

## MICHAEL (p. 26)

You stop taking that stuff right now. Do you hear what I'm saying, Mom? Immediately ... Don't argue, I'll explain later ... Tell Dr. Perolo I'm forbidding you to take it ... Why glow – in – the – dark? ... That's completely ridiculous ... All right, we'll talk about it later. Lots of love, Mom. I'll call you back. **(He hangs up.)** ... She's rented glow-in-the-dark crutches, so she doesn't get knocked down by a truck. As if someone in her condition would be strolling down the BQE in the middle of the night. They've given her Anril for her blood pressure.

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## ALAN (p. 7)

Yes ... (*His cell phone vibrates*). Excuse me ... (*He moves away from the group; as he talks, he pulls a newspaper out of his pocket.*) Yes, Murray, thanks for calling back. Right, in today's TIMES, let me read it to you ... According to a paper published in the LANCET and taken up yesterday in the FINANCIAL TIMES, two Australian researchers have revealed the neurological side effects of Antril, a hypertensive beta blocker, manufactured at the Verenz-Pharma laboratories. These side effects range from hearing loss to ataxia ... So who the hell is your media watchdog ... Yes, it's very goddamn inconvenient ... No, what's most inconvenient about it as far as I'm concerned is the annual shareholders' meetings in two weeks. Do you have an insurance company to cover litigation? ... OK ... Oh, and Murray, Murray, ask your PR gal to find out if this story shows up anywhere else ... Call me back. (*He hangs up.*) ... Excuse me.

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## Veronica (p.43) PHONE

Yes, darling . . . Oh, good . . . Will you be able to do your homework at Annabelle's? . . . No, no darling, we haven't found her . . . Yes, I went all the way to the grocery store. But you know, my love, Nibbles is very resourceful, I think you have to have faith in her. You think she was happy in a cage? . . . Daddy's very sad, he didn't mean to upset you . . . Yes, you will, of course you'll speak to him again. Listen, darling, we're worried enough already about your brother . . . She'll eat . . . she'll eat leaves . . . acorns, horse chestnuts . . . she'll find things, she knows what food she needs . . . worms, snails, stuff that drops out of trash cans, she's like us, she's omnivorous . . . See you soon, sweetheart.

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