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A SPACE
POD DESCENDS
FROM THE SKY.



THE POD COMES
TO A LANDING IN A
GRASSY CLEARING.




THE DOORS
SLIDE OPEN.



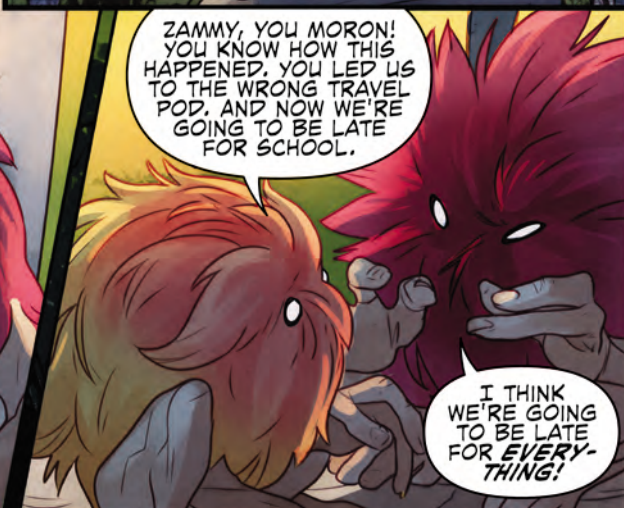
A WAR-BLER--A MARTIAN
BATTLE-BIRD--FLIES OUT, FLAPPING
ENORMOUS WINGS, IT RISES OVER
ITS GIANT SHADOW AND FLIES AWAY.



BEFORE THE DOORS CLOSE,
TWO MORE FIGURES STEP OUT
FROM THE SPACE POD. THEY
ARE MARTIANS, AND THEY ARE
CONFUSED AND UPSET.



JUNIPER...
WHERE ARE WE?
HOW DID THIS
HAPPEN?!



ZAMMY, YOU MORON!
YOU KNOW HOW THIS
HAPPENED. YOU LED US
TO THE WRONG TRAVEL
POD. AND NOW WE'RE
GOING TO BE LATE
FOR SCHOOL.

I THINK
WE'RE GOING
TO BE LATE
FOR EVERY-
THING!



AAAAAAT-CHOOOO!

HARD TO BREATHE HERE. THE AIR IS WEIRD.



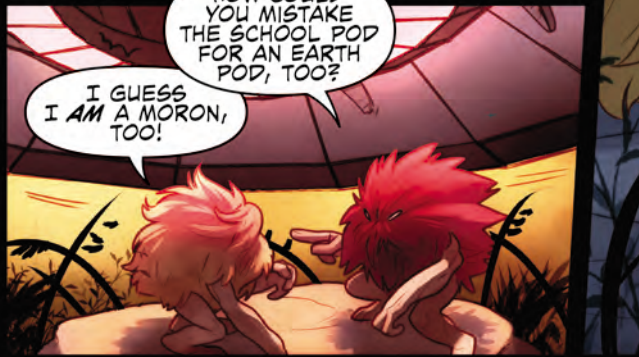
I'LL CHECK MY KNOWIT. IT WILL TELL US WHERE WE ARE.

I'LL CHECK MINE, TOO.



WHERE IS EARTH? IS THAT A REAL PLACE?

MINE SAYS WE'RE ON EARTH.



HOW COULD YOU MISTAKE THE SCHOOL POD FOR AN EARTH POD, TOO?

I GUESS I AM A MORON, TOO!



OH NO. THE POD. IT'S TAKING OFF!

WAIT! HEY--WAIT FOR US!

OH.

NO.



WITHOUT WARNING, TWO BROWN BEARS RISE UP TO ATTACK THE TWO INVADERS.

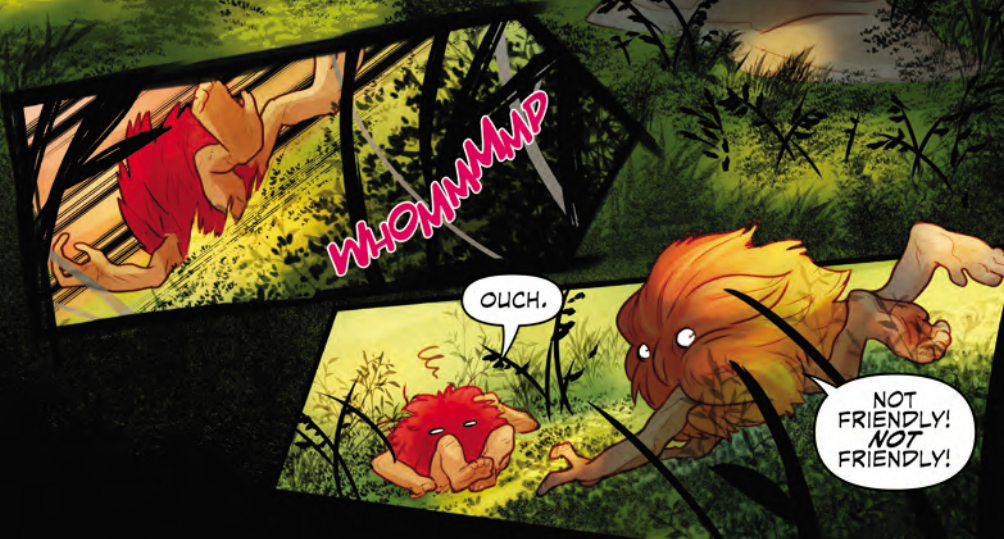


AAAAAIIIIIEEE!



SNWWIIIIIDE

NOOOOOO!



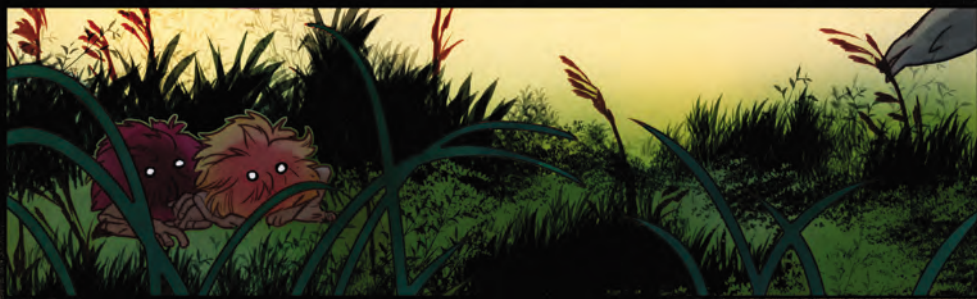
WHOMMP

OUCH.

NOT FRIENDLY!
NOT FRIENDLY!



SSSHHH.
THEY'RE COMING
AFTER US. HIDE.
DON'T MAKE A
SOUND.



AAAAAAAH-CHOOOOOO!



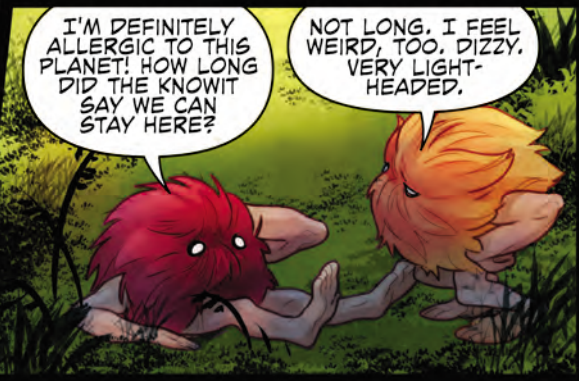
I TOLD
YOU NOT TO
MAKE A
SOUND!

YOU DIDN'T
TELL MY NOSE!
ARE THOSE EARTH
CREATURES
COMING
BACK?



NO, I THINK
YOU SCARED
THEM OFF.

AAAAAH-CHOOOO!



I'M DEFINITELY
ALLERGIC TO THIS
PLANET! HOW LONG
DID THE KNOWIT
SAY WE CAN
STAY HERE?


NOT LONG. I FEEL
WEIRD, TOO. DIZZY.
VERY LIGHT-
HEADED.



CHECK
YOUR KNOWIT,
ZAMMY. WHEN
IS THE NEXT
SHUTTLE BACK
TO MARS?



IT SAYS
THE NEXT
SHUTTLE IS TWO
LIGHT YEARS
AWAY.



TWO LIGHT
YEARS? WHAT
ARE WE GOING
TO DO?

AAAAAH-CHOOOO!



AUNT JENNY,
WHAT'S THAT
STRANGE BIRD
OVER BY THAT
ROCK?

IT'S A
ROBIN, CLARK.
YOU DON'T KNOW
MUCH ABOUT
BIRDS, DO
YOU?



THAT'S AN
INTERESTING
SPARROW. SEE IT
ON THAT BRANCH?
IT'S A SONG
SPARROW.

HOW
COME IT
ISN'T SINGING?
MAYBE IT HAS A
SORE THROAT!
HA.



THEY USUALLY
SING TO EACH
OTHER.

BUT...THERE'S
SOMETHING I
WANTED TO TALK
TO YOU ABOUT,
CLARK.



ANNIE AND
PARKER ARE
UNCOMFORTABLE
IN THE FOREST.
YOU SHOULDN'T
TRY TO SCARE
THEM SO
MUCH.

I'M JUST
TRYING TO MAKE
IT EXCITING FOR
THEM.



WHOA--
WAIT! WHAT
IS THAT
THING?!





WHAT IS THAT?!
THAT'S NOT A SPARROW!



IT'S ENORMOUS.
I'VE NEVER SEEN ANYTHING LIKE THAT!



GOTTA TAKE A VIDEO TO SHOW TO HAROLD.
HE WON'T BELIEVE--!

AAAAAAAAAWW WK!



NOOOOOO!
HELP!

AWWWK
AWWWK
AWWWK!

WITH AN ANGRY BATTLE
CRY, THE HUGE BIRD
SWIPES FURIOUSLY
AT JENNY WALDEN.

HELP ME.
IT'S TRYING
TO KILL
ME!

CLARK STARES
HELPLESSLY AS
THE BIRD DIGGS ITS
TALONS INTO HER
SHOULDERS.

OWWWWWWW!

FINALLY, CLARK OVERCOMES HIS
TERROR. HE STRUGGLES TO PULL
THE HUGE CREATURE OFF HER.

GET
OFF! GET
OFF!

EEEEEEEEEEYAAAA!!!

THE BIRD RAISES ITS UGLY HEAD IN
A SHRILL CRY OF VICTORY. ITS WINGS
CAST A WIDE SHADOW OVER THE
GROUND AS IT FINALLY RETREATS.

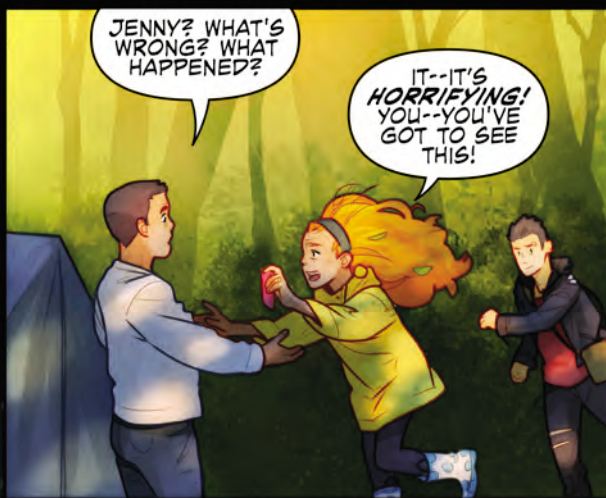


AUNT
JENNY, ARE
YOU OKAY?

I--I GUESS
SO. THAT WAS
HORRIBLE!



HURRY. I CAUGHT
THAT CREATURE
ON VIDEO. I HAVE
TO SHOW THIS
TO HAROLD.

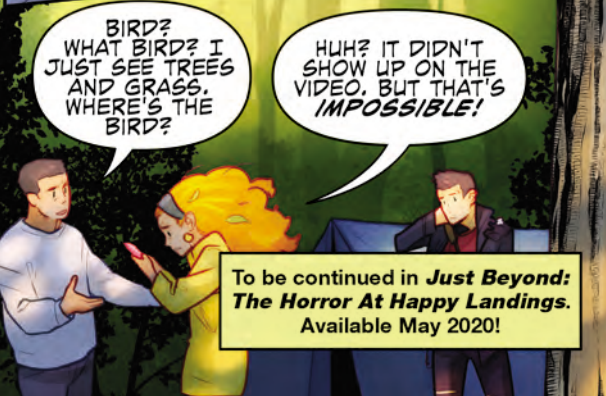


JENNY? WHAT'S
WRONG? WHAT
HAPPENED?

IT--IT'S
HORRIFYING!
YOU--YOU'VE
GOT TO SEE
THIS!



LOOK AT THIS GIANT
BIRD, HAROLD. IT--
IT ATTACKED US.
HAVE YOU EVER
SEEN ANYTHING
LIKE IT?



BIRD?
WHAT BIRD? I
JUST SEE TREES
AND GRASS.
WHERE'S THE
BIRD?

HUH? IT DIDN'T
SHOW UP ON THE
VIDEO. BUT THAT'S
IMPOSSIBLE!

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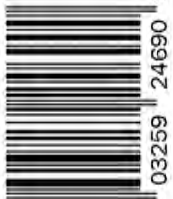
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