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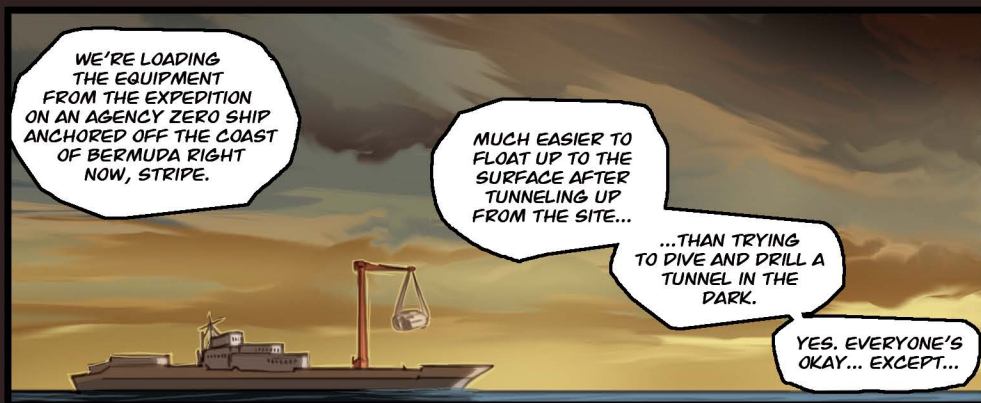
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# GOLD DIGGER



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WE'RE LOADING  
THE EQUIPMENT  
FROM THE EXPEDITION  
ON AN AGENCY ZERO SHIP  
ANCHORED OFF THE COAST  
OF BERMUDA RIGHT  
NOW, STRIPE.

MUCH EASIER TO  
FLOAT UP TO THE  
SURFACE AFTER  
TUNNELING UP  
FROM THE SITE...

...THAN TRYING  
TO DIVE AND DRILL A  
TUNNEL IN THE  
DARK.

YES. EVERYONE'S  
OKAY... EXCEPT...



...I DON'T  
KNOW HOW  
TO TELL  
YOU THIS.

GINA,  
YOUR SISTER-  
IN-LAW, IS  
MISSING.

SHE  
VANISHED  
WHEN THE  
FIRST TESTS  
WERE BEING  
RUN.

S-SOME BAD  
GUYS INTERFERED  
WITH THE RESCUE.

BAD GUYS  
INCLUDING...

INCLUDING  
MY FATHER...  
DREADWING.

I'LL HAVE ALL THE  
DETAILS FOR YOU AFTER  
THE OLD SEVENTIES  
SUPER COMPUTER BASE  
ON MARS ANALYZES THE  
AUDIO/VIDEO/SCAN FOOTAGE  
TAKEN FROM THE WHOLE  
TRIP...BUT TO SUM  
EVERYTHING UP...

...WE FAILED.



WE FAILED THE  
RESCUE MISSION,  
STRIPE.

I'M SORRY.

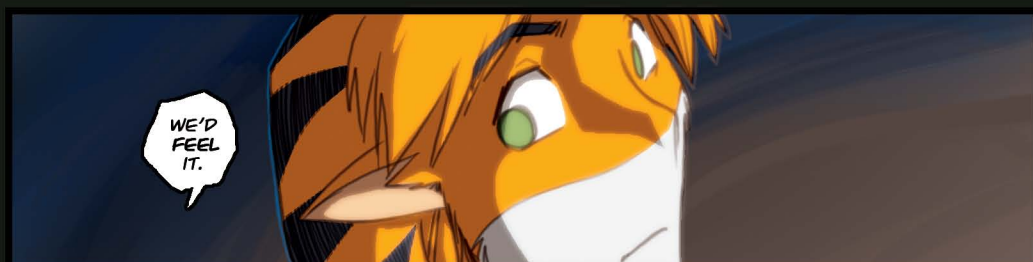
GINA'S GONE.  
WE COULDN'T  
SAVE BRITANNY,  
YOUR WIFE.

WE BELIEVE  
THEY'RE BOTH  
LOST IN QUASI-  
SPACE.

I'M SORRY.







H--HEY, GINA...

W-WAKEY-WAKEY!

BOY...

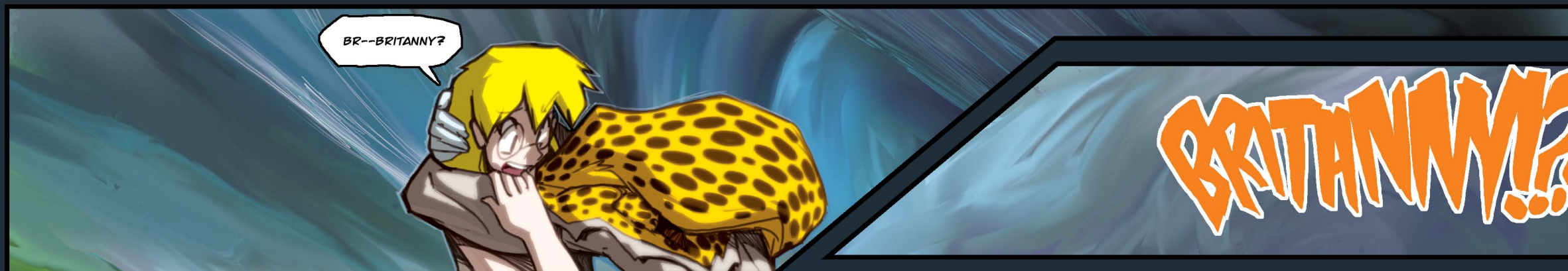
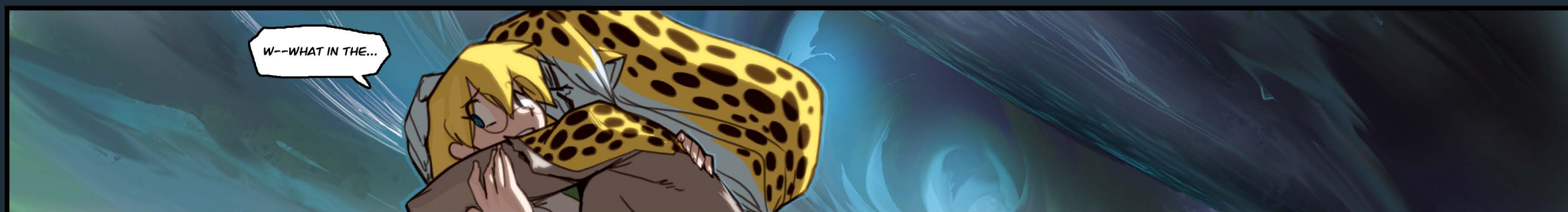
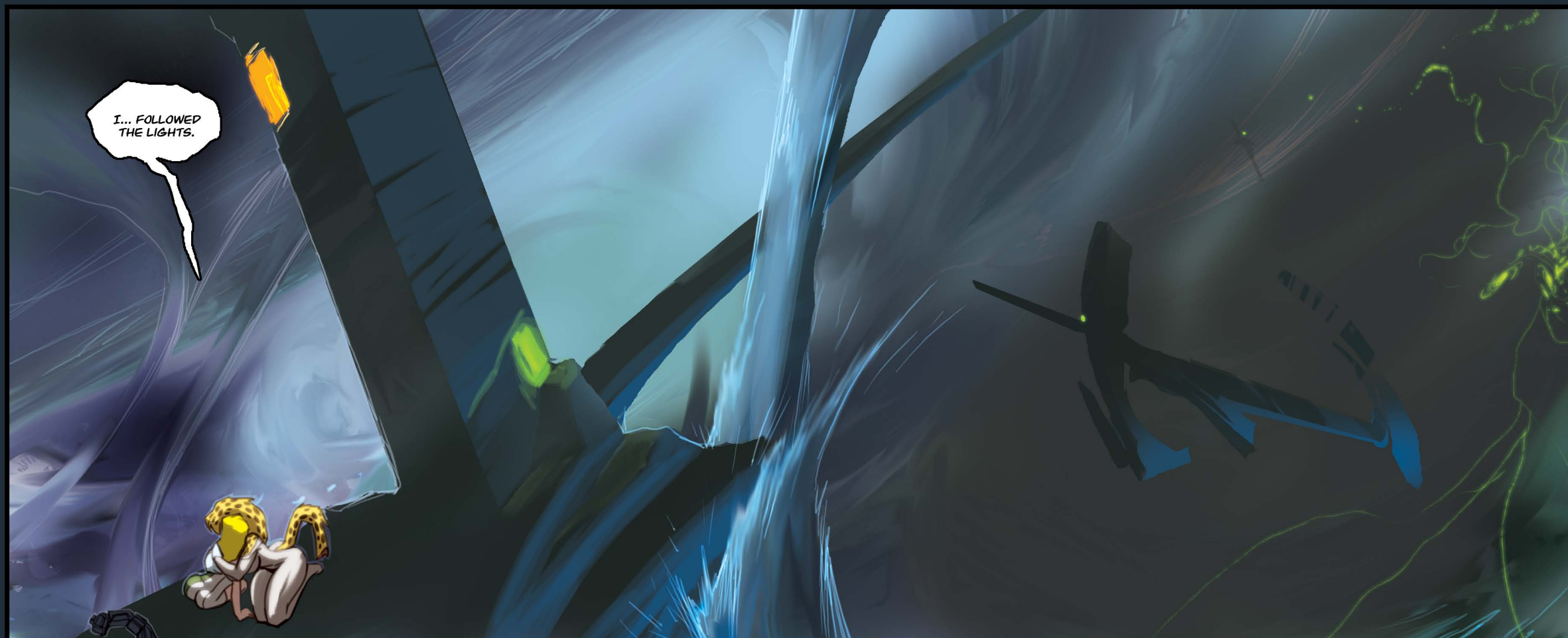
...YOU NERDIES ARE  
A LAZY BUNCH.

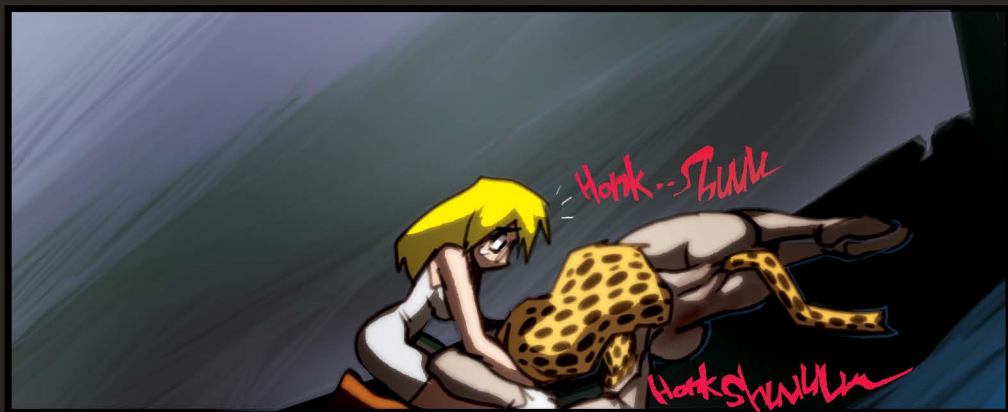
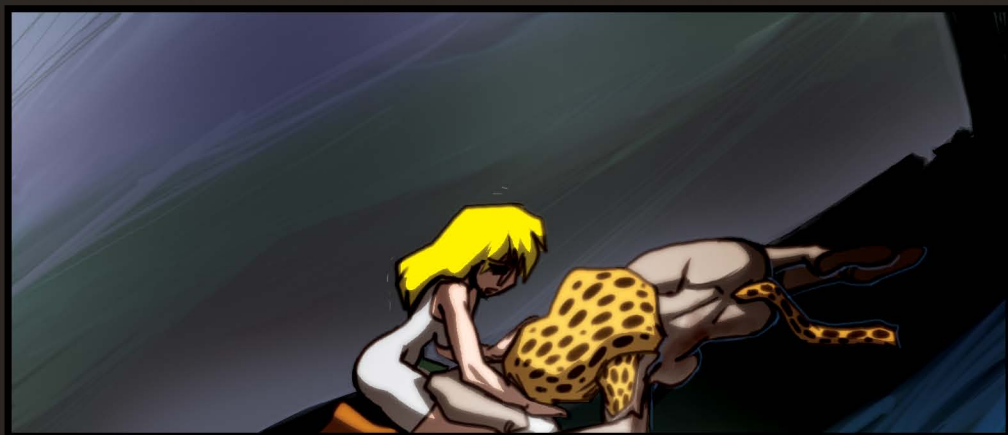
BRITANNY?

HOW...

...DID  
YOU FIND  
ME?









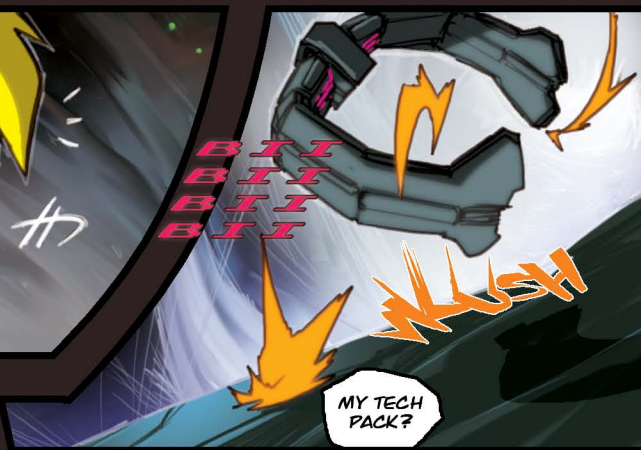


WAIT.

SHE SAID...  
SHE FOLLOWED  
THE LIGHTS?

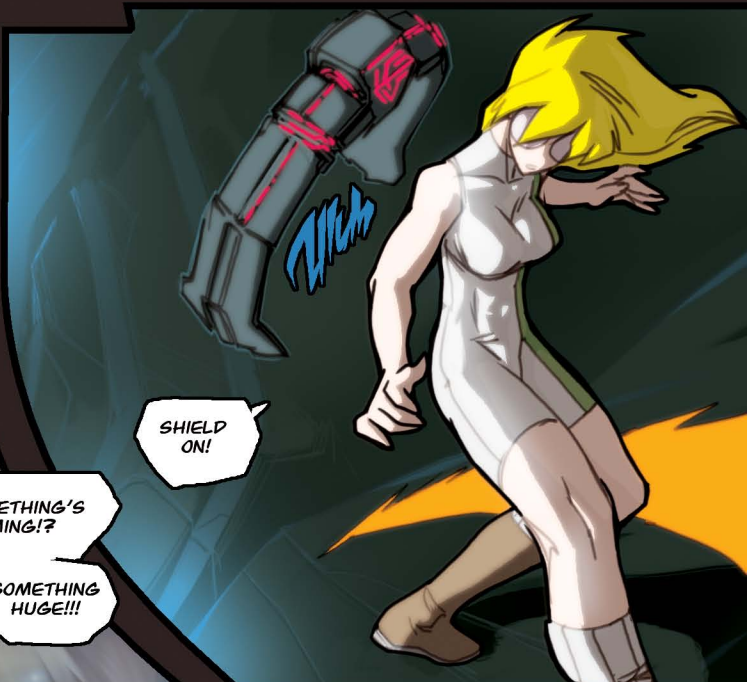
JINKIES.

WHAT...  
DOES THIS  
MEAN?

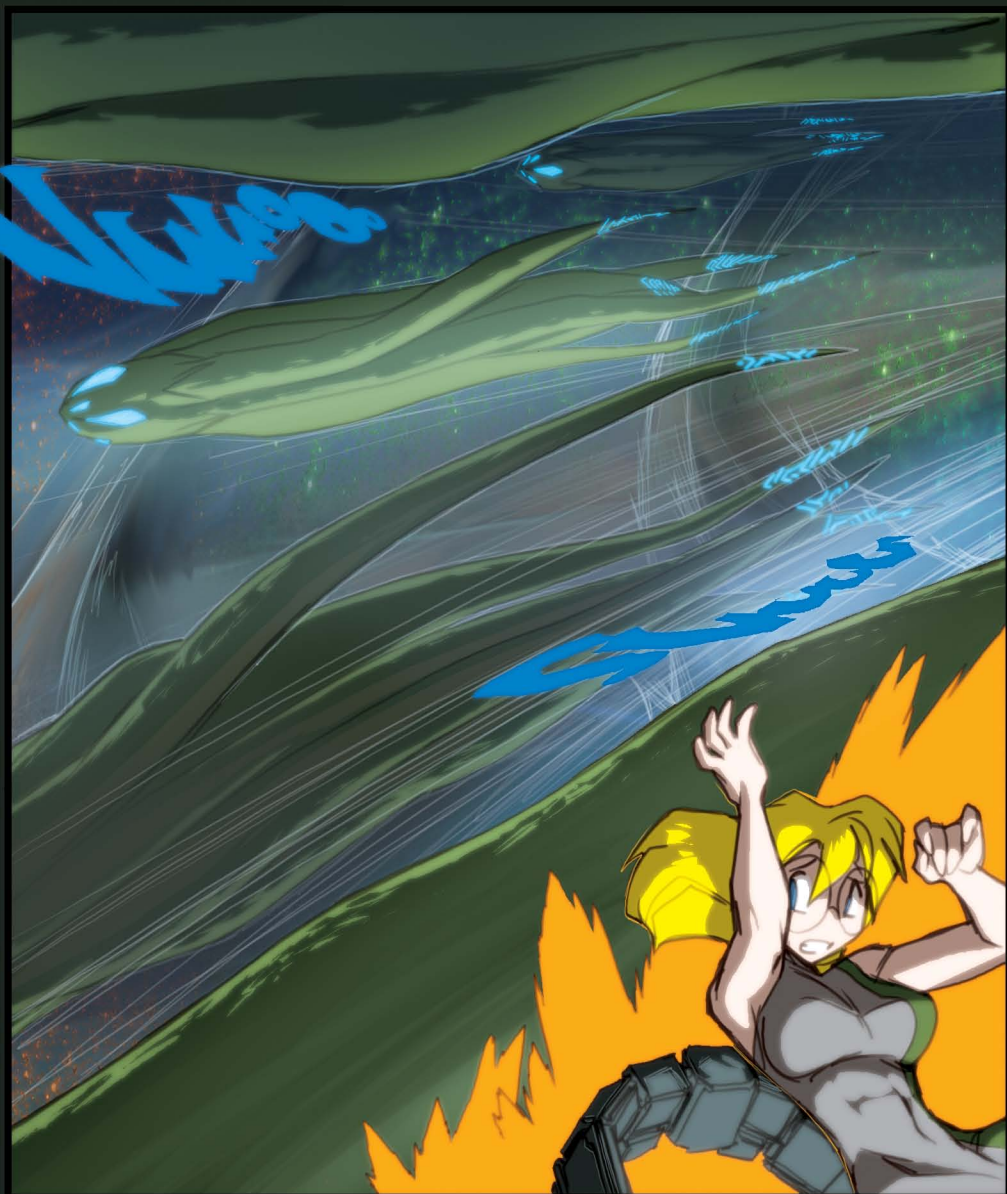


S-SOMETHING'S  
COMING!?

SOMETHING  
HUGE!!!







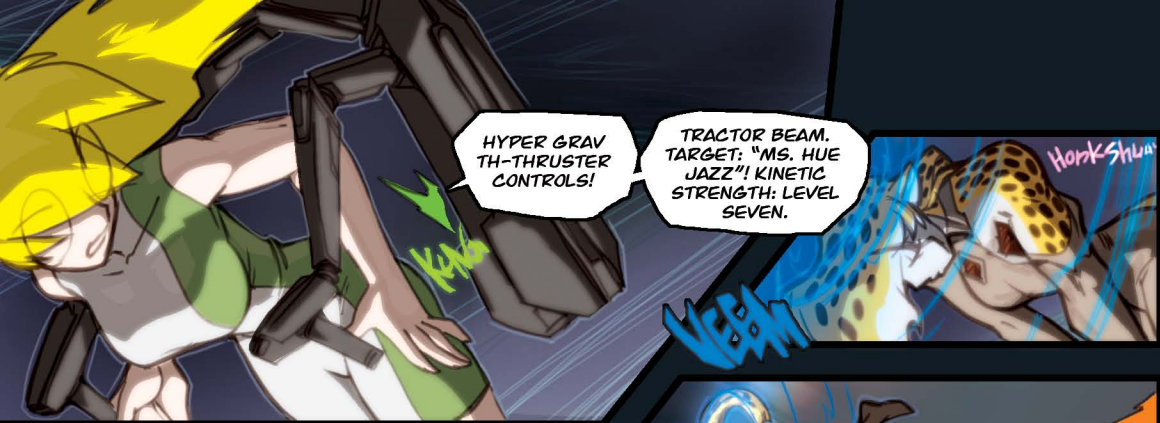
PREDATORS...

...DON'T DASH OFF  
IN GROUPS... NOT  
WITHOUT CHASING  
SOMETHING.

...  
BUT PREY  
ANIMALS  
DO.

WHICH  
MEANS...

...I'VE  
GOT A  
PROBLEM.



HYPER GRAV TH-THRUSTER CONTROLS!

TRACTOR BEAM. TARGET: "MS. HUE JAZZ"! KINETIC STRENGTH: LEVEL SEVEN.

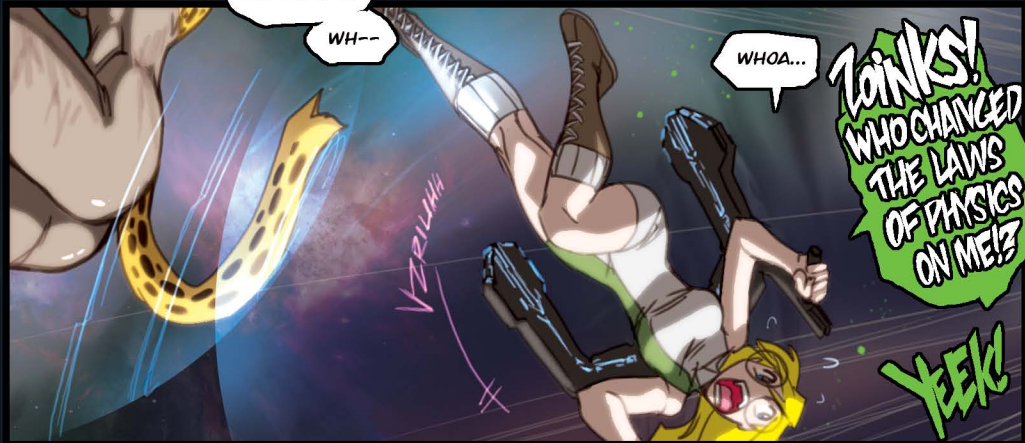
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COME ON, BRIT'...

...WE'VE...

...GOTTA SKIDDADLE...



WH--

WHOA...

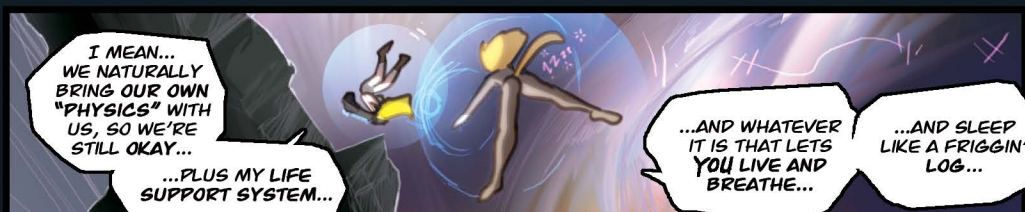
ZOINKS! WHO CHANGED THE LAWS OF PHYSICS ON ME?

YEEK!



OKAY... OKAY... EVERYTHING'S A BIT WEIRD HERE, BRIT'.

GIMME A SECOND TO RECALIBRATE.



I MEAN... WE NATURALLY BRING OUR OWN "PHYSICS" WITH US, SO WE'RE STILL OKAY...

...PLUS MY LIFE SUPPORT SYSTEM...

...AND WHATEVER IT IS THAT LETS YOU LIVE AND BREATHE...

...AND SLEEP LIKE A FRIGGIN' LOG...



BUT...NFF... EXCEPTING THESE WEIRD STRUCTURES...

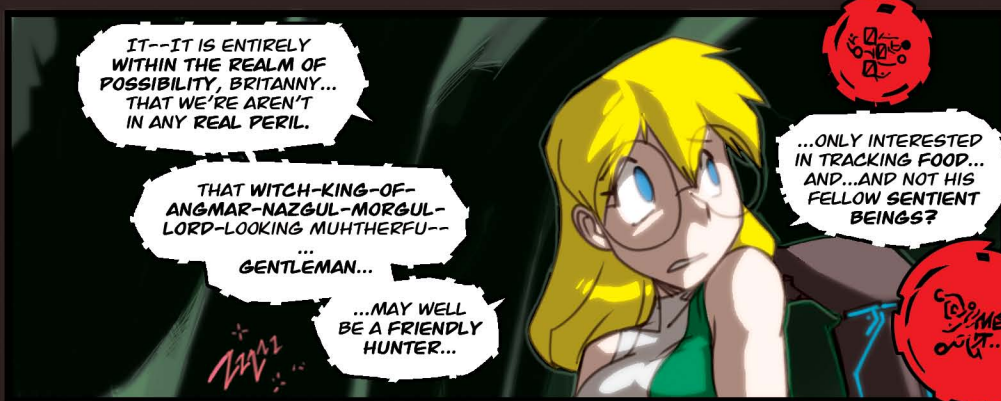
...PHYSICALLY MANIPULATES...

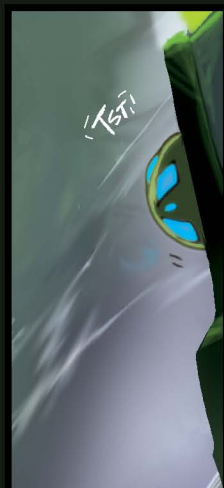
...NF...YOU AND ANYTHING ELSE I OR MY EQUIPMENT...

...GETS A FREE RIDE ON THE NEWTON-GO-ROUND...

NFF!









COME...

BRIT!

BRITANNY!  
GET UP!!



I THINK WE  
MIGHT HAVE  
A PROBLEM!



CORRECTION...  
WE DEFINITELY  
HAVE A PROBLEM!



O-O-KAY...

OKAY, FINE!

SEVEN MASTERS  
DEGREES AND EIGHT  
HARD-SCIENCE  
PHDS...

...DO YOUR  
STUFF!!!







WOOF!



USE MORE GUN.\*

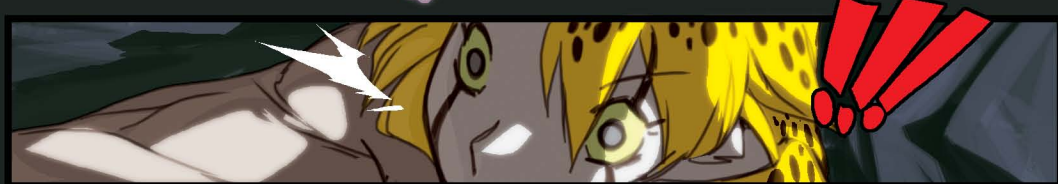
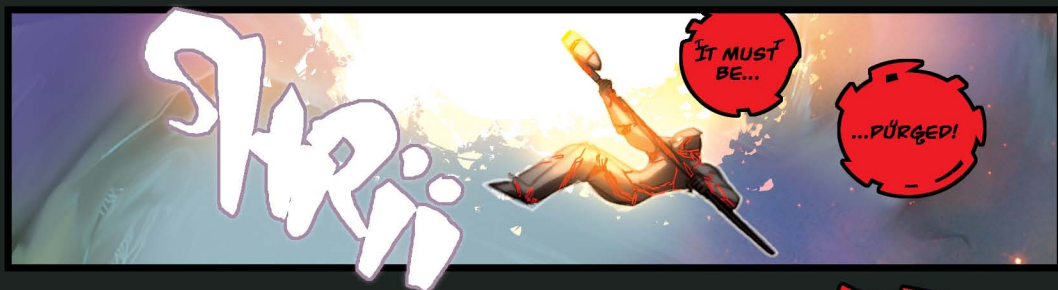
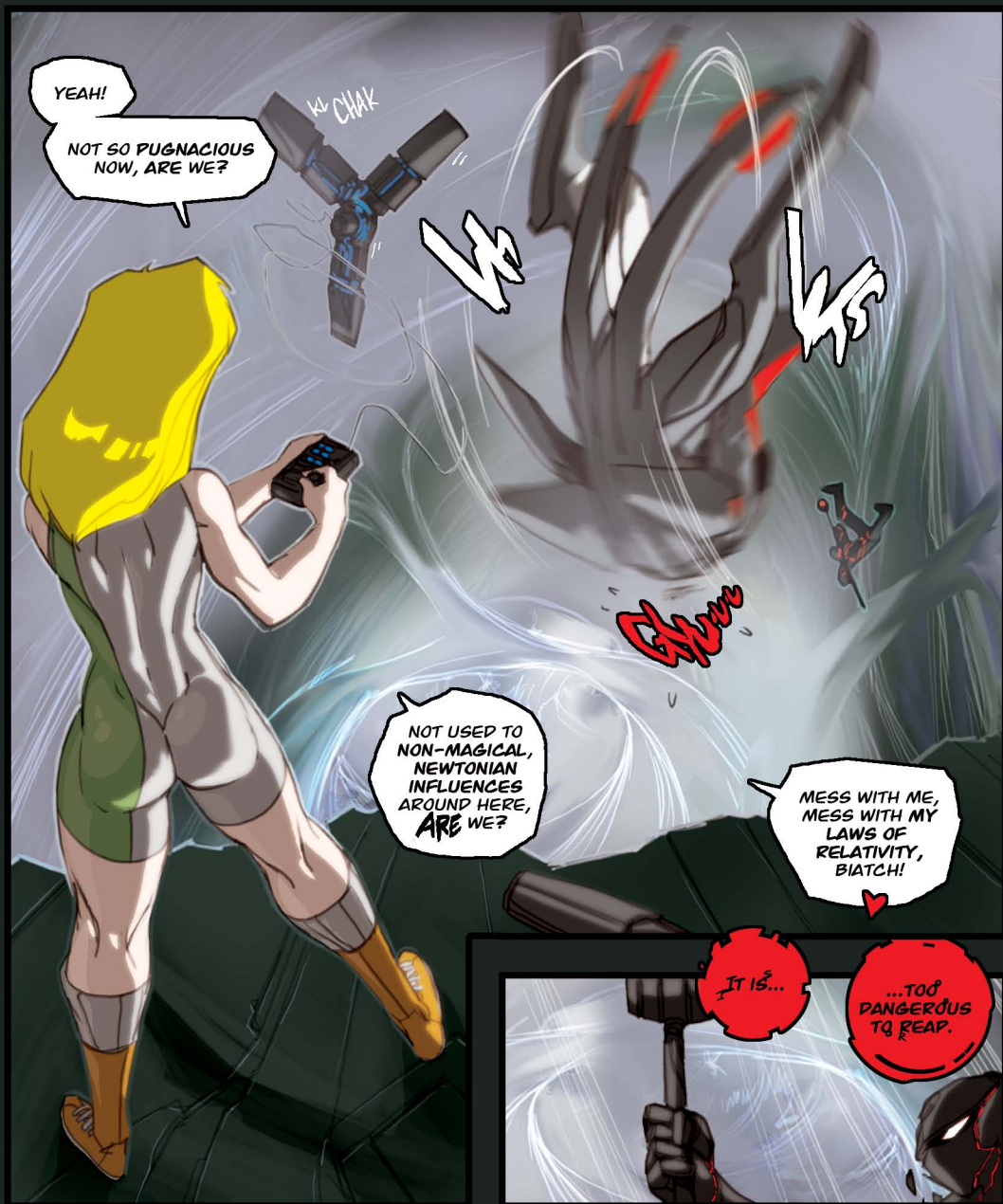


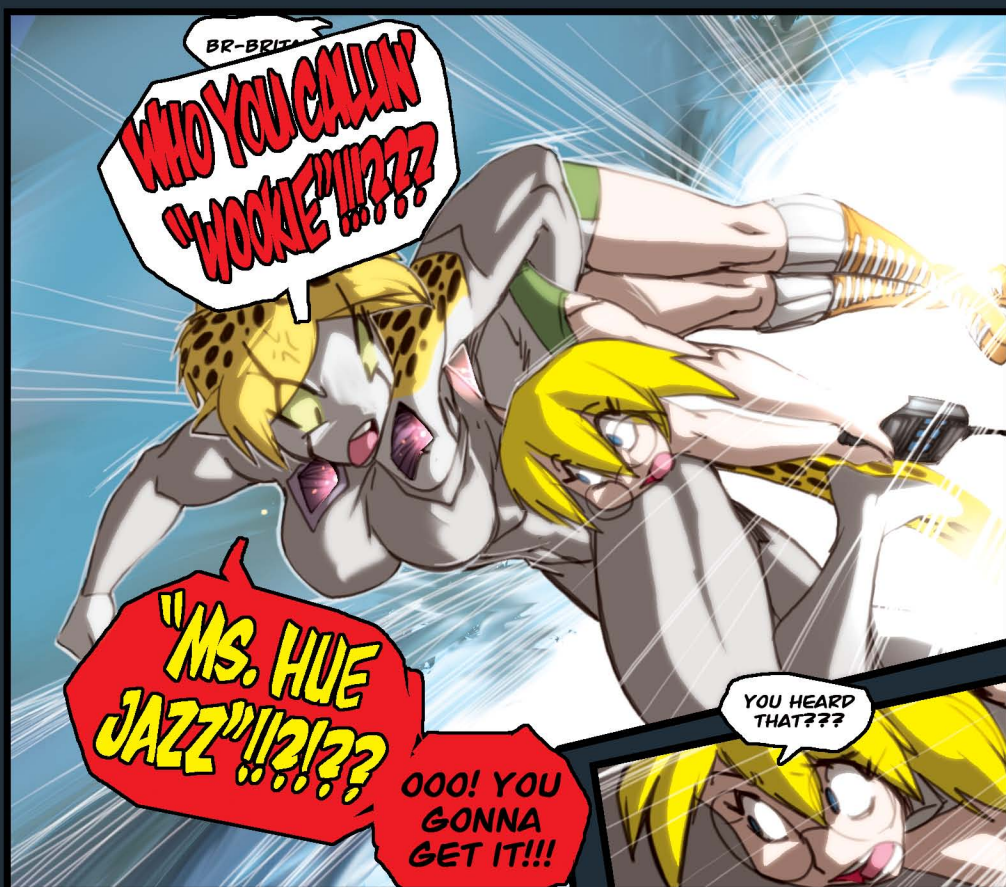
SHINE!

\*GUESS WHO GINA'S FAVORITE CHARACTER IS IN TEAM FORTRESS II?--F.











F-FASCINATING!

YOU... SLEEP... BUT  
YOU CAN KEEP SECTIONS  
OF YOUR MIND ALERT  
WHILE YOU DO SO?

SECTIONS THAT  
LISTEN TO VOICES  
AND PERCEIVE  
EMERGENCIES?

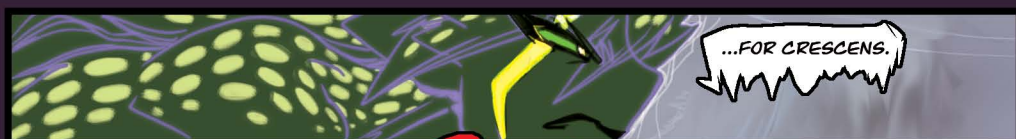
TRYIN' TO CHANGE  
THE SUBJECT AIN'T  
GONNA WORK.

TEMPEST  
MODE.

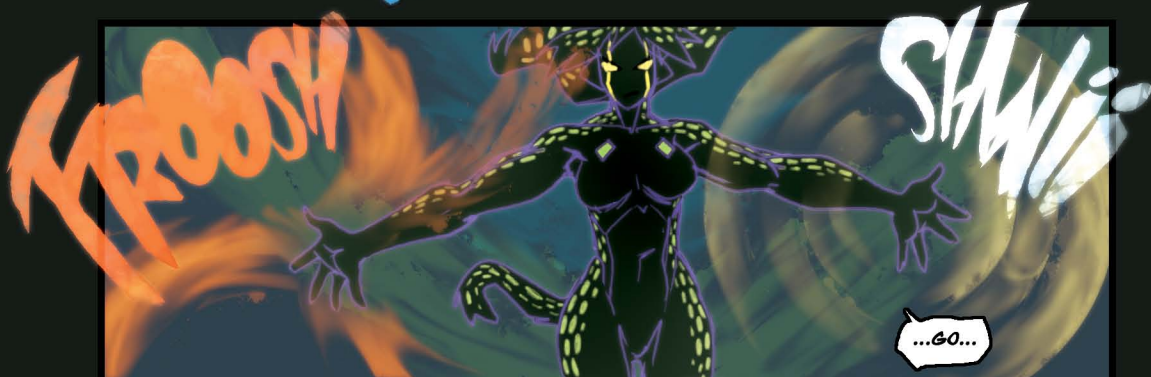


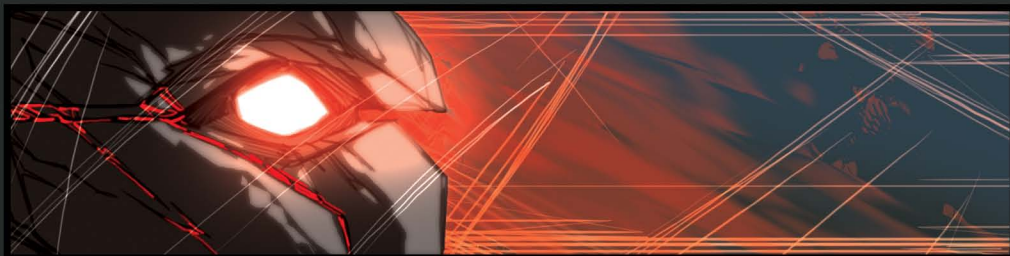
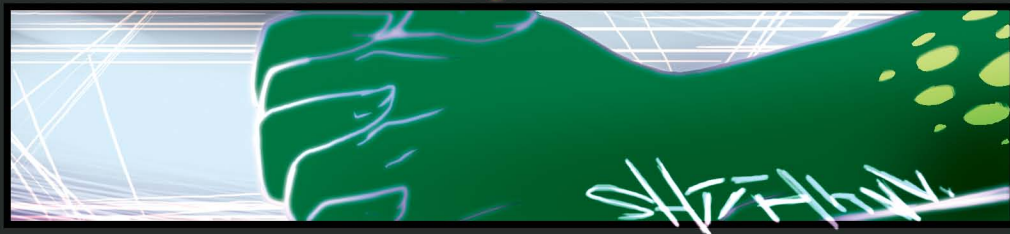


SWAP

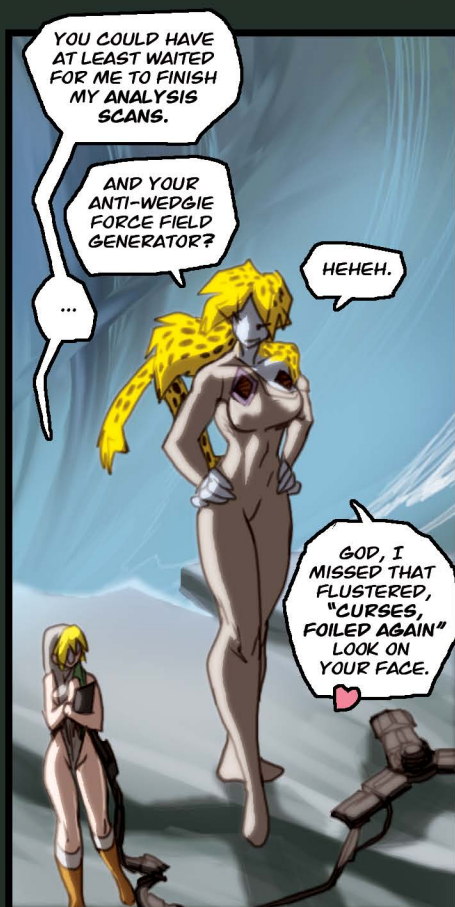
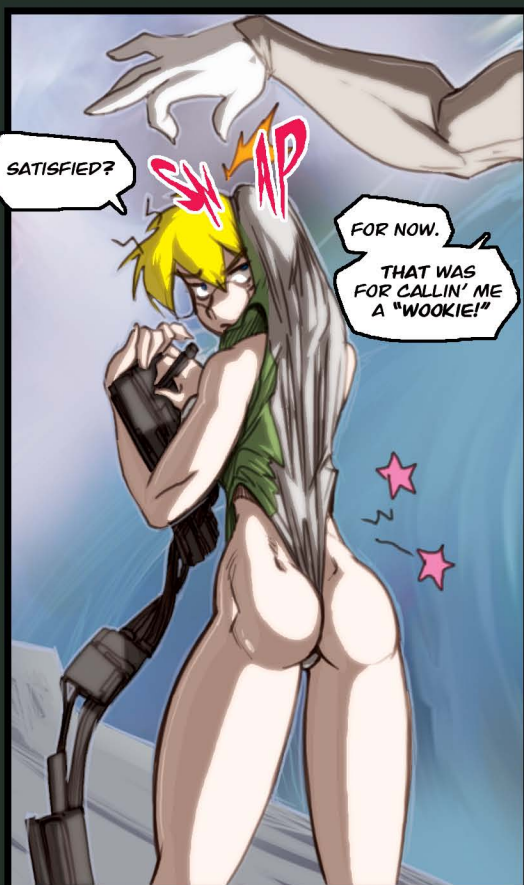


















GINA...

I PLUNGED IN  
WHAT SEEMS LIKE...  
WEEKS AGO.

FROM WHAT  
I LEARNED, THESE  
ROCKS HAVE  
ALWAYS BEEN...  
ROCKS...

...THAT  
IS...

...BEFORE  
YOU ARRIVED.

MAYBE ALL THIS TIME  
YOU'VE BEEN LOOKING  
FOR THE ARTIFICERS...

...WAS ACTUALLY  
AN ETERNITY OF  
THEM LOOKING...

...FOR YOU!