

**NO
P-PLEASE,
DON'T MAKE ME
LAUGH ANYMORE!
I CAN'T STAND IT!
IT'S TORTURE!**

HAAAAHAHAHA

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PATREON EXCLUSIVE

THE YOUTH TRAINER'S CONCLUSION THAT HER REACTION IS A RESULT OF THE APPLICATION OF PHYSICAL PAIN IS IN DIRECT CONFLICT WITH THE INTENSITY OF HER LAUGHTER.

SHE'S REALLY TICKLISH, LAE'SHAAR. IT'S NOT BECAUSE SOMEONE TOLD HER A 'KNOCK KNOCK' JOKE.

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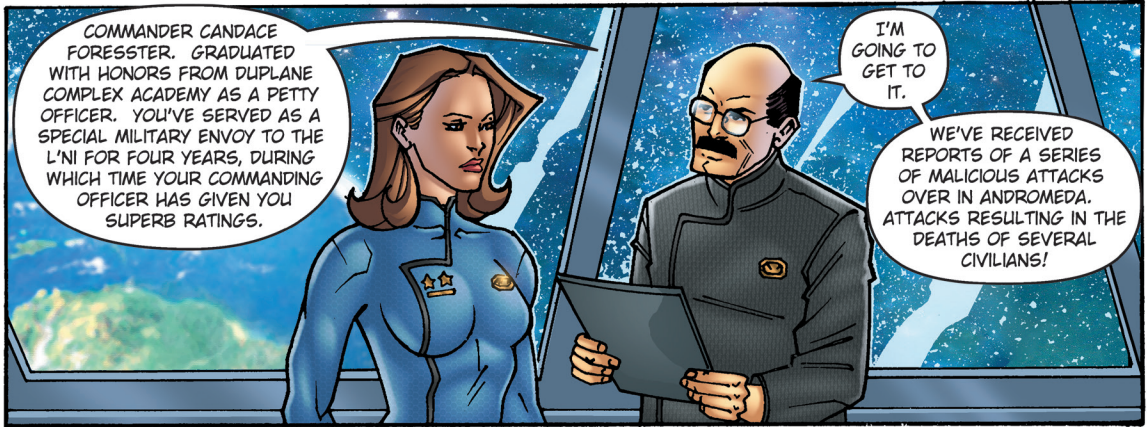
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COMMANDER CANDACE FORESSTER. GRADUATED WITH HONORS FROM DUPLANE COMPLEX ACADEMY AS A PETTY OFFICER. YOU'VE SERVED AS A SPECIAL MILITARY ENVOY TO THE L'NI FOR FOUR YEARS, DURING WHICH TIME YOUR COMMANDING OFFICER HAS GIVEN YOU SUPERB RATINGS.

I'M GOING TO GET TO IT.

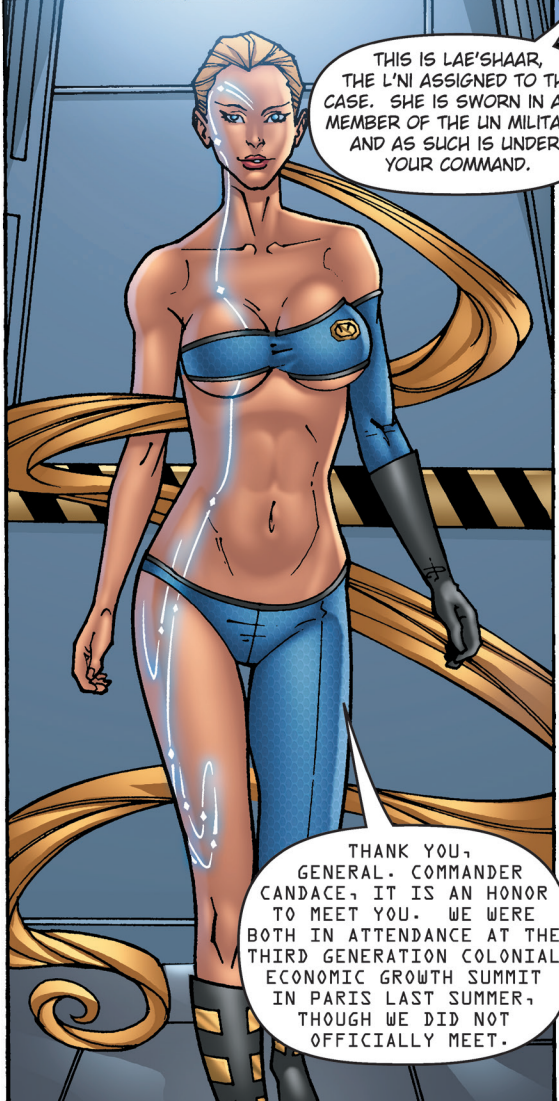
WE'VE RECEIVED REPORTS OF A SERIES OF MALICIOUS ATTACKS OVER IN ANDROMEDA. ATTACKS RESULTING IN THE DEATHS OF SEVERAL CIVILIANS!



DEATHS?!? HOW IS THAT EVEN POSSIBLE?

WE'RE NOT SURE. IT COULD BE AN UNIDENTIFIED ALIEN LIFE FORM, OR SOMEONE MUST HAVE SOMEHOW CIRCUMVENTED THE GENE THERAPY PROCESS.

THE CASE DOESN'T MAKE ANY SENSE. AS YOU KNOW, WE HAVEN'T HAD MALICIOUS ATTACKS ON HUMAN SOIL IN GENERATIONS. SOMETHING IS GOING ON OUT THERE, AND I WANT YOU TO LEAD A TEAM TO GET TO THE BOTTOM OF IT.



THIS IS LAE'SHAAR, THE L'NI ASSIGNED TO THIS CASE. SHE IS SWORN IN AS A MEMBER OF THE LN MILITARY AND AS SUCH IS UNDER YOUR COMMAND.

COMMANDER, I WOULD ADVISE A CREW OF NO MORE THAN TWENTY FOR THIS MISSION. THIS IS NOT A MISSION THAT WILL BE WON THROUGH FORCE; IT IS AN INFORMATION RETRIEVAL MISSION.

ADDITIONALLY, PRELIMINARY REPORTS POINT TO A HUMAN MALE AGGRESSOR SELECTING HUMAN FEMALES AS HIS TARGETS. THE MOTIVATION COULD BE RELATED TO HIS PROCREATIVE URGES.

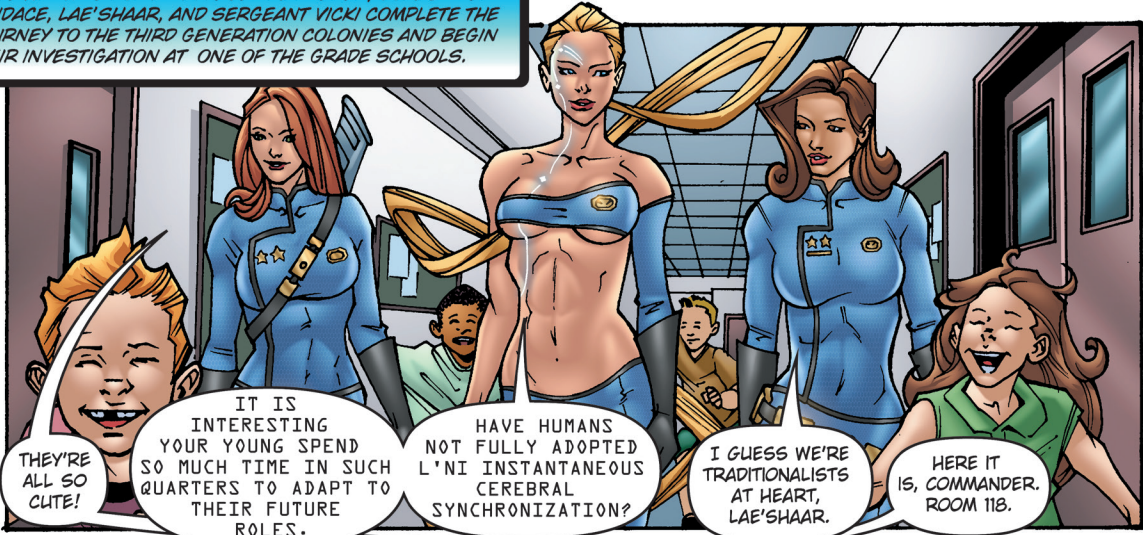
CONSEQUENTLY, I WOULD ADVISE AN ALL-FEMALE CREW IN ORDER TO DRAW HIM OUT. THE LAST THING WE WANT IS A FORCEFUL PLANET-SIDE MALE PRESENCE TO DRIVE THE ATTACKER INTO HIDING. HIS DEVIANCY MUST BE EXAMINED.

THANK YOU, GENERAL. COMMANDER CANDACE, IT IS AN HONOR TO MEET YOU. WE WERE BOTH IN ATTENDANCE AT THE THIRD GENERATION COLONIAL ECONOMIC GROWTH SUMMIT IN PARIS LAST SUMMER, THOUGH WE DID NOT OFFICIALLY MEET.



I AGREE. LET'S HEAD TO THE COLONIES!

WHILE HUNTING FOR AN ALLEGED MURDERER, COMMANDER CANDACE, LAE'SHAAR, AND SERGEANT VICKI COMPLETE THE JOURNEY TO THE THIRD GENERATION COLONIES AND BEGIN THEIR INVESTIGATION AT ONE OF THE GRADE SCHOOLS.



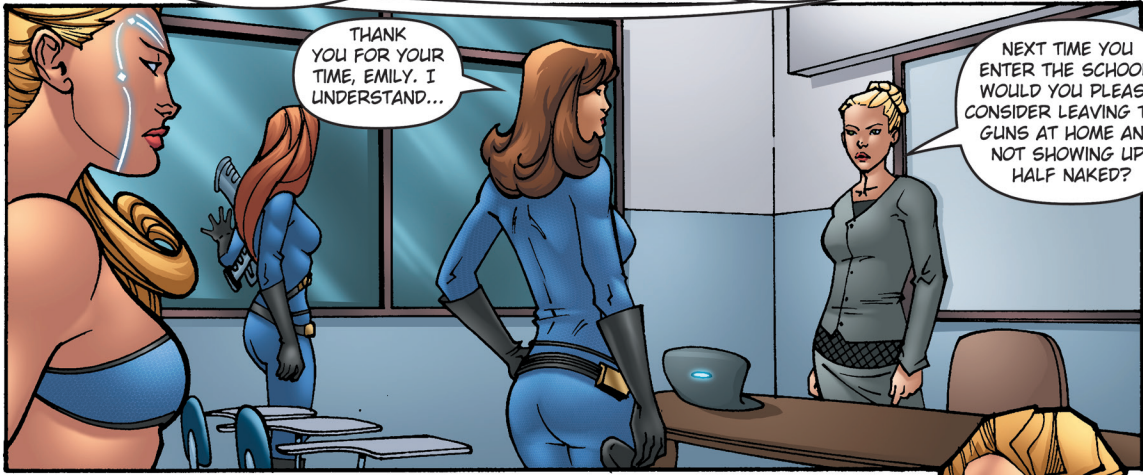
THEY'RE ALL SO CUTE!

IT IS INTERESTING YOUR YOUNG SPEND SO MUCH TIME IN SUCH QUARTERS TO ADAPT TO THEIR FUTURE ROLES.

HAVE HUMANS NOT FULLY ADOPTED L'NI INSTANTANEOUS CEREBRAL SYNCHRONIZATION?

I GUESS WE'RE TRADITIONALISTS AT HEART, LAE'SHAAR.

HERE IT IS, COMMANDER. ROOM 118.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME, EMILY. I UNDERSTAND...

NEXT TIME YOU ENTER THE SCHOOL, WOULD YOU PLEASE CONSIDER LEAVING THE GUNS AT HOME AND NOT SHOWING UP HALF NAKED?



YOUR QUERY IS WELL NOTED, MADAM. WHILE NORMALLY WE WOULD AGREE BEARING FIREARMS IN A BUILDING OCCUPIED BY YOUR YOUNG IS NOT OPTIMAL, WE ARE OPERATING UNDER MILITARY PROTOCOL, SECTION B OF THE UNITED NATIONS WRIT OF UNIFIED GOVERNMENT CODE.

SUBPARAGRAPHS 78 AND 79 WHICH DEMAND ALL PLANETSIDE MILITARY PERSONNEL REMAIN EQUIPPED AT ALL TIMES WITH, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, A STANDARD ISSUE FIREARM AND IN THE EVENT OF A TEAM OF THREE OR MORE, A CLASS 9 OR HIGHER POWERED SLUGTHROWER WHEN TRACKING A CATEGORY 4 SEXUAL PREDATOR WITH MALICIOUS INTENT.

REGARDING MY ATTIRE, I DO APOLOGIZE FOR NOT FOLLOWING SOCIAL MORES OF YOUR SPECIES. AS YOU MAY BE AWARE, THESE SKIN MARKINGS ARE NOT MERELY DECORATIVE, THEY PROVIDE THE PRIMARY MEANS FOR THE L'NI TO PERFORM ENVIRONMENTAL INTERFACE ROUTINES. THEY ARE CRITICAL TO THE MISSION AND MY CONTRIBUTION.



I SEE...

ANYWAY, YES COMMANDER, I DO KNOW WHY YOU'RE HERE. MY COLLEAGUE LEFT CAMPUS WITH SOMEONE WE'D NEVER SEEN NOT MORE THAN A WEEK AGO.

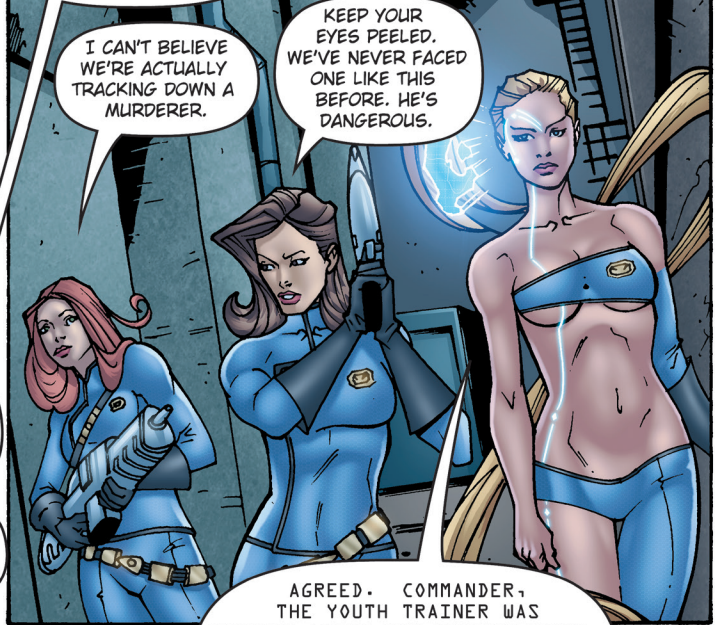
IT WASN'T UNTIL WE SAW THE NEWS REPORTS THAT WE KNEW SOMETHING WAS WRONG.

THE VEHICLE HE DROVE STARTED WITH THE PREFIX "EF". USUALLY THOSE VEHICLES ARE LICENSED TO THE PORT DISTRICT.

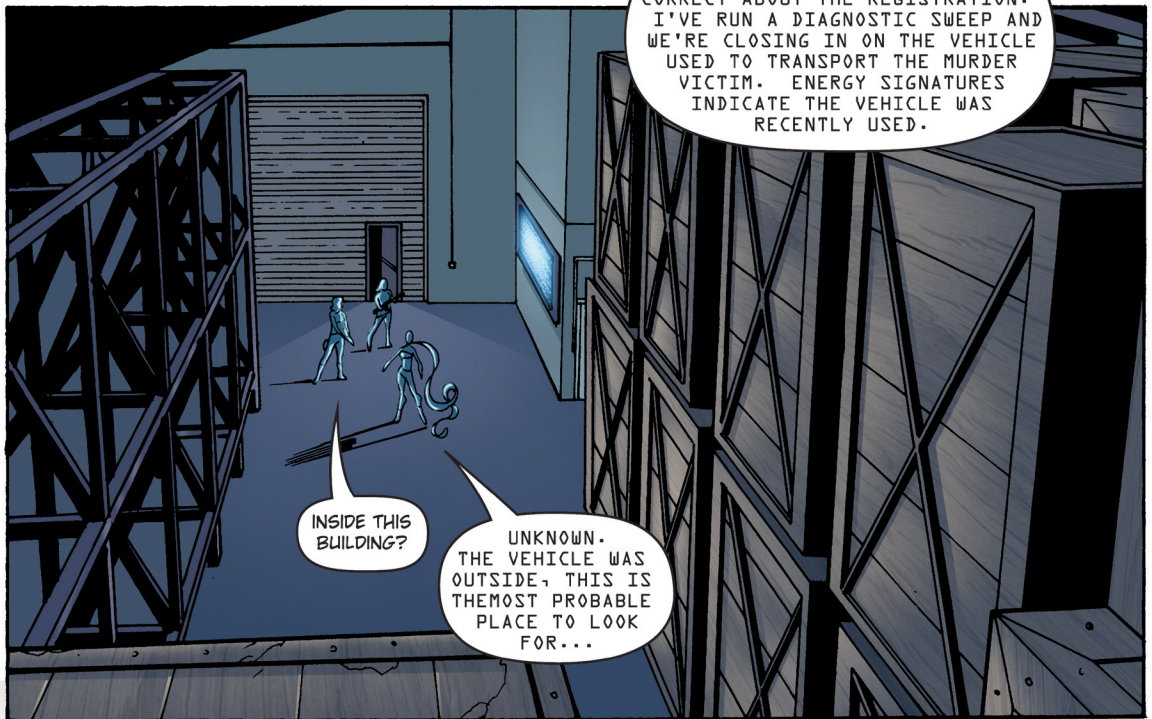
I CAN'T BELIEVE WE'RE ACTUALLY TRACKING DOWN A MURDERER.

PERHAPS YOU SHOULD START YOUR SEARCH THERE?

KEEP YOUR EYES PEELED. WE'VE NEVER FACED ONE LIKE THIS BEFORE. HE'S DANGEROUS.

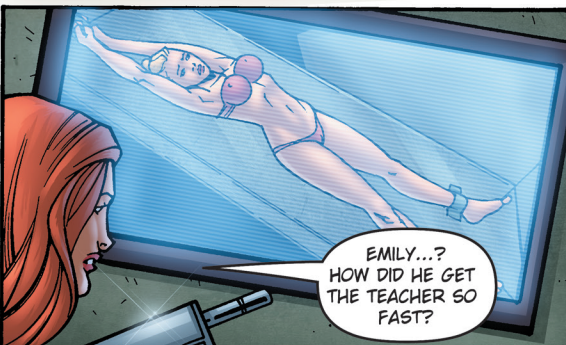


AGREED. COMMANDER, THE YOUTH TRAINER WAS CORRECT ABOUT THE REGISTRATION. I'VE RUN A DIAGNOSTIC SWEEP AND WE'RE CLOSING IN ON THE VEHICLE USED TO TRANSPORT THE MURDER VICTIM. ENERGY SIGNATURES INDICATE THE VEHICLE WAS RECENTLY USED.

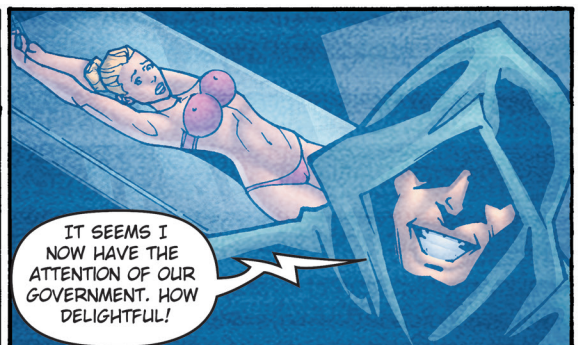


INSIDE THIS BUILDING?

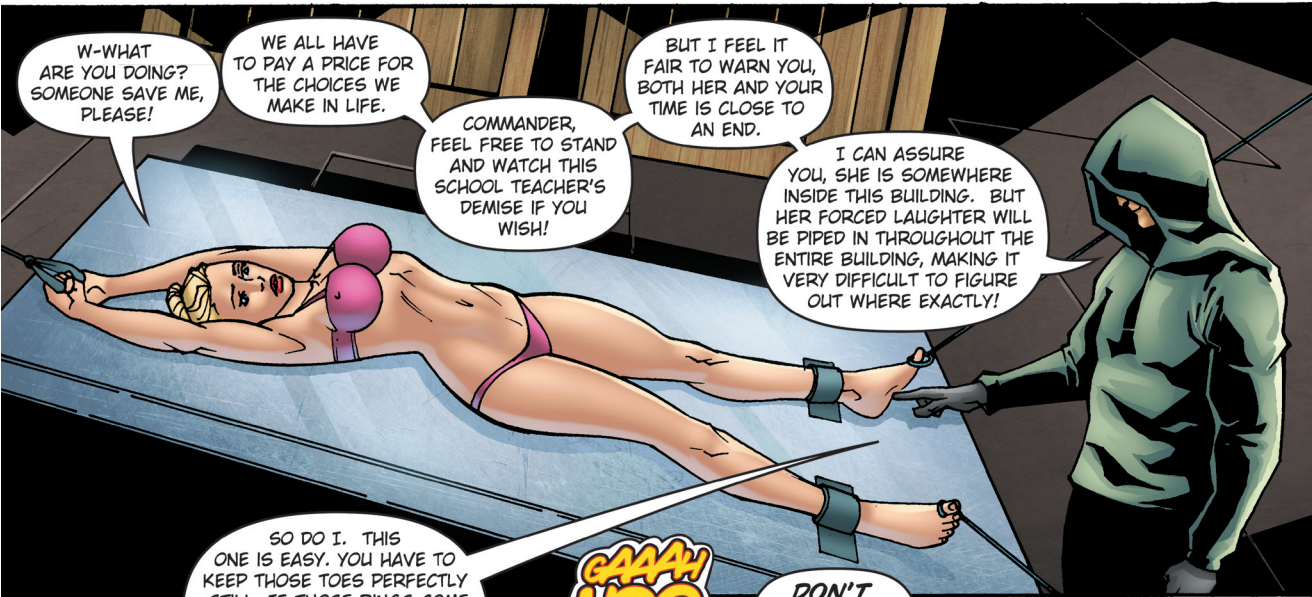
UNKNOWN. THE VEHICLE WAS OUTSIDE, THIS IS THE MOST PROBABLE PLACE TO LOOK FOR...



EMILY...? HOW DID HE GET THE TEACHER SO FAST?



IT SEEMS I NOW HAVE THE ATTENTION OF OUR GOVERNMENT. HOW DELIGHTFUL!



W-WHAT ARE YOU DOING? SOMEONE SAVE ME, PLEASE!

WE ALL HAVE TO PAY A PRICE FOR THE CHOICES WE MAKE IN LIFE.

COMMANDER, FEEL FREE TO STAND AND WATCH THIS SCHOOL TEACHER'S DEMISE IF YOU WISH!

BUT I FEEL IT FAIR TO WARN YOU, BOTH HER AND YOUR TIME IS CLOSE TO AN END.

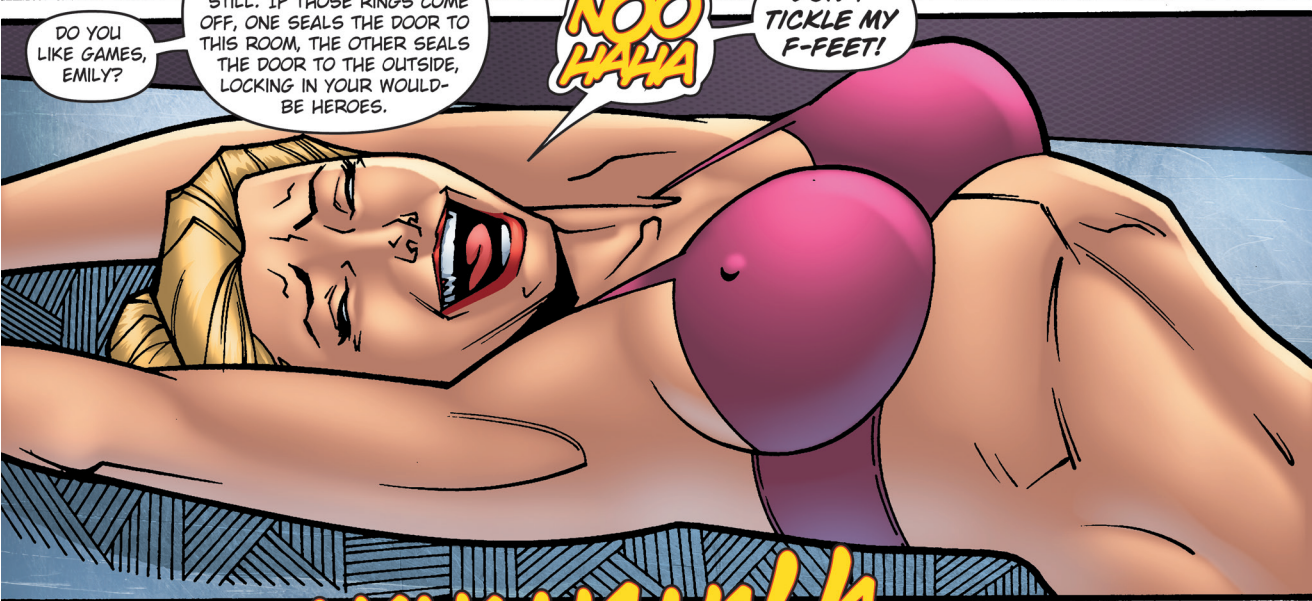
I CAN ASSURE YOU, SHE IS SOMEWHERE INSIDE THIS BUILDING. BUT HER FORCED LAUGHTER WILL BE PIPED IN THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE BUILDING, MAKING IT VERY DIFFICULT TO FIGURE OUT WHERE EXACTLY!

DO YOU LIKE GAMES, EMILY?

SO DO I. THIS ONE IS EASY. YOU HAVE TO KEEP THOSE TOES PERFECTLY STILL. IF THOSE RINGS COME OFF, ONE SEALS THE DOOR TO THIS ROOM, THE OTHER SEALS THE DOOR TO THE OUTSIDE, LOCKING IN YOUR WOULD-BE HEROES.

GAAAH NOO HAAA

DON'T TICKLE MY F-FEET!

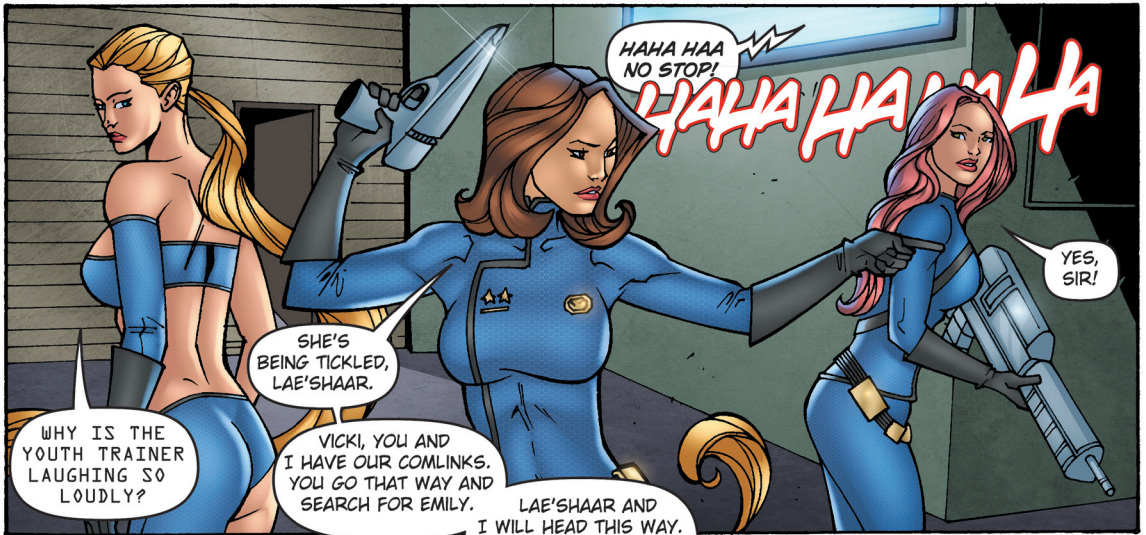


HAAAAHAHAHA



MY FEET ARE SO TICKLISH! S-SAVE ME, HURRY!

HAAAAHA



WHY IS THE YOUTH TRAINER LAUGHING SO LOUDLY?

SHE'S BEING TICKLED, LAE'SHAAR.

VICKI, YOU AND I HAVE OUR COMLINKS. YOU GO THAT WAY AND SEARCH FOR EMILY.

LAE'SHAAR AND I WILL HEAD THIS WAY. REPORT IMMEDIATELY IF YOU SEE ANYTHING.

HAHA HAA NO STOP!

HAHA HA HA HA

YES, SIR!



PLEASE NOT THE FEET

HAHA HA HA HA

I HAVE HEARD OF THIS ACTIVITY CALLED 'TICKLING.'

IT HAS NO L'NI EQUIVALENT.

IT'S A HARD ONE TO EXPLAIN.



IS IT PAINFUL?

NOT EXACTLY.

LAUGHTER IS GENERALLY CONSTRUED TO BE A POSITIVE HUMAN RESPONSE. YET THE L'NI ARE NOT GOOD AT SOLICITING THIS REACTION FROM HUMANITY.

IT'S BECAUSE YOU GUYS HAVE SHITTY SENSES OF HUMOR.



I CAN'T STAND THE FOOT T-TICKLING!

HAHA HA HA HA

IT T-TICKLES
SO BAD

HAHAHAHAHAHA

KITCHIE
KITCHIE KOO,
LITTLE SCHOOL
TEACHER! THOSE
FEET CAN'T
STAY STILL
FOREVER!

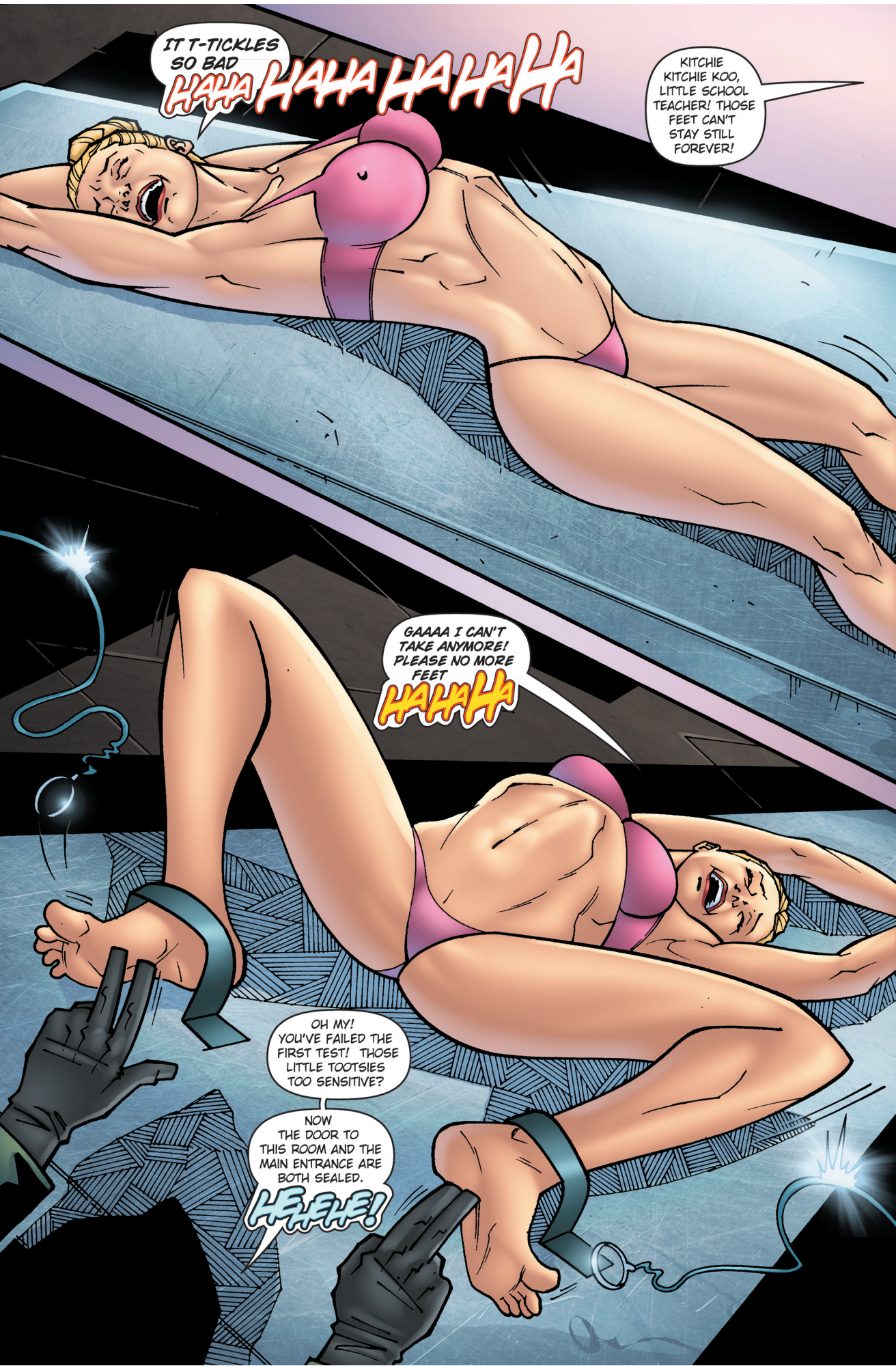
GAAAA I CAN'T
TAKE ANYMORE!
PLEASE NO MORE
FEET

HAAAA

OH MY!
YOU'VE FAILED THE
FIRST TEST! THOSE
LITTLE TOOTSIES
TOO SENSITIVE?

NOW
THE DOOR TO
THIS ROOM AND THE
MAIN ENTRANCE ARE
BOTH SEALED.

HEHEHE!

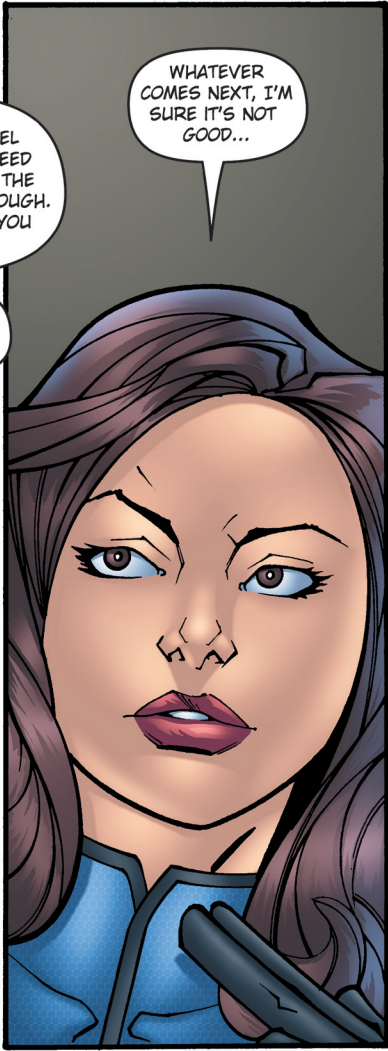




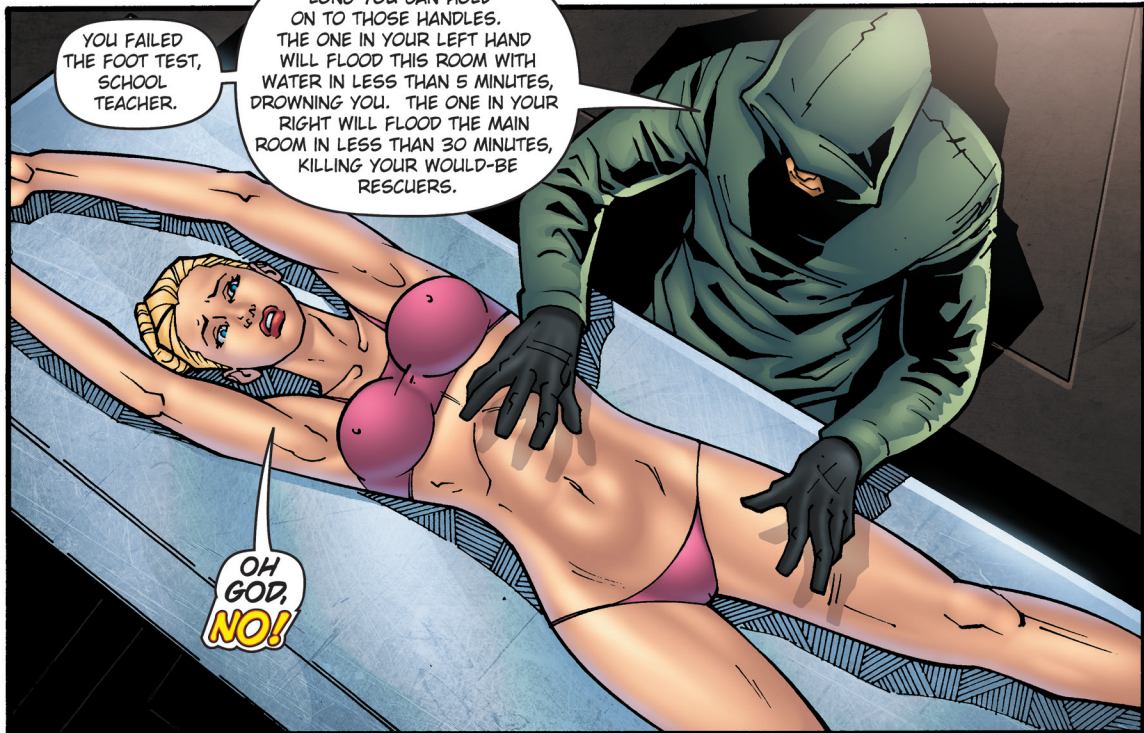
VICKI, IT APPEARS THE MAIN DOOR HAS BEEN SEALED, ALONG WITH THE DOOR WHERE HE'S KEEPING EMILY.

I DOUBT OUR TORCHES CAN CUT STEEL THAT THICK. WE WILL NEED LAE'SHAAR TO OVERRIDE THE SYSTEMS AND GET US THROUGH. LET US KNOW ASAP IF YOU FIND EMILY'S DOOR!

WE NEED TO HURRY!



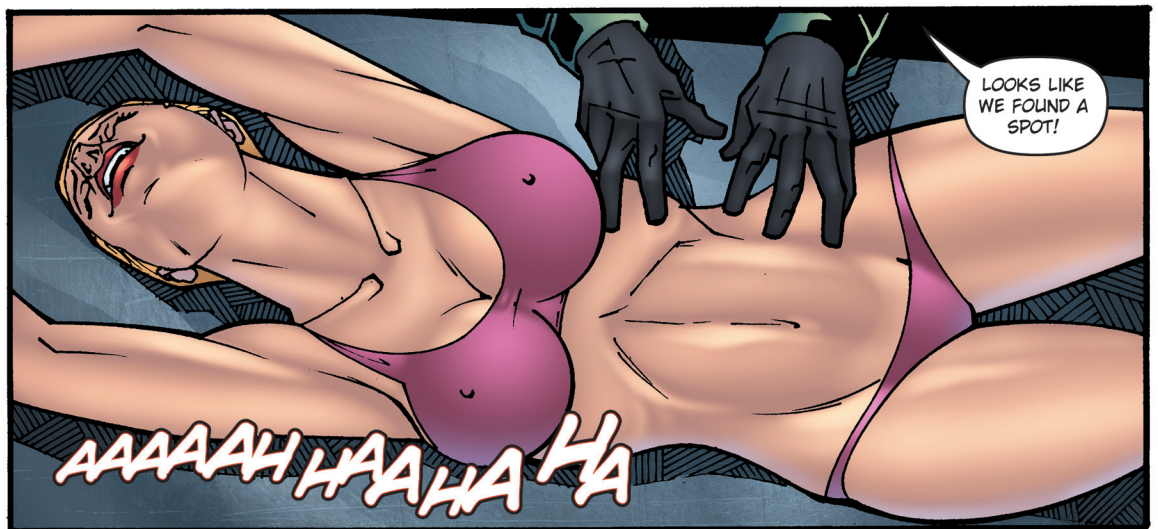
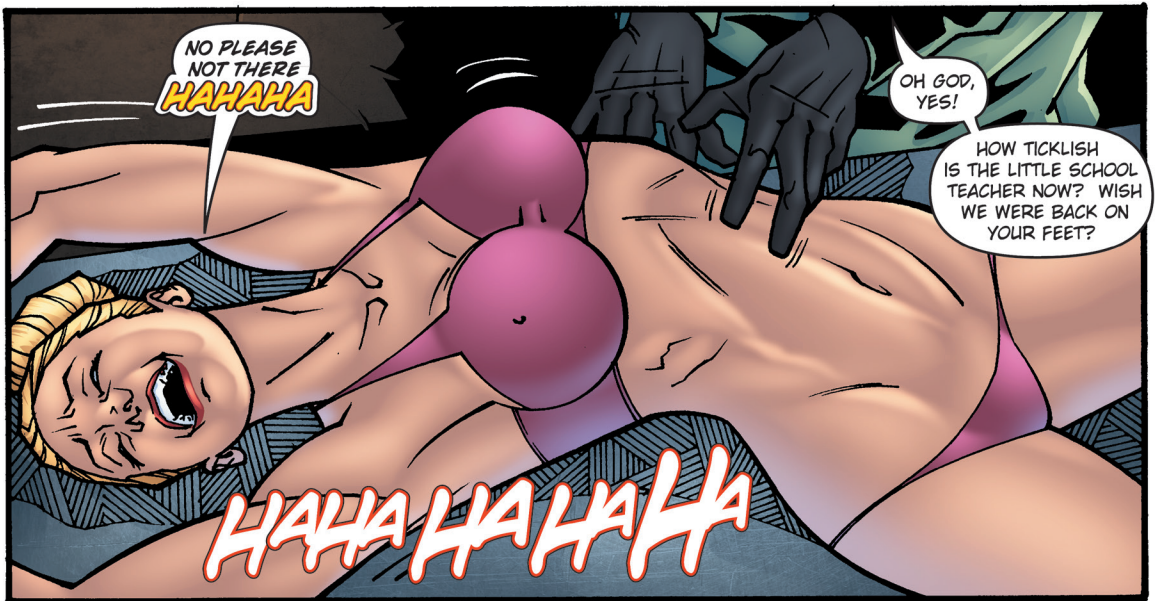
WHATEVER COMES NEXT, I'M SURE IT'S NOT GOOD...

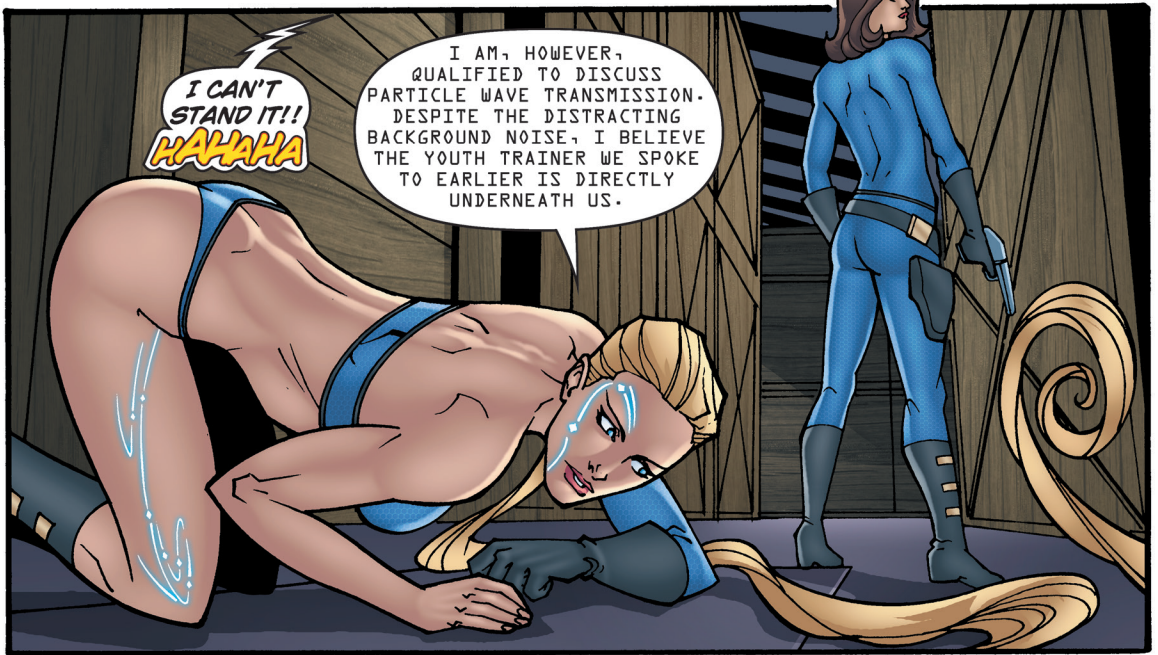


YOU FAILED THE FOOT TEST, SCHOOL TEACHER.

LET'S SEE HOW LONG YOU CAN HOLD ON TO THOSE HANDLES. THE ONE IN YOUR LEFT HAND WILL FLOOD THIS ROOM WITH WATER IN LESS THAN 5 MINUTES, DROWNING YOU. THE ONE IN YOUR RIGHT WILL FLOOD THE MAIN ROOM IN LESS THAN 30 MINUTES, KILLING YOUR WOULD-BE RESCUERS.

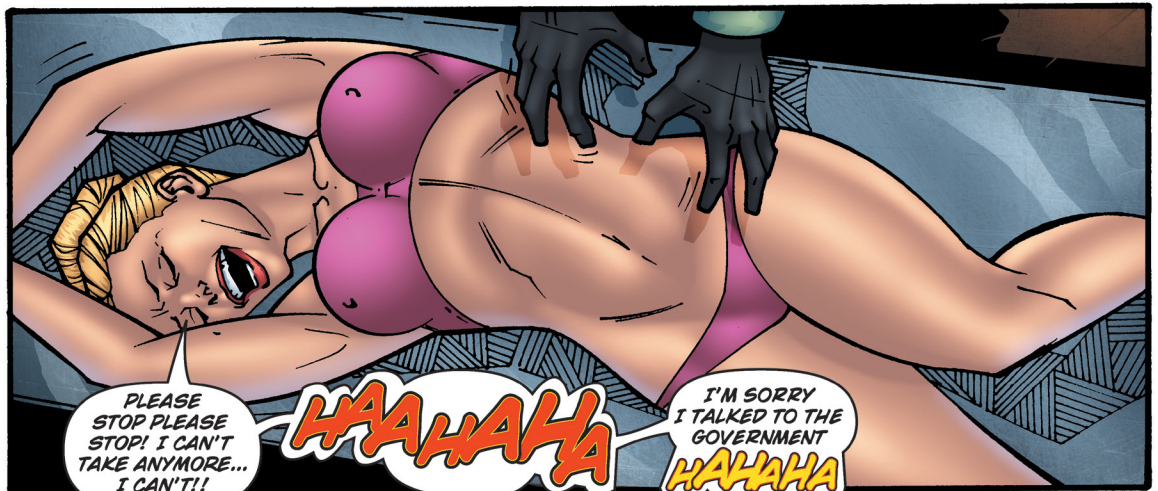
OH GOD, NO!





I CAN'T STAND IT!!
HAAAAHA

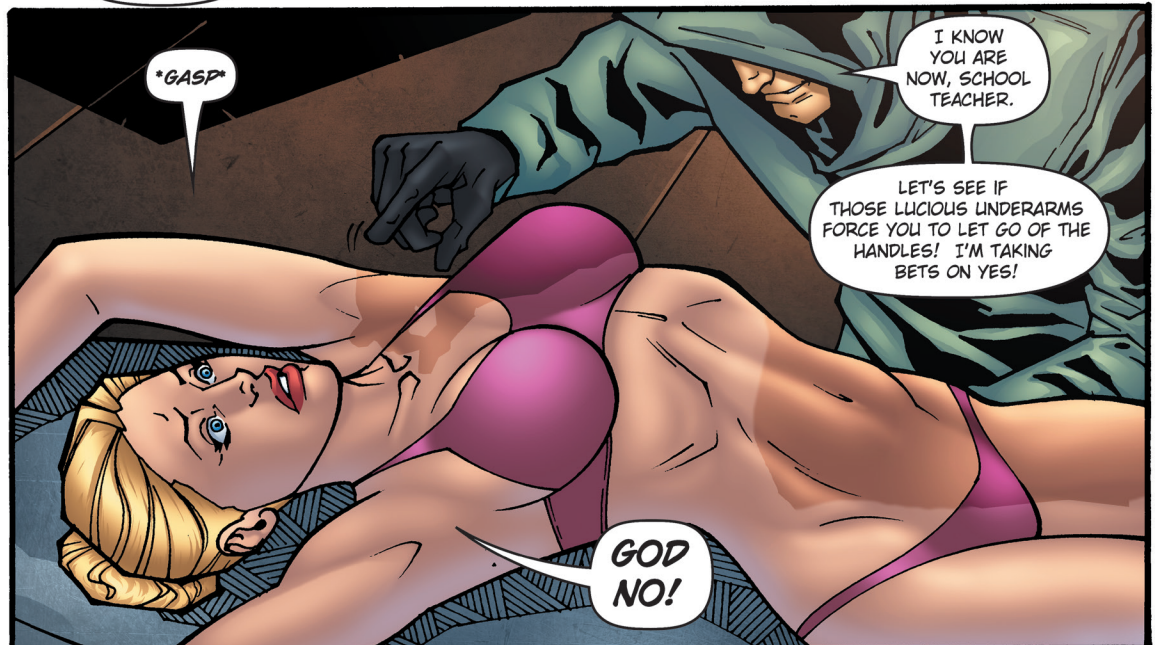
I AM, HOWEVER, QUALIFIED TO DISCUSS PARTICLE WAVE TRANSMISSION. DESPITE THE DISTRACTING BACKGROUND NOISE, I BELIEVE THE YOUTH TRAINER WE SPOKE TO EARLIER IS DIRECTLY UNDERNEATH US.



PLEASE STOP PLEASE STOP! I CAN'T TAKE ANYMORE... I CAN'T!!

HAAAAHA

I'M SORRY I TALKED TO THE GOVERNMENT
HAAAAHA



GASP

I KNOW YOU ARE NOW, SCHOOL TEACHER.

LET'S SEE IF THOSE LUCIOUS UNDERARMS FORCE YOU TO LET GO OF THE HANDLES! I'M TAKING BETS ON YES!

GOD NO!

STOPPIT!!
HAAHAAHAA

P-PLEASE
HAAHAAHAA

YOU
M-MONSTER
HEEHEHEHE

HAAA HAAA HAAA



STOP STOP
STOP!!

NOOO
**HAAA
HAHAHA**

YOU'RE ABOUT
TO BREAK, AREN'T
YOU SCHOOL
TEACHER?

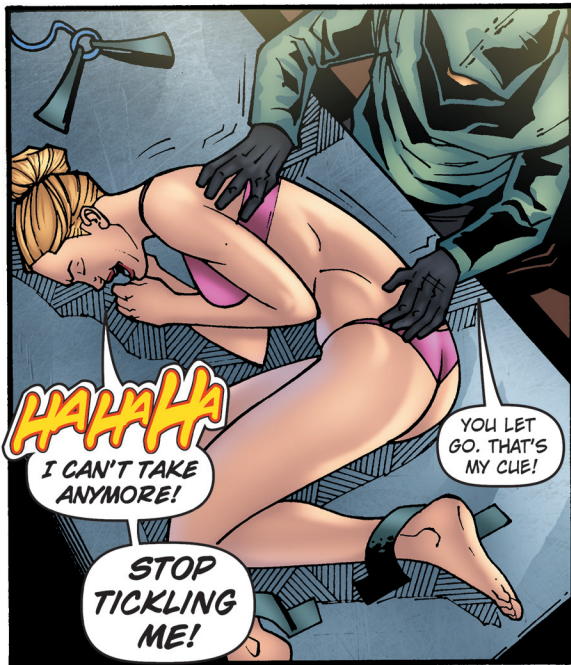
I CAN'T
HOLD ON!
STOP!!

**HAAA
HAHAHA**

I CAN'T
LAUGH ANYMORE!

STOP!!
**HAAA
HAHAHA**

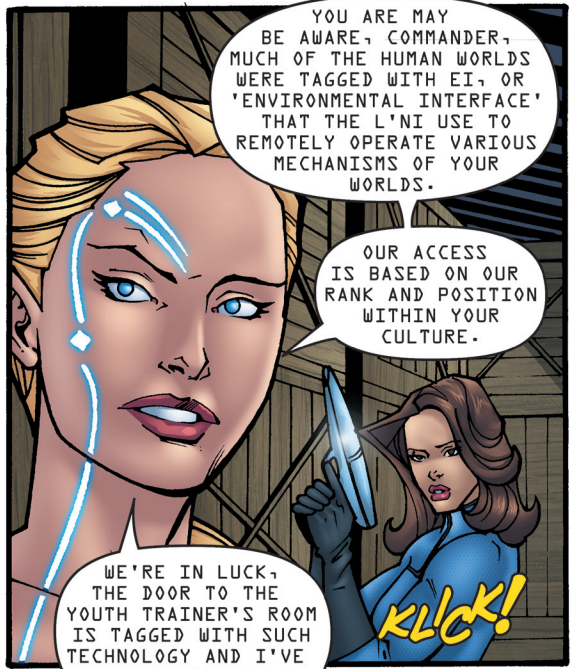




HAHAHA
I CAN'T TAKE ANYMORE!

YOU LET GO. THAT'S MY CUE!

STOP TICKLING ME!

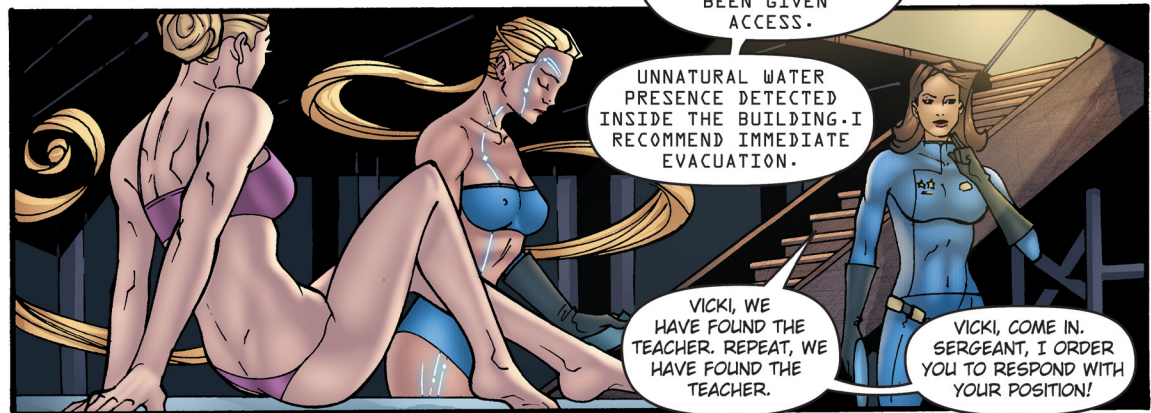


YOU ARE MAY BE AWARE, COMMANDER, MUCH OF THE HUMAN WORLDS WERE TAGGED WITH EI, OR 'ENVIRONMENTAL INTERFACE' THAT THE L'NI USE TO REMOTELY OPERATE VARIOUS MECHANISMS OF YOUR WORLDS.

OUR ACCESS IS BASED ON OUR RANK AND POSITION WITHIN YOUR CULTURE.

Klick!

WE'RE IN LUCK, THE DOOR TO THE YOUTH TRAINER'S ROOM IS TAGGED WITH SUCH TECHNOLOGY AND I'VE BEEN GIVEN ACCESS.



UNNATURAL WATER PRESENCE DETECTED INSIDE THE BUILDING. I RECOMMEND IMMEDIATE EVACUATION.

VICKI, WE HAVE FOUND THE TEACHER. REPEAT, WE HAVE FOUND THE TEACHER.

VICKI, COME IN. SERGEANT, I ORDER YOU TO RESPOND WITH YOUR POSITION!



OH, SHE'S IN A COMPROMISING POSITION, COMMANDER.

BUT DON'T WORRY, WE'RE GOING TO HAVE A LOT OF LAUGHS!

DO YOU LIKE GAMES, SERGEANT?

DON'T MISS ISSUE #2, WHERE COMMANDER CANDACE AND LAE'SHAAR HUNT A KILLER.