

VIETNAM, 1967.

IT'S HOT OUT
HERE. HOT AND
DANGEROUS.

THE U.S. SOLDIERS
KNOW ALL TOO WELL
HOW LIVES CAN BE
CUT SHORT IN THE
BLINK OF AN EYE.

SOMETIMES IT FEELS
AS THOUGH THE
SKY COULD FALL AT
ANY MOMENT.

WHAT
TH--?

INCOMING!
GET DOWN!

SSSSSSSS

WHOOOOSH

WHAT
THE HECK
IS THAT?

SOME NEW
WEAPON
OF CHARLIE'S,
SARGE...?

BOOM

...
LET'S
TAKE A
LOOK.

TODAY.

RYDER?
ARE YOU UP
HERE?

CAGEHERO

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RYDER?
WHAT ARE YOU *DOING*,
SON? YOU
HAVE *SCHOOL!*

SORRY,
GRANDPA--



--IT'S JUST... I
THOUGHT I
MIGHT HAVE
HEARD FROM
MY DAD
TODAY.

YOU
WON'T FIND
YOUR FATHER IN
AN OLD BOX OF
JUNK. NOT EVEN
ON YOUR
BIRTHDAY.



WHAT IS ALL
THIS STUFF
ANYWAY?

JUST *JUNK*. AND
YOU SHOULDN'T BE UP
HERE SORTING THROUGH
OTHER PEOPLE'S THINGS.
NOW, GIVE ME THAT
AND GET GOING--



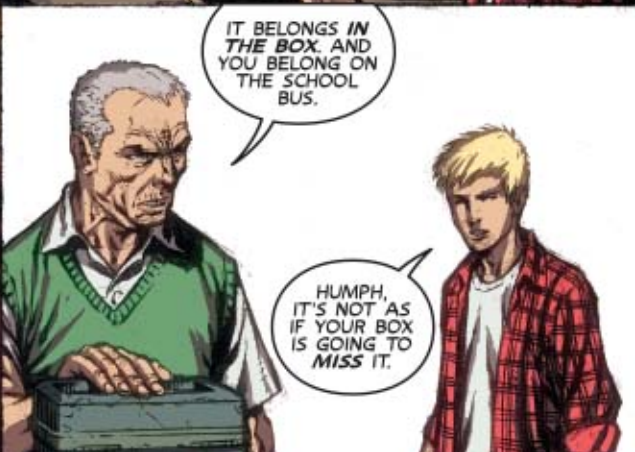
--YOU
MUSTN'T BE
LATE FOR
SCHOOL.

CAN
I KEEP THIS
GRANDPA? IT'S
MOM WITH
DAD, ISN'T
IT...?



THE
PHOTOGRAPH
BELONGS IN
THE BOX,
RYDER.

BUT
I DON'T HAVE
ANY PHOTOS
OF THEM
TOGETHER...



IT BELONGS *IN*
THE BOX, AND
YOU BELONG ON
THE SCHOOL
BUS.

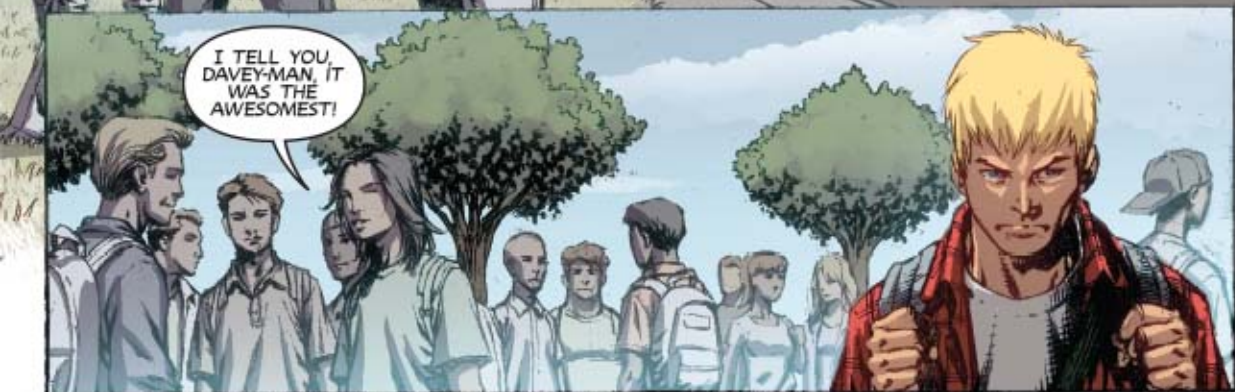
HUMPH,
IT'S NOT 'AS
IF YOUR BOX
IS GOING TO
MISS IT.



WOODLAND
HIGH SCHOOL.



HEY
TANYA--
YOU HAVE
TO SEE
THIS!



I TELL YOU,
DAVEY-MAN,
IT WAS THE
AWESOMEST!



HEY,
RYDER.

YEAH,
HEY--HOW
AM I?

I'M COOL,
RYDER.
HOW ABOUT
ME?

OH, SURE.
I'M FINE.
ANOTHER
RELOCATION
SCHOOL.
ANOTHER
OUTSIDER.



HEY RYDER.
TALKING TO
YOURSELF?

WHOOA!
WENDY!



YOU--

DON'T
TELL ME
I SCARED
YOU? HAVE
YOU SEEN
THE SCHOOL
BLOG--?