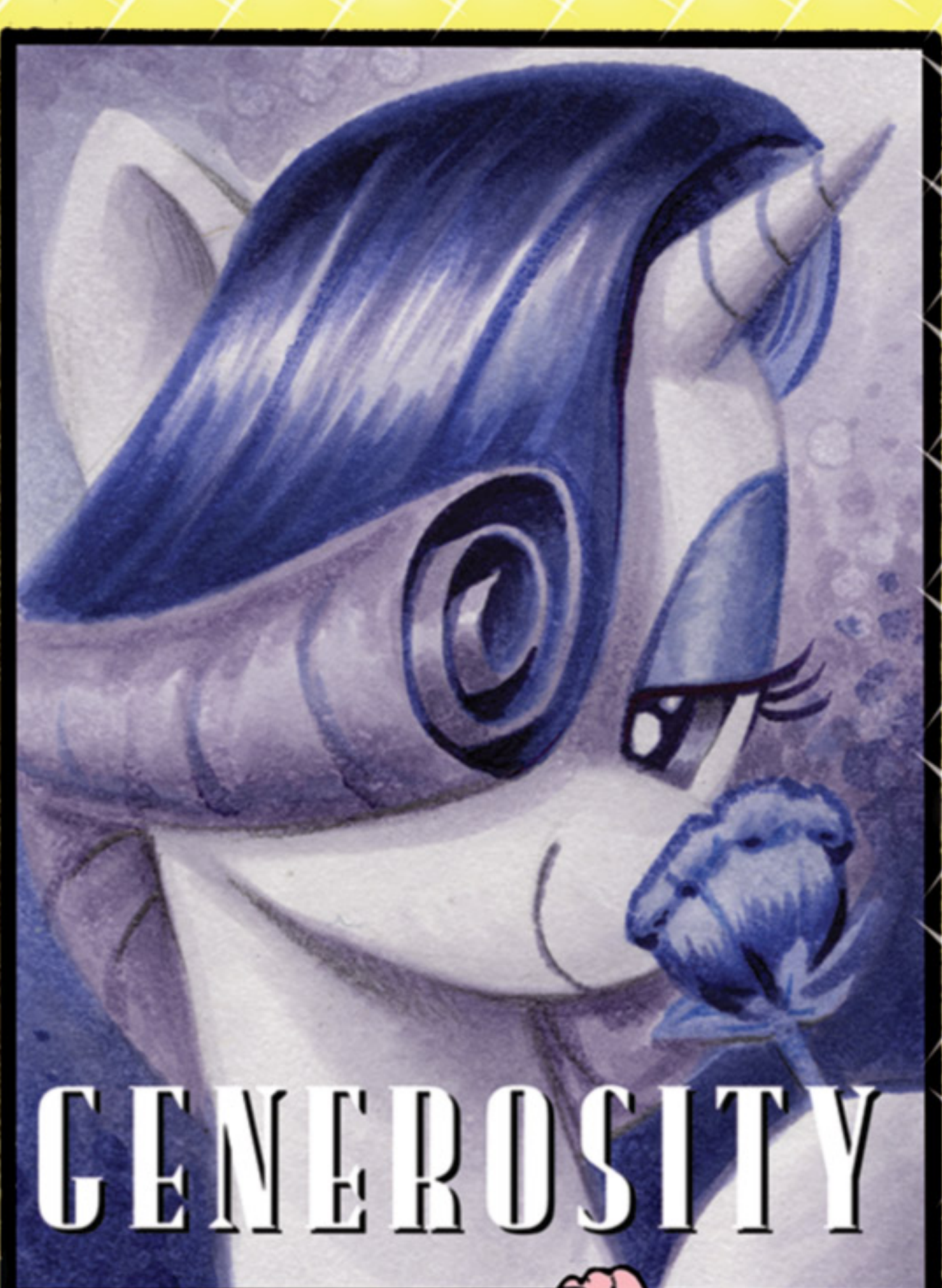
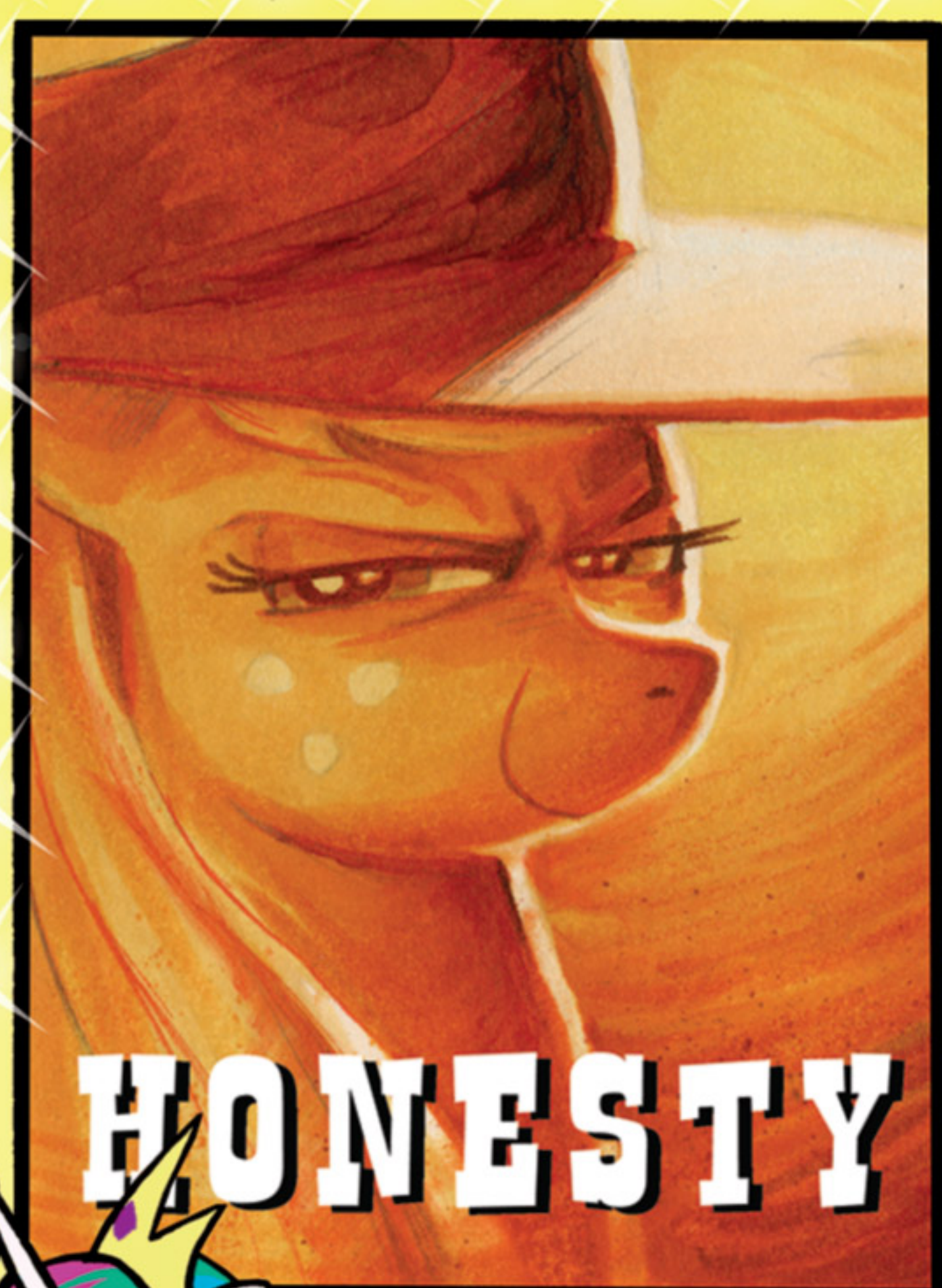


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CAPPER

of ABYSSINIA

CHUMMER!

CHUMMER, WE'RE SAILIN' TOO LOW!

I KNOW, CAPPER, I KNOW!

I'M— ERGH—TRYIN' TO KEEP US UPRIGHT!

AAAAH!

WE'RE GONNA CRASH!

HANG ON!



COUGH!
COUGH!



YOU ALL
RIGHT,
CAPPER?

I... I
THINK
SO.

WE'LL
NEVER GET
THE SHIP
FLYING AGAIN,
THOUGH.



IT'S OKAY,
CAPPER.

WE STILL GOT
EACH OTHER,
DON'T WE?





⇒PANT<
⇒PANT<

I DON'T...
KNOW... HOW
MUCH FARTHER...
I CAN GO...

C'MON...
CAPPER...

JUST...
ONE MORE...
DUNE...

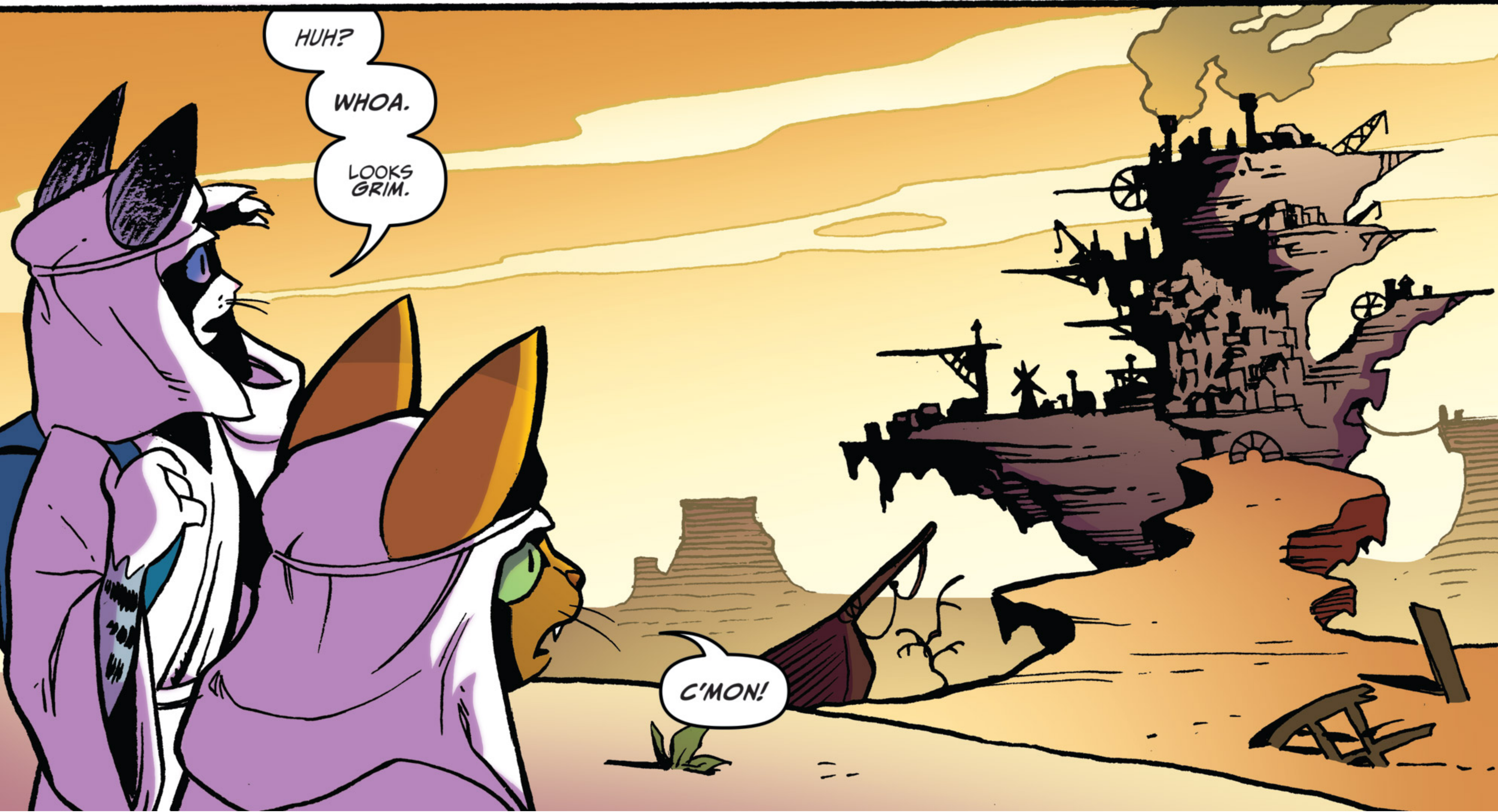


MAYBE...
WE SHOULD'VE...
STAYED... IN
ABYSSINIA...

WAIT...

HEY, OVER...
OVER THERE!

I THINK IT'S
A TOWN!



HUH?

WHOA.

LOOKS
GRIM.

C'MON!



FRUITS!

GETCHER WEIRD, EXOTIC FRUITS HERE!

STRANGE TRINKETS!

WHAT IS THIS PLACE, CHUMMER?

RUGS!

I DUNNO...

BUT I THINK IT LOOKS INTERESTING!



HEY!
HANDS OFF!

GRUMBLE
GRUMBLE



HEY, MISTER!
WHAT'S THE NAME OF THIS PLACE?

IT'S KLUGETOWN!

AND THAT'S THE ONLY THING YOU'LL GET FOR FREE FROM ME!

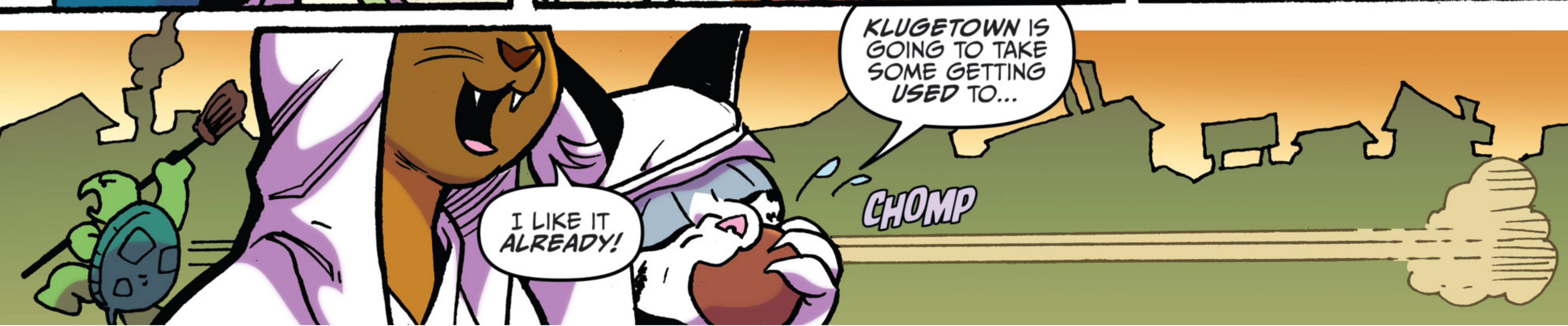
EVERYTHING COSTS IN KLUGETOWN!

FEH!



WELL, WHAT ABOUT THAT GUY THAT JUST TOOK THAT FRUIT?

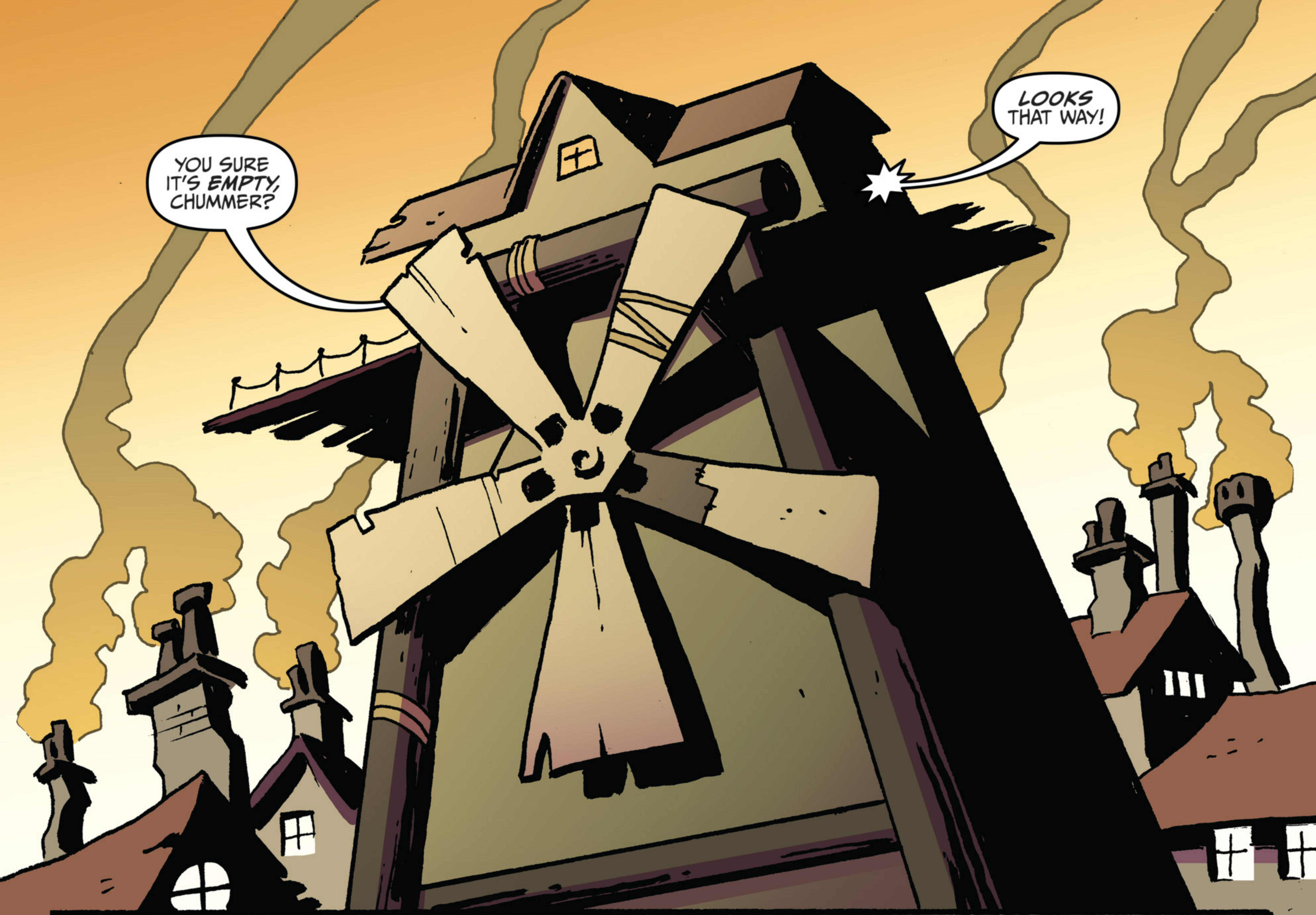
WHAT?! NOBODY STEALS FROM ME!



KLUGETOWN IS GOING TO TAKE SOME GETTING USED TO...

I LIKE IT ALREADY!

CHOMP



YOU SURE IT'S EMPTY, CHUMMER?

LOOKS THAT WAY!



WHAT'D I TELL YOU?

IT'S PERFECT!

IT LOOKS A LITTLE CLUTTERED...



JUST NEEDS A QUICK CLEANING, THAT'S ALL!

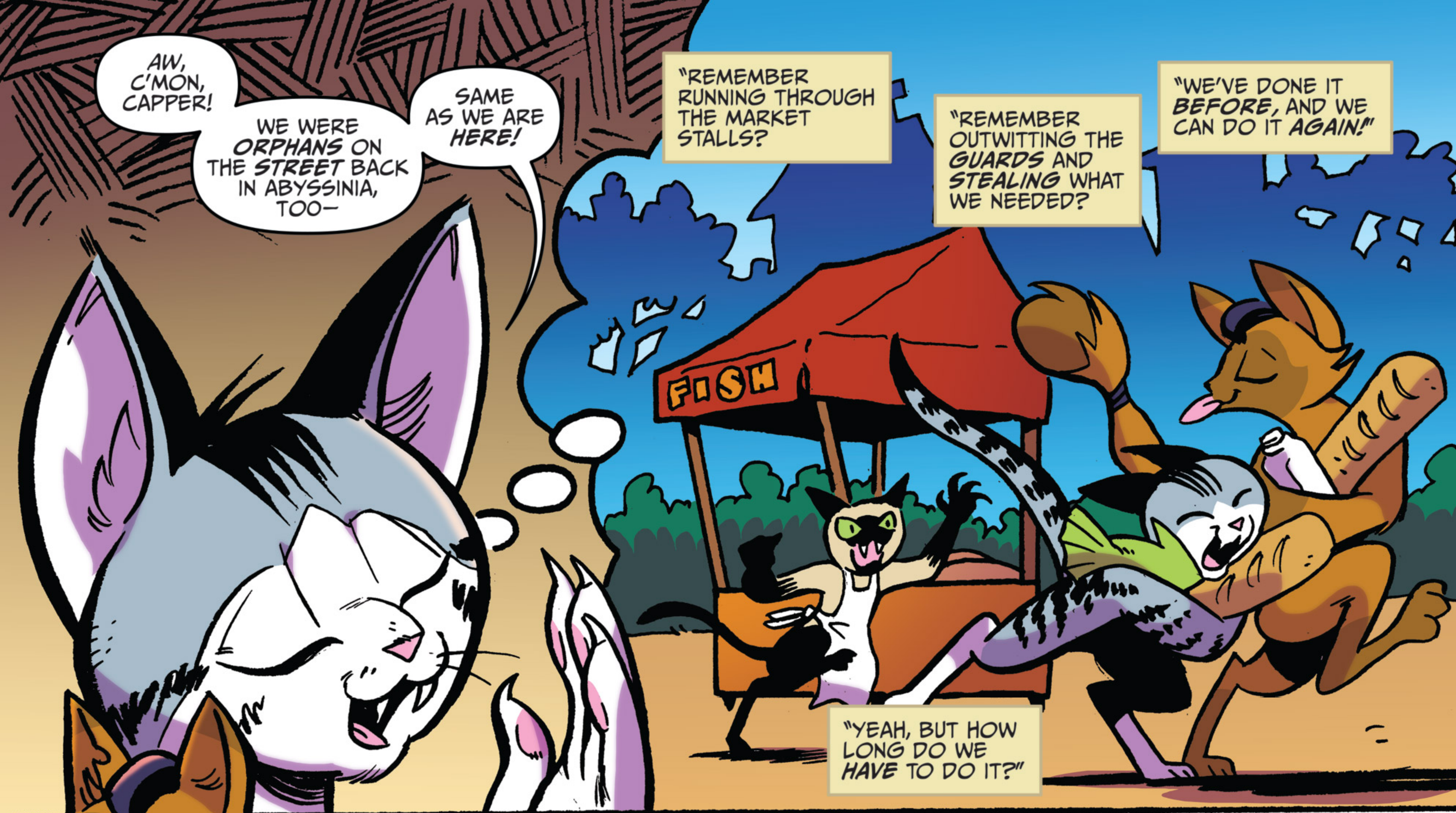
THEN IT'LL BE OUR PLACE!



->SIGH->

I WISH WE WERE BACK IN ABYSSINIA.

I'M TIRED OF RUNNING.



AW, C'MON, CAPPER!

WE WERE ORPHANS ON THE STREET BACK IN ABYSSINIA, TOO—

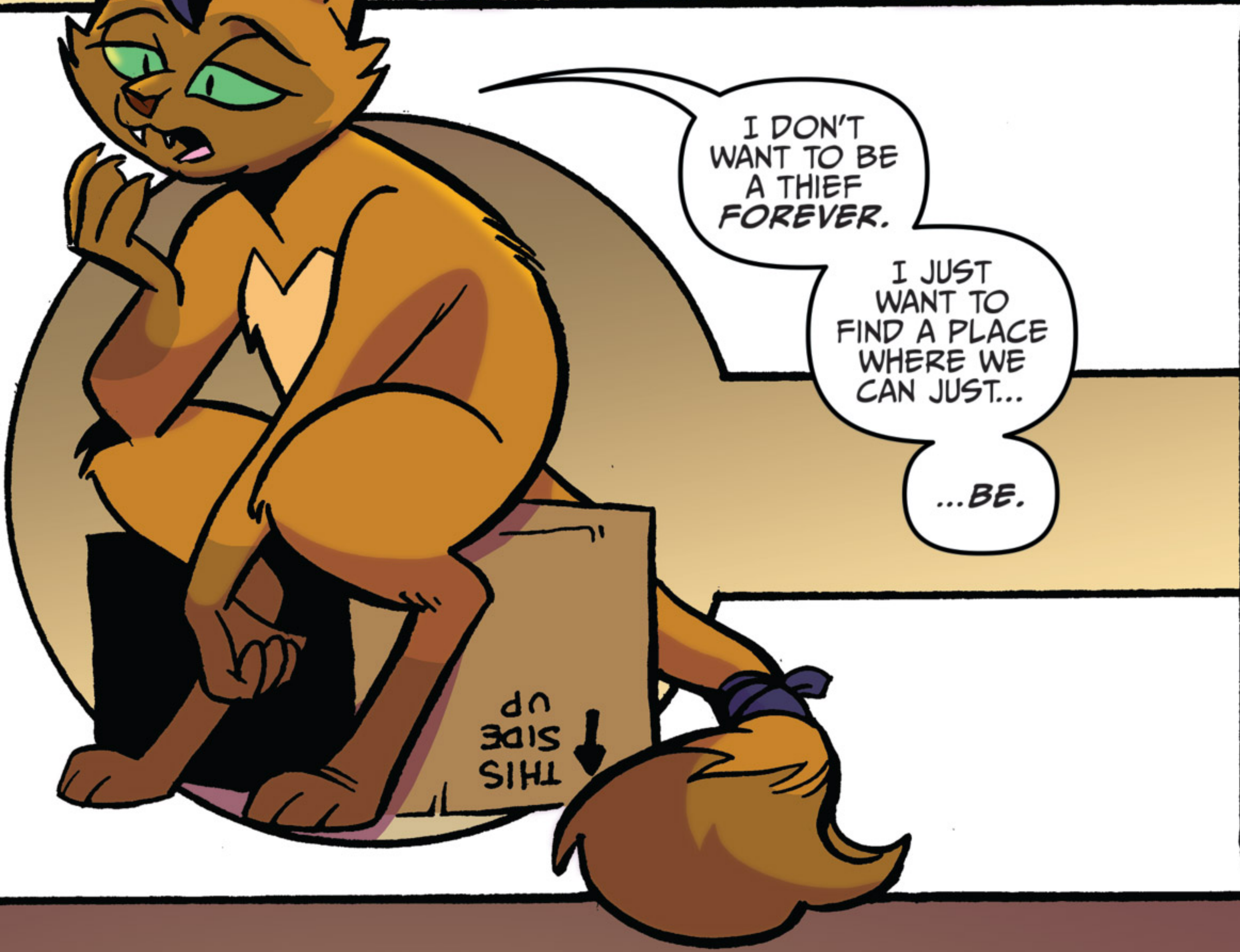
SAME AS WE ARE HERE!

"REMEMBER RUNNING THROUGH THE MARKET STALLS?"

"REMEMBER OUTWITTING THE GUARDS AND STEALING WHAT WE NEEDED?"

"WE'VE DONE IT BEFORE, AND WE CAN DO IT AGAIN!"

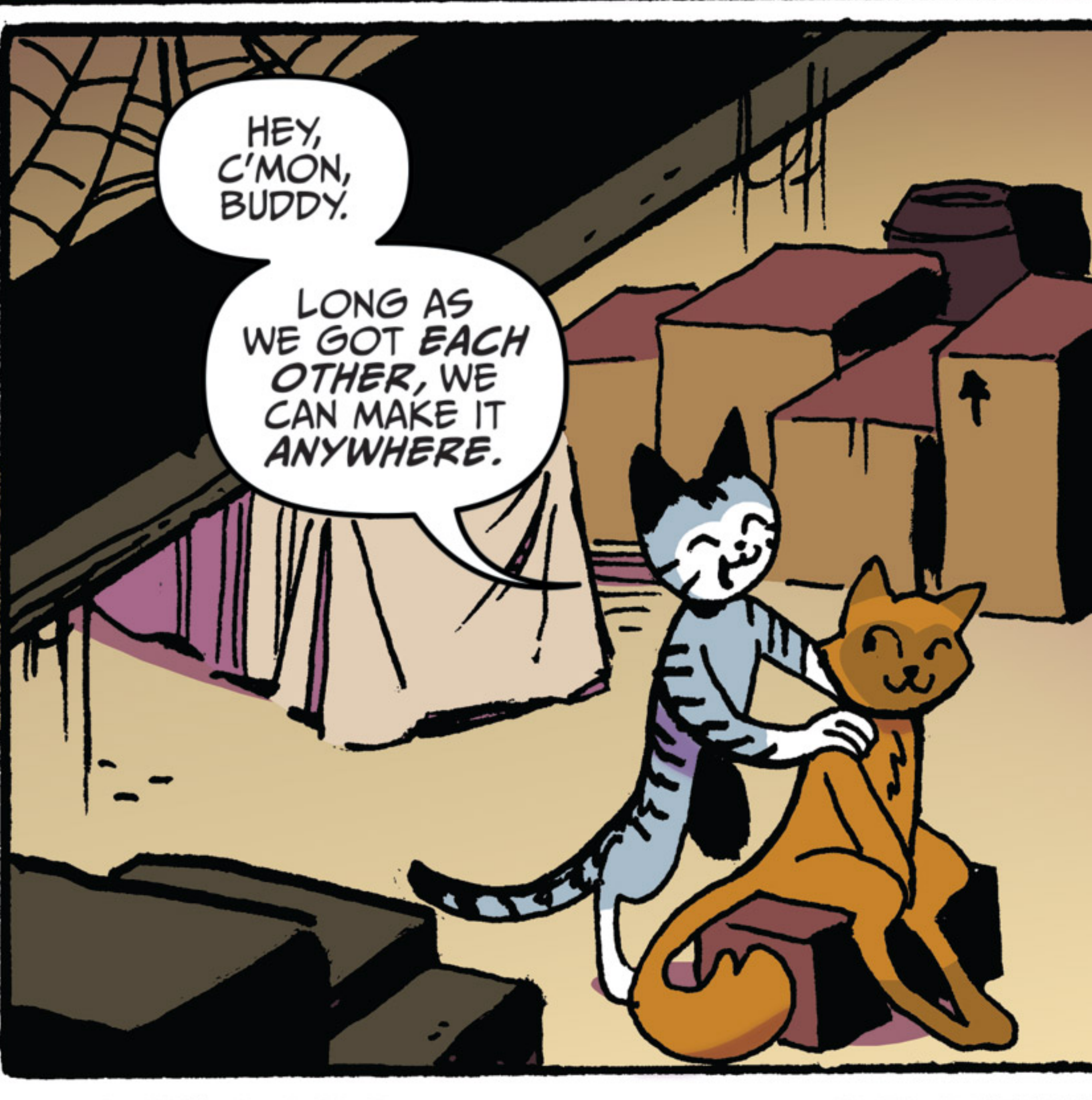
"YEAH, BUT HOW LONG DO WE HAVE TO DO IT?"



I DON'T WANT TO BE A THIEF FOREVER.

I JUST WANT TO FIND A PLACE WHERE WE CAN JUST...

...BE.



HEY, C'MON, BUDDY.

LONG AS WE GOT EACH OTHER, WE CAN MAKE IT ANYWHERE.

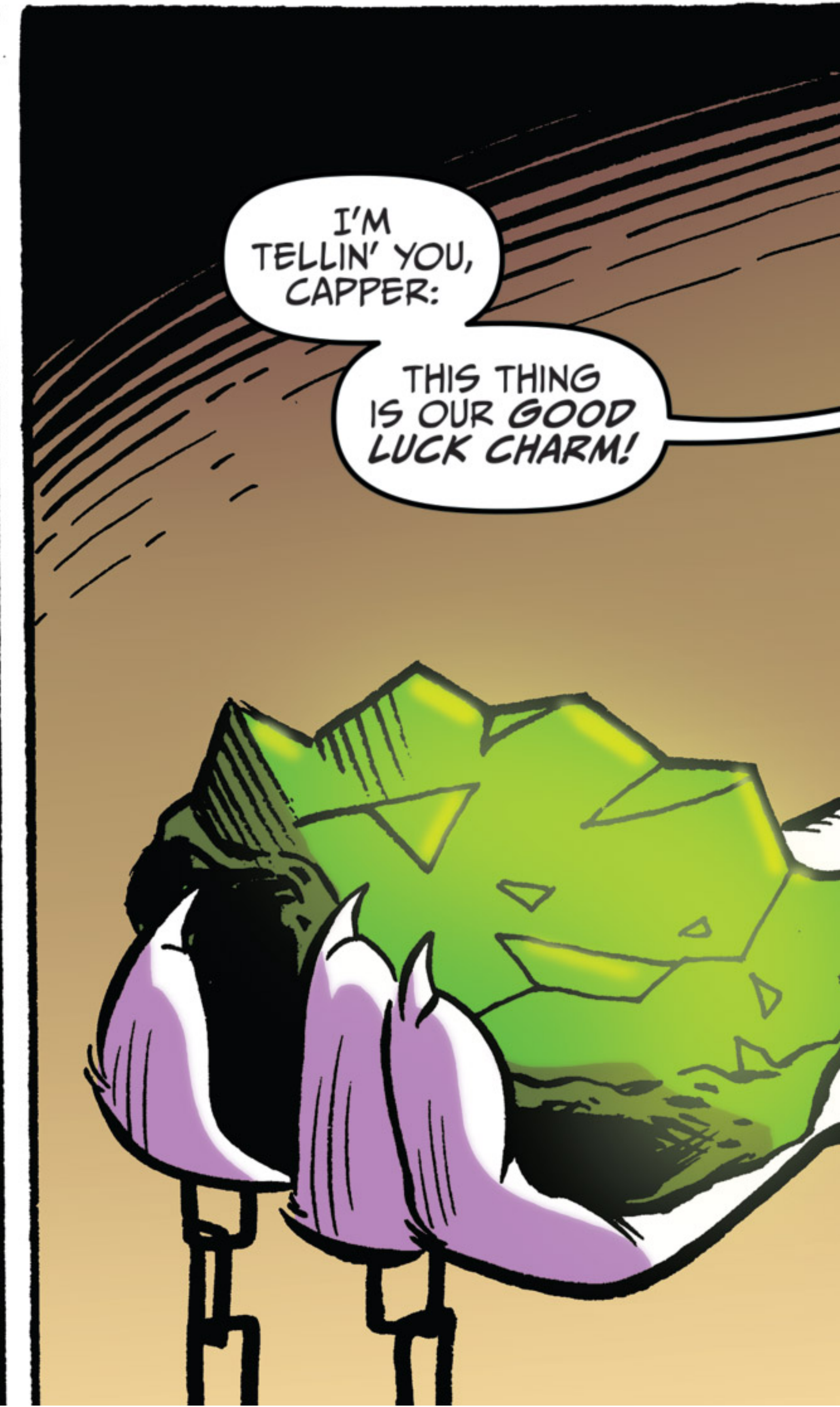


AND HEY!

WE MIGHT NOT HAVE TO STEAL, IF WE CAN SELL THIS THING!

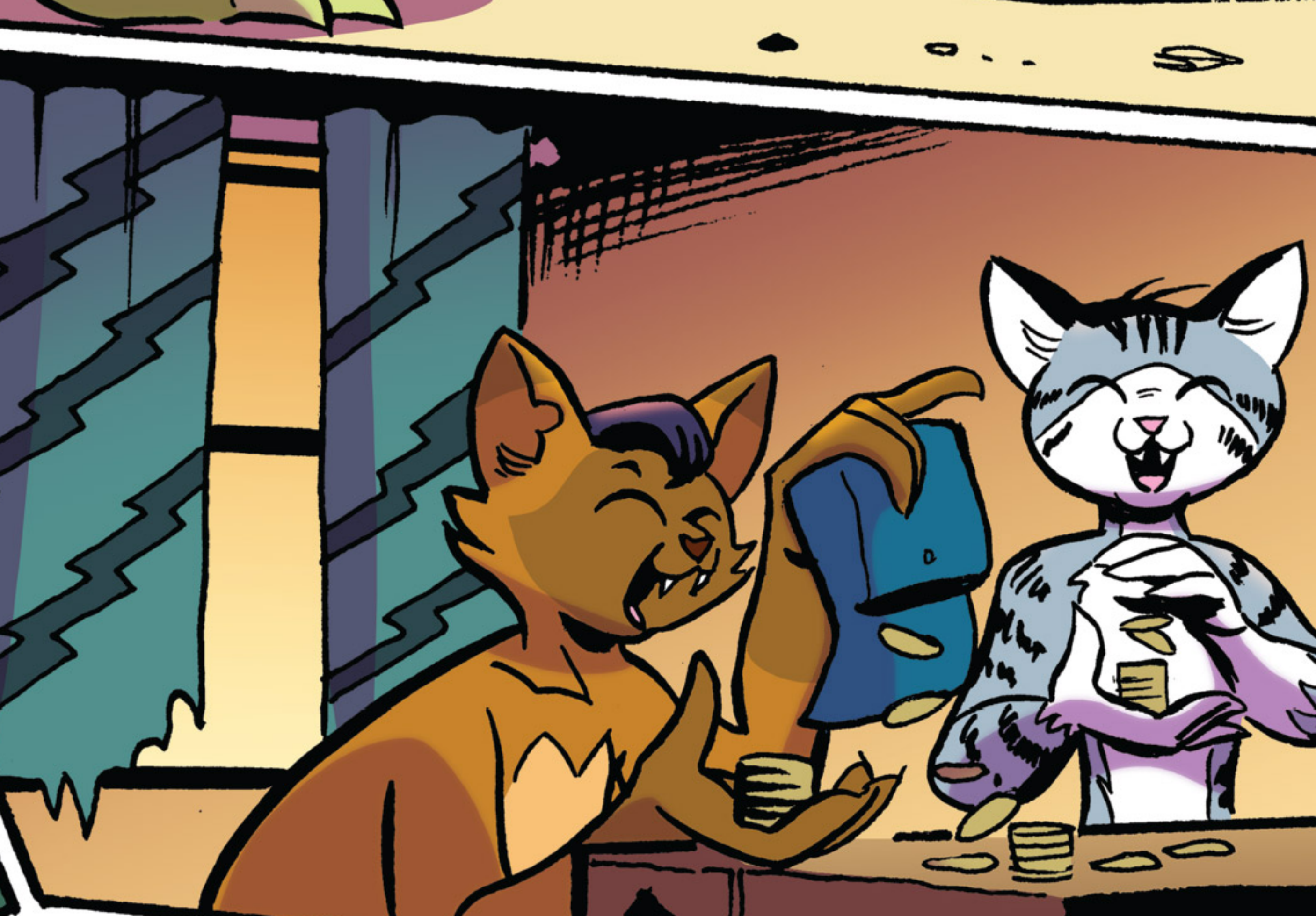
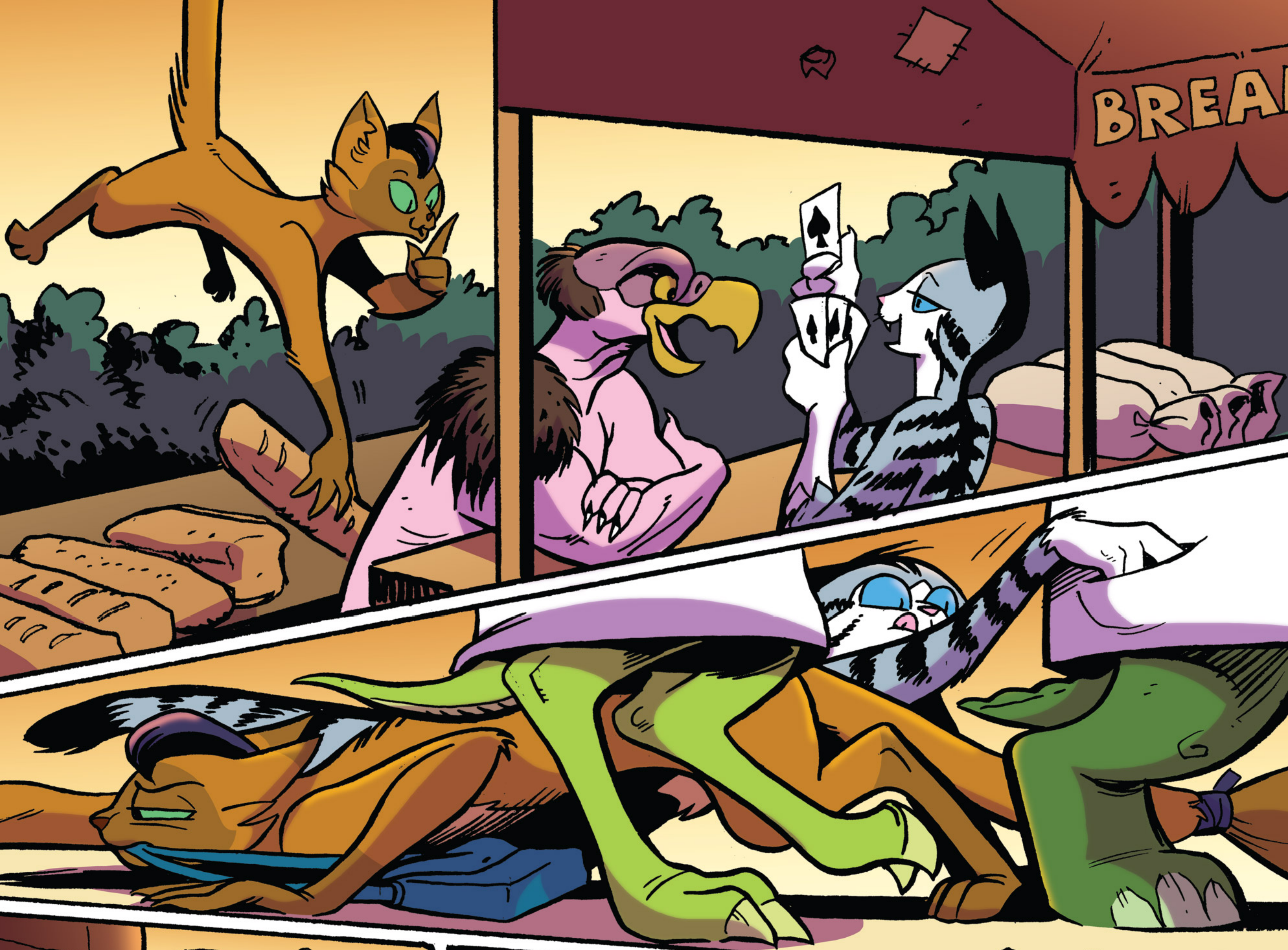
JUST LOOK AT IT!

IT'S PROBABLY MAGIC, TOO!



I'M TELLIN' YOU, CAPPER:

THIS THING IS OUR GOOD LUCK CHARM!





AND DINNER IS SERVED!

"BONE" APPETIT!

THIS IS ALL YOU COULD GET?



YEAH...

THINGS ARE EXPENSIVE, AND WE HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO MAKE THAT MUCH.



KLUGETOWN IS MERCILESS.

HOW ARE TWO STREET-SMART, LOVEABLE URCHINS SUPPOSED TO MAKE IT HERE ON THEIR OWN?



PLUS, I THINK WE'RE ATTRACTING ATTENTION.

HAVE YOU NOTICED A LOT OF TOUGH-LOOKING GOONS WATCHING US?

YEAH.



WE CAN'T BE THE ONLY THIEVES IN THIS TOWN.

THERE'S GOT TO BE SOMEONE RUNNING THIS PLACE.



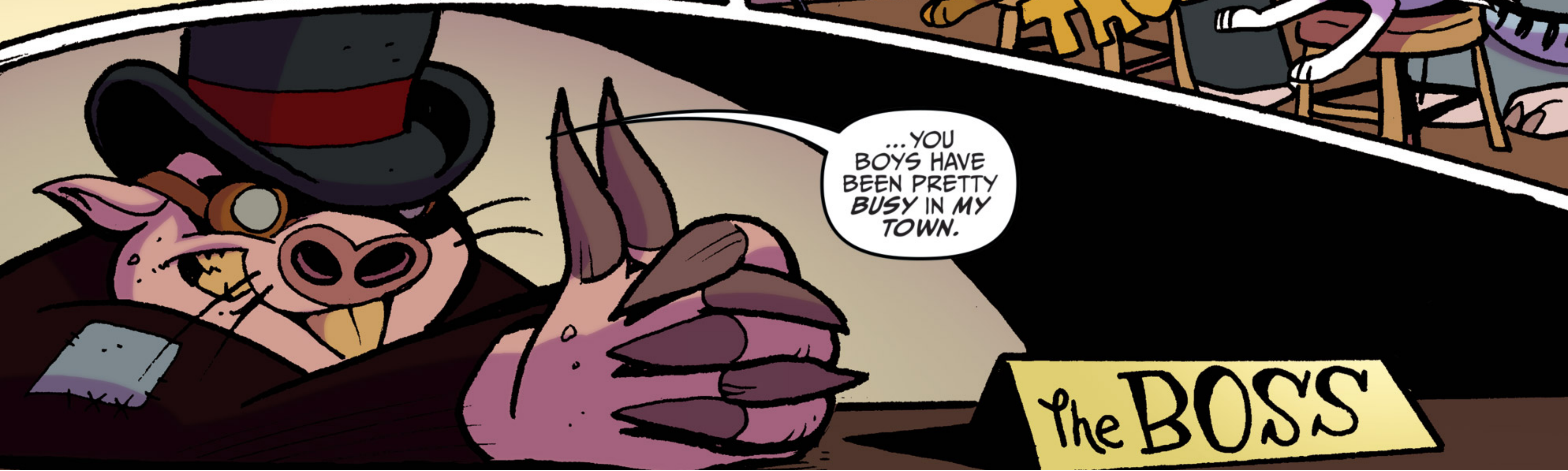
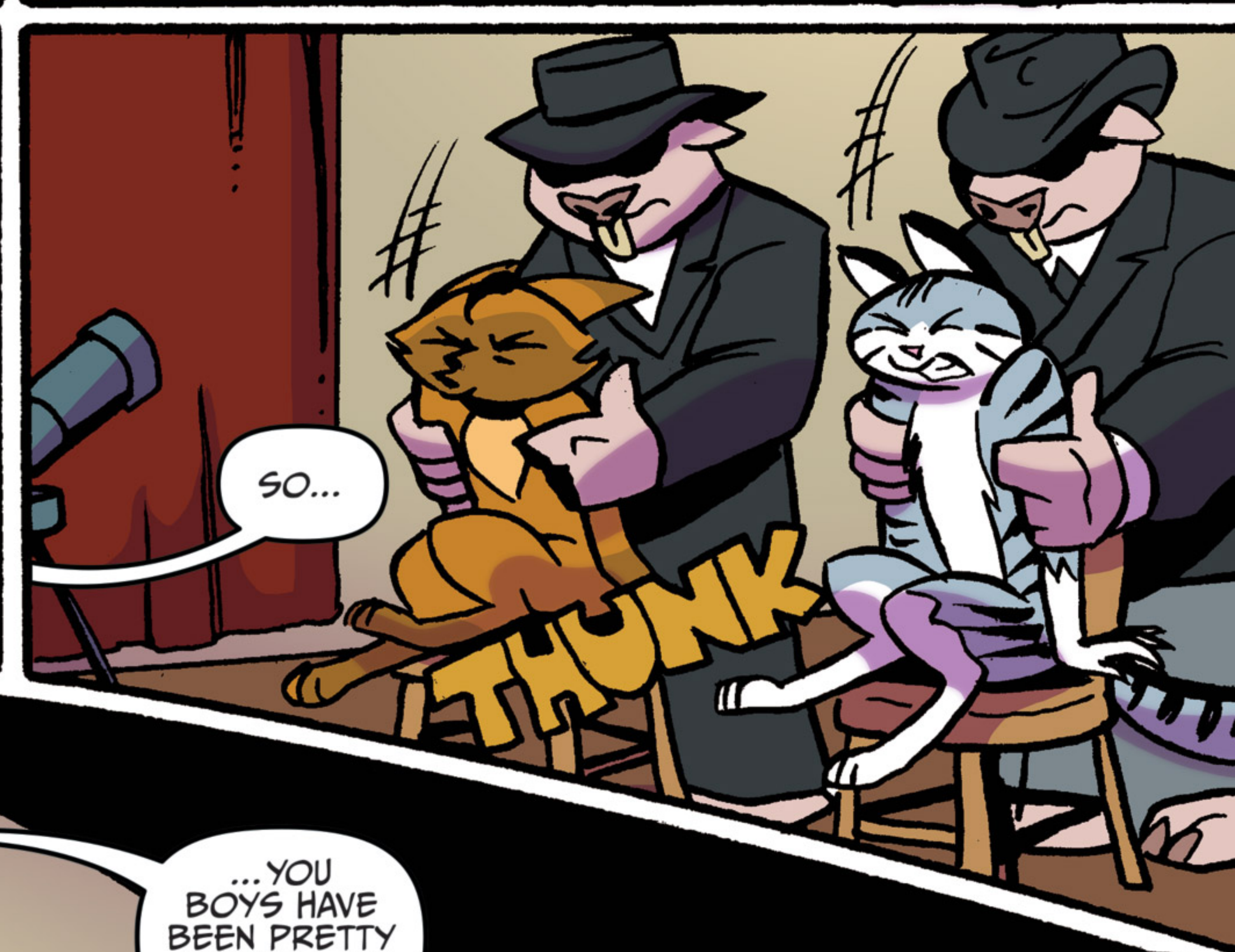
YOU WANT TO WORK FOR SOMEONE? A CRIME BOSS?

NOT QUITE!

THE WAY I SEE IT, WE NEED RESOURCES AND WE NEED TO LEAVE...



...AND I THINK THERE'S A WAY TO GET BOTH AT ONCE!

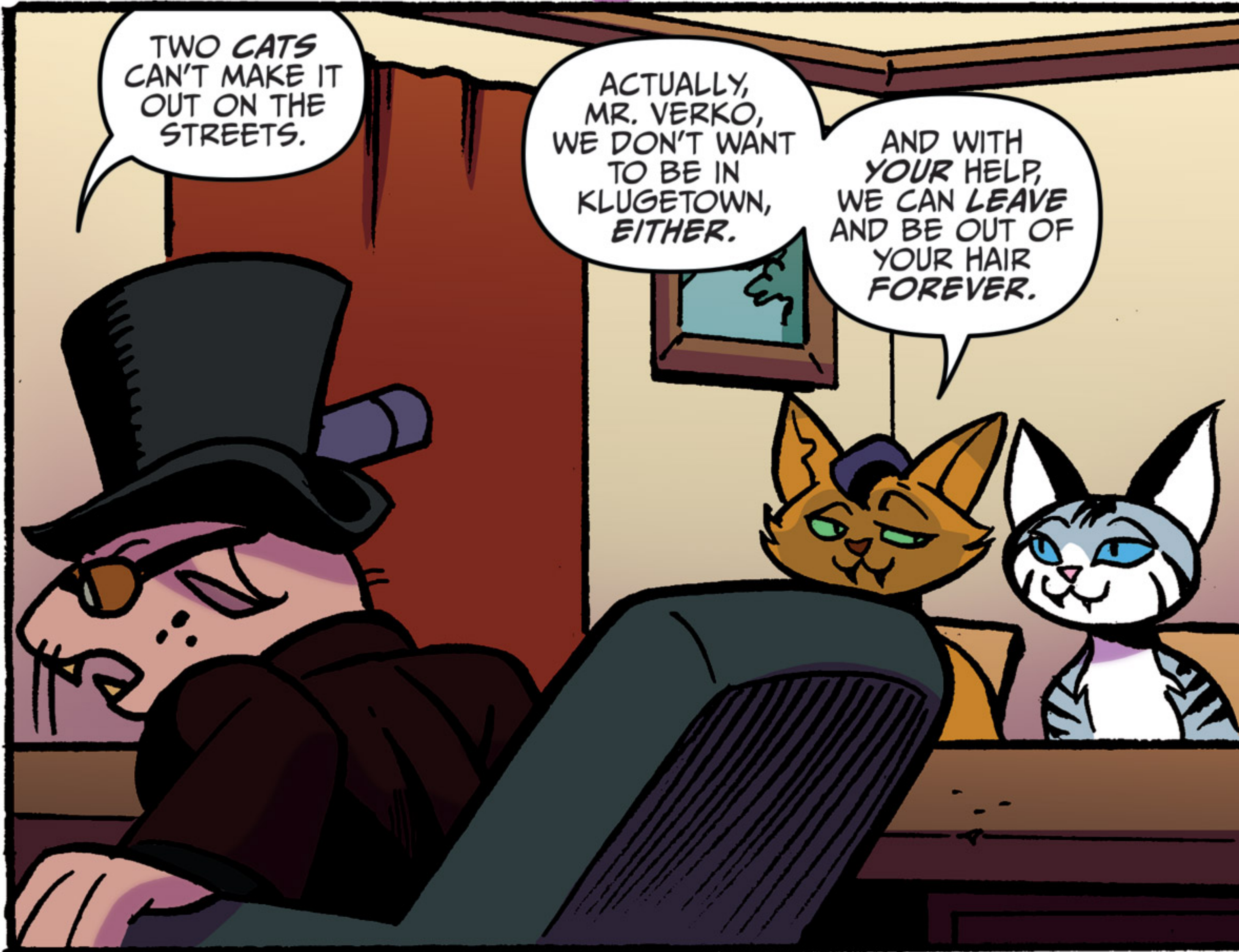




MY NAME'S VERKO.
I OWN KLUGETOWN.
EVERY LOWLIFE, KNAVE, AND VILLAIN WHO EVER PICKED A POCKET HERE ANSWERS TO ME.



EXCEPT FOR YOU TWO.
YOU TWO THINK YOU CAN JUST WALTZ INTO KLUGETOWN AND START ROBBING EVERYBODY?



TWO CATS CAN'T MAKE IT OUT ON THE STREETS.

ACTUALLY, MR. VERKO, WE DON'T WANT TO BE IN KLUGETOWN, EITHER.

AND WITH YOUR HELP, WE CAN LEAVE AND BE OUT OF YOUR HAIR FOREVER.



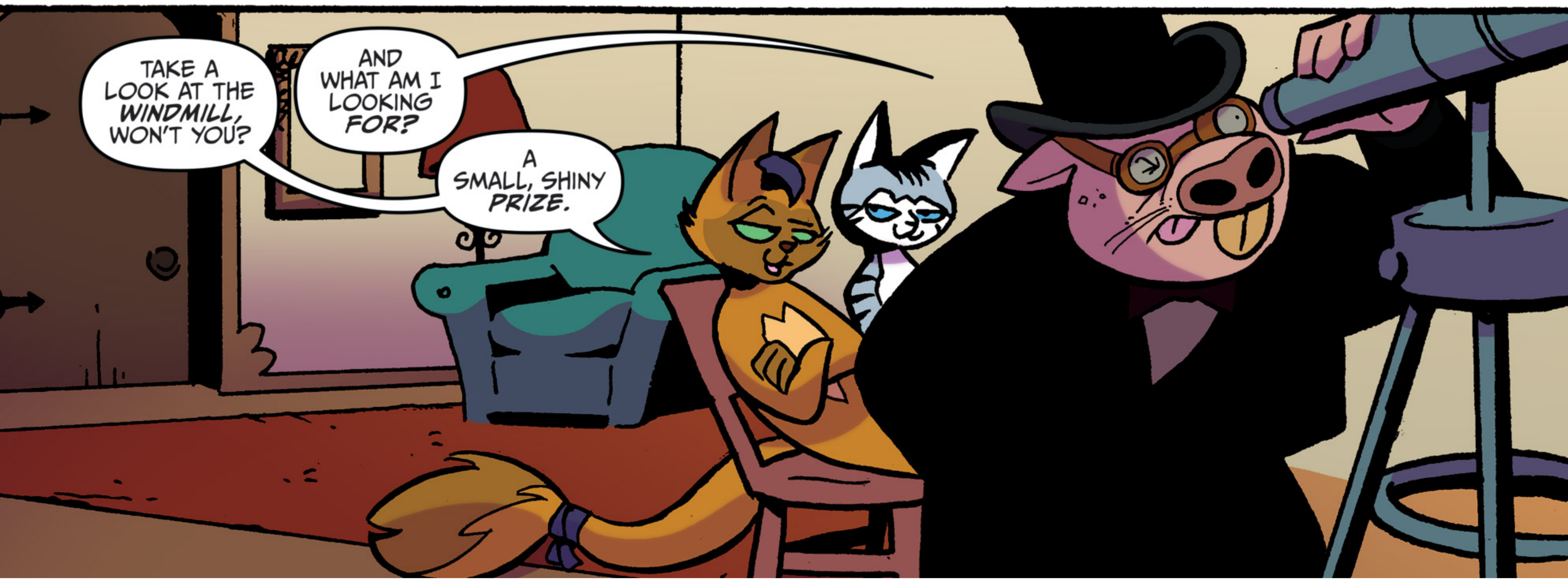
ME? HELP YOU?

AND WHAT DO I GET OUT OF IT?

EVERYTHING COSTS IN KLUGETOWN.

WELL, FOR STARTERS, YOU'D BE HELPING TWO POOR, INNOCENT, LOST CHILDREN ESCAPE THIS HIVE OF THIEVERY AND VILLAINY.

BUT YOU'LL ALSO GET A LOT MORE.



TAKE A LOOK AT THE WINDMILL, WON'T YOU?

AND WHAT AM I LOOKING FOR?

A SMALL, SHINY PRIZE.



WE'VE GOT A GEM TO SELL, Y'SEE.

AND BEFORE YOU GET ANY TRICKY IDEAS, LOOK WHERE IT IS.

YOUR BIG, STRONG HENCHMEN WOULD BE TOO HEAVY TO CROSS THE PLANK!



THAT GEM?!

YOU'RE SELLING IT?

SURE! WE FIGURE IT'S WORTH A FEW COPPER PENNIES OR SO...



"COPPER PENNIES"?!

ARE YOU NUTS, KID? THAT'S THE MISFORTUNE MALACHITE!

DO YOU KNOW WHAT THAT GEM IS WORTH?!



WELL, WE DIDN'T—

—BUT IT SEEMS LIKE YOU THINK IT'S A LOT!

ERK.

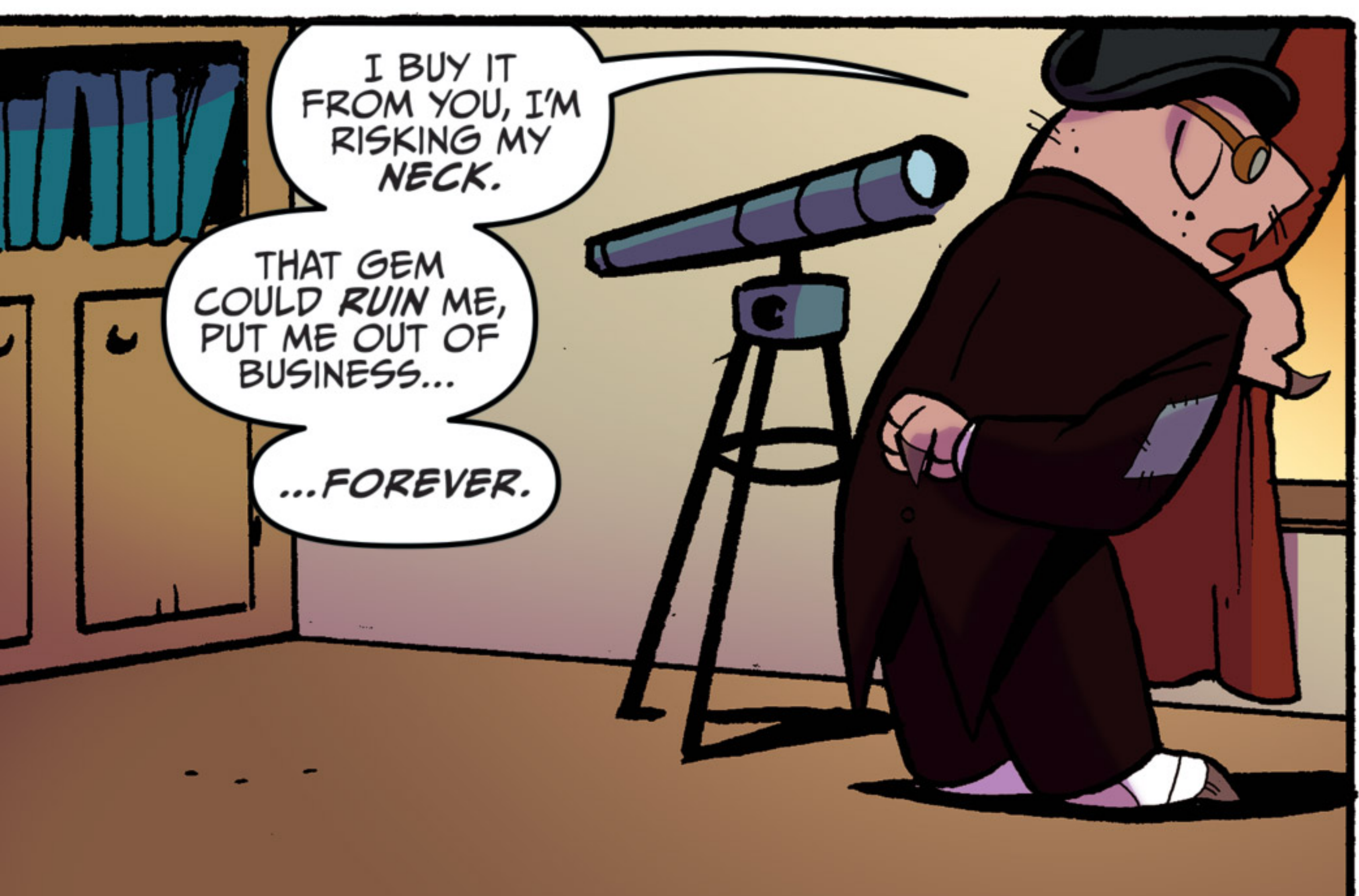


ALL RIGHT, KID. IT'S A LOT.

BUT IT'S NOT JUST ABOUT THE MONEY.

THAT GEM IS CURSED, THEY SAY.

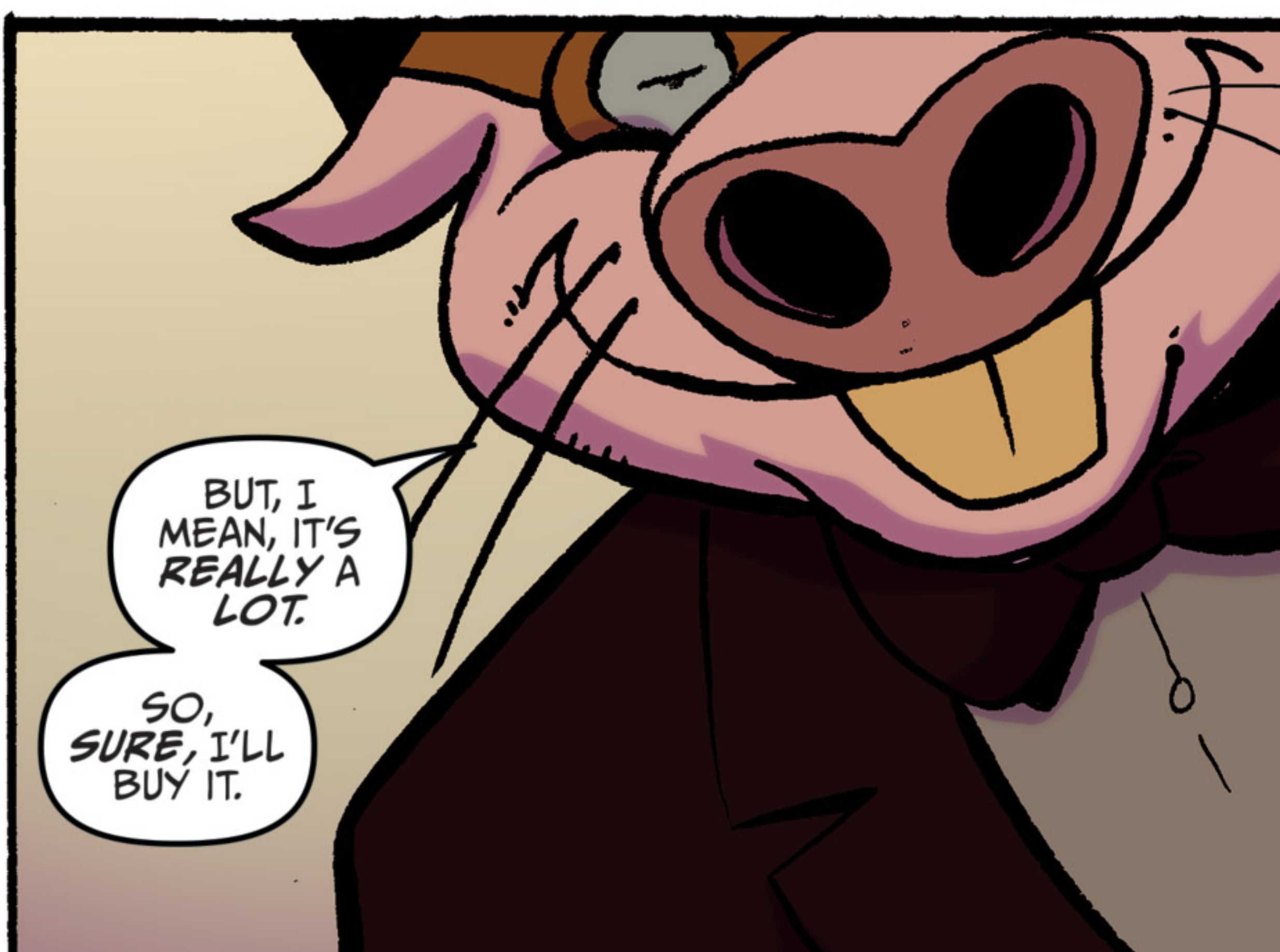
IT'S TOPPLED EMPIRES AND STARTED WARS.



I BUY IT FROM YOU, I'M RISKING MY NECK.

THAT GEM COULD RUIN ME, PUT ME OUT OF BUSINESS...

...FOREVER.



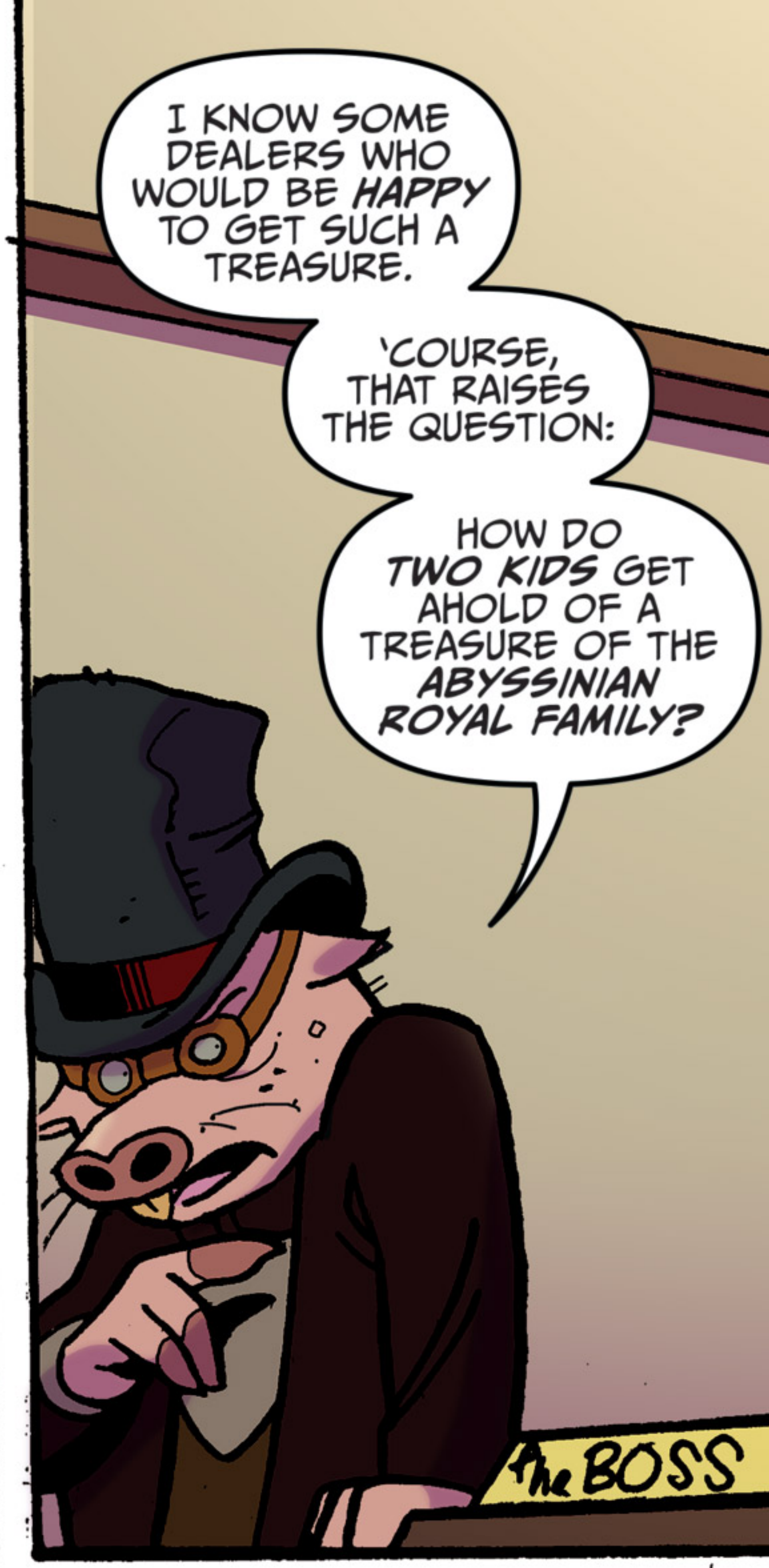
BUT, I MEAN, IT'S REALLY A LOT.

SO, SURE, I'LL BUY IT.



REALLY?

YEAH!!!



I KNOW SOME DEALERS WHO WOULD BE HAPPY TO GET SUCH A TREASURE.

COURSE, THAT RAISES THE QUESTION:

HOW DO TWO KIDS GET AHOLD OF A TREASURE OF THE ABYSSINIAN ROYAL FAMILY?



IT'S A LONG STORY, VERKO.



SO WHAT DO YOU BOYS WANT FOR THE MALACHITE?

BECAUSE IT'S WORTH A LOT MORE THAN JUST A TICKET OUTTA KLUGETOWN.



HUH?

THAT GEM IS WORTH PLENTY.

I CAN GET YOU YOUR OWN AIRSHIP WITH ALL THE TRIMMINGS FOR ITS PRICE.

SO HOW MUCH?



A SKYSHIP!

FULLY LOADED! WITH CANNONS!

AND, AND CLOTHES! UNIFORMS!

CUTLASSES AND COMPASSES!

MAPS AND GLOBES!

EVERYTHING A PIRATE NEEDS!

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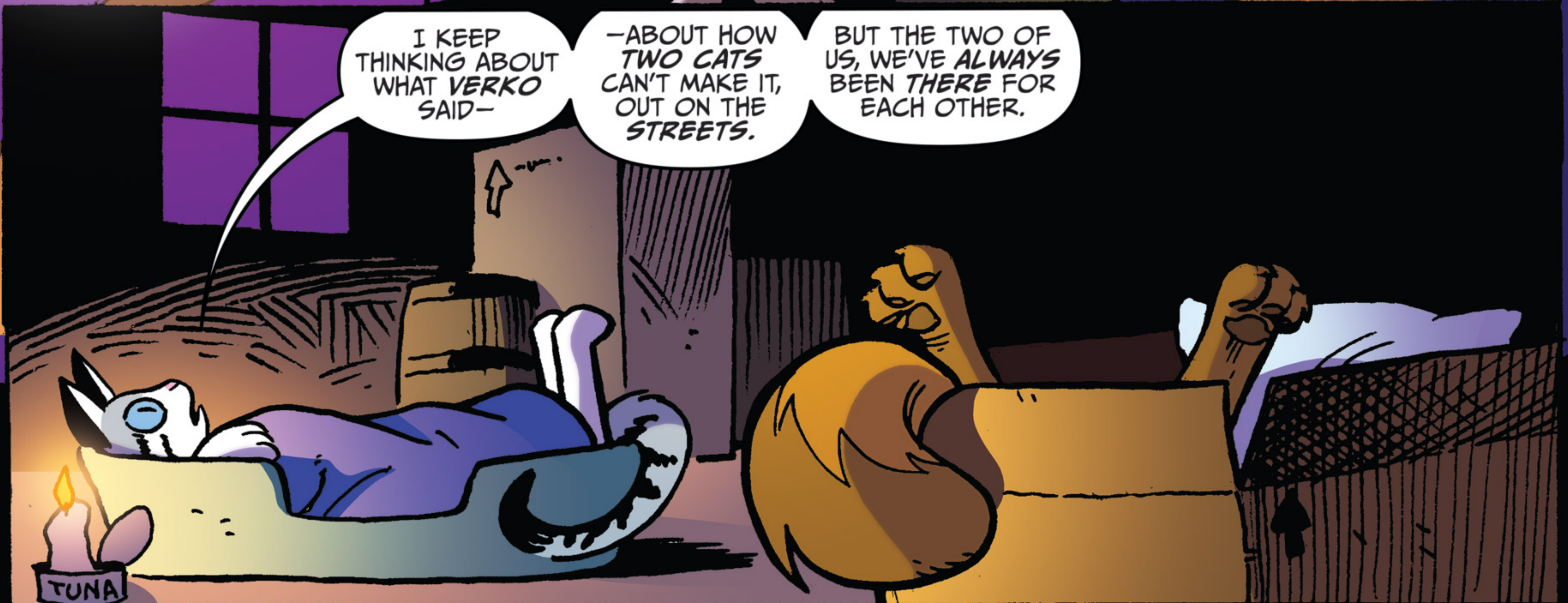
HEY, CAPPER?

YEAH, CHUMMER?

I KEEP THINKING ABOUT WHAT VERKO SAID—

—ABOUT HOW TWO CATS CAN'T MAKE IT, OUT ON THE STREETS.

BUT THE TWO OF US, WE'VE ALWAYS BEEN THERE FOR EACH OTHER.



WE WOULDN'T HAVE GOTTEN THIS FAR WITHOUT EACH OTHER.

WE NEED EACH OTHER.

DON'T WE?

MAYBE VERKO DOESN'T THINK THAT WAY.

MAYBE HE THINKS... FRIENDS ARE A DISTRACTION.

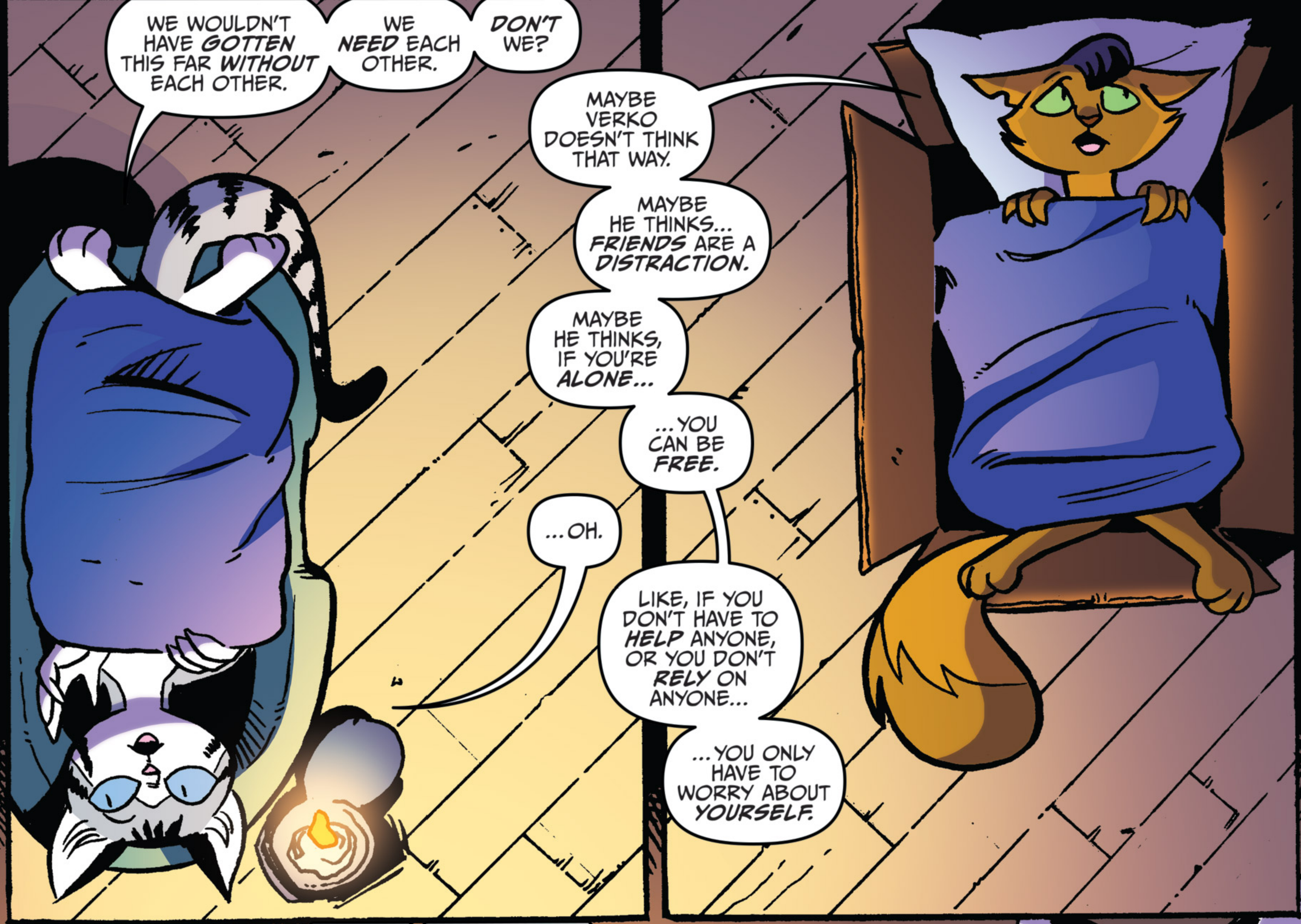
MAYBE HE THINKS, IF YOU'RE ALONE...

... YOU CAN BE FREE.

... OH.

LIKE, IF YOU DON'T HAVE TO HELP ANYONE, OR YOU DON'T RELY ON ANYONE...

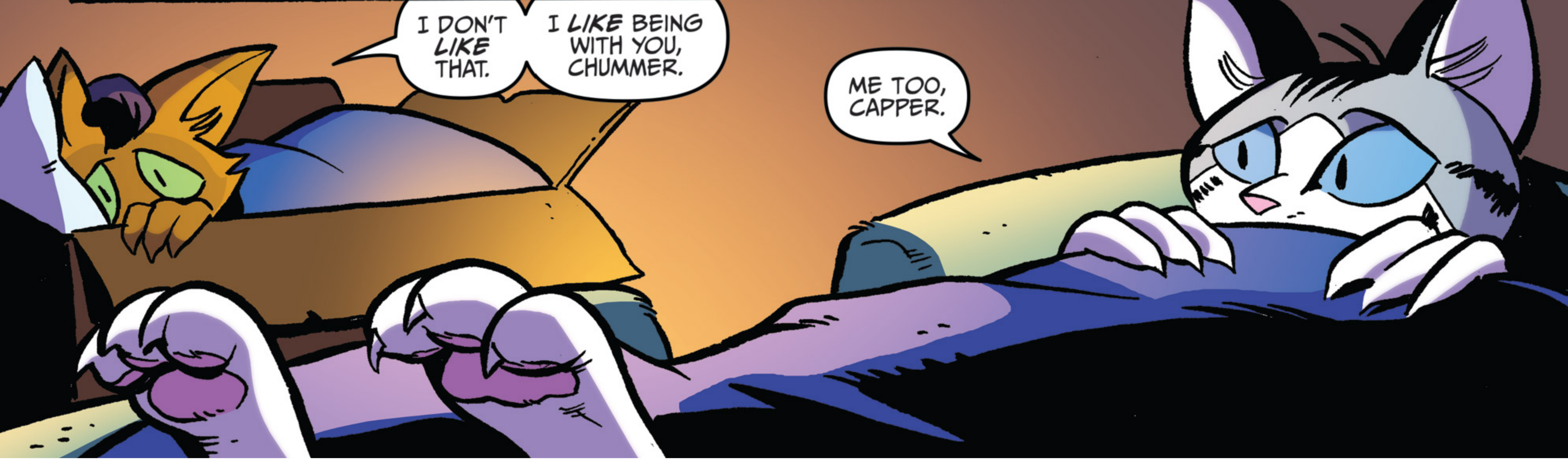
... YOU ONLY HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT YOURSELF.



I DON'T LIKE THAT.

I LIKE BEING WITH YOU, CHUMMER.

ME TOO, CAPPER.





WHEN WE LEAVE KLUGETOWN...

...WHERE SHOULD WE GO NEXT?

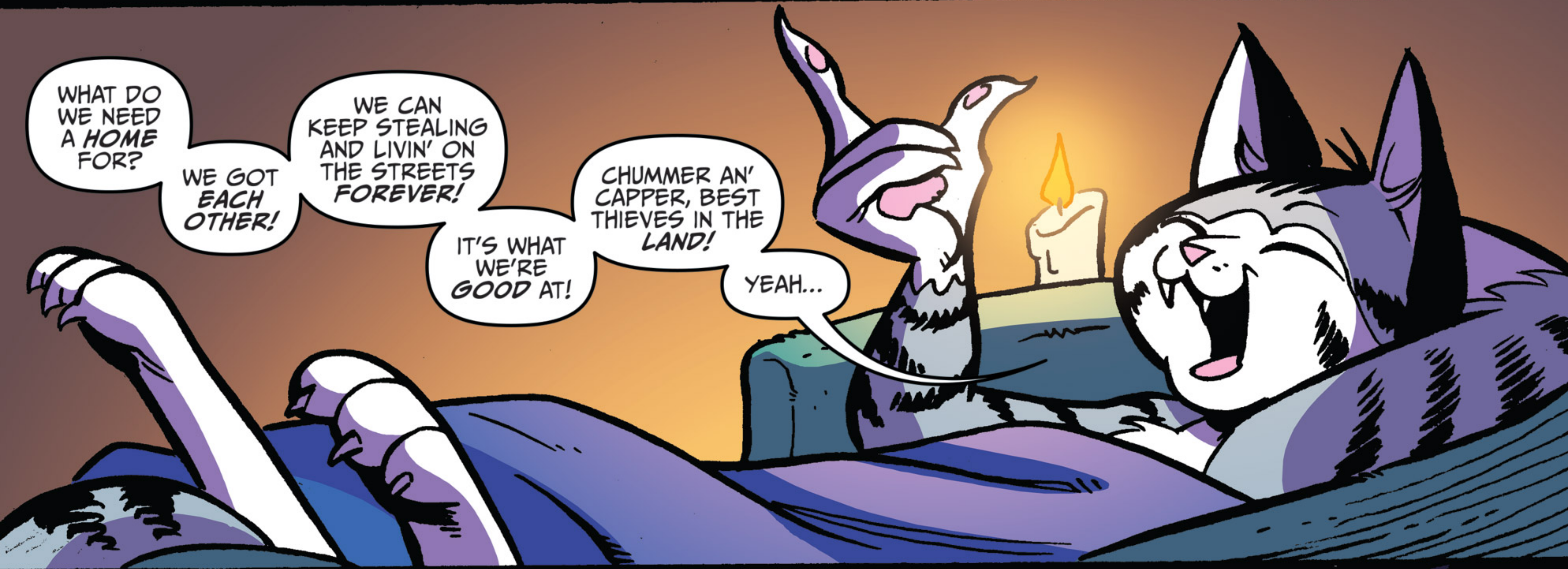
I DON'T KNOW, CHUMMER.



I DON'T WANT TO KEEP RUNNING AND STEALING...

I WANT TO FIND A PLACE WHERE WE CAN STOP.

I WANT TO FIND A HOME.



WHAT DO WE NEED A HOME FOR?

WE GOT EACH OTHER!

WE CAN KEEP STEALING AND LIVIN' ON THE STREETS FOREVER!

IT'S WHAT WE'RE GOOD AT!

CHUMMER AN' CAPPER, BEST THIEVES IN THE LAND!

YEAH...



YEAH...

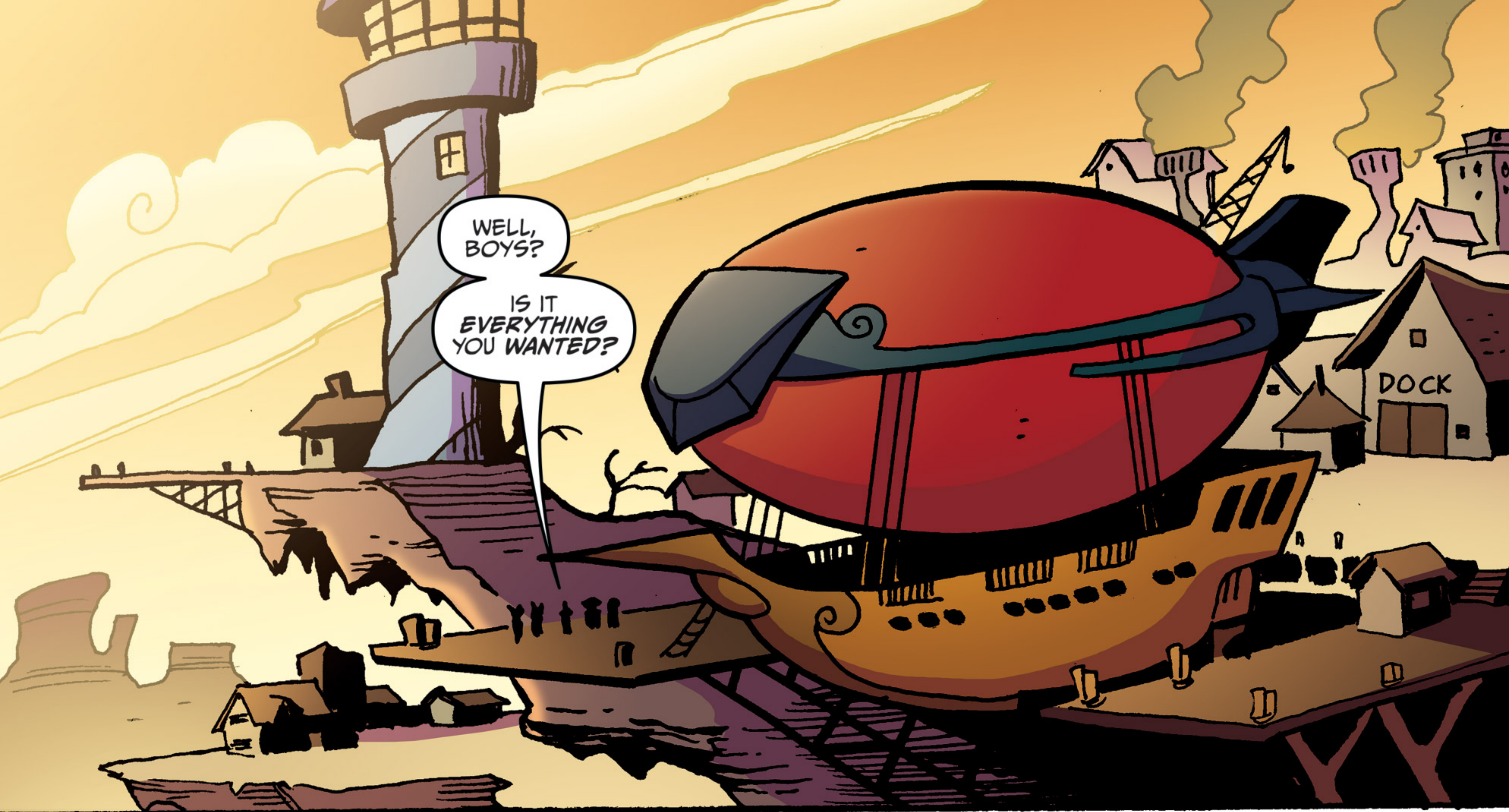
BUT I'D RATHER JUST BE CHUMMER AN' CAPPER...

...FRIENDS.



GOOD NIGHT, CHUMMER.

G'NIGHT, CAPPER.



WELL, BOYS?
IS IT EVERYTHING YOU WANTED?



IT'S PERFECT, MR. VERKO!

YEAH!

IT'S EVERYTHING TWO PIRATES COULD ASK FOR!



I'LL GO UP AND CHECK IT OUT.

CAPPER, WHEN I GIVE YOU THE OKAY, GIVE THEM THE MALACHITE.

RIGHT!



THAT SKYSHIP'S NEARLY BRAND NEW, YOU KNOW.

COST ME A PRETTY PENNY FROM JUDGE ERRANT.

YOU BOYS HAD BETTER MAKE GOOD USE OF IT.

WE WILL, MR. VERKO!



HOW'S IT LOOK, CHUMMER?



WHAT'S GOING ON?

HE CUT THE ROPE LADDER!

WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO PULL, KID?



GRAB HIM! GRAB THE GEM!

WHA-HEY!



IT'S JUST A ROCK!

WHAT???



THE OTHER CAT'S PULLING A SCAM!

AFTER HIM!

SQUIP!



CHUMMER, HOLD ON!

I'M COMING!



CHUMMER,
PLEASE!

WAIT!!!

ERGH!



CHUMMER,
STOP THE
SHIP!

PLEASE!!!

NO!



VERKO WAS
RIGHT!

TWO CATS
CAN'T MAKE
IT ON THEIR
OWN!



BUT WE
COULD MAKE IT
TOGETHER!

GET
OFF!



SNAP!

YOU NEVER
WANTED TO BE
A THIEF!

AAH!



OOF!

SMASH



AAHH!!

CHUMMER,
PLEASE!
HELP ME!

YOU
SHOULDN'T
HAVE COME
AFTER ME,
CAPPER!



WE
COULD'VE
BEEN
FREE!

WE
COULD'VE
LIVED OUR
OWN LIVES!

WE DON'T
NEED EACH
OTHER!



I
NEED
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I
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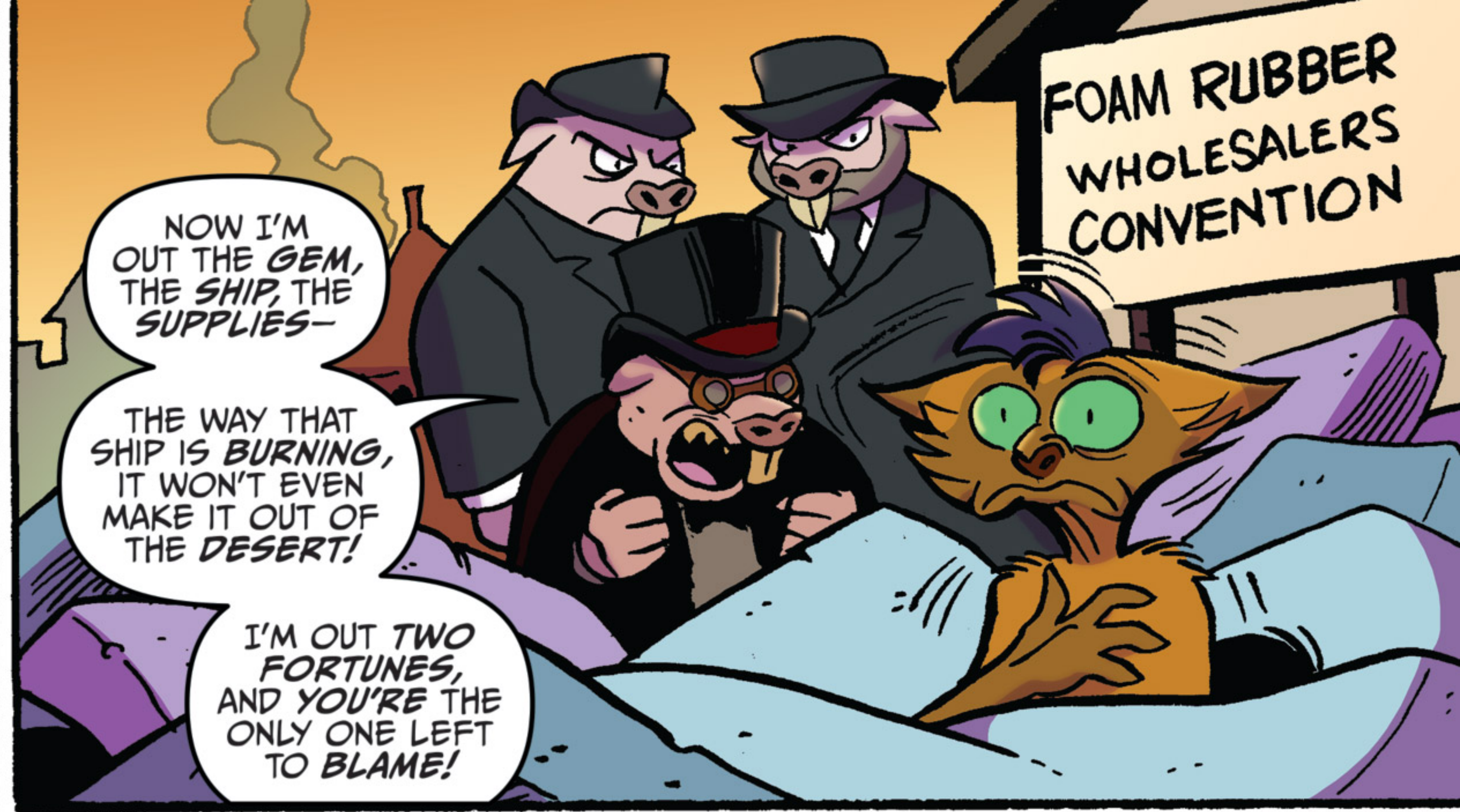
YOU WERE
GOING TO
LEAVE ME,
CAPPER.

SO I'M
LEAVING
YOU FIRST.



WHAT HAS HE DONE?!

YOUR IDIOT FRIEND JUST STOLE FROM ALL OF US!



NOW I'M OUT THE GEM, THE SHIP, THE SUPPLIES—

THE WAY THAT SHIP IS BURNING, IT WON'T EVEN MAKE IT OUT OF THE DESERT!

I'M OUT TWO FORTUNES, AND YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE LEFT TO BLAME!



...WHAT?

I SAID—

—YOUR FRIEND HAS RUINED US!

HE BETRAYED US BOTH!



NO...

YOU'RE WRONG.



HE WAS NEVER MY FRIEND.

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Great cinnamon sticks! Pinkie Pie, **WHAT** are you doing?

I've memorized *all* the recipes in the Sugarcube Corner cookbook!

I am gonna **DESTROY** everyone else at the Equestria Super Chef Competition!

IT'LL BE TOTAL DESSERT DOMINATION!!

THIS!



IS GONNA BE THE **greatest day even**

nomé nomé



But **HOW** can I get to the Hedge Maze Center without all this **KNOWLEDGE** sloshing out of my brain?



Pinkie, are you planning to **CLEAN UP** this mess?

LATER!

Cooking stardom awaits!

TIP TIP



Now, where in the blazes is the **BACKSTAGE ENTRANCE**?

IF that's even what Granny Smith's note says. Her hoofwriting's like watchin' a spider do the polka after fallin' in an ink-puddle.



And why is Pinkie Pie walking like the sky is about to fall?

Oh well. Better get this pie delivered while it's still--

must... not... spill... recipes..!



WHUMP



Oh--

OH--
OH
NO!



Pardon me!

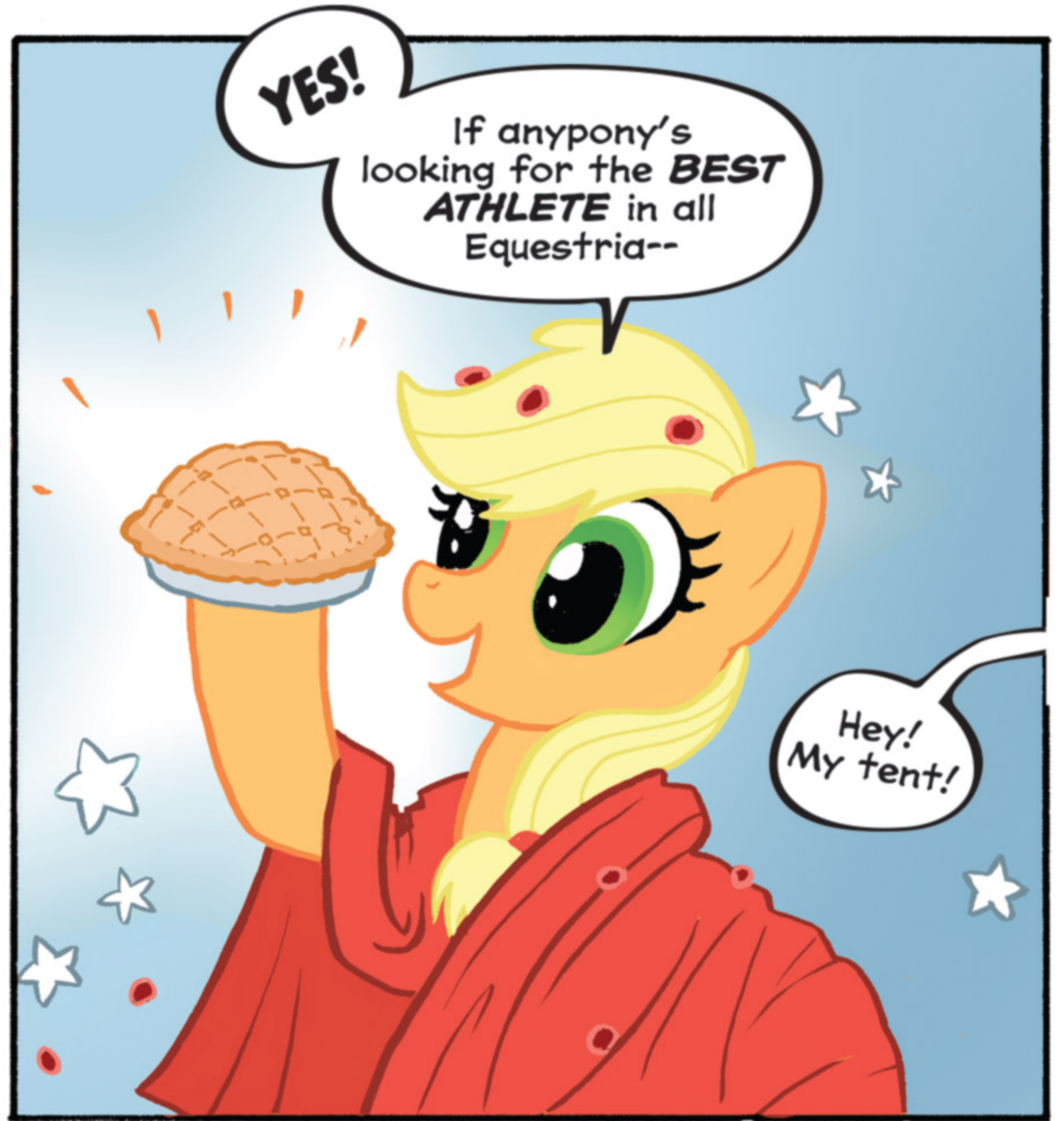
Comin' through!

'Scuse me!



Come to Applejack, little pie!

Just a mite further--



Fillies and gentlecolts, put your hooves together for the **NINTH ANNUAL EQUESTRIA SUPER CHEF** contestants!

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THE PIE'S THE LIMIT!

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So who's signin' fer this pie? I can't read Granny Smith's hoofwritin--

Hey! I need a hoof with these lights!

ugh!&

Just go over to Table Five and wait! I'll be right with you.



And, as always, providing you in the back with a magical close-up & personal view of the action, it's our very own

JUMBO DON!

Friends, you can call me Don.

LADIES, you can call me **ANYTIME**.

And **NOW**, let's meet our contestants!





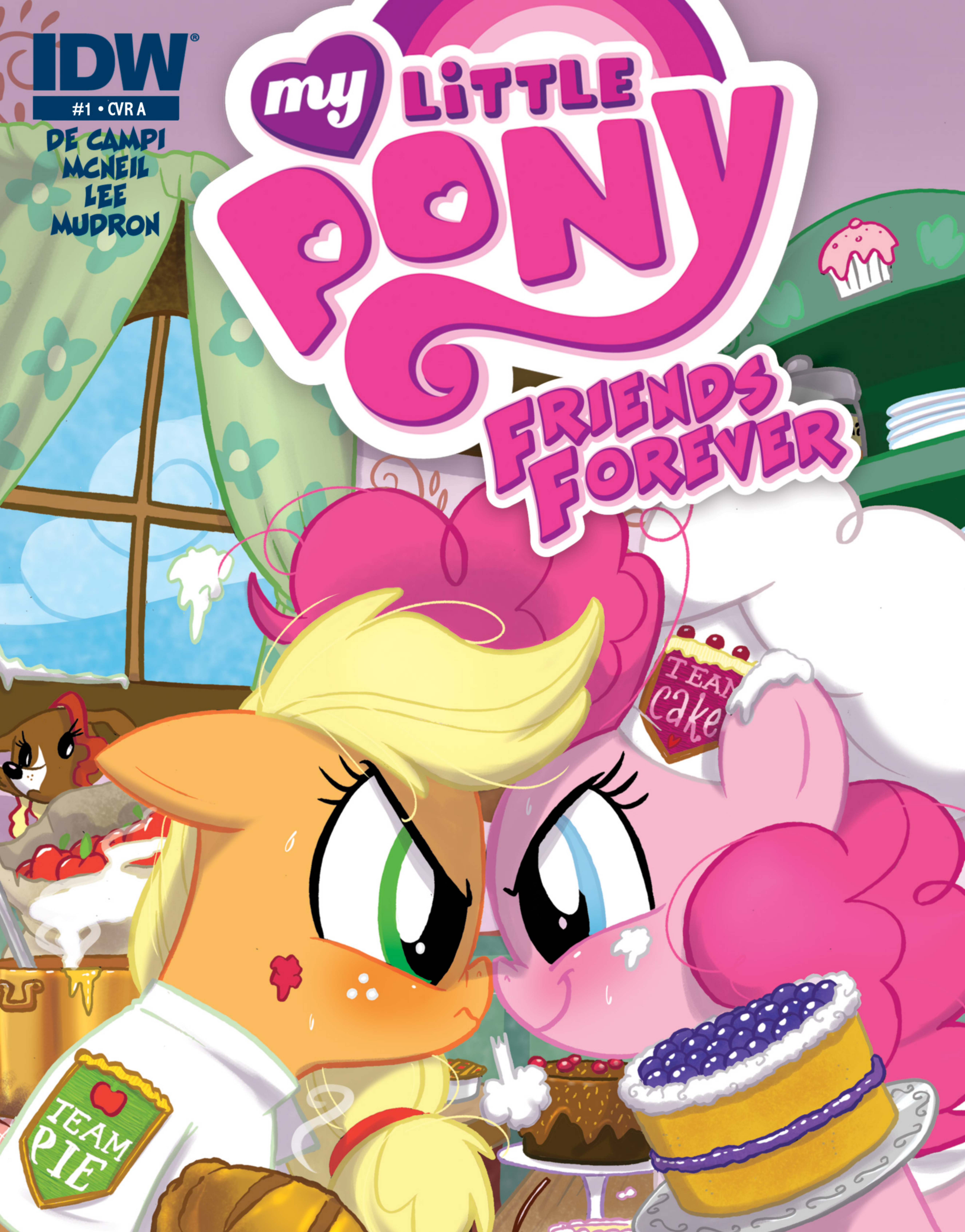
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