

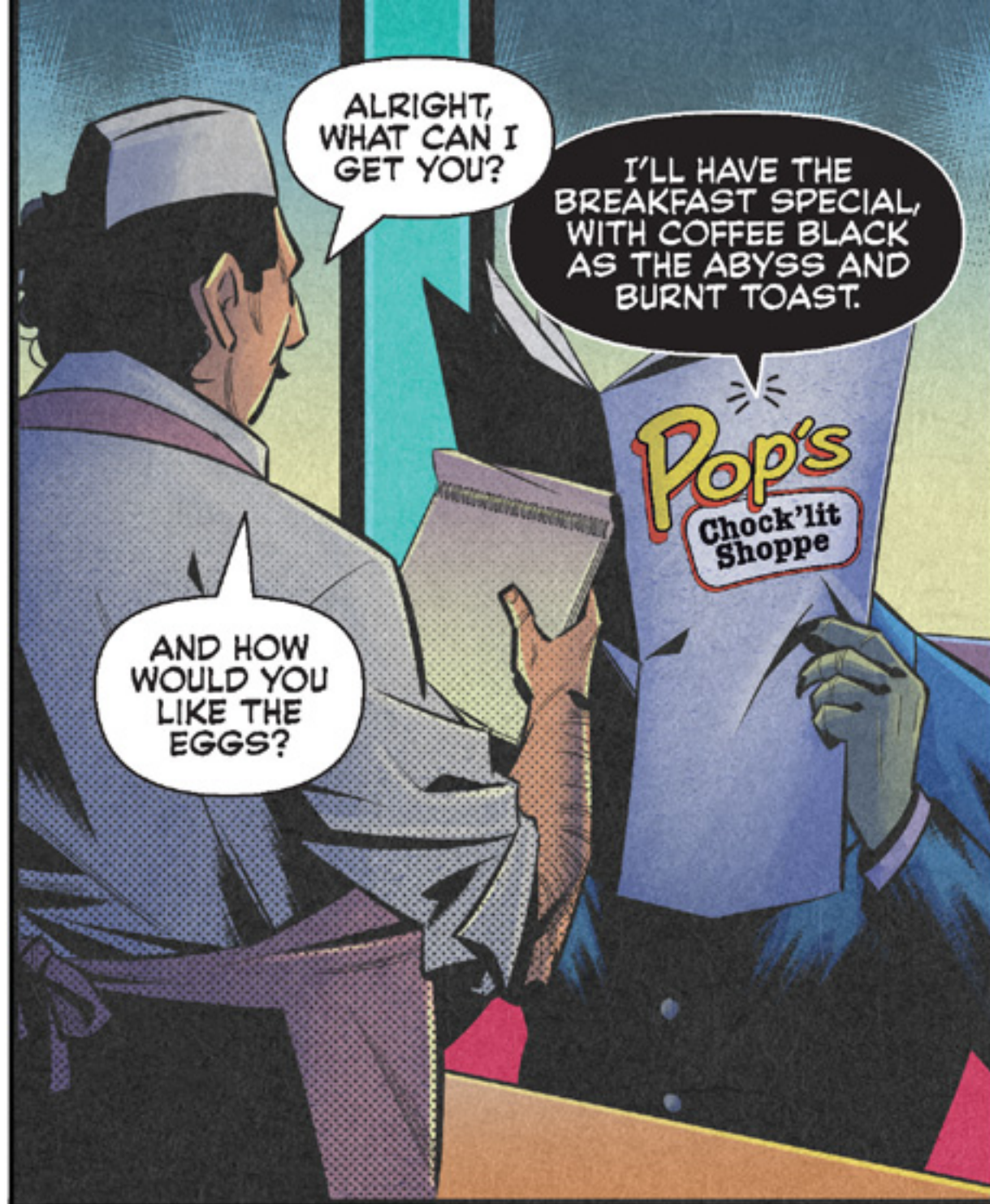
BACK
THEN.

SEGARINI'S, RIVERDALE'S
PREFERRED
PURVEYOR OF
PIPING HOT
PIZZAS AND
PASTAS.

CURRENTLY
MORE POPULAR
THAN POP'S.

LORD OF THE FRIES





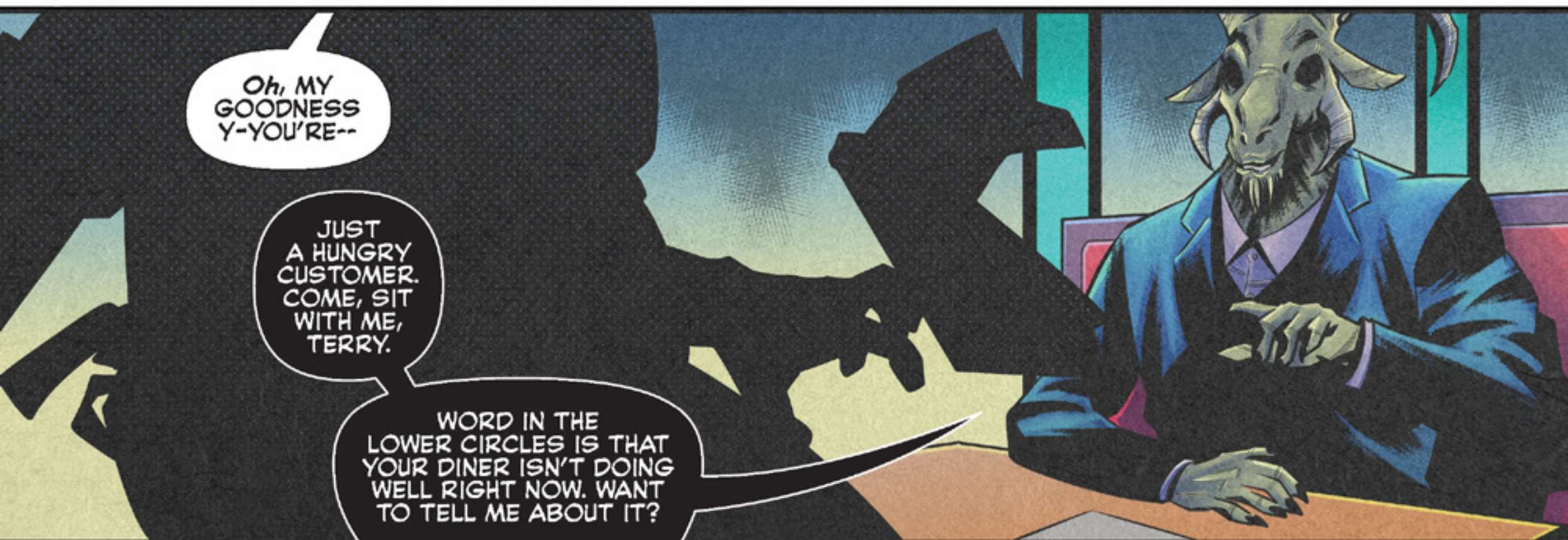
ALRIGHT, WHAT CAN I GET YOU?

I'LL HAVE THE BREAKFAST SPECIAL, WITH COFFEE BLACK AS THE ABYSS AND BURNT TOAST.

AND HOW WOULD YOU LIKE THE EGGS?



DEVILED.



Oh, MY GOODNESS Y-YOU'RE--

JUST A HUNGRY CUSTOMER. COME, SIT WITH ME, TERRY.

WORD IN THE LOWER CIRCLES IS THAT YOUR DINER ISN'T DOING WELL RIGHT NOW. WANT TO TELL ME ABOUT IT?



WHAT IS THERE TO TELL? JUGHEAD HAS A NEW FLAVOR OF THE MONTH, AND WHERE HE GOES, EVERYONE FOLLOWS.

ALL OF US RIVERDALE RESTAURATEURS WOULD SLICE, SAUTÉ, AND CHIFFONADE EACH OTHER FOR HIS ENDORSEMENT.



SO WHY NOT... KILL FOR IT?

BECAUSE I'M A BETTER BUSINESSMAN THAN SOGGY CRUST SEGARINI.

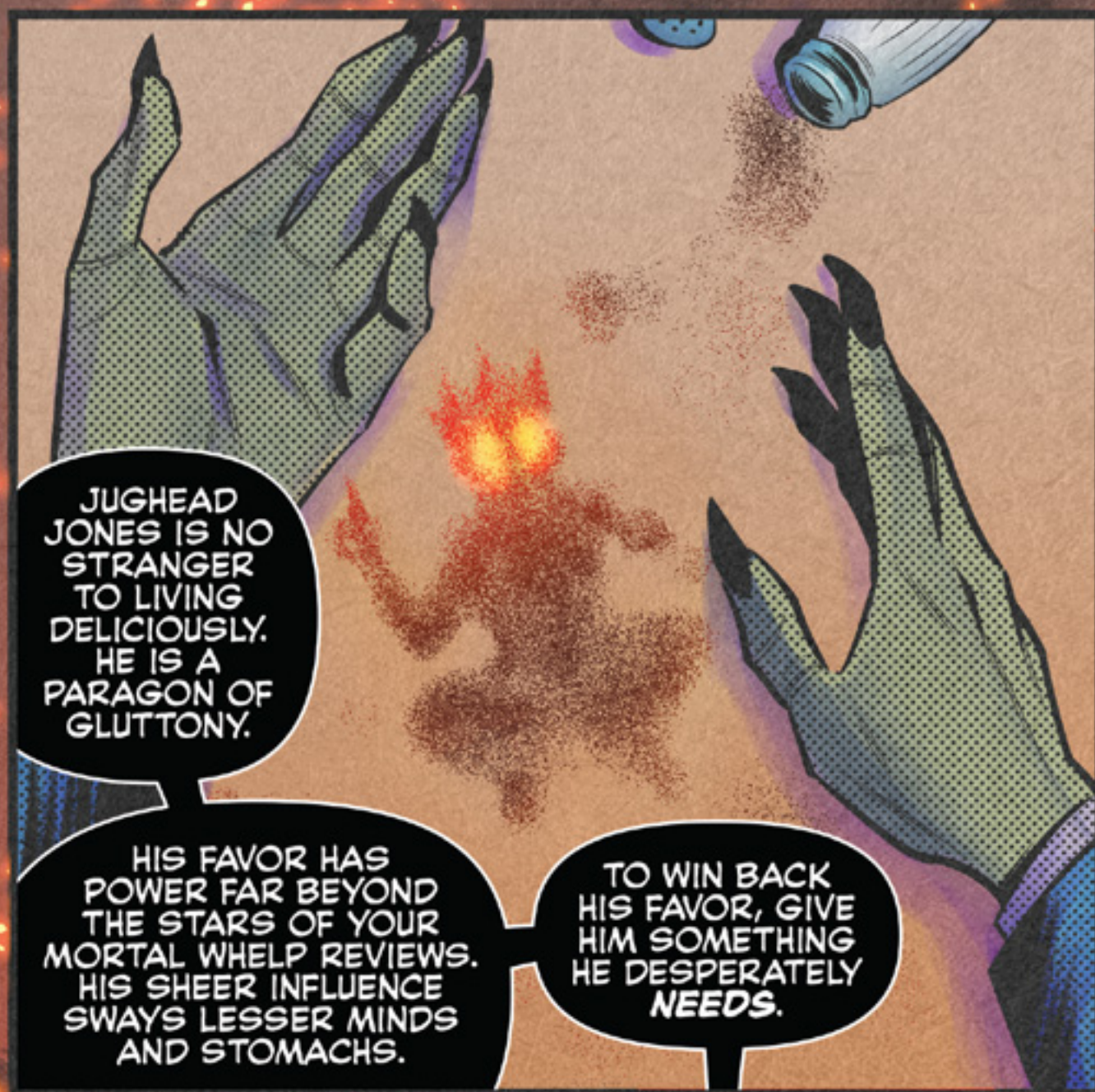
I STILL HAVE A FEW CULINARY TRICKS UP MY SLEEVE.

LIKE MY DEEP-FRIED PEANUT BUTTER AND PICKLE BURGER ON A GLAZED DONUT BUN.



AHAHAHA!
Oh, YOUR
OPTIMISM WARMS
THE FROZEN NINTH
LEVEL OF MY
HEART.

YOU JUST
DON'T
GET IT.



JUGHEAD
JONES IS NO
STRANGER
TO LIVING
DELICIOUSLY.
HE IS A
PARAGON OF
GLUTTONY.

HIS FAVOR HAS
POWER FAR BEYOND
THE STARS OF YOUR
MORTAL WHELP REVIEWS.
HIS SHEER INFLUENCE
SWAYS LESSER MINDS
AND STOMACHS.

TO WIN BACK
HIS FAVOR, GIVE
HIM SOMETHING
HE DESPERATELY
NEEDS.



LAST TIME I COMPED HIS TAB,
HE ATE EVERYTHING BUT
THE KITCHEN SINK.

BUT THAT
DIDN'T STOP
HIM FROM
ACCIDENTALLY
DRINKING
THE DISH
SOAP!



FOOD
MAY BE WHAT HE
CRAVES, BUT THERE
ARE OTHER WAYS TO
PUT SOMEONE IN
YOUR DEBT.



SHARPEN
YOUR WIT,
DEAR POP.
TODAY, I AM
GOING TO
TEACH YOU
THE INFERNAL
ART OF
CUTTING
A DEAL.



FEED ME,
JUGHEAD!



DO YOU
EVER
GET
FULL?

AREN'T YOU THE
GUY WHO SLEEPS WITH
A 20 PACK OF CHICKEN
NUGGETS?



YOU
HAVE TO
MAKE
THIS LAST.
I WON'T
BE ABLE
TO GO OUT
HUNTING
AGAIN 'TIL
LATER
THIS
WEEK.

EVER HEARD
OF "SERVICE
WITH A SMILE"?

CHOP



I MEAN, IF YOU
CAN'T BE BOTHERED
TO FEED ME, I CAN
ALWAYS EAT THIS
GUY.



NO! DON'T EAT ARCHIE.
JUST KEEP HIM ALIVE IN
THAT COMA-POD-THING
AND I'LL FIND YOU SOME
NUMMY HUMAN FLESH!

OFF YOU GO!
AND DON'T STOP TO
THINK ABOUT HOW
YOU GOT INTO
THIS MESS.

Sigh
I WON'T.

STUPID DEMANDING MAN-EATING PLANT.
I'LL STOP TO THINK ABOUT HOW I GOT
INTO THIS MESS IF I DANG WELL PLEASE.

ONE MONTH
EARLIER...

THIS FIELD
IS THE PERFECT
PLACE TO PICK
A BOUQUET FOR
VERONICA'S
BIRTHDAY!

WAIT,
WHAT'S
THIS?

YEAH, PLUS
I THINK THIS IS
WHERE I BURIED
THE BACK HALF OF
A PARTICULARLY
GOOD PARTY
SUB FOR SAFE-
KEEPING...

IT'S
PERFECT!
VERONICA IS
GOING TO
LOVE IT!

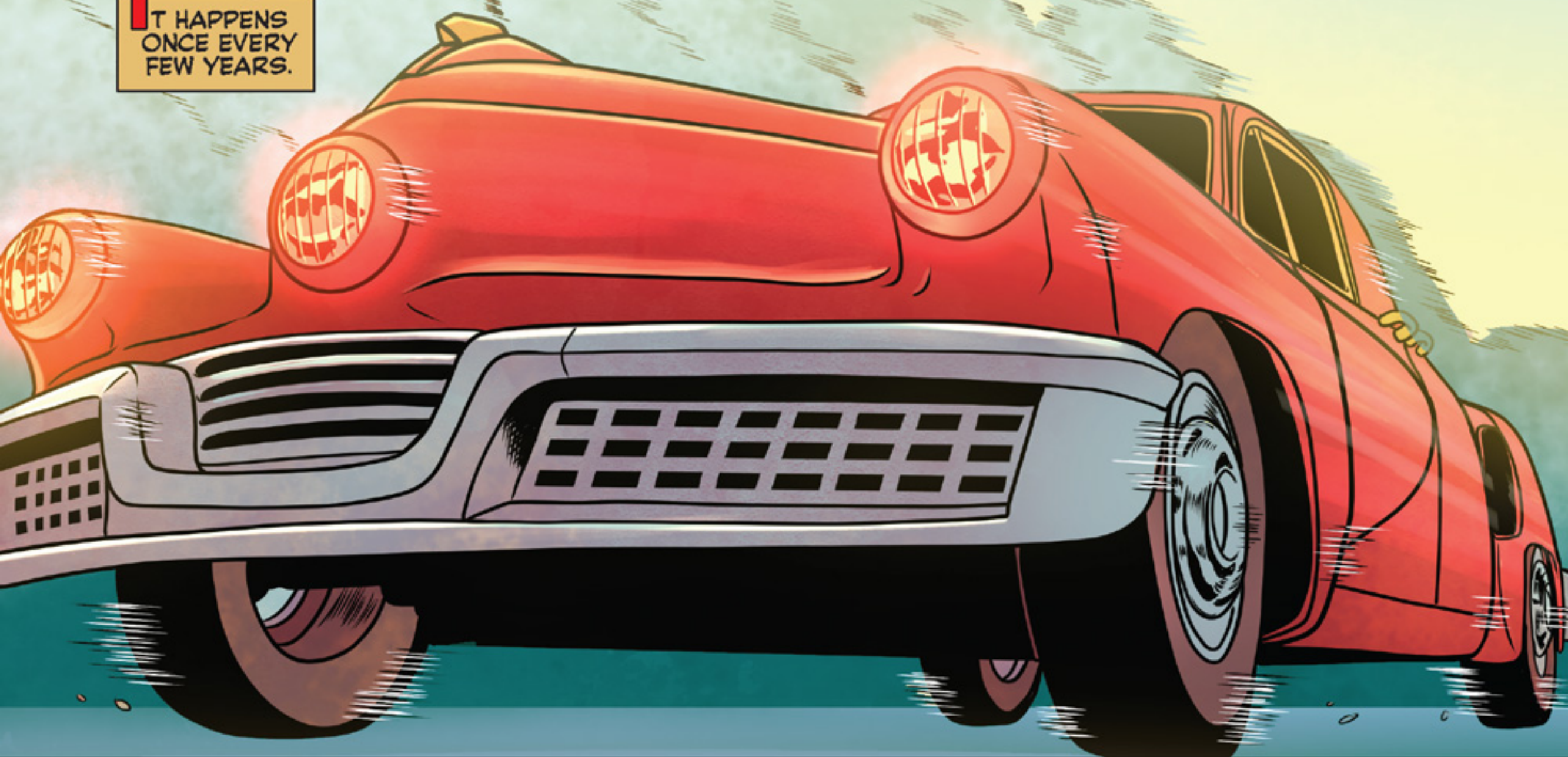
NAH, GET HER
SOMETHING PERSONAL,
LIKE A SHAMAZON GIFT CARD.
I SAY WE FRY THIS BABY UP
AND SERVE WITH A SIDE
OF RANCH.

WE ALWAYS
FIND THE **WEIRDEST**
STUFF DURING TOTAL
ECLIPSES OF THE
SUN!

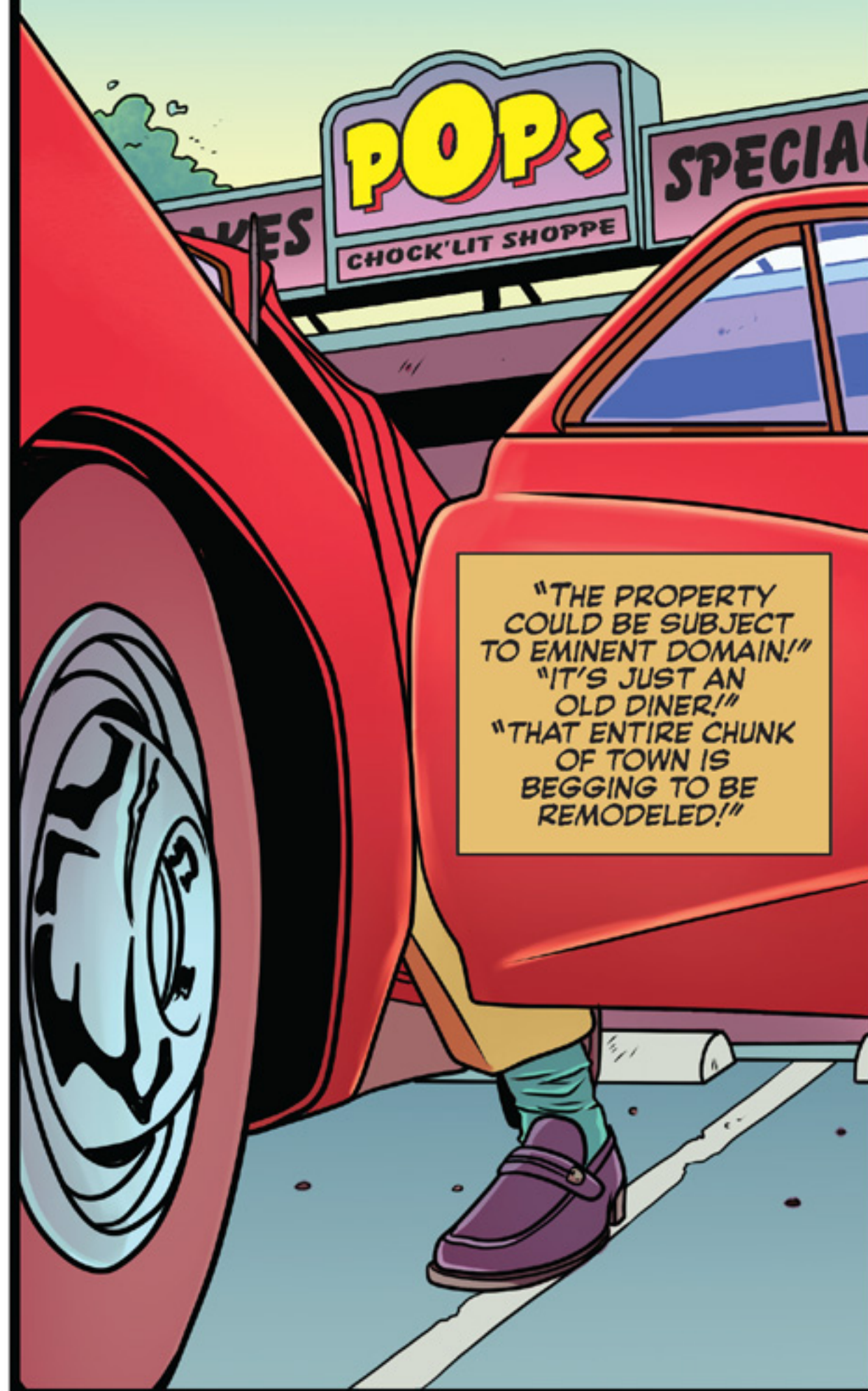
I'LL NAME IT
JELLYBEAN JR!
AFTER MY SISTER
WHO IS ALSO
FREQUENTLY
COVERED IN
APHIDS!

ON THE HOUSE

IT HAPPENS
ONCE EVERY
FEW YEARS.



EITHER A PROPOSAL FROM A
HOTSHOT YOUNG EXEC OF MINE,
OR AN OUTSIDER MAKING A DEAL.



"THE PROPERTY
COULD BE SUBJECT
TO EMINENT DOMAIN!"
"IT'S JUST AN
OLD DINER!"
"THAT ENTIRE CHUNK
OF TOWN IS
BEGGING TO BE
REMODELED!"

I ALWAYS REJECT
THESE PROPOSALS.
I HAVE MY LAWYERS
COME UP WITH
LEGALESE EXCUSES.
BUT THE TRUTH
OF IT IS?

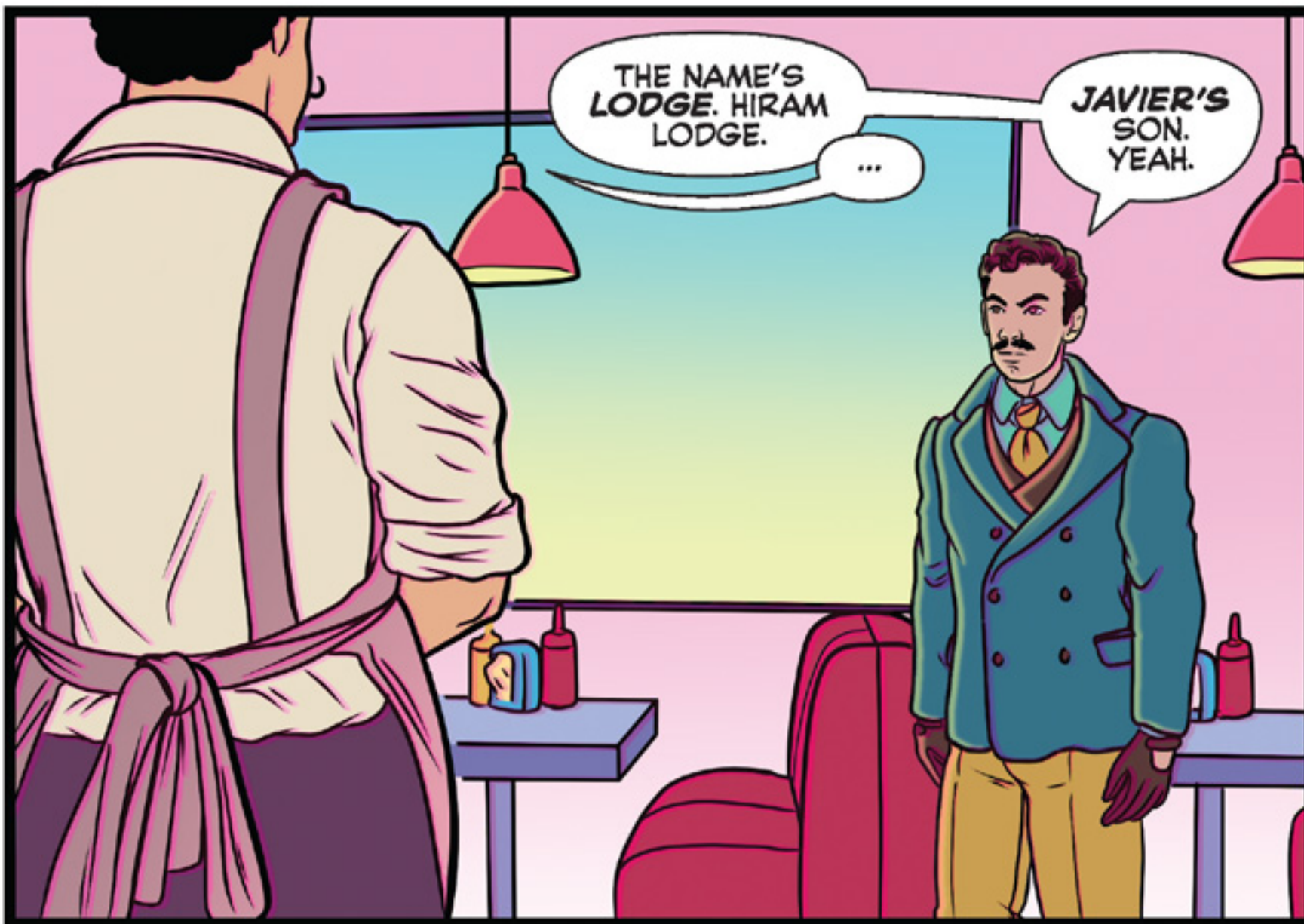
EVEN I
WOULDN'T
DARE CROSS
POP TATE.

I LEARNED
THAT LESSON
A LONG, LONG
TIME AGO.



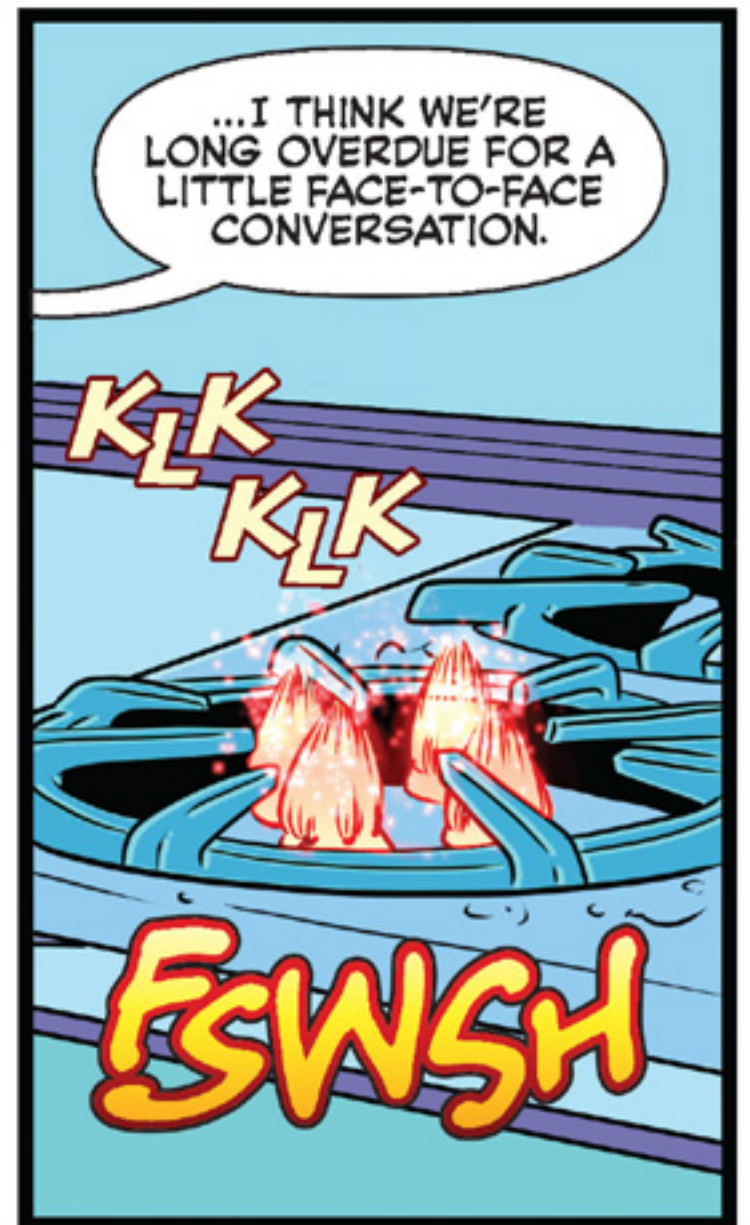


WELCOME TO POP'S, FRIEND. WHAT CAN I GET STARTED FOR YOU?



THE NAME'S LODGE. HIRAM LODGE.

JAVIER'S SON. YEAH.



...I THINK WE'RE LONG OVERDUE FOR A LITTLE FACE-TO-FACE CONVERSATION.

K L K
K L K

F S W S H



MY FATHER'S OFFERS HAVE BEEN MORE THAN GENEROUS, MR. TATE. I KNOW YOU'RE RELATIVELY NEW HERE, BUT WHEN IT COMES TO REAL ESTATE, WELL...

THIS IS **OUR** TOWN.



WELL, THAT'S ALL WELL AND GOOD, BUT LIKE I TOLD YOUR **FATHER** AND HIS **LAWYER** AND HIS **LAWYER'S** **LAWYER**...

...I'M JUST NOT INTERESTED IN SELLING.



BUT SINCE YOU CAME ALL THIS WAY, HERE--**ON THE HOUSE.**