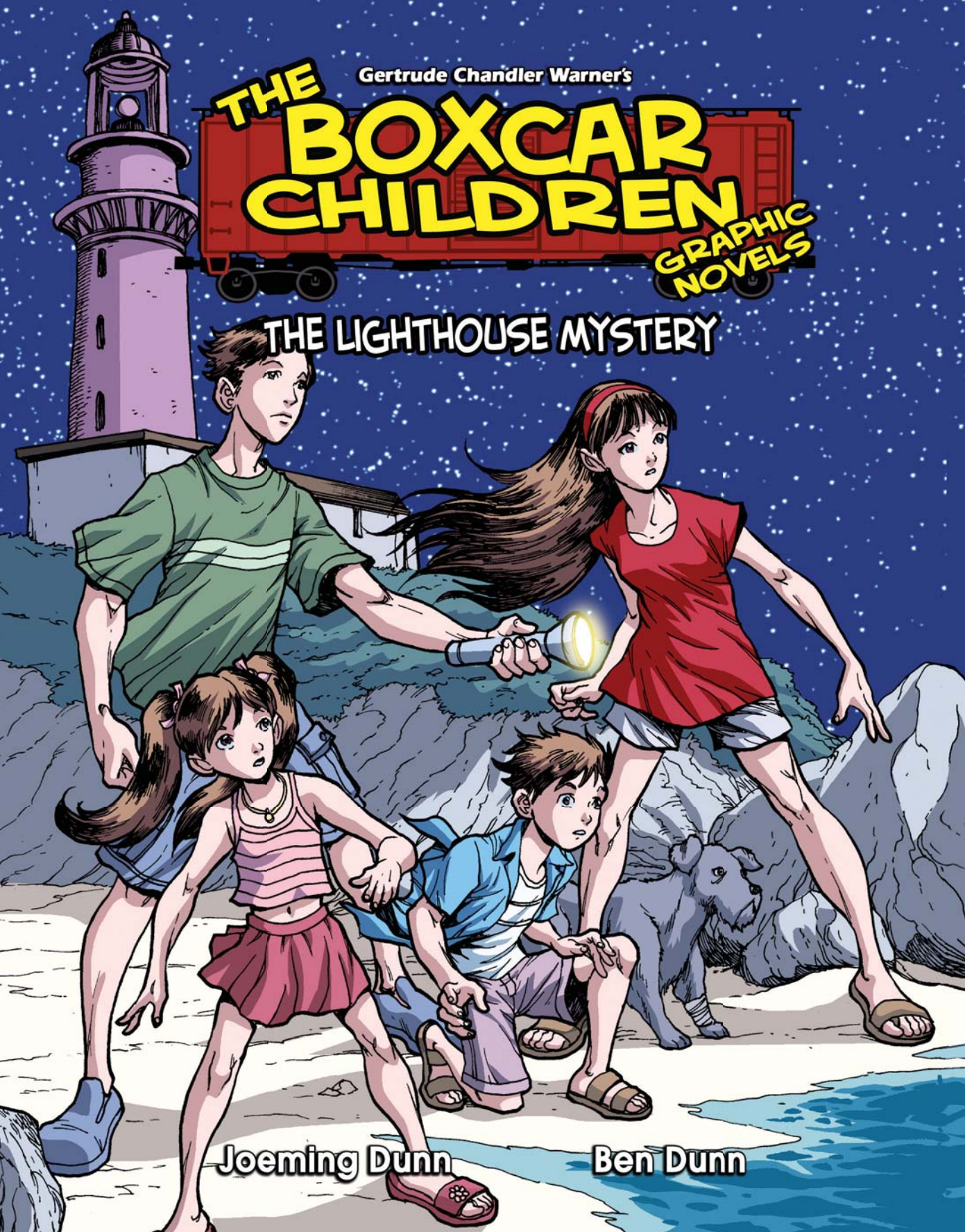


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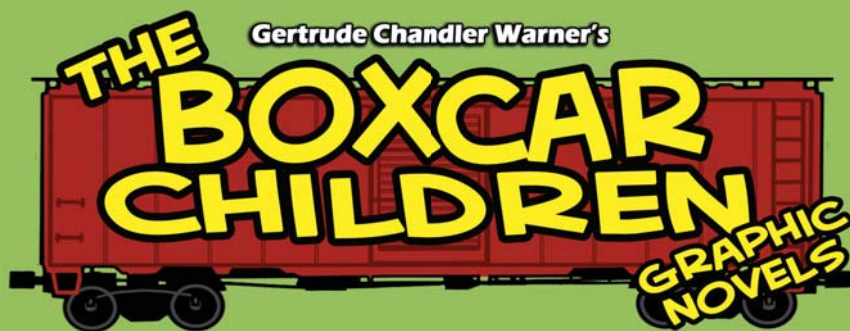
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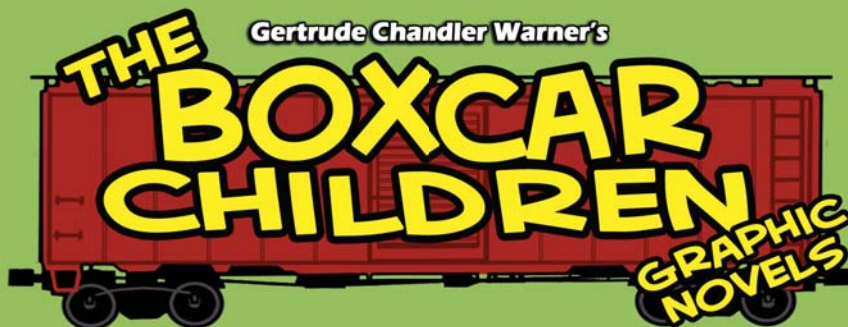
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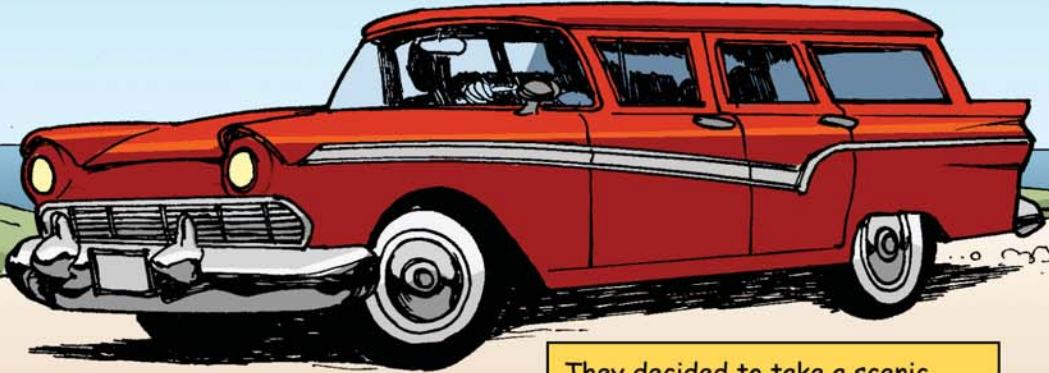
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LIGHTHOUSE FOR SALE

After a nice visit at Aunt Jane and Uncle Andy's farm, the Aldens headed home.



They decided to take a scenic route along the beach. They could see the ocean most of the way.

Wait till we come to the lighthouse in Conley.

Let's go see the lighthouse!

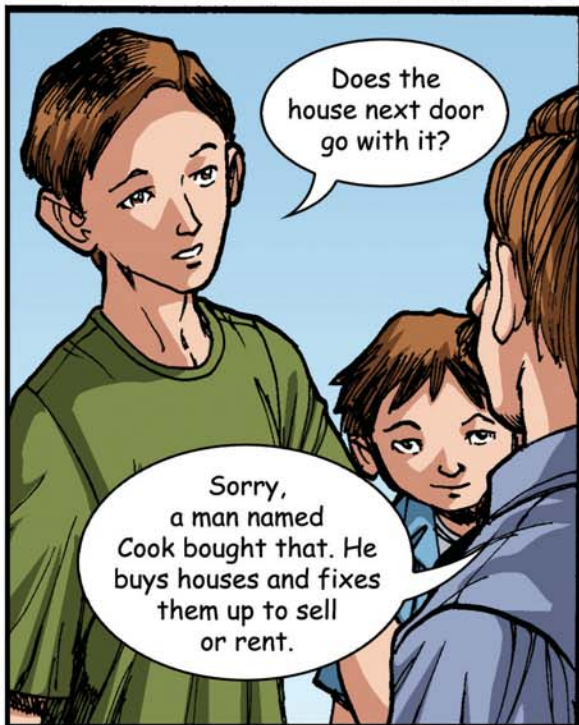
Look! There's a sign. It says it's for sale.

A lighthouse for sale! I thought they belonged to the government.

I have heard many lighthouses are being sold.

We'll go to that store and ask some questions.





The Aldens soon settled into their new place.

Grandfather gets the first floor, Jessie and Violet the second, Henry the third.

And here's mine!

We have a busy day tomorrow, let's all get ready for bed.



Soon everyone was
sound asleep...

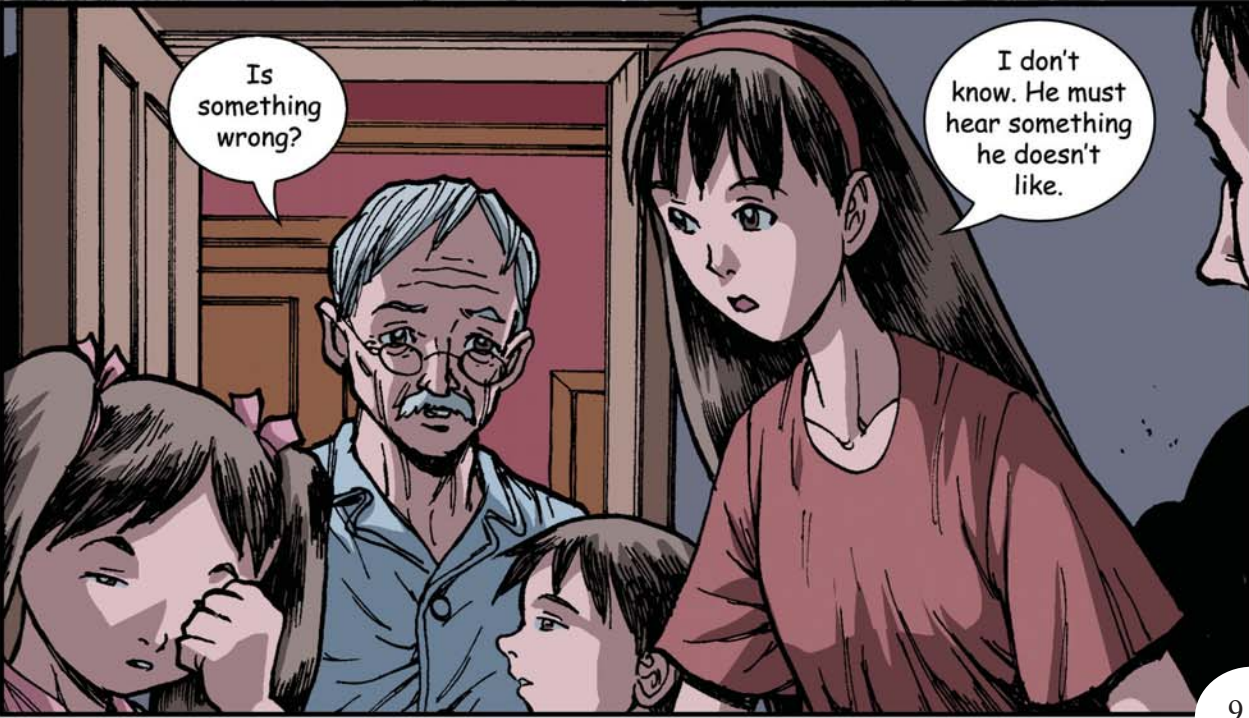


As it struck midnight,
Watch began to bark...



Keep
still, you'll wake
everybody.

ROOOF ROOOF



Is
something
wrong?

I don't
know. He must
hear something
he doesn't
like.



I smell...
steak and
potatoes?

I don't
smell anything.
Maybe someone is hiding
out and cooking in that
house right next to
our lighthouse.

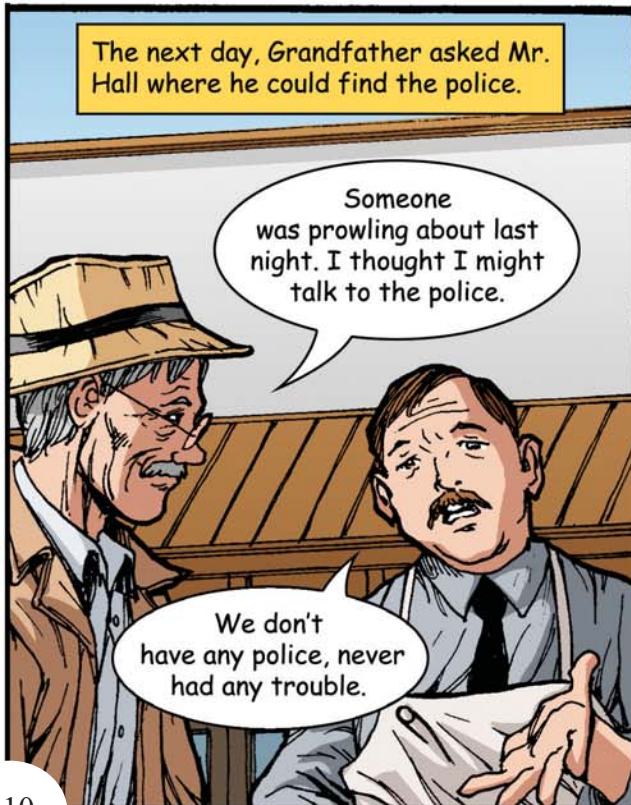
ROOOF ROOOF



Look at
Watch now. I
guess the danger
is over.

We'll investigate
tomorrow. Everyone
back to bed.

In the morning,
Watch growled again.
But no one heard him.



The next day, Grandfather asked Mr.
Hall where he could find the police.

Someone
was prowling about last
night. I thought I might
talk to the police.

We don't
have any police, never
had any trouble.



Maybe
I should send for
someone...

Please
don't! We want to
solve the mystery
ourselves.

A MIDNIGHT VISITOR

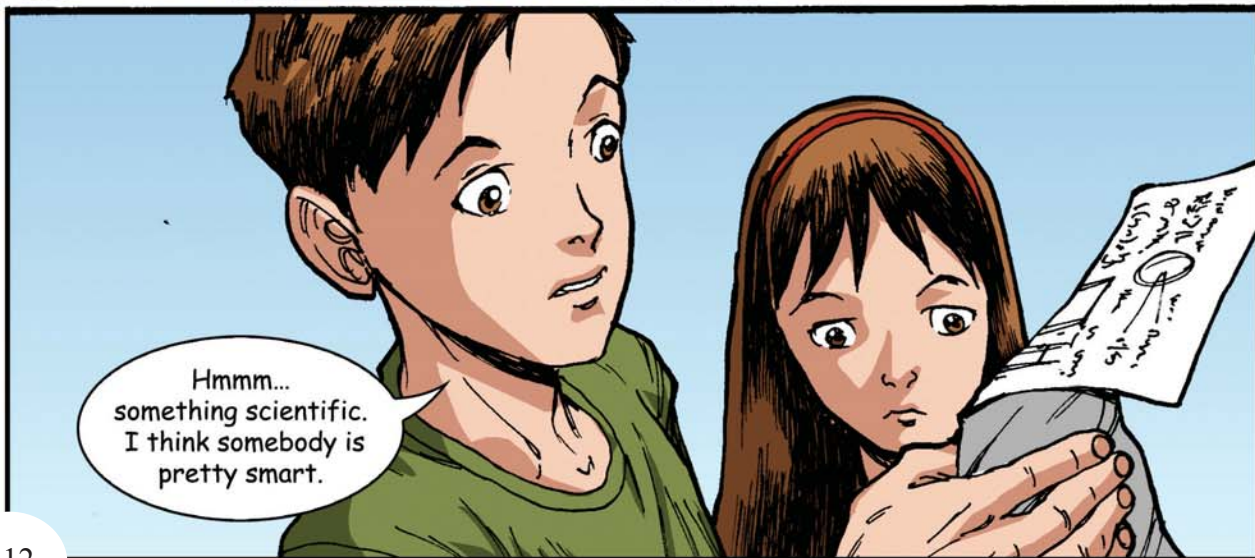
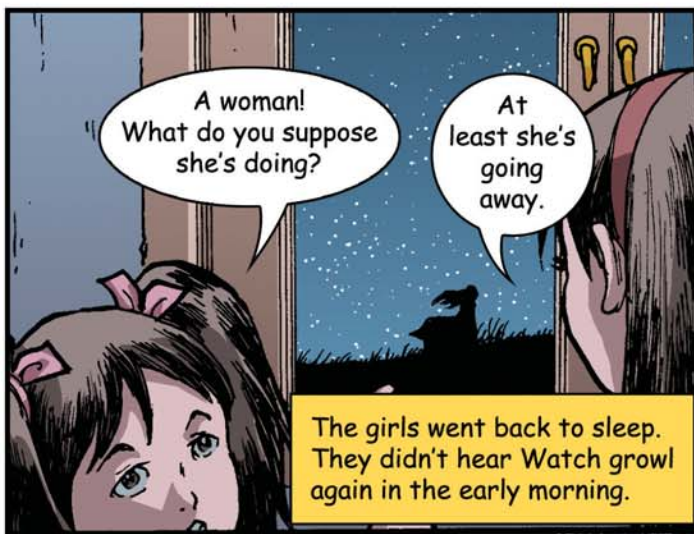
After a fun day at the beach, all the Aldens were fast asleep. All except Watch...

As the town clock struck twelve, Watch began to howl.

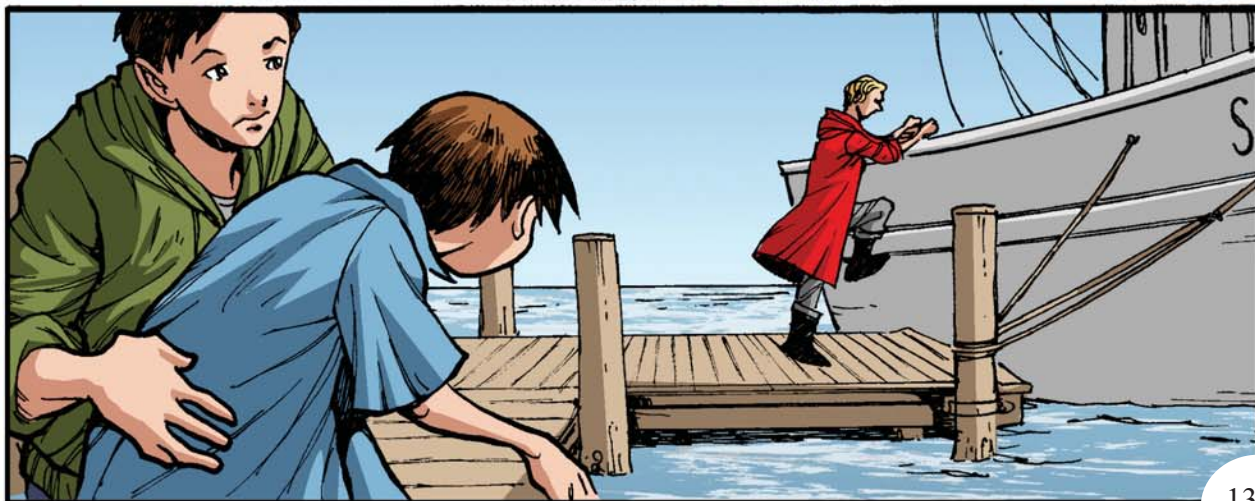
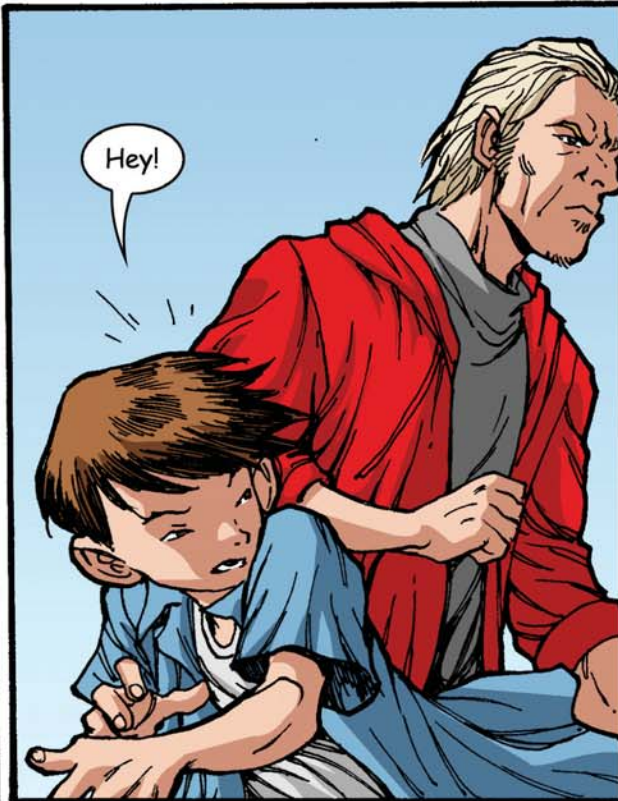
ROOOF
ROOOOF

If you're
going to howl every
night...

Look!



When they didn't find anything else, they decided to buy swimsuits. Mr. Hall directed them to a store near the dock.





LITTLE HOUSE WITH A SECRET

That night, Jessie and Violet saw the mystery woman again!



Meanwhile, Henry and Benny were watching the stars...



Then, one of the stars moved toward them!

There's a boat coming in.

That must be the Cook boy with his father's boat!



This time, he has a pail. I wonder what's in it.

Henry and Benny told the others what they had seen the night before.

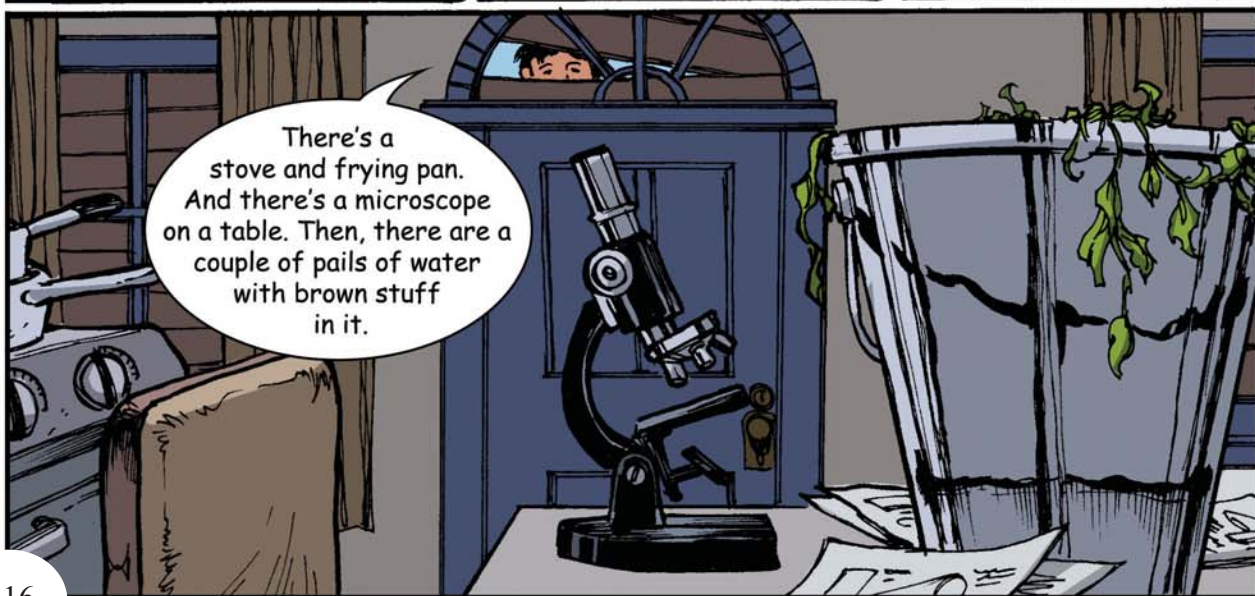
Watch barked at midnight and we saw the woman again.

I think we should look at the white house more carefully.

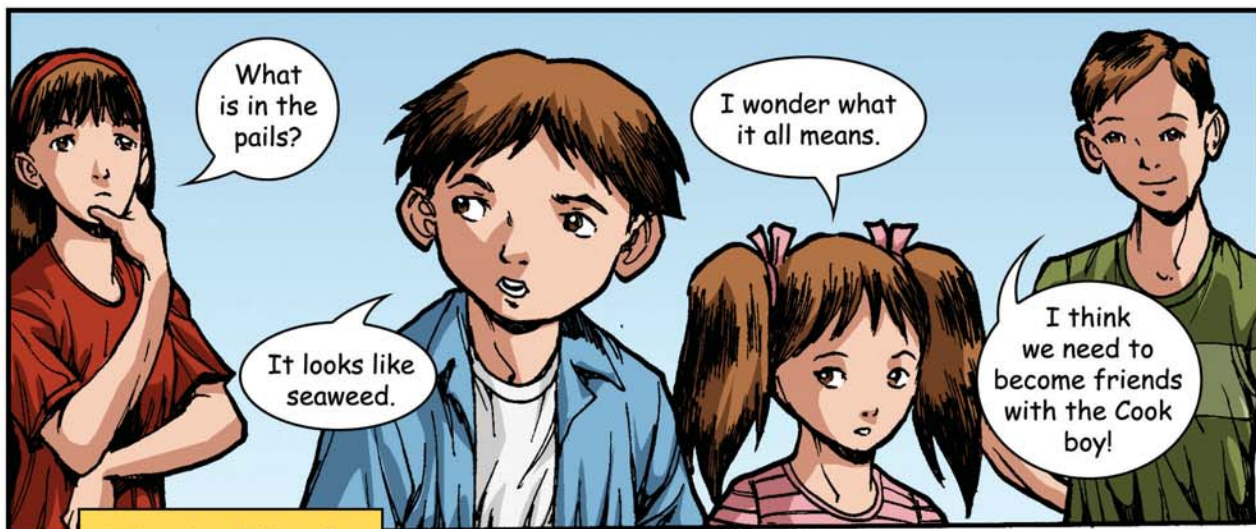


Still locked tight.

Why don't you climb on my back and take a look in that crack above the door?



There's a stove and frying pan. And there's a microscope on a table. Then, there are a couple of pails of water with brown stuff in it.



A few days later, the Aldens saw the boy at the country store.



Larry Cook agreed to let the Aldens help him at the Village Supper. Soon, the day of the supper arrived...

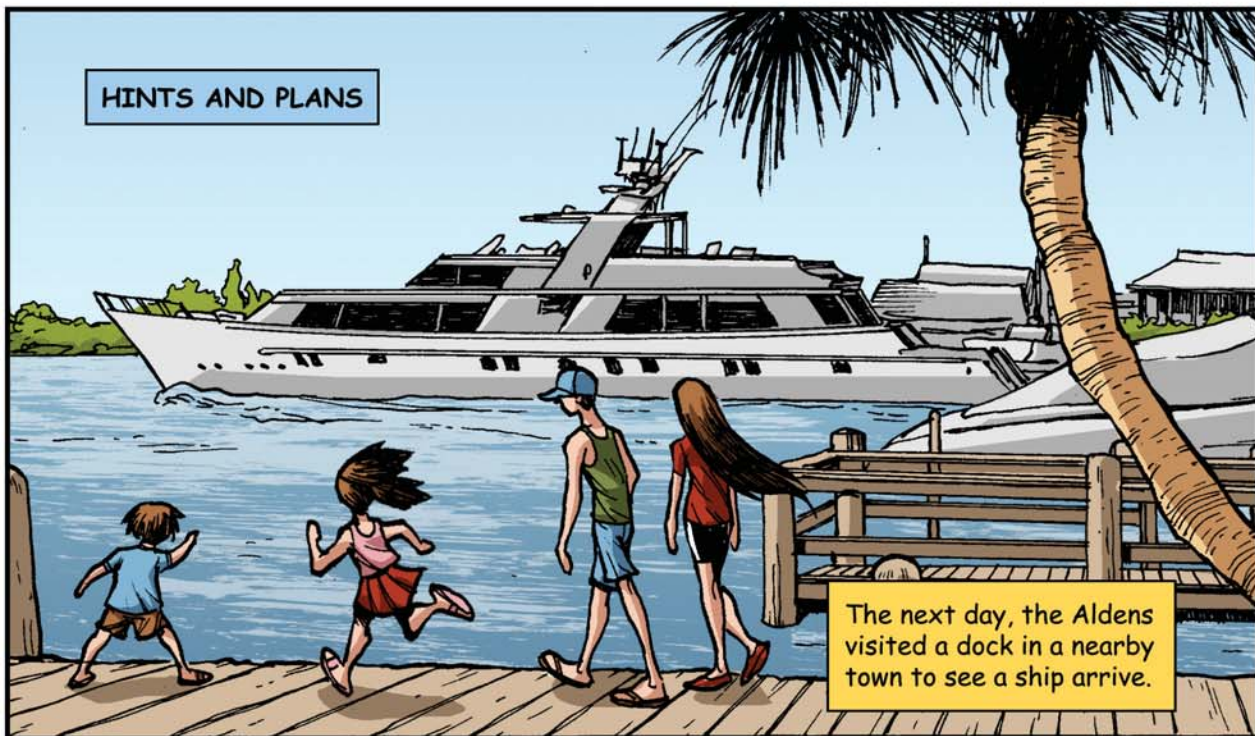


With the help of the Aldens, the booth was a great success.





HINTS AND PLANS



The next day, the Aldens visited a dock in a nearby town to see a ship arrive.



At the store the next day, a visitor came in and petted Watch. He looked familiar.

You're the captain of the Tahiti!

Do you know Larry Cook?

Yes, he's my nephew. Larry always comes to see me when the Tahiti comes in.

But we still don't know what Larry's doing. Or why.

A WILD STORM

A few days later, a storm swept through Conley.

A storm is coming. Everybody inside.

I hope no one is out in a boat. The waves would tip it over!

This was no ordinary storm, sheets of rain and a howling wind pounded the area.

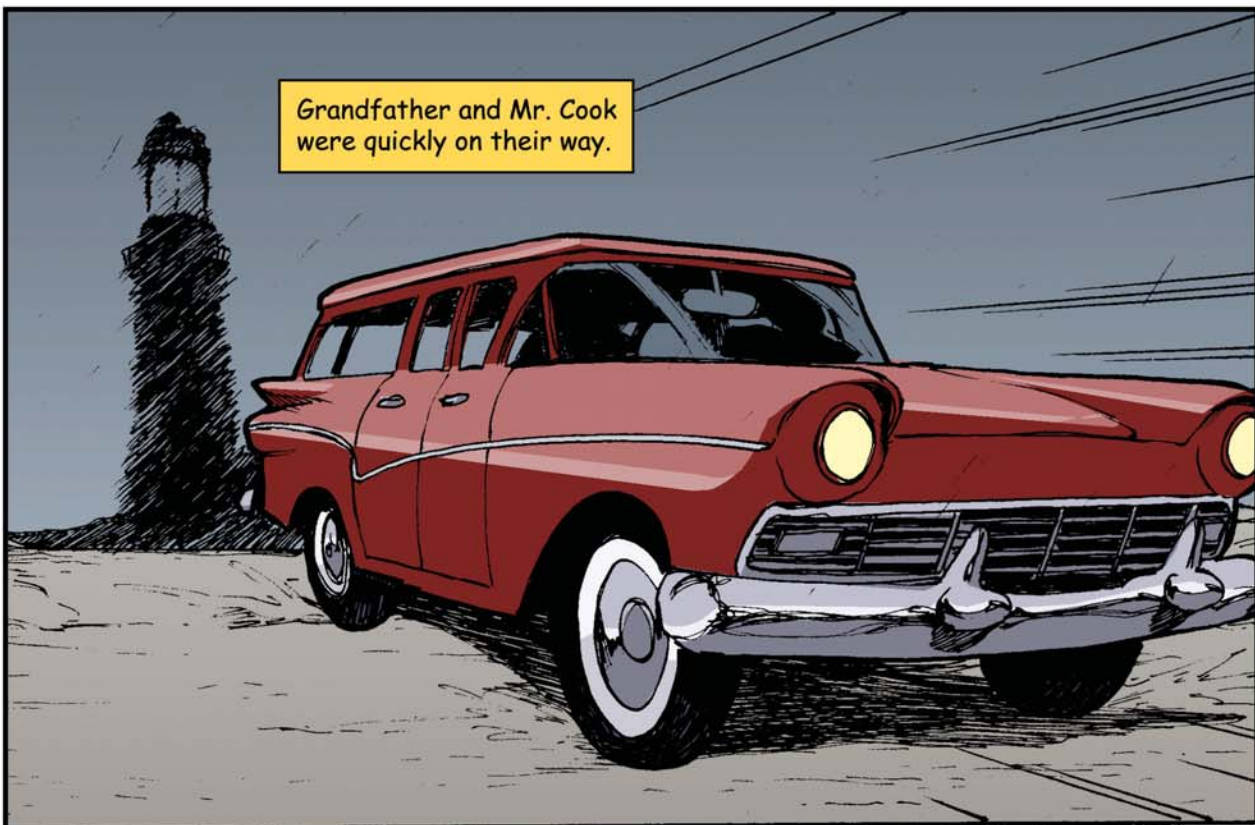
I don't care for this at all.

**KNOCK
KNOCK
KNOCK**

Suddenly, there was a knock at the door.



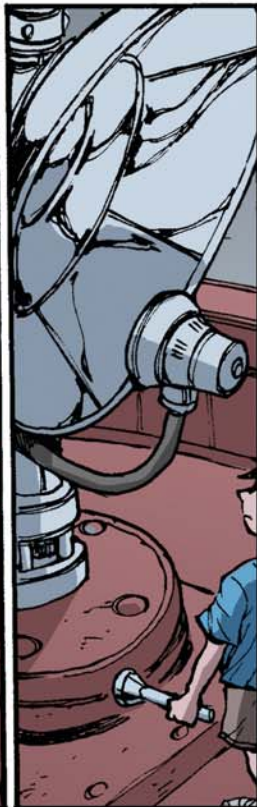
Grandfather and Mr. Cook
were quickly on their way.



Grandfather
will make it. He
always does.



I'm
going to try
to help.





The lighthouse's light was gone, but Benny used the reflector to shine light into the sea.

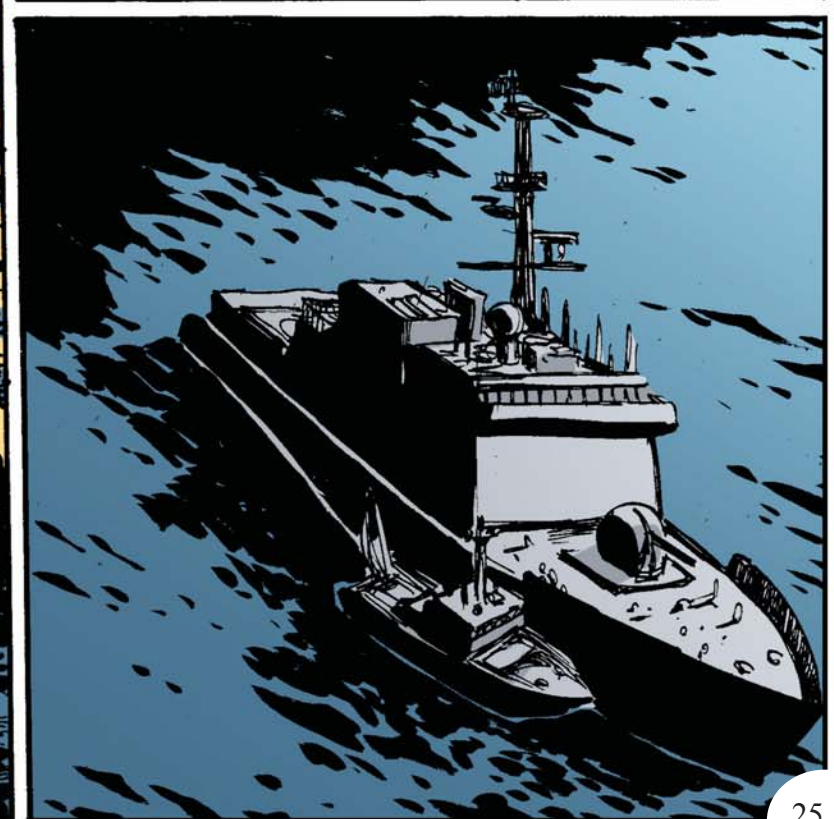


Soon, more people arrived to look for Larry.

I see the Coast Guard...

Grandfather made it!

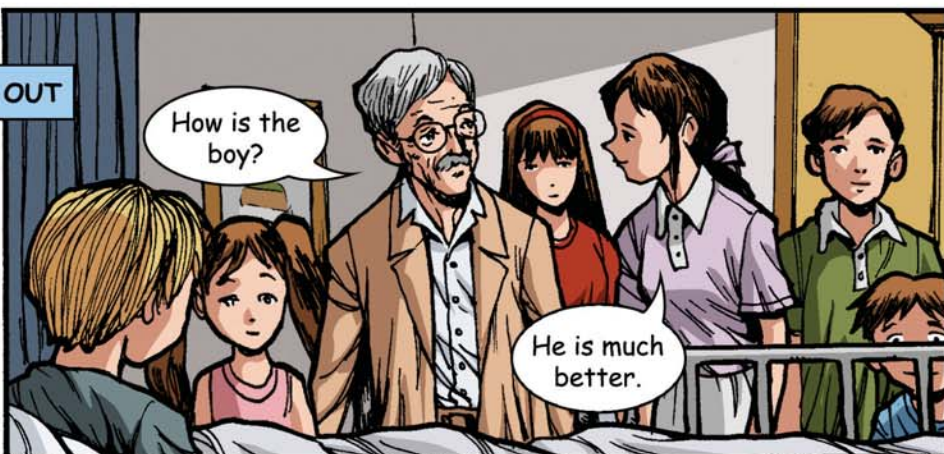
And I see the Cook boat!





THE SECRET IS OUT

The next day,
the storm
had passed.



How is the
boy?

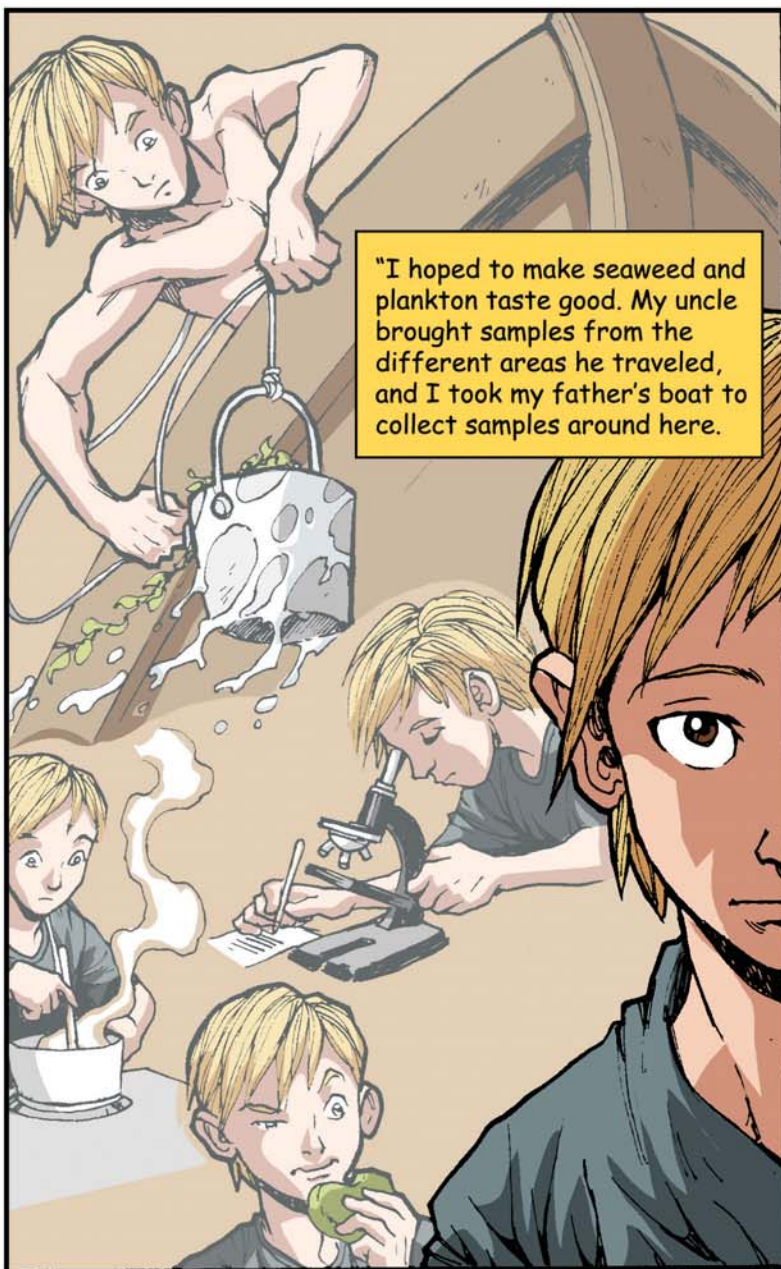
He is much
better.



So why
were you out in
the storm?



I always had
a dream to feed
the world.



"I hoped to make seaweed and plankton taste good. My uncle brought samples from the different areas he traveled, and I took my father's boat to collect samples around here."



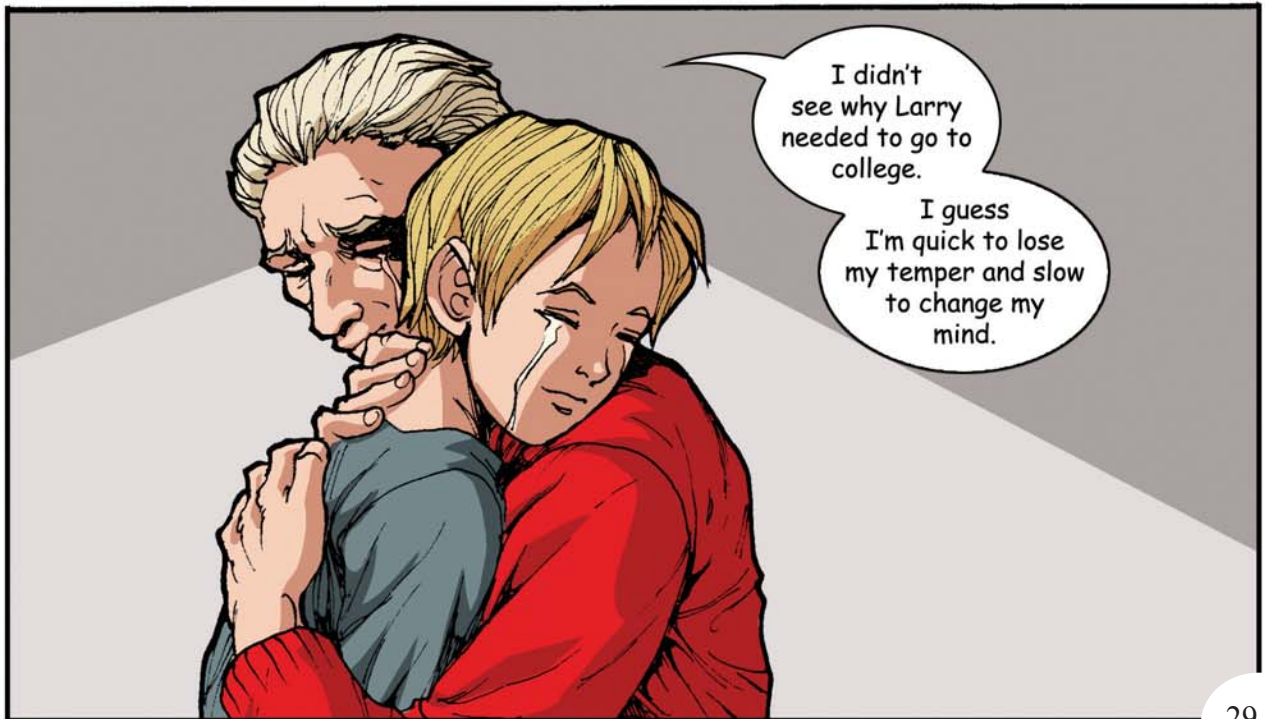
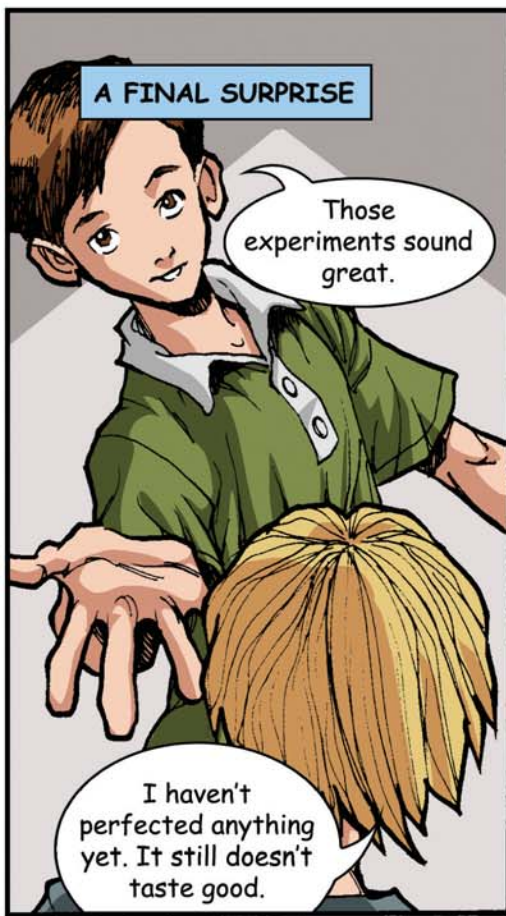
Seaweed and plankton are plentiful—anybody can get it for free. It would help feed the world.



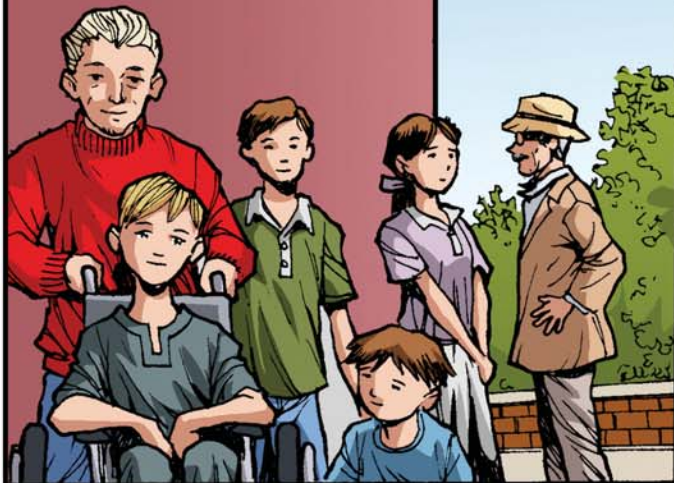
"I had to keep my work a secret. Mother would bring me food at night while I worked."



She's our mystery night visitor!

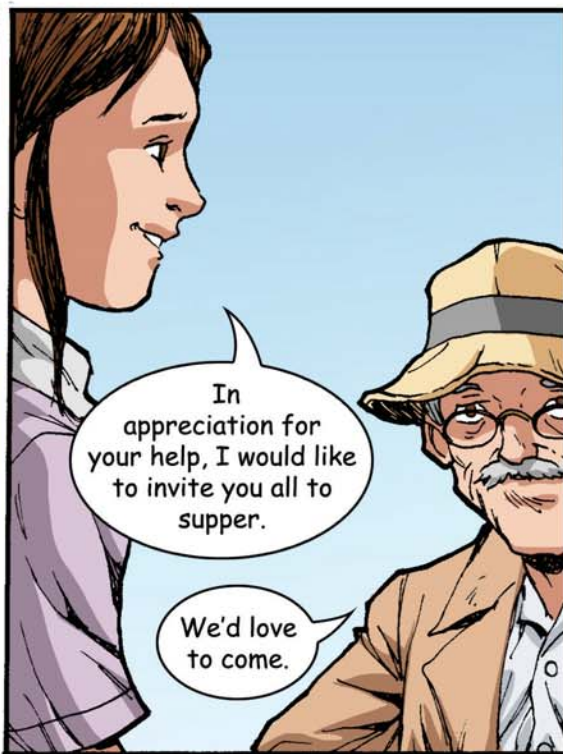


Later that day, Larry was able to return home.



In appreciation for your help, I would like to invite you all to supper.

We'd love to come.



Later that evening...

If you don't mind, I brought another guest, this is Dr. Steere.

I hope I'm not intruding.

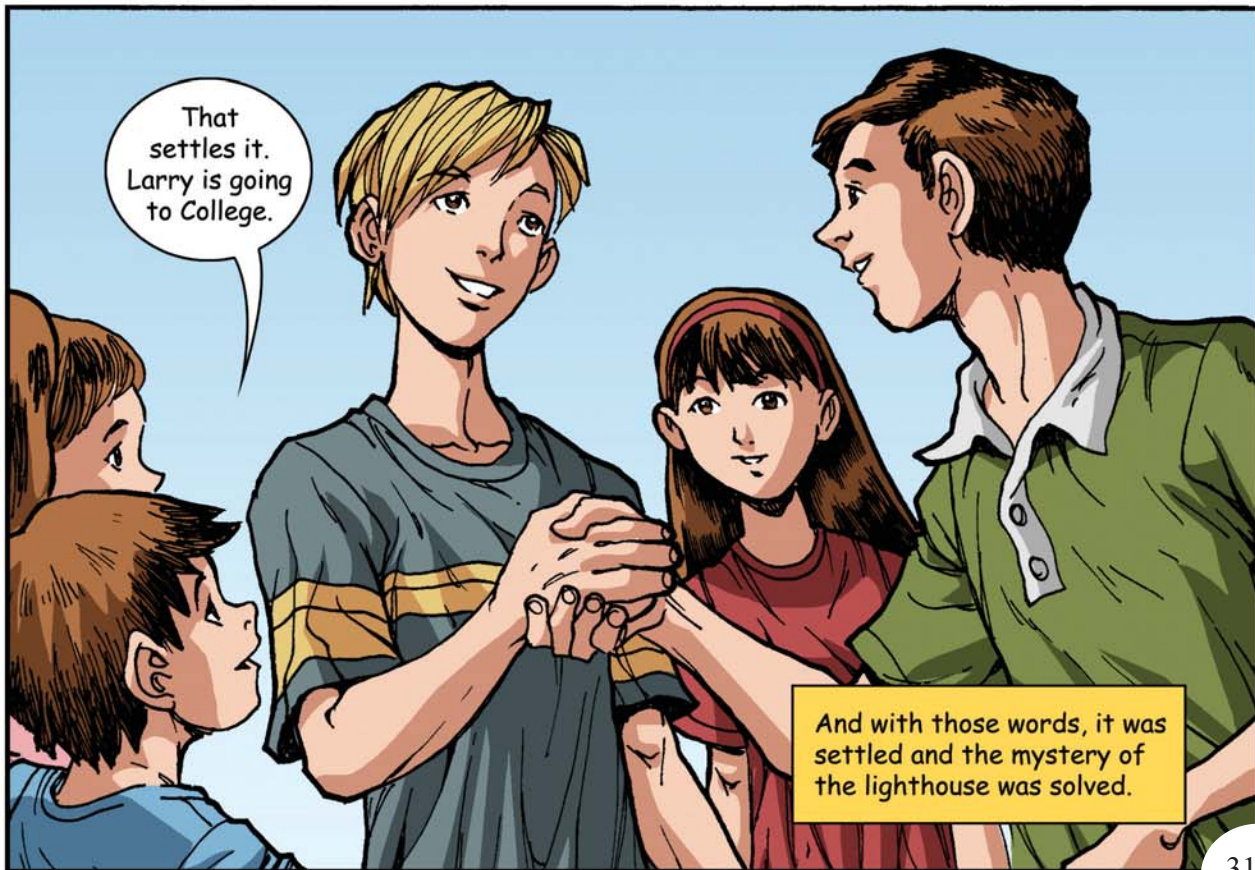
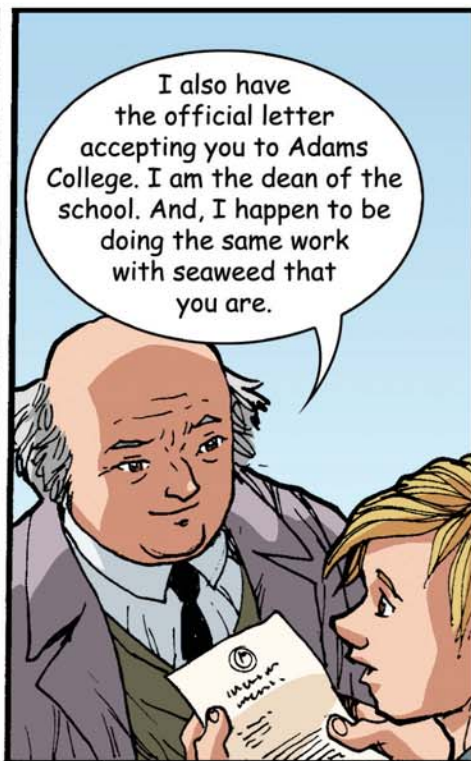
Of course not, please come in.



You're the man at the Village Supper.

You make the best clam chowder I've ever had.





ABOUT THE CREATOR

Gertrude Chandler Warner was born on April 16, 1890, in Putnam, Connecticut. In 1918, Warner began teaching at Israel Putnam School. As a teacher, she discovered that many readers who liked an exciting story could not find books that were both easy and fun to read. She decided to try to meet this need. In 1942, *The Boxcar Children* was published for these readers.

Warner drew on her own experience to write *The Boxcar Children*. As a child she spent hours watching trains go by on the tracks near her family home. She often dreamed about what it would be like to live in a caboose or freight car—just as the Alden children do.

When readers asked for more Alden adventures, Warner began additional stories. While the mystery element is central to each of the books, she never thought of them as strictly juvenile mysteries. She liked to stress the Aldens' independence. Henry, Jessie, Violet, and Benny go about most of their adventures with as little adult supervision as possible—something that delights young readers.

During her lifetime, Warner received hundreds of letters from fans as she continued the Aldens' adventures, writing nineteen Boxcar Children books in all. After her death in 1979, her publisher, Albert Whitman and Company, carried on Warner's vision. Today, the Boxcar Children series has more than 100 books.

