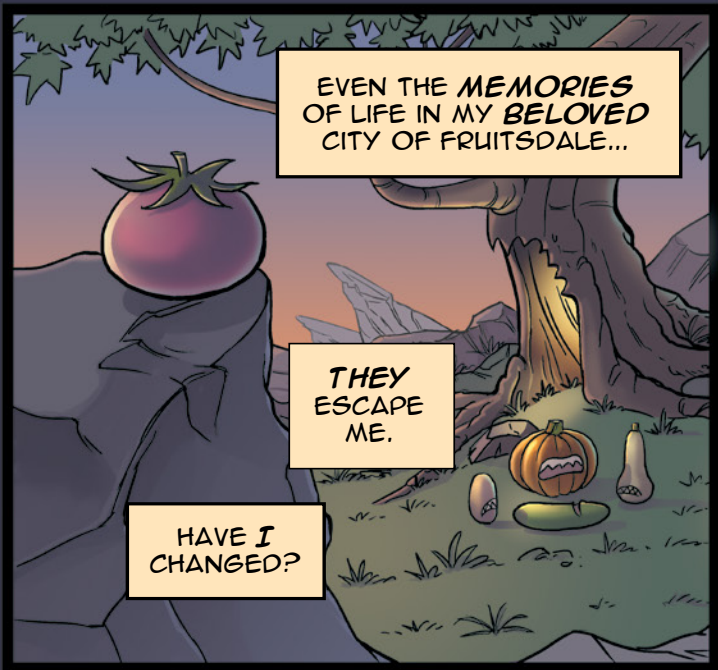


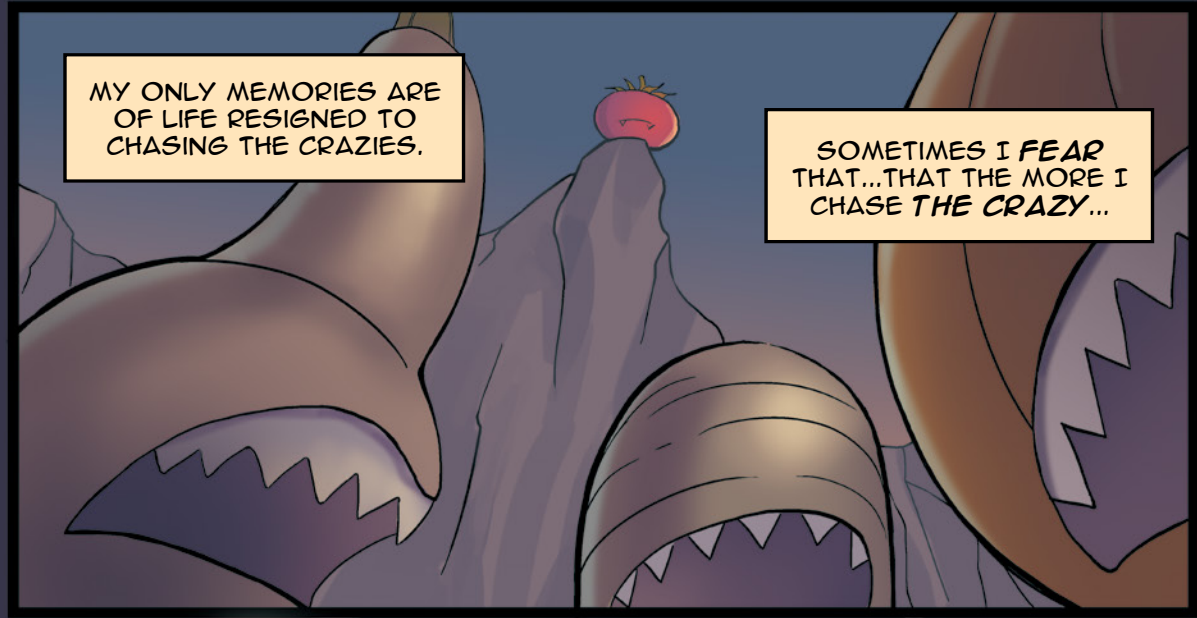
TIME HAS
BECOME A
BLUR...



EVEN THE *MEMORIES*
OF LIFE IN MY *BELOVED*
CITY OF FRUITSDALE...

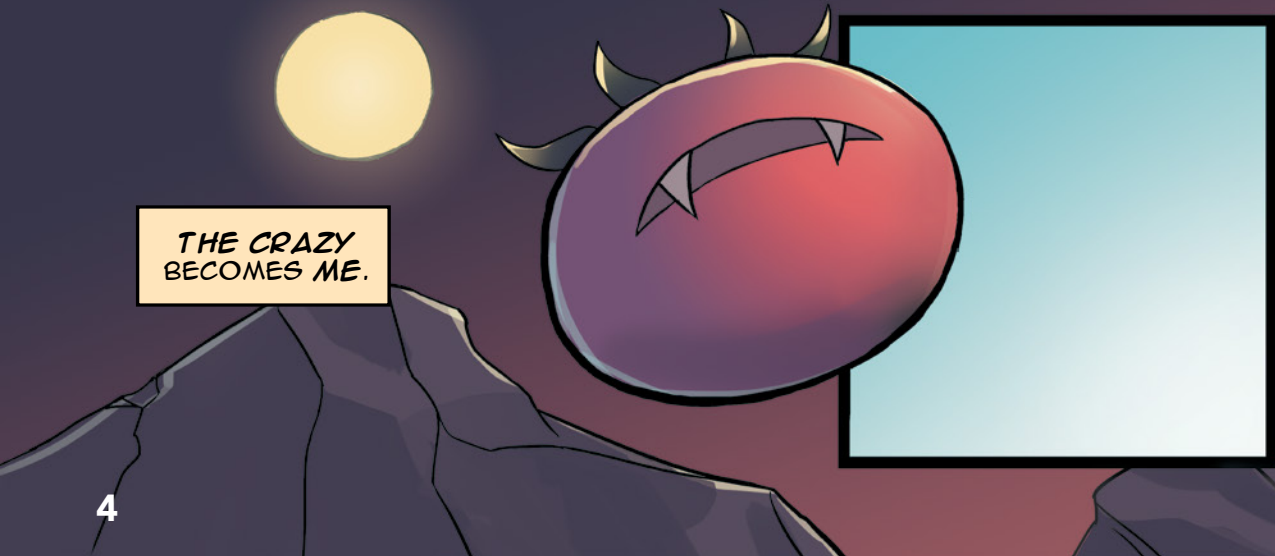
THEY
ESCAPE
ME.

HAVE I
CHANGED?



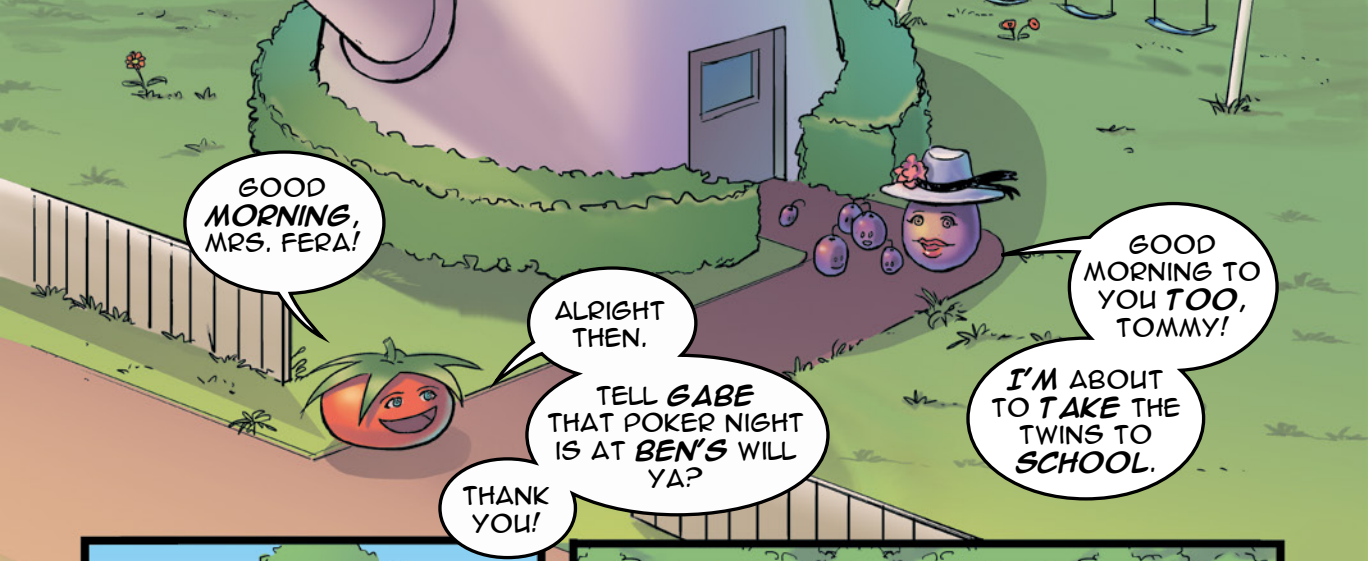
MY ONLY MEMORIES ARE
OF LIFE RESIGNED TO
CHASING THE CRAZIES.

SOMETIMES I *FEAR*
THAT...THAT THE MORE I
CHASE *THE CRAZY*...



THE *CRAZY*
BECOMES ME.





GOOD MORNING, MRS. FERA!

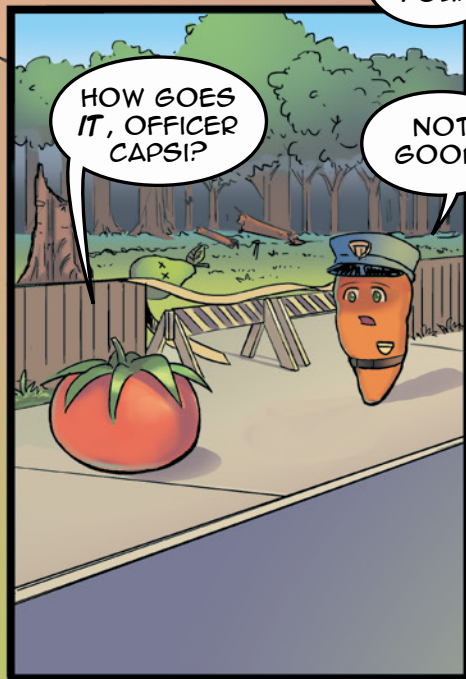
ALRIGHT THEN.

GOOD MORNING TO YOU TOO, TOMMY!

TELL GABE THAT POKER NIGHT IS AT BEN'S WILL YA?

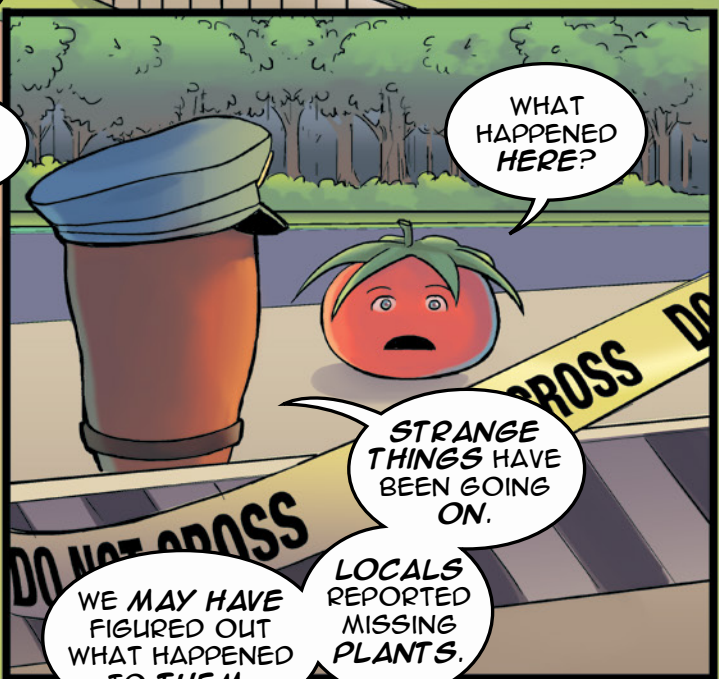
I'M ABOUT TO TAKE THE TWINS TO SCHOOL.

THANK YOU!



HOW GOES IT, OFFICER CAPSI?

NOT GOOD.

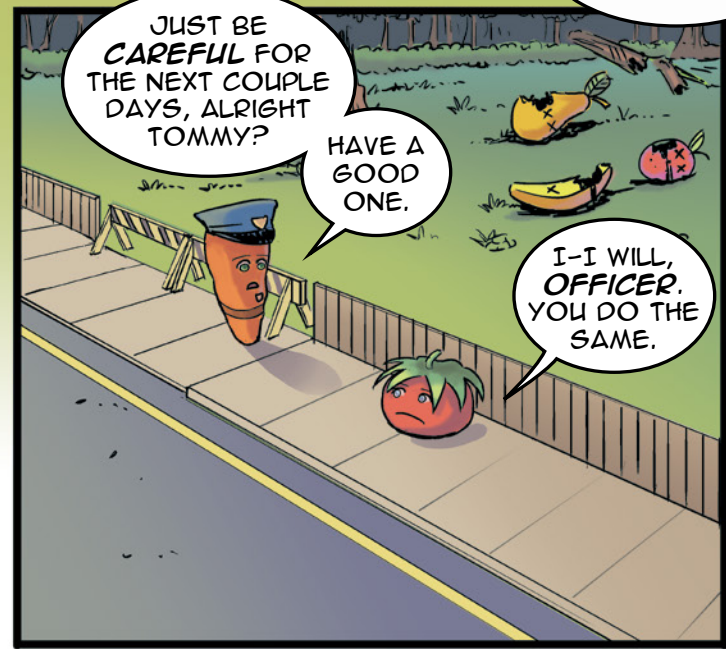


WHAT HAPPENED HERE?

STRANGE THINGS HAVE BEEN GOING ON.

WE MAY HAVE FIGURED OUT WHAT HAPPENED TO THEM.

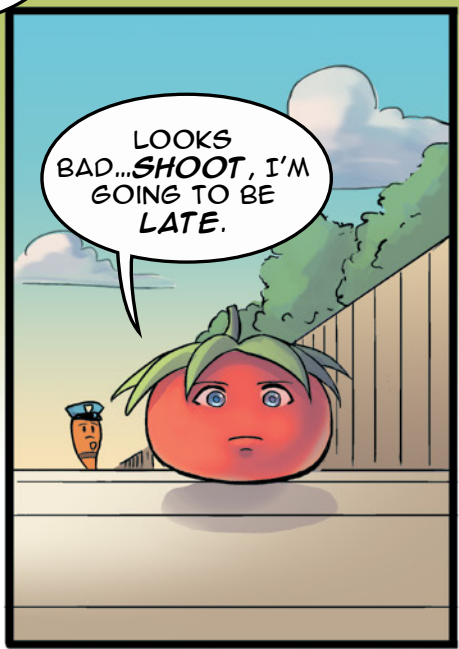
LOCALS REPORTED MISSING PLANTS.



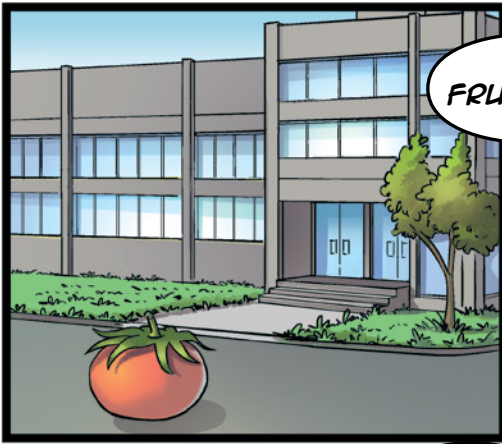
JUST BE CAREFUL FOR THE NEXT COUPLE DAYS, ALRIGHT TOMMY?

HAVE A GOOD ONE.

I-I WILL, OFFICER. YOU DO THE SAME.



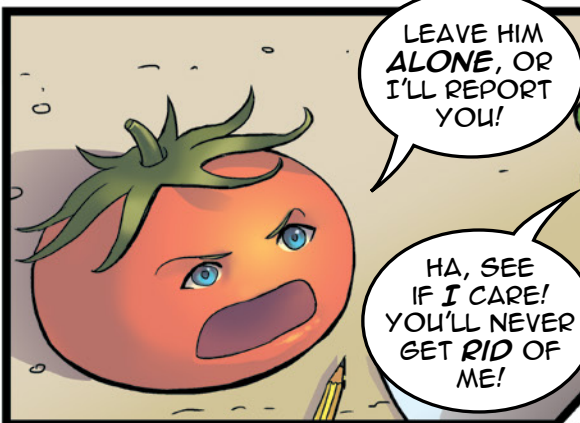
LOOKS BAD...SHOOT, I'M GOING TO BE LATE.



HEY FRUITCAKE!

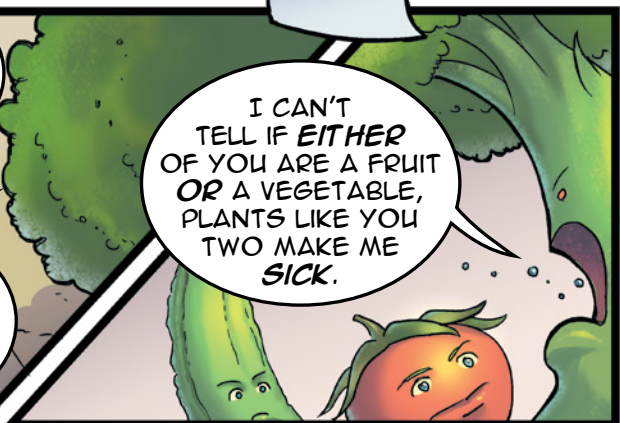


LOOKS LIKE THERE IS A **CLEAN** CUBICLE POLICY VIOLATION **HERE!**

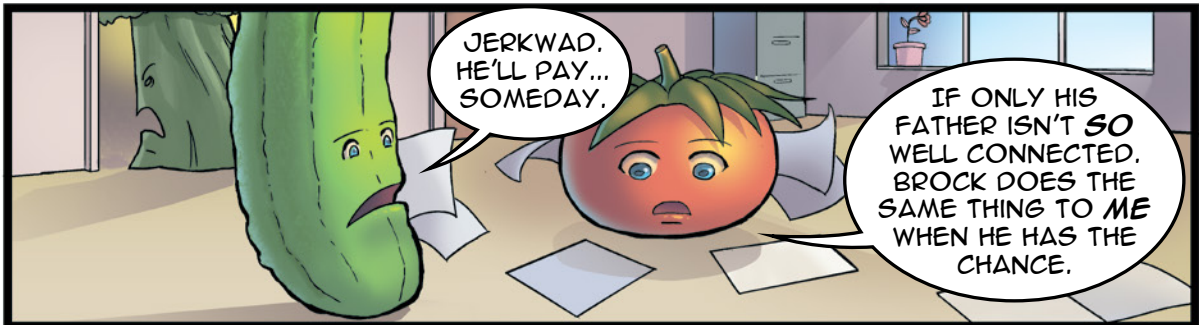


LEAVE HIM **ALONE**, OR I'LL REPORT YOU!

HA, SEE IF I CARE! YOU'LL NEVER GET RID OF ME!



I CAN'T TELL IF **EITHER** OF YOU ARE A **FRUIT** OR A **VEGETABLE**, PLANTS LIKE YOU TWO MAKE ME **SICK**.



JERKWAD. HE'LL PAY... SOMEDAY.

IF ONLY HIS FATHER ISN'T **SO** WELL CONNECTED. BROCK DOES THE SAME THING TO **ME** WHEN HE HAS THE CHANCE.



THANKS, TOMMY. YOU'RE A **GREAT** FRIEND.

I JUST WISH I COULD **GET BACK** AT HIM WITHOUT GETTING IN TROUBLE.

JUST GET THROUGH THE DAY.



PEOPLE LIKE **THAT** WILL GET WHAT'S COMING. BESIDES, IT'S POKER NIGHT.

YEAH, YOU'RE RIGHT. IT WOULD BE NICE TO GET AWAY FROM WORK.



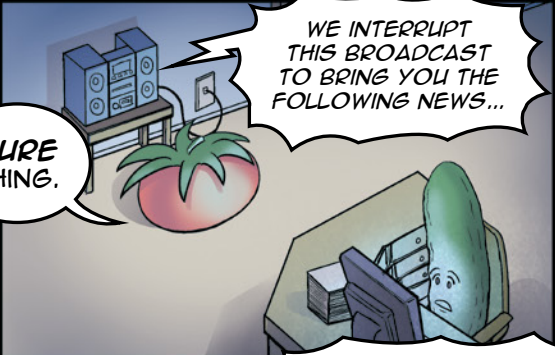
YOU READY?

ALMOST, I JUST NEED TO FINISH ONE MORE STACK.

DO YOU NEED SOME HELP?

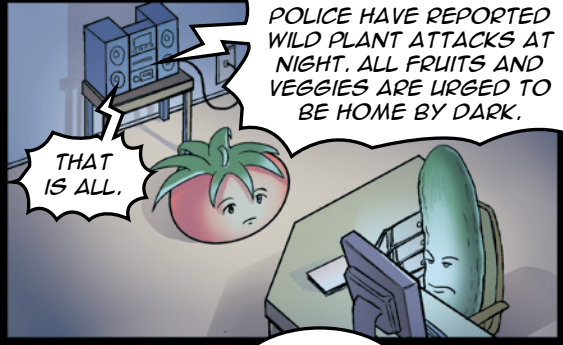


NAH, I'VE GOT IT. TURN ON THE RADIO WILL YA?



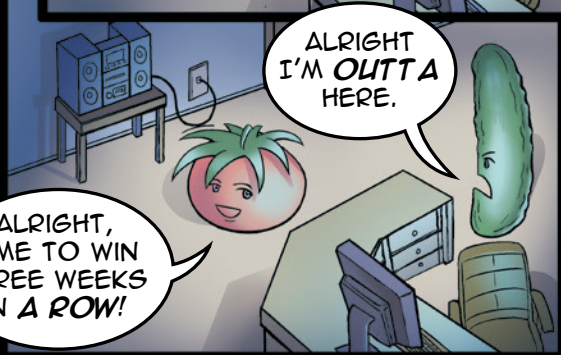
SURE THING.

WE INTERRUPT THIS BROADCAST TO BRING YOU THE FOLLOWING NEWS...



THAT IS ALL.

POLICE HAVE REPORTED WILD PLANT ATTACKS AT NIGHT. ALL FRUITS AND VEGGIES ARE URGED TO BE HOME BY DARK.



ALRIGHT I'M OUTTA HERE.

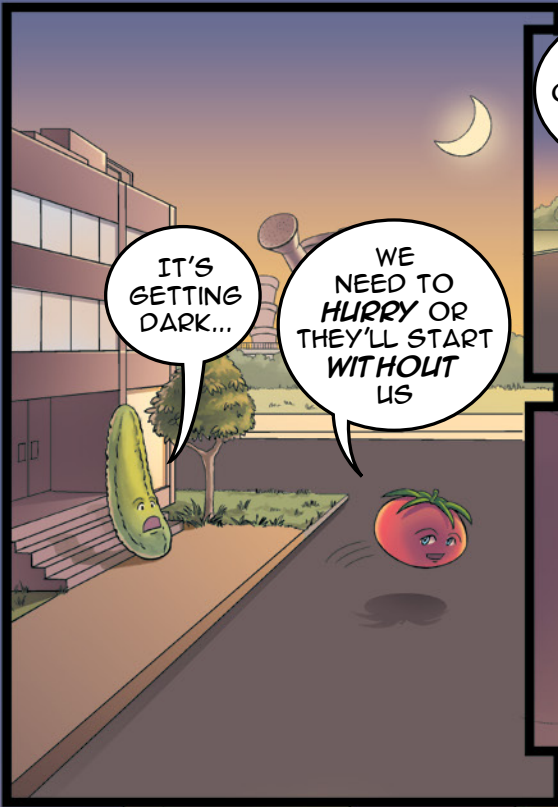
ALRIGHT, TIME TO WIN THREE WEEKS IN A ROW!



YOU WON'T BE SO LUCKY THIS TIME.

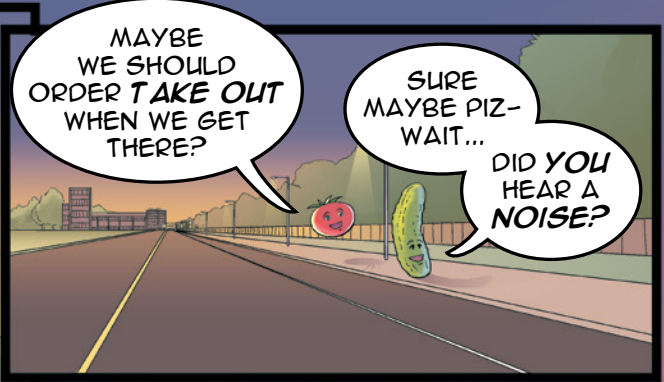
HEY, CURTIS, WHAT DID THE RADIO NEWS REPORT SAY EARLIER?

I WASN'T LISTENING. LET'S GET GOING.



IT'S GETTING DARK...

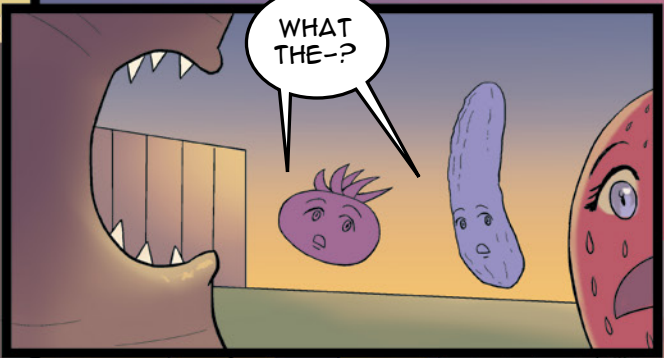
WE NEED TO HURRY OR THEY'LL START WITHOUT US



MAYBE WE SHOULD ORDER TAKE OUT WHEN WE GET THERE?

SURE MAYBE PIZ-WAIT...

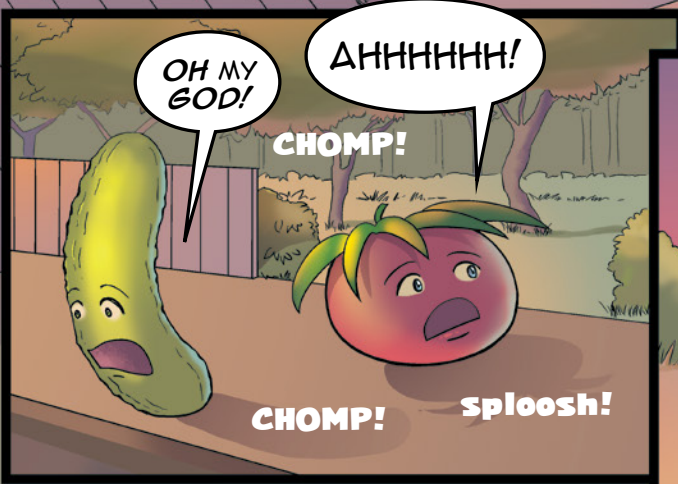
DID YOU HEAR A NOISE?



WHAT THE-?



GRRRRRRRRRRRR!!!



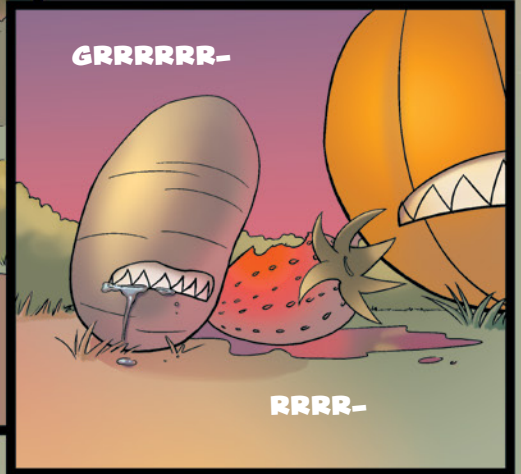
OH MY GOD!

AHHHHHHH!

CHOMP!

CHOMP!

Splloosh!



GRRRRRR-

RRRR-