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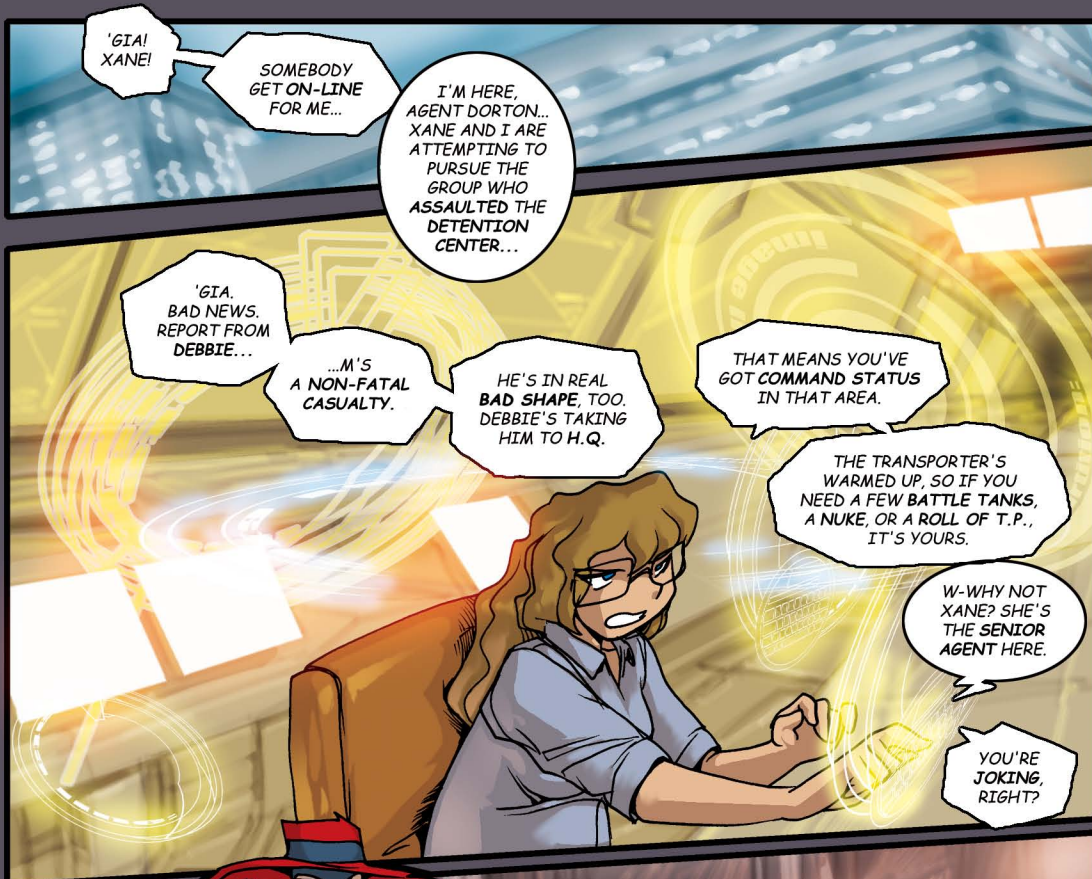


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'GIA!
XANE!

SOMEBODY
GET ON-LINE
FOR ME...

I'M HERE,
AGENT DORTON...
XANE AND I ARE
ATTEMPTING TO
PURSUE THE
GROUP WHO
ASSAULTED THE
DETENTION
CENTER...

'GIA,
BAD NEWS.
REPORT FROM
DEBBIE...

...M'S
A NON-FATAL
CASUALTY.

HE'S IN REAL
BAD SHAPE, TOO.
DEBBIE'S TAKING
HIM TO H.Q.

THAT MEANS YOU'VE
GOT COMMAND STATUS
IN THAT AREA.

THE TRANSPORTER'S
WARMED UP, SO IF YOU
NEED A FEW BATTLE TANKS,
A NUKE, OR A ROLL OF T.P.,
IT'S YOURS.

W-WHY NOT
XANE? SHE'S
THE SENIOR
AGENT HERE.

YOU'RE
JOKING,
RIGHT?



TRUST
XANE WITH
COMMAND
STAT?

I WOULDN'T
TRUST HER
WITH THE
T.P.!!

I--UGH!!
HEARD THAT,
DORTY!!

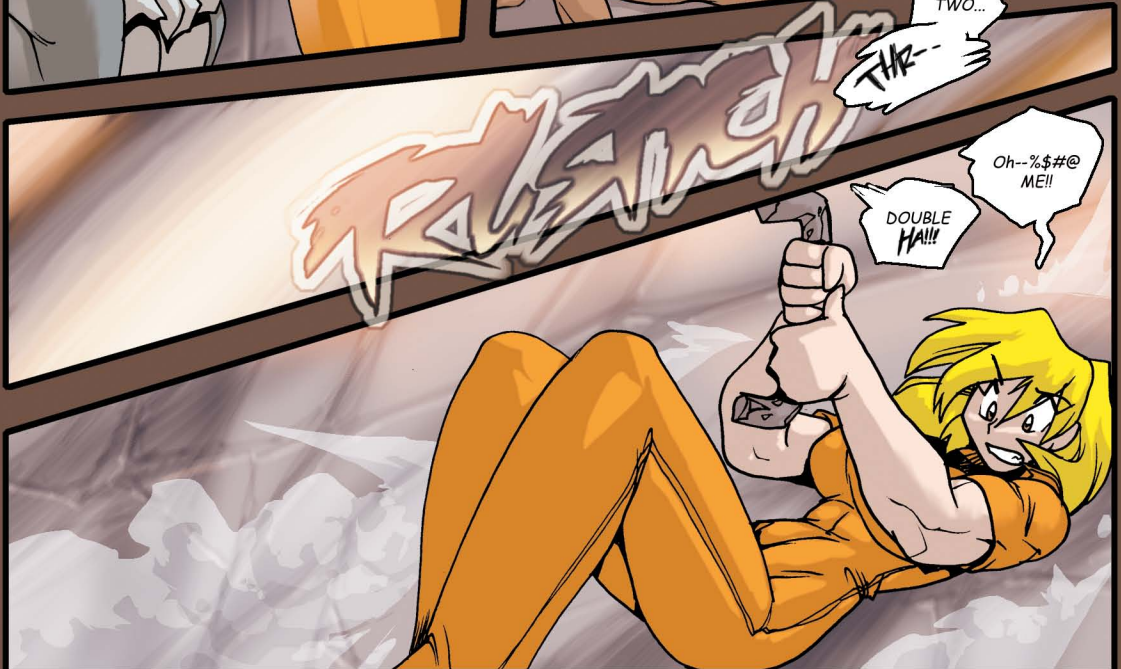
WE'LL CALL IF WE
NEED ANYTHING,
AGENT DORTON...

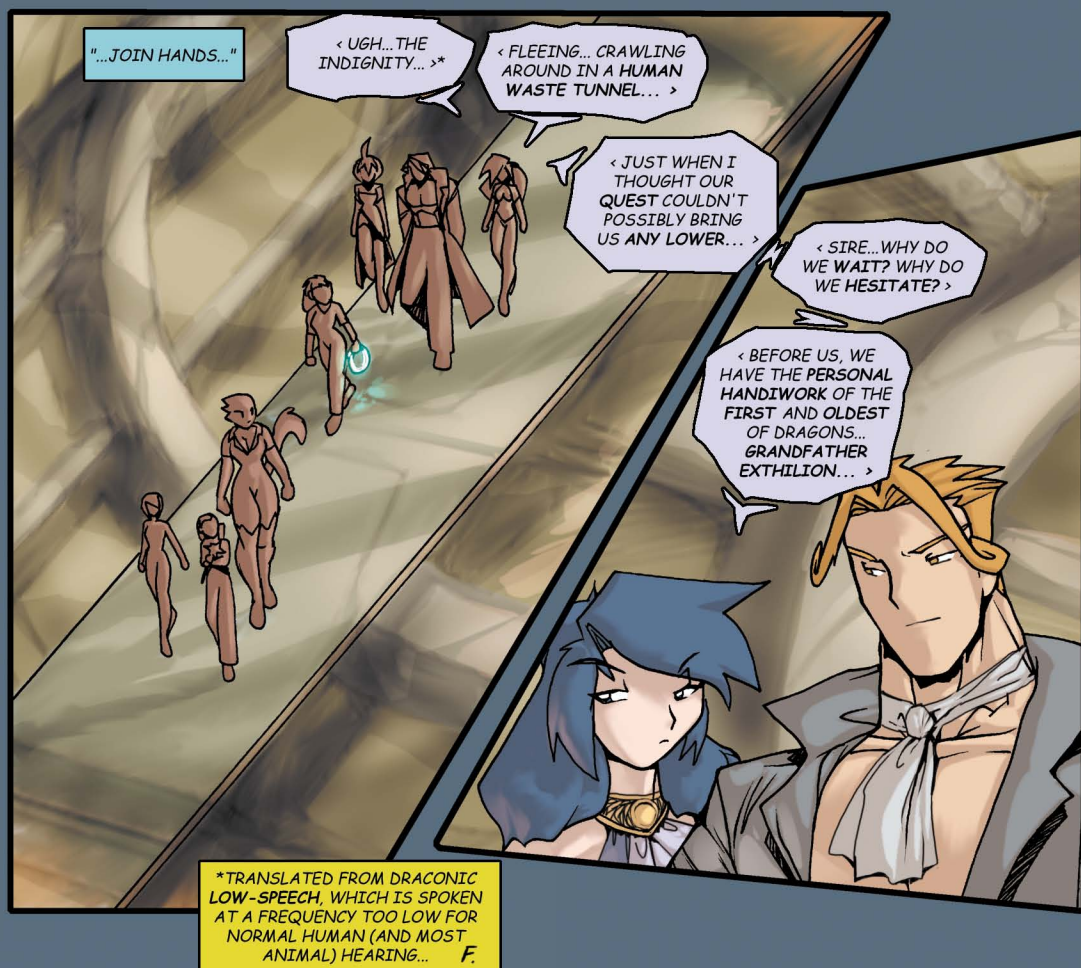
UP!
A STEAM
SHOVEL'D
BE NICE!!

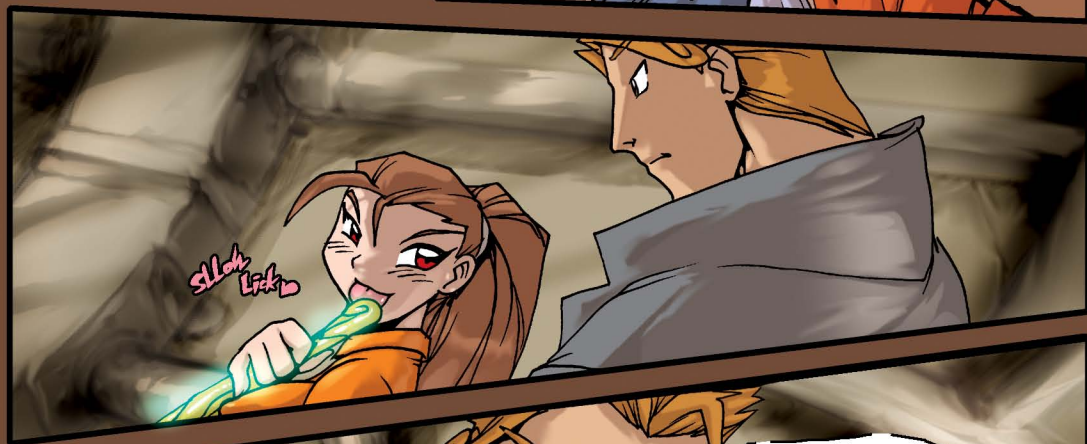
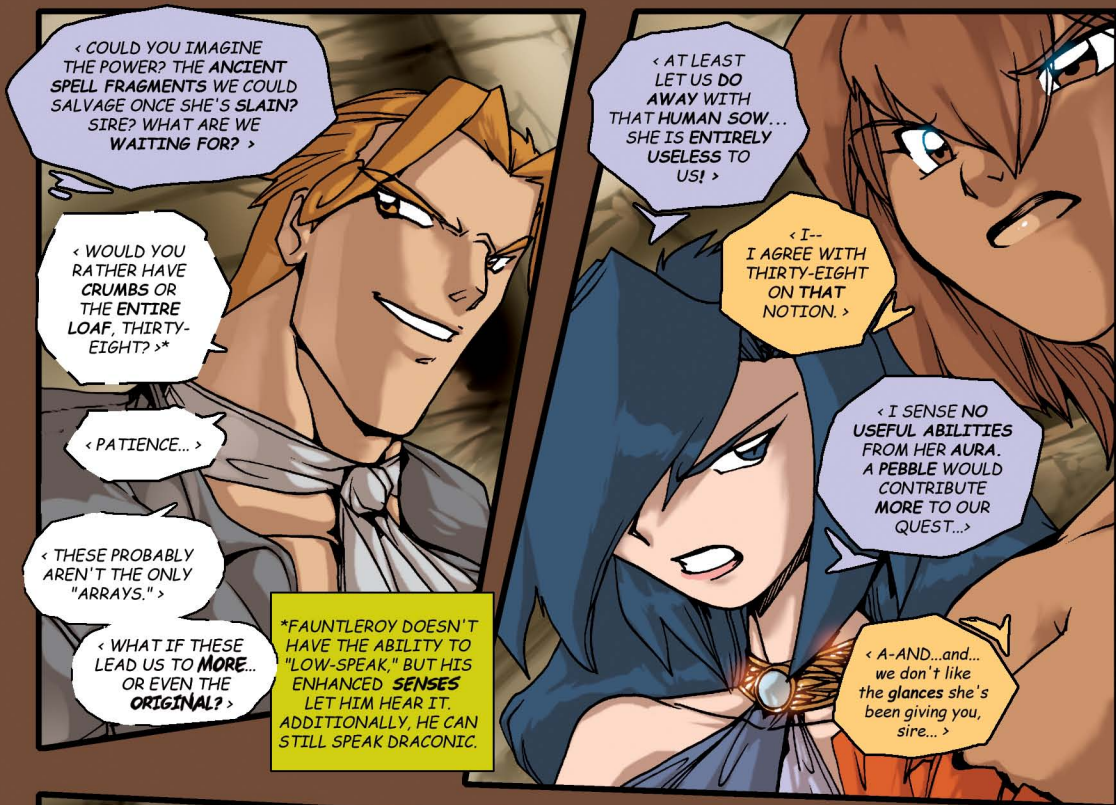
Gh!

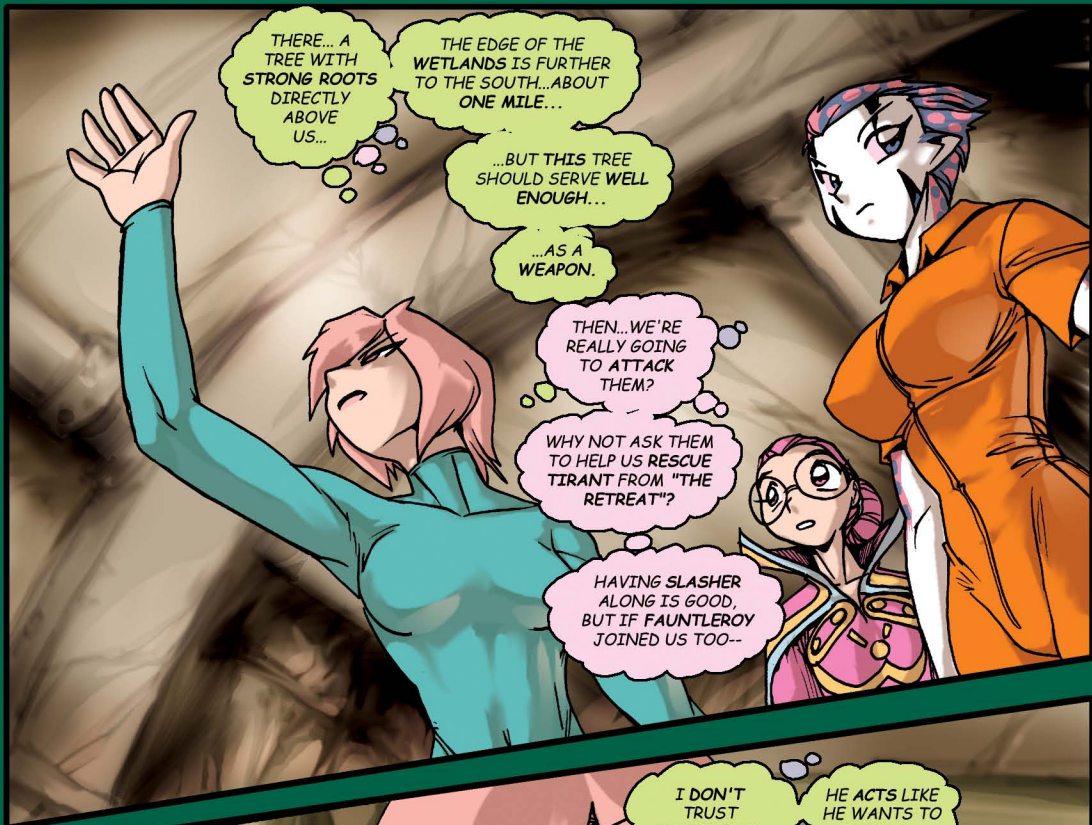
ER...AGENT
'GIA, OUT.

WHAT'S WITH
THIS THING?



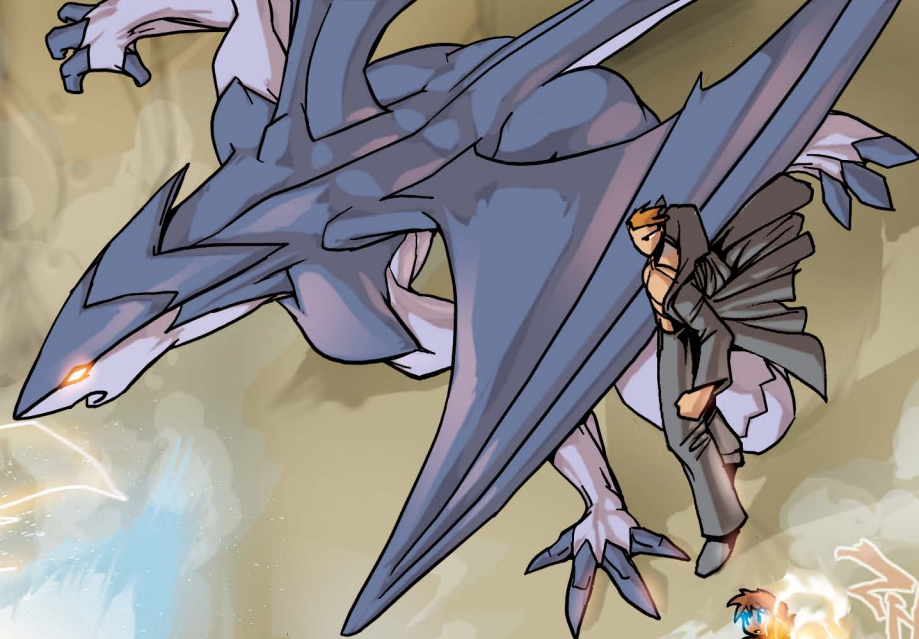






NOW

--huh?



Uugh...
Sorry for
that bumpy
ride...

I ONLY HAD
A "FUZZY SCAN
OF A HOLLOW
AREA" TO
GO BY...

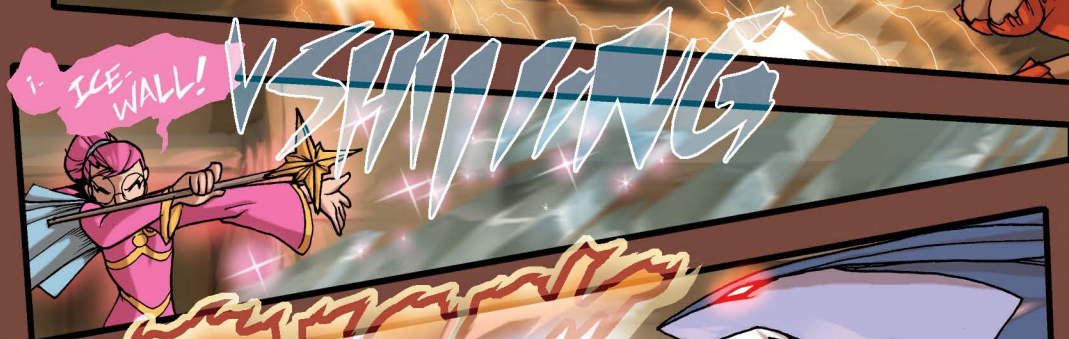
ARE WE NEAR
THE FUGITIVES?

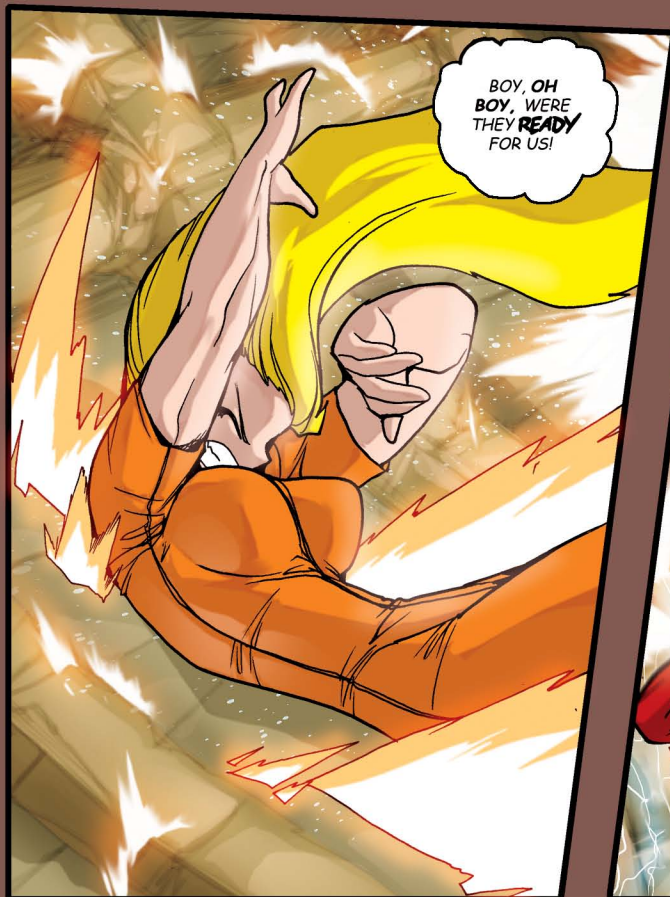
I'LL LET YOU KNOW
WHEN THE ROOM
GETS DONE WITH
"SPIN CYCLE"...

I SHOULDN'T
HAVE EATEN
ALL THAT
CHILI THIS
EVENING...
>Yurrr<

WELL, AT LEAST
THEY WON'T EXPECT
US NOW...

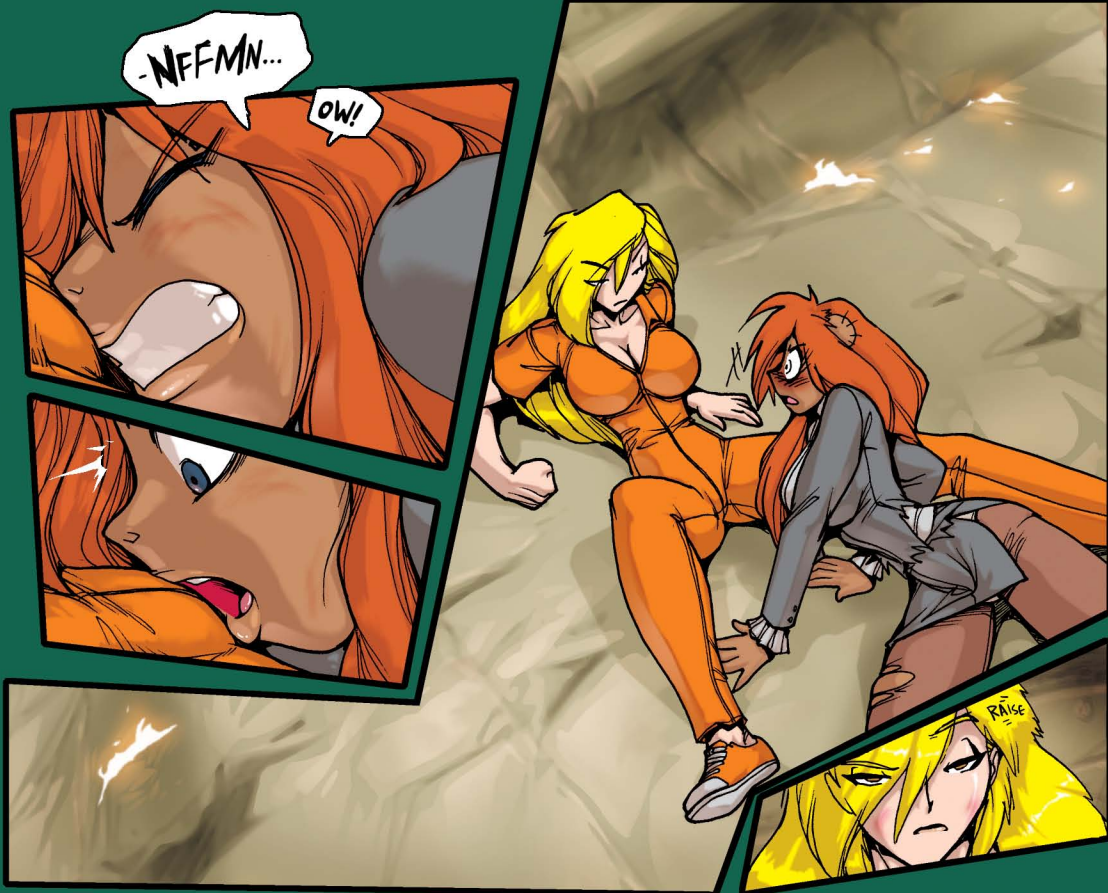
WE'LL CATCH THEM
OFF GUARD BEFORE
THEY GET NEAR THE
CITY TO THE
NORTH...

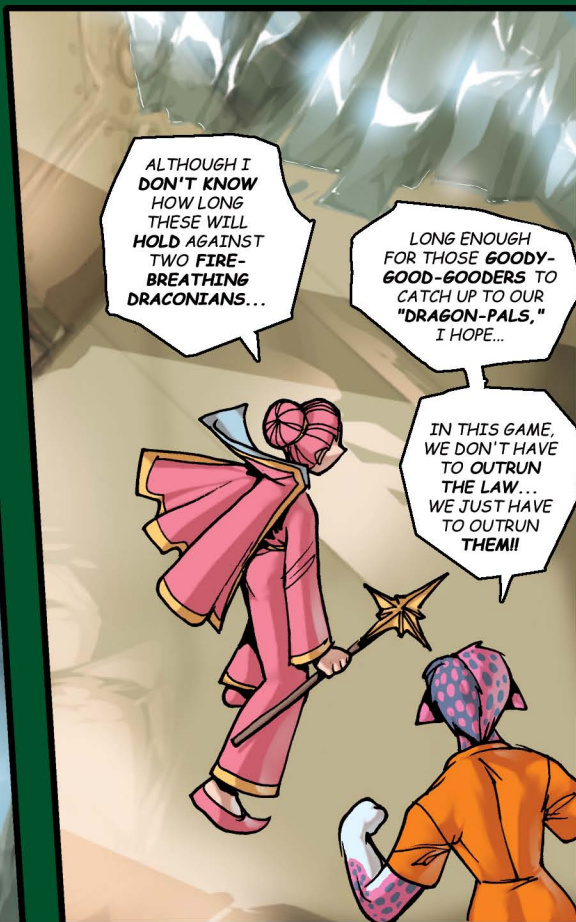




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KEEP MOVING!
WE CAN CHAT
ABOUT THIS
LATER OVER
TEA AND
CRUMPETS!!

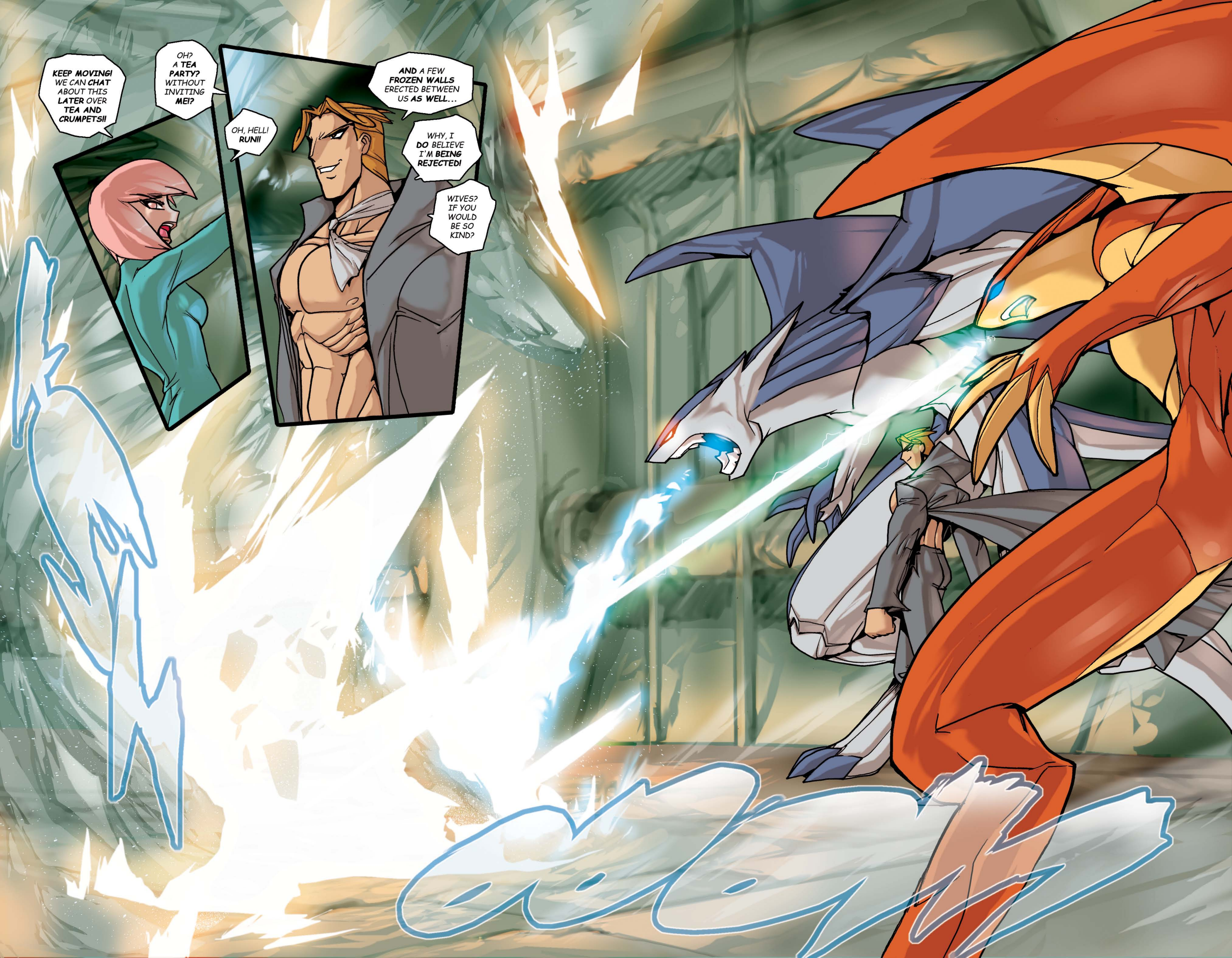
OH?
A TEA
PARTY?
WITHOUT
INVITING
ME?

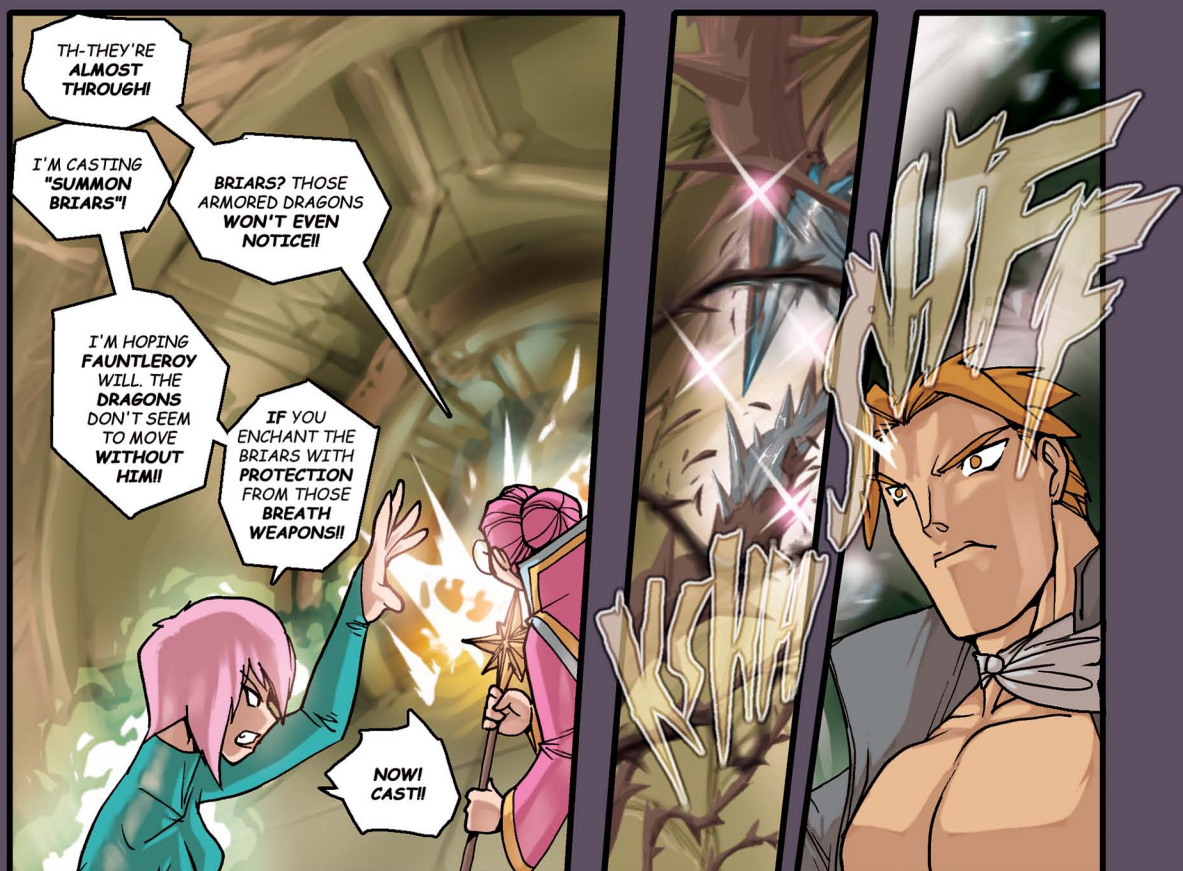
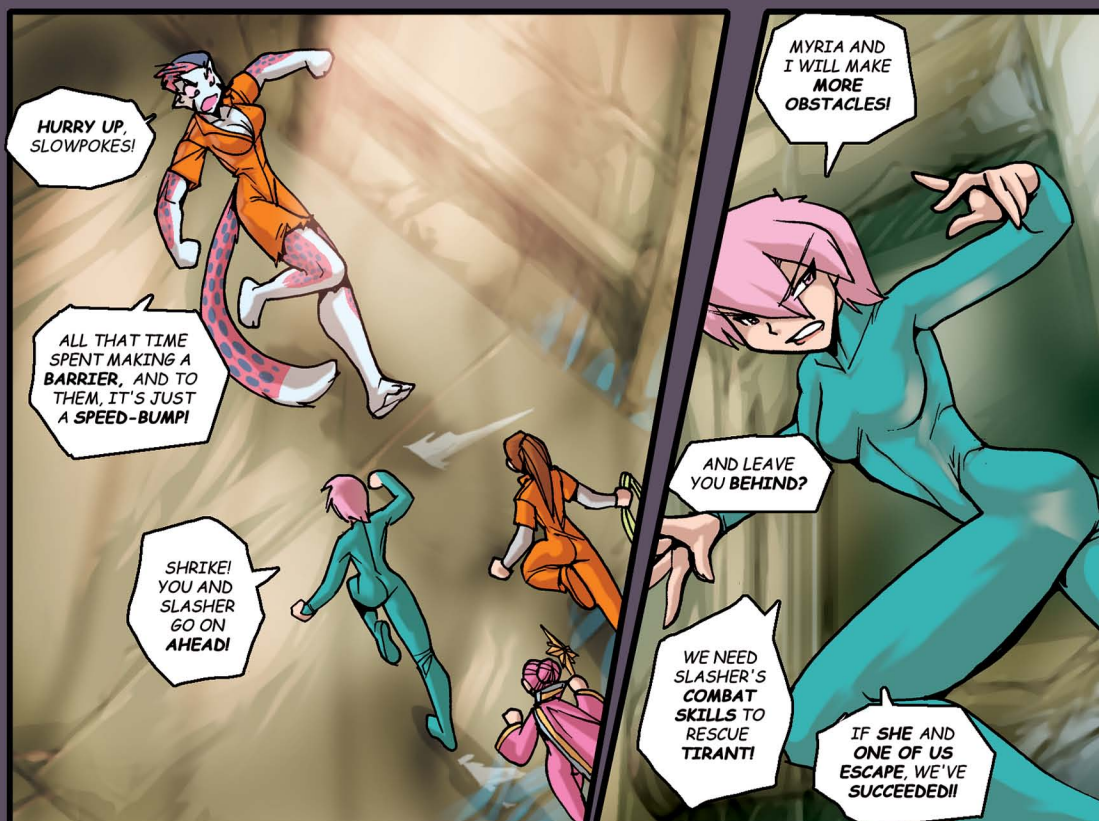
OH, HELL!
RUN!!

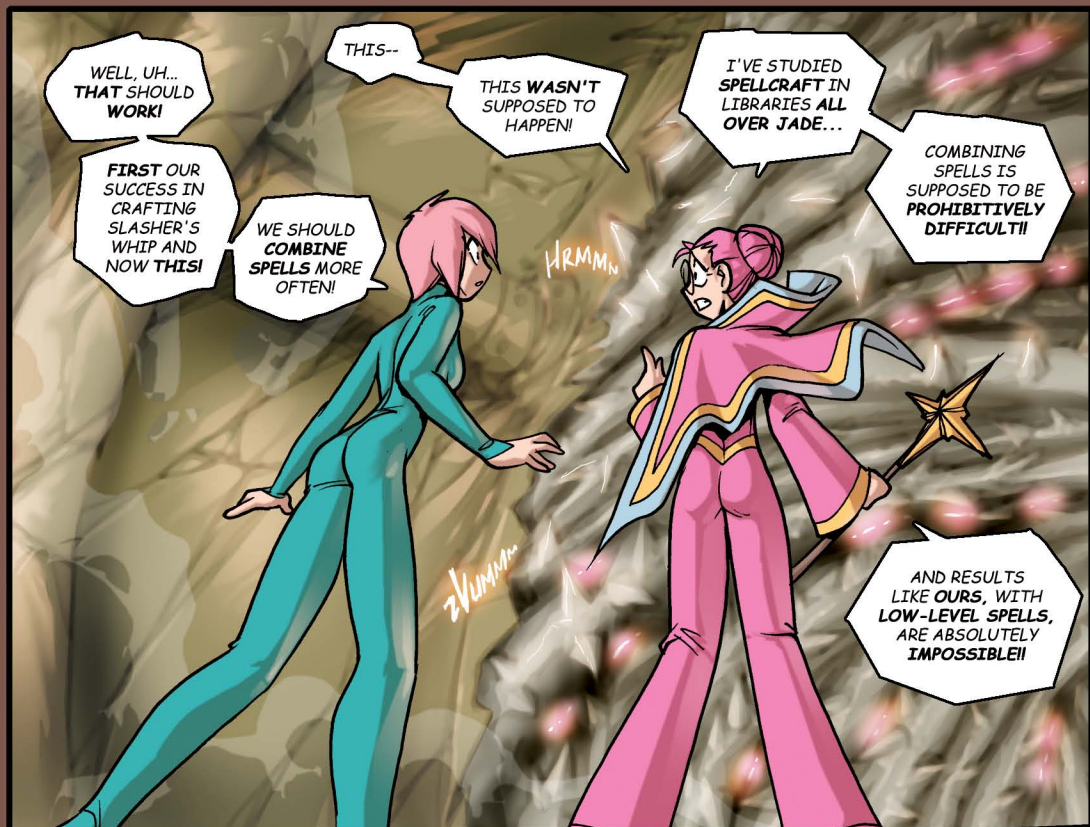
AND A FEW
FROZEN WALLS
ERECTED BETWEEN
US AS WELL...

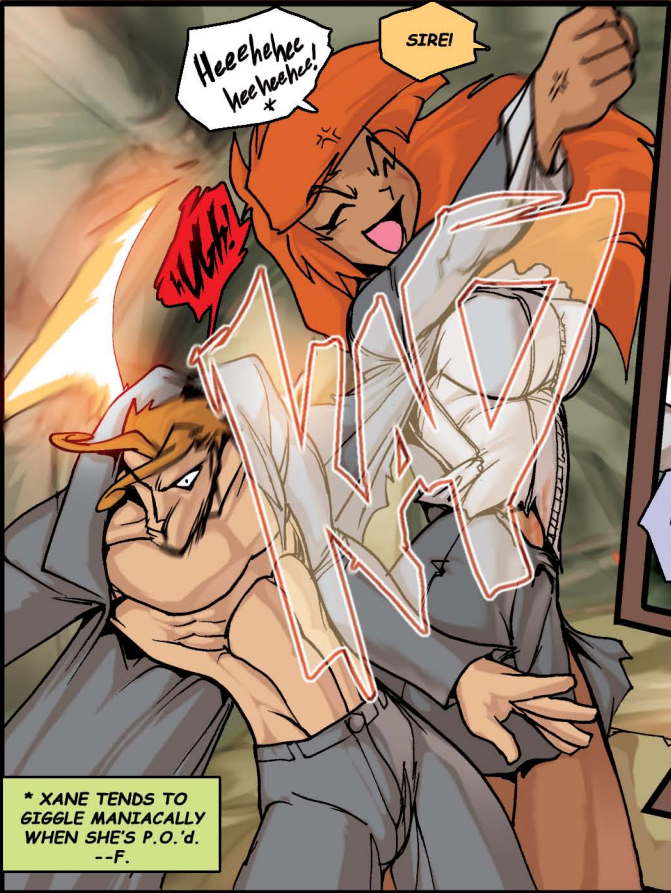
WHY, I
DO BELIEVE
I'M BEING
REJECTED!

WIVES?
IF YOU
WOULD
BE SO
KIND?









* XANE TENDS TO GIGGLE MANIACALLY WHEN SHE'S P.O.'d.
--F.

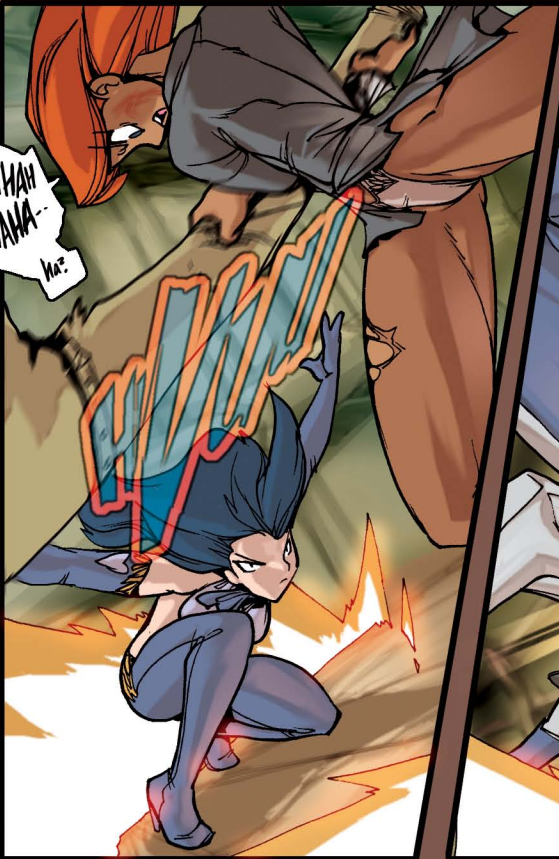


THEY CAUGHT UP!

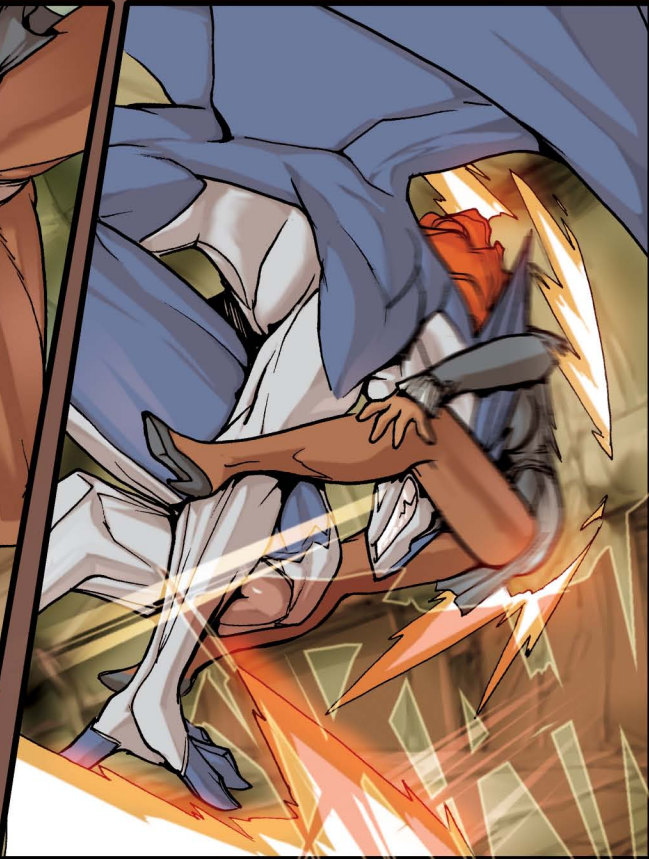
NOW, SIXI ENGAGE THE SHE-GIANT WITH ME!

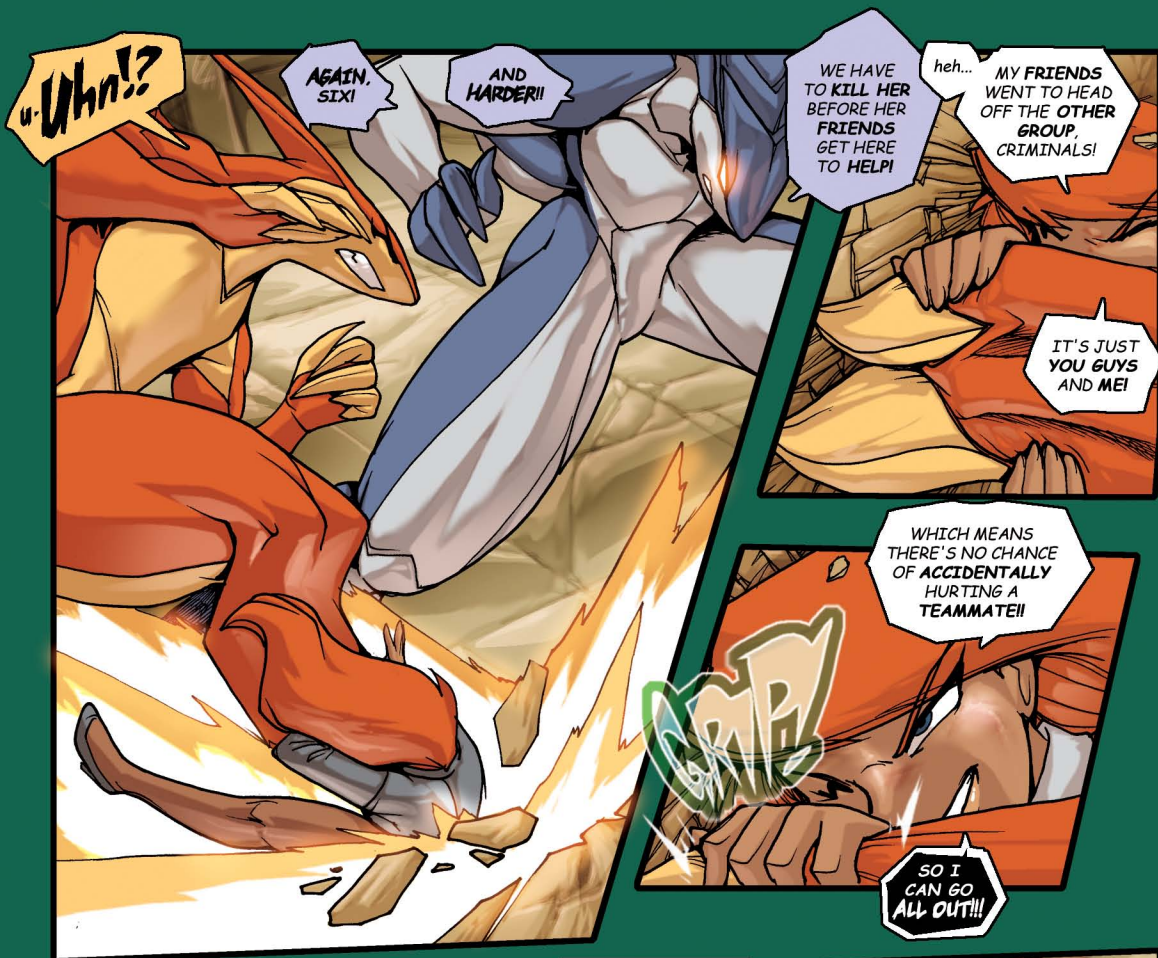
Hee hee hee hee hee hee! AHAMANA!

SHE BROUGHT THE PIPE FAUNTY SMACKED HER WITH, TOO!

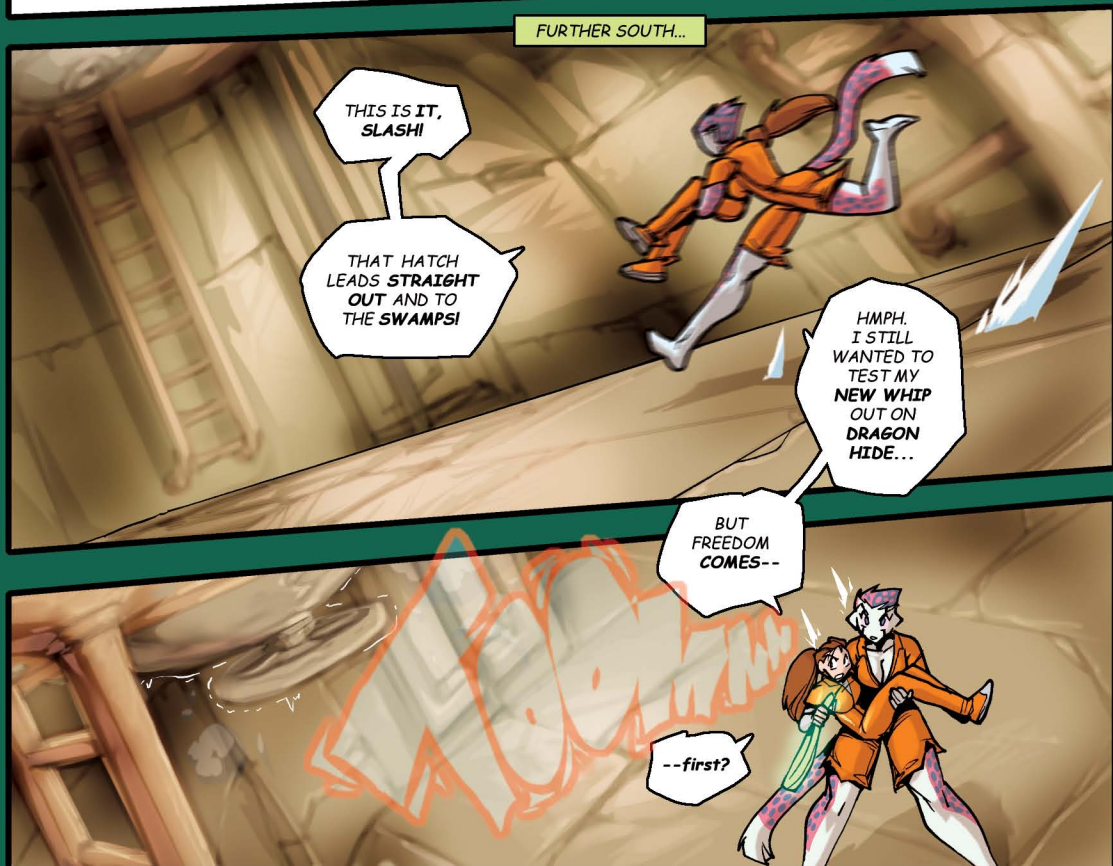


HAHAH AHAMANA...
Ma?





FURTHER SOUTH...





oh, F&^%!!
I'd recognize
that size thirteen
heel **ANYWHERE!**

puddin'....

IN PERSON!

THUD



YOU
ALL HAVE
THE RIGHT
TO REMAIN
SILENT,
YADDA YADDA
YADDA...

CITIZEN'S
ARREST,
BLAH BLAH
BLAH...

LIKE
YOU'RE
EVEN GOING
TO LISTEN.

CRUSH!
COVER
SHRIKE!

STRIPE!
YOU'RE
ON
SLASH!

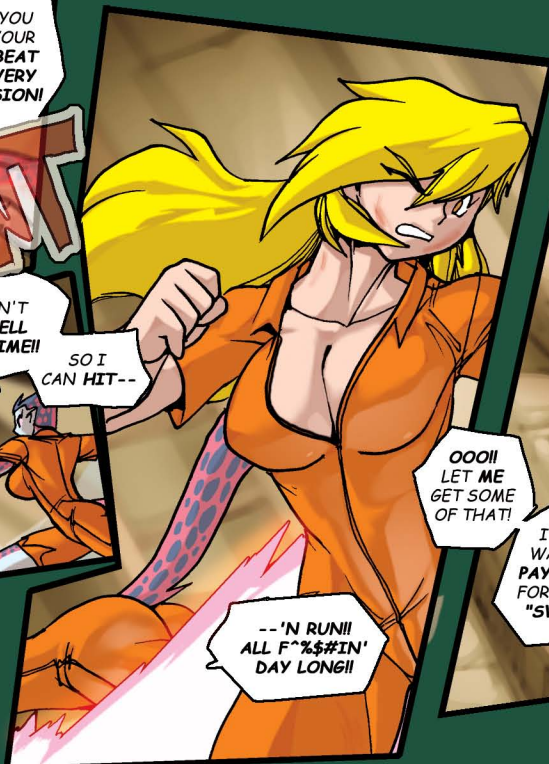
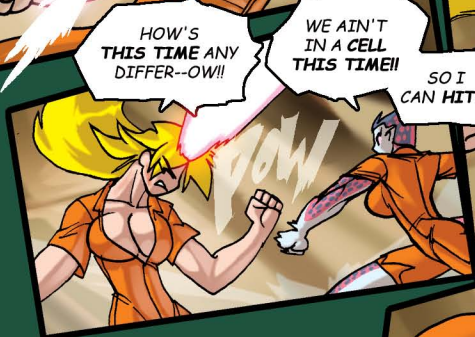


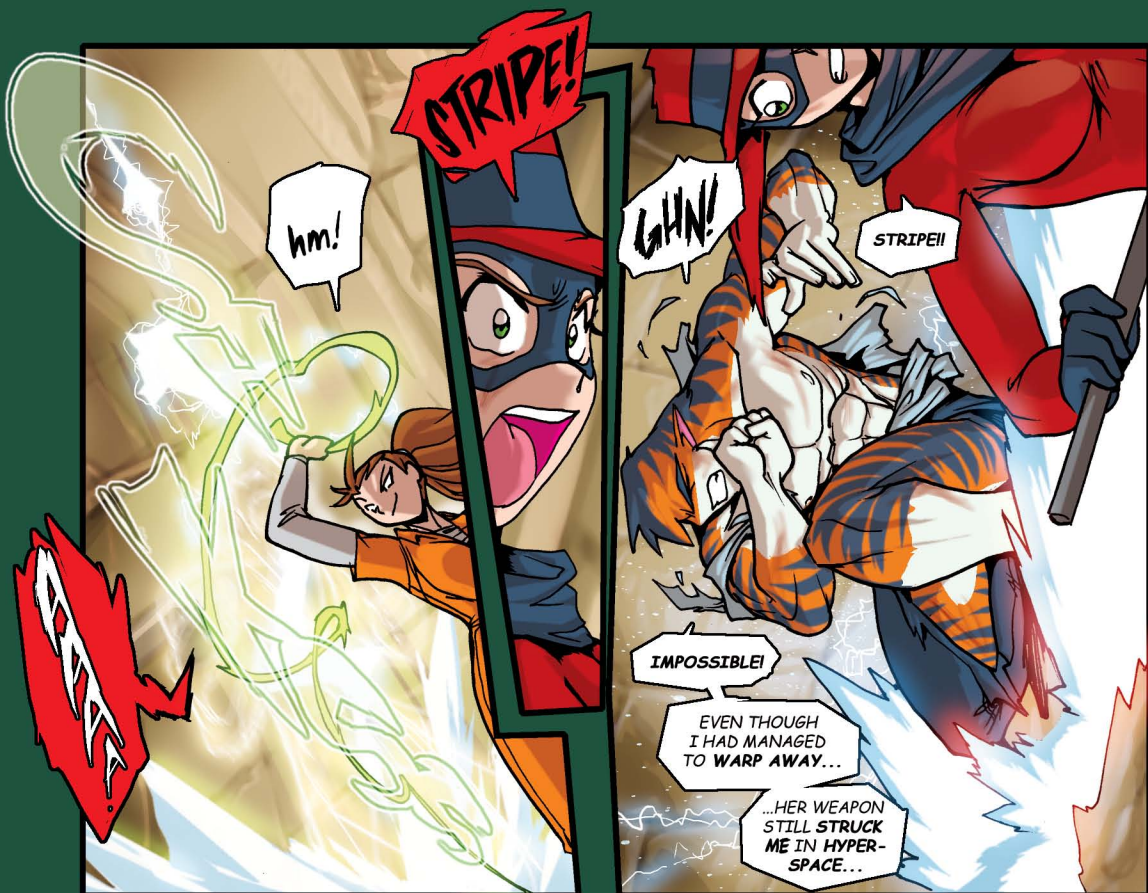
I'LL STAY
IN RESERVE
IN CASE RE-
INFORCEMENTS
SHOW UP!

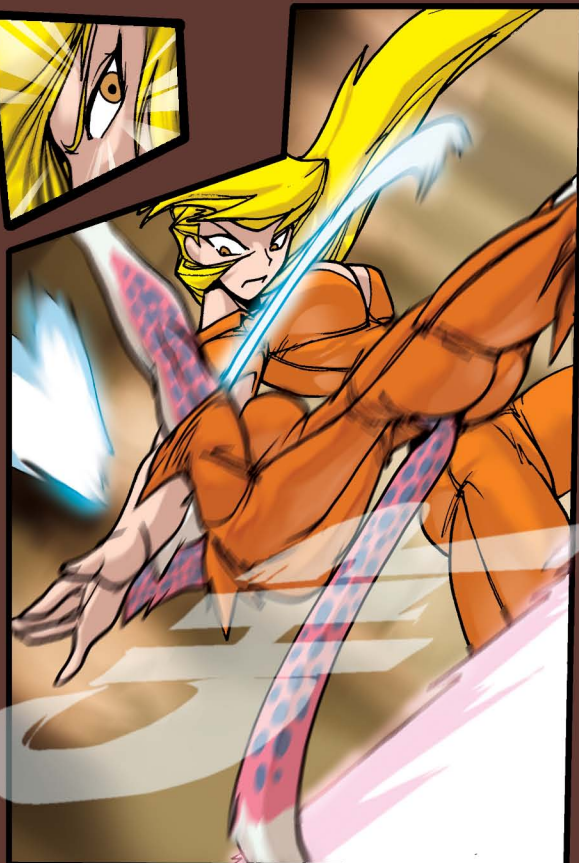
SOUNDS
PLANNISH!

SOUNDS
STOOPID!!

CUZ I'M
GONNA
PWN JOO,
BE-ATCH!!







DAMMIT,
SHRIKE,
YOU'RE
EMBAR-
RASSING
ME!

I'D BE
BETTER
OFF BY
MYS--

HELLO!!

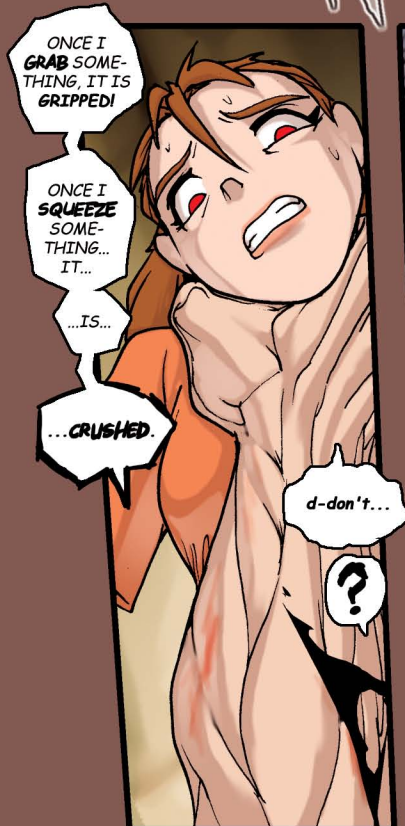
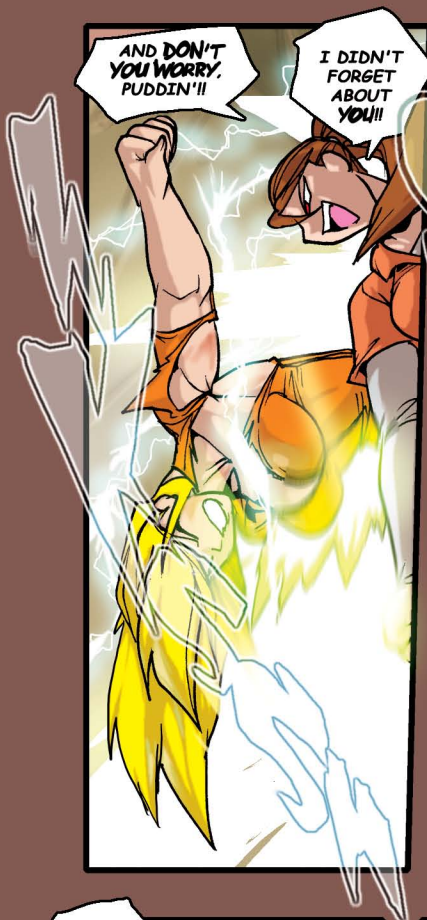
I WAS
WAITIN'
FOR YOU
TO TRY
'N' SNEAK
UP ON
ME!!

YOU THINK
I BOUGHT
THAT "WAIT
IN RESERVE"
BULLS#\$@?!



NEXT!!!







huff--
##\$%!!!
'FEEL LIKE A
SEMI PARKED
ON MY VOCAL
CORDS!!

HA

OKAY,
B%\$#H!
YOU'RE
GETTIN'
IT NOW!!

@#\$%!!

HE..

Hh.

SLASHER!!

WE
HAVE TO
LEAVE!

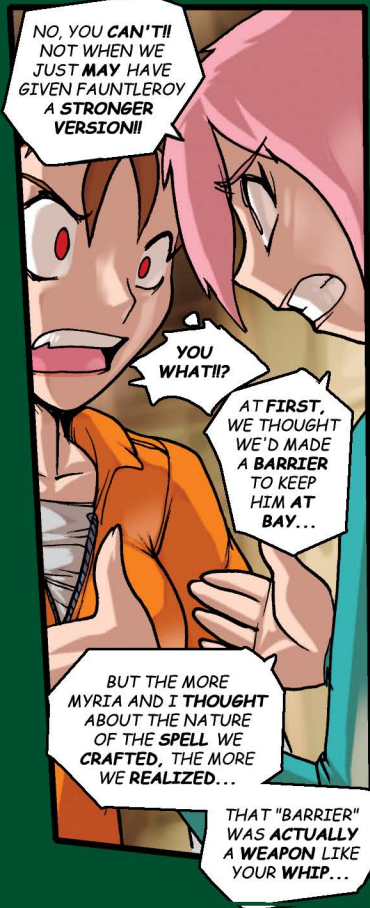
WE HAVE
TO LEAVE
NOW!!

WE JUST
MADE A
SERIOUS,
SERIOUS
MISTAKE...

...AND WE'D
BETTER **GET**
BEFORE WE
HAVE TO
PAY FOR IT!

PFT!
BRING
IT.

PRECIOUS
AND I CAN
TAKE ANY-
THING!!



NO, YOU CAN'T!!
NOT WHEN WE
JUST **MAY** HAVE
GIVEN FAUNTLEROY
A **STRONGER**
VERSION!!

YOU
WHAT?!

AT FIRST,
WE THOUGHT
WE'D MADE
A **BARRIER**
TO KEEP
HIM AT
BAY...

BUT THE MORE
MYRIA AND I **THOUGHT**
ABOUT THE NATURE
OF THE **SPELL** WE
CRAFTED, THE MORE
WE REALIZED...

THAT "**BARRIER**"
WAS **ACTUALLY**
A **WEAPON** LIKE
YOUR **WHIP**...



"AND IT'S
TOO LATE TO
RISK **GOING**
BACK FOR
IT!"



"BECAUSE, JUST
LIKE YOUR **WHIP**,
THE FIRST ONE
WHO **TOUCHES**
IT..."



"...BECOMES
THE **WEAPON'S**
PERMANENT
OWNER!!"

OKAY, SO I LIED
LAST ISSUE. THE
CONCLUSION IS
IN 58, NOT 57...

...BUT, DAMN, I'M
JUST HAVIN' **TOO**
MUCH FUN WITH
THIS TALE...