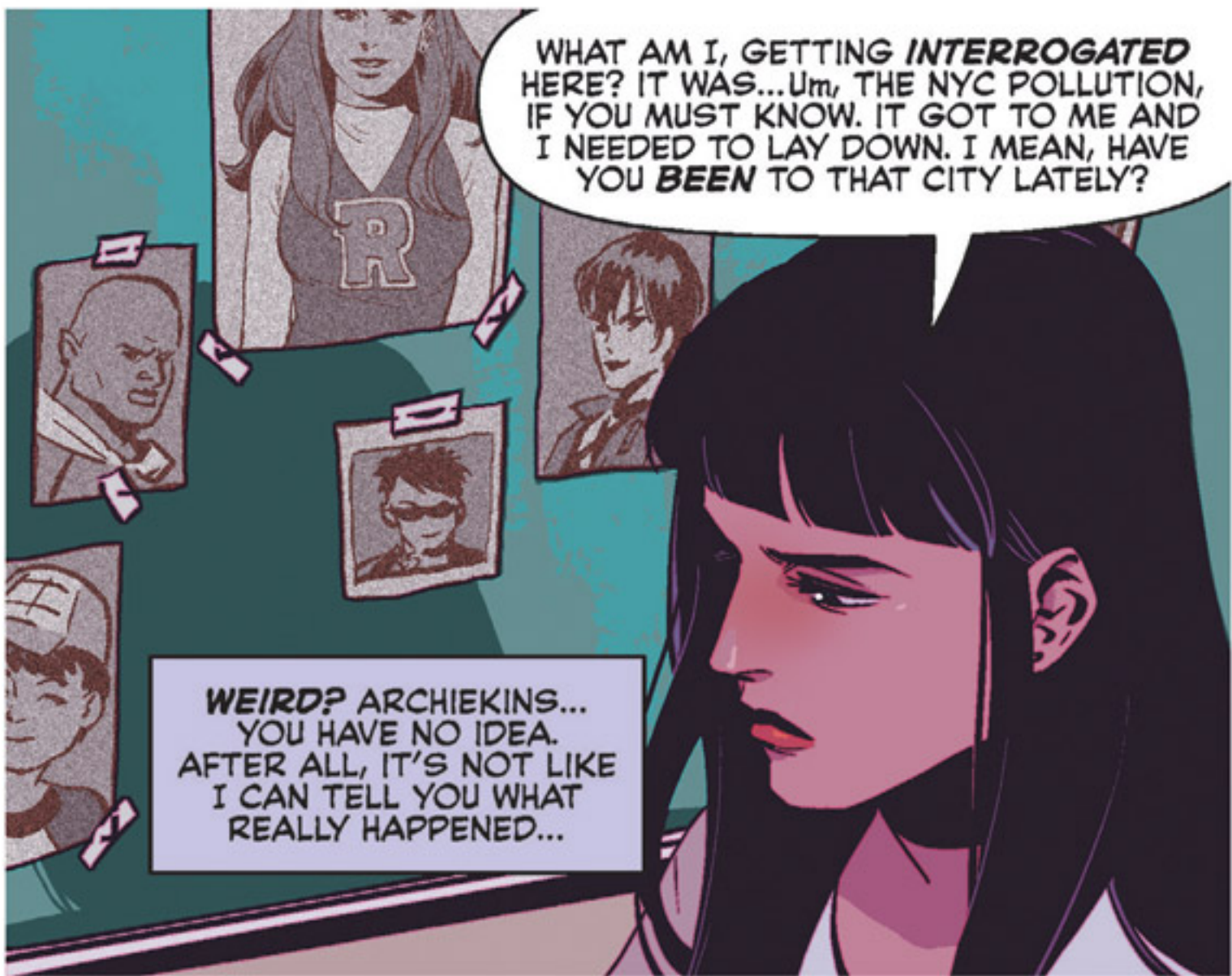


THAT'S BECAUSE I *DIDN'T* DISAPPEAR. I, uh...I HAD A HUGE FIGHT WITH MY PARENTS! YEAH, THAT'S IT. WENT TO NYC ON A SHOPPING SPREE TO MAKE 'EM PAY. AND BOY, DID I!

FUNNY... THEY DIDN'T MENTION ANY OF THIS TO ME.

Eh, YOU KNOW THEM. THEY WERE **EMBARRASSED**. THEY'RE NOT GOING TO TELL THE TRUTH TO SOMEBODY LIKE YOU. ESPECIALLY DADDY.

I GUESS... BUT WHY WERE YOU LAYING ON THE GROUND JUST NOW? HONESTLY, IT'S ALL VERY WEIRD, RONNIE.



WHAT AM I, GETTING **INTERROGATED** HERE? IT WAS...Um, THE NYC POLLUTION, IF YOU MUST KNOW. IT GOT TO ME AND I NEEDED TO LAY DOWN. I MEAN, HAVE YOU **BEEEN** TO THAT CITY LATELY?

WEIRD? ARCHIEKINS... YOU HAVE NO IDEA. AFTER ALL, IT'S NOT LIKE I CAN TELL YOU WHAT REALLY HAPPENED...



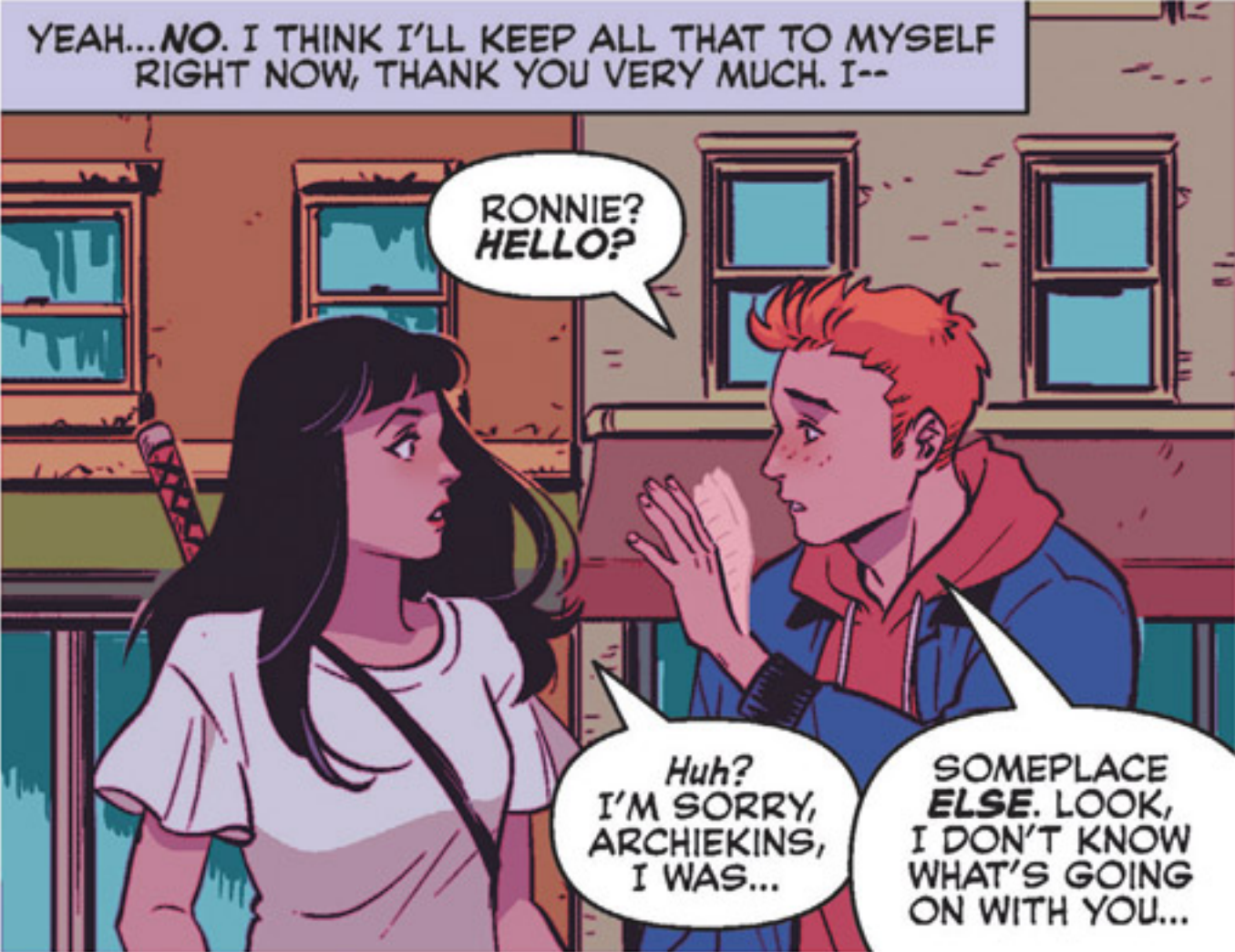
THAT MYSELF AND
ALL THE OTHER PEOPLE
THAT WENT MISSING
ARE **VAMPIRES** THAT GOT
TRANSPORTED TO
ANOTHER REALITY BY A
SATANIC BOOK.

THAT THIS WAS A REALITY
WHERE **WEREWOLVES**
WON A WAR AGAINST
VAMPIRES, WHERE I MET A
WEREWOLF JUGHEAD...
WHO I ENDED UP **KISSING**
BEFORE REMATERIALIZING
HERE, INCIDENTALLY.



A REALITY WHERE I LEARNED I'VE BEEN LIED TO MY WHOLE LIFE. WHERE I LEARNED I'M DESCENDED FROM **SIR FRANCIS LODGE**...

WHO APPARENTLY WAS ESSENTIALLY **COUNT HITLER**.



YEAH...**NO**. I THINK I'LL KEEP ALL THAT TO MYSELF RIGHT NOW, THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I--

RONNIE?
HELLO?

Huh?
I'M SORRY,
ARCHIEKINS,
I WAS...

SOMEPLACE
ELSE. LOOK,
I DON'T KNOW
WHAT'S GOING
ON WITH YOU...



BUT I'M JUST GLAD YOU'RE BACK. AND I IMAGINE YOUR PARENTS WILL BE, TOO.

WHATEVER YOUR ISSUES ARE, I KNOW THEY WERE WORRIED SICK ABOUT YOU. MAYBE YOU SHOULD GO CHECK IN WITH THEM?



GO SEE MY PARENTS? YEAH, MAYBE IT **IS** TIME I SAW THEM, ALRIGHT...

Hm...I DIDN'T EVEN GET TO ASK HER ABOUT THE **SWORD** ON HER BACK.

AND TIME I FINALLY GOT SOME ANSWERS.