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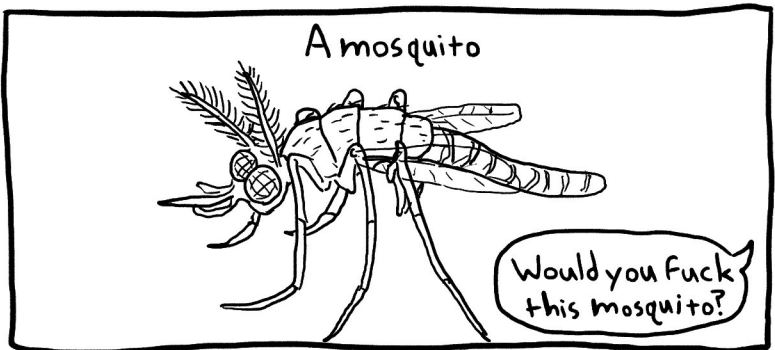
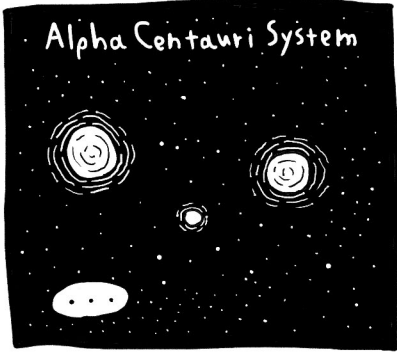


Waiting for  
YOU  
on Proxima  
Centauri b!!



by Lily Reeves

Several hundred years in the future:







Q.C. Monnaham had never been to Earth, but she was fascinated by its scientific history, the developments that led humanity to expand to Proxima b.



And so she had her Idea.



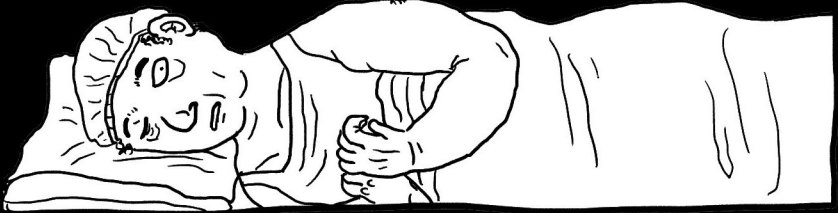
Despite everyone's best efforts, they made it to Proxima...



...where they mutated...



...and became the only vector of the deadly and incurable Adibe's disease.



But in an old Earth study, Q.C. thought she found a solution.



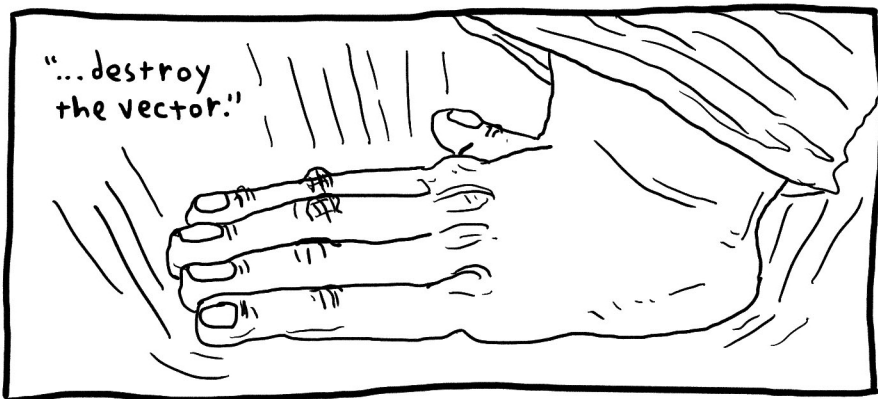
She dedicated her school career to research...



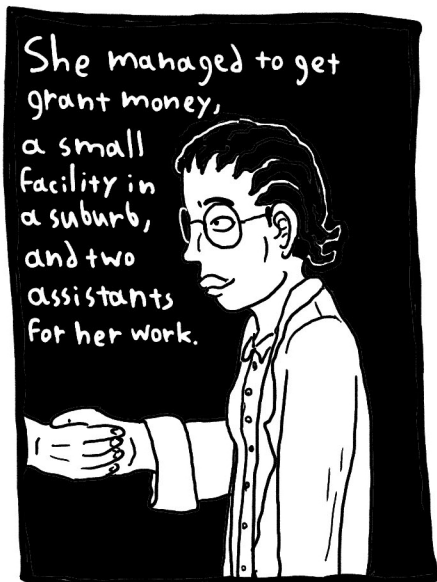
...and at the end presented her thesis:



"If you can't cure the disease..."



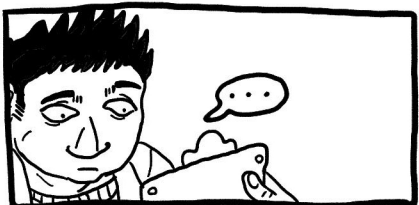
She modified an old study about bioengineering very attractive male mosquitoes that would only produce male offspring, eventually leaving no females to continue the species.



Her only problem was this:

Nobody would fuck her mosquitoes.

It had now been 15 months. They were running out of money and supplies, and only one assistant bothered to show up anymore.



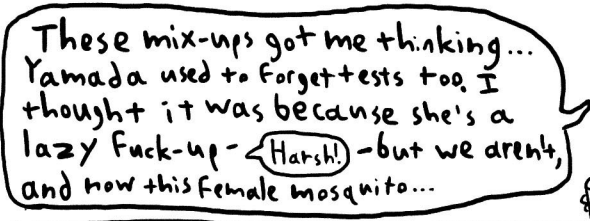
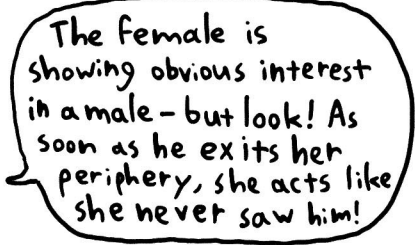
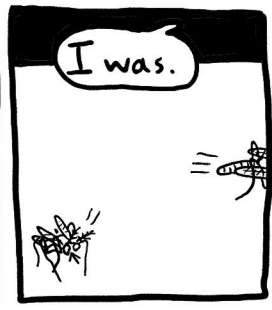


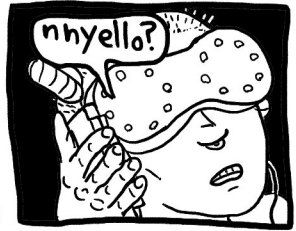
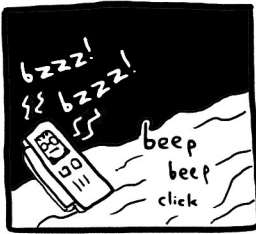
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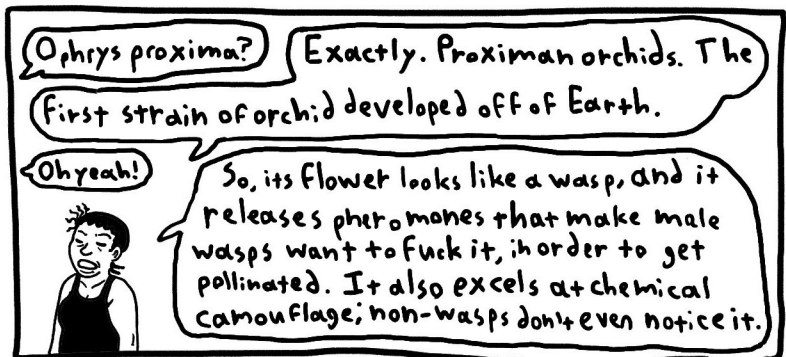
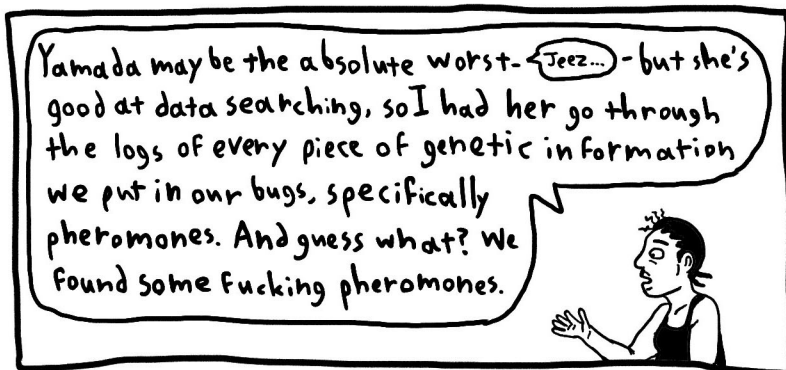


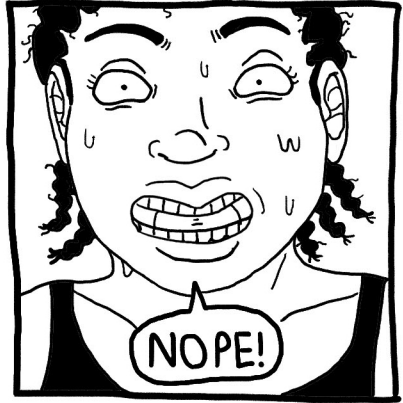
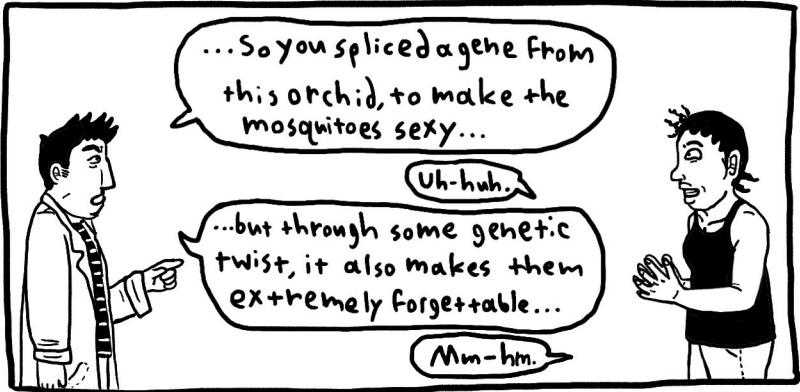
Nothing too strenuous, god forbid, but you're gonha earn this month's check, so listen closely...



The next morning.











Six months later, a new breed of sexy, virile, and bioluminescent mosquito was released into the wild.





# FACTS



1. Proxima Centauri b is a real exoplanet that orbits the red dwarf star Proxima Centauri.  
(It probably isn't actually habitable, due to observed solar winds.)
2. Male mosquitoes are typically smaller than females, with longer palps and bushier antennae. Males do not bite people.
3. Q.C.'s project is somewhat (but not entirely) based in reality! Look up "Oxitec friendly mosquitoes."
4. Chemical mimicry and chemical camouflage are dope as hell... Probably don't work like that though.

Thanks for reading!!

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