

GOLD DIGGER NO. 1

FRED PERRY



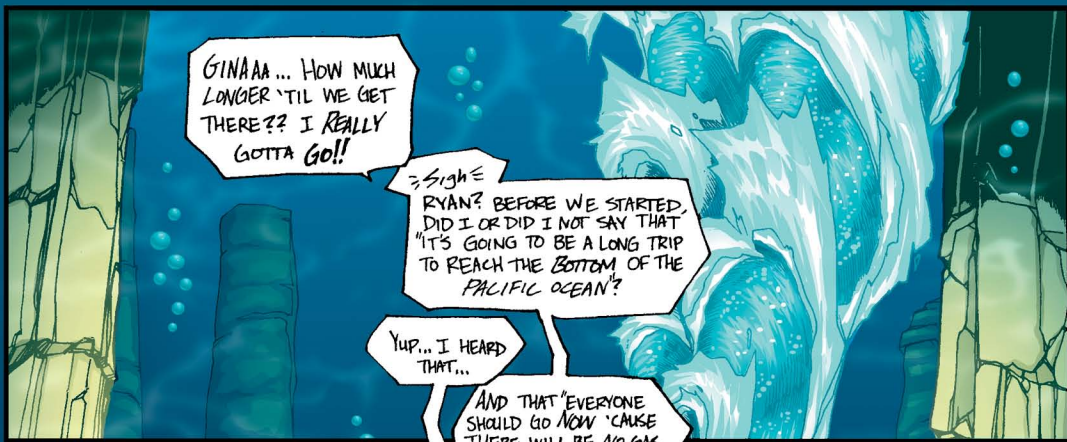
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GINAAA ... HOW MUCH LONGER 'TIL WE GET THERE?? I REALLY GOTTA GO!!

3 SIGH
RYAN? BEFORE WE STARTED, DID I OR DID I NOT SAY THAT "IT'S GOING TO BE A LONG TRIP TO REACH THE BOTTOM OF THE PACIFIC OCEAN"?

YUP... I HEARD THAT...

AND THAT 'EVERYONE SHOULD GO NOW 'CAUSE THERE WILL BE NO GAS STATIONS ON THE WAY'?

HEARD THAT TOO...



AND DIDN'T I SPECIFICALLY SAY, "BRITANNY, YOU REALLY OUGHT TO GO TO THE LITTLE GIRLS' ROOM NOW WHILE YOU CAN, SO THAT WE'D AVOID THAT SAME TROUBLE WE HAD IN FORT SUDAN"??



YUP! I ESPECIALLY HEARD THAT...

>WHIMPER< I-I'M HAVIN' FORT SUDAN FLASHBACKS!!

CAN WE
PLEASE
FIND A CAVE WITH A/R OR SUMTHIN'??

OH-
ALL RIGHT!

WE'LL STOP OUR HISTORY-
MAKING, ALL-IMPORTANT, UNDER-
SEA ARCHAEOLOGICAL BREAK-
THROUGH SO THAT MY
BABY SISTER CAN GO
TINKLE!!

RELAX, BRIT! JUST LET
OL' RYAN GET A LOOK-SEE
AT THE SONAR HISTORY
READ-OUT...

GINA, I'M GOING TO
SEND OUT A SONAR
PING... USING
SONAR EMITTER THREE...

NO... MAKE
THAT NUMBER
ONE...

"NUMBER ONE"??
Hooo boy...

THE LOW-
FREQUENCY
EMITTER,
RYAN?

WHY SO
STEALTHY
ALL OF A
SUDDEN?

JUST A HUNCH, GINA...
WE MAY HAVE BEEN FOLLOWED.
I'VE GOT A FUNNY FEELIN'...

RYAN, I'M
PRETTY SURE
THERE WERE
NO SECURITY
LEAKS FOR
THIS FIND
THIS TIME...

NO ONE
BUT US
KNOWS OF
"MUTHIA"...

WELL, WE'D
BETTER ARM
THE TORPEDOS...

JUST IN CASE
WE GOTTA SPLASH
US SOME BLEX.

BETTER PREP
AND FLOOD THE
MAIN TORPEDO
TUBES TOO...

"LEAK"???
"SPLASH"???
"FLOOD"???
o.o.o.o.o...u

I STILL THINK
YOU'RE OVERREACTING,
RYAN... NO ONE,
AND I MEAN **NO**
ONE, KNOWS WE'RE
DOWN HERE!

ESPECIALLY
OUR COMPETITORS...

SO, THEY'RE
SOMEWHERE
DOWN THERE?

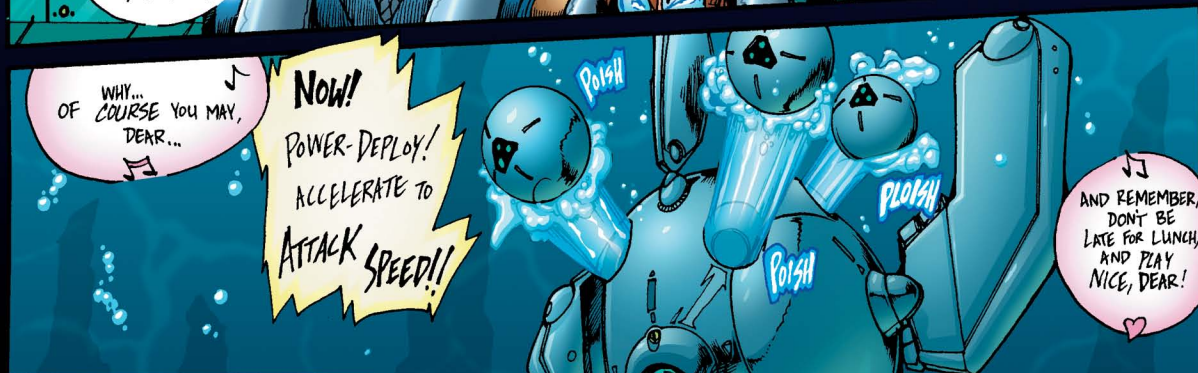
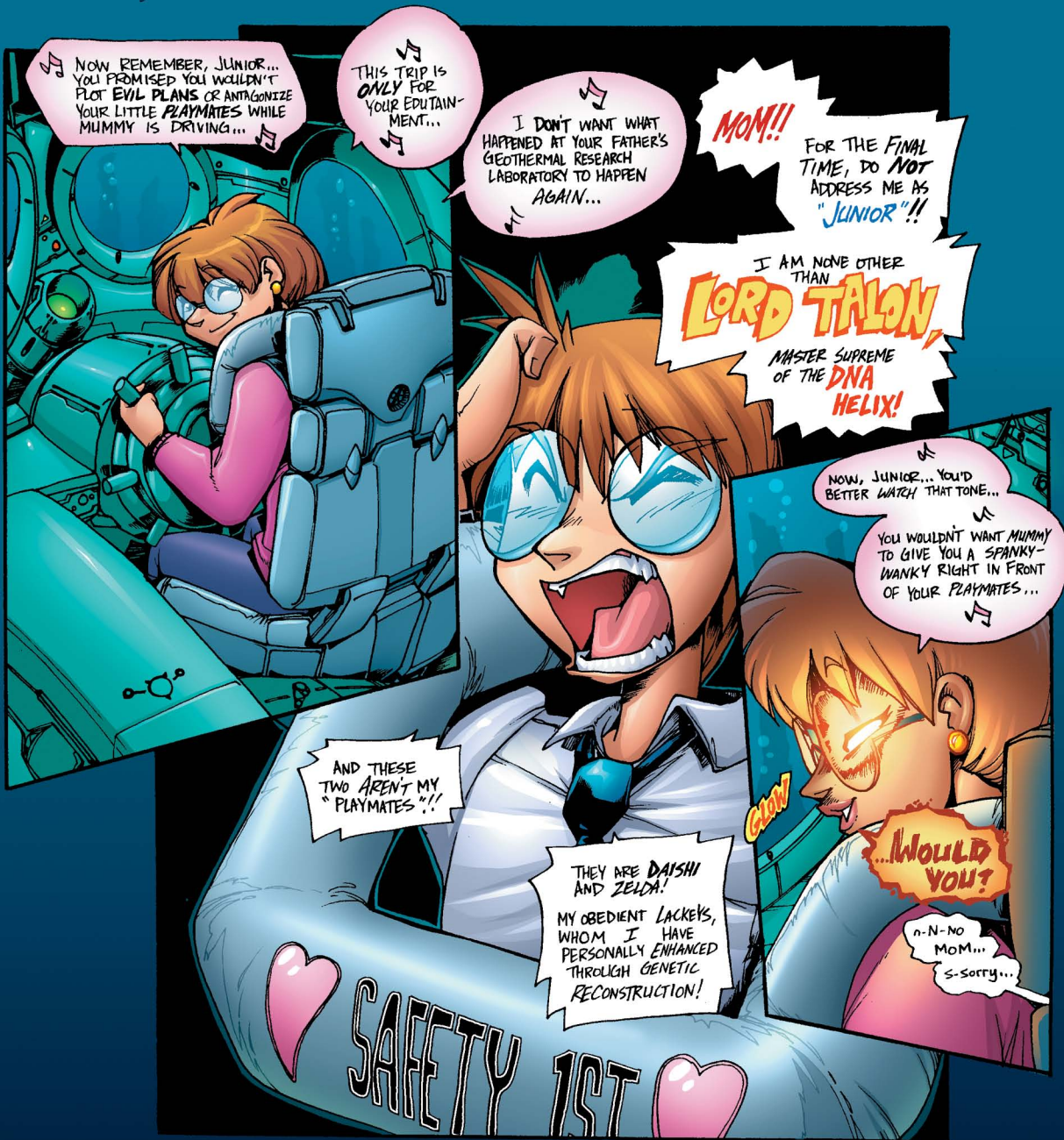
YUP!

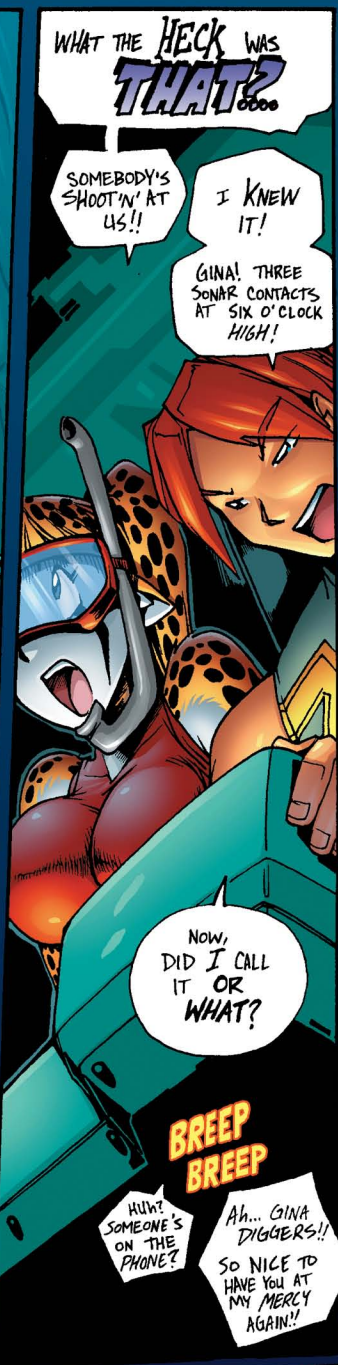
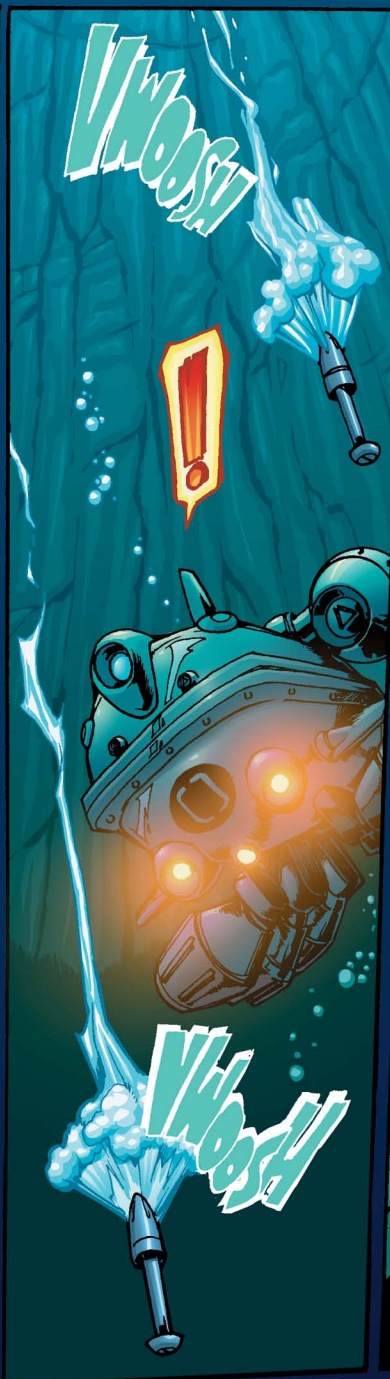
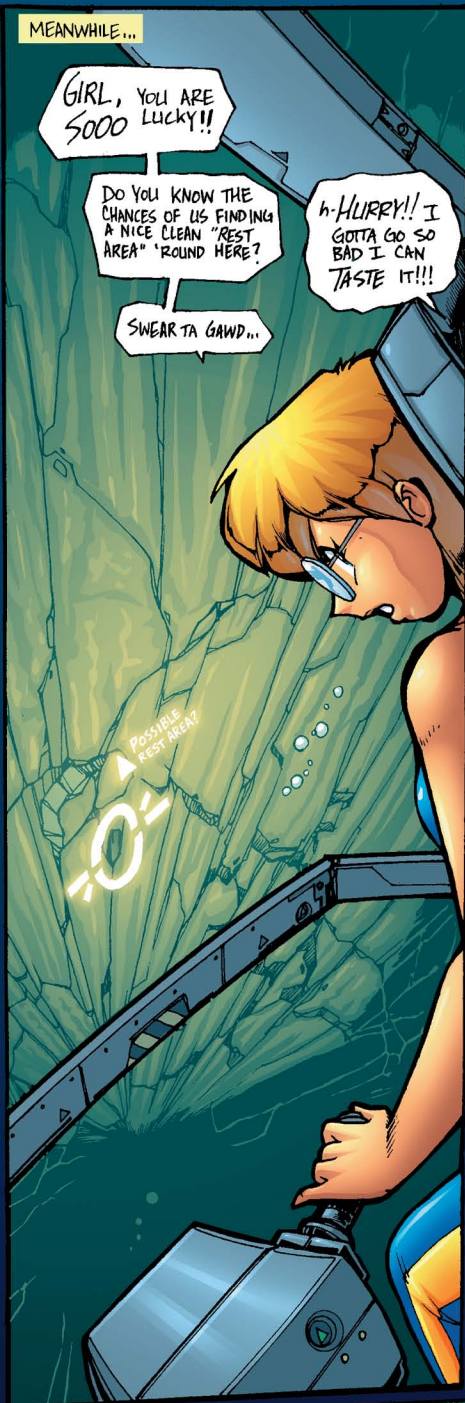
GOLD DIGGER
AND HER GROUP SHOULD
BE ABOUT FOUR
HUNDRED METERS
BENEATH US...

IF ALL GOES
ACCORDING TO
PLAN --

YEAH... THAT'S
ANOTHER THING...
WHY DO WE HAVE
TO TAKE YOUR
MOMMY'S
SUB, PEEWEE?

DON'T EVEN START
WITH THAT AGAIN, ZELDA..







I WANNA HEAR MORE ABOUT YOUR LITTLE PICTURE COLLECTION, GINA!!!
"BEEFY STUD-MUFFINS"

AREN'T I YOUR BOYFRIEND?
AREN'T I ENOUGH FOR YOU???

NOT NOW,
RYAN...

LOAD ALL TORPEDO TUBES
AND GET READY FOR ACTION!

ARCHAEOLOGY ISN'T ALL SUNSHINE, RAINBOWS AND EXCAVATION, YOU KNOW...

SOMETIMES YOU HAVE TO GET TOUGH!

TORPEDOES READY!

I'M TAKING EVASIVE ACTION, RYAN!

FIRE ONE!!

GINAAA... COULD WE PLEEZE GET TO THE CAVE FIRST??

JUST A LITTLE LONGER, BRIT!! HOLD OUT FOR JUST A FEW MORE 'MINUTES'!

* RYAN ISN'T QUITE GINA'S BOYFRIEND...YET.



OH-HO! SO YOU WANT TO PLAY, EH, MISS DIGGERS??

THAT'S RIGHT, MR. ERWIN "PEEWEE" TALON!!

AND IF YOU'RE SMART, YOU'LL LEAVE US ALONE!



VERY WELL, THEN... LET'S DANCE!!

INCOMING!!



THEY'RE SPLITTING UP!! MAN, ARE THOSE LITTLE BUBBLES FAST!

FIRE TWO!



AHAHAHAH! SUCH ROTTEN SHOTS!

LET'S GO, GINA... LET'S GO!!



I'M TRYING RYAN!

HOLD ON!



WE'RE GONNA TRY SOMETHING DESPERATE!!

HEY, DO WHAT YA GOTTA DO, GIRL!

SWEAT

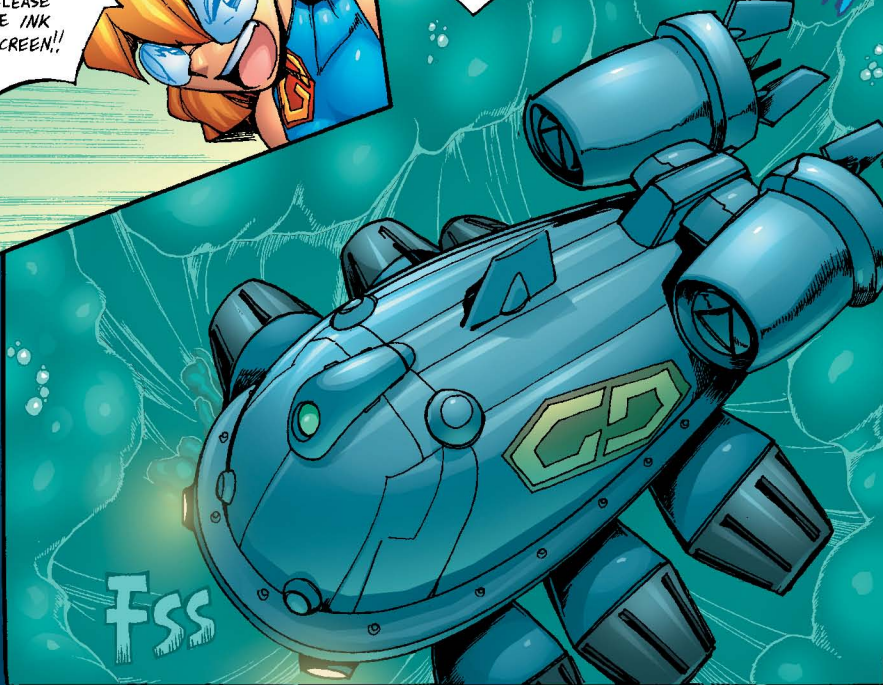


OKAY... ON MY MARK...

RELEASE THE INK SCREEN!!

READYSET—
GO!

FLUSH



OH, COME ON!
A SMOG CLOUD?

THAT IS SOO
CHEAP!!



FULL-SPEED PURSUIT!

WE CAN'T LOSE THEM IN THIS **INK CLOUD!**
NOT WHEN WE'RE SO CLOSE!!

LORD TALON!! THE CLOUD IS INTERFERING WITH MY SENSORS! WE'VE LOST THEM!

WHAT?
YOU INCOMPETENT FOOLS! YOU-----
ARE THEY GONE?



YES, MY LORD... OUTSTANDING ACTING JOB...

Hehehe... I KNOW...
I WAS GOOD, WASN'T I...

TIGHT-BEAM TRANS



HUH??

I THOUGHT WE WERE BEING SERIOUS!!

WHY DIDN'T ANYONE TELL ME ANYTHING ABOUT THIS??

BECAUSE YOU... LACK... ACTING SKILLS, ZELDA...

DAISHI'S BEING KIND!!! YOU COULDN'T ACT YOUR WAY OUT OF A WET PAPER BAG, GIRL!!



OH, YOU CAN **BOTH** BITE ME!!

SILENCE!

I WOULD HAVE LIKED TO HAVE BEEN THE FIRST TO COME DOWN HERE, BUT GINA MANAGED TO BEAT US TO THIS LOCATION...

WE HAD NO CHOICE BUT TO LET HER GO IN AHEAD OF US... WE COULDN'T RISK HER FINDING OUT WHAT WE ARE AFTER BY US GOING IN FIRST AND LETTING HER OBSERVE OUR ACTIONS...

SO, WHILE GINA RUSHES AHEAD, OPENING LOCKS AND TRIPPING TRAPS ON HER WAY TO THE GOLD AND GEMS OF MUTHIA...

...WE'LL SNEAK IN AND SNATCH THE REAL TREASURE!



MEANWHILE...

OKAY... WE'RE ALMOST OUT OF THE CAVE...

I'M HITTING THE HEADLAMPS...

OOOH...

WELL, LOOKEE HERE...

IS THAT MUTHIA?

EXACTLY, RYAN... EXACTLY...

GINA, SOMETHING'S WRONG... SOMETHING'S MISSING...

WE'RE AT THE BOTTOM OF THE PACIFIC, RIGHT?

SO... WHERE'S THE WEIRD FISH AT?



YOU KNOW, THAT'S A REALLY GOOD QUESTION, BRITANNY!...

HEADS UP, GINA... BRIT'... SONAR'S PICKED UP A LAYER OF AIR AT POINT THREE-FOUR!

AHAH! IT MUST BE A WAY INTO MUTHIA!!

YOU HEAR THAT, BRIT? YOUR TROUBLES ARE JUST ABOUT OVER!

Uh... Yaay! Whoopee! ... aheh...



HOW'S THE PRESSURE, RYAN?

DENSE, BUT BREATHABLE.

TAKE US UP...

SLHOOSH! SHH

hmm...

PRETTY... ADVANCED... FOR A CIVILIZATION THAT VANISHED FOUR THOUSAND YEARS AGO...



YOU SOUND SURPRISED, GINA...

WEREN'T YOU EXPECTING THIS?

NOT REALLY.

MUTHIA IS MENTIONED IN AN OLD CHINESE LEGEND I FOUND IN THAT QUAIN OLD SHAOLIN TEMPLE LAST SUMMER.

YOU MEAN THE PLACE WITH THE GREAT EGG ROLLS?

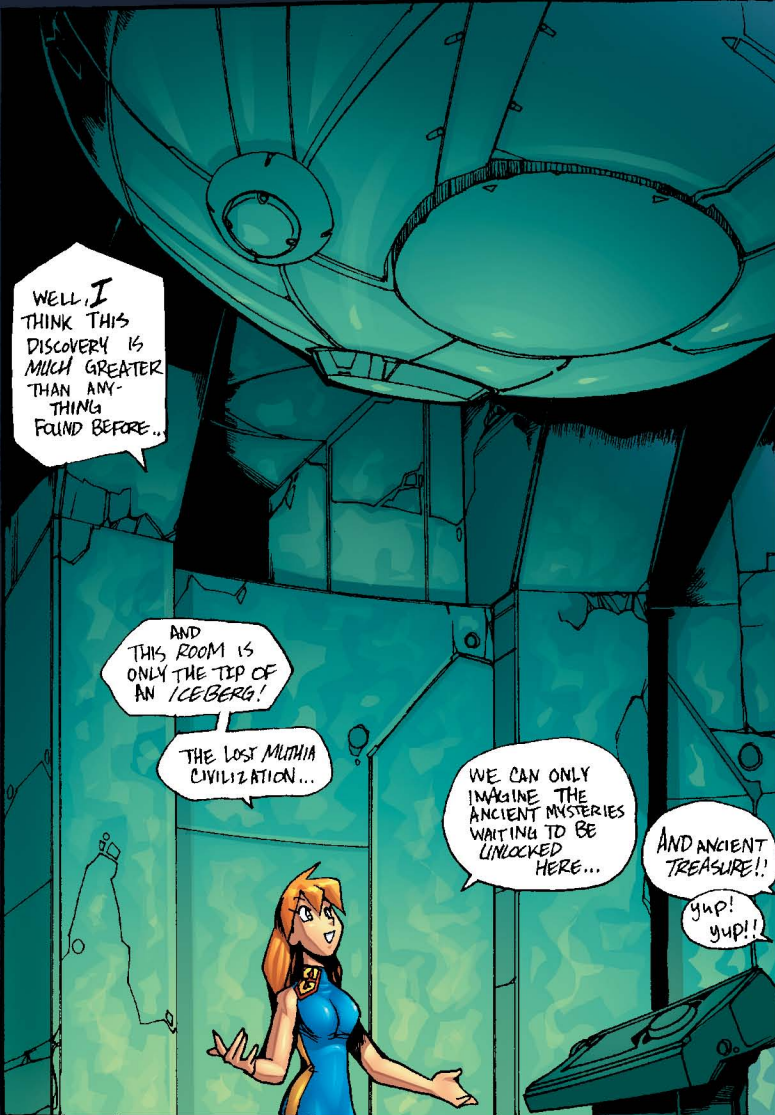
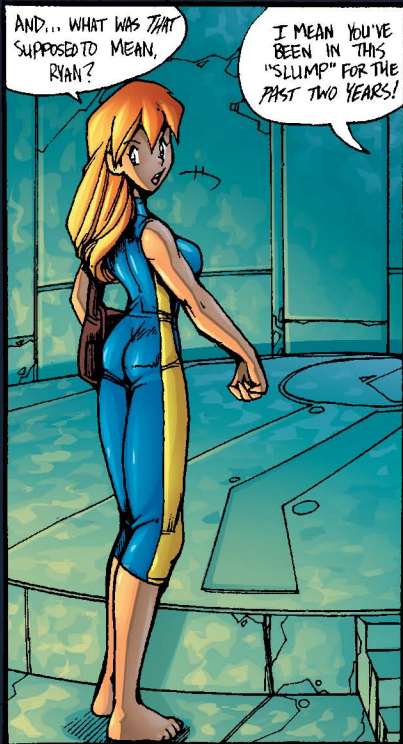
Yup...

THE LEGEND MENTIONED A FLOATING, MYSTIC CITY WHICH SANK TO THE BOTTOM...

BUT NOT THIS...

WELL, AT ANY RATE... CONGRATULATIONS, GINA...

FEEL BETTER NOW?



YOU SEE? THAT'S THE PROBLEM I'VE BEEN HAVING!

FOR A LONG TIME, I'VE BEEN UNDER A LOT OF PRESSURE TO FIND TREASURE...

IT'S NO WONDER I'VE LOST MY "EDGE"...

IT USED TO BE ABOUT THE WONDER OF DISCOVERY! ABOUT CURIOSITY!

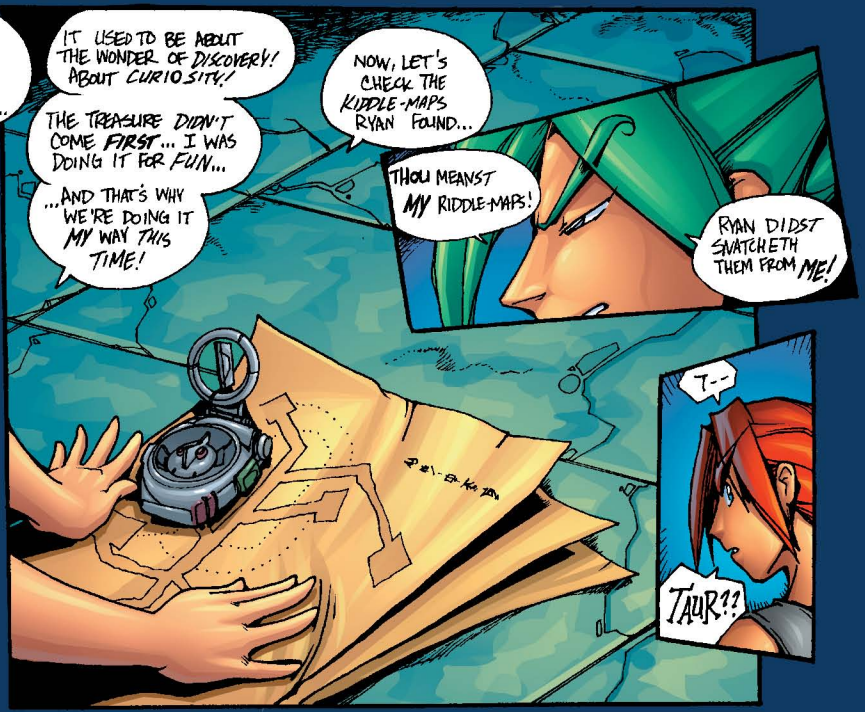
THE TREASURE DIDN'T COME FIRST... I WAS DOING IT FOR FUN...

...AND THAT'S WHY WE'RE DOING IT MY WAY THIS TIME!

NOW, LET'S CHECK THE KIDDLE-MAPS RYAN FOUND...

THOU MEANST MY RIDDLE-MAPS!

RYAN DIDST SNATCHETH THEM FROM ME!



VHVV

...AND IF I DOOTH NOT GETTEST MY MAPS...
I WILLETH GET MEDIEVAL ON THEE!

RYAN?
YOU KNOW THIS GUY?

AND DID HE HAVE A FISH-TAIL A SECOND AGO?

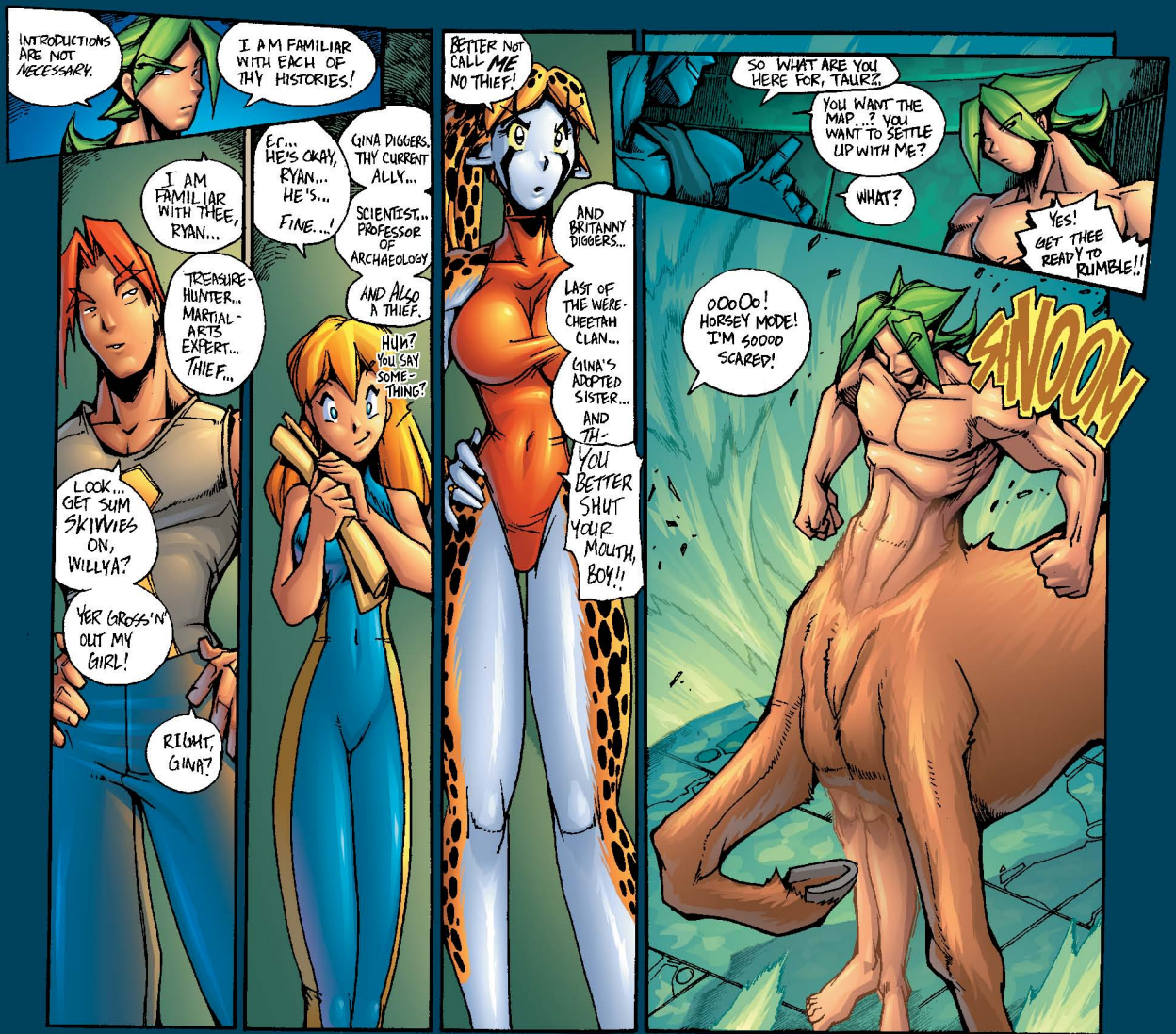
CATCHEST THOU MY DRIFT?

THAT'S TAUR...

ONE OF MY... COMPETITORS...

THE LITTLE EXHIBITIONIST IS PROBABLY TICKED THAT I BEAT HIM TO THE MAP ROOM AT THE GREAT WALL OF CHINA...

.....
Taing



TH- THOU...
QUESTETH FOR
ANSWERS?...
THEN...

...THY PURPOSE
COINCIDES WITH
MY OWN!!

HOWEVER...
JUST OUTSIDE...

KEEP CLOSE...
WE'RE TAKING THE
ALTERNATE
ENTRANCE...

DAISHI, YOU WILL
TAKE ZELDA INSIDE.

USE MAXIMUM
STEALTH...
UNDERSTOOD?

YUP.

YES, LORD
TALON.

GOOD.
ON YOUR
WAY.

I'LL
WAIT HERE.

I OWE LORD TALON
MUCH...

HUH? I'VE
SEEN YOUR
PAY-STUBS!...
YOU GET WAY
LESS THAN I
DO!

I WANTED LESS,
BUT MINIMUM WAGE
LAWS DO NOT
PERMIT IT.

YOU'RE ALWAYS
"YES, MASTER"
AND
"AS YOU COMMAND,
MY LORD!"...

TIGHT-BEAM
COMMUNICATION
IS ACTIVE...

WHAT'S
WITH YOU...

⇒ sigh

DAISHI? CAN
WE TALK?

I WAS...
A WEAKLING
BEFORE HE
GAVE ME A
SECOND
CHANCE...

HE HELPED ME
FIND MY
TRUE
POWER...!
REBUILD MY
SHATTERED
HONOR.

AND NOW I HELP
HIM FIND HIS
TRUE POWER.

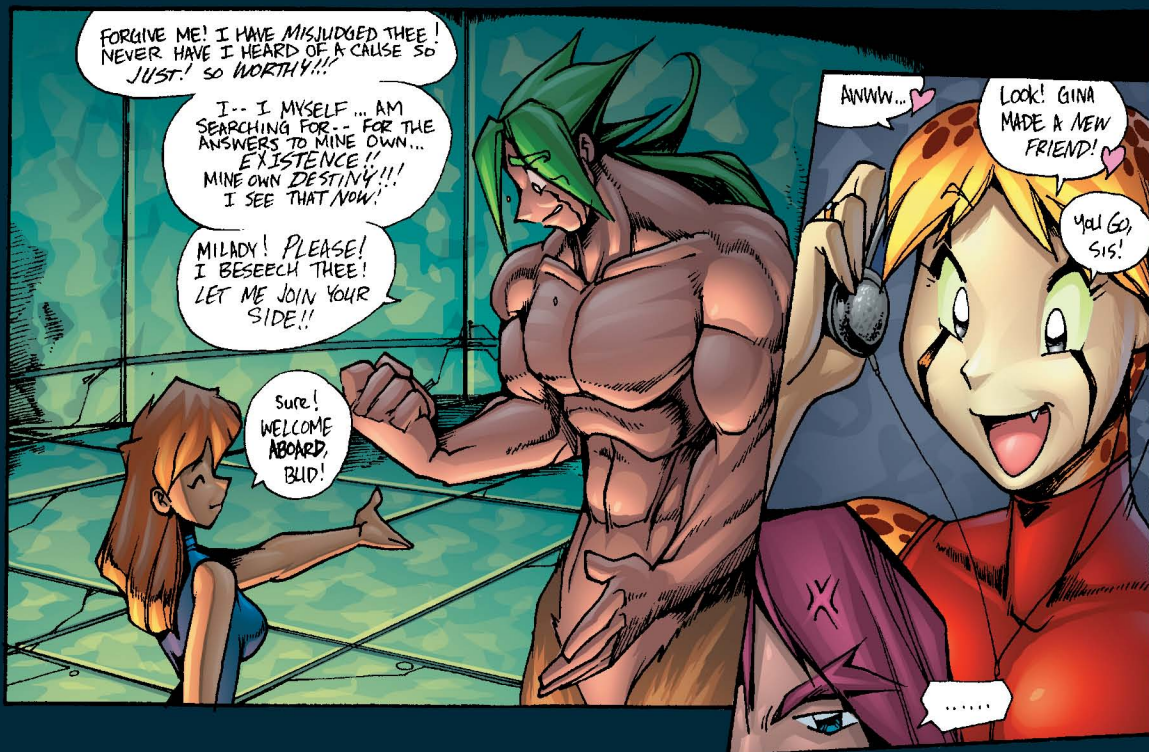
PEEWEE HAS A
"TRUE POWER"?
WHAT IS IT?
HYPER-NERD-
STRENGTH?

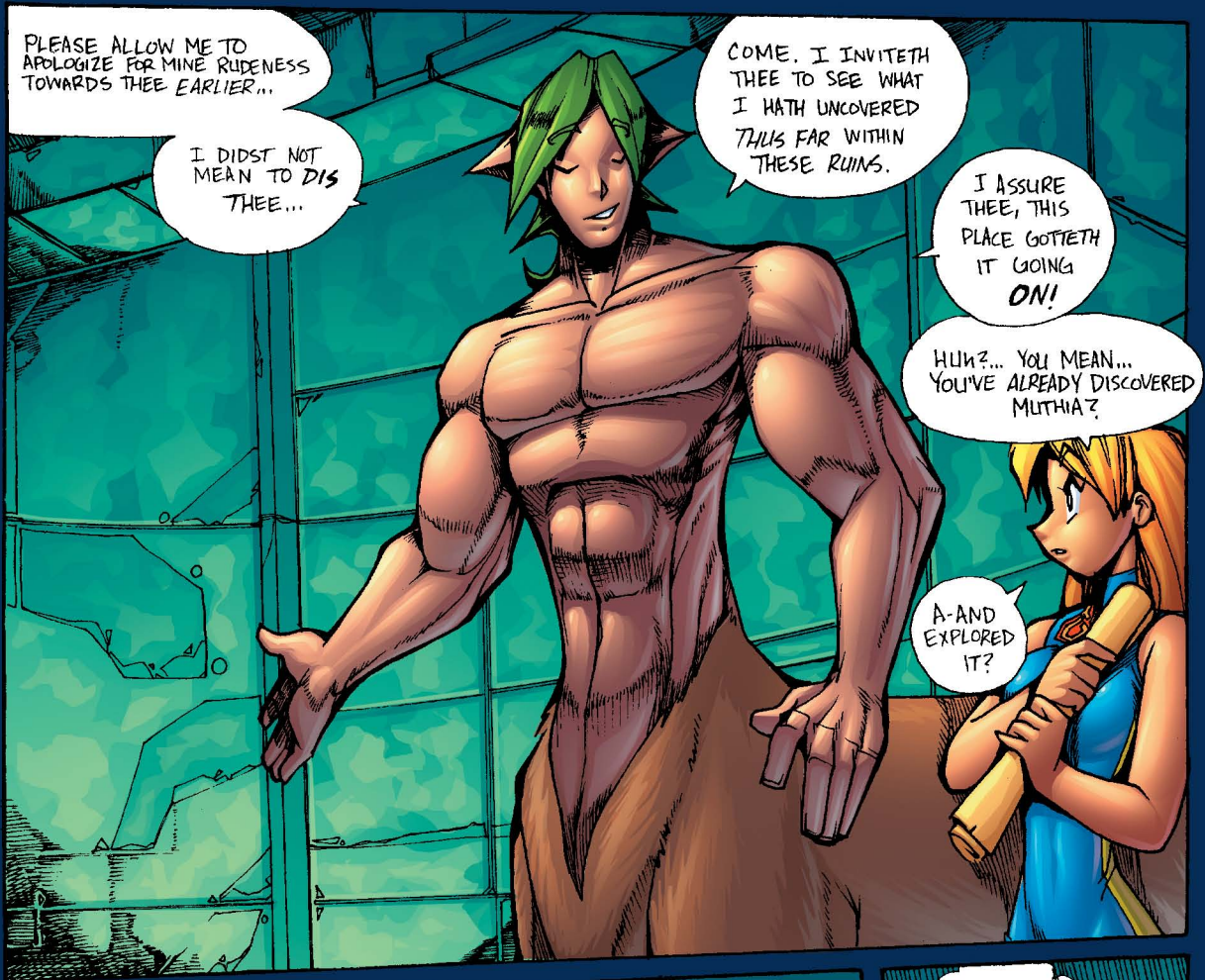
HAVE YOU
NOT NOTICED?

HE HAN'T
ENHANCED
HIMSELF AS
HE HAS
ENHANCED
Z/S WITH HIS
BIOGENETIC
RE-ENGINEERING.

Y-- YEAH,
THAT'S RIGHT...

WHY IS
THAT?..





PLEASE ALLOW ME TO
APOLOGIZE FOR MINE RUDENESS
TOWARDS THEE EARLIER...

I DIDST NOT
MEAN TO DIS
THEE...

COME. I INVITETH
THEE TO SEE WHAT
I HATH UNCOVERED
THUS FAR WITHIN
THESE RUINS.

I ASSURE
THEE, THIS
PLACE GOTTIETH
IT GOING
ON!

HUH?... YOU MEAN...
YOU'VE ALREADY DISCOVERED
MUTHIA?

A-AND
EXPLORED
IT?



THERE IS STILL MUCH I HATH
NOT GAINED ACCESS TO... BUT
WITH THINE HELP, PERHAPS
WE MAY PREVAIL...

that means...

I HAVEN'T
DISCOVERED
MUTHIA...

I'VE FAILED!...

again...



WAIT HERE, MINE
FRIENDS... THE SEAL TO
THE CHAMBER DOTH REQUIRE
AMAZING AGILITY TO UNLOCK.



UH-OH...
GINA'S GOT THAT
"I'M NOT GOOD
ENOUGH
ANYMORE"
LOOK IN HER
EYE...

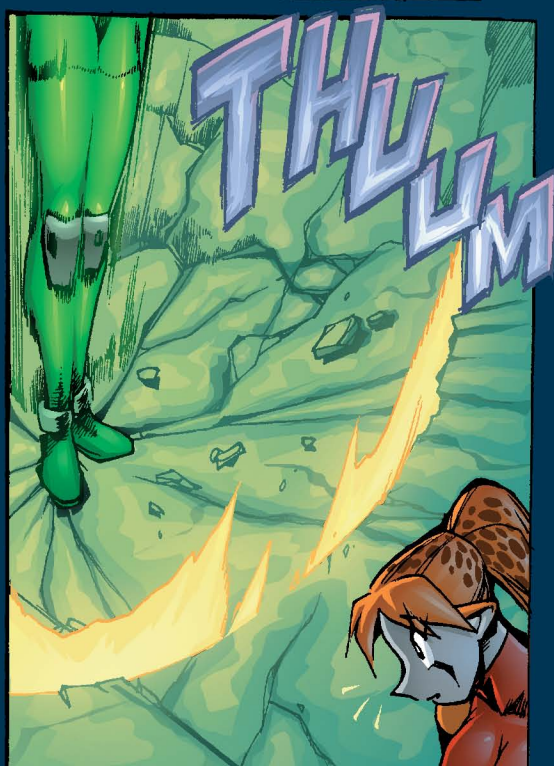
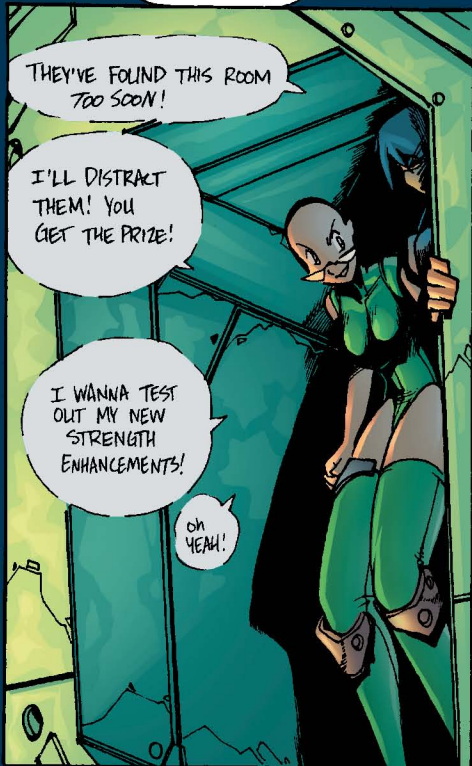
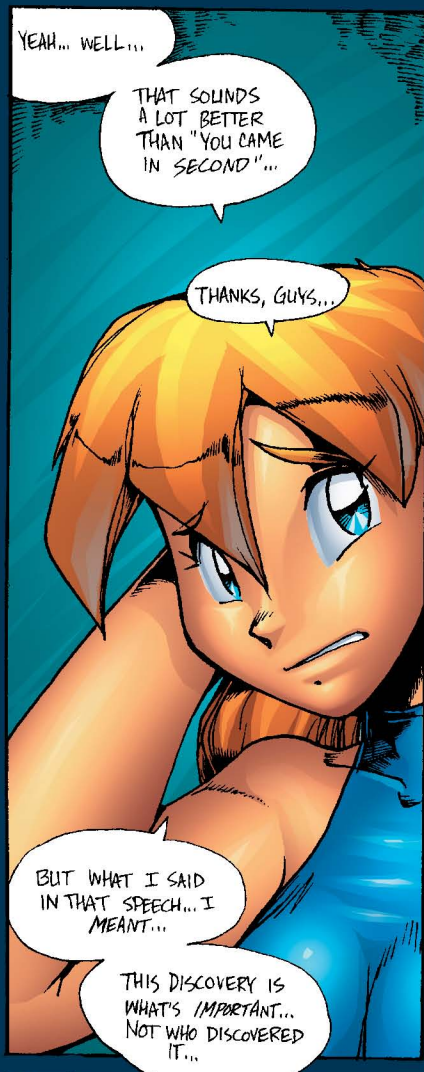
AT... AT
LEAST YOU'RE
THE FIRST...

HUMAN...
TO DISCOVER...

MUTHIA?

YUP! THAT'S
RIGHT!...

RIGHT?





HELLO AGAIN,
BRITANNY...

WE'VE GOT
A GRUDGE
TO SETTLE...

LOOK, ZELDA, I DON'T
FEEL LIKE WHUPPIN' UP
ON YOU ANY MORE!

OH REALLY? **REALLY!**
BEAT IT!

YOUR FACE
GIVES ME A
KNUCKLE-
ACHE!!

WELL, I THINK...
THIS FIGHT
WILL BE
DIFFERENT.

Z!

GHH

GREAT
GOOGALI
MOOGALI!!!



HEH... YOU
REMEMBER
THE OLD
ME?

SLOW... WEAK...
CLUMSY...

A PUSHOVER...

THAT WAS THE
OLD ME...

WELL, AFTER
THIS FIGHT...

...YOU'RE SURE
GONNA MISS
HER...

* NEXT MONTH, GET READY FOR
SOME FOOTBALL, Y'ALL!!!