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MANY
CENTURIES
AGO...

CHILDREN, THE
TIME HAS COME
FOR ME TO TAKE
MY LEAVE OF
YOU...

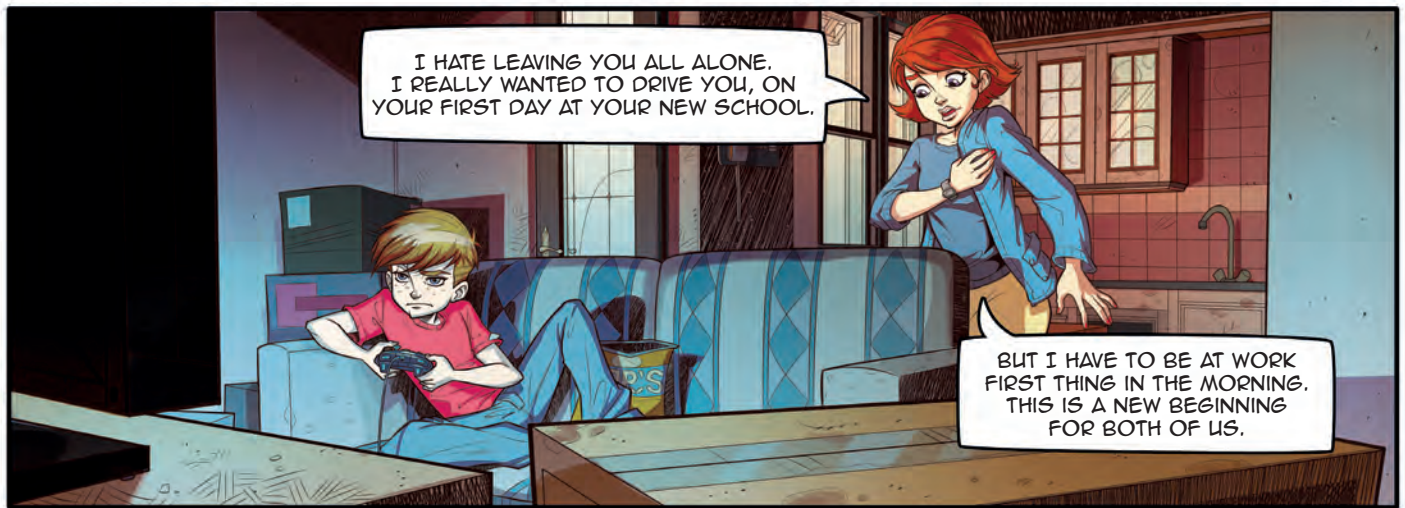
...AND
THE TIME HAS
COME FOR MAGIC
TO LEAVE MY
DYING BODY
TO INHABIT
YOURS.

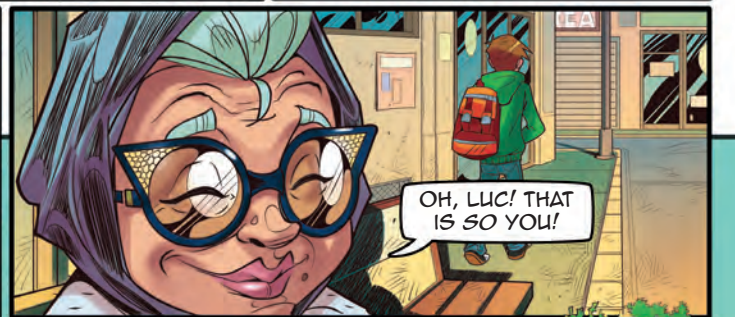
EACH OF
YOU WILL RECEIVE
THE PART OF THE
MAGIC YOU ARE
DESTINED FOR: DEMO-
NISM, TELEPATHY,
DIVINATION,
SHAMANISM...

...
ENCHANTMENT,
ALCHEMY,
SPIRITISM.

YOU ARE NOW
ENDOWED WITH
ENORMOUS POWERS.
USE THEM TO DO
GOOD, BEFORE
THEY USE YOU
TO DO EVIL.

GO! MAKE
THE WORLD
A BETTER
PLACE!







HEY NEWBIE!
YOU LOST?

UM... YES, I'M LOOKING
FOR MATH CLASS WITH
MRS. RONCEVAUX.



GREAT, WE'RE
HEADED THERE
TOO! COME, WE
KNOW A SHORTCUT.



ARE... ARE YOU
SURE IT'S THIS WAY?
IT SAYS THIS HALLWAY
LEADS TO THE
BASEMENT.

WE'RE SURE!
DON'T WORRY. IT'S
ON THE RIGHT.

HEH
HEH!

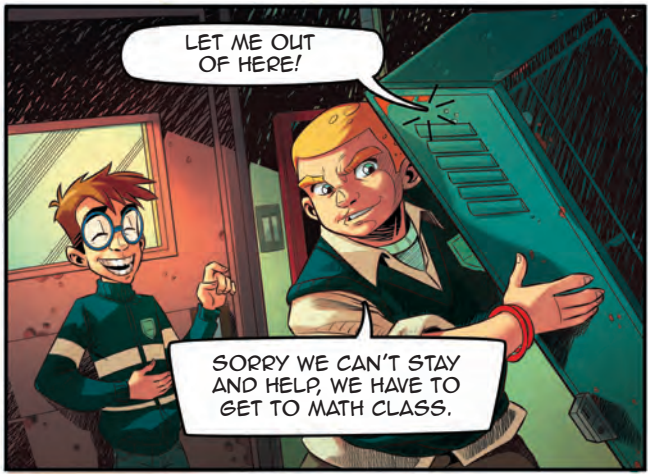


RIGHT THERE.

HEY!

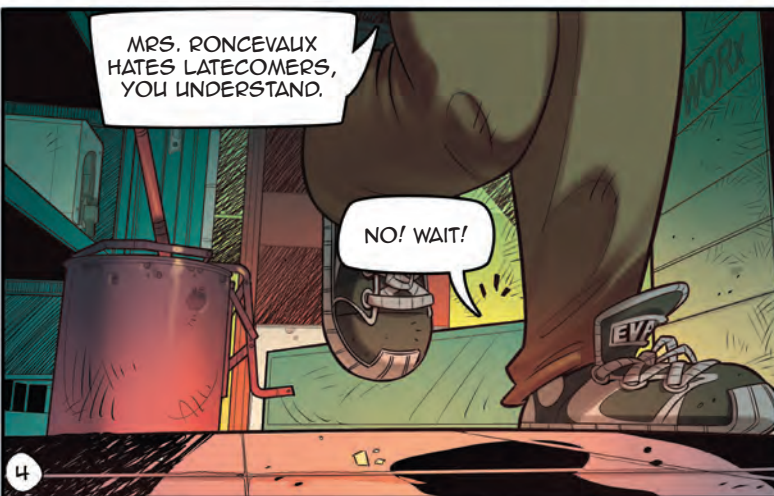


WHAT ARE YOU
DOING?!



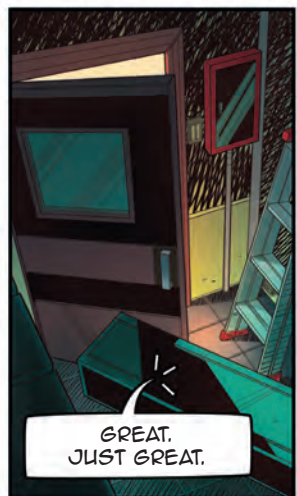
LET ME OUT
OF HERE!

SORRY WE CAN'T STAY
AND HELP, WE HAVE TO
GET TO MATH CLASS.



MRS. RONCEVAUX
HATES LATECOMERS,
YOU UNDERSTAND.

NO! WAIT!



GREAT.
JUST GREAT.



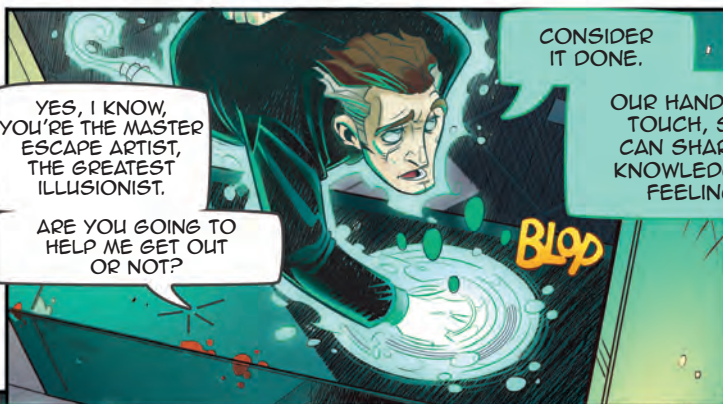
I JUST SAW ONE OF YOUR SCHOOLMATES PLAYING THE HARMONICA FOR SOME RATS IN THE BASEMENT...

THIS IS TRULY A STRANGE SCHOOL!

NO KIDDING, DUDE. I'M LOCKED UP IN A BOX, HOUDI. A BOX!



IT'S NOT THAT BAD. IT'S NOT LIKE YOU WERE COVERED IN CHAINS AND THROWN INTO NIAGARA FALLS.



YES, I KNOW, YOU'RE THE MASTER ESCAPE ARTIST, THE GREATEST ILLUSIONIST.

ARE YOU GOING TO HELP ME GET OUT OR NOT?

OUR HANDS MUST TOUCH, SO WE CAN SHARE OUR KNOWLEDGE AND FEELINGS...



OKAY! HERE WE GO!



WE JUST NEED TO ROLL IT AND...

...CURTAIN...

...LIGHTS...

...CAREFUL...



OOPS!

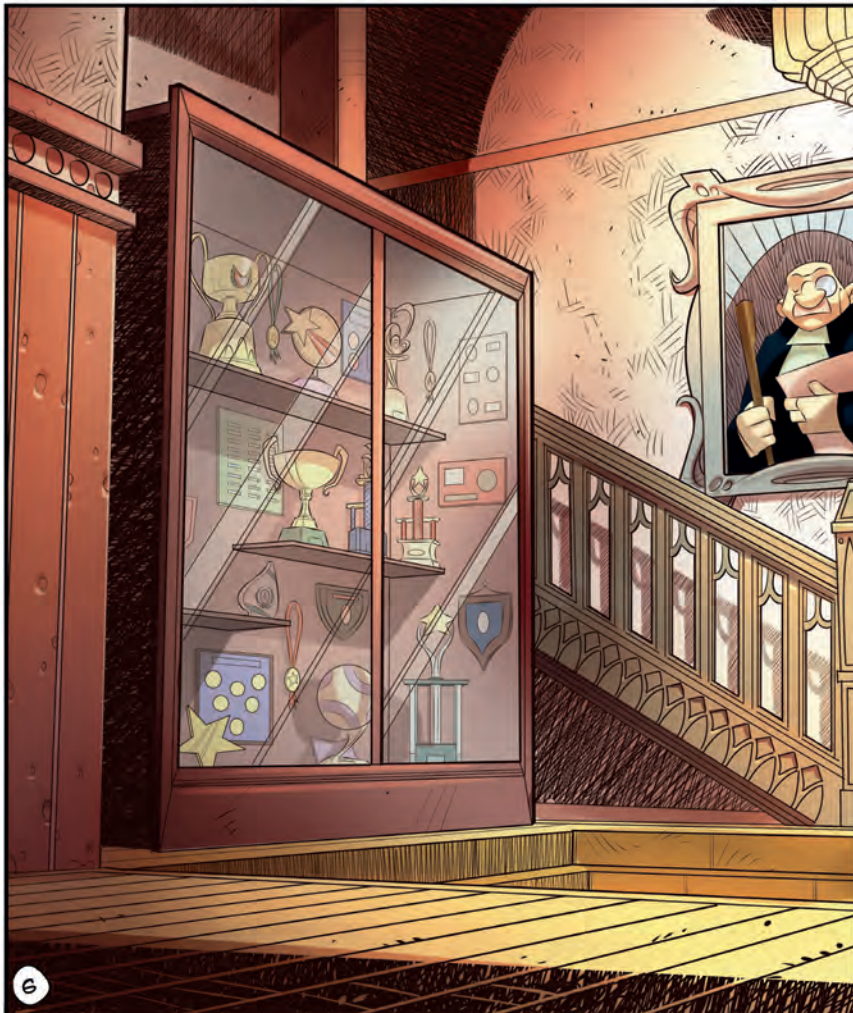
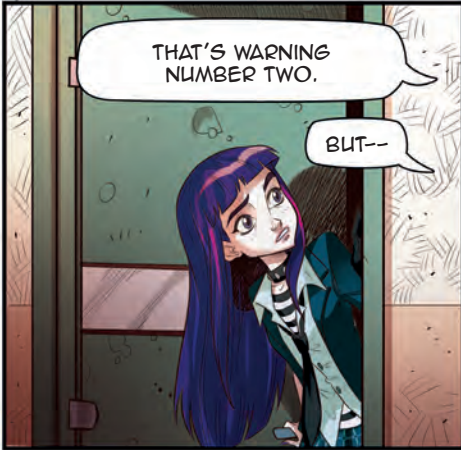
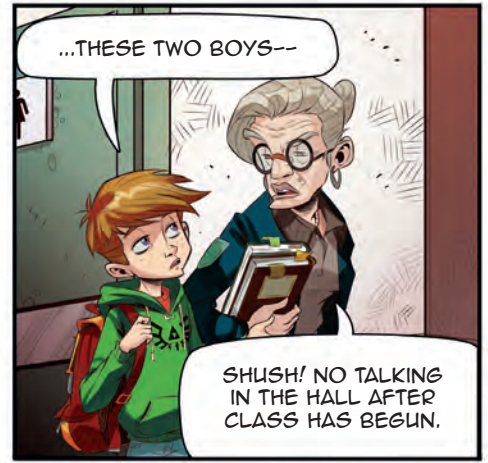
YOU'RE SEVEN MINUTES LATE FOR CLASS AND YOU'RE GOOFING AROUND IN THE HALL.



IT'S NOT WHAT YOU THINK...

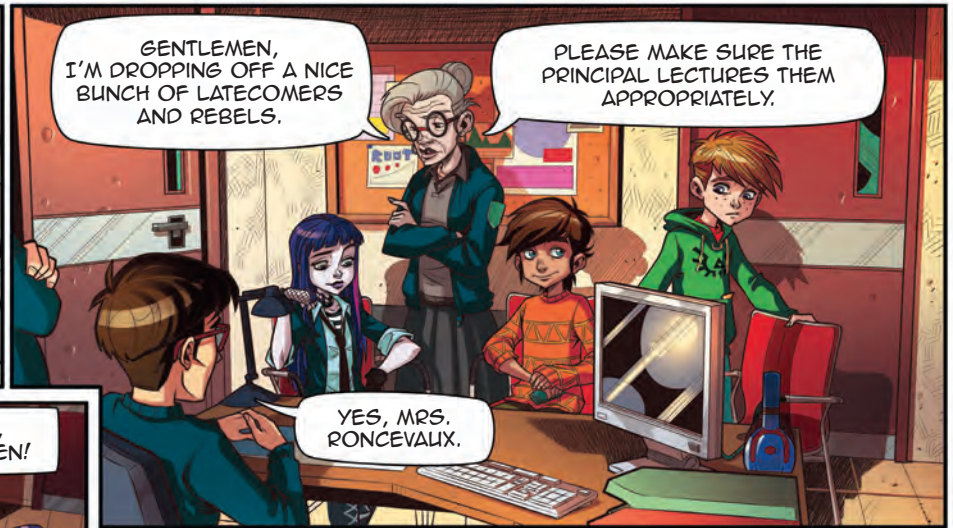
SAVE IT FOR THE PRINCIPAL.







42 MINUTES LATER.



GENTLEMEN, I'M DROPPING OFF A NICE BUNCH OF LATECOMERS AND REBELS.

PLEASE MAKE SURE THE PRINCIPAL LECTURES THEM APPROPRIATELY.

YES, MRS. RONCEVAUX.



I'M TELLING YOU, THE CUP WAS STOLEN!

FROM LAST YEAR'S PLAYOFFS, YOU MEAN?

WHICH WE WON AGAINST AVONA! THE CUSTODIAN IS SURE HE SAW THE CUP IN THE DISPLAY CASE AT 8 AM, BUT IT WAS GONE BY THE TIME I GOT HERE.



YOU'RE THE NEW GUY, RIGHT?

YES.

WELCOME TO MERCURY.

THANKS.

BUT WHY STEAL A CUP?



TO SELL IT, DUH! SOME KIDS WOULD DO ANYTHING FOR A LITTLE CASH!

YOU THINK?



WHAT?! YOU THINK IT'S ME?!



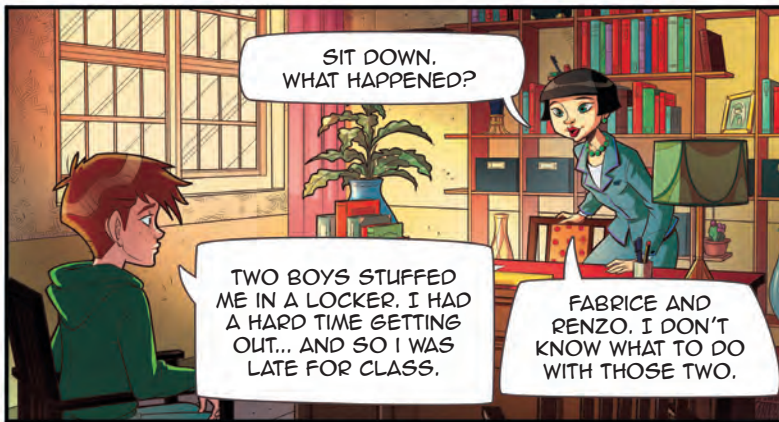
I DIDN'T SAY THAT. WHY THINK SO, HAMELIN?



AH. I'M ASSUMING MRS. RONCEVAUX SENT YOU?

OKAY. LET'S START WITH YOU. LEO, RIGHT?

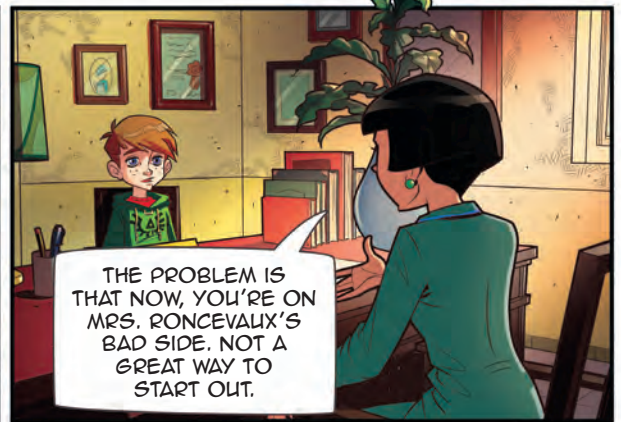
YES.



SIT DOWN.
WHAT HAPPENED?

TWO BOYS STUFFED
ME IN A LOCKER. I HAD
A HARD TIME GETTING
OUT... AND SO I WAS
LATE FOR CLASS.

FABRICE AND
RENZO. I DON'T
KNOW WHAT TO DO
WITH THOSE TWO.



THE PROBLEM IS
THAT NOW, YOU'RE ON
MRS. RONCEVAUX'S
BAD SIDE. NOT A
GREAT WAY TO
START OUT.



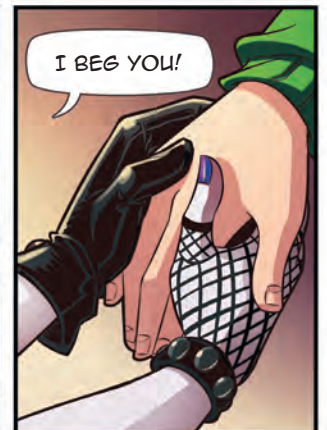
DON'T HESITATE TO COME
AND SEE ME IF YOU HAVE
PROBLEMS, OK?

YOU CAN GO. SEND
IN ZORAN HAMELIN.



UM... ZORAN HAMELIN?
YOU CAN GO IN.

HEY! WHY DO I HAVE TO
GO LAST? SO THERE'S
NO WITNESS WHEN SHE
TORTURES ME, IS THAT IT?!

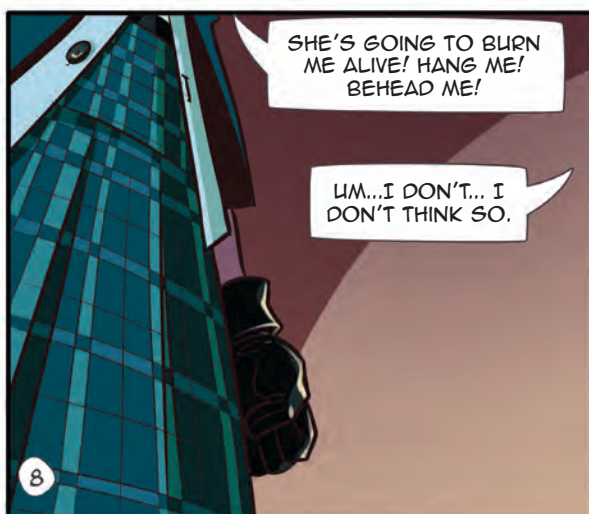


I BEG YOU!



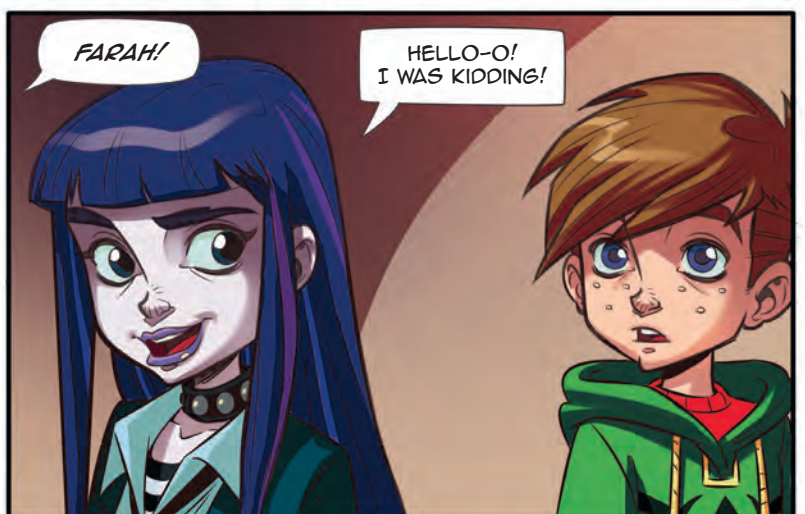
THE CUP WENT MISSING
DURING FIRST PERIOD. SO
THE THIEF HAS GOT TO BE
ONE OF THE LATECOMERS.

STAY! YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT
SHE'LL DO TO ME! YOU HAVE TO
FILM HER ON YOUR CELL PHONE
SO WE HAVE EVIDENCE!



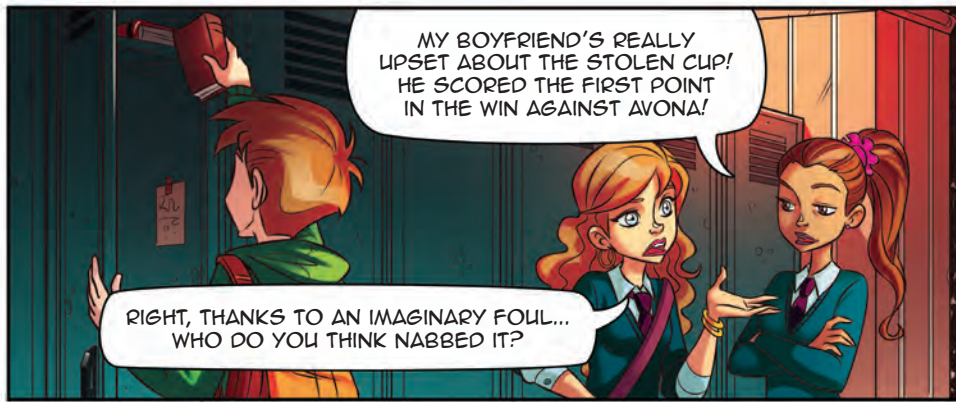
SHE'S GOING TO BURN
ME ALIVE! HANG ME!
BEHEAD ME!

UM...I DON'T... I
DON'T THINK SO.



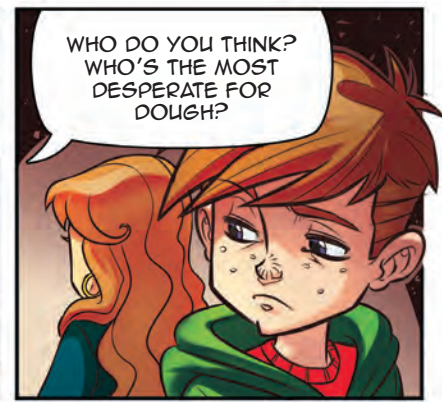
FARAH!

HELLO-O!
I WAS KIDDING!



MY BOYFRIEND'S REALLY UPSET ABOUT THE STOLEN CUP! HE SCORED THE FIRST POINT IN THE WIN AGAINST AVONA!

RIGHT, THANKS TO AN IMAGINARY FOUL... WHO DO YOU THINK NABBED IT?



WHO DO YOU THINK? WHO'S THE MOST DESPERATE FOR DOUGH?



WHAT?! ZORAN HAMELIN?

WHO ELSE?

FREAKING LOCKER!



NOT THE FIRST BURGLARY HERE.

HE'S ALWAYS LATE FOR CLASS, WANDERING AROUND THE HALLS.

HE SHOULD REALLY BUY SOME NEW CLOTHES.

BUT WHY STEAL A CUP? HE'D BE BETTER OFF STEALING FOOD DIRECTLY.



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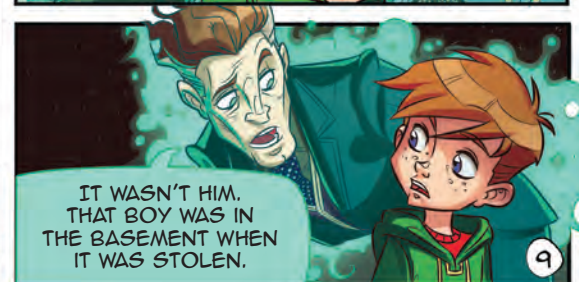
I-DID-NOT-STEAL-THAT-CUP!

OK! WE DIDN'T SAY ANYTHING.



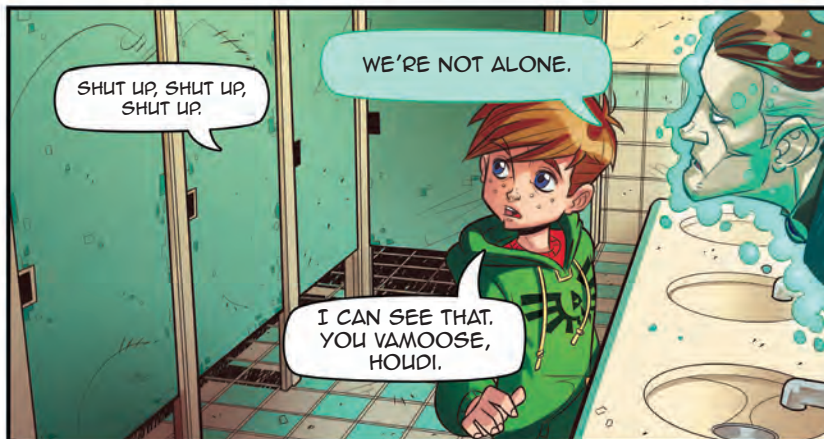
WHAT A STRANGE CHARACTER!

DID YOU SEE THAT?



IT WASN'T HIM. THAT BOY WAS IN THE BASEMENT WHEN IT WAS STOLEN.

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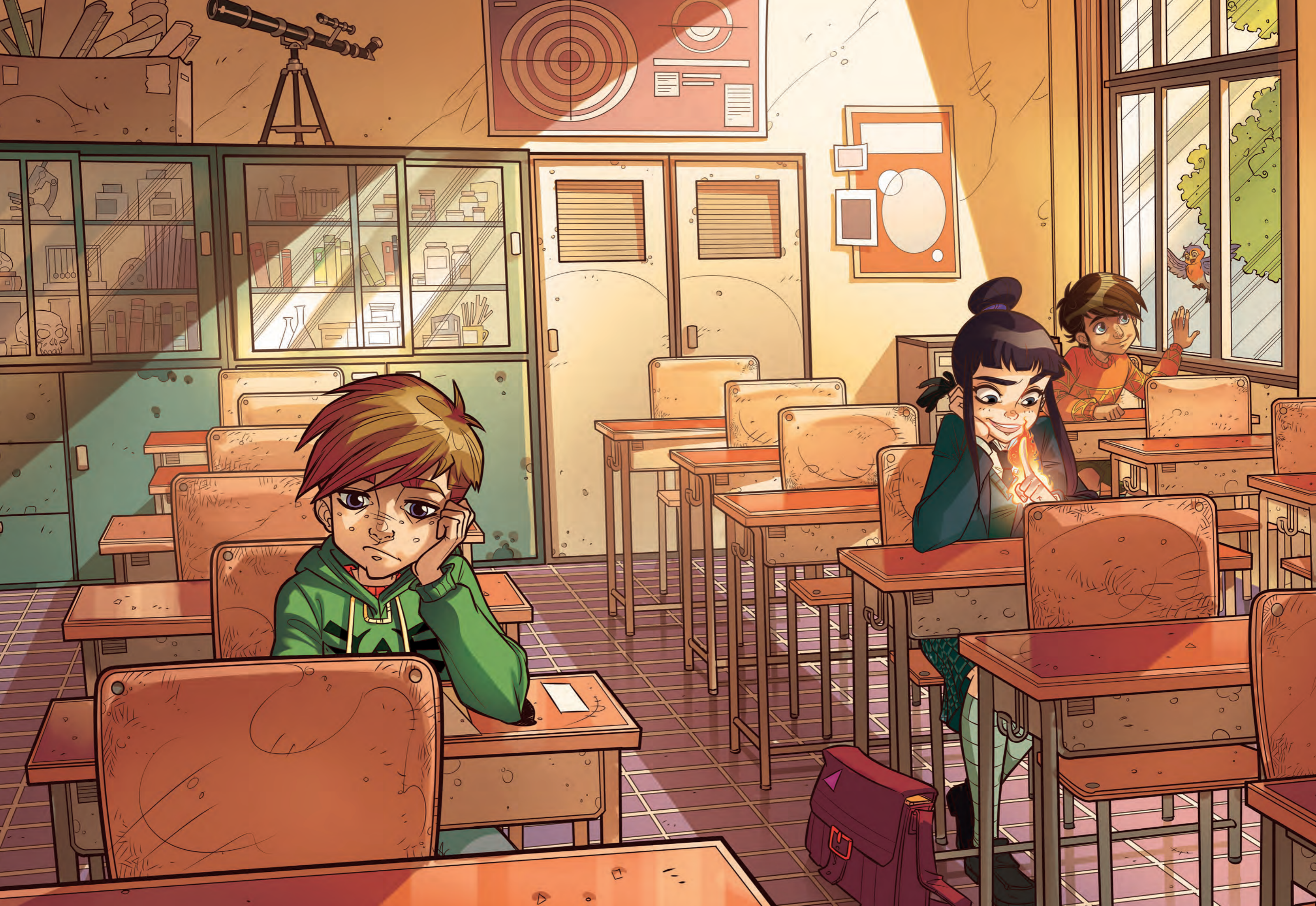
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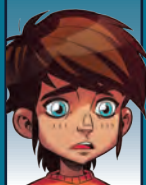
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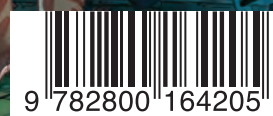
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But for the time being, their primary mission is to get to school on time.



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