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SO, UH... ANYBODY HERE EVER BEEN FIRED?

IT SUCKS, RIGHT?

I'VE BEEN FIRED A LOT.

I HATE WHEN THEY MAKE YOU WORK RIGHT UP TO THE LAST MINUTE BEFORE THEY HIT YOU WITH - "WITTY, CAN YOU STEP INTO MY OFFICE?"

AND I SAY, "I'D RATHER NOT."



I GOT FIRED THIS MORNING, ACTUALLY.

I GUESS I'M GLAD IT HAPPENED EARLY IN THE DAY?

UNEMPLOYMENT... FOR BREAKFAST.

I PREFER A BREAKFAST FIRING.



YEESH... TOUGH CROWD.

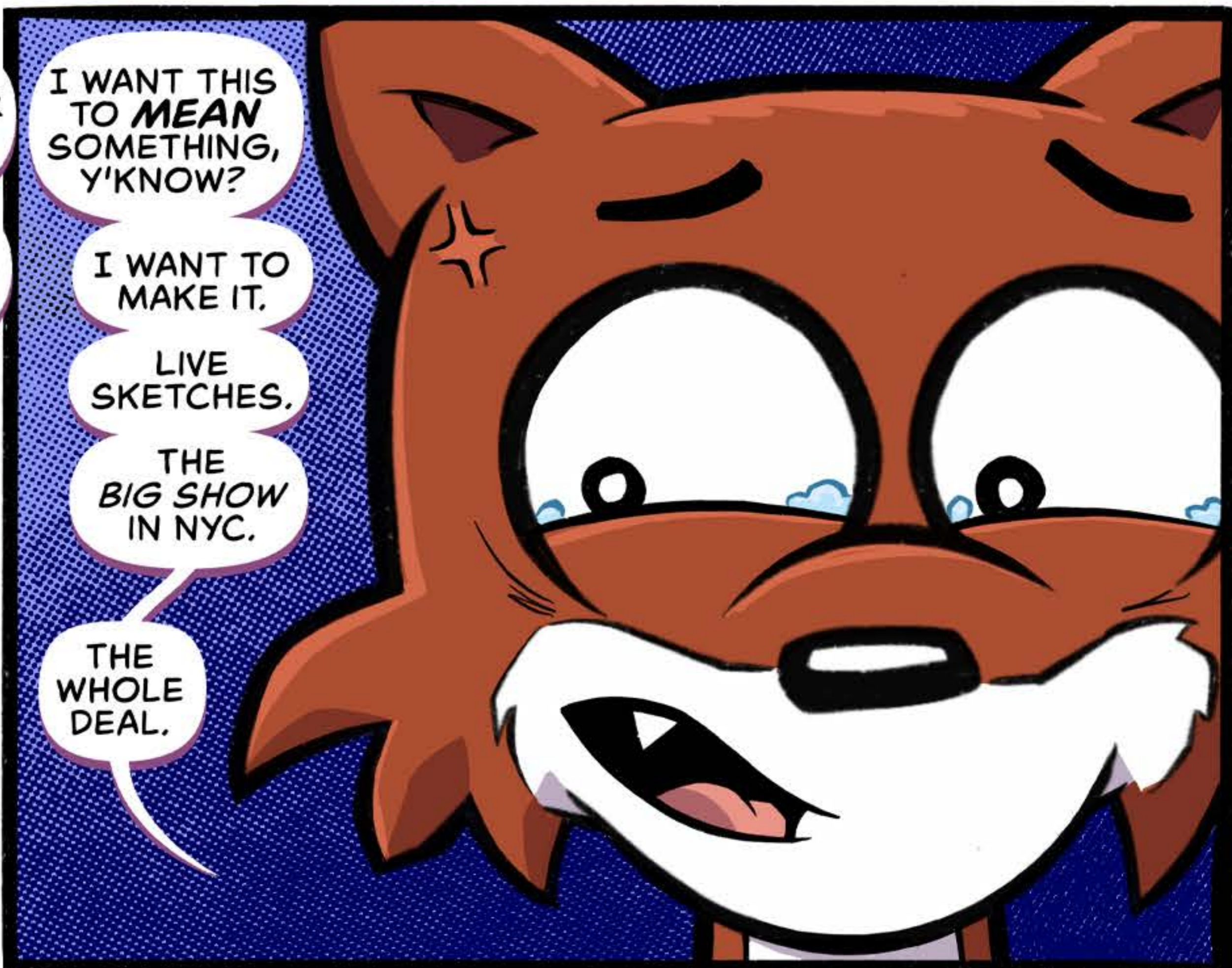




I JUST...
I DON'T WANT
TO BE STUCK
DOING OPEN
MICS FOREVER.

I'VE BEEN
GRINDING FOR
OVER A YEAR
HERE...

FEELS LIKE
I'M SPINNING
MY WHEELS.



I WANT THIS
TO **MEAN**
SOMETHING,
Y'KNOW?

I WANT TO
MAKE IT.

LIVE
SKETCHES.

THE
BIG SHOW
IN NYC.

THE
WHOLE
DEAL.



HEH.
EVERYBODY'S
GOT DREAMS,
WITTY.

MOST
GIVE UP BY
NOW.



I DON'T
WANT TO DO
ANYTHING
ELSE.

I'M
GONNA DIE
TRYING!



BE
CAREFUL
WHAT YOU
WISH FOR.

YOU KNOW
YOU CAN ALWAYS
WORK ON YOUR
MATERIAL HERE,
FREE OF
CHARGE!



WE'LL
SEE...
THANKS,
SKIP.



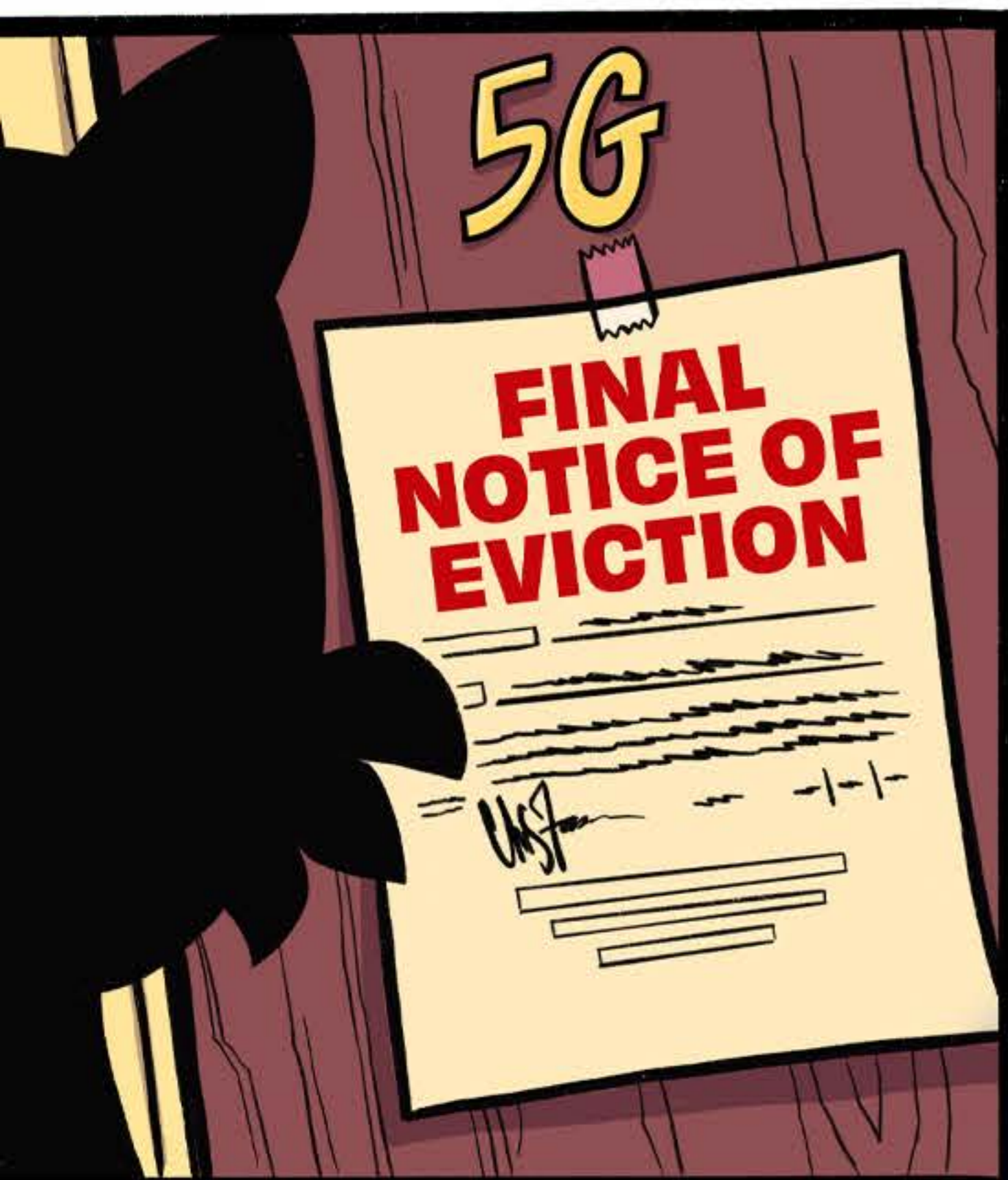
...MAYBE I'M JUST NOT CUT OUT FOR THIS.

I DOUBT THIS DAY CAN GET ANY WORSE...



I BOMBED. **AGAIN**. I FELT LIKE I WORKED SO HARD ON THAT SET.

WHAT COULD I DO DIFFERENT?

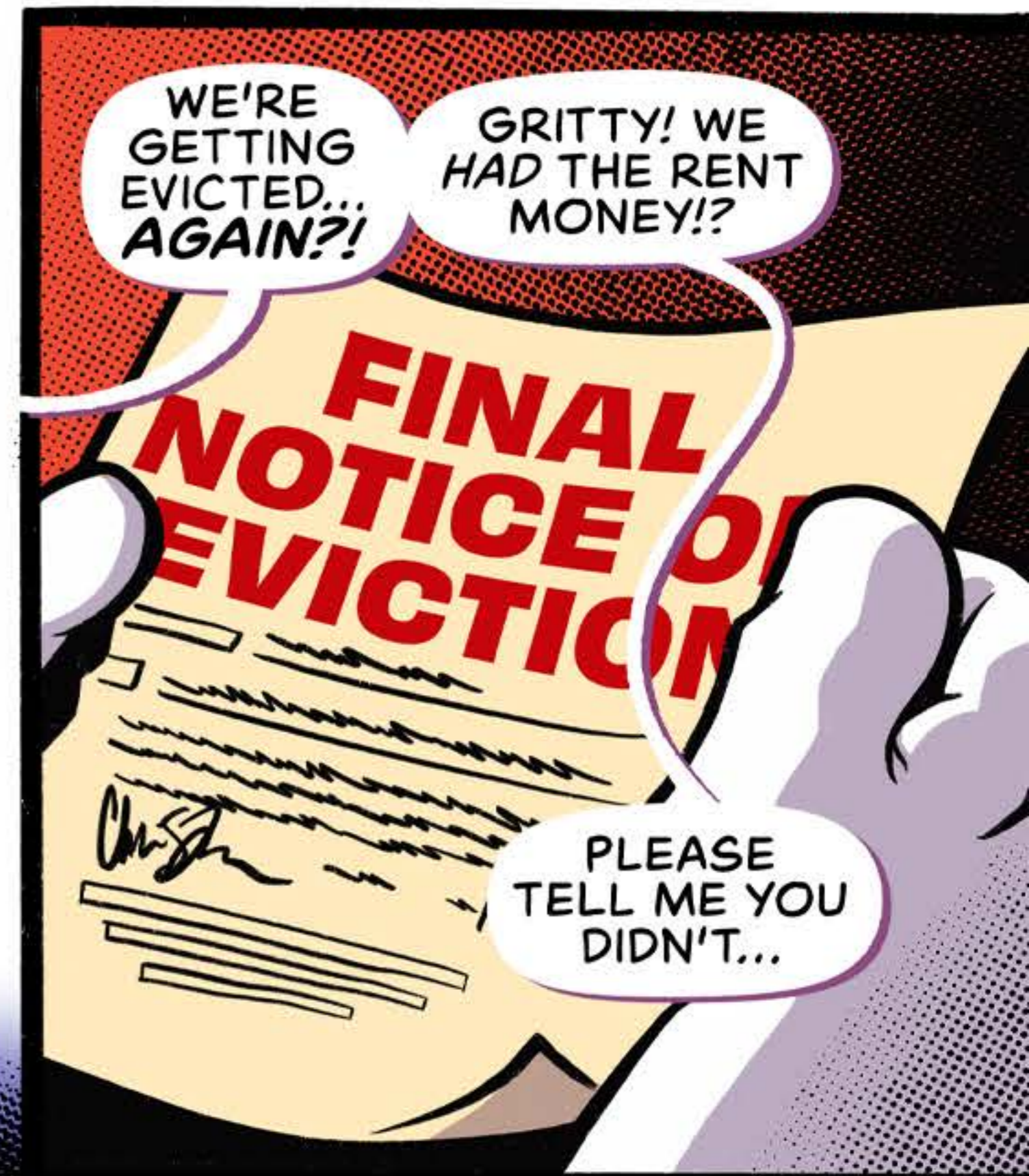


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FINAL NOTICE OF EVICTION



...OH, NO-NO-NO-NO-NO.



WE'RE GETTING EVICTED... **AGAIN?!**

GRITTY! WE HAD THE RENT MONEY!?

FINAL NOTICE OF EVICTION

PLEASE TELL ME YOU DIDN'T...

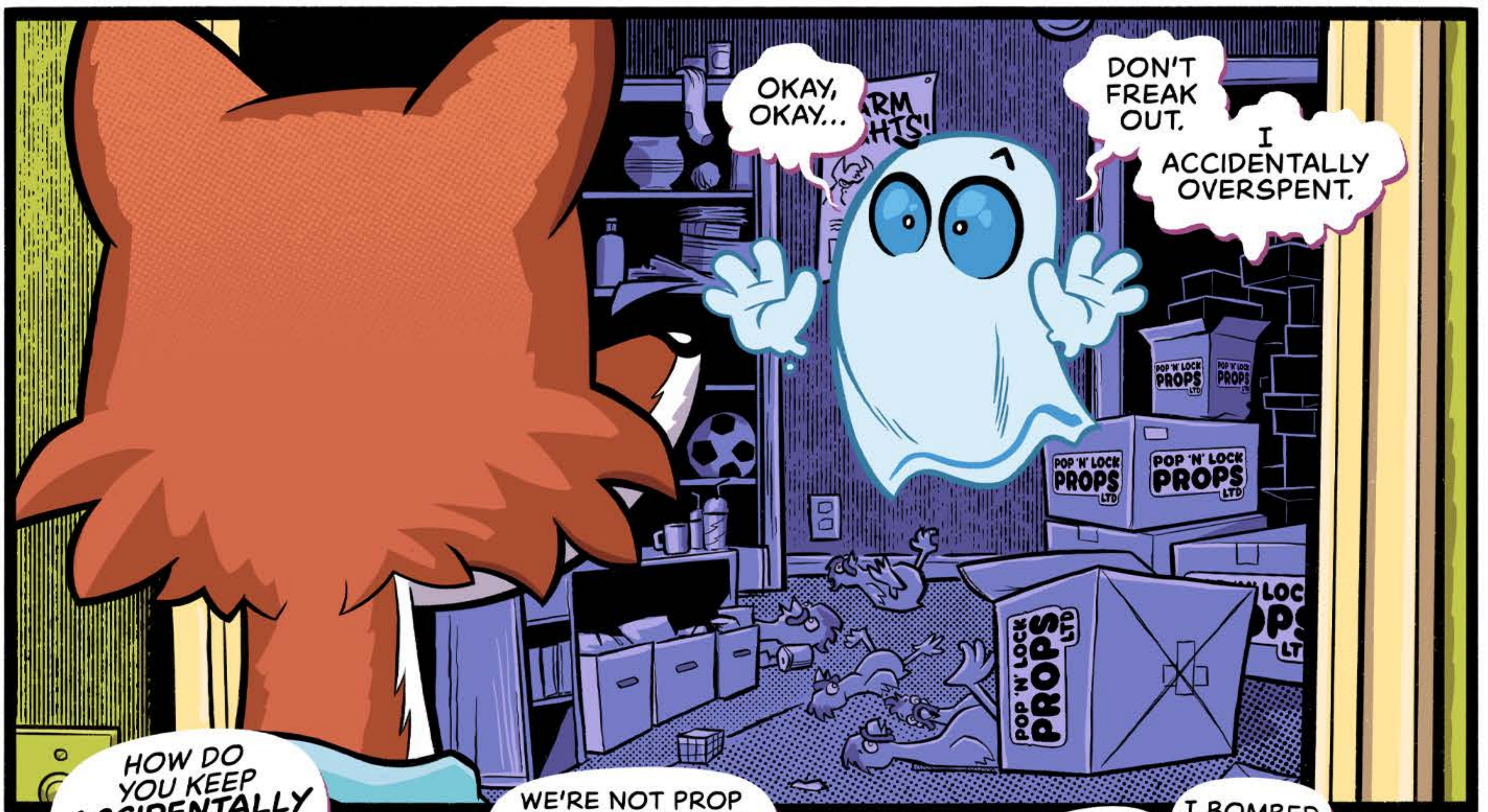


GRITTY? WE'RE GETTING EVICTED, MAN!

WELL...

TECHNICALLY...

YES.



OKAY, OKAY...

DON'T FREAK OUT.

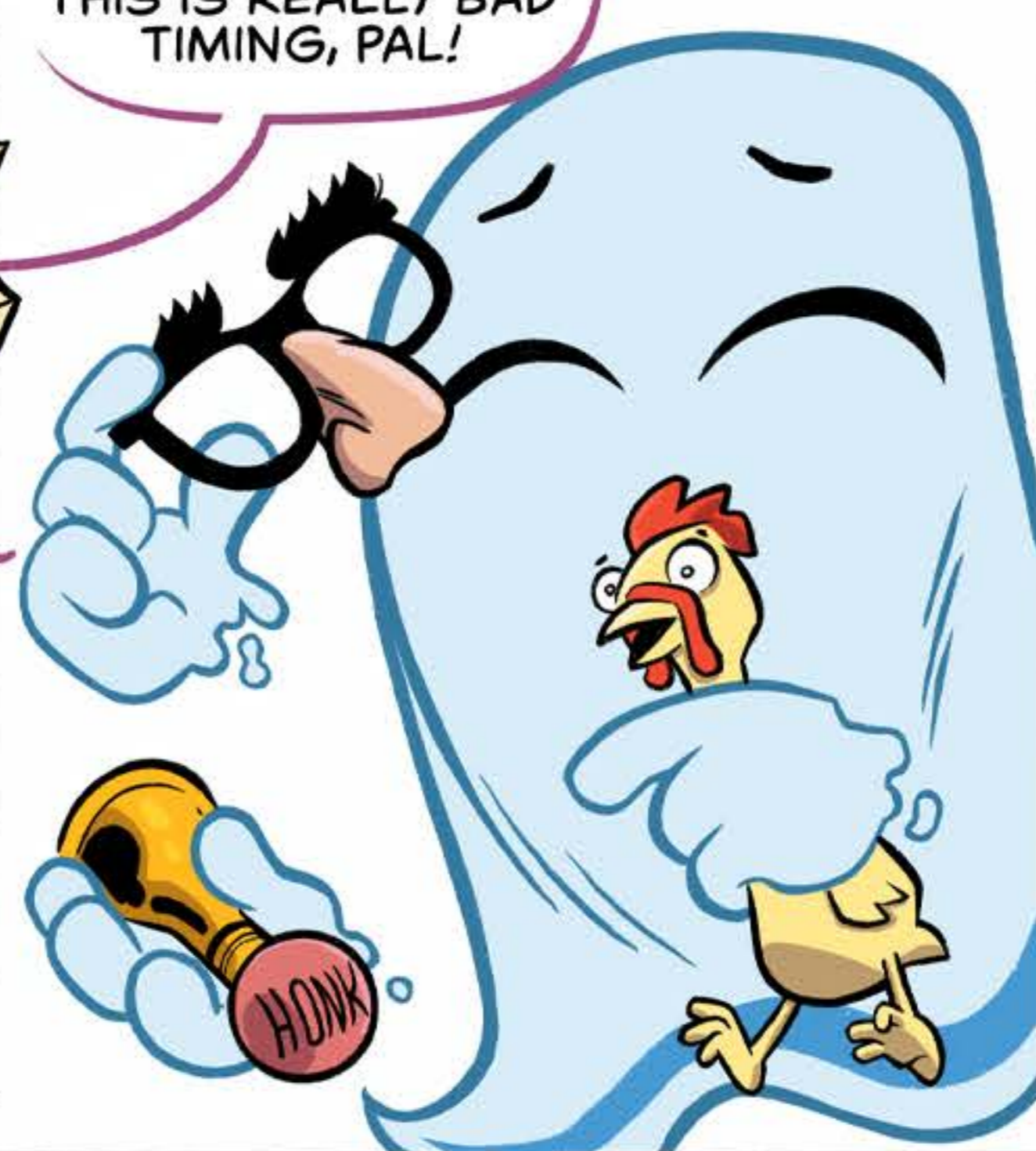
I ACCIDENTALLY OVERSPENT.



HOW DO YOU KEEP ACCIDENTALLY SPENDING OUR RENT?!

WE'RE NOT PROP COMEDIANS! AND THIS IS REALLY BAD TIMING, PAL!

I INVESTED IN OUR FUTURE! THIS IS PREMIUM COMEDY GEAR RIGHT HERE!



I GOT FIRED THIS MORNING.

I BOMBED TONIGHT.

AND NOW WE'RE GONNA BE HOMELESS.

I DON'T THINK I HAVE ENOUGH MONEY FOR DINNER.

SO ADD STARVING TO DEATH IN THE MIX.



HEY... WE'RE GONNA BE FINE!

LOOK, MAN, YOU ARE FUNNY. YOU JUST... YOU TRY TOO HARD TO BE FUNNY!

HEY! THAT'S WHAT SKIP JUST SAID!

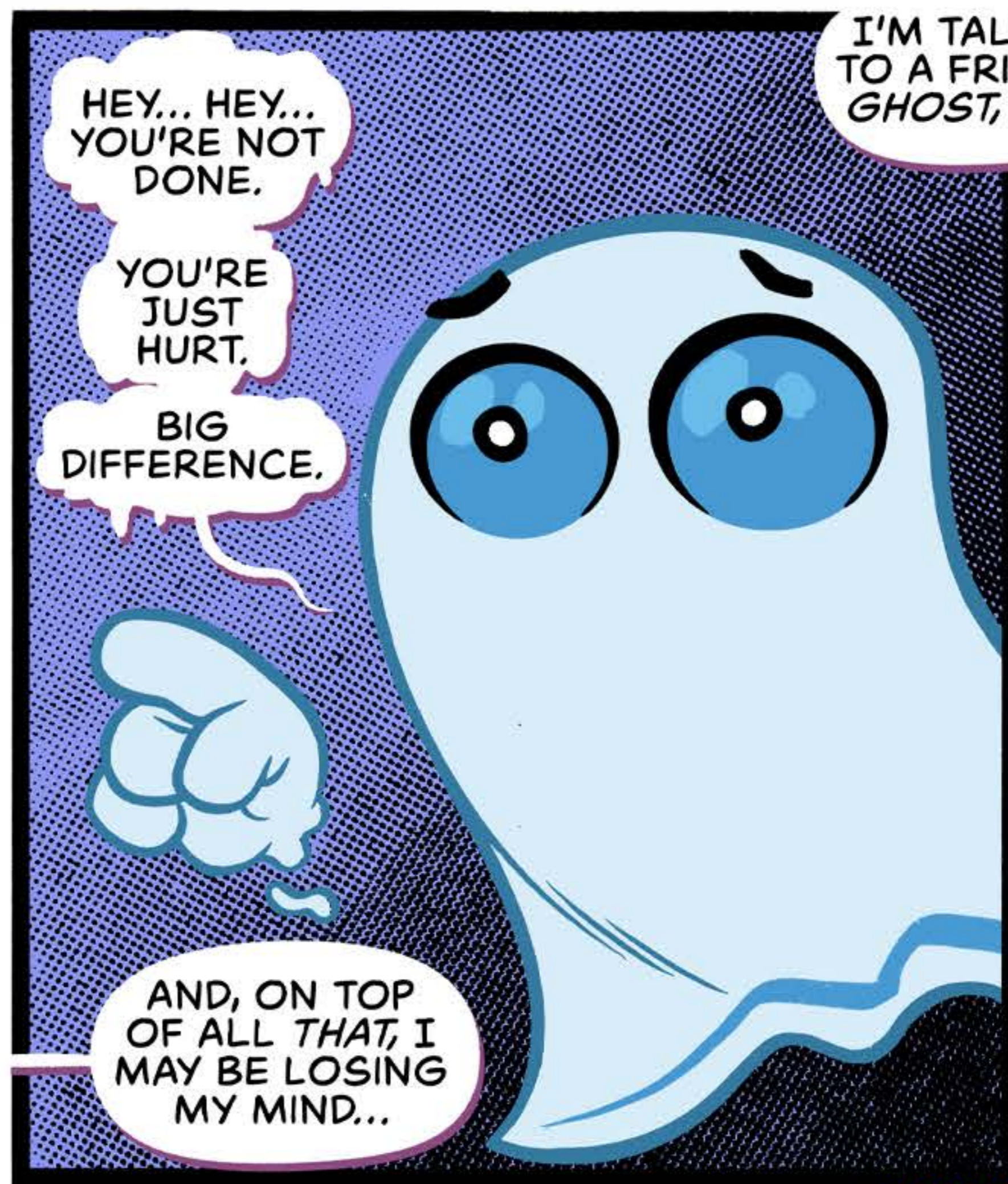


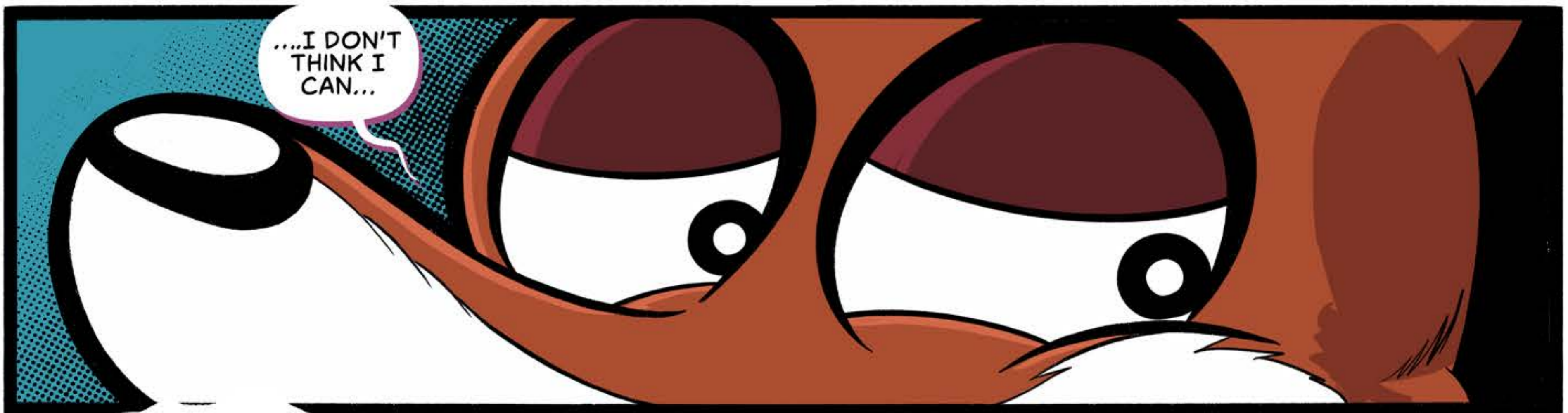
I DUNNO, MAN... MAYBE I SHOULD JUST QUIT THIS.

WHOA-NO. NO-NO-NO. WE'RE NOT DOING THAT SCENE.

AND DON'T COMPARE ME TO THAT LOSER, SKIP!

I DON'T TRUST THAT GUY!







YUP, I WAS THE ONLY ONE WHO GOT AWAY.

HUGE TRAGEDY.

BUT HEY, IT WAS **AGES** AGO...

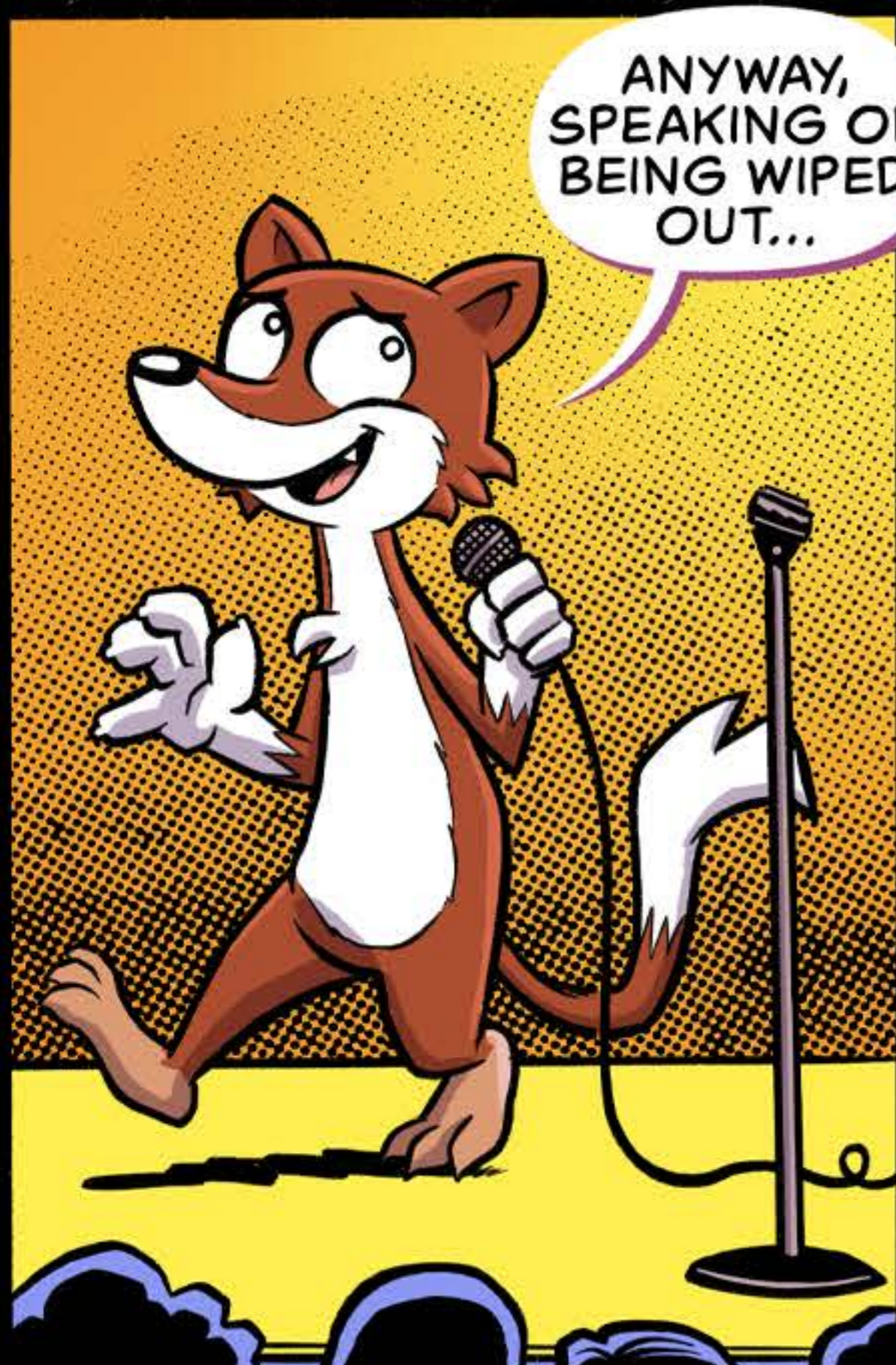
SO I GUESS NOW IT'S **HILARIOUS?**



AND **THAT'S** WHY I'M STEADFAST IN MY HATRED FOR SNAKES. NOT IRRATIONAL AT ALL. THAT'S **TRAUMA, BABY!**

YES! YOU GOT EM GOING!!

HA HA HA HA HA



ANYWAY, SPEAKING OF BEING WIPED OUT...



ANYONE HERE EVER BEEN FIRED?

SUCKS, RIGHT?

I GET FIRED A LOT.

I GOT FIRED THIS MORNING, ACTUALLY.

BUT HEY, BRIGHT SIDE?

IT HAPPENED **IN THE MORNING.**



GIVES ME A WHOLE DAY TO FIGURE IT OUT. OR PANIC.



HA HA HA HA HA

AND THEN I CAME HOME TO FIND AN EVICTION NOTICE ON MY DOOR!

SO I'M THINKIN'... NO JOB, NO RENT... WHAT WILL I EAT?

A LITTLE UNEMPLOYMENT FOR BREAKFAST...

A GAS STATION SNACK HEIST FOR DINNER.

HA HA HA



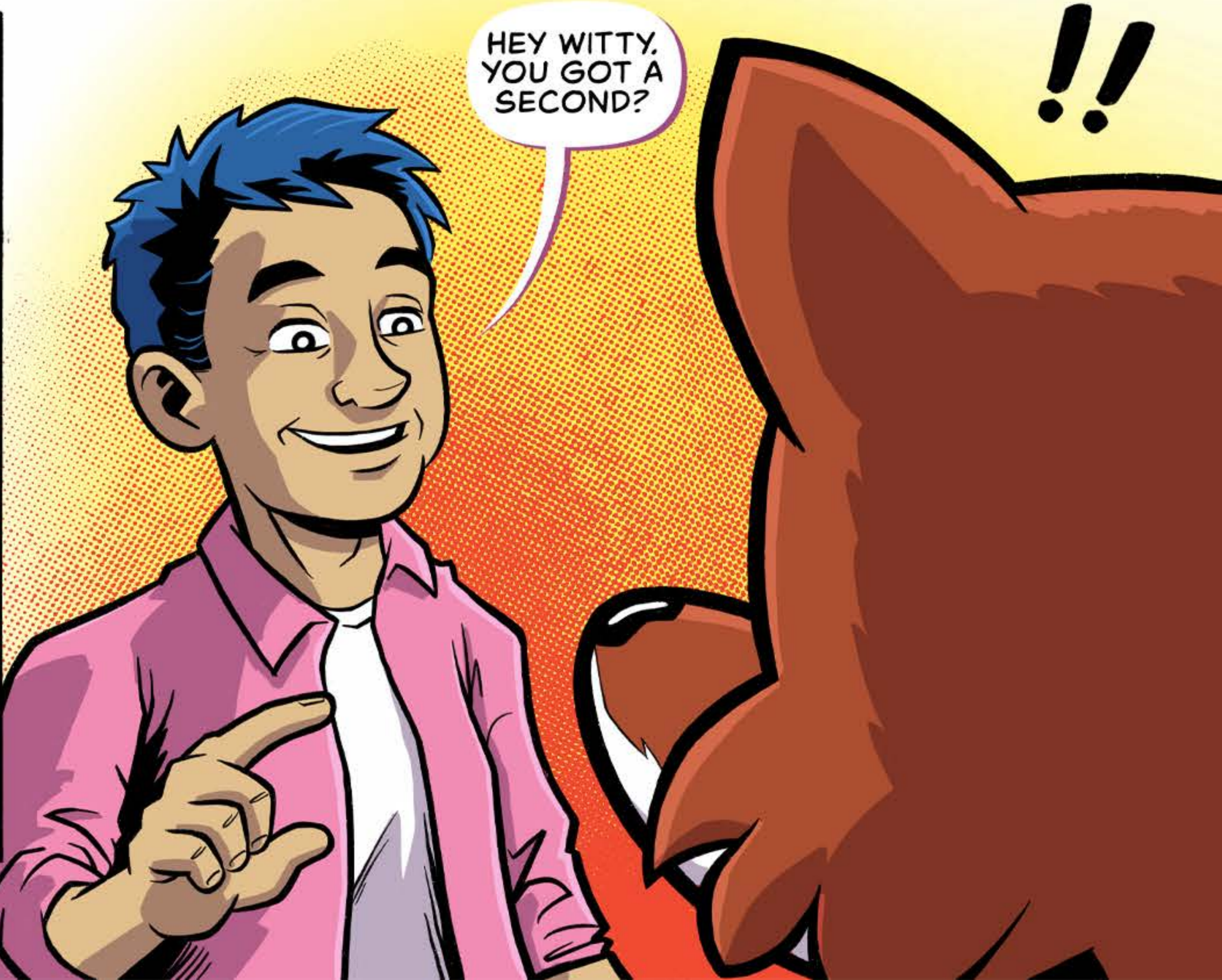
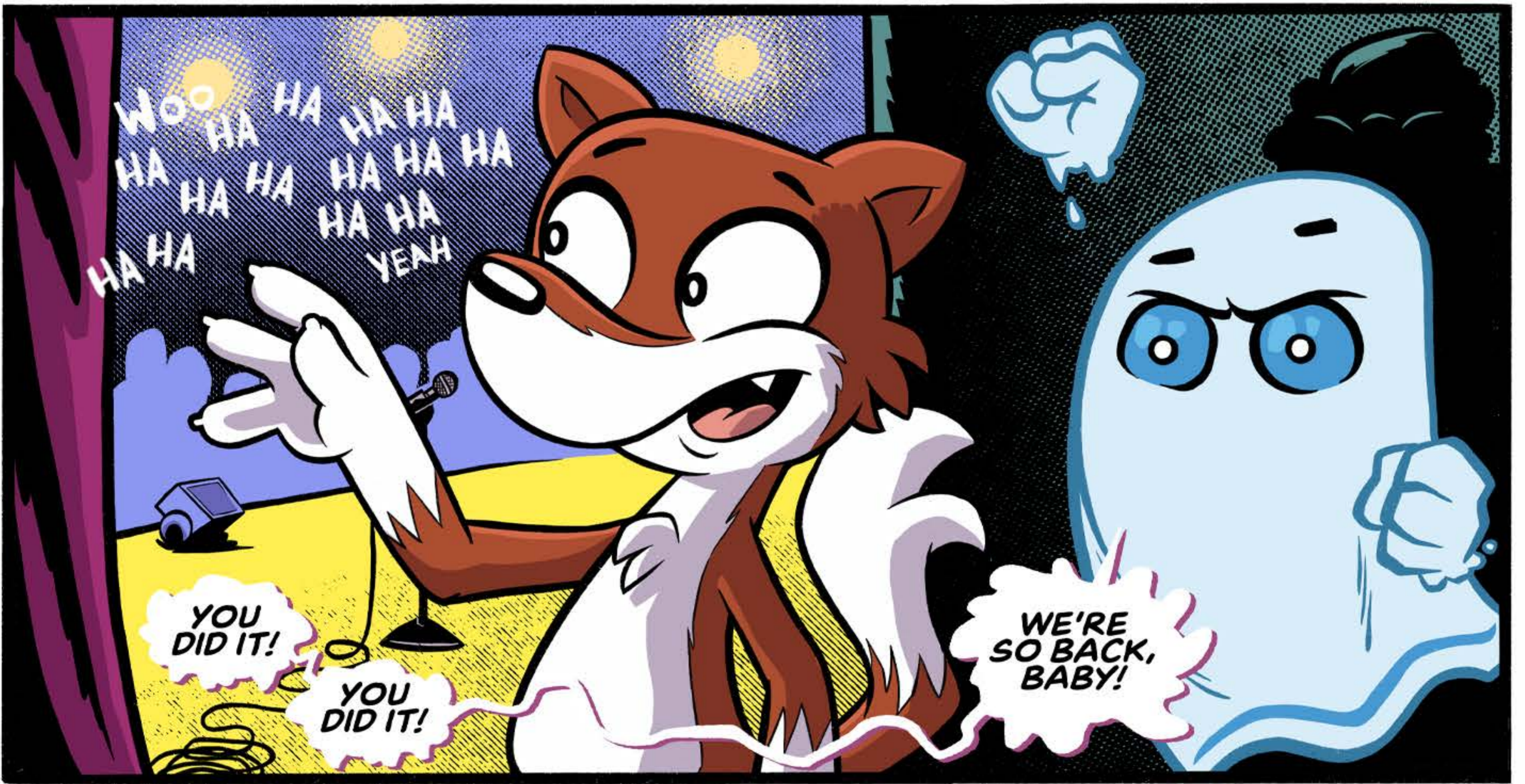
THAT'S RIGHT, EVERYONE. YOUR BOY WITTY IS HAVING A CAREER CHANGE...

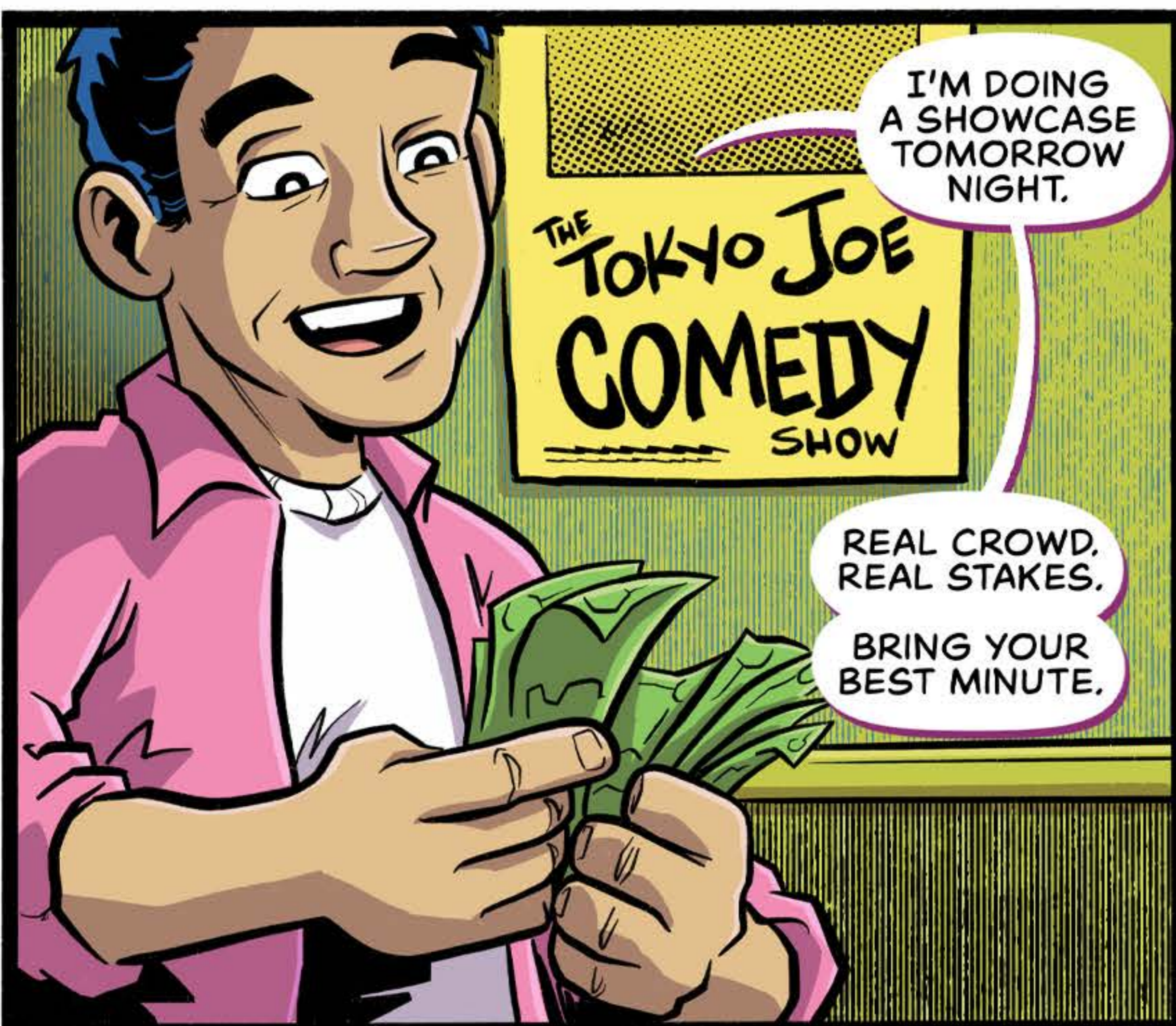
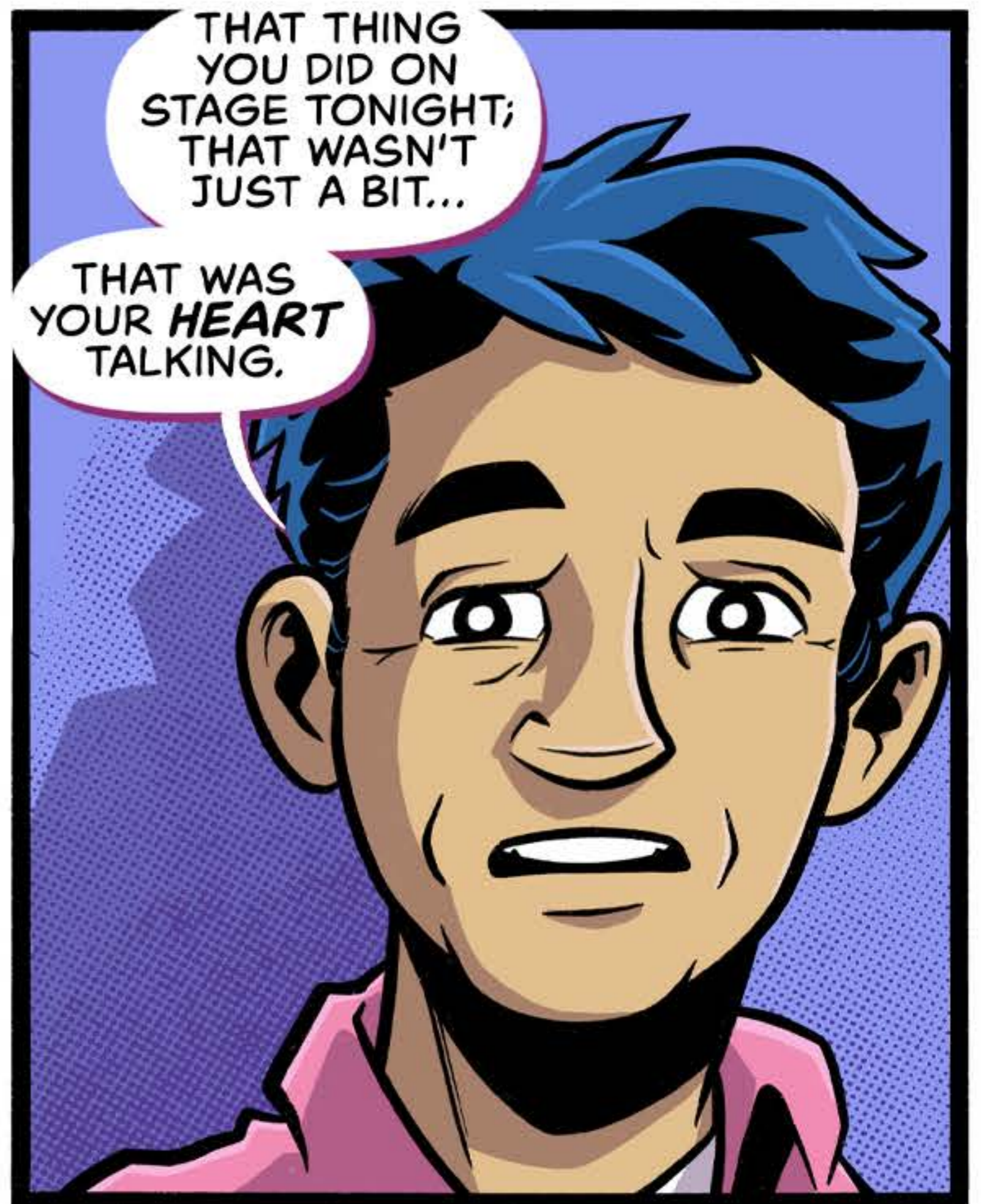
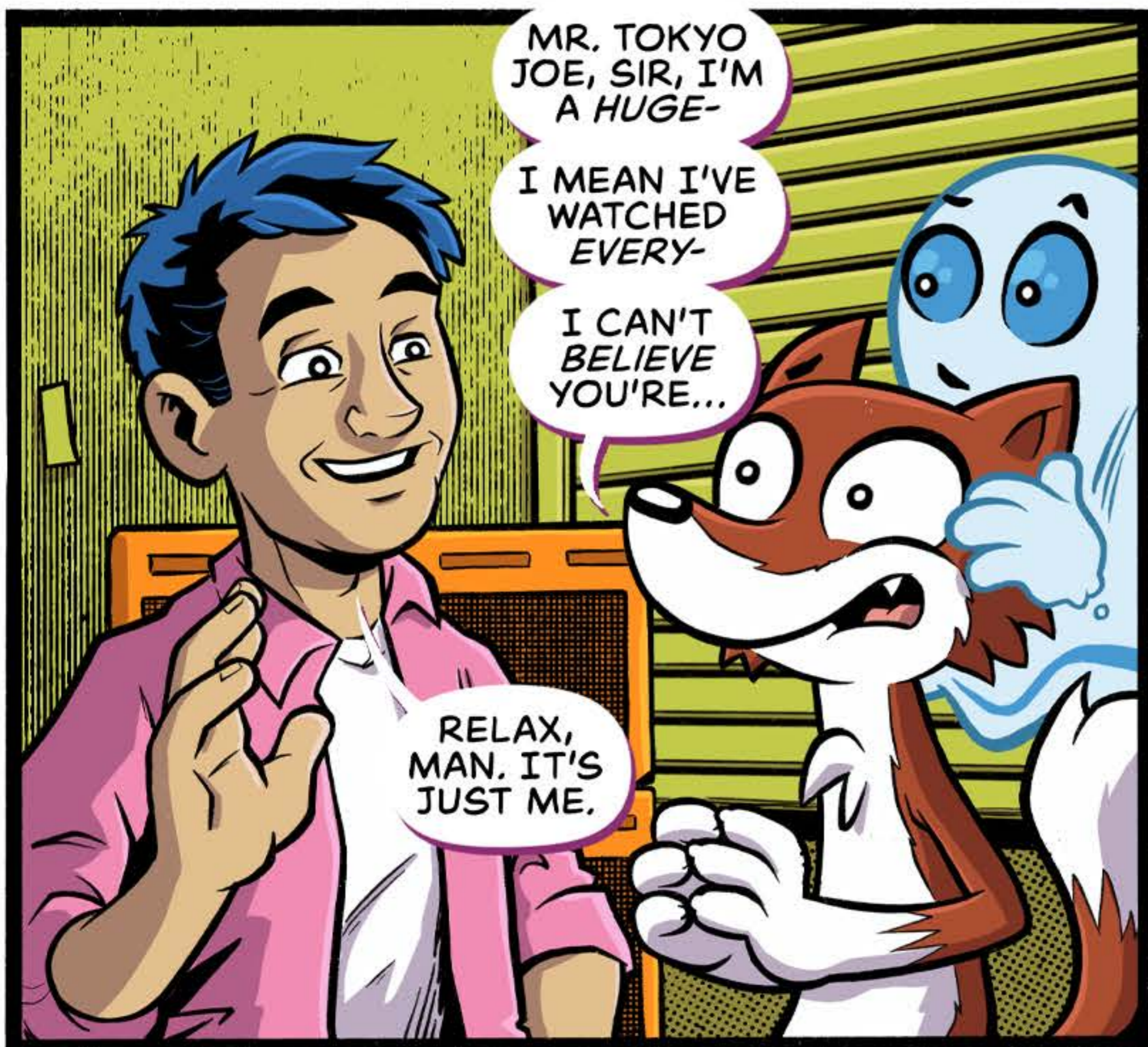
CAREER CRIMINAL. MY LIFE OF CRIME. THOUGHT I'D WORK MY WAY UP...

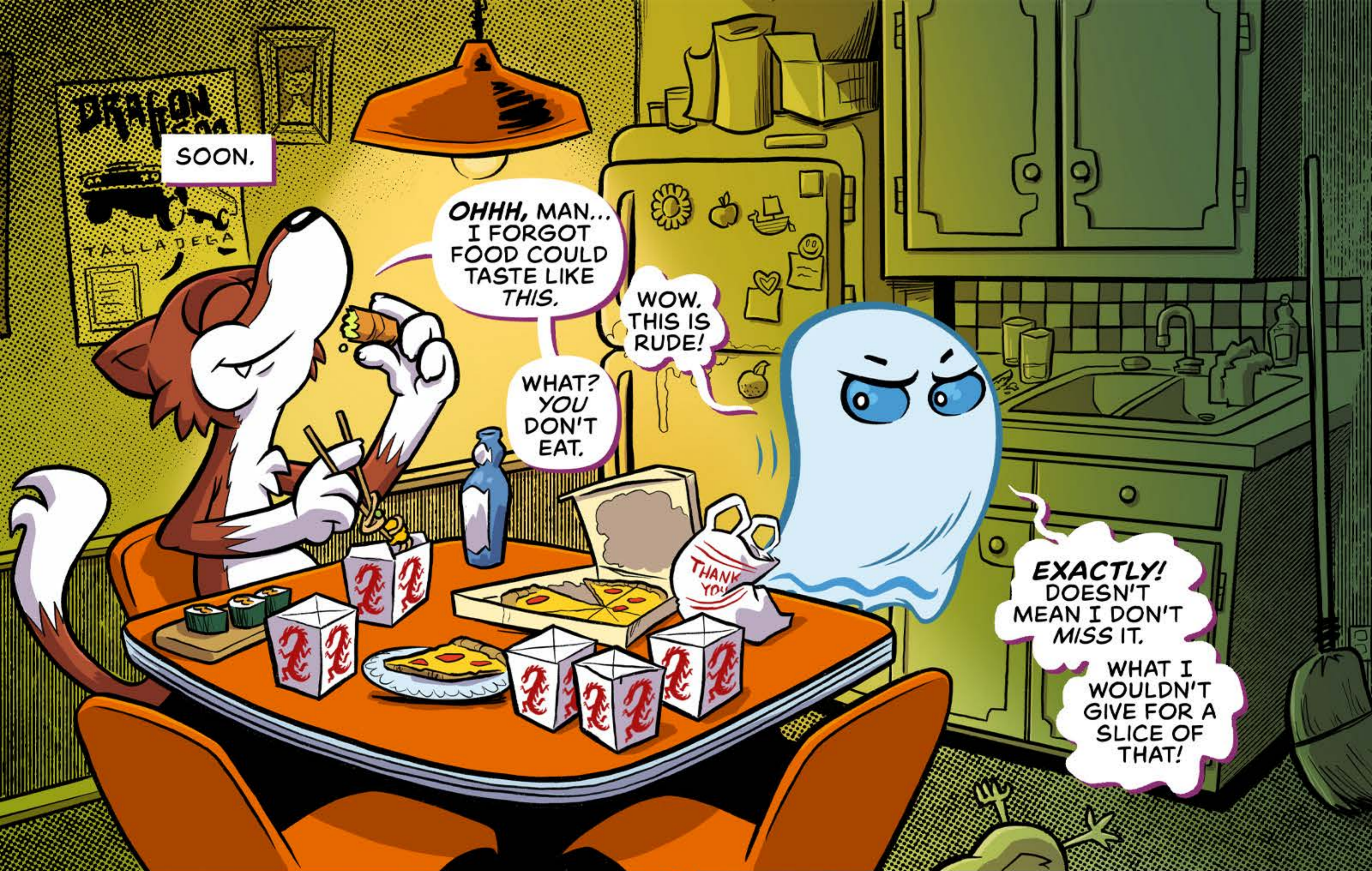
HA HA HA HA HA

HA HA HA

HA HA







SOON.

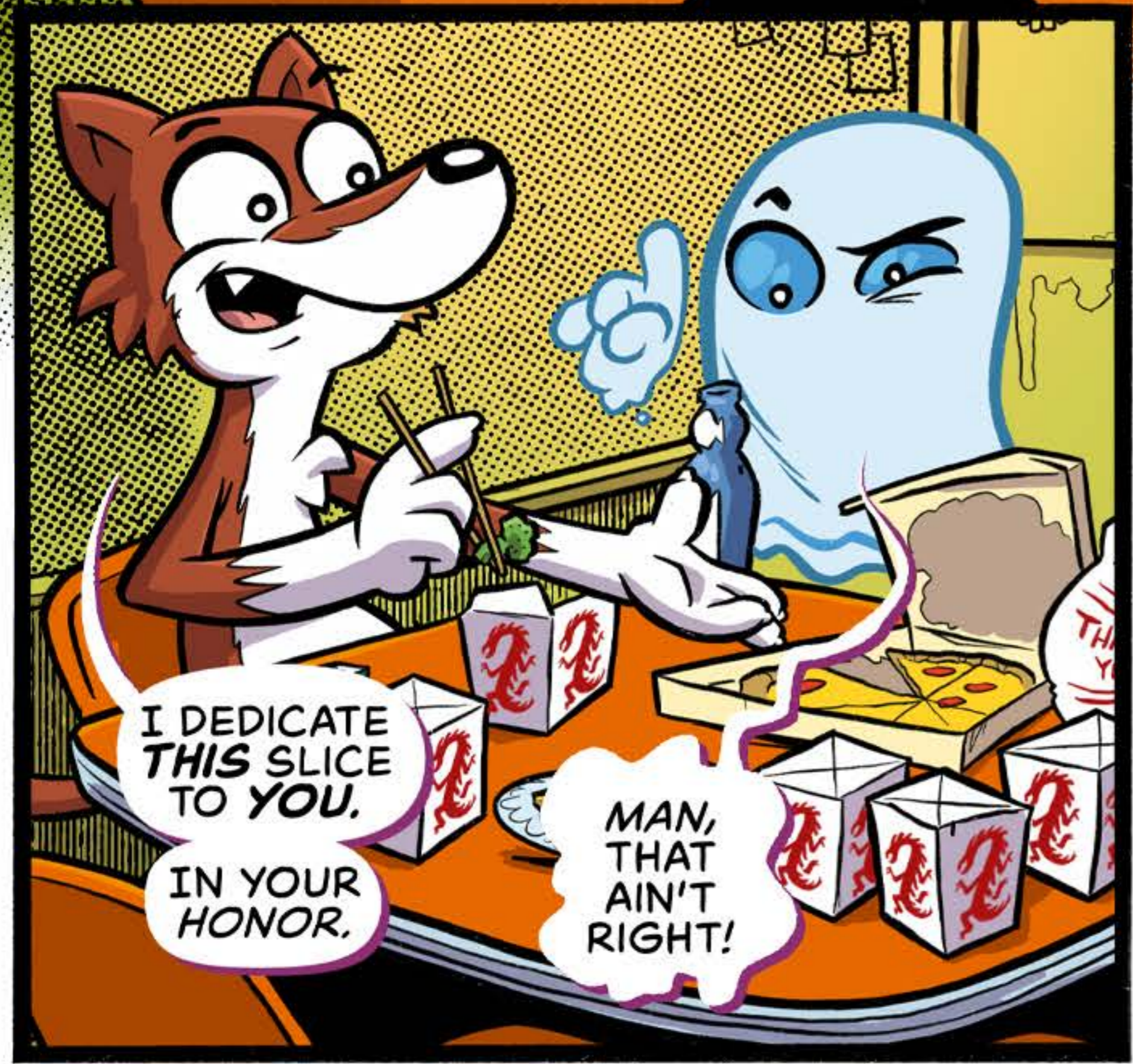
OHhh, MAN... I FORGOT FOOD COULD TASTE LIKE THIS.

WOW, THIS IS RUDE!

WHAT? YOU DON'T EAT.

EXACTLY! DOESN'T MEAN I DON'T MISS IT.

WHAT I WOULDN'T GIVE FOR A SLICE OF THAT!



I DEDICATE THIS SLICE TO YOU. IN YOUR HONOR.

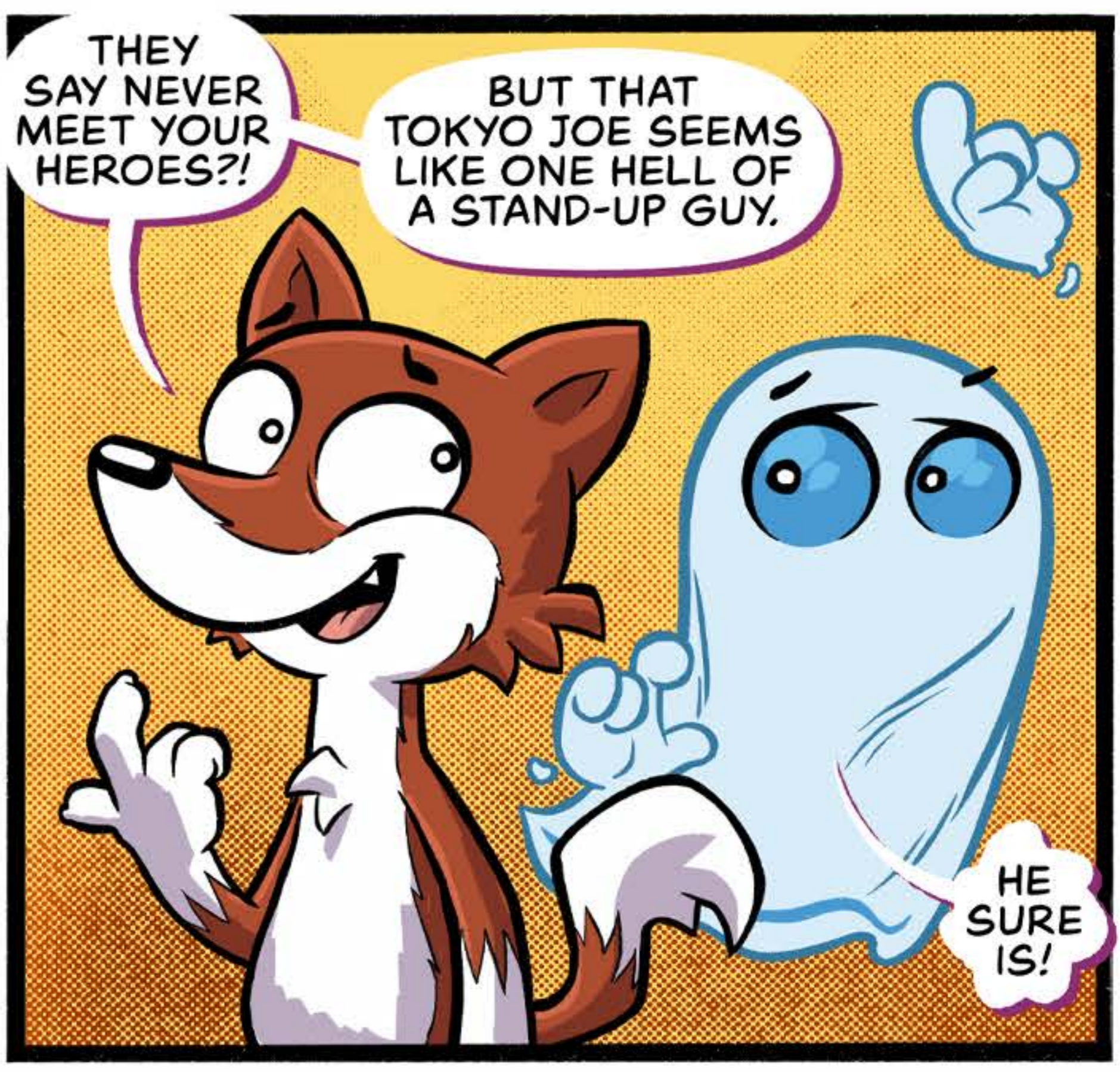
MAN, THAT AIN'T RIGHT!



YEEESH... I THOUGHT TODAY WAS GONNA END WITH ME SLEEPING IN THE CAR.



I NEVER THOUGHT IT'D END LIKE THIS.



THEY SAY NEVER MEET YOUR HEROES?!

BUT THAT TOKYO JOE SEEMS LIKE ONE HELL OF A STAND-UP GUY.

HE SURE IS!



SOMETHING FELT TOO FORCED ABOUT THIS SET, HERE...

Flow #1: Ever been FIRED?



I got FIRED this morning

LEAST- it was in the morning

DON'T WASTE MY DAY!

Employment -4- breakfast?

THEY USUALLY make u wrk. All DAY 1st

I'D RATHER NOT!!

Insubordi- Nation for dinner

YOU'RE RIGHT! I DIDN'T EVEN NOTICE I DIDN'T SAY IT LAST TIME.

THAT MEANS IT WASN'T NECESSARY. FELT LIKE FILLER.

Flow #2: [THIS WORKED!!] COMEDIC BOOGALOO friend told me the secret Recipe 4 Comedy

Tragedy + Time COMEDY!

Let me COOK!

Family Killed by SNAKES

TRAGIC / - happen AGES ago - so NOW HILARIOUS!

segue to

TRAUMA, BABY!

Life of CRIME

speaking of being wiped out.

YEAH, THIS WAY HERE REALLY FELT RIGHT.

I THINK I HAVE AN IDEA FOR A FINAL LINE HERE...

WHAT IS IT?

IT'S A SURPRISE!! WAIT FOR THE SHOW!





IN EVERY LIFE, THERE ARE MOMENTS THAT CHANGE YOUR TRAJECTORY.

WHERE ALL THE HARD WORK, THE TRIALS AND TRIBULATIONS...

THEY FEEL LIKE THEY'RE ABOUT TO FINALLY PAY OFF.

IT NEVER USUALLY HAPPENS HOW YOU IMAGINED IT TO BE... BUT HOW IT NEEDED TO BE.

IT WILL NOT HAPPEN ON ITS OWN.

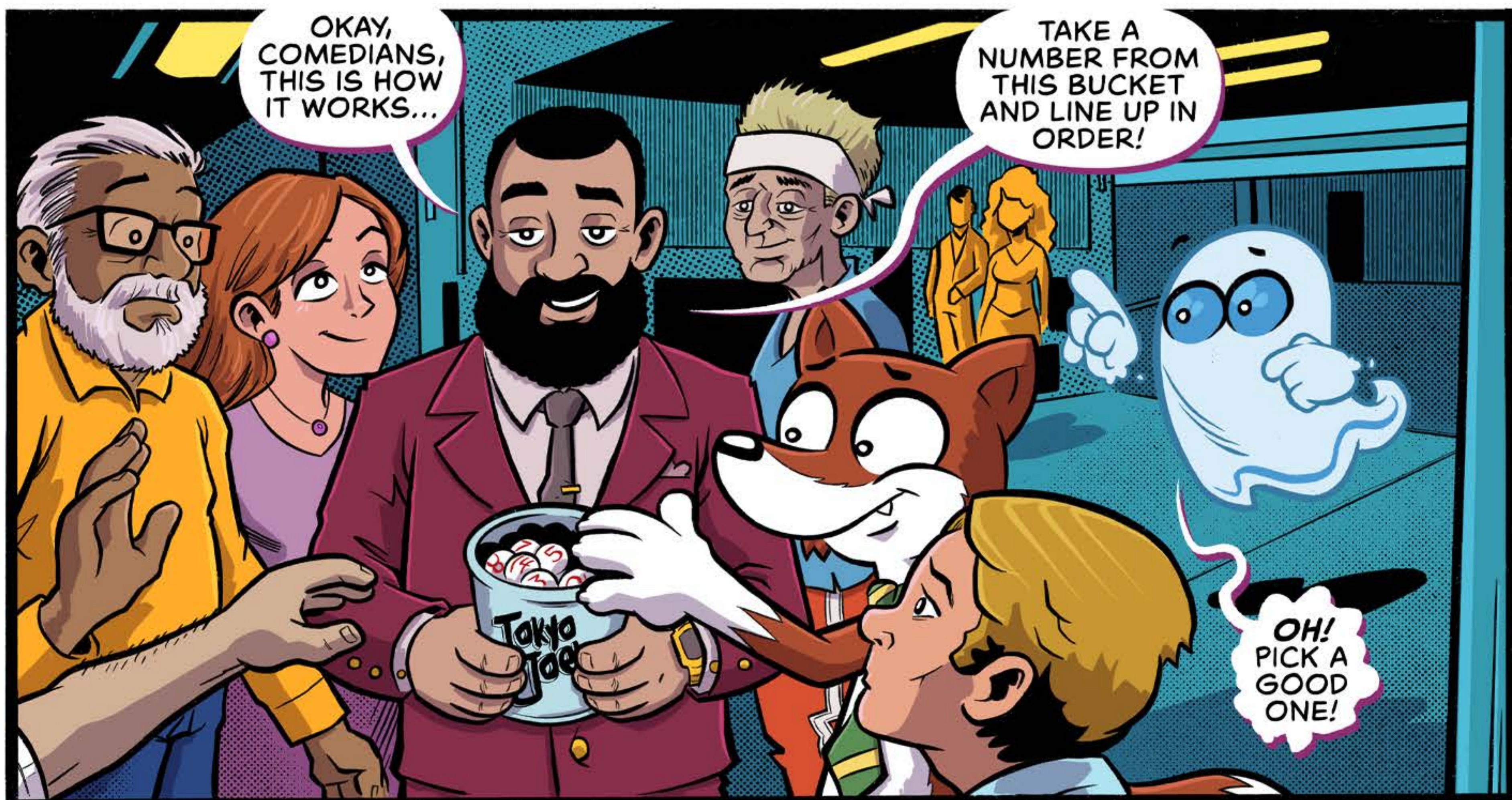


YOU CANNOT SIT IDLY BY.

YOU MUST **STAND UP** AND BE SEEN.



TONIGHT IS WITTY'S MOMENT.



OKAY, COMEDIANS, THIS IS HOW IT WORKS...

TAKE A NUMBER FROM THIS BUCKET AND LINE UP IN ORDER!

OH! PICK A GOOD ONE!



WHEN YOUR NAME IS CALLED, GO UP AND DO YOUR SET.

WHEN THE LIGHT TURNS YELLOW, WRAP IT UP!

IF AT ANY TIME, IT TURNS RED, YOU IMMEDIATELY GET OFF THE STAGE OR A TRAP DOOR WILL OPEN AND SHOOT YOU INTO THE BASEMENT!

WHOA! REALLY!?



IT WAS A JOKE, WITTY! LIGHTEN UP, PAL!

LOOKS LIKE I'M OPENING FOR YOU!

SKIP! YOU'RE DOING A SET?! THAT'S GREAT!



MAKING A COMEBACK?

SOMETHING LIKE THAT, PAL.



I GOT FIRED THIS MORNING, ACTUALLY

I GUESS I'M GLAD IT HAPPENED EARLY IN THE DAY?

UNEMPLOYMENT... FOR BREAKFAST.

MAN... I THOUGHT THAT GUY WAS MY FRIEND...

SCREW THAT GUY! YOU GOTTA CONFRONT HIM!

SONNUVA!

I KNEW I DIDN'T LIKE THAT GUY!



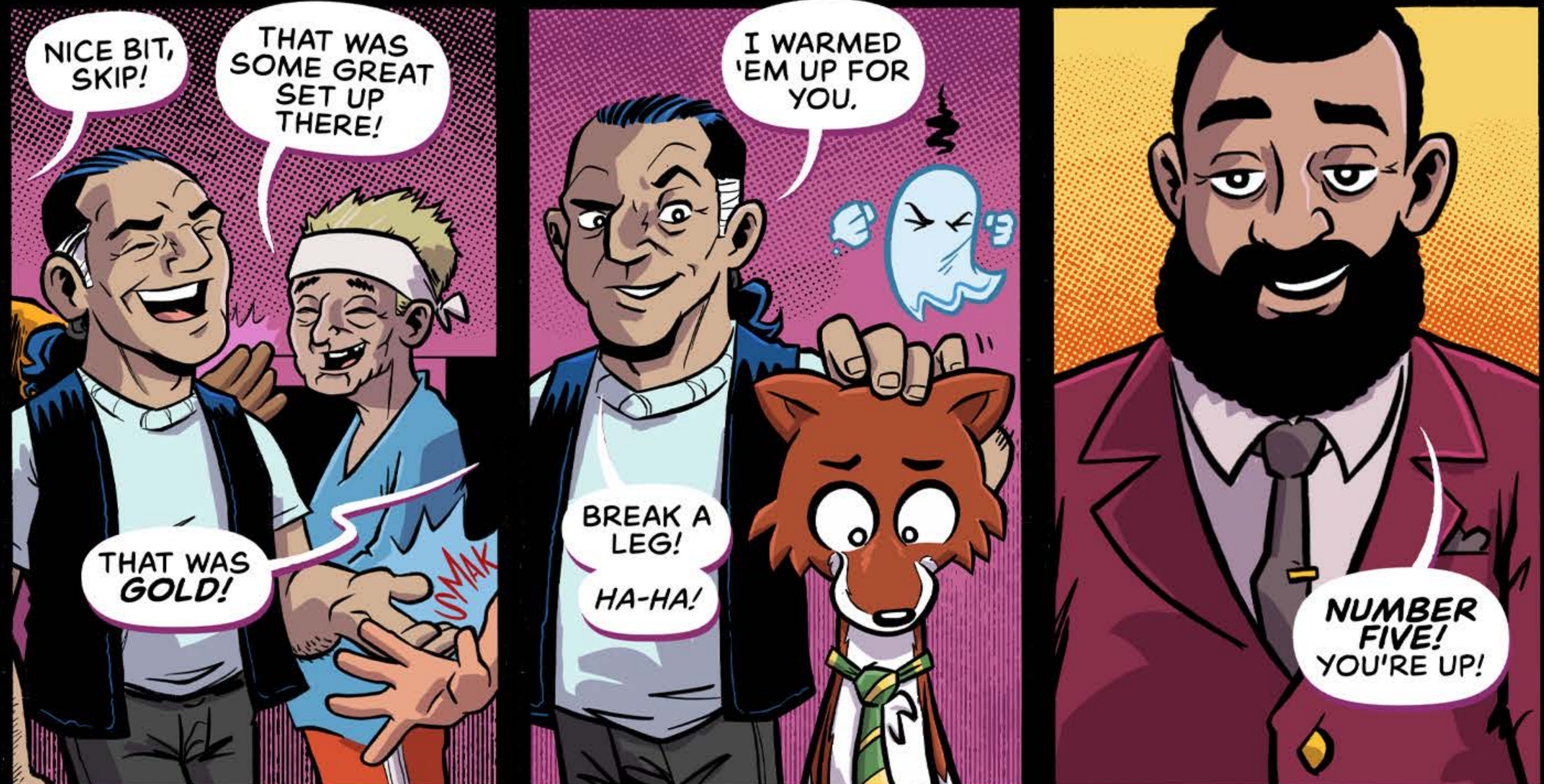
WHAT GOOD WILL IT DO? THIS ALL FEELS LIKE A BIG JOKE...

I BET THAT JERK RUNS THE OPEN MIC AT HIS BAR TO STEAL JOKES!

WE GOTTA STOP HIM!!

AND SO I SAY, "I'D RATHER NOT..."

AND THE JOKE'S ON ME, I GUESS...



NICE BIT, SKIP!

THAT WAS SOME GREAT SET UP THERE!

THAT WAS GOLD!

I WARMED 'EM UP FOR YOU.

BREAK A LEG!
HA-HA!

NUMBER FIVE!
YOU'RE UP!



MY FRIEND... UHM...
MY FRIEND, HE...

HEH...

*CHUCKLE



SO, MY FRIEND TOLD ME THE SECRET RECIPE FOR COMEDY...



YOU WANNA HEAR IT?

TELL US!

YEAH!

WHAT'S THE SECRET, #5?



WELL, I'D LOVE TO TELL YOU ALL, BUT I'M AFRAID MAYBE THERE'S A JOKE THIEF AMONGST US...

YEAH! GET EM!!

YEAH. SO, FUNNY STORY. YESTERDAY, I WAS DOING A SET AT A DIVE BAR DOWN THE STREET. YOU MIGHT KNOW IT.



AND AS IT TURNS OUT... THE BARTENDER THERE WAS STEALING JOKES...

AND THEN PASSING THEM OFF AS HIS OWN. CAN YOU BELIEVE THAT?

No Way!

THAT'S LAME!



SO I HAD SOME JOKES TO BRING TONIGHT, BUT LOOKS LIKE THEY WERE STOLEN!

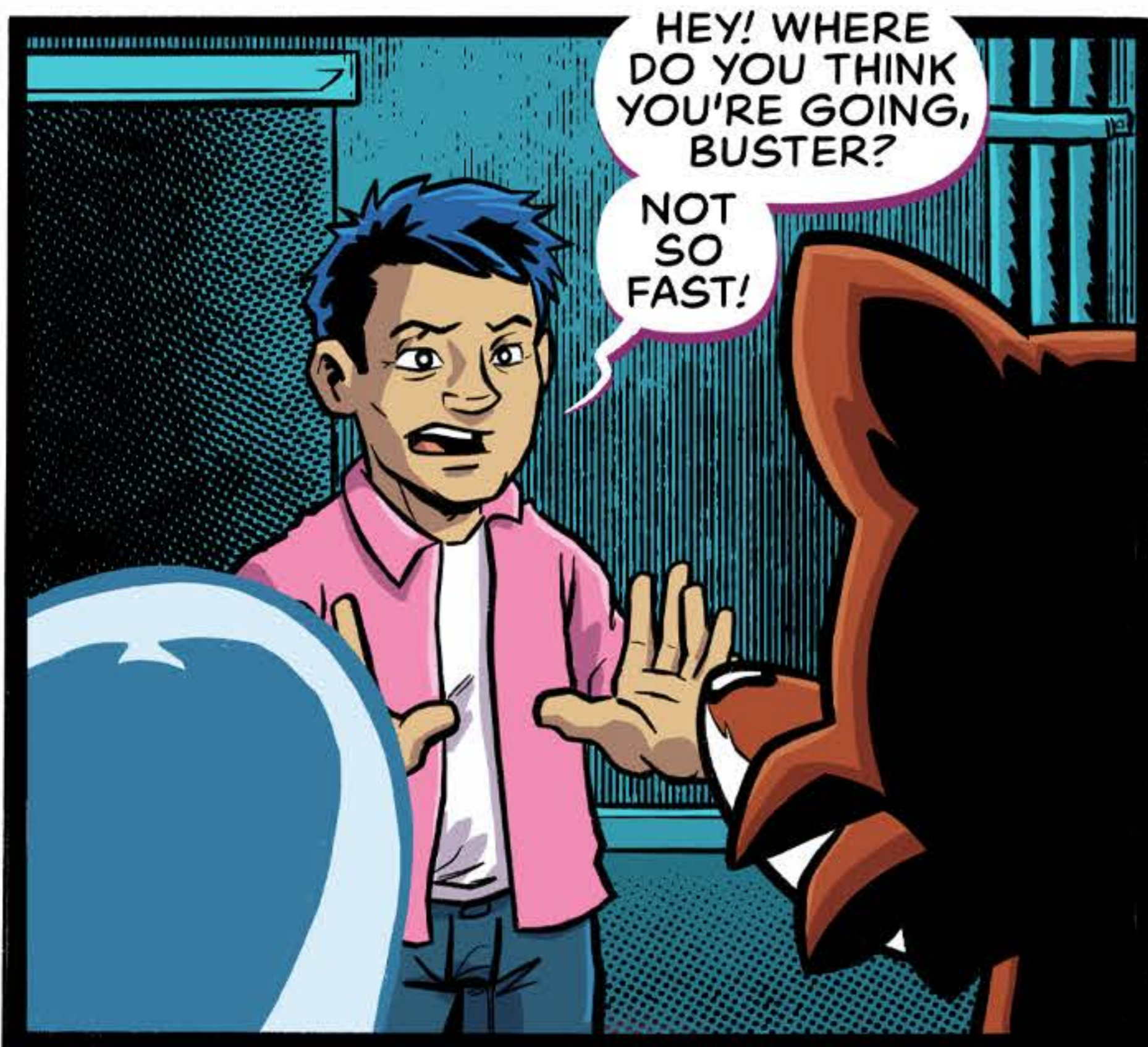
I DON'T KNOW WHERE THEY ARE...

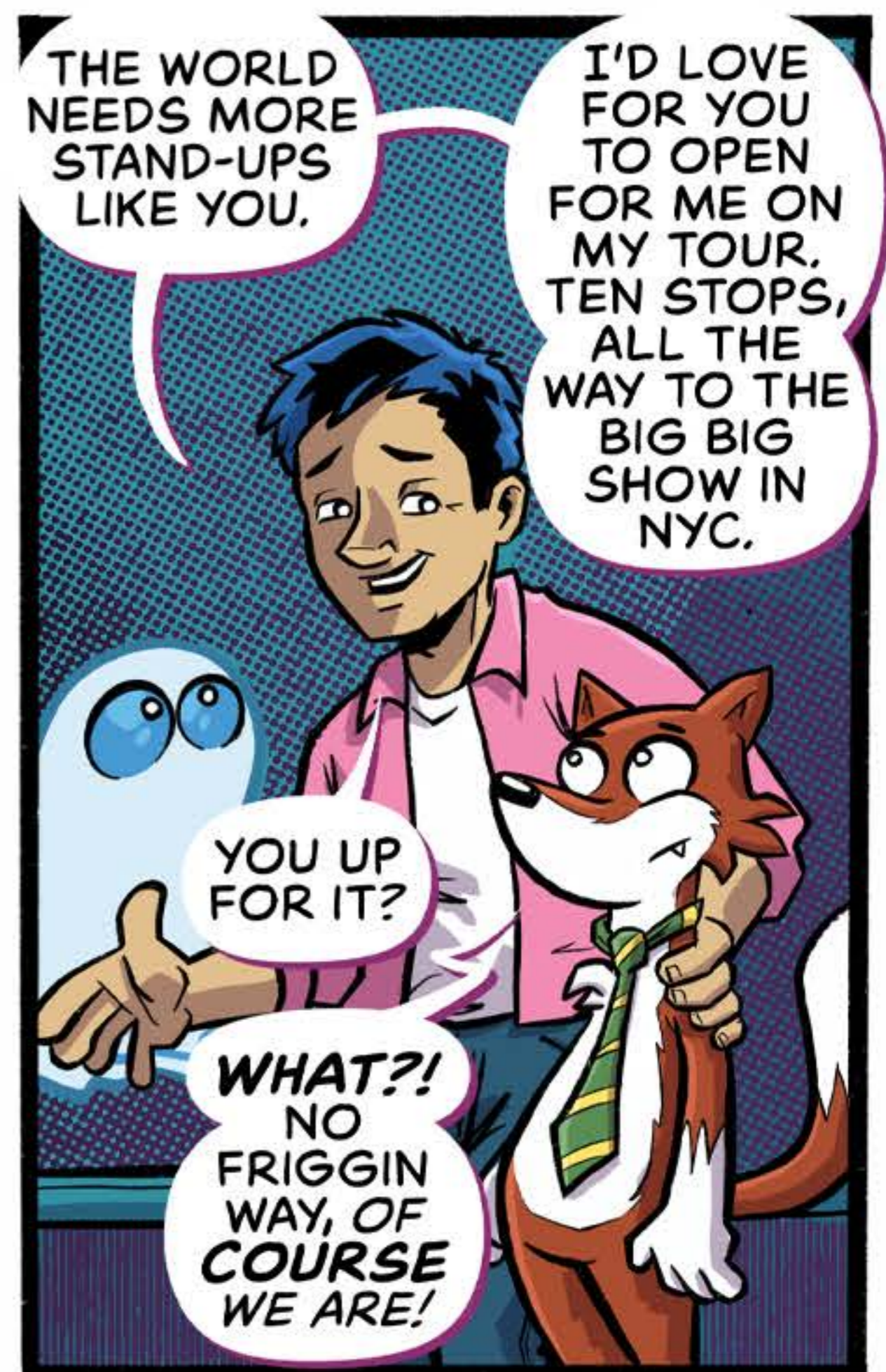
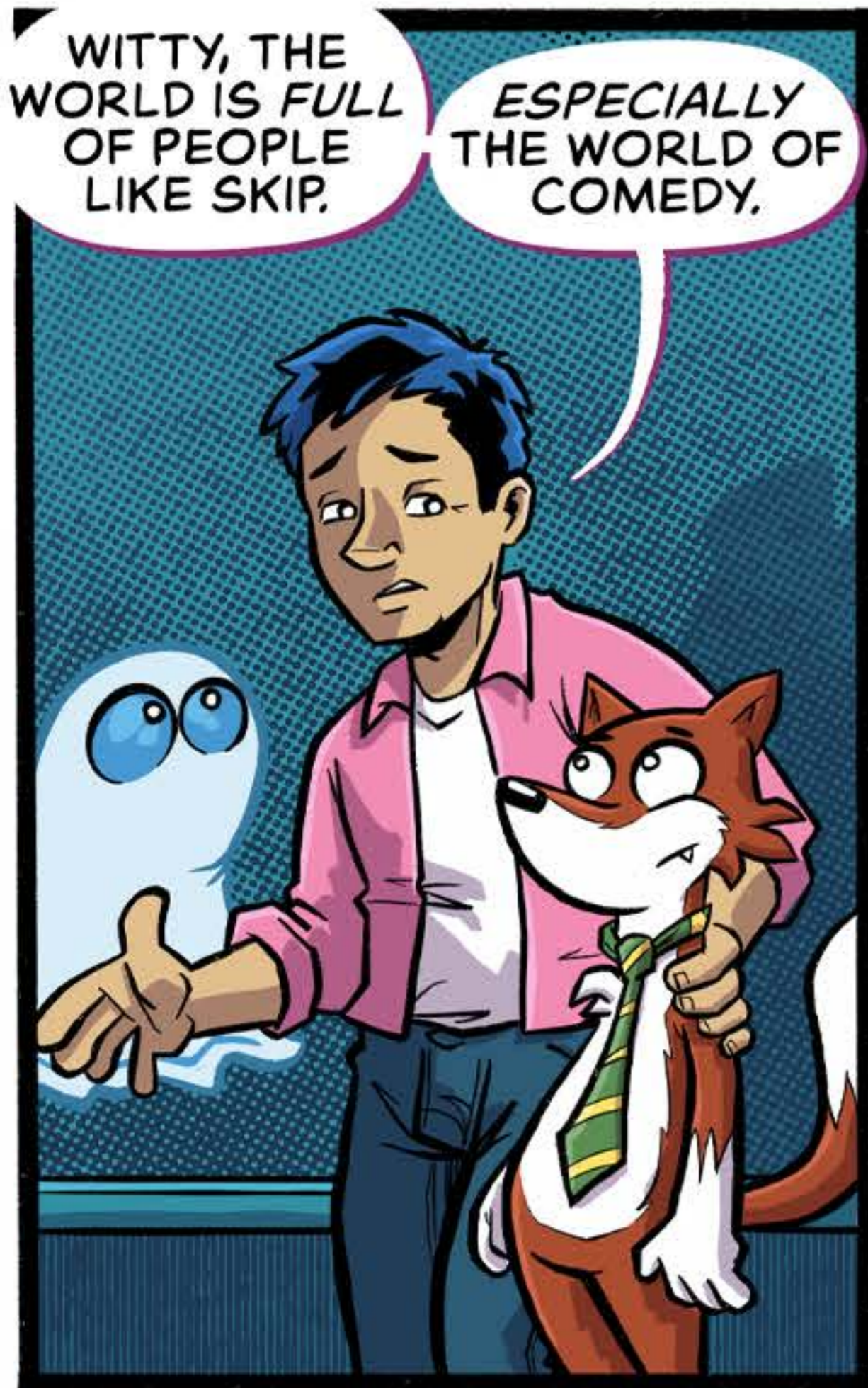
ANYONE SEEN ANY JOKES LAYING AROUND?



Y'KNOW, THAT GOT ME THINKING...

IS THERE A JAIL FOR JOKE THIEFS?







WE RIDE AT
DAWN, BOYS!
DON'T BE
LATE.

FIRST STOP
ON THE TOUR IS
DOWN I-90 TO
**MONSTER
COMEDY** IN
GARY, INDIANA.

GARY,
INDIANA?
YEESH!

GOTTA
START
SOME-
WHERE!

POP 'N' LOCK
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Tony Joe's BIG BIG TOUR

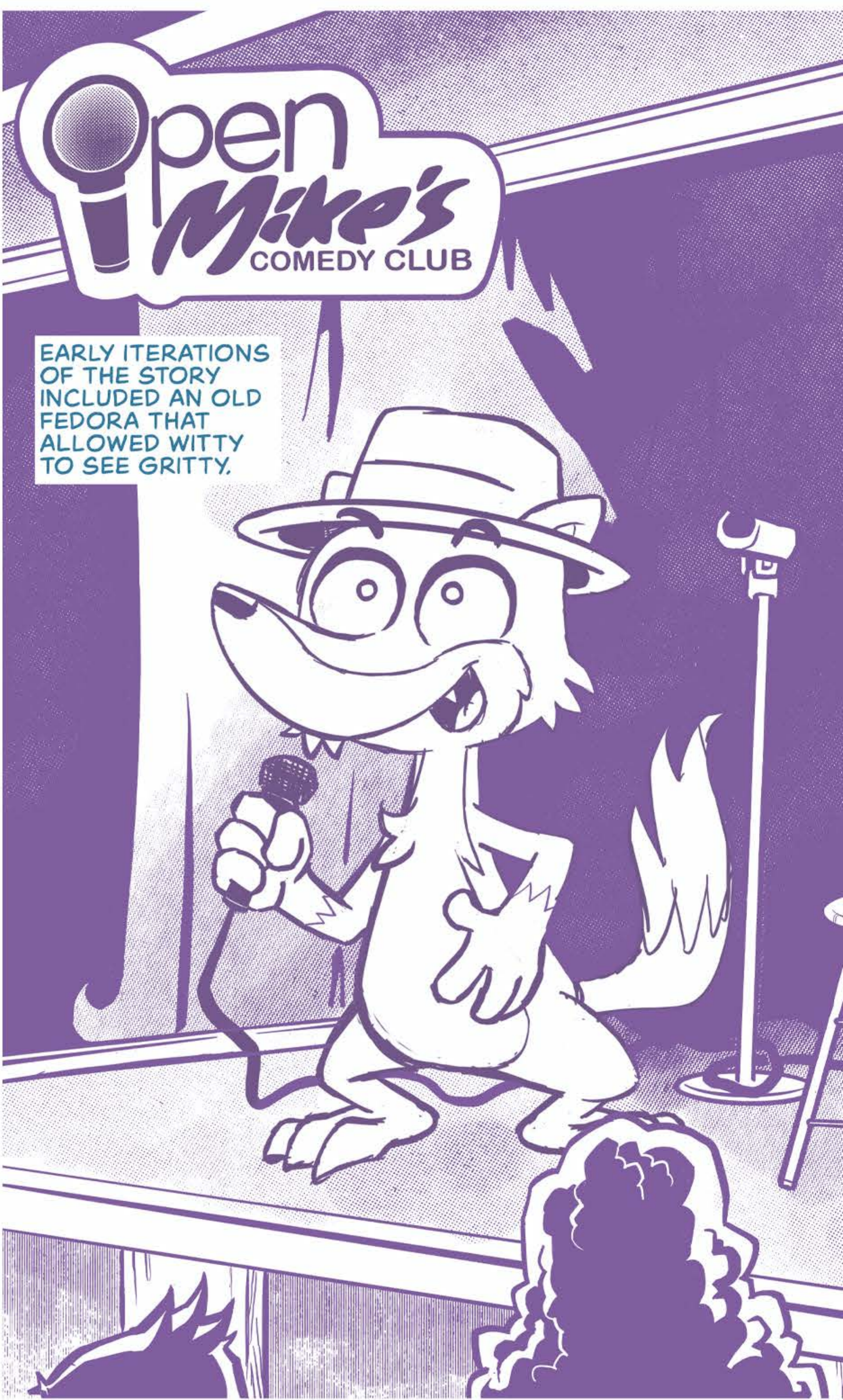


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- GARY, INDIANA - MONSTER COMEDY
- DETROIT, MICHIGAN - EIGHT MILE IMPROV
- TOLEDO, OHIO - HOLY TOLEDO'S!
- COLUMBUS, OHIO - THE LAUGH ATTIC
- CLEVELAND, OHIO - SUPER COMEDY SHOWCASE
- PITTSBURGH, PA - STEEL LAFFIN'
- BALTIMORE, MD - FUNNY FEATHER'S
- PHILADELPHIA - LAUGH FREE OR DIE!
- FLEMINGTON, NEW JERSEY - THE FLAMING FLAME
- NEW YORK CITY - THE BIG BIG SHOW!

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ONE CHARACTER AT A TIME.



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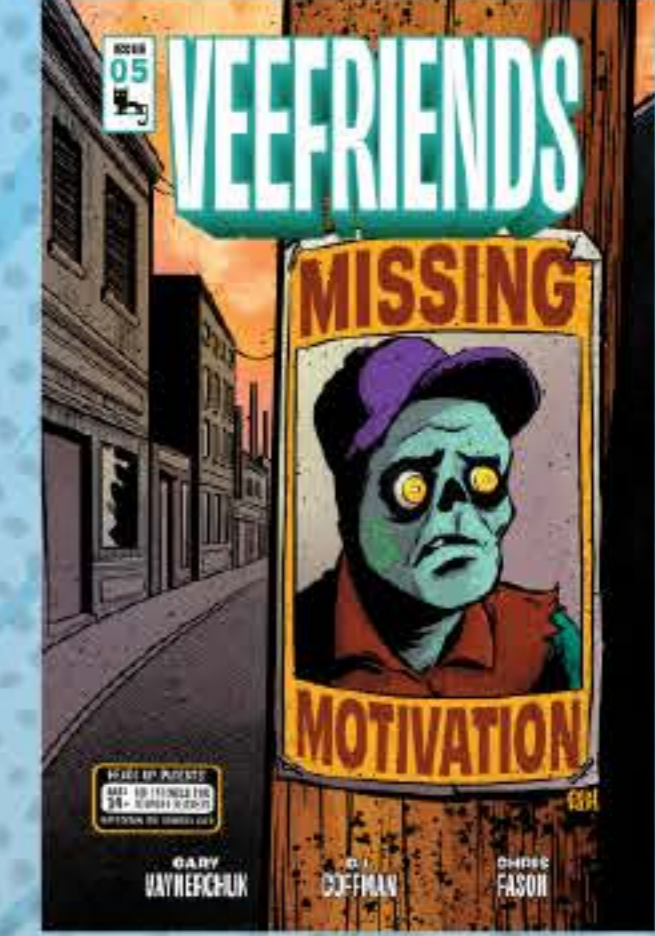
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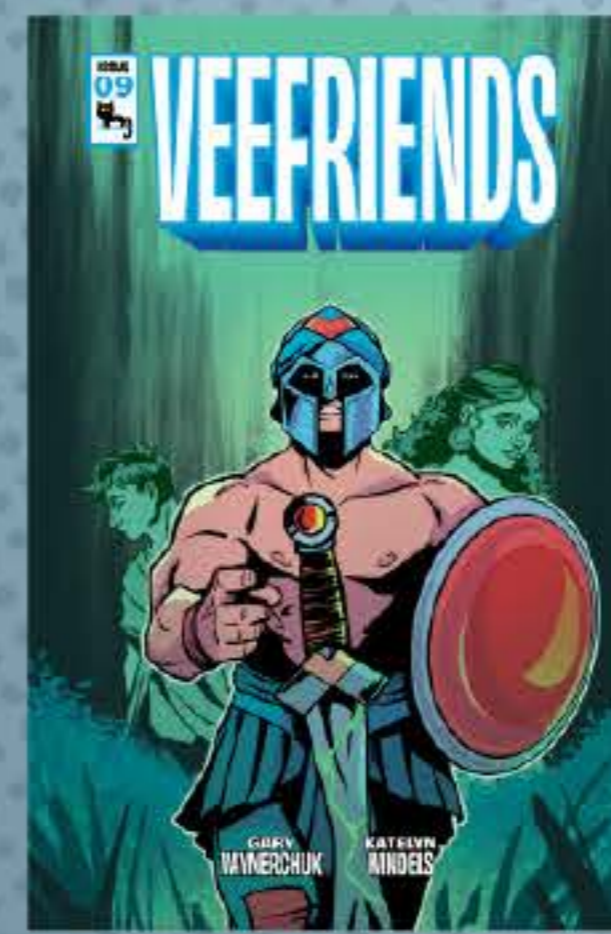
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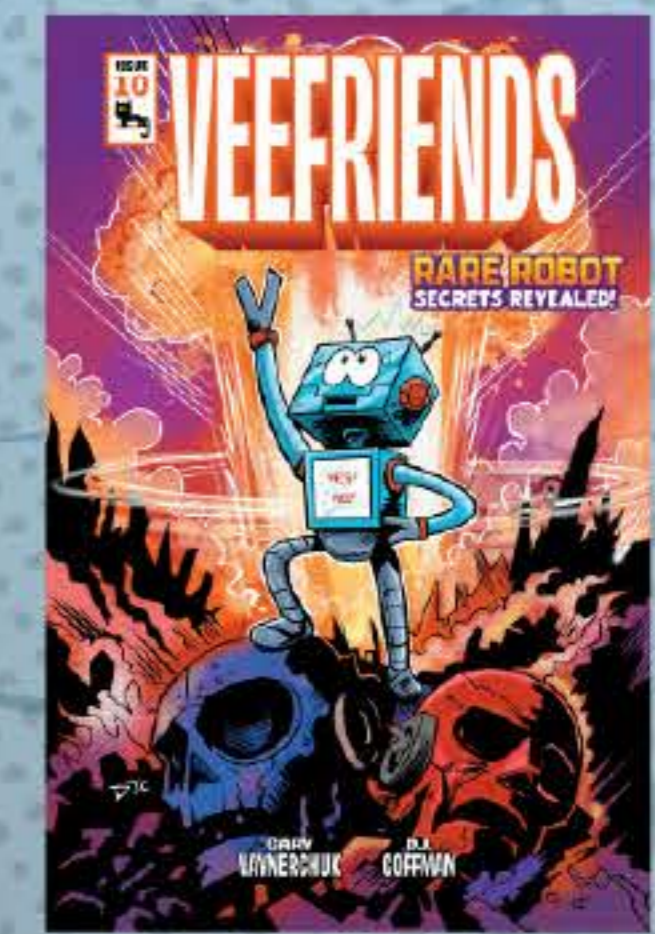
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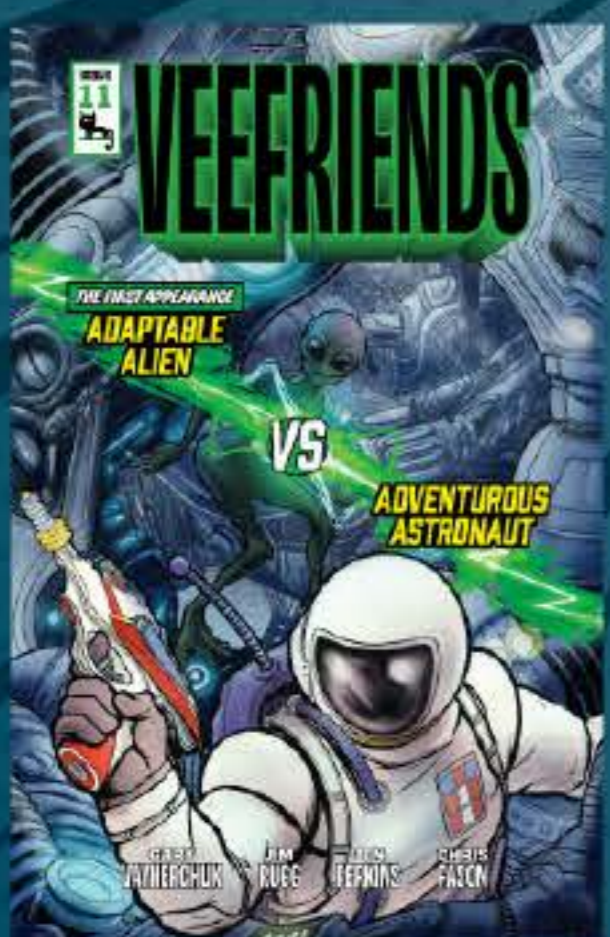
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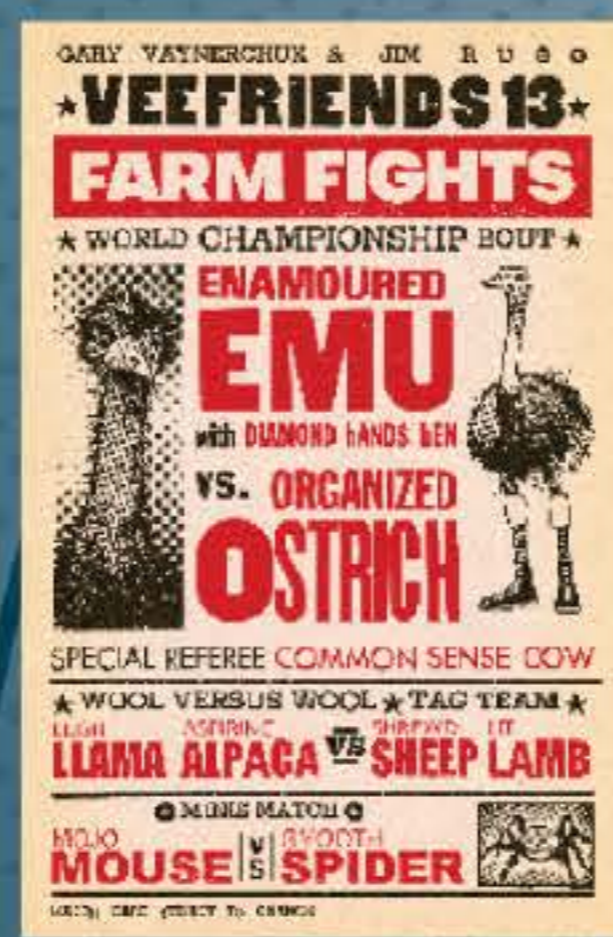
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