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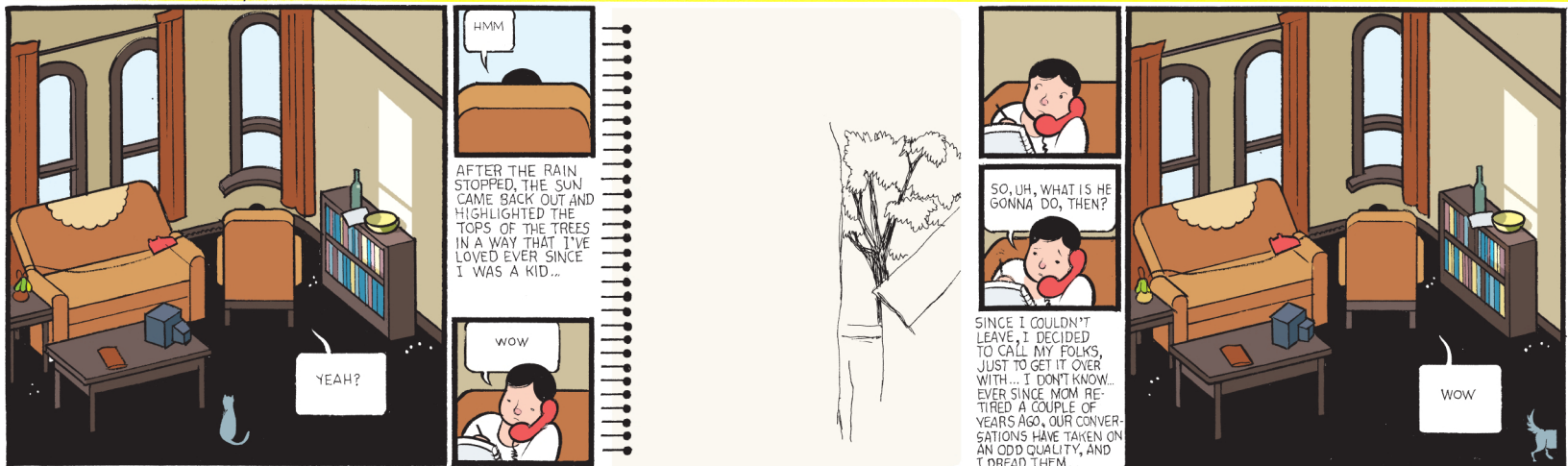
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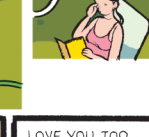
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AND FROM THE INTENSITY OF HER TONE, YOU'D THINK SHE WAS WORKING IN THE UNIVERSITY ENGLISH DEPARTMENT RIGHT ALONGSIDE HIM...

JEEZ... WELL... THAT DOESN'T SOUND GOOD...

THING IS, DAD NEVER REALLY WAS ALL THAT SEDATE, KEEP-TO-HIMSELF QUALITY, AND IT NEVER WOULD'VE OCCURRED TO ME THAT HE WAS IN ANY WAY UNHAPPY WITH HIS JOB, NOR DID HE SEEM TO WANT ANYONE TO ASK HIM ABOUT IT...



BUT OBVIOUSLY I DON'T WANT TO BE A BAD DAUGHTER, SO WHENEVER SHE MENTIONS SOMETHING LIKE THIS ABOUT DAD, I FEEL LIKE I SHOULD ASK HIM ABOUT IT, TOO... I MEAN, SHE MUST BE TELLING ME FOR A REASON, RIGHT?

I GUESS MOSTLY I WONDER IF MOM IS TRYING TO TELL ME THAT DAD'S SPENT ALL HIS LIFE "SUFFERING IN SILENCE," OR IS TRYING TO SEND ME SOME KIND OF MESSAGE ABOUT ME BEING INSENSITIVE TO HIM... OR MAYBE SHE JUST REALLY IS BORED OUT OF HER MIND AND IS ONLY LIVING VICARIOUSLY THROUGH HIM, AND I'M BLOWING IT ALL OUT OF PROPORTION...

