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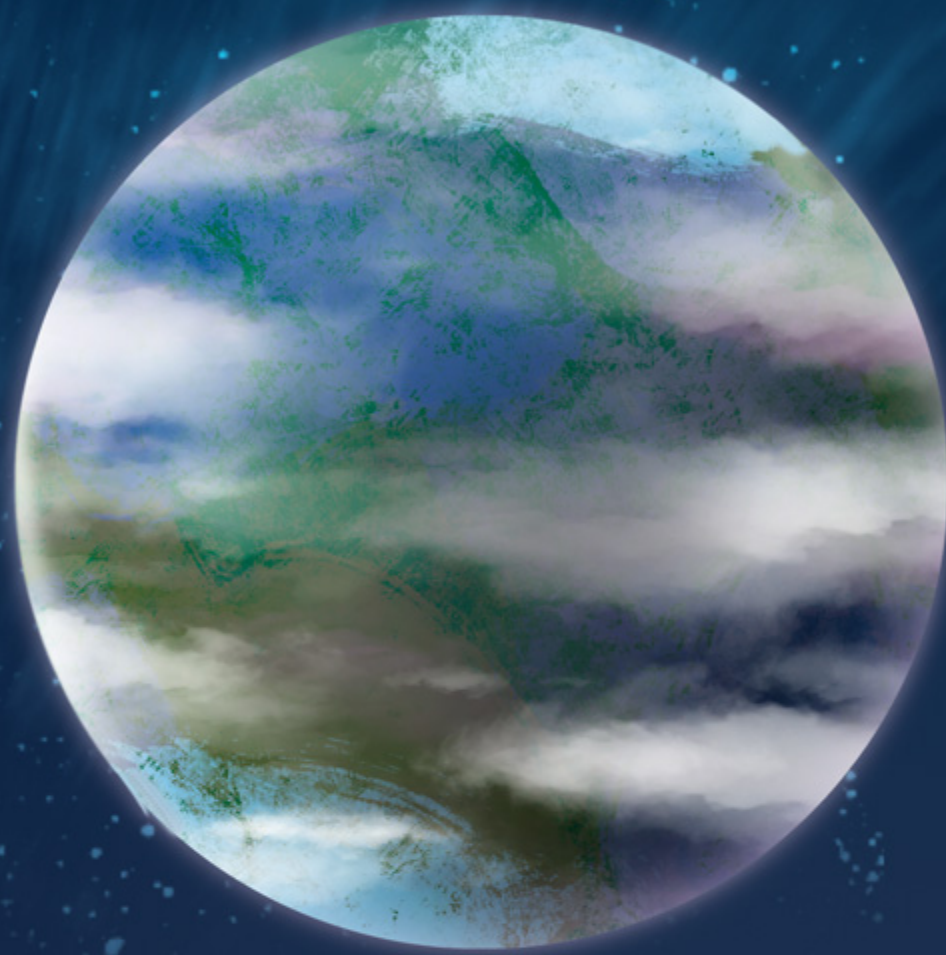
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When humans disappeared from Earth. The Xeno creatures had to learn to survive by themselves. Most of the ones alive today are descended from the survivors of this period, the “faulty” Xenos created by humanity. These ancestors had more free will and a stronger personality to survive without the humans. The Xenos' faulty cloning process allowed them to evolve with time and bypass their reproductive suppression genes.

A war for resources and survival occurred among the creatures, and during these troubled times most of the Xeno population was decimated. After hundreds of years, the Xeno creatures managed to organize themselves and learn to share the planet's resources and use their knowledge to establish a clan-based society.



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OUR ORIGIN
ISN'T NATURAL

WE'RE AN ARTIFICIAL
MODIFICATION OF THE NATURAL
FAUNA OF EARTH

WE WERE DESIGNED

DESIGNED BY OUR
MASTERS, THE HUMANS
WHO USED TO RULE
THE WORLD

WE WERE MEANT
TO BE HELPERS

SOLDIERS

EASY TO
REPLACE

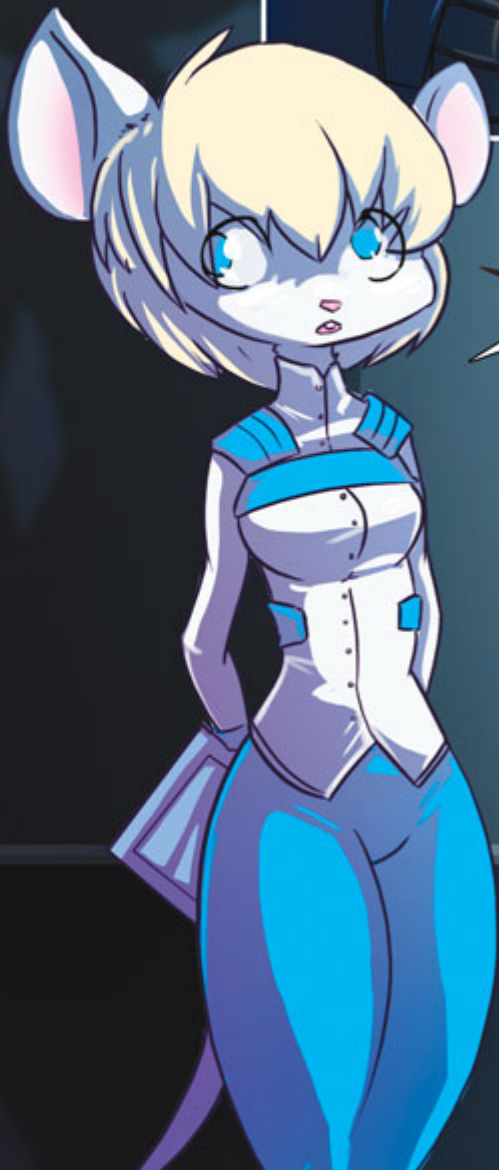


WE WERE HUMANITY'S CHILDREN...
OR RATHER THEIR SLAVES

AND WE SERVED
THEM FAITHFULLY

UNTIL THEY ABANDONED US,
MORE THAN 200 YEARS AGO...

IT ALMOST DROVE US TO EXTINCTION



WITHOUT THEIR
GUIDANCE, WE WERE
LOST...

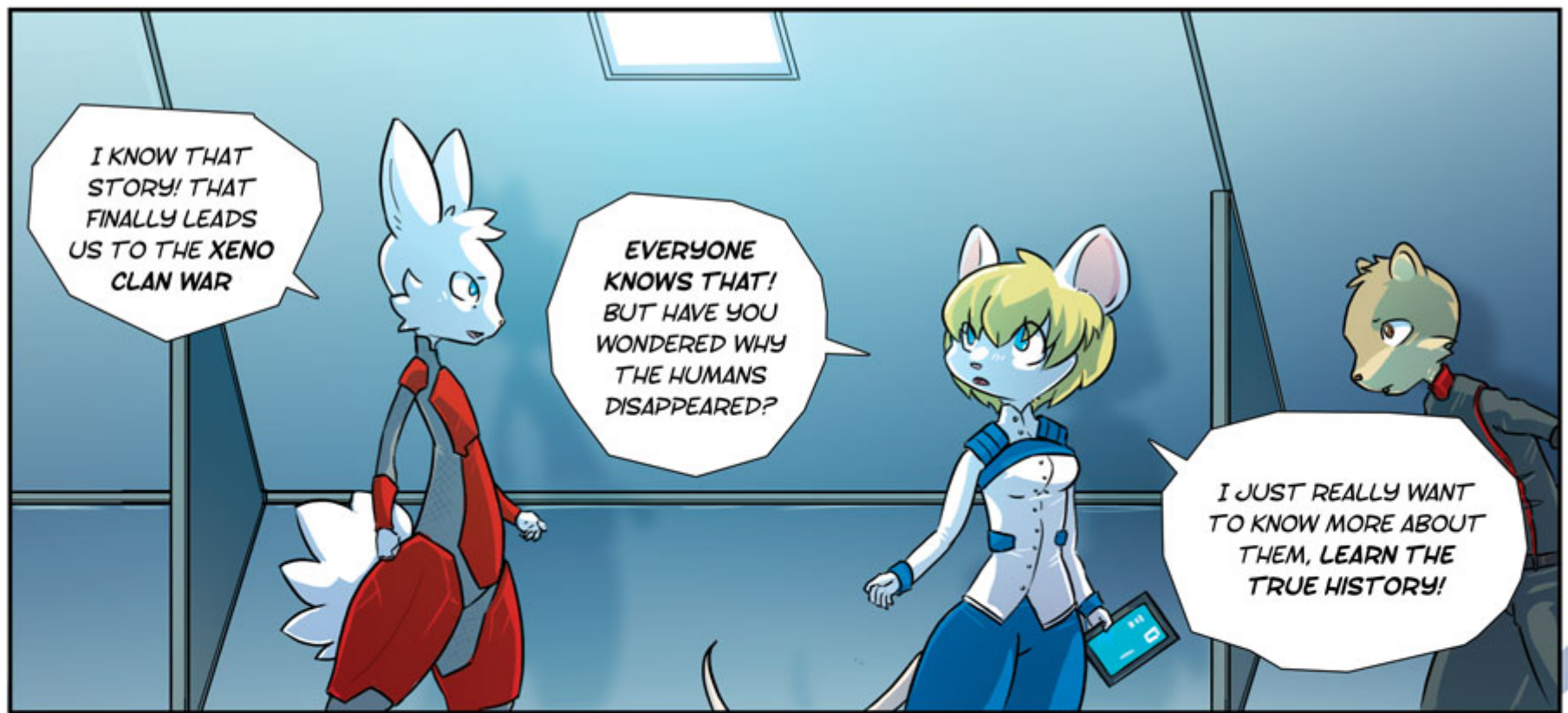
WITH NO ORGANIZATION,
WE BECAME SCATTERED...

SURVIVING ONLY WITH THE
RESOURCES THE HUMANS
LEFT US...

BUT ONCE THOSE
RESOURCES RAN
OUT...

WE BECAME SAVAGE, KILLING EACH
OTHER FOR FOOD, DOMINANCE AND
RESOURCES...





I KNOW THAT STORY! THAT FINALLY LEADS US TO THE XENO CLAN WAR

EVERYONE KNOWS THAT! BUT HAVE YOU WONDERED WHY THE HUMANS DISAPPEARED?

I JUST REALLY WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT THEM, LEARN THE TRUE HISTORY!



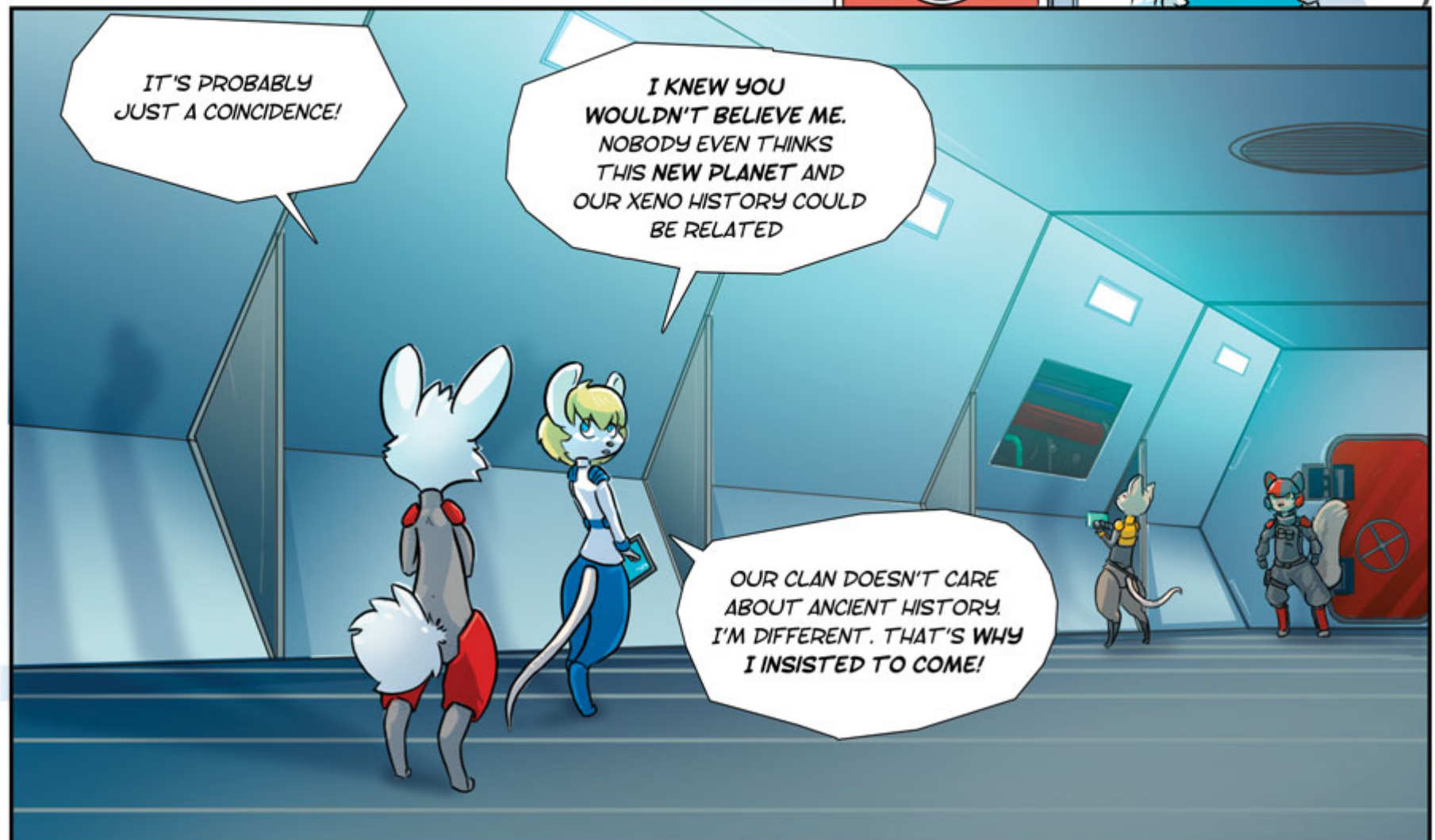
HUH, SO THAT'S WHY YOU'RE HERE

BUT YOU CAN'T SEE WHY, DO YOU?

150 YEARS AGO WE HAD THE FIRST REPORT OF A SIMILAR PLANET

YOU'RE HOPING THIS NEW EXOPLANET HOLDS MORE ANSWERS FOR YOUR INVESTIGATION!

IT CAME FROM A GUARDIAN SHIP IT WAS ITS FINAL TRANSMISSION



IT'S PROBABLY JUST A COINCIDENCE!

I KNEW YOU WOULDN'T BELIEVE ME. NOBODY EVEN THINKS THIS NEW PLANET AND OUR XENO HISTORY COULD BE RELATED

OUR CLAN DOESN'T CARE ABOUT ANCIENT HISTORY. I'M DIFFERENT. THAT'S WHY I INSISTED TO COME!



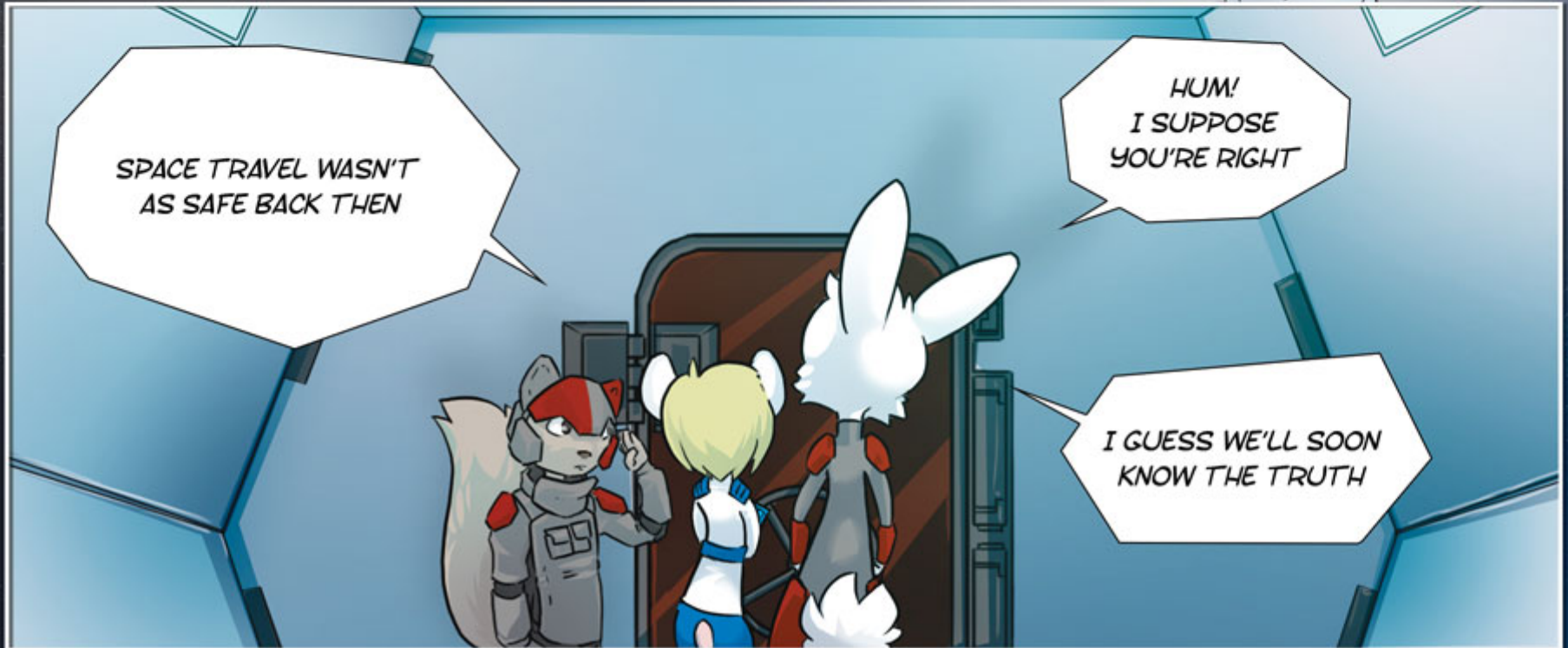
AMY, YOU GET THIS
PLANET CAN'T BE
SAFE, RIGHT?

I MEAN, SOMETHING MUST
HAVE HAPPENED TO THAT
GUARDIAN SHIP 150 YEARS
AGO...

IMPROBABLE! THAT
SHIP PROBABLY JUST
MALFUNCTIONED



THAT SHIP WAS OLD
TECH, MAYBE FROM
THE HUMAN TIMES...



SPACE TRAVEL WASN'T
AS SAFE BACK THEN

HUM!
I SUPPOSE
YOU'RE RIGHT

I GUESS WE'LL SOON
KNOW THE TRUTH



WE'VE
ALREADY
ARRIVED

"THE NODRIZA" COMMAND CENTER

WHERE THE HELL IS THAT KID?



CALM DOWN, CALE. I'M SURE HE WILL BE HERE AT ANY MOMENT

COME ON, BANDI... WHAT HAS GOT YOU DISTRACTED THIS TIME?



HE'D BETTER HURRY!

OUR TECH EXPERTS ARE ABOUT TO DECODE THE DISTRESS SIGNAL COMING FROM THE PLANET'S SURFACE!



IT'S ALWAYS THE
SAME WITH BANDI...



EXCELENT KICK,
NOVA!

YOU'VE BECOME
PRETTY STRONG SINCE
WE STARTED TRAINING!

YOU MAKE
A VERY
CHALLENGING
OPPONENT

I COULDN'T HAVE
DONE IT WITHOUT
YOUR TRAINING,
COLONEL



I WISH I COULD SAY
THE SAME OF YOUR
BROTHER...

BY THE WAY...
WHERE THE
HELL IS HE?

HE MENTIONED HE
WASN'T FEELING WELL



HE'S GETTING "SICK"
A LOT LATELY



I GUESS...







AHEM!



AREN'T YOU SUPPOSED TO BE SICK??



HUH.. YES BUT, WELL, I FELT BETTER AND THOUGHT IT WAS A GOOD IDEA TO GO OUT

YOU KNOW HOW MUCH I LIKE THESE GARDENS



...SURE, "THE GARDENS"



I REALLY SHOULD BE GOING NOW...
BYE BANDI!





CAN I ASK
YOU A FAVOR?
PLEASE DON'T
TELL ANYONE THAT
I WAS HERE TODAY
HE HE HE




EH?



HOW LONG DO I HAVE TO
KEEP COVERING FOR YOU?



IM SORRY!



AH, BROTHER...
WHEN DO YOU PLAN
TO GROW UP?

I CAN'T SAVE YOU
FOREVER, YOU
KNOW?

WE CAN'T SKIP
TRAINING

AS ROYAL HEIRS OF
THE CLAN OUR DUTY
IS TO BECOME
WARRIORS AND
LEADERS



YOU HAVE ALWAYS BEEN BETTER AT FIGHTING THAN ME

WHAT DOES IT MATTER IF I'M NOT THAT GOOD?



YOU ARE THE FIRSTBORN AND THE NEXT LEADER OF THE CLAN!

THAT'S WHY YOU WEAR THAT PRETTY CAPE EVERYWHERE YOU GO

AND ME? NOTHING!



BANDI, LISTEN TO ME IT'S IMPORTANT THAT WE BOTH BE READY. IN LIFE WE MUST MAKE SACRIFICES, SOME WE CHOOSE, OTHERS...

WE ONLY INHERIT THEM

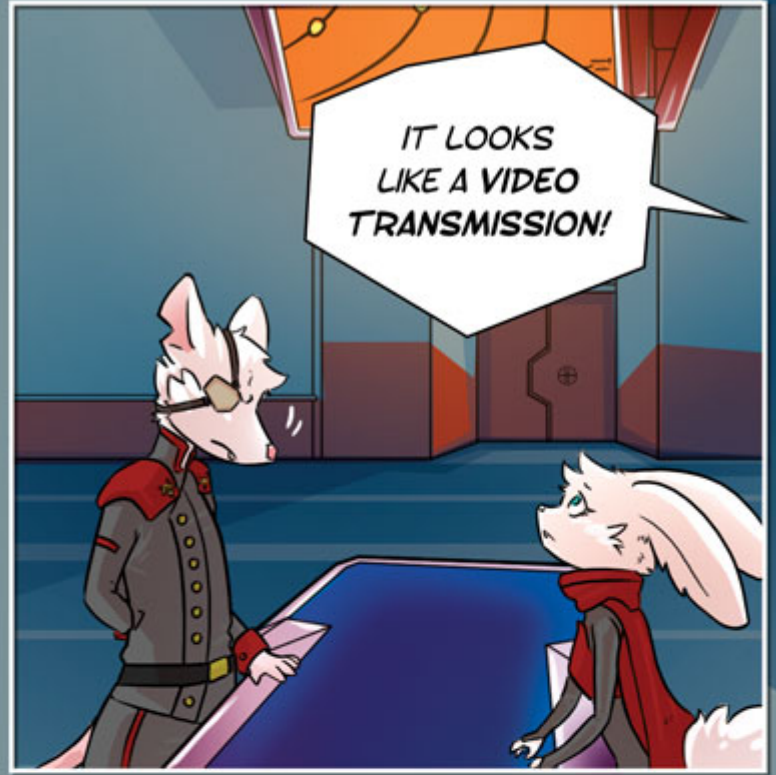
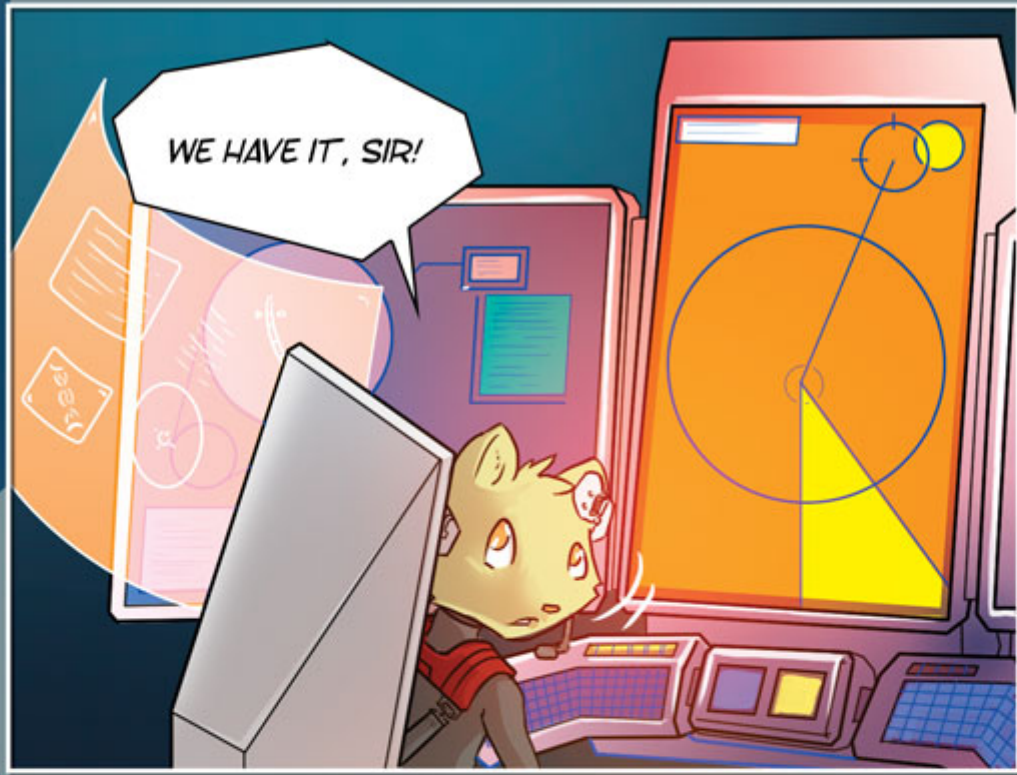
I KNOW



ALRIGHT, I HAVE TO GO NOW... I STILL HAVE A LOT OF THINGS TO DO

CAN YOU PROMISE ME YOU'LL TRY HARDER?

I WILL TRY, SISTER... I PROMISE



XENO -EXIGUS-
SHIP "NODRIZA"

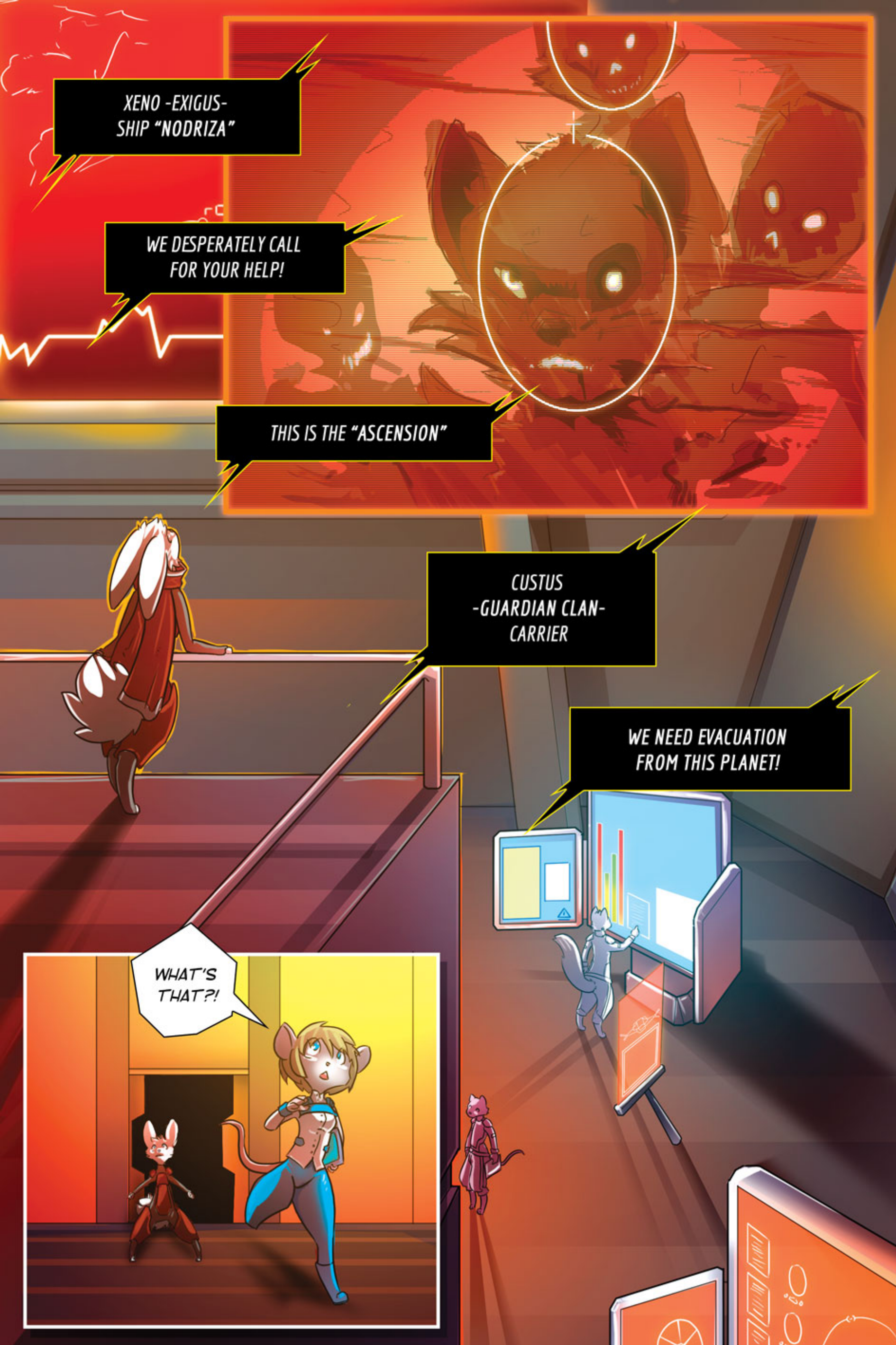
WE DESPERATELY CALL
FOR YOUR HELP!

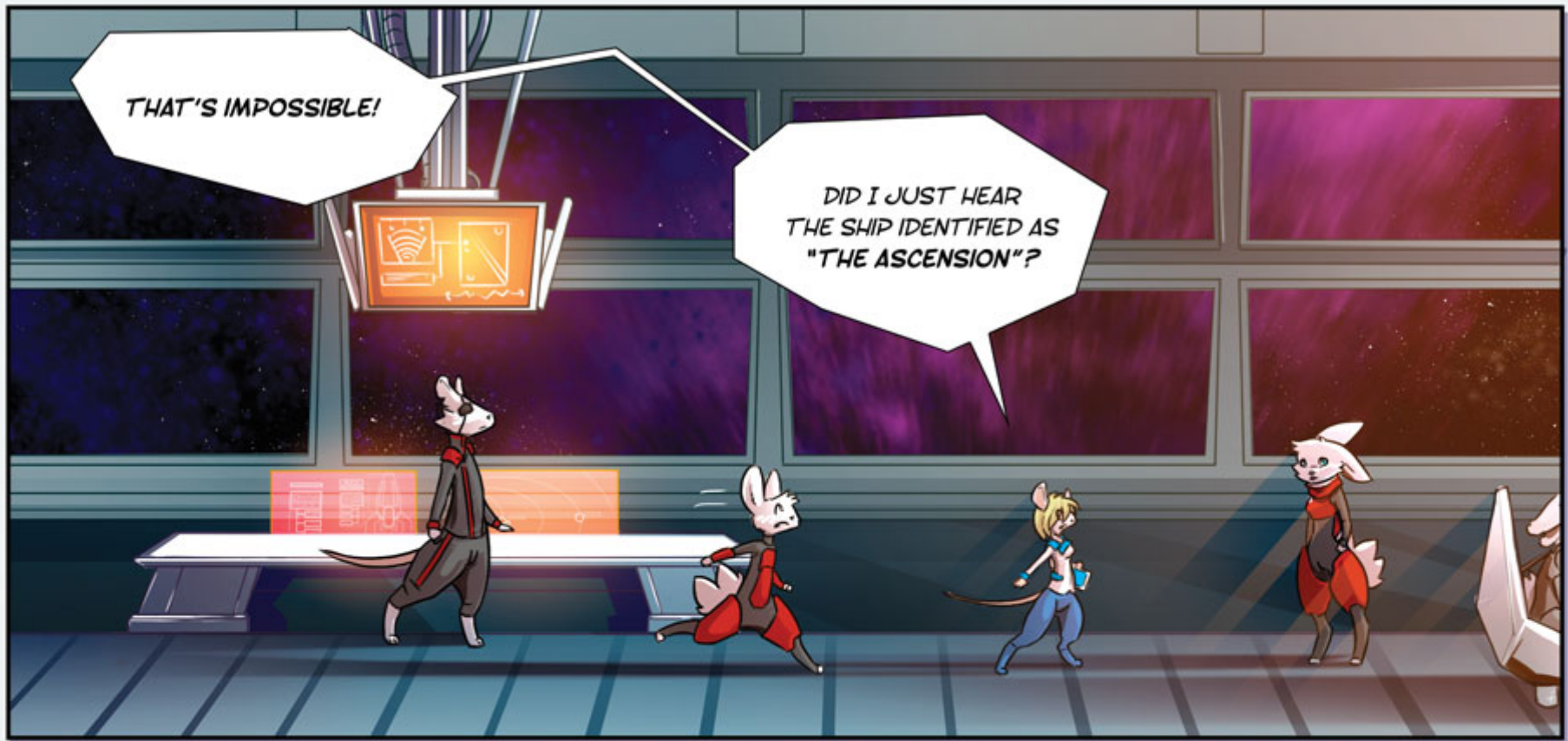
THIS IS THE "ASCENSION"

CUSTUS
-GUARDIAN CLAN-
CARRIER

WE NEED EVACUATION
FROM THIS PLANET!

WHAT'S
THAT?!





THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE!

DID I JUST HEAR THE SHIP IDENTIFIED AS "THE ASCENSION"?



MISS AMY, SO GLAD BANDI FINALLY DECIDED TO BRING YOU HERE. CAN YOU EXPLAIN TO US WHY YOU FIND THAT SHIP'S NAME SO SURPRISING?



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"THE ASCENSION" WAS THE NAME OF A GUARDIAN SHIP THAT DISAPPEARED 150 YEARS AGO IN THIS SAME SECTOR!

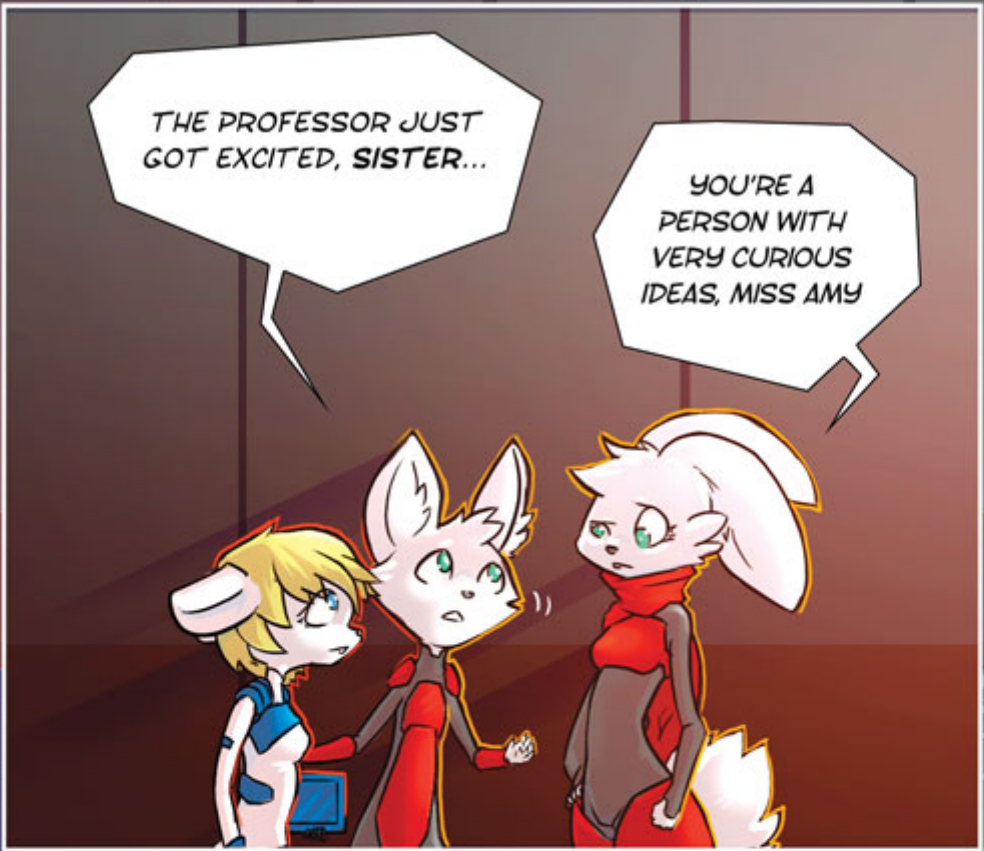
AND YOU THINK THIS IS THAT VERY SAME SHIP?

HOW COULD THAT EVEN BE POSSIBLE?

IT MAKES NO SENSE!

I KNOW HOW IT SOUNDS, BUT...

THERE ARE MANY GUARDIAN SHIPS WITH THAT NAME!



THE PROFESSOR JUST GOT EXCITED, SISTER...

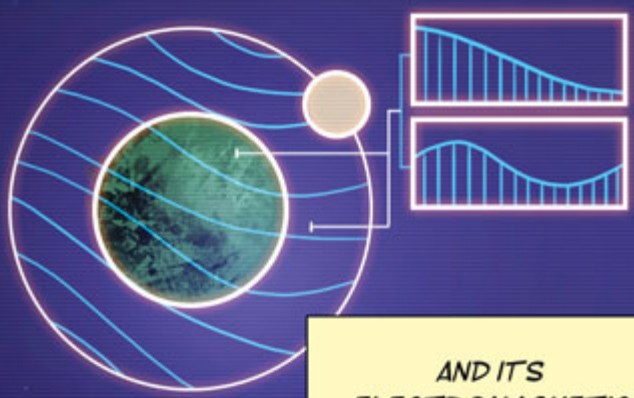
YOU'RE A PERSON WITH VERY CURIOUS IDEAS, MISS AMY



COLONEL! OUR SCANNERS ARE PICKING UP SOME ODD READINGS FROM THE PLANET

WHAT IS IT?

THERE'S ALMOST NO SIGN OF LIFE ON THE PLANET



AND ITS ELECTROMAGNETIC FIELD IS BEHAVING STRANGELY



I KNOW MY IDEAS SEEM ODD TO YOU, COMMANDER. I AM A MOUSE, BUT MY PURSUIT OF ANCIENT HISTORY HAS LED ME TO SPEND MOST OF MY TIME WITH THE GUARDIAN CLAN CONSULTING THEIR HISTORIC ARCHIVES...

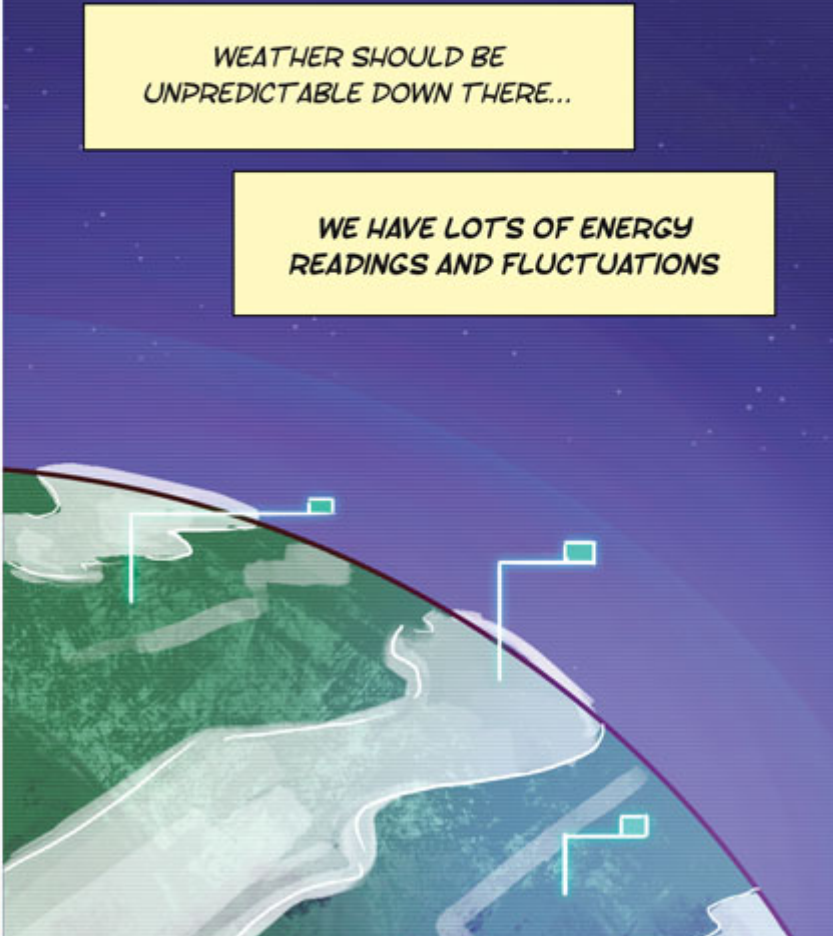
YOU SEE, THE CANINES CARE MUCH MORE ABOUT HISTORY THAN THE REST OF THE CLANS, ESPECIALLY INFORMATION ABOUT WHAT THEY CALL "THE MASTERS"

THE HUMANS



I MUST BE THE ONLY ONE AMONG THE EXI CLAN WHO KNOWS THEIR STORIES PERFECTLY!

THE STORY OF THE MYTHICAL ASCENSION. IT'S VERY IMPORTANT TO THEM BECAUSE THE GUARDIAN CLAN FOUNDER, THEIR VETUSTO, DISAPPEARED ALONG WITH THAT SPACECRAFT!



WEATHER SHOULD BE UNPREDICTABLE DOWN THERE...

WE HAVE LOTS OF ENERGY READINGS AND FLUCTUATIONS



I WILL ADMIT
I WASN'T AWARE
OF THAT STORY

HUH, MAYBE
NO OTHER EXI
KNOWS IT



IT'S TRUE

I RECALL
HEARING ABOUT
IT BEFORE

I'VE SHARED A FEW
BATTLES WITH MEMBERS
OF THE GUARDIAN CLAN.
THERE'S A BIG MYSTERY
SURROUNDING THEIR
CLAN'S FOUNDER

BUT REGARDLESS OF THE
STORIES BEING TRUE OR NOT...

OUR ANALYSES INDICATE THAT
THERE ARE NO SIGNS OF LIFE ON
THE PLANET'S SURFACE

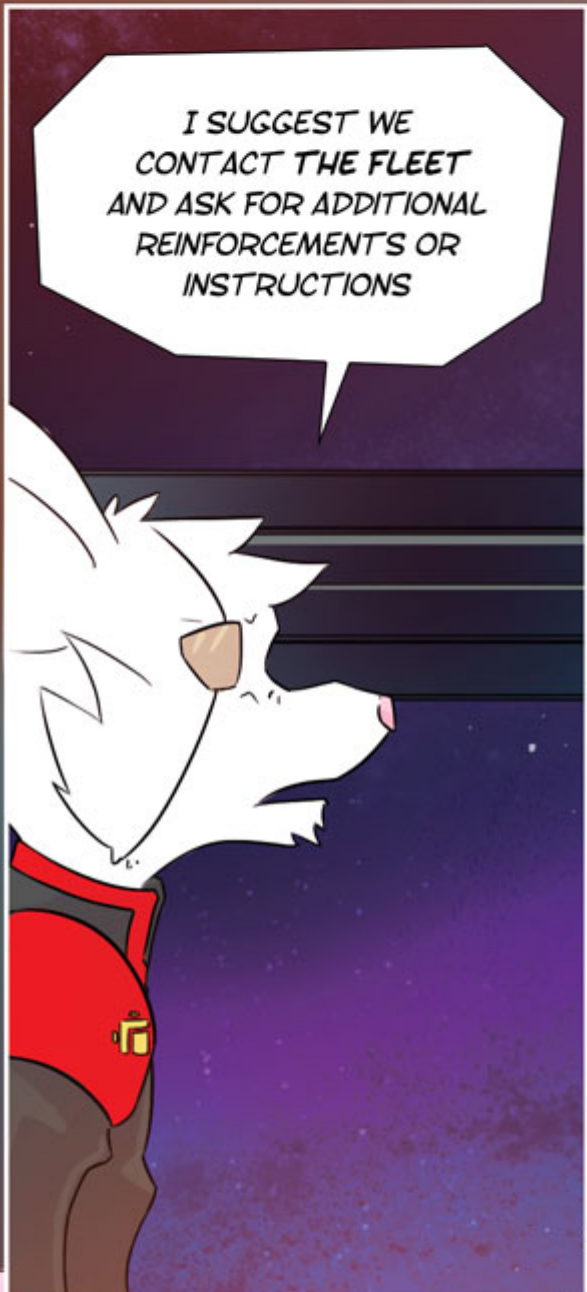
THAT LEAVES US WITH
ONLY TWO POSSIBILITIES:
EITHER EVERYONE IS
DEAD, OR THE ATMOSPHERIC
CHANGES WE'VE BEEN READING
ARE SOMEHOW AFFECTING OUR
SCANNERS...



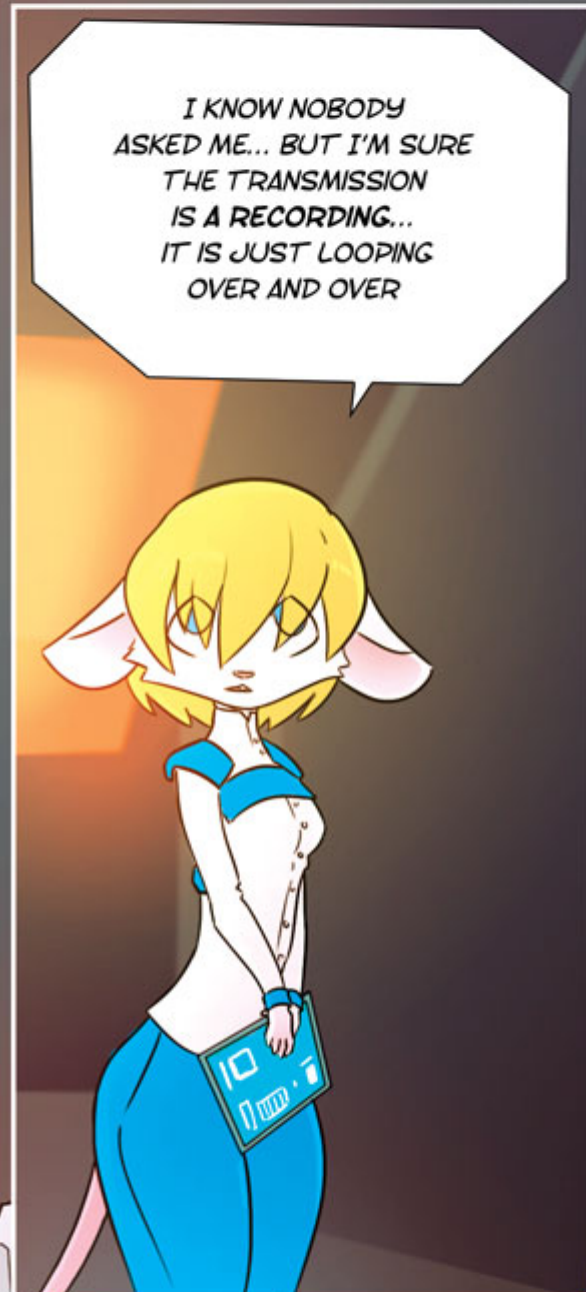


I'M CONFUSED NOW

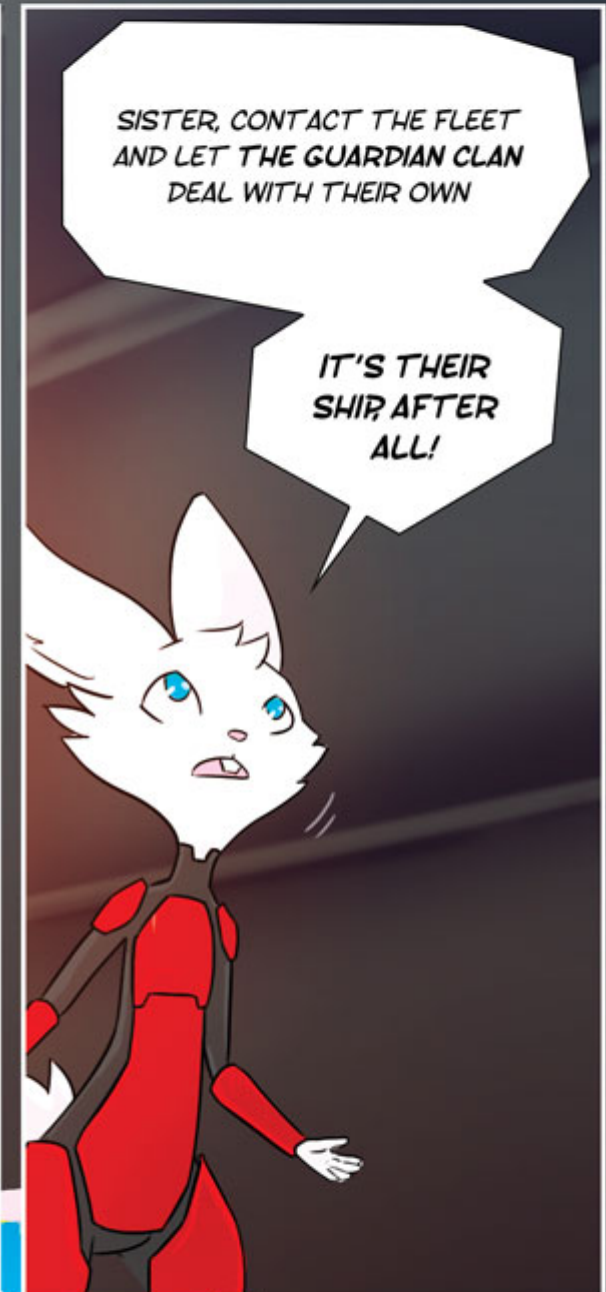
THEY NEED OUR HELP



I SUGGEST WE CONTACT THE FLEET AND ASK FOR ADDITIONAL REINFORCEMENTS OR INSTRUCTIONS



I KNOW NOBODY ASKED ME... BUT I'M SURE THE TRANSMISSION IS A RECORDING... IT IS JUST LOOPING OVER AND OVER




SISTER, CONTACT THE FLEET AND LET THE GUARDIAN CLAN DEAL WITH THEIR OWN

IT'S THEIR SHIP AFTER ALL!



COMMANDER!

THE ENERGY FLUCTUATIONS ARE OUT OF ANY SCALE. A HUGE ELECTROMAGNETIC STORM MUST BE FORMING!



WE HAVE TO
SAVE THEM

THIS IS A DISTRESS CALL.
IF OUR SHIP NEEDED HELP, I
WOULD WANT SOMEBODY
TO HELP US REGARDLESS
OF OUR CLAN OF ORIGIN!

-WE DESPERATELY NEED
YOUR HELP-

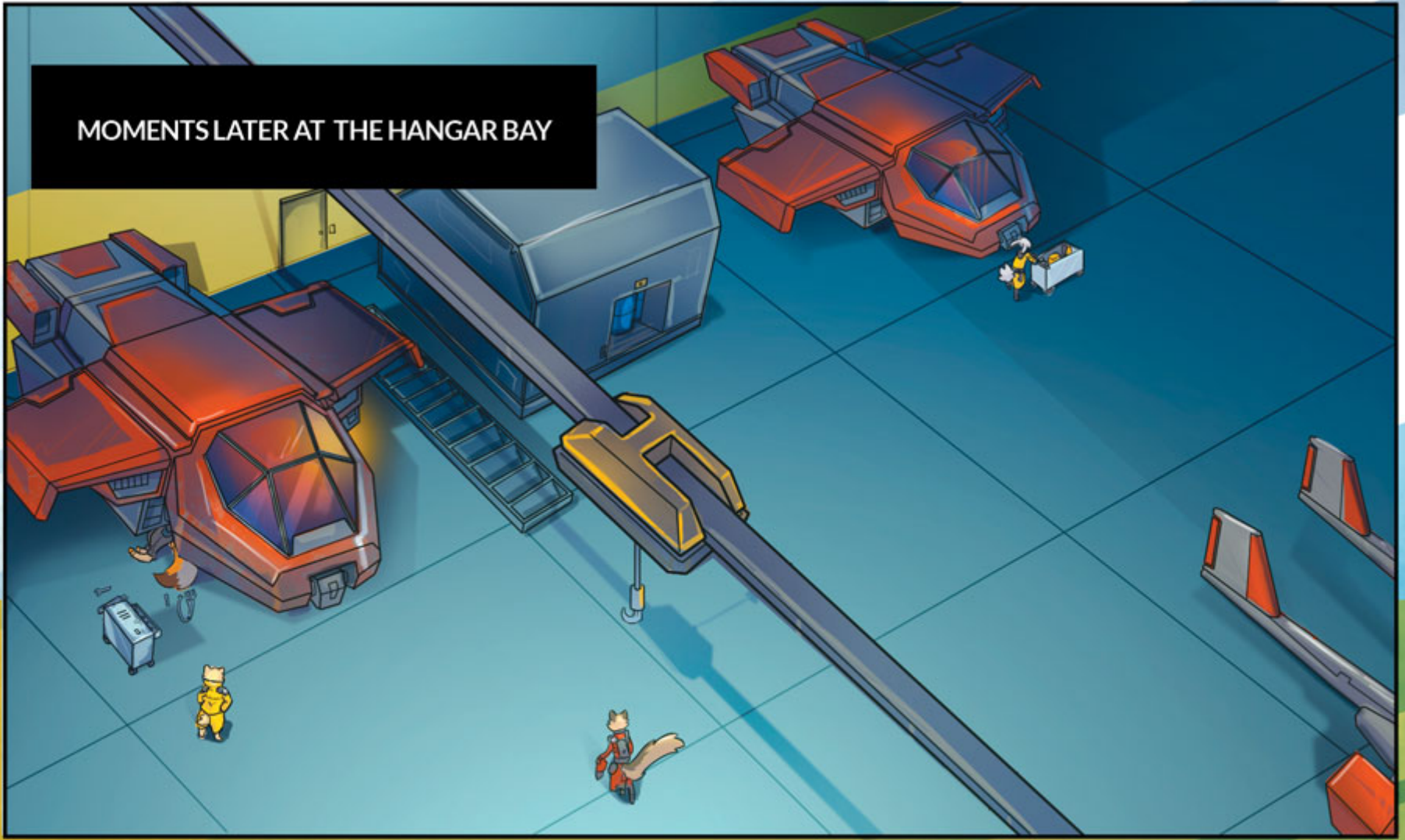
NOVA!

I'M GOING TO
RESCUE THESE
XENOS MYSELF

UNDERSTOOD

GET ME A SHUTTLE AND A
COUPLE OF VOLUNTEERS.
I WON'T FORCE ANYONE
TO RISK THEIR LIFE
WITH ME

MOMENTS LATER AT THE HANGAR BAY



HEY CHIEF, I NEED YOUR BEST SHUTTLE! I'M TAKING THE COMMANDER TO THIS EXOPLANET'S SURFACE!



IS SHE NUTS?
HASN'T SHE SEEN
THE PLANET'S
CONDITIONS?!



NONE OF OUR
SHUTTLES ARE BUILT
TO RESIST THIS MUCH
ELECTROMAGNETIC
ENERGY



THE TECHY RATS AT THE CC
SAID IT'S JUST THE WEATHER.
JUST ELECTRICAL STORMS



THAT'S WHAT THEY SAY,
BUT I KNOW MY BIRDS,
BROWN...

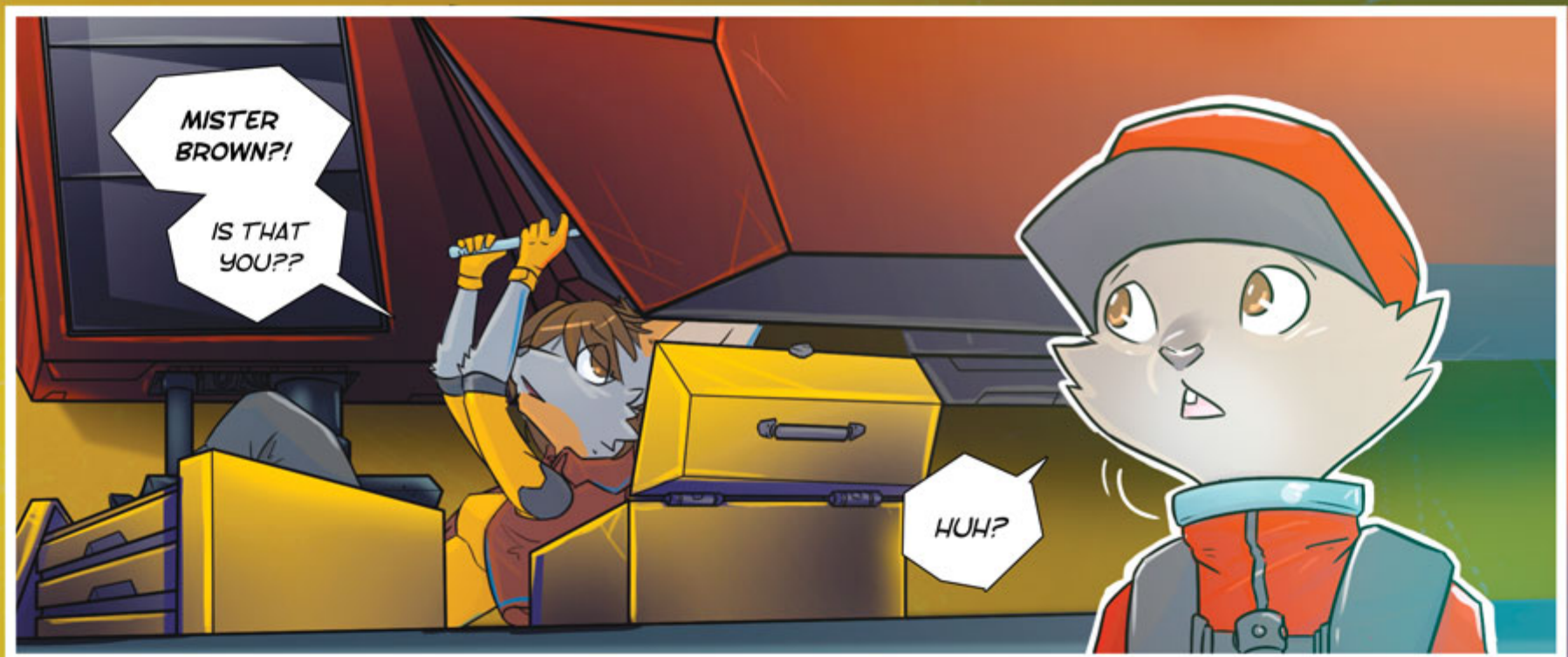
I'LL GIVE YOU MY
MOST RESISTANT
SHUTTLE. SHE ISN'T
VERY FAST, BUT SHE'S
VERY ROBUST



THANK YOU, CHIEF

AND DON'T
FORGET TO
GRAB SOME
EXTRA
RADIATION
MEDS

WILL DO!



MISTER
BROWN?!

IS THAT
YOU??

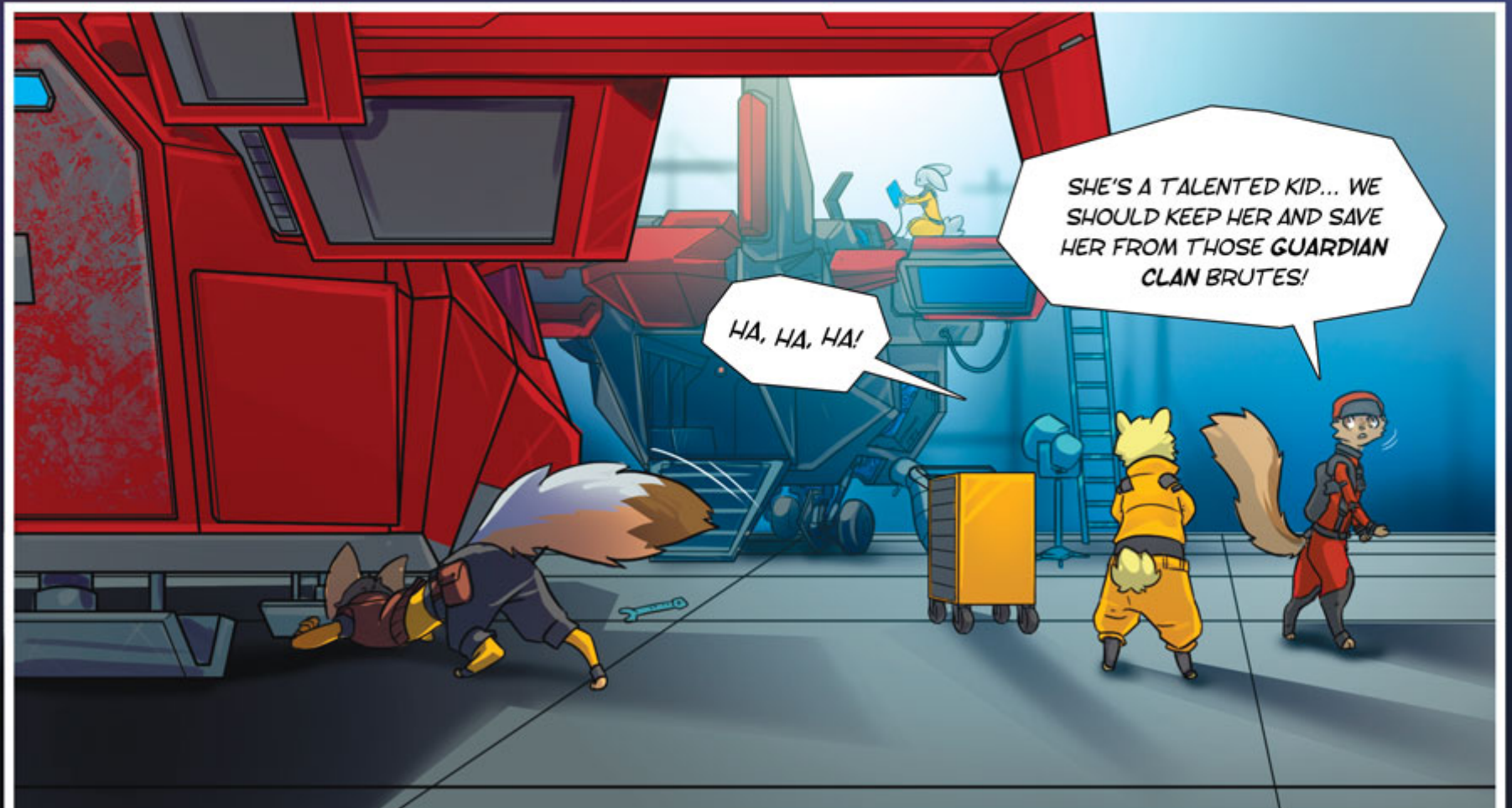
HUH?



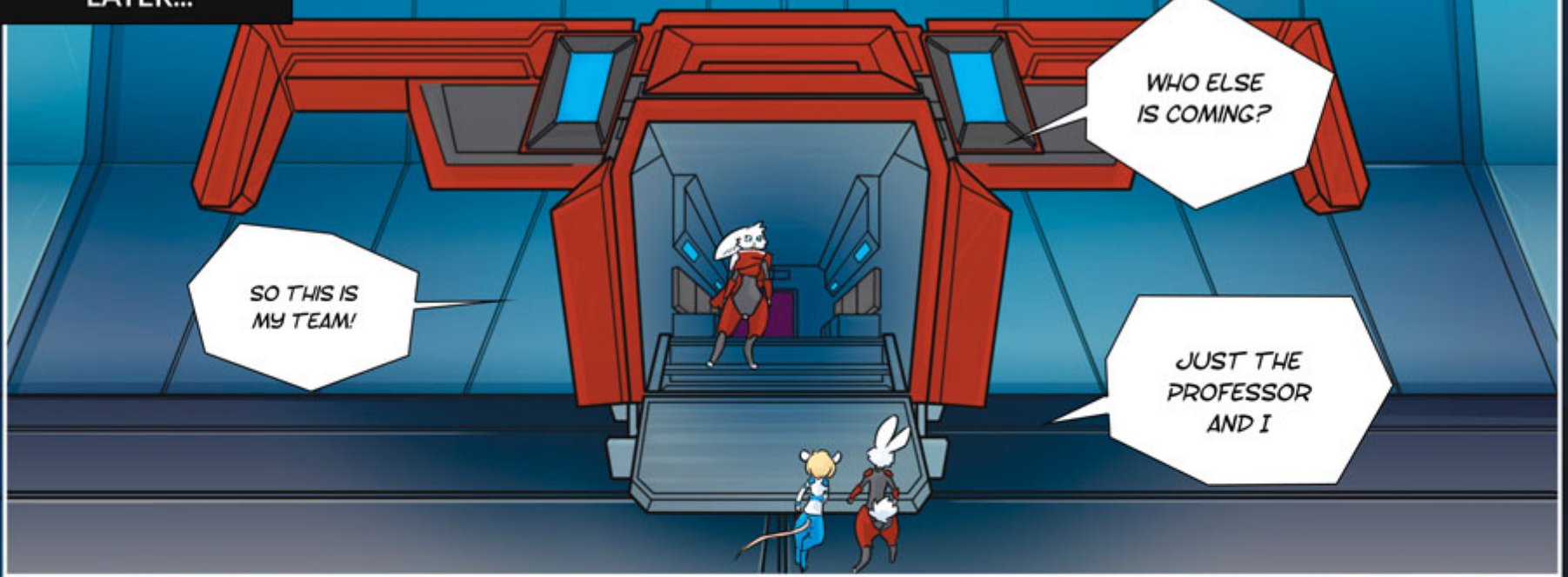
HEY,
HELLO
SIR!

OH,
HELLO
VEX!

I DIDN'T SEE YOU
UNDER THE SHUTTLE



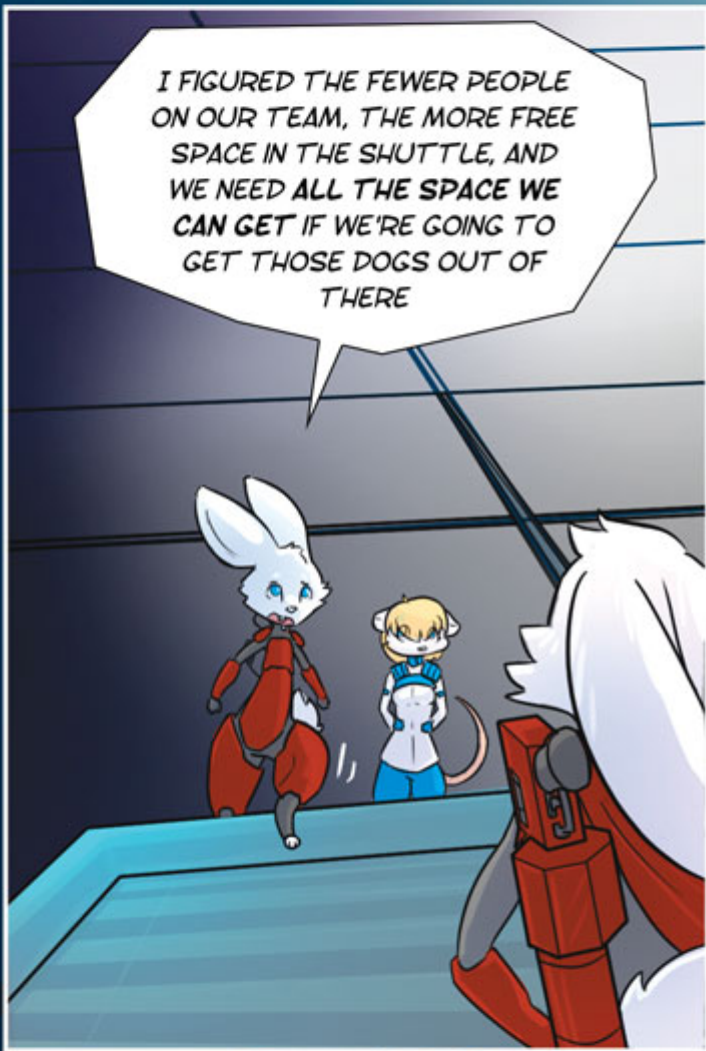
LATER...



SO THIS IS MY TEAM!

WHO ELSE IS COMING?

JUST THE PROFESSOR AND I



I FIGURED THE FEWER PEOPLE ON OUR TEAM, THE MORE FREE SPACE IN THE SHUTTLE, AND WE NEED ALL THE SPACE WE CAN GET IF WE'RE GOING TO GET THOSE DOGS OUT OF THERE



GOOD CALL, SOLDIER!



DID COLONEL CALE CONTACT THE FLEET?



YES COMMANDER, AND THEY'RE SENDING SOME REINFORCEMENTS

BUT IT WILL TAKE THEM SOME TIME TO GET HERE. I THINK WE'RE THESE GUYS' ONLY OPTION IN THE MEANTIME!

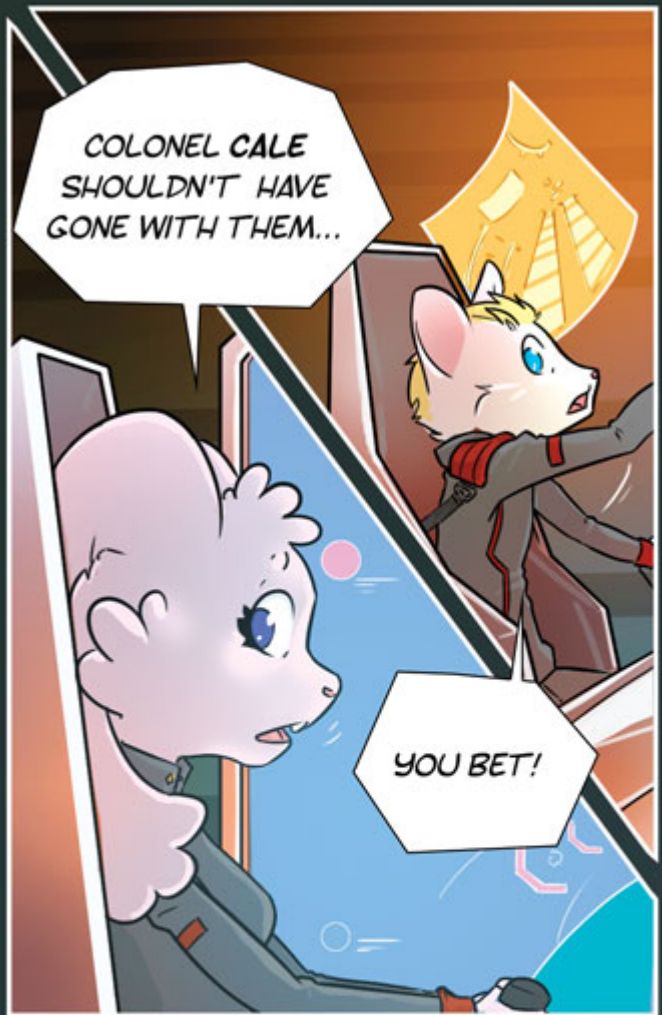


MAXI, DO YOU THINK THE COMMANDER DID THE RIGHT THING?



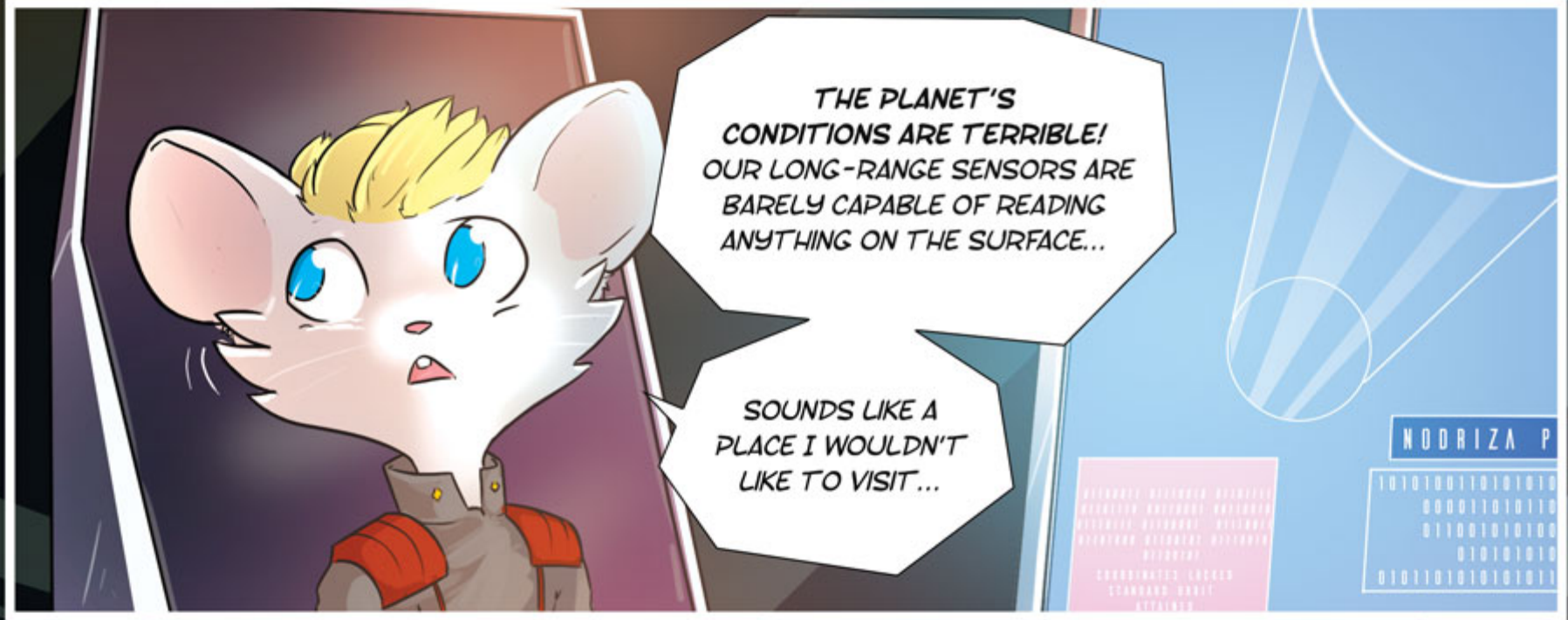
I DON'T KNOW...

THEY DID LEAVE THE SHIP WITH NO HIGH-RANKING OFFICERS...



COLONEL CALE SHOULDN'T HAVE GONE WITH THEM...

YOU BET!



THE PLANET'S CONDITIONS ARE TERRIBLE! OUR LONG-RANGE SENSORS ARE BARELY CAPABLE OF READING ANYTHING ON THE SURFACE...

SOUNDS LIKE A PLACE I WOULDN'T LIKE TO VISIT...

COORDINATES LOCKED
STANDARD UNIT
ATTACHED

NODRIZA P
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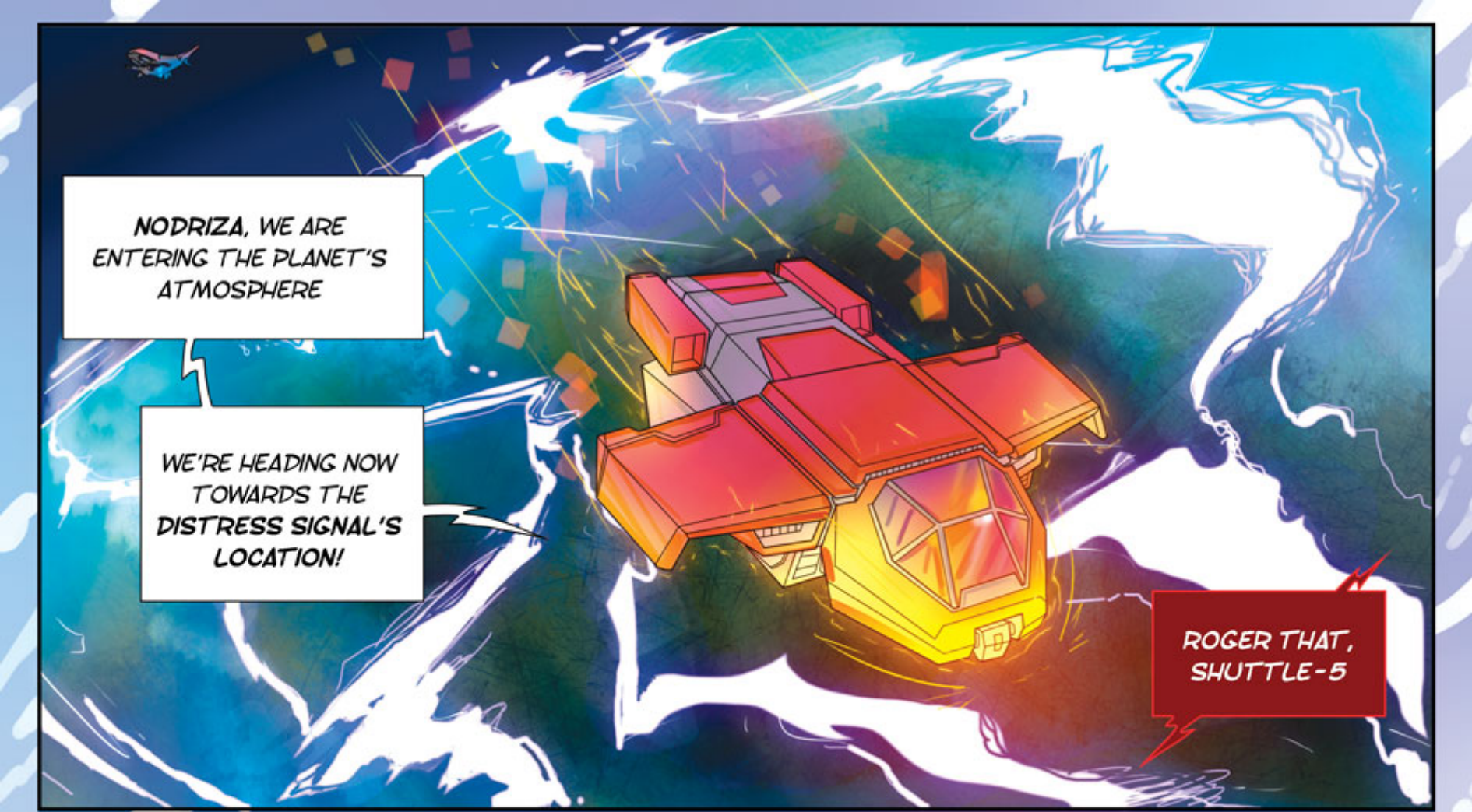


SINCE THE COMMANDER DECIDED TO GO HERSELF, THE COLONEL WILL FOLLOW... I'VE HEARD HE SWORE TO PROTECT HER



HOLD ON!

THEY'RE JUST ENTERING THE PLANET'S ATMOSPHERE!



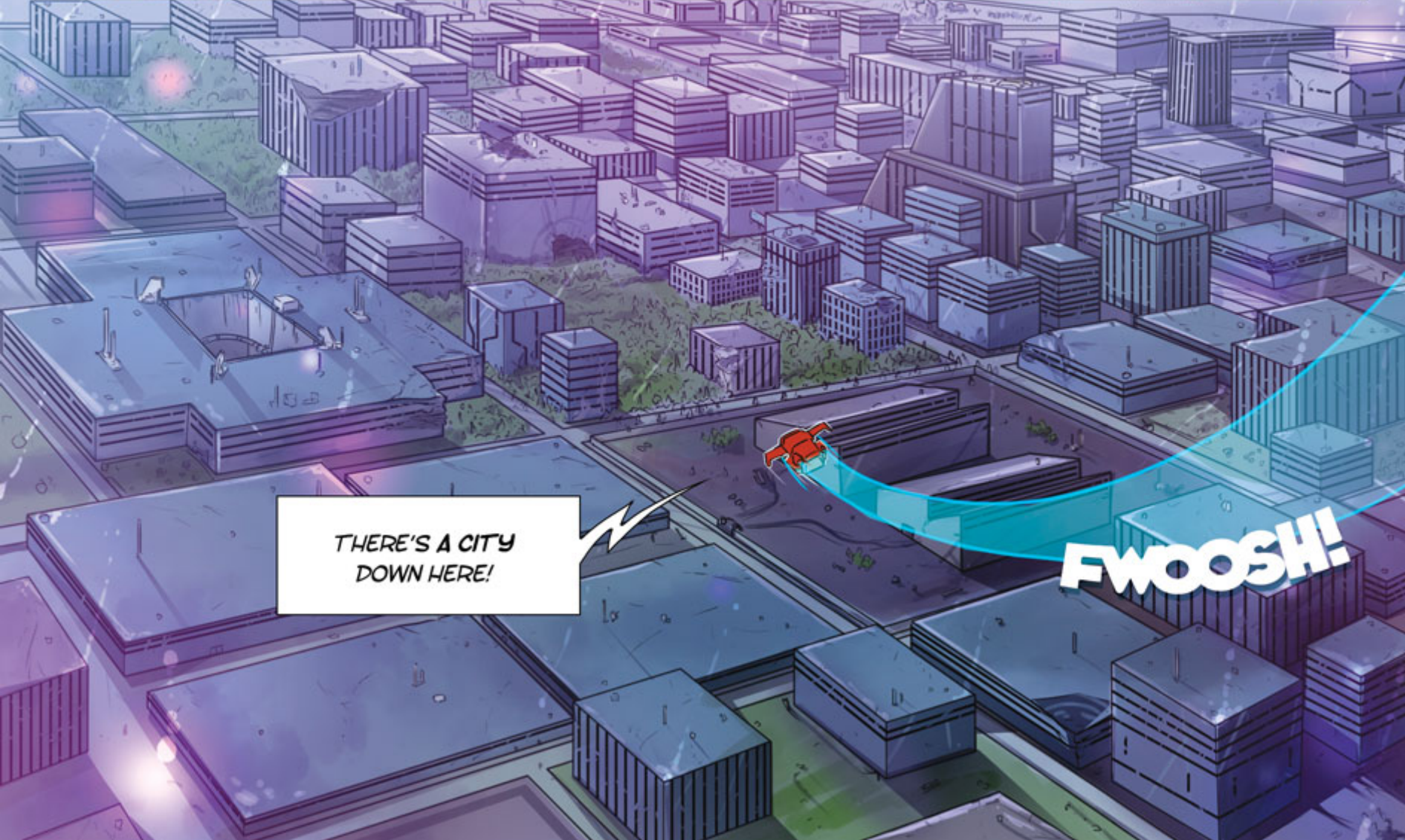
NODRIZA, WE ARE
ENTERING THE PLANET'S
ATMOSPHERE

WE'RE HEADING NOW
TOWARDS THE
DISTRESS SIGNAL'S
LOCATION!

ROGER THAT,
SHUTTLE-5

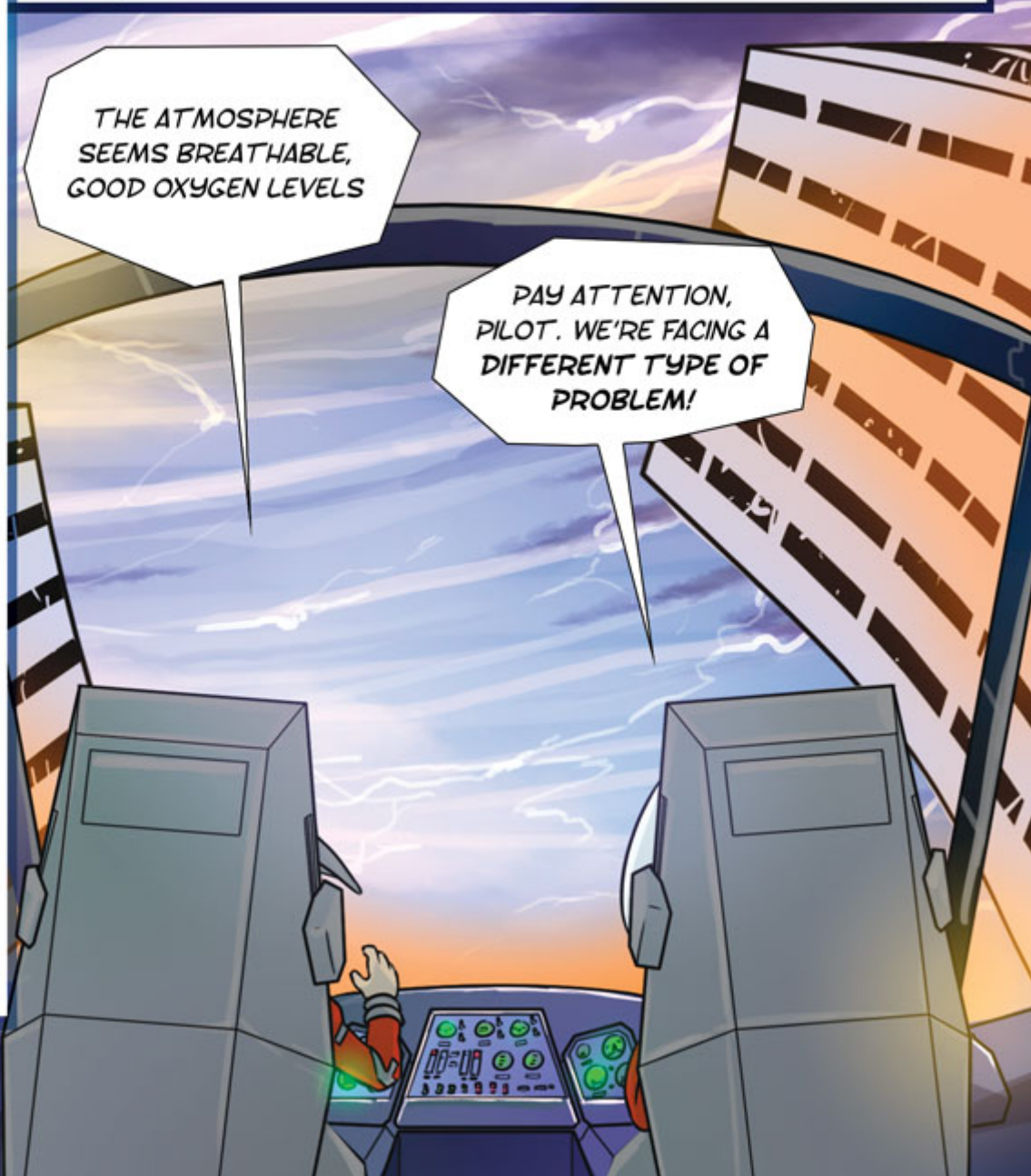
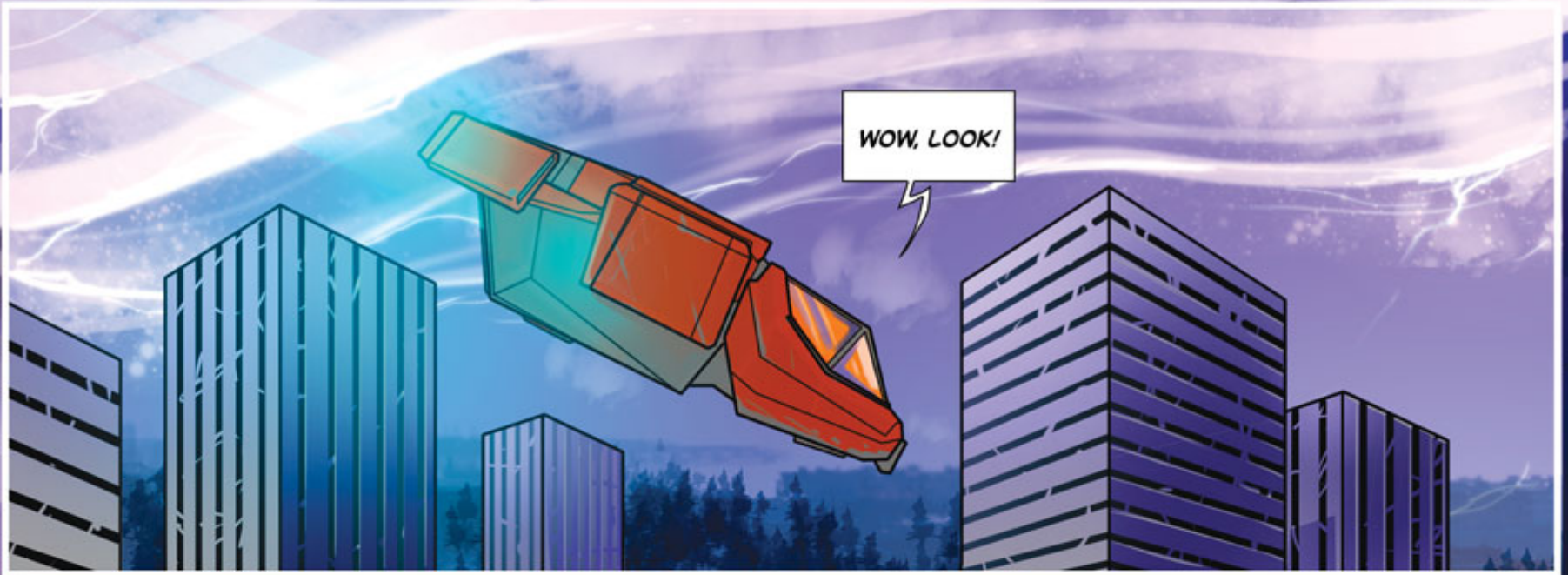


WOAH!
LOOK AT
THAT!

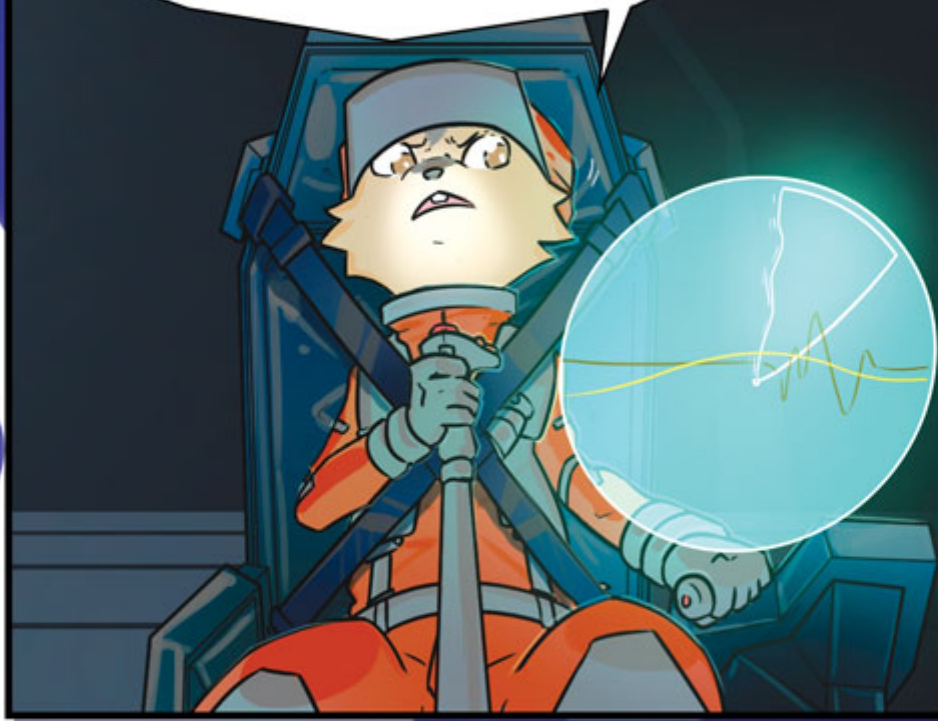


THERE'S A CITY
DOWN HERE!

FWOOSH!



I SEE IT, COMMANDER.
OUR INSTRUMENTS ARE
ACTING UP! THERE'S TOO MUCH
INTERFERENCE!



I'M NOT SURPRISED



JUST LOOK AT
THE DAMN SKY!

I JUST HOPE THIS
STORM DOESN'T GET
WORSE



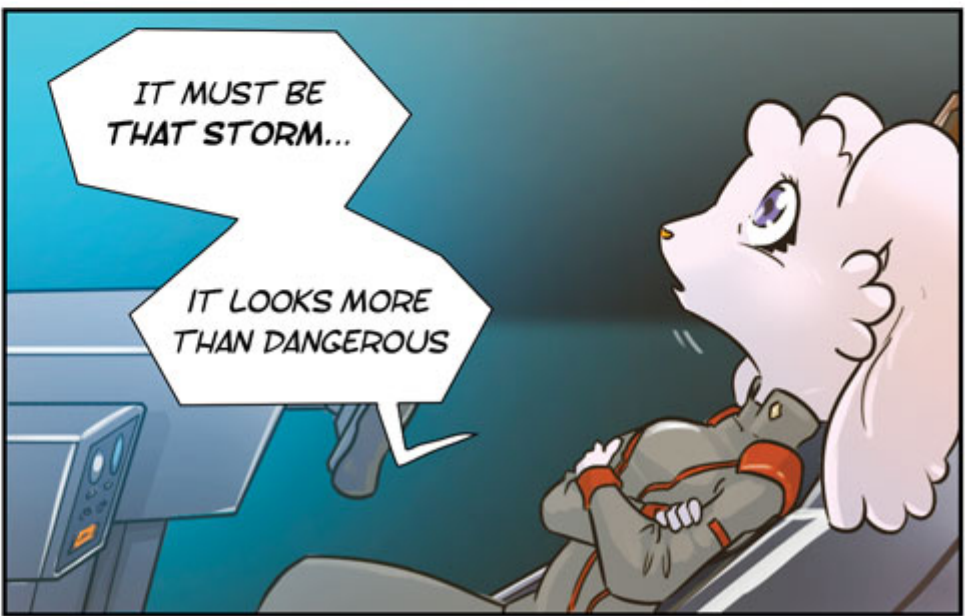


MAXI,
THEY'VE BEEN DOWN
THERE FOR A WHILE NOW.
HAVE THEY SAID
ANYTHING?

NO...
IT IS VERY
STRANGE



BUT I CAN SEE
THEY ARE MOVING
OVER THE SURFACE...
COMMUNICATIONS MUST
BE DOWN



IT MUST BE
THAT STORM...

IT LOOKS MORE
THAN DANGEROUS



HEY, THEY'RE NOT PICKING
UP OUR CALLS?



BROWN, WE HAVE TO GET
DOWN AND REPAIR OUR
COMMUNICATIONS WITH
THE NODRIZA. SEARCH FOR
A SAFE SPOT



I WILL LAND OVER ON THAT
BUILDING, COMMANDER. WE
WILL HAVE A PANORAMIC
VIEW OF THE CITY



BROWN,
WOULD IT BE SAFE
TO FLY THERE NOW?



I- I DON'T KNOW COMMANDER.
THE STORM IS GAINING STRENGTH...
I WOULDN'T RISK IT



SEE THAT LIGHTNING?
I'M NOT SURE THE SHUTTLE
CAN HANDLE A DIRECT HIT
FROM THAT

PLUS, FLYING
WITHOUT OUR
INSTRUMENTS WOULD
BE RECKLESS!

I UNDERSTAND.
DO YOU THINK THE
INSTRUMENTS CAN
BE REPAIRED?

I THINK SO.
I WILL RUN SOME TESTS.
WITH SOME LUCK I MIGHT BE ABLE
TO BRING THE INSTRUMENTS BACK
ONLINE





AW, PLEASE DON'T SAY WE HAVE TO GO WALKING OVER THERE

OH! CAN I GO TOO?



OF COURSE!

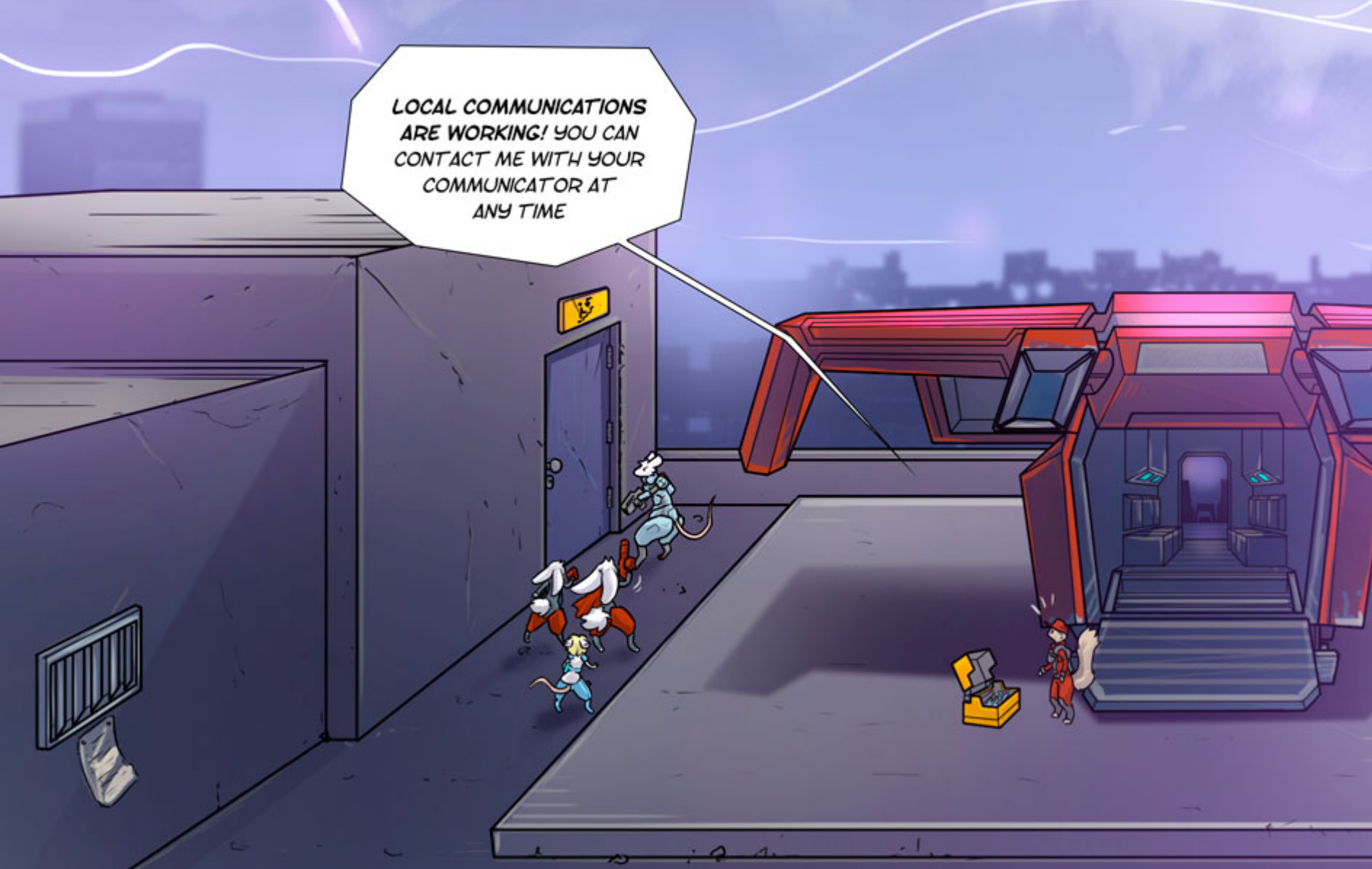
YOU WON'T GET A BETTER CHANCE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THIS CITY



BUT FIRST LISTEN: YOU WILL OBEY OUR ORDERS WITHOUT QUESTION. IT'S THE ONLY WAY WE CAN ENSURE YOUR SAFETY



YES SIR!



LOCAL COMMUNICATIONS ARE WORKING! YOU CAN CONTACT ME WITH YOUR COMMUNICATOR AT ANY TIME



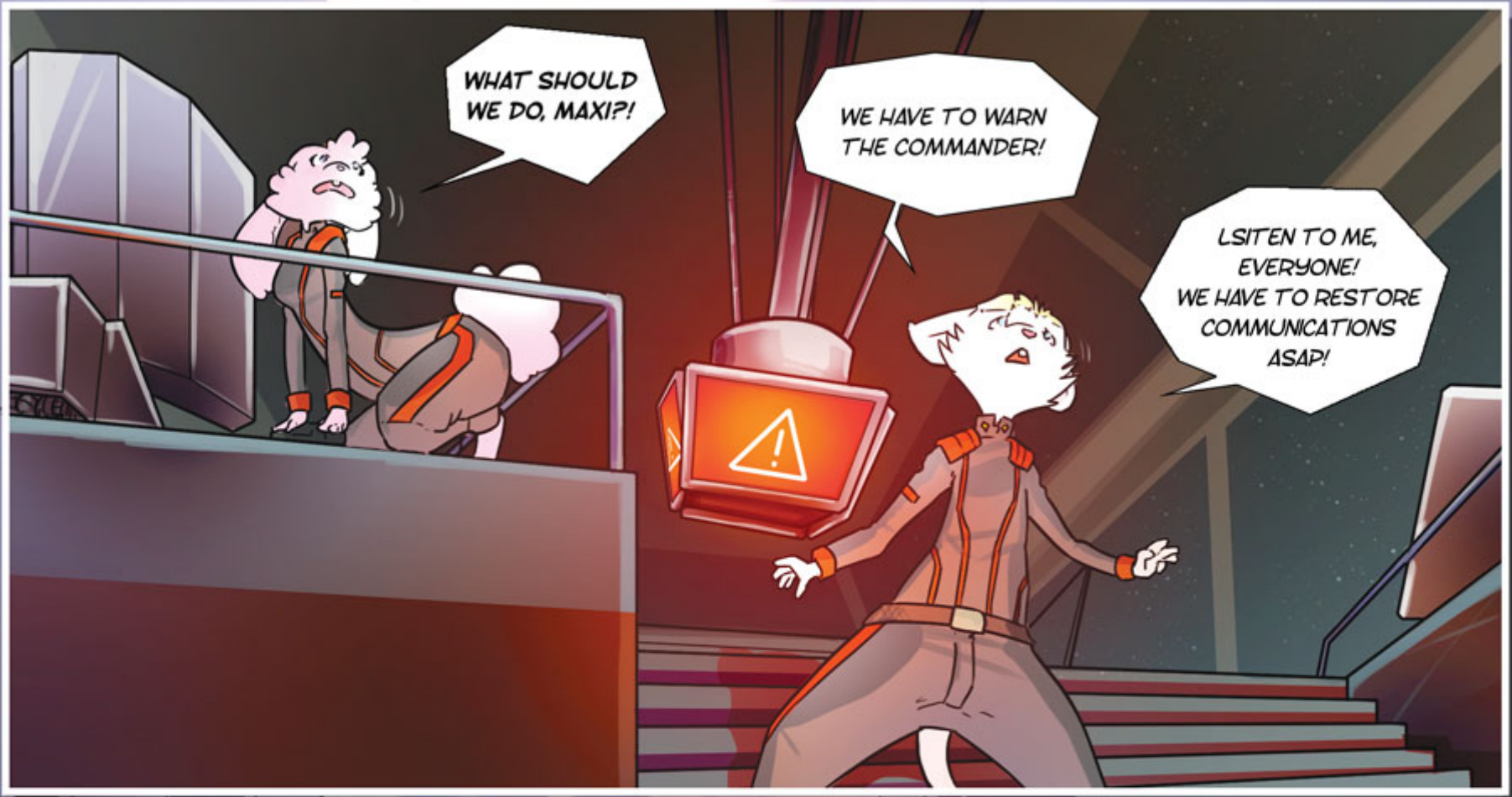
OH! NO, NO, NO.
KARI, YOU'RE NOT
GOING TO BELIEVE
THIS...

WHAT IS IT
NOW, MAXI?



THE INTERFERENCE
IS GETTING WORSE...

A HUGE ENERGY
FLOW IS GOING
ACROSS THE PLANET!



WHAT SHOULD WE DO, MAXI?!

WE HAVE TO WARN THE COMMANDER!

LISTEN TO ME, EVERYONE! WE HAVE TO RESTORE COMMUNICATIONS ASAP!

MEANWHILE, ON THE PLANET'S SURFACE



BANDI, LOOK AT THIS!

IT'S A SURVIVAL FUNCTION TRUCK. THIS IS SO EXCITING!

WE'RE CLOSE TO THE OBJECTIVE



I'M SORRY.
WE ARRIVED TOO
LATE TO SAVE THEM...

BUT I'M SURE THIS IS NOT ALL
OF THE ASCENSION'S CREW.
WE HAVE TO GET IN THERE AND
LOOK FOR SURVIVORS!



UNDERSTOOD.
LET'S HURRY!

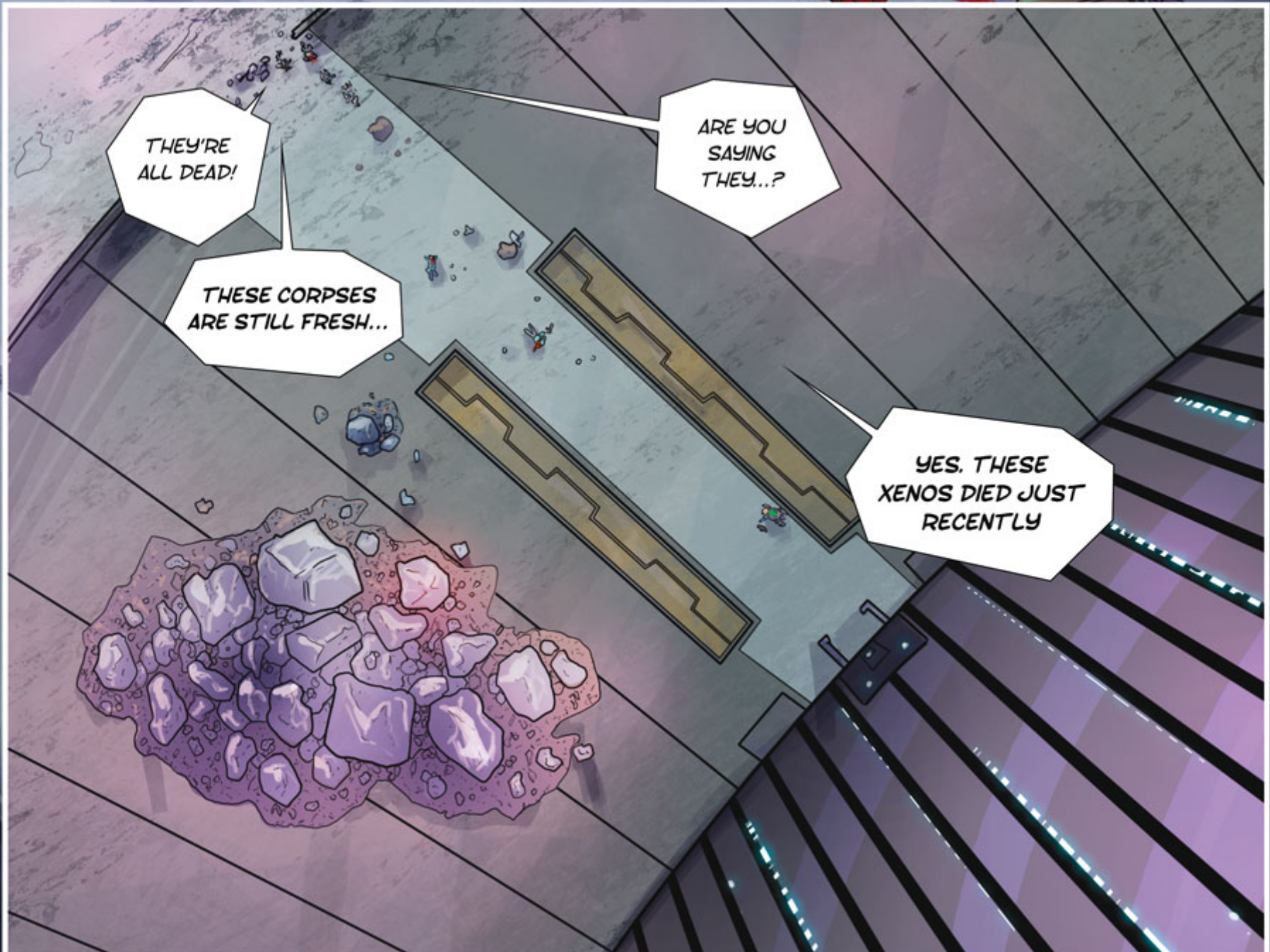
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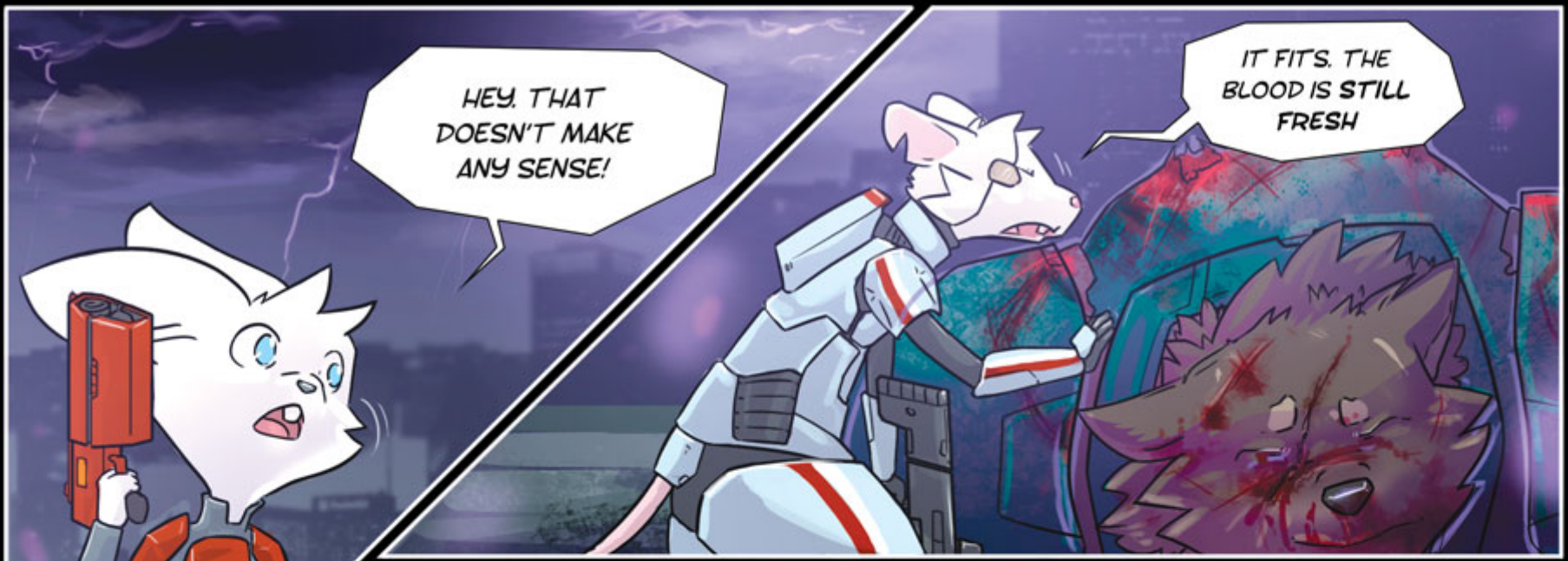


DO YOU HEAR
THAT?

RUMBLE...
RUMBLE
CRACK-A
BOOOOM!







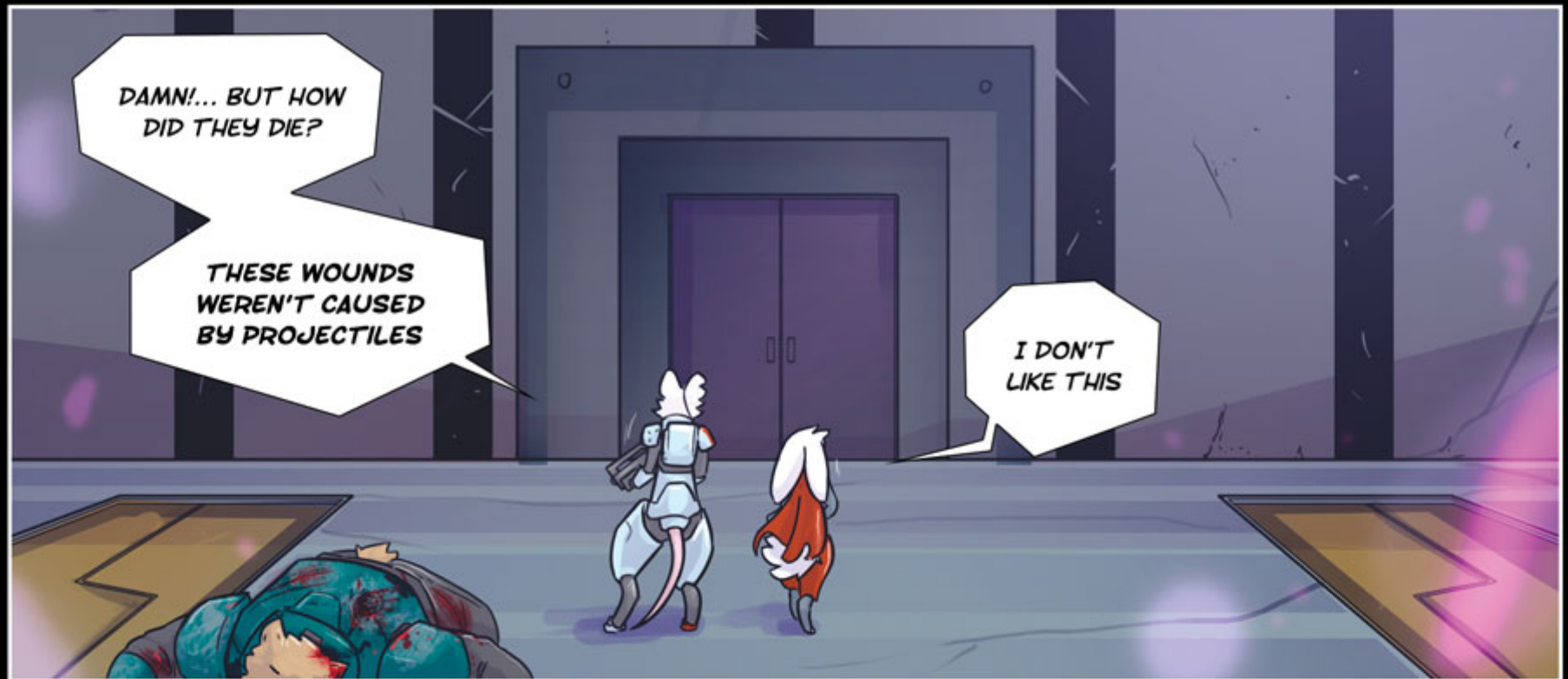
HEY. THAT DOESN'T MAKE ANY SENSE!

IT FITS. THE BLOOD IS STILL FRESH



LOOK AT THEIR ARMOR

THEY'RE GUARDIAN CLAN



DAMN!... BUT HOW DID THEY DIE?

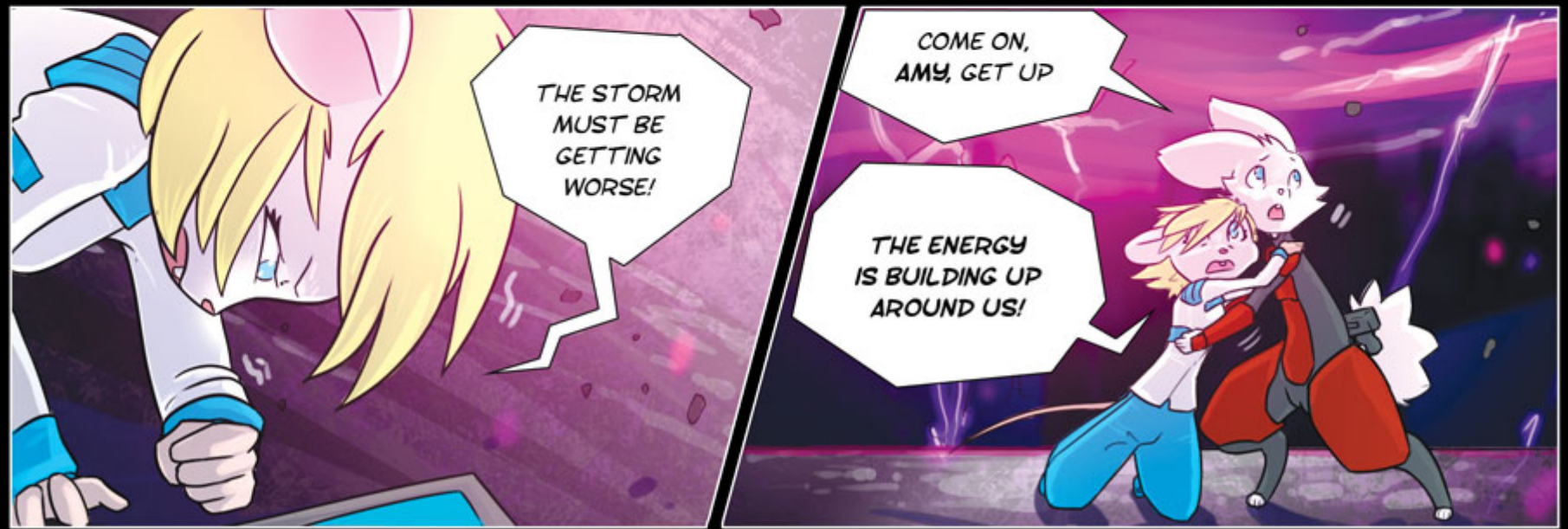
THESE WOUNDS WEREN'T CAUSED BY PROJECTILES

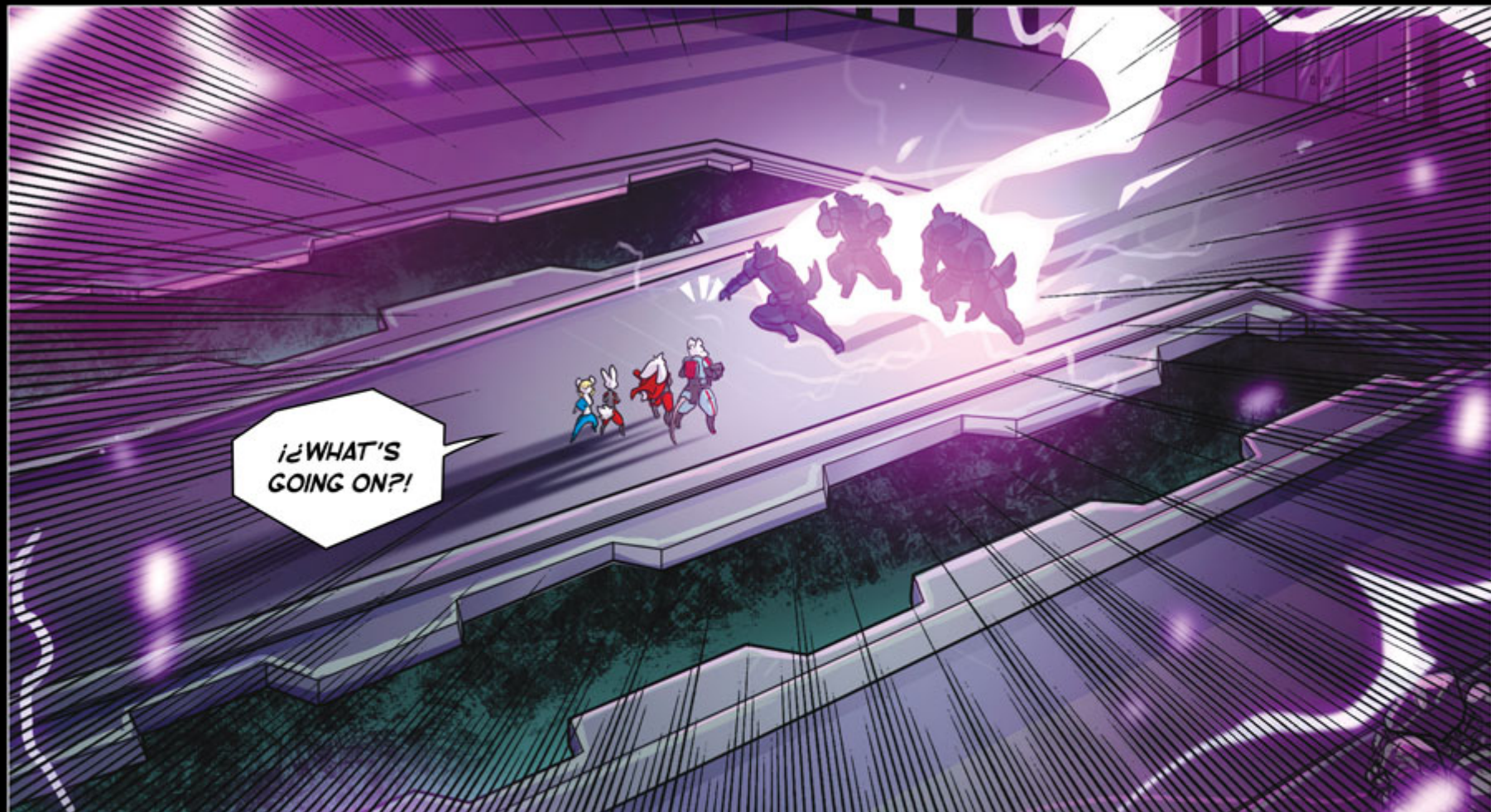
I DON'T LIKE THIS



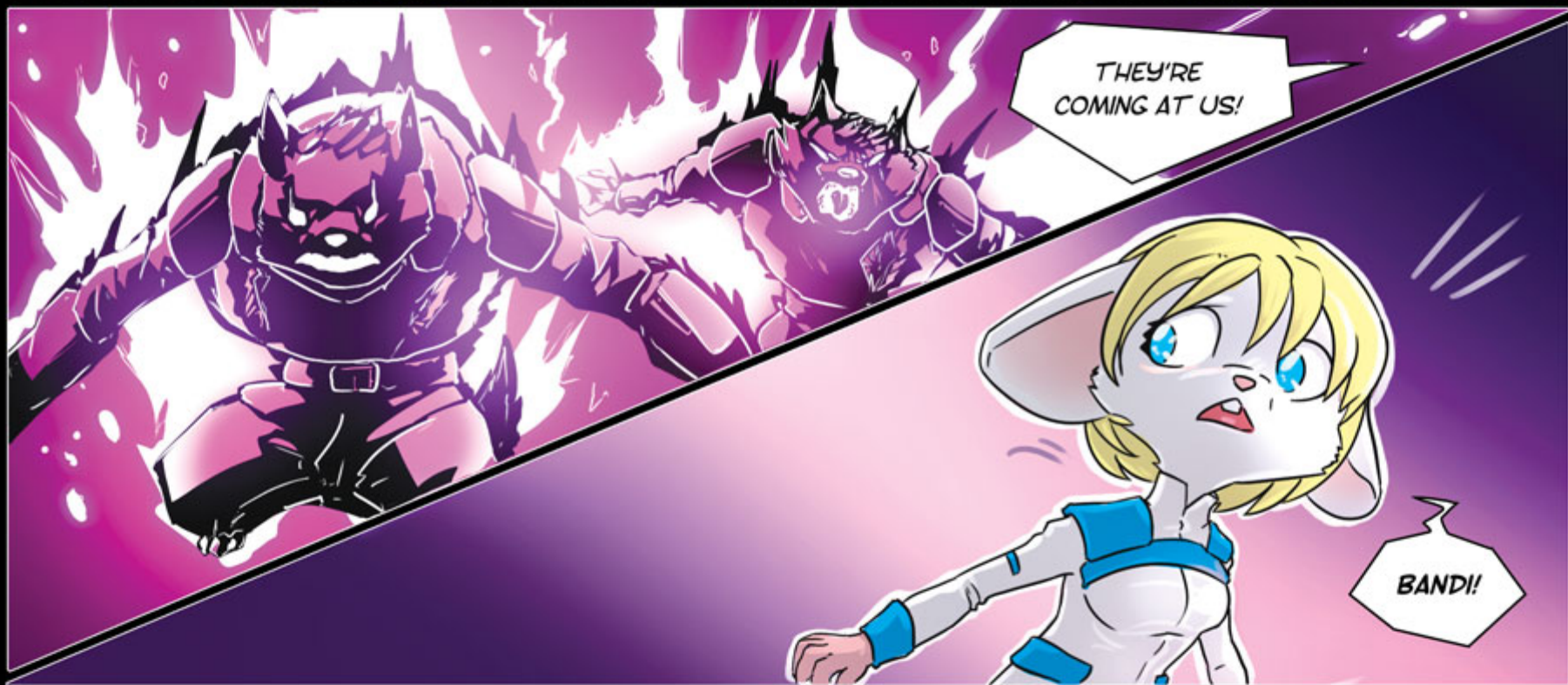
I'M NO EXPERT... BUT I'D SAY THESE ARE STAB WOUNDS

UH OH... I'M REALLY HOPING THEY AREN'T THE CREW OF "THE ASCENSION"





WHAT'S GOING ON?!



THEY'RE COMING AT US!

BANDI!

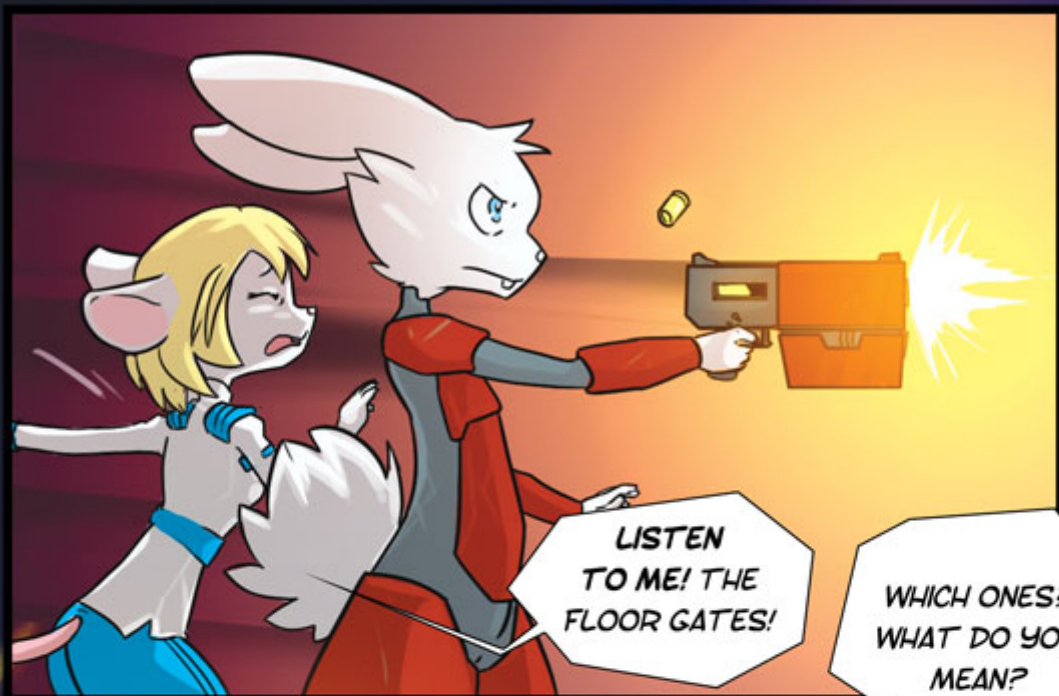


SHOOT THEM!

DID THAT LIGHTNING BRING THEM BACK FROM THE DEAD?!

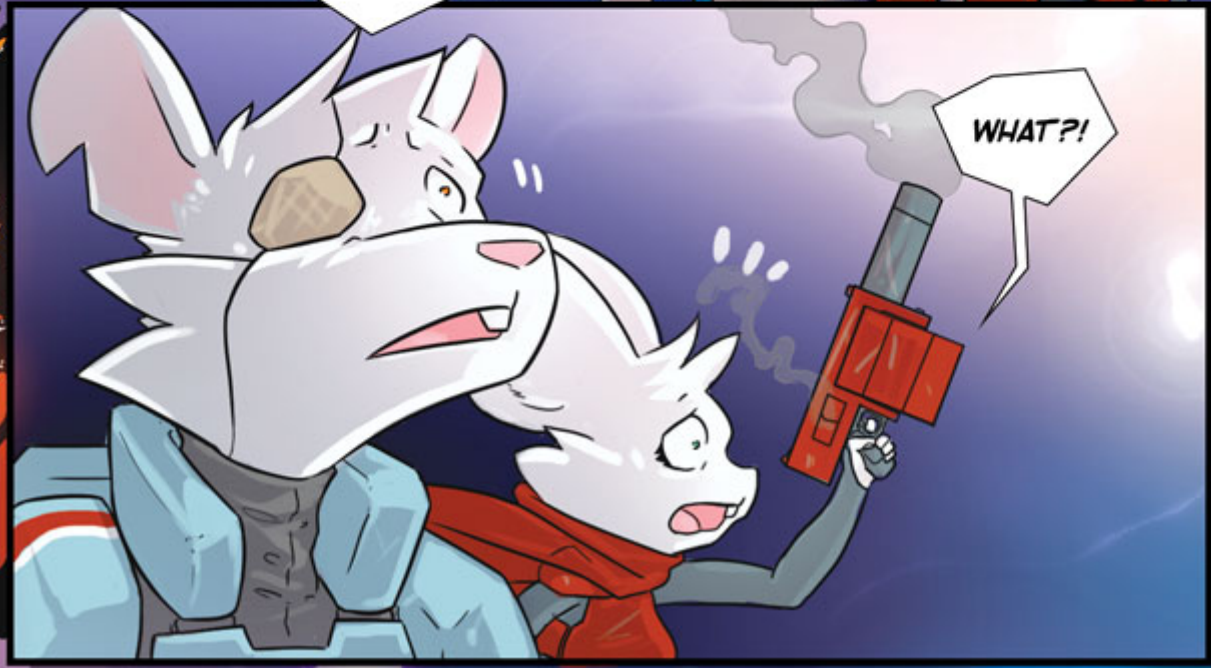


AMY, GET BEHIND ME!



LISTEN TO ME! THE FLOOR GATES!

WHICH ONES? WHAT DO YOU MEAN?



WHAT?!

THEY ARE REALLY ZOMBIES!



BROWN, DO YOU COPY?!

YES COMMANDER, I'M HEADING YOUR WAY

I'M GOING TO PICK YOU UP
THE STORM HAS GOTTEN
TOO DANGEROUS!

LISTEN TO ME, BROWN, IT
ISN'T JUST THE STORM!

WE ARE UNDER
ATTACK!

WHAT-
WHO?!

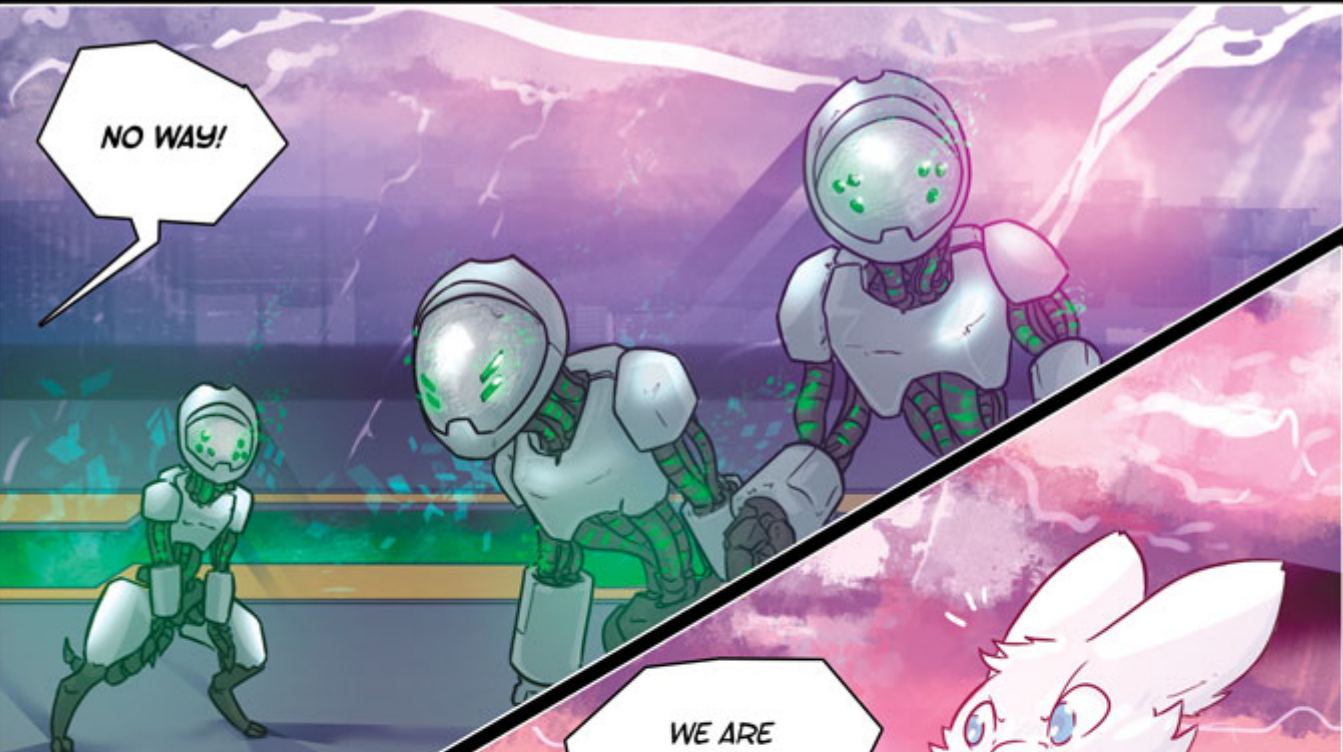
I'M GOING
FULL SPEED,
COMMANDER!

BANDI!!!

THERE!



NO WAY!



ARE THOSE THINGS ROBOTS?!

WE ARE SURROUNDED!



WHAT?!



WHERE DID THEY COME FROM?!



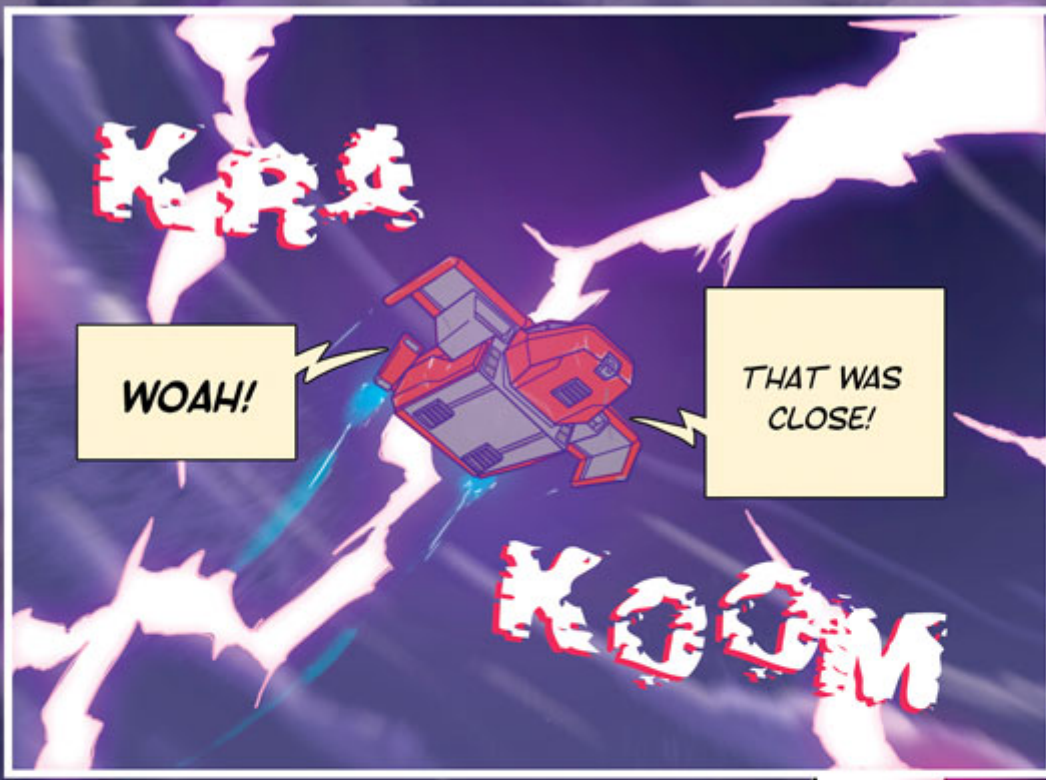
GET TOGETHER!

WE HAVE TO HOLD THEM OFF!!

AIM FOR THE HEAD!

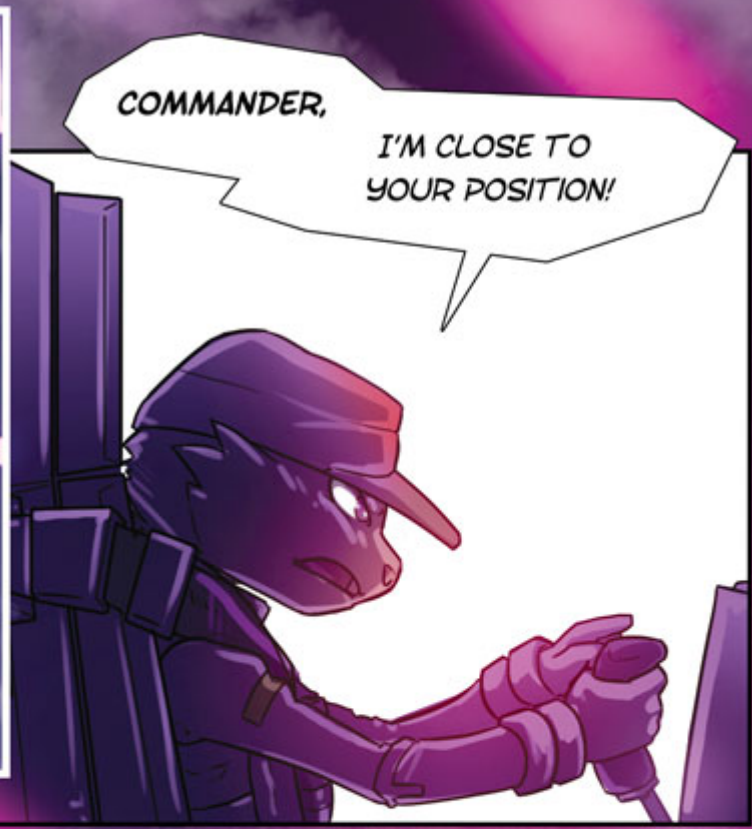
I'LL USE AN EXPLOSIVE ROUND!

BLAM

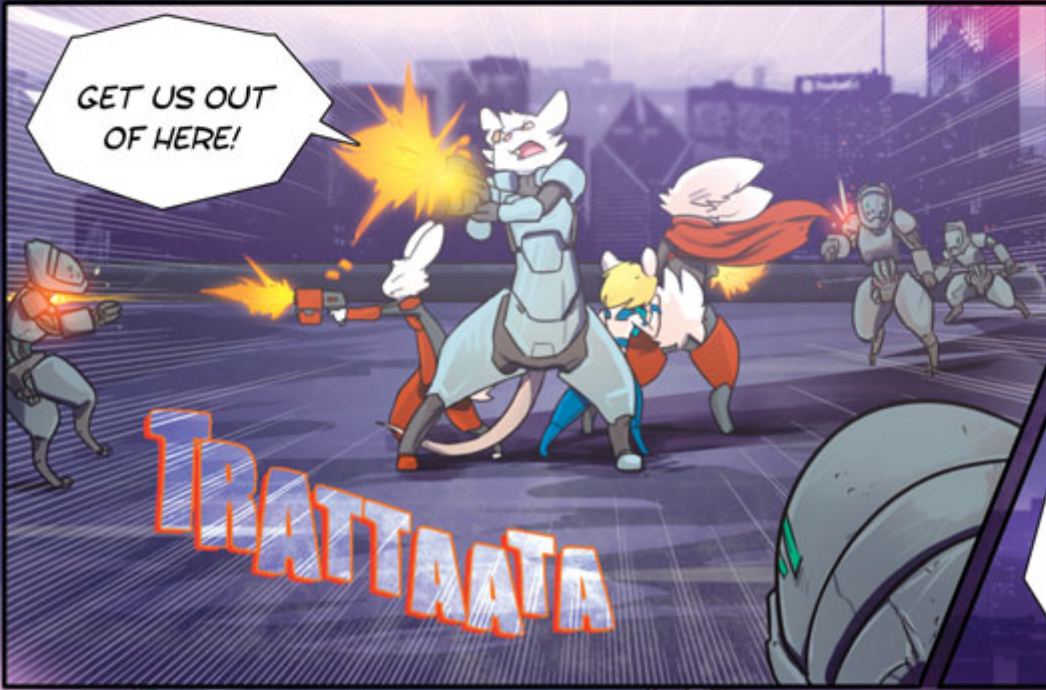


WOAH!

THAT WAS CLOSE!



COMMANDER,
I'M CLOSE TO YOUR POSITION!



GET US OUT OF HERE!

TRATAATA

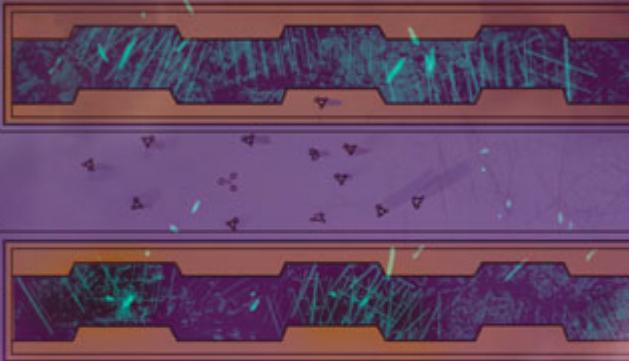


BROWN!

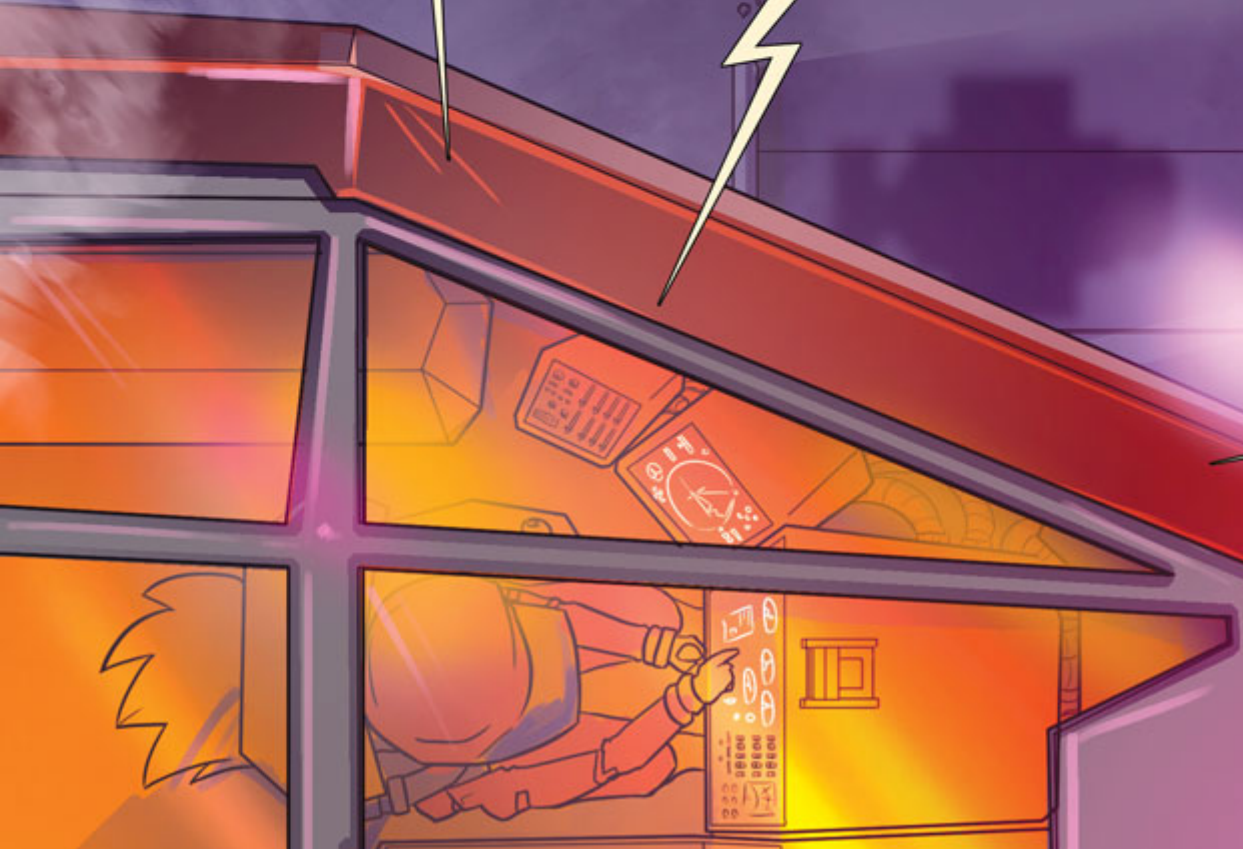
WHAT CAN YOU TELL US FROM UP THERE?

I SEE MULTIPLE INDIVIDUALS SURROUNDING YOUR POSITION!

THEY'RE COMING OUT OF THE HATCHES IN THE FLOOR

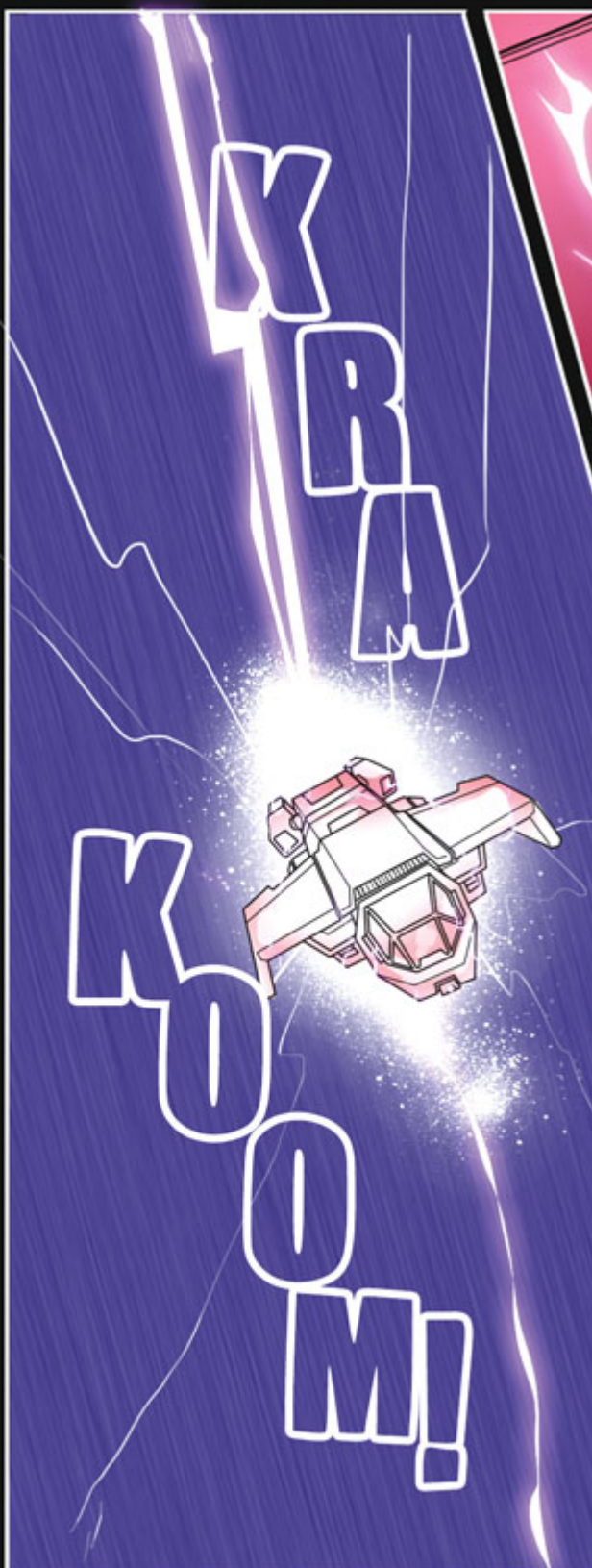


I WILL TRY TO GET CLOSER TO YOU COMMANDER!





HURRY!!

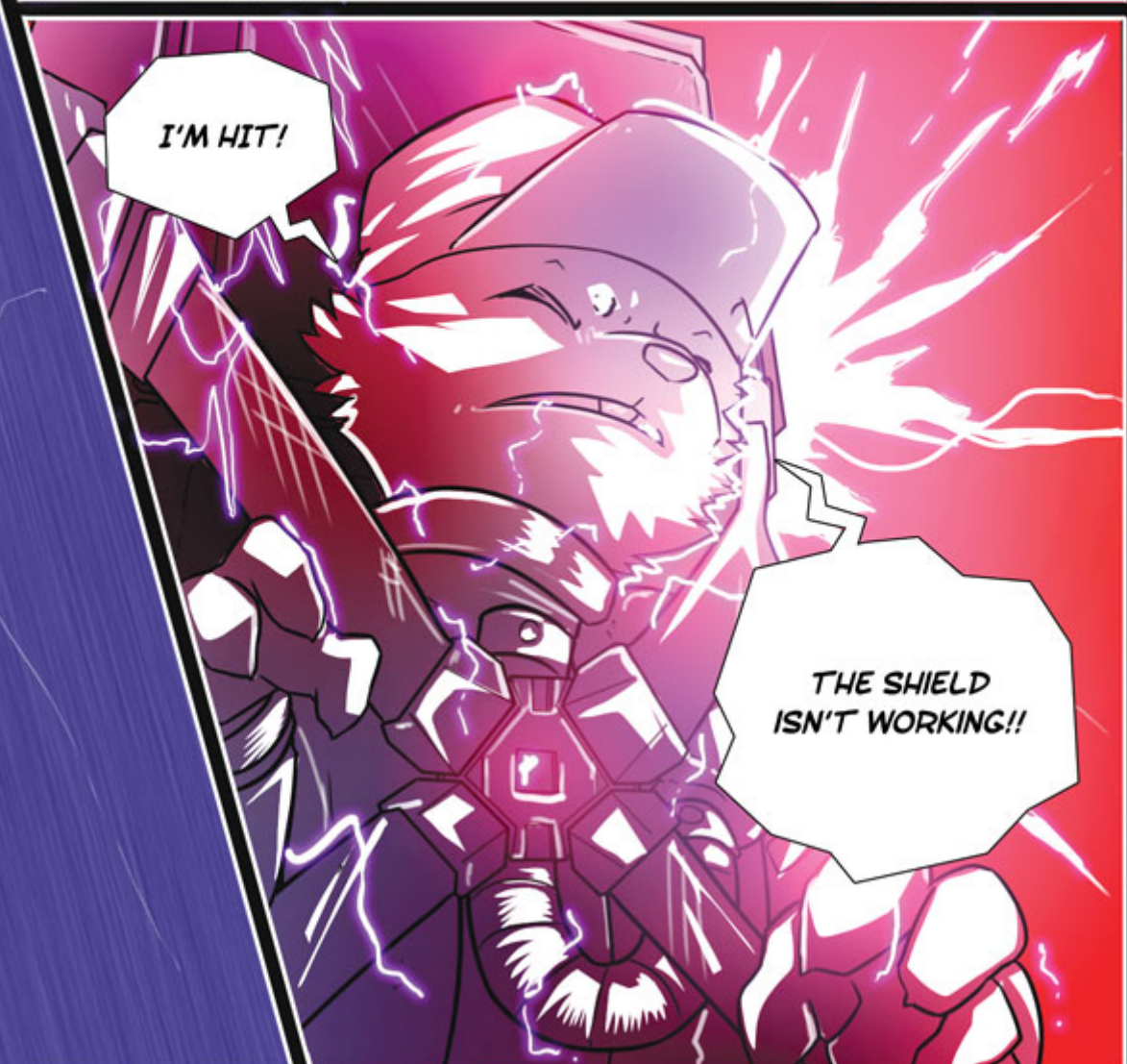


KRA

KOOM!



AAARRGHH!!



I'M HIT!

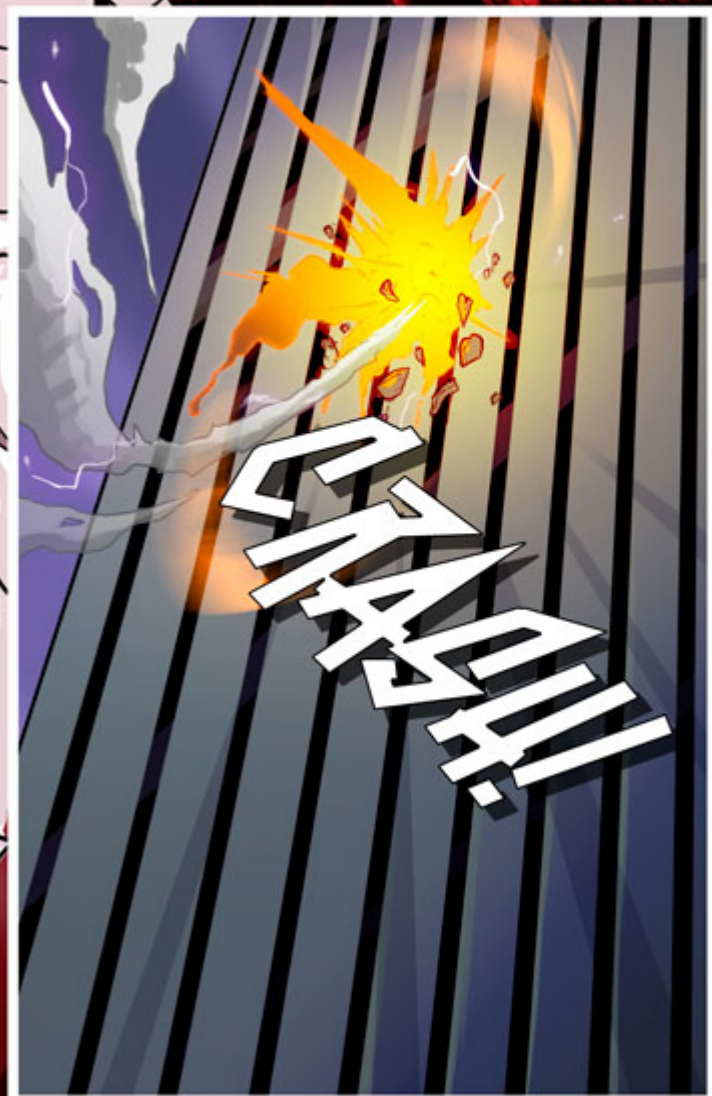
THE SHIELD ISN'T WORKING!!



COMMANDER!!




I'M SORRY!






BROWN!!




**COMMANDER NOVA,
THINGS ARE GETTING
OUT CONTROL!**

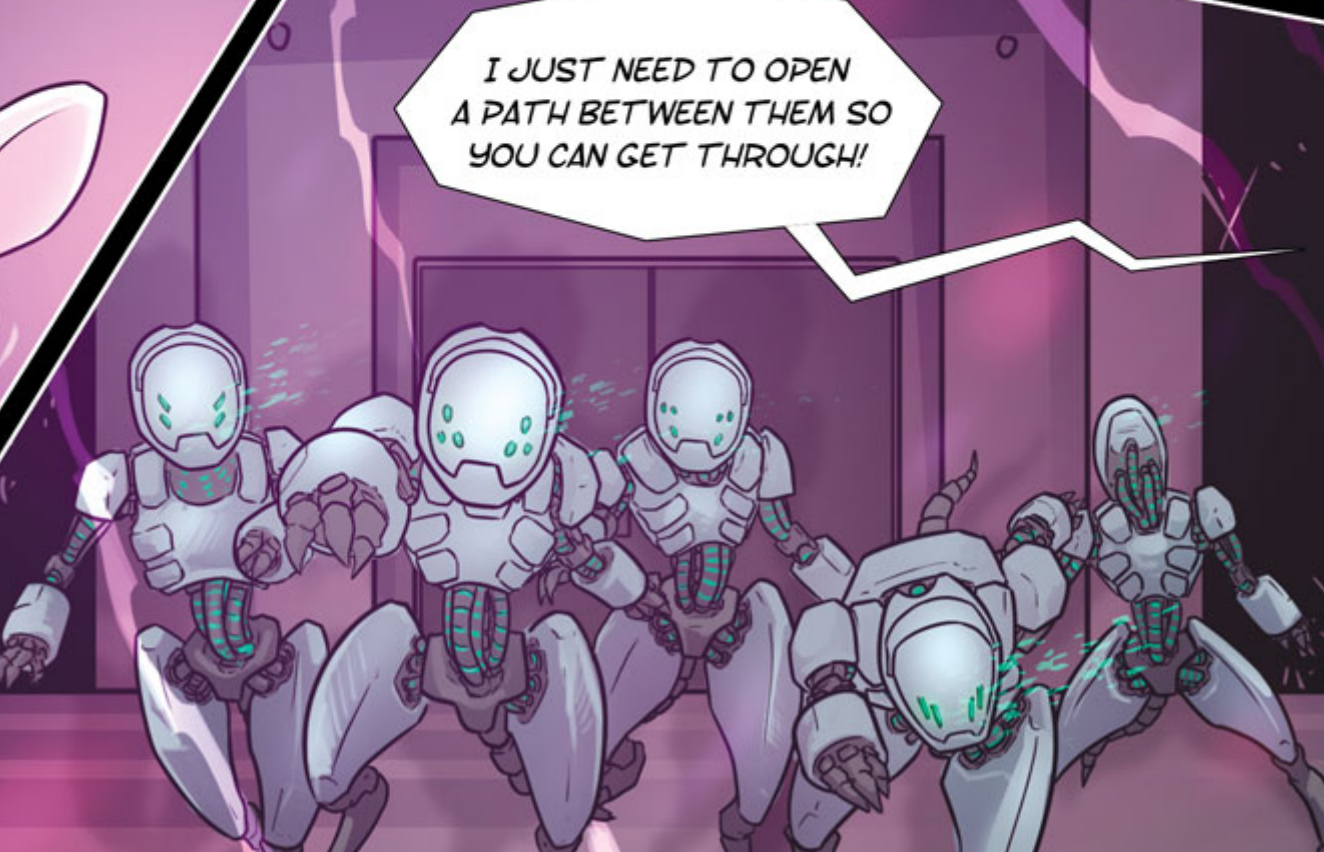
**WE HAVE TO
GET INSIDE THE
BUILDING!**



**SISTER,
WE CAN TRY TO MAKE
A RUN AND BARRICADED
OURSELVES INSIDE!**



**I WILL TRY TO
DISTRACT THEM!**



**I JUST NEED TO OPEN
A PATH BETWEEN THEM SO
YOU CAN GET THROUGH!**



CALE!

GET BEHIND ME!

THEY'RE TOO MANY!

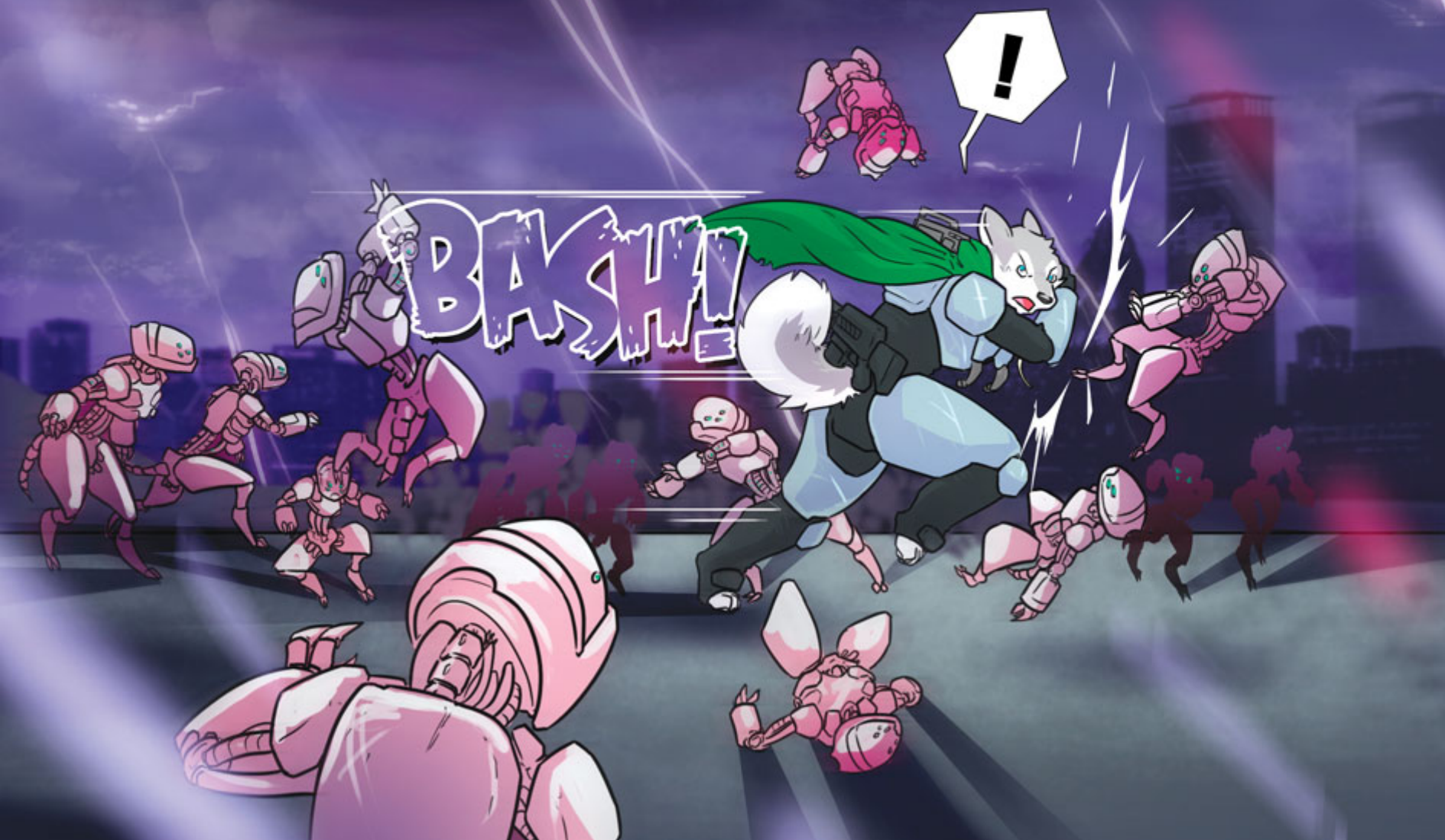
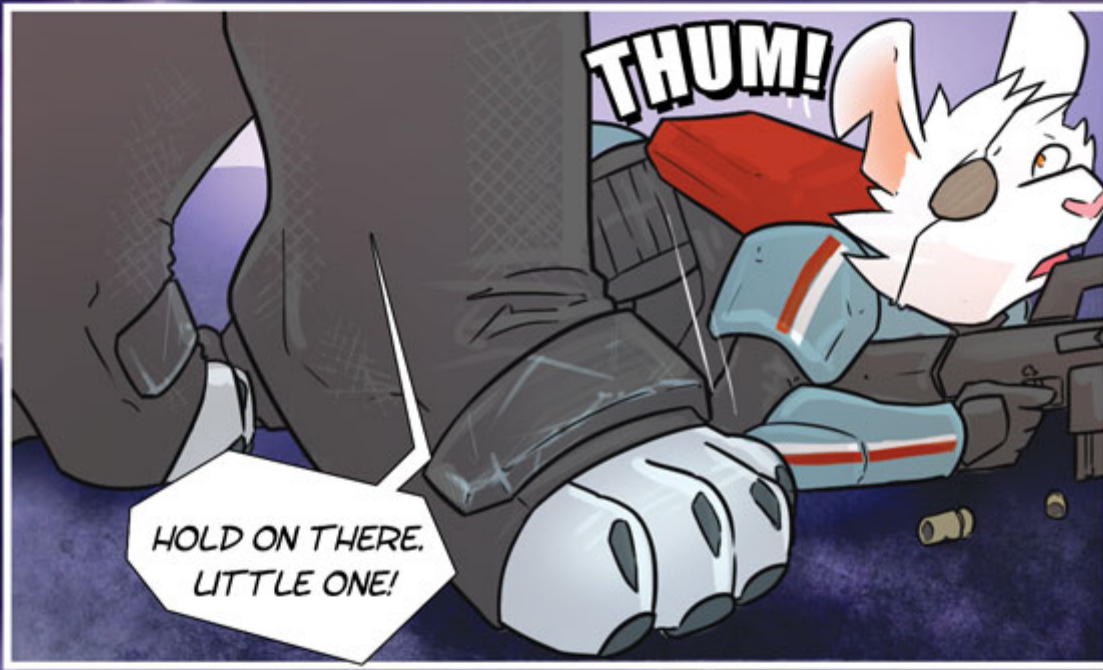
RUN!

RUN!!

COME ON!

CALE, COME HERE RIGHT NOW!

YES, WE MADE IT!





CLOSE THE DOOR, QUICK!

THANK YOU!

BUT, WHO ARE YOU?



IT'S LOCKED NOW!

THAT WAS CLOSE

HUH... THANKS



I DIDN'T REALIZED THERE WERE SO MANY OF THOSE THINGS OUT THERE!
... AND WHERE DID YOU LITTLE ONES COME FROM?



ANYWAY, MY NAME IS RUFFO. I'M GLAD I FOUND YOU IN TIME! I THOUGHT WE WERE THE ONLY ONES ON THIS PLANET



WE ARE GRATEFUL.
TELL ME, DID YOU
SENT THE DISTRESS
SIGNAL?

IT WASN'T US.
WE CAME HERE
TO HELP



AMY, ARE YOU OK?

BANDI,
I'M SCARED!
AND... OUR PILOT...
WHAT ARE WE
GOING TO DO NOW?

I'M NOT SURE

I DON'T WANT TO DIE...



A SIGNAL?!
DAMN, THIS ONLY MEANS WE
ARE CAUGHT IN A BIG TRAP!

AND WE HAVE NO
WAY ESCAPE NOW
THAT OUR SHUTTLE
WAS DESTROYED!



AND DUE THIS STORM
WE CAN'T CONTACT
THE NODRIZA

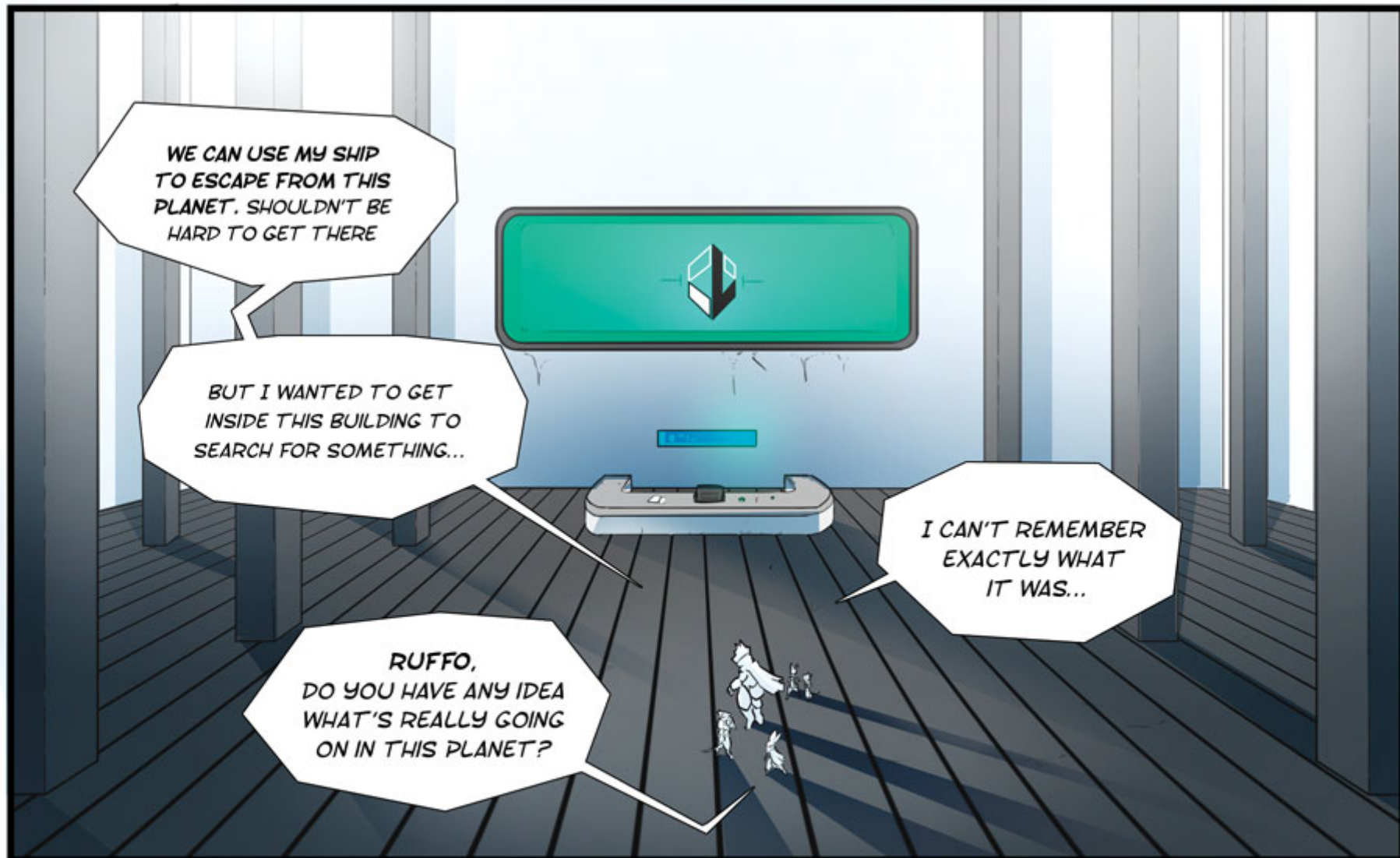


WE HAVE TO GET TO
OUR SHUTTLE'S
CRASH SITE. IT MIGHT
HAVE RESISTED THE
IMPACT!



CALM DOWN, AMY,
I'M GOING TO
PROTECT YOU.

YOU
PROMISE?

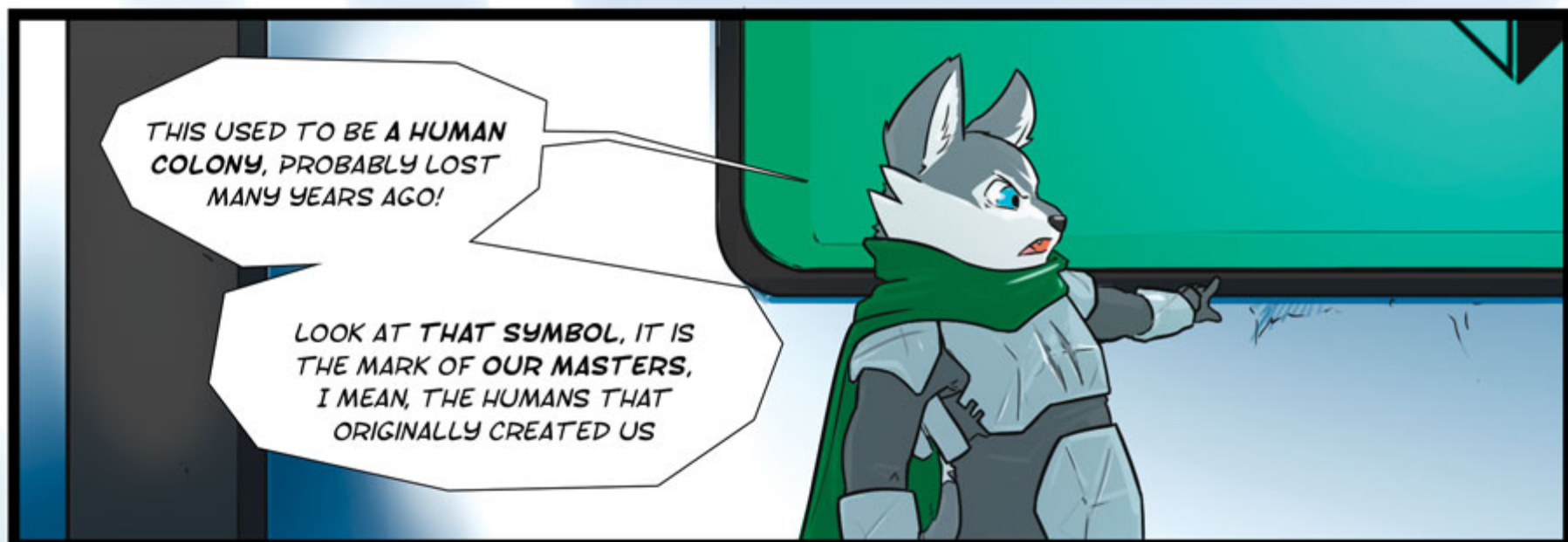


WE CAN USE MY SHIP TO ESCAPE FROM THIS PLANET. SHOULDN'T BE HARD TO GET THERE

BUT I WANTED TO GET INSIDE THIS BUILDING TO SEARCH FOR SOMETHING...

I CAN'T REMEMBER EXACTLY WHAT IT WAS...

RUFFO, DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA WHAT'S REALLY GOING ON IN THIS PLANET?



THIS USED TO BE A HUMAN COLONY, PROBABLY LOST MANY YEARS AGO!

LOOK AT THAT SYMBOL, IT IS THE MARK OF OUR MASTERS, I MEAN, THE HUMANS THAT ORIGINALLY CREATED US



THAT'S WHAT WE THOUGHT, HMN... BUT WHERE DID THIS PLANET COME FROM?



IT MUST HAVE BEEN CLOACKED THIS WHOLE TIME...

I CAN'T IMAGINE THE AMMOUNT OF ENERGY REQUIRED TO DO SOMETHING LIKE THAT

ENERGY YOU SAY?





WHO'S KAJI?

ONE OF MY CREWMATES. SHE TOLD US THE CORE WAS POWERING THE STORM



I THINK MY TEAM WENT ALONE TO FIND IT

I MUST HAVE BEEN KNOCKED OUT TOO LONG...



WE BETTER FIND THAT ENERGY CORE FAST

ANYTHING TO STOP THIS STORM



ALRIGHT! LET'S SEARCH THE BUILDING. I BET KAJI OR ANY OTHER MEMBER OF MY CREW LEFT ME SOME CLUES ALONG THE WAY

I RECALL THEY WERE GOING TO THE UPPER LEVELS



WHAT DO YOU THINK, COMMANDER?

EVERYTHING ABOUT WHAT'S GOING ON IN THIS PLANET IS ODD

I DON'T KNOW... I DON'T SEE MANY OPTIONS. HE HAS A WORKING SPACECRAFT AND WE DON'T HAVE A CLUE ABOUT THE STATUS OF OUR SHUTTLE.

PLUS, HE HELPED YOU

...WE OWE HIM



THERE'S SOMETHING STRANGE ABOUT THIS DOG, WHAT WAS HIS NAME AGAIN?

I WASN'T PAYING ATTENTION...

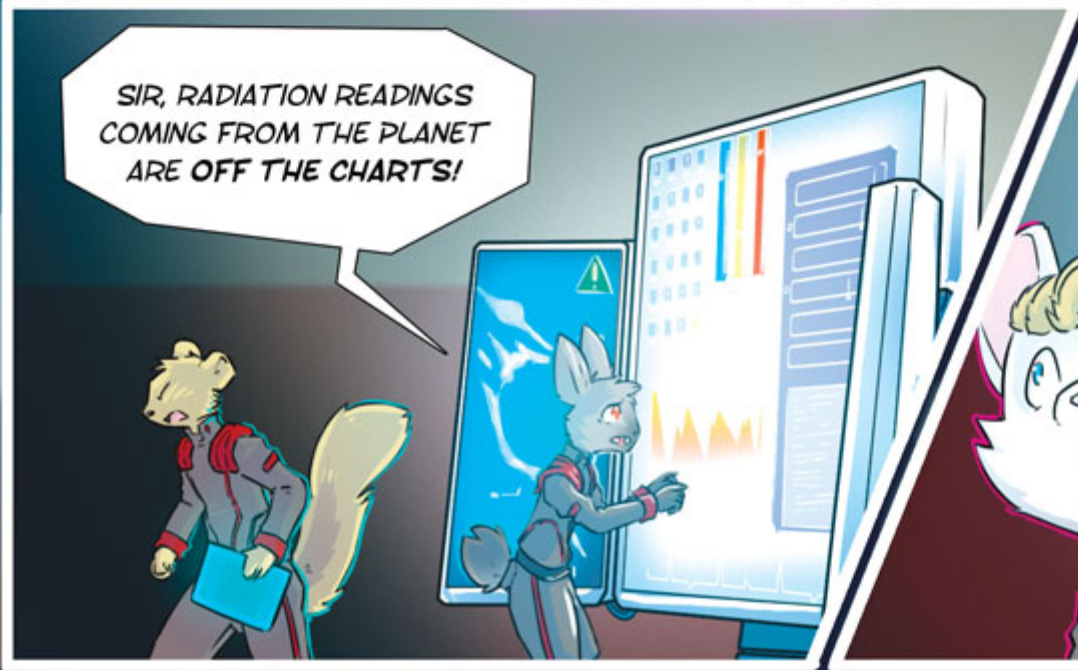


EVERYTHING SEEMS IN ORDER HERE!

MAXI, COME BACK HERE! THERE'S NOTHING WRONG WITH THE INSTRUMENTS

CHECK AGAIN!!

WE HAVE TO RESTABLISH COMMUNICATIONS!



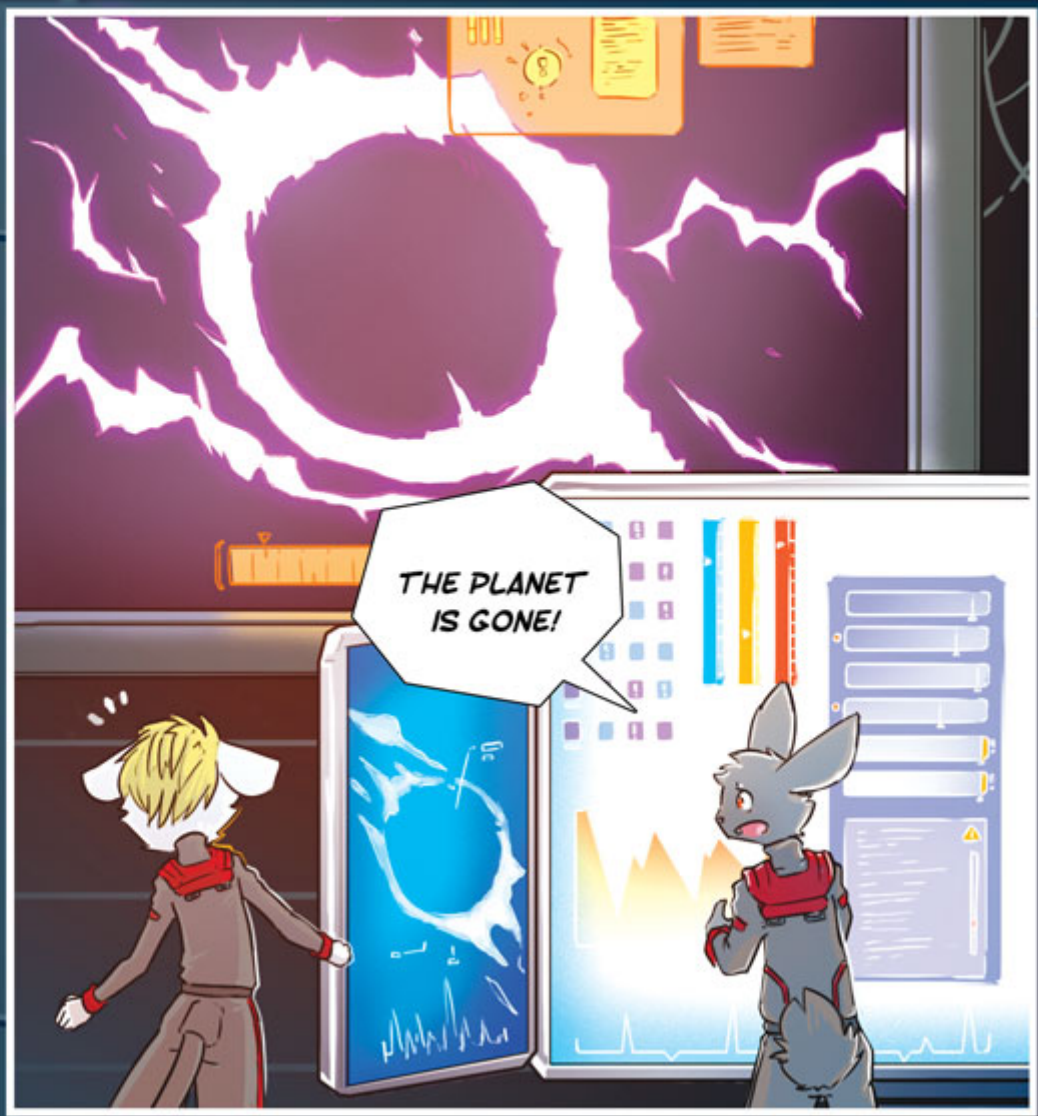
SIR, RADIATION READINGS COMING FROM THE PLANET ARE OFF THE CHARTS!



IT'S GETTING DANGEROUS EVEN FOR US. WE HAVE TO MAKE DISTANCE FROM THE PLANET!

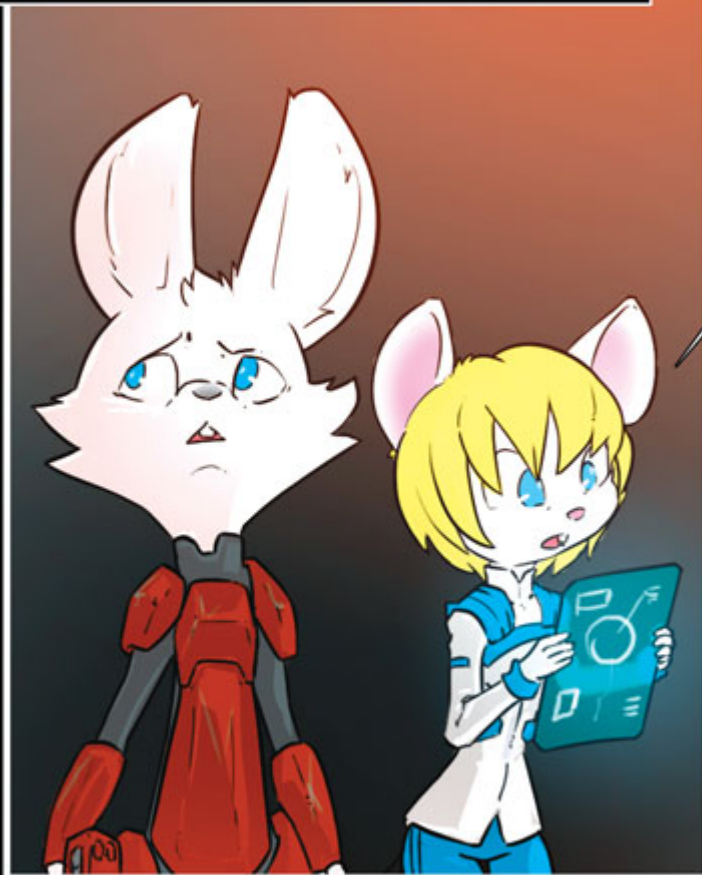


MAXI, LOOK!



THE PLANET IS GONE!

AFTER SOME TIME
EXPLORING THE BUILDING...



LOOK!
MORE OF THOSE
THINGS!



THEY LOOK
DEACTIVATED
FOR GOOD



OVER
THERE!

WATCH OUT,
NOVA...

IT'S DEAD

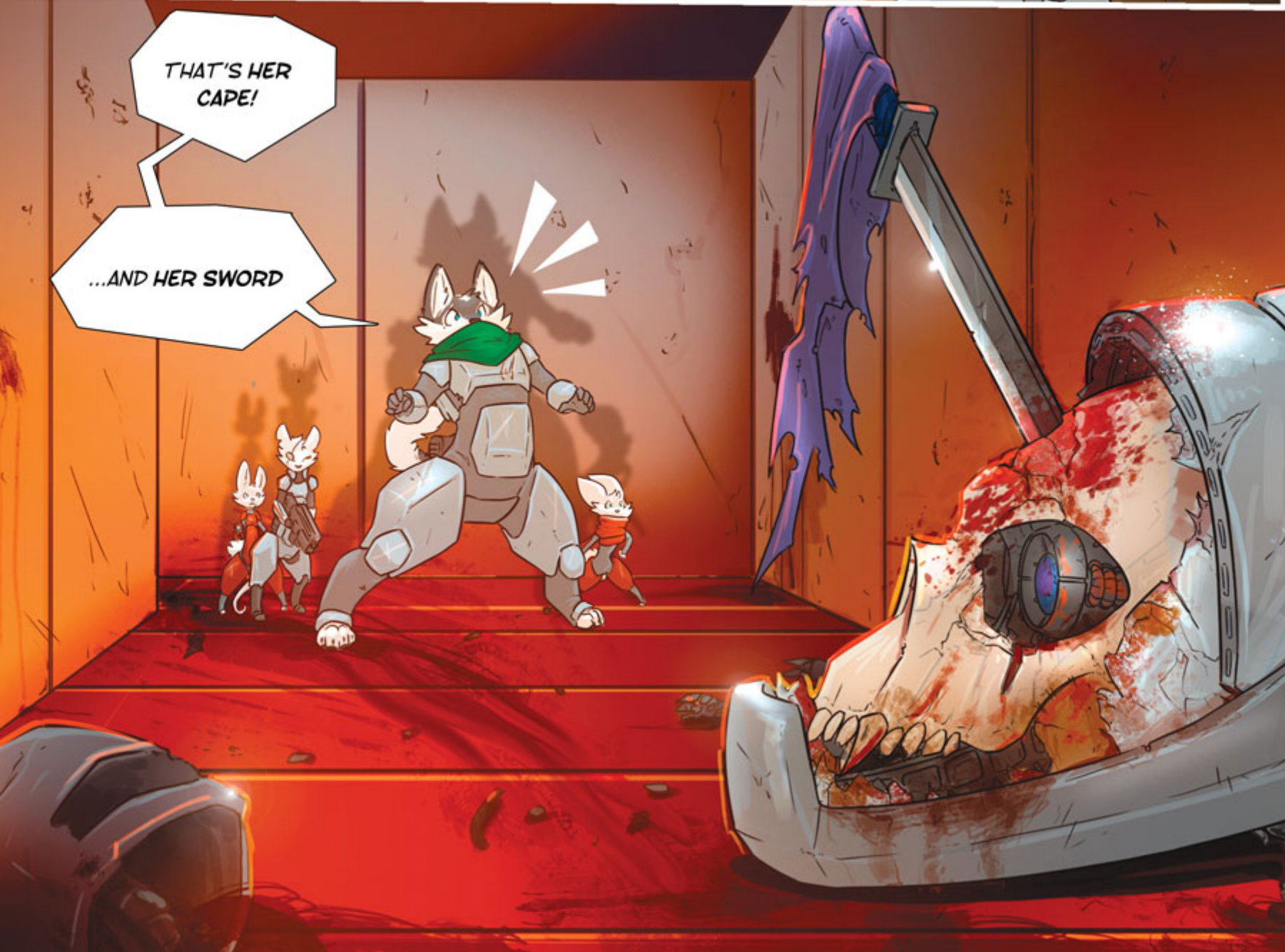
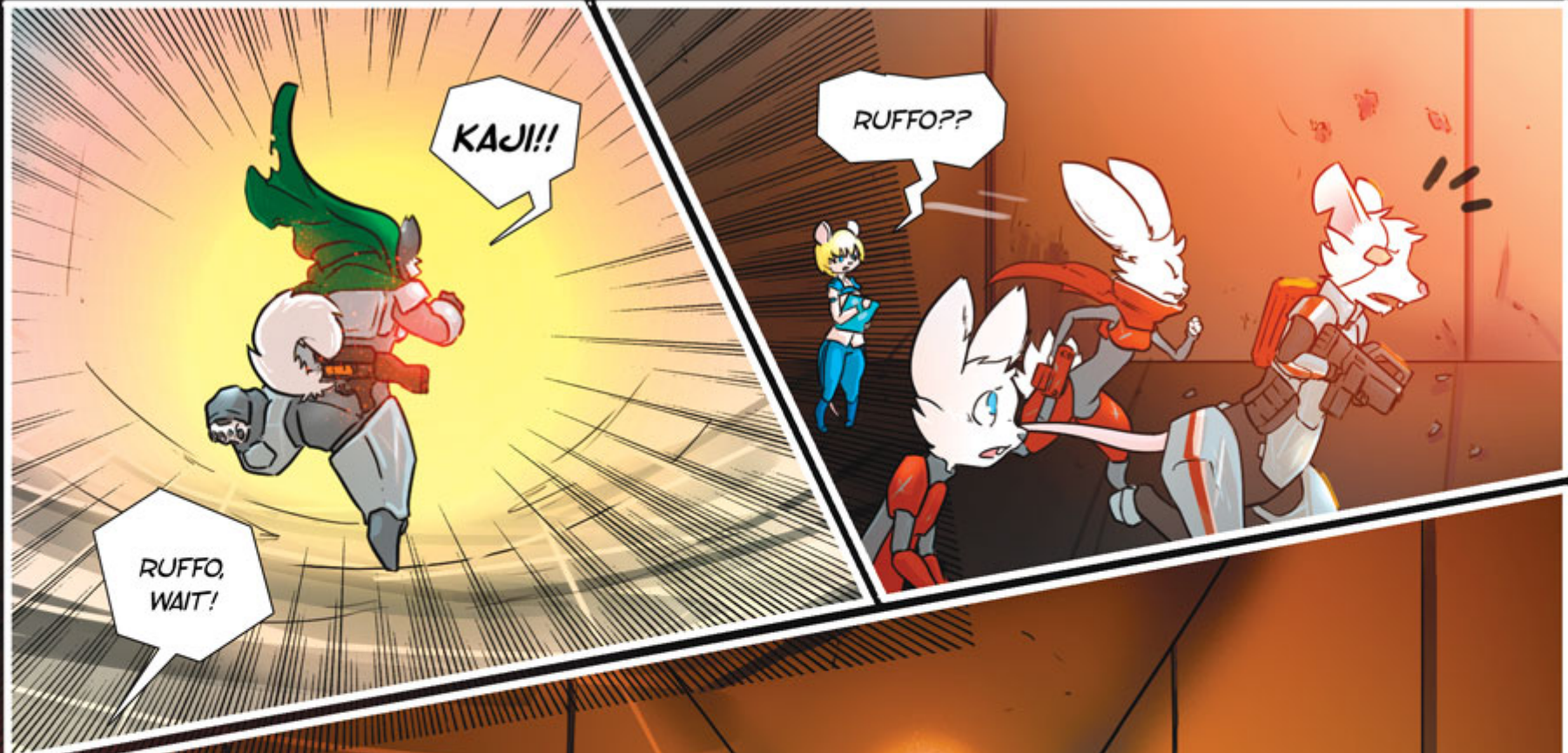
THERE'S A
TRAIL OF BLOOD
HERE...

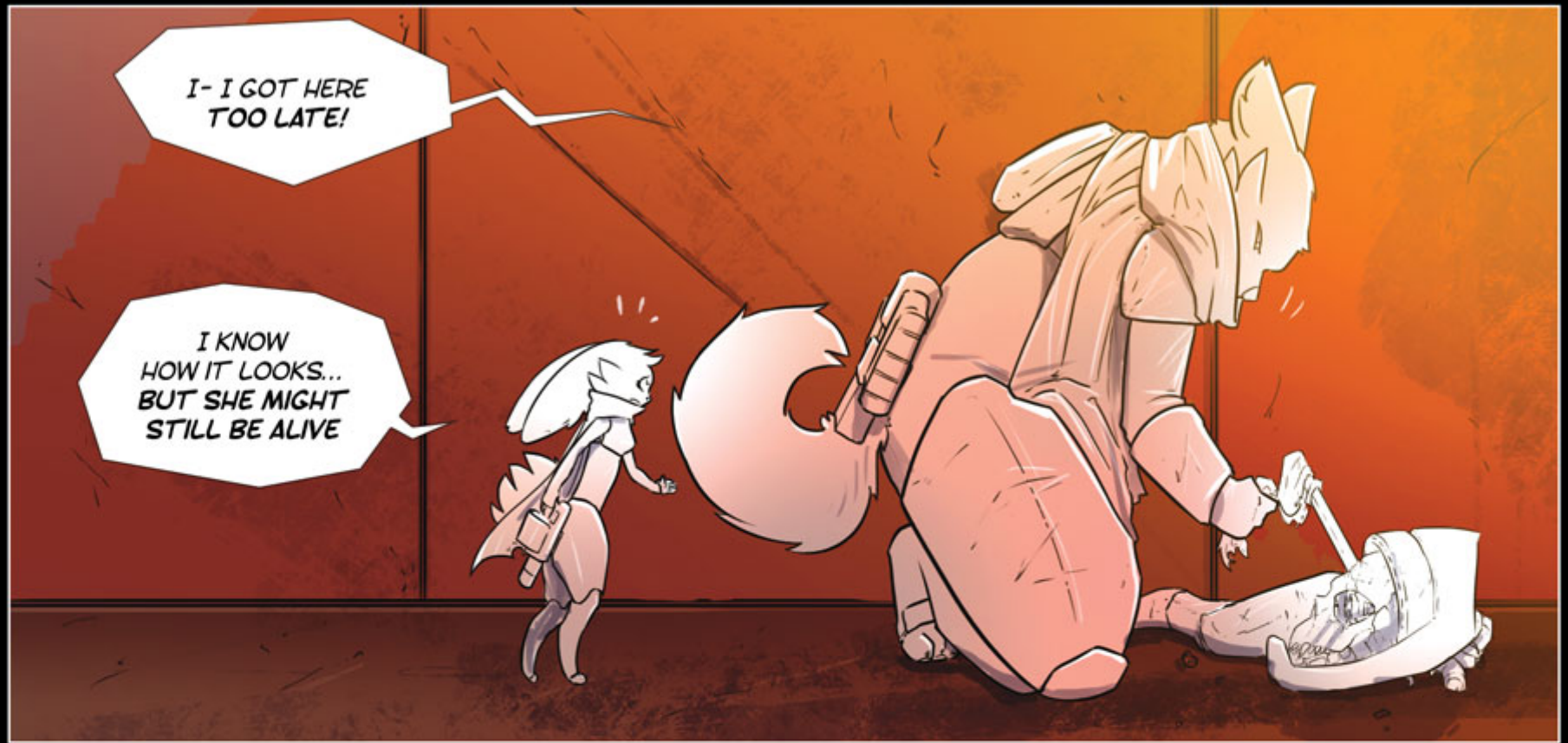


...IT GOES AROUND
THE CORNER

WAIT...
I RECOGNIZE
A SCENT!

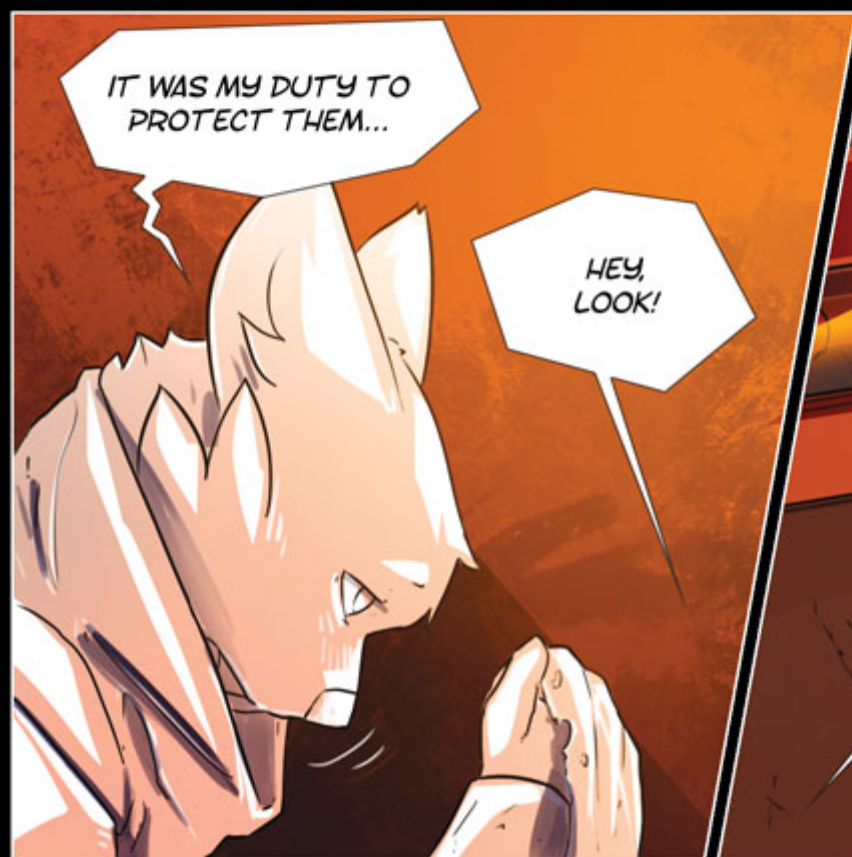






I- I GOT HERE TOO LATE!

I KNOW HOW IT LOOKS... BUT SHE MIGHT STILL BE ALIVE



IT WAS MY DUTY TO PROTECT THEM...

HEY, LOOK!



THE ELEVATOR IS MOVING!

WAIT...



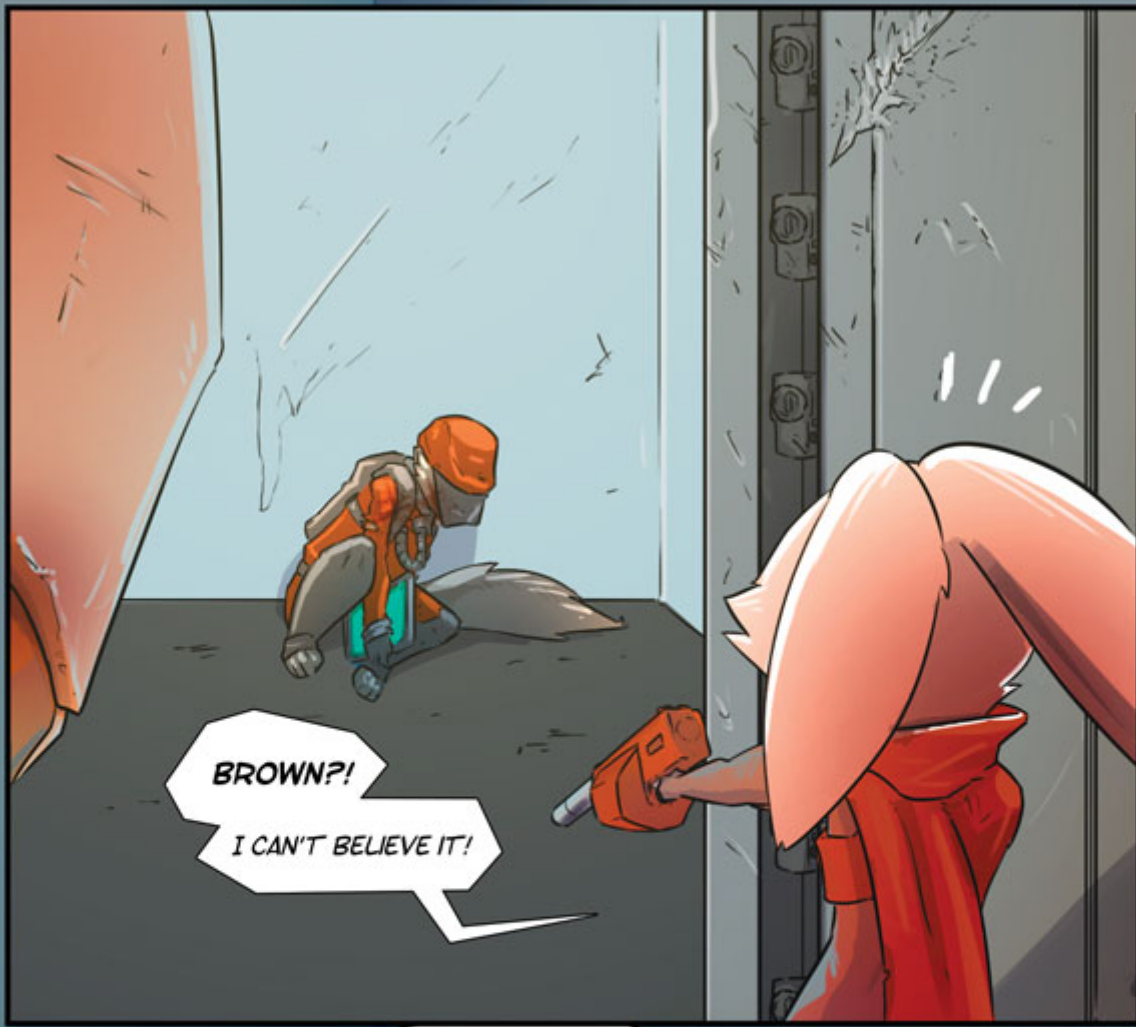
IT JUST STOPPED AT THIS FLOOR!



DID ANYONE PRESS THE BUTTON?!

I DON'T EVEN THINK I CAN REACH IT!

IT'S OPENING!



BROWN?!

I CAN'T BELIEVE IT!



...COMMANDER?



**YOU'RE A LUCKY ONE, BROWN!
I'M SO GLAD YOU'RE ALIVE**

**WHAT IS THE
SHUTTLE STATUS?**



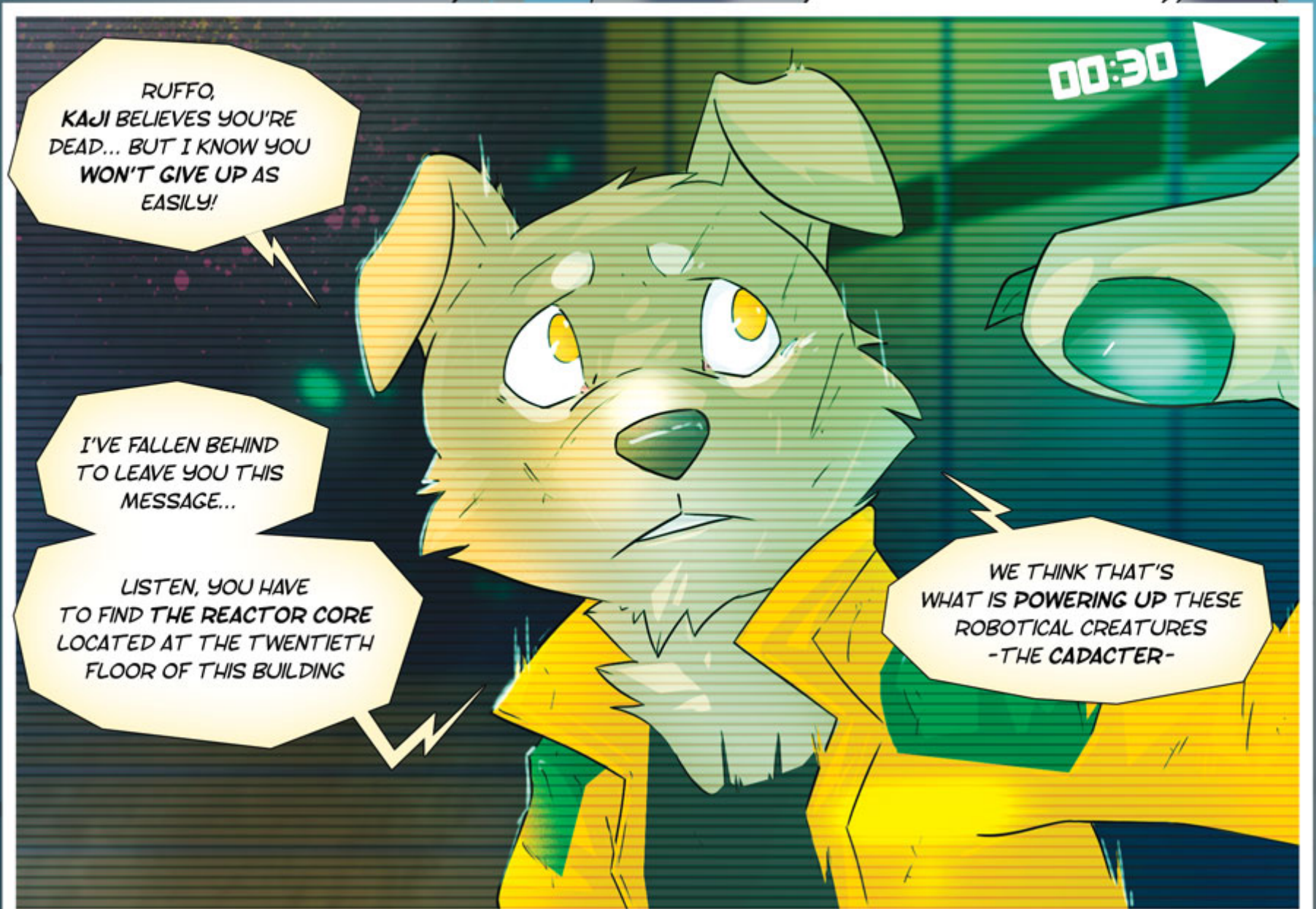
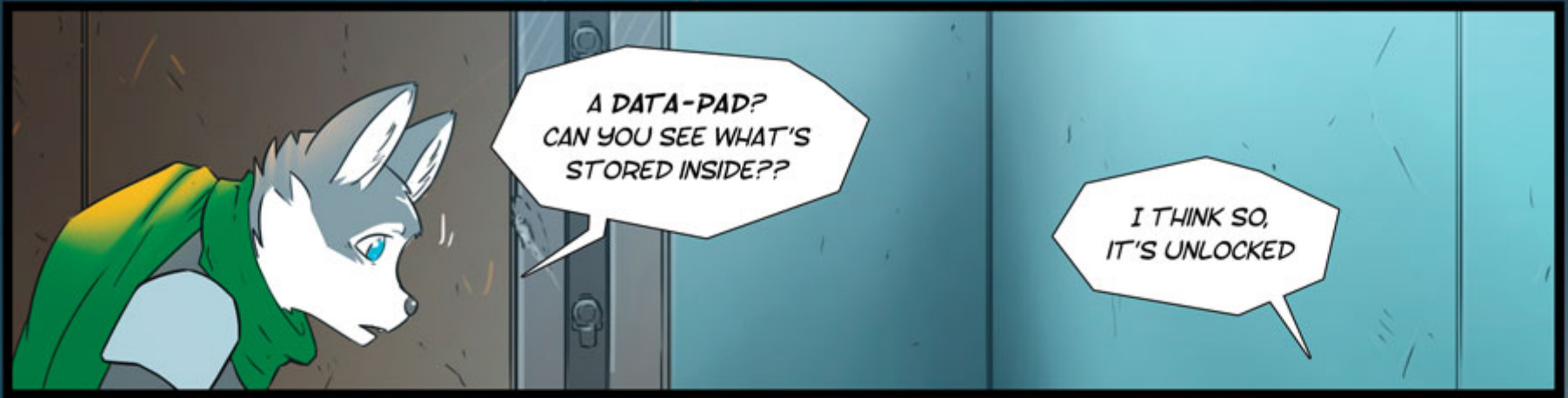
**IT'S GONE,
COMMANDER**

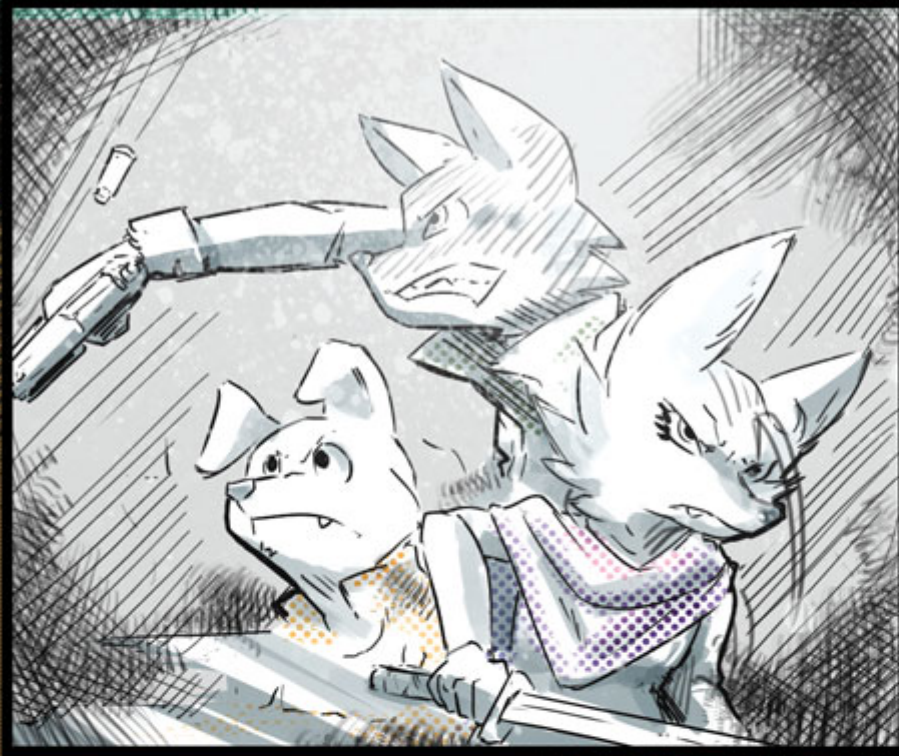
**AT LEAST
IT KEPT YOU ALIVE,
BUT YOU LOOK VERY
INJURED**



**I FOUND THIS DATA-PAD
AMONG THE BELONGINGS OF SOME
GUARDIAN-CLAN CORPSES...IT'S
A MESS UP THERE**

**I TOOK IT BECAUSE IT
SEEMED IMPORTANT,
THEY DIED PROTECTING
THIS THING**





WE FOUGHT OUR WAY
ACROSS THE UPPER LEVELS



BUT THEY WERE JUST TOO MANY!
BROZ IS DEAD, KAJI AND I ARE THE
ONLY ONES LEFT

DON'T LET
THE CADACTER
TAKE YOU...

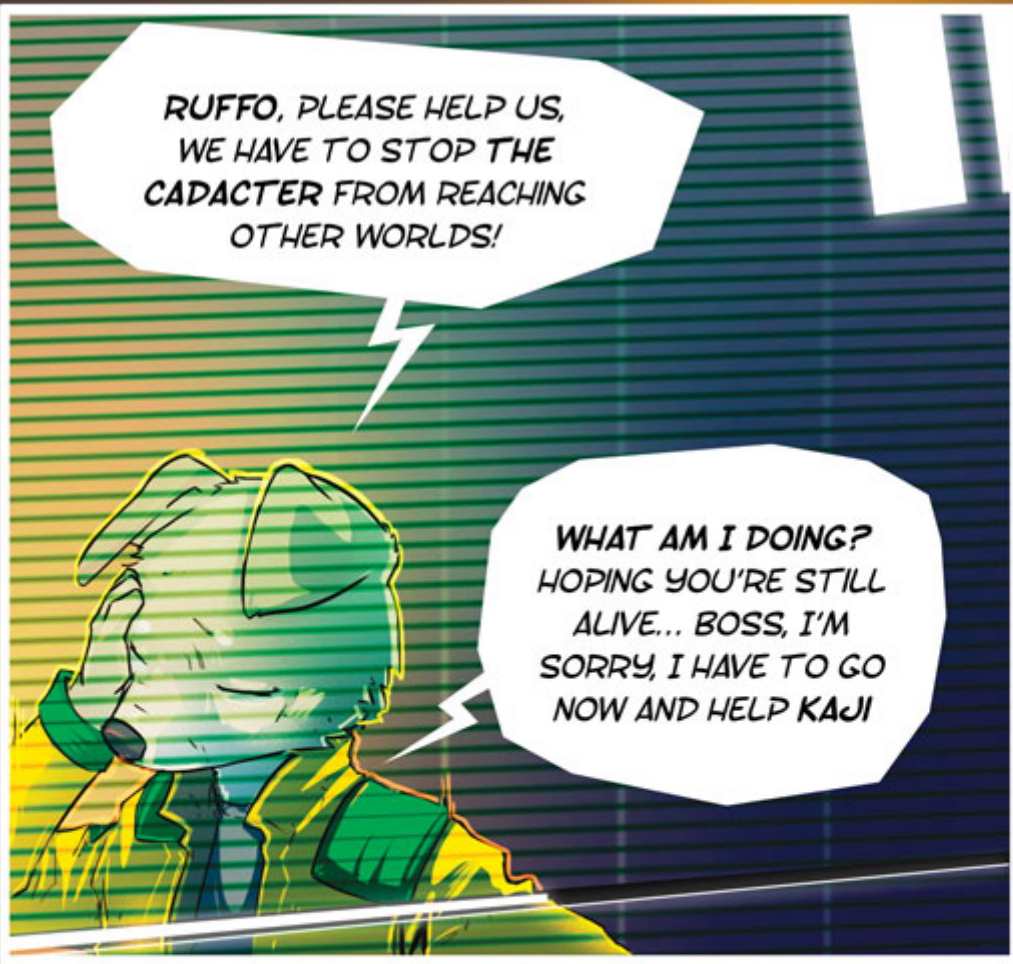
BUT I'M NO
FIGHTER!



I FEAR THEY AREN'T EXACTLY
TRYING TO KILL US... BUT CAPTURE
US, DOESN'T MATTER IF INJURED

RUFFO, LISTEN,
THE ASCENSION WAS LANDED
AT THE ROOF





RUFFO, PLEASE HELP US,
WE HAVE TO STOP THE
CADAFTER FROM REACHING
OTHER WORLDS!

WHAT AM I DOING?
HOPING YOU'RE STILL
ALIVE... BOSS, I'M
SORRY, I HAVE TO GO
NOW AND HELP KAJI



LANZO...



THIS WAS RECORDED
ABOUT AN HOUR AGO!

MAYBE THERE'S
STILL TIME!



WHERE DID YOU
FIND THIS?!

WE HAVE TO GO
IMMEDIATELY!



NO WAY! WE HAVE
TO HELP BROWN!
HE'S IN A TERRIBLE SHAPE.
WE HAVE TO GET HIM
SOMEWHERE SAFE



THE KID IS RIGHT!
WE MUST GET TO
THE ASCENSION FIRST

PUT BROWN IN
THE MEDBAY AND START
THE PREPARATIONS TO
FLY OFF THIS PLANET
BEFORE THE STORM
GETS WORSE



NO!!

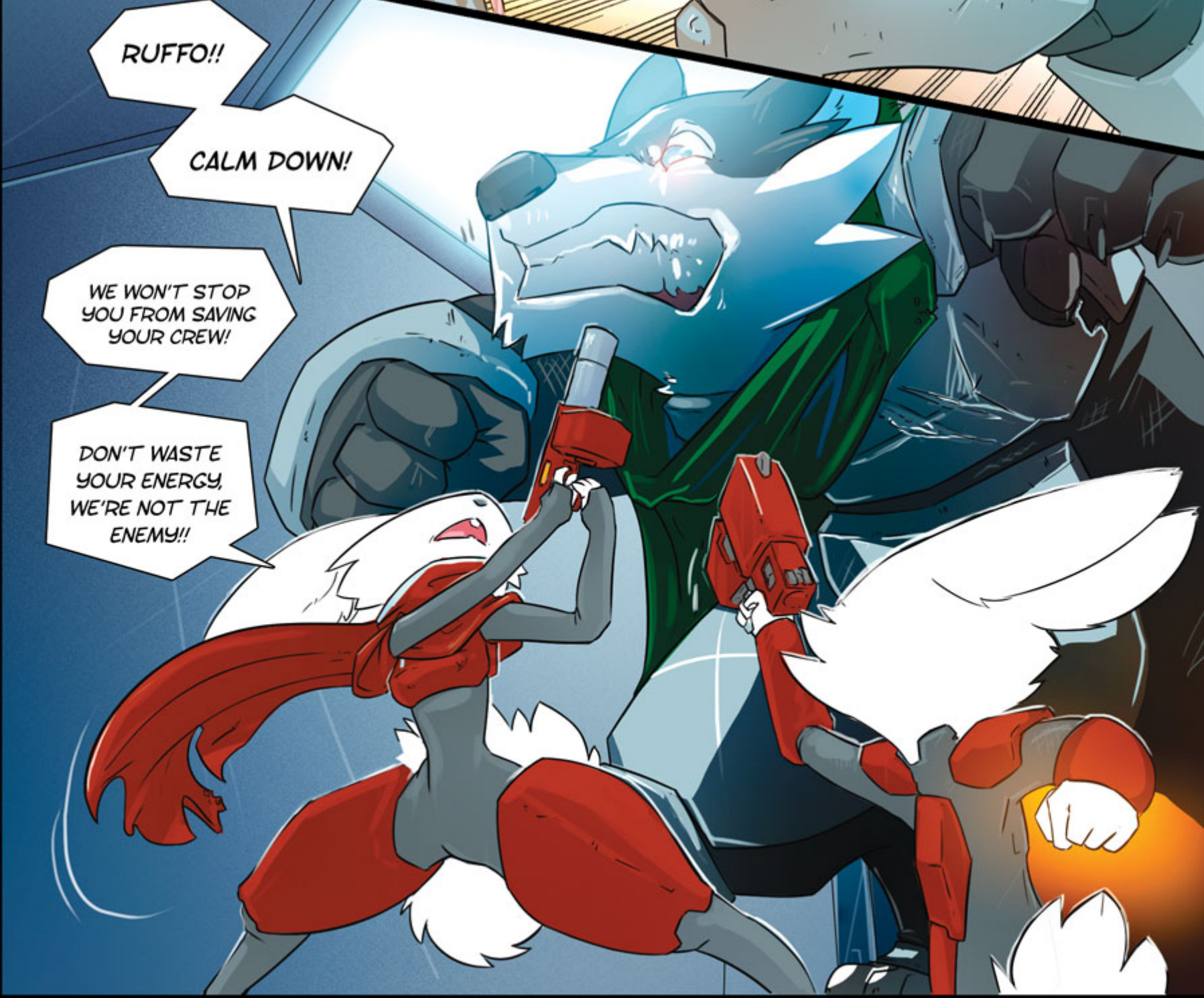
GRRR!

I WON'T LEAVE MY COMPANIONS TO DIE HERE!

I WONT!!



UNGH!!

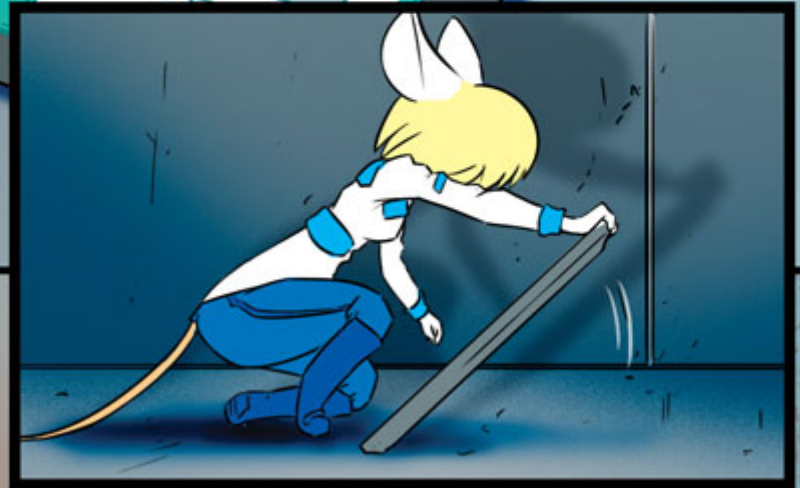


RUFFO!!

CALM DOWN!

WE WON'T STOP YOU FROM SAVING YOUR CREW!

DON'T WASTE YOUR ENERGY, WE'RE NOT THE ENEMY!!



DAMN!

JUST LET HIM GO ALONE!

WE DON'T NEED HIM!



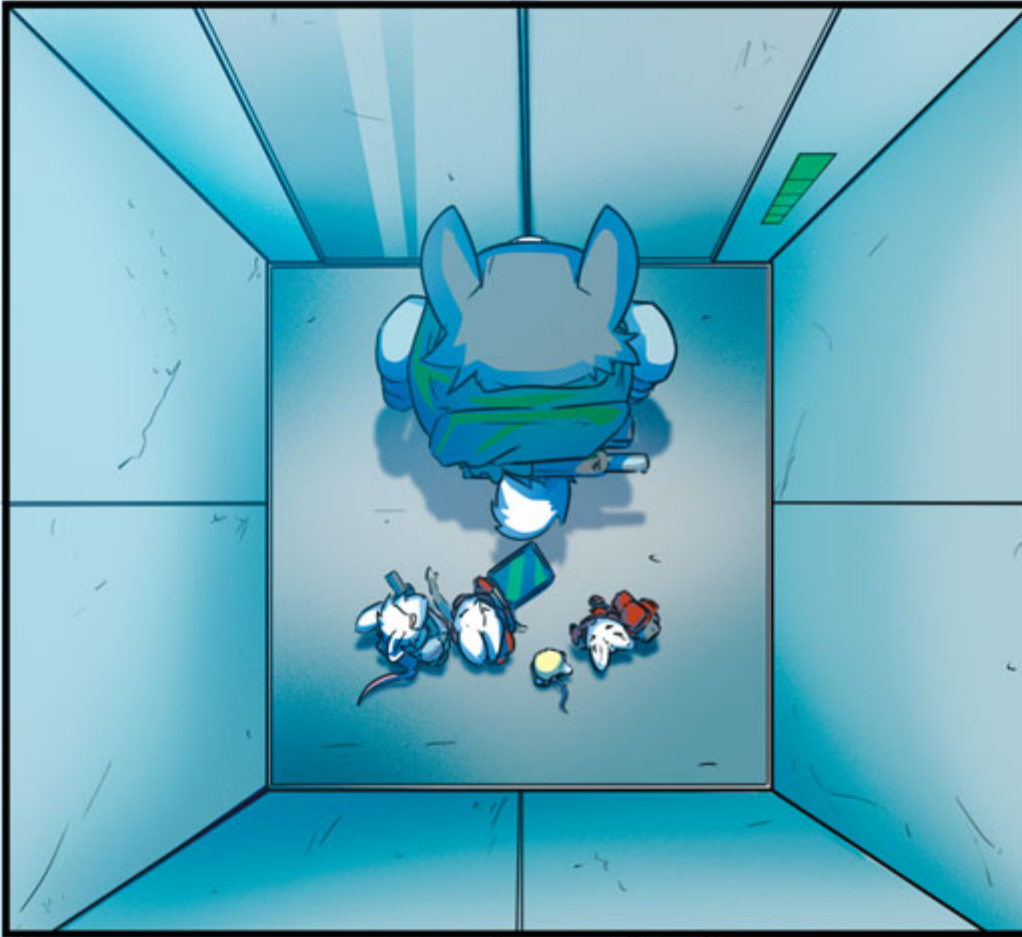
PLEASE DON'T FIGHT!
IF WE DON'T HELP EACH OTHER NONE OF US WILL MAKE IT OUT OF HERE ALIVE



I KNOW HOW YOU FEEL, BUT I ALSO NEED TO PROTECT MY PEOPLE

WE JUST NEED TO USE YOUR SHIP'S MED-BAY AS A SHELTER. WE WON'T LEAVE WITHOUT YOU

I PROMISE!





EHH, LISTEN PLEASE... I DIDN'T WANTED TO POINT THIS OUT EARLIER BECAUSE I STILL HAD MY DOUBTS



HAVEN'T YOU NOTICED? THE KEY IS IN THAT MESSAGE



RUFFO WAS THE NAME OF ORIGINAL ASCENSION'S CAPTAIN... THE ONE THAT GOT MISSING 150 YEARS AGO



WOULD IT BE POSSIBLE THAT THIS RUFFO IS THE GUARDIAN CLAN'S LOST VETUSTO? HE'S EVEN WEARING AN OLD FASHIONED ARMOR AND A FAMILY CAPE...

IT CAN'T BE JUST A COINCIDENCE!

*FOUNDER OR PRIMARCH



IMPOSSIBLE!

DO YOU HEAR WHAT YOU'RE SAYING?

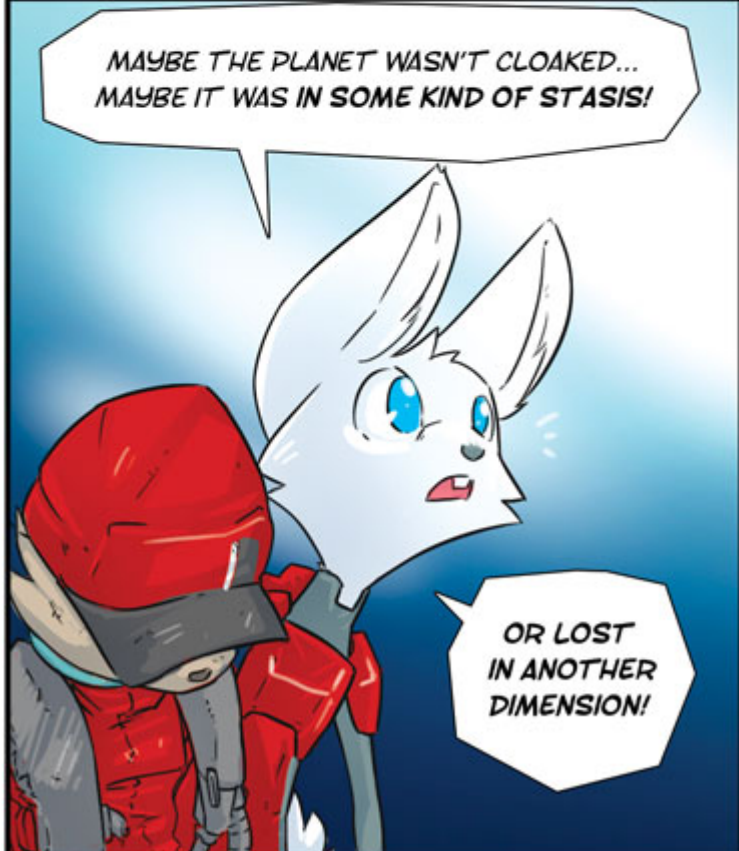
I KNOW! BUT CHECK THE DATE OF THE VIDEO IN THE DATAPAD...



THE PROFESSOR IS RIGHT!

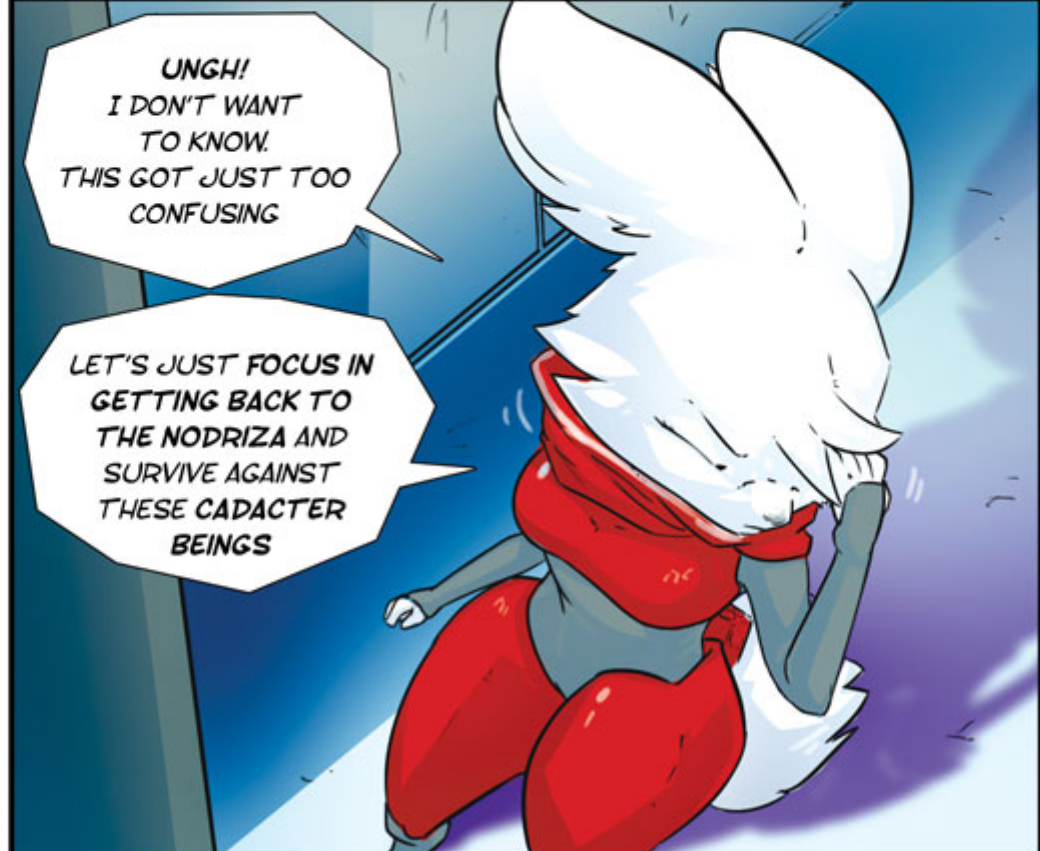
IT'S DATED ABOUT 150 YEARS AGO...

HOW?!



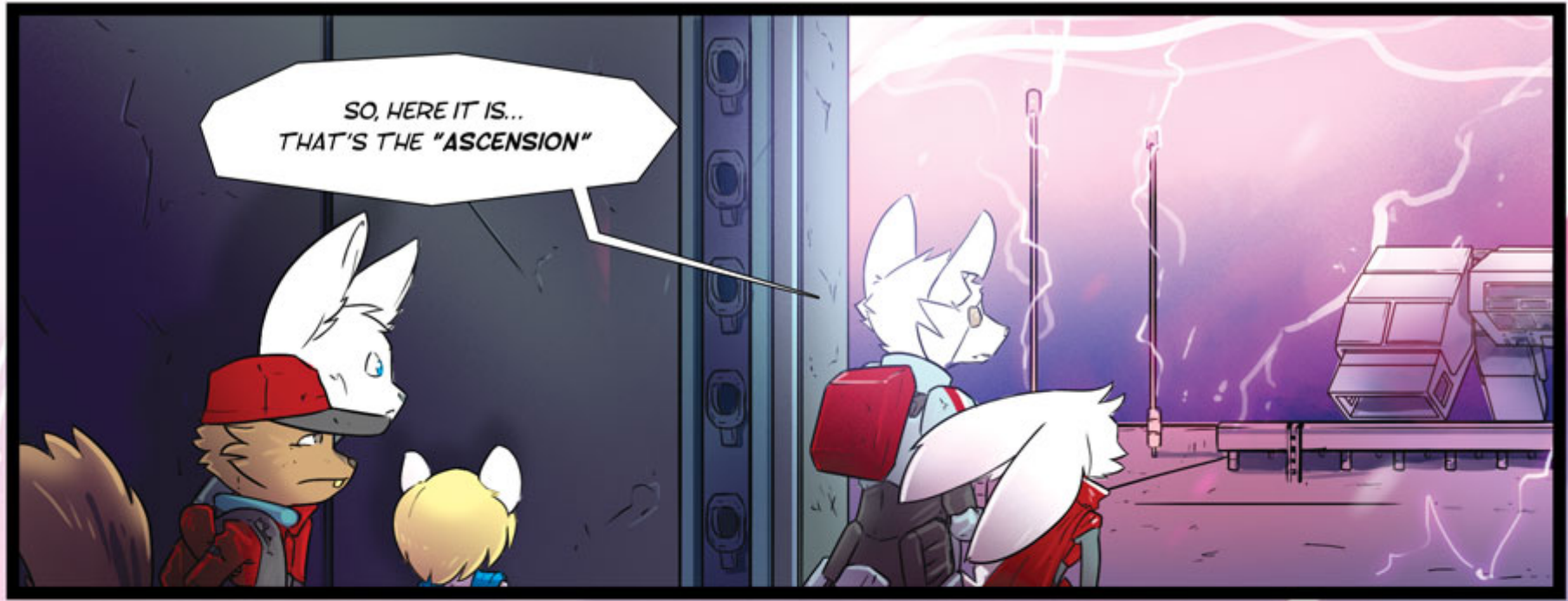
MAYBE THE PLANET WASN'T CLOAKED... MAYBE IT WAS IN SOME KIND OF STASIS!

OR LOST IN ANOTHER DIMENSION!



UNGH! I DON'T WANT TO KNOW. THIS GOT JUST TOO CONFUSING

LET'S JUST FOCUS IN GETTING BACK TO THE NODRIZA AND SURVIVE AGAINST THESE CADACTER BEINGS



SO, HERE IT IS...
THAT'S THE "ASCENSION"



CALE, LISTEN...
TAKE THE TEAM TO THE
SHIP AND PREPARE FOR
TAKEOFF ASAP

I HAVE TO GO
HELP RUFFO

WHAT?

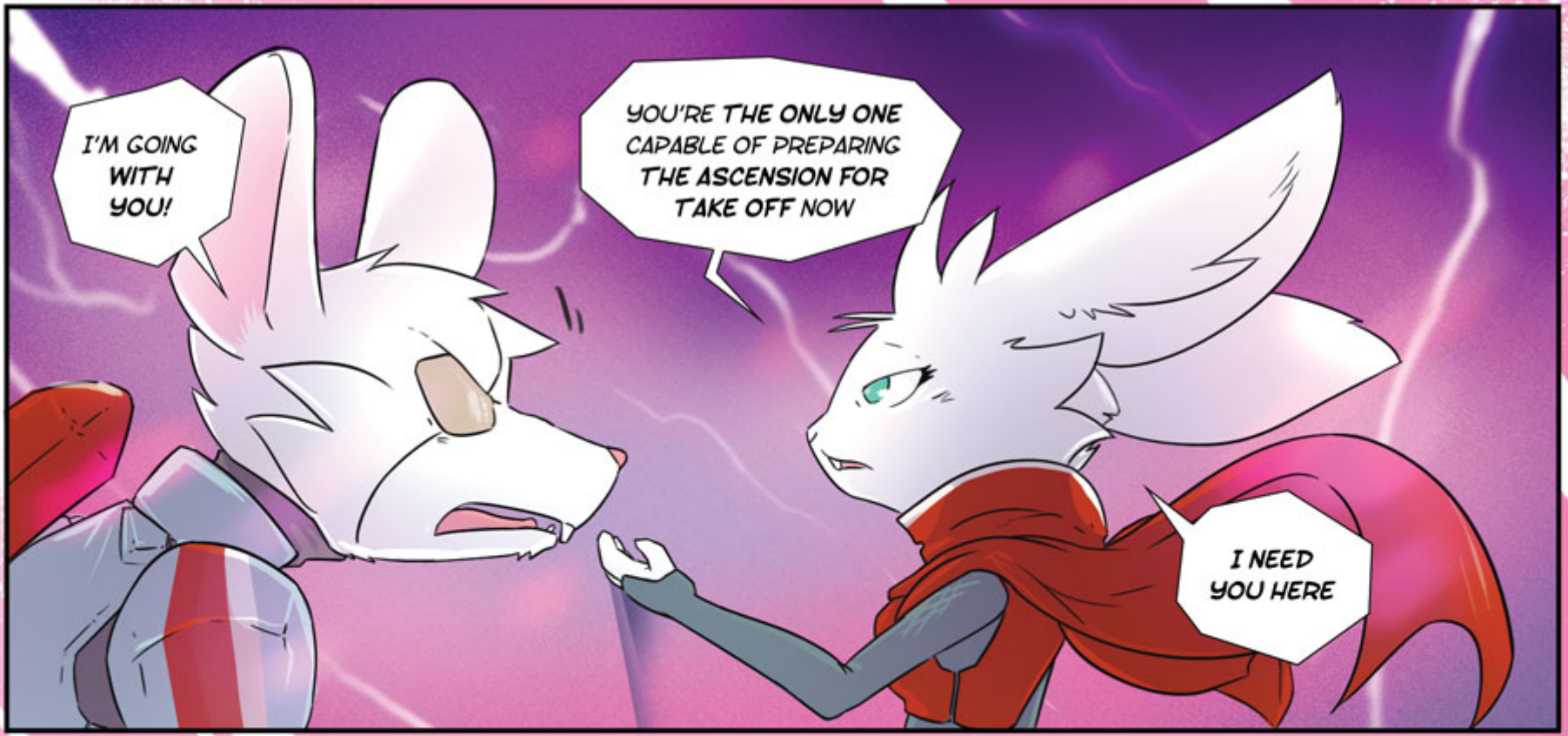


LOOK AT THE SKY!
THIS STORM CLEARLY
ISN'T NATURAL...

IF THERE'S SOMETHING
CLOAKING THE PLANET
WE'LL BE STUCK HERE
ANYWAY

NOVA, I CANNOT LET
YOU GO ALONE...

YOU CAN FOLLOW ME
AFTER YOU TAKE CARE
OF EVERYTHING HERE



I'M GOING WITH YOU!

YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE CAPABLE OF PREPARING THE ASCENSION FOR TAKE OFF NOW

I NEED YOU HERE



DAMN!!



CALE, CALM DOWN. YOU TRAINED ME. I PROMISE I'LL BE BACK



NOVA! LET ME GO WITH YOU!

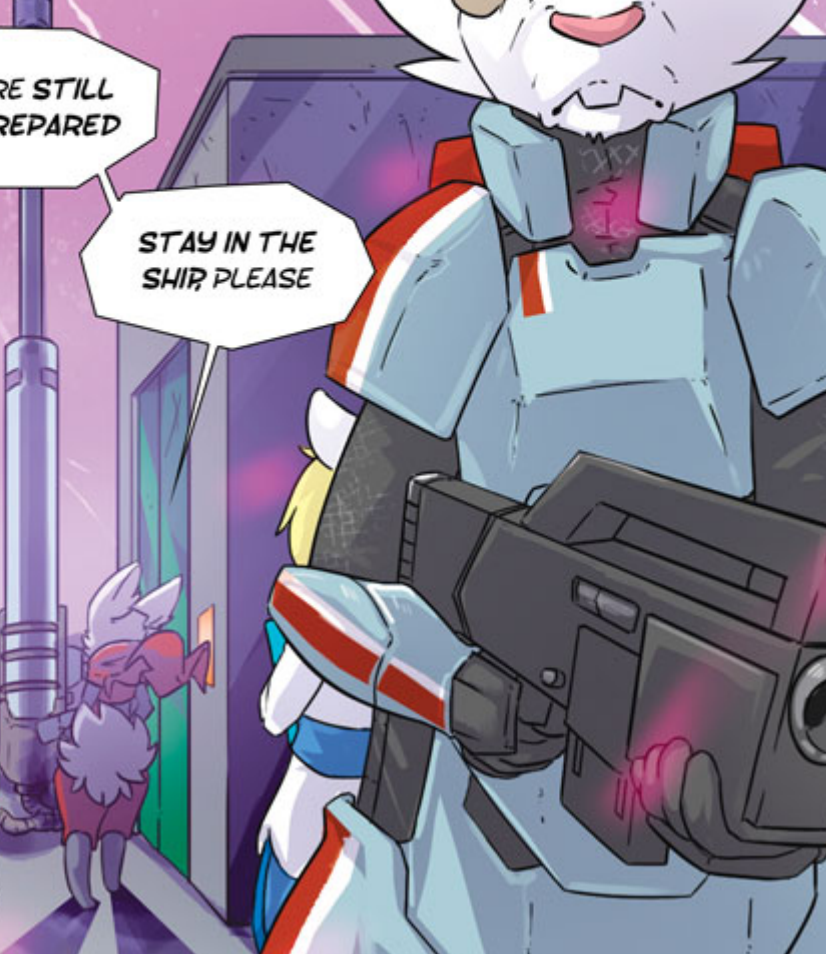
YOU SHOULDN'T GO ALONE!



NO, BANDI... I WANT YOU TO STAY HERE



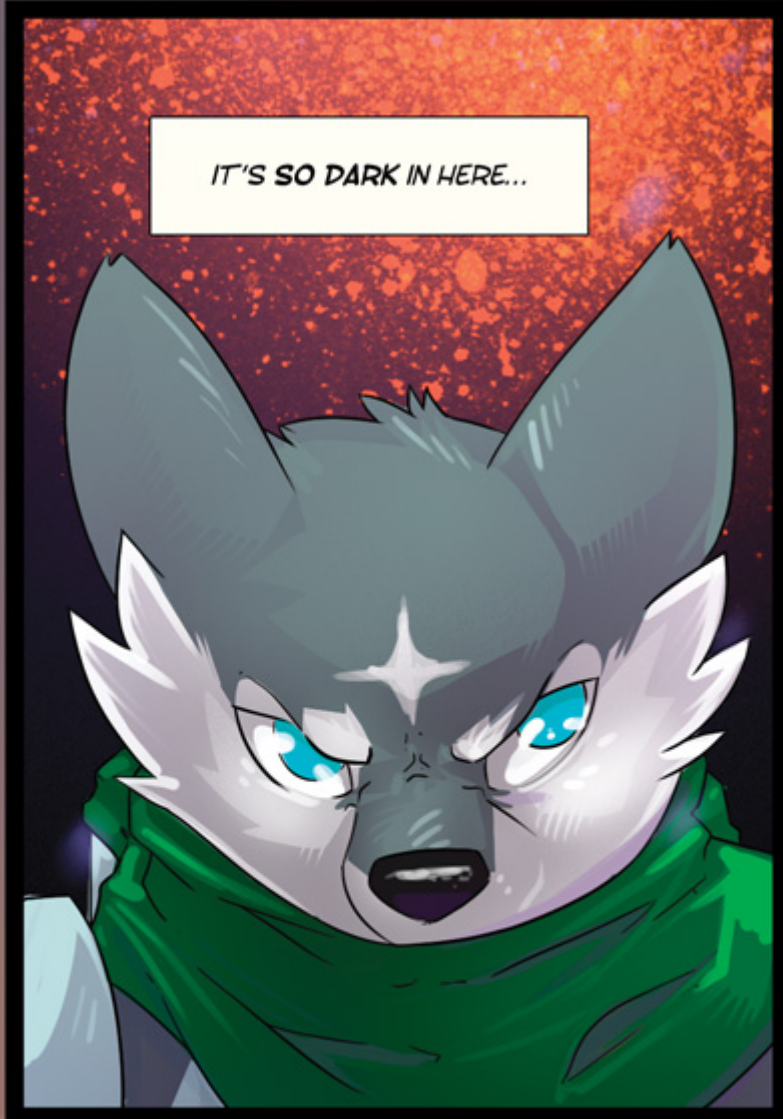
YOU ARE STILL NOT PREPARED



STAY IN THE SHIP PLEASE

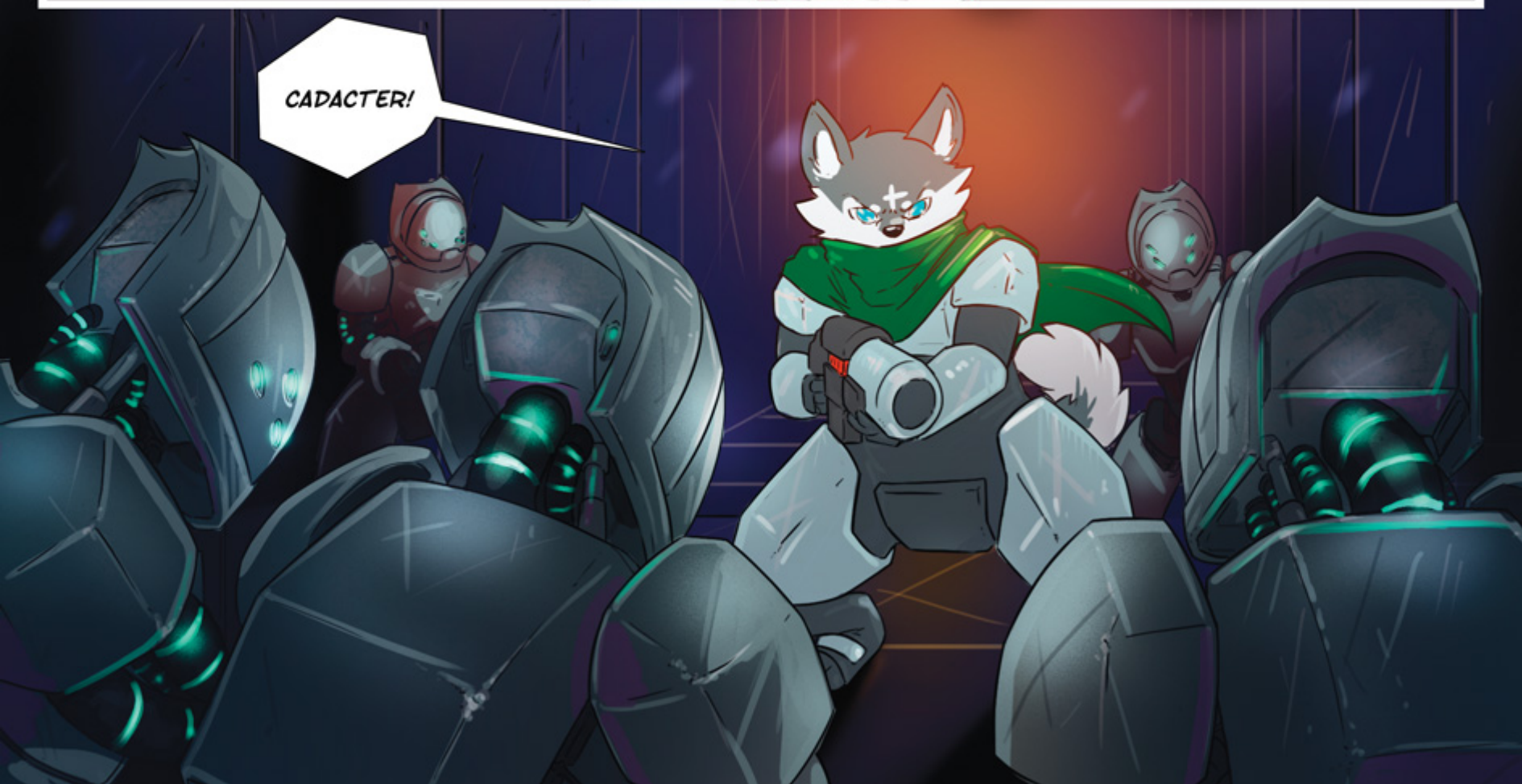
IT'S SO DARK IN HERE...

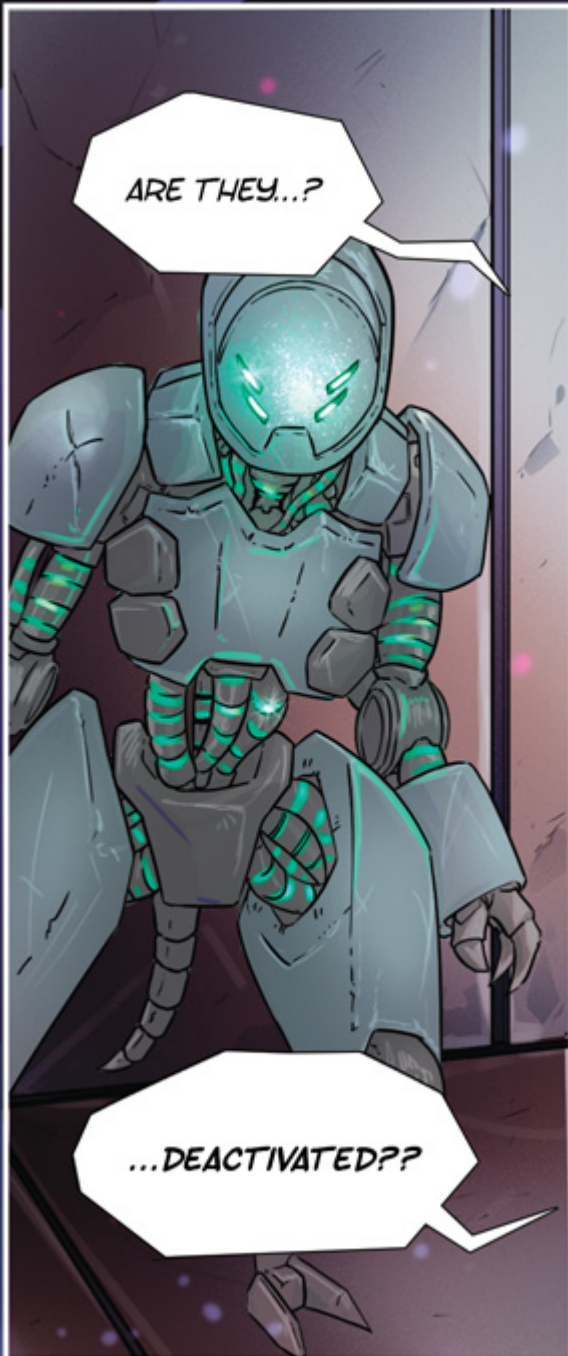
HOLD ON MY FRIENDS,
I'M COMING TO HELP!



WHAT ARE
THESE LIGHTS?!

CADACTER!





ARE THEY...?

...DEACTIVATED??



BRUZZZVOM!

WHAT IS THAT NOISE?!



I MUST BE NEAR THE ENERGY CORE!

RUFFO



KAJI!

YOU'RE ALIVE!

AT LAST

WE'VE BEEN WAITING FOR YOU



RUFFO.

WE KNEW YOU
WOULDN'T LET
US DOWN

HOW
COULD YOU
EVER FORGET
ABOUT US?



I WON'T EVER
FORGET, KAJI

I STOPPED THE
CREATURES FROM
ENTERING THE
BUILDING!

I THINK I GOT
HIT AND LOST
CONSCIOUSNESS
FOR A WHILE



DID YOU MANAGED
TO DISABLE THE
ENERGY CORE?!

OH, NO.
WE WERE WAITING
FOR YOU



DON'T YOU FEEL IT?

WHAT DO YOU
MEAN?

WHERE ARE YOU?
EVERYTHING IT'S SO
DARK IN HERE!!

WE ARE ALL
FINALLY AWAKE



KAJI... ARE YOU OK?

YES, WE ALL
ARE, RUFFO

WHAT ARE YOU
TALKING ABOUT?!

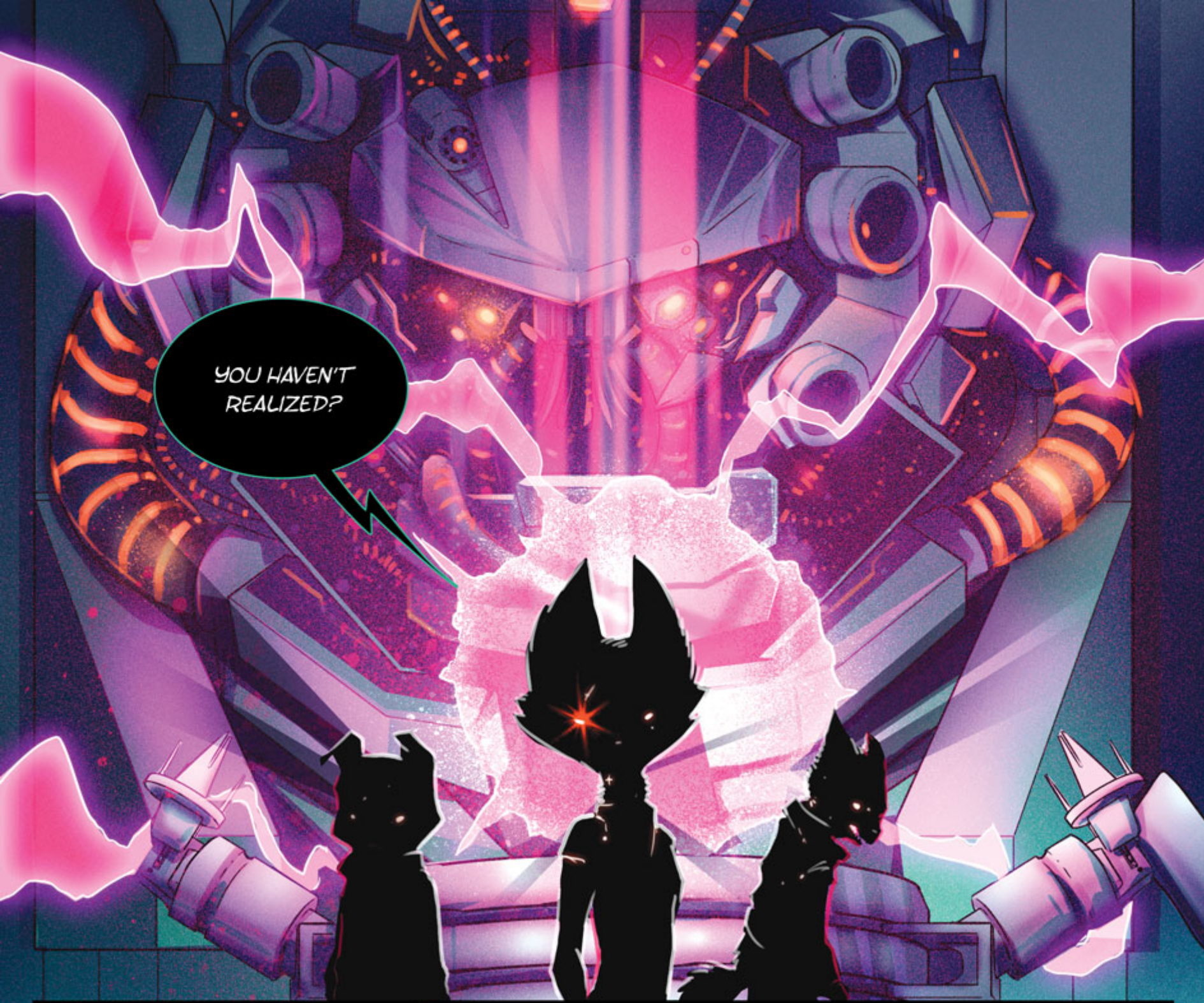
IS LANZO
WITH YOU?!

YES,
WE ARE
ALL HERE

I AM SO HAPPY
YOU'RE ALL FINE!

I WAS AFRAID
THAT YOU HADN'T
SURVIVED!

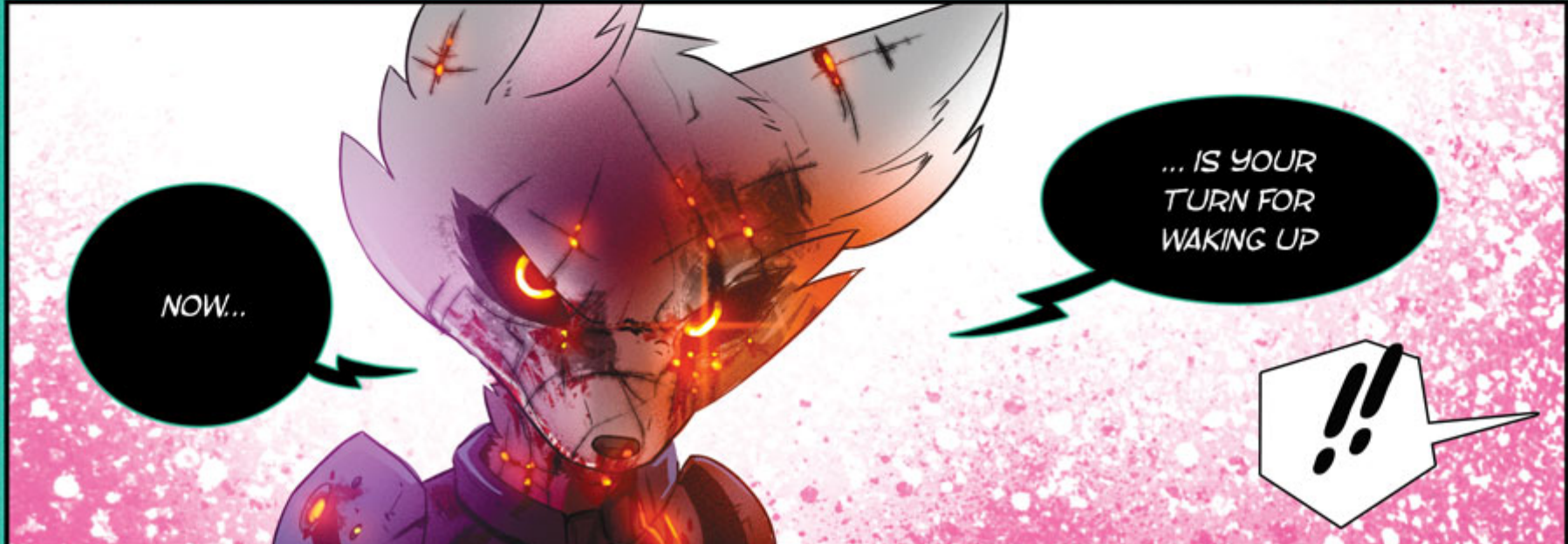




YOU HAVEN'T REALIZED?



WE ARE BEYOND DEATH



NOW...

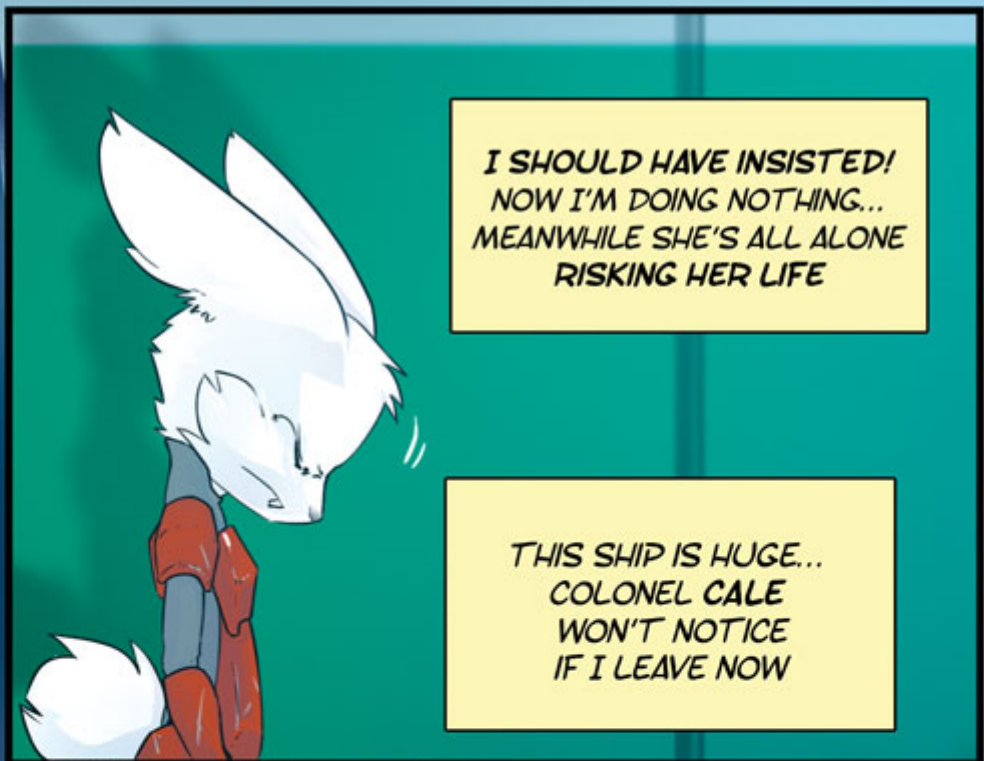
... IS YOUR TURN FOR WAKING UP

!!



I SHOULD HAVE GONE WITH HER!

BUT I'M SO SCARED



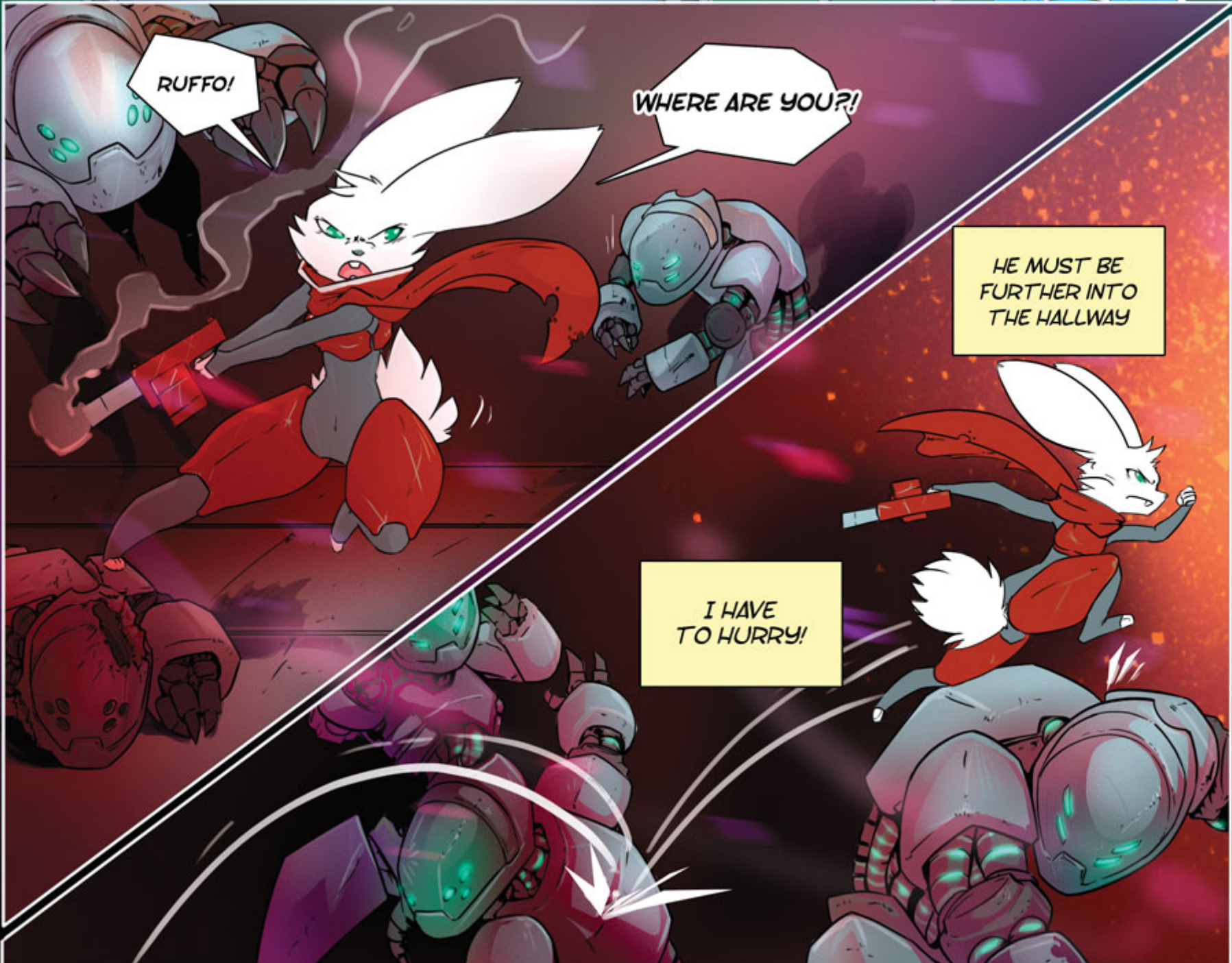
I SHOULD HAVE INSISTED! NOW I'M DOING NOTHING... MEANWHILE SHE'S ALL ALONE RISKING HER LIFE

THIS SHIP IS HUGE... COLONEL CALE WON'T NOTICE IF I LEAVE NOW



WAIT FOR ME, SISTER!

I WON'T LET YOU FACE THIS ALONE!



RUFFO!

WHERE ARE YOU?!

HE MUST BE FURTHER INTO THE HALLWAY

I HAVE TO HURRY!

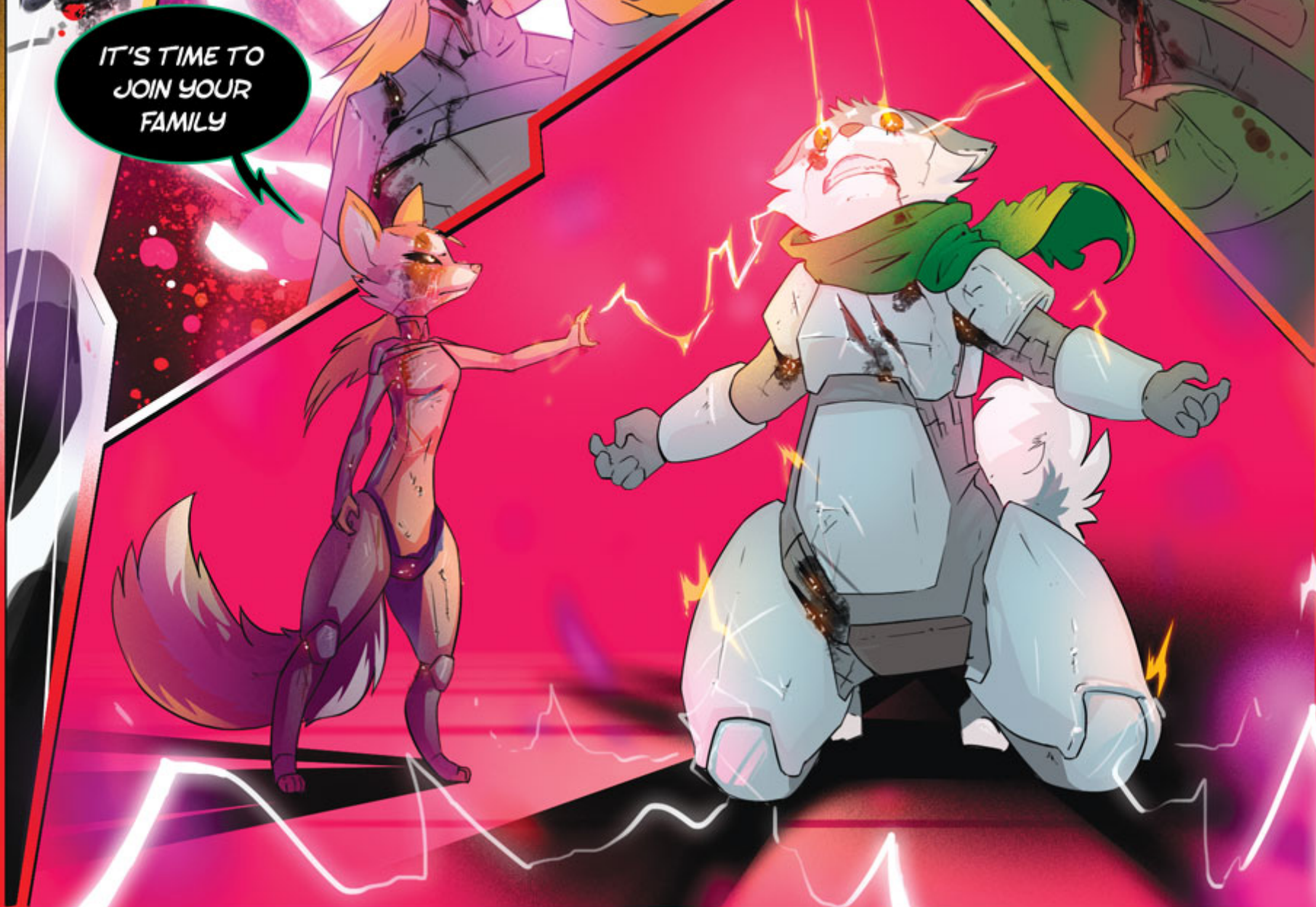


THIS-
THIS CAN'T BE!

I ONLY WANTED
TO SAVE YOU



YOU'VE FOUGHT
LONG ENOUGH



IT'S TIME TO
JOIN YOUR
FAMILY

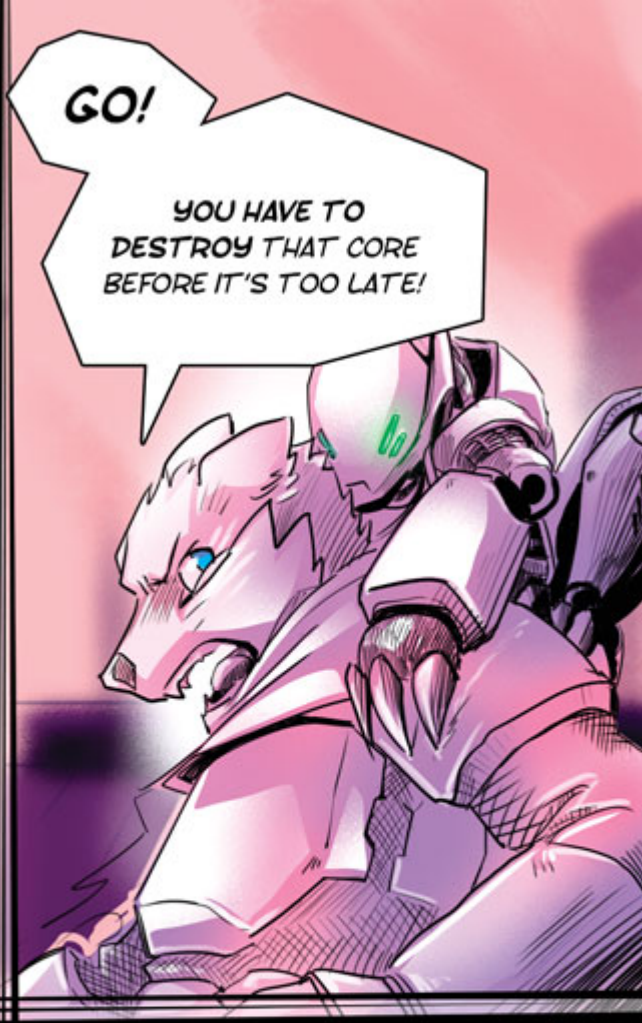


GET INSIDE THE BUILDING NOW!!

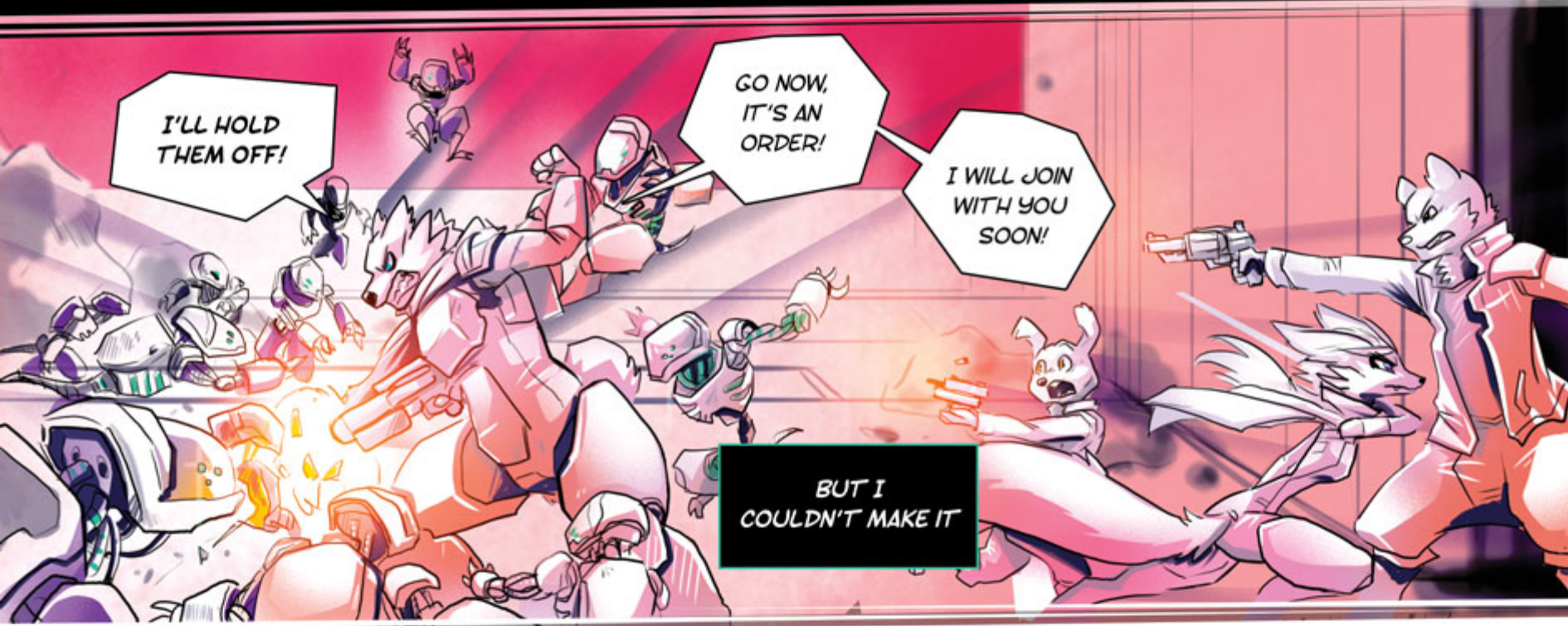
I REMEMBER CLEARLY NOW



WE WON'T LEAVE YOU, RUFFO!



GO!
YOU HAVE TO DESTROY THAT CORE BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE!

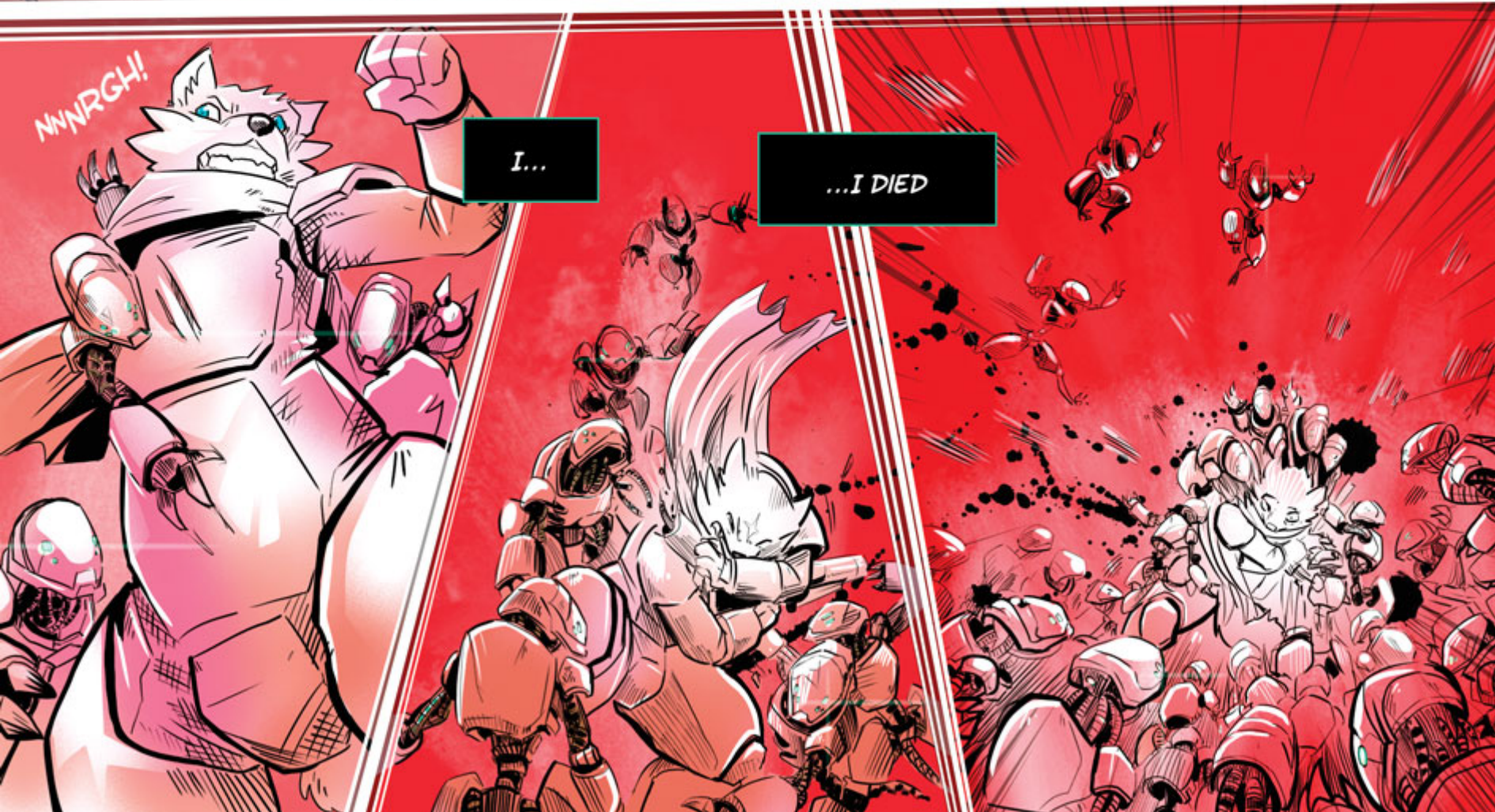


I'LL HOLD THEM OFF!

GO NOW, IT'S AN ORDER!

I WILL JOIN WITH YOU SOON!

BUT I COULDN'T MAKE IT



NNNRGH!

I...

...I DIED

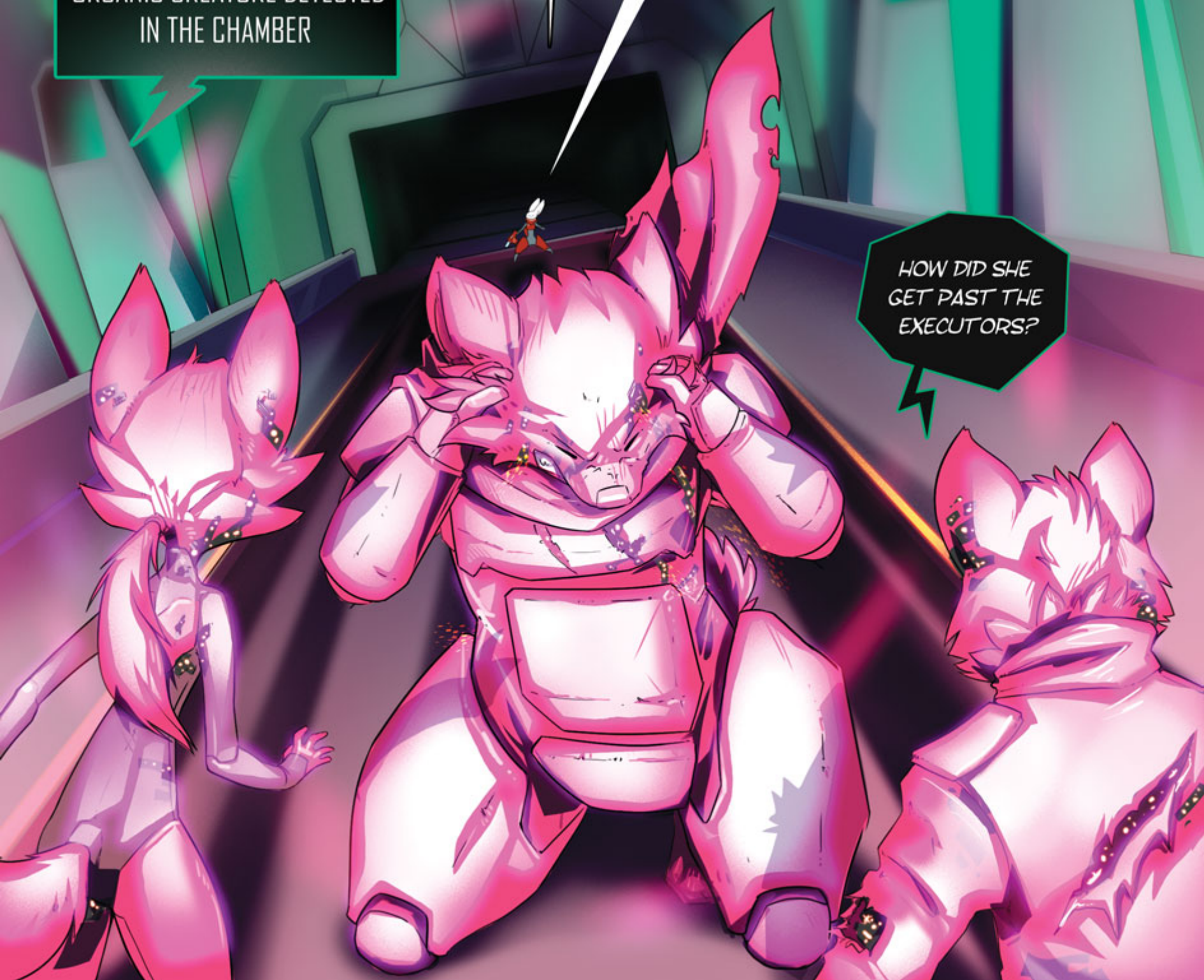
WHY
DO YOU KEEP
RESISTING?

RUFFO!
I'M HERE!

WHAT'S
HAPPENING?!

UNAUTHORIZED
ORGANIC CREATURE DETECTED
IN THE CHAMBER

HOW DID SHE
GET PAST THE
EXECUTORS?



POW!

GET AWAY FROM HIM!

STATUS: MATERIAL PROCESSING COMPLETE

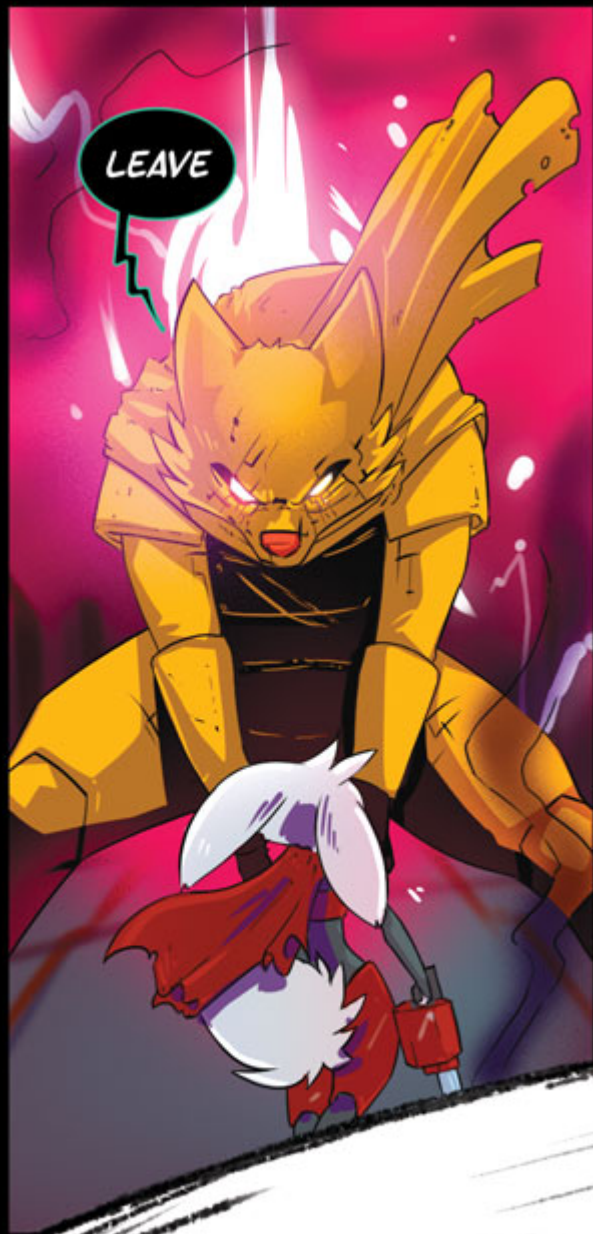
STRUCTURE AT 100%

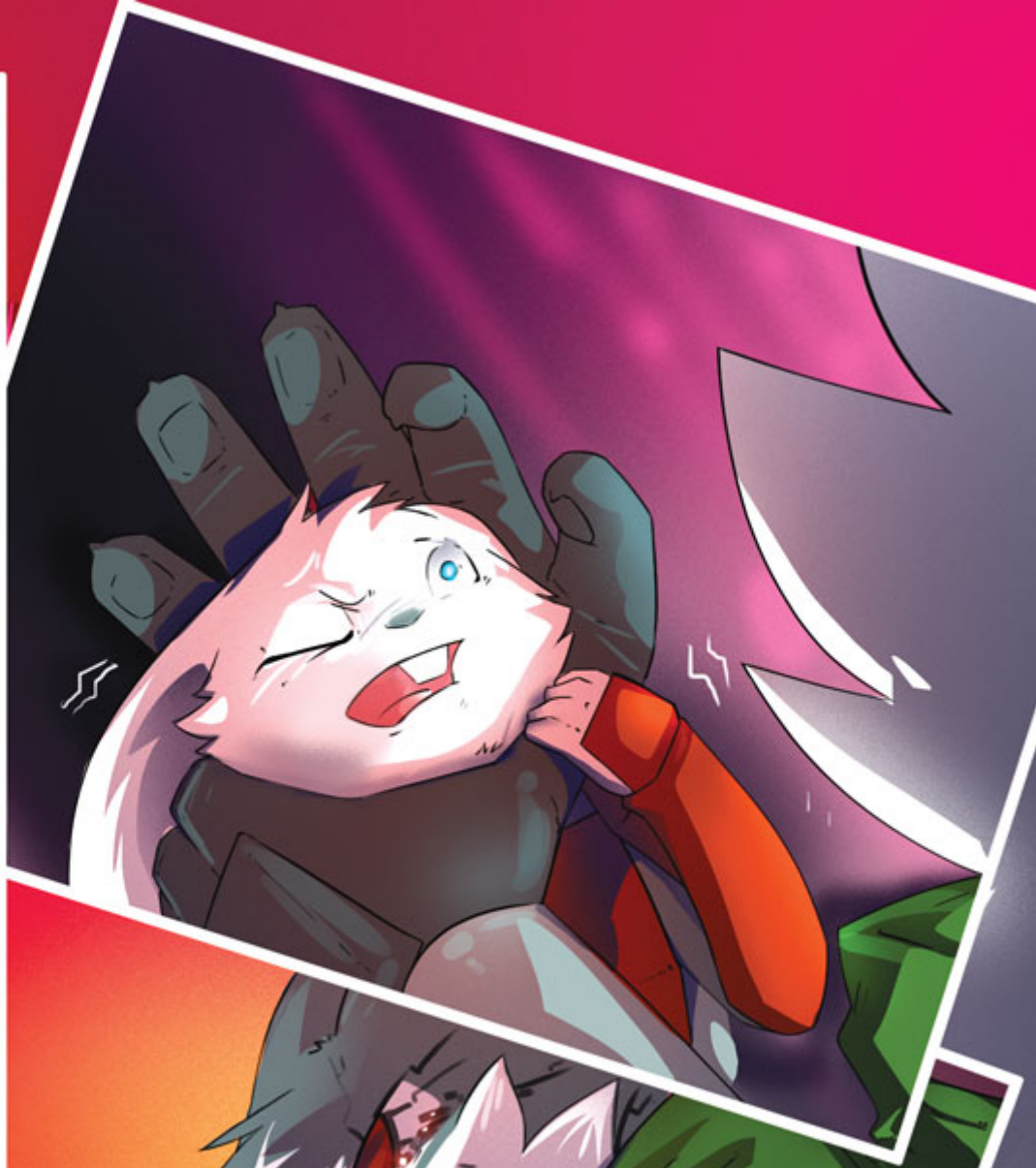
RUFFO, STAND UP!
I'M HERE TO HELP YOU
DESTROY THIS CORE!

LITTLE...
NOVA

IT'S... TOO
LATE FOR ME

GASP!







WE ALL DIED HERE

I -- I'VE BEEN DEAD THIS WHOLE TIME

THERE'S NOT MUCH LEFT OF ME

DON'T DO THIS!



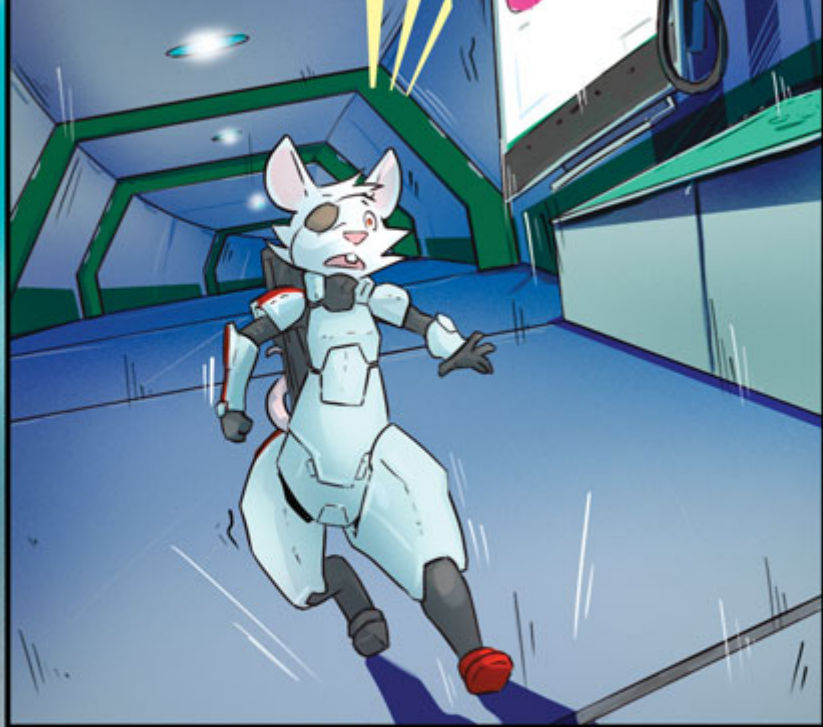
PLEASE!



YOU SAID YOU WERE GOING SAVE YOUR FAMILY!

YOU CAN STILL SAVE THEM! WE CAN STILL SAVE EVERYONE!

TRWOOOM!

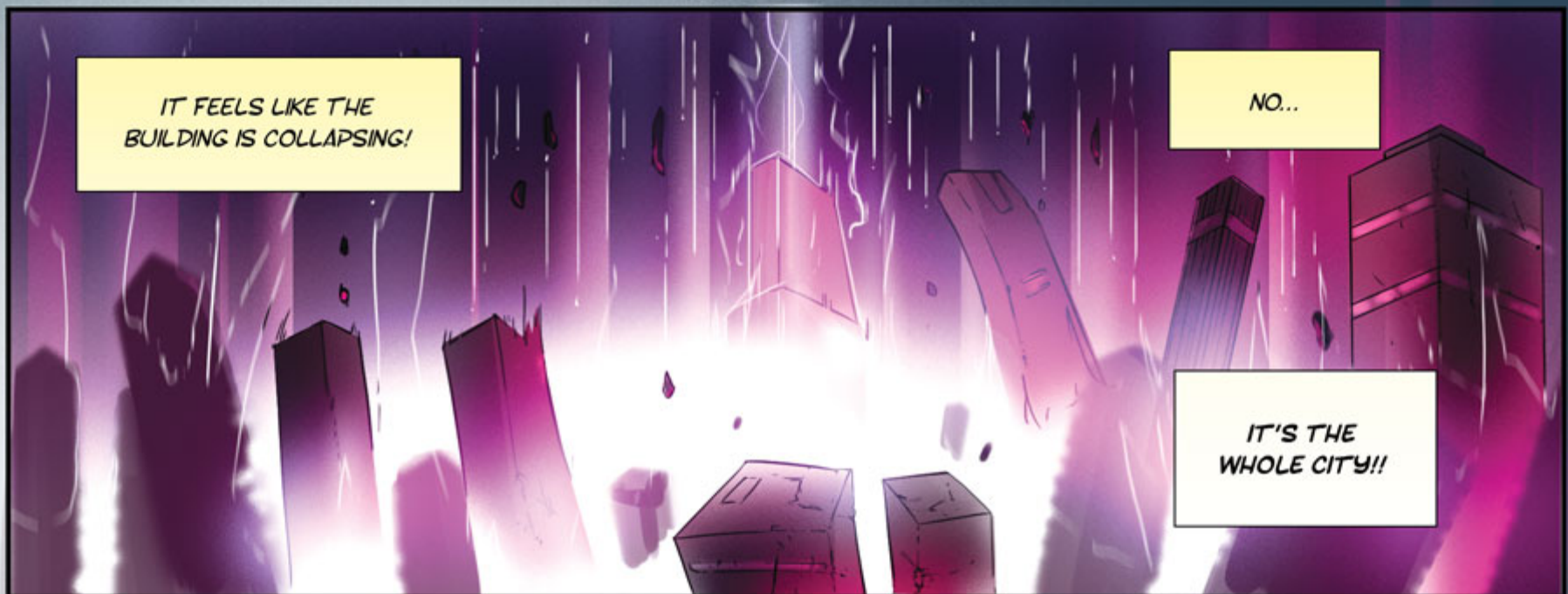


CRACK!



WHAT'S HAPPENING?!

IT FEELS LIKE THE BUILDING IS COLLAPSING!



NO...

IT'S THE WHOLE CITY!!

COLONEL CALE



WE HAVE TO TAKE OFF!

START THE ENGINES. I'M GOING TO FIND BANDI AND NOVA IN THE MEANTIME!

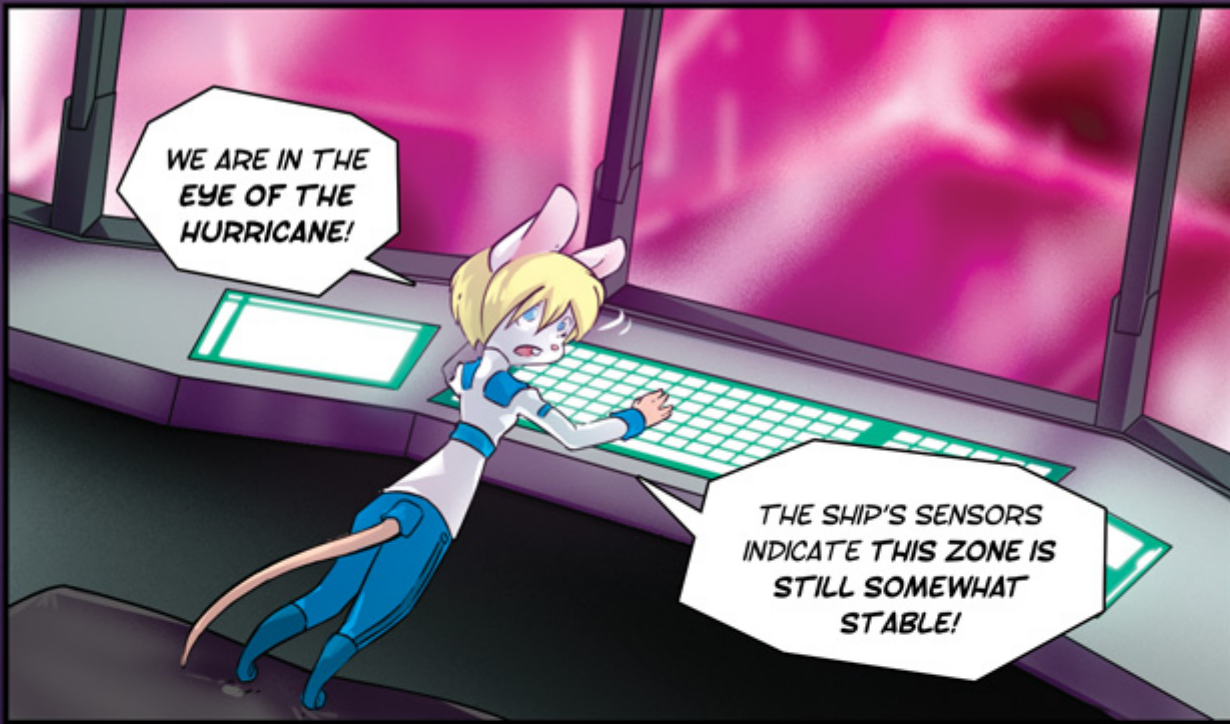
I'M NOT LEAVING WITHOUT THEM!!



PLEASE COLONEL, LOOK AROUND YOU! I CAN'T PILOT THIS HUGE SPACECRAFT BY MYSELF! THE COCKPIT CONTROLS ARE JUST TOO BIG FOR US!

EVEN THE HISTORIAN LADY WILL HAVE TO HELP!





WE ARE IN THE EYE OF THE HURRICANE!

THE SHIP'S SENSORS INDICATE THIS ZONE IS STILL SOMEWHAT STABLE!



BUT I DON'T THINK WE'LL BE SAFE HERE MUCH LONGER!



WE HAVE TO FLY THE SHIP RIGHT NOW!

THIS CAN'T BE...

MAYBE THEY MANAGED TO DESTROY THE CORE AND THIS EARTHQUAKE IS THE CONSEQUENCE!



ALL SYSTEMS ARE GREEN!

LET'S TRUST THAT THE COMMANDER WILL GET HERE AT ANY MINUTE...



NOVA...KID... PLEASE HURRY!



YOU--

ARE RIGHT

NOVA!
YOU HAVE TO ESCAPE
FROM THIS PLACE!



THE CADACTER
ARE FULLY AWAKEN

I HEAR THEIR
VOICES IN MY HEAD...
ORDERING ME!

BUT I--
WE HAVE TO
STOP THEM!



THEY WANT
TO REACH OUR
WORLD!



KAJI, BROZ,
LANZO!

I WILL DESTROY THIS
ENERGY CORE DON'T
MATTER WHAT!

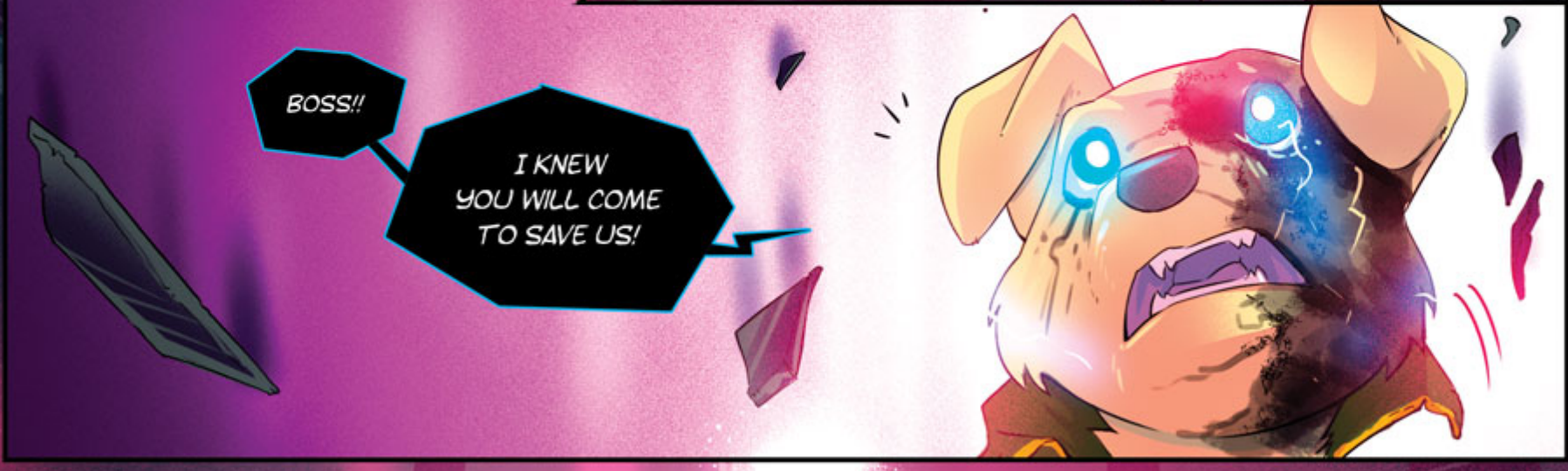
IF THERE'S ANY PART
OF YOU STILL LEFT,
YOU WILL HELP ME DO IT!

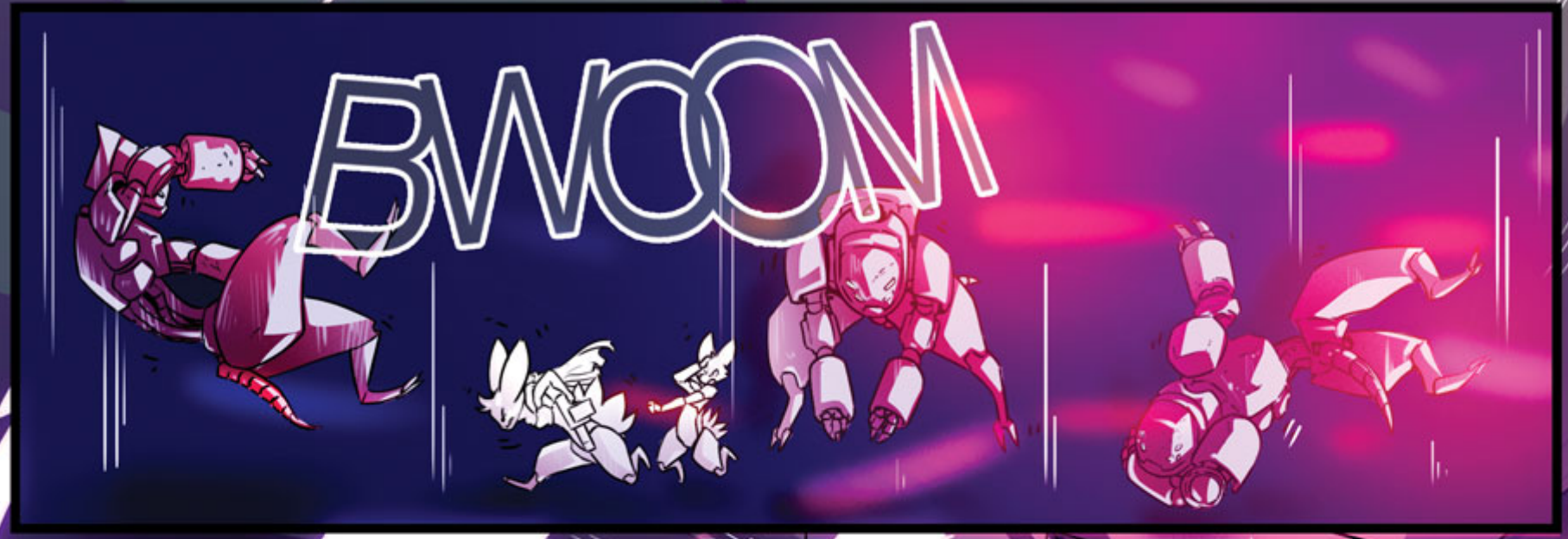
I'M RUFFO! VETUSTO
OF THE GUARDIAN CLAN
AND I WILL PROTECT MY
PEOPLE AGAINST THIS
MENACE!





RU--
RUFFO!





HE DID IT!
RUFFO DID IT!

THIS PLACE IS
GONNA BLOW!!



TOO!!



WE HAVE
TO TAKE OFF
NOW!!

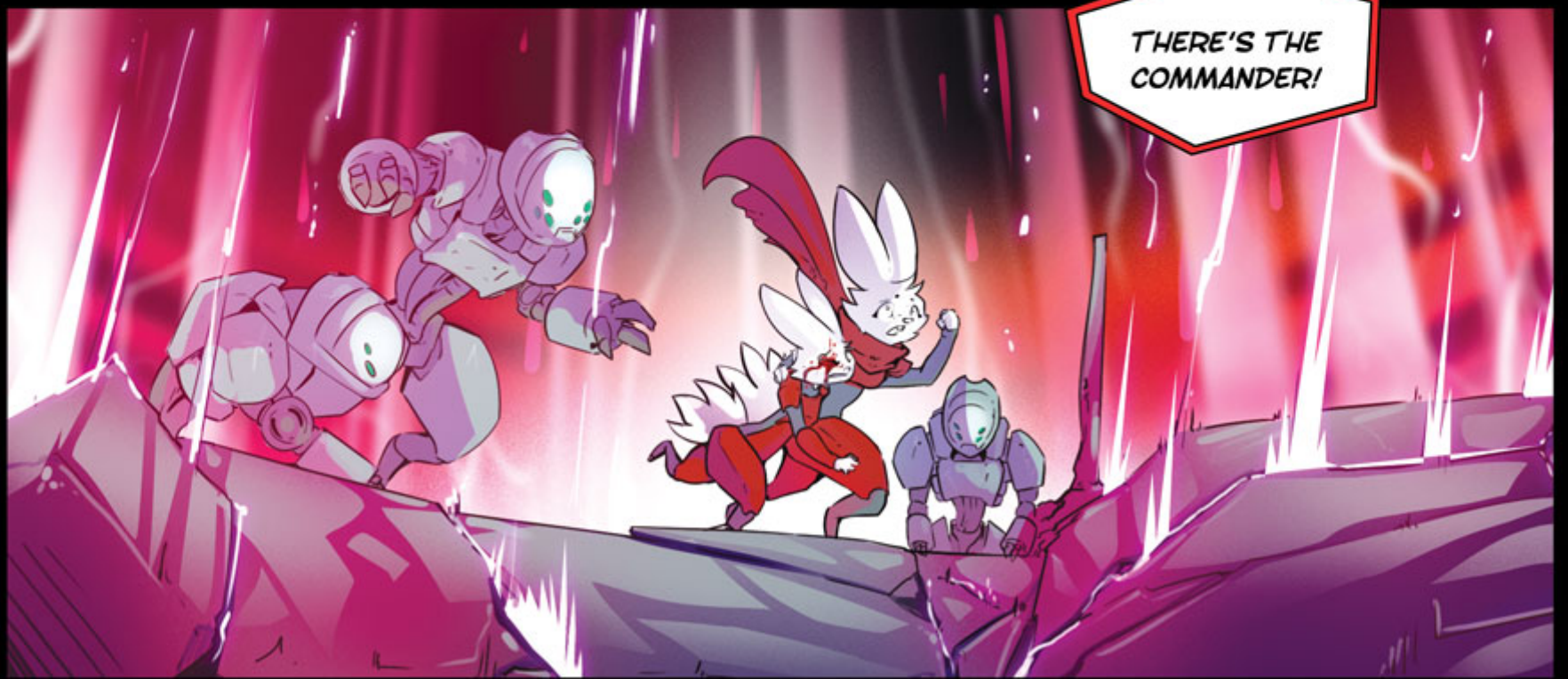
THE BUILDING IS
COLLAPSING!

AARGH!

STAY NEAR
THE DAMN FLOOR IN
CASE WE--

!!!

THERE'S THE
COMMANDER!



HATCH OPEN!

NOVA!!

WE'RE COMING
TO GET YOU!

TATA TA TA!

WE NEED TO
GET CLOSER!

RESIST!



NOVA, YOU'VE GOT TO JUMP NOW!!

THIS WHOLE PLACE IS FALLING APART!



OH NO!

THE FLOOR BROKE OFF!



WE'RE FALLING!

I'M GOING TO THROW YOU!!

NAIVE
ANIMALS

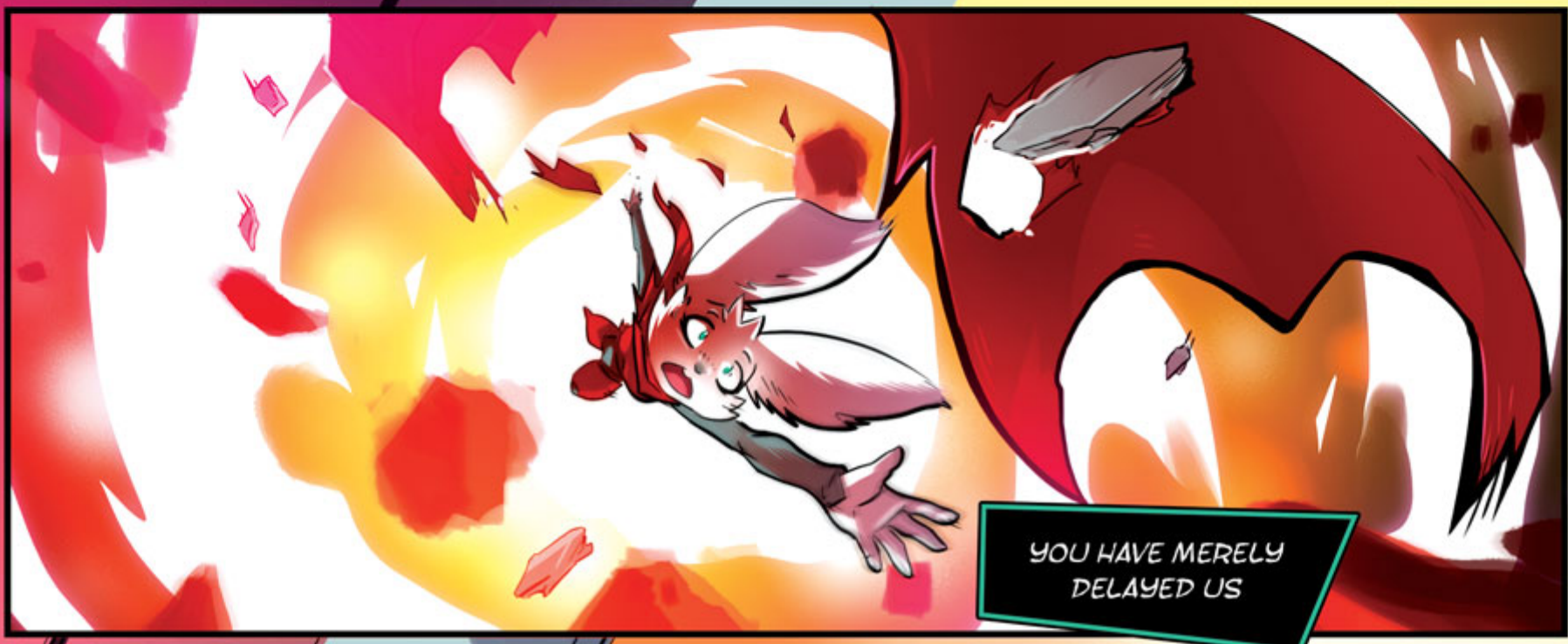
NOVA!!!

BANDI!
HOLD ON,
PLEASE!

YOU'VE
CHANGED
NOTHING



JUST A
MEANINGLESS
SACRIFICE



YOU HAVE MERELY
DELAYED US



NOVA!!!

YOU ALL
WILL BE OURS



BANDI,
WHY ARE YOU
CRYING?



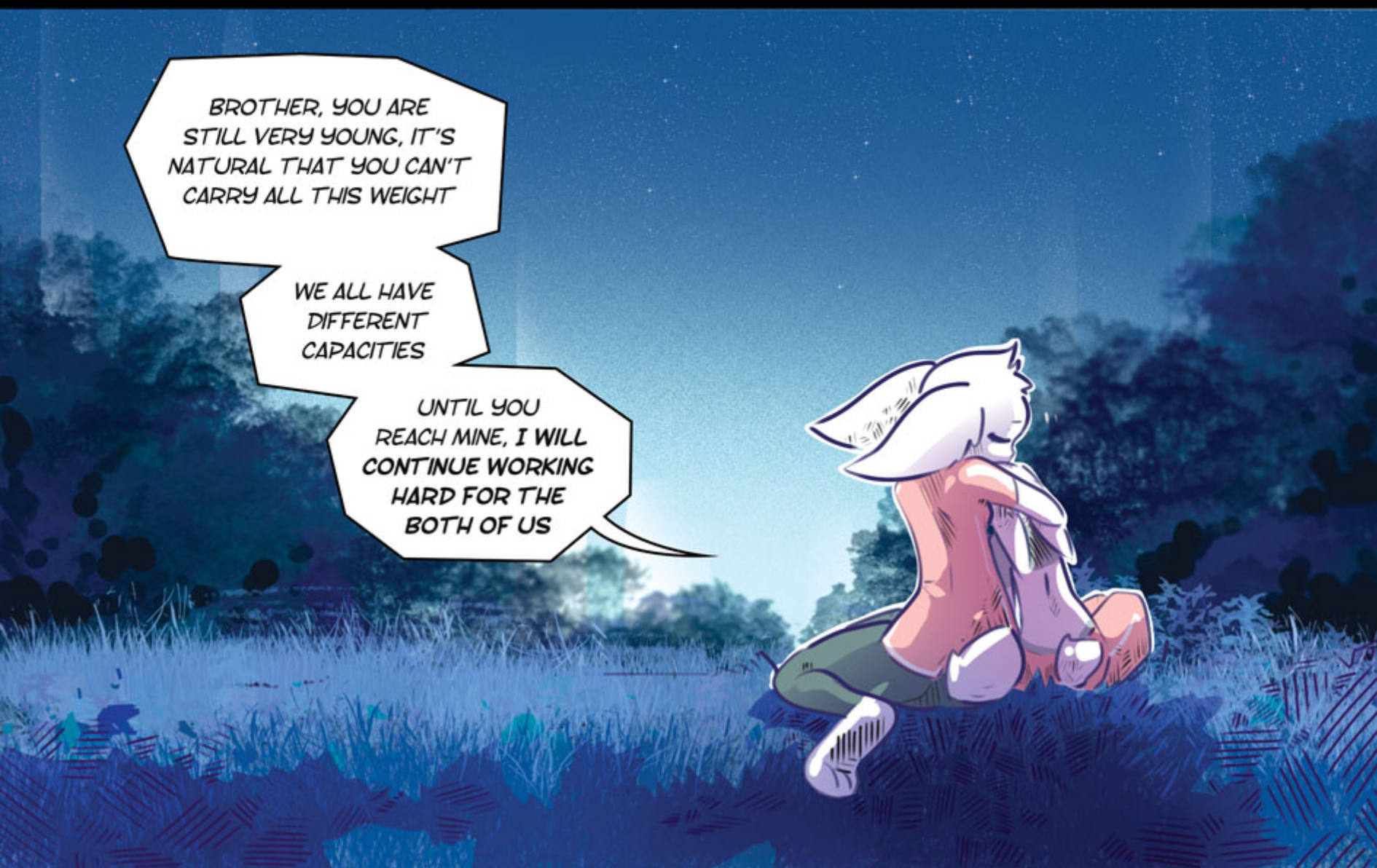
I CAN'T MEET
EVERYONE'S
EXPECTATIONS

I CAN'T BE
LIKE YOU!



I SEE HOW
MUCH THEY DEMAND
OF YOU! AND I CAN'T
HELP YOU...

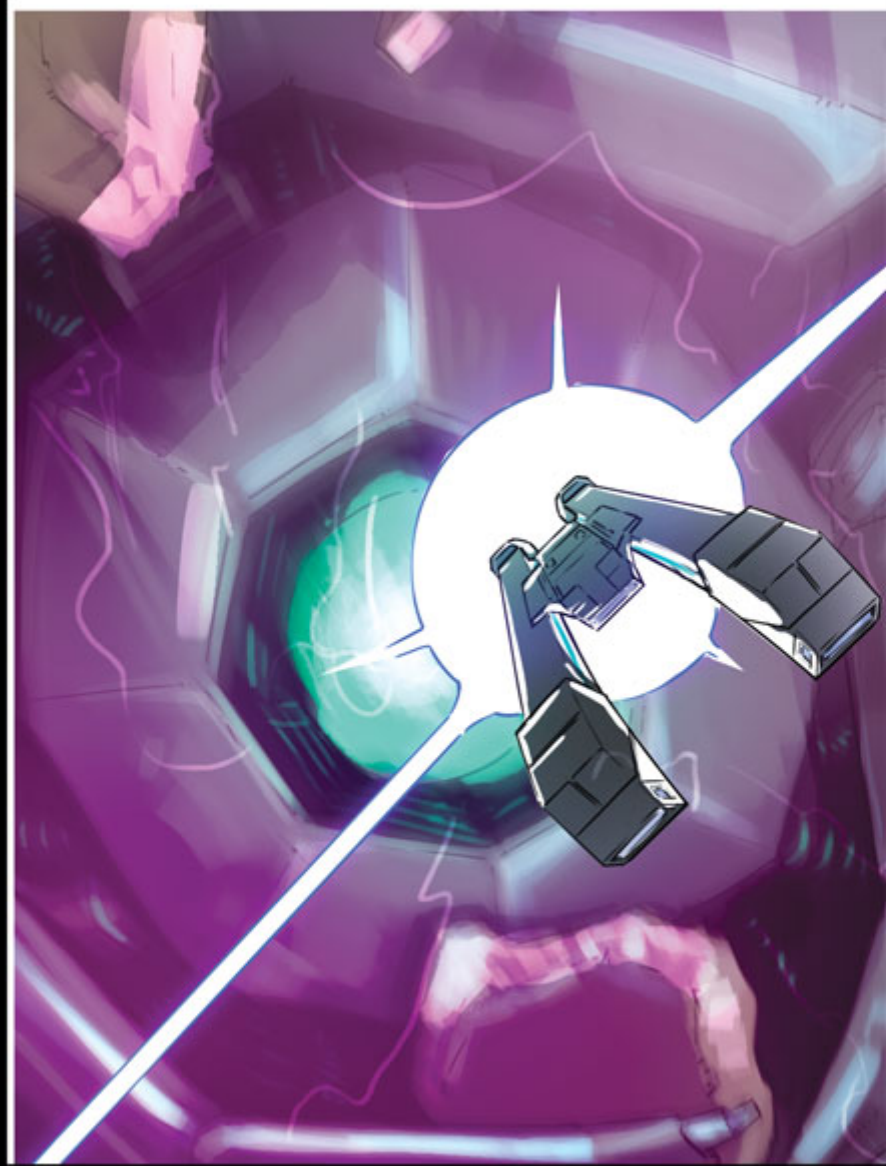
I JUST
CAN'T!



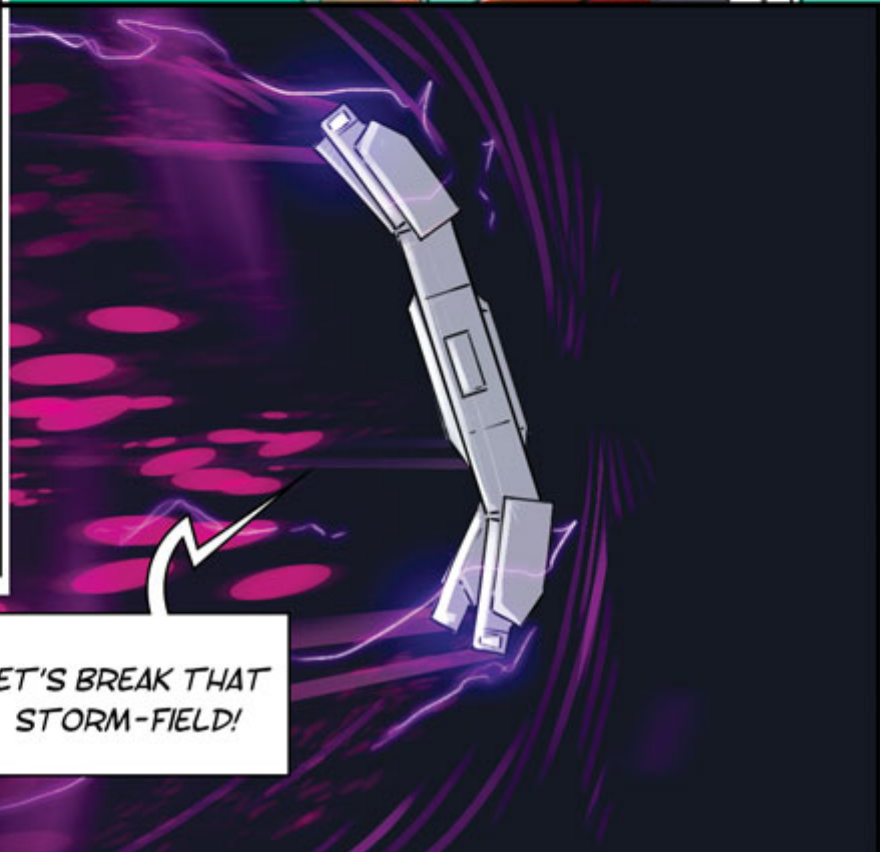
BROTHER, YOU ARE
STILL VERY YOUNG, IT'S
NATURAL THAT YOU CAN'T
CARRY ALL THIS WEIGHT

WE ALL HAVE
DIFFERENT
CAPACITIES

UNTIL YOU
REACH MINE, I WILL
CONTINUE WORKING
HARD FOR THE
BOTH OF US



ENGINES AT
MAXIMUM
POTENCY!



LET'S BREAK THAT
STORM-FIELD!



WHAT THE HELL
IS THAT THING?!



**A HUGE ENERGY SPIKE IS
OVERLOADING ALL OF
THE SHIP'S SENSORS!**

**BLAST SHIELDS GOT ACTIVE!
SHIP IS UNDER COLLISION
PROTOCOLS!**

WHAT'S GOING ON?!



IT'S AN ASTEROID FIELD!

**DID THE PLANET
SUDDENLY
EXPLODE?!**



**I DETECT
MOVEMENT INSIDE
THE ASTERIOD
FIELD**

**SOMETHING'S
APPROACHING
US QUICKLY!**



**IT HAS TO BE
COMMANDER NOVA'S
SHIP!**

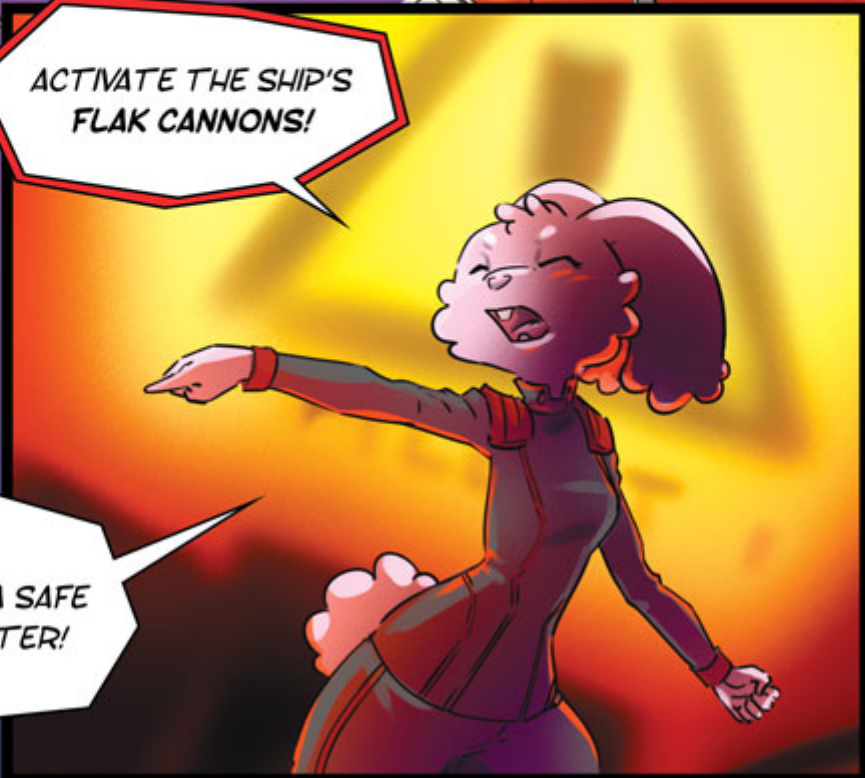
**IT JUST
HAS TO!**



**BROWN,
TAKE US OUT
OF HERE!!**

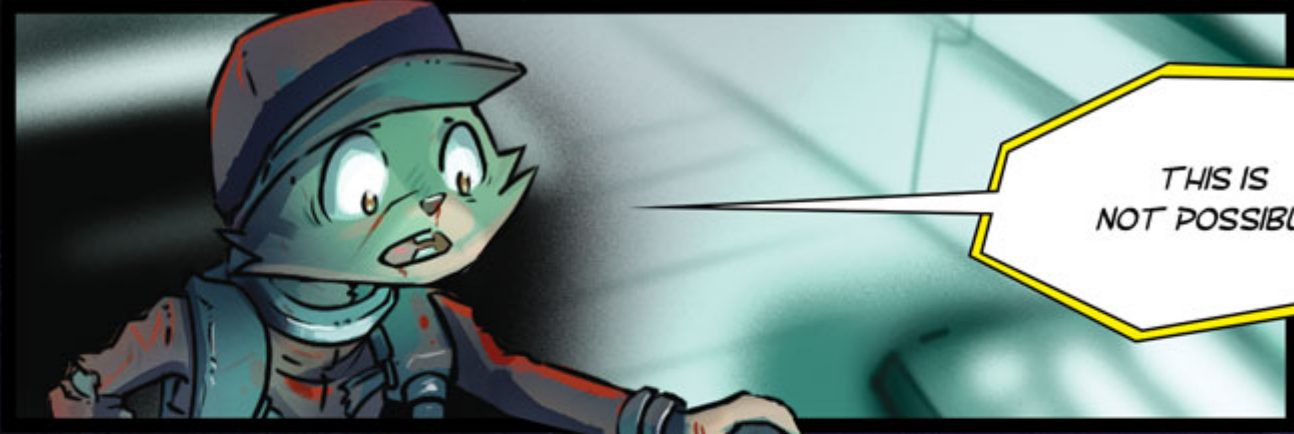
**WE NEED TO HELP
THEM FIND A PATH BETWEEN
THE DEBRIS!!**

**ACTIVATE THE SHIP'S
FLAK CANNONS!**



**SET US A SAFE
PERIMETER!**





THIS IS NOT POSSIBLE!

IT'S GONE--

THE PLANET IS GONE!!

ALL SYSTEMS BACK TO NORMAL

THE FAST MOVING OBJECT IS A GUARDIAN SHIP

IT'S THE ASCENSION!!



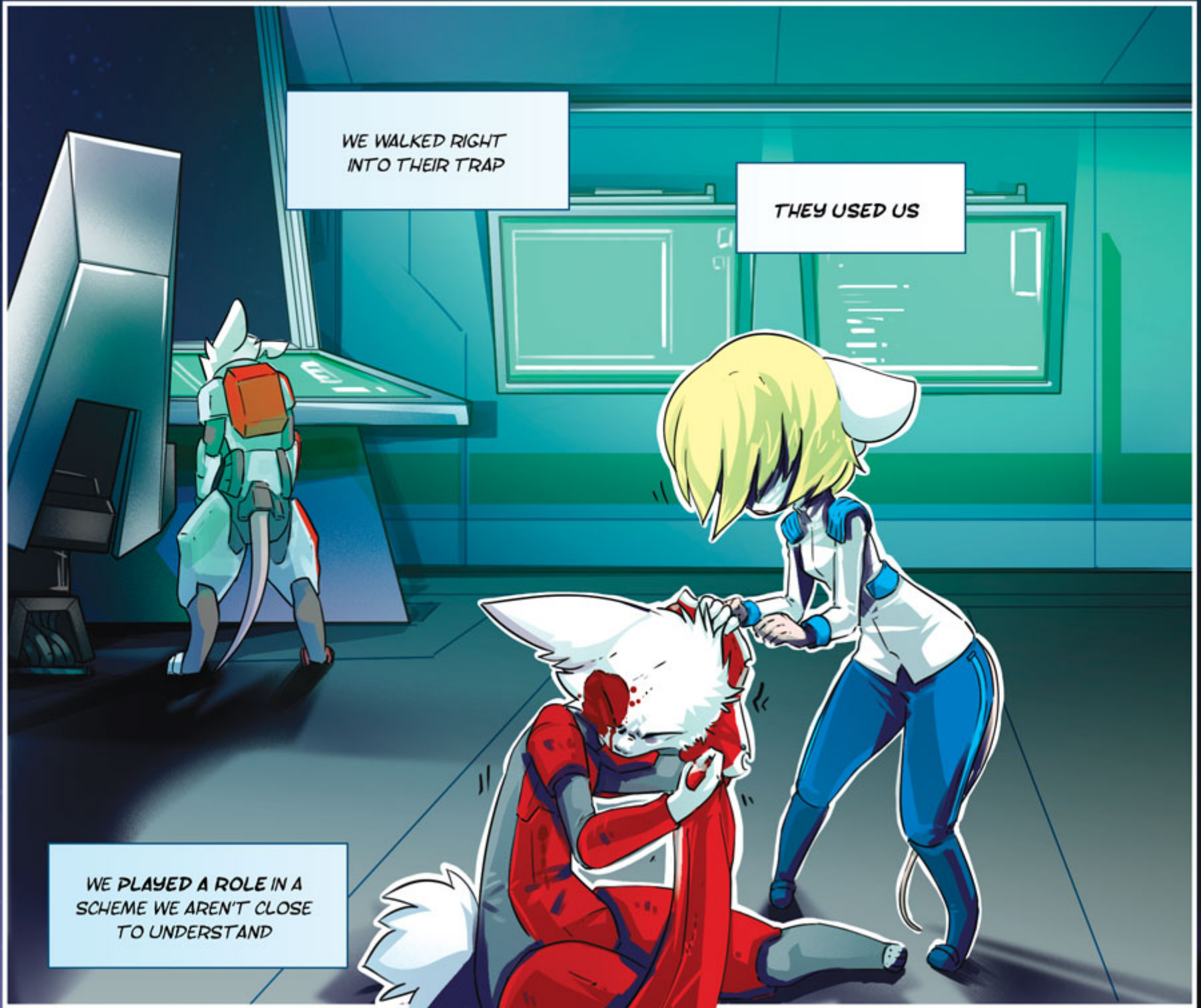


WE WALKED RIGHT
INTO THEIR TRAP

THEY USED US

WE PLAYED A ROLE IN A
SCHEME WE AREN'T CLOSE
TO UNDERSTAND

THERE WAS NOTHING
WE COULD DO...



THE ACTIVATION OF THE CADACTER ENERGY CORE OVERLOADED THE NODRIZAS SENSORS AND DAMAGED ANY RECORDING OF THE EVENT

COLONEL CALE, BEING THE HIGHEST RANKING OFFICER ACCEPTED THE FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE OUTCOME OF THE MISSION



DESPITE OUR FULL TESTIMONY AS WITNESSES AND MY COLLECTED DATA ABOUT THE PLANET...

...NOBODY BELIEVED US

THE EXISTANCE OF THE CADACTER WASN'T SOMETHING EASY TO ACCEPT. IT WAS EASIER TO BLAME EVERYTHING ON THE ELECTROMAGNETIC ANOMALIES OF THE PLANET.



BANDI BLAMED HIMSELF FOR NOVA'S DEATH...

HE WONDERS IF THERE IS A CHANCE OF NOVA STILL BEING ALIVE

THE IDEA OF HER SHARING THE SAME FATE AS RUFFO TERRIFIES HIM



FOR HUNDREDS OF YEARS THE
CADAFTER WERE DORMANT AND
WAITING FOR THEIR CHANCE

THEY MEAN A MENACE TO ALL
LIFE ON EARTH AND THE REST
OF THE GALAXY

HE SWORE TO STOP
THEM IN THE NAME OF
HIS SISTER

HE WANTS TO FIND THEM AND
DESTROY THEM ALL

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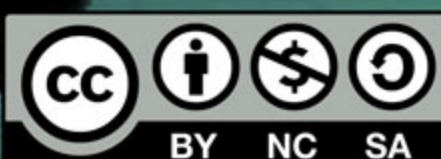
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NOVA

CHARACTER SHEET



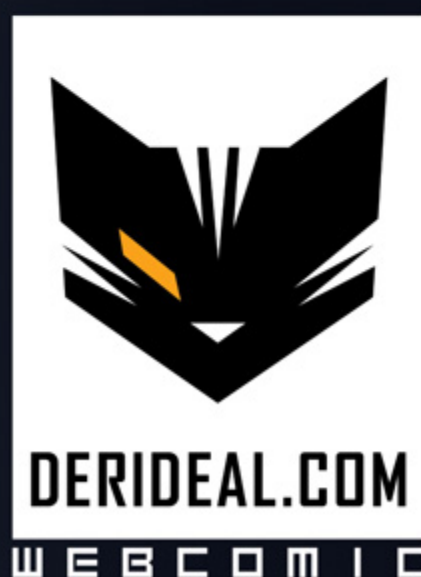
AMY

Historian

SPECIES:
Mouse

CLAN:
Exi Clan

BIO:
Amy is a rare thing among the **Exi clan** members; she's more interested in ancient history rather than science and technology. She spent most of her youth studying the **Guardian Clan** history archives.



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BANDI

Novice Soldier

SPECIES:

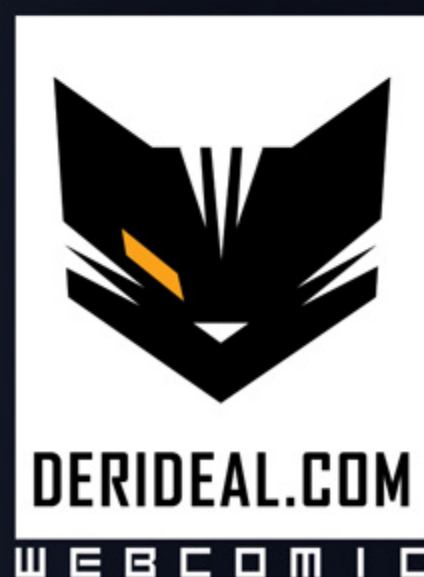
Rabbit

CLAN:

Exi Clan

BIO:

Bandi is part of the blood line that ranks highest in the **Exi Clan** hierarchy. Despite his youth and lack of experience, he's a very skilled fighter. He is the brother of **Nova**, the future Clan leader.



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BROWN

Combat pilot

SPECIES:

Squirrel

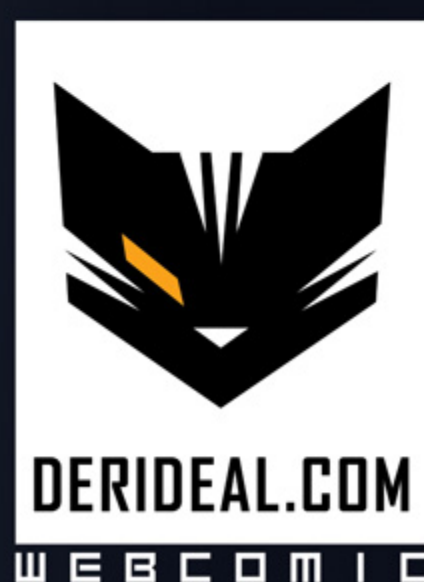
CLAN:

Exi Clan

BIO:

Brown is one of the best pilots in the **Exi fleet**, capable of handling almost any type of ship or other vehicles.

Like most **Exi**, he's also a trained mechanic, so he's pretty handy to have around.



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CALE

Clan Veteran

SPECIES:

Rat

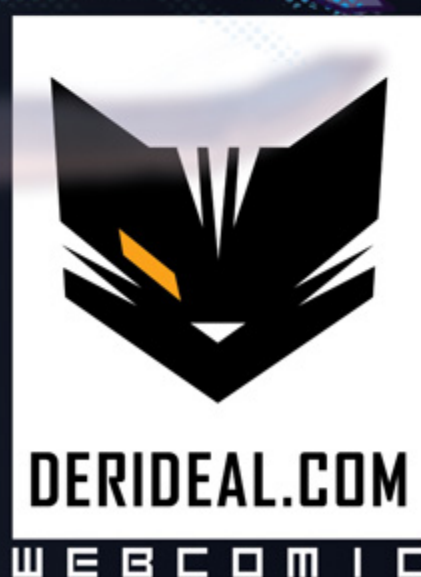
CLAN:

Exi Clan

BIO:

Cale is an experienced veteran soldier. He's known for having fought alongside the **Guardian Clan** in the past, which is how he got his power armor.

During his late years he has devoted his life to protecting and training **Nova** and **Bandi**, the heirs of the Exi leadership.



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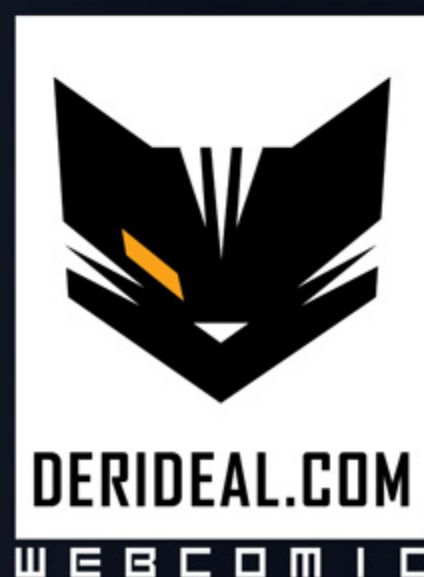


NOVA COMMANDER

SPECIES:
Rabbit

CLAN:
Exi Clan

BIO:
Nova is the next in line to become **Clan Leader**, as her talent and intelligence are well known to all **Exi Clan** members. As part of her military training, she was given the command of **The Nodriza**, an Exi cruiser on an exploratory mission across the solar system.



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RUFFO

Guardian Soldier

SPECIES:

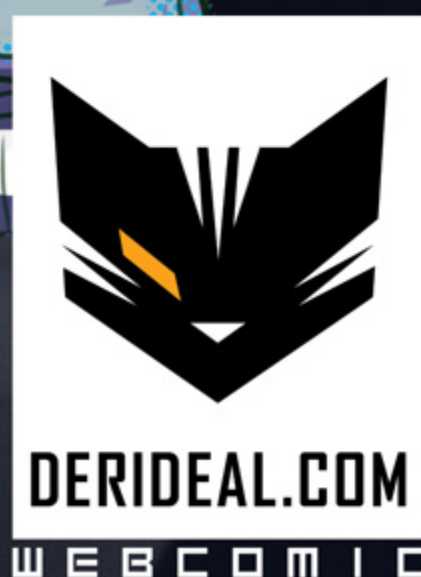
Dog

CLAN:

Guardian Clan (canids)

BIO:

Ruffo is a strong and loyal fighter, and proud member of the **Guardian Clan**, a clan mostly composed of different types of canids species and specialized in direct combat tactics.



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NOVA

THE EXI CLAN

During the war the Exi Clan suffered the heaviest casualties and is still recovering. The Exi Clan was spared mostly for being the keepers of the humans' technological knowledge.

They don't have many soldiers. A large portion of their population is technicians and engineers.

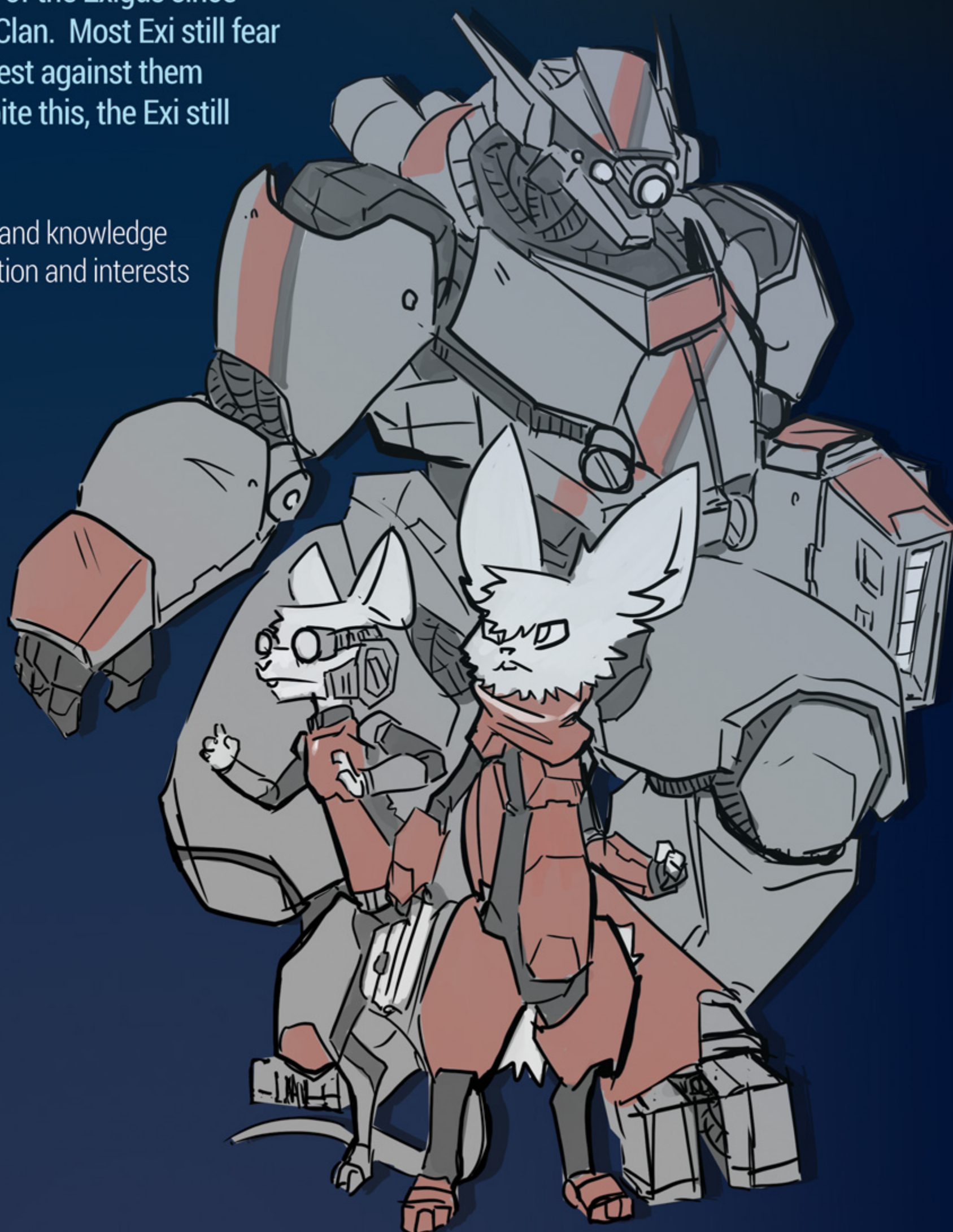
Their economy is centered around providing tech specialists to maintain the other clans' facilities. They also develop machines and contraptions at other clans' requests.

The Exi Clan is very peaceful, so they aren't normally researching for war. Currently, the highest-ranked family is known for being the first soldier class the clan has had, leading the rest of the Exigus since the times they were hunted down by the First Clan. Most Exi still fear and distrust the felines, as they were the cruelest against them during the war before Xeno clan society. Despite this, the Exi still offer their services and technology to them.

- » They're like a big family, greatly value intelligence and knowledge and are organized in districts divided by investigation and interests
- » Small military force, but they have large defenses built around their city
- » Red and dark gray military uniforms, white/bluish uniforms for their scientists
- » Very friendly with other clans, except with the felines
- » Developers of technology for the other clans, and most merchants are from the Exi clan



CLAN COLORS



NOVA

THE FIRST CLAN

They claim to descend from the original Alpha Xenos. According to records, the first Alpha (Aden) was the blueprint from which every Xeno feline was created. They say the Alpha was truly free from the Human influence, and believe the Alpha Transcended, giving the First Clan the capability of reproduction.

There are different versions of the story about how this happened, but members of the First Clan feel very proud of their origin and a bit superior over the other races.

This clan's function in the Xeno Society is mostly politics and royalty. The feline clan members are ranked higher in the societal hierarchy, sort of high class citizens.

They live a bit separated from the other Xenos and the geographical locations controlled by them are very difficult to access if you were not born there.

- » Culture is militaristic and reminiscent of secret organizations
- » Use stealth tactics, snipers and assassins instead of normal soldiers
- » Wear gray and purple colors on uniforms
- » Tend to work alone and cooperate less with the other clans
- » Are very secretive about their doings, so the other races feel they're always hiding something



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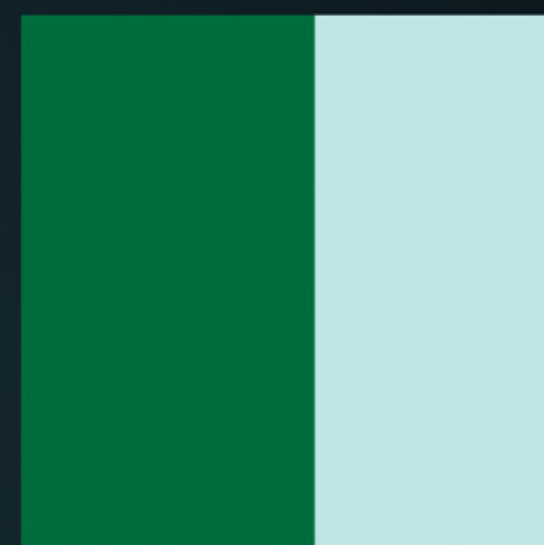
THE GUARDIAN CLAN

The canine clan is the strongest in terms of brute force and numbers, but isn't especially hostile against other races. An interesting fact about this Xeno clan's members is that they still believe humans will return someday, and they feel compelled to serve them, while other races are proud of their freedom from human control.

The Guardian Clan thinks the humans left and put the Xenos in charge of the planet until their return. Other clans don't share this belief, so they don't pay much attention to this clan's ideas about humans.

The Guardian Clan doesn't interfere in any way with the other clans' affairs, but they're known to investigate further about human culture and search for lost human archives.

- » Culture is themed around hard work and being servants of their higher-ranked members
- » Use brute force tactics, soldiers and tanks for both attack and defense, valuing a more direct offensive strategy
- » Work in groups
- » Wear light gray and green uniforms
- » Cooperate with other clans
- » Despite being very friendly, are very fearsome when angry
- » Try to maintain their heritage



CLAN COLORS



NOVA

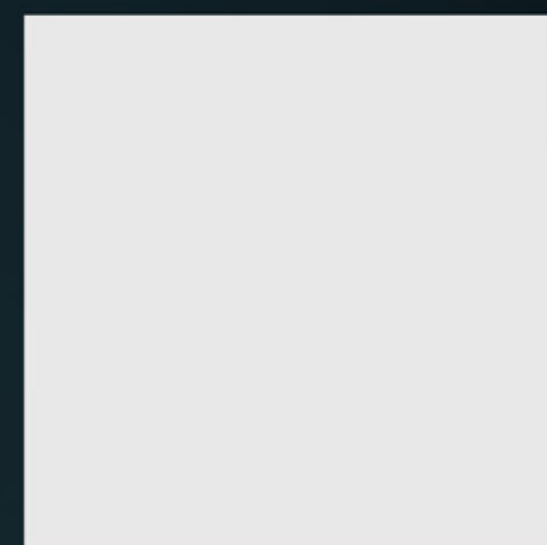
THE HELPER CLAN

Even when humans were around, the helpers were very few in numbers. While lacking in numbers, they are very resilient and have a long life span. The Helper Clan managed to survive the war as their name suggests: helping other clans, since they possess the medical knowledge of humanity. They don't have a place of their own; their members are scattered among the Guardian, Exi and First clans.

They've become the medics and caretakers of the clans, and it is very common for the helpers to take care of other races' offspring. In return, the other clans offer the Helpers a home, food and respect.

The Helper Clan doesn't have many ambitions of their own, but they are indeed included in the Xeno Council as an impartial judge.

- » They are so few that most clans desire to have as many Helpers as they can convince to stay
- » Due to their common nature, the clan with the most Helpers is the Exi
- » They don't have a uniform color, but adopt other clan colors instead
- » They are considered to be very brave, despite the fact that almost none of them are soldiers
- » They know how to heal other races, and share their knowledge with the other clans. Only the Exi Clan produces medics that could come close to matching the skill of the Helpers
- » Since they live with different clans until they find a place they like, they know a lot about each race, including some secrets



NO CLAN COLORS

