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# GOLD DIGGER



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FEBRUARY 15th, 9:07AM...

ALL RIGHT, GINA...

THE TRIAL BEGINS  
AT ELEVEN A.M.!

THAT GIVES US  
ALMOST TWO HOURS  
TO GO OVER OUR  
BRILLIANT  
LEGAL STRATEGY.

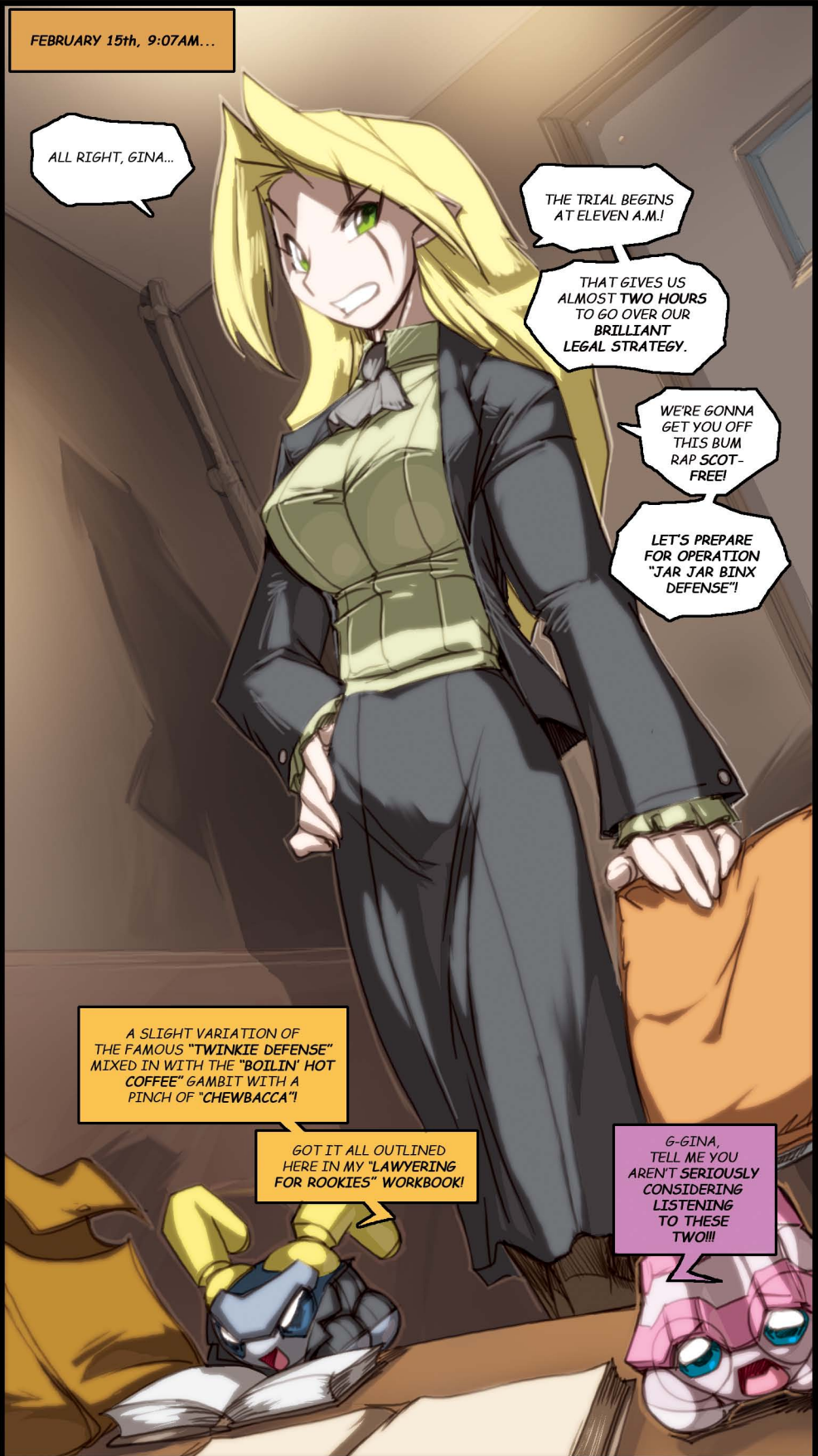
WE'RE GONNA  
GET YOU OFF  
THIS BUM  
RAP SCOT-  
FREE!

LET'S PREPARE  
FOR OPERATION  
"JAR JAR BINX  
DEFENSE"!

A SLIGHT VARIATION OF  
THE FAMOUS "TWINKIE DEFENSE"  
MIXED IN WITH THE "BOILIN' HOT  
COFFEE" GAMBIT WITH A  
PINCH OF "CHEWBACCA"!

GOT IT ALL OUTLINED  
HERE IN MY "LAWYERING  
FOR ROOKIES" WORKBOOK!

G-GINA,  
TELL ME YOU  
AREN'T SERIOUSLY  
CONSIDERING  
LISTENING  
TO THESE  
TWO!!!









i--

--I...

...knew what we were doing was wrong, Gina!

I knew it deep down!

But... I knew why we were stealing that artifact!

It was for Brittany!

No one else in the whole world can help her but us!

And even WE can't get to her without the artifact!



It was all my fault that we didn't succeed.

If I hadn't screwed up... we'd be rescuing Brittany from quasi-space right now.

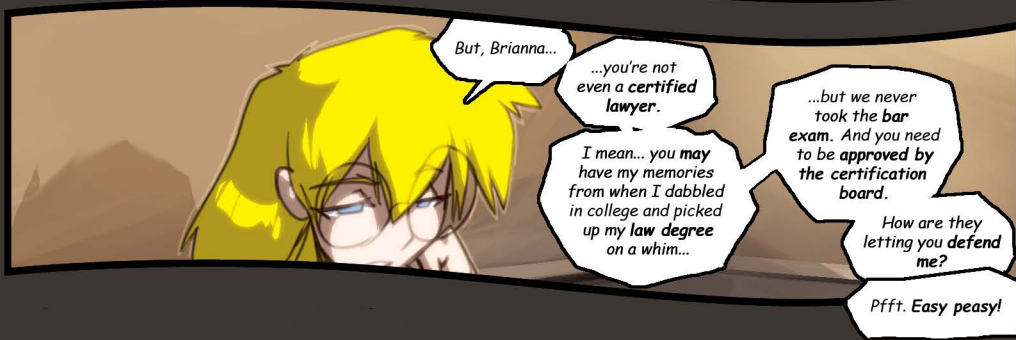
I-- I'M GETTING YOU OUTTA HERE, GINA.



AND WE'RE GETTING RIGHT BACK TO OUR MISSION!

BACK TO SAVING OUR SISTER... BEFORE SHE'S LOST FOREVER!

...



But, Brianna...

...you're not even a certified lawyer.

I mean... you may have my memories from when I dabbled in college and picked up my law degree on a whim...

...but we never took the bar exam. And you need to be approved by the certification board.

How are they letting you defend me?

Pfft. Easy peasy!



PEEGI HERE FOUND US  
A FANTASTIC "LOOPHOLE"  
DATING FROM 1972 WHEN  
I PLUGGED HER INTO  
THE U.S. COURT SYSTEM  
DATABASE!

AN OLD SUPER-  
PALS OR WONDER-FRIENDS  
OR SOMETHING RULING...

IN CASE NUMBER 5448875:  
"THE PEOPLE VERSES MULTI-BOY!"  
"MULTI-BOY" LEGALLY PROVED HE  
WAS THE DEFENDANT AS HIS  
LAWYER!

THUS, A "CLONE LAWYER" IS  
LEGALLY THE DEFENDANT  
AND THUS IS ALLOWED  
TO "DEFEND HERSELF!"

*She made me do it,  
Ginal Please, please  
don't dissolve our  
friendship over  
this foul but well  
meant treachery!*



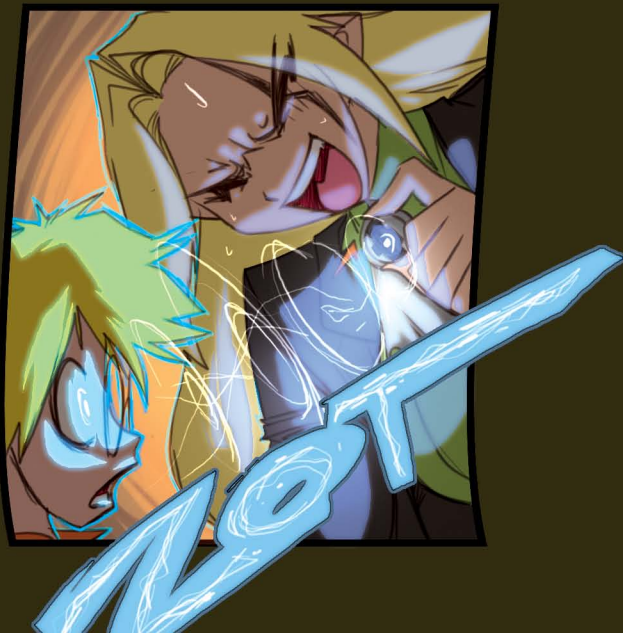
I'VE GOT THE  
WHOLE TRIAL  
PLANNED OUT!  
WE CAN'T  
LOSE!

EVERY  
ANGLE  
COVERED!

EVERY ANGLE  
BUT ONE.

HOW ARE YOU  
GOING TO STOP  
ME FROM PLEADING  
GUILTY THE SECOND  
THE TRIAL EVEN  
BEGINS?

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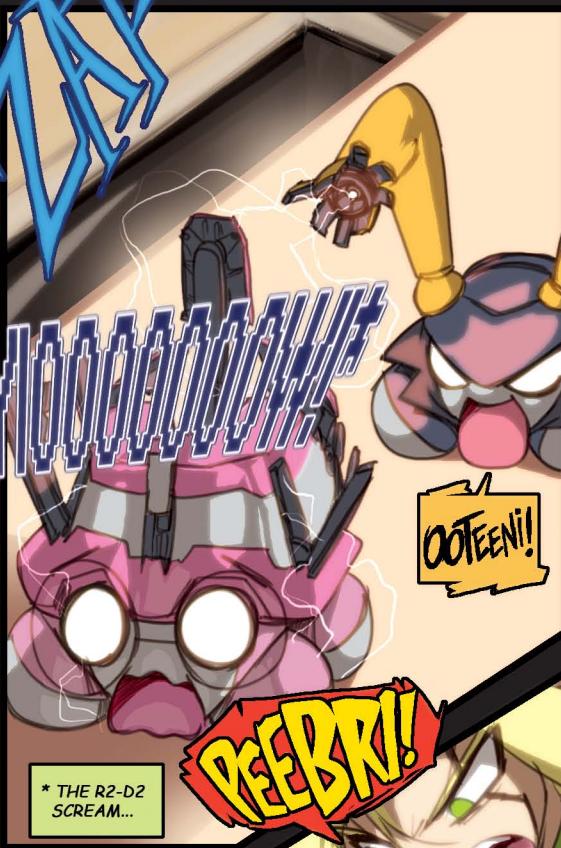




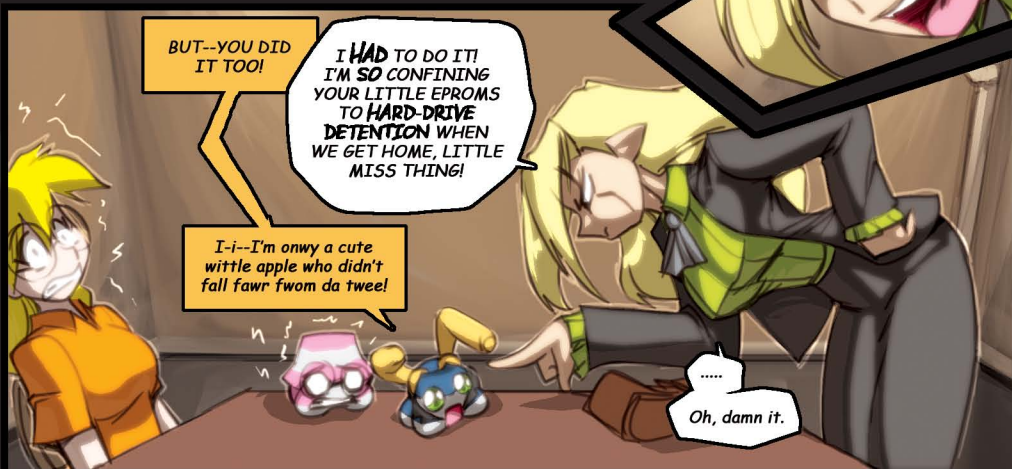
OH, MY USER!!!

BRIANNA TELL ME YOU DIDN'T JUST USE A NEURAL STUN BEAM ON MY BEST FRIEND IN THE WHOLE, WIDE WORLD!

SOMEBODY, PLEASE TELL ME MY OPTIC SENSORS ARE LYING THEIR CIRCUITS OFF!



\* THE R2-D2 SCREAM...



WELL... I DIDN'T WANT TO RESORT TO THIS... BUT GINA DIDN'T LEAVE ME A CHOICE.

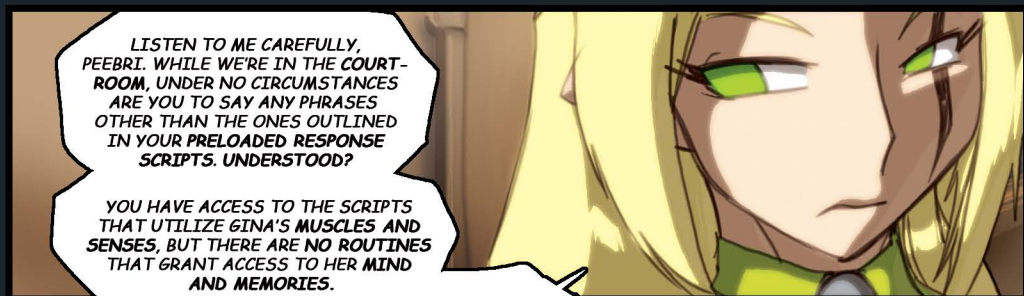
I suspected she'd feel super-guilty, but...

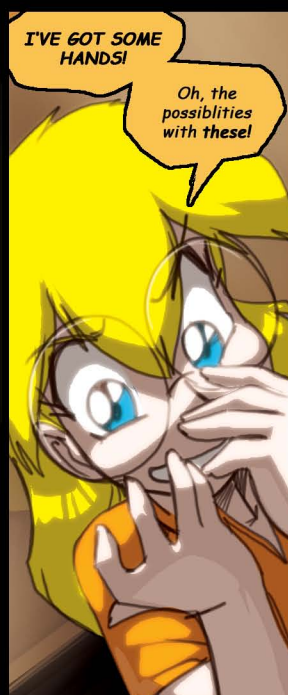
...PEEBRI... PREPARE FOR NEURAL INTERFACE.

I NEED YOU TO PILOT GINA'S BODY WHILE SHE'S OUT COLD.

I initially planned for Peegi to do it, though.

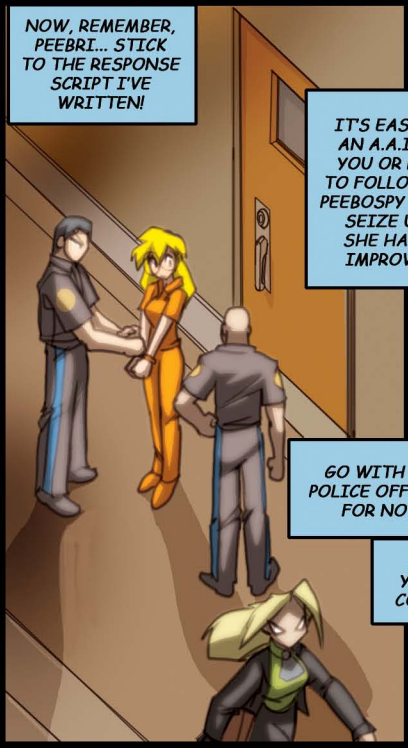










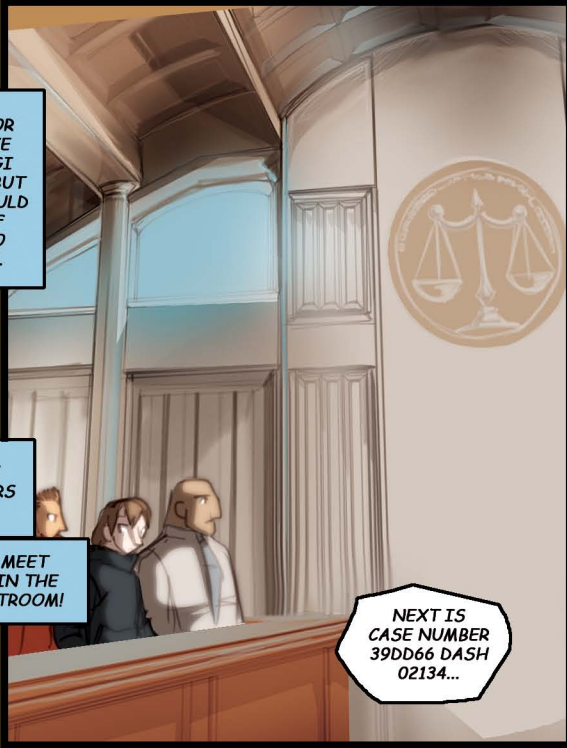


NOW, REMEMBER, PEEBRI... STICK TO THE RESPONSE SCRIPT I'VE WRITTEN!

IT'S EASY FOR AN A.A.I LIKE YOU OR PEEGI TO FOLLOW, BUT PEEBOSPY WOULD SEIZE UP IF SHE HAD TO IMPROVISE.

GO WITH THE POLICE OFFICERS FOR NOW.

I'LL MEET YOU IN THE COURTROOM!



NEXT IS CASE NUMBER 39DD66 DASH 02134...



...THE TRIAL OF MS. GINA BABETTE DIGGERS.  
THE SUSPECT IS ACCUSED OF GRAND LARCENY.

SO YOU AREN'T COMING WITH ME TO THE COURTROOM?

UH-UH. I'M COMING THROUGH THE FRONT DOORS.

HUH? WHY?

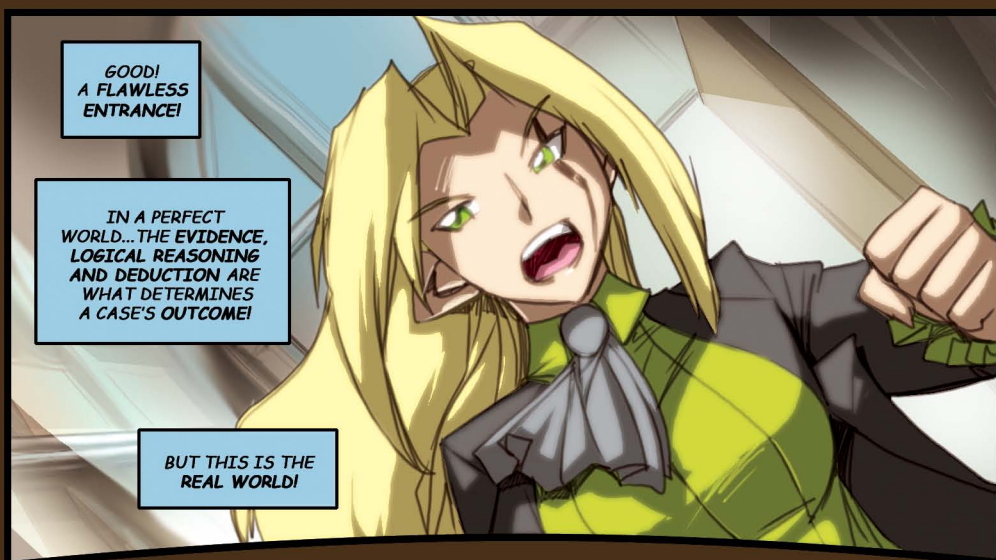


FOR THE DRAMA!

WHAT'S THE MEANING OF THIS?!

WHERE'S THE JUSTICE IN DETAINING MY CLIENT WITHOUT BAIL?!





GOOD!  
A FLAWLESS  
ENTRANCE!

IN A PERFECT  
WORLD... THE EVIDENCE,  
LOGICAL REASONING  
AND DEDUCTION ARE  
WHAT DETERMINES  
A CASE'S OUTCOME!

BUT THIS IS THE  
REAL WORLD!



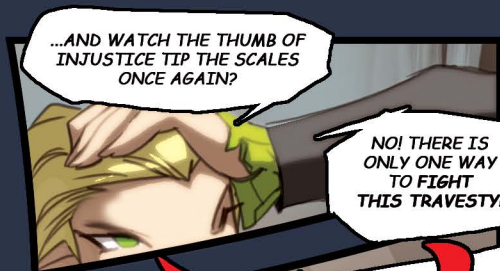
AND TO CONVINCE A  
JURY OF GINA'S PEERS...

...FELLOW TREASURE-HUNTERS,  
ADVENTURERS, FREELANCE  
SCIENTISTS AND ARCHAEOLOGISTS  
FROM ALL WALKS OF LIFE...

...IT'S ALL ABOUT  
THE DRAMA!



OH, YEAH!  
HERE'S WHERE  
WATCHING THAT  
FORTY-EIGHT HOUR  
"LAWFUL ORDER"  
MARATHON  
PAYS OFF!





THERE!  
THAT SHOULD  
SET THE  
TONE FOR  
THIS TRIAL!

MURDER  
MURDER  
STIR

NOW IF PEEBRI  
CAN KEEP HERSELF  
FROM ANY MORE  
UNSCRIPTED  
OUTBURSTS...

...

Sorry! It just  
looked so cool  
when you  
did it!

MUST I REMIND  
YOU, BRIANNA DIGGERS,  
AND EVERYONE HERE...

...THAT THIS IS  
A COURT OF LAW...

...AND NOT A  
THEATRICAL  
PERFORMANCE  
ON BROADWAY?

I'LL  
HANDLE THIS,  
AGENT M.

WE'RE ONLY  
HERE TO PERFORM  
OUR DUTY.

PROSECUTING  
ATTORNEY "AGENT BRASS"  
AND ARRESTING OFFICER  
"AGENT M."

SO THERE  
YOU ARE!

I'M REALLY  
DISSAPPOINTED  
IN YOU GUYS!

THROWING MY SISTER  
IN JAIL FOR A WHOLE  
WEEK WITHOUT BAIL...

...THAT WAS  
FOUL!

THAT'S QUITE  
ENOUGH, YOUNG  
LASSIE...

THIS TRIAL  
AIN'T STARTIN'  
'TIL I SAY IT  
STARTS!

What the...

W...  
MONTY

THAT'S  
JUDGE  
MONTY.

...fella's gotta  
'ave a day job,  
don't e?

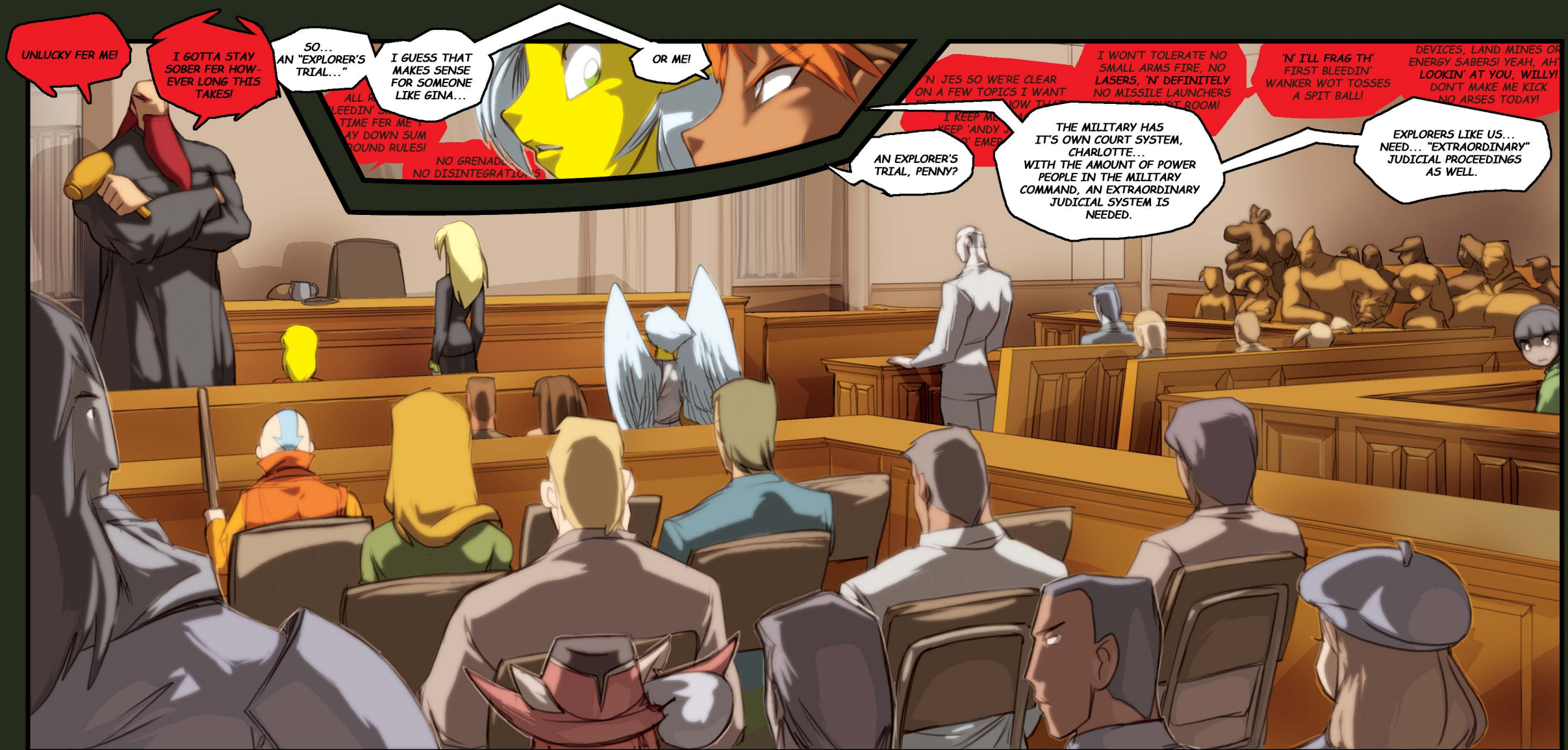
ALL RISE, Y'  
BLIGHTAHS!  
COURT'S 'N  
SESSION!

I THOUGHT--  
I THOUGHT  
JUDGE FINKLEBOTTOM  
WAS--

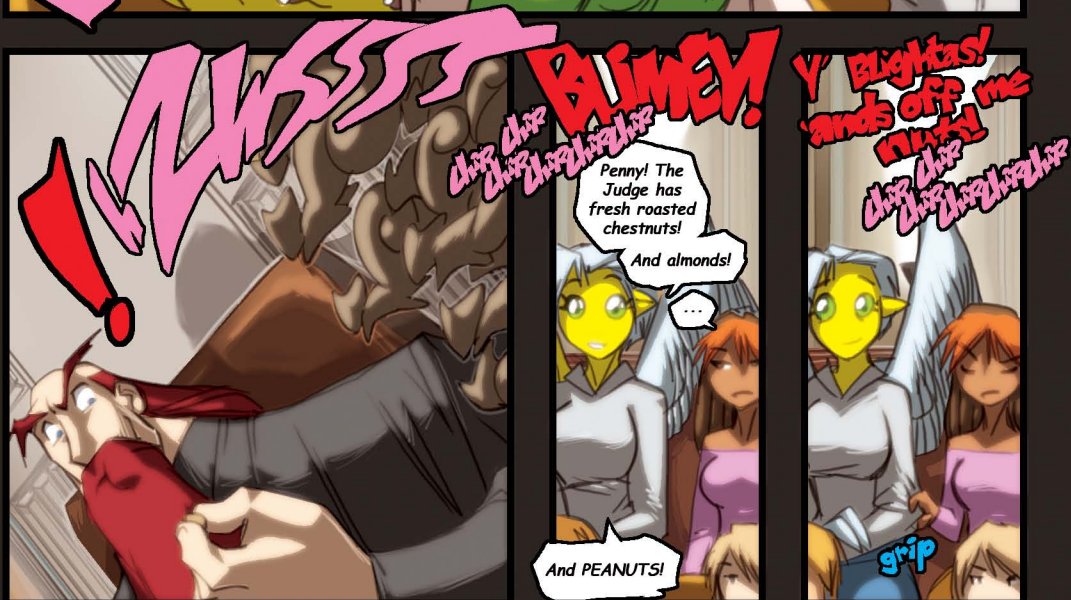
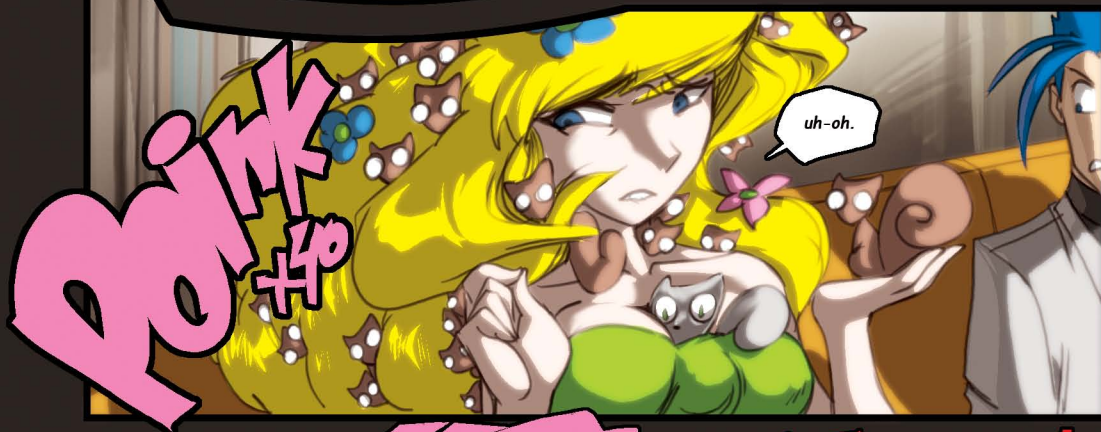
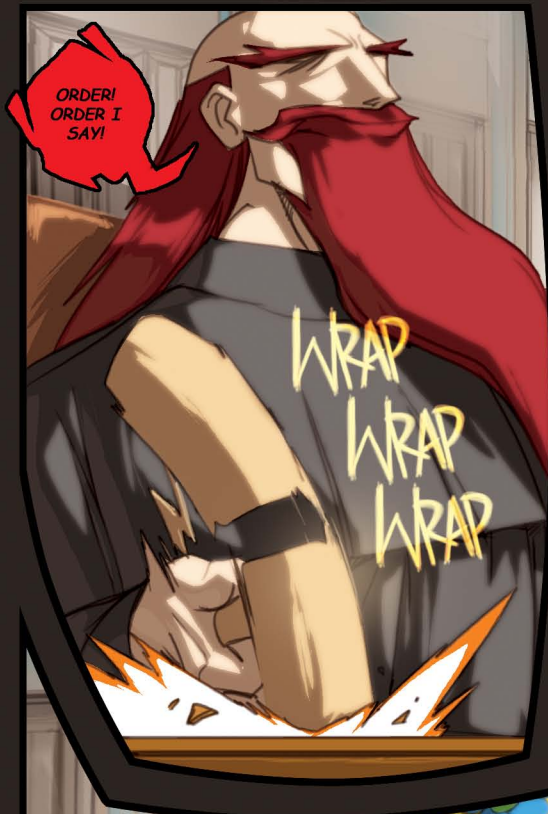
HEH... OLE FINKY "CAUGHT  
A COLD" WHEN 'E 'EARD THIS  
WAS AN "EXPLORER'S TRIAL"













Chirp



NOW THEN...

PROSECUTION,  
MAKE YER OPENIN'  
STATEMENT!

This is no  
fantasy...

NO CARELESS  
PRODUCT OF WILD  
IMAGINATION...  
NO, MY GOOD  
FRIENDS...



...THESE ARE  
MATTERS OF  
UNDENIABLE  
FACT!

GINA BABETTE  
DIGGERS...

...IS GUILTY  
OF FIRST  
DEGREE  
ROBBERY.

SHE ATTEMPTED TO  
STEAL AN ITEM THAT  
CONTAINS WEAPONS-  
GRADE PLUTONIUM FROM  
PRIVATE PROPERTY  
AND WAS CAUGHT  
RED-HANDED.

THIS IS AN  
OPEN AND SHUT  
CASE.

THE EVIDENCE  
IS IRREFUTABLE...  
UNQUESTIONABLE.



VERY WELL.

THE PROSECUTION  
HAS JUST SWORN  
THAT IT CAN  
PROVE MY  
CLIENT IS  
GUILTY.

AND SO I  
SWEAR THAT I  
WILL PROVE THAT  
SHE IS NOT!

TAKE YOUR  
BEST SHOT!

THE PROSECUTION CALLS  
IT'S FIRST WITNESS  
TO THE STAND...

# Witness Shining Testimony

...MR. ERWIN RIOTO TALON.



Hey, Gina!  
How was the  
food in the  
BIG HOUSE?

MR. TALON...

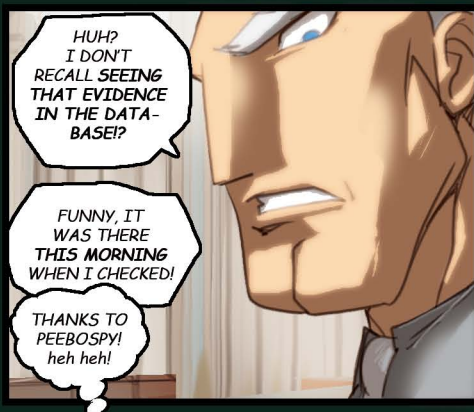
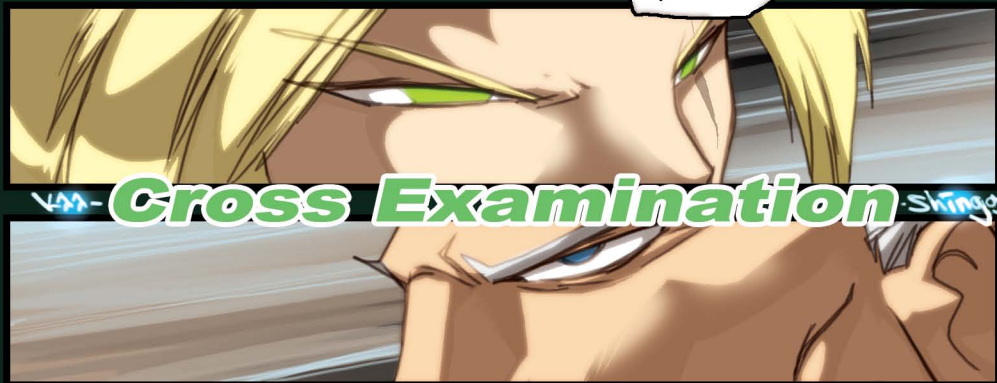
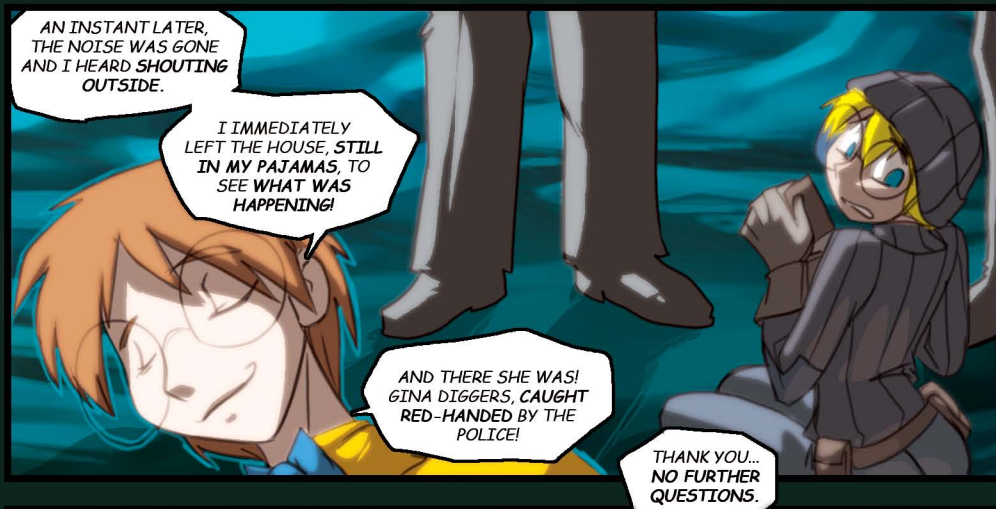


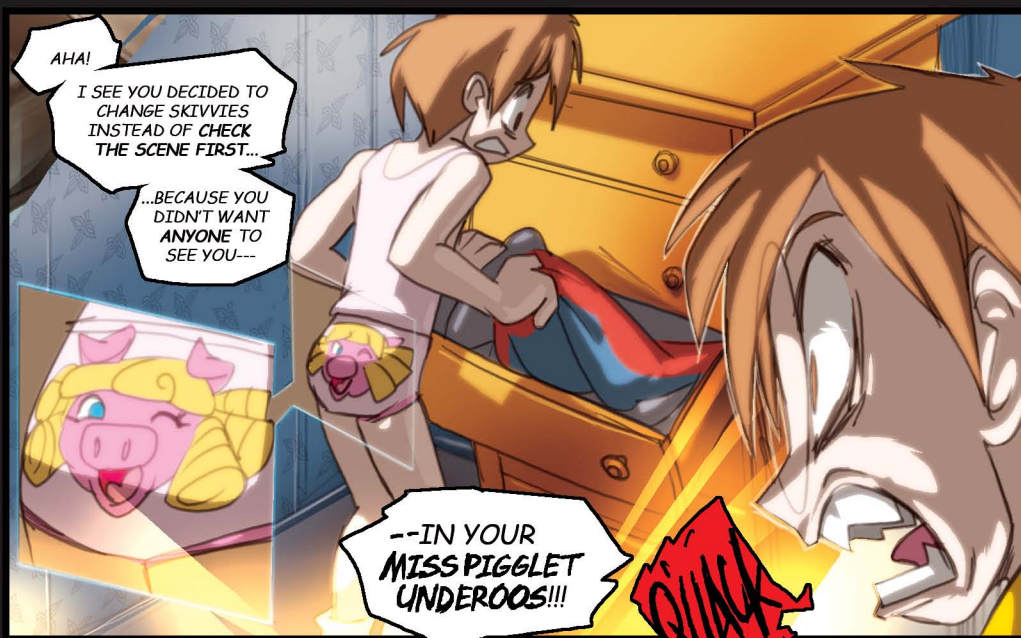
...IN YOUR OWN WORDS,  
COULD YOU TELL US  
WHAT YOU WITNESSED  
ON THE NIGHT OF  
THE FIFTEENTH?

WELL... I  
WAS AT HOME IN MY  
BEDROOM...

IT WAS ALMOST  
DAWN, WHEN I HEARD  
A COMMOTION COMING  
FROM UPSTAIRS.







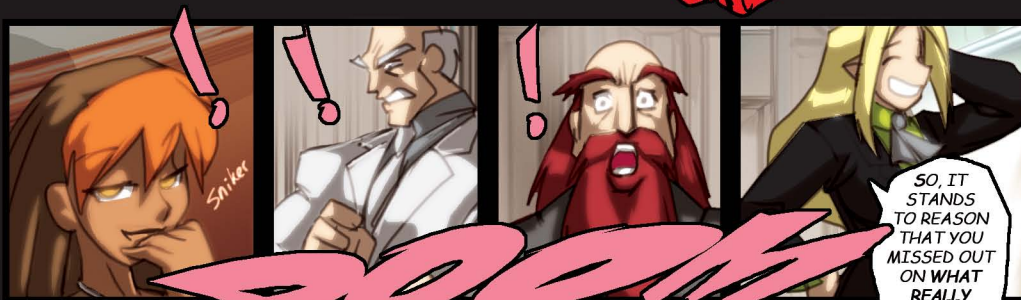
AHA!

I SEE YOU DECIDED TO  
CHANGE SKIVVIES  
INSTEAD OF CHECK  
THE SCENE FIRST...

...BECAUSE YOU  
DIDN'T WANT  
ANYONE TO  
SEE YOU---

--IN YOUR  
MISS PIGGLET  
UNDEROOS!!!

**QUACK**



*Spike*

SO, IT  
STANDS  
TO REASON  
THAT YOU  
MISSED OUT  
ON WHAT  
REALLY  
HAPPENED!  
Heh, heh.

**HEY!**

MY MOM MAKES  
ME WEAR THOSE!

EVER SINCE IONIS  
GOT CAUGHT HACKIN'  
OUR SATELLITE  
T.V. TO PICK UP THE  
PLAYBUNS CHANNEL  
AND U.F.F. BATTLE  
NETWORK...

...MOM BLOCKED  
ALL THE SIGNALS SO  
NOW WE ONLY GET  
THE MUPPET HOUR AND  
TELETUBSIES!

WHEN WE  
WENT SHOPPIN',  
IT WAS THAT  
OR "TINKLE-  
WINKLE  
UNDIES!"



I SEE.

AND NOW  
THAT YOU MENTION  
IT...

...THE MUPPET HOUR  
WASN'T ON AT THE  
TIME OF THE INCIDENT.

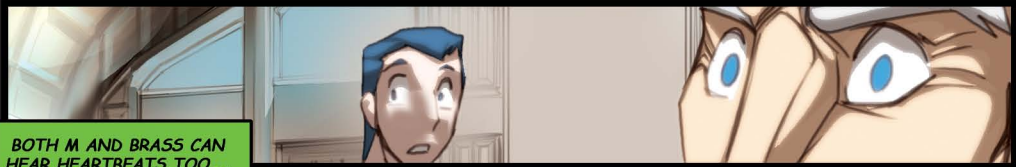
BUT THE TELETUBSIE  
SUPER SHOW WAS!

SO, A BIG, BURLY  
WITNESS TAKING A  
BUBBLE BATH AND  
WATCHING THE  
H.D.T.V. INSTALLED  
THERE...

...COULD ONLY  
BE INDULGING  
HIMSELF IN ONE SECRET,  
GUILTY PLEASURE IF  
HE WERE ABLE TO  
WITNESS THE  
CRIME!









Oh damn!  
Gina's  
AWAKE!!!

AND, IN CASE  
YOU MISSED  
IT THE FIRST  
TIME, COURT  
STENOGRAPHER, I,  
THE DEFENDANT,  
GINA DIGGERS,  
CONFESS!

I PLEAD GUILTY  
AND THROW MYSELF  
ON THE MERCY OF THE  
COURT!

AND BRIANNA...  
I'M REALLY, REALLY  
SHOCKED AT  
YOU--

--I- IS WHAT I'D  
SAY IF I WERE  
ACTUALLY  
GUILTY...

...BUT IT'S  
APPARENT  
THAT I'M  
CLEARLY--

--OH. COME.  
ON!

I CAN'T BELIEVE  
YOU USED MY  
TECHNOLOGY FROM  
MY LAB TO TURN  
ME INTO YOUR  
COURTROOM  
PUPPET!

BANNING IS TOO  
GOOD FOR YOU!

SUSPENSION FROM  
MY LAB IS TOO  
GOOD FOR YOU!

I'M TAKING YOUR LAB  
PASS AND RIPPING IT  
INTO IDDY-BIDDY  
PIECES!

AND I'M BURYING  
YOUR NETWORK  
I.D. ALIVE!!!

YOU KEPT TO  
YOURSELF EVERY  
DAY SINCE GINA  
WAS ARRESTED...

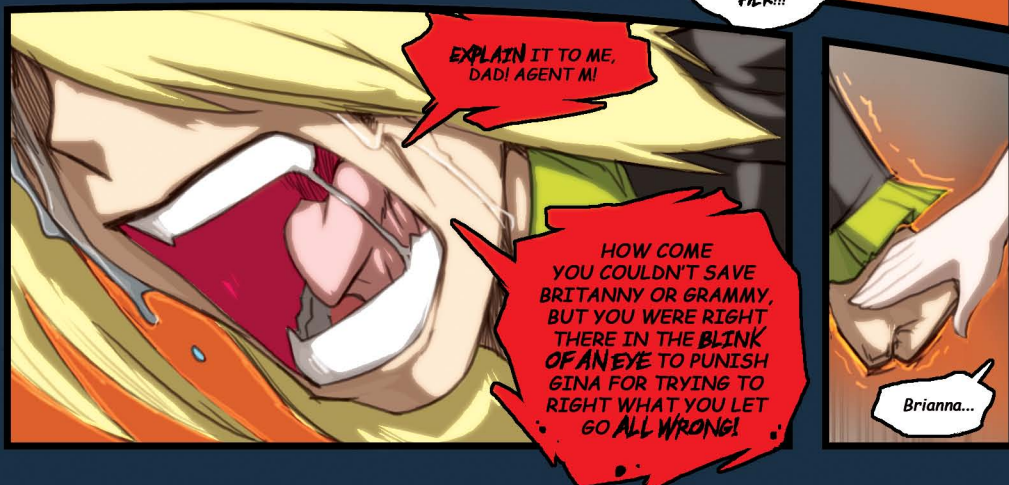
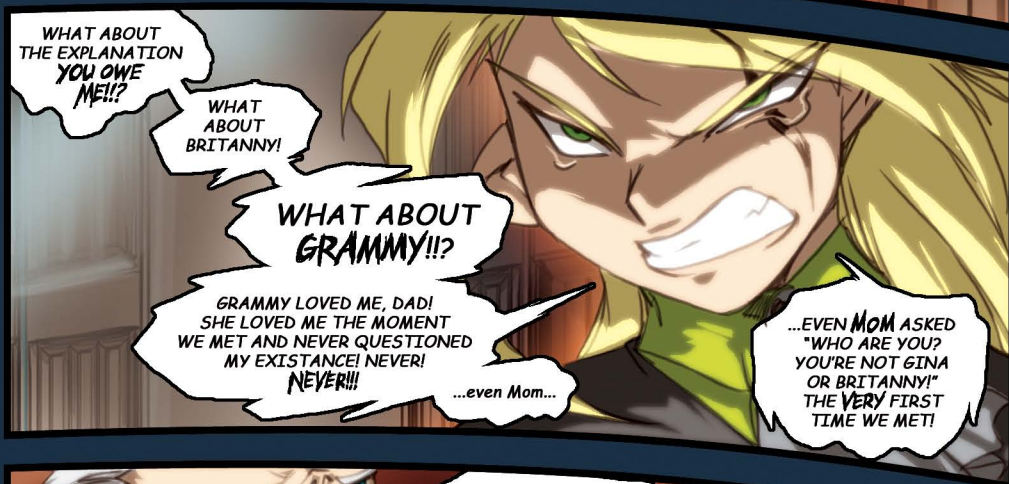
T-That voice!

...YOU REFUSED TO TALK  
TO ANYONE ABOUT WHAT  
OCCURED THE NIGHT  
OF THE FIFTEENTH.

BRIANNA...

I THINK IT'S  
TIME YOU TOLD  
US...

...EXACTLY WHAT'S  
GOING ON.







Gina?

Gina...  
i---  
I... I'M...

me too,  
Dad...



....

....

Brianna...