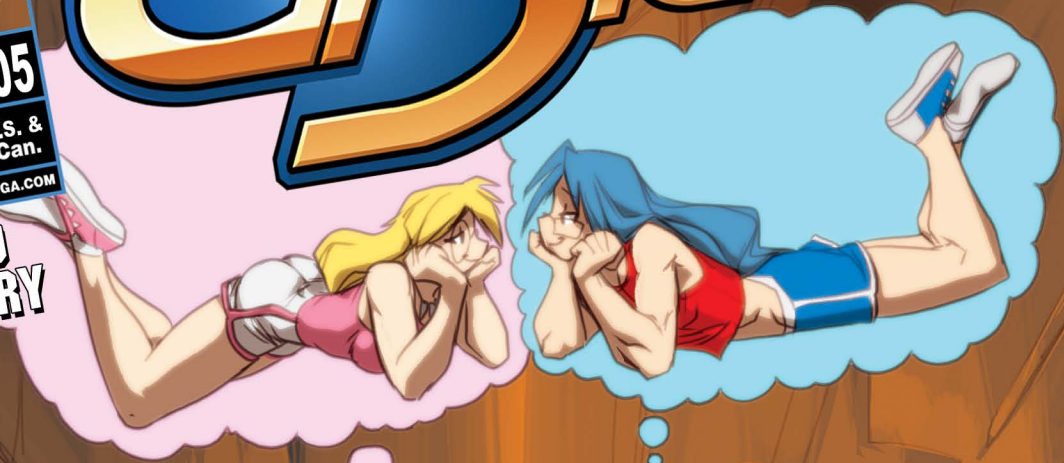




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GINA DIGGERS: Archaeologist, super-scientist, and adventurer; lover of all things Monty Python, Roddenberry and Lucas. Gina's spent much of her adult life exploring the bizarre and inexplicable all over the Earth and off it, ever in search of new knowledge. Loads of loot is a pleasant bonus, of course. Having settled down (some) since the wilder days of her youth, she now teaches archaeology at a local university in her home of Atlanta, Georgia, preparing the next generation of adventurers. Her current project is Earth's Age of Wonder.

BRITANNY DIGGERS: Gina's "baby sister" and Earth's last full-blooded were-cheetah. Adopted as an infant by Gina's father, Brit's accompanied Gina on most of her adventures as an assistant and bodyguard, even if (most times) she would rather have been exploring high-end clothing stores at the mall. Brit' has also settled down (some) to be a doting wife, loving mother, and kick-butt martial arts instructor.

BRIANNA DIGGERS: Part Gina, part Brittany, and all trouble. Brianna blends Gina's technical brilliance and Brit's physical prowess with an unsettling helping of weapons mania. Her innate, semi-instinctive talent for magic can be a mixed blessing, but it sure comes in handy when she runs out of ammo. Bri' may never settle down.

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AMAZING
DISCOVERY,
PROFESSOR
SLEAKE.

BUT OF
COURSE!

ANOTHER
SUCCESSFUL
EXPEDITION!

PROFESSOR
EBENEZER
SLEAKE
NEVER
FAILS!

WHY, I **KNEW** I WAS
ON TO SOMETHING
MONUMENTAL DURING
THE LAST SURVEY ZAN
AND I CONDUCTED--

Zan!

ZAN! COME
OUT OF THERE
AT ONCE!!!

Zip

WHAT!?

HMPH! YOU CAN
TAKE THE APE-MAN
OUT OF THE JUNGLE,
BUT--

WE'LL BEGIN
PREPARATIONS
FOR AN EXHIBIT
AT ONCE,
PROFESSOR!

AS WELL AS
A BIG BONUS
ALONG WITH YOUR
HONORARIUM!

SPLendid,
MRS. HAGGER.

IT'S ALWAYS
PLEASANT TO HAVE
"THE POCKETS STAY
PHAT," AS THEY SAY.

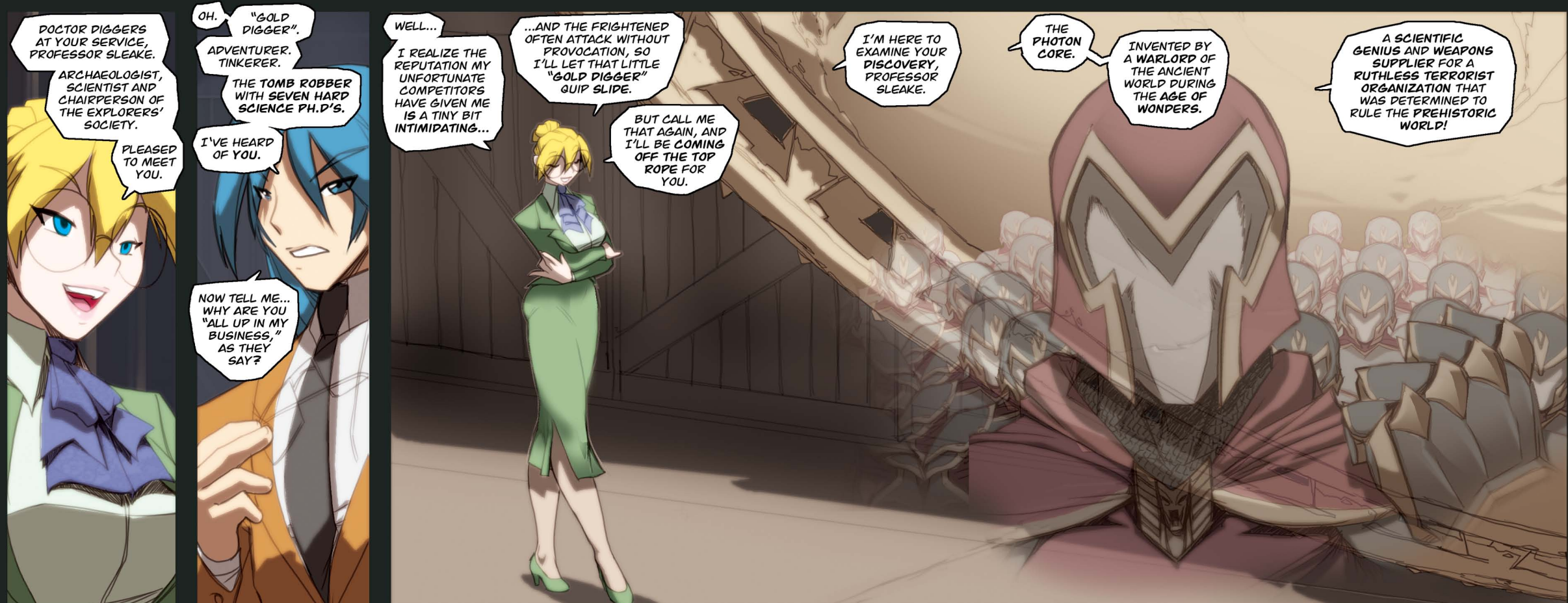
SO TELL ME,
PROFESSOR...
EXACTLY WHAT IS
THIS ARTIFACT YOU
HAVE DISCOVERED?

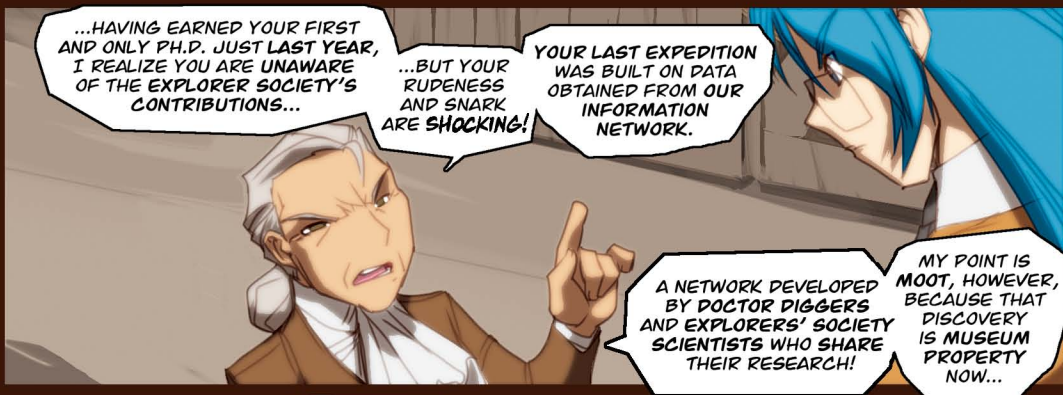
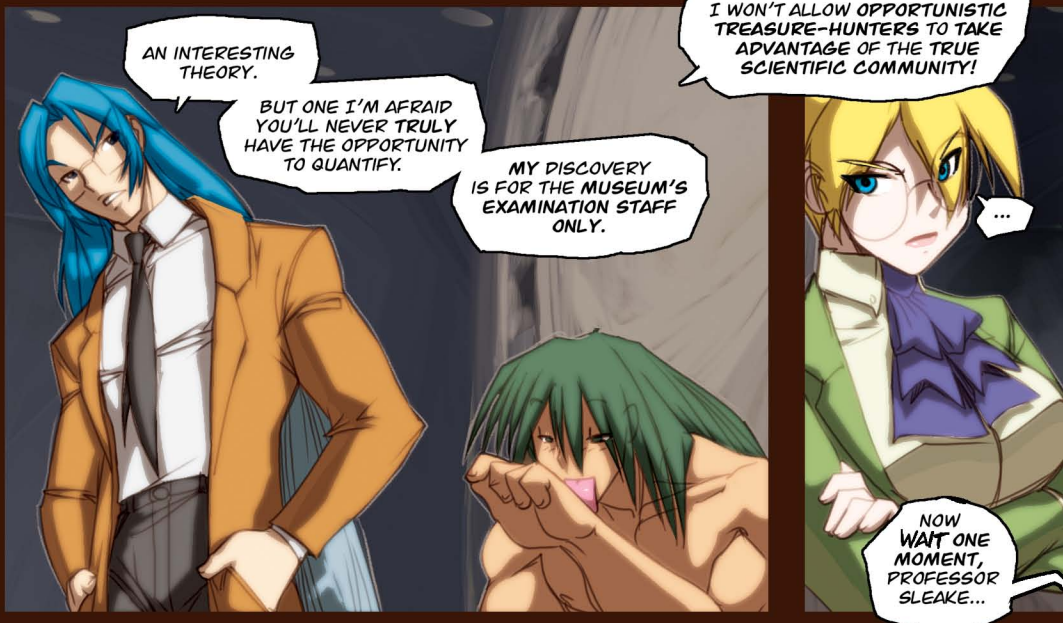
OH... IT'S...

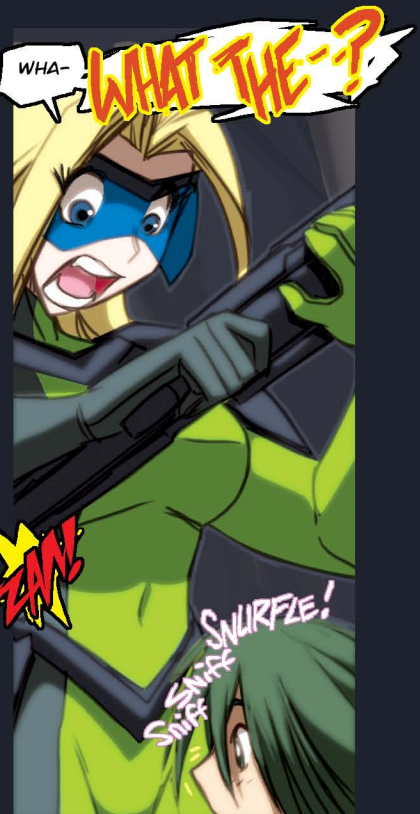
UHM...
THAT IS
TO SAY...

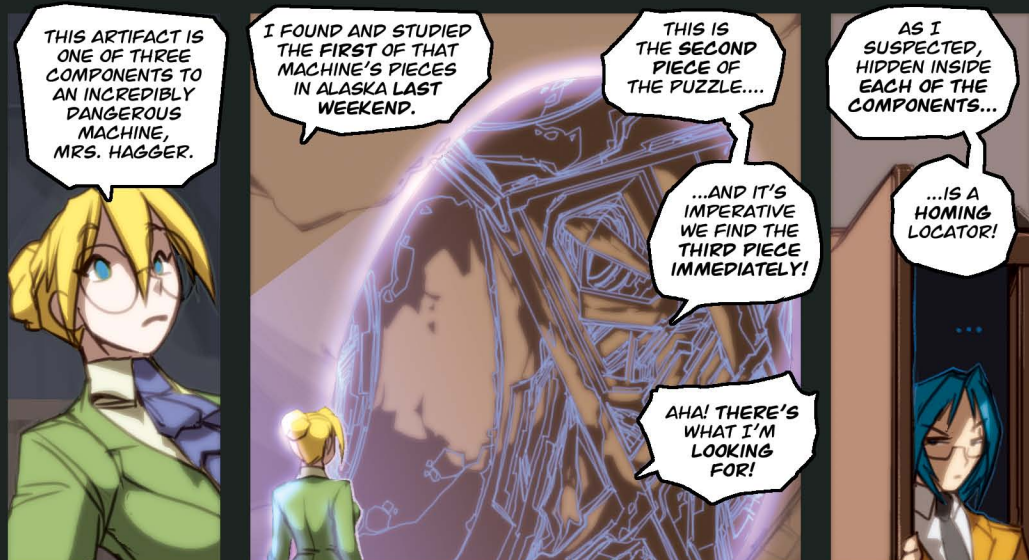
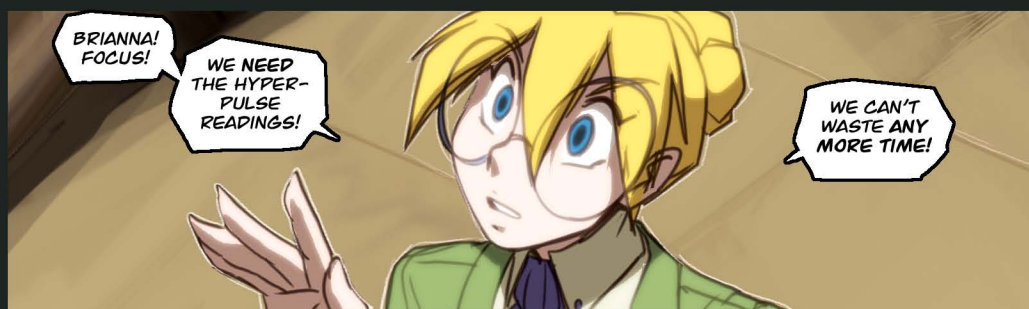
...WELL,
IN ALL
HONESTY...

...I DON'T
KNOW!

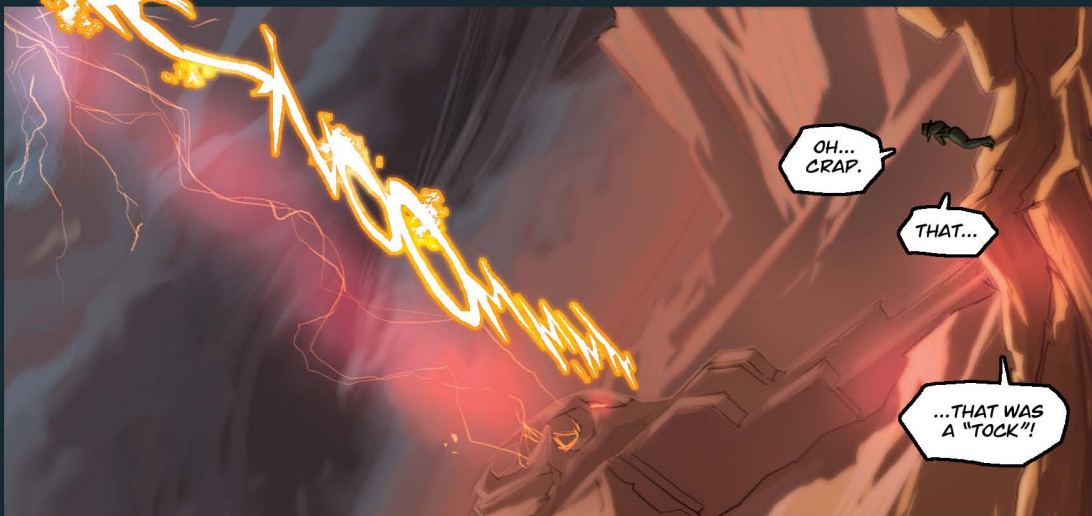














GINA...WHAT'S HAPPENING?

IT'S SUMMONING THE WAR STORM!

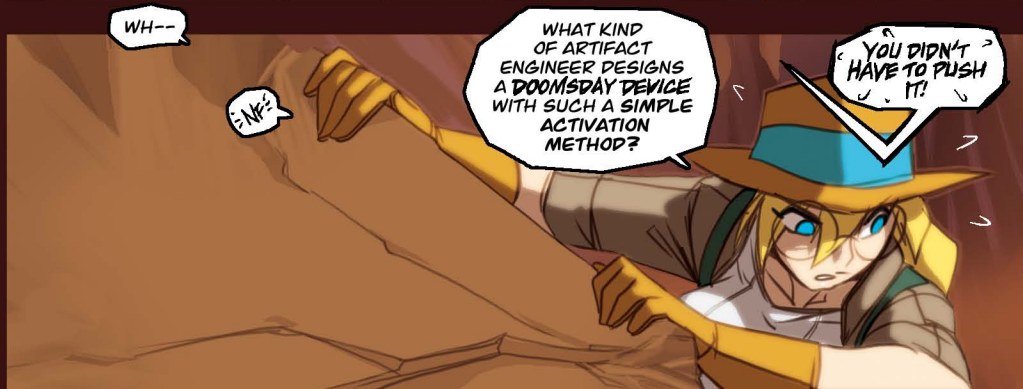
THE GODZILLA OF AIR ELEMENTALS!

A SELF-AWARE CATASTROPHE!



"I READ ABOUT IT ON THE GLYPHS OF THE FIRST COMPONENT"...

... "BUT AFTER I PUSHED THAT OH-SO-EASY-TO-FIND ST-START BUTTON"!!!



WH--

NO!!

WHAT KIND OF ARTIFACT ENGINEER DESIGNS A DOOMSDAY DEVICE WITH SUCH A SIMPLE ACTIVATION METHOD?

YOU DIDN'T HAVE TO PUSH IT!

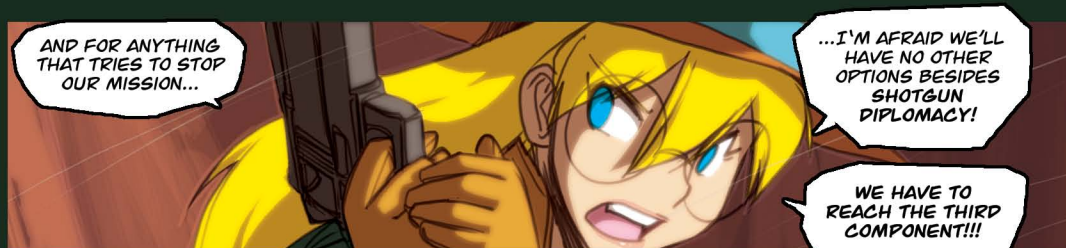


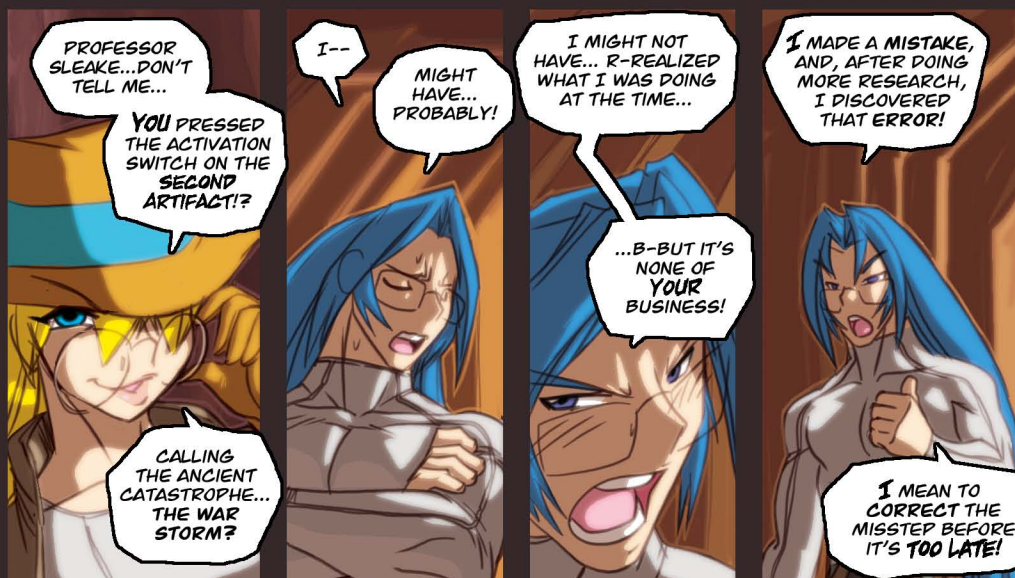
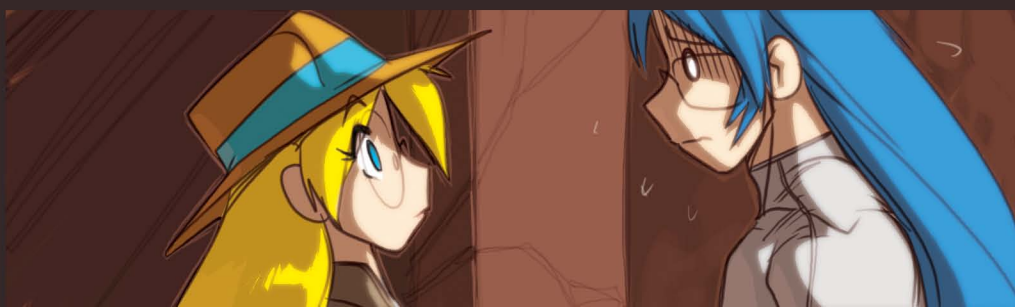
I-I WAS CURIOUS!

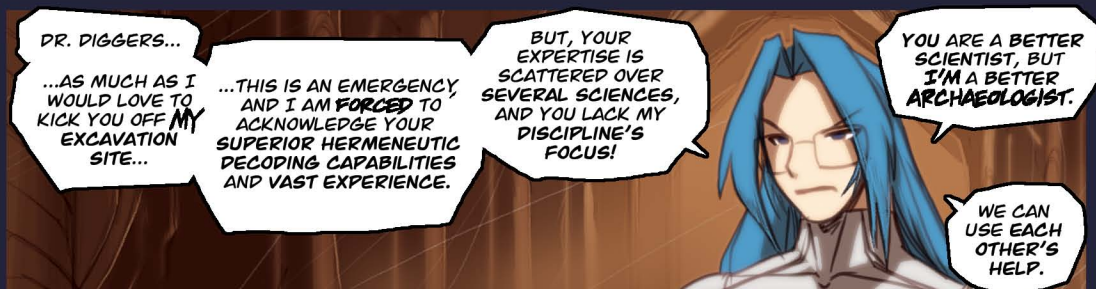
BUTTONS ARE MY KRYPTONITE!!! THAT AND STUPMUFFINS!

SO I'M NOT SOLEY RESPONSIBLE FOR MY ACTIONS!

YOU ARE TOO!

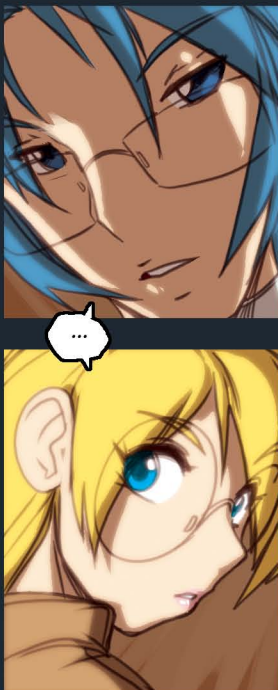


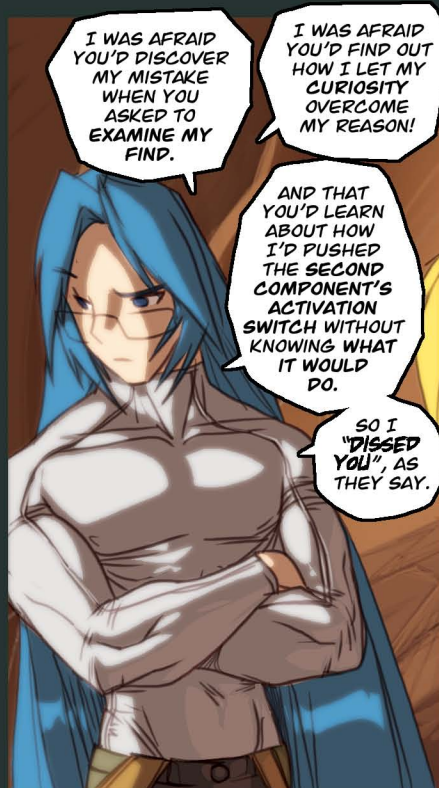
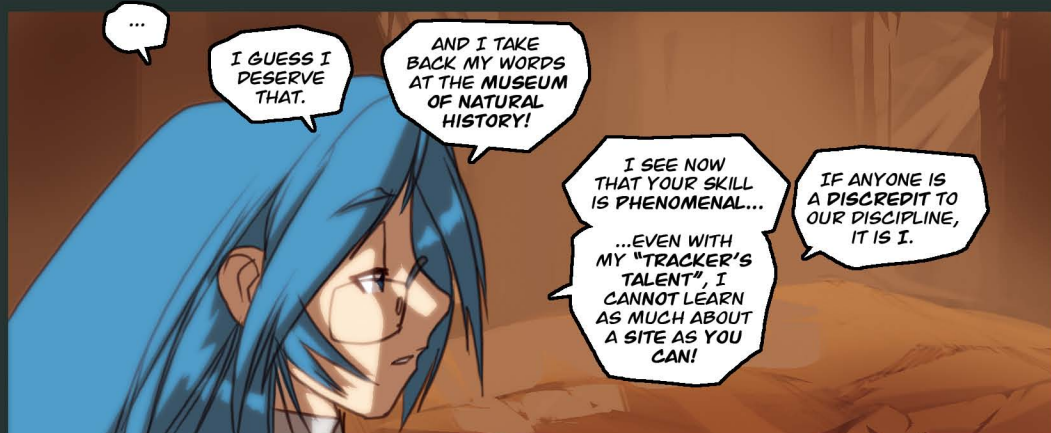


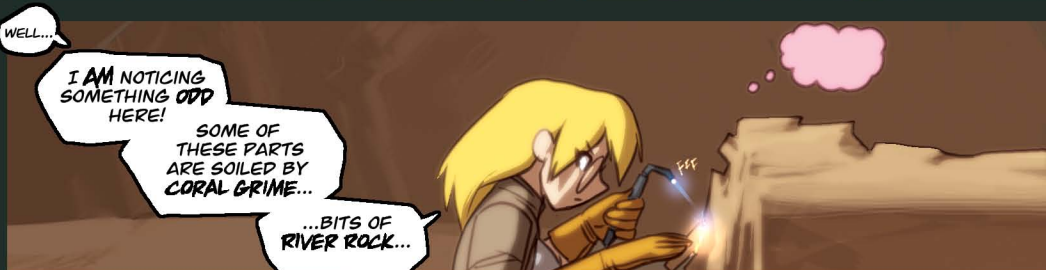


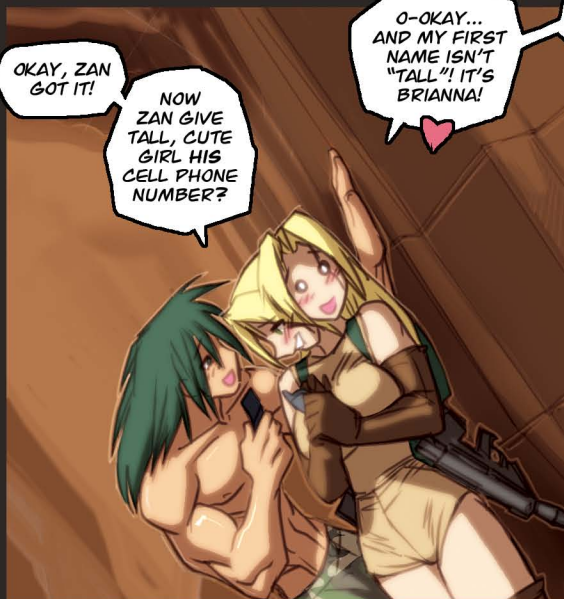












THE STORM



TH-THE
WAR
STORM!



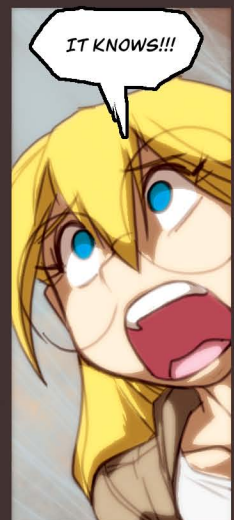
GEEENA!!!
PLEASE SAY
YOU'RE DONE
WITH THOSE
REPAIRS!!

I'M DONE!
I JUST NEED
TO REVERSE
THE--



THE COMPONENT!

IT'S MAKING A
GRAB FOR THE
COMPONENT!



IT KNOWS!!!



THE STORM
KNOWS WE'RE
TRYING TO
STOP IT!

EVERYONE!
HURRY!!!







I THOUGHT
YOUR KICK
WAS IT!!

CAREFUL,
BRIANNA!

DESTROYING
THAT
COMPONENT...

...WILL
KILL THE
WAR
STORM'S
MIND!!

AND THE LAST
THING OUR
ATMOSPHERE
NEEDS...



...IS A FEW DECADES
OF THAT THING'S BODY
RUNNING AROUND WITH
ITS HEAD CUT
OFF!



THE ONLY
WAY TO STOP
THE WAR
STORM...

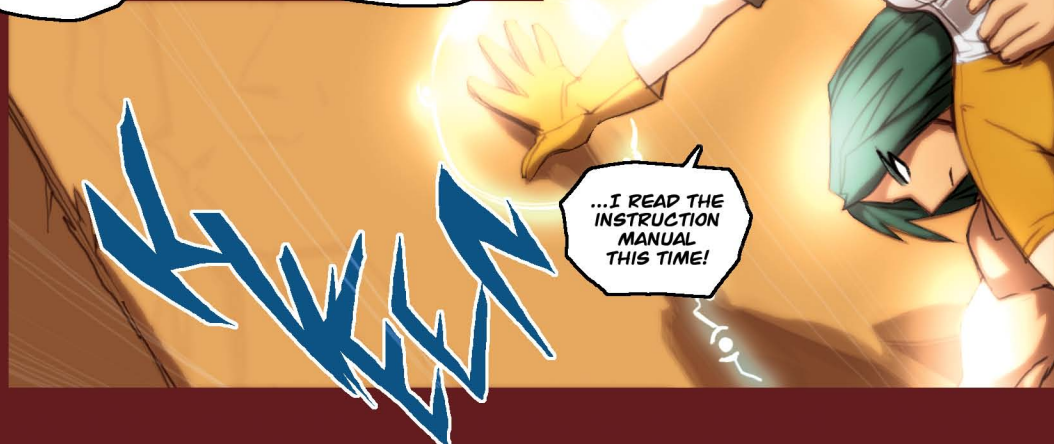


...IS TO
GIVE HIM
THE COMMAND!

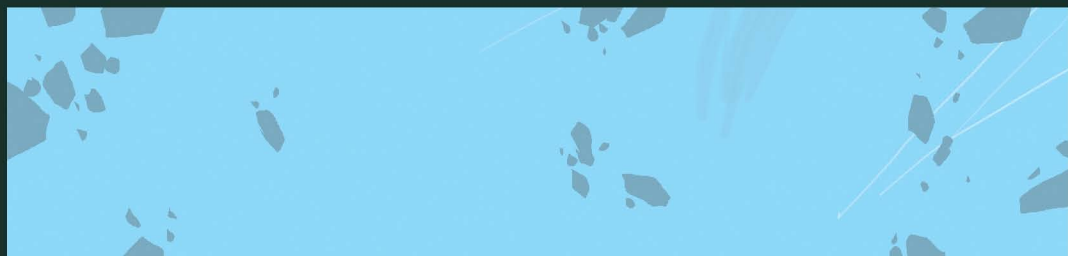
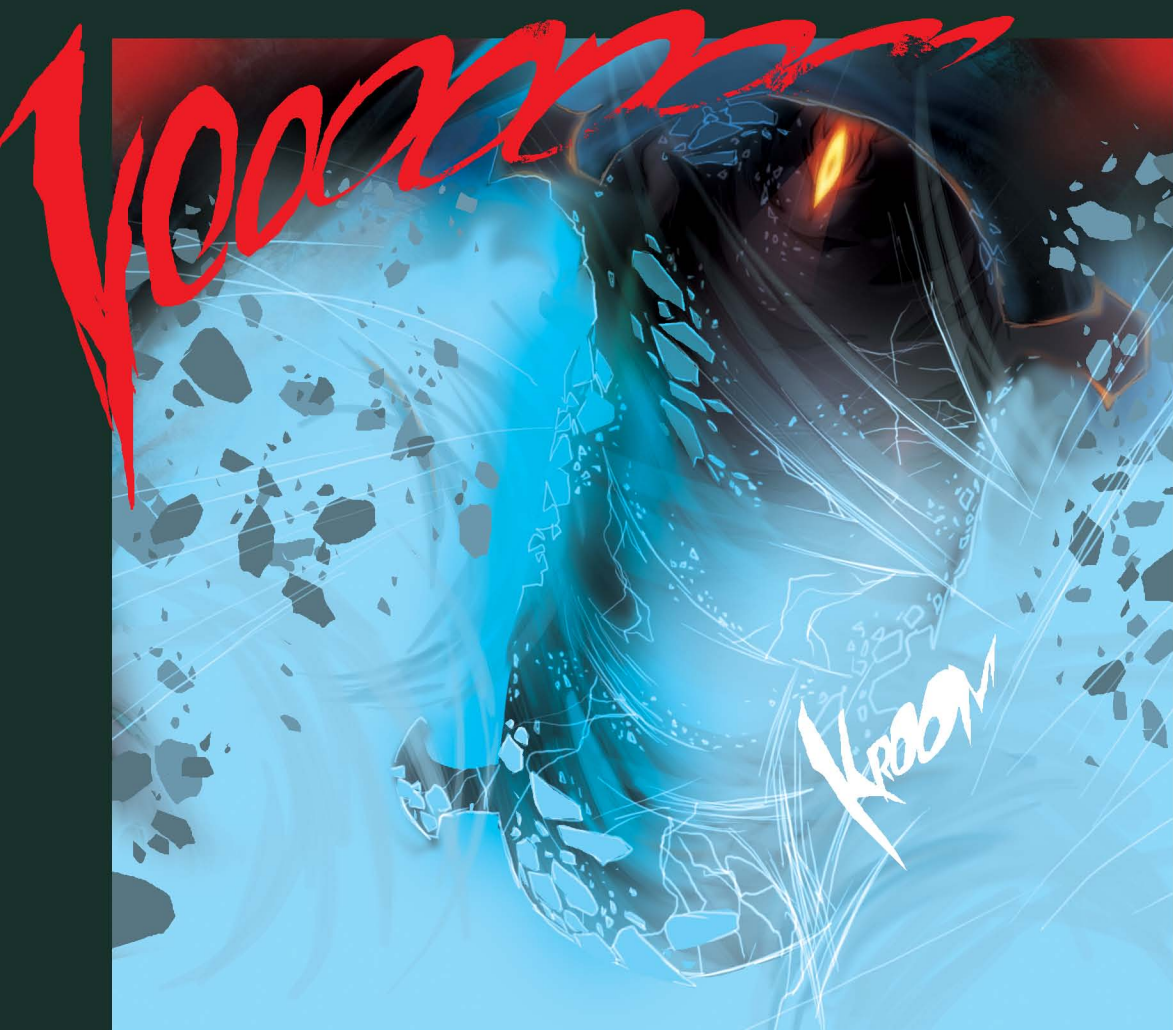


AND
FORTUNATELY...

...I READ THE
INSTRUCTION
MANUAL
THIS TIME!



KICK





WHEW!
THAT WENT
PRETTY
SMOOTHLY!

YEAH...
SMOOTH.



BRIANNA, IF YOU
EVER SEE ME
ABOUT TO PRESS
A STRANGE
BUTTON AGAIN,
I WANT YOU TO
HIT MY NOSE
WITH A ROLLED
UP NEWSPA--



--PER...



AHEH!

AHEHEH.

WELL...

I'LL--I'LL
LEAVE YOU
TO YOUR SITE,
PROFESSOR
SLEAKE...

YOU'VE GOT
WORK TO DO.

ACTUALLY,
DOCTOR
DIGGERS...

...I WAS
HOPING
YOU
WOULD
HELP
US.

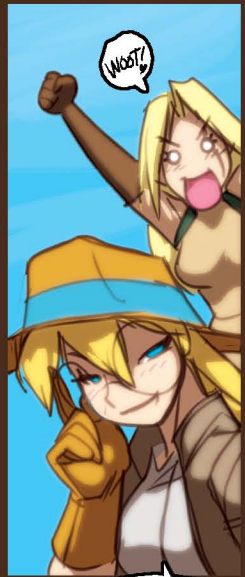
I-I CAN THINK
OF NO OTHER
SCIENTIST I'D
RATHER SHARE
THIS SITE
WITH.



YOU
COULD USE
THE SPARE
TENT AT
OUR CAMP.

AND NOW
THAT I SEE
WE HAVE...
SIMILAR
WEAKNESSES...

...PERHAPS WE
COULD HELP
EACH OTHER
OVERCOME
THEM...
GINA?



WOOT!

PERHAPS,
NEZ...

PERHAPS.