

SO...HI,
WEBCAM!
GUESS WE'RE
GONNA BE
FRIENDS FOR
A WHILE. UNTIL
I STOP BEING
SCREWED UP.



LIKE I
SAID---A
WHILE.

I'M
DEPRESSED.
I'M ALWAYS
DEPRESSED.

MY DAD'S MAKING ME GO TO A
THERAPIST, WHO'S MAKING ME
DO THIS, SO IT'S KIND OF AN
ARRANGED MARRIAGE, WHICH
COULD BE ROMANTIC.

IF YOU WERE A PRINCE
AND NOT A WEBCAM.

BUT YOU'RE NOT. AND I'M NOT
A VIRGIN, SO THAT SCENARIO
WOULDN'T WORK ANYWAY.

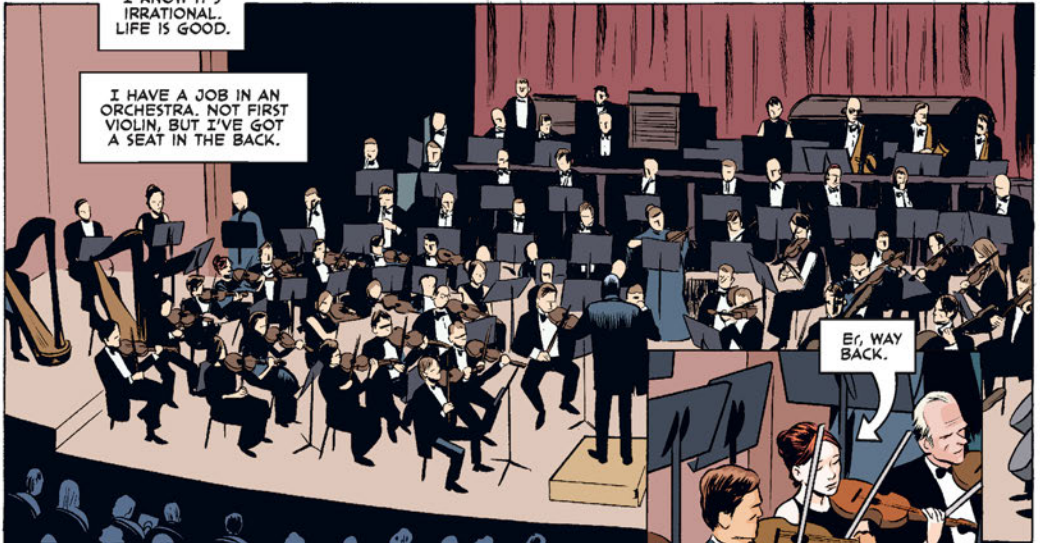
I'LL NEVER BE A PRINCESS.
I SCREWED THAT UP TOO.

STUPID HYMEN.

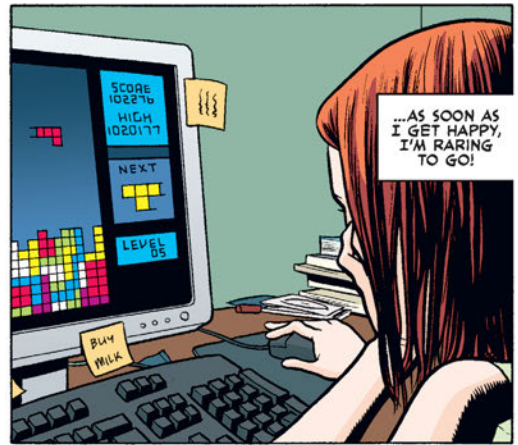
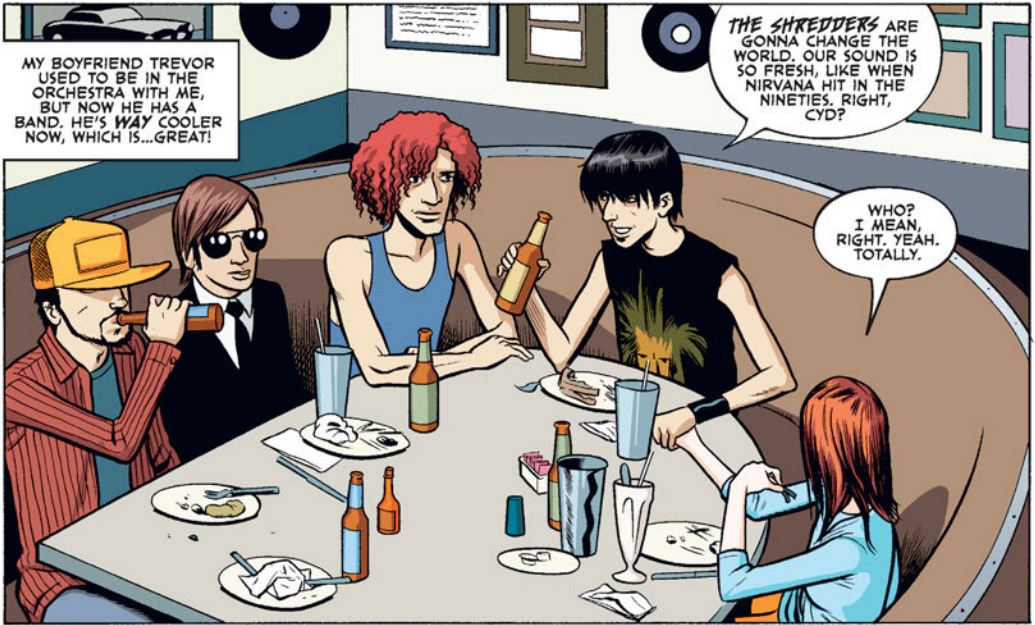


I KNOW IT'S
IRRATIONAL.
LIFE IS GOOD.

I HAVE A JOB IN AN
ORCHESTRA. NOT FIRST
VIOLIN, BUT I'VE GOT
A SEAT IN THE BACK.



Er, WAY
BACK.





READY?
THREE...
TWO...
ONE...



UH...AWESOME.
LOOKS LIKE AN
ALBUM COVER
TO ME.

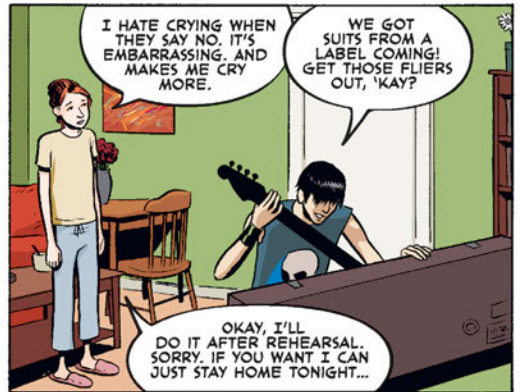


CAN YOU BE A **LITTLE**
PSYCHED FOR ME?
TONIGHT'S GIG IS
GONNA CHANGE
MY LIFE!

HEY, YOU
GET ALL
THOSE FLIERS
POSTED
YET?

CYD, COME
ON, HOW
HARD IS IT
TO ASK?!

SOME, BUT
MOST PLACES
YOU NEED
PERMISSION...



I HATE CRYING WHEN
THEY SAY NO. IT'S
EMBARRASSING. AND
MAKES ME CRY
MORE.

WE GOT
SUITS FROM A
LABEL COMING!
GET THOSE FLIERS
OUT, 'KAY?

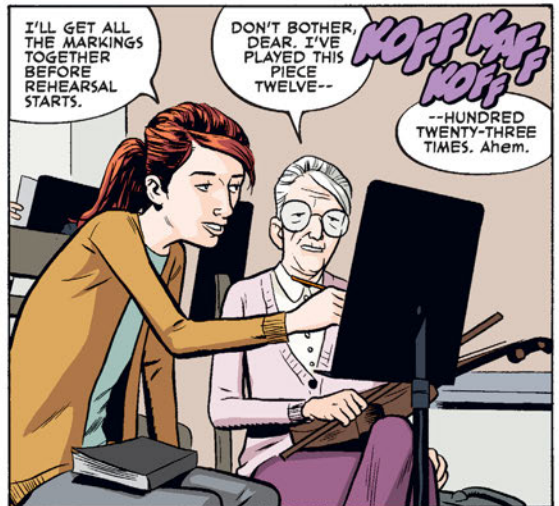
OKAY, I'LL
DO IT AFTER REHEARSAL.
SORRY, IF YOU WANT I CAN
JUST STAY HOME TONIGHT...

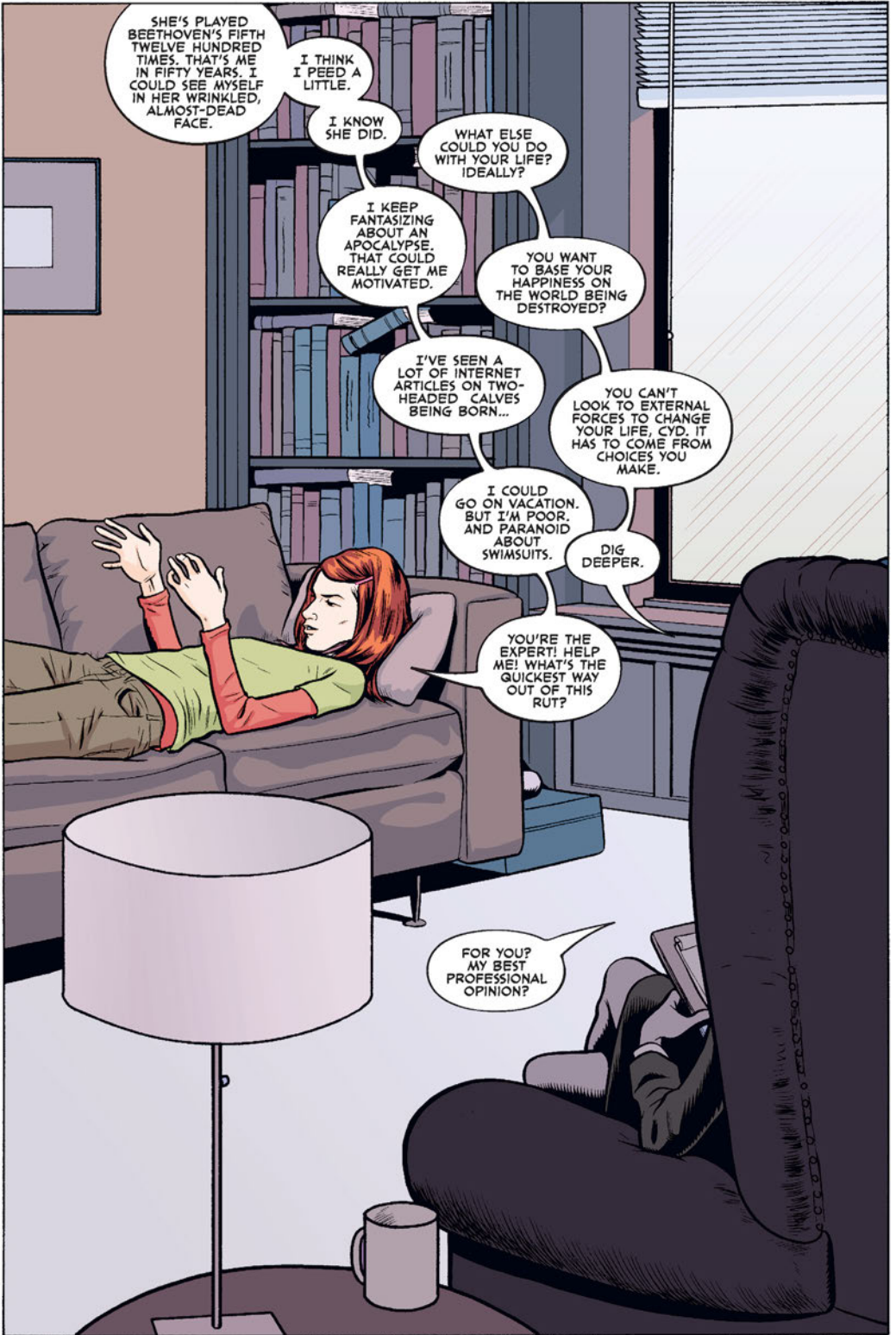


AW, LITTLE
BIRD. NO
WAY, I NEED
YOU THERE.



SOMEBODY'S
GOTTA TAKE THE
TICKETS.





SHE'S PLAYED BEETHOVEN'S FIFTH TWELVE HUNDRED TIMES. THAT'S ME IN FIFTY YEARS. I COULD SEE MYSELF IN HER WRINKLED, ALMOST-DEAD FACE.

I THINK I PEED A LITTLE.

I KNOW SHE DID.

WHAT ELSE COULD YOU DO WITH YOUR LIFE? IDEALLY?

I KEEP FANTASIZING ABOUT AN APOCALYPSE. THAT COULD REALLY GET ME MOTIVATED.

YOU WANT TO BASE YOUR HAPPINESS ON THE WORLD BEING DESTROYED?

I'VE SEEN A LOT OF INTERNET ARTICLES ON TWO-HEADED CALVES BEING BORN...

YOU CAN'T LOOK TO EXTERNAL FORCES TO CHANGE YOUR LIFE, CYD. IT HAS TO COME FROM CHOICES YOU MAKE.

I COULD GO ON VACATION. BUT I'M POOR. AND PARANOID ABOUT SWIMSUITS.

DIG DEEPER.

YOU'RE THE EXPERT! HELP ME! WHAT'S THE QUICKEST WAY OUT OF THIS RUT?

FOR YOU? MY BEST PROFESSIONAL OPINION?