

Chapter 1

Changes





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Hey, I'm sorry!
Just got done from work
I'll be a bit late :c

Sure I'll be glad
to work with you
by our usual spot at 5



Hey!



Sorry for being late!



Oh! It's okay. I'm just glad that you're here now.



Shall we get going then?



So... How was work today?

Ugh, stressful as usual.

There were so many last minute orders for the festival, and I even had to miss lunch!

Luckily for me, I got to do my own shopping in-between the deliveries.

Ooh, what things did you get?

Oh y'know, the same old stuff. Camping gear, decorations, and Otter Cookies for my lil' bro **Ander**.

Are you excited for the Sky Festival?

To be honest, I'm definitely excited, but a bit nervous.

Oh, you shouldn't have to worry about a thing!

I know all the good spots at the festival, so it'll be fun.

Thanks for going out on this date with me. I really appreciate that we get to spend time with each other.

Of course! I'm glad that we can spend time with each other too.

Hee hee hee, I'm sure tonight will be the best!







Thanks for showing me around! That was so much fun.



No problem, these festivals always have the best seasonal snacks!



We gotta do this again next year!



Yeah, but you need to **work on your aim**. I can't keep carrying you for all the games, y'know!



Oh, come on. It was just **one game!** You need to give me more chances!



Haha!



Yeah, "sure..." We'll see about that at the range tomorrow...



...T-Tomorrow?

...And that's how the Dream Light Festival came to be!

It's the festive tradition of sending our wishes to the fabled world of Aarielmoore.

Oh, Big Sis' and Mark!
You're both finally here!

'Sup, lil' bro!

Greetings, Tracy.
And Mark.

I'm so glad you're joining us today, Mark!!
You're both here just in time.

It's almost time to set the lanterns into the sky!

Here! I got these free ones for the both of you.

Thanks, lil' bro!

So... uh..
What do I do with this?



Oh, right!
You've never
done this
before. Here,
I'll show you.



You write your
message on these
lanterns. It can be a wish
or a regard to a loved
one in the afterlife.



And that should
be it. That's how
you set up your
dream lantern!

*That's what
Ander told
me, at least.*



Here, let's share our
wishes to give Mark
some good ideas!

I want to grow
big and strong
like Big Sis!

*I hope I can get a
better paying job
so I can quit my
current one.*

I wish I can work
on my anger issues
and inherit a
calm lifestyle.

I want a pet
Anomalocaris.

Those are
extinct,
dumbass.

I don't care,
Burnt Toast.



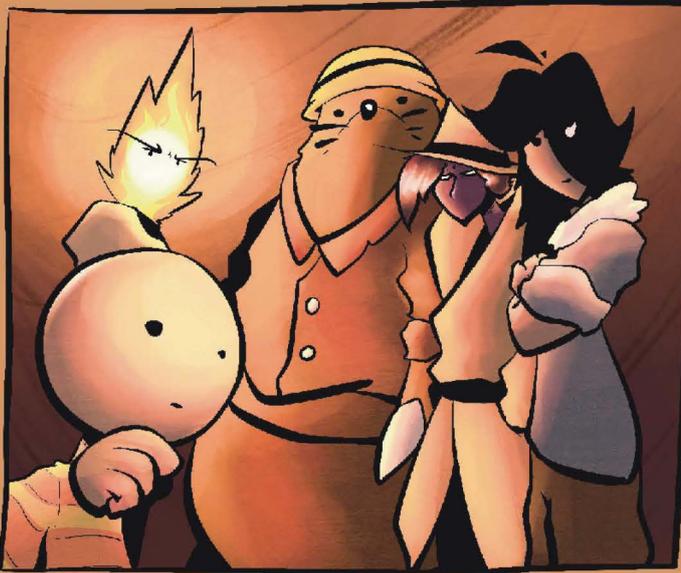
So, how about you,
Mark? What wish are
you writing going to
write down?



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I guess I wish for my life to stay cool and awesome as always!
Ha ha! Ha...



I woulda' wished for 5 donuts...

I guess that works for a first wish.



Later...

Alright, it's time! Let's light our lanterns for the ceremony.

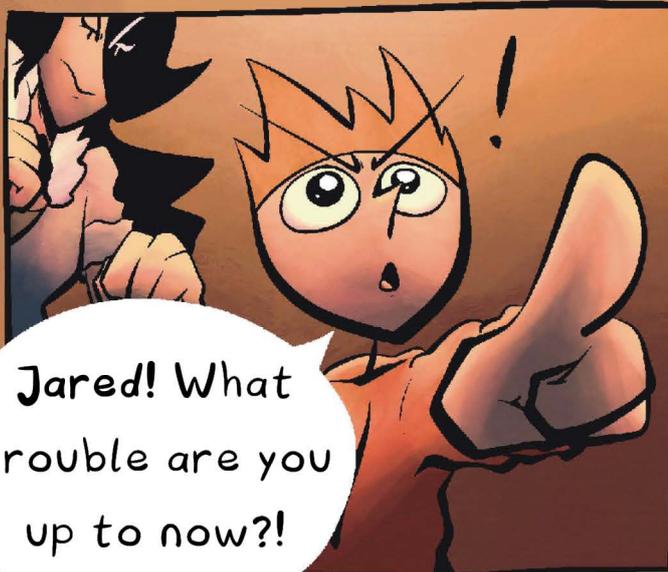




What was that?



Oh no,
The **Hardtack Boys!**
What are they
doing here?!



Jared! What
trouble are you
up to now?!

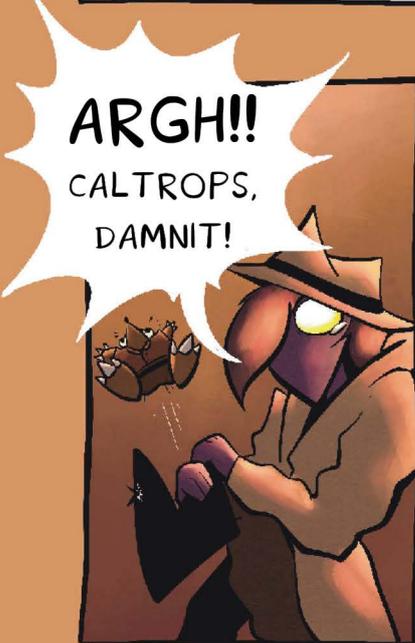


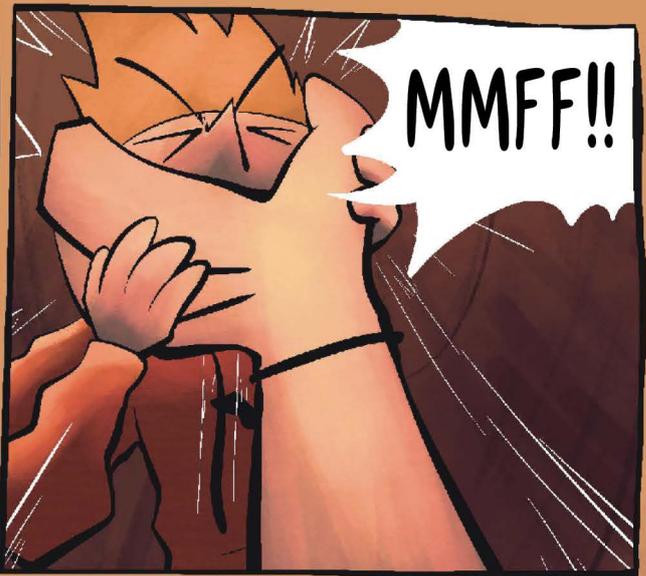
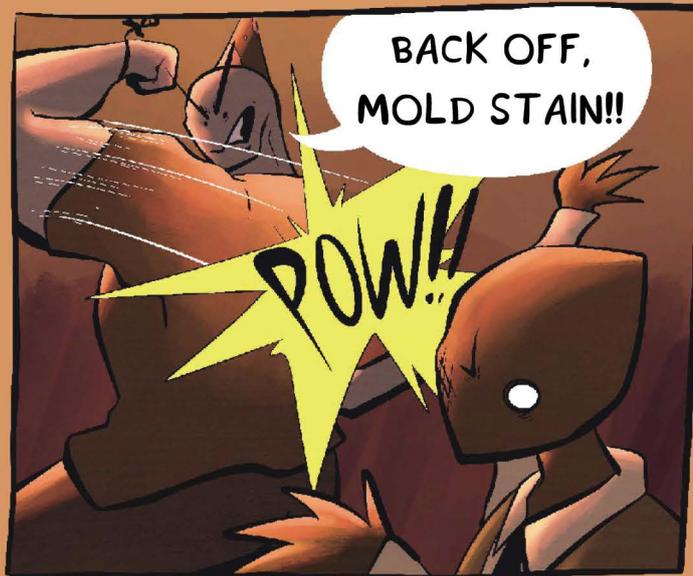
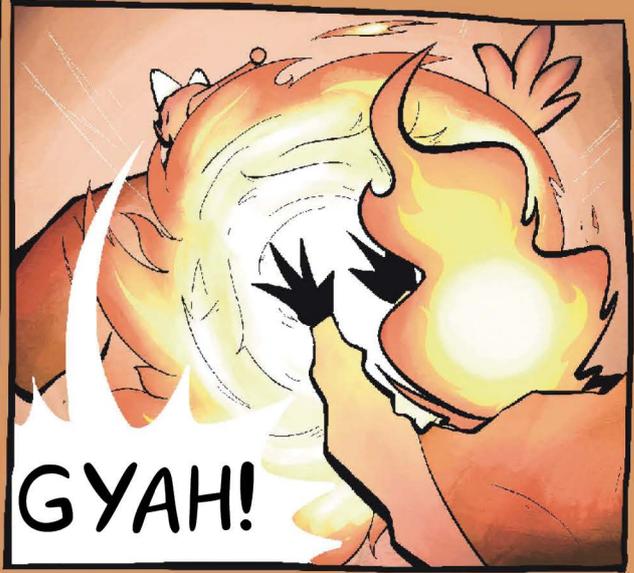
Why, if it isn't
"Barking Mark!"

C'mon, we're just
enjoying the festivities
like everyone else.
Cut us some slack!



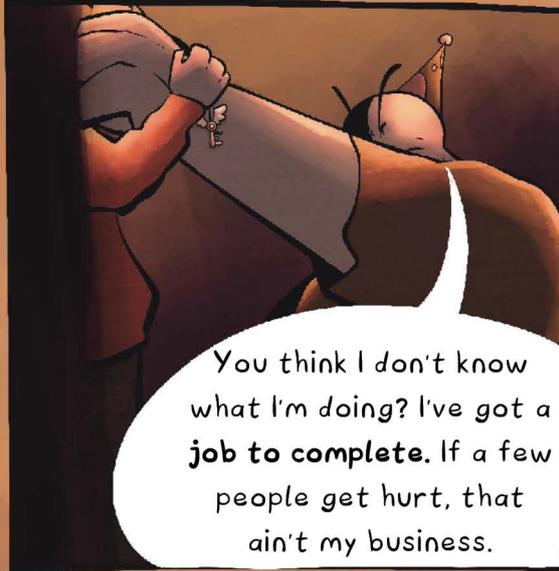
Donny, Jonathan,
that's enough.
We need to focus on
tearing this tree
apart for our plan.







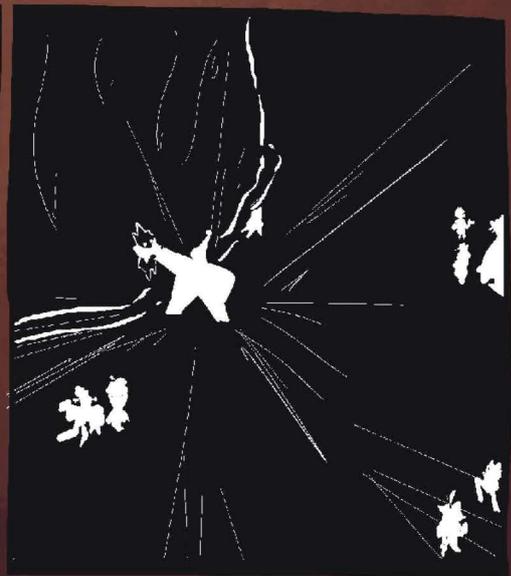
JARED, STOP!!
YOU HAVE NOTHING
TO GAIN FROM
THIS! YOU'LL RUIN
EVERYTHING!



You think I don't know
what I'm doing? I've got a
job to complete. If a few
people get hurt, that
ain't my business.

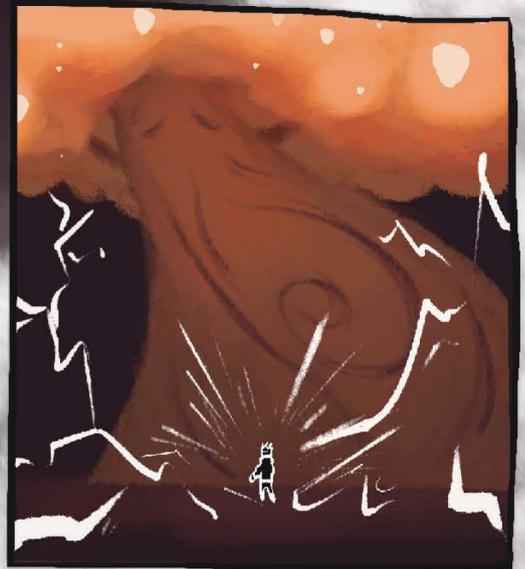


Stubborn as
ever... Gotta
break free...



BOOOOM!!!





BOOM!





