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Zoe Strauss takes us into her world with each frame. You don't really ease into her work, you have to jump in, both feet, into the abyss; but you won't be disappointed. Her color work across the United States from Philadelphia to Las Vegas (and she's traveled more since) shows us the similarities we all share. From the denizens of Philly's Kensington to Katrina ravaged Biloxi to Chicago's Cabrini Green to the edge of a forest in the Pacific northwest, we're all the same no matter what you might think. Strauss demonstrates this time and time again as you flip from page to page.
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