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**GAME ON...OR GAME OVER.**



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Level 1

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**GAME OVER**







My name is MAX!

And I love video games.



C'mon, c'mon...



When I grow up, I'll play video games whenever I want!

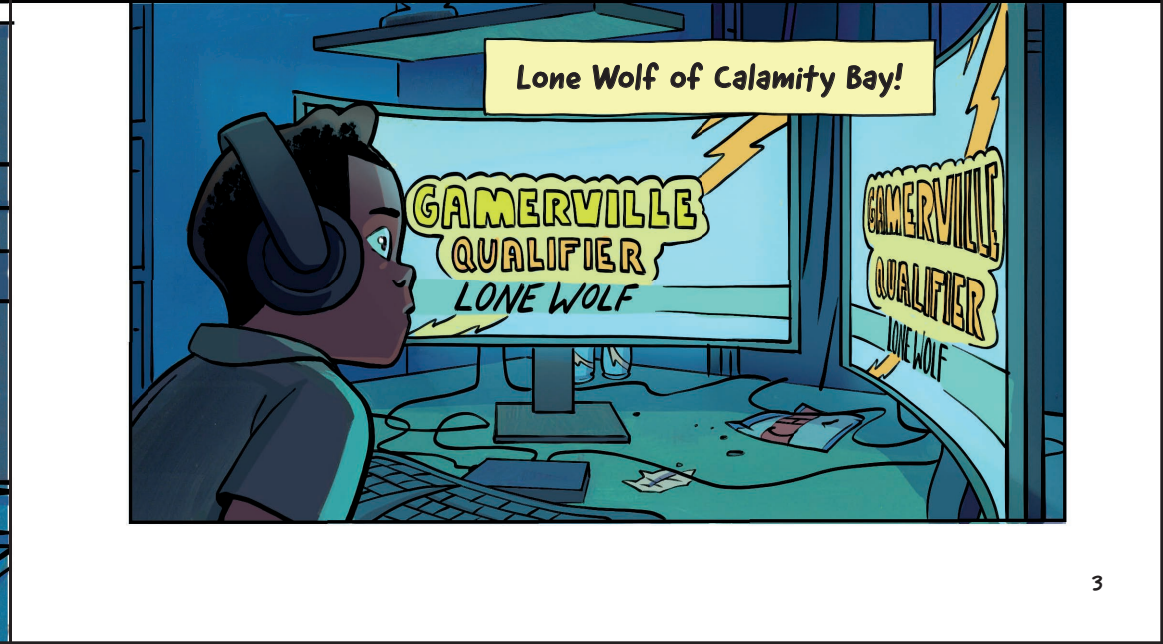
Day or night!



I play them all,

Taffy Tour,  
Birdy Birds...

But the best  
game ever is...



Lone Wolf of Calamity Bay!

GAMERVILLE  
QUALIFIER  
LONE WOLF

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Calamity Bay is sinking.

I play Watson J. Wolf, an outcast on a mission of redemption! Collecting the city's treasure before that happens!



The more treasure, the more glory!



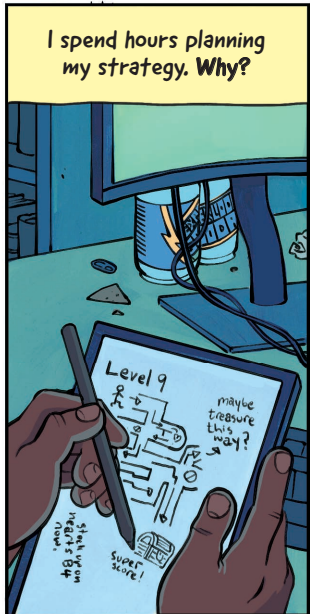
The game is boundless. Underground lairs, secret passageways, fun catch phrases...



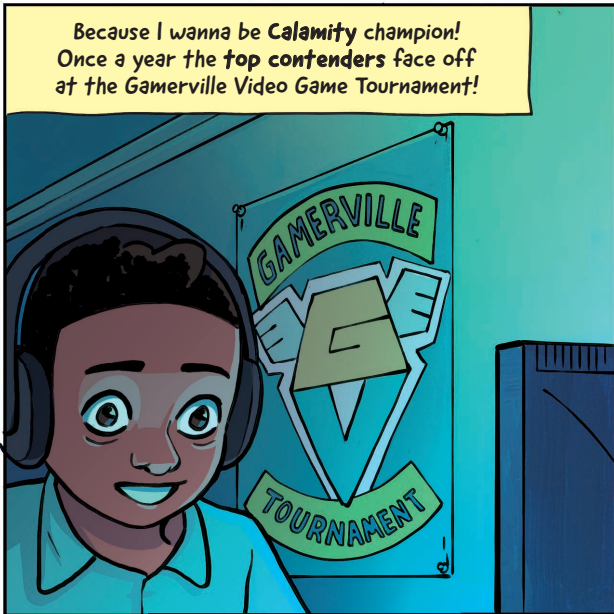
In it, there's nowhere I can't go, nothing I can't do!

I got it in the bag!

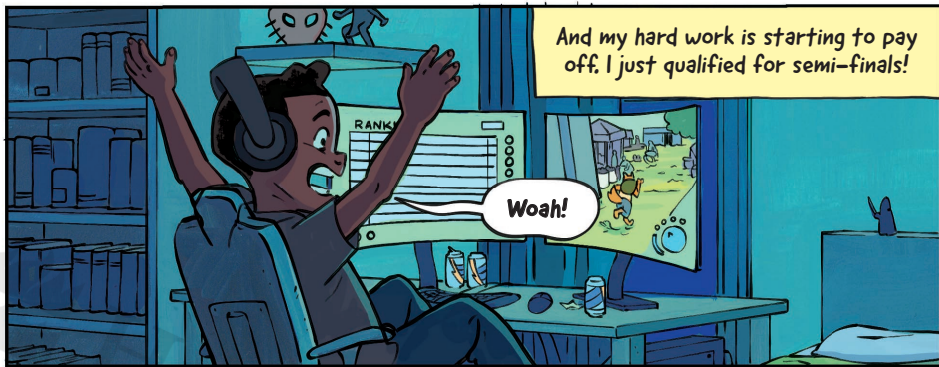




I spend hours planning my strategy. Why?



Because I wanna be **Calamity** champion! Once a year the **top contenders** face off at the Gamerville Video Game Tournament!



And my hard work is starting to pay off. I just qualified for semi-finals!

Woah!



I'm one step away from all of my dreams coming true!



Maxwell!  
Time to get up!



Did you fall asleep playing again?



Mom! No one's allowed in the Cove without written permission!

More like "cave!"

But in real life Mom makes all the decisions.



She decides what I wear...

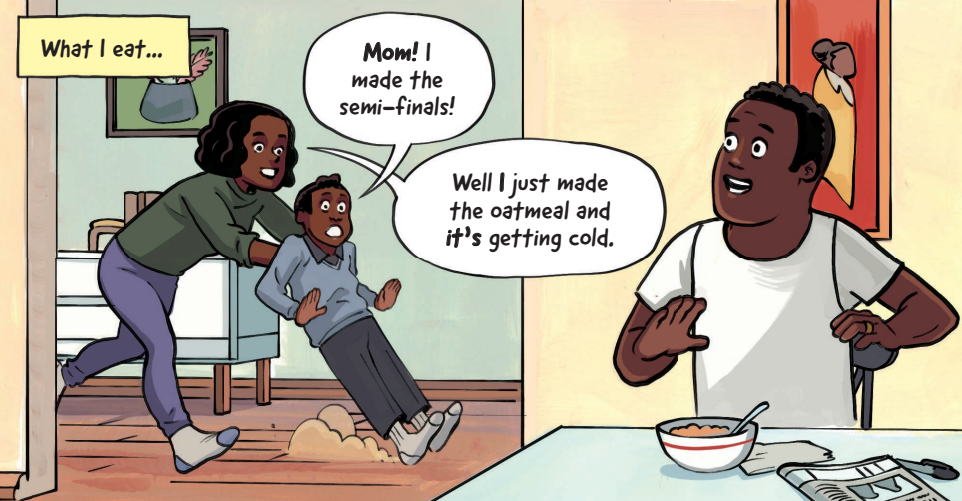
Your clothes are laid out on the bed you didn't sleep in!



This is what a little kid would wear.

News flash: you are a little kid.

Not forever...



What I eat...

Mom! I made the semi-finals!

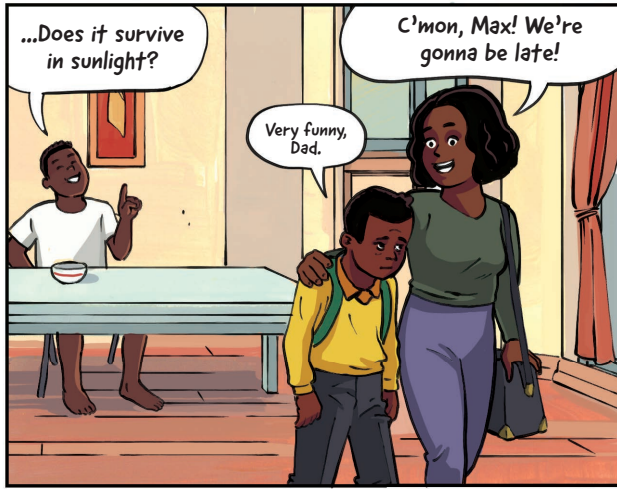
Well I just made the oatmeal and it's getting cold.





Look what's come out of the Cave.

The Cove, Dad. Max's Cove.



...Does it survive in sunlight?

Very funny, Dad.

C'mon, Max! We're gonna be late!



...And where I go.

My real world is full of boundaries, borders and barriers.

### Map of My World

Mom homeschooled me for the last few years. But now I'm back at school. She's kind of nervous about the outside world, but I'm not...(I don't think.)



Have a good day. Love you!

Love you too, Mom...



I luuv you Maxwell!!

That's Wilder.



Mama's boy...

Reigning world champ of Calamity Bay.

Shut up, Wilder.

He lives the Charmed Life!

I got it in the bag!

No one tells him what to do, what to wear or where to go.

He's practically an adult! I'll be the same when I'm a champion!





Video Games Club

I have to get better, but I also need the right attitude. Which won't happen if Mom is still dressing me.



I know! I need a new look!



Oh ho ho boy, I'm gonna look sooo cool, yeah!



SOOOO cool!



Oh no, not another dizzy spell...



Hey, Max. Is that supposed to be you?



This is Rosa and Armand. They're in Video Games Club with me.

Hey, Max.



They're talented.



They're into games.

But they're not my friends.



We heard you made it to the SemiFinals, congrats!

Thanks!



And we've generously decided to be your coaches!



Why? You go out of your way to remind me that we're not friends.



That doesn't mean we can't coach you to victory!

We can help.

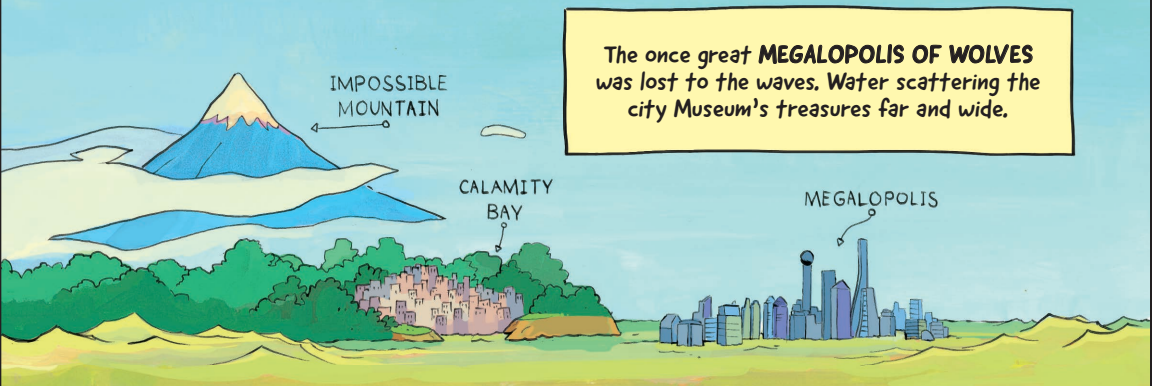


Plus as coaches we'll get free passes!









The once great **MEGALOPOLIS OF WOLVES** was lost to the waves. Water scattering the city Museum's treasures far and wide.

Us survivors moved to higher ground, to a place called **Calamity Bay**, where much of the treasure washed up too. But **scattered** all over.



As **Watson J. Wolf**, I was the **museum guard**. Before the waves came, I protected the art and treasure from rowdy museum-goers and their **touchy paws**.

But when I failed to protect the treasure from the waves, the town **shunned** me! Even our Mayor, **Mayor Muzzle**, blamed me!

But when the rising tides reach **Calamity Bay**, I decided to **redeem** myself!



By loading my pack with treasures before they're lost to the waves.



But I've got competition, from treasure hunters, pirates and assorted hooligans!

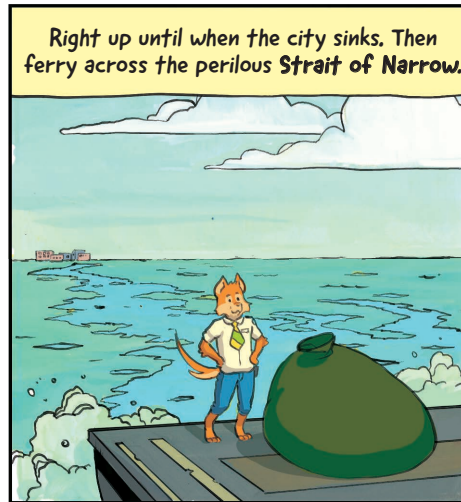


My strategy: Find those who know where treasure is. Fill my pack with it.

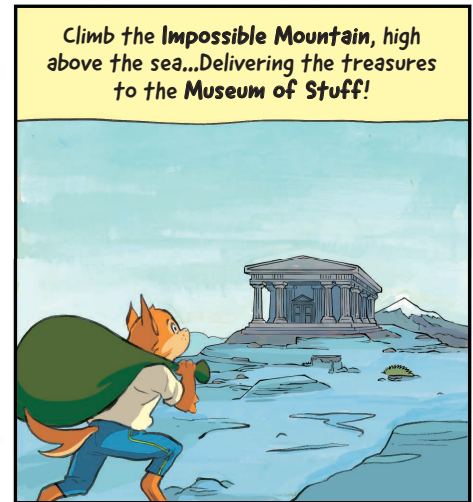
Treasure's even underground. (It's kinda scary down there.)



My strategy: Find those who know where treasure is. Fill my pack with it.



Right up until when the city sinks. Then ferry across the perilous **Strait of Narrow**.

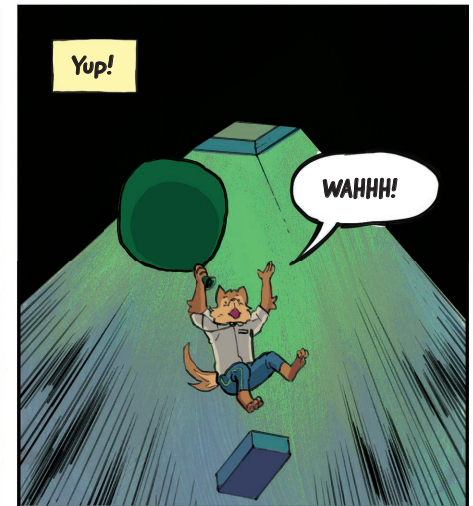
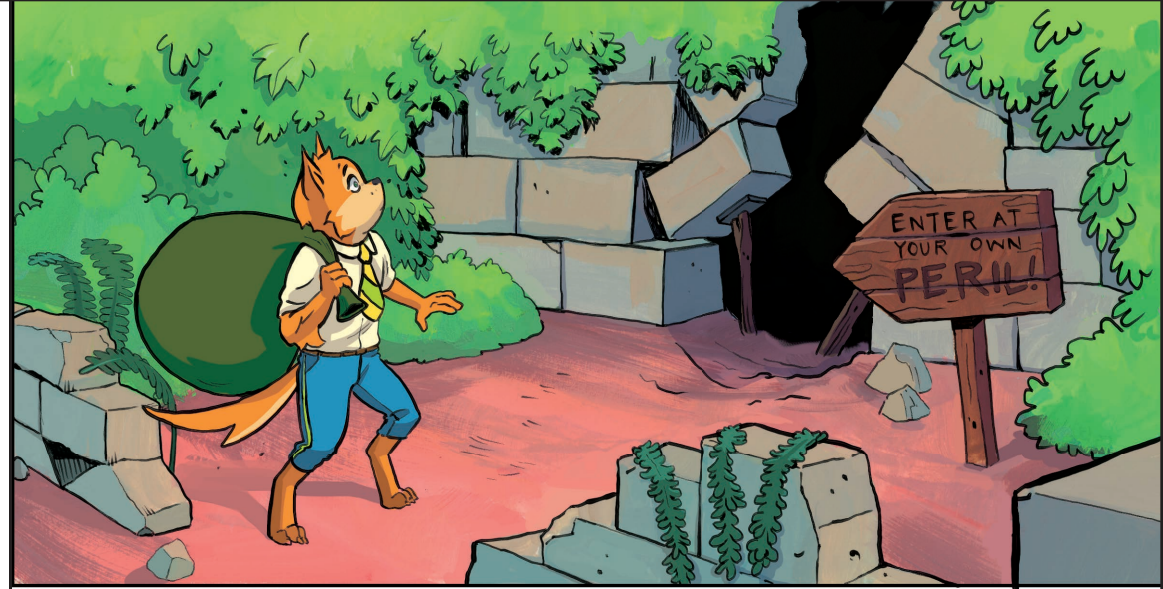


Climb the **Impossible Mountain**, high above the sea...Delivering the treasures to the **Museum of Stuff!**

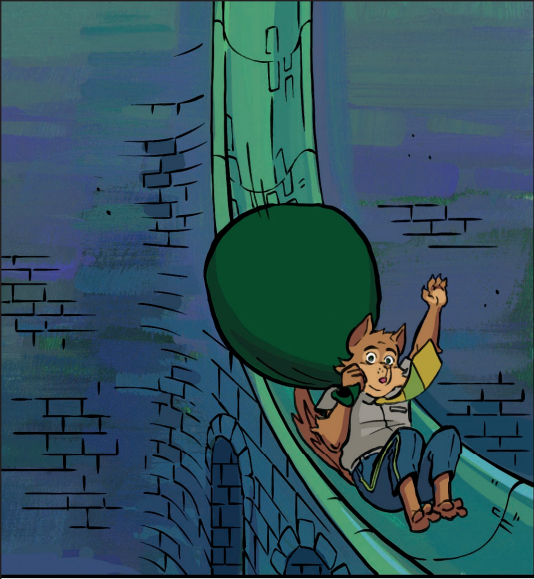




So? What do you think?







Awesome!



Treasure!

WHDOMP!



Ahhwooooo!!

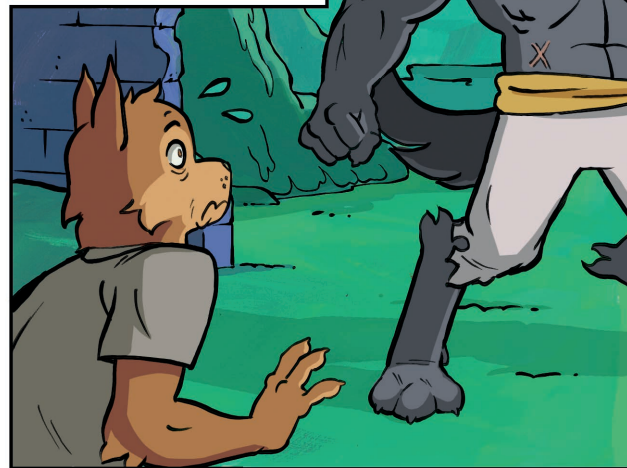
Who goes there?!



Show yourself!



It's Wilder!



Ahhwooooo!!



Get the treasure, Max!



Hurry!



Heh-heh-heh...

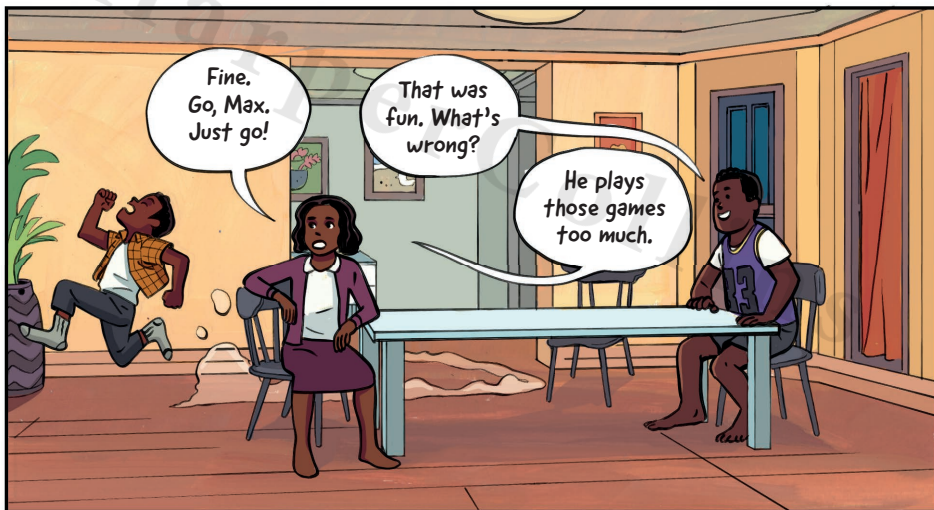




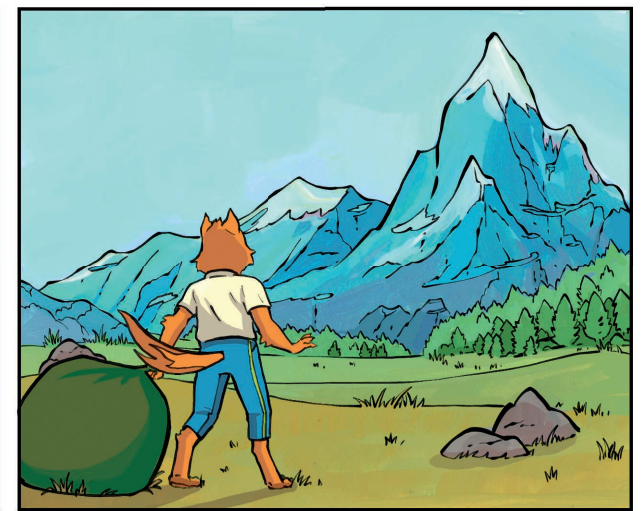
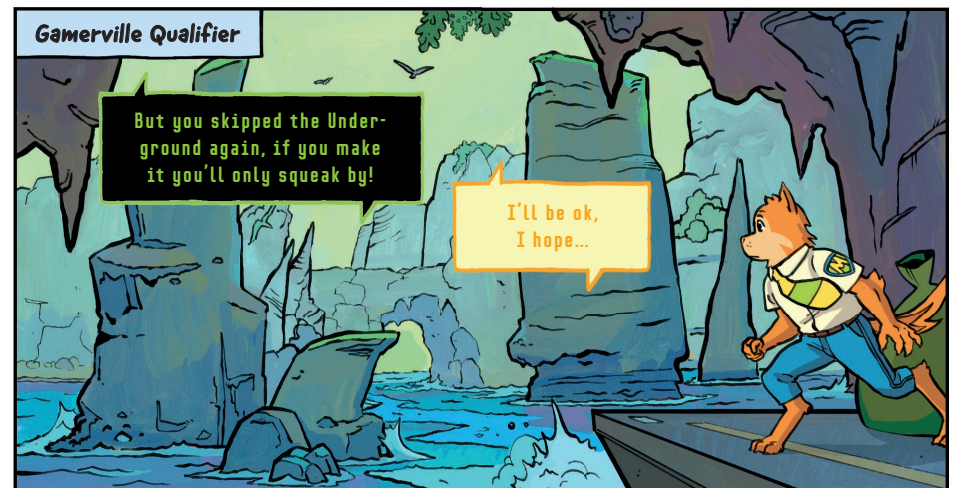
**GAME OVER**















You're making good time... Keep it up!



>Huff<  
>Puff<



Finally...  
The Museum.  
Time to tally up!



Max? What does it say?!

Did you qualify?!



Max?

I-I did it!



The next day...

I did it! I made the finals!

Max, that's amazing!

I never doubted you!



We're going to Gamerville!



What's wrong?



I promised my cousin I'd go fishing with him on his boat...



I didn't realize it's the same weekend as Gamerville.



You're kidding?!

Reschedule!

I tried, my cousin won't budge!

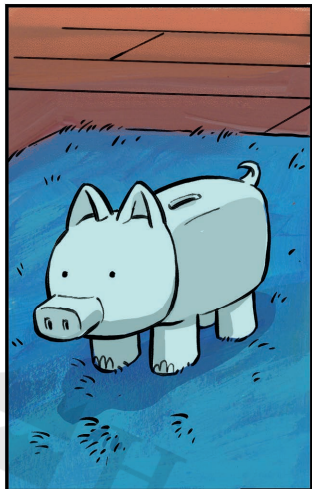


But, why wait until you're champ for your new look!

Why not do it now!

Nice deflection.













What about video games?

None! No screens! No distractions! You can just be a kid!



Sounds boring.

Well, it's not and it starts tomorrow!



Tomorrow?!!



For the whole weekend?

Not just a weekend...



The whole month!



A month...! But I've got Gamerville!



That video game thing? You can do that another time.

No I can't, Mom! It's the finals and it's in two weeks!









Level 2

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## DISCONNECT

