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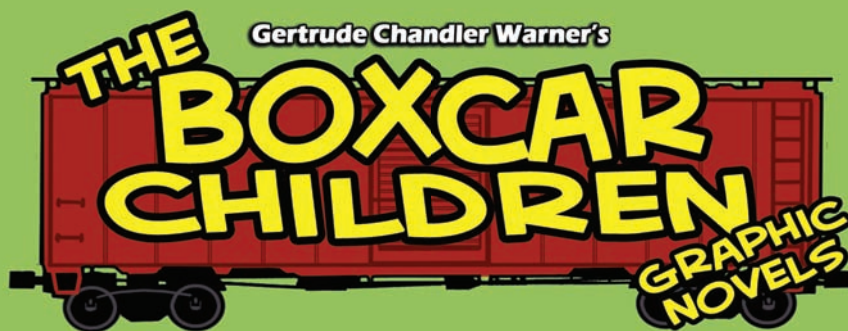
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The Aldens are making the journey to their Aunt Jane's house for an overnight bicycle trip. On their first night, though, the children are caught in a rainstorm. They have to take shelter in an old, abandoned house. There, a most unusual mystery—a lost dog—finds them! Can the Boxcar Children figure out the mystery of where the dog belongs?

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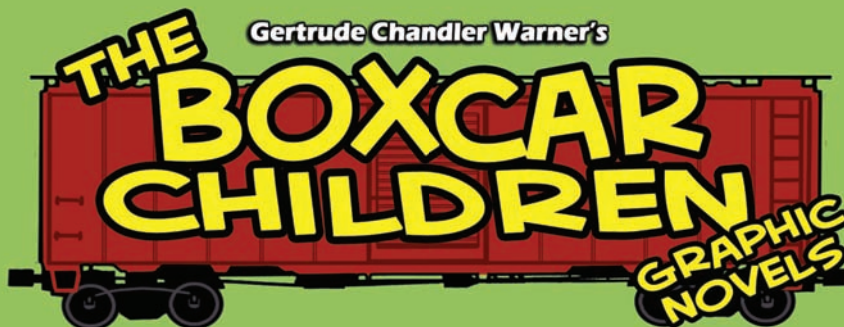
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BENNY'S GOOD GUESS

One morning in early August, Grandfather gathered Henry, Jessie, Violet, and Benny together.

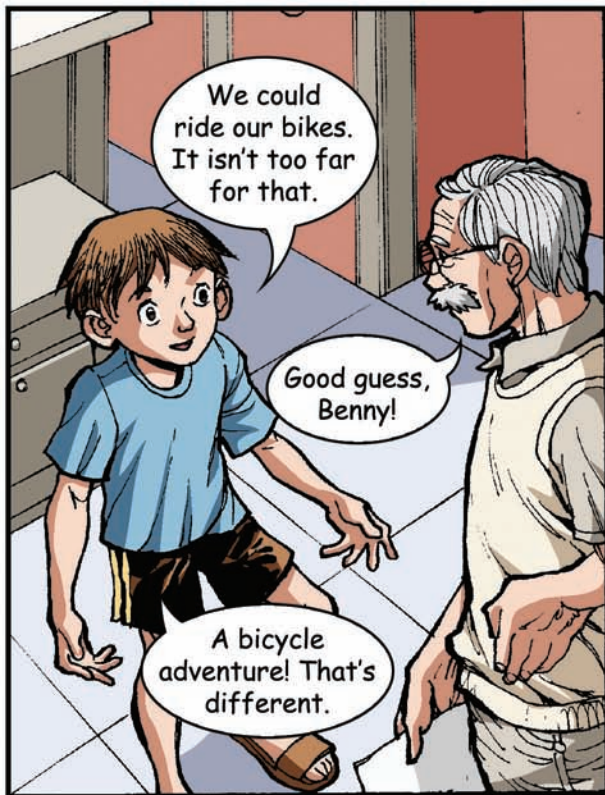
Good morning, everyone!

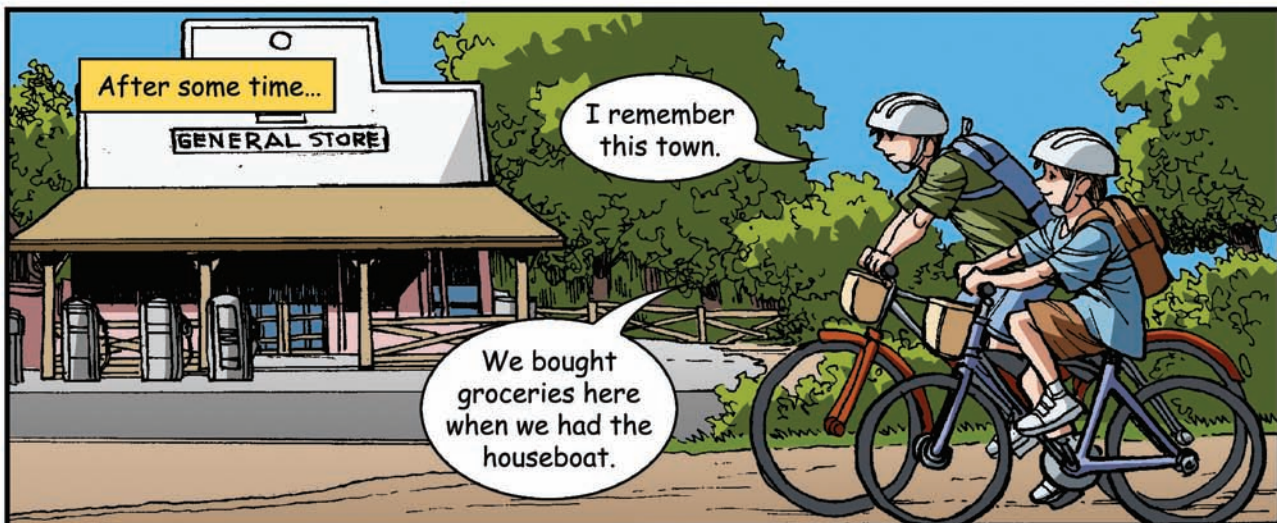
Good morning!

Your Aunt Jane wrote to me. She'd like you all to visit her on the farm.

She said to let her know when you are coming so she can have plenty for Benny to eat.

I also thought you might like to find a new way to get there.



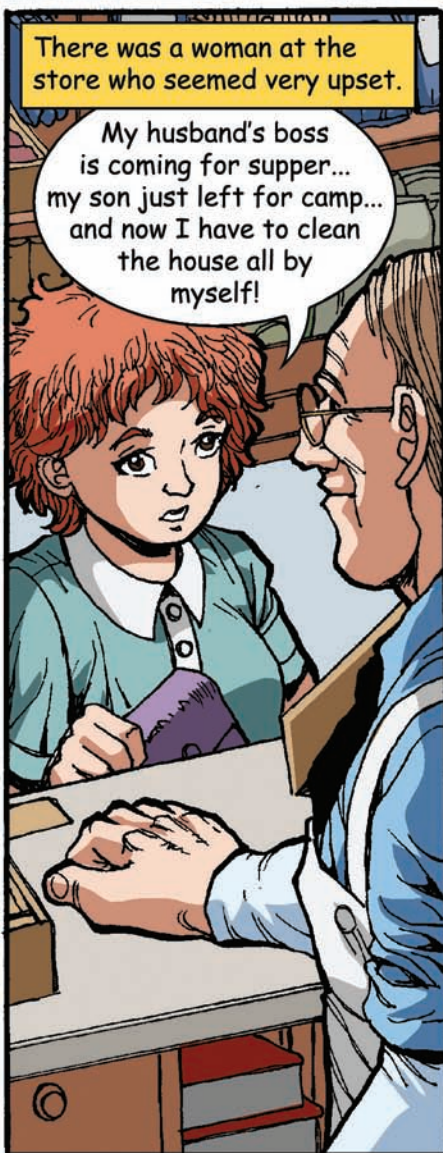


I remember this town.

We bought groceries here when we had the houseboat.

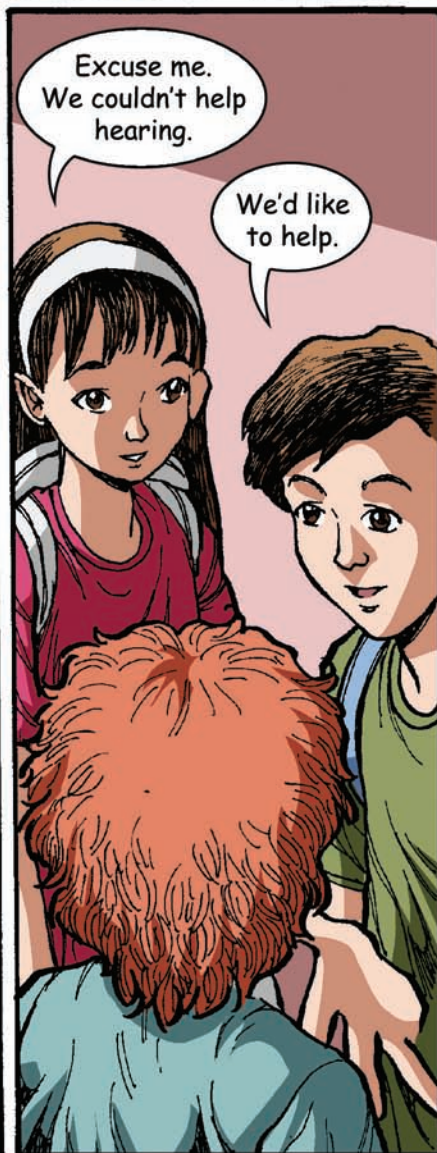


We can buy some things for lunch.



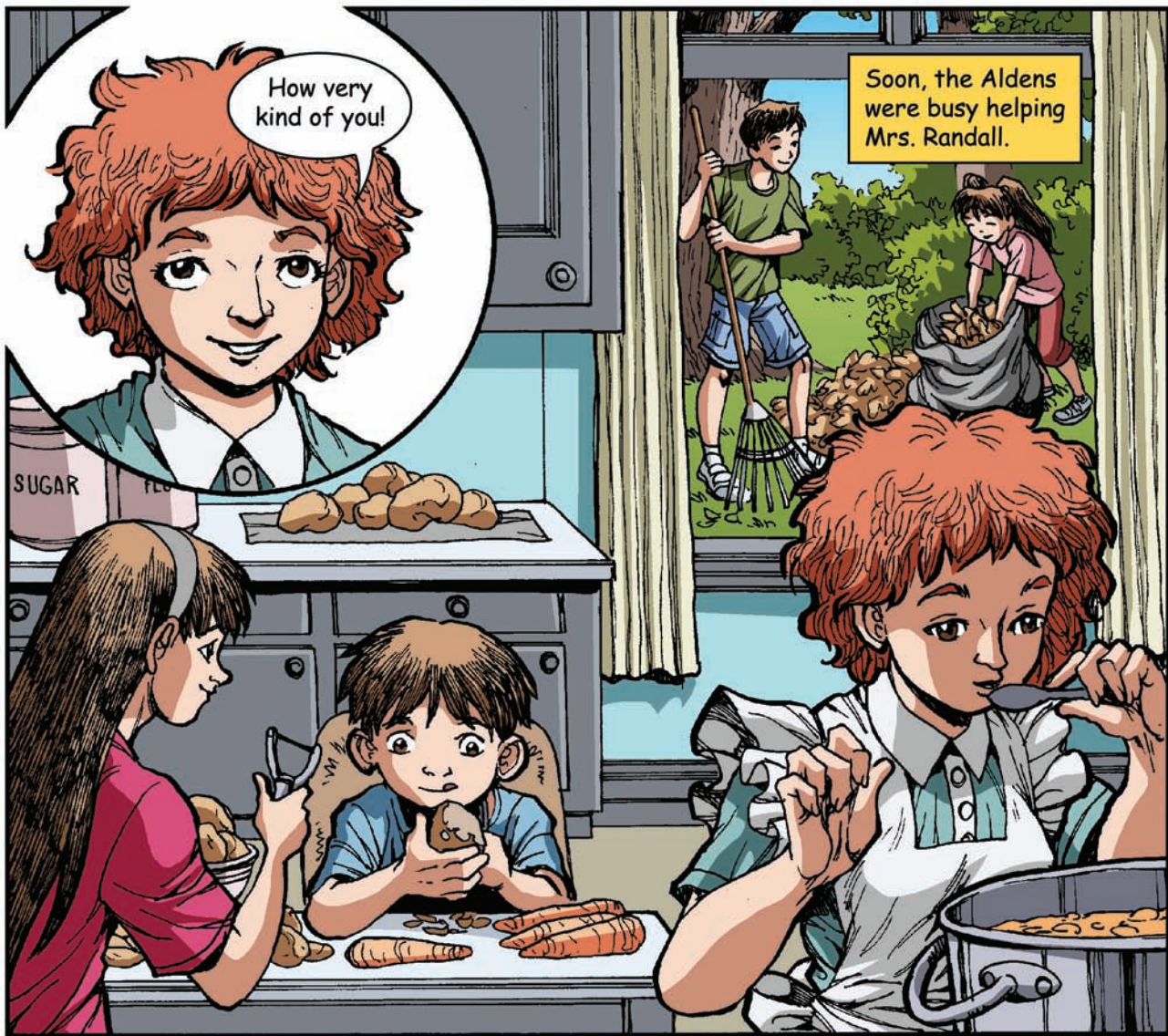
There was a woman at the store who seemed very upset.

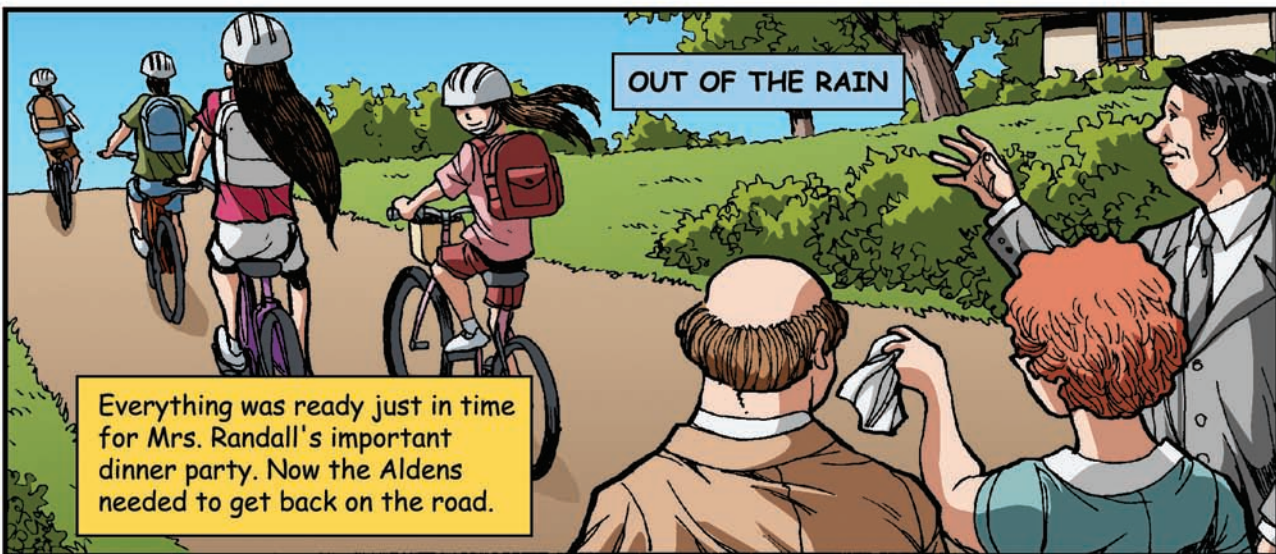
My husband's boss is coming for supper... my son just left for camp... and now I have to clean the house all by myself!



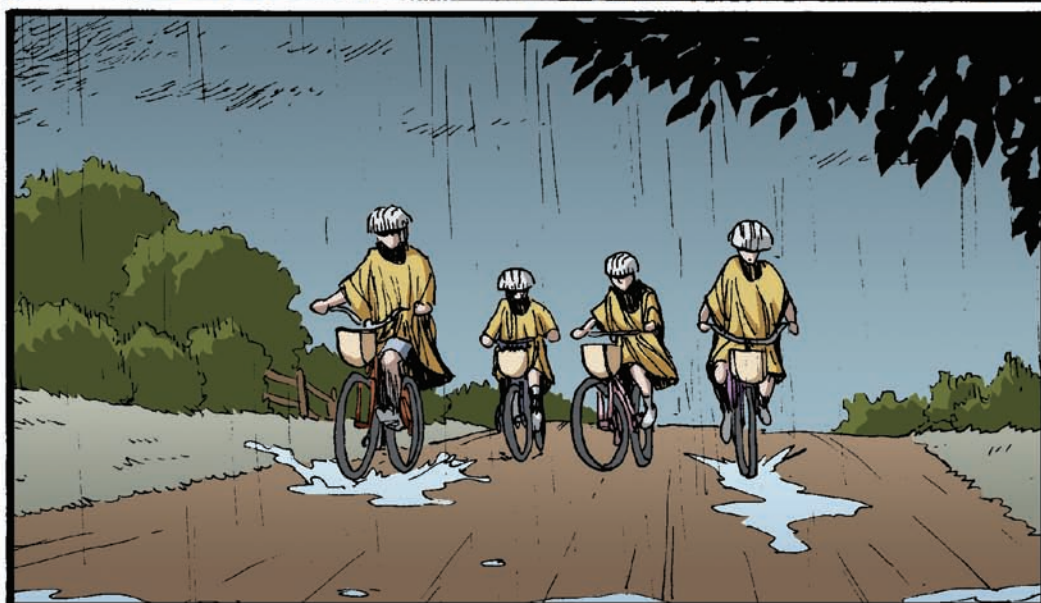
Excuse me. We couldn't help hearing.

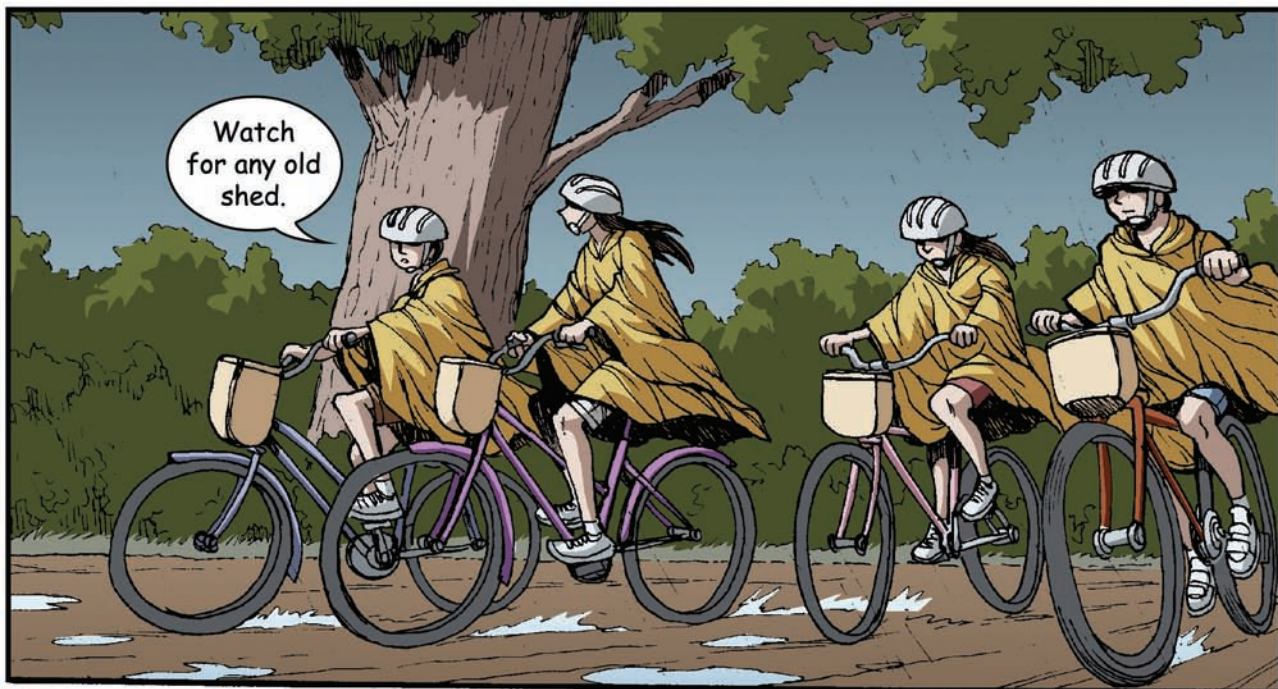
We'd like to help.





Everything was ready just in time for Mrs. Randall's important dinner party. Now the Aldens needed to get back on the road.







You girls
sleep upstairs.
Benny and I will put
our sleeping bags
down here.



After their exciting day,
the Aldens went to sleep
without any trouble.

SKRITCH
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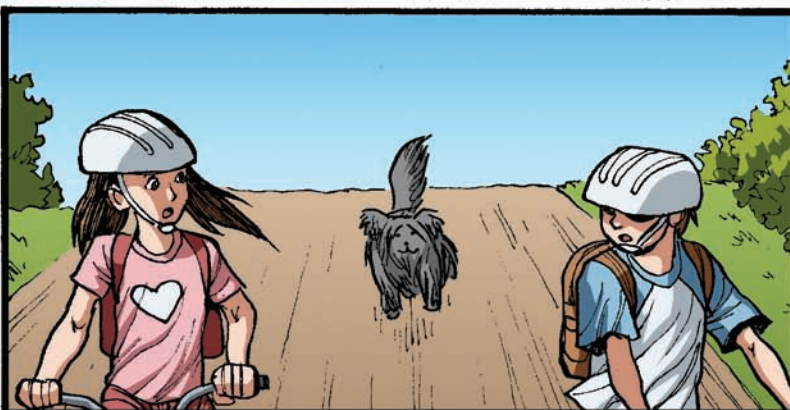
What's
the matter,
Henry?



Well, you
might say we have
a visitor.



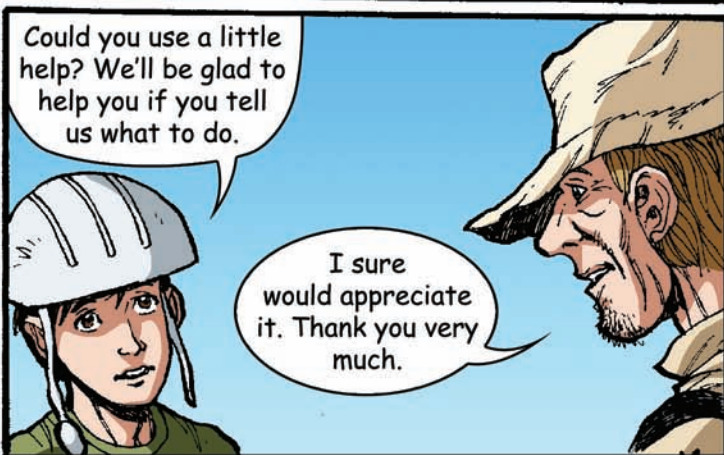
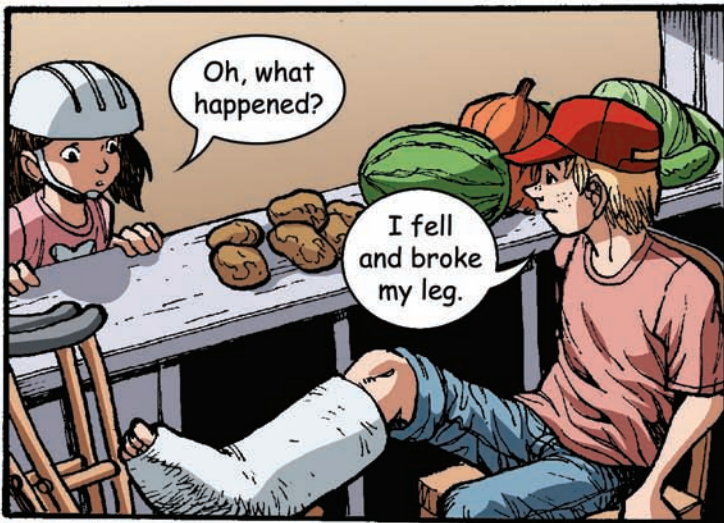
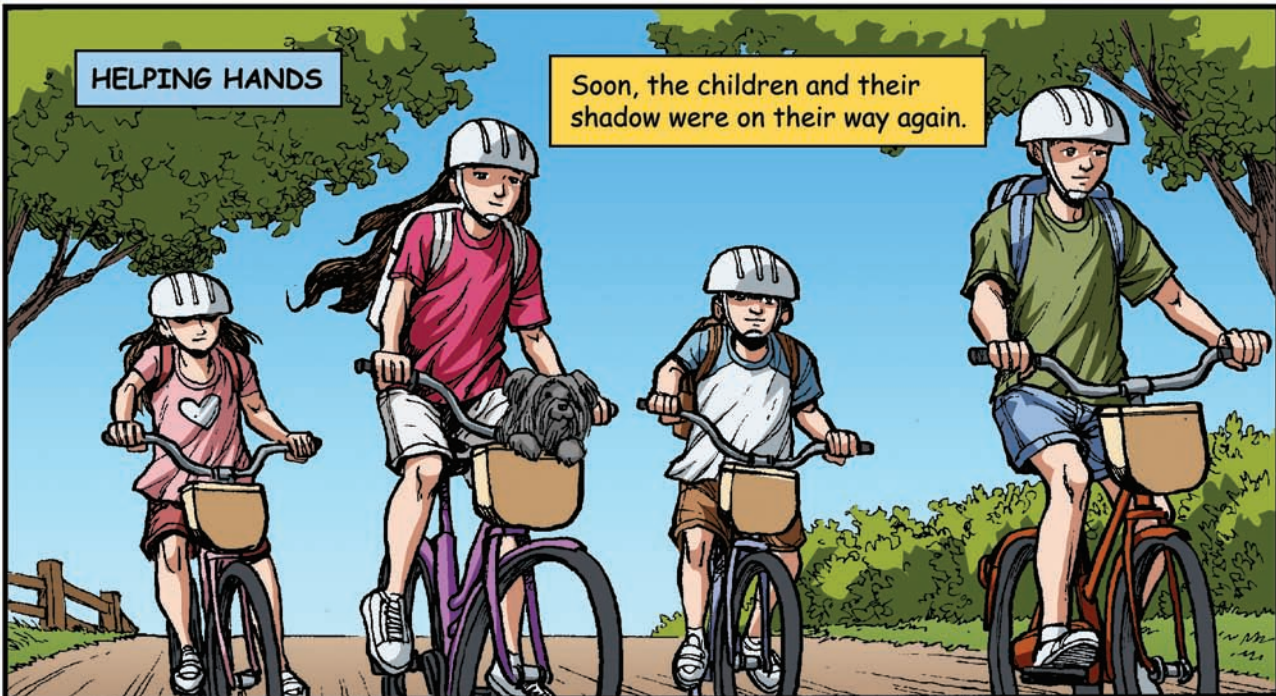
SUNSHINE AND SHADOW





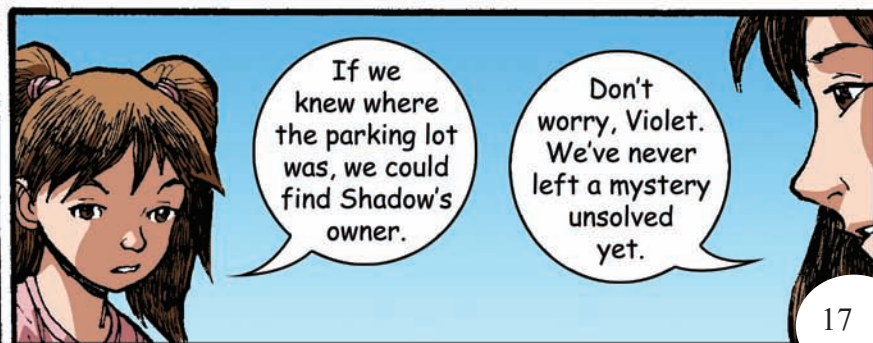
HELPING HANDS

Soon, the children and their shadow were on their way again.





There were plenty of ripe tomatoes, cabbages, and beans to pick. Shadow stood watch at the vegetable stand.



The Aldens soon continued on their adventure.



They rode all through the afternoon.



Look!
This might
be fun.



There is going to be a dog
show. Maybe we can find
out what kind of dog
Shadow is.

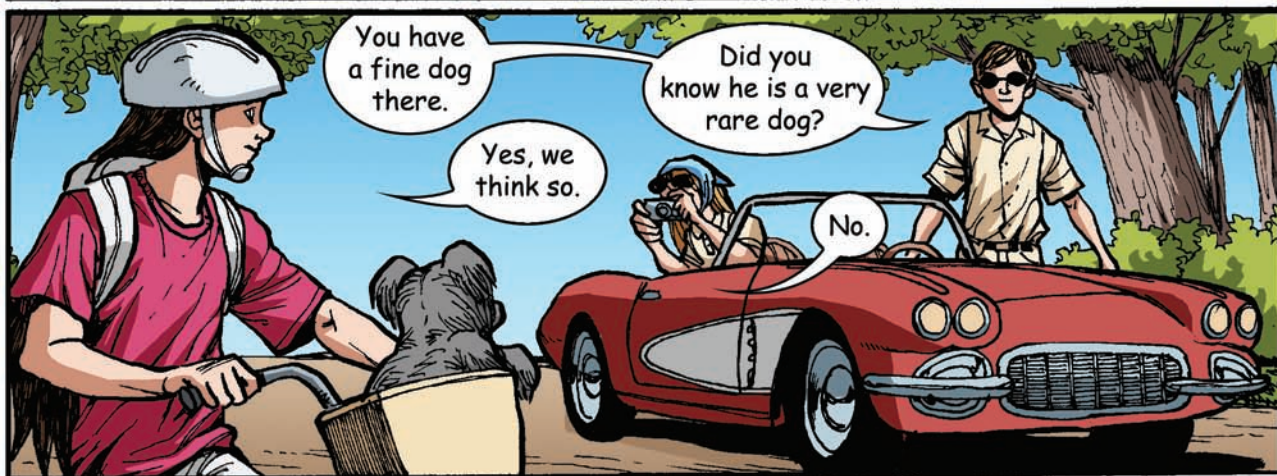
We'll buy
tickets now, so we are
sure to get in.

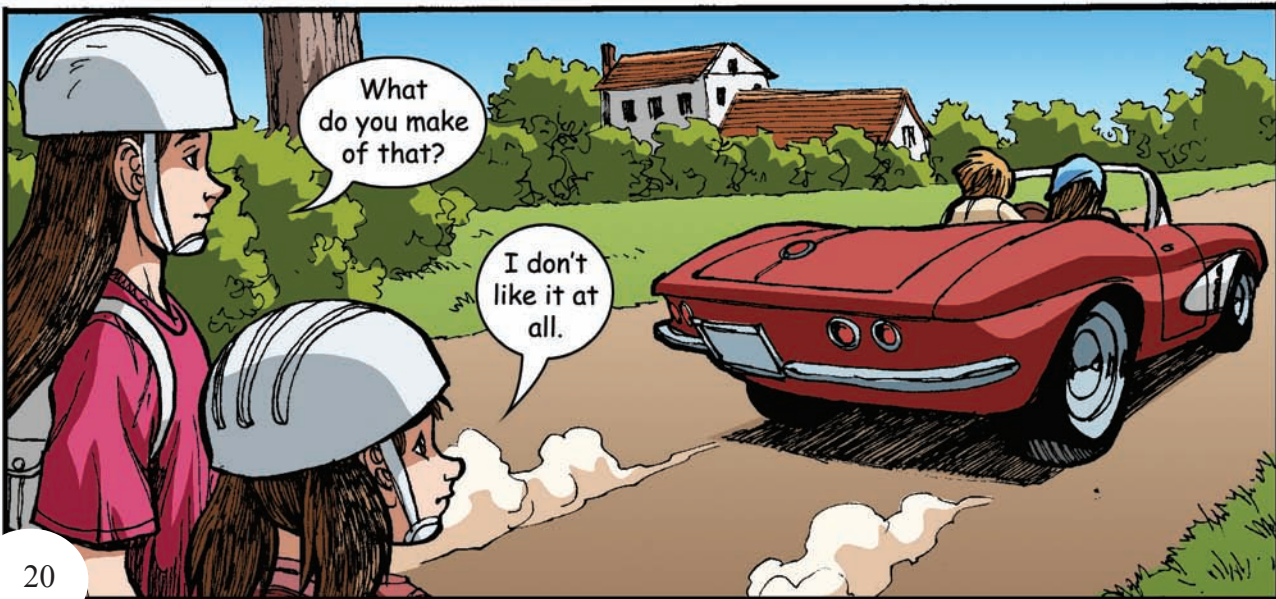
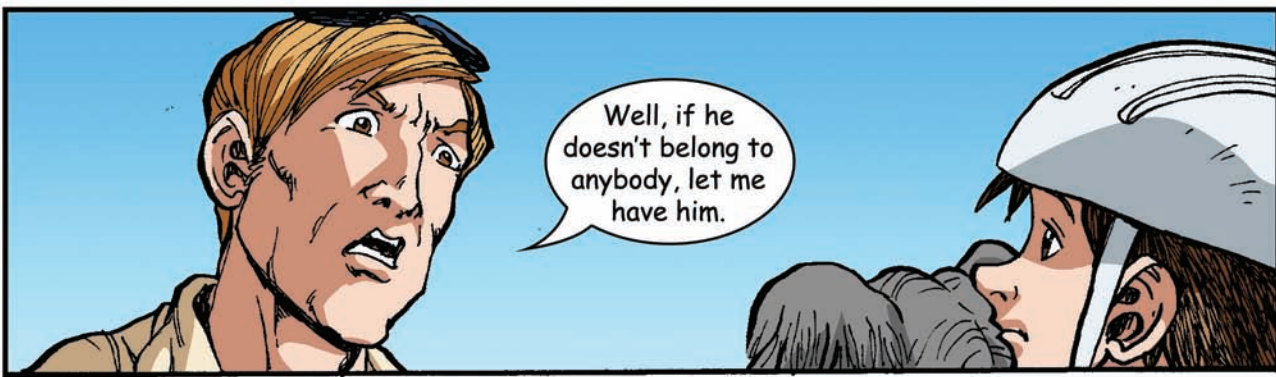
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DOG SHOW**
August 10th

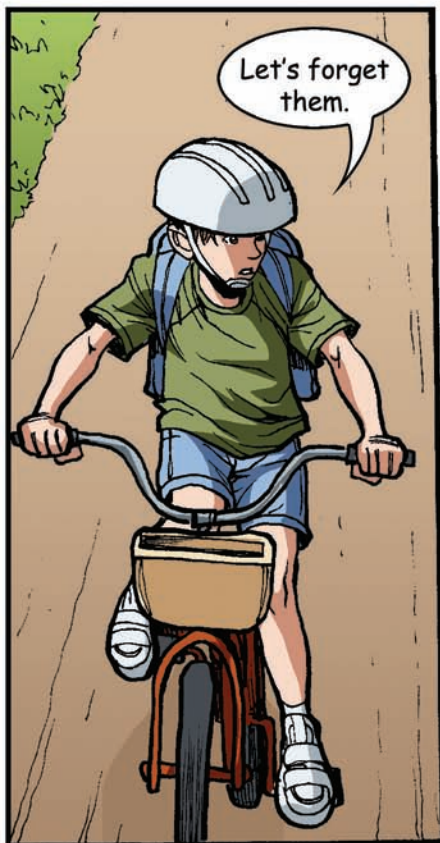


TROUBLE ON THE ROAD

Suddenly, a noise startled Henry and Jessie.











Fire!
Come on,
Benny. Jessie,
Violet, wake
up!



Quick thinking
contained the
fire very quickly.



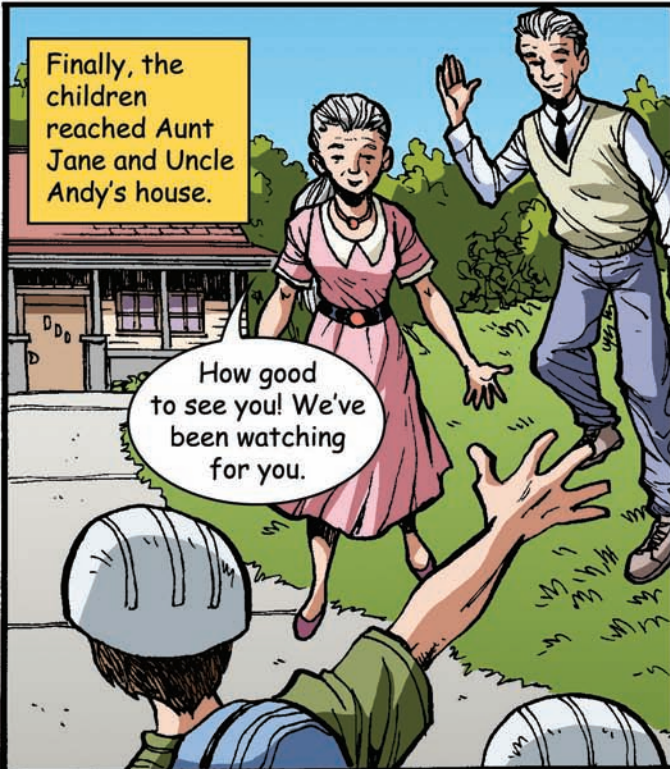
Your dog
saved my motel.
Thank you!

LUCKY DAY



The next day, the Aldens continued on their journey.

Finally, the children reached Aunt Jane and Uncle Andy's house.



How good to see you! We've been watching for you.

You didn't tell us you were bringing a dog.

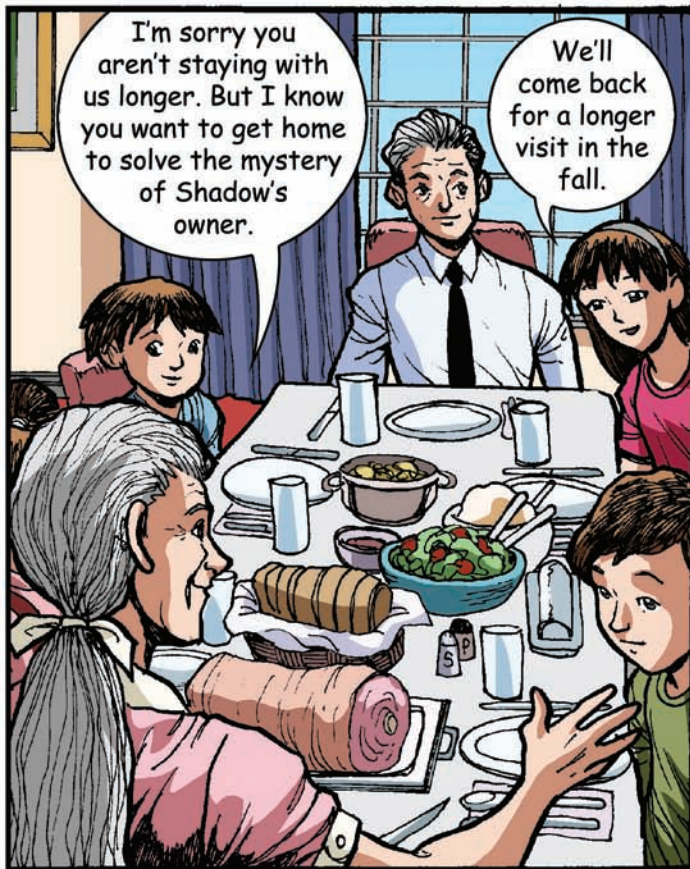
We didn't have a dog then.

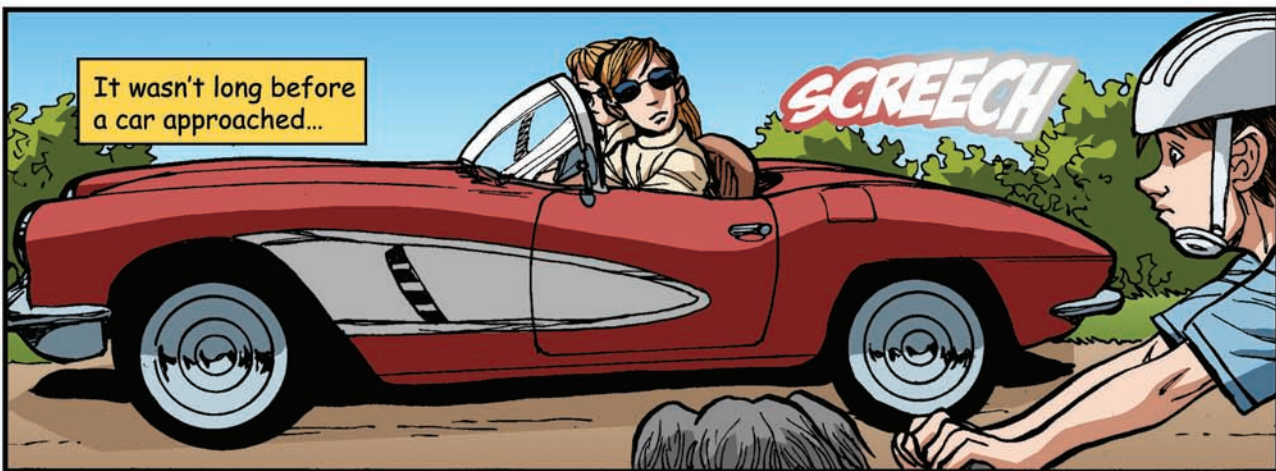


The Aldens explained how they found Shadow.

That's a Skye Terrier, a type of dog that comes from Scotland. You'll find a good picture of your dog in the dictionary in my den.







It wasn't long before
a car approached...

SCREECH



I've been
thinking about
it, and I think
you stole that
dog!



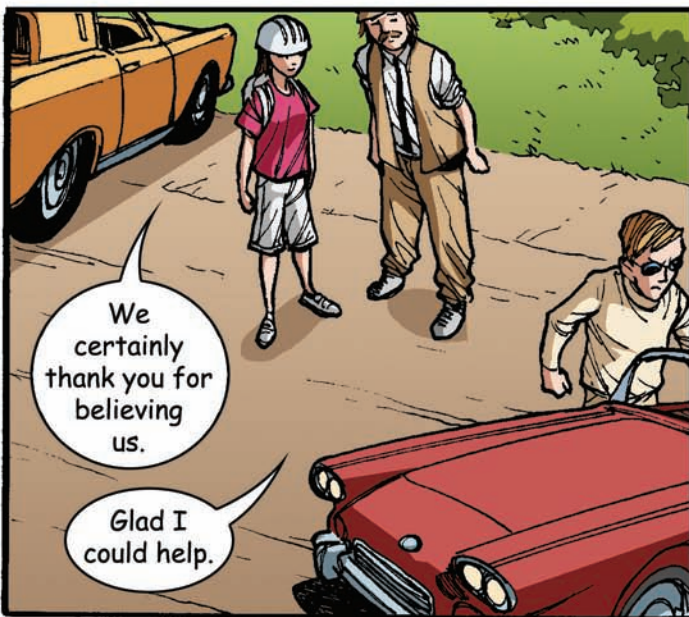
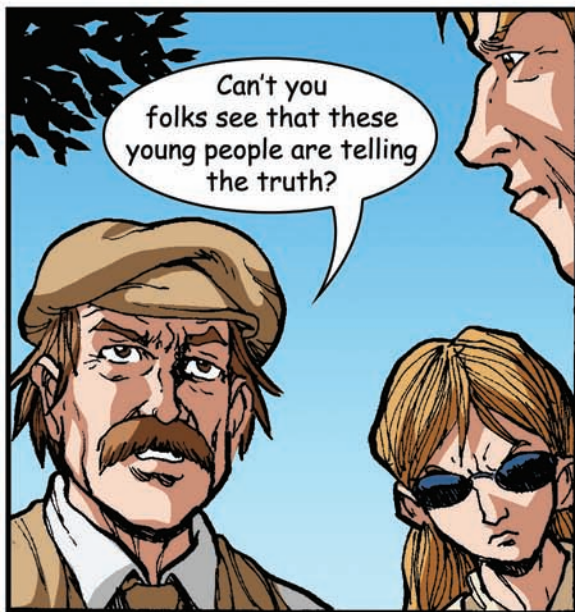
Stole
him?! Of course
we didn't!

You
have a dog
that doesn't
belong to you.
You won't get
in trouble if
you sell him
to me.



Any
trouble over
there?

This
man says
we stole the
dog, but we
didn't!



ONE PUZZLE LEFT

Soon, the Aldens had reached the town where they'd met Mrs. Randall again.

We must say hello!

Let's!

Shadow, come back!

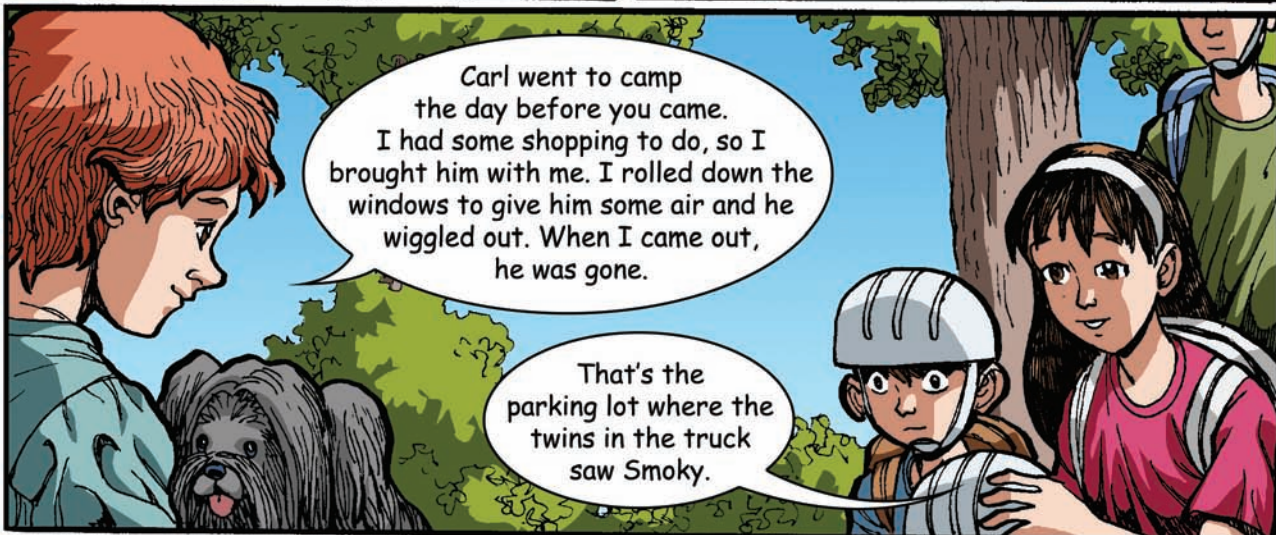
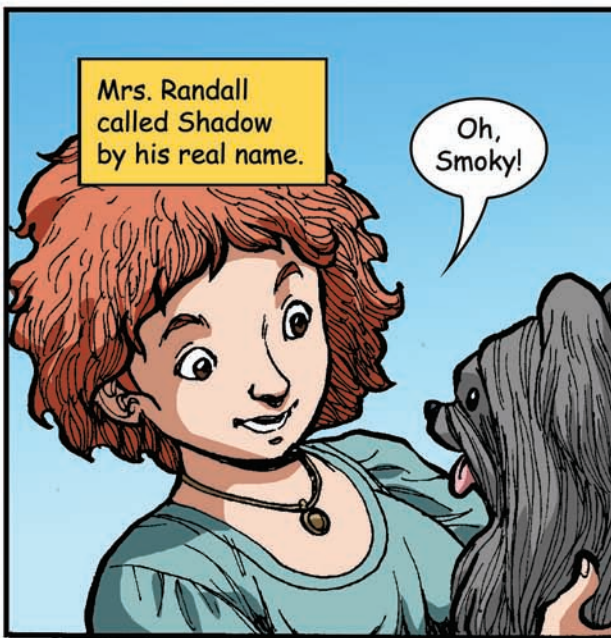
Maybe he knows where he's going.

Come back!

Follow him, Benny!

SNIFF

SNIFF





SHOW DOG

After the Aldens returned home, they waited impatiently for the Ashby Dog Show. The day soon arrived.

When they got to Ashby, they met Carl and discovered Smoky had a new name.



This is Carl. Carl, these are the Aldens.

Hi! Wait until you see how fine Smoky looks. He's been washed, cleaned, and brushed. And we gave him a new name!

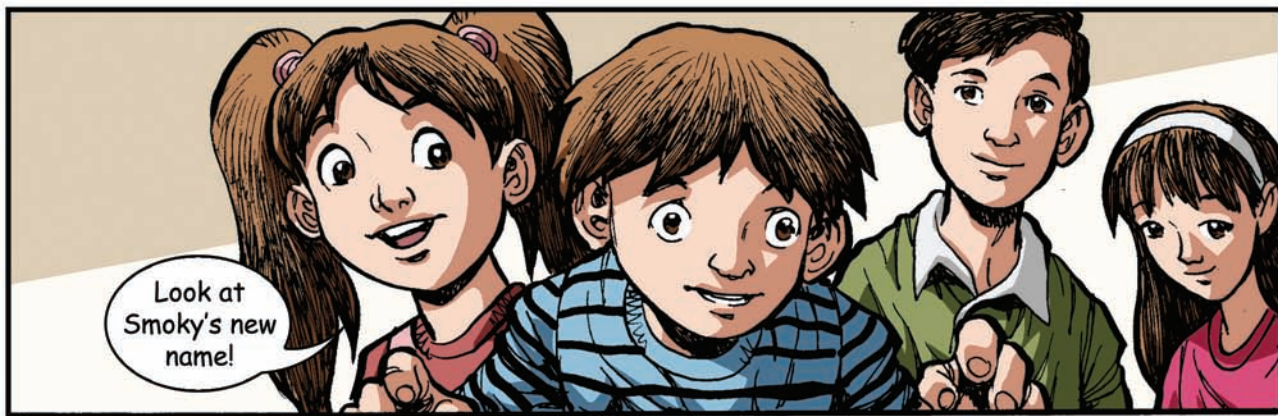


I can't wait to see him!



What is his new name?

You have to wait for that.



ABOUT THE CREATOR

Gertrude Chandler Warner was born on April 16, 1890, in Putnam, Connecticut. In 1918, Warner began teaching at Israel Putnam School. As a teacher, she discovered that many readers who liked an exciting story could not find books that were both easy and fun to read. She decided to try to meet this need. In 1942, *The Boxcar Children* was published for these readers.

Warner drew on her own experience to write *The Boxcar Children*. As a child she spent hours watching trains go by on the tracks near her family home. She often dreamed about what it would be like to live in a caboose or freight car—just as the Alden children do.

When readers asked for more Alden adventures, Warner began additional stories. While the mystery element is central to each of the books, she never thought of them as strictly juvenile mysteries. She liked to stress the Aldens' independence. Henry, Jessie, Violet, and Benny go about most of their adventures with as little adult supervision as possible—something that delights young readers.

During her lifetime, Warner received hundreds of letters from fans as she continued the Aldens' adventures, writing nineteen Boxcar Children books in all. After her death in 1979, her publisher, Albert Whitman and Company, carried on Warner's vision. Today, the Boxcar Children series has more than 100 books.

