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# Archie

"I'm definitely on board for whatever's next."  
- Newsarama

**ALL  
NEW!  
STORIES!**

LIFE WITH  
**Archie**



## THE MARRIED LIFE

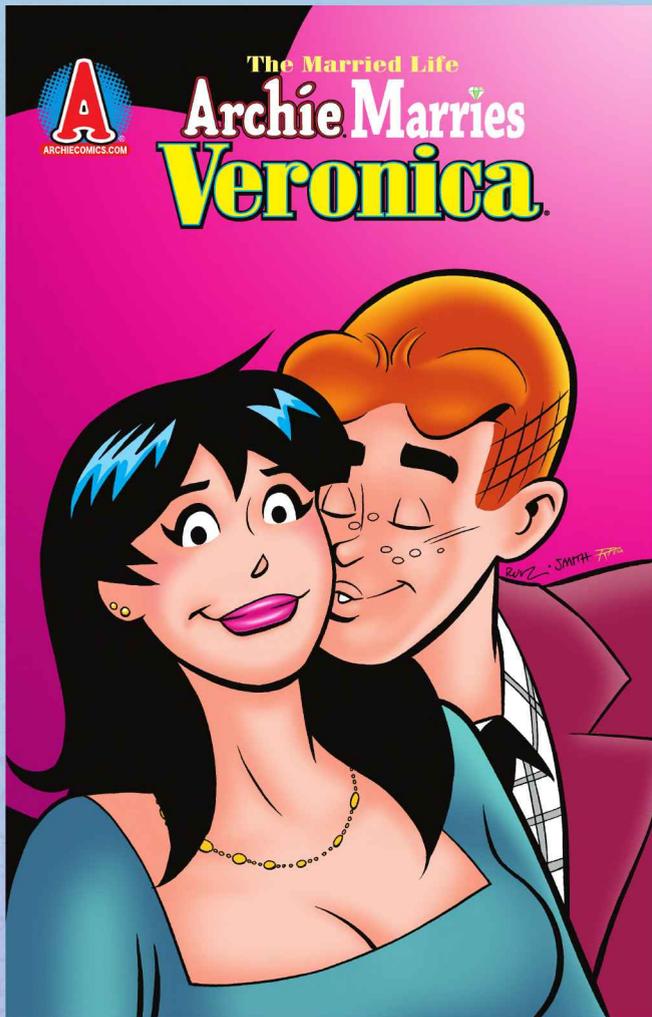
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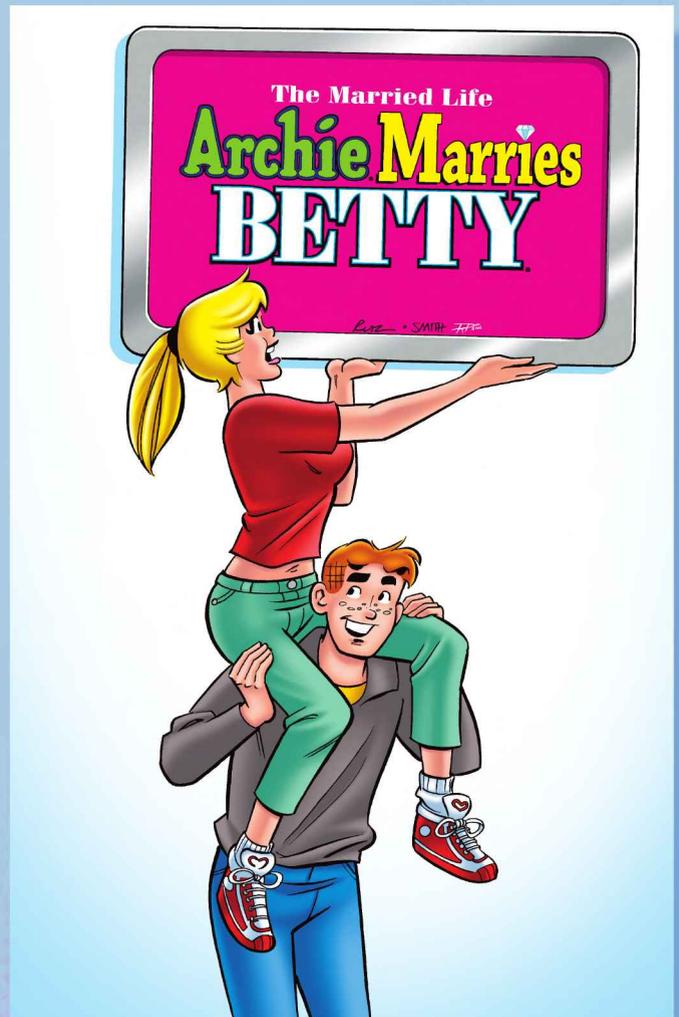
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Years ago, **Archie** walked up the hidden, magical **Memory Lane**. He saw two of his potential futures. In each of these he married his true love ... In the first future, that was **Veronica**. In the second, it was **Betty**. These are the stories of **Life With Archie**.



**ANOTHER NEW BEGINNING**

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# PREVIOUSLY IN Archie Marries Veronica.

**AFTER HIGH SCHOOL, AFTER COLLEGE ... THE MARRIED LIFE!**

Fred Mirth, the only Riverdale businessman with enough power and influence to rival Mr. Lodge has disappeared. But before he left, Fred framed Veronica for corruption in her position as head of her own company! Archie's jobless, Veronica might go to jail, and Mr. Lodge is frantically trying to save the day ...

When Mirth left, he folded all of his companies. This has left Jughead, who was counting on Mirth's money backing the Chocklit Shoppe, desperate for funding!

Kevin Keller's campaign is over! The votes have been counted, but who won the big race? While Kevin's husband Clay is finally going back to work after being shot, there was a mass shooting in a nearby town! Everyone in Riverdale is on edge ... what if the violence comes to their home?



**ARCHIE** was given a chance to see two of his possible futures. In one future, he married **VERONICA**. This is the story of ...



The Married Life

# Archie Marries Veronica.

## ARCHIE & VERONICA

Can love conquer all?



Once upon a time, **ARCHIE** was the head of Mirth Records, and **VERONICA** owned her own company. **FRED MIRTH** collapsed all of his companies, including Mirth Records, leaving **ARCHIE** and most of Riverdale unemployed, framing **VERONICA** for breaking almost every big business law on the books, then vanished into thin air.

Can **ARCHIE** and **VERONICA** live happily ever after, even if he's unemployed and she's in jail?

## REGGIE & BETTY

Turns out the one-time jerk makes a pretty great boyfriend!

**BETTY** and **REGGIE** confronted reality tv producer **SIMON CRIKEY!** so that they wouldn't have to fake fights for ratings anymore!

Once heartbroken when **ARCHIE** married **VERONICA**, **BETTY** might just have won the jackpot with **REGGIE!** Let's hope their winning streak stays on track ...



## KEVIN & CLAY

The Doctor and the man who would be Senator.

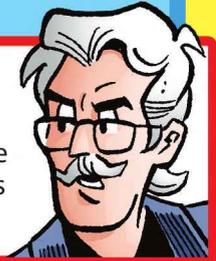


When we last saw **KEVIN KELLER**, it was a day before the election. Now that the results are in, **VERONICA**, his best friends and campaign manager, might go to jail!

Meanwhile, **CLAY** has recovered from his injury enough to return to work. How's his first day back going to go?



**JUGHEAD JONES**  
Fred Mirth vanished with Chocklit Shoppe funding! What will become of Jughead?



**HIRAM LODGE**  
You can't stop this guy! Mr. Lodge is getting to the bottom of this Mirth mess ... even if it kills him.



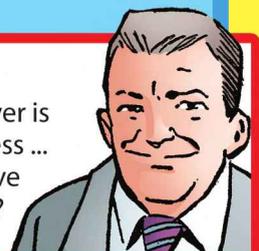
**HERMIONE LODGE**  
Hermione is supporting her husband and daughter! Will the Lodges get to the bottom of this mess in time?



**MOOSE MASON**  
Since Mirth disappeared, Riverdale faces huge unemployment! What is the Mayor going to do?



**RITA LOVELY**  
The nurse in Clay Walker's clinic is cheerful, hardworking, and reliable ... right?



**J.J. HARMON**  
Lodge's personal lawyer is the best in the business ... but can even he save Veronica from jail?

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**NEW**  
BEGINNING:

# THE STATE OF THE UNION

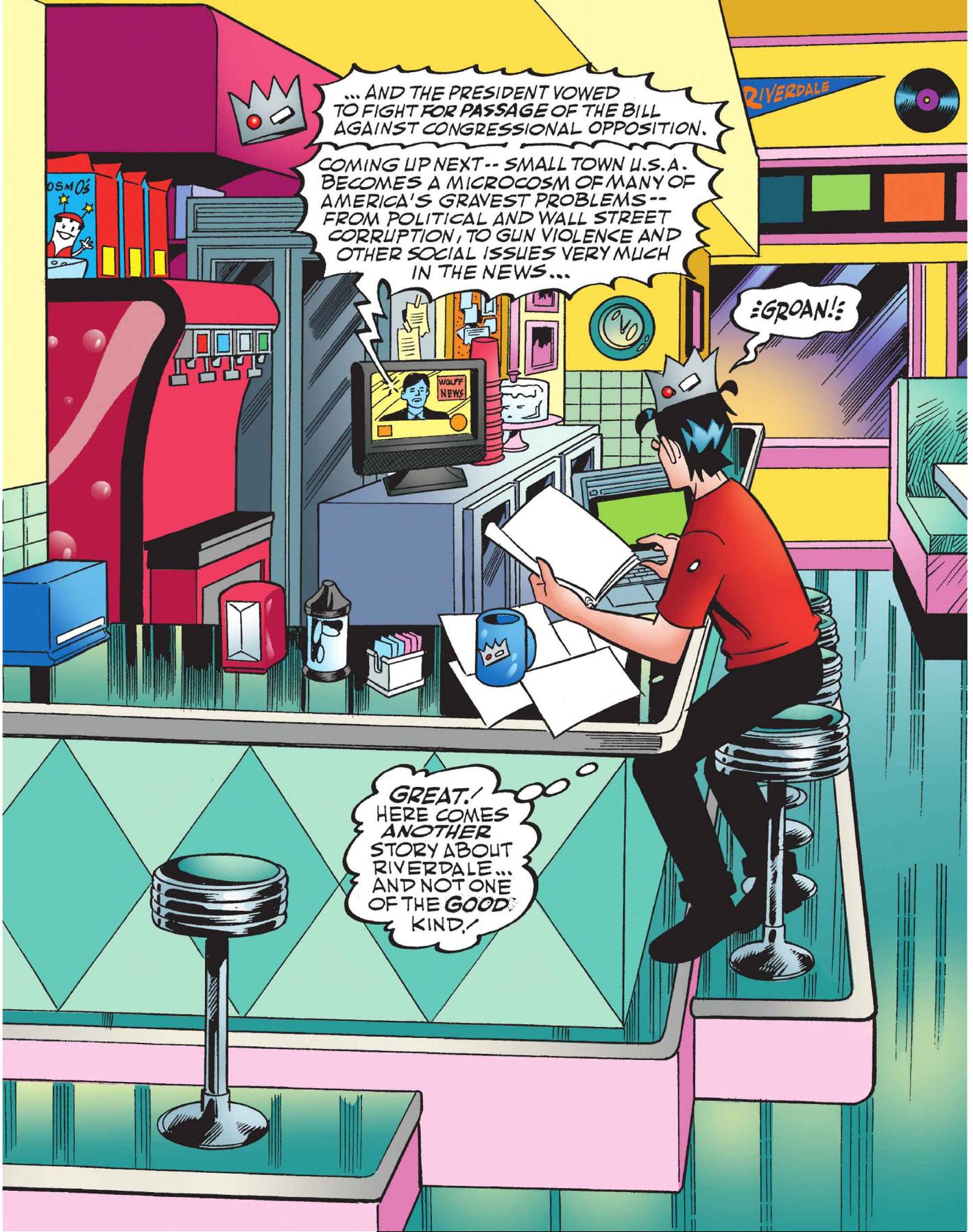
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... AND THE PRESIDENT VOWED TO FIGHT FOR PASSAGE OF THE BILL AGAINST CONGRESSIONAL OPPOSITION.

COMING UP NEXT-- SMALL TOWN U.S.A. BECOMES A MICROCOSM OF MANY OF AMERICA'S GRAVEST PROBLEMS-- FROM POLITICAL AND WALL STREET CORRUPTION, TO GUN VIOLENCE AND OTHER SOCIAL ISSUES VERY MUCH IN THE NEWS...

¡GROAN!:

GREAT!  
HERE COMES ANOTHER STORY ABOUT RIVERDALE... AND NOT ONE OF THE GOOD KIND!



ESPECIALLY SINCE PART OF THE STORY'S GONNA BE ABOUT WHAT FRED MIRTH'S DISAPPEARANCE HAS DONE TO THE TOWN...

AND ME!

I DON'T MIND SO MUCH THAT FRED'S GONE... BUT HE'S CLEANED OUT HIS CORPORATE ASSETS AND TOOK ALL HIS MONEY WITH HIM... AND SINCE THE CHOCKLIT SHOPPE CHAIN'S ONE OF THEM...

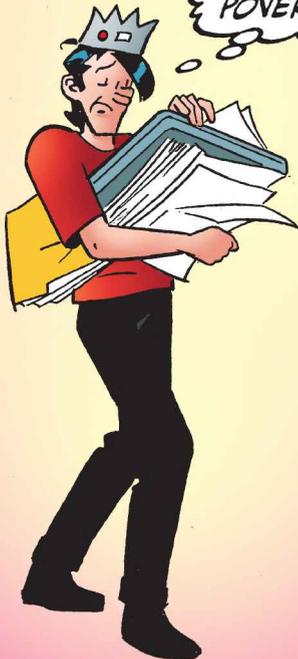
... I'M LEFT HOLDING THE BAG! A BAG WHICH DOESN'T HAVE ANY MONEY IN IT... BUT IS JUST FULL OF OTHER GOOD STUFF!



LIKE LAWSUITS... BANKRUPTCY... POVERTY...

HEY, JUGHEAD! A PENNY FOR YOUR THOUGHTS, PAL?

I'LL TAKE IT! THESE DAYS, EVERY CENT COUNTS!



# JUGHEAD'S CHUCKLE



YOU'RE RIGHT. ON SECOND THOUGHT, I CAN'T AFFORD TO PAY FOR IT.

THEN DON'T EVEN THINK OF ORDERING ANYTHING TO EAT!



SO WHAT'S THE WORD ON YOUR SITUATION?

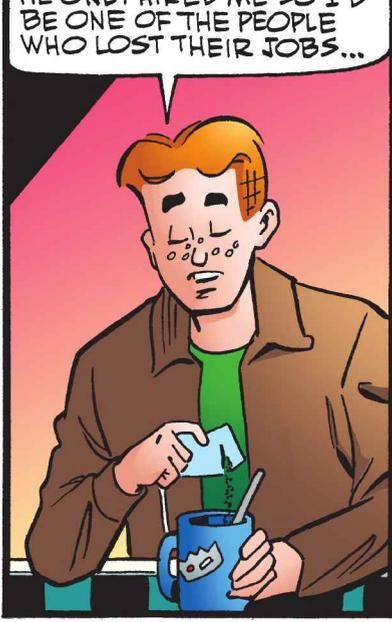
IT AIN'T GOOD, BROTHER. MIRTH LOOTED BILLIONS FROM THE CORPORATION, LEAVING ZIP...

...AND ALL KINDS OF LEGAL HASSLES FOR US POOR SUCKERS LEFT BEHIND!

I FEEL FOR YOU, JUG. EVERYBODY WARNED ME ABOUT FRED WHEN HE OFFERED ME THE JOB RUNNING MIRTH MUSIC...

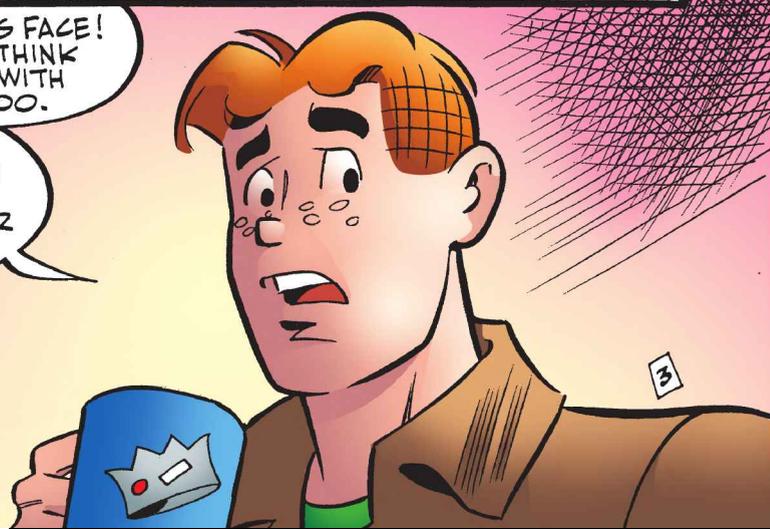
I MEAN, I KNOW HE HATES MY FATHER-IN-LAW, BUT I NEVER WOULD'VE GUESSED HE WAS SETTING ME UP LIKE HE DID.

HE ONLY HIRED ME SO I'D BE ONE OF THE PEOPLE WHO LOST THEIR JOBS...



...JUST TO RUB IT IN MR. LODGE'S FACE! WHICH IS ENOUGH TO MAKE US THINK HE'S GOT SOMETHING TO DO WITH RONNIE'S PROBLEMS, TOO.

DUDE, WHY WOULD SOMEONE GO THROUGH ALL THAT TROUBLE FOR REVENGE?



DO NOT ASK ME! I DON'T HAVE A CLUE ABOUT MOST OF THE WORLD! HERE, CHECK THIS OUT... THEY'RE STILL RUNNING STORIES ABOUT HOW BAD THINGS ARE HERE.

... AND NOWHERE CAN THESE PROBLEMS BE BETTER SEEN THAN IN THE LITTLE TOWN OF RIVERDALE. JUST MONTHS AGO, CRIME WAS VIRTUALLY UNKNOWN IN THIS IDYLIC COMMUNITY IN THE MIDDLE OF THE STATE...

BUT BEGINNING WITH AN ARMED HOLD-UP THAT ENDED WITH THE SHOOTING OF A LOCAL DOCTOR...

...TO A SERIES OF BURGLARIES IN A NEARBY COMMUNITY, TENSIONS HAVE BEEN ON THE RISE IN RIVERDALE.

WOLFF NEWS

RIVERDALE: A SMALL TOWN FACING BIG CITY PROBLEMS

COMMUNITY IN CRISIS!

HUH? WHAT BURGLARIES?

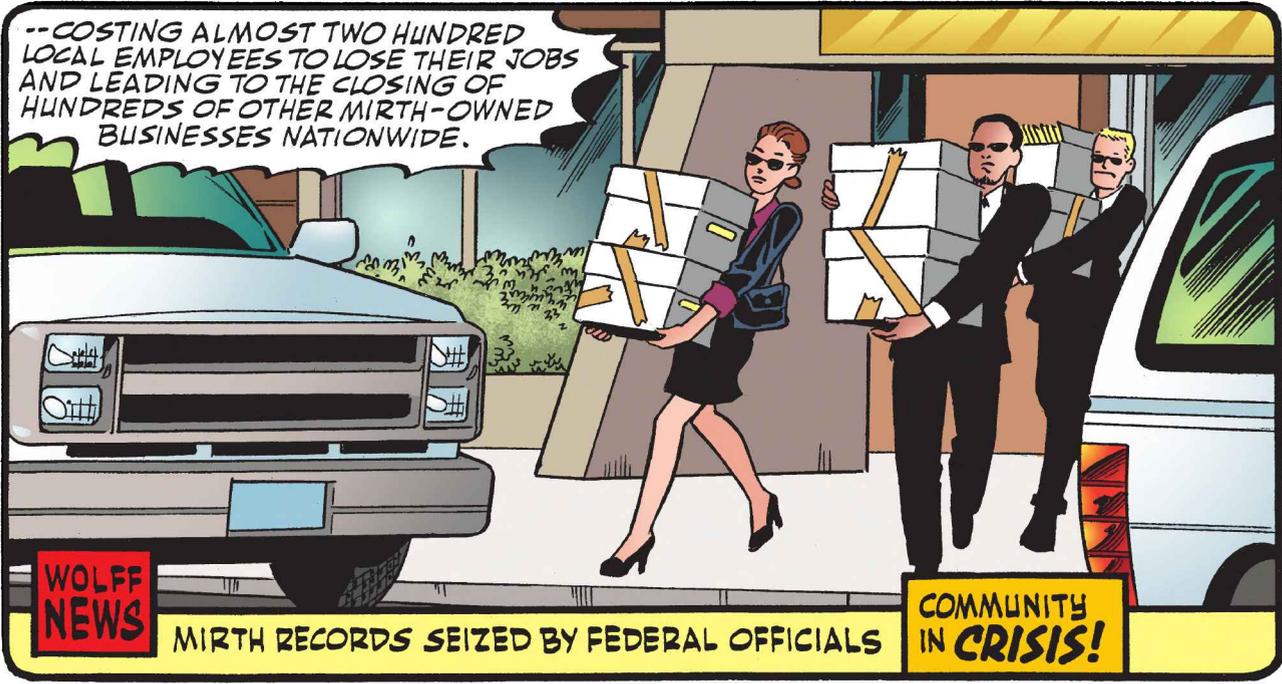
YEAH, LAST MONTH. THE COPS WHO EAT HERE TOLD ME ABOUT IT... IT WAS TWO MIDDLE SCHOOL KIDS STEALING PETTY CASH AND CANDY.

SHEESH! A VERITABLE CRIME WAVE--!

...BRINGING THE NATURE OF THE CRIMES TO A HIGHER LEVEL, BILLIONAIRE BUSINESSMAN FRED MIRTH STOLE AN ENTIRE COMPANY--

MIRTH

--COSTING ALMOST TWO HUNDRED LOCAL EMPLOYEES TO LOSE THEIR JOBS AND LEADING TO THE CLOSING OF HUNDREDS OF OTHER MIRTH-OWNED BUSINESSES NATIONWIDE.



**WOLFF NEWS**

MIRTH RECORDS SEIZED BY FEDERAL OFFICIALS

COMMUNITY IN **CRISIS!**

ONE OF THOSE BUSINESSES IS JUGHEAD'S CHOCKLIT SHOPPE, THE PROTOTYPE FOR THE RECENT FAST FOOD FRANCHISE HIT. THE FRANCHISES ARE UNLIKELY TO SURVIVE, BUT THE ORIGINAL STRUGGLES TO CARRY ON.



**WOLFF NEWS**

RIVERDALE: A SMALL TOWN FACING BIG CITY PROBLEMS

OWNER FORSYTHE "JUGHEAD" JONES DECLINED COMMENT FOR THIS BROADCAST.

I TOLD YOU GUYS TO GET LOST!



**WOLFF NEWS**

"JUGHEAD" JONES, BUSINESS OWNER / MIRTH FINANCIAL VICTIM

NOR IS MIRTH THE ONLY WEED IN THE RIVERDALE GARDEN OF BUSINESS! BUT UNLIKE HIM, VERONICA LODGE WAS UNABLE TO FLEE BEFORE HER ARREST ON NUMEROUS BUSINESS FRAUD AND CORRUPTION CHARGES.



**WOLFF NEWS**

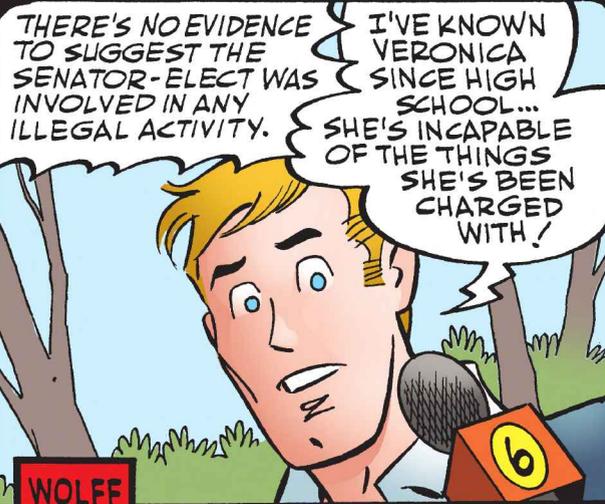
HEIRESS INDICTED: LODGE, THE NEXT GENERATION?

MS. LODGE'S ARREST ALSO CASTS SUSPICION ON NEWLY ELECTED SENATOR KEVIN KELLER, FOR WHOM SHE SERVED AS CAMPAIGN MANAGER.



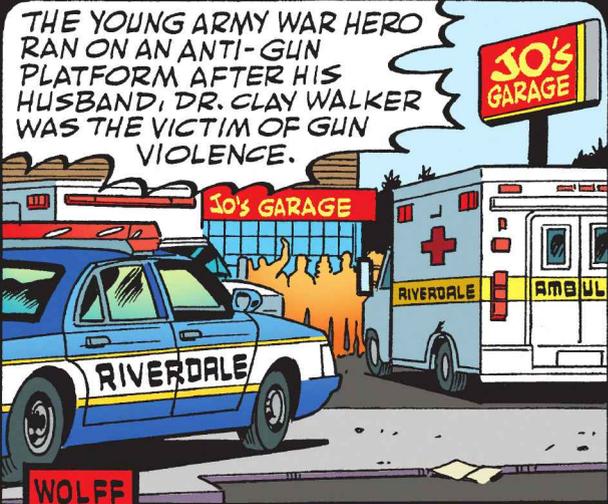
**WOLFF NEWS**

SPOTLIGHT FALLS ON LODGE / KELLER



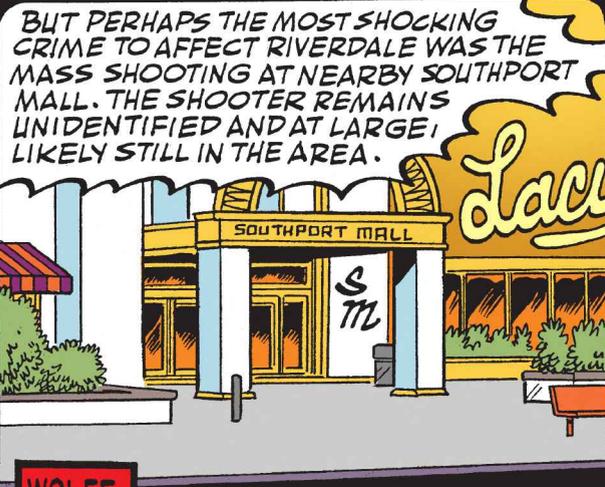
**WOLFF NEWS**

SENATOR-ELECT KELLER STANDS BY HIS MANAGER



**WOLFF NEWS**

SENATOR-ELECT'S HUSBAND ONCE VICTIM OF GUN VIOLENCE.



**WOLFF NEWS**

SOUTHPORT MALL: COMMUNITY STILL MOURNS VICTIMS



WELL, AT LEAST THEY LET HER OUT ON BAIL!



SO, HOW'S SHE DOING?

SHE'S MAD, DUDE! SHE KNOWS MIRTH SET HER UP, BUT HE WAS LAST SEEN JETTING OFF TO NEVERLAND WITH HIS BUCKS...

"... AND NO FORWARDING ADDRESS OR HIS FINGERPRINTS ON THE CRIMES THAT'LL CLEAR RONNIE..."

THANKS AGAIN FOR LETTING US MEET HERE, DADDY...

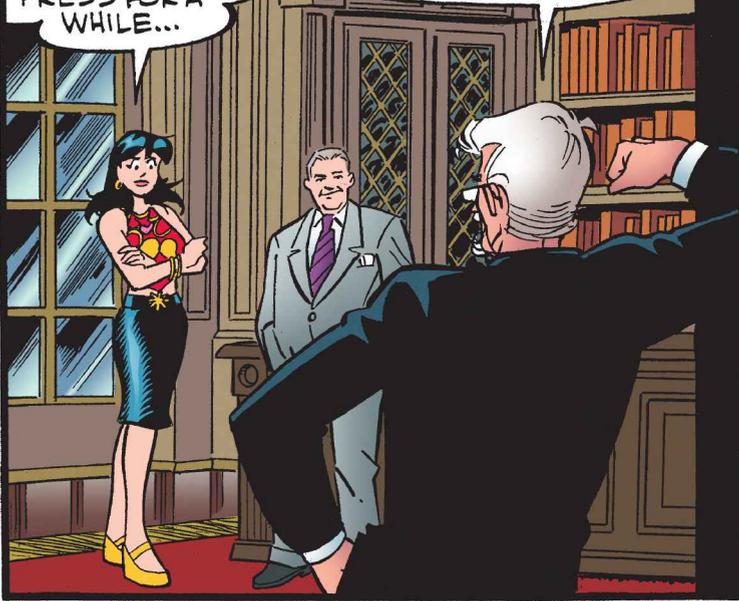


... BUT THIS IS THE ONLY PLACE IN TOWN WHERE I CAN GET AWAY FROM THE PRESS FOR A WHILE...

I'D FEEL A LOT BETTER IF YOU AND ARCHIE WOULD MOVE IN HERE UNTIL THIS WHOLE THING BLOWS OVER!

THAT'S SWEET, DADDYKINS, BUT WE'D FEEL LIKE WE WERE IN PRISON... AND I'M SURE I'LL FIND OUT WHAT THAT'S LIKE SOON ENOUGH!

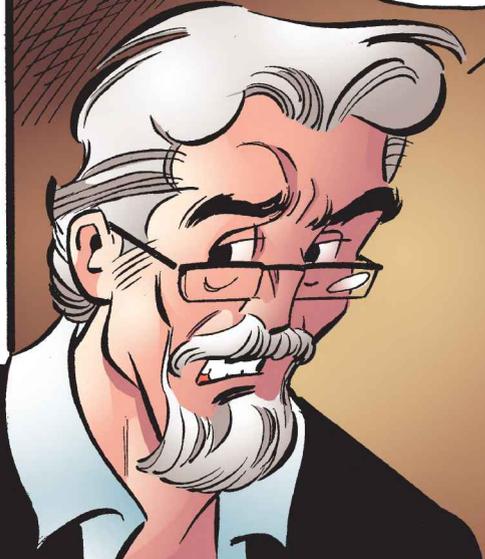
THAT'S NOT FUNNY, VERONICA!



JOKING, DADDY! YOU KNOW THAT I'M INNOCENT! AND SHE'S HIRED THE BEST DARNED CRIMINAL DEFENSE ATTORNEY IN THE COUNTRY TO PROVE IT, HIRAM.

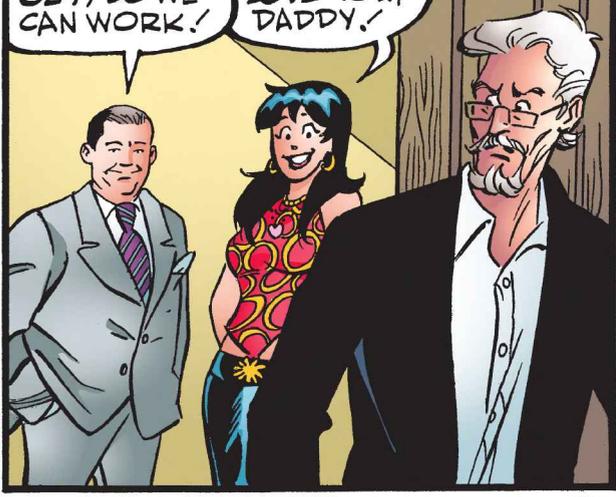
I KNOW, J.J. BUT YOU HAVE A DAUGHTER--

-- WOULD YOU STOP WORRYING ABOUT IT UNTIL YOU HEARD THE "NOT GUILTY" VERDICT?



I TOLD YOU... I'LL DEFEND HER LIKE SHE WERE J.J. HARMON'S OWN LITTLE GIRL! NOW GET, SO WE CAN WORK!

LOVE YOU, DADDY!



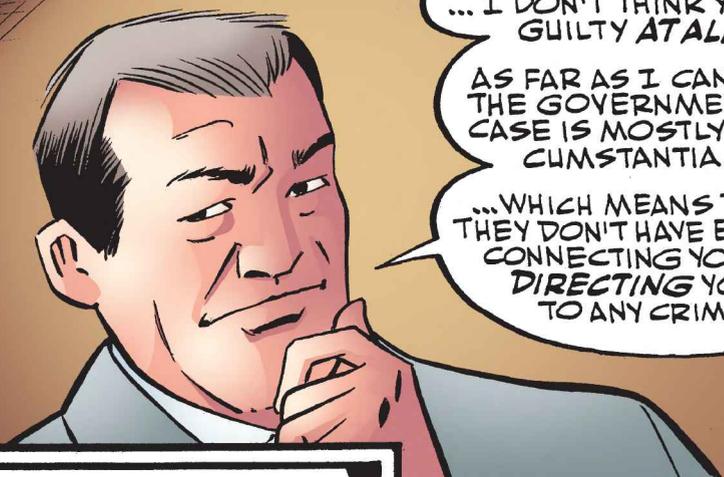
I FEEL TERRIBLE MAKING HIM WORRY ABOUT ME SO MUCH... YOU DIDN'T DO SQUAT, YOUNG LADY! NOT ONLY ARE YOU INNOCENT UNTIL PROVEN GUILTY...



... I DON'T THINK YOU'RE GUILTY AT ALL!

AS FAR AS I CAN TELL, THE GOVERNMENT'S CASE IS MOSTLY CIRCUMSTANTIAL...

...WHICH MEANS THAT THEY DON'T HAVE EVIDENCE CONNECTING YOU OR DIRECTING YOU TO ANY CRIMES...

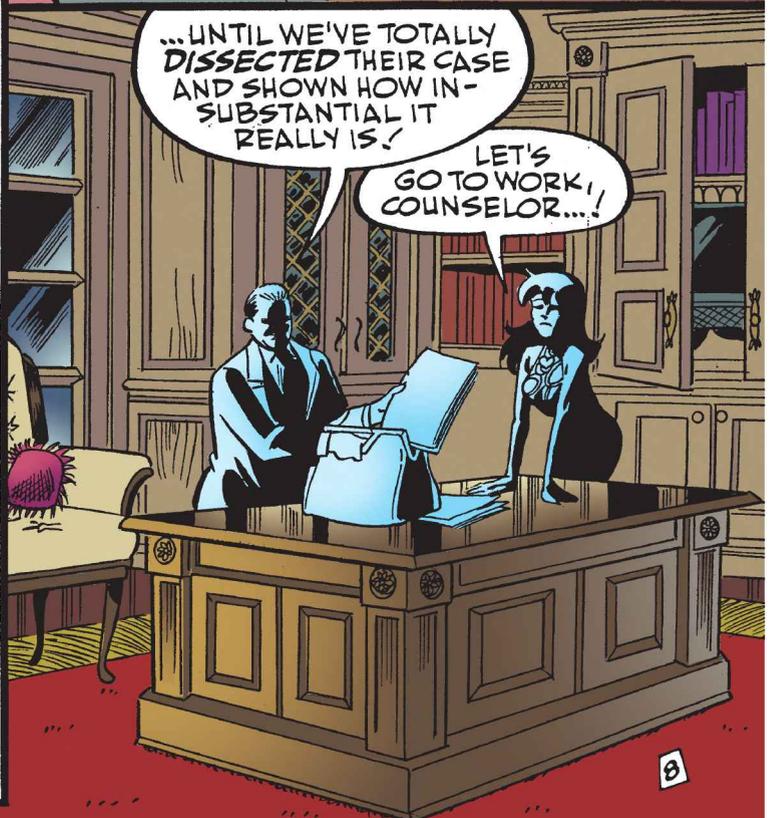


... AND NONE OF THEIR WITNESSES REALLY LINK YOU TO A SPECIFIC EVENT EITHER. WE'RE GOING TO CHALLENGE EVERY PIECE OF EVIDENCE THEY PUT UP...



... UNTIL WE'VE TOTALLY DISSECTED THEIR CASE AND SHOWN HOW INSUBSTANTIAL IT REALLY IS!

LET'S GO TO WORK, COUNSELOR....!





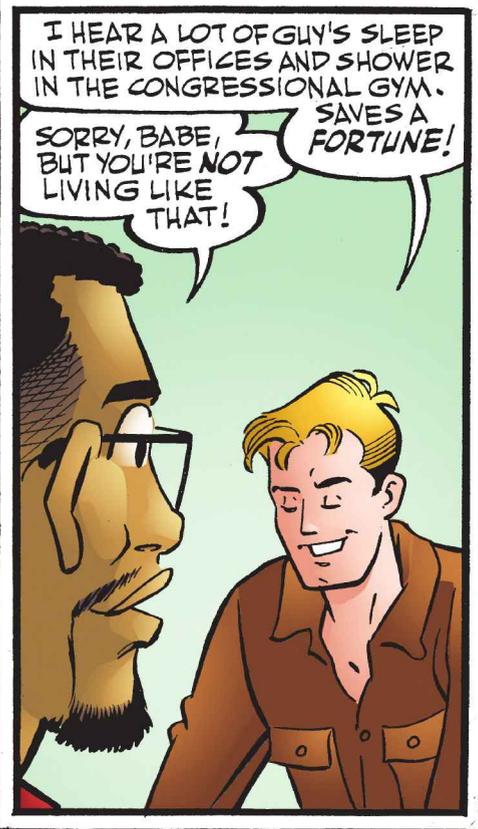
...AND MAKE SURE YOU SEND ME THE PICTURES OF EVERY PLACE YOU LOOK AT! REMEMBER...



...WE WANT A FIRE-PLACE!

I'M TELLING YOU, CLAY, IT'S CRAZY FOR ME TO RENT AN ELABORATE PLACE IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

I JUST NEED A PLACE TO CRASH WHEN THE SENATE'S IN SESSION. THE REST OF THE TIME I'LL BE HOME.



I HEAR A LOT OF GUY'S SLEEP IN THEIR OFFICES AND SHOWER IN THE CONGRESSIONAL GYM. SAVES A FORTUNE!

SORRY, BABE, BUT YOU'RE NOT LIVING LIKE THAT!



HEY, IT'S PARADISE COMPARED TO SOME OF THE PLACES I'VE HAD TO SLEEP!

RIGHT... WHEN YOU WERE IN THE ARMY AND UNDER ENEMY FIRE!



EXACTLY. SOUNDS JUST LIKE BEING IN THE U.S. SENATE, DOESN'T IT?

==SIGH==

DON'T FORGET-- FIREPLACE!

AND I FEEL BAD ABOUT ABANDONING VERONICA LIKE THIS. SHE'S GONNA NEED MY SUPPORT!

FIRST, YOU CAN'T POSTPONE YOUR TRIP-- YOU'VE GOT THAT FRESH-MAN SENATOR EVENT TO ATTEND...



... AND SECOND, VERONICA TOLD YOU THE BEST THING YOU COULD DO FOR YOURSELF WAS STAY AWAY FROM HER RIGHT NOW.

SHE SAID IT'S BAD ENOUGH SHE WAS YOUR CAMPAIGN MANAGER...



... BUT TO BE SEEN SUPPORTING HER NOW THAT SHE'S UNDER INDICTMENT COULD RUIN YOU!

YOU KNOW HOW MUCH I HATE THIS, CLAY.

BUT A SOLDIER DOESN'T LEAVE A BUDDY BEHIND ... FOR ANY REASON!



YEAH ... YOU AND YOUR MILITARY CODE OF HONOR!

I KNOW IT'S NOT THE SAME THING, CLAY, BUT RONNIE'S ALWAYS BEEN A GOOD, LOYAL FRIEND!



IT'S WRONG OF ME TO BE ANYTHING BUT THE SAME IN RETURN.

Oh, BELIEVE ME, I KNOW YOU'RE NOT GOING TO DO THE SMART THING OVER THE RIGHT THING.



YOU KNOW ME SO WELL!  
ANYWAY, I'LL BE BACK IN A  
COUPLE OF DAYS.  
AND SPEAKING OF SMART  
THINGS TO DO, MAKE  
SURE YOU KEEP THE  
HOUSE LOCKED TIGHT  
WHILE I'M GONE.



OH, YOU DON'T HAVE TO TELL  
ME TWICE. UNTIL THEY  
CATCH THE SOUTHPORT  
MALL SHOOTER, I'M  
PLAYING IT *SAFE!*

THEY DON'T  
EVEN HAVE AN  
ACCURATE  
DESCRIPTION  
OF HIM YET.  
HE WAS WEAR-  
ING A DISGUISE  
THAT THE POLICE  
FOUND IN THE  
PARKING  
LOT.



AND HE'D DISABLED A  
COUPLE OF SECURITY  
CAMERAS SO HE COULD  
LOSE HIMSELF IN THE  
CROWD.

HAVING BEEN SHOT  
ONCE, I'M IN NO HURRY  
TO REPEAT THE  
EXPERIENCE!



YOU AND ME **BOTH**  
BABY! SEE, THERE'S  
SOMETHING **ELSE**  
WE'VE GOT IN  
COMMON!



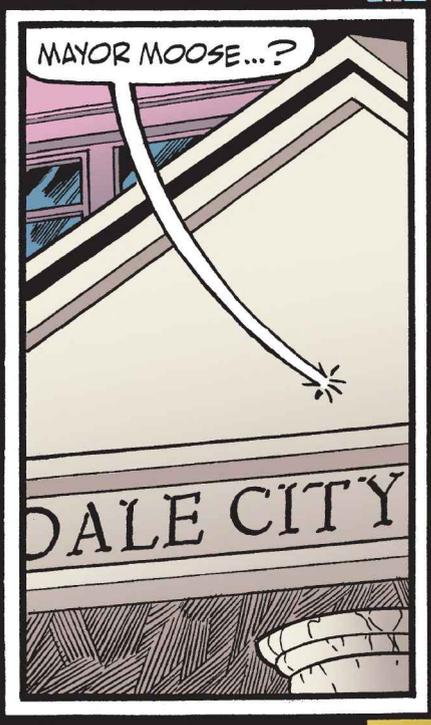
uh-huh.  
AND ONE MORE  
THING...



DON'T FORGET...  
A FIREPLACE!

Heh-heh!  
YES,  
DEAR!





MAYOR MOOSE...?

DALE CITY



IS... IS EVERYTHING ALL RIGHT, SIR?

Huh? Oh, yeah. Sure, Ms. Campolo. Just thinkin', that's all.

RIVERDALE'S TAKEN A REAL ECONOMIC DOUBLE-WHAMMY, huh?

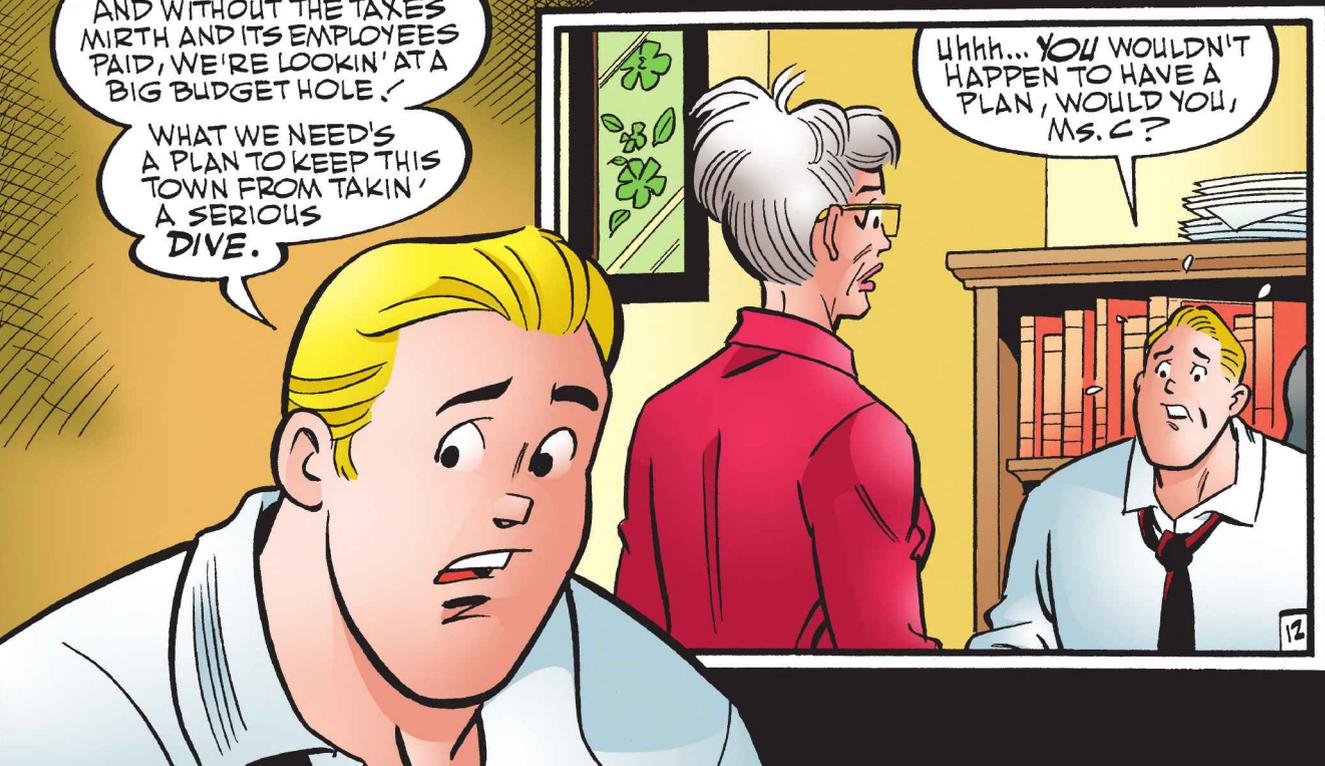
LOSING ALL THOSE JOBS TO MIRTH ENTERPRISES'S COLLAPSE AND MS. LODGE'S RIVERHART INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT INDICTMENT WERE SERIOUS BLOWS.

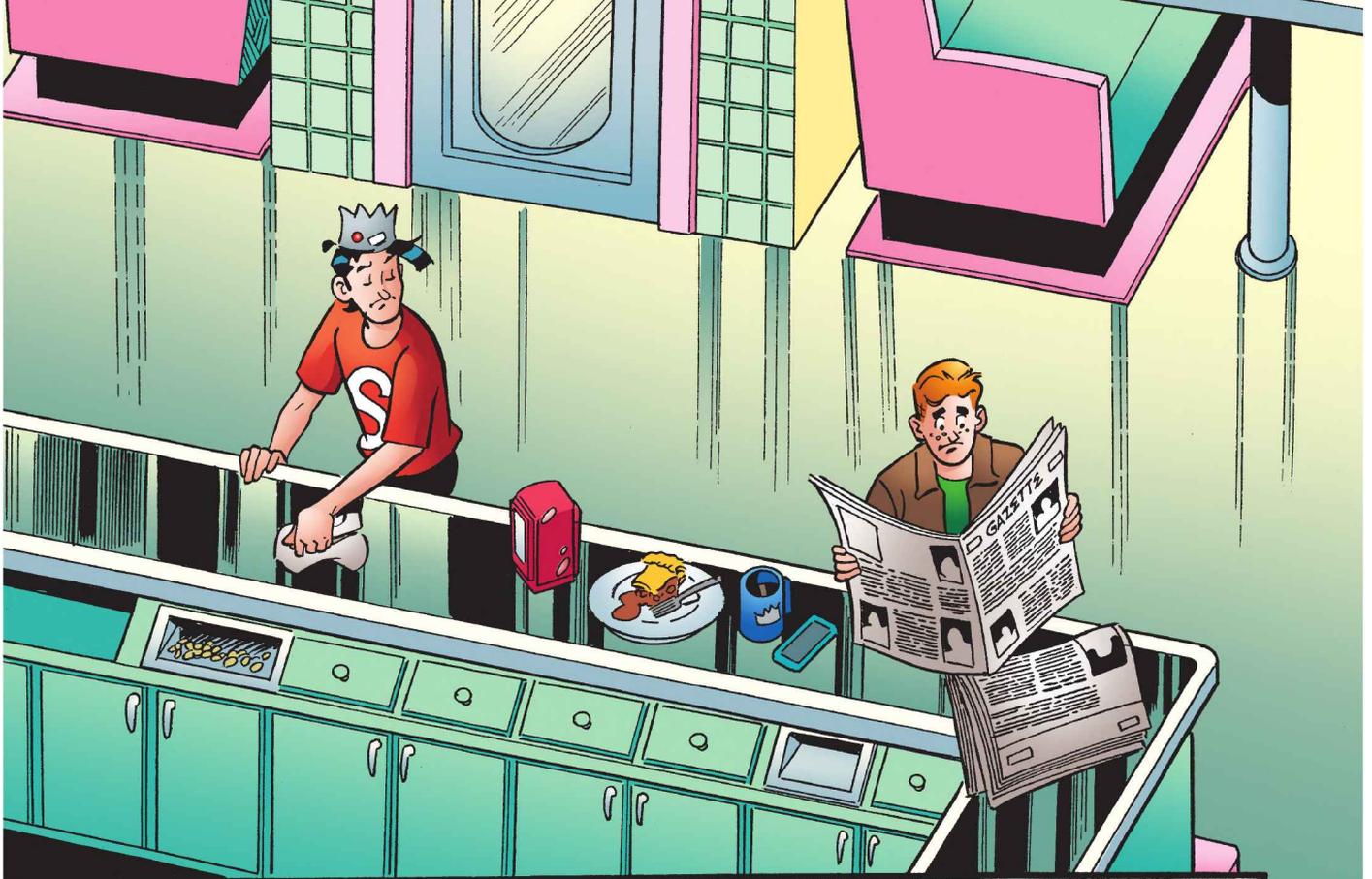
SO WHERE ARE WE SUPPOSED TO FIND JOBS TO REPLACE 'EM ALL?



AND WITHOUT THE TAXES MIRTH AND ITS EMPLOYEES PAID, WE'RE LOOKIN' AT A BIG BUDGET HOLE. WHAT WE NEED'S A PLAN TO KEEP THIS TOWN FROM TAKIN' A SERIOUS DIVE.

Uhhh... YOU WOULDN'T HAPPEN TO HAVE A PLAN, WOULD YOU, MS. C?

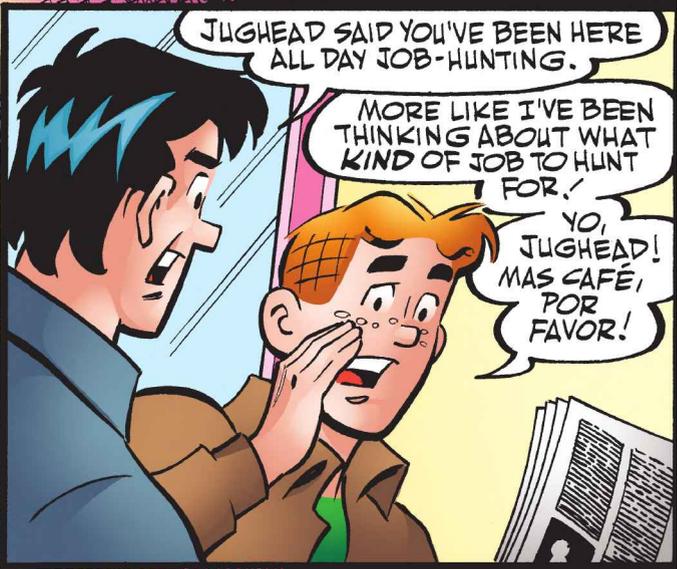






HEY, ARCH. LOOKING TO GO INTO THE SPORTS FIELD, ARE YOU PAL?

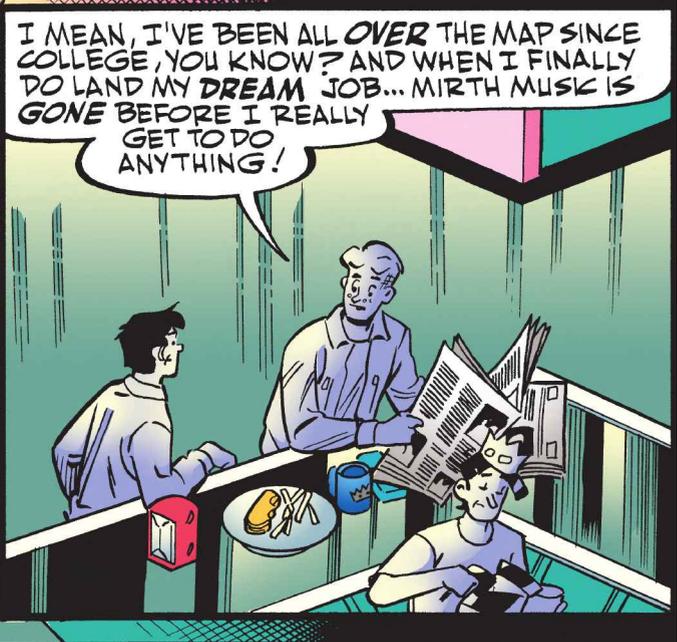
OH, HIYA, REGGIE. ME? IN SPORTS? WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?



JUGHEAD SAID YOU'VE BEEN HERE ALL DAY JOB-HUNTING.

MORE LIKE I'VE BEEN THINKING ABOUT WHAT KIND OF JOB TO HUNT FOR!

YO, JUGHEAD! MAS CAFÉ, POR FAVOR!



I MEAN, I'VE BEEN ALL OVER THE MAP SINCE COLLEGE, YOU KNOW? AND WHEN I FINALLY DO LAND MY DREAM JOB... MIRTH MUSK IS GONE BEFORE I REALLY GET TO DO ANYTHING!



AND NOW, NOT ONLY AM I UNEMPLOYED, BUT EVERY CENT WE HAVE'S BEEN FROZEN BY THE COURTS! ME AND RONNIE ARE PENNILESS!

ONLY TECHNICALLY.

MR. LODGE ISN'T GOING TO LET YOU GUYS STARVE.



HE'S BEEN GREAT. HE'S EVEN ASKED US TO MOVE INTO THE MANSION.

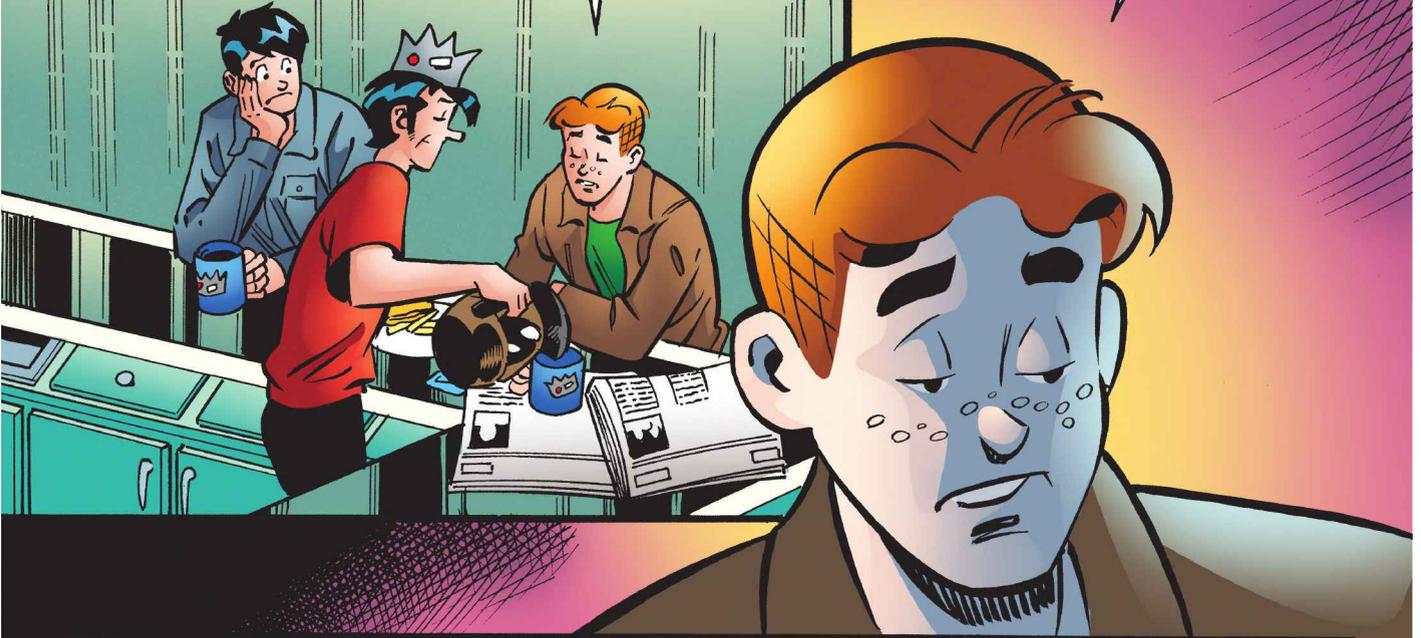
MAN, THERE'S SOMETHING I NEVER THOUGHT I'D LIVE TO HEAR!

RIGHT? BUT THE THING IS... I SHOULD BE SUPPORTING MY FAMILY, NOT RONNIE'S DAD.

I GUESS THAT'S PROBABLY WHAT BUGS ME THE MOST.

THE SECOND THE GOING GETS TOUGH, WHO DOES SHE TURN TO?

DADDY.



I DON'T CARE THAT HE'S GOT ALL THIS MONEY ... OR THAT SHE DOES EITHER!

ALL I WANT IS FOR HER TO START REMEMBERING THAT SHE'S NOT JUST HIS DAUGHTER ANYMORE... SHE'S ALSO MY WIFE!

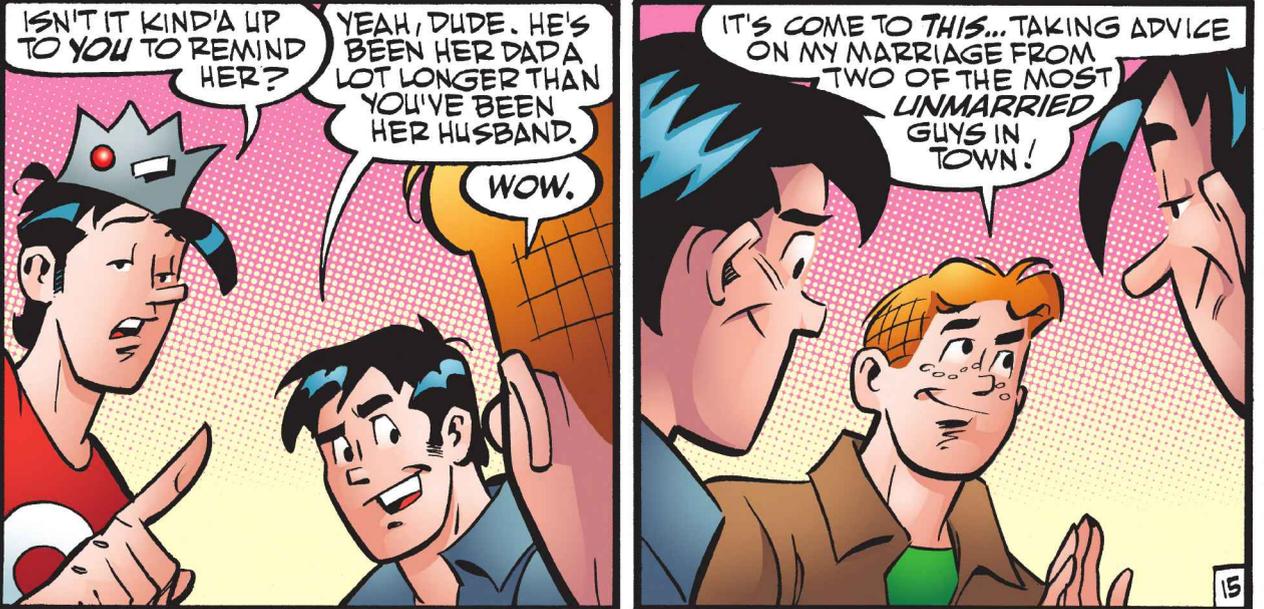


ISN'T IT KIND'A UP TO YOU TO REMIND HER?

YEAH, DUDE. HE'S BEEN HER DADA LOT LONGER THAN YOU'VE BEEN HER HUSBAND.

WOW.

IT'S COME TO THIS... TAKING ADVICE ON MY MARRIAGE FROM TWO OF THE MOST UNMARRIED GUYS IN TOWN!



YOU'RE BEING AWFULLY QUIET, HIRAM. AREN'T YOU ENJOYING YOURSELF?

JUST BASKING IN THE SILENCE. I DON'T OFTEN GET A CHANCE TO DO THAT.

I'M GLAD YOU LET ME DRAG YOU AWAY FROM WORK LONG ENOUGH TO APPRECIATE THAT.

THANK YOU, HERMIONE. BETWEEN VERONICA'S PROBLEMS AND THE REST OF THE TROUBLES MIRTH HAS CAUSED THIS TOWN...

...WELL, LET'S JUST SAY I'VE BEEN RATHER ON THE TENSE SIDE.

THAT'S WHY I THOUGHT THAT AN EVENING OUT WITH YOUR WIFE MIGHT BE THERAPEUTIC!

IT IS!  
IT IS!

STILL, WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO TAKE STEPS TO KEEP RIVERDALE FROM...

HIRAM! YOU'RE DRIFTING AGAIN, DEAR!

FOCUS ON ME, DEAR. YOUR PROBLEMS WILL BE THERE WAITING FOR YOU TOMORROW.

TONIGHT-- REST UP SO YOU'LL HAVE STRENGTH FOR THE FIGHT.



... HOPE YOU DON'T MIND A LAST-MINUTE PATIENT, DR. WALKER--



-- BUT HE'S NEW AND INSISTED ON BEING SEEN BY YOU. HERE'S HIS MEDICAL HISTORY.

Hmm... RUBEN CRUZ. THE NAME DOESN'T SOUND FAMILIAR. WHY DID HE SAY HE CAME IN?



MR. CRUZ SAYS HE'S NEW IN TOWN AND WANTS A ROUTINE CHECK-UP AND TO MEET THE DOCTOR.

OKAY, SOUNDS REASONABLE TO ME. THANKS, NURSE RITA.



MR. CRUZ? HI, I'M DR. WALKER.

Huh? Oh... DR. WALKER ... HI. YES... I'M... YOU CAN CALL ME RUBEN, OKAY?



OKAY, RUBEN. SO NURSE RITA TELLS ME YOU'RE NEW TO RIVERDALE. HOW DO YOU LIKE IT SO FAR?

IT'S OKAY, I GUESS. EVERYBODY'S GOTTA BE SOMEPLACE, RIGHT?

I SUPPOSE THEY DO? SO WHAT BRINGS YOU TO **THIS** SOMEPLACE TODAY?

UH... LIKE I TOLD THE NURSE, THERE'S NO-THING WRONG WITH ME... I JUST WANTED TO, Y'KNOW... MEET MY... THE NEW DOCTOR IS ALL.

IS THERE SOME-THING WRONG, RUBEN? YOU SEEM NERVOUS.

NO, MAN. I MEAN, DR. WALKER. I... I'M JUST NOT, LIKE, **GOOD** AT MEETING PEOPLE!



I SEE. ARE YOU ANXIOUS ABOUT **OTHER** THINGS IN YOUR LIFE AS WELL? BECAUSE, IF YOU'D CARE TO TALK...?

ME? N-NO, I'M COOL. NOTHING'S WRONG! HONEST!

LOOK, IT'S GETTING LATE... I CAN COME BACK SOME OTHER TIME, Y'KNOW?

HEY, RUBEN! YOU DON'T HAVE TO--!

HEY!

WHAT WAS THAT ALL ABOUT, DOCTOR?



I DON'T KNOW...

...BUT SOMETHING'S SERIOUSLY BUGGING THAT MAN.!





HEY, BABE. I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR YOU.

HI, ARCHIEKINS! I'VE MISSED YOU, TOO. THE LAWYERS AND I HAVE BEEN WORKING ON MY CASE SINCE THIS MORNING...



... BUT DADDY SAYS THERE'S NO SUCH THING AS TOO MUCH LEGAL PREPARATION.

DID THE CHAUFFER BRING YOU HOME? HOW DID YOU GET PAST THE REPORTERS?

I TOOK THE **BUS** TO OUR CORNER, IF YOU CAN IMAGINE!

IT WAS DADDY'S IDEA. HE SAID IF I HID UNDER THIS UMBRELLA, THEY'D **NEVER** EXPECT IT WAS ME TAKING PUBLIC TRANSIT.



WHAT'S YOUR ATTORNEY HAVE TO SAY ABOUT THE CASE?



HE AGREES WITH DADDY, BUT KEEPS WARNING ABOUT OVER-CONFIDENCE.

A HUNDRED THINGS COULD GO AGAINST ME... A NEW WITNESS OR PIECE OF EVIDENCE... A HOSTILE JURY...



... ANYTHING...



Oh, ARCHIE!



... I'M SO SCARED.



**NEXT:**  
**NO MIRTH**  
*IN*  
**RIVERDALE**

# PREVIOUSLY IN Archie Marries BETTY

**AFTER HIGH SCHOOL, AFTER COLLEGE ... THE MARRIED LIFE!**

**Kevin Keller has been elected to the U.S. Senate!**

**Archie Andrews, watch out!** Busy wife Betty works hard at her job, but Archie is having a hard time appreciating the career opportunity she's been given. It means he never sees her!

**Jughead and Midge are getting closer to baby time,** and Jellybean is getting closer to graduating from high school! The Chocklit Shoppe might lose an employee when that happens, but after she turned in her boyfriend Davey for burglary! Midge and Jughead believe in her like they never have before, but can Jellybean handle the emotional fallout from what she's gone through?

Meanwhile, **the club Archie owns with Jughead and Ambrose just lost their musical act** -- because bandleader Max Marcus will not be performing until his grades are back up!



**ARCHIE** was given a chance to see two of his possible futures. In one future, he married **BETTY**. This is the story of ...

The Married Life

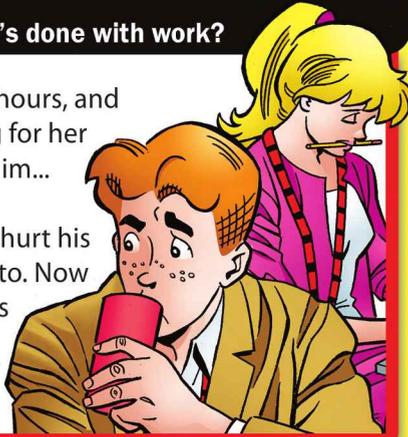
# Archie Marries BETTY

## ARCHIE & BETTY

Will Archie be there for Betty when she's done with work?

**BETTY** has been working super long hours, and **ARCHIE's** been getting bored waiting for her to come home and spend time with him...

When **ARCHIE** was in high school, he hurt his girlfriend's feelings without meaning to. Now that he and **BETTY** are married, things aren't as easily forgiven. He might just be about to ruin everything.



**BELLA BEAZLEY**  
The sultry Riverdale High School lunch lady loves to flirt ... no matter how married anyone is!



**MOOSE MASON**  
This janitor is thinking about his future. Can he make something of himself?

**JELLYBEAN JONES**  
Jellybean turned in her boyfriend for robbery. Is that too much for a teen to handle?



## REGGIE & VERONICA

At least Veronica knows how to handle someone who works too much!

Unlike **ARCHIE**, **VERONICA** knows how to treat a spouse who works late! When **REGGIE** puts in long hours at the **Riverdale Gazette** while his dad is recovering from a heart attack, **VERONICA** doesn't feel sorry for herself! When she's not keeping busy, she treats **REGGIE** to surprise dinners and lots of emotional support. This one-time spoiled princess should give the all-american readhead a little advice!



**AMBROSE PIPPS**  
Ambrose owns a nightclub with Archie and Jughead, but can he keep a business running with Archie around?

**KEVIN KELLER**  
The incumbent Kevin Keller is busy preparing for his upcoming term as a Senator!



## JUGHEAD & MIDGE

Jughead and Midge's baby is getting closer all the time!

Speaking of stressed out couples, **JUGHEAD** and **MIDGE** are getting closer to their baby's arrival! More importantly, everything at the **Chocklit Shoppe** and **JUGHEAD's** relationship with his sister **JELLYBEAN** were almost both lost when her boyfriend **DAVEY** plotted to rob them! **JELLYBEAN** made the right decision ... but how is she going to keep it together after it all? And will **JUGHEAD** be there for his sister when he's got impending fatherhood to worry him?



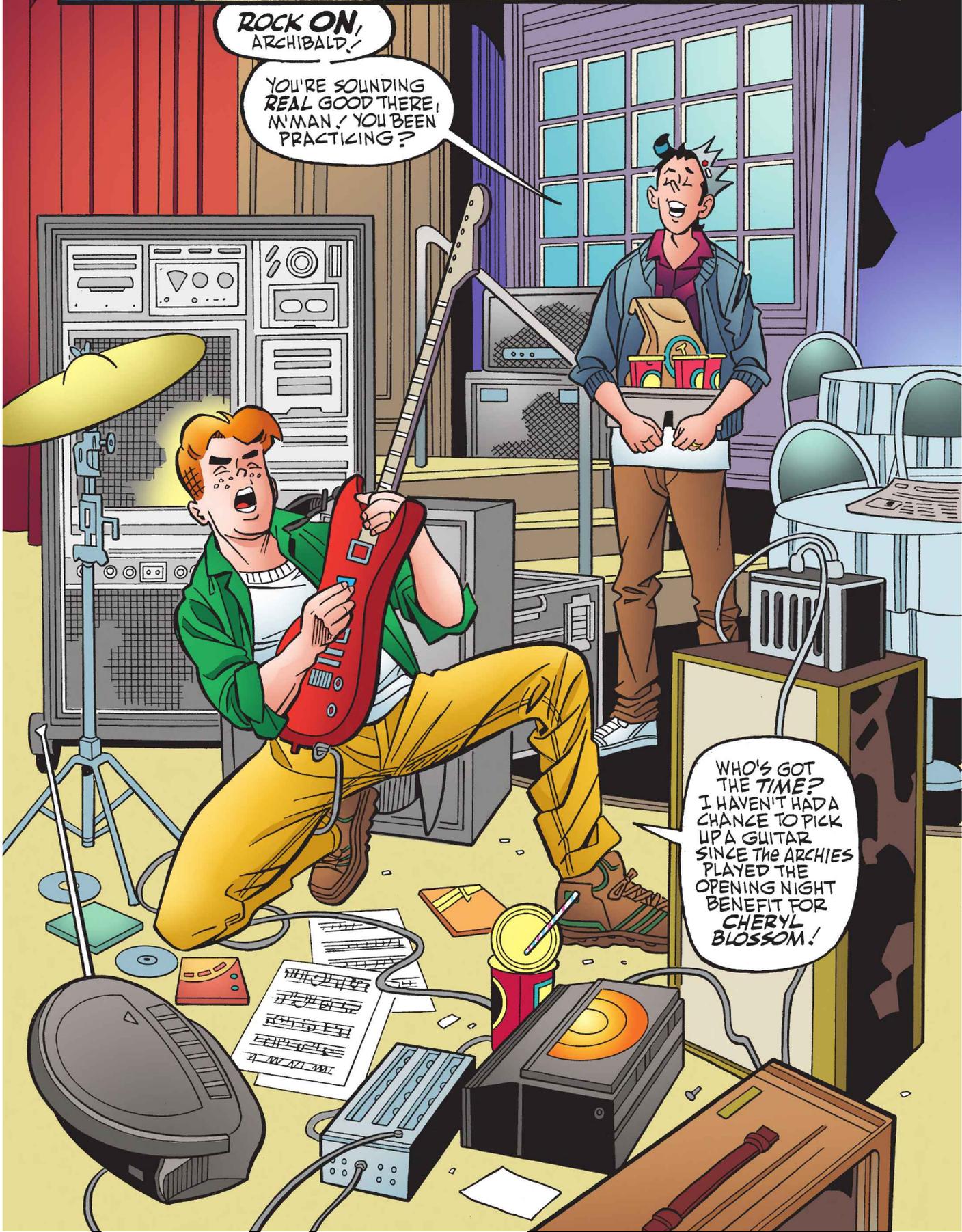
**MAX MARCUS**  
Now that he's well and truly let down all of the other kids in his band, will Max still have friends?

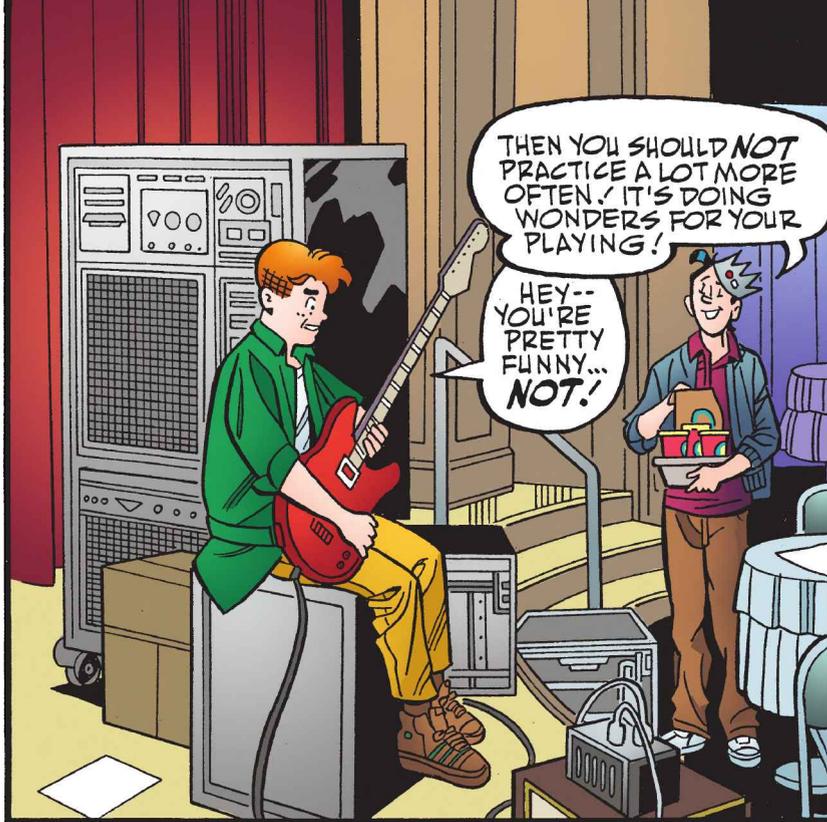
**COMING ATTRACTIONS**

**ROCK ON,  
ARCHIBALD!**

YOU'RE SOUNDING  
REAL GOOD THERE,  
M'AN. YOU BEEN  
PRACTIZING?

WHO'S GOT  
THE TIME?  
I HAVEN'T HADA  
CHANCE TO PICK  
UP A GUITAR  
SINCE THE ARCHIES  
PLAYED THE  
OPENING NIGHT  
BENEFIT FOR  
**CHERYL  
BLOSSOM!**





THEN YOU SHOULD **NOT** PRACTICE A LOT MORE OFTEN. IT'S DOING WONDERS FOR YOUR PLAYING!

HEY-- YOU'RE PRETTY FUNNY... **NOT!**



WHAT'S LIFE WITHOUT WITTY REPARTEE BETWEEN BUDDIES? I DO MISS PLAYING...

IT'S RELAXING TO GET **LOST** IN THE MUSIC, Y'KNOW?



I'M A DRUMMER. I'M TOO NOISY TO RELAX. BUT I DO GET THAT RUSH FROM **COOKING!**

Oh, MAN... **STILL** NO NEWS ON THE SHOOTER, huh?

NOPE. HE GOT AWAY IN ALL THE CONFLU- SION AND PANIC AFTER THE SHOOTING.



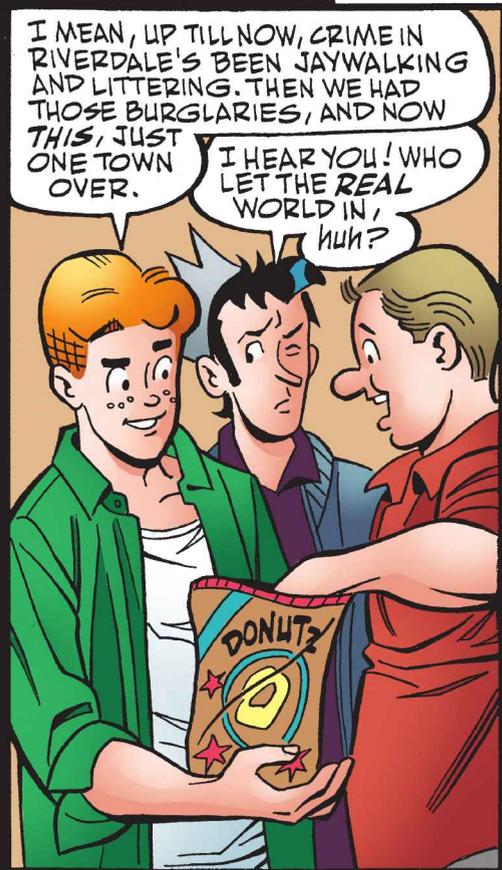
AND NONE OF THE SURVEILLANCE CAMERAS GOT A CLEAR SHOT OF HIM EITHER. HE WAS WEARING A CAP WITH A WIDE BRIM AND THE POLICE THINK HE WAS ALSO IN **DISGUISE.**

mmmm...



YOU GUYS TALKING ABOUT THE SOUTHPORT MALL? IT'S BIG NEWS IN NEW YORK, BUT YOU GOTTA BE **LIVING** IT HERE.

HEY, AMBROSE. YEAH, THIS HIT PRETTY **CLOSE** TO HOME.

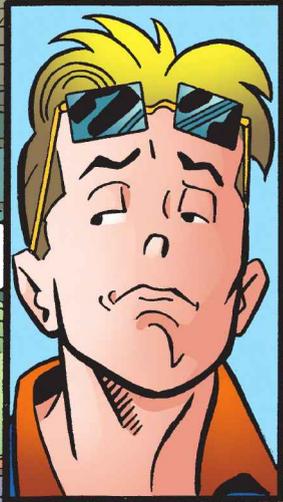




GROUNDING!

HOW LONG HAS IT BEEN NOW? A YEAR?!

OKAY, MAYBE ONLY ABOUT A WEEK...



IT JUST FEELS A LOT LONGER 'CAUSE I'VE NEVER BEEN SO BORED IN MY WHOLE LIFE! NO VIDEO GAMES OR TV UNTIL I'VE FINISHED ALL OF MY CURRENT HOMEWORK...



...AND NO DRUMS AT ALL--

--UNTIL I'M CAUGHT UP WITH THE WORK THAT I MISSED REHEARSING FOR THE BAND'S GIG AT THE CHOW-HOUSE!



I MEAN, YEAH, I ADMIT IT... I DID KINDA GET CARRIED AWAY... BUT I'VE DREAMED ABOUT PLAYING A PLACE LIKE THAT MY WHOLE LIFE!

MAX!



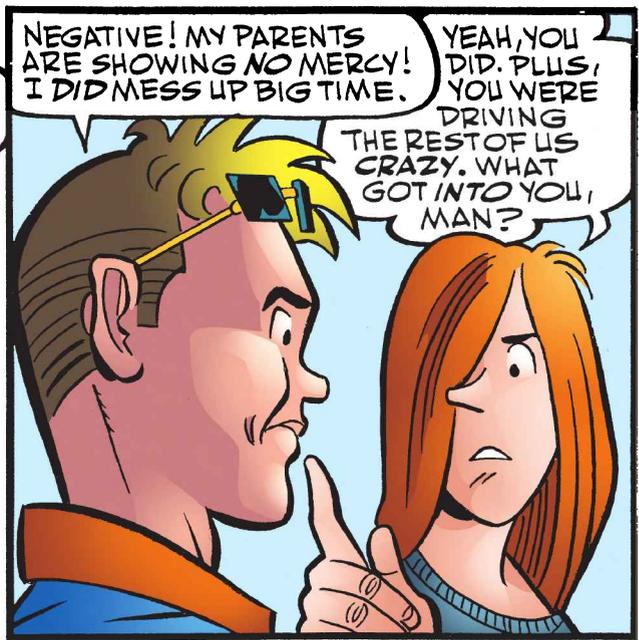
HAVEN'T SEEN YOU ALL WEEK! WAS WONDERING IF YOU WANTED TO HANG OUT?

Huh? LUKE!



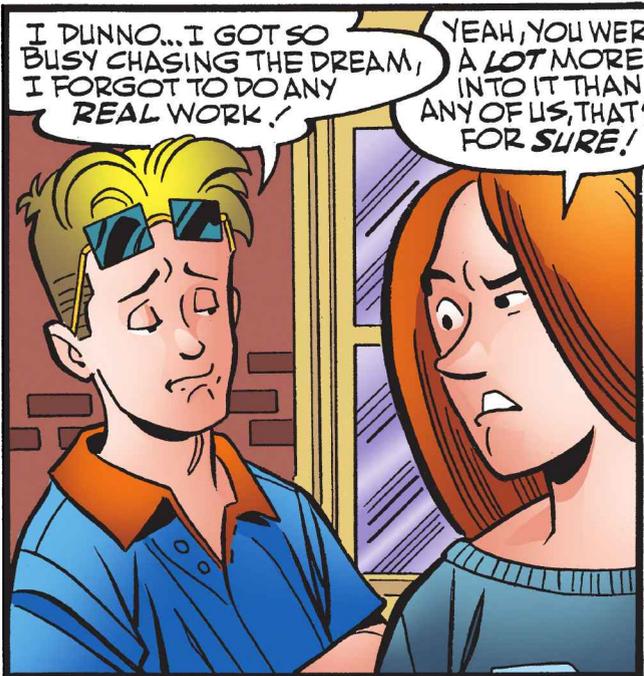
Oh, man, would I! But I can't. I'm still under homework house arrest!

Yeah? I thought maybe 'cause it's the weekend...?



Negative! My parents are showing no mercy! I did mess up big time.

Yeah, you did. Plus, you were driving the rest of us crazy. What got into you, man?



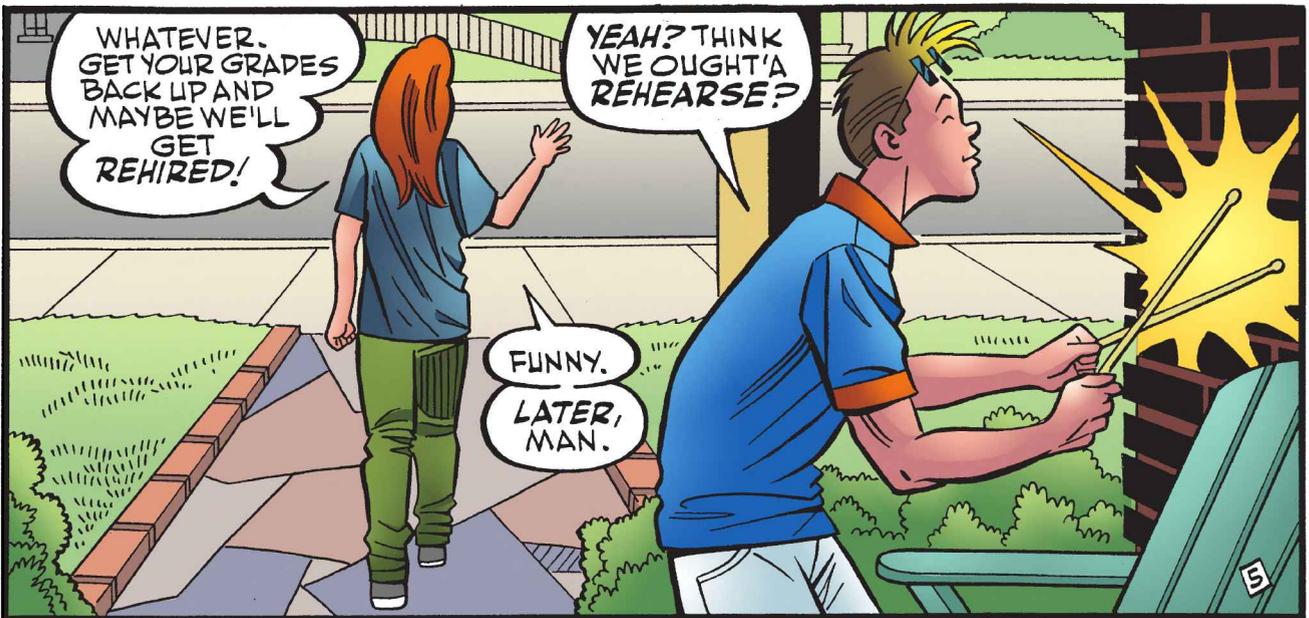
I dunno... I got so busy chasing the dream, I forgot to do any real work!

Yeah, you were a lot more into it than any of us, that's for sure!



I mean, we mostly just like playing together... with or without an audience!

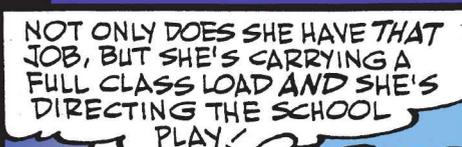
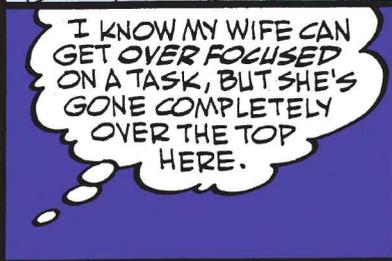
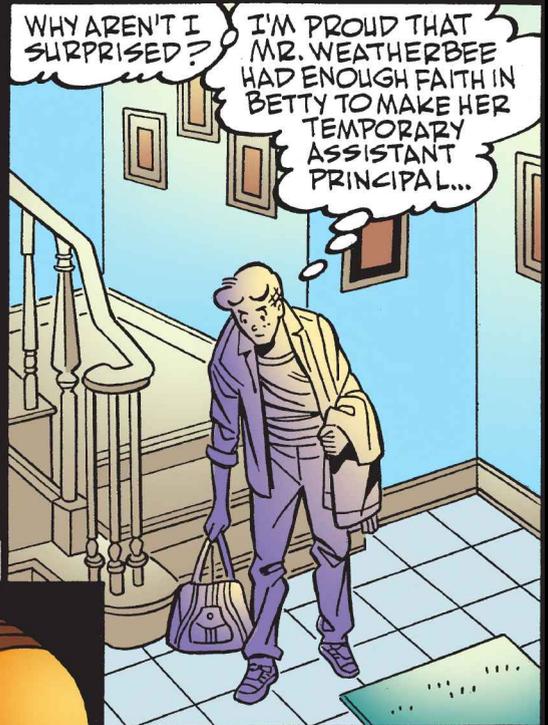
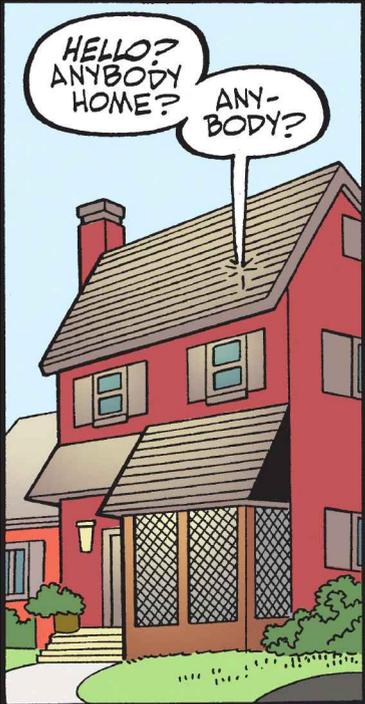
I know. I'm sorry I got cheerleader booted from the chowhouse!



Whatever. Get your grades back up and maybe we'll get rehired!

Yeah? Think we ought'a rehearse?

Funny. Later, man.





I'M BEING THE SMILING, SUPPORTIVE HUSBAND... AND HERE I AM, ALONE ON A SATURDAY AFTER-NOON WHILE MY WIFE'S AT THE OFFICE...

...WELL, NO! NO ONE'S EVER TRIED TO PAWN THEIR GRAND-FATHER BEFORE...

KLIK



I WISH I KNEW WHAT'S GOT INTO HER, BUT SHE'S SO WRAPPED UP IN HER WORK, THERE'S NEVER A MINUTE FOR US TO TALK.

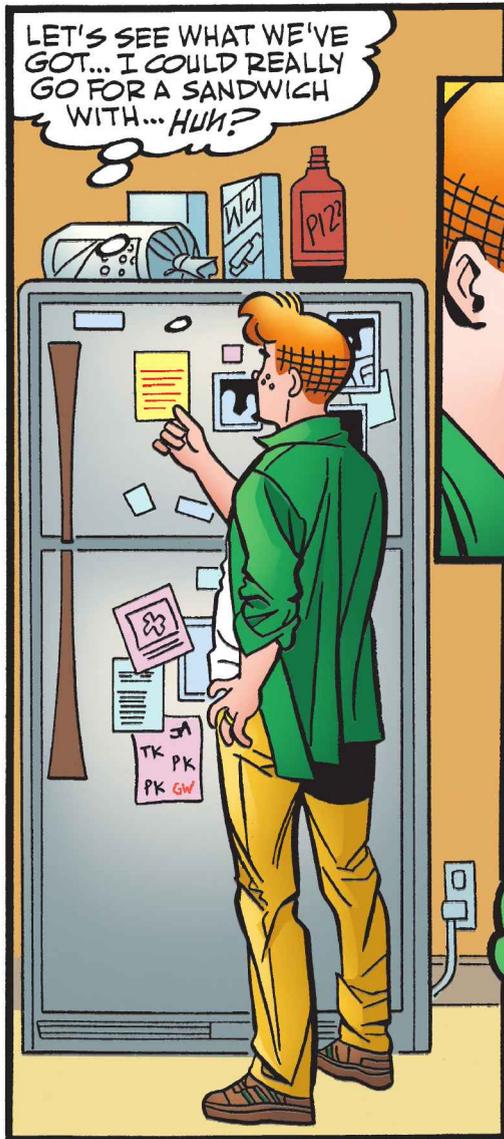
...AND TONIGHT'S SPECIAL INGREDIENT HERE IN THE CHEF DOME IS-- PICKLED PIG SNOUTS!

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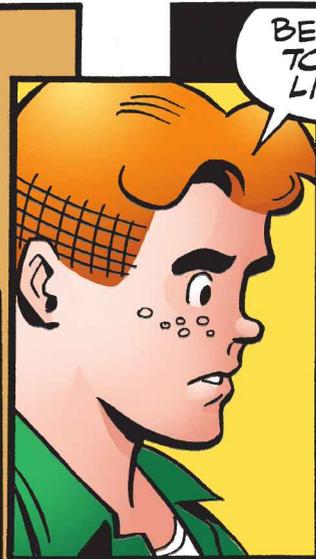


PIG SNOUTS! THAT REMINDS ME... I SHOULD MAKE SOMETHING FOR LUNCH.

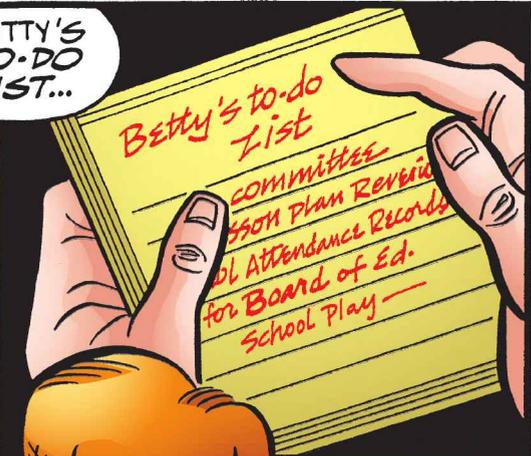
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LET'S SEE WHAT WE'VE GOT... I COULD REALLY GO FOR A SANDWICH WITH... HUH?



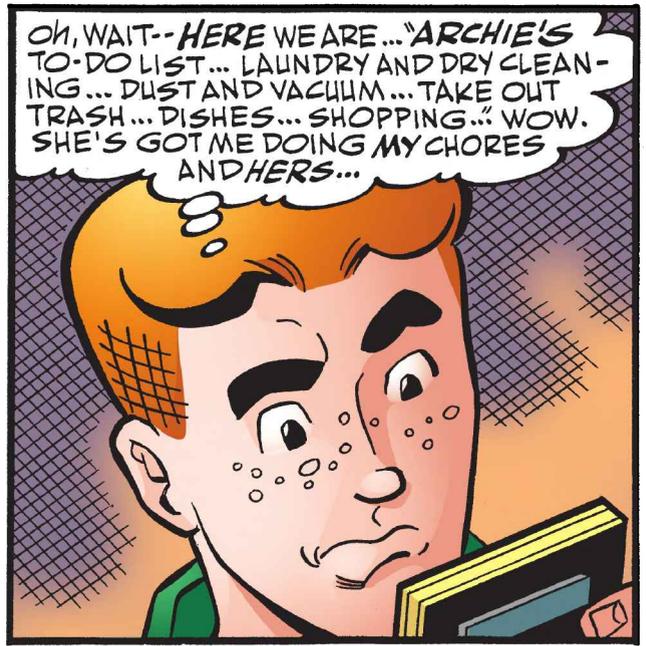
BETTY'S TO-DO LIST...

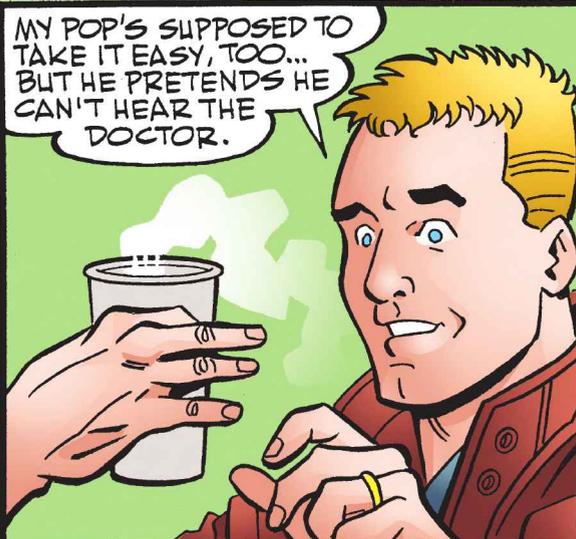


Betty's to-do List  
committee  
Lesson Plan Review  
Attendance Records for Board of Ed.  
School Play



LET'S SEE WHAT'S TAKING ALL HER TIME... COMMITTEE MEETINGS... LESSON PLAN REVIEW... SCHOOL ATTENDANCE RECORDS TO THE BOARD OF ED...

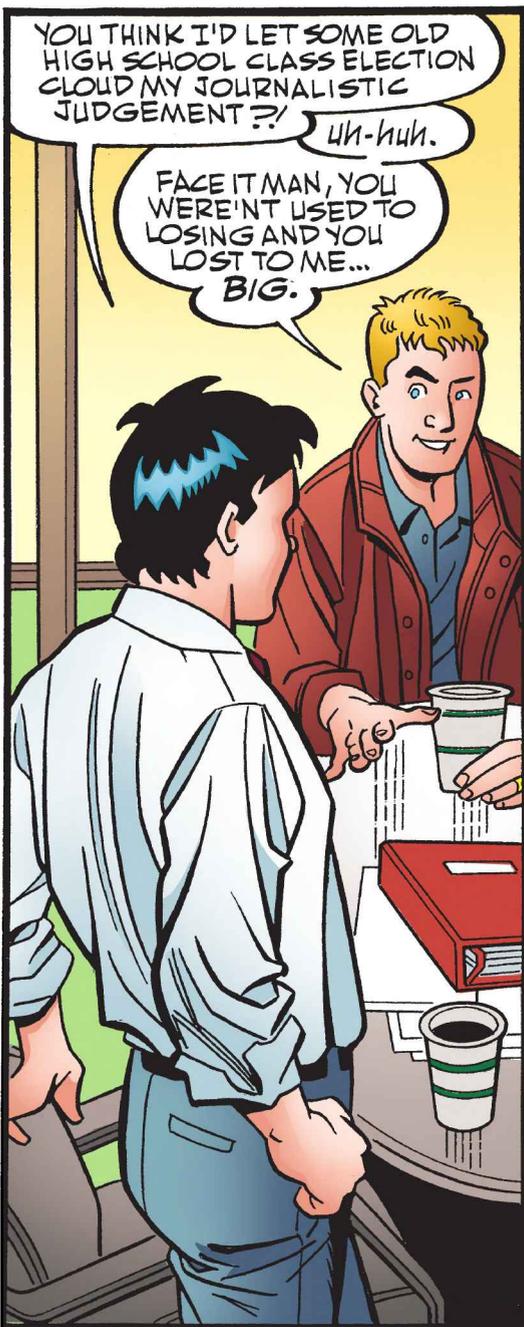






ME, A GRUDGE? WHAT GRUDGE? ME?

OH, C'MON, REGGIE, STOP PRETENDING LIKE YOU DON'T REMEMBER I BEAT YOU FOR SENIOR CLASS PRESIDENT!



YOU THINK I'D LET SOME OLD HIGH SCHOOL CLASS ELECTION CLOUD MY JOURNALISTIC JUDGEMENT?!

uh-huh.

FACE IT MAN, YOU WERE'NT USED TO LOSING AND YOU LOST TO ME... **BIG.**



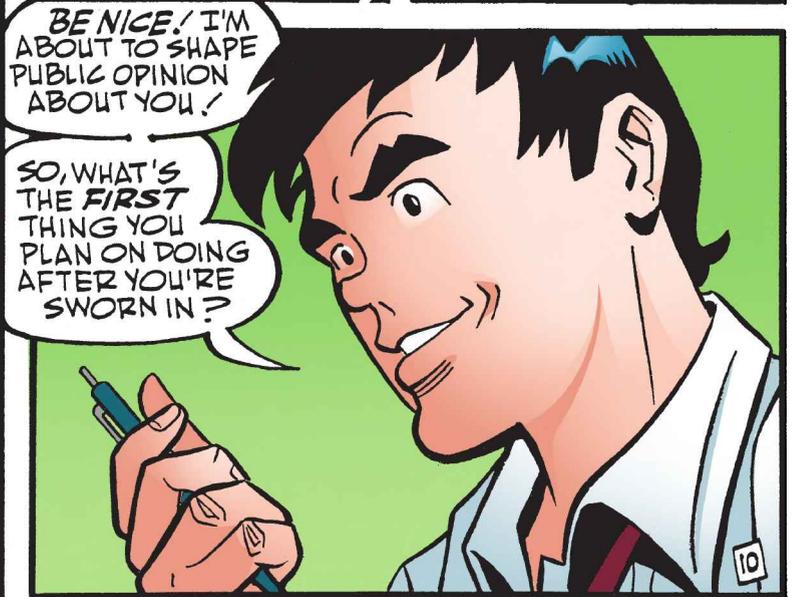
OKAY, MAYBE JUST A LITTLE. BUT WHAT I *MOSTLY* DIDN'T LIKE ABOUT YOU THEN WAS THAT YOU DRESSED **BETTER** THAN ME!

ONE OF THE PERKS OF BEING GAY, DUDE.



Heh! OKAY, THEN... READY TO BE INTERVIEWED?

WHENEVER YOU ARE, MY **SHABBILY DRESSED** FRIEND!



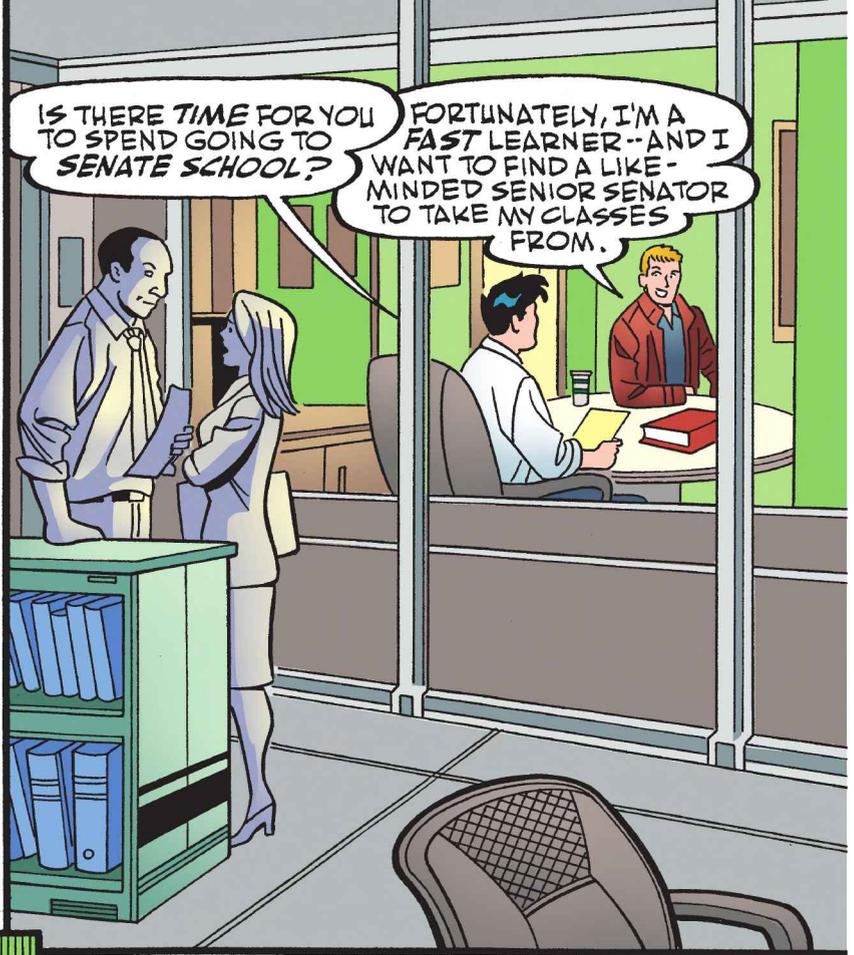
**BE NICE!** I'M ABOUT TO SHAPE PUBLIC OPINION ABOUT YOU!

SO, WHAT'S THE **FIRST** THING YOU PLAN ON DOING AFTER YOU'RE SWORN IN?



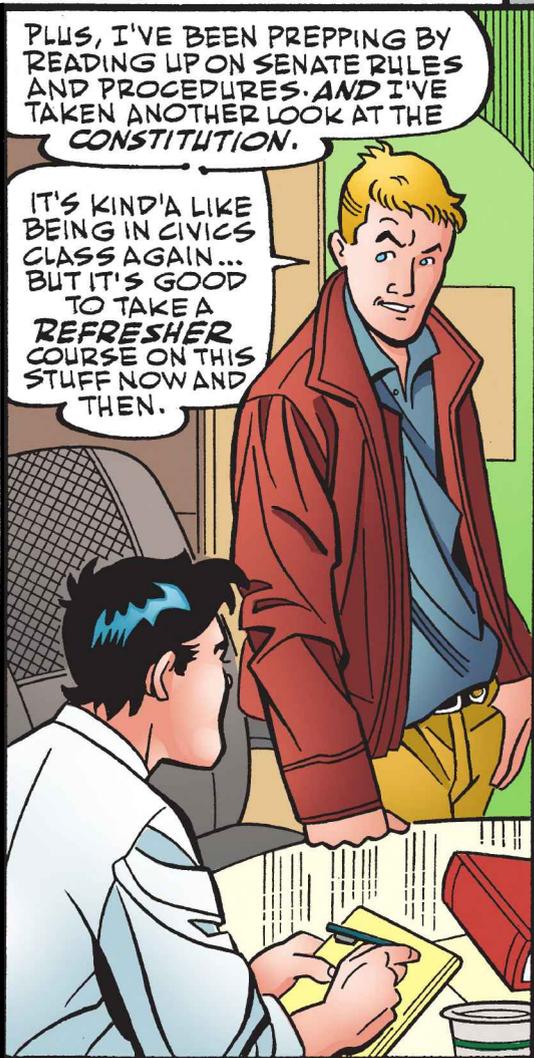
WELL, FIRST, I PLAN ON KEEPING MY MOUTH **SHUT** AND **LEARN** HOW THINGS WORK ON CAPITOL HILL!

AS MUCH AS I WANT TO DIVE RIGHT INTO FIXING EVERYTHING, YOU CAN'T PLAY THE GAME UNTIL YOU KNOW ITS RULES!



IS THERE TIME FOR YOU TO SPEND GOING TO **SENATE SCHOOL**?

FORTUNATELY, I'M A **FAST LEARNER**--AND I WANT TO FIND A LIKE-MINDED SENIOR SENATOR TO TAKE MY CLASSES FROM.



PLUS, I'VE BEEN PREPPING BY READING UP ON SENATE RULES AND PROCEDURES. AND I'VE TAKEN ANOTHER LOOK AT THE **CONSTITUTION**.

IT'S KIND'A LIKE BEING IN CIVICS CLASS AGAIN... BUT IT'S GOOD TO TAKE A **REFRESHER** COURSE ON THIS STUFF NOW AND THEN.



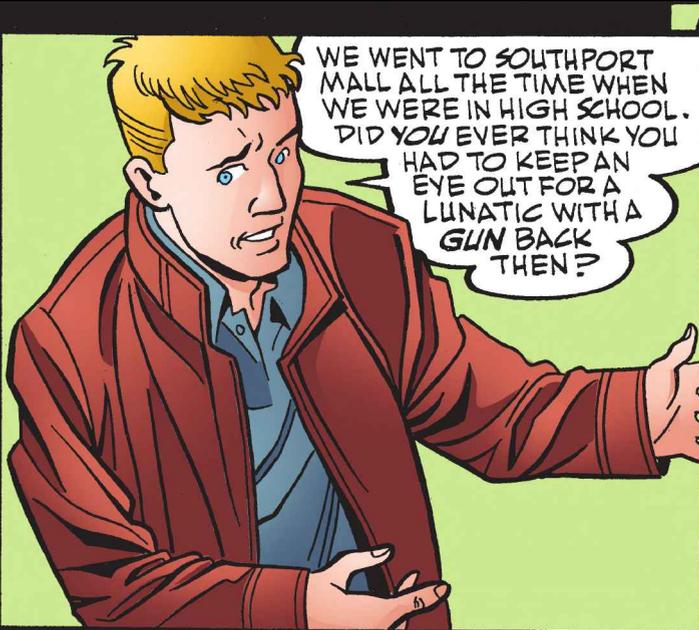
IS GUN CONTROL STILL GOING TO BE YOUR **TOP PRIORITY**?

ABSOLUTELY. BUT I THINK IT'S TIME WE STOP TALKING ABOUT "CONTROLLING" GUNS...

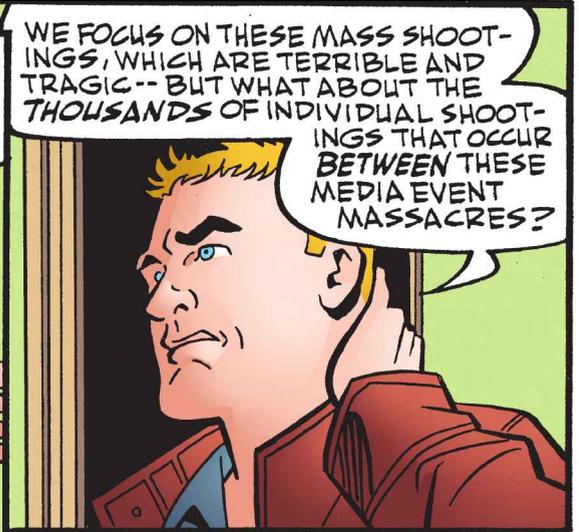


...AND START THINKING ABOUT COMMON SENSE SOLUTIONS TO PROTECTING SOCIETY FROM GUN VIOLENCE.

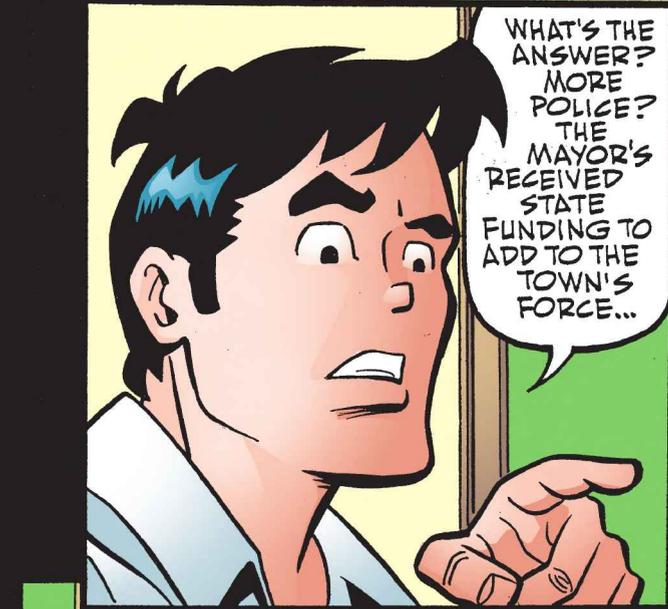
I DON'T WANT TO INFRINGE ON ANYBODY'S CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS, BUT I ALSO DON'T WANT TO BE AFRAID TO GO TO THE MALL OR A MOVIE THEATER.



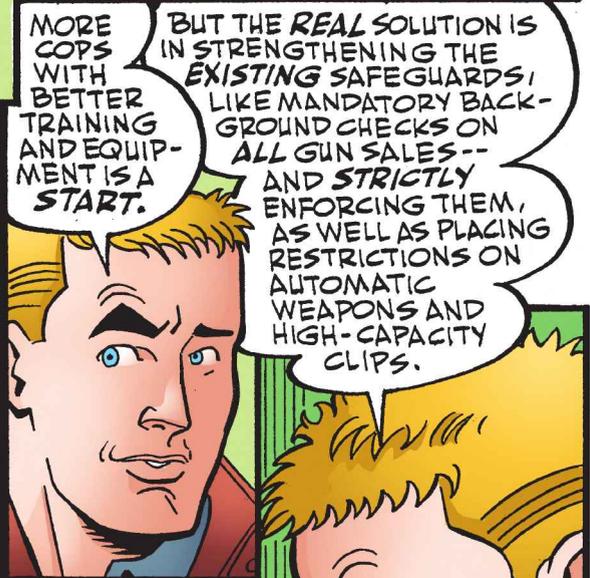
WE WENT TO SOUTHPORT MALL ALL THE TIME WHEN WE WERE IN HIGH SCHOOL. DID YOU EVER THINK YOU HAD TO KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR A LUNATIC WITH A GUN BACK THEN?



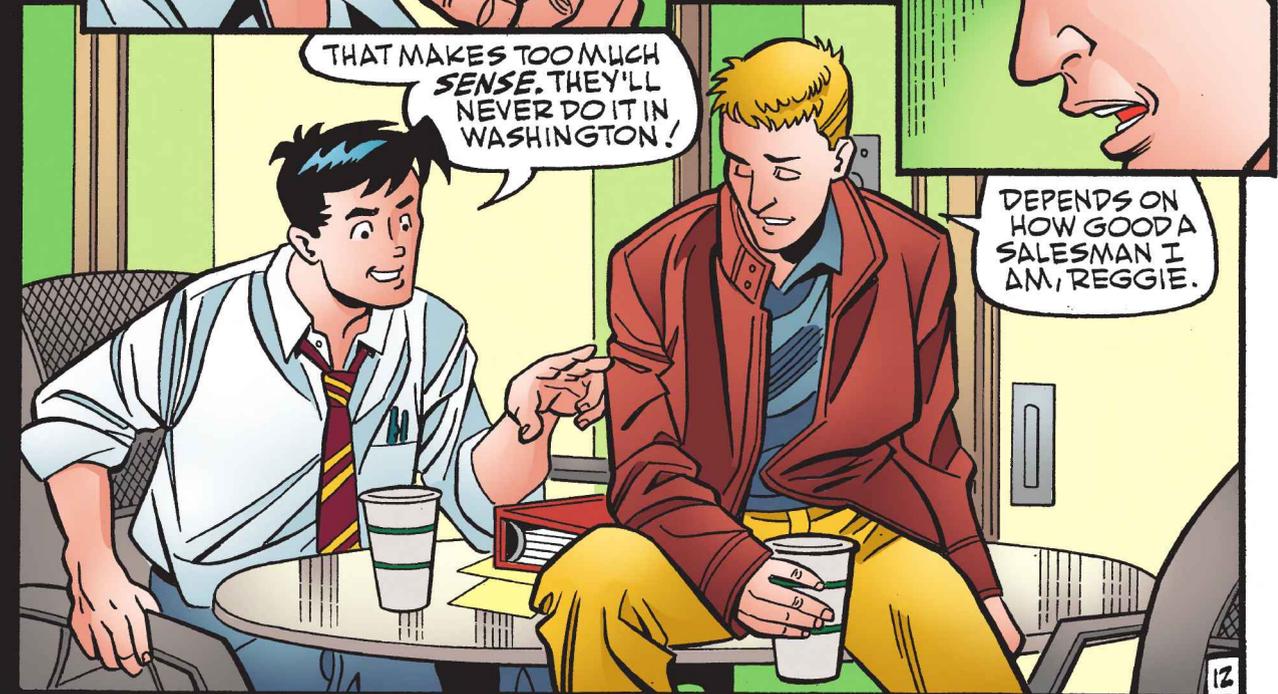
WE FOCUS ON THESE MASS SHOOTINGS, WHICH ARE TERRIBLE AND TRAGIC-- BUT WHAT ABOUT THE THOUSANDS OF INDIVIDUAL SHOOTINGS THAT OCCUR BETWEEN THESE MEDIA EVENT MASSACRES?



WHAT'S THE ANSWER? MORE POLICE? THE MAYOR'S RECEIVED STATE FUNDING TO ADD TO THE TOWN'S FORCE...

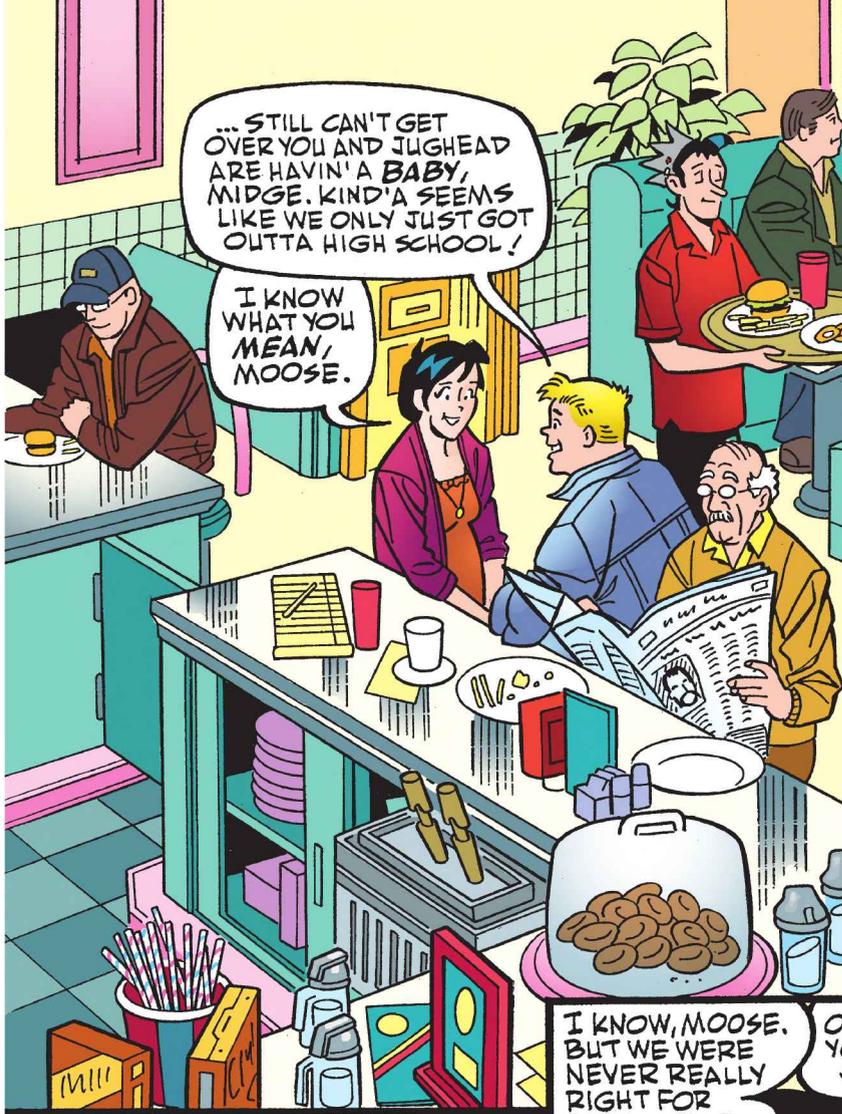


MORE COPS WITH BETTER TRAINING AND EQUIPMENT IS A START. BUT THE REAL SOLUTION IS IN STRENGTHENING THE EXISTING SAFEGUARDS, LIKE MANDATORY BACKGROUND CHECKS ON ALL GUN SALES-- AND STRICTLY ENFORCING THEM, AS WELL AS PLACING RESTRICTIONS ON AUTOMATIC WEAPONS AND HIGH-CAPACITY CLIPS.



THAT MAKES TOO MUCH SENSE. THEY'LL NEVER DO IT IN WASHINGTON!

DEPENDS ON HOW GOOD A SALESMAN I AM, REGGIE.

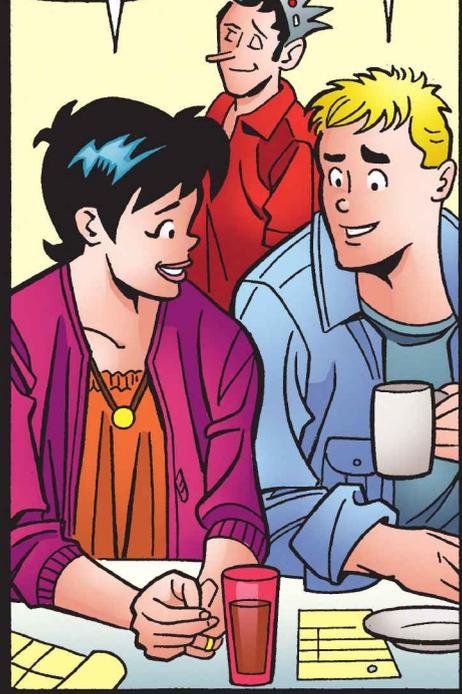


... STILL CAN'T GET OVER YOU AND JUGHEAD ARE HAVIN' A **BABY**, MIDGE. KIND'A SEEMS LIKE WE ONLY JUST GOT OUTTA HIGH SCHOOL!

I KNOW WHAT YOU MEAN, MOOSE.

AND WHOEVER THOUGHT I'D WIND UP MARRYING JUGHEAD JONES?!

HEH! FOR A WHILE THERE, I FIGURED IT'D BE YOU AND ME, Y'KNOW?



I KNOW, MOOSE. BUT WE WERE NEVER REALLY RIGHT FOR EACH OTHER.

OH, HEY, I KNOW. SOMETHIN' ABOUT YOU TURNED ME INTO A CRAZY JEALOUS GOON AND THAT WASN'T GOOD FOR NOBODY!



I'M JUST GLAD WE CAN STILL BE FRIENDS!

YEAH, ME TOO. YOU'RE GOOD PEOPLE, MIDGE KLUMP-JONES!

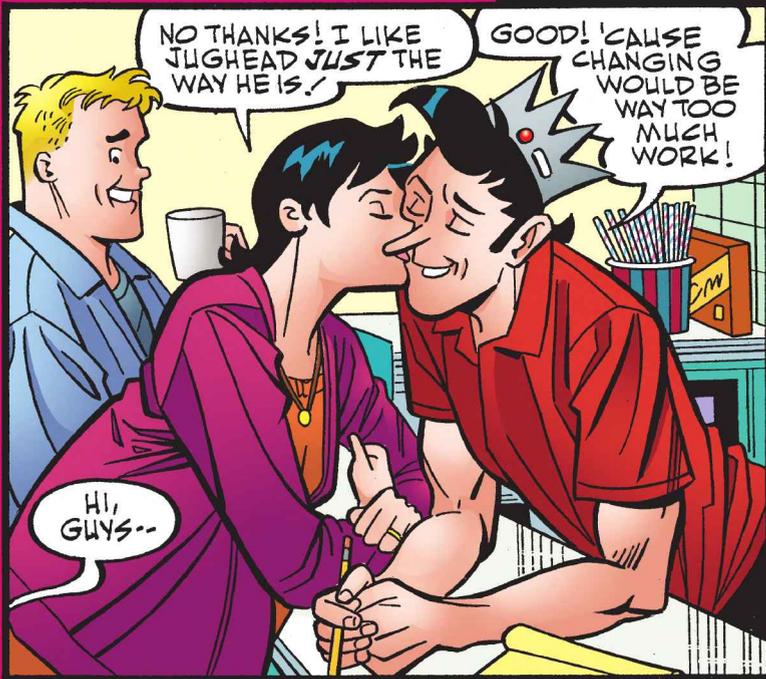


HEY! WHAT'S GOING ON? SHOULD I BE JEALOUS OR SOMETHING?

WOULD YOU EVEN KNOW HOW, DARLING?

I COULD ALWAYS TEACH HIM!

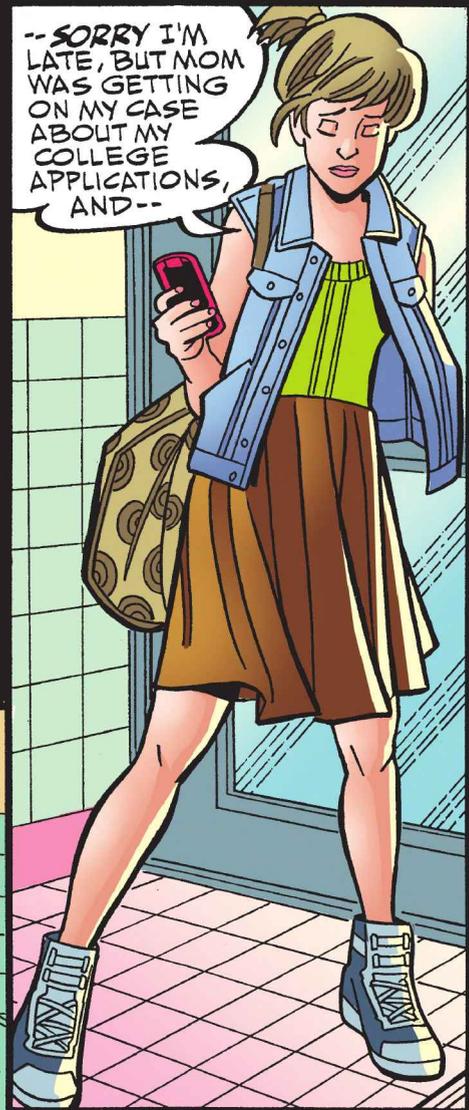




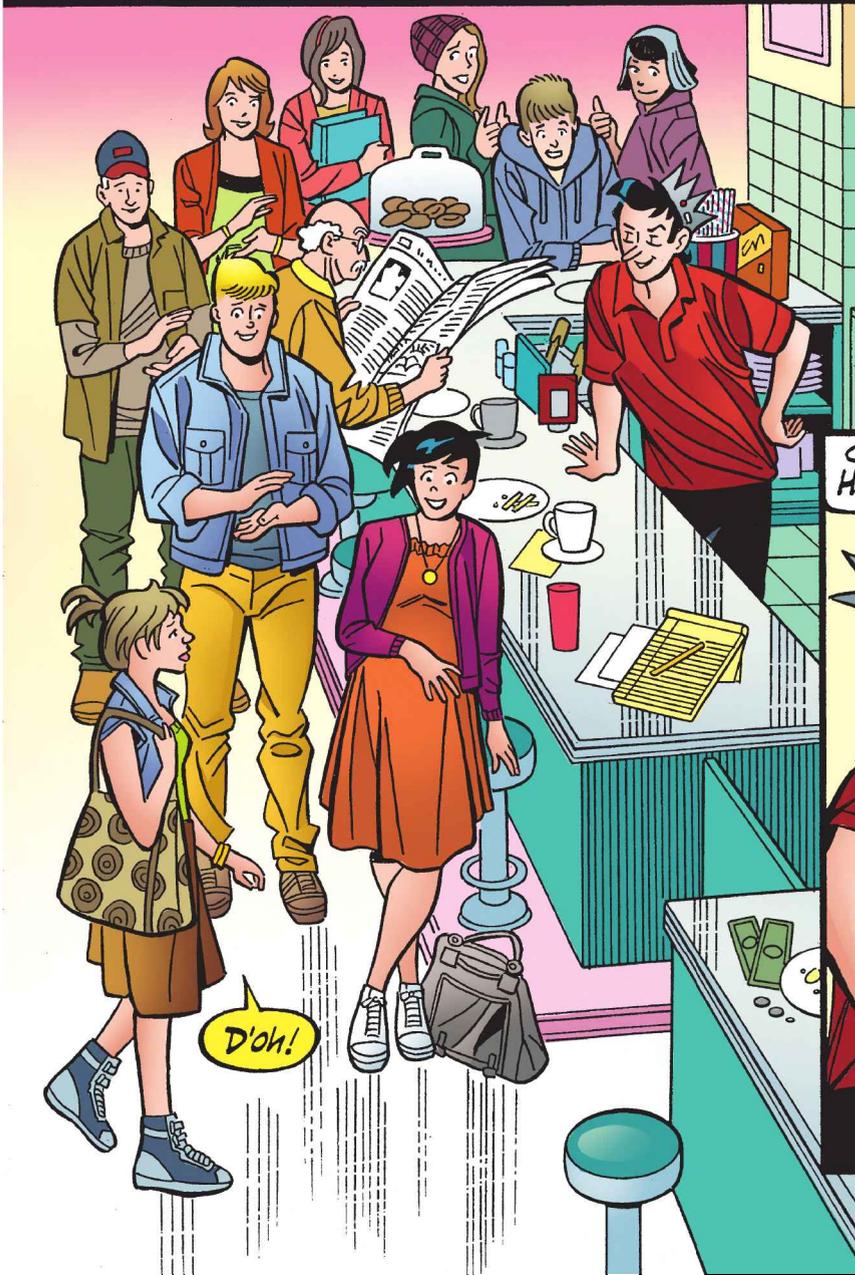
NO THANKS! I LIKE JUGHEAD *JUST* THE WAY HE IS!

GOOD! 'CAUSE CHANGING WOULD BE WAY TOO MUCH WORK!

HI, GUYS--



-- SORRY I'M LATE, BUT MOM WAS GETTING ON MY CASE ABOUT MY COLLEGE APPLICATIONS, AND--



D'oh!



OUR HERO!

IT'S BEEN A COUPLE OF WEEKS, OKAY? YOU THINK YOU GUYS CAN FINALLY GIVE IT A REST?!

MMMMMM... NO. I DON'T THINK SO. I'M STILL FINDING IT FUNNY!



GREAT! NEXT TIME, I'LL JUST LET MY BOYFRIEND ROB YOU AND SEE HOW FUNNY THAT IS!

AW, LIGHTEN UP, JELLYBEAN! I'M REALLY PROUD OF THE WAY YOU HANDLED THAT CREEP!



THAT CREEP'S NAME IS DAVEY... AND WHAT ELSE COULD I DO? HE WANTED ME TO HELP HIM ROB MY OWN BROTHER!

AND YOU DID THE RIGHT THING! HE AND HIS GANG HAD ALREADY ROBBED HALF A DOZEN STORES IN TOWN!



HE CONFESSED EVERYTHING AFTER WE CAUGHT HIM HERE IN THE ACT BECAUSE OF YOUR TIP!

TSK! YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND ANYTHING!

BACK OFF, BIG BROTHER! BETTER LET ME HANDLE THIS ONE!

?!



HUH? WHAT'D I SAY?!

I DUNNO. BUT THEN AGAIN, I NEVER DID GET GIRLS... AT ALL...



HEY, DON'T PAY ATTENTION TO YOUR LUNKHEAD BROTHER. HE'S JUST TEASING.



I KNOW. YOU THINK I'D BE USED TO IT BY NOW, WOULDN'T YOU?

BUT THE THING IS, I REALLY LIKED DAVEY... AND I THOUGHT HE LIKED ME. BUT NOW I HAVE TO WONDER... DID HE LIKE ME-- OR JUST USE ME?



EITHER WAY, JELLYBEAN, ANYBODY WHO'D DO WHAT HE DID TO YOU ISN'T WORTH CRYING ABOUT.



I KNOW THAT, MIDGE. I REALLY DO...



... SO H-HOW COME... SOB!! IT STILL HURTS SO MUCH...?



... I MEAN, I LOVE RIVERDALE HIGH, BUT EVERY DAY IS THE SAME -- THE KIDS MAKE A MESS. I CLEAN IT UP.



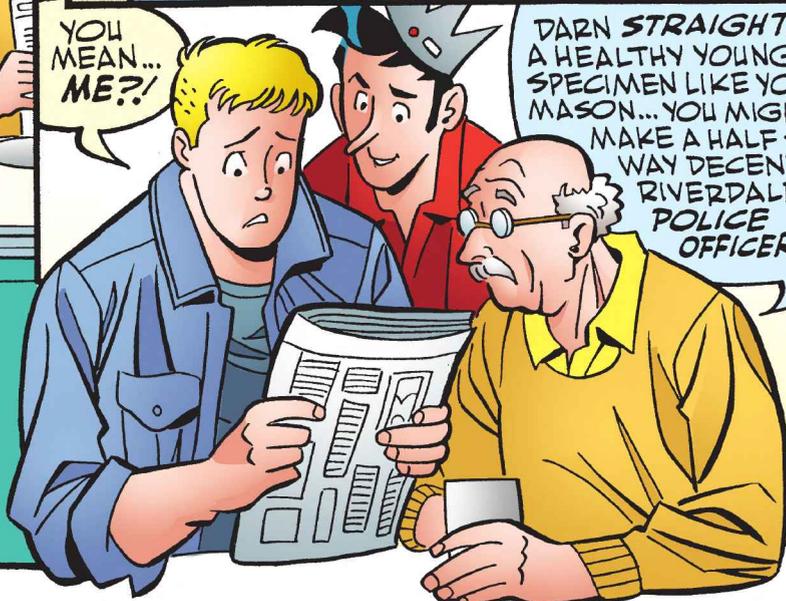
WHAT'S THE MATTER, MASON? BOTHER YOU TO DO AN HONEST DAY'S WORK?

NAW, MR. PAVIA... BUT PUSHIN' A BROOM IS ABOUT AS CHALLENGIN' AS IT GETS MOST DAYS.



THEN STOP WHINING ABOUT IT AND DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT. JUST SO HAPPENS THE CITY'S ABOUT TO HIRE FOR A JOB WITH SOME CHALLENGE.

YOU MEAN... ME?!



DARN STRAIGHT! A HEALTHY YOUNG SPECIMEN LIKE YOU, MASON... YOU MIGHT MAKE A HALF-WAY DECENT RIVERDALE POLICE OFFICER!



STEEL! YOU COVER THE OTHER END OF THE PLAZA! WE'LL HOLD THE REST HERE--

--AND PRAY JAGUAR CAN DEACTIVATE THE DEVICE... BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE!

I KNOW THIS ISN'T BETTY'S KIND OF MOVIE, BUT IT STILL WOULD BE MORE FUN IF SHE WERE HERE!



EVERYTHING'S MORE FUN WITH HER! AT LEAST IT USED TO BE.

THING IS, BETTY MAY ALWAYS GET CAUGHT UP IN WHATEVER SHE'S DOING... BUT SHE'S NEVER GOTTEN LOST IN ANYTHING LIKE THIS!



I'M ALMOST THERE, SHIELD! IS COMET STANDING BY...?



SHE'S ONLY HOME TO SLEEP AND CHANGE HER CLOTHES... DOESN'T DO ANY OF THE CHORES ANYMORE...





...AND THE MOST I GET TO SEE OF HER IS IN MEETINGS OR AS SHE RUNS OUT THE DOOR TO GET TO SCHOOL EARLY.



I WANT TO SUPPORT HER, EVEN IF SHE ACTS LIKE SHE DOESN'T NEED ME EVEN FOR THAT!

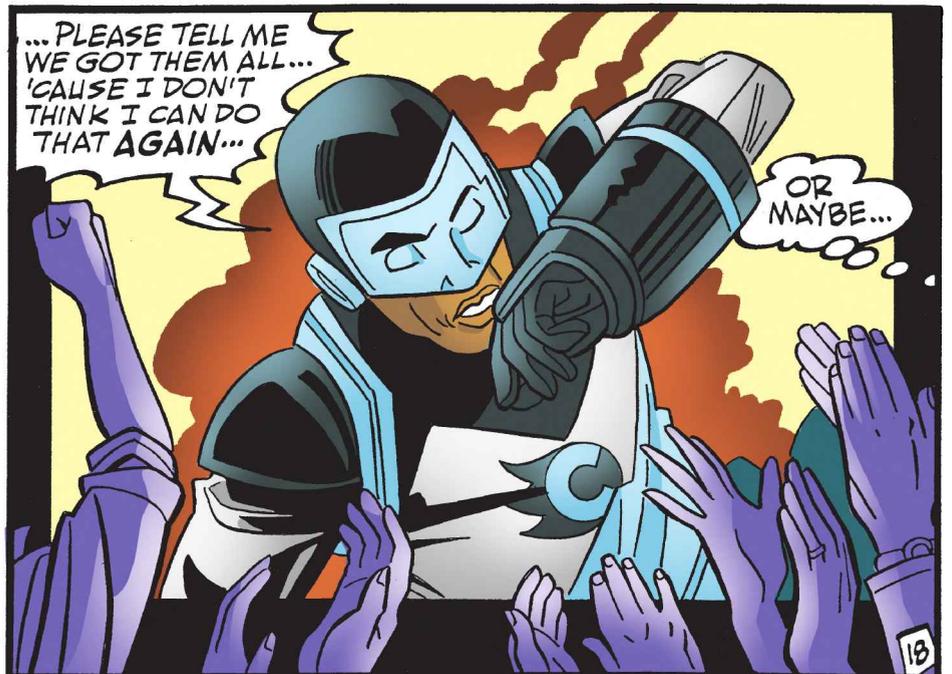
IT'S COOL SHE'S AMBITIOUS AND WANTS TO MAKE AN IMPRESSION...



AWW... I DON'T EVEN KNOW ANYMORE! MAYBE I'M BEING A CRYBABY BECAUSE MY WIFE'S IGNORING ME FOR HER JOB!



OR MAYBE I'M JEALOUS BECAUSE THE BEE MADE BETTY ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL INSTEAD OF ME!



...PLEASE TELL ME WE GOT THEM ALL... 'CAUSE I DON'T THINK I CAN DO THAT AGAIN...

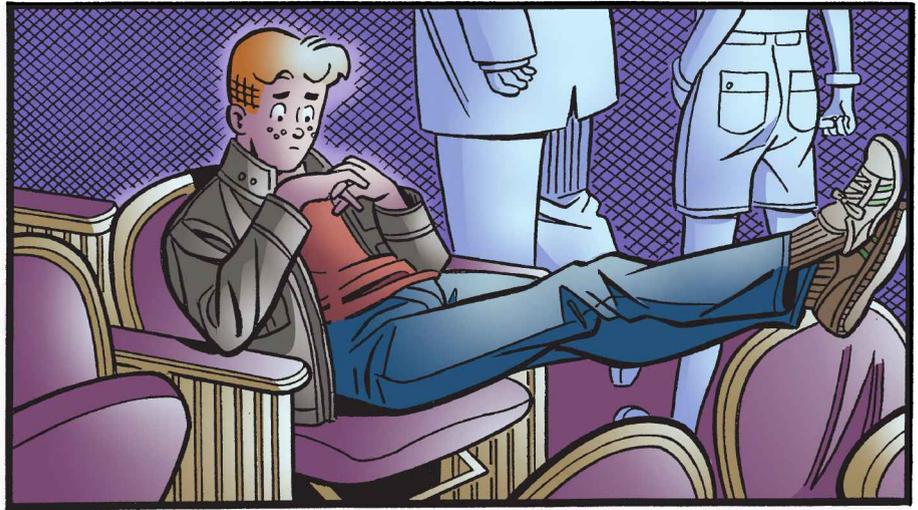
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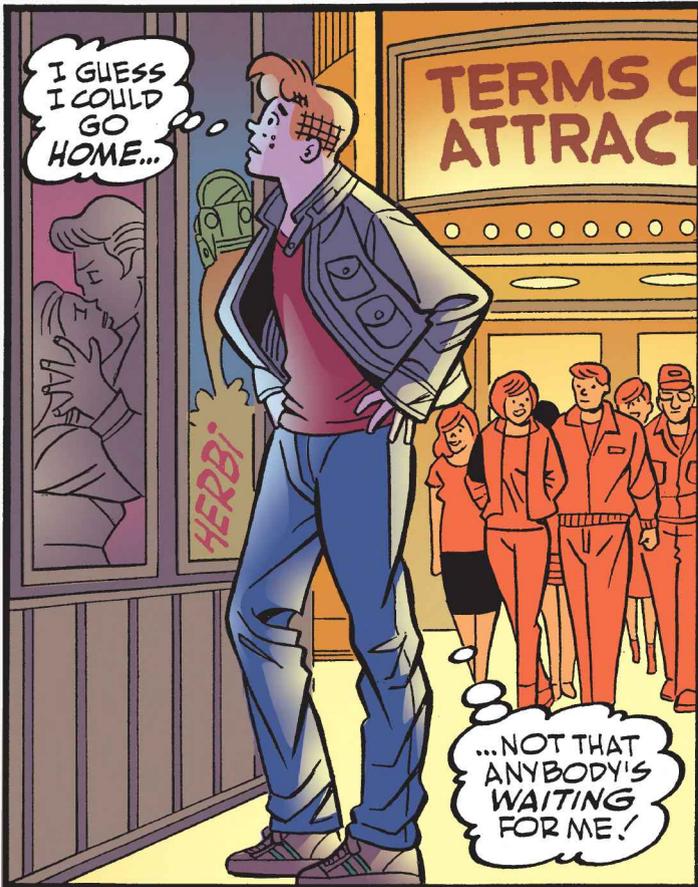
WATCH FOR  
*The MIGHTY  
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...MAYBE...  
OUR MARRIAGE  
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IT WAS...

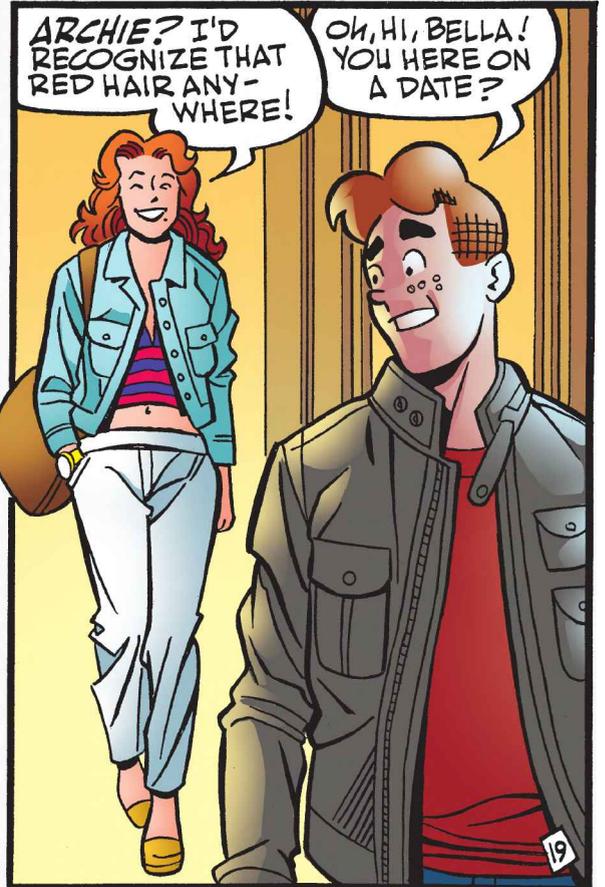


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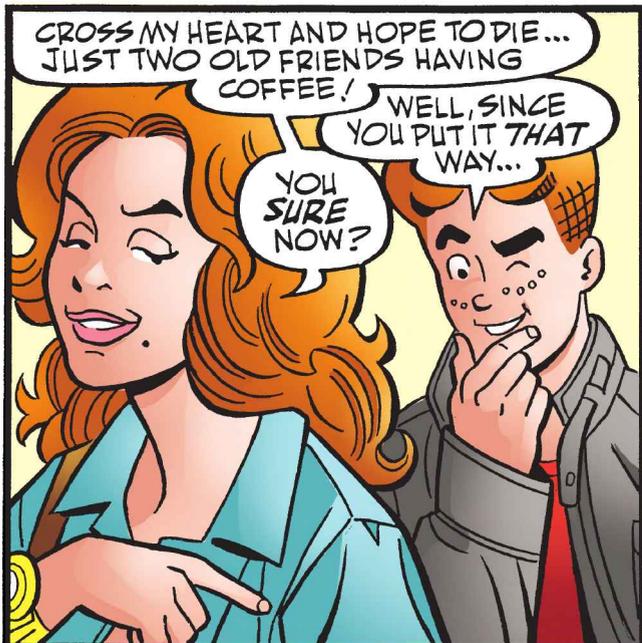
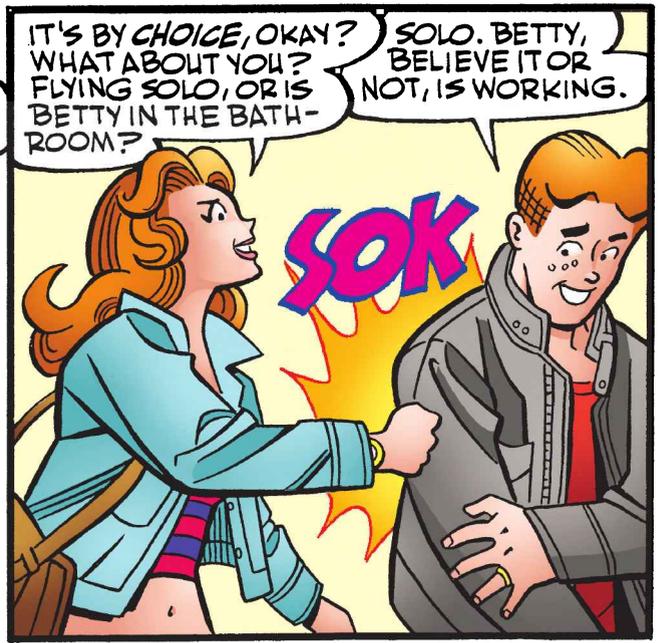
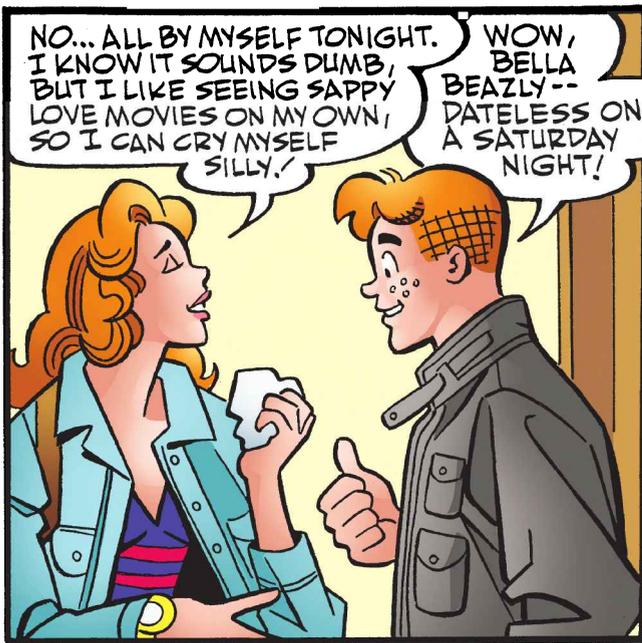
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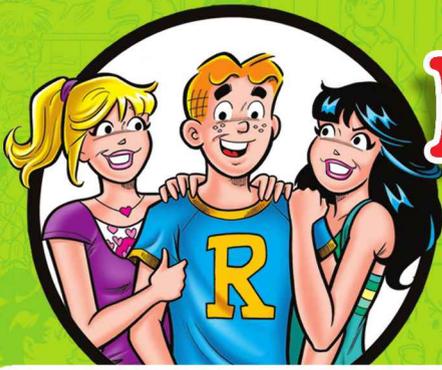
...NOT THAT  
ANYBODY'S  
WAITING  
FOR ME!



ARCHIE? I'D  
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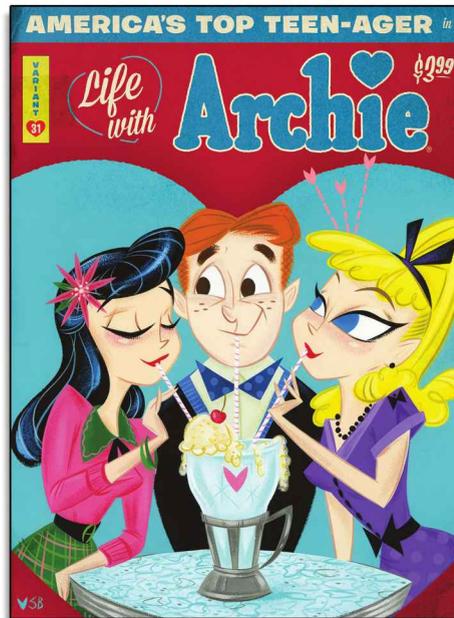
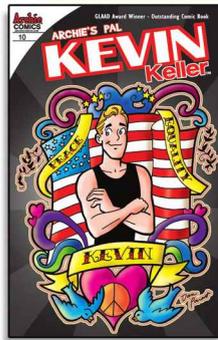
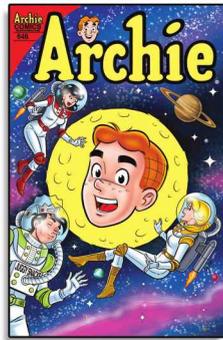
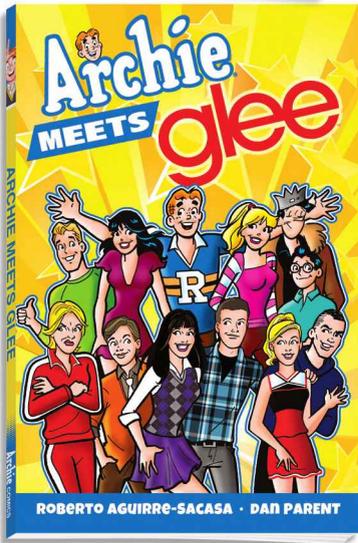
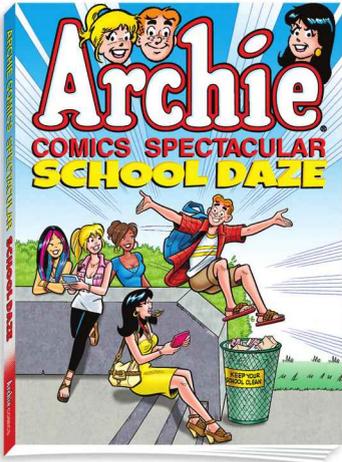
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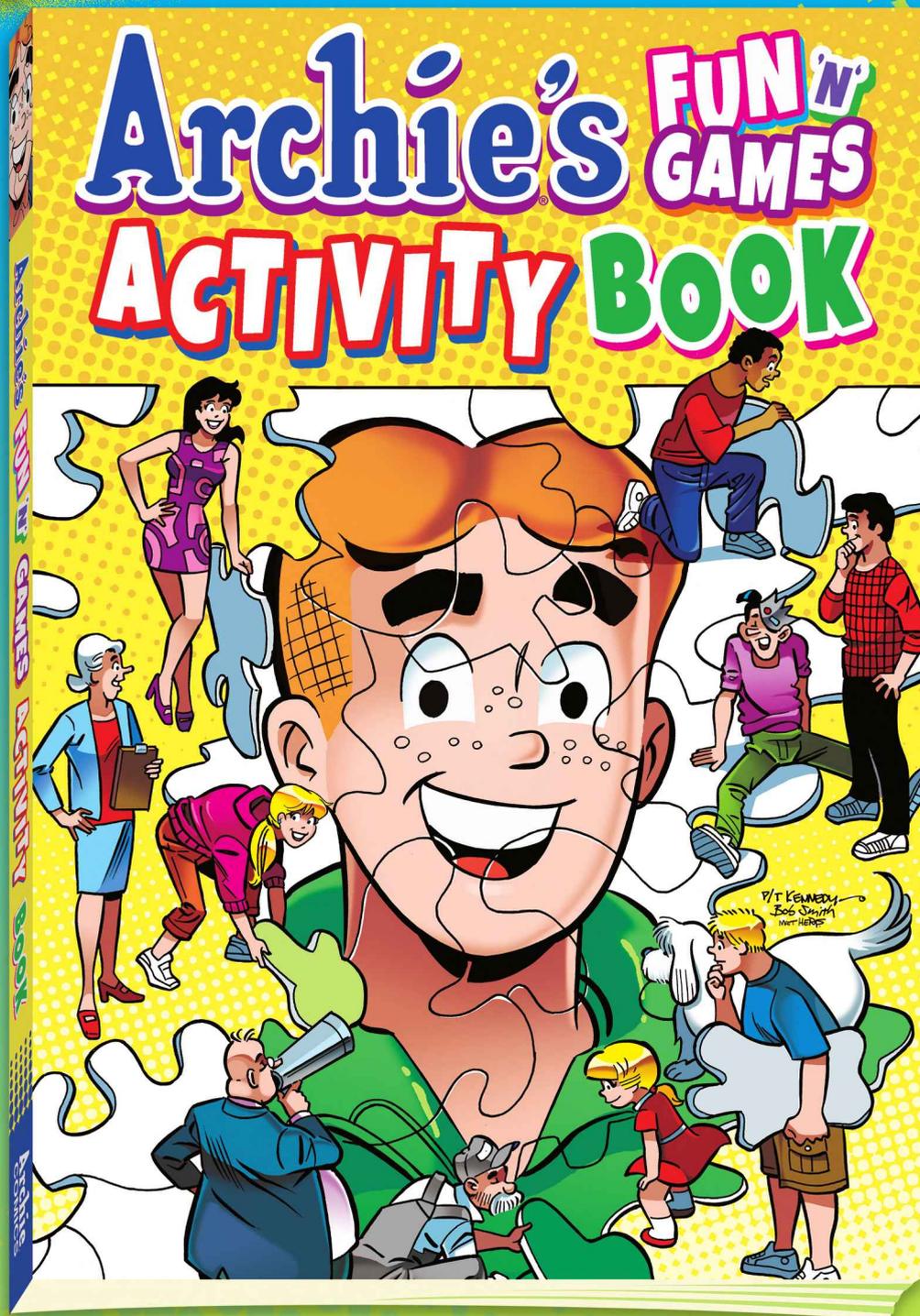


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