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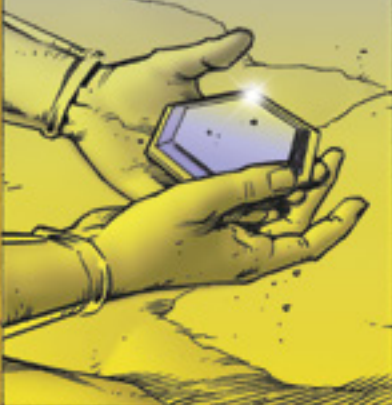


and the
**DANGEROUS
SWITCH**

IN ANCIENT TIMES,
A BRILLIANT FLASH
OF LIGHT BROUGHT
FORTH A MYSTERIOUS
STONE...



...WITH
TRANSFORMING
POWERS.



AS THE
AGES PASSED,
THE POWER
OF THE STONE
WAS COVETED
BY MANY...



ERIC BATTLES WERE
FOUGHT FOR THE
POSSESSION OF
THIS RARE ARTIFACT.

LOST FOR
AGES, THE
STONE WAS
UNEARTHED
IN MODERN
TIMES...



...AND PASSED
DOWN THROUGH
GENERATIONS
TO SERVE THE
GREATER GOOD.

THIS AMULET NOW
BELONGS TO A
HEROIC YOUNG GIRL
NAMED AMBER
(A.K.A. SPARK).

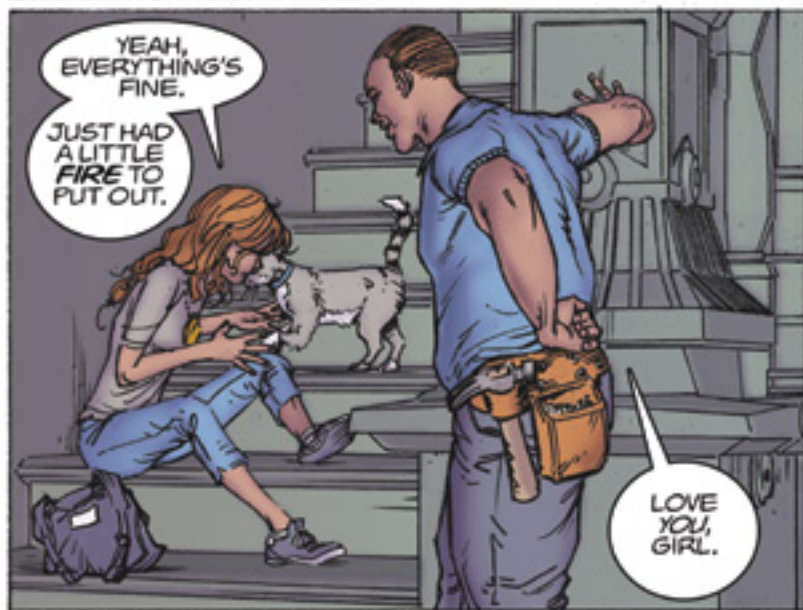


HOWEVER, SHOULD IT
FALL INTO THE HANDS
OF DARK FORCES,
THE DESTRUCTION
WILL SURELY FOLLOW!

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THE NEXT DAY AT AMBER'S SCHOOL



DID YOU SEE SPARK ON YOUTUBE LAST NIGHT??

SHE TOTALLY EXTINGUISHED THE EXTINGUISHER!



SEND ME THE LINK-- I GOTTA SEE THAT!

OOPS. I DIDN'T SEE ANYONE FILMING!



SO WHAT'S NEW ON THE 'NET?



SWEET!

CHAD IS HAVING A PARTY SATURDAY!



YOU DON'T MEAN ANY TROUBLE, HUH?

THEN DON'T CAUSE ME ANY TROUBLE!

UGH!



OKAY BOSS!

WE'RE ON IT!







UM, DAD...
CAN I ASK
YOU A
QUESTION?



NOT TO
BE SNARKY,
BUT YOU
JUST DID.



OKAY,
FINE...

...DO YOU CARE IF
I GO TO A PARTY
THIS WEEKEND?



DO YOU
CARE IF I ASK
YOU A MILLION
QUESTIONS
ABOUT THE
PARTY?

LIKE
WHO, WHAT,
WHEN, WHERE
AND HOW?

YES, DAD.
I'LL TEXT
YOU THE
DETAILS.



I CAN'T
BELIEVE IT,
D-MINUS!



HEY RILEY...
ALLY JUST
DUMPED
ME AND
MY GRACES
ARE
TANKING

OH NO
CUZ
I'M ON MY
VIBR.
SEE YOU
IN 10.



JAKE!
OVER
HERE!



YEAH, TEXT ME THOSE DEETS.

THE DEETS FROM MY SWEETS.

REMEMBER, YOU *MAY* BE A SUPERHERO, BUT YOU ARE STILL MY LITTLE GIRL.



BE SURE YOU HAVE AN EXIT PLAN IF THINGS GET WEIRD.



WHAT DO I DO IF MY DAD GETS WEIRD?

'SNICKER'

DON'T YOU HAVE HOMEWORK TO DO?



SHE DUMPED ME ON SNAPCHAT!

MY GRADES ARE IN THE TOILET!



I FEEL LIKE I CAN'T CATCH MY BREATH!

GOTCHA COVERED. HAVE SOME ANXYS RIGHT HERE.

I USE 'EM TO TAKE THE EDGE OFF.



TAKE THESE. I JUST GOT THEM, BUT I'M SURE MY BOYFRIEND CAN GET MORE.



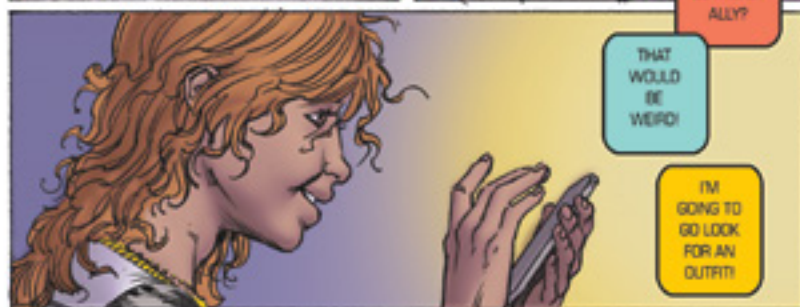
ARE YOU GUYS READY FOR THE PARTY?

WHAT ARE YOU WEARING?



JEANS AND MY NEW PINK TOP. YOU?

THINK JAKE WILL BE THERE? ALLY?



THAT WOULD BE WEIRD!

I'M GOING TO GO LOOK FOR AN OUTFIT!



I KNOW THAT DRESS IS IN HERE SOMEPLACE.



WELL... THIS IS NICE-- BUT TOO MUCH FOR THIS PARTY.



I CAN'T DO ANYTHING RIGHT!

I FEEL LIKE THE POSTER CHILD FOR EPIC FAILS!

JAKE? MORE LIKE JOKE!



HEY-- HOPE TO SEE YOU AT THE PARTY!

YEAH, MAYBE...



HEY-- YOU GOING TO THAT PARTY AT CHAD'S HOUSE TOMORROW?

HMMM, AMBER...

YEAH... OK SEE YOU THERE





WHAT?

OH, YEAH. ME TOO.

OH, CHAD! YOU'RE SO FUNNY!

I'M GLAD YOU COULD MAKE IT!

KILLER MIX!

I DIDN'T KNOW YOU COULD DANCE!

WHY SO FAR AWAY?

HEY! CHECK OUT THE LOFT!



UH-- I NEED TO TAKE--

--UH, TAKE THESE CHIPS TO THE KITCHEN.



HEY JAKE!

GREAT TO SEE YOU, MAN!

WASN'T SURE IF YOU'D SHOW!

NOT AFTER--

UH-- YOU KNOW... ALEX.

YEAH, THIS ISN'T AWKWARD.

NOPE. NOT AT ALL.



HEY!
EVERYBODY
ALLY'S
HERE!

BATHROOM!
WHERE'S
THE
BATHROOM?



EXCUSE
ME!

COMING
THROUGH!



FACE IT
JAKE—

YOU'RE
A MESS!



RILEY
SAYS
THESE
WILL TAKE
THE
EDGE
OFF.



I HOPE
SHE'S
RIGHT...



WELL?



NOT
A
THING...



WAIT!



LET'S
PARTY!

YEAH!
GO
JAKE!



WHAT'S WITH MY FINGERS?

TURNING BLUE?



CAN'T CATCH BREATH!

SOMEBODY HELP ME!



URGH!!



OHMIGOSH! WHAT JUST HAPPENED?

JAKE!
JAKE!

HE DOESN'T LOOK SO WELL.

JAKE WAS DANCING AND THEN JUST FELL OVER!

OOH, I CAN'T EVEN...

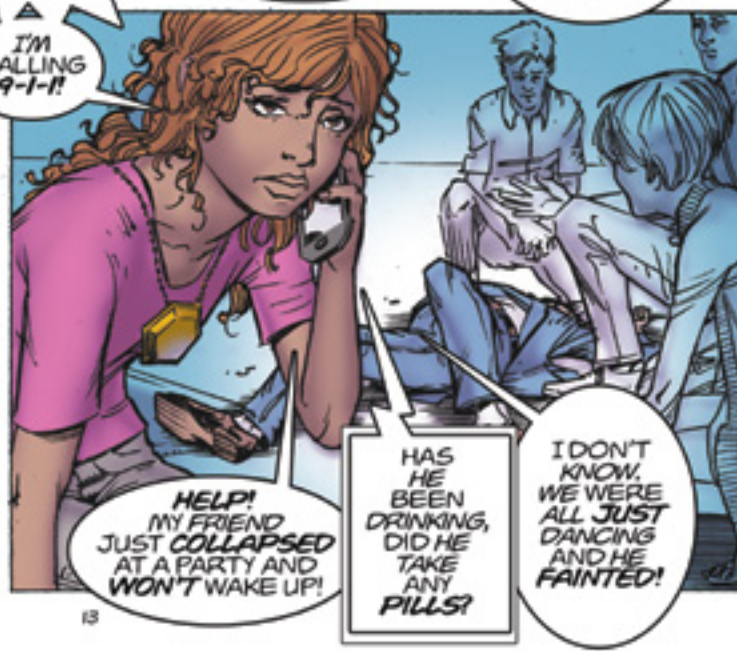


JAKE!
WAKE UP!

I'M CALLING 9-1-1!

HE'S REALLY PALE--

I DON'T THINK HE'S BREATHING!



HELP!
MY FRIEND JUST COLLAPSED AT A PARTY AND WON'T WAKE UP!

HAS HE BEEN DRINKING, DID HE TAKE ANY PILLS?

I DON'T KNOW, WE WERE ALL JUST DANCING AND HE FAINTED!

THE
AMBULANCE
SHOULD BE
THERE
ANY
MINUTE...



YEAH, HE'S
OVERDOSED.

LOOKS
LIKE THESE
ARE THE
PILLS.



I HOPE
NONE OF
YOU KIDS
TOUCHED
THESE.

JUST
DUST FROM
THE BAG
CAN CAUSE
AN O.D.!

TIME
FOR THE
NALOXONE.



WE HAVE
A PULSE.

GOING TO
ROLL HIM ON
HIS SIDE--

JUST
IN CASE
HE GETS
SICK.

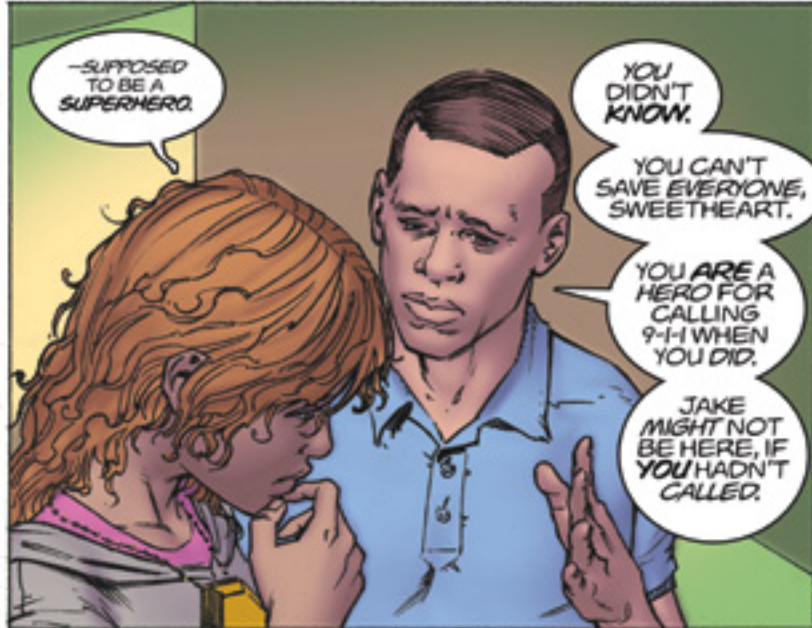




I CAN'T BELIEVE THAT JAKE ALMOST DIED BECAUSE HE TOOK SOME PILLS.

I SHOULD HAVE BEEN ABLE TO STOP HIM!

I'M SUPPOSED TO BE—UH—



—SUPPOSED TO BE A SUPERHERO.

YOU DIDN'T KNOW.

YOU CAN'T SAVE EVERYONE, SWEETHEART.

YOU ARE A HERO FOR CALLING 9-1-1 WHEN YOU DID.

JAKE MIGHT NOT BE HERE, IF YOU HADN'T CALLED.

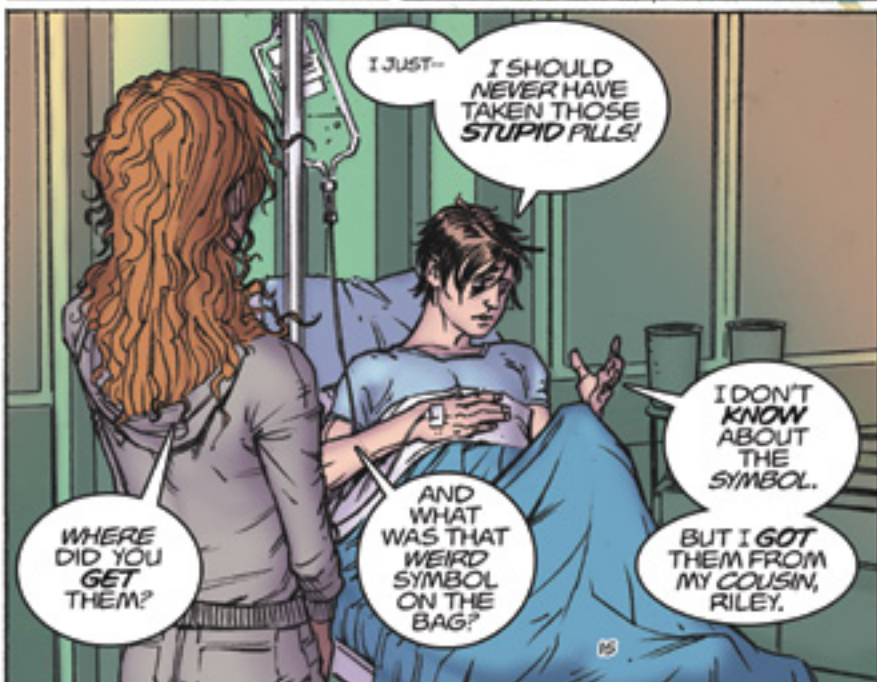


OH JAKE, I AM SO SORRY!

IT'S NOT YOUR FAULT.

YOU PROBABLY SAVED MY LIFE!

I'VE JUST BEEN FEELING LIKE SUCH A MESS WITH SCHOOL AND THE BREAKUP.



I JUST—

I SHOULD NEVER HAVE TAKEN THOSE STUPID PILLS!

WHERE DID YOU GET THEM?

AND WHAT WAS THAT WEIRD SYMBOL ON THE BAG?

I DON'T KNOW ABOUT THE SYMBOL.

BUT I GOT THEM FROM MY COUSIN, RILEY.



I THINK SHE'S MIXED UP WITH SOME BAD DUDES!

"BAD DUDES," HUH...



WHERE CAN I FIND YOUR COUSIN?

SHE DETAILS CARS--IN A LOT OVER NEAR THE PARK.

WHY? WHAT ARE YOU--

--I'M GOING TO WARN HER ABOUT THOSE PILLS!

AND MAYBE GET SOME INFO TOO!



what is this symbol?

FIRST, A LITTLE RESEARCH OF MY OWN!



bad dudes
Mysterious street-level "branding"

what is this symbol?
Did drug counterfeiters create logo for "designer" drugs?

IS DR. DANIELS THE SWITCH?
AREA DOCTOR SUSPECTED OF DRUG TAMPERING

OF COURSE! THE SWITCH!



TIME FOR SPARK TO MAKE THE SCENE!



ZAP!

SPARK! I DIDN'T KNOW!

I'M SO SORRY!



I'M GOING TO TAKE CARE OF THIS SITUATION.



RILEY, PLEASE, WHATEVER YOU DO

DON'T TAKE ANY OF THOSE PILLS YOU GAVE JAKE!



THERE IT IS!
WEIRD SYMBOLS
AND ALL!



I HAD BETTER
SCOPE THIS PLACE
OUT CAREFULLY...



...AND SNEAK
UP ON THEM
FROM BEHIND!



DID YOU
SEE WHERE
THAT KID NEARLY
DIED FROM TAKING
SOME PILLS?

DO YOU
THINK THOSE
WERE OURS?



THAT
AIN'T OUR
BUSINESS.

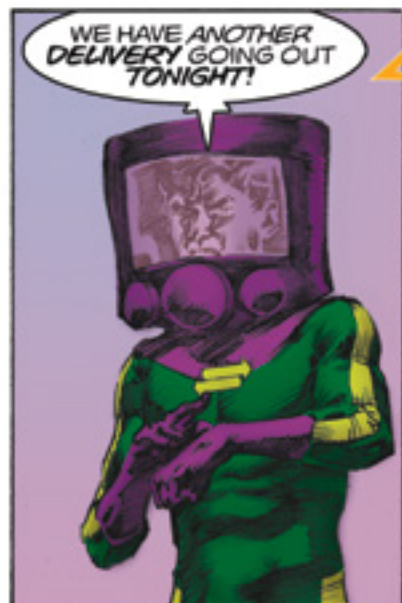
WE JUST
DO WHAT
DOCTOR
SAYS.



"DOCTOR
O.D."
THAT IS!

OKAY,
RECESS
IS OVER!

PICK
UP THE
FACE, YOU
MORONS!







FACTS ABOUT OPIOID MISUSE

Opioid deaths have increased by **264%** from 2012 to 2015

103,000 teenagers had an opioid use disorder in 2017

The number of pregnant woman using opioids increased by **70%** between 2015 and 2017

Teens who are prescribed opioids are **33%** more likely to develop an opioid abuse problem

Statistics were made possible by The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)



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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- Do you think that Jake's circumstances made him want to use drugs? Why or why not?

- Even though Jake had the pills in his pocket the paramedics had no real way of knowing exactly what he took. Why?

- Jake got his pills from his cousin so he didn't really know what was in them. Would it have been better to take drugs from his parents' medicine cabinet and use them? Explain your answer.

- Jake was obviously upset about a lot of things and was looking for a way to deal with it. What are some safer ways he could have tried to handle the stuff he was going through?

- How could his friends have been more helpful to Jake?

- Why is important to check in with friends who are going through hard times?

- What is one simple thing you can do if you know someone is going through a hard time?



DID YOU KNOW THAT
ILLEGAL SUBSTANCES
ARE OFTEN TAMPERED WITH
IN **DANGEROUS** AND
EVEN **DEADLY** WAYS?
PLAY IT **SAFE!**
ONLY USE MEDICINE AS
PRESCRIBED
BY A **DOCTOR**-
AND **ALWAYS** AVOID
UNLAWFUL DRUG USE
AND **ANY** SUBSTANCE OF
UNKNOWN ORIGIN.

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