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ABYSSALISKS...  
THE PLAGUE OF  
QUASI-SPACE!

THEY'VE SPREAD  
THIS FAR INTO  
OUR DYNASTY'S  
REGION!

CAN YOU FEEL  
THEM, LITTLE  
SISTER?

CAN YOU LEAD  
US TO THEIR  
NEST?

MY SPIRIT  
WAS ABLE TO  
FOLLOW THREE  
OF THEIR  
PRIDE.

THEY FLED TO  
THEIR MATRIARCH,  
WHO IS NOW  
VULNERABLE...



...SHE IS HOURS  
AWAY FROM GIVING  
BIRTH.

YOU HAVE DONE  
WELL, LITTLE  
SISTER.

THE FAMILY  
WILL PROSPER  
NOW THAT YOU  
ARE WITH US.



SEND FORTH  
YOUR SIBLINGS,  
LITTLE SISTER.

ERADICATE  
THE PLAGUE...



...AND ALL  
IN YOUR  
PATH.

WHAT!!!?

THERE ARE  
NINE THOUSAND!!!?

THAT CAN'T  
BE RIGHT,  
CAN IT?

I THINK IT'S  
RIGHT, BRIT'!!!

Vibibibi

GESPIE IS  
BOOSTING AT  
MAX OUTPUT JUST  
TO KEEP THIS  
PACE...BUT...

...THE DYNASTY  
IS GAINING!



THEY'RE SO  
POWERFUL HERE  
IN QUASI-SPACE!!!  
THE LAWS OF THIS  
REALITY ARE  
DEFINITELY  
IN THEIR  
FAVOR!

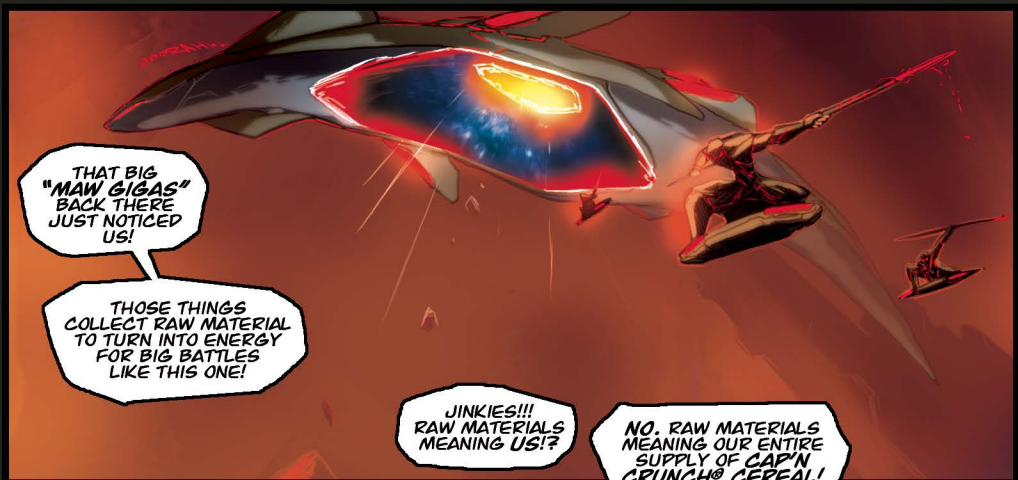
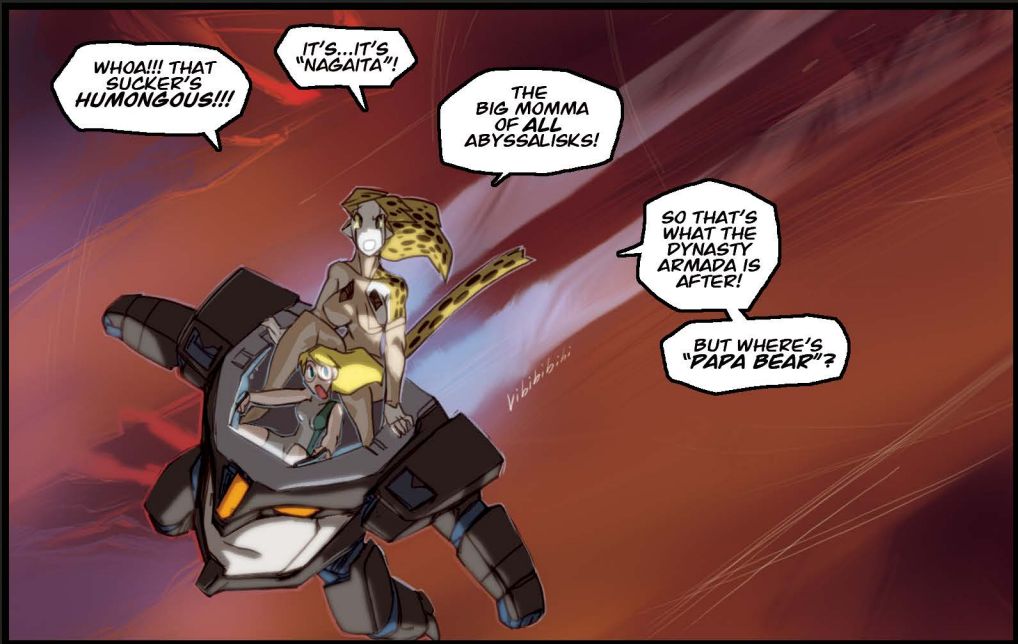
BRIT'...

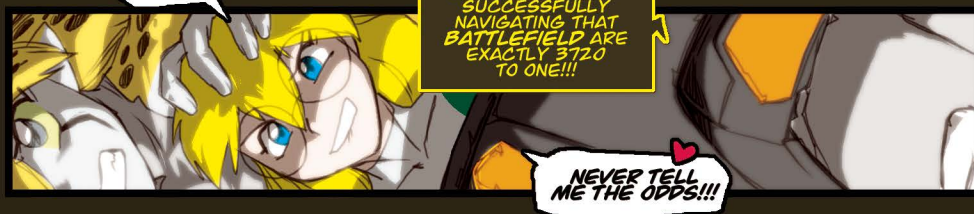
....I DON'T  
THINK WE'RE  
GOING TO GET  
AWAY!!!

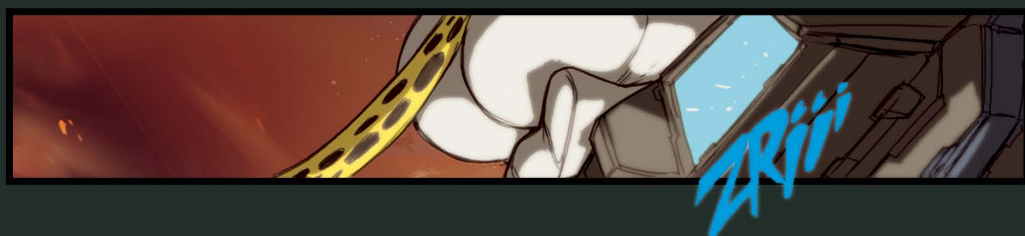
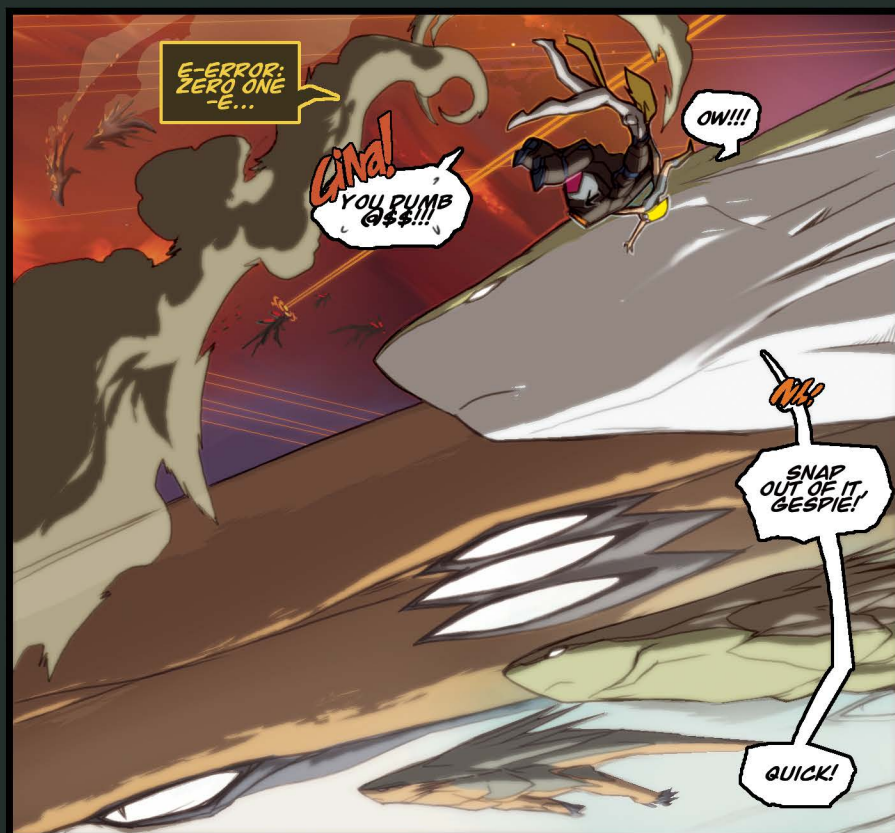


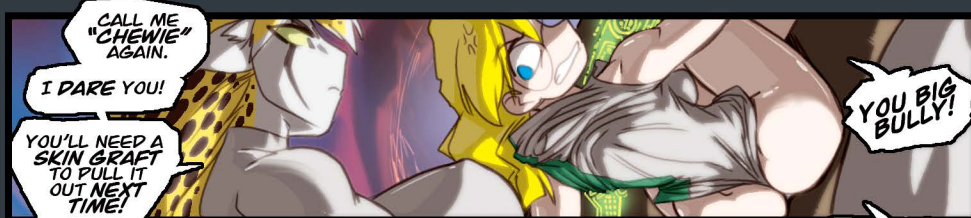
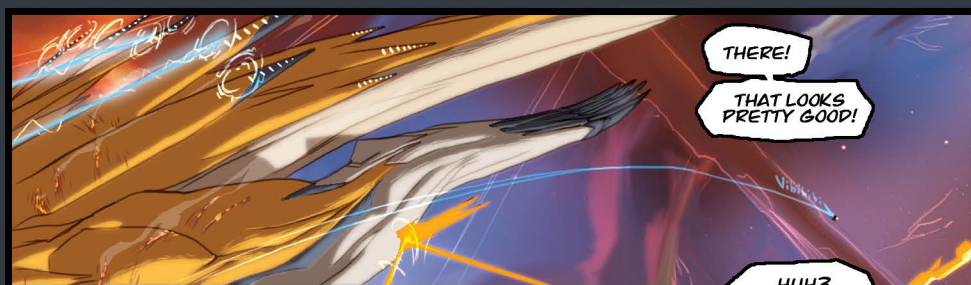
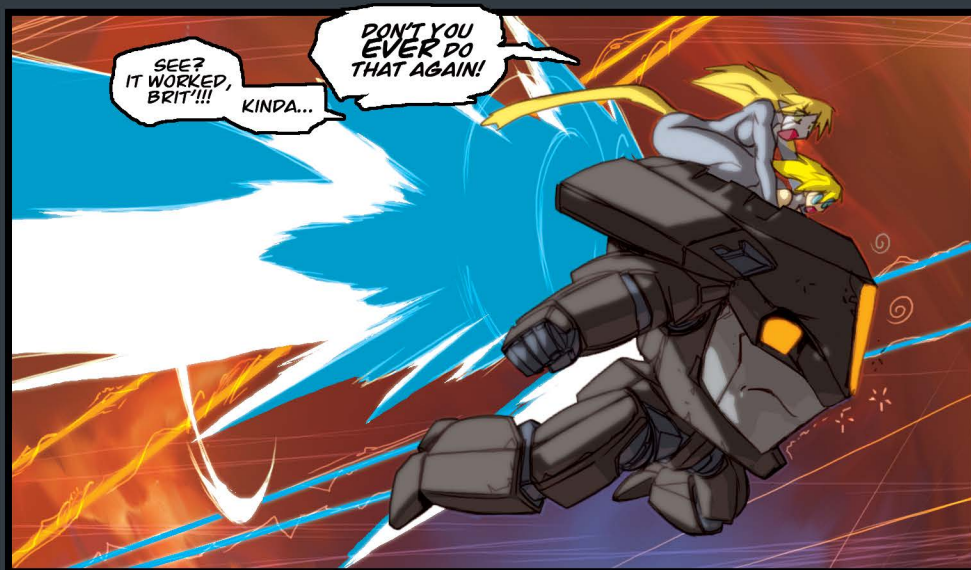














...IT LOOKS LIKE  
SOME KINDA MOON!

IT IS A  
MOON, BRIT'.

BUT INSIDE IS A  
HIDDEN ARTIFICER  
STORAGE FACILITY...!  
I THINK.



GESPIE IS LINKED  
WITH THE MYSTERIOUS  
NAVIGATION NETWORK  
NODES THAT LITTER  
QUASI-SPACE.

THOSE  
WEIRD ROCKS  
ALL OVER THE  
PLACE! I  
REMEMBER  
THAT.

WELL, THIS  
ROCK IS HOLLOW,  
BRIT'!



AND IT'LL MAKE  
US A COZY LITTLE  
HIDING PLACE  
UNTIL THAT HUGE  
BATTLE GOING ON  
IN ORBIT IS  
OVER!



GINA, MY  
ARMOR AND  
INTERNAL  
SERVOS HAVE  
TAKEN BATTLE  
DAMAGE.

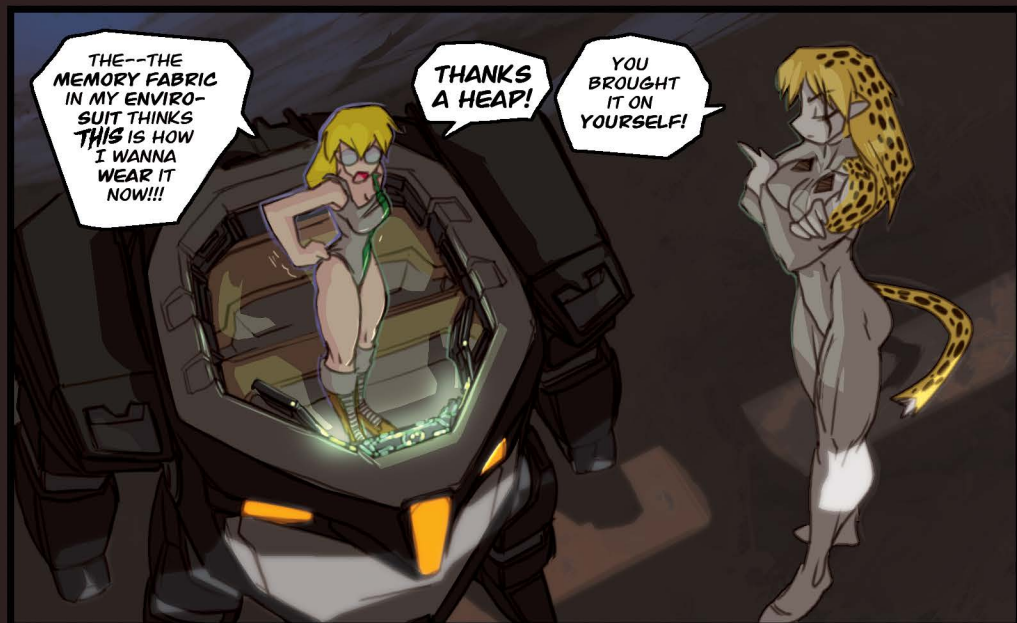
PLEASE REPAIR  
ME.

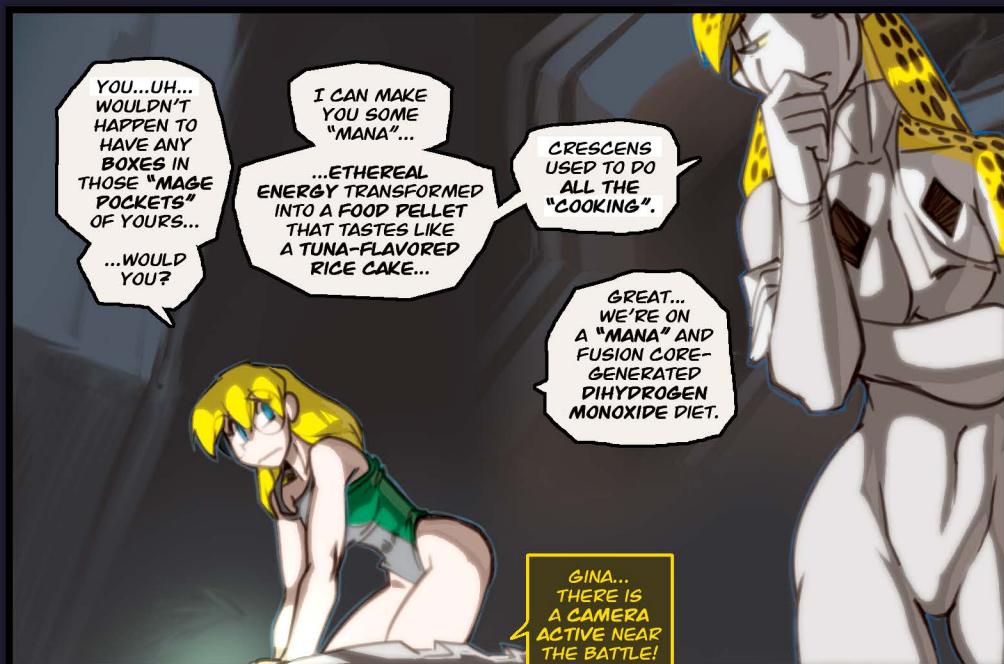
WE'LL PITCH  
CAMP FOR THAT  
IN A SECOND,  
GESPENST.

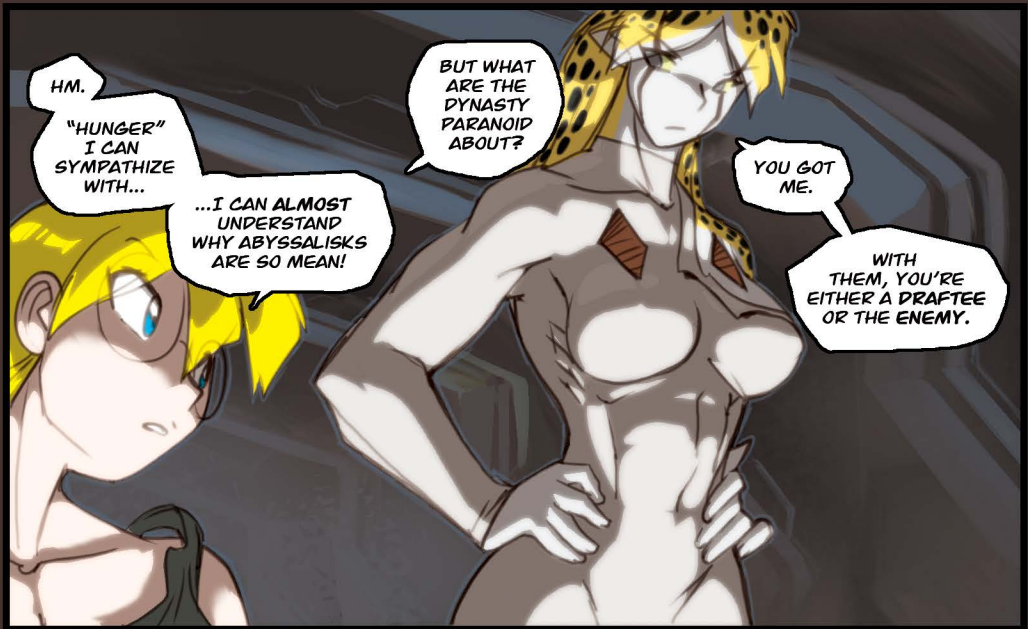
FIRST, WE CHECK  
TO SEE IF THE  
COAST IS  
CLEAR  
AND--

--AW,  
GREAT!

WHAT'S  
WRONG?







HM.

"HUNGER"  
I CAN  
SYMPATHIZE  
WITH...

...I CAN ALMOST  
UNDERSTAND  
WHY ABYSSALISKS  
ARE SO MEAN!

BUT WHAT  
ARE THE  
DYNASTY  
PARANOID  
ABOUT?

YOU GOT  
ME.

WITH  
THEM, YOU'RE  
EITHER A DRAFTEE  
OR THE ENEMY.



WHEN I FIRST  
CAME TO QUASI-  
SPACE WITH  
CRESCENS...

...WE SAW THE  
DYNASTY HARD  
AT WORK HARVESTING  
SOME PRIMITIVE ALIENS  
BY USING SOMETHING  
CALLED A "SOUL  
FURNACE"!

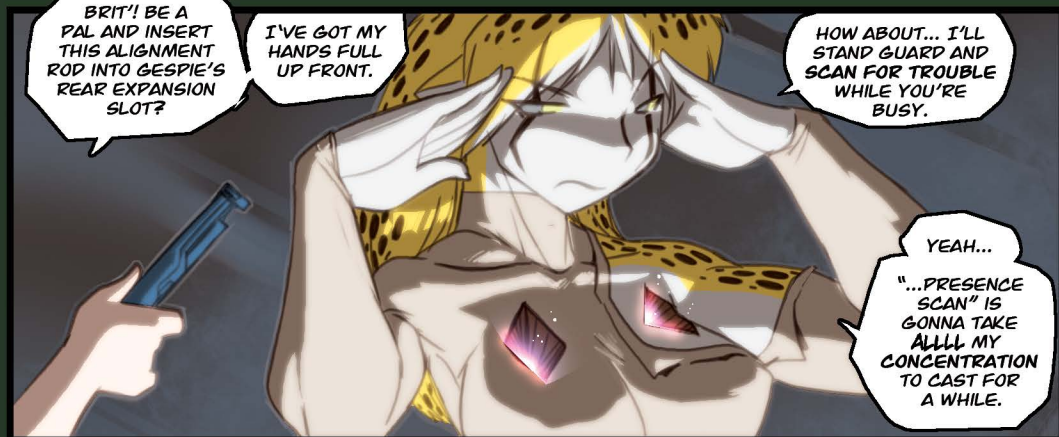
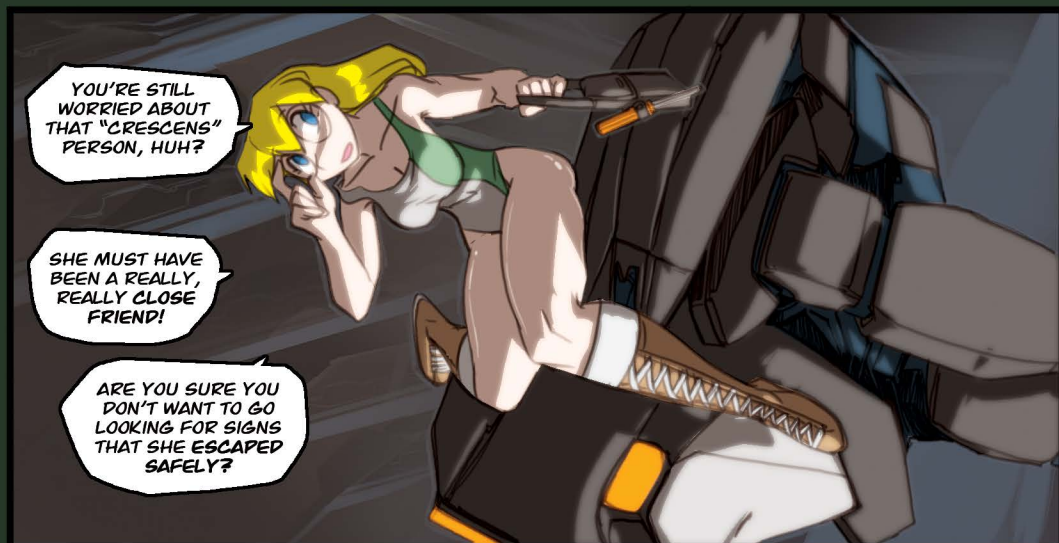
WITH THOSE  
PEOPLE AS RAW  
MATERIAL, THE  
FURNACE CHURNED  
OUT NEW SOLDIERS!

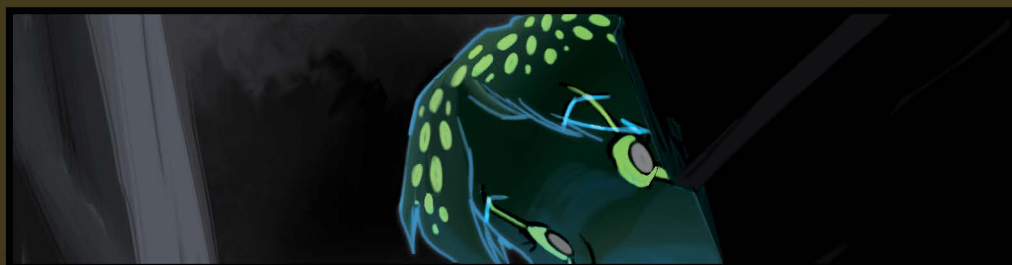
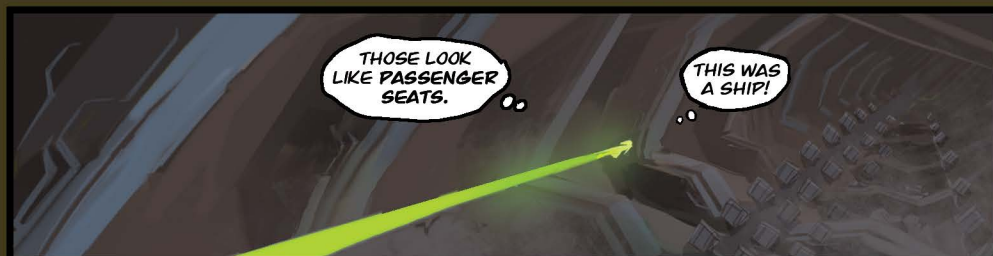
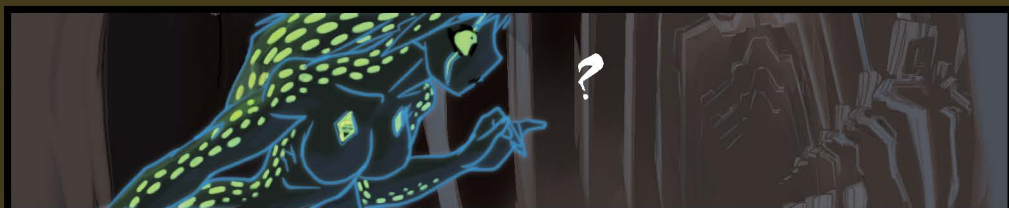
THE LEADER OF  
THAT BATTALION  
TOOK ONE LOOK AT  
US AND DECIDED  
IT WOULD BE  
SAFER TO KILL  
THAN TO  
CAPTURE.

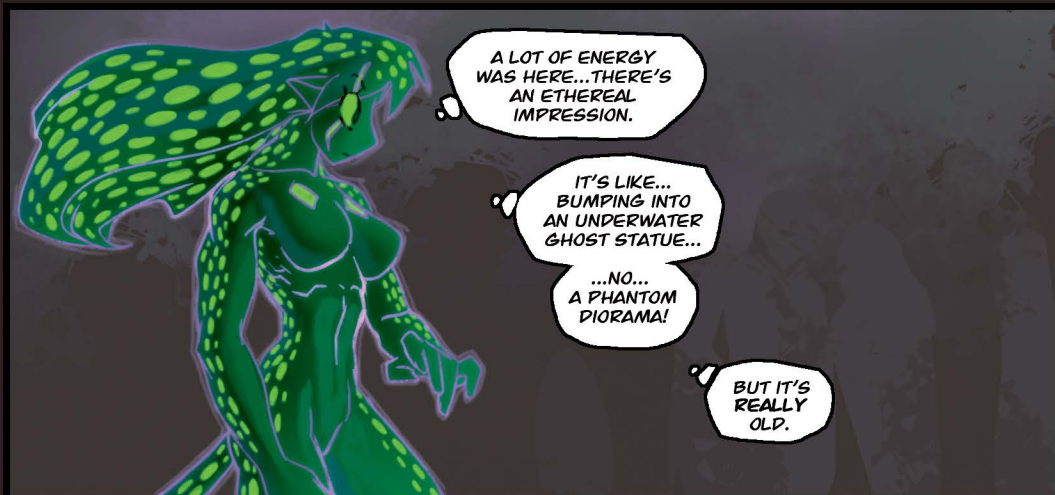
THE DYNASTY HAVE  
ALL THEIR POWER  
HERE...ALL THEIR  
MAGIC!

IT TOOK JUST A  
FEW CAPTAINS TO  
KICK OUR BUTTS.

CRESCENS HELD THEM  
OFF SO I COULD GET  
AWAY.



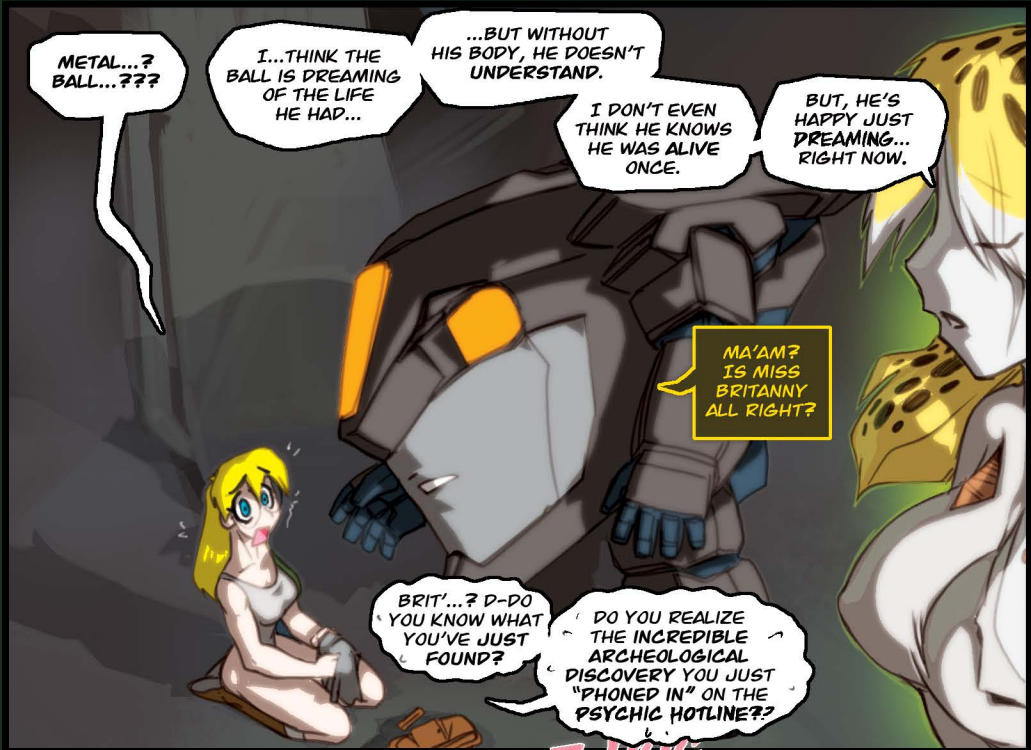






ALL THAT'S LEFT IS DUST... AND A LITTLE METAL BALL.

A MECHA BALL THAT NEEDED A MAGIC BODY TO LIVE A NATURAL LIFE!



METAL...? BALL...???

I...THINK THE BALL IS DREAMING OF THE LIFE HE HAD...

...BUT WITHOUT HIS BODY, HE DOESN'T UNDERSTAND.

I DON'T EVEN THINK HE KNOWS HE WAS ALIVE ONCE.

BUT, HE'S HAPPY JUST DREAMING... RIGHT NOW.

MA'AM? IS MISS BRITANNY ALL RIGHT?

BRIT'...? D-DO YOU KNOW WHAT YOU'VE JUST FOUND?

DO YOU REALIZE THE INCREDIBLE ARCHEOLOGICAL DISCOVERY YOU JUST "PHONED IN" ON THE PSYCHIC HOTLINE??

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PROXIMITY ALARM!

ENEMY DETECTED OUTSIDE!

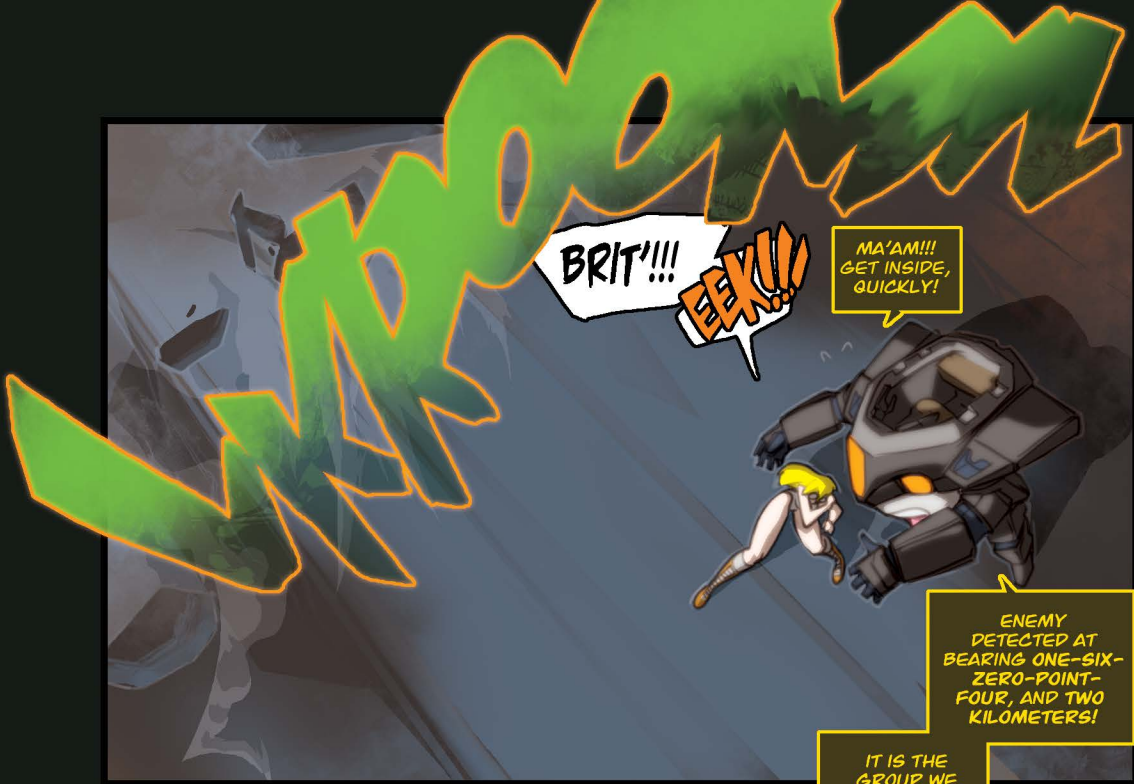
BiBiBi



ZOINKS!!!

BRIT'! IF YOU CAN HEAR ME, GET YOUR BUTT BACK HERE!!!

BiBiBi



IT IS THE GROUP WE ENCOUNTERED BEFORE!



THEY MADE IT THROUGH THE THICK OF THAT BATTLE AND WERE ABLE TO TRACK US DOWN AFTER ALL!



KOONNNNN





EAT BETA-CHARGED PHOTON YOU--

--D'OH! SOMEBODY NEEDS TARGET PRACTICE!

GINA!!! YOU LITTLE DUMB-@\$\$!!!



THEY DIDN'T KNOW WHERE WE WERE!

THEY WERE BEATIN' THE BUSHES!!!

WH-WHOOPS!!!



EEK!



NOW.

CONSUME THEM.

HOLD.

LITTLE SISTER?



AS I FELT...

...THAT ONE IS  
FAMILIAR  
TO ME.



NO...



HER STRENGTH  
WILL JOIN OURS.

SHE WILL  
JOIN OUR  
FAMILY.

