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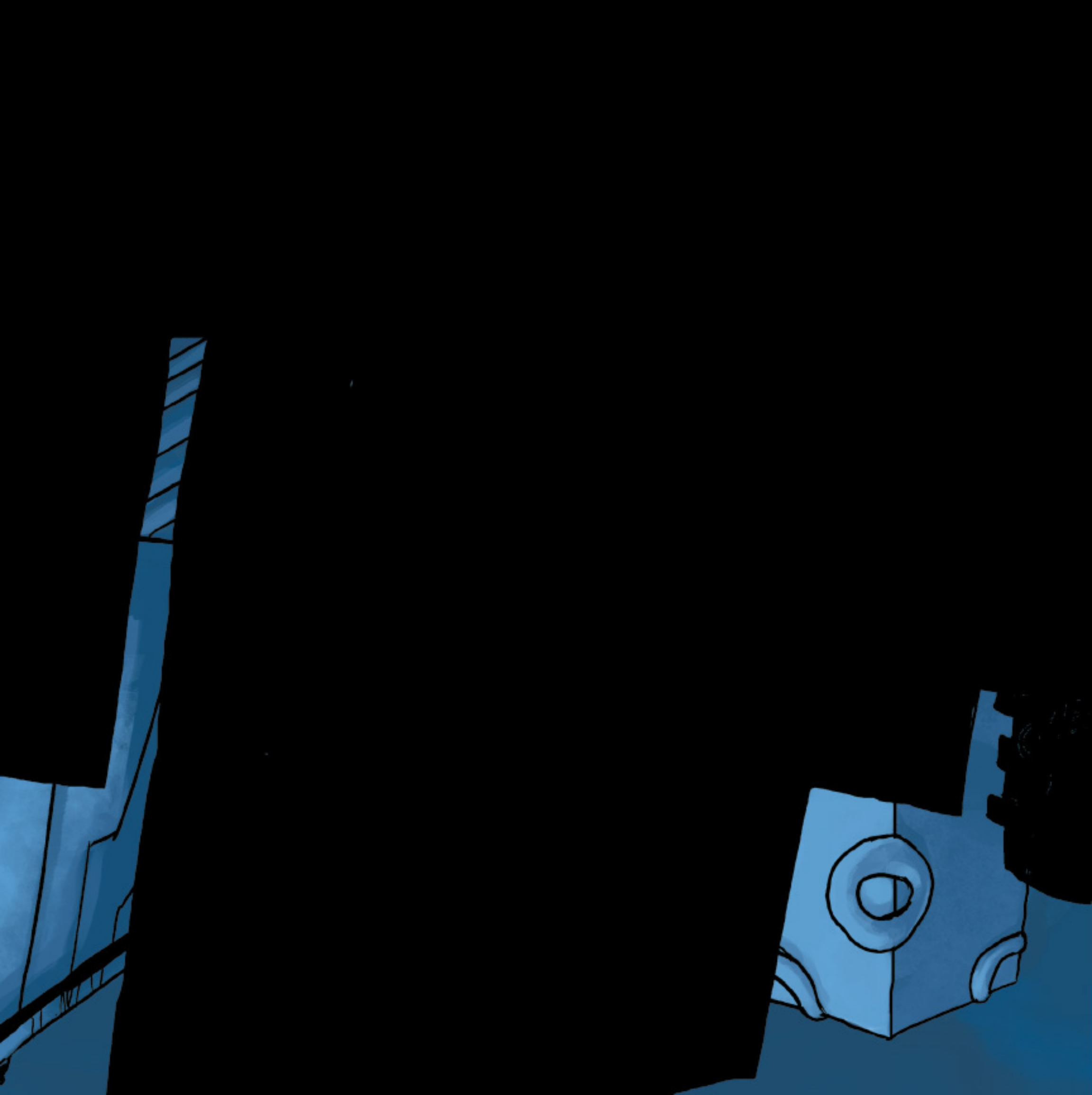
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For Rick





I *LOVE* WORDS.

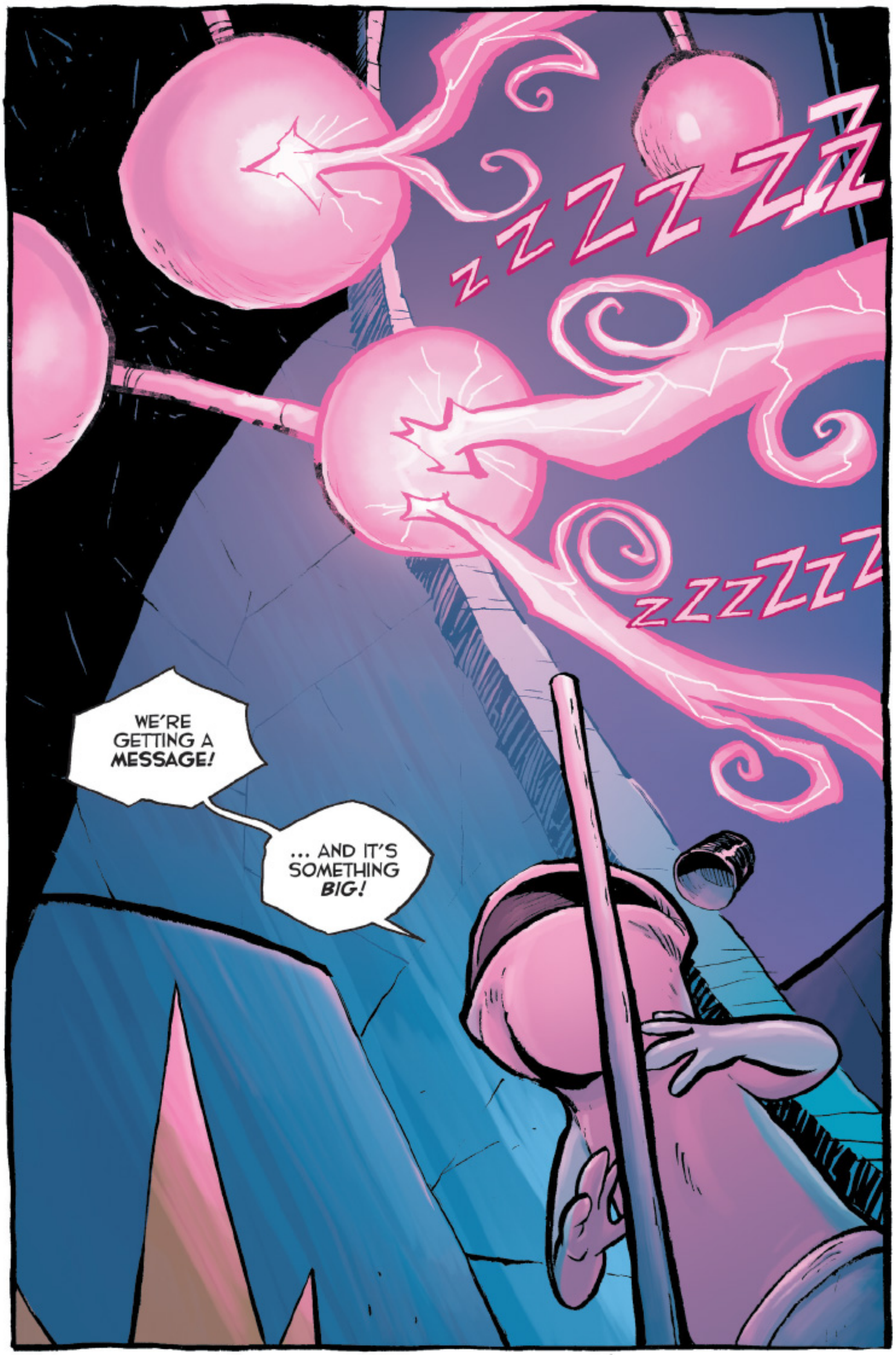
I LOVE THEM **SO MUCH**, I BECAME A **SCRIBE.**

BUT NOW THAT I'M A **SCRIBE** I SPEND *LESS TIME* WITH **WORDS** AND *MORE* WITH ***CHORES!***

HUH?

TSST-
TSST-
TSST


I GUESS IT WAS NOTHING ...
... AS USUAL.
ZZZT


zzzzzz
zzzzz
WE'RE GETTING A MESSAGE!
... AND IT'S SOMETHING BIG!

ZOOP

ZZZZERP

NO TIME TO LET MY EYES ADJUST ...

TRA-LA-LA-LAAA!

SORRY! CAN'T SEE!

POW

YAH!

CLINK
CLINK
CLINK
I CAN'T DECIPHER THESE MARKS!
TINK TINK TINK
SCRIBBLE SCRATCH

I'D BETTER TELL *SAYER NOK!*

SAYER NOK! WAKE UP!

HUH?

IS THAT YOU, **EGBY**?

THE **ARCHIVES** HAVE STARTED ***WRITING*** AGAIN!

YOU **WOKE ME** FOR *THAT*?

IT WRITES OF A ***TWIN!***

YOU SAID TO **GET YOU** IF IT WAS EVER ABOUT A ***TWIN!***

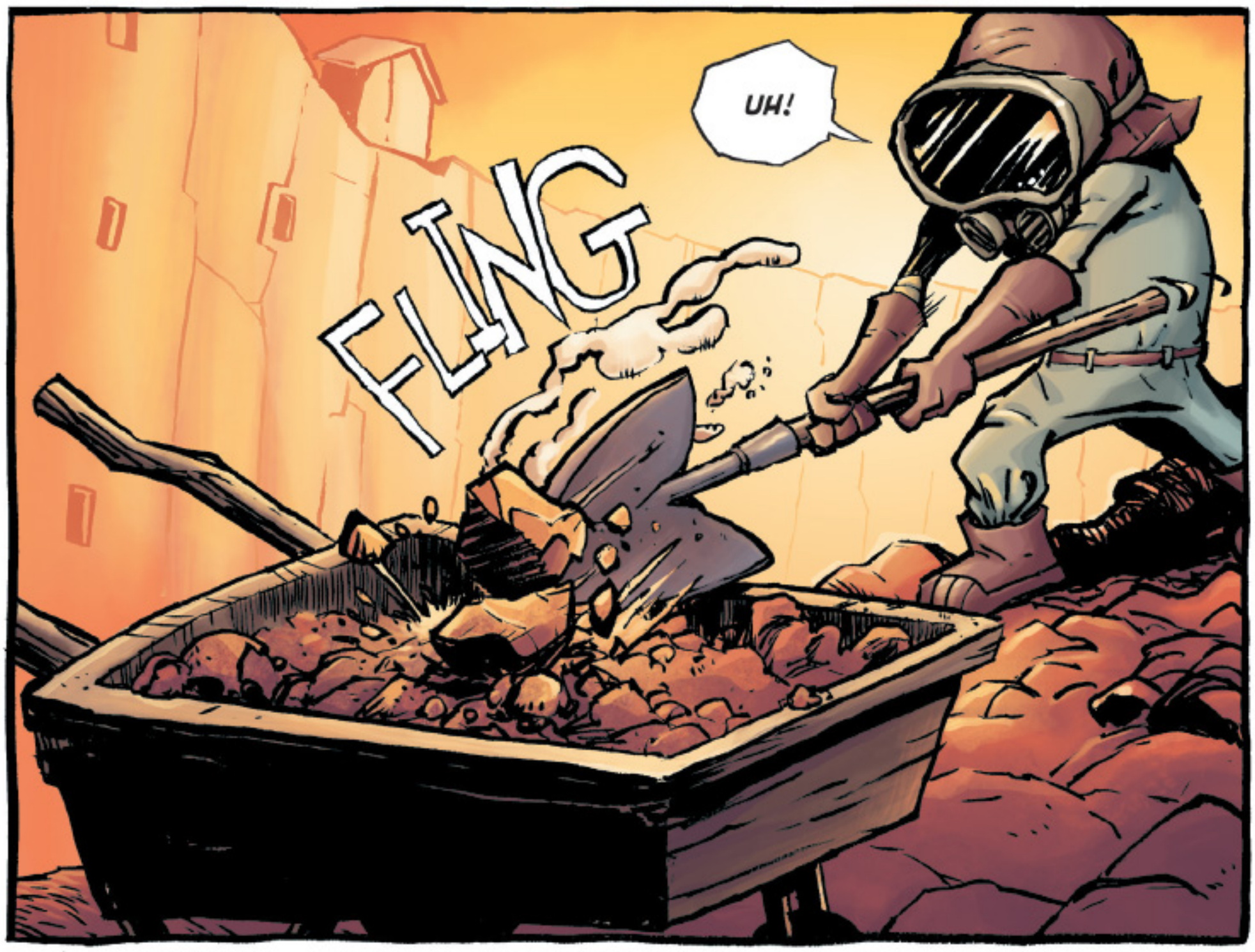
A TWIN?!

HELP ME UP, **EGBY!**

HELP AN **OLD GUY** UP.

YES, SIR.




UH!
FLING

I'VE GOT A **LOAD OF RUBBLE**, *COMING THROUGH!*

THE **BRICKEATER** IS *ALL CLEAR.*

BRING 'EM ON IN!

UH!

CRUNCH
CHOMP

GULP

OUT OF CONTROL!

LOOK OUT!

WAH!

CRASH

I'M SORRY, GUYS! I'M IN SUCH A HURRY!

WORRY NOT!

THE BRICKEATER WILL COME AND EAT IT.

GOOD THING HE'S A *TEENAGE* BRICKEATER ...

CHOMP

CHOMP CHOMP CHOMP

... THEY CAN **EAT** FOR *THREE DAYS STRAIGHT* AND STILL HAVE ROOM TO **EAT** HALF A **STREET!**

HE'LL ***HAVE TO*** EAT **HALF** A **STREET** IF HE'S GOING TO CLEAN UP *THIS* **HUGE MESS!**

I JUST HAD A **THOUGHT!**

WHAT IF **WHATEVER** MADE THIS MESS ***COMES BACK?***

DON'T GO ALL **SPOOKY-CRAZY** ON ME JUST BECAUSE SOME **WILD STORIES** ARE IN THE AIR!

AND *YOU KNOW HOW* THESE STORIES KEEP GETTING **BIGGER** AND **BIGGER** THE MORE THEY ARE PASSED AROUND!

IT'S LIKE ***THAT GUY ...***

... THE STATUE OF **THE FIRST NNEWT?**

ANTHIGAR WAS *JUST ANOTHER* ***NNEWT*** LIKE YOU AND ME, BUT **THE STORIES** ABOUT HIM **GREW** OVER TIME.

THEY GOT **CRAZIER** AND **CRAZIER** BECAUSE WE *WANT TO* BELIEVE THAT **IRRATIONAL THINGS** CAN HAPPEN!

MAYBE WE'RE JUST **AFRAID** THAT **ANTHIGAR** WAS *NOTHING SIGNIFICANT!*

MAYBE THIS STREET GOT **WRECKED** AND IT *MEANS* NOTHING!

... ***MAYBE*** EVERYONE ***KNOWS*** WHAT HAPPENED BUT **NOBODY** WANTS TO **ADMIT IT!**

NOBODY WANTS TO ADMIT *WHAT?*

THAT *IT'S* BACK!

A GIANT, RED **SNAKE MONSTER** THAT SWIMS THROUGH **SOLID GROUND** *LIKE IT WAS WATER!*

A *GIANT SNAKE?!* HAHAHA! THE NEXT THING YOU'LL SAY IS THAT **WERETOADS** ARE *REAL!*

BUT WE HAVE MULTIPLE **EYEWITNESS ACCOUNTS!**

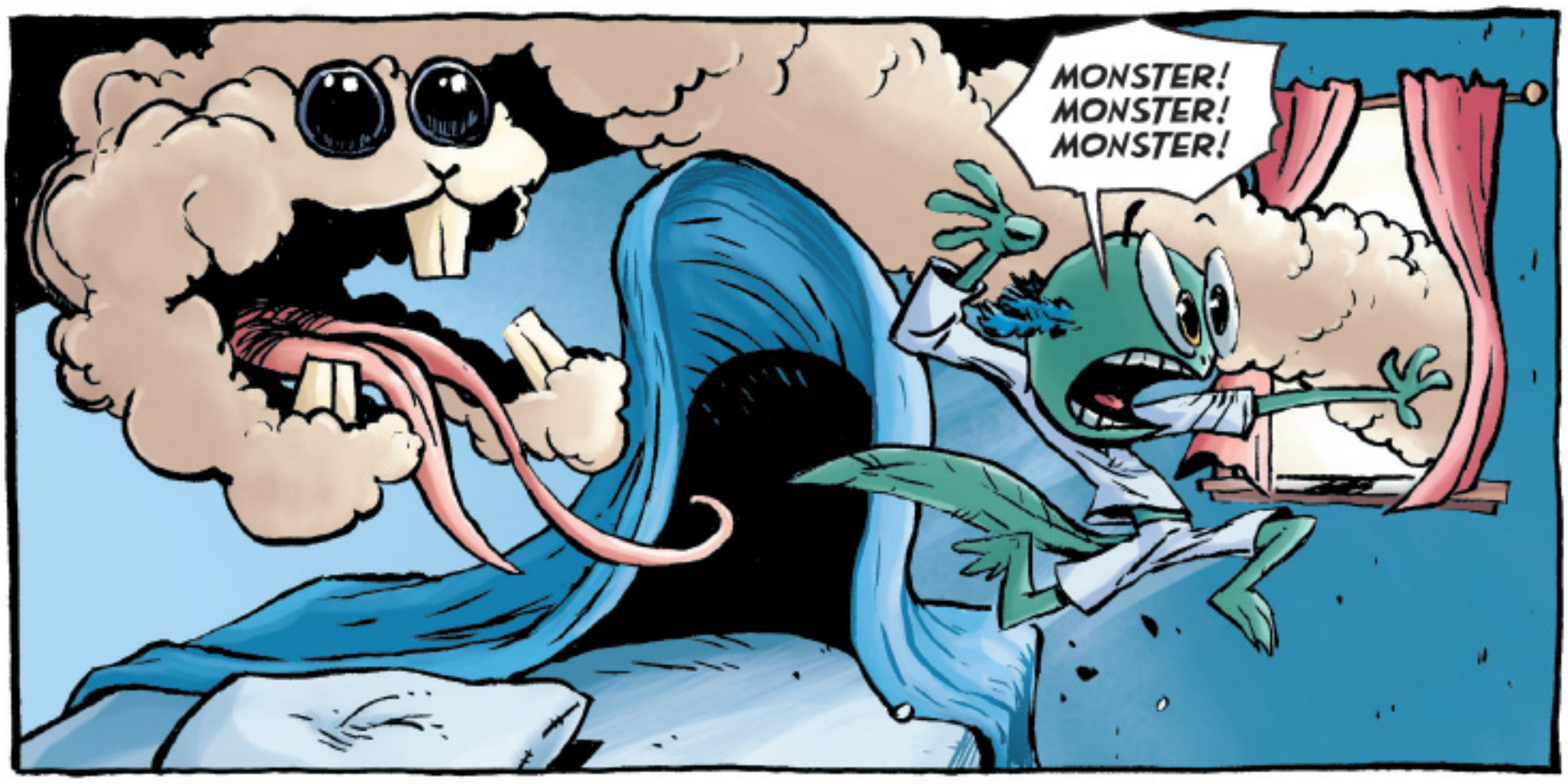
EYEWITNESS ACCOUNTS AREN'T **EVIDENCE!**

IS *THIS?*

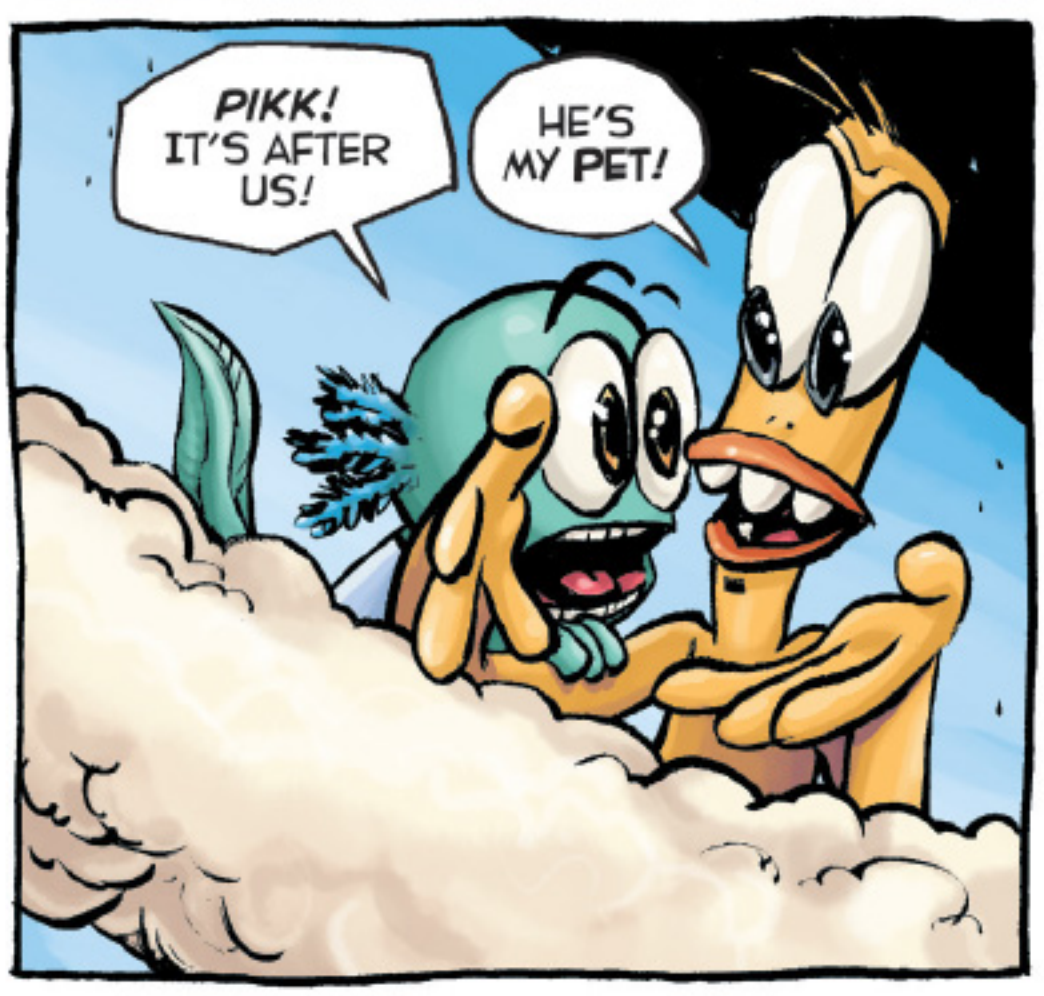
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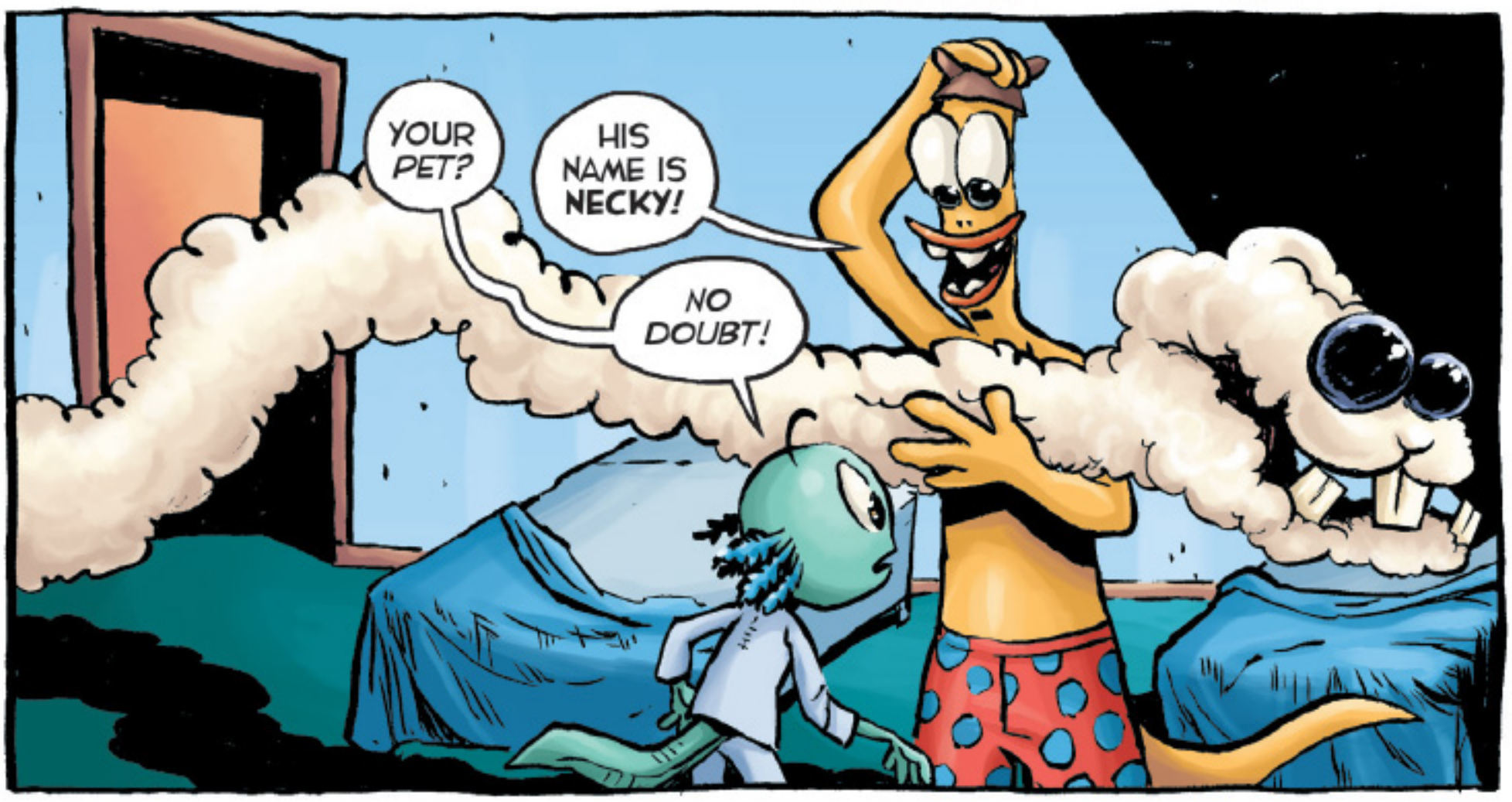
GRAACK

GAH!


MONSTER!
MONSTER!
MONSTER!


SMACK


PIKK!
IT'S AFTER
US!
HE'S
MY PET!


YOUR
PET?
HIS
NAME IS
NECKY!
NO
DOUBT!

PIKK! YOU GET THAT ANIMAL'S **HEAD** OUT OF **MY HOUSE** *THIS INSTANT!*

MOM!

NECKY, *GET OUT OF THERE!*

HE'S AN ... *INTERESTING* CHOICE FOR A PET!

UH!

AFTER **ZERK** RAN AWAY, **MOM** AND **I** KEPT ANIMALS AROUND FOR COMPANY!

GROOK

AW, HE LOVES YOU!

IF THIS IS LOVE I'D PREFER HE *HATED ME!*

BREAKFAST IS READY!

COMING!

THIS SCROLL SAYS THAT THE **LONG LOST TWIN** HAS COME TO **AMPHIBOPOLIS!**

HE HAS JOINED A **LOCAL FAMILY ...**

... AND ONLY *JUST LEARNED* THAT HE HAS A BROTHER!

HE CAME FROM **FAR UPRIVER!**

... FROM THE **HEART** OF THIS **KINGDOM** THAT *SPLINTERED OFF* SO LONG AGO!

WHAT *ELSE* DOES THE SCROLL SAY? WHAT IS ALL OF THAT **DARK SCRIBBLING?**

IT'S **NOT** FOR YOUR EYES, YOUNG **EGBY!**

I'LL JUST TUCK THIS **BACK HERE ...**

WHY NOT?

ONE DAY, **WHEN** YOU ACHIEVE MY **RANK** OF ***SAYER***, YOU WILL BE READY.

ROLL ROLL ROLLA ROLL ROLL

BUT ...

... BUT DO YOUR CHORES, **EGBY.**

THAT **SCROLL** WAS COVERED IN **DARK WHISPERS** OF ***WAR!***

THE **SNAKE LORD** HAS RETURNED TO SEEK HIS FOUL **REVENGE** ON THE **NNEWTS!**

WORSE, HIS **GOAL** IS NOT TO *WIN ...*

... BUT TO BREAK THE **HEART** OF ***ORION!***

WAR IS IN THE AIR AND *WHERE ARE MY* ***MAGICIANS?!***

ONCE, WE HAD **HUNDREDS** OF MAGICIANS STUDYING THESE SCROLLS!

HOW THEY **PORED** OVER THESE **CURLED PAGES** WELL INTO THE NIGHT!

NOW THEY HAVE **MOVED ON** TO MORE *PRACTICAL VOCATIONS* ...

... AND BY *PRACTICAL* I MEAN ***LESS POWERFUL.***

ANTHIGAR WILL WANT TO **STUDY** THIS MESSAGE. I'LL JUST PUT IT IN HIS *INBOX*.

YOU'VE GOT SCROLLS!

I MADE **ENOUGH EGGS** TO FEED A *TEENAGE* **BRICKEATER!**

I CAN EAT *HALF* OF THAT PLATE!

AND I CAN EAT *THE OTHER* **TWO-THIRDS!**

YOU MEAN, *THE OTHER HALF*, **PIKK.**

IF I EAT **HALF**, THEN THERE AIN'T **TWO-THIRDS** LEFT, *THERE'S* **HALF!**

TOO MUCH **MATH!**

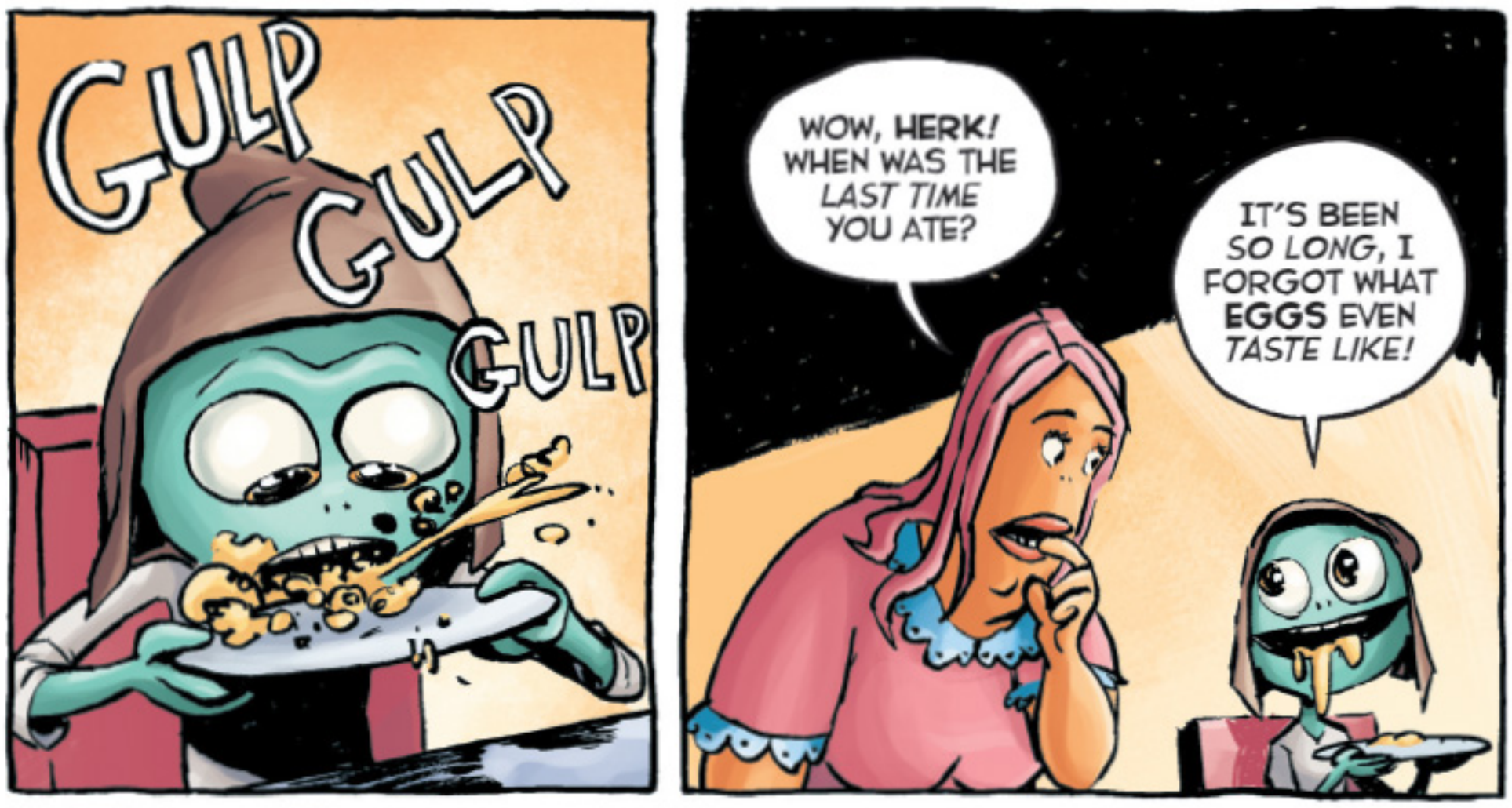
THERE ARE ONLY **THREE** OF US. SO WHY IS THERE A **FOURTH SETTING?**

THERE YOU GO WITH THE **MATH** *AGAIN!*

PLOP

I ALWAYS SET A PLACE FOR **ZERK ...**

... IN CASE HE EVER **COMES HOME.**


GULP
GULP
GULP
WOW, HERK! WHEN WAS THE LAST TIME YOU ATE?
IT'S BEEN SO LONG, I FORGOT WHAT EGGS EVEN TASTE LIKE!
MOM! THE WAY HE EATS MAKES EVEN ME LOOK CIVILIZED!
CHOMP
GULP
GULP
WHOOPS!
GIGGLE
GIGGLE
GIGGLE
MAYBE I SHOULD SLOW DOWN A BIT.
HA-HA-HO!


BRAMM
A MONSTER!
HELLO, HERK!
WHO ARE YOU?!
I WAS URCH. BUT NOW I'M LIZZURCH!
SWIPE
YAAAAAH!

URCH, STOP! WE'RE FRIENDS!

I'M SCARED.

NOW I SERVE **WIZZARK**, THE **ADOPTED SON** OF THE ***SNAKE LORD!***

SMACK

YOU WILL COME **WITH ME!**

NO, THANKS!

KRASH

HUH?

STAY AWAY FROM MY SON!

I WAS GOING TO SPARE YOU, OLD LADY ...

OLD?

... BUT NOW THAT YOU'VE GOT MY ATTENTION ...

I WON'T LET HIM HURT YOU, MOM!

PIKK, YOU'RE NO FIGHTER! RUN AWAY!

ACK!

WAAAAAA

BIG MISTAKE, URCH!

ARG!

PUNG

WHAT **MAGIC** IS THIS THAT *DEFIES* THE **SNAKE LORD'S** MAGIC *IN ME*?

IT'S *MY* MAGIC!

HOW ARE YOU ... DOING THIS?!

YAR!

EVEN THE CURTAINS OBEY YOUR COMMAND?!

WHUMP

MMMF!

PIKK! GET YOUR FINGER OUT OF YOUR NOSTRIL AND HELP ME!

I'LL CALL FOR HELP OVER THE INTERNNEWT!

SEND!

HELP

PLOP

LA-LA
LAAAA ...

WE SING, WE DANCE,
WE ROCK, IT'S TRUE!

WE'RE SILLY
AND WE'RE HAPPY,
IN OUR **BIRTHDAY SUITS!**

AW, YEAH,
BABY!

SPLIP

HELP

LET'S
DO
THIS!

WE DELIVER MESSAGES FASTER THAN YOU ...

WE'RE SILLY AND WE'RE HAPPY ...

WE'RE THE INTERNNEWT!

YOU CAN ASK US TO SING, WE DON'T MIND AT ALL!

WE'LL PUNCTUATE THIS STANZA ...

HELP

... WITH A CANNONBALL!

WRONG SLOT!

NOT HERE OR HERE!

... THIS MESSAGE IS ADDRESSED ...

GENERAL MANDER

... TO GENERAL MANDER!

?

SOMETHING *TROUBLING YOU*, **GENERAL MANDER?**

SOMETHING IS *ALWAYS* TROUBLING ME.

IT'S A **GENERAL'S JOB** TO ALWAYS BE **TROUBLED** ... *ESPECIALLY* IN TIMES OF PEACE.

YOU'VE GOT A MESSAGE, DADDY!

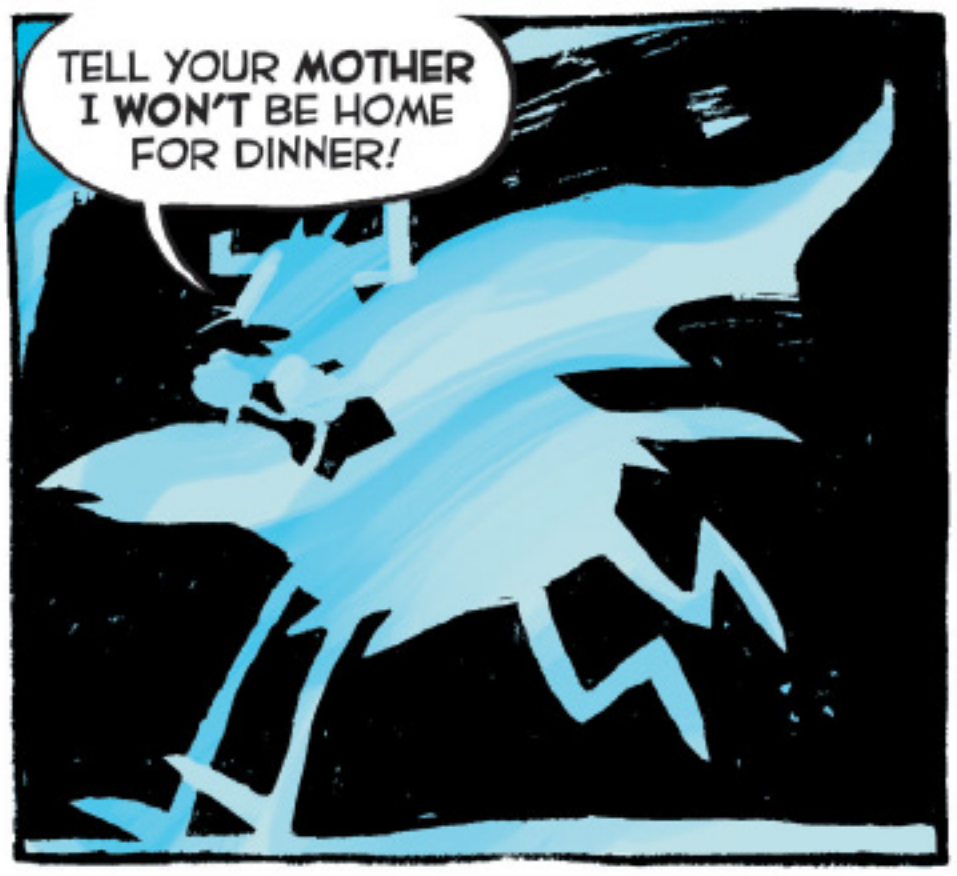
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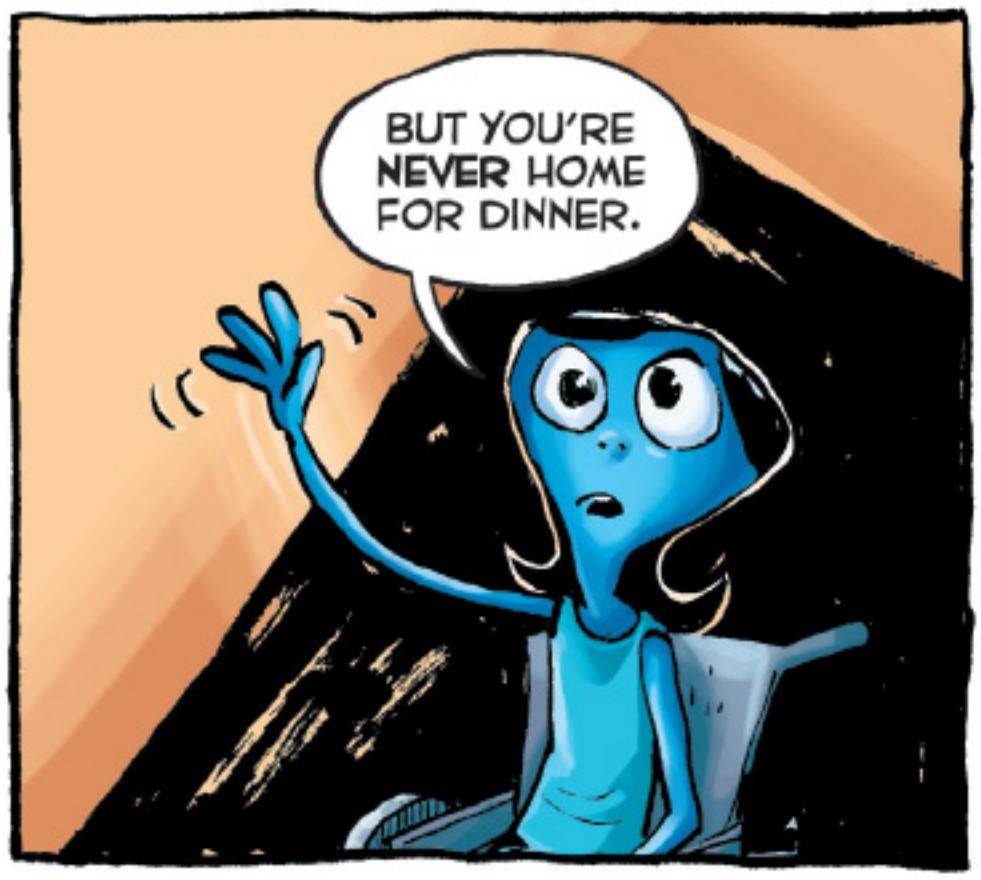
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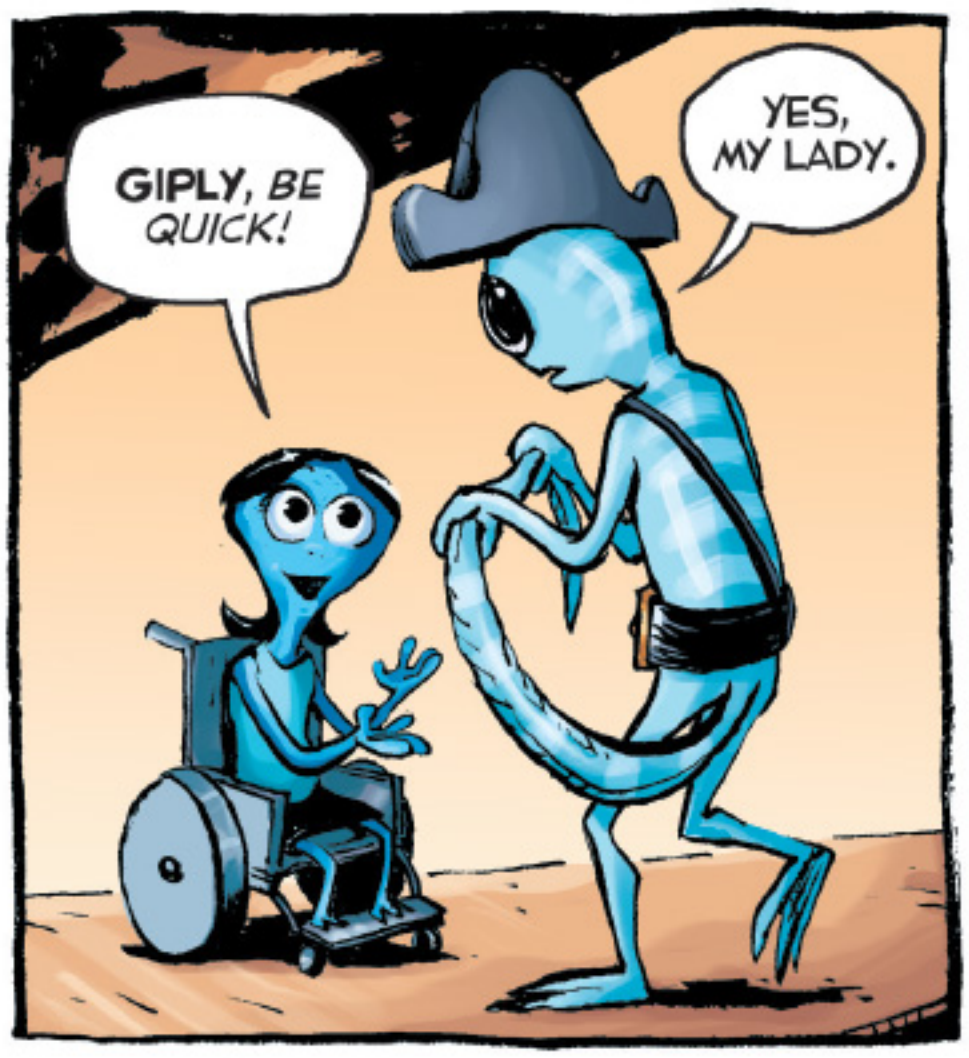
WHERE ARE YOU GOING, DAD?

THERE IS DARK MAGIC WITHIN THE WALLS OF AMPHIBOPOLIS.

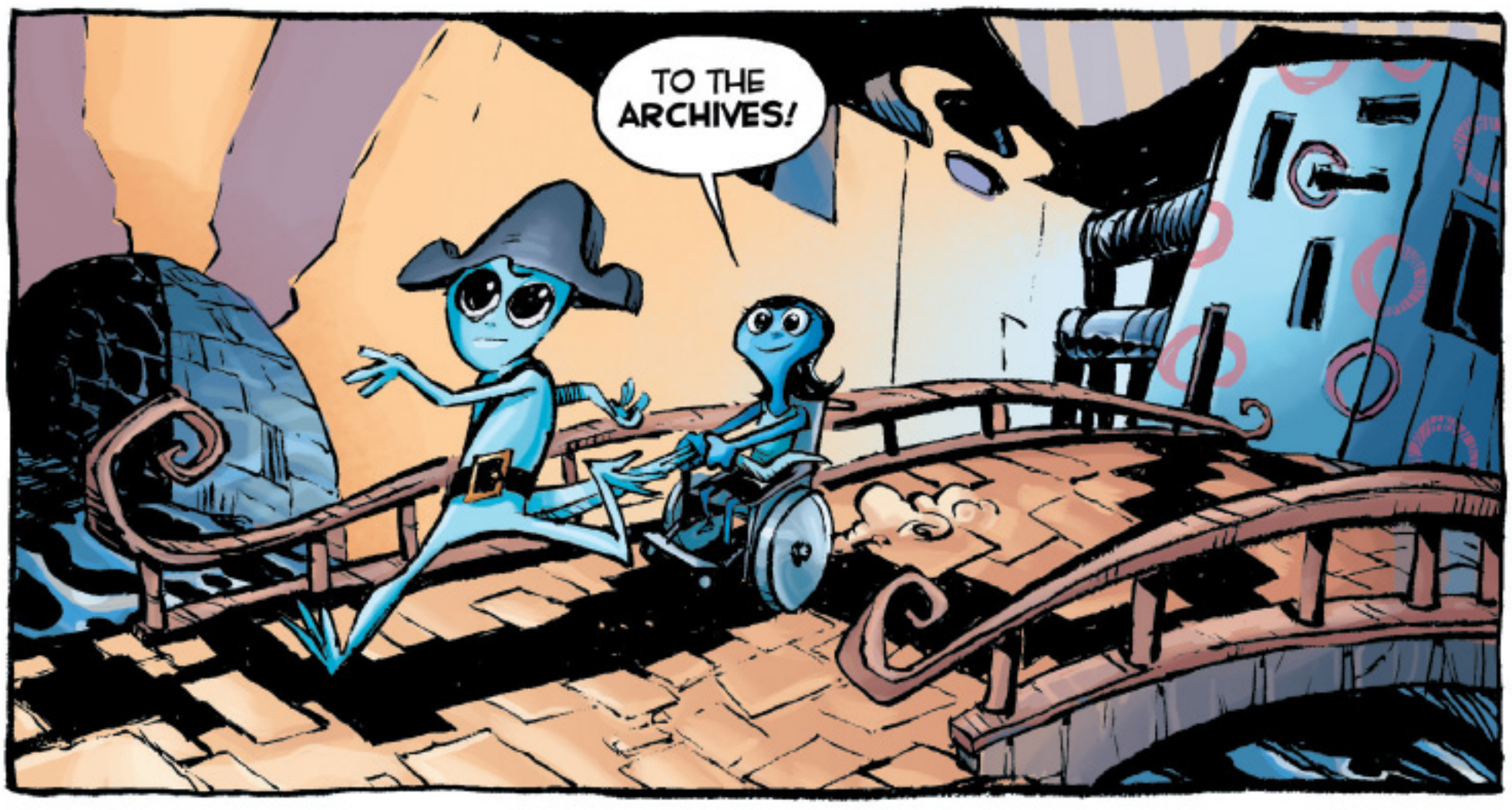
GO TO THE ARCHIVES AND TELL SAYER NOK!


TELL YOUR MOTHER I WON'T BE HOME FOR DINNER!


BUT YOU'RE NEVER HOME FOR DINNER.


GIPLY, BE QUICK!
YES, MY LADY.


SPLOP


TO THE ARCHIVES!

SAYER NOK, I BROUGHT YOU SOME **BREAKFAST.**

THANK YOU, **EGBY.**

I GET SO ABSORBED IN MY **STUDIES** THAT I FORGET TO EAT!

DID YOU GET MY ORDER RIGHT?

IT IS A ... CASSEROLE!

WHAT KIND?

CHUNKY PLANKTON CASSEROLE!

PLANKTON?! I *NEVER ORDER* FROM THE **VEGETARIAN** MENU!

WHY DIDN'T **CHEF BENDER** MAKE ME A **VINEGAR WORM CASSEROLE** *LIKE I ORDERED?*

THEY'RE SAVING **VINEGAR WORM** FOR **MILITARY BRASS** *ONLY.*

WRITE ME UP A **NEW ORDER** AND LET'S TRY THIS AGAIN.

WILL DO, SAYER NOK!

NOT A *MEALWORM BOWL*, **EGBY**!

YOU KNOW THAT'S AN **ARTLESS MEAL**!

... ASSORTED **WHITE WORMS** ...

I WANT A BOWL FILLED WITH EITHER **VINEGAR WORMS** ...

... OR FINE, IN-SEASON **DAPHNIA**!

I'M SORRY FOR YELLING AT YOU, **EGBY. I SHOULDN'T** BE YELLING AT YOU.

WOULD YOU PLEASE TRY TAKING THAT SLOP BACK TO **CHEF BENDER** AND NICELY ASK HIM FOR **DAPHNIA CASSEROLE**?

TELL HIM THAT THOUGH I'M **NONMILITARY**, I'VE DONE A LITTLE *CONSULTING* WITH **GENERAL MANDER.**

DON'T JUST **STARE** *AT ME!*

GET GOING!

I DON'T EVEN HAVE **THE CREDIBILITY** TO GET A **DECENT MEAL** ANYMORE.

I'M SO *USED TO* BEING **NEGLECTED** ...

... THAT *IF* I DREW SOMEONE'S **ATTENTION**, I WOULDN'T KNOW HOW TO ACT.

BUT I AM **DONE** WITH BEING **IGNORED!**

I'LL JUST **TAKE** A LITTLE STROLL TO **CHEF BENDER'S** KITCHEN!

PERHAPS, IF I **BEG** HIM, HE'LL SPARE AN OLD, HELPLESS **NNEWT** SOME **DAPHNIA** TO EAT.

*... AND YOU CAN TELL THAT **CRAZY OLD MAGICIAN** IN THE **ARCHIVES** THAT HE CAN EAT WHAT I **GIVE HIM** OR HE CAN **STARVE!***

HE'S TOO OLD TO BE A CRYFRY!

HE *PRETENDS* TO BE SO **FRAIL** AND **HELPLESS**!

HE REMINDS ME OF *ANOTHER* **BIG COMPLAINER** ...

MY **PAPA**!

HOW I MISS YOU, MY **PAPA**!

WAH!

CALM DOWN, **EGBY**! IT'S JUST **ME**!

SAYER NOK! WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?

STEP ASIDE, FELLAS! *I'VE GOT TO* PLACE AN ORDER OF **DAPHNIA** FOR **GENERAL MANDER**!

CHEF BENDER!

I NEED THOSE **TWO ORDERS** OF **DAPHNIA CASSEROLE,** *CHOP-CHOP!*

HEY! HE IS GETTING *EXACTLY* WHAT ***WE DESIRE!***

WILL YOU BE QUIET?

GRNK!

OKAY. I'M WHISPERING NOW!

YES, **SIR!** HERE ARE *TWO ORDERS* FOR THE **GENERAL!**

STEP ASIDE, **ARCHIVES** *LOSERS!*

THAT'S TEMPTING.

I KNOW WHAT YOU'RE THINKING, AND *NO!*

COME ON! I CAN GET ONE OF THOSE **BOWLS**, *EASY-PEASY!*

THE **SPIRIT** IS *WILLING* BUT THE **FLESH** IS *WEAK.*

SAYER NOK, YOU HAVE READ US THE SCROLLS THAT SAY IT IS WRONG TO STEAL.

I KNOW. BUT IT SMELLS *SO GOOD!*

BUT YOU HAVE **ALWAYS SAID** THAT IN ORDER TO BE WORTHY OF **ORION'S** SERVICE WE MUST BE *TRUSTED* WITH THE **LITTLE THINGS** BEFORE WE CAN BE *TRUSTED* WITH THE **BIG SPELLS!**

DO YOU *HAVE TO BE* SO **CORRECT** ALL THE TIME, **EGBY?**

CLINK

YOU HAVE SAID THAT DOING THE **RIGHT THING** OFTEN *FEELS* **WRONG.**

PLEASE, STOP QUOTING ME.

BUT YOU DIDN'T TAKE THE **DAPHNIA CASSEROLE** AFTER ALL!

YOU **PASSED** THE TEST!

I **PASS** *ALL* OF THE TESTS!

... AND WHAT DO *I GET* **FOR PASSING?**

A **CLEAR CONSCIENCE?**

NO. I GET TO EAT **YUCKY FOOD!**

CLINK

SAYER NOK! SAYER NOK!

IS THAT LITTLE LAUNA?

MY DAD SAID TO TELL YOU THAT ***A LIZZARK*** HAS BEEN *CAPTURED!*

THE SCROLLS **PREDICTED** THIS!

WE'LL *NEED* A PLACE TO HOUSE THIS **LIZZARK!**

TELL **GENERAL MANDER** HE CAN HOUSE THE PRISONER **HERE.**

BUT FIRST, *TAKE THIS.*

PLOP

A *KEY?*

IT IS A ***KEY*** TO **THE ARCHIVES.**

GIVE IT TO *THE ONE* WHO IS **LIKE YOU** BUT **NOT YOU!**

I HAVE A **SURPRISE** FOR YOU.

WHATEVER IT IS, *NOT NOW.*

IT'S ABOUT ***CHEF BENDER!***

YOU'LL HAVE TO *EXCUSE ME ...*

I NEED TO **MOPE** OVER HERE AND HAVE LUNCH *ALL BY MYSELF.*

UGH.

I'LL JUST EAT MY INSIPID, COLD **GRUEL.**

WHAT'S *THAT* SMELL?!

IT'S ***DAPHNIA!***

CHEF BENDER MADE ME A BOWL OF ***DAPHNIA CASSEROLE!***

SUCH KINDNESS IS **BEAUTIFUL!**

MAY **ORION** *BLESS YOU,* **CHEF BENDER!**

HOW DID *YOU KNOW* I WAS HERE?

WHAT DO *YOU* WANT?

I SMELLED YOUR **STENCH.**

IS THERE **ANYTHING** WE COULD DO TO MAKE **YOUR LIFE** IN THIS PLACE FEEL MORE **LIKE HOME?**

YOU *COULD* LEAVE FOREVER.

OR YOU COULD *BRING BACK* MY **FAMILY.**

SOMETHING TELLS ME I'M **NOT** GETTING *EITHER ONE.*

YOUR BROTHER IS **ALIVE**, AND I TOLD YOU THAT **HIS FATE** WOULD BE PLACED IN **YOUR HANDS!**

HOW CAN I **TRUST** WHAT *YOU SAY?*

YOU'RE A **LIZZARK,** *AFTER ALL!*

COME TO THIS **TAPESTRY.** YOUR FAMILY MAY NOT BE AS *FAR AWAY* AS YOU THINK!

THAT FRY ...

... HE LOOKS JUST LIKE **HERK!**

THIS IS A STORY I *KNOW ALL TOO WELL*, ABOUT A LITTLE **FRY,** WITH EVEN *LITTLER* LEGS!

WAIT. **WHY** WOULD YOU HAVE THE STORY OF ***MY BROTHER*** ON A **TAPESTRY?!**

AND *WHO* IS THAT *OTHER FRY?*

THAT LITTLE FRY WANTED TO BE A **GREAT WARRIOR** IN THE **NNEWT** ARMY ...

... BUT **NOBODY** WOULD TAKE HIM **SERIOUSLY** BECAUSE OF HIS **WITHERED LEGS.**

THE **SNAKE LORD** OFFERED HIM A TALL, *STRONG* BODY OF **SCALES.**

BUT *THAT NEVER HAPPENED* TO **HERK!**

YOUR **TAPESTRY** IS A *TOTAL FAKE!*

THIS **FRY** WASN'T JUST GIVEN THE BODY OF *ANY* **LIZZARK!**

FOR HE WAS **GIVEN** AN *AMAZING CAPACITY* FOR **DARK MAGIC** TO BECOME A **WIZZARK!**

THAT'S NOT **HERK**, YOU FAKER!

FAKER, FAKER, PANTS ON FIRE!

THAT'S *NOT* **HERK.**

IT IS I, HIS *TWIN BROTHER,* **ZERK.**

YOU'RE ***HERK'S*** TWIN BROTHER?

WHY SHOULD I **BELIEVE** *ANYTHING* **YOU** SAY?

YOU **DON'T** HAVE TO BELIEVE WHAT *I* SAY ...

... BUT YOU CAN *AT LEAST* **BELIEVE** WHAT YOU **SEE** WITH YOUR OWN **EYES.**

YOUR EYES ...

... THEY'RE JUST LIKE *HERK'S!*

NOW DO YOU **BELIEVE** ME?

IT'S *ME*, **SISSY.** IT'S **ZERK!**

SAME **BROTHER,** *DIFFERENT* **BODY.**

BUT IF YOU'RE HIS **BROTHER,** *THEN* **I'M** YOUR ...

... YOU ARE MY **SISTER.**

YOU HAD *JUST* ***HATCHED*** WHEN I WAS **ABANDONED.**

THE *FATE* OF THE **NNEWTS** TORE OUR FAMILY **APART ...**

... *BUT* THE WAY OF THE **SNAKE LORD** CAN BRING US BACK **TOGETHER!**

NOTHING WILL EVER BRING **HARM** TO US AGAIN.

DON'T MIND ME **GRABBING** YOUR CLOAK!

I'M JUST *FREAKING OUT* A LITTLE, SO **I'D BETTER** SIT DOWN.

GOOD IDEA!

ALLOW ME TO **JOIN YOU.**

I HAD ONLY HEARD **WHISPERS** ABOUT YOU, **ZERK.**

NOW THAT I **KNOW** ABOUT YOU, I **CAN'T BELIEVE** THE **CIRCUMSTANCES** THAT BROUGHT US TOGETHER!

WE GOT YOUR MESSAGE, **MA'AM.** WE CAME TO PICK UP A **LIZZARK.**

HE'S JUST INSIDE.

ON THREE.

ONE!

TWO!

FOUR!

DON'T LISTEN TO ***PIKK!*** HE'S **TERRIBLE** AT **MATH!**

STOP TALKING AND **START** LIFTING!

*GET YOUR SLIMY **NNEWT** HANDS OFF OF ME!*

*THE **SNAKE LORD** WILL **DEVOUR** ALL OF YOU ONE DAY!*

WHOOPS!

BONK

BE GENTLE! HE LOOKS **EVIL** BUT HE'S AN OLD **FAMILY FRIEND!**

YOU MIGHT *CHOOSE FRIENDS* WHO ARE ***LESS EVIL*** NEXT TIME!

HURRY UP AND GET THAT **THING** INTO THE CAGE!

I WILL **DESTROY** YOU ALL!

I WANTED TO GET *CAUGHT!*

LONG LIVE THE **SNAKE LORD!**

THIS IS **EXACTLY** WHAT *I WANTED!*

HAHAHA!

STOP BLATHERING, YOU SCALY LITTLE *CREEP!*

THERE YOU ARE, **FATHER!**

SAYER NOK SENDS WORD THAT HE WILL **ACCEPT** YOUR PRISONER!

LAUNA, YOU **SHOULDN'T** BE *HERE!*

SO, THIS IS *YOUR DAUGHTER?*

I *NEVER FORGET* A FACE, **GENERAL**!

I'VE HEARD **ENOUGH** FROM HIM!

PULL THAT **CLOTH** OVER HIS SCALY MAW!

SIR?

GENERAL MANDER, MAY I HAVE A WORD WITH YOU?

HOLD ON, *PLEASE*.

I WANT THAT CAGE **DOUBLE-LOCKED**!

YES, **SIR**!

HOW CAN I HELP YOU, **MA'AM**?

WILL WE BE SAFE?

THAT THING **KNOWS** WHERE WE LIVE AND I DON'T KNOW IF WE'LL EVER BE **COMFORTABLE** IN OUR OWN HOUSE *AGAIN*!

ONCE WE GET HIM TO THE **ARCHIVES**, I'LL MAKE SURE **SAYER NOK** NEVER LETS HIM OUT.

*WELL, IF HE DOES GET AWAY I'M HOLDING **YOU** RESPONSIBLE!*

*... AND I'LL REMIND YOU OF YOUR **FAILURE** FOR THE REST OF YOUR **LIFE!***

YES, MA'AM.

GULP

HOW LONG HAVE YOU NEEDED ...

*... **THIS GUY** TO GET AROUND?*

*HIS NAME IS **GIPLY.***

*LOTS OF **FRY** LOVE TO TALK ABOUT **GIPLY**, MY **WITHERED LEGS**, MY **WHEELCHAIR**--*

*I DIDN'T MEAN TO MAKE YOU FEEL **BAD!***

HMMF!

PLEASE! JUST LET ME *EXPLAIN!*

I'M LISTENING!

I HAD **WITHERED LEGS** UNTIL JUST *YESTERDAY.*

SO I'M **LIKE YOU** BUT I'M **NOT LIKE** YOU!

HMMM.

*I'M TELLING THE **TRUTH!***

I WENT TO THE BOTTOM OF THE **OLD LAKE,** WHERE I MET A **MEGASLOTH,** WHO GAVE ME OVER TO **ANTHIGAR,** *THE FIRST* **NNEWT!**

THEN I WENT INTO THIS **TEMPLE** COVERED IN **SCALES** AND--

YOU ...

... MET **ANTHIGAR?**

YES!

HA HA HA HA HA!

YOU *ARE* **FUNNY!**

WHAT'S YOUR NAME, **FRY?**

MY NAME IS **HERK.**

MY NAME IS--

LAUNA! IT'S TIME FOR YOU TO *GO HOME.*

SAY *GOOD-BYE* TO YOUR *FRIEND.*

BUT *I THOUGHT* I WAS COMING WITH **URCH!**

HE IS **NO LONGER** IN YOUR CARE.

YOU SHOULD **STAY HERE** AND LOOK AFTER YOUR MOTHER AND BROTHER.

COME ON HOME, **HERK.**

BUT HE'S LIKE **FAMILY** TO ME!

I'M GOING **WITH HIM!**

IF YOU SO MUCH AS *THINK* OF **FOLLOWING** US I'LL HAVE YOU *LOCKED UP*, **FRY!**

URCH!

WELL, *MR. LIKE-ME-BUT-NOT-LIKE-ME ...*

I BROUGHT YOU *SOMETHING* FROM THE **ARCHIVES!**

THIS WILL GET YOU IN TO **SAYER NOK!**

YOU DID *YOUR BEST*, BROTHER.

BYE-BYE, **HERK!**

IT'S BEST TO JUST *LET HIM GO*, **LITTLE ONE.**

LET ME GO, YOU ROTTEN **NNEWTS!**

GENERAL, HOW DID HE GET COVERED IN *SCALES*?

THE **FRY** SAID THIS *THING* USED TO BE A **NNEWT**!

I *NEVER* THOUGHT I'D SAY THIS ...

... BUT I THINK IT'S **EVIDENCE** OF A **DARK MAGIC** AT WORK.

IF THIS PRISONER **STARES** ANY MORE HE'S GONNA NEED A **SECOND STORY**!

I ADMIT THAT I'LL FEEL **BETTER** WHEN WE CAN DUMP THIS *CREEP* ONTO **SAYER NOK.**

BY THE WAY ... HIDE ALL OF OUR DAPHNIA CASSEROLE BEFORE WE GET TO THE ARCHIVES!

LIZZURCH!

SNAKE LORD?

ORION KILLED MY **BODY.** SO I CAN ONLY **APPEAR** TO YOU AS A VISION UNTIL I LINE UP **A RADISH.**

I'M SORRY *I FAILED* TO RETRIEVE **HERK!**

I WAS **CAPTURED** BY THE **NNEWTS!**

DON'T WORRY, **LIZZURCH!** FOR WHAT *THEY* INTEND **FOR GOOD** *I* INTEND FOR MY OWN **DARK** PURPOSES.

HERK, ORION'S FAVORITE, ***WANTS*** *TO SAVE YOU* SO THERE MAY YET BE **ANOTHER CHANCE** TO CATCH HIM!

THEY'RE TAKING ME TO *SOME MAGICIAN* NAMED **SAYER NOK.**

PERFECT! THAT MEANS THEY'RE TAKING YOU TO THE **NNEWT ARCHIVES.**

I NEED YOU TO BE MY **EYES** AND **EARS** IN THAT PLACE.

YES, **LORD.** BUT WE *DON'T* HAVE **EARS.**

YOU KNOW WHAT I MEAN.

LET ME SHARE **MY VISION** WITH YOU ...

... MY FATHER, KNOWN AS ***THE CHILLINGWRATH***, WENT TO BATTLE WITH **ORION** TO SEE IF THE **NNEWTS** OR THE **SCALES** WOULD *RULE THE SKIES*.

HIS **DEFEAT** WAS FOREVER **RECORDED** IN THE STARS.

AH, BUT **HIS BODY** WAS CAST DOWN TO THE PLANET SURFACE TO BE ENCASED IN THE ***SCALE TEMPLE***.

ORION NEVER BOTHERED THE **LIZZARKS** AGAIN ...

... UNTIL I *WENT AFTER* ***HERK***. **ORION** PUT AN **ARROW** THROUGH ME AND *I REALIZED* THE **LIZZARKS** WILL HAVE *NO VICTORY* UNTIL I **AVENGE** MY FATHER'S DEFEAT!

ORION'S DEMISE WILL HANG IN THE SKY TO SHAME THE **NNEWTS** *FOREVER!*

EVEN NOW, **WIZZARK** IS WORKING ON HIS **SISTER** TO GET **HERK** TO DO OUR BIDDING!

IF *YOU'RE* **HERK'S** TWIN BROTHER, HOW DID YOU GET SEPARATED FROM US?

THERE IS A LONG-FORGOTTEN **PROPHECY** AMONG THE **NNEWTS** THAT **ORION'S** FAVORITES WERE BORN *AS TWINS*.

OF COURSE HIS FAVORITES WOULD BE *GUYS*.

BUT OUR FATHER, **GULLIMAR**, USED **A TRANSPORT** TO TAKE HIM TO **THE NNEWT ARCHIVES** AND STUDY **ANTHIGAR'S** PROPHETIC SCROLLS.

HE LEARNED THAT THE **SNAKE LORD** HAD *MARKED* THE TWINS WITH **TINY LEGS** SO HE COULD **HOBBLE** THEIR **DESTINY** AND EASILY FIND THEM.

GULLIMAR'S MAGIC WASN'T **STRONG ENOUGH** TO DISGUISE US BY MAKING OUR LEGS BIGGER, BUT HE **COULD** *SEPARATE* US.

HE PUT A **CHARM SPELL** ON ME SO THAT I WOULD **CAPTURE** THE **HEART** OF THE FIRST **NNEWT** MOTHER THAT FOUND ME ...

... **THEN** HE SENT ME DOWN THE RIVER.

BUT AREN'T YOU *STILL* **ORION'S** FAVORITE?

HE **KNEW** I WOULD COME OUT *LIKE THIS*.

IF **THIS** IS HOW HE TREATS **HIS FAVORITES** THEN I'LL TAKE MY CHANCES AMONG THE **SCALED**.

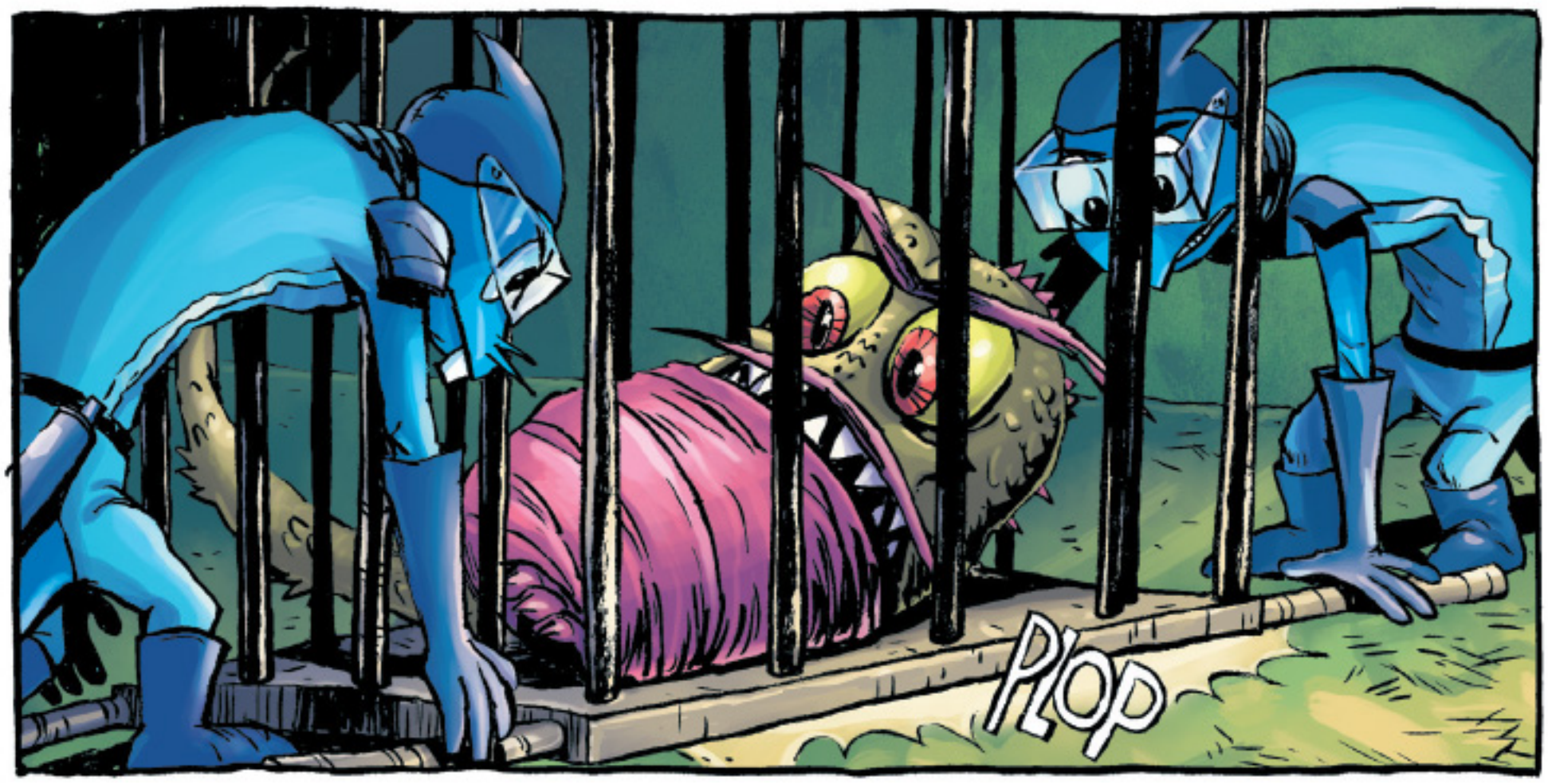
GENERAL MANDER! IT IS *SO GOOD* TO SEE YOU **AGAIN**.

GET ME **SAYER NOK**.

HE'S **EXPECTING** YOU!

COME IN, *BUT* WIPE YOUR FEET FIRST.

NICE.


PLOP


WELCOME, GENERAL MANDER!
DID YOU HAPPEN TO BRING ANY CERTAIN EDIBLES WITH YOU?
... LIKE MAYBE SOMETHING THAT RHYMES WITH SHMAPHNIA SHMASSEROLE?


UM ... NO.


I ... SEE.

WHAT DO YOU MAKE OF HIM, **SAYER NOK**?

GRRR!

I **FEARED** THIS WOULD COME TO US ONE DAY.

IT'S A **BLAKK MUDD** SPELL. THE TWISTED, *DARK MAGIC* OF THE **SNAKE LORD.**

I KNOW OF NO REMEDY.

THEN THE **LIZZARK** THREAT YOU PREDICTED *IS REAL*, **NOK!**

I'LL HAVE MY MILITARY RESEARCH **COUNTERMEASURES** IMMEDIATELY.

TAKE ONE OF MY SCRIBES TO **HELP** WITH YOUR RESEARCH.

PLEASE, NO.

EGBY!

I MEAN, **AT YOUR SERVICE!**

ONE THING IS CERTAIN, **GENERAL MANDER**, IF THE **LIZZARKS** HAVE ACCESS TO **BLAKK MUDD** ONCE AGAIN, THEN THEY WILL HAVE ENOUGH POWER TO MAKE ***A VERMIPOX!***

THIS IS *A LOT* TO TAKE IN, **NOK.**

GIVE ME *A LITTLE TIME* TO COME AROUND.

WE DO NOT HAVE MUCH TIME.

Dear Mom and Pikk,
You have shown me such ~~hospito~~ hospitality that my heart is warmed just by the [redacted] short time I have spent with you.

But just as you have shown me unmerited kind-ness, [redacted] so I cannot turn my back on an old friend of the family.

Urch is a ~~cat~~ connection to my past and I cannot let him go without a fight.
For this reason, I must go.

I'll never forget what you've done for me.
You gave me a family to come home to.

Until I return again someday, please keep me in your prayers.
Love, Herk


SPLIP


DO YOU THIRST?
I DO.


SIP
SLURP
SLURP


YOU'LL NEED THIS.
WHAT FOR?

I JUST GAVE YOU **SLEEPING WATER.**

YOU WHAT?

THE **SNAKE LORD** SENT YOU HERE FOR HIS OWN **EVIL SCHEMES** BUT **I** WANTED YOU HERE TO BRING THE LONG LOST **TWIN!**

SLEEP WELL.

ZZZZZ

ZZz




THIS IS IT.


click


CREEEEEK


HUH?!


WAAAA

YOU ARE THE **LONG LOST TWIN!**

WHAT DO YOU WANT FROM ME?!

YOU GOT **THE KEY** I SENT WITH **LAUNA!**

I HAD THAT **SHE-FRY** SEND IT BECAUSE I THOUGHT **YOU TWO** HAD *A LOT IN COMMON!*

WE HAVE **NOTHING** IN COMMON!

HERK, MY NAME IS **SAYER NOK!** I AM *THE KEEPER* OF THE **NNEWT SCROLLS.**

LET ME TAKE YOU TO AN **OLD FRIEND.**

THROUGH THIS **LIBRARY ...**

LOOK AT ALL OF THOSE **SCROLLS!**

THE **NNEWTS** THESE DAYS **DISREGARD** THEM!

THEY CALL ME THE **OLD-FASHIONED** KEEPER OF **FAIRY TALES!**

THEY SAY I *SMELL BAD.*

THEY'RE KIND OF **RIGHT** ABOUT *THAT ONE.*

SOAP IS **EXPENSIVE** AND I'M ON A BUDGET.

ZZZZZ

THERE HE IS!

URCH!

WAKE UP!

HE CAN'T WAKE. I GAVE HIM **SLEEPING WATER!**

IT WILL KEEP HIM **QUIET** SO WE CAN *STUDY.*

BUT I **DIDN'T** COME HERE TO STUDY.

PERHAPS **ORION** *BROUGHT YOU HERE* TO STUDY.

I HATE **STUDYING** ALMOST AS MUCH AS I HATE *MY LACK OF AWARENESS* THAT **ORION** BROUGHT ME HERE TO DO IT.

THIS SECTION OF SCROLLS DEALS WITH **LIZZARK DARK MAGIC.**

I HAVE NOT READ THE ONES ON **BLAKK MUDD** IN A LONG WHILE. WE CAN STUDY THEM *TOGETHER!*

WOW!

WHO WROTE ALL OF THESE?

THE ARCHIVES' MECHANIZED SCRIBE ...

... AND HIM!

WELCOME, HERK!

ANTHIGAR!

I SEE YOU GOT YOUR LEGS!

I CAME OUT OF THAT DARK PLACE AND YOU WERE GONE!

WHY DID YOU LEAVE ME?

WHILE YOU WERE IN THE **INTERDIMENSIONAL UNDERWORLD** I *SENSED* THE PRESENCE OF ***BEAUTY COME BACK*** INTO OUR WORLD!

YOU MUST UNDERSTAND ...

... I'VE BEEN SEEKING **THIS BEAUTY** SINCE THE DOWNFALL OF **MY KINGDOM!**

WHEN I FOUND IT, I CAME **HERE** TO PREPARE THE **COORDINATES** OF ***MY TRANSPORT!***

THAT'S A CLOCK CROW.

... *TO THE UNTRAINED EYE!*

... BUT *THIS ONE* WILL LET ME LOCATE **THE PATH** TO **BEAUTY!**

AND BEAUTY IS **IMPORTANT** *BECAUSE ...*

... IT COULD *END* THIS PLAGUE OF **LIZZARKS** AND RESTORE THE KINGDOM OF THE **NNEWTS!**

THAT'S KIND OF IMPORTANT!

WIZZARK, THERE'S *STILL SOMETHING* I DON'T UNDERSTAND ...

... YOU *HATE* **NNEWTS** SO MUCH BUT YOU INSIST I **CONVERT** TO YOUR SIDE *WITHOUT* WEARING **SCALES.**

THE **SNAKE LORD** NEEDS A SPELL LOCATED IN THE HEART OF THE **NNEWT ARCHIVES.**

IT IS THE ***SPELL OF SPELLS*** AND CAN ONLY BE PERFORMED BY THE HAND OF A **NNEWT MAGICIAN!**

WHY NOT *YOU?*

I HATE TO BREAK YOUR HEART, BUT I'M **NO MAGICIAN!**

I AM A MAGICIAN.

HERK IS A MAGICIAN.

OUR FATHER WAS A MAGICIAN ...

... AND YOU, **SISSY**, HAVE THE *UNMISTAKABLE* MARKS OF A **MAGICIAN**!

I DO?

YES!

WHO IS THE **TALKING RADISH**?

I ONLY ***APPEAR*** TO BE A **RADISH**!

'TIS ***I***, THE **SNAKE LORD**!

I PICTURED SOMEONE ***SNAKIER.***


STOP STARING AT HIM! IT'S YOUR TURN.
HE CREEPS ME OUT.
HE USED TO BE A NNEWT LIKE US.
YOU DON'T HAVE A GOOD HAND, DO YOU?
THAT'S WHY YOU'RE TRYING TO GET OFF THE SUBJECT OF OUR GAME!
WHAT?! I'M NOT MAKING EXCUSES JUST TO AVOID PLAYING!
I'D ACT ALL CRYFRY TOO IF I DIDN'T HAVE A GOOD PLAY.
I HAVE A GREAT PLAY!
HERE, I'LL SHOW YOU!

YOU LOSE!

YOU **PANICKED ME** INTO MAKING A MISTAKE!

WHY DO YOU NEED A **SPELL OF SPELLS?**

AFTER I LOST MY **LAST BODY**, I ONLY HAD ENOUGH MAGIC TO APPEAR AS A **RADISH.**

THE *SPELL OF SPELLS* HAS ENOUGH **MAGIC** TO GET ME A **SNAKE BODY** MADE OF **STARS!**

... THEN I WILL *CONFRONT* **ORION** *FACE TO FACE!*

SO YOU'RE A **SNAKE** WHO *LOOKS LIKE* A **RADISH** BUT *WANTS TO BE* MADE OF **STARS.**

YOU SEEM HARD TO PLEASE.

THE **TAPESTRY-THAT-SAYS-ALL** *SPEAKS!* **LIZZURCH** IS INSIDE THE **NNEWT ARCHIVES** JUST WHERE WE **WANT** HIM!

HE'S *CLOSE* TO THE **SPELL OF SPELLS!**

MY **LIZZARK ARMY** WILL **ATTACK** THE FAR WALLS OF **AMPHIBOPOLIS** AND *DISTRACT* THE **NNEWTS** FROM **LIZZURCH'S** MISSION!

I'LL *WAKE HIM* WITH THE **WAKE-UP CHANT!**

ERM-ERM-ERM-ERM-ERM

EMBARRASSING.

ERM-ERM-ERM

I *BARELY* REMEMBER WRITING *ANY* OF THESE.

THIS **SCROLL** SPEAKS OF **BLAKK MUDD** ORIGINS!

DOES IT SAY HOW WE CAN **REVERSE** THE SPELL AND SAVE ***URCH?***

NO ...

... ALL WE KNOW OF **BLAKK MUDD** IS THAT IT *PERMANENTLY RUINS* THE **SOUL** OF ITS VICTIM.

IF THERE *WAS* AN EASY SOLUTION WE WOULD HAVE **LIBERATED** ALL OF THE **LIZZARKS** *ALREADY.*

WHAT ABOUT WITH THIS ***BEAUTY*** THAT **ANTHIGAR** KEEPS TALKING ABOUT?

ISN'T **BEAUTY** *MORE POWERFUL* THAN **BLAKK MUDD?**

I LIKE *THE WAY YOU THINK,* ***HERK!***

THE **POWER** OF **BEAUTY** HAS LARGELY BEEN LEFT ***UNEXPLORED.***

MY **DAD** WAS ALWAYS WORKING ON SOME KIND OF ***BEAUTY SPELL!***

HUH?

DO YOU THINK HE WAS WORKING ON THIS **BEAUTY SPELL** THE NIGHT THE **LIZZARKS** ATTACKED YOUR VILLAGE?!

I DON'T KNOW ...

... BUT **MOM** AND **I** *DID* HEAR A **RUMBLE** COME FROM HIS LABORATORY *THAT NIGHT.*

CLOSE ENOUGH FOR **ME!**

I'LL *BET* HE COMPLETED THE **BEAUTY SPELL** *THAT VERY NIGHT!*

BUT HOW DO YOU *KNOW?*

I DON'T! BUT IT WOULD BE **BEAUTIFUL** IF HE *DID!*

OPEN UP!

I MUST LEAVE **NOW!**

KAAAAAAAAD

KAAAAA

WHY IS THAT **CLOCK CROW** *GROWING?*

IT'S A **MAGICIAN'S TRANSPORT!**

I'LL **NEVER** STEP INTO ONE OF *THOSE THINGS* AGAIN!

LAST TIME I GOT **STUCK** IN THE ***IN-BETWEEN WORLD!***

KAAAAAAA

GOOD-BYE, HERK.

BUT ...

... WHEN WILL YOU BE **BACK?**

BUT ...

... THAT'S *ALWAYS* THE **WRONG QUESTION** TO ASK **ANTHIGAR!**

GULP

THERE'S *MY TRAIL OF BEAUTY!*

WHERE DID HE GO?

COME WITH ME, **HERK.** WE'VE GOT PLENTY OF **STUDYING** TO DO WHILE HE'S GONE.

VVVRMP

HERK?

WHERE DID THAT FRY GO?

THAT'S *ALWAYS* THE **WRONG QUESTION** TO ASK, **NOK!**

WHAT USED TO BE THERE?

HMMM.

ALL CLEAR ON THE WALL!

YAWN THAT'S WHAT YOU *ALWAYS* SAY!

THAT'S AN *IMPRESSIVE* WALL ...

... BUT THE **LIZZARK ARMY** IS *IMPRESSIVER!*


I'M HUNGRY FOR BATTLE!
WE EAT NNEWT TONIGHT!
I'M STARVING FOR A FIGHT!

YOU'LL BE **PLEASED** WITH OUR **PROGRESS, MASTER PIGZARK.**

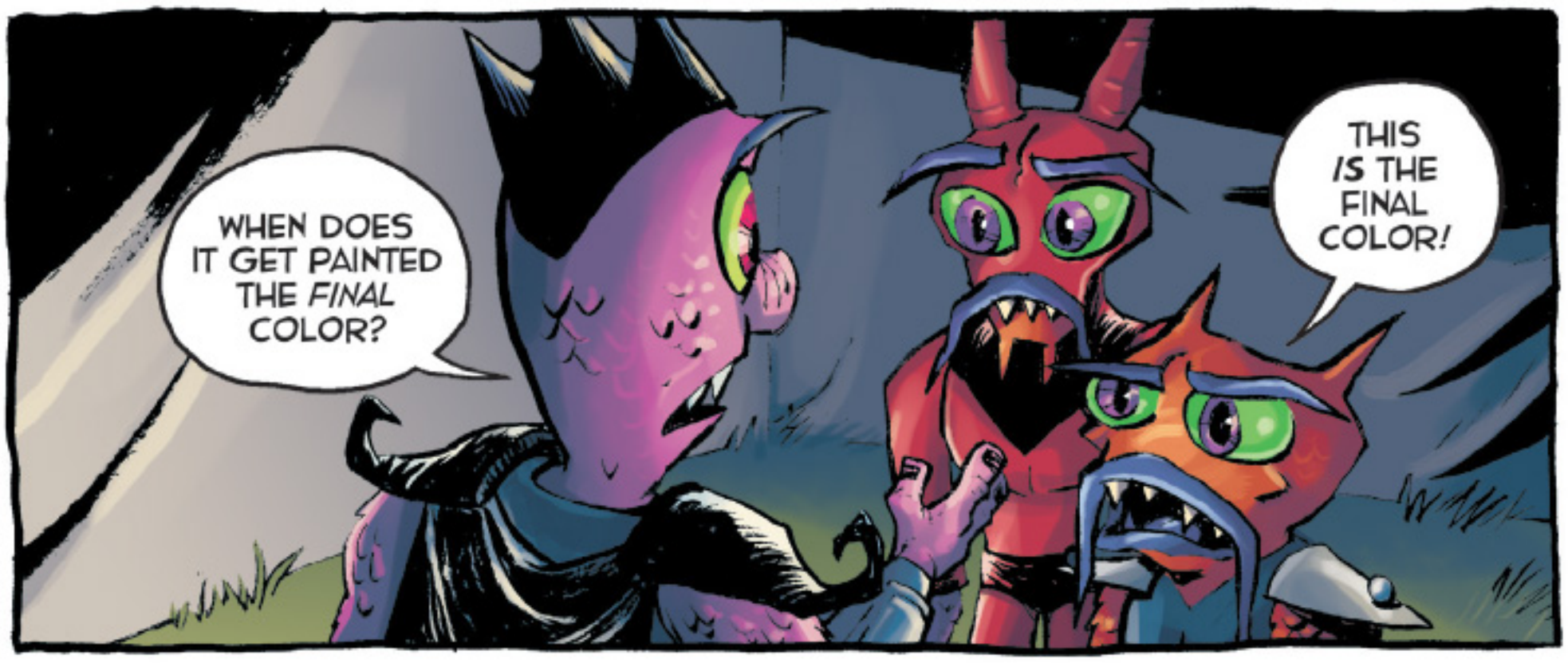
WE *JUST FINISHED* BUILDING THE TWO THOUSAND PIECES OF **LIZZARK ARMOR** YOU REQUESTED!

THAT'S *FAST WORK,* **INVENTARK!**

SHOW ME YOUR WARES!

THIS **NEW ARMOR** FEATURES BETTER PROTECTION WITH NICE, BRIGHT COLORS!

IT'S *RED.*


WHEN DOES IT GET PAINTED THE *FINAL* COLOR?
THIS *IS* THE FINAL COLOR!


YOU CAN'T SEND ***LIZZARKS*** INTO WAR WEARING ***RED!***
THEY'LL LOOK LIKE AN ARMY OF **TOMATOES!**
YOU HAVE **NO APPRECIATION** FOR GOOD DESIGN!


*GOOD DESIGN **THIS!***
ARTISTS!

WHATCHA DOING?!

LAUNA!

BOY, ARE YOU ACTING **SUSPICIOUS!**

I'M ACTING SUSPICIOUS?!

YOU'RE THE ONE WHO IS FOLLOWING ME!

I CAN'T HELP IT IF I'M **INQUISITIVE.** I JUST LIKE TO KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON.

THEY'RE MAKING **URCH SLEEP.**

NOT MUCH GOING ON **HERE.**

WHAT ARE YOU **HIDING**?

"INQUISITIVE" IS JUST **ANOTHER WORD** FOR NOSY!

YOU DIDN'T *ANSWER* MY QUESTION.

COME ON, I'LL WALK YOU HOME.

OOOH!

WE'RE ALREADY *HOLDING HANDS!*

... AND IF WE'RE GOING TO BE HOLDING HANDS YOU SHOULD **TELL ME** ABOUT WHAT YOU **HID** IN YOUR HAT!

AH, *HERE IT IS!* **THE SCROLL OF HISTORIES,** DOCUMENT SIX-HUNDRED-THIRTY-FOUR.

WHEN THE **SNAKE LORD** FIRST CAME TO THE **NNEWTS** ...

... HE *SEDUCED* THEM INTO BUILDING THE **SCALE TEMPLE** TO HOUSE **HIS FATHER,** ***THE CHILLINGWRATH.***

HALF OF THE **NNEWTS** ABANDONED **ORION** TO FOLLOW THE **SNAKE LORD** ...

... A **CIVIL WAR** BROKE OUT PITTING **NNEWT** AGAINST **NNEWT!**

THE **NNEWT KINGDOM** WAS WEAKENED ...

... ATTACKED BY THE **RRATS,** THE **CCRABS,** AND EVEN THE **MOON KING** ...

... THE WHOLE **NNEWT KINGDOM** COLLAPSED INTO THE LAKE WHEN THE **SNAKE LORD** PROMISED A **NEW** AND **GLORIOUS KINGDOM** *ON DRY LAND.*

HE **LURED** MOST OF THE **NNEWTS** AWAY *AND THEY WERE NEVER HEARD FROM AGAIN.*

THEY *MUST HAVE BEEN* TURNED INTO **LIZZARKS!**

THE REMAINING **NNEWTS** WERE FORBIDDEN FROM DELVING INTO MAGIC *EVER AGAIN.*

WAIT!

WHAT'S *THIS?!*

HOW COULD I HAVE **MISSED THIS** AFTER SO MANY READINGS?!

IT'S *HIM!*

HERK HAS **THE SPELL OF SPELLS!**

IF THE **SNAKE LORD** KNEW, HE'D **POOP** HIS *SCALES!*

GECK-BARFERS ARE LOADED AND READY, **SIR!**

YOU MAY **ATTACK** AS SOON AS YOUR **HATRED** MOVES YOU.

TAKE THE WALL!

WHAT
THE SNAKE
ARE *THOSE*?!


BLARF
SURPRISE!
WE'RE UNDER ATTACK!
THEY'RE TRYING TO TAKE THE WALL!

WE'RE UNDER ATTACK BY LIZZARKS!

CLOP CLOP

HOLD ON TIGHT!

WE'RE GOING TO THE BATTLE CONTROL TOWER!

CLOP CLOP

GRONK

FASTER, BUDDY!

WAH!

CLOPPITY CLOP

CLOP CLOP

THIS IS OUR CITY NOW!

ARE THOSE LIZZARKS?!

LIZZARKS ARE REAL!

ARG!

AAEEEK!!

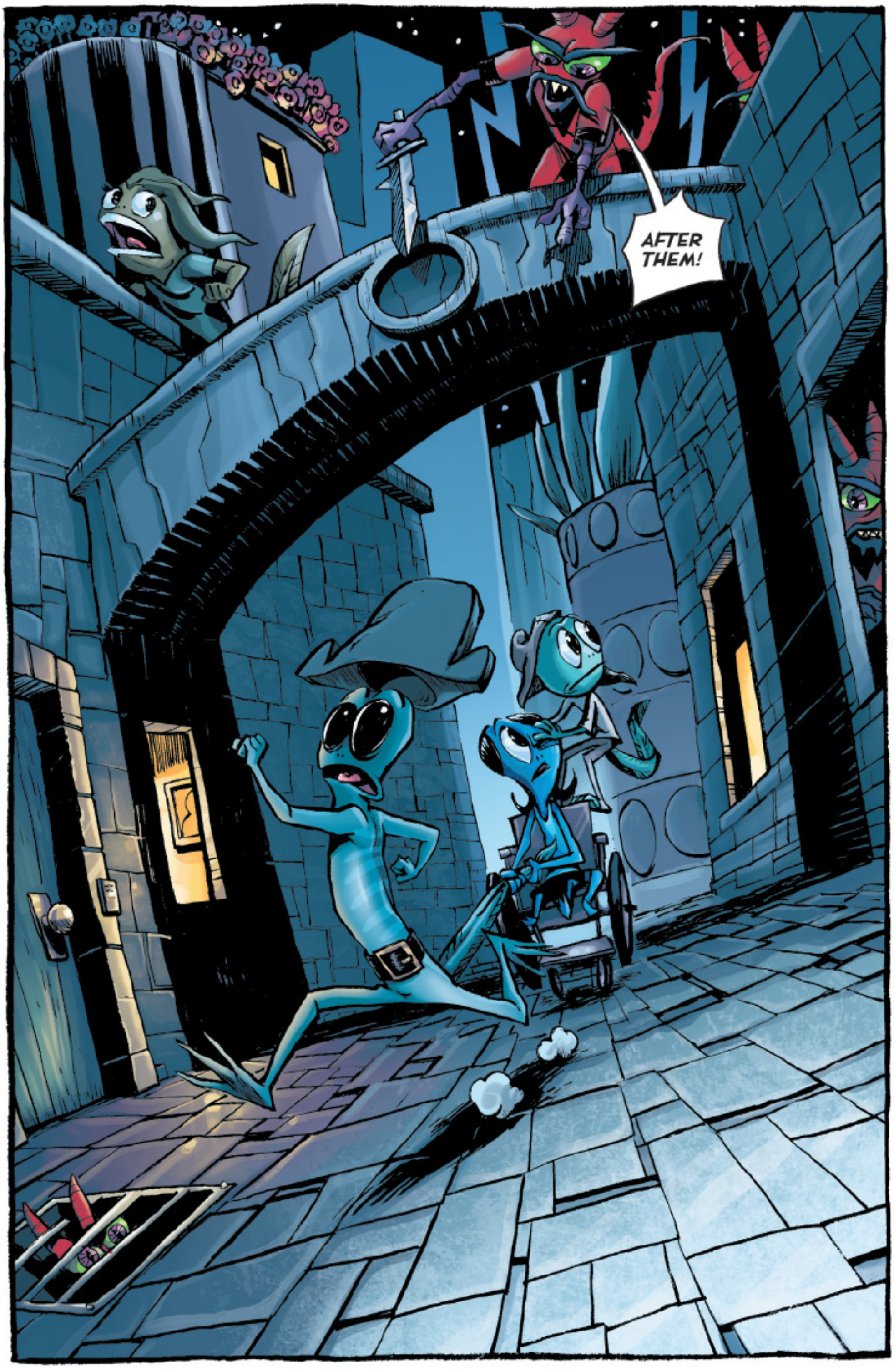
WHAT WAS THAT?!

I'VE HEARD THAT HOWL BEFORE!

IT'S A LIZZARK ATTACK!

WE'RE GETTING OUT OF HERE!

GO, GIPLY! GO!


AFTER THEM!

WAKE UP, NNEWT SOLDIERS!

GET INTO UNIFORM! WE'RE UNDER ATTACK!

CLICK

COME AND GET IT, FELLAS!

GA-BLUNK

TO THE WALL!

LIZZARKS ARE ATTACKING **AMPHIBOPOLIS!**

WE'VE *GOTTA* HELP!

THIS GUY WON'T BE GOING ANY-WHERE!

HE DOESN'T DO ANY-THING BUT **SLEEP!**

ERM-ERM-ERM

YES, **LORD?**

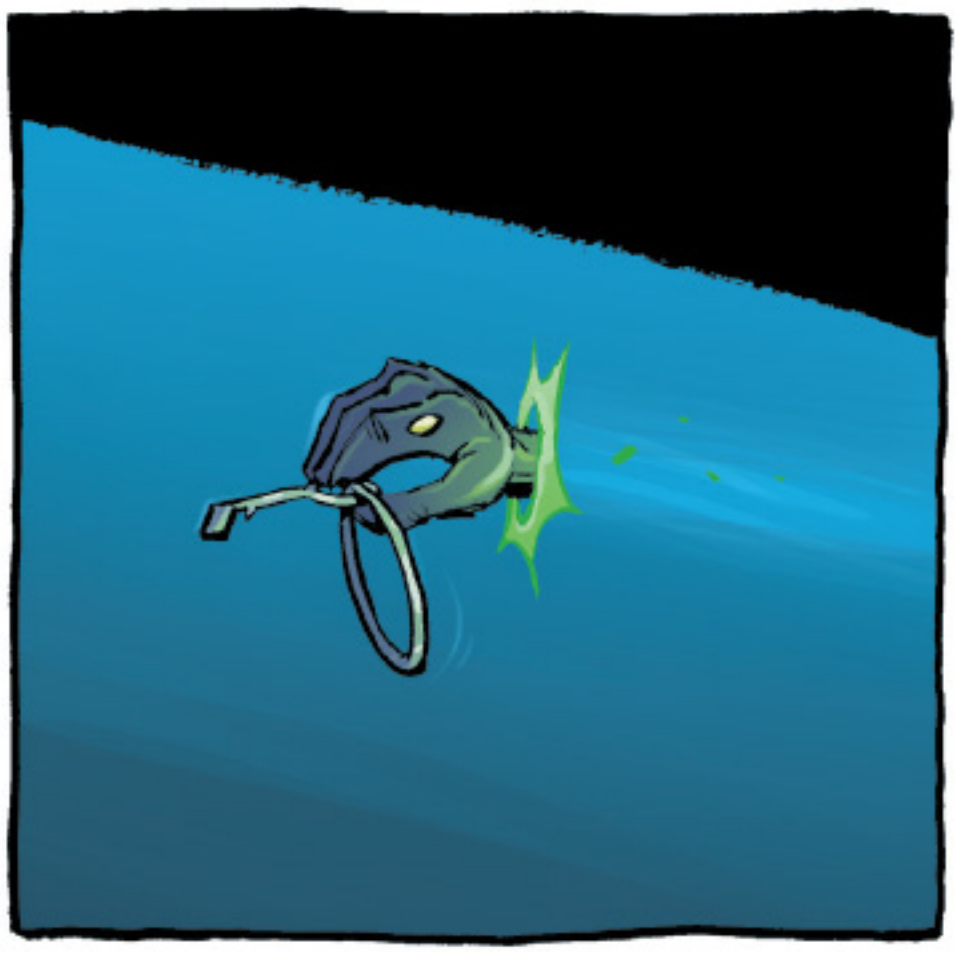
I AM TO MAKE A **SNAKE** HAND?

DONE!


THEN CREATE A SNAKE HAND PORTAL?
DONE!
YOUR PLAN IS WORKING, SNAKE LORD!




TINK




CLINK

ALL NNEWTS, GET TO THE WALL!
GO!
CLOP CLOP CLOP CLOP
NOW IS MY BEST CHANCE!
I'VE GOT TO FIND THE SPELL OF SPELLS!
NOPE.
NOT HERE.
NOOOOOOOPE.
NOPE.

IT SHOULD BE *RIGHT* HERE!

MISSING!

SNIFF SNIFF

THAT LITTLE FRY ***HERK*** TOOK IT!

JUST *ONE* MORE ...

WAH!

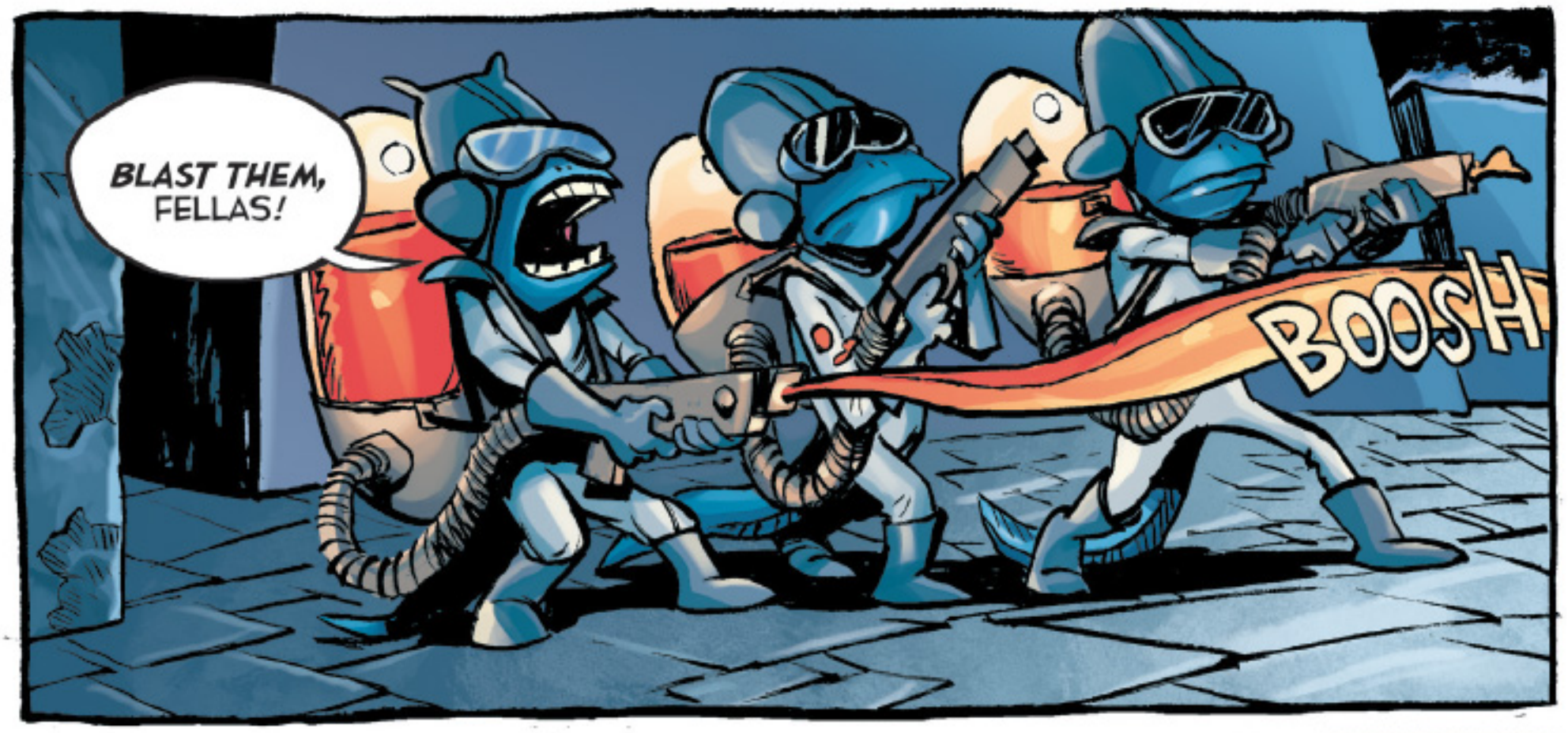
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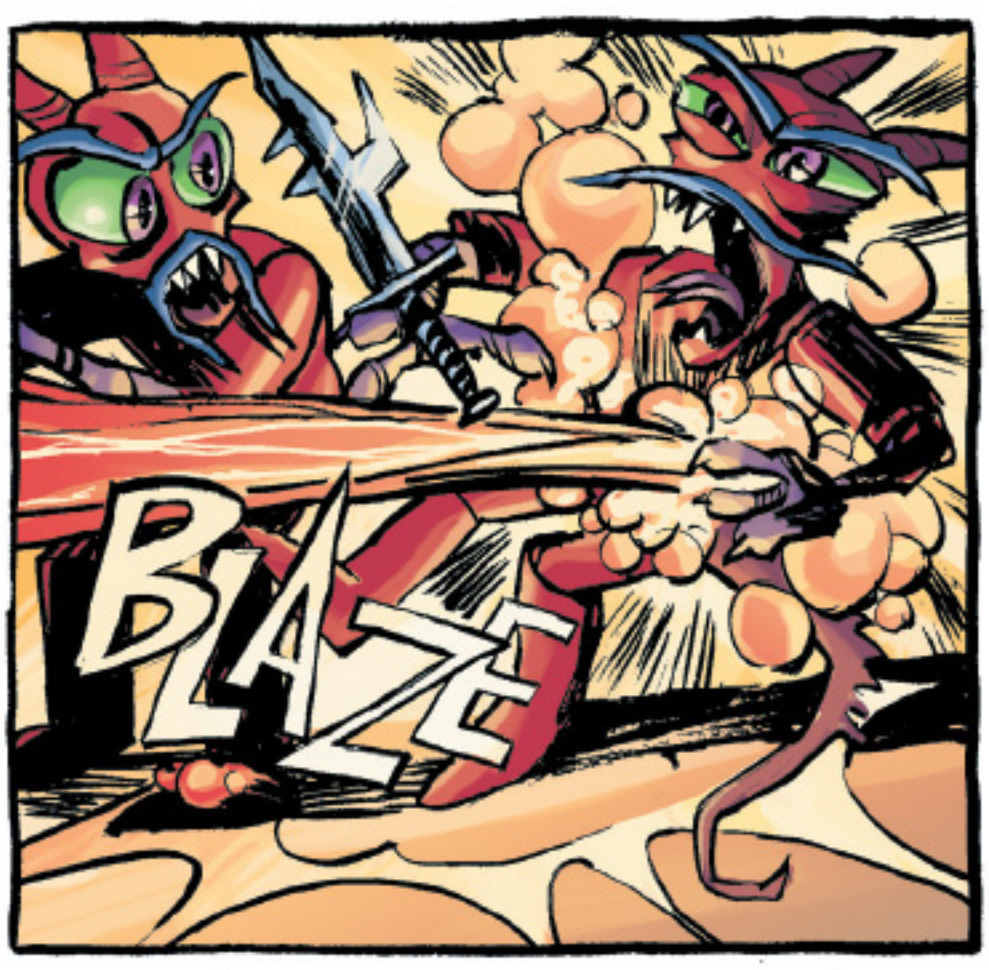
HE LEFT WITH A GAL ...

... ON HER *WHEELCHAIR!*

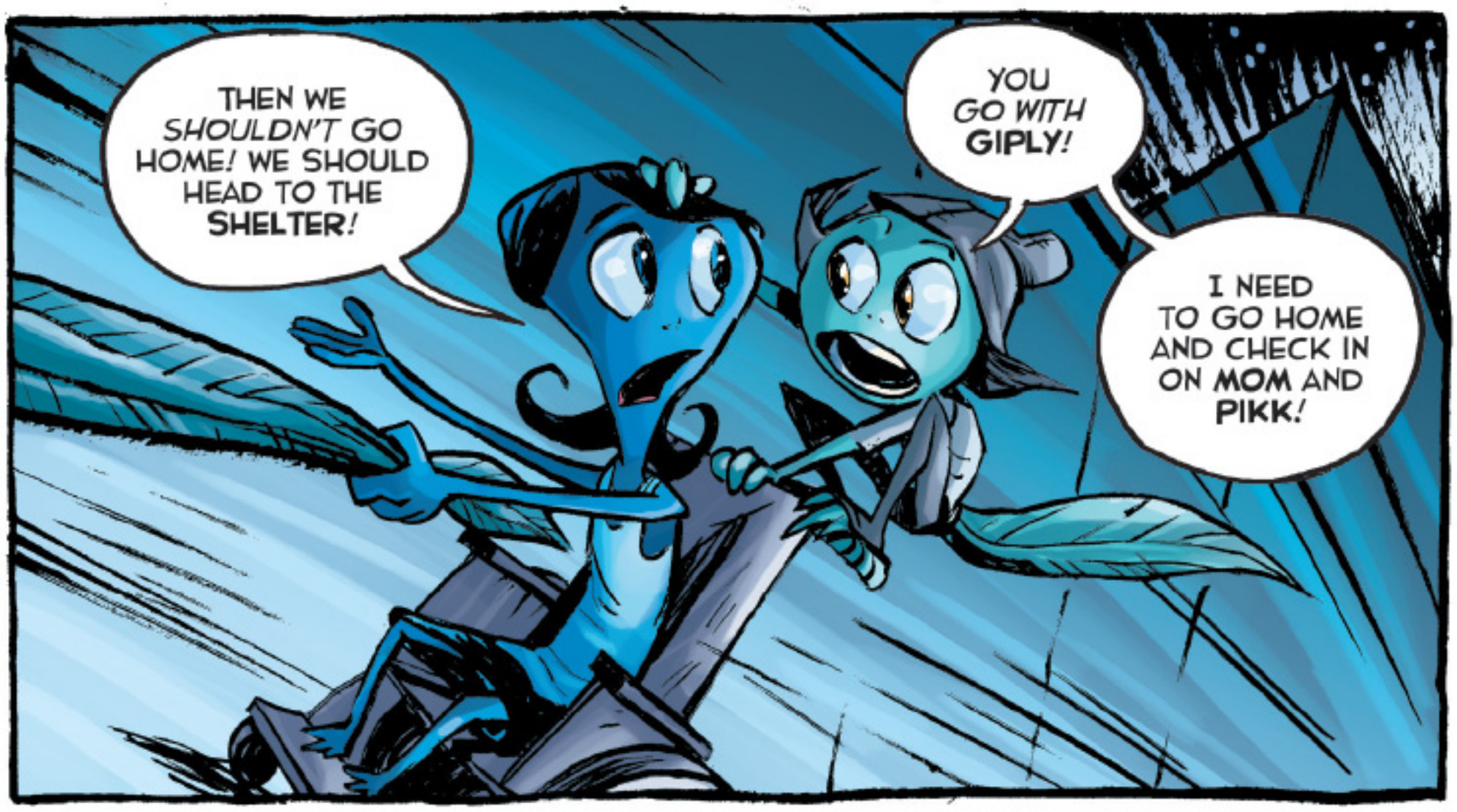
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I'M COMING FOR YOU!


BLAST THEM, FELLAS!
BOOSH


BLAZE


THIS ISN'T A LIZZARK ATTACK LIKE THE ONE THAT HAPPENED TO MY VILLAGE ...
THIS IS FULL-SCALE WAR!


THEN WE SHOULDN'T GO HOME! WE SHOULD HEAD TO THE SHELTER!
YOU GO WITH GIPLY!
I NEED TO GO HOME AND CHECK IN ON MOM AND PIKK!

YOU KNOW WHAT? I LIKE YOU.

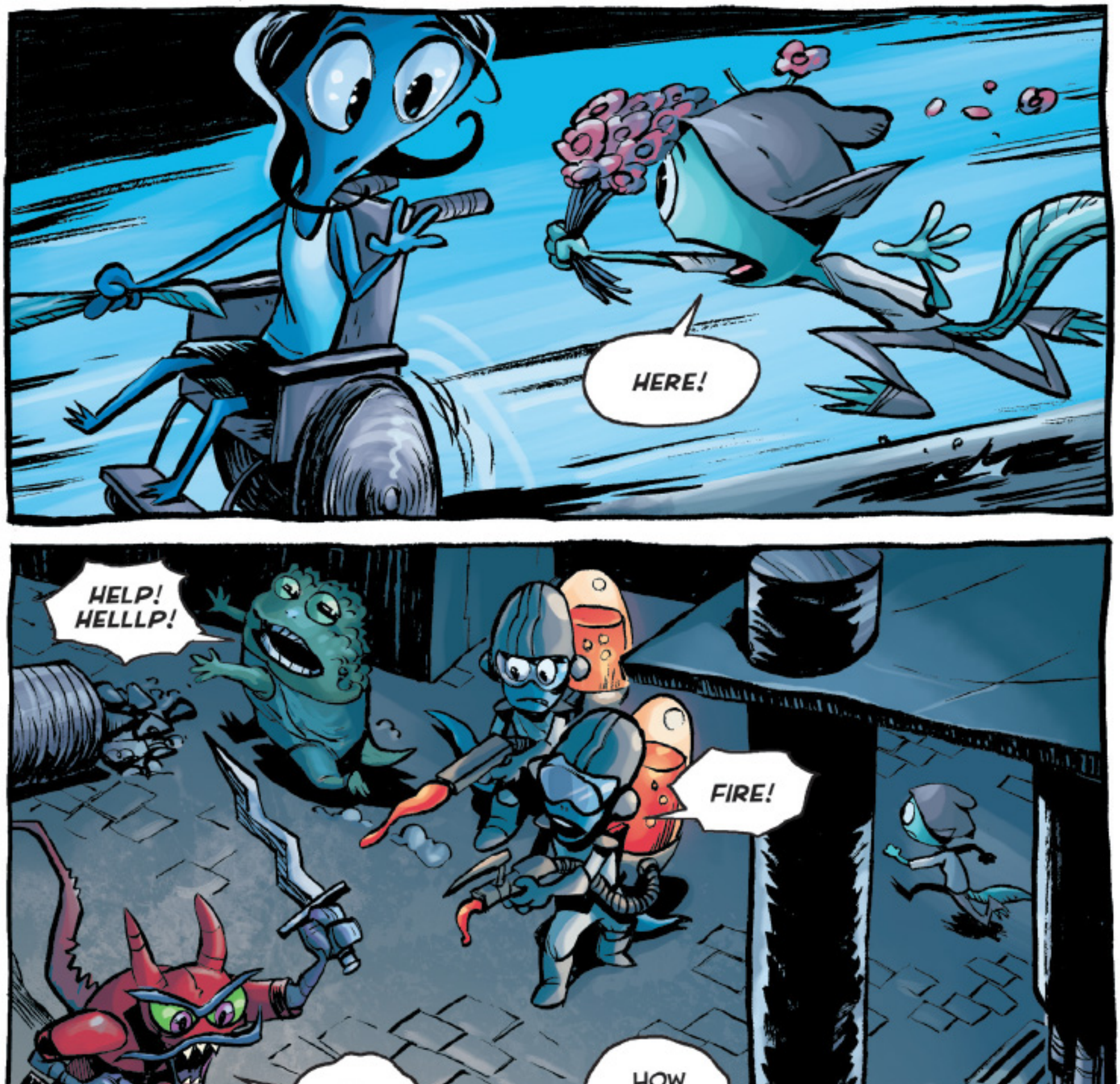
YOU SHOULD!

I MEAN ... FOR MORE THAN FRIENDS!

FRRRKk

NOBODY HAS EVER SAID THAT TO ME BEFORE!

GRAB GRAB GRAB


HERE!
HELP! HELLLP!
FIRE!
GET THEM!
HOW SWEET!

SAYER NOK! THE GUARDS RAN OFF TO BATTLE, AND *LOOK!*

URCH *ESCAPED!*

YES, *OUR GUEST* HAS LEFT US, **DIGGY.**

OUR GUEST?!

HE WAS A *FOUL MONSTER!*

THE **SNAKE LORD** SENT HIM HERE TO STEAL OUR **MOST POWERFUL SPELL!**

BUT THE SPELL WAS **ALREADY STOLEN** BY *ANOTHER!*

WHAT *OTHER* **FOUL** PERSON WOULD **STEAL** FROM THE ARCHIVES?

HE'S *NOT* FOUL ...

... HE'S **ORION'S** FAVORITE.

SPIKE IT INTO THE GROUND, *RIGHT THERE!*

YES, ***MASTER PIGZARK!***

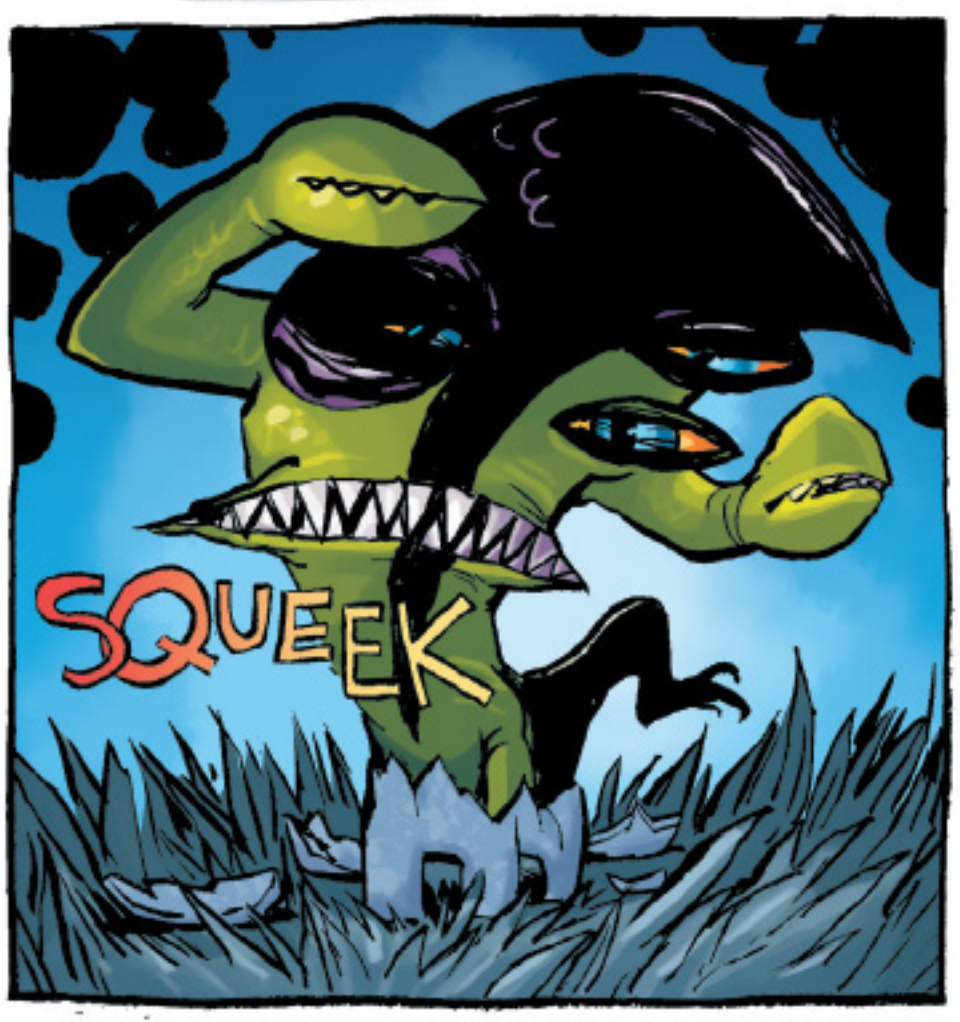
THUNK

SO MANY TO CHOOSE FROM ...

THIS ***HEMOGOG*** WILL BE **PERFECT!**


WE NEED JUST ONE DROP OF UG-SAUCE TO ACTIVATE!
SPLIP


CRACK


SQUEEK


YES, YES!


GROW, GROW!

KRAAA

YES, *YES!* ATTACK THE **NNEWTS**, MY TITAN **HEMOGOG!**

FUP FUP FUP FUP

IT'S A FRY!

GET HIM!

FRRRRK

HE'S TRAPPED!

GAH!

SWISH

WHERE DID HE GO?!

UH-OH ...

... SOME-THING AIN'T RIGHT!

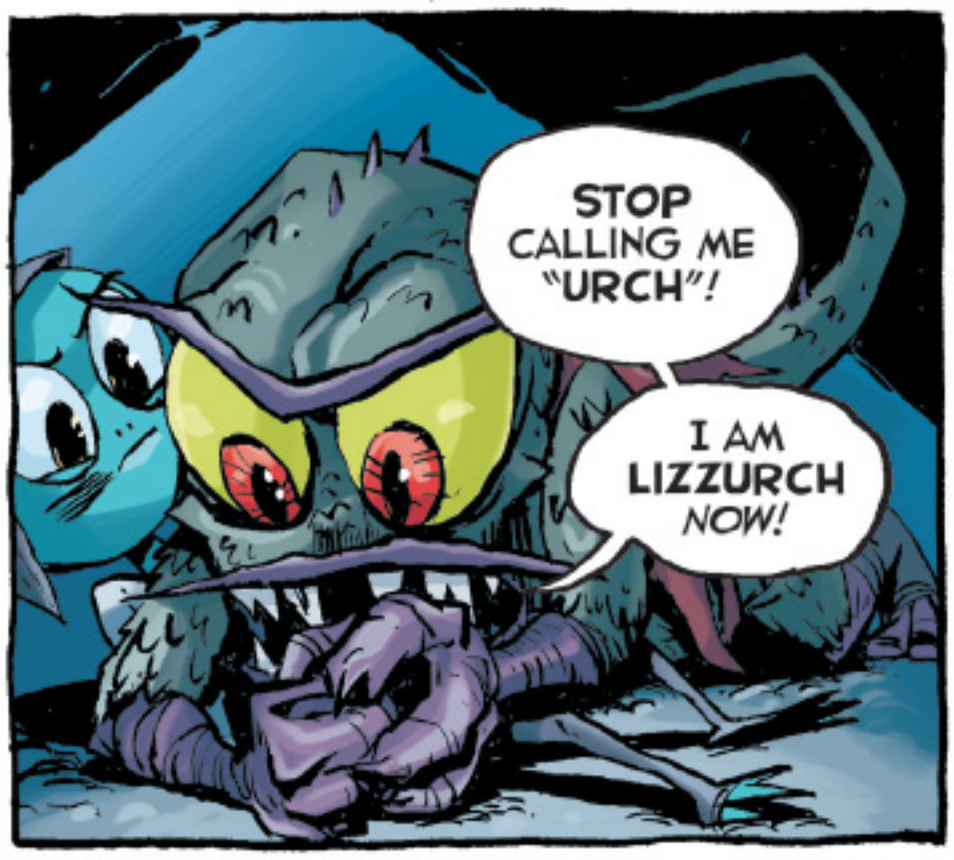
UH!

WHERE IS THAT SPELL?!

GRAB

TOO SLOW!

TOO SLOW AGAIN, URCH!


STOP CALLING ME "URCH"!
I AM LIZZURCH NOW!


URCH! URCH! URCH!


I'M NOT PLAYING AROUND WITH YOU, FRY!


I'M NOT PLAYING, EITHER.


BANG
ARG!


YOU CHANGED MY HAND BACK!

I DON'T **KNOW** HOW I DID IT! I'VE **NEVER** EVEN STUDIED!

I SEE A **LIZZARK** AT *NOON O'CLOCK!*

LOOK WHAT YOU'VE DONE TO ***MY HAND!***

URCH! TWO NNEWT TROOPS ARE COMING!

BLAST THAT SCALY CREEP!

HURRY, BEFORE HE GETS THAT FRY!

GET OUT OF THE WAY, FRY!

DON'T DO IT!

THE ENEMY IS EVERYWHERE!

THEY'LL CHANGE ME BACK!

YAAAAAH!

CANNON-BALL!

BARF

BARF

AAARGH!

DON'T **WORRY**! THESE SOFT-SKINNED **AMPHIBIANS** WON'T PUT UP *MUCH* OF A **FIGHT**!

YEAH! WE'LL TAKE **AMPHIBOPOLIS** BY MORNING!

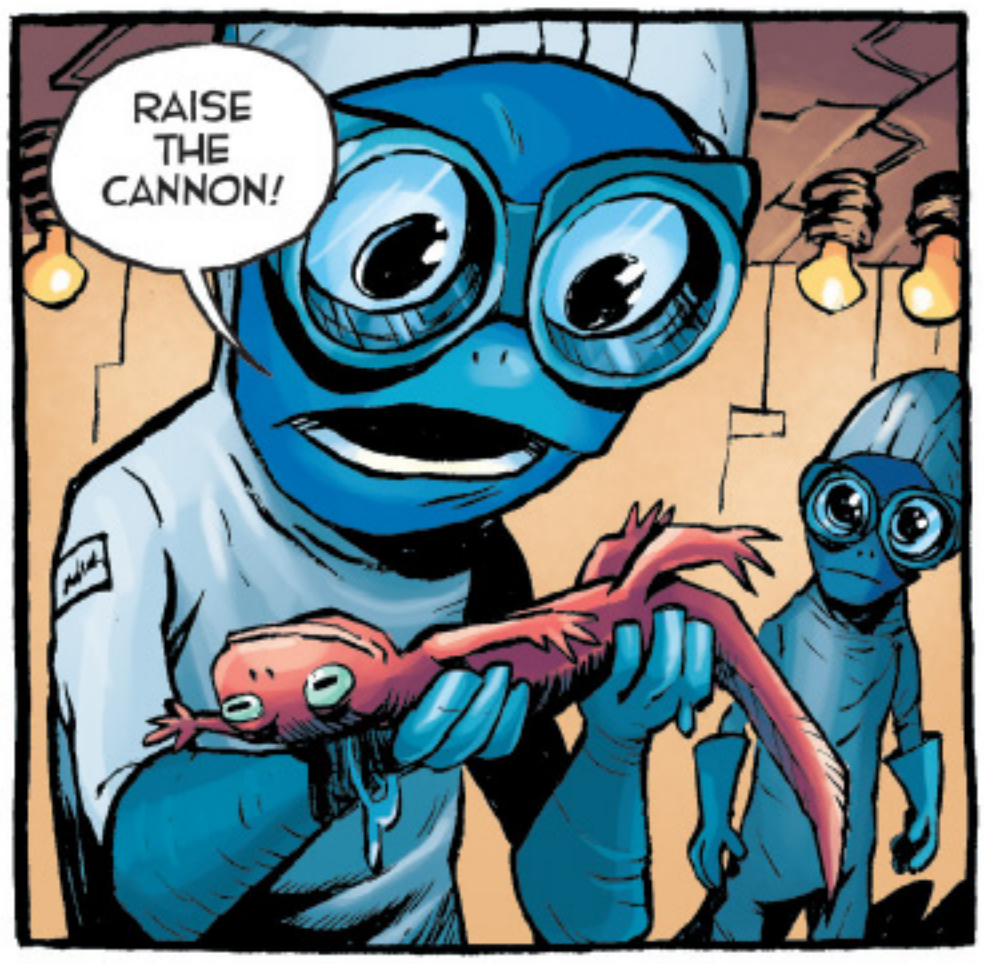
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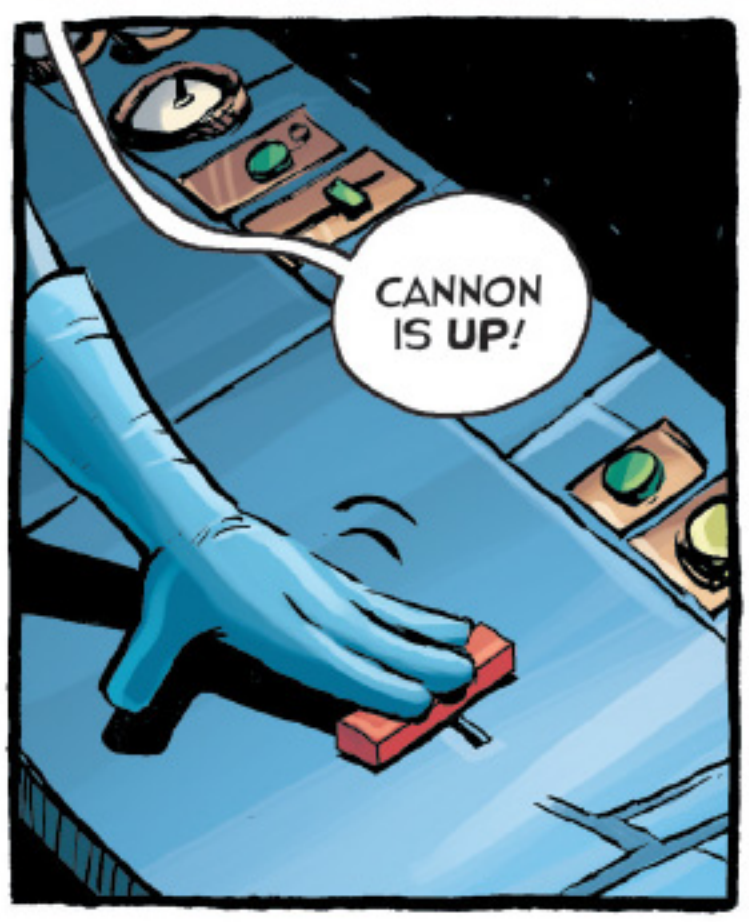
TELL THEM TO BRING OUT THE BIG GUNS!

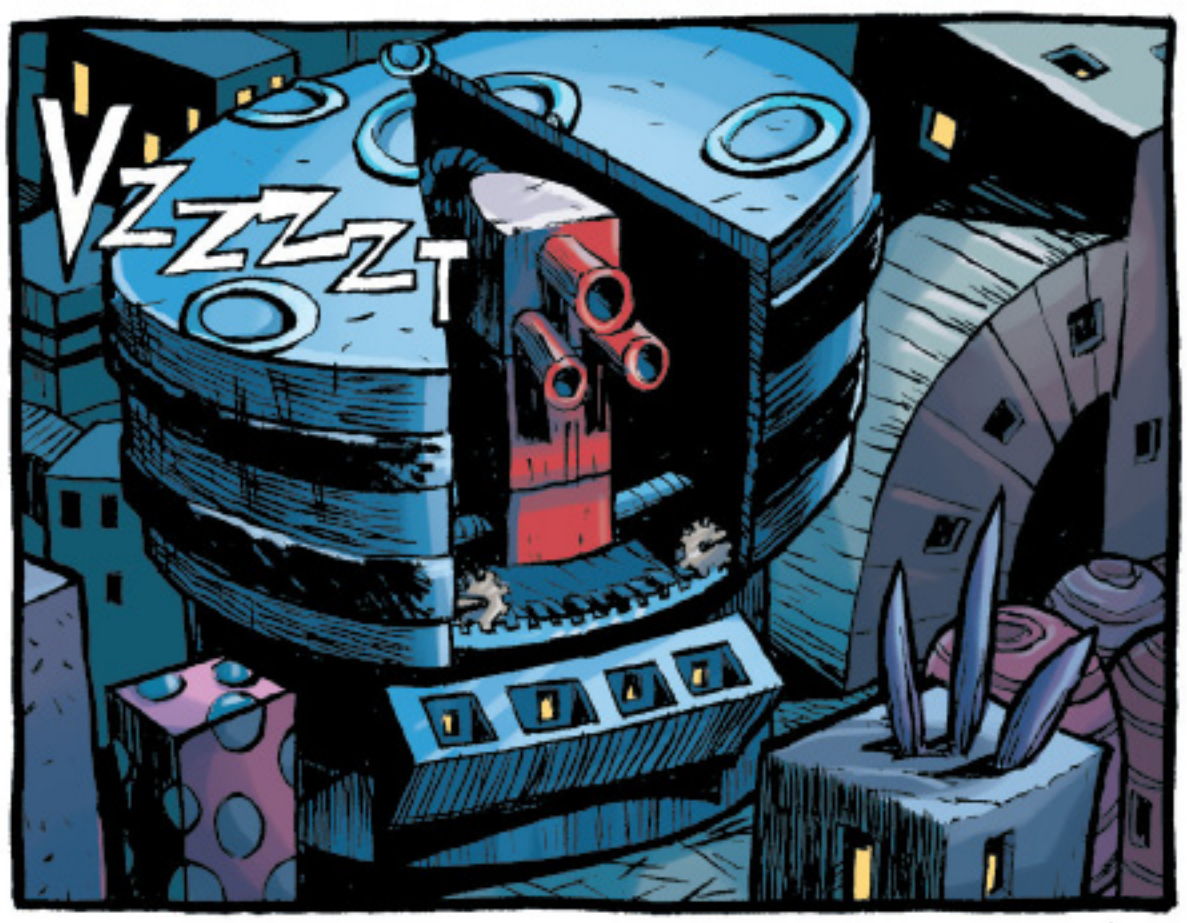
PREPARING MESSAGE, SIR!

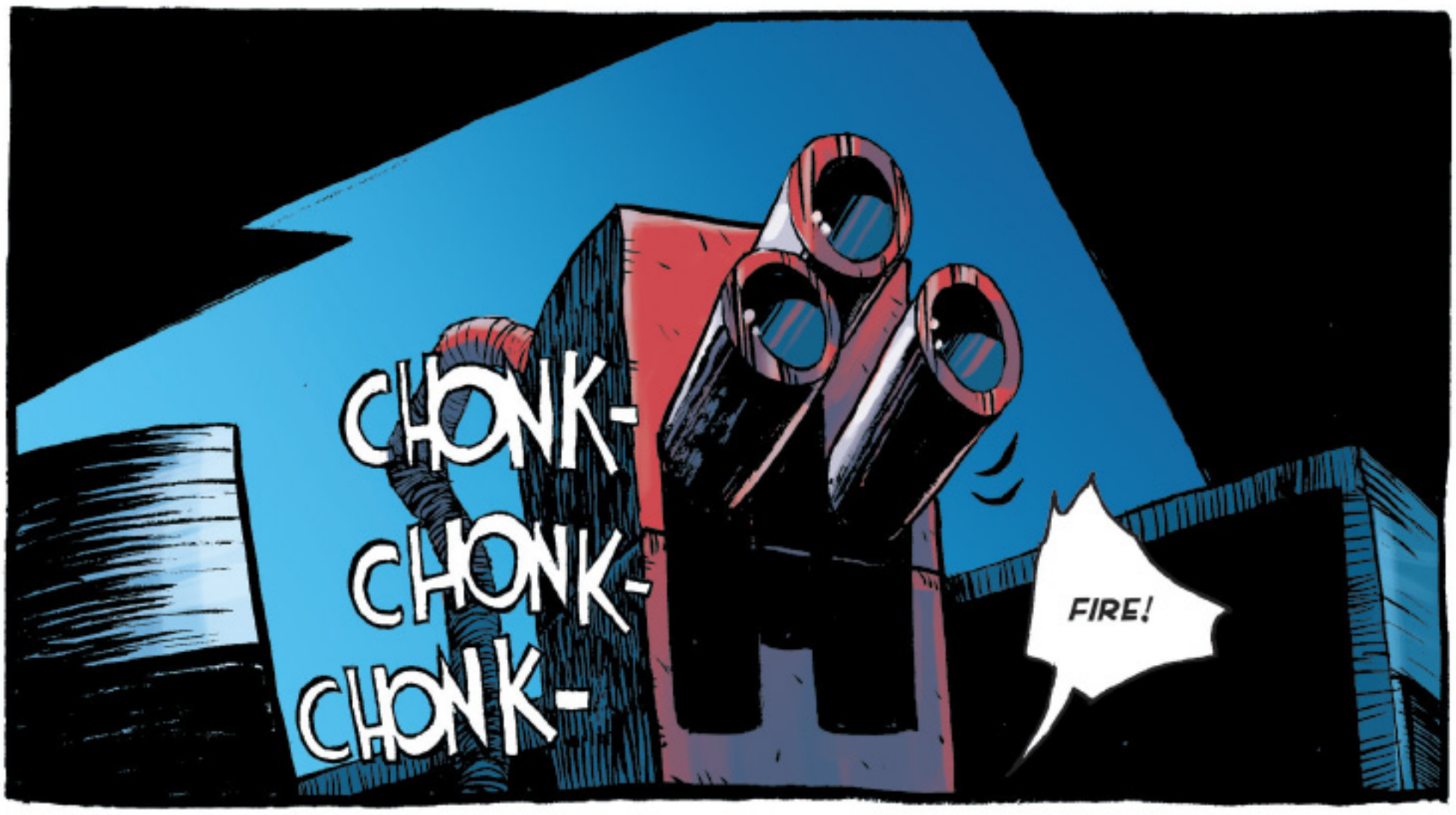
SEND!


SPLISH


RAISE THE CANNON!


CANNON IS UP!


VZZZZT


CHONK-
CHONK-
CHONK-
FIRE!

SPLA-SPLAM-!

BLAZE!

HA-HA! WE GOT 'EM!

CRACKLE

RETAKE THE WALL!

LOOK AT THEM *RUN!*

BOOM...

BOOM ooo

THAT NOISE ...

BOOM BOOM

... SOUNDS LIKE STOMPING!

BOOM

EYE!!

YEEK!

KRAAAAAA

ABANDON THE WALL!

BOOM BOOM BOOM

THERE'S NO WAY THAT WALL IS GOING TO HOLD AGAINST THAT GIANT!

NICE AND STEADY, **NECKY!**

GOOD BOY!

THE **EVACUATION SHELTER** IS *LEFT* UP HERE, THEN *RIGHT*, THEN ANOTHER *RIGHT!*

*NO, **MOM**!* THE **FASTEST WAY** IS *LEFT*, THEN CUT THROUGH THE ALLEY, *TRIP OVER SOME* **TRASH CANS**, AND GO *RIGHT!*



A TRAIL OF **BEAUTY** REMNANTS!

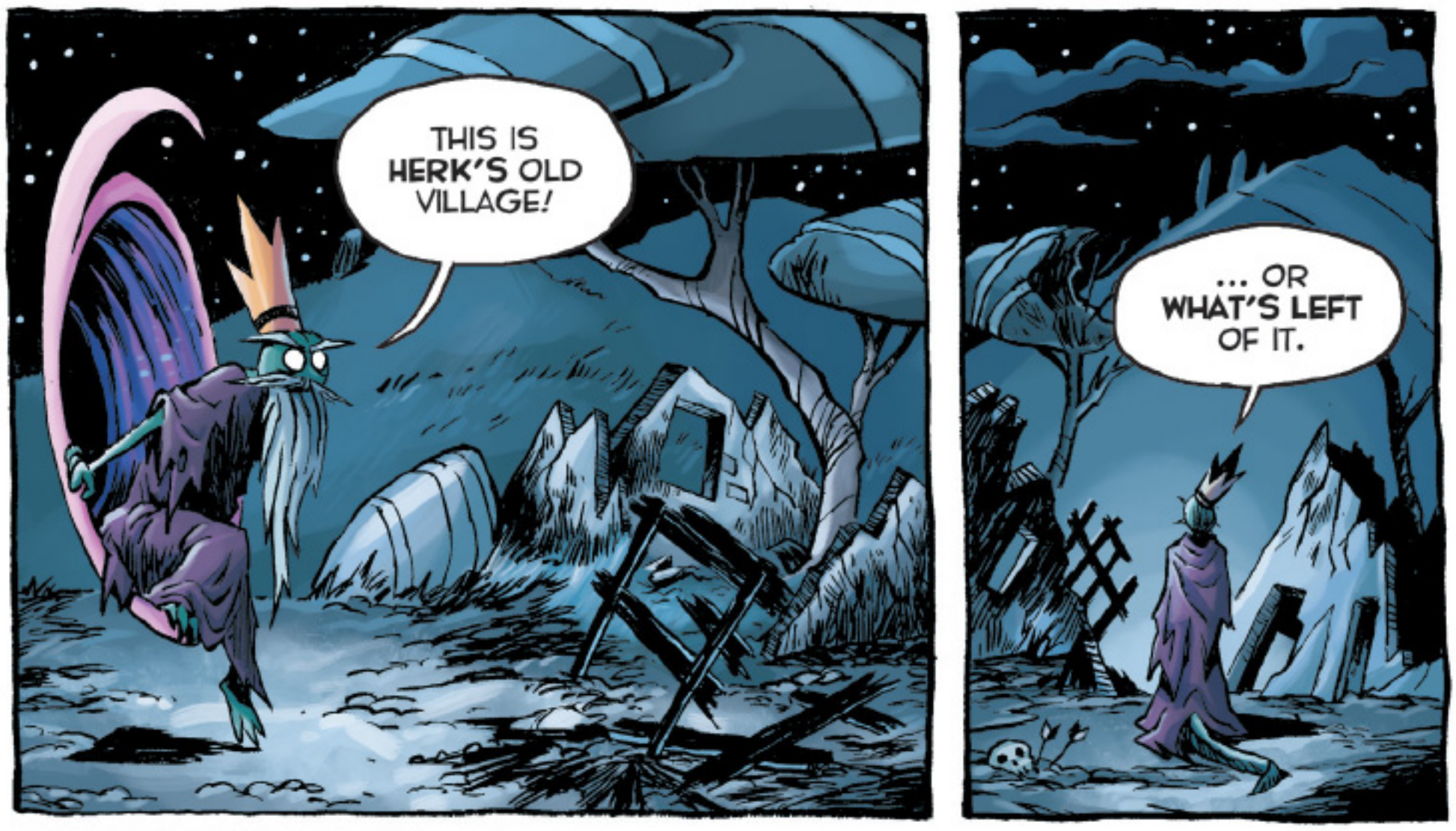
UP! I MUST *GO UP THERE.*

YES, *OLD FRIEND!*

LEAD ME TO THE **SOURCE** OF THIS ***BEAUTY!***

YOU **WANT** ME TO GET OUT *HERE?*

OKAY!


THIS IS HERK'S OLD VILLAGE!
... OR WHAT'S LEFT OF IT.


SOMETHING SMELLS REAL GOOD OVER HERE!
I COULD GO FOR A LITTLE BITE TO EAT.


YOU EAT MY PAN!
PANG

STAY AWAY FROM *MY KITCHEN!*

PLOP

HERK CHANGED MY *LIZZARK HAND* BACK ...

... *AND NOW MY LEFT HAND* DOESN'T WANT TO HUNT **HERK** ...

... BUT HE DIDN'T CHANGE MY **BLAKK**, *SCALY* **HEART**!

BOOM!
BOOM!

MY RIGHT HAND TELLS ME TO ATTACK THE NNEWTS.

MY **LEFT** HAND TELLS ME TO ATTACK THE **LIZZARKS.**

I'M GOING IN CIRCLES!

HERE THEY COME!

LET IT **RIP,** FELLAS!

GRAAAR!

AIM FOR THE **MUSTACHE!**

BEEE

BEEE

BLAGG!

PLAM

SPAFF

ALL I SEE ARE *GIANT SCALES!*

USELESS.

FIRE THE CANNON!

FIRING, *SIR!*

EAT THIS!

CLICK


KRA-
SPLAM
KRAA

HE'S COMING FOR US!

BRACE FOR IMPACT!

BOOM

YAH!

KRAAA

POOM

RUMBLE RUMBLE

WE'RE GETTING OUT OF HERE!

WHERE ARE WE GOING?

TO THE TOWN SHELTER!

FOLLOW ME TO THE CATACOMBS!
THIS WAY!
BIG!
KRAAA
BOOM!
DON'T STOP TO LOOK AT THE MONSTER!
EVERYONE, INSIDE!
GET TO THE WATER!
LIZZARKS HATE WATER!

WOULD YOU MIND HELPING ME DOWN TO THE POOLS?

SURE!

JUST PRAY THE CEILING HOLDS!

STAY CLOSE TO ME, KEM!

FEMALES, FRY, AND EGG CLUSTERS GO FIRST!

SPLOSH

DOES THIS MEAN THAT THE LIZZARKS WON, PAPA?

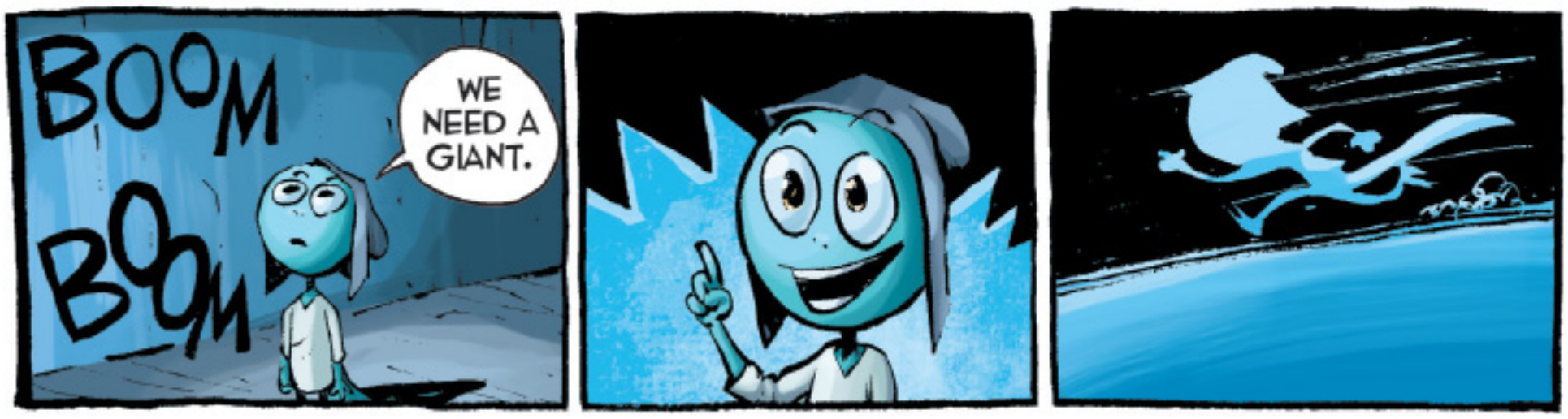
IT'S NOT OVER, LITTLE ONE.

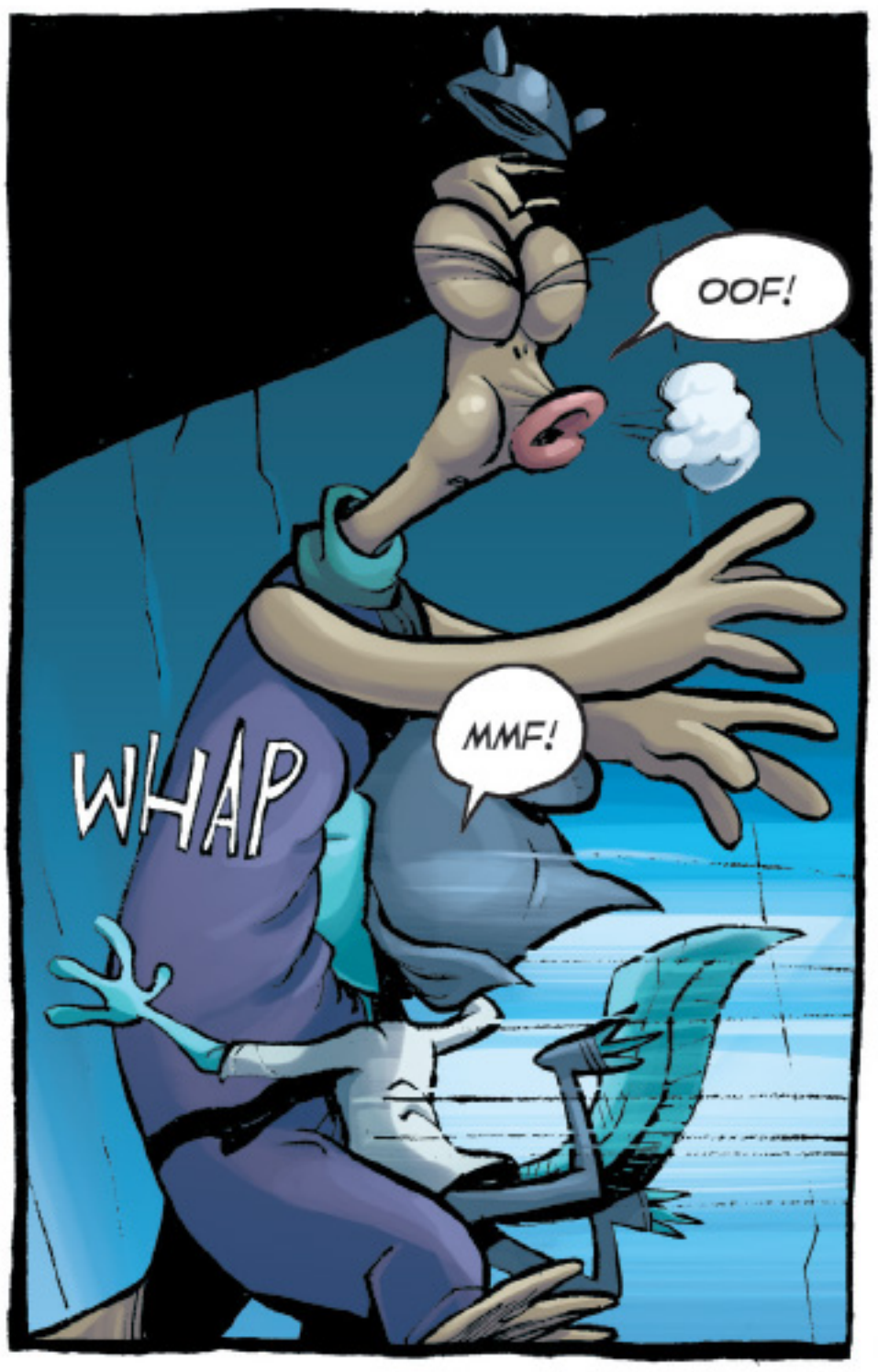
STAY TOGETHER!

THROUGH THERE, EVERY-ONE!

BOOM


BOOM
WE JUST LOST.


BOOM
BOOM
WE NEED A GIANT.


OOF!
MMF!
WHAP


HERK!
PIKK!

IF IT ISN'T THE LITTLE **RUNAWAY!**

UH-OH!

HOW COULD YOU RUN AWAY FROM US LIKE THAT?!

BUT ...

I WAS WORRIED SICK!

YOU SEE THESE **BLACK CIRCLES** UNDER MY EYES?!

BUT ...

... IT'S FROM ME STAYING UP **ALL NIGHT** WORRYING ABOUT ***YOU!***

I'M SORRY I HURT YOU, **MA'AM.**

I ALREADY HAD **ONE SON** RUN AWAY AND I DON'T THINK I COULD **SURVIVE** LOSING **ANOTHER!**

BUT I'M *NOT* **ZERK!**

UNLIKE HIM, I WILL ALWAYS COME HOME TO YOU. I *PROMISE* I'LL *ALWAYS* COME **HOME!**

OH, MY **HERK!**

TRY RUNNING AWAY FROM ***THIS!***

OOMF!

BLARF

LOOK OUT!

I'LL START WITH *THIS* ONE!

KOOK

WHAT'S WRONG, NECKY?

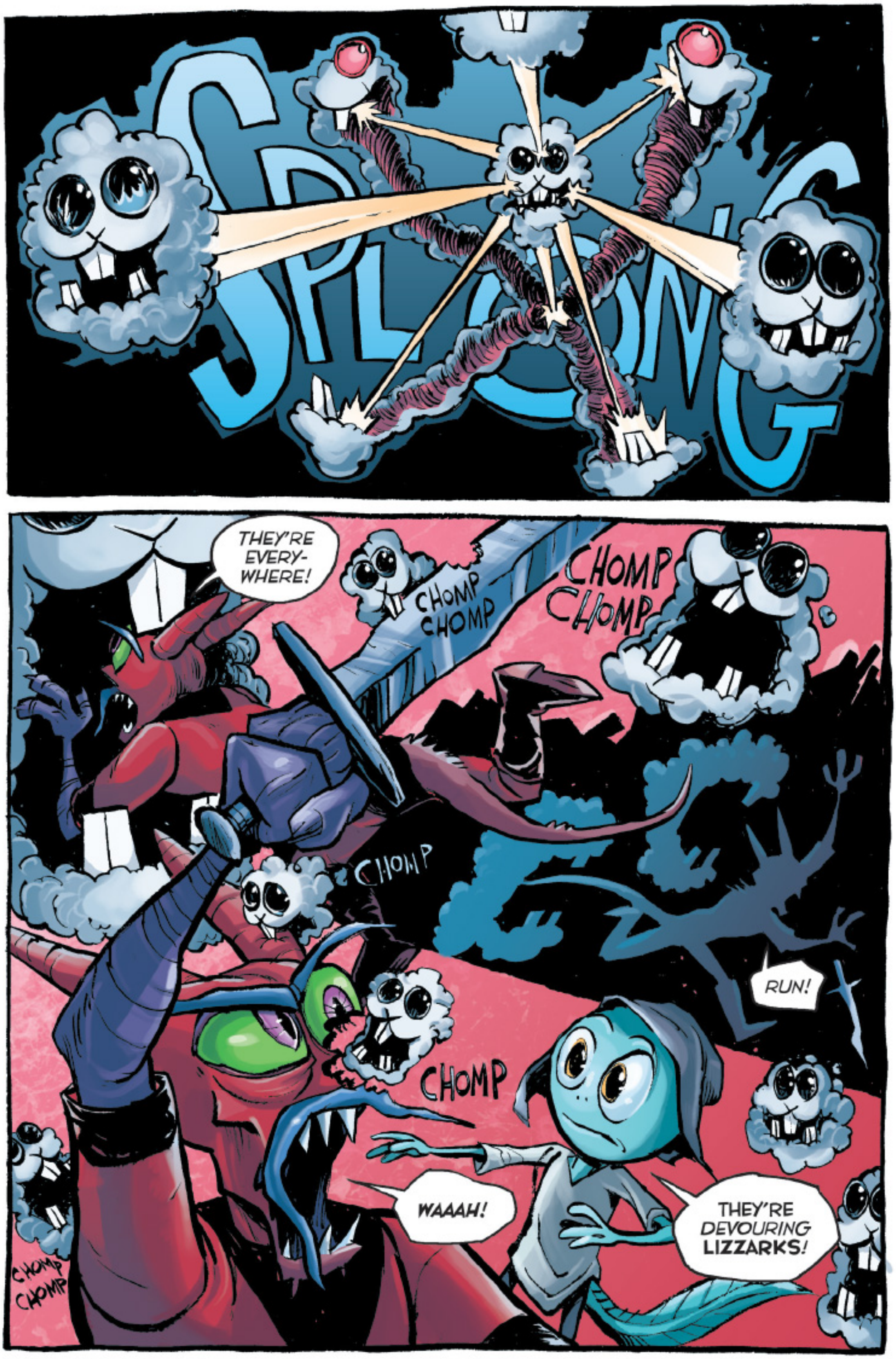
GROSS!

SPLIT

COOL.

GROSS!

GROSS!


CHOMPING
THEY'RE EVERY-WHERE!
CHOMP CHOMP
CHOMP CHOMP
CHOMP
CHOMP
RUN!
CHOMP
WAAAH!
THEY'RE DEVOURING LIZZARKS!
CHOMP CHOMP

MUNCH MUNCH

MUNCH MUNCH

MUNCH MUNCH

POOF

POOF

POOF

CREEPY.

I HAD **NO IDEA** HE COULD DO *THAT!*

YOU'RE **THE BEST** PET EVER!

GROOK?

THANK YOU, **NECKY**, UH ... FOR *WHATEVER* YOU JUST DID!

DON'T BE UPSET, **MA**, BUT I *HAVE TO* GET GOING!

JUST TELL ME *WHERE YOU'LL BE* SO I DON'T HAVE TO **WORRY** SO MUCH.

I'M OFF TO GET HELP FROM THE **LAKE**!

I WANT TO GO **WITH YOU**!

I *NEED YOU* TO LOOK AFTER YOUR **MOM** AND **NECKY**!

BE *SAFE*, SON!


BOOM
A SECOND GIANT HAS BREACHED THE WALL!
POOM

KRAA-HA HA

KROOO

HUFF
PUFF
GASP

SPLISH
SPLOSH
SPLISH
SPLOOSH
MEGASLOTH?

OOOH, MEGASLOTH?

IF YOU'RE HERE, PLEASE, COME OUT!

CAN YOU HEAR ME?

IT'S HERK!

I CALL ON *YOU*, THE ANCIENT **GUARDIAN** OF **ANTHIGAR'S KINGDOM**!

IF ONLY THE **NNEWTS** COULD *SEE YOU* RISE FROM THE LAKE! HOW YOU COULD RESTORE THE **HOPE** ONCE EMBRACED BY ALL!

I KNOW YOU'RE **DOWN THERE**!

DON'T LET US DOWN.

FORGET THE **NNEWTS** OF **AMPHIBOPOLIS** ...

... I NEED YOU TO KEEP ***MY HOPE*** ALIVE!

I *TRIED.*

I CAN'T BELIEVE THAT **THIS** IS HOW IT ALL ENDS.

*EVERYTHING IS **STUPID!***

THIS IS *NOT* HOW IT'S GONNA END!

... NOT YET, ANYWAY! NOT AS LONG AS WE STILL HAVE SOME **PLASMA** TO SHOOT!

NOBODY ATTACKS **OUR TOWN** USING GIANT, SCALY **MONSTERS!**

TASTE WET FIRE, *DEMON!*

BEEEEEE

WE'RE COMING!

MULTIPLY OUR EFFORTS, ORION!

BEEE

BEE

KROOOO

BLAZE

GURGLE GURGLE

KRAAAHWGG

YUCKY!

GAH!

SPLOOSH

WHY AM I GROWING *SCALES*?!

GRAAAR!

ALL HAIL THE *SNAKE LORD!*

WHAT **FOUL MAGIC** IS *THIS?*

MY FRIENDS HAVE BECOME *MY ENEMIES!*

GET OUT OF HERE!

RETREAT!

THE **LIZZARKS** COMPLETELY *DEMOLISHED* THIS PLACE.

HERK'S FAMILY DIDN'T STAND A CHANCE.

WHAT'S **THIS?**

I'M BACK ON THE TRAIL!

GULLIMAR'S *TRANSPORT CLOCK!*

HE *MUST* HAVE WORKED **SOMEWHERE** IN THIS **VICINITY.**

THAT'S THE LABORATORY OF A **MAGICIAN** IF I EVER SAW ONE!

BEHOLD, THE **THRONE** OF **TRAVEL.**

IT COULD BE **PAINTED** A *PRETTIER COLOR.*

WE CAN USE IT TO TRANSPORT **ANYWHERE** ON THE PLANET!

'TWAS A GIFT FROM THE **SNAKE LORD** THAT DEMONSTRATES HIS **GREAT POWER!**

THE **SNAKE LORD** *IS* POWERFUL ...

... *AND YET* ...

... HE WAS *BEATEN* BY ***ORION'S ARROW.***

WE HAVE A **PLAN** TO DEAL WITH **ORION.**

IT ALL SEEMS SO *SMART*, **BROTHER** ...

... BUT I KNOW THAT **DAD** WOULDN'T WANT ME TO **JOIN** THE **LIZZARKS.**

I DON'T CARE WHAT OUR **NNEWT** PARENTS WOULD *WANT!*

THEY SENT ME *DOWN A RIVER!*

MAYBE THEY **SENT YOU AWAY** TO **PROTECT** YOU, **ZERK!**

THEY **ABANDONED ME** BECAUSE THEY WERE **WEAK!**

... IF THEY WEREN'T **SO WEAK**, THEY WOULDN'T HAVE LEFT *YOU*, EITHER!

BUT I *WON'T LEAVE YOU*, **SISSY!**

YOU NEED TO GET MY **SPELLS** INTO YOUR **HEAD.**

AW, IS **THIS** GOING TO INVOLVE A BUNCH OF **STUDYING?**

IT'S MUCH **EASIER** THAN **THAT!**

COME OVER HERE!

I HAVE **INFUSED** THE TEACHING OF ALL MY SPELLS INTO **THESE DESSERTS!**

GROSS! WHY DID IT *HAVE TO BE* **DESSERTS?!**

ONE WILL TEACH YOU HOW TO USE THE TRANSPORT CHAIR ...

... ANOTHER WILL TEACH YOU MY PLAN TO TAKE OVER AMPHIBOPOLIS!

UGH!

HEY!

NOW I KNOW THE SNAKE LORD'S PLAN!

HE REALLY WILL TURN AMPHIBOPOLIS OVER TO US ONCE HE RULES THE SKY!

GLUG GLUG GLUG GLUG

SHMASH

CHOMP CHOMP

CHEW

MUNCH MUNCH MUNCH

WAIT!

DON'T EAT ME!

SNAKE LORD?!

HERK HAS BEEN SIGHTED ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF TOWN!

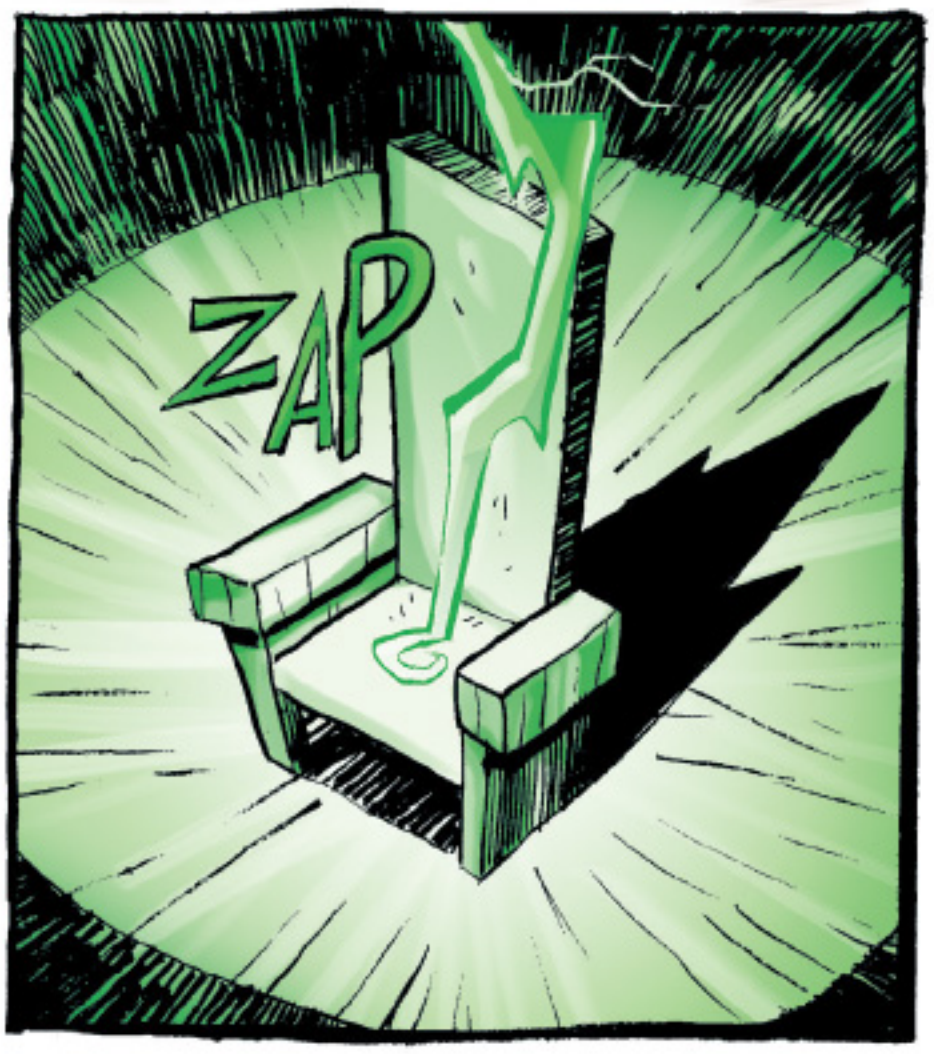
LIZZURCH SAYS HE HAS THE SPELL OF SPELLS! LET'S GO!


IN THE BAG YOU GO, MASTER!


I'LL TIE YOU TO MY BELT.
PLOP


MY HEAD IS SO FULL OF NEW SPELLS I FEEL KIND OF DIZZY!
THAT'S JUST THE SUGAR RUSH.


NOW, LET'S FIND HERK!
WHOA!
I THINK I'M GONNA BAR--


ZAP

BLARF

WE GOTTA FIND **HIGHER GROUND!**

GRAH!!


EAT THEM!
BEAT THEM!
TURN THEM INTO
MEAT THEM!
HERE'S
A TASTE OF
YOUR OWN
WEAPON!
BEEEEEE
RETREAT!
I'M
WAY AHEAD
OF YOU!
HELP!
THEY'RE TURNING
US INTO
THEM!
ZOP

THE **LIZZARKS** DESTROYED OUR **PLASMA CHILI** *RESERVES!*

HOW WILL WE FIGHT *NOW?*

RUN TO THE HILLS!

RUN AND ***HIDE!***

DESPAIR!

I JUST CAN'T BELIEVE THAT WE'RE GIVING UP.

RUN, LITTLE FRY! RUN!

SPLOSH

WAH!

FOOM

I'M RUNNING NOW!

CHOOM

BLOOP

UH!

I WANTED TO SEE ANTHIGAR ONCE AGAIN ...

WOOSH

... BUT *THIS* ISN'T WHAT I HAD IN MIND!

BLOOP

BLOOP

BE ONE WITH US, LITTLE FRY!

SPLATCH

UGH!

GET AWAY FROM ME!

THIS *STUFF* ...

... IT'S CHANGING ME!

IT WON'T BE LONG BEFORE THE **LIZZARKS** SPOIL ALL OF **AMPHIBOPOLIS.**

BLAAAAAA

I CAN'T TAKE ANY MORE!

EVERYONE ELSE IS GIVING UP!

MAYBE **I** SHOULD GIVE UP, **TOO.**

I MUST **FIGHT** YOU! I MUST **SAVE** YOU! I MUST--

THAT *DOES IT!*

YOU SEE THE **POWER** COMING FROM THESE *GILLS*, **URCH?**

SO?

YOU WERE **MY FATHER'S** *BEST FRIEND ...*

... BUT I'LL ***STILL*** **BLAST** YOU!

YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND ...

YOU HAVE TO **DESTROY ME** OR I'LL TAKE YOU TO THE **SNAKE LORD!!**

PLEASE ...

... DESTROY ME, ***HERK!***

OH, YEAH? IF **THAT'S** WHAT YOU WANT, I **WON'T** DO IT!

PERHAPS **I** CAN BE OF SERVICE.

I AM THE ONE WHO CAST THE **BLAKK MUDD** UPON YOU, **LIZZURCH.**

I AM THE ONE WHO **TOLD YOU** TO HUNT **HERK.**

WE'RE NOT TAKING HIM TO THE **SNAKE LORD** JUST YET!

SISSY?

DO MY EYES *DECEIVE* ME?

YOUR **SERVICES** ARE **NO LONGER** NEEDED.

IS THAT *REALLY YOU,* **SISSY?!**

IT'S **ME!**

I HAVE AN OFFER, **HERK,** THAT YOU SHOULD FIND *ATTRACTIVE* ...

... EVEN *WITHOUT* USING **BLAKK MUDD.**

SO NOW I *CAN'T* HUNT **HERK** ...

... BUT I *CAN'T STOP* HUNTING **HERK!**

I DON'T KNOW **WHAT** *TO DO!*

WAAAH

COME ON, **SISSY!**

NO!

ARE YOU UNDER SOME KIND OF SPELL? LEAVE THAT **LIZZARK'S** SIDE AND ***LET'S GO!***

YOU DON'T HAVE TO WORRY. **MY MAGIC** WILL PROTECT YOU!

I CAN'T LEAVE HIM.

THIS IS *OUR BROTHER,* **ZERK!**

ZERK?!

MY BROTHER JOINED THE LIZZARKS?!

YOU CAN UNITE OUR FAMILY ONCE AGAIN, HERK ...

... BUT THIS TIME, IN STRENGTH!

THE SNAKE LORD TOOK OUR LEGS, ZERK!

I CAN'T JOIN THE LIZZARKS! THEY KILLED MY FAMILY!

WE WERE WEAK, BROTHER!

THE LIZZARKS OFFER US POWER! YOU MAY CALL THAT BAD, BUT UNLIKE THE NNEWTS, WE LIZZARKS WILL NOT BE DEFEATED!

I'D RATHER BE DEFEATED THAN WEAR SCALES!

HERK, NO! HE'S OUR BROTHER!

NOT ANYMORE!

I'LL SHOW YOU HOW WEAK THE NNEWTS ARE!

BLAZZ

GAH!

CHOOM

HERK, NO! DON'T DO THIS!

I'LL FINISH YOU!

I WON'T LET YOU!

ZLION

LEAVE US!

LOOK WHAT YOU HAVE BECOME!

WHERE DID YOUR BIG HEART GO?

YES, **HERK**, WHERE DID YOUR *BIG HEART* GO?

... AND *WHERE* DID THAT **SPELL** GO THAT *YOU STOLE* FROM THE **ARCHIVES**?

THAT **SCRAP** OF **SCROLL** WILL ALLOW ME TO PASS *FROM THIS FORM* INTO A **BODY MADE OF STARS**!

I'M NOT GIVING *ANY-THING* TO **YOU**!

I HAVE **READ IT** IN THE **TAPESTRIES** ...

... SOONER OR LATER YOU WILL *GIVE IT* TO ME.

BUT JUST **NOW**, I'M *A RADISH*.

I'D **NEVER** TURN THAT SPELL OVER TO A ***SCALY*** **LIZZARK**!

THERE ARE **NO SCALES** ON ME!

LOOK AT YOUR *RIGHT HAND*, **HERK**!

IT'S ***JUST*** A MATTER OF TIME!

SHOOMP

SISSY?

SAVE ME FROM HIM!

SSSSSSS

WHAT CAN I DO?

HELP ME UP.

THE GIANT HEMOGOG IS COMING. WE MUST GO!

SSS SSSSSS

KRAP

TROUBLE.

COME WITH ME, SISSY!

DON'T GO WITH HIM!

BOOM

NO ...

... YOU COME TO US!

COME TO YOUR FAMILY!

BOOM

BOOM

THIS IS GOOD-BYE.

DON'T GO!

BOOM

HAVE FUN WITH YOUR NEW FAMILY!

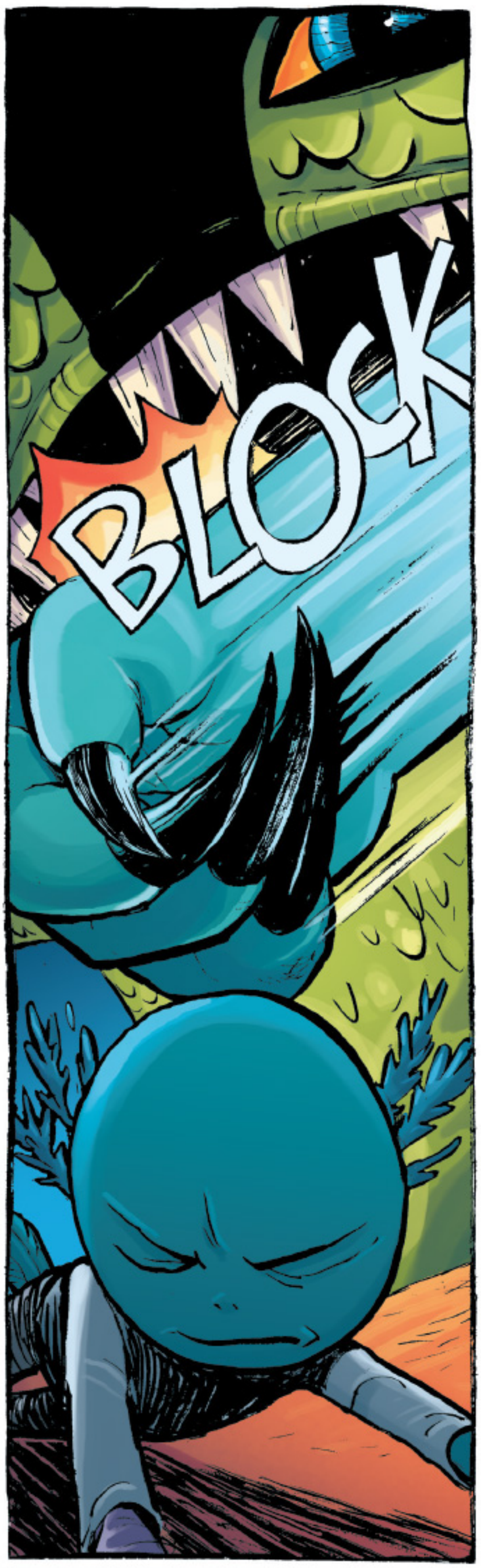
LEAVE HIM!

THE **BLAKK MUDD** ON HIS **HAND** WILL BRING HIM **BACK.**

BOOM

YEEK!


KRAA
THERE'S NO WAY I CAN OUT-RUN THAT THING!


BLOCK

GROOAHRR

KROSH

ZOKK

KRA-

HUH?

BROAR

WHOOP! THE MIGHTY MEGASLOTH!


THONK
CHOMP

WHAT'S *THIS?*

MEGASLOTH MUST BE IN *NEED* OF A ***MAGICIAN!***

HERE I COME!

KRINK

KRAAA

KRASH

BAM

YIKES!

GURK!

WAKE UP, BIG GUY!

BZZZT

MEGASLOTH! IT'S ME, HERK!

FZZZZZ

I'LL CHARGE YOU UP!

AIM FOR ITS CLAW!

BROAR

POOM

BVVT

ZZZT

ZIKK

FWAAA

LIKE MY FATHER ...

... I AM THE MAGICIAN THAT HELPS THE HUNTER!

ZA-H

MEGA-PUNCH!

SPLAM

FOOM

KRAK-KRASH

CHUNK

POK


WE DID IT, MEGASLOTH!
YAY!
THAT WAS INCREDIBLE!
YIPPEE!
HOORAY!
THAT LITTLE FRY SAVED US!

WHAT'S HIS NAME?

HIS NAME IS HERK!

HERK! HERK!

HOORAY FOR HERK THE MAGICIAN!

HERK! HERK! HERK! HERK!

THAT'S MY NEW BROTHER!

HERK! HERK! HERK! HERK!

DON'T CELEBRATE JUST YET, FRY.

HERK! HERK! HERK!

LAUNA!

MY HERO!

DEAR HERK ...

HOLD THIS, PLEASE.

YES, SIR.

SPLAT

BEEP

BOP

BOOP

BWWW

INSERT THE MESSAGE!

PLOP

SEND!

I AM A FLYING NNEWT! I AM A FLYING NNEWT!

VOOOOO°

THROUGH THE AIR, I DOTH SCOOT! I DOTH SCOOT!

I BE FLYIN' YOU BE CRYIN'!

I BE SOARING THROUGH THE AIR!

WHILE YOU BE WONDER WHYIN'!

VOOOO

BRINGING YOU THE TRUTH OF WHAT THE GENERAL SAID!

BRINGIN' YOU A MESSAGE RIGHT UPSIDE YO' HEAD!

KUNK

IT'S A MESSAGE FROM **GENERAL MANDER** ...

DEAR **HERK** ...

... *LOOK BEHIND YOU!*

YIKES!

MEGASLOTH! TURN AROUND!

GRAB

TIE
TIE
TIE

TIE
TIE

YANK

PUNCH

SOCK

SOKKO

BRUMM

CHOOM

HA HA HA

IT'S INFLATING WITH **BLAKK MUDD!**

NO WONDER IT'S ***LAUGHING*** AT US!

IT *WANTS* TO **BLOW UP** ALL OVER **AMPHIBOPOLIS!**

... *THIS WHOLE CITY* WILL TURN INTO **LIZZARKS!**

YOU'VE **GOT TO** GET IT **OUT** OF HERE!

GRRRNK...

PICK HIM UP!

YOU'VE *GOTTA* GET IT ***OVER*** THE **SURROUNDING WALL!**

MEGASLOTH ISN'T *STRONG ENOUGH!*

LET'S SEE IF ***I*** CAN HELP!

ZZT!

TRY IT ***NOW!***

ZZZT

BZZT

YOU'RE ***DOING IT!***

ZZT

ZZT

GRUNT

WOW.

YEAH!

WHOMP

SPLAM

SPUT

BLOSH

HE SAVED AMPHIBOPOLIS!

WE'RE STILL IN TROUBLE!

MEGA?

GROAR

I WISH *ANTHIGAR* WERE HERE.

OH, *WHERE* IS IT?

IT'S PROBABLY RIGHT UNDER MY **NOSTRILS!**

GUIDE MY HAND, ***ORION***, THAT I MAY FIND **GULLIMAR'S SPELL!**

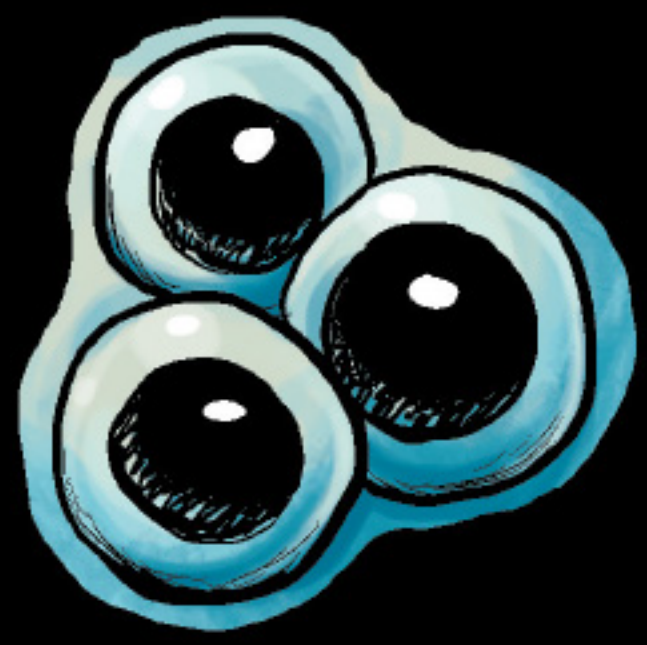
PROTECT ME FROM THAT WHICH BLINDS ...

LET ME *SEE* ...

... THE BEAUTY.

I FOUND YOU!

TO BE CONTINUED ...



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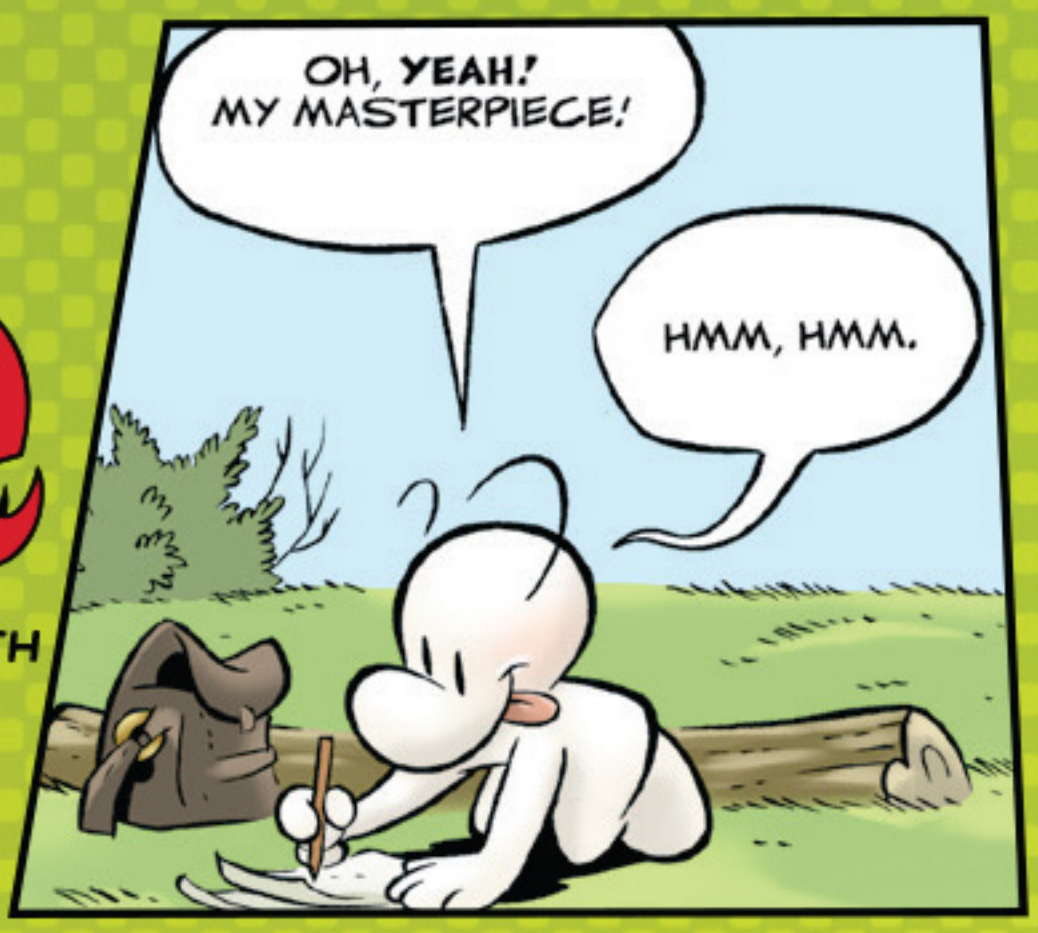
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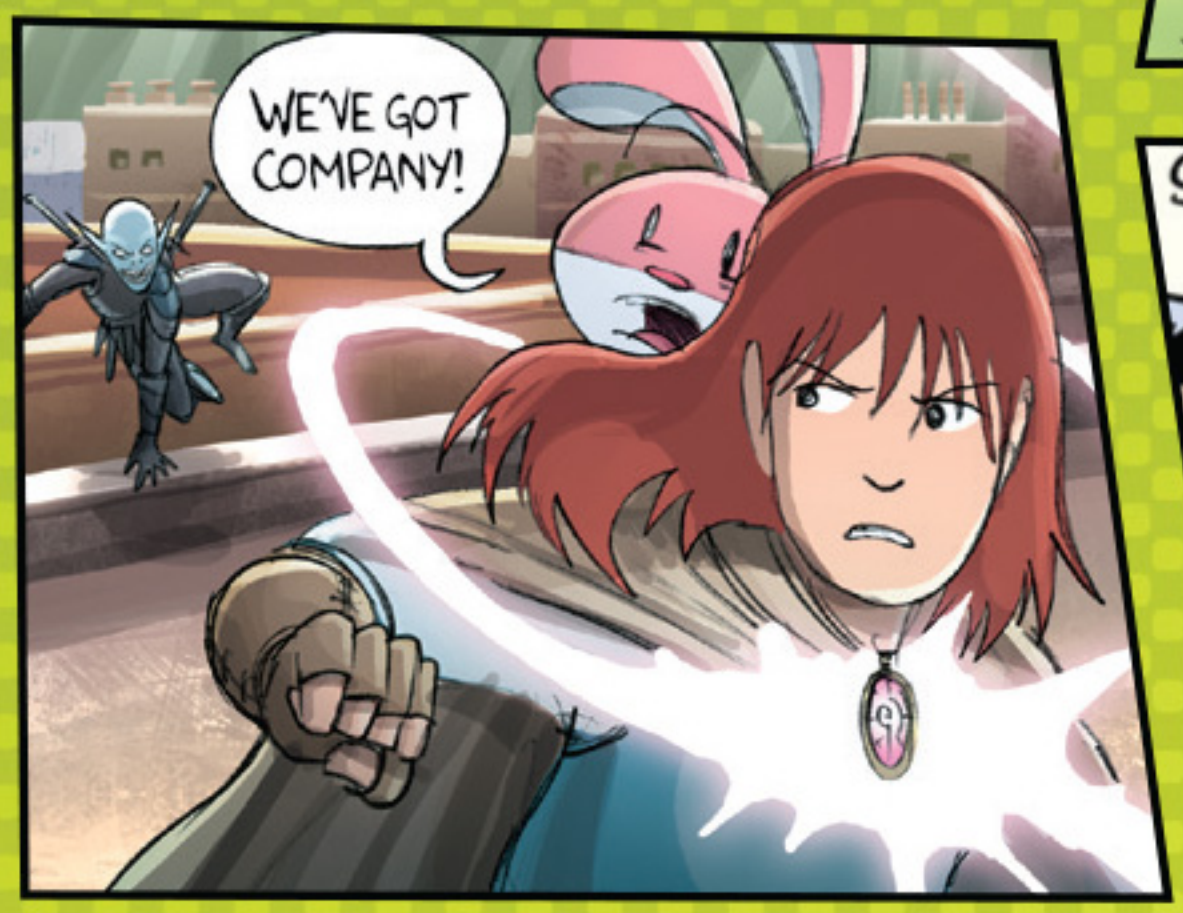
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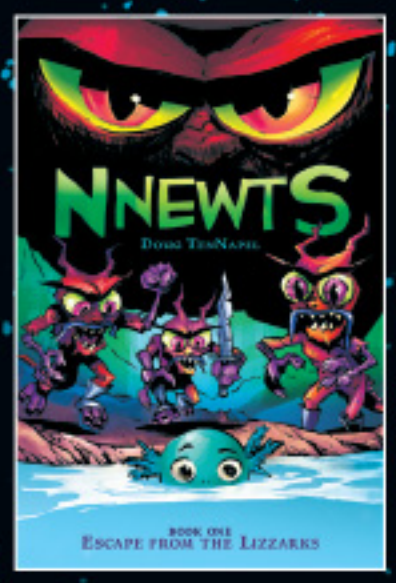
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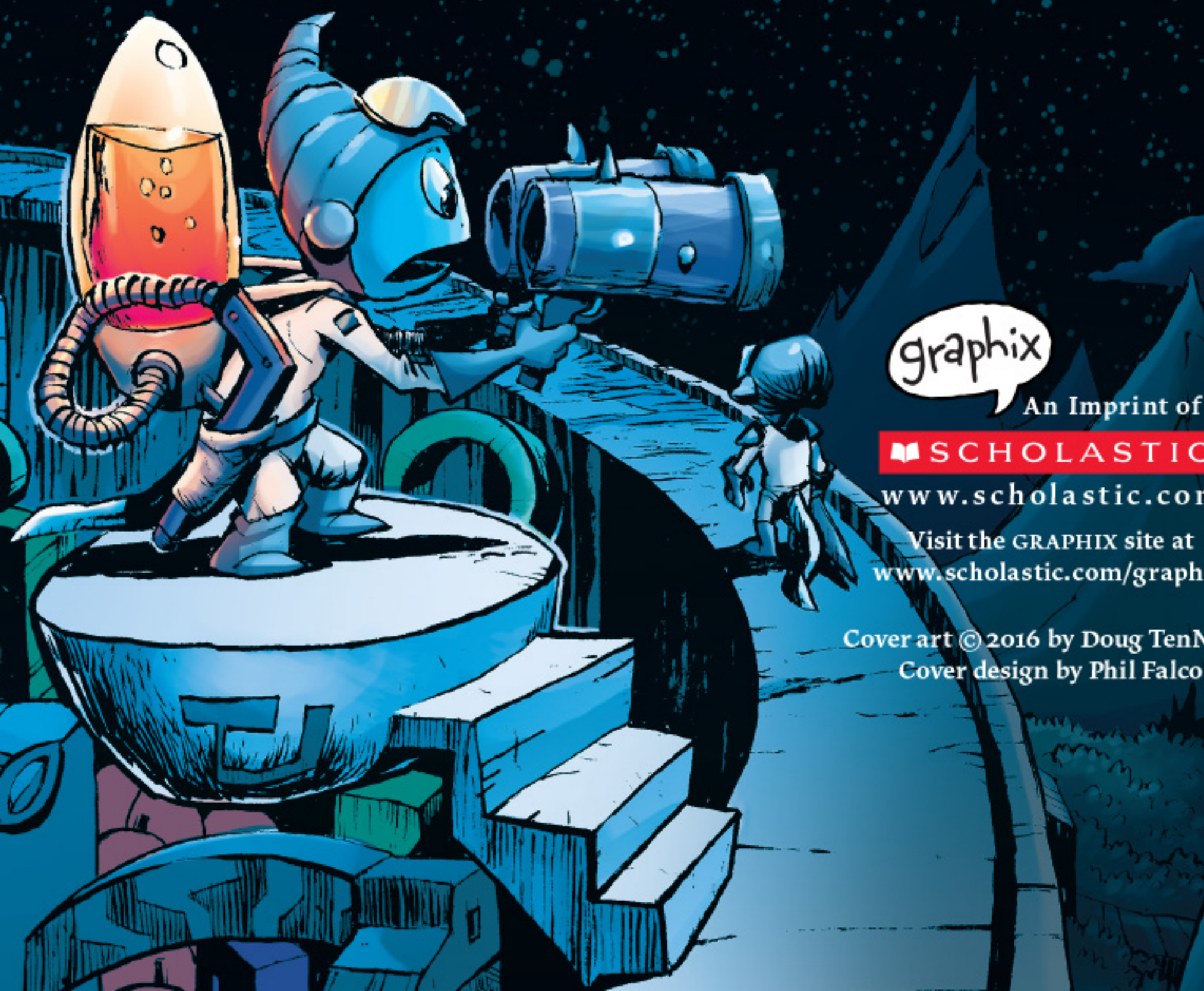
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