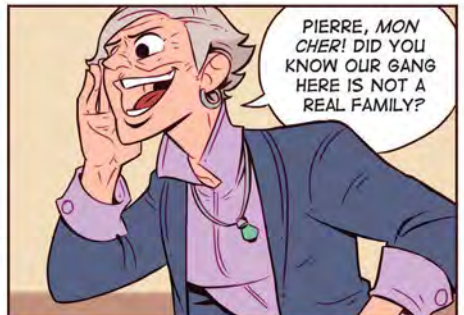


# Family Day

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NON? THEN WHERE DID ALL THESE KIDS AND GRANDKIDS COME FROM?

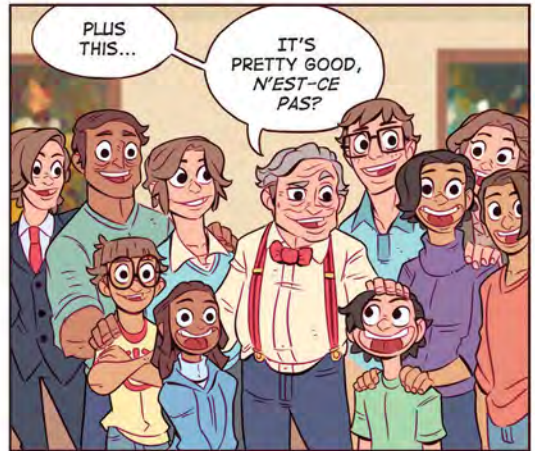


WE NEVER EVEN THOUGHT ABOUT GETTING MARRIED.



WHY BOTHER? BESIDES, 28 YEARS AS A COUPLE—

35 FOR US!



PLUS THIS...

IT'S PRETTY GOOD, N'EST-CE PAS?



IT IS!

YOU NEED TO TALK TO MY FRIEND DOROTHY.



DOROTHY!



NINA! IS THAT YOUR FAMILY?



IT'S SO NICE TO SEE YOUNG PEOPLE. MY FAMILY ARE ALL IN SASKATCHEWAN.



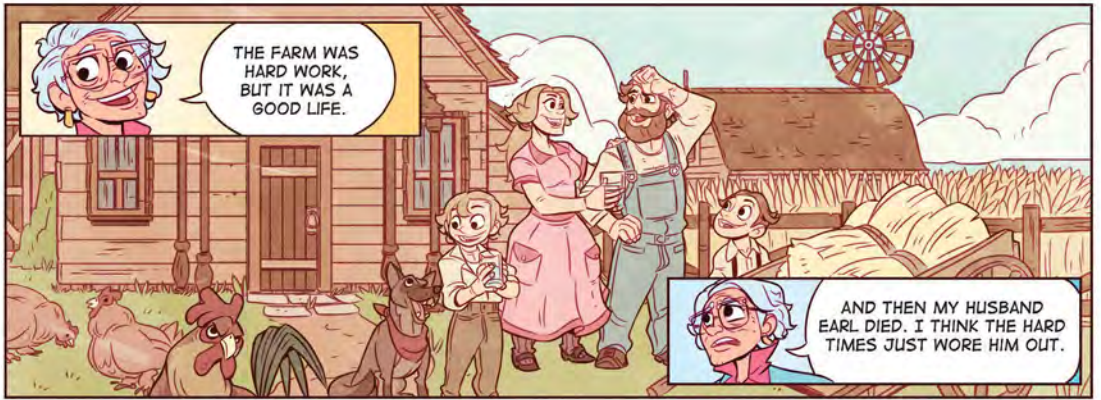
DID YOU HAVE A HUSBAND AND KIDS AND EVERYTHING?



I SUPPOSE SO ...

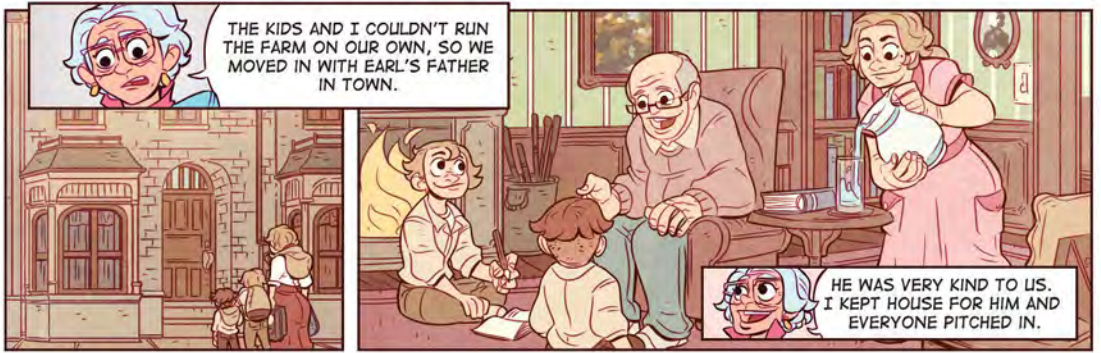
FOR A WHILE, AT LEAST.





THE FARM WAS HARD WORK, BUT IT WAS A GOOD LIFE.

AND THEN MY HUSBAND EARL DIED. I THINK THE HARD TIMES JUST WORE HIM OUT.



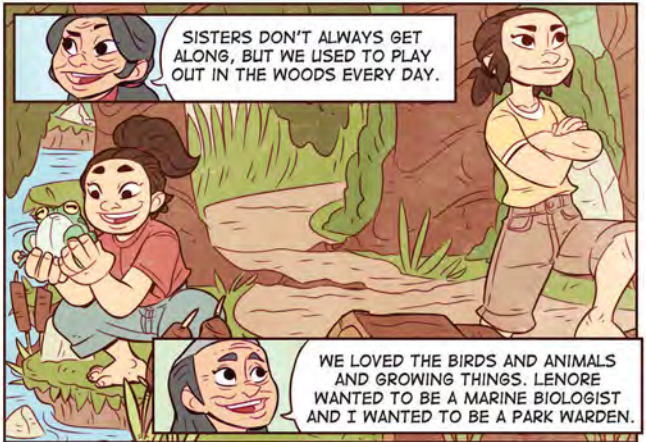
THE KIDS AND I COULDN'T RUN THE FARM ON OUR OWN, SO WE MOVED IN WITH EARL'S FATHER IN TOWN.

HE WAS VERY KIND TO US. I KEPT HOUSE FOR HIM AND EVERYONE PITCHED IN.



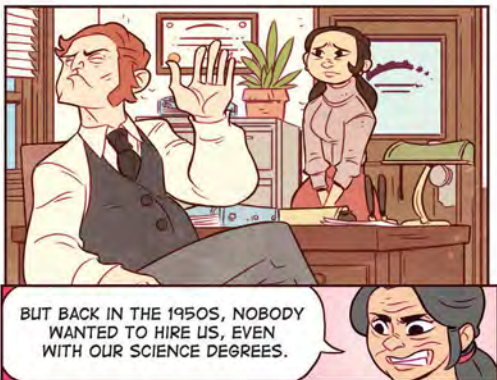
WE DIDN'T LOOK QUITE LIKE OTHER FAMILIES, BUT WE KNEW THAT WE WERE ONE.

JUST LIKE US.



SISTERS DON'T ALWAYS GET ALONG, BUT WE USED TO PLAY OUT IN THE WOODS EVERY DAY.

WE LOVED THE BIRDS AND ANIMALS AND GROWING THINGS. LENORE WANTED TO BE A MARINE BIOLOGIST AND I WANTED TO BE A PARK WARDEN.



BUT BACK IN THE 1950S, NOBODY WANTED TO HIRE US, EVEN WITH OUR SCIENCE DEGREES.



SO WE ENDED UP BACK HOME CARING FOR MOTHER AND FATHER. WHEN THEY WERE GONE, WELL, WE JUST STAYED IN THE HOUSE.





WE HOPE YOU'RE HAVING A GREAT DAY. DON'T FORGET TO VISIT THE LIBRARY TO HAVE YOUR FAMILY PHOTO TAKEN.

