



JAN 12 #136
\$3.99 U.S. & Can.
WWW.APMANGA.COM

FRED
PERRY

GOLD DIGGER



JANUARY 2012

A "PHANTOM ZONE"!

WE SHOULD HAVE SOME
KIND OF "PHANTOM
ZONE" FOR SOME OF
THE JOKERS WE HAVE
TO SMACK DOWN, GINA!

IT'S NOT FOR US TO
DECIDE, BRITANNY.

THE DYNASTY
PATRIARCH IS THE
PRISONER OF THE
AMARAN PEOPLE!

HE'S A GENOCIDAL,
PSYCHOPATHIC
GALACTIC SLAVE
MASTER!

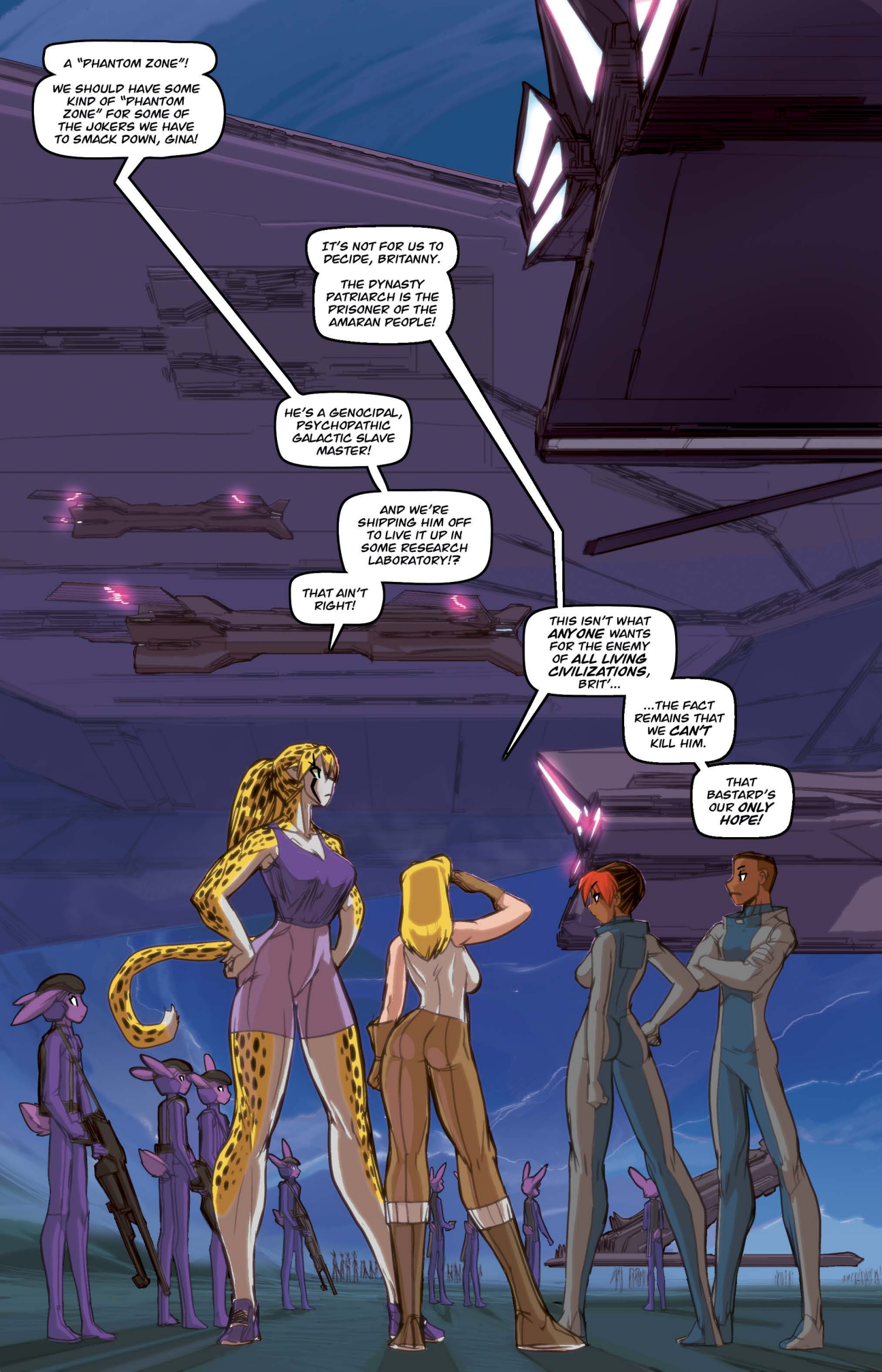
AND WE'RE
SHIPPING HIM OFF
TO LIVE IT UP IN
SOME RESEARCH
LABORATORY!?

THAT AIN'T
RIGHT!

THIS ISN'T WHAT
ANYONE WANTS
FOR THE ENEMY
OF ALL LIVING
CIVILIZATIONS,
BRIT'...

...THE FACT
REMAINS THAT
WE CAN'T
KILL HIM.

THAT
BASTARD'S
OUR ONLY
HOPE!



SAY WHAT?!

THE DYNASTY HAD A REASON FOR WANTING TO EXTINGUISH OR ASSIMILATE EVERY LIVING ORGANISM TOUCHED BY THE ANCIENT GARDENERS!

YEAH! THEY WERE STRAIGHT-UP SIPPIN' THAT GALAXY-SIZED HATER-AID!

THE DYNASTY KEPT SAYING THEY WERE PREPARING AGAINST SOME UNSEEN, UNDETECTABLE "ENEMY" CRAWLING UP FROM THE DEPTHS OF TIME.

BUT WE ALL AGREED THAT "ENEMY" IS IMAGINARY!

THE DYNASTY IS AN IMMORTAL, COSMIC FAMILY OF DELUSIONAL, PARANOID SCHIZOPHRENICS!

MAYBE NOT, PENNY.

I GOT A CLEAR PICTURE WHEN I COMMUNICATED WITH THE DYNASTY PATRIARCH'S SYMBIOTS AND GOT THEM TO STOP FOCUSING THEIR POWERS FOR HIM.

THERE'S A VIRAL SHADOW ENTITY STUCK BETWEEN THE FOLDS OF CHRONOSPACE, INCHING THIS WAY.

THE PATRIARCH IS AFRAID THAT WHEN THE ENTITY ARRIVES, IT WILL BE ABLE TO MANIFEST ITSELF BY TRANSFUSING INTO THE LIFE FORCE OF ANYTHING TOUCHED BY THE GARDENERS.

WHICH IS PRETTY MUCH MOST OF THE LIVING ORGANISMS IN THE KNOWN UNIVERSE!

THOSE WHO ARE ALTERED BECOME FEARSOMELY POWERFUL SHADOW MINIONS!

CREATURES SO SCARY, THE WHOLE DYNASTY HIGH-TAILED IT INTO QUASI-SPACE A MILLION YEARS AGO WHEN THEY THOUGHT THE SHADOW ENTITY HAD ARRIVED.

THE ONLY ONES WHO ARE IMMUNE ARE DYNASTY MEMBERS.

ONLY DYNASTY SYMBIOTS CAN FIGHT THE LIFE FORCE INFECTION.

THEN WE NEED TO LEARN HOW THEY DO IT.

AND THEREIN LIES OUR PROBLEM, BRIT!

BEING SYMBIOTS, THESE TINY SILICON ORGANISMS CAN'T SURVIVE OR FUNCTION WITHOUT OUR MASS-MURDERING BASTARD HERE!

IF HE GOES, ALL DYNASTY SYMBIOTS GO WITH HIM!

OH, SON OF A--



I BELIEVE THE ANSWERS TO UNRAVELING THE SECRET DEFENSES OF THE DYNASTY SYMBIOTS REST IN THE **BETA PHASE**.

THE PATRIARCH'LL MAKE A GOOD GUINEA PIG FOR THAT RESEARCH, AND THE AMARANS ARE GIVING ME **FULL ACCESS**.

I COULD NEVER CONDUCT THE BETA-TECH EXPERIMENTS I **NEED** FOR SUCH A PROJECT ON INNOCENT PEOPLE OR ANIMALS!



HARSH... MIGHT DESCRIBE THOSE PROCEDURES WELL ENOUGH.

BUT PATRIARCH RIO CAN ATONE FOR HIS CRIMES BY **ENDURING** FOR EVERYONE ELSE'S SAKE.

SO TRUST ME WHEN I TELL YOU, BRIT'...

...HE'S **NOT** GETTING OFF EASY.



W-WELL... THEN... I'M GOING TO HITCH A RIDE TO THE MEDICAL FRIGATE.

I WANT TO VISIT JAN, ROL AND THEIR FAMILY.

THEY WERE IN THE PATRIARCH'S CLUTCHES FOR A WHILE BEFORE WE RESCUED THEM, AND THEY'RE STILL PRETTY WEAK.

GINA SHOULD GET BACK TO HER SEARCH FOR PREADWING IN THE **ASTRAL RIFTS**.

NO USE IN DEALING WITH **ONE VILLAIN** ONLY TO LET ANOTHER GET **CLEAN AWAY!**



GOOD POINT, PENNY.

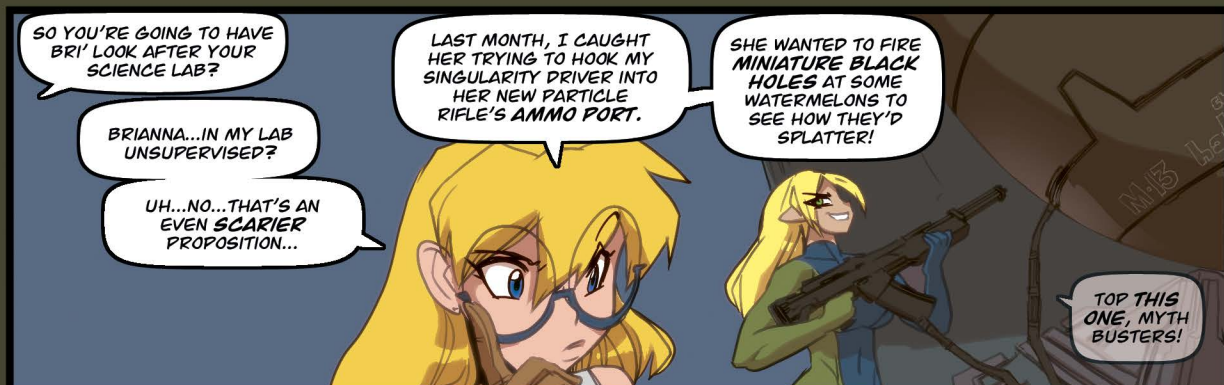
KEVIN CAN BRING YOU BACK HOME ON THE **VISIGOTH**.

I'LL STAY WITH THE AMARANS UNTIL MY RESEARCH IS FINISHED.

SHE'S... GETTING RID OF ACE AND ME...

...SO WE AREN'T AROUND WHEN SHE BEGINS HER **"TRIALS"**.

PENNY DOESN'T WANT US TO SEE HER **DARK SIDE**...





I GUESS WE'VE ALL GOT A TON OF WORK TO DO.

WE'LL DO THAT NEXT SATURDAY!

LET'S TRY TO KEEP EACH OTHER POSTED ON OUR PROGRESS.

WHEN WE'RE ALL BACK IN ATLANTA FOR THAT WEEKEND.

BARRING EMERGENCIES, OF COURSE!

WAIT! WHAT'S GOIN' DOWN NEXT SATURDAY?

YEAH. WHAT'S UP, BRIT'?



SCOFF!

I DON'T BELIEVE YOU GUYS!

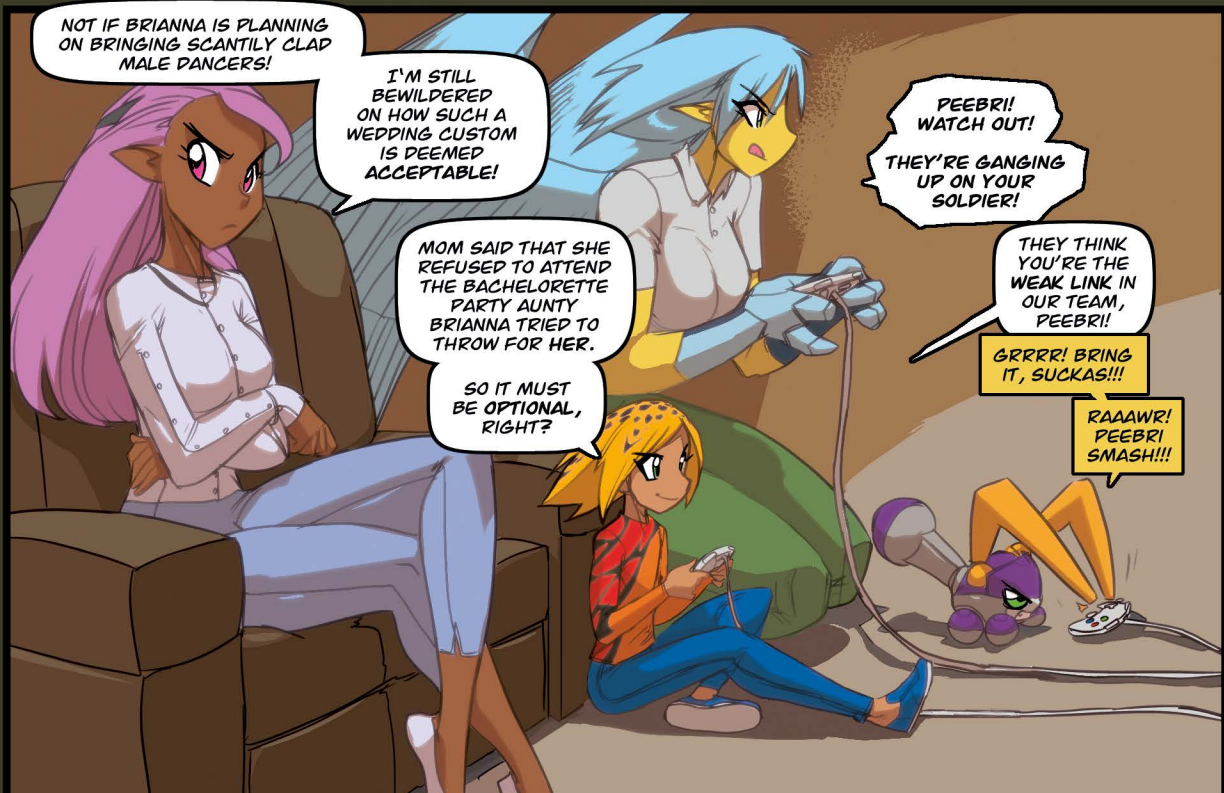
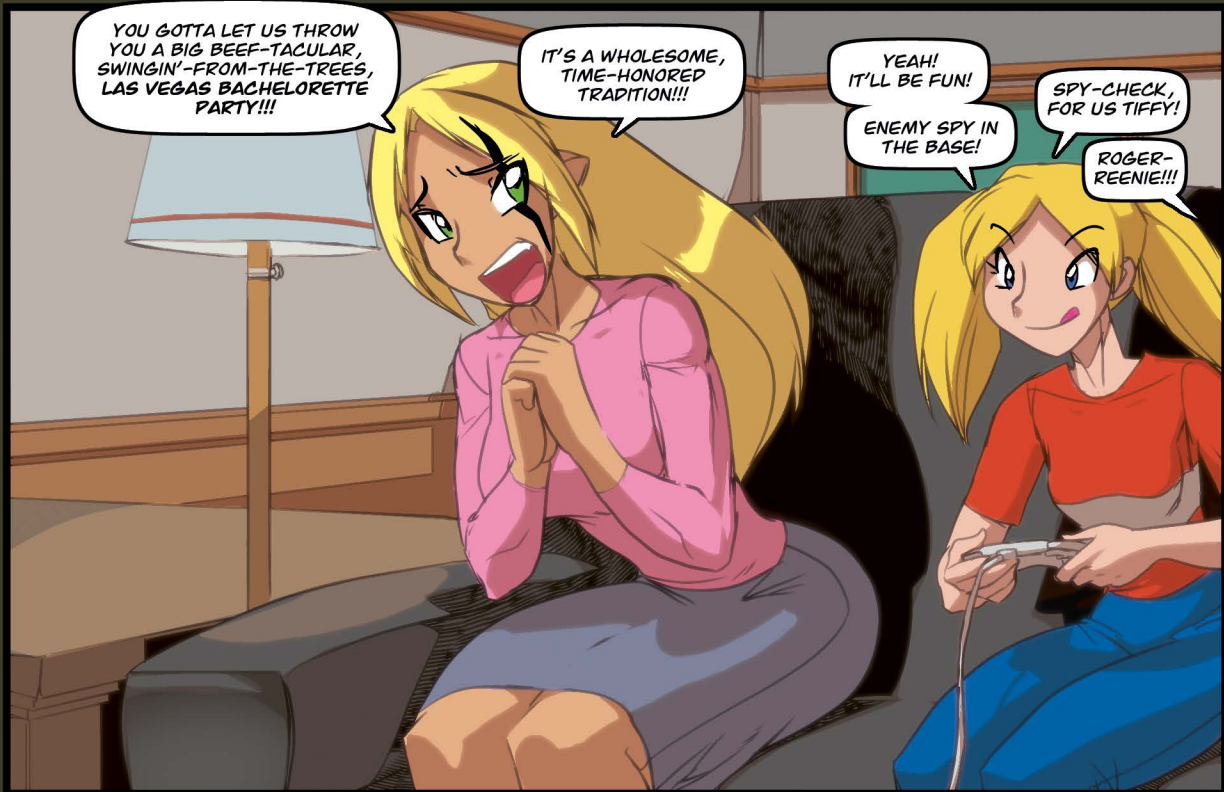
NONE OF YOU REMEMBER, DO YOU!?

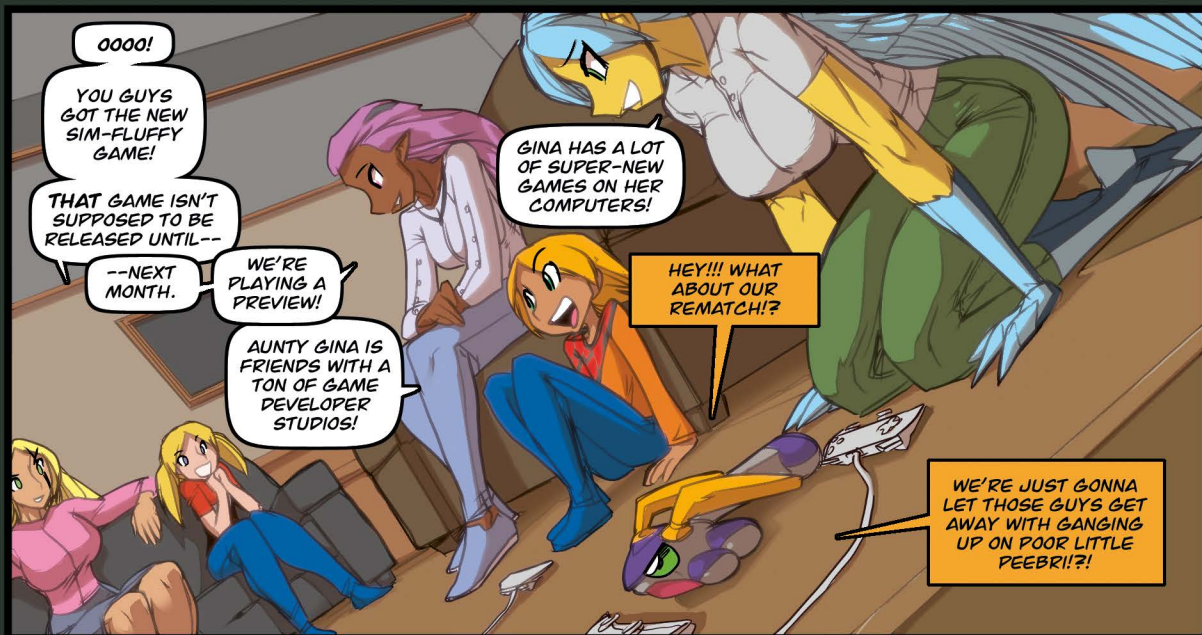
NEXT SATURDAY IS SEANCE AND GENN'S WEDDING!

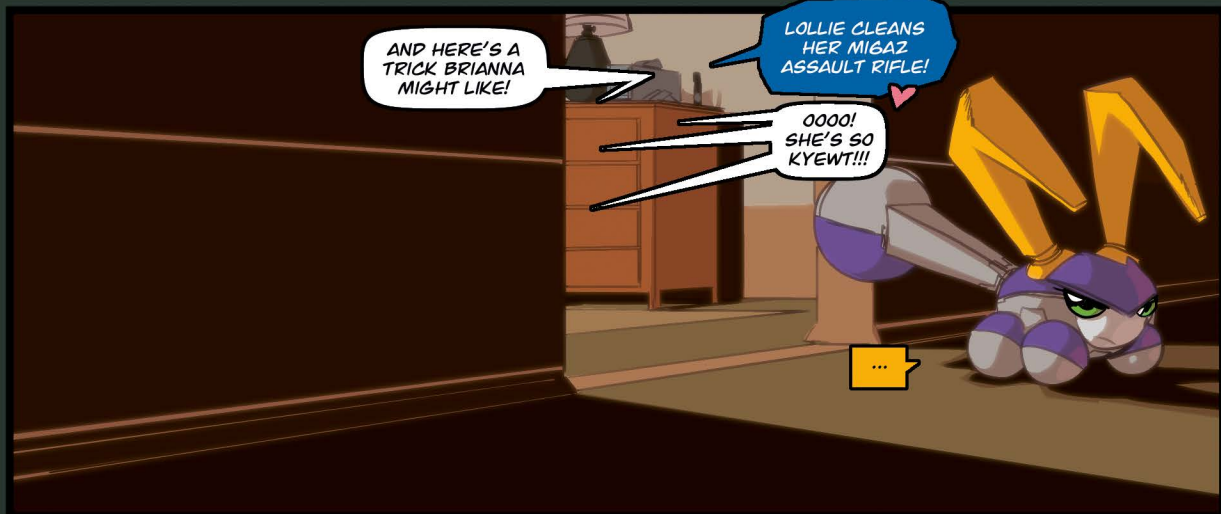
STRIPE AND I WERE TOO BUSY TO HANDLE OUR OWN WEDDING ARRANGEMENTS, YOU KNOW.

BACK WHEN WE WERE FIGHTING THE DYNASTY FOR THE FIRST TIME ON STRIPE'S HOMEWORLD, GENN AND SEANCE TOOK CARE OF EVERYTHING!

ALL OF THE ARRANGEMENTS WERE READY BY THE TIME WE GOT BACK HOME!









I'M THE ONLY ONE WHO WAS ABLE TO STICKY-BOMB THE POPE, STEVEN SEAGAL AND LYNRYD SKYNYRD DURING LAST YEAR'S SUPER CELEBRITY BATTLE-MATCH...

...AND THEY'RE GONNA JUST LET SOME SCRUBS RUIN MY REP!?



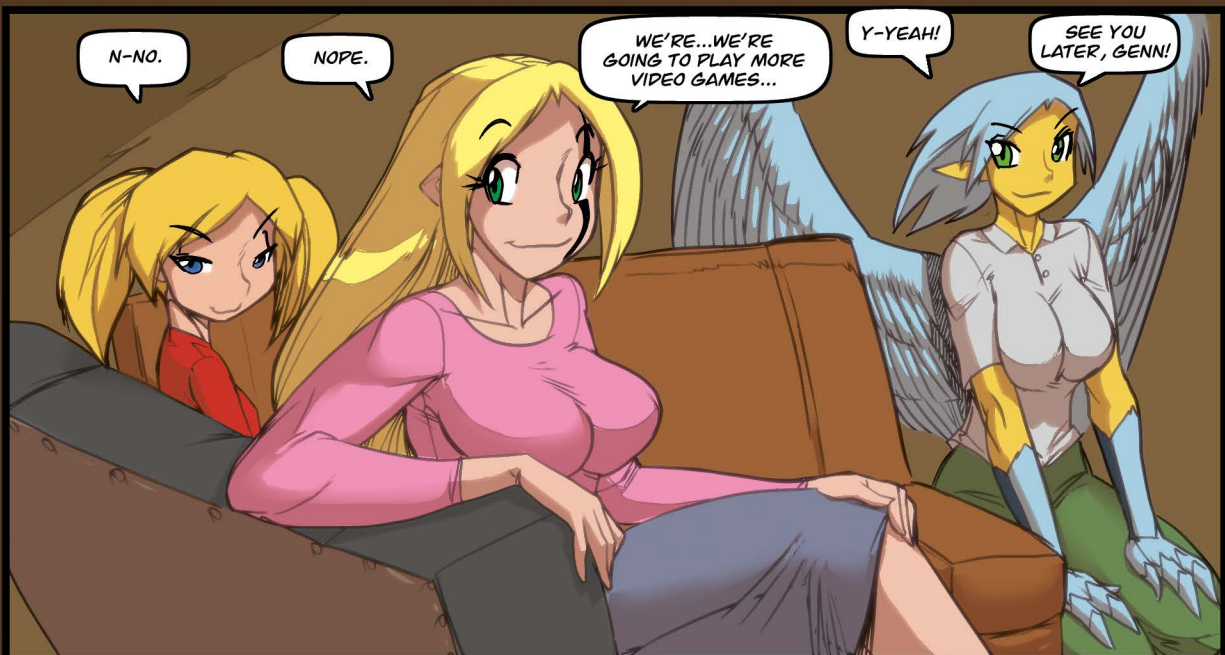
TIME I TOOK MATTERS INTO MY OWN HANDS! ER...USB PORTS!



ANYONE WANT TO COME REGISTERING WITH ME?

I'LL COME.

ANYONE ELSE?



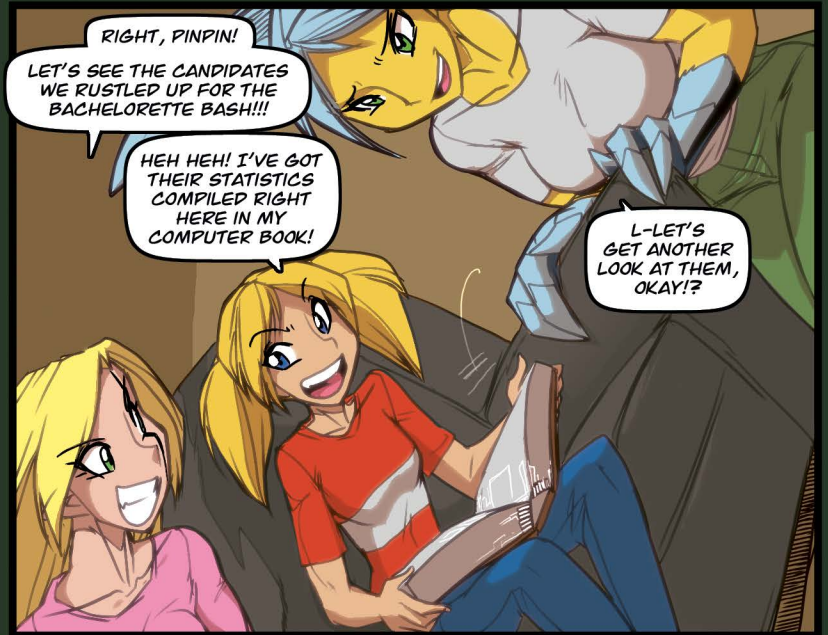
N-NO.

NOPE.

WE'RE...WE'RE GOING TO PLAY MORE VIDEO GAMES...

Y-YEAH!

SEE YOU LATER, GENNI!

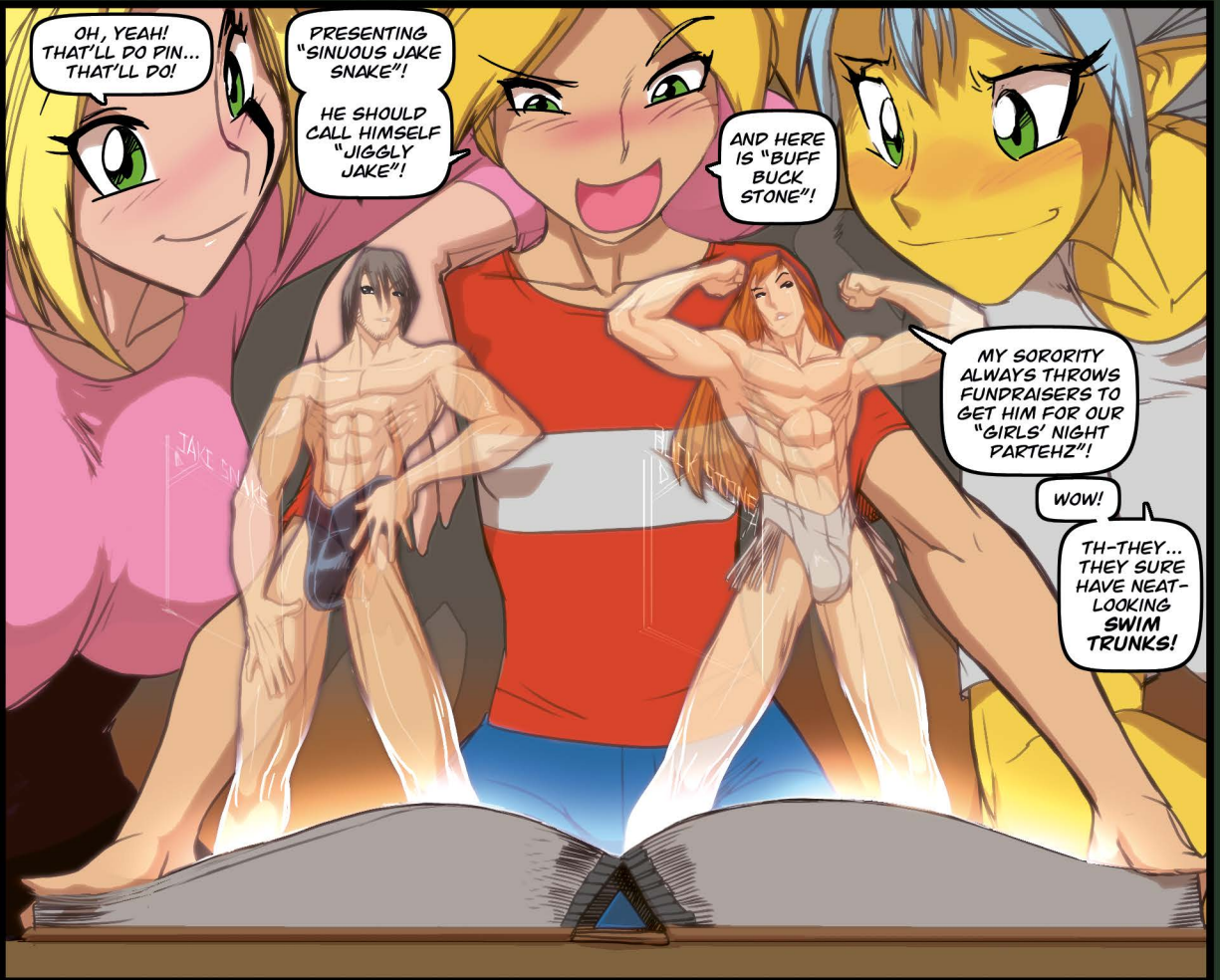


RIGHT, PINPIN!

LET'S SEE THE CANDIDATES
WE RUSTLED UP FOR THE
BACHELORETTE BASH!!!

HEH HEH! I'VE GOT
THEIR STATISTICS
COMPILED RIGHT
HERE IN MY
COMPUTER BOOK!

L-LET'S
GET ANOTHER
LOOK AT THEM,
OKAY!?



OH, YEAH!
THAT'LL DO PIN...
THAT'LL DO!

PRESENTING
"SINUOUS JAKE
SNAKE"!

HE SHOULD
CALL HIMSELF
"JIGGLY
JAKE"!

AND HERE
IS "BUFF
BUCK
STONE"!

MY SORORITY
ALWAYS THROWS
FUNDRAISERS TO
GET HIM FOR OUR
"GIRLS' NIGHT
PARTEHZ"!

WOW!

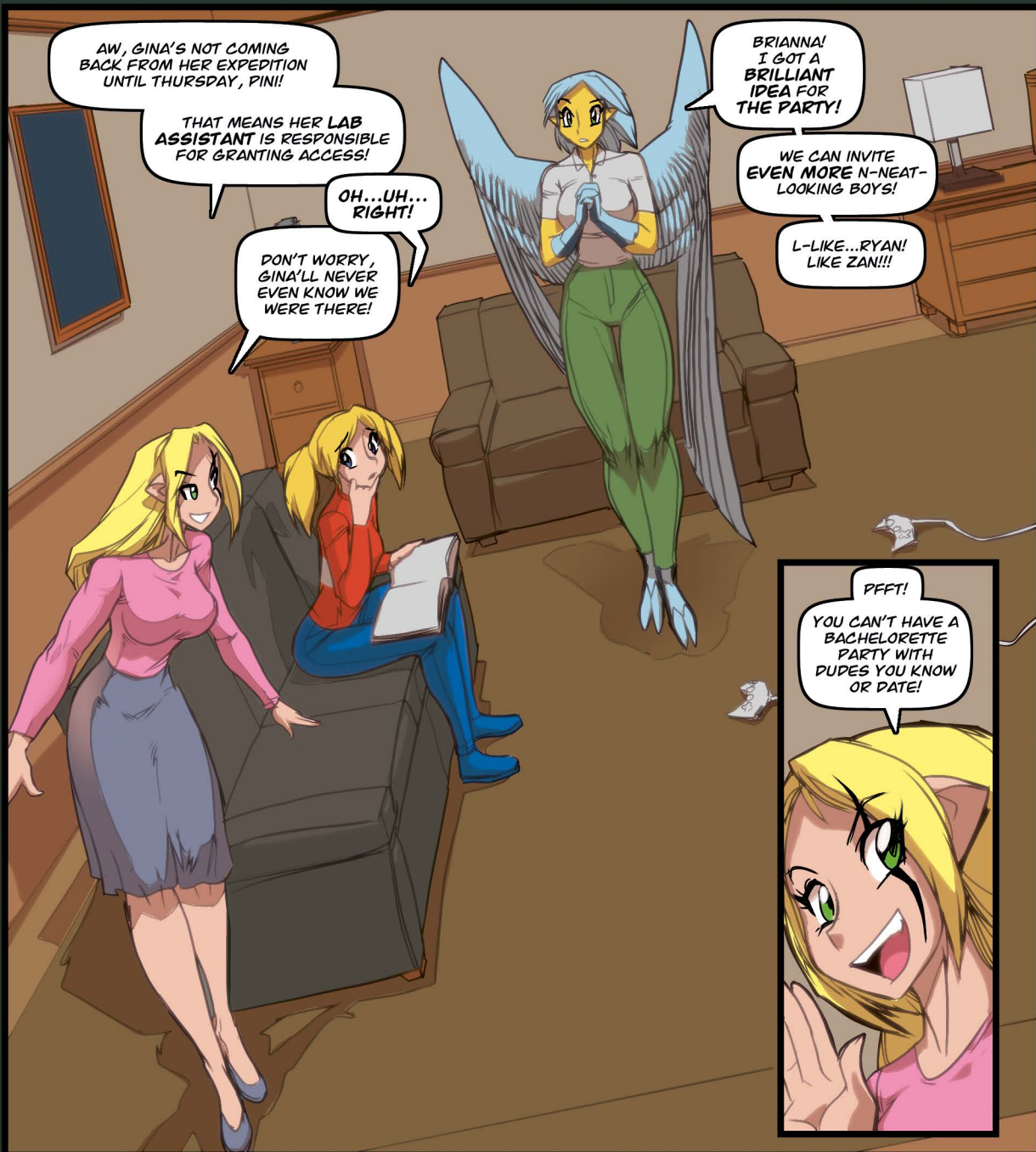
TH-THEY...
THEY SURE
HAVE NEAT-
LOOKING
SWIM
TRUNKS!



THEN ALL WE NEED
IS TO FINISH WRITING
THE "MARDI GRAS"
SIMULATION ROUTINES,
AND OPERATION
"SNOO-SNOO" IS A GO!

NO WAY!

GINA ACTUALLY GAVE
YOU PERMISSION TO
USE THE HOLO-FORCE
PROJECTION ROOM
FOR THE PARTY?



AW, GINA'S NOT COMING
BACK FROM HER EXPEDITION
UNTIL THURSDAY, PINI!

THAT MEANS HER LAB
ASSISTANT IS RESPONSIBLE
FOR GRANTING ACCESS!

OH...UH...
RIGHT!

DON'T WORRY,
GINA'LL NEVER
EVEN KNOW WE
WERE THERE!

BRIANNA!
I GOT A
BRILLIANT
IDEA FOR
THE PARTY!

WE CAN INVITE
EVEN MORE N-NEAT-
LOOKING BOYS!

L-LIKE...RYAN!
LIKE ZAN!!!

PFFT!

YOU CAN'T HAVE A
BACHELORETTE
PARTY WITH
DUDES YOU KNOW
OR DATE!



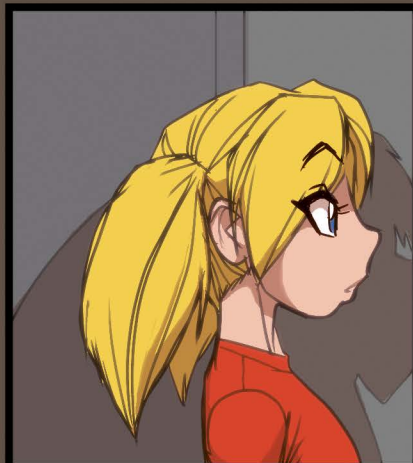
HUH? WH-WHY
NOT?!

A WILD PARTY LIKE
THIS IS LIKE...LIKE
AN ANONYMOUS
CHAT ROOM!

A CHANCE TO BLOW OFF
STEAM AND GO NUTS AND
HAVE FUN! WORRY-FREE!

IF WE INVITE THE BOYS WE
KNOW, THE CRAZINESS WOULD
HAVE CONSEQUENCES!

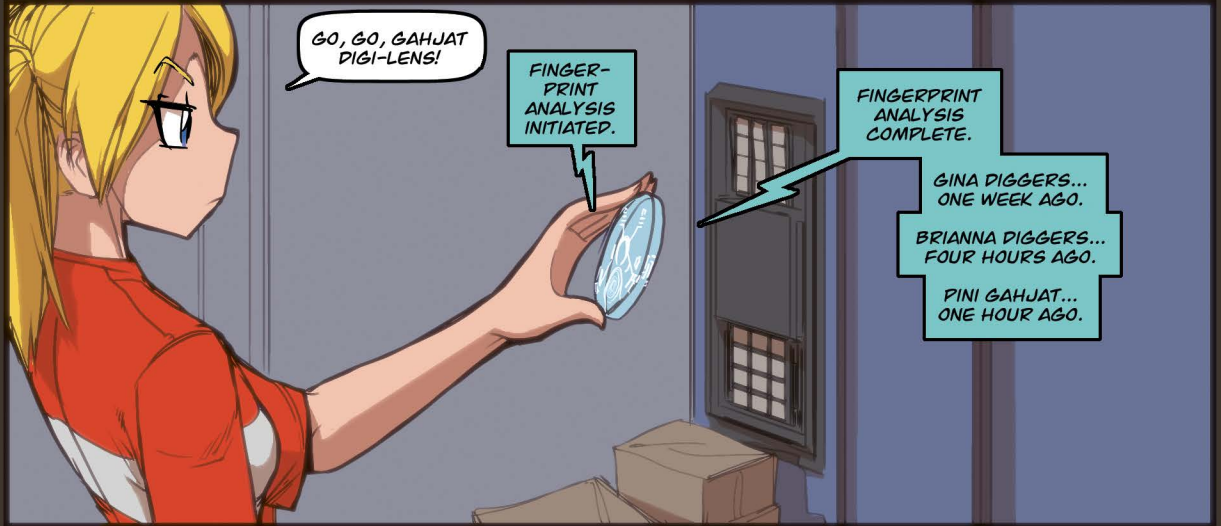
FOR EXAMPLE, I'D HAVE TO
EXPLAIN TO BRIT' THAT I
DIDN'T MEAN ANY HARM IF I
GRABBED AND SQUEEZED
STRIPE'S GOODIES!





HMMM.

I'D BETTER
CHECK THIS
OUT...



GO, GO, GAHJAT
DIGI-LENS!

FINGER-
PRINT
ANALYSIS
INITIATED.

FINGERPRINT
ANALYSIS
COMPLETE.

GINA DIGGERS...
ONE WEEK AGO.

BRIANNA DIGGERS...
FOUR HOURS AGO.

PINI GAHJAT...
ONE HOUR AGO.



HMMM.

GINA MADE THIS KEYPAD
SO THAT IT IGNORES
GLOVED HANDS...

NO ONE
TRIED THE
LOCK.

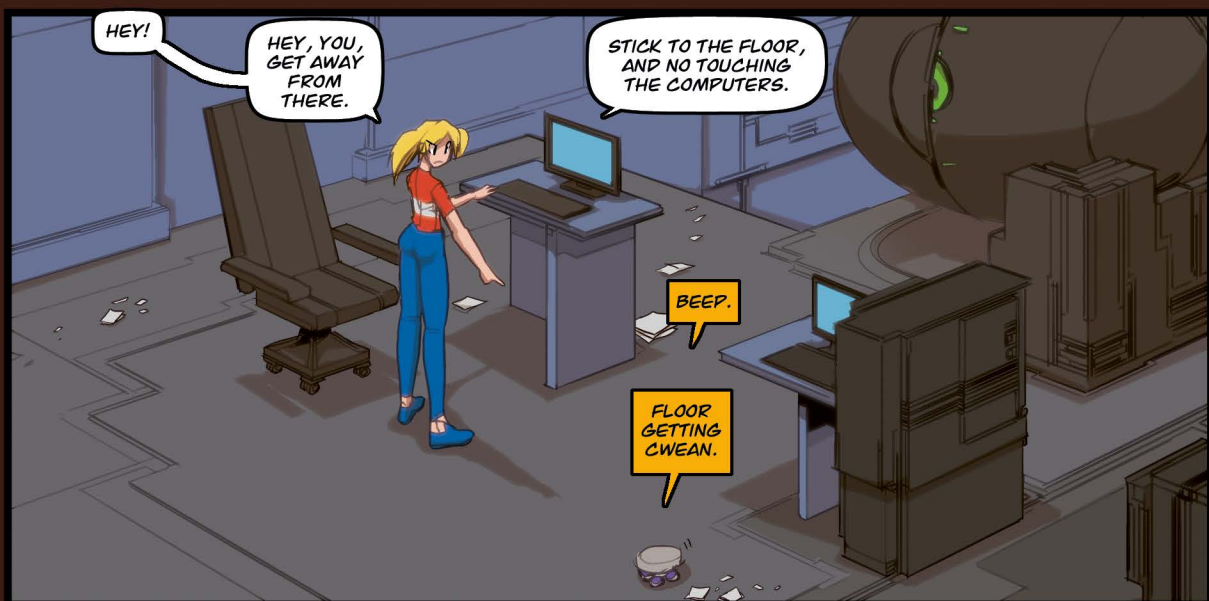
I THINK.



OH WELL,
PROBABLY
NOTHING.

I'LL LAUNCH AN
INVESTIGATION
AFTER I FINISH
MAINTENANCE.







OKAY... I THINK I GET IT NOW.

A-AS LONG AS THE NEAT-LOOKING GUYS WE DON'T KNOW ARE... ARE AT A PARTY...

...AND WEARING TIGHT LEATHER, SATIN, O-OR LATEX SWIMSUITS...

M-HMM!

M-HMM!

...AND THERE'S WILD MUSIC AND OTHER GALS CHEERING AND STUFF...

M-HMMM!

...THEN IT'S OKAY TO SQUEEZE AND GRABBE!

NOW YOU'RE CATCHIN' ON!



AND NOW, A QUIZ!

AFTER THE PARTY...

...WHICH OF THE GUYS DO WE TALK TO ABOUT THE PARTY?



UH... NONE?

WHAT HAPPENS AT BRIANNA-PARTIES STAYS AT BRIANNA-PARTIES?

DING! DING! DING!

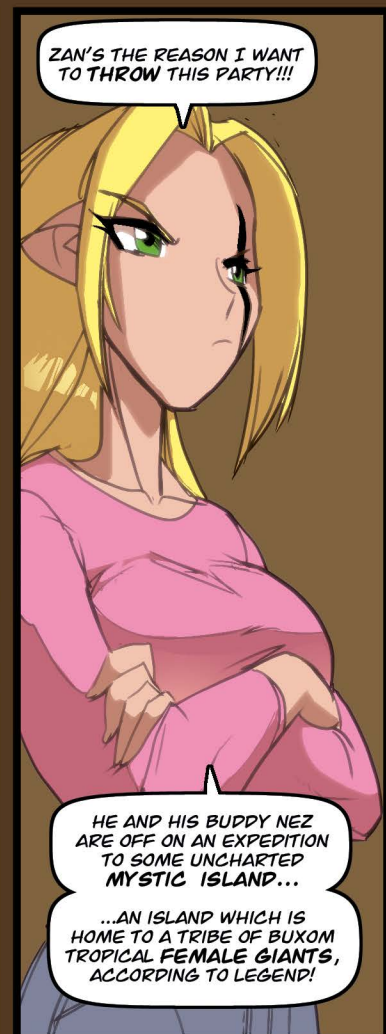
YOU PASSED THE ENTRANCE EXAM, CHARLIE! CONGRATS!!!



STILL.... IT'S TOO BAD WE CAN'T INVITE YOUR BOYFRIEND TO THE PARTY.

ZAN HAS A MUCH NEATER STOMACH... AND CHEST... A-AND B-BACK END.... THAN ANY OF THE DANCERS PINI INVITED!

HMPH!



ZAN'S THE REASON I WANT TO THROW THIS PARTY!!!

HE AND HIS BUDDY NEZ ARE OFF ON AN EXPEDITION TO SOME UNCHARTED MYSTIC ISLAND...

...AN ISLAND WHICH IS HOME TO A TRIBE OF BUXOM TROPICAL FEMALE GIANTS, ACCORDING TO LEGEND!

THE MYSTIC, UNCHARTED ISLAND
OF THE OSHOOSH GIANTESS TRIBE



HEHEH! OOOSHIE! SMOOSH!

WE COME IN PEACE!

N-NEZ?

MOOSH MOOSH!

ALL WE REQUIRE... IS PASSAGE TO THE RUINS AT THE CENTER OF YOUR ISLAND!

OOSH!

Z-ZAN GETTING A BAD FEELING ABOUT THIS...

STAY CALM, COOL AND COLLECTED, ZAN!

LEGEND SAYS THAT THE OSHOOSH CAN SMELL FEAR!

EEP!!!

*DO NOT WORRY, DEAR READER. WE'LL GET BACK TO THEM IN THE FUTURE. --F

SO LET'S FORGET ABOUT MY JERK BOYFRIEND AND HIS QUEST TO MEGA-BEWB ISLAND...

...AND FOCUS ON PRACTICING FOR THE BACHELORETTE PAHTEH!!!

WE--WE HAVE TO PRACTICE G-GRABBING NEAT GUYS?

YUHHPP!!!

PINPIN!

CHARLIE NEEDS TO GO ON A TEST RUN OF THE PARTY PROGRAM!

DON'T WANT HER GETTING NERVOUS AND TINGLING SEANCE'S DAYDREAM SENSES!

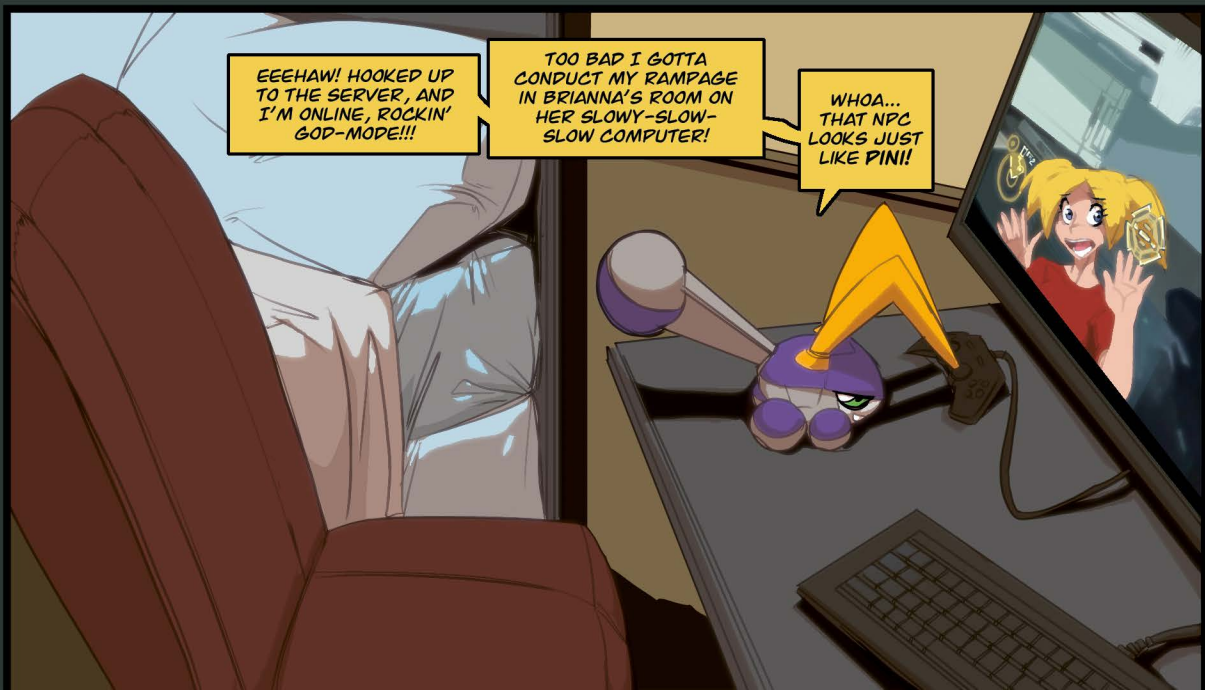
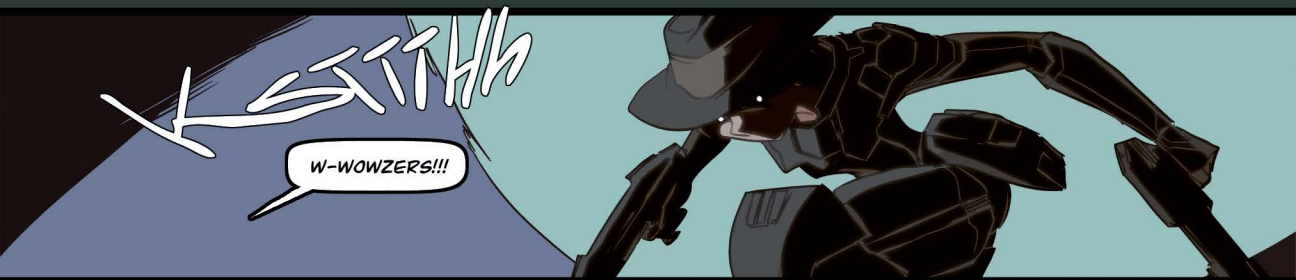
WE CAN GO AFTER THE TUNE-UP!

I JUST NEED A FEW MORE MIN--

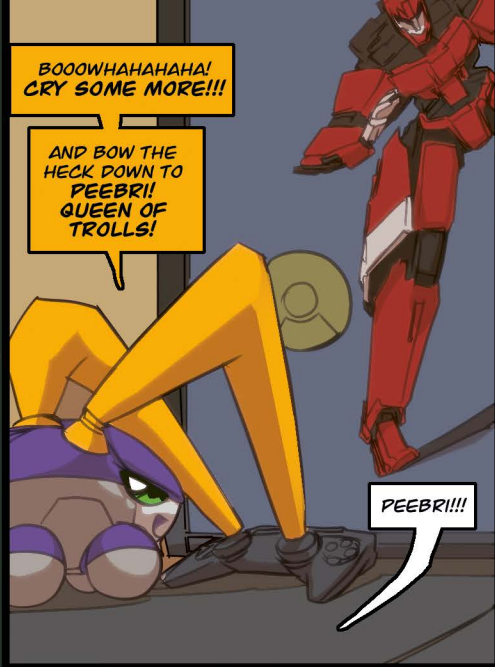
WHAT THE...

GINA'S AND BRIANNA'S HOUSE
ATLANTA, GEORGIA









BOOOWHAAAAHAHA!
CRY SOME MORE!!!

AND BOW THE
HECK DOWN TO
PEEBRI!
QUEEN OF
TROLLS!

PEEBRI!!!



YOU'RE NOT
SUPPOSED TO BE
PLAYIN' GAMES ON
BRIANNA'S PERSONAL,
PRIVATE COMPUTER!

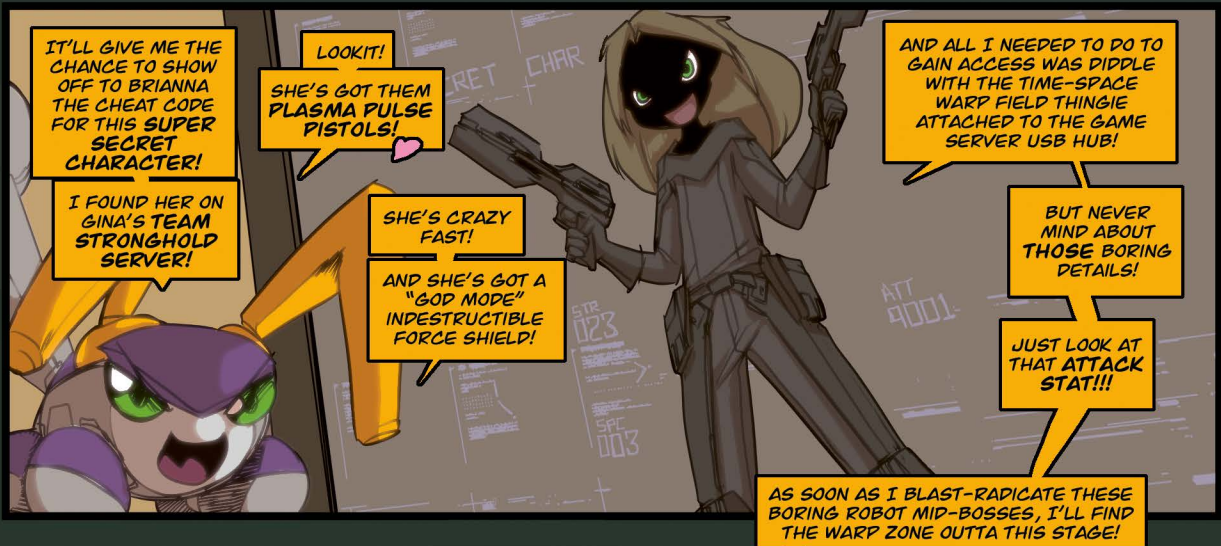
I'M GONNA
TELLT ON
YOU!!!

HMPH!!!

I'M
THROUGH
"PLAYIN'
GAMES",
PEEGI!

THIS IS
REAL-TALK!

SO GO AHEAD
AND TATTLE!



IT'LL GIVE ME THE
CHANCE TO SHOW
OFF TO BRIANNA
THE CHEAT CODE
FOR THIS SUPER
SECRET
CHARACTER!

I FOUND HER ON
GINA'S TEAM
STRONGHOLD
SERVER!

LOOKIT!

SHE'S GOT THEM
PLASMA PULSE
PISTOLS!

SHE'S CRAZY
FAST!

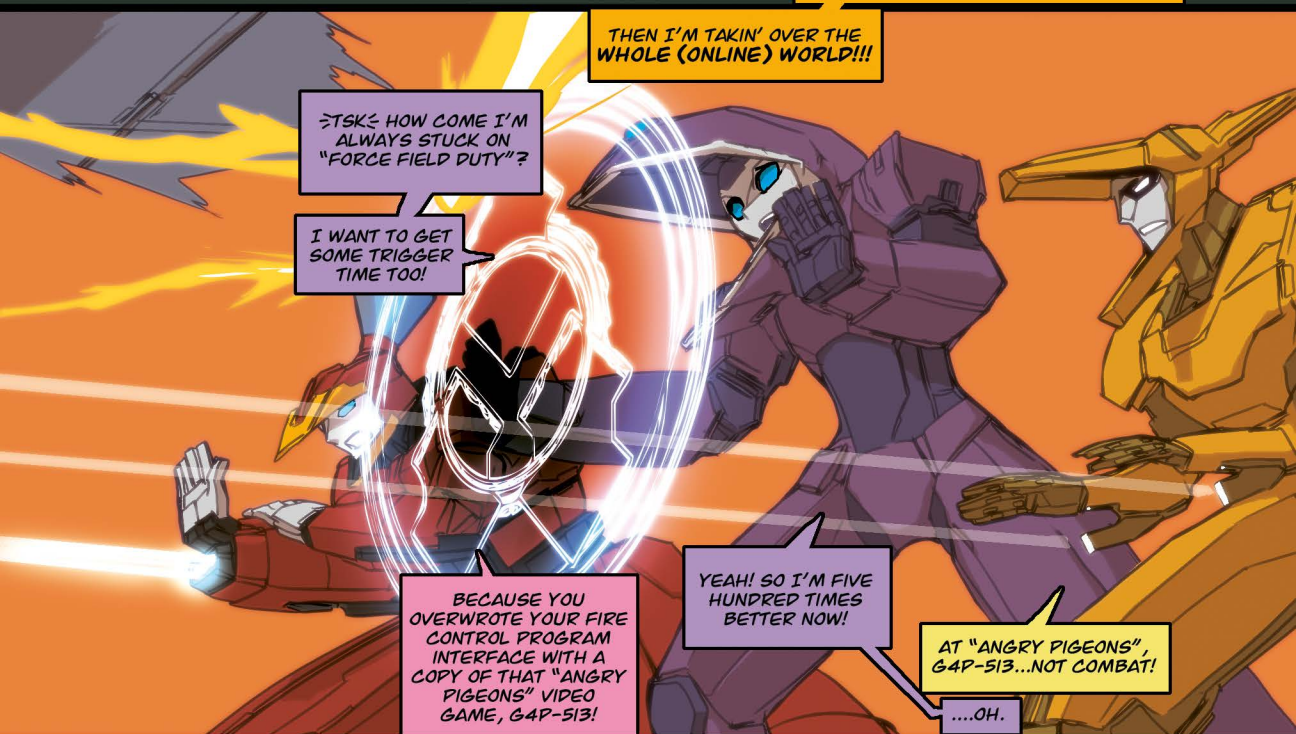
AND SHE'S GOT A
"GOD MODE"
INDESTRUCTIBLE
FORCE SHIELD!

AND ALL I NEEDED TO DO TO
GAIN ACCESS WAS PIDDLE
WITH THE TIME-SPACE
WARP FIELD THINGIE
ATTACHED TO THE GAME
SERVER USB HUB!

BUT NEVER
MIND ABOUT
THOSE BORING
DETAILS!

JUST LOOK AT
THAT ATTACK
STAT!!!

AS SOON AS I BLAST-RADICATE THESE
BORING ROBOT MID-BOSSSES, I'LL FIND
THE WARP ZONE OUTTA THIS STAGE!



THEN I'M TAKIN' OVER THE
WHOLE (ONLINE) WORLD!!!

TYSK< HOW COME I'M
ALWAYS STUCK ON
"FORCE FIELD DUTY"?

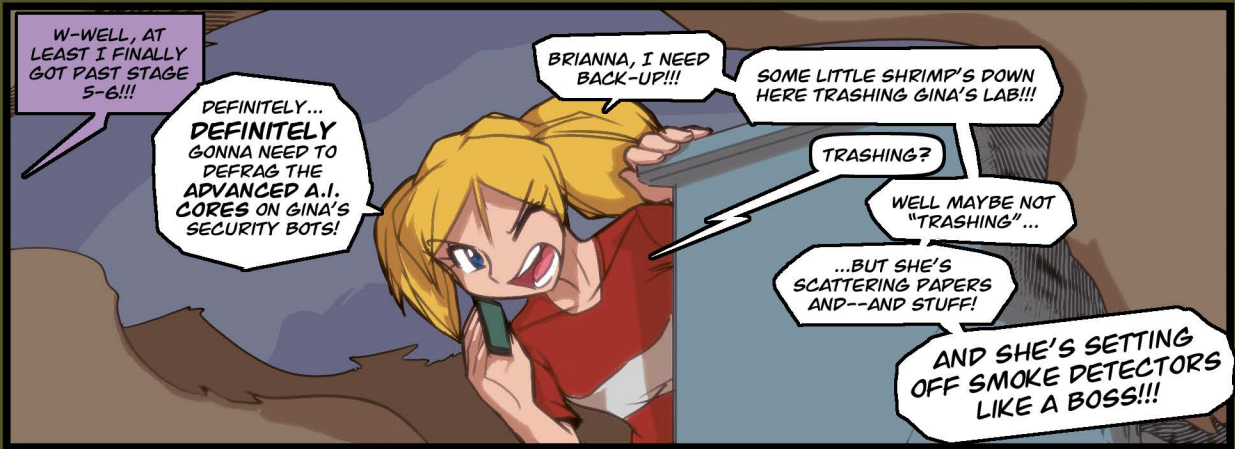
I WANT TO GET
SOME TRIGGER
TIME TOO!

BECAUSE YOU
OVERWROTE YOUR FIRE
CONTROL PROGRAM
INTERFACE WITH A
COPY OF THAT "ANGRY
PIGEONS" VIDEO
GAME, 64P-513!

YEAH! SO I'M FIVE
HUNDRED TIMES
BETTER NOW!

AT "ANGRY PIGEONS",
64P-513...NOT COMBAT!

....OH.



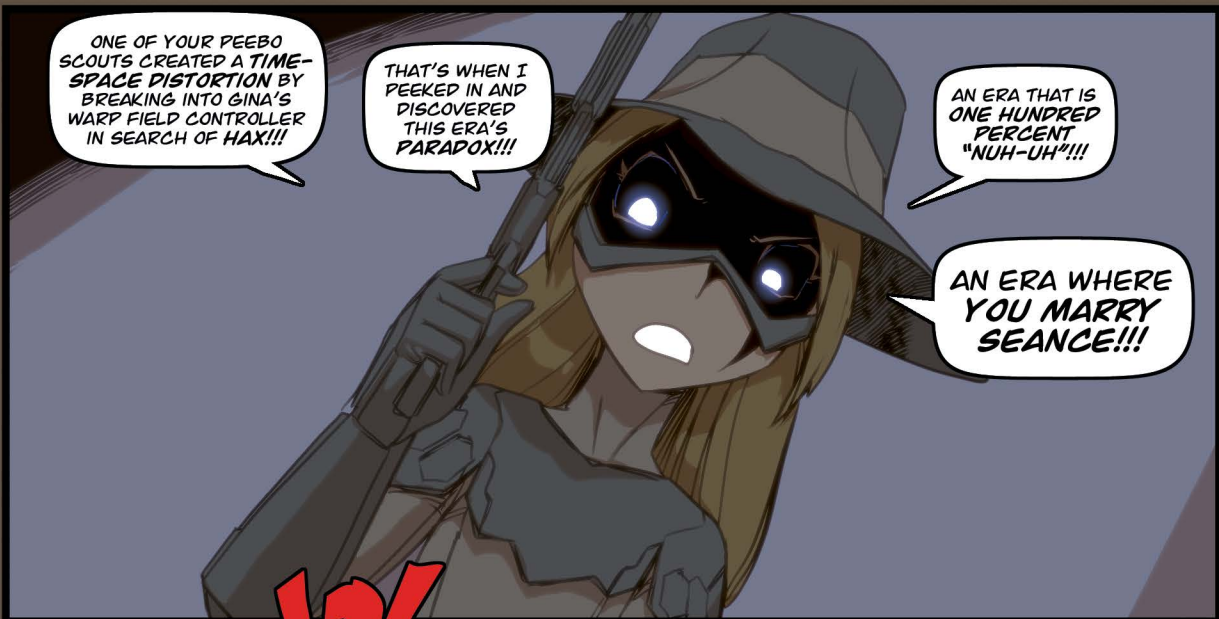




SORRY FOR THAT STUN GRENADE, BUT I HAD NO CHOICE!

BUT DON'T WORRY.

YOU'LL BE BACK TO NORMAL AFTER I COMPLETE MY MISSION!

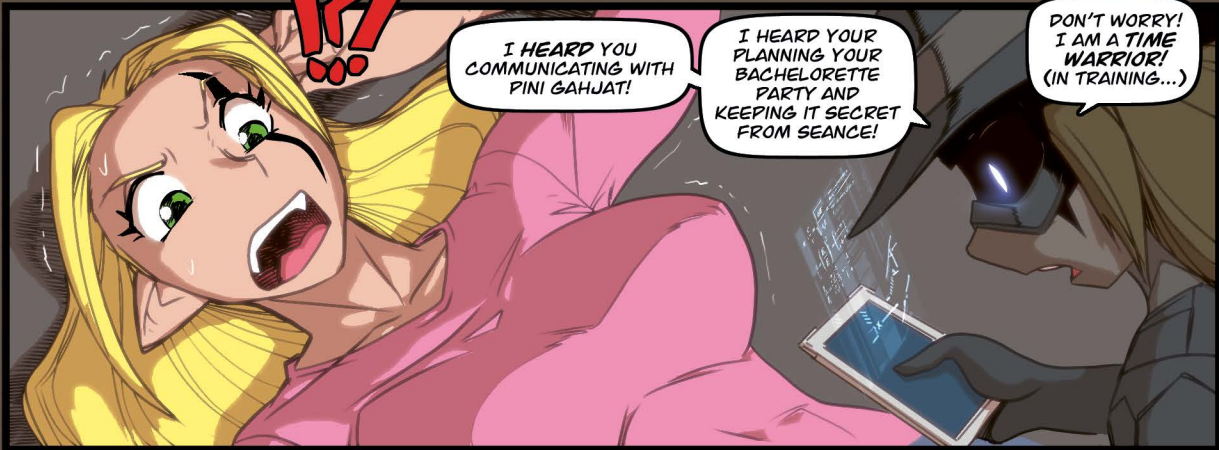


ONE OF YOUR PEEBO SCOUTS CREATED A **TIME-SPACE DISTORTION** BY BREAKING INTO GINA'S WARP FIELD CONTROLLER IN SEARCH OF HAX!!!

THAT'S WHEN I PEEKED IN AND DISCOVERED THIS ERA'S **PARADOX!!!**

AN ERA THAT IS **ONE HUNDRED PERCENT "NUH-UH"!!!**

AN ERA WHERE **YOU MARRY SEANCE!!!**



I HEARD YOU COMMUNICATING WITH PINI GAHJAT!

I HEARD YOUR PLANNING YOUR BACHELORETTE PARTY AND KEEPING IT SECRET FROM SEANCE!

DON'T WORRY! I AM A **TIME WARRIOR!** (IN TRAINING...)



THIS **PARADOX DETECTOR...**

...WILL TELL ME EXACTLY HOW TO---TO...
...FIX...
...

THERE'S NO **PARADOX?**

BUT...BUT...

YOU MARRYING SEANCE IS A **PARADOX!**

YOU'RE MARRYING SEANCE, RIGHT?

