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THE SCRAPYARD DETECTIVES™

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*There are some
things in life
we'd rather
not face...*

**...BUT WE DON'T
ALWAYS HAVE A
CHOICE!**

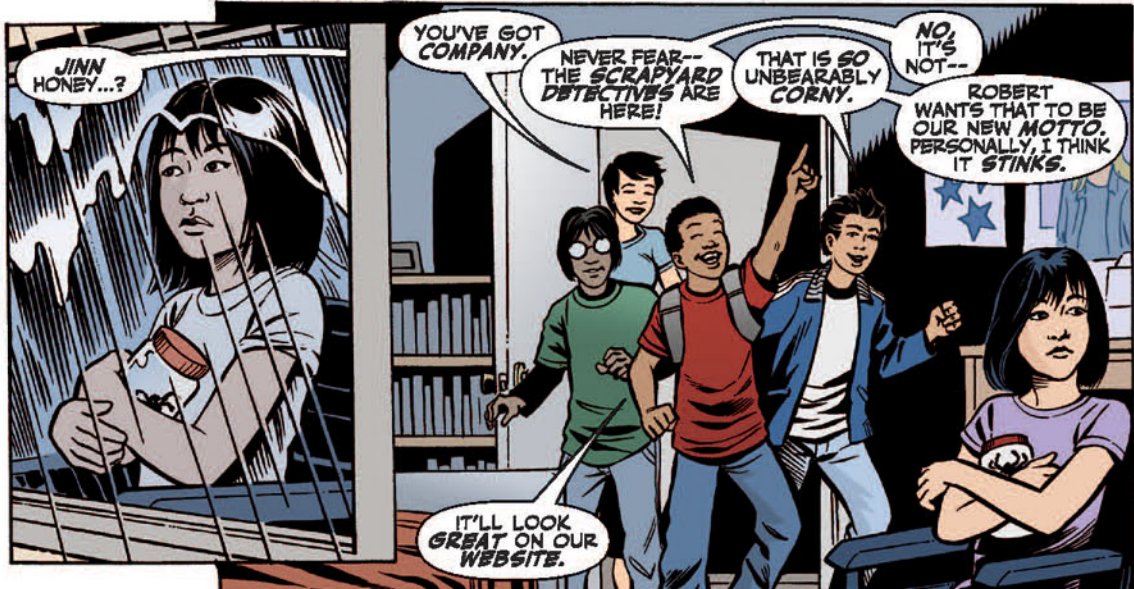




“...And forget”

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THE SCRAPYARD DETECTIVES CREATED BY BILL GALVAN AND CHAD DENTON





JINN HONEY...?

YOU'VE GOT COMPANY.

NEVER FEAR-- THE SCRAPYARD DETECTIVES ARE HERE!

THAT IS SO UNBEARABLY CORNY.

NO, IT'S NOT--

ROBERT WANTS THAT TO BE OUR NEW MOTTO. PERSONALLY, I THINK IT STINKS.

IT'LL LOOK GREAT ON OUR WEBSITE.

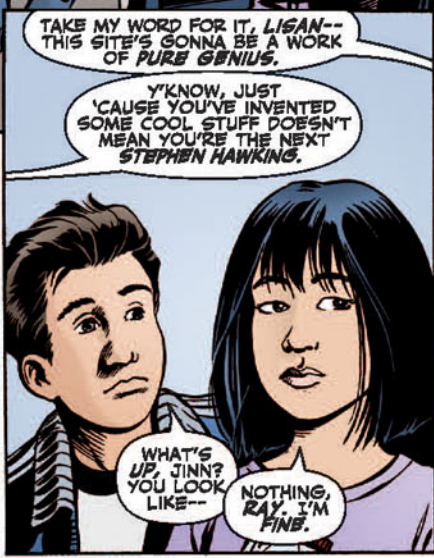


YOU'VE BEEN WORKING ON THAT STUPID SITE FOR WEEKS NOW.

YEAH, WELL, I WANT TO GET IT JUST RIGHT BEFORE WE GO LIVE.

THINK OF THE AMAZING CASES WE'LL GET ONCE WE HIT THE 'NET!

WITH A MOTTO LIKE "NEVER FEAR-- THE SCRAPYARD DETECTIVES ARE HERE," WE'LL BE LUCKY IF WE EVEN GET SPAMMED.



TAKE MY WORD FOR IT, LISAN-- THIS SITE'S GONNA BE A WORK OF PURE GENIUS.

Y'KNOW, JUST 'CAUSE YOU'VE INVENTED SOME COOL STUFF DOESN'T MEAN YOU'RE THE NEXT STEPHEN HAWKING.

WHAT'S UP, JINN? YOU LOOK LIKE--

NOTHING, RAY, I'M FINE.



HAWKING? NAH. I'VE ALWAYS THOUGHT OF MYSELF AS THE NEXT EINSTEIN.

BOY--TALK ABOUT A MONSTER EGO!

GIVE ME A BREAK, LIS--I WAS JUST GOOFING WITH YOU.

HEY, YOU CAN'T FOOL ME. I KNOW YOU TOO WELL. NOW WHAT'S THE--



BESIDES, EINSTEIN FLUNKED MATH. ME--I'VE GOT A 99 AVERAGE!

Y'SEE WHAT I'M TALKING ABOUT? AN EGO BIGGER THAN GODZILLA!

WAIT A MINUTE. IT'S...IT'S TODAY, ISN'T IT? THE DAY WHEN--



HEY!
WOULD YOU TWO
JOKERS KNOCK
IT OFF?

HUH?

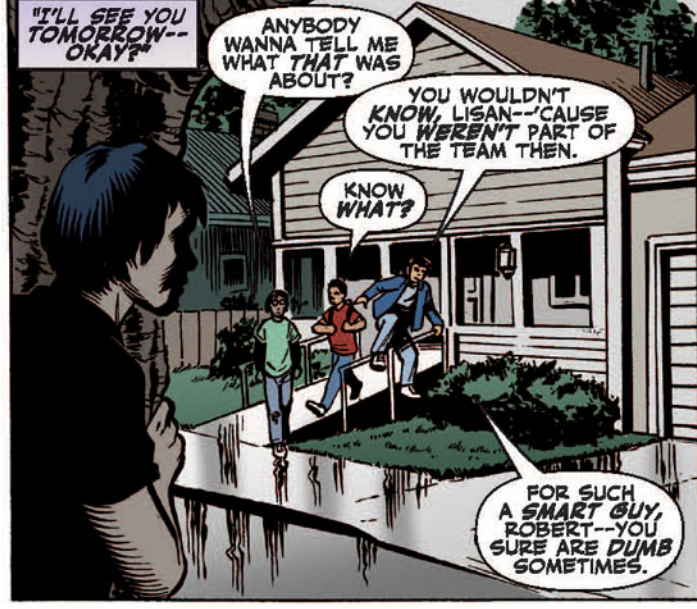
WHAT'D
WE DO?

IT
IS TODAY,
RIGHT?



HEY,
LOOK, YOU GUYS--
I'D REALLY LIKE TO,
Y'KNOW, BE ALONE
TODAY.

SO...
AH--



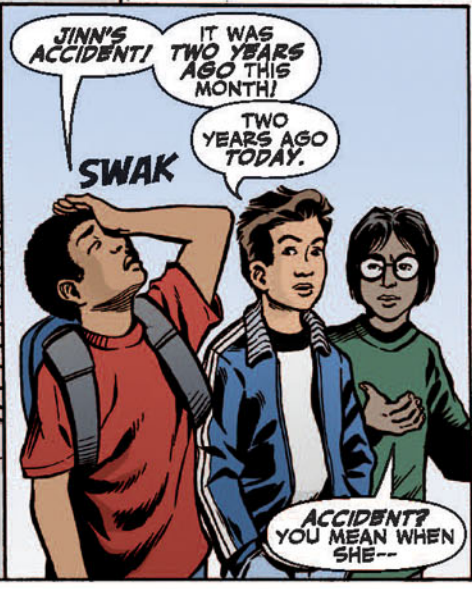
"I'LL SEE YOU
TOMORROW--
OKAY?"

ANYBODY
WANNA TELL ME
WHAT THAT WAS
ABOUT?

YOU WOULDN'T
KNOW, LISAN--'CAUSE
YOU WEREN'T PART OF
THE TEAM THEN.

KNOW
WHAT?

FOR SUCH
A SMART GUY,
ROBERT--YOU
SURE ARE DUMB
SOMETIMES.



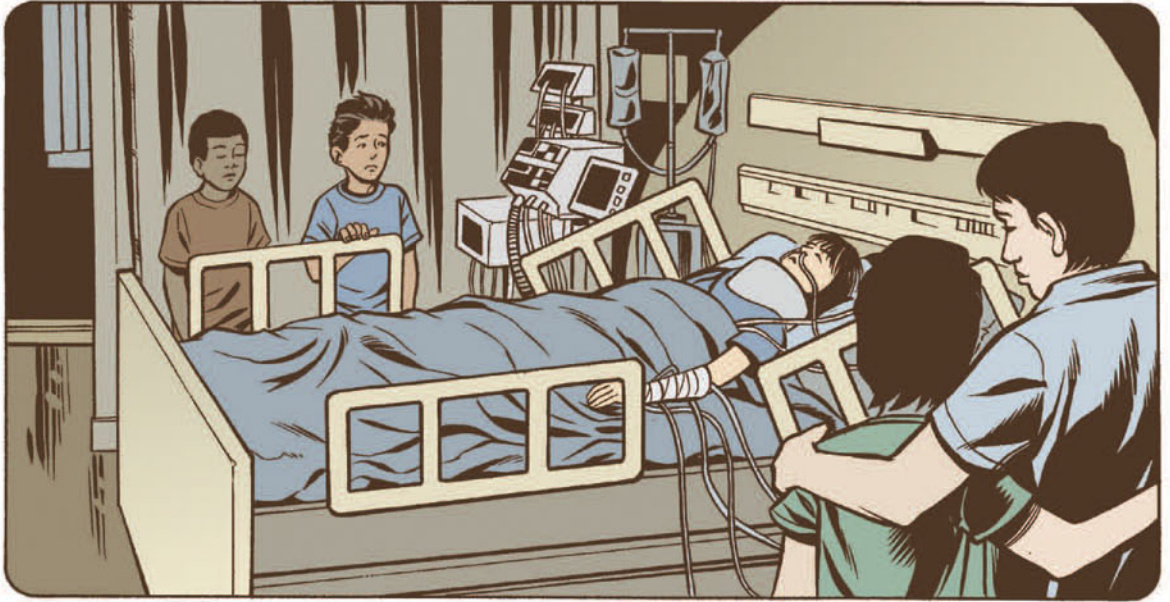
JINN'S
ACCIDENT!

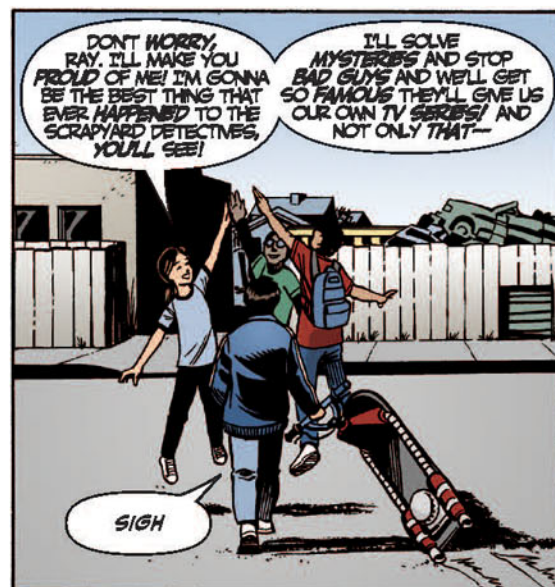
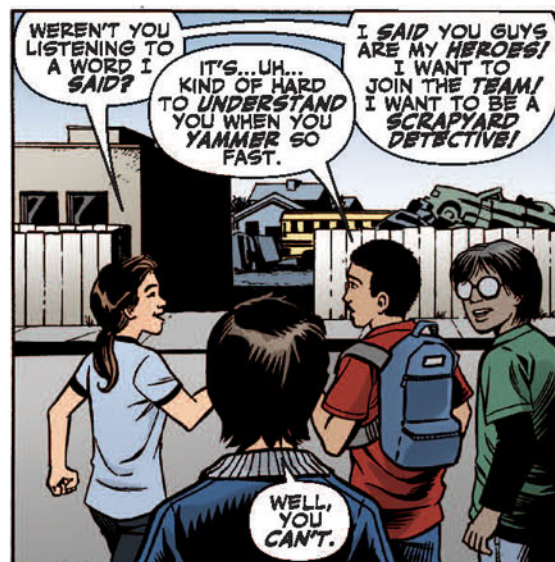
IT WAS
TWO YEARS
AGO THIS
MONTH!

TWO
YEARS AGO
TODAY.

SWAK

ACCIDENT?
YOU MEAN WHEN
SHE--



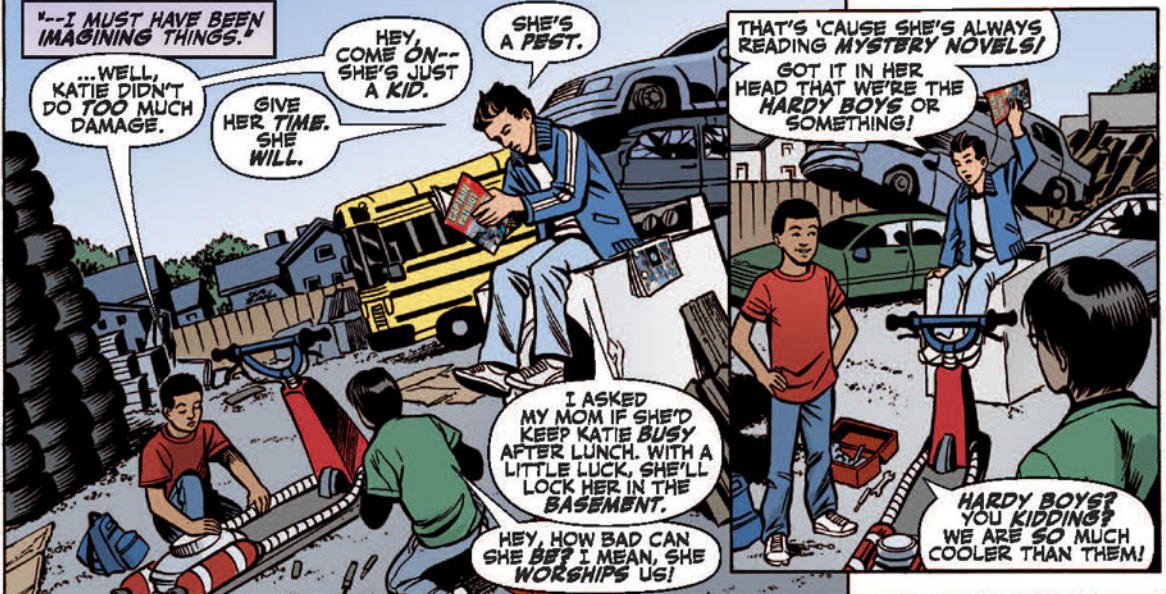








IT WAS NOTHING, MOM. I--



"--I MUST HAVE BEEN IMAGINING THINGS."

...WELL, KATIE DIDN'T DO TOO MUCH DAMAGE.

GIVE HER TIME. SHE WILL.

HEY COME ON-- SHE'S JUST A KID.

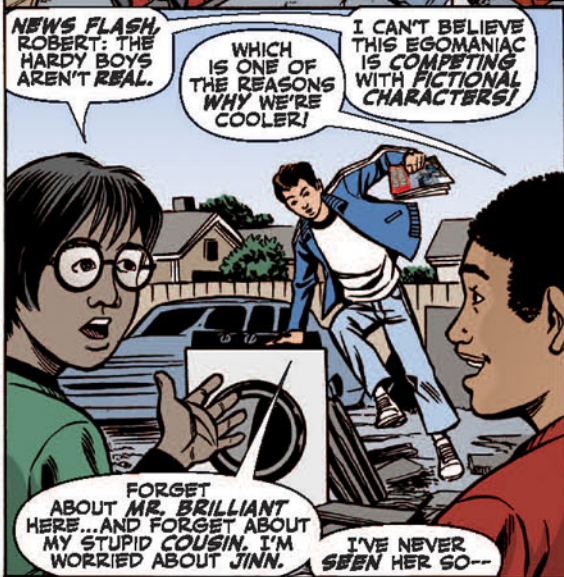
SHE'S A PEST.

I ASKED MY MOM IF SHE'D KEEP KATIE BUSY AFTER LUNCH. WITH A LITTLE LUCK, SHE'LL LOCK HER IN THE BASEMENT.

HEY, HOW BAD CAN SHE BE? I MEAN, SHE WORSHIPS US!

THAT'S 'CAUSE SHE'S ALWAYS READING MYSTERY NOVELS! GOT IT IN HER HEAD THAT WE'RE THE HARDY BOYS OR SOMETHING!

HARDY BOYS? YOU KIDDING? WE ARE SO MUCH COOLER THAN THEM!



NEWS FLASH, ROBERT: THE HARDY BOYS AREN'T REAL.

WHICH IS ONE OF THE REASONS WHY WE'RE COOLER!

I CAN'T BELIEVE THIS EGOMANIAC IS COMPETING WITH FICTIONAL CHARACTERS!

FORGET ABOUT MR. BRILLIANT HERE...AND FORGET ABOUT MY STUPID COUSIN. I'M WORRIED ABOUT JINN.

I'VE NEVER SEEN HER SO--

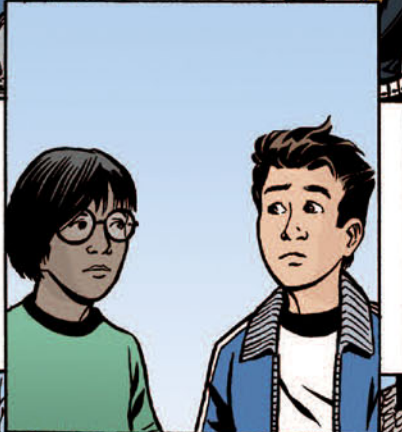


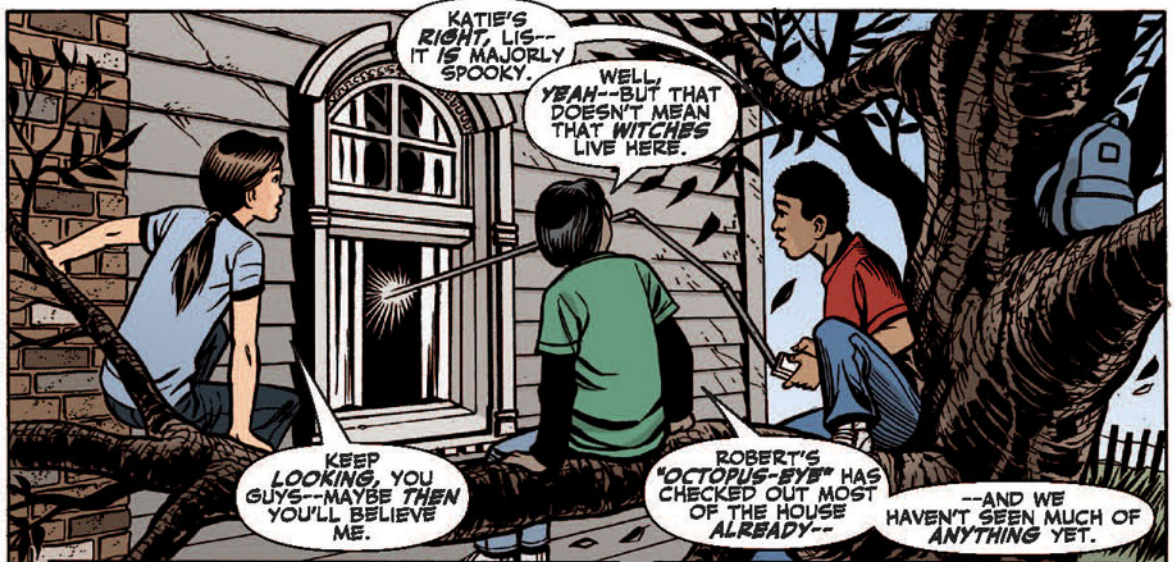
GUYE! GUYE!

THANKS A LOT, MOM.

YOU'RE NOT GONNA BELIEVE THIS!

NOW BE NICE, RAY.





KATIE'S RIGHT, LIS-- IT IS MAJORLY SPOOKY.

WELL, YEAH--BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN THAT WITCHES LIVE HERE.

KEEP LOOKING, YOU GUYS--MAYBE THEN YOU'LL BELIEVE ME.

ROBERT'S "OCTOPUS-EYE" HAS CHECKED OUT MOST OF THE HOUSE ALREADY--

--AND WE HAVEN'T SEEN MUCH OF ANYTHING YET.



JUST A BUNCH OF ROOMS THAT LOOK LIKE THEY HAVEN'T BEEN CLEANED IN TWENTY YEARS.

TRY THAT WINDOW OVER THERE.

JUST LET ME ADJUST THE "OCTOPUS" AND WE'LL SEE IF YOU'RE--



WOW--!

WHO ARE THOSE TWO?



WHO D'YOU THINK THEY ARE, ROBERT? THEY'RE WITCHES!

EVIL WITCHES THAT ARE GONNA CAST A SPELL ON EVERYONE IN SUMMERSVILLE!

PROBABLY TURN US ALL INTO MINDLESS ZOMBIES--

--OR TALKING LIZARDS!

JUST FOR THE RECORD...I DON'T BELIEVE IN WITCHES...BUT MAYBE WE SHOULD DO A LITTLE MORE INVESTIGATING... Y'KNOW--

--JUST IN CASE.

OKAY, BUT LET'S BE CAREFUL ABOUT IT. YOU NEVER KNOW WHAT--

BOO.



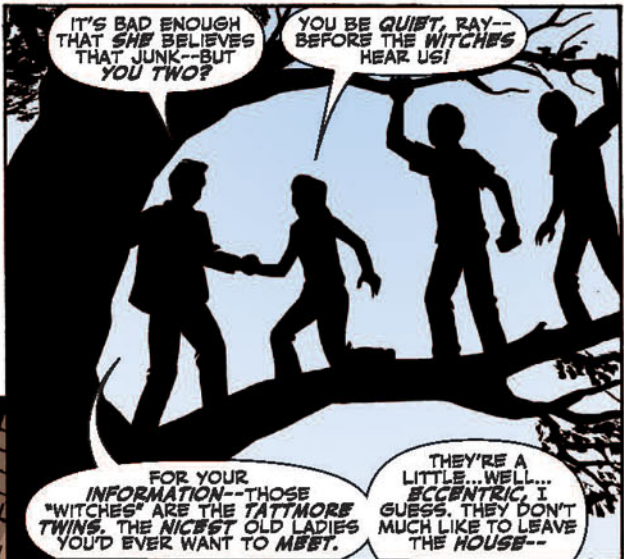
YAHHHH--!



JEEZ, RAY-- WHAT ARE YOU DOING SNEAKING UP ON US LIKE THAT?

FROM THE LOOK OF THINGS, I GOT HERE JUST IN TIME TO SAVE YOU FROM MAKING COMPLETE IDIOTS OF YOURSELVES.

ZOMBIES AND LIZARDS?



IT'S BAD ENOUGH THAT SHE BELIEVES THAT JUNK--BUT YOU TWO?

YOU BE QUIET, RAY-- BEFORE THE WITCHES HEAR US!

FOR YOUR INFORMATION--THOSE "WITCHES" ARE THE TATTMORRE TWINS, THE NICEST OLD LADIES YOU'D EVER WANT TO MEET.

THEY'RE A LITTLE...WELL... ECCENTRIC, I GUESS. THEY DON'T MUCH LIKE TO LEAVE THE HOUSE--



--IN FACT, I DON'T THINK THEY'VE GONE OUT IN FIFTEEN YEARS--

--AND THEY COLLECT CATS THE WAY I COLLECT COMIC BOOKS.

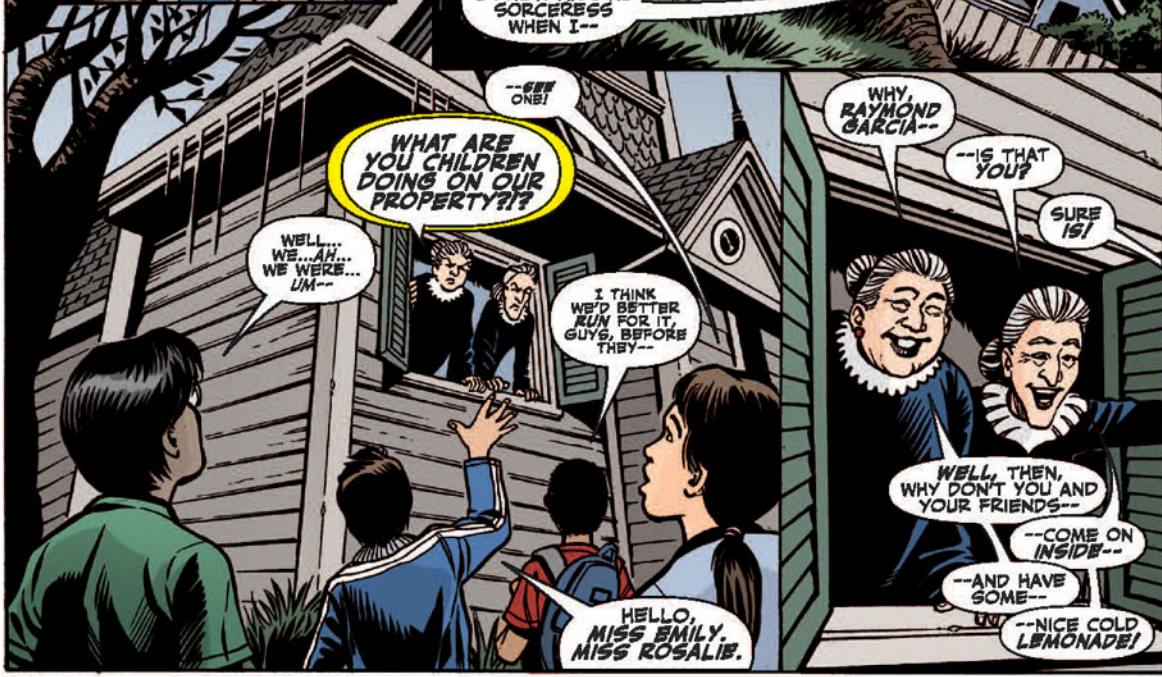
BUT THAT DOESN'T MAKE THEM EVIL. JUST... DIFFERENT.

OH, YEAH? HOW DO YOU KNOW?

BECAUSE THE TATTMORRES HAVE BEEN ORDERING FROM MY DAD'S MARKET FOR YEARS, KATIE. I'VE DELIVERED GROCERIES TO THEIR HOUSE A ZILLION TIMES.

WELL I SAY YOU'RE LUCKY THEY DIDN'T BOIL YOU IN A POT AND THEN EAT YOU FOR DINNER!

BELIEVE ME, I KNOW AN EVIL SORCERESS WHEN I--



--SEE ONE!

WHAT ARE YOU CHILDREN DOING ON OUR PROPERTY???

WELL... WE...AH... WE WERE... UM--

I THINK WE'D BETTER RUN FOR IT, GUYS, BEFORE THEY--

HELLO, MISS EMILY, MISS ROSALIE.

WHY, RAYMOND GARCIA--

--IS THAT YOU?

SURE IS!

WELL, THEN, WHY DON'T YOU AND YOUR FRIENDS--

--COME ON INSIDE--

--AND HAVE SOME--

--NICE COLD LEMONADE!



WE'VE REALLY GOT TO BE GOING... BUT THANKS ANYWAY!
ANOTHER TIME, THEN.
TA-TA!
TOODLE-OO!

AND BE SURE AND GIVE OUR VERY BEST--
--TO YOUR FATHER!

SOME WITCHES!

OKAY, OKAY-- SO I MADE A LITTLE MISTAKE!



EVEN NANCY DREW ISN'T PERFECT!

YOU ARE NOT NANCY DREW!

BUT I AM A SCRAPYARD DETECTIVE!

NO YOU'RE NOT!

YOU'RE JUST AN ANNOYING LITTLE BRAT AND I DON'T WANT YOU HANGING AROUND WITH US ANY MORE--



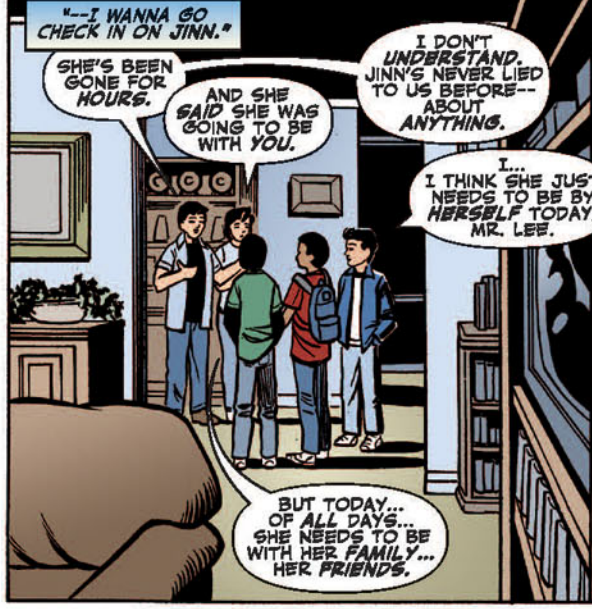
--IS THAT CLEAR?

Y-YEAH. SURE.



WHATEVER YOU SAY.

C'MON, YOU GUYS--



"--I WANNA GO CHECK IN ON JINN."

SHE'S BEEN GONE FOR HOURS.

AND SHE SAID SHE WAS GOING TO BE WITH YOU.

I DON'T UNDERSTAND. JINN'S NEVER LIED TO US BEFORE-- ABOUT ANYTHING.

I... I THINK SHE JUST NEEDS TO BE BY HERSELF TODAY, MR. LEE.

BUT TODAY... OF ALL DAYS... SHE NEEDS TO BE WITH HER FAMILY... HER FRIENDS.



I'M GONNA HOP IN THE VAN AND TAKE A SPIN AROUND THE NEIGHBORHOOD.

WE'LL LOOK FOR HER, TOO, MR. LEE.

WE'LL FIND HER--I PROMISE.

AND WE'LL BRING HER HOME.

THANK YOU, BOYS.

"MORE THAN I COULD EVER SAY."



SEE? I KNEW SHE'D BE HERE!

Y'KNOW, LIS--YOU'RE NOT AS DUMB AS YOU LOOK.

THANKS, ROBERT, I--

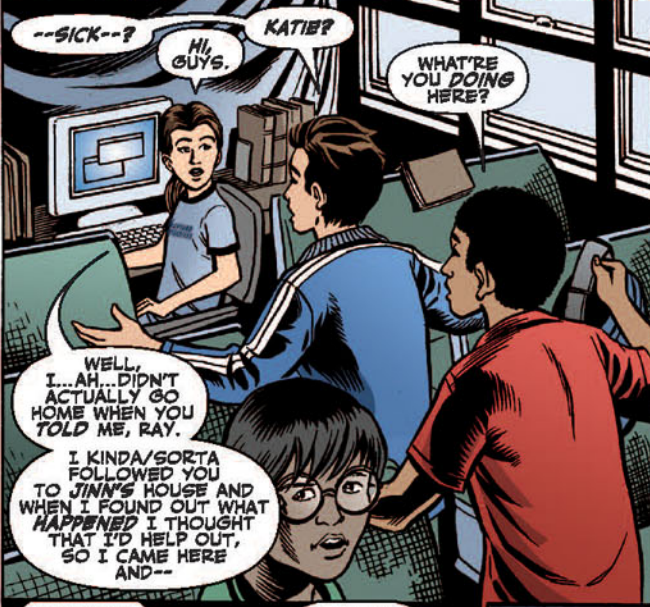
HEY! WHAT DO YOU MEAN I LOOK DUMB?

JUST KIDDING!



JINN! HEY, JINN!

WHAT'RE YOU DOING, YOU GOOFBALL! DON'T YOU KNOW YOU HAD US ALL WORRIED--



--SICK--?

Hi, guys.

KATIE?

WHAT'RE YOU DOING HERE?

WELL, I...AH...DIDN'T ACTUALLY GO HOME WHEN YOU TOLD ME, RAY.

I KINDA/SORTA FOLLOWED YOU TO JINN'S HOUSE AND WHEN I FOUND OUT WHAT HAPPENED I THOUGHT THAT I'D HELP OUT, SO I CAME HERE AND--



GET AWAY FROM THE COMPUTER, KATIE-- BEFORE YOU BREAK IT THE WAY YOU BROKE THE DETECTO SLED.

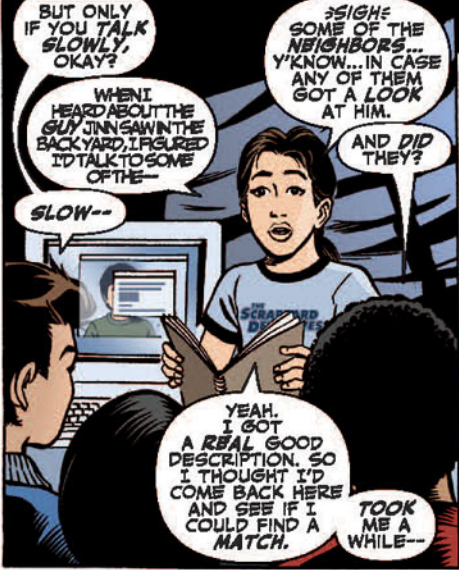
HEY--IF YOU DON'T WANT TO KNOW WHERE JINN IS, THAT'S OKAY WITH ME.

WHAT'RE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

WELL, WHILE YOU GUYS WERE OUT SEARCHING, I WAS DOING SOME DETECTIVE WORK--AND YOU WON'T BELIEVE WHAT I FOUND OUT!

OH, PLEASE--

WAIT, LET'S HEAR HER OUT--



BUT ONLY IF YOU TALK SLOWLY, OKAY?

WHEN I HEARD ABOUT THE GUY JINN SAW IN THE BACKYARD, I FIGURED I'D TALK TO SOME OF THE--

SLOW--

SIGH SOME OF THE NEIGHBORS... Y'KNOW... IN CASE ANY OF THEM GOT A LOOK AT HIM.

AND DID THEY?

YEAH, I GOT A REAL GOOD DESCRIPTION, SO I THOUGHT I'D COME BACK HERE AND SEE IF I COULD FIND A MATCH.

TOOK ME A WHILE--



--BUT I DID.

WHO IS THAT?

I KNOW WHO IT IS.

DAVID WASHINGTON.

WHO?



THAT'S THE JERK WHO RAN JINN DOWN... PUT HER IN THE WHEELCHAIR.

YOU'RE KIDDING!



WISH WE WERE.

BUT WHY WOULD HE BE COMING AROUND JINN'S HOUSE? WHAT DOES HE WANT WITH HER?

I'VE GOT HIS ADDRESS RIGHT HERE. TRACKED IT DOWN ONLINE. WHY DON'T WE GO TO HIS HOUSE AND ASK HIM?

WE DON'T EVEN KNOW THAT IT IS HIM.

WE'RE JUST TAKING THE SQUIRT'S WORD FOR IT.

HEY, WE'RE DETECTIVES, RIGHT? AREN'T WE SUPPOSED TO INVESTIGATE STUFF LIKE THIS?

SHE'S RIGHT. WE'VE GOT TO CHECK THIS OUT!

AWRIGHT! LET'S GO!



NOT YOU!

YOU PROBABLY GOT THE DESCRIPTION ALL WRONG AND THIS WHOLE THING'S GONNA BE A WILD GOOSE CHASE!

BUT--

BUT--

BUT EVEN IF IT'S NOT-- I DON'T WANT YOU HANGING AROUND WITH US ANY MORE!

BUT--



JINN IS OUR FRIEND... THIS IS OUR CASE--

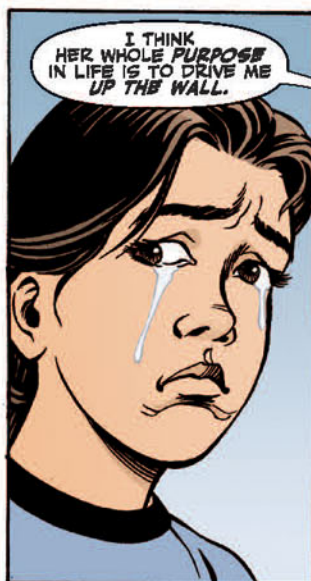
--AND I WANT YOU TO STAY OUT OF IT!



THAT WAS HARSH, RAY.

MEGA HARSH.

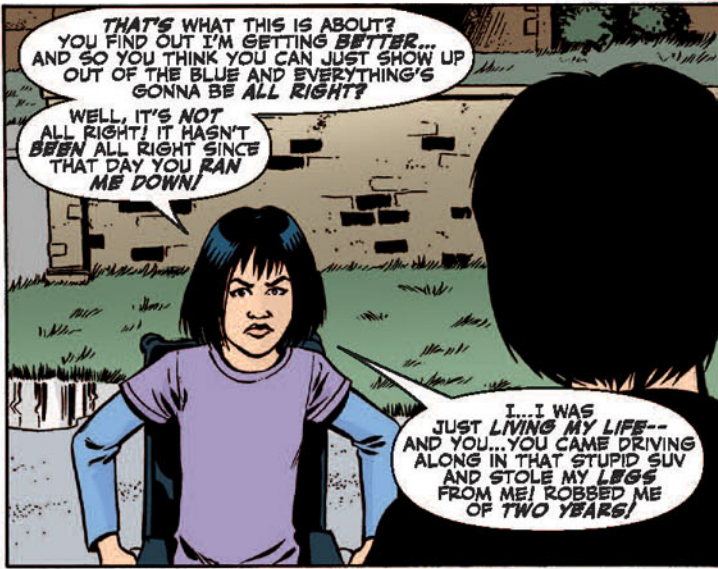
YEAH, WELL-- I CAN'T TAKE IT ANY MORE. EVER SINCE WE WERE LITTLE SHE'S ALWAYS BEEN FOLLOWING ME AROUND-- ANNOYING ME. JUST LATCHES ON AND WON'T LET GO.



I THINK HER WHOLE PURPOSE IN LIFE IS TO DRIVE ME UP THE WALL.

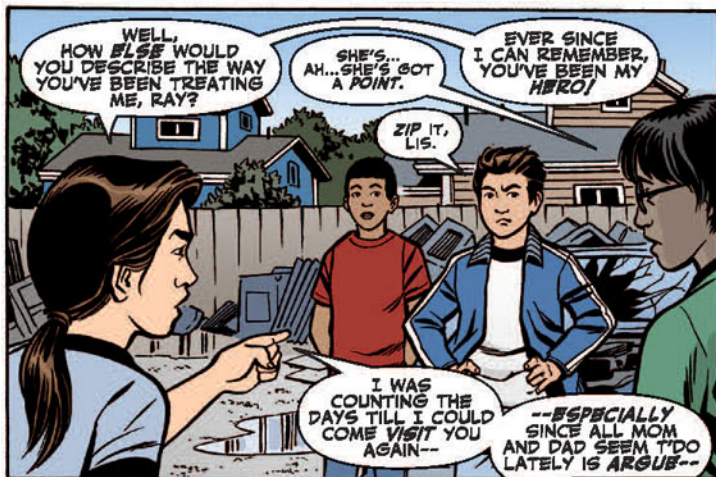












WELL, HOW ELSE WOULD YOU DESCRIBE THE WAY YOU'VE BEEN TREATING ME, RAY?

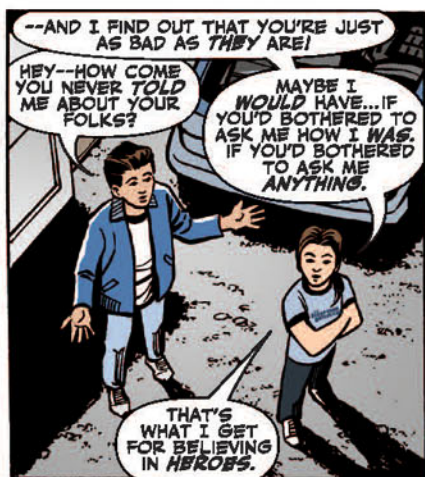
SHE'S... AH... SHE'S GOT A POINT.

EVER SINCE I CAN REMEMBER, YOU'VE BEEN MY HERO!

ZIP IT, LIS.

I WAS COUNTING THE DAYS TILL I COULD COME VISIT YOU AGAIN--

--ESPECIALLY SINCE ALL MOM AND DAD SEEM 'TDO LATELY IS ARGUE--



--AND I FIND OUT THAT YOU'RE JUST AS BAD AS THEY ARE!

HEY--HOW COME YOU NEVER TOLD ME ABOUT YOUR FOLKS?

MAYBE I WOULD HAVE...IF YOU'D BOTHERED TO ASK ME HOW I WAS. IF YOU'D BOTHERED TO ASK ME ANYTHING.

THAT'S WHAT I GET FOR BELIEVING IN HEROES.



I REALLY THOUGHT THE SCRAPYARD DETECTIVES WERE SOMETHING SPECIAL.

THAT YOU DIDN'T JUDGE PEOPLE...THAT YOU TREATED EVERYONE FAIRLY.

BIG MISTAKE ON MY PART.



HEY, NOW, WAIT A MINUTE. I ARGUE WITH MY LITTLE BROTHER ALL THE TIME. HE DRIVES ME TOTALLY BATTY.

DOESN'T MEAN I DON'T...Y'KNOW...LOVE THE DUMB KID

AND THE SCRAPYARD DETECTIVES DO TREAT PEOPLE FAIRLY. THAT'S WHAT WE'RE ALL ABOUT!

TELL IT TO DAVID WASHINGTON.

WHAT?



YOU HEARD ME.

DON'T YOU DARE MENTION THAT NAME!

WHY? 'CAUSE EVERYONE'S SUPPOSED THAT HE DID?

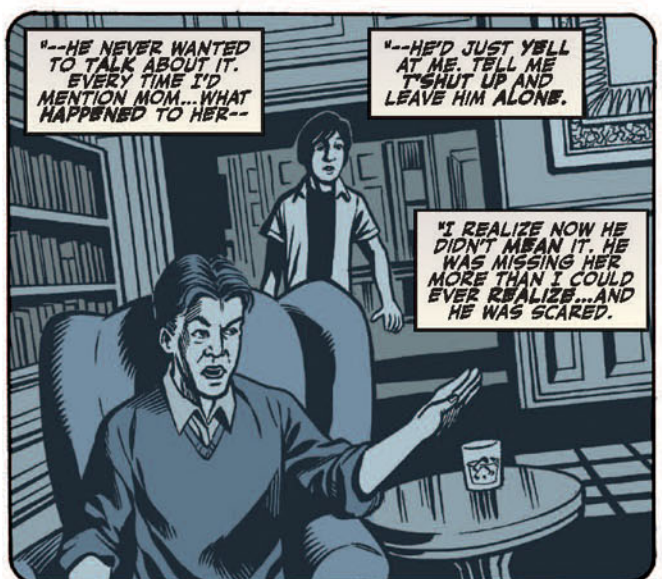
IT'S EASIER, ISN'T IT, TO JUST TREAT HIM LIKE HE'S SOME COMIC BOOK VILLAIN--



--INSTEAD OF A HUMAN BEING.

YOU BROUGHT HIM--HERE?

GET OUTTA HERE, WASHINGTON... BEFORE I--



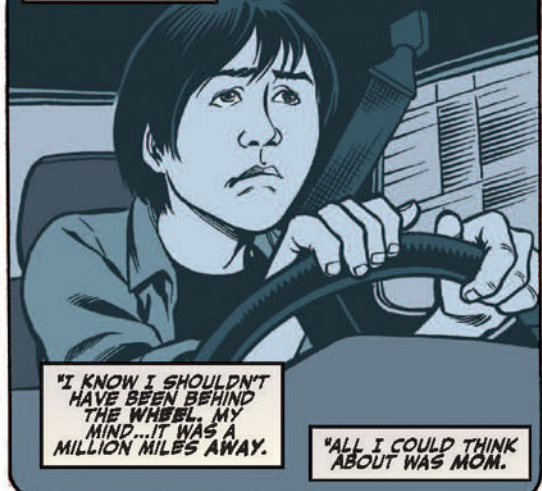
"IT FELT LIKE I'D LOST BOTH MY PARENTS."

"THAT DAY... I WAS SO TIRED OF DAD RIDING ME... THAT I JUST HAD TO GET AWAY."



"I'D ONLY HAD MY DRIVER'S LICENSE FOR MAYBE A MONTH--AND MY FATHER DIDN'T WANT ME USING HIS CAR--"

"--BUT I TOOK IT OUT ANYWAY."



"I KNOW I SHOULDN'T HAVE BEEN BEHIND THE WHEEL. MY MIND...IT WAS A MILLION MILES AWAY."

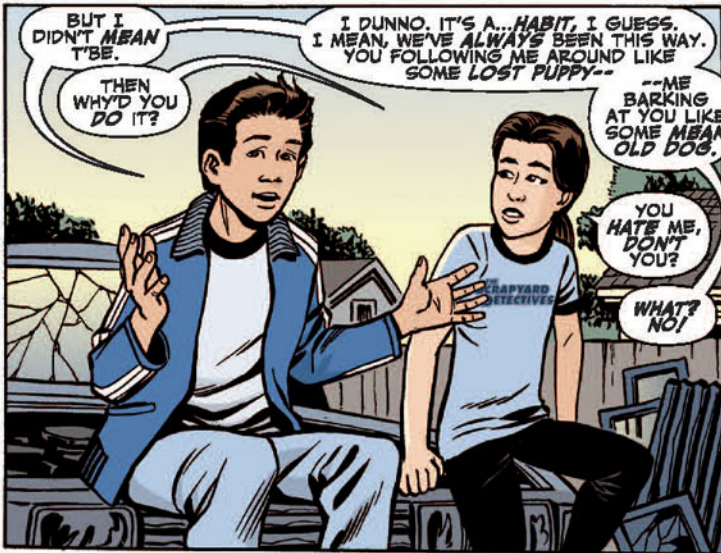
"ALL I COULD THINK ABOUT WAS MOM."

"I DIDN'T SEE THE LIGHT CHANGE TO RED AND...I DIDN'T SEE YOU. NOT TILL--"



"--IT WAS TOO LATE."





S EVEN MONTHS LATER...



ding-dong



HI, DAVID.

I THOUGHT
MAYBE...Y'KNOW,
IF YOU WEREN'T
BUSY--



--WE
COULD
GO FOR
A WALK.

The End



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A Tale of Forgiveness

"Love is the only force capable of transforming an enemy into friend." - Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Forgiveness is the decision to let go of resentments and thoughts of ill will. It can also lead to feelings of understanding and compassion for those that have offended you. Forgiving a person that hurt you doesn't mean that you forget what happened, it just means that their offense doesn't hold such a grip on you anymore. You can forgive the person without excusing what they did to hurt you.

While it may be difficult to forgive someone who has hurt you, do it for yourself. Holding on to anger and bitterness can lead to long term health problems. Studies have shown that forgiveness offers many benefits including: less stress, better friendships and a lower heart rate. Religious and philosophical leaders across the world see forgiveness as an important step in feeling better physically and spiritually. Great leaders in history have used the practice of forgiveness to bring about positive social change.

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