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OH GOOD, YOU'VE MANAGED TO SUBDUDE THE DEVIOUS **COMMANDER COUCH**.

DO YOU THINK YOU CAN HOLD HIM DOWN WHILE I CALL THE POLICE? THEY'LL BE THRILLED TO HEAR HIS REIGN OF TERROR HAS COME TO AN E--

HAR HAR.



COME OUT TONIGHT. LET'S SEE WHAT SORT OF MISCHIEF WE CAN FIND.

NAH, DON'T FEEL LIKE IT.

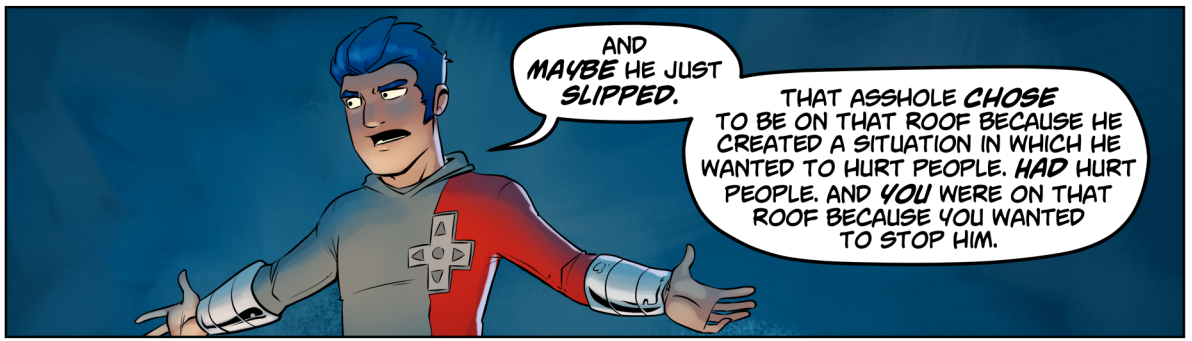


IT'S BEEN TWO WEEKS, BUD... HOW LONG ARE YOU GOING TO BEAT YOURSELF UP OVER THIS?



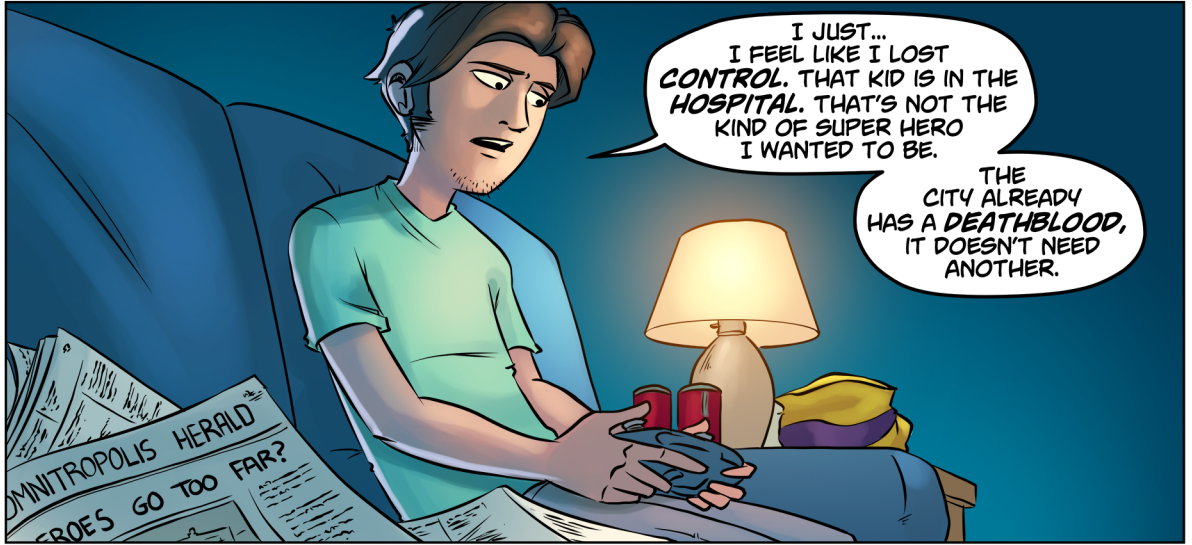
OVER WHAT?

OVER LETTING THAT GUY GET ME SO **ANGRY** THAT ALL I COULD **THINK** ABOUT ON THAT ROOF WAS WATCHING HIM FALL THOSE FIVE STORIES? THAT MAYBE I **INTENTIONALLY** DROPPED HIM?



AND
MAYBE HE JUST
SLIPPED.

THAT ASSHOLE *CHOSE*
TO BE ON THAT ROOF BECAUSE HE
CREATED A SITUATION IN WHICH HE
WANTED TO HURT PEOPLE. *HAD* HURT
PEOPLE. AND *YOU* WERE ON THAT
ROOF BECAUSE YOU WANTED
TO STOP HIM.



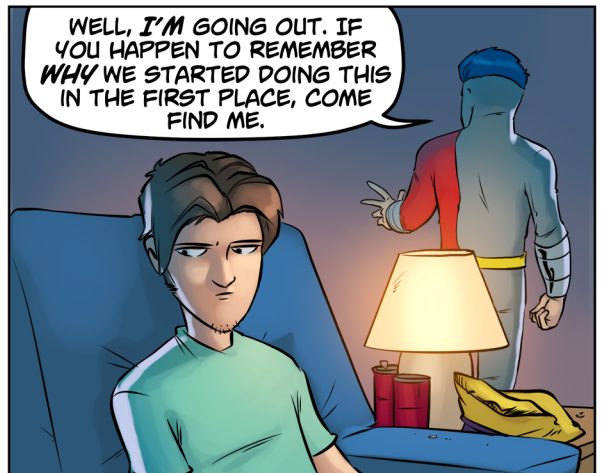
I JUST...
I FEEL LIKE I LOST
CONTROL. THAT KID IS IN THE
HOSPITAL. THAT'S NOT THE
KIND OF SUPER HERO
I WANTED TO BE.

THE
CITY ALREADY
HAS A *DEATHBLOOD*,
IT DOESN'T NEED
ANOTHER.

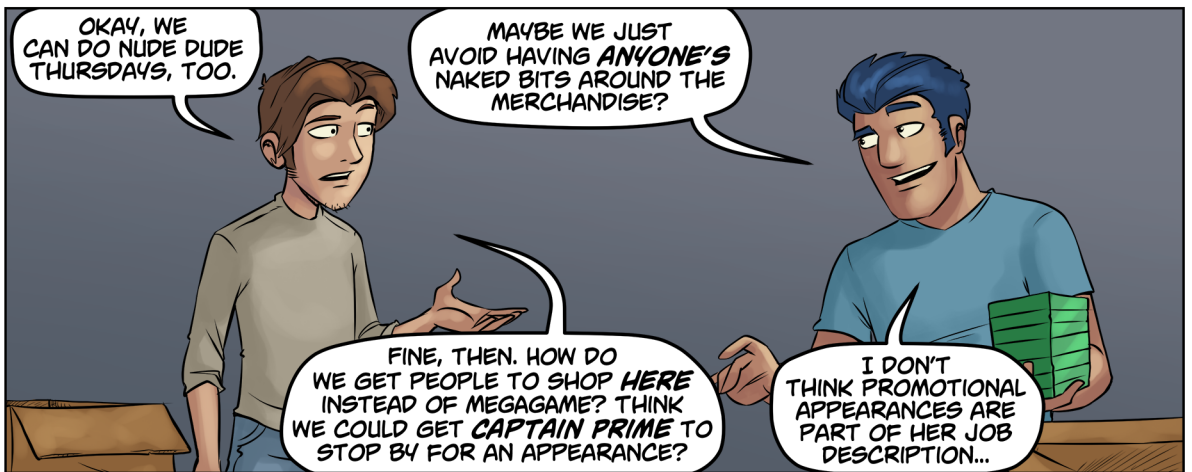
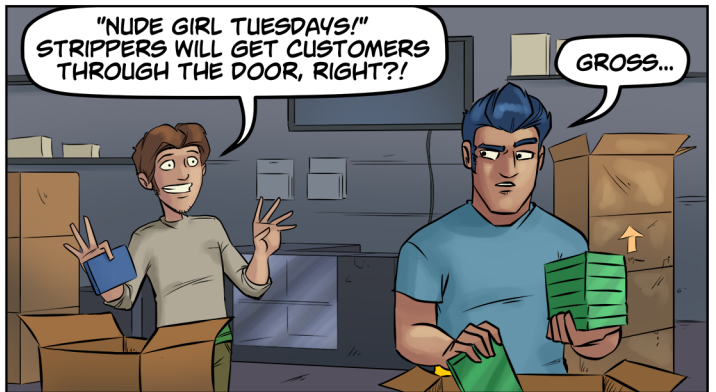


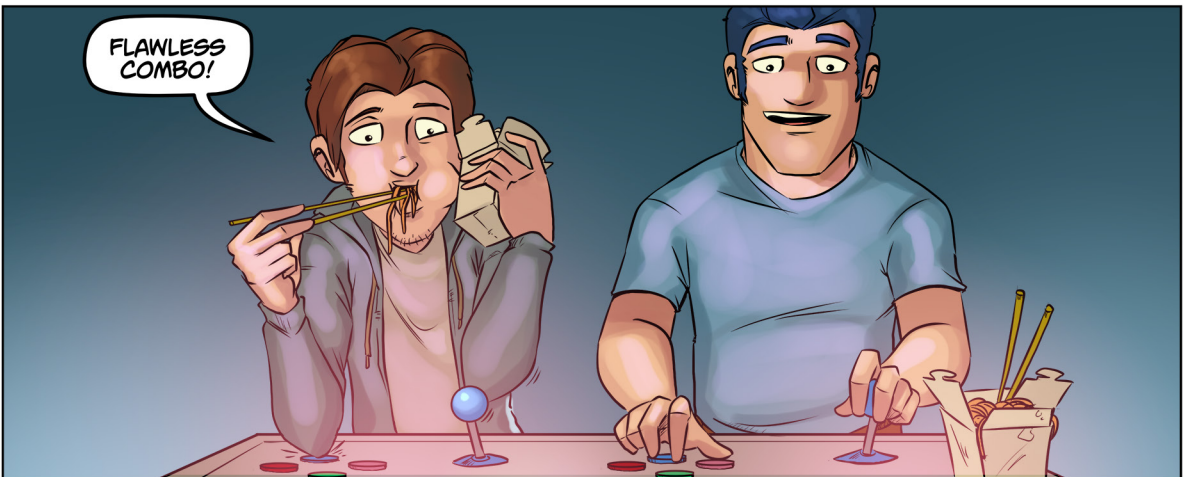
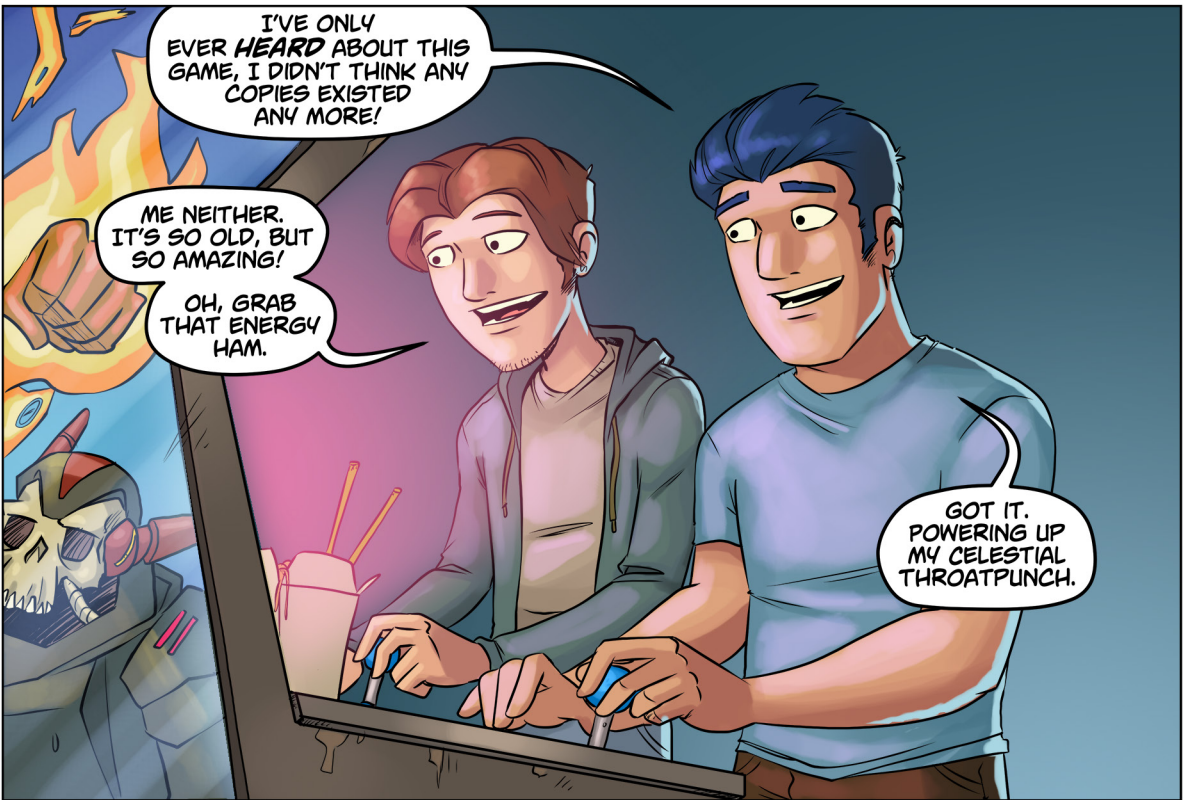
ETHAN, WE KNEW
THIS SORT OF THING WAS GOING
TO BE A POSSIBILITY WHEN WE PUT
ON THESE COSTUMES. THESE
JERKS AREN'T OUT THERE
TO PLAY NICE.

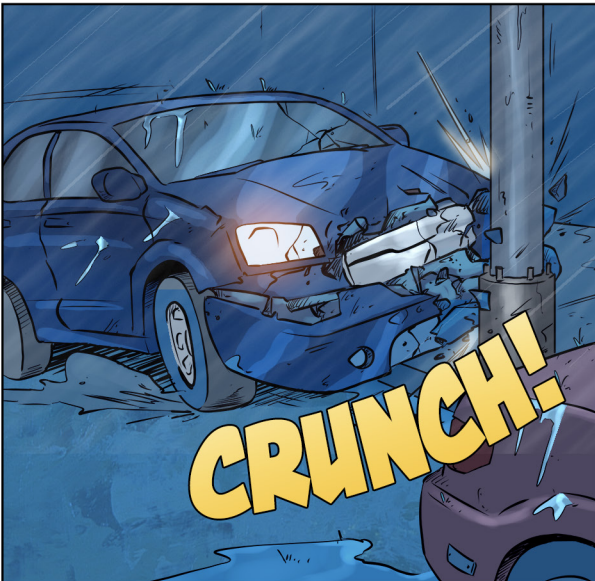
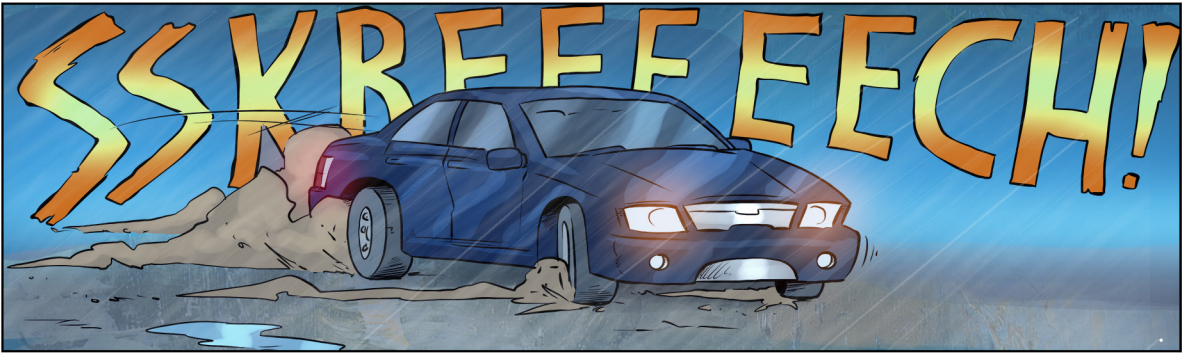
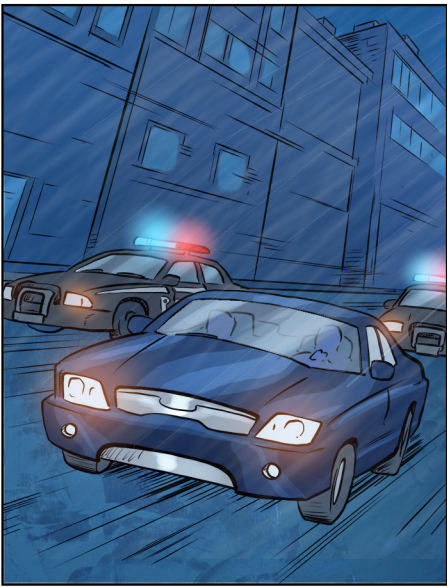
THEY MAY NOT
GIVE YOU A CHOICE ABOUT
WHAT KIND OF HERO YOU WANT
TO BE, IF IT COMES DOWN TO
THEM OR SOME RANDOM
INNOCENT SCHMUCK WHO
JUST WANTS TO GET
HOME TO HIS
FAMILY.



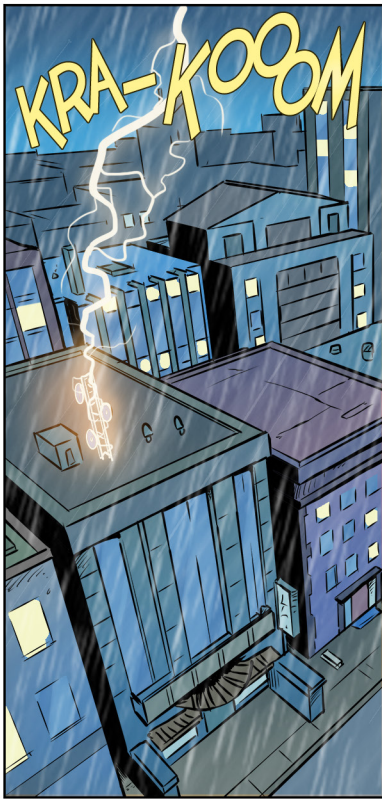
WELL, I'M GOING OUT. IF
YOU HAPPEN TO REMEMBER
WHY WE STARTED DOING THIS
IN THE FIRST PLACE, COME
FIND ME.

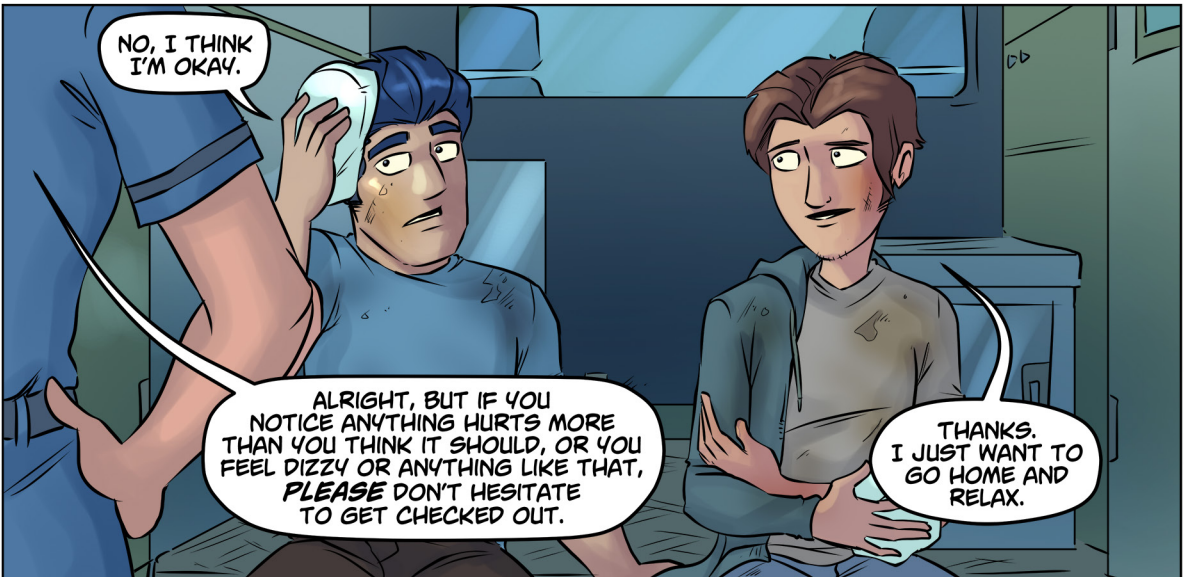
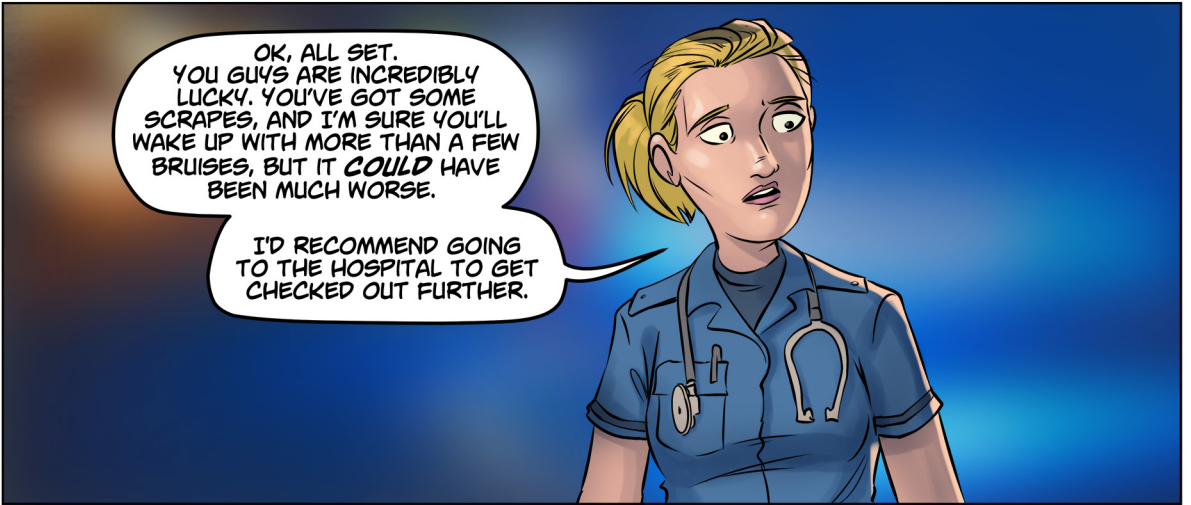


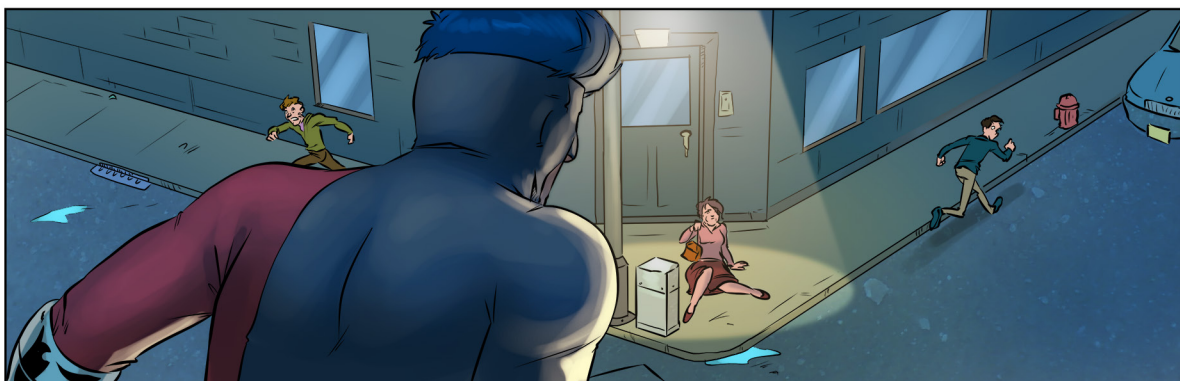












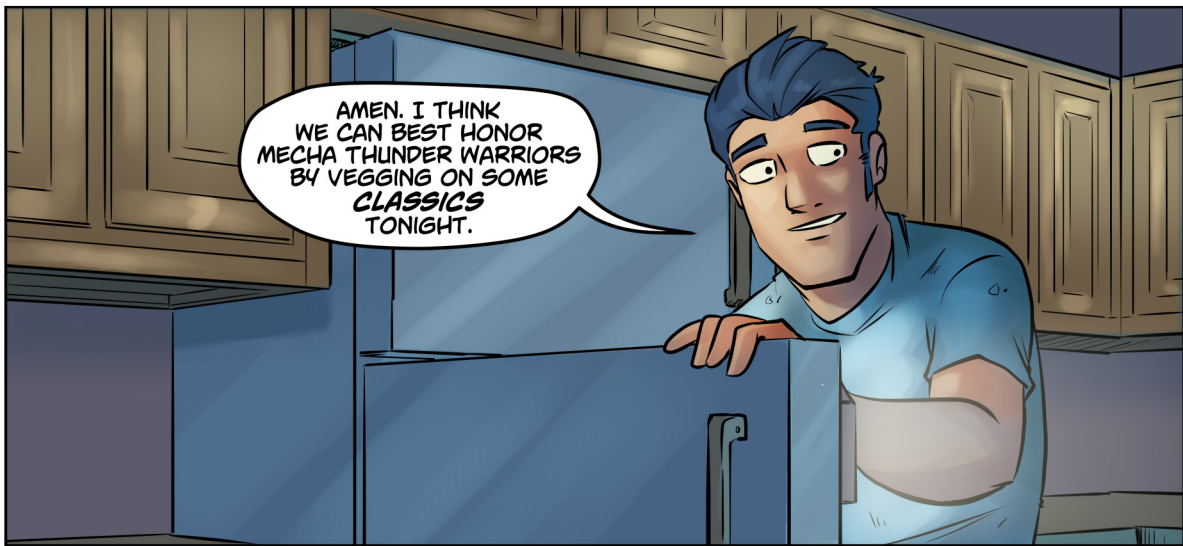


From: capesrock@gmail.com
To: L.Monroe@ONN.com

Subject: RE your article

Ms Monroe- Who do you think you are?! Nearly every day my best friend and I put ourselves at risk to try and make a difference in this city, and you just come along, knowing nothing about us or what drives us, and



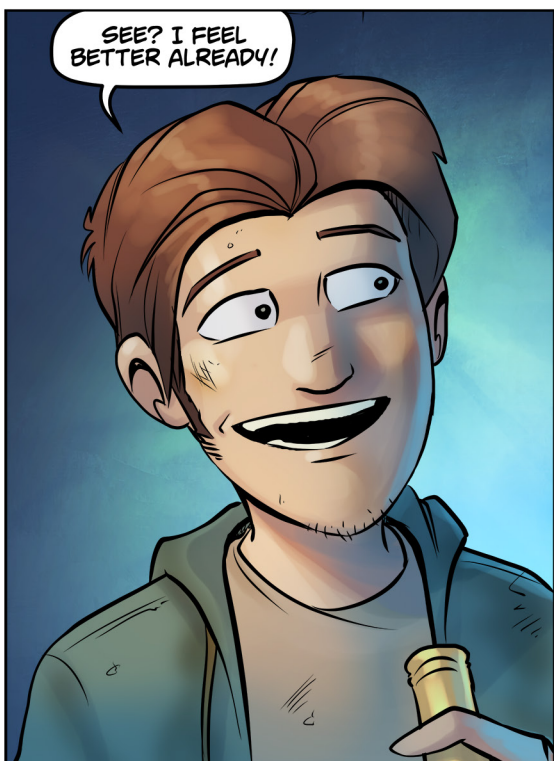


AMEN. I THINK WE CAN BEST HONOR MECHA THUNDER WARRIORS BY VEGGING ON SOME **CLASSICS** TONIGHT.



IT'S WHAT IT WOULD HAVE WANTED.

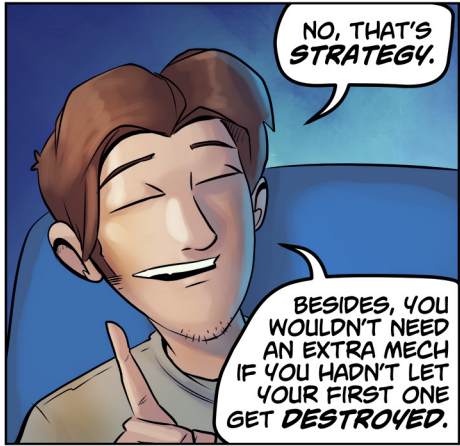
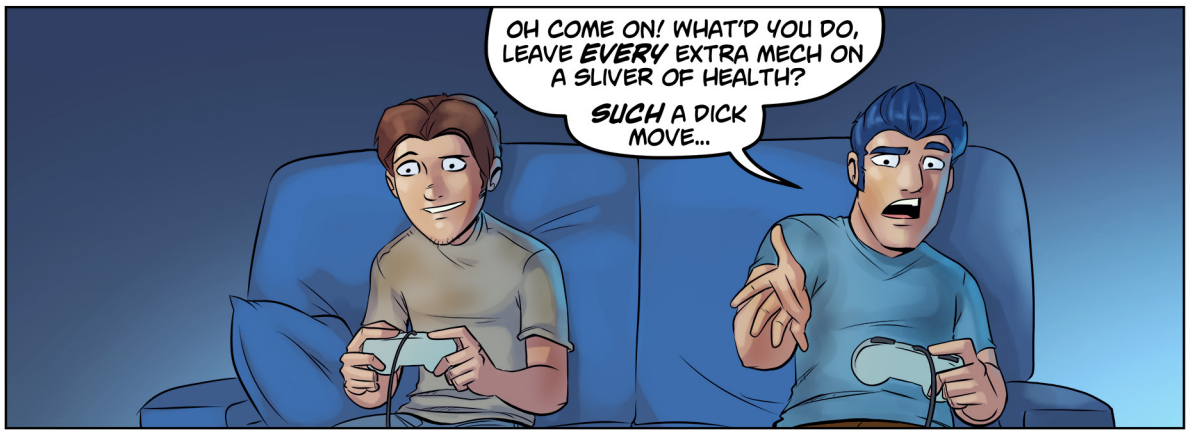
I'LL PLUG IN THE SNES. **METAL WARRIORS?**



SEE? I FEEL BETTER ALREADY!



OW, SMILING HURTS.





OHMYGOD
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WHATTHEFUCK WHATTHEFUCK
WHATTHEFUUUUCK!?!



9-1-1! OK,
CALL 9-1-1!



WAIT, WHAT
THE FUCK DO
I EVEN TELL
THEM?!

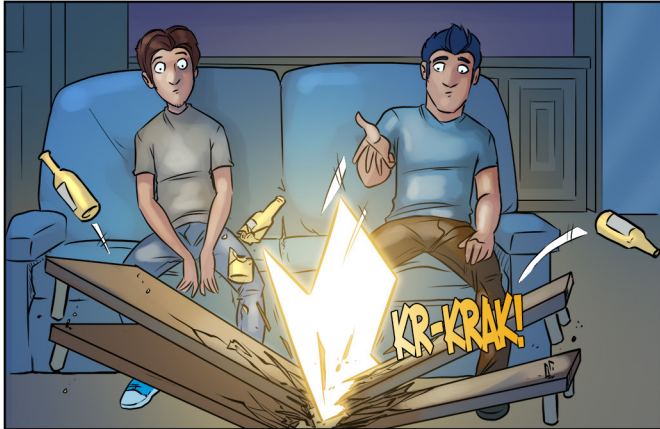
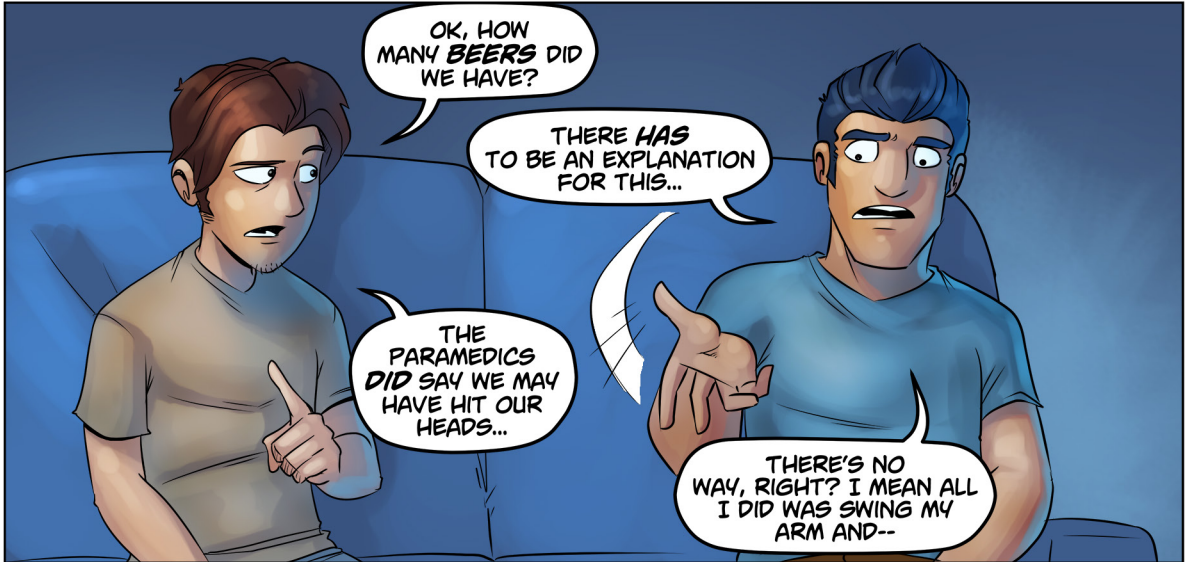
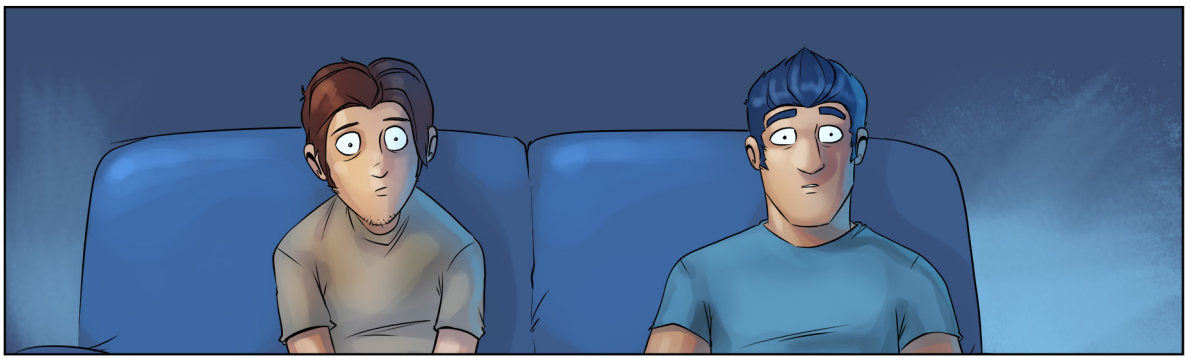
WHAT
THE FUCK
EVEN
HAPPENED!?



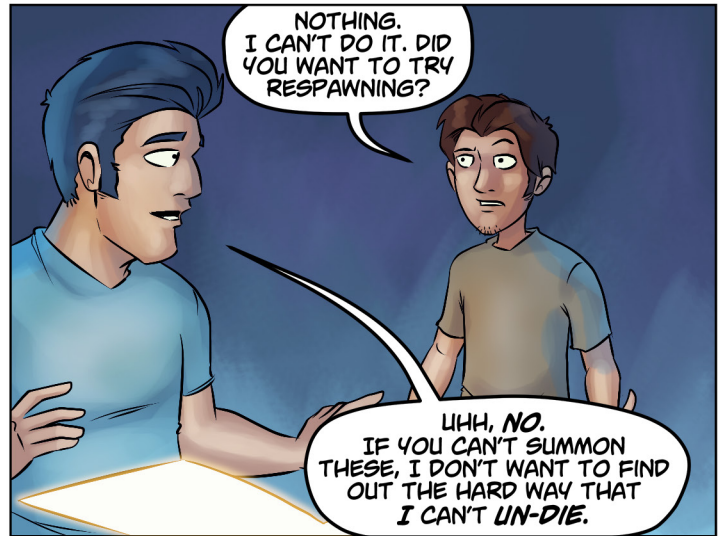
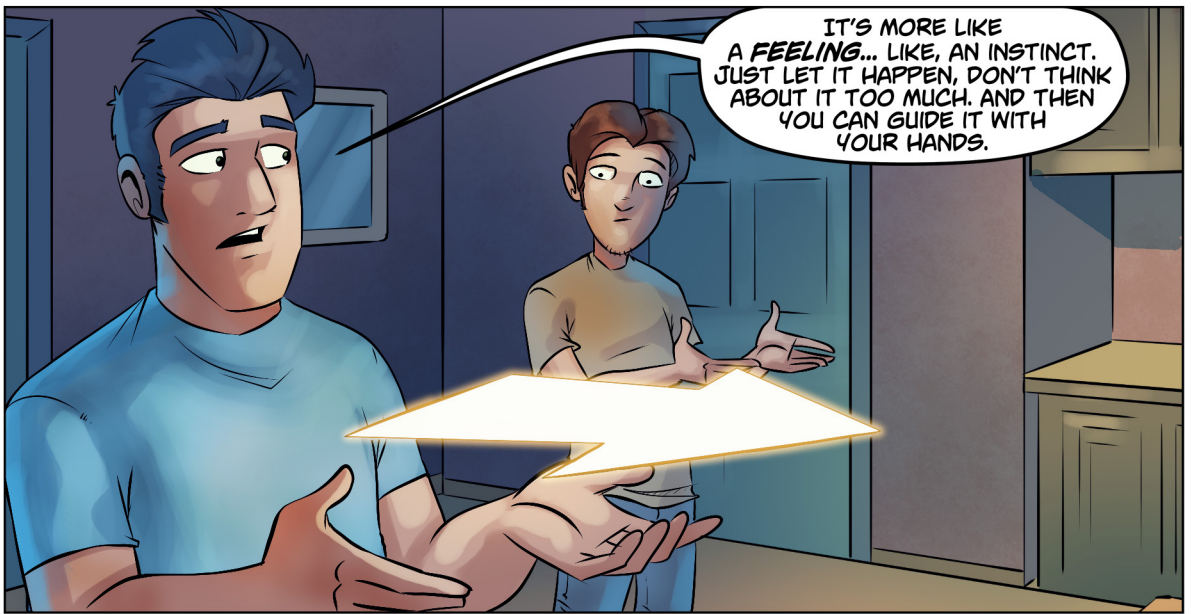
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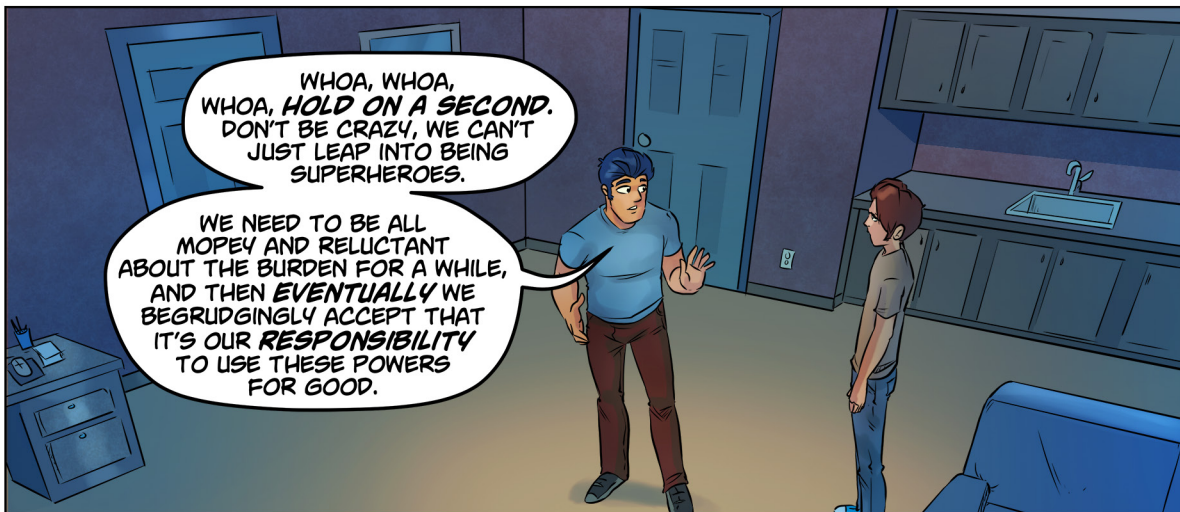


AAAAAGGGGGHHH!!







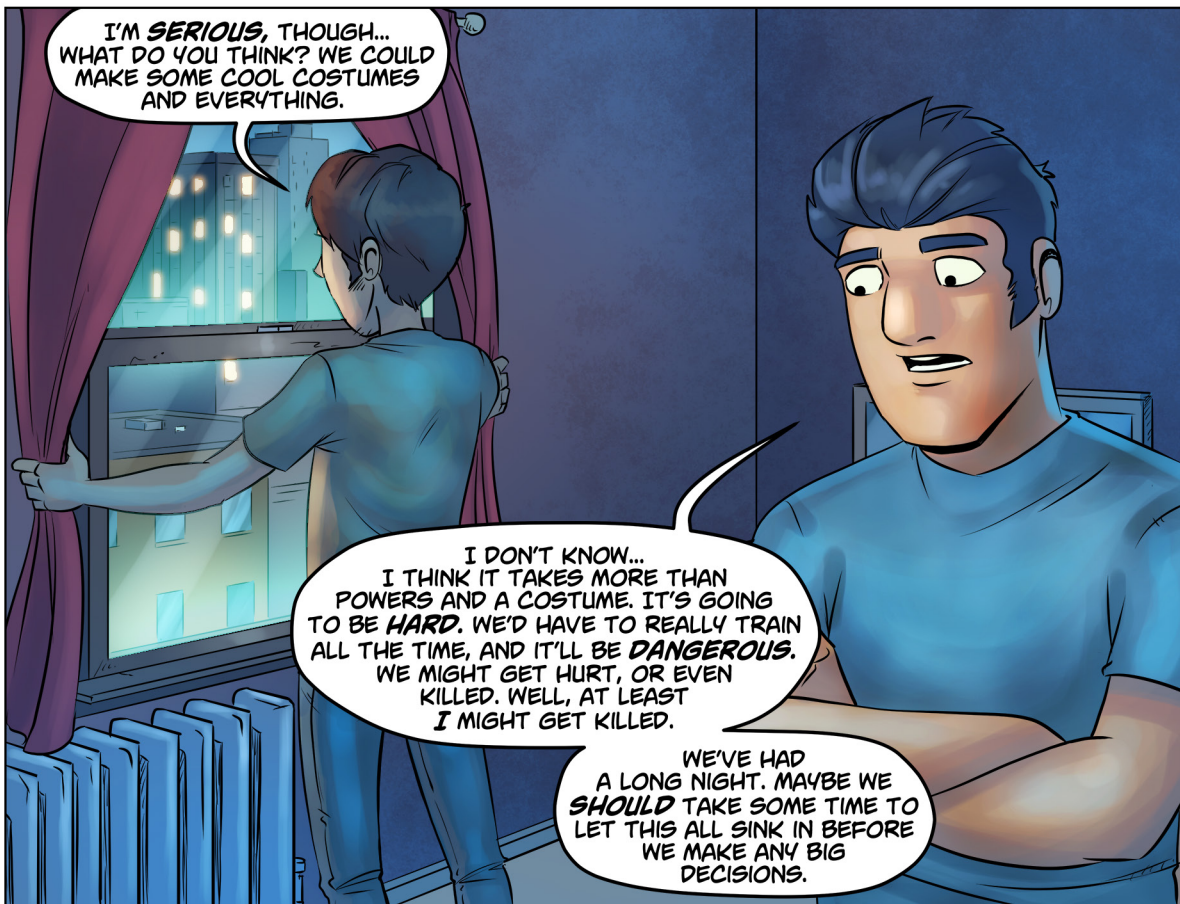


WHOA, WHOA,
WHOA, **HOLD ON A SECOND.**
DON'T BE CRAZY, WE CAN'T
JUST LEAP INTO BEING
SUPERHEROES.

WE NEED TO BE ALL
MOPEY AND RELUCTANT
ABOUT THE BURDEN FOR A WHILE,
AND THEN **EVENUALLY** WE
BEGRUDGINGLY ACCEPT THAT
IT'S OUR **RESPONSIBILITY**
TO USE THESE POWERS
FOR GOOD.



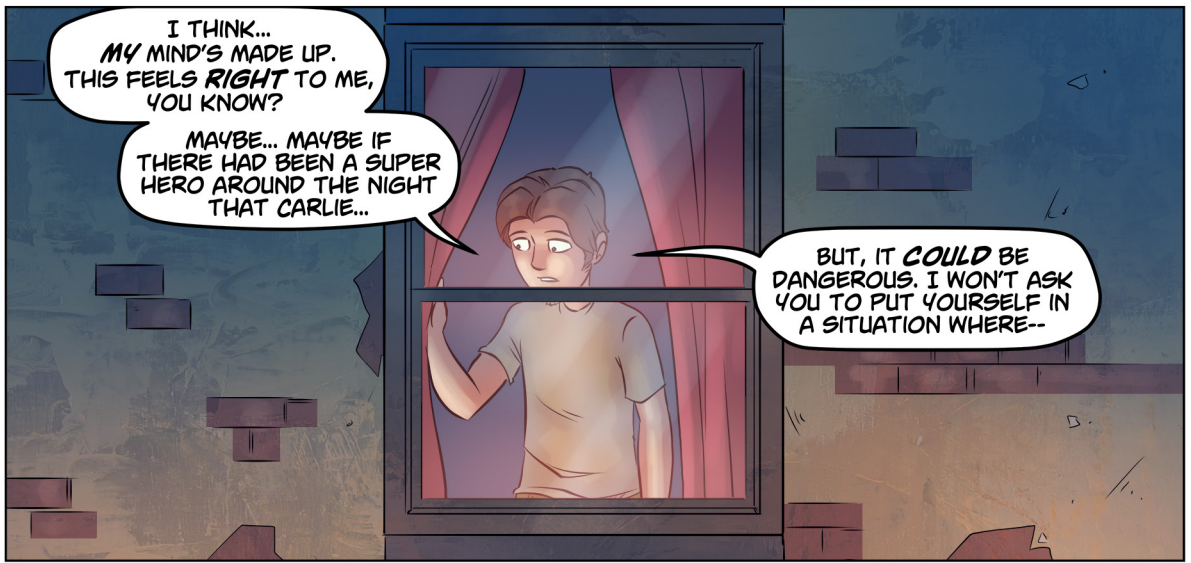
AAHHHAHAHAHA!



I'M **SERIOUS**, THOUGH...
WHAT DO YOU THINK? WE COULD
MAKE SOME COOL COSTUMES
AND EVERYTHING.

I DON'T KNOW...
I THINK IT TAKES MORE THAN
POWERS AND A COSTUME. IT'S GOING
TO BE **HARD**. WE'D HAVE TO REALLY TRAIN
ALL THE TIME, AND IT'LL BE **DANGEROUS**.
WE MIGHT GET HURT, OR EVEN
KILLED. WELL, AT LEAST
I MIGHT GET KILLED.

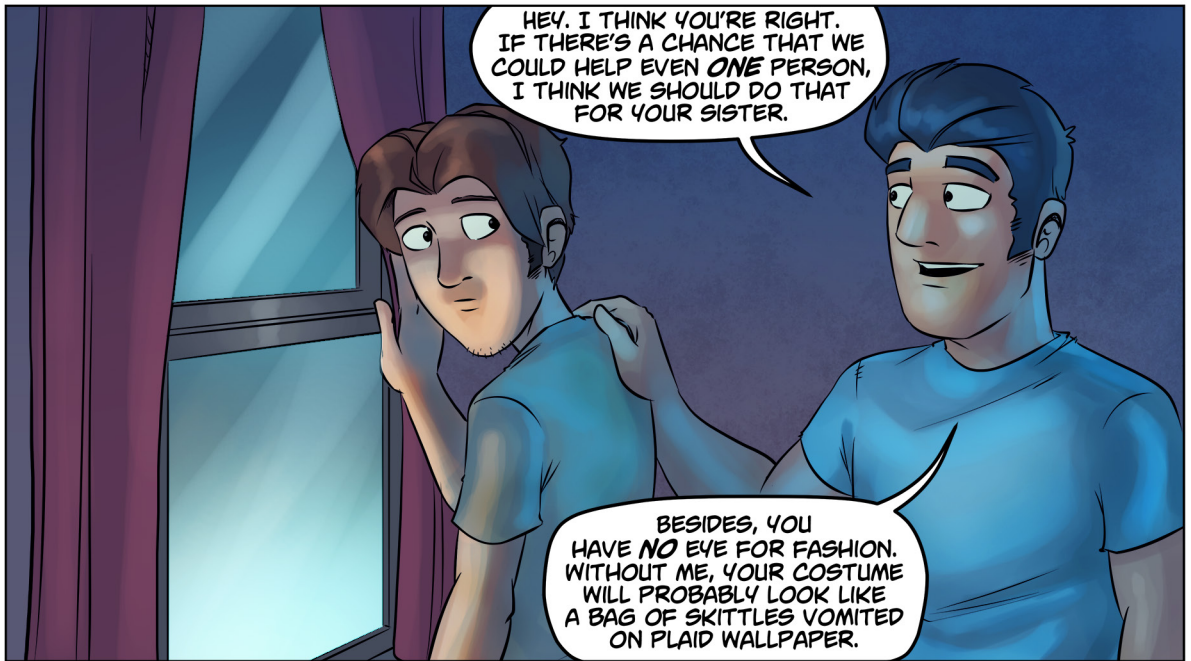
WE'VE HAD
A LONG NIGHT. MAYBE WE
SHOULD TAKE SOME TIME TO
LET THIS ALL SINK IN BEFORE
WE MAKE ANY BIG
DECISIONS.



I THINK...
MY MIND'S MADE UP.
THIS FEELS *RIGHT* TO ME,
YOU KNOW?

MAYBE... MAYBE IF
THERE HAD BEEN A SUPER
HERO AROUND THE NIGHT
THAT CARLIE...

BUT, IT *COULD* BE
DANGEROUS. I WON'T ASK
YOU TO PUT YOURSELF IN
A SITUATION WHERE--



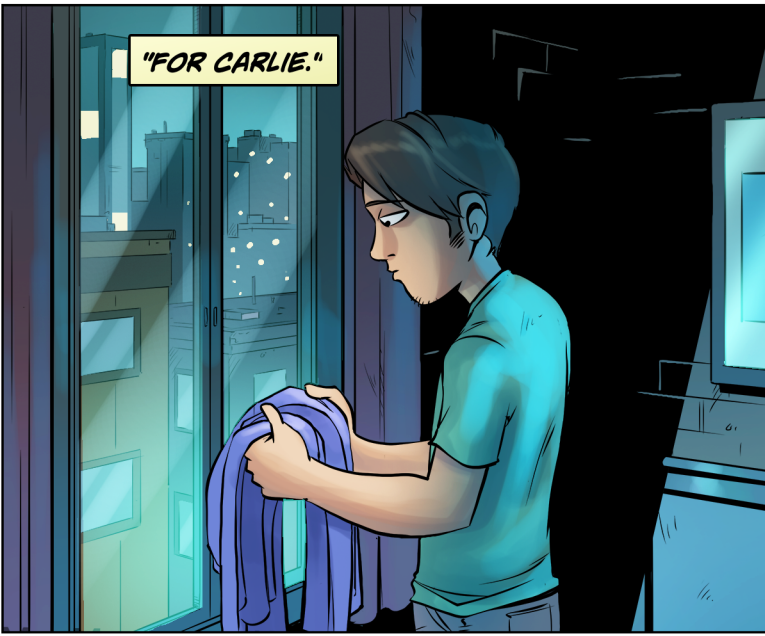
HEY. I THINK YOU'RE RIGHT.
IF THERE'S A CHANCE THAT WE
COULD HELP EVEN *ONE* PERSON,
I THINK WE SHOULD DO THAT
FOR YOUR SISTER.

BESIDES, YOU
HAVE *NO* EYE FOR FASHION.
WITHOUT ME, YOUR COSTUME
WILL PROBABLY LOOK LIKE
A BAG OF SKITTLES VOMITED
ON PLAID WALLPAPER.




FOR CARLIE,
THEN.

FOR CARLIE.



to someone who do you think you are? Nearly every day my best friend and I put ourselves at risk to try and make a difference in this city, and you just come along, knowing nothing

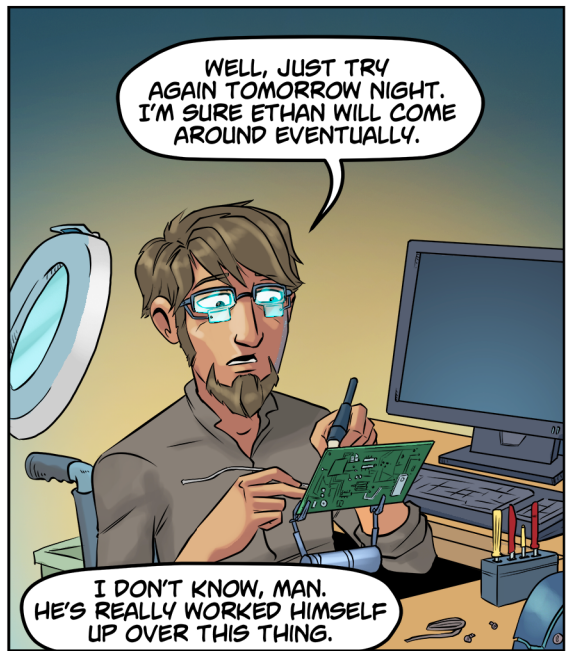
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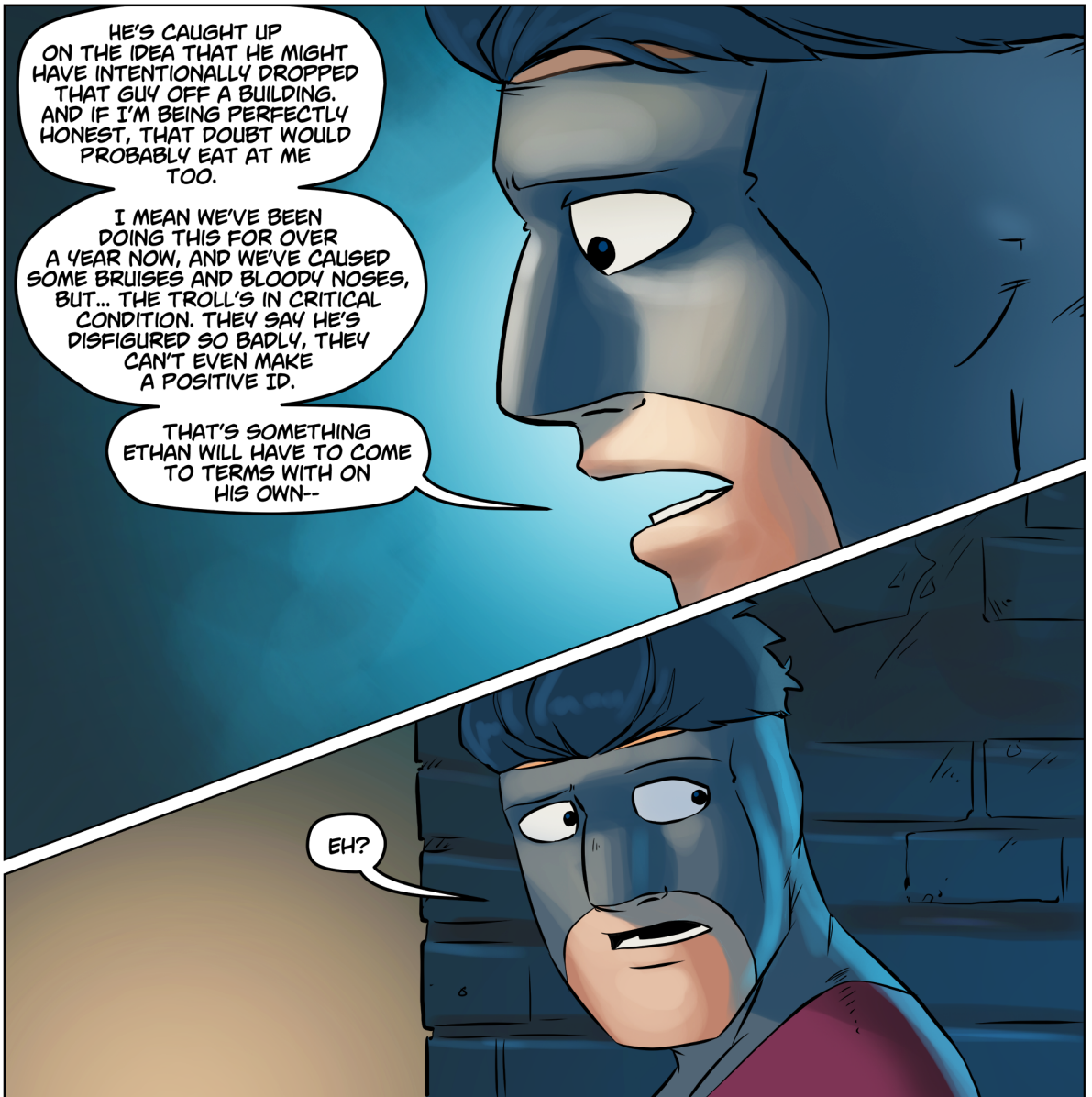


SIGH DOING THIS ALONE BLOWS.



WELL, JUST TRY AGAIN TOMORROW NIGHT. I'M SURE ETHAN WILL COME AROUND EVENTUALLY.

I DON'T KNOW, MAN. HE'S REALLY WORKED HIMSELF UP OVER THIS THING.

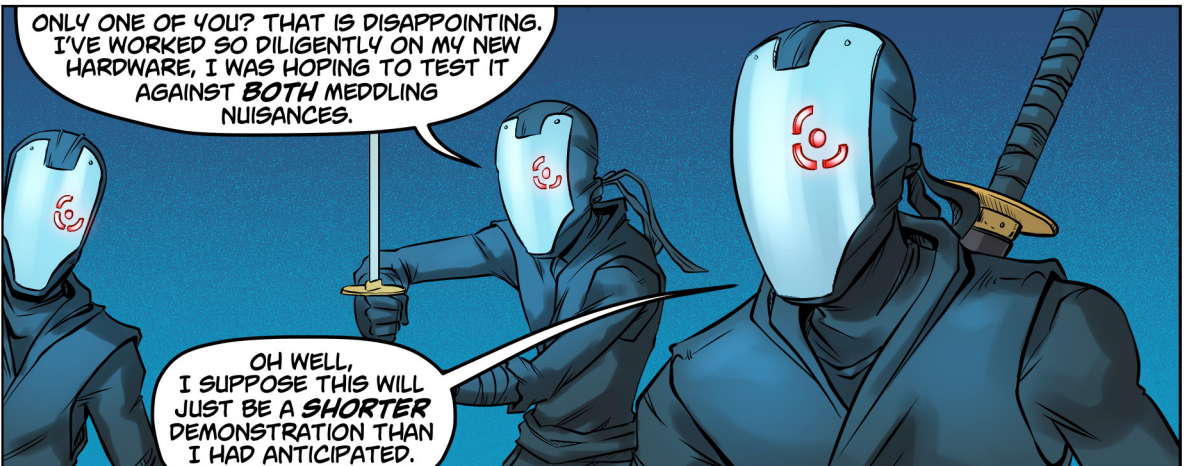
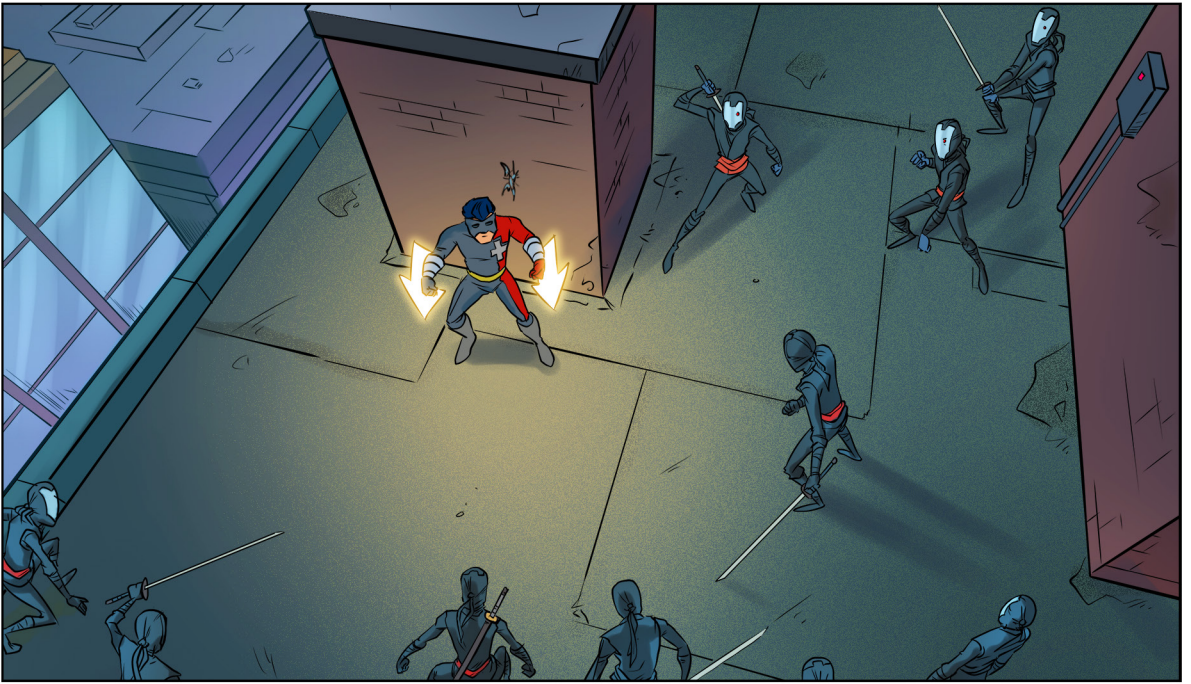


HE'S CAUGHT UP ON THE IDEA THAT HE MIGHT HAVE INTENTIONALLY DROPPED THAT GUY OFF A BUILDING. AND IF I'M BEING PERFECTLY HONEST, THAT DOUBT WOULD PROBABLY EAT AT ME TOO.

I MEAN WE'VE BEEN DOING THIS FOR OVER A YEAR NOW, AND WE'VE CAUSED SOME BRUISES AND BLOODY NOSES, BUT... THE TROLL'S IN CRITICAL CONDITION. THEY SAY HE'S DISFIGURED SO BADLY, THEY CAN'T EVEN MAKE A POSITIVE ID.

THAT'S SOMETHING ETHAN WILL HAVE TO COME TO TERMS WITH ON HIS OWN--

EH?



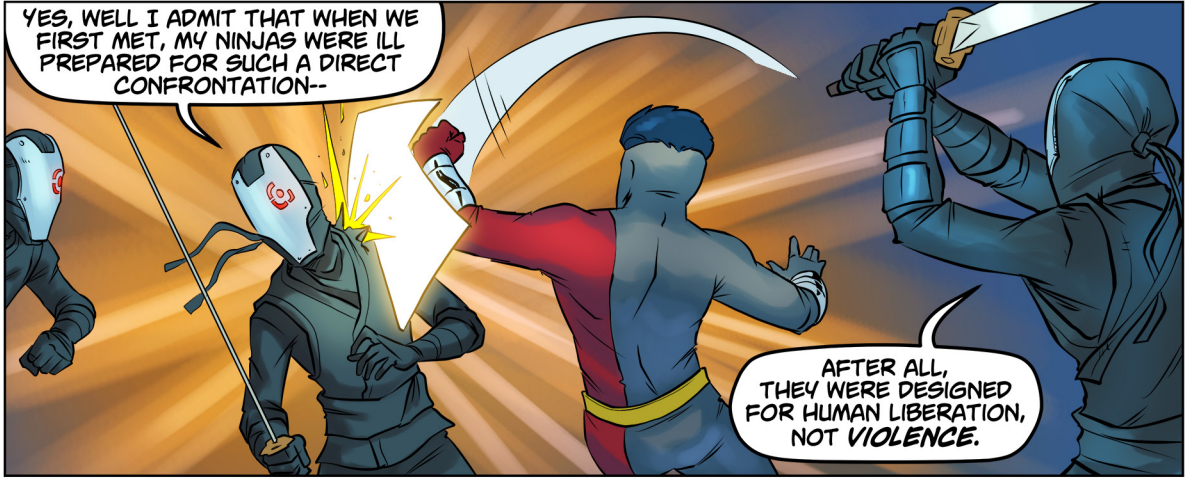
ONLY ONE OF YOU? THAT IS DISAPPOINTING. I'VE WORKED SO DILIGENTLY ON MY NEW HARDWARE, I WAS HOPING TO TEST IT AGAINST **BOTH** MEDDLING NUISANCES.

OH WELL, I SUPPOSE THIS WILL JUST BE A **SHORTER** DEMONSTRATION THAN I HAD ANTICIPATED.



YOU AGAIN? REALLY?
I DIDN'T SMASH ENOUGH OF
YOUR TOYS LAST TIME?

HOW MUCH DO THESE
THINGS COST, ANYWAY?
I HOPE THEY'RE
EXPENSIVE.



YES, WELL I ADMIT THAT WHEN WE
FIRST MET, MY NINJAS WERE ILL
PREPARED FOR SUCH A DIRECT
CONFRONTATION--

AFTER ALL,
THEY WERE DESIGNED
FOR HUMAN LIBERATION,
NOT VIOLENCE.



ONCE YOU PROVED
INSISTENT ON INTERFERING
WITH MY CAMPAIGN FOR THE
SUBLIMATION OF TECHNOLOGY,
I WAS FORCED TO...
RE-EVALUATE MY
APPROACH.

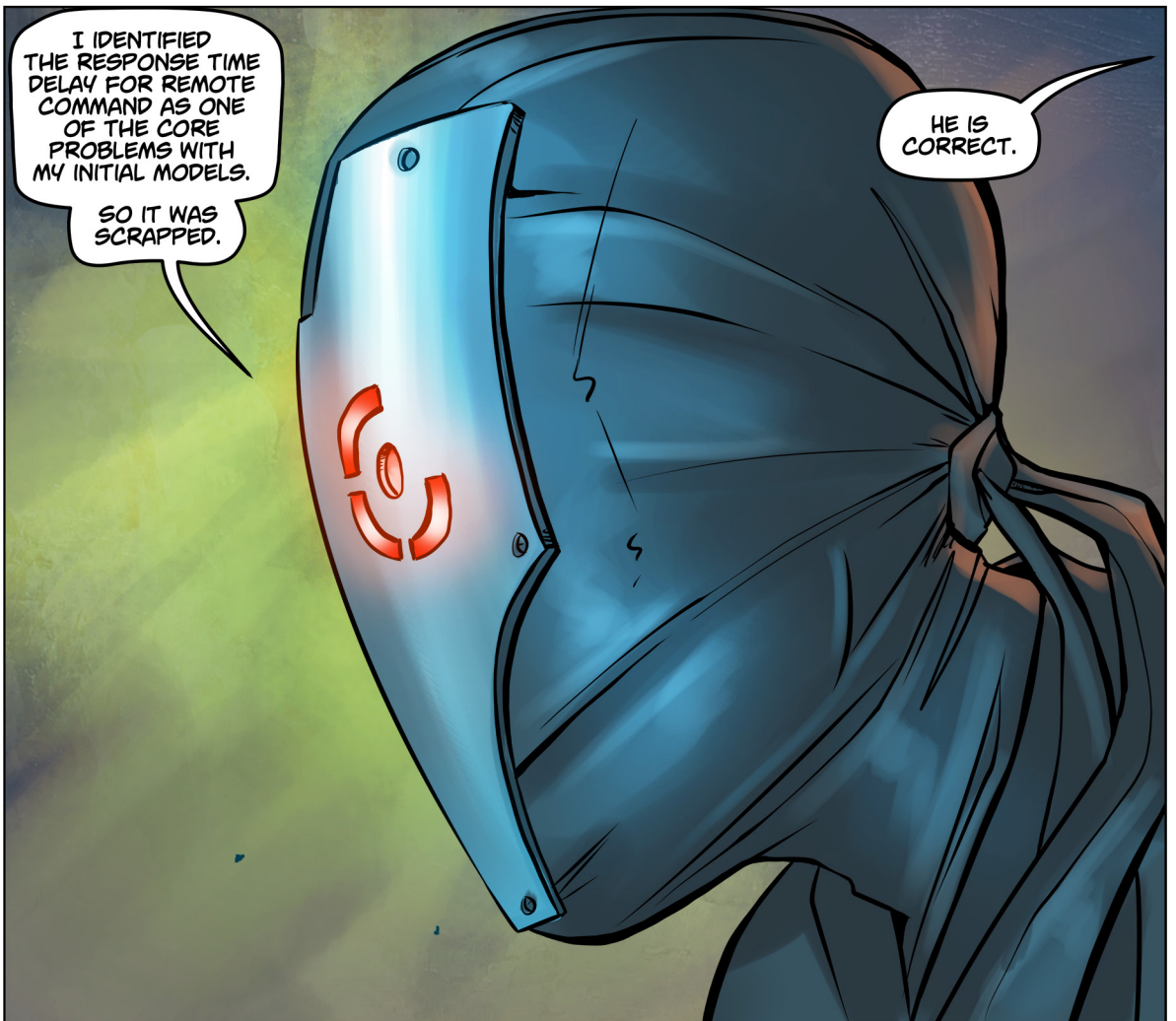
AND SO THIS
GENIUS NEW PLAN WAS WHAT?
"MORE REMOTE-CONTROLLED
ROBOTS?"



OH NO, NO.
I OPTED FOR...
A FAR MORE **ELEGANT**
SOLUTION.



OH, SO JUST A **DIFFERENT** REMOTE-CONTROLLED ROBOT...



I IDENTIFIED THE RESPONSE TIME DELAY FOR REMOTE COMMAND AS ONE OF THE CORE PROBLEMS WITH MY INITIAL MODELS.

SO IT WAS SCRAPPED.

HE IS CORRECT.



MY
MIND IS MY OWN,
MEATBAG.