



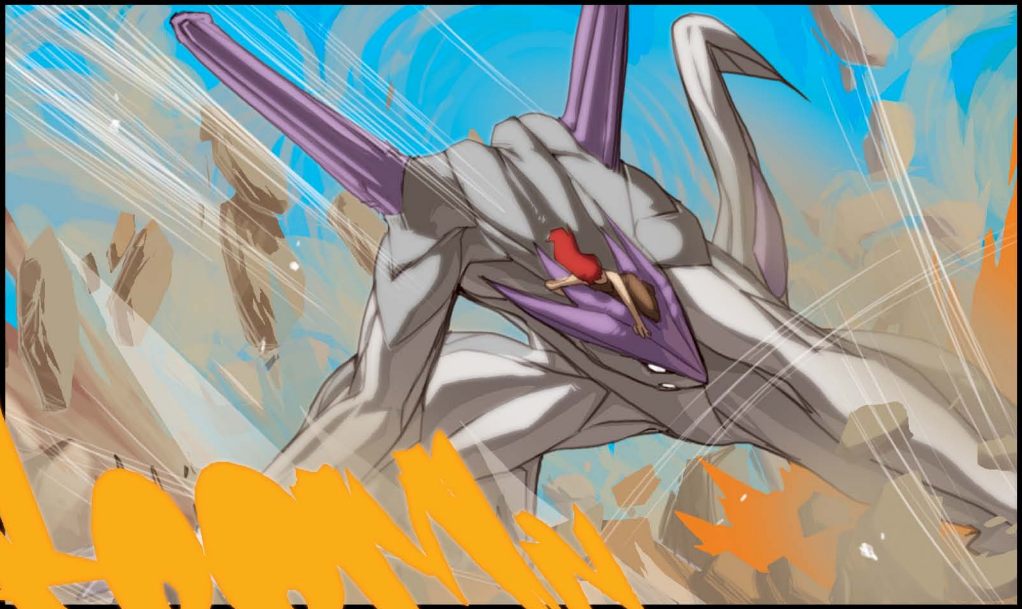
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HERE...?

...ARE WE AT THE RIGHT PLACE?

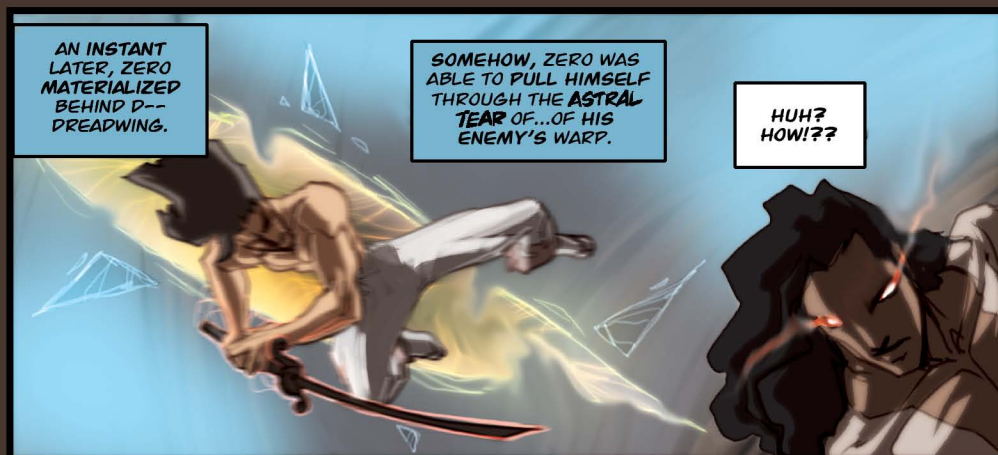
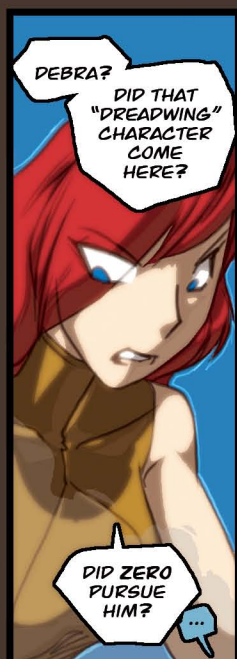
WE ARE.

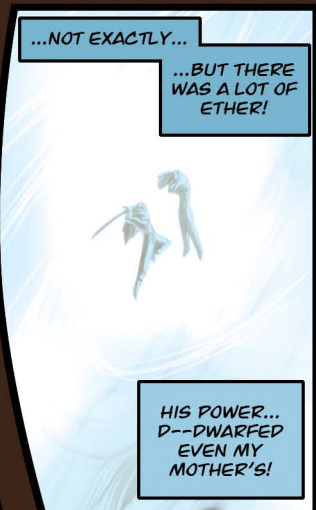
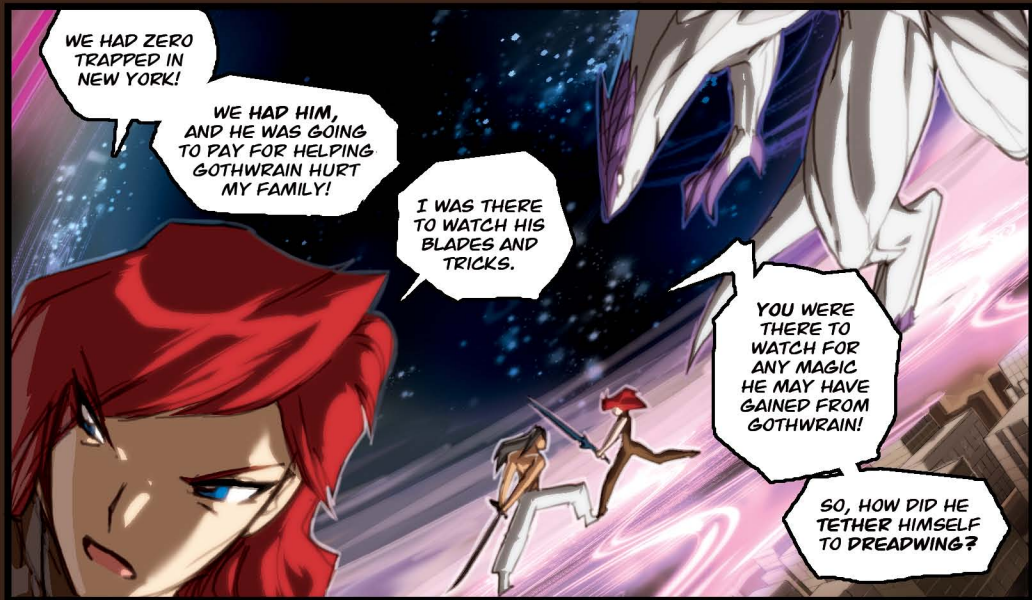


IT IS MY DAUGHTER GINA'S EXPEDITION CAMPSITE, DEBRA.

BUT...

...EVERYONE'S ALREADY GONE.







--WHAT'S
THE MATTER
WITH YOU!?



I'VE GOT A
BETTER QUESTION,
MOTHER!

"WHAT IS THE
MATTER WITH
YOU!?"



WITH ALL
OF YOU!

YOU ALL
CONSPIRE
AGAINST
ME!

YOU ALL
TAKE PART IN
PERPETUATING
MY MOTHER'S
OUTRAGEOUS
LIES!

I SEARCHED
FOR HIM, MOTHER.
I SEARCHED ALL
OF JADE AND
EARTH-REALM!

THIS DREADWING
CHARACTER... MY
"FATHER" DOES
NOT EXIST!



D-D'BRA!
HOW DARE
YOU!

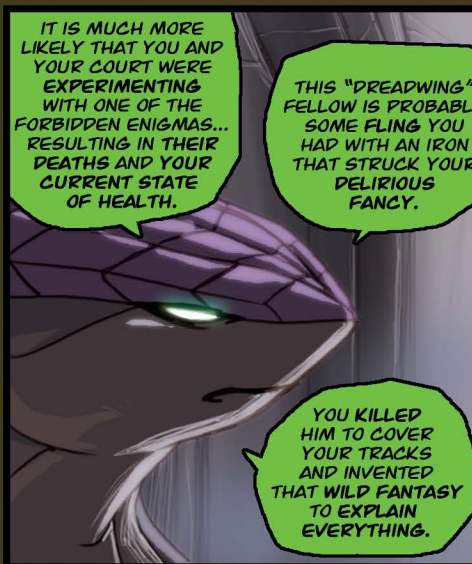
NO! "HOW
DARE YOU,"
MOTHER!

YOUR STORY
STAINS MY NAME!
MY BIRTHRIGHT AS
YOUR SUCCESSOR
IS IMPUGNED!



AND IT OUTRAGES
ME TO THINK THAT
EVERYONE HERE
ACCEPTS YOUR
TALE WITHOUT
A SHRED OF
EVIDENCE TO
SUPPORT IT.

WELL, I CAN SPIN
A MORE PLAUSABLE
EXPLANATION FOR
WHAT HAPPENED TO
YOUR FIRST COURT,
MOTHER!



IT IS MUCH MORE
LIKELY THAT YOU AND
YOUR COURT WERE
EXPERIMENTING
WITH ONE OF THE
FORBIDDEN ENIGMAS...
RESULTING IN THEIR
DEATHS AND YOUR
CURRENT STATE
OF HEALTH.

THIS "DREADWING"
FELLOW IS PROBABLY
SOME FLING YOU
HAD WITH AN IRON
THAT STRUCK YOUR
DELIRIOUS
FANCY.

YOU KILLED
HIM TO COVER
YOUR TRACKS
AND INVENTED
THAT WILD FANTASY
TO EXPLAIN
EVERYTHING.



I MEAN,
COME NOW,
MOTHER.

A LOWLY
"IRON".

GET OUT.

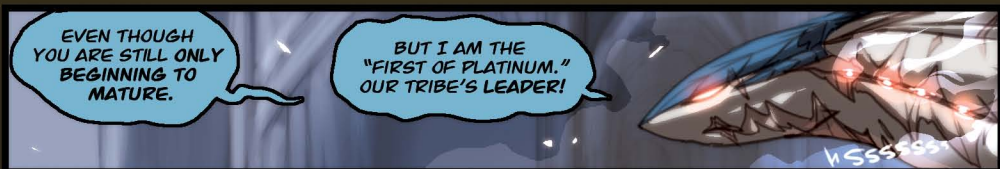
DEFEATING
YOU?
THE BROOD
QUEEN?

GET OUT!

MUTILATING
YOU??
RAPING
YOU???



...
YOU ARE,
PHYSICALLY, THE
STRONGEST OF
ALL PLATINUM
DRAGONS,
D'BRA.



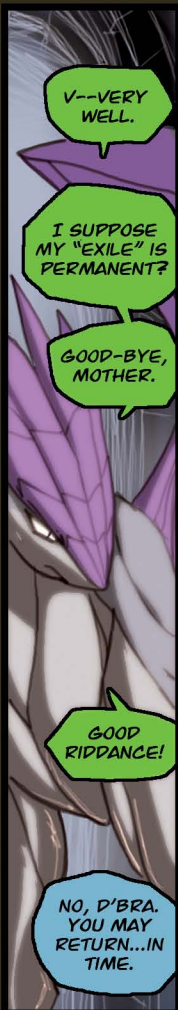
EVEN THOUGH
YOU ARE STILL ONLY
BEGINNING TO
MATURE.

BUT I AM THE
"FIRST OF PLATINUM."
OUR TRIBE'S LEADER!



AND A PLATINUM
DRAGON ISN'T
RESPECTED...
FEARED... FOR
HER MUSCLES.

NOW...
...GET
OUT.



V--VERY
WELL.

I SUPPOSE
MY "EXILE" IS
PERMANENT?

GOOD-BYE,
MOTHER.

GOOD
RIDDANCE!

NO, D'BRA.
YOU MAY
RETURN...IN
TIME.



RETURN WHEN
YOU'VE OUTGROWN
THOSE ADOLESCENT
WINGS OF YOURS.

WHEN YOU HAVE
EXPERIENCED
THE REAL
WORLD.

WHEN YOU HAVE
LEARNED HOW
FAR YOU CAN
FALL WHEN
YOU PERCH
ON YOUR
PRIDE.

RETURN WHEN
I ACCEPT THE
"TRUTH?"

THAT DREADWING
WAS, INDEED, THE
SCOURGE OF OUR
KIND?

THAT I OWE MY
STRENGTH AND
POTENTIAL TO
THE BLOOD OF A
VILE FIEND IN
MY VEINS?



D'BRA...
YOU ARE
NO FIEND.

WHAT HAPPENED
TO ME WAS NOT
YOUR FAULT.

DO NOT BE
ASHAMED
OF BEING
BORN...
OF BEING
ALIVE.

HMPH.

I'M ONLY
ASHAMED
OF ONE
THING,
MOTHER...

"...YOU."



...

ALL RIGHT,
DEBRA...

...GIVE
YOURSELF
A MOMENT...

...GET YOURSELF
TOGETHER!



BUT I NEED
YOUR HELP!

I NEED YOU!

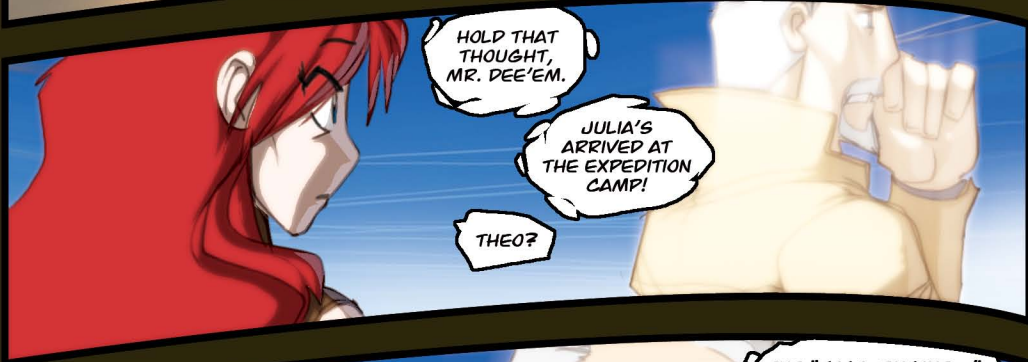
I'LL SEARCH THE
CAMP FOR ANY
"GUARD-GLYPHS"
MY HUSBAND
MAY HAVE LEFT
BEHIND.



THROUGH
THEM, HE CAN...

...AHA!
HERE IS
ONE!

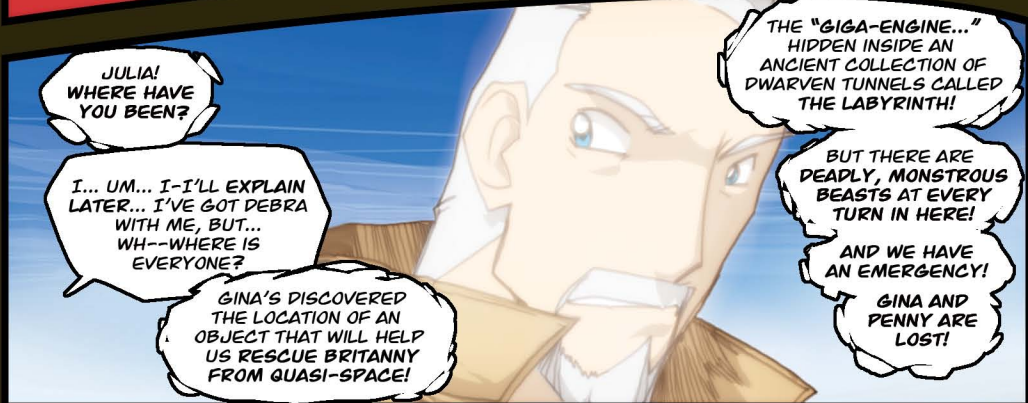
--MMEDIATELY
BEGIN LOOKING!



HOLD THAT
THOUGHT,
MR. DEE'EM.

JULIA'S
ARRIVED AT
THE EXPEDITION
CAMP!

THEO?



JULIA!
WHERE HAVE
YOU BEEN?

I... UM... I-I'LL EXPLAIN
LATER... I'VE GOT DEBRA
WITH ME, BUT...
WH--WHERE IS
EVERYONE?

GINA'S DISCOVERED
THE LOCATION OF AN
OBJECT THAT WILL HELP
US RESCUE BRITANNY
FROM QUASI-SPACE!

THE "GIGA-ENGINE..."
HIDDEN INSIDE AN
ANCIENT COLLECTION OF
DWARVEN TUNNELS CALLED
THE LABYRINTH!

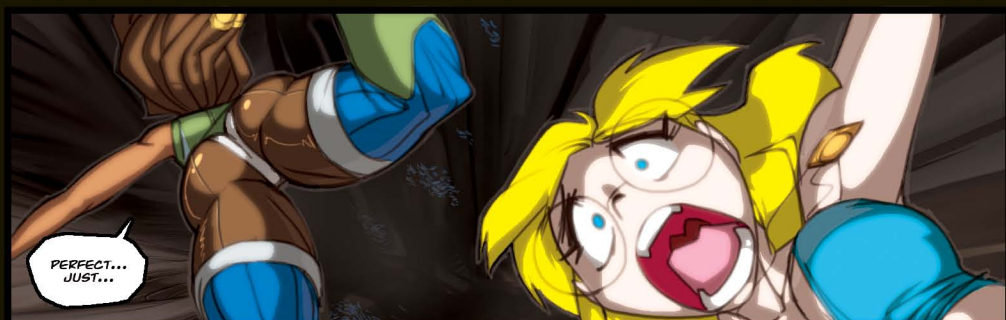
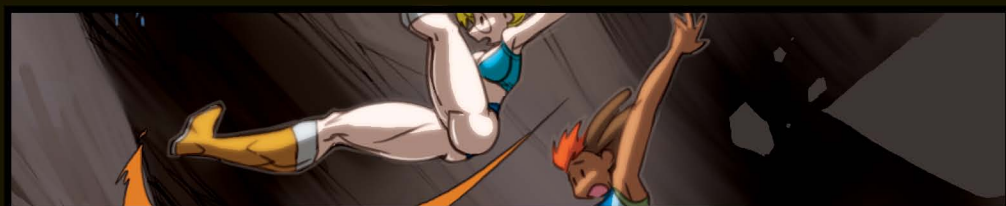
BUT THERE ARE
DEADLY, MONSTROUS
BEASTS AT EVERY
TURN IN HERE!

AND WE HAVE
AN EMERGENCY!

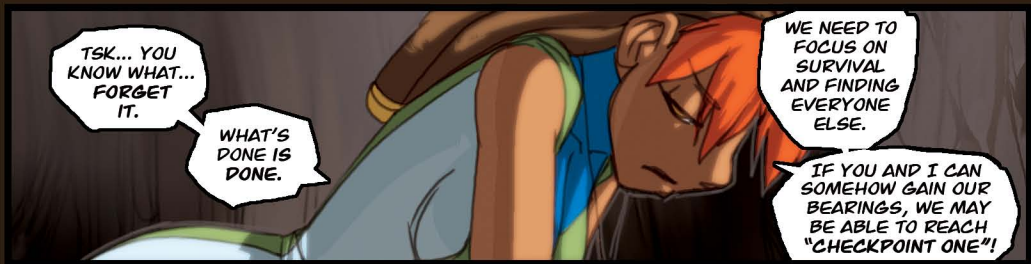
GINA AND
PENNY ARE
LOST!

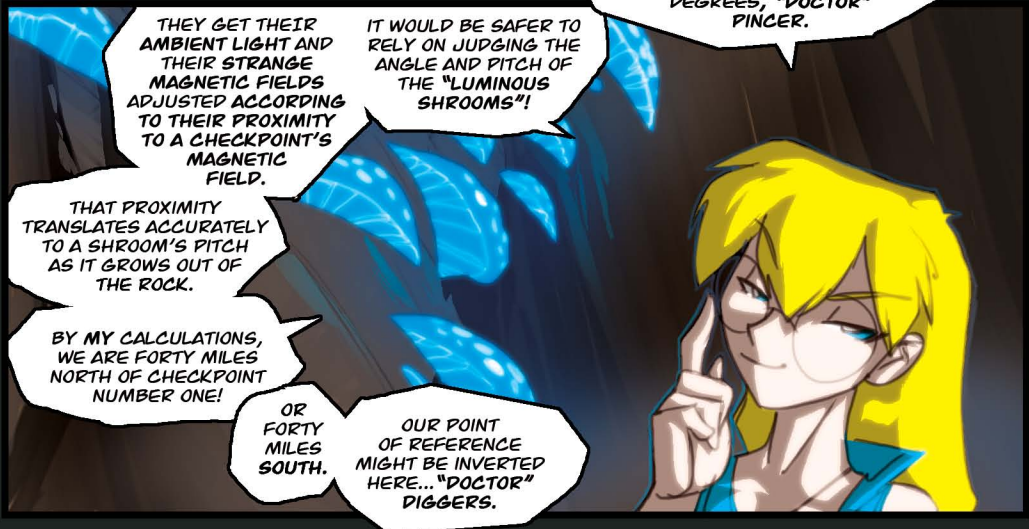
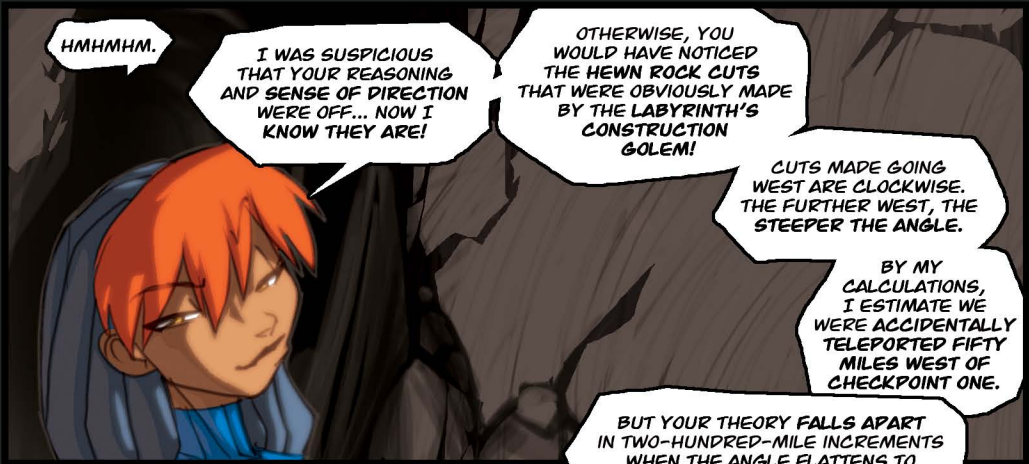


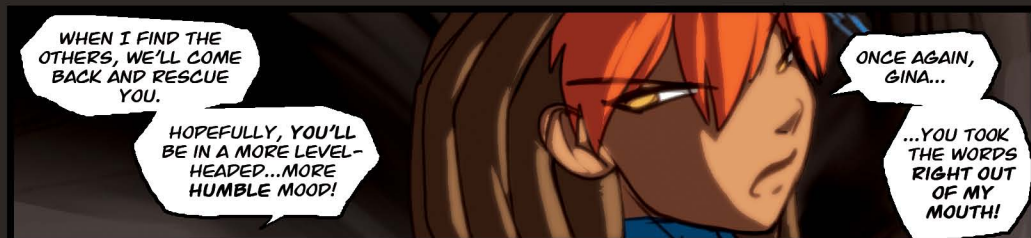




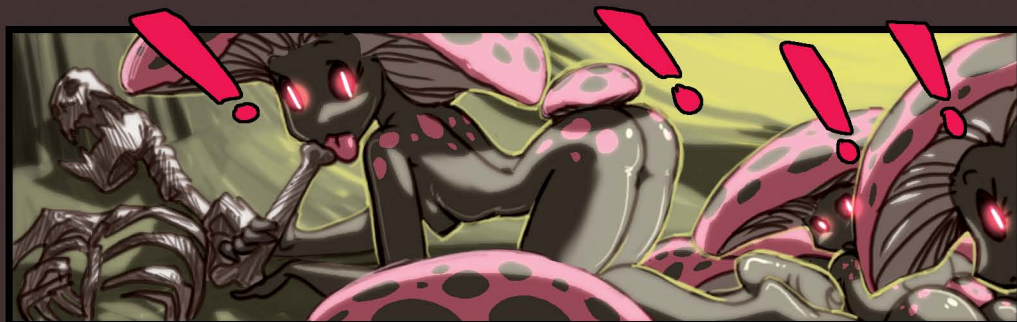


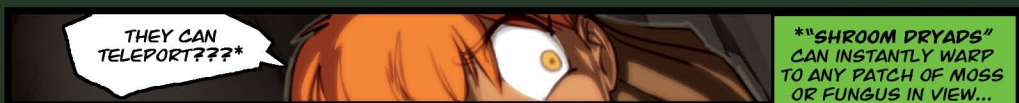


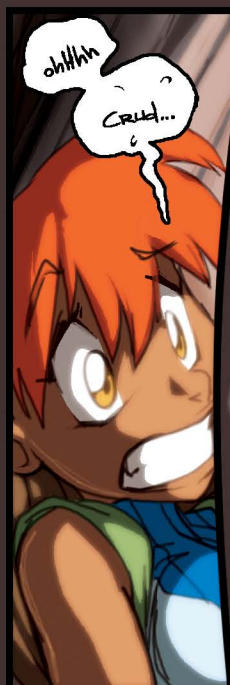




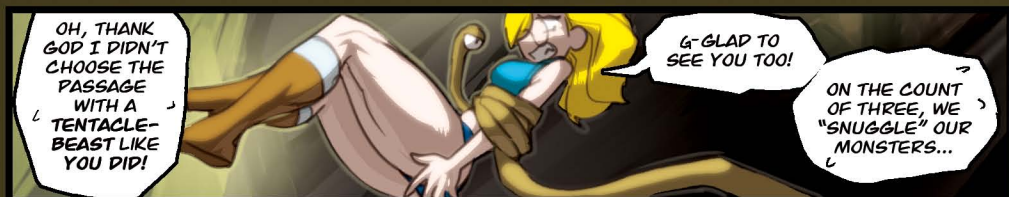












...THREE!!!

Stabby!

Grompy!

