

TRANSPLANT

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GEORGE,
PLEASE GET AWAY FROM
THE WINDOW.

WHY DOES YOUR
WORK FRIEND HAVE
TO STAY HERE?

BECAUSE, HON'--
MRS. FLORES AND HER
FAMILY WERE EVACUATED
AND NEEDED A PLACE
TO STAY.

THEY ACTUALLY
HAVE A DAUGHTER WHO
COULD PROBABLY REALLY
USE A FRIEND RIGHT
ABOUT NOW.



I DON'T NEED MORE
FRIENDS. I GOT PLENTY
BACK HOME.



"HAVE PLENTY", BOO.
AND I MISS NASHVILLE,
TOO, BUT THIS MOVE WAS
NECESSARY.

HAVING FRIENDS BACK IN
NASHVILLE DOESN'T MEAN YOU
CAN'T MAKE NEW ONES OUT
HERE IN LOS ANGELES.

DING DONG!



THAT'S PROBABLY THEM.
NOW MIND YOUR MA'AM'S
AND SIR'S, ALRIGHT?



TRICIA!
MUCHISIMAS
GRACIAS!

THANK YOU-
THANK YOU-
THANK YOU!



OF COURSE,
ABBY! YOU'RE
ALWAYS WELCOME
HERE.
COME ON IN.

WHEN THE
EVACUATION ORDER
CAME, I- I JUST DIDN'T
KNOW WHAT TO DO--



H-HERE IT IS.
YOUR-- UHM...
NEW ROOM?

YOU CAN
DROP OFF YOUR
BAG ANYWHERE--

WOAH! IS THAT
A TERRARIUM?!



WHAT? OH--
YEAH!

IT'S ABOUT AS
MUCH OF TENNESSEE
AS I COULD BRING
TO CALI--



I LOVE THE LITTLE
FROGGIE! REMINDS ME
OF THE TANK I BUILT
FOR SCOUTS!

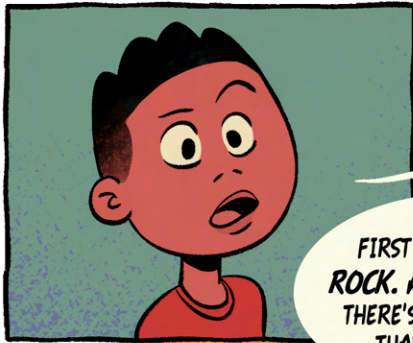
WAIT, YOU'RE
A CUB SCOUT?



SOME OF MY
FRIENDS BACK HOME
USED TO DO THAT.
SEEMED LIKE FUN.

SCOUTS IS
GREAT!

I'M IN ALTADENA TROOP #!
WE GO ON LOTS OF FUN ADVENTURES
AROUND LOS ANGELES AND GET TO
DO COOL NATURE PROJECTS, LIKE MY
TERRARIUM!



WAIT, ISN'T LOS ANGELES JUST A DESERT WITH A BUNCH OF LAME ROCKS AND SAND?

FIRST OF ALL, ROCKS **ROCK**. AND NUMBER TWO, THERE'S SO MUCH MORE THAN JUST SAND!

THE LOS ANGELES NATURE HAS **EVERYTHING!** MY TROOP LEADER CALLS IT A MEDA- A MEDICHER- A **MED-I-TERR-A-NEAN CLIMATE!**



I THOUGHT THE MEDITERRANEAN IS WHERE THE GREEKS LIVE--

THAT'S NOT THE POINT.



THE POINT IS, WE HAVE SO MUCH GREAT HIKING HERE!

WHAT? I LOVE HIKING! RUNNIN' OVER THE HILLS AND THROUGH THE WOODS, LISTENIN' TO THE RIVERS AND STREAMS-- MAN, TENNESSEE HAD IT ALL!



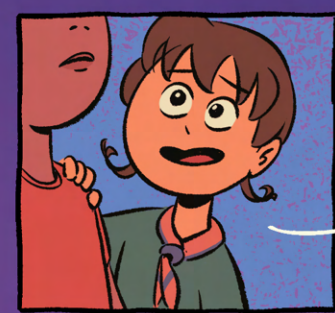
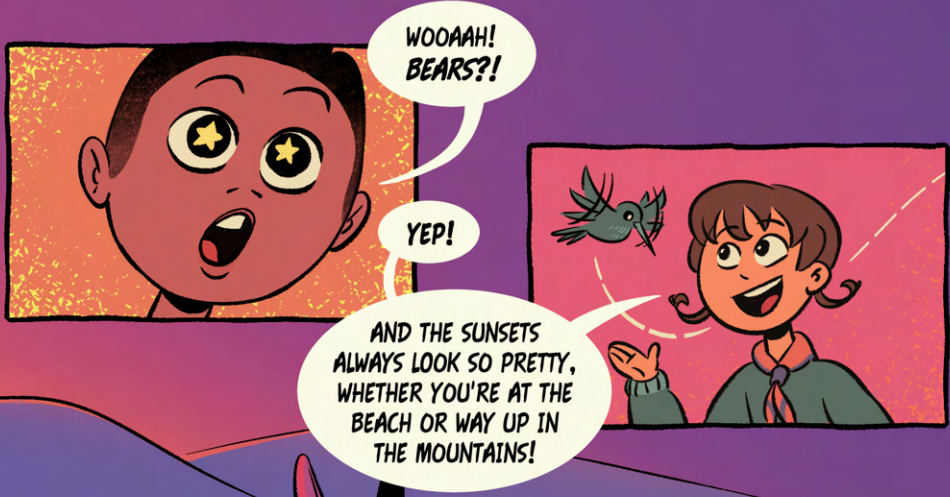
I LOVE HIKING, TOO! AND LOS ANGELES IS SO GREAT FOR EXPLORING!

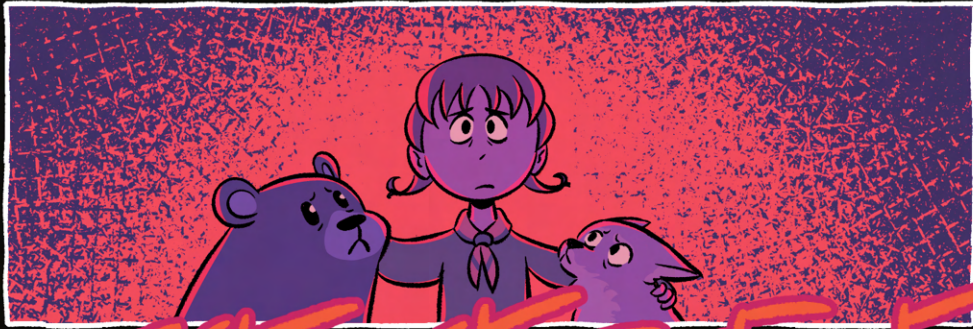


REALLY? DOES IT HAVE SUPER COOL CRITTERS LIKE OWLS AND BISON AND FROGS?



WE HAVE OUR OWN AWESOME ANIMALS! THERE'S RATTLESNAKES AND HUMMINGBIRDS AND EVEN SOME BLACK BEARS IN THE ANGELES NATIONAL FOREST!





WEEEEEEEEE



Wooooo



UH, H-HEY, MARIA?



S-SORRY-AHEM--

W-WHAT IF I JOINED YOUR CUB SCOUTS TROOP?



T-THAT WAY, YOU COULD SHOW ME THE BEST SPOTS FOR SUNSETS. OH-- AND MAYBE SOME HIKING TRAILS!



WHAT DO YOU THINK?



SNIFF... I THINK THAT SOUNDS GREAT, GEORGE.



HA! YOU DON'T EVEN KNOW WHERE IT IS!

BET I CAN BEAT YOU TO THE KITCHEN!



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