

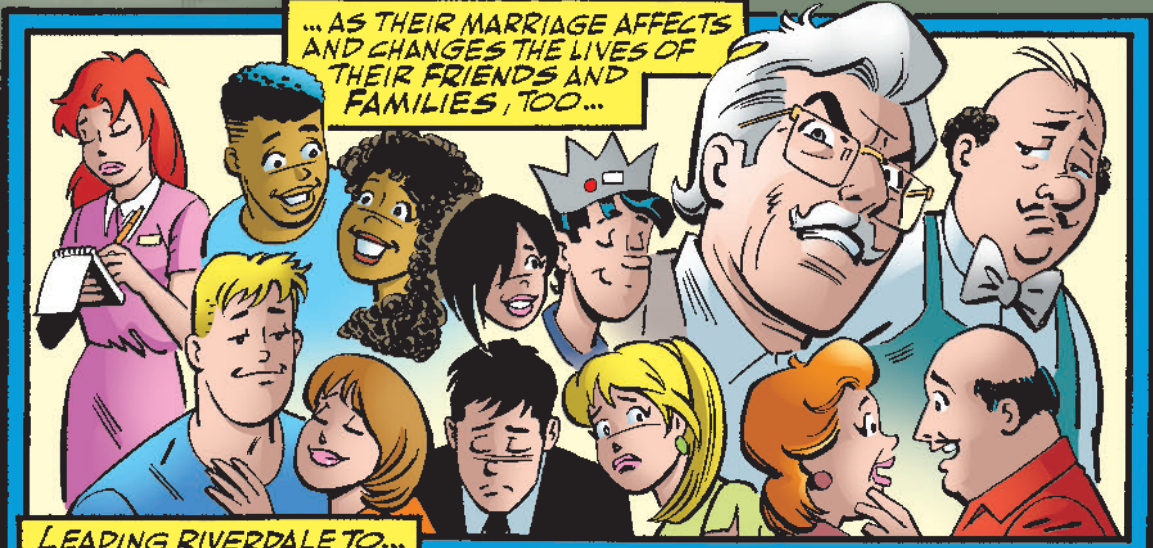
ON MEMORY LANE TWO ROADS DIVERGE IN A YELLOW WOOD, AND ARCHIE CHOSE THE LEFT ONE...

...WALKING INTO ONE OF TWO FUTURES FOR HIM 5 YEARS FROM NOW... A FUTURE IN WHICH HE MARRIES THE VERY RICH VERONICA LODGE!

...AND EVENTUALLY BECOMES THE FATHER OF TWINS! BUT OUR STORY BEGINS BEFORE VERONICA'S PREGNANCY...

MEMORY LANE

... AS THEIR MARRIAGE AFFECTS AND CHANGES THE LIVES OF THEIR FRIENDS AND FAMILIES, TOO...



LEADING RIVERDALE TO...

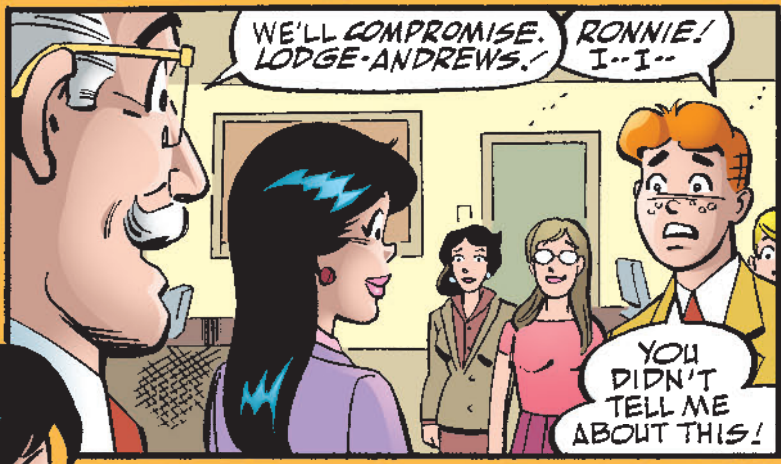
LODGE... A COMPLAINT!

BUT THE BIGGEST CHANGES EMANATE FROM LODGE INDUSTRIES...

EMPLOYEES, I HAVE A SURPRISE ANNOUNCEMENT!

LODGE INDUSTRIES

MEET THE NEW EXEC YOU'LL ALL BE REPORTING TO...



I DIDN'T WANT TO RUIN THE SURPRISE!

NOW WE'LL BE WORKING TOGETHER EVERY DAY UNTIL WE START A FAMILY!

ARCHIEKINS... ARE YOU UPSET THAT... TECHNICALLY... I'M YOUR BOSS?

Uh... NO! IT--IT SOUNDS... AMAZING! I WAS JUST SURPRISED. THAT'S ALL!



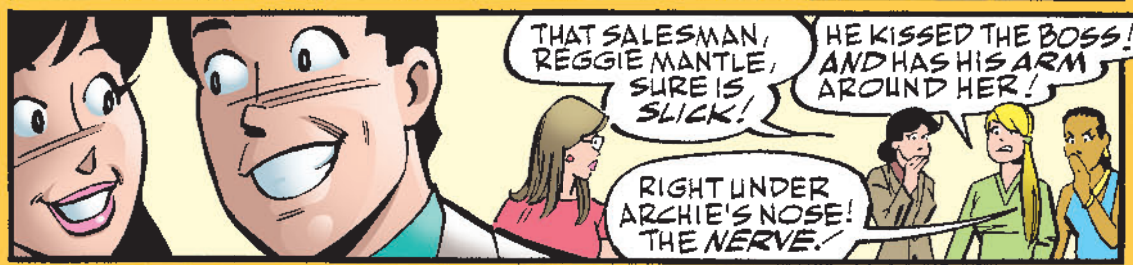
CONGRATS, RONNIE! THIS IS SO GREAT FOR YOU!

THANKS, REGGIE! HOW FUN THAT WE'LL ALL BE WORKING TOGETHER!



NOT QUITE "TOGETHER," SWEETIE. I REPORT TO STEVE. STEVE REPORTS TO ARCH. ARCHIE REPORTS TO YOU.

THAT'S SILLY! YOU CAN ALWAYS TALK TO ME!



THAT SALESMAN, REGGIE MANTLE, SURE IS SLICK!

HE KISSED THE BOSS! AND HAS HIS ARM AROUND HER!

RIGHT UNDER ARCHIE'S NOSE! THE NERVE!



SHAME ON ALL OF YOU OFFICE GOSSIPS! MR. ANDREWS AND MRS. LODGE-ANDREWS HAVE BEEN FRIENDS WITH REGGIE SINCE THEY WERE CHILDREN!



TIME TO GET TO WORK! BUT DON'T FORGET--

--TOMORROW'S MINI-REUNION DINNER AT POP'S!



WORD IS BETTY WILL SHOW UP! IT'S HER FIRST VISIT HOME SINCE YOUR WEDDING!

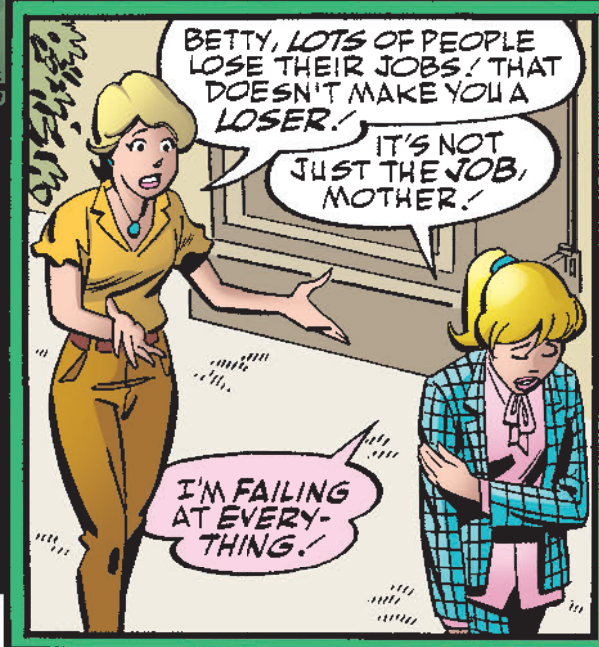
REALLY? HOW GREAT WOULD THAT BE?!

HEY! DON'T BE QUITE SO HAPPY, RED!



IT'LL BE SO NICE FOR YOU TO SEE YOUR OLD FRIENDS TONIGHT, BETTY!

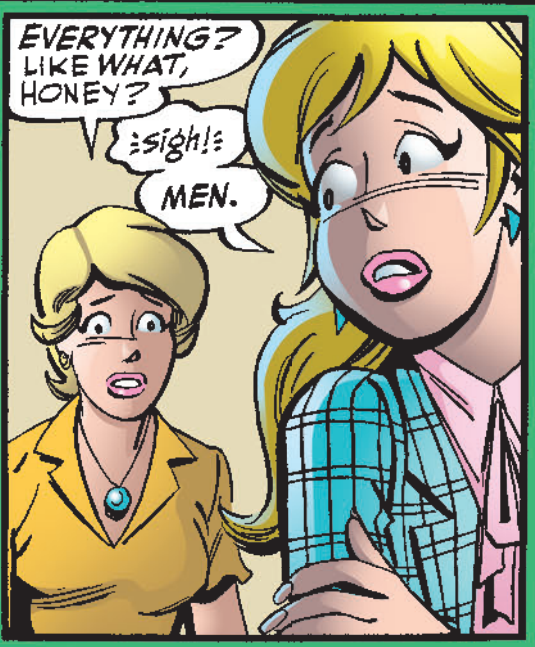
I CAN'T GO, MOM! I CAN'T FACE THEM! I'M SUCH A LOSER!



BETTY, LOTS OF PEOPLE LOSE THEIR JOBS! THAT DOESN'T MAKE YOU A LOSER!

IT'S NOT JUST THE JOB, MOTHER!

I'M FAILING AT EVERYTHING!



EVERYTHING? LIKE WHAT, HONEY?

:sigh!:

MEN.

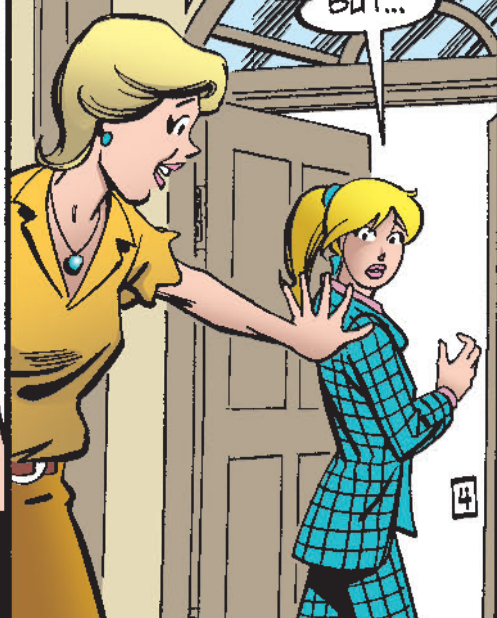
ALL THE GUYS I'VE DATED SINCE ARCHIE HAVE BEEN... WELL... ARCHIE ALL OVER AGAIN!

HENRY ALDRICH, ANDY HARDY, RICHIE CUNNINGHAM, ZACH MORRIS, TROY BOLTON... EACH A CLONE OF ARCHIE!



GO SEE YOUR OLD FRIENDS! THEY WON'T JUDGE YOU... THEY NEVER HAVE!

BUT... BUT...



EVERYONE'S BRINGING BAGGAGE TO THIS MINI-REUNION...

SIX MONTHS APART, MOOSE. I DIDN'T KNOW HOW I'D FEEL SEEING YOU AGAIN...

AWW, MIDGE! ABSENCE MAKES THE HEART GO WANDER... OR IS IT "GROW FONDER"?

EMERSON LAKE

NOT IN OUR CASE. I REALIZED YOUR ANGER ISSUES HAD SCARED ME... CONTROLLED ME IN A WAY...

MOOSIE... I WANT OUT.

BUT MIDGE!! WE'VE BEEN TOGETHER SO LONG! I-- I'LL CHANGE! I--

TOO LITTLE. TOO LATE.

I NEED TO DO WHAT'S RIGHT FOR... ME.

I QUIT MY JOB AND MOVED BACK TO RIVERDALE. YOUR SALON WENT BUST AND YOU MOVED BACK, TOO!

IT'S FATE, MIDGE!

IT'S NOT FATE. IT'S OVER!

I'M SO SORRY, MOOSE. I NEED-- WE BOTH NEED-- TO MOVE ON!