

Bodega Bay

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A summer fling on the California coast results in an emotional roller coaster of seismic proportions.

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PAGE 1 (FULL PAGE SPREAD)

PAGE 1, Panel 1.

A minivan turns the corner on a winding, two-way highway cutting through Mt. Miwok State Park. Ahead is a beautiful coastline with an incredible view of Bodega Bay, the Beluga Lagoon and the entire town of Bodega.

CAPTION 1:

This summer is going to suck.

PAGE 2 (FOUR PANELS)

PAGE 2, panel 1

The minivan drives through downtown Bodega - a tiny, one-block town with some small stores, one restaurant, and a little park. It's a quiet, cute beach town.

CAPTION 1:

Good old boring Bodega Bay.

PAGE 2, panel 2

The minivan pulls up to Popo's place - a small, adorable beach house with some serious Japanese artsy vibe.

CAPTION 1:

Popo's place...where fun comes to die.

PAGE 2, panel 3

The minivan door opens and MIMI ANDERSON (4) a little adorable Japanese-American kid bursts from her booster seat, excited out of her mind.

MIMI

THE BEACH!!!!

PAGE 2, panel 4

A lanky teen, Japanese-American BEN ANDERSON (15) steps out of the minivan, wallowing in his teenage despair in a too-baggy sweatshirt.

BEN (T)

Kill me now...

PAGE 3 (THREE PANELS)

PAGE 3, panel 1

POPO HAMADA, 87 opens the gate letting out HUCKLEBERRY, a fat, yellow lab, to greet her family as Mimi runs to her in joy.

POPO
Hello!

MIMI
Popo! Huckleberry!

PAGE 3, panel 2

AKARI ANDERSON (48) Popo's daughter and Ben and Mimi's mother, unloads the trunk as Ben, disgruntled hovers, meanwhile Popo hugs Mimi.

BEN
Mom, seriously do I have to stay here? Can't I just-

AKARI ANDERSON
Ben. We talked about this.

PAGE 3, panel 3

Akari hands her son a duffle bag. Popo, with Mimi in hand, waves to the rest of the family.

AKARI ANDERSON
Ben, you and your sister are staying with your grandmother. It will be fun; you'll see - a chance to bond!

POPO
Get over here, Ben. How tall are you now?

BEN
What if I don't want to bond.

PAGE 4 (FIVE PANELS)

PAGE 4, panel 1

Close-up on Ben's incredibly unhappy face.

PAGE 4, panel 2

Ben, Popo and Mimi wave as Akari Anderson drives away.

AKARI ANDERSON

I love you!

MIMI

Bye, Mommy!

POPO

Safe travels!

PAGE 4, panel 3

Mimi has already run off into the Japanese-styled garden, Huckleberry by her side. Popo turns to her grandson. Ben is not having any of this.

MIMI

FISHIES!

POPO

Oh Ben, I'm really happy you're here. Come! Meditate with me.

PAGE 4, panel 4

Koi swim around and through the water. We see an overjoyed Mimi staring at the fish in awe.

PAGE 4, panel 5

In her Japanese Buddhist Zen garden, Popo sits beside her pond with Mimi and Ben at either side. Huck too.

POPO

Now the first thing one must do to meditate is to let go... and open yourself up to your feelings.

PAGE 5 (FIVE PANELS)

PAGE 5, panel 1

Ben is beyond annoyed. Mimi is doing a handstand and Popo sits in perfect Buddhist meditation.

POPO

...only then can you connect with yourself... and the world.

MIMI

I'm connecting Popo!

PAGE 5, panel 2

Ben has one eye open. A firm smirk.

POPO

Listen Ben... the world...

PAGE 5, panel 3

Ben glares at his grandma.

POPO

...It's trying to tell you something.

PANEL 5, panel 4

Ben sneaks off from Popo who is deep in meditation. Mimi has found a snail.

POPO

Something important...

PAGE 5, panel 5

Ben smirks, proud of himself as he sneaks away.

PAGE 6 (FOUR PANELS)

PAGE 6, panel 1

A Playstation control.

PAGE 6, panel 2

A wide screen monitor.

PAGE 6, panel 3

Computer-plug-in

PAGE 6, panel 4

Ben sits among his whole gamer set up, wrapped into his latest adventure: headphones, VR set, wide screen monitor. He is in a living room dominated by art supplies, weird bird statues, and a few windows that show the beach outside where Popo and Mimi are walking down a boardwalk to the beach. Ben is captivated by his own universe.

PAGE 7 (FIVE PANELS)

PAGE 7, panel 1

Wide shot: Bodega Beach in all its glory. Popo and Mimi stand in the sand dunes overlooking the wonderful coast line.

PAGE 7, panel 2

Mimi's overly excited face. She wears a onesie bathing suit, complete with kid floaties.

MIMI

Popo... do mermaids live here?

PAGE 7, panel 3

Popo sits down on a granite bench and her granddaughter looks at her, you can see the love for the land in Popo's face.

POPO

Bodega Bay... is full of magic.

PAGE 7, panel 4

Over the shoulder of Popo, looking out to sea, Mimi's eyes sparkle with fascination.

POPO

A sea with many secrets...

PANEL 7, panel 5

Popo looks to Mimi, grabbing her small cute hands.

POPO

I'm sure there are mermaids, Mimi.

EXTRA 8 (FOUR PANELS)

PAGE 8, panel 1

Mimi runs to the beach and Popo sits on her granite bench, smitten as can be.

PAGE 8, panel 2

Popo COUGHS into a handkerchief.

PAGE 8, panel 3

The handkerchief has blood in it.

PAGE 8, panel 4

Popo stares out to sea.

PAGE 9 (FIVE PANELS)

PAGE 9, panel 1

AADESH PATEL, a 15 year old Indian boy plays on his game set from his living room in Mumbai.

AADESH

Careful, Ben, wouldn't want to be sniped from behind.

PAGE 9, panel 1

CLICK. BEEP. CLICK. Ben is wrapped up in a epic battle.

BEN

Cover me and shit a grenade!

PAGE 9, panel 2

On screen, Aadesh's character and Ben's character play side by side in full SWAT gear, shooting their adversaries with streams of bullets.

AADESH

I'm just saying cover your ass.

PANEL 9, panel 3

Ben is furiously tapping away at his gaming controls. He doesn't even notice the foreboding shadow behind him.

PANEL 9, panel 4

ZIP the computer crashes!

PAGE 9, panel 5

Popo is holding the plug, quite proud of herself. Ben is stunned.

BEN

HEY! I was in the middle of a game!

PAGE 10 (FOUR PANELS)

PAGE 10, panel 1

Popo kicks Ben out of the house.

POPO

No video games. Fresh air. Go!

BEN

Popo, no!

PAGE 10, panel 2

CLICK. Popo has locked the door. Ben pulls the door to his dismay.

BEN

POPO!

PAGE 10, panel 3

Ben is frustrated. He grabs his head. GROANS. ROSEMARY (16) surfboard overhead, wearing a wet suit, looks at him with a small smile.

ROSEMARY

Hey.

PAGE 10, panel 4

Ben turns and is immediately taken aback by the coolest, prettiest girl he has ever seen. Rosemary just looks at him- confident, cool, a total California hippie kid.

ROSEMARY

Ben, right? Your Grandma talks about you all the time.

PAGE 11 (THREE PANELS)

PAGE 11, panel 1

Ben stammers, not knowing what to say (a GIRL is talking to him.) Rosemary smiles.

ROSEMARY

Um... You surf?

PAGE 11, panel 2

Ben can't take his eyes off her.

BEN

...yeah.

PAGE 11, panel 3

Rosemary leads him through the sand dunes.

ROSEMARY

Great, then let's go. I'm Rosemary by the way. I live next door.

PAGE 12 (FIVE PANELS)

PAGE 12, panel 1

Wide shot of the beach. Rosemary leads, Ben trails behind her. Starry-eyed.

ROSEMARY

Hey guys.

PAGE 12, panel 2

Three other teens sit on the beach, waxing surfboards and lounging on beach towels. It's ASH (18), super hot and crazy buff. MEGAN (17), a wannabe podcaster and her twin brother MARKUS (17) who is openly gay.

MEGAN

Rosemary!

ASH

What's up!

PAGE 12, panel 3

The teens all mingle. Ben is incredibly shy.

ROSEMARY

Guys meet Ben. Ben this is Ash, Megan and her twin Markus.

BEN

Hi...

PAGE 12, panel 4

Ash gets in Ben's face, sizing him up. He is stronger, taller and more "dudely" than Ben. Rosemary smiles big between them. Ben is intimidated.

ROSEMARY

Ben can surf.

PAGE 12, panel 5

Ash smiles, raising his hand; he leads the crew to the water's edge.

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ASH
Alright then, LET'S GO, PARTY PEOPLE!

PAGE 13 (FOUR PANELS)

PAGE 13, panel 1

The gang heads out into the waves. Ben stands at the shoreline.

PAGE 13, panel 2

Water laps at his shoes. Ben is incredibly nervous.

PAGE 13, panel 3

Rosemary sits on her board and waves Ben in.

ROSEMARY

Grab the extra board, Ben! Come on!

PAGE 13, panel 4

Ben, shirtless, wearing only his jeans, grabs the extra wave stream. He is starting to nervously sweat while the others are paddling out.

PAGE 14 (THREE PANELS)

PAGE 14, panel 1

Ben wades into the ocean with his board. He hasn't even tied the leash to his ankle. He is a total rookie and we know it.

BEN (T)

Okay... okay... cool... fun...

PAGE 14, panel 2

Ben gets on his board and starts paddling out. Clearly he is trying to repress the panic.

BEN (T)

Super fun...

PAGE 14, panel 3

He manages to paddle out with the others. Rosemary is sitting on her board, calm, collected and super cute.

MEGAN

I've never seen anyone surf in jeans before.

ROSEMARY

Guess there's a first for everything.

BEN

Hah... well... wouldn't want to miss a wave.

MARKUS

My kind of guy. Say... Ben are you like... into guys?

PAGE 15 (THREE PANELS)

PAGE 15, panel 1

Megan kicks her brother off his shortboard. Rosemary laughs.

MEGAN

Rose, did you hear something?

PAGE 15, panel 2

Suddenly Ash whizzes by on his board and ricochets into the air in a crazy curtail flip. The other three crest the wave, watching. Markus's head is sticking out of the water.

PAGE 15, panel 3

Ben's eyes are wide with wonder.

PAGE 16 (FOUR PANELS)

PAGE 16, panel 1

Ben stares in awe and doesn't see the other three teens starting to paddle.

MARKUS

Here we go!

PAGE 16, panel 2

Markus duck-dives while the girls crest a HUGE wave rolling in. Ben is in the crush zone.
The look on his face tells all: royally screwed.

PAGE 16, panel 3

Ben stares at the wall of water ready to destroy him.

BEN

Ahh-

PAGE 16, panel 4

Ben is wiped out. His board flies sky high.

PAGE 17 (FIVE PANELS)

PAGE 17, panel 1

Ben is tossed in the white water, doing a rolling flip!

PAGE 17, panel 2

His face smashes the sand bar!

PAGE 17, panel 3

He comes up for air, gasping!

PAGE 17, panel 4

Ben looks. Eyes WIDE, panicked.

PAGE 17, panel 5

A second wave!

PAGE 18 (FOUR PANELS)

PAGE 18, panel 1

Ben breaks the surface! Haggard, half-drowned, kelp in his hair.

PAGE 18, panel 2

Ben crawls on his hands and knees through the shallows. Gasping.

PAGE 18, panel 3

Morbidly embarrassed and soaking Ben grabs his clothes, too shy to look over his shoulder at the others out on the break. The look of utter defeat hangs on his face.

PAGE 18, panel 4

The other teens wait on their boards for a wave. Ash chuckles. Rosemary, though, looks concerned.

ASH

Figures.

PAGE 19 (FIVE PANELS)

PAGE 19, panel 1

Ben sits in smoldering silence, headphones on, locked into a game. It's super late - the middle of the night.

PAGE 19, panel 2

A FLASH of bubbles. Ben is hitting the sand.

PAGE 19, panel 3

Ben furiously plays at his controls; his avatar is shooting violently into the game space.

PAGE 19, panel 4

Rosemary, smiling.

PAGE 19, panel 5

Close up on Ben's focused eyes, holding back way too many angry thoughts and emotions.

PAGE 20 (FOUR PANELS)

PAGE 20, panel 1

Ben is deep in the game. His avatar character slaughters an opponent.

PAGE 20, panel 2

Ben's dad, DAVE ANDERSON, and his mom are arguing about something. Ben overhears.

PAGE 20, panel 3

The screen is blurred out by a squishy blob.

PAGE 20, panel 4

Ben smacks a floating jellyfish out of the way.

PAGE 21 (THREE PANELS)

PAGE 21, panel 1

The jellyfish stings Ben.

BEN

Ow!

PAGE 21, panel 2

Ben is thunderstruck, holding his hand as the jellyfish seemingly floats through the air. A ghostly spirit-jellyfish.

PAGE 21, panel 3

Ben looks up. The living room is full of floating spirit moon jellies.

PAGE 22 (THREE PANELS)

PAGE 22, panel 1

Ben stands. Video console forgotten in a living room full of swimming ghostly marine life.

PAGE 22, panel 2

Ben follows a school of fish out the door.

PAGE 22, panel 3

Ben walks through the sand dunes to see a myriad of ghostly ocean creatures swimming around in the air.

BEN

What...

PAGE 23 (THREE PANELS)

PAGE 23, panel 1

Ben sees a humpback whale! It's jumping in the air above him!

PAGE 23, panel 2

And it crashes into the shore break!

PAGE 23, panel 3

The whale vanishes beneath the sea... revealing Rosemary standing in the surf!

PAGE 24 (FIVE PANELS)

PAGE 24, panel 1

Ben stands at the shoreline in awe and confusion.

BEN

Rosemary?

PAGE 24, panel 2

Rosemary turns, surprised and clearly caught off guard.

PAGE 24, panel 3

Ben stares at her.

BEN

What are you doing?

PAGE 24, panel 4

Rosemary is scrambling for an answer.

ROSEMARY

Um...

PAGE 24, panel 5

Ben is worried.

BEN

Are you alright?

PAGE 25 (THREE PANELS)

PAGE 25, panel 1

Rosemary comes out of the water in just her underwear.

ROSEMARY

Don't look, okay? Let me put my clothes on.

PAGE 25, panel 2

Embarrassed, Ben turns while Rosemary puts her clothes back on.

ROSEMARY

I didn't think anyone would be out here this late!

BEN

Aren't you cold?

PAGE 25, panel 3

Rosemary comes around in her PJs, wet hair and an overall angry disposition.

ROSEMARY

I was just... trying to *feel* something. Don't tell my dad. Hey... were you watching me?

BEN

No! No way! No! I was just...

PAGE 26 (FOUR PANELS)

PAGE 26, panel 1

Ben knows what he is saying sounds crazy.

BEN

There were like these... ghost fish.

PAGE 26, panel 2

Rosemary looks at him. She thinks he is nuts.

ROSEMARY

Okay I'm going home now. Bye Ben.

PAGE 26, panel 3

Ben is alone on the beach in the dark.

PAGE 26, panel 4

Ben squints suspiciously at the ocean.

BEN (T)

Ghost fish...

PAGE 27 (FIVE PANELS)

PAGE 27, panel 1

Ben is sleeping in a bunk bed, a small sand crab is sitting on his chest.

PAGE 27, panel 2

The sand crab pinches Ben's nose. Ben immediately wakes.

BEN

Ow!

PAGE 27, panel 3

Ben grabs the crab.

PAGE 27, panel 4

And stares at it in deep annoyance.

PAGE 27, panel 5

Before chucking the crab in frustration.

PAGE 28 (FOUR PANELS)

PAGE 28, panel 1

Ben is annoyed, watering Popo's garden. Mimi is in the background, playing with her toys. Ben is talking on his phone in secret.

BEN

Dad, please you have to come get me. I hate it here. I think I'm going crazy. Actually Popo may be making me crazy with all her spirit ghosts talks.

PAGE 28, panel 2

Ben's white father DAVE ANDERSON (50) sits in a government office building in downtown Sacramento. He is busy and very tired looking.

DAVE ANDERSON

Ben... your mother and I both agreed that you and your sister are going to stay at Popo's for the summer.

PAGE 28, panel 3

Ben sneaks away behind a bush from Popo's sight.

BEN

But why? I don't get why you and Mom just dumped me here! It's not fair.

PAGE 28, panel 4

Ben, still hiding in the bushes, puts his dad on speaker.

DAVE ANDERSON

This can be a great chance to experience new things.

BEN

Dad!

DAVE ANDERSON

Look Ben... I've got to go. Talk soon.

PAGE 29 (FIVE PANELS)

PAGE 29, panel 1

Ben GROANS from the bush. Rosemary, feeding Popo's koi, looks at Ben.

ROSEMARY

Ben?

PAGE 29, panel 2

Both teens look at each other, Ben from his bush and Rosemary from the pond's edge.

PAGE 29, panel 3

The two talk over each other.

BEN

I'm sorry about last night I didn't mean to-

ROSEMARY

Are you spying on me again?

PAGE 29, panel 4

Ben is flustered climbs out of the bushes as Rosemary tosses more food to the koi.

BEN

No! I was calling my dad.

ROSEMARY

Oof... parents. Who needs them when you can hop the fence and feed Popo's koi?

PAGE 29, panel 5

Ben watches her, studies her. Curious.

BEN

Feed Popo's fish?

ROSEMARY

Yep. I feed Popo's fish every day, twice a day, all summer, every summer. That's how we know each other so well.

PAGE 30 (FOUR PANELS)

PAGE 30, panel 1

Popo rushes over in joy.

POPO

Rosie!

PAGE 30, panel 2

The two hug as Ben watches.

PAGE 30, panel 3

Popo grabs Ben's arm.

POPO

Rosie, can you show Ben around Bodega Bay? All he does is sit inside and play those horrible violent television games. You can take the tandem.

BEN

Popo... no...

ROSEMARY

I'm sure...

PAGE 30, panel 4

Popo pushes the two of them.

POPO

Have fun!

PAGE 31 (THREE PANELS)

PAGE 31, panel 1

Ben and Rosemary ride a tandem bike together. Neither one of them seems to happy about it. Rosemary in the front; Ben in the back.

PAGE 31, panel 2

Rosemary begins a touristy monologue as the two bike through downtown Bodega Bay, the one block of touristy beach-themed shops and the one restaurant.

ROSEMARY

Okay.. Bodega Bay, Bodega Bay. The Miwok's used to live here before the Spanish came along and messed everything up. You add in the Russians who came in and killed all the sea otters and whales, then we jump to white people showing up and basically taking over to this day.

PAGE 31, panel 3

Rosemary looks back at Ben.

ROSEMARY

Do you want to see something really neat?

PAGE 32 (FOUR PANELS)

PAGE 32, panel 1

Rosemary stands on top of a crack in the pavement. Ben looks disappointed.

ROSEMARY

This.

PAGE 32, panel 2

Rosemary lays a hand on top the crack.

BEN

A crack?

ROSEMARY

The largest strike-slip fault on earth.

PAGE 32, panel 3

Ben peers at the crack, faking intrigue.

BEN

Mmm. Neat.

ROSEMARY

Yeah at any moment there could be an earthquake. This crack reaches all the way down into the core of the planet where tectonic plates are grinding past one another - the north American plate and the Pacific plate. And right here is where they converge.

PAGE 32, panel 4

Ben sees something over Rosemary's shoulder that scares him.

BEN

WATCH OUT!

PAGE 33 (THREE PANELS)

PAGE 33, panel 1

Ben grabs Rosemary and pushes her to the ground as a ghost-great white shark swims over their heads!

PAGE 33, panel 2

Ben, laying on top of Rosemary, watches the shark swim away. Rosemary, equally horrified, stares up at Ben laying on top of her.

PAGE 33, panel 3

Rosemary heaves Ben off her.

ROSEMARY

Dude! Get off!

PAGE 34 (SIX PANELS)

PAGE 34, panel 1

Ben doesn't even apologize.

BEN

The shark? Why is there a shark? Don't you see that?

PAGE 34, panel 2

Ben and Rosemary are sitting in the middle of the road. And she thinks he has officially lost his mind.

PAGE 34, panel 3

Ben stands, trying to figure out what the hell is going on. Rosemary sneaks off.

BEN

The same thing happened last night. There are these ghost fish things swimming around and that shark! It's like they're swimming in air!

PAGE 34, panel 4

Ben sees Rosemary try and ride the tandem bike away.

BEN

Rosemary?

PAGE 34, panel 5

Ben runs beside her to catch up, as she struggles to keep the bike going.

BEN

I think I'm losing my mind.

ROSEMARY

You think?

PAGE 34, panel 6

Rosemary crashes to the ground trying to bike solo.

PAGE 35 (FIVE PANELS)

PAGE 35, panel 1

Rosemary is on the ground. Ben offers a hand.

BEN

I'm not normally this weird. Swear it.

PAGE 35, panel 2

Rosemary stares at his hand.

PAGE 35, panel 3

Takes it.

PAGE 35, panel 4

Ben and Rosemary stand, each holding up their side of the bike.

BEN

Well... I guess I am a little bit weird...

PAGE 35, panel 5

They both get on the bike. Rosemary looks at him with a forgiving smile.

ROSEMARY

We're all little bit weird.

PAGE 36 (FIVE PANELS)

PAGE 36, panel 1

Ben sits on an art stool in front of an easel wearing both a frown and a smock. Popo hovers. It's Popo's mini art studio filled with Japanese-style watercolors.

POPO

When you mix the paint together, go from light to dark.

PAGE 36, panel 2

Mimi sits on the ground, happily playing with paint. Humming.

PAGE 36, panel 3

Popo paints a group of wimpet birds with large curving beaks patrolling the shoreline

POPO

Let your feelings flow through the paintbrush onto the canvas; feel the energy of expression.

PAGE 36, panel 4

Ben stares at his canvas with a blank emotionless face. The shot is angled from behind the easel.

PAGE 36, panel 5

Ben begins to paint.

PAGE 37 (THEE PANELS)

PAGE 37, panel 1

Mimi shows Popo her art. A pretty decent mermaid for a pre-kindergardener.

MIMI

Popo! It's a mermaid!

POPO

Good job, Mimi!

PAGE 37, panel 2

Popo looks at Ben's canvas.

PAGE 37, panel 3

Ben's canvas is a poorly-drawn, screaming stick figure, drowning in a sea full of sharks ready to devour him.

POPO

How... lovely... Ben.

PAGE 38 (FOUR PANELS)

PAGE 38, panel 1

Popo's, Ben's and Mimi's watercolors have been hung up to dry. The paintings are all so different, it's kinda funny.

PAGE 38, panel 2

It's late now and the three sit at a round dinner table by the window. Mimi is passed out in her high chair, spoon still in her hand. Ben is finishing his ramen while Popo sips tea from a Japanese cup.

PAGE 38, panel 3

Ben stares at Popo while she pours tea from her teapot into her teacup.

PAGE 38, panel 4

A ghost stingray glides atop the table as Popo sips her tea.

PAGE 39 (SIX PANELS)

PAGE 39, panel 1

Ben looks at his grandma, tired. Confused. Border-line frustrated.

BEN

Popo... do you ever see things... that aren't actually there?

PAGE 39, panel 2

Popo looks at her grandson and smiles.

POPO

And are you?

PAGE 39, panel 3

Ben is on defense now.

BEN

No.

PAGE 39, panel 4

Popo smiles knowingly.

POPO

When I was little, back in Japan I used to see spirits all around me. In the trees, in the wind, in the water. Benjamin, we are surrounded by energy and spirits. They are just as much a part of our lives as we are in theirs.

PAGE 39, panel 5

Popo sets her cup down.

POPO

If you are seeing spirits...

PAGE 39, panel 6

Popo looks up, eyes Ben with a serious intensity.

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POPO
Listen to what they have to say.

PAGE 40 (SIX PANELS)

PAGE 40, panel 1

Ben sits on the granite bench outside, phone in hand.

PAGE 40, panel 2

Ben texts his dad. His dad is about to respond in text (...)

BEN (TEXT)

Dad, how much longer?

DAVE ANDERSON (TEXT)

...

PAGE 40, panel 3

Ben looks up to the house next door, it's a big house. Fancy. Screaming pours from it.

ROSEMARY

I DON'T WANT TO DO THAT!

PAGE 40, panel 4

Rosemary bursts from the house and her parents follow her outside onto the porch.

ROSEMARYS MOTHER

You need to realize-

ROSEMARY

I HAVE A LIFE TOO, YOU KNOW!

PAGE 40, panel 5

Rosemary struts across the sand dunes straight to Ben who is watching all of this.

ROSEMARYS MOTHER

Rosemary, we're not done talking!

ROSEMARY

I'm...

PANEL 40, panel 6

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Rosemary spots Ben.

ROSEMARY
...hanging with Ben!

PAGE 41 (FOUR PANELS)

PAGE 41, panel 1

Rosemary struts through the sand grass. Ben gets up from the bench to follow. Rosemary's parents stare from the porch as the teens take off.

ROSEMARY

Let's go, Ben.

PAGE 41, panel 2

Rosemary walks along the beach, swinging a piece of driftwood in anger. Ben follows but keeps his distance. They are all the way on the other side of the beach where some large rocks begin to emerge from the shoreline.

PAGE 41, panel 3

Rosemary begins to rock climb through the boulders but turns to Ben.

ROSEMARY

You can go home. I just needed my parents to get off my case.

PAGE 41, panel 4

Ben doesn't leave and instead begins to climb the rocks as well, following Rosemary.

BEN

Why are they so upset?

PAGE 42 (FOUR PANELS)

PAGE 42, panel 1

Rosemary laughs to herself on top a huge boulder, as Ben rock climbs beneath her.

ROSEMARY

Upset? They're royally pissed!

PAGE 42, panel 2

Rosemary rock-hops as Ben tries to keep up with her. She continues to unload.

ROSEMARY

They think I am this perfect mini version of them.

PAGE 42, panel 3

Rosemary glides across tide pools, brimming with sea anemones and starfish. Ben, arms out, holds his balance on the wet rocks.

ROSEMARY

They think they can turn me into them. Do as they did. Well, what if I don't want to go to Stanford and study finance like them?

PAGE 42, panel 4

Rosemary ducks into a sea cave; Ben follows.

ROSEMARY

For once in my entire life I wish they could see what I want.

PAGE 43 (FOUR PANELS)

PAGE 43, panels 1

Rosemary sits in the sea cave surrounded by muscles and clams and lithops, tide pools at their feet. Small worlds inside each crack. Crabs scurry in all directions.

BEN

Well... what do you want?

ROSEMARY

I've got no idea.

PAGE 43, panel 2

Ben stares at the majestic sea cave.

BEN

How did you-

ROSEMARY

Find this?

PAGE 43, panel 3

Rosemary picks up a starfish in a tide pool.

ROSEMARY

Found it when I was a kid. I really hate family time at the beach house. There's just so much pressure to be...

PAGE 43, panel 4

Rosemary puts the starfish back.

ROSEMARY

Perfect.

PAGE 44 (FOUR PANELS)

PAGE 44, panel 1

Ben and Rosemary stare into the tide pools together.

ROSEMARY

That's why I like hanging out at Popo's place. She is super chill, unlike my parents.

PAGE 44, panel 2

Rosemary looks at Ben.

ROSEMARY

What are your parents like?

BEN

Well we live in Sacramento. Mom works a sushi joint. She can make fire dragon roles. And dad works in government stuff downtown...

PAGE 44, panel 3

Ben looks at Rosemary.

BEN

And they out of the blue just dumped us here for the whole summer. No explanation.

PAGE 44, panel 4

Rosemary considers this.

ROSEMARY

Lame.

PAGE 45 (FOUR PANELS)

PAGE 45, panel 1

Rosemary stands up.

ROSEMARY

But not totally lame. Come check this out.

PAGE 45, panel 2

Rosemary leaves the sea cave. Ben stands.

PAGE 45, panel 3

Ben checks his phone and the text from his dad.

DAVE ANDERSON (TEXT)

Until fourth of July.

PAGE 45, panel 4

Ben squeezes his phone, angered.

PAGE 46 (PANELS)

PAGE 46, panel 1

Ben and Rosemary stand on top of a huge look out rock and we can see a panoramic view of the bay.

PAGE 46, panel 2

Rosemary points.

ROSEMARY

You can see Pelican Point right there.

PAGE 46, panel 3

Rosemary and Ben overlook the beach.

ROSEMARY

Bodega Beach, the Beluga Lagoon.

PAGE 46, panel 4

Rosemary points to the mountain behind them.

ROSEMARY

That's Mount Miwok.

PAGE 47 (THREE PANELS)

PAGE 47, panel 1

Rosemary points out to sea.

ROSEMARY

Look there!

PAGE 47, panel 2

A whole group of humpbacks breach out at sea.

PAGE 47, panel 3

Rosemary smiles, her hair blows in the wind. Ben can't help but stare at her in amazement.

ROSEMARY

Humpback whales. They migrate through here every year, swimming up the coast from Baja all the way up to the gulf of Alaska. It's one of the greatest migrations known in the animal kingdom.

PAGE 48 (FOUR PANELS)

PAGE 48, panel 1

Ben stares at the wales.

PAGE 48, panel 2

Suddenly the town of Bodega is underwater.

PAGE 48, panel 3

Ben blinks.

PAGE 48, panel 4

The town is back to normal.

PAGE 49 (FIVE PANELS)

PAGE 49, panel 1

Soft serve ice cream dolled out of a machine. It's a chocolate and vanilla swirl.

PAGE 49, panel 2

The ice cream man holds out the cone. It's the Surf Side Beach Shack Cafe. A bunch of tourist mingle, eating ice cream.

ICECREAM MAN

Order number 12.

PAGE 49, panel 3

Ben and Rosemary sit on a redwood bench in the local park, both are eating their soft serve.

PAGE 49, panel 4

A ghost harbor seal swims with a pup. They both stare at Ben as he licks his icecream. Ben has become indifferent to the now-common visions.

BEN

How do you know so much about ocean stuff, Rosemary?

PAGE 49, panel 5

Rosemary, laying on top of the bench, stares at the sky.

ROSEMARY

I don't know... I guess I find it interesting?

PAGE 50 (FOUR PANELS)

PAGE 50, panel 1

Ben looks at her.

BEN

But you know... ALL about the sea.

PAGE 50, panel 2

Rosemary slides into the seat next to him.

ROSEMARY

It's like a black hole. We know a lot of about the oceans but... at the same time we know more about the surface of the moon than what's swimming around just a mile offshore.

PAGE 50, panel 3

Rosemary takes a lick in contemplation. The ghost seal pod is swimming away now.

ROSEMARY

It's just a whole other world down there.

PAGE 50, panel 4

Ben and Rosemary are side by side now on the bench.

PAGE 51 (THREE PANELS)

PAGE 51, panel 1

Ben turns to her.

BEN

Well... what do you know about seals?

PAGE 51, panel 2

Rosemary lights up. Nobody has ever taken an interest in her interests before.

PAGE 51, panel 3

The rest of the surf squad appears in the park, carrying their boards. It's Ash, Megan and Markus. Rosemary hasn't seen them yet.

ROSEMARY

You really want to know... about seals?

PAGE 52 (SIX PANELS)

PAGE 52, panel 1

Ash and the twins roll up.

ASH

Yo Rosemary!

PAGE 52, panel 2

Ben and Rosemary look at the other three. Ben and Rosemary are sitting close together on the bench eating ice cream. This doesn't sit well with Ash.

ASH

Why didn't you text me back?

PAGE 52, panel 3

Rosemary gets up from the bench, stretches like it's no big deal to be caught hanging out with Ben.

ROSEMARY

I left my phone at the beach house. I had to get out. The parents were doing the whole "my future speech."

PAGE 52, panel 4

Ash and Rosemary look at one another. Ben is still on the bench in between them.

ASH

So why didn't you just come over to my place?

PAGE 52, panel 5

Rosemary avoids the question.

ROSEMARY

Ben has never seen the sea caves so I wanted to show him.

PAGE 52, panel 6

Ash and Rosemary eye one another. Testing one another.

PAGE 53 (FIVE PANELS)

PAGE 53, panel 1

Ben stands, ice cream forgotten. Megan, sensing the tension, drops in.

MEGAN

We're going to the break, you coming Rosemary?

PAGE 53, panel 2

Rosemary looks at Ash's suspicious face.

ROSEMARY

Sure. 'Course.

PAGE 53, panel 3

Suddenly, it's even more awkward as everyone looks at Ben.

PAGE 53, panel 4

Ben feels it.

BEN

You guys go. I'm going to walk home... I... I need to check on my little sister anyways.

PAGE 53, panel 5

Ben walks off while the others head to the beach. He tosses his soft-serve into the park trashcan.

PAGE 54 (THREE PANELS)

PAGE 54, panel 1

Ben walks over a creek where some snowy egrets are wading in the shallows for frogs. Ghost crabs dance around them.

PAGE 54, panel 2

Ben passes the fire station. A school of ghost bottle nose dolphins fly over the rooftop.

PAGE 54, panel 3

Ben walks past the gate to the beach house community. Ghost bull kelp sways in the middle of the road.

PAGE 55 (THREE PANELS)

PAGE, panel 1

Aadesh is overjoyed to be playing with his online gaming buddy.

AADESH

Dude, you're playing like a snail today. What's with you?

PAGE 55, panel 2

Ben sits in anger. BEEP. CLICK. BEEP.

BEN

I hate it here. My grandma is crazy.

PAGE 55, panel 3

Aadesh and Ben, on split screen panels

AADESH

Try living with your entire extended family.

BEN

Aadesh, you live in a mansion in Mumbai.

AADESH

Yeah well you're on a beach in California right now. Just think about all the beach babes you could meet.

BEN

Girls are overrated.

AADESH

EXCUSE ME? Girls are everything. They are our better halves. Plus girls smell nice.

BEN

That's because all you do is play games, you never-

AADESH

Dude, I have an arranged marriage. I have to live vicariously through you. So, who is she?

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BEN
What?

PAGE 56 (FIVE PANELS)

PAGE 56, panel 1

Ben and Aadesh's avatar characters roam the empty streets in the virtual world.

AADESH

The girl? The one you're obviously crushing over.

BEN

There's no girl!

PAGE 56, panel 2

Ben's character is attacked! Aadesh's character blocks the blow.

AADESH

Well, clearly you're distracted, Ben. Your head's not in the game.

PAGE 56, panel 3

Ben groans in front of his computer screen.

AADESH

What's her name?

PAGE 56, panel 4

Ben looks pained, and defeated.

BEN

Rosemary.

PAGE 56, panel 5

The screen reads GAME OVER!

BEN

Crap.

PAGE 57 (FIVE PANELS)

PAGE 57, panel 1

It's Google Maps. Of Bodega Bay and Mount Miwok. A point reads: BUS STOP. It's on the other side of the mountain.

PAGE 57, panel 2

Ben stares at his phone, backpack on.

BEN
Crap.

PAGE 57, panel 3

Ben is sweating as he treks up a hill, on the road that leads over the mountain.

PAGE 57, panel 4

He holds out a thumb, hitch hiking.

PAGE 57, panel 5

THE POLICE CAR comes around the corner. WHOOP! WHOOP!

BEN.
Crap.

PAGE 58 (FIVE PANELS)

PAGE 58, panel 1

Ben sits in the back of the police car, backpack in his lap. THE SHERIFF drives him home.

SHERIFF

Running away huh?

PAGE 58, panel 2

Ben is so frustrated he could cry.

BEN

I'm not running away, I'm going home!

PAGE 58, panel 3

The sheriff opens the door for Ben; they're back at Popo's place.

SHERIFF

Regardless, hitchhiking is illegal and you're a minor. You're going to have to take it up with your grandmother about going home.

PAGE 58, panel 4

The sheriff talks to Popo as Ben saunters past, in defeat.

PAGE 59 (FOUR PANELS)

PAGE 59, panel 1

Rosemary hops Popo's fence.

PAGE 59, panel 2

She knocks on the door of Popo's house.

ROSEMARY

Popo! POPO! It's Rosemary!

PAGE 59, panel 3

Mimi is staring up at her in awe. Huckleberry is beside her wearing a bucket hat and socks.

MIMI

Are you a mermaid?

PAGE 59, panel 4

Rosemary squats down to Mimi's eye level. Mimi GASPS.

ROSEMARY

Who told you?

PAGE 60 (FOUR PANELS)

PAGE 60, panel 1

Rosemary knocks loudly on the door. Mimi GASPS again.

ROSEMARY

I need Ben's help. It's very important - we have to save a baby seal!

PAGE 60, panel 2

Rosemary peers in through a window.

ROSEMARY

I just need to get in.

MIMI

Popo can't hear well.

PAGE 60, panel 3

Mimi states matter-of-factly,

MIMI

She is hard of hearing. You have to go the Huckleberry way.

PAGE 60, panel 4

Mimi crawls through a doggie door.

PAGE 61 (FOUR PANELS)

PAGE 61, panel 1

Rosemary manages to squeeze through the doggie door herself.

PAGE 61, panel 2

Rosemary rushes to Ben, playing on his VR set, headphones on.

PAGE 61, panel 3

She rips off Ben's equipment.

ROSEMARY

Ben let's go!

PAGE 61, panel 4

Ben is confused and annoyed.

BEN

Rose-

AADESH (OP)

Is that the girl!

ROSEMARY

I need your help.

PAGE 62 (THREE PANELS)

PAGE 62, panel 1

The two bike on the tandem, pedaling as fast as they can.

BEN

What's wrong?

PAGE 62, panel 2

Rosemary pulls a kayak out from under the pier and tosses Ben a paddle.

ROSEMARY

There's a seal pup stuck in a fisherman's net!

PAGE 62, panel 3

The two kayak out into the lagoon, going fast!

PAGE 63 (FOUR PANELS)

PAGE 63, panel 1

There, ahead of them, snarled on some rocks is a small baby harbor seal pup, entangled in a fishing net and the tide is rising. The poor baby has just enough room to keep its nose and whiskers above the water.

PAGE 63, panel 2

Rosemary and Ben jump into the water!

ROSEMARY

Ben, lift the rocks!

PAGE 63, panel 3

Rosemary grabs the net and the seal while Ben moves to the rocks.

ROSEMARY

I pull, you lift!

BEN

Ok!

PAGE 63, panel 4

Rosemary pulls and Ben lifts

ROSEMARY

NOW!

PAGE 64 (FOUR PANELS)

PAGE 64, panel 1

Rosemary and the seal are freed, thanks to the help of Ben!

PAGE 64, panel 2

Rosemary holds the bundle in her arms, overjoyed. She's chest-deep in the lagoon.

ROSEMARY

We did it!

PAGE 64, panel 3

Ben and Rosemary carefully unwrap the tiny pup.

PAGE 64 panel 4

Rosemary holds the pup up, free from the net. She smiles.

ROSEMARY

There you go.

PAGE 65 (FOUR PANELS)

PAGE 65, panel 1

Ben looks at Rosemary. He doesn't see a pod of seals popping up behind him.

BEN

Where's his mom?

PAGE 65, panel 2

Rosemary smiles. Ben turns to see the seals.

ROSEMARY

Right behind you.

PAGE 65, panel 3

Rosemary lets the baby go.

PAGE 65, panel 4

The seal pup is reunited with its mother.

PAGE 66 (THREE PANELS)

PAGE 66, panel 1

The seal rookery hangs out on a sand bank, the mother harbor seal cuddles her baby. Ben and Rosemary watch from the kayak, keeping a respectful distance.

PAGE 66, panel 2

The two kayak while a flock of California brown pelicans soar overhead.

BEN

You told me you don't really know what you want but...

PAGE 66, panel 3

Rosemary looks at Ben.

BEN

Have you ever thought about becoming a marine biologist?

PAGE 67 (FOUR PANELS)

PAGE 67, panel 1

They glide through a kelp bed.

ROSEMARY

You really think I could be a marine biologist?

PAGE 67, panel 2

Sea otters float in the kelp.

BEN

Of course. You clearly love the sea and sea animals.

PAGE 67, panel 3

Rosemary and Ben draw near the pier.

ROSEMARY

My parents would hate that, they will think it's not a real career.

PAGE 67, panel 4

The teens pulls the kayak out of the water.

BEN

Forget their opinions. If you hadn't saved that baby seal, then nobody else would have.

PAGE 68 (FIVE PANELS)

PAGE 68, panel 1

Ben looks at Rosemary.

BEN

You know I'm right on this. You should do the thing you love.

PAGE 68, panel 2

The two are walking side by side.

ROSEMARY

And what do you love, Ben?

PAGE 68, panel 3

Ben looks at her, blushing.

PAGE 68, panel 4

Ben looks down.

BEN

I don't know, I'm not passionate about anything.

PAGE 68, panel 5

The two prop up the tandem bike.

ROSEMARY

I don't know... I feel like passion seeks you out.

PAGE 69 (FOUR PANELS)

PAGE 69, panel 1

Rosemary and Ben get on the bike.

ROSEMARY

And once it finds you, it will not let you go.

PAGE 69, panel 2

Ben and Rosemary smile at each other. It's a moment.

PAGE 69, panel 3

Rosemary blushes.

ROSEMARY

But... thanks Ben. For believing in me

PAGE 69, panel 4

Ben smiles.

BEN

Always.

PAGE 70 (FOUR PANELS)

PAGE 70, panel 1

Rosemary hops over the fence to her side.

ROSEMARY

See you around, Ben.

BEN

See ya.

PAGE 70, panel 2

Rosemary comments through the fence.

ROSEMARY

Why don't I teach you how to surf sometime?

BEN

Haha sure.

PAGE 70, panel 3

Ben goes inside.

PAGE 70, panel 4

Ben takes a look at his video games.

PAGE 71 (FOUR PANELS)

PAGE 71, panel 1

Ben walks past the gamer set.

PAGE 71, panel 2

And out onto the beach.

PAGE 71, panel 3

Popo and Mimi are flying a kite on the beach.

PAGE 71, panel 4

Ben sits in the sand dunes, taking it all in.

PAGE 72 (FIVE PANELS)

PAGE 72, panel 1

Wide shot of the public beach. Life guard tower, lots of beach goers; a happy summer day in the sun.

PAGE 72, panel 2

Up close of the ripped, super hot life guard SKYLER.

PAGE 72, panel 3

Markus quivers on his beach towel staring at Skyler, Megan beside him is writing in a notebook.

MEGAN

I can't wingman you again. I have to write this episode. Just go over there and ask him out.

PAGE 72, panel 4

Markus turns on his sister with panic. She is trying to write.

MARKUS

I CAN'T DO THAT!

MEGAN

Sure you can!

PAGE 72, panel 5

Markus hides under his beach towel.

MARKUS

Why do you even want to start a podcast?

PAGE 73 (FOUR PANELS)

PAGE 73, panel 1

The two are sitting on the beach.

MEGAN

Keep it Green is the environmental podcast we need-

MARKUS

- In a world where amphibians are vanishing. I know, I know, you don't need to remind me.

PAGE 73, panel 2

Markus sits up.

MARKUS

Holy mother of Mackerels he is doing it!

MEGAN

Who's doing what?

PAGE 73, panel 3

The twins look and out on the break, two surfers are riding the white water!

PAGE 73, panel 4

The twins are smiling.

MARKUS

Look at Benny Boy go.

MEGAN

You know, he is really not all that bad.

PAGE 74 (FOUR PANELS)

PAGE 74, panel 1

Ben has a wobbly stance but he is riding a wave! Albeit a white water wave but a wave nonetheless! Rosemary confidently stands on her long board beside him.

BEN

I'm... I'm... I'M SURFING!

ROSEMARY

And you thought you would never be able to!

PAGE 74, panel 2

Ben's P.O.V of surfing. Fish glide under the surface. We see Mt. Miwok in the distance as well as the beachgoers in the foreground.

BEN

WOOOO HOOOO!

PAGE 74, panel 3

Ben bails as Rosemary shifts her longboard.

PAGE 74, panel 4

Ben resurfaces with a mad grin.

BEN

That was fun! Thanks for teaching me.

ROSEMARY

I knew you could do it.

PAGE 75 (FOUR PANELS)

PAGE 75, panel 1

The two sit on their boards, smiling at each other.

PAGE 75, panel 2

Both blush and look away.

PAGE 75, panel 3

Ben, still giddy with adrenaline and happiness, stares out at sea. Rosemary adrift beside him.

BEN

You know, I never really cared much for the ocean before. But now...

PAGE 75, panel 4

Ben is contemplative. Rosemary takes note.

BEN

I feel like I'm starting to understand.

ROSEMARY

Still seeing ghost fishies?

PAGE 76 (TWO PANELS)

PAGE 76, panel 1

Side by side on their surfboards, Rosemary and Ben bob in the gentle waves.

BEN

What?

ROSEMARY

Ghost fishies? From... you know... that night.

BEN

Oh. I was hoping you forgot about that.

ROSEMARY

Haha. I was hoping you'd forget about that night too... but it's been on my mind.

BEN

For real?

ROSEMARY

Yeah... so are you like... still seeing... things?

PAGE 76, panel 2

Ben sits on his board.

BEN

... yeah.

PAGE 77 (FIVE PANELS)

PAGE 77, panel 1

Rosemary is invested now.

ROSEMARY

What's it like? The... visions?

BEN

It's like our world is underwater... or something...

PAGE 77, panel 2

Rosemary looks back at the beach. She points to the shoreline.

ROSEMARY

Well, all of this used to be underwater. The town of Bodega Bay is a landfill. It used to be ocean.

BEN

Maybe that explains it.

PAGE 77, panel 3

Rosemary twirls her foot in the water.

ROSEMARY

Did you try talking to Popo? I've seen her feeding imaginary fish out on her bench.

PAGE 77, panel 4

Ben is embarrassed now.

BEN

Uh yeah... no. Actually the whole thing is crazy. I think I might just have a concussion or something.

PAGE 77, panel 5

Ben looks at Rosemary.

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BEN
Can you... not mention this... to anyone.

ROSEMARY
Yeah. Of course.

PAGE 78 (FOUR PANELS)

PAGE 78, panel 1

Rosemary sees a wave.

ROSEMARY

Oh, I have to take this!

PAGE 78, panel 2

Rosemary pops up on the wave as Ben crests it.

PAGE 78, panel 3

Ben smiles lovingly as she rides away.

PAGE 78, panel 4

Suddenly Ash appears riding a hydro foil.

ASH

Yo Ben, are you coming tonight?

PAGE 79 (FOUR PANELS)

PAGE 79, panel 1

ASH spits out vodka from his mouth onto a burst of flame. He is standing on top of a rock; the other teens mingle about, drinking from red solo cups. The town of Bodega is below them, lit up in the night.

MEGAN

ASH, you're going to burn the whole mountain down!

PAGE 79, panel 2

Ash is playing with his lighter. The Milky Way is cast in the sky. Markus is vaping. Ben is inspecting his cup.

ASH

Relax.

MEGAN

Ash, your dad will be so mad at us if you set stuff on fire.

ROSEMARY

Ben, you don't have to drink it if you don't want to.

PAGE 79, panel 3

Ash is looking at Megan. He pulls out some spray cans.

ASH

Don't worry about my dad.

MARKUS

Ash, you're so gone.

PAGE 79, panel 4

Ash sprays some rocks. It's a penis.

MARKUS

Original work of art, I see.

PAGE (FOUR PANELS)

PAGE 79, panel 1

Markus sprays a fun spiral.

MARKUS
Weeeee!

PAGE 79, panel 2

Megan adds cat ears to her brother's spiral.

MARKUS
What? You just ruined my universe.

MEGAN
I'm your twin, dingus, It's my job to ruin your universe. Besides, I only made it better.

PAGE 79, panel 3

Ash sees Ben and Rosemary laughing in a side conversation. This upsets him.

PAGE 79, panel 4

Ash puts the spray can in front of Ben.

ASH
Let's see what you've got.

PAGE 80 (FOUR PANELS)

PAGE 80, panel 1

Ben holds his spray can as Ash jabs him on.

ASH

Come on!

BEN

I don't know Ash...

ASH

Come on!

PAGE 80, panel 2

Ben prepares his spray can on the rock. He aims.

PAGE 80, panel 3

And he sprays his face! Tripping over the edge of the rock ledge!

BEN

AHH!

PAGE 80, panel 4

Ben has fallen over the edge, the other teens mingle.

ASH

Oh man! He fell!

ROSEMARY

BEN!

PAGE 81 (FIVE PANELS)

PAGE 81, panel 1

Rosemary is frantic. She rushes through the trees and brush.

ROSEMARY
BEN!

PAGE 81, panel 2

Ben is sprawled out on the rocks. Rosemary rushes to him.

ROSEMARY
Ben!

PAGE 81, panel 3

Rosemary makes Ben duck his head in the creek.

PAGE 81, panel 4

Ben is better now, head wet. He smiles in relief. Rosemary is beside him.

BEN
That was dumb.

ROSEMARY
Sure was.

PAGE 81, panel 5

Ben and Rosemary are inches apart now. Their eyes are looking into the other's.

PAGE 82 (FOUR PANELS)

PAGE 82, panel 1

Ben and Rosemary lean in... for a kiss!

PAGE 82, panel 2

Ash and the twins find them and spoil the moment.

ASH

Ben, you alright?!

PAGE 82, panel 3

Ben and Rosemary stand awkwardly apart. A light shines behind them.

PAGE 82, panel 4

The sheriff emerges, holding a flashlight.

SHERIFF

What are you doing?!

PAGE 83 (FOUR PANELS)

PAGE 83, panel 1

All the teens sit on a curb, heads down as the sheriff paces, lecturing.

SHERIFF

Graffiti that will have to be removed. Underage alcohol and nicotine consumption and...!

PAGE 83, panel 2

The sheriff gets right in Ash's face. Ash looks ready to throw a punch!

SHERIFF

Out after curfew.

PAGE 83, panel 3

Ash and the sheriff argue.

ASH

But Dad-

SHERIFF

Not a word! I could have the lot of you arrested right here on the spot. I want you all to go home this instant. Do you hear me?

PAGE 83, panel 4

Rosemary and Ben quickly walk away as the sheriff makes Ash get into the police cruiser. Megan and Markus head home too.

MEGAN (WHISPER)

Markus, do you think Rosemary and Ben...

MARKUS (WHISPER)

Are a thing? I don't think Ben... even knows.

PAGE 84 (FIVE PANELS)

PAGE 84, panel 1

Mimi, birthday hat on, stands eagerly in front of a birthday cake. She is turning 5.

POPO/BEN (S)

Happy birthday, dear Mimi!

PAGE 84, panel 2

Popo and Ben sit next to Mimi as she is ready to blow out her candles.

POPO/BEN (S)

Happy birthday to you!

PAGE 84, panel 3

Mimi blows out her five candles. Popo and Ben clap.

PAGE 84, panel 4

Ben smiles at his little sister.

BEN

Yay Mimi! You're five now! Such a big girl!

PAGE 84, panel 5

Popo coughs into her handkerchief.

MIMI

Why couldn't Mommy and Daddy come?

PAGE 85 (FIVE PANELS)

PAGE 85, panel 1

Ben and Mimi look to Popo who coughs again.

POPO

They were -COUGH- busy, Mimi. But they -COUGH- wanted to be here.

PAGE 85, panel 2

Popo excuses herself from the table.

POPO

Ben, can you get a knife -COUGH-

PAGE 85, panel 3

Ben gets a knife while Popo heads to the bathroom coughing terribly.

PAGE 85, panel 4

Ben, with the butterknife, leans into the bathroom as Popo coughs over a sink.

BEN

What are they busy doing? It's Mimi's birthday! They should be here.

PAGE 85, panel 5

There is blood in the sink.

BEN

Popo?

PAGE 86 (FIVE PANELS)

PAGE 86, panel 1

Popo shuts the door to the bathroom, blocking her grandson out.

POPO

I'm fine. Go cut your sister's cake, please, Ben.

PAGE 86, panel 2

Ben stares at the closed bathroom door as he rejoins Mimi, who has been licking the cake.

PAGE 86, panel 3

Mimi instructs her older brother on the cake.

MIMI

This half is for me and you can have a little bit!

PAGE 86, panel 4

Ben begins to cut the cake.

MIMI

Leave some for Mommy and Daddy.

PAGE 86, panel 5

Mimi enjoys her enormous half of a cake while four other slices of cake are left uneaten on the table. Ben is worried. Something isn't right.

PAGE 87 (FIVE PANELS)

PAGE 87, panel 1

Ben sits at a fancy dining room table. A plate with Pizza is handed to him. CHARLOTTE, Rosemary's mother, is beaming.

CHARLOTTE

Pepperoni or cheese Benjamin?

BEN

Uh... cheese please.

PAGE 87, panel 2

Rosemary sits across from Ben and scarfs a whole pizza slice. GLEN, Rosemary's dad works on his computer.

ROSEMARY

Mom it's just "Ben."

GLEN

Rosemary please eat over your plate.

PAGE 87, panel 3

It's an awkward table with the parents on either end. Rosemary is fuming.

PAGE 87, panel 4

Ben gives Rosemary "the look"

PAGE 87, panel 5

Rosemary stuffs her pizza and SIGNS.

PAGE 88 (FIVE PANELS)

PAGE 88, panel 1

Rosemary declares to everybody:

ROSEMARY

Mom... Dad... I've decided I want to become a marine biologist.

PAGE 88, panel 2

Glen doesn't look up from his computer.

GLEN

A marine biologist doesn't make any money, Rosemary. It's already been decided. You're going to take your mother and my place running the company.

ROSEMARY

I don't care about money and I don't want to run your business! What's more valuable? Making money or saving 70% of the earth's surface! Nothing can be more valuable than that!

PAGE 88, panel 3

Glen STANDS and dominates the head of the table. Ben shrinks back.

GLEN

How you think I pay for this food? For this beach house? Your life is the way it is because I paid for it!

ROSEMARY

But at who's expense, Dad? This beach house used to be a marine life estuary!

PAGE 88, panel 4

Rosemary gets up to leave.

GLEN

Sit back down Rosemary.

PAGE 88, panel 5

Rosemary SLAMS the door. Ben gets up nervously to leave.

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BEN
Thank you... for the food.

PAGE 89 (FOUR PANELS)

PAGE 89, panel 1

The crew hikes through a dense redwood ravine.

MEGAN

Who's doing the tug-of-war this year?

PAGE 89, panel 2

Ben looks confused.

BEN

Tug-of-war?

PAGE 89, panel 3

They all cross a mossy bridge over a creek, a waterfall pours in the background.

ASH

The town of Bodega and Beluga have this stupid tug-of-war every fourth of July.

PAGE 89, panel 4

Rosemary fills Ben in.

ROSEMARY

At the lagoon there's this channel that separates the two towns and both towns come out to pull for a victory. It's a super old tradition.

MEGAN

Well, Ash is barbecuing at his place so that's where I'm going to be.

PAGE 90 (THREE PANELS)

PAGE 90, panel 1

The crew keeps hiking through the redwoods. All of them duck under a massive fallen log.

ROSEMARY

I can't believe fourth of July is in a few days. I feel like school just got out.

PAGE 90, panel 2

They come to a wooden ladder leading up some boulders. Rosemary and Ben wait at the bottom as the others climb it.

BEN

My parents... they're picking me up then.

ROSEMARY

Wow. So soon then. Excited to finally be going home? I know it's all you talk about.

PAGE 90, panel 3

Rosemary climbs while Ben puts his foot on the ladder.

BEN

Yeah... so soon.

PAGE 91 (TWO PANELS)

PAGE 91, panel 1

Ash stands triumphantly on the top of Mt Miwok. You can see San Francisco in the background, the Golden Gate and almost all the Bay Area.

ASH

Did it, bitches.

PAGE 91, panel 2

The teens have set up a picnic on top of the mountain. They're facing Bodega Bay.

PAGE 92 (FOUR PANELS)

PAGE 92, panel 1

Ben is eating musubi while Rosemary snacks on a PB&J. Ash stands up.

BEN

Sorry about your parents.

ROSEMARY

No worries; they suck. Well... not always but most of the time.

BEN

I feel that...

ASH

PARENTS SUCK! And guess who stole all the fourth of July fireworks from my dad?

PAGE 92, panel 2

Markus thinks Ash is lying to them.

MARKUS

Ash, you stole fireworks from your dad? Your dad, The Sheriff?

ASH

Yep.

MARKUS

Sweeetttttt

MEGAN

Jeez, Ash, your dad will arrest us! Not to mention you might burn all of Bodega Bay to the ground.

PAGE 92, panel 3

Ash plays it cool.

ASH

Relax, Meg.

Bodega Bay
Raea Gragg

100.

MEGAN

My podcast is finally taking off, I don't want to lose all my listeners when I get thrown in juvie.

PAGE 92, panel 4

Ash is annoyed.

ASH

Meh podcasts; what about you babe? You in?

PAGE 93 (FIVE PANELS)

PAGE 93, panel 1

Ben stops chewing. All eyes turn to Rosemary and Ben.

PAGE 93, panel 2

Rosemary gets up from her seat! Ben is STUNNED.

ROSEMARY

I'm with Megan on this, I don't want to destroy the town.

PAGE 93, panel 3

Rosemary sits next to Ash while he throws an arm around her shoulder.

PAGE 93, panel 4

Ben is shocked. This is actually happening? Are Rosemary and Ash together???

ASH

I never said anything about destroying the town.

PAGE 93, panel 5

Ash leans into Rosemary!

ASH

We're just going to have a little fun, no biggie. I've watched the fire department do their pyrotechnics for years.

PAGE 94 (FOUR PANELS)

PAGE 94, panel 1

Ash leans in and Rosemary puts a hand on his chest in warning.

ASH

You love fun, babe.

ROSEMARY

Ash...

PAGE 94, panel 2

ASH KISSES ROSEMARY!

PAGE 94, panel 3

Megan roles her eyes. Markus is unfazed, but Ben... Ben is infuriated by this.

PAGE 94, panel 4

Ben can't take it.

BEN

NO!

PAGE 95 (FIVE PANELS)

PAGE 95, panel 1

There's a standoff as Ben, fist balled, glares at Ash. Markus starts recording on his phone.

ASH

Dude, what's your problem?

PAGE 95, panel 2

Ash gets up and gets in Ben's face.

BEN

Haven't you.. heard of personal bubbles?

PAGE 95, panel 3

Ash shoves Ben.

ASH

Personal bubble? What the? You're so strange.

PAGE 95, panel 4

Ash dominates the mountain top.

BEN

Personal bubble, personal space! You walk all over people.

ASH

Since WHEN? I'm not some stereotypical jock-jerk. You've got it wrong, Fish Boy.

PAGE 95, panel 5

Ben takes a step back.

BEN

Fish Boy?

PAGE 96 (FOUR PANELS)

PAGE 96, panel 1

Ash grins.

ASH

Oh? You don't know?

PAGE 96, panel 2

Rosemary gets in between Ash and Ben.

ROSEMARY

Ash! Stop.

ASH

Rosemary here told us all about your little fish visions. That the sea is talking to you? Right? What's it saying, Ben?

PAGE 96, panel 3

Ash makes a stupid kissy fish face.

ASH

Oooh Ben! Ben! I'm so wet Ben.

PAGE 96, panel 4

Markus and Megan stare at the spectacle and Markus is still recording it.

MARKUS

Damn.

PAGE 97 (FOUR PANELS)

PAGE 97, panel 1

Rosemary pulls Ash.

ROSEMARY

Stop it.

PAGE 97, panel 2

Ben and Rosemary share a glance. Ben feels betrayed.

PAGE 97, panel 3

Ben turns to leave and head back down the mountain. Rosemary looks ready to go after him.

ROSEMARY

Ben!

PAGE 97, panel 4

Ash grabs Rosemary's hand.

ASH

Let him go, babe.

PAGE 98 (FOUR PANELS)

PAGE 98, panel 1

Mimi runs to the water, Huckleberry by her side, a stick in his mouth.

PAGE 98, panel 2

And stops!

PAGE 98, panel 3

And runs as fast as she can as the wave chases her! Laughing. Huck runs with her, tail wagging.

PAGE 98, panel 4

Ben, smoldering in silence, stands waist-deep in the water as Mimi plays at the shoreline.

MIMI

BEN! BEN! The waves are trying to catch MEEEE!

PAGE 99 (FIVE PANELS)

PAGE 99, panel 1

The wave catches Mimi and she falls on her butt, laughing. Rosemary walks over.

PAGE 99, panel 2

Rosemary wades into the water.

PAGE 99, panel 3

Ben and Rosemary stand side by side in the surf.

BEN

Why did you tell them?

ROSEMARY

It was at the start of the summer. Ben, I'm sorry... I thought they would forget. It was before I really got to know you, and I...

BEN

And Ash?

ROSEMARY

We've been together since the 8th grade... I figured everyone knew.

PAGE 99, panel 4

Ben looks at her. Rosemary looks out at sea.

BEN

Do you even like him?

PAGE 99, panel 5

When Rosemary doesn't answer, he is clearly angry.

PAGE 100 (FOUR PANELS)

PAGE 100, panel 1

Ben's upset with her.

BEN

You've been doing this all summer.

ROSEMARY

And what's that?

PAGE 100, panel 2

There's a stare down.

BEN

Lying to yourself.

PAGE 100, panel 3

Ben turns to go.

BEN

You do know what you want. You're just too afraid to go for it.

PAGE 100, panel 4

It's Rosemary's turn to be angry.

ROSEMARY

Oh yeah? Well news flash, Ben, you're lying to yourself too.

PAGE 101 (FOUR PANELS)

PAGE 101, panel 1

Ben stops to listen but doesn't turn around to face Rosemary.

ROSEMARY

You can't see the obvious.

PAGE 101, panel 2

Ben SLAMS the door. Popo, painting, notices.

PAGE 101, panel 3

Ben goes right to this gamer set.

PAGE 101, panel 4

Popo blocks his path.

POPO

Nope. No games.

PAGE 102 (FOUR PANELS)

PAGE 102, panel 1

Ben is not having any of it.

BEN

No, Popo. I'm not painting or meditating or going back outside for fresh air. It's not happening.

PAGE 102, panel 2

Popo glares at him with authority.

POPO

You and the sea are the same.

PAGE 102, panel 3

Ben sits down and gets his play station control.

POPO

Just moody teenagers.

PAGE 102, panel 4

Ben has his headphones on, locked into a game. Popo stands with a frown.

POPO

Neither of you know what you're capable of.

PAGE 103 (FOUR PANELS)

PAGE 103, panel 1

It's the dead of night, Ben is riffling through the refrigerator. He looks like he hasn't slept at all. He is talking to Aadesh.

BEN

I really don't want to talk about it, Aadesh.

PAGE 103, panel 2

Aadesh is sitting on a moped, driving through the busy streets of Mumbai during a lunch hour rush.

AADESH

You just have to tell her how you feel, man! So what that if she is dating that other dude. She clearly doesn't like him.

PAGE 103, panel 3

Ben gets out a tub of icecream. A ghost sturgeon glides by. Ben glares at it.

BEN

No, that shipped has sailed. There's nothing I can do-

PAGE 103, panel 4

Ben sees his grandmother in a night robe sneaking out onto the beach.

BEN

Got to go.

PAGE 104 (FOUR PANELS)

PAGE 104, panel 1

Popo sits at her bench. She has the koi food in her hand, feeding imaginary fish.

PAGE 104, panel 2

Ben can see Popo's ghost koi feeding from her hand.

BEN

You can see them too?

PAGE 104, panel 3

Popo smiles.

BEN

Why? What does it mean, Popo?

PAGE 104, panel 4

Popo takes Ben's hands and smiles.

POPO

You have inherited the gift of sight, Benjamin, like many of your ancestors before you.

PAGE 105 (THREE PANELS)

PAGE 105, panel 1

Popo and Ben sit on the bench together as the beach comes to life with ghostly sea creatures.

POPO

However, only you can see what is being said.

PAGE 105, panel 2

Ben looks at how happy his grandmother is as the koi swim past her.

PAGE 105, panel 3

Ben watches the ghost koi go.

PAGE 106 (TWO PANELS)

PAGE 106, panel 1

A traffic jam on Highway 101 leading into Bodega Bay.

PAGE 106, panel 2

American flags hang on the beach as tourists flock into the sand in droves, all ready for Fourth of July.

PAGE 107 (FOUR PANELS)

PAGE 107, panel 1

Rosemary feeds Popo's koi.

MIMI

Will you tell the other mermaids that I would like to be turned into a mermaid?

PAGE 107, panel 2

Rosemary smiles.

ROSEMARY

There's a fee. You will need 25 sand dollars first.

PAGE 107, panel 3

Mimi bolts.

PAGE 107, panel 4

Rosemary glances to the doggie door.

PAGE 108 (FOUR PANELS)

PAGE 108, panel 1

Ben is playing his video games.

PAGE 108, panel 2

Rosemary kicks Ben's foot.

PAGE 108, panel 3

Ben looks at her. Rosemary smiles thinly.

ROSEMARY

The rest of us are going to Ash's for a barbecue... you want to come?

PAGE 108, panel 4

Ben turns back to his game.

BEN

I'm good. Thanks.

PAGE 109 (FOUR PANELS)

PAGE 109, panel 1

Aadesh Patel can't believe what he just heard over the gaming console.

AADESH

Ben, this is your chance! Tell her!

PAGE 109, panel 2

Ben keeps playing.

BEN

No. Can we just play the game?

ROSEMARY

Who are you talking to?

PAGE 109, panel 3

Ben turns off his game.

BEN

Nobody.

PAGE 109, panel 4

Rosemary leaves awkwardly.

ROSEMARY

Okay then.

BEN

Okay.

PAGE 110 (FOUR PANELS)

PAGE 110, panel 1

Rosemary leaves. Ben's fists are balled. Popo enters, carrying some watercolors.

PAGE 110, panel 2

Popo COUGHS and drops her painting!

BEN
Popo!

PAGE 110, panel 3

Ben hurries to his grandmother, who COUGHS more! Ben helps Popo to her feet.

BEN
Popo, what's wrong? You have to tell me.

PAGE 110, panel 4

Popo leans a hand on her grandson shoulder, with a knowing look.

POPO
Okay. Come.

PAGE 111 (THREE PANELS)

PAGE 111, panel 1

Ben and Popo walk out onto the beach.

POPO

So many tourists.

PAGE 111, panel 2

Ben and Popo look out onto the beach. Hordes of people are crowding the sand.

POPO

Ben, it's time to tell you.

PAGE 111, panel 3

Popo looks to Ben, a sadness in her eyes.

POPO

I have pulmonary fibrosis.

PAGE 112 (FOUR PANELS)

PAGE 112, panel 1

Ben looks at his grandma.

BEN

Popo?

POPO

My time is coming soon, Benjamin.

PAGE 112, panel 2

Ben has teary eyes.

BEN

Popo?

PAGE 112, panel 3

Popo smiles sadly.

PAGE 112 panel 4

The two hug.

PAGE 113 (THREE PANELS)

PAGE 113, panel 1

Kid's boogie board in the waves. Split panel. We can tell Ben is crying.

PAGE 113, panel 2

The tug-of-war rope is being set up. Split panel. Popo lays a hand on Ben's cheek.

PAGE 113, panel 3

A group of Fourth of July revelers cheer with summer beers on the beach. Split panel. Popo smiles at Ben.

PAGE 114 (FOUR PANELS)

PAGE 114, panel 1

Ben watches Popo go back inside the beach house.

PAGE 114, panel 2

Ben slides down the sand dune and puts the phone to his ear.

PAGE 114, panel 3

Dave Anderson and Akari Anderson sit with a lawyer in an office.

LAWYER

Alright, that's that.

PAGE 114, panel 4

He shuffles papers that say DIVORCE on them.

PAGE 115 (THREE PANELS)

PAGE 115, panel 1

Mr. Anderson's phone buzz buzz buzzes.

MR. ANDERSON

Excuse me.

PAGE 115, panel

Ben stands on the beach, phone to his ear. Really upset.

PAGE 115, panel

He looks at his phone.

MR. ANDERSON

It's Ben.

PAGE 115, panel

The lawyer nods.

LAWYER

I think it's time you told your son.

PAGE 116 (FOUR PANELS)

PAGE 116, panel 1

Ben talks on the phone from the beach.

BEN

Dad, wasn't Fourth of July the day you were supposed to pick us up?

PAGE 116, panel 2

Ben's parents sit around the phone.

MR. ANDERSON

Ben, it's your mom and I.

AKARI ANDERSON

Hi, sweetie.

PAGE 116, panel 3

Ben is close to his breaking point.

BEN

Why have you been lying to me this whole summer?

PAGE 116, panel 4

His parents glance at each other.

MR. ANDERSON

You're right, son.

PAGE 117 (THREE PANELS)

PAGE 117, panel 1

Close up on Ben's face.

AKARI ANDERSON

We kept it from you; we wanted you to enjoy your summer...

PAGE 117, panel 2

Ben fights emotions.

BEN

About-

AKARI ANDERSON

About-

BEN

Popo.

AKARI ANDERSON

The divorce.

PAGE 117, panel 3

Ben is shaken, drops his phone. There's a minor earthquake; a beach tower's umbrella topples over and a guy's beer falls out of his hand!

PAGE 118 (THREE PANELS)

PAGE 118, panel 1

Close up on Ben's face.

PAGE 118, panel 2

We zoom out to Ben standing on the beach.

PAGE 118, panel 3

We zoom out to sea so that only Mount Miwok and the coast can be seen.

PAGE 119 (FOUR PANELS)

PAGE 119, panel 1

We descend into the ocean.

PAGE 119, panel 2

We pass two humpback whales diving.

PAGE 119, panel 3

It's dark, we reach the bottom of the sea.

PAGE 119, panel 4

The crack in the earth RUPTURES, magma and steam spewing from the fault line.

PAGE 120 (FIVE PANELS)

PAGE 120, panel 1

Ben stands on the sand, shaken. His phone is on the ground. Two tourists walk past.

TOURIST

I think that was an earthquake.

TOURIST 2

Really? I didn't feel it.

PAGE 120, panel 2

Ben's parents speak through the phone on the ground.

MR. ANDERSON

Ben? Ben can you hear us?

PAGE 120, panel 3

Ben falls into the sand, staring at his phone.

BEN

You're getting a divorce??!

PAGE 120, panel 4

Ben grabs his phone.

MR. ANDERSON

I know this is a lot to take in, but Ben, we love-

PAGE 120, panel 5

Ben HURLS his phone into the ocean.

BEN

NO!

PAGE 121 (THREE PANELS)

PAGE 121, panel 1

The phone splashes into the surf.

PAGE 121, panel 2

Ben YELLS, tears coming out of his eyes. He holds his hair in tight fists.

PAGE 121, panel 3

A ghost arm grabs his wrist.

PAGE 122 (FULL PAGE PANEL)

PAGE 122, panel 1

Ben look up and SEES HIMSELF. Real Ben stands on the beach staring up at the ghost version of himself. The ghost version of himself looks panicked, swept up in a colossal wave!

PAGE 123 (THREE PANELS)

PAGE 123, panel 1

Ghost Ben is pulled away in a mighty epic wave of ghost water. Leaving the real Ben standing in a terrified awe.

PAGE 123, panel 2

Close up on Ben's terrified face.

PAGE 123, panel 3

He looks out to sea, scared out of his mind.

BEN

Oh no.

PAGE 124 (FIVE PANELS)

PAGE 124, panel 1

Mimi collects sand dollars at the water's edge.

PAGE 124, panel 2

Ben runs to her.

BEN

Mimi!

PAGE 124, panel 3

Mimi looks at Ben as he grabs her shoulders. He has crazy eyes.

BEN

Mimi, this is really important! I need you to go get Popo and you both need to go straight up to the mountain this instant!

PAGE 124, panel 4

Mimi stares at her older brother.

MIMI

Ok.

PAGE 124, panel 5

Ben hugs her.

BEN

Please hurry.

PAGE 125 (FOUR PANELS)

PAGE 125, panel 1

Ben leaves his sister on the beach and races away, running as fast as he can.

PAGE 125, panel 2

Ben stops in front of a huge crowd of people- mingling of tourists smiling on the beach.

BEN

LISTEN! LEAVE NOW! A TUSUNAMI IS COMING! QUICK, HEAD TO THE MOUNTAIN!

PAGE 125, panel 3

The tourist just all stare at him.

PAGE 125, panel 4

Close up on a baby that starts to cry.

PAGE 126 (SIX PANELS)

PAGE 126, panel 1

A mother hushes her baby while the dad glares at Ben. Another tourist checks his phone.

TOURIST

Theres no emergency notification for a tsunami.

BABY DAD

Dude. Hush up, you're scaring people.

PAGE 126 panel 2

Ben is freaking out. People move away from him, weirded out.

BEN

NO! Listen you have to leave RIGHT NOW!

PAGE 126, panel 3

Nobody is listening to Ben.

PAGE 126, panel 4

Ben realizes something.

BEN

Rosemary.

PAGE 126, panel 5

Ben reaches for his phone.

PAGE 126, panel 6

The phone isn't there, obviously.

BEN

Oh no.

PAGE 127 (FOUR PANELS)

PAGE 127, panel 1

Ben hops the fence into Ash's backyard. There's a barbecue and Ash is setting off fire crackers on the lawn. The bin of stolen fireworks sits nearby. The teens sit around, drinking from solo cups and looking incredibly bored.

BEN
GUYS!

PAGE 127, panel 2

Nobody seems all that jazzed to see him.

BEN
You have to listen to me. We have to save everyone.

PAGE 127, panel 3

Nobody but Ben speaks a word.

BEN
The earthquake. It's going to cause a tsunami and it's coming straight here! We're running out of time!

PAGE 127, panel 4

Megan and Markus are interested.

MEGAN
I told you I felt an earthquake. You owe me a hotdog.

MARKUS
No, I don't. Fish Boy is lying, obviously.

PAGE 128 (THREE PANELS)

PAGE 128, panel 1

Ben grabs some fireworks.

BEN

Listen to me now. Everybody in this whole town is going to die if we don't do something this instant.

PAGE 128, panel 2

Ben hands the fireworks to Ash as he rounds up the group.

BEN

Ash, I need you to go to the lagoon and stop the Tug-of-War contest. Blow up stuff if you have too.

ASH

Oh yeah.

BEN

Markus, you take the public beach. Get everyone off the beach as fast as you can. Megan, you like podcasting?

MEGAN

Yeah?

BEN

Let your voice be heard. Turn on the tsunami warning; use the town speaker system. Tell everyone to head up the mountain.

PAGE 128, panel 3

Ben looks at Rosemary.

ROSEMARY

How do you even know a Tsunami is coming?

BEN

Because the ocean told me.

PAGE 129 (FOUR PANELS)

PAGE 129, panel 1

Ash LAUGHS

ASH

That's the dumbest thing I've ever heard. But who cares! LET'S BLOW STUFF UP!

MARKUS

I'm cool with it.

MEGAN

If Markus is in, then sure.

PAGE 129, panel 2

Ben looks at Rosemary, a smile on her face.

ROSEMARY

The ocean told you, huh?

PAGE 129, panel 3

Rosemary looks to Ben.

ROSEMARY

Good thing I trust the sea... and you.

PAGE 129, panel 4

The tug-of-war between the town of Beluga and Bodega is in full swing. A rope stretches across the canal that divides the towns, with crowds of people at each end. The Sheriff stands watching and monitoring the event.

PAGE 129 (THREE PANELS)

PAGE 129, panel 1

Ash pulls up in a pick up truck, the back overflowing with fireworks. The Sheriff looks at the truck.

ASH

Hey, Dad!

PAGE 129, panel 2

The Sheriff looks infuriated.

THE SHERIFF

ASH! Son! Don't do anything stupid!

PAGE 129, panel 3

Ash grins, tossing his lighter into the bed of the truck.

ASH

Ready for the show?

PAGE 130 (TWO PANELS)

PAGE 130, panel 1

Fireworks ERUPT in chaotic explosions! The tug-of-war participants flee in all directions!

PAGE 130, panel 2

Markus, standing on the crowded public side of the beach, looks down at the other end of the beach and the explosion of fireworks.

MARKUS

Here goes nothing!

PAGE 131 (FOUR PANELS)

PAGE 131, panel 1

Skyler, the lifeguard, is looking at the fireworks in surprise. He doesn't see Markus behind him.

PAGE 131, panel 2

Markus walks up to his shirtless crush. Fireworks going off in the background - it's kinda romantic.

MARKUS

Hey.... Hi... Skyler.

PAGE 131, panel 3

Markus KISSES Skyler! He also grabs the whistle from around his neck!

PAGE 131, panel 4

Markus leaps from the life guard shack whistle in hand. Skyler is STUNNED.

PAGE 132 (FOUR PANELS)

PAGE 132, panel 1

Megan rushes to the fire station and sees the fireworks.

MEGAN

We're really doing this!

PAGE 132, panel 2

Megan breaks a window of the fire station!

PAGE 132, panel 3

Inside, she finds the alarm system and speaker.

PAGE 132, panel 4

She holds the microphone, nervously.

PAGE 133 (FOUR PANELS)

PAGE 133, panel 1

Popo has set up an easel on her bench. She paints the ocean. Fireworks go off at the end of the beach. Huckleberry sits beside her, a good, loyal pup.

POPO
How pretty!

PAGE 133, panel 2

Mimi runs up to Popo and hands off a pile of sand dollars.

MIMI
Popo, Ben wants us to go to the mountain.

PAGE 133, panel 3

Popo inspects her seashells. Huckleberry looks nervous, tail between his legs.

POPO
He wants us to find a fountain? Oh wow so many sand dollars, Mimi!

MIMI
I need twenty to turn into a mermaid.

PAGE 133, Panel 4

Popo takes Mimi's hand and the two head onto the beach. Huckleberry BARKS in warning!

POPO
Oh hush Huck, there just fireworks. Mimi lets find you some more sand dollars!

PAGE 134 (FOUR PANELS)

PAGE 134, panel 1

Skyler chases Markus as he blows the whistle, running through the crowds.

SKYLER

Hey!

PAGE 134, panel 2

Markus yells.

MARKUS

EVERYONE CLEAR THE BEACH AND HEAD TO THE MOUNTAIN!

PAGE 134, panel 3

EEEEYYUUUU EYYYYYUUUU the loud speakers begin! And Megan's voice comes on the radio. Beach goers turn heads.

MEGAN

Tsunami warning! Tsunami warning! Seek high ground! Seek high ground!

PAGE 134, panel 4

Families grab kids. People hurry out of the water. Skyler stops chasing Markus. They look at each other.

PAGE 135 (FOUR PANELS)

PAGE 135, panel 1

Rosemary, arms out, blocks traffic coming into Bodega Beach.

DRIVER TOURIST

GET OUT OF THE ROAD, KID!

ROSEMARY

I'm doing this for your own good!

PAGE 135, panel 2

Ben looks at Bodega Beach, it's starting to clear. People are running up the mountain.

BEN

It's working!

PAGE 135, panel 3

A crowd has gathered on the mountain side. Markus runs through it, Skyler still in pursuit.

MARKUS

Hey! Ben!

PAGE 135, panel 4

Markus runs to Ben and Rosemary.

MARKUS

We actually did it!

PAGE 136 (FOUR PANELS)

PAGE 136, panel 1

Suddenly the crowd parts for the WHOOP! WHOOP! Of the Sheriff's car! Rosemary, Ben and Markus are caught in the headlights.

PAGE 136, panel 2

Megan and Ash are already in the back of the cop car as the Sheriff gets out, ready to pop every vein in his neck.

THE SHERIFF

Benjamin, Rosemary, Markus, take a knee and put your hands where I can see them!

PAGE 136, panel 3

The Sheriff handcuffs Markus, as Ben and Rosemary keep their arms raised. Onlookers gawk.

MARKUS

Wait, it was just a prank-

THE SHERIFF

You are all under arrest and anything you say can and will be used against you in court!

PAGE 136, panel 4

BARK! BARK! Huckleberry runs into frame!

PAGE 137 (THREE PANELS)

PAGE 137, Panel 1

Huckleberry runs up to Ben.

BEN

Huckleberry?

PAGE 137, panel 2

Huckleberry BARKS! Pointing toward the beach.

BEN

Oh... no.

PAGE 137, panel 3

Rosemary is getting a hand handcuffed. Ben springs to his feet! The Sheriff is livid.

BEN

POPO! MIMI!

THE SHERIFF

Sit back down!

PAGE 138 (FOUR PANELS)

PAGE, 138 panel 1

Ben sprints back to Bodega Bay. Rosemary follows him, tearing away from the Sheriff, one hand handcuffed.

ROSEMARY
BEN, STOP!

PAGE 138, panel 2

Skyler steps forward.

SKYLER
Wait!

PAGE 138, panel 3

Skyler points out at see the tide has drawn far out.

SKYLER
Look at the tide! It's going out!

PAGE 138, panel 4

Close up on the Sheriff's face as he realizes.

THE SHERIFF
No...

PAGE 139 (FOUR PANELS)

PAGE 139, panel 1

A sand dollar.

PAGE 139, panel 2

Mimi picks up her sand dollar.

PAGE 139, panel 3

Three more sand dollars in front of her. She smiles.

PAGE 139, pane 4

Mimi walks further out on the wet sand. She passes Ben's phone hidden in some kelp.

PAGE 140 (FOUR PANELS)

PAGE 140, panel 1

Popo smiles, standing on the beach watching Mimi.

PAGE 140, panel 2

A flock of concerned plovers take to the sky, Popo watches them.

PAGE 140, panel 3

Mimi finds a HUGE sand dollar! She reaches for it!

PAGE 140, panel 4

A clam squirts her face as Mimi goes to pick it up!

PAGE 141 (THREE PANELS)

PAGE 141, panel 1

When Mimi stands, she sees stranded fish bouncing around her!

PAGE 141, panel 2

Popo sees a deserted beach and the receding ocean.

PAGE 141, panel 3

Popo drops her cane and hurries to Mimi!

POPO

Meredith!

PAGE 142 (FOUR PANELS)

PAGE 142, panel 1

Ben sprints into Popo's zen garden, Rosemary behind him.

PAGE 142, panel 2

Ben flies out the door onto the beach

BEN

POPO! MIMI!

PAGE 142, panel 3

Popo reaches Mimi, way out at sea.

POPO

Mimi, run to your brother!

PAGE 142, panel 4

Mimi looks at her grandmother. Concern in her eyes.

MIMI

Popo?

POPO

It's okay, go.

PAGE 143 (FOUR PANELS)

PAGE 143, panel 1

Mimi runs to Ben and Rosemary on the beach.

MIMI

Ben!

PAGE 143, panel 2

Rosemary picks Mimi up and heads back to the house.

BEN

Take her! Go!

PAGE 143, panel 3

Wide shot of Ben sprinting across the beach to get Popo, who stands far out on the beach.

PAGE 143, panel 4

Close up on Ben's tear streaked face.

BEN

POPO!

PAGE 144 (FOUR PANELS)

PAGE 144, panel 1

Popo has a smile and is standing tall. She looks totally at peace in her final moment. The tsunami wall of water crests behind her.

PAGE 144, panel 2

Close up: the last and final look on Popo's face.

PAGE 144, panel 3

The wave takes her.

PAGE 144, panel 4

Ben SCREAMS.

BEN

NOOOOO!

PAGE 145 (FOUR PANELS)

PAGE 145, panel 1

Ben is still screaming when the wave hits him!

PAGE 145, panel 2

He is swept up!

PAGE 145, panel 3

Except his hand grabs something!

PAGE 145, panel 4

Ben, carried by the tsunami, is holding onto his own arm as he stares into the face of his spirit-self, from earlier that day!

PAGE 146 (FOUR PANELS)

PAGE 146, panel 1

Ben stares at himself.

PAGE 146, panel 2

But is swept away!

PAGE 146, panel 3

Into darkness...

PAGE 146, panel 4

Wide shot: of the destruction of Bodega. Only rooftops and treetops are seen amid the ruin.

PAGE 147 (FIVE PANELS)

PAGE 147, panel 1

Ben is adrift in floating debris.

PAGE 147, panel 2

A sand crab pinches Ben's nose. Ben immediately wakes.

BEN

Ow!

PAGE 147, panel 3

Ben grabs the crab.

PAGE 147, panel 4

Except this time he sees where he is: stranded on a floating pile of debris.

PAGE 147, panel 5

He gently lays the crab back down.

PAGE 148 (THREE PANELS)

PAGE 148, panel 1

Ben realizes what just happened.

BEN

Popo...

PAGE 148, panel 2

Then he jumps into the water.

BEN

Mimi! Rosemary!

PAGE 148, panel 3

Wide shot of Ben as he swims through the drowned town.

PAGE 149 (FOUR PANELS)

PAGE 149, panel 1

Ben swims and sees Huckleberry standing on top of a beach house roof. He BARKS.

PAGE 149, panel 2

Ben swims to Huck.

BEN

Huck! Good boy!

PAGE 149, panel 3

Huck licks Ben's face, happy to see him.

BEN

Oh good boy! Good boy!

PAGE 149, panel 4

Mimi sticks her head up from the rooftop.

MIMI

Ben!

PAGE 150 (FIVE PANELS)

PAGE 150, panel 1

Ben runs to Mimi, he picks her up in a mighty hug. Huckleberry is happy too.

PAGE 150, panel 2

Ben looks at Mimi.

BEN

Where's Rosemary, Mimi?

PAGE 150, panel 3

Rosemary carries Mimi.

MIMI (CAPTION)

We were running; she carried me!

PAGE 150, panel 4

Rosemary tosses Mimi onto the beach house roof right as the wave is about to hit!

MIMI (CAPTION)

She tossed me onto the roof!

MIMI

Rosemary!

PAGE 150, panel 5

Close up on Mimi.

MIMI

The wave got her Ben! We have to find her!

PAGE 151 (FOUR PANELS)

PAGE 151, panel 1

Ben gets to his feet.

BEN

We will!

PAGE 151, panel 2

Ben thinks to himself

BEN

We should start looking-

MIMI

Ben!

PAGE 151, panel 3

Ben shushes his sister.

BEN

I just need to-

MIMI

Ben! Seals!

PAGE 151, panel 4

Mimi points and sure enough, the seal pod stares at the Anderson siblings on top of the house.

PAGE 152 (FOUR PANELS)

PAGE 152, panel 1

Ben and Mimi go to the roof's edge. The baby harbor seals looks at Ben and CALLS to him.

BEN

What?

PAGE 152, panel 2

The baby seal descends into the water.

PAGE 152, panel 3

Ben turns to his little sister.

BEN

Mimi, stay here!

PAGE 152, panel 4

Ben dives into the water, leaving Huck and Mimi on the roof.

PAGE 153 (THREE PANELS)

PAGE 153, panel 1

Ben swims into the bones of Popo's beach house. The seals lead the way. Popo's art drifts among the debris.

PAGE 153, panel 2

Ben sees something that catches his attention underwater.

PAGE 153, panel 3

Ben swims into the bathroom!

PAGE 154 (FOUR PANELS)

PAGE 154, panel 1

Ben surfaces in the submerged bathroom to find Rosemary!

BEN

Rosemary!

ROSEMARY

Be...n...

PAGE 154, panel 2

The water in the bathroom rises. Leaving little space to breathe. We see beneath the surface that Rosemary's handcuff is stuck on the shower curtain rod!

ROSEMARY

Be..n... stu..ck

PAGE 154, panel 3

Ben dives and grabs the handcuff! Rosemary can barely reach her head above water.

ROSEMARY

Hur...ry...

PAGE 154, panel 4

Rosemary is submerged now and too weak to fight. Ben isn't getting anywhere with the handcuffs.

PAGE 155 (FOUR PANELS)

PAGE 155, panel 1

Ben resurfaces in the last few inches of air.

BEN

Rosemary.... No!

PAGE 155, panel 2

Ben dives again, no more air in the bathroom. Rosemary is drowning.

PAGE 155, panel 3

Ben pulls at the handcuff but it's no use!

PAGE 155, panel 4

Ben, holding the handcuff, looks at Rosemary. Bubbles escape from her mouth.

PAGE 156 (FOUR PANELS)

PAGE 156, panel 1

Ben KISSES Rosemary! Giving her all his air!

PAGE 156, panel 2

Ben returns to the handcuff, his vision blurring.

PAGE 156, panel 3

It's started to get black. Ben is prying the pole, holding the handcuff.

PAGE 156, panel 4

On the roof, Huckleberry and Mimi stare into the depths.

MIMI

Ben...

PAGE 157 (FOUR PANELS)

PAGE 157, panel 1

Mimi spots something!

MIMI

Mermaid?

PAGE 157, Panel 2

Rising from the depths in the silhouette of a seal comes Rosemary!

PAGE 157, panel 3

Two harbor seals resurface carrying Ben and Rosemary. Mimi is overjoyed.

PAGE 157, panel 4

Ben helps drag Rosemary onto the roof.

ROSEMARY

I'm not dead?

PAGE 158 (THREE PANELS)

PAGE 158, panel 1

Rosemary looks into Ben's eyes.

ROSEMARY

Thanks, Ben.

PAGE 158, panel 2

The two friends hug. Mimi points as Huckleberry barks.

MIMI

Helicopter!

PAGE 158, panel 3

The kids look up as a Coast Guard Rescue crew is lowered from a helicopter to get them.

CAPTION 1:

Earlier today, a magnitude 8.1 Earthquake struck in the middle of the Pacific Ocean

PAGE 159 (FOUR PANELS)

PAGE 159, panel 1

A news anchor stands in front of crowds of tourists and locals who were saved from destruction. Bodega Bay, in the background, is now underwater.

NEWS ANCHOR

- creating a tsunami that has completely destroyed the popular California beach town of Bodega Bay. Remarkably, almost all the town residents and visiting tourists have been accounted for.

PAGE 159, panel 2

The Sheriff un-cuffs his son. Ash has a firm smirk on his face.

NEWS ANCHOR (OP)

Numerous reports confirm that a disturbance caused by five local teenagers prompted a swift and mass exodus to higher ground. The teens are being called heroes.

PAGE 159, panel 3

Markus walks up to Skyler, looking sheepish.

MARKUS

Hi Skyler

PAGE 159, panel 4

Markus holds out his whistle. Skyler has a smirk.

MARKUS

I'm sorry... I stole... your whistle.

PAGE 160 (FOUR PANELS)

PAGE 160, panel 1

Skyler looks at Markus as he takes the whistle.

SKYLER

That was pretty stupid.

PAGE 160, panel 2

Skyler smiles.

SKYLER

But brave.

PAGE 160, panel 3

Megan walks past her brother who is giddy in love to the news anchor.

PAGE 160, panel 4

The news anchor interviews Megan.

NEWS ANCHOR

And here is one of those teenagers. What prompted you to create the disturbance?

MEGAN

Well...

PAGE 161 (FOUR PANELS)

PAGE 161, panel 1

Ben walks through a hospital in a hospital gown. The TV overhead is playing the news, featuring Megan.

MEGAN

It was Ben's idea.

PAGE 161, panel 2

Ben enters the lobby where Mimi is playing with some toys with Huckleberry.

MIMI

Ben!

PAGE 161, panel 3

The siblings hug.

BEN

Mimi! Don't worry the doctor fixed me all up. I'm going to be okay.

PAGE 161, panel 4

Ben, holding Mimi, turns as their parents walk into the room.

MIMI

Mommy! Daddy!

PAGE 162 (FOUR PANELS)

PAGE 162, panel 1

The family hugs. Together again.

AKARI HAMADA

We were so worried!

DAVE ANDERSON

I'm so glad you two are alright!

PAGE 162, panel 2

As Ben hugs his parents, we hear someone.

ROSEMARY (OP)

Ben?

PAGE 162, panel 3

Ben turns to find Rosemary all fixed up too, except she is in a wheelchair with a broken leg.

BEN

Rosemary!

PAGE 162, panel 4

The two hug. While Akari holds Mimi and Dave holds Huckleberry's leash.

PAGE 163 (FOUR PANELS)

PAGE 163, panels 1

A photo of Popo amid a pile of roses overlooking the sunken Bodega Bay.

PAGE 163, panel 2

Ben in a black suit stands with his parents, Mimi and Huckleberry in a small funeral procession. Other townsfolk include: the Sheriff with Ash, Rosemary's parents, Markus Skyler and Megan.

PAGE 163, panel 3

Ben stands off by himself at the water's edge. A half submerged sign reading: BODEGA BAY.

PAGE 163, panel 4

Rosemary, on crutches, hops over to where Ben stares out over the water.

PAGE 164 (FOUR PANELS)

PAGE 164, panel 1

The friends stare out at the ocean together.

PAGE 164, panel 2

Rosemary tries to break the silence.

ROSEMARY

I broke up with Ash.

PAGE 164, panel 3

The two sit at the water's edge.

BEN

You did?

ROSEMARY

Yeah. It was time.

PAGE 164, panel 4

Ben looks out at the water. Saddened.

BEN

That's what Popo said, she was sick... dying.

PAGE 165 (FIVE PANELS)

PAGE 165, panel 1

A tear runs down Ben's cheek.

BEN

I just can't believe she is... gone.

PAGE 165, panel 2

Ben is losing it.

BEN

I should have known! All this time the ocean was trying to warn me! I saw it coming Rosemary, and yet I couldn't save her!

PAGE 165, panel 3

Rosemary grabs him.

ROSEMARY

Ben. It's okay. Her spirit lives on. Besides...

PAGE 165, panel 4

From behind the two of them.

ROSEMARY

...this will always be Popo's place.

PAGE 165, panel 5

Mimi jumps onto her brother's back.

MIMI

BEN!

PAGE 166 (FOUR PANELS)

PAGE 166, panel 1

Mimi does a hand stand.

MIMI

Meditate for Popo!

PAGE 166, panel 2

Ben smiles.

PAGE 166, panel 3

Rosemary and Ben begin meditating at the water's edge, in perfect form.

PAGE 166, panel 4

Close up on Ben's peaceful face, with closed eyes.

PAGE 167 (THREE PANELS)

PAGE 167, panel 1

The central park, the harbor seal family passes by the redwood bench.

PAGE 167, panel 2

A great white lazily floats over the crack in the pavement. Crabs scurry across the new ocean floor of road.

PAGE 167, panel 3

A pod of dolphins race over the submerged fire station.

PAGE 168 (THREE PANELS)

PAGE 168, panel 1

On the gate guarding the beach house community, bull kelp grows. Sea otters collect urchins.

PAGE 168, panel 2

Popo's beach house, under water, fish swim around it in schools.

PAGE 168, panel 3

Moon jellies float past the monitor and video games.

PAGE 169 (THREE PANELS)

PAGE 169, panel 1

Up close on Koi fish.

PAGE 169, panel 2

The Koi eat food out of Popo's ghost hand.

PAGE 169, panel 3

Ghost Popo sits on her submerged beach bench, surrounded by marine life, happily feeding her now-free Koi fish.

PAGE 170 (THREE PANELS)

PAGE 170, panel 1

Ben's eyes are closed.

PAGE 170, panel 2

He opens them and smiles.

PAGE 170, panel 3

Last shot of the three, Mimi, Rosemary and Ben are sitting at the water's edge as a Humpback whale breaches over the sunken town. Rosemary and Ben are holding hands.

