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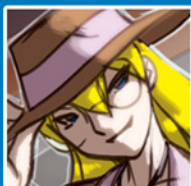
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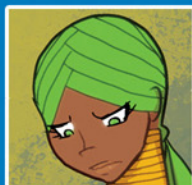
**GINA DIGGERS:** Archaeologist, super-scientist, and adventurer; lover of all things Monty Python, Roddenberry and Lucas. After many years exploring the bizarre and inexplicable all over the Earth and off it, she now teaches archaeology at a local university in her home of Atlanta, Georgia, preparing the next generation of adventurers. Her current project is Earth's Age of Wonders. Among those helping or hindering her are:



**EBENEZER SLEAKE:** Gina's current main squeeze, Professor Sleake is an adventurer like her. While Gina far outranks him in variety of experience, 'Nez is an archaeologist par excellence. His focused study and natural observational skill allow him to piece together past events from the tiniest of clues on a site. Like Gina, he shares a weakness for easily found "on" buttons and attractive members of the opposite sex.



**ALJABRA GIHOM:** One of Gina's students, Aljabra is the foremost expert on antique artifacts at her school. She owns a warehouse packed full of a variety of items both significant and trivial, all jumbled together. A lot like the inside of her head, really. She's not stupid by any means, but her trains of thought tend to take all the sidetracks. She can nap almost anywhere she can find a place to sit, but tends to be mistaken for furniture when doing so.



**ALENA:** Hailing from a remote tribe in Africa, Alena is an agromancer. She can both communicate with and manipulate all forms of plant matter. This made her an oddity even by her tribe's standards, but she's found a place to fit in among Gina's advanced graduate class. She has a particular fondness for her classmate V'ayt, who's too shy to return her advances as yet.

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AND THAT IS HOW YOU  
PROPERLY UNFURL THE  
PORTAL ENTRANCE TO A  
NIGHTMARE PROVING  
GROUND FOR COCKY  
YOUNG PADAWANS!

FOR THIS ASSIGNMENT COMES  
FRESH FROM THE FESTERING  
BIRTHING PITS OF MY CESSPOOL-  
CLASS ARCHAEOLOGICAL X-FILES!

THINK OF IT AS A SPLASHY,  
ICE-WATERY WAKE-UP  
CALL TO THE EXPOSED,  
NAPPY-TIME BACKS OF  
YOUR **SWAGGERY**  
COMPLACENCY!

AND THEREFORE,  
I WELCOME YOU,  
YOUNG HOBBITS,  
TO MACEDONIA'S  
"HADES CRADLE"...

SITE OF YOUR  
MIDTERM!!!

THE PERFECT  
PLACE TO  
UNLOCK YOUR  
HIDDEN POTENTIALS  
AND OPEN UP  
THOSE GOOD OLD  
EIGHT GATE  
BANKAIS!!!



NOW, WE'VE ALREADY GONE OVER SOME OF THIS EXPEDITION'S RISKS...

...HERE ARE SOME OF THE REWARDS.

I SECURED THIS FROM THE HADES CRADLE WHILE INSTALLING YOUR EXPEDITION'S MODEST SAFEGUARDS.

ANYONE WANT TO TAKE A STAB AT APPRAISING MY ARTIFACT?

IT'S A--

I DEDUCE--

--ANYONE BUT ALJABRA AND PAUL, OUR "RELIC EXPERTS".

AN OPAQUE, MILK-QUARTZ CRYSTAL VASE.

ITS ORNATE CARVINGS SUGGEST IT TO BE CEREMONIAL.

BUT THE THREADS ON THE LIP HINT AT ARTICULATION OF SOME KIND.

IT'S A...A DEVICE?

THE CRYSTAL MATERIAL OF THE VASE MIGHT HAVE A PELLICULE LAYER TO IT FOR REFRACTION...

...OR FOCUSED INSULATION.

THE ARTICULATION COULD PRODUCE A PIEZOELECTRIC REACTION THROUGH FRICTION.

AFTER THOUSANDS OF YEARS IN THAT RUBBLE, IT LOOKS SO NEW!

**PAUL ULYSSES:**  
ARCHAEOLOGY MAJOR.  
ART HISTORY MINOR.  
SUPERNATURAL RELIC COLLECTOR.

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MECHANICAL ENGINEERING MAJOR.  
ETHEREAL ENGINEERING PIONEER.  
SEES DEAD PEOPLE.

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WORLD'S MOST PROLIFIC COLLECTOR OF THE FANTASTIC AND WEIRD.

**MR. V'AYT:**  
DOUBLE MAJOR IN ARCHAEOLOGY AND ANTHROPOLOGY.  
PROFESSOR DIGGERS MUST GUARD THE SECRET OF HIS DRACONIC HERITAGE EVEN FROM HIMSELF!

**VAPHNE BLINKLY:**  
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THE AVATAR OF AN ANCIENT, GERMANIC FERTILITY GODDESS.

**ELROY NABBUM:**  
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XENO BIOLOGY MINOR.  
ELROY IS ONE OF THE FEW ON PLANET EARTH WHO CONTROL "FASHION NIGHTMARE" CLOTHING.

**MS. ALENA:**  
AGROSTOLOGY AND AGROXENOLOGY PIONEER.  
ARCHAEOLOGY MAJOR.  
ALENA IS FROM AN AFRICAN TRIBE OF TELEKINETICS. HERS ONLY WORKS WITH PLANT LIFE.

**ANTON FIST:**  
MASTERS DEGREE IN PHYSICS.  
PARAPSYCHOLOGY MAJOR.  
ARCHAEOLOGY MINOR.  
ANTON, AN ARTISTIC ENGINEER, SOLVES PRACTICAL PROBLEMS AND PHILOSOPHICAL CONUNDRUMS LIKE "WHAT IS BEAUTY"!

**EDDIE JONES:**  
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EDDIE'S CRUSH ON PAUL HASN'T AFFECTED PAUL'S SKILLS AS A DETECTIVE AT ALL!

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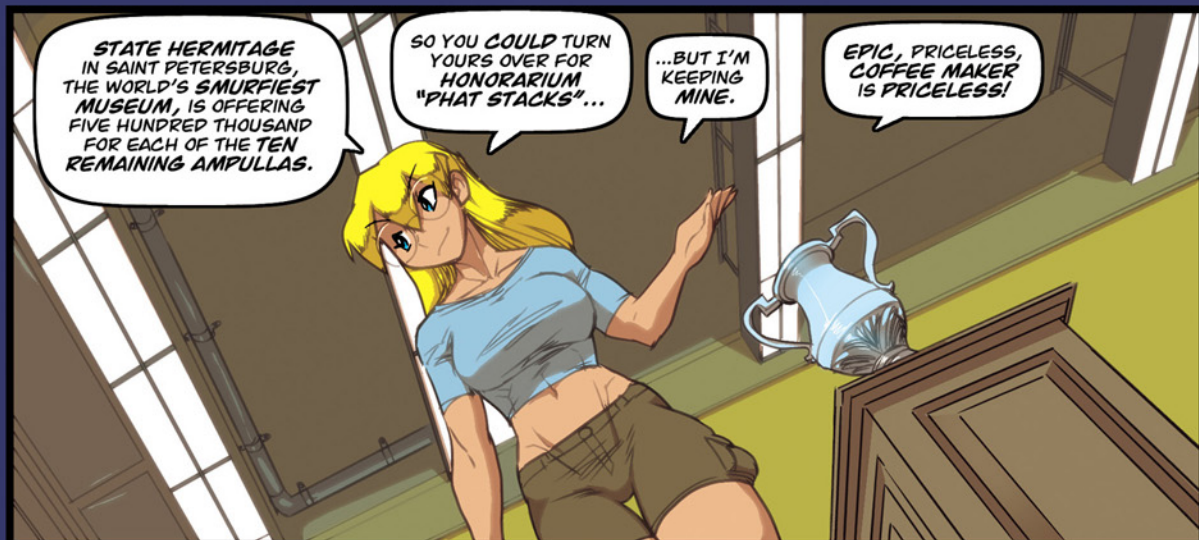
















RIGHT.

EVERYONE  
STAY ALERT.

AND NOBODY  
"DROP THE  
SOAP" IN  
THERE!

INDEED!

...OTHERWISE,  
WE'RE ALL  
BLUTTER-  
BUNGED!

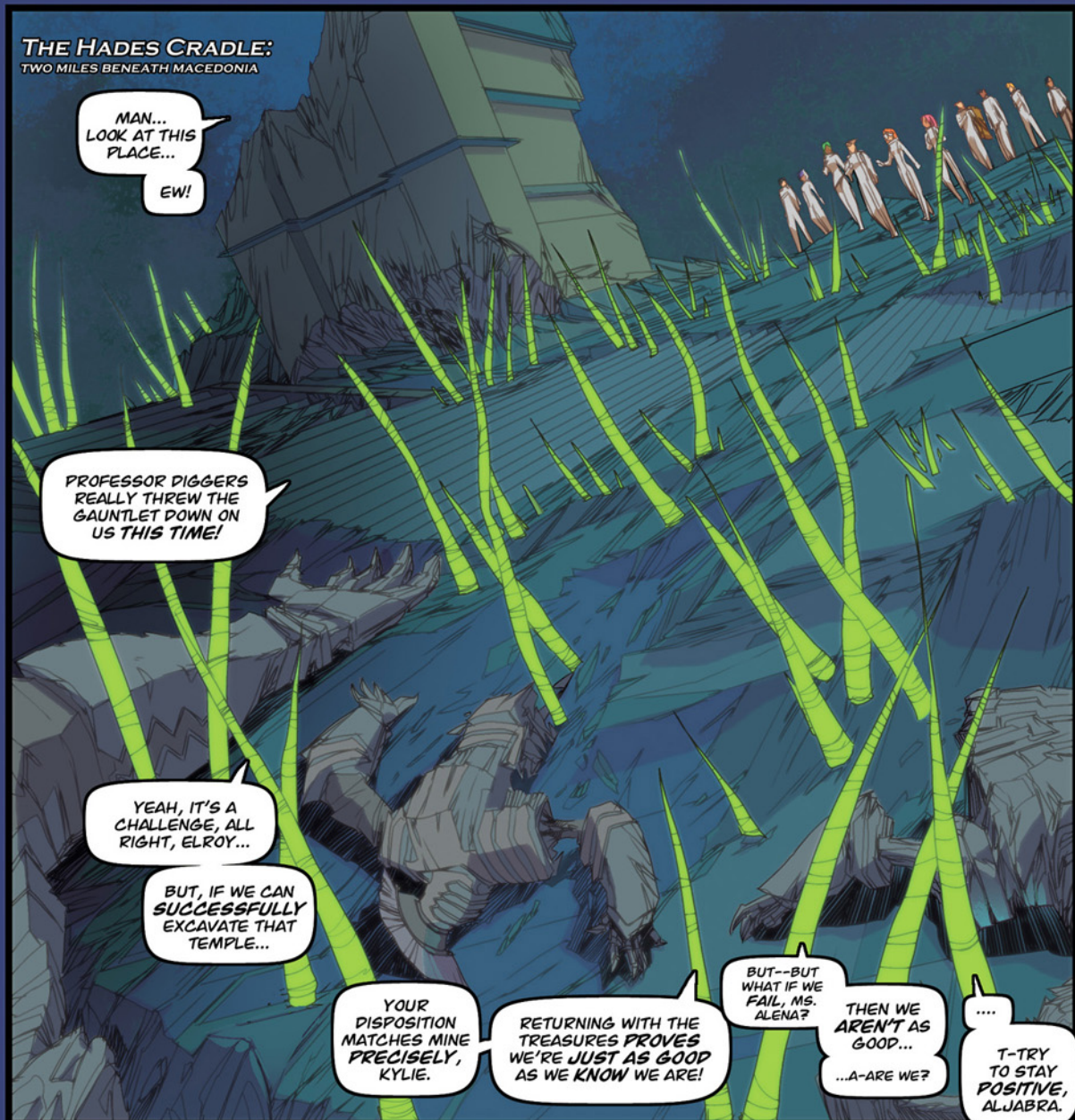
NOT A FAN  
OF BEING  
SURPRISE-  
BUNGED,  
THANK  
YOU!

KYLIE.  
VAPHNE.  
GOING TO NEED  
YOU BOTH TO  
FOCUS UP.

STKS  
LIKE WE  
AREN'T?

## THE HADES CRADLE:

TWO MILES BENEATH MACEDONIA



MAN...  
LOOK AT THIS  
PLACE...

EW!

PROFESSOR DIGGERS  
REALLY THREW THE  
GAUNTLET DOWN ON  
US THIS TIME!

YEAH, IT'S A  
CHALLENGE, ALL  
RIGHT, ELROY...

BUT, IF WE CAN  
SUCCESSFULLY  
EXCAVATE THAT  
TEMPLE...

YOUR  
DISPOSITION  
MATCHES MINE  
PRECISELY,  
KYLIE.

RETURNING WITH THE  
TREASURES PROVES  
WE'RE JUST AS GOOD  
AS WE KNOW WE ARE!

BUT--BUT  
WHAT IF WE  
FAIL, MS.  
ALENA?

THEN WE  
AREN'T AS  
GOOD...

...A-ARE WE?

....

T-TRY  
TO STAY  
POSITIVE,  
ALUABRA.



ALL RIGHTY,  
THEN...

NO FEET, LEGS  
OR BUTTS.

I SMELL A  
MINEFIELD AHEAD.

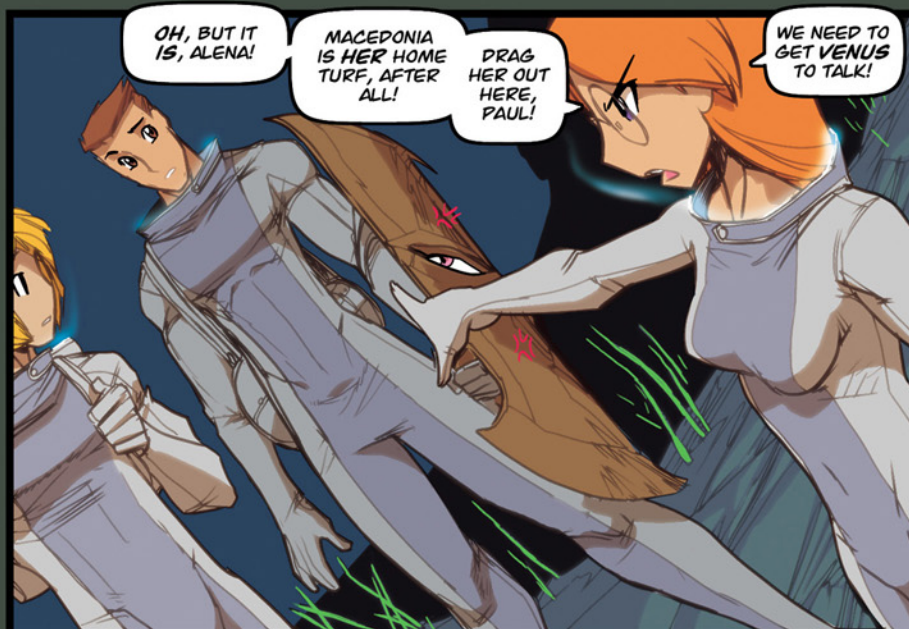
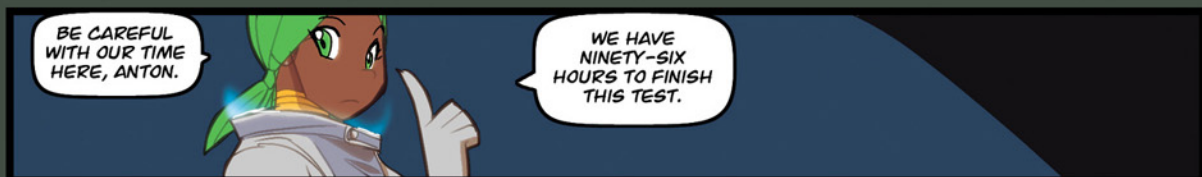
GOOD EYES,  
ELROY.

I HAVE MY  
TRICORDER  
APP HANDY.

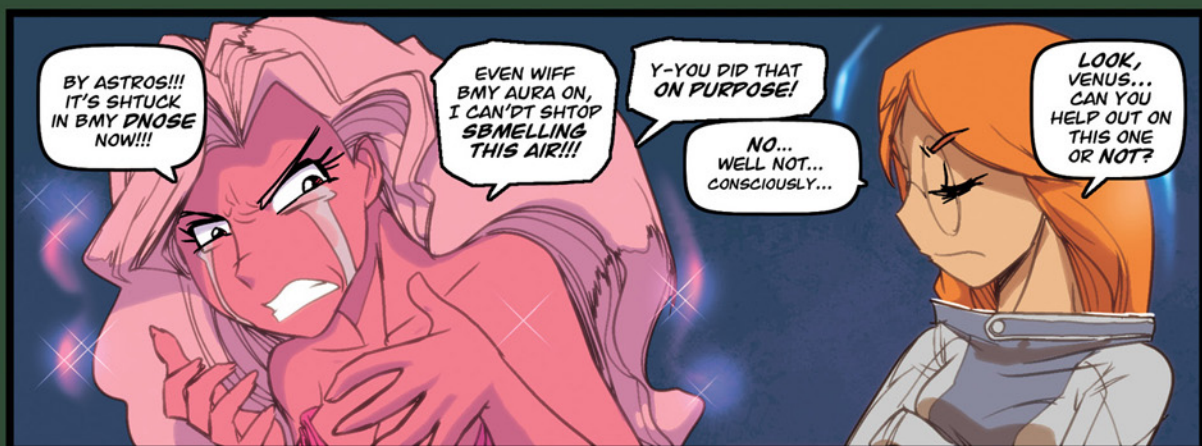
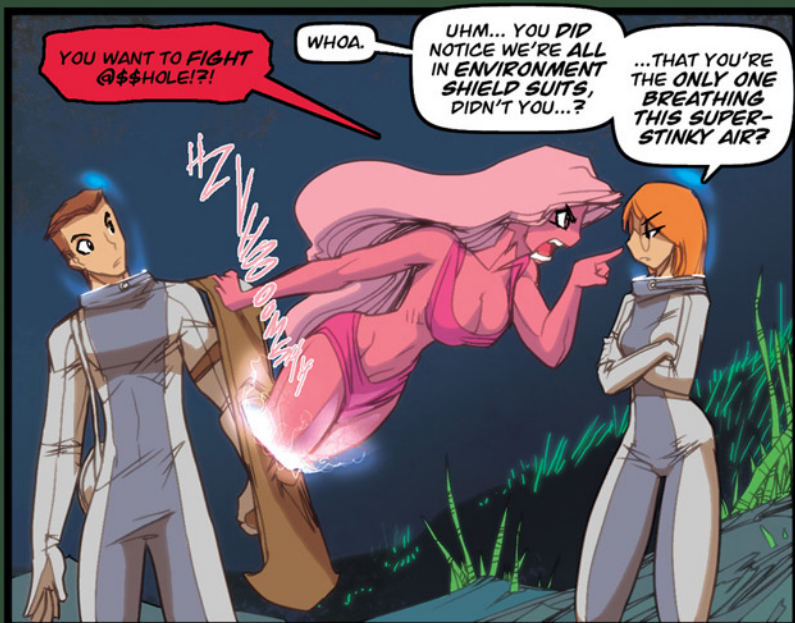
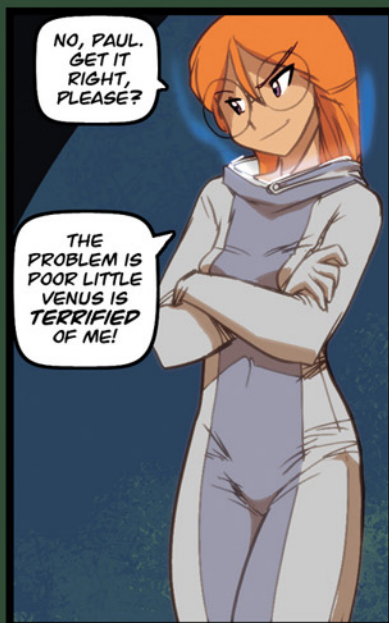
LET'S  
TAKE A  
LOOK.

...PEEP THOSE  
PETRIFIED,  
CREEPY-PASTA  
SOLDIER REMAINS,  
YOU GUYS!

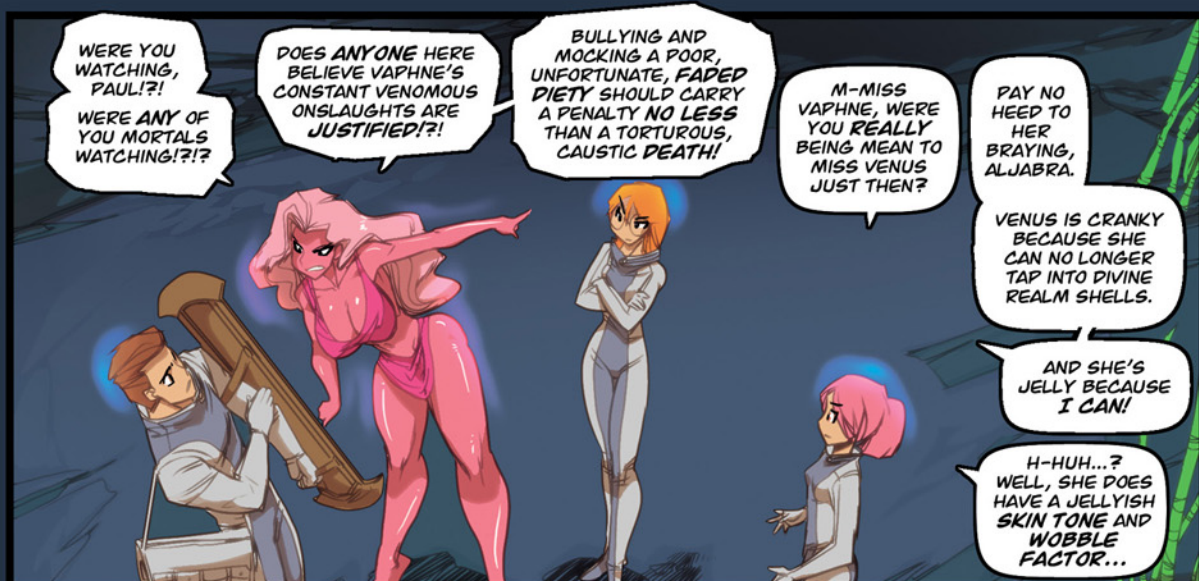












WERE YOU WATCHING, PAUL!?!  
WERE ANY OF YOU MORTALS WATCHING!?!?

DOES ANYONE HERE BELIEVE VAPHNE'S CONSTANT VENOMOUS ONSLAUGHTS ARE JUSTIFIED!?!?

BULLYING AND MOCKING A POOR, UNFORTUNATE, **FADED** DIETY SHOULD CARRY A PENALTY NO LESS THAN A TORTUROUS, CAUSTIC DEATH!

M-MISS VAPHNE, WERE YOU REALLY BEING MEAN TO MISS VENUS JUST THEN?

PAY NO HEED TO HER BRAYING, ALJABRA.

VENUS IS CRANKY BECAUSE SHE CAN NO LONGER TAP INTO DIVINE REALM SHELLS.

AND SHE'S JELLY BECAUSE I CAN!

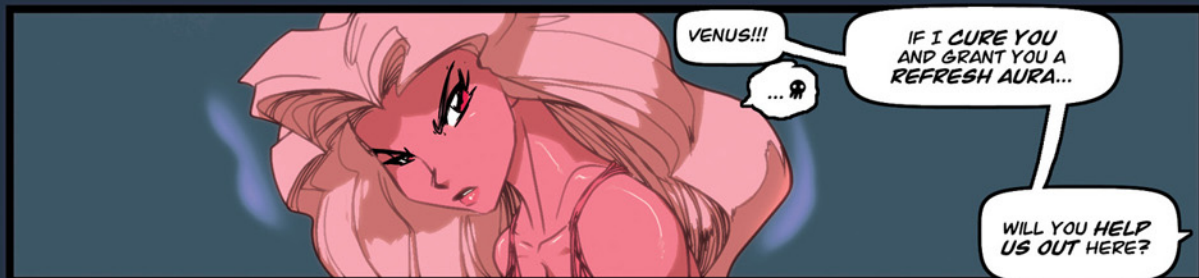
H-HUH...? WELL, SHE DOES HAVE A JELLYISH SKIN TONE AND WOBBLE FACTOR...



TSK~

HERE...I'LL SHOW YOU.

A-AND TAKE THIS ALL IN WITH A GRAIN OF SALT, OKAY, GUYS!?!



VENUS!!!

...💀

IF I CURE YOU AND GRANT YOU A REFRESH AURA...

WILL YOU HELP US OUT HERE?



I...

...

...I DON'T...

...I DON'T NEED YOUR HANDOUTS!!!



HM.

...

A TRUE REFRESH SHELL!

ONE THAT INCLUDES "PERFECTED CLIMATE", "PERFECTED FOOD TASTE", ANNNND "PERFECTED MOOD"!

JUST LIKE THE ONES I USED TO MAKE FOR MYSELF.

AND IT HAS TO BE MAX DURATION!

A FULL WEEK!



DEAL.



R-REMEMBER,  
GUYS...

GRAIN  
OF SALT,  
OKAY?

GNHH!







AHHH...  
FEELS GREAT IN  
HERE NOW!  
PERFECT!

I SOOOO MISSED  
NOT HAVING TO  
WORRY ABOUT  
LITTLE THINGS...  
...LIKE TEMPERATURE  
OR SMELLY AIR!

NOW THEN, VENUS.  
ABOUT YOUR  
RECOLLECTIONS  
OF THIS REGION...

WAAH!



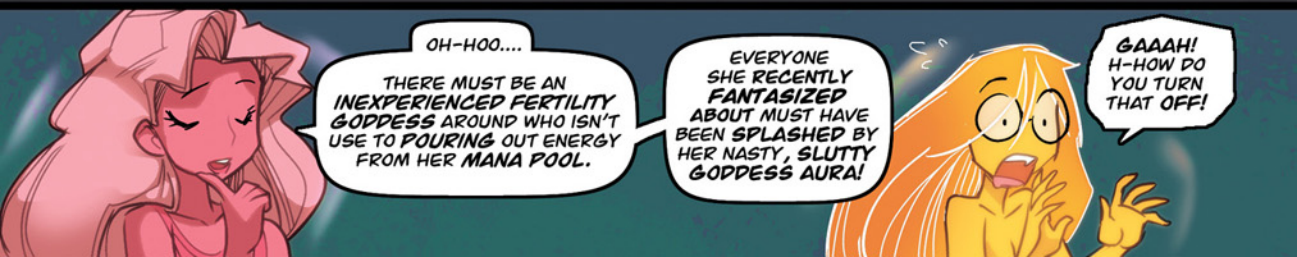
HUH!?!  
OH!  
LOOK AT  
THAT.

OUR CLOTHES!?!  
WHY  
ARE  
WE  
NEKKED!?

AND  
PERFUMED!?!  
AND OILED!?!?

AND  
GLOWY!?!

A-AND WHY  
AM I ALL...  
"T-TURNED  
ON"!?!?

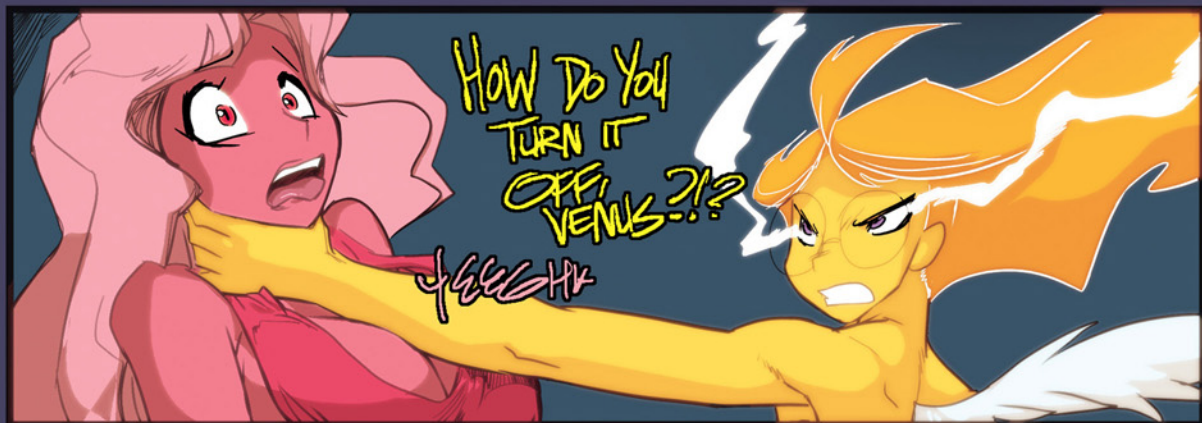


OH-HOO....  
THERE MUST BE AN  
INEXPERIENCED FERTILITY  
GODDESS AROUND WHO ISN'T  
USE TO POURING OUT ENERGY  
FROM HER MANA POOL.

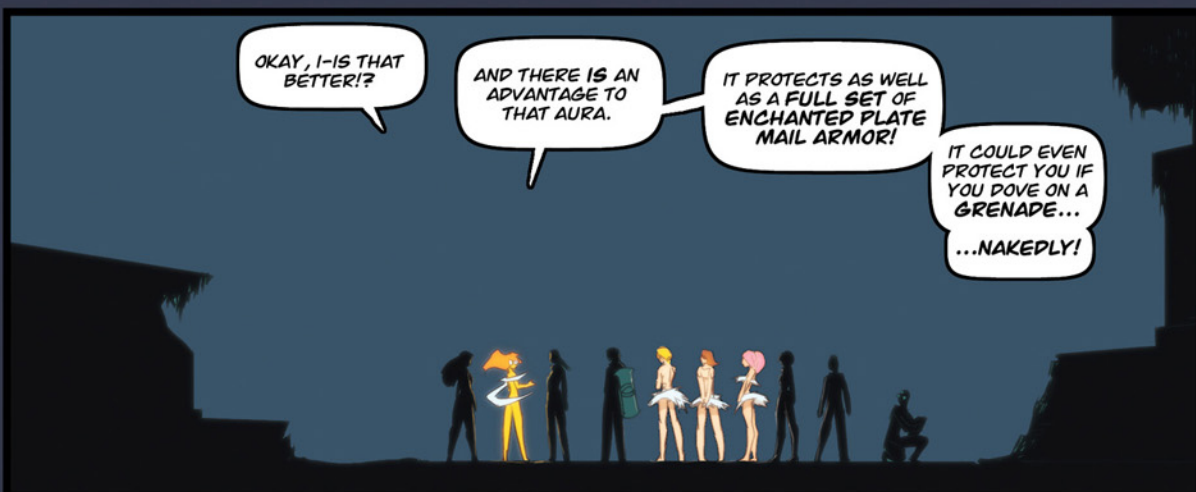
EVERYONE  
SHE RECENTLY  
FANTASIZED  
ABOUT MUST HAVE  
BEEN SPLASHED BY  
HER NASTY, SLUTTY  
GODDESS AURA!

GAAA!  
H-HOW DO  
YOU TURN  
THAT OFF!

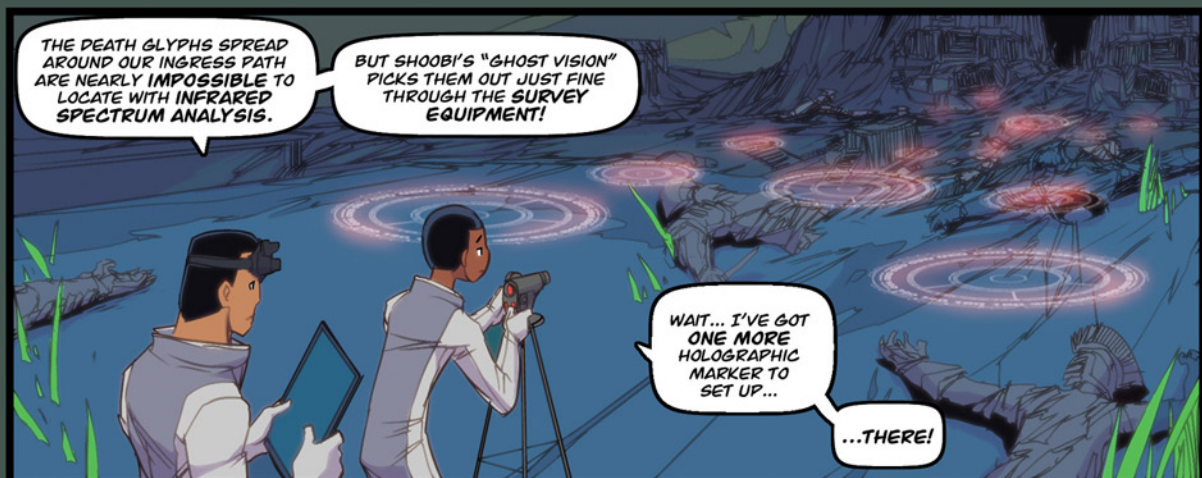
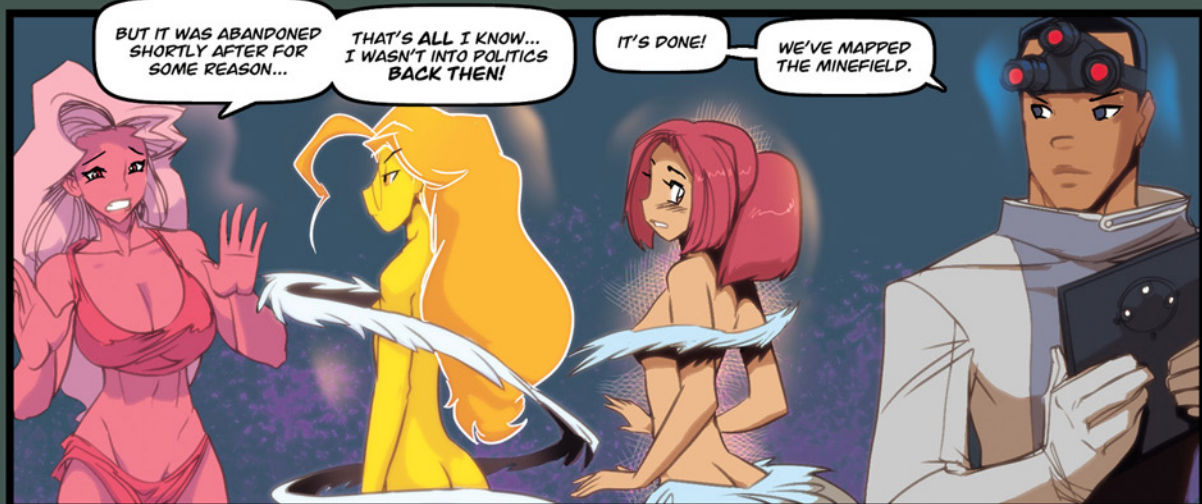
















"WE" AS IN MS. PORTIA AND MYSELF.

SHE WAS AWFULLY CURIOUS ABOUT YOUR CLASS, GINA.

TO SAY THAT PROFESSOR SLEAKE SPEAKS HIGHLY OF YOUR TEACHING ABILITY IS AN UNDERSTATEMENT, PROFESSOR DIGGERS.

HE BRAGS SO ZEALOUSLY OF YOU THAT I SIMPLY HAD TO VISIT YOUR SCHOOL.

I HOPE WE AREN'T INTRUDING.



AHHHHHHH HAHA. NEZ...I THOUGHT YOU WERE SPENDING THE DAY AT THE RESEARCH INSTITUTE.

NOT...

...FALLING AROUND WITH...

...MS. PORTIA.

COULD I SPEAK WITH YOU FOR A MOMENT?



SPEAK IN LATIN.



GINA?!?

<GINA, WHAT ARE YOU...>\*

\* TRANSLATED FROM LATIN...



<WHAT'S THAT SAY, NEZ?>

<OH...A PHEROMONE COUNT!?!>

<A HIGH COUNT!>

<A HIGH COUNT OF HER PHEROMONES, NEZ...>



<HER ASTONISHINGLY POTENT, DEVISUALLY SUBTLE PHEROMONES!>

<MS. PORTIA IS A WALKING, TALKING BOTTLE OF> SPANISH FLY!



<REMEMBER THE OTHER DAY ON> MONSTER ISLAND? <WHEN YOU AGREED TO GIVE MS. PORTIA A TOUR OF OUR MODERN SCIENCE FACILITIES?>

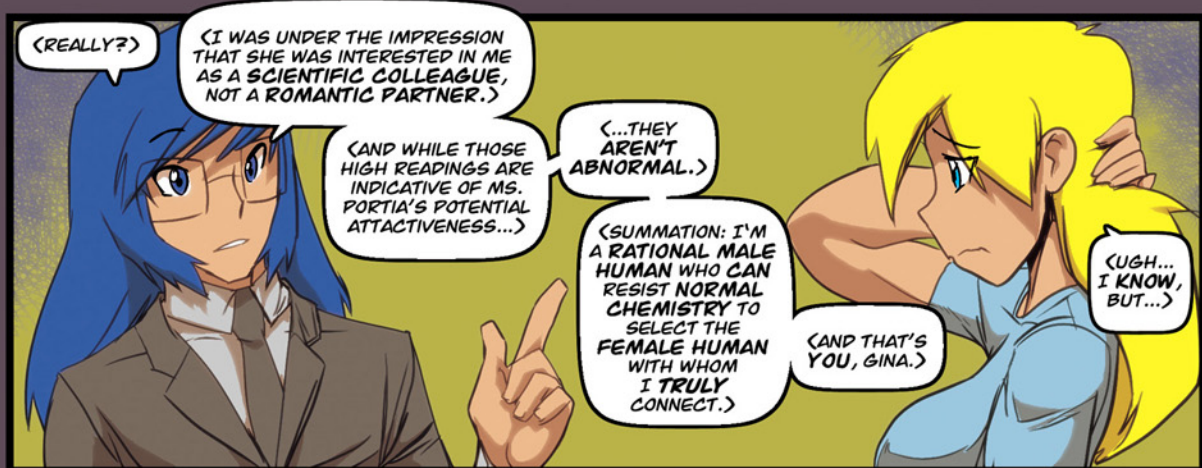
<SHE HUGGED YOU...>

<...AND PUT HER PHEROMONE-SATURATED HAIR RIGHT UP TO YOUR NOSE!>

<THAT PUT YOUR RECEPTORS AT POINT BLANK RANGE FOR HER BIOLOGICAL SEX-DRIVE ONSLAUGHT!!!>

<AND YOU'VE BEEN CONTAMINATED EVER SINCE!!!>









!!  
T-THAT'S RIGHT...  
PORTIA'S A MYSTIC  
OF THE OOSHOOOSH  
TRIBE!

SHE MADE A  
TALISMAN THAT  
LETS HER SPEAK  
ENGLISH!

OF COURSE IT  
WOULD TRANSLATE  
LATIN FOR HER  
TOO!



SEXUAL ATTRACTION  
INVOLVES WHAT YOU CALL  
"THE NEURAL RECEPTOR  
RESPONSES TO HORMONES",  
DOES IT NOT?

DIFFERENT HORMONES  
CAN STIMULATE THE...  
WHAT WAS YOUR  
SCIENCE'S WORD  
FOR IT?  
HYPOTHALAMUS?

THIS  
ACCOUNTS  
FOR SOME  
MALES  
PREFERRING A  
WOMAN WHO  
IS TALENTED  
WITH MEAL  
PREPARATION...

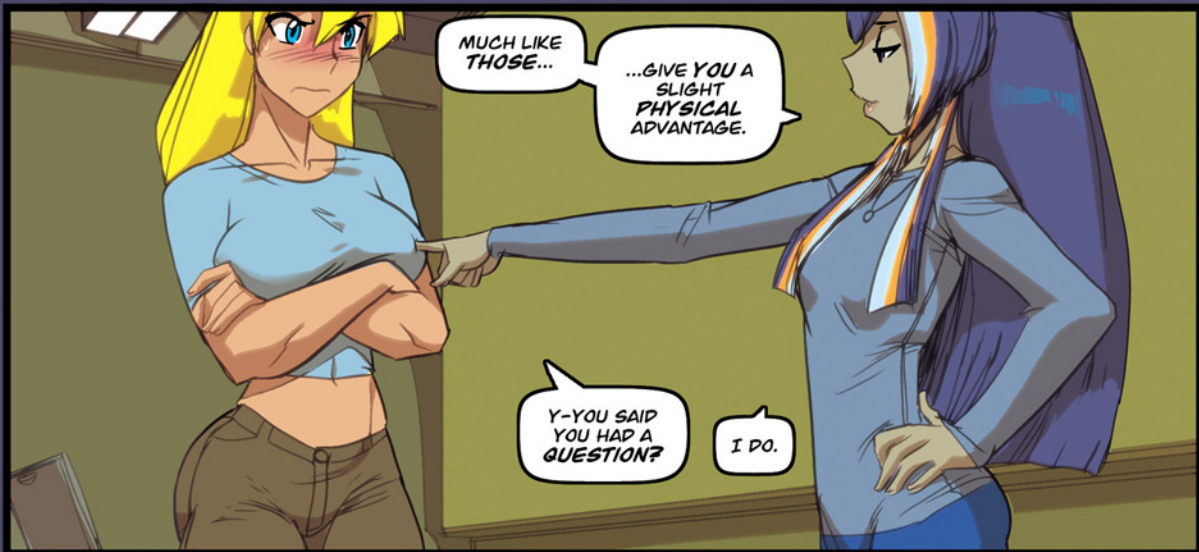
...OR IS A  
TALENTED  
SINGER...

...OR HAS  
LARGE  
MAMMARY  
GLANDS.



BACK ON  
MONSTER  
ISLAND, MY  
TRIBE HAS  
ADAPTED TO  
COMMUNICATION  
THROUGH  
AROMA.

THEREFORE MY  
PHEROMONES  
MIGHT PUT ME  
AT A SLIGHT  
CHEMICAL  
ADVANTAGE.



MUCH LIKE  
THOSE...

...GIVE YOU A  
SLIGHT  
PHYSICAL  
ADVANTAGE.

Y-YOU SAID  
YOU HAD A  
QUESTION?

I DO.



PROFESSOR SLEAKE  
WOULD MAKE AN EXQUISITE  
FATHER, GINA.

AND YOU  
WOULD MAKE  
AN EXQUISITE  
MOTHER.

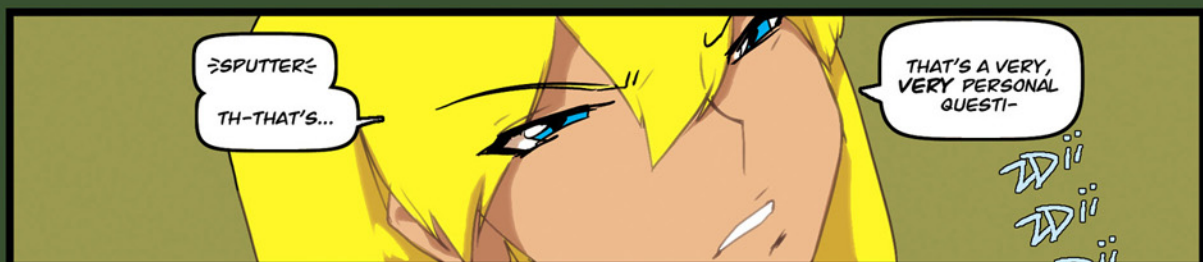
YOUR...  
EQUIPMENT...  
IS PERFECT  
FOR BEARING  
CHILDREN  
FOR HIM!

MEANWHILE, I AM STILL AN  
OOSHOOOSH GIANTESS  
SCALED TO HUMAN HEIGHT.

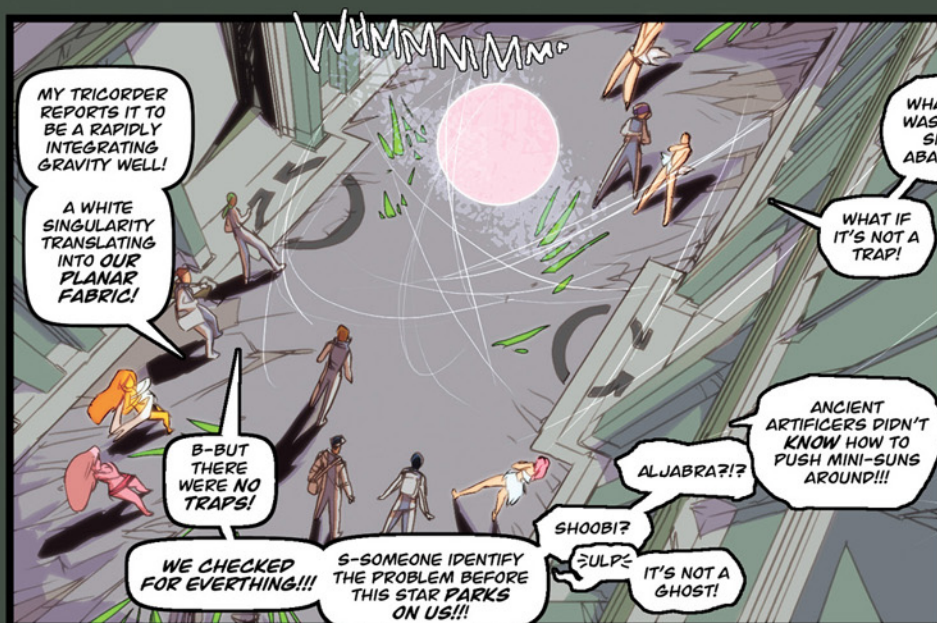
MY...EQUIPMENT...  
IS SUITABLE FOR  
OOSHOOOSH MALES,  
WHO ARE NORMALLY  
A QUARTER OF  
MY SIZE.

MY PAIRING WITH  
PROFESSOR SLEAKE  
WOULD BE POSSIBLE,  
BUT INITIALLY...  
AWKWARD.









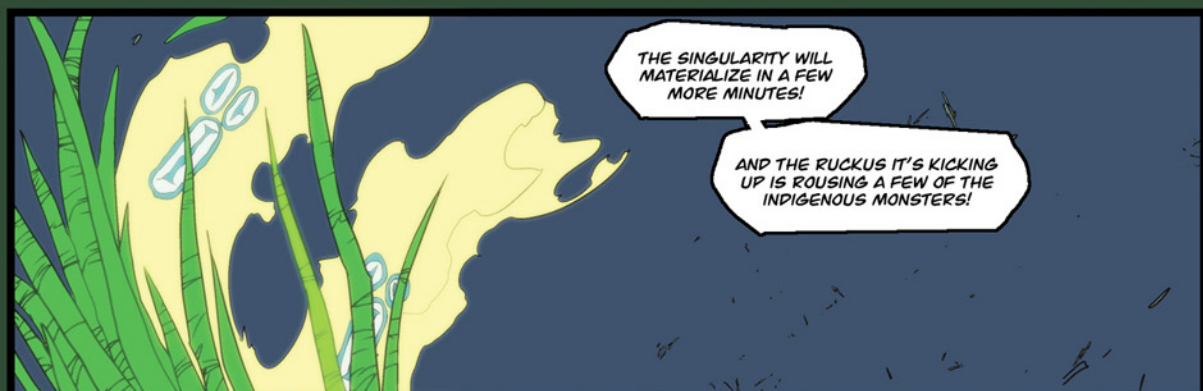




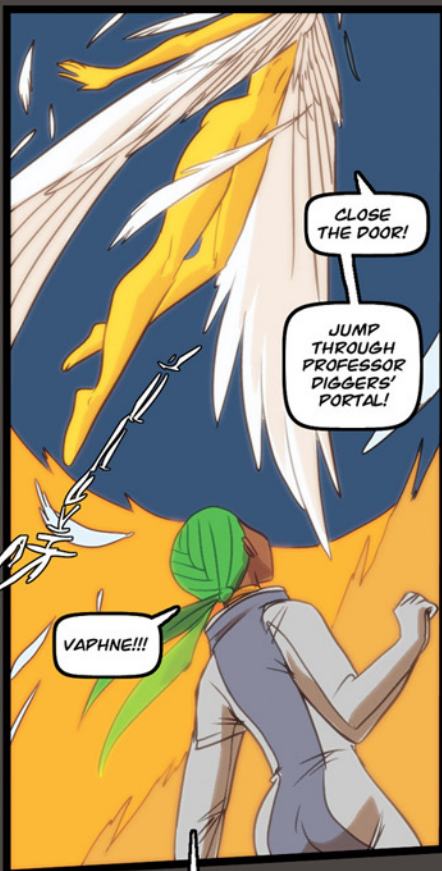












CLOSE  
THE DOOR!

JUMP  
THROUGH  
PROFESSOR  
DIGGERS'  
PORTAL!

VAPHNE!!!



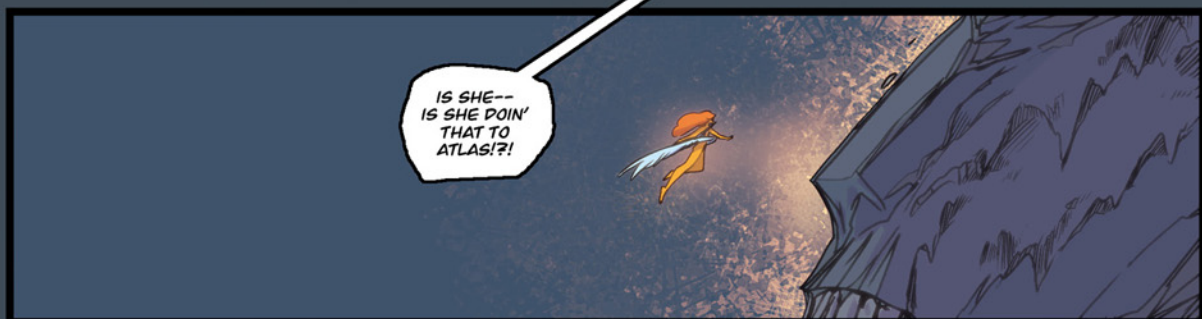
WHAT ARE YOU  
DOING!?!



I'LL BE RIGHT  
BEHIND YOU...

...AFTER I ARRANGE  
OUR MAKE-UP  
TEST!!!







ALL RIGHT.  
IS THE WHOLE CLASS  
THROUGH?

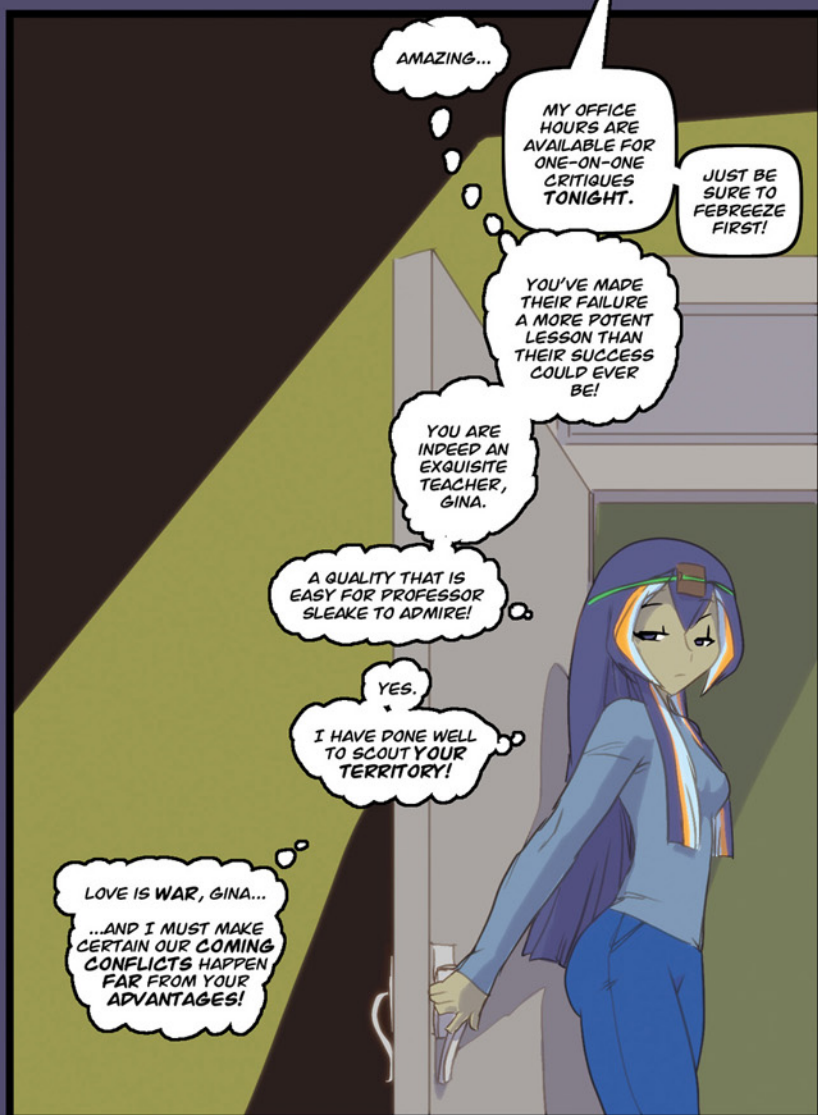
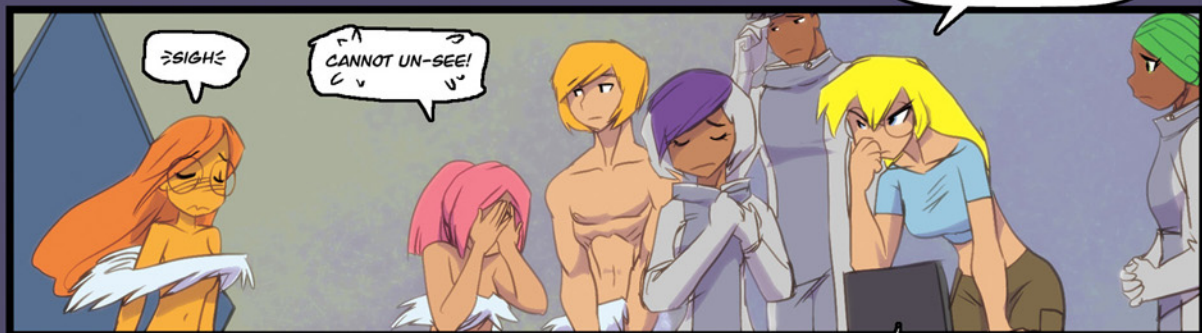
I'M CLOSING  
THE PYLON'S  
HYPERSPACE  
TUNNEL!

NEXT WEEK, I  
EXPECT EVERYONE  
TO BE HERE...ALERT,  
DE-CONTAMINATED...

...AND READY FOR  
A SERIOUS LECTURE  
ABOUT THE DIFFERENCE  
BETWEEN SPELUNKING  
LIKE "TOMB RAIDERS"  
AND DISCOVERING  
LIKE SCIENTISTS!

AND SEND  
VAPHNE A "THANK  
YOU" CARD...

...BECAUSE SHE  
STEPPED WAY OUT OF  
HER COMFORT ZONE (AND  
EVERYONE ELSE'S...) TO  
MAKE SURE THERE IS A  
PLACE TO CONDUCT YOUR  
"MAKE-UP EXAM".





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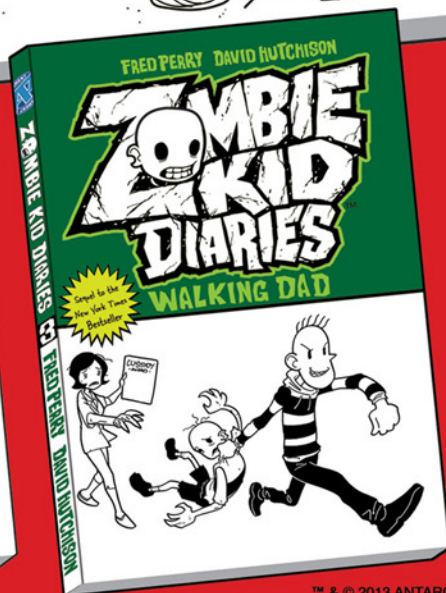
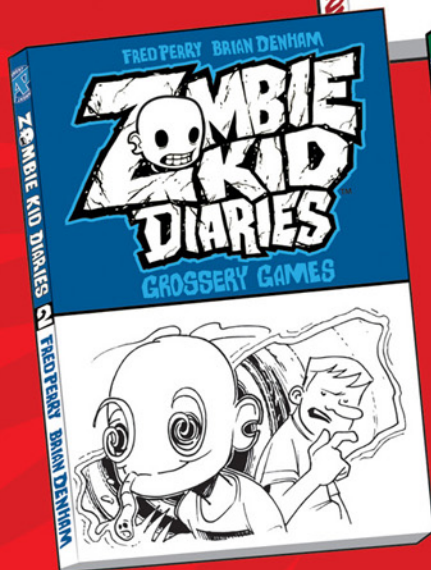
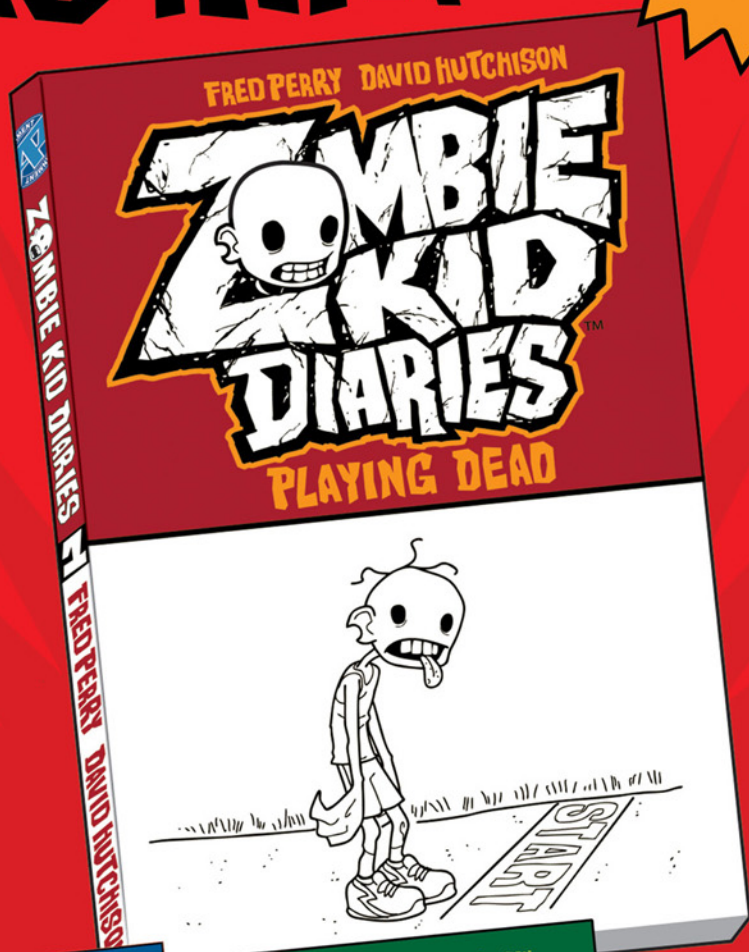
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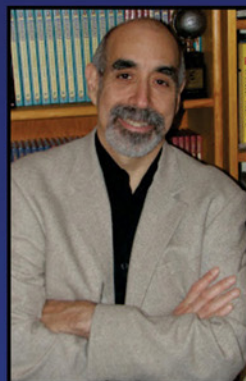
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