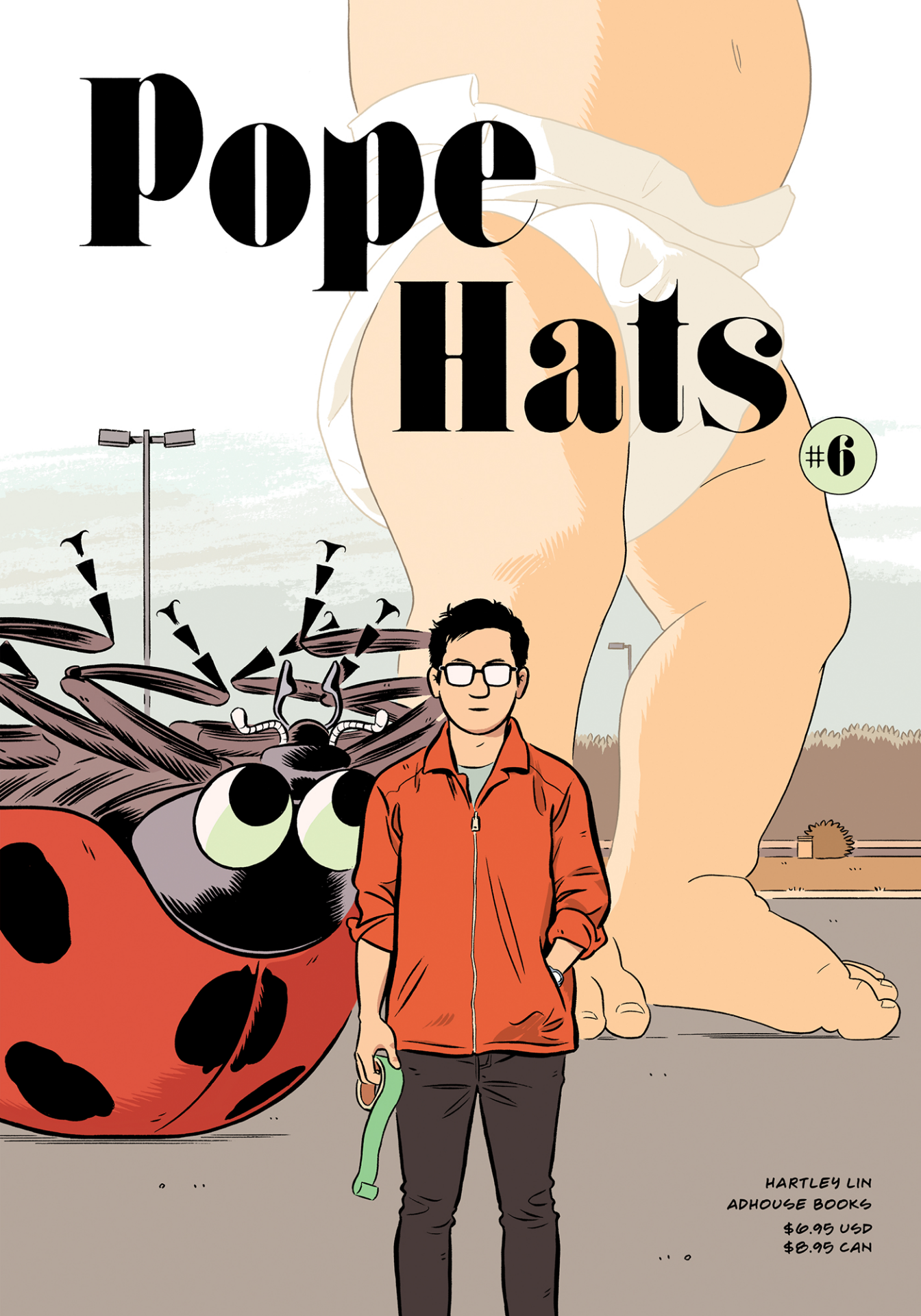


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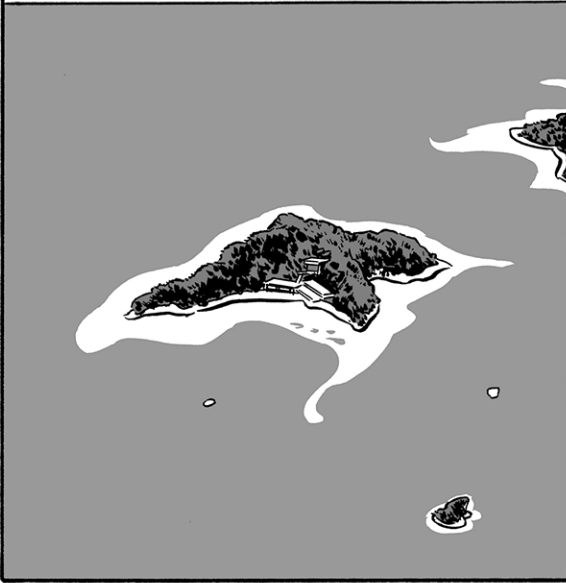
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ISLAND

I WANT TOP 40 POP SONG MONEY. I WANT TO BE ABSURDLY, CONFUSINGLY RICH SO I CAN BUY AN ISLAND.



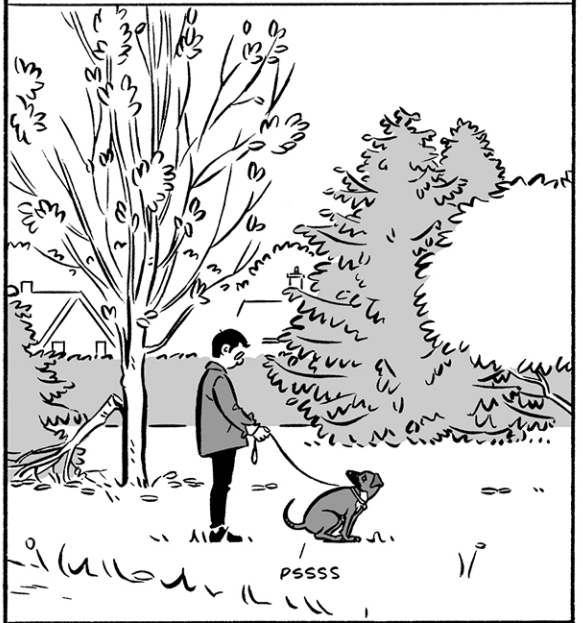
AND THROW A PHENOMENAL PARTY THERE, BRINGING TOGETHER THE MOST COURAGEOUS THINKERS AND ARTISTS OF OUR TIME.



THERE WILL BE HEART-POUNGING MUSIC AND RELENTLESS, BLISSFUL DANCING. AND BY SUNRISE, EVERYONE WILL HAVE SURRENDERED THEMSELVES TO AN ALL NEW UNDERSTANDING OF L-O-V-E.



I WOULD NOT GO TO MY PARTY.

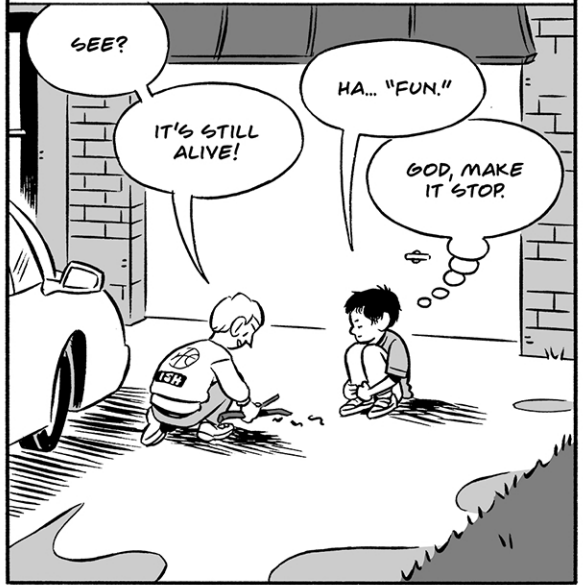


WORMS

OF ALL THINGS, WORMS WERE THE WORST. I WOULDN'T HOLD THEM IN MY PALM. IT'S LIKE GOD APPEARED AND SAID:



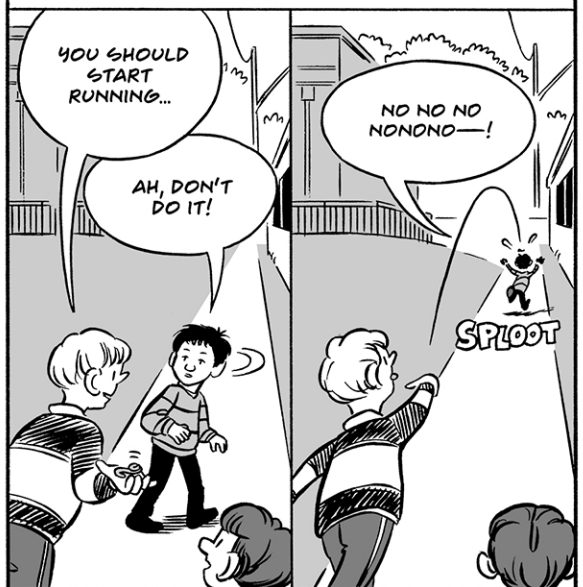
DANE BLACKBURN WOULD SEGMENT THEM IN HIS DRIVEWAY, USING A STICK AS BUTCHER KNIFE.



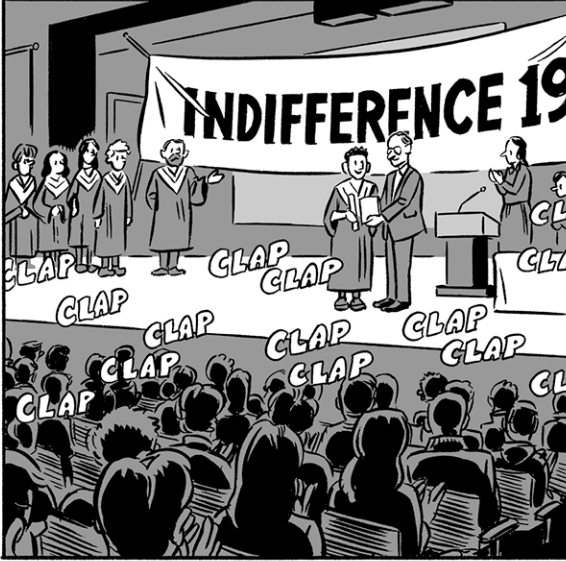
WAKING UP TO RAIN FILLED ME WITH AUTOMATIC ANXIETY. I DREADED FINDING OUT WHETHER THE SIDEWALKS TO SCHOOL HAD SWITCHED TO PULSING MINEFIELDS.



VULNERABILITY IS DIFFERENT BETWEEN CHILDREN. IT IS BASICALLY APPROPRIATE TO EXPLOIT ANY HINT OF FEAR.



I ENVIED THE KIDS WHO REGARDED WORMS AS DUMB CURIOSITIES, IF AT ALL. THEIR BREEZY, UNBOTHERED NATURE WOULD HELP THEM SAIL THROUGH ALL OF LIFE'S GREAT CHALLENGES.



I DON'T THINK IT WAS A PHOBIA EXACTLY, BUT I'M PRONE TO CATEGORY ERROR. MUCH LATER IN HIGH SCHOOL THERE WAS AN ENGLISH LIT. EXERCISE THAT HAD US WRITE DOWN A MAJOR FEAR ON A PIECE OF PAPER...



THEN WE DISCUSSED THE RESULTS.



VERY RECENTLY I'VE BECOME A FATHER. THE PAINT'S STILL FRESH, BUT ALREADY MY HOPES TURN TO MY OWN KID AVOIDING SUCH OBSCURE AND RANDOM TORMENT.

