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BEFORE IT'S  
TOO LATE FER  
ANYTHING  
T' SAVE  
'ER!

--FOR  
ANYTHING  
TO SAVE  
US--

Wha--

--IT IS FAR TOO  
LATE, DEAR  
FRIEND.

THE PSIONIC  
POISON OF  
OUR ENEMY'S  
WEAPON...

...HAS ALREADY  
AFFLICTED  
US.

THERE IS  
A WAY, AMON.

GIGLIATHON!  
IF WE CAN  
DESTROY  
IT!

YOU SHOULD  
KILL US, EXTHI.  
DO IT  
NOW.

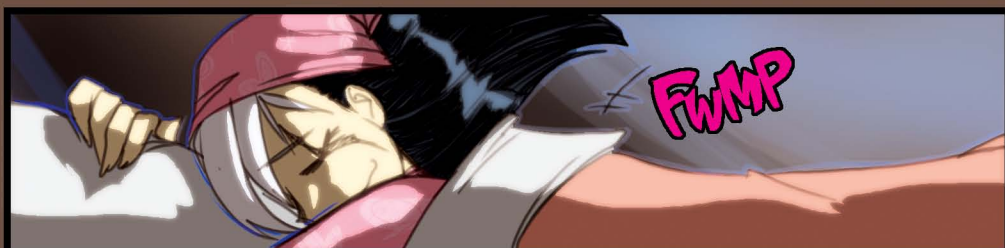
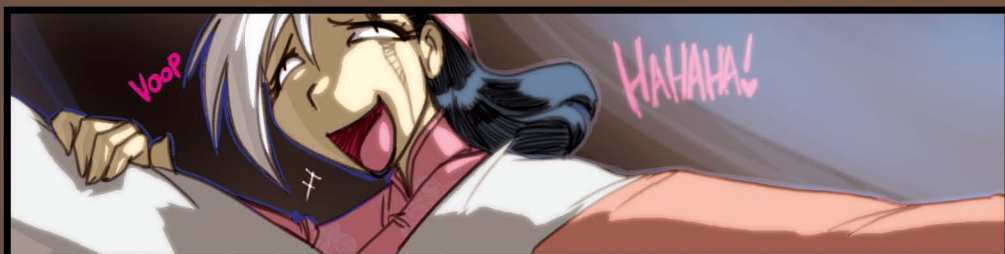
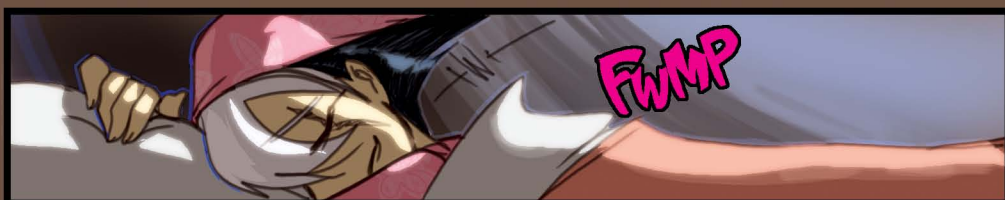
BEFORE  
THE WEAPON'S  
POISON...

...FORCES US  
TO KILL YOU!





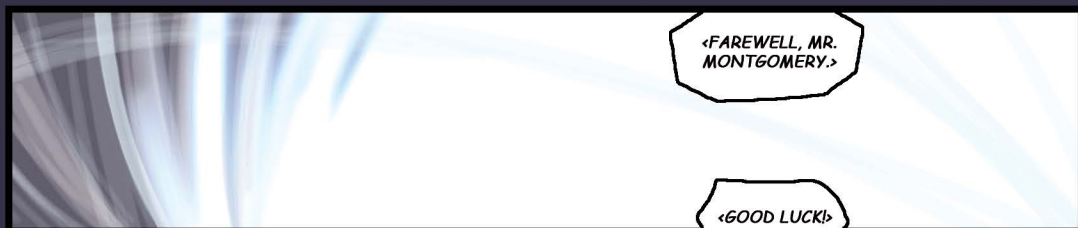
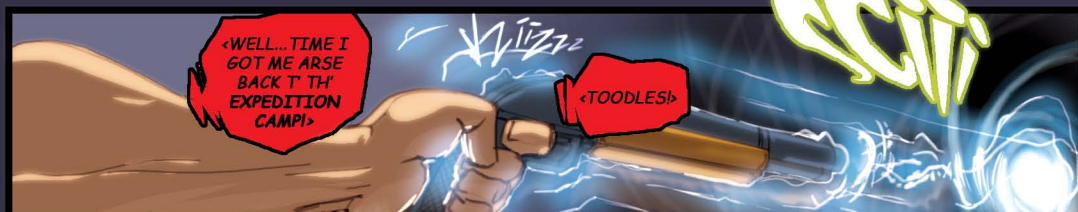




















DAD DID EVERYTHING HE COULD TO SAVE BRIT AND GRAMMY, AND YOU JUST--

--WHAT THE--



WH-

WHERE DO YOU THINK YOU'RE GOING?

For a walk.

Or a run.

Depends on if you think you can try to follow.



Y-- <sputter> YOU THINK YOU CAN JUST--

GINA...

...IT'S ALL RIGHT.

Let her have her walk.

BUT, DAD!

I CAN'T BELIEVE H-HOW IMMATURE SHE'S BEING!

Maturing...

...is precisely what she's struggling with right now, Gina.



AND SHE HAS THE NERVE TO--

--HUH?

Brianna's soul has never known a childhood.

...even her little, toddling robots...

The "toys" she's made...

...all secretly filled a need for that childhood.

She even had a "Mommy"... or rather--

--a "Grammy"!



I-- I ALWAYS THOUGHT GRAMMY AND BRIANNA WERE JUST JOKING AROUND.

"SPOILING US ROTTEN..."

"COOKING OUR FAVORITE TREATS..."

...TELLING "BEDTIME STORIES."

AS AN EXPERT PARENT...

...BRUNHILDA KNEW WHAT BRIANNA NEEDED...

...EVEN IF IT WAS JUST FOR A FEW MOMENTS EVERY NOW AND THEN.

BUT NOW, THOSE MOMENTS ARE OVER.





**WROOM**



WE'VE ARRIVED.  
THE SOUTH  
BRONX OF  
NEW YORK.



ZERO IS  
HIDING IN  
THE THIRD  
BUILDING  
EAST OF  
HERE...

...ON THE  
TENTH  
FLOOR.



IS THAT BUILDING  
FILLED WITH PEOPLE,  
APOTHECARY  
AGEN?



YES... AND  
YOU MAY CALL  
ME "DOCTOR"  
HERE.

EARTH-  
REALM'S  
CLOSEST  
EQUIVALENT.

DON'T WORRY  
ABOUT CIVILIANS,  
JULIA.

I'VE BEEN SAVING  
A LITTLE SPELL FOR  
THIS OCCASION.



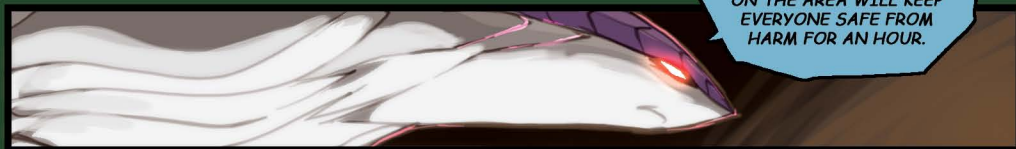




HOW ARE YOU PLANNING TO ISOLATE ZERO FROM THE RESIDENTS OF THAT BUILDING, DEBRA?



"MINOR SLEEP OF STONE" ON THE AREA WILL KEEP EVERYONE SAFE FROM HARM FOR AN HOUR.



..."MINOR SLEEP OF STONE" WILL HAVE ABSOLUTELY NO EFFECT WHATSOEVER!







HERE!

THE PERFECT  
VANTAGE  
POINT!

Minor  
**SLEEP  
OF  
STONE**

MAKE SURE  
YOUR SHIFT  
POTION IS  
READY,  
AGEN.

IF ZERO HAS  
PLACED ANY  
TRAPS AROUND  
HIS HIDING  
PLACE, I'D  
RATHER NOT  
LET HIM  
SIT IN THE  
CENTER OF  
THEM!

ALREADY  
PREPARED.



OKAY...  
JULIA AND  
I WILL  
DRAW HIM  
OUT!

eh?

NOW!  
**ATTACK!!!**

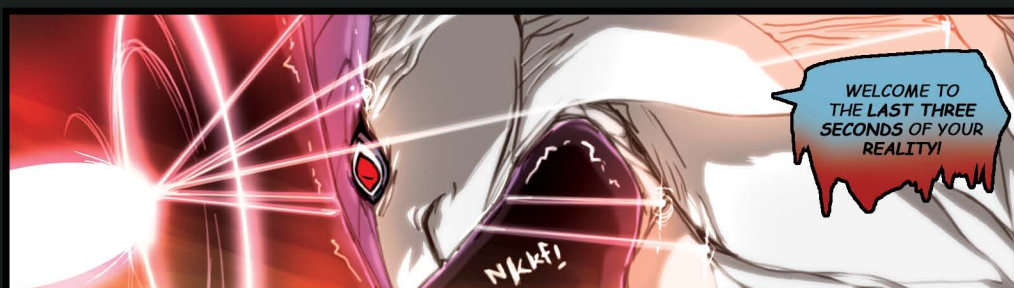


DEBRA!  
WAIT!

wha?

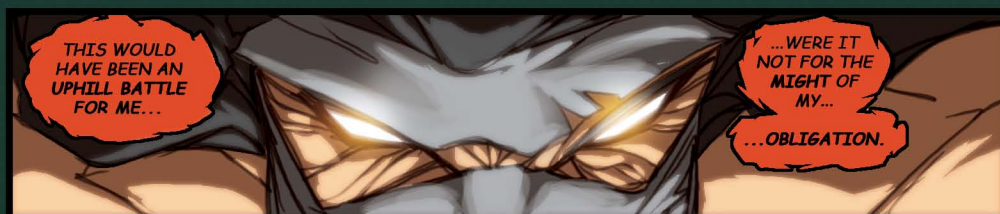


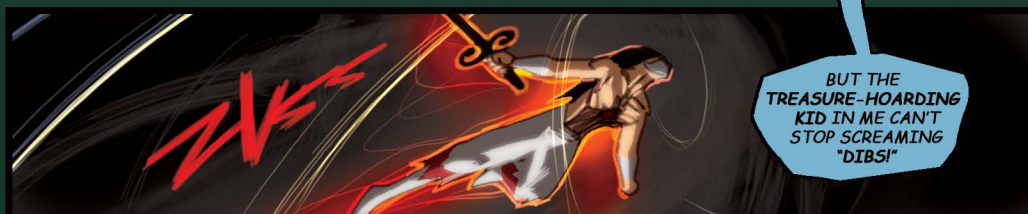
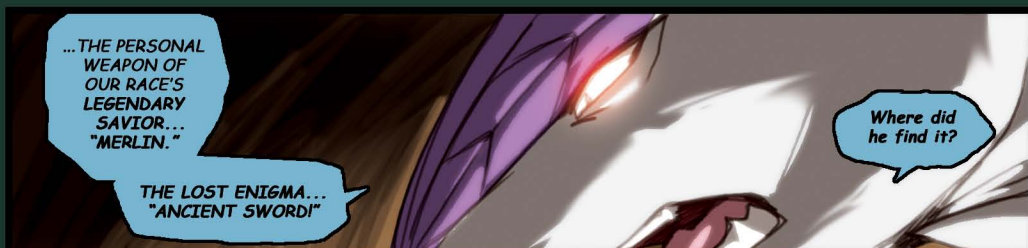










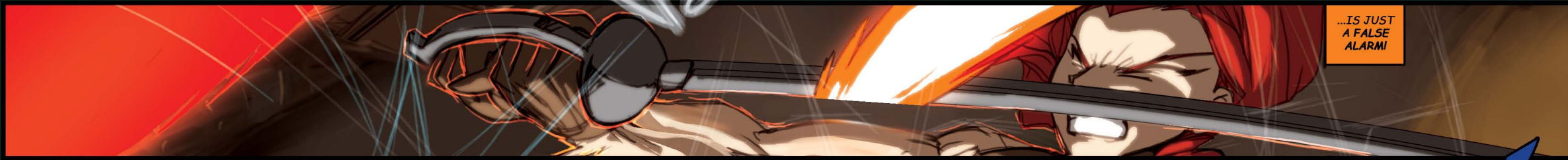






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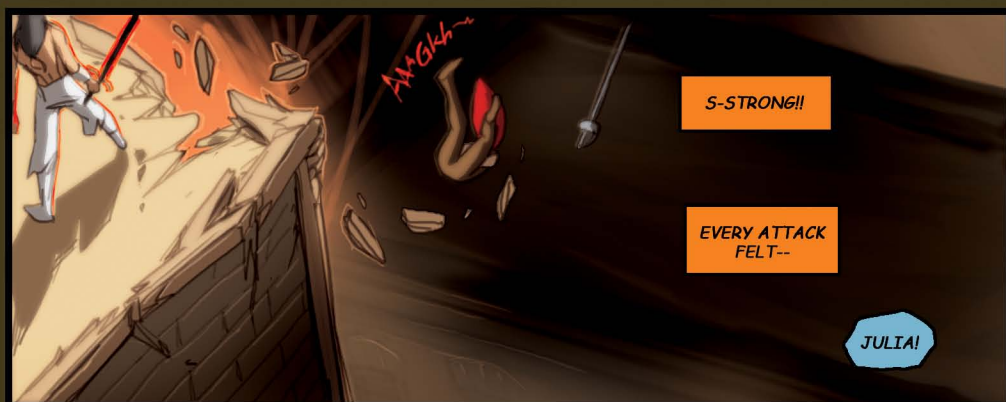
...I REALLY HOPE THAT OLE "JULIA" YOU'RE STANDING RIGHT IN THE PATH OF A CHARGING WAR-MAMMOTH!" FEELING...



...IS JUST A FALSE ALARM!







S-STRONG!!

EVERY ATTACK  
FELT--

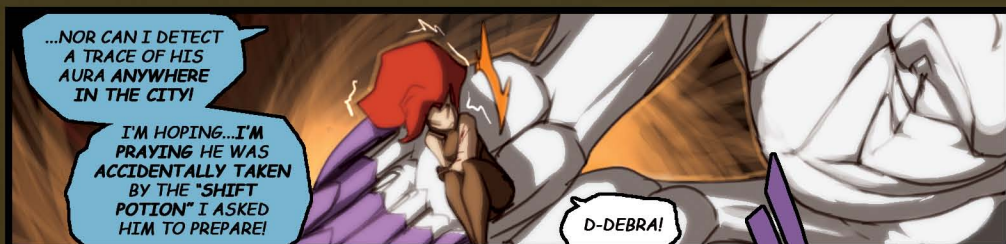
JULIA!



So--IMPOSSIBLY  
STRONG!

S-SORRY, INSTINCT...  
I SHOULD HAVE  
LISTENED!

I COULDN'T  
FIND AGEN...



...NOR CAN I DETECT  
A TRACE OF HIS  
AURA ANYWHERE  
IN THE CITY!

I'M HOPING...I'M  
PRAYING HE WAS  
ACCIDENTALLY TAKEN  
BY THE "SHIFT  
POTION" I ASKED  
HIM TO PREPARE!

D-DEBRA!



...ZERO'S NEW  
PROTECTOR...ALONG  
WITH THE SPELLS  
THAT SUSTAIN  
HIS BODY...

...THE ANCIENT  
WEAPON HE  
WIELDS...

...AND OUR LACK OF  
ANY KNOWLEDGE ABOUT  
WHY HE IS HERE OR  
WHAT HE WANTS...

...SPELLS OUR  
FAILURE!



WE MUST  
WITHDRAW!

Wait,  
FIRST...

...LET HIM  
FACE MY  
TRIAL!



