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**EP 2: TRAVELLING
WITHOUT MOVING**

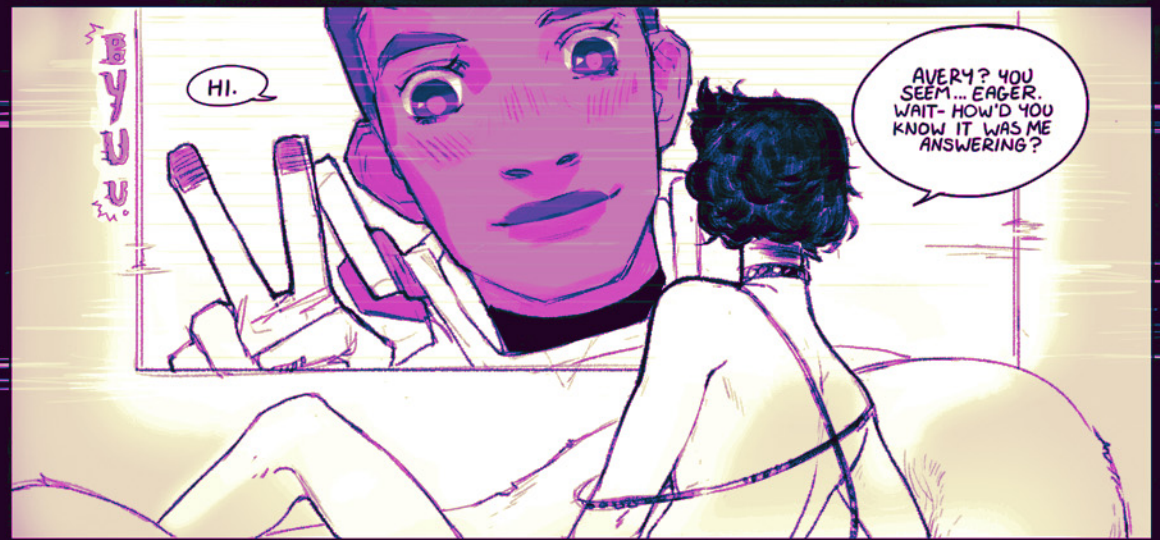
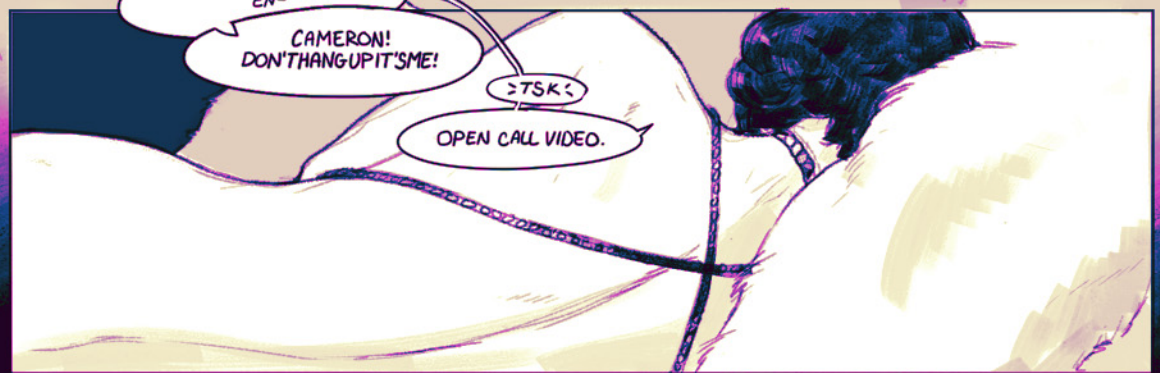


... RECEIVE CALL.
EN-

CAMERON!
DON'T HANG UP IT'S ME!

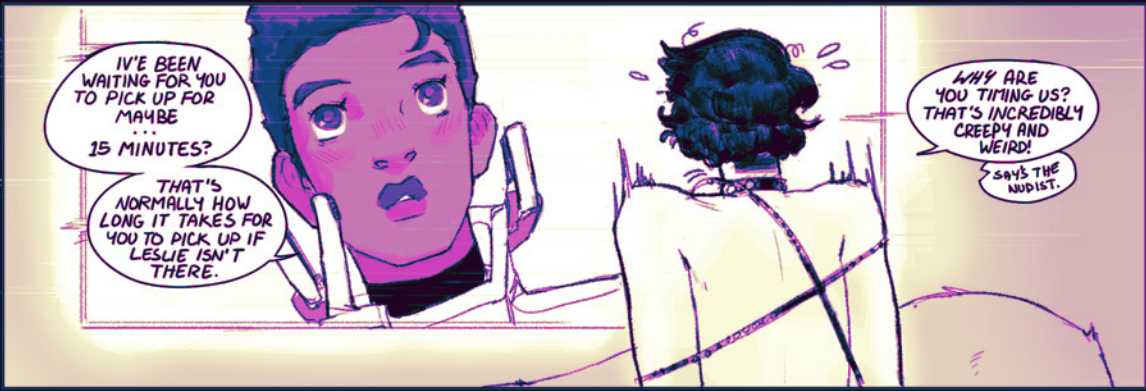
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OPEN CALL VIDEO.



HI.

AVERY? YOU SEEM... EAGER.
WAIT- HOW'D YOU KNOW IT WAS ME ANSWERING?

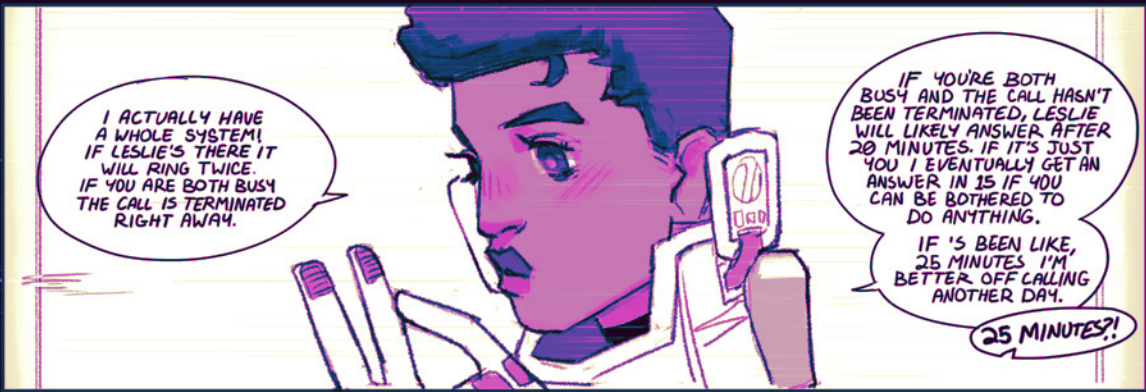


IV'VE BEEN WAITING FOR YOU TO PICK UP FOR MAYBE ... 15 MINUTES?

THAT'S NORMALLY HOW LONG IT TAKES FOR YOU TO PICK UP IF LESLIE ISN'T THERE.

WHY ARE YOU TIMING US? THAT'S INCREDIBLY CREEPY AND WEIRD!

SAYS THE NUDIST.

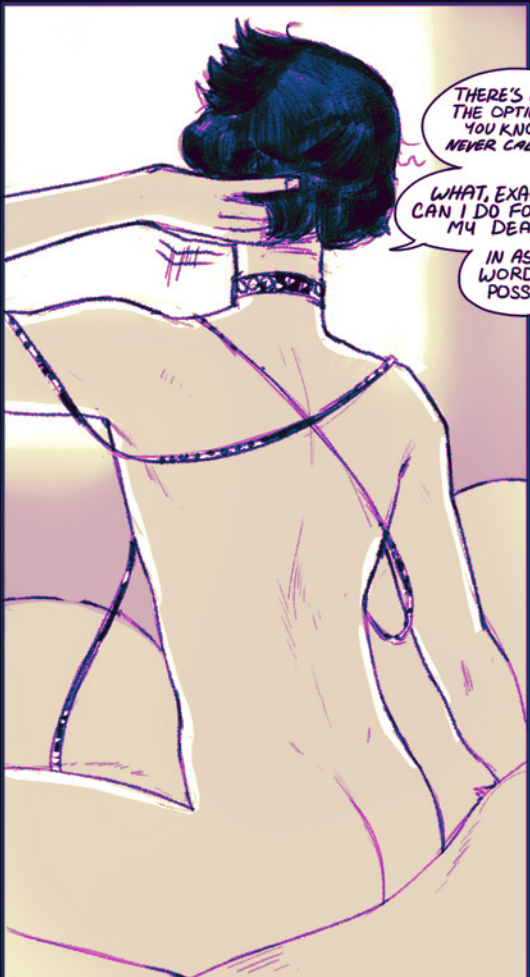


I ACTUALLY HAVE A WHOLE SYSTEM! IF LESLIE'S THERE IT WILL RING TWICE. IF YOU ARE BOTH BUSY THE CALL IS TERMINATED RIGHT AWAY.

IF YOU'RE BOTH BUSY AND THE CALL HASN'T BEEN TERMINATED, LESLIE WILL LIKELY ANSWER AFTER 20 MINUTES. IF IT'S JUST YOU I EVENTUALLY GET AN ANSWER IN 15 IF YOU CAN BE BOTHERED TO DO ANYTHING.

IF 'S BEEN LIKE, 25 MINUTES I'M BETTER OFF CALLING ANOTHER DAY.

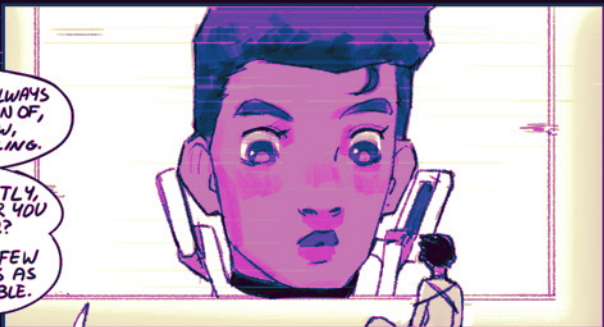
25 MINUTES?!



THERE'S ALWAYS THE OPTION OF, YOU KNOW, NEVER CALLING.

WHAT, EXACTLY, CAN I DO FOR YOU MY DEAR?

IN AS FEW WORDS AS POSSIBLE.



WELL, YOU SEE, I'M TRYNA FIND LESLIE AND CAN'T SEEM TO GET HOLD OF HER AND IT DOESN'T LOOK LIKE SHE'S HERE EITHER SO SHE MIGHT BE AT DANNY'S—NOT MY DANNY'S IN THE RED DISTRICT BUT HER DANNY'S IN THE BLUE DISTRICT—YOU KNOW THE ONE THAT SELLS THE 'DRAGON'S TONGUE' DRINK THAT'S AS SPICY AS SATAN'S ASS COVERED IN CHILI AND THOSE REALLY CUTE DRINKS THAT HAVE LIL' PAW SHAPED MALLOWDS IN THEM THAT THEY'RE TOO EMBARRASSED TO ADVERTISE BECAUSE IT CLASHES WITH THEIR HARD-CORE CUENTELE— 'CAUSE SHE'S USUALLY THERE THIS DAY OF THE WEEK AND IF SHE IS, DID YOU HEAR HER SAY ANYTHING ABOUT 'SETTLING A DISPUTE' 'CAUSE IF SHE IS SHE'LL TRY TO MAKE ME FIGHT WITH HER AND MY FIGHTING SKILLS ARE THE GALAXY'S WORST KEPT SECRET—ESPECIALLY AFTER THAT TIME WHEN THIS GELATINOUS THESE MET CAME ABLE HAD IN FA SO ANYTHING YOU CAN TELL ME—

YES! YES!! SHE'S AT DANNY'S. PLEASE. STOP.



YEAH BUT IS SHE IN A FIGHT

END CALL!

FLOMP









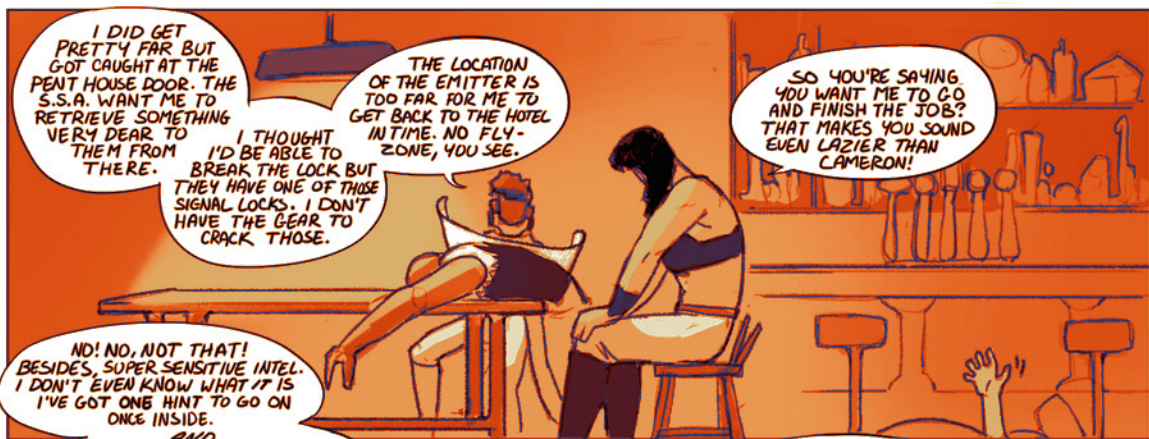
I NEED YOUR HELP GETTING IN HERE.



IN THERE? AT THE HOTEL? I KNOW THEY HAVE SOME DECENT SECURITY BUT...

... EVEN YOU SHOULD BE ABLE TO GET PAST WHAT THEY'VE GOT.

GEE THANKS



I DID GET PRETTY FAR BUT GOT CAUGHT AT THE PENT HOUSE DOOR. THE S.S.A. WANT ME TO RETRIEVE SOMETHING VERY DEAR TO THEM FROM THERE.

I THOUGHT I'D BE ABLE TO BREAK THE LOCK BUT THEY HAVE ONE OF THOSE SIGNAL LOCKS. I DON'T HAVE THE GEAR TO CRACK THOSE.

THE LOCATION OF THE EMITTER IS TOO FAR FOR ME TO GET BACK TO THE HOTEL IN TIME. NO FLY-ZONE, YOU SEE.

SO YOU'RE SAYING YOU WANT ME TO GO AND FINISH THE JOB? THAT MAKES YOU SOUND EVEN LAZIER THAN CAMERON!

NO! NO, NOT THAT! BESIDES, SUPER SENSITIVE INTEL. I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT IT IS I'VE GOT ONE HINT TO GO ON ONCE INSIDE.



I DON'T WANT TO PUT YOU IN UNNECESSARY DANGER. CAMERON'S 'LAZY' ASS WOULD SKIN ME ALIVE IF ANYTHING HAPPENED TO YOU. SHT, I'D SKIN MYSELF!



THAT'S... VERY DEDICATED OF YOU AVERY DESPITE THE MORE LIKELY REALITY OF YOUR EARLY DEATH, HOWEVER,

WHY NOT GET DINO TO HACK THE EMITTER?

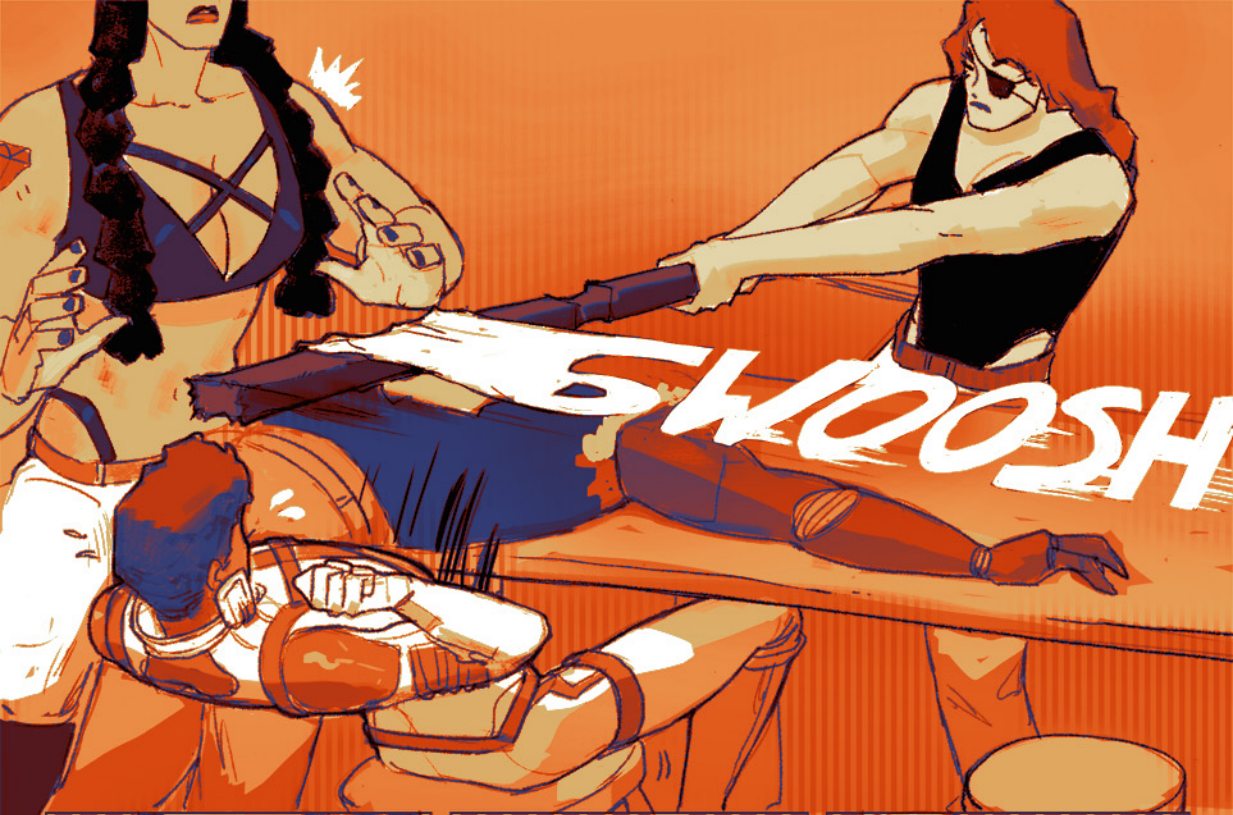
HOLLY HE DANINE ALIAS: HAMMERHEAD

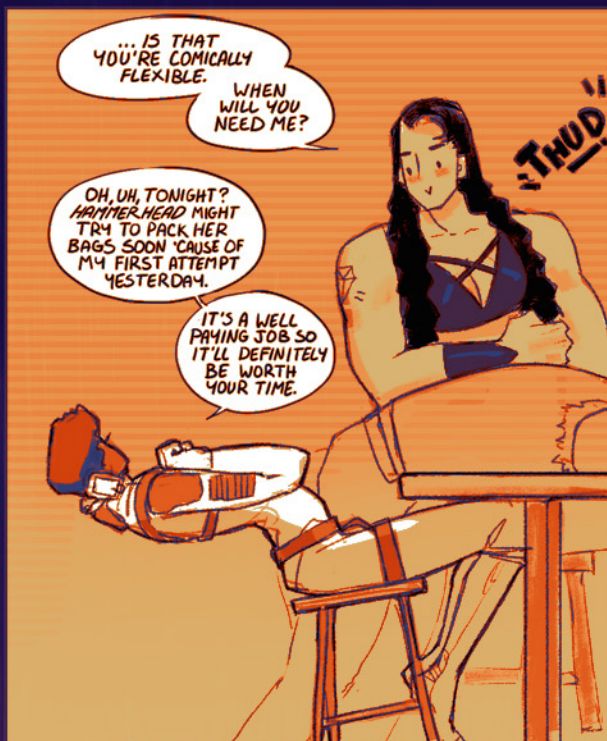


I LOVE THAT LIL' ROBO MORE THAN ANYTHING BUT HE'D HAVE BUYERS LINED UP BEFORE WE EVEN FIGURED OUT WHAT WE'RE TRYNA FIND IN THE FIRST PLACE.

YOU KNOW WHAT HE'S LIKE LESL-

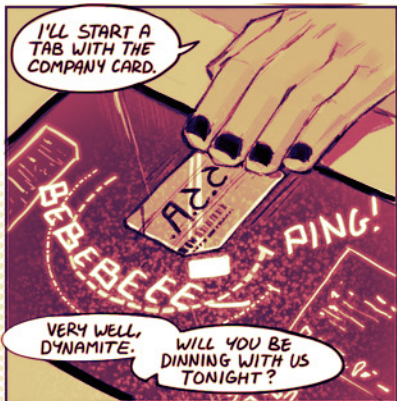








THAT IS LEVEL 12,
ROOM 246.



I'LL START A
TAB WITH THE
COMPANY CARD.

VERY WELL,
DYNAMITE.

WILL YOU BE
DINNING WITH US
TONIGHT?



SHALL I
RESERVE A
TABLE?

SURE. IF BY
"US" YOU MEAN
YOU AND ME.

UHMM.



MAYBE NOT TONIGHT.
I'M MEETING A CLIENT HERE
YOU SEE. HOLLY HEDANINE?
VERY IMPORTANT PERSON.
IS SHE AROUND?

SHE ISN'T, I'M
AFRAID. SHE SHOULD
RETURN SOON, ACCORDING
TO ROOM SERVICE.

WOULD YOU LIKE
TO LEAVE A MESSAGE?

NO, THANK YOU.
I'M A DAY EARLY
ANYWAY. I'LL CONTACT
HER MYSELF IN
THE MORNING.

WHAT ROOM
HANDS YOU
HAVE?



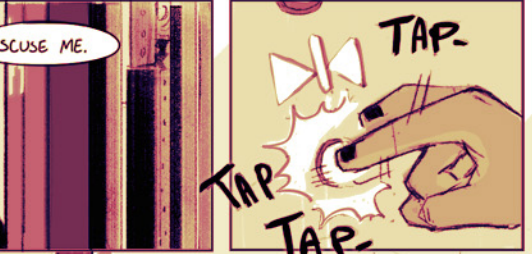
WOULD YOU LIKE
FOR US TO BRING
YOUR LUGGAGE TO
YOUR ROOM?

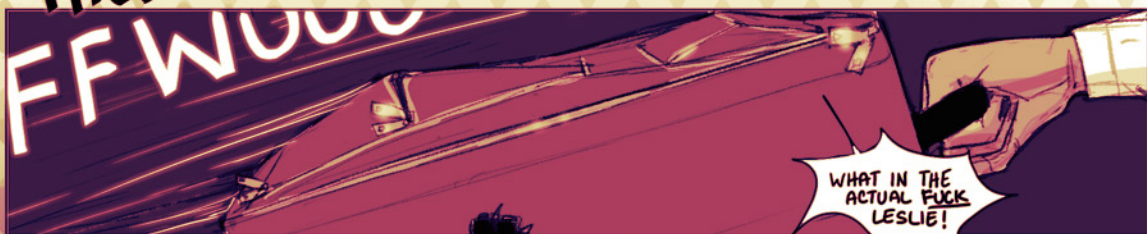
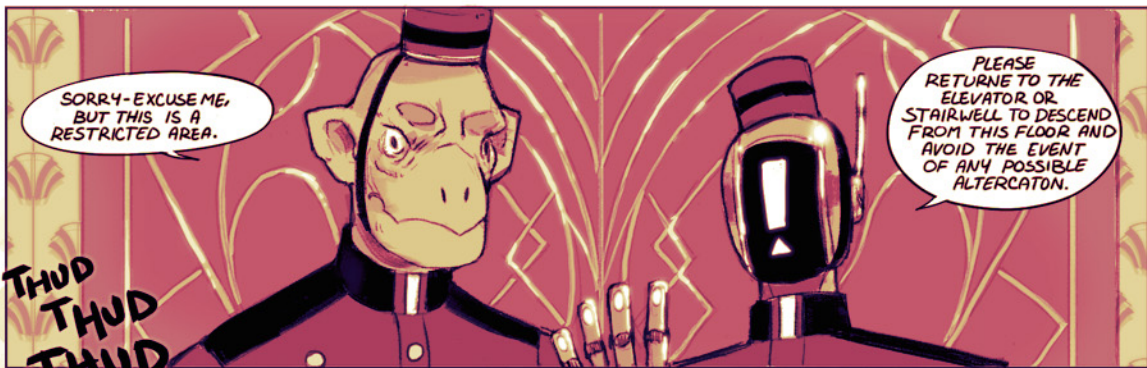
NO NO NO -
THAT'S ALRIGHT!

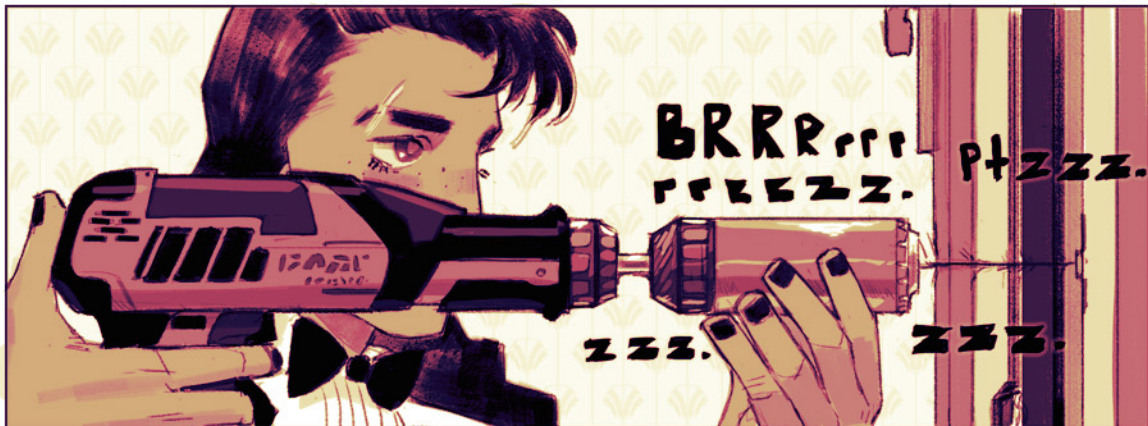
THERE'S
DELICATE PERSONAL
THINGS IN THERE.

WONDERFUL.
PLEASE...
MY HAND...

EXIT







I SHOULDN'T BE LONG BUT YOU THINK YOU COULD KEEP A LOOKOUT?

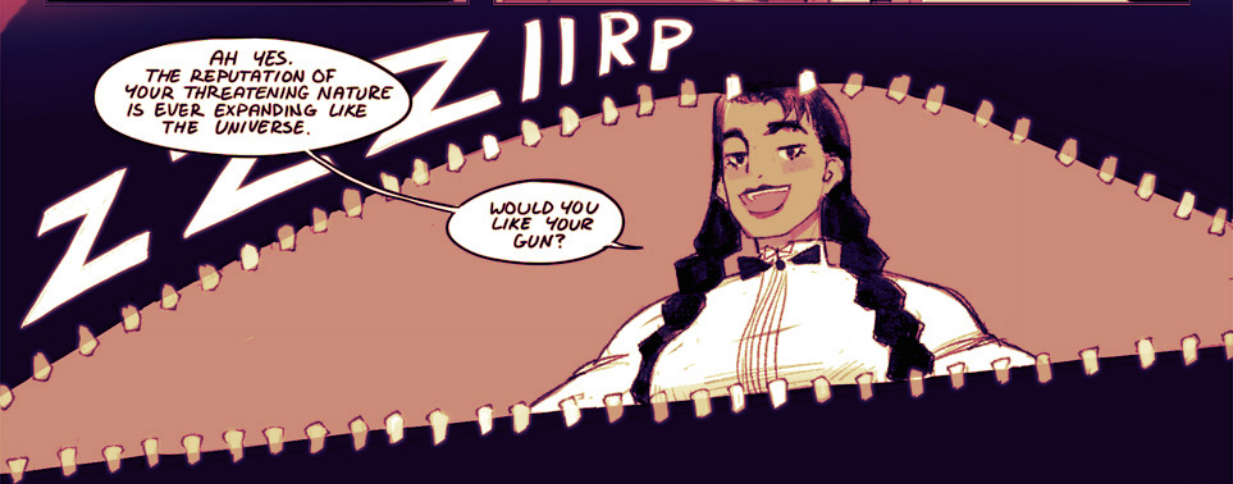
AND THE BELLHOPS...

DO YOU EVEN HAVE TO ASK?

WHAT IF HAMMERHEAD SHOWS UP?



LET HER IN. I MIGHT BE ABLE TO GET SOMETHING OUT OF HER.



AH YES. THE REPUTATION OF YOUR THREATENING NATURE IS EVER EXPANDING LIKE THE UNIVERSE.

WOULD YOU LIKE YOUR GUN?



SHUT UP! AND NO.

I'VE BEEN TOLD SHE'S EXTREMELY DANGEROUS.

I DON'T WANT TO GIVE HER THE OPPORTUNITY TO USE IT AGAINST ME.

GOOD LUCK AVERY! SHOUT IF YOU NEED ME!



SOUNDS EMPTY.

"ENTANGLED"...
NOT A LOT TO
GO ON.



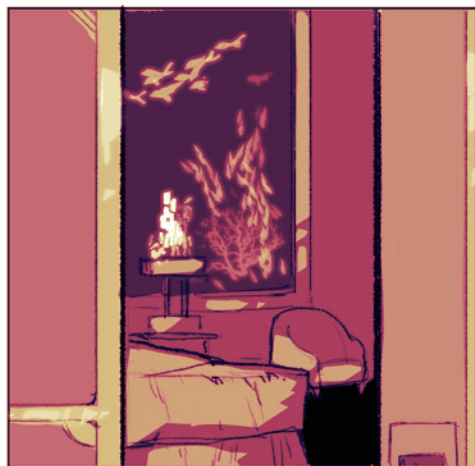
DON'T THINK
I HAVE MUCH TIME
EITHER.

MASTER
BEDROOM
IS ALWAYS
A GOOD BET.

IF IT'S
PRECIOUS TO
THE S.S.A.
THEN IT'S NOTHING
ORDINARY.

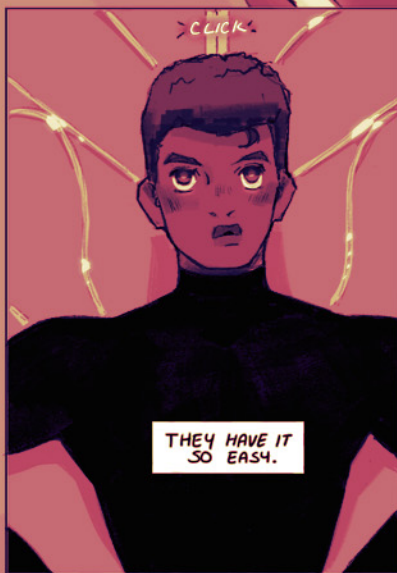


IN FACT
IT WOULDN'T
EVEN BE A
NORMAL
'RARE' THING.





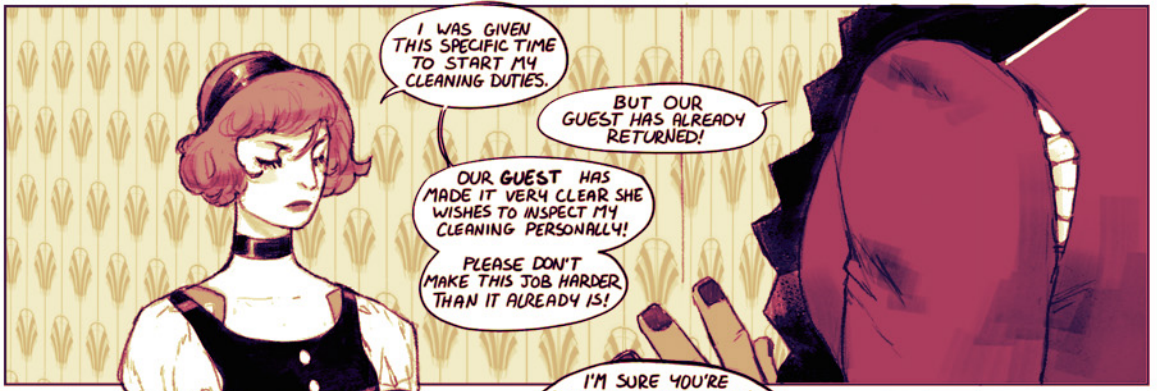
JUST A CAT.



THEY HAVE IT
SO EASY.



DING.



I WAS GIVEN THIS SPECIFIC TIME TO START MY CLEANING DUTIES.

BUT OUR GUEST HAS ALREADY RETURNED!

OUR GUEST HAS MADE IT VERY CLEAR SHE WISHES TO INSPECT MY CLEANING PERSONALLY!

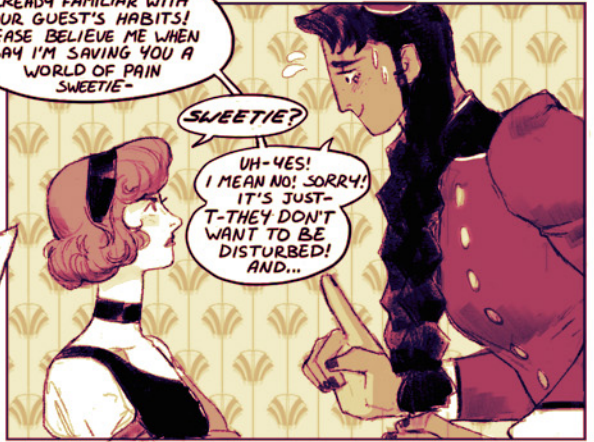
PLEASE DON'T MAKE THIS JOB HARDER THAN IT ALREADY IS!



I'M SURE YOU'RE ALREADY FAMILIAR WITH OUR GUEST'S HABITS! PLEASE BELIEVE ME WHEN I SAY I'M SAVING YOU A WORLD OF PAIN SWEETIE-

SWEETIE?

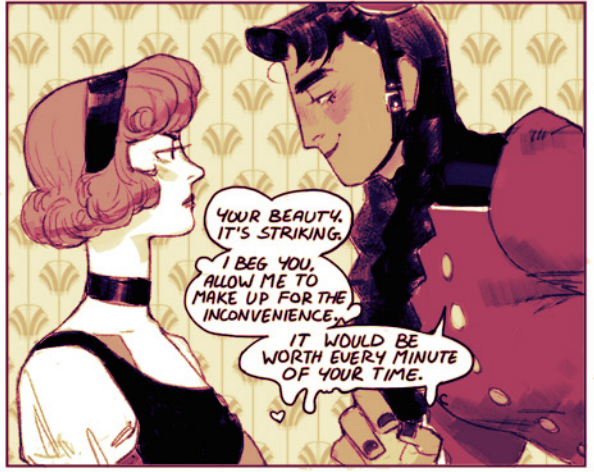
UH-YES! I MEAN NO! SORRY! IT'S JUST-THEY DON'T WANT TO BE DISTURBED! AND...



YOUR BEAUTY, IT'S STRIKING.

I BEG YOU, ALLOW ME TO MAKE UP FOR THE INCONVENIENCE.

IT WOULD BE WORTH EVERY MINUTE OF YOUR TIME.



I HOPE YOU HAVE A LOTTA STAMINA 'CAUSE I GOT A LOTTA MINUTES. LATER TONIGHT.

Lavel's Cleaning Co.

Mmm

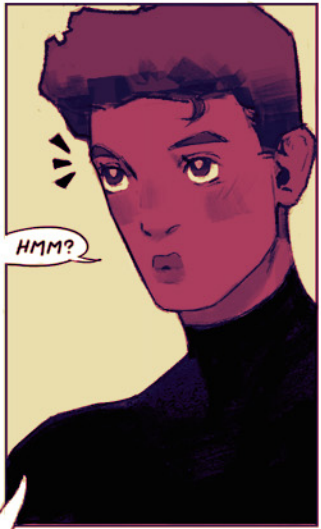




NOTHING HERE SEEMS EVEN REMOTELY IMPORTANT!



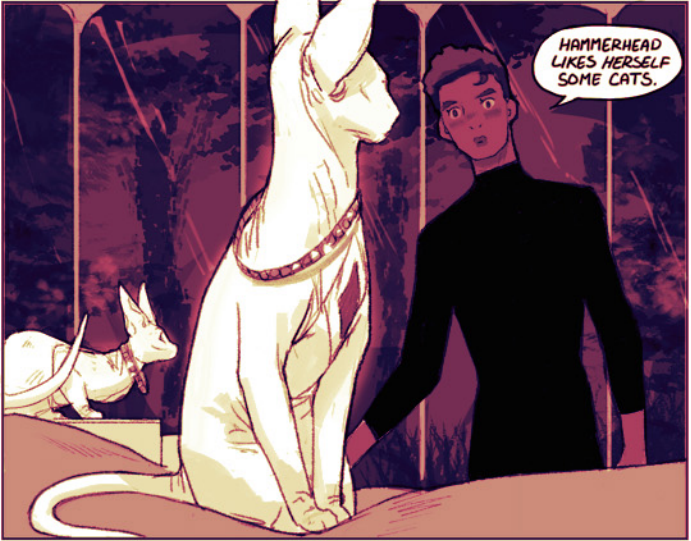
OR RELEVANT TO THE S.S.A. FOR THAT MATTER.



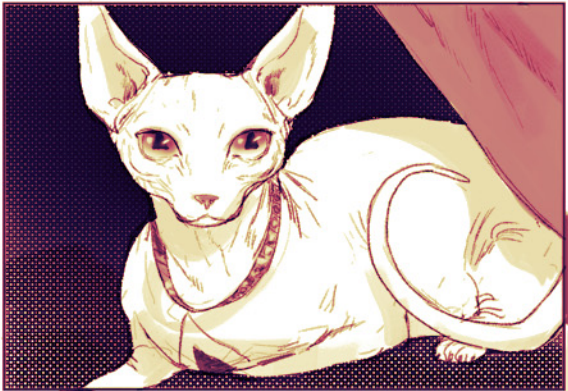
HMM?



Hmm...

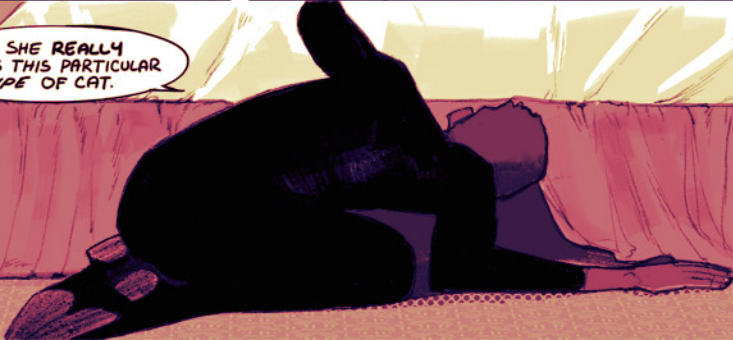


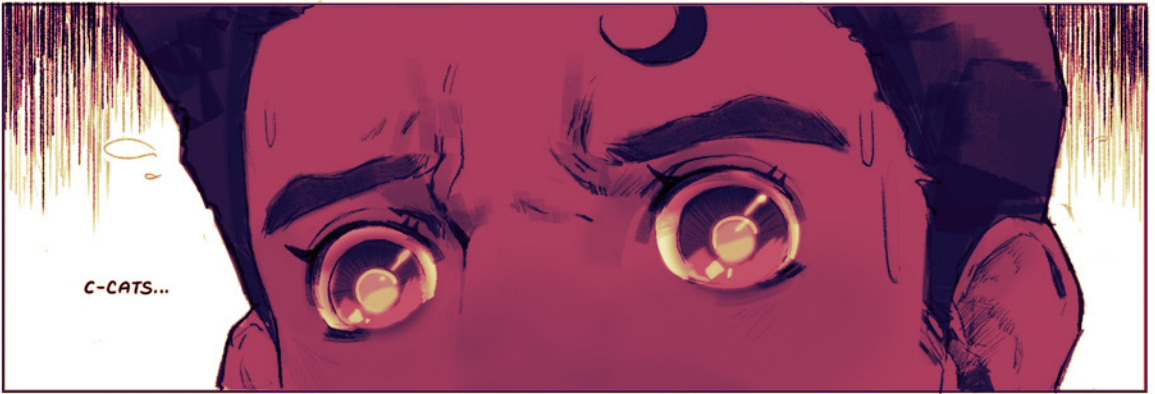
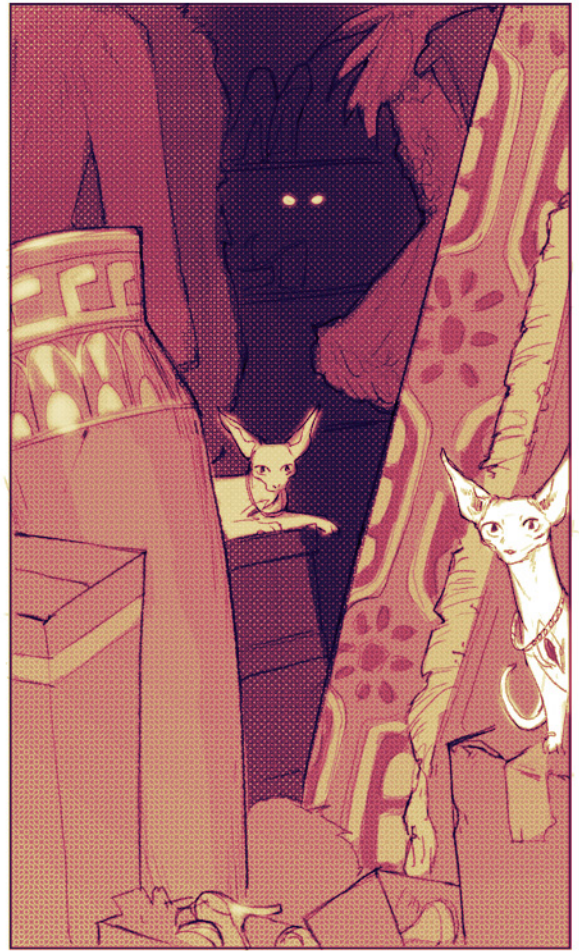
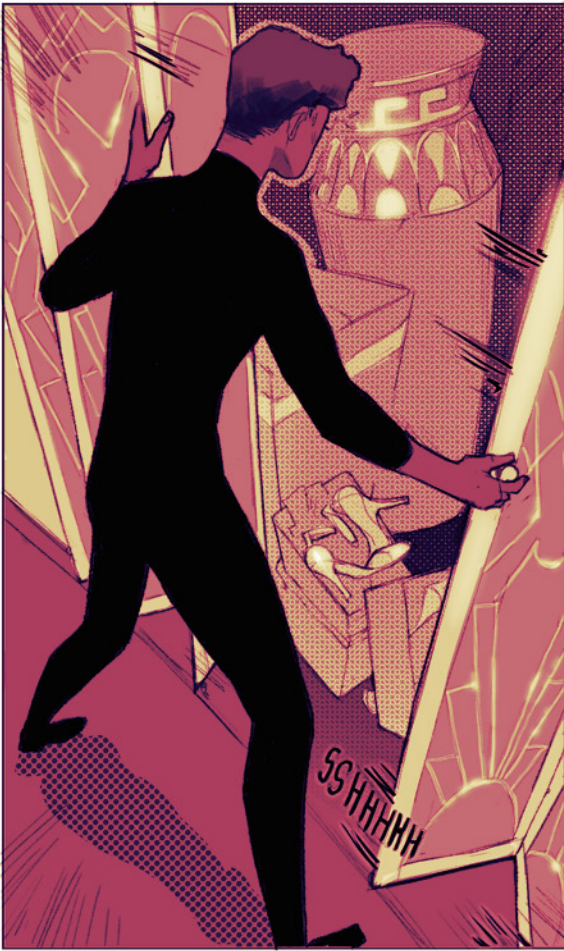
HAMMERHEAD LIKES HERSELF SOME CATS.

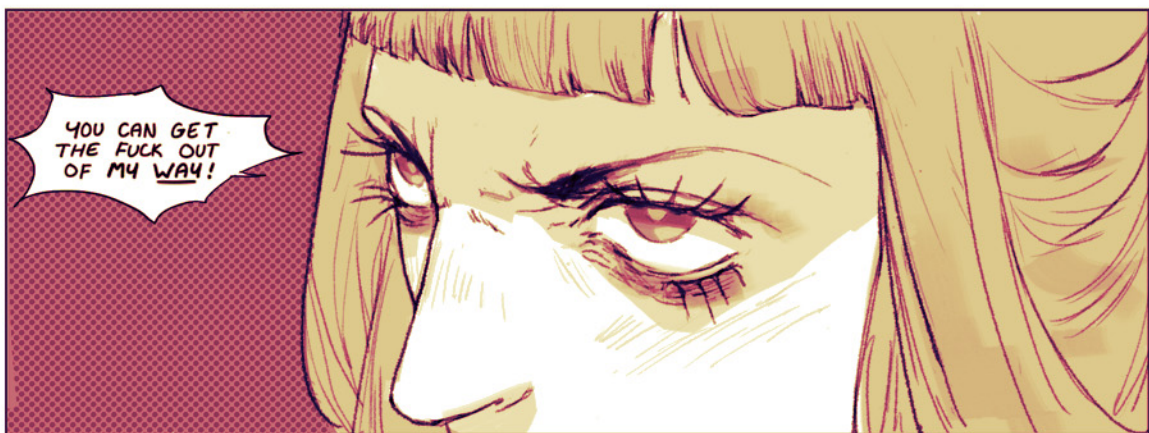
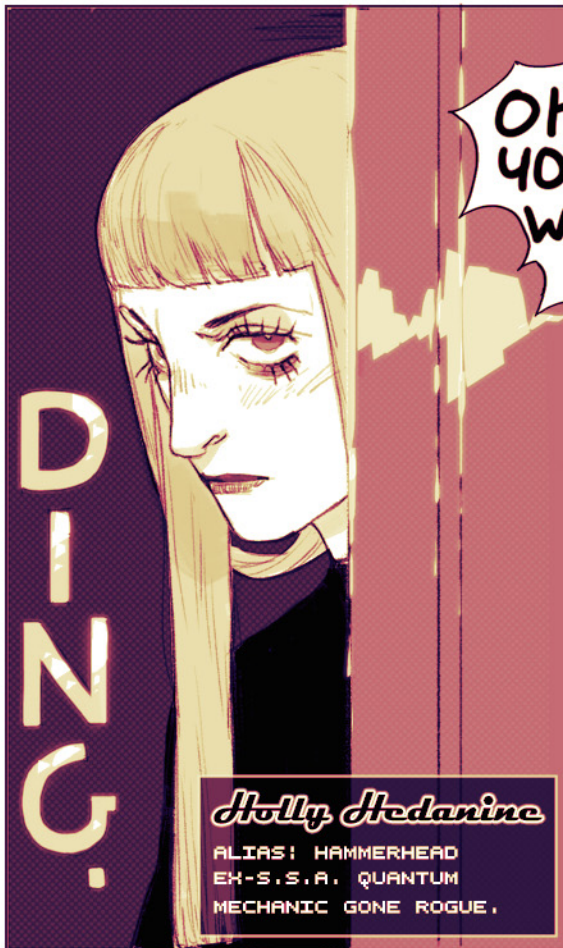


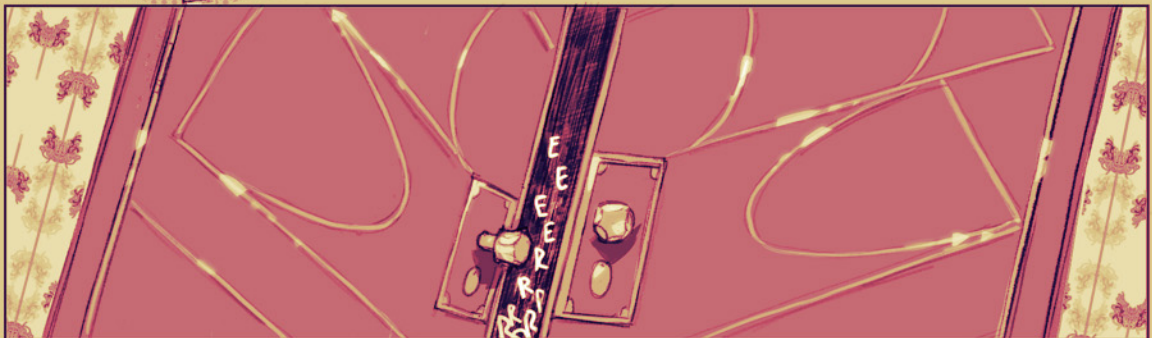
OKAY...

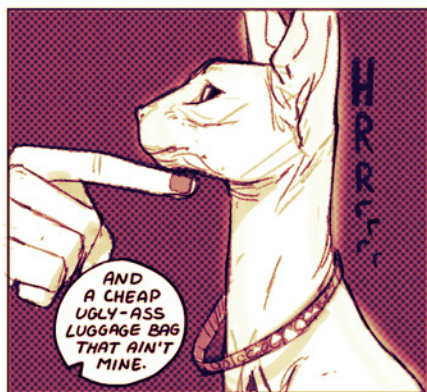
... SHE REALLY LIKES THIS PARTICULAR TYPE OF CAT.

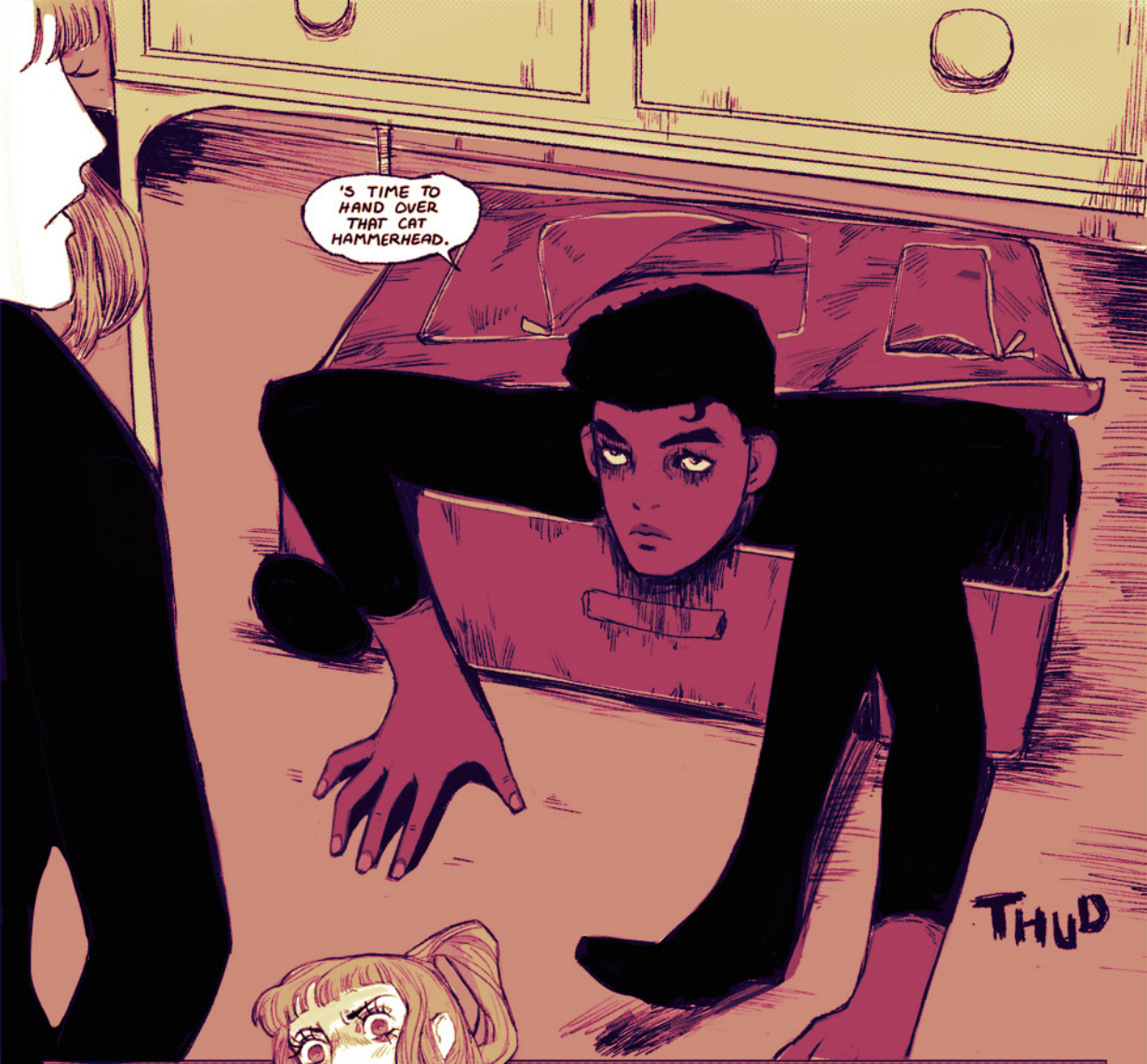












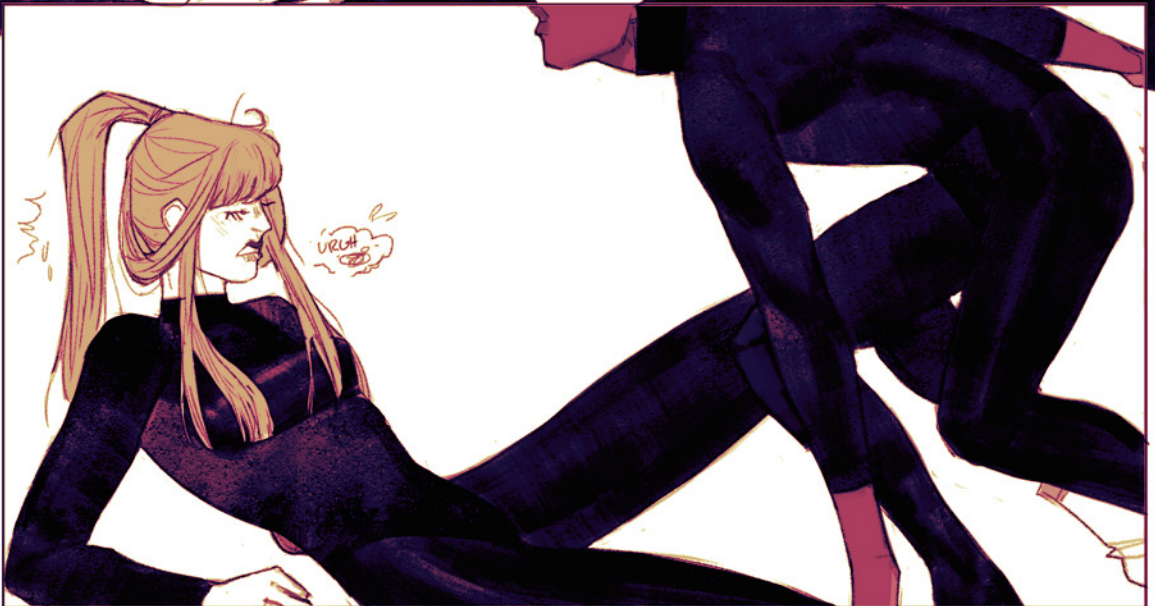
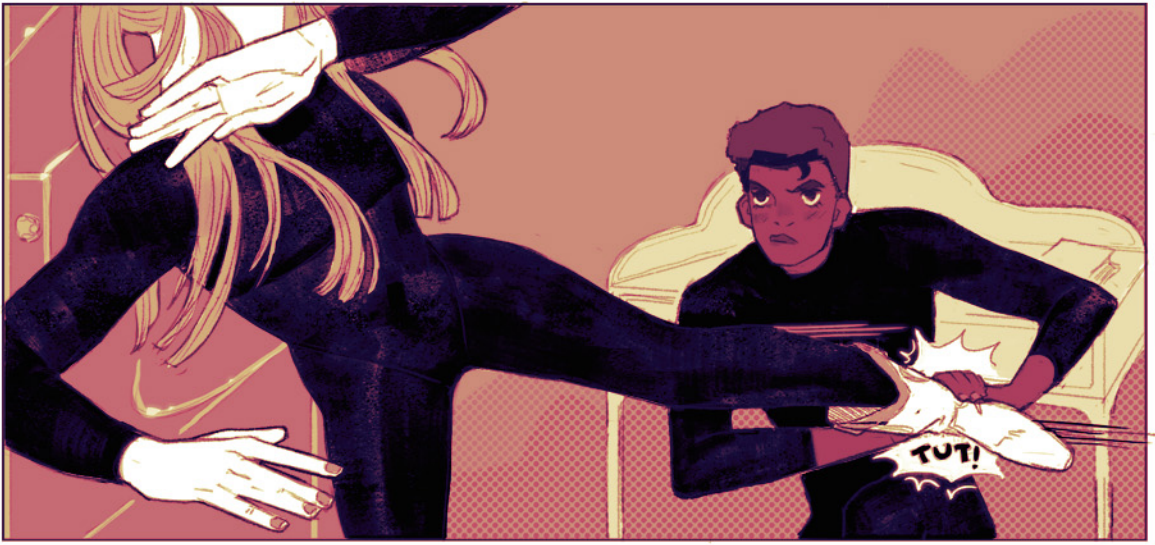
IT'S TIME TO
HAND OVER
THAT CAT
HAMMERHEAD.

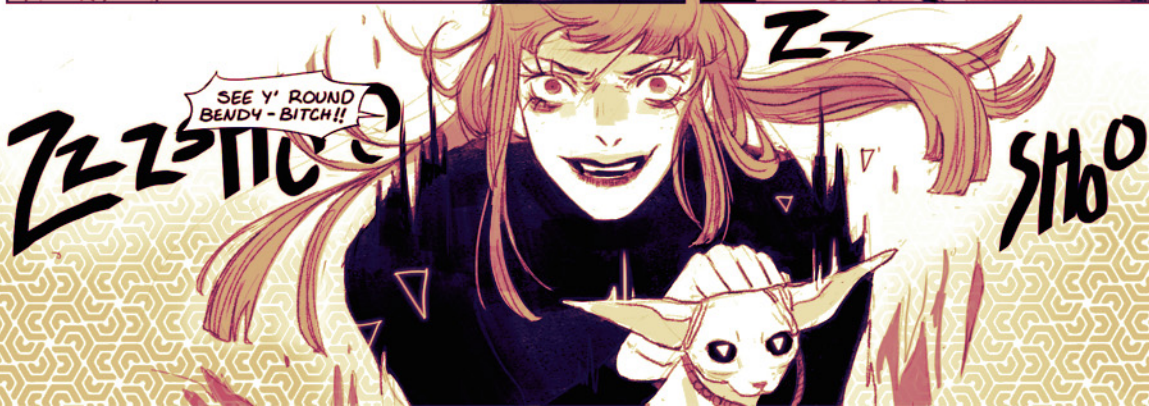
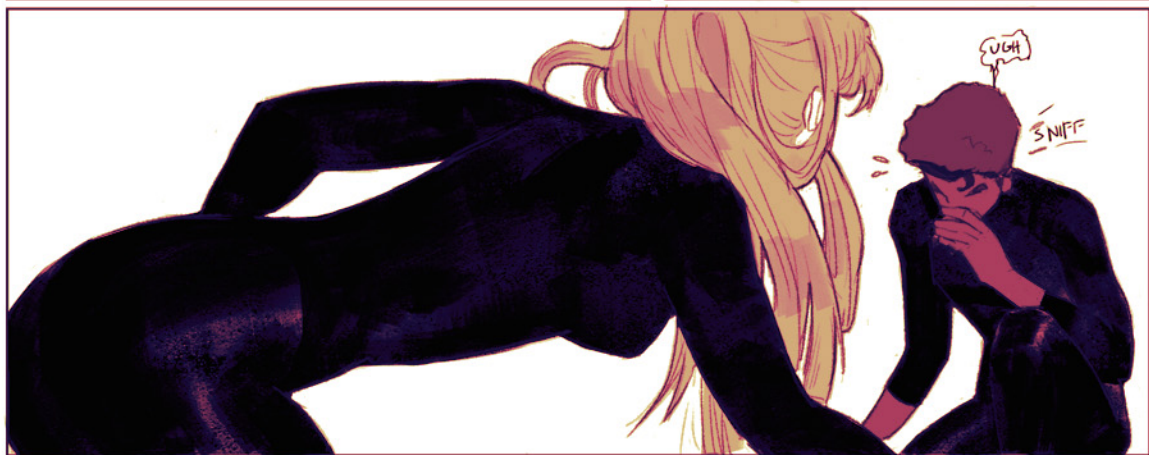
THUD



UGH!
OVER MY
DEAD BODY
FOLDY-FUCKER!!

SWISH









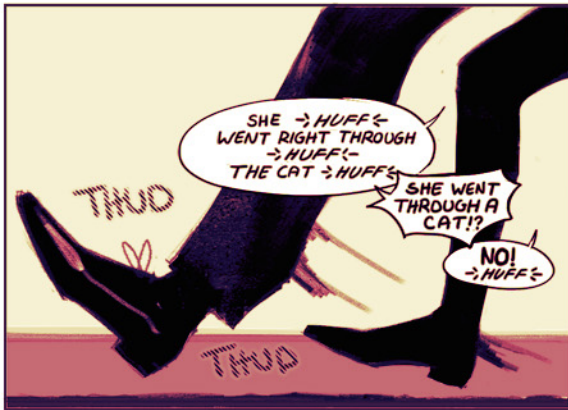
AVERY!
ARE YOU
OKAY!?

SLAM!

AH 'YEAH?
I THINK?

THE FLOOR!
SHE WENT THROUGH
THE FUCKING FLOOR!

SHE
WHAT?



SHE → HUFF ←
WENT RIGHT THROUGH
→ HUFF ←
THE CAT → HUFFS

SHE WENT
THROUGH A
CAT!?

NO!
→ HUFF ←



THE CAT
→ HUFFS

LET'S HER
GO THROUGH
→ HUFF!-
THINGS!

THE CAT?

YES! THE CAT!
WE HAVE TO GET THE CAT!
→ WHEEZES



IF THIS 'CAT'
CAN LET HER GO
THROUGH ANYTHING,
HOW DO WE KNOW
WHERE SHE'S
HEADED?

WELL...

→ WHEEZES
→ HUFFS



... THE
SCREAMS WILL
DO FOR NOW!



BY THE TIME WE CATCH UP SHE COULD ALREADY BE GOING THROUGH THE FLOOR AGAIN.

OR A WALL. SHE CAN BE OFF IN ANY DIRECTION!

I'M :HUFF: TRYING TO :HUFF: THINK OF :HUFF: SOMETHING! :HUFF:

100-100-1000
100-100-1000
100-100-1000
100-100-1000



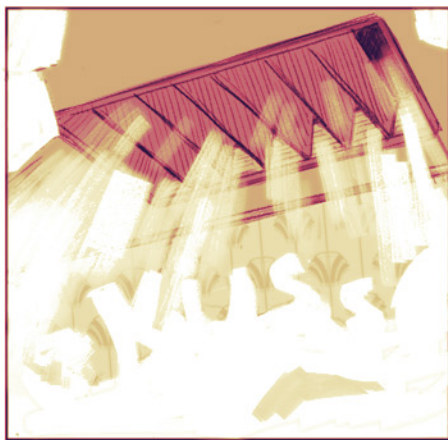
HOLD UP!



PSHH



KRUNK



ERIIIIIIII!
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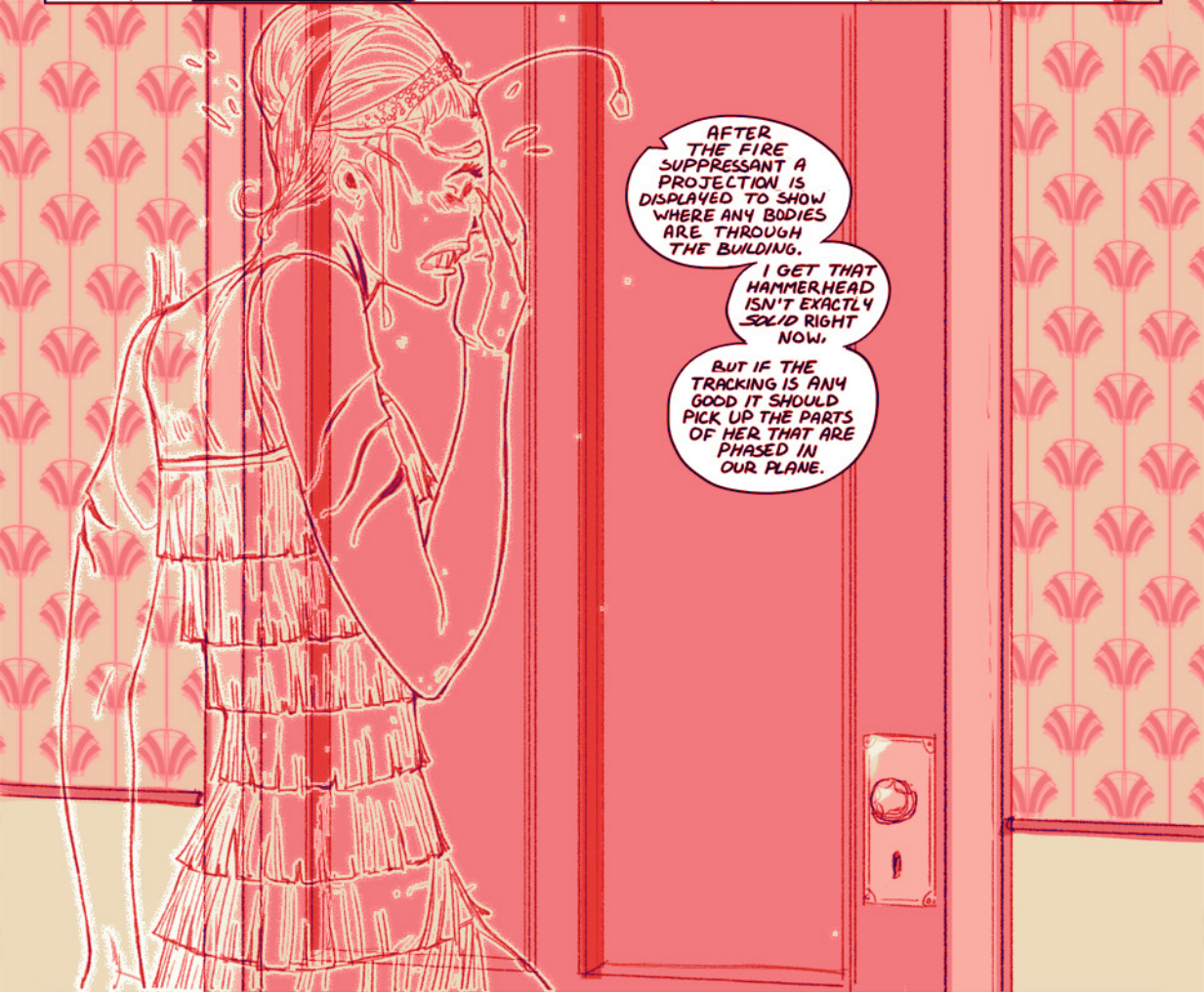
:COUGH
COUGH:
ARE YOU FOR REAL
RIGHT NOW?!

YES!
:COUGH:



I JUST REMEMBERED THE EMERGENCY SYSTEM I READ ABOUT INSTALLED HERE.

THEY HAVE QUITE IMPRESSIVE FIRE SAFETY MEASURES.



AFTER THE FIRE SUPPRESSANT IS DISPLAYED A PROJECTION IS DISPLAYED TO SHOW WHERE ANY BODIES ARE THROUGH THE BUILDING.

I GET THAT HAMMERHEAD ISN'T EXACTLY SOLID RIGHT NOW.

BUT IF THE TRACKING IS ANY GOOD IT SHOULD PICK UP THE PARTS OF HER THAT ARE PHASED IN OUR PLANE.



THAT'S ONE WAY TO DO IT!

NOT BAD! I'LL CONSIDER TAKING YOU ON ONE OF MY JOBS SOMETIME.

MAYBE... FAR INTO THE FUTURE...

IT DOESN'T
LOOK LIKE SHE CAN
PHASE THROUGH
THINGS THAT
FAST.

AND I DON'T
THINK THAT IT
CAN GIVE HER
ANY FLIGHT.

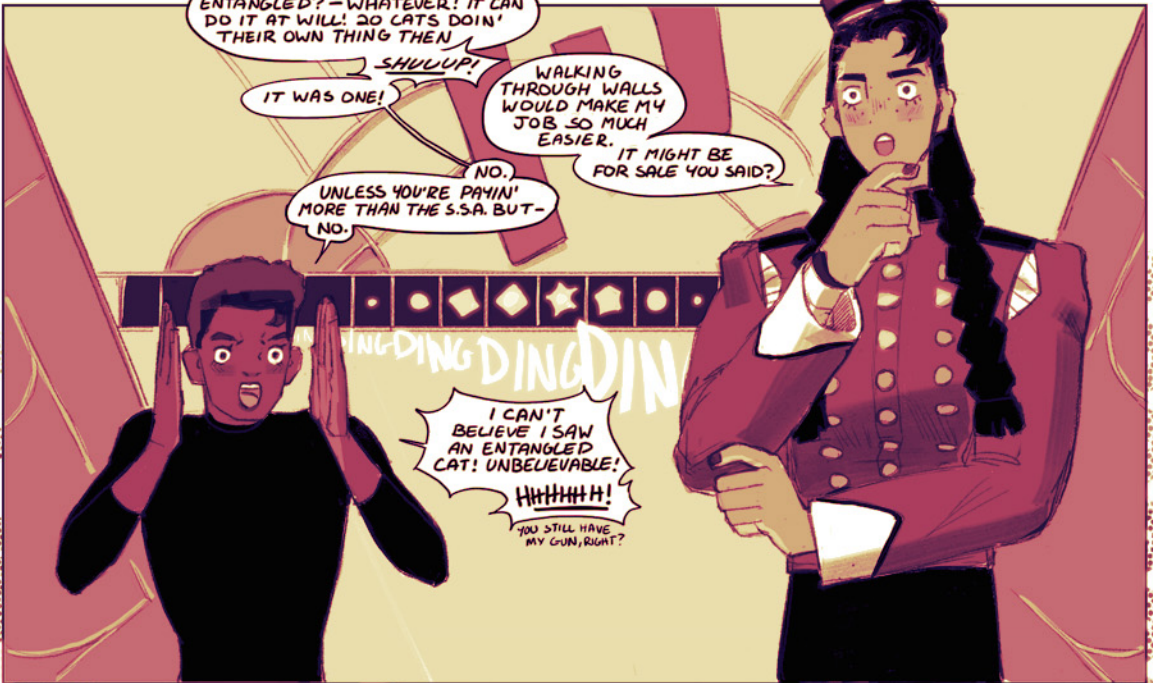
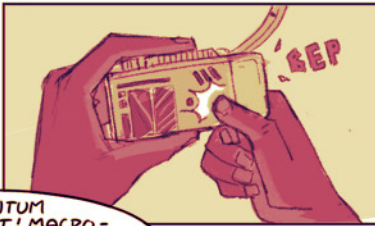
OTHERWISE SHE
WOULDN'T BOTHER
GOING DOWN.

I BET SHE'LL GO
ALL THE WAY TO THE
GROUND FLOOR AND
MAKE A BREAK FOR
THE NEAREST WALL
THAT LEADS
OUTSIDE.

I GOT IT AS
SOON AS YOU SAID
'PROTECTION'!

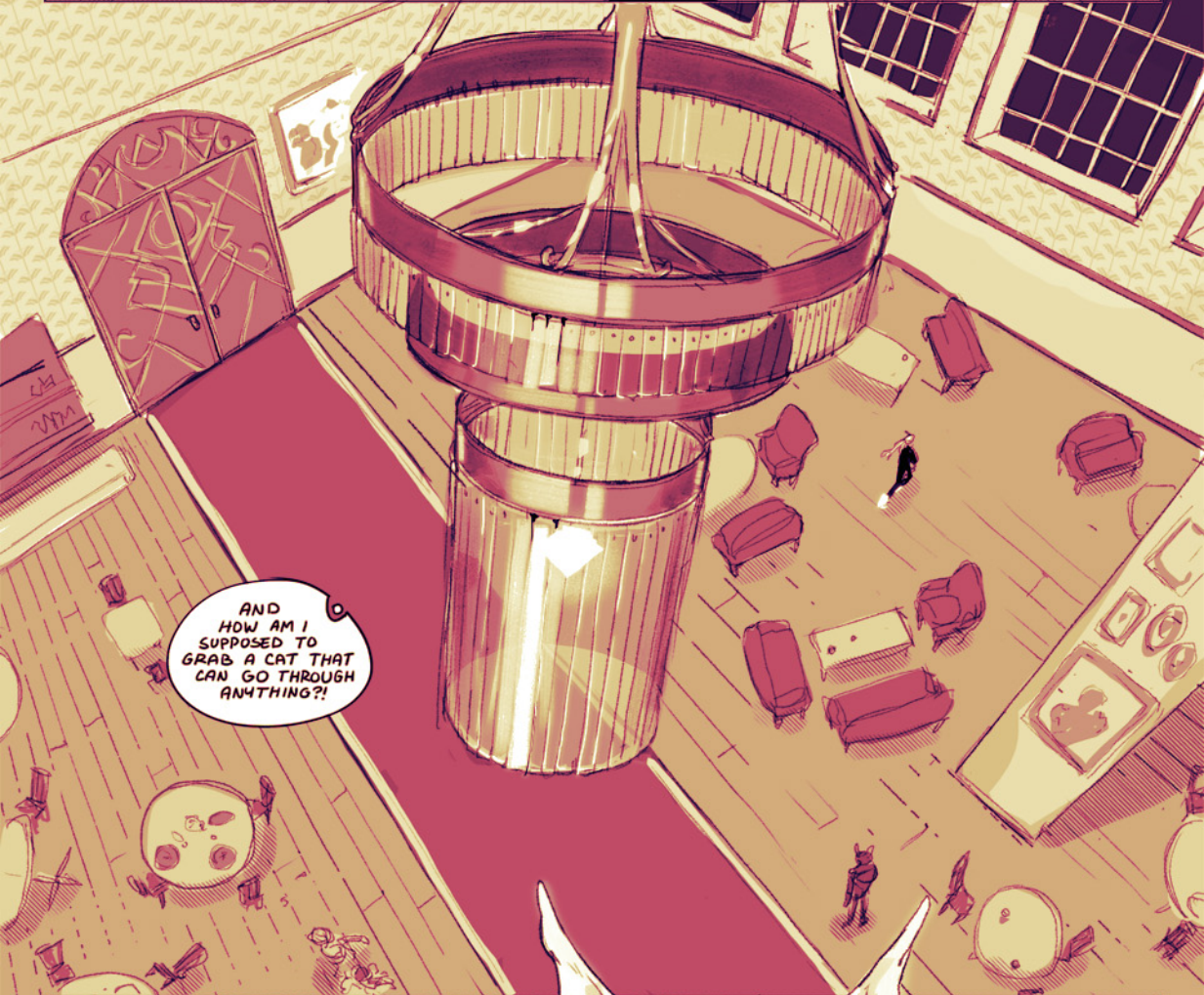
ENOUGH
TALKING! WE
HAVE TO MOVE!

DING.





THE CROWD CLEARING THIS WAY IS MAKING THIS HARD TO CATCH UP TO HER.



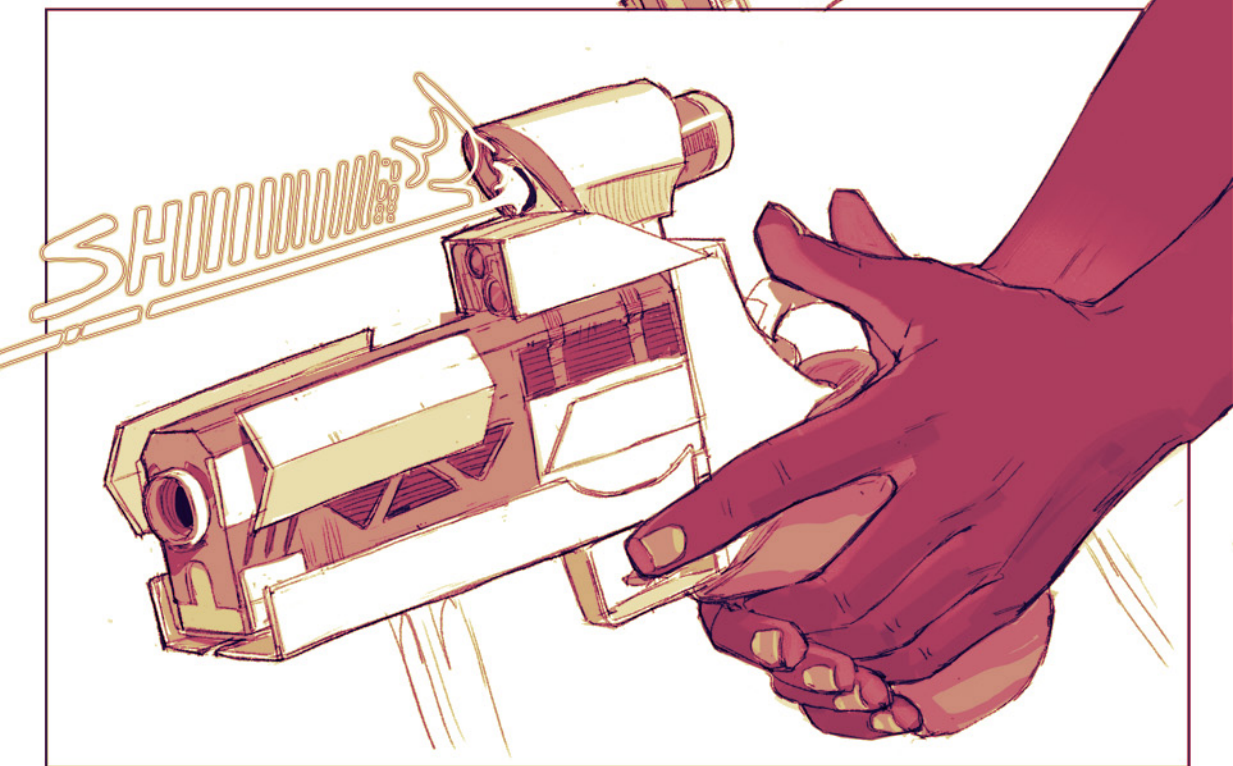
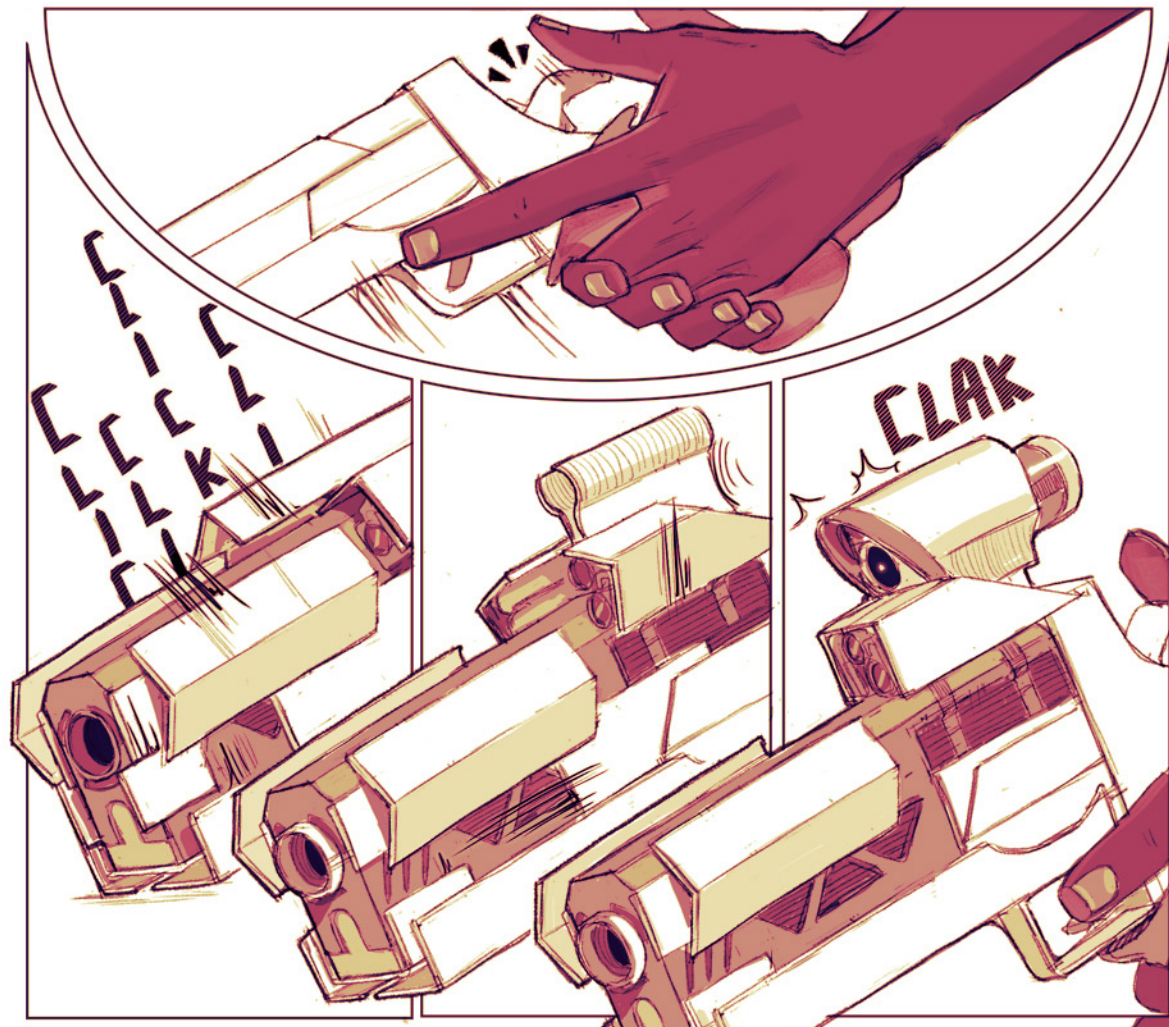
AND HOW AM I SUPPOSED TO GRAB A CAT THAT CAN GO THROUGH ANYTHING?!



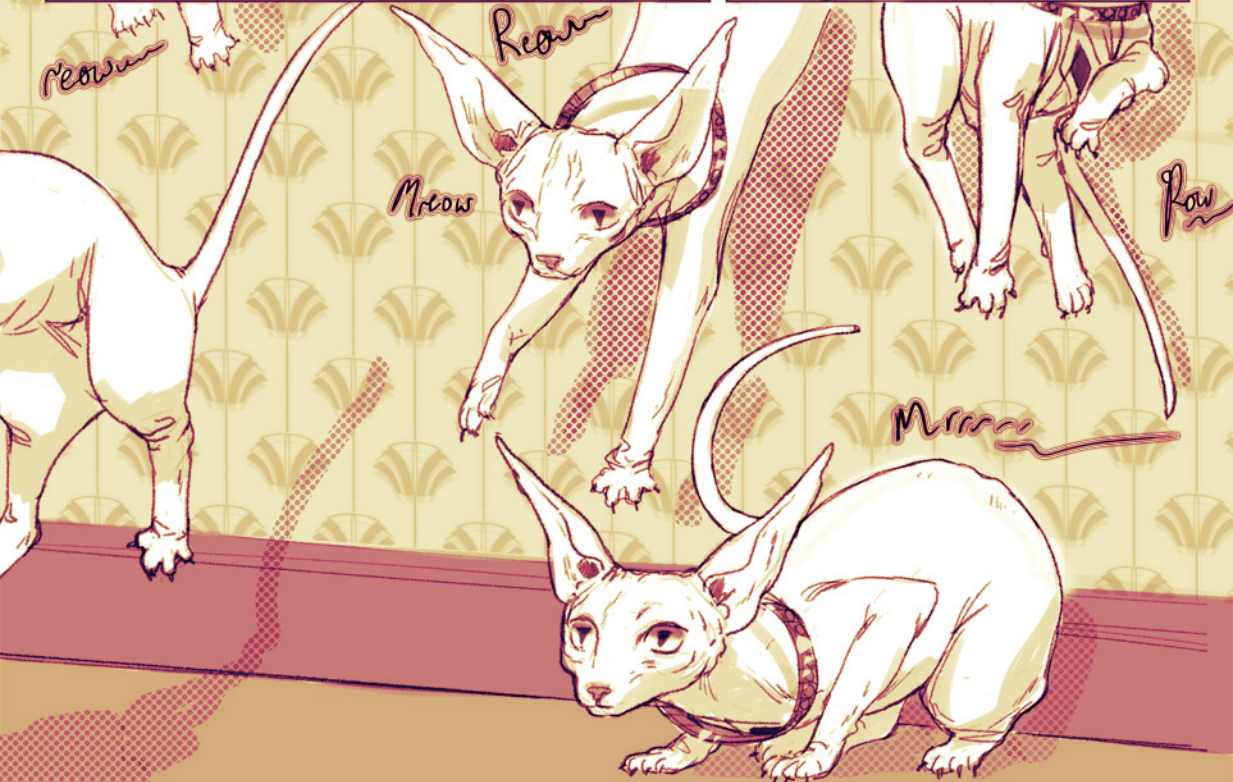
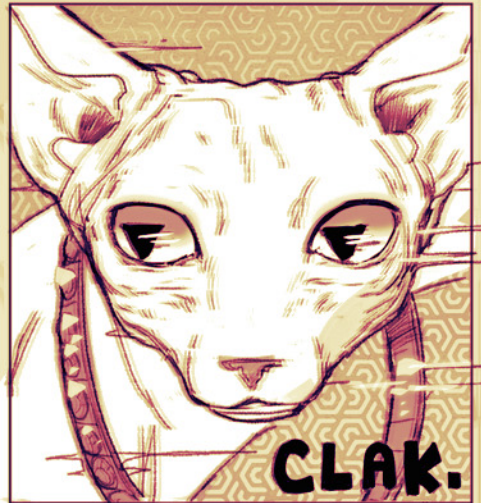
THAT'S RIGHT!

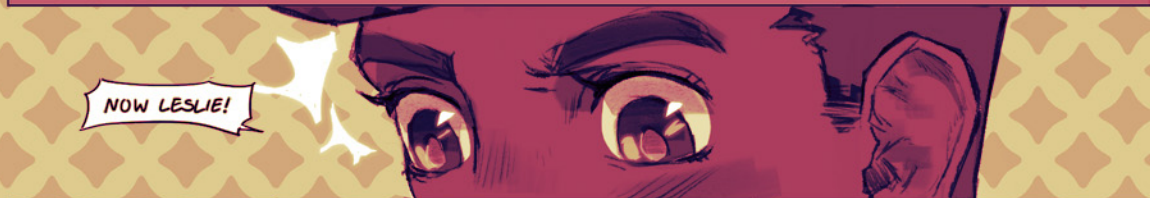
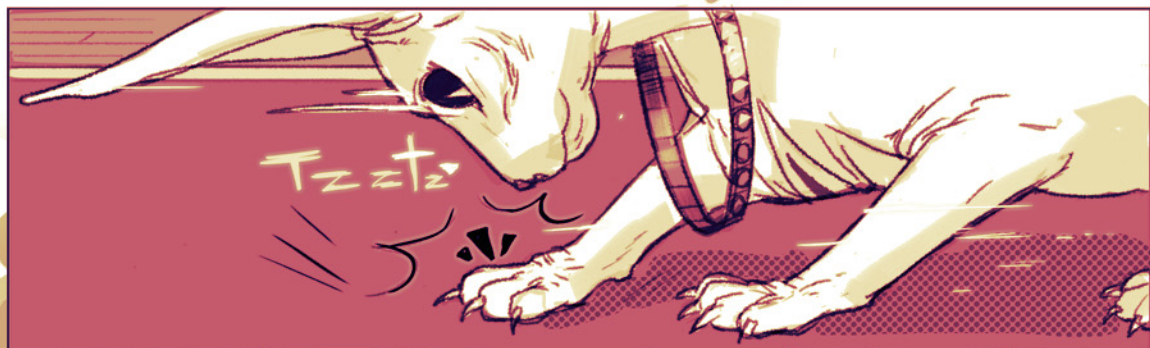
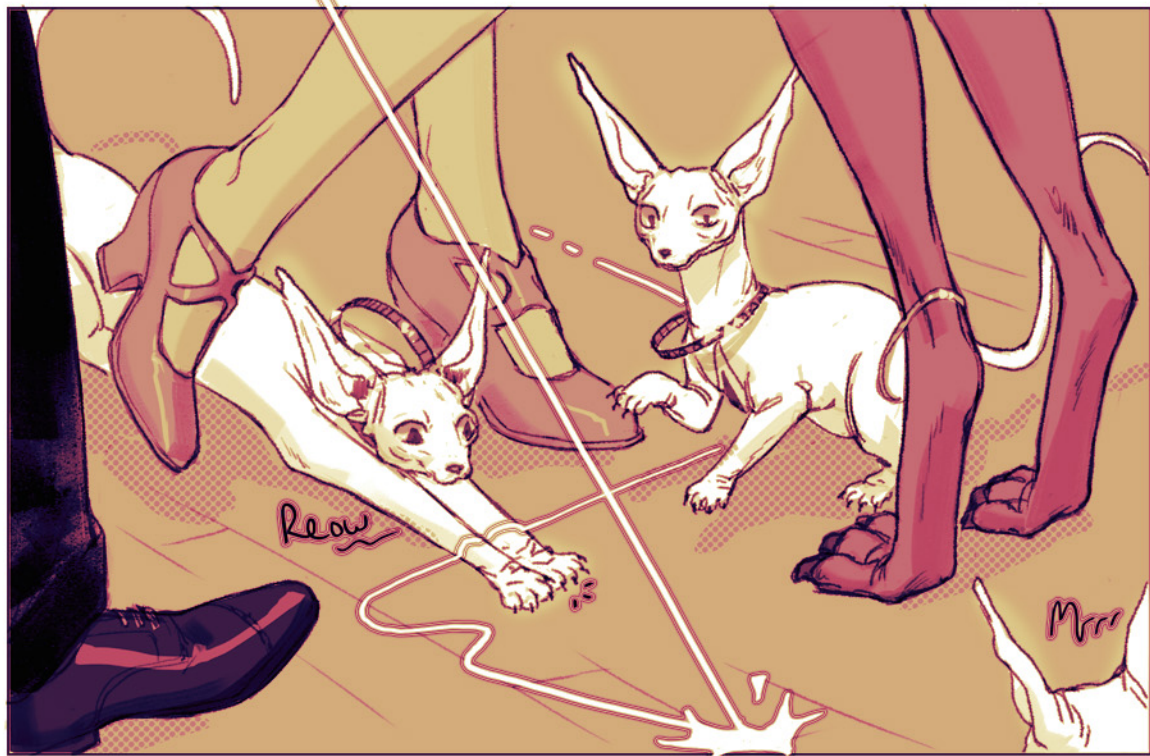
A CAT!

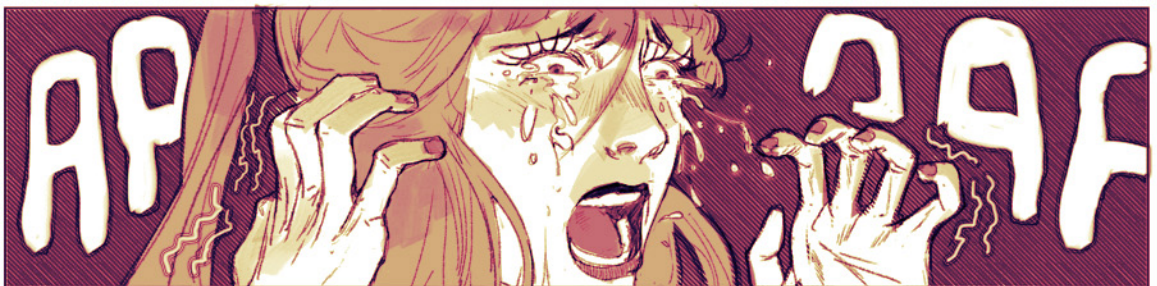
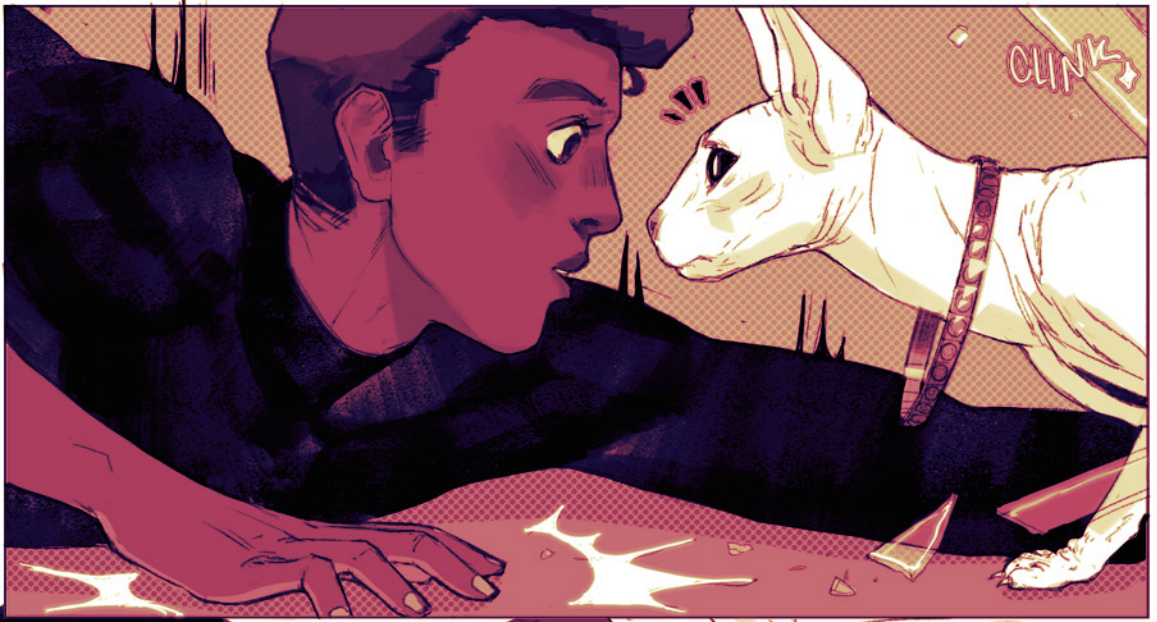


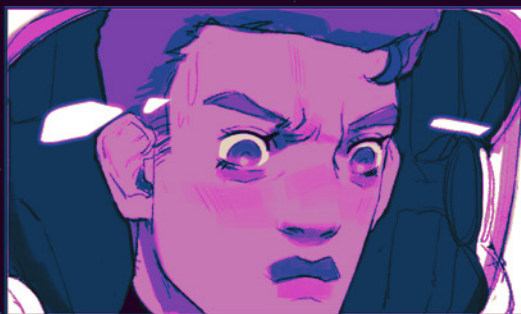
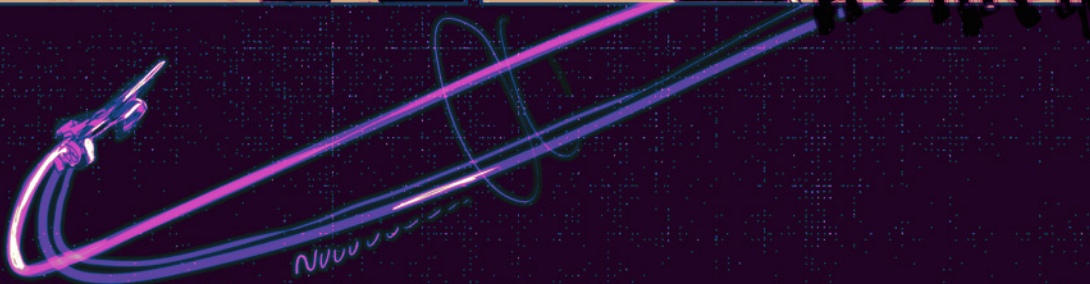
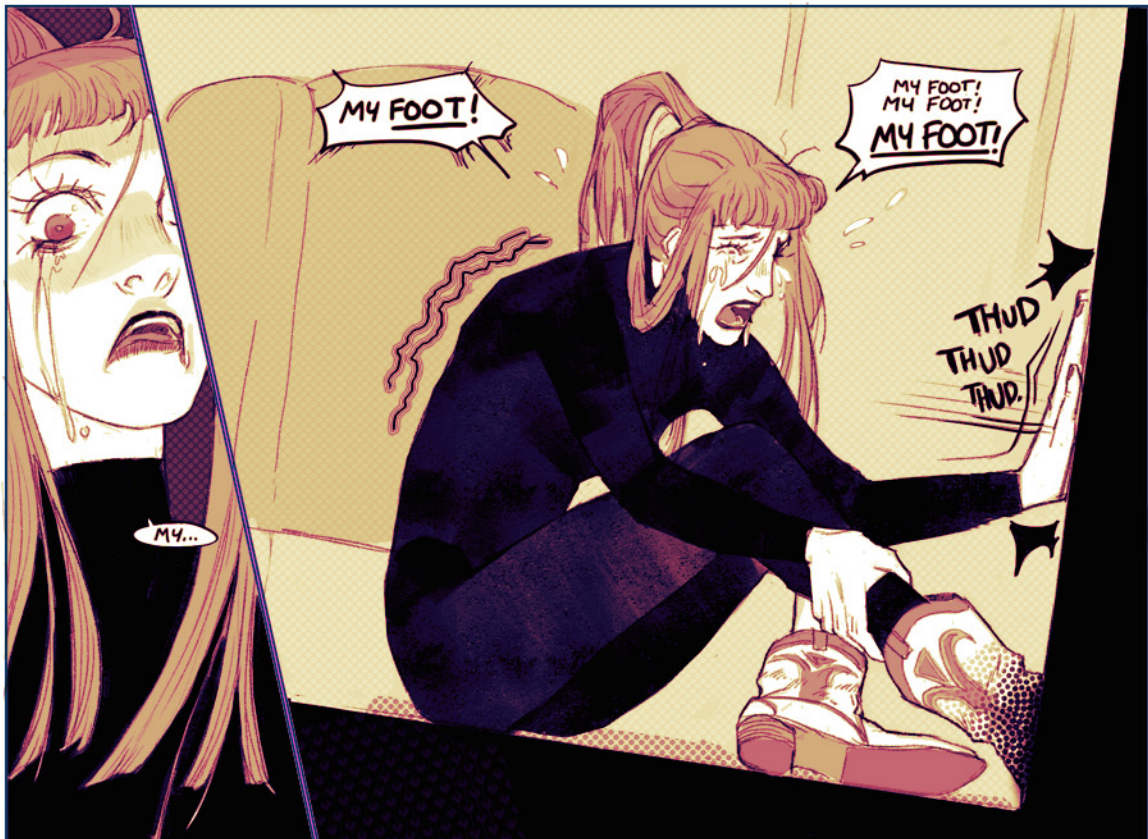


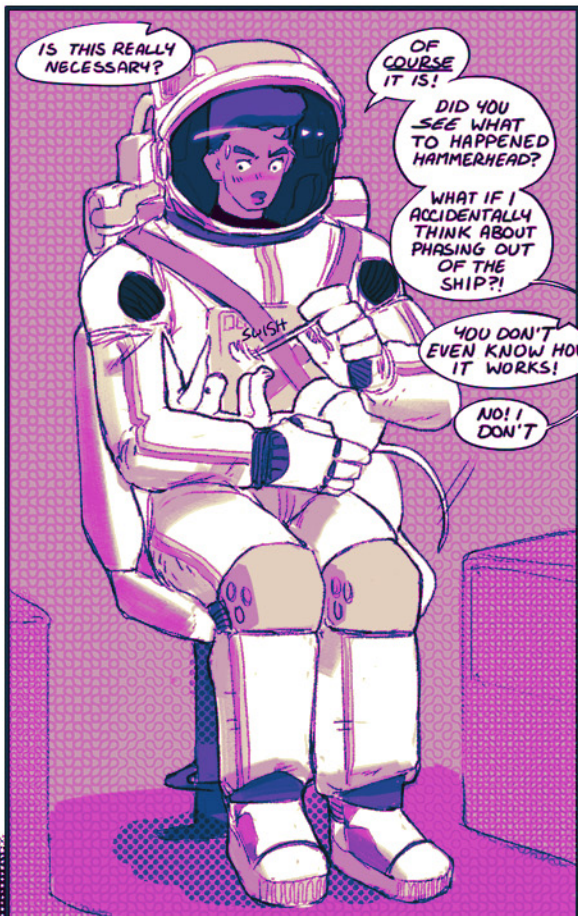












IS THIS REALLY NECESSARY?

OF COURSE IT IS!

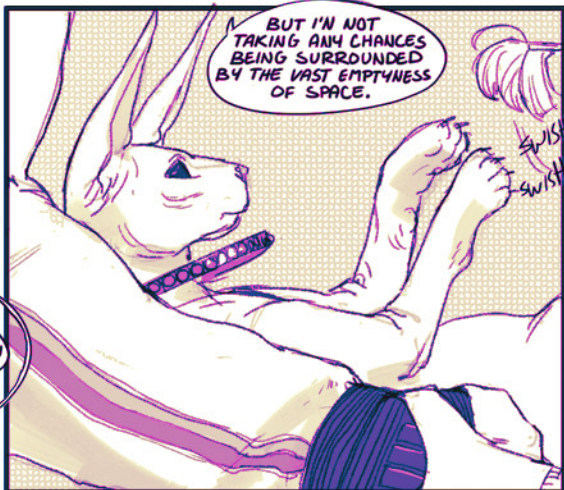
DID YOU SEE WHAT TO HAPPENED HAMMERHEAD?

WHAT IF I ACCIDENTALLY THINK ABOUT PHASING OUT OF THE SHIP?!

YOU DON'T EVEN KNOW HOW IT WORKS!

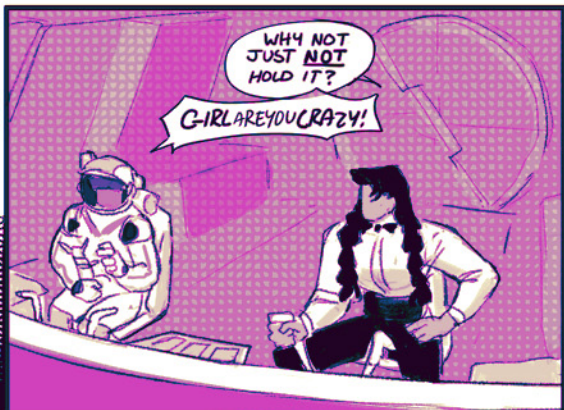
NO! I DON'T

SWISH



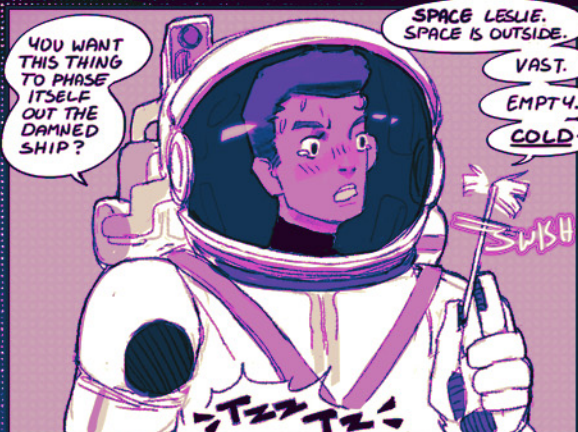
BUT I'N NOT TAKING ANY CHANCES BEING SURROUNDED BY THE VAST EMPTYNESS OF SPACE.

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WHY NOT JUST NOT HOLD IT?

GIRL ARE YOU CRAZY!



YOU WANT THIS THING TO PHASE ITSELF OUT THE DAMNED SHIP?

SPACE LESLIE. SPACE IS OUTSIDE.

VAST.

EMPTY.

COLD-

SWISH

TZZ TZZ



- FUCKIN' - JUST FLY IN! AND I'LL FOCUS ON NOT DYIN'!



OH- AND SORRY WE LEFT YOUR SUPER EXPENSIVE DOOR HACKING THING BEHIND.

AH THAT'S ALRIGHT!

I GOT TO GRAB SOME OF THOSE GEMS FROM THAT DRAWER SEE?

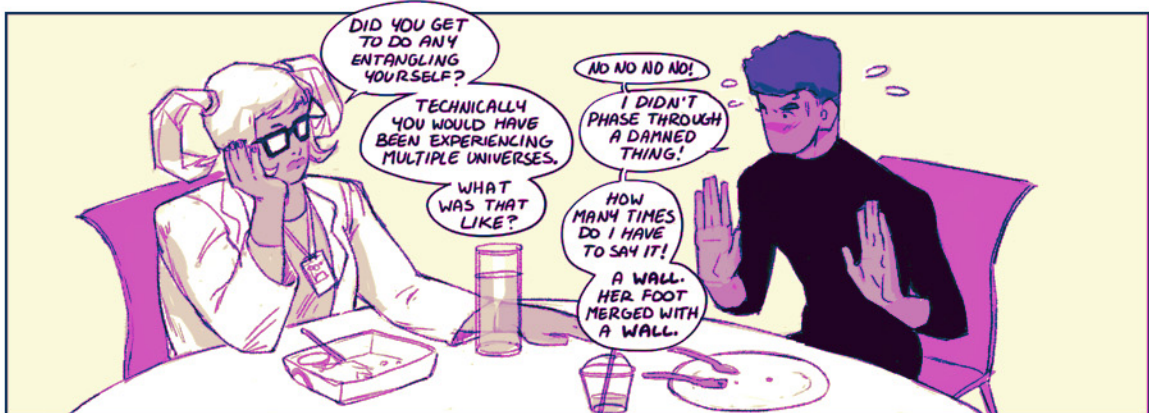
WAIT. HOW!? YOU WERE IN THAT FOR ALL OF, WHAT?

2 SECONDS!

LESLIE HOW!? TELL ME HOW!

LESLIE HOW DID YOU DO IT??

LESLIE TELL ME LESLIE HOW



DID YOU GET TO DO ANY ENTANGLING YOURSELF?

TECHNICALLY YOU WOULD HAVE BEEN EXPERIENCING MULTIPLE UNIVERSES.

WHAT WAS THAT LIKE?

NO NO NO NO!

I DIDN'T PHASE THROUGH A DAMNED THING!

HOW MANY TIMES DO I HAVE TO SAY IT!

A WALL. HER FOOT MERGED WITH A WALL.



LIKE THIS.

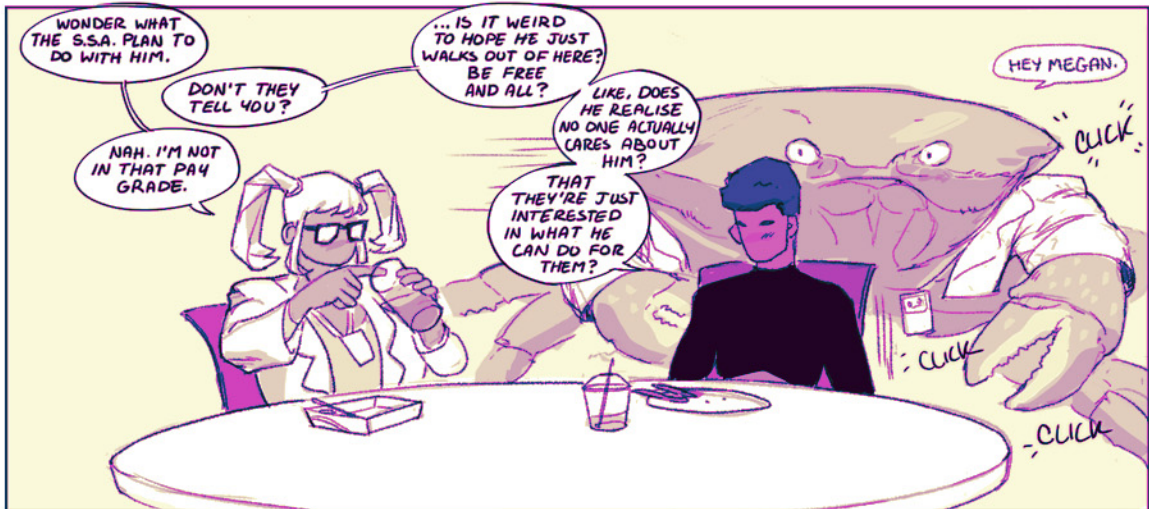
AND I'VE SWAPPED UNIVERSES ALREADY. THAT'S ENOUGH FOR ME.



AHAHA! YEAH, I WOULDN'T BE DEAD-ASS CAUGHT WITH THAT CAT...

DO YOU THINK HE COULD FUSE BOOGIE N' WDOOGIE TOGETHER?

NOT THAT I ACTUALLY WANT TO. JUST CURIOUS.



WONDER WHAT THE S.S.A. PLAN TO DO WITH HIM.

DON'T THEY TELL YOU?

NAH. I'M NOT IN THAT PAY GRADE.

... IS IT WEIRD TO HOPE HE JUST WALKS OUT OF HERE? BE FREE AND ALL?

LIKE, DOES HE REALISE NO ONE ACTUALLY CARES ABOUT HIM?

THAT THEY'RE JUST INTERESTED IN WHAT HE CAN DO FOR THEM?

HEY MEGAN.

CLICK

CLICK

CLICK



I'M SURE ERWIN IS LONG GONE BY NOW.

ERWIN WHO?

IT'S WHAT I'M CALLING THE CAT.

THE S.S.A HAS MONEY, BUT NOT MULTI-UNIVERSE CONTAINMENT FIELD MONEY.

END.



