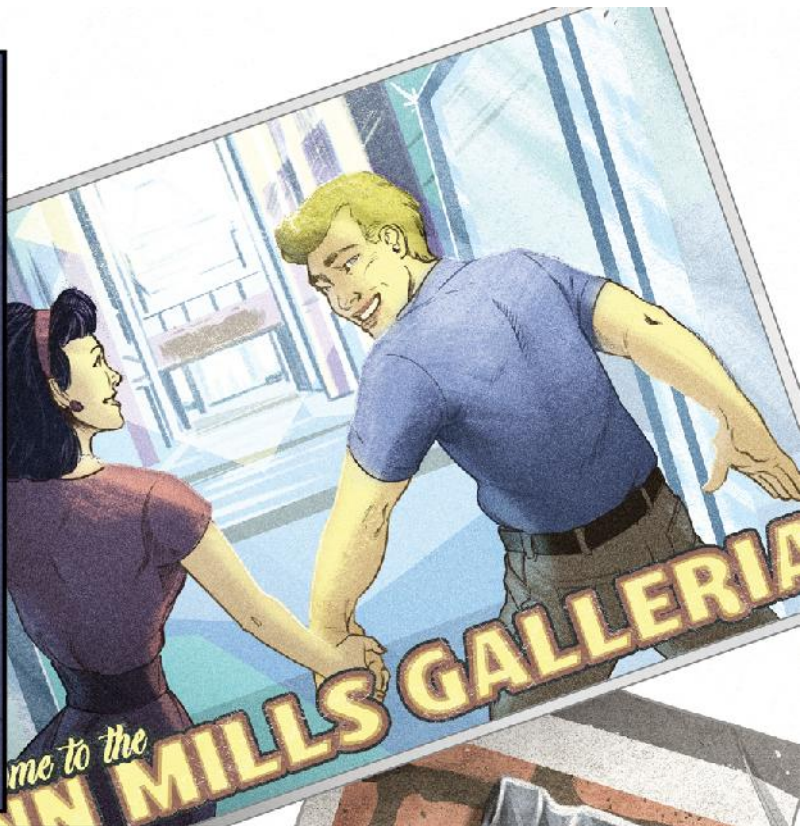
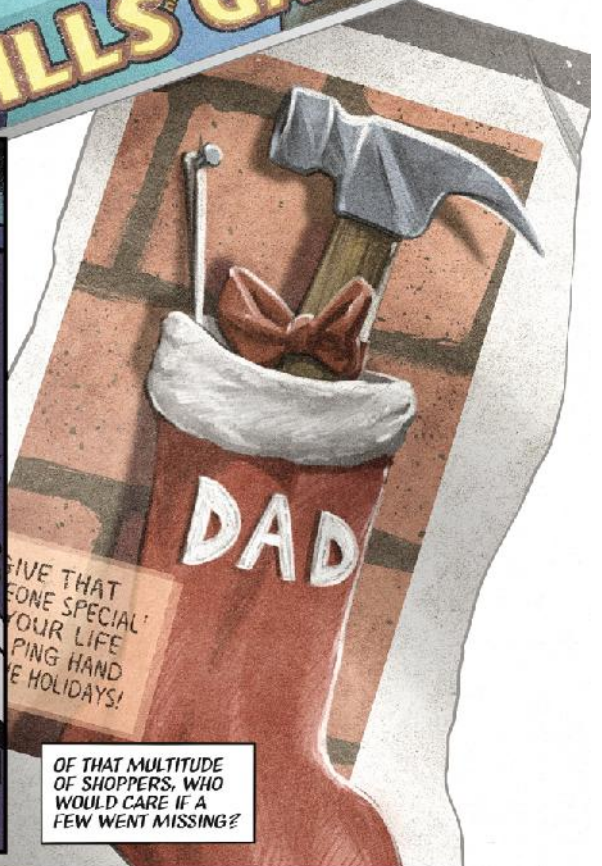




THE WORLD BEGAN IN 1964, AS FAR AS ANYONE HERE IS CONCERNED.



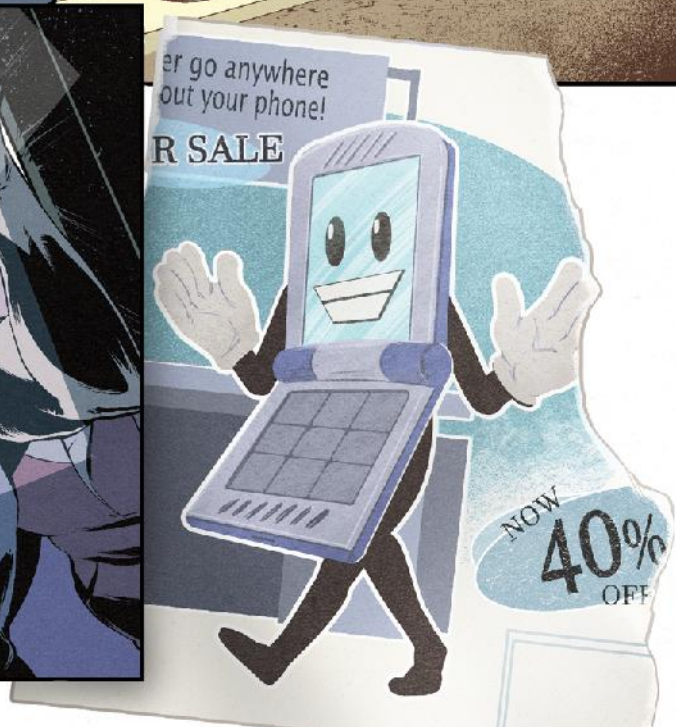
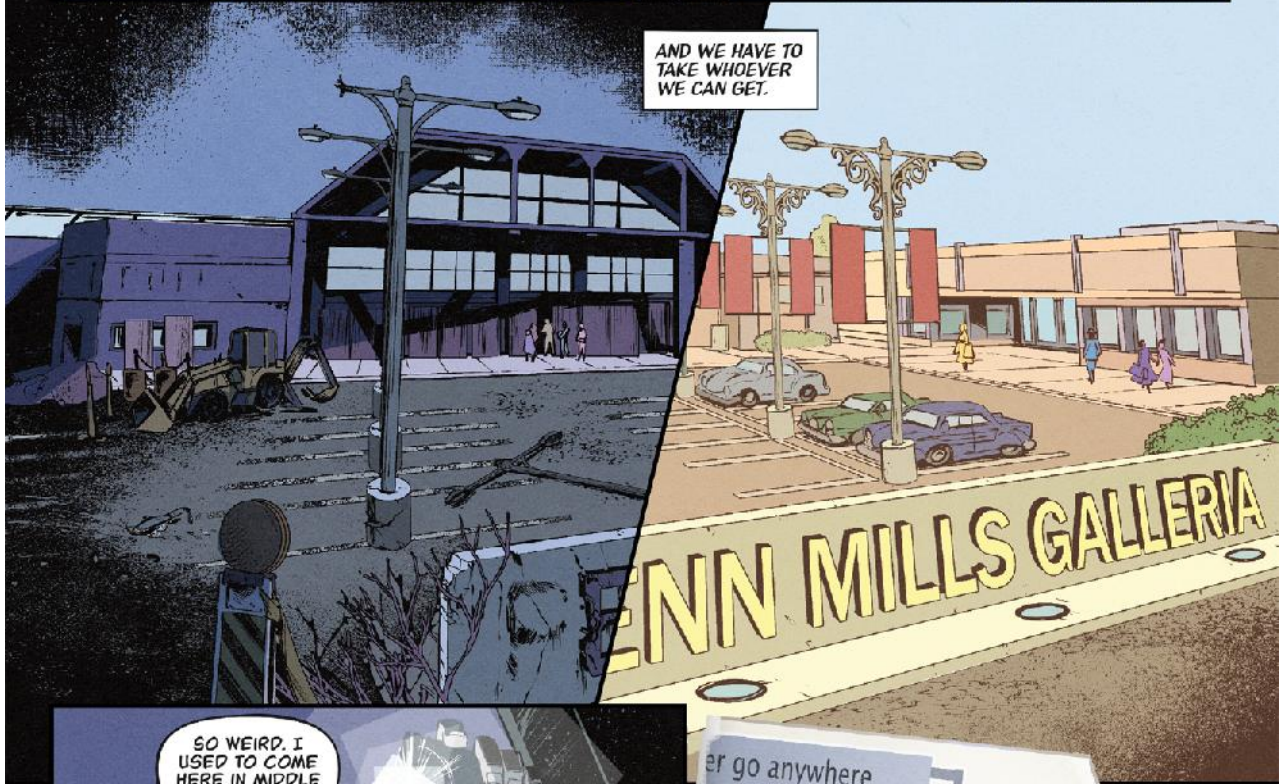
THEY USED TO COME. HUNDREDS EVERY DAY. THOUSANDS, WHEN IT WAS THE SEASON TO VENERATE THEIR GODS.



OF THAT MULTITUDE OF SHOPPERS, WHO WOULD CARE IF A FEW WENT MISSING?



THERE WE GO.





WELL. THIS IS YOUR THING, MAX. GET GOING.

YES, CHILD. GET GOING.



OUT OF THE WAY, MUSCLES. I GOTTA SET THIS DOWN.

BEER. THE ARCADE USED TO SERVE THAT DRINK IN WAX PAPER CUPS. WHEN THEY COULD SERVE ALCOHOL. WHEN THERE WAS AN ARCADE.



THERE. WE WERE THIRSTY TOO. FEEL BETTER ALREADY.



CREEPY.

SMELLS IN HERE.

MIGHT BE YOU, EMMETT.



SOPH, STAY CLOSE. IF THERE ARE HOB-- HOMELESS PERSONS--

NICE SAVE. SO SENSITIVE.

--WE DON'T WANT TO STARTLE THEM. COULD BE DANGEROUS.



WAIT. WHERE'S BETH?

WHO?



YOU'RE BEING SILLY. COME ON.

BETH. A SOFT NAME.



I'LL RUIN IT. THEY'RE YOUR FRIENDS. I DON'T KNOW THEM.

SOFT AND EASY. YOU'LL BE FIRST, BETH. JUST COME INSIDE.



WE TALKED ABOUT THIS. AND I KNOW YOU'RE ANXIOUS. YOU CAN BE AS QUIET AS YOU WANT. WE'RE GETTING YOU OUT INTO THE WIDER WORLD.

SISTERS? NO. NOT SISTERS.



AH. THAT'S IT. NEIGHBORS. FRIENDS. LIFELONG FRIENDS. BUT NOT "SCHOOL FRIENDS." WHATEVER THAT MEANS. CURIOUS ANIMALS.



SO, ROSE. YOU SEEING ANYONE? CURRENTLY?

I'M SEEING YOU.

PAT
PAT
PAT



AND... I SPY... MAX, AND SOPHIA, AND BETH TOO. SEEING LOTS OF PEOPLE. CURRENTLY.

THEY AREN'T SCREAMING. THEY AREN'T DEFECCATING. THEY AREN'T KICKING IN OUR WALLS OR RANSACKING THE STORES...



YOU'RE NOT GOING TO...

SOMEONE ALREADY HAS. DON'T WORRY. IT'S METAL INSIDE. WON'T GIVE US ALL CANCER OR WHATEVER.

FOR RIGHT NOW THEY SIMPLY WANT TO BE HERE. AS THE ONE CHILD SAID: THEY WANT TO SEE EACH OTHER.



WE'D LIKE TO SEE THEM SEPARATED...