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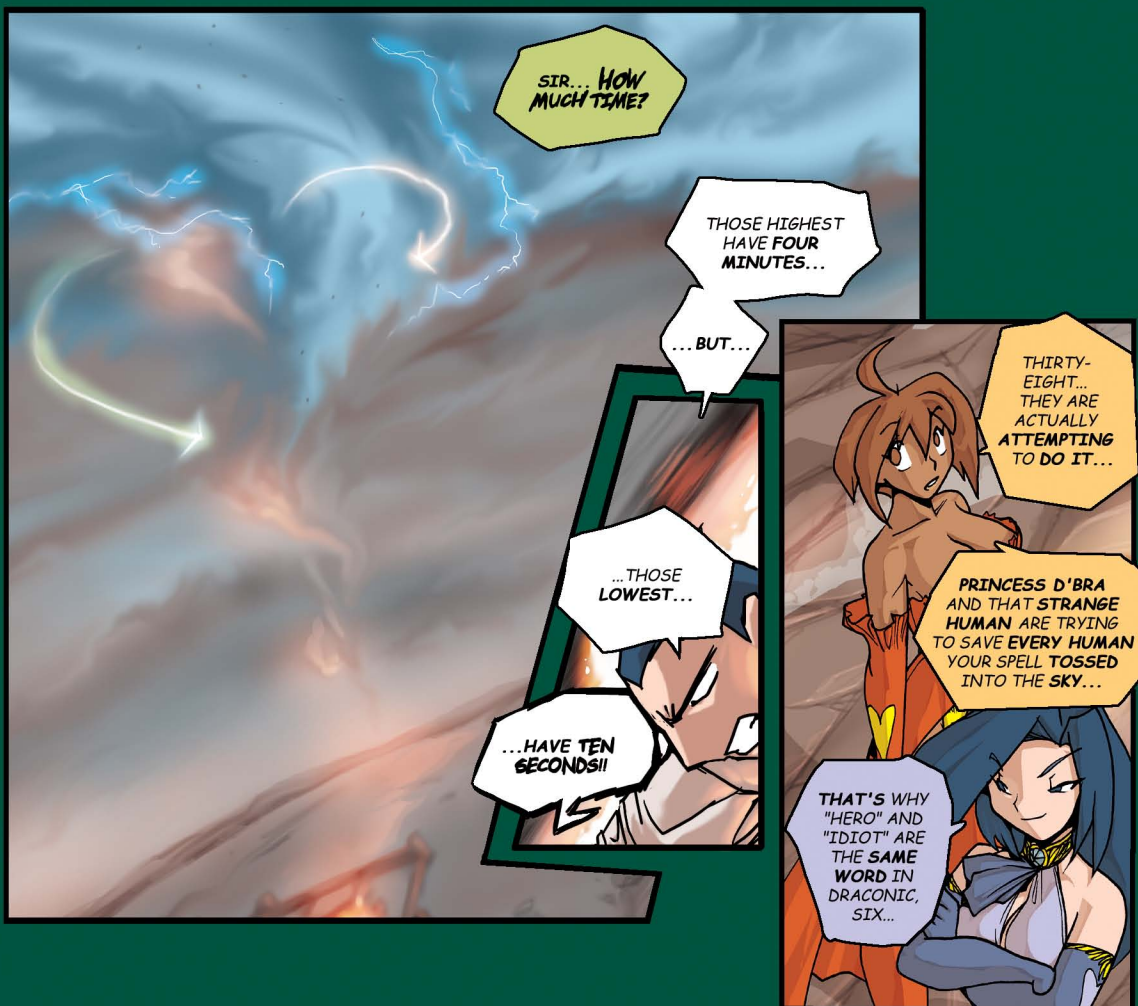
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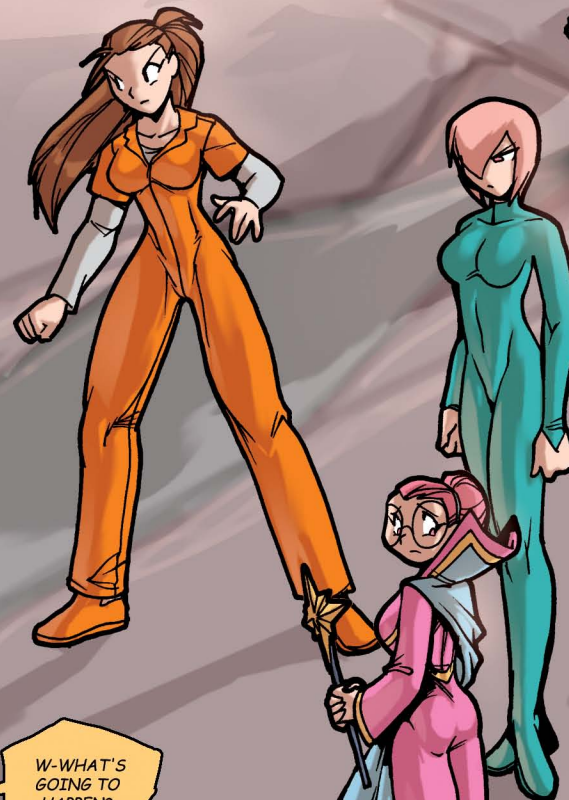
ONLY A FEW  
OF THEM ARE...  
XLIFMA...  
"HEROES"...

now...  
if only  
we could  
deal with  
this as  
easily.



ALL THESE  
HUMANS...  
ALL THESE...  
P-POWERFUL  
HUMANS...  
W-WE CAN'T  
FIGHT THEM  
ALL...

NOT EVERYONE'S  
ON THE SAME SIDE,  
SIX.



W-WHAT'S  
GOING TO  
HAPPEN?

SOMEONE  
MAKES THE  
FIRST MOVE...  
THEN IT ALL  
GOES HORRIBLY  
WRONG FROM  
THERE.

I ALMOST  
WISH WE  
ONLY HAD  
PRINCESS  
D'BRA TO  
FACE NOW...





WITH PRINCESS D'BRA PREOCCUPIED, I WOULD HAVE SURMISED THAT OUR QUEST FOR EXTHILION'S "TREASURE" WAS ASSURED TO SUCCEED....

BUT...

OUR SEIGE ON THE HUMAN FORTRESS... THIS "FEDERAL PRISON"... WAS EXCESSIVELY CLAMOROUS...

...ATTRACTING NOT ONLY D'BRA'S ATTENTION, BUT OTHERS' AS WELL.

Oh, SO THIS IS MY FAULT?

HMF.

BEING A DRAGON MEANS EVERY-ONE ELSE WORRIES ABOUT STEALTH.

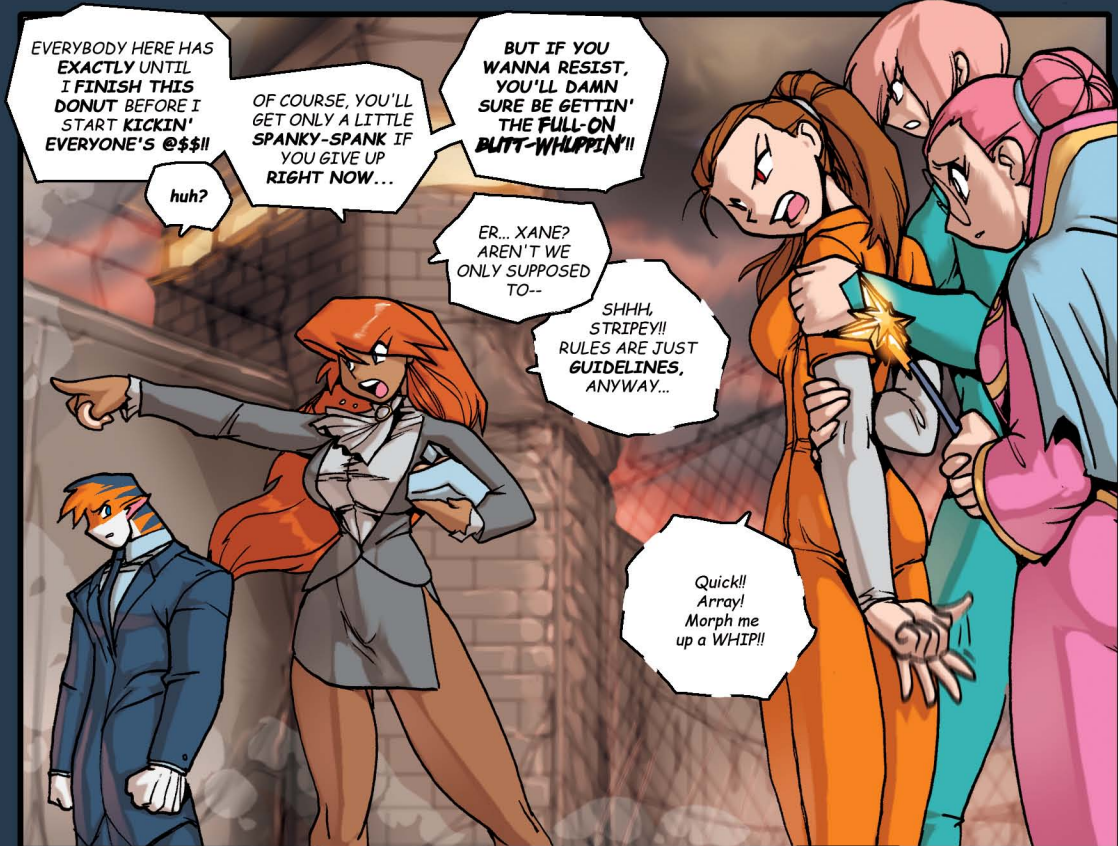


REGARDLESS, THIRTY-EIGHT... WE NOW HAVE A **LITTLE MORE** TO DEAL WITH THAN WE **ORIGINALLY** ACCOUNTED FOR...

I THINK YOU'LL FIND THAT I'M GOING TO BE A **LOT MORE** TO DEAL WITH, FAUNTLEROY.

UNLESS YOU SURRENDER IMMEDIATELY...

THAT'S ENOUGH, **ROOKIE**, I GOT IT FROM HERE...



EVERYBODY HERE HAS EXACTLY UNTIL I FINISH THIS DONUT BEFORE I START KICKIN' EVERYONE'S @\$\$!!

huh?

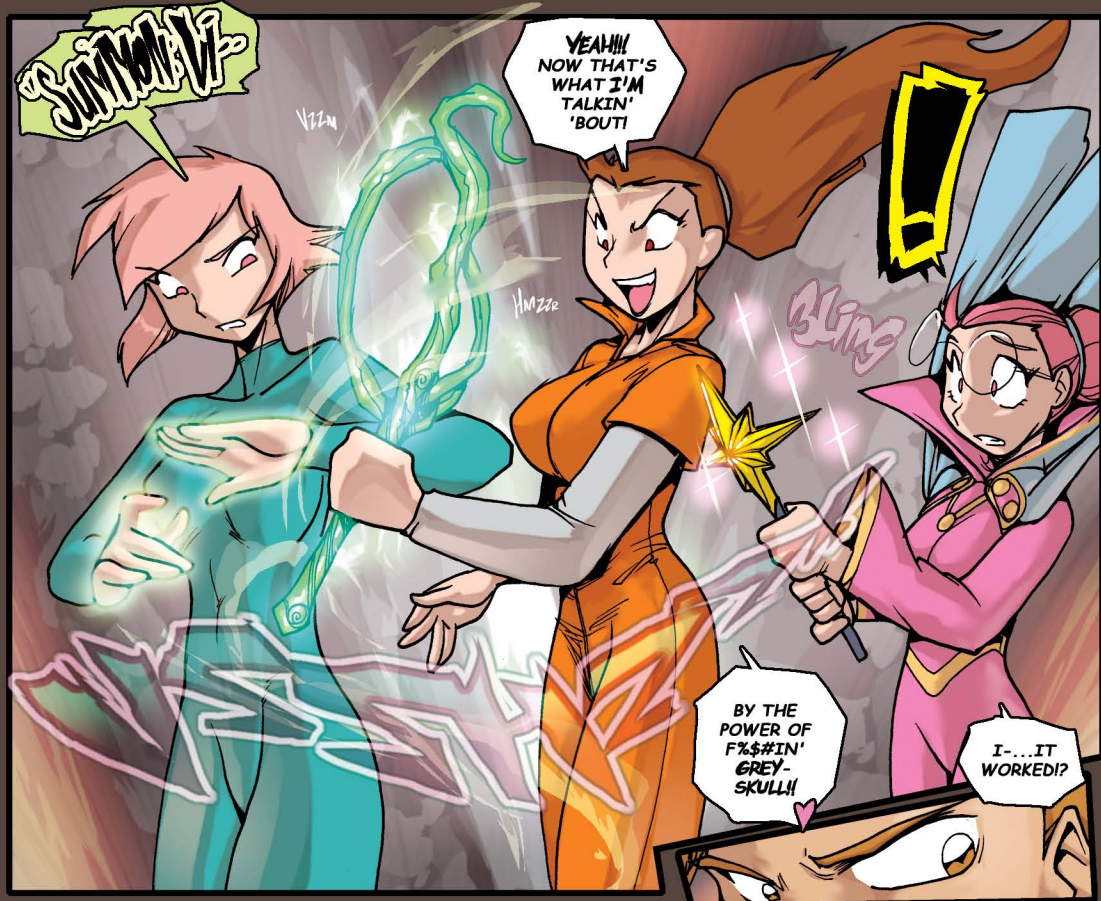
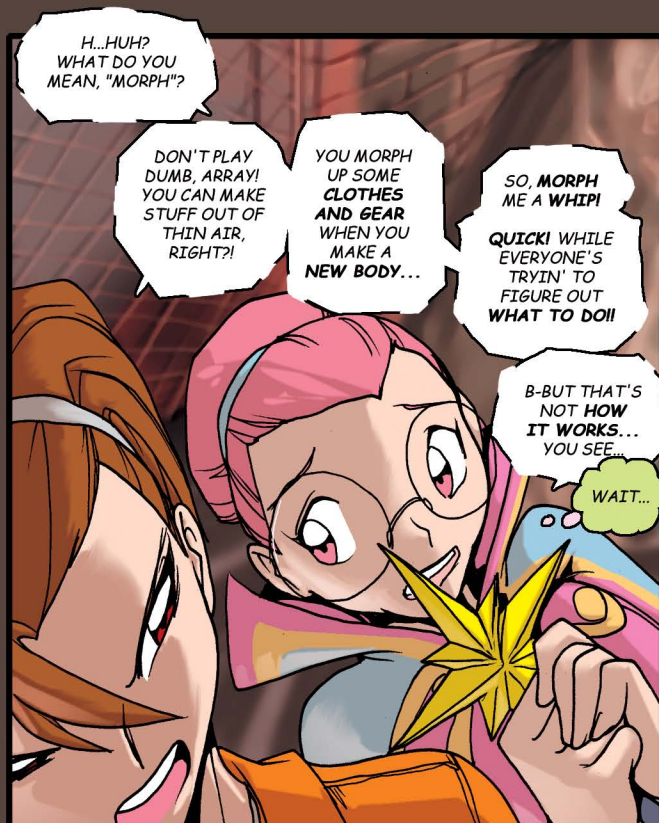
OF COURSE, YOU'LL GET ONLY A LITTLE SPANKY-SPANK IF YOU GIVE UP RIGHT NOW...

BUT IF YOU WANNA RESIST, YOU'LL DAMN SURE BE GETTIN' THE **FULL-ON BUTT-WHIPPIN'!!**

ER... XANE? AREN'T WE ONLY SUPPOSED TO--

SHHH, STRIPEY!! RULES ARE JUST GUIDELINES, ANYWAY...

Quick!! Array! Morph me up a WHIP!!





Oooo!  
Good  
balance!!

SOMEBODY  
CUE THAT  
DEVO MUSIC--

HEMM

--WHAT THE?



WHO THE--  
MEI THAT'S  
"WHATHEWHOHE"!!

DAMMIT--I  
WAS AIMING  
FOR HER  
WEAPON!

Oh well...  
almost as  
good...

FRKK

I'D LIKE TO  
SAY I WAS  
WONDERING  
WHO'D BE  
STUPID ENOUGH  
TO MAKE THE  
FIRST MOVE  
IN THIS  
"MEXICAN  
STAND-OFF,"  
SLASHER...



...BUT I CAN'T!  
I KNEW IT  
WOULD  
BE Y--

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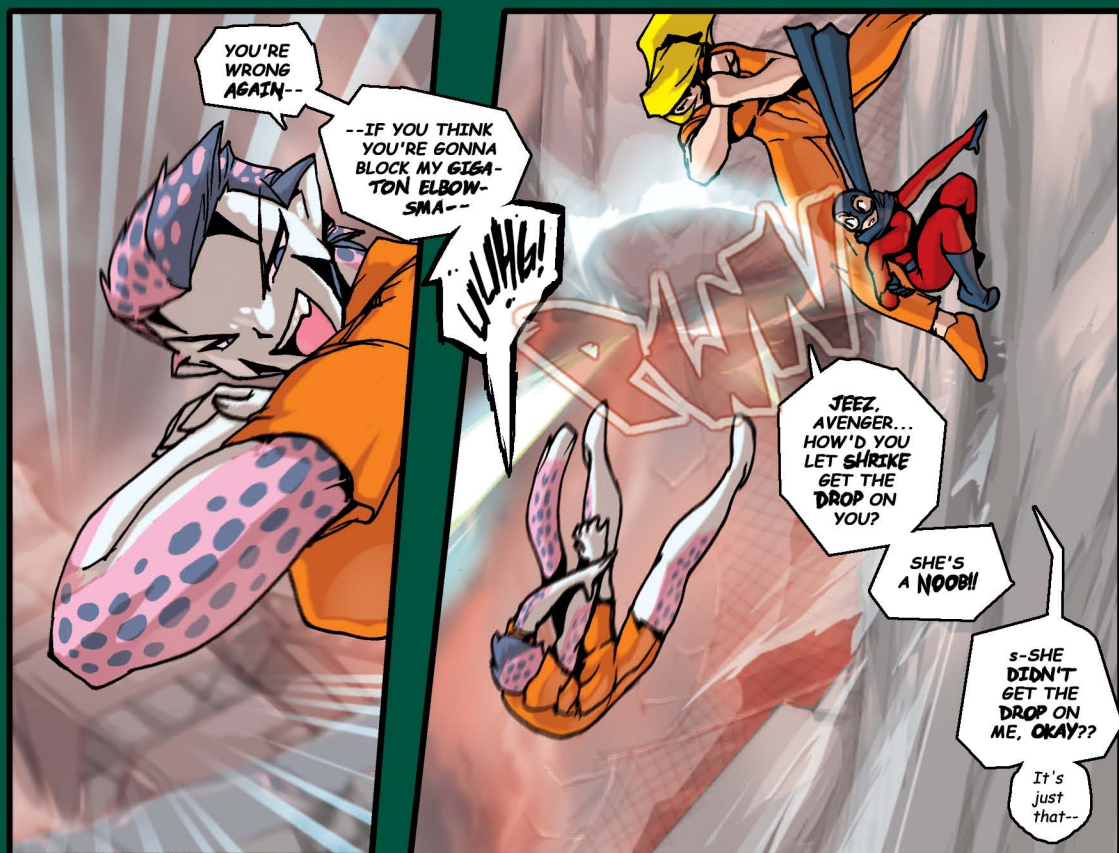
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way...

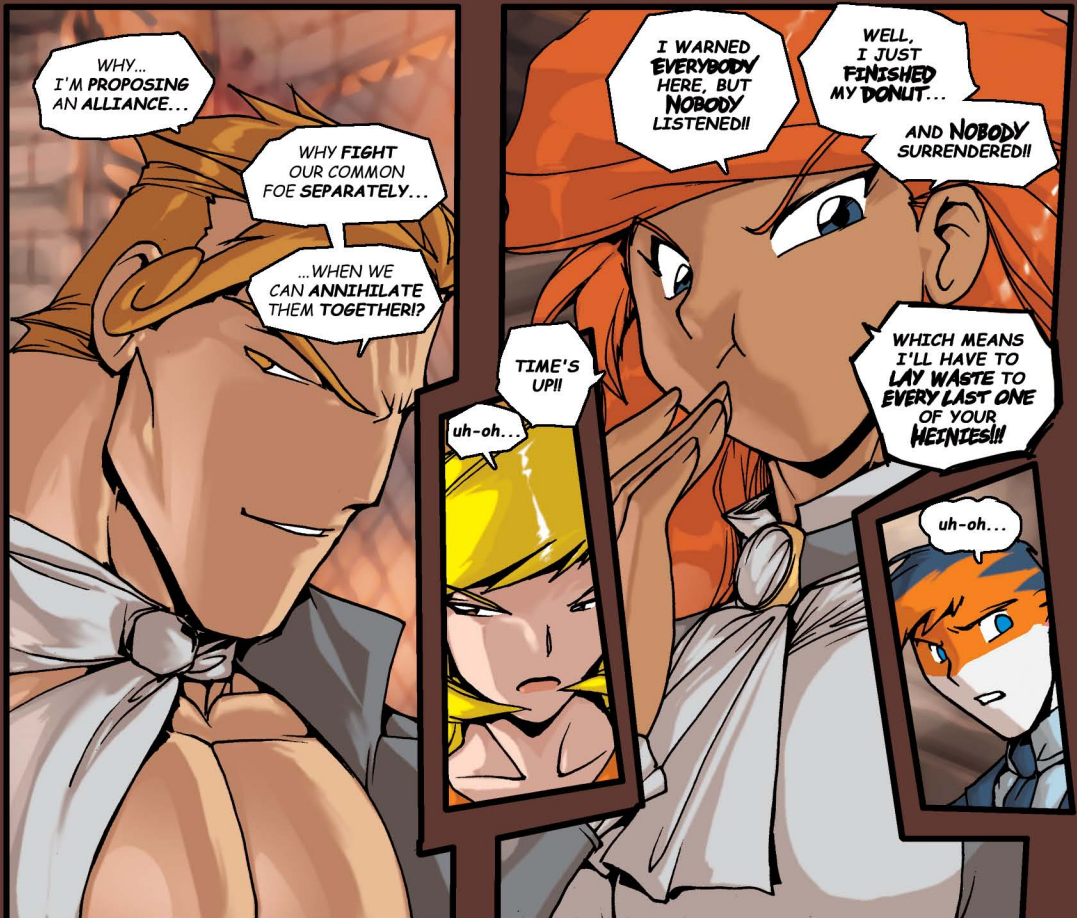
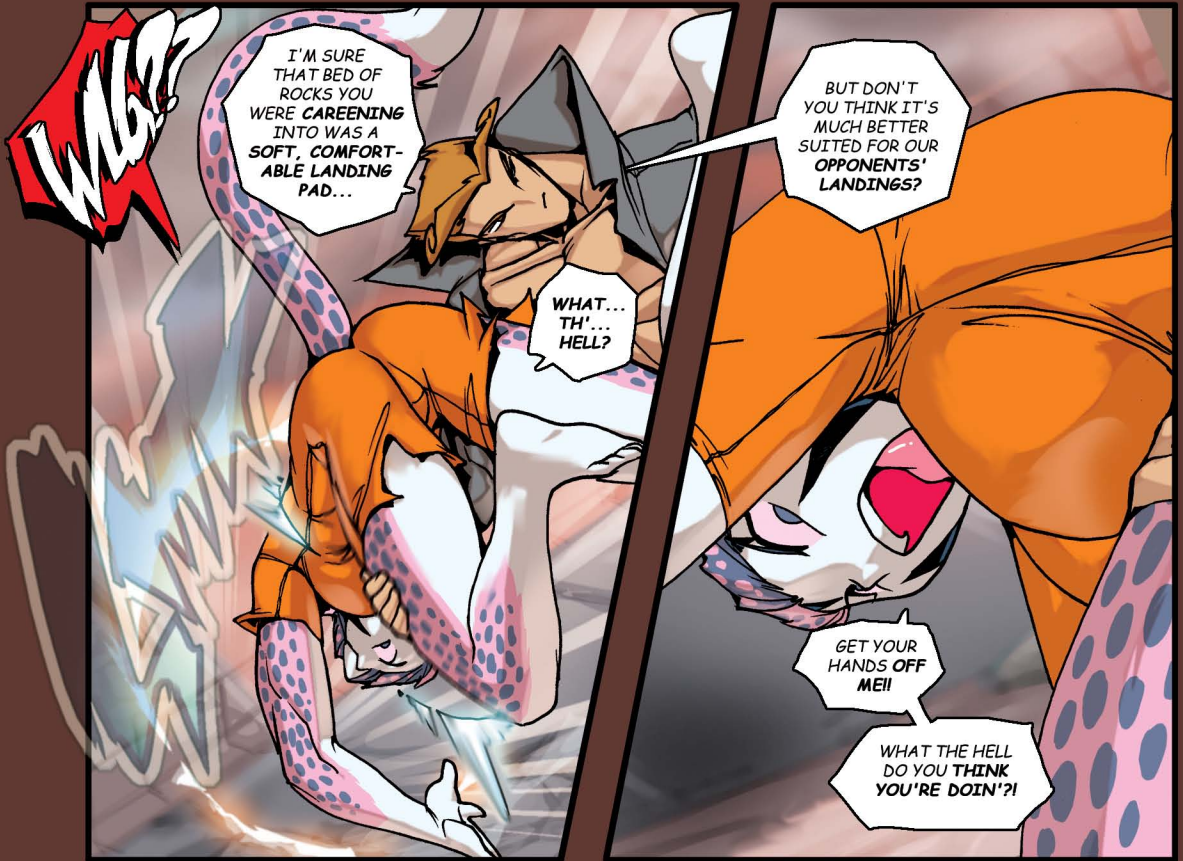


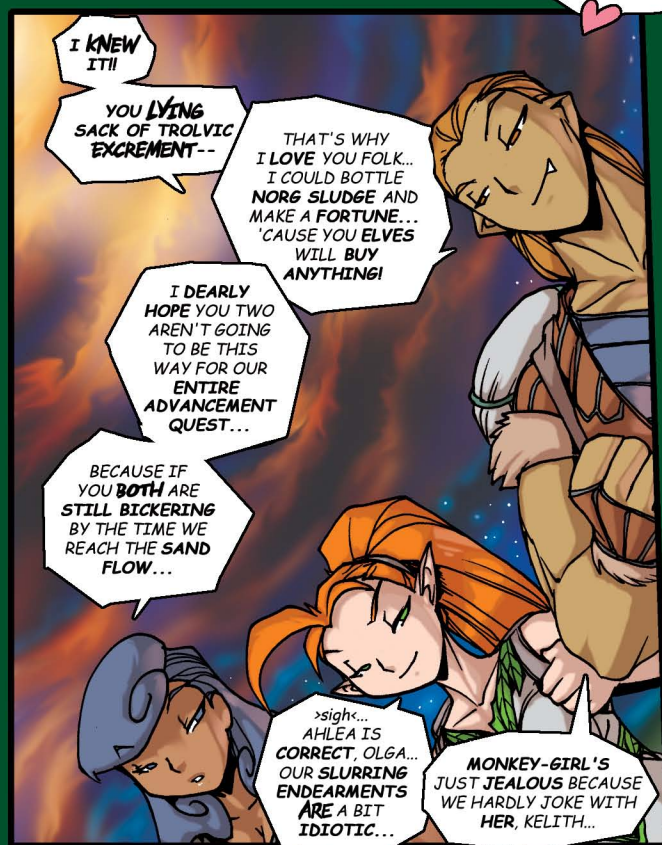
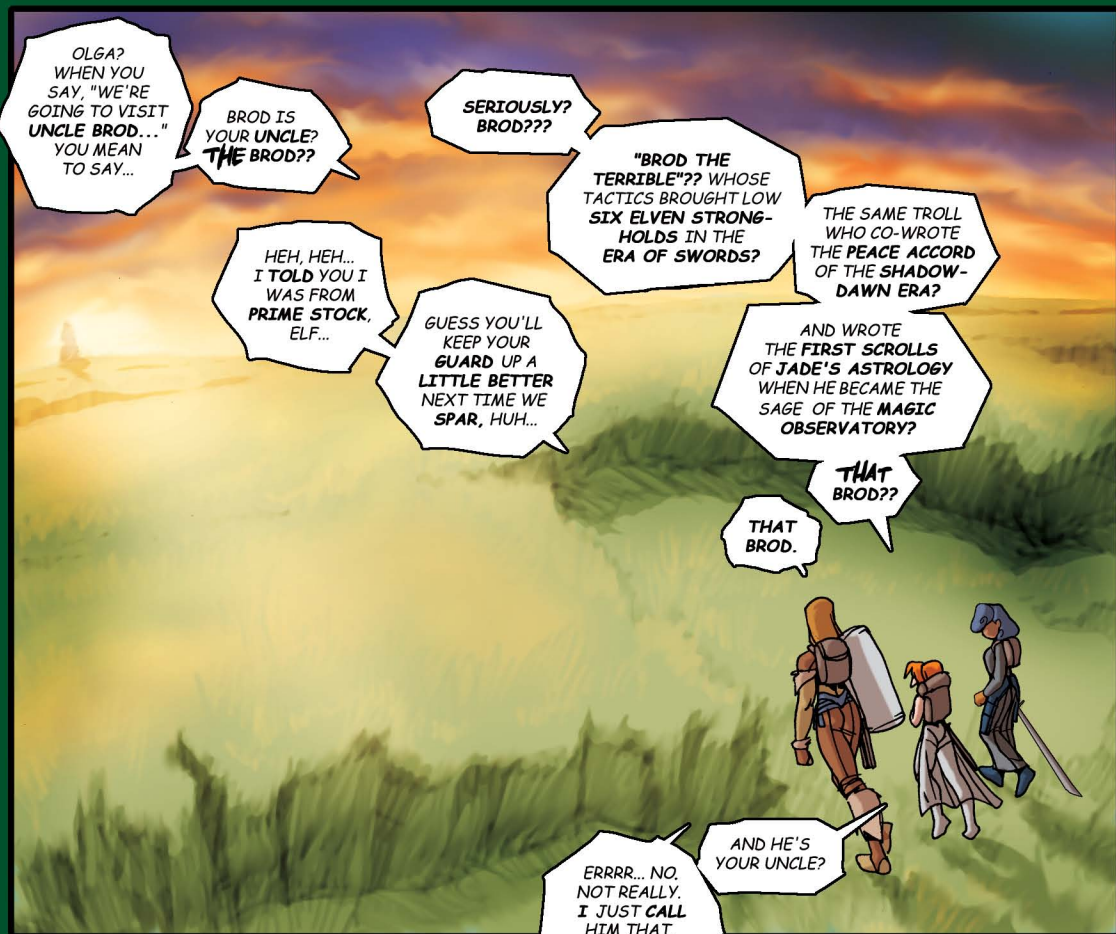
WAA-- SHOOT!!!  
HOW'D YOU  
BLOCK THAT??

I DIDN'T  
MAKE A  
SOUND...

...AND THE  
BACK OF YOUR  
HEAD WAS  
JUST SCREAMIN',  
"OWN ME"!!









OLGA...  
ARE YOU  
CERTAIN  
WE WILL BE  
WELCOME  
HERE?

YOUR "UNCLE"  
IS NOTORIOUS  
FOR HIS... LOVE  
OF SOLITUDE...

YOU MEAN  
HE'S A CRANKY  
OLD HERMIT.

RELAX,  
ELF...

HE  
GAVE ME  
A KEY.

AND, MORE THAN  
LIKELY, HE HASN'T  
HAD MANY GUESTS  
SINCE I LAST CAME  
HERE SIX YEARS  
AGO, SO HE'LL  
PROBABLY TALK  
OUR EARS OFF.

JUST REMEMBER...  
NO MATTER HOW  
GOOD IT SMELLS,  
DON'T EAT  
DINNER...

YOU'LL BE  
PAYING FOR  
IT BIG-TIME  
WITH SOME  
INSANELY  
LABORIOUS  
CHORE OR  
SOMETHING  
IN THE MOR--

WH--  
WHAT ON  
JADE??

O-OLGA?  
ARE THESE  
TROLLS...  
WHO I  
THINK THEY  
ARE?

EKXIAY...

SIMTH...

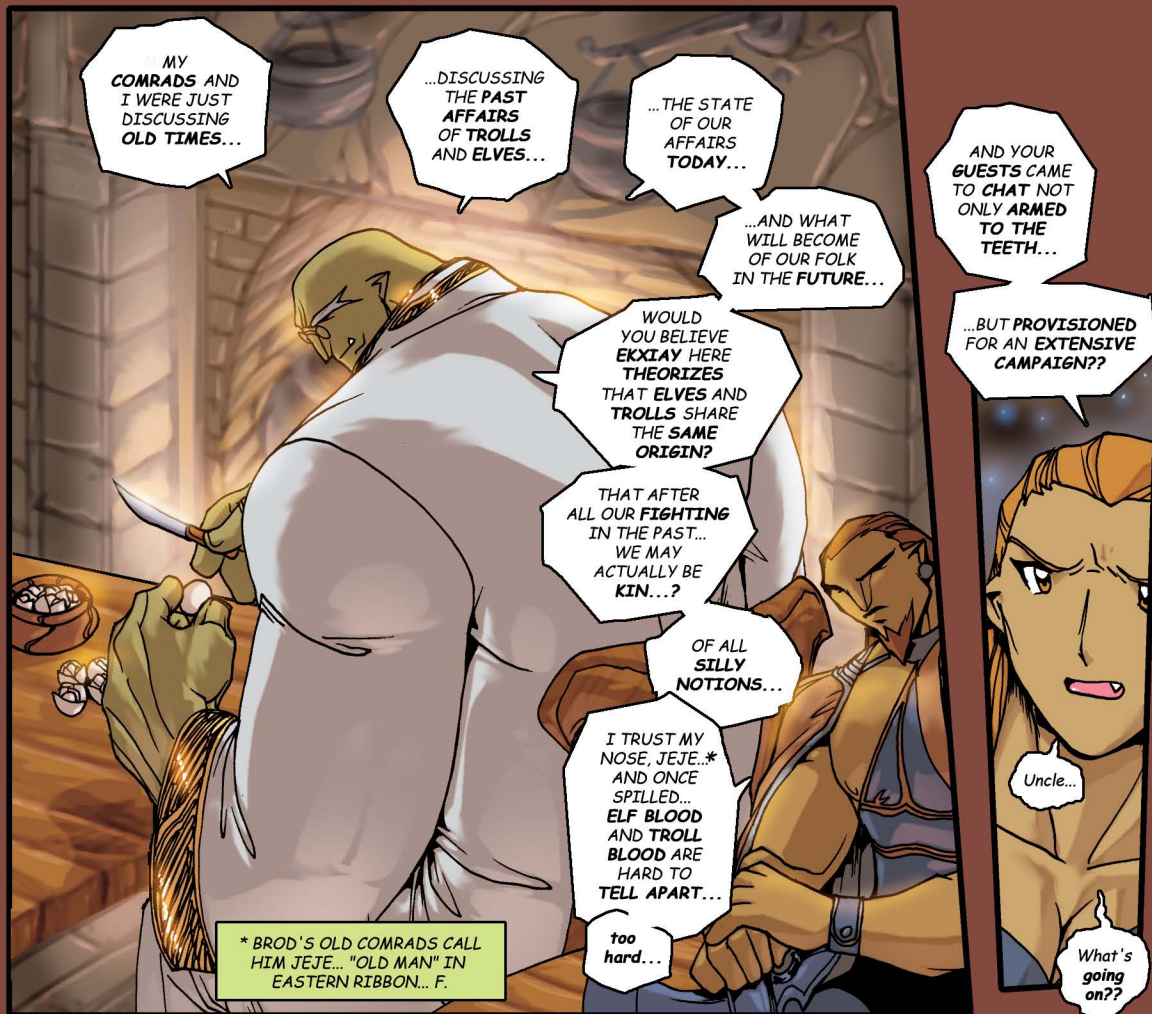
VYRLGA...

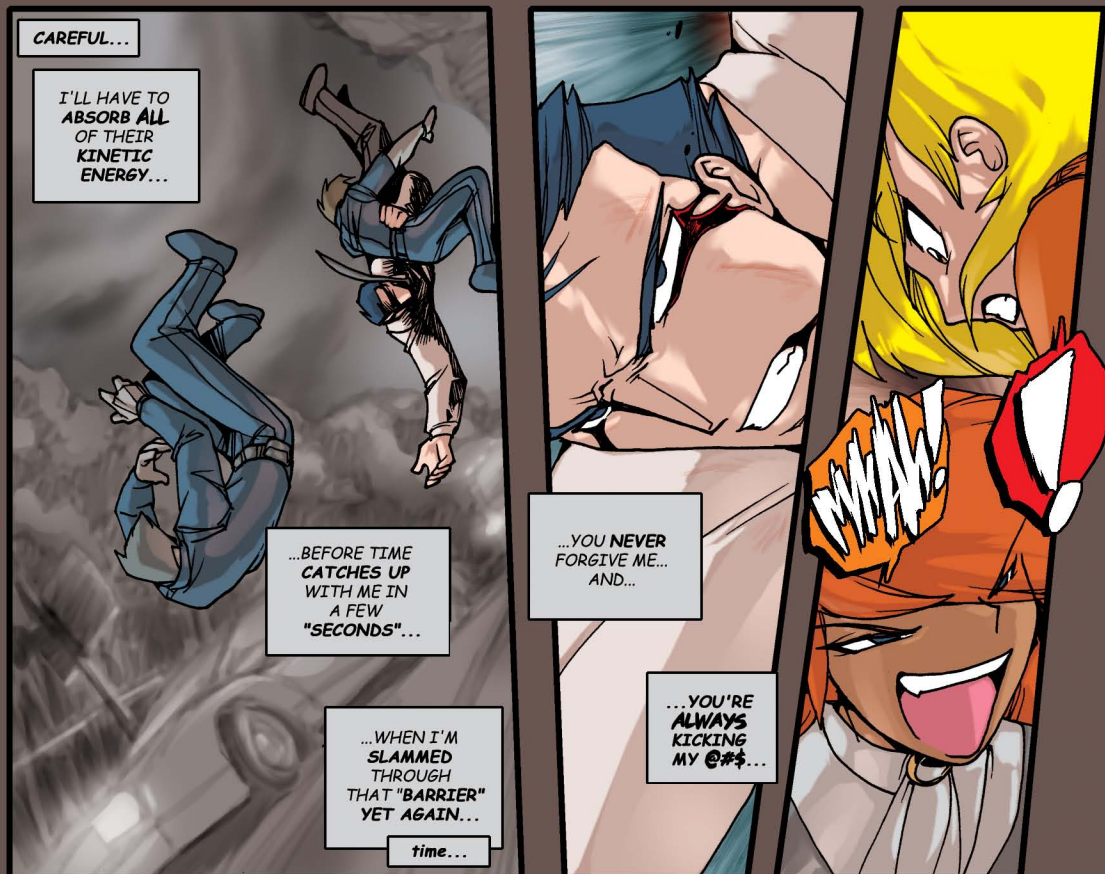
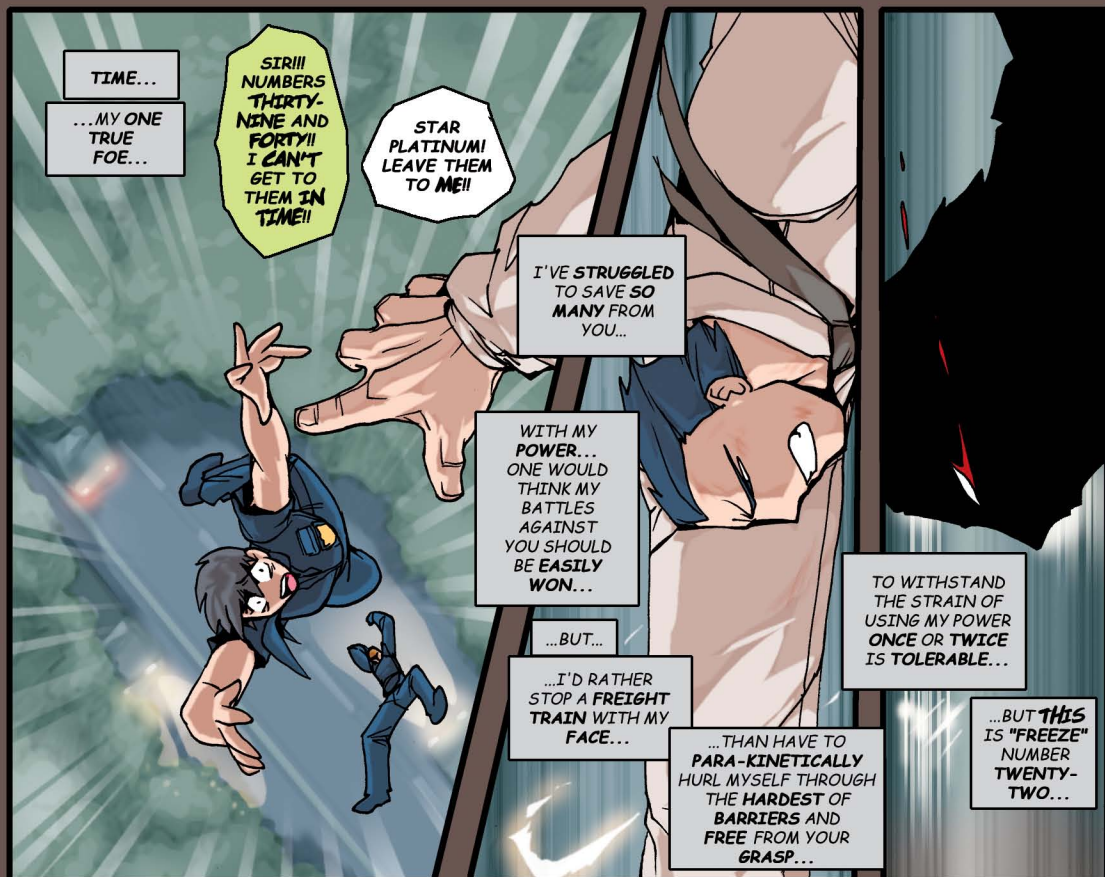
AND BEHLGAS...

FOUR OF  
THE TEN  
WEAPONS-  
MASTERS  
OF JADE??

WH-WHAT  
ARE THEY  
DOING  
HERE??

AHHH...YOUR  
TIMING IS AS  
IMPECCABLE  
AS ALWAYS,  
DEAR NIECE...







F-FAST--!?

AND...

...STRONG...

... AND SMART!!\*

WAAH-

\* DEBATABLE-- F.

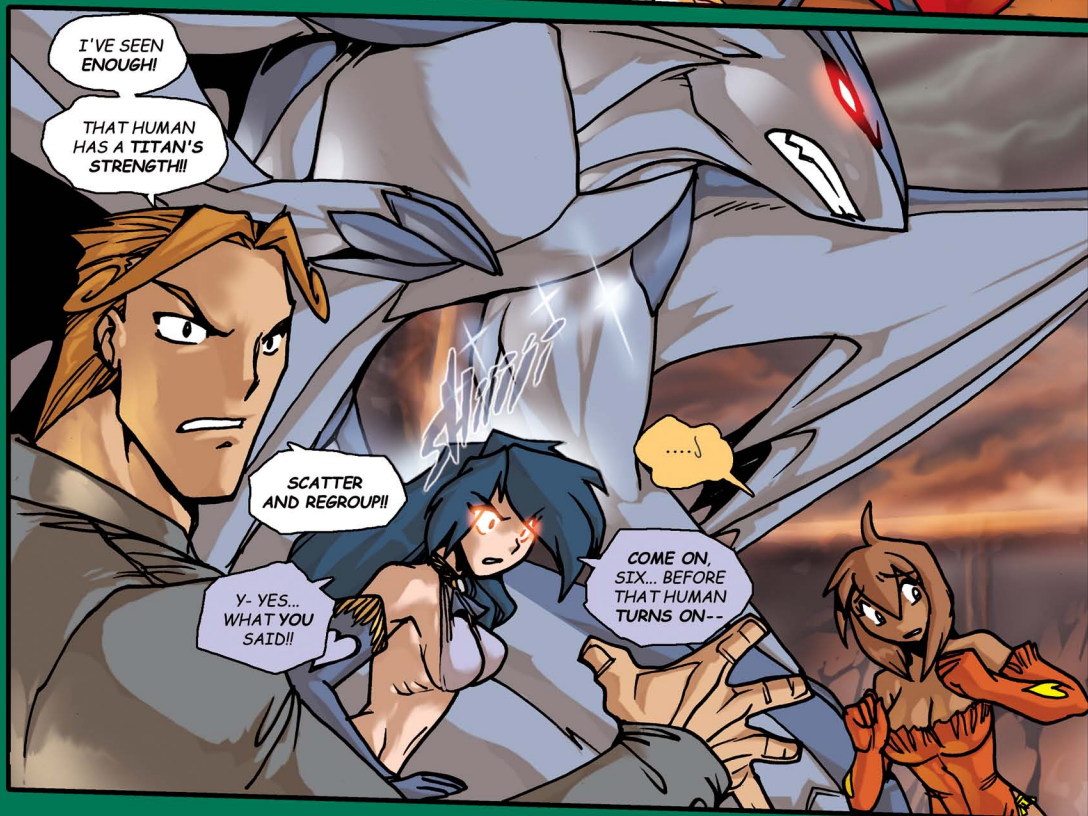
AND STYLISH!!

AND CUTE!!

WAAH!?

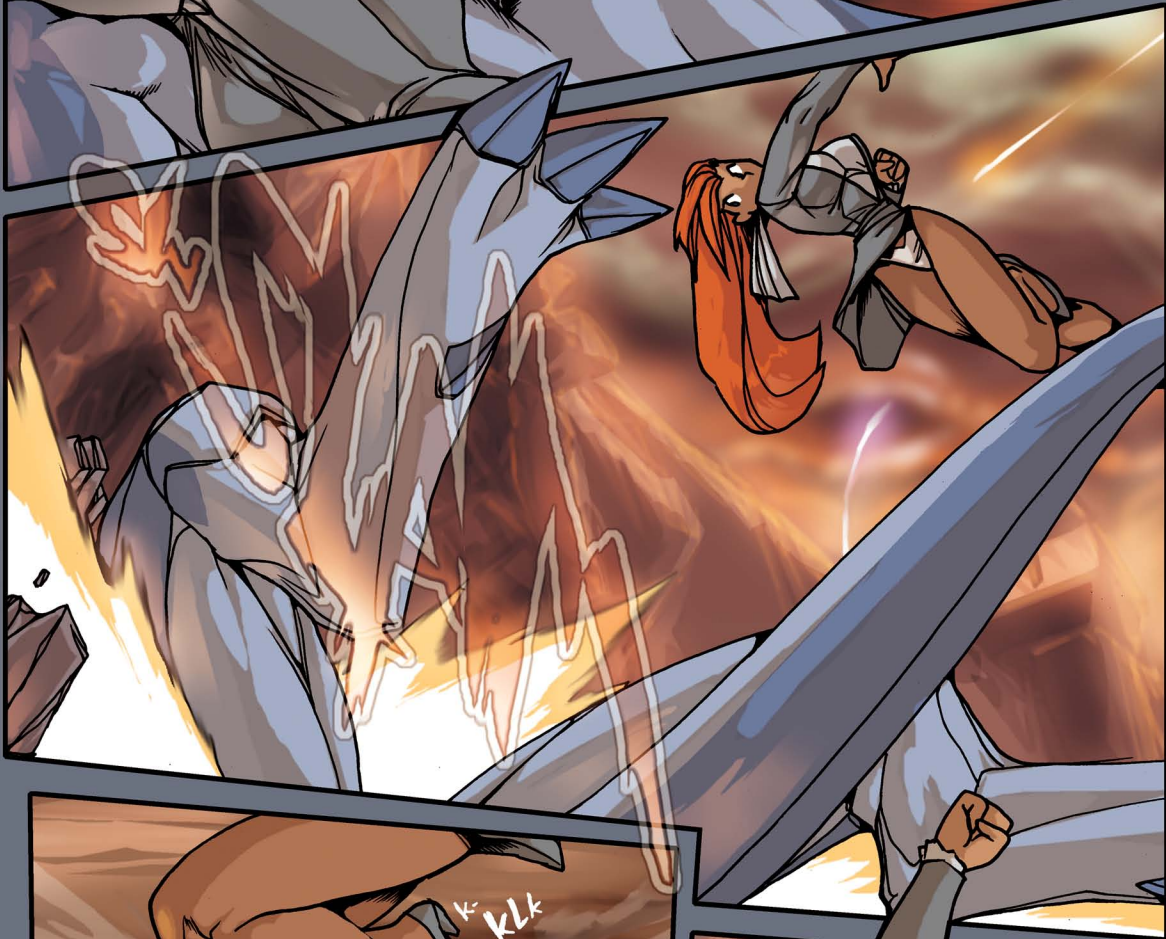
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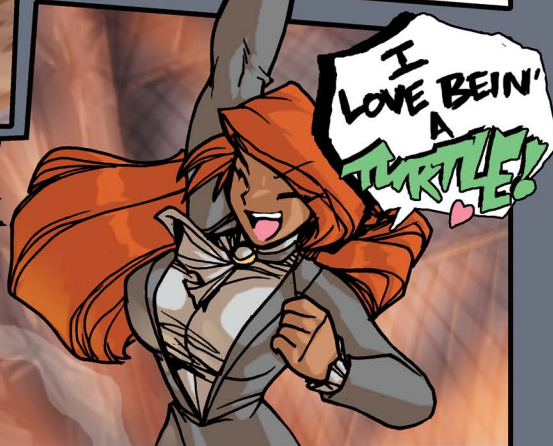




--US...



klk  
klk



I LOVE BEIN'  
A  
TURTLE!





YOU CAN MOVE FOR A BIG GIRL...

WHAT'S YOUR SECRET?

WIND-SPRINTS?

CARBO-LOADING?

SOLO-FLEX?

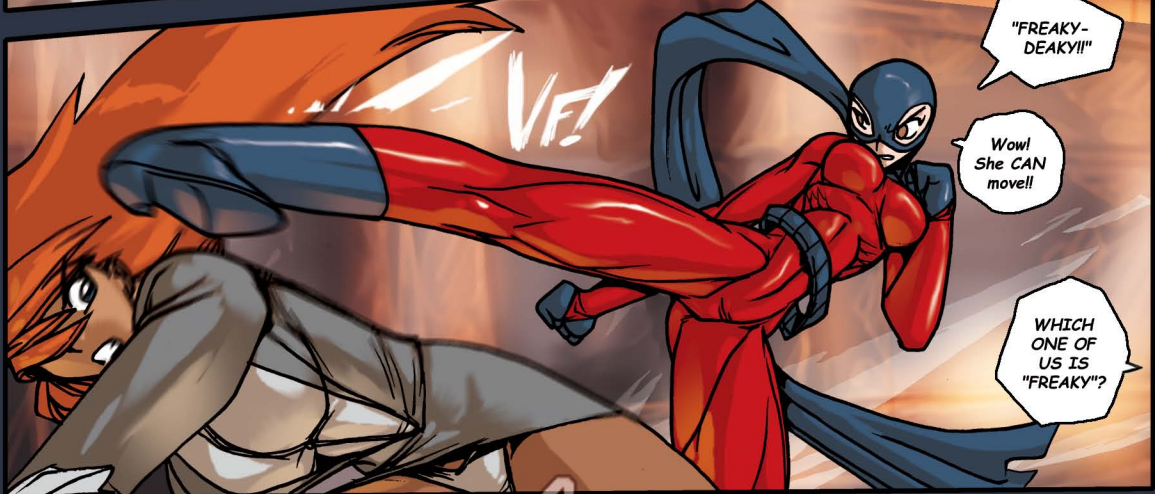
D.D.R.!!

\*Damn! Who knew!? -F.



CRUSH! LET'S BREAK OUT THE OLD PLAY-BOOK!!

TEAM-UP ATTACK NUMBER TWENTY-TWO...



"FREAKY-DEAKY!!!"

Wow! She CAN move!!

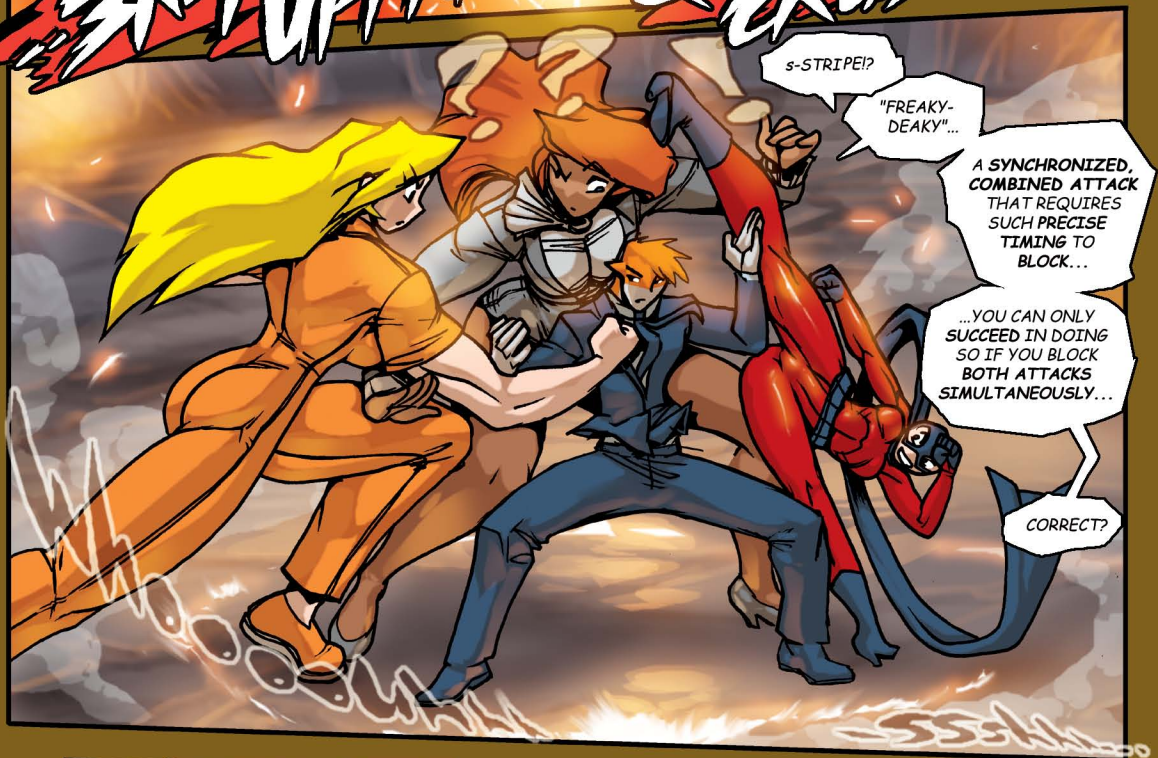
WHICH ONE OF US IS "FREAKY"?



NEVER MIND! IT'S ME!



**BREAK UP PAH! Krip! QUEEN DOME CRUSH PAH!**



s-STRIPE!

"FREAKY-DEAKY"...

A SYNCHRONIZED, COMBINED ATTACK THAT REQUIRES SUCH PRECISE TIMING TO BLOCK...

...YOU CAN ONLY SUCCEED IN DOING SO IF YOU BLOCK BOTH ATTACKS SIMULTANEOUSLY...

CORRECT?



BWAHAHAHA!! GOOD WORK, ROOKIE...

ALWAYS NICE TO HAVE A HELPIN' HAND EVERY NOW AND THEN...

Good sidekick!!

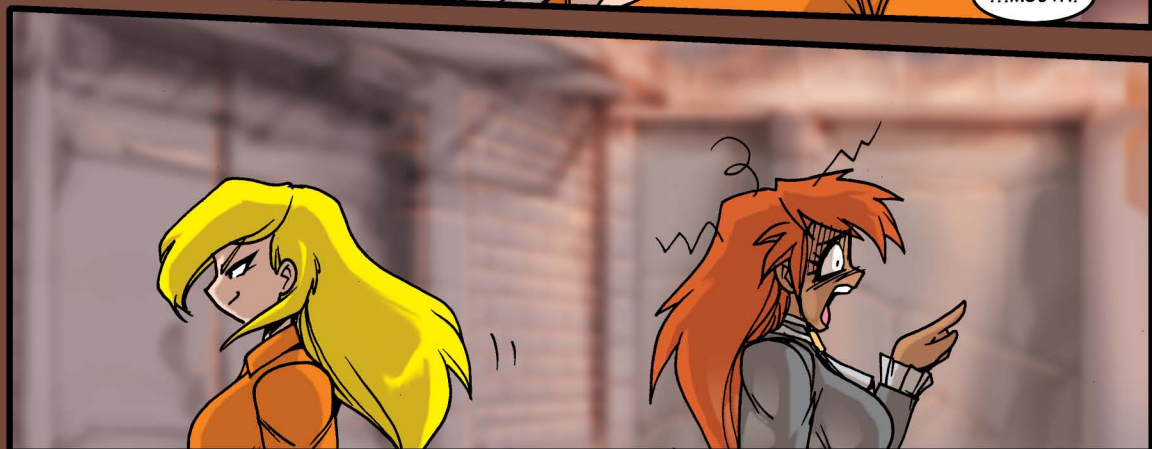
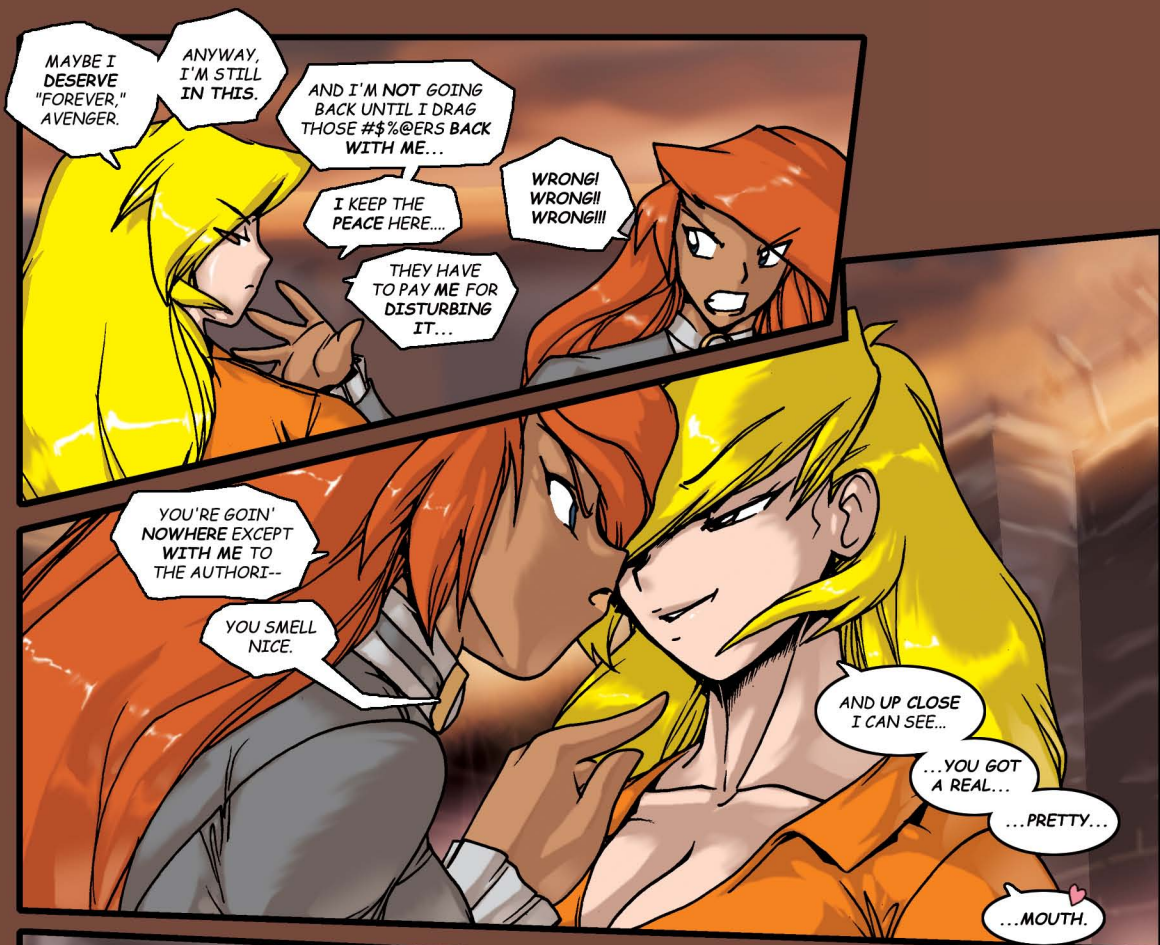
NOW LET'S TAKE THESE CRIMINALS DOWN ONCE AND FOR ALL...

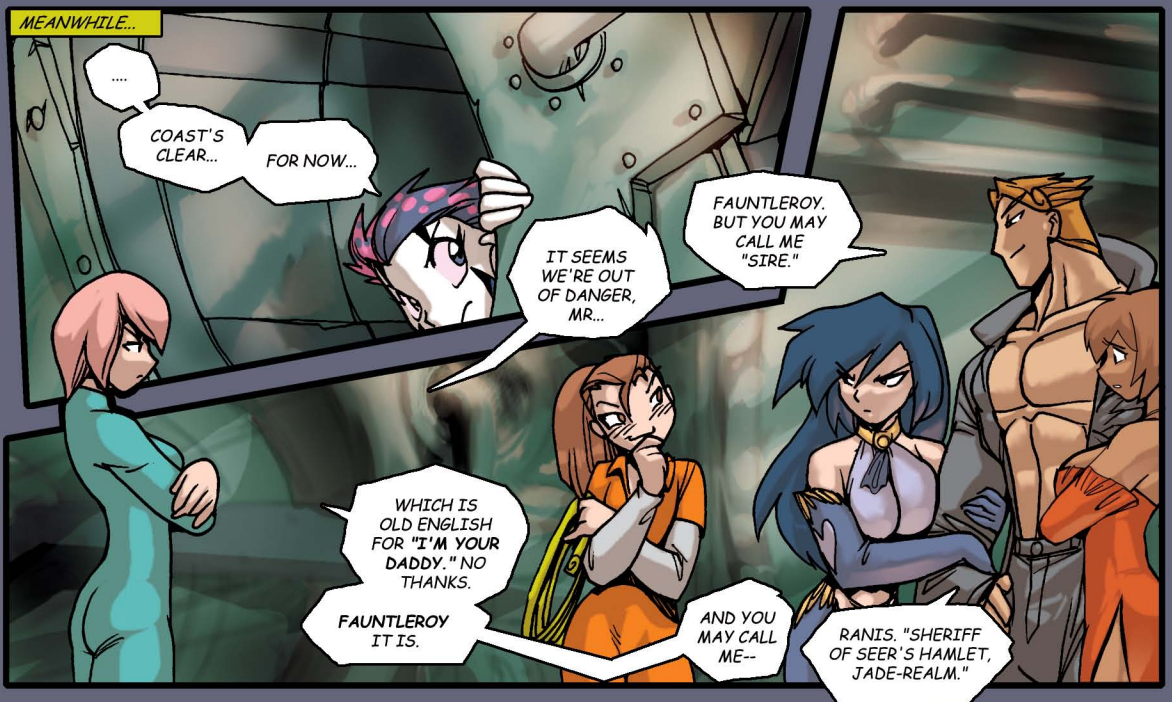
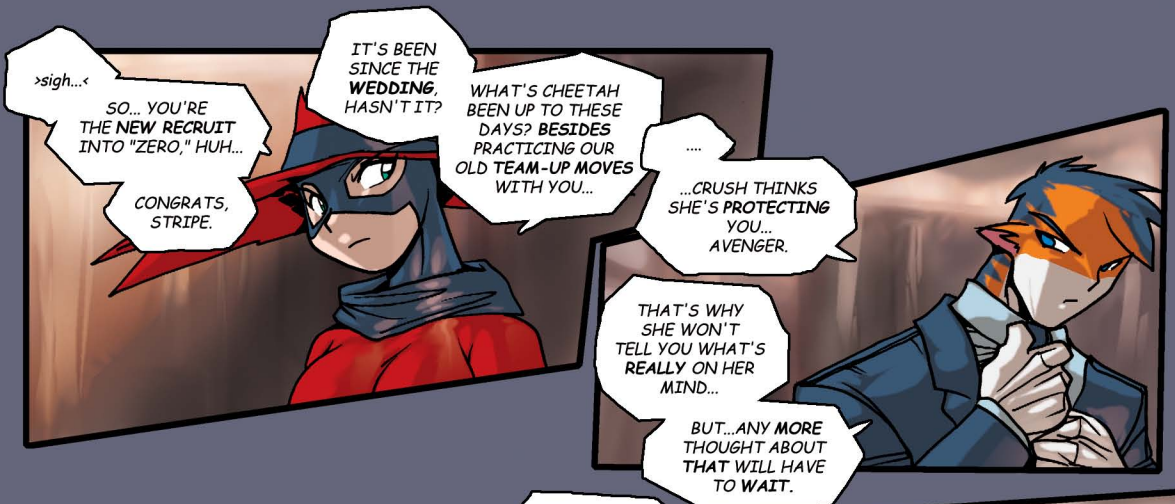
AGENT XANE...

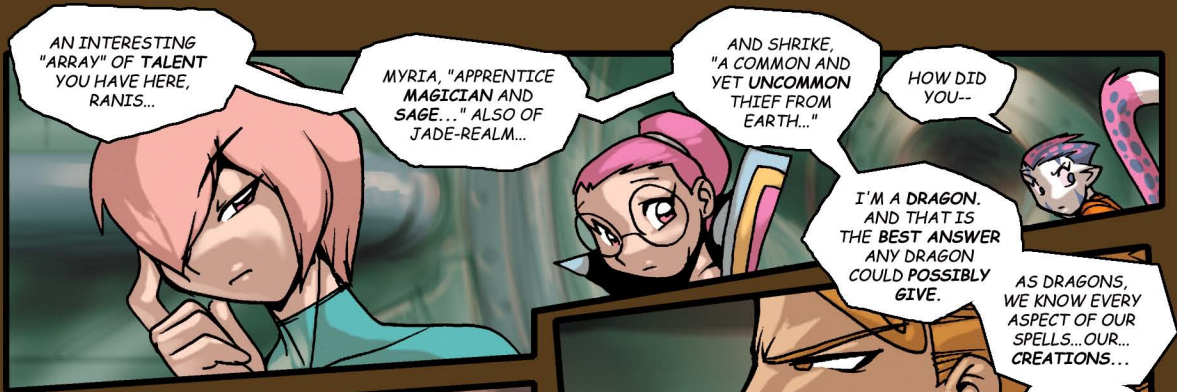
DO YOU MEAN THE "CRIMINALS" WHO WERE TRYING TO HELP US RESTORE PEACE...?

OR THE "CRIMINALS" WHO ASSAULTED THIS FACILITY, CAUSED THE CHAOS AND...









AN INTERESTING  
"ARRAY" OF TALENT  
YOU HAVE HERE,  
RANIS...

MYRIA, "APPRENTICE  
MAGICIAN AND  
SAGE..." ALSO OF  
JADE-REALM...

AND SHRIKE,  
"A COMMON AND  
YET UNCOMMON  
THIEF FROM  
EARTH..."

HOW DID  
YOU--

I'M A DRAGON.  
AND THAT IS  
THE BEST ANSWER  
ANY DRAGON  
COULD POSSIBLY  
GIVE.

AS DRAGONS,  
WE KNOW EVERY  
ASPECT OF OUR  
SPELLS...OUR...  
CREATIONS...

...EXCEPT HOW.

AND SO...  
AS A DRAGON,  
I KNOW EVERY  
ASPECT EXCEPT  
"HOW"...



...ABOUT YOU.

ALL SIXTY-  
FIVE...

...SAFE AND  
SOUND...

sorry I wasn't  
much help...

SIR... WE SHOULD  
BE GETTING BACK  
TO AGENTS 'GIA  
AND XANE...

who knows  
how much damage  
Xane's cau--

...s-sir?

AGENT STAR  
PLATINUM...

I'M AFRAID...  
I'LL HAVE TO  
ASK YOU TO  
TAKE CHARGE  
FOR A WHILE...

THAT LAST  
RESCUE...  
TOOK A  
LOT OUT  
OF... ME...

I THINK...  
I'M GOING  
TO NEED A...  
BR--EAK...

NEXT: CONCLUSION...