

BLISTER'S SECRET



Zee is excited to try out his new fine-tip markers from the Luckville art store.



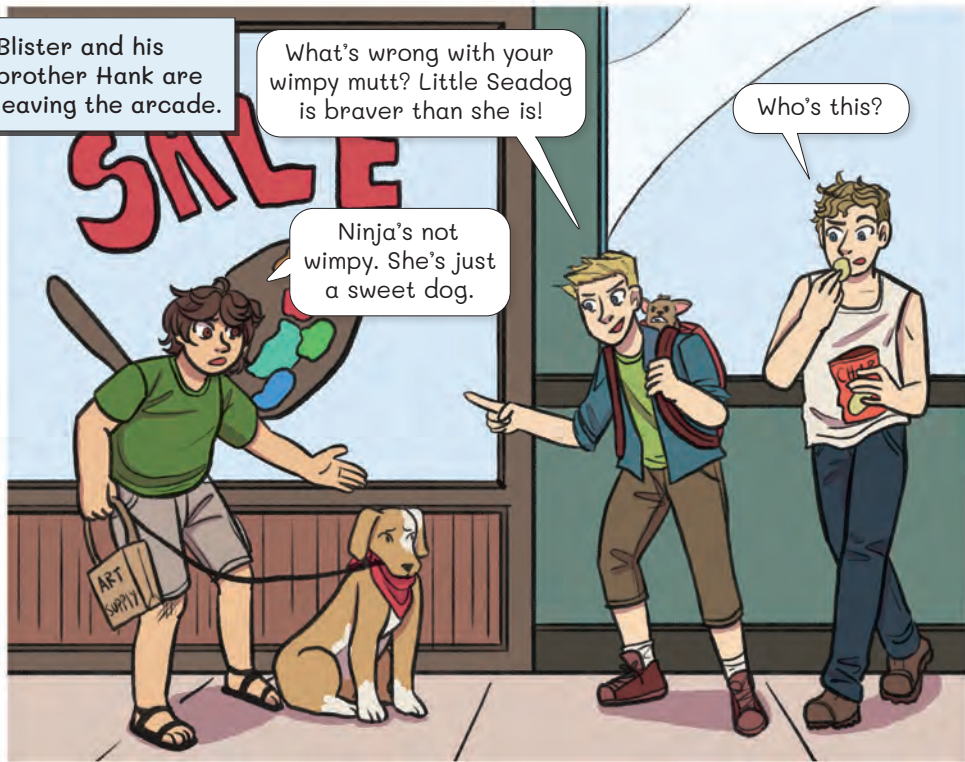
Look, it's Zero! Did you get some new crayons, Zero—like a little kid?

Blister and his brother Hank are leaving the arcade.

What's wrong with your wimpy mutt? Little Seadog is braver than she is!

Ninja's not wimpy. She's just a sweet dog.

Who's this?



Just a loser from my class. Zero is into little-kid stuff—like drawing.

Let's go.

GRRR

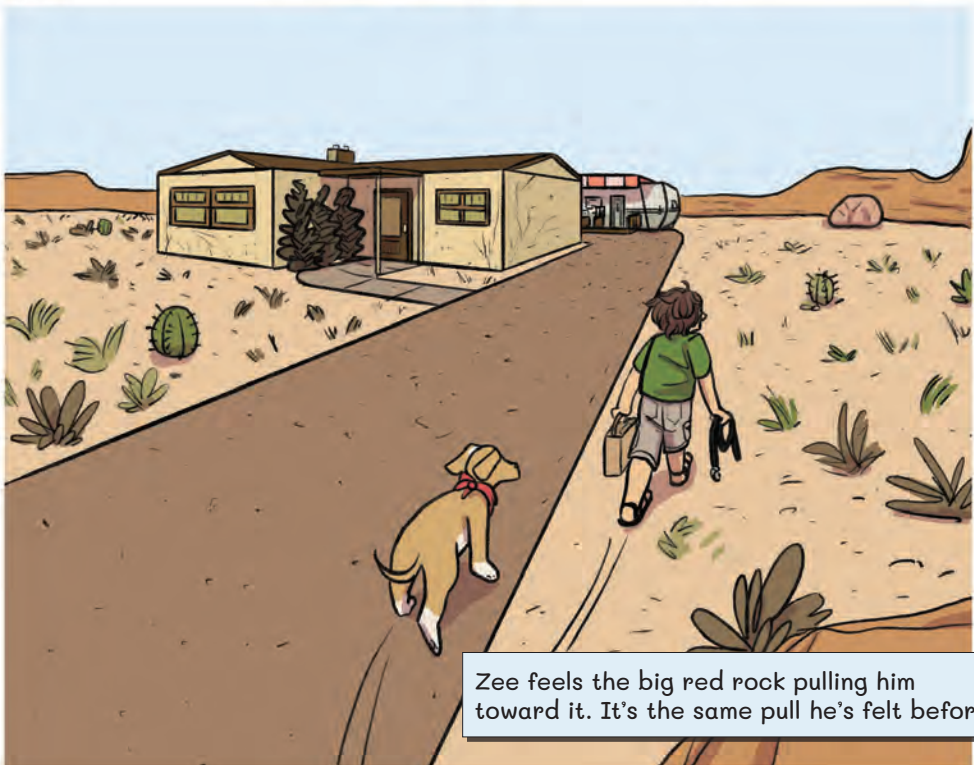


You are a perfect dog. Don't ever change. Let's go home.



Why don't I stand up for myself—and for Ninja? And why does Blister think art is a "little-kid" thing?

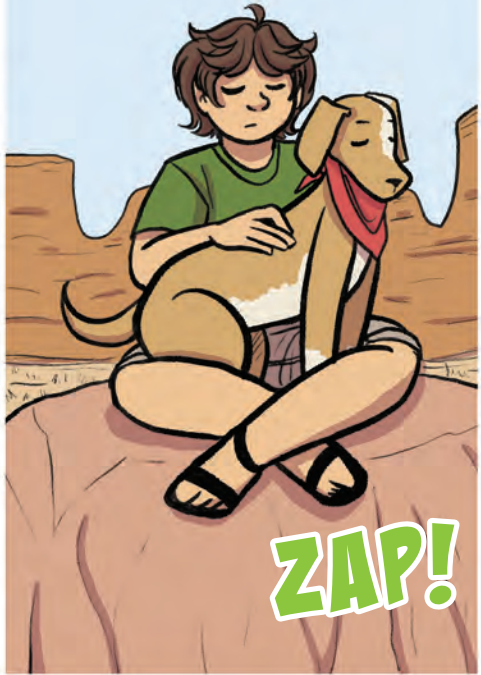






Come on, girl!

Then it happens as it has before...



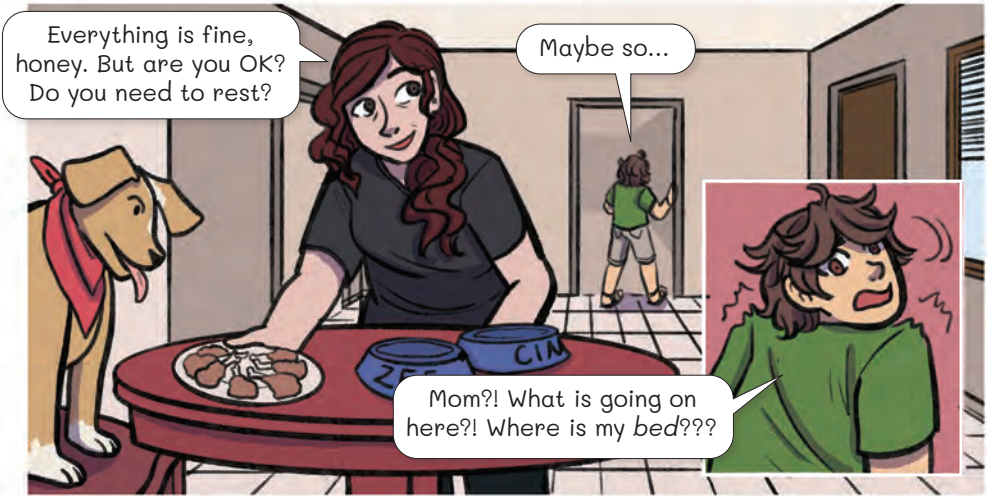
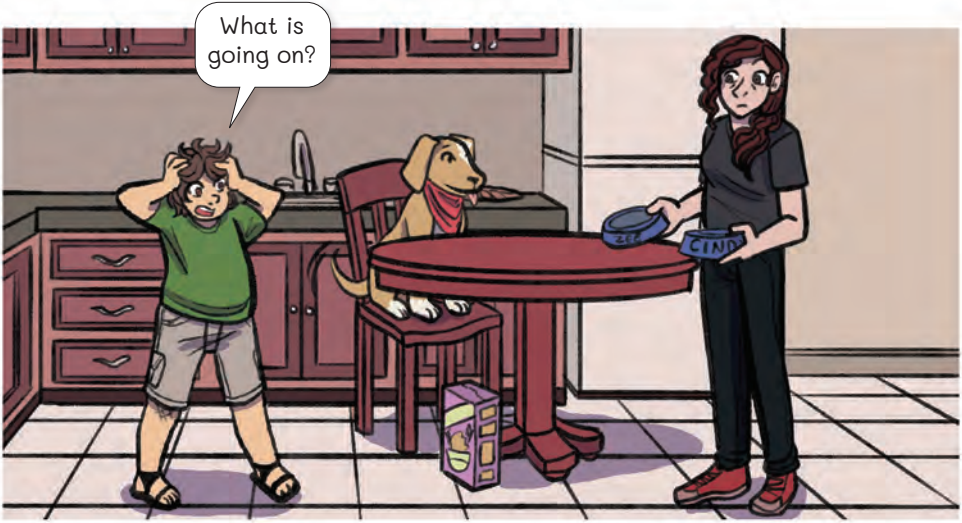
ZAP!

Zee feels like he is falling, falling, falling...



Everything looks the same as always, Ninja. Why didn't the rock work? Why didn't we travel to another time?







I think you might be getting sick. You should probably lie down.



I get it! The rock didn't take me to the past. And it didn't take me to the future...



It's still the present—but everything is different.

The rock took me to a sideways time!

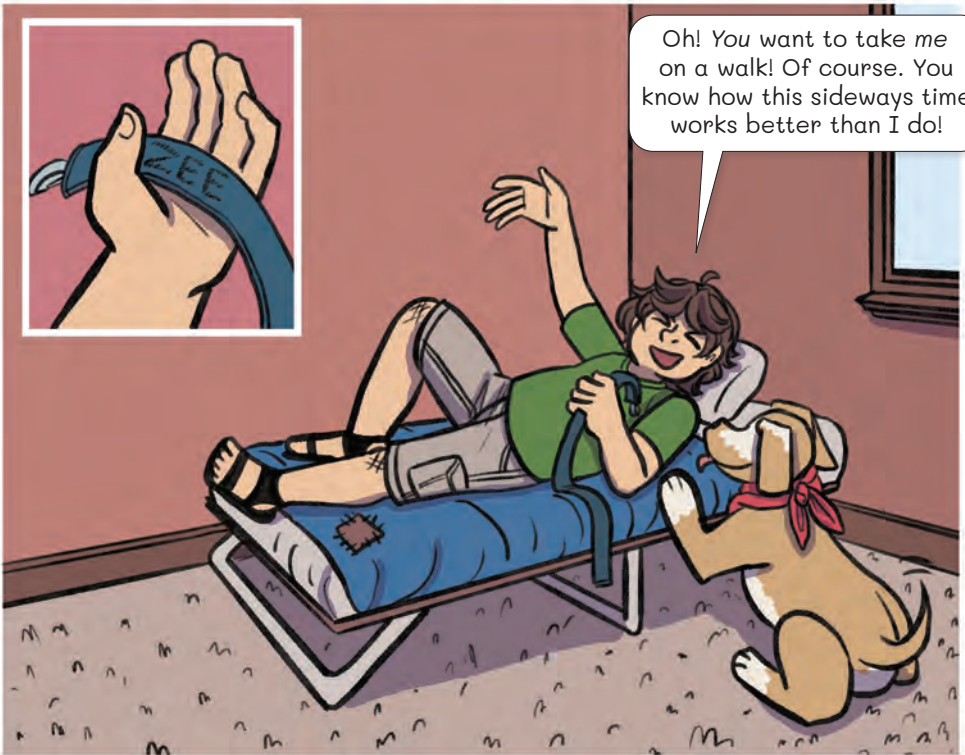
You know I think all your time-travel stories are funny, but I need to get to work.

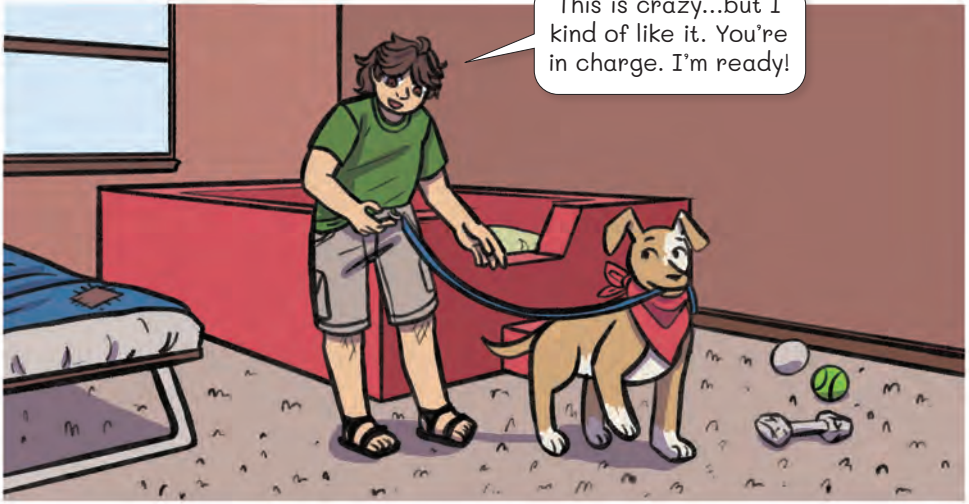


Do you want to go on a walk, Ninja?



Oh! You want to take me on a walk! Of course. You know how this sideways time works better than I do!







Now *that* is really strange.



Uh-oh! Here come the dogs that always bark at us.



What are they doing? Ninja, are you brave in this sideways time?

Ninja leads Zee to the park. With each pet they pass, Ninja stops to wag her tail. Along the way, all the animals seem to show Ninja respect.

