

# RIVERDALE

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# "Chapter One Hundred and Thirty-Six: The Golden Age of Television"

Big changes at Riverdale High - and beyond - force the gang to rethink the future. A determined Cheryl sets out to restore her family's reputation.

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# EPISODE CAST

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Karl Walcott
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William MacDonald
Barbara Wallace
Daniel Yang
Linden Banks
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Pendo Muema
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Teana-Marie Smith
Todia Harro binren

 Archie Andrews
 Betty Cooper
 Veronica Lodge
 Jughead Jones
 Cheryl Blossom
 Kevin Keller
 Reggie Mantle
 Fangs Fogarty
 Toni Topaz
 Alice Cooper
 Tabitha Tate
 Julian Blossom
 Tom Keller
 Evelyn Evernever
 Hal Cooper
 Frank Andrews
 Pop Tate
 Dr. Freiderich Werthers
 Clay Walker
 Principal Waldo Weatherbee
 Al Fieldstone
 Principal Featherhead
 Rose Blossom
 Dilton Doiley
 Newsstand Seller
 Mrs. Thornton
 Annie
 Margaret
 Post Mistress

00:00:08,217 --> 00:00:10,552
 [Jughead] For years,
Riverdale had prided itself

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00:00:10,636 --> 00:00:12,387 as being the Town With Pep.

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00:00:12,471 --> 00:00:14,973 Safe. Innocent. Utopian.

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00:00:15,057 --> 00:00:17,059
-But after recent events...
-[typewriter clicking]

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00:00:17,142 --> 00:00:20,687 ...there was no denying the darkness that churned beneath Riverdale.

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00:00:20,771 --> 00:00:24,399
The inequality, the prejudice,
the fearmongering.

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00:00:24,942 --> 00:00:30,489

It had been bubbling to the surface and very nearly exploded.

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00:00:30,572 --> 00:00:33,450 Now a reshuffling was happening.

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00:00:33,533 --> 00:00:35,369 [sinister music playing]

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00:00:35,452 --> 00:00:39,081

Now some new way of thinking,
 of being, was required.

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00:00:40,207 --> 00:00:44,002
Principal Featherhead
was stepping down from his cherished post.

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00:00:44,753 --> 00:00:48,674
The official story was...

"for personal reasons."

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00:00:49,633 --> 00:00:50,676
But word from the bird

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00:00:50,759 --> 00:00:53,762 was that he'd been identified by an anonymous accuser

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00:00:53,845 --> 00:00:57,808 as an accessory

to Mayor Blossom's Soviet shenanigans.

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00:00:59,935 --> 00:01:02,396 [Hal] With the sudden vacancy in the principal's office,

17

00:01:02,479 --> 00:01:06,733 the PTA is initiating a county-wide search for a replacement.

18

00:01:06,817 --> 00:01:10,279 -Mm.

-Here's hoping this one makes the grade.

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00:01:10,362 --> 00:01:11,196 Yes.

res.

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21

00:01:14,199 --> 00:01:17,744 Mr. and Mrs. Cooper had decided to continue living on Elm Street

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00:01:17,828 --> 00:01:19,204 as husband and wife.

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00:01:19,288 --> 00:01:23,083
Though Mr. Cooper would be moving
 into the basement bedroom.

00:01:24,751 --> 00:01:28,505 A decision that... frankly, flummoxed Betty.

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00:01:33,093 --> 00:01:34,761 [Alice] You know the truth now, Betty.

26

00:01:34,845 --> 00:01:37,264 Why didn't you leave Dad back then?

27

00:01:37,347 --> 00:01:40,142 When you first learned about his affair with Mrs. Muggs?

28

00:01:41,268 --> 00:01:45,397
I didn't wanna break up our family over his indiscretions.

29

00:01:46,440 --> 00:01:48,817 I didn't want you and Polly to grow up without a father.

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00:01:48,900 --> 00:01:51,320 Well, why don't you divorce Dad now?

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00:01:53,155 --> 00:01:57,534 What am I gonna do? My life is so intertwined with your father's.

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00:01:57,618 --> 00:01:58,785 This is his house.

33

00:01:59,703 --> 00:02:03,248
I don't own the station. I can't even
 open a bank account of my own.

34 00:02:05,876 --> 00:02:06,877 And what a--?

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00:02:07,669 --> 00:02:10,047 What about when you go off to college?

00:02:13,884 --> 00:02:15,427 I'm gonna be alone.

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00:02:22,893 --> 00:02:24,519
You know that I have...

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00:02:25,395 --> 00:02:27,397 never been alone a day in my life?

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00:02:27,481 --> 00:02:33,070
I lived in my parents' house
until the day that I married your father.

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00:02:45,248 --> 00:02:48,293 [Nana] It's just the three of us now, children.

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00:02:49,044 --> 00:02:54,383

May your idiot father and viper mother both rot in a Russian gulag

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00:02:54,466 --> 00:02:56,968 for the rest of their miserable lives.

43

00:02:57,052 --> 00:02:59,554 From your lips to Moloch's ears, Nana.

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00:02:59,638 --> 00:03:02,474

I always knew there was something squirrelly about Mom and Dad.

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00:03:02,557 --> 00:03:05,477 In the meanwhile, it's up to us

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00:03:05,560 --> 00:03:10,148 to ensure that the Blossoms rise from the ashes like phoenixes.

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00:03:10,232 --> 00:03:11,983 I wholeheartedly concur.

00:03:12,067 --> 00:03:17,280
And, rest assured, I know exactly what my first order of business will be.

49 00:03:18,156 --> 00:03:19,491 [school bell rings]

50 00:03:19,574 --> 00:03:22,744 So, with Featherhead gone, who's gonna run the asylum now?

51 00:03:22,828 --> 00:03:26,915 Well, not to sound like Chicken Little, but... what if it's Dr. Werthers?

> 52 00:03:27,666 --> 00:03:29,626 There's gotta be better candidates out there.

> 53 00:03:29,709 --> 00:03:30,794 Like Captain Hook?

> 54 00:03:31,503 --> 00:03:32,504 Or Godzilla?

55 00:03:33,004 --> 00:03:35,507 Just so long as they don't ask my uncle to step up.

56 00:03:35,590 --> 00:03:37,092 I actually know the perfect candidate,

57 00:03:37,175 --> 00:03:39,678 but we would need support from the PTA to push it through.

58 00:03:39,761 --> 00:03:41,721 My mom's president of the PTA, of course.

> 59 00:03:41,805 --> 00:03:42,806 Well, that's a brick wall.

00:03:42,889 --> 00:03:45,809

The last time we appealed to your mom's better angels, she let us down.

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00:03:45,892 --> 00:03:49,396
She did, but I think that we should give her another chance.

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 $00:03:49,479 \longrightarrow 00:03:51,356$ A lot has changed for her since then.

63

00:03:52,274 --> 00:03:56,194 Well, in the meantime, I'm going to pay a house call on good old Dr. Moldy.

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00:04:02,242 --> 00:04:04,995
Oh, I knew it.
Featherhead is barely out the door

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00:04:06,872 --> 00:04:09,791 So, what's the plan? Are you going to study us like lab rats

67

00:04:09,875 --> 00:04:12,669 or experiment on us like some two-bit Dr. Moreau?

68

00:04:12,752 --> 00:04:17,424 Alas, Mr. Jones, I have no interest in being principal of this school.

69

00:04:17,507 --> 00:04:20,135 No, I'm off to do real work in Washington.

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71 00:04:22,262 --> 00:04:25,015 looking into the causes of juvenile delinquency.

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00:04:25,098 --> 00:04:28,560 Specifically its links to comic books and other...

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00:04:28,643 --> 00:04:31,229 subversive forms of popular culture.

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00:04:31,313 --> 00:04:34,733 Well, golly.

Don't let the door hit you on the way out.

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00:04:34,816 --> 00:04:36,318 Oh, fear not, though.

76

00:04:37,277 --> 00:04:40,989

My tribunal will still be doing the important work of regulating comic books.

77

00:04:41,072 --> 00:04:43,658
-Censoring them, you mean.
-As a matter of fact,

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 $00:04:43,742 \longrightarrow 00:04:47,120$  here is our response to your latest issue.

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00:04:47,204 --> 00:04:50,207
Which we rejected,
for the reasons outlined herein.

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00:04:50,290 --> 00:04:54,211 Good luck to you and your colleagues at Pep Comics.

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00:04:54,294 --> 00:04:56,213 While it still exists.

82

00:05:05,096 --> 00:05:07,140 Damn, Red. You still got it.

00:05:07,224 --> 00:05:08,183 I'm just buzzing, Reg.

84 00:05:08,266 --> 00:05:09,267 Buzzing.

85

00:05:09,351 --> 00:05:12,145

Earlier this week,

Mrs. Grundy told us to read On the Road

86

 $00:05:12,229 \longrightarrow 00:05:14,648$  by king of the Beats, Jack Kerouac.

87

00:05:15,232 --> 00:05:17,150
Brought everything into focus for me.

88

00:05:21,196 --> 00:05:23,698 "I was surprised, as always,

89

 $00:05:24,241 \longrightarrow 00:05:26,493$  by how easy the act of leaving was.

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00:05:26,576 --> 00:05:27,786 And how good it felt.

91

00:05:28,328 --> 00:05:31,164
The world was suddenly rich with possibility."

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00:05:34,209 --> 00:05:36,836 -You really got the bug, huh? -Yeah, I guess I do, Reg.

93

00:05:36,920 --> 00:05:40,840
So much so that this summer
I'm gonna ride the rails. Hit the trails.

94

00:05:40,924 --> 00:05:42,425 I'm gonna be a vagabond writer.

95

00:05:42,509 --> 00:05:46,805 Hop trains, explore the country, sleep under the stars,

96

00:05:46,888 --> 00:05:50,100 and then write about my experiences, wherever they may take me.

97

00:05:50,183 --> 00:05:53,395
-And what's your mom gonna say about that?
-My mom can't say diddly-squat,

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00:05:55,939 --> 00:05:56,940 Well...

100

00:05:57,566 --> 00:06:00,902 jumping trains doesn't beat going to the best basketball camp in the world,

101

00:06:00,986 --> 00:06:04,823 but if it floats your boat, good on you, Arch.

102

00:06:09,494 --> 00:06:15,083 So, as a parting gift, Dr. Werthers rejected Zip Comics Number 42?

103

 $00:06:15,584 \longrightarrow 00:06:17,294$  And what was his rationale, may I ask?

104

00:06:17,377 --> 00:06:20,130 Well, it's gotta be because of the last story in that issue.

105

00:06:20,213 --> 00:06:21,548
-"The Comet."
-What?

106

00:06:22,340 --> 00:06:24,843 -But that one's the cat's pajamas. -I know.

00:06:24,926 --> 00:06:27,387 It's based off a W.E.B. Du Bois story

108

00:06:27,470 --> 00:06:30,223 that Tabitha clued me into last time she was in town.

109

00:06:30,307 --> 00:06:32,142 It's so romantic and philosophical.

110

00:06:32,851 --> 00:06:35,395
After a comet hits
and destroys New York City,

111

00:06:35,478 --> 00:06:38,148 a man and a woman come together and fall in love.

112

00:06:38,231 --> 00:06:41,318
Their problem is that it's a Black man and a white woman who find each other.

113

00:06:42,611 --> 00:06:46,239
I haven't even told Mr. Fieldstone yet.
I think it's gonna crush him.

114

00:06:46,323 --> 00:06:47,324 I'm sure.

115

 $00:06:47,824 \longrightarrow 00:06:50,702$ That "Comet" story is a masterpiece.

116

00:06:50,785 --> 00:06:53,163 Honestly, my first thought when I read it was,

117

00:06:53,246 --> 00:06:55,498 "This would make for a fantabulous movie."

118

00:06:55,582 --> 00:06:56,499 Well...

00:06:57,375 --> 00:06:59,878 if anyone wants to get in touch with Du Bois' representatives,

120

00:06:59,961 --> 00:07:01,671 I have all their information.

121

00:07:01,755 --> 00:07:03,757 [lively, pensive music playing]

122

00:07:04,758 --> 00:07:05,967 Just saying.

123

00:07:11,473 --> 00:07:15,060 Mom. This is your chance to do the right thing.

124

00:07:15,143 --> 00:07:18,605
To make up for sitting on your hands
when I asked you to report on Emmett Till.

125

00:07:18,688 --> 00:07:20,357 I know you regret that.

126

00:07:20,440 --> 00:07:21,358 Mrs. Cooper,

127

00:07:22,067 --> 00:07:24,194 when Riverdale High integrated,

128

00:07:24,277 --> 00:07:27,030
 three of the Black schools
 in town shut down.

129

00:07:27,113 --> 00:07:30,492

And suddenly dozens of great teachers were kicked to the curb.

130

00:07:31,242 --> 00:07:35,538
There's this incredible educator
who spent the last year driving a cab--

131 00:07:35,622 --> 00:07:39,417 Girls, I would love to help, but the rest of the PTA--

132 00:07:39,501 --> 00:07:40,669 Mom.

133 00:07:40,752 --> 00:07:42,420 Make them understand.

134 00:07:42,504 --> 00:07:46,675 Riverdale is at a turning point. Now is the time for a fresh start.

135 00:07:46,758 --> 00:07:48,677 [pensive music playing]

00:07:51,096 --> 00:07:53,515 [crowd applauding, cheering]

00:07:55,100 --> 00:07:56,142 [Alice chuckles]

138 00:08:00,313 --> 00:08:02,357 [crowd whistling]

139 00:08:02,440 --> 00:08:03,566 Morning, students.

140 00:08:04,442 --> 00:08:06,403 I know you've all had a difficult year.

141 00:08:06,945 --> 00:08:08,988 I know your previous principal...

142 00:08:10,198 --> 00:08:15,120 wasn't exactly open to change, to new ideas,

143 00:08:15,704 --> 00:08:18,957 to addressing the needs of all his students.

144 00:08:19,040 --> 00:08:20,166 Well...

145

00:08:21,835 --> 00:08:23,920 let me make one thing clear.

146

 $00:08:26,131 \longrightarrow 00:08:29,592$  I'm here... for every student.

147

00:08:31,970 --> 00:08:32,929 That said...

148

00:08:34,597 --> 00:08:38,977 the challenges that face us are enormous and systemic,

149

00:08:39,060 --> 00:08:43,273 and if you're not part of the solution, then you're part of the problem.

150

00:08:44,607 --> 00:08:45,942 So I challenge you all:

151

00:08:48,153 --> 00:08:49,154 Be kind.

152

00:08:51,114 --> 00:08:52,157 Be decent.

153

00:08:53,992 --> 00:08:55,577 Be better.

154

00:08:58,413 --> 00:08:59,706 Now, let's get to work!

155

00:09:00,915 --> 00:09:02,959 [crowd cheering]

156

00:09:03,043 --> 00:09:05,044 [stirring music playing]

157

00:09:31,821 --> 00:09:33,656 -[Archie] Principal Weatherbee? -Yes.

158

00:09:34,491 --> 00:09:36,242 Hi. I'm Archie. Archie Andrews.

159

00:09:36,326 --> 00:09:37,494 Please, sit.

160

 $00:09:40,747 \longrightarrow 00:09:42,499$  What can I do for you, Mr. Andrews?

161

00:09:42,582 --> 00:09:46,669
Well, there used to be a teacher
who worked here, a real top-notch teach.

162

00:09:47,462 --> 00:09:50,048
She was falsely accused of being a Communist,

163

00:09:50,131 --> 00:09:51,549 and she was fired for it.

164

00:09:52,050 --> 00:09:55,345
-Her name's Mrs. Thornton.
-I know Edith Thornton very well.

165

00:09:55,428 --> 00:09:57,472 She is a wonderful educator.

166

00:09:57,555 --> 00:09:59,724

I know.

i kilow.

Well, that's why I was hoping that--

167

 $00:09:59,808 \longrightarrow 00:10:02,185$  Let me see if I can't right this wrong.

168 00:10:02,977 --> 00:10:04,187 Get Edith back here.

169

00:10:04,771 --> 00:10:06,606 Well, that would be swell, Principal Weatherbee.

170

00:10:06,689 --> 00:10:08,691 -Thank you. -You're welcome.

171

00:10:14,864 --> 00:10:16,866 [suave music playing]

172

00:10:19,786 --> 00:10:22,705
 Hold on to your pom-poms,
 my beloved paper-shakers,

173

00:10:22,789 --> 00:10:24,457 because I'm back!

174

175

00:10:26,918 --> 00:10:29,462 not has-been daughters of Russian spies.

176

00:10:29,546 --> 00:10:33,258

Now that Principal Weatherbee is ushering in a new golden age at Riverdale High,

177

00:10:33,341 --> 00:10:36,845 I am launching a coup to take back control of my Vixens.

178

00:10:37,428 --> 00:10:41,599
Therefore, Evelyn,
I am challenging you to a dance-off.

I am challenging you to a dance-off

179

00:10:41,683 --> 00:10:42,851 Winner takes all.

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00:10:42,934 --> 00:10:44,811
        -I refuse your challenge.
                -[scoffs]
                    181
      00:10:45,979 --> 00:10:48,064
   ["Rockin' Robin" playing on stereo]
                    182
      00:10:48,148 --> 00:10:51,150
        ♪ The pretty little raven
       At the bird bandstand... >
                    183
      00:10:51,234 --> 00:10:53,069
          That's not an option.
                    184
      00:10:53,945 --> 00:10:56,531
       ♪ They started going steady
           And bless my soul )
                    185
      00:10:56,614 --> 00:10:58,950
       ♪ He out-bopped the buzzard
             And the oriole ♪
                    186
      00:10:59,033 --> 00:11:01,619
♪ He rocks in the treetop all day long ♪
                    187
      00:11:01,703 --> 00:11:04,622
         ♪ Hoppin' and a-boppin'
        And a-singin' his song ♪
                    188
      00:11:04,706 --> 00:11:07,667
♪ All the little birds on Jaybird Street ♪
                    189
      00:11:07,750 --> 00:11:10,295
       ♪ Love to hear the robin go
         "Tweet, tweet, tweet" >
                    190
      00:11:10,378 --> 00:11:13,172
            -♪ Rockin' robin ♪
         -♪ Tweet, tweet, tweet ♪
                    191
      00:11:13,256 --> 00:11:16,134
            -♪ Rockin' robin ♪
       -> Tweet, tweedle-lee-dee >
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192
     00:11:16,217 --> 00:11:19,304
         ♪ Blow, rockin' robin
'Cause we're really gonna rock tonight )
                  193
     00:11:19,387 --> 00:11:21,431
       ♪ Tweet, tweedle-lee-dee ♪
                  194
     00:11:21,514 --> 00:11:24,434
     ♪ Tweedle-lee deedle-dee-dee
     Tweedle-lee deedle-dee-dee >
     00:11:24,517 --> 00:11:27,395
      ♪ Tweedle-lee deedle-dee-dee
     Tweedle-lee deedle-dee-dee >
                  196
     00:11:27,478 --> 00:11:29,647
     ♪ Tweedle-lee deedle-dee-dee
     Tweedle-lee deedle-dee-dee ♪
     00:11:29,731 --> 00:11:31,357
            ♪ Tweet, tweet ♪
                  198
     00:11:42,702 --> 00:11:45,371
          [arch music playing]
                  199
     00:11:45,455 --> 00:11:46,497
               Your turn.
                  200
     00:11:53,296 --> 00:11:54,547
               [screams]
                  201
     00:11:56,925 --> 00:11:58,259
              [door opens]
                  202
     00:11:58,343 --> 00:12:01,679
       Today marks the beginning
     of a new era for the Vixens.
                  203
     00:12:02,805 --> 00:12:03,932
             To that end...
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00:12:05,308 --> 00:12:07,143 I have decided to live in the light.

205

00:12:08,561 --> 00:12:10,104 I'm going steady with Toni Topaz.

206

00:12:10,188 --> 00:12:11,898
And if anyone here
has a problem with that,

207

00:12:11,981 --> 00:12:15,944 you are more than welcome to follow Evelyn out that door and into a dumpster.

208

00:12:18,613 --> 00:12:20,531 We're in full support of you, Cheryl.

209

00:12:20,615 --> 00:12:22,617 And we also...

210

00:12:23,534 --> 00:12:25,078 Want to live in the light.

211

00:12:25,161 --> 00:12:26,496 [cheerleaders applauding]

212

00:12:32,710 --> 00:12:35,964
[Jughead] Mr. Fieldstone,
I'm sorry I didn't tell you sooner.

213

00:12:36,047 --> 00:12:37,924 I get it, kid. I get it.

214

00:12:39,717 --> 00:12:43,346 "Rejected for not promoting traditional American values."

215

00:12:44,681 --> 00:12:46,349 You know what that's code for?

216

00:12:46,432 --> 00:12:51,270

They didn't wanna see a Black man and a white woman end up together.

217 00:12:51,354 --> 00:12:53,564 -So, what do we do now? -What do you mean?

218 00:12:54,774 --> 00:12:57,485 We publish without the damn seal. That's what we do.

219 00:12:58,111 --> 00:12:59,946 Send it out in the world and hope for the best.

220 00:13:00,029 --> 00:13:01,489 I was hoping you'd say that.

221 00:13:02,031 --> 00:13:04,784 And depending on the sales, I was thinking next time we could--

222 00:13:04,867 --> 00:13:06,452 There's not gonna be a next time, kid.

223 00:13:07,662 --> 00:13:09,372 No, that's it for me. I'm done.

224 00:13:10,498 --> 00:13:14,460 I mean, this is the best comic I ever put together.

225 00:13:14,544 --> 00:13:16,546 [gentle, emotional music playing]

226 00:13:16,629 --> 00:13:17,839 It's a work of art.

227 00:13:17,922 --> 00:13:19,590 I mean, it actually says something.

228 00:13:20,174 --> 00:13:22,760 And that tribunal couldn't care less.

229

00:13:22,844 --> 00:13:24,220 So let the comic...

230

00:13:24,971 --> 00:13:26,431 be Pep's swan song.

231

00:13:27,598 --> 00:13:29,475 I can't imagine a better one.

232

00:13:30,893 --> 00:13:32,061 In the meantime...

233

00:13:32,895 --> 00:13:34,480 would you do me a favor, kid?

234

00:13:37,066 --> 00:13:39,777 Would you write the last editorial?

235

00:13:40,319 --> 00:13:42,572 Think of it as our eulogy.

236

 $00:13:44,032 \longrightarrow 00:13:46,325$  For the final issue of Pep Comics.

237

00:13:47,702 --> 00:13:49,287 It's been an honor, kid.

238

00:13:52,165 --> 00:13:53,374 It really has.

239

00:13:57,295 --> 00:13:58,379 [Fieldstone sighs]

240

00:13:58,463 --> 00:14:00,089 Well... [chuckles]

241

00:14:01,466 --> 00:14:03,885
It was a beautiful dream while it lasted.

242 00:14:11,350 --> 00:14:13,352

[mysterious music playing]

243

00:14:19,067 --> 00:14:21,694 Oh, my gosh. I've been waiting for this.

244

00:14:21,778 --> 00:14:23,488 What did you get, hon?

245

00:14:27,325 --> 00:14:28,326 [Betty exhales]

246

 $00:14:28,409 \longrightarrow 00:14:30,578$  It's the first copy of my book.

247

00:14:30,661 --> 00:14:31,954 You wrote a book?

248

00:14:32,497 --> 00:14:34,791

Your mom and dad

must be very proud of you.

249

00:14:40,421 --> 00:14:41,589 [knocking on door]

250

00:14:47,178 --> 00:14:48,679 Oh, hey, Kev.

251

00:14:48,763 --> 00:14:51,265
-What are you doing here?
-Audrey said you weren't feeling great,

252

00:14:51,349 --> 00:14:53,935 so I thought I'd bring you some of Pop's chicken noodle.

253

00:14:54,018 --> 00:14:55,895
Oh. Well, I appreciate that. That's--

254

00:14:57,897 --> 00:14:59,107 That's great.

255 00:15:00,691 --> 00:15:02,026 [Kevin] Coach Andrews? 256 00:15:02,860 --> 00:15:04,278 What's going on? 257 00:15:04,362 --> 00:15:07,448 Uh, I'm staying in the motel as well, and, uh... 258 00:15:08,449 --> 00:15:12,078 the shower in my room is on the fritz, so, you-- Your dad let me use his. 259 00:15:12,161 --> 00:15:12,995 Yeah. 260 00:15:13,704 --> 00:15:14,956 Right. 261 00:15:15,039 --> 00:15:16,749 You wanna come in, grab a flop? 262 00:15:17,375 --> 00:15:19,961 Um, no. No, um... 263 00:15:20,962 --> 00:15:22,672 I should probably cut out. 00:15:35,852 --> 00:15:36,686 [Betty] Mom? 265 00:15:37,311 --> 00:15:39,939 I have something that I wanna show you. 266 00:15:40,022 --> 00:15:40,898 Oh.

> 267 00:15:41,899 --> 00:15:42,817 What is it, Betty?

00:15:49,031 --> 00:15:50,783 I wrote a book.

269

00:15:55,371 --> 00:15:56,706 Goodness. Yes.

270

00:15:58,040 --> 00:16:00,793 You-- You did. I see that you're on the cover.

271

00:16:01,419 --> 00:16:02,879 In undergarments.

272

00:16:05,173 --> 00:16:07,341 I really, really want you to read it.

273

00:16:07,425 --> 00:16:11,888
Mm. It says right there in the title it's for teenagers.

274

00:16:11,971 --> 00:16:13,264 I mean, why would I read it?

275

00:16:13,347 --> 00:16:14,974 Well, in an ideal world,

276

277

00:16:19,270 --> 00:16:24,567
But I'll settle for you reading it just... to get to know me better.

278

00:16:26,736 --> 00:16:31,199

And maybe by getting to know me better, you might get to know yourself better.

279

00:16:37,205 --> 00:16:38,289 [clears throat]

00:16:42,126 --> 00:16:44,670 [Archie] Oh, it is so great to have you back, Mrs. Thornton.

281

00:16:44,754 --> 00:16:47,840
Geraldine shared some
of your recent poems with me.

282

00:16:47,924 --> 00:16:49,926
 I do hope you plan
to stick with your writing.

2.83

00:16:50,009 --> 00:16:51,135 Oh, I do.

284

00:16:51,219 --> 00:16:54,055 In fact, this summer, I'm gonna hit the rails.

285

00:16:54,138 --> 00:16:55,765 Like all the Beat writers do.

286

00:16:55,848 --> 00:16:57,975 I'm gonna see if I can get at least one...

287

00:16:58,059 --> 00:17:01,854 great big juicy
Allen Ginsberg-like poem out of it.

288

00:17:01,938 --> 00:17:03,689 Oh, that's wonderful.

289

00:17:03,773 --> 00:17:07,318
 You'll see what the world
 beyond Riverdale is like.

290

00:17:07,401 --> 00:17:09,070 It's exactly what you should be doing

291

00:17:09,153 --> 00:17:11,531 at this point in your development as a poet.

292 00:17:18,412 --> 00:17:19,247 Clay?

293 00:17:20,623 --> 00:17:21,541 Tell me,

294 00:17:21,624 --> 00:17:24,001 have you ever read the story "The Comet"?

295 00:17:24,585 --> 00:17:26,587 Of course. Multiple times, in fact.

296 00:17:27,630 --> 00:17:28,631 I figured you would have.

297 00:17:29,715 --> 00:17:31,008 In that case,

298
00:17:31,092 --> 00:17:35,972
how would you feel about writing
and directing an adaptation of "The Comet"

299
00:17:36,055 --> 00:17:38,641
as a major motion picture?

300 00:17:39,725 --> 00:17:43,145 Is this a gag? I've actually been fiddling with a screenplay version

> 301 00:17:43,229 --> 00:17:44,605 of "The Comet" for years.

> 302 00:17:44,689 --> 00:17:46,565 Well, thanks to Jughead,

303 00:17:46,649 --> 00:17:49,026 I connected with Du Bois' agents,

 $\begin{array}{c} 304 \\ 00:17:49,110 \ --> \ 00:17:52,822 \\ \text{and it turns out the movie rights} \end{array}$ 

had been languishing for years.

305

00:17:52,905 --> 00:17:54,532 So I snapped them up.

306

00:17:54,615 --> 00:17:58,160
And I suspected
you'd be passionate about this.

307

00:17:58,244 --> 00:18:00,371 Veronica, I can't believe what I'm hearing.

308

00:18:00,454 --> 00:18:02,873 It's going to be an uphill battle.

309

00:18:02,957 --> 00:18:07,878
But there are things we can do,
like get the right star attached.

310

00:18:08,462 --> 00:18:10,923 Someone like, say...

311

00:18:11,007 --> 00:18:12,842 [both] Sidney Poitier.

312

00:18:12,925 --> 00:18:15,011 -Precisely. -Can you get to him?

313

00:18:15,845 --> 00:18:19,974 I might not be able to get to him, but we both know someone who can.

314

00:18:20,057 --> 00:18:21,309 Josie McCoy.

315

00:18:21,892 --> 00:18:23,269 But, Clay...

316

00:18:23,352 --> 00:18:26,981 if we're going to attach

a big star like Sidney,

317

00:18:27,064 --> 00:18:30,735 your adaptation needs to be undeniable.

318

00:18:30,818 --> 00:18:32,153 Don't worry. It will be.

319

00:18:32,236 --> 00:18:34,989
And who needs to wait for summer?
I'll get going right away.

320

00:18:35,072 --> 00:18:36,073 Wonderful.

321

00:18:38,367 --> 00:18:41,162 In that case,

I'm thinking a premiere at Cannes

322

00:18:41,245 --> 00:18:43,789 in the next four to five years.

323

00:18:43,873 --> 00:18:44,832 How does that sound?

324

00:18:52,548 --> 00:18:53,841 [Veronica squeals]

325

00:18:59,764 --> 00:19:00,639 Hey.

326

00:19:01,390 --> 00:19:03,434 -Why the long face? -[sniffles]

327

328

00:19:08,397 --> 00:19:09,940 My basketball camp. 329 00:19:11,817 --> 00:19:12,651 Well...

330 00:19:13,361 --> 00:19:15,196 Well, that's great, isn't it?

331 00:19:15,279 --> 00:19:17,239 Turns out they flip-flopped the dates on me,

332 00:19:17,323 --> 00:19:19,283 and now it's smack-dab in the middle

333 00:19:19,367 --> 00:19:21,577 of our annual sweet-corn harvest back on the farm.

334 00:19:21,660 --> 00:19:23,788 Well, can't you skip the harvest this one time?

335 00:19:23,871 --> 00:19:25,790 The corn we harvest

336
00:19:26,374 --> 00:19:29,627
that single month supports our farm for the rest of the year.

337 00:19:30,669 --> 00:19:32,171 There's no way I can miss it.

338 00:19:33,339 --> 00:19:34,507 My parents need me.

339 00:19:35,299 --> 00:19:39,220 So I just--I gotta forget about basketball camp.

> 340 00:19:41,055 --> 00:19:42,181 [sniffles]

> > 341

00:19:42,890 --> 00:19:43,974 Well... [scoffs]

342

00:19:44,725 --> 00:19:45,893 ...the heck with that.

343

00:19:47,728 --> 00:19:48,604 No.

344

00:19:49,355 --> 00:19:52,441

Reg, don't sweat it.

I'll take your place on the farm.

345

00:19:52,525 --> 00:19:54,568 Stop goofing, Andrews.

346

00:19:54,652 --> 00:19:55,861 You got other plans.

347

00:19:55,945 --> 00:19:57,697 Well, whatever I had planned,

348

00:19:57,780 --> 00:20:00,574 it's not as important as getting you set up for college.

349

00:20:01,325 --> 00:20:02,535 And going pro.

350

00:20:03,327 --> 00:20:06,163
Besides, working the land with my hands?

351

00:20:06,706 --> 00:20:08,082 Giving back to the earth?

352

00:20:09,041 --> 00:20:11,544

And then writing about it
while leaned up against a haystack?

353

00:20:11,627 --> 00:20:16,048

I mean, that's exactly
what a Beat writer should be doing.

00:20:16,132 --> 00:20:18,008
My parents won't be able
to pay you, Archie.

355

00:20:18,634 --> 00:20:20,469
-And it's not easy work.
-Req.

356

00:20:21,387 --> 00:20:22,221 I got it.

357

00:20:24,056 --> 00:20:25,433 It's all part of the experience.

358

00:20:26,392 --> 00:20:28,102 You're going to Camp Evans.

350

 $00:20:28,185 \longrightarrow 00:20:30,312$  Let me take up the slack at Duck Creek.

360

00:20:31,981 --> 00:20:36,110
Sleep in your barn, learn the ukulele, break bread with your mom, your dad.

361

00:20:36,193 --> 00:20:38,195 [heartwarming music playing]

362

00:20:40,322 --> 00:20:41,157 Yeah.

363

00:20:41,657 --> 00:20:42,491 Okay.

364

00:20:43,909 --> 00:20:44,744 Sounds good.

365

00:20:48,622 --> 00:20:49,540 Thanks, Archie.

366

00:20:54,670 --> 00:20:55,671

I love you, Reg.

367

00:20:57,131 --> 00:20:58,382 I love you too, Archie.

368

00:21:08,976 --> 00:21:11,187 [crying quietly]

369

00:21:11,270 --> 00:21:12,271 [Betty] Mom?

370

00:21:15,065 --> 00:21:16,525 What is it? What's wrong?

371

00:21:17,526 --> 00:21:18,736 I, uh...

372

00:21:22,239 --> 00:21:24,033 I just finished your book.

373

00:21:26,869 --> 00:21:28,662 And I'm speechless.

374

00:21:30,539 --> 00:21:32,583 Well, I'm really glad that you read it.

375

00:21:33,876 --> 00:21:35,586 Betty, you wrote a book.

376

00:21:38,380 --> 00:21:40,090 A whole book.

377

00:21:40,174 --> 00:21:42,176 [emotional music playing]

378

00:21:43,761 --> 00:21:45,054 And you're right.

379

00:21:47,348 --> 00:21:49,016 I did get to know you better.

00:21:51,602 --> 00:21:52,895 And all those...

381

00:21:54,522 --> 00:21:59,026 wonderful, intelligent, promising young women.

382

00:22:00,569 --> 00:22:05,866
So full of thoughts
and fears and struggles.

383

00:22:08,160 --> 00:22:09,495 And dreams.

384

00:22:13,082 --> 00:22:14,917 They have aspirations.

385

00:22:15,501 --> 00:22:17,002 Yeah. That's true.

386

00:22:19,463 --> 00:22:20,923 And then I think of myself,

387

00:22:21,006 --> 00:22:24,760 and my biggest dream was being Miss Riverdale.

388

 $00:22:29,181 \longrightarrow 00:22:32,059$  Mom, you once told me that you dreamed about being a stewardess.

389 00:22:32,142 --> 00:22:33,143 Mm.

390

00:22:33,227 --> 00:22:36,605
You wanted to see the world
and meet fascinating people

391

00:22:36,689 --> 00:22:38,857 and be a fascinating person.

392

00:22:40,025 --> 00:22:41,735 Yeah, well, that was a, uh...

393

00:22:43,153 --> 00:22:46,865 silly dream from a young girl a long time ago.

394

00:22:46,949 --> 00:22:47,992 No, Mom.

395

00:22:51,745 --> 00:22:53,539 No dream is silly.

396

00:22:55,749 --> 00:22:59,461 I know you think that it's too late for you, but it's not.

397

00:23:03,090 --> 00:23:04,758 You can be happy.

398

00:23:07,261 --> 00:23:08,804 Please, please...

399

00:23:09,722 --> 00:23:11,265 please believe that.

400

00:23:28,365 --> 00:23:32,369
[Jughead] Chances are, you won't ever see this issue on a newsstand.

401

00:23:32,953 --> 00:23:35,831
 Despite that, Pep Comics
has decided to release it.

402

00:23:36,540 --> 00:23:40,336 We are publishing this, our final issue,

403

00:23:40,419 --> 00:23:43,380 without the Comic Book Code Seal of Approval.

404

00:23:43,464 --> 00:23:48,010

Most likely, that means this issue will end up in either a landfill or a bonfire.

405 00:23:48,093 --> 00:23:49,219 [fire roars]

406

00:23:49,303 --> 00:23:53,724

But we here at Pep Comics refuse to kneel to the un-American censorship

407

00:23:53,807 --> 00:23:57,853 that was specifically drafted to silence stories like "The Comet."

408

00:23:58,395 --> 00:24:01,690
We hope that this comic book
will find its way into your hands.

409

00:24:01,774 --> 00:24:04,443

And, hopefully,
the stories in it will make you think.

410

 $00:24:05,027 \longrightarrow 00:24:06,945$  And make you feel a little less alone.

411

00:24:08,113 --> 00:24:11,700 So we at Pep Comics leave you with this final message:

412

00:24:11,784 --> 00:24:14,870 It is easier to tear down than to build up.

413

00:24:15,454 --> 00:24:17,915 Try to be a builder, not a destroyer.

414

00:24:19,083 --> 00:24:22,294 With that in mind, enjoy this humble adaptation of "The Comet"

415

 $00:24:22,378 \longrightarrow 00:24:24,963$  by the great author W.E.B. Du Bois,

00:24:25,047 --> 00:24:27,758 a man who faced unthinkable adversity

417

00:24:27,841 --> 00:24:30,052 and still chose to believe that the end of the world

418

00:24:30,135 --> 00:24:32,888 was not a foregone conclusion.

419

00:24:33,514 --> 00:24:38,352

There is always a chance
for a brighter, better, stronger future.

420

00:24:39,311 --> 00:24:42,564 From all of us at Pep Comics, this is adieu...

421

00:24:43,524 --> 00:24:44,692 but not farewell.

422

00:24:45,484 --> 00:24:46,735 We'll meet again.

423

00:24:47,611 --> 00:24:49,613 [gentle, stirring music playing]

424

00:24:52,533 --> 00:24:53,450 Tabitha.

425

00:24:54,284 --> 00:24:57,204 -[door closes] -Hi. What are you doing here?

426

00:24:57,287 --> 00:24:59,456 -Hi, stranger. -Oh!

427

00:25:01,959 --> 00:25:03,585 Gee whiz.

00:25:03,669 --> 00:25:05,504 You're a sight for sore eyes.

429

00:25:07,381 --> 00:25:08,757 What happened to your glasses?

430

00:25:10,050 --> 00:25:11,969 And what's that television doing here?

431

00:25:13,595 --> 00:25:14,805 Jughead,

432

00:25:14,888 --> 00:25:20,644 I am not the Tabitha who's traveling across the country with the NAACP.

433

00:25:21,979 --> 00:25:23,939 I'm the Tabitha that you've...

434

00:25:24,523 --> 00:25:25,649 forgotten.

435

00:25:26,775 --> 00:25:27,860 Uh...

436

00:25:28,444 --> 00:25:30,195 What are you talking about?

437

00:25:30,279 --> 00:25:31,155 Sit down.

438

00:25:32,448 --> 00:25:33,782 Let me show you something.

439

00:25:39,288 --> 00:25:42,666 -[intriguing music playing on TV] -[Jughead on TV] Our story's about a town.

440

00:25:42,750 --> 00:25:45,461 -Wowee. Is this a color television? -[Jughead] A small town.

 $00:25:45,544 \longrightarrow 00:25:47,588$  And the people who live in the town.

442

00:25:48,297 --> 00:25:51,216
From a distance, it presents itself like so many other small towns...

443

00:25:51,300 --> 00:25:52,509
Is that my voice?

444

00:25:52,593 --> 00:25:55,429 -...all over the world. Safe. -Just absorb.

445

00:25:55,512 --> 00:25:56,680 Decent. Innocent.

446

00:25:56,764 --> 00:25:59,099 And then I will explain everything.

447

00:25:59,183 --> 00:26:03,228 [Jughead] Get closer, though, and you start seeing the shadows underneath.

448

00:26:03,312 --> 00:26:06,064
The name of our town is Riverdale.

449

00:26:07,065 --> 00:26:08,776 [singer on TV] ♪ Tell me... ♪

450

00:26:12,613 --> 00:26:13,447 [Angel Tabitha] Well?

451

00:26:18,118 --> 00:26:19,369 I remember.

452

00:26:19,453 --> 00:26:21,205 [emotional music playing]

453

00:26:21,955 --> 00:26:23,499 I remember everything.

00:26:25,125 --> 00:26:28,796That I sent you and everyone back to 1955

455

00:26:28,879 --> 00:26:31,882 to save Riverdale from Bailey's Comet?

456

00:26:31,965 --> 00:26:34,551

And that,

while you and all of your friends worked

457

00:26:34,635 --> 00:26:38,180 to make this timeline less dark and nihilistic and hopeless,

458

00:26:38,263 --> 00:26:41,308
 I was trying to untangle
 the various timelines

459

00:26:41,391 --> 00:26:43,060 that had gotten jumbled?

460

 $00:26:43,143 \longrightarrow 00:26:45,395$  Shore up the multiverse, in other words.

461

00:26:47,189 --> 00:26:48,565

We were successful?

462

00:26:49,566 --> 00:26:50,442 You were.

463

00:26:52,069 --> 00:26:53,320 You all did great.

464

00:26:53,403 --> 00:26:55,364 All of your collective innate decency,

465

00:26:55,447 --> 00:26:59,785 all of your struggles, have started to reshape this town, this world.

00:27:00,369 --> 00:27:03,789

And it will just keep getting better and better.

467

00:27:05,374 --> 00:27:06,792 Neat. [chuckling]

468

00:27:08,043 --> 00:27:08,877 Awesome.

469

00:27:10,587 --> 00:27:14,716 I assume that you were successful too?

470

00:27:15,592 --> 00:27:17,678
After much trial and error,

471

00:27:17,761 --> 00:27:21,348
I realized it would be impossible
 for me to untangle and--

472

00:27:21,431 --> 00:27:23,642
And pull apart
all of the various timelines,

473

00:27:23,725 --> 00:27:27,646
so, instead, I wove them all
 into a single timeline.

474

00:27:28,605 --> 00:27:29,648 This one.

475

00:27:29,731 --> 00:27:32,734

And I used all of the energy from all of the other timelines

476

00:27:32,818 --> 00:27:35,404 to stabilize it and fortify it.

477

00:27:36,780 --> 00:27:37,698 Great.

478

00:27:39,241 --> 00:27:40,158

It is.

479

00:27:41,118 --> 00:27:42,077 But, um...

480

00:27:43,620 --> 00:27:45,330 now that it's stable...

481

00:27:46,456 --> 00:27:47,457 I can't...

482

00:27:48,625 --> 00:27:50,419 move anyone through time.

483

00:27:52,379 --> 00:27:55,340 I can't send you all back to 2023.

484

00:27:59,094 --> 00:28:02,055 So the others...

485

00:28:03,223 --> 00:28:07,185 won't remember anything about everything that happened before?

486

00:28:07,269 --> 00:28:10,606
Well, I can't move them through time,
as I've said,

487

00:28:10,689 --> 00:28:12,649 but I can show them.

488

 $00:28:12,733 \longrightarrow 00:28:14,443$  I can show them what I showed you,

489

00:28:14,526 --> 00:28:16,028 and then they can decide

490

00:28:16,111 --> 00:28:18,780 whether or not they want to remember their other...

00:28:19,573 --> 00:28:20,699 adventures...

492 00:28:21,325 --> 00:28:22,326

let's call them.

493

00:28:23,952 --> 00:28:25,162 It's the least I can do.

494

00:28:26,830 --> 00:28:29,041 [Jughead] So I gathered my friends, again,

495

00:28:29,666 --> 00:28:31,543 and I told them about the future...

496

00:28:32,377 --> 00:28:35,005 and how we couldn't go back to our previous lives

497

00:28:35,088 --> 00:28:37,758
but they could remember them
 if they chose to do so

498

00:28:38,342 --> 00:28:41,637 and then decide if they wanted to keep those memories or forget them.

499

00:28:41,720 --> 00:28:45,891 Look, I know it's a lot to process, so I'll just leave the decision to you.

500

00:28:47,559 --> 00:28:49,519
If you're interested,
you know where to find me.

501

00:28:55,567 --> 00:28:58,612
I wondered if any of them
would take me up on Tabitha's offer.

502

00:28:58,695 --> 00:29:00,238 -[Archie] Jughead. -[knocking on door]

00:29:02,658 --> 00:29:03,909
I drew the short straw.

504

00:29:05,160 --> 00:29:08,163
 If this is real, I figure
I might get a good poem out of it.

505

00:29:08,246 --> 00:29:09,623 My own version of "Howl."

506

00:29:10,916 --> 00:29:11,750 Come on.

507

00:29:15,212 --> 00:29:17,214 [intriguing music playing]

508

00:29:18,006 --> 00:29:21,426
In the future,
this is called "binge-watching."

509

00:29:22,052 --> 00:29:23,845 [Jughead on TV] Our story's about a town.

510

00:29:23,929 --> 00:29:27,265 A small town.

II DINGIT COWII.

And the people who live in the town.

511

00:29:27,349 --> 00:29:31,853
From a distance, it presents itself like so many other small towns

512

00:29:31,937 --> 00:29:32,854 all over the world.

513

00:29:35,941 --> 00:29:37,693 [doo-wop music playing on jukebox]

514

00:29:37,776 --> 00:29:38,902 I was a boxer.

515

00:29:40,404 --> 00:29:41,238

Prisoner.

516

00:29:42,864 --> 00:29:44,074 Football player.

517

00:29:44,908 --> 00:29:46,326 I was a soldier.

518

00:29:48,495 --> 00:29:49,538 Like my dad.

519

00:29:50,205 --> 00:29:51,290 [Archie scoffs]

520

00:29:52,124 --> 00:29:53,458
I was with my dad.

521

00:29:56,128 --> 00:29:57,754 [melancholy music playing]

522

00:30:00,215 --> 00:30:01,049 Then he--

523

00:30:02,759 --> 00:30:03,885 Then he died again.

524

00:30:07,973 --> 00:30:08,807 Well...

525

00:30:11,184 --> 00:30:13,395
I promised the others I'd report back.

526

00:30:13,979 --> 00:30:15,230 What are you gonna tell them?

527

00:30:15,814 --> 00:30:16,773 I'm not sure.

528

00:30:21,945 --> 00:30:24,197 I didn't think I'd ever see my dad again.

529 00:30:24,281 --> 00:30:25,157 So I'm--

530

00:30:26,074 --> 00:30:27,409 I'm glad about that.

531 00:30:27,492 --> 00:30:29,745 [sighs]

532

00:30:31,038 --> 00:30:33,206

But I don't know
if they'll wanna see what I saw.

533 00:30:36,918 --> 00:30:39,921 That said, if anyone does, they know where to find me.

534 00:30:42,257 --> 00:30:43,383 [sighs]

535

00:30:55,479 --> 00:30:57,898
-[door opens & bells jingle]
-[Veronica] Hey, Jughead?

536

 $00:31:00,192 \longrightarrow 00:31:02,027$  Archie told us what you showed him.

537

00:31:03,695 --> 00:31:05,363 We'd like to see what Archie saw.

538

00:31:06,198 --> 00:31:07,032 Together.

539

00:31:07,115 --> 00:31:08,950 Classic Bee and Vee style.

540

00:31:11,536 --> 00:31:14,915 [Jughead on TV]
Our story's about a town. A small town.

541 00:31:14,998 --> 00:31:17,042 Decent. Innocent.

542

00:31:17,959 --> 00:31:22,464

Get closer, though, and you start seeing the shadows underneath.

543

00:31:23,381 --> 00:31:26,009
The name of our town is Riverdale.

544

00:31:26,968 --> 00:31:28,136 [singer on TV] → Tell me... →

545

00:31:28,220 --> 00:31:31,431
You could have prepared us a little more for that, Jughead Jones.

546

00:31:31,515 --> 00:31:33,391 [pop ballad playing on jukebox]

547

00:31:33,475 --> 00:31:34,559 [Betty sniffles]

548

00:31:37,521 --> 00:31:38,605 There was...

549

00:31:38,688 --> 00:31:40,690 [melancholy music playing]

550

00:31:43,693 --> 00:31:45,612 ...so much darkness...

551

00:31:47,030 --> 00:31:48,365 in that world.

552

00:31:50,659 --> 00:31:52,160 And my family?

553

00:31:54,204 --> 00:31:56,456 My father was a killer.

554

00:31:58,959 --> 00:32:00,168

My sister...

555

00:32:01,461 --> 00:32:02,420 was murdered.

556

00:32:02,504 --> 00:32:03,380 And then...

557

00:32:04,089 --> 00:32:05,757 came back to life.

558

00:32:09,678 --> 00:32:10,971 You and I...

559

00:32:11,972 --> 00:32:13,598 we were together.

560

00:32:13,682 --> 00:32:14,599 Yeah.

561

00:32:16,393 --> 00:32:17,519 Till we weren't.

562

00:32:21,523 --> 00:32:23,108
I was with Archie.

563

00:32:24,651 --> 00:32:25,610 And I...

564

00:32:26,153 --> 00:32:29,072 killed my husband, Chad.

565

00:32:31,199 --> 00:32:32,659 And my father.

566

00:32:34,035 --> 00:32:35,245 [door opens & bells jingle]

567

00:32:35,328 --> 00:32:38,707
What you're about to see is your past,
 but it's also your future.

 $00:32:38,790 \longrightarrow 00:32:41,877$  And some of it will be disturbing.

569

00:32:42,752 --> 00:32:44,087 We can handle it.

570

00:32:44,171 --> 00:32:46,506
At times, you might not even recognize yourselves.

571

00:32:50,260 --> 00:32:51,344 Where are Kevin and Julian?

572

00:32:51,428 --> 00:32:55,640 Uh... Kevin asked if Clay was in any of the stories on TV.

573

00:32:56,349 --> 00:32:58,977 When Betty told him he wasn't, he didn't wanna come.

574

00:33:00,020 --> 00:33:04,274
When Julian found out
he was just a doll in the TV stories,

575

00:33:04,357 --> 00:33:05,609 he didn't wanna come either.

576

00:33:05,692 --> 00:33:09,696 But the rest of us wanna see what our past was like.

577

00:33:10,280 --> 00:33:11,114 Sounds good.

578

00:33:12,115 --> 00:33:15,494 [Jughead on TV]
Our story's about a town. A small town.

579

00:33:15,577 --> 00:33:17,829 Decent. Innocent.

00:33:18,580 --> 00:33:20,373 Get closer, though,

581

00:33:20,457 --> 00:33:22,709
 and you start seeing
 the shadows underneath...

582

00:33:22,792 --> 00:33:24,628 [dramatic music playing]

583

00:33:26,755 --> 00:33:28,548 [Angel Tabitha] Now you know.

584

00:33:28,632 --> 00:33:31,426

Now you know what your lives were like before the comet.

585

00:33:31,509 --> 00:33:36,514

The adventures you had,
the people you loved, the people you lost.

586

00:33:37,766 --> 00:33:38,600 The good.

587

00:33:39,309 --> 00:33:40,310 The bad.

588

00:33:41,853 --> 00:33:43,063 The bear.

589

00:33:43,146 --> 00:33:46,358 The question is, do you wanna carry this knowledge with you

590

00:33:46,441 --> 00:33:47,567 for the rest of your lives

591

00:33:47,651 --> 00:33:51,404 or... would you rather forget?

00:33:52,280 --> 00:33:54,282 Because I can make that happen.

593

00:33:54,366 --> 00:33:55,867 Because she's an angel.

594

00:33:56,493 --> 00:33:58,995 Along those lines, Angel Tabitha--

595

00:33:59,079 --> 00:34:01,414 Can I call you "Angel Tabitha"?

596

00:34:01,498 --> 00:34:03,416
This is something
we've all been discussing,

597

00:34:03,500 --> 00:34:05,418 and we were wondering...

598

599

00:34:09,130 --> 00:34:12,342
Forget all the serial killers and superpowers

600

00:34:12,425 --> 00:34:13,760 and Gargoyle Kings

601

00:34:13,843 --> 00:34:18,390 and just remember the happy times we had?

602

00:34:18,473 --> 00:34:20,100 It doesn't exactly work that way--

603

00:34:20,183 --> 00:34:24,521
Actually, I can make that happen, yes.

604

00:34:24,604 --> 00:34:26,982 I can hit a reset button

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605
      00:34:27,065 --> 00:34:30,860
  and only reshare the good memories.
                   606
      00:34:31,778 --> 00:34:35,448
        I think after everything
       you all have been through,
      00:34:35,532 --> 00:34:38,451
    you deserve that much, at least.
                   608
      00:34:38,535 \longrightarrow 00:34:39,536
        ["Twilight Time" playing]
                   609
      00:34:39,619 --> 00:34:42,372
♪ Heavenly shades of night are falling ♪
                   610
      00:34:42,998 --> 00:34:45,458
         ♪ It's twilight time ♪
      00:34:45,542 --> 00:34:48,878
♪ Out of the mist your voice is calling ♪
                   612
      00:34:48,962 --> 00:34:51,047
         ♪ 'Tis twilight time ♪
                   613
      00:34:51,131 --> 00:34:52,299
          [inaudible dialogue]
                   614
      00:34:52,382 --> 00:34:57,512
     ♪ When purple-colored curtains
          Mark the end of day ♪
                   615
      00:34:57,595 --> 00:35:01,850
        ♪ I'll hear you, my dear
           At twilight time )
                   616
      00:35:01,933 --> 00:35:03,685
               ♪ Doo-doo ♪
                   617
      00:35:04,311 --> 00:35:07,856
  ♪ Deepening shadows gather splendor ♪
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618
     00:35:07,939 --> 00:35:10,608
          ♪ As day is done ♪
                  619
     00:35:10,692 --> 00:35:14,195
♪ Fingers of night will soon surrender ♪
                  620
     00:35:14,279 --> 00:35:16,531
          ♪ The setting sun ♪
                  621
     00:35:17,490 --> 00:35:22,579
    ) I count the moments, darling
      Till you're here with me >
                  622
     00:35:22,662 --> 00:35:27,250
 ♪ Together at last at twilight time ♪
                  623
     00:35:27,334 --> 00:35:29,586
              ♪ Doo-doo ♪
                  624
     00:35:29,669 --> 00:35:35,383
   ♪ Here in the afterglow of day ♪
                  625
     00:35:35,467 --> 00:35:41,181
       ♪ We keep our rendezvous
          Beneath the blue >
                  626
     00:35:41,806 --> 00:35:47,646
627
     00:35:47,729 --> 00:35:53,443
        ♪ I fall in love again
            As I did then >
                  628
     00:35:54,444 --> 00:35:57,530
          ♪ Deep in the dark
      Your kiss will thrill me ♪
                  629
     00:35:57,614 --> 00:36:00,116
         ♪ Like days of old ♪
                  630
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00:36:00,200 --> 00:36:03,620 ♪ Lighting the spark Of love that fills me > 631 00:36:03,703 --> 00:36:06,289 ♪ With dreams untold ♪ 632 00:36:07,248 --> 00:36:12,671 ♪ Each day I pray for evening Just to be with you ♪ 633 00:36:12,754 --> 00:36:17,092 ♪ Together at last at twilight time ♪ 634 00:36:17,175 --> 00:36:18,927 ♪ Doo-doo ♪ 635 00:36:19,010 --> 00:36:24,974 ♪ Here in the afterglow of day ♪ 636 00:36:25,058 --> 00:36:31,356 ♪ We keep our rendezvous Beneath the blue ♪ 637 00:36:31,439 --> 00:36:37,404 638 00:36:37,487 --> 00:36:42,951 ♪ I fall in love again As I did then > 639 00:36:43,868 --> 00:36:47,372 ♪ Deep in the dark Your kiss will thrill me > 640 00:36:47,455 --> 00:36:49,999 ♪ Like days of old ♪ 641 00:36:50,083 --> 00:36:53,795 ♪ Lighting the spark Of love that fills me >

00:36:53,878 --> 00:36:56,256

No With dreams untold...

643 00:36:57,382 --> 00:36:58,508 Hey! Hey.

644

00:37:00,593 --> 00:37:02,137 Is this the part where you ghost me?

645

00:37:03,555 --> 00:37:05,515 Don't you wanna see how the movie ends?

646

 $00:37:05,598 \longrightarrow 00:37:08,852$  I know how it ends, and so do you.

647

00:37:08,935 --> 00:37:10,895 [melancholy music playing]

648

00:37:10,979 --> 00:37:12,021 Stay.

649

00:37:12,605 --> 00:37:13,940 I can't.

650

00:37:14,524 --> 00:37:15,692 Why not?

651

00:37:16,276 --> 00:37:17,569 Well...

652

00:37:17,652 --> 00:37:22,699 there's already another Tabitha here, for one thing, in this universe.

653

00:37:22,782 --> 00:37:24,534 And what happens to her?

654

00:37:25,118 --> 00:37:27,954 She settles in Chicago.

655

00:37:28,037 --> 00:37:30,206

She goes to business school and then law school.

656

00:37:30,290 --> 00:37:34,544
She's a civil-rights advocate
in every aspect of her life

657

00:37:34,627 --> 00:37:36,755 for the rest of her life.

658

00:37:36,838 --> 00:37:38,173 But we don't...?

659

00:37:39,466 --> 00:37:41,676
Then that's all the more reason that you should stay.

660

00:37:41,760 --> 00:37:43,178 We lived together.

661

00:37:43,720 --> 00:37:45,054 We had a life together.

662

00:37:45,847 --> 00:37:48,558 -Was any of that real? -Of course it was real.

663

00:37:48,641 --> 00:37:51,811

Just like this is real.

It was all real. It all happened.

664

00:37:52,479 --> 00:37:53,688 [Angel Tabitha sighs]

665

00:37:54,272 --> 00:37:55,273 Hey.

666

00:37:59,110 --> 00:38:00,236 [Angel Tabitha sighs]

667

00:38:03,281 --> 00:38:05,450 Do you remember our epic date?

00:38:05,533 --> 00:38:07,202 Before the end of the world, when we...

669

00:38:08,244 --> 00:38:11,706 watched Titanic and then we ate at Pop's.

670

00:38:11,789 --> 00:38:12,957 And we had a family.

671

00:38:15,168 --> 00:38:19,005
-We grew old together.
-That time bubble still exists.

672

00:38:19,589 --> 00:38:22,842

It's still protecting us, what we had, what we will always have.

673

00:38:24,469 --> 00:38:25,929 But from this point here?

674

00:38:27,222 --> 00:38:29,390 There is only one path forward now.

675

676

00:38:49,661 --> 00:38:52,914 Wow, it really sucks that you had to die to make all this happen.

677

00:38:52,997 --> 00:38:54,582 Except I didn't.

678

00:38:55,208 --> 00:38:56,042 Not anymore.

679

 $00:38:56,125 \longrightarrow 00:38:57,961$  The comet, the end times, that doesn't--

00:38:58,044 --> 00:39:01,256 That won't happen anymore.

681

00:39:02,131 --> 00:39:04,092 We all took care of that.

682

00:39:04,843 --> 00:39:05,802 Ah.

683

00:39:06,553 --> 00:39:08,513 Classic time paradox.

684

00:39:14,727 --> 00:39:16,563 Could I at least kiss you goodbye?

685

00:39:25,530 --> 00:39:27,615 Jughead Jones, you read my mind.

686

00:39:30,952 --> 00:39:33,162
[passionate music playing]

687

00:40:05,612 --> 00:40:07,071 [Jughead] And in the blink of an eye,

688

00:40:07,614 --> 00:40:09,282 Angel Tabitha was gone.

689

00:40:10,825 --> 00:40:13,328

But she had given us
the greatest gift of all:

690

00:40:13,912 --> 00:40:14,954 our memories,

691

00:40:15,538 --> 00:40:17,540 edited for maximum joy.

692

00:40:18,416 --> 00:40:20,001 The good ones.

693

00:40:20,084 --> 00:40:21,878

The ones we would cherish forever.

694

00:40:22,587 --> 00:40:25,340
Though I chose to remember not only the happy times

695

00:40:25,423 --> 00:40:27,383 but the dark ones too.

696

697

00:40:30,803 --> 00:40:32,680 that was my responsibility.

698

00:40:32,764 --> 00:40:34,766 [melancholy music playing]

699

00:40:36,351 --> 00:40:38,186 But, as it happens,

700

00:40:38,269 --> 00:40:40,897

I wasn't the only one
who decided to remember everything.

701

00:40:42,565 --> 00:40:43,733
Betty did too.

702

00:40:45,526 --> 00:40:46,361 More than most,

703

00:40:46,444 --> 00:40:50,281
Betty understood that we are made up of moments of both joy and pain,

704

00:40:50,365 --> 00:40:52,075 happiness and suffering,

705

00:40:52,158 --> 00:40:53,409 darkness and light,

00:40:53,493 --> 00:40:56,287 and all the scars we collect along the way.

707

00:41:04,170 --> 00:41:05,296 [sobs]

708

00:41:20,103 --> 00:41:21,104 [typewriter clicking]

709

00:41:21,187 --> 00:41:23,690
[Jughead] Another cosmic reshuffling had happened.

710

00:41:24,273 --> 00:41:25,817 Or was happening again.

711

00:41:26,859 --> 00:41:28,319 But the stage was set

712

00:41:28,403 --> 00:41:31,114 for the final chapter of our epic saga about the Town With Pep,

713

00:41:31,197 --> 00:41:33,616 one that could only be called...

714

00:41:34,826 --> 00:41:36,828 [wistful pop music playing]

715

00:41:38,788 --> 00:41:40,707

\*\*Tell me \*\*

716

00:41:41,582 --> 00:41:43,251

\*\*Normal Time Your baby...\*\*

717

00:41:43,334 --> 00:41:44,794 [Jughead] ..."Goodbye, Riverdale."

718

00:41:45,294 --> 00:41:49,924 → And you'll never leave me → 719 00:41:51,509 --> 00:41:52,802 > Tell me >

720 00:41:54,178 --> 00:41:55,972 } That you'll kiss me }

721 00:41:57,765 --> 00:41:59,100 > Forever >

722 00:42:01,811 --> 00:42:03,813 [theme music playing]

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