

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 24.  
A DAY I'D BEEN EAGERLY  
AWAITING MY ENTIRE LIFE.

IT'S GOING TO  
BE OKAY, ANNALEE. YOUR  
FIRST DAY OF COLLEGE  
IS ALWAYS--

I KNOW.

AND  
DON'T DRINK  
TOO MUCH.

SO...  
WHEN I GET  
BACK, DAD  
WON'T BE  
THERE?

THIS IS JUST...HOW  
THINGS HAPPEN  
SOMETIMES.

AND DON'T BE  
A SLUT, ANNALEE.  
SLUTS DESTROY  
FAMILIES. LIKE YOUR  
FATHER'S SECRE-  
BITCH, WENDY.

WILL YOU  
BE ALRIGHT,  
MOTHER?

YES. WHY  
WOULDN'T  
I BE?

I REMEMBER WONDERING  
WHY PEOPLE ACT SO  
MUCH, WHY PRETENSES  
ARE SO IMPORTANT. WHY  
SHE COULDN'T JUST  
OPEN UP TO ME.

I REMEMBER  
WISHING I COULD  
GET INSIDE  
PEOPLE'S HEADS.

I GUESS THE OLD  
CLICHE IS TRUE: BE  
CAREFUL WHAT YOU  
WISH FOR. YOU  
JUST MIGHT GET IT.

I JUST WATCHED THEM FOR A COUPLE MINUTES--EVERY CREED, EVERY COLOR, AND WONDERED WHERE I'D FIT IN. DIDN'T SEEM LIKE ANYONE ELSE WAS NERVOUS.

THERE ARE A LOT OF FIRST STEPS YOU HAVE TO TAKE IN LIFE, AND I GUESS YOU NEVER KNOW EXACTLY WHERE THEY'RE GOING TO LEAD.

THIS, FOR EXAMPLE, WAS MY FIRST STEP TOWARD BECOMING A SUPERHERO.

# FRESHMEN

SUPERHERO BASICS 101:  
INTRODUCTION TO  
SUPER POWERS

**WELCOME FRESHMEN!  
D.W. FREESE WELCOMES OUR  
NEXT GENERATION!**







LET'S SEE, WHO'S THE IDIOT--

--CAN'T BELIEVE I'D EVEN SWEAT SUCH A SLUT--

WHO GOT THE CLAP FROM AMY ON PROM NIGHT?

WHO BANGED KEVIN WHILE TWO OF HIS FRIENDS WATCHED?

WHO TRIED TO TEXT CAROLEIGH FROM MY COMPUTER--

DON'T KNOW WHY YOU EVEN BOTHER PUTTING CLOTHES ON. YOU TAKE THEM OFF SO FAST, YOU'D THINK THEY WERE ON FIRE--

GET BACK ON YOUR PIECE OF ~~THE~~ CROTCH ROCKET, SINCE YOUR REAL ONE BARELY WORKS--

PEARL NECKLACE IS SOMETHING YOU BUY IN THE STORE, BABY--

LIMP, IMPOTENT, THUMB-SIZED, TWO-PUMP CHUMP--

TRASHY, SKANKY, FAT--

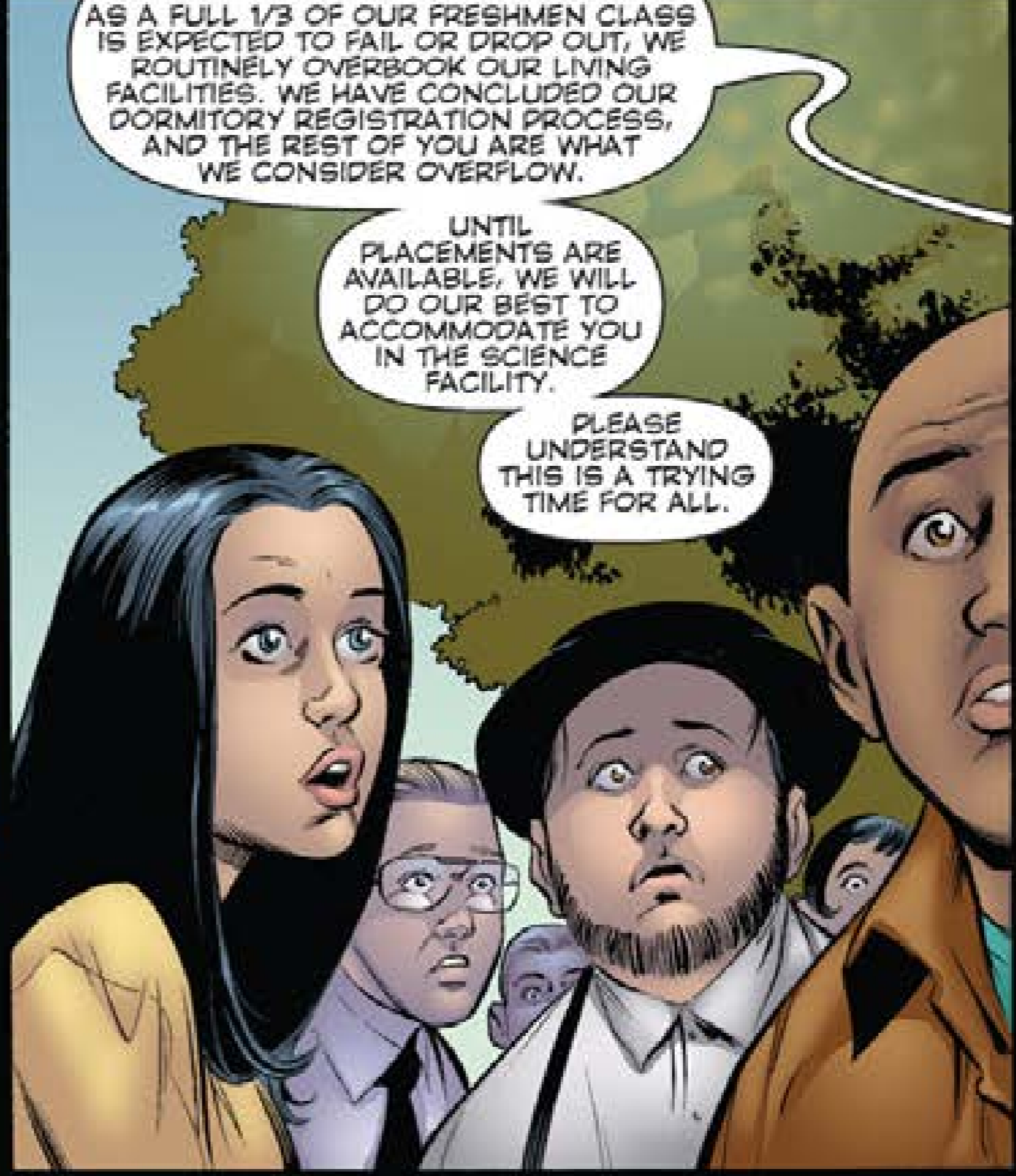
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EXCUSE ME, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN.



AS A FULL 1/3 OF OUR FRESHMEN CLASS IS EXPECTED TO FAIL OR DROP OUT, WE ROUTINELY OVERBOOK OUR LIVING FACILITIES. WE HAVE CONCLUDED OUR DORMITORY REGISTRATION PROCESS, AND THE REST OF YOU ARE WHAT WE CONSIDER OVERFLOW.

UNTIL PLACEMENTS ARE AVAILABLE, WE WILL DO OUR BEST TO ACCOMMODATE YOU IN THE SCIENCE FACILITY.

PLEASE UNDERSTAND THIS IS A TRYING TIME FOR ALL.

BOY, THEY KNOW HOW TO TAKE YOUR DIGNITY AWAY AT COLLEGE. REAL QUICK.



WE WERE STUFFED INTO A CLASSROOM IN THE SCIENCE BUILDING. FIVE GIRLS IN ONE ROOM. AND WE ALL MIGHT AS WELL BE FROM DIFFERENT UNIVERSES.



PAULA POPHOUSE, FROM NEW HAMPSHIRE, DEFINES THE FAN BASE OF US MAGAZINE: SHE LIVES FOR SOAPY, LOVESTRUCK GOSSIP. DIDN'T EXACTLY WIN THE GENETICS LOTTERY, THOUGH. I THINK THE BUBBLINESS MASKS A VERY TROUBLED GIRL.



RENEE BELLOCHIO, A JERSEY GIRL THROUGH AND THROUGH, COMPLETE WITH TEASED HAIR AND MAD BLING. YUP, I JUST WROTE "MAD BLING." SHE NODDED TO ME WHEN SHE WALKED IN. THAT MUST PASS FOR VALIDATION IN SKANKVILLE.



THEN THERE'S "CACOPHONY," OR SO SHE CALLS HERSELF, WHO SITS IN THE CORNER AND GLARES. AND I MEAN GLARES. SHE SHOULD BE IN THE GLARING OLYMPICS. WHO CAN SHE HATE THAT MUCH?

ONE GIRL HASN'T ARRIVED YET. I ALREADY LIKE HER BEST.

