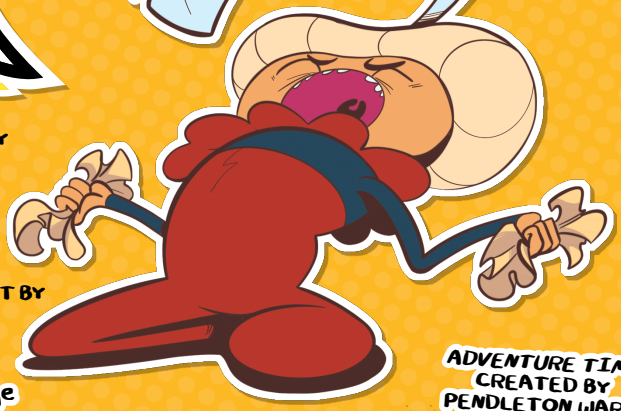

BOOM! PRESS
#002
CN CARTOON NETWORK
Nick Winn, Asia Simone, Derek Ballard & Shawn Lee
ADVENTURE TIME
TM
BEST OF BUDS
PART TWO

"BEST OF BUDS" PART TWO
WRITTEN BY Nick Winn
DRAWN BY Asia Simone

"DONNY'S DAY"
WRITTEN AND DRAWN BY
Derek Ballard

LETTERS BY Shawn Lee

ADVENTURE TIME #002



COVER A AND COVER F B&W (1:50) VARIANT BY
Nick Winn

COVER B BY Asia Simone

COVER D INFINITE INTERLOCKING 1:10 VARIANT BY
Shelli Paroline & Braden Lamb

COVER E (1:20) VARIANT BY Michael DeForge

COVER G SIESTA CON EXCLUSIVE VARIANT BY
Corinth Boone

ADVENTURE TIME CREATED BY PENDLETON WARD

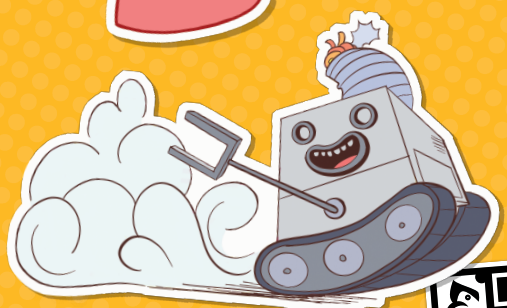




DESIGNED BY SARAH ROCKWELL

EDITED BY MEGAN BROWN

ASSISTANT EDITS BY JUNG HU LEE



WITH SPECIAL THANKS TO
Megan Logan, Victoria Selover, and the wonderful folks at WB and Cartoon Network.

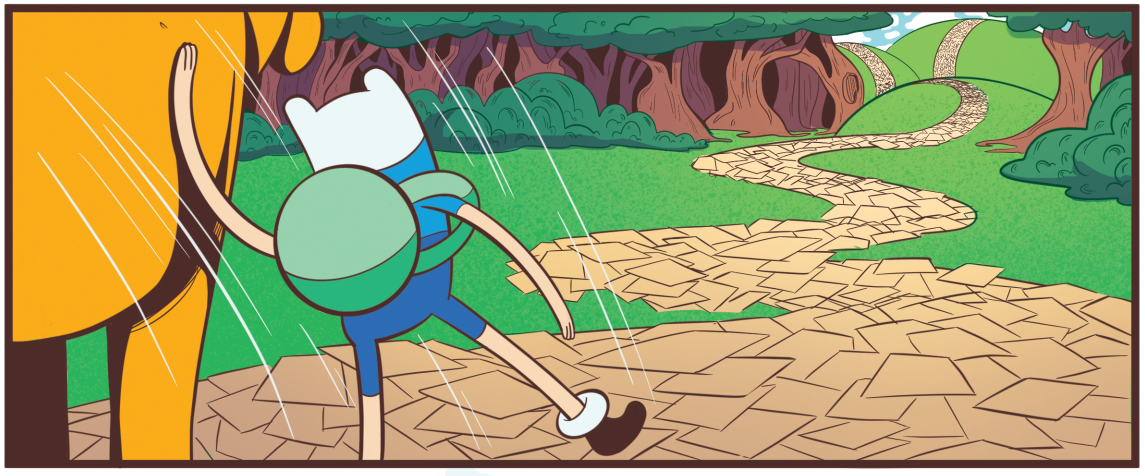
PUBLISHED BY ONI-LION FORGE PUBLISHING GROUP, LLC.
Hunter Gorinson, president & publisher • Sierra Hahn, editor in chief • Troy Look, vice president of publishing services Spencer Simpson, vice president of marketing & sales Angie Knowles, director of design & production • Katie Sainz, director of sales, book market • Christopher Cerasi, managing editor • Jeremy Colfer, director of development • Daniel Crary, director of marketing & communications • Elyse Raimo, director, reporting and special projects • Megan Christopher, director of operations • Bess Pallares, senior editor • Grace Scheipeter, senior editor • Allyson Gronowitz, senior editor Sarah Rockwell, senior graphic designer • Carey Soucy, senior graphic designer • Michael Torma, senior sales manager Karl Bollers, editor • Megan Brown, editor • Matt Dryer, editor Sara Harding, administrative manager • Kaia Rokke, marketing & communications manager • Jung Hu Lee, associate editor Azat Sayadi, assistant editor • Winston Gambro, graphic designer • Matt Harding, digital prepress technician • Melanie Ujimori, prepress lead • **Joe Nozemack, publisher emeritus**

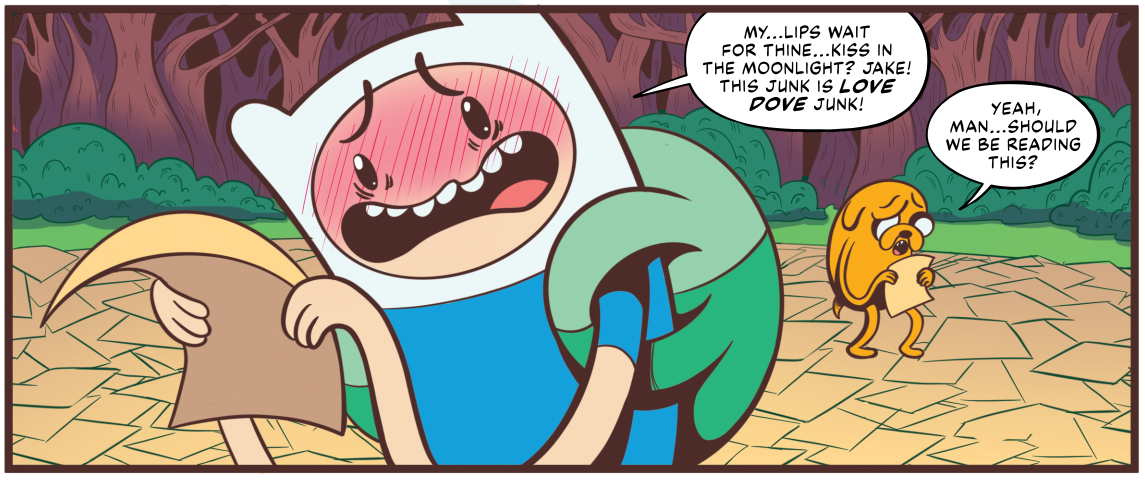
ONIPRESS.COM /ONIPRESS

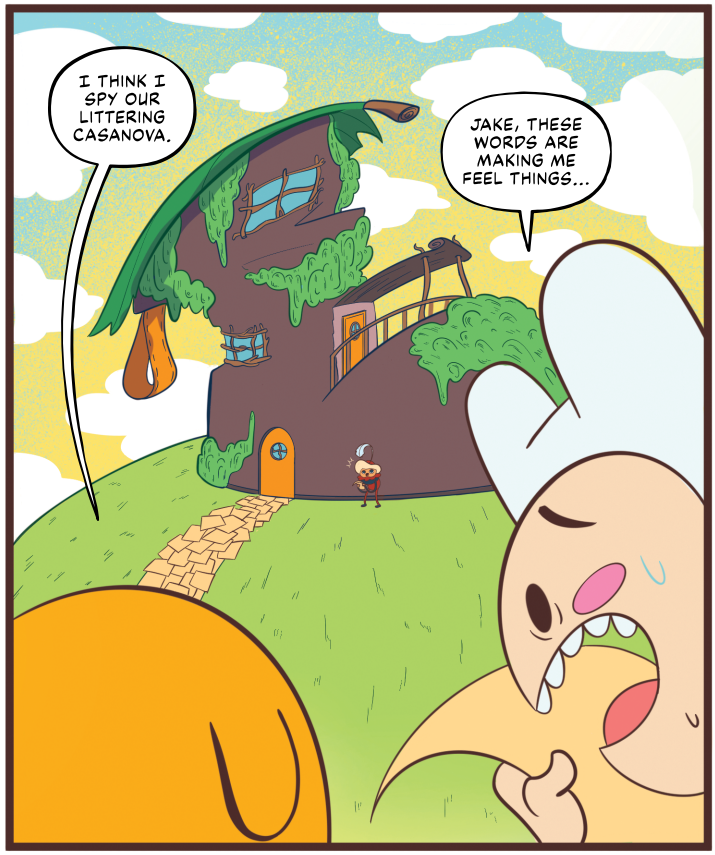
Copyright © 2025 Cartoon Network.
ADVENTURE TIME and all related characters and elements © & ™ Cartoon Network. WB SHIELD: © & ™ WBEI. (s25)

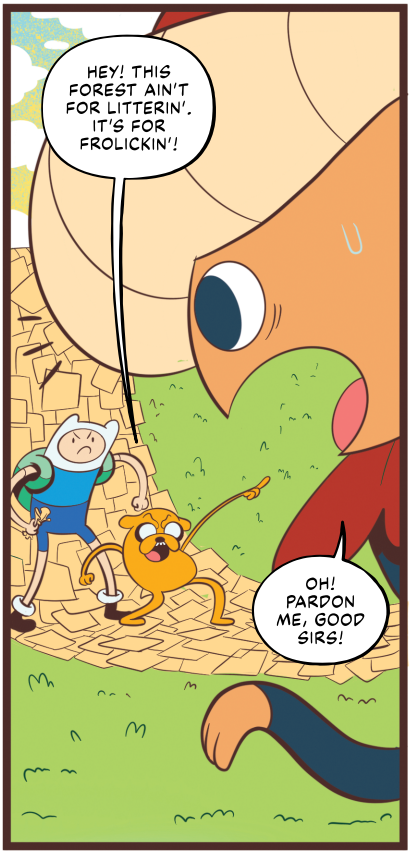
Adventure Time #2, May 2025. Published by Oni-Lion Forge Publishing Group, LLC., 1319 SE Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Suite 216, Portland, OR 97214. Copyright © 2025 Cartoon Network. ADVENTURE TIME and all related characters and elements © & ™ Cartoon Network. WB SHIELD: ™ & © WBEI (s25). All rights reserved. Oni Press logo and icon are ™ & © 2025 Oni-Lion Forge Publishing Group, LLC. All rights reserved. Oni Press logo and icon artwork created by Keith A. Wood. The events, institutions, and characters presented in this book are fictional. Any resemblance to actual persons, living or dead, is purely coincidental. No portion of this publication may be reproduced, by any means, without the express written permission of the copyright holders.

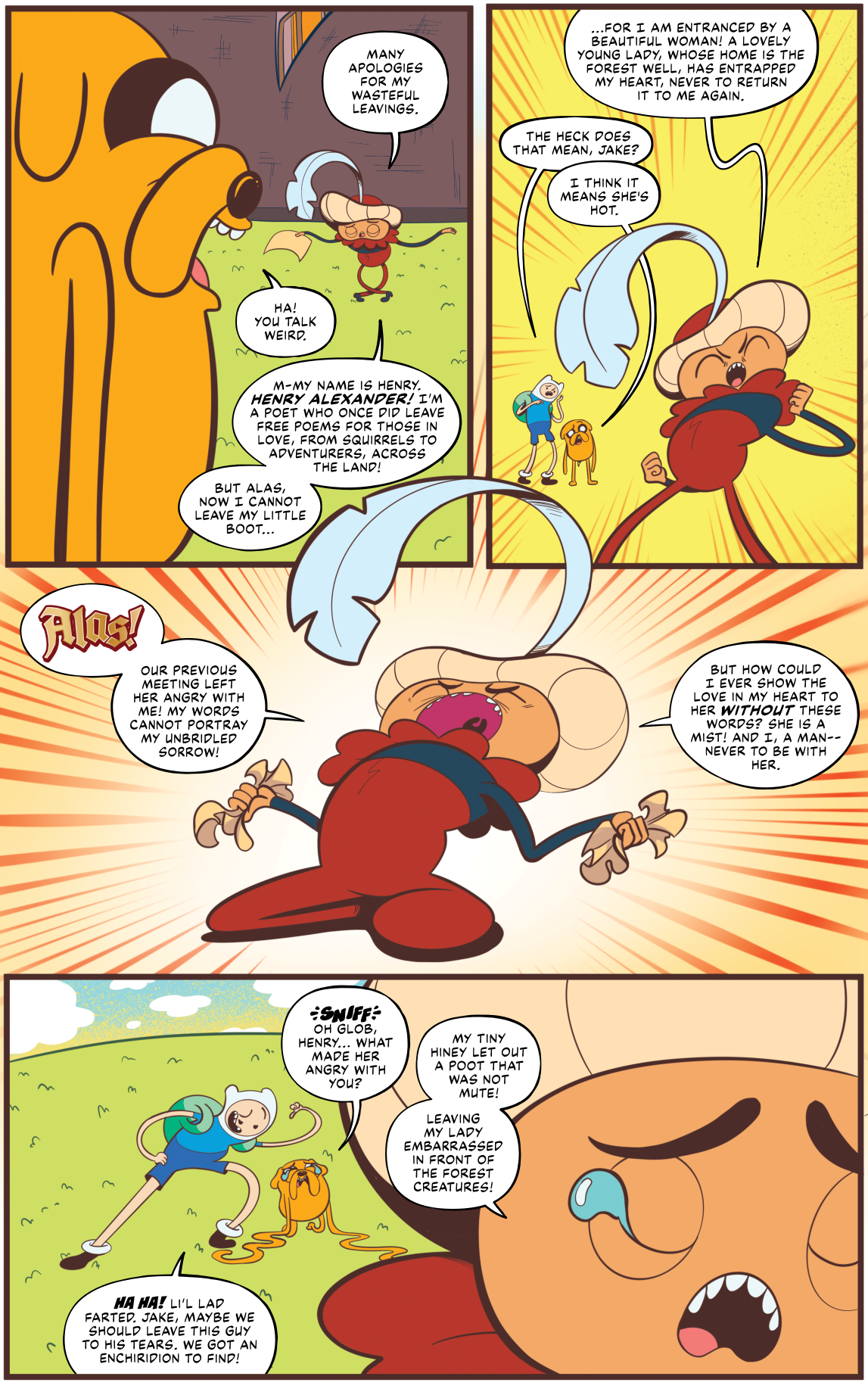

WE'RE GONNA FIND BILLY
CUZ YO WE NOT SILLY
DO I NEED A LI'L COAT?
CUZ IT'S GETTING KINDA CHILLY!
GETTING KINDA CHILLY?
BOY QUIT YOUR DALLY DILLY
TAKE YOUR TIME TO SNIFF A LILY
AS WE SEARCH FOR...
...BILLY!!!
HA HA!
AW MAN, WITH RHYMES LIKE THESE, FINDING BILLY AND THAT ENCHIRIDION WILL BE A BREEZE.
YEAH, MAN! FEELIN' FINE, MAKING UP...RHYMES?

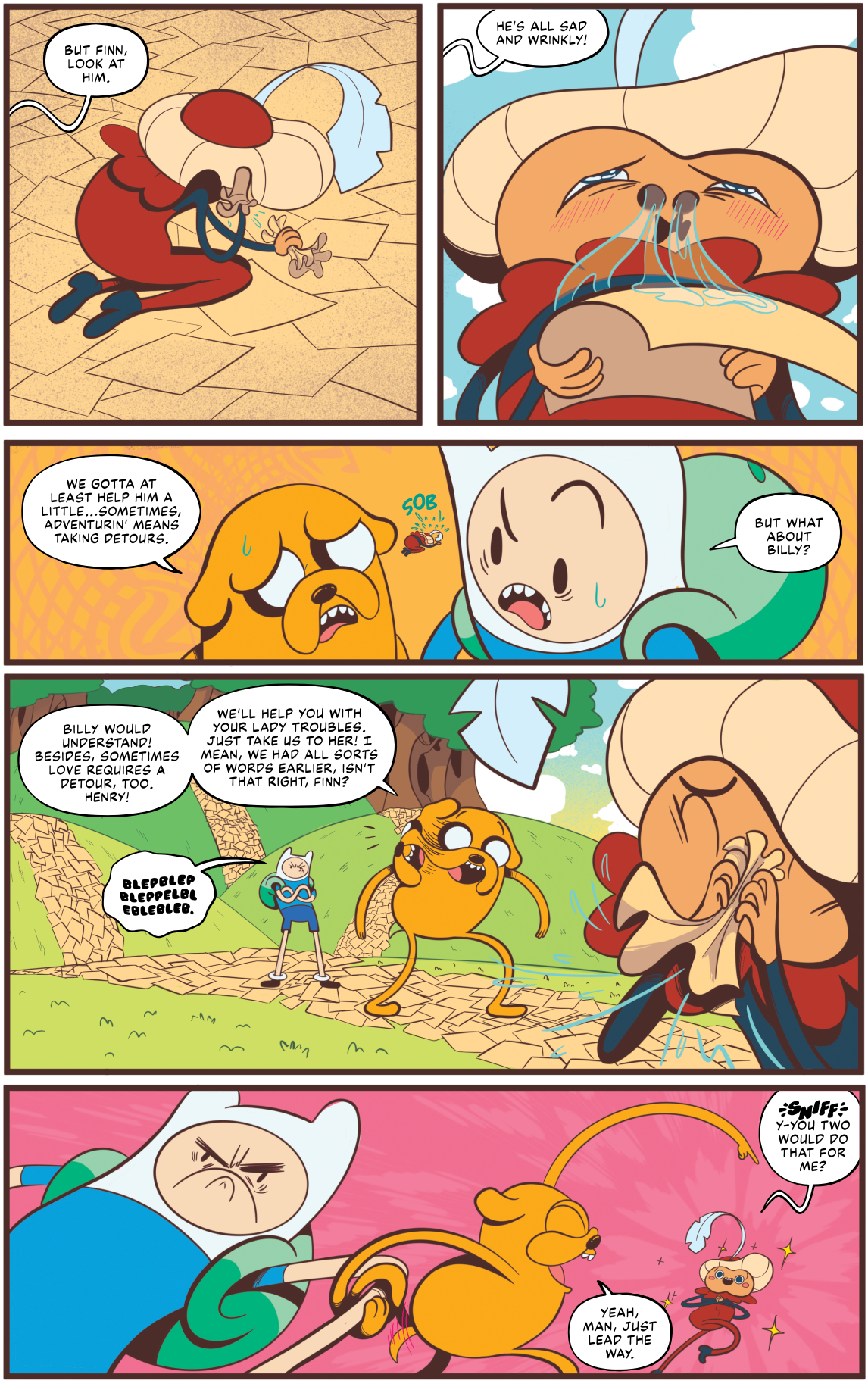



MY...LIPS WAIT FOR THINE...KISS IN THE MOONLIGHT? JAKE! THIS JUNK IS LOVE DOVE JUNK!
YEAH, MAN...SHOULD WE BE READING THIS?

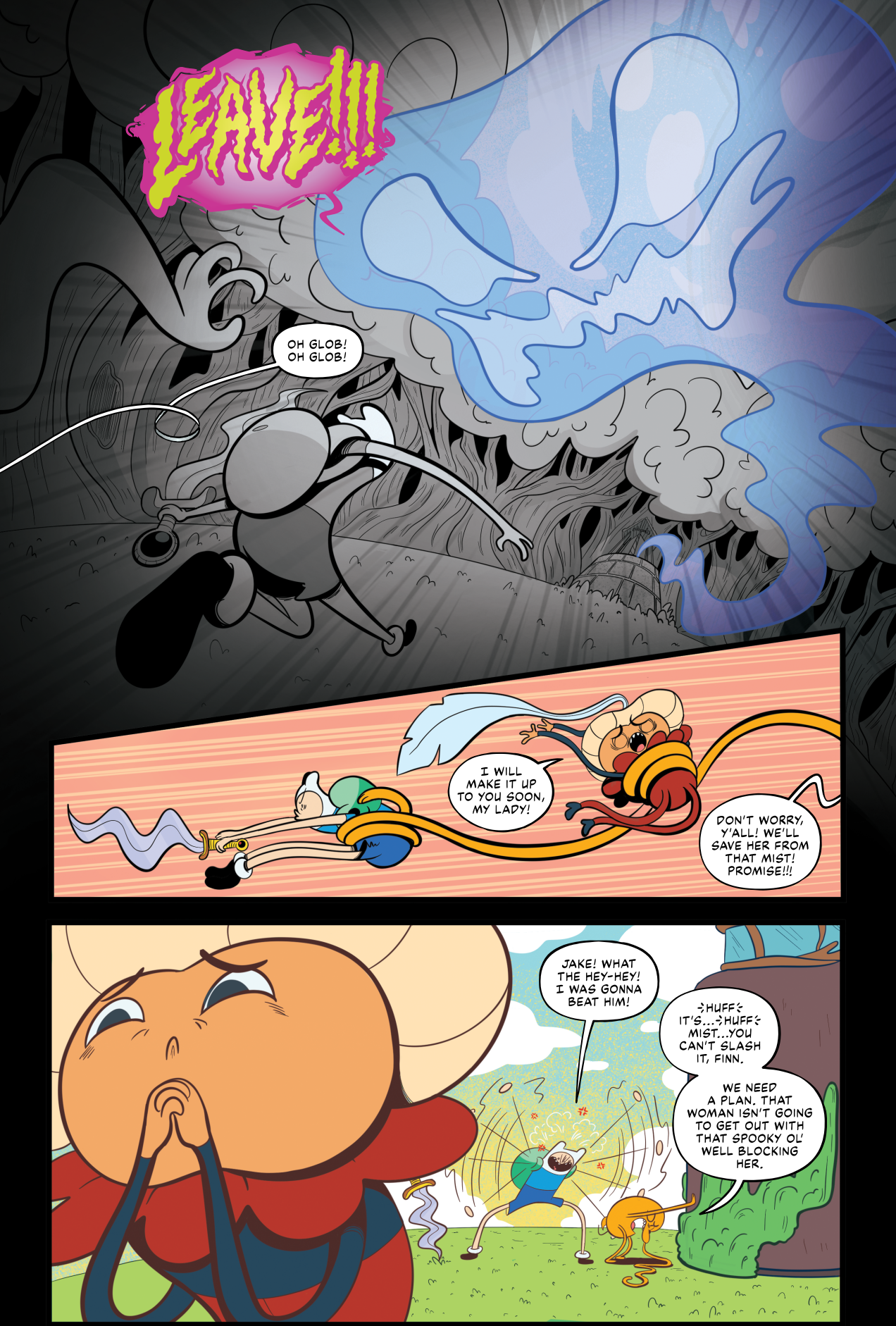

I THINK I SPY OUR LITTERING CASANOVA.
JAKE, THESE WORDS ARE MAKING ME FEEL THINGS...

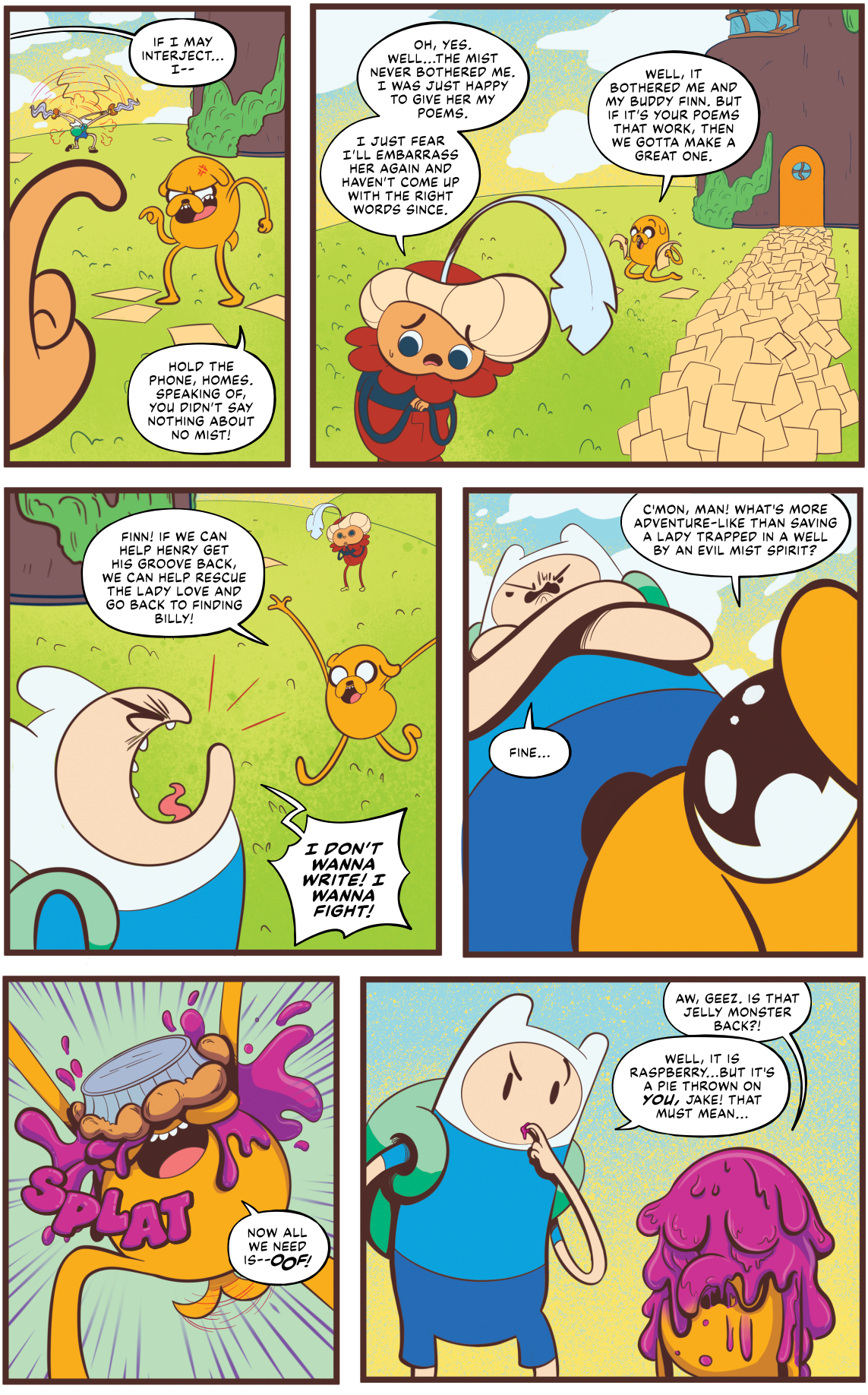

HEY! THIS FOREST AIN'T FOR LITTERIN'. IT'S FOR FROLICKIN'!
OH! PARDON ME, GOOD SIRS!

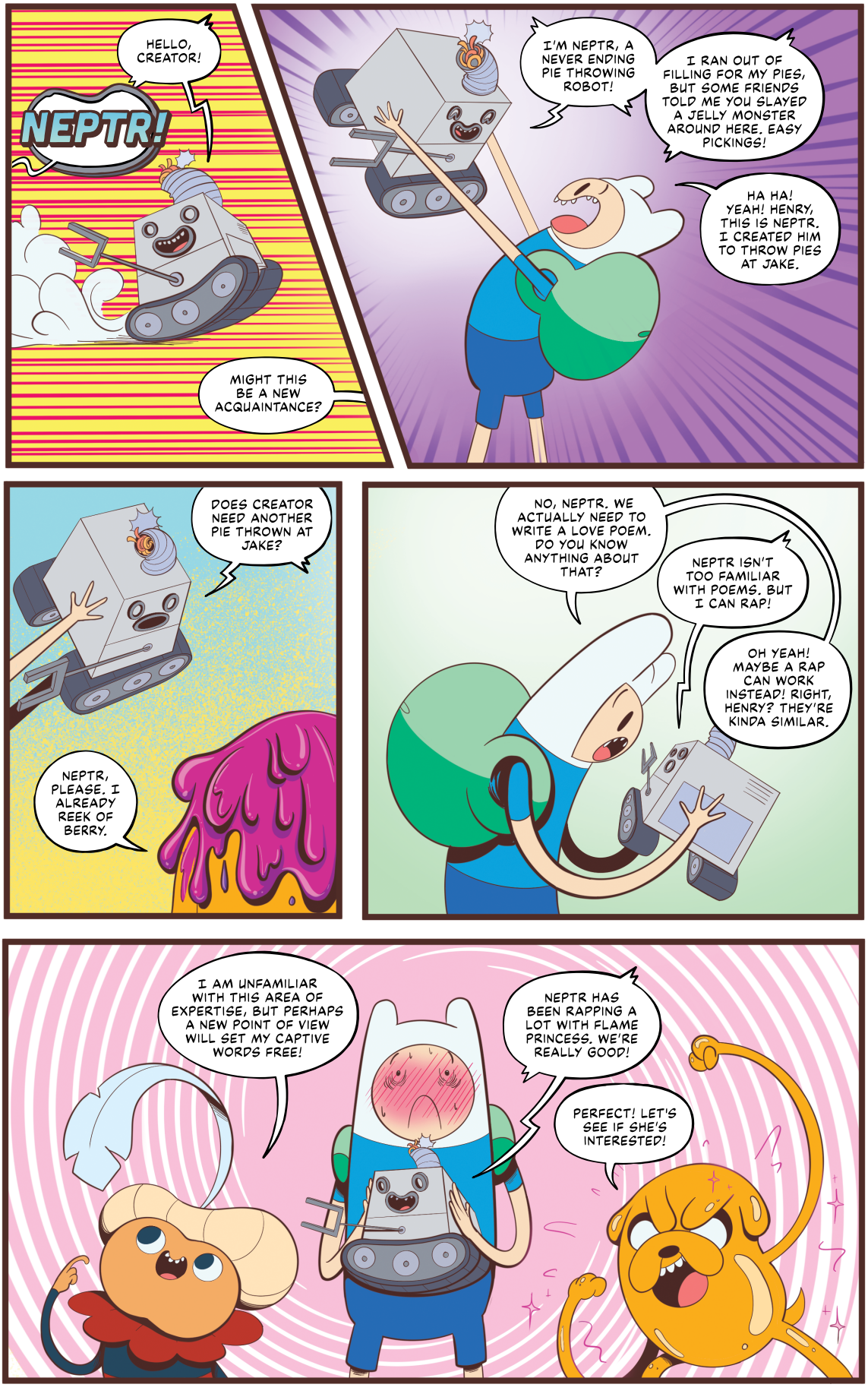

MANY APOLOGIES FOR MY WASTEFUL LEAVINGS.
HA! YOU TALK WEIRD.
M-MY NAME IS HENRY. HENRY ALEXANDER! I'M A POET WHO ONCE DID LEAVE FREE POEMS FOR THOSE IN LOVE, FROM SQUIRRELS TO ADVENTURERS, ACROSS THE LAND!
BUT ALAS, NOW I CANNOT LEAVE MY LITTLE BOOT...
...FOR I AM ENTRANCED BY A BEAUTIFUL WOMAN! A LOVELY YOUNG LADY, WHOSE HOME IS THE FOREST WELL, HAS ENTRAPPED MY HEART, NEVER TO RETURN IT TO ME AGAIN.
THE HECK DOES THAT MEAN, JAKE?
I THINK IT MEANS SHE'S HOT.
Alas!
OUR PREVIOUS MEETING LEFT HER ANGRY WITH ME! MY WORDS CANNOT PORTRAY MY UNBRIDLED SORROW!
BUT HOW COULD I EVER SHOW THE LOVE IN MY HEART TO HER WITHOUT THESE WORDS? SHE IS A MIST! AND I, A MAN-- NEVER TO BE WITH HER.
:SNIFF: OH GLOB, HENRY... WHAT MADE HER ANGRY WITH YOU?
MY TINY HINEY LET OUT A POOT THAT WAS NOT MUTE!
LEAVING MY LADY EMBARRASSED IN FRONT OF THE FOREST CREATURES!
HA HA! LI'L LAD FARTED. JAKE, MAYBE WE SHOULD LEAVE THIS GUY TO HIS TEARS. WE GOT AN ENCHIRIDION TO FIND!


BUT FINN, LOOK AT HIM.
HE'S ALL SAD AND WRINKLY!
WE GOTTA AT LEAST HELP HIM A LITTLE...SOMETIMES, ADVENTURIN' MEANS TAKING DETOURS.
SOB
BUT WHAT ABOUT BILLY?
BILLY WOULD UNDERSTAND! BESIDES, SOMETIMES LOVE REQUIRES A DETOUR, TOO. HENRY!
WE'LL HELP YOU WITH YOUR LADY TROUBLES. JUST TAKE US TO HER! I MEAN, WE HAD ALL SORTS OF WORDS EARLIER, ISN'T THAT RIGHT, FINN?
BLEPBLEP BLEPPELBL EBLEBLEB.
SNIFF! Y-YOU TWO WOULD DO THAT FOR ME?
YEAH, MAN, JUST LEAD THE WAY.

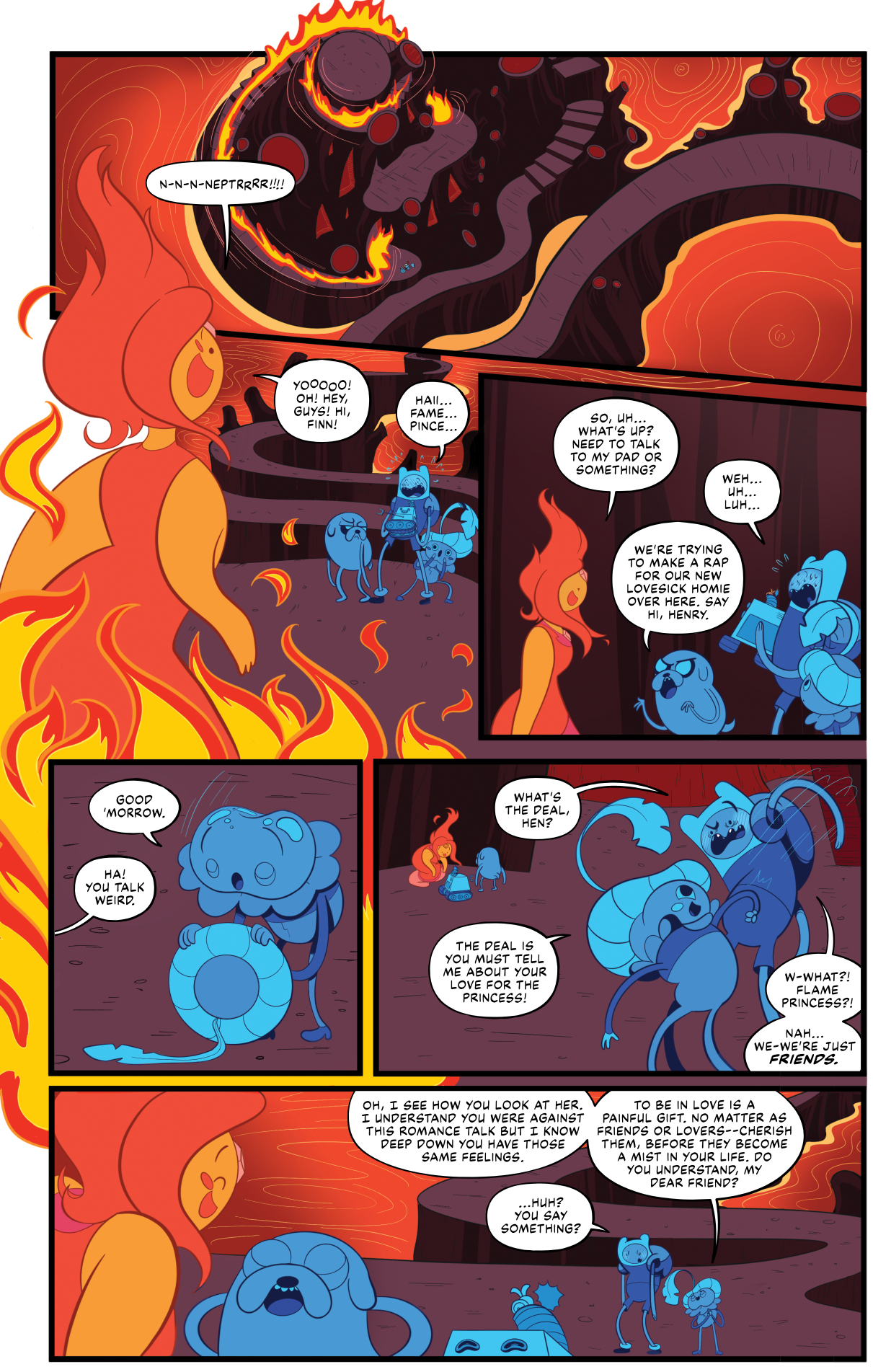

MANY THANKS TO YOU, SWEET SOULS! WHY, EVERY TIME I SEE HER, I JUST CAN'T HELP BUT SWOON.
NO PROB, BOB. IS SHE JUST UP AHEAD?
YES, LOOK YONDER! THE WOMAN IN THE WELL...
WAIT...YOU MEAN AT THE WELL, RIGHT?
H-HELLOOOOO, MY LOVE!
HOLD THE PHONE, GUY! SHE'S IN THERE?! DOES SHE NEED HELP?!
WHY DIDN'T YOU SAY ANYTHING, GUY?!
WELL, SHE'S NOT--
YESSS, ADVENTURING! I'LL SAVE YOUR LADY, HENRY!
O-OH! PLEASE BE SURE NOT TO HURT HER!
ADVE--

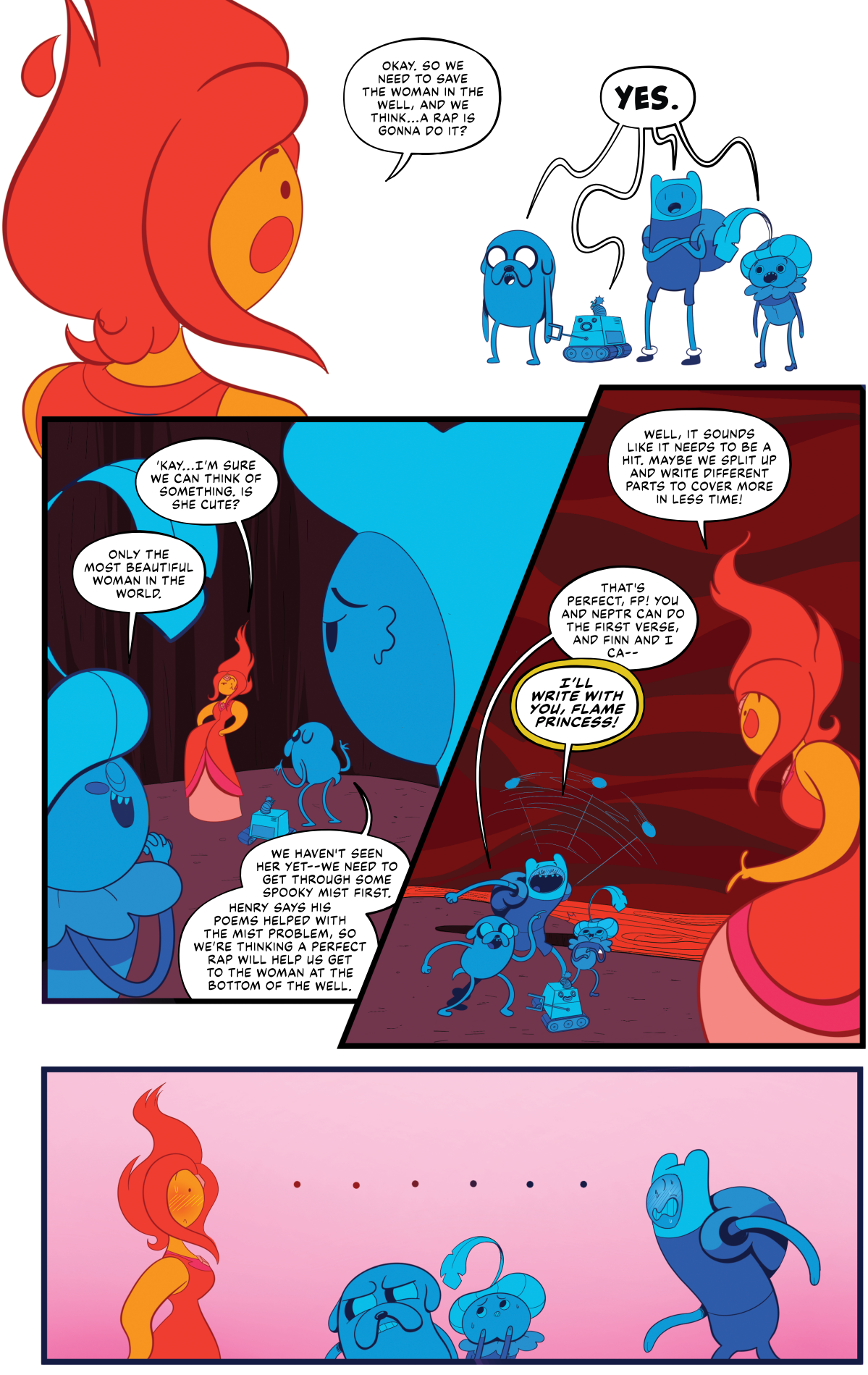

LEAVE!!!
OH GLOB! OH GLOB!
I WILL MAKE IT UP TO YOU SOON, MY LADY!
DON'T WORRY, Y'ALL! WE'LL SAVE HER FROM THAT MIST! PROMISE!!!
JAKE! WHAT THE HEY-HEY! I WAS GONNA BEAT HIM!
HUFF IT'S...HUFF MIST...YOU CAN'T SLASH IT, FINN.
WE NEED A PLAN. THAT WOMAN ISN'T GOING TO GET OUT WITH THAT SPOOKY OL' WELL BLOCKING HER.


IF I MAY INTERJECT... I--
HOLD THE PHONE, HOMES. SPEAKING OF, YOU DIDN'T SAY NOTHING ABOUT NO MIST!
OH, YES. WELL...THE MIST NEVER BOTHERED ME. I WAS JUST HAPPY TO GIVE HER MY POEMS.
I JUST FEAR I'LL EMBARRASS HER AGAIN AND HAVEN'T COME UP WITH THE RIGHT WORDS SINCE.
WELL, IT BOTHERED ME AND MY BUDDY FINN. BUT IF IT'S YOUR POEMS THAT WORK, THEN WE GOTTA MAKE A GREAT ONE.
FINN! IF WE CAN HELP HENRY GET HIS GROOVE BACK, WE CAN HELP RESCUE THE LADY LOVE AND GO BACK TO FINDING BILLY!
I DON'T WANNA WRITE! I WANNA FIGHT!
C'MON, MAN! WHAT'S MORE ADVENTURE-LIKE THAN SAVING A LADY TRAPPED IN A WELL BY AN EVIL MIST SPIRIT?
FINE...
SPLAT
NOW ALL WE NEED IS--OOF!
AW, GEEZ. IS THAT JELLY MONSTER BACK?!
WELL, IT IS RASPBERRY...BUT IT'S A PIE THROWN ON YOU, JAKE! THAT MUST MEAN...


HELLO, CREATOR!
NEPTR!
MIGHT THIS BE A NEW ACQUAINTANCE?
I'M NEPTR, A NEVER ENDING PIE THROWING ROBOT!
I RAN OUT OF FILLING FOR MY PIES, BUT SOME FRIENDS TOLD ME YOU SLAYED A JELLY MONSTER AROUND HERE. EASY PICKINGS!
HA HA! YEAH! HENRY, THIS IS NEPTR. I CREATED HIM TO THROW PIES AT JAKE.
DOES CREATOR NEED ANOTHER PIE THROWN AT JAKE?
NEPTR, PLEASE. I ALREADY REEK OF BERRY.
NO, NEPTR. WE ACTUALLY NEED TO WRITE A LOVE POEM. DO YOU KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT THAT?
NEPTR ISN'T TOO FAMILIAR WITH POEMS. BUT I CAN RAP!
OH YEAH! MAYBE A RAP CAN WORK INSTEAD! RIGHT, HENRY? THEY'RE KINDA SIMILAR.
I AM UNFAMILIAR WITH THIS AREA OF EXPERTISE, BUT PERHAPS A NEW POINT OF VIEW WILL SET MY CAPTIVE WORDS FREE!
NEPTR HAS BEEN RAPPING A LOT WITH FLAME PRINCESS. WE'RE REALLY GOOD!
PERFECT! LET'S SEE IF SHE'S INTERESTED!

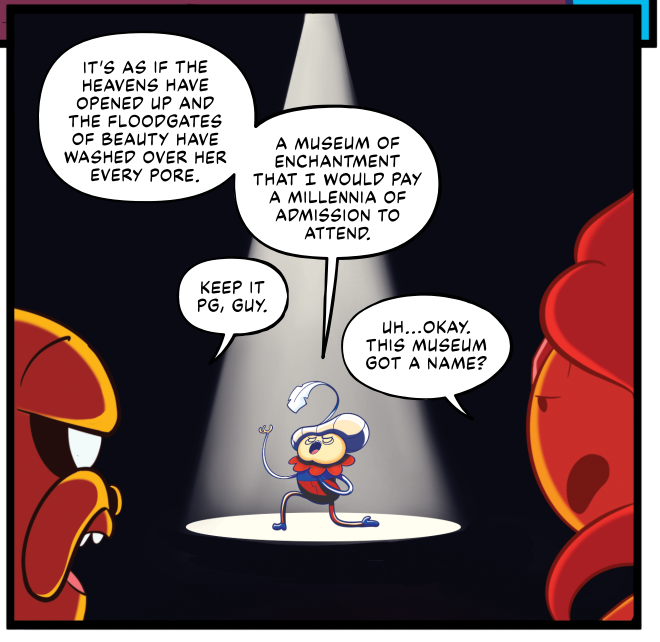

FLAMBO!
EYYY! LONG TIME NO SEE, PAL.
BEEN TOO LONG, PAL. WE NEED A FAVOR. CAN YOU HELP US GET TO FLAME PRINCESS?
FOR YOU, IT'S ON THE HOUSE. YA FRIENDS HERE NEEDA PAY UP, THOUGH.
OH DEAR! IT SEEMS I'VE BROUGHT NO PENCE FOR FARE!
YEESH! CUT IT WITH THE DRAMATICS. I'M PULLIN' YA LEG. SHE'S PROBABLY AT THE TOWER UP AHEAD.
I OWE YA ONE, BUDDY.
F-F-F-F-
Flame Princess!

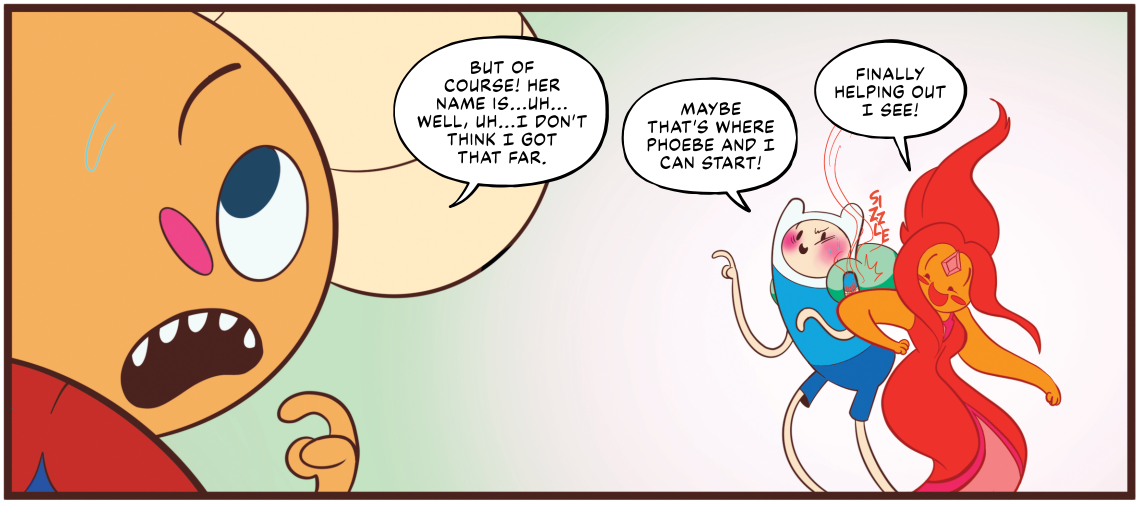

N-N-N-NEPTRRRR!!!!
YOOOOO! OH! HEY, GUYS! HI, FINN!
HAII... FAME... PINCE...
SO, UH... WHAT'S UP? NEED TO TALK TO MY DAD OR SOMETHING?
WEH... UH... LUH...
WE'RE TRYING TO MAKE A RAP FOR OUR NEW LOVESICK HOMIE OVER HERE. SAY HI, HENRY.
GOOD 'MORROW.
HA! YOU TALK WEIRD.
WHAT'S THE DEAL, HEN?
THE DEAL IS YOU MUST TELL ME ABOUT YOUR LOVE FOR THE PRINCESS!
W-WHAT?! FLAME PRINCESS?!
NAH... WE-WE'RE JUST FRIENDS.
OH, I SEE HOW YOU LOOK AT HER. I UNDERSTAND YOU WERE AGAINST THIS ROMANCE TALK BUT I KNOW DEEP DOWN YOU HAVE THOSE SAME FEELINGS.
TO BE IN LOVE IS A PAINFUL GIFT. NO MATTER AS FRIENDS OR LOVERS--CHERISH THEM, BEFORE THEY BECOME A MIST IN YOUR LIFE. DO YOU UNDERSTAND, MY DEAR FRIEND?
...HUH? YOU SAY SOMETHING?

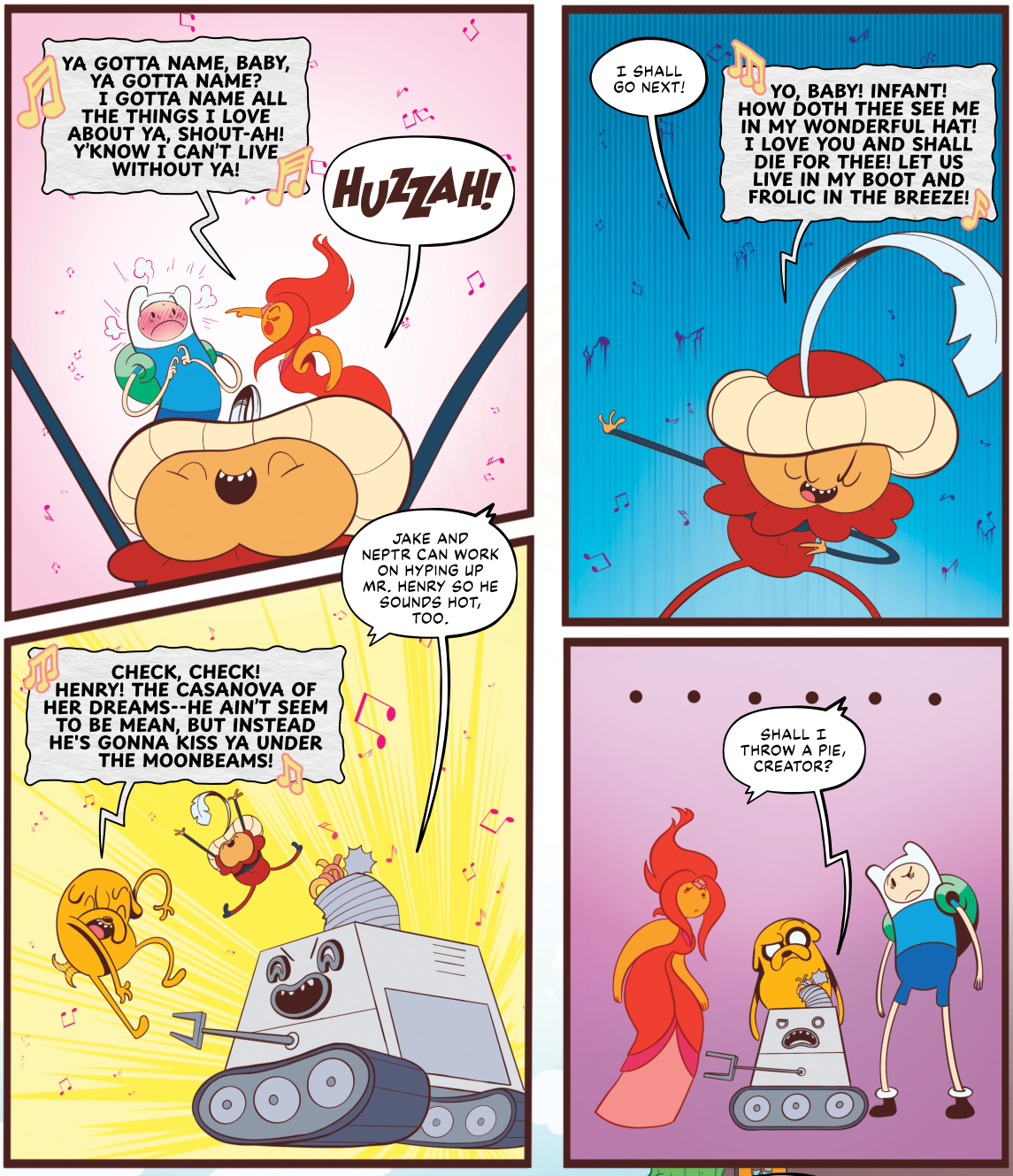

OKAY. SO WE NEED TO SAVE THE WOMAN IN THE WELL, AND WE THINK...A RAP IS GONNA DO IT?
YES.
'KAY...I'M SURE WE CAN THINK OF SOMETHING. IS SHE CUTE?
ONLY THE MOST BEAUTIFUL WOMAN IN THE WORLD.
WE HAVEN'T SEEN HER YET--WE NEED TO GET THROUGH SOME SPOOKY MIST FIRST.
HENRY SAYS HIS POEMS HELPED WITH THE MIST PROBLEM, SO WE'RE THINKING A PERFECT RAP WILL HELP US GET TO THE WOMAN AT THE BOTTOM OF THE WELL.
WELL, IT SOUNDS LIKE IT NEEDS TO BE A HIT. MAYBE WE SPLIT UP AND WRITE DIFFERENT PARTS TO COVER MORE IN LESS TIME!
THAT'S PERFECT, FP! YOU AND NEPTR CAN DO THE FIRST VERSE, AND FINN AND I CA--
I'LL WRITE WITH YOU, FLAME PRINCESS!
. . . . . .

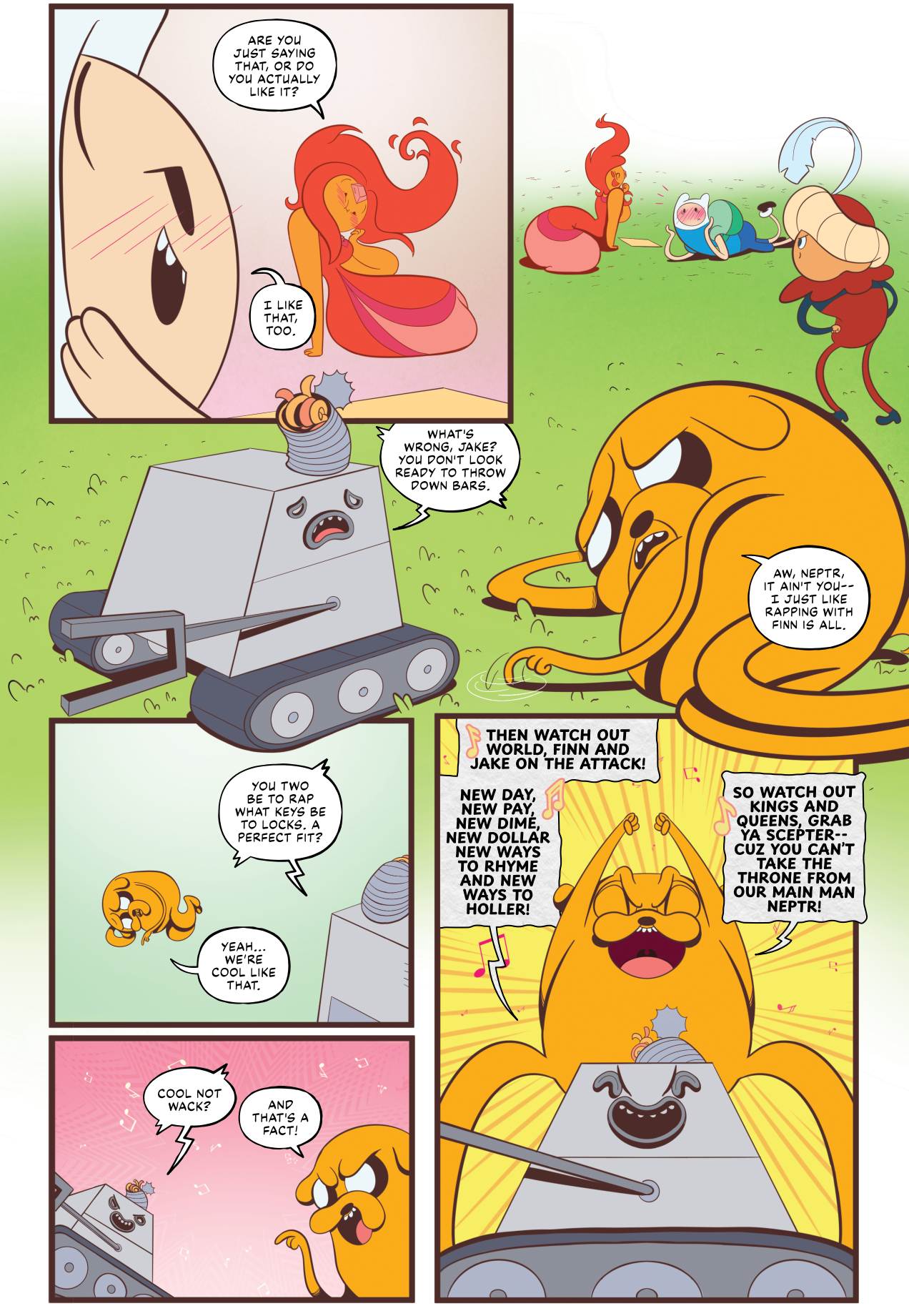

HEH! OKAY! IT'S A TEAM-UP THEN!
HEHEHE, HAHAHA, HEHEHUHU!
COME ON, JAKE, LET'S GO TRIPLE PLATINUM. DOLLA DOLLA BILLZ, Y'AAAALLLLL!


OKAY, HENRY, GIVE US SOME INSPO. WHAT'S THIS WOMAN LIKE?


IT'S AS IF THE HEAVENS HAVE OPENED UP AND THE FLOODGATES OF BEAUTY HAVE WASHED OVER HER EVERY PORE.
A MUSEUM OF ENCHANTMENT THAT I WOULD PAY A MILLENNIA OF ADMISSION TO ATTEND.
KEEP IT PG, GUY.
UH...OKAY. THIS MUSEUM GOT A NAME?

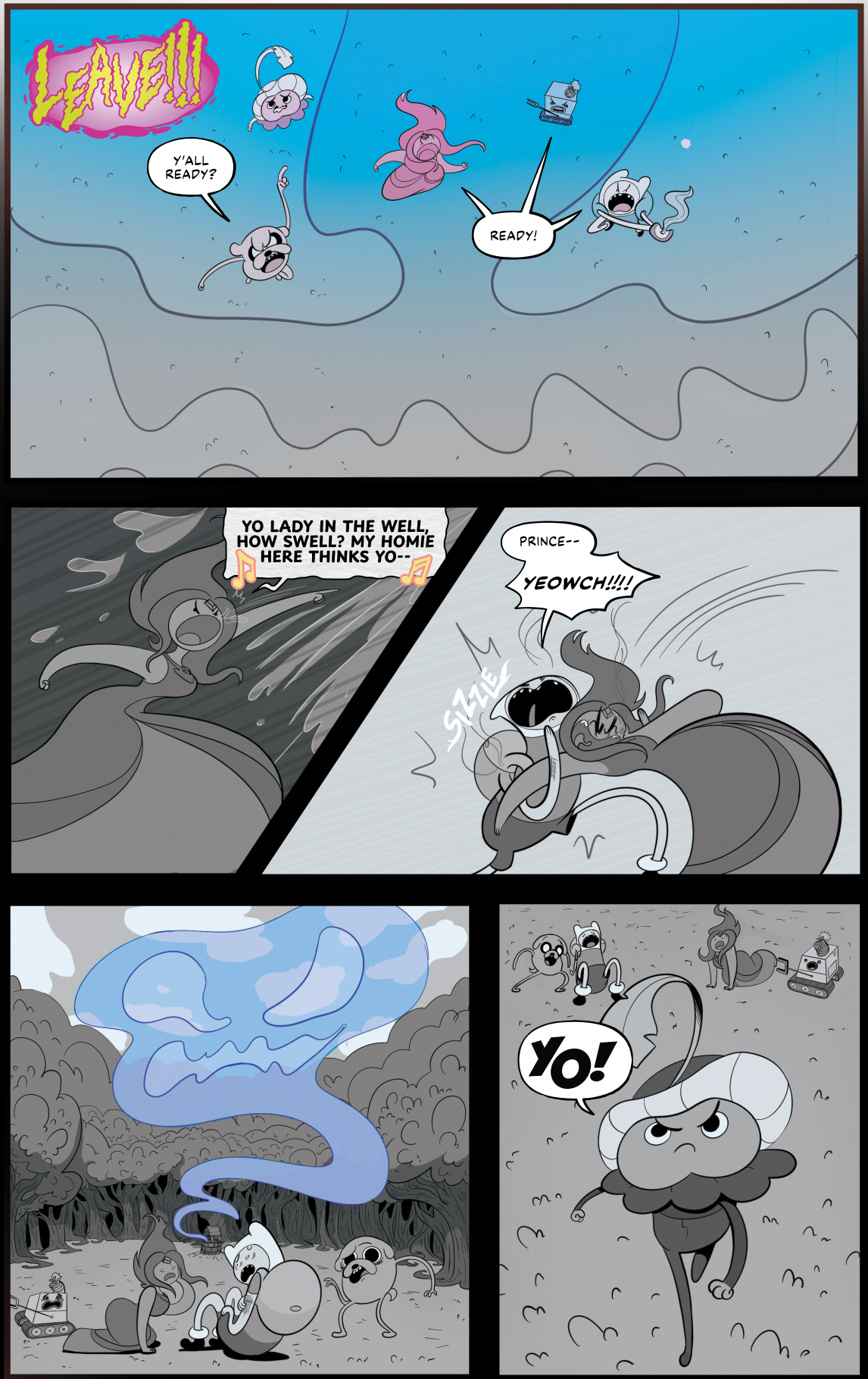

BUT OF COURSE! HER NAME IS...UH... WELL, UH...I DON'T THINK I GOT THAT FAR.
MAYBE THAT'S WHERE PHOEBE AND I CAN START!
FINALLY HELPING OUT I SEE!
SIZZLE

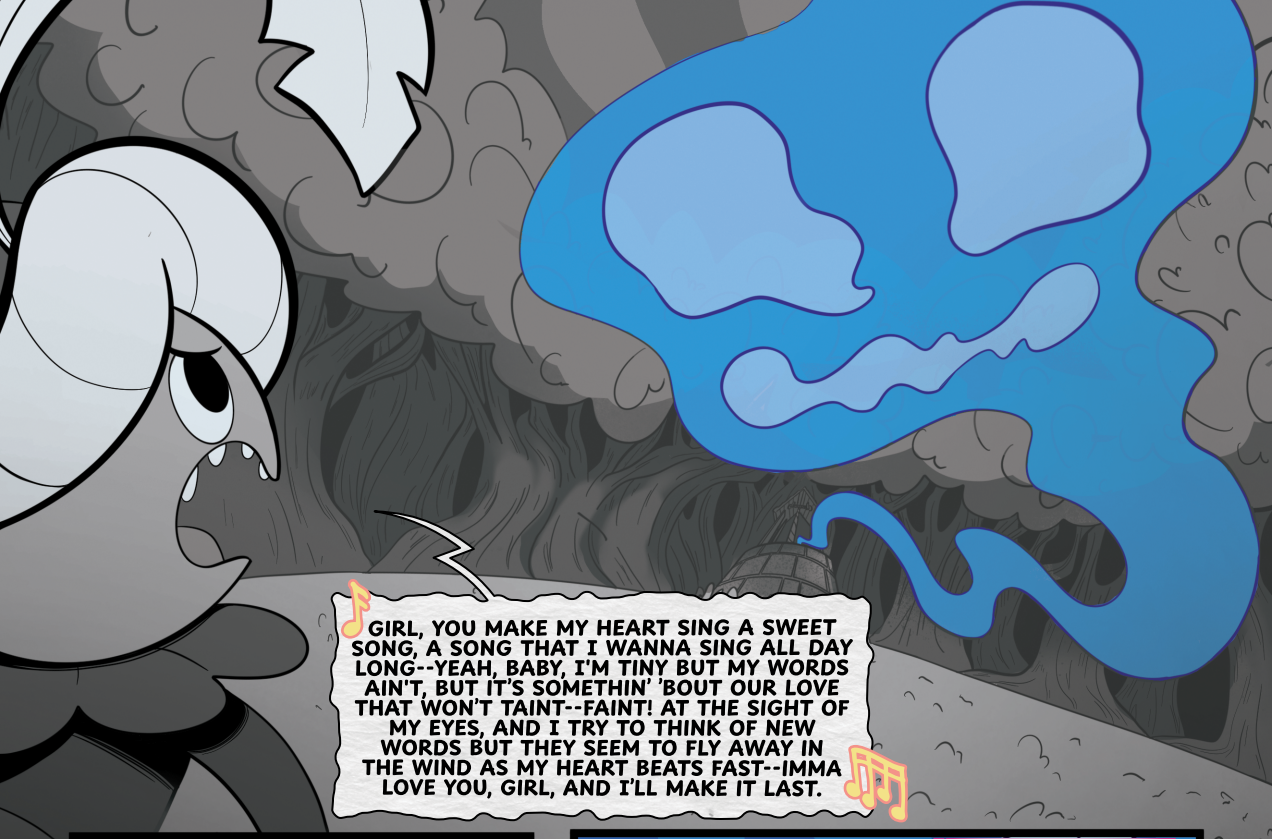

YA GOTTA NAME, BABY, YA GOTTA NAME? I GOTTA NAME ALL THE THINGS I LOVE ABOUT YA, SHOUT-AH! Y'KNOW I CAN'T LIVE WITHOUT YA!
HUZZAH!
I SHALL GO NEXT!
YO, BABY! INFANT! HOW DOTH THEE SEE ME IN MY WONDERFUL HAT! I LOVE YOU AND SHALL DIE FOR THEE! LET US LIVE IN MY BOOT AND FROLIC IN THE BREEZE!
JAKE AND NEPTR CAN WORK ON HYPING UP MR. HENRY SO HE SOUNDS HOT, TOO.
CHECK, CHECK! HENRY! THE CASANOVA OF HER DREAMS--HE AIN'T SEEM TO BE MEAN, BUT INSTEAD HE'S GONNA KISS YA UNDER THE MOONBEAMS!
SHALL I THROW A PIE, CREATOR?
I'M THINKING SOMETHING SWEET, LIKE ASKING FOR A PICNIC DATE BUT, LIKE, ON THE MOON.
I LIKE THAT.


ARE YOU JUST SAYING THAT, OR DO YOU ACTUALLY LIKE IT?
I LIKE THAT, TOO.
WHAT'S WRONG, JAKE? YOU DON'T LOOK READY TO THROW DOWN BARS.
AW, NEPTR, IT AIN'T YOU-- I JUST LIKE RAPPING WITH FINN IS ALL.
YOU TWO BE TO RAP WHAT KEYS BE TO LOCKS. A PERFECT FIT?
YEAH... WE'RE COOL LIKE THAT.
THEN WATCH OUT WORLD, FINN AND JAKE ON THE ATTACK!
NEW DAY, NEW PAY, NEW DIME, NEW DOLLAR NEW WAYS TO RHYME AND NEW WAYS TO HOLLER!
SO WATCH OUT KINGS AND QUEENS, GRAB YA SCEPTER-- CUZ YOU CAN'T TAKE THE THRONE FROM OUR MAIN MAN NEPTR!
COOL NOT WACK?
AND THAT'S A FACT!

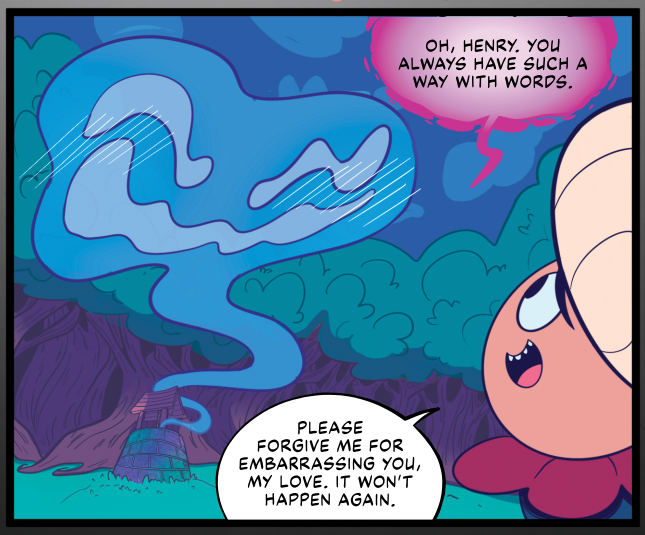

YO! SICK BARS! FINN AND I HAVEN'T REALLY THOUGHT OF ANYTHING YET...
YOU TWO CAN JOIN US! I THINK IT'S BETTER IF WE'RE ALL TOGETHER, ANYWAY. HOW 'BOUT IT, FINN?
UHH...
EXCUSE US FOR A SEC.
I'M JUST TEASING YA, GUY...LOOK, I'M SORRY WE TOOK THIS LITTLE DETOUR BUT I'M ALSO GLAD WE DID, BECAUSE YOU GOT TO SEE FLAME PRINCESS AGAIN!
I WAS A LITTLE BUMMED WHEN YOU CHOSE HER AS YOUR PARTNER INSTEAD OF ME BUT...IF YOU WANNA BE WITH THE PRINCESS, THEN I'LL HELP YA OUT!
WHAT HAPPENED TO THE NO LOVEY DOVEY, ALL ADVENTURIN' FINN I KNOW?
WHU-- FIRST HENRY, NOW YOU?! I'M NERVOUS, OKAY?!
AW, JAKE, I'M SORRY, TOO. I JUST CAN'T FIND THE WORDS TO SAY WHEN I'M AROUND FLAME PRINCESS. SHE GETS MY STOMACH ALL DANCIN' AND JUNK.
EVEN IF YOU LIKE HER, SHE'S STILL A FRIEND! AND FRIENDS ENJOY EACH OTHER'S COMPANY AND HAVE FUN TOGETHER AND MAKE SWEET RAPS. SO LET'S CHILL OUT AND HELP HENRY!


SIZZLE
WINK!


LEAVE!!!
Y'ALL READY?
READY!
YO LADY IN THE WELL, HOW SWELL? MY HOMIE HERE THINKS YO--
PRINCE--
YEOWCH!!!!
SIZZLE
YO!


GIRL, YOU MAKE MY HEART SING A SWEET SONG, A SONG THAT I WANNA SING ALL DAY LONG--YEAH, BABY, I'M TINY BUT MY WORDS AIN'T, BUT IT'S SOMETHIN' 'BOUT OUR LOVE THAT WON'T TAINT--FAINT! AT THE SIGHT OF MY EYES, AND I TRY TO THINK OF NEW WORDS BUT THEY SEEM TO FLY AWAY IN THE WIND AS MY HEART BEATS FAST--IMMA LOVE YOU, GIRL, AND I'LL MAKE IT LAST.

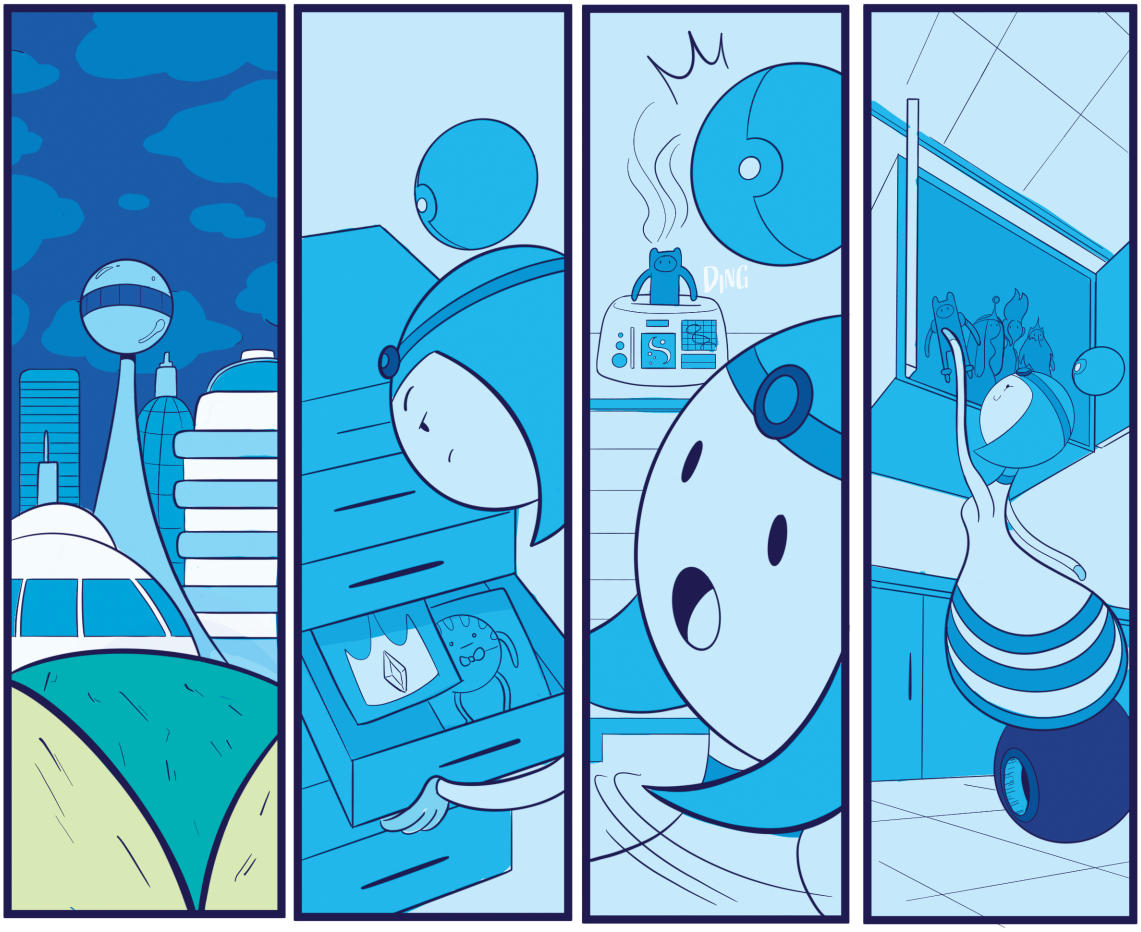



OH, HENRY. YOU ALWAYS HAVE SUCH A WAY WITH WORDS.
PLEASE FORGIVE ME FOR EMBARRASSING YOU, MY LOVE. IT WON'T HAPPEN AGAIN.

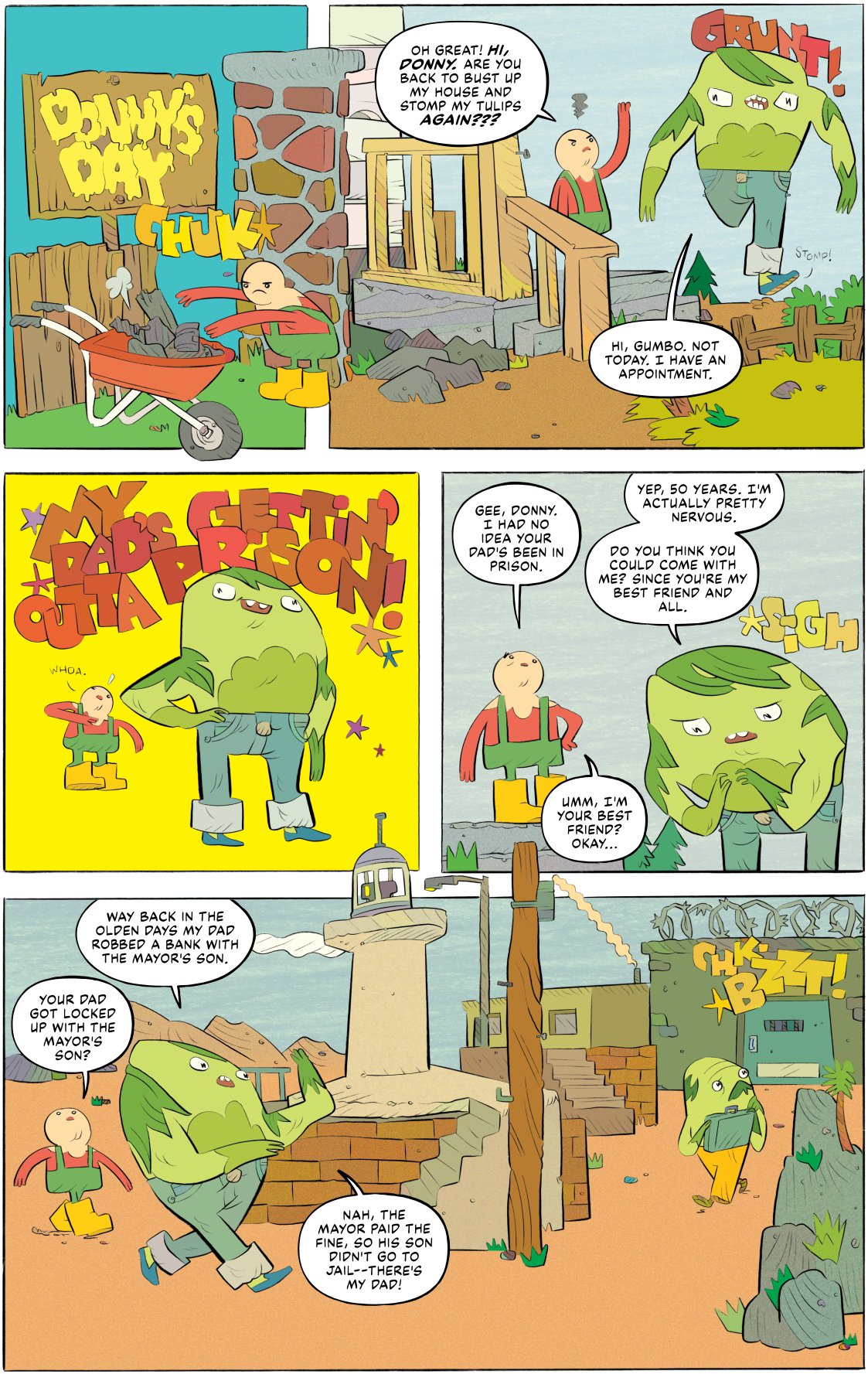


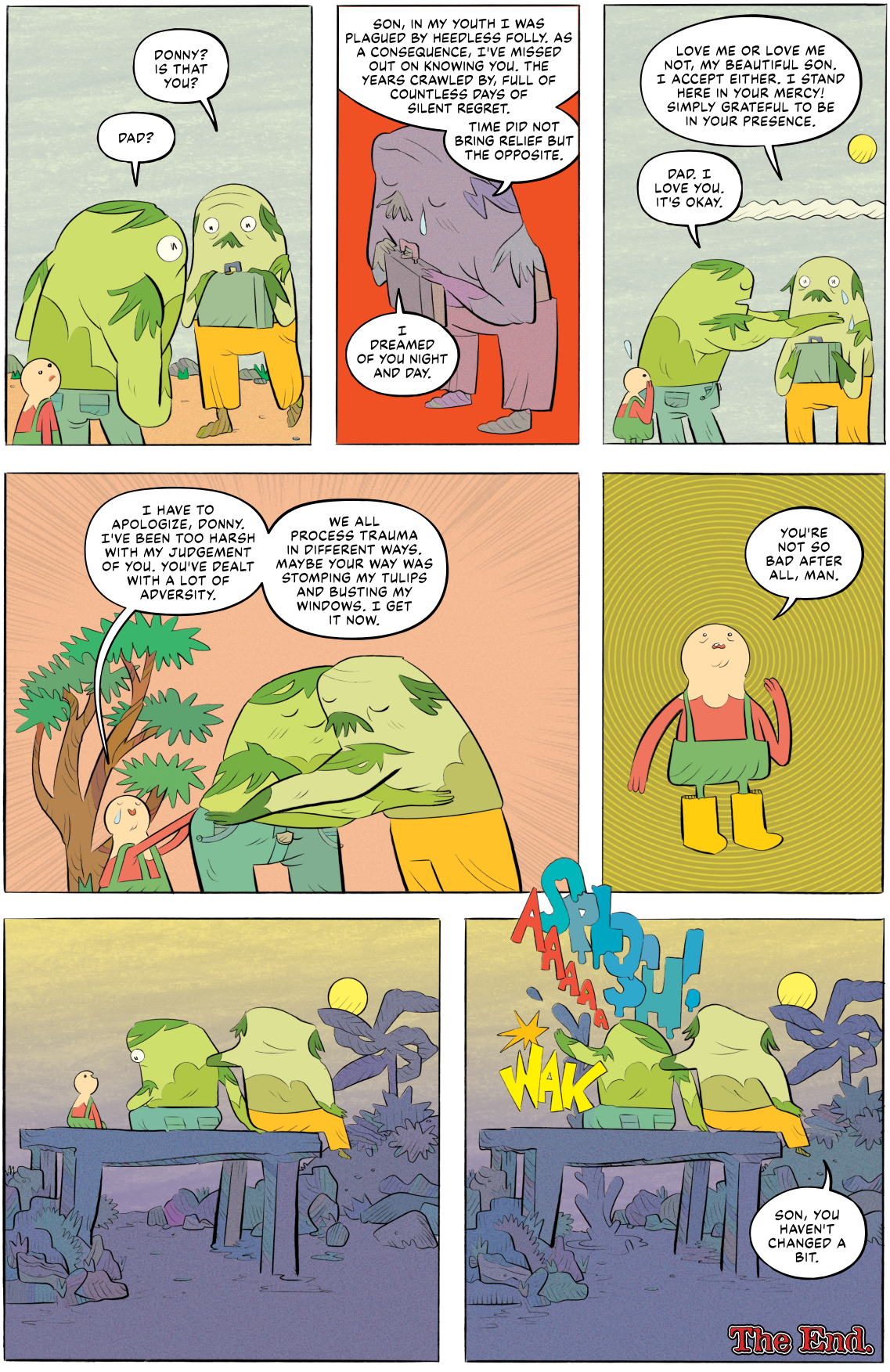

WAIT A MINUTE...THE WOMAN IN THE WELL...*IS* THE MIST!!!


FRIENDS! YOUR WORDS INSPIRED, AND UNLOCKED A NEW WAY OF PROFESSING MY LOVE!
I HOPE TO FIND MORE NEW WAYS TO RAP MY LOVE FOR THIS BEAUTIFUL WOMAN. FARE THEE WELL, COMPADRES!
WAIT, HENRY, WHERE ARE YOU--
SPLASH
HUH...I GUESS I SHOULDN'T JUDGE A BOOK BY ITS COVER?
OR A POEM BY...ITS...PAPER? UM...SHOULD WE WALK YOU BACK HOME, PRINCESS?
ACTUALLY, FINN...
...IF YOU AREN'T BUSY, PRINCESS BUBBLEGUM IS HOSTING AN ART SHOW. I...KINDA WANTED TO GO WITH YOU?
UHH... UMM...
HE'D LOVE TO!
BUT JAKE! THE ENCHIRIDION...
SHHHH...ADVENTURIN' MEANS DETOURS.


DING


BILLY... BILLY...THE BOOK...GIVE ME THE BOOK.
YOU DO NOT DESERVE IT. YOU SHOULD NOT EVEN BE HERE. BILLY...BILLY...
TO BE CONTINUED!


DONNY'S DAY
CHUK
OH GREAT! HI, DONNY. ARE YOU BACK TO BUST UP MY HOUSE AND STOMP MY TULIPS AGAIN???
GRUNT!
STOMP!
HI, GUMBO. NOT TODAY. I HAVE AN APPOINTMENT.
MY DAD'S GETTIN OUTTA PRISON!
WHOA.
GEE, DONNY. I HAD NO IDEA YOUR DAD'S BEEN IN PRISON.
YEP, 50 YEARS. I'M ACTUALLY PRETTY NERVOUS.
DO YOU THINK YOU COULD COME WITH ME? SINCE YOU'RE MY BEST FRIEND AND ALL.
SIGH
UMM, I'M YOUR BEST FRIEND? OKAY...
WAY BACK IN THE OLDEN DAYS MY DAD ROBBED A BANK WITH THE MAYOR'S SON.
YOUR DAD GOT LOCKED UP WITH THE MAYOR'S SON?
NAH, THE MAYOR PAID THE FINE, SO HIS SON DIDN'T GO TO JAIL--THERE'S MY DAD!
CHK BZT!


DONNY? IS THAT YOU?
DAD?
SON, IN MY YOUTH I WAS PLAGUED BY HEEDLESS FOLLY. AS A CONSEQUENCE, I'VE MISSED OUT ON KNOWING YOU. THE YEARS CRAWLED BY, FULL OF COUNTLESS DAYS OF SILENT REGRET.
TIME DID NOT BRING RELIEF BUT THE OPPOSITE.
I DREAMED OF YOU NIGHT AND DAY.
LOVE ME OR LOVE ME NOT, MY BEAUTIFUL SON. I ACCEPT EITHER. I STAND HERE IN YOUR MERCY! SIMPLY GRATEFUL TO BE IN YOUR PRESENCE.
DAD. I LOVE YOU. IT'S OKAY.
I HAVE TO APOLOGIZE, DONNY. I'VE BEEN TOO HARSH WITH MY JUDGEMENT OF YOU. YOU'VE DEALT WITH A LOT OF ADVERSITY.
WE ALL PROCESS TRAUMA IN DIFFERENT WAYS. MAYBE YOUR WAY WAS STOMPING MY TULIPS AND BUSTING MY WINDOWS. I GET IT NOW.
YOU'RE NOT SO BAD AFTER ALL, MAN.
AAAAAAA
SPLASH!
WAK
SON, YOU HAVEN'T CHANGED A BIT.
The End.

IT'S (F)ART TIME!



COLLECT THEM ALL...



COVER A BY NICK WINN



COVER B BY ASIA SIMONE



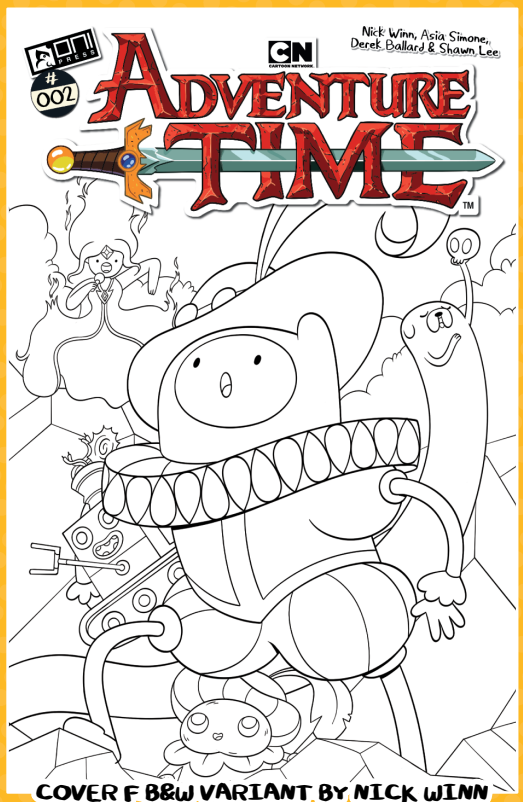
COVER C "JAKE YELLOW" SKETCH VARIANT



COVER D INFINITE INTERLOCKING VARIANT
BY SHELLI PAROLINE & BRADEN LAMB



COVER E BY MICHAEL DEFORGE



COVER F B&W VARIANT BY NICK WINN



COVER G BY CORINTH BOONE



