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HAMISH STEELE

DEAD ENDIA

THE DIVINE ORDER

PRAISE FOR THE DEADENDIA SERIES

Texas Library Association 2020 Texas Maverick Graphic Novel Reading List pick

"DeadEndia is immediately appealing with its colorful art, unique setting, and funny jokes, but I especially loved the complicated emotional arcs of the characters and the weird, spooky magic underlying everything!"

–Molly Knox Ostertag, creator of *The Witch Boy*

"Heartwarming, heartbreaking, heart-pounding, and heartfelt!"

–Marika McCoola, *New York Times* bestselling author of *Baba Yaga's Assistant*

"Steele's playful, cartoonish style and beautiful colors create a vivid, engrossing world that will get you instantly hooked. The character designs are refreshing . . . Barney in particular is a delight; it's great to see a trans masc character not on the hypermasculine end of the gender spectrum and not drawn as perfectly passing at all times."

–Paste Magazine

"Eventually the slice-of-life adventures morph into a crazy time-travel plot that ends on a cliff-hanger."

–School Library Journal

"Lauded for its art, touching tales of adolescence, and inclusion of LGBTQ storylines."

–Entertainment Weekly

★"With a madcap pace, off-kilter jokes, and an LGBTQ cast, this is perfect for teens who love macabre humor and heartfelt friendship."

***–Booklist*, STARRED REVIEW**

"The art is imaginative and engaging, with rich, evocative color schemes . . . A wild ride."

–Kirkus Reviews

"This quirky, heartwarming adventure by Steele (*Pantheon*) captures the awkwardness of early adulthood and the idiosyncrasies of power-hungry demons . . . A *Steven Universe*–like aesthetic and a full palette of bold, contrasting colors grace a diverse cast of characters."

–Publishers Weekly

"Complicated emotions, strong friendship, demons, and plenty of LGBTQIA+ representation. All that and bright, bold illustrations AND great writing? Total win. Sweet, funny, and enjoyably, delightfully weird."

***–School Library Journal's* Teen Librarian Toolbox**

"*DeadEndia* is an engaging, entertaining saga with memorable characters, and it works wonderfully as comedy, drama, and romance."

–Foreword Reviews

"*Dead End*—a colorful trip into the pains and joys of teenhood as its main trio battles demons, ghosts, and their insecurities—isn't typical for animation . . . This particular genre-smashing—and history-making—adaptation comes from the mind of Hamish Steele and their webcomic-turned-print graphic novel, *DeadEndia*."

–The Hollywood Reporter* on *Dead End: Paranormal Park

"DeadEndia is utterly delightful and truly unique. With his characteristic sarcasm and humor, subtle homages to pop culture, and sincere exploration of human connection, Steele takes you on a whirlwind roller coaster of time travel, demons, angels, mysterious portals, magical talking dogs, and LBGTQIA love!"

–Clarissa Murphy, bookseller, Wellesley Books, Wellesley, MA

"Joyful and weird, Hamish Steele's DeadEndia is a delight. The boundaries of Steele's colorfully crafted universe are as unlimited as his imagination."

–Niki Marion, bookseller, Third Place Books, Seattle, WA

"This could easily become the next generation's *Scooby-Doo*. Steele's cast of characters are fresh, witty, and carry a sense of humor that will resonate with today's readers. Even the villains are lovable!"

–Garrett Pinder, librarian, Kent Memorial Library, Suffield, CT

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CAHATEL

FINGERS

THE HUMANS

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NORMA

LOGS

BADYAH

THE DEMONIC REBELLION

BAAL

DANNY

ASMODEUS

ZAGAN

PREVIOUSLY IN

DEADENDIA

PHOENIX PARKS IS A THEME PARK BUILT ON A PORTAL TO THE MULTI-PLANE: 13 PLANES RULED BY THE ANGELIC AUTHORITY. THE PORTAL IS HOUSED IN AN ELEVATOR INSIDE THE DEAD END HAUNTED HOUSE ATTRACTION.

UNFORTUNATELY, **BARNEY AND NORMA**, TWO THEME PARK EMPLOYEES, HAVE GOTTEN THEMSELVES TANGLED UP IN THE BATTLE BETWEEN THE DEMONS AND ANGELS. AND AFTER FACING BOTH, THEY'VE ALLIED THEMSELVES WITH THE DEMONS OPPRESSED BY **THE DIVINE** AND HIS RIGHT-HAND ANGEL, **PAEL**. DEAD END NOW FUNCTIONS AS THE BASE OF OPERATIONS FOR THE DEMONIC REBELLION!

BUT ON THEIR ADVENTURES, THERE HAS BEEN SACRIFICE. BARNEY LOST HIS DOG, **PUGSLEY**, TO AN EVIL FUTURE VERSION OF HIMSELF! AND THEIR FALLEN-ANGEL FRIEND **COURTNEY** HAS BEEN MANIPULATED BACK INTO JOINING THE ENEMY AND GOING BY THEIR OLD NAME--**CAHATEL**.

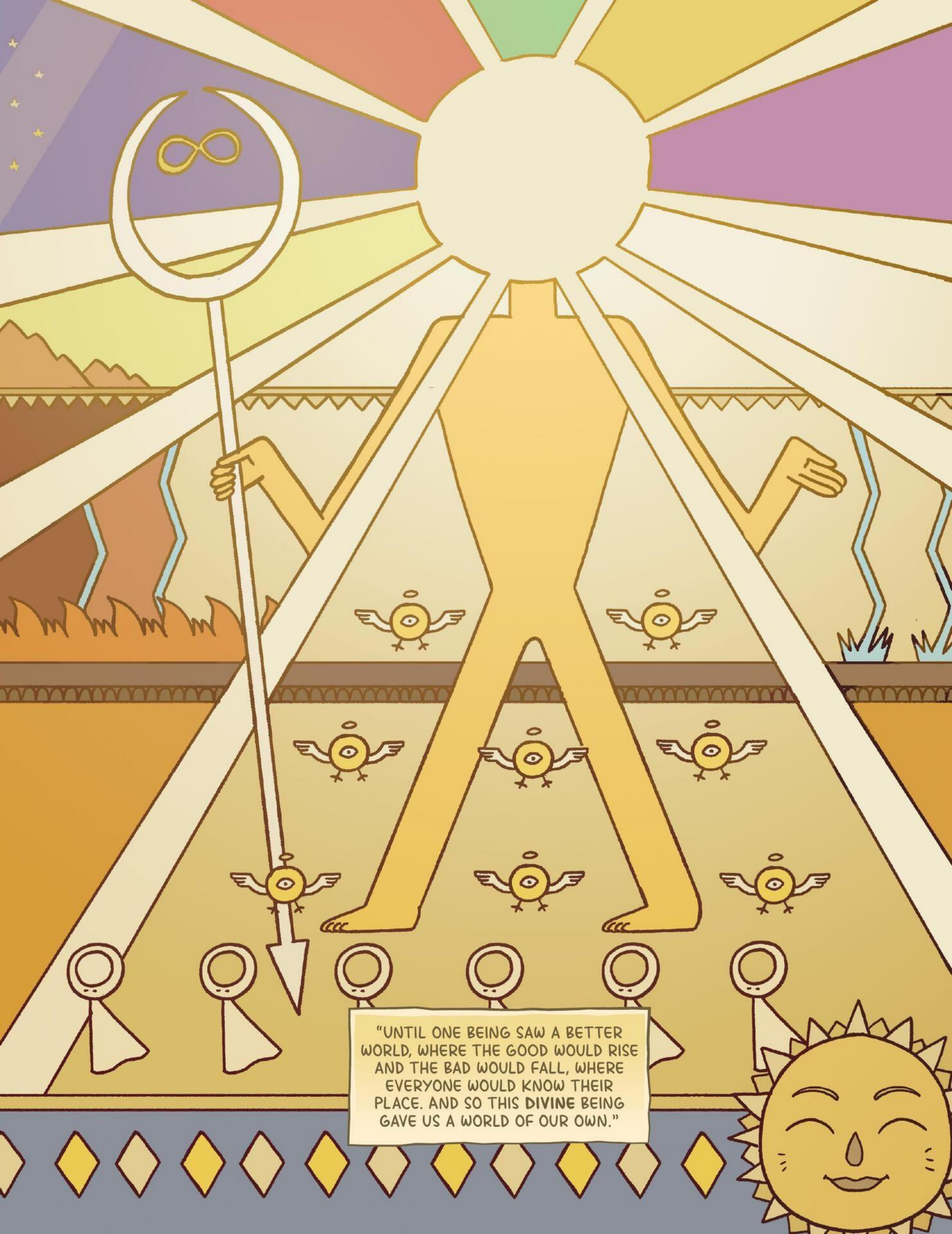
EVEN NORMA FACED A FATAL BLOW AND BECAME A GHOST! HER FRIEND **BADYAH** TRIED TO REVIVE HER WITH MAGIC, BUT IT WAS **ZAGAN** THE VAMPIRE QUEEN WHO BIT HER AND NOW NORMA'S BACK TO FEELING MORE ALIVE THAN EVER.

BARNEY HAS A DEMON BFF OF HIS OWN, **ASMODEUS**, ALTHOUGH BARNEY'S BOYFRIEND, **LOGS**, IS NOT HIS BIGGEST FAN.

ASMODEUS'S DAD **BAAL** AND COURTNEY'S OLD FRIEND **DANNY** LEAD THE DEMONIC REBELLION, BUT TIME IS RUNNING OUT TO STOP THE DIVINE ORDER BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE . . .

"IN THE BEGINNING, THERE WAS **CHAOS.**

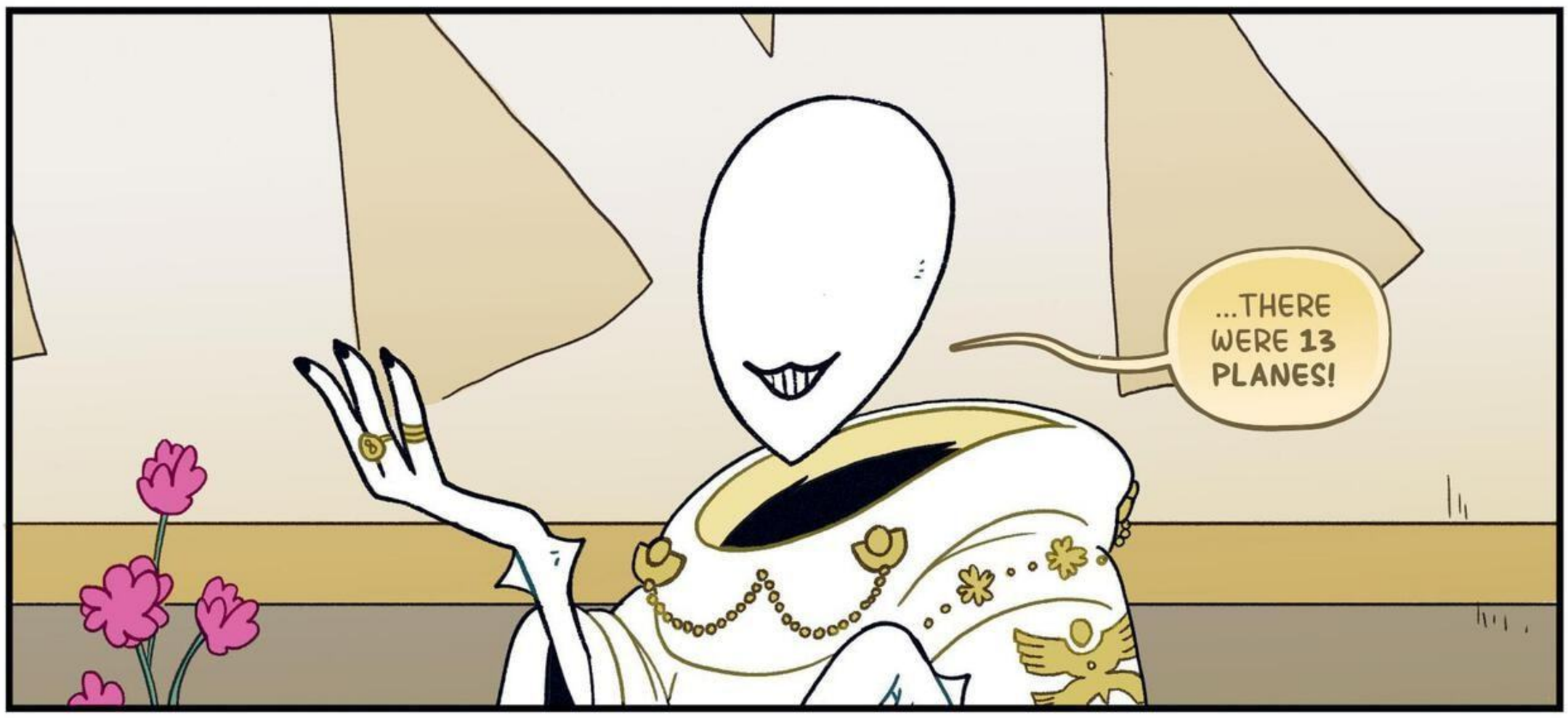
"ALL CREATURES, SMALL AND GREAT, VIOLENT AND PEACEFUL, UGLY AND BEAUTIFUL, SHARED ONE PLANE OF EXISTENCE. THE WORLD WAS BROKEN.

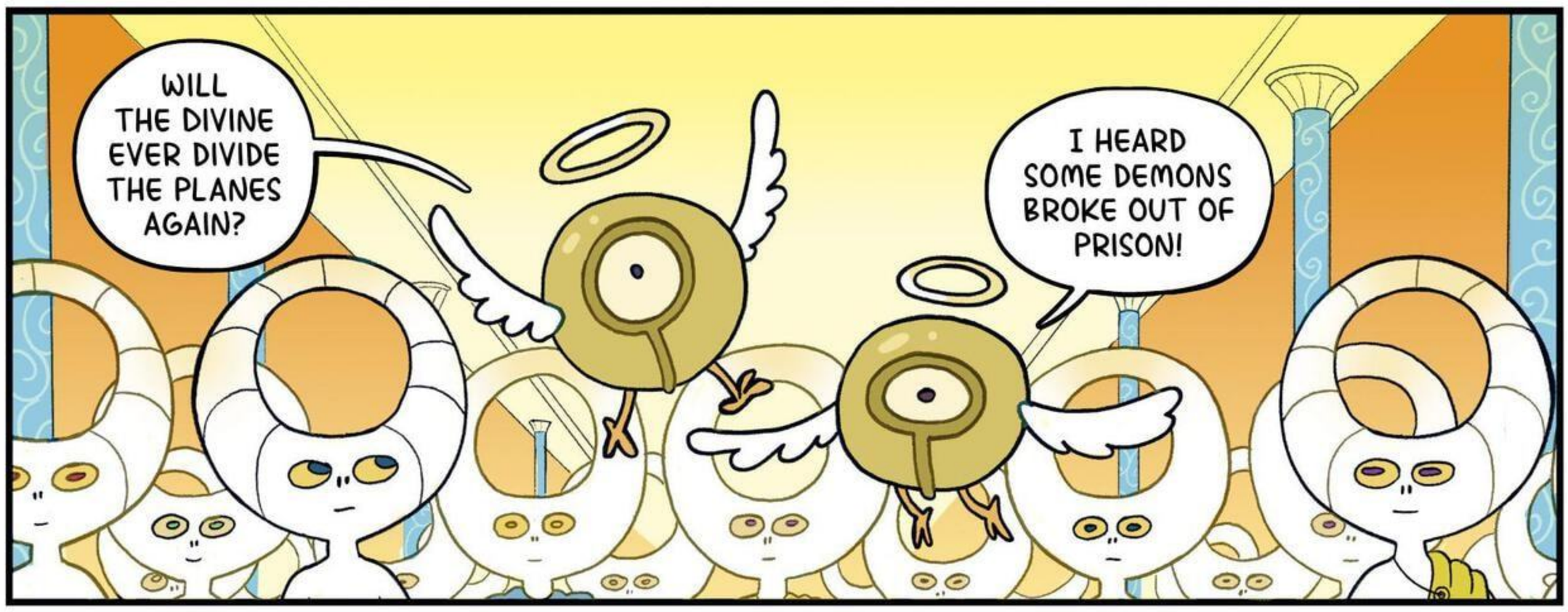

"UNTIL ONE BEING SAW A BETTER WORLD, WHERE THE GOOD WOULD RISE AND THE BAD WOULD FALL, WHERE EVERYONE WOULD KNOW THEIR PLACE. AND SO THIS **DIVINE** BEING GAVE US A WORLD OF OUR OWN."

THEY SPLIT THE WORLD IN TWO. ONE FOR DEMONS AND ONE FOR US ANGELS.

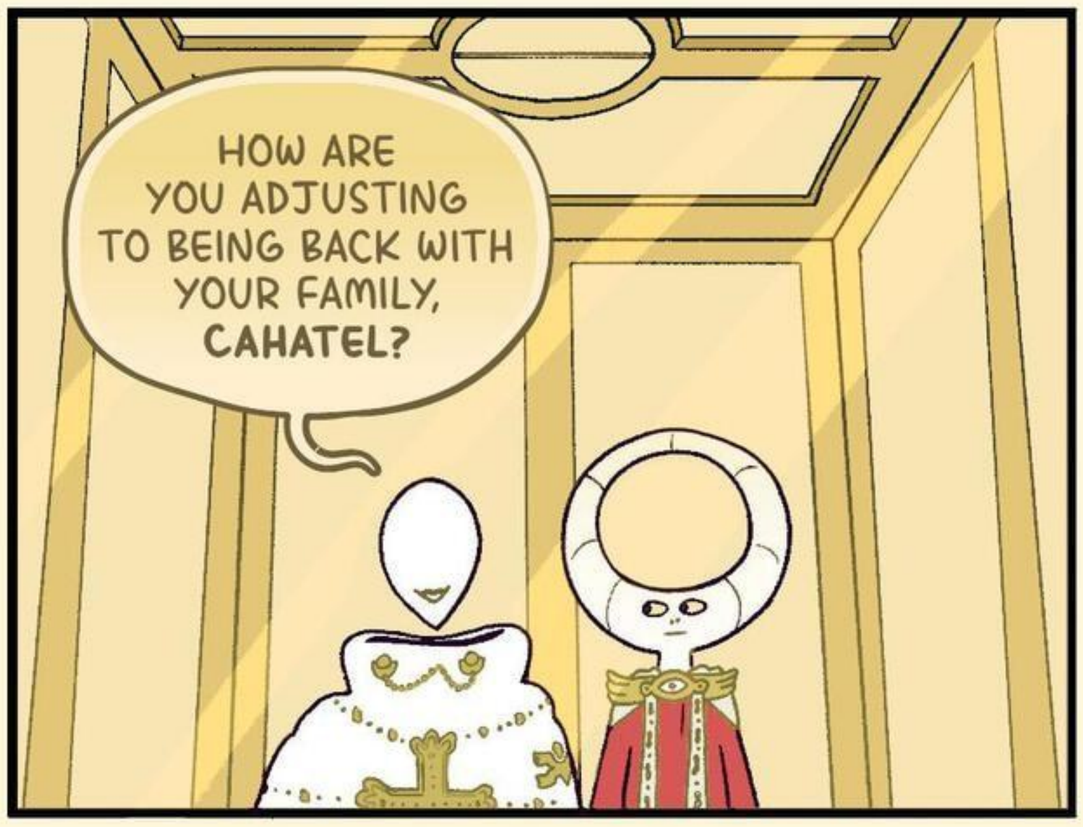
BUT SOON THOSE UNGRATEFUL DEMONS DOWNSTAIRS STARTED GETTING NOISY AGAIN.

AND THE DIVINE HAD TO DIVIDE THE WORLD AGAIN. AND SOON ENOUGH, AGAIN. AND AGAIN! UNTIL...

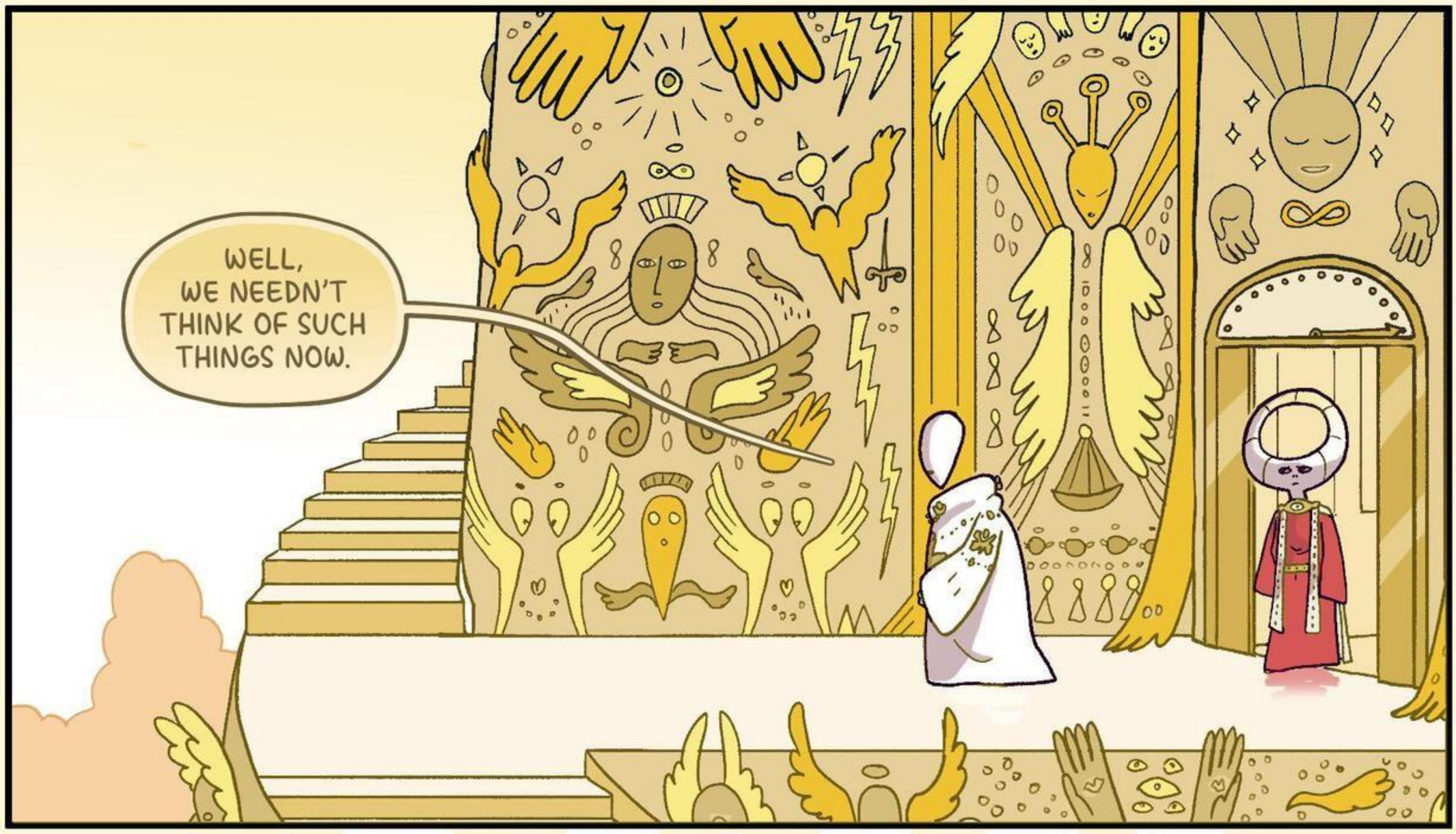




HUSH NOW, LITTLE CHERUBS!
THE DIVINE IS VERY WEAK. THE SPELL OF DIVISION REQUIRES THE CASTER TO DIVIDE THEMSELVES TOO!
IF THEY WERE TO DIVIDE THE PLANES AGAIN, I'M NOT SURE HE'D SURVIVE.
GONG!
THANK YOU FOR LISTENING, MY DARLING ANGELS. SEE YOU ALL AT BREAKFAST.
I'M GONNA GROW UP BIG AND STRONG AND CAST THAT SPELL MYSELF!
WILL NOT!
EXCEPT YOU. I WANT YOU TO COME WITH ME.

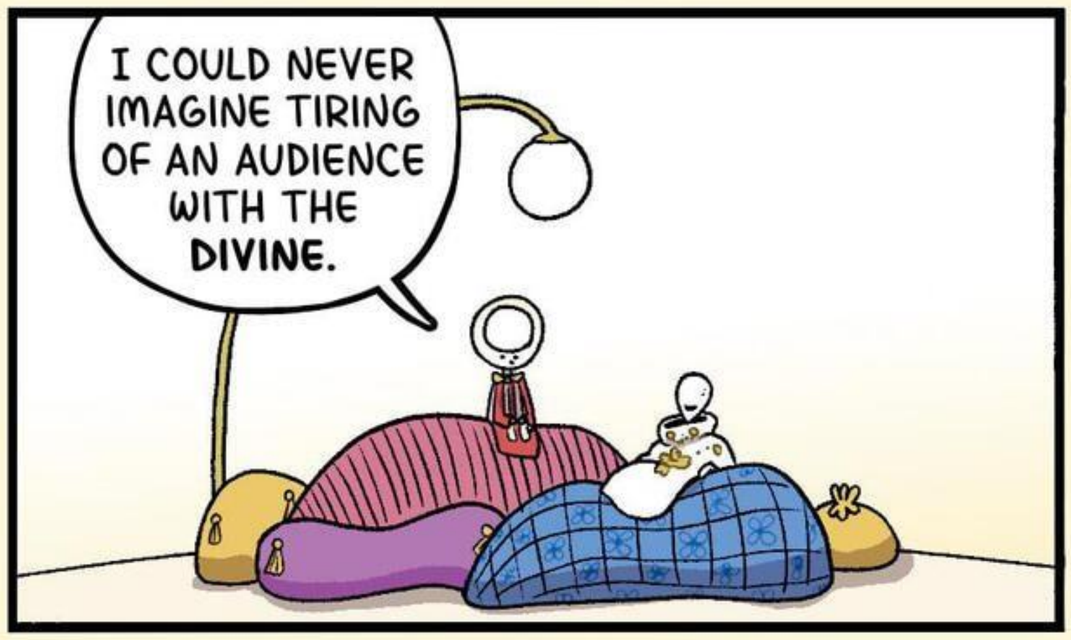

HOW ARE YOU ADJUSTING TO BEING BACK WITH YOUR FAMILY, CAHATEL?

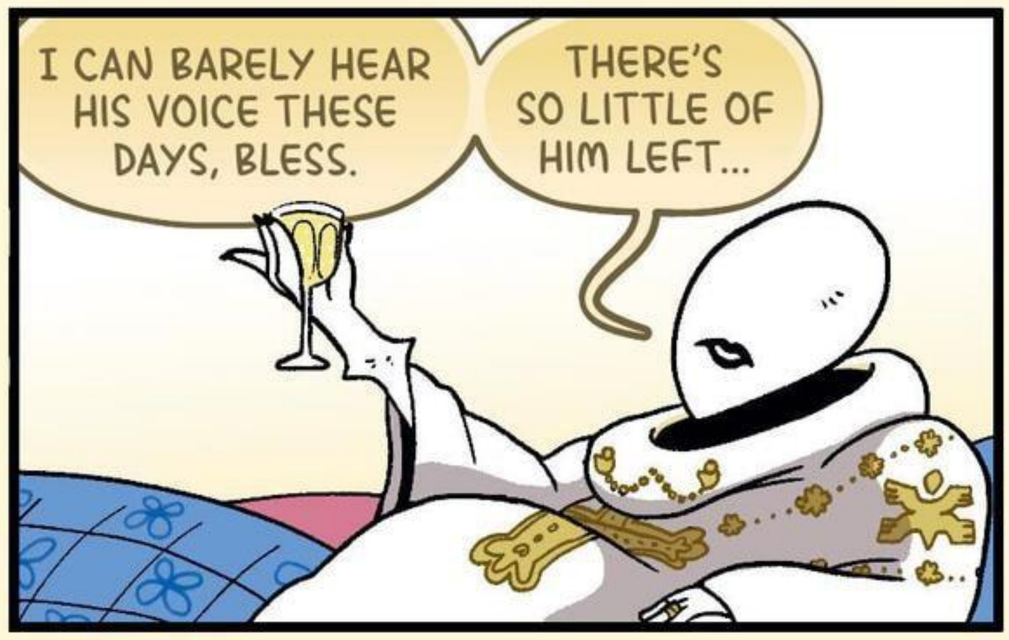
I'M GRATEFUL TO BE BACK, PAEL. TO BE HONEST, I CAN'T EVEN REMEMBER WHY I LEFT IN THE FIRST PLACE.

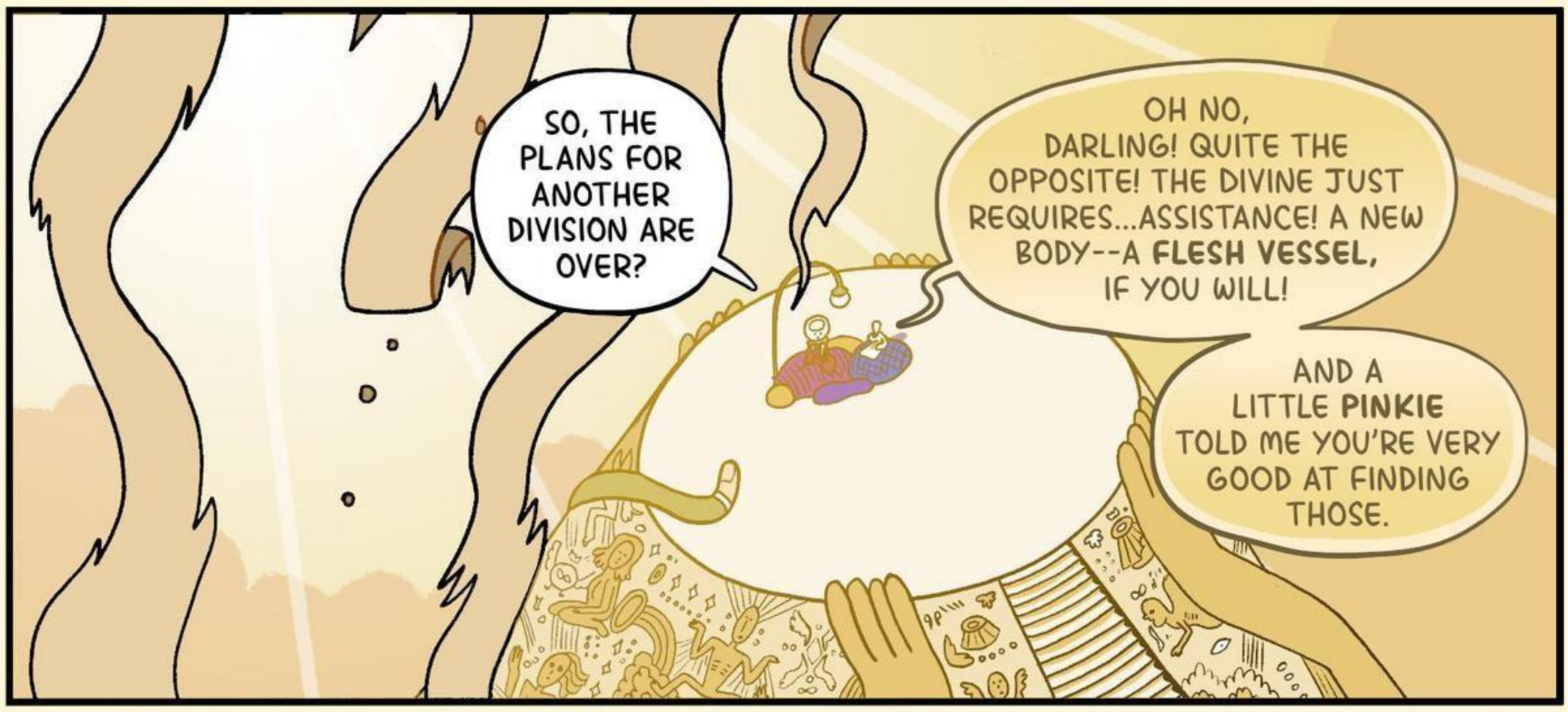

WELL, WE NEEDN'T THINK OF SUCH THINGS NOW.

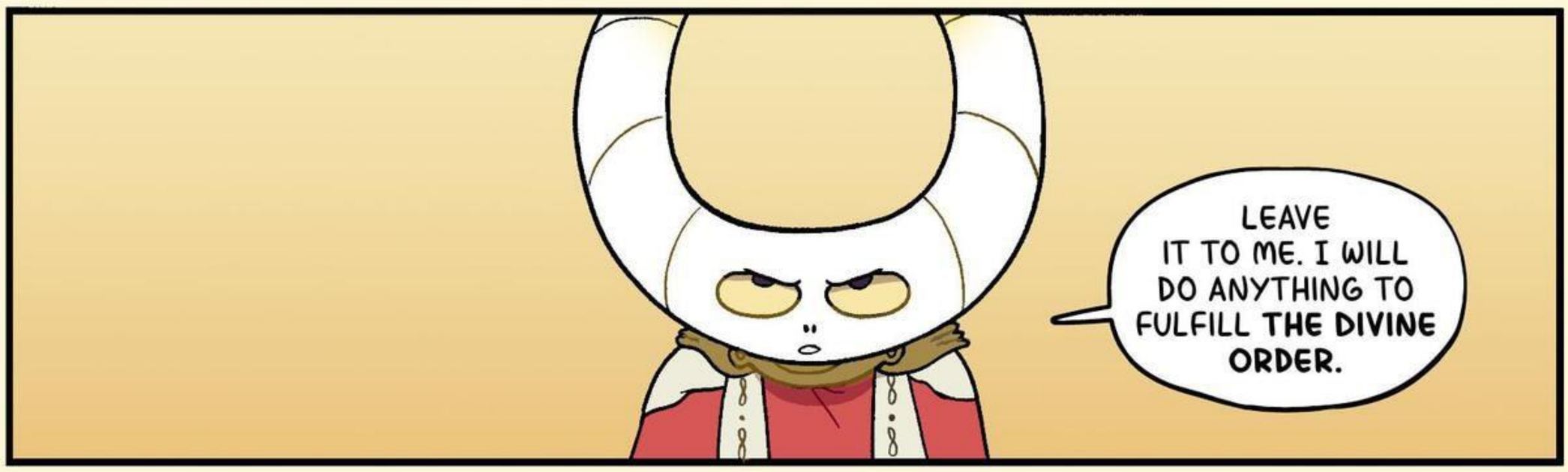
COME! SIT! LET'S HAVE A GOOD OLD CHAT.

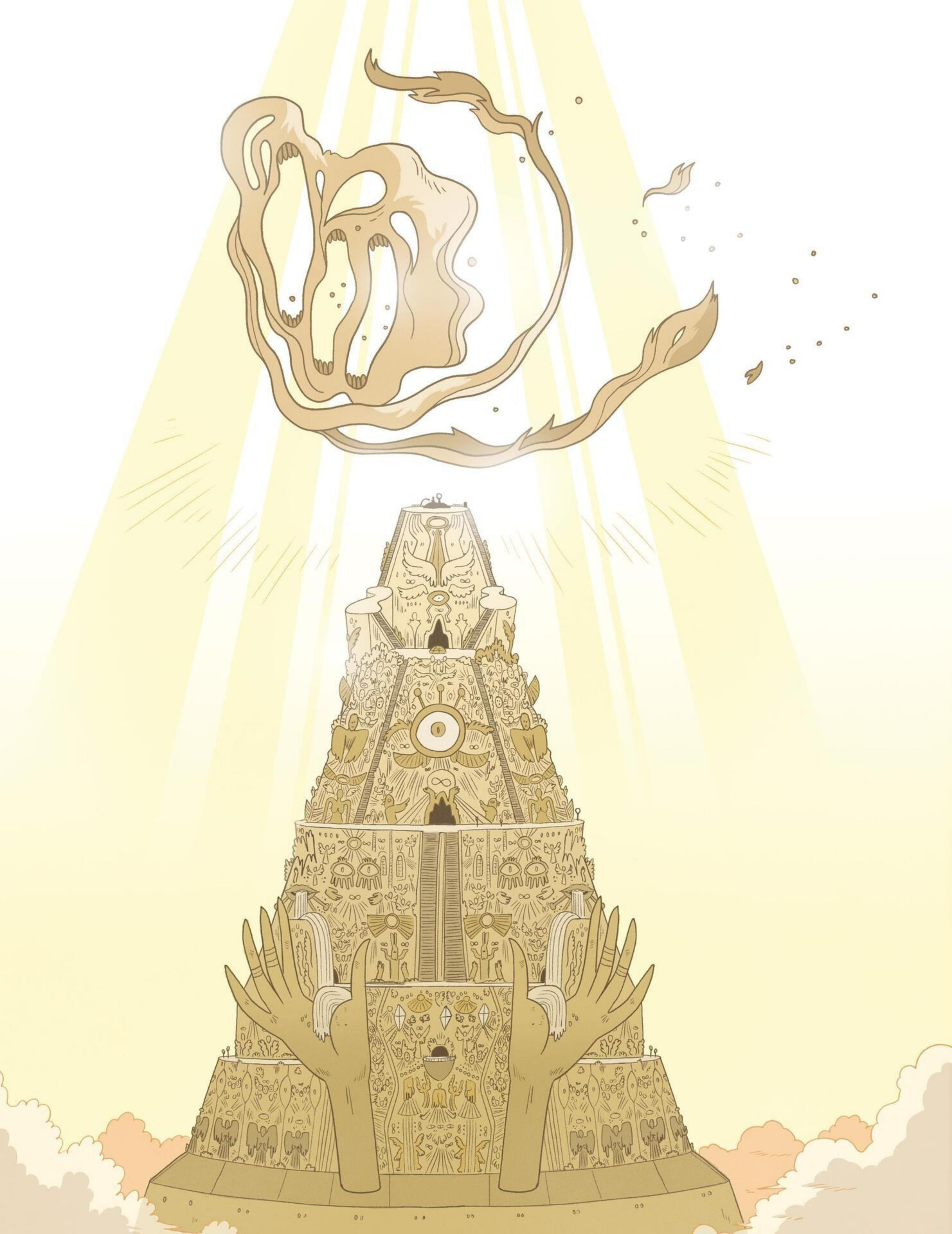
WHY DID YOU WANT ME BACK?
IT'S BEEN SO BORING UP HERE!
THOUGHT I SHOULD CATCH UP WITH MY OLD FRIEND.


I COULD NEVER IMAGINE TIRING OF AN AUDIENCE WITH THE **DIVINE.**


I CAN BARELY HEAR HIS VOICE THESE DAYS, BLESS.
THERE'S SO LITTLE OF HIM LEFT...


SO, THE PLANS FOR ANOTHER DIVISION ARE OVER?
OH NO, DARLING! QUITE THE OPPOSITE! THE DIVINE JUST REQUIRES...ASSISTANCE! A NEW BODY--A **FLESH VESSEL,** IF YOU WILL!
AND A LITTLE **PINKIE** TOLD ME YOU'RE VERY GOOD AT FINDING THOSE.


LEAVE IT TO ME. I WILL DO ANYTHING TO FULFILL **THE DIVINE ORDER.**



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BOOK 3: THE DIVINE ORDER

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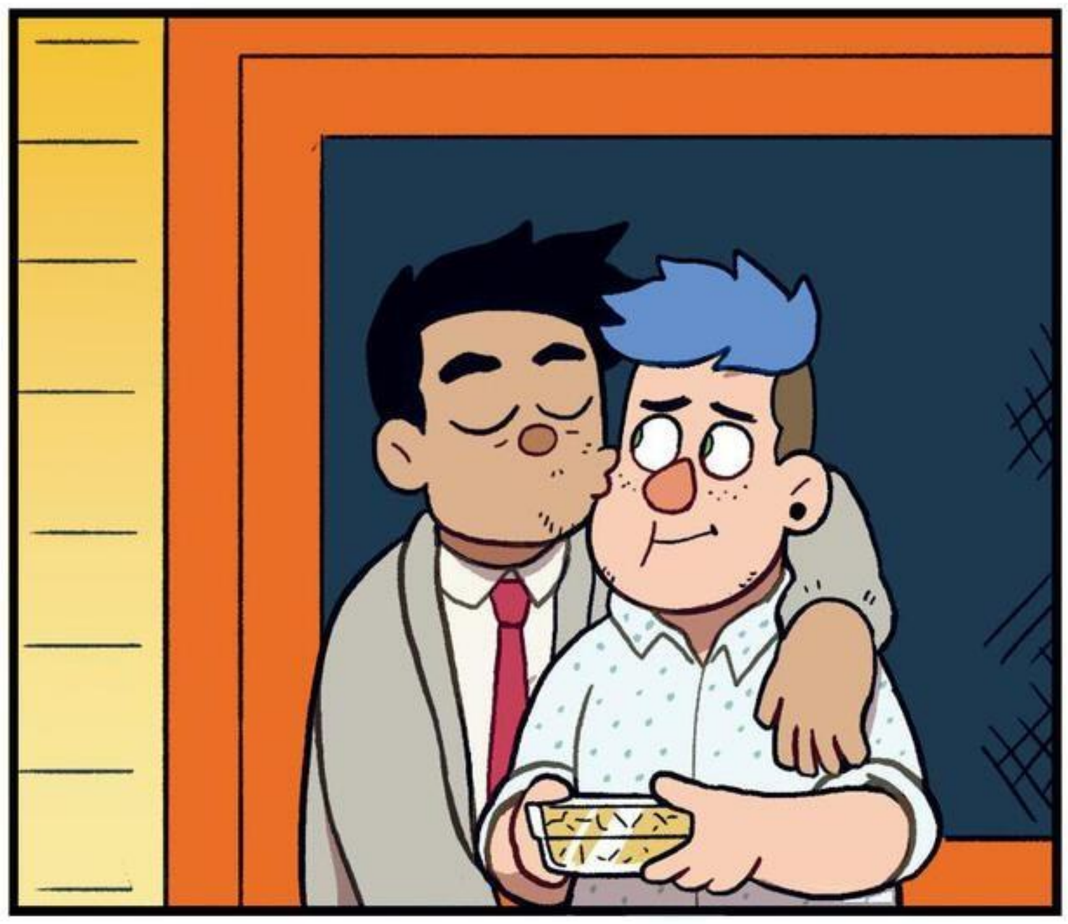
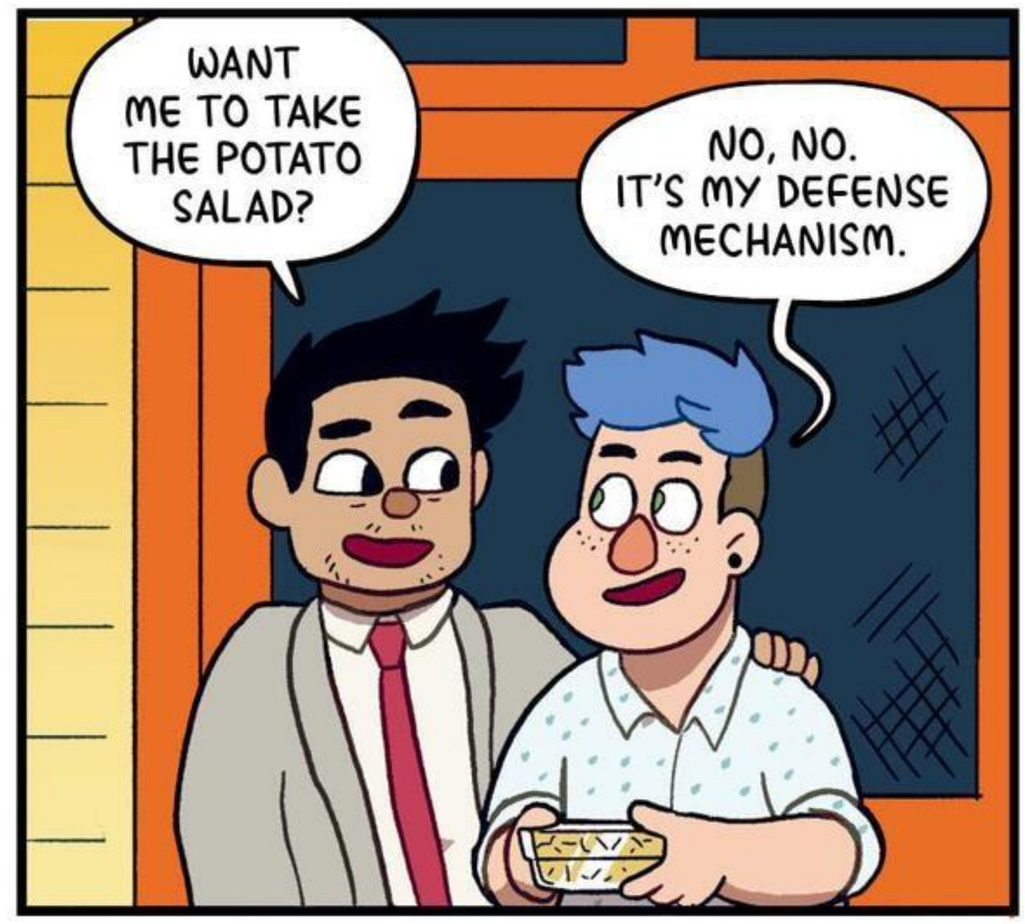
OK, BARNEY. THIS IS IT. YOUR TOUGHEST BATTLE YET...BUT YOU CAN DO THIS.
PART ONE
THE GUTTMAN FAMILY REUNION...




WANT ME TO TAKE THE POTATO SALAD?
NO, NO. IT'S MY DEFENSE MECHANISM.

BARNEY! SWEETIE!
COME OVER AND SAY HELLO TO YOUR GREAT-AUNT ESME!

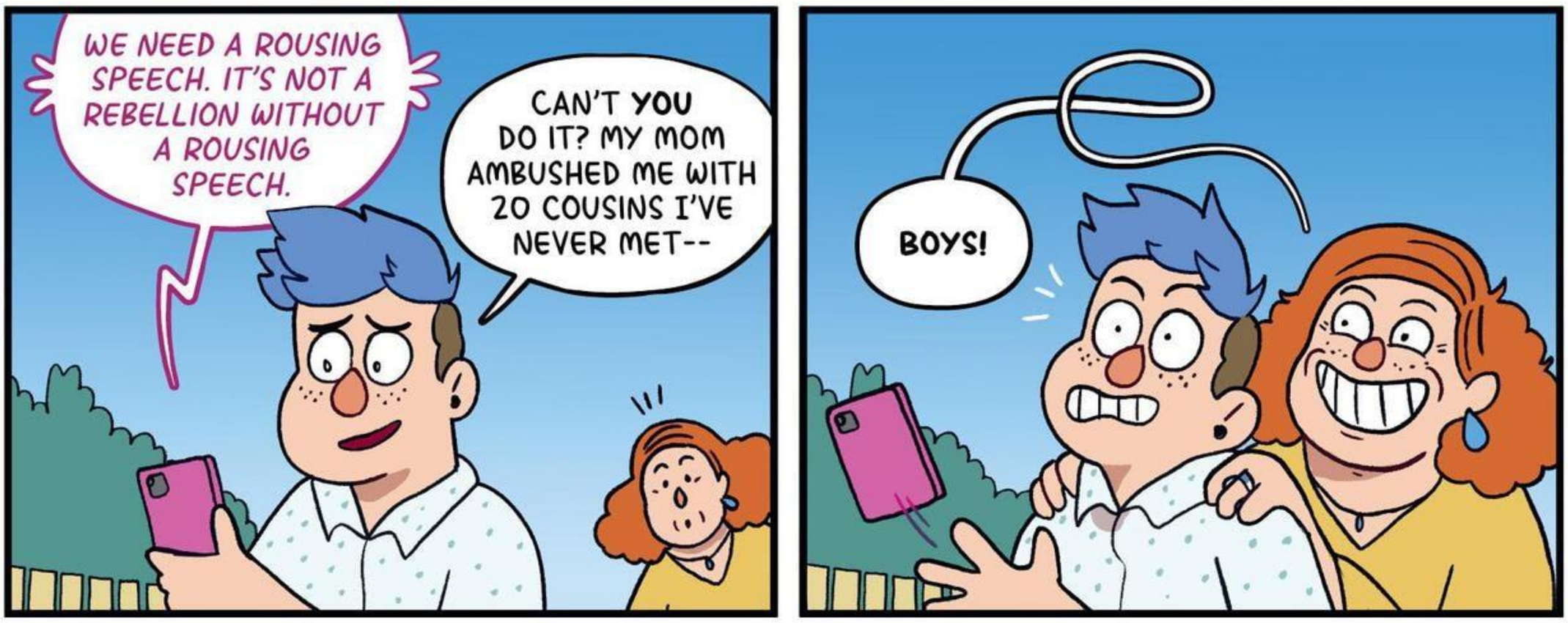
JUST A SECOND! GOTTA PUT THIS POTATO SALAD DOWN!

GENIUS.
BEEN USING THAT ONE SINCE THE FOURTH GRADE.
RING RING

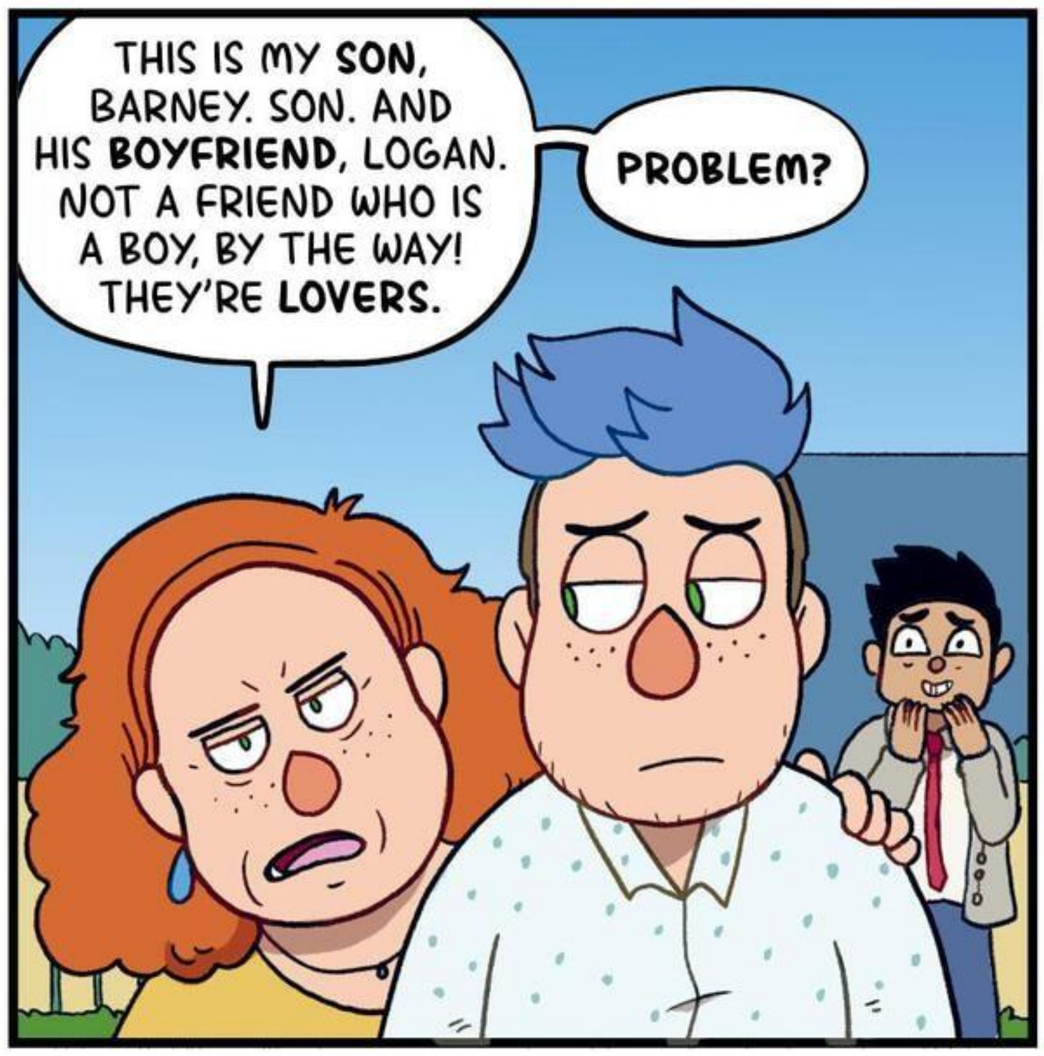
OH! PHONE!
CAN YOU GET THAT?
RING RING

WHERE ARE YOU?

IT'S THE FIRST OFFICIAL MEETING OF **THE DEMONIC-HUMAN-REBELLION-ALLIANCE-NETWORK-THING.** I HOPE YOU HAVEN'T FORGOTTEN YOU'RE A KEY SPEAKER!



UNCLE LOUIE HAS BEEN DYING TO MEET YOU!
UH, HI.


THIS IS MY **SON**, BARNEY. SON. AND HIS **BOYFRIEND**, LOGAN. NOT A FRIEND WHO IS A BOY, BY THE WAY! THEY'RE **LOVERS.**
PROBLEM?

NO? I THOUGHT **YOU** WERE THE ONE WITH THE PROBLEM, ROXIE--
ME? NEVER! I AM PROUD OF MY TRANS-HOMO SON!

FINE. I'M GOOGLING ROUSING SPEECHES. YOU MISSED YOUR CHANCE!

HEY!
GET OFF ME!

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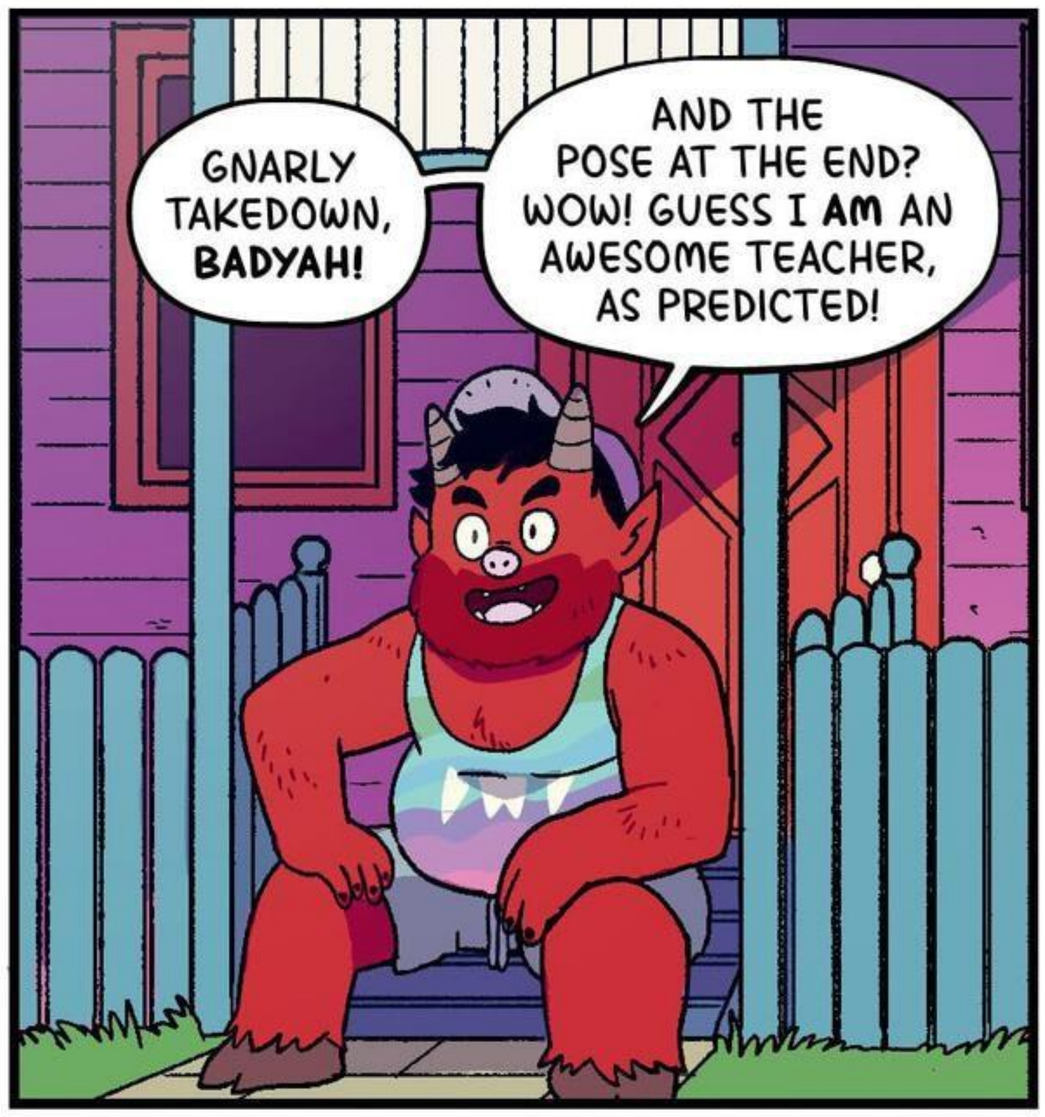
RE SQUARE
CLOSED DUE TO REFURBISHMENT
AND REVOLUTION!

DEAD END

THWACK!

THUMP!

THWIPASH!


GNARLY TAKEDOWN, **BADYAH!**
AND THE POSE AT THE END? WOW! GUESS I **AM** AN AWESOME TEACHER, AS PREDICTED!

PLEASE. YOU COULDN'T DO MY MOVES IN YOUR DREAMS.

AND YOU GOT THE KISS-MY-ASS ATTITUDE DOWN TOO! THE PUPIL HAS BECOME THE MASTER!

GUYS!

NORMA! I DECAPITATED SOMEONE WITH JUST MY LEGS. I'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO DO THAT.
AND I'M PROUD OF YOU, BUT--

THEY STARTED THE MEETING. Y'ALL ARE OFFICIALLY LATE.

SEE, THAT'S WHAT I **LOVE** ABOUT YOU. YOUR PUNCTUALITY.
REALLY? I THOUGHT IT WAS THE FANGS.

GREAT. YOU'RE HERE. WE CAN **FINALLY** BEGIN THE MEETING.

OI, I HAD BEGUN IT! I WAS JUST EXPLAINING WHAT TYPES OF SANDWICHES WE HAD ON OFFER--

THAT'S NOT IMPORTANT.

BUT WE'RE PRETTY CERTAIN **PAEL** PLANS TO DIVIDE THE PLANES ONCE MORE.
THAT'D MEAN THE MASS DISPLACEMENT OF DEMONKIND, OUR MEMORIES WIPED, AND OUR FRIENDS, OUR FAMILIES, OUR PARTNERS--ALL SEPARATED.
IN SHORT: IT WOULD SUCK LEMONS.
IF THEY'RE SO GOSH DARN POWERFUL, WHY HAVEN'T THEY DONE IT ALREADY?
WE DON'T KNOW. WHICH KEEPS ME UP AT NIGHT, I'M TELLING YOU.
THE SPELL OF DIVISION IS INCREDIBLY COMPLEX. IT HAS ONLY BEEN PERFORMED 12 TIMES.
OUR BEST GUESS IS THEY DON'T HAVE ALL THE NECESSARY TOOLS WITH WHICH TO CAST IT. BUT THEY'LL BE ON THE HUNT.
WHAT IF WE FIND THOSE TOOLS BEFORE THEY CAN? THERE'S GOTTA BE SOMETHING ABOUT THIS SPELL IN ONE OF MY OLD BOOKS!
I THOUGHT YOU'D CHUCKED ALL THOSE OUT AND WENT **MAGIC-FREE.** JUST BEFORE THE WAR BETWEEN HEAVEN AND HELL. **SOOOOO** HELPFUL.
ZAGAN...

IT'S A GOOD SUGGESTION! BUT I'VE FOUND NOTHING SO FAR. AND WITHOUT COURTNEY... AND NOW **FINGERS** ALSO BEING **CALLED BACK TO THE ANGELS...** OUR EXPERTISE AND RESOURCES HAVE DWINDLED.

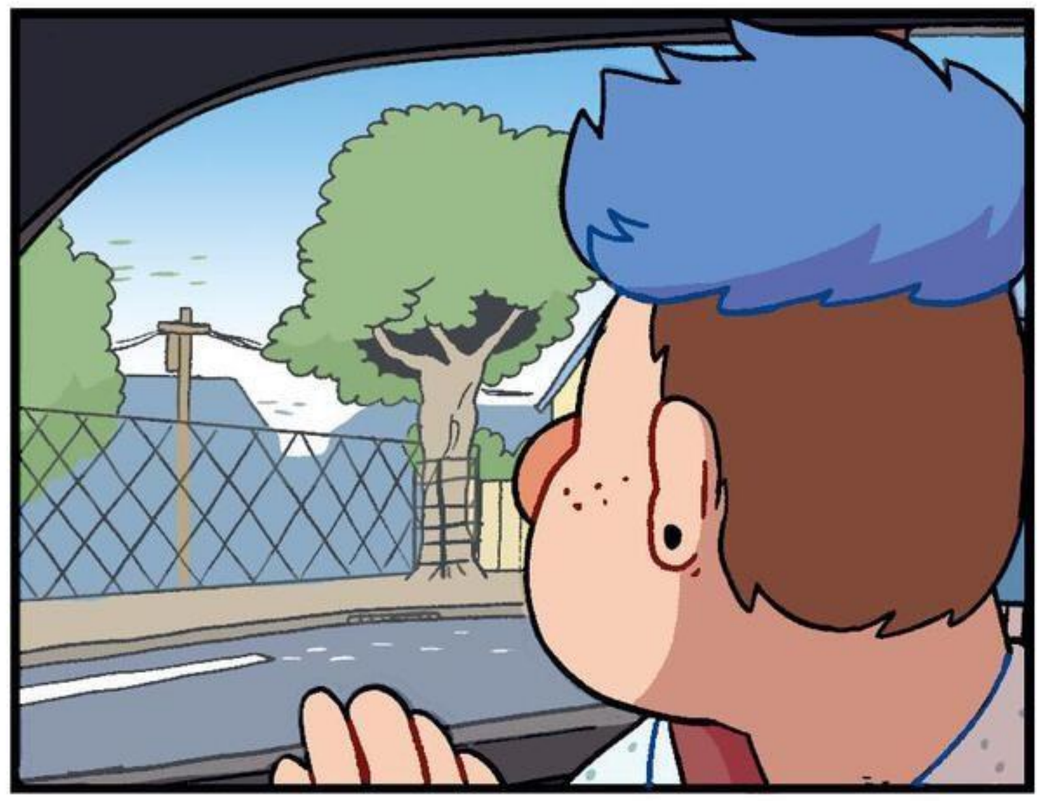
BUT NOT OUR RESOLVE. **ZAGAN? ASMODEUS?**

THE DEMONS HAVE LONG REJECTED THE ANGEL RULE BY APPOINTING OUR OWN **FOUR DEMON KINGS.** BUT SINCE THE DEATH OF OUR BROTHER TEMELUCHUS, AND NOW OUR SISTER PAIMON...WE HAVE TWO VACANCIES.
IT WAS A UNANIMOUS DECISION TO ALLOW MY SON ASMODEUS TO TAKE THE PLACE AS THE **CHIEFTAIN OF TORMENT** DUE TO HOW MUCH HE HAS TORMENTED ME OVER MY LIFE.

IT'S TRUE. I'M **SUPER** ANNOYING.

BUT THE DECISION ON WHO SHOULD BE THE **CHIEFTAIN OF KNOWLEDGE** PROVED TOUGH. WE NEED AN EXPERT IN NOT ONLY DEMONKIND BUT HUMANS TOO.
IF WE ARE TO DESTROY THE DIVISION, WE MUST FIRST EMBRACE UNITY. TO WIN THIS WAR, DEMONS AND HUMANS MUST BECOME ONE.
AND SO...

WE NOMINATE NORMA KHAN.



OH MY GOD! I WANT TO DIE!!!
HA HA! SHE'S **TRYING.** SHE'S COME A LONG WAY.

I JUST WISH I COULD SKIP AHEAD TO THE PART WHERE SHE'S BORED BY IT ALL, Y'KNOW? I JUST WANT HER TO SAY **"HERE'S MY SON AND HIS HUSBAND"** WITHOUT DOING THAT SMUG VOICE.

BARNEY?
YEAH.
WHY DID YOU SAY **"HUSBAND"**?

BOYFRIEND! PARTNER! WHATEVER, I WAS JUST USING AN EXAMPLE!
YOU SAID "HUSBAND"!
I DIDN'T MEAN TO, OK? DROP IT!
"BARNEY GUTTMAN-NGUYEN" IS A BIT OF A MOUTHFUL. NGUYEN-GUTTMAN?

SPEECH! SPEECH! SPEECH!
GOOD THING I GOOGLED...
"I SEE IN YOUR EYES THE SAME FEAR THAT WOULD TAKE THE HEART OF ME! A DAY MAY COME WHEN THE COURAGE OF MEN FAILS, WHEN WE FORSAKE OUR FRIENDS AND BREAK ALL BONDS OF FELLOWSHIP, BUT IT IS NOT THIS DAY."
WHAT IS SHE TALKING ABOUT?
SHH. I AM STARTING TO LIKE HER.
"THIS DAY WE FIGHT!
FOR FRODO!"
FOR FRODO!!!
WHAT DID WE MISS?

NORMA KHAN: DEMON QUEEN? GET OUT! THAT SOUNDS SO GOOD.
I KNOW. I'VE ALREADY ORDERED BUSINESS CARDS.
MY CORONATION'S TOMORROW ON **PLANE 13.** I'M SURE I CAN GET YOU ON THE GUEST LIST.

I'M TIRED! WHY CAN'T WE DO OUR MEETINGS AT NIGHT LIKE NORMAL DEMONS?
OH, BARNEY...THIS IS MY GIRLFRIEND, ZAGAN. SHE'S A VAMPIRE.

WE'VE MET. WELL...WE FOUGHT EACH OTHER WHEN SHE MANIPULATED ME INTO JOINING A WRESTLING TOURNAMENT SO SHE COULD GET REVENGE FOR US KILLING HER BROTHER. I THINK?
WATER UNDER THE BRIDGE, B.

OH, AND THIS IS LOGS. MY BOYFRIEND.
OH, IS IT "BOYFRIEND" AGAIN? I THOUGHT IT WAS "HUSBAND."
AND I THOUGHT I SAID SHUT UP!
WHATEVER YOU SAY, HUBBY! HUSBEAR!
HUSBANDO!

DISGUSTING.
URGH, I KNOW. COUPLES.
I MEANT THIS PUNCH. BUT THAT TOO.

Y'KNOW, I HAD A THING FOR BARNEY A WHILE BACK.
THAT TRACKS. HE IS A CUTIE!

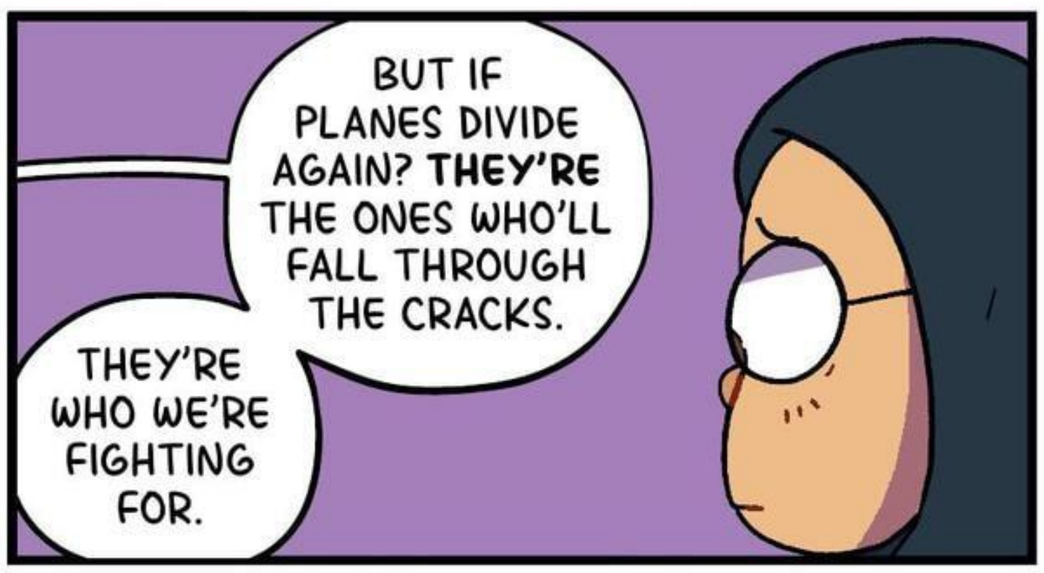
YEAH, BUT SO IS LOGS. AND THE TWO OF THEM ARE LIKE MY ABS: ROCK SOLID. I DON'T WANNA TEAR THEM APART.

D'YOU STILL HAVE A THING FOR NORMA?
I NEVER HAD A THING FOR NORMA! SHE HAD A THING FOR ME! AND I TURNED HER DOWN. 'CAUSE I'M STRAIGHT. I THINK. IT'S COMPLICATED. I DON'T KNOW.

HUMANS ARE WILD, MAN.
SAYS THE GUY WITH HOOVES AND HANDS. WHAT HAPPENED, DID EVOLUTION JUST NOT MAKE UP ITS MIND?

THE ANGELS ARE TRYING TO DIVIDE US INTO THESE CATEGORIES, ALL WHILE YOU'RE HERE STRESSING OUT 'CAUSE YOU CAN'T BE CONTAINED!
I DUNNO WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT.

I'M JUST SAYING, SOME PEOPLE FIND A LABEL AND STICK TO IT. AND SOME DON'T! THEY CHANGE. AND THAT ROCKS!

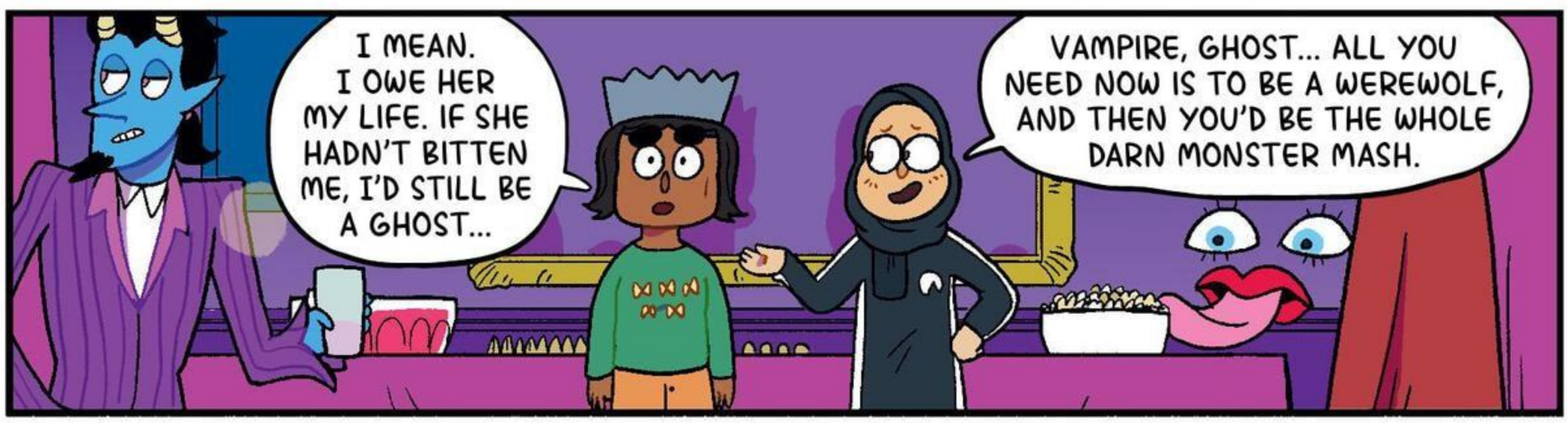

BUT IF PLANES DIVIDE AGAIN? THEY'RE THE ONES WHO'LL FALL THROUGH THE CRACKS.
THEY'RE WHO WE'RE FIGHTING FOR.

ANYWAY, I CAME TO FETCH BARNEY BECAUSE **APPARENTLY** PEOPLE THINK THAT'S MY JOB NOW.
DANNY HAS TO SHOW YOU SOMETHING.

NORMA...

BADYAH! I DIDN'T SEE YOU THERE. I THINK MY CROWN KEEPS SLIPPING.
I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU JUST SAID THAT. SHOULD I CURTSY?

HA! ZAGAN TOLD ME ABOUT THIS WEEKS AGO. IT'S BEEN A NIGHTMARE KEEPING IT SECRET.
YOU TWO ARE SUPER SERIOUS, THEN?


I MEAN. I OWE HER MY LIFE. IF SHE HADN'T BITTEN ME, I'D STILL BE A GHOST...
VAMPIRE, GHOST... ALL YOU NEED NOW IS TO BE A WEREWOLF, AND THEN YOU'D BE THE WHOLE DARN MONSTER MASH.

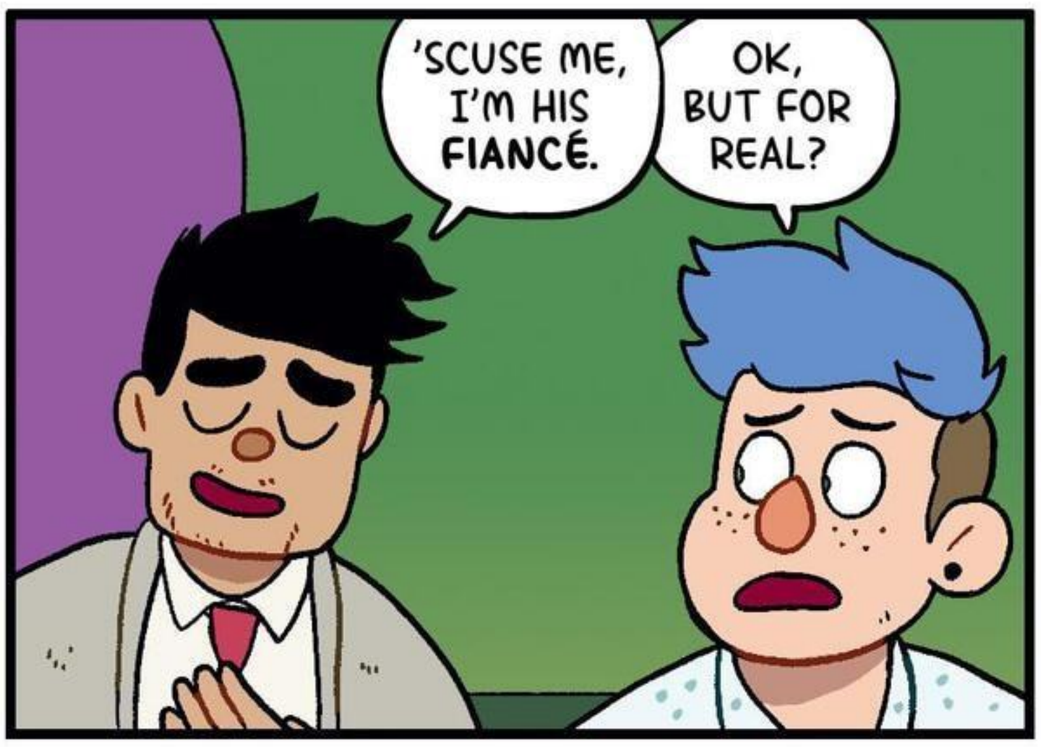
I DON'T THINK I'M A VAMPIRE. STILL GOT A REFLECTION. STILL CAN DOWN A GARLIC NAAN IN 30 SECONDS.
THERE'S JUST A BIT OF DEMON IN ME NOW.

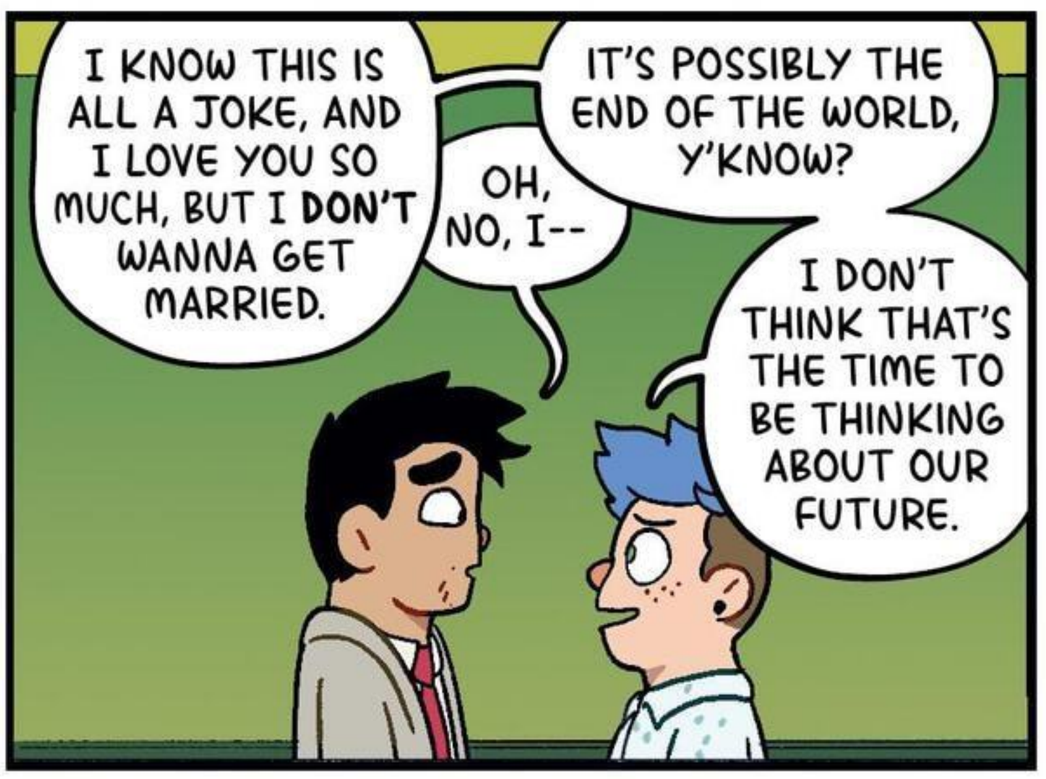
I DON'T REALLY KNOW **WHAT** I AM ANYMORE.
I KNOW THE FEELING.

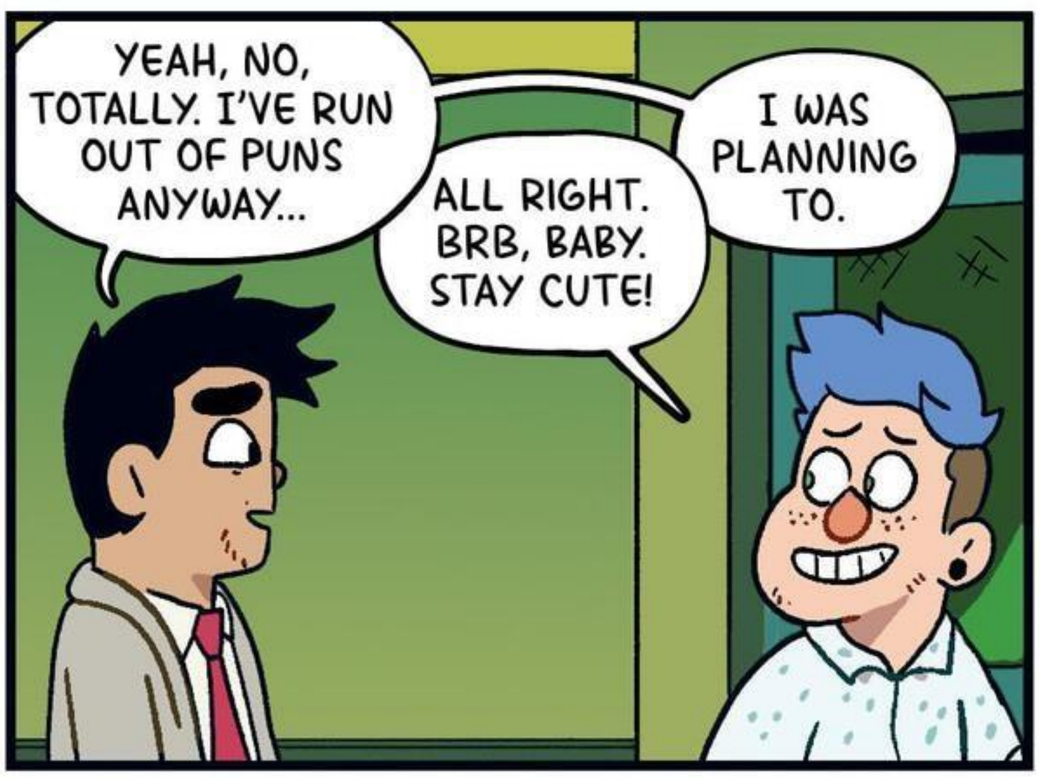
I THOUGHT YOU WERE GONNA CHANGE THE BLUE HAIR?
OR ARE YOU **MARRIED** TO IT?
SHUT UP.

THEN AGAIN, SOMETHING OLD, SOMETHING NEW, SOMETHING BORROWED, SOMETHING BLUE!
SHUT UP.

ACTUALLY, YOU CAN **BOTH** SHUT UP. THANKS.
DANNY WANTS TO SHOW BARNEY SOMETHING IN PRIVATE, SO SCOOT ALONG, BOYFRIEND.


'SCUSE ME, I'M HIS **FIANCÉ.**
OK, BUT FOR REAL?

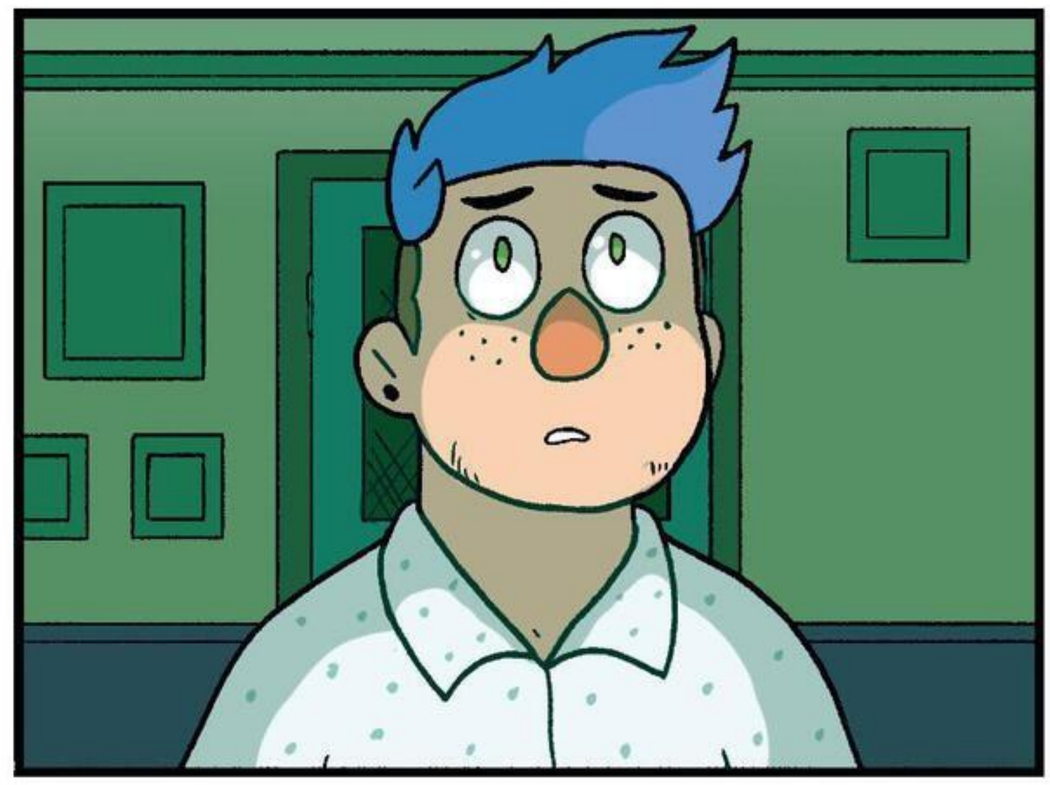

I KNOW THIS IS ALL A JOKE, AND I LOVE YOU SO MUCH, BUT I **DON'T** WANNA GET MARRIED.
OH, NO, I--
IT'S POSSIBLY THE END OF THE WORLD, Y'KNOW?
I DON'T THINK THAT'S THE TIME TO BE THINKING ABOUT OUR FUTURE.


YEAH, NO, TOTALLY. I'VE RUN OUT OF PUNS ANYWAY...
ALL RIGHT. BRB, BABY. STAY CUTE!
I WAS PLANNING TO.

WELL...

...THAT WAS A WASTE OF MONEY.

YO, DANNY. WHAT WAS IT YOU WANTED TO SHOW--



BEEN DYING TO TELL YOU FOR WEEKS, BUT I COULDN'T 'TIL I KNEW I COULD WAKE HIM UP. AND I'M **SO** CLOSE TO FIGURING OUT HOW.

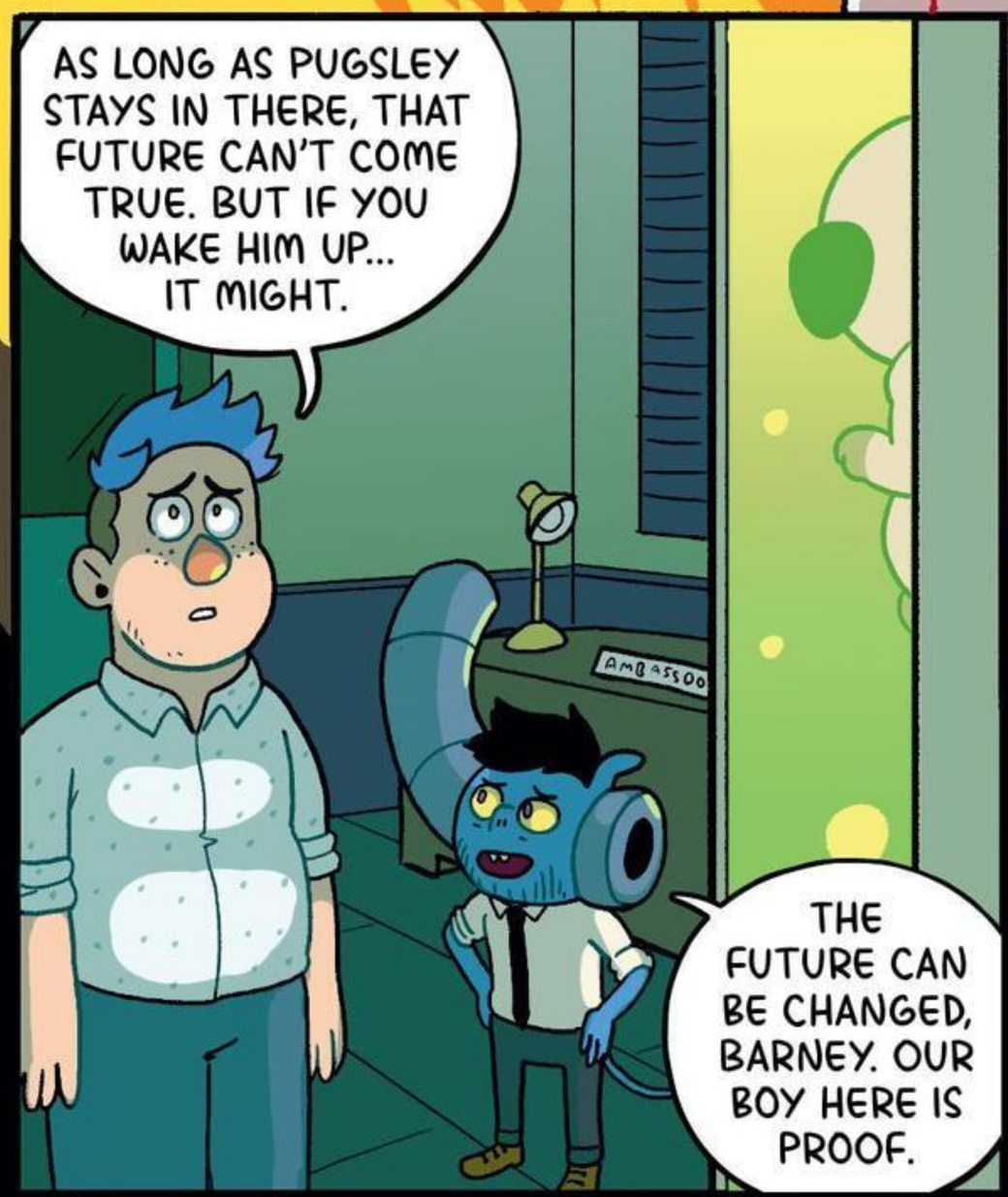
WHEN I FLED THE ANGELS, THIS WAS ALL I TOOK... STOLE HIM FROM THE **BUREAU OF PARADOXES**, I DID.
AND IT'S **REALLY** HIM... I PROMISE. IT'S--

PUGSLEY...

PUGSLEY SACRIFICED HIMSELF TO ERASE HIS EVIL FUTURE SELF. BUT IF THE WATCHER NEVER EXISTED, WHY DID HE DIE? HIS DEATH WAS A PARADOX!
THAT'S WHY HE POPPED UP AT THE BUREAU. JUST A TANGLE OF TIME AND SPACE, HE WAS.
BUT I'VE BROUGHT HIM BACK TO 95 PERCENT OF HIS OLD SELF. JUST A FEW DAYS LONGER, AND I'LL BE ABLE TO LET HIM OUT.
NO.

NO?
PUGSLEY... THE WATCHER... HE SHOWED ME THE FUTURE. THE DEMON-ANGEL WAR THAT'S TO COME.

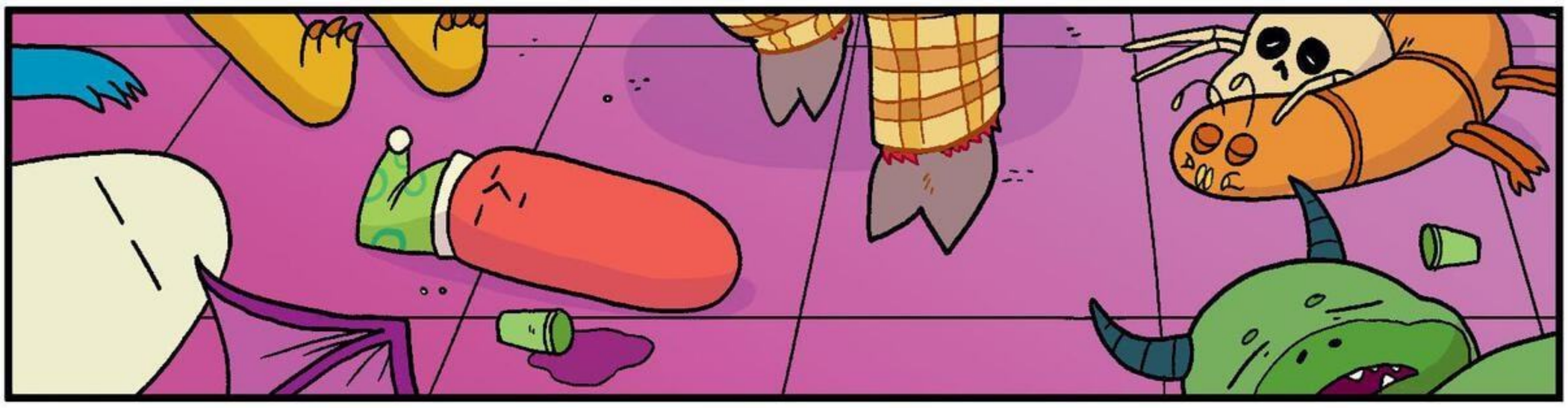
PUGSLEY FOUGHT IN IT. THAT'S HOW HE BECAME THE WATCHER. HE TOLD ME I WOULD DIE...THAT **NORMA** WOULD DIE. EVERYONE...


AS LONG AS PUGSLEY STAYS IN THERE, THAT FUTURE CAN'T COME TRUE. BUT IF YOU WAKE HIM UP... IT MIGHT.
THE FUTURE CAN BE CHANGED, BARNEY. OUR BOY HERE IS PROOF.

IF THAT WAR IS COMING? WE DON'T STAND A CHANCE AGAINST THE ANGELIC HORDE.
BUT WITH PUGSLEY AND ALL HIS POWERS ON OUR SIDE? WE'D BE **GOLDEN!**

OR MAYBE WE'D BE OPENING PANDORA'S BOX?

Exit
LUNA LOOKOUT
TOILETS
DEAD END



SIZZLE SIZZLE
CREAAAK
EGGS

D'YOU WANT HAM IN YOUR OMELET, AZ?
DANG, MY TRADING CARD IS RIGHT.
I AM NO GOOD WHEN IT COMES TO STEALTH.
SIZZLE SIZZLE
EGGS

I JUST WANNA GIVE YOU AND BARNEY SPACE. I FEEL LIKE I CREATED A WEDGE.
THERE'S NO WEDGE. I MEAN, IN SOME WAYS, I'M THE WEDGE.
YOU USED TO BE BUDDIES, AND NOW I FEEL LIKE YOU TWO CAN'T HANG OUT WHEN I'M AROUND.
AND I'M LIKE, DUDE, BIG ANGEL-DEMON WAR? THERE'S NO TIME FOR DUMB FEELINGS LIKE THAT ANYMORE.
LIKE, WE GOT NO FUTURE, RIGHT?
LET'S JUST DO WHATEVER!
IT'S NOT LIKE ANYBODY CAN SETTLE DOWN OR HAVE A NORMAL LIFE NOW!
WHAT IS NORMAL, ANYWAY!? MAYBE YOU AND BARNEY SHOULD TRY TO MAKE IT WORK! I'M SURE HIS PARENTS WOULD ACCEPT A GIANT RED DEMON AS A SON-IN-LAW!
BUDDY. THERE'S GONNA BE A FUTURE.

I'M SORRY. I'M A LITTLE STRESSED OUT. I HAD ALL THESE PLANS FOR ME AND BARNEY, AND NOW? WHAT'S THE POINT?
I THINK YOU'RE HANDLING YOUR FIRST END OF THE WORLD PRETTY WELL.

WE'LL WIN, LOGS. THE ANGELS MIGHT BE ALL-POWERFUL, BUT THEY'RE **SCARED** OF US. JEALOUS, EVEN!

WE'VE GOT **LOVE** ON OUR SIDE.

YOU READY FOR THIS?

SINCE FOREVER. TO BE CORONATED AS **THE QUEEN OF HELL?** THAT'S A DREAM COME TRUE.

WE MADE YOU SOME BREAKFAST.

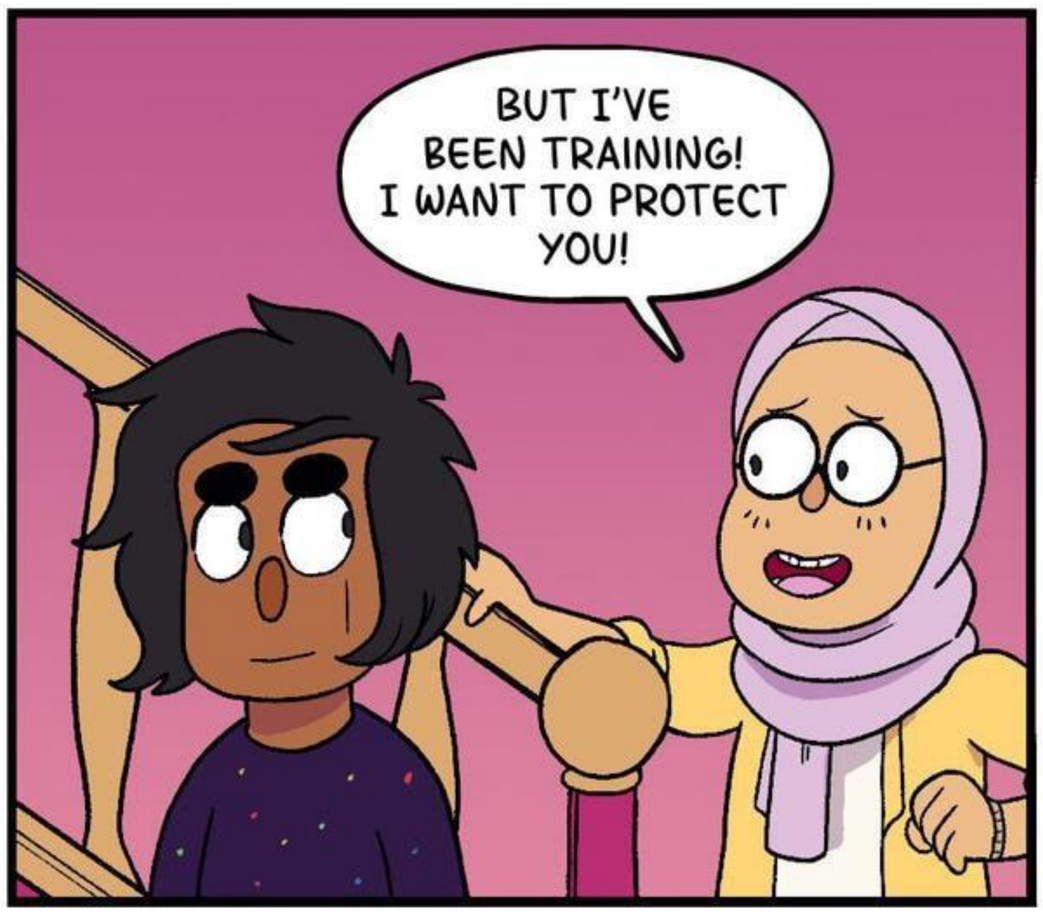
LOGS MADE YOU BREAKFAST.
I JUST GAVE HIM THERAPY.

RIGHTO. JUST GIVING YOU ALL A PROTECTIVE HEX TO CONFUSE THE ANGELIC AUTHORITIES.
UNFORTUNATELY, THEIR ELEVATOR IS STILL THE SAFEST ROUTE DOWN.

Y'KNOW, WE DON'T HAVE TO DO A WHOLE CEREMONY JUST FOR ME. I'M QUITE HAPPY WITH MY CROWN.
THIS CORONATION IS NOT FOR YOU. IT'S FOR THE REBELLION.

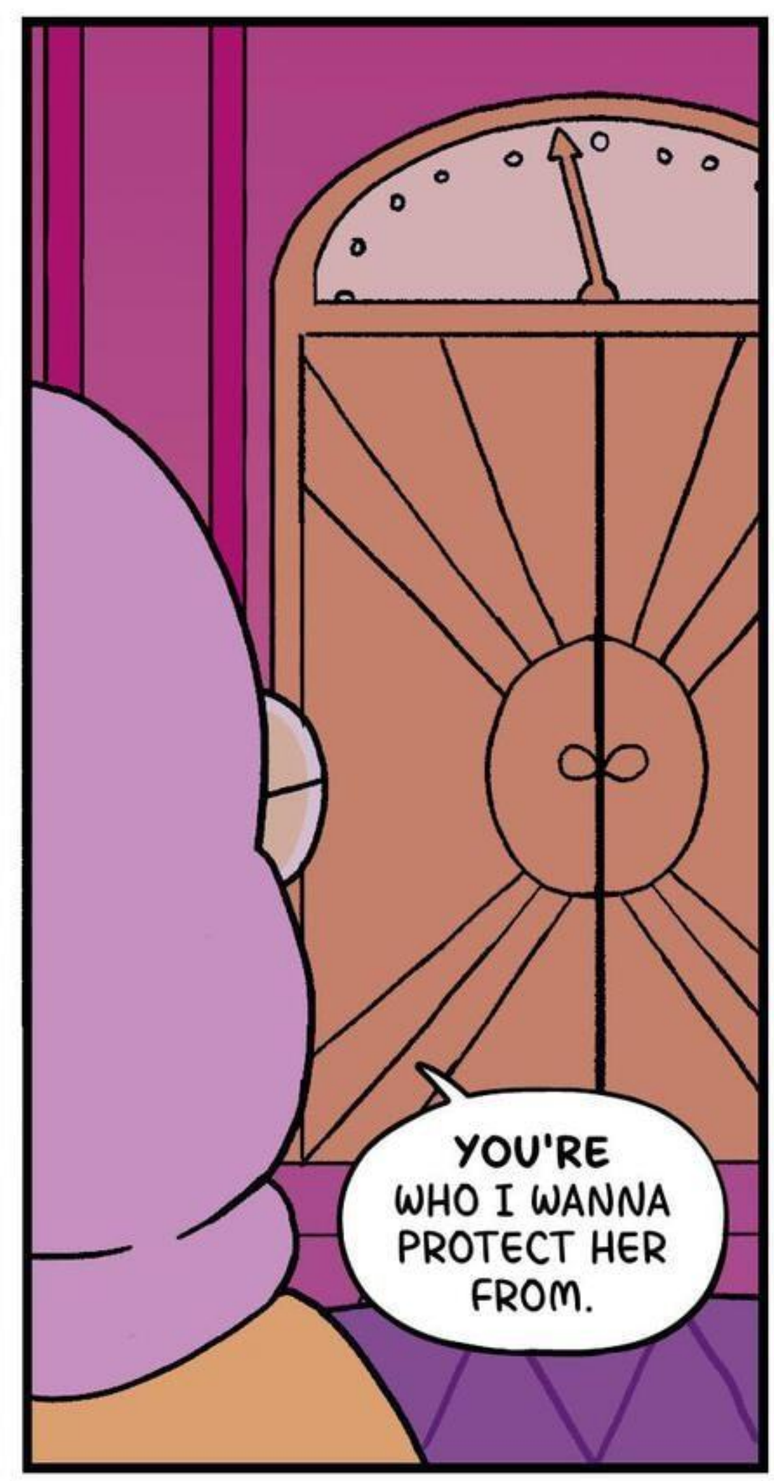
I LOVE YOU.
LOVE YOU TOO. BRING ME BACK SOME BRIMSTONE.
WHAT IS BRIMSTONE?

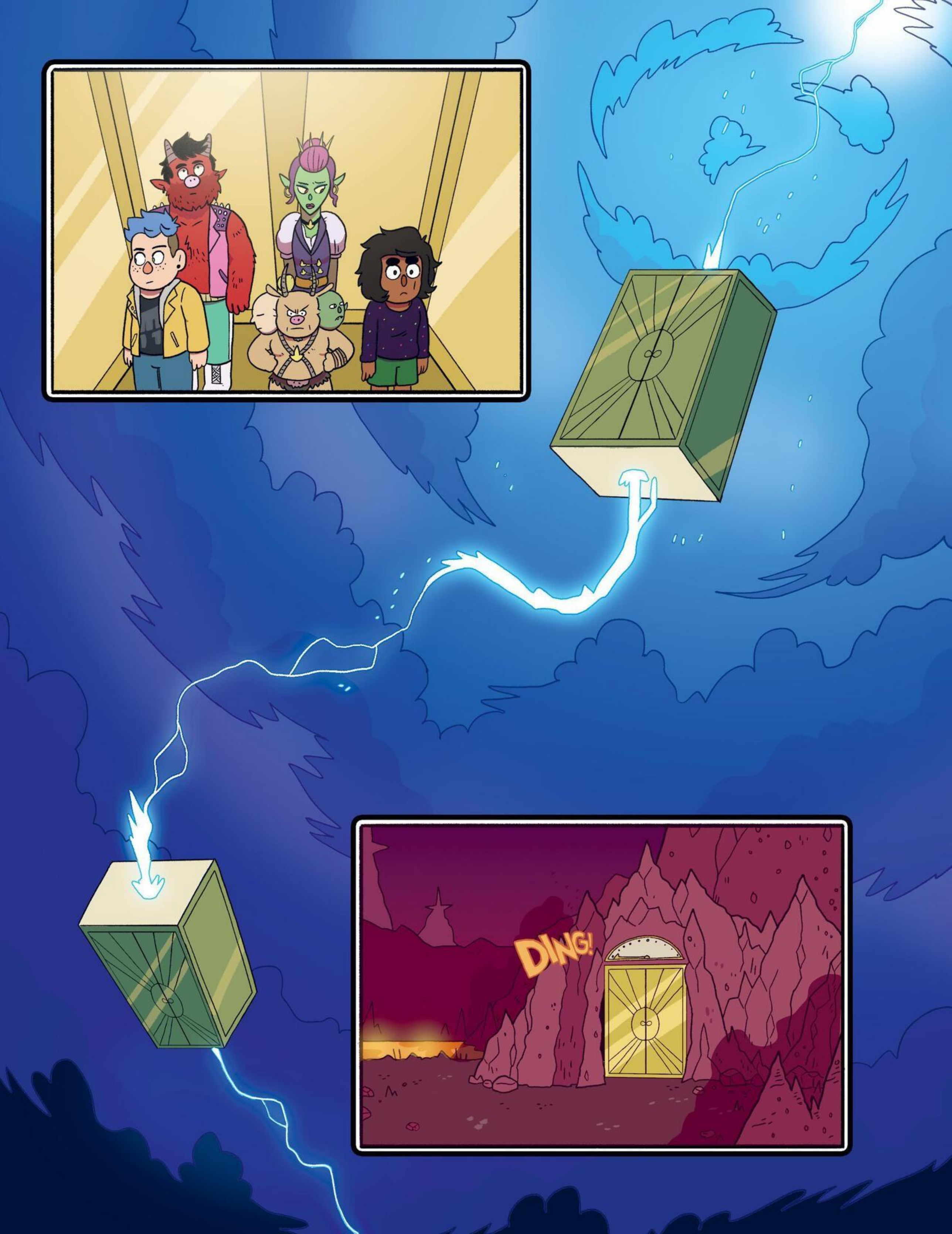
IT'S THE ARCHAIC NAME FOR SULFUR.
SO I HOPE YOU PACKED YOUR FACE MASK.
OR MAYBE I COULD COME DOWN AND FIGHT OFF THOSE FUMES FOR YOU!
HA HA!
I'LL BE FINE.


BUT I'VE BEEN TRAINING! I WANT TO PROTECT YOU!

THAT'S MY JOB, SWEETIE.

LATERZ!

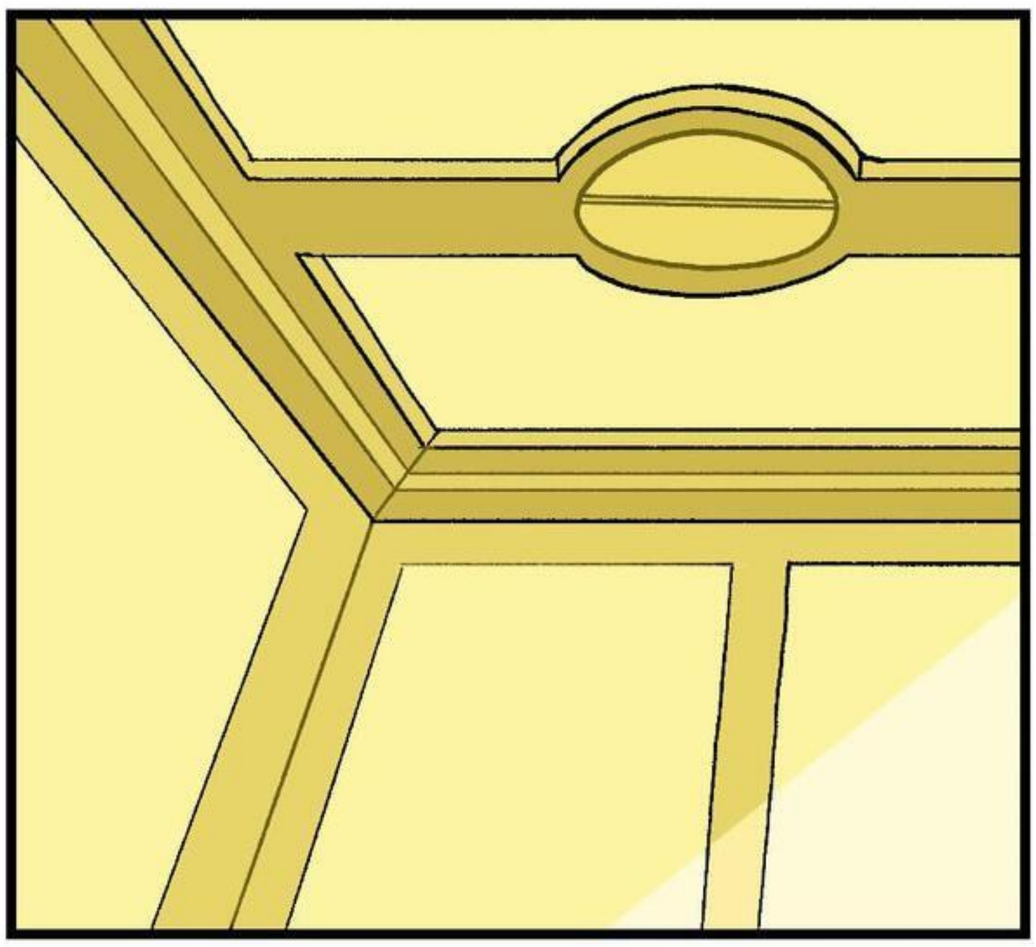

YOU'RE WHO I WANNA PROTECT HER FROM.

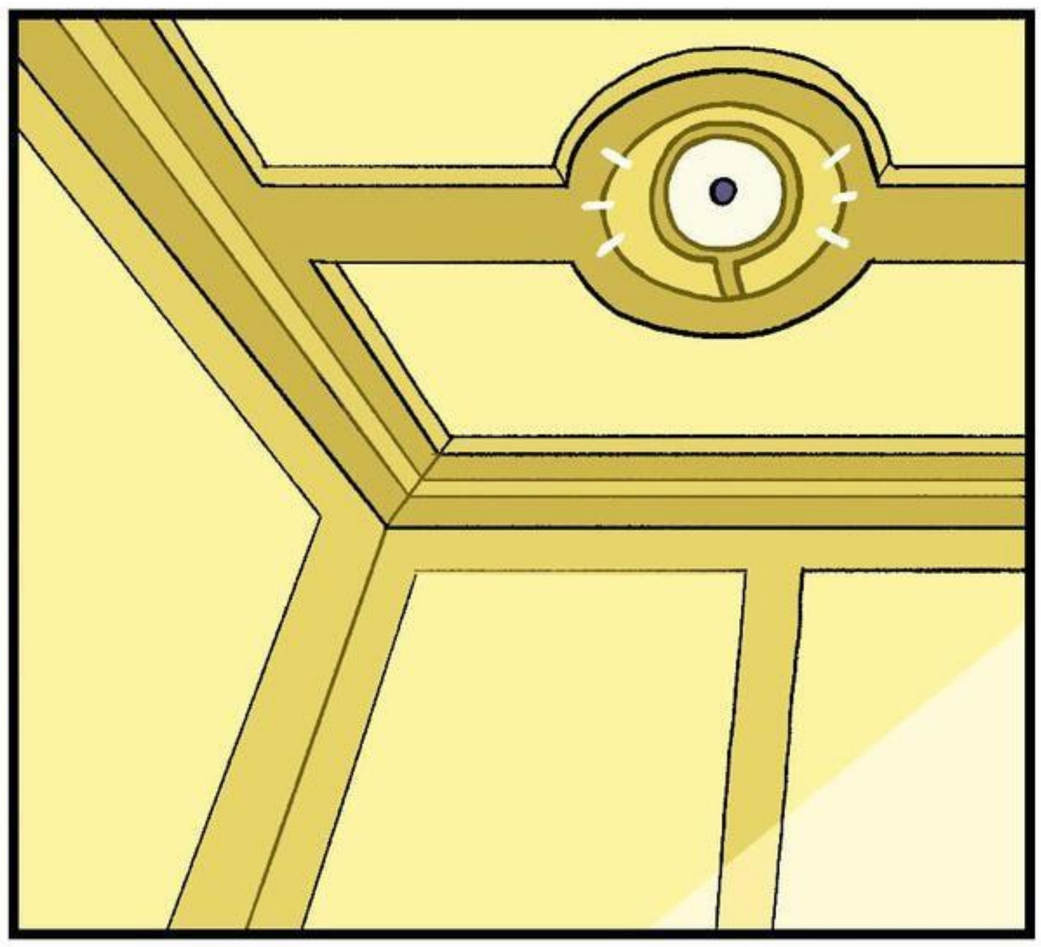

DING!

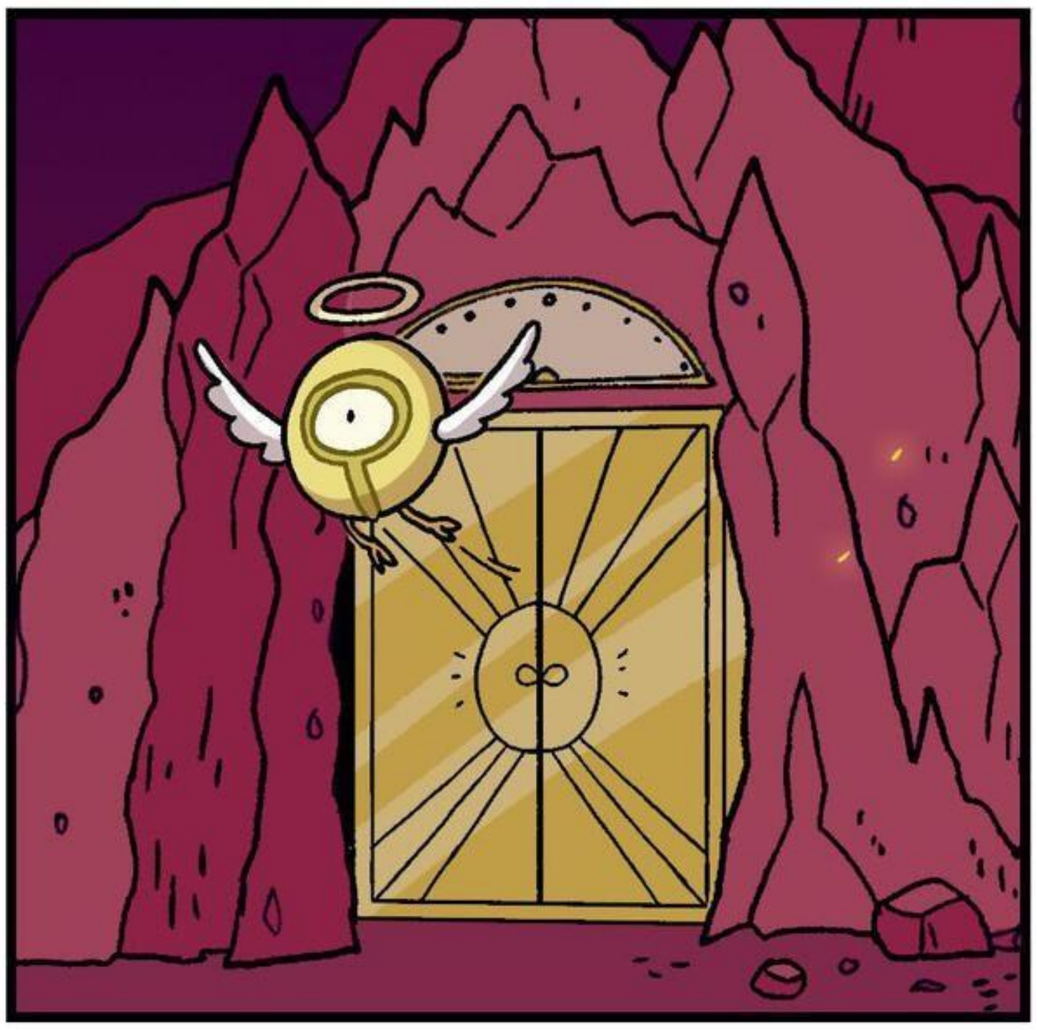
TARTARUS.

THE 13TH PLANE.

IT'S HELL, BUT IT'S HOME!







I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU LIKE LIVING DOWN HERE. MY **SWEAT** IS SWEATING.

WAIT, YOU THINK WE **LIKE** IT DOWN HERE? THE ANGELS FORCED US TO LIVE IN DUMPS LIKE THIS WHILE THEY LIVE IN THE PALACES AND MEADOWS OF THE HIGHER PLANES.

SOME OF US TRY TO MAKE THE MOST OF IT, BUT I THINK ANY DEMON WOULD TAKE LIVING IN THE **PARADISO GARDENS OF PLANE THREE** OVER BEING MADE TO BATHE IN LAVA.

YO. NORMA. TAKE A PIC!

LIVING
HUMAN

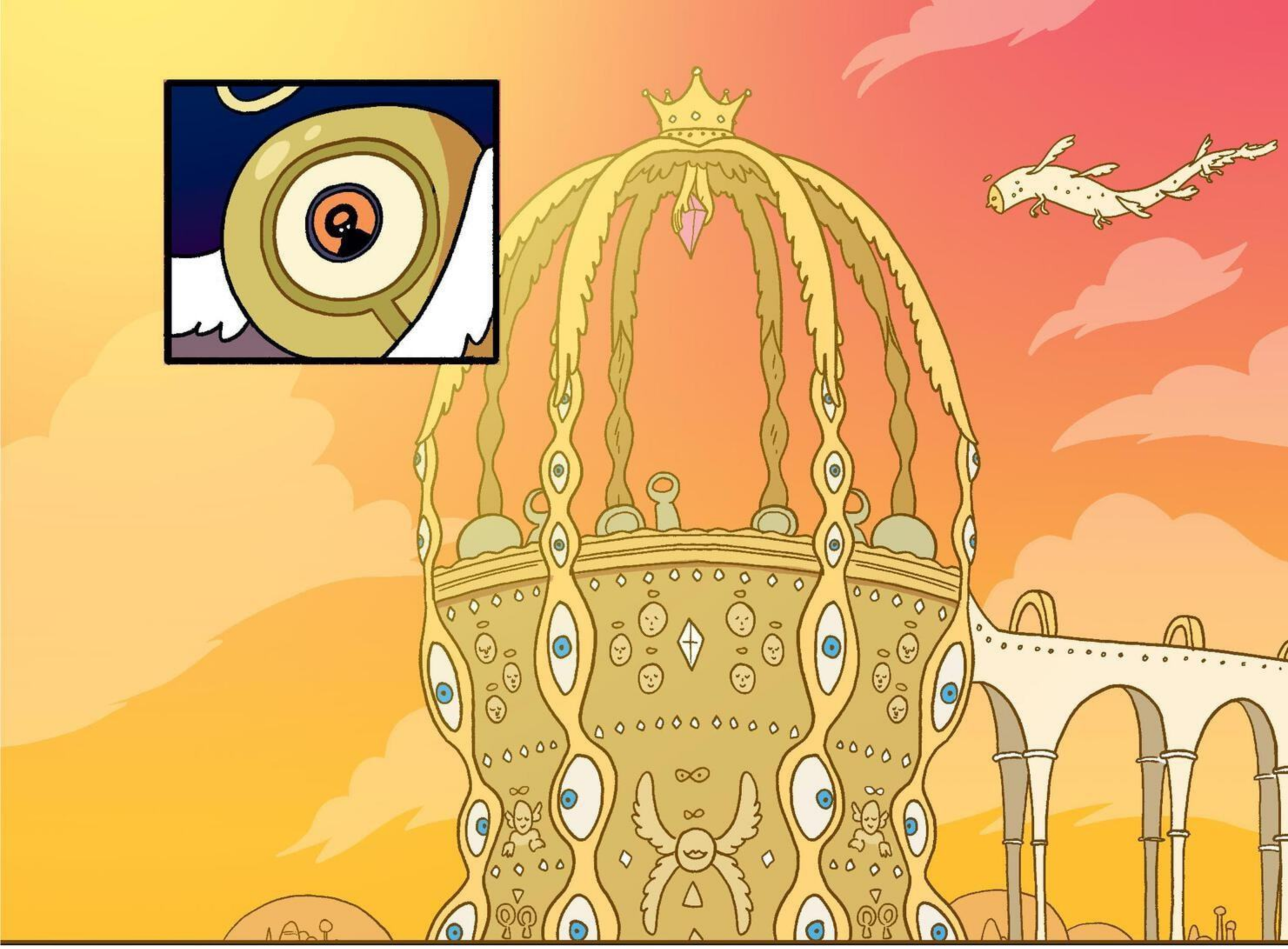
NEXT TIME SOME BIGOT SAYS I'M GOING TO HELL I CAN SHOW THEM THIS AND BE LIKE, "ALREADY BEEN!"
THERE HE IS!

TARTARUS THE CORONATOR! TRUE RULER OF THE DEMONS! HIDDEN WITH AN ILLUSION SPELL SO THE ANGELS DON'T ASSASSINATE HIM.

TARTARUS WILL TELL YOU HIS GREAT SECRET, AND THEN HE WILL CROWN YOU TWO AS OUR NEW KINGS. THE FOUR DEMON KINGS SHALL BE COMPLETE ONCE AGAIN!

SICK.

HE IS FOUND! AT LAST! THE BODY IS FOUND!



GENERAL CAHATEL! THE SPY HAS LOCATED YOUR TREASURE.

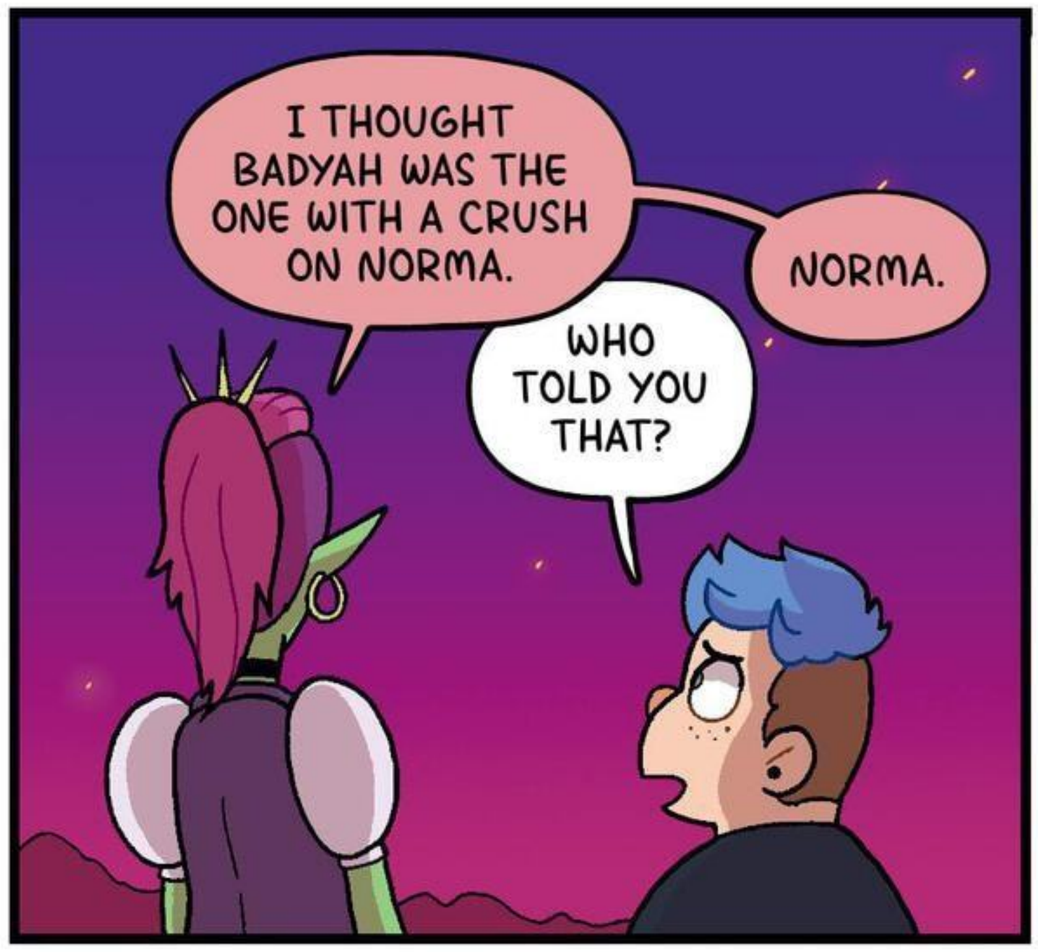
READY THE ELEVATOR.

AND BRING ME THE SACRIFICE.

ZAGAN? BARNEY? KEEP A LOOKOUT WHILE I TAKE NORMA AND ASMODEUS TO TARTARUS FOR THEIR CORONATIONS.
ON IT!
GOOD LUCK!

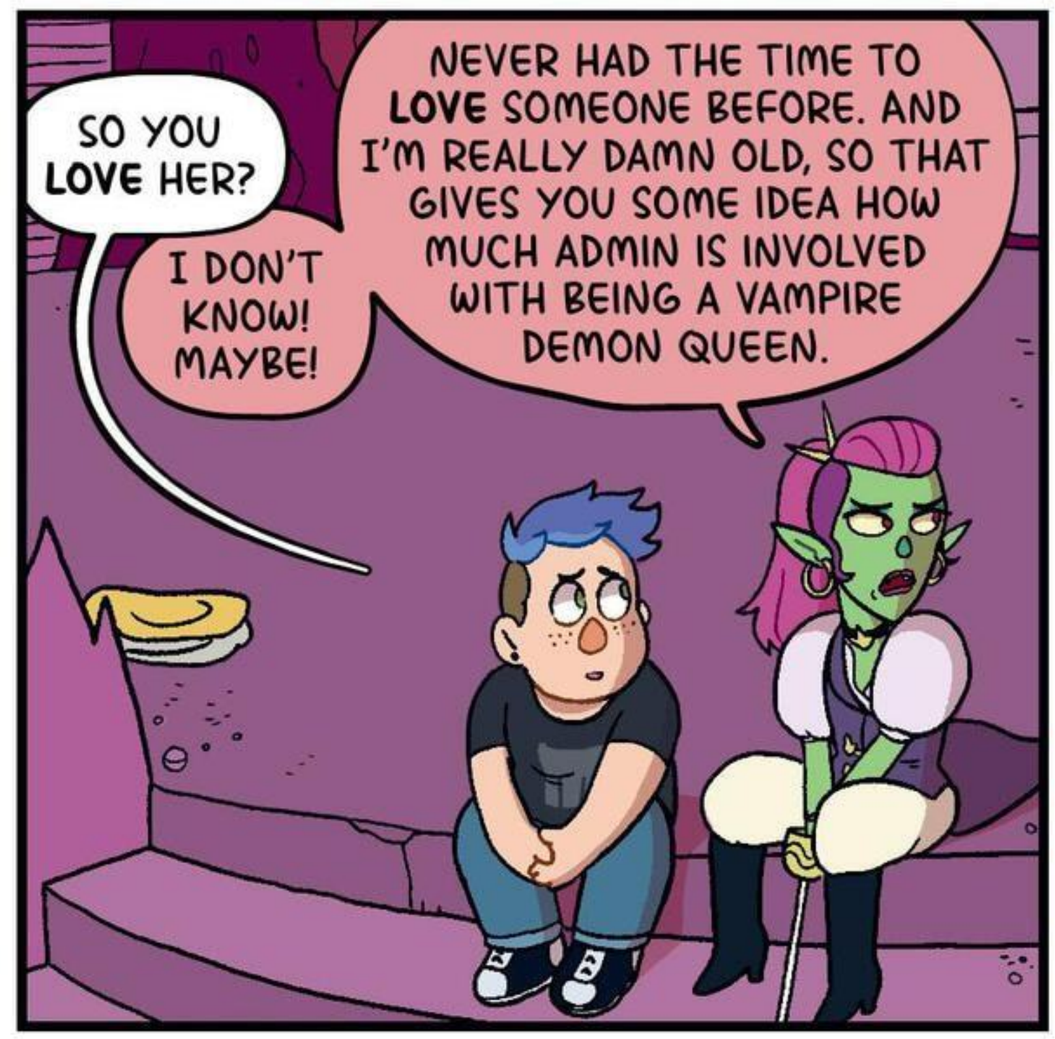
SO...YOU AND NORMA, HUH? QUITE A PAIRING.

I'M HAPPY SHE'S GOT SOMEONE. TOOK HER A LONG TIME TO GET OVER BADYAH.
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
BIG CRUSH! HUGE! BUT BADYAH DIDN'T FEEL THE SAME WAY.


I THOUGHT BADYAH WAS THE ONE WITH A CRUSH ON NORMA.
NORMA.
WHO TOLD YOU THAT?

SO AM I A REBOUND?
WHAT? NO! SORRY! IT'S A GOOD THING SHE FOUND YOU! I DIDN'T REALIZE YOU TWO WERE SO SERIOUS.

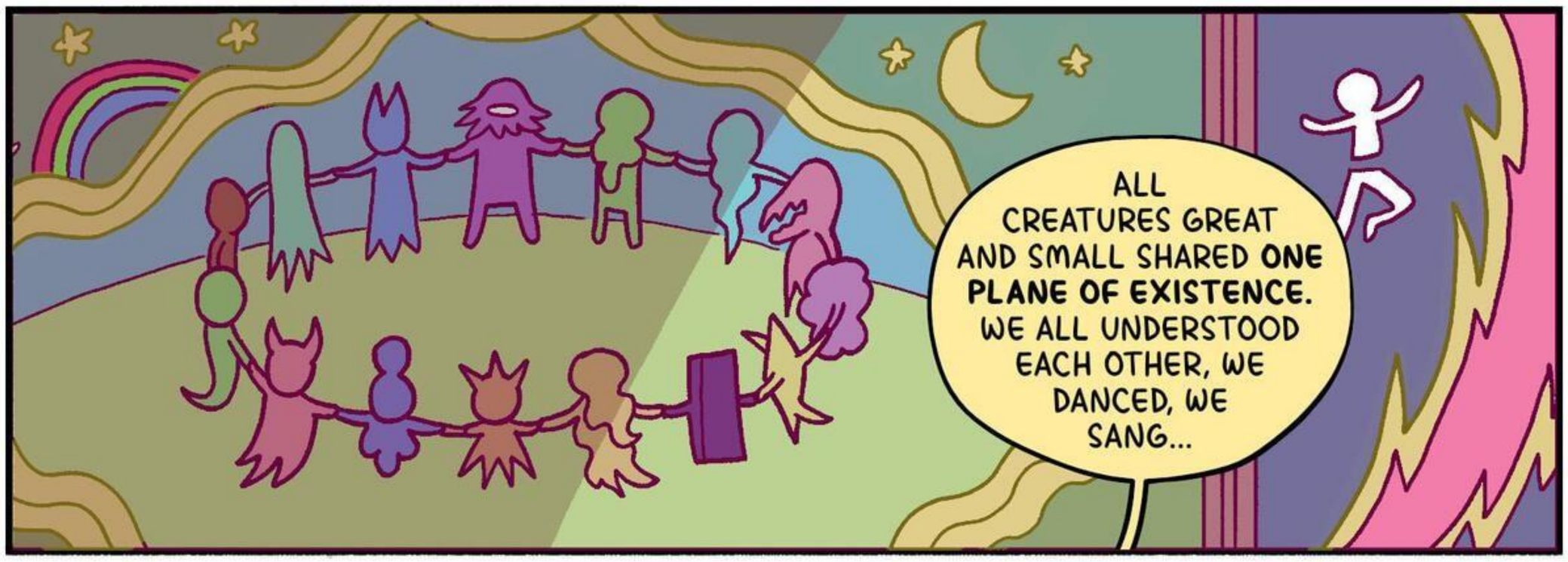
THIS COULD BE OUR LAST FIGHT. OF COURSE IT'S SERIOUS! YOU THINK I'M GONNA WASTE MY FINAL DAYS WITH SOMEONE I DON'T **LOVE?**


SO YOU **LOVE** HER?
I DON'T KNOW! MAYBE!
NEVER HAD THE TIME TO **LOVE** SOMEONE BEFORE. AND I'M REALLY DAMN OLD, SO THAT GIVES YOU SOME IDEA HOW MUCH ADMIN IS INVOLVED WITH BEING A VAMPIRE DEMON QUEEN.

WHAT DO YOU LOVE ABOUT HER?
I LOVE... THAT WHEN I WALK IN THE ROOM, SHE DOESN'T SMILE AT ME.
THE WAY WE DON'T LAUGH AT EACH OTHER'S JOKES.
THE WAY THAT WHEN WE'RE TOGETHER... IT FEELS LIKE BEING COMPLETELY ALONE.

HOLY CRAP, MAYBE YOU **ARE** RIGHT FOR EACH OTHER.

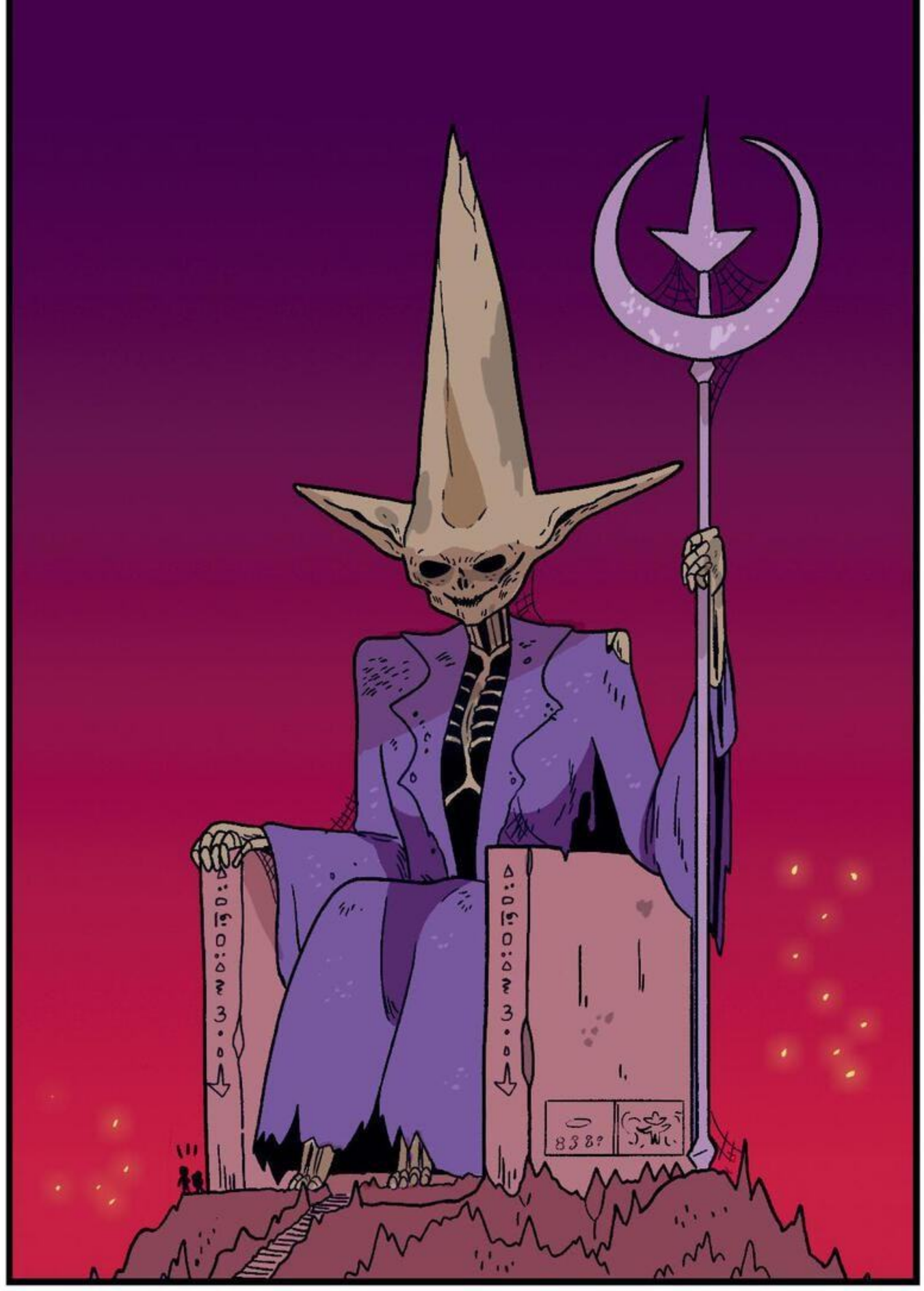
IN THE BEGINNING, THERE WAS **PEACE.**


ALL CREATURES GREAT AND SMALL SHARED **ONE PLANE OF EXISTENCE.** WE ALL UNDERSTOOD EACH OTHER, WE DANCED, WE SANG...

UNTIL ONE DAY, ONE CREATURE SOUGHT TO JUDGE ALL OTHERS, TO LABEL THEM, ORDER THEM...**DEMONIZE** THEM.
THEY THOUGHT THEMSELVES BETTER THAN EVERYONE ELSE AND PERFORMED A **SPELL OF DIVISION** THAT SPLIT THEMSELVES AND THE WORLD IN TWO.

THE DIVINE.

NO... **TARTARUS.**

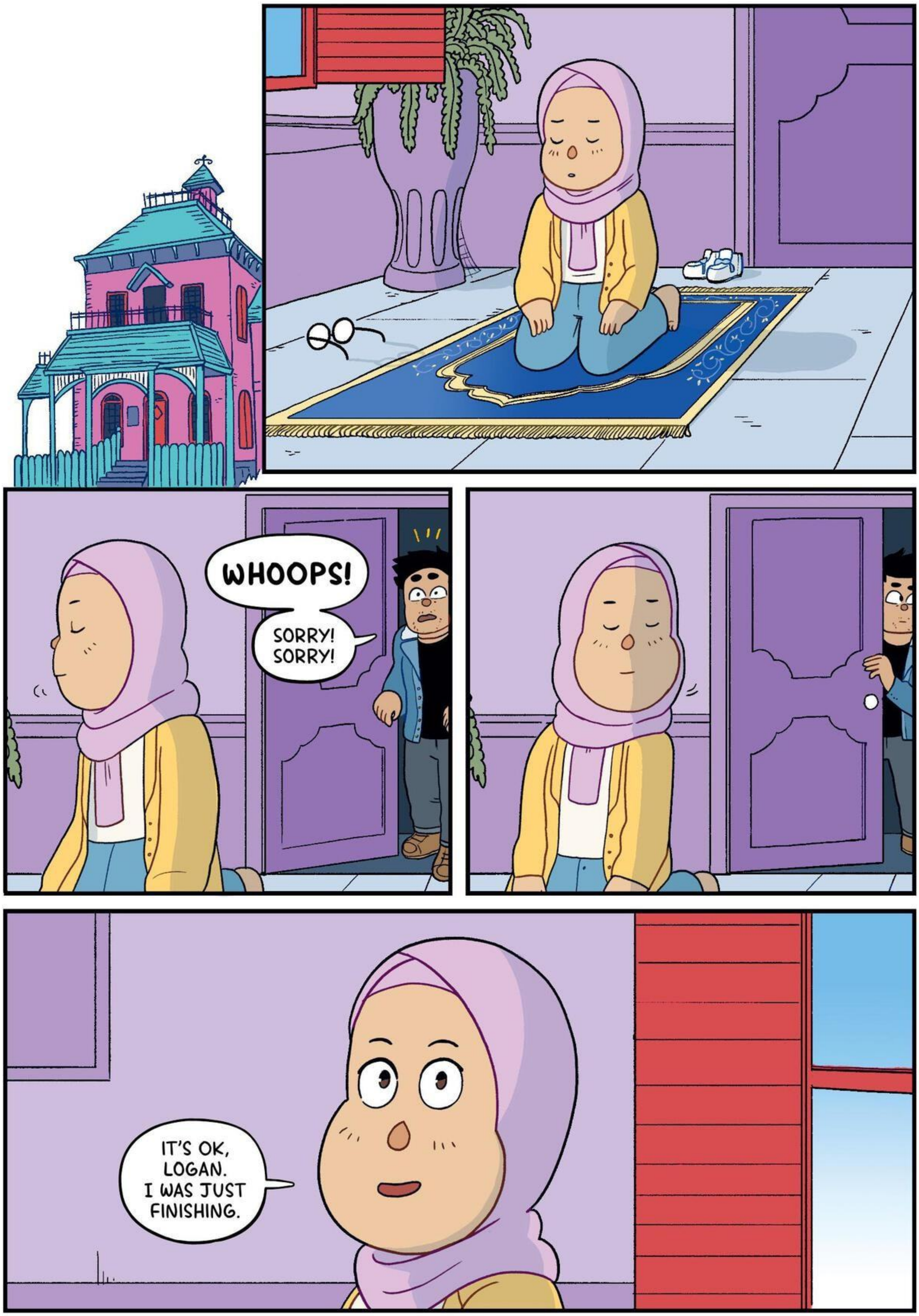


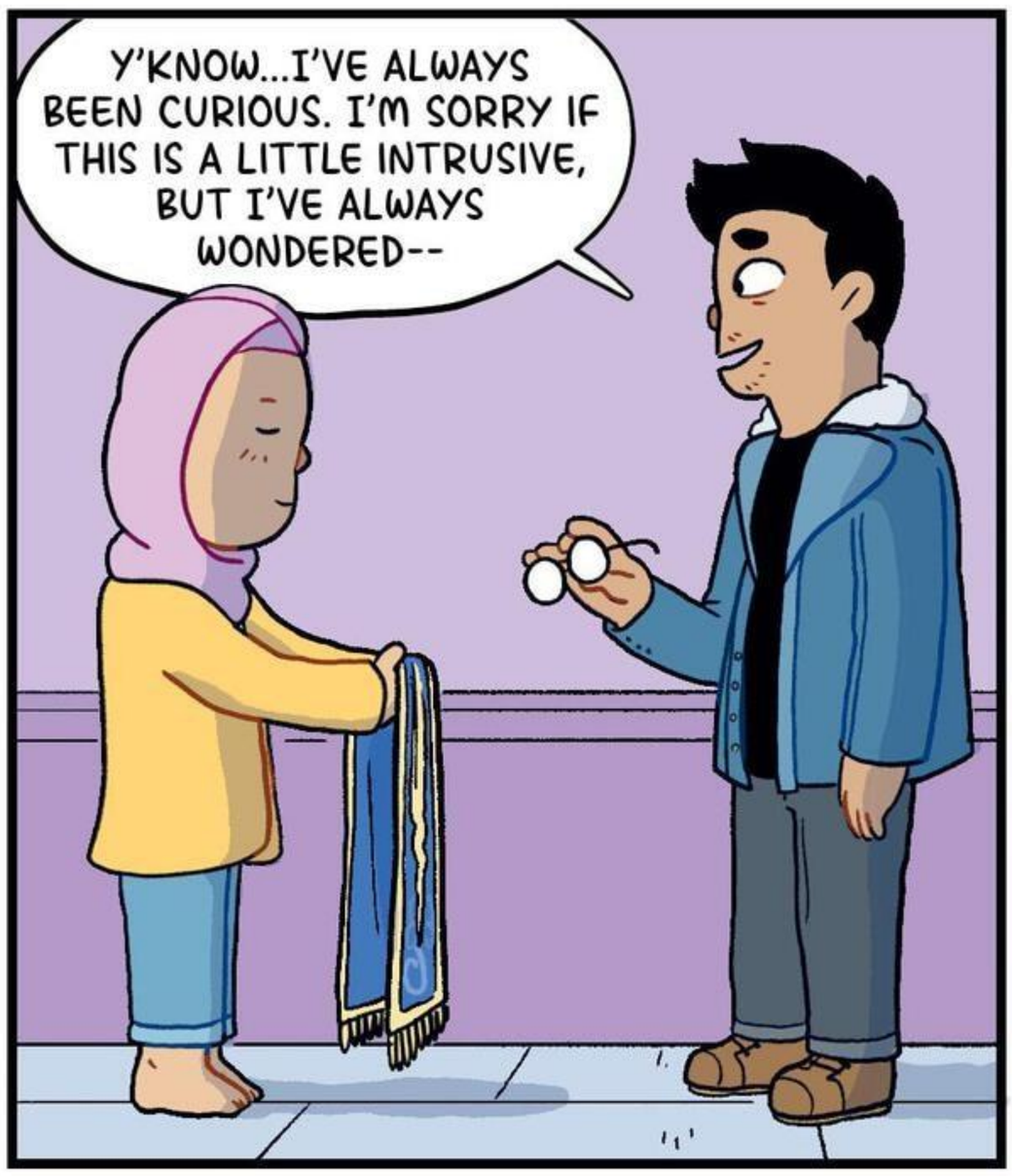
DAD...WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT? THE ANGELS DIVIDED THE PLANES, NOT THE DEMONS.

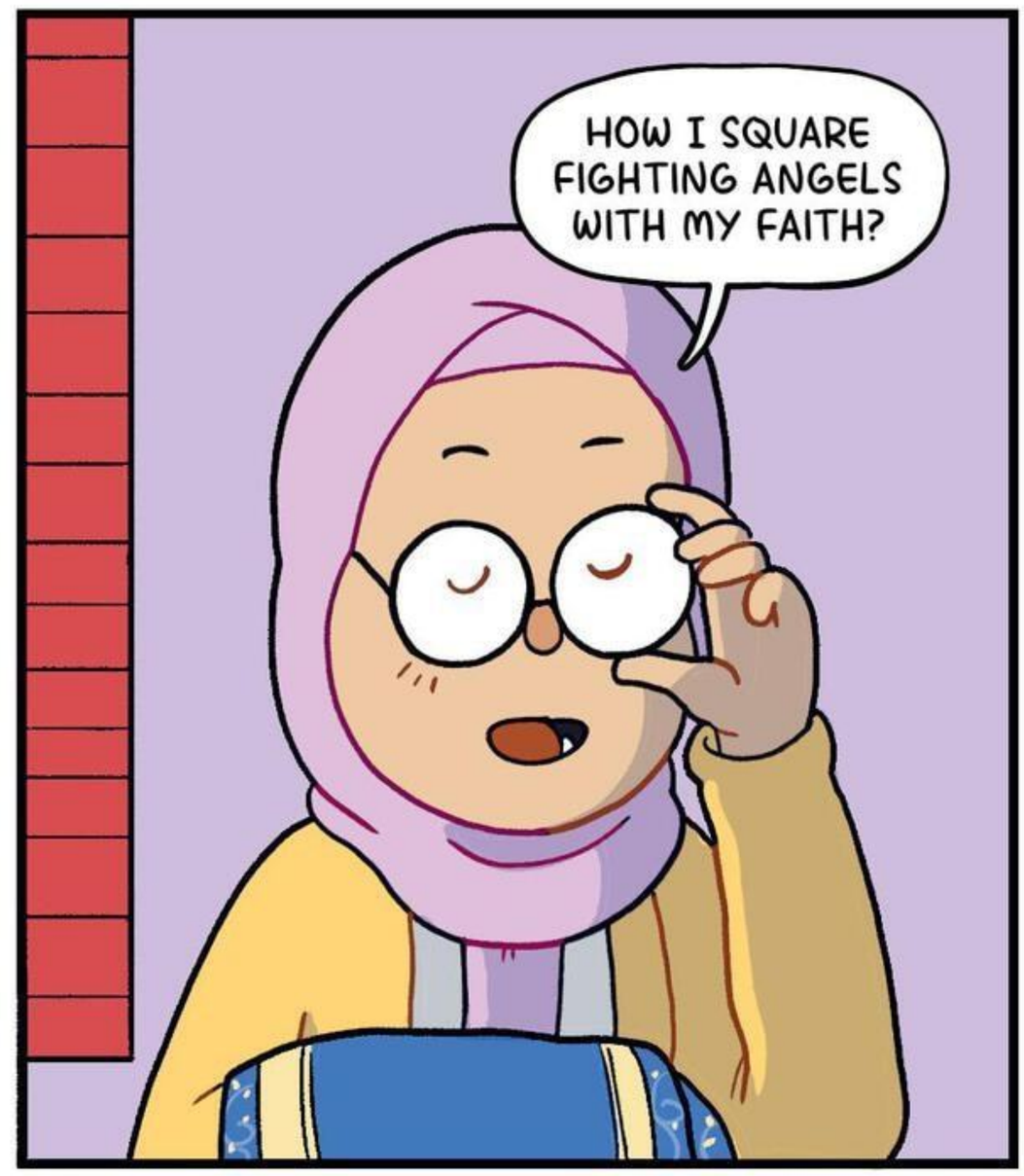
BACK THEN WE DIDN'T USE WORDS LIKE **DEMON** AND **ANGEL** TO SEPARATE PEOPLE. THAT WAS HIS DOING.

THE SPELL SPLIT HIM IN TWO, JUST AS IT DID THE WORLD. **TARTARUS IS ONLY THE BODY.**
BUT THE LEGEND OF TARTARUS WAS CREATED TO LEGITIMIZE THE DEMON KINGS. A GRAND, COSMIC JUDGE BESTOWING CORONATIONS ON THOSE DEEMED WORTHY TO RULE IN DEFIANCE OF THE ANGELS.
WE HOPED THE LEGEND WOULD INSPIRE DEMONS TO REBEL AND FRIGHTEN THE ANGELS OFF...BUT WHO KNOWS...

SO YOUR GREAT RULER HAS BEEN DEAD THIS WHOLE TIME? I'M NOT GETTING CORONATED?
I'M AFRAID THIS **IS YOUR CORONATION.** YOU NOW KNOW THE SECRET, THAT WE'RE ALL THAT'S STANDING BETWEEN FREEDOM AND SUBJUGATION.

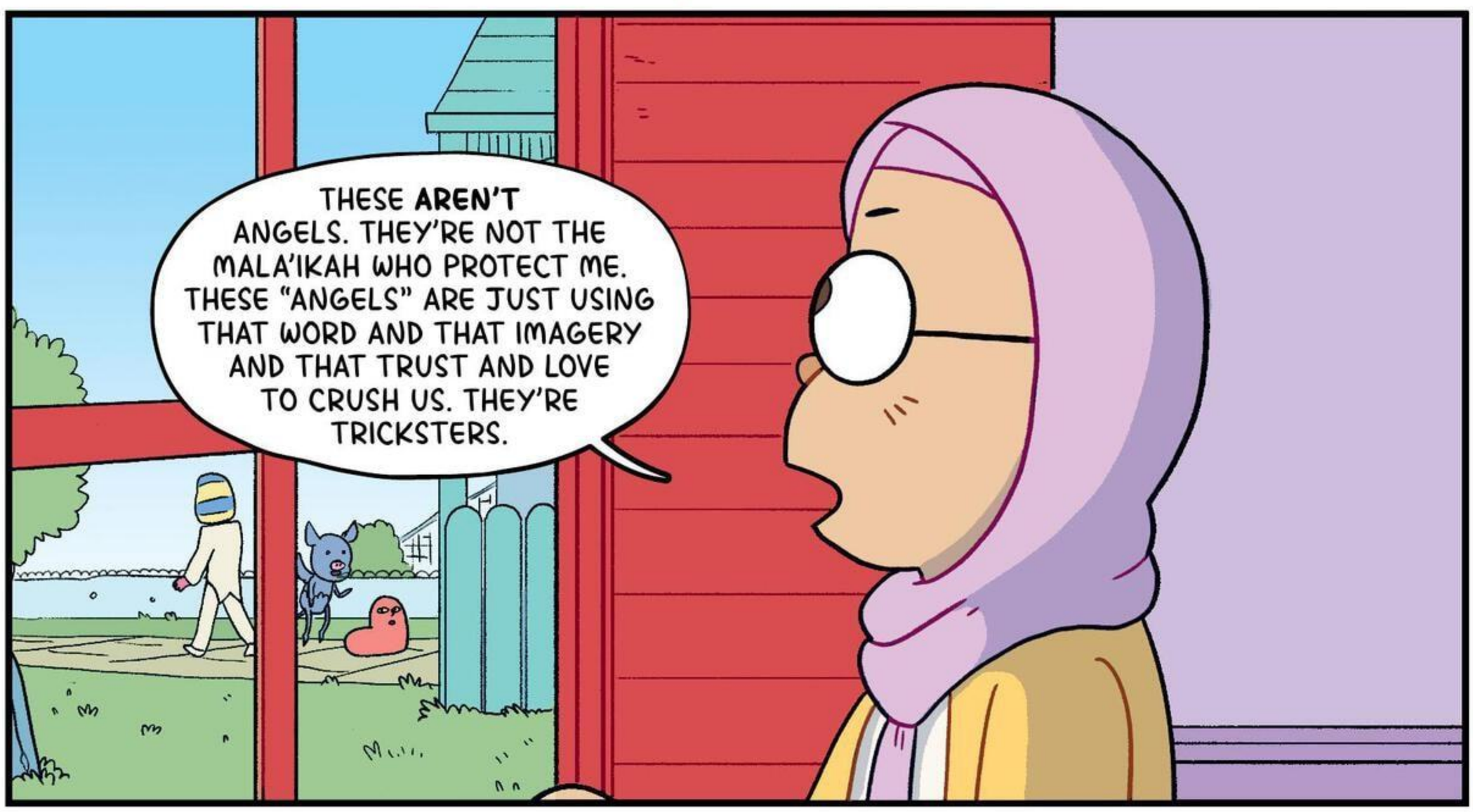

WHOOPS!
SORRY! SORRY!
IT'S OK, LOGAN. I WAS JUST FINISHING.


Y'KNOW...I'VE ALWAYS BEEN CURIOUS. I'M SORRY IF THIS IS A LITTLE INTRUSIVE, BUT I'VE ALWAYS WONDERED--


HOW I SQUARE FIGHTING ANGELS WITH MY FAITH?

HA HA. YEAH. DON'T YOU FEEL CONFLICTED?

NOT IN THE SLIGHTEST.


THESE **AREN'T** ANGELS. THEY'RE NOT THE MALA'IKAH WHO PROTECT ME. THESE "ANGELS" ARE JUST USING THAT WORD AND THAT IMAGERY AND THAT TRUST AND LOVE TO CRUSH US. THEY'RE TRICKSTERS.

AND I'VE ALWAYS BEEN TAUGHT THAT DJINN OR DEMONS ARE NOT INHERENTLY GOOD OR EVIL. SO SIDING WITH THEM AGAINST THESE CHARLATANS HAS NEVER BEEN A CONFLICT FOR ME.

SO WHAT DO YOU THINK THESE "ANGELS" ARE, THEN?

I DON'T KNOW. BUT TWISTING THE LANGUAGE OF RELIGION TO PUSH PEOPLE DOWN? TO LIE AND MANIPULATE AND SOW DIVISION?

"THEY SOUND LIKE **HUMANS** TO ME..."

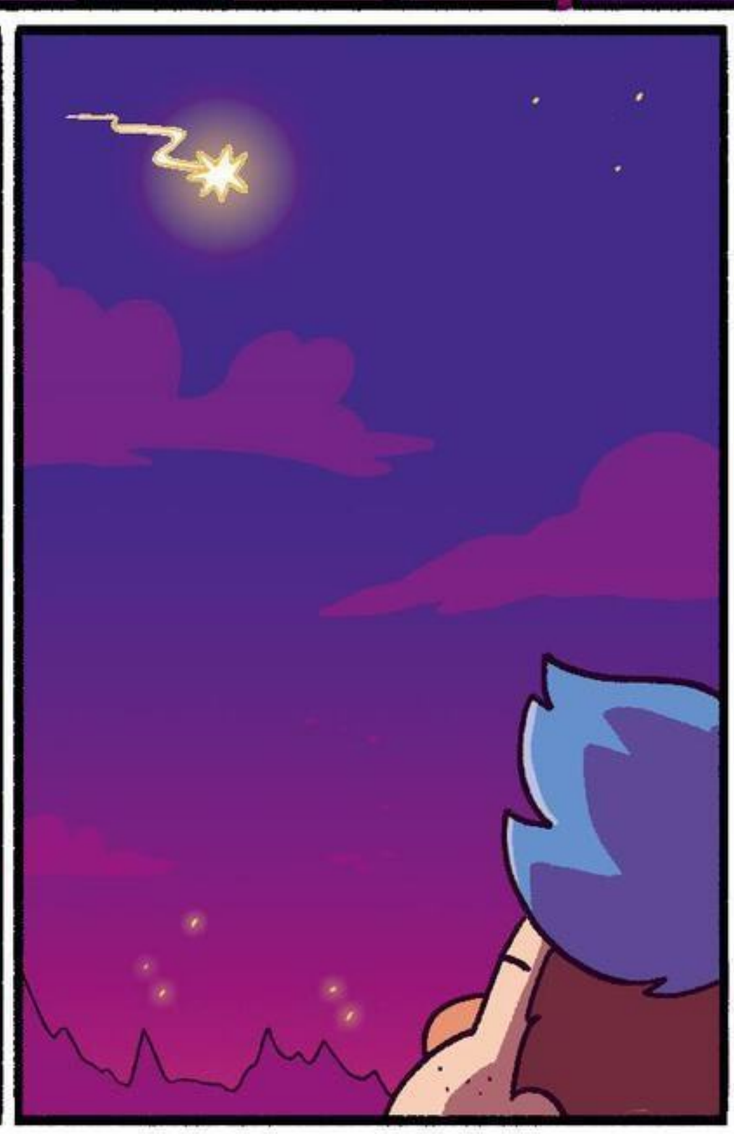
DEAD END

WELL, IF YOU LOVE HER, WHY ARE YOU ALWAYS NEGGING HER?

WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
YOU'RE ALWAYS MAKING HER SEEM SMALL.
SHE IS SMALL.

NO, I MEAN LESSER THAN YOU.
SHE IS LESSER THAN ME.

FORGET IT.



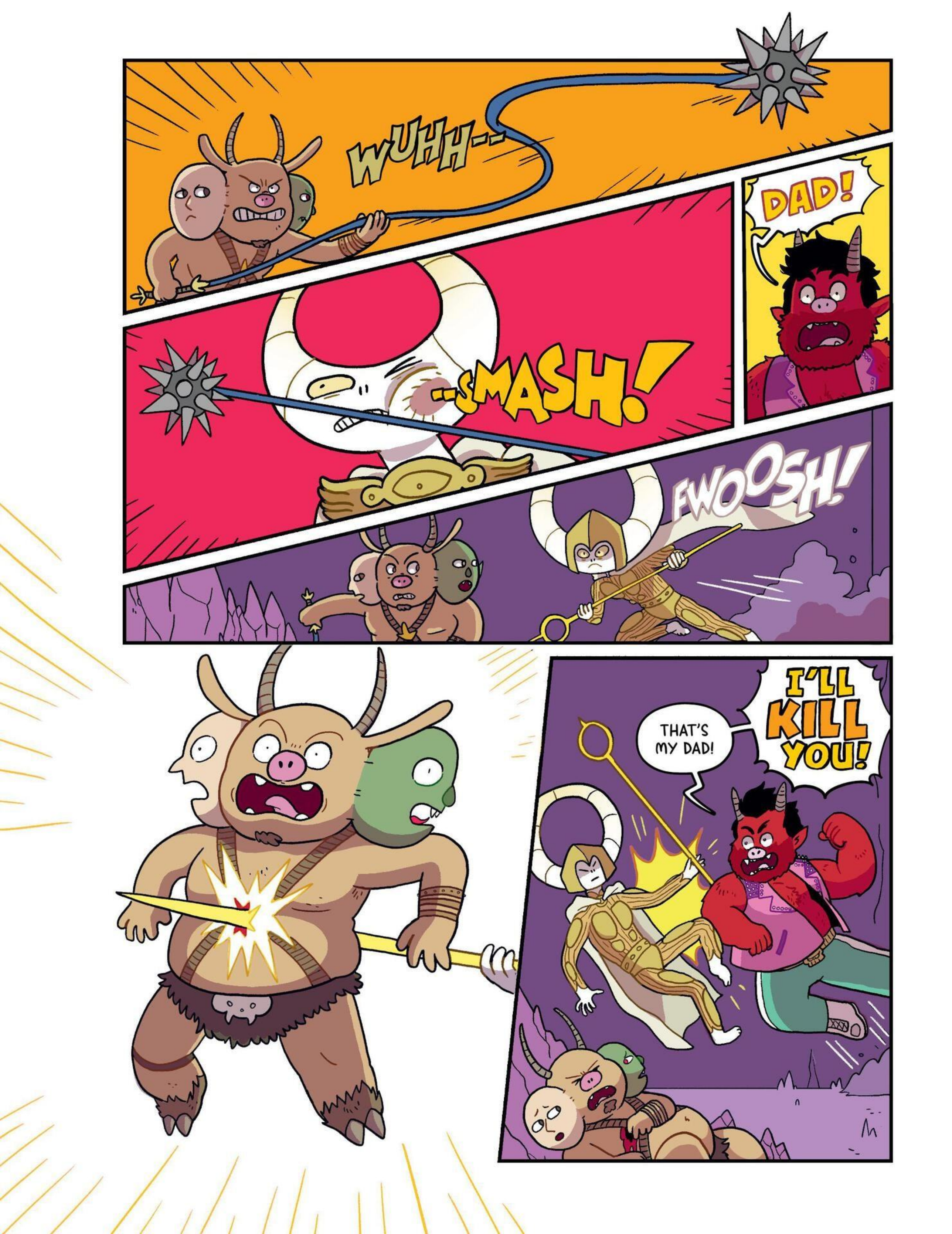
ANGELS!

BUT THEN, WHOSE BODY IS THIS?

IT MUST HAVE BELONGED TO A PRETTY POWERFUL DEMON EVEN IF IT WASN'T A GREAT KING.

HE BELONGS TO US.

COURTNEY...


WUHH--
--SMASH!
DAD!
FWOOSH!
THAT'S MY DAD!
I'LL KILL YOU!

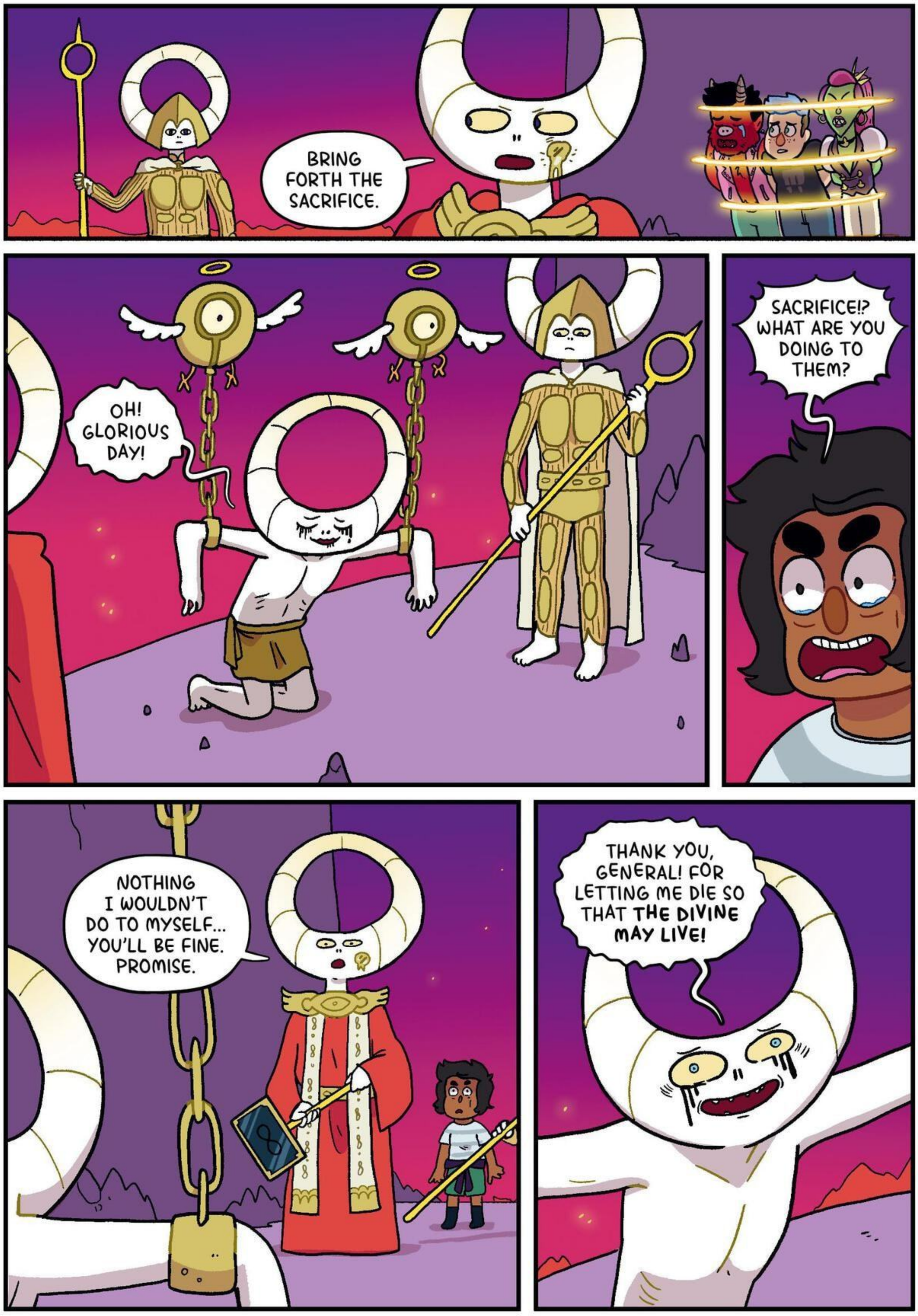
YOU WILL ADDRESS ME AS **GRAND GENERAL AL TO'EL EX CAHATEL OF THE ANGELIC HORDE.**
YEAH, BUT CALLING YOU COURTNEY WOULD SAVE A LOT OF PAGE SPACE!

YOU HAVE TO ACCEPT THAT THIS IS THE **TRUE** ME NOW THAT ALL HUMAN INFLUENCE HAS BEEN PURGED FROM MY MIND.

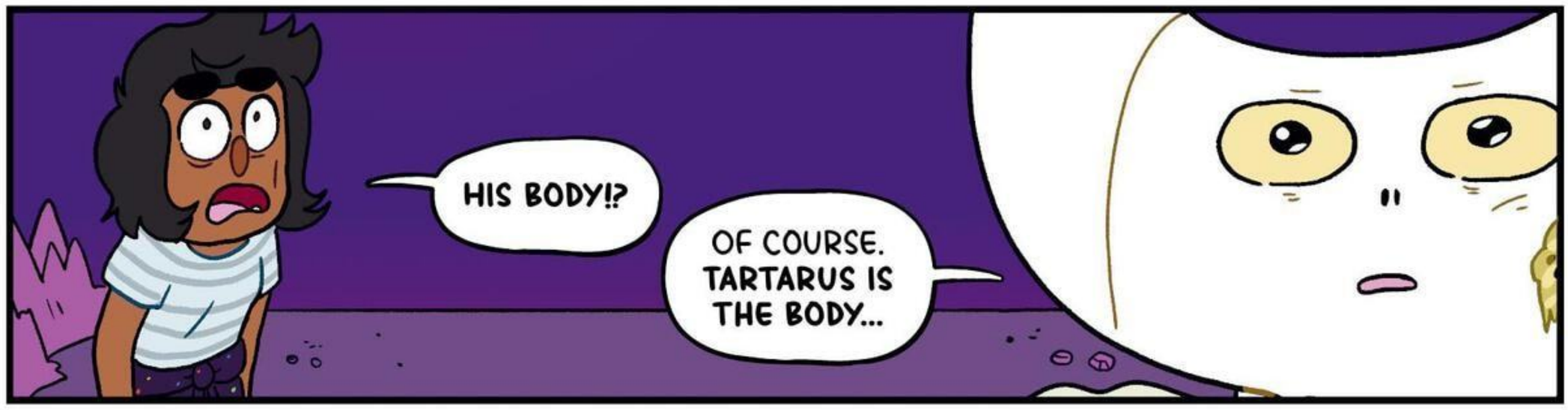
YOU'VE BEEN BRAINWASHED BY PAEL! THIS ISN'T YOU!

THEY MAY HAVE FIXED YOUR BROKEN HALO, BUT YOU'RE STILL **HALF** THE PERSON **MY** COURTNEY WAS!
NORMA... I WASN'T BRAINWASHED.

I WAS GIVEN AN **OPPORTUNITY.**


BRING FORTH THE SACRIFICE.
OH! GLORIOUS DAY!
SACRIFICE!? WHAT ARE YOU DOING TO THEM?
NOTHING I WOULDN'T DO TO MYSELF... YOU'LL BE FINE. PROMISE.
THANK YOU, GENERAL! FOR LETTING ME DIE SO THAT THE DIVINE MAY LIVE!

WHEN I POSSESSED THAT ANGEL IN THE PRISON, ALL I SAW IN THEIR MIND WAS THE DIVINE...
EVERY HALO IS A DOORWAY TO THE DIVINE!
AND THROUGH THIS ANGEL'S SACRIFICE, THE DIVINE HAS RETURNED TO HIS BODY!


HIS BODY!?
OF COURSE. TARTARUS IS THE BODY...

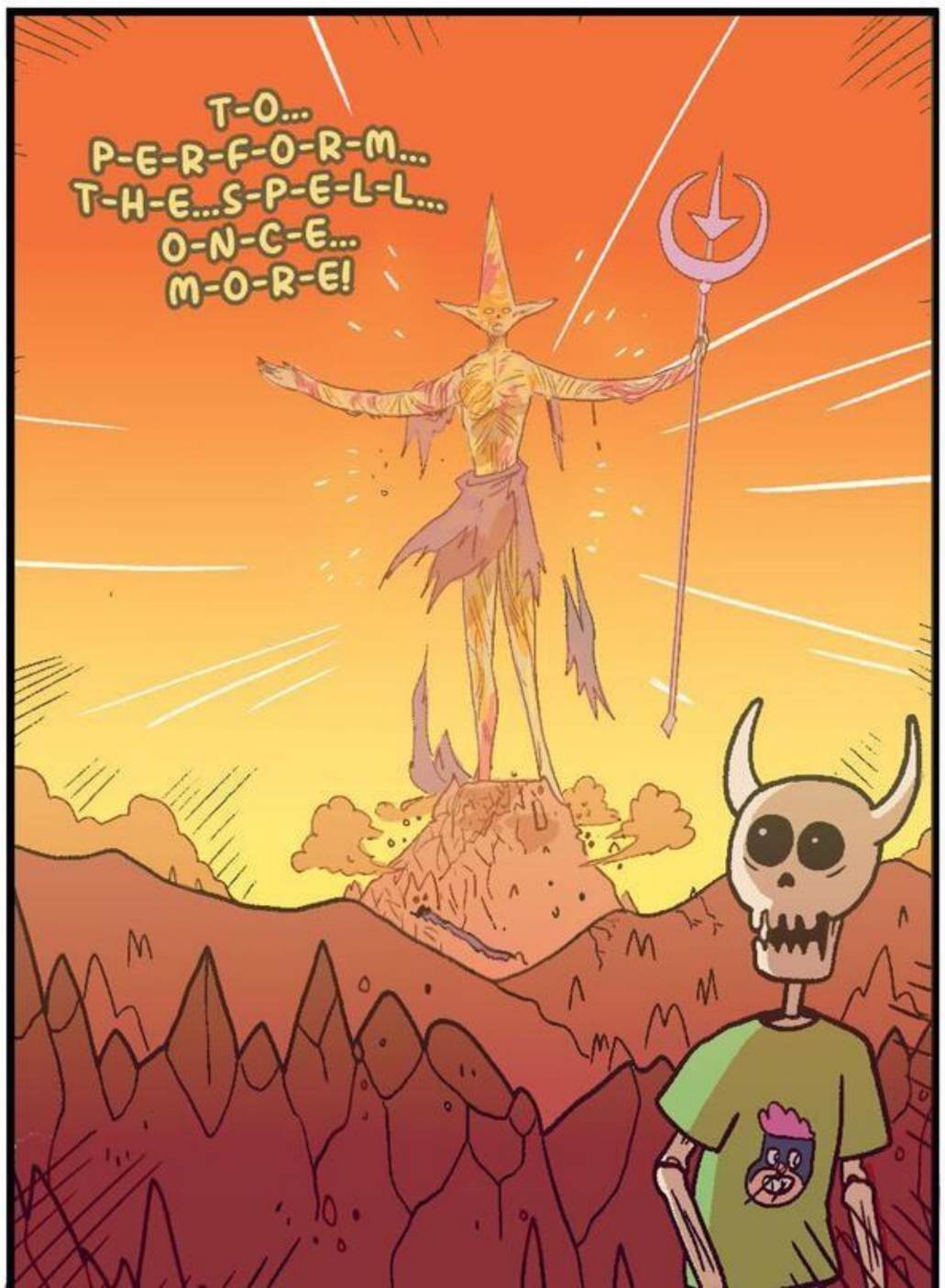
AND THE DIVINE...

...IS THE SOUL.

R-E-B-O-R-N...

R-E-G-R-O-W-N...

WE NEED TO RUN!
C'MON, DAD! DON'T CLOSE YOUR EYES!

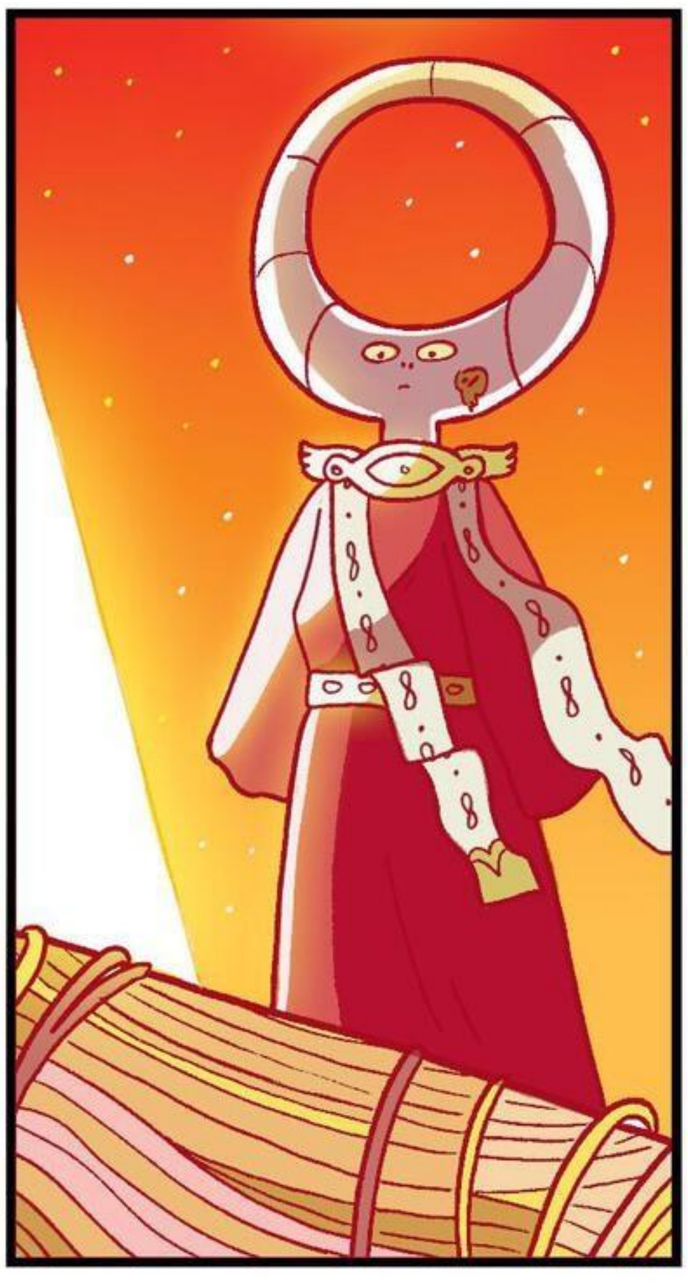

T-O...
P-E-R-F-O-R-M...
T-H-E...S-P-E-L-L...
O-N-C-E...
M-O-R-E!

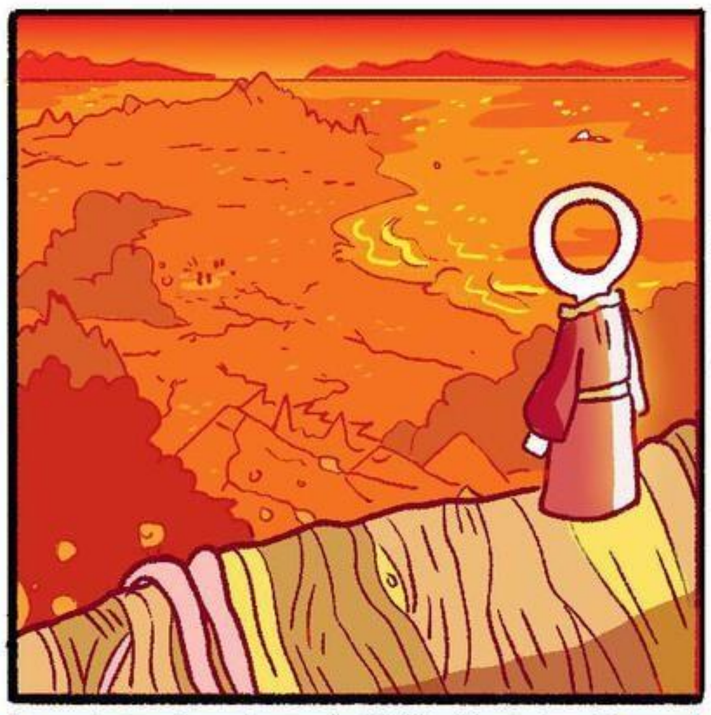
THIS IS BONKERS! HOW CAN THE DIVINE AND TARTARUS BE THE SAME THING!?

TEMELUCHUS... TOLD US TO HIDE THE BODY FROM THE ANGELS, BUT I DIDN'T KNOW WHY! THEY NEEDED IT... FOR...

DAD!
SPEAK TO ME!

THEN, WHAT'S STOPPING THEM FROM DIVIDING THE PLANES NOW?
NOTHING...





TRUST ME.

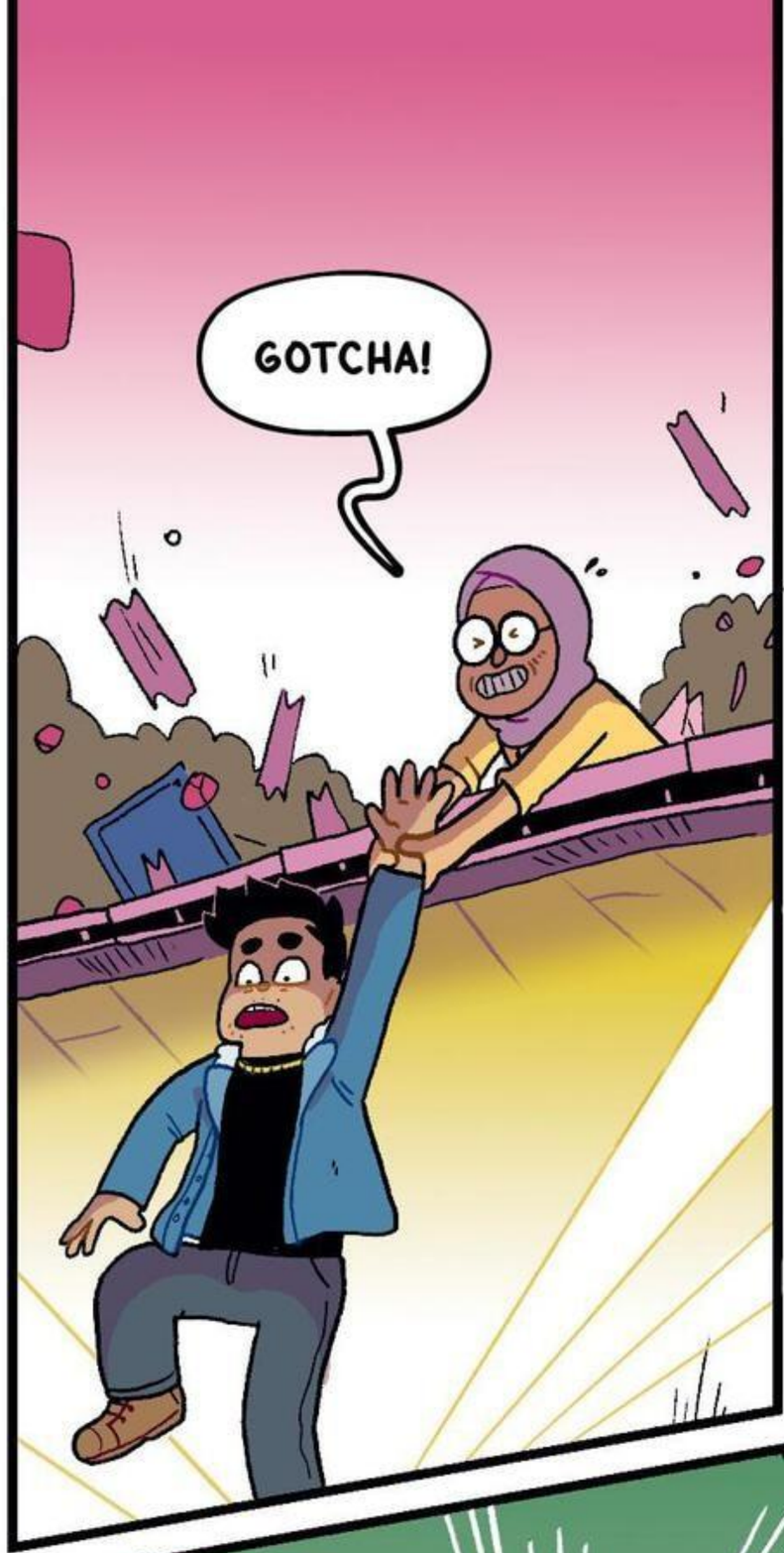
HOW DO WE STOP IT!?
WE CAN'T. WE'VE LOST.

I'M SORRY!
FOR WHAT? YOU DIDN'T DO THIS!
NO, FOR US... FOR BEING MEAN... FOR--

PICK UP! PICK UP! PICK UP!

YO, BARNEY! WE'RE HAVING AN EARTHQUAKE.
NO, YOU'RE NOT.
OH MY GOD... BARNEY...GET THE HELL BACK UP HERE!
THERE'S NO TIME. THE SPELL IS HAPPENING NOW!

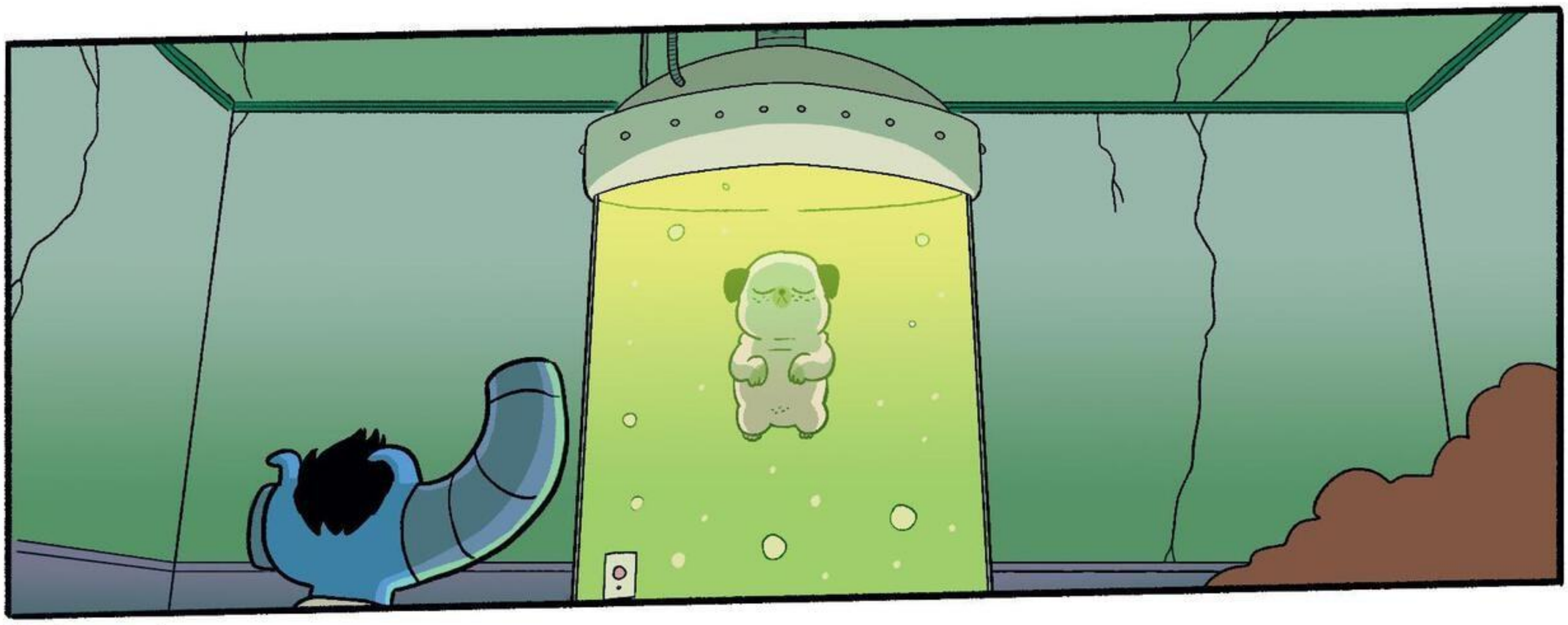
I NEED YOU TO DO SOMETHING!
YOU NEED TO TELL DANNY TO BREAK THE GLASS!
BARNEY... I'M NEVER GONNA SEE YOU AGAIN! I CAN'T DO THIS--
WE'LL BE TOGETHER AGAIN! I PROMISE! I'LL FIND YOU! JUST FIND DANNY! TELL HIM--
BARNEY!
BARNEY!
CALL ENDED


GOTCHA!

THERE'S NO TIME! TELL DANNY TO "BREAK THE GLASS"!
I DON'T KNOW WHAT THAT MEANS!
JUST DO IT!

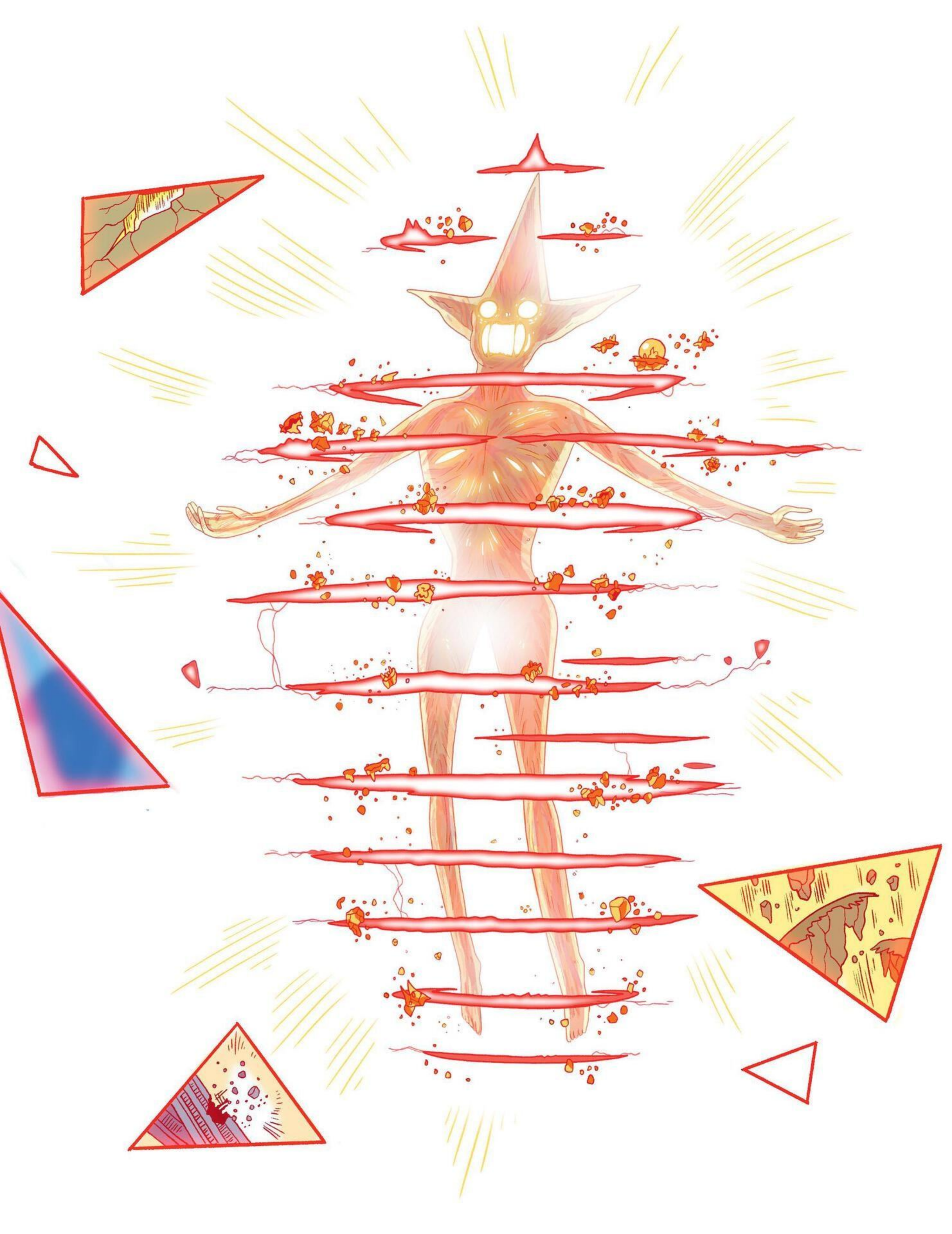
WHAT'S WITH ALL THIS RUMBLING?

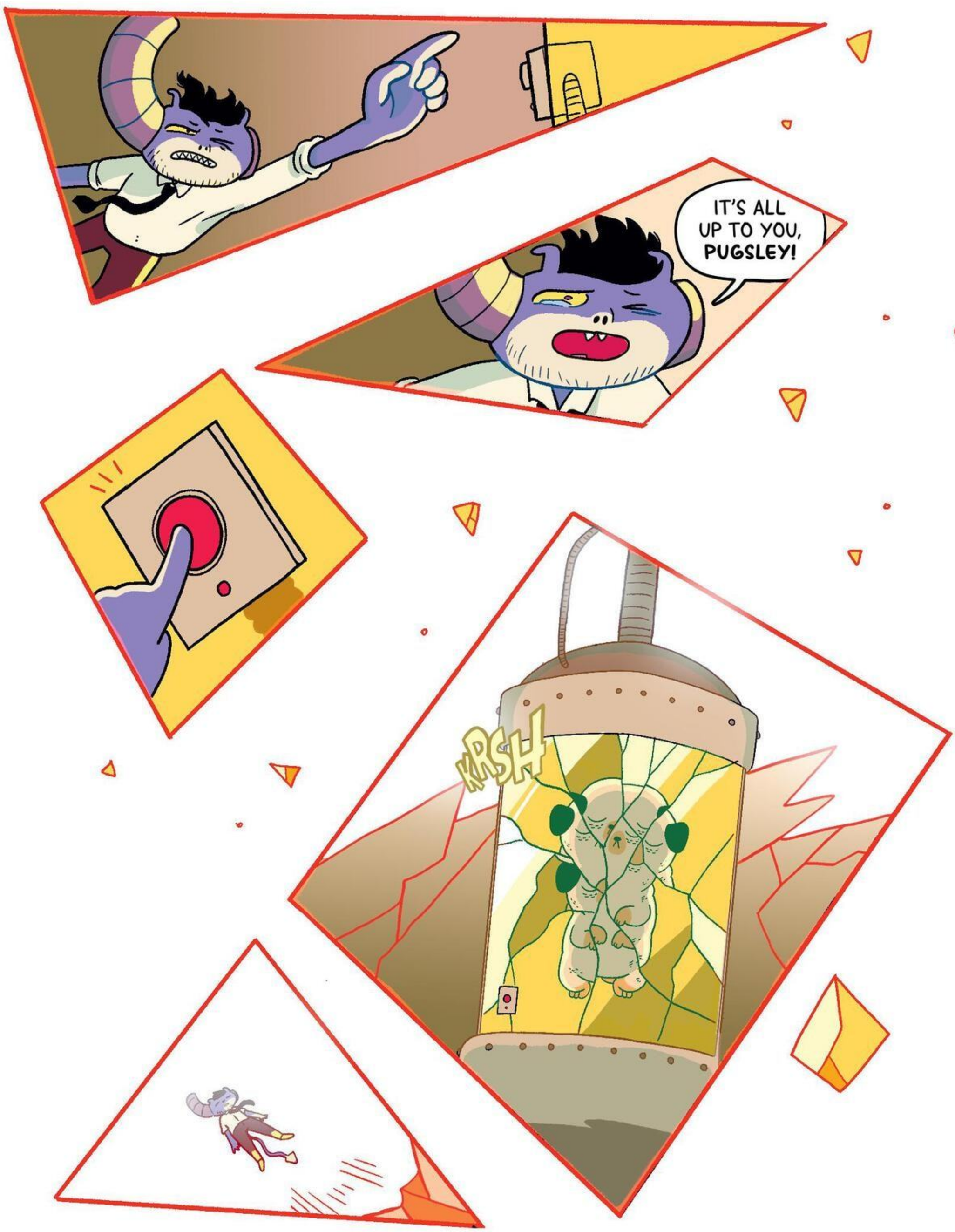
BREAK THE GLASS!



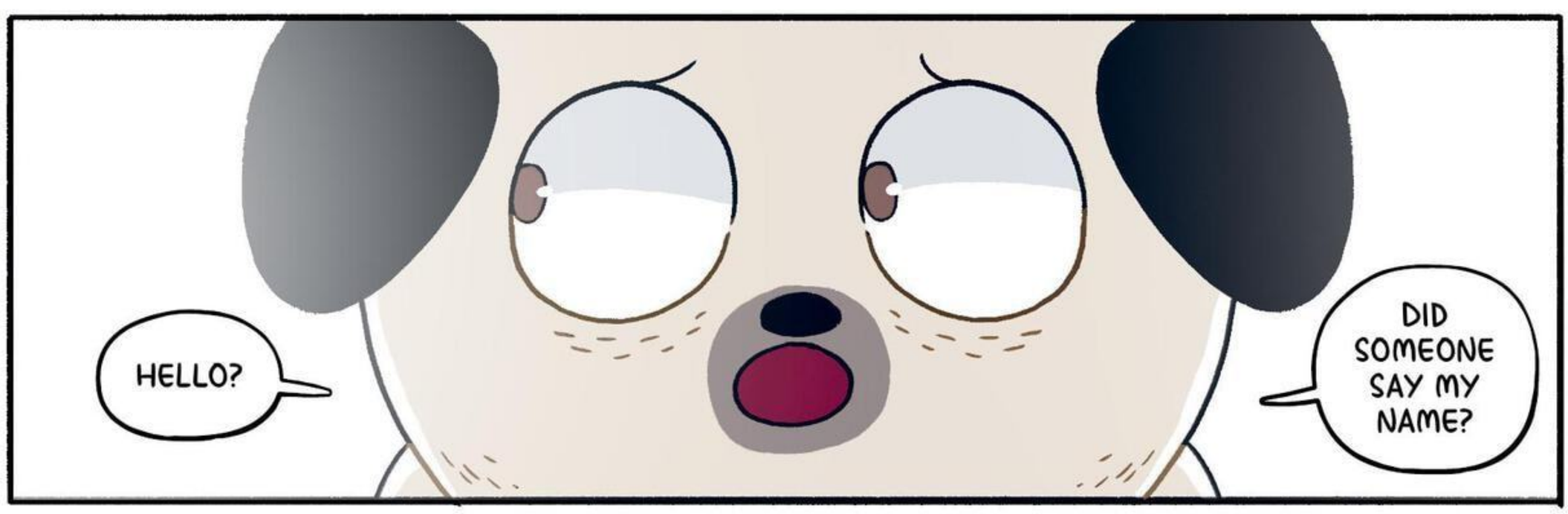
ENIX PARKS
GIFTS

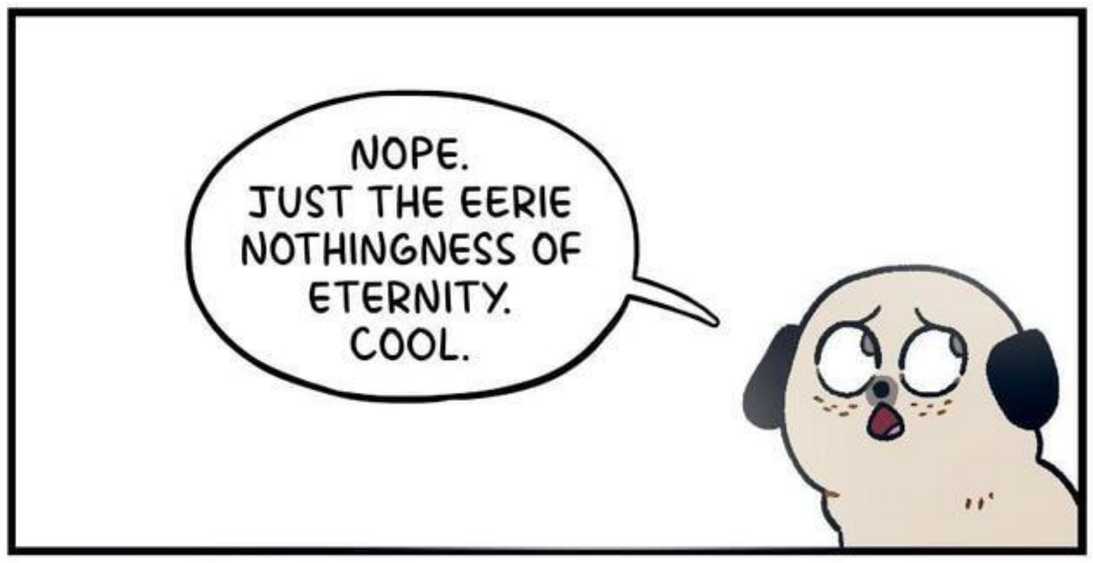
AAGH!

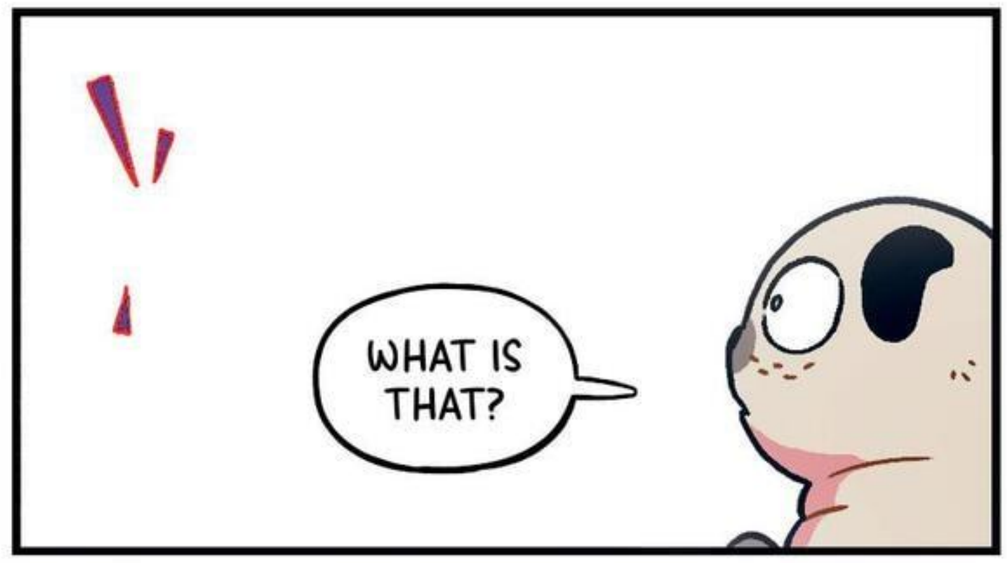



IT'S ALL UP TO YOU, PUGSLEY!
KRSH

PART TWO




NOPE.
JUST THE EERIE NOTHINGNESS OF ETERNITY.
COOL.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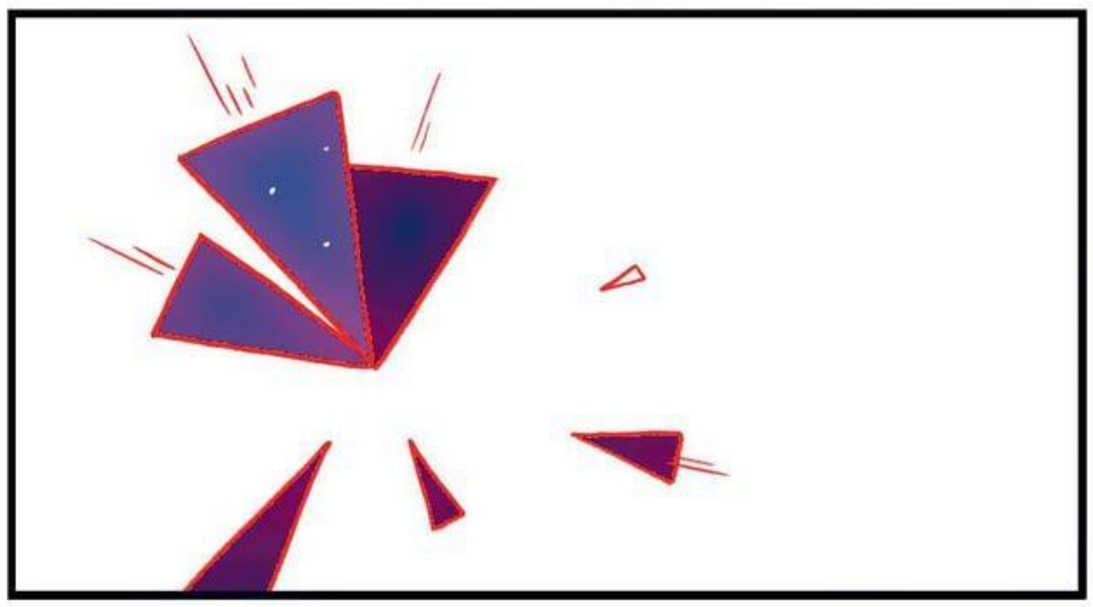
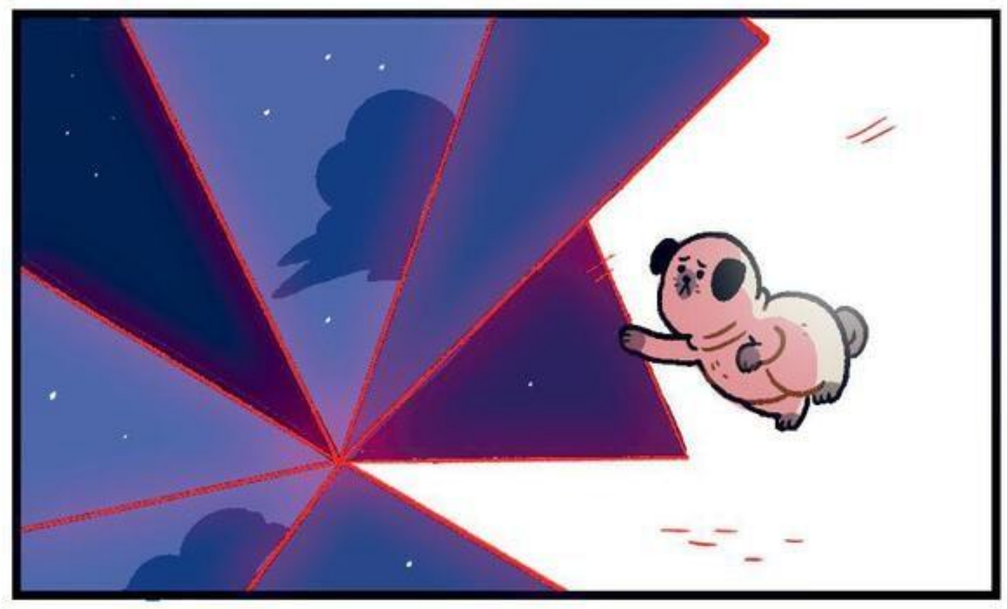




NOPE, NOPE, NOPE, NOPE, NOPE!

NOPE!
NOPE!
NOPE!

OOF!
UP AHEAD→
MISSING
MISSING
MISSING
DEAD END
NOT MY IDEAL WAY TO BE WOKEN UP, I GOTTA SAY.

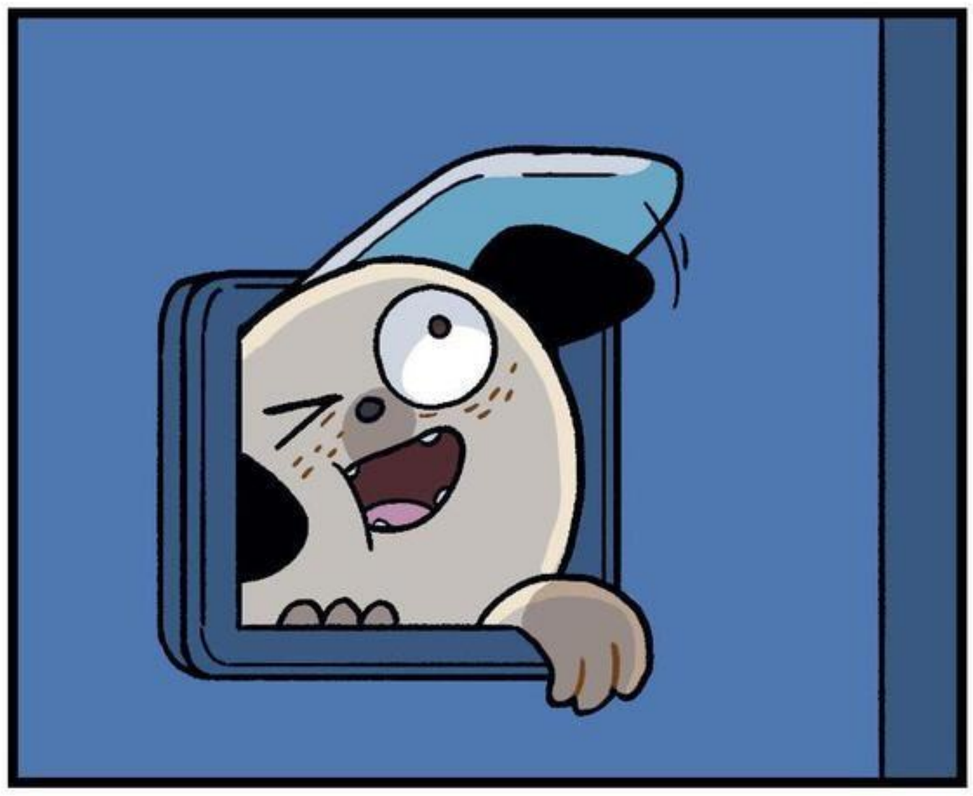
WHERE AM I?

SMELLS... FAMILIAR.

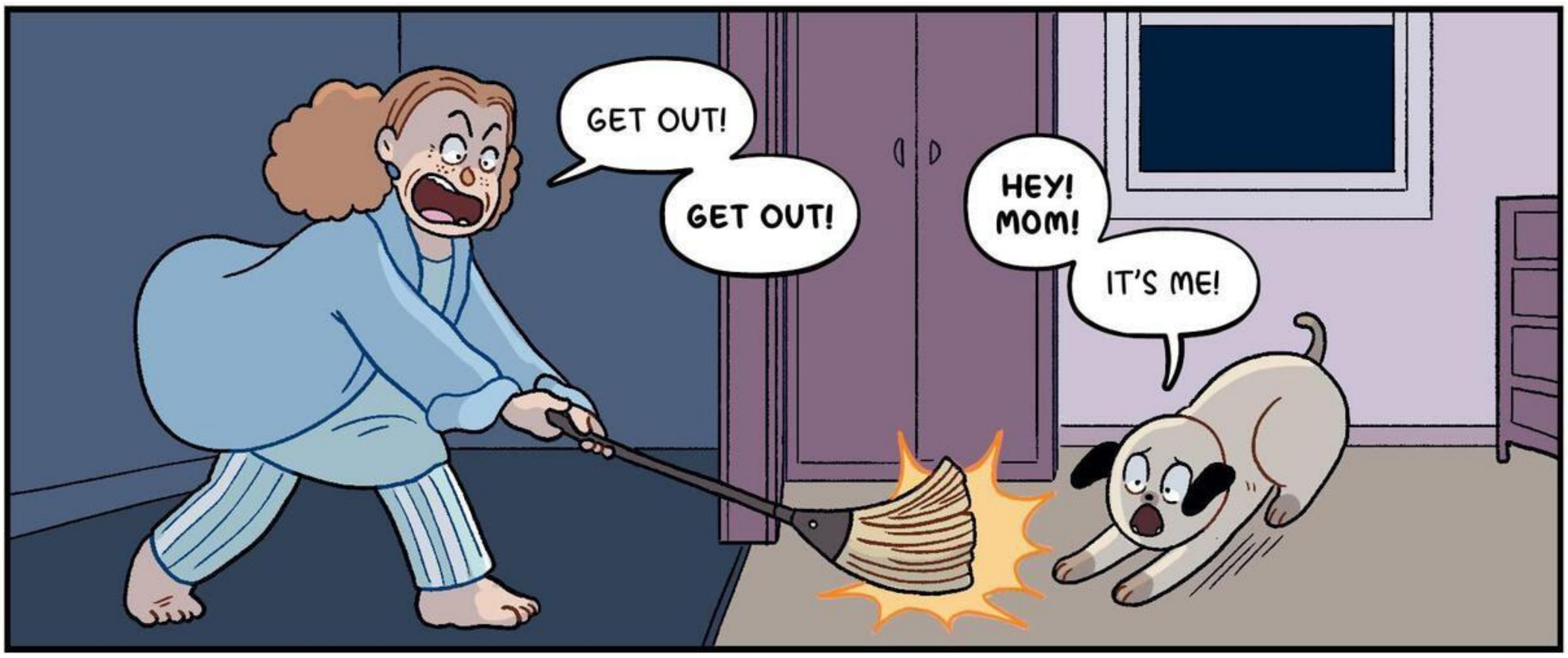
BUT DIFFERENT...

WAIT! **I REMEMBER!** I REMEMBER WHERE I AM!

I'M HOME!



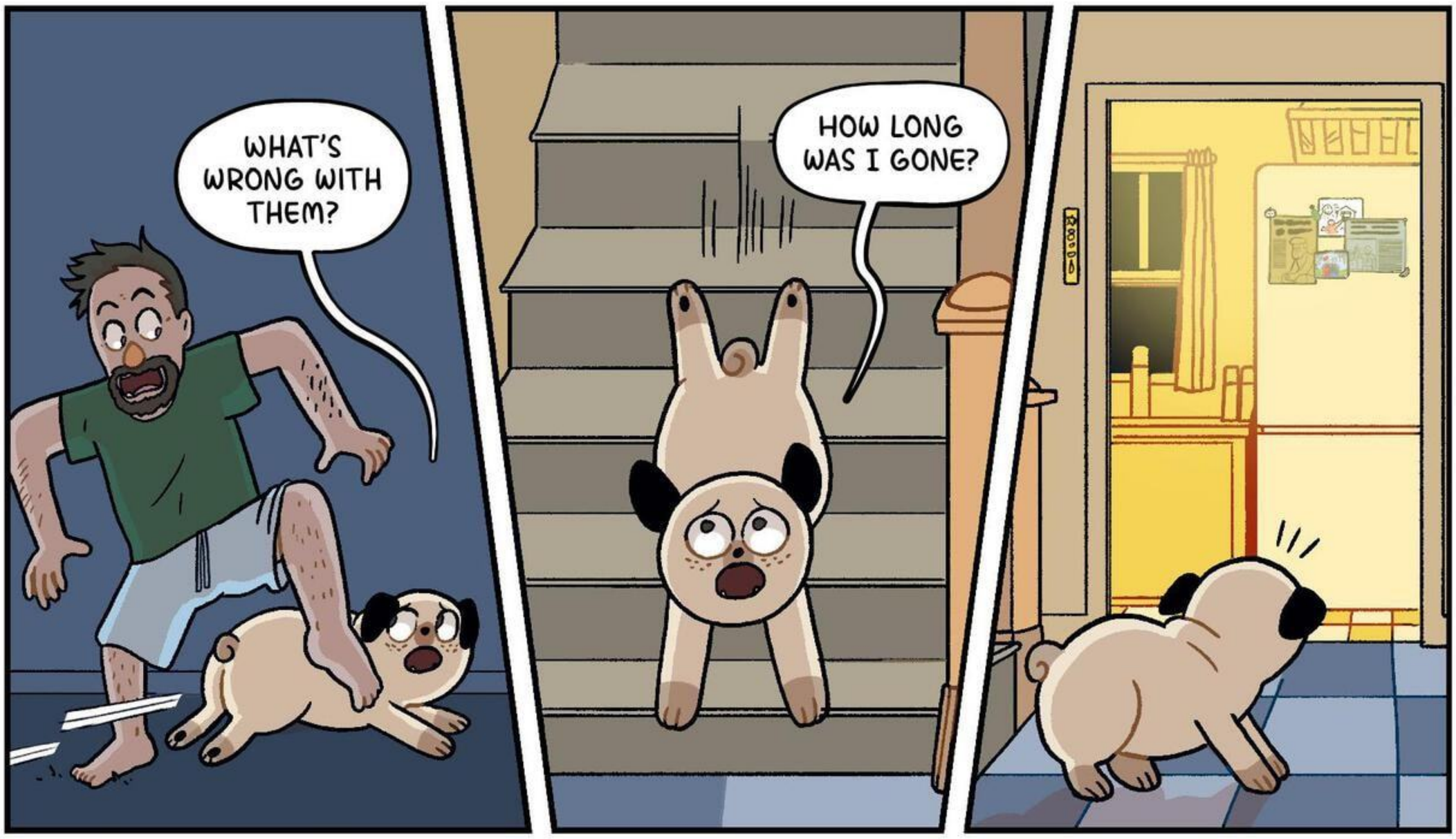
WHERE IS HE?

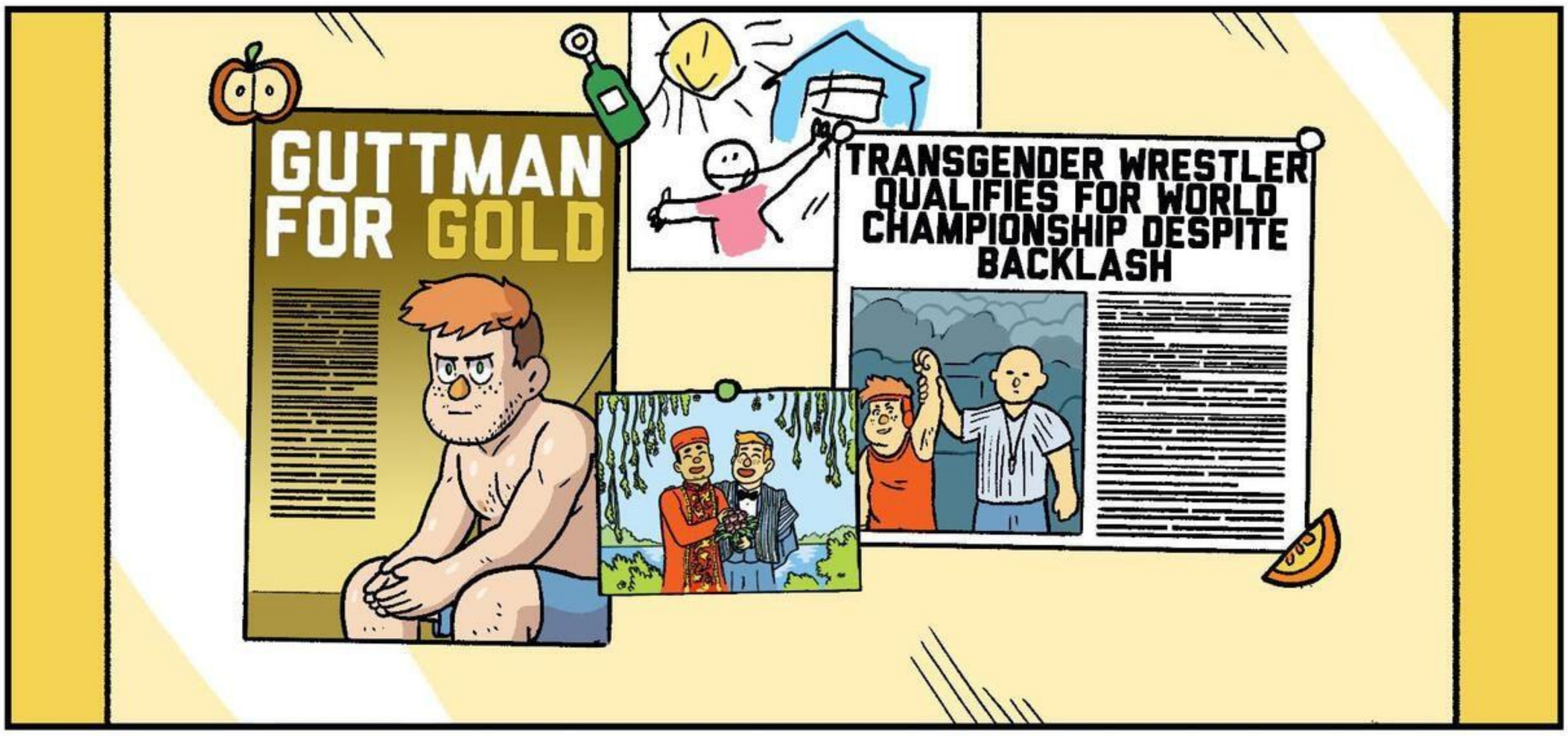

GET OUT!
GET OUT!
HEY! MOM!
IT'S ME!

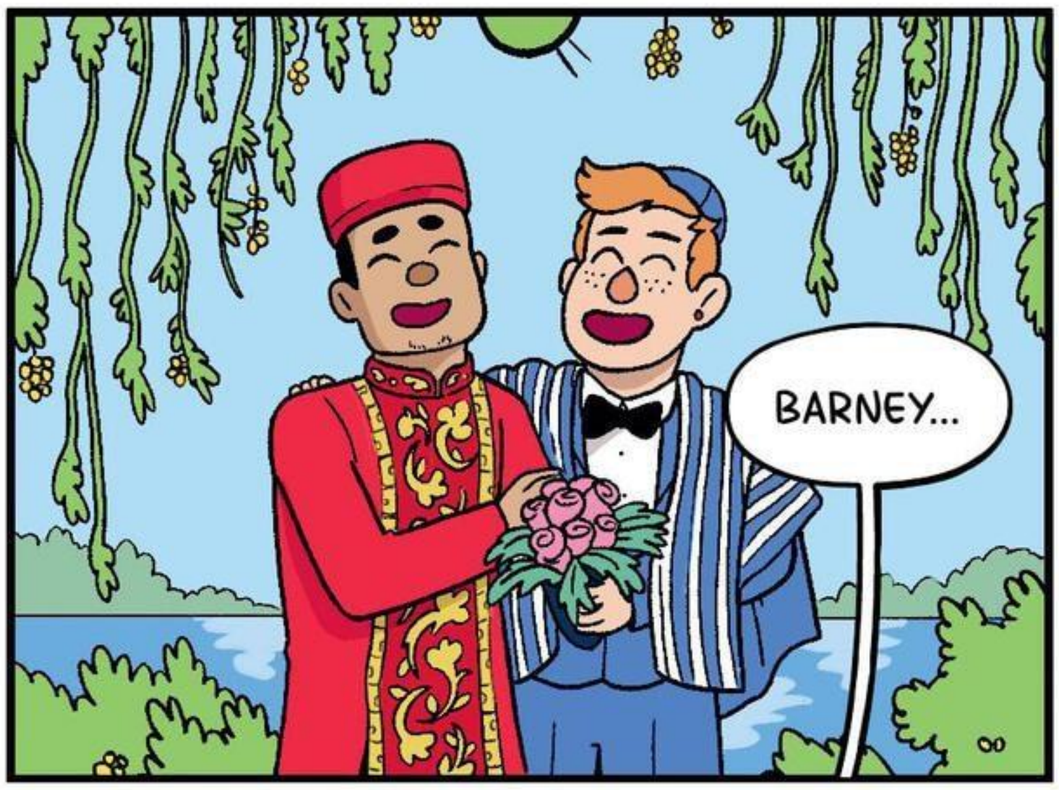
THERE'S A TALKING DOG IN OUR HOUSE!
YOU OK, ROXIE?

NO! IT'S ME!
PUGSLEY! BACK FROM THE DEAD!

YAAAARRRRGHHH!!!


WHAT'S WRONG WITH THEM?
HOW LONG WAS I GONE?


GUTTMAN FOR GOLD
TRANSGENDER WRESTLER QUALIFIES FOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP DESPITE BACKLASH


BARNEY...

HIS DREAM CAME TRUE...

YOU GRAB HIM, I'LL BAG HIM!

GUTTMAN FOR GOLD

I'LL FIND YOU, BARNEY! I'LL FIND YOU!

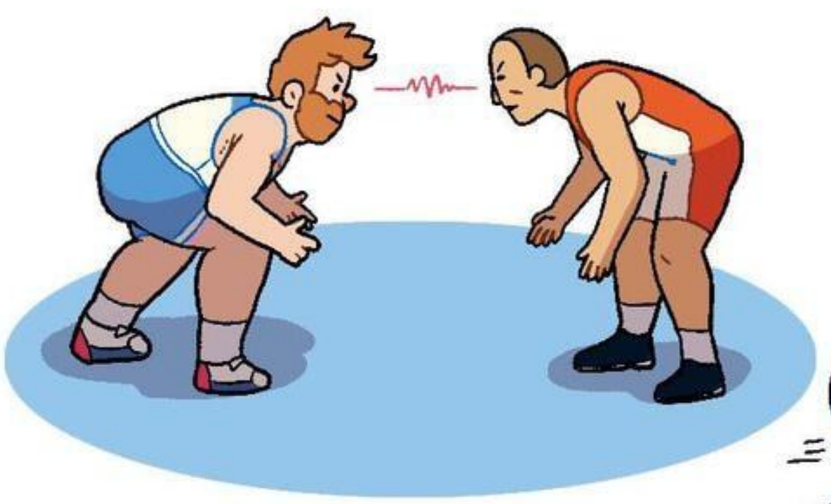
YOU CAN FEEL THE EXCITEMENT IN THE CROWD FOR TEAM USA'S BARNEY GUTTMAN, ONE OF THE YOUNGEST COMPETITORS AND, OF COURSE, THE FIRST TRANS WRESTLER IN THIS COMPETITION'S HISTORY.
WORLD SPORT
THAT'S RIGHT, JOHN, AND THE DECISION TO LET HIM COMPETE IS NOT WITHOUT CONTROVERSY, BUT AS YOU CAN SEE, THAT IS NOT AFFECTING THE MOOD IN THE STADIUM.
USA
ALTHOUGH, PERHAPS EVERYONE'S JUST EXCITED TO SEE GUTTMAN'S HUSBAND, AWARD-WINNING ACTOR LOGAN NGUYEN.
MY WIFE LOVED HIM IN SERIOUSLY WEALTHY ASIANS!
LOGS?

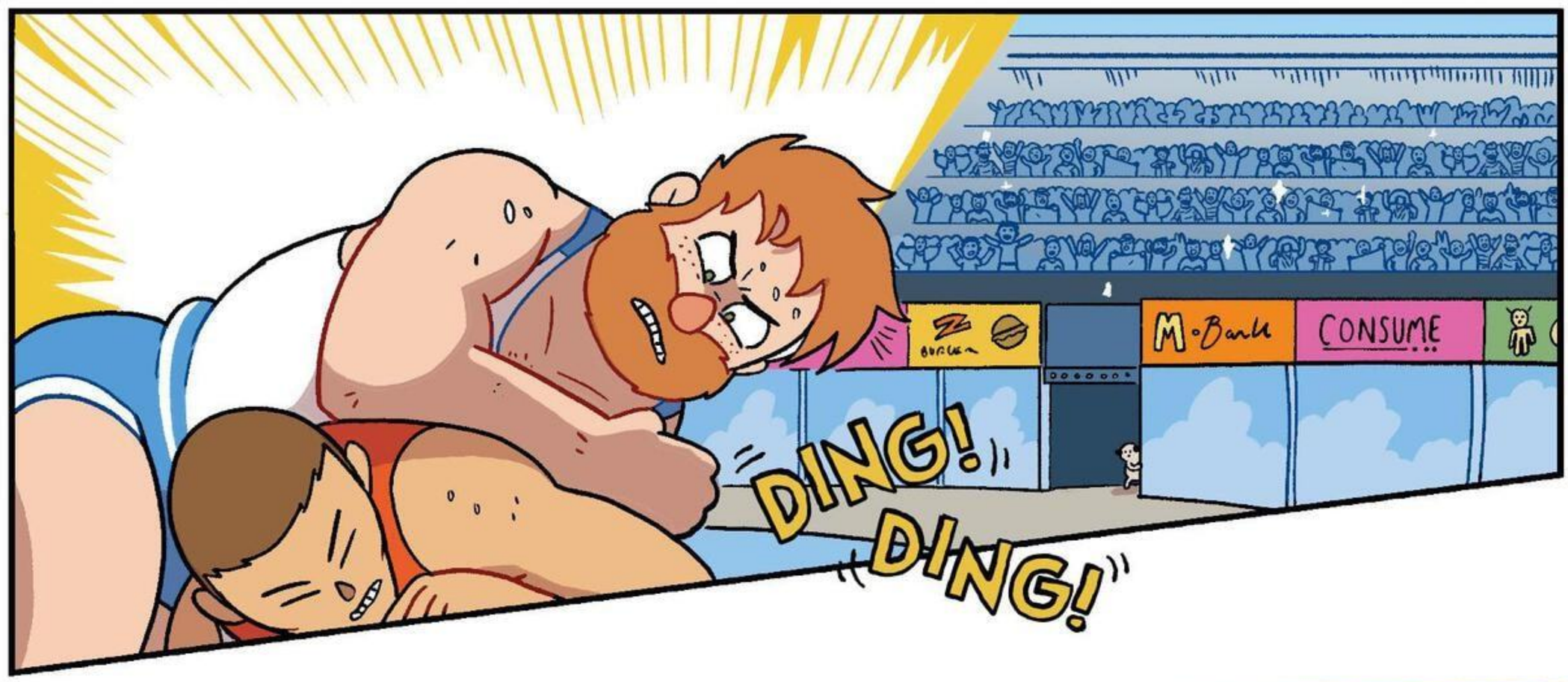
AND HERE HE COMES! BARNEY GUTTMAN! AND JUST LISTEN TO THAT RESPONSE!

USA

Z BURGER!

M-Bank

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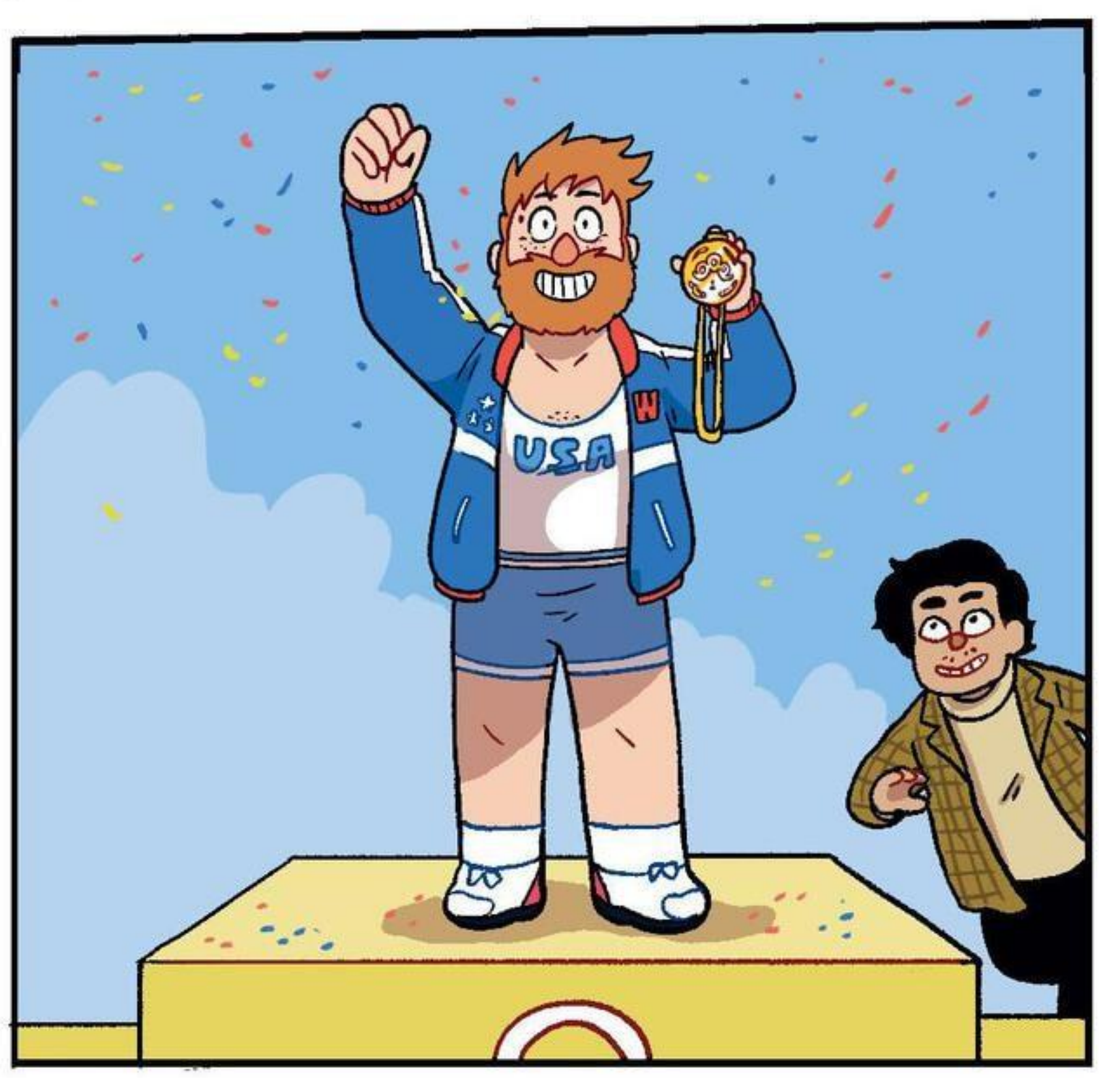
CONSUME
DING!
DING!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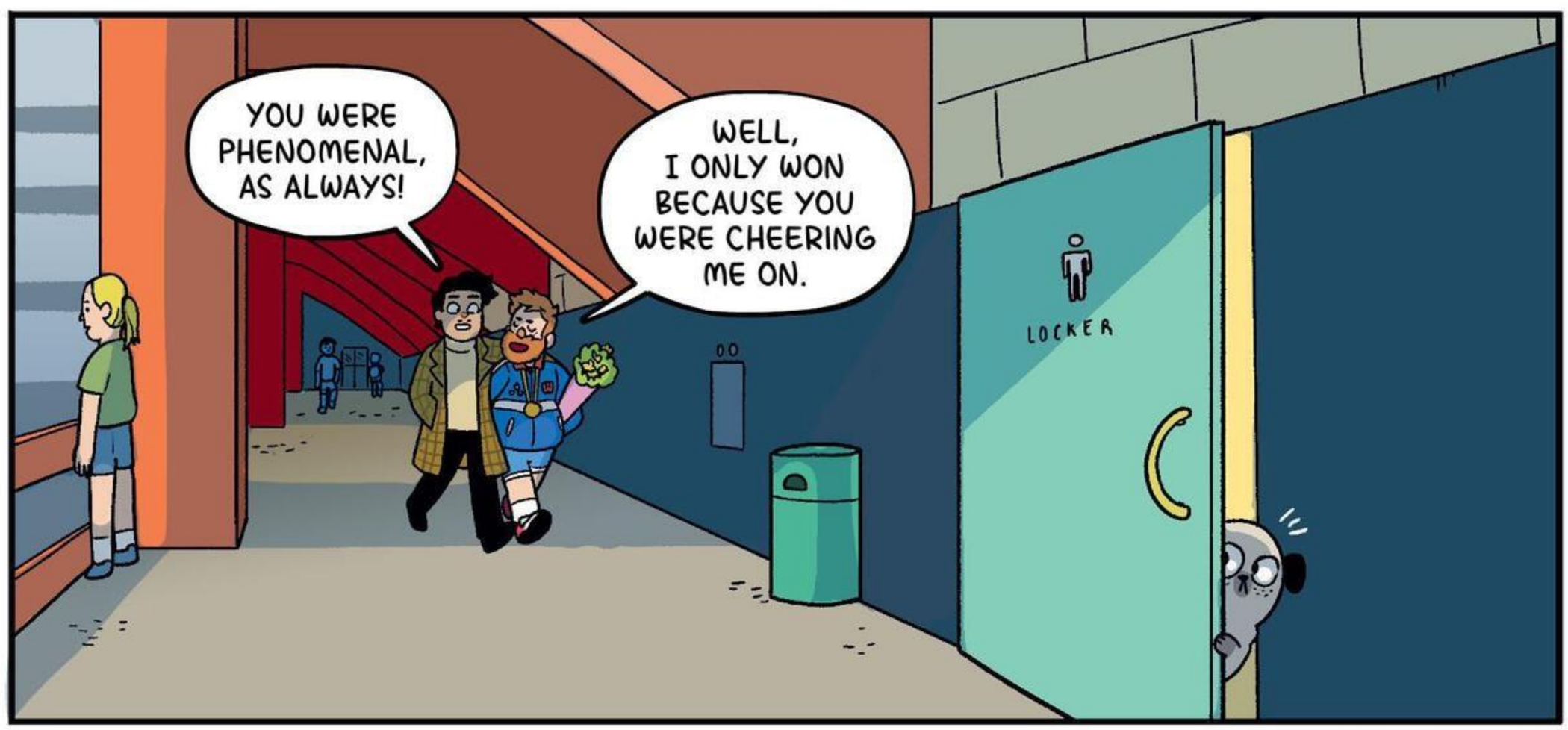
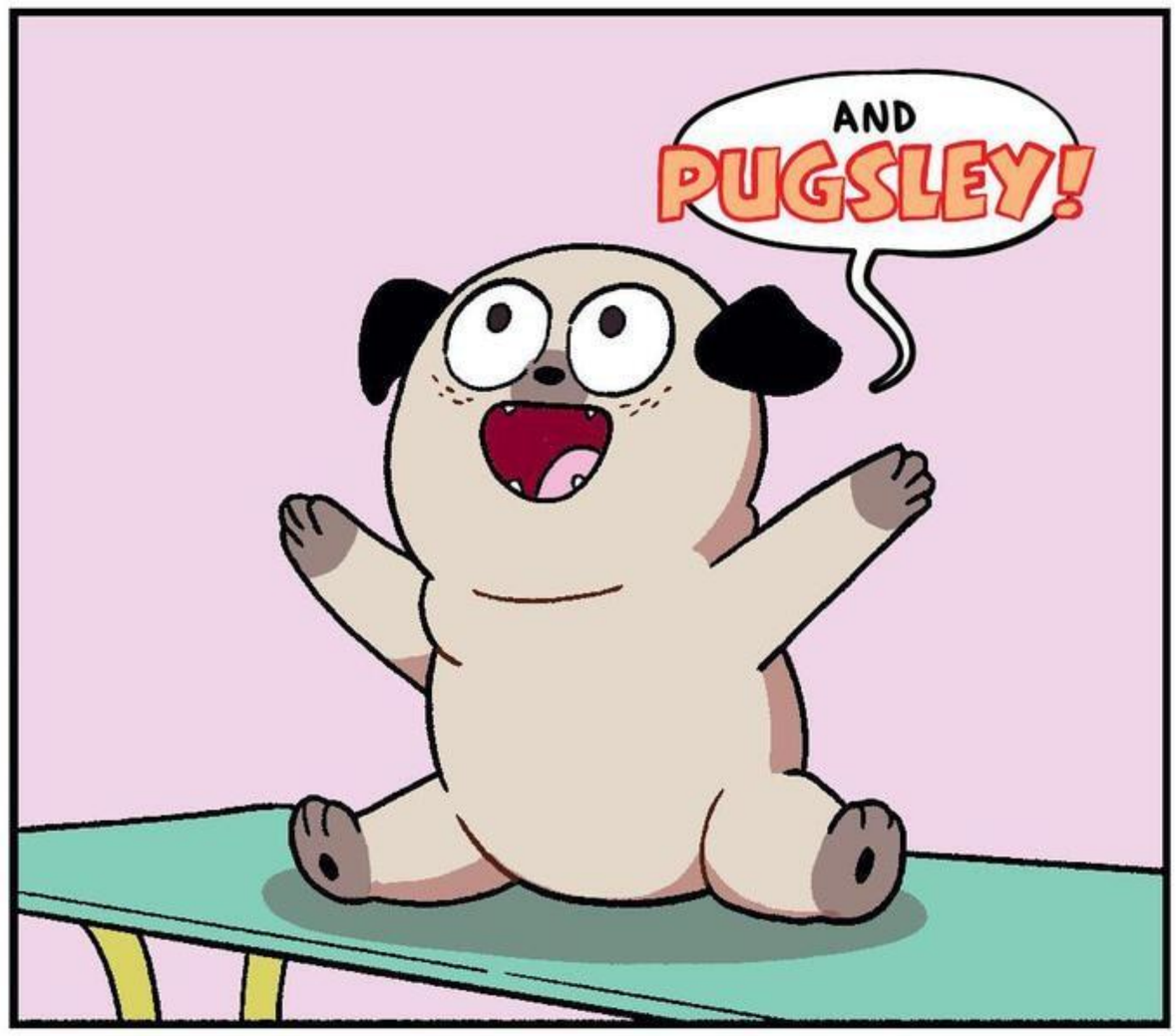
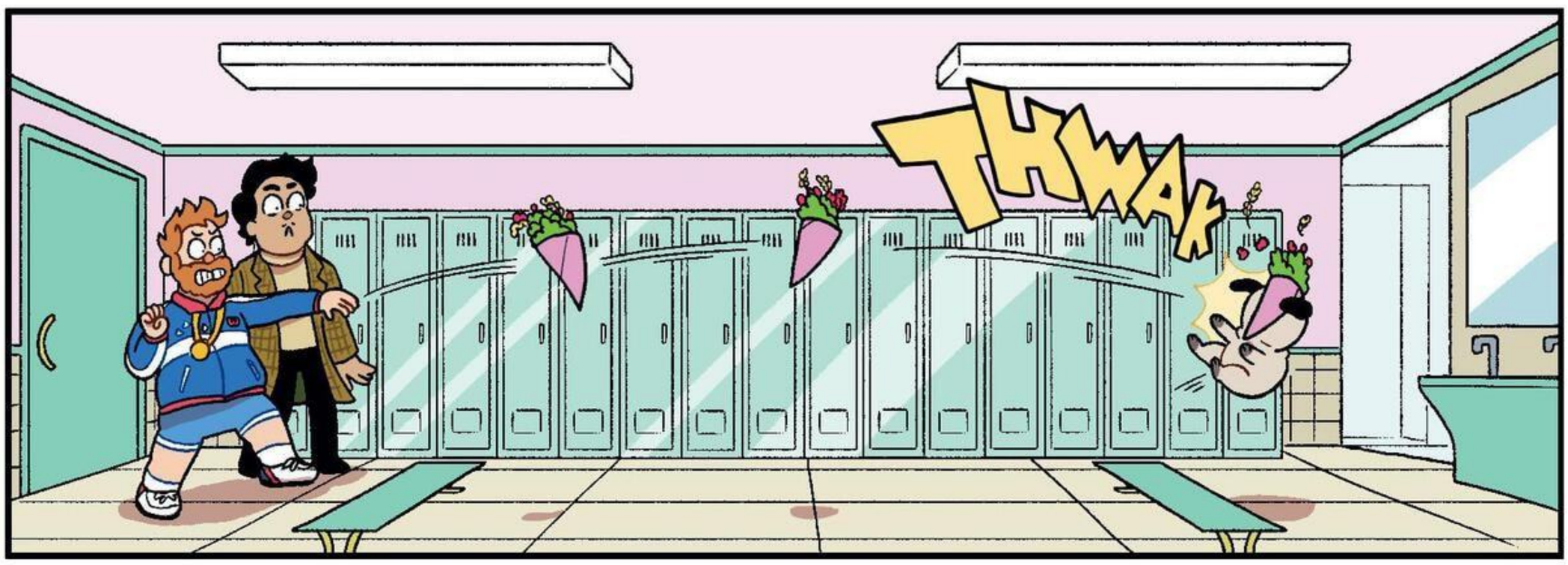

YOU WERE PHENOMENAL, AS ALWAYS!
WELL, I ONLY WON BECAUSE YOU WERE CHEERING ME ON.
LOCKER

FINALLY. JUST THE TWO OF US.


AND PUGSLEY!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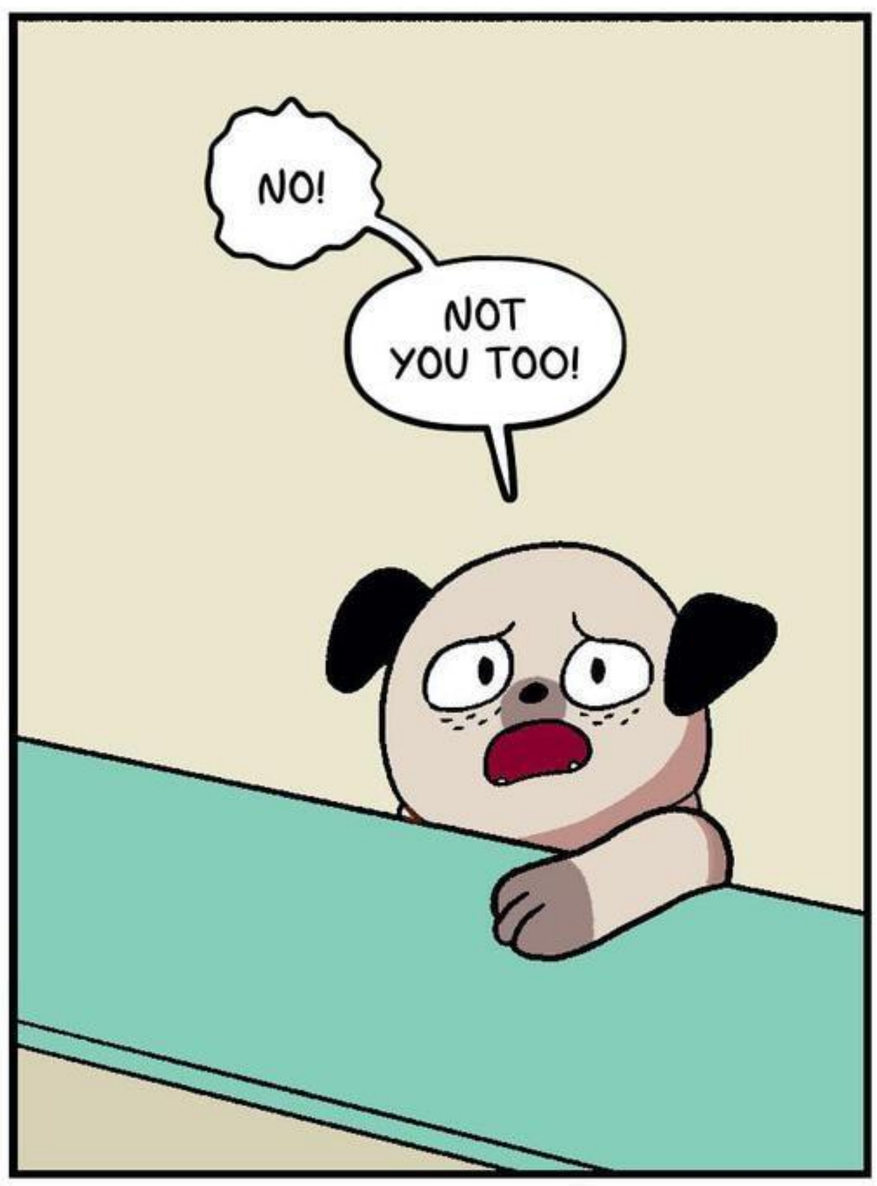
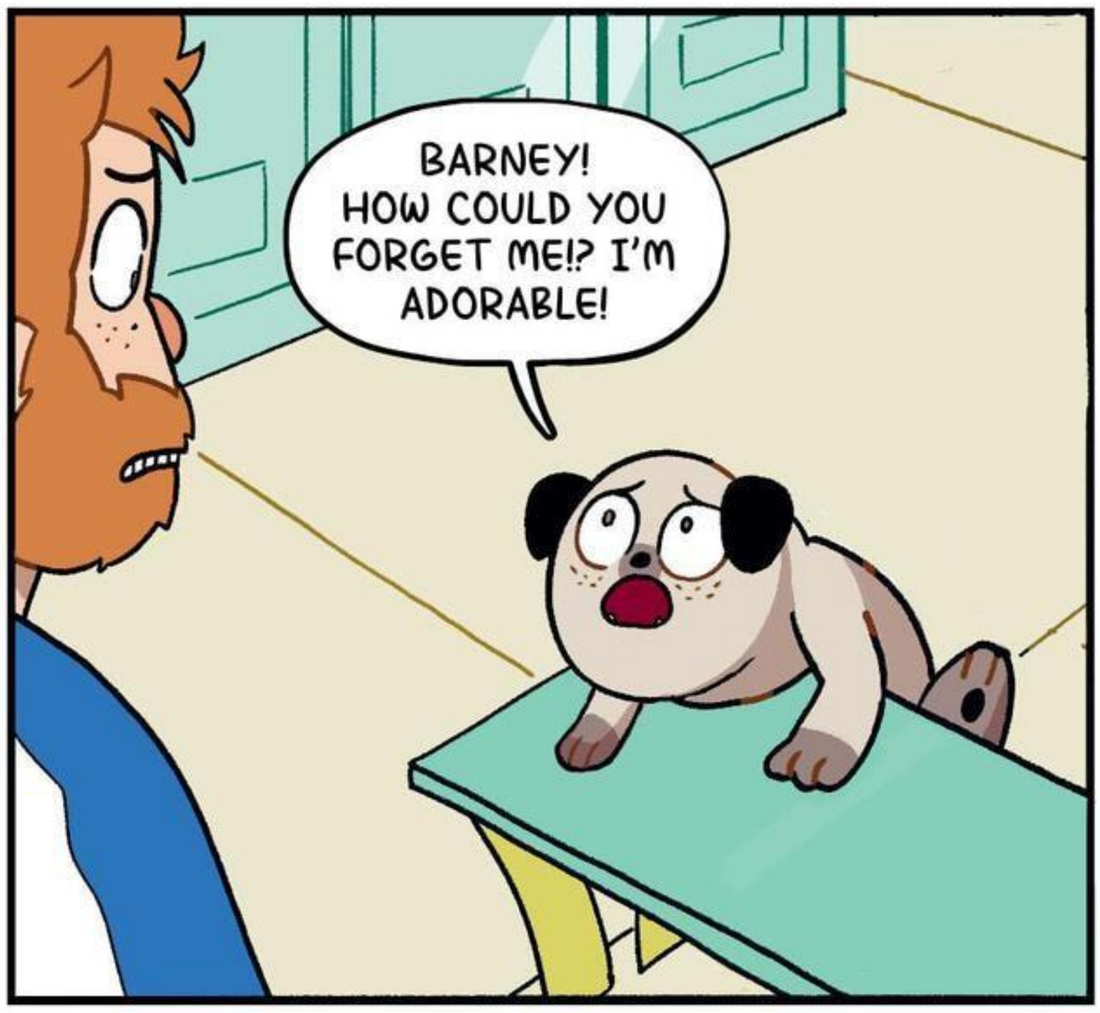
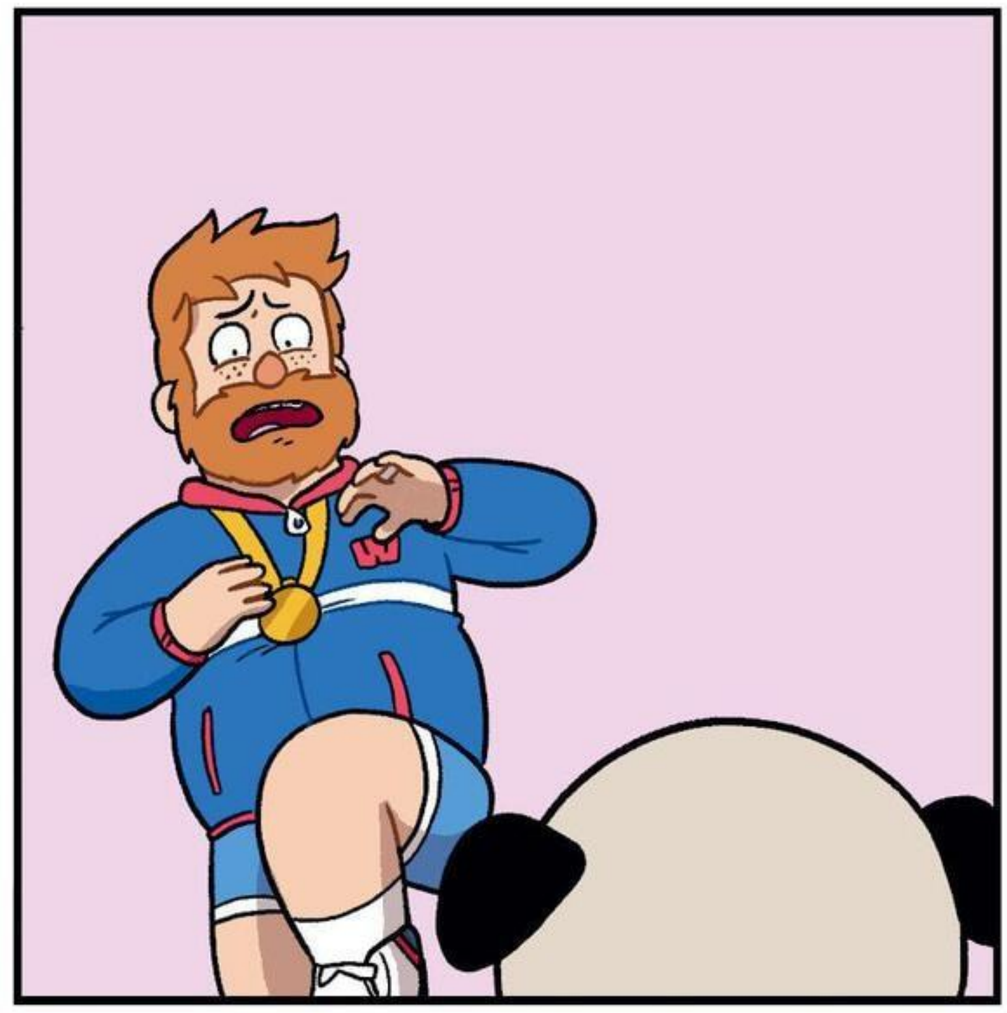
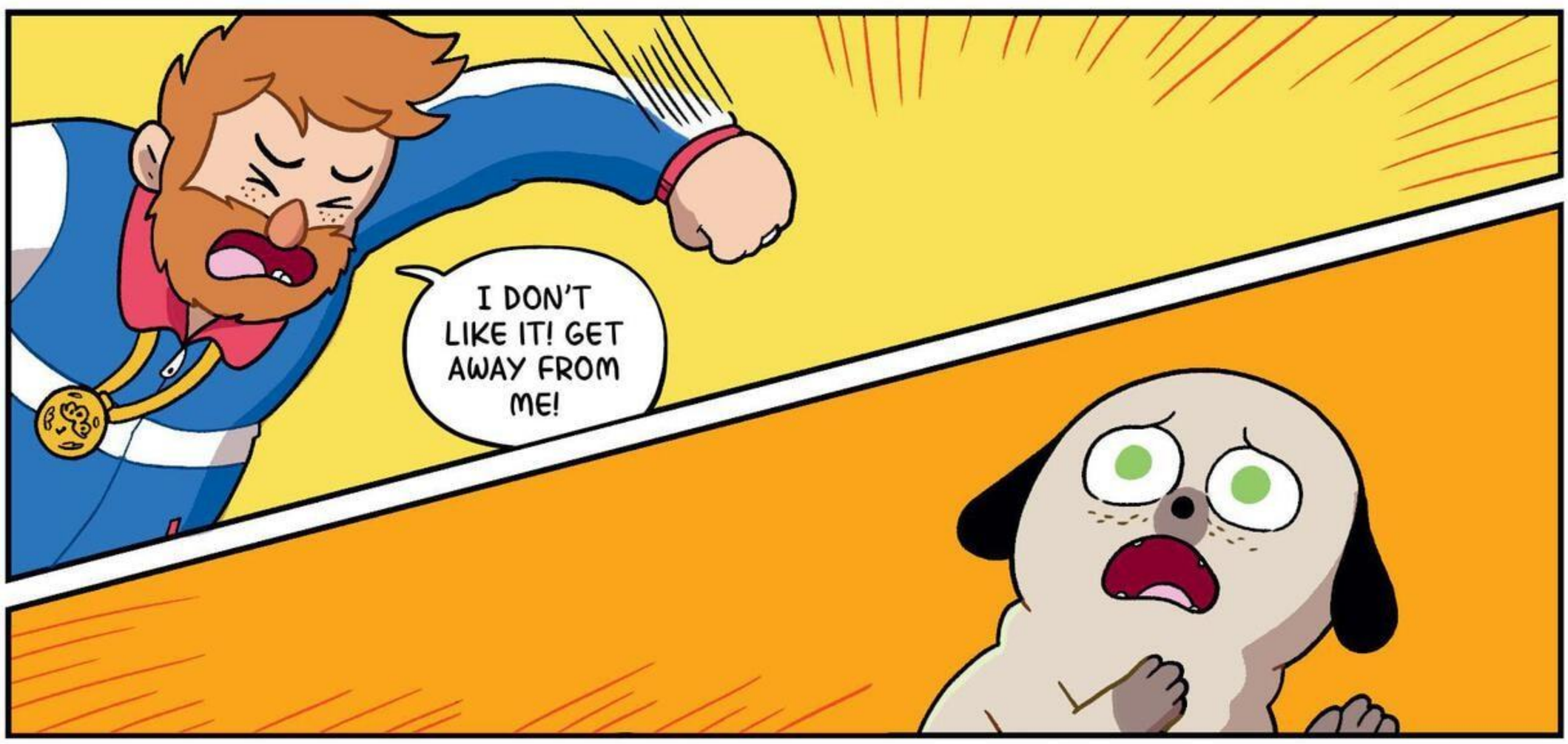
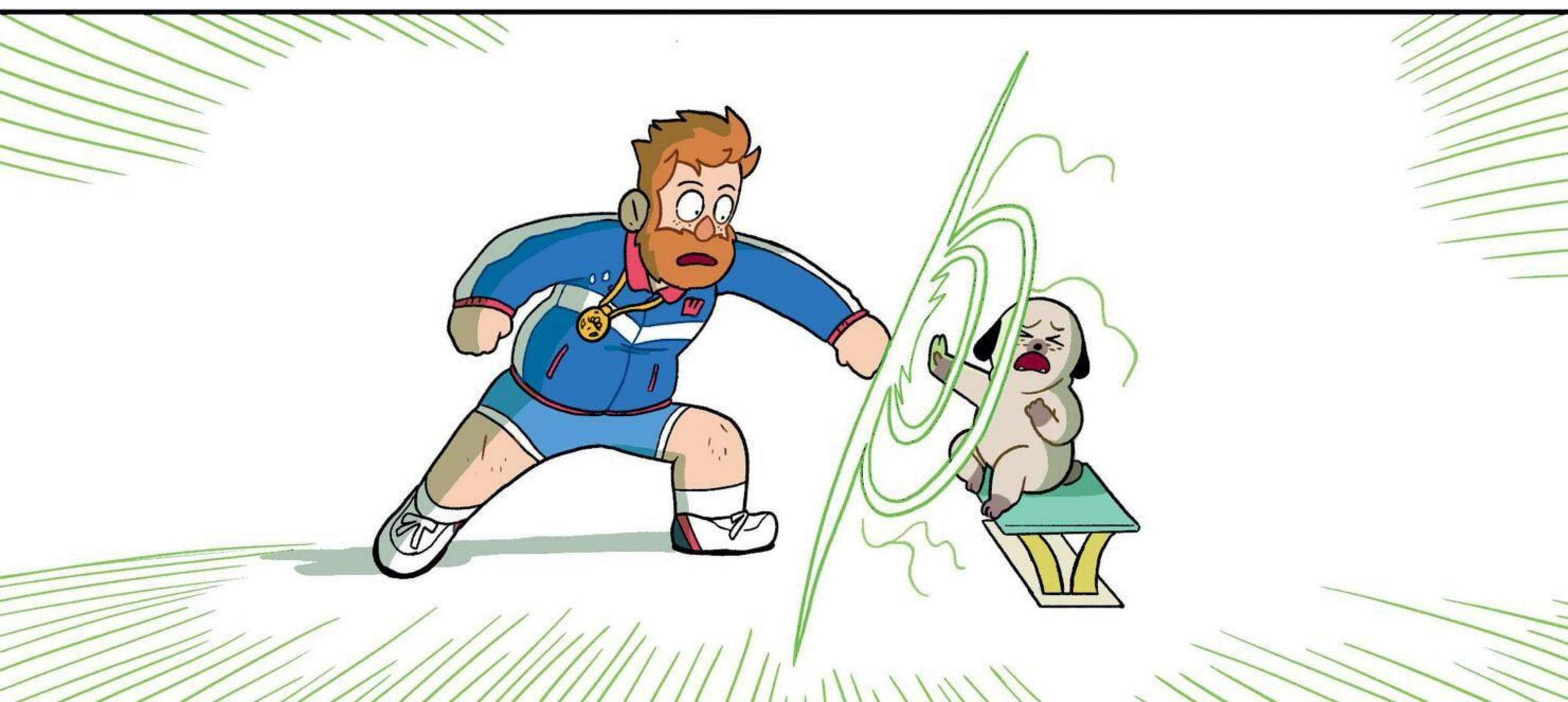
DID THAT DOG JUST SAY ITS NAME!?


NO!
NOT YOU TOO!


BARNEY! HOW COULD YOU FORGET ME!? I'M ADORABLE!

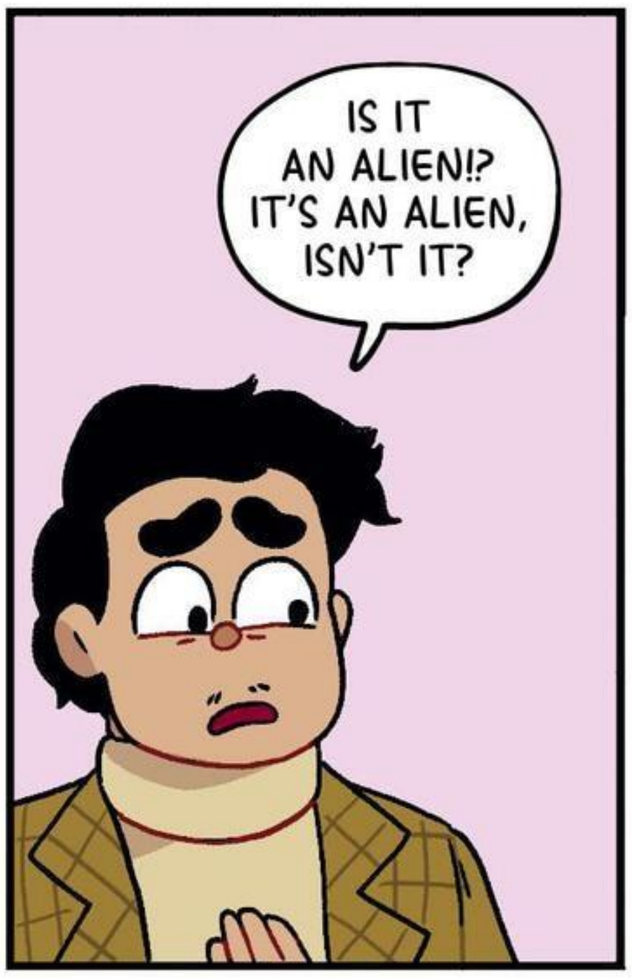



I DON'T LIKE IT! GET AWAY FROM ME!



WHAT WAS THAT!?

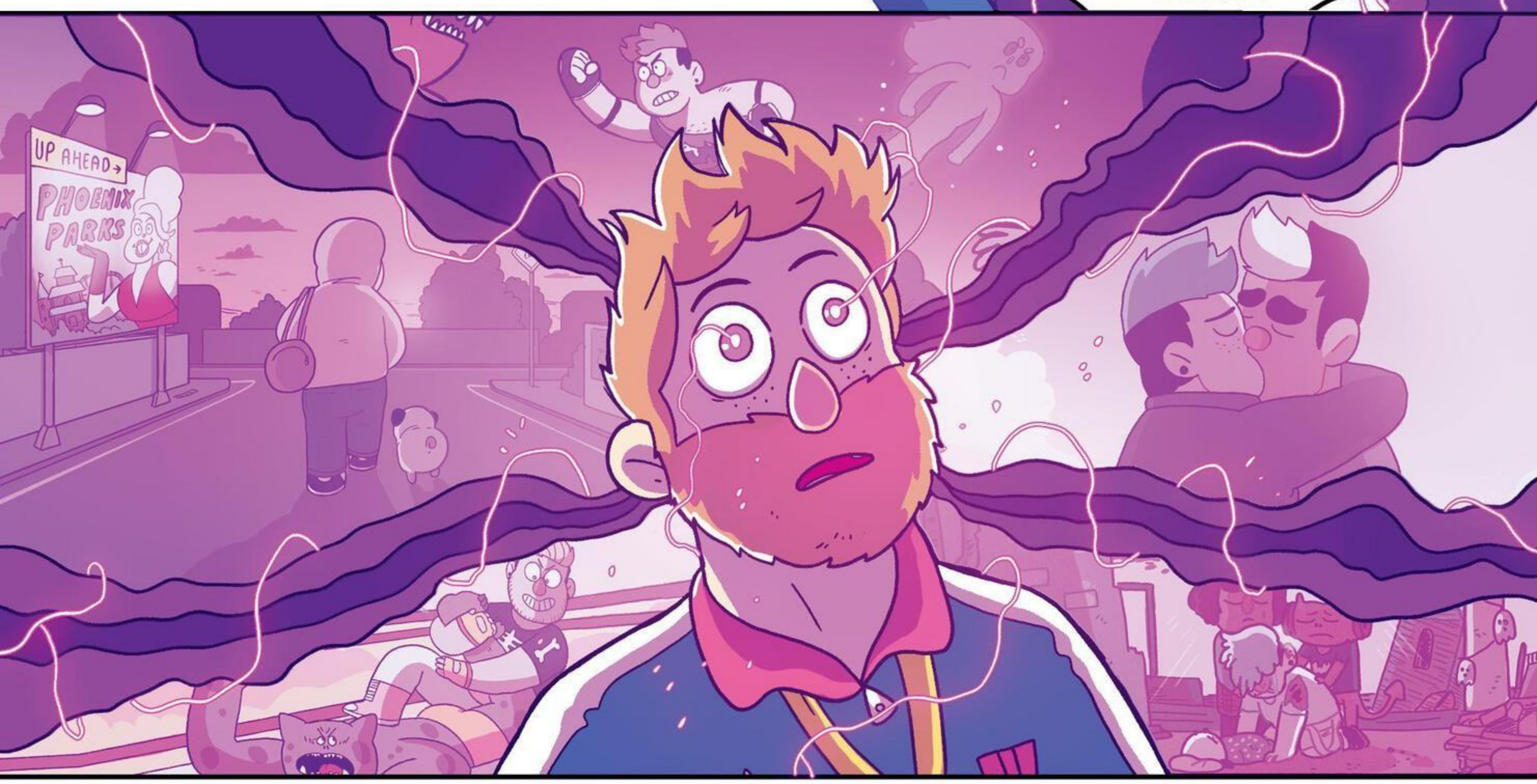
I STILL HAVE MY POWERS...


IS IT AN ALIEN!? IT'S AN ALIEN, ISN'T IT?

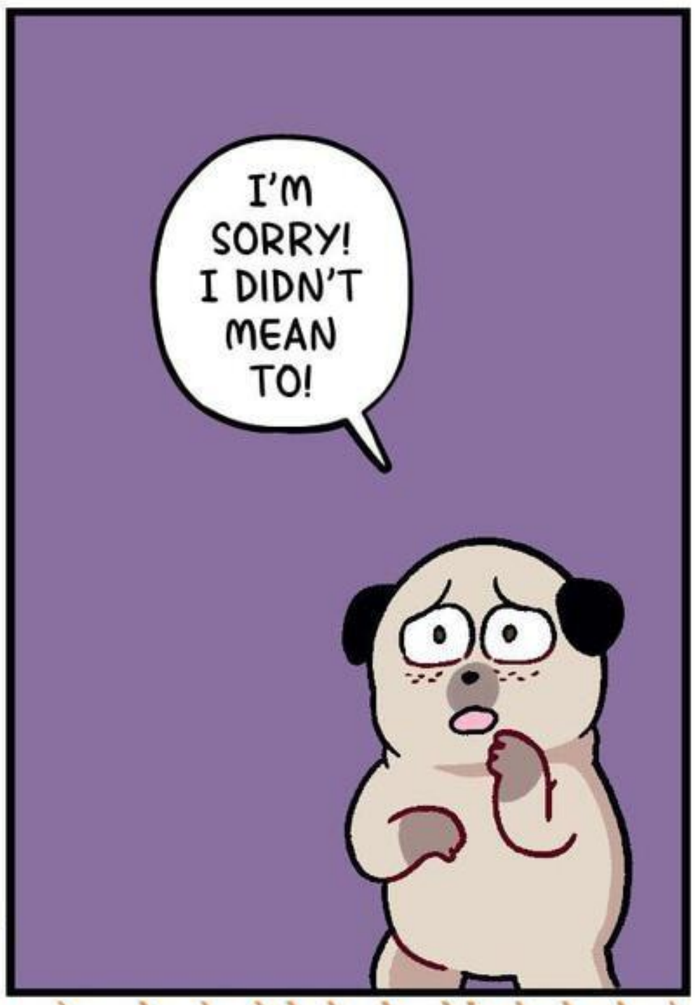
I'M NOT AN ALIEN!
I'M YOUR DOG... WHO GOT POSSESSED BY A DEMON AND BECAME AN EVIL FUTURE WIZARD WHO THEN CAME BACK IN TIME TO STOP YOU, BUT MY YOUNGER SELF SACRIFICED HIMSELF, AND THEN I...

TO BE HONEST, I DON'T KNOW WHAT HAPPENED NEXT.

WHY CAN'T YOU GO BACK TO HOW YOU WERE!?


UP AHEAD →
PHOENIX PARKS

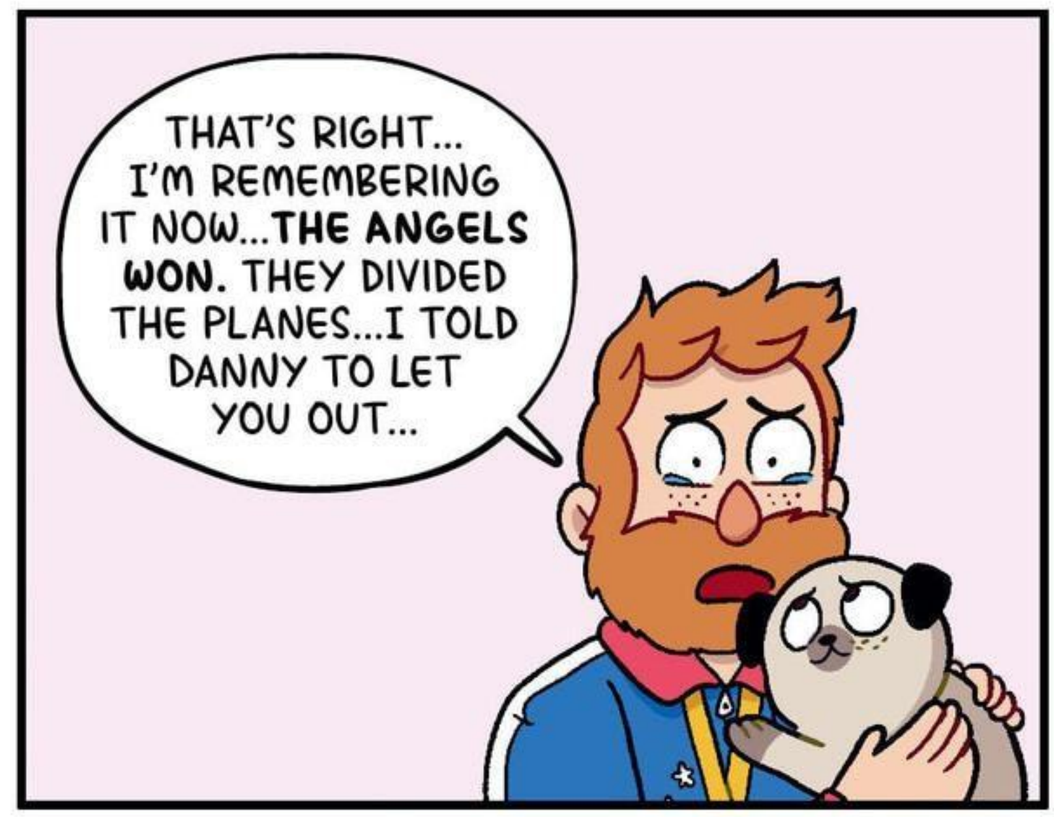
BARNEY!


I'M SORRY! I DIDN'T MEAN TO!

PUGSLEY...?

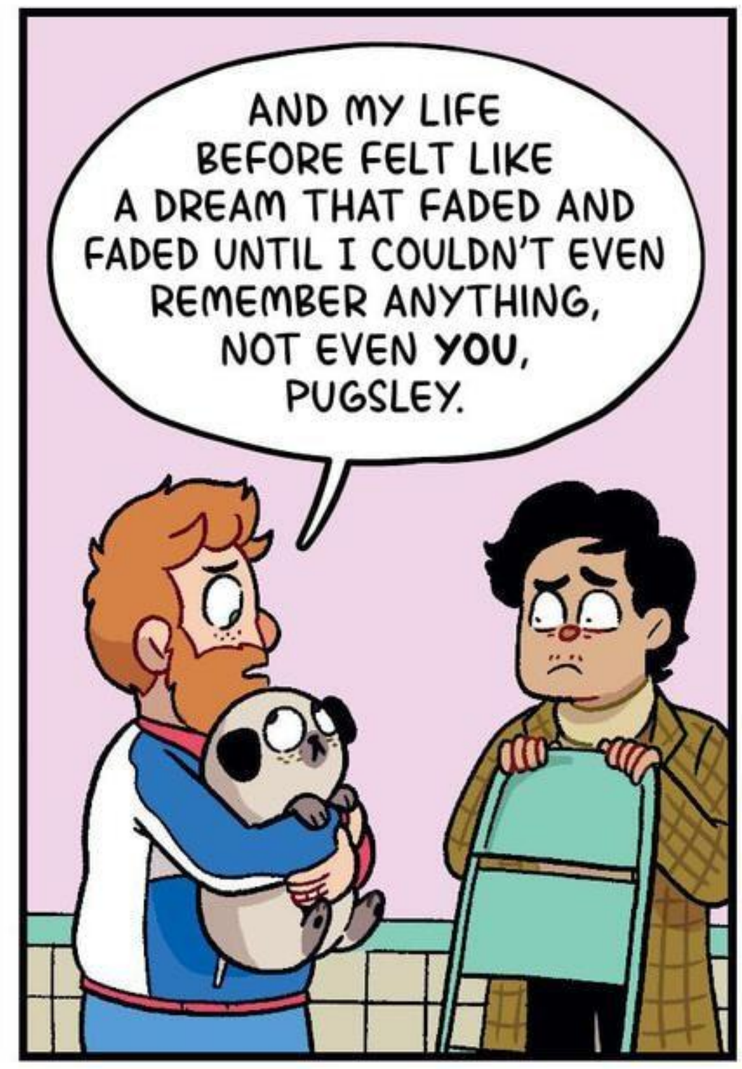
YOU CAME HOME!

I NEVER STOPPED TRYING TO COME BACK. I WAS SO ALONE...BUT THEN I HEARD A BIG CRACK, AND I FELL THROUGH SOMETHING AND...AND...I'M SO HAPPY I FOUND YOU!


THAT'S RIGHT... I'M REMEMBERING IT NOW...**THE ANGELS WON.** THEY DIVIDED THE PLANES...I TOLD DANNY TO LET YOU OUT...

BUT THEN I WOKE UP...I WAS IN BED WITH LOGS... IN A ROOM FULL OF TROPHIES.

AND WE WERE **MARRIED!**


AND MY LIFE BEFORE FELT LIKE A DREAM THAT FADED AND FADED UNTIL I COULDN'T EVEN REMEMBER ANYTHING, NOT EVEN **YOU**, PUGSLEY.

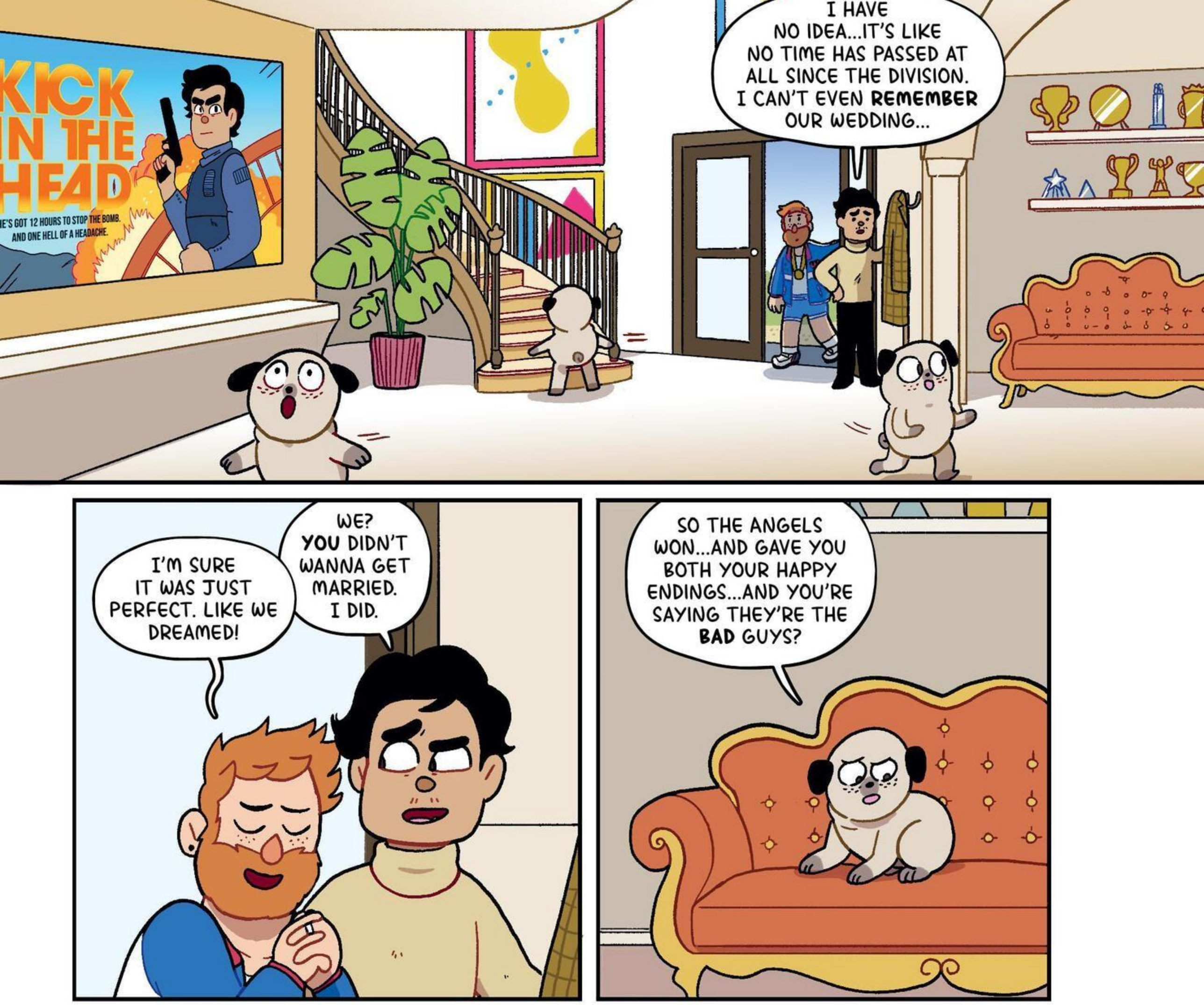
HOW HARD DID YOU HIT YOUR HEAD?

PUGSLEY, CAN YOU GIVE LOGS HIS MEMORIES BACK TOO?

I CAN TRY!

THIS **WHOLE** HOUSE IS YOURS? WHEN DID YOU GET THIS?

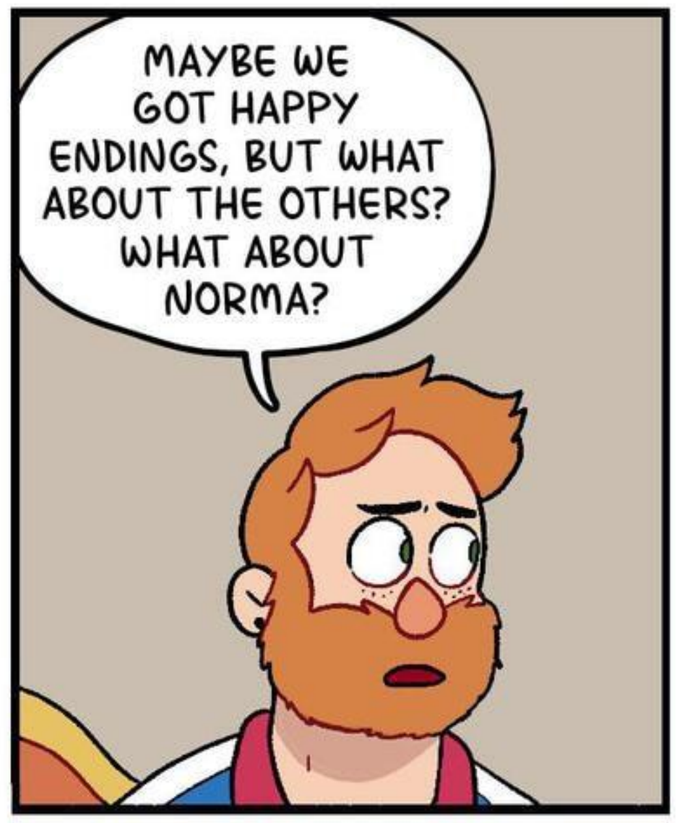
I HAVE NO IDEA...IT'S LIKE NO TIME HAS PASSED AT ALL SINCE THE DIVISION. I CAN'T EVEN **REMEMBER** OUR WEDDING...



MAYBE THEY GAVE US OUR DREAM HAPPY ENDINGS SO THAT WE WOULDN'T REBEL AGAIN?
BUT MY HAPPY ENDING WOULD NEVER BE MAKING YOU DO SOMETHING YOU DIDN'T WANT...

PLUS, HEY! IT'S NICE TO MEET YOU. I MEAN, I NEVER REALLY SAW YOU TALKING. I THOUGHT BARNEY WAS JUST PULLING MY LEG, TO BE HONEST.

AND I'M SO GLAD YOU WORKED THINGS OUT.
BARNEY'S PINING DID GET A LITTLE TIRING.
I KNOW, RIGHT?
HEY!


MAYBE WE GOT HAPPY ENDINGS, BUT WHAT ABOUT THE OTHERS? WHAT ABOUT NORMA?

DON'T YOU KNOW HER IN THIS NEW WORLD?
MY MEMORIES ARE MERGING, SO IT'S HARD TO BE SURE, BUT I DON'T THINK SO.

I CAN'T FIND NORMA OR BADYAH ON SOCIAL MEDIA... DAMN, THIS IS WORRYING.

BUT REMEMBER... NORMA WAS PART DEMON, AND BADYAH HAD USED MAGIC...MAYBE THEY GOT DIVIDED TO A DIFFERENT PLANE?
WOW, I MISSED A LOT.

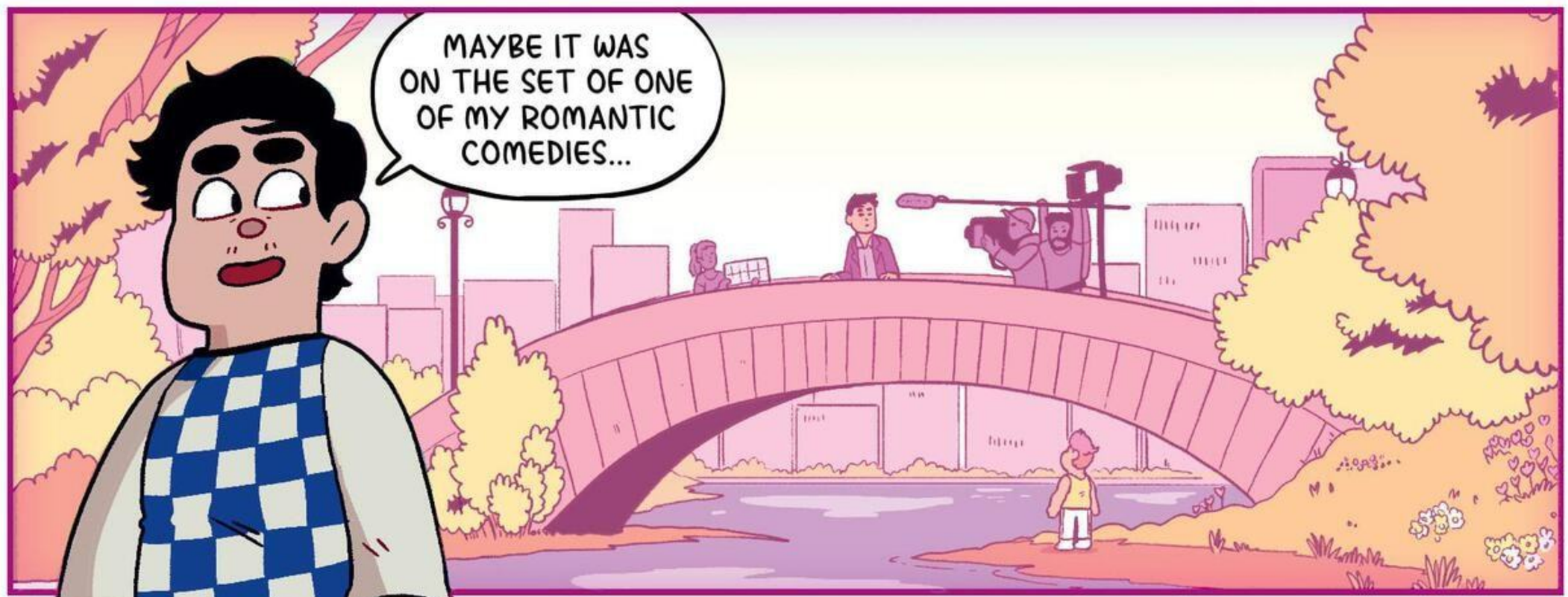
GREAT! SO THEY COULD BE ANYWHERE IN THE MULTI-PLANE?
WELL, ANY IDEA WHAT NORMA'S DREAM HAPPY ENDING WOULD BE?

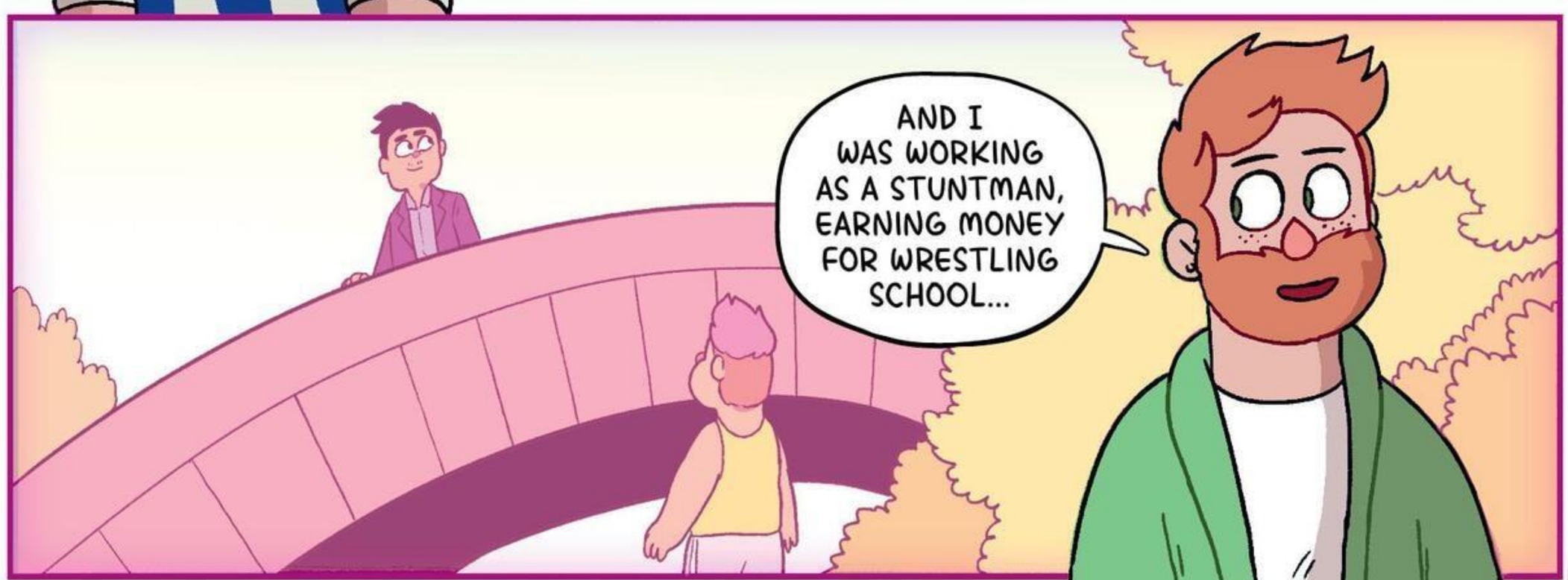
YES...

FEELS LIKE A LIFETIME SINCE WE WERE AT PHOENIX PARKS.
PHOENIX PARK
MISSING
BUY BURG
LOGSAN

LOOKS LIKE A LIFETIME SINCE **ANYONE** WAS HERE.
WAS IT ALWAYS CALLED THAT?

WEIRD. IN THIS TIMELINE, IF NEITHER OF US HAD EVER WORKED HERE, HOW DID WE MEET?
BUY


MAYBE IT WAS ON THE SET OF ONE OF MY ROMANTIC COMEDIES...


AND I WAS WORKING AS A STUNTMAN, EARNING MONEY FOR WRESTLING SCHOOL...

"AND WHEN I FELL...

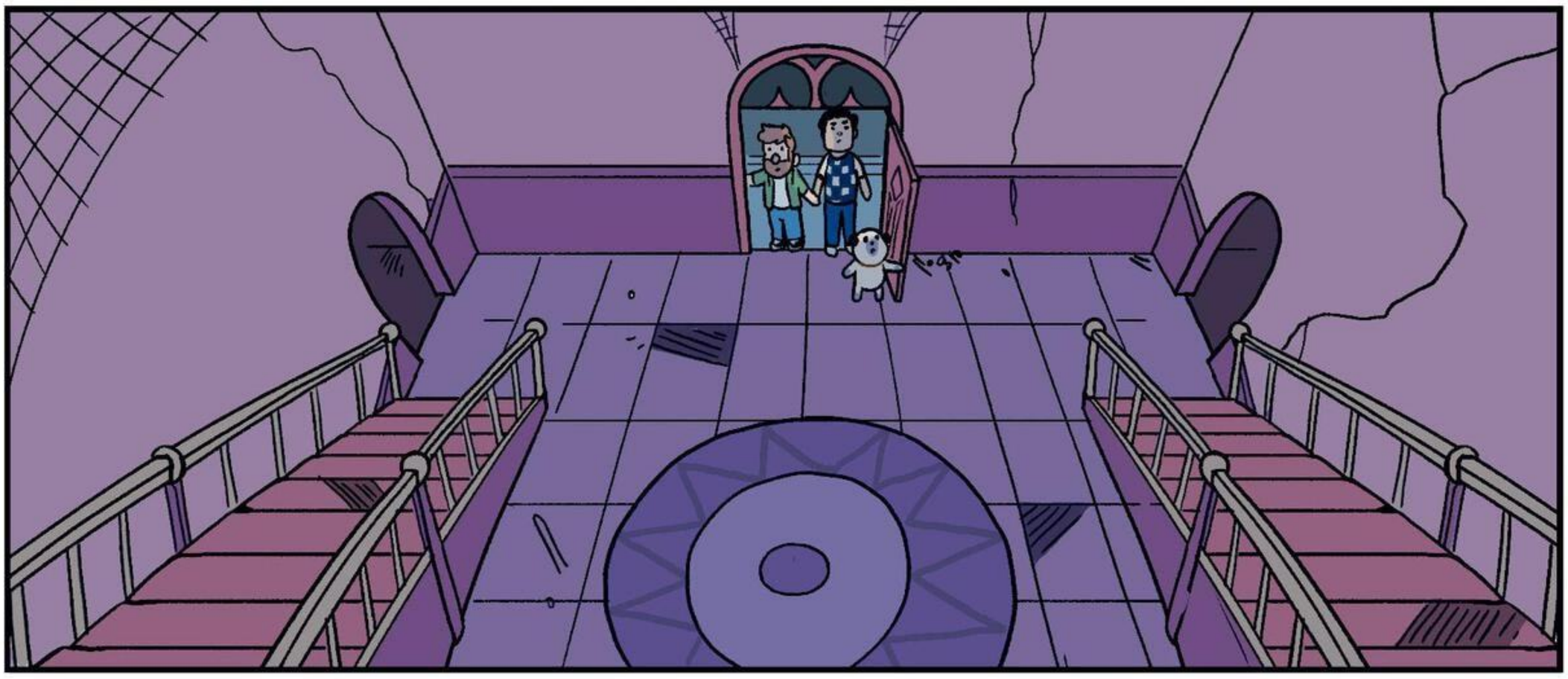
"...I KNEW YOU WOULD ALWAYS BE THERE TO CATCH ME."

OR MAYBE IT WAS ON A DATING APP.

EERIE SEEING THE PARK ABANDONED LIKE THIS. I WONDER HOW THIS FITS INTO THE ANGELS' PLAN.

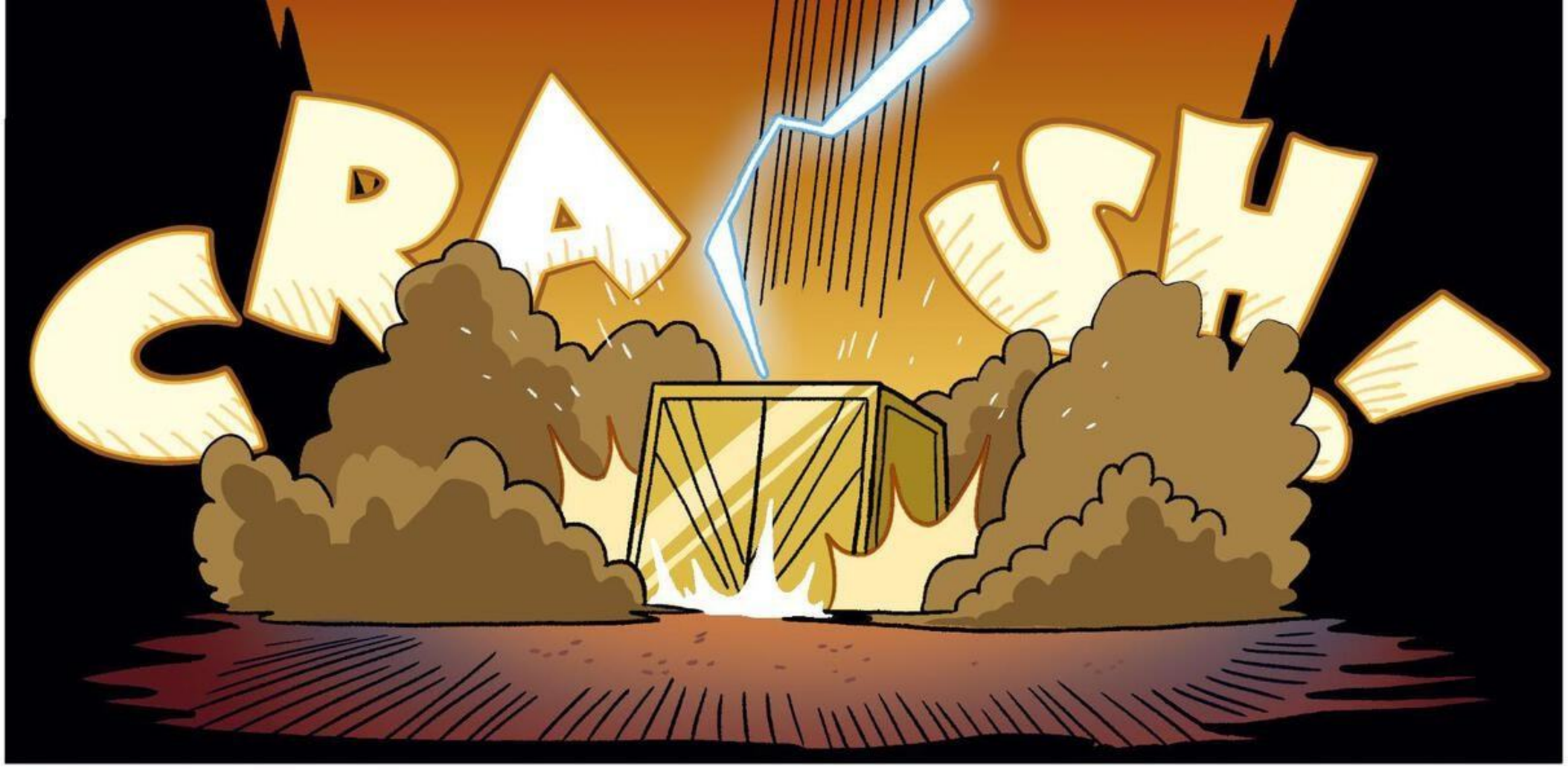
I GUESS THEY DIDN'T WANT ANYBODY STUMBLING ON THE ELEVATOR AGAIN.

SPEAKING OF...



DING!
ANY IDEA WHICH PLANE NORMA WOULD BE ON?
CRUNK!
THAT DOESN'T SOUND GOOD!

AAA!
AAAAAA
AHHHH
HHH!!!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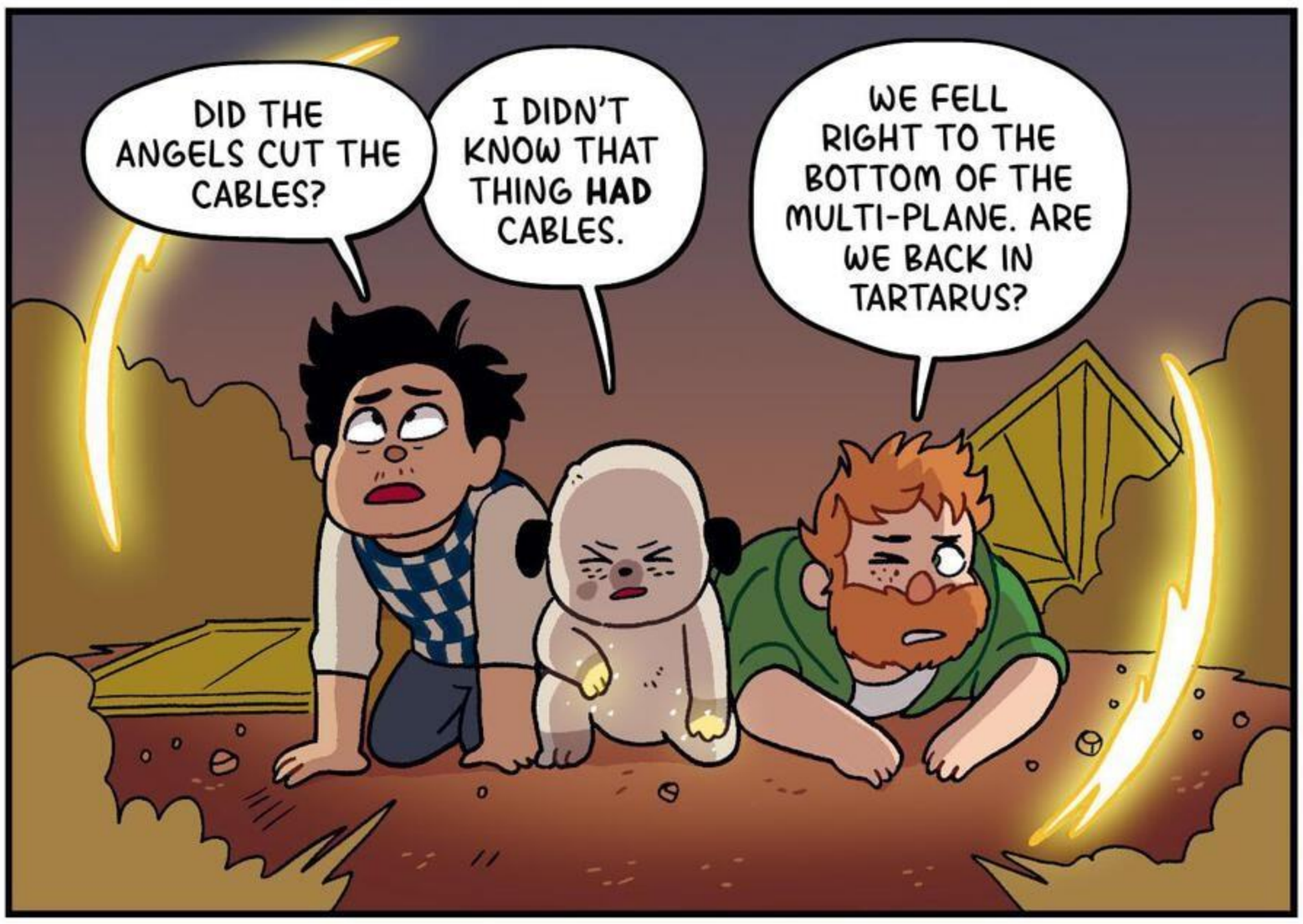
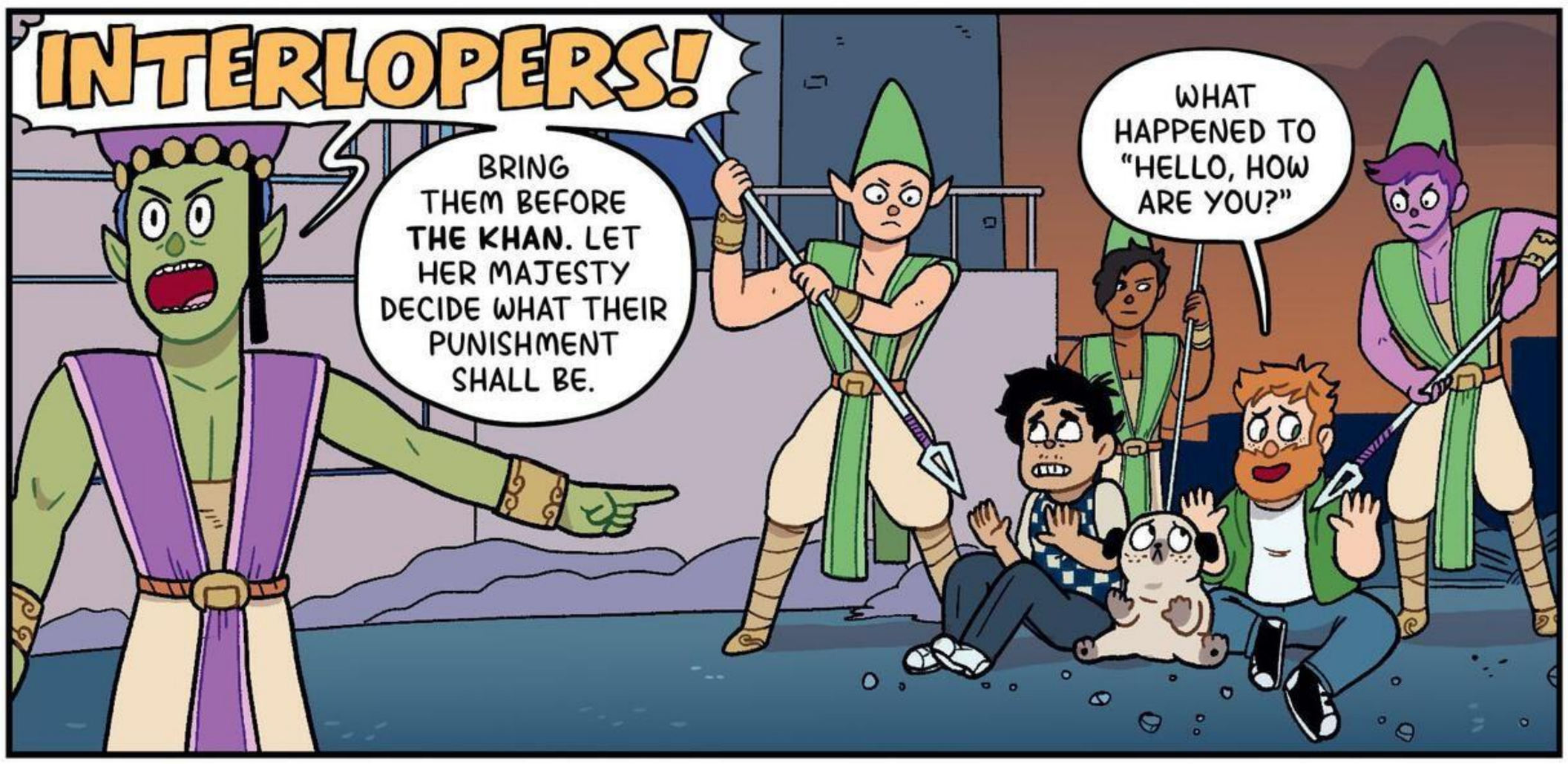
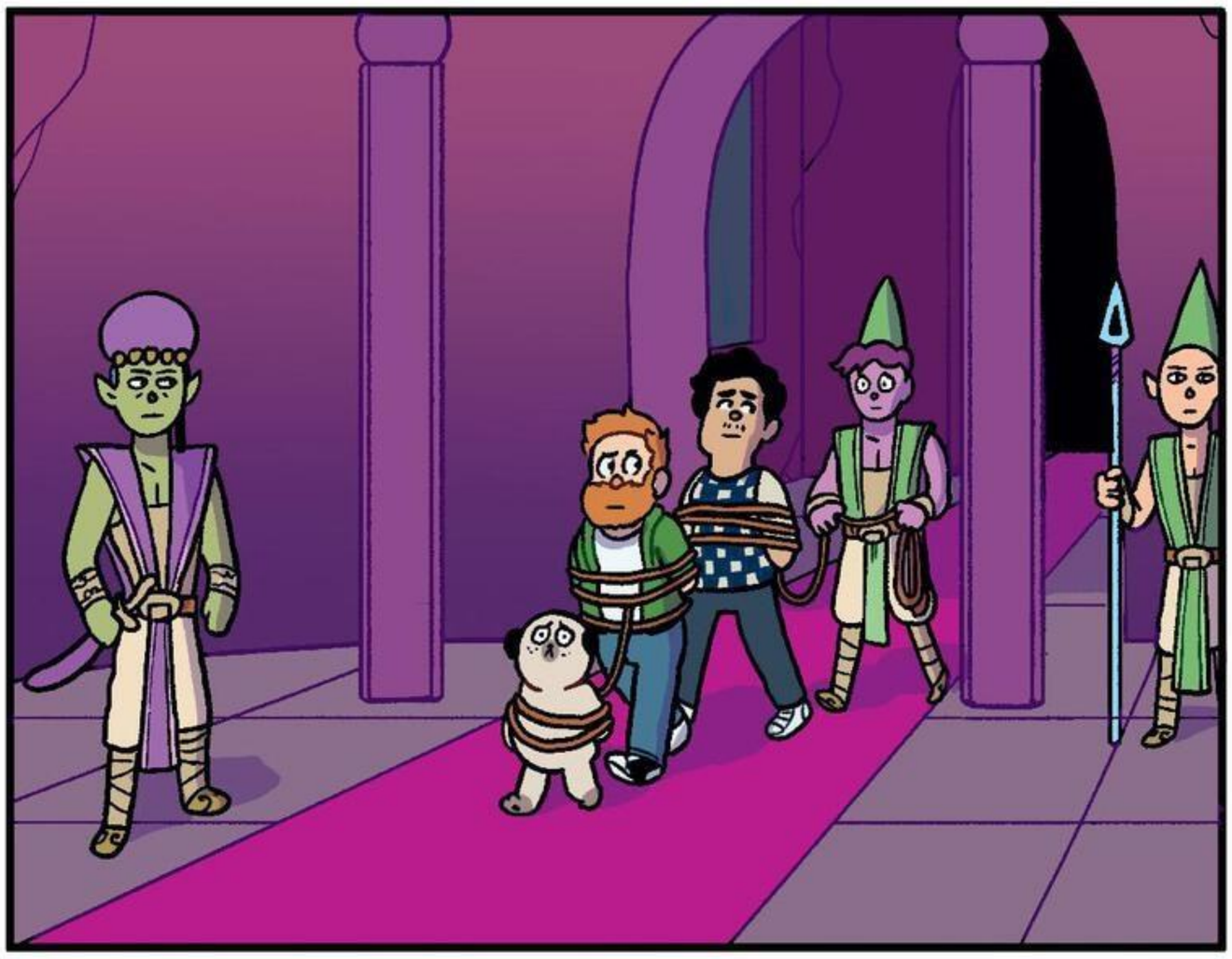

DID THE ANGELS CUT THE CABLES?
I DIDN'T KNOW THAT THING **HAD** CABLES.
WE FELL RIGHT TO THE BOTTOM OF THE MULTI-PLANE. ARE WE BACK IN TARTARUS?

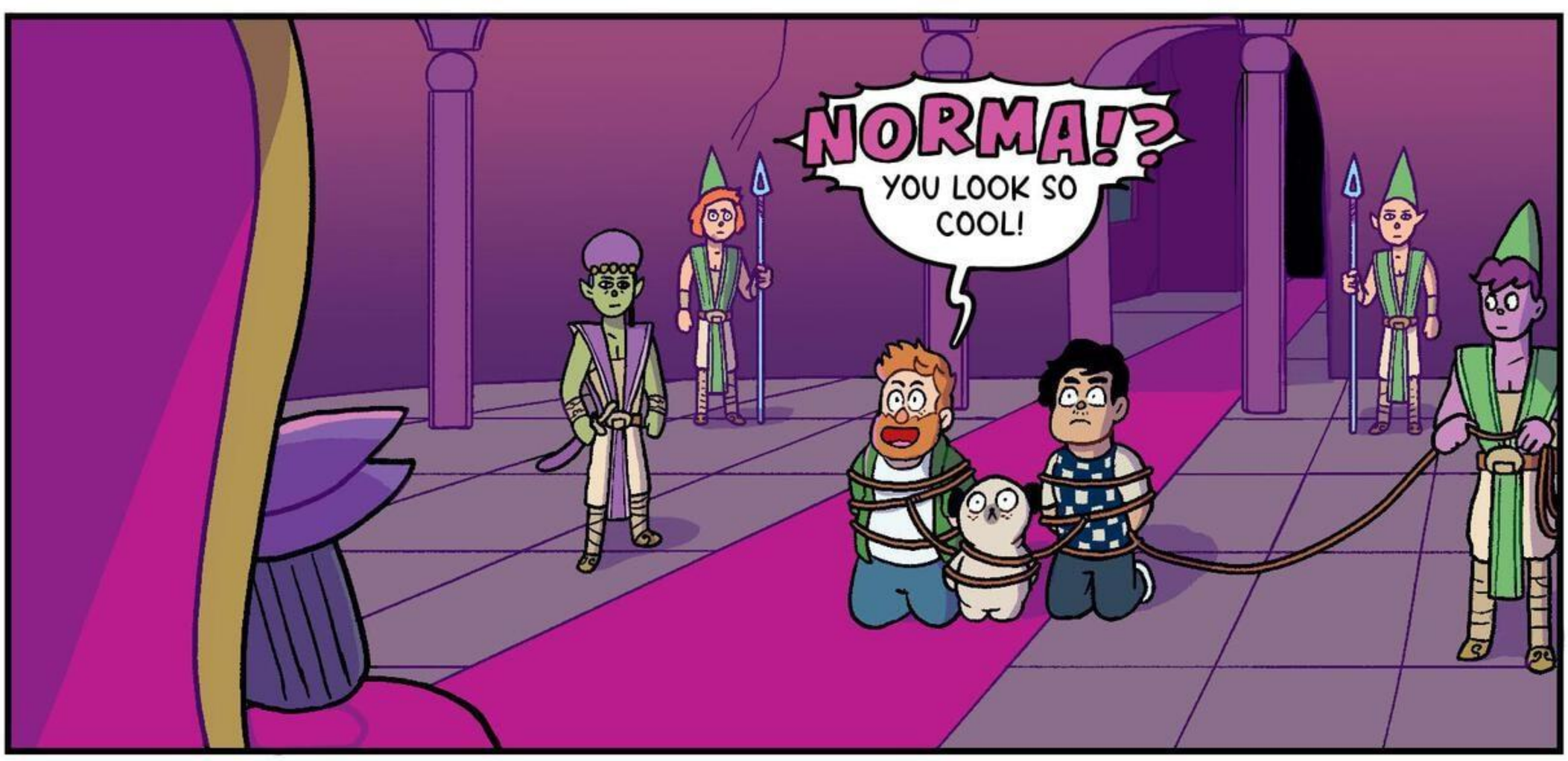
YOU'RE FORGETTING ABOUT THE SPELL OF DIVISION... I THINK THIS...

...IS THE 14TH PLANE...





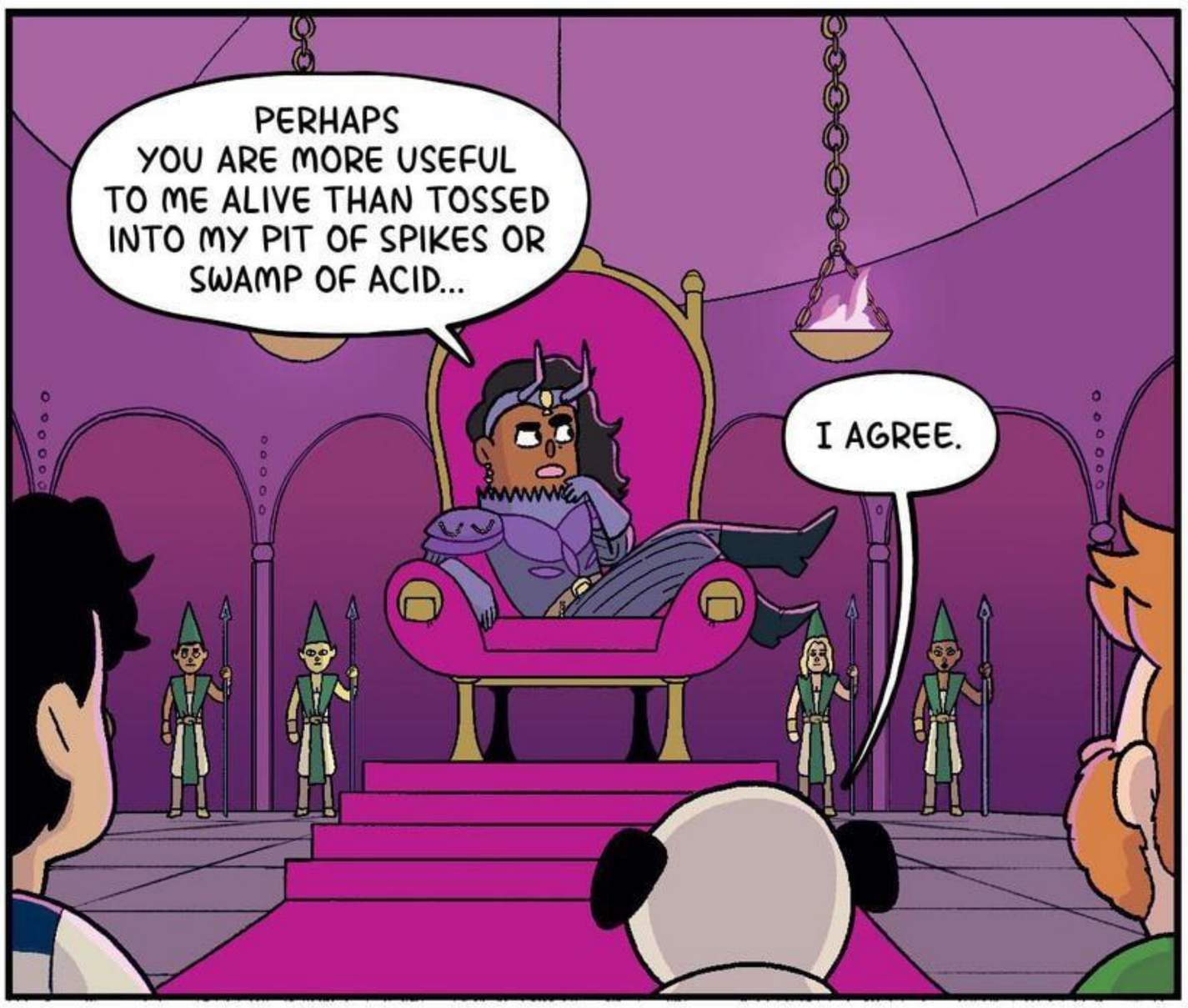
I THOUGHT I SMELLED SOMETHING ROTTEN GET OFF THE ELEVATOR.


NORMA!?
YOU LOOK SO COOL!

REFER TO ME AS YOUR KHAN, NEUT!

UHH... WHICHEVER ONE DOESN'T GET US EXECUTED?
YOU KEEP CALLING US *NEWTS*? SHOULD WE BE OFFENDED?

NEUT. IT'S SHORT FOR NEUTRAL PLANER. AS IN-- YOU'RE FULLY HUMAN, RIGHT?
WHICH AT LEAST MEANS YOU'RE NOT ONE OF ZAGAN'S ASSASSINS OR ASMODEUS'S GANG.


PERHAPS YOU ARE MORE USEFUL TO ME ALIVE THAN TOSSED INTO MY PIT OF SPIKES OR SWAMP OF ACID...
I AGREE.

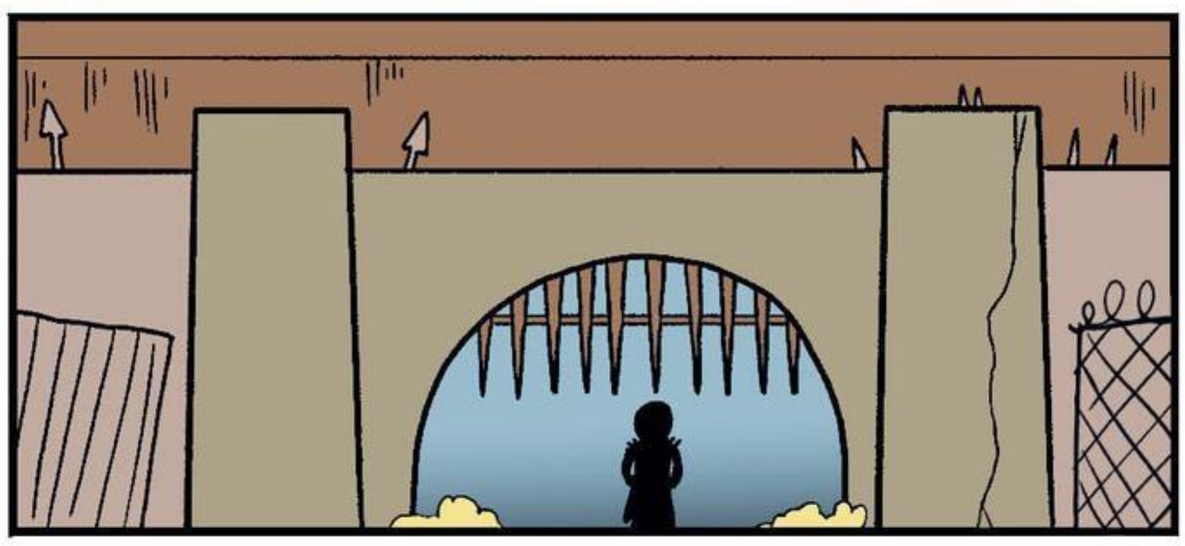
TELL YOU WHAT. LET'S PIT ONE OF YOU AGAINST MY MOST LOYAL KNIGHT.
IF YOU LOSE, WELL...YOU'LL DIE. AND IF YOU WIN, YOU MAY JOIN MY ARMY AND DIE A LITTLE LATER WHEN ONE OF THOSE DEMON KINGS INVADES AGAIN.

SHE'S STARTING TO SOUND LIKE THE WATCHER.

I ACCEPT!

GOOD LUCK!
PLEASE DON'T DIE!

BRING FORTH MY KNIGHT!

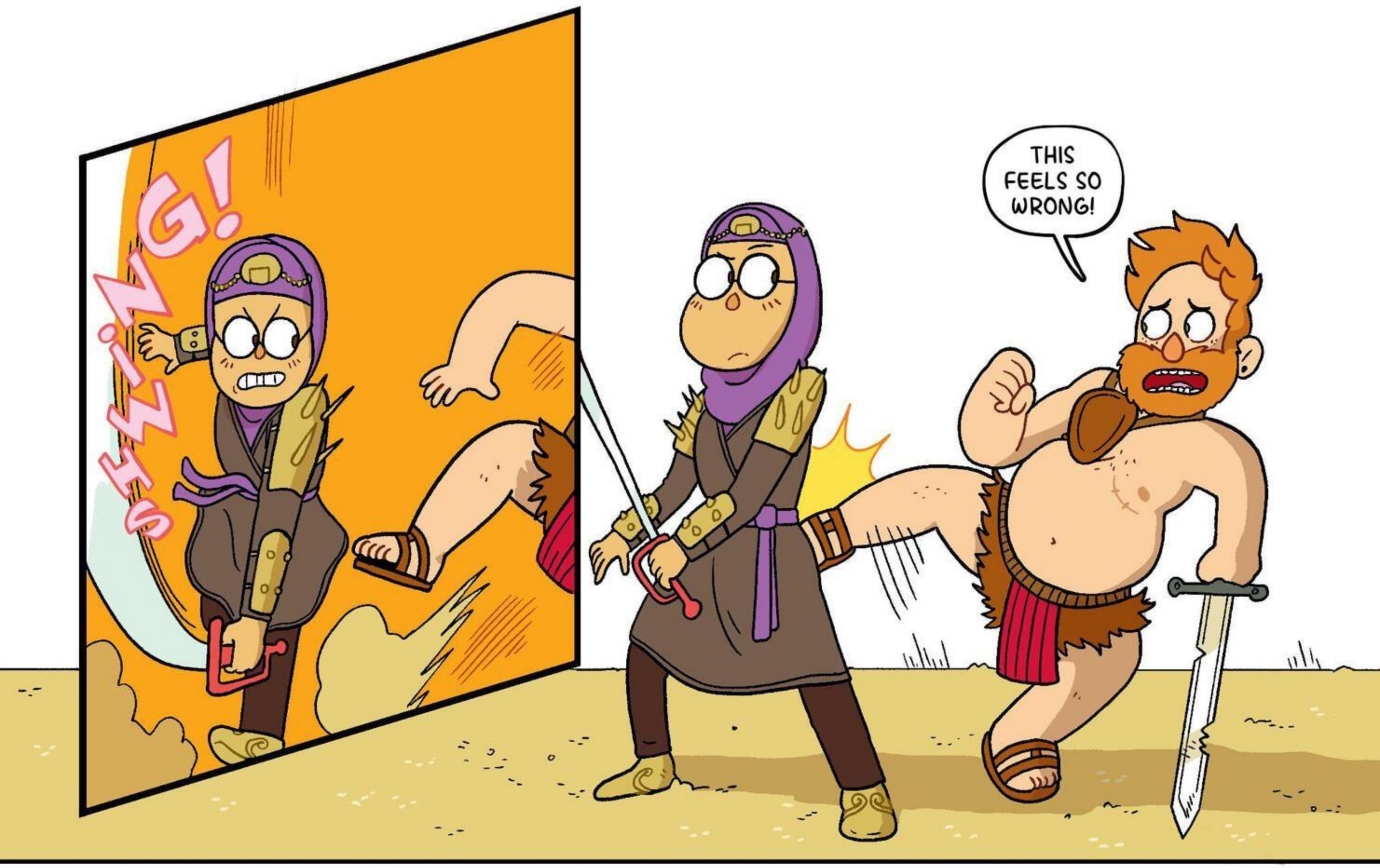


OH NO...

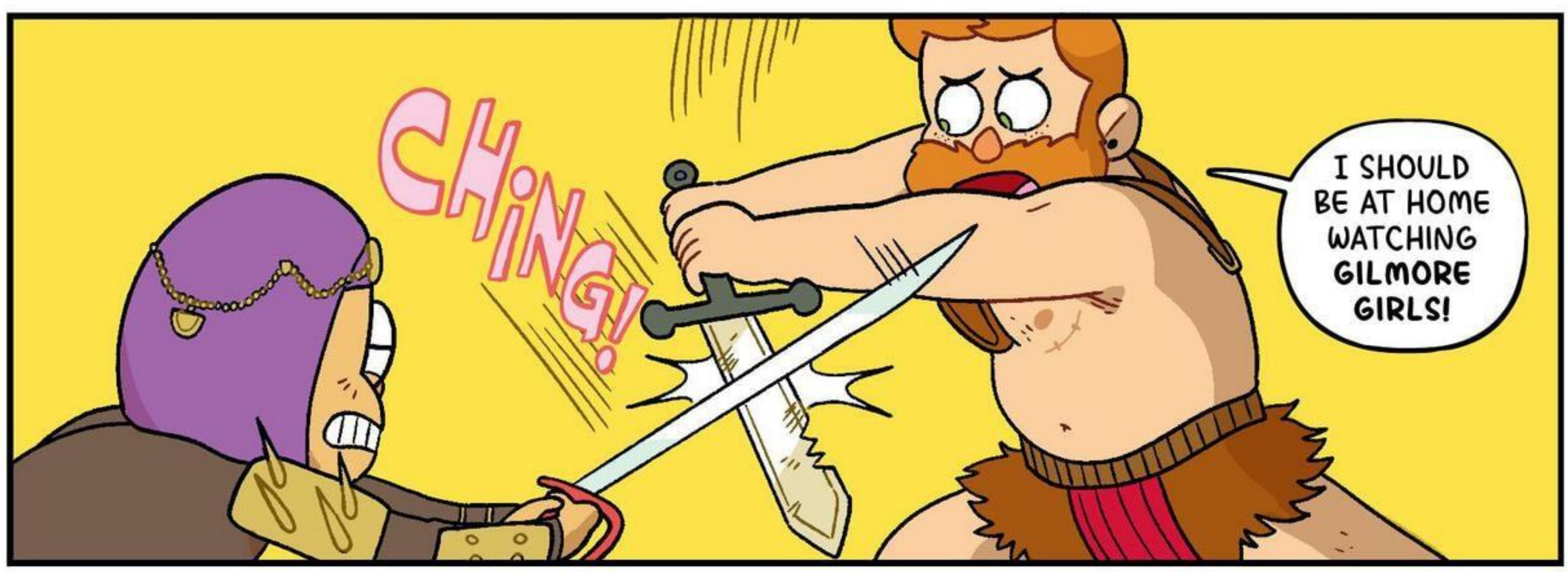
I'M FIGHTING BADYAH!?

I SHALL DEFEND YOU 'TIL MY DYING BREATH, MY KHAN.
OK, THANKS.

NOW FIGHT!


SWING!
THIS FEELS SO WRONG!

AGREED! I SHOULD BE DUELING DEMONS TWICE YOUR SIZE!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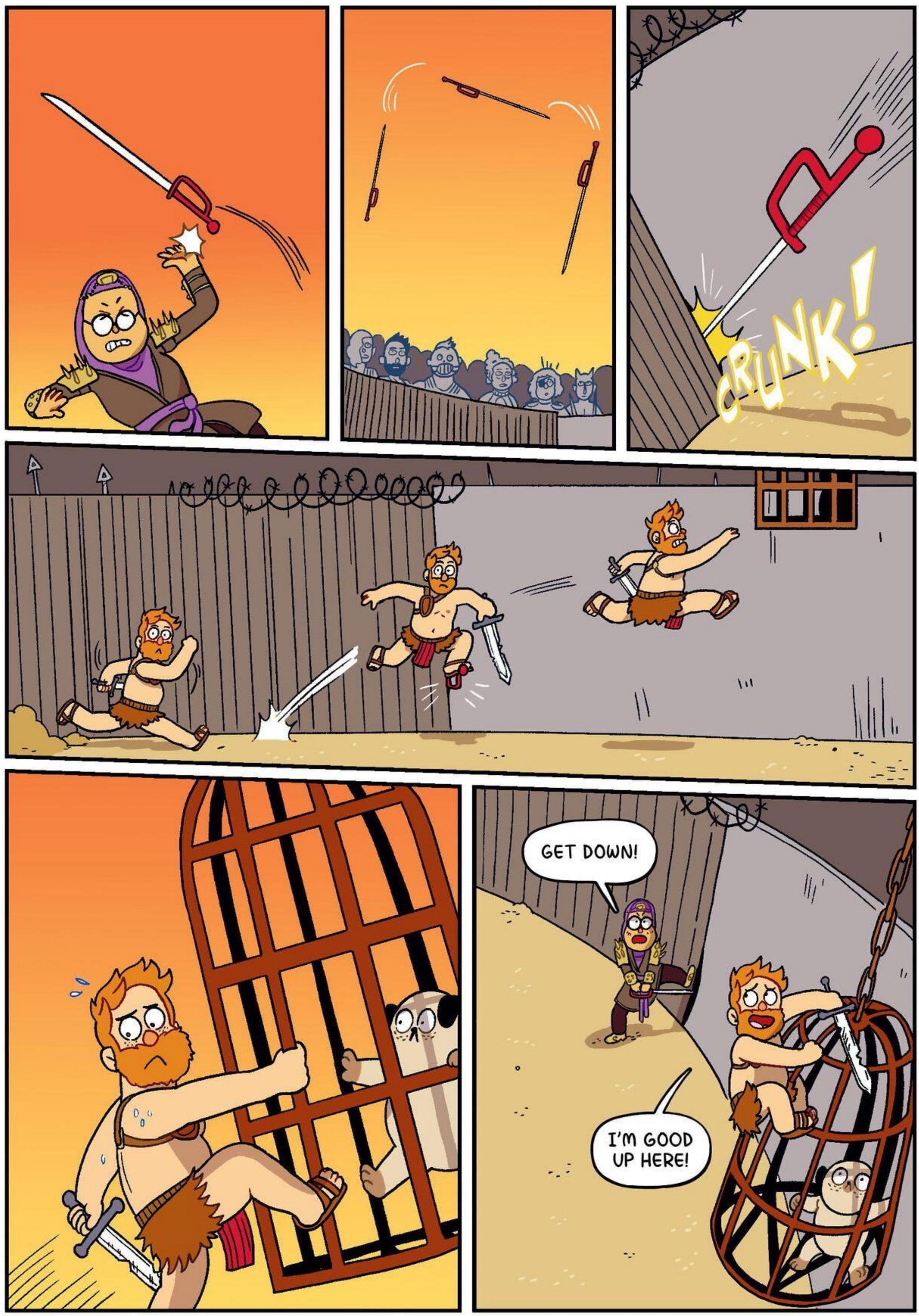
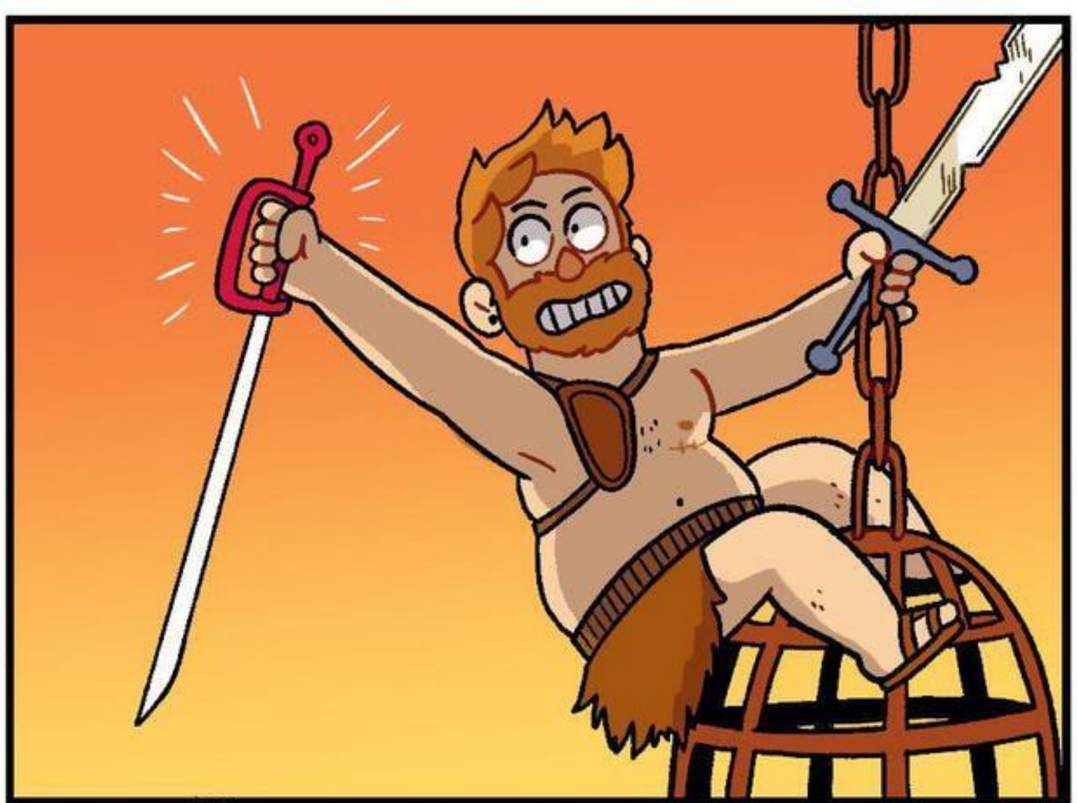
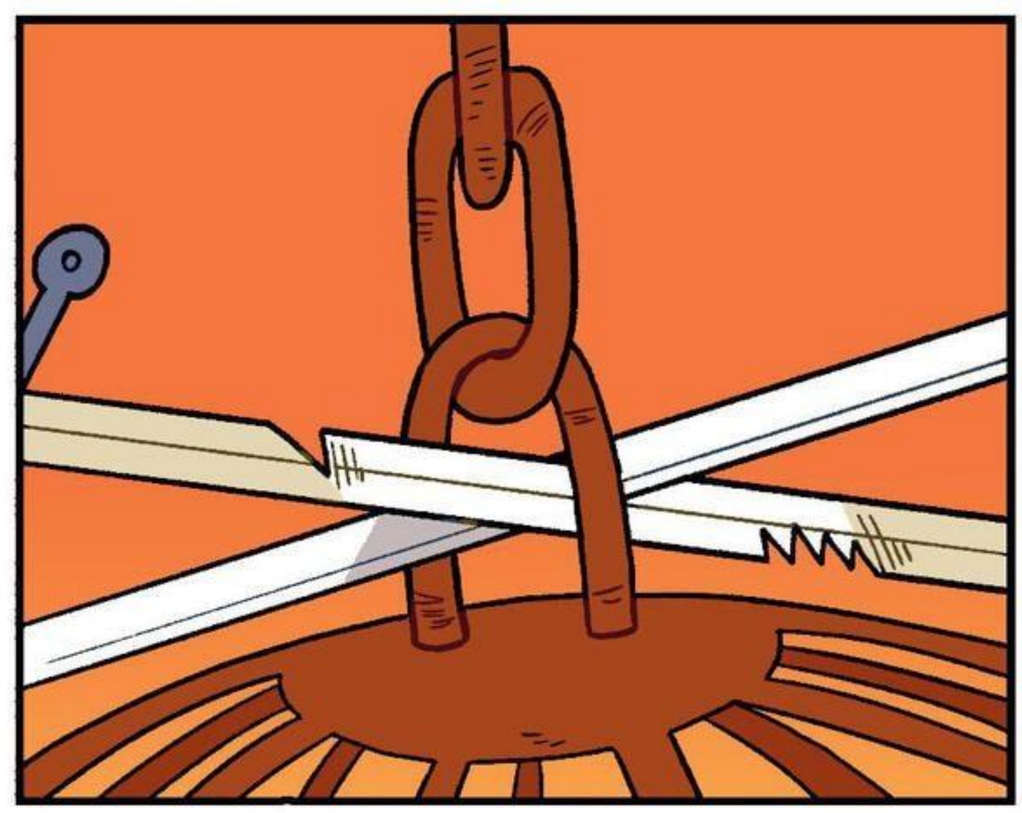
I SHOULD BE AT HOME WATCHING GILMORE GIRLS!


CRUNK!
GET DOWN!
I'M GOOD UP HERE!

SHWING!





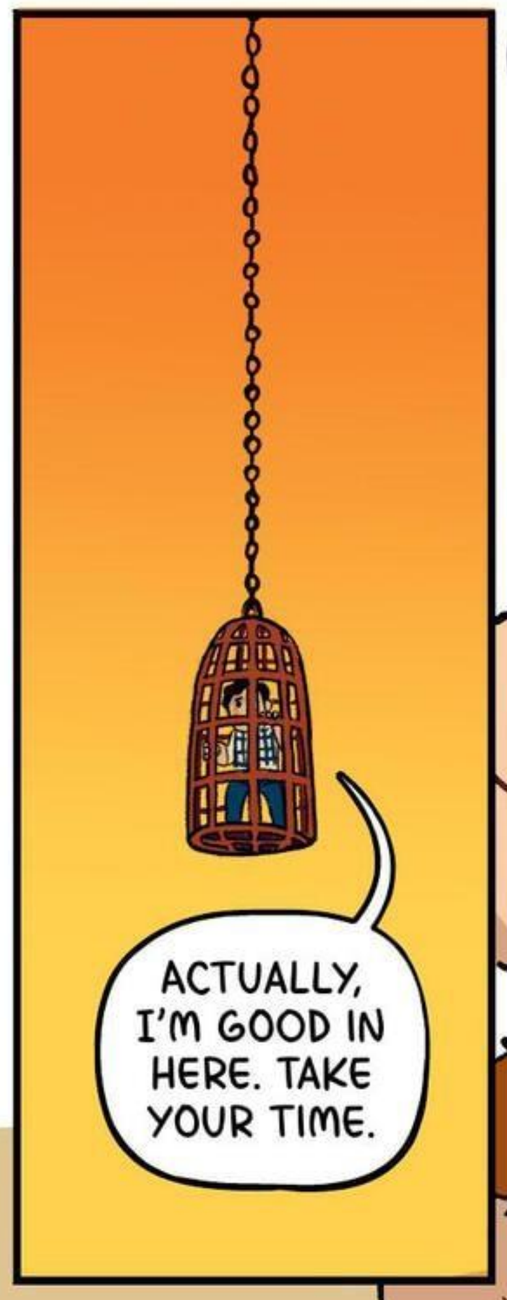
SNAP!

NOW, PUGSLEY!

WHERE AM I? WHAT AM I WEARING? DID I FALL ASLEEP AT COMIC-CON AGAIN?

CAN SOMEONE GET ME OUT OF HERE NOW?

THE DOG HAS ENCHANTED MY KNIGHT! GUARDS, EXECUTE THEM!


ACTUALLY, I'M GOOD IN HERE. TAKE YOUR TIME.

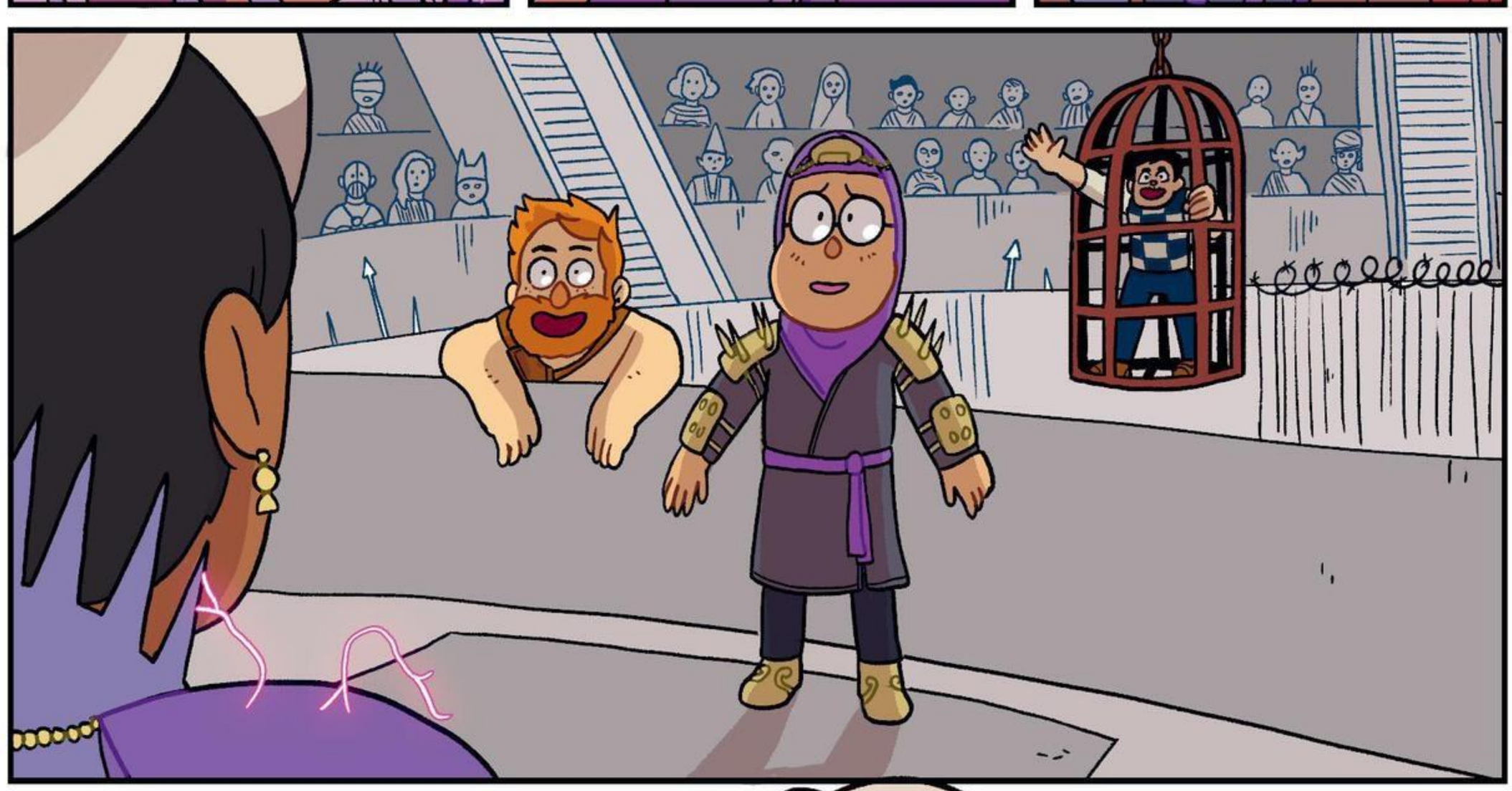
GOOD TO HAVE YOU BACK, BADYAH.
BACK WHERE?
UHH... NORMA'S PERSONAL DEMON CASTLE?
OK, GREAT.

GET ME TO NORMA, AND I CAN WAKE HER UP TOO!
PUGSLEY! YOU'RE ALIVE!?
FOR NOW, AT LEAST! LET'S MOVE IT!

FWING!

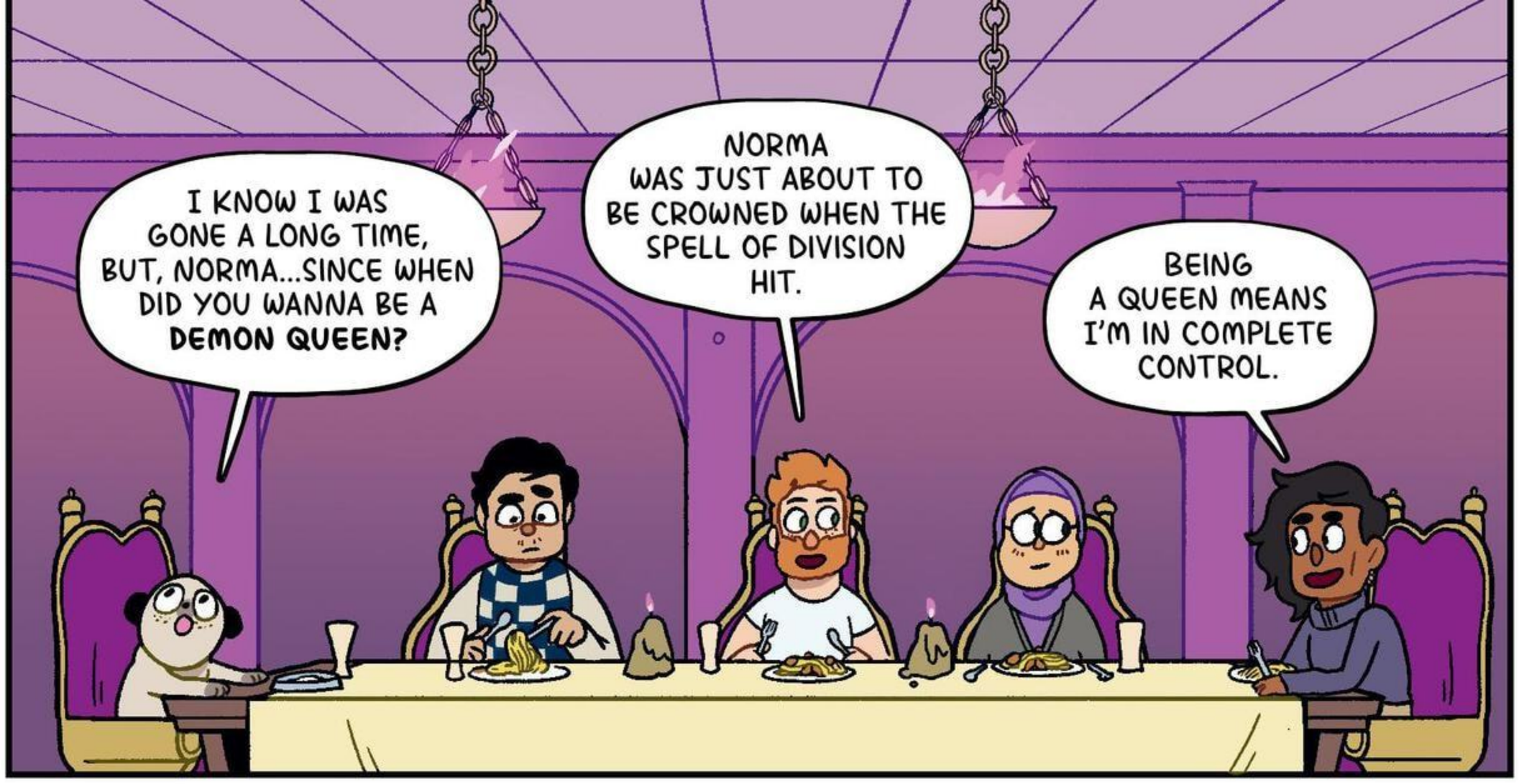
GO,
GO,
GO!

HELP!
GUARDS!



HELLO!

WE'RE ALIVE! WE MADE IT!
CITIZENS OF NORMAPOLIS! THESE ARE MY FRIENDS! I HAD FORGOTTEN THEM THANKS TO AN ANGELIC CURSE. THEY WILL DINE AT MY TABLE TONIGHT.
I'M SORRY... NORMAPOLIS!?


I KNOW I WAS GONE A LONG TIME, BUT, NORMA...SINCE WHEN DID YOU WANNA BE A **DEMON QUEEN?**
NORMA WAS JUST ABOUT TO BE CROWNED WHEN THE SPELL OF DIVISION HIT.
BEING A QUEEN MEANS I'M IN COMPLETE CONTROL.

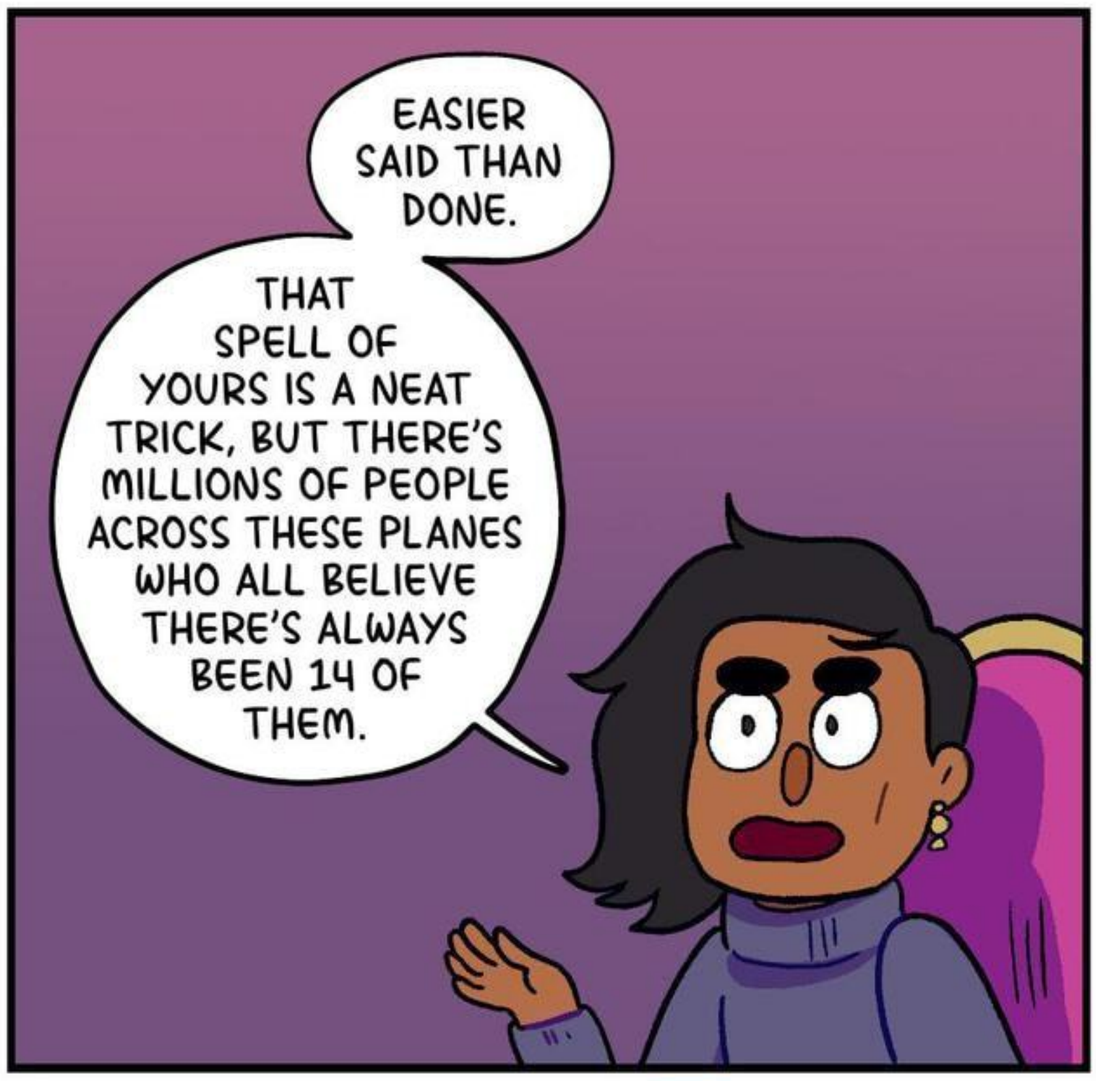
ALL MY DAYS GET SCHEDULED FOR ME, NOBODY TALKS TO ME UNLESS THEY'VE MADE A FORMAL REQUEST, AND I GET TO CHOOSE EXACTLY WHAT WE'RE EATING EVERY NIGHT.
IT'S THIS AUTISTIC GIRL'S DREAM!

THAT EXPLAINS THE SPAGHETTI AND NUGGETS...
BUT IN MY DREAM HAPPY ENDING, I WAS WITH LOGS. WHY AREN'T YOU WITH ZAGAN?

I DUNNO...IF I EVER THOUGHT OF HER AS...MY HAPPY ENDING.
PLUS ZAGAN'S A FULL DEMON. I'M ONLY PART. AND SINCE THE DIVISION, THE DEMON PLANES ARE CONSTANTLY AT WAR WITH ONE ANOTHER.

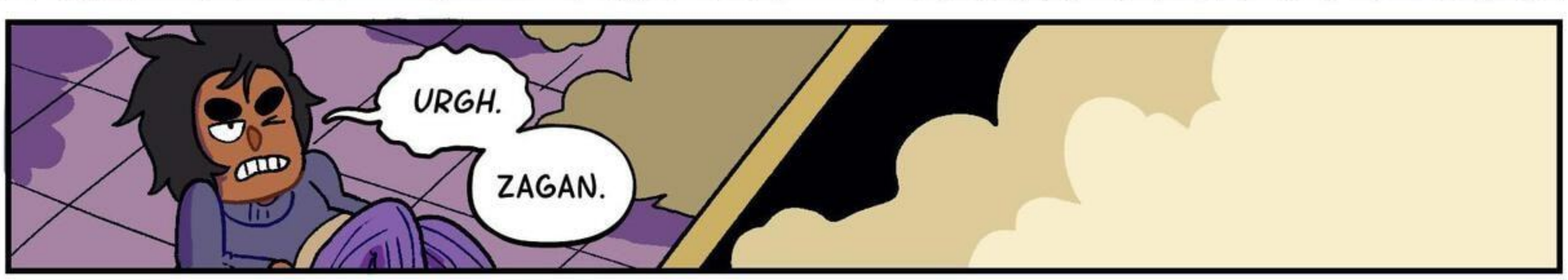
DIVIDE AND RULE.
THE ANGELS KNOW THEY'D BE NO MATCH FOR THE DEMONS UNITED, SO THEY MAKE US FIGHT EACH OTHER FOR SCRAPS.

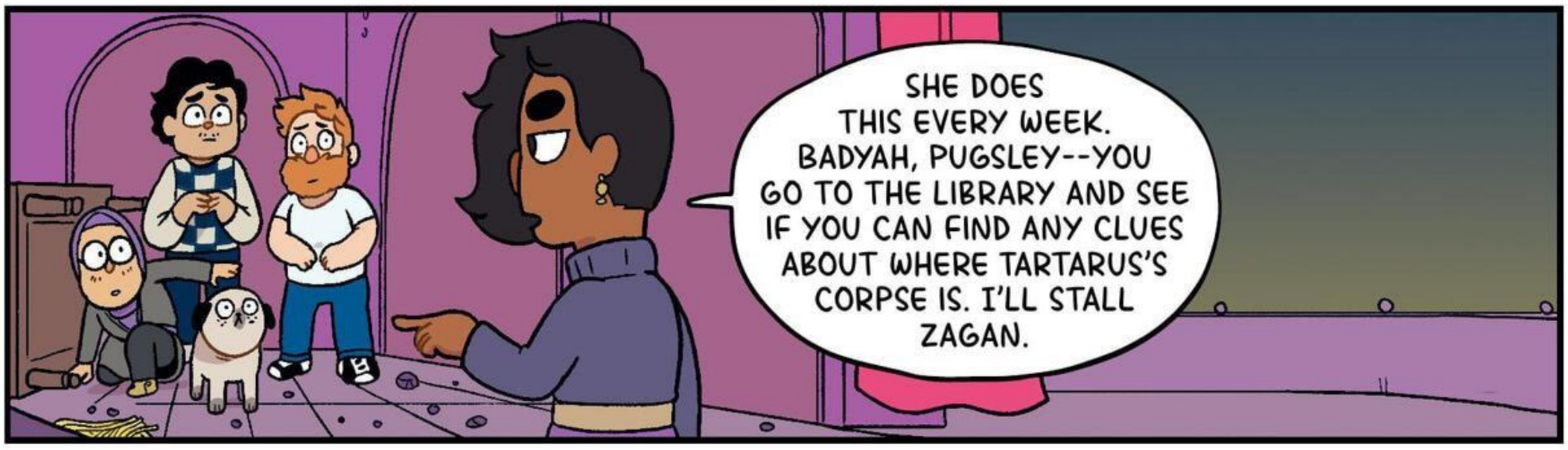
WELL, THAT'S IT! WE'VE GOTTA WAKE EVERYONE ELSE UP TOO.
THE ENTIRE MULTI-PLANE. MAKE THEM REMEMBER WHAT THE ANGELS DID.


EASIER SAID THAN DONE.
THAT SPELL OF YOURS IS A NEAT TRICK, BUT THERE'S MILLIONS OF PEOPLE ACROSS THESE PLANES WHO ALL BELIEVE THERE'S ALWAYS BEEN 14 OF THEM.

IT...MIGHT BE POSSIBLE.
HOW? EVEN THE ANGELS NEEDED A GIANT LIKE TARTARUS TO CHANGE ALL OF OUR MEMORIES.
EXACTLY. LET'S FIND TARTARUS AGAIN.

BOOOM!
CRASH!


URGH.
ZAGAN.



BARNEY? LOGS? WITH ME.

Y'KNOW, YOU COULD ALWAYS JUST CALL!

IT WAS A NICE TRICK, CUTTING THE CABLES OF THE ELEVATOR. YOU THINK THAT'S GONNA STOP US?
WE HAVE OTHER WAYS OF CROSSING THE PLANES, Y'KNOW.

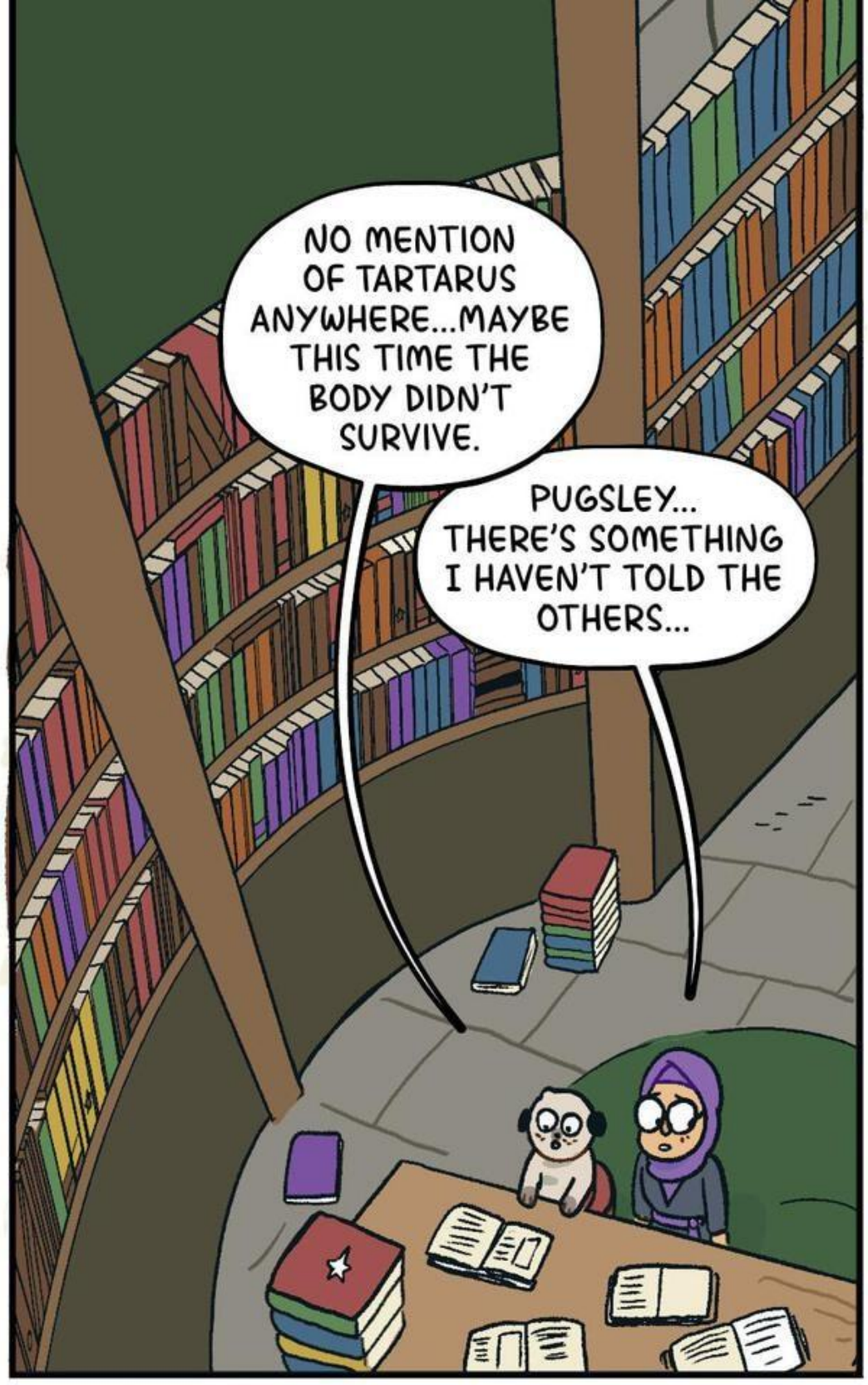
I DIDN'T CUT THE ELEVATOR CABLES.
WHOOPS, SORRY, THAT MIGHT'VE BEEN US!

YOU'RE RECRUITING **NEUTS** NOW? NO WONDER YOU'RE A LAUGHINGSTOCK AMONG THE DEMON PLANES. **YOU'LL NEVER BE ONE OF US.**

WHY WOULD I WANNA BE LIKE YOU? YOU LOOK LIKE THE BARGAIN SECTION AT SPIRIT HALLOWEEN!

THIS IS WHAT THE ANGELS WANT. CAN'T YOU REASON WITH HER? NEGOTIATE?

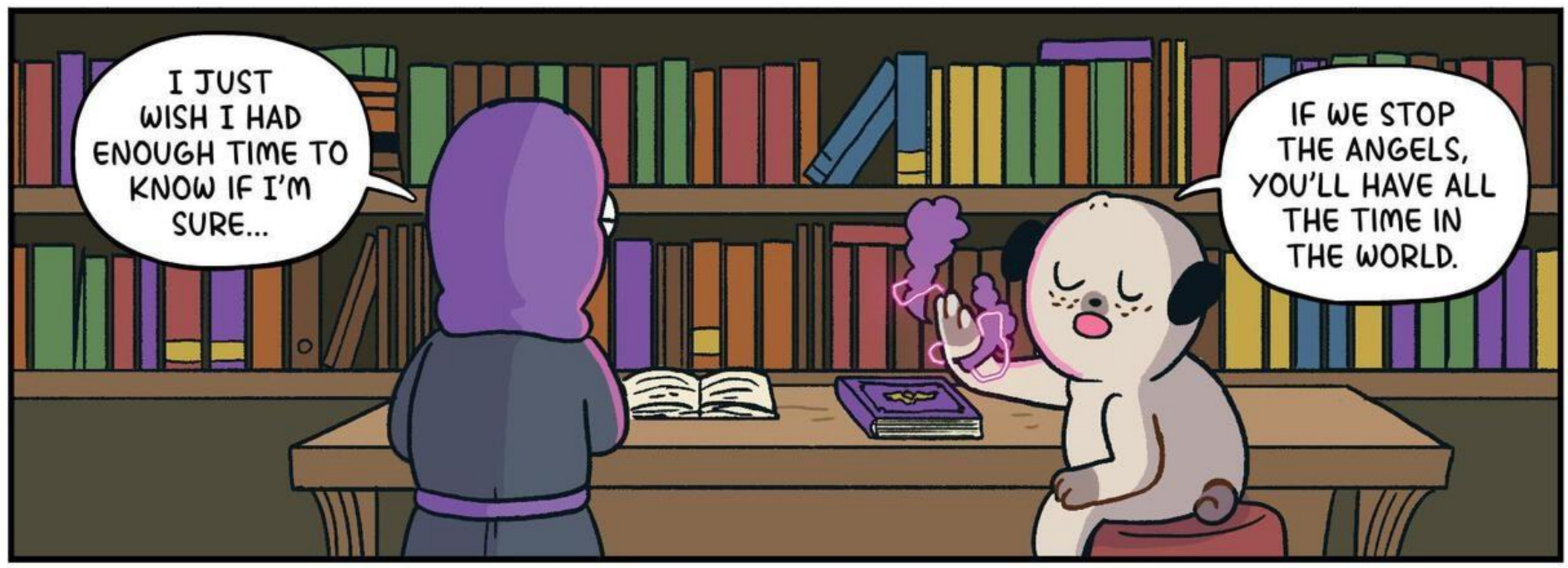
WOULD YOU LIKE TO COME UP FOR SOME TEA?

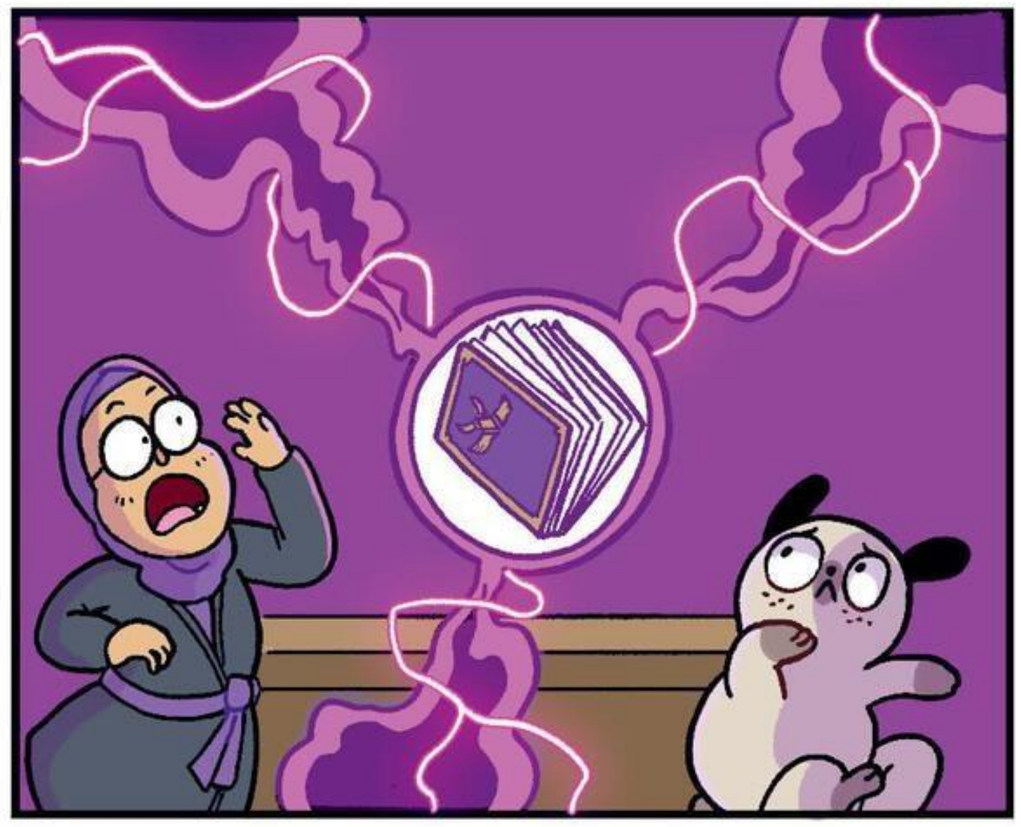

NO MENTION OF TARTARUS ANYWHERE...MAYBE THIS TIME THE BODY DIDN'T SURVIVE.
PUGSLEY... THERE'S SOMETHING I HAVEN'T TOLD THE OTHERS...

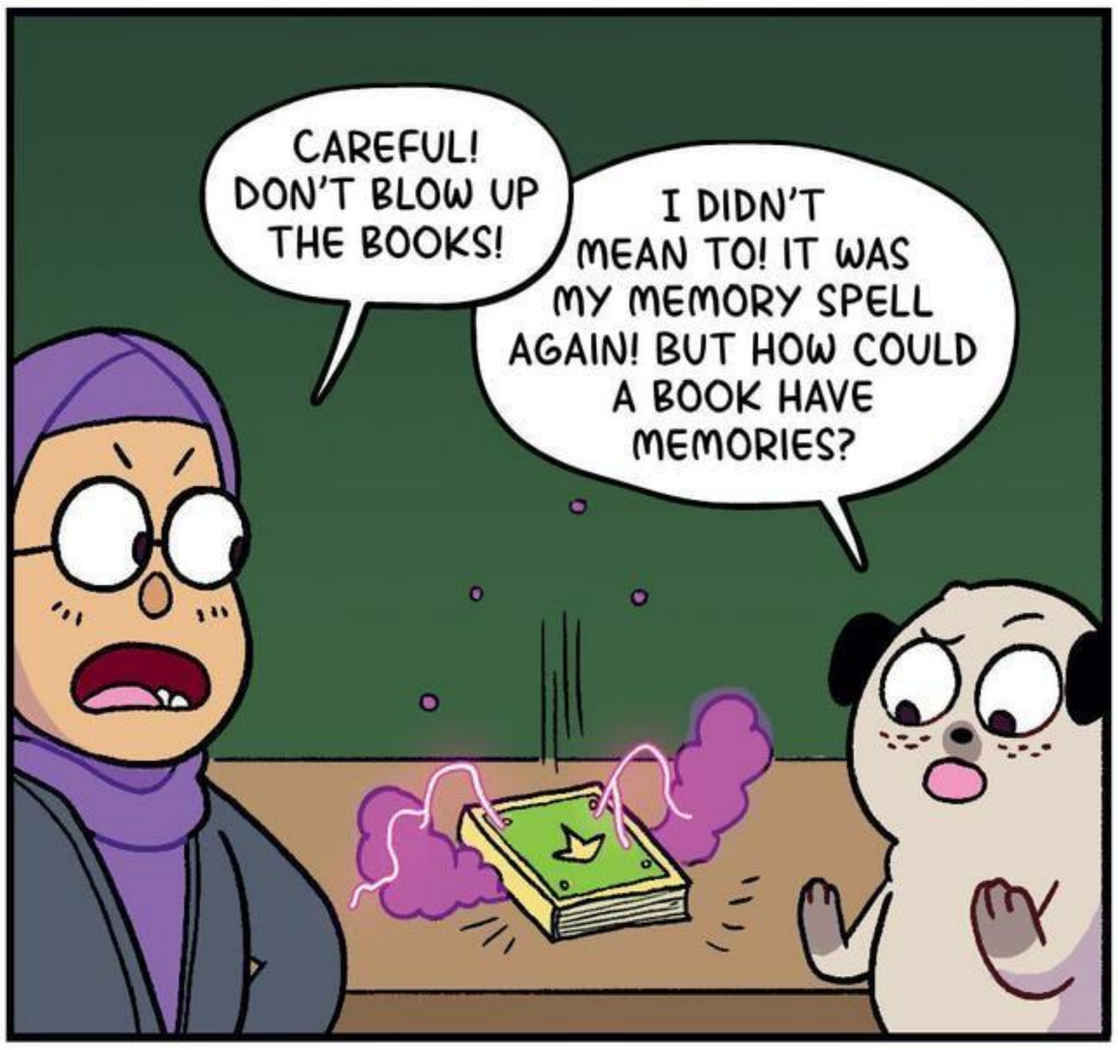
I THINK THE **REAL** REASON ZAGAN AND NORMA AREN'T TOGETHER ANYMORE IS ME... I THINK THAT PART IS **MY** DREAM HAPPY ENDING.

WHICH IS SO MESSED UP! I WANTED TO PROTECT NORMA FROM GETTING HURT. BUT NOW SHE'S FIGHTING WITH HER EX.

CRASH!
TO BE FAIR, I DON'T THINK MOST EXES FIGHT USING CANNONS.
I REJECTED NORMA BECAUSE I HADN'T FIGURED MYSELF OUT YET. BUT SOMETHING ABOUT THE END OF THE WORLD REALLY MAKES WHAT YOU'D MISS MOST SO CLEAR.


I JUST WISH I HAD ENOUGH TIME TO KNOW IF I'M SURE...
IF WE STOP THE ANGELS, YOU'LL HAVE ALL THE TIME IN THE WORLD.

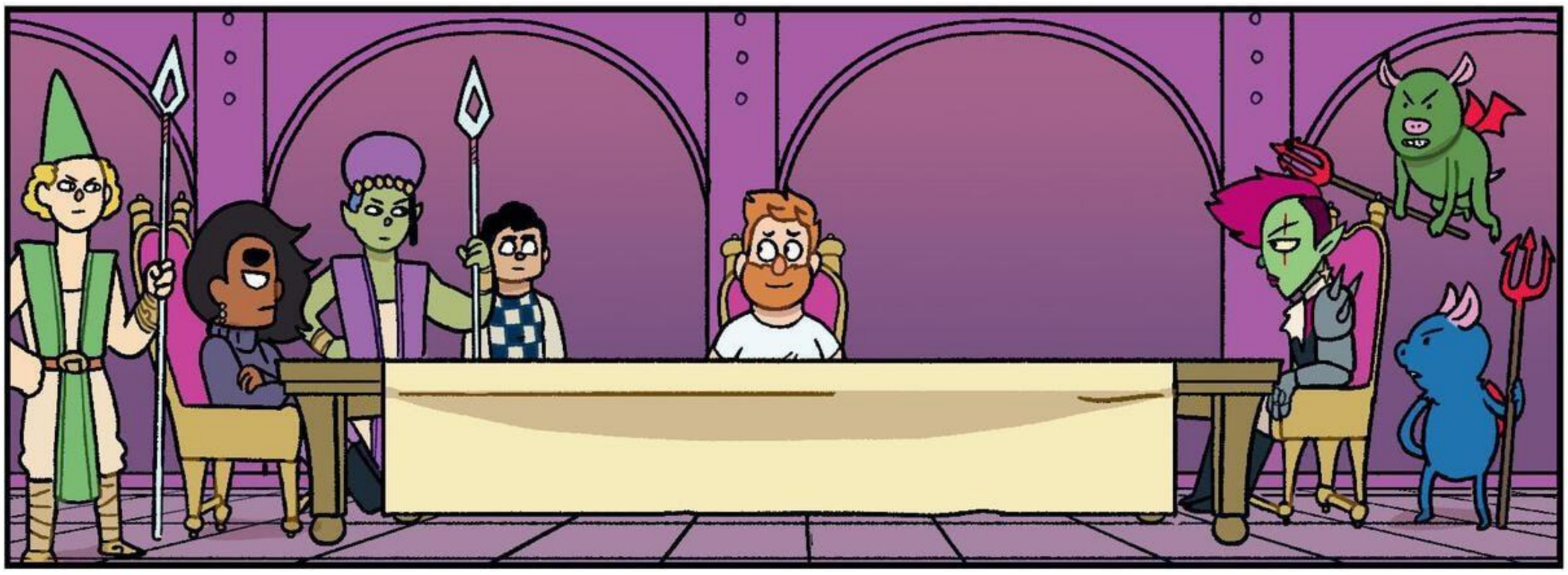



CAREFUL! DON'T BLOW UP THE BOOKS!
I DIDN'T MEAN TO! IT WAS MY MEMORY SPELL AGAIN! BUT HOW COULD A BOOK HAVE MEMORIES?

MAYBE IT WAS **NEVER** A MEMORY SPELL. PUGSLEY...THAT'S YOUR **TIME TRAVEL MAGIC.**

THIS BOOK JUST REVERTED BACK TO ITS FORMER SELF! FROM BEFORE THE DIVISION!

I WONDER IF I COULD MAKE IT GO BACK FURTHER? **TO BEFORE THE FIRST DIVISION...**



SO...YOU'RE BOTH INTO CASTLES, I HEAR.

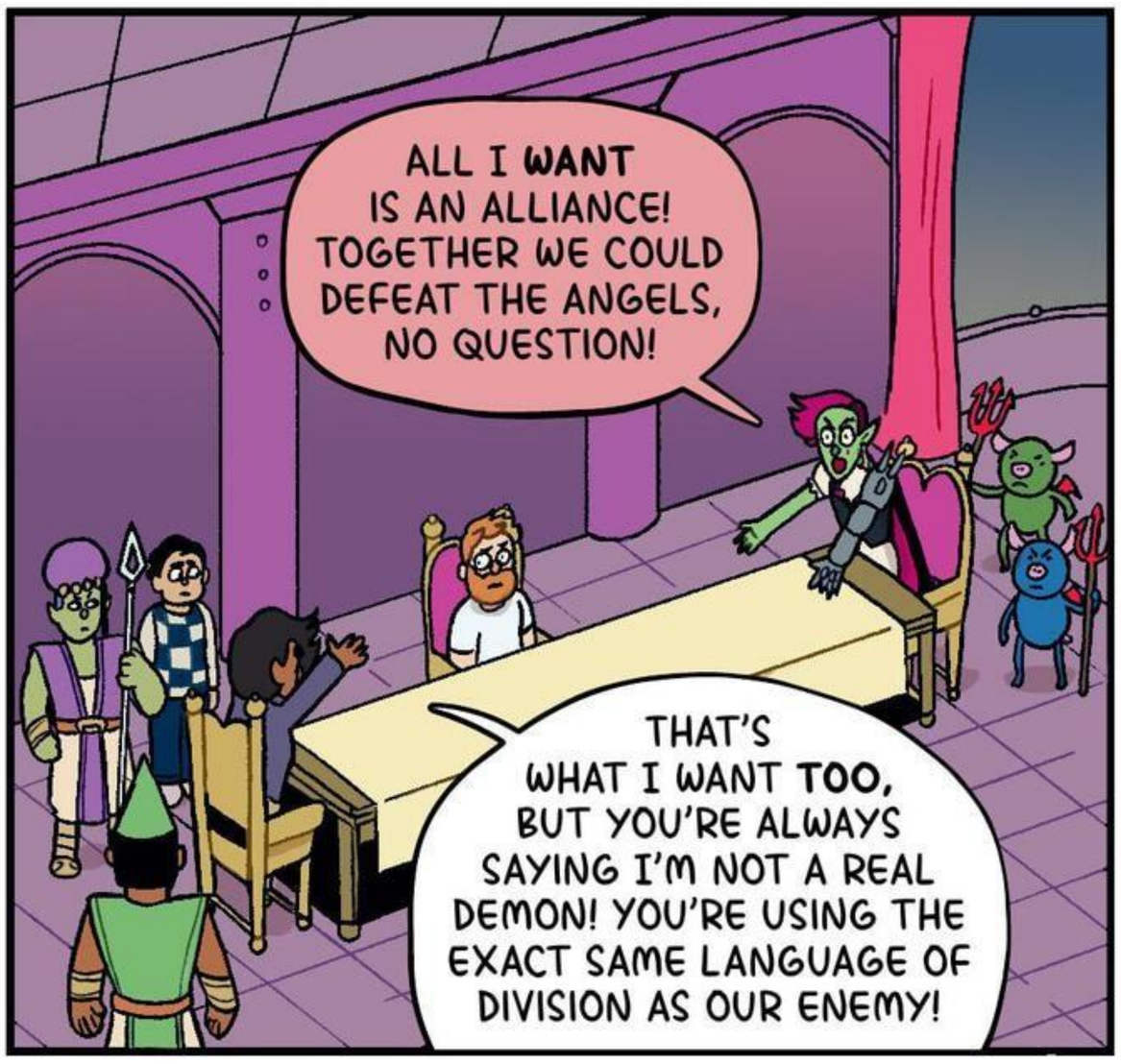
THIS IS BOGUS! THERE'S NOTHING I HAVE IN COMMON WITH FILTH LIKE HER.

I TOLD YOU! SHE'S COMPLETELY UNREASONABLE.

WHAT ABOUT FIGHTING ANGELS? THAT COULD BE A GOOD BONDING ACTIVITY.

I'M TRYING TO FIGHT THE ANGELS, BUT "THE KHAN" PREFERS TO NOT MAKE TROUBLE. WELL-BEHAVED DEMONS DON'T CHANGE HISTORY!

I'M JUST TRYING TO PROTECT MY PEOPLE! I'VE SEEN WHAT THE ANGELS CAN DO!
HEY, LOOK, IT'S NOT ME YOU'RE ANGRY AT! TALK TO ZAGAN.

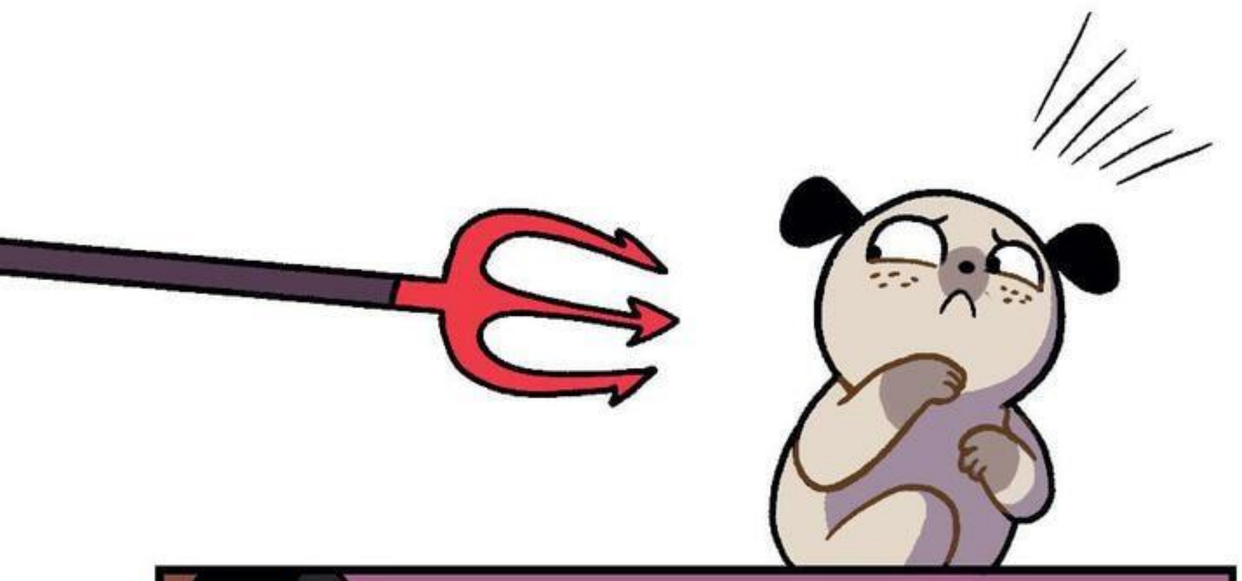

ALL I **WANT** IS AN ALLIANCE! TOGETHER WE COULD DEFEAT THE ANGELS, NO QUESTION!
THAT'S WHAT I WANT **TOO**, BUT YOU'RE ALWAYS SAYING I'M NOT A REAL DEMON! YOU'RE USING THE EXACT SAME LANGUAGE OF DIVISION AS OUR ENEMY!

THAT'S BECAUSE YOU'RE **NOT** A REAL DEMON, I'M SORRY! YOU'RE JUST DRESSED AS ONE!
YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT WE'VE BEEN THROUGH-- OUR HISTORY! OUR EXPERIENCES!

THEN TEACH ME! BECOMING A DEMON **LITERALLY** SAVED MY LIFE! **YOU** SAVED MY LIFE!

WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
YOU BIT ME! YOU MADE ME A DEMON. YOU LET ME IN. AND NOW THE SPELL OF DIVISION HAS MADE YOU FOCUS ON EVERYTHING THAT MAKES US DIFFERENT INSTEAD OF WHAT UNITES US.

WHY CAN'T YOU REMEMBER?

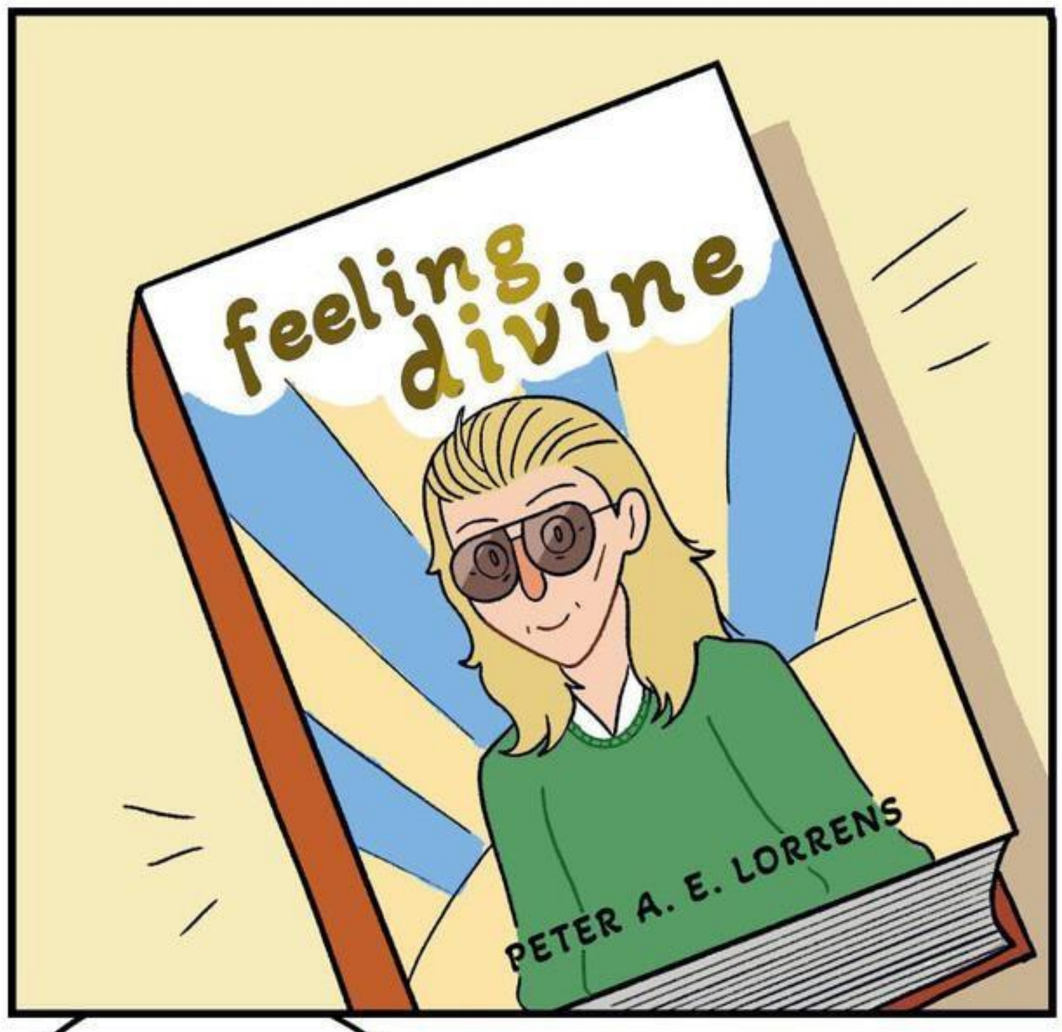


STOP!

NORMA...

I'M SO SORRY FOR WHAT I SAID.
IT WASN'T YOU. IT WAS JUST THE SPELL.
NO, THAT WAS ME.

THE ANGELS... THEY MUST'VE USED OUR MINDS TO CREATE THIS NEW REALITY. THEY MADE YOU A QUEEN... THEY MADE ME A GATEKEEPER.
THEY WEAPONIZED WHATEVER PREJUDICES I HAD INSIDE ME. BUT NO MORE.



THE SPELL OF DIVISION CENSORS BOOKS TO HELP THE ANGELS MAINTAIN THEIR FALSE VERSION OF HISTORY.

SO WHAT'S IN THIS BOOK THAT'S SO BAD?

IT'S NOT THE BOOK, IT'S THE **PUBLICATION DATE. LOOK!**

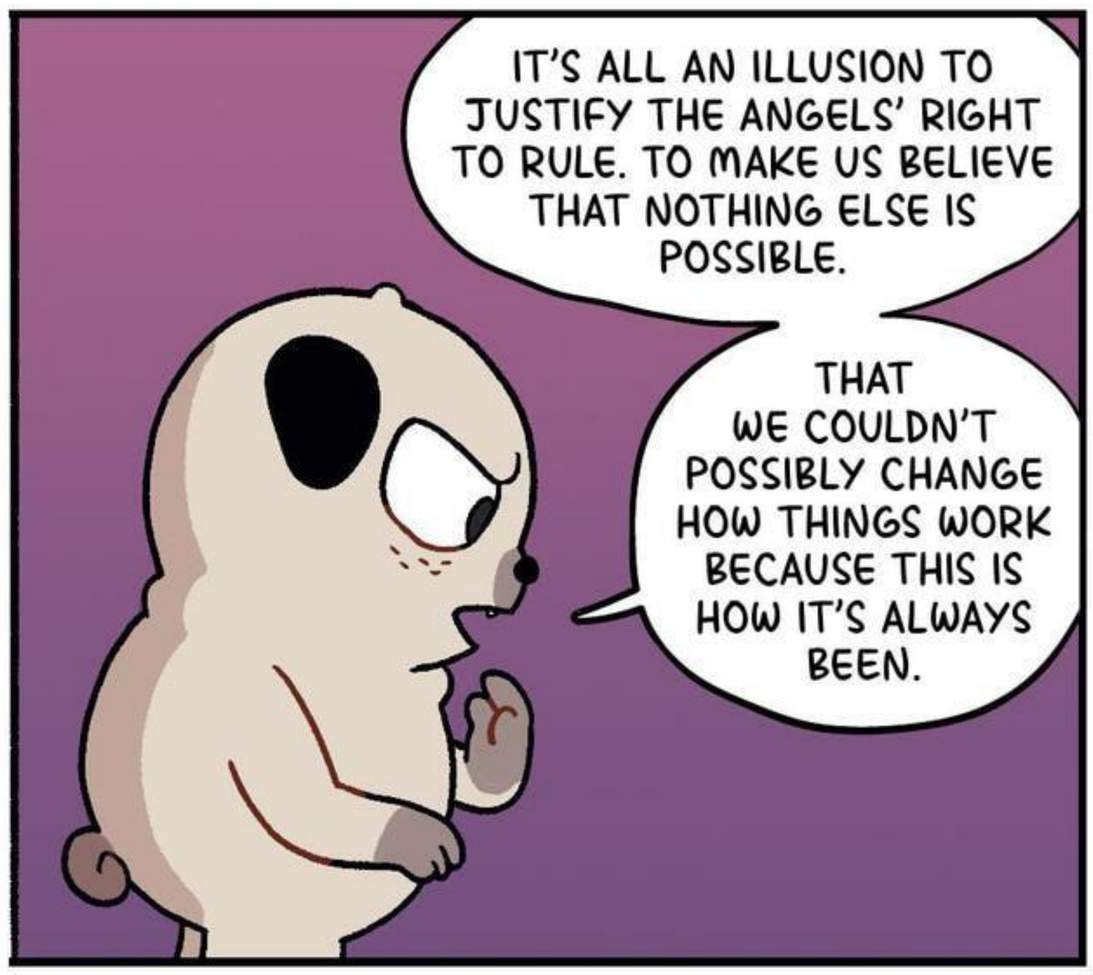
feeling divine

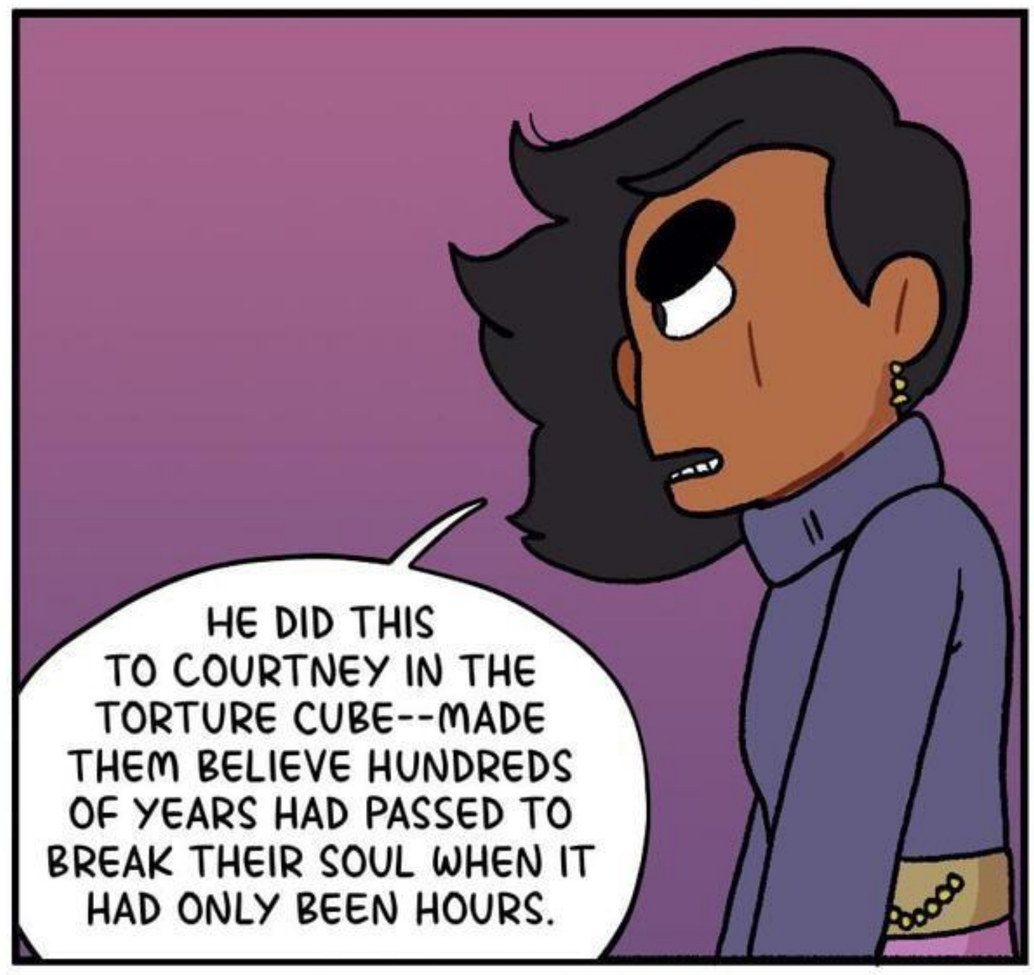
I DON'T GET IT!
THIS BOOK...
THIS BOOK IS...
IT'S 10 YEARS OLD.

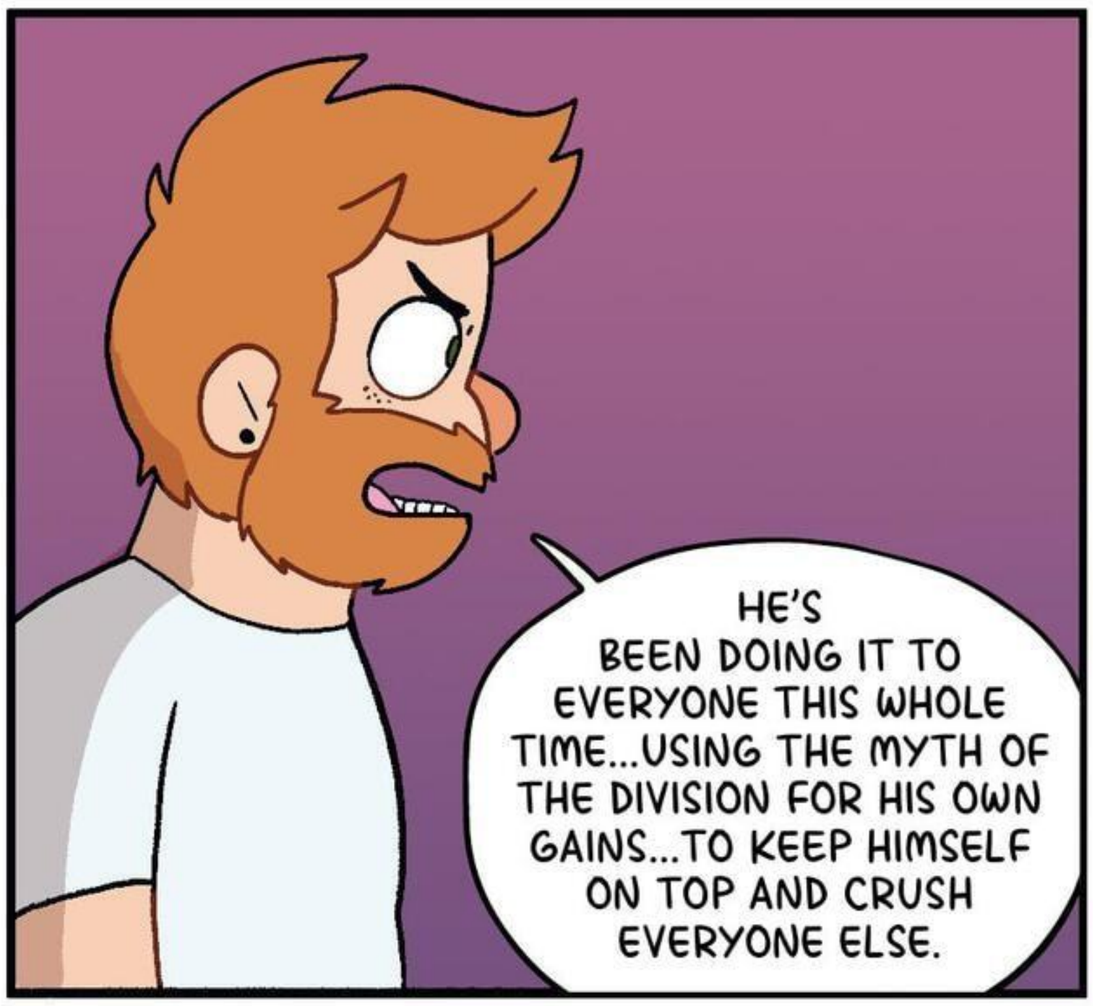
feeling divine
SO YOU'RE SAYING THAT A BOOK PUBLISHED BEFORE THE FIRST DIVISION WAS PUBLISHED 10 YEARS AGO?

THE FIRST DIVISION... THE **ANCIENT LEGEND** OF THE DIVINE AND TARTARUS AND THE SPELL...**WAS 10 YEARS AGO.**

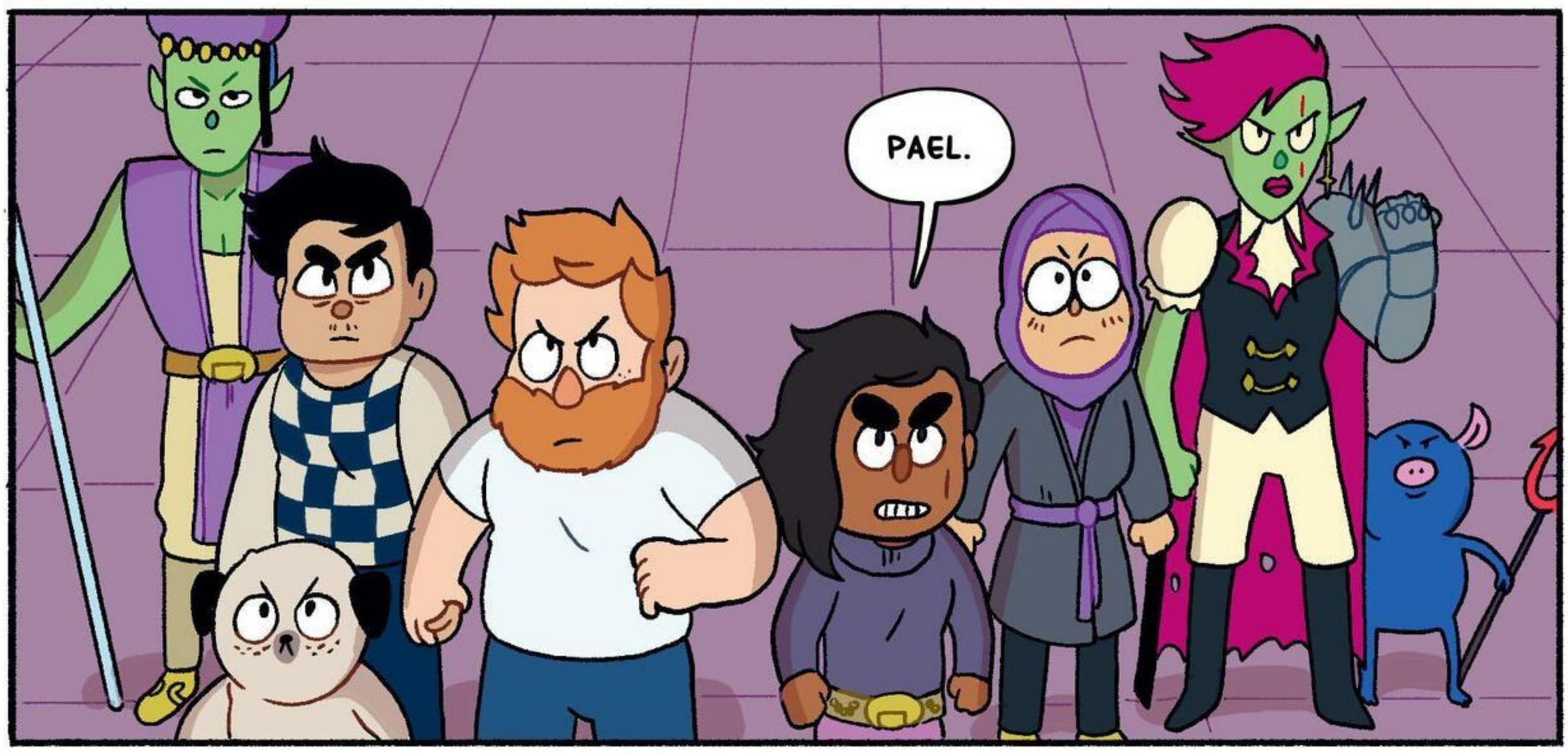
BUT...I'M THOUSANDS OF YEARS OLD...THESE CASTLES OF OURS ARE CRUMBLING AND IN RUINS.


IT'S ALL AN ILLUSION TO JUSTIFY THE ANGELS' RIGHT TO RULE. TO MAKE US BELIEVE THAT NOTHING ELSE IS POSSIBLE.
THAT WE COULDN'T POSSIBLY CHANGE HOW THINGS WORK BECAUSE THIS IS HOW IT'S ALWAYS BEEN.


HE DID THIS TO COURTNEY IN THE TORTURE CUBE--MADE THEM BELIEVE HUNDREDS OF YEARS HAD PASSED TO BREAK THEIR SOUL WHEN IT HAD ONLY BEEN HOURS.


HE'S BEEN DOING IT TO EVERYONE THIS WHOLE TIME...USING THE MYTH OF THE DIVISION FOR HIS OWN GAINS...TO KEEP HIMSELF ON TOP AND CRUSH EVERYONE ELSE.

HE? WHO'S HE?


PAEL.

SAY THAT AGAIN, MY DEAR?

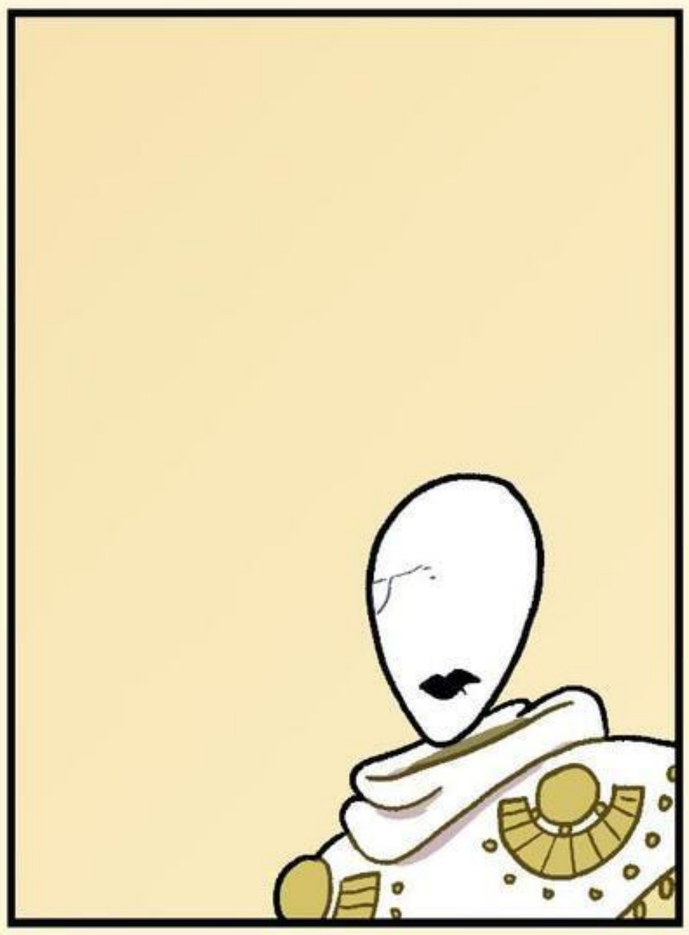
THE SURVEILLANCE TEAM...HAS DISCOVERED THAT THE DEMON LEADERS ZAGAN AND NORMA... HAVE FORMED AN ALLIANCE.

BUT THE SPELL OF DIVISION WAS SUPPOSED TO SEPARATE THEM...THE SPELL OF DIVISION THAT I PUT **YOU** IN CHARGE OF...

THERE WAS AN ANOMALY.

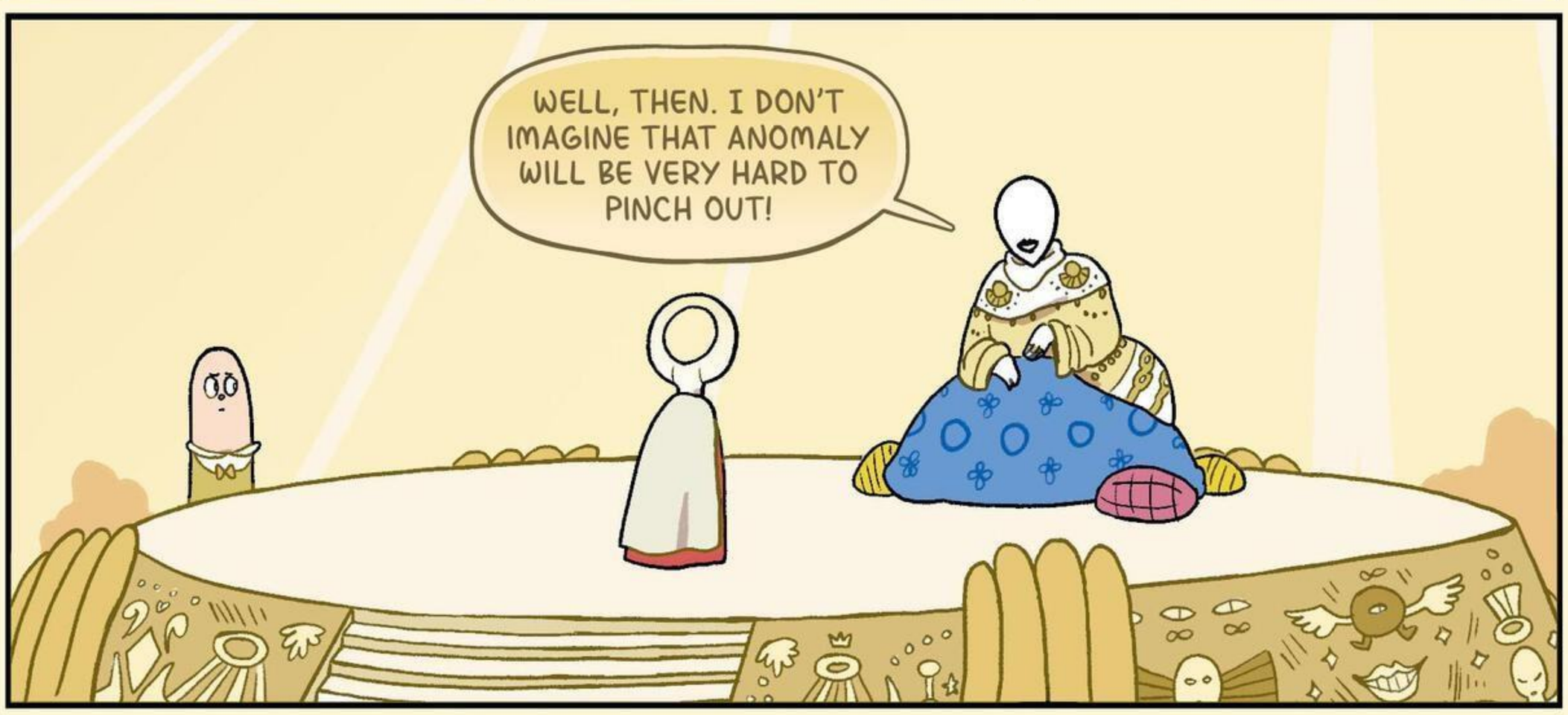
AN ANOMALY?

...A PUG.



HA HA HA HA! HO HO HO!

HO HO HO...


WELL, THEN. I DON'T IMAGINE THAT ANOMALY WILL BE VERY HARD TO PINCH OUT!

THIS ISN'T ANY NORMAL DOG. AND THE SURVEILLANCE TEAM HAS LEARNED MORE.

"THIS DOG IS... BRAINWASHING THE DEMONS.

"THEY'RE CURRENTLY TRAVELING TO THE OTHER PLANES THROUGH ILLEGAL MEANS AND TRICKING THE OTHER RULERS...

"...AND EVEN USING THE MEDIA TO SPREAD THEIR LIES ABOUT THE ANGELS!"

Late with HOX

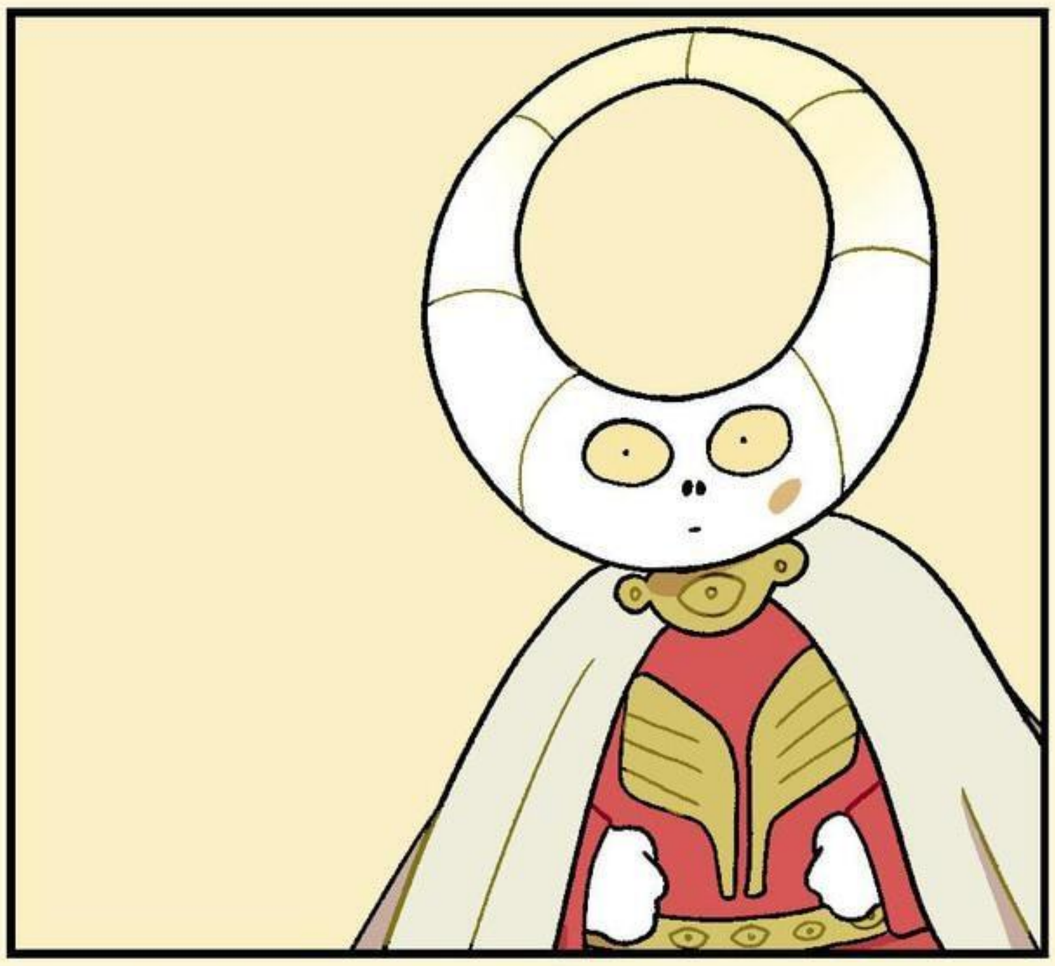
WE COULDN'T HAVE PREDICTED THIS PUG'S POWER...HE WAS OUTSIDE THE MULTI-PLANE WHEN THE SPELL WAS CAST! HE KNOWS THE TRUTH OF THE TIMES BEFORE!

"THEY'VE GONE TO EVERY DEMON PLANE...

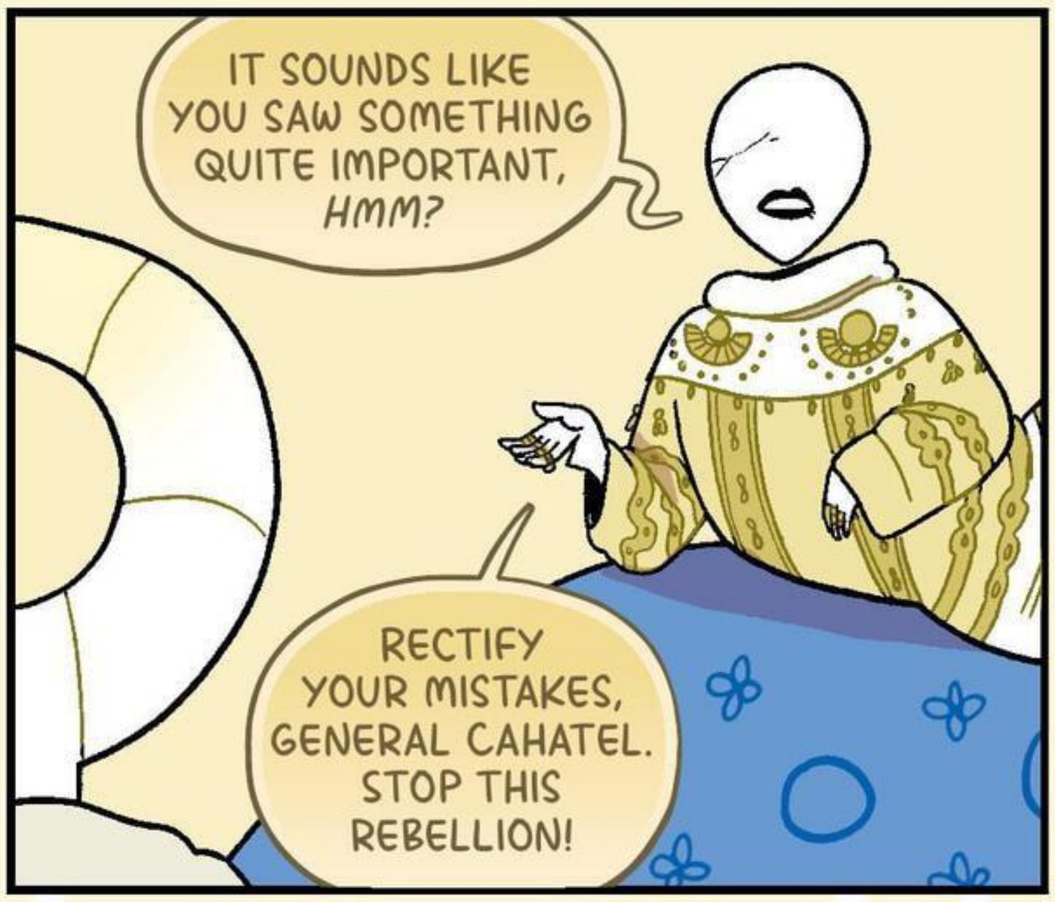
"...WITH COMPLETE DISREGARD FOR YOUR DIVISIONS...

"...AND ARE GATHERING ON THE NEUTRAL PLANE--"

--LIKE THE DUMB, LI'L IDIOTS THEY ARE!



ARE YOU ALL RIGHT THERE, SWEETIE?
FINE.


IT SOUNDS LIKE YOU SAW SOMETHING QUITE IMPORTANT, HMM?
RECTIFY YOUR MISTAKES, GENERAL CAHATEL. STOP THIS REBELLION!

OR WE'LL HAVE TO SEE HOW MANY DIVISIONS IT TAKES BEFORE THESE DEMONS KNOW THEIR PLACE!

DOOM
MMM!

PART

THREE

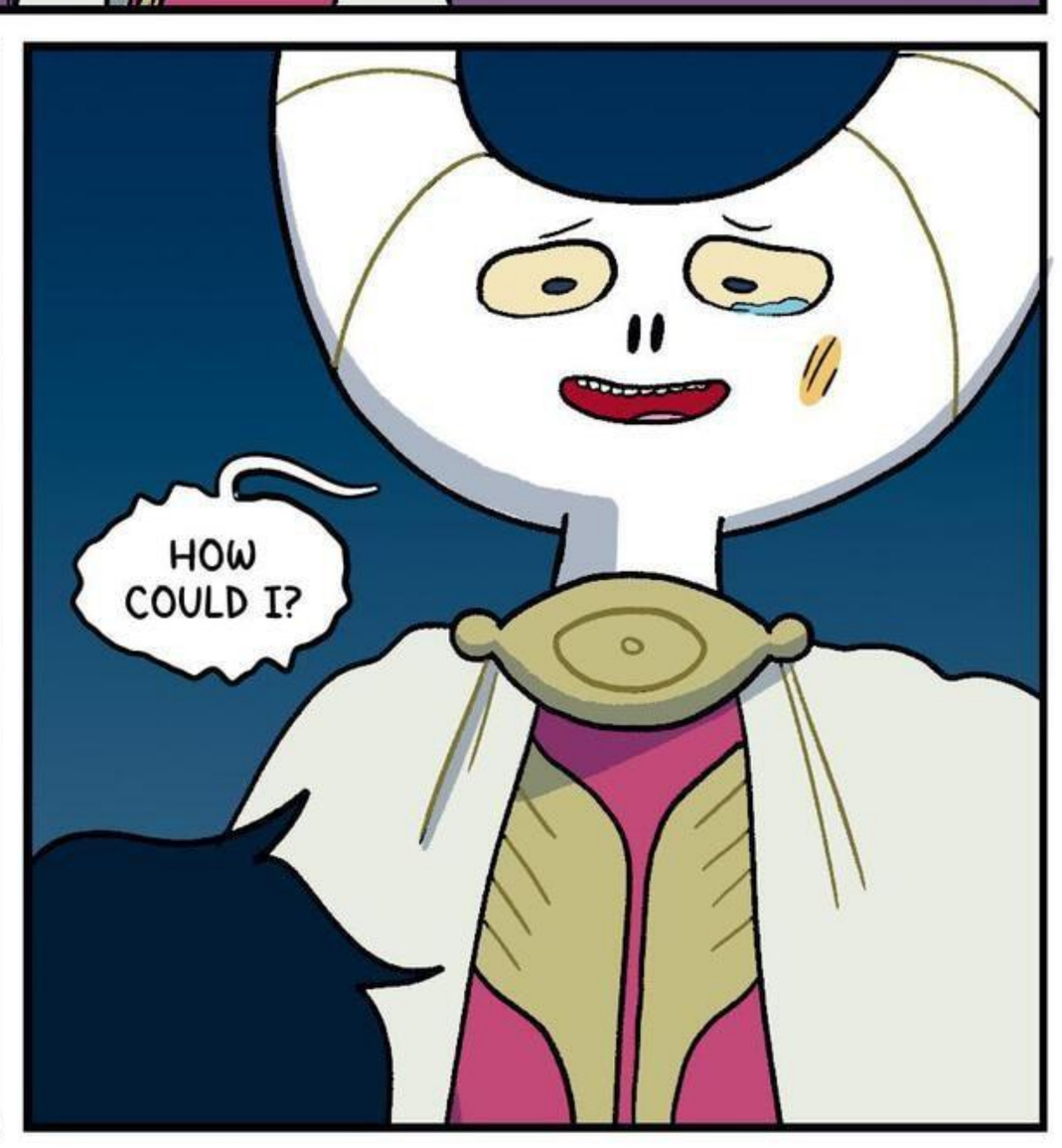
HERE WE ARE AGAIN. WHEN WILL YOU UNDERSTAND THAT REBELLION WILL ONLY LEAD TO FURTHER DIVISION?
WHEN WILL YOU UNDERSTAND THAT YOUR ATTEMPTS TO DIVIDE US ONLY STRENGTHEN OUR RESOLVE?
I DID EVERYTHING I COULD TO MAKE YOU HAPPY.
AND YET YOU REJECT MY GIFTS...
GIFTS? YOU GAVE US HAPPY ENDINGS TO STOP US FROM REVOLTING. ILLUSIONS! BUT IT DIDN'T WORK!
I GAVE YOU HAPPY ENDINGS SO YOU'D HAVE HAPPY ENDINGS, EYEBROWS!

COURTNEY...?

KEEP IT DOWN, MORON.

I ONLY JOINED THE ANGELS TO MANIPULATE THEM FROM THE INSIDE!

YOU... NEVER FORGOT US?


HOW COULD I?

YOU DON'T KNOW HOW HARD IT WAS TO TURN MY BACK ON YOU. BUT EVERYTHING I'VE DONE WAS TO PROTECT YOU...

YOU CAN'T STOP THE ANGELS... MY ONLY CHANCE TO SAVE YOU WAS TO INFLUENCE THAT SPELL AND MAKE YOU HAPPY.

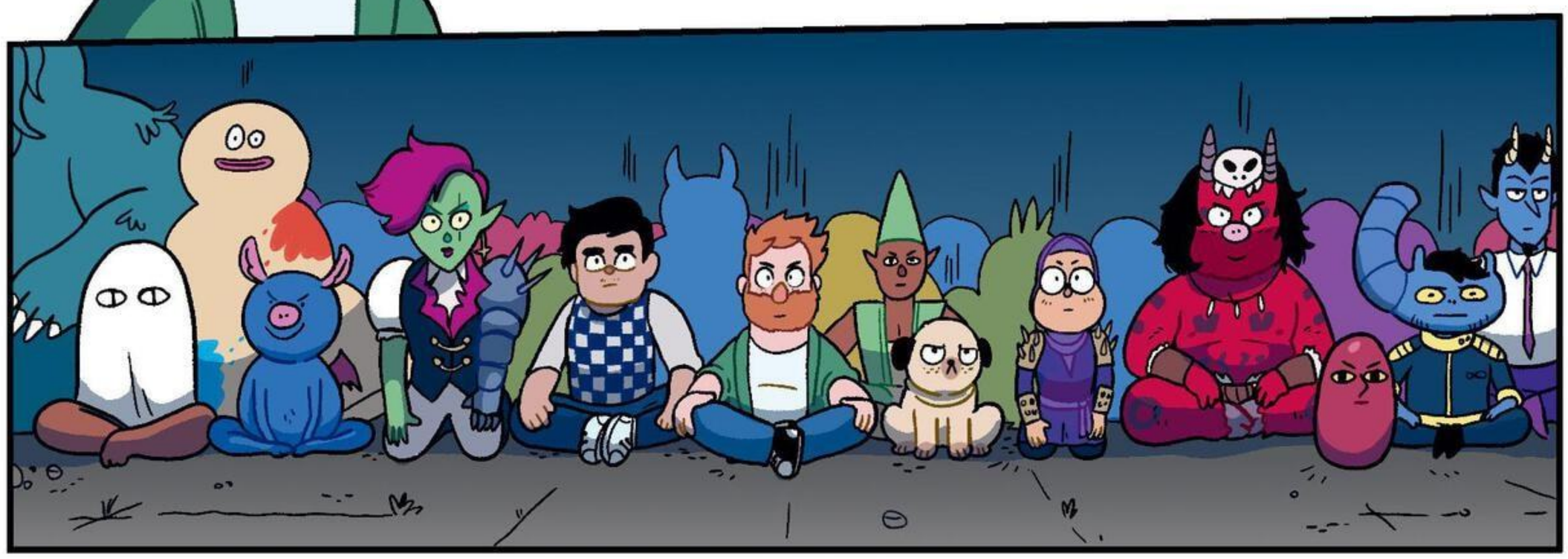
I TRIED TO CHANGE THE SYSTEM...TO MAKE THE DIVINE ORDER WORK FOR MY FRIENDS...AND YOU SPOILED IT BY BEING SO DAMN HEROIC, AS USUAL!

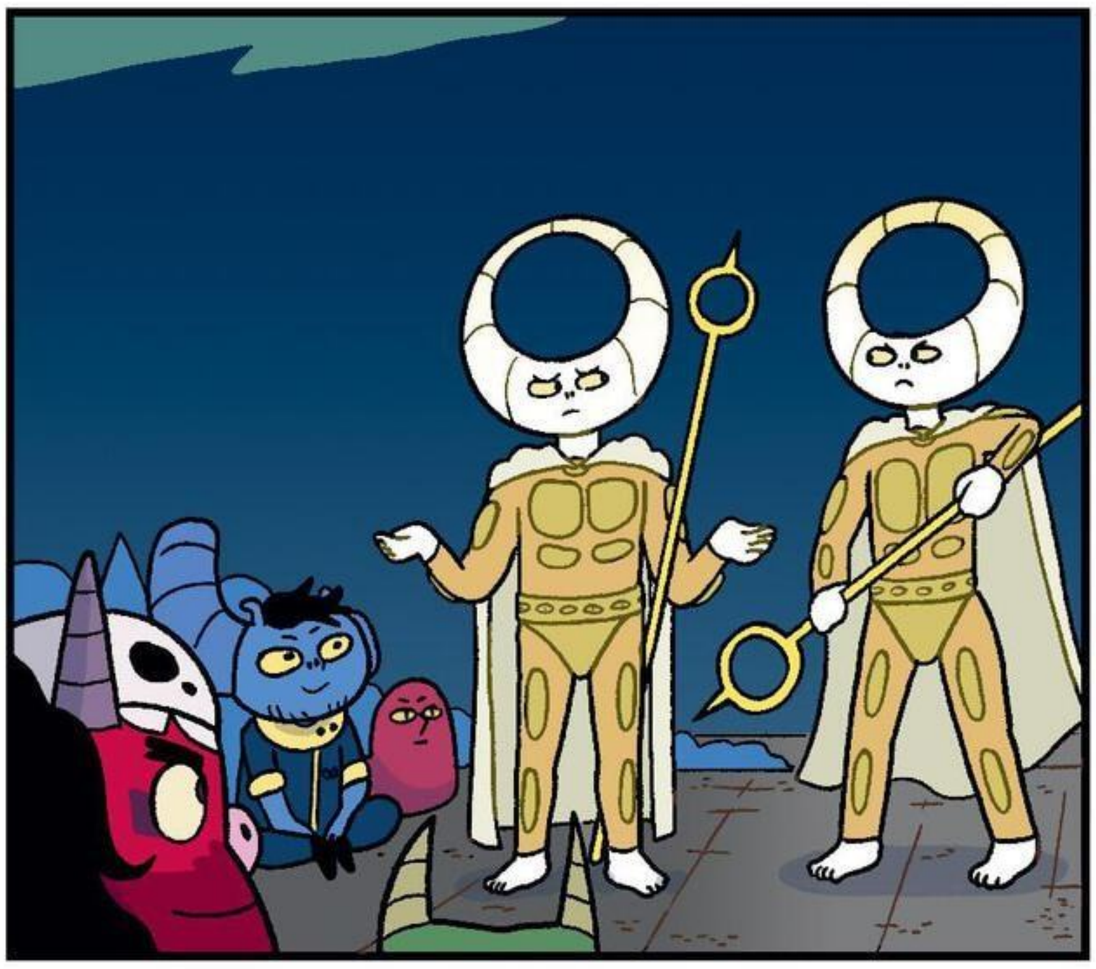
STAND DOWN, NORMA. OR THEY'LL DIVIDE THE PLANES AGAIN, AND THIS TIME I CAN'T PROMISE YOU A HAPPY ENDING.

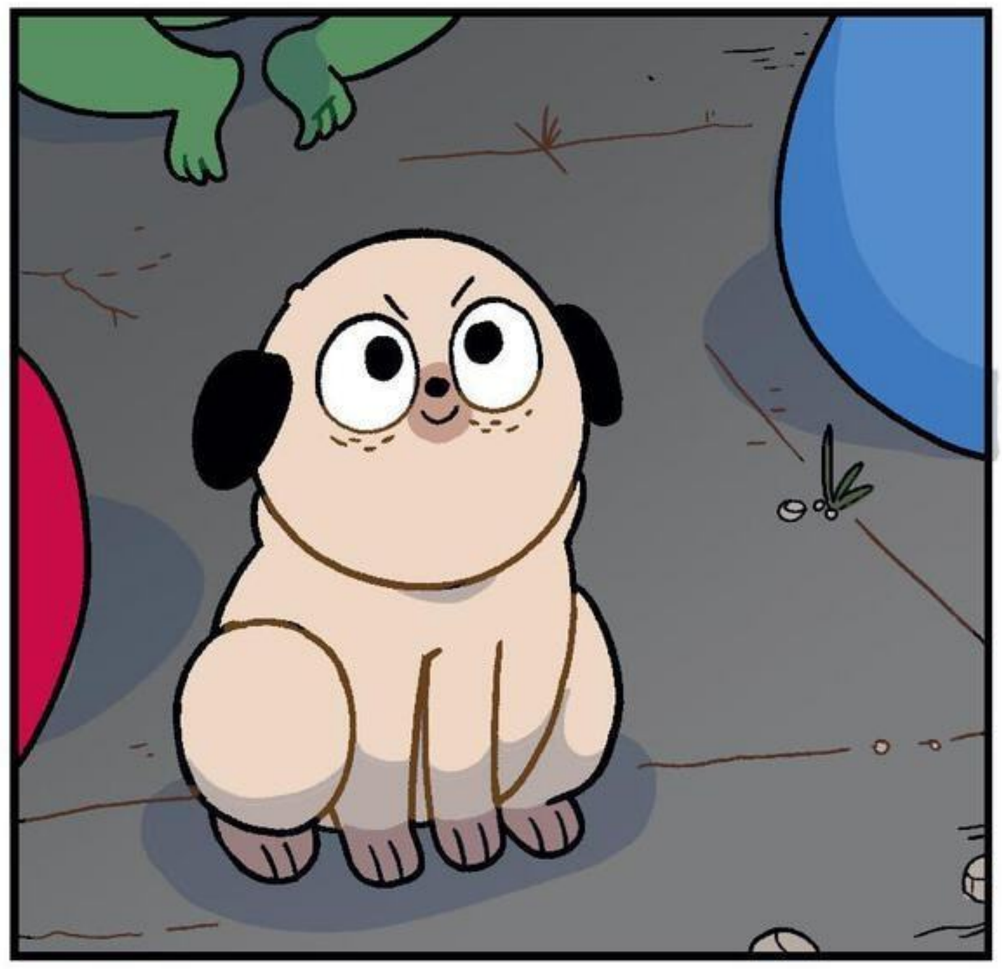
COURTNEY... YOU CAN'T FIX THIS SYSTEM. IT'S NOT BROKEN, IT'S WORKING EXACTLY AS IT WAS INTENDED. THAT'S WHY WE NEED TO TEAR IT DOWN!

TOGETHER!

NOW!

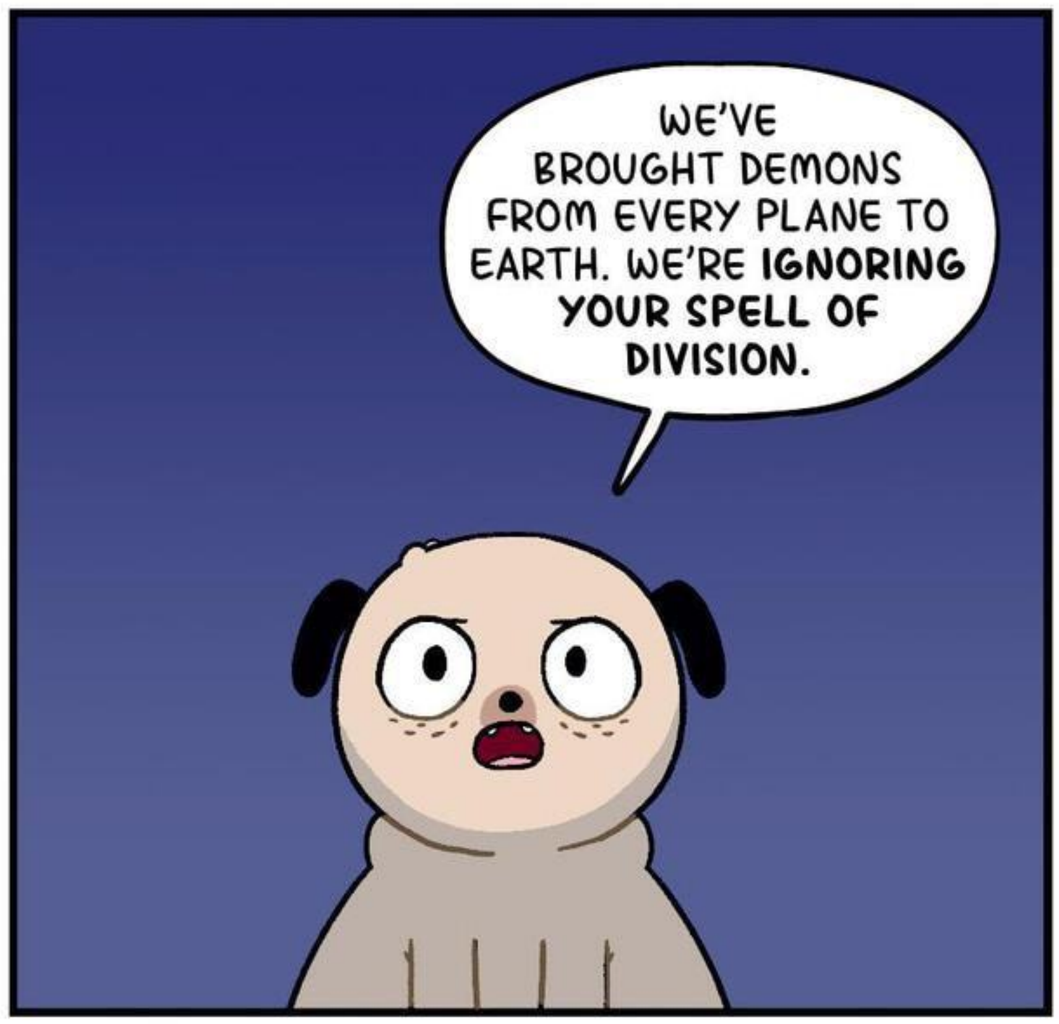


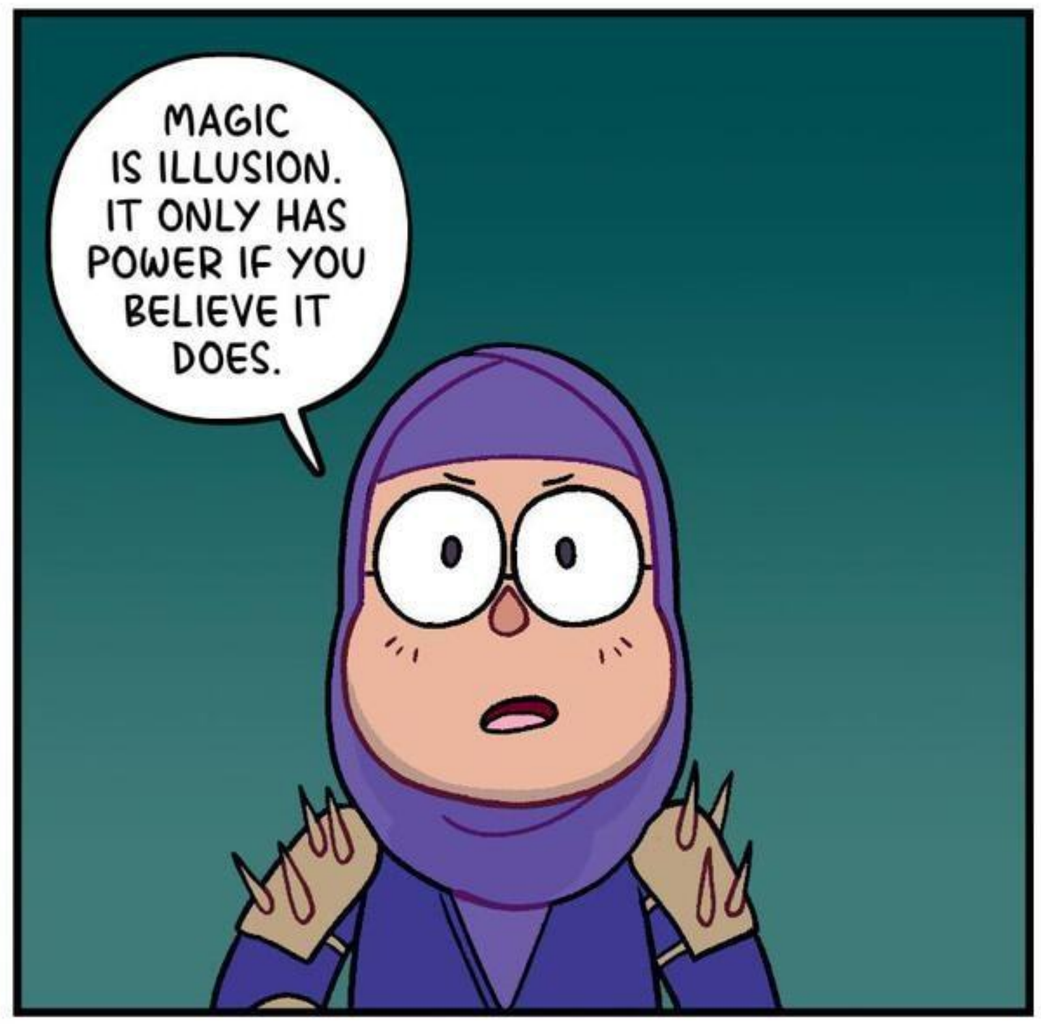




GENERAL CAHATEL! WHAT SHOULD WE DO? THEIR ARMY ISN'T FIGHTING BACK!

YES WE ARE. BUT THIS ISN'T AN ARMY. IT'S A PROTEST!


WE'VE BROUGHT DEMONS FROM EVERY PLANE TO EARTH. WE'RE **IGNORING YOUR SPELL OF DIVISION.**

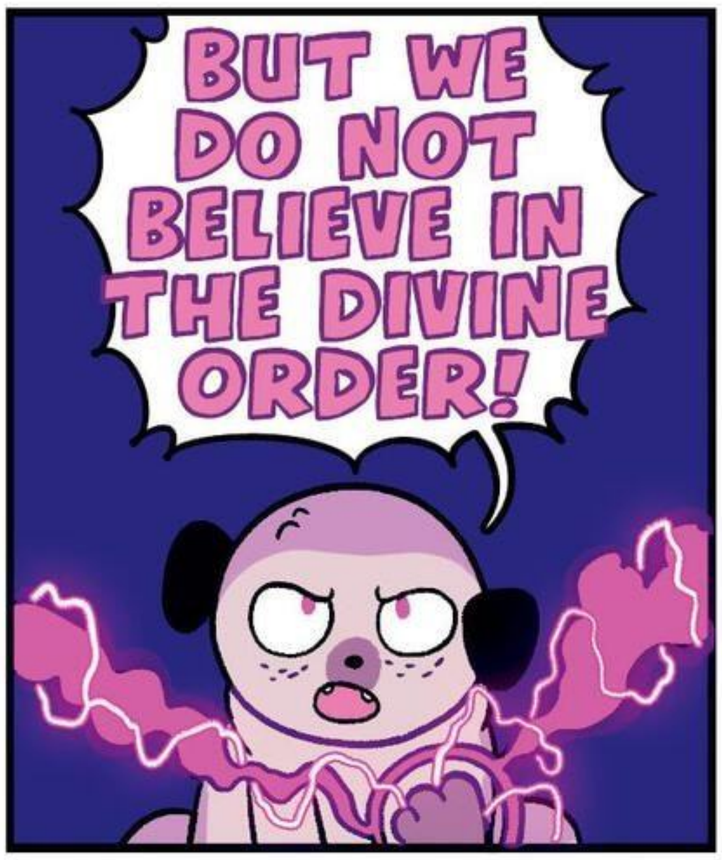

MAGIC IS ILLUSION. IT ONLY HAS POWER IF YOU BELIEVE IT DOES.

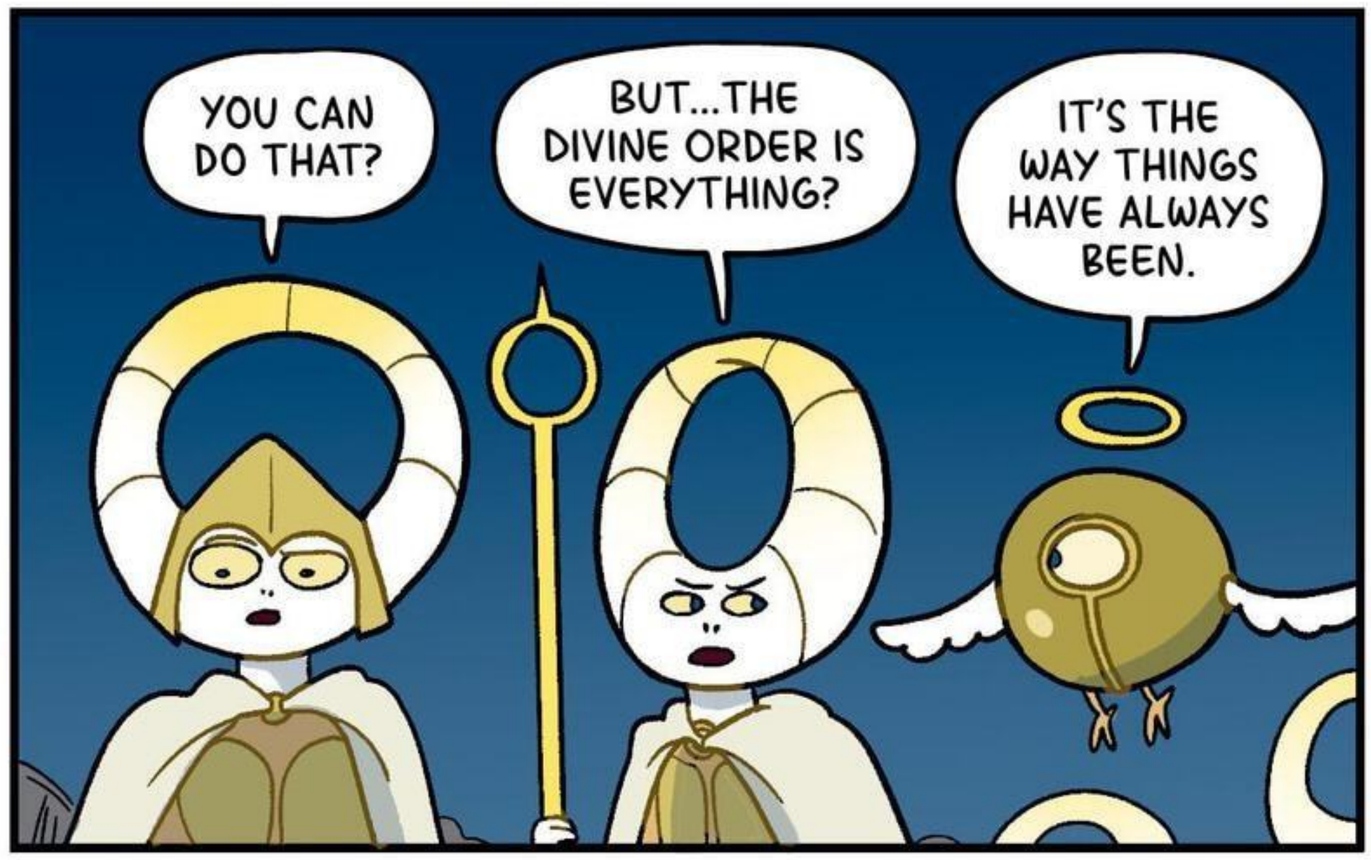
AND BELIEF IS A CHOICE.

I BELIEVE IN MY **FRIENDS.**

I BELIEVE IN OUR **UNITY.**

IN OUR **SUFFERING.**

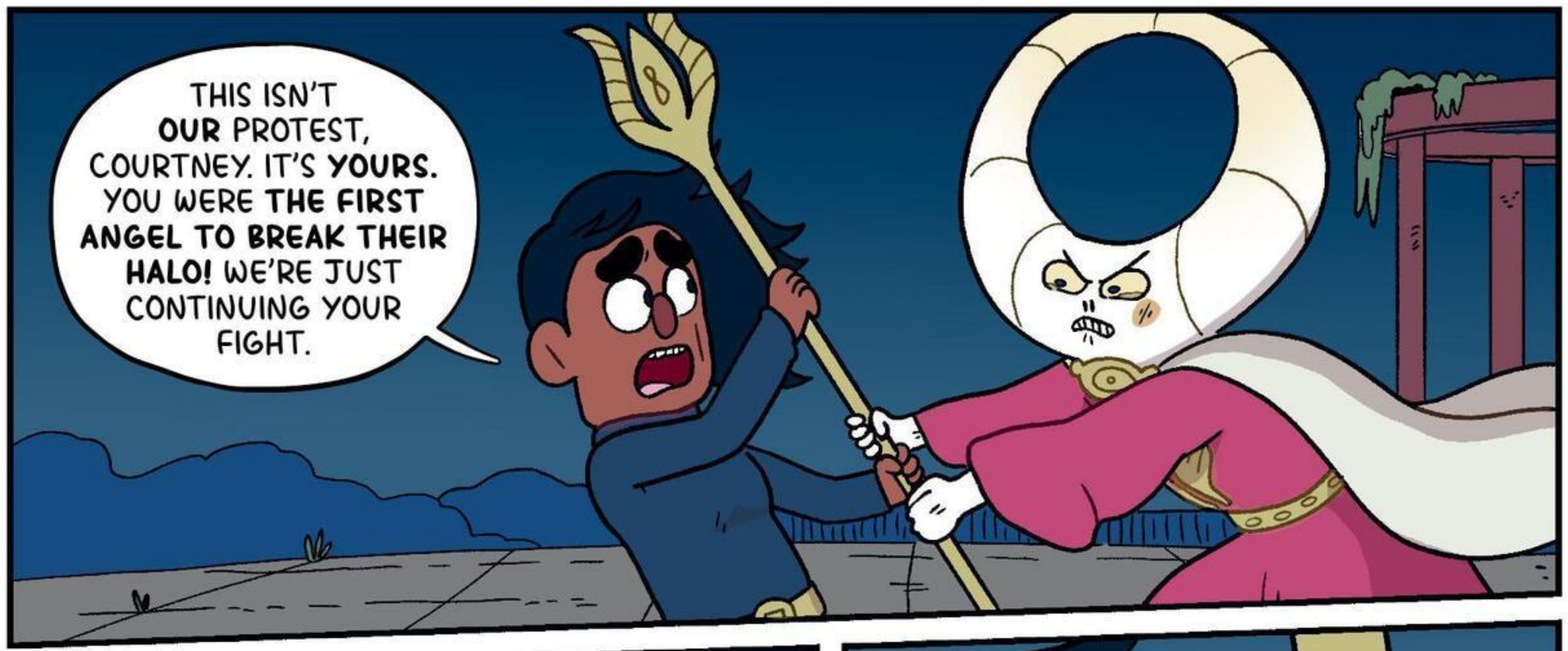

BUT WE DO NOT BELIEVE IN THE DIVINE ORDER!


YOU CAN DO THAT?
BUT...THE DIVINE ORDER IS EVERYTHING?
IT'S THE WAY THINGS HAVE ALWAYS BEEN.

NO! LOOK AT ME. I WAS ONCE AN ANGEL LIKE YOU.

BUT SOMEONE SHOWED ME YOU COULD BREAK YOUR HALO, BREAK THE SYSTEM, AND BE FREE.

THEY WERE MY BEST FRIEND. COURTNEY. THE BRAVEST PERSON I'VE EVER KNOWN.


THIS ISN'T **OUR** PROTEST, COURTNEY. IT'S **YOURS.** YOU WERE **THE FIRST ANGEL TO BREAK THEIR HALO!** WE'RE JUST CONTINUING YOUR FIGHT.

IT'S TOO LATE... LOOK AT ME...MY FIGHT WAS FOR NOTHING.

YOUR FIGHT HAS ONLY JUST BEGUN.

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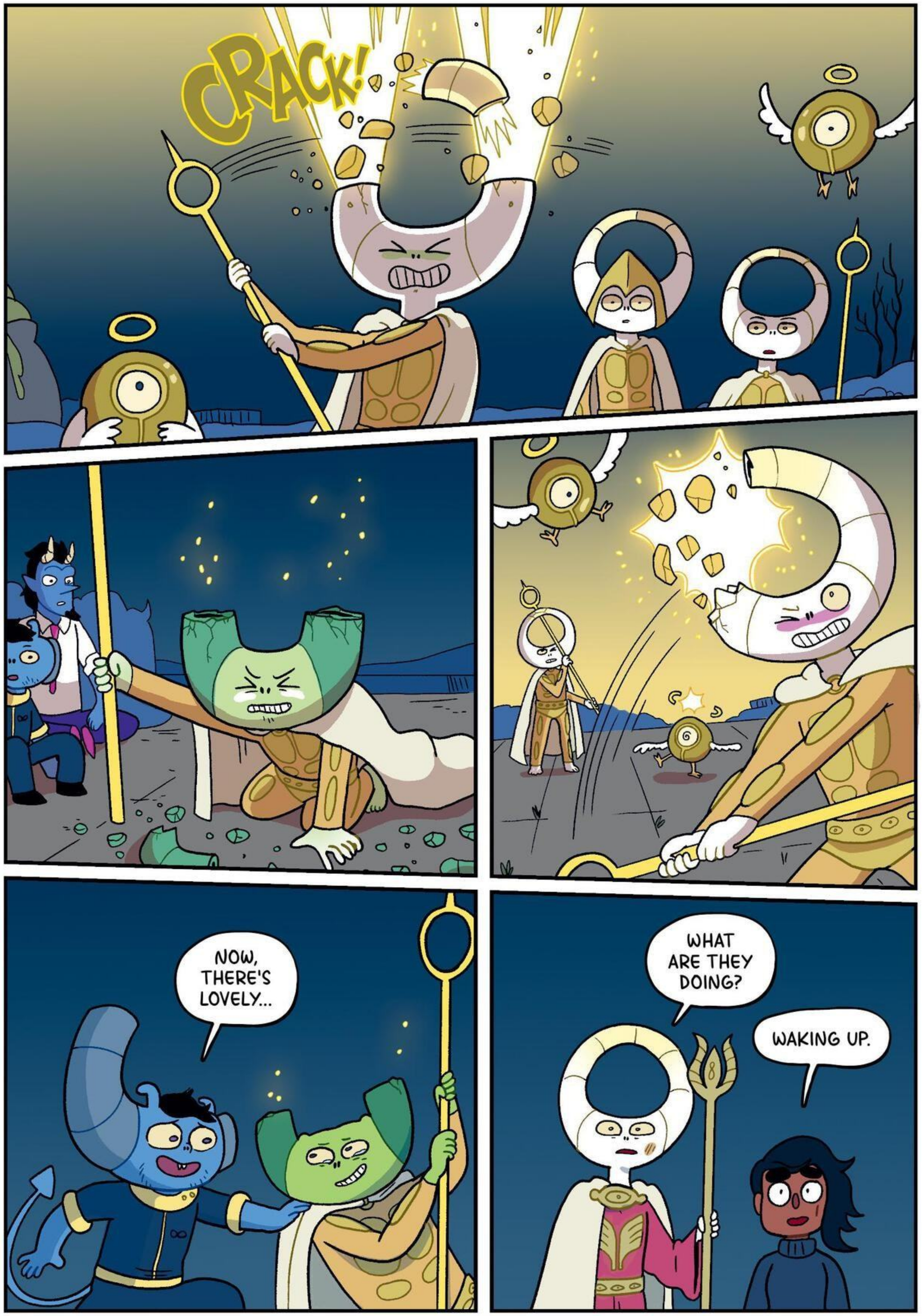
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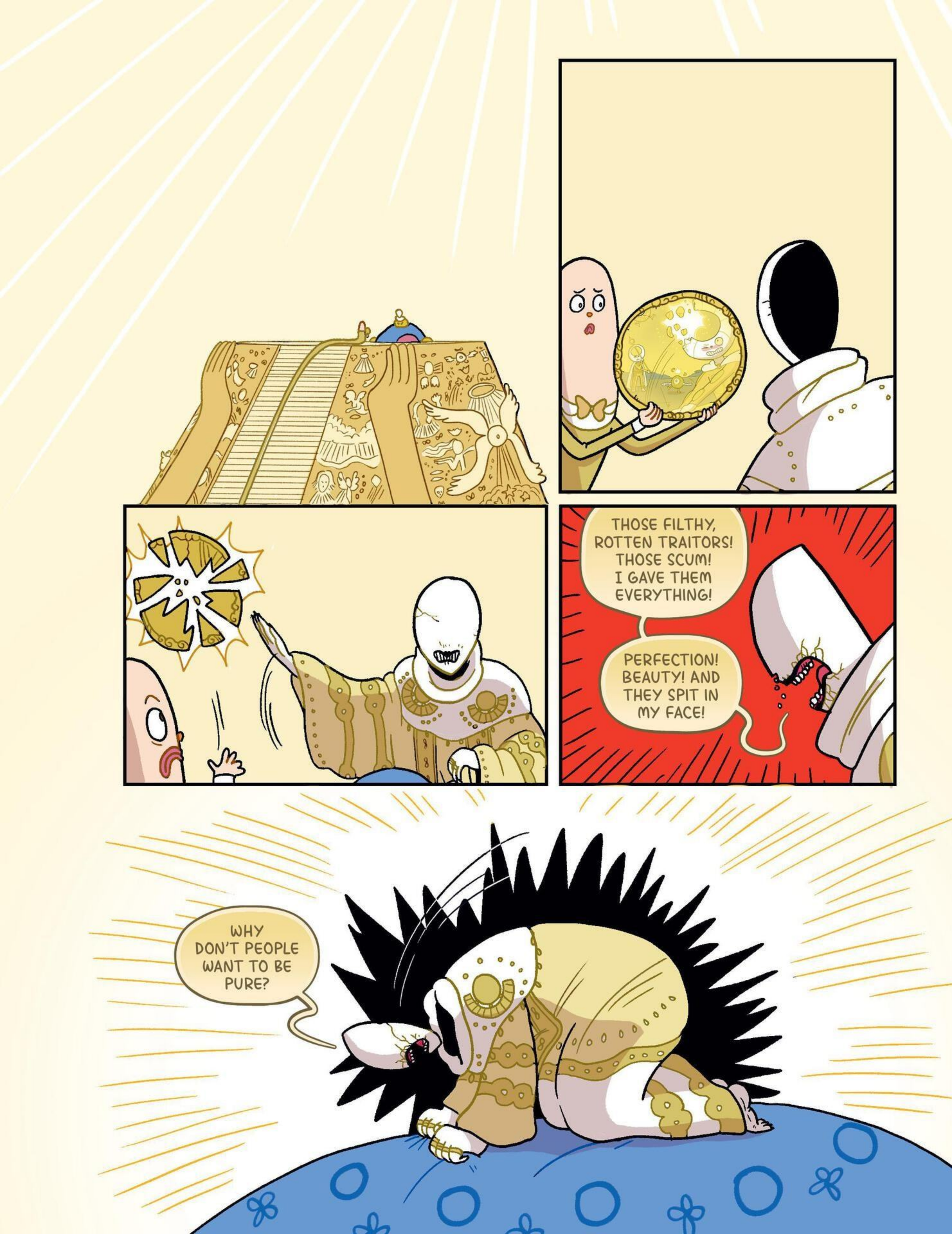
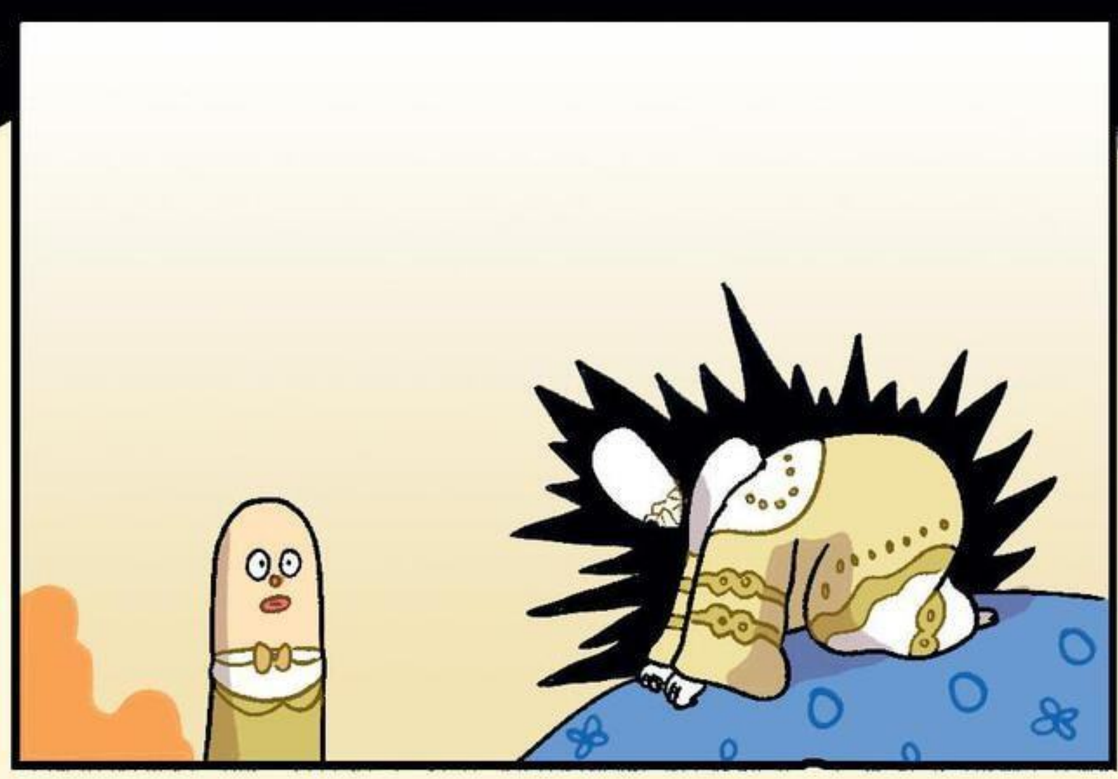
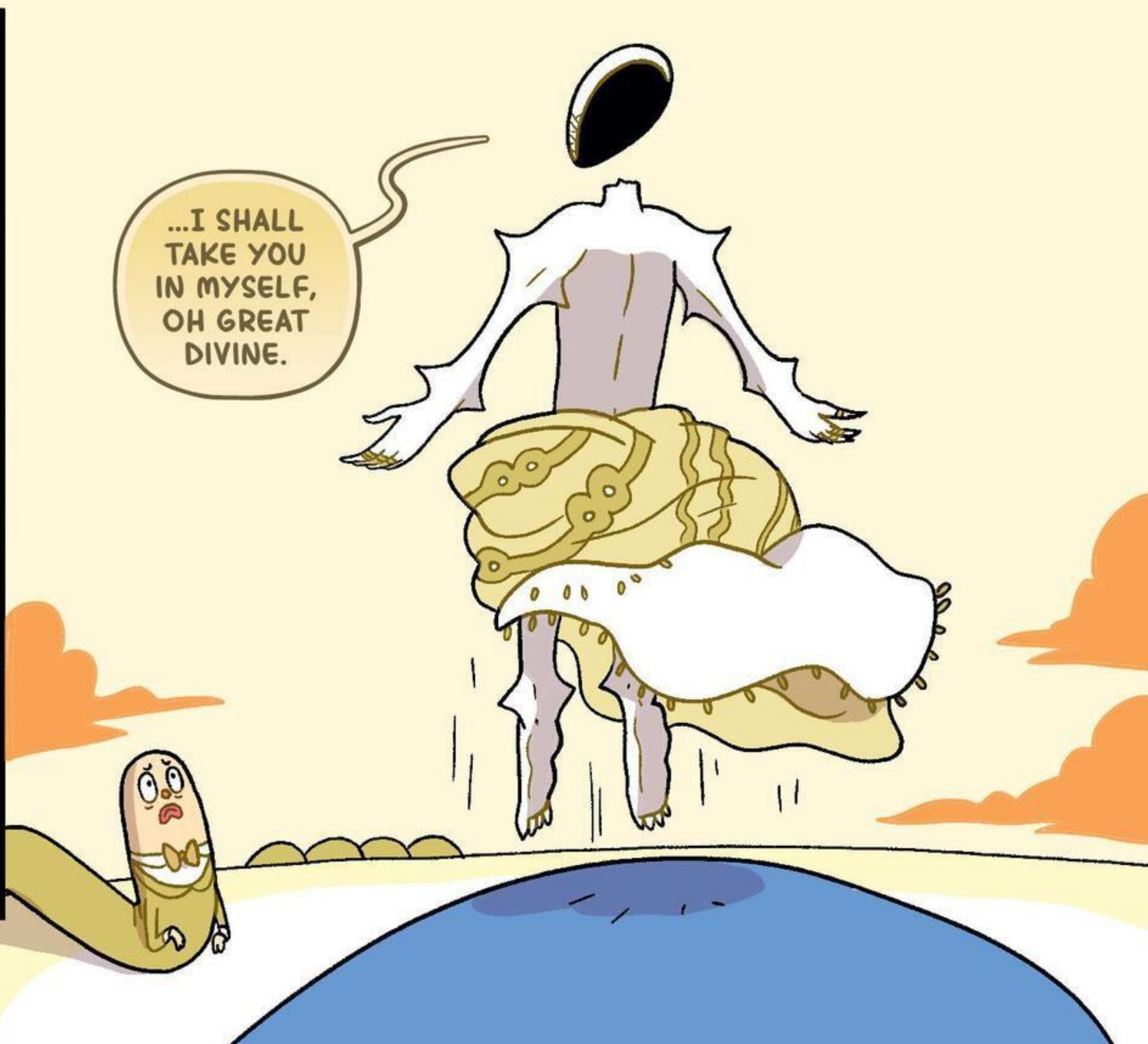
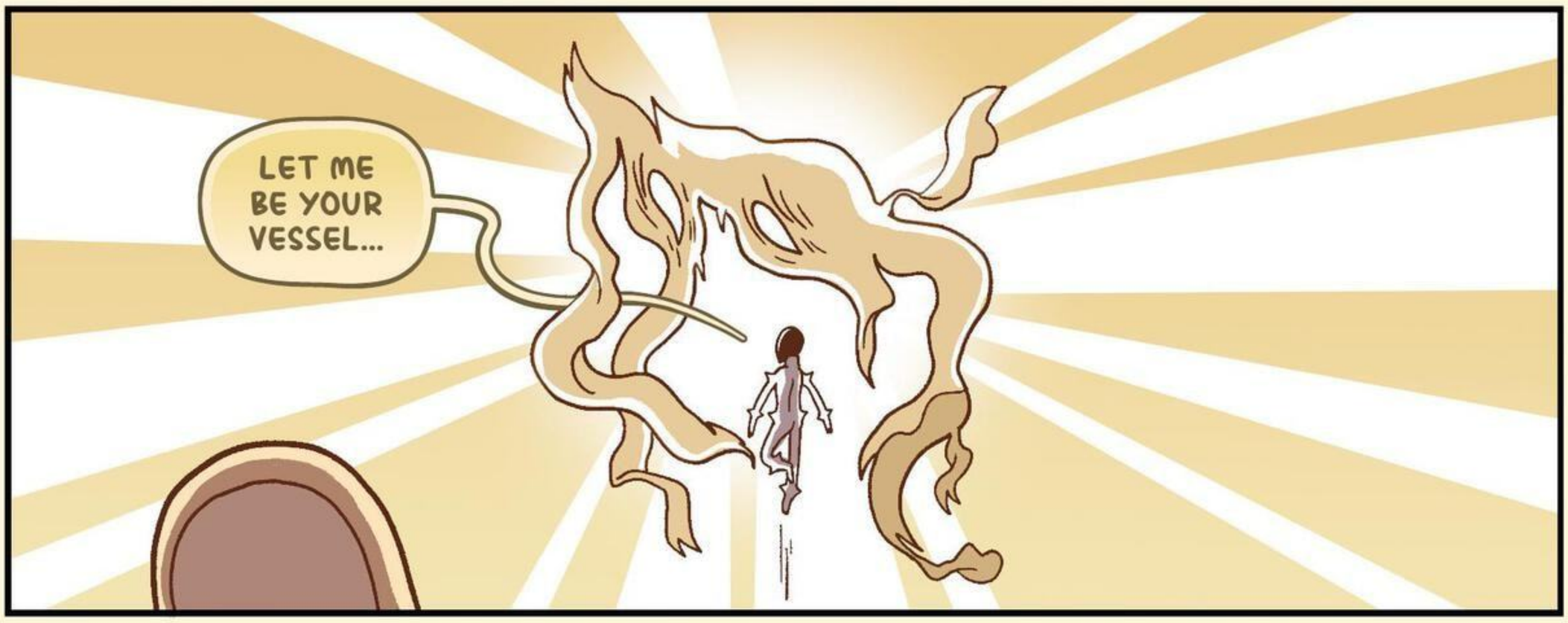
NOW, THERE'S LOVELY...
WHAT ARE THEY DOING?
WAKING UP.


THOSE FILTHY, ROTTEN TRAITORS! THOSE SCUM! I GAVE THEM EVERYTHING!
PERFECTION! BEAUTY! AND THEY SPIT IN MY FACE!
WHY DON'T PEOPLE WANT TO BE PURE?

WHY DON'T THEY WANT TO BE DIVINE?

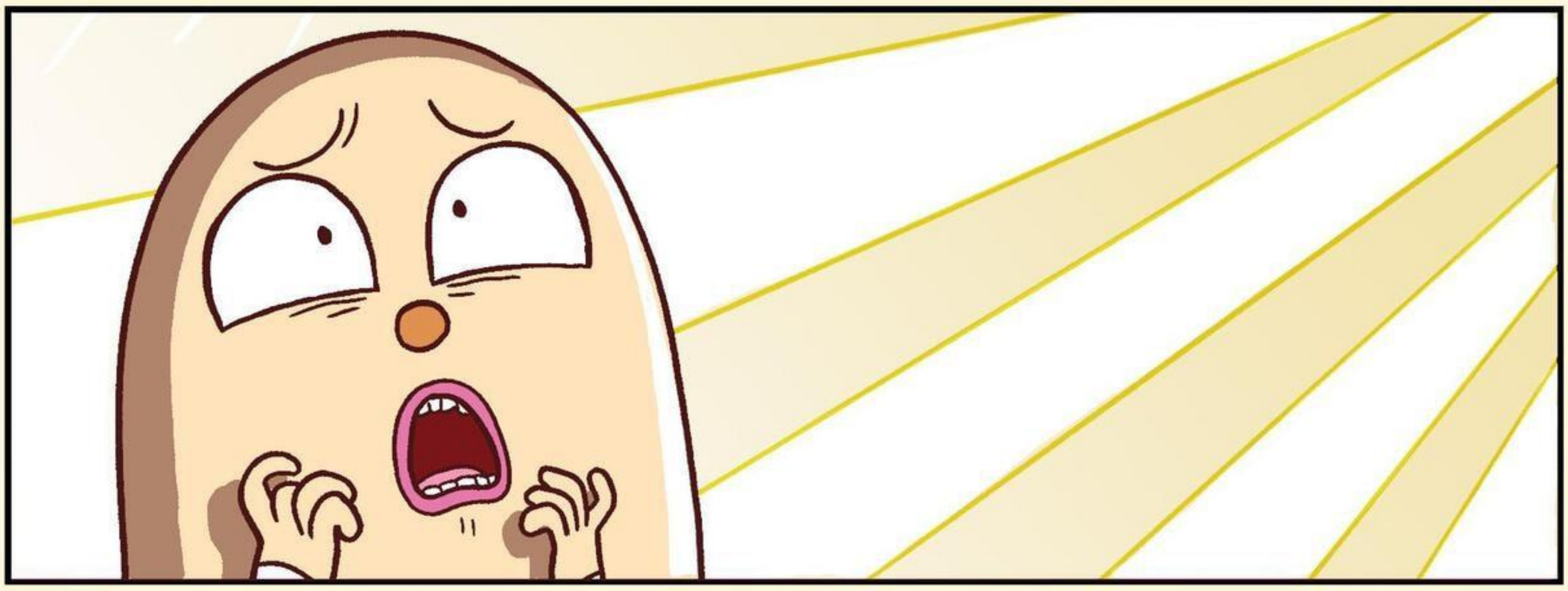





LET ME BE YOUR VESSEL...

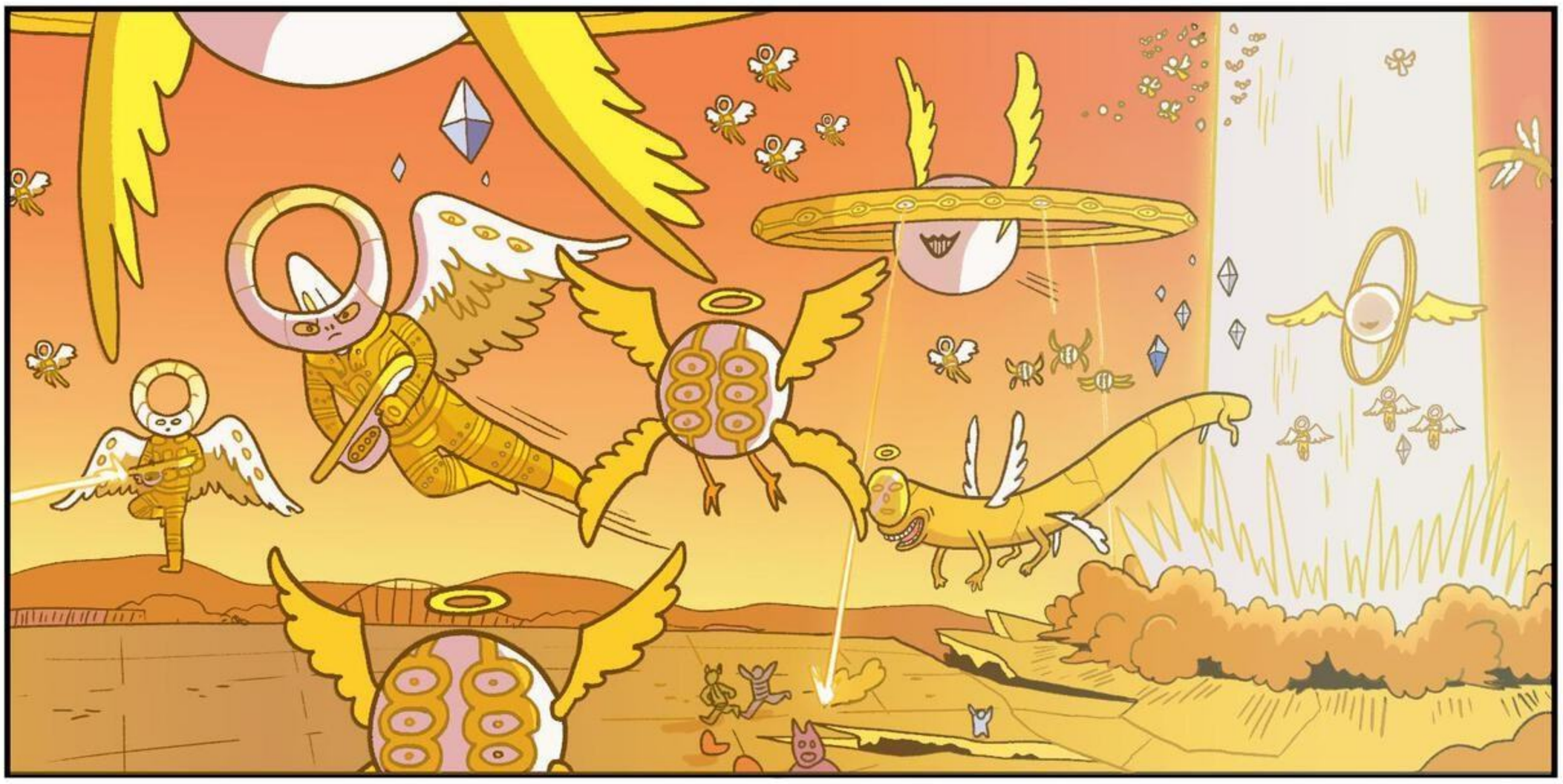
...LET ME CAST IT MYSELF...

...THE FINAL DIVISION!



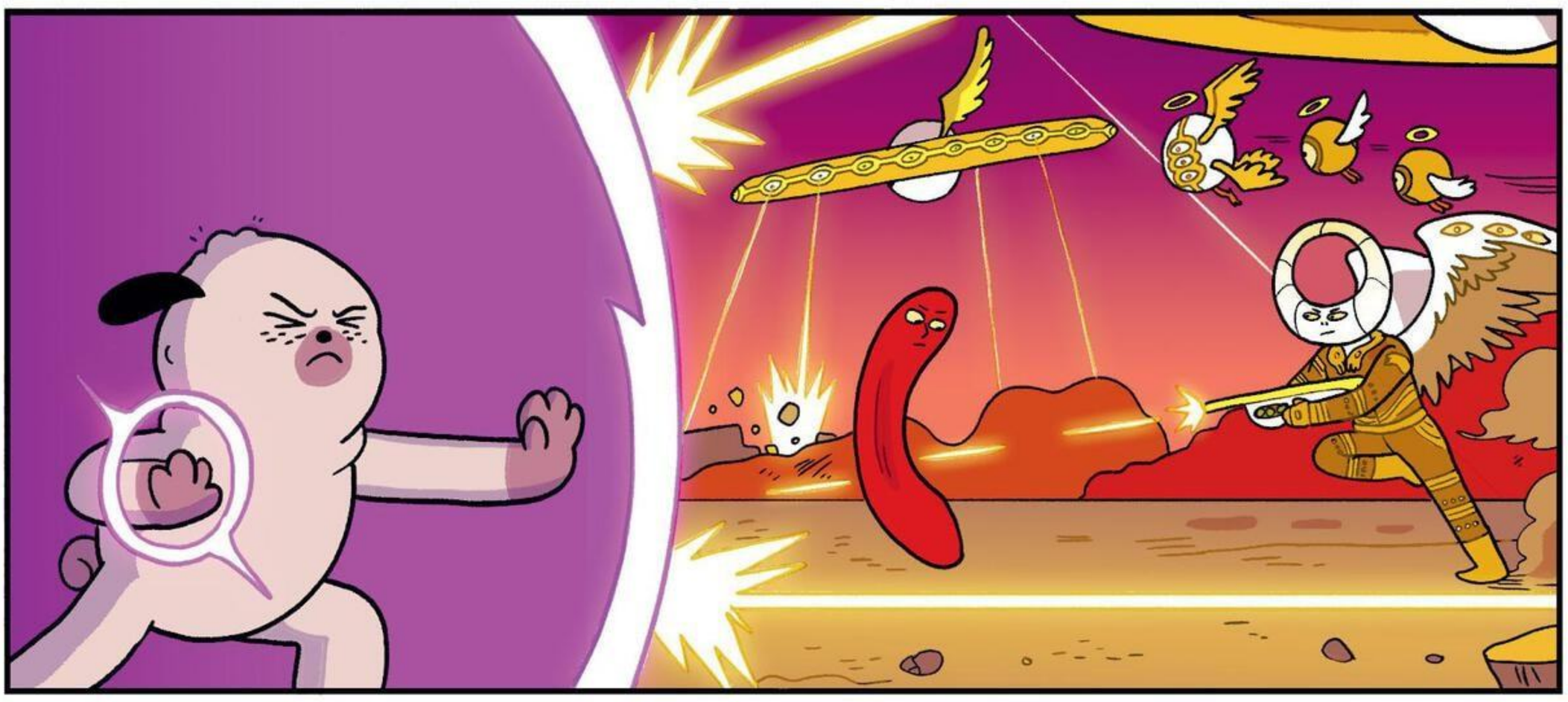
WHERE ARE WE?
YOU'RE HOME, COMRADE.
I GAVE YOU A HAPPY ENDING...WHY COULDN'T YOU JUST FORGET ABOUT ME...
BECAUSE IT WOULD NEVER BE A HAPPY ENDING WITHOUT YOU.
RUUUMBLE
OH, THAT DOES NOT SOUND GOOD.

KRE-KA-KOW!!!
VWOOOP!
WHAT IS THAT?
REINFORCEMENTS.



PROTECT THE GENERAL!

HERE THEY COME. THE TRUE BELIEVERS!
CAN WE FREAKIN' FIGHT NOW?
BE MY GUEST!

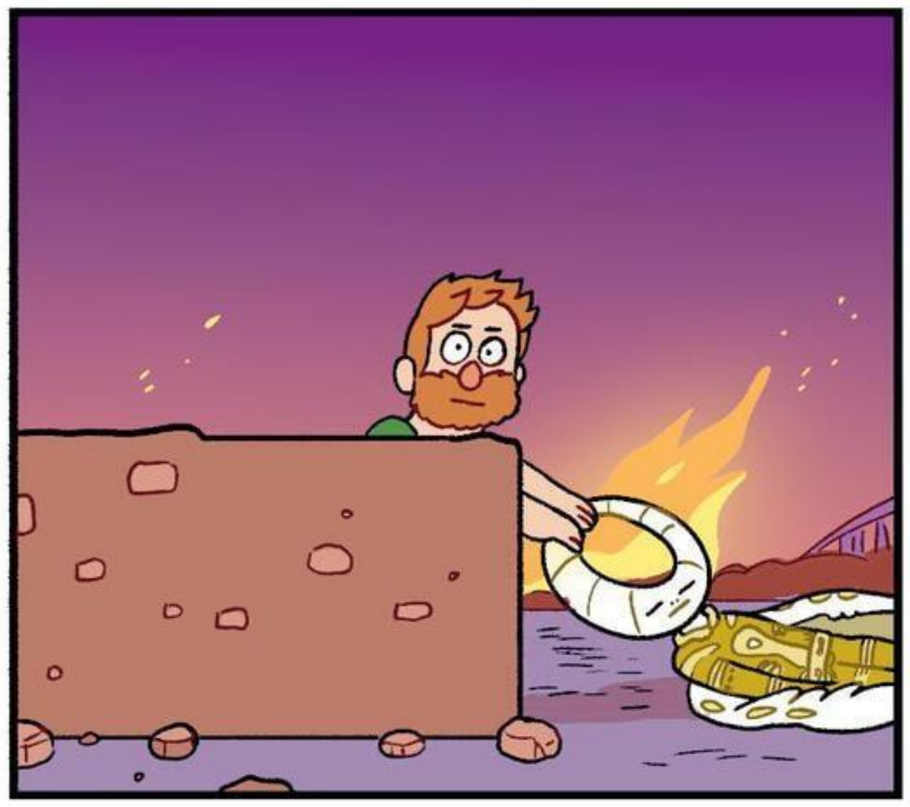


THEY JUST KEEP COMING. WE DON'T HAVE ENOUGH DEMONS!
WE GOTTA GO UP AND STOP PAEL! ONLY THEN WILL HIS LOYALISTS WAKE UP!
BUT HOW? WE'VE NEVER HAD ACCESS TO PLANES THAT HIGH UP!

TAKE THEIR ELEVATOR!

GOOD LUCK WITH THAT! THAT LIGHT BURNS EVERYONE WHO ISN'T AN ANGEL TO A CRISP.

WHAT IF...?



DUDE, WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

JUST A SEC!

TA-DA!
HOW DO I LOOK?

IT'S A LITTLE TIGHT.
I THOUGHT YOU'D BE INTO THAT.

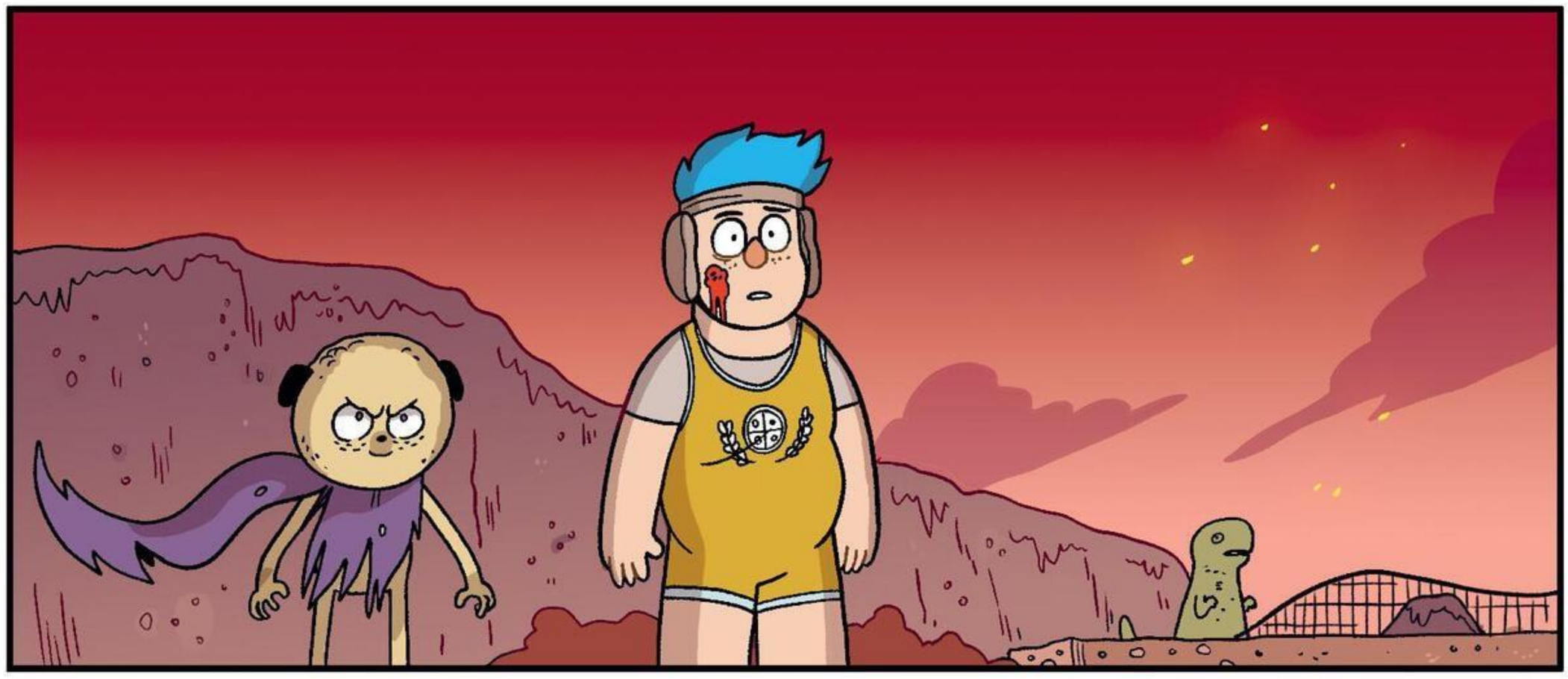
YOU LOOK LIKE A CHRISTMAS DECORATION, BUT IT'LL WORK.

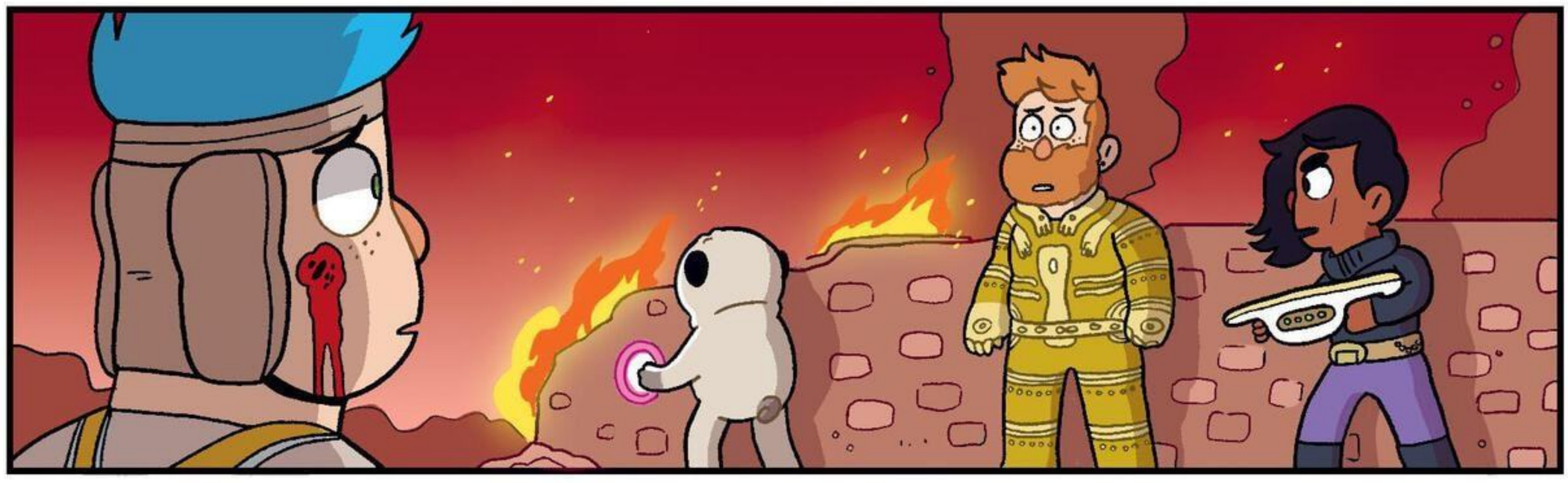
I GOTTA GET TO THE ANGELS' PORTAL. COVER MY BACK, OK?

YOU CAN'T FACE PAEL ALONE. I'M COMING WITH YOU.
ME TOO.
YOU'LL BURN AND DIE. THAT'S NOT HAPPENING.

OH, COME ON, STOP BEING SO PESSIMISTIC.
I'LL GET US SOME MORE SPARKLY OUTFITS!

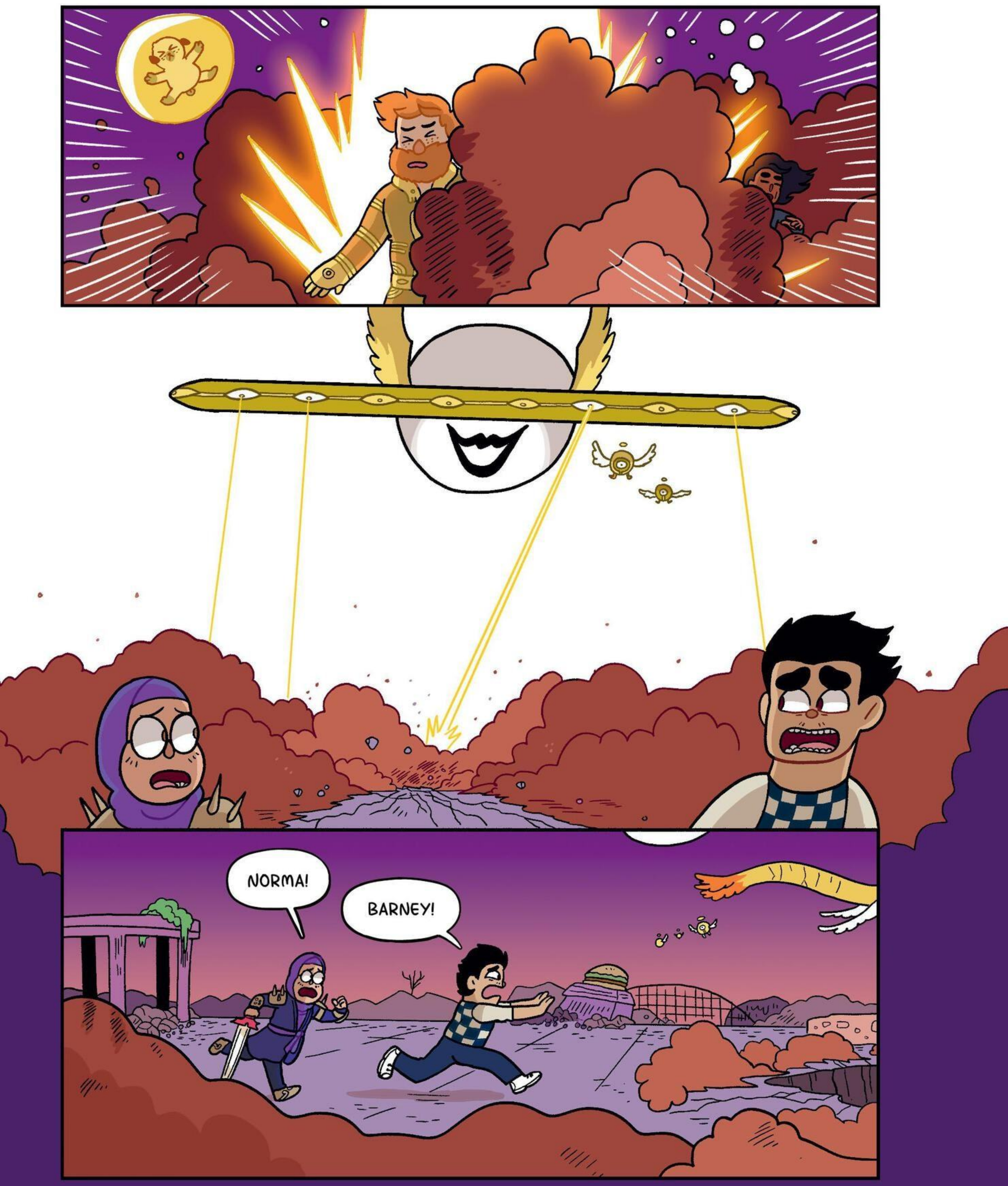
OH NO...





GOOD LUCK...

THE WATCHER SAW US DIE HERE... IT'S ALL COMING TRUE...

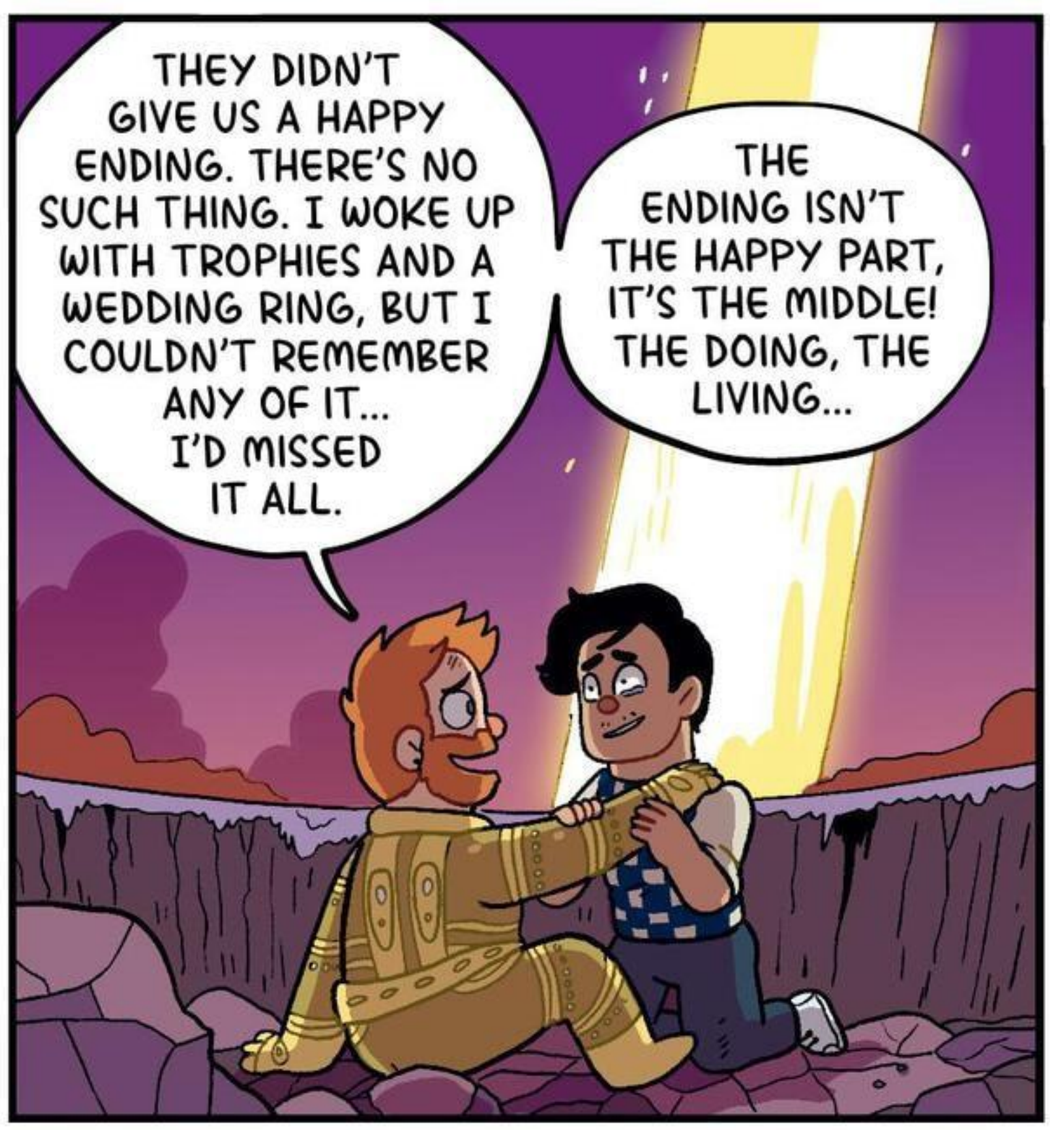

NORMA!
BARNEY!

ARE YOU OK? WHAT ARE YOU WEARING?
LOGS...

I DO...
YOU DO WHAT?

I DO WANT TO MARRY YOU.

BARNEY, I--


THEY DIDN'T GIVE US A HAPPY ENDING. THERE'S NO SUCH THING. I WOKE UP WITH TROPHIES AND A WEDDING RING, BUT I COULDN'T REMEMBER ANY OF IT... I'D MISSED IT ALL.
THE ENDING ISN'T THE HAPPY PART, IT'S THE MIDDLE! THE DOING, THE LIVING...

IT'S POSSIBLY THE END OF THE WORLD, Y'KNOW. I THINK THAT'S THE PERFECT TIME TO THINK ABOUT OUR FUTURE. SO I REMEMBER WHAT I'M FIGHTING FOR.

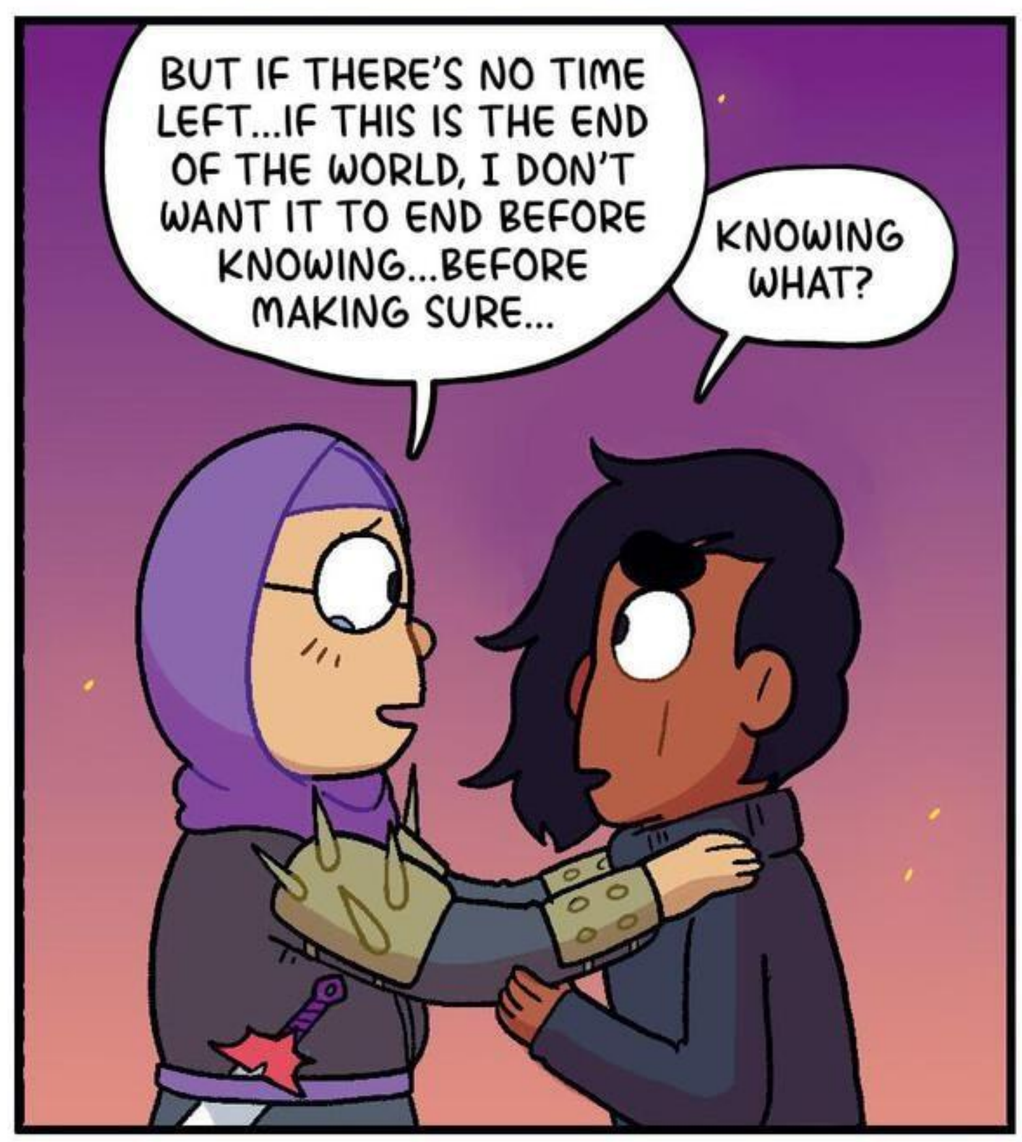
NORMA! NORMA! DON'T DIE! I CAN'T WATCH YOU DIE!

I THOUGHT YOU'D BE USED TO IT BY NOW, DEATHSLIDE...

MY HAPPY ENDING...IT WAS TO PROTECT YOU...TO BE YOUR KNIGHT.
IT'S OK, IT'S OK...I'M NOT HURT. WELL, MAYBE I AM A LITTLE NOW--

NOT THAT KIND OF HURT...

I WASN'T READY...I FELT BROKEN...I DIDN'T KNOW WHAT TO SAY...
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

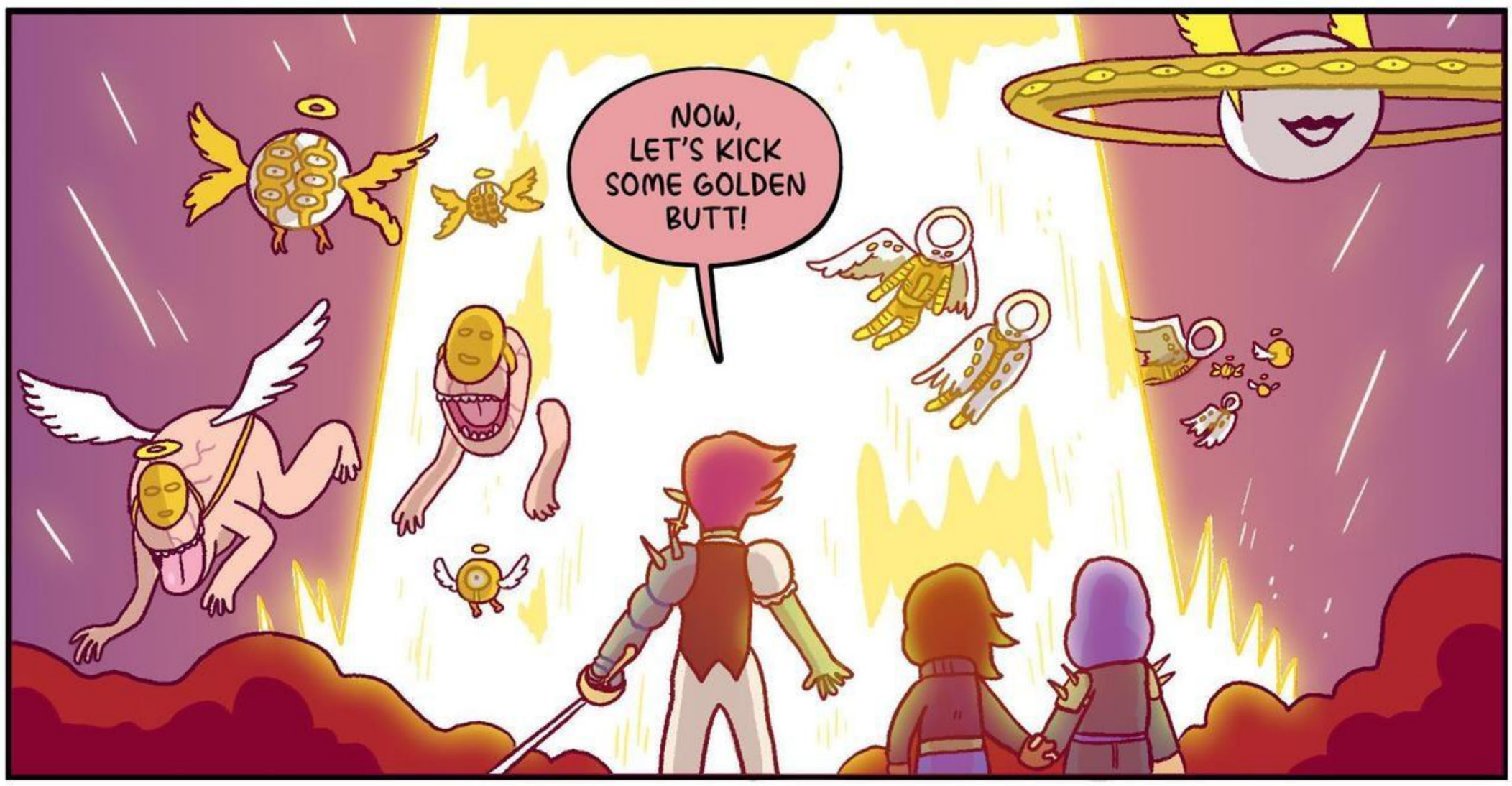

BUT IF THERE'S NO TIME LEFT...IF THIS IS THE END OF THE WORLD, I DON'T WANT IT TO END BEFORE KNOWING...BEFORE MAKING SURE...
KNOWING WHAT?

I THINK I'M SURE.

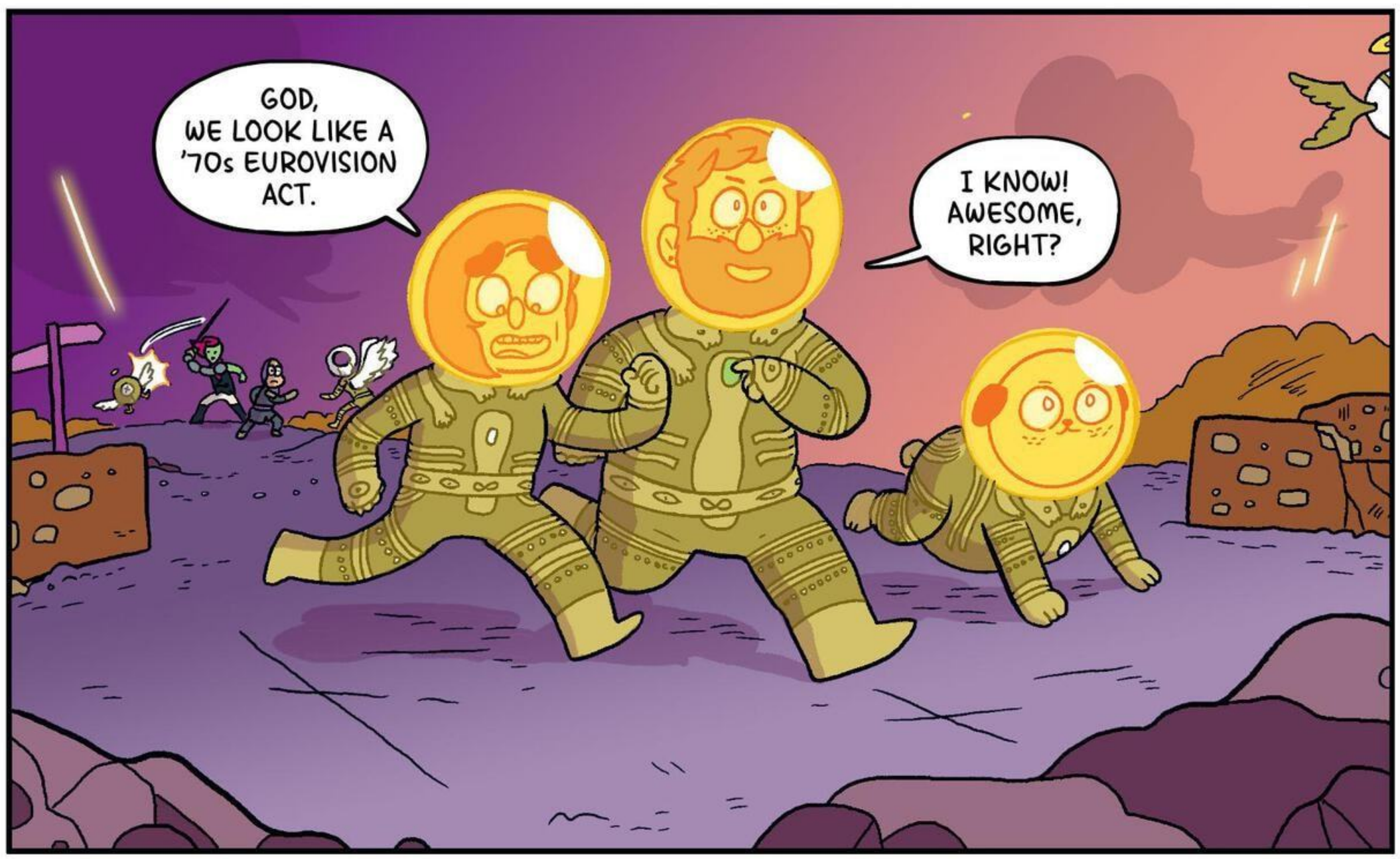
LOOK AFTER HER, OK? BETTER THAN I DID?

YOU WERE THE PERFECT REBOUND VAMPIRE-QUEEN GIRLFRIEND.

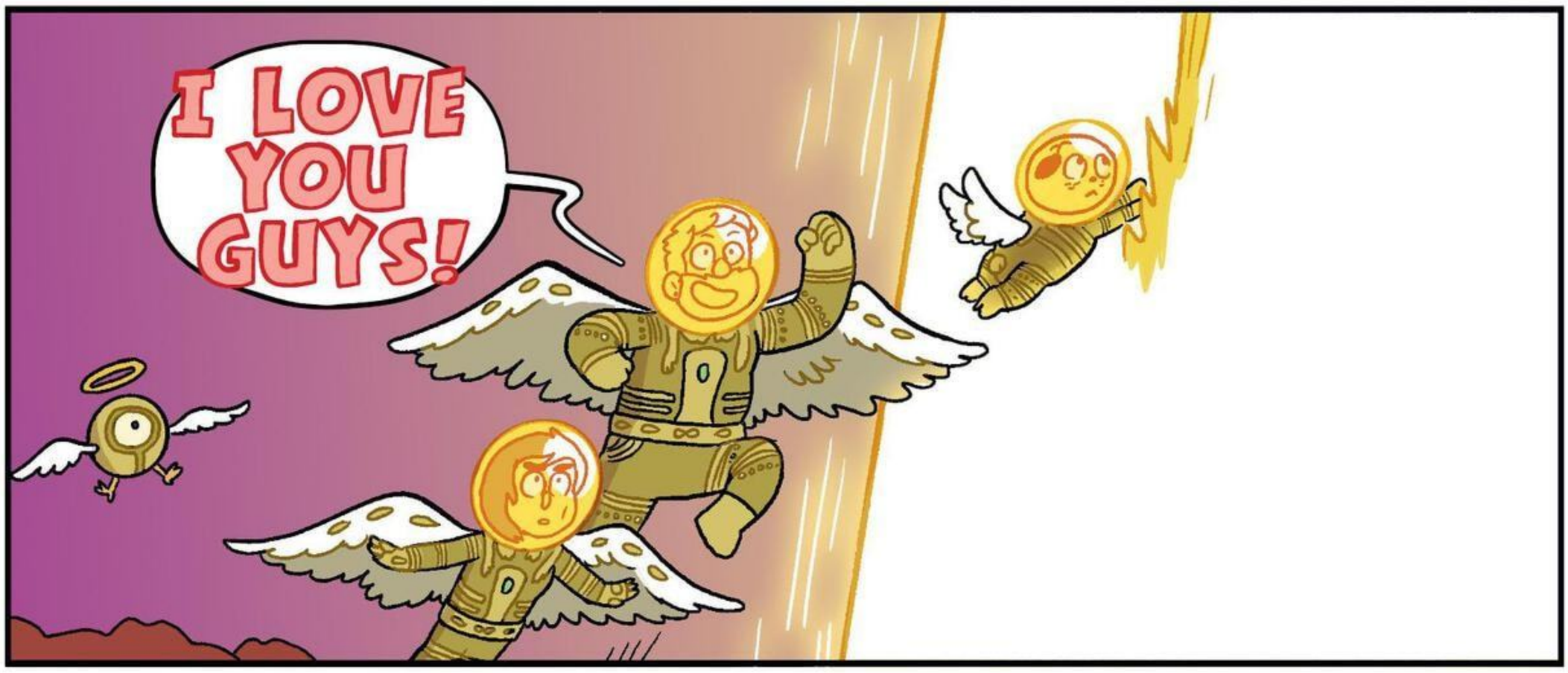
AND DON'T YOU FORGET IT.

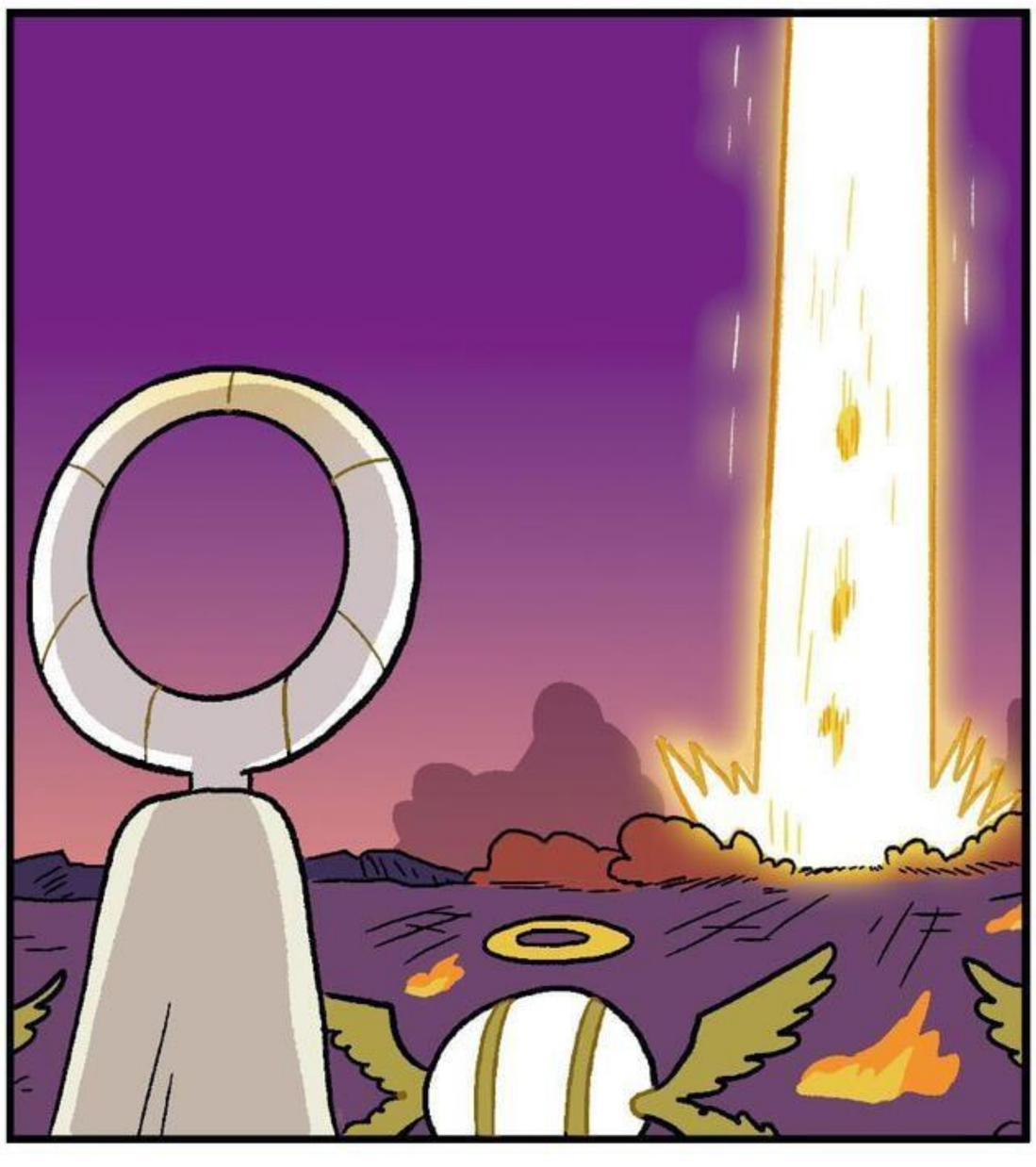

NOW, LET'S KICK SOME GOLDEN BUTT!

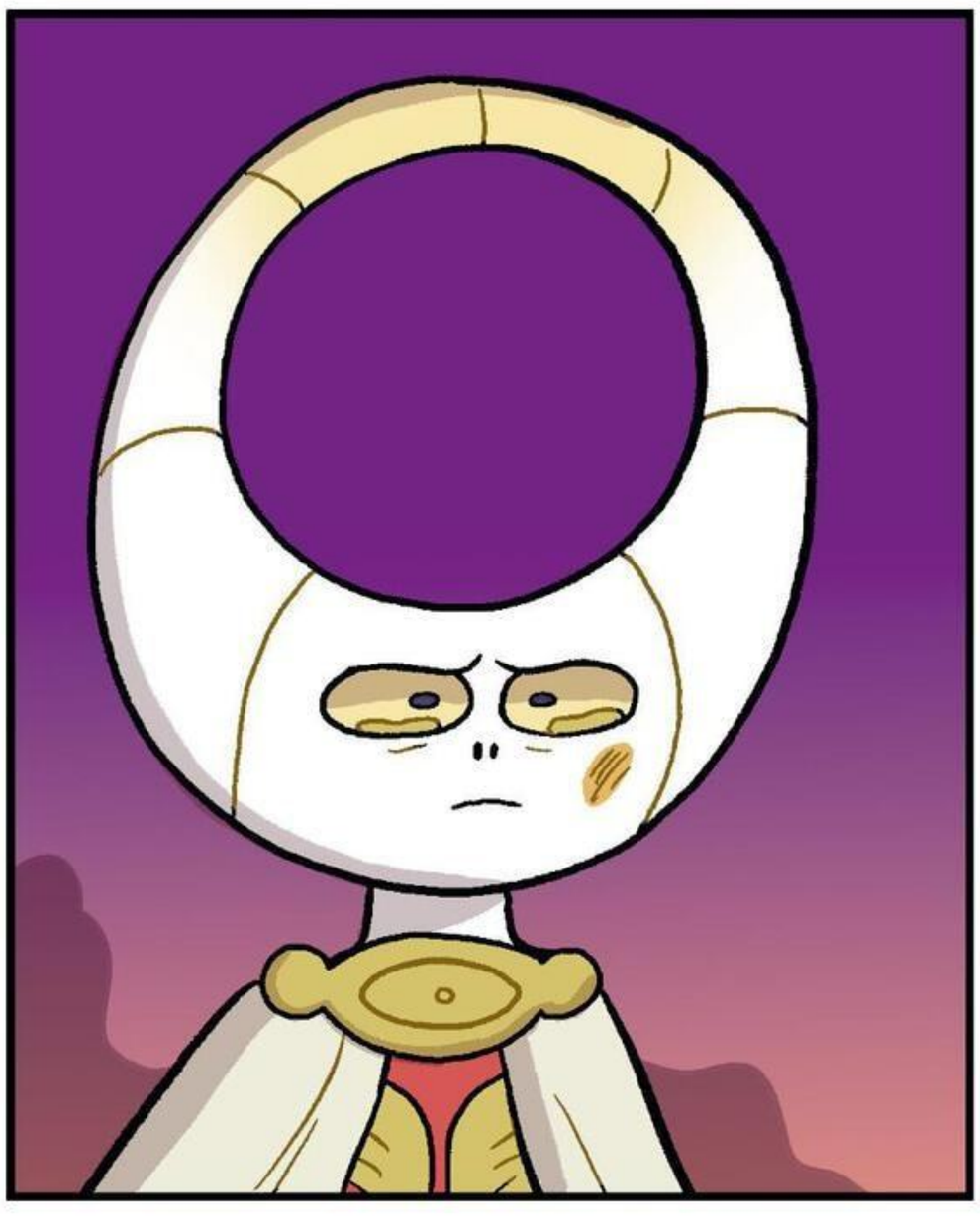
I'VE GOT THE ARMOR! IT'S NOW OR NEVER, FRIENDS!

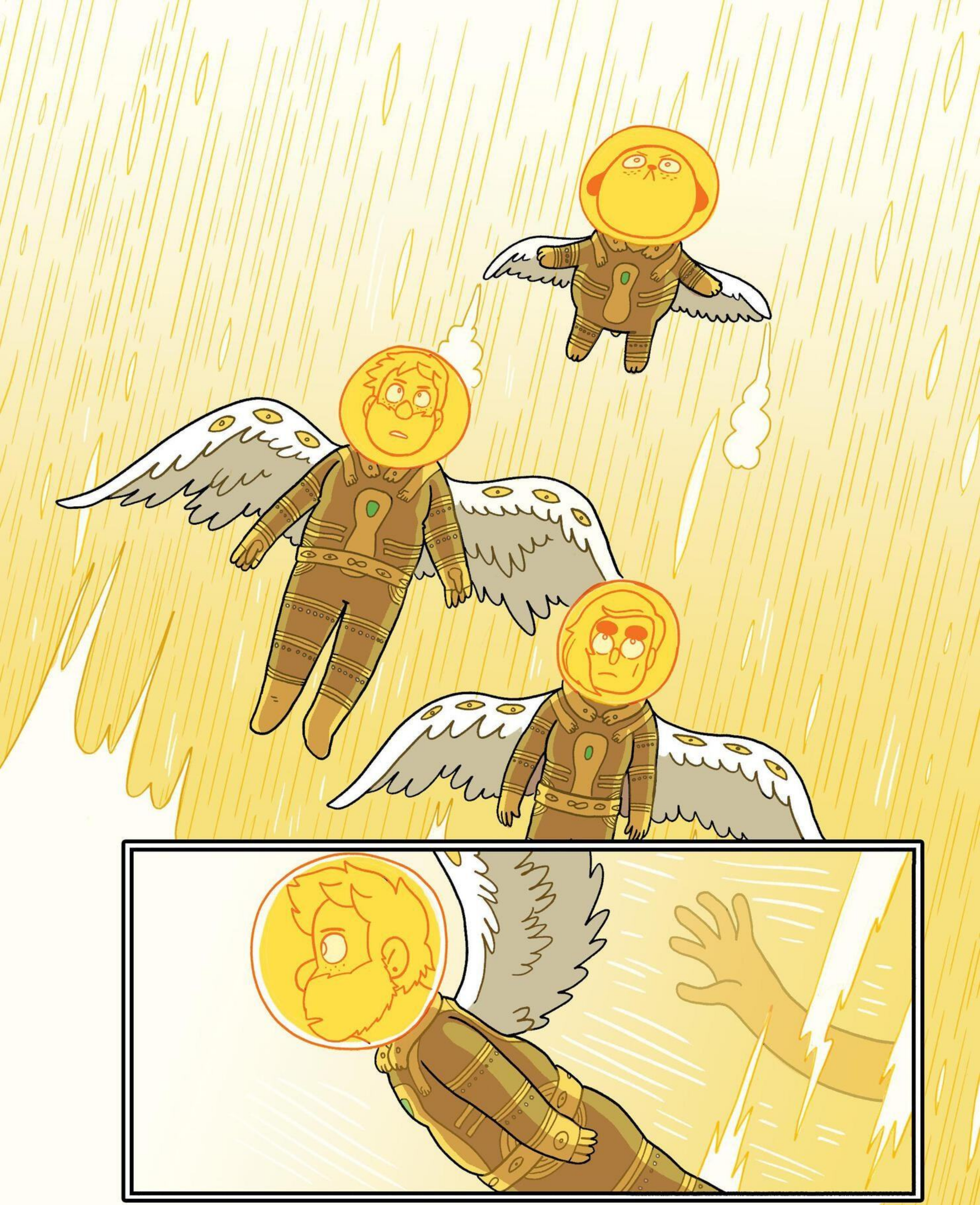

GOD, WE LOOK LIKE A '70s EUROVISION ACT.
I KNOW! AWESOME, RIGHT?

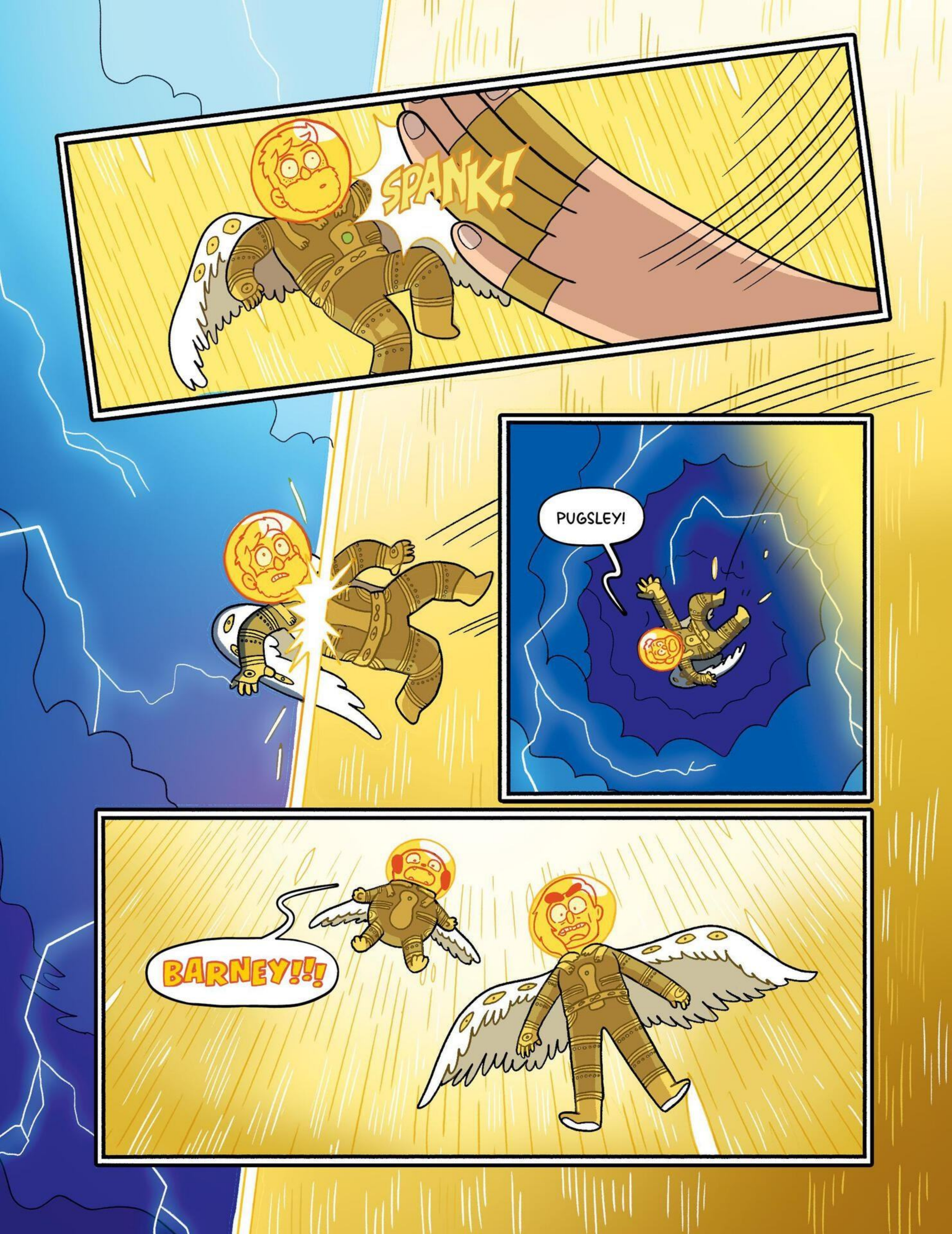
WHEN WE'RE INSIDE THE LIGHT, WHATEVER HAPPENS, JUST KEEP GOING UP!

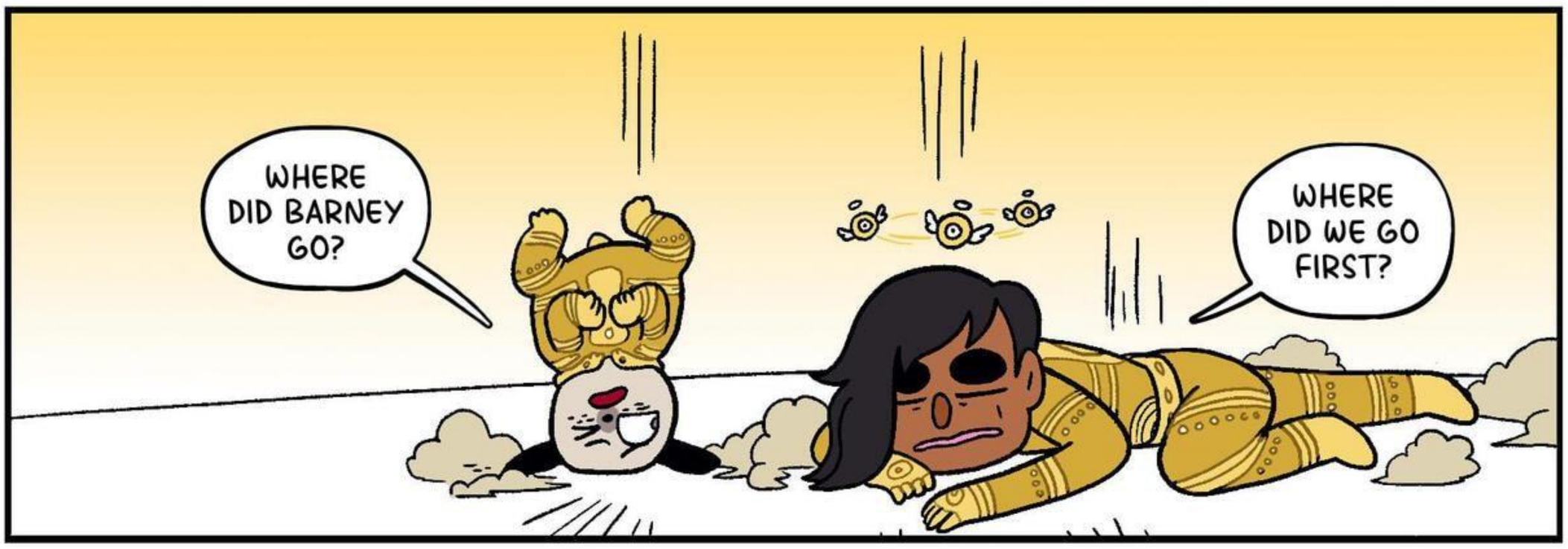

I LOVE YOU GUYS!

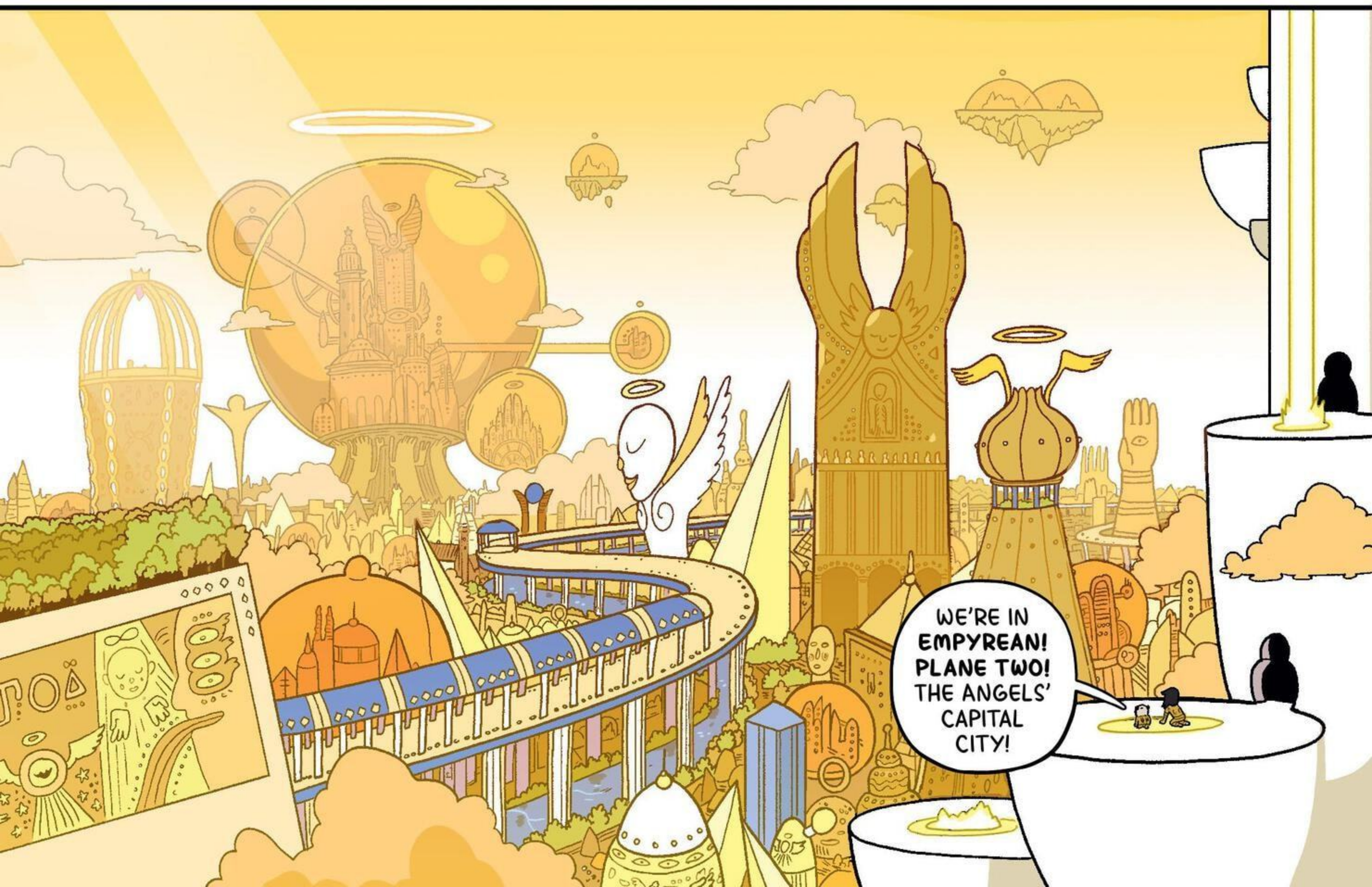







SPANK!
PUGSLEY!
BARNEY!!!


WHERE DID BARNEY GO?
WHERE DID WE GO FIRST?


WE'RE IN **EMPYREAN! PLANE TWO!** THE ANGELS' CAPITAL CITY!

DOOF!

DID SOMEONE JUST **SLAP** ME!? HOW RUDE!

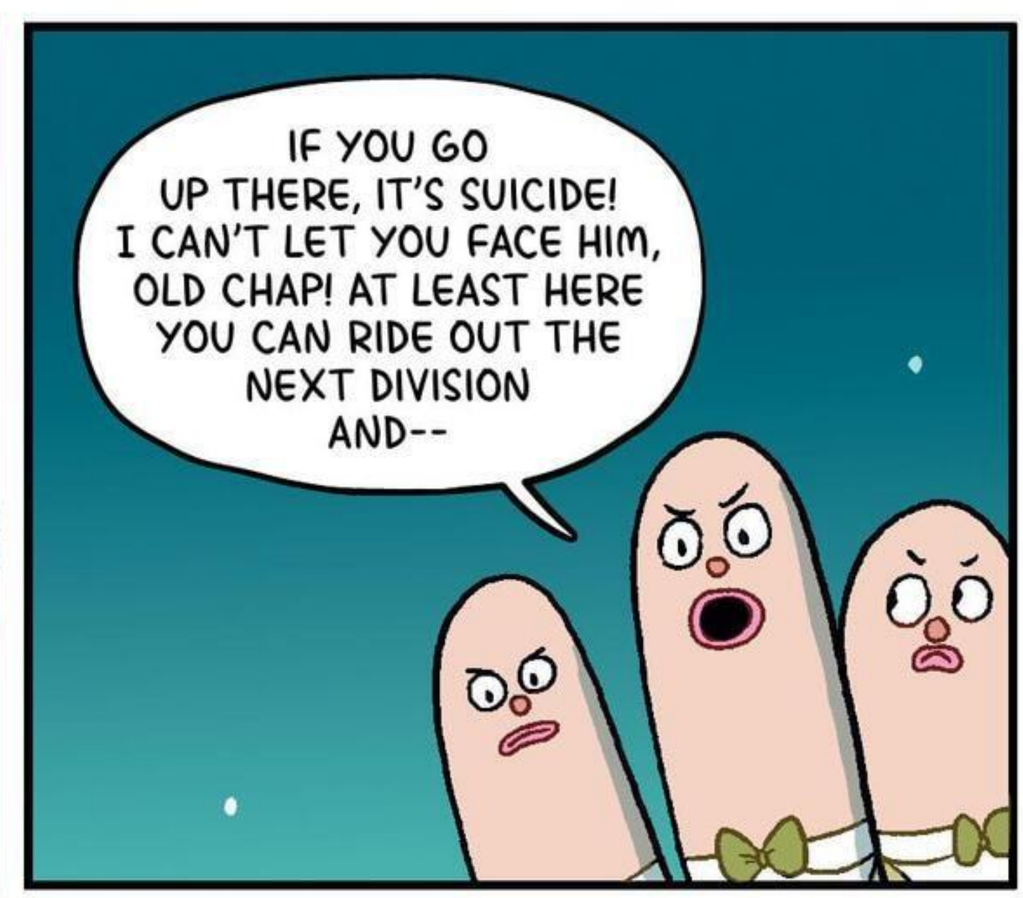
WHERE AM I? SOME DESERTED WASTELAND FILLED WITH GHOSTS?

AM I IN LA?
YOU'RE IN DISARRAY! PLANE FIVE! AND YOU'LL THANK ME FOR THAT SLAP!

FINGERS! I'M SO GLAD TO SEE YOU!

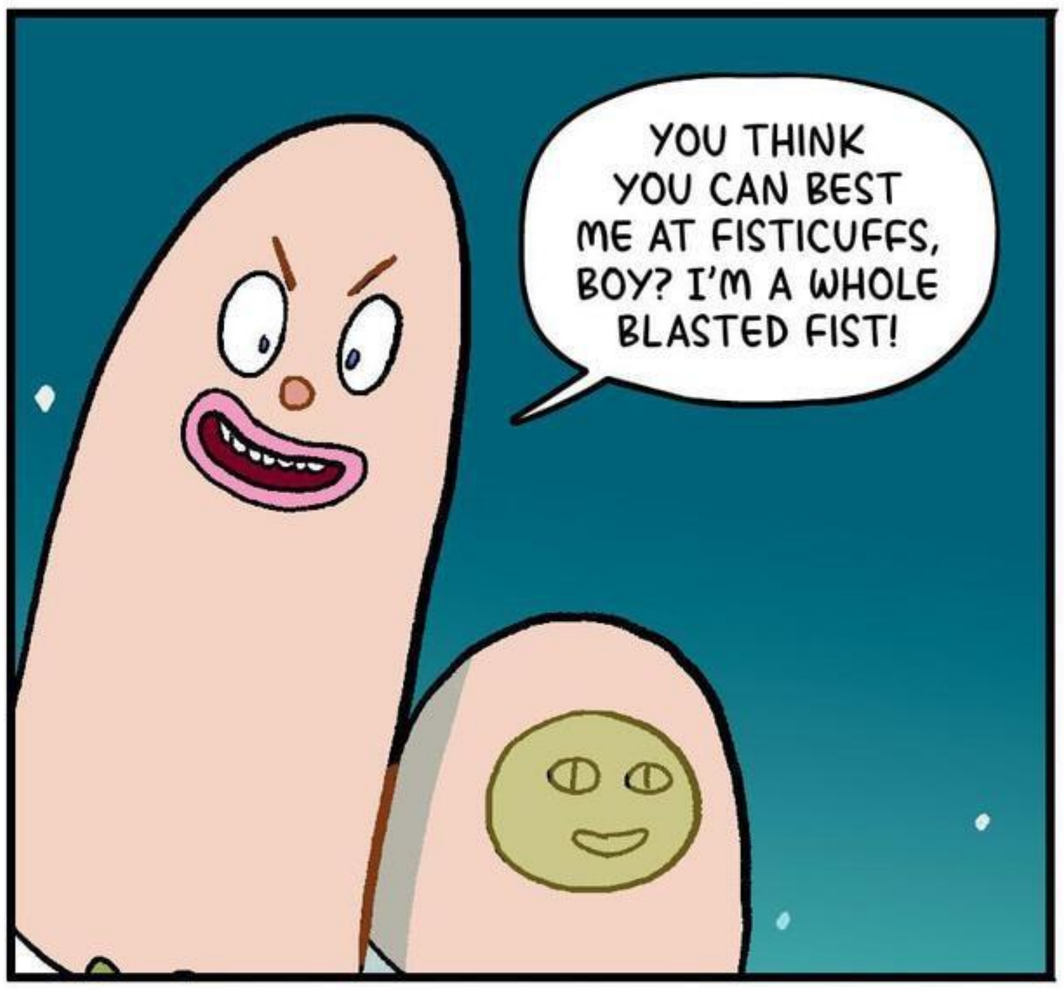
NO! WAIT! YOU SLAPPED ME!? THAT HURT!

I WAS SAVING YOU! PAEL HAS GONE MAD. WELL... MADDER THAN USUAL.

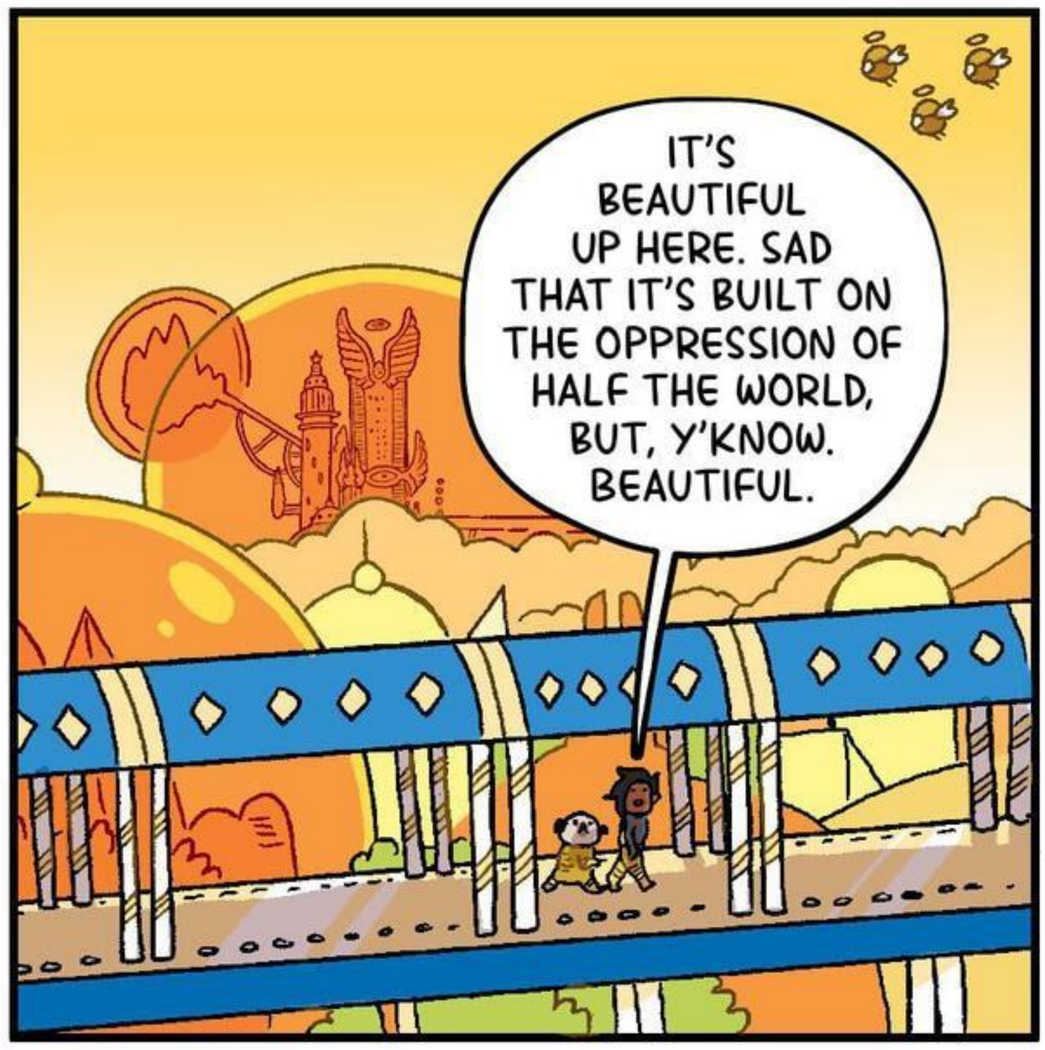

IF YOU GO UP THERE, IT'S SUICIDE! I CAN'T LET YOU FACE HIM, OLD CHAP! AT LEAST HERE YOU CAN RIDE OUT THE NEXT DIVISION AND--

GONK!
OW!

THAT WAS RUDE!
AND NOW WE'RE EVEN! C'MON, FINGERS, YOU KNOW ME. I'M NOT GOING DOWN WITHOUT A FIGHT.

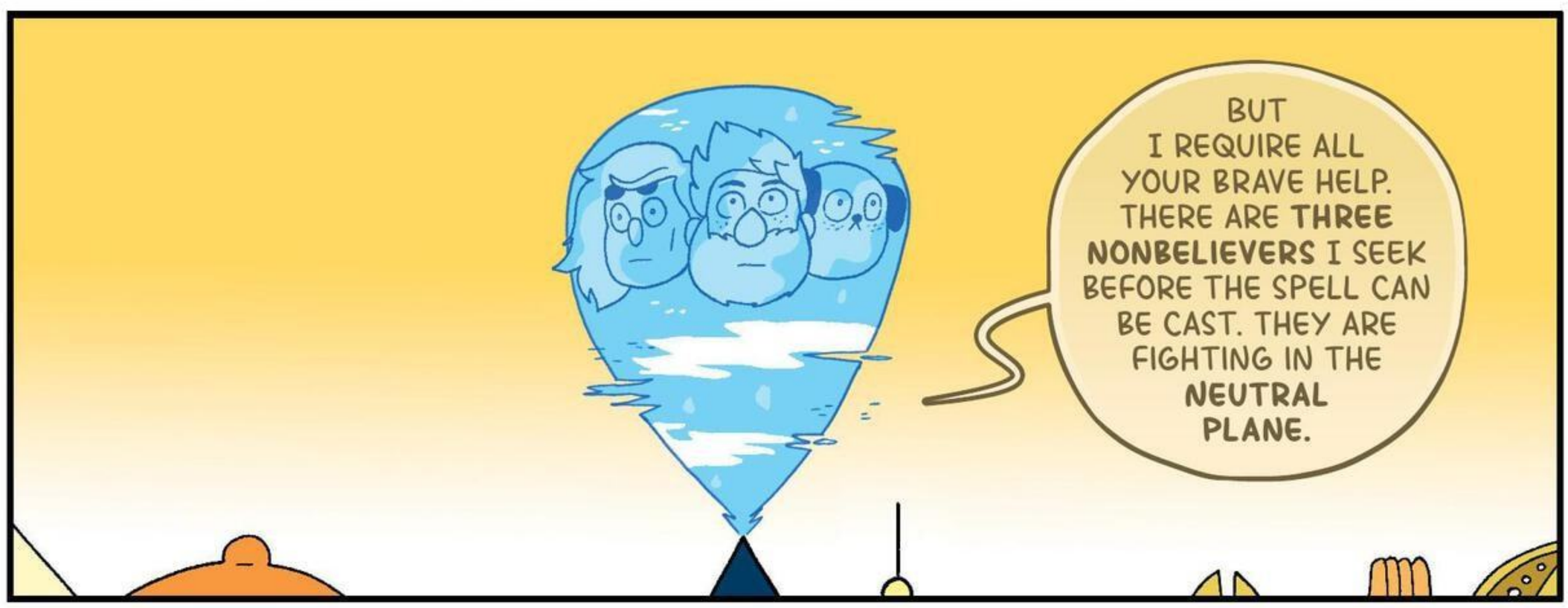

YOU THINK YOU CAN BEST ME AT FISTICUFFS, BOY? I'M A WHOLE BLASTED FIST!

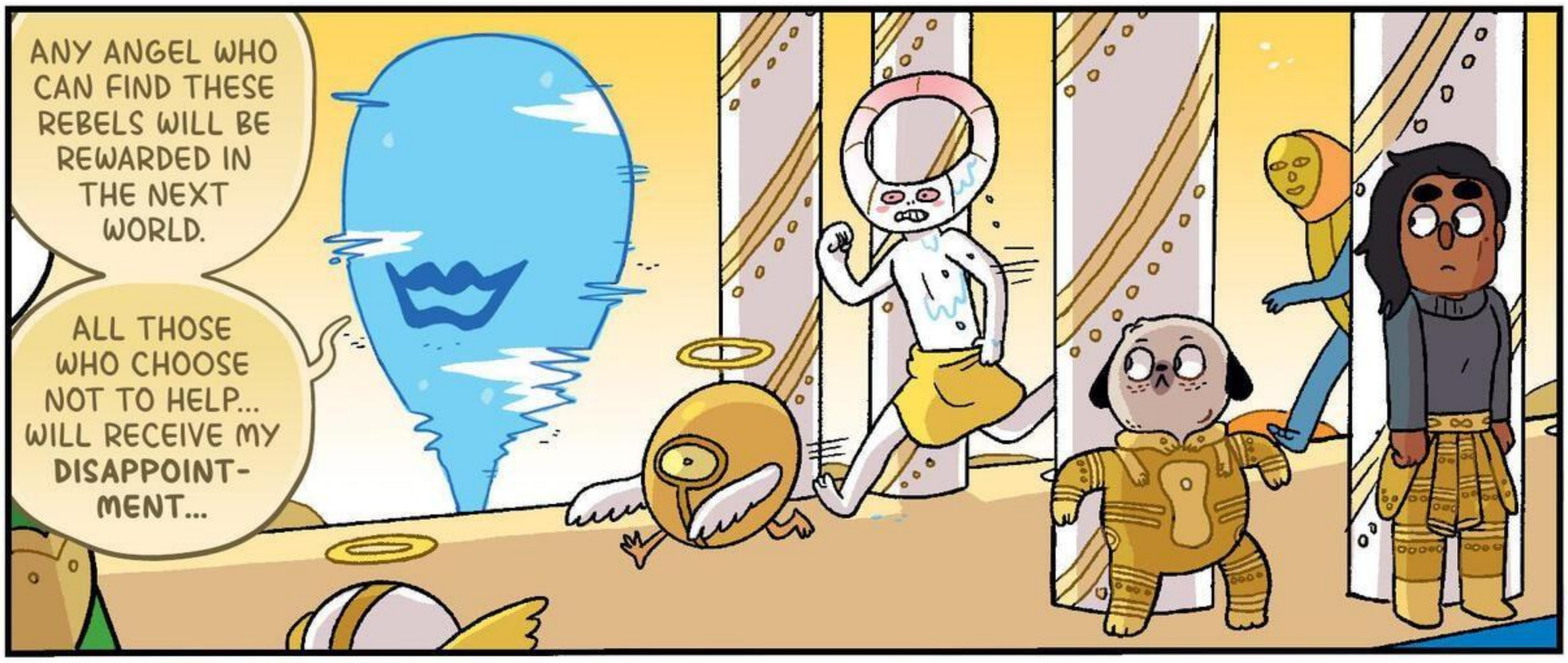
ONE, TWO, THREE, FOUR... I DECLARE A THUMB WAR!

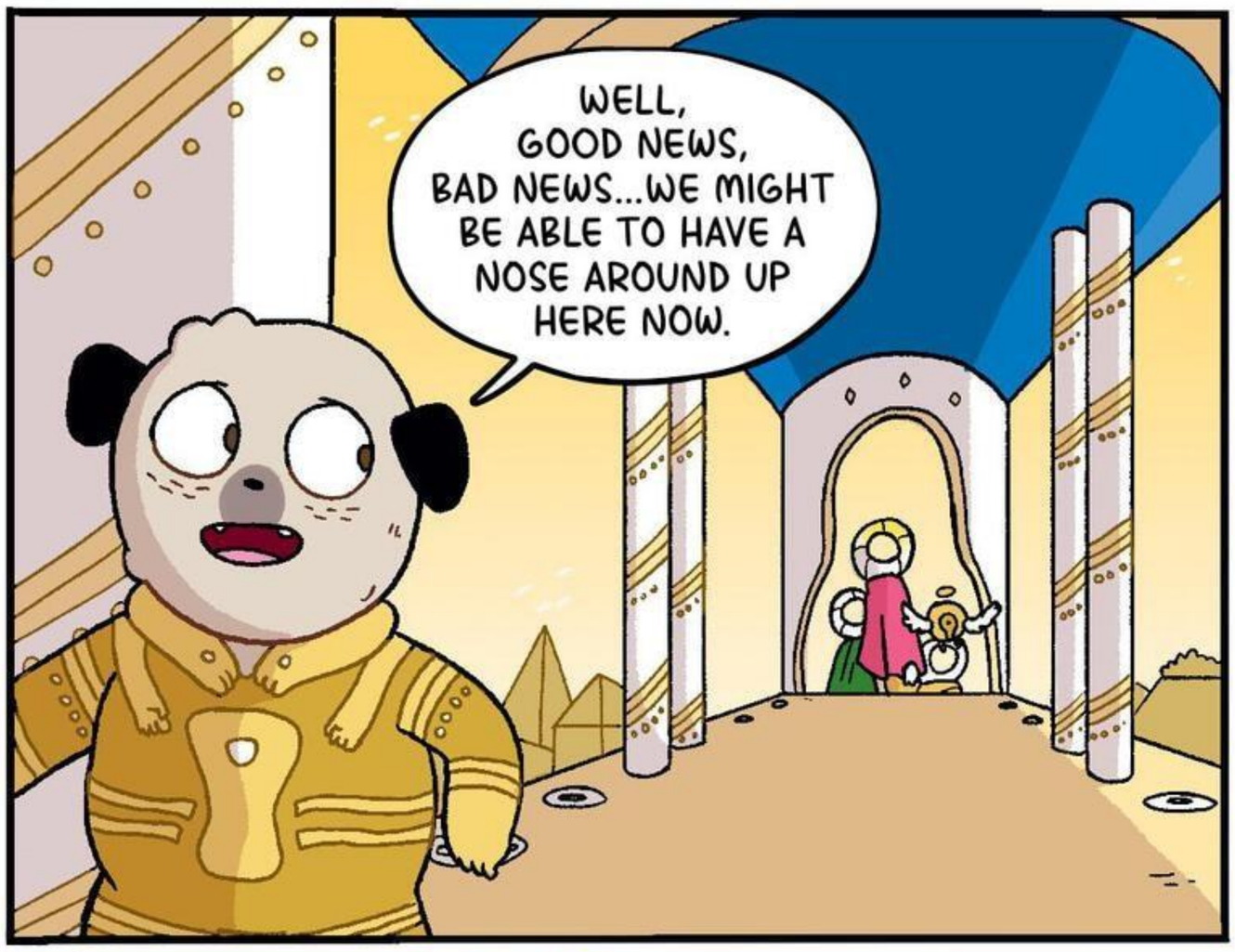

IT'S BEAUTIFUL UP HERE. SAD THAT IT'S BUILT ON THE OPPRESSION OF HALF THE WORLD, BUT, Y'KNOW. BEAUTIFUL.

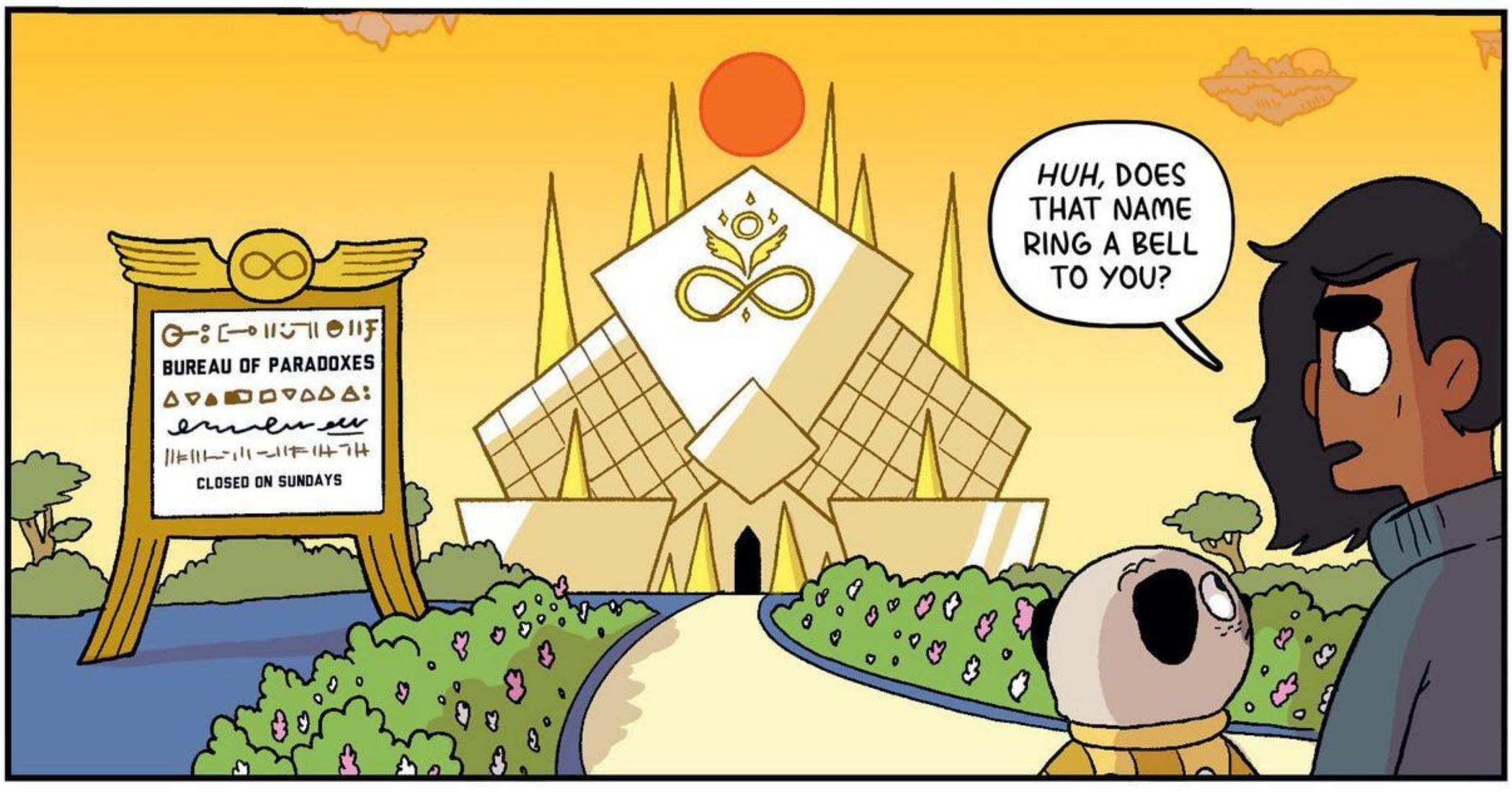
DONG! DONG!
WHAT'S THAT NOISE?

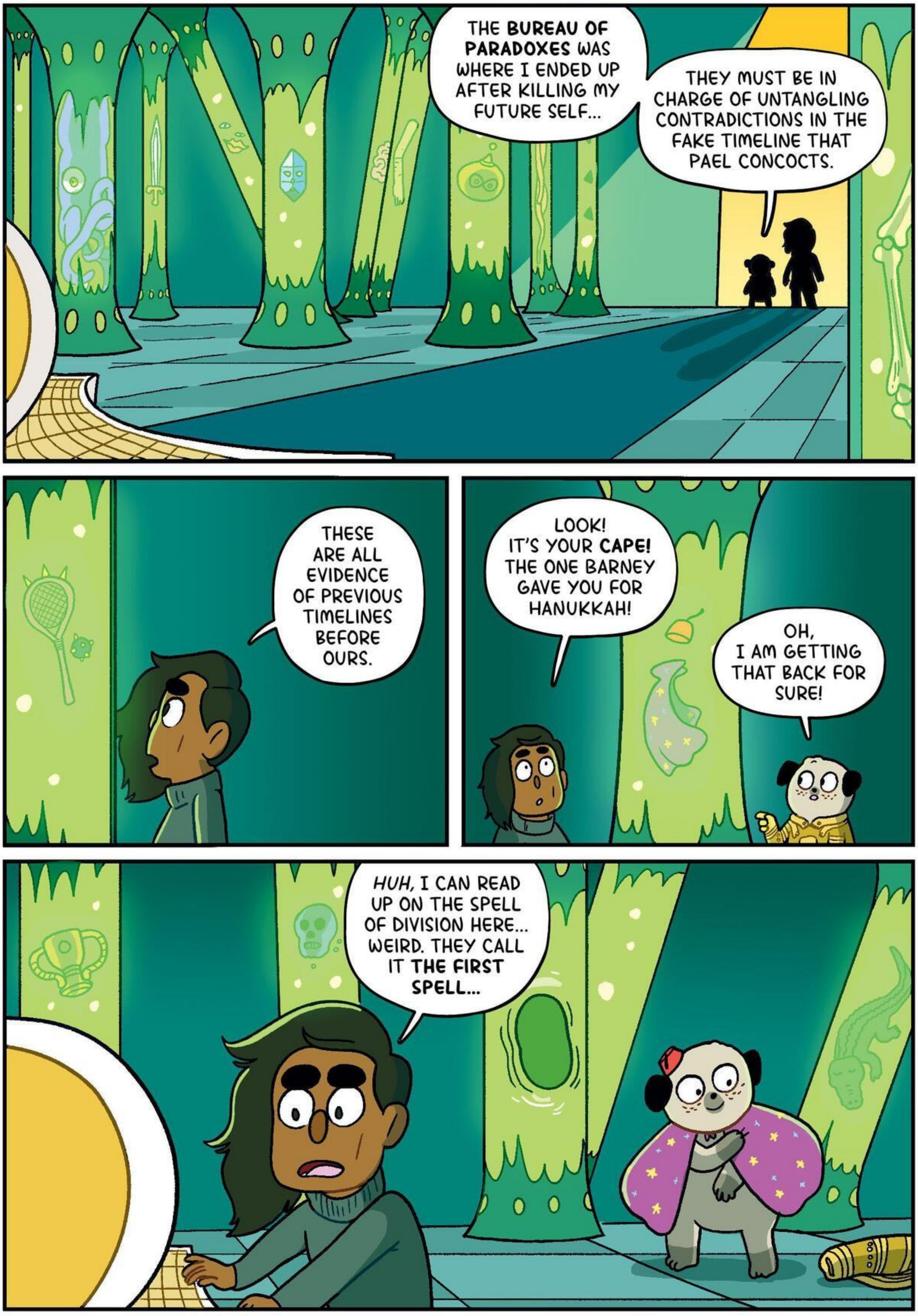
MY DARLING ANGELS! IT IS TIME FOR US TO MEET IN ANOTHER PLACE.


BUT I REQUIRE ALL YOUR BRAVE HELP. THERE ARE **THREE NONBELIEVERS** I SEEK BEFORE THE SPELL CAN BE CAST. THEY ARE FIGHTING IN THE **NEUTRAL PLANE.**


ANY ANGEL WHO CAN FIND THESE REBELS WILL BE REWARDED IN THE NEXT WORLD.
ALL THOSE WHO CHOOSE NOT TO HELP... WILL RECEIVE MY DISAPPOINT-MENT...


WELL, GOOD NEWS, BAD NEWS...WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO HAVE A NOSE AROUND UP HERE NOW.


BUREAU OF PARADOXES
CLOSED ON SUNDAYS
HUH, DOES THAT NAME RING A BELL TO YOU?


THE **BUREAU OF PARADOXES** WAS WHERE I ENDED UP AFTER KILLING MY FUTURE SELF...
THEY MUST BE IN CHARGE OF UNTANGLING CONTRADICTIONS IN THE FAKE TIMELINE THAT PAEL CONCOCTS.
THESE ARE ALL EVIDENCE OF PREVIOUS TIMELINES BEFORE OURS.
LOOK! IT'S YOUR **CAPE!** THE ONE BARNEY GAVE YOU FOR HANUKKAH!
OH, I AM GETTING THAT BACK FOR SURE!
HUH, I CAN READ UP ON THE SPELL OF DIVISION HERE... WEIRD. THEY CALL IT **THE FIRST SPELL...**

SEE? REALITY HAS BEEN REWRITTEN 13 TIMES, EACH TIME MORE AND MORE FALSE.
THERE'S BEEN 13 DIFFERENT LIVES I'VE LIVED. I WONDER IN HOW MANY OF THEM I KNEW YOU GUYS.

I WONDER IN HOW MANY OF THEM I WAS A TALKING DOG...
I CAN'T IMAGINE YOU BEING A REGULAR DOG AGAIN...

IT WOULDN'T BE SO BAD, Y'KNOW. I KINDA ENVY REGULAR DOGS NOW. NO PROBLEMS, NO APOCALYPSES...

WHAT RECORDS ARE THERE OF MAGIC BEFORE THE FIRST SPELL, THEN?
NONE. IT'S ALMOST LIKE **MAGIC DIDN'T EXIST BEFORE THE FIRST DIVISION.** MAYBE THAT'S WHERE ALL OUR MAGIC COMES FROM. LIKE IT'S **BACKGROUND RADIATION** OF THE SPELL WE'RE ALL UNDER.
NO!

YOU NEED TO BELIEVE IN YOUR MAGIC TO MAKE IT POSSIBLE. MAYBE THE SPELL OF DIVISION WAS JUST A REALLY STRONG BELIEF...

OK! OK! YOU WIN!

GOOD! NOW, TAKE ME UPSTAIRS!

OK, FINE. BUT WOULDN'T YOU RATHER--

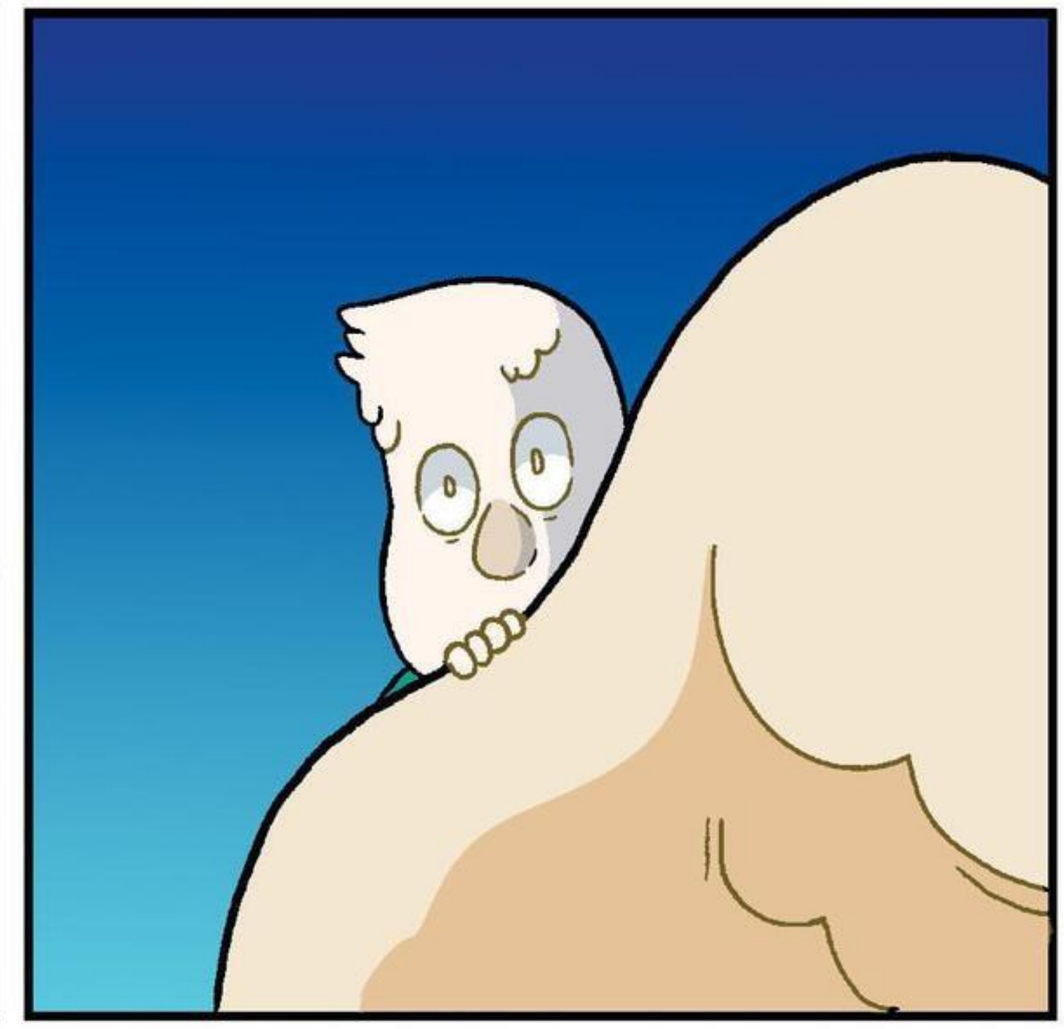
--GO DOWN!

ENJOY PLANE SIX!

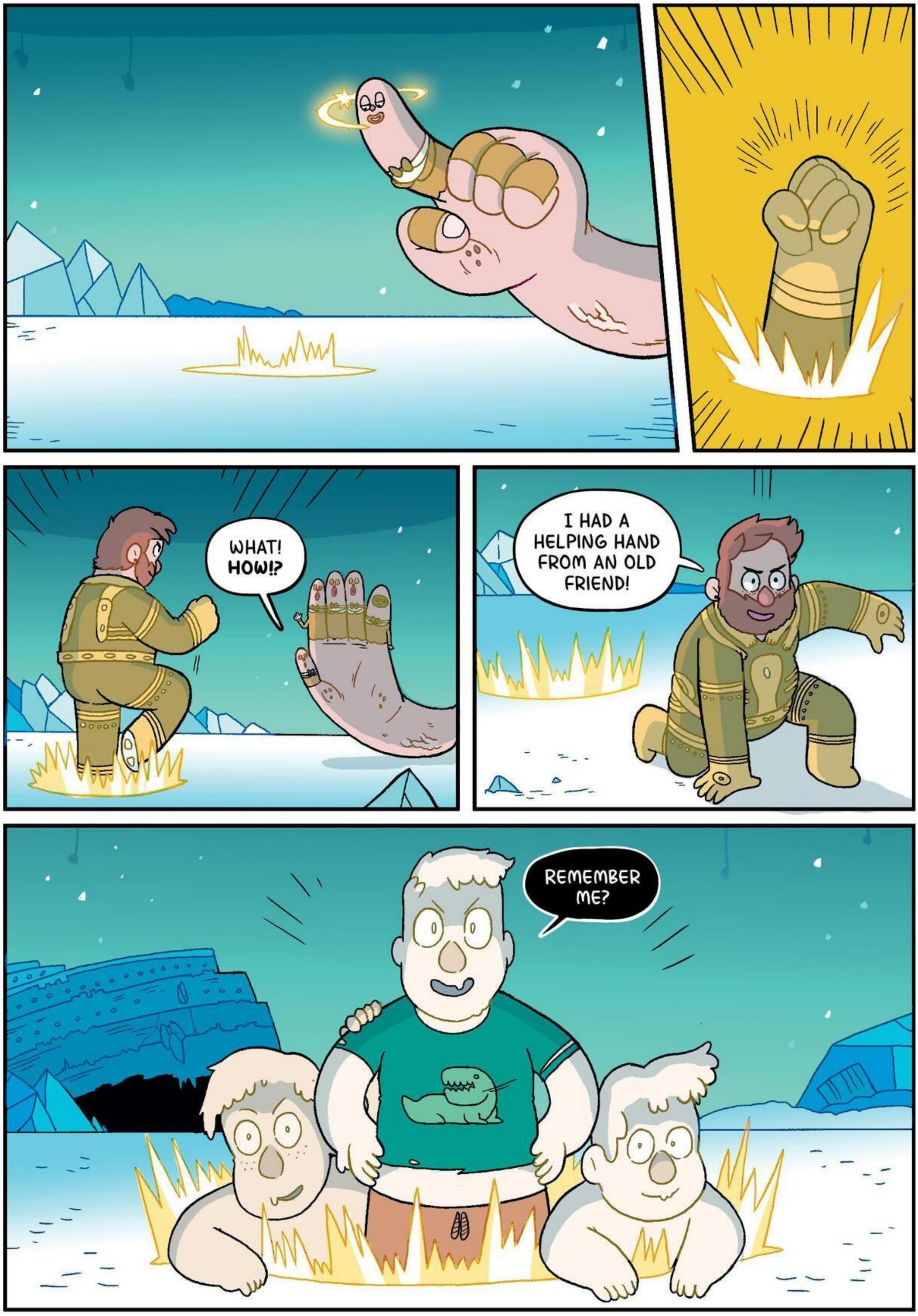
OH!

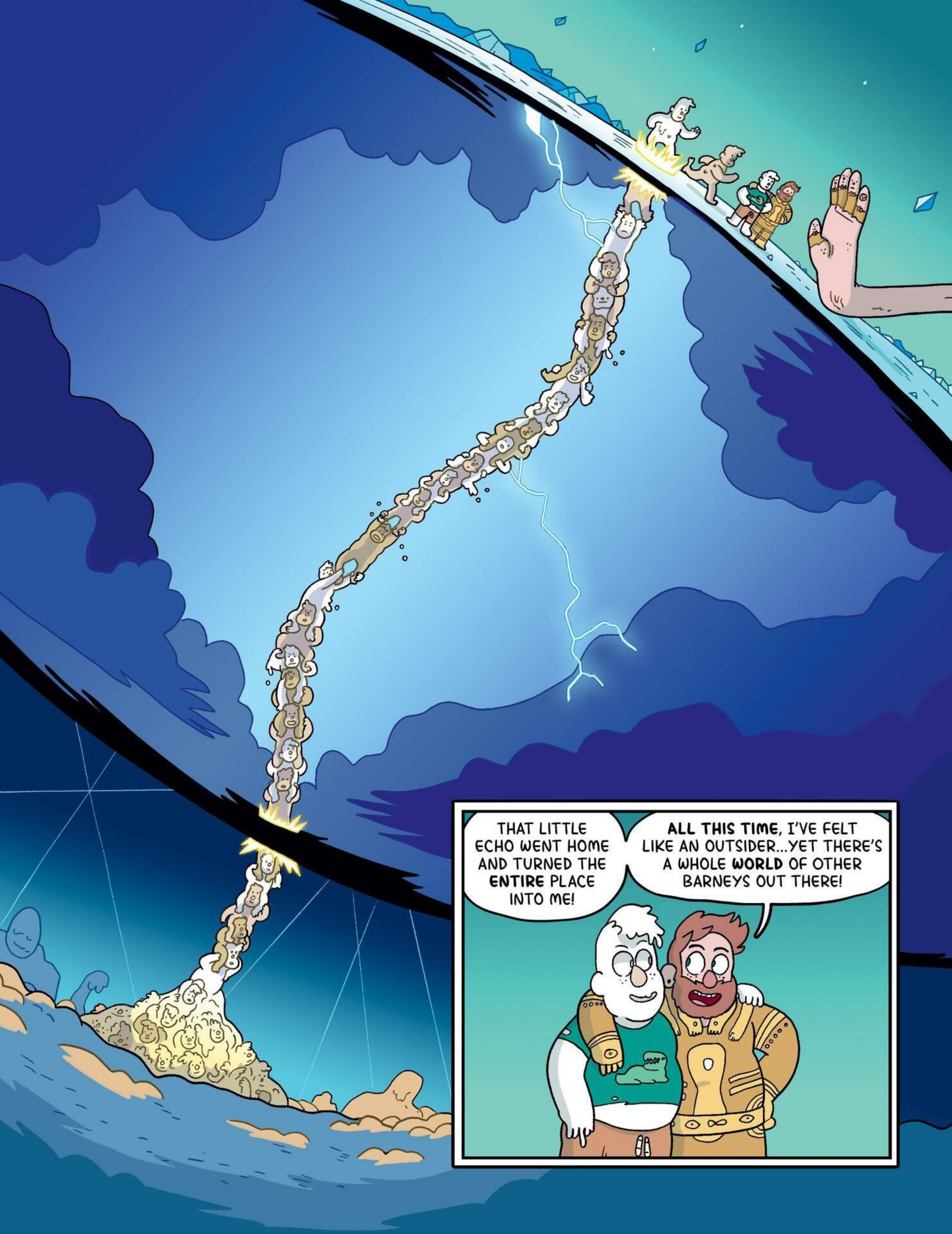
THANK YOU, GROUND. YOU'RE THE FIRST SOFT THING I'VE FALLEN ON TODAY.

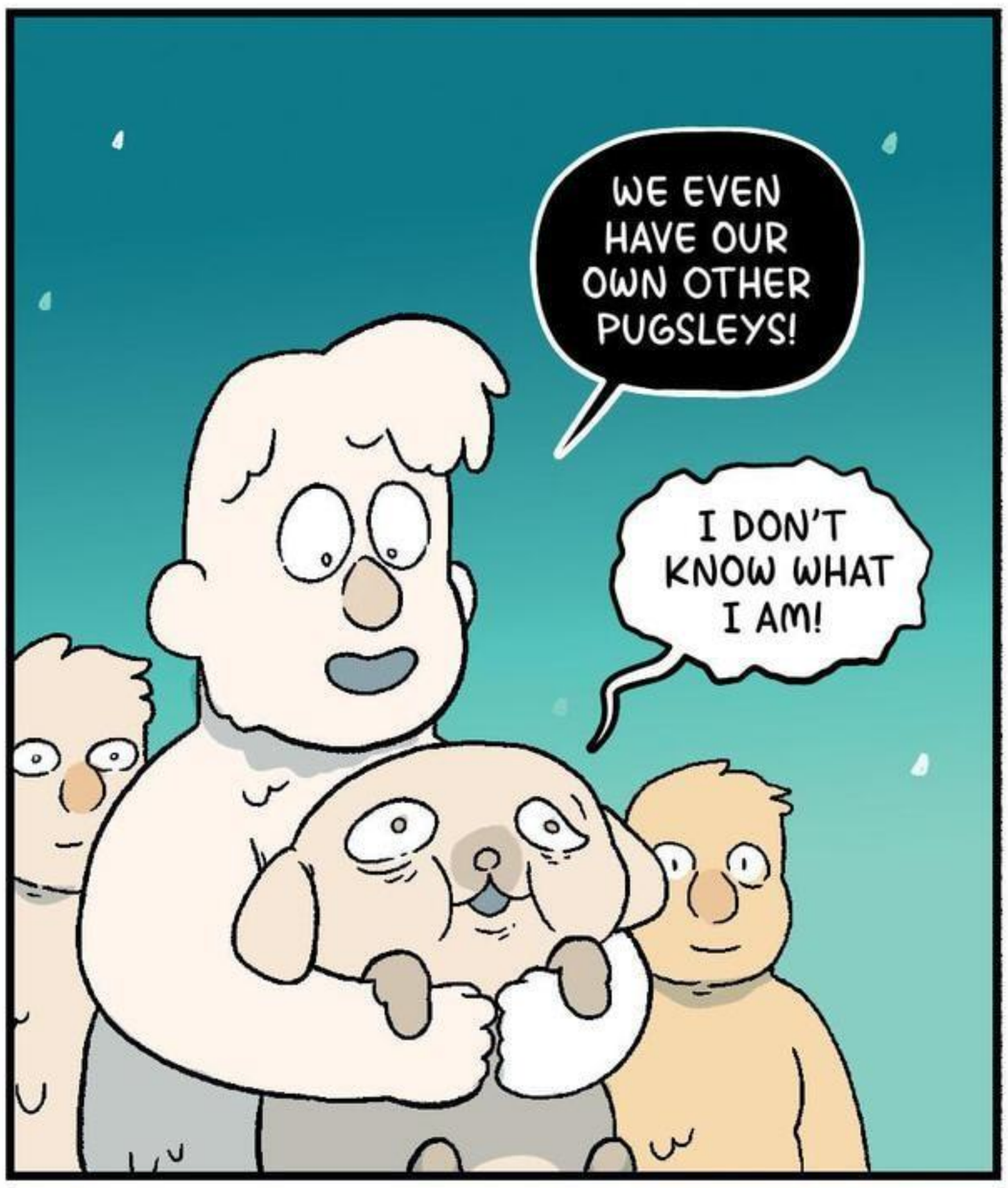
WHERE AM I NOW, THOUGH? PLANE SIX? WHAT'S THAT...?



HELLO AGAIN!

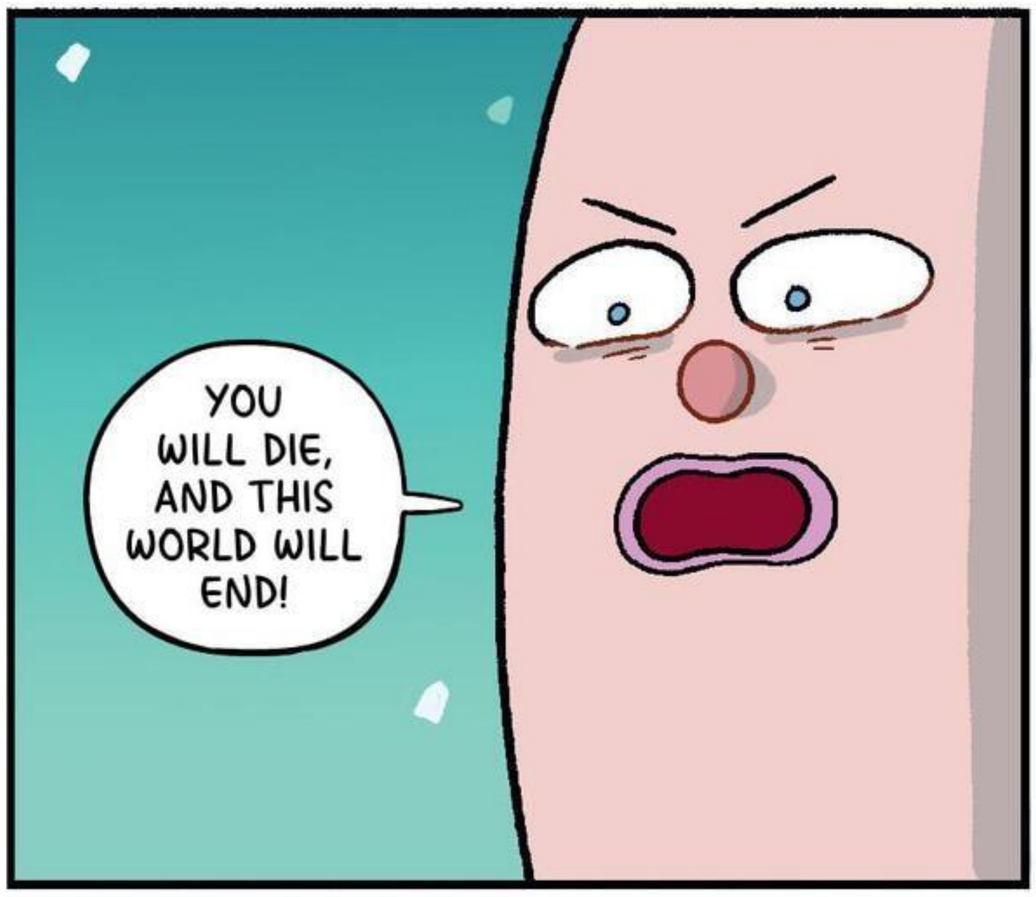

WHAT! HOW!?
I HAD A HELPING HAND FROM AN OLD FRIEND!
REMEMBER ME?


THAT LITTLE ECHO WENT HOME AND TURNED THE **ENTIRE** PLACE INTO ME!
ALL THIS TIME, I'VE FELT LIKE AN OUTSIDER...YET THERE'S A WHOLE **WORLD** OF OTHER BARNEYS OUT THERE!


WE EVEN HAVE OUR OWN OTHER PUGSLEYS!
I DON'T KNOW WHAT I AM!

NOW, TAKE US TO PAEL!

FINE... BUT IT'S YOUR FUNERAL. I WARNED YOU. IF YOU GO UP THERE, THE WATCHER'S PROPHECY WILL COME TRUE!


YOU WILL DIE, AND THIS WORLD WILL END!

THE MORE HALOS WE BREAK, THE MORE PEOPLE WE GET ON OUR SIDE.

LET ME GO BACK! LET ME SEE PAEL AGAIN!
AH! I DON'T THINK SO!

WHAM
SORRY!

WHOA, LOGS! WERE YOU ALWAYS THIS BADASS?

I GUESS THE ANGELS REGRET FILLING MY HEAD WITH ALL THAT STAGE-COMBAT TRAINING, *HUH?*

IT'S NOT ENOUGH TO BREAK THEIR HALOS. THEY HAVE TO MAKE THE DECISION THEMSELVES.

SOME OF THEM ARE TOO SCARED OF PAEL TO STAY WITH HIM, SOME ARE TOO SCARED TO LEAVE.

SHWING

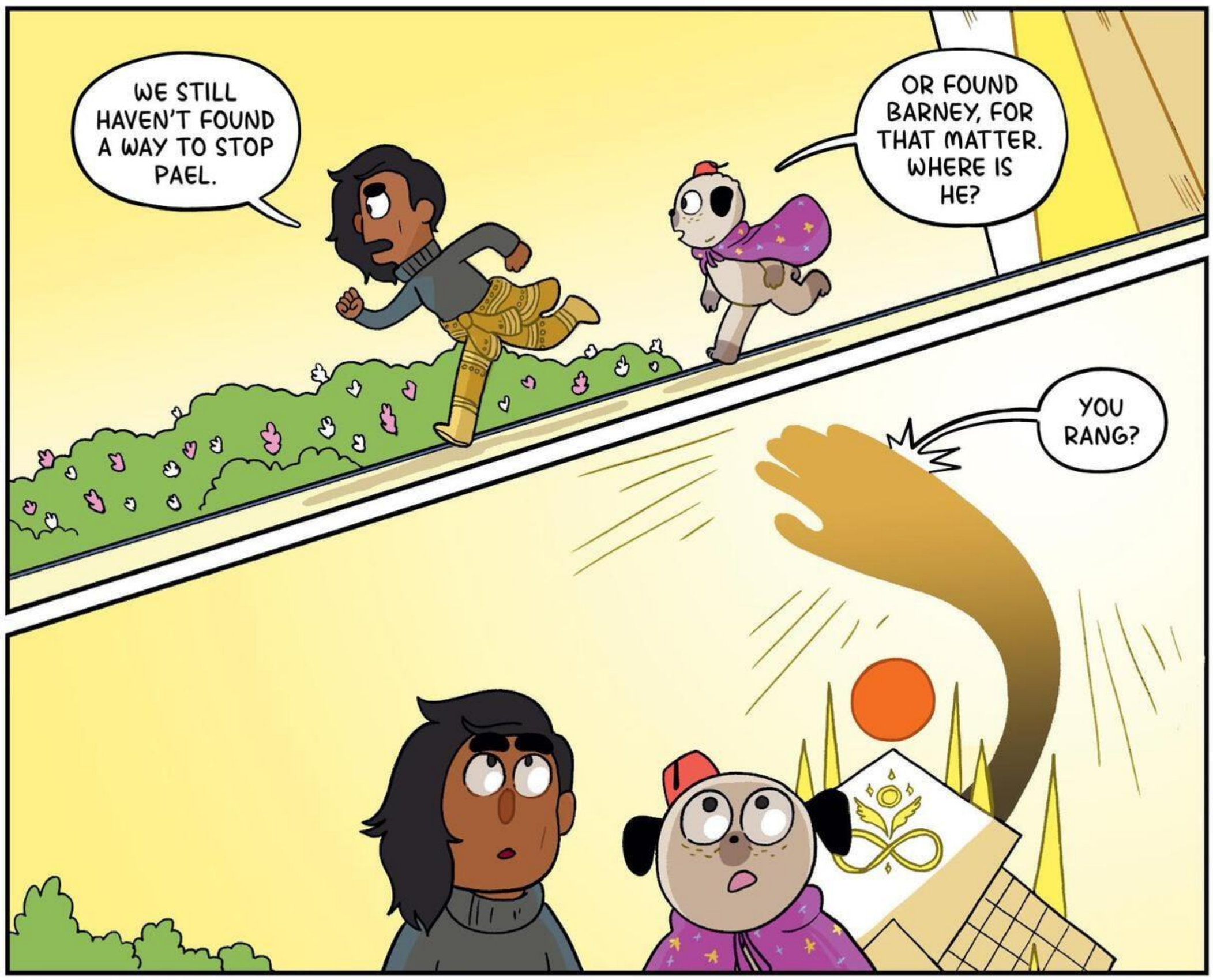
HEY! WATCH IT!

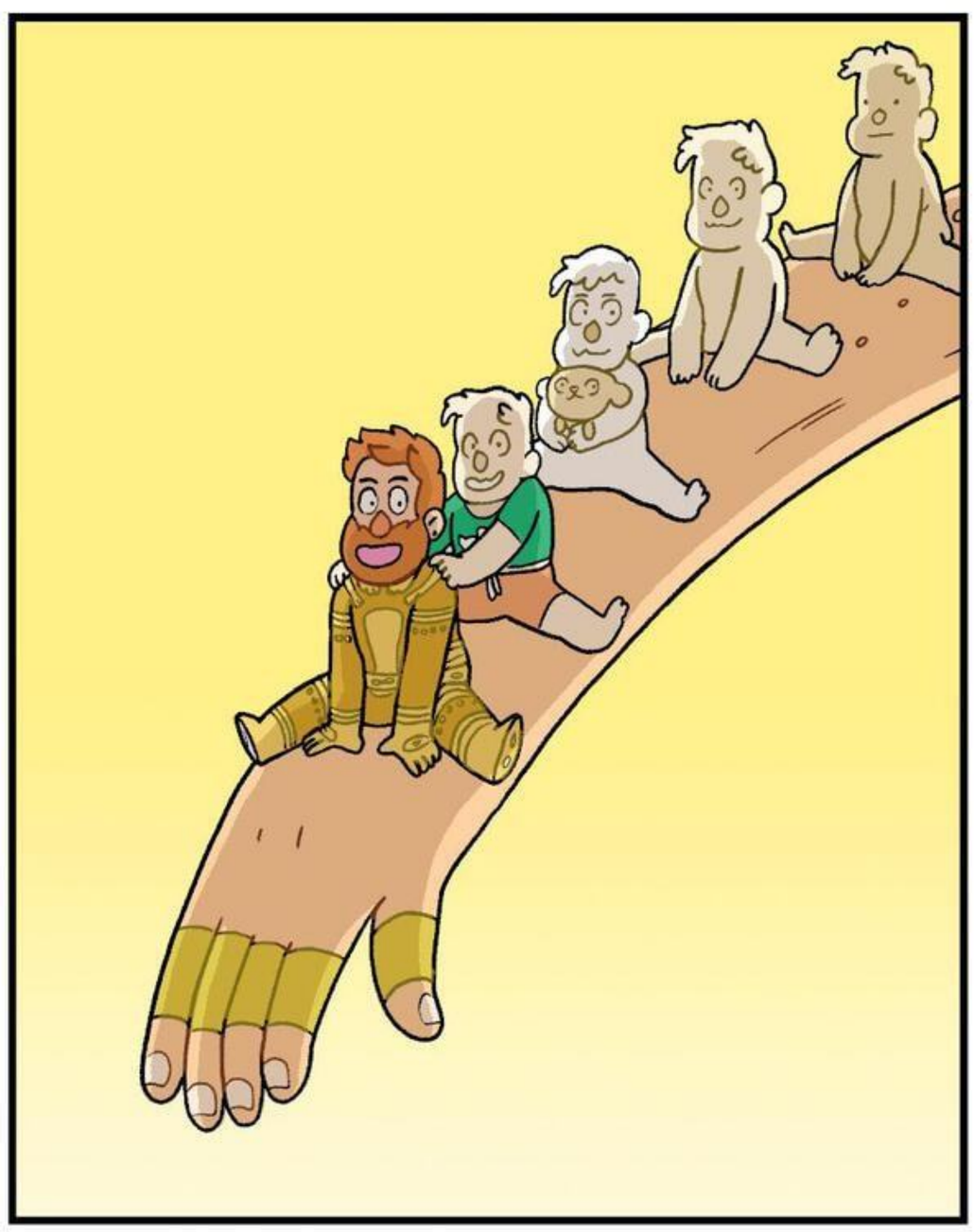
WELL, GET OUT OF MY WAY! AND STOP LOOKING SO MUCH LIKE THE ENEMY.

OH! NICE, THAT! I THOUGHT WE WERE ON THE SAME SIDE!

IT'S NOT WORKING, WE'RE STILL FIGHTING EACH OTHER.
BECAUSE NONE OF THESE ANGELS ARE OUR ENEMY. THEY'RE PAEL'S VICTIMS TOO.

WE GOTTA HELP THE OTHERS. WE GOTTA STOP PAEL.


WE STILL HAVEN'T FOUND A WAY TO STOP PAEL.
OR FOUND BARNEY, FOR THAT MATTER. WHERE IS HE?
YOU RANG?

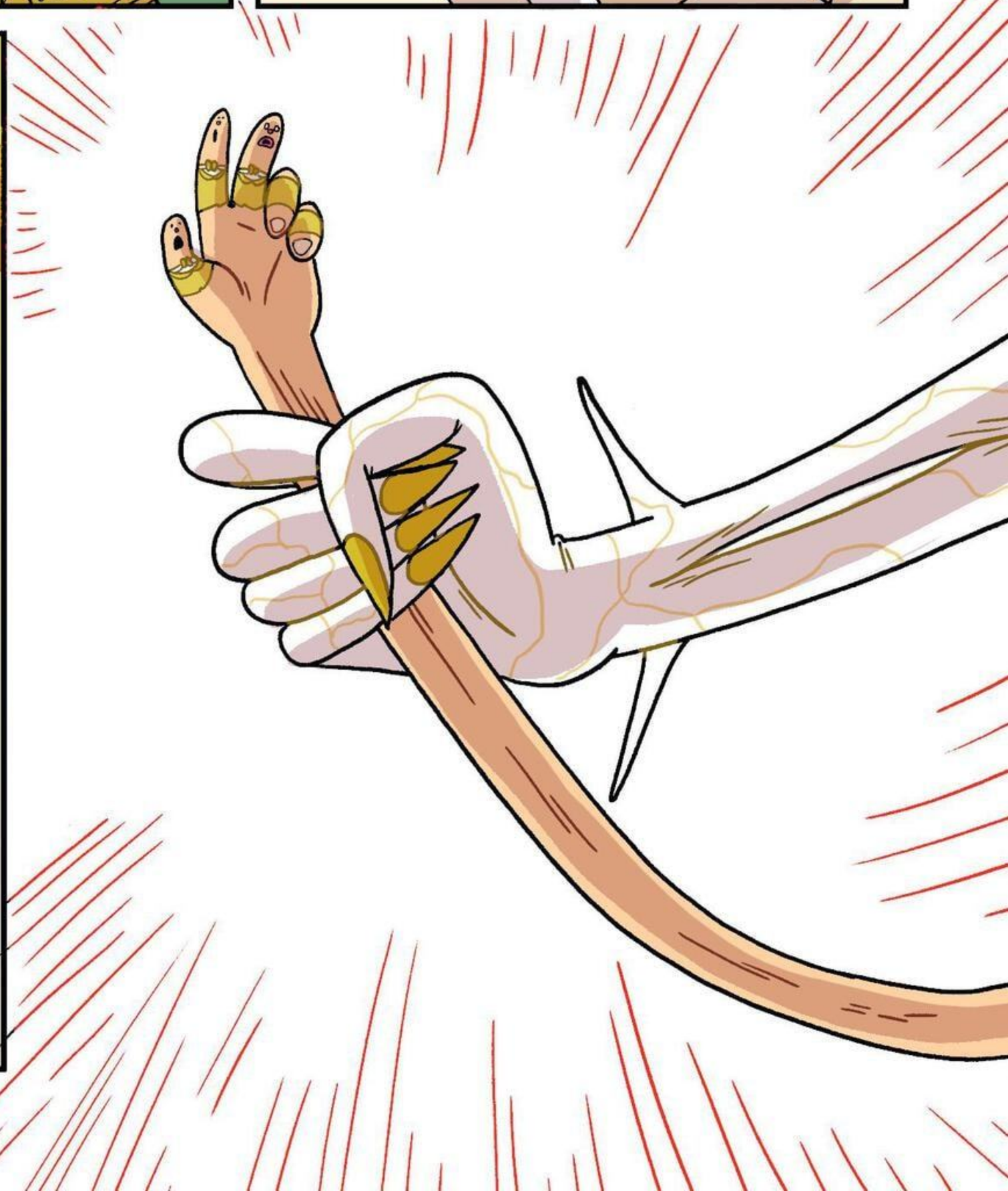


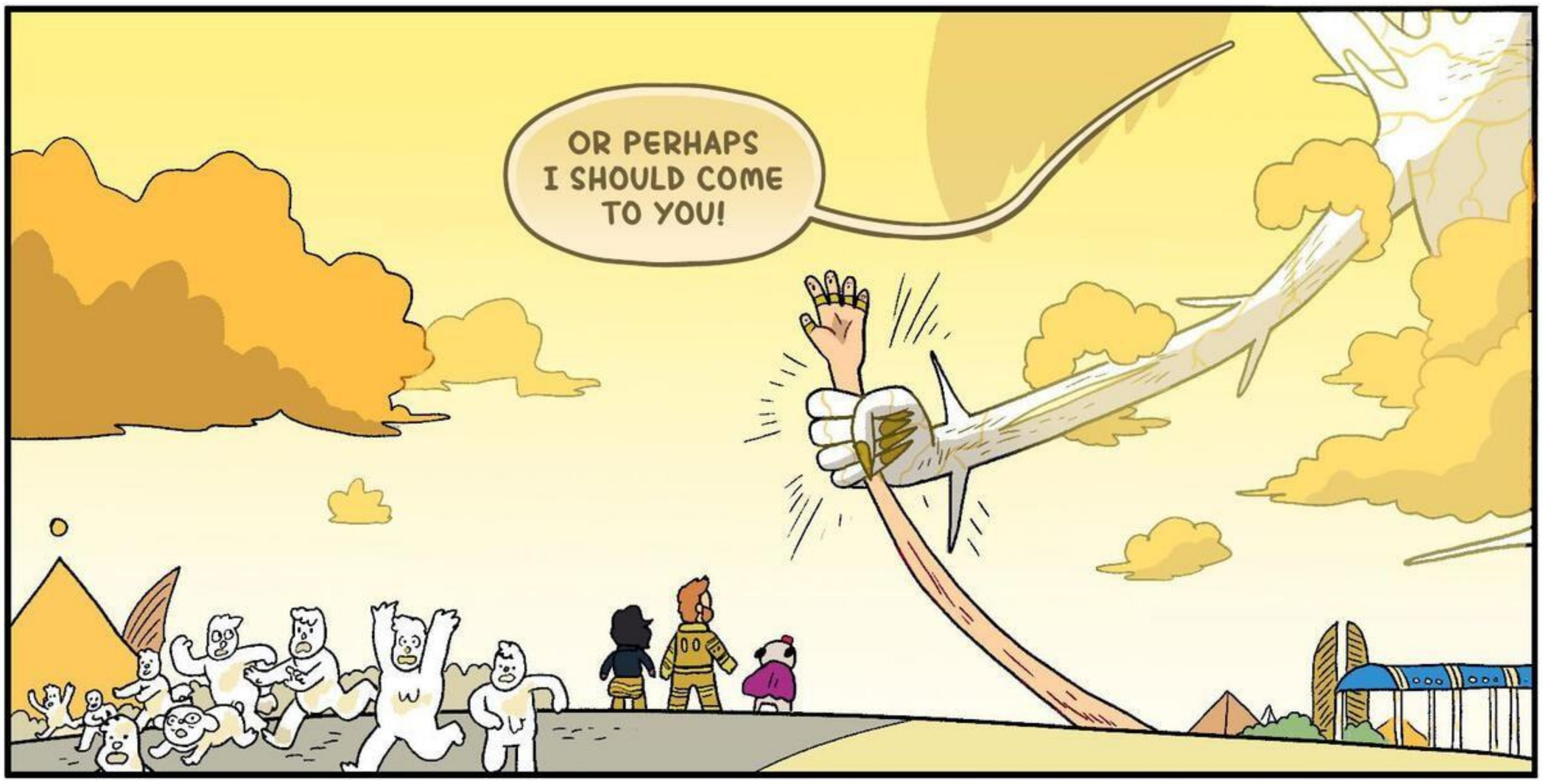
BARNEY! AND BARNEY! AND BARNEY! WOW! SO MANY BARNEYS! MAYBE **THIS** IS MY HAPPY ENDING.
NO WAY! IS THAT--

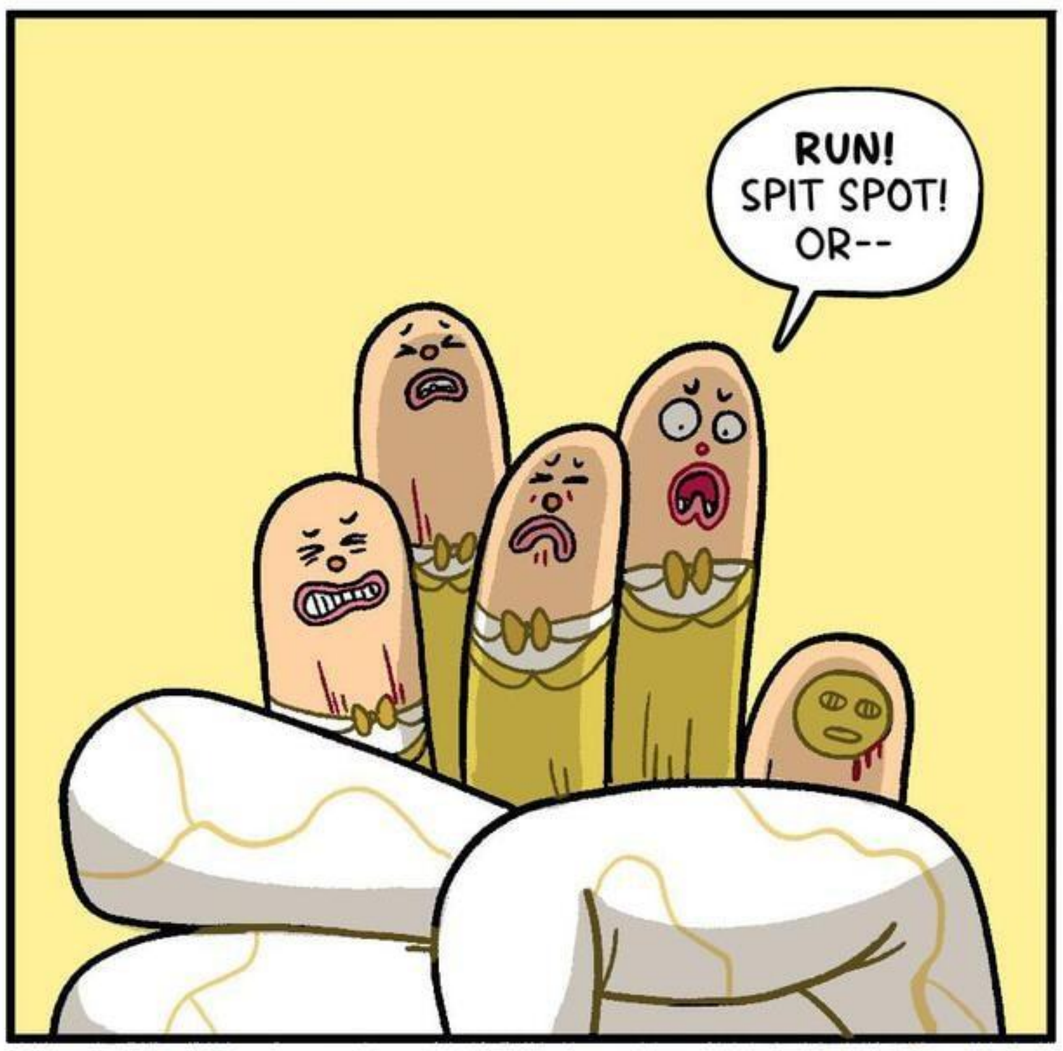
YOU REMEMBERED ME!
WELL, IT WAS A VERY POPULAR CHAPTER...OF OUR LIVES.

I CAN TAKE YOU UP TO PLANE ONE, BUT I'M TELLING YOU--YOU CAN'T STOP PAEL.

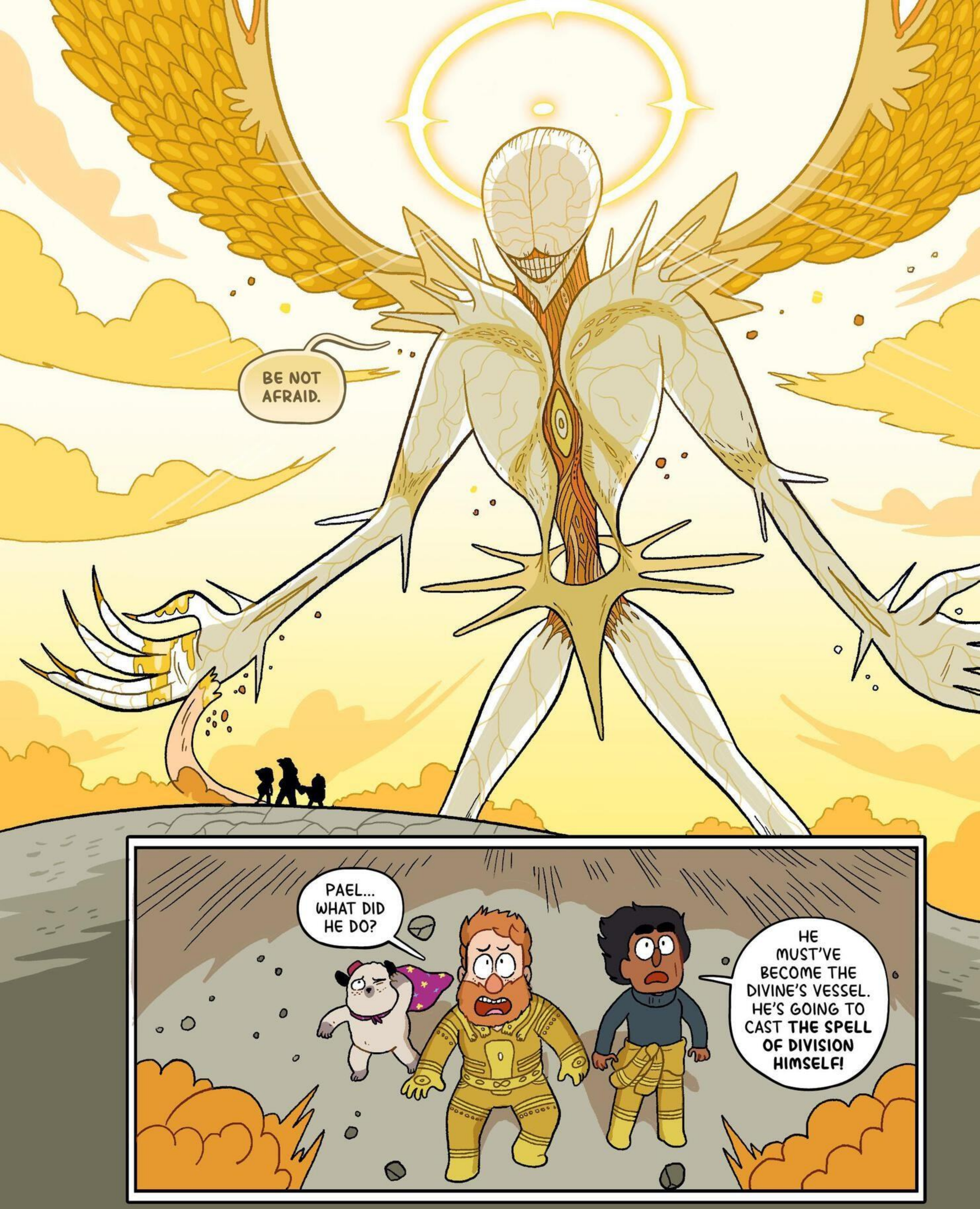
YOU'D DO MORE GOOD HIDING AND WAITING OUT THE NEXT DIVISION! I KNOW I WOULD!




OR PERHAPS I SHOULD COME TO YOU!

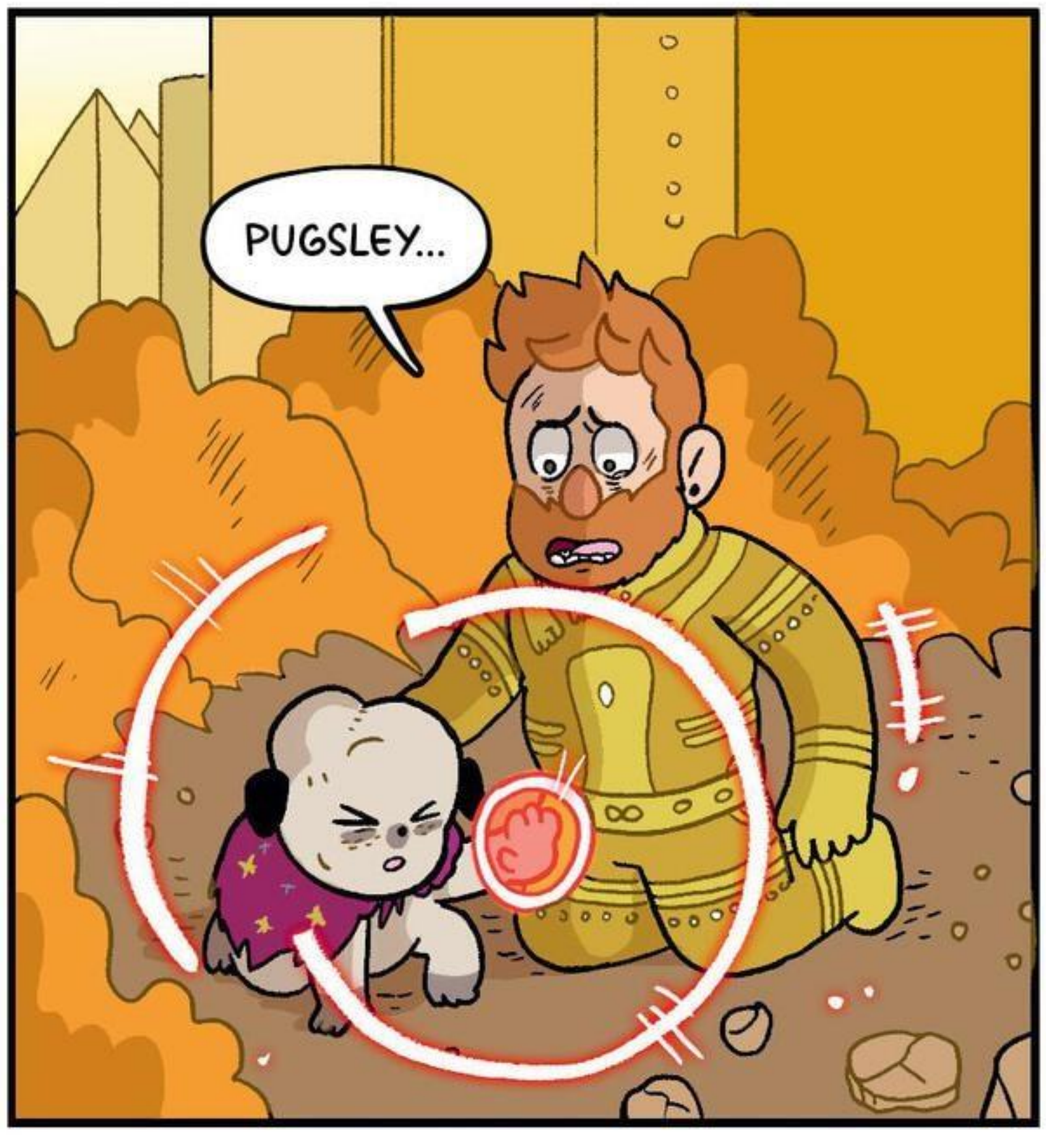

RUN! SPIT SPOT! OR--

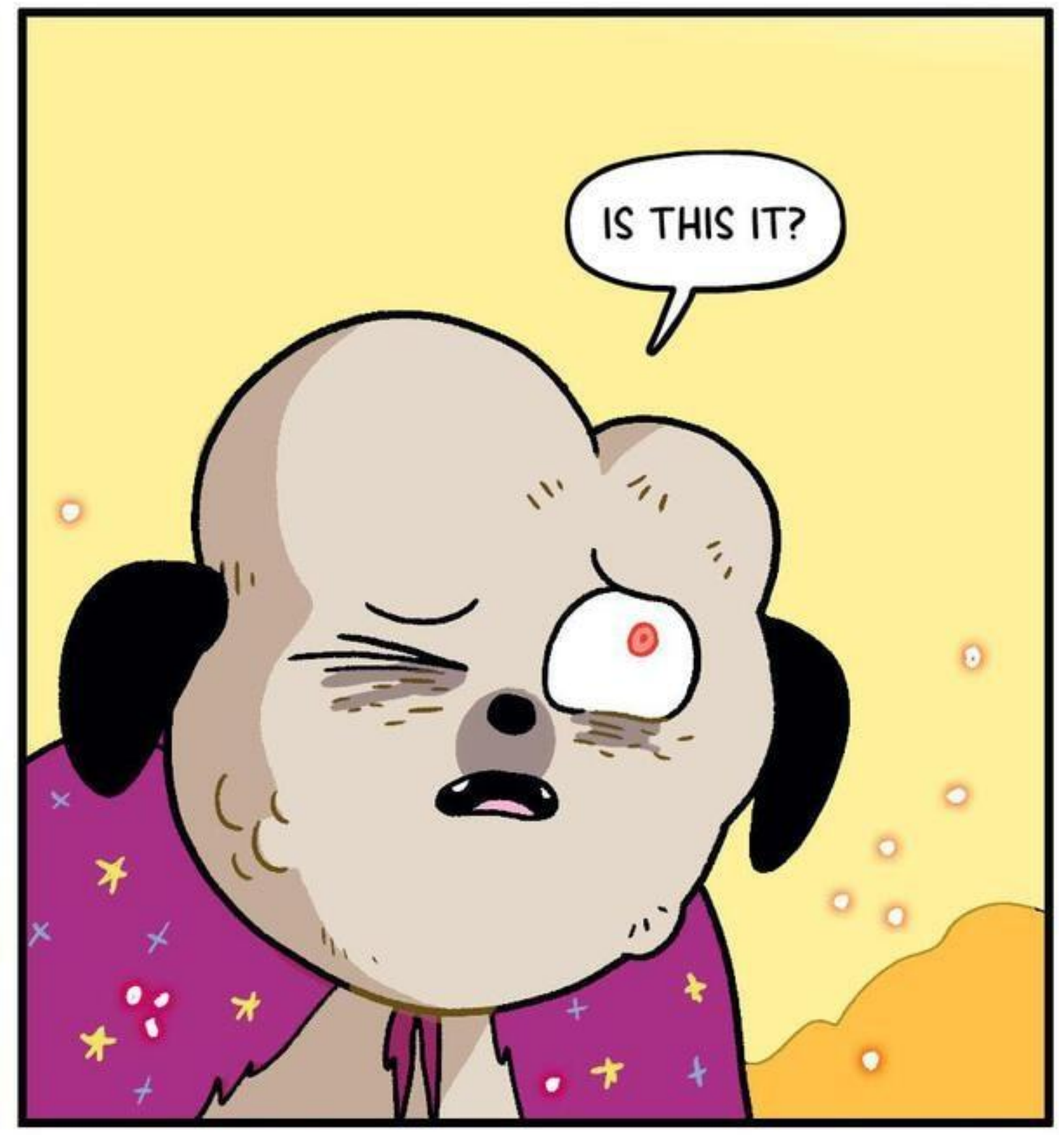
FINGERS? NO!


BE NOT AFRAID.
PAEL... WHAT DID HE DO?
HE MUST'VE BECOME THE DIVINE'S VESSEL. HE'S GOING TO CAST THE SPELL OF DIVISION HIMSELF!

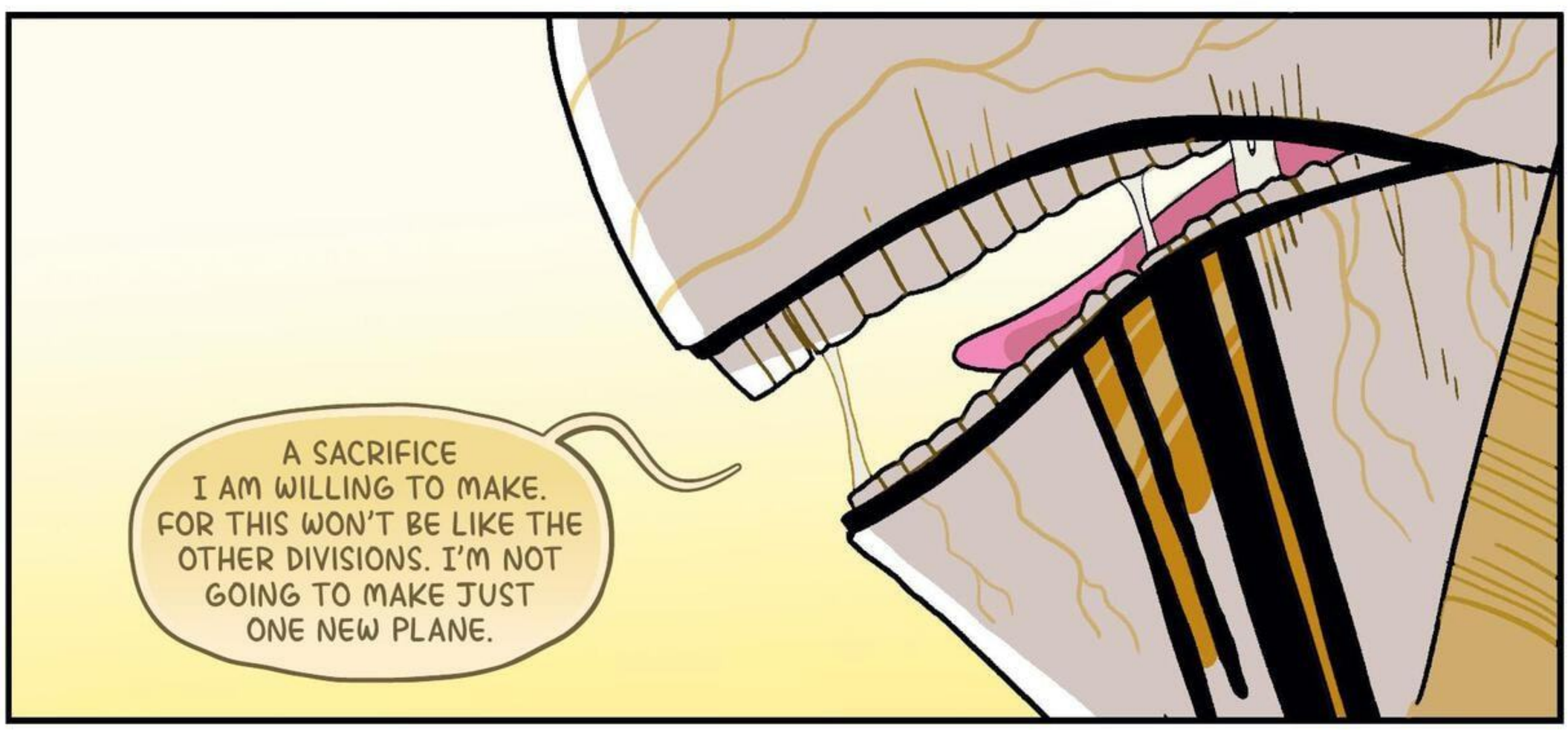
WELL, NOT JUST YET. YOU SEE, THERE'S ONE ASPECT OF THE SPELL OF DIVISION THAT I'VE ALWAYS FELT WAS A DESIGN FLAW.

NO. BEFORE I CAST THE SPELL, I'M MAKING SURE YOU DON'T MAKE IT TO MY NEW WORLD. EVERYTHING WILL BE PERFECT ONCE YOU THREE ARE WIPED OUT!


PUGSLEY...

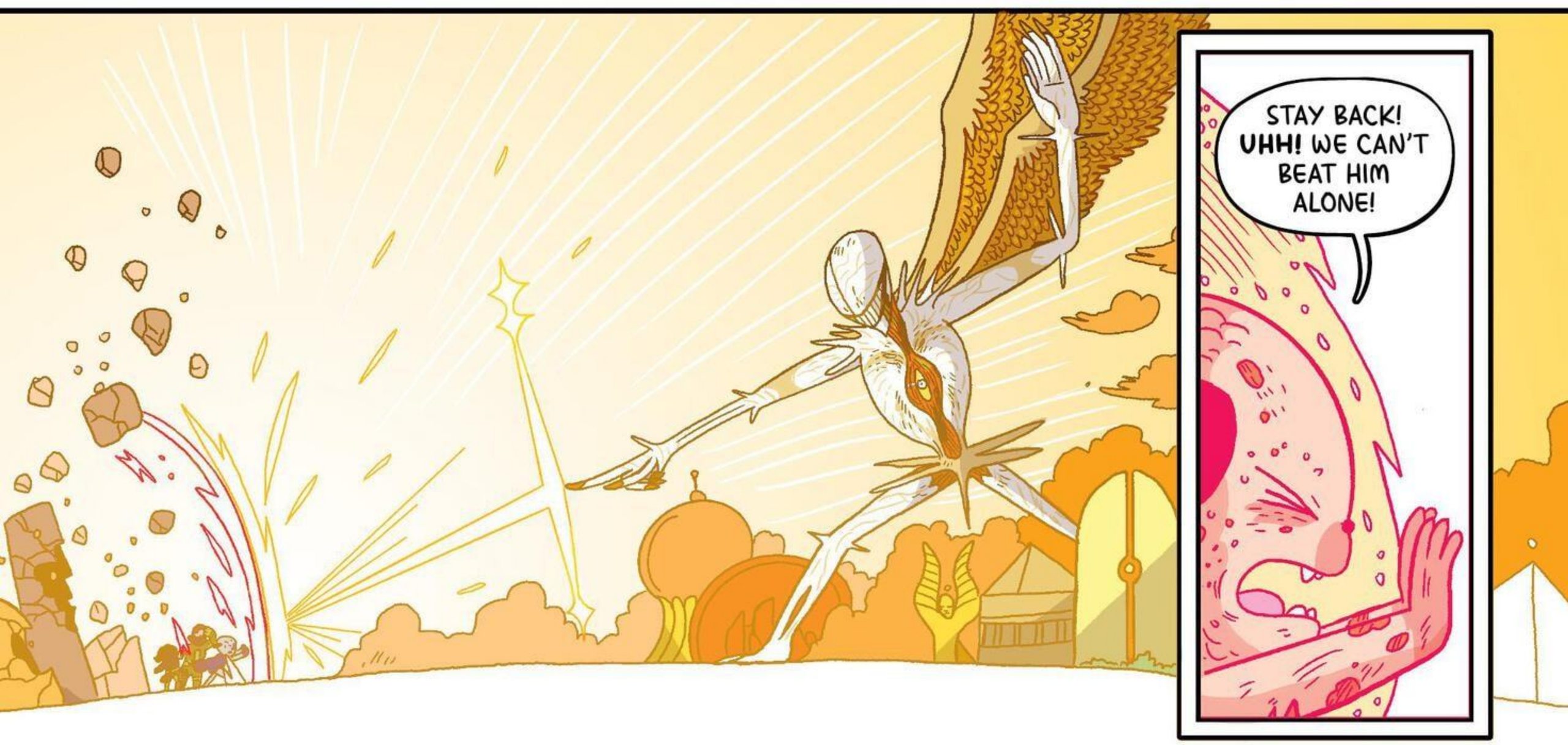

IS THIS IT?

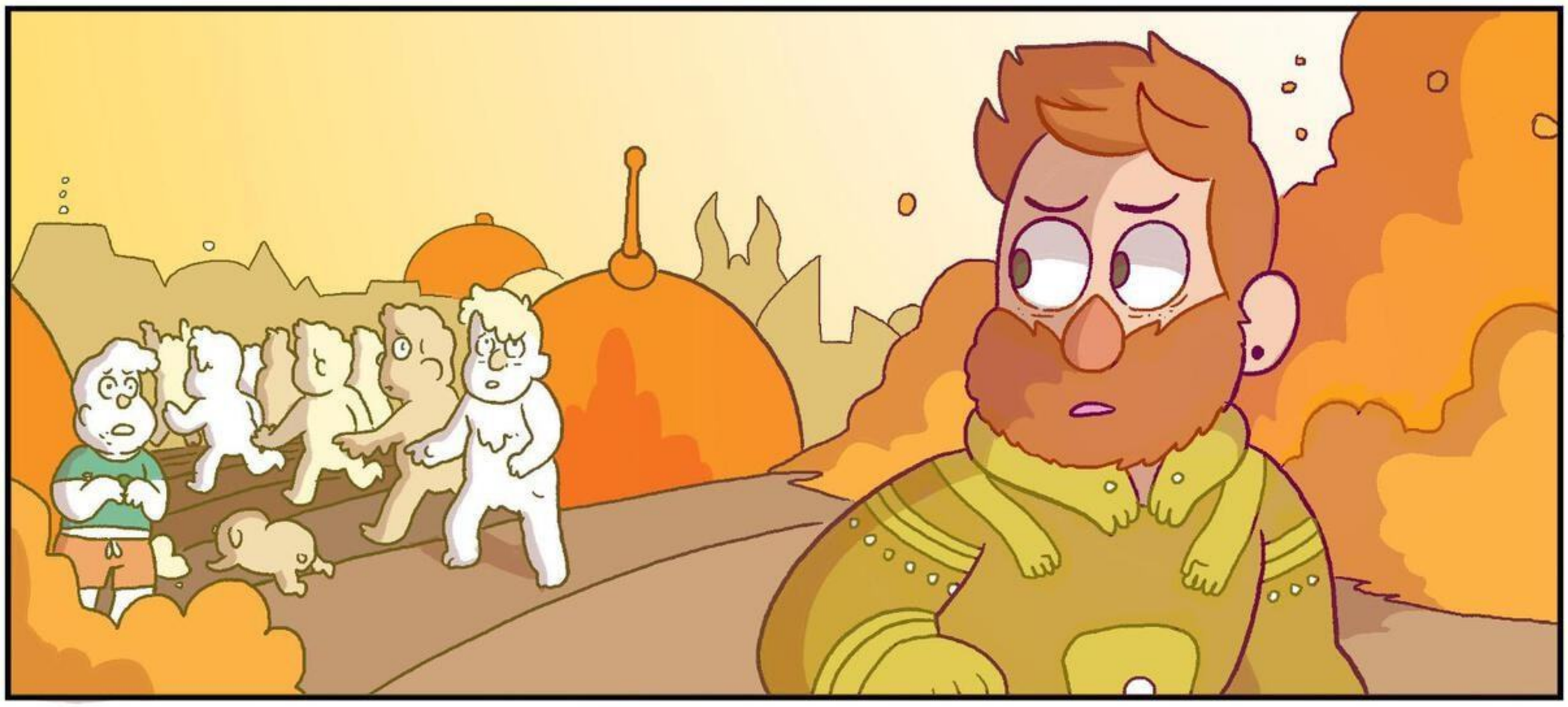
BUT CASTING THE SPELL OF DIVISION ALWAYS DIVIDES THE CASTER TOO! **YOU'LL BE RIPPED IN HALF**, YOUR BODY AND YOUR SOUL!


A SACRIFICE I AM WILLING TO MAKE. FOR THIS WON'T BE LIKE THE OTHER DIVISIONS. I'M NOT GOING TO MAKE JUST ONE NEW PLANE.

I WILL DIVIDE EVERYONE INTO THEIR OWN PLANE! EVERYONE WILL BE SPLIT APART! ALONE! AND SAFE! THAT'S JUST HOW MUCH I CARE ABOUT KEEPING THIS WORLD IN ORDER.

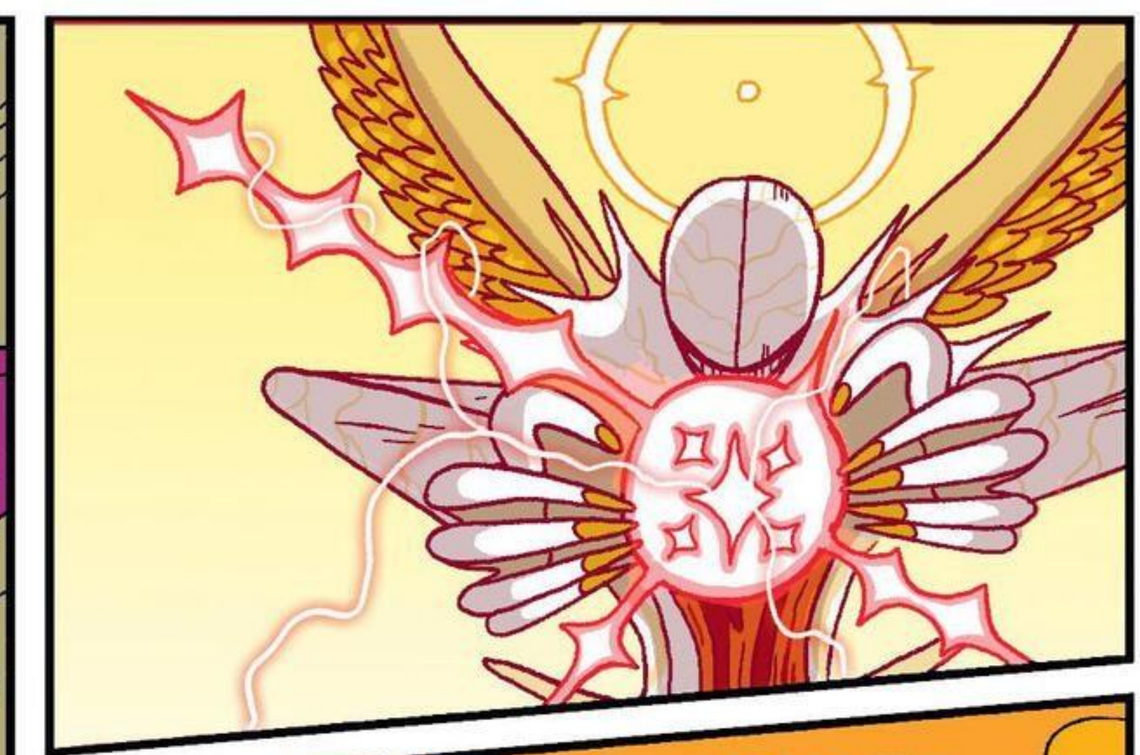
TEN BILLION LITTLE WORLDS! AND THE DIVINE ORDER WILL FINALLY BE FULFILLED!


STAY BACK! UHH! WE CAN'T BEAT HIM ALONE!



WE'RE NOT ALONE!

BARNEY!



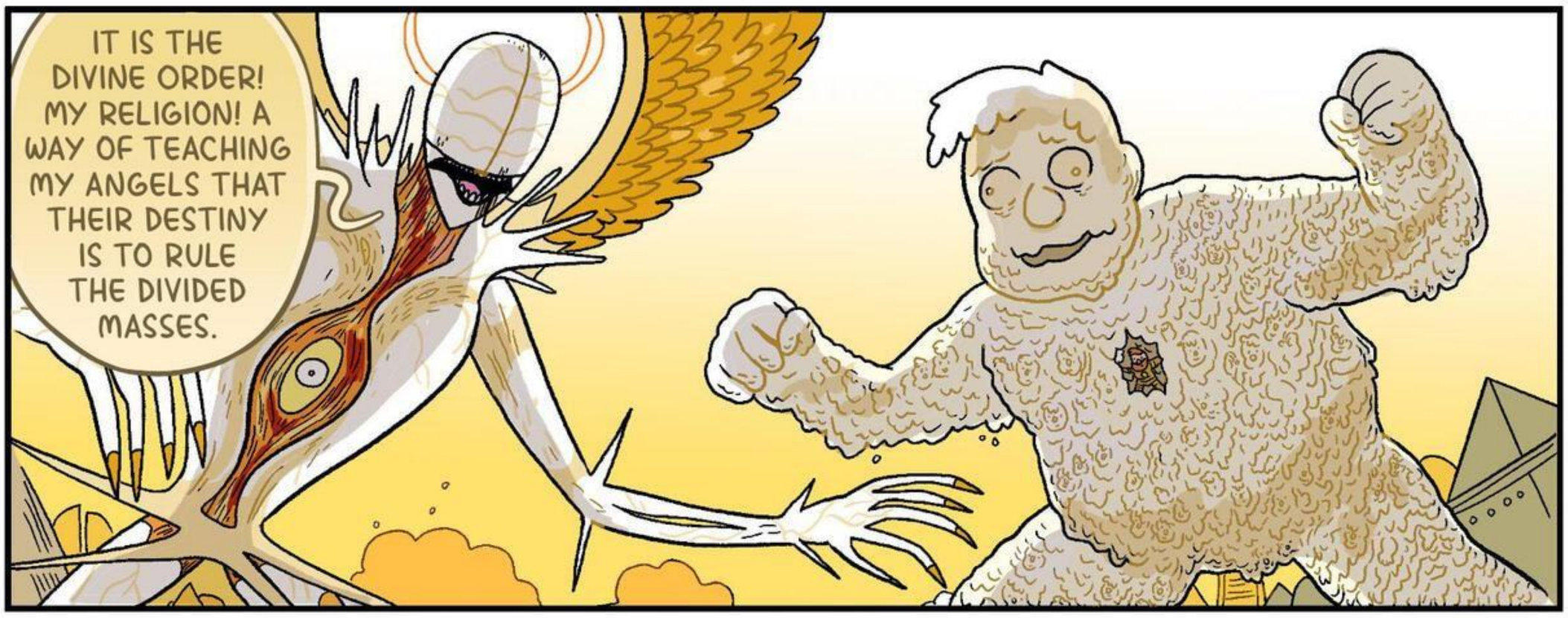
WE TRIED...

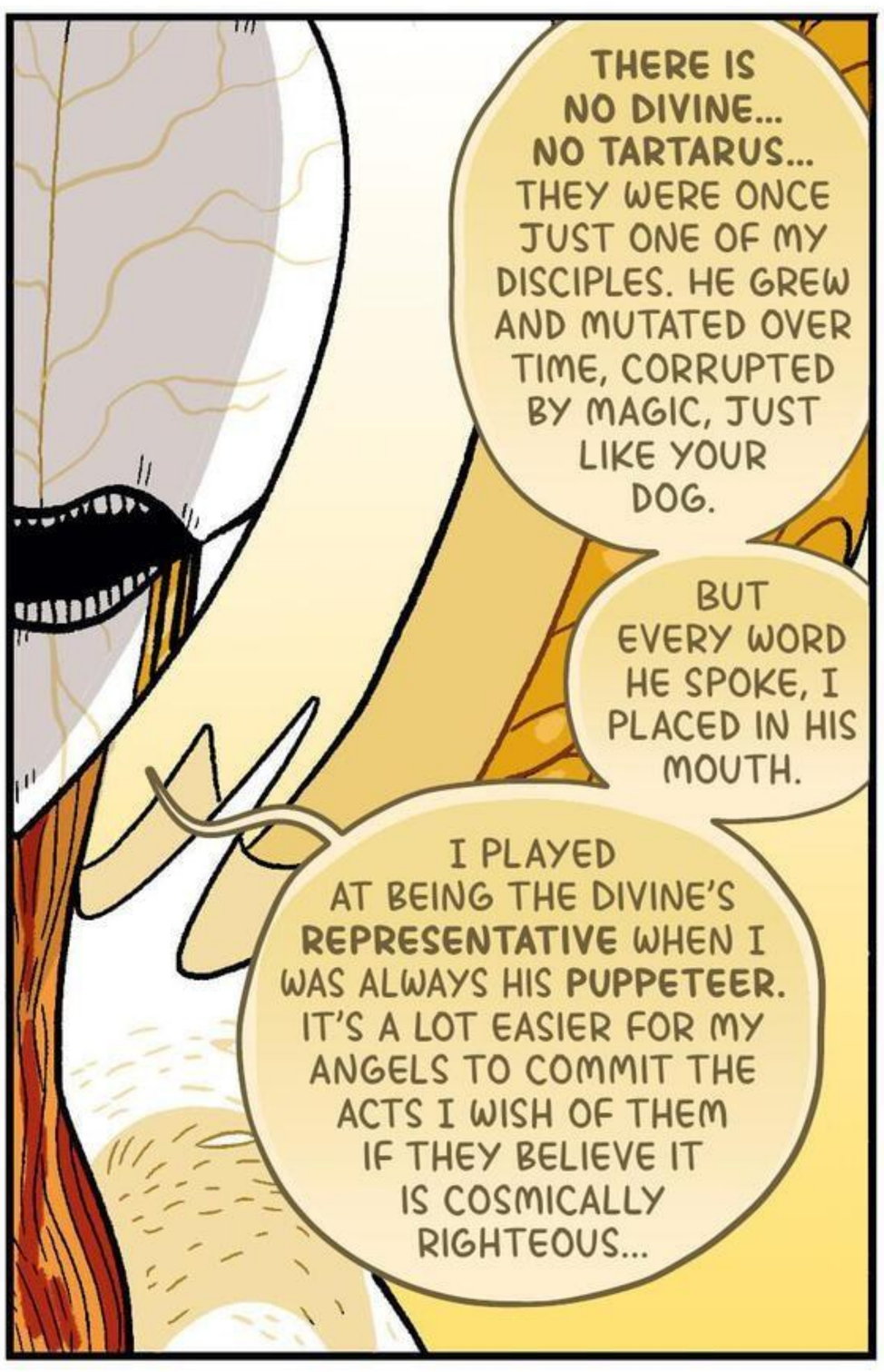
GO TO HELL!

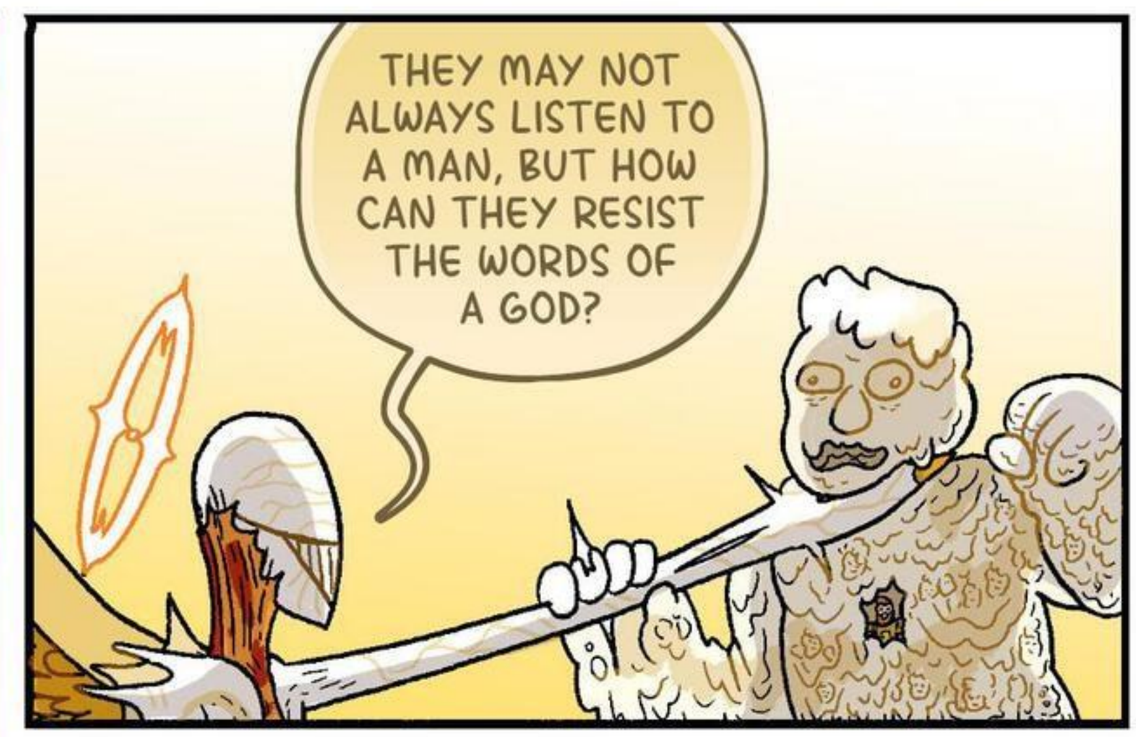
WHAT!?

ALREADY BEEN!
THE OTHER BARNEYS...
YOU BECAME A KAIJU!?

IT'S YOUR WORST NIGHTMARE, PAEL! **PEOPLE FROM DIFFERENT WORLDS WORKING TOGETHER!** WHY DO YOU WANT TO SEPARATE PEOPLE SO MUCH?


IT IS THE DIVINE ORDER! MY RELIGION! A WAY OF TEACHING MY ANGELS THAT THEIR DESTINY IS TO RULE THE DIVIDED MASSES.

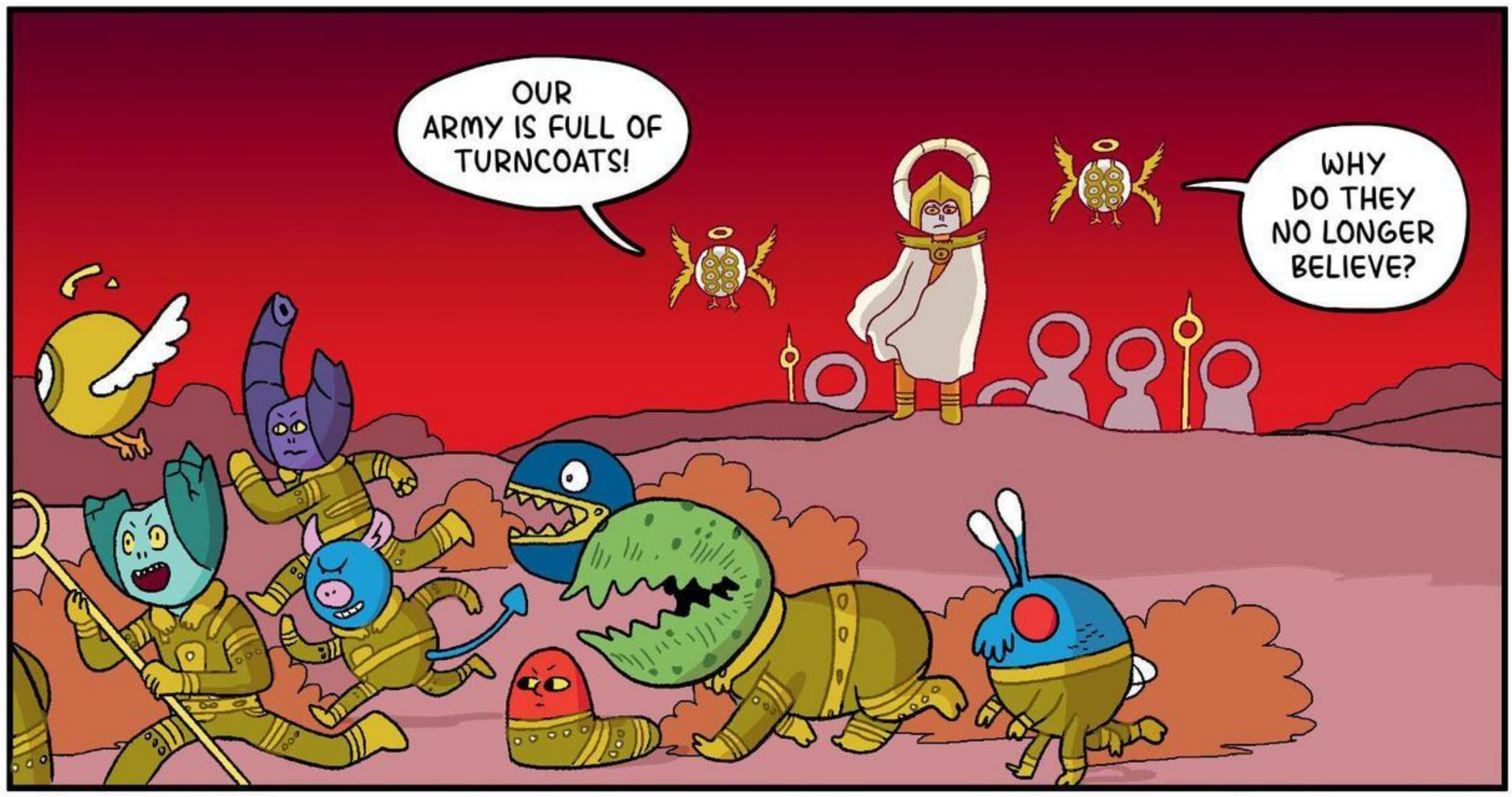

THERE IS NO DIVINE... NO TARTARUS... THEY WERE ONCE JUST ONE OF MY DISCIPLES. HE GREW AND MUTATED OVER TIME, CORRUPTED BY MAGIC, JUST LIKE YOUR DOG.
BUT EVERY WORD HE SPOKE, I PLACED IN HIS MOUTH.
I PLAYED AT BEING THE DIVINE'S **REPRESENTATIVE** WHEN I WAS ALWAYS HIS **PUPPETEER.** IT'S A LOT EASIER FOR MY ANGELS TO COMMIT THE ACTS I WISH OF THEM IF THEY BELIEVE IT IS COSMICALLY RIGHTEOUS...


THEY MAY NOT ALWAYS LISTEN TO A MAN, BUT HOW CAN THEY RESIST THE WORDS OF A GOD?

HE DOESN'T EVEN BELIEVE IN HIS OWN CAUSE...HE KNOWS IT'S WRONG...
MAGIC IS BELIEF...
YEAH! HE'S EVIL! AND?

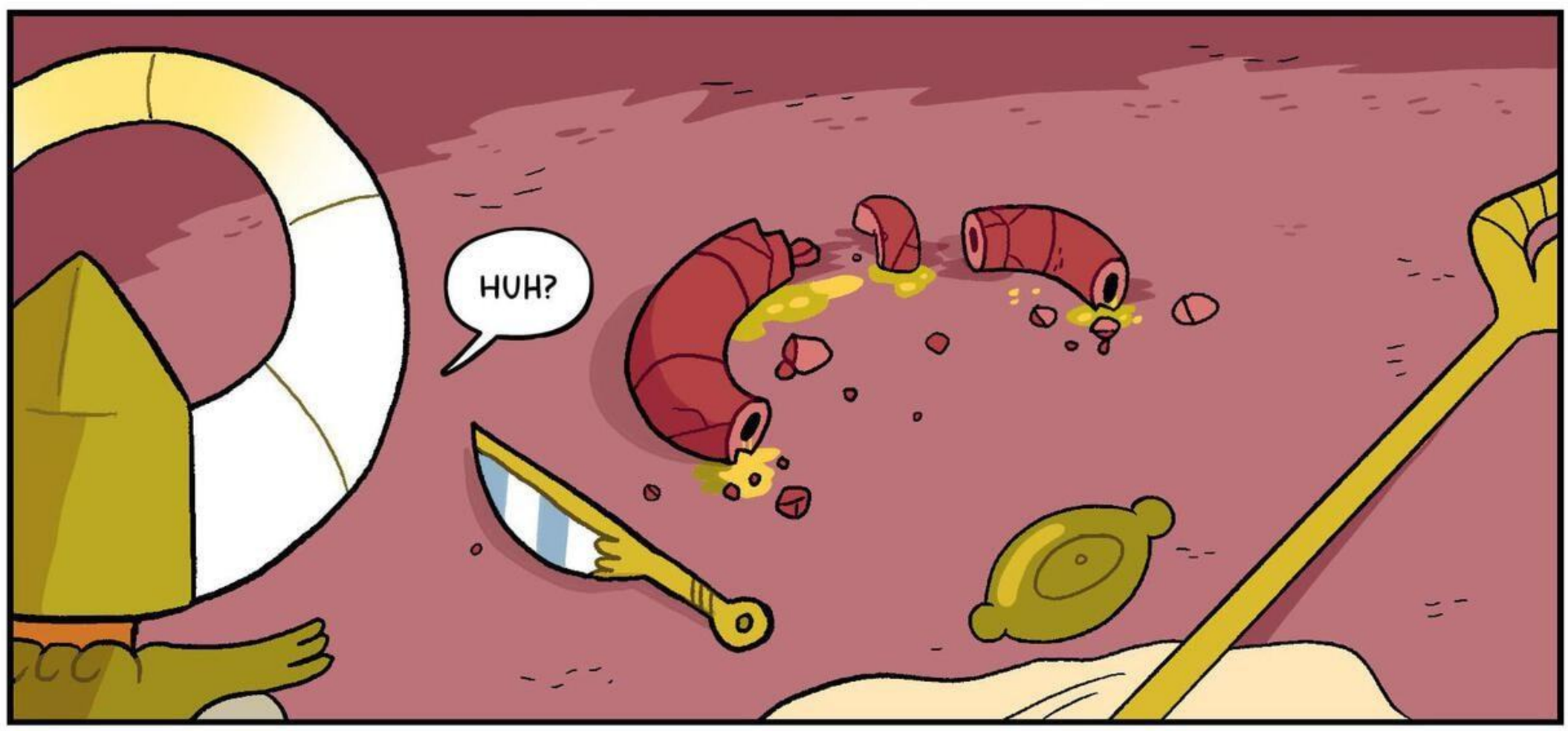
YOU GUYS READY?

I'M NOT SURE GOLD IS MY COLOR.
IT MAKES YOUR EYES SPARKLE!
WILL THIS WORK? IT'S JUST US.
IT'S NOT JUST US.
IT'S TIME TO BRING THE FIGHT TO THEM!

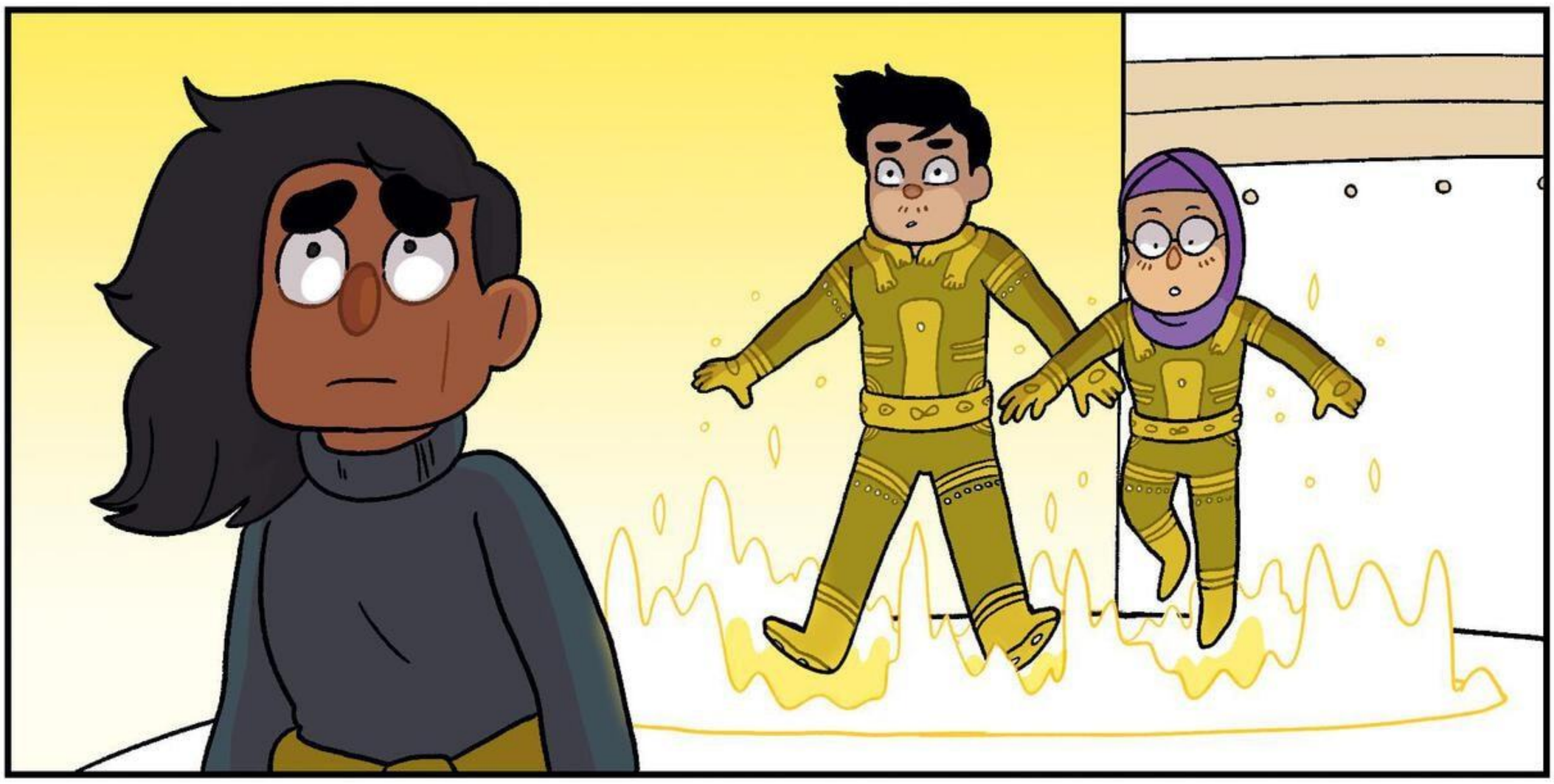

OUR ARMY IS FULL OF TURNCOATS!
WHY DO THEY NO Llonger BELIEVE?

GENERAL CAHATEL...THE BATTLE IS LOST. WE MUST RETREAT BACK TO THE UPPER--

GENERAL? WHERE IS THE GENERAL?


HUH?

I DON'T KNOW HOW TO HELP.

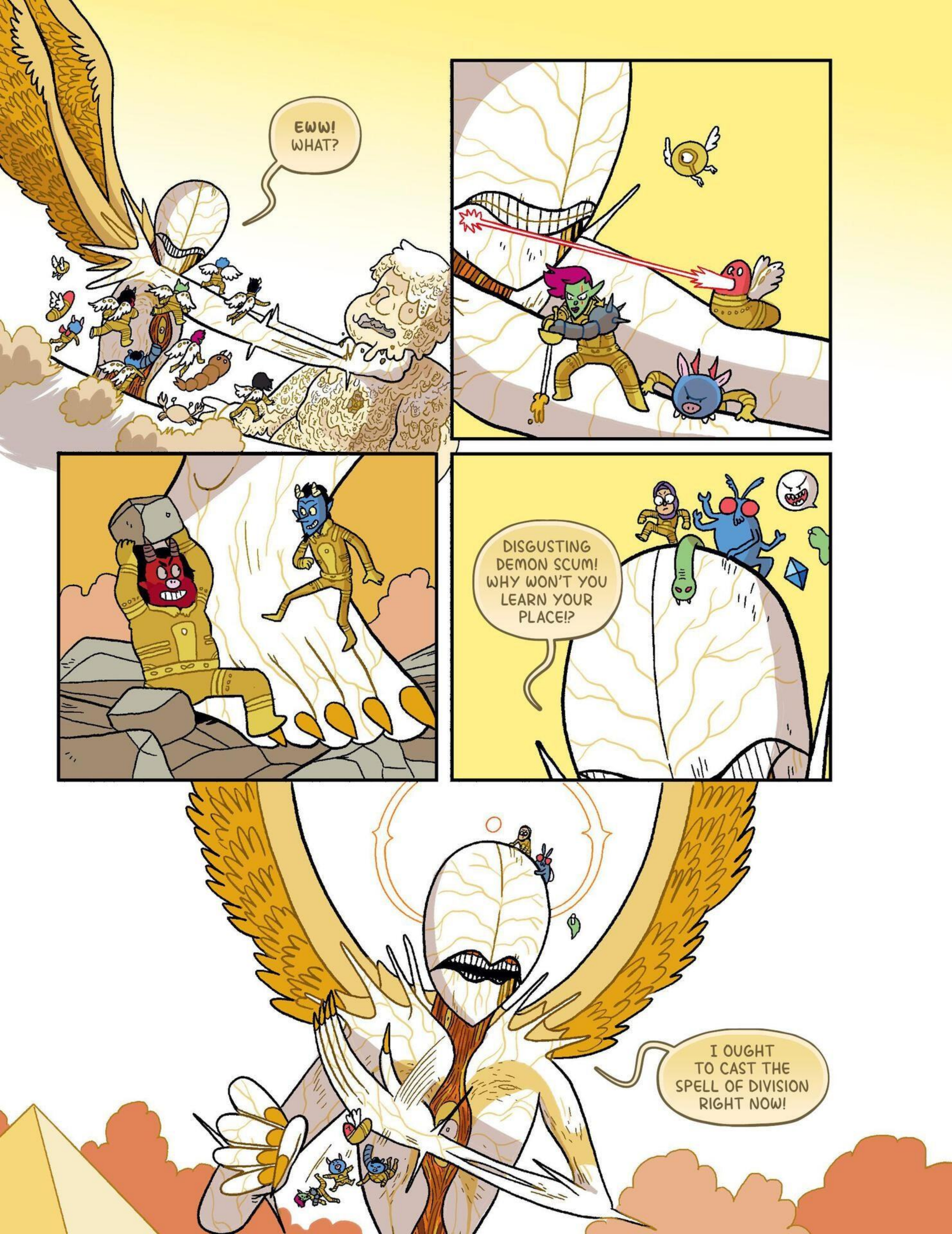


YOU GUYS! ARE YOU ALL THAT'S LEFT?

NOT BY A LONG SHOT. NORMA, I-- I MEAN--

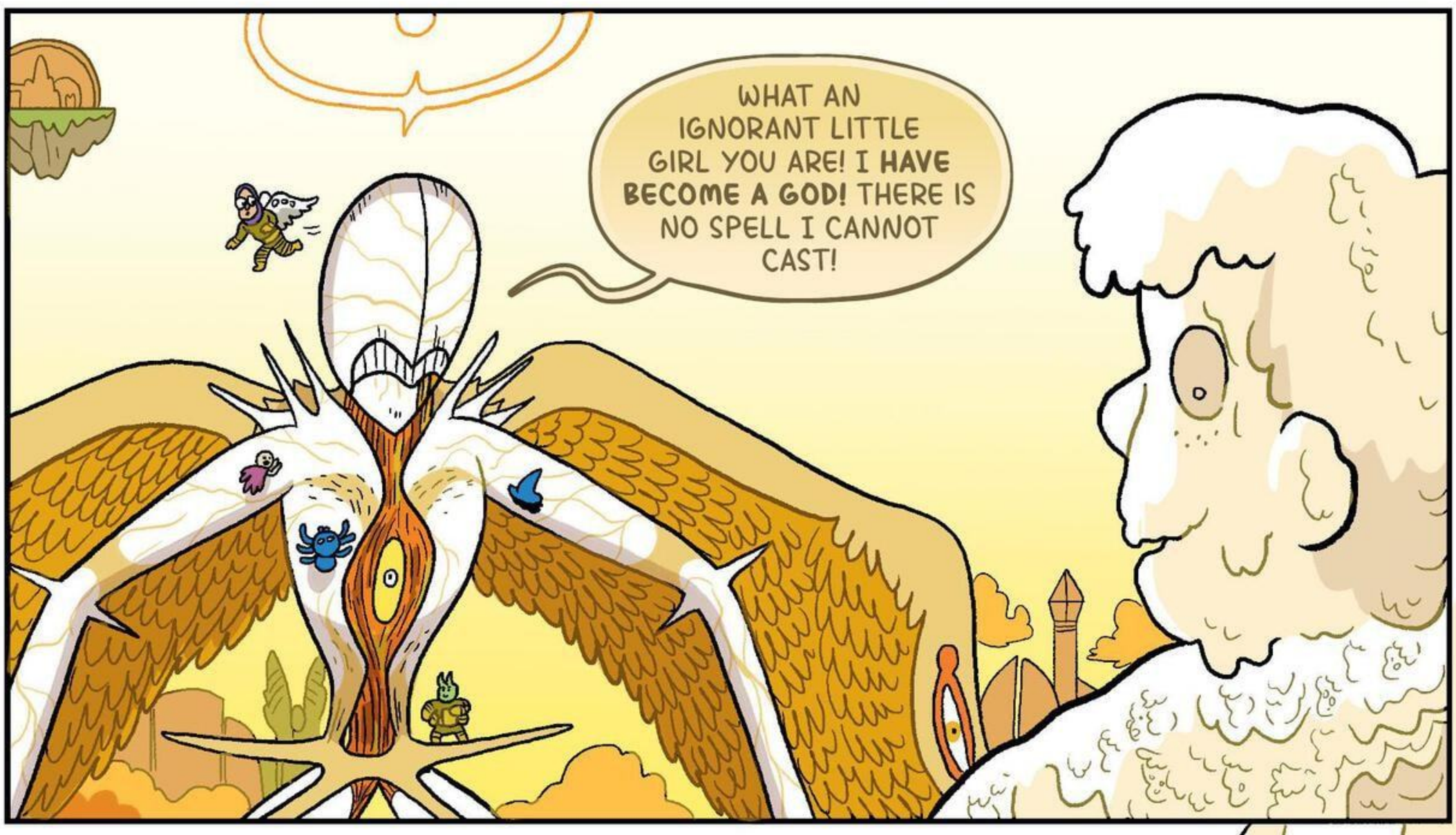
MY KHAN! TELL US WHAT WE SHOULD DO.

WE LET HIM WIN.
HUH?


EWW! WHAT?
DISGUSTING DEMON SCUM! WHY WON'T YOU LEARN YOUR PLACE!?
I OUGHT TO CAST THE SPELL OF DIVISION RIGHT NOW!

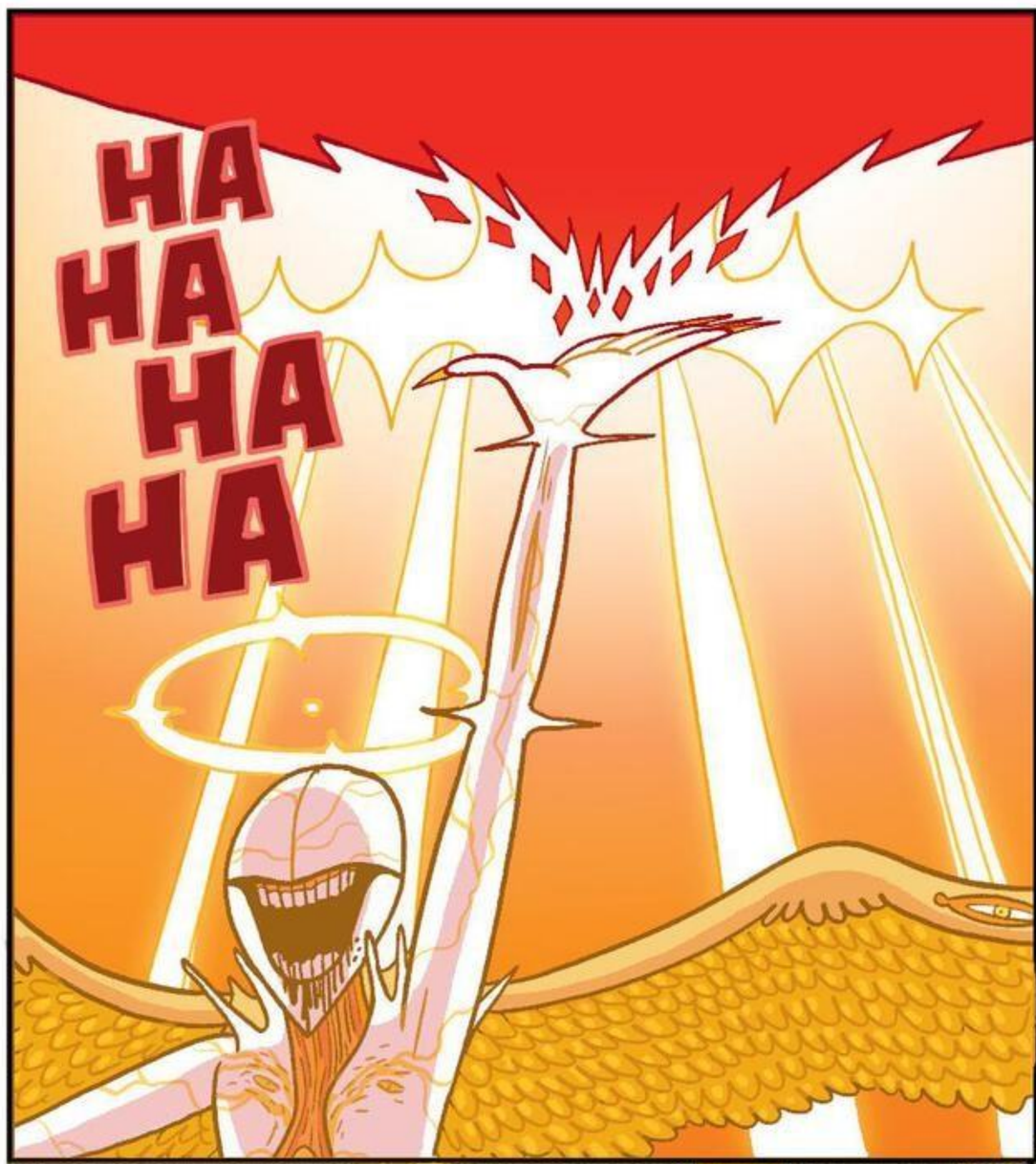
GO ON, THEN!
WHAT? NORMA!

OR CAN'T YOU DO IT?


WHAT AN IGNORANT LITTLE GIRL YOU ARE! I **HAVE BECOME A GOD!** THERE IS NO SPELL I CANNOT CAST!

THEN DO IT! SHOW US WHAT YOU'RE MADE OF, AND WE'LL BELIEVE IN YOUR POWER!

VERY WELL, FALSE QUEEN! I'LL SHOW YOU WHAT A TRUE RULER IS CAPABLE OF!
I HOPE YOU KNOW WHAT YOU'RE DOING, NORMA.
SO DO I...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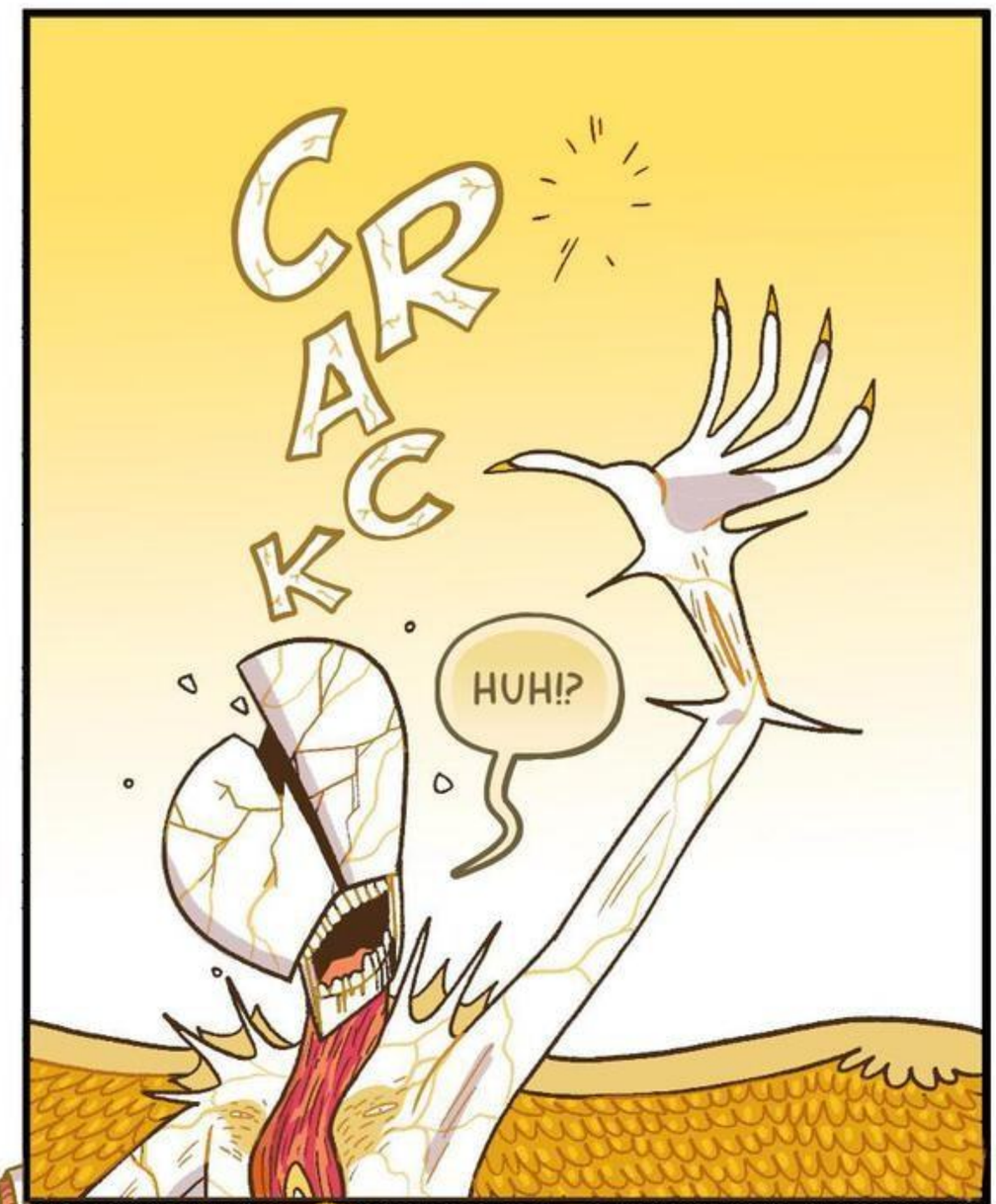
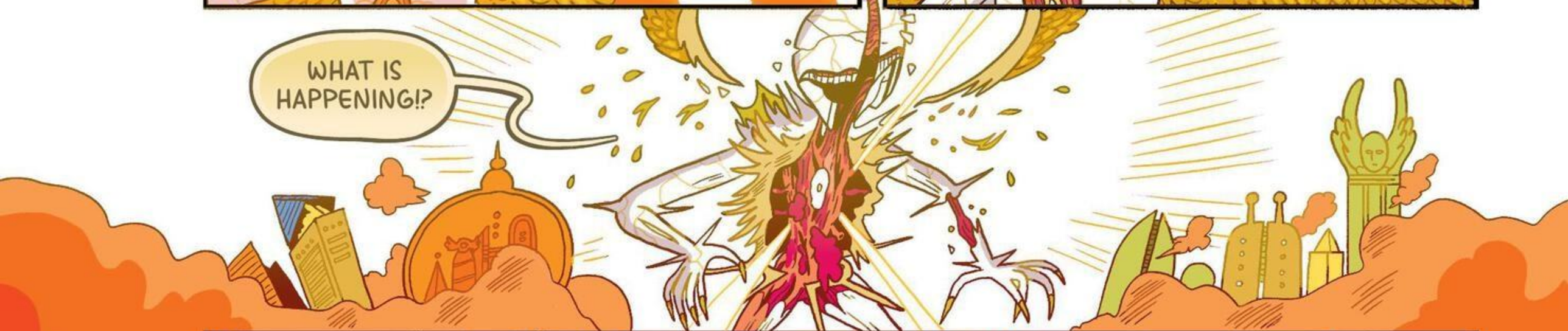
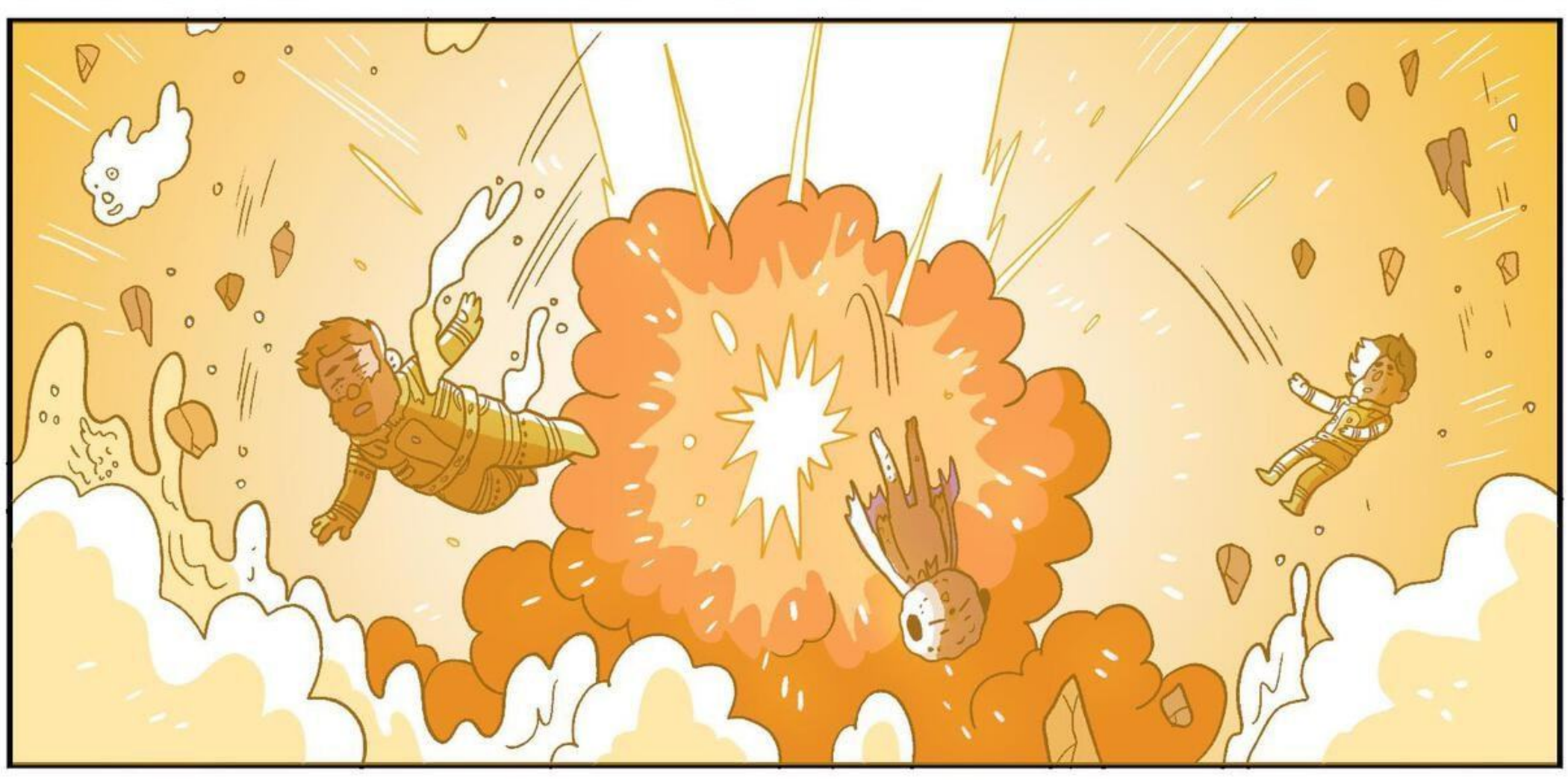

CRACK
HUH!?

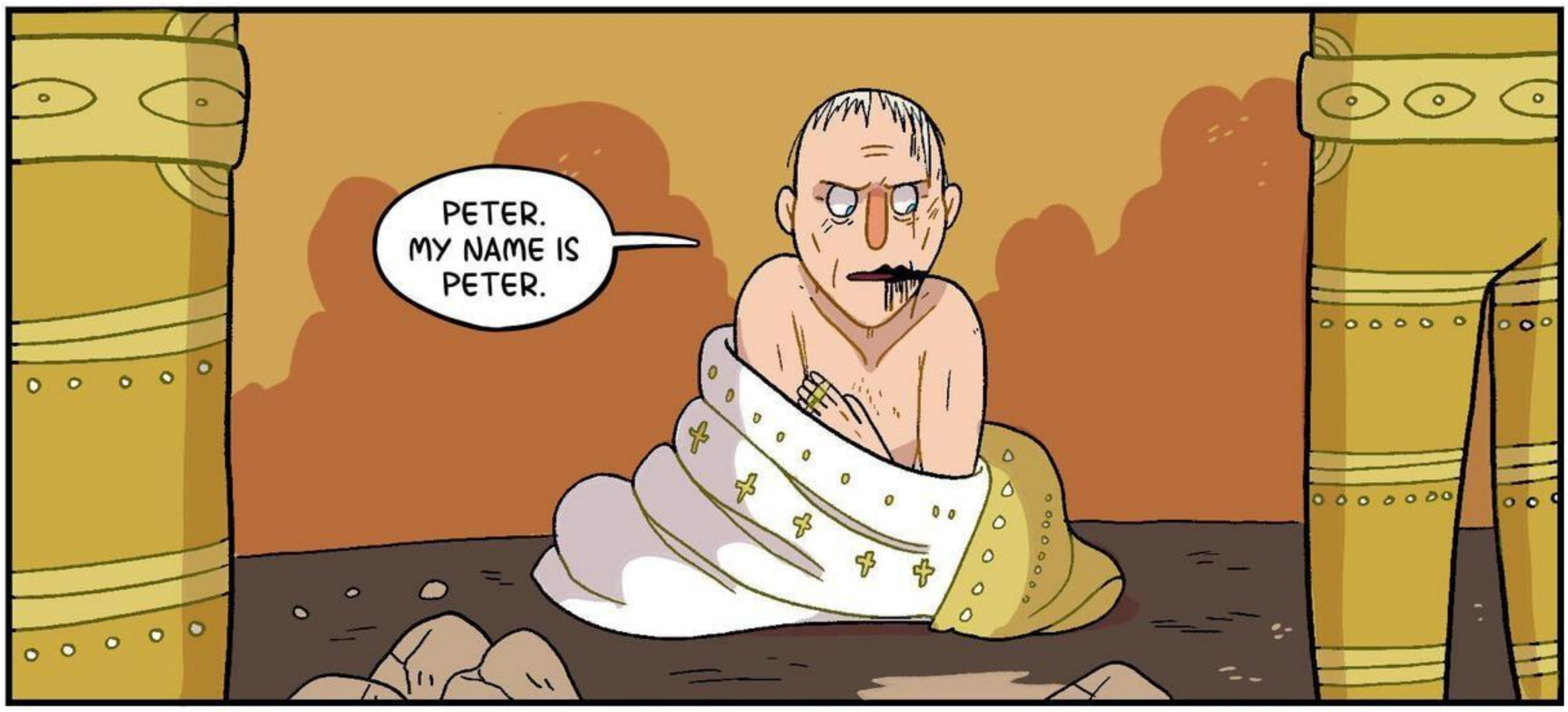

WHAT IS HAPPENING!?

MAGIC IS BELIEF. THIS IS WHY YOU ALWAYS NEEDED SOMEONE ELSE TO CAST THE SPELL.
SOMEONE YOU'D LIED TO, MANIPULATED WITH MYTHS.

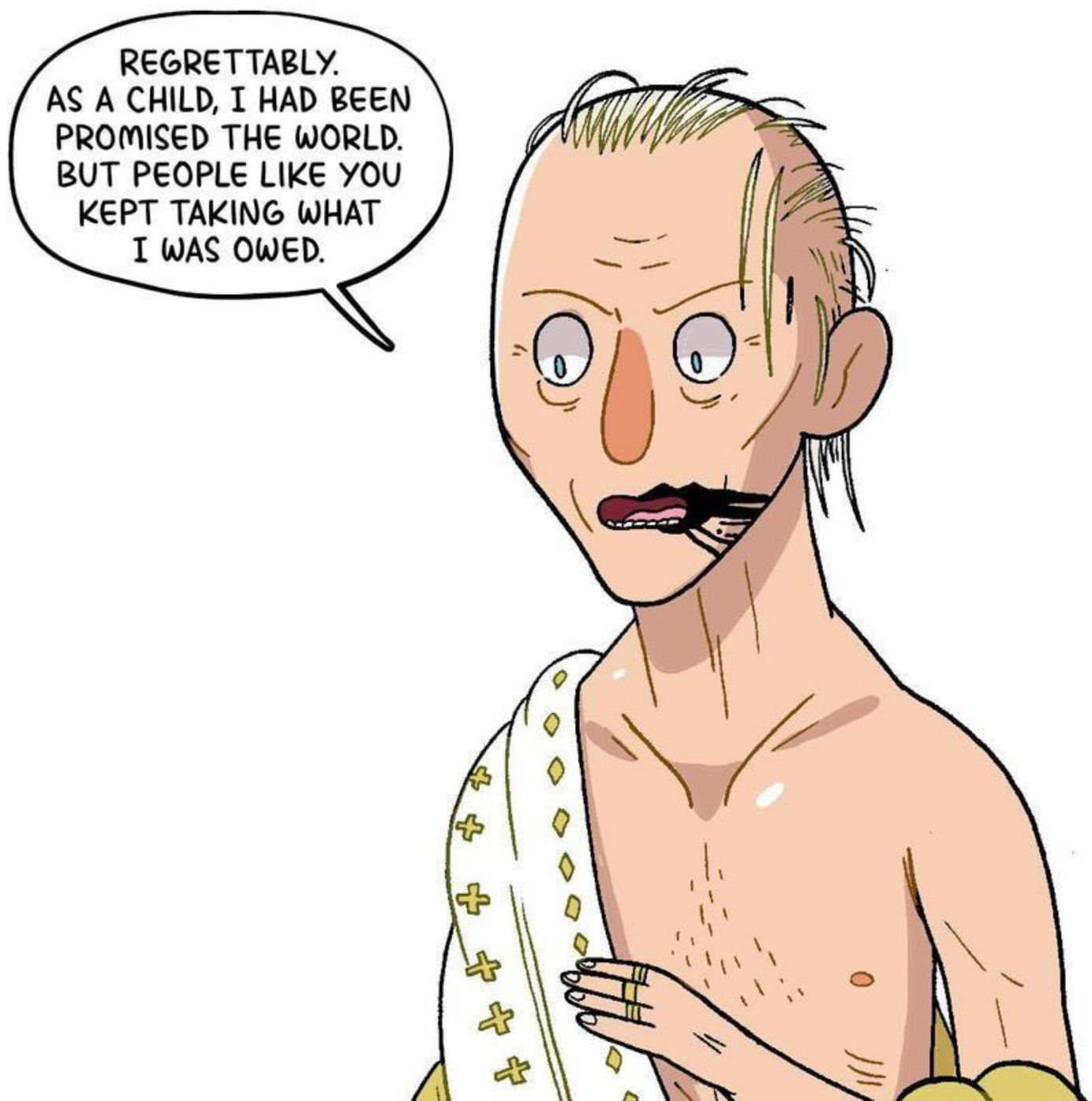
IT DOESN'T WORK ANYMORE BECAUSE DEEP DOWN, YOU DON'T BELIEVE IN THE DIVINE ORDER.



PAEL...?


PETER. MY NAME IS PETER.

YOU'RE A HUMAN?
I KNEW IT.


REGRETTABLY. AS A CHILD, I HAD BEEN PROMISED THE WORLD. BUT PEOPLE LIKE YOU KEPT TAKING WHAT I WAS OWED.

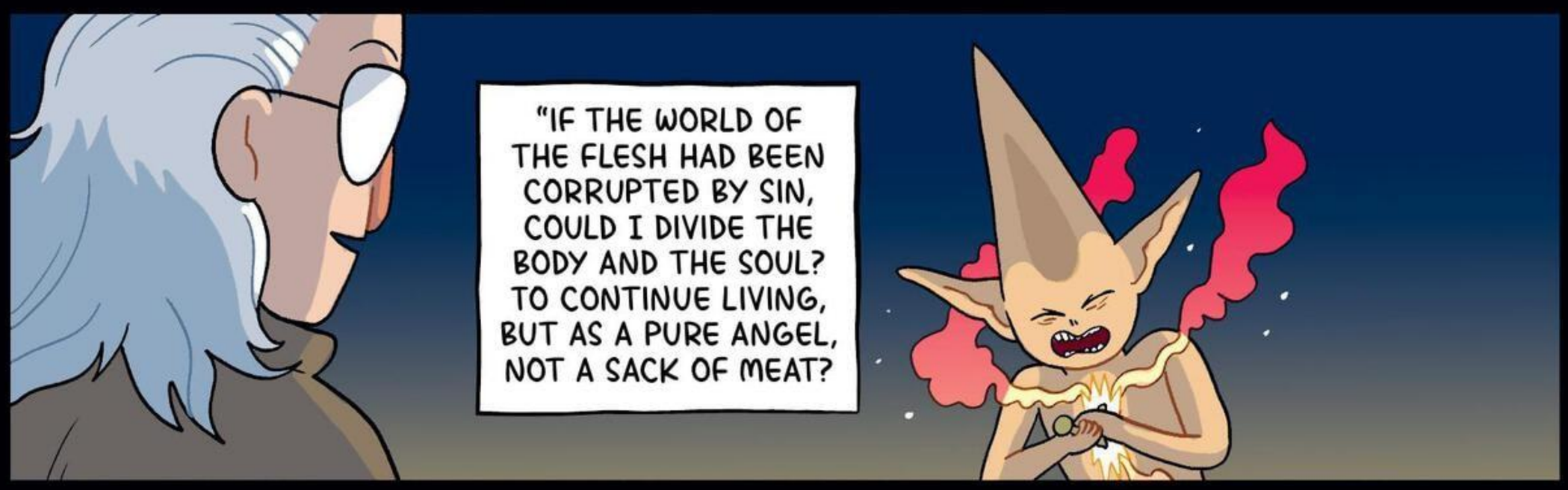
"I FOUND OTHERS WHO FELT THE SAME. THAT THE WORLD WAS CHANGING TOO FAST WITHOUT OUR CONTROL.

"BUT EVEN THEY LEFT ONE BY ONE WHEN THE TEMPTATIONS OF OUR SINFUL WORLD GREW TOO GREAT AND MY PROMISES OF A NEW PLACE FOR US FELL THROUGH.

"THANKFULLY, I STILL HAD ONE TRUE BELIEVER AMONG MY FLOCK. ONE WHO WOULD SACRIFICE THEIR BODY AND SOUL."

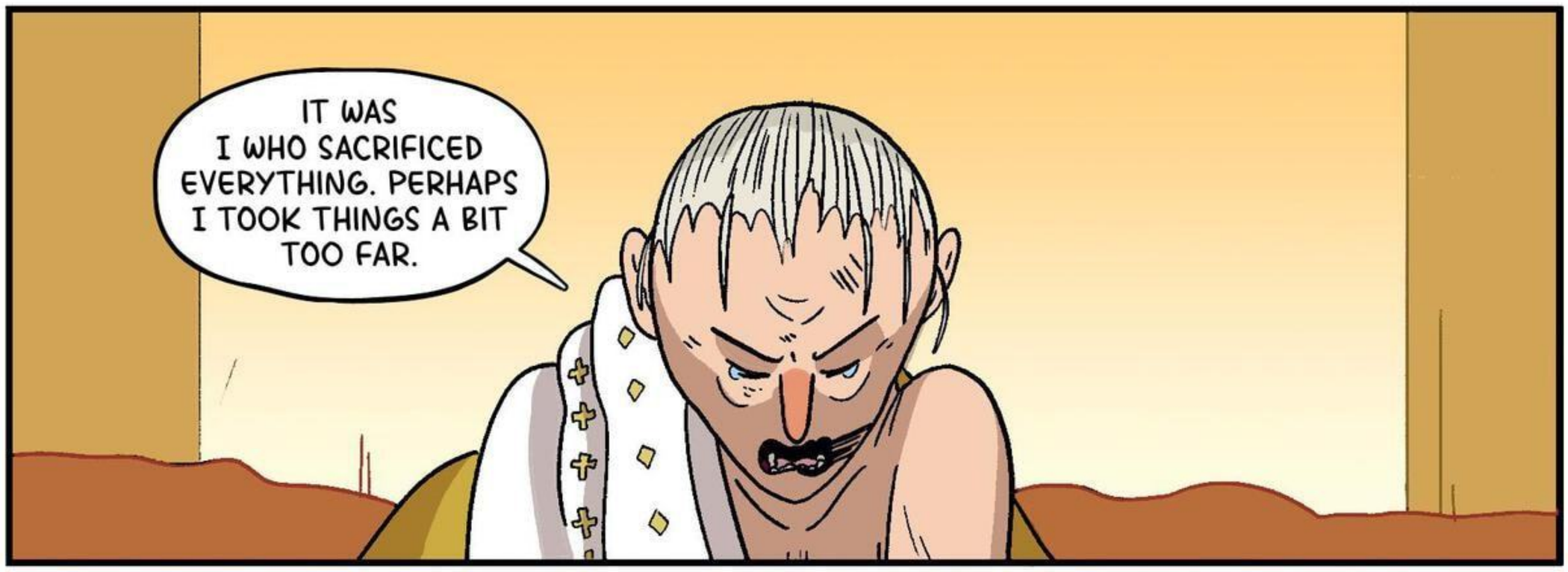
ARE WE STILL HAVING A MEETING TODAY, FATHER?

"I HAD READ EVERY BOOK ON MAGIC, BEEN TO EVERY CORNER OF THE WORLD SEEKING A RITUAL THAT FIT MY PURPOSE.


"IF THE WORLD OF THE FLESH HAD BEEN CORRUPTED BY SIN, COULD I DIVIDE THE BODY AND THE SOUL? TO CONTINUE LIVING, BUT AS A PURE ANGEL, NOT A SACK OF MEAT?

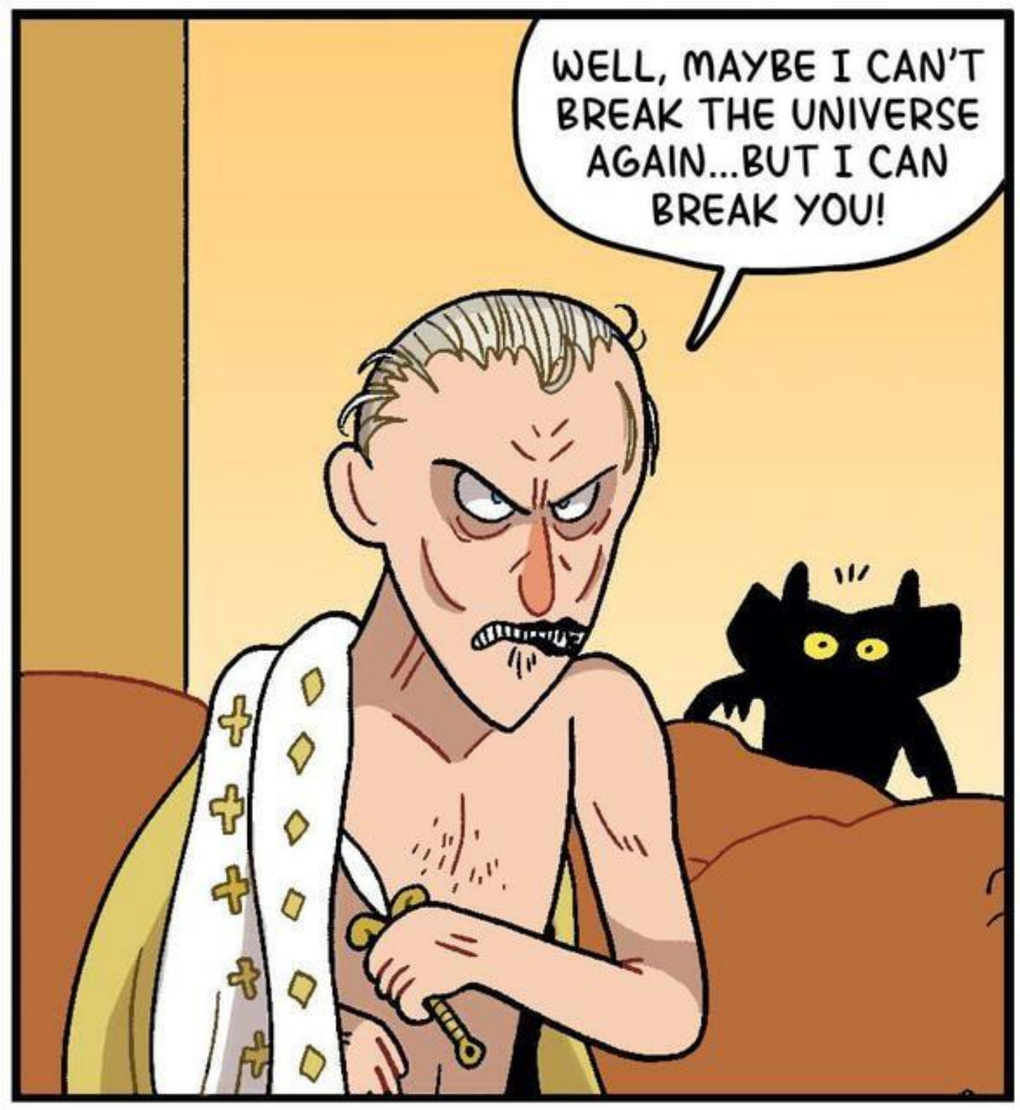
"BUT TARTARUS BELIEVED IN MY TEACHINGS TOO MUCH. HE DID NOT JUST SEPARATE THE EVIL FROM THE GOOD WITHIN HIMSELF BUT SPLIT THE ENTIRE WORLD IN TWO.

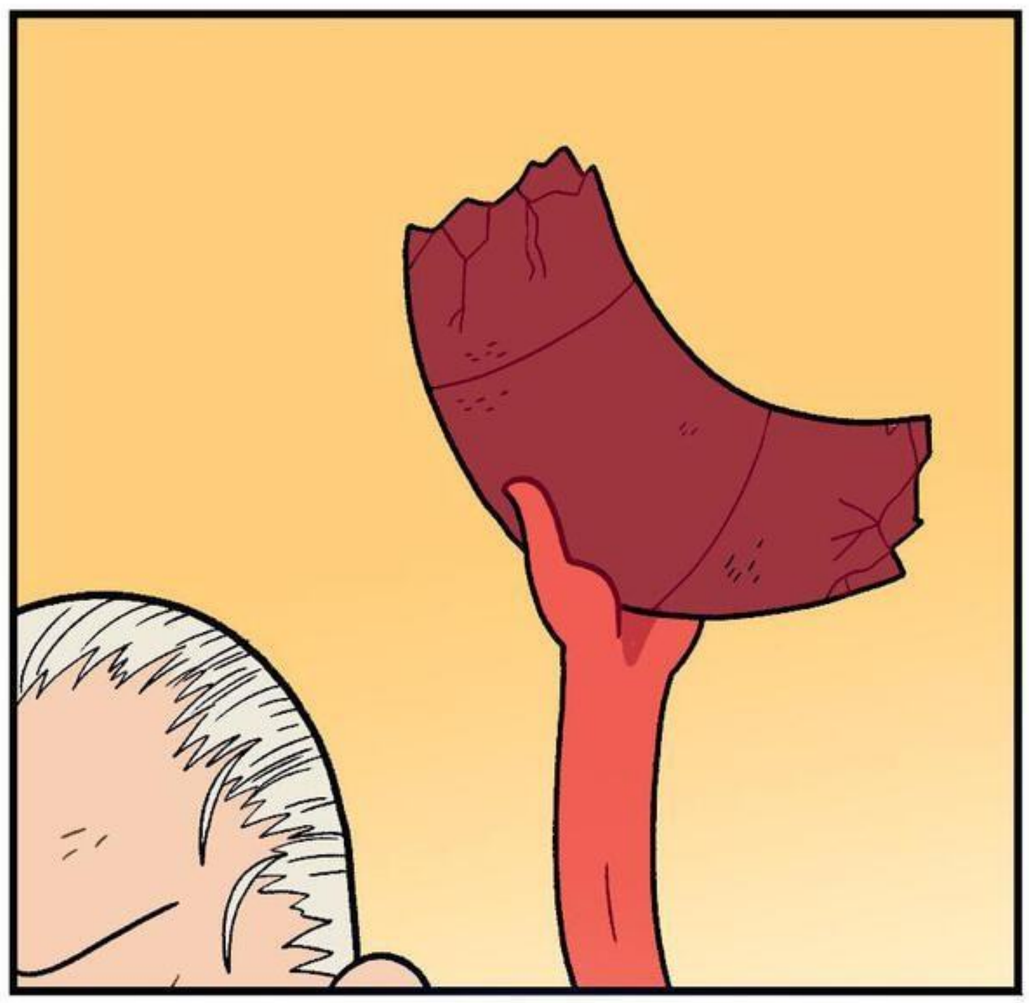
"AND I BECAME NOTHING. FOR HE WAS NOT THE SACRIFICE. HE WAS THE ALTAR."

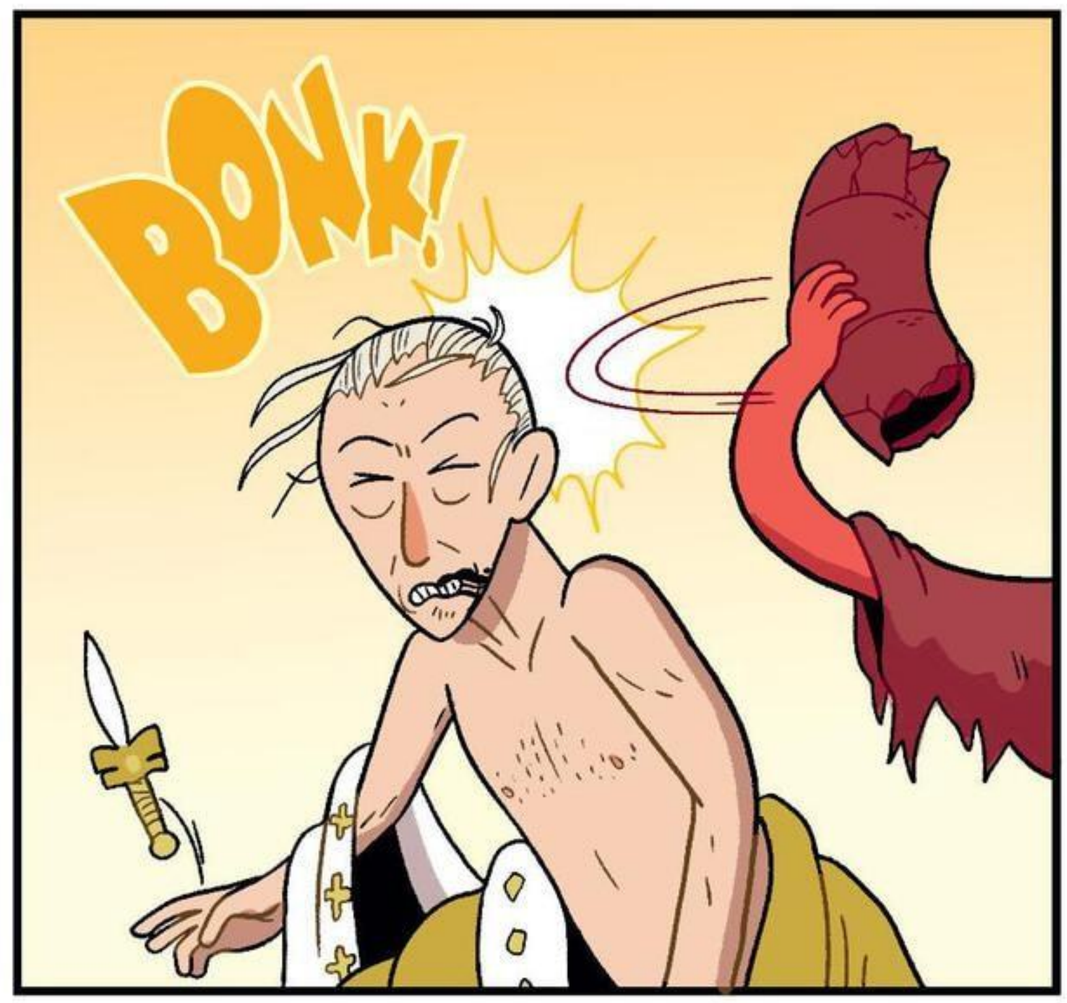

IT WAS I WHO SACRIFICED EVERYTHING. PERHAPS I TOOK THINGS A BIT TOO FAR.

SO 10 YEARS AGO YOU GOT SO SCARED OF PEOPLE, YOU DIDN'T UNDERSTAND THAT YOU BROKE THE UNIVERSE IN TWO.
YOU GAINED FOLLOWERS... LIED TO THEM...TOLD THEM THEY WERE ANGELS.
AND CONVINCED ONE OF THEM TO CAST THE SPELL FOR YOU, BELIEVING IT WAS A DIVINE ACT.

YOU DON'T REMEMBER THAT OLD WORLD. I DO. DEMONS AND GOBLINS AND CREATURES YOU CAN'T EVEN BEAR TO LOOK AT-- I WAS FORCED TO SHARE MY WORLD WITH THAT FILTH. IT WAS A BROKEN WORLD.
BUT YOU CAN'T FIX ANYTHING BY BREAKING IT MORE.


WELL, MAYBE I CAN'T BREAK THE UNIVERSE AGAIN...BUT I CAN BREAK YOU!




BONK!

I DON'T EXPECT YOU TO FORGIVE ME... I'M SORRY FOR--

YOU CAME HOME.

WHAT DO WE DO WITH THAT? IT'S TOO DANGEROUS TO BE LEFT ALONE. THAT POOR MAN'S SOUL-- HE RIPPED IT OUT OF HIMSELF.

WE COULD USE IT TO **PUT THE WORLD BACK TOGETHER.** TO HOW IT WAS...

DO YOU MEAN...BACK WHEN THERE WERE 13 PLANES...OR BACK WHEN THERE WAS ONE?
YOU MEAN 10 YEARS AGO?

WE WOULDN'T GO BACK IN TIME... WE'D STILL BE US... BUT WE'D BE **THE OLD US. IN THE OLD WORLD. THE ONE WE CAN'T REMEMBER.**

I MEAN... THAT'S WHAT WE'VE BEEN FIGHTING FOR, RIGHT? TO STOP THE DIVISIONS?
THINGS MIGHT'VE BEEN GOOD FOR YOU LOT WHEN THERE WERE 13 PLANES, BUT FOR THE DEMONS--WE WERE SUFFERING.

BUT WHO KNOWS WHAT THAT WORLD WAS LIKE BEFORE? WAS PAEL TELLING THE TRUTH?
WERE WE ALL FIGHTING EACH OTHER?

I THINK WE SHOULD ASK THE LEADER OF OUR REBELLION WHAT THEY THINK.

ME? I'M NO LEADER.

YOU WERE THE FIRST TO BREAK YOUR HALO.
THE FIRST TO WAKE UP. THE FIRST TO SAY NO TO PAEL.
THIS HAS ALWAYS BEEN YOUR REVOLUTION, BOYO.

IMAGINE IT. JUST ONE PLANE. WHERE WE COULD ALL BE TOGETHER.

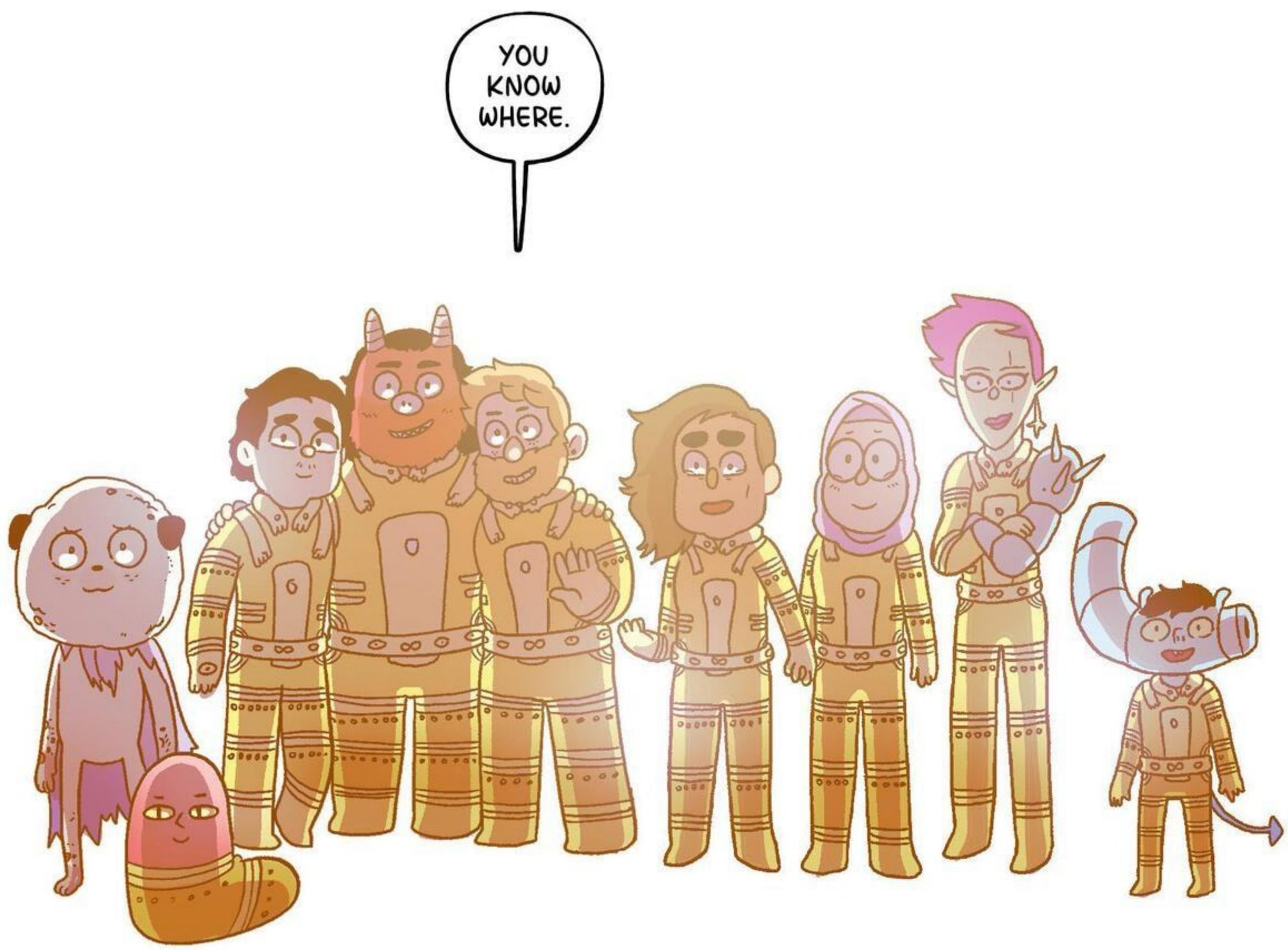
NO... DON'T IMAGINE IT. BELIEVE IT.

WHAT IF I DON'T KNOW YOU IN THAT OLD WORLD?
WHAT IF WE NEVER BECAME FRIENDS?
I FEEL LIKE I JUST GOT YOU BACK, AND NOW--

WE'LL FIND EACH OTHER. WE ALWAYS DO.

WE HAVE ALL THE TIME IN THE WORLD TO FIND EACH OTHER AGAIN.

Y'KNOW WHAT? WHAT THE HELL!
WAIT! WAIT! IN THE NEW WORLD! WHERE SHOULD WE MEET?


YOU KNOW WHERE.

WAIT!

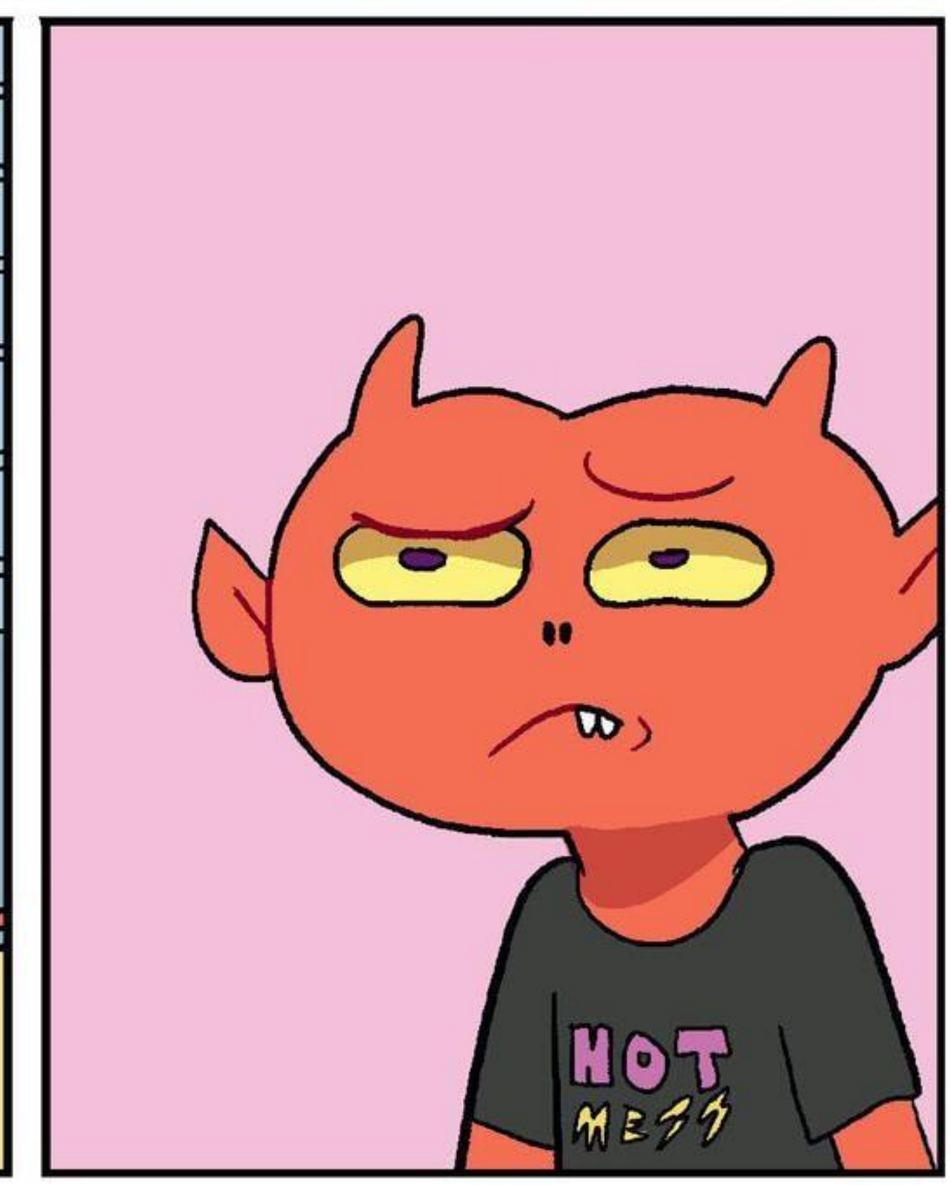
EPILOGUE

HORNS
WHAT THE HECK ARE THESE?
COURTNEY! BREAKFAST!

WHO ARE YOU AND WHAT ARE YOU DOING IN MY HOUSE? **AND WHY DO I HAVE A HOUSE?**
HOT MESS

BECAUSE WE HAVEN'T KICKED YOU OUT YET!
YOU'RE NOT OVERSLEEPING ON YOUR BIG DAY, ARE YOU?

BIG DAY?
YOU **HAVE** REMEMBERED TO PACK, HAVEN'T YOU? I'VE BEEN TELLING YOU FOR DAYS!
HOT MESS


HOT MESS

SLAM!
HOT MESS
JUSTICE 4 U
Danny xxx
CUDDLES
LIVE

HADES HIGH

Dominator PIZZA
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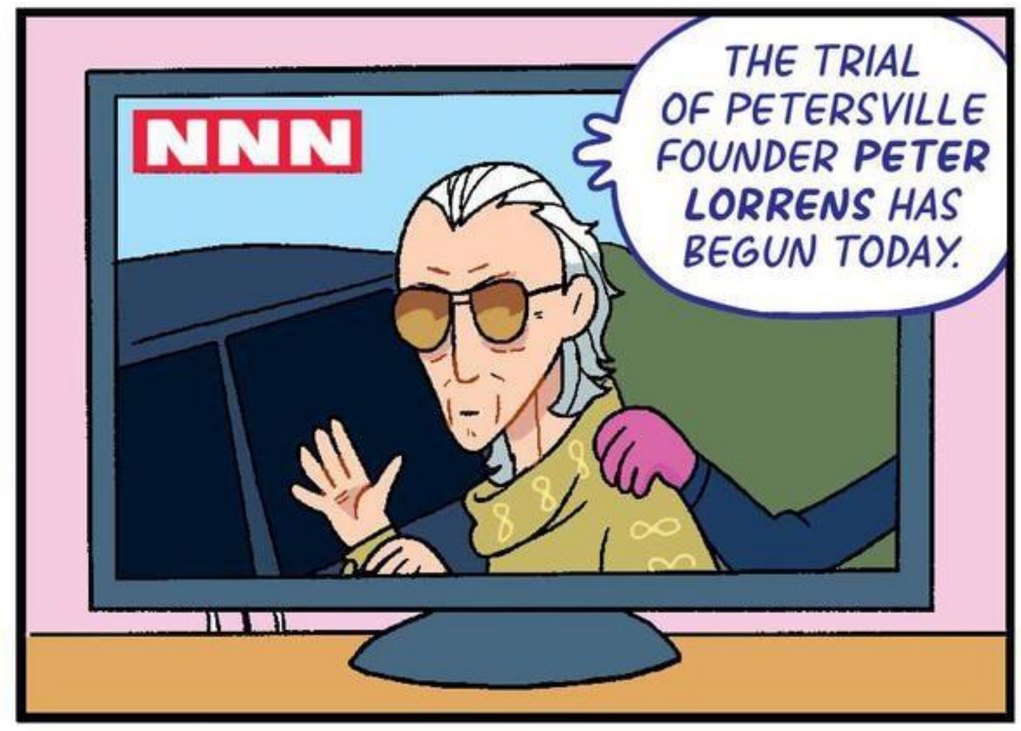
GORD WITH THE WIND

WE DID IT.

HOT MESS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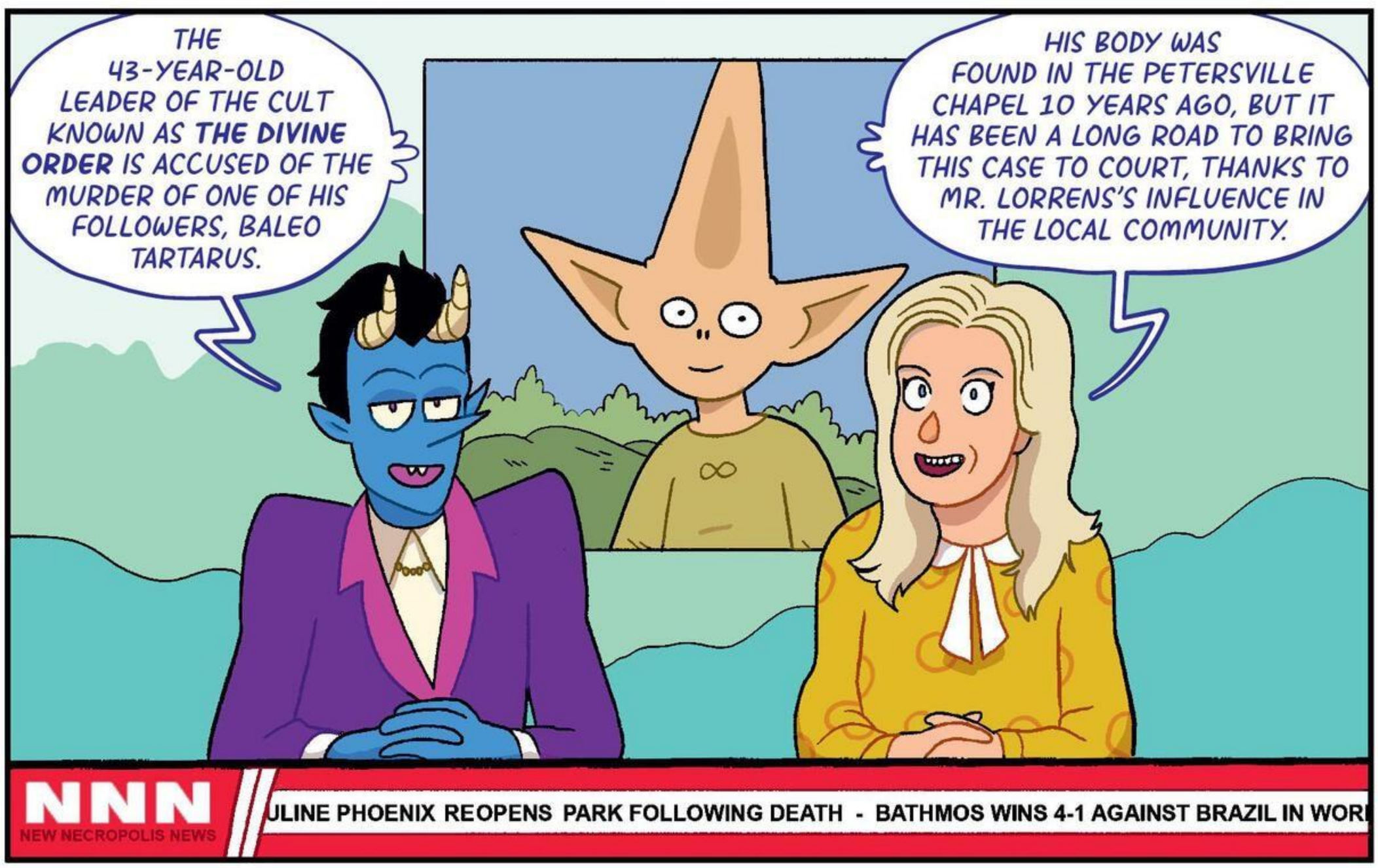
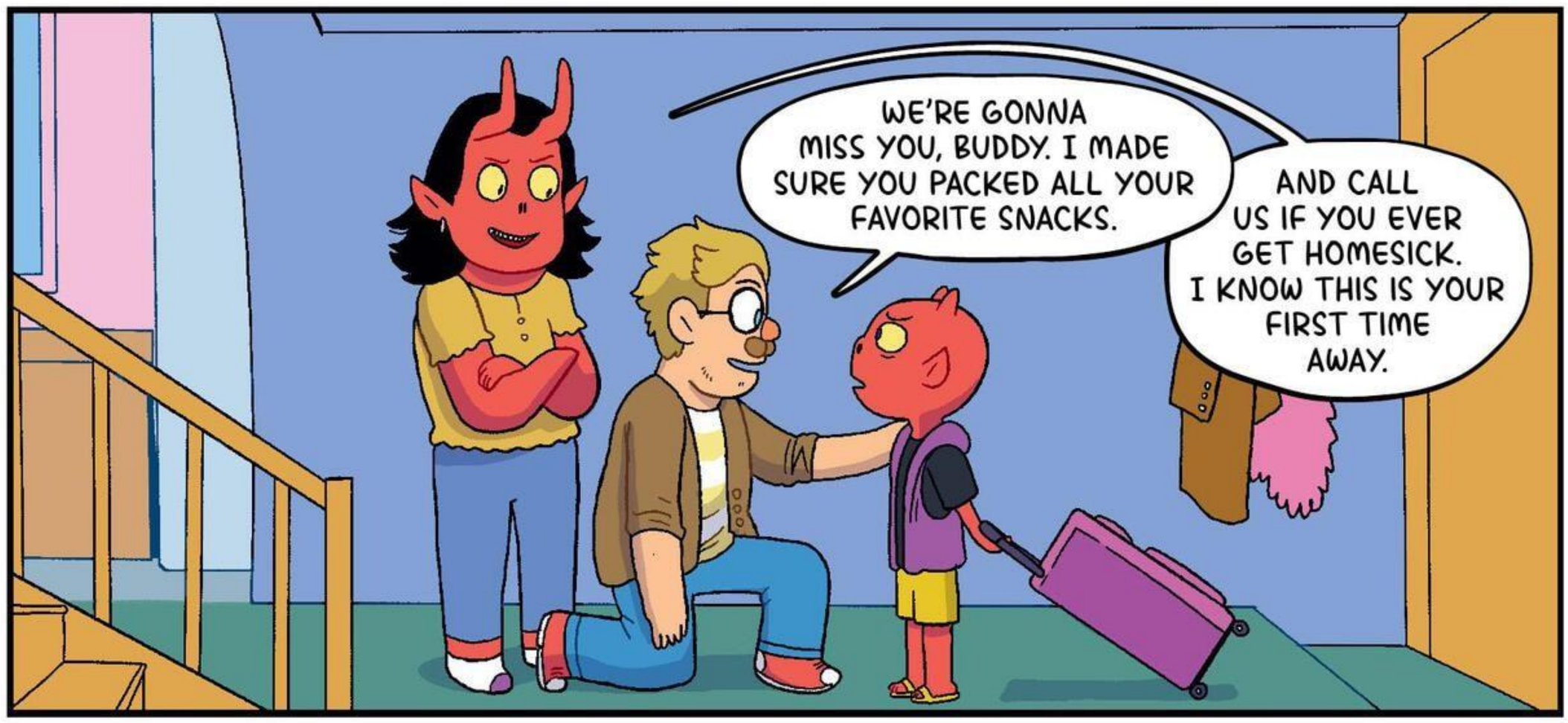
THE TRIAL OF PETERSVILLE FOUNDER **PETER LORRENS** HAS BEGUN TODAY.


THE 43-YEAR-OLD LEADER OF THE CULT KNOWN AS **THE DIVINE ORDER** IS ACCUSED OF THE MURDER OF ONE OF HIS FOLLOWERS, BALEO TARTARUS.
HIS BODY WAS FOUND IN THE PETERSVILLE CHAPEL 10 YEARS AGO, BUT IT HAS BEEN A LONG ROAD TO BRING THIS CASE TO COURT, THANKS TO MR. LORRENS'S INFLUENCE IN THE LOCAL COMMUNITY.
NNN
NEW NECROPOLIS NEWS
ULINE PHOENIX REOPENS PARK FOLLOWING DEATH - BATHMOS WINS 4-1 AGAINST BRAZIL IN WOR

THAT DOESN'T SOUND LIKE PACKING!
HOT MESS

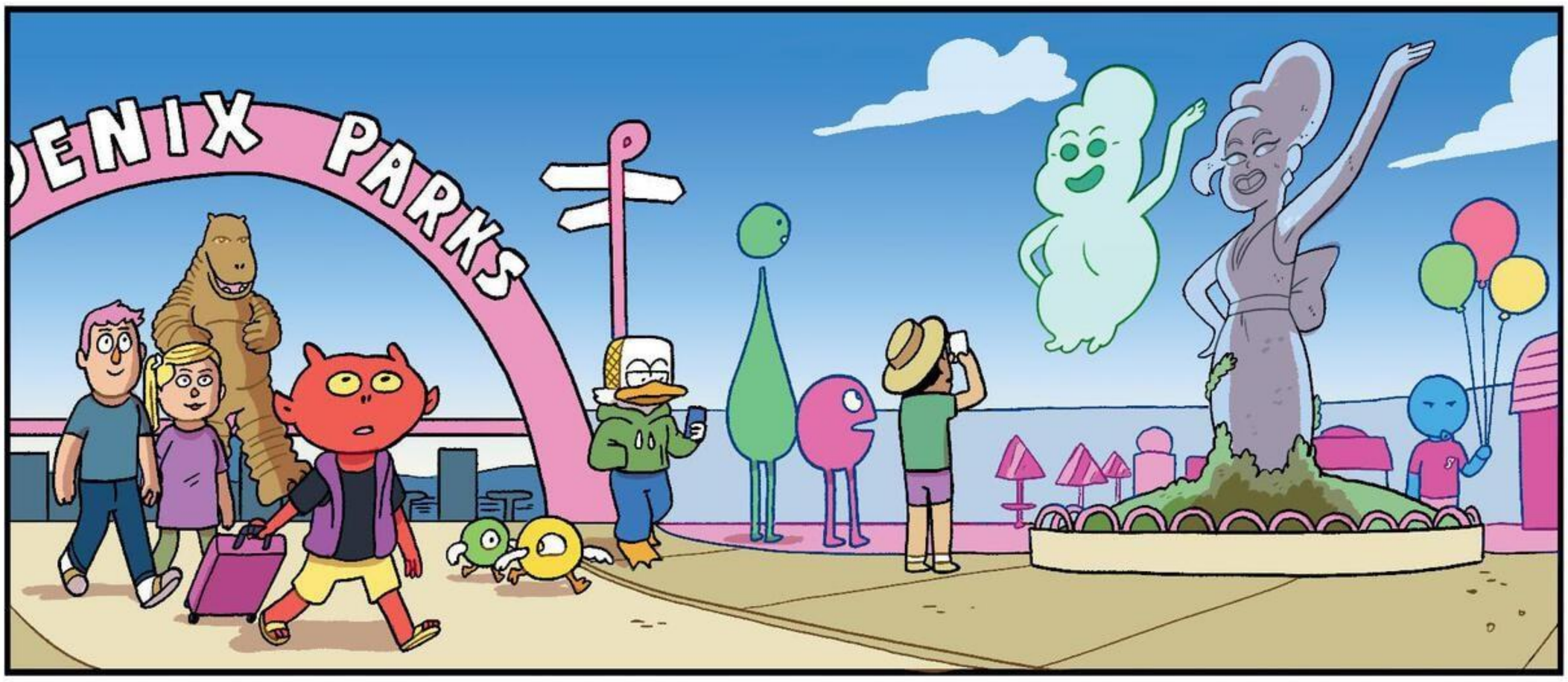
PACKING FOR WHAT!?
HOT MESS


WE'RE GONNA MISS YOU, BUDDY. I MADE SURE YOU PACKED ALL YOUR FAVORITE SNACKS.
AND CALL US IF YOU EVER GET HOMESICK. I KNOW THIS IS YOUR FIRST TIME AWAY.

WHERE AM I GOING... AGAIN?

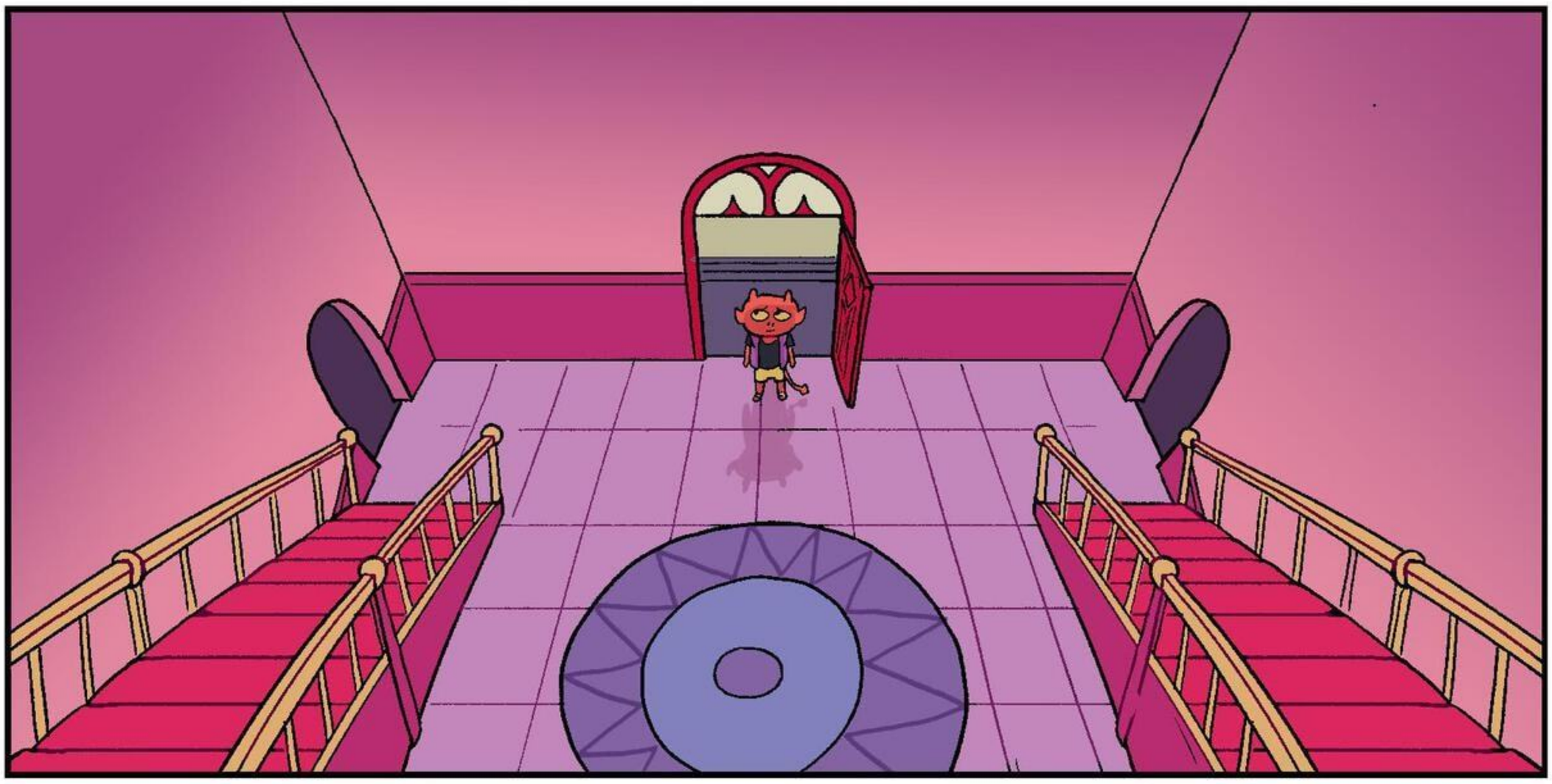
HA HA HA! YOU KNOW WHERE.

YOU KNOW WHERE...


ENIX PARKS

COME ALL YE LOST SOULS...

NORMA... BARNEY...DID YOU REMEMBER TOO?



NOBODY ELSE CAN REMEMBER THE WAR BUT ME...I GUESS BECAUSE I CAST THE SPELL.

BUT NO MATTER WHAT, I'LL FIND YOU GUYS. I'LL FIND YOU. EVEN IF IT TAKES ANOTHER 10 YEARS!

NO, I THINK WE'RE READY TO WRAP THIS WHOLE THING UP.

I SEE YOU PACKED FOR A BIG TRIP TOO.
YOU TOO? WHAT'S WITH THAT? WHERE ARE WE GOING?

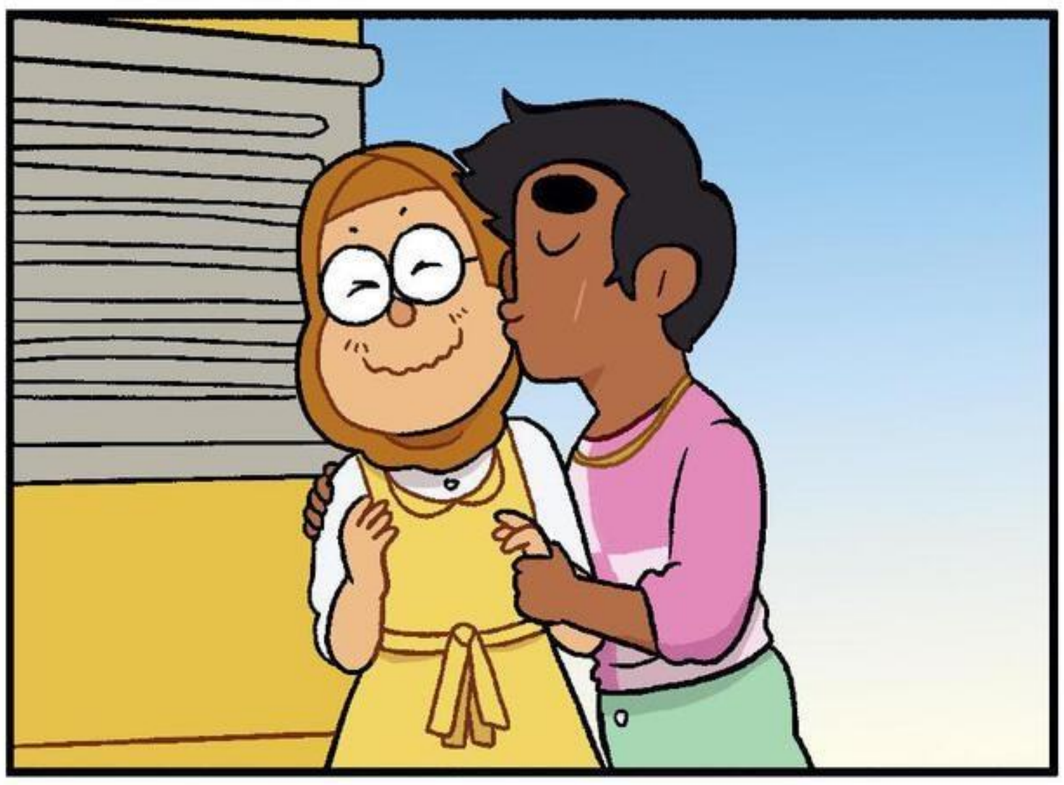
BEATS ME. GUESS BEFORE THE FIRST DIVISION, WE WERE ALL PLANNING ON SOME BIG ROAD TRIP TOGETHER.

YOU MEAN... WE WERE FRIENDS THIS WHOLE TIME?

IN EVERY SINGLE TIMELINE. WE'VE ALWAYS BEEN LOST SOULS WHO FOUND EACH OTHER.
AND THAT'S NOT ALL.

NO WAY!
PHOENIX PARKS

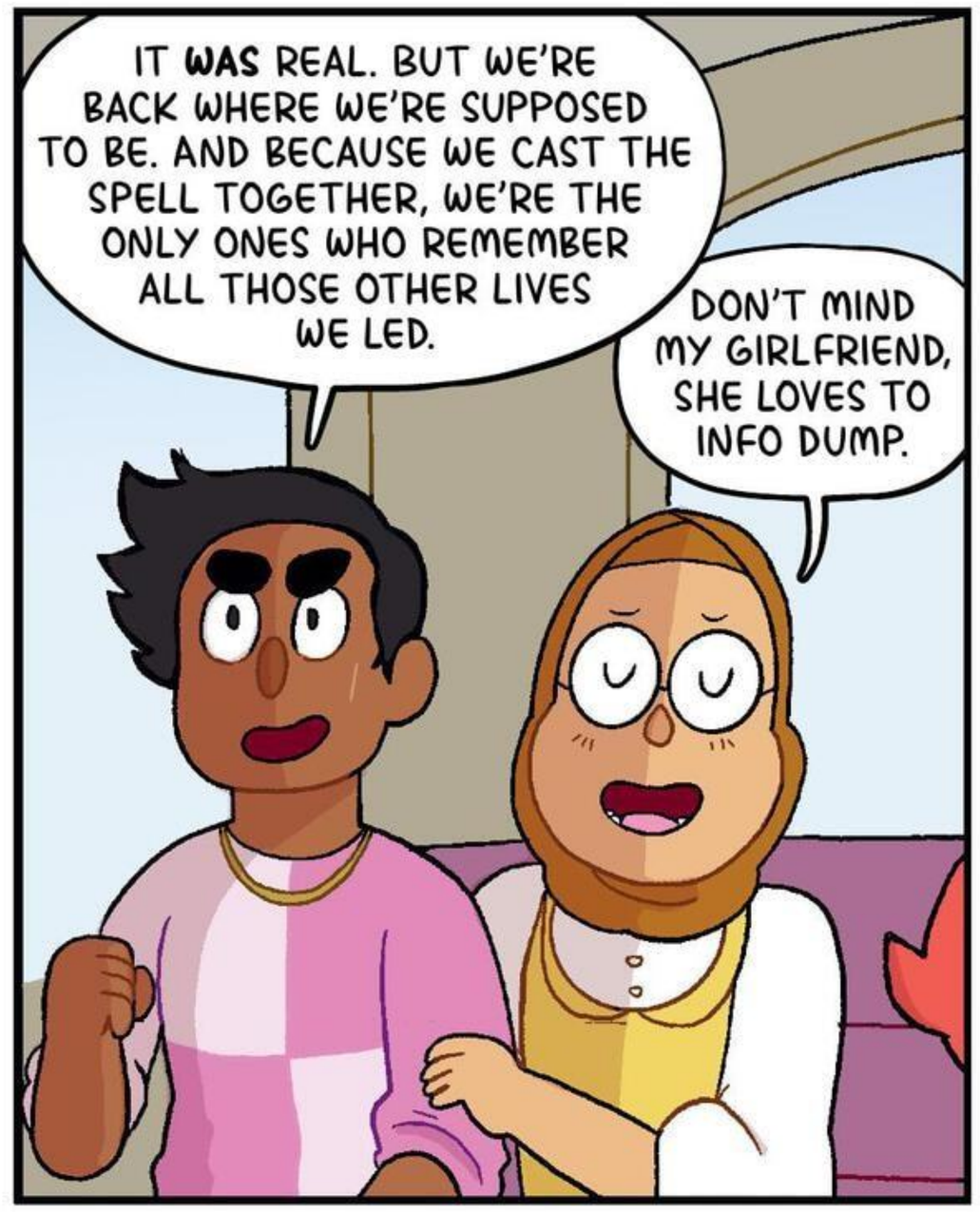
BEEP! BEEP!
GET IN, LOSERS!



READY?

DID WE PICK UP LITTLE RED?
PRESENT!

IT'S LIKE I'VE WOKEN UP FROM A DREAM... BUT EVERYTHING I DREAMED WAS REAL.


IT WAS REAL. BUT WE'RE BACK WHERE WE'RE SUPPOSED TO BE. AND BECAUSE WE CAST THE SPELL TOGETHER, WE'RE THE ONLY ONES WHO REMEMBER ALL THOSE OTHER LIVES WE LED.
DON'T MIND MY GIRLFRIEND, SHE LOVES TO INFO DUMP.

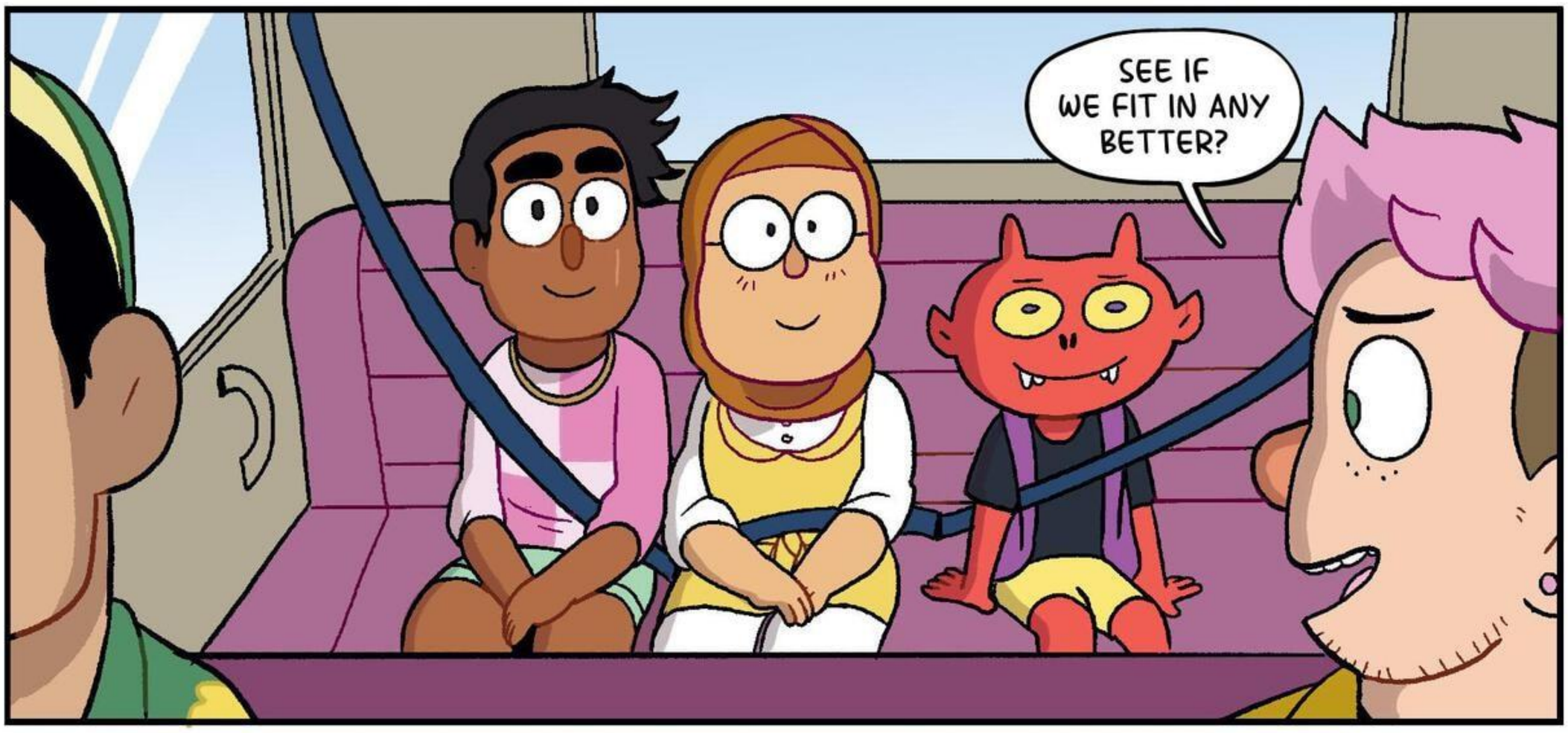
I CAN'T BELIEVE WE THOUGHT THAT WAS THE WAY THE WORLD WAS SUPPOSED TO BE. IT FELT SO BROKEN...

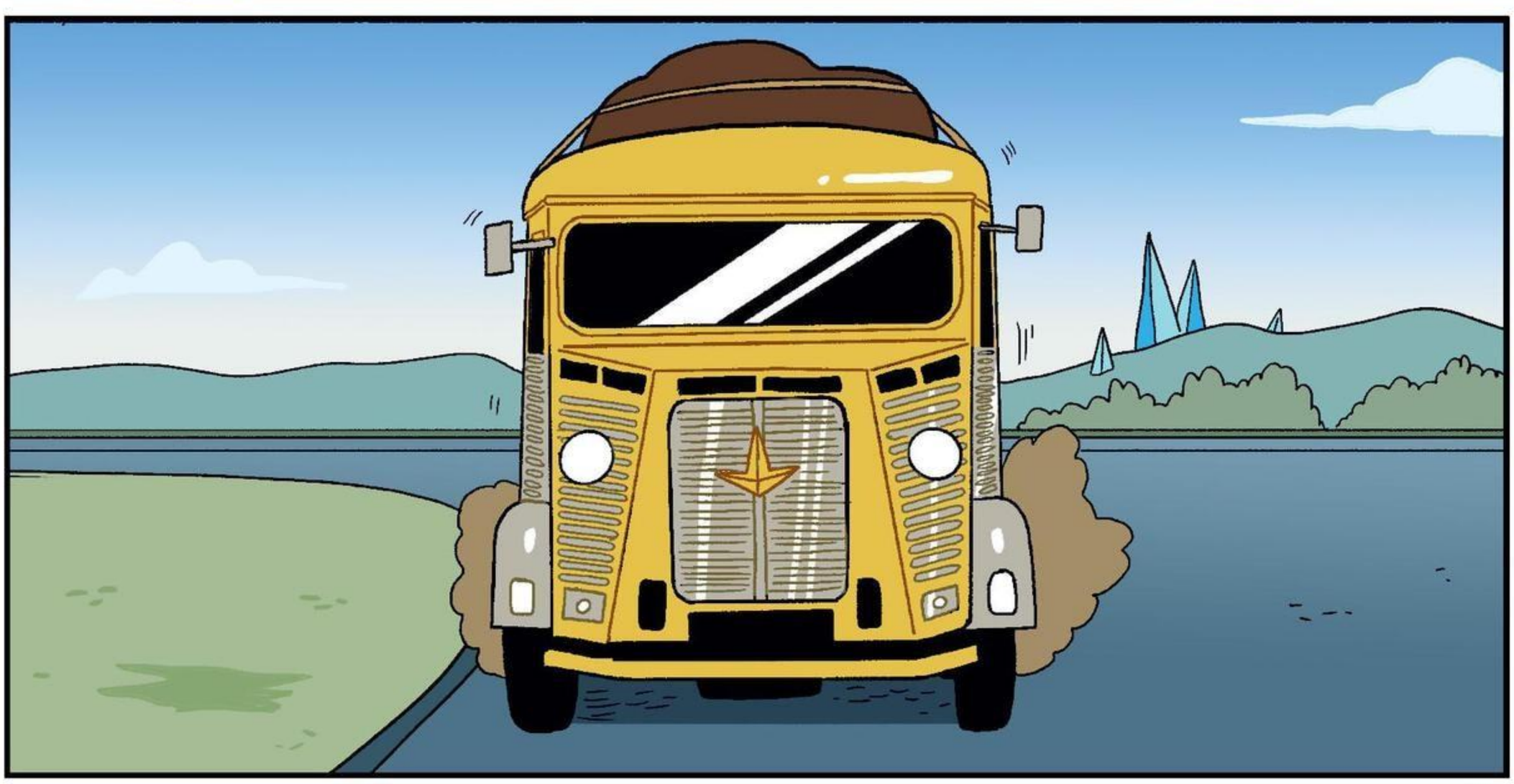
AND I CAN HEAR Y'ALL WAY BETTER NOW, OH MY GOSH!

I GOT MY BOYS. GOT MY COURTNEY. AND MY OPEN ROAD.

AND I'VE GOT A FIRST AID KIT, JUST FYI!

WANNA TAKE A LOOK AT THE WORLD WE MADE?


SEE IF WE FIT IN ANY BETTER?



UHH... I DON'T THINK WE CAN GO PAST THERE.
BABE, WE CAN GO WHEREVER WE WANT.

THE END
DEAD END

THE DEADENDIA TREASURY

VOLUME THREE

DEAD END: PARANORMAL PARK

BETWEEN THE RELEASE OF BOOKS TWO AND THREE, I CREATED AN ANIMATED ADAPTATION OF THE SERIES WITH BLINK INDUSTRIES FOR NETFLIX! IT WAS EVENTUALLY RELEASED IN 2022 UNDER THE NAME *DEAD END: PARANORMAL PARK*, BUT ACROSS THE NEXT FEW PAGES ARE SAMPLES FROM MY INITIAL PITCH FOR *DEADENDIA*!

THESE EARLY PITCH DESIGNS WERE CREATED BY ME AND **DREW GREEN**, WHO'D PREVIOUSLY DESIGNED A GUEST COVER FOR BOOK ONE! THE LOGO ABOVE WAS CREATED BY **JACK OLIVER PETCH**.

BARNEY GUTTMAN

★ PERSONALITY ★

Barney is everybody's best friend! Even in sticky situations, he remains optimistic, friendly, and outgoing. He's an extrovert but sometimes bites off more than he can chew and leaps into danger without thinking things through.

He's incredibly loyal and will never abandon those in need, always fighting for what he thinks is right. However, this can lead him to being overly trusting and gullible--a weakness when dealing with the supernatural. But he's always determined to appeal to the good in everyone, human or demon.

Barney's confidence is partially a front. He would much rather solve everybody else's issues than touch his own, which he has both metaphorically and physically run away from. He believes everyone needs him to be "HAPPY FUN BARNEY" 24/7. But when his mask slips, we see a Barney that really needs to start listening to all the sage wisdom he's always imparting to others.

NORMA KHAN

★ PERSONALITY ★

Norma has always struggled to make friends. She's a nerdy, neurotic introvert whose sarcastic remarks tend to push people away. And you'd be forgiven for thinking that's how she likes it--but the second she makes a connection, she'll cling to them forever.

Norma seems to be quite forgetful about everyday details like names, places, times...but when it comes to her special interests, she's an encyclopedia. At the start, this is her knowledge of all things Phoenix Parks, but when the world of the supernatural is revealed to her, she wants to know EVERYTHING. By the end of the season, she'll be more reliable than Courtney or Fingers when it comes to knowing the ins and outs of demon slaying.

She has a really competitive streak. She assumes everyone else doesn't know what they're doing and needs to be the best. But she hates this side of herself, and it usually leads her to making stupid decisions in order to prove herself to the others.

MORE CONCEPT ART FROM THE ORIGINAL SHOW PITCH BY DREW GREEN AND ME.

THE PITCH INCLUDED SECONDARY CHARACTERS LIKE LOGS, BADYAH, AND EVEN FINGERS IN A DESIGN THAT RESEMBLES HIS LOOK IN THE BOOKS FAR MORE THAN HIS EVENTUAL TV INCARNATION.

SECONDARY CHARACTERS

Fingers is Dead End's "Portal Porter," installed by the Angels to operate the Elevator. More often than not though, he's picking up Courtney's slack in guarding the thing. But what's at the end of his body? And is there more than one? The clue to what Fingers truly is...is in his name...

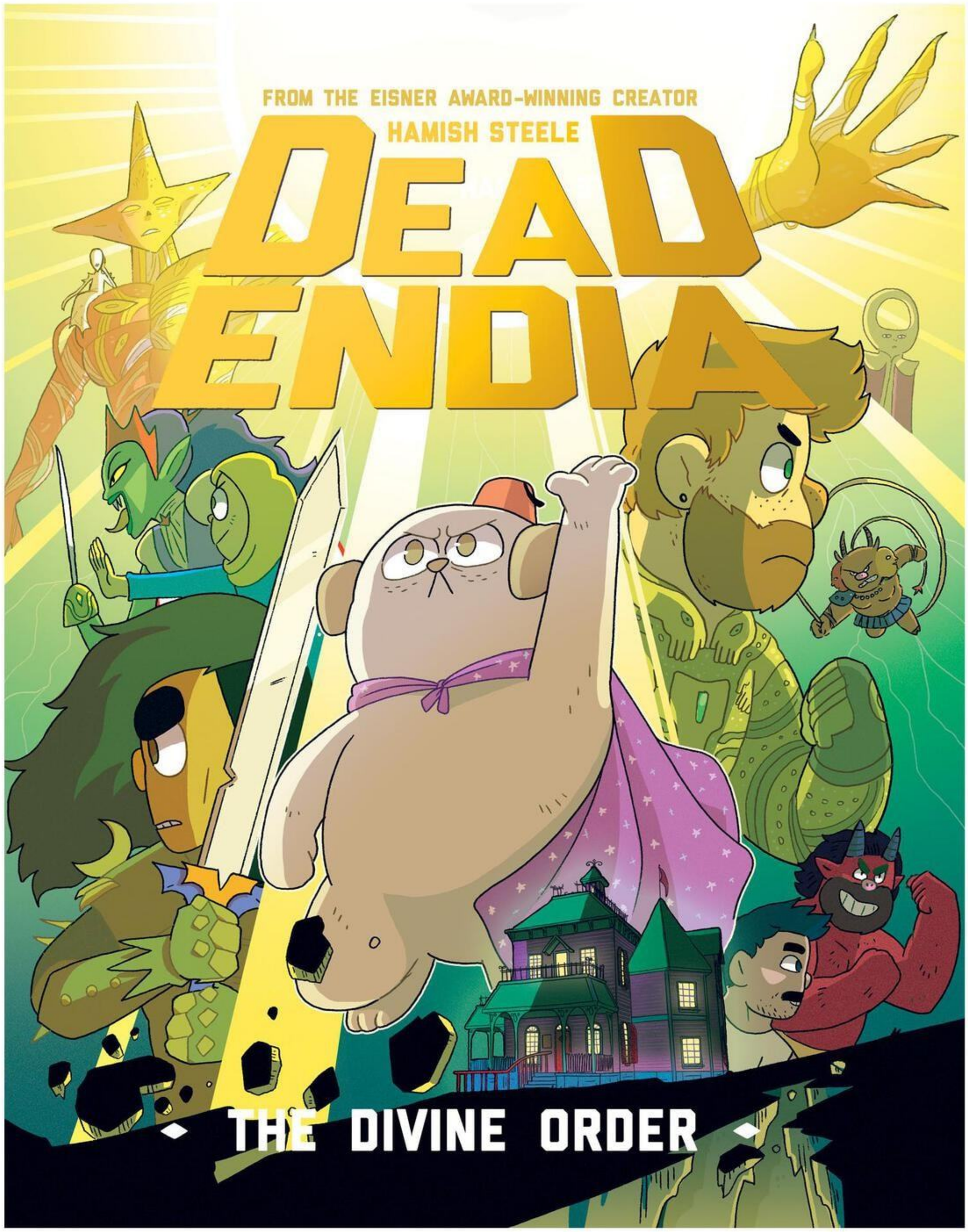
Badyah Hassan seems to have a new job in Phoenix Parks every day, always appearing out of nowhere to drop the hot park gossip on our heroes. She's a series of nonsequitur observations, always noticing the smallest and most insignificant of things to comment on, which may in turn be the vital clue the gang needs. She becomes Norma's best friend outside of the main group...and perhaps something a little more...

Logan "Logs" Nguyen is a log-flume operator who Barney immediatly crushes on. But Logan's shy awkwardness when mixed with Barney's tendency to run off to secretly save the world does not a healthy relationship make! Barney is desperate to keep him as separate as possible from the dangers of his demonic life, which leads to Logs being kept in the dark for much longer than any other character...something that'll come back to bite Barney one day.

THE SHOW EVENTUALLY DEBUTED IN THE SUMMER OF 2022 TO CRITICAL ACCLAIM. IT WON SEVERAL ACCOLADES INCLUDING OUTSTANDING KIDS AND FAMILY PROGRAMMING AT THE GLAAD AWARDS. THE SECOND SEASON DROPPED IN OCTOBER OF THAT YEAR AND ALTHOUGH THAT WAS TO BE OUR FINAL SET OF EPISODES, I COULDN'T BE PROUDER OF WHAT THE CREW ACHIEVED.

DEADENDIA: THE DIVINE ORDER

BUT ENOUGH ABOUT TV! I NEVER WANTED THE SHOW TO OVERSHADOW GIVING THE BOOKS THEIR INTENDED FINALE. I BEGAN WORKING ON *THE DIVINE ORDER* AS SOON AS THE TV SHOW WRAPPED. I SENT THIS TEST COVER TO THE PUBLISHER TO MAKE IT CLEAR I WAS COMING BACK TO THE BOOKS NO MATTER HOW THE SHOW DID. THE FINAL COVER ENDED UP BEING VERY SIMILAR, ALTHOUGH LESS GREEN TO MAKE IT STAND OUT AGAINST BOOK TWO.



ABOVE IS MY MASTER SHEET! I USUALLY HAVE THIS OPEN WHEN COLORING PAGES, AS IT'S MY REFERENCE SHEET FOR ALL THE PALETTES IN THE BOOK.

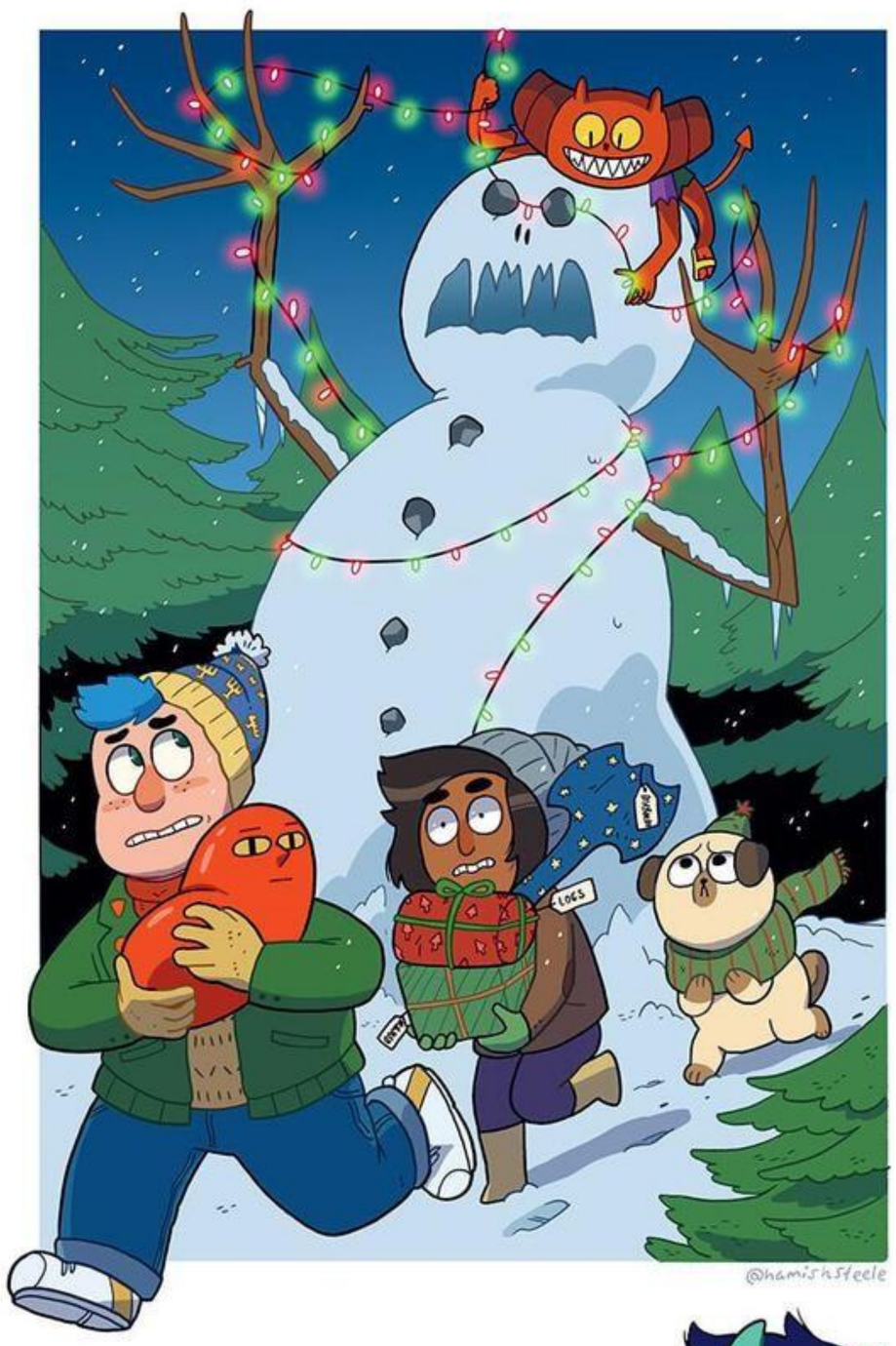
HOWEVER, I HAD TO HAVE SEVERAL VERSIONS OF MY MASTER SHEET BECAUSE OF THE VARIOUS REALITIES WE EXPERIENCE--SUCH AS THE FOURTEEN-PLANES VERSION OF THE CHARACTERS AND THE ONE-PLANE VERSION.

PRINT CREATED FOR STREAMILY, COMBINING THE SHOW AND BOOK DESIGNS

UNION SQUARE CHARACTER KEY ART

UNION SQUARE PREORDER BONUS PRINT

PRIDE PRINT SHOWING VARIOUS LGBTQIA+ CHARACTES OF MINE, INCLUDING BARNEY, LOGS, NORMA, AND ZAGAN FROM DEADENDIA



VARIOUS DEADENDIA PRINTS

So it begins. A new project. Let's begin designing.

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THE ORIGINAL TUMBLR POST TEASING DEADENDIA FROM 2012

(YES THAT'S MEANT TO BE BARNEY)

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