



XENO EXPERIMENTS

# NOVA

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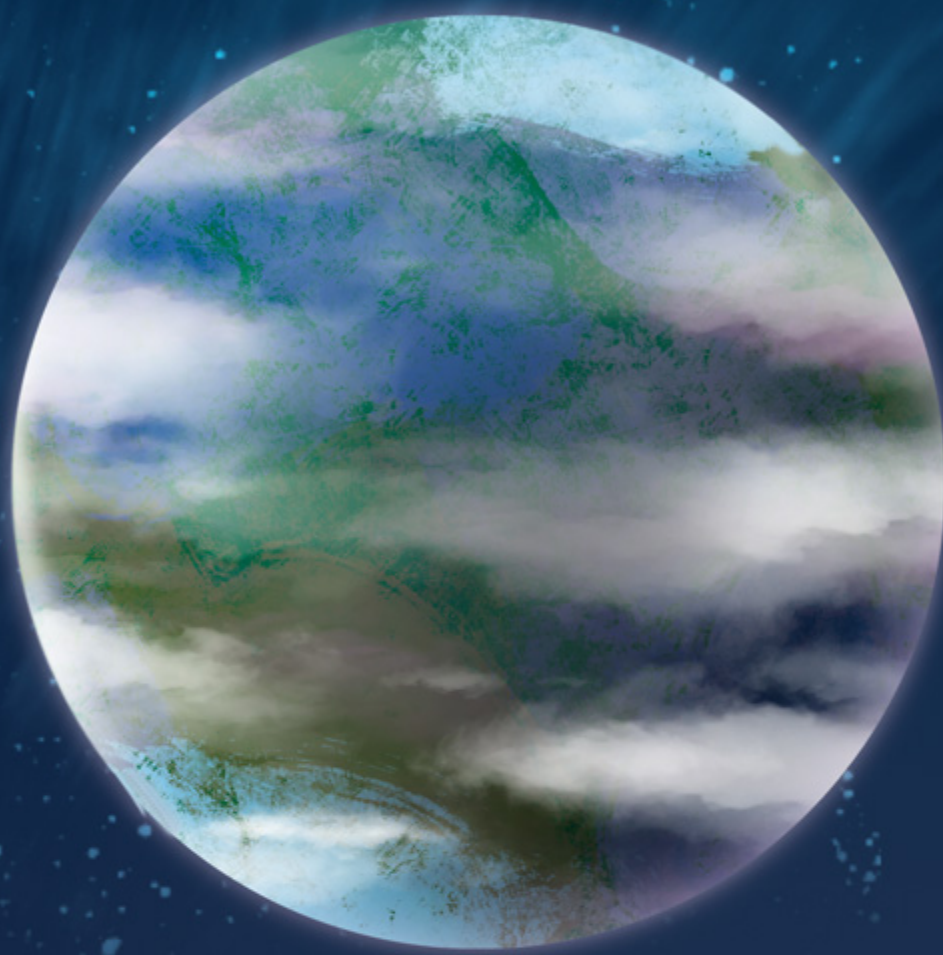


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When humans disappeared from Earth. The Xeno creatures had to learn to survive by themselves. Most of the ones alive today are descended from the survivors of this period, the “faulty” Xenos created by humanity. These ancestors had more free will and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

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







OUR ORIGIN  
ISN'T NATURAL

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

WE WERE DESIGNED

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

WE WERE MEANT  
TO BE HELPERS

SOLDIERS

EASY TO  
REPLACE





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

AND WE SERVED  
THEM FAITHFULLY

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

IT ALMOST DROVE US TO EXTINCTION



WITHOUT THEIR  
GUIDANCE, WE WERE  
LOST...

WITH NO ORGANIZATION,  
WE BECAME SCATTERED...

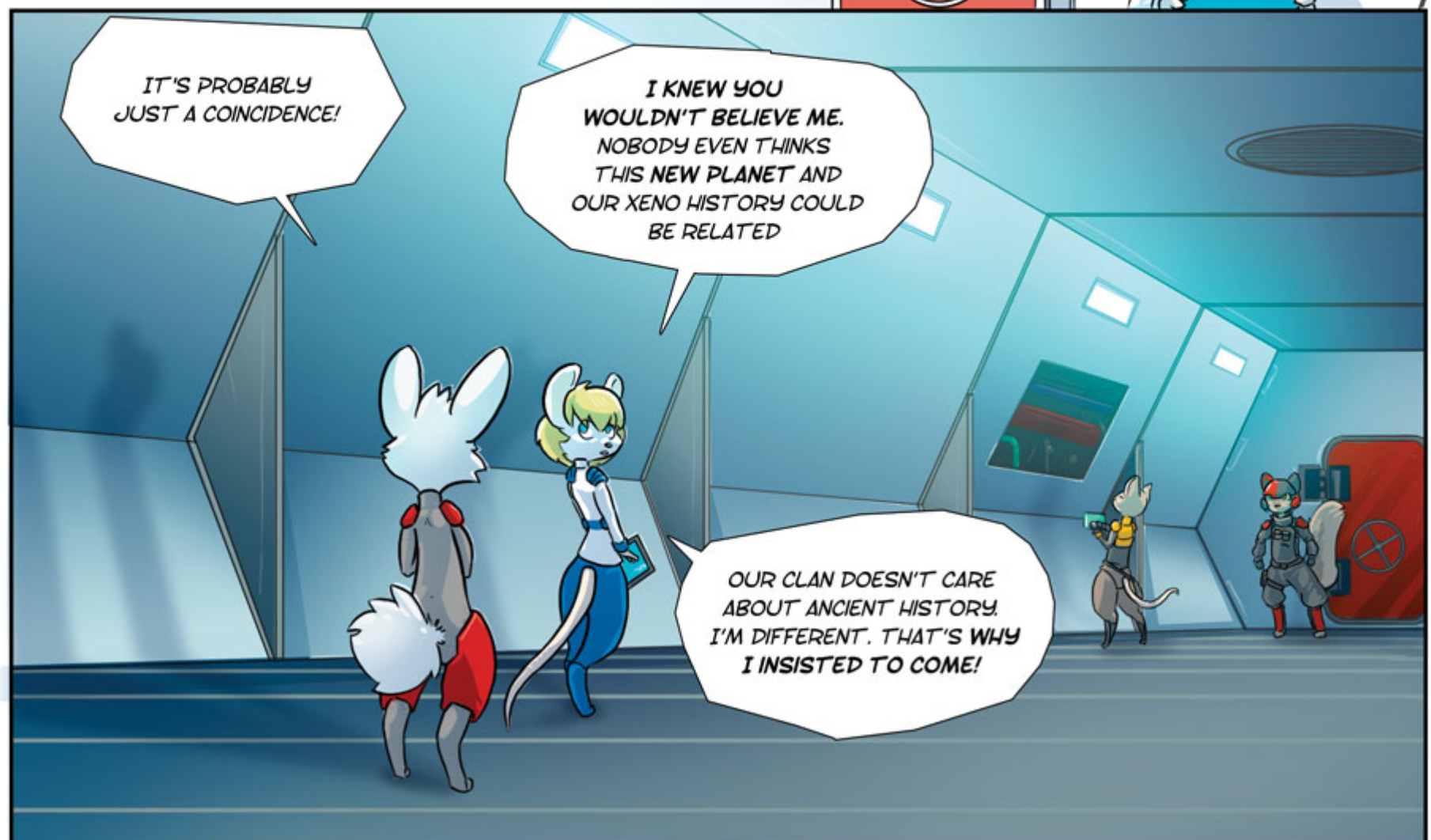
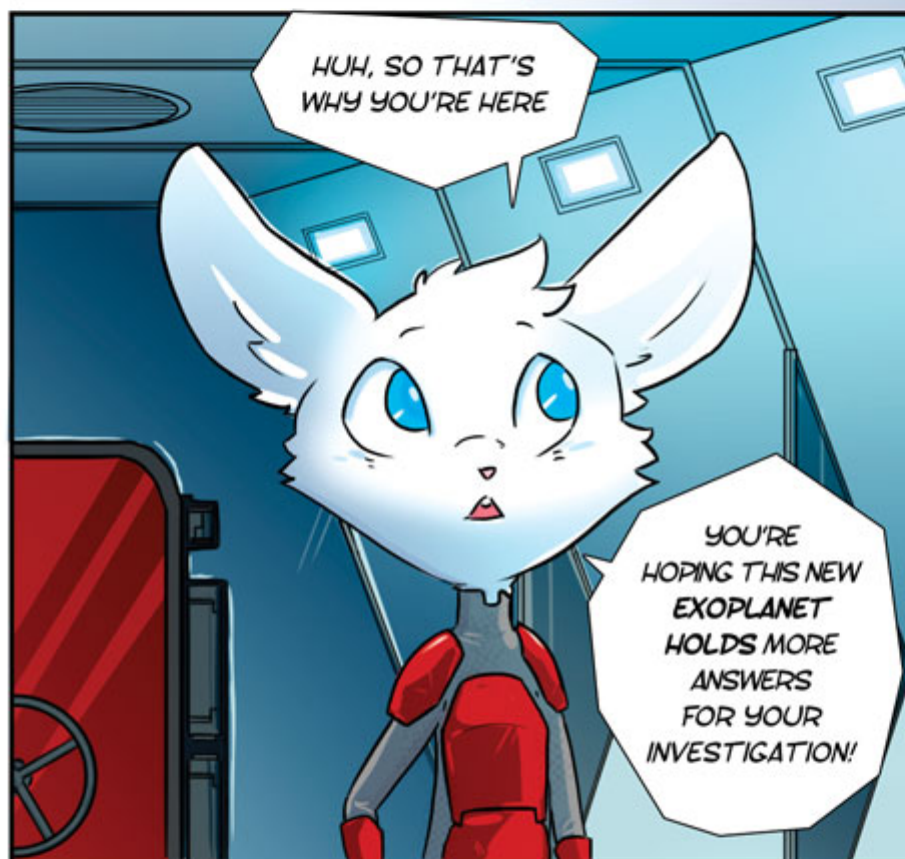
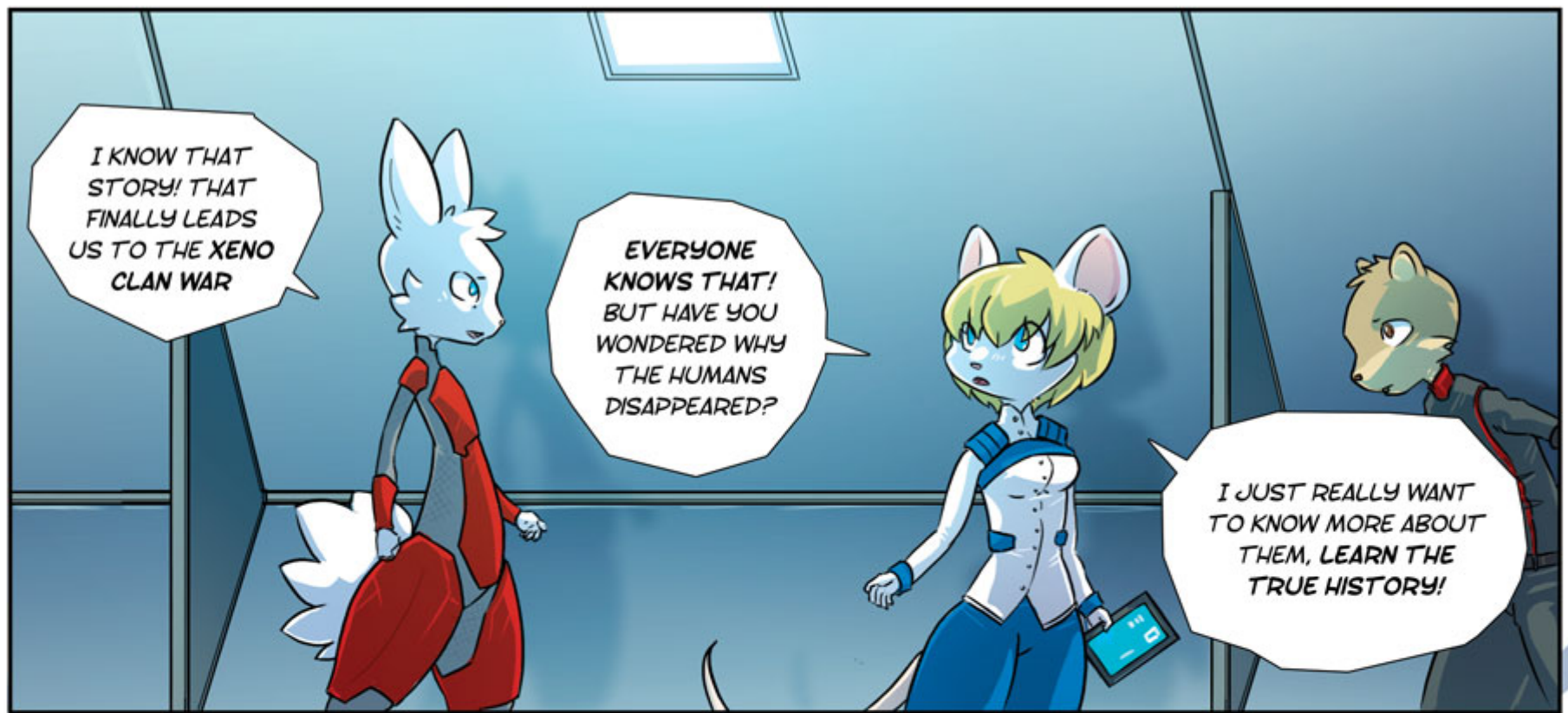
SURVIVING ONLY WITH THE  
RESOURCES THE HUMANS  
LEFT US...

BUT ONCE THOSE  
RESOURCES RAN  
OUT...

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











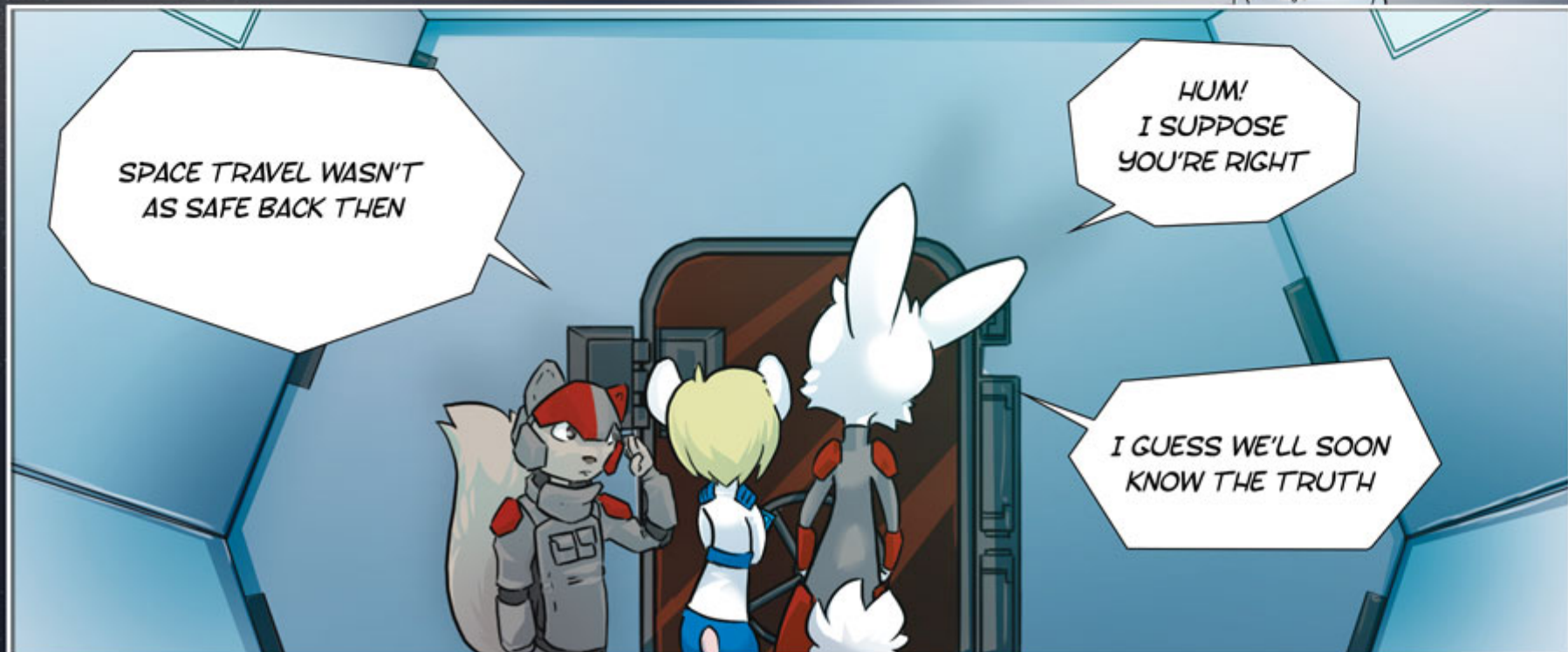
AMY, YOU GET THIS  
PLANET CAN'T BE  
SAFE, RIGHT?

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

IMPROBABLE! THAT  
SHIP PROBABLY JUST  
MALFUNCTIONED



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



SPACE TRAVEL WASN'T  
AS SAFE BACK THEN

HUM!  
I SUPPOSE  
YOU'RE RIGHT

I GUESS WE'LL SOON  
KNOW THE TRUTH



WE'VE  
ALREADY  
ARRIVED



"THE NODRIZA" COMMAND CENTER

WHERE THE  
HELL IS THAT  
KID?



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

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



HE'D BETTER HURRY!

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





IT'S ALWAYS THE  
SAME WITH BANDI...

EXCELENT KICK,  
NOVA!

YOU'VE BECOME  
PRETTY STRONG SINCE  
WE STARTED TRAINING!

YOU MAKE  
A VERY  
CHALLENGING  
OPPONENT

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

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

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

HE MENTIONED HE  
WASN'T FEELING WELL

HE'S GETTING " SICK"  
A LOT LATELY

I GUESS...

















YOU HAVE ALWAYS  
BEEN BETTER AT  
FIGHTING THAN ME

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



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

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

AND ME?  
NOTHING!



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

WE ONLY  
INHERIT THEM

I KNOW

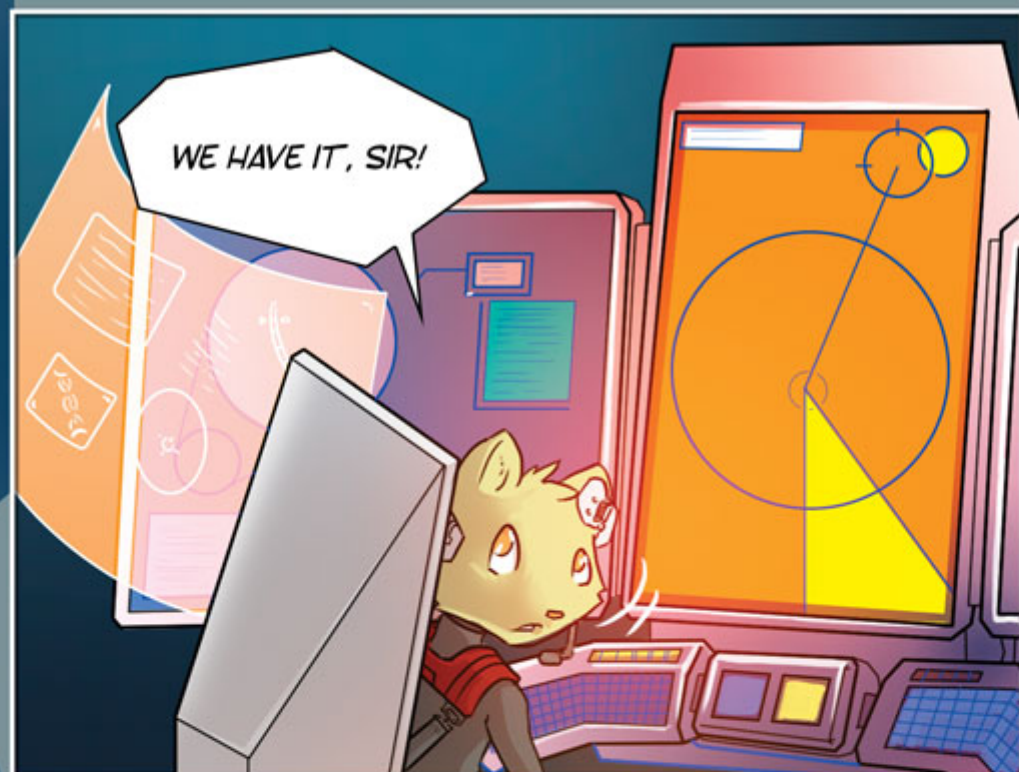


ALRIGHT, I HAVE TO GO  
NOW... I STILL HAVE A LOT  
OF THINGS TO DO


CAN YOU  
PROMISE ME  
YOU'LL TRY  
HARDER?

I WILL TRY,  
SISTER...  
I PROMISE









XENO -EXIGUS-  
SHIP "NODRIZA"

WE DESPERATELY CALL  
FOR YOUR HELP!

THIS IS THE "ASCENSION"



CUSTUS  
-GUARDIAN CLAN-  
CARRIER

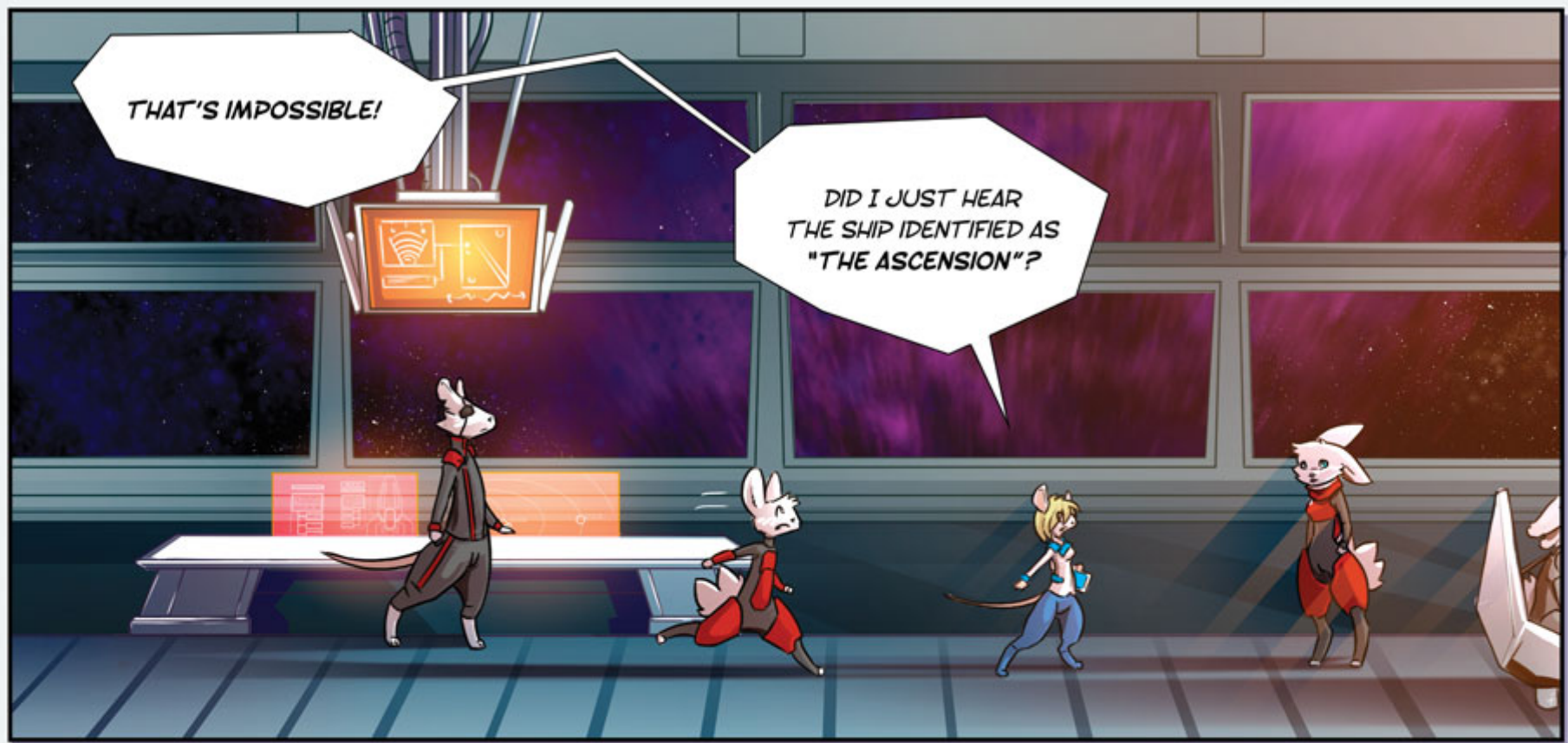


WE NEED EVACUATION  
FROM THIS PLANET!

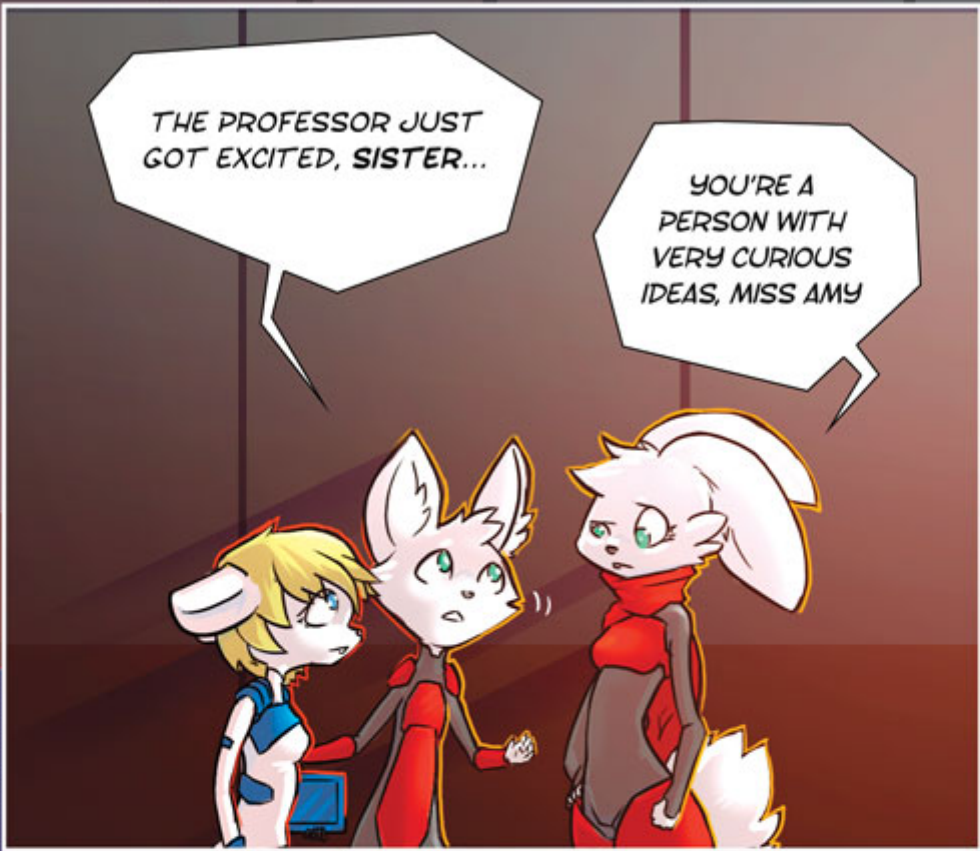


WHAT'S  
THAT?!









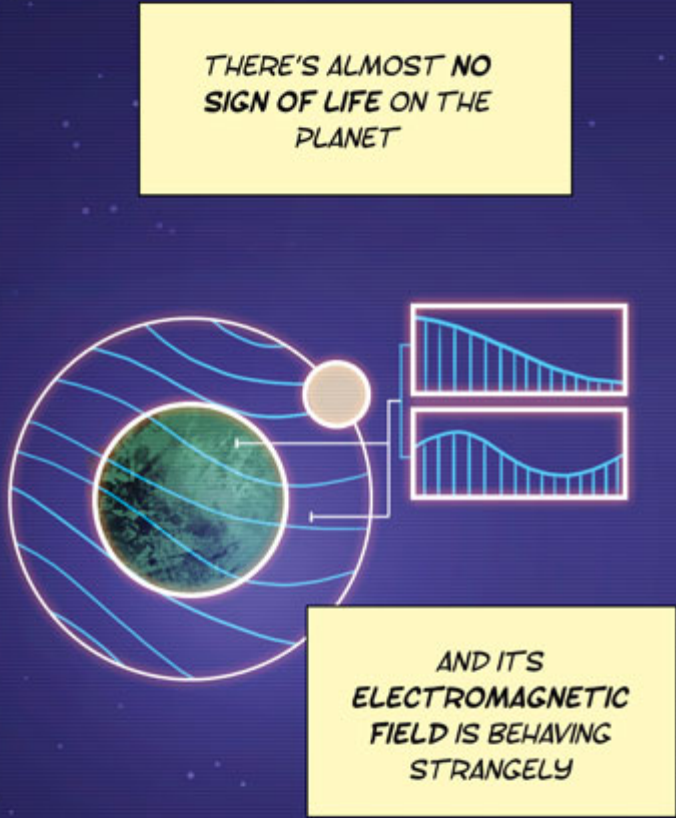
THE PROFESSOR JUST GOT EXCITED, SISTER...

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



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

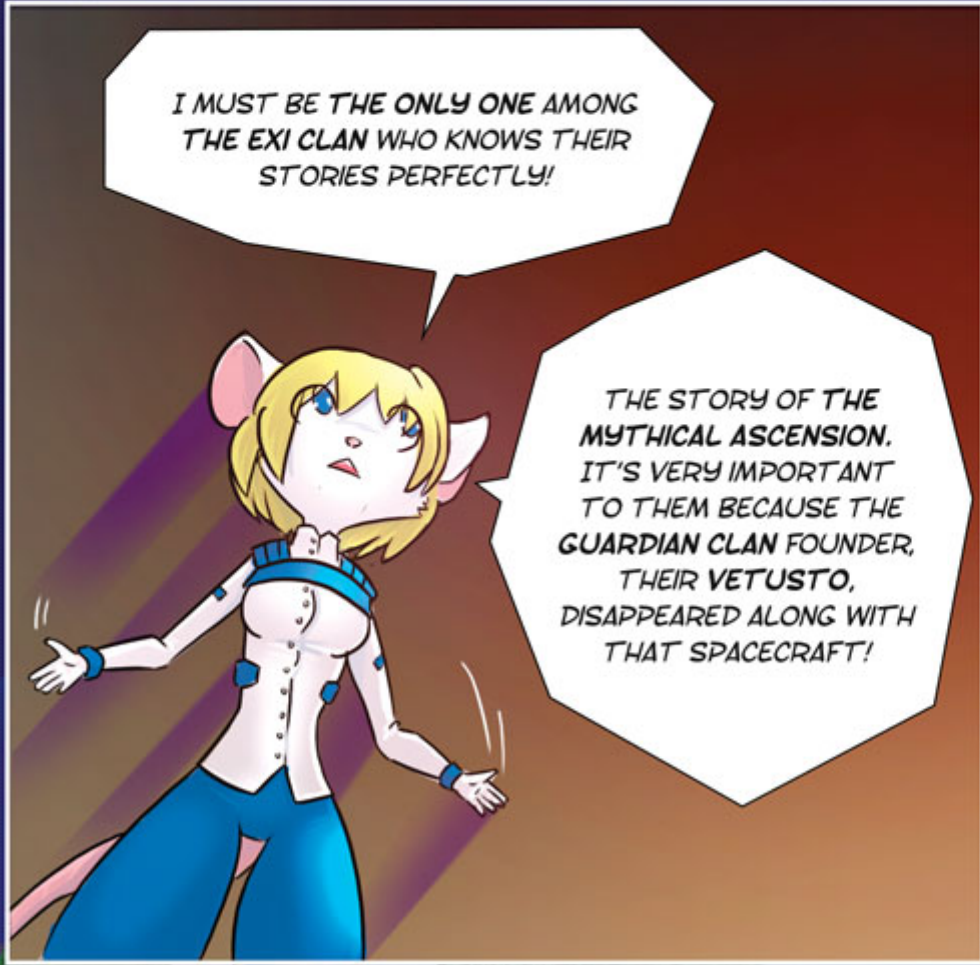
WHAT IS IT?



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

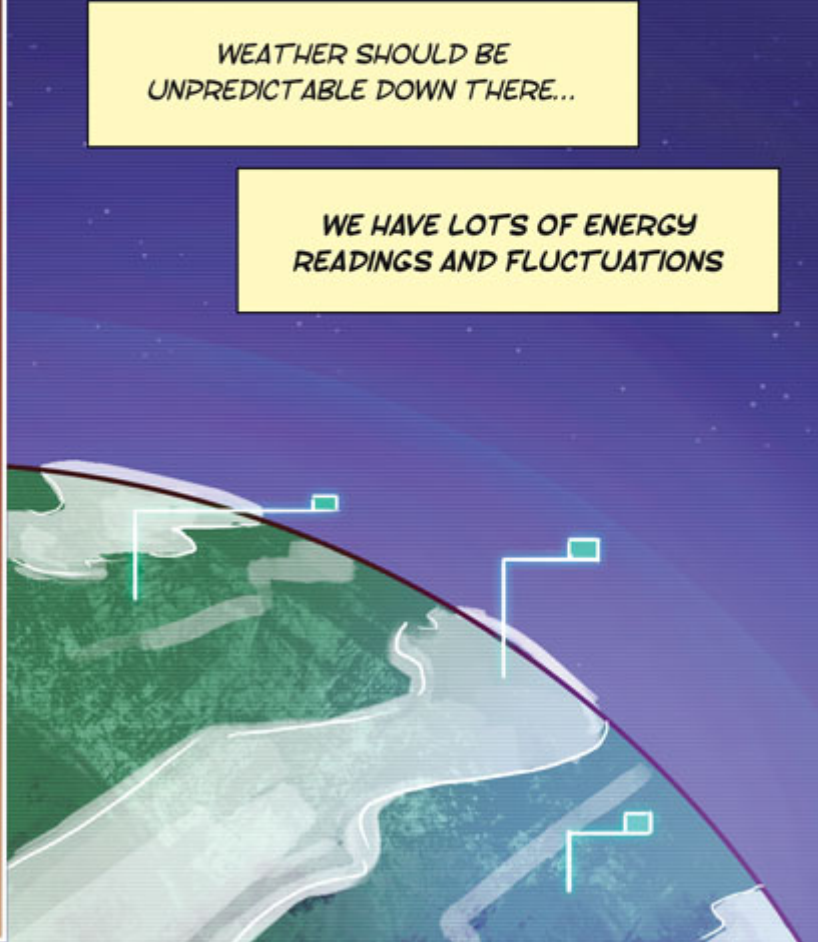
YOU SEE, THE CANINES CARE MUCH MORE ABOUT HISTORY THAN THE REST OF THE CLANS, ESPECIALLY INFORMATION ABOUT WHAT THEY CALL "THE MASTERS"

THE HUMANS



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

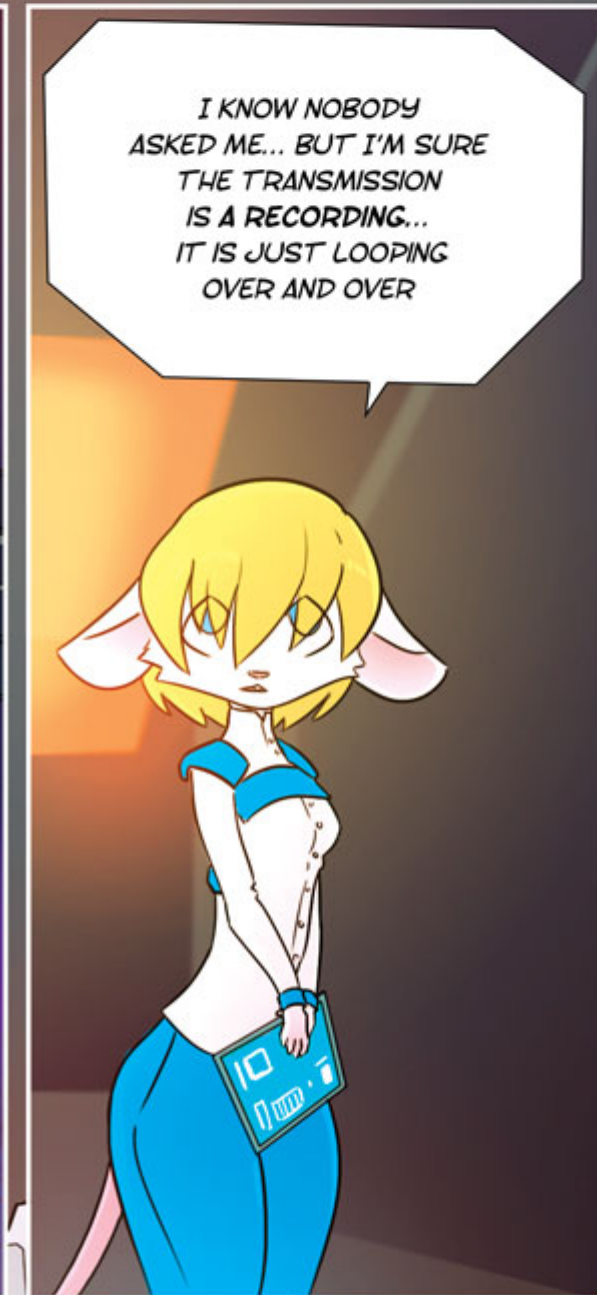
THE STORY OF THE MYTHICAL ASCENSION. IT'S VERY IMPORTANT TO THEM BECAUSE THE GUARDIAN CLAN FOUNDER, THEIR VETUSTO, DISAPPEARED ALONG WITH THAT SPACECRAFT!



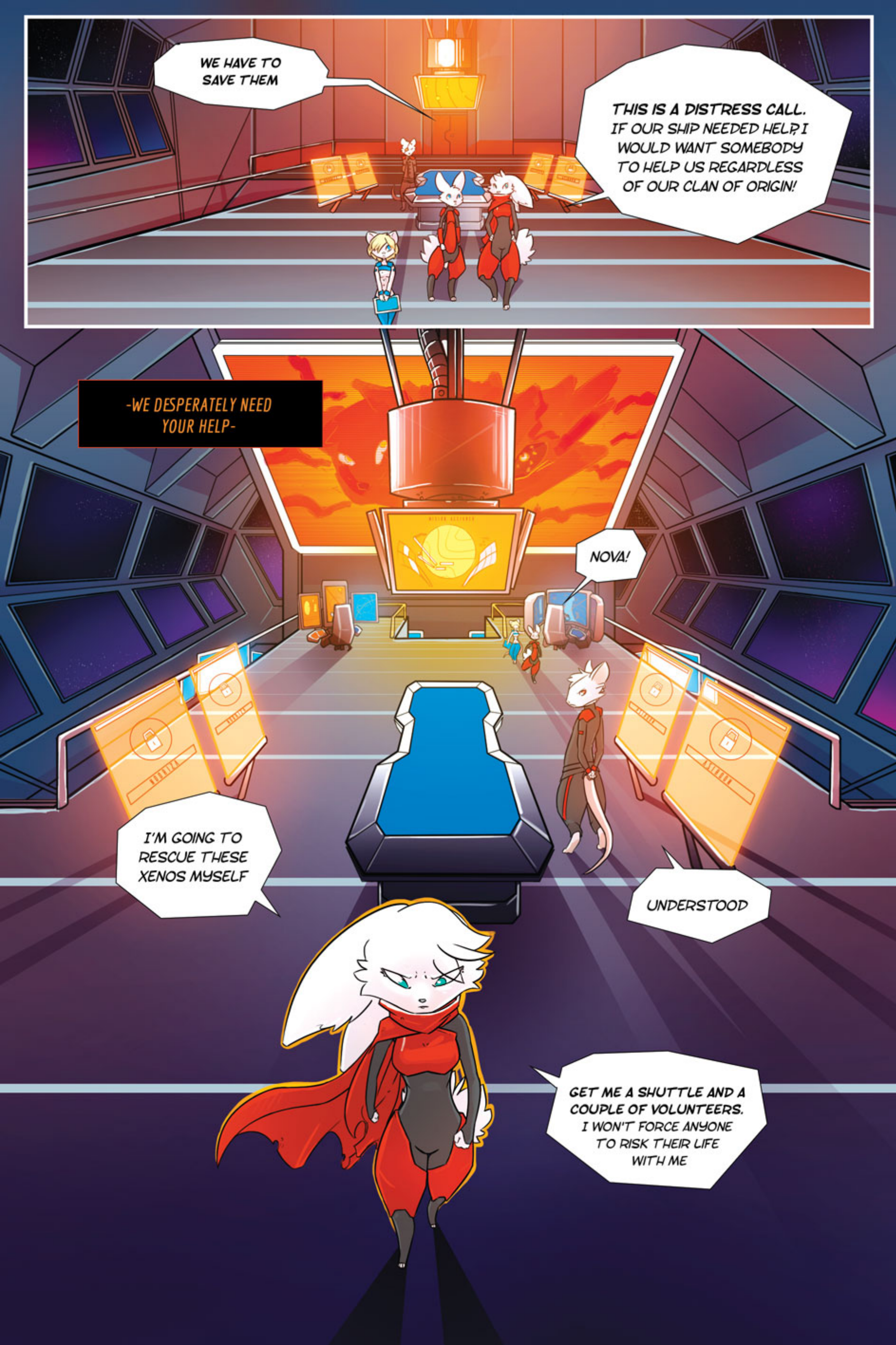












WE HAVE TO  
SAVE THEM

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

-WE DESPERATELY NEED  
YOUR HELP-

NOVA!

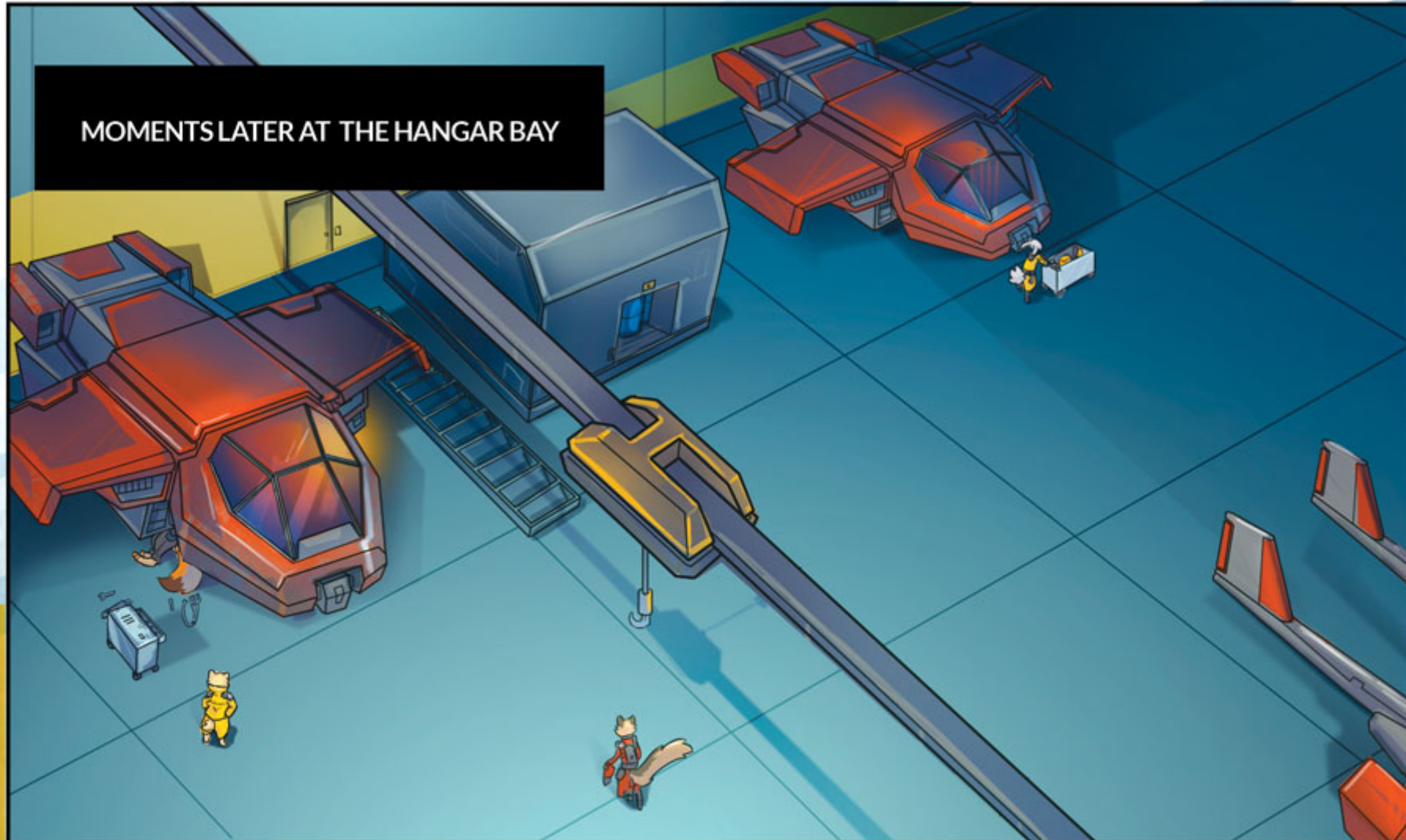
I'M GOING TO  
RESCUE THESE  
XENOS MYSELF

UNDERSTOOD

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



MOMENTS LATER AT THE HANGAR BAY



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



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

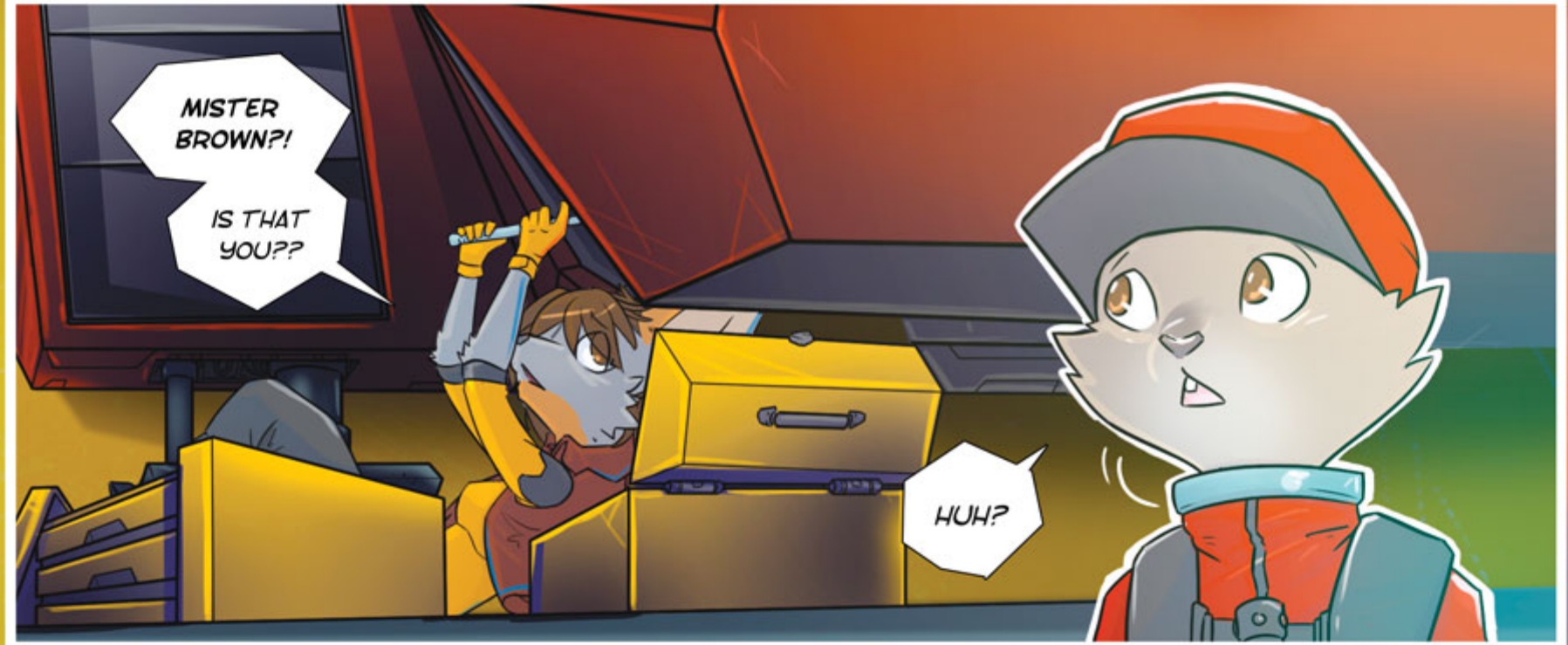
NONE OF OUR  
SHUTTLES ARE BUILT  
TO RESIST THIS MUCH  
ELECTROMAGNETIC  
ENERGY



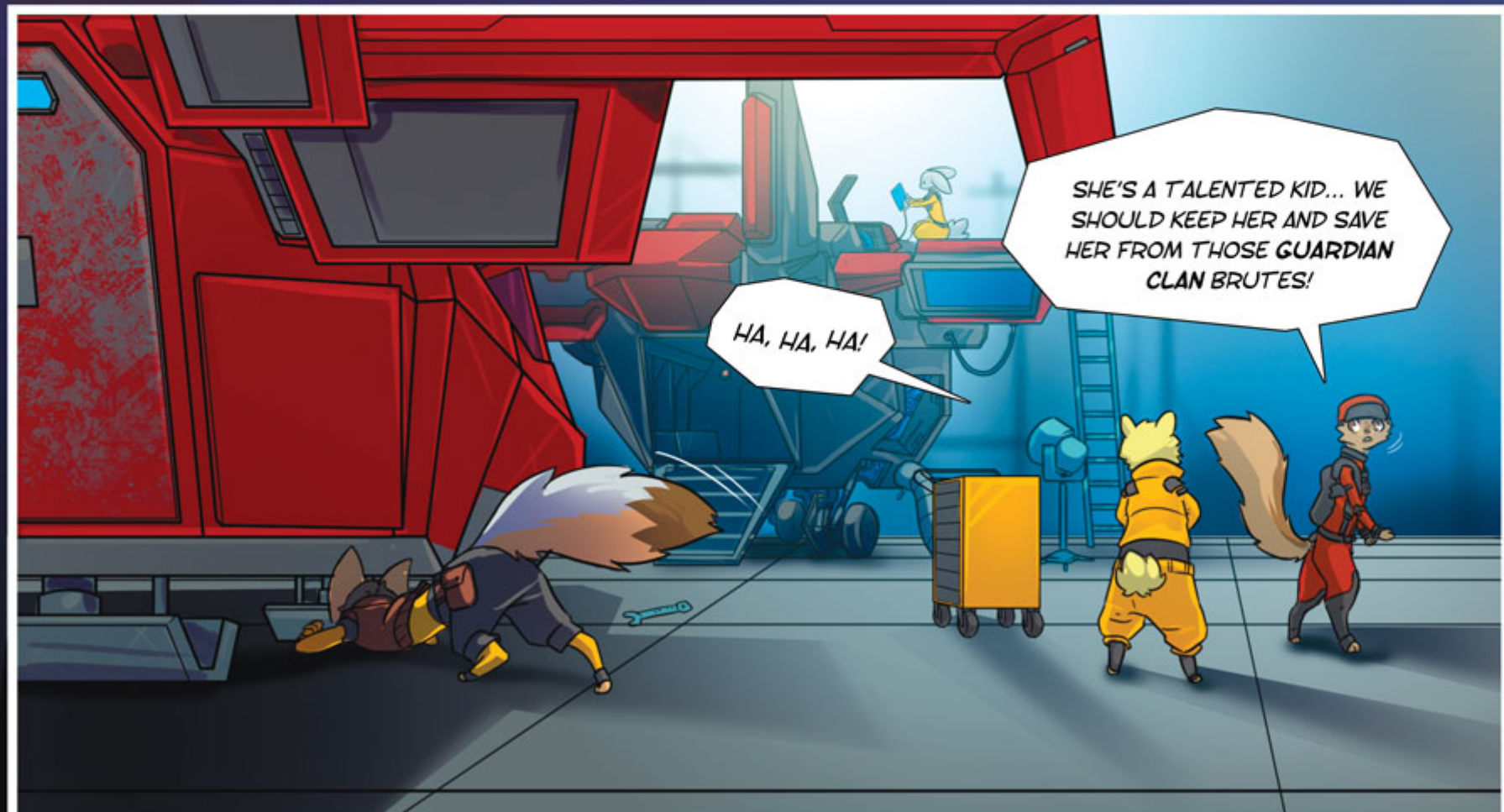
THE TECHY RATS AT THE CC  
SAID IT'S JUST THE WEATHER.  
JUST ELECTRICAL STORMS













LATER...

SO THIS IS  
MY TEAM!

WHO ELSE  
IS COMING?

JUST THE  
PROFESSOR  
AND I

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

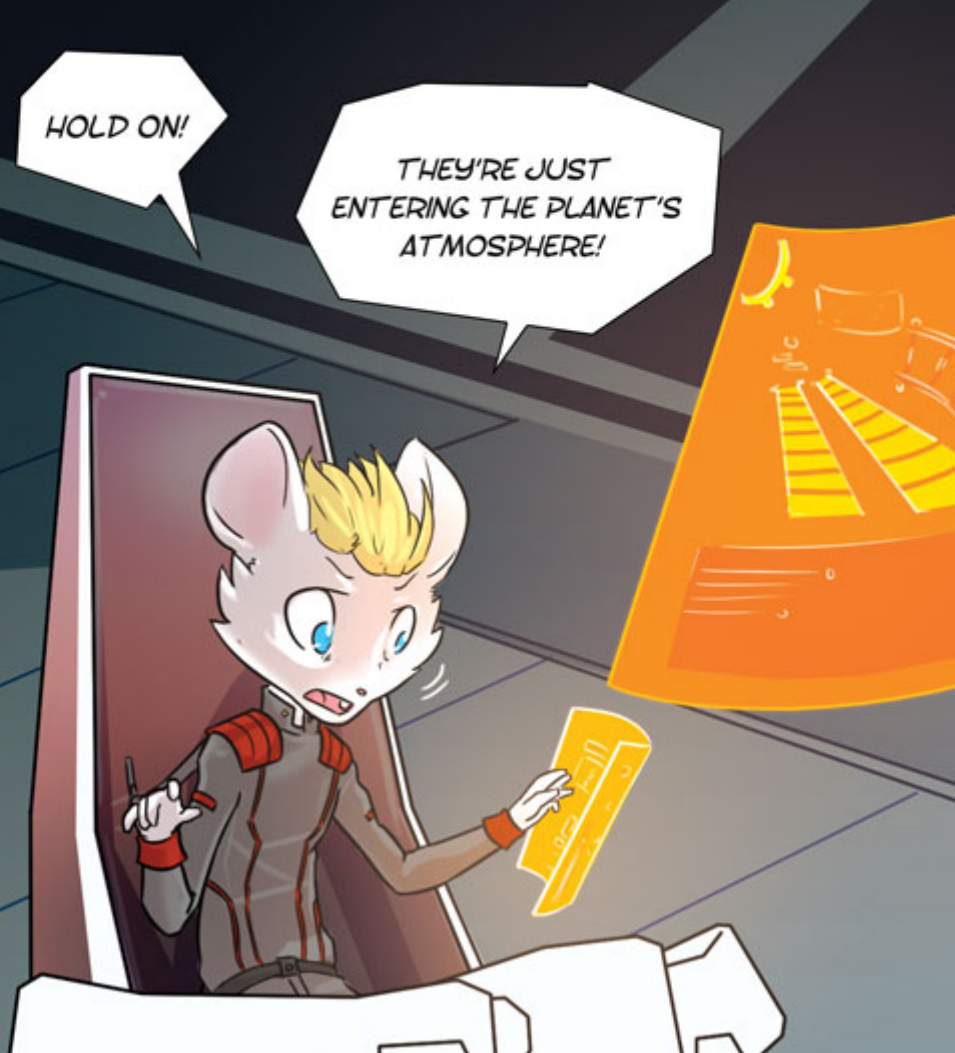
GOOD CALL,  
SOLDIER!

DID COLONEL  
CALE CONTACT  
THE FLEET?

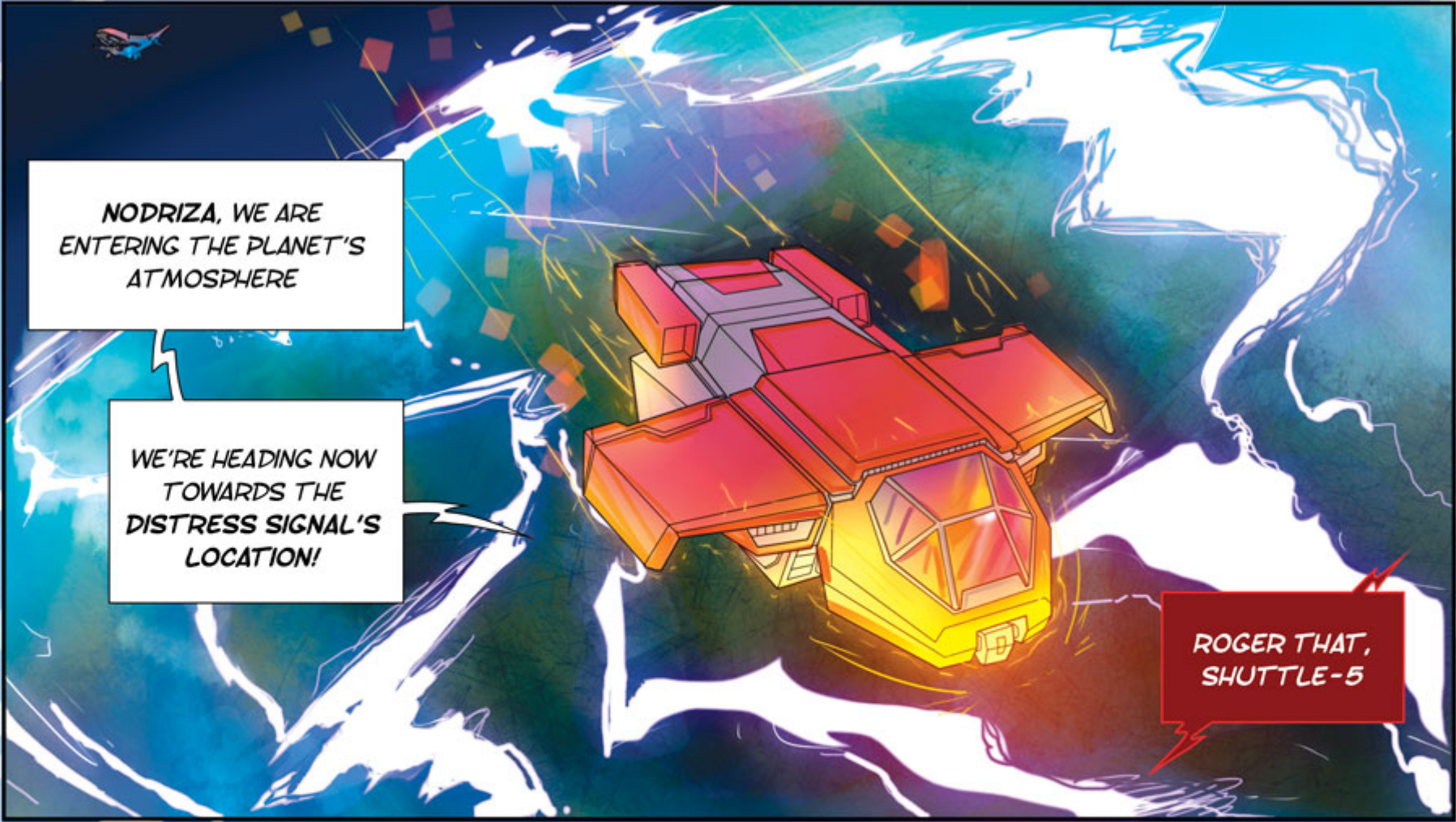
YES COMMANDER,  
AND THEY'RE  
SENDING SOME  
REINFORCEMENTS

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









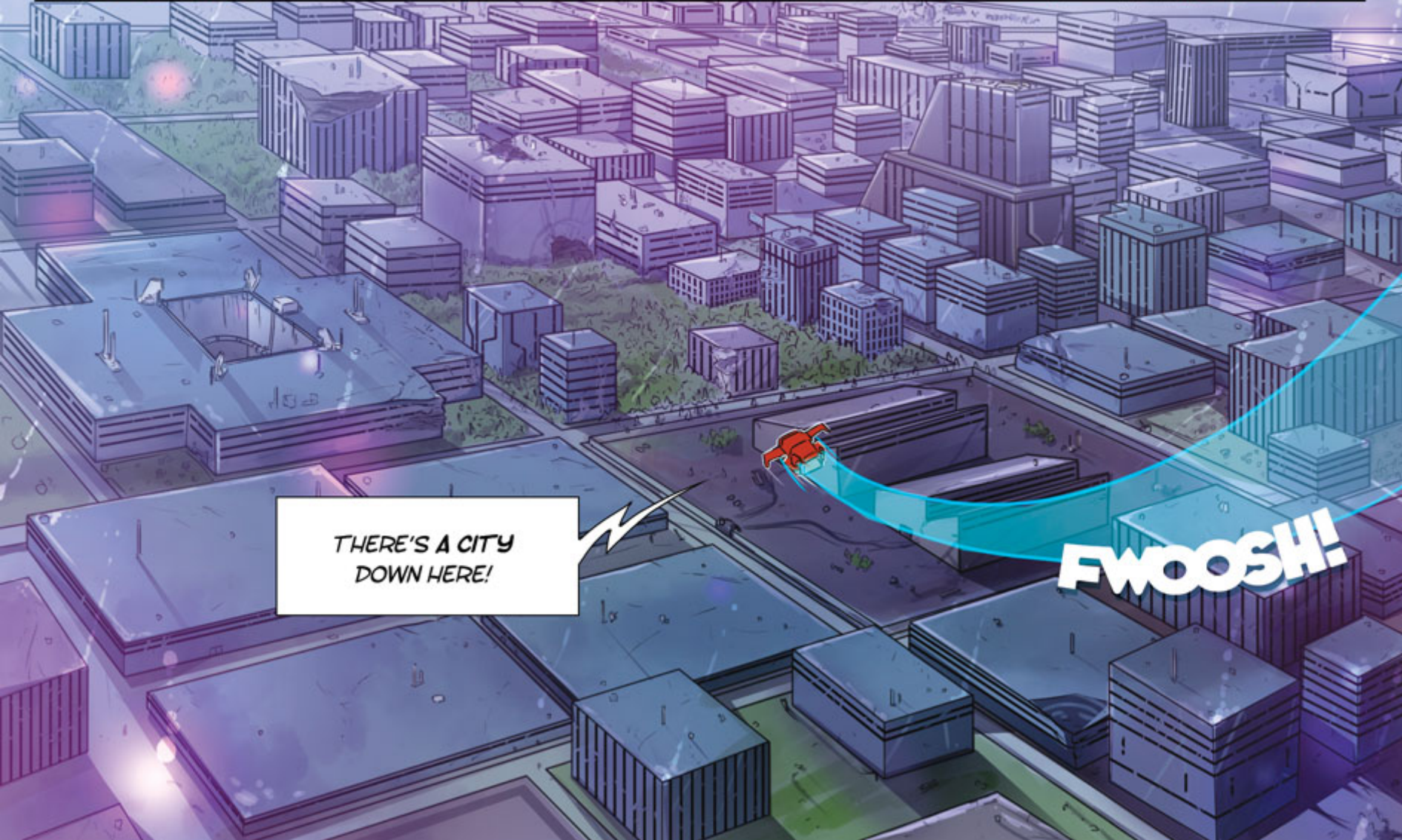
NODRIZA, WE ARE  
ENTERING THE PLANET'S  
ATMOSPHERE

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

ROGER THAT,  
SHUTTLE-5



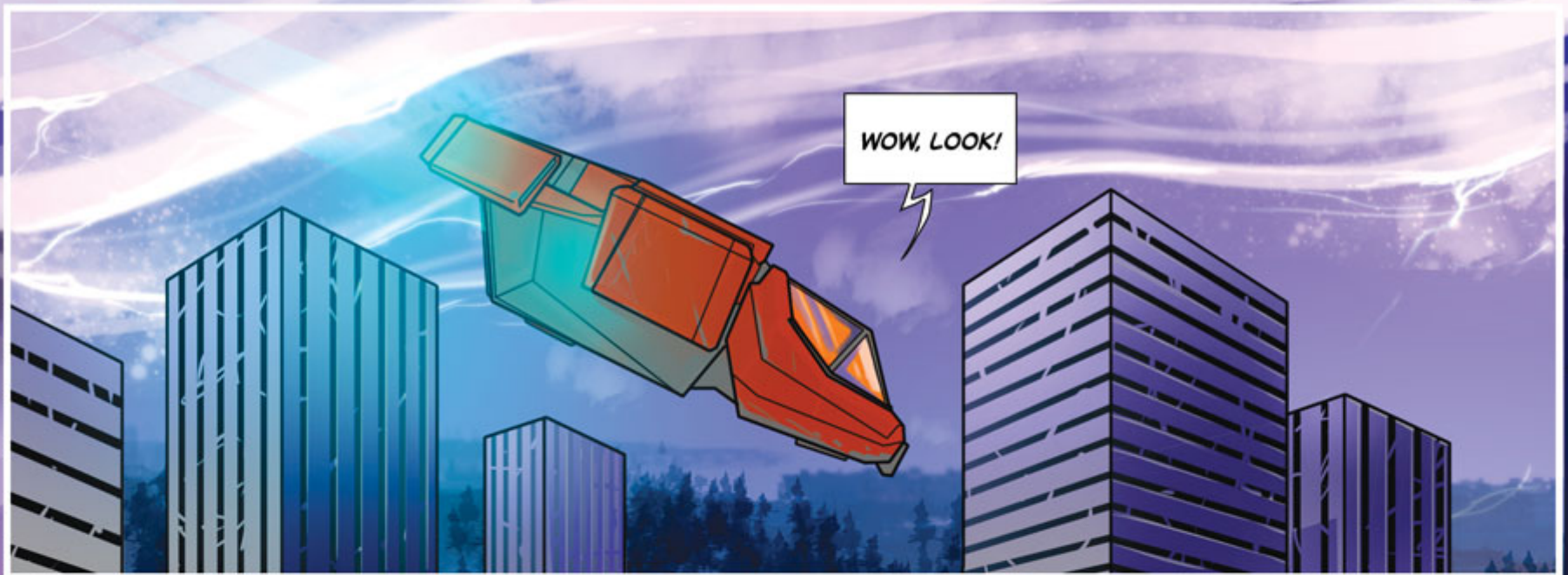
WOAH!  
LOOK AT  
THAT!



THERE'S A CITY  
DOWN HERE!

**FWOOSH!**





WOW, LOOK!



I NEVER EVEN  
DREAMED  
OF SEEING  
SOMETHING  
LIKE THIS ONE  
DAY!

THIS IS REALLY  
ANCIENT...



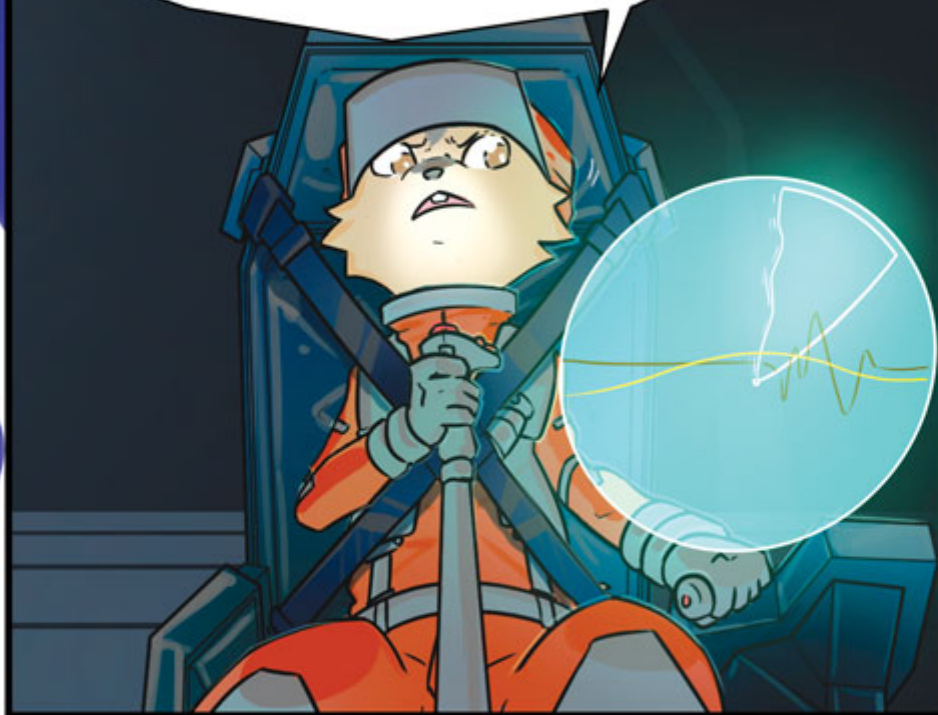
EVERY BUILDING  
HERE IS OF HUMAN  
CONSTRUCTION!  
...I WAS RIGHT!

THE ATMOSPHERE  
SEEMS BREATHABLE,  
GOOD OXYGEN LEVELS

PAY ATTENTION,  
PILOT. WE'RE FACING A  
DIFFERENT TYPE OF  
PROBLEM!



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



I'M NOT SURPRISED



JUST LOOK AT  
THE DAMN SKY!

I JUST HOPE THIS  
STORM DOESN'T GET  
WORSE





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

NO...  
IT IS VERY  
STRANGE

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

IT MUST BE  
THAT STORM...

IT LOOKS MORE  
THAN DANGEROUS

HEY, THEY'RE NOT PICKING  
UP OUR CALLS?

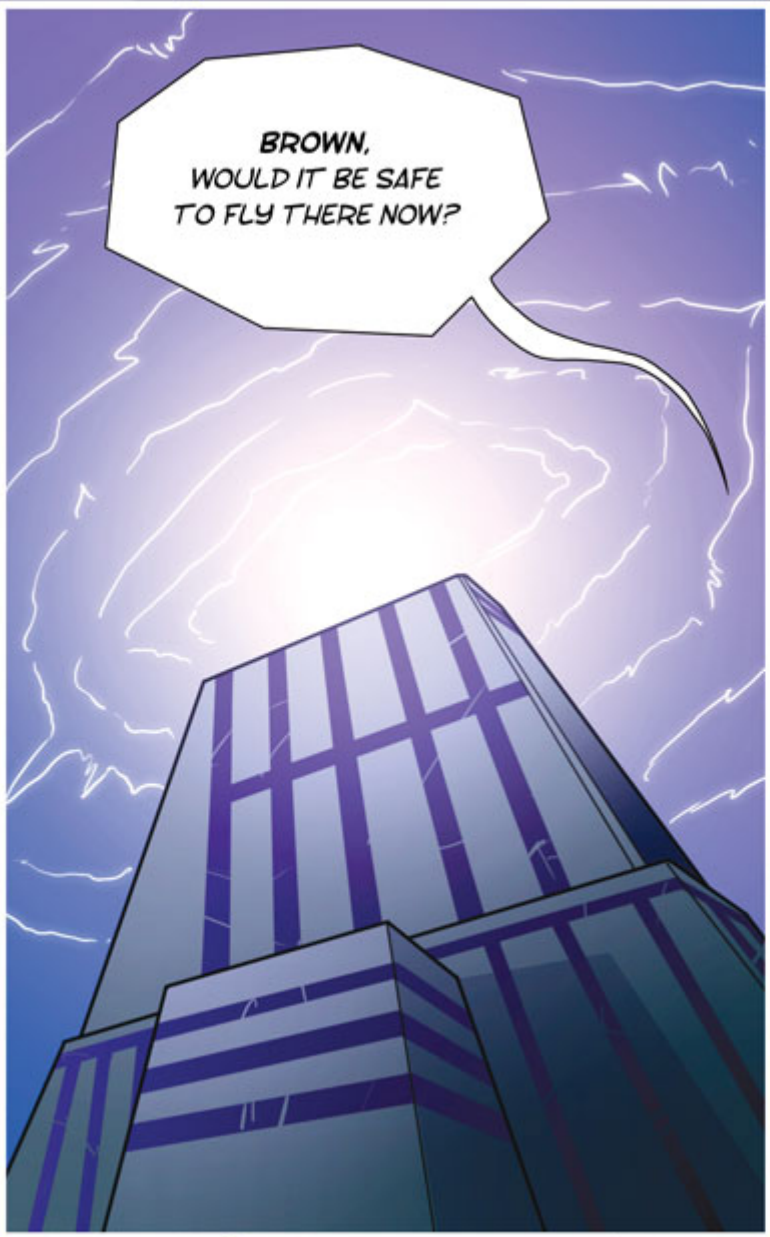
BROWN, WE HAVE TO GET  
DOWN AND REPAIR OUR  
COMMUNICATIONS WITH  
THE NODRIZA. SEARCH FOR  
A SAFE SPOT

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






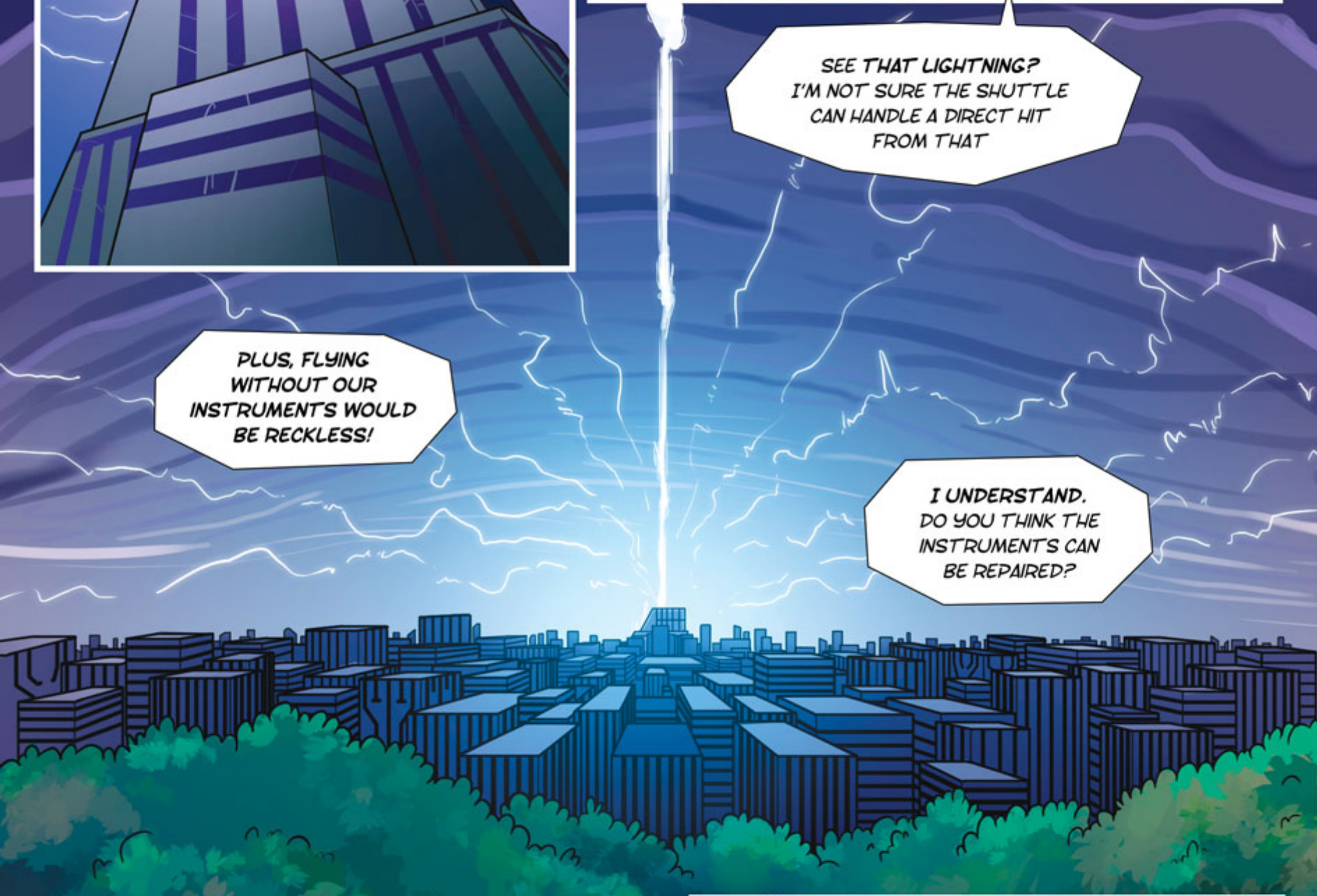




**BROWN,**  
WOULD IT BE SAFE  
TO FLY THERE NOW?



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



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

PLUS, FLYING  
WITHOUT OUR  
INSTRUMENTS WOULD  
BE RECKLESS!

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

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











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

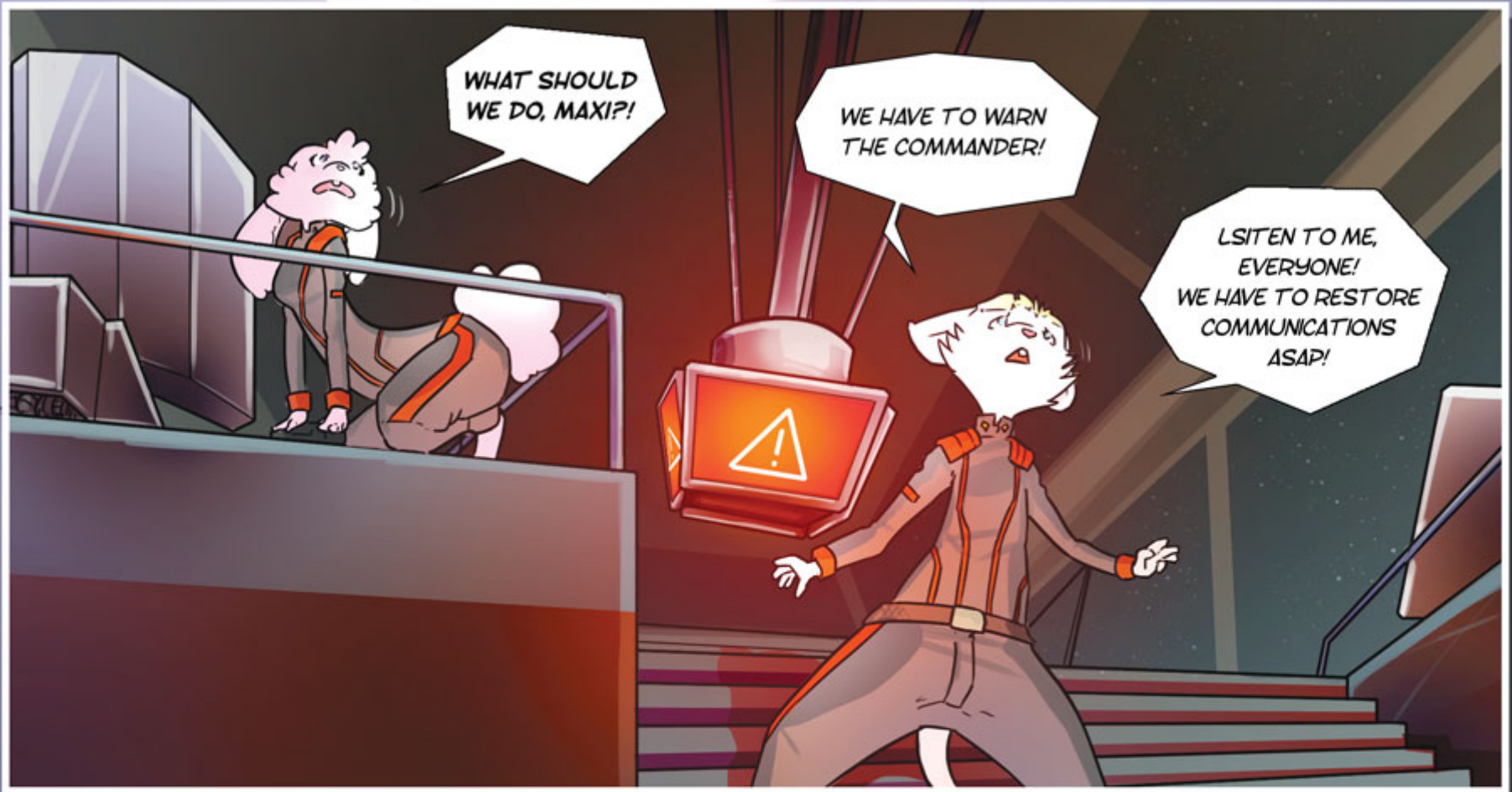
WHAT IS IT  
NOW, MAXI?



THE INTERFERENCE  
IS GETTING WORSE...

A HUGE ENERGY  
FLOW IS GOING  
ACROSS THE PLANET!





MEANWHILE,  
ON THE PLANET'S SURFACE



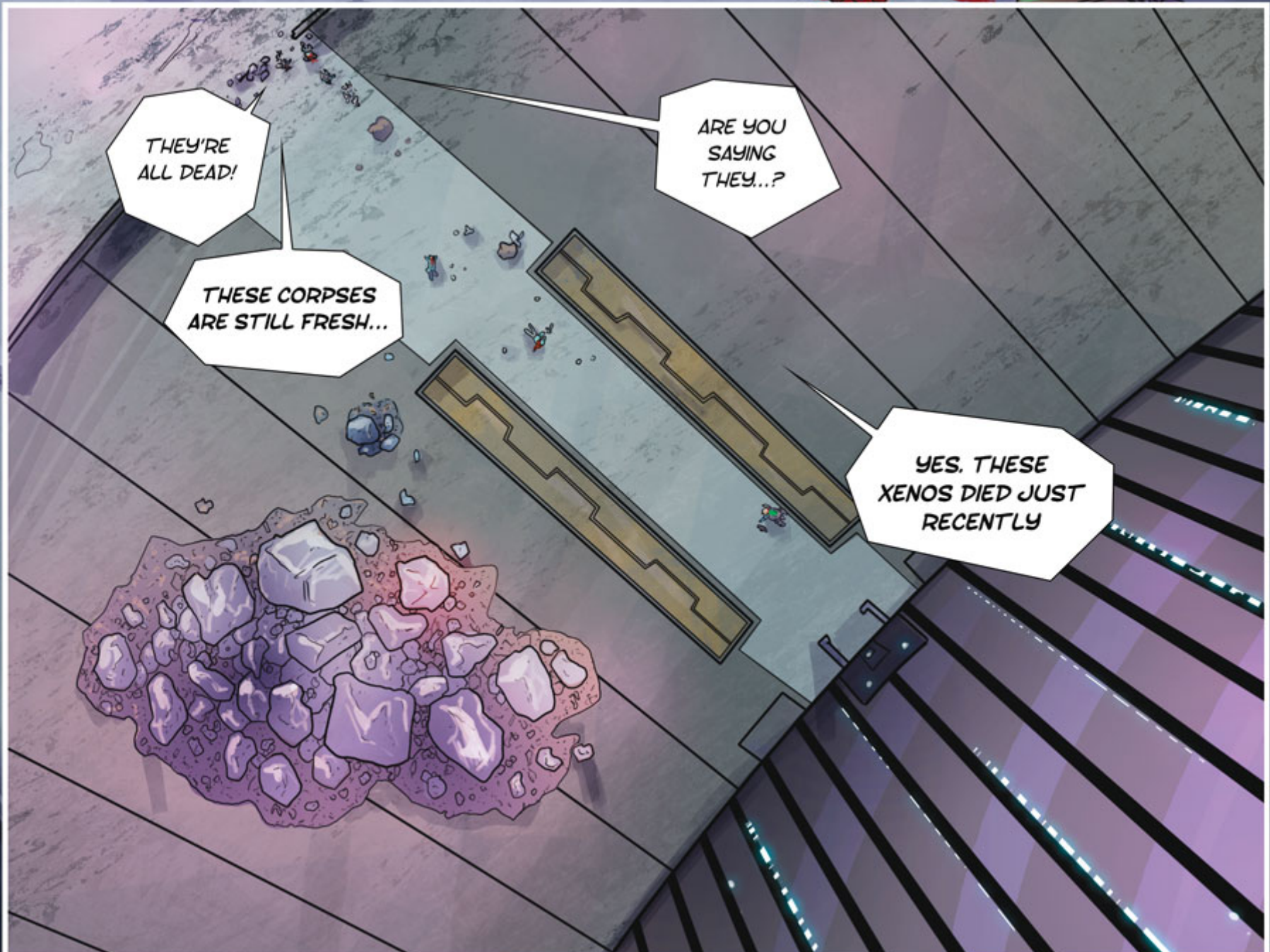





RUMBLE...  
RUMBLE  
CRACK-A  
BOOOOM!











HEY. THAT  
DOESN'T MAKE  
ANY SENSE!




IT FITS. THE  
BLOOD IS STILL  
FRESH



LOOK  
AT THEIR  
ARMOR


THEY'RE GUARDIAN  
CLAN



DAMN!... BUT HOW  
DID THEY DIE?

THESE WOUNDS  
WEREN'T CAUSED  
BY PROJECTILES

I DON'T  
LIKE THIS



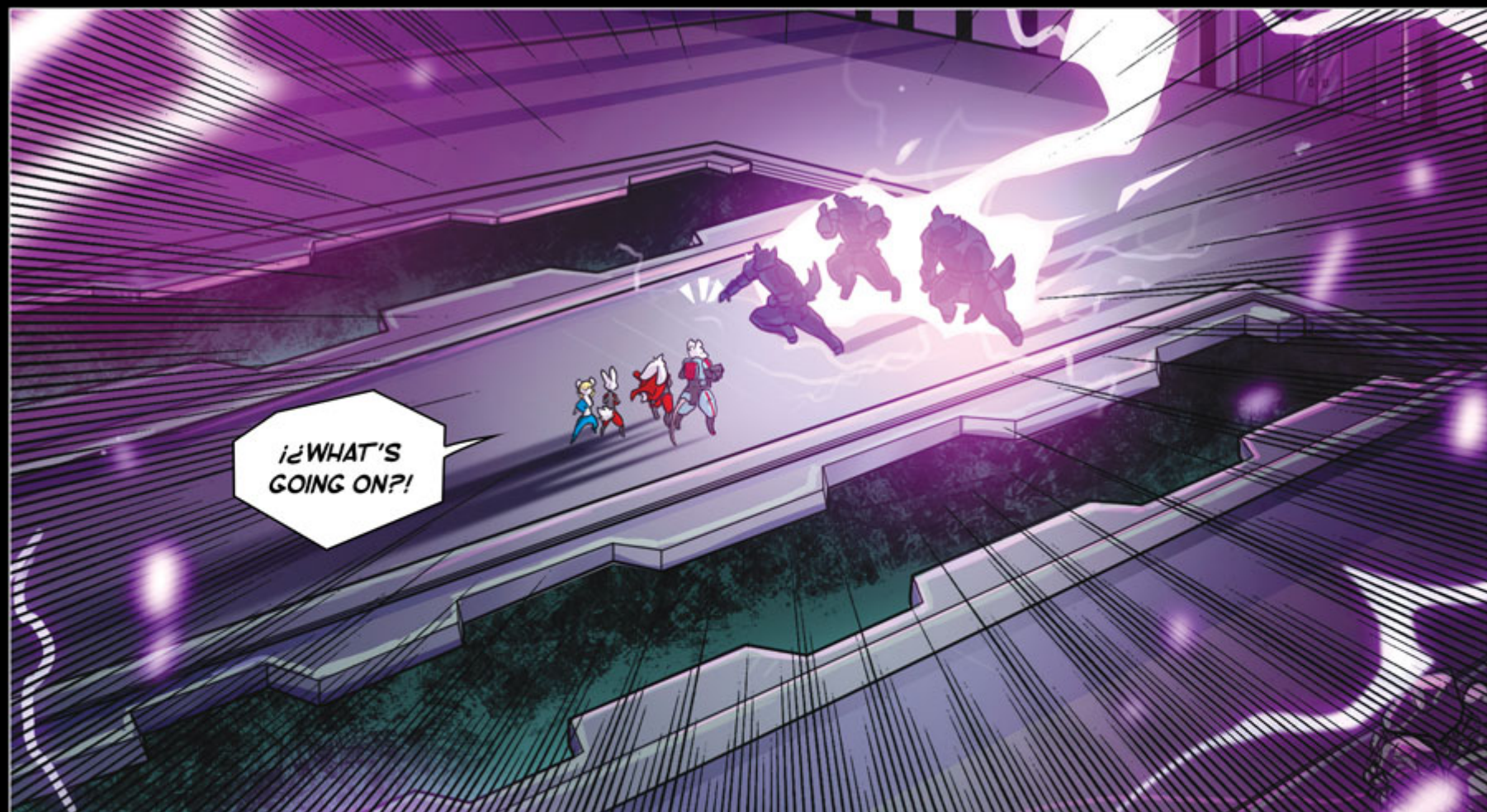
I'M NO EXPERT...  
BUT I'D SAY THESE  
ARE STAB WOUNDS

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

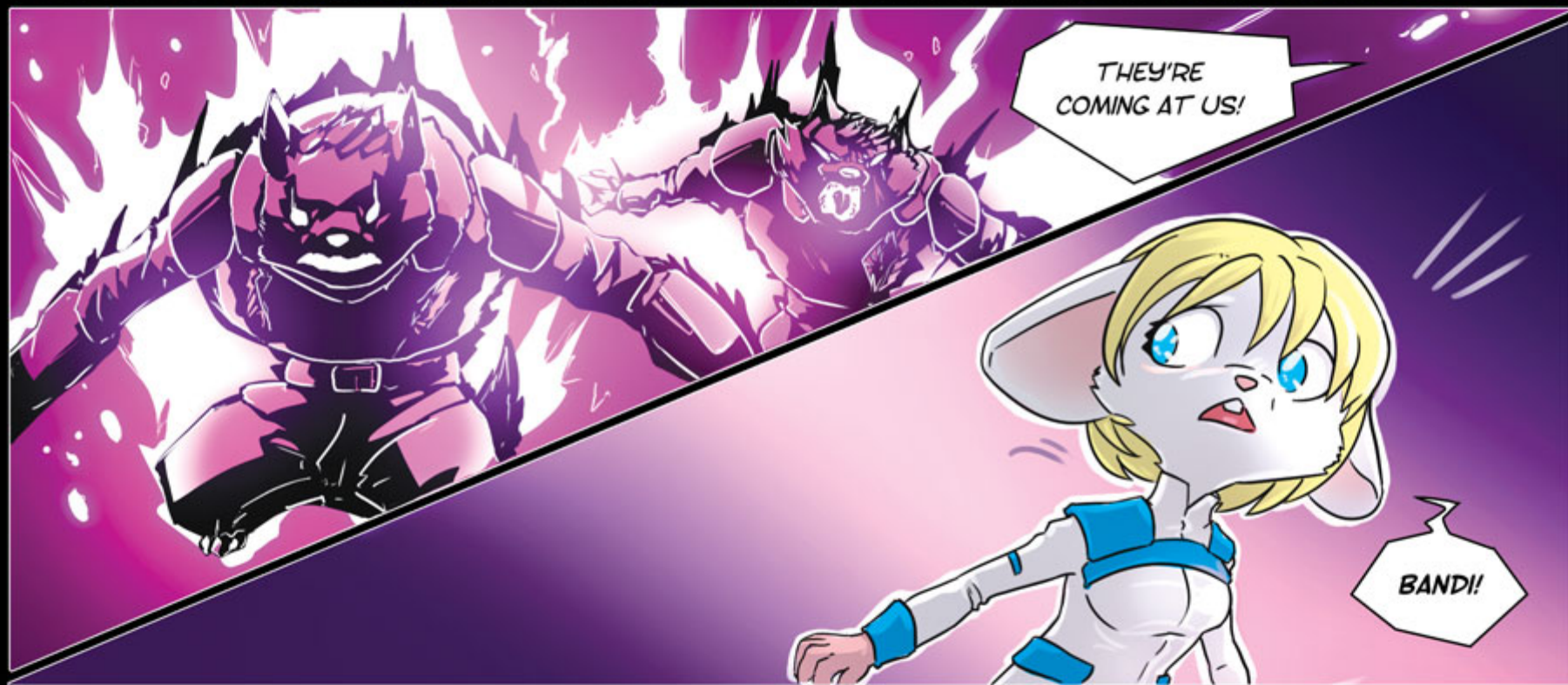








WHAT'S  
GOING ON?!



THEY'RE  
COMING AT US!

BANDI!!



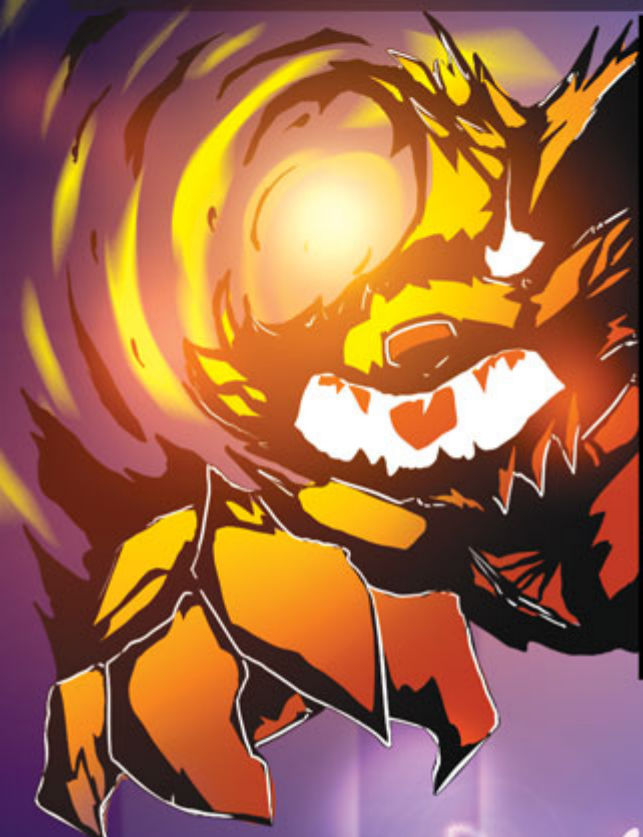
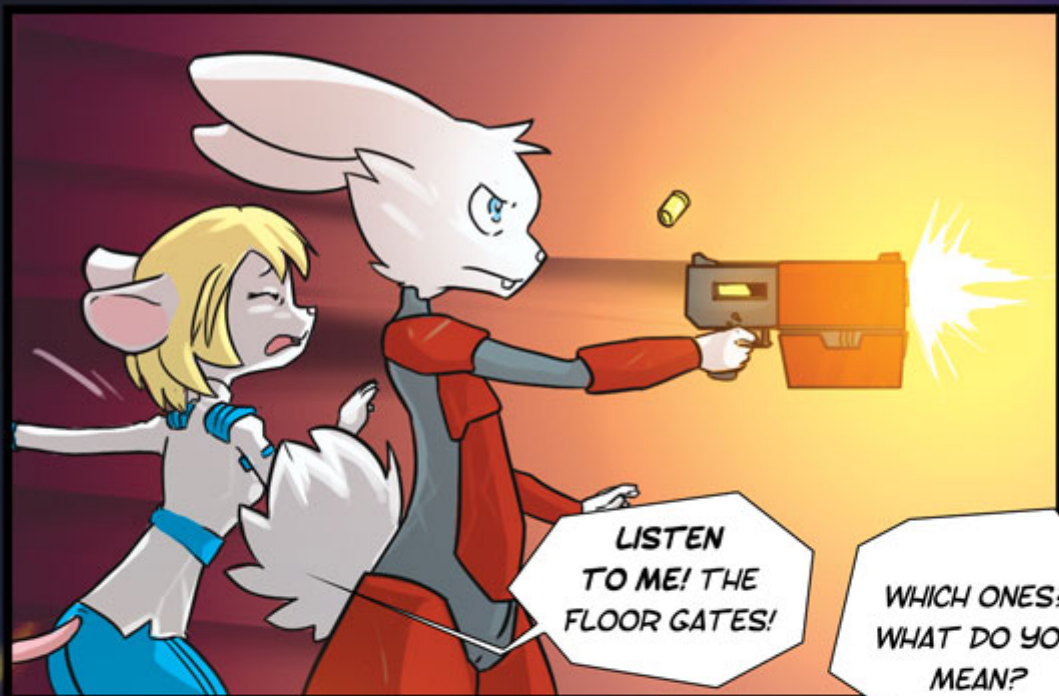
SHOOT THEM!

DID THAT LIGHTNING  
BRING THEM BACK  
FROM THE DEAD?!



AMY, GET  
BEHIND ME!







BROWN, DO YOU COPY?!

YES COMMANDER, I'M  
HEADING YOUR WAY

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

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

WE ARE UNDER  
ATTACK!

WHAT-  
WHO?!

I'M GOING  
FULL SPEED,  
COMMANDER!

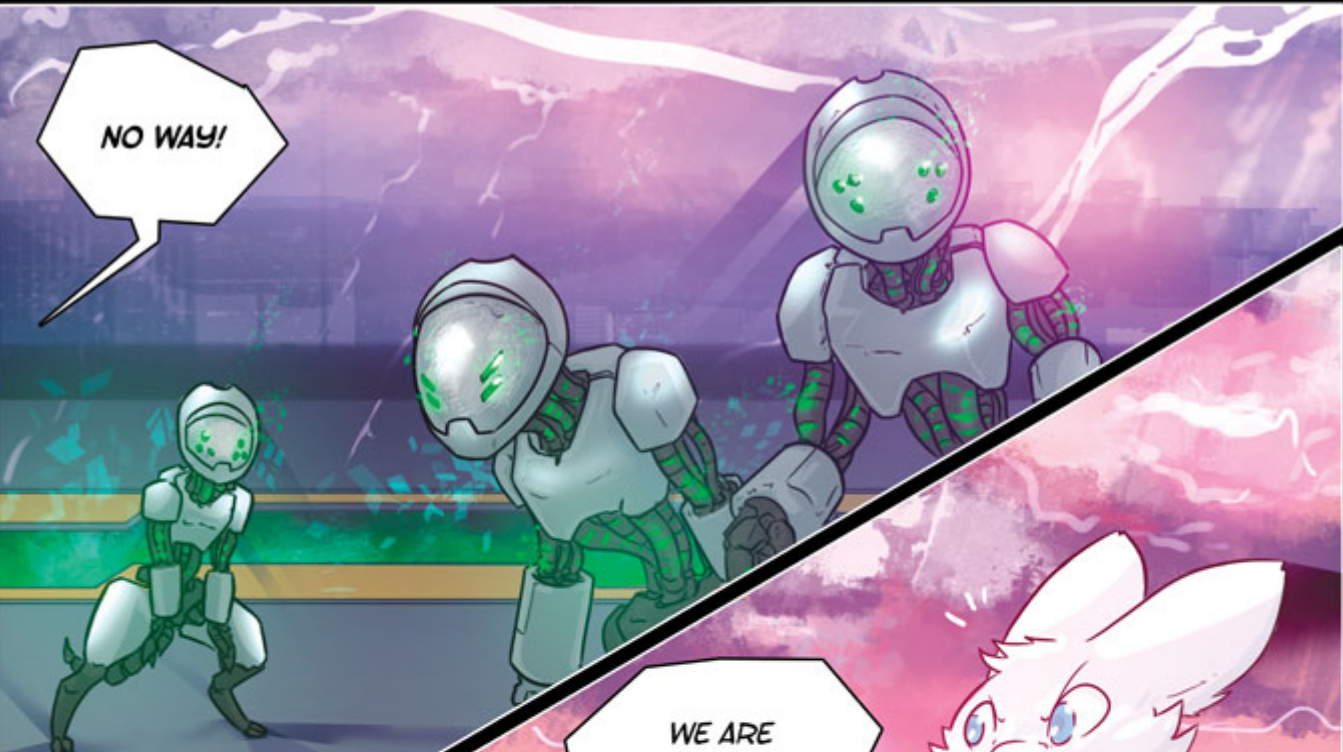
BANDI!!!

THERE!





NO WAY!



ARE THOSE THINGS ROBOTS?!

WE ARE SURROUNDED!

WHAT?!

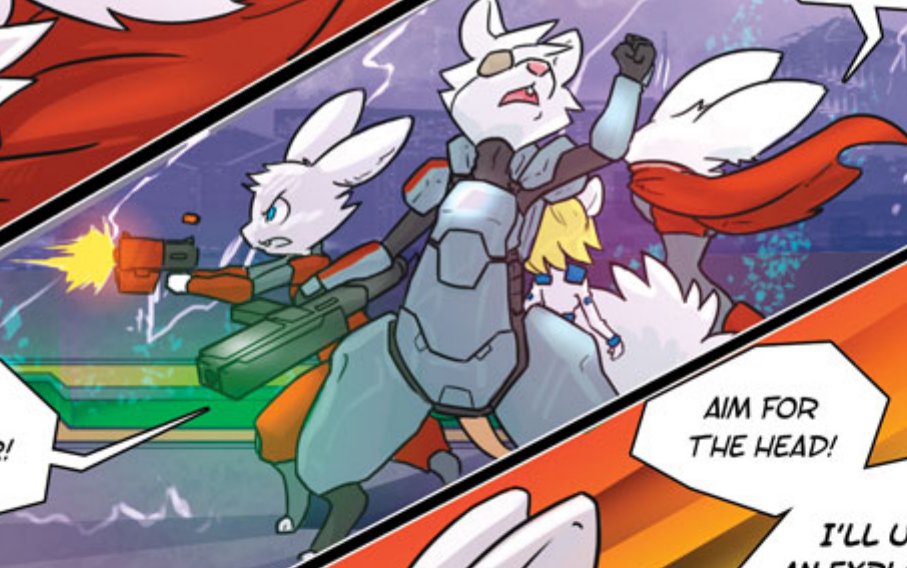


WHERE DID THEY COME FROM?!



GET TOGETHER!

WE HAVE TO HOLD THEM OFF!!

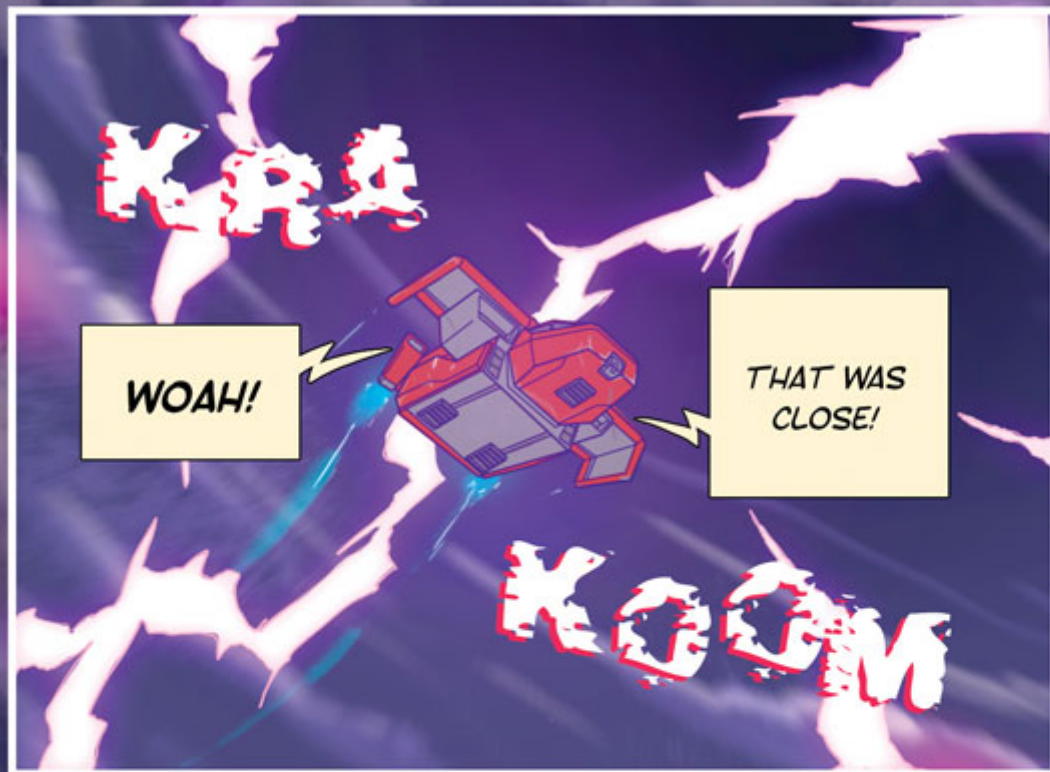


AIM FOR THE HEAD!

I'LL USE AN EXPLOSIVE ROUND!







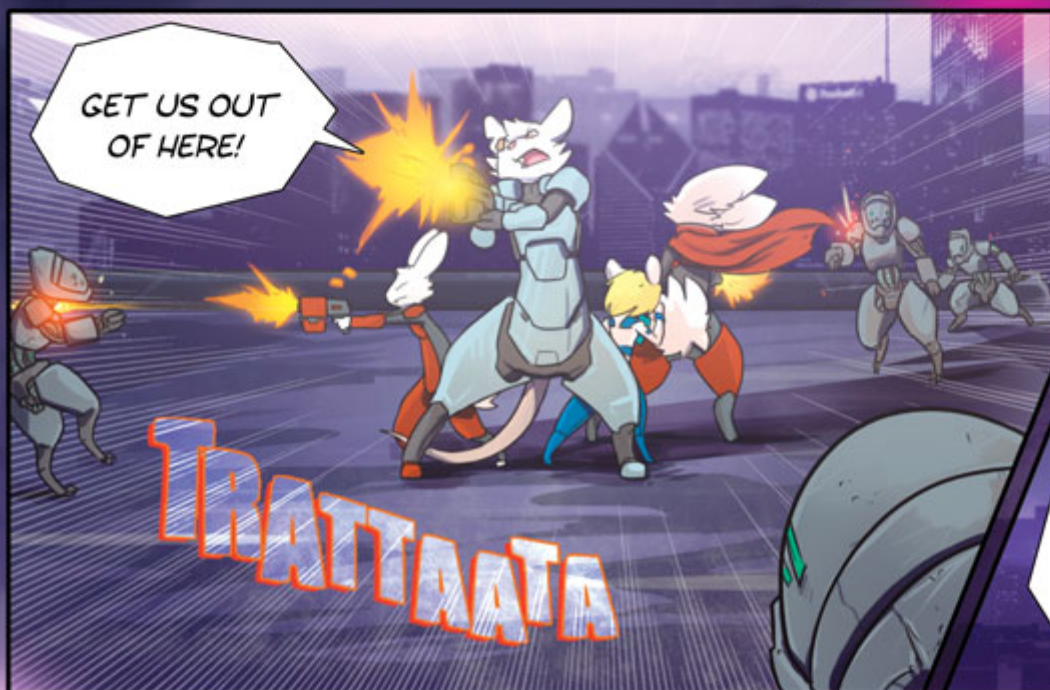
WOAH!

THAT WAS CLOSE!



COMMANDER,

I'M CLOSE TO YOUR POSITION!



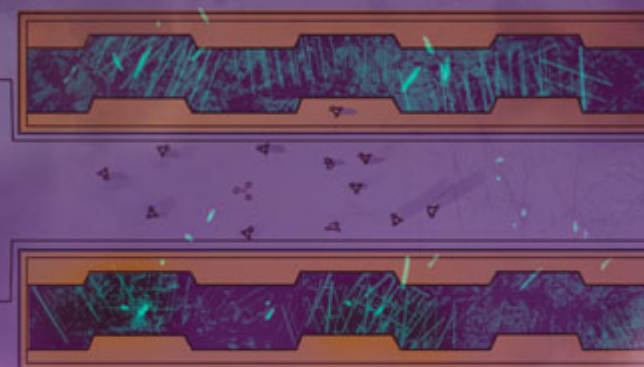
GET US OUT OF HERE!

BROWN!

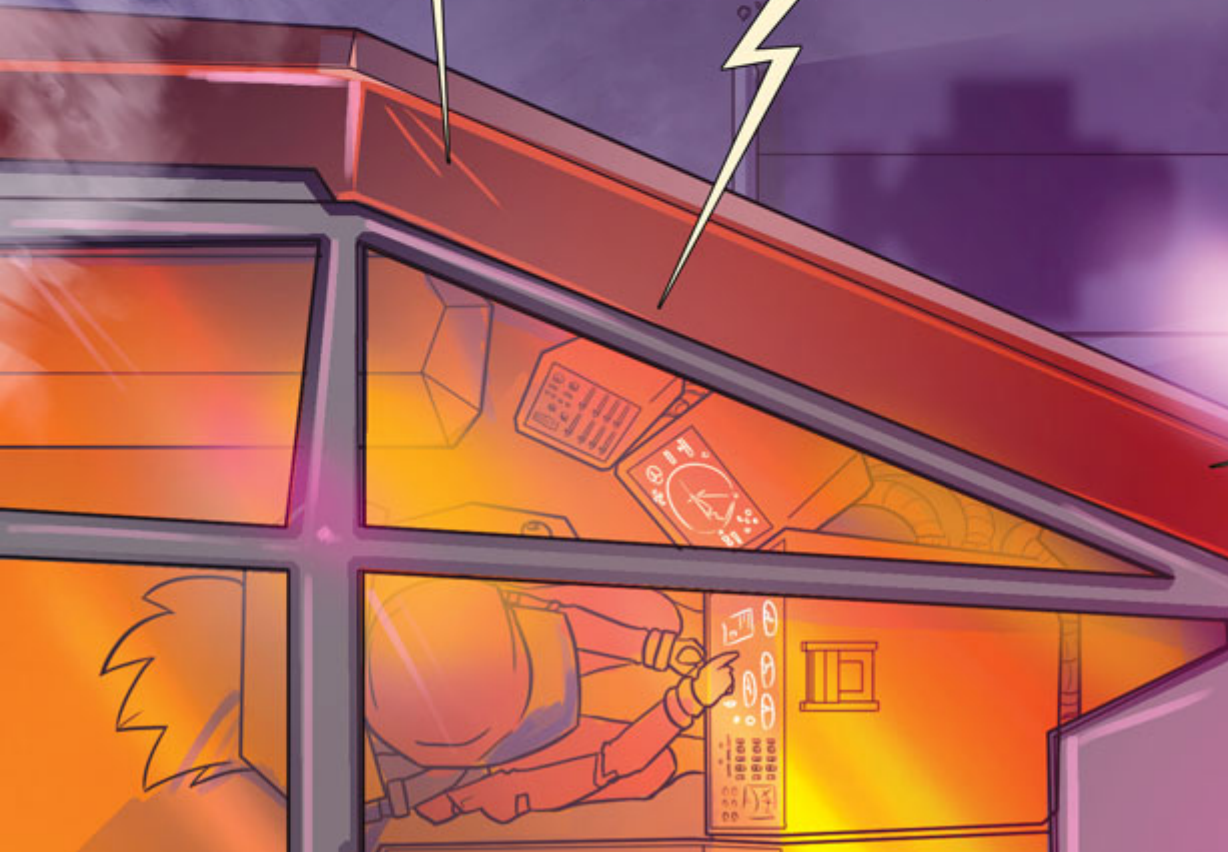
WHAT CAN YOU TELL US FROM UP THERE?

I SEE MULTIPLE INDIVIDUALS SURROUNDING YOUR POSITION!

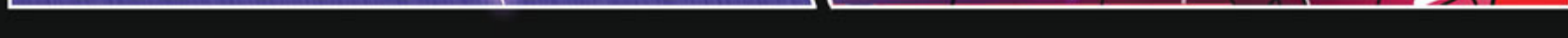
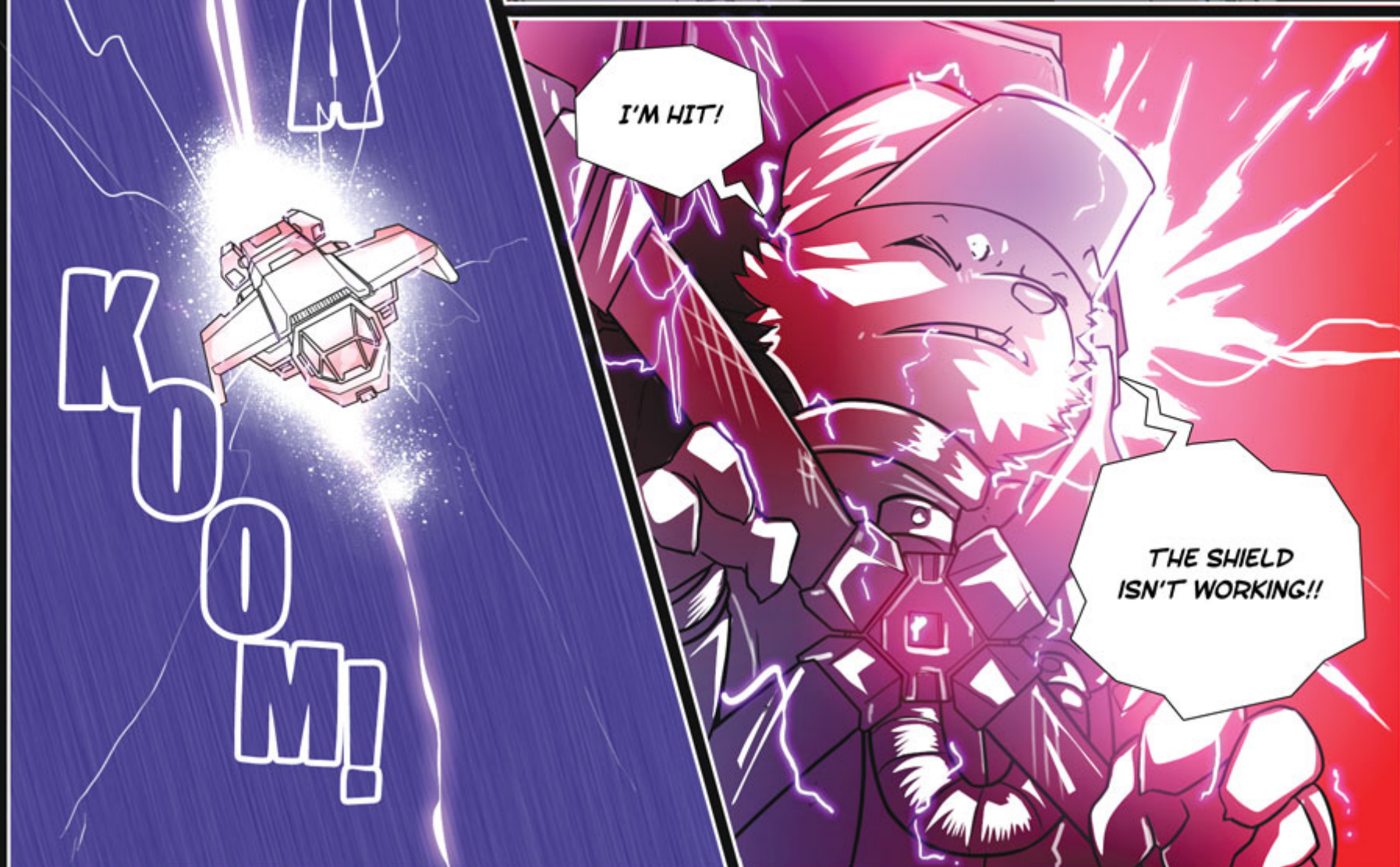
THEY'RE COMING OUT OF THE HATCHES IN THE FLOOR



I WILL TRY TO GET CLOSER TO YOU COMMANDER!











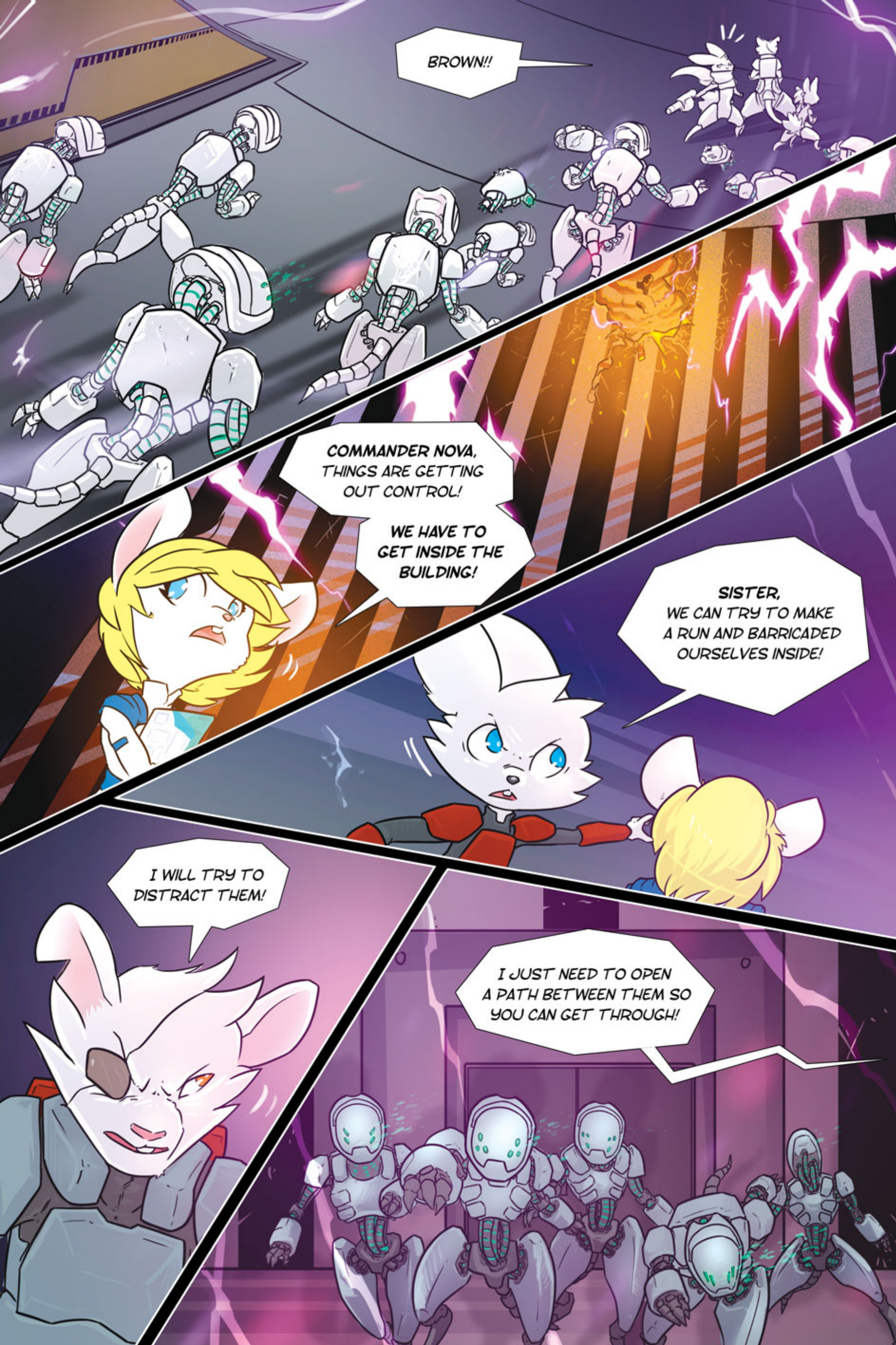
COMMANDER!!



I'M SORRY!







BROWN!!

COMMANDER NOVA,  
THINGS ARE GETTING  
OUT CONTROL!

WE HAVE TO  
GET INSIDE THE  
BUILDING!

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

I WILL TRY TO  
DISTRACT THEM!

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





CALE!

GET  
BEHIND ME!

THEY'RE TOO MANY!

RUN!

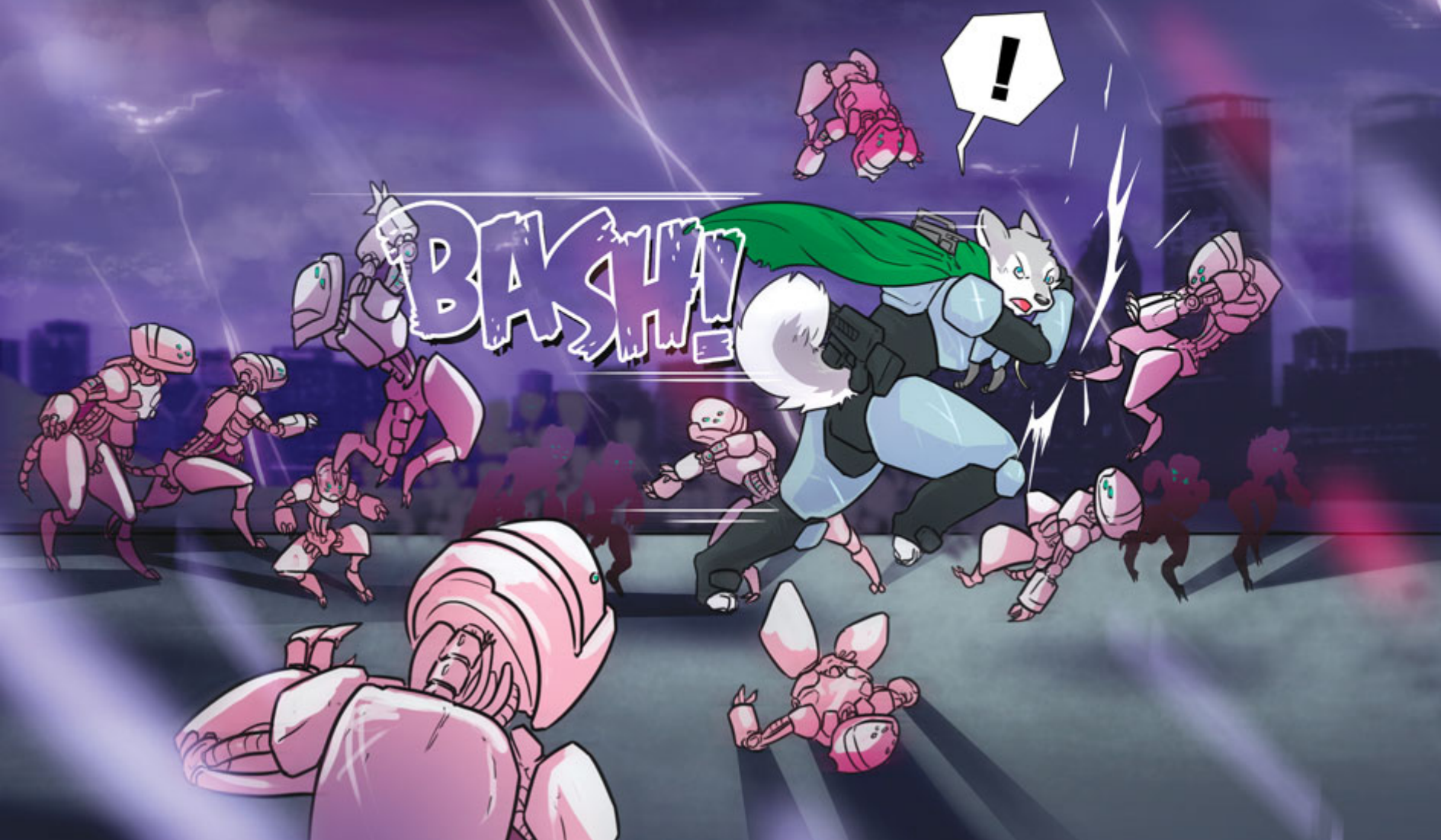
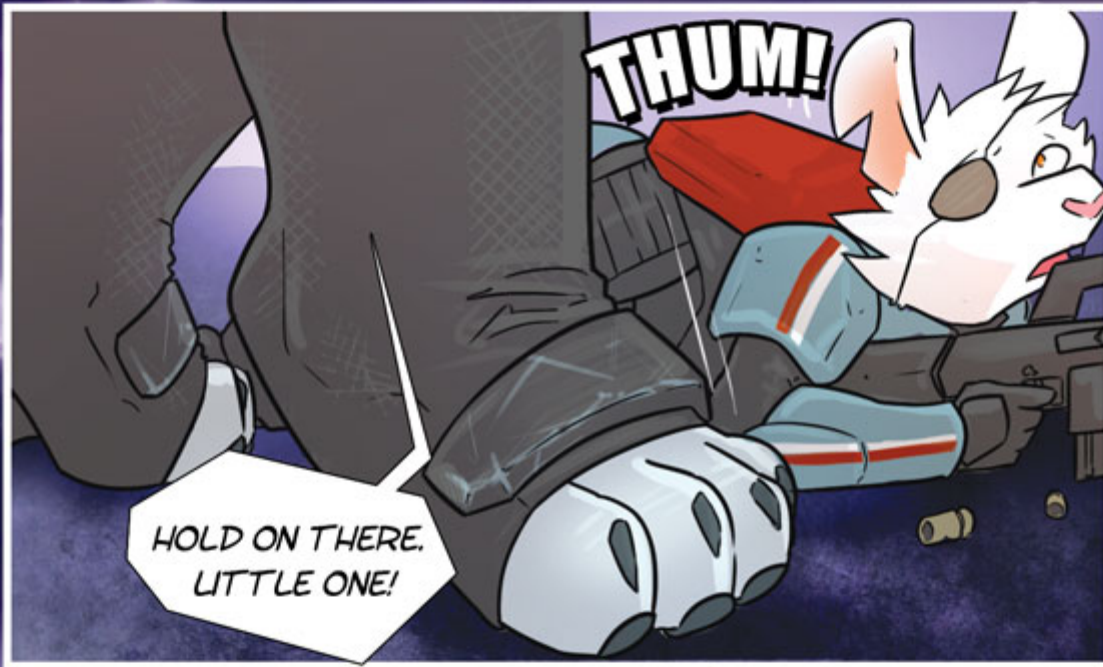
RUN!!

COME ON!

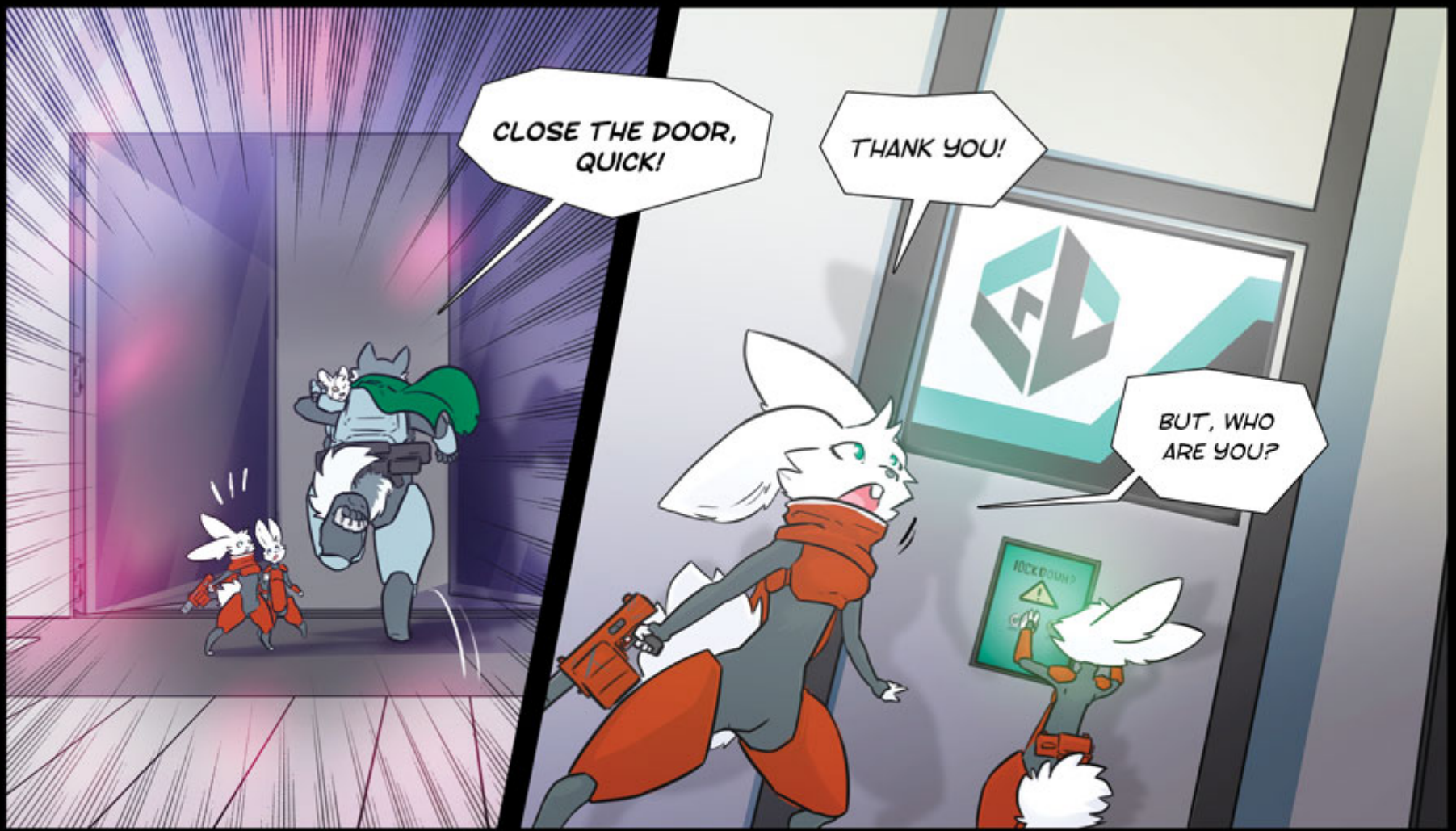
CALE,  
COME HERE  
RIGHT NOW!

YES, WE  
MADE IT!









CLOSE THE DOOR,  
QUICK!

THANK YOU!

BUT, WHO  
ARE YOU?



IT'S LOCKED  
NOW!

THAT WAS  
CLOSE

HUH...  
THANKS



I DIDN'T REALIZED THERE  
WERE SO MANY OF THOSE  
THINGS OUT THERE!

... AND WHERE DID  
YOU LITTLE ONES  
COME FROM?



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





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

IT WASN'T US.  
WE CAME HERE  
TO HELP



AMY, ARE YOU OK?

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

I'M NOT SURE

I DON'T WANT TO DIE...



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

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



AND DUE THIS STORM  
WE CAN'T CONTACT  
THE NODRIZA



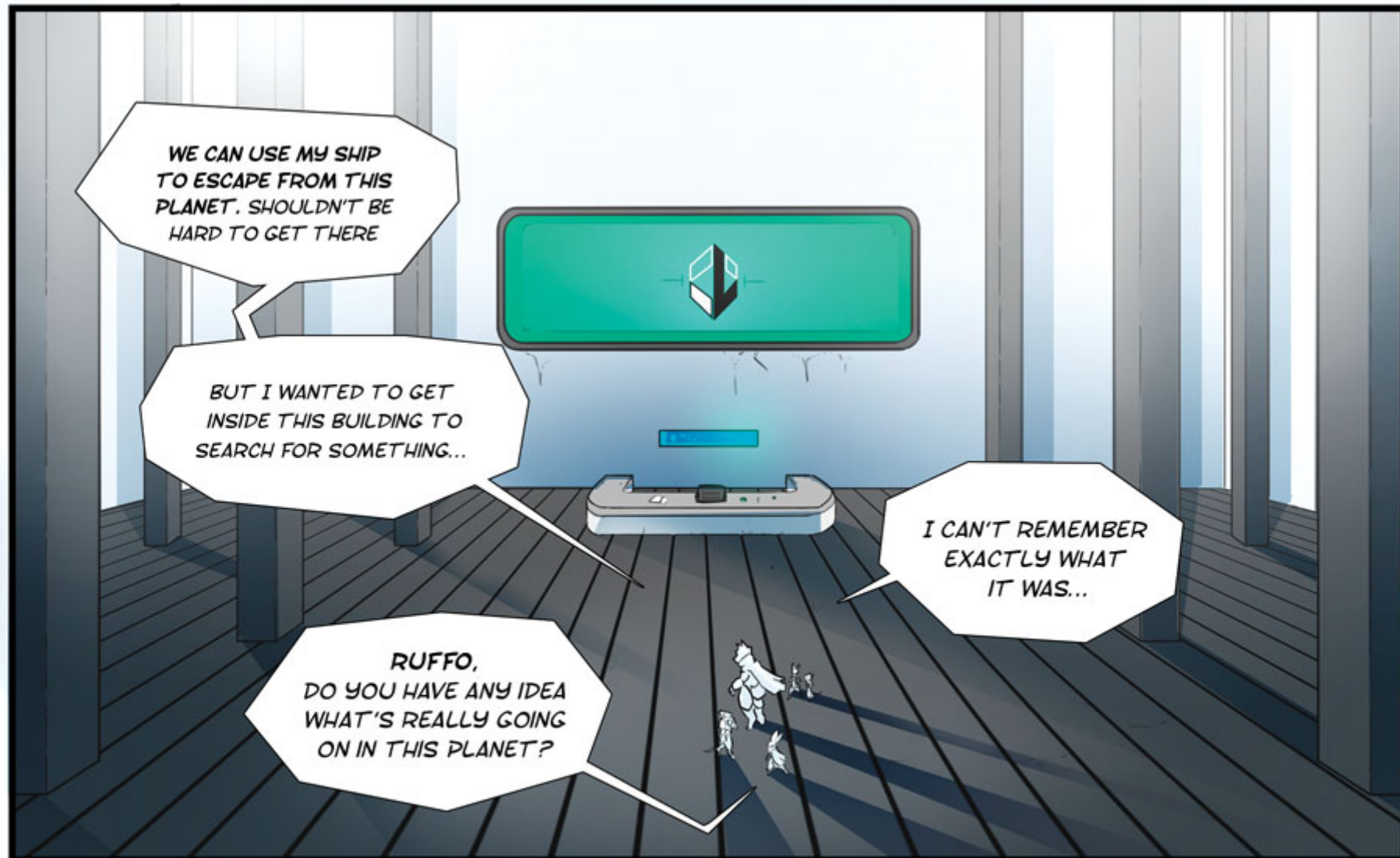
WE HAVE TO GET TO  
OUR SHUTTLE'S  
CRASH SITE. IT MIGHT  
HAVE RESISTED THE  
IMPACT!



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

YOU  
PROMISE?



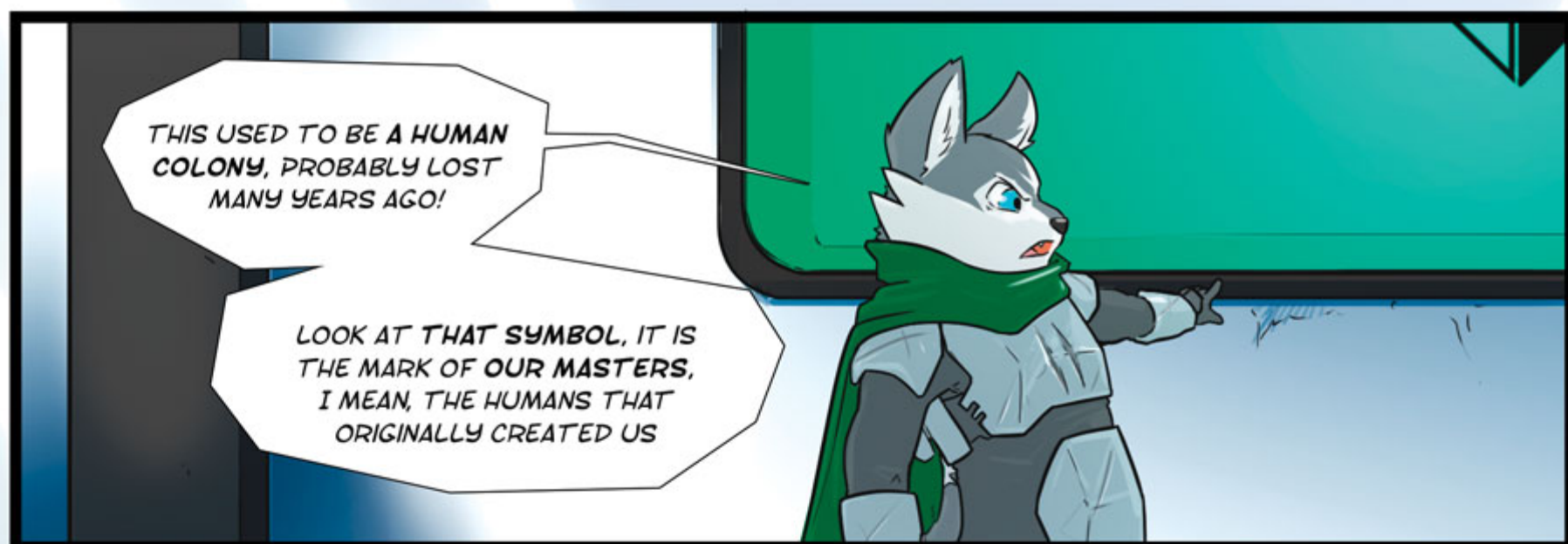


WE CAN USE MY SHIP  
TO ESCAPE FROM THIS  
PLANET. SHOULDN'T BE  
HARD TO GET THERE

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

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

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

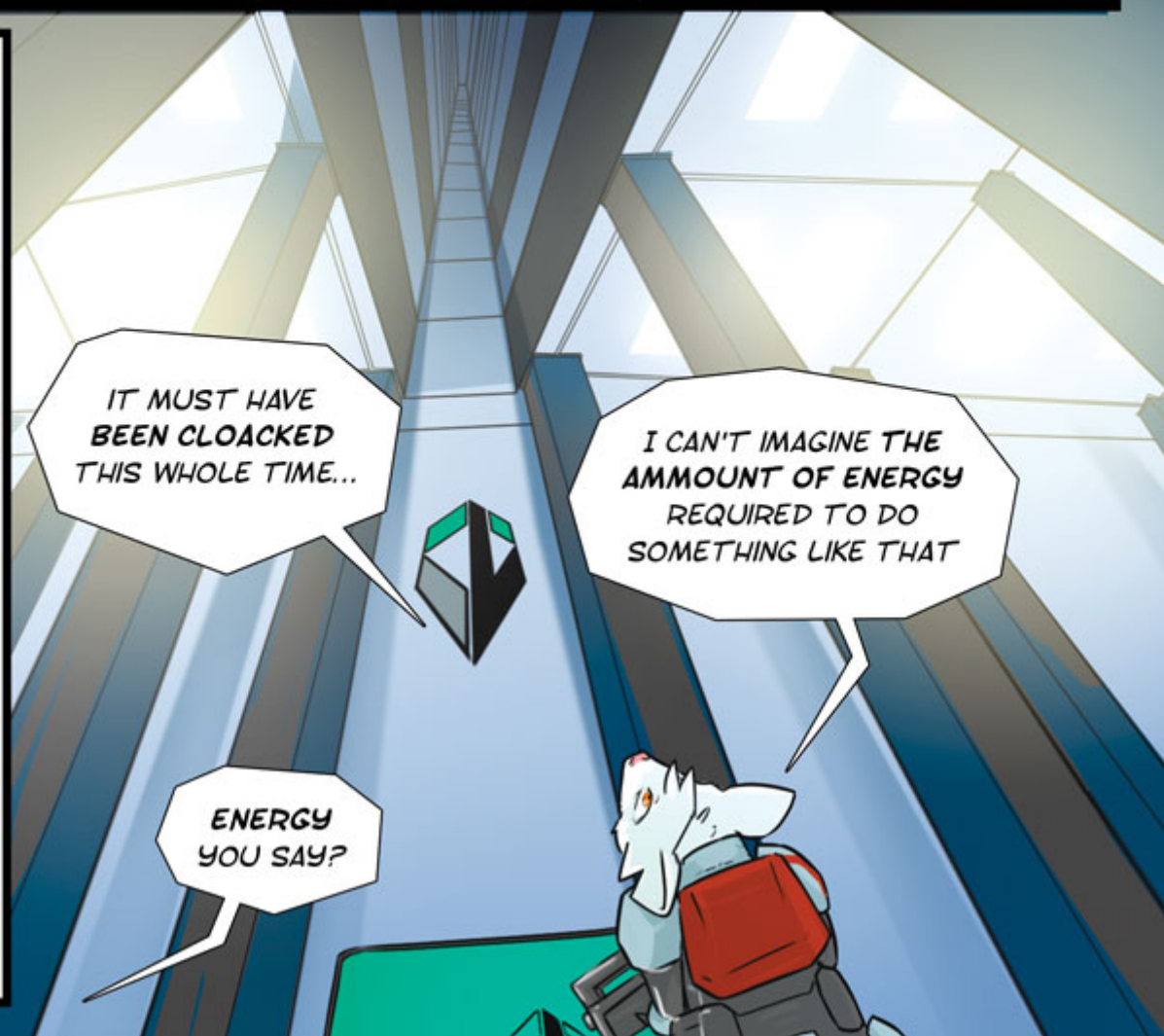


THIS USED TO BE A HUMAN  
COLONY, PROBABLY LOST  
MANY YEARS AGO!

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



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



IT MUST HAVE  
BEEN CLOACKED  
THIS WHOLE TIME...

ENERGY  
YOU SAY?

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









WHO'S KAJI?

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



I THINK MY TEAM WENT ALONE TO FIND IT

I MUST HAVE BEEN KNOCKED OUT TOO LONG...



WE BETTER FIND THAT ENERGY CORE FAST

ANYTHING TO STOP THIS STORM



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

I RECALL THEY WERE GOING TO THE UPPER LEVELS



WHAT DO YOU THINK, COMMANDER?

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

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

PLUS, HE HELPED YOU

...WE OWE HIM



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

I WASN'T PAYING ATTENTION...



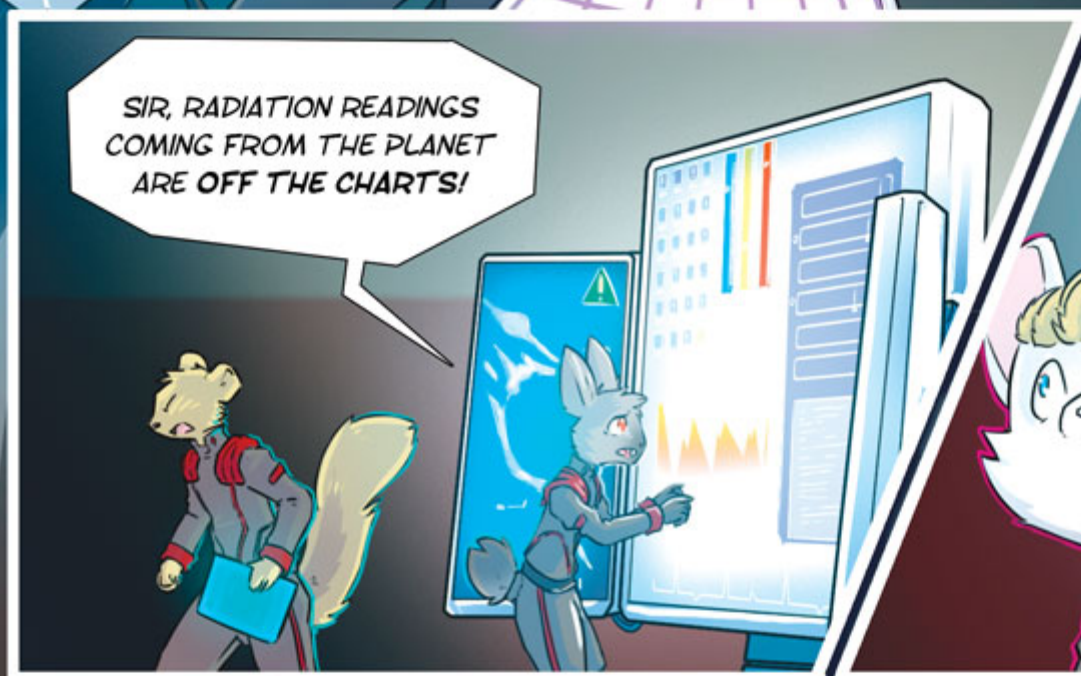


EVERYTHING  
SEEMS IN ORDER  
HERE!

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

CHECK  
AGAIN!!

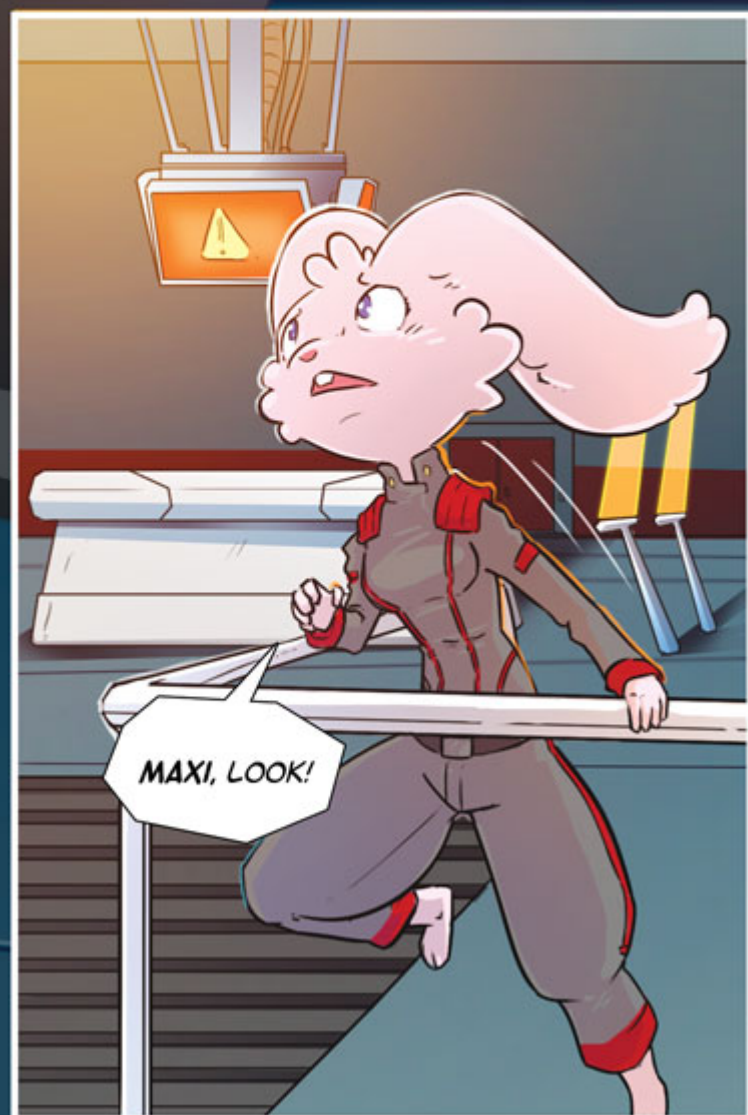
WE HAVE TO  
REESTABLISH  
COMMUNICATIONS!



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



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



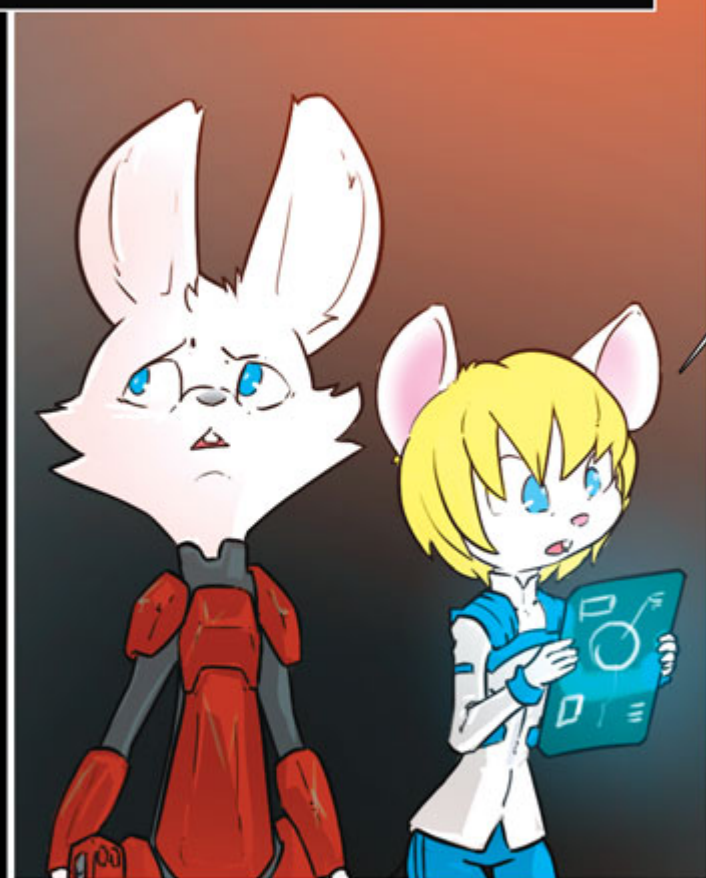
MAXI, LOOK!



THE PLANET  
IS GONE!



AFTER SOME TIME  
EXPLORING THE BUILDING...



LOOK!  
MORE OF THOSE  
THINGS!



THEY LOOK  
DEACTIVATED  
FOR GOOD



OVER  
THERE!

WATCH OUT,  
NOVA...

IT'S DEAD

THERE'S A  
TRAIL OF BLOOD  
HERE...

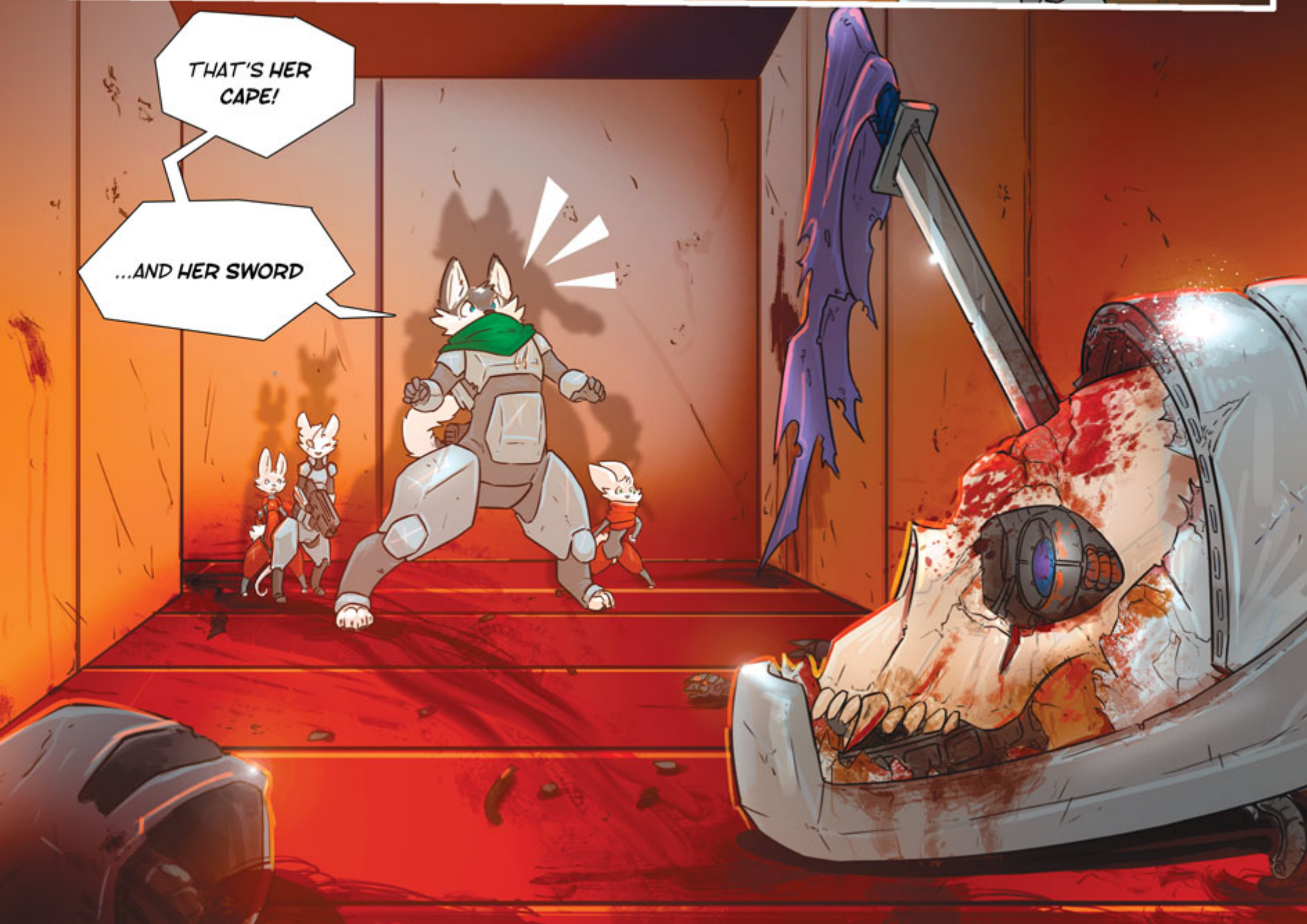


...IT GOES AROUND  
THE CORNER

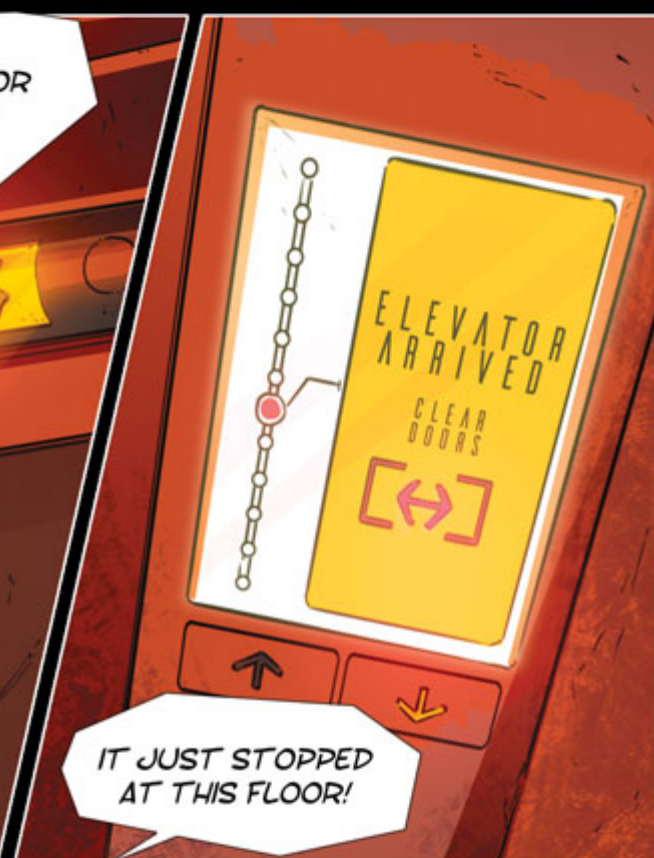
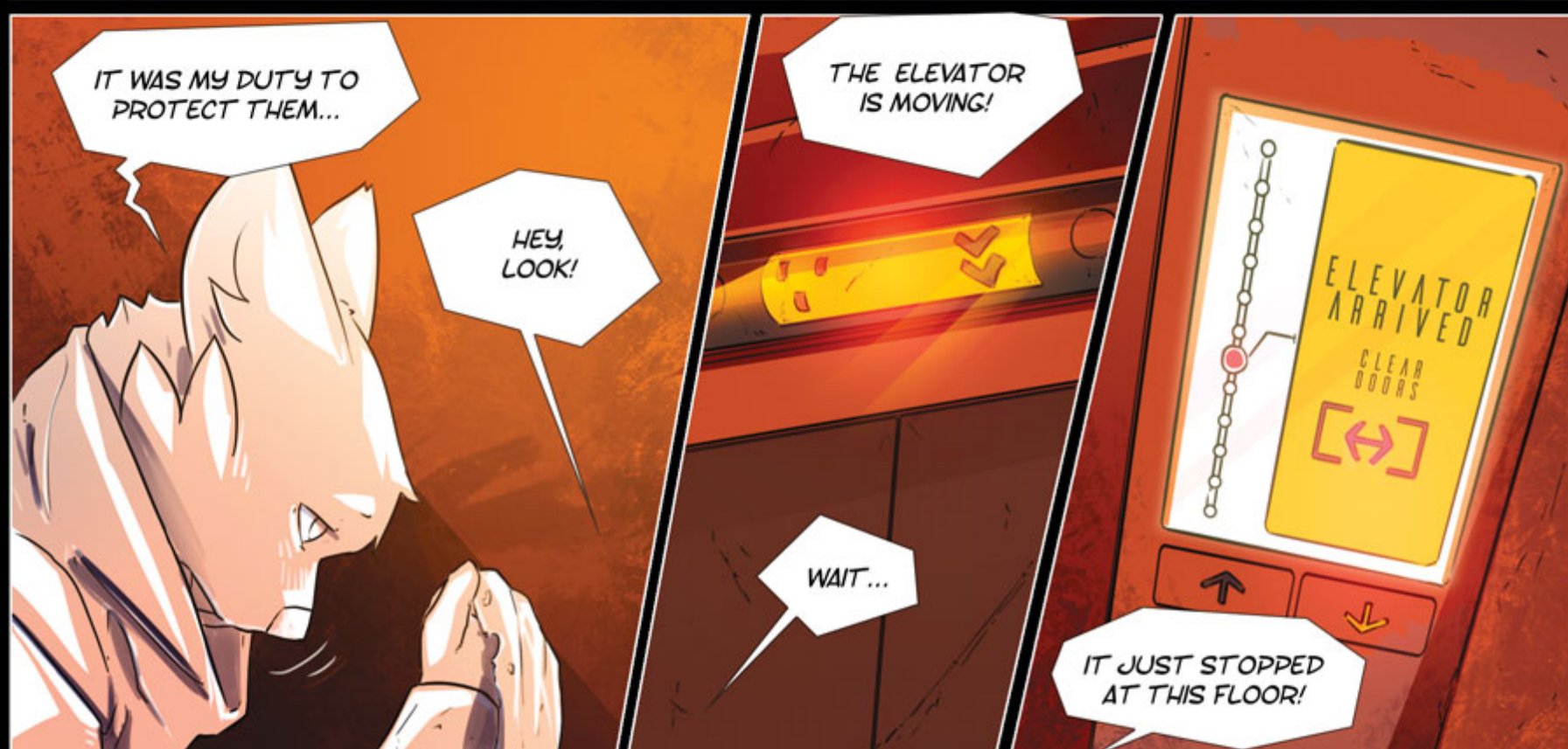
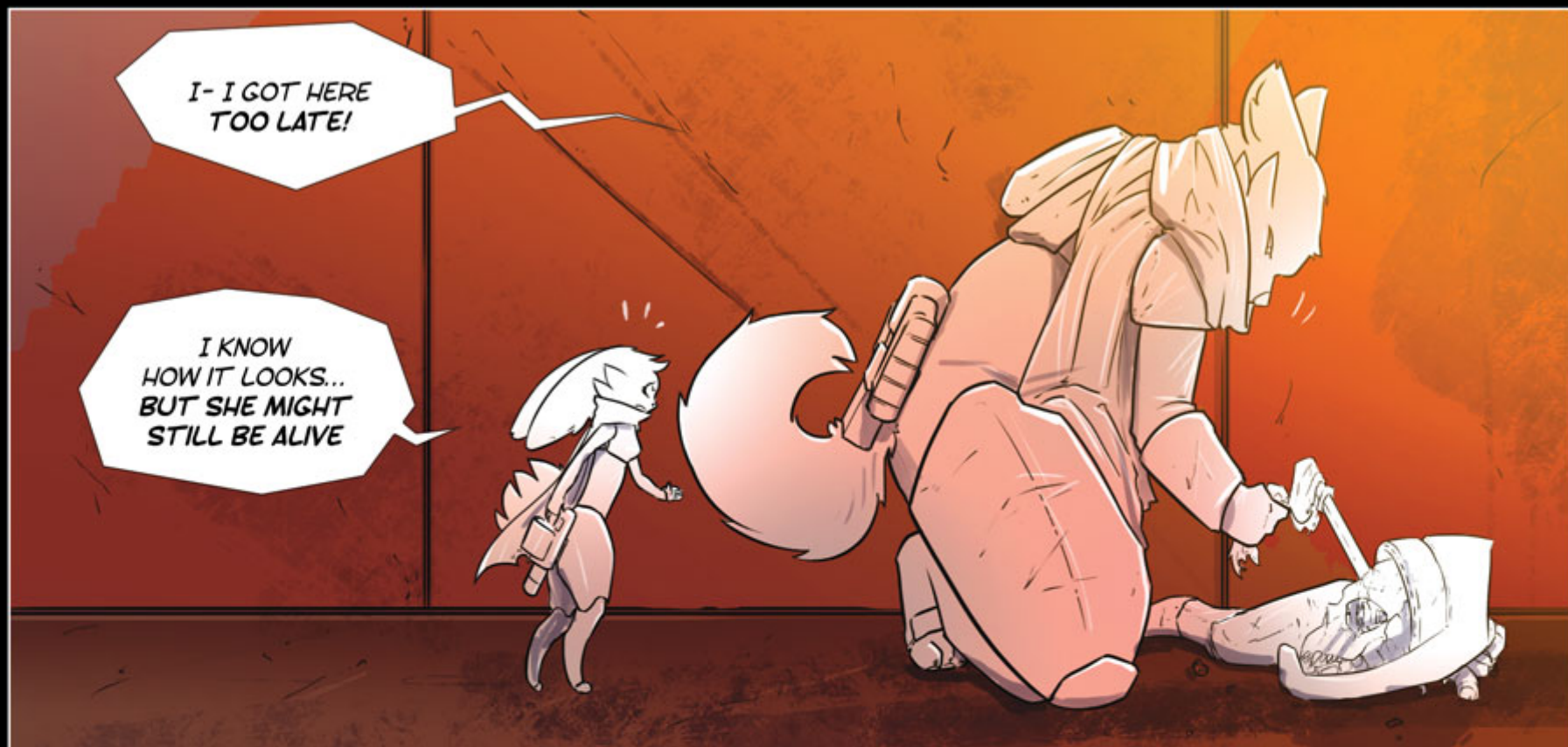
WAIT...  
I RECOGNIZE  
A SCENT!















BROWN?!

I CAN'T BELIEVE IT!



...COMMANDER?



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

WHAT IS THE  
SHUTTLE STATUS?



IT'S GONE,  
COMMANDER

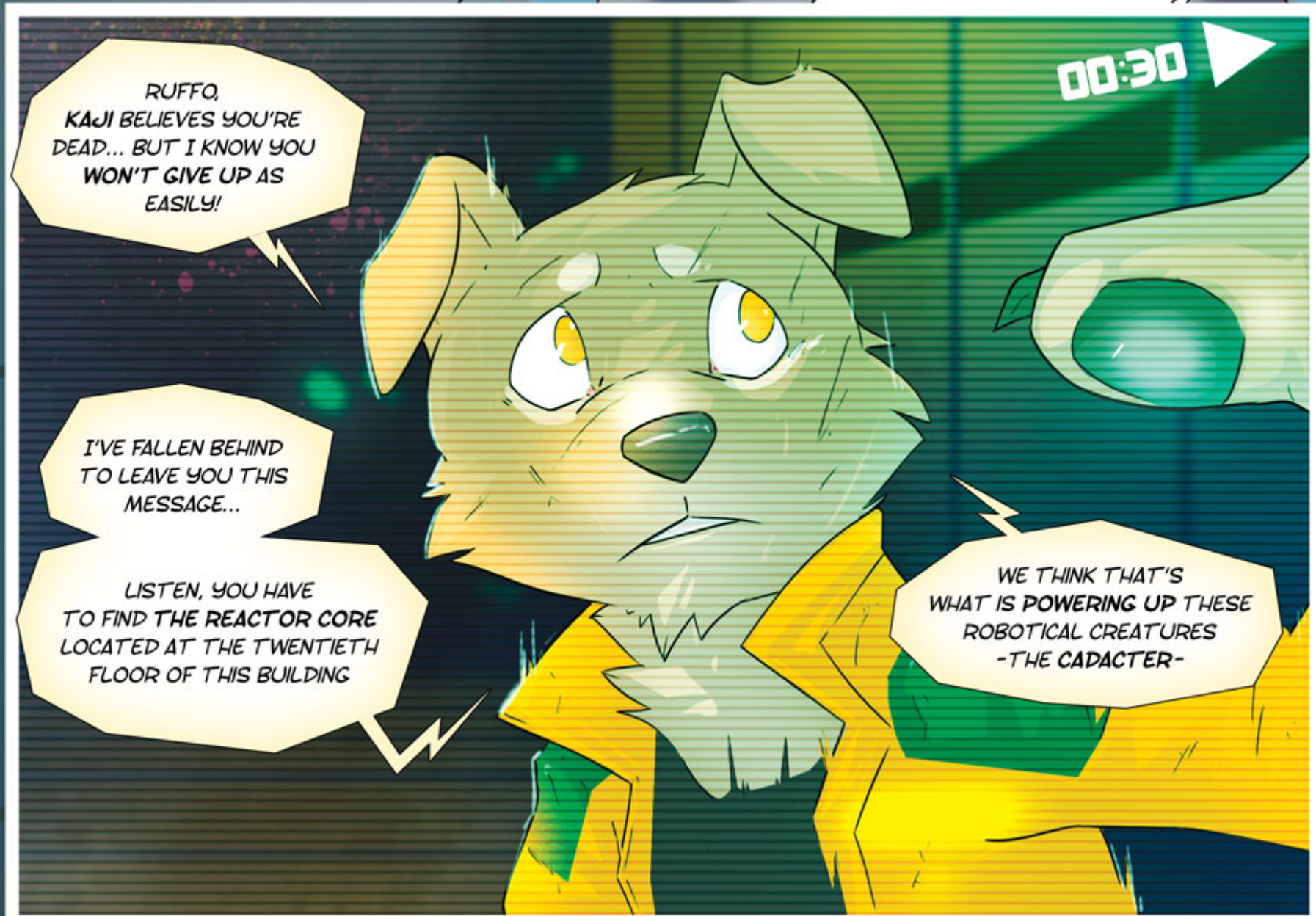
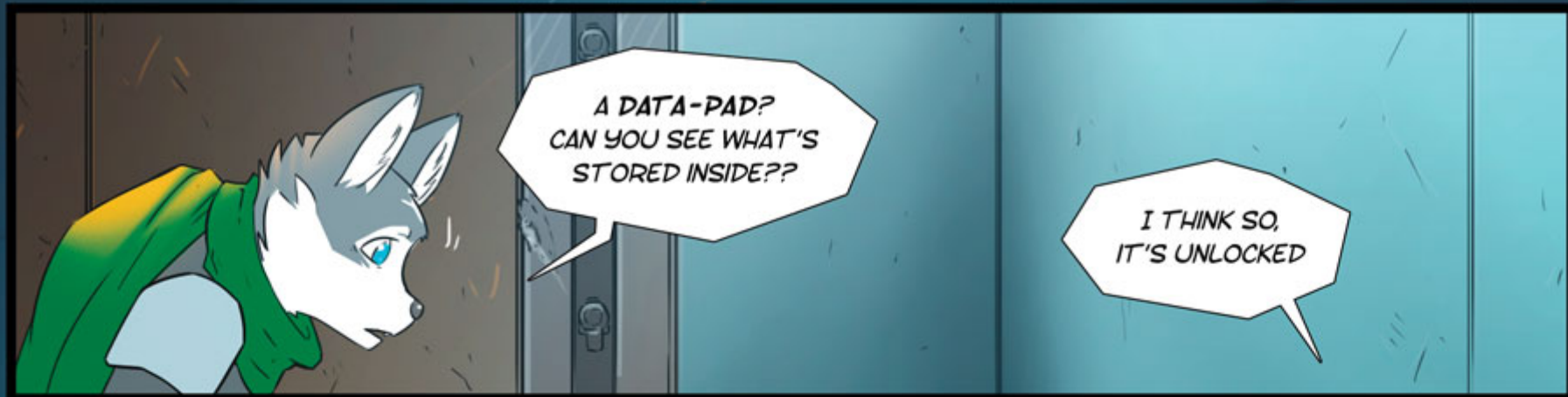
AT LEAST  
IT KEPT YOU ALIVE,  
BUT YOU LOOK VERY  
INJURED



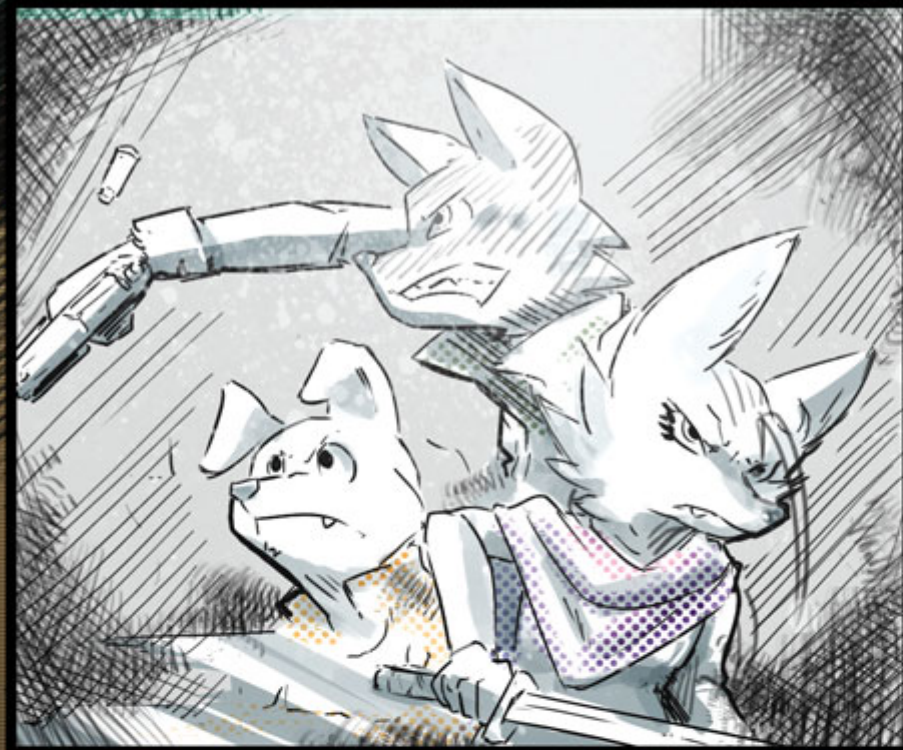
I FOUND THIS DATA-PAD  
AMONG THE BELONGINGS OF SOME  
GUARDIAN-CLAN CORPSES...IT'S  
A MESS UP THERE

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

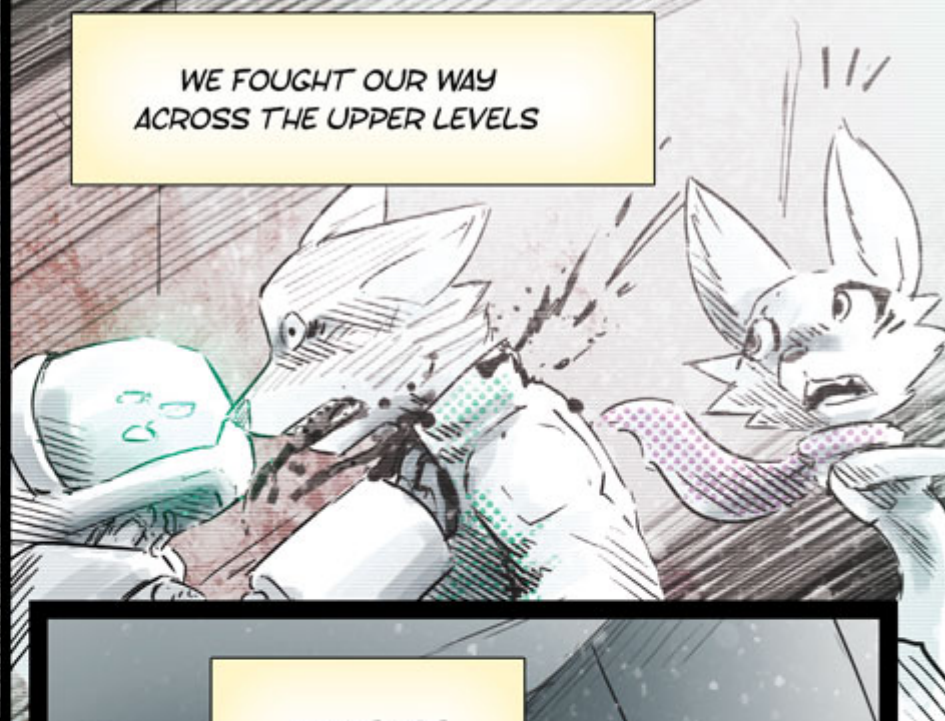






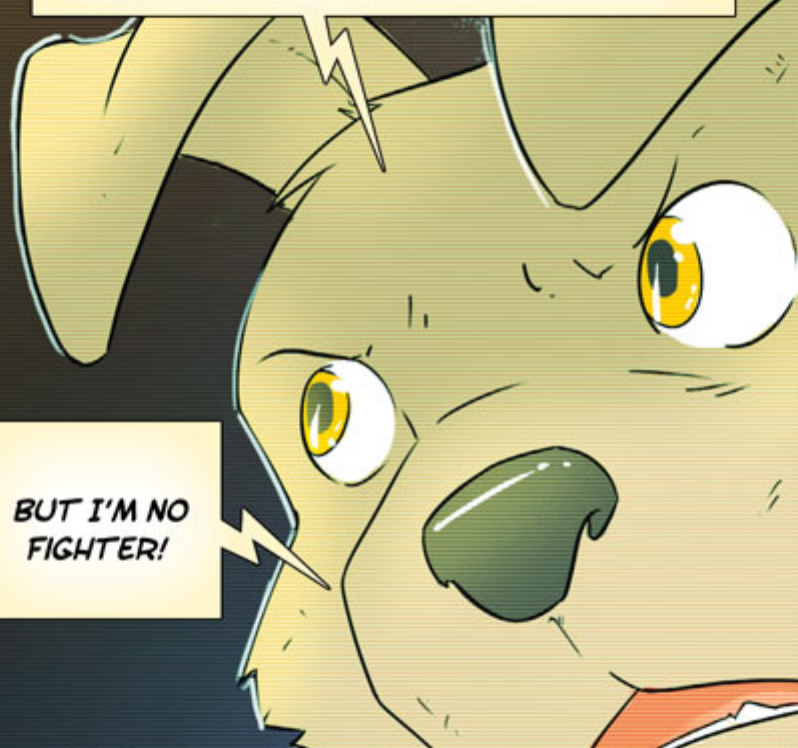


WE FOUGHT OUR WAY  
ACROSS THE UPPER LEVELS



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

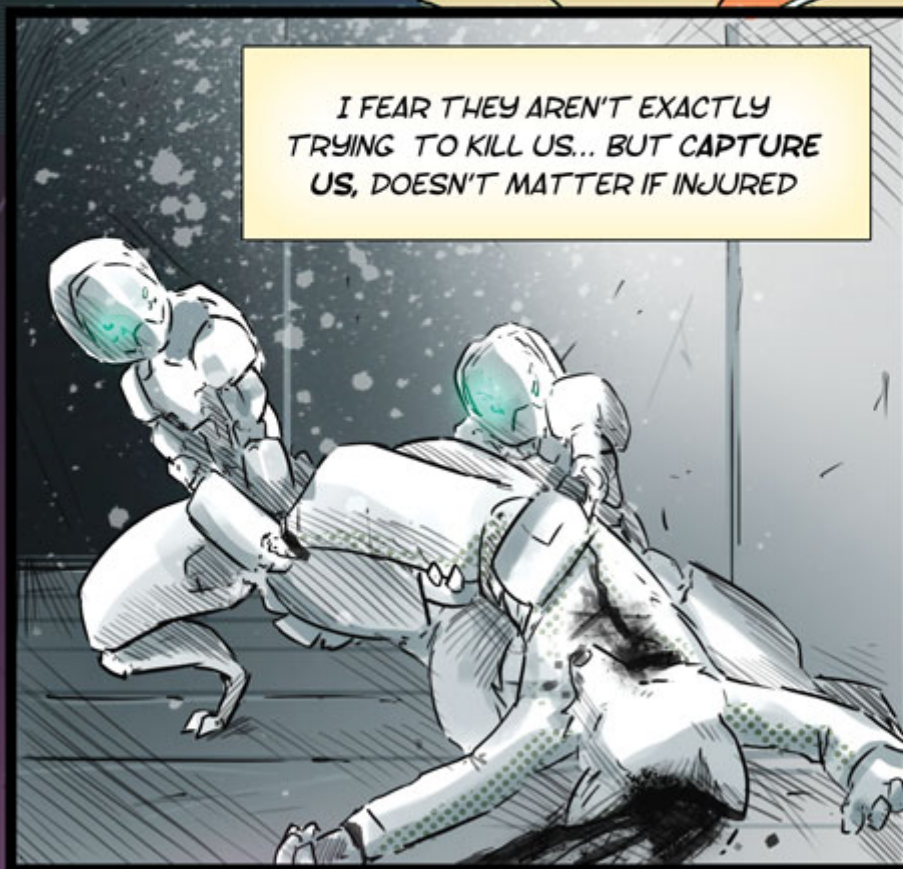
BUT I'M NO  
FIGHTER!



DON'T LET  
THE CADACTER  
TAKE YOU...



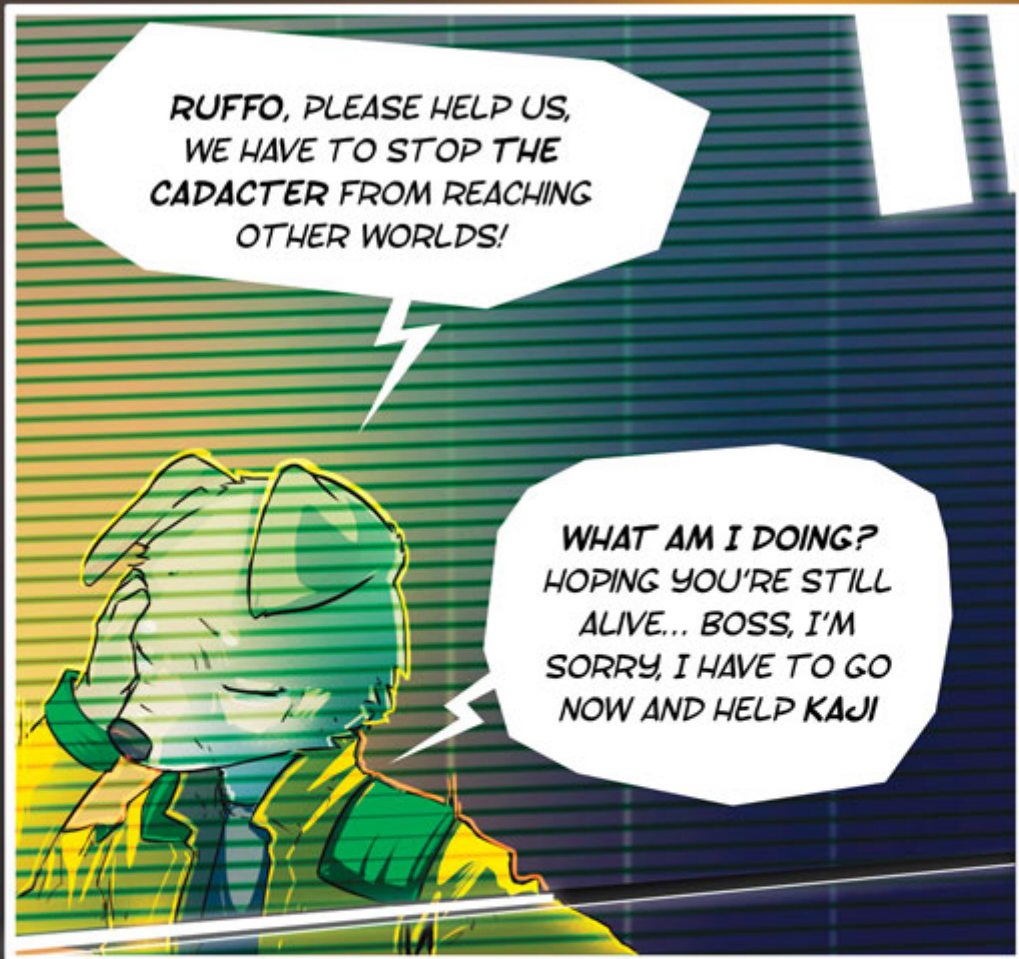
I FEAR THEY AREN'T EXACTLY  
TRYING TO KILL US... BUT CAPTURE  
US, DOESN'T MATTER IF INJURED



RUFFO, LISTEN,  
THE ASCENSION WAS LANDED  
AT THE ROOF











NO!!

GRRR!

I WON'T LEAVE  
MY COMPANIONS  
TO DIE HERE!

I WONT!!

UNGH!!

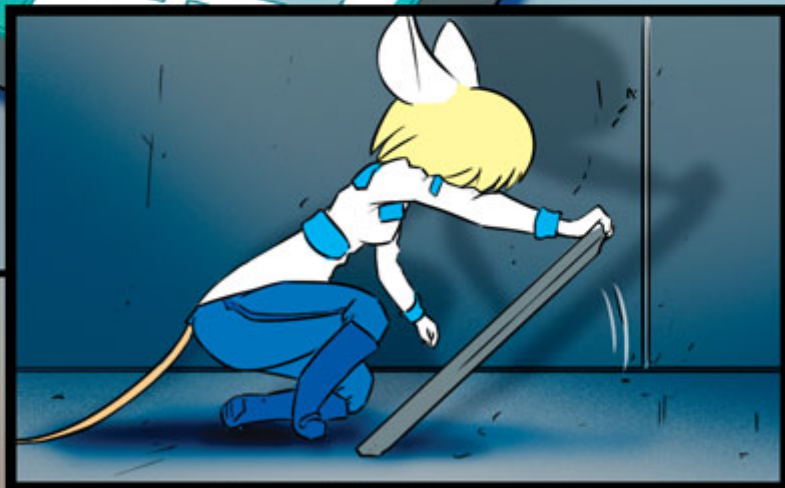
RUFFO!!

CALM DOWN!

WE WON'T STOP  
YOU FROM SAVING  
YOUR CREW!

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





DAMN!

JUST LET HIM  
GO ALONE!

WE DON'T  
NEED HIM!



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

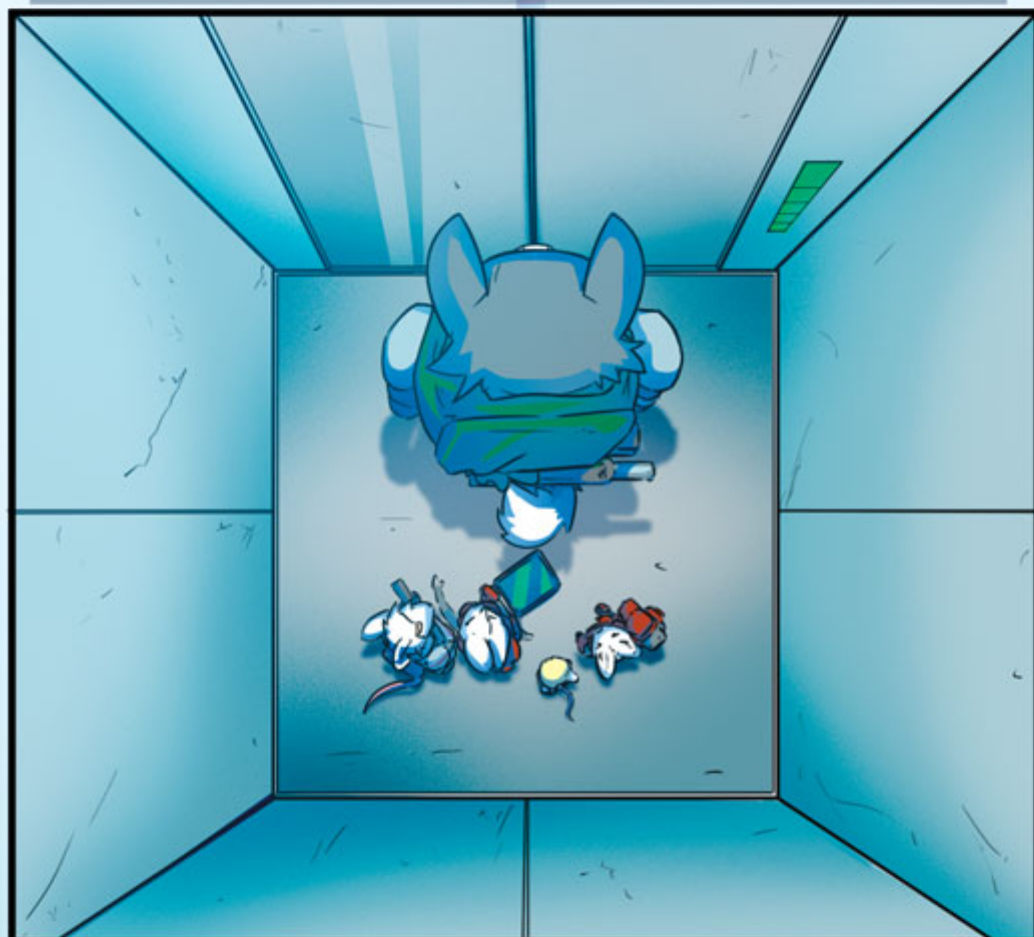


I KNOW HOW  
YOU FEEL, BUT  
I ALSO NEED TO  
PROTECT MY  
PEOPLE

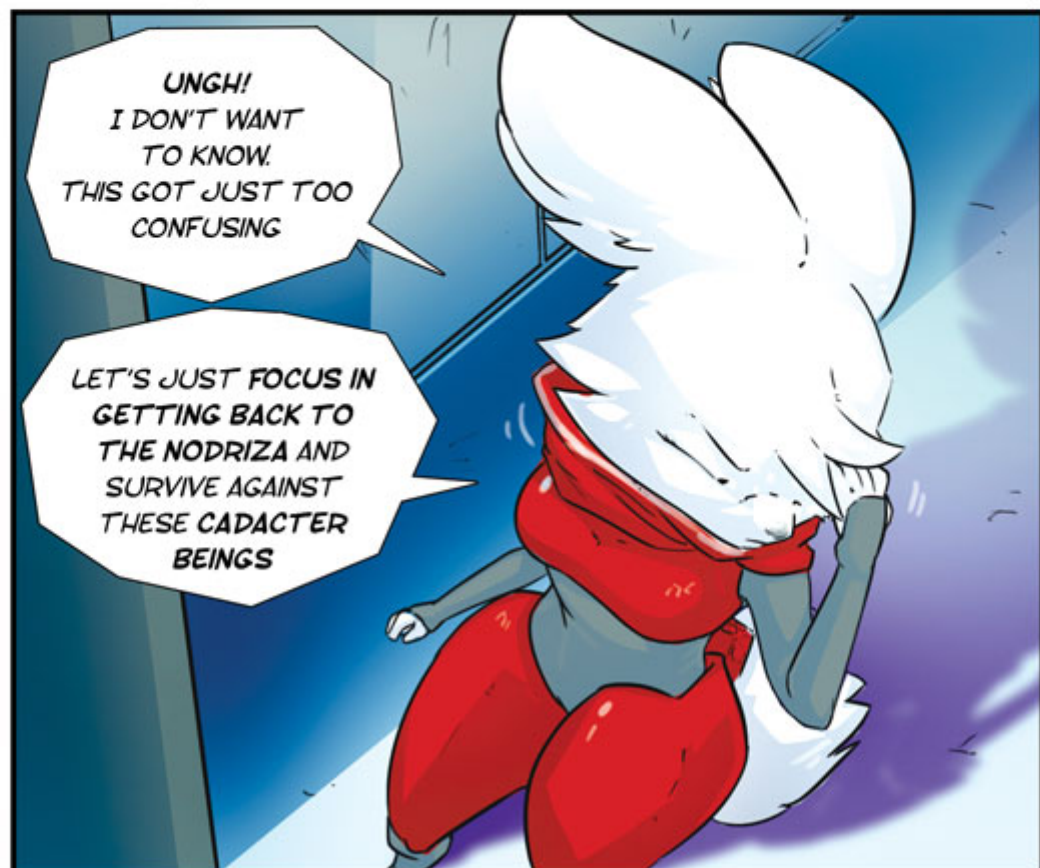
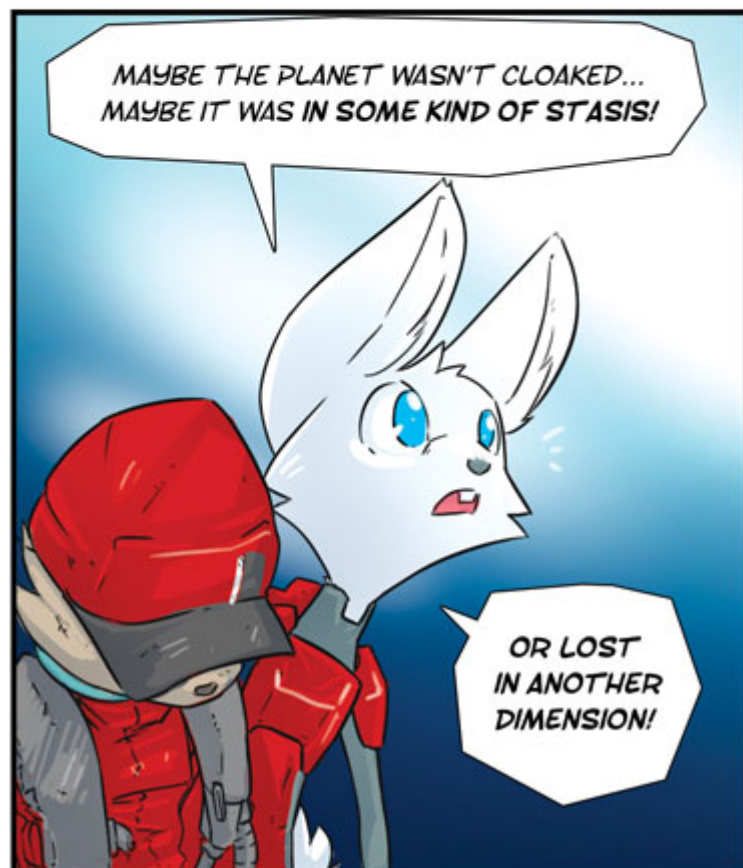
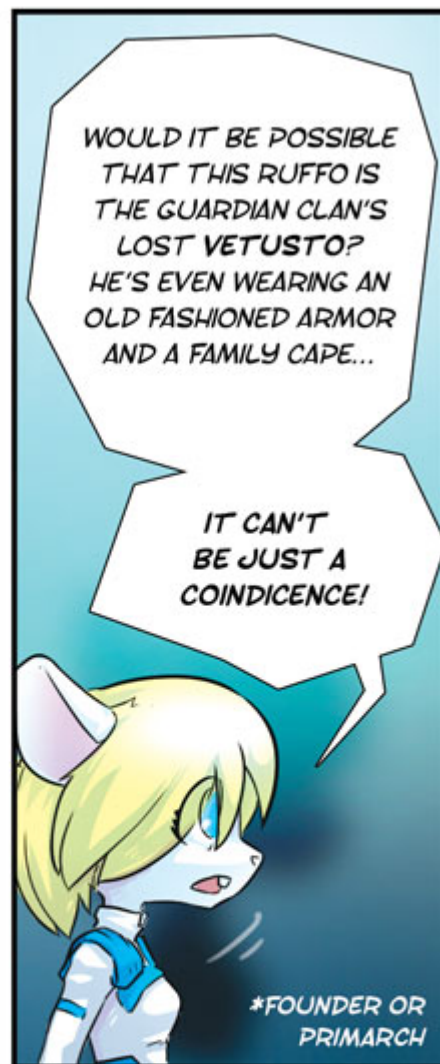
WE JUST NEED TO USE  
YOUR SHIP'S MED-BAY  
AS A SHELTER.  
WE WON'T LEAVE  
WITHOUT YOU

I PROMISE!

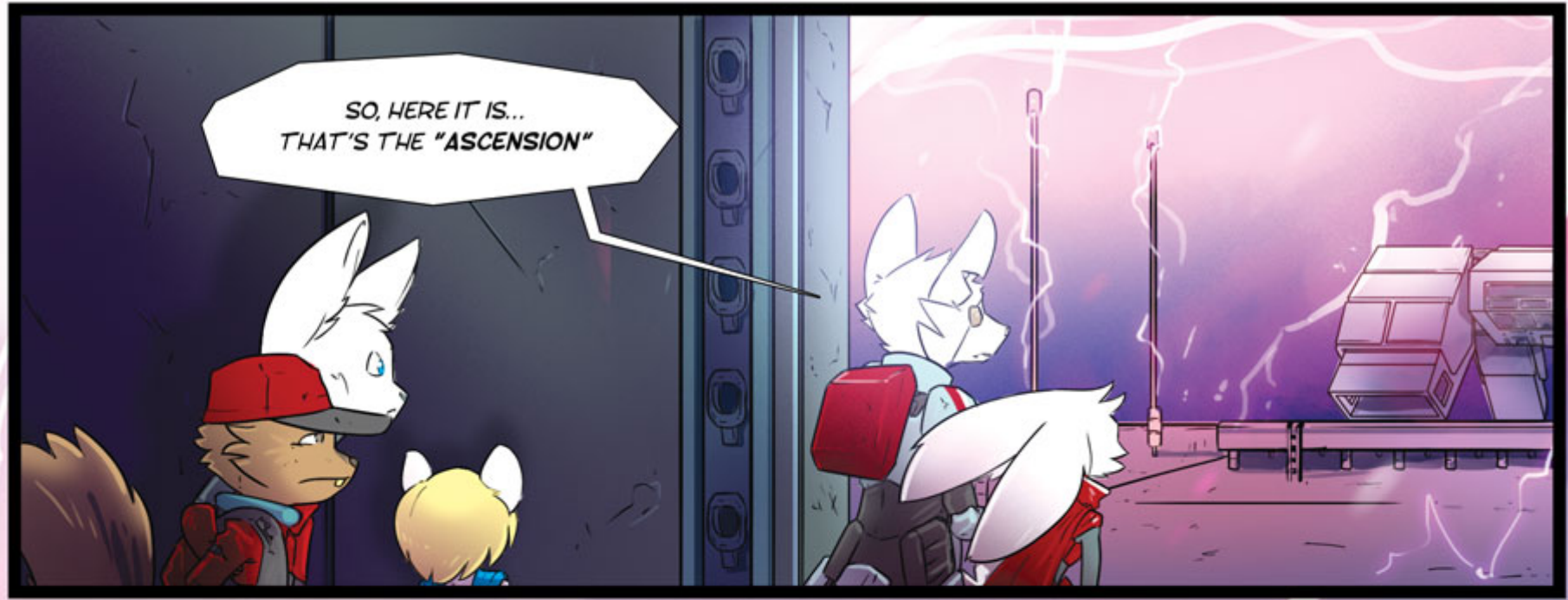


















IT'S SO DARK IN HERE...

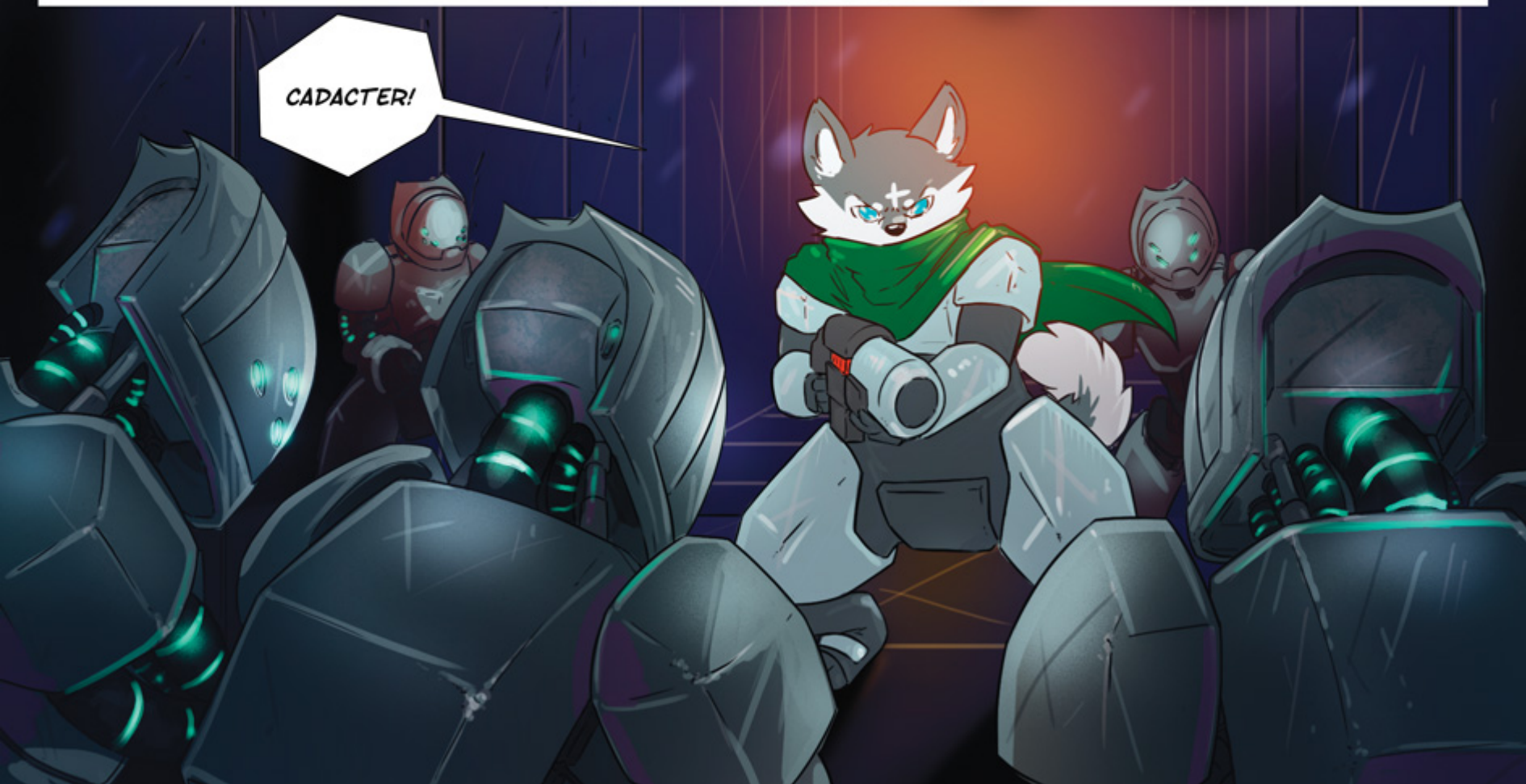


HOLD ON MY FRIENDS,  
I'M COMING TO HELP!

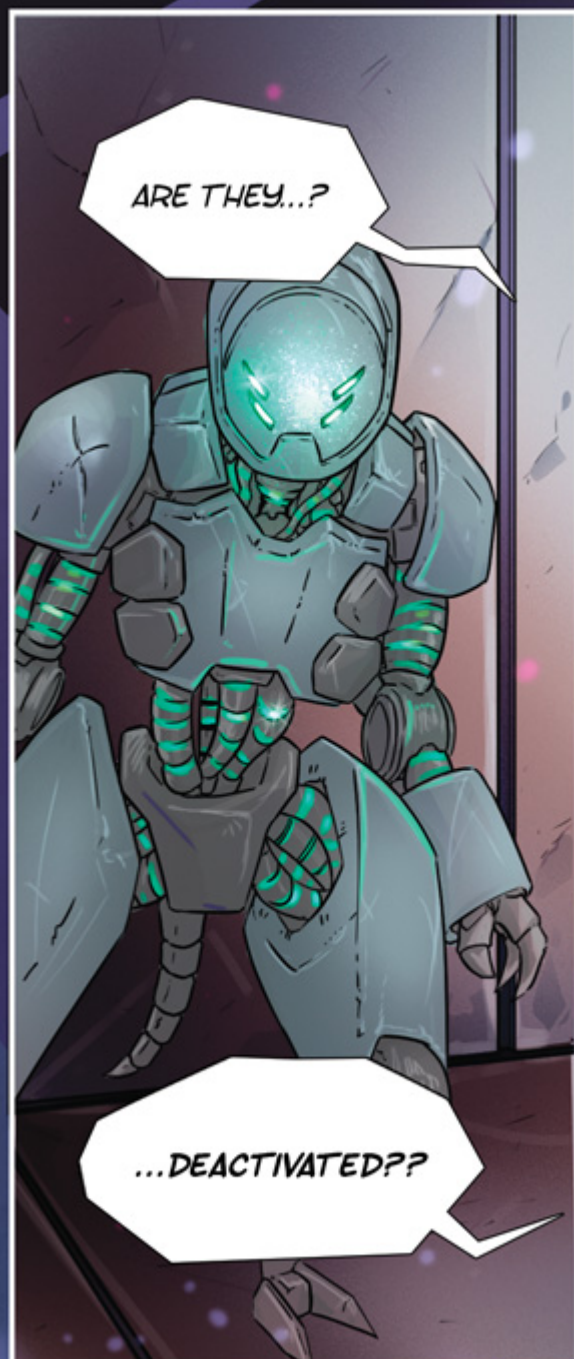


WHAT ARE  
THESE LIGHTS?!

CADACTER!







ARE THEY...?

...DEACTIVATED??



WHAT IS  
THAT NOISE?!



I MUST  
BE NEAR THE  
ENERGY CORE!

RUFFO



KAJI!

AT LAST

YOU'RE  
ALIVE!

WE'VE BEEN  
WAITING FOR YOU

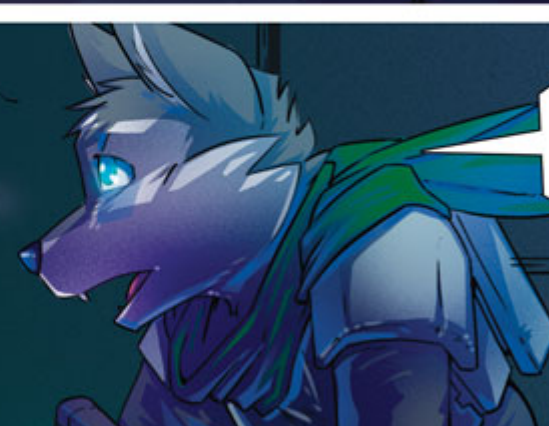




RUFFO.

WE KNEW YOU  
WOULDN'T LET  
US DOWN

HOW  
COULD YOU  
EVER FORGET  
ABOUT US?



I WON'T EVER  
FORGET, KAJI


I STOPPED THE  
CREATURES FROM  
ENTERING THE  
BUILDING!

I THINK I GOT  
HIT AND LOST  
CONSCIOUSNESS  
FOR A WHILE



DID YOU MANAGED  
TO DISABLE THE  
ENERGY CORE?!

OH, NO.  
WE WERE WAITING  
FOR YOU



DON'T YOU FEEL IT?

WHAT DO YOU  
MEAN?

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

WE ARE ALL  
FINALLY AWAKE



KAJI... ARE YOU OK?

YES, WE ALL  
ARE, RUFFO

WHAT ARE YOU  
TALKING ABOUT?!

IS LANZO  
WITH YOU?!



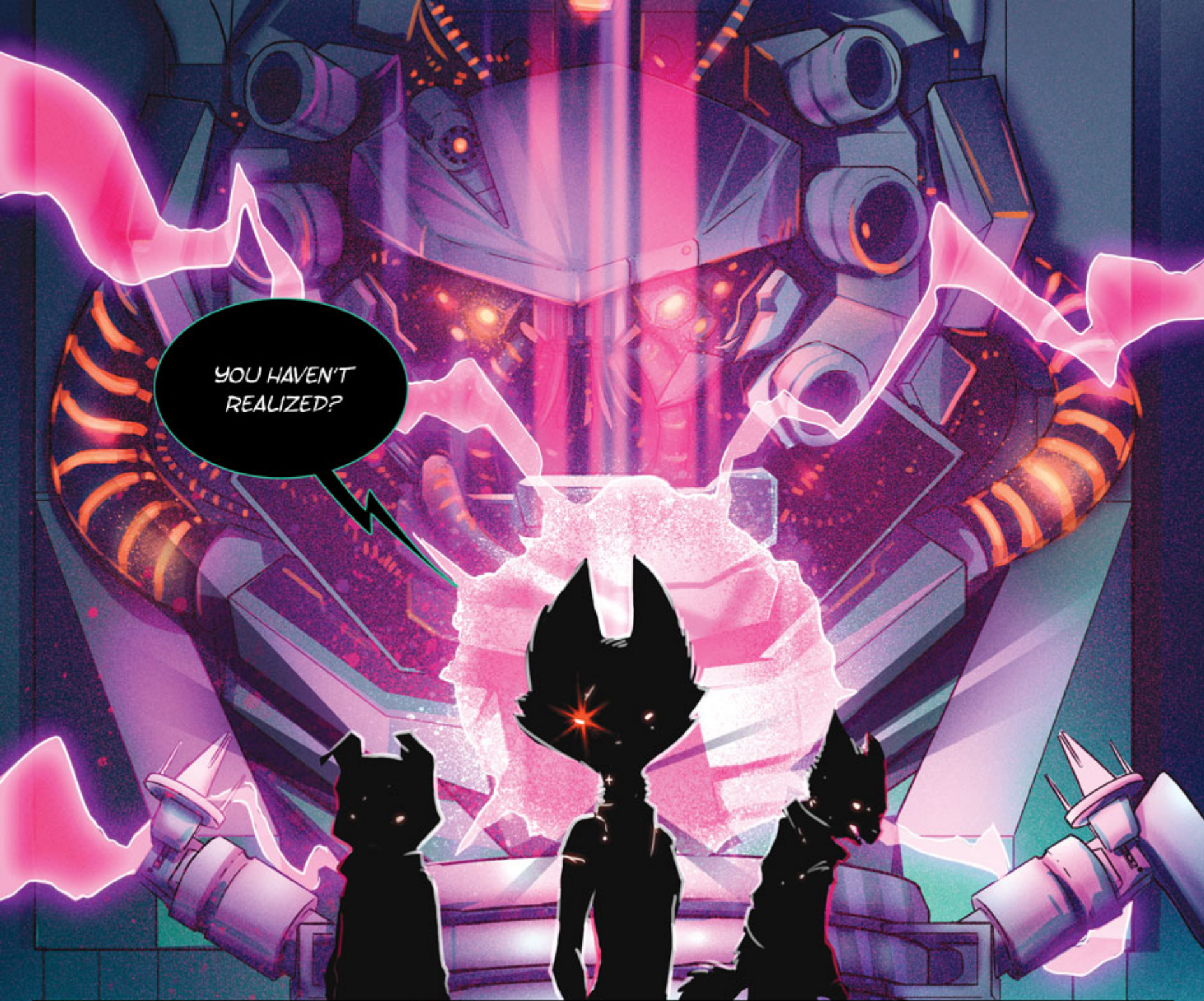


YES,  
WE ARE  
ALL HERE

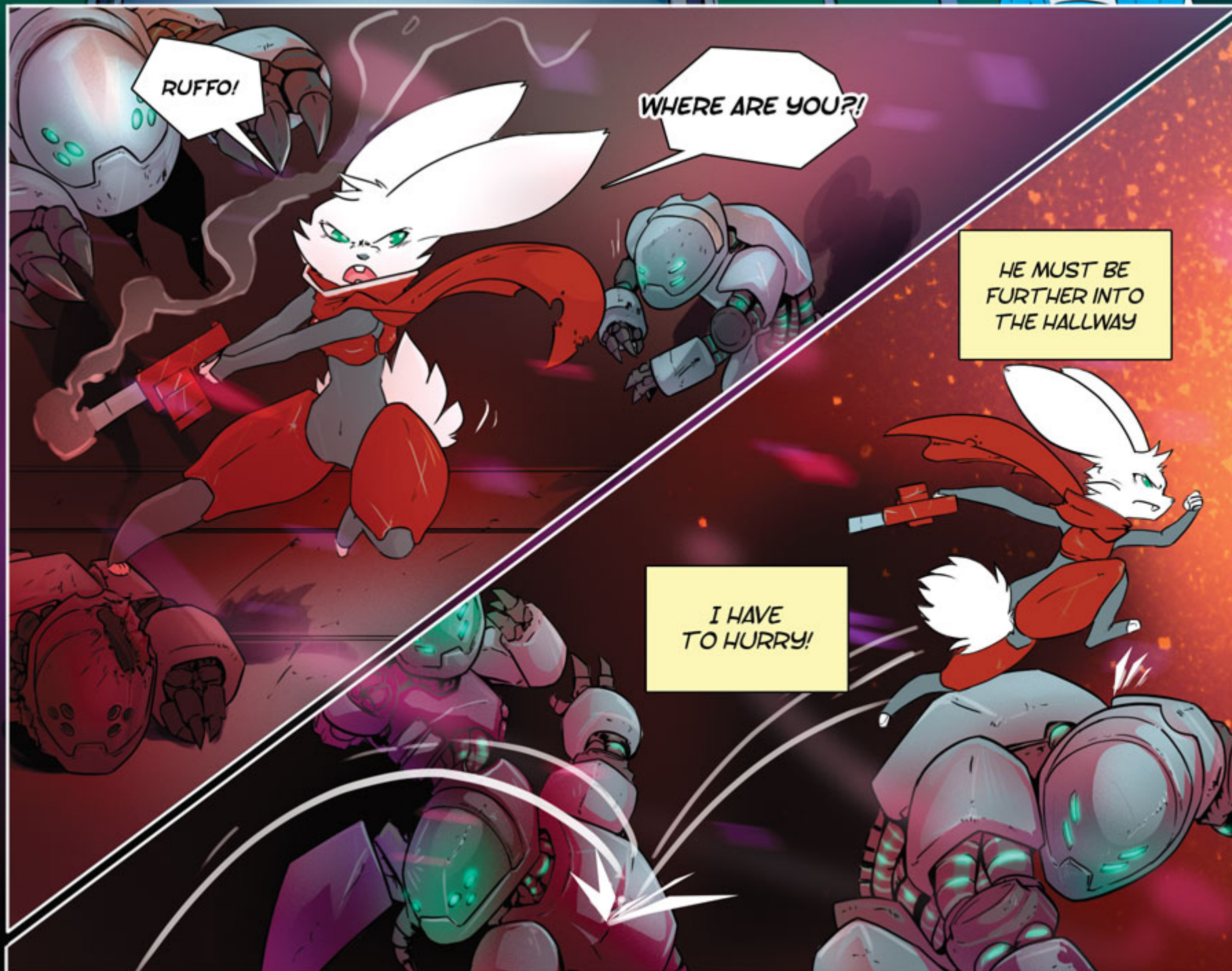
I AM SO HAPPY  
YOU'RE ALL FINE!

I WAS AFRAID  
THAT YOU HADN'T  
SURVIVED!













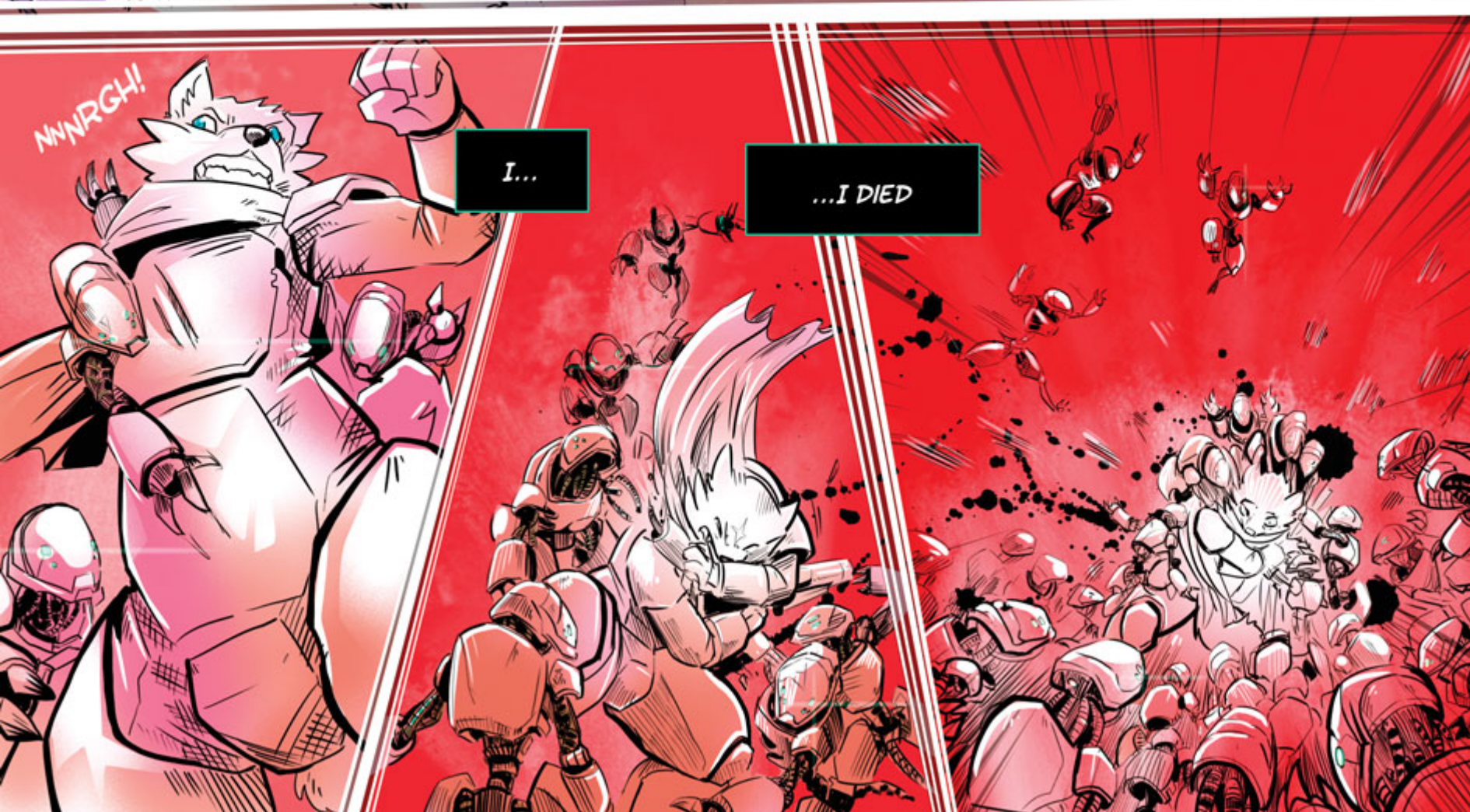
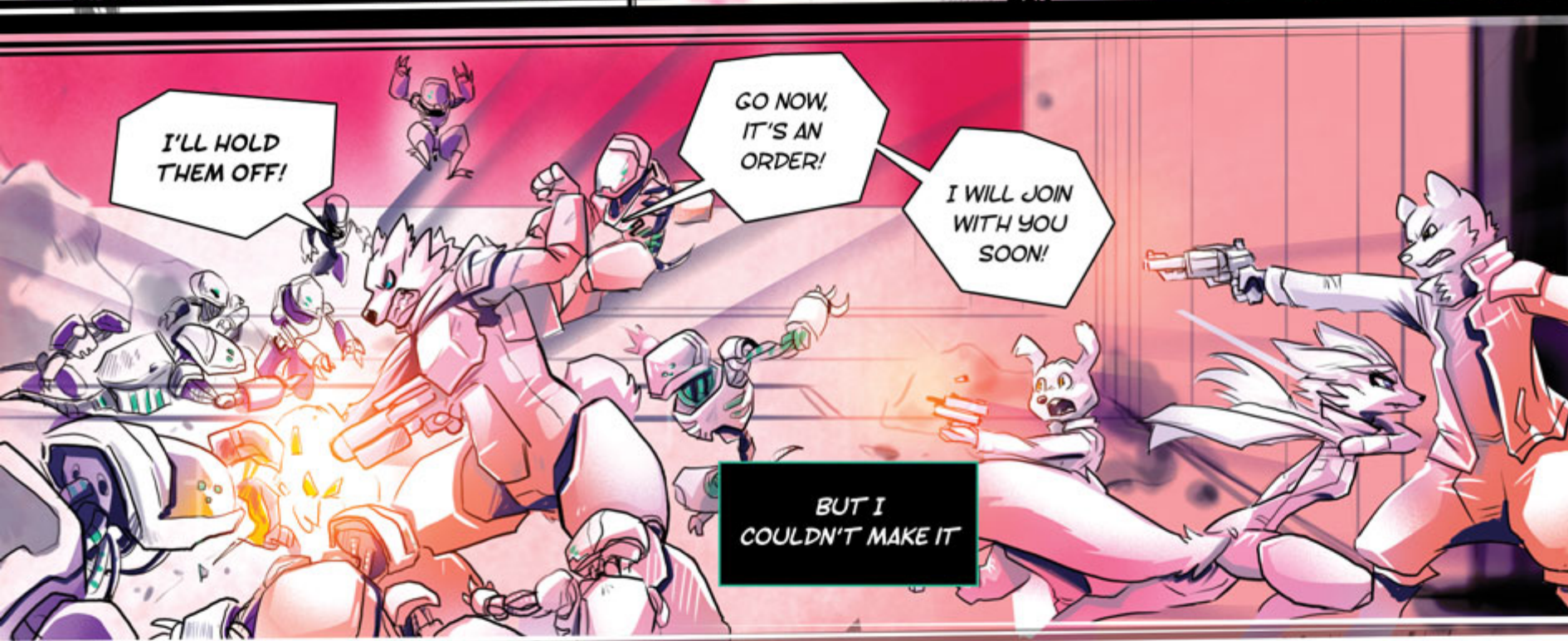
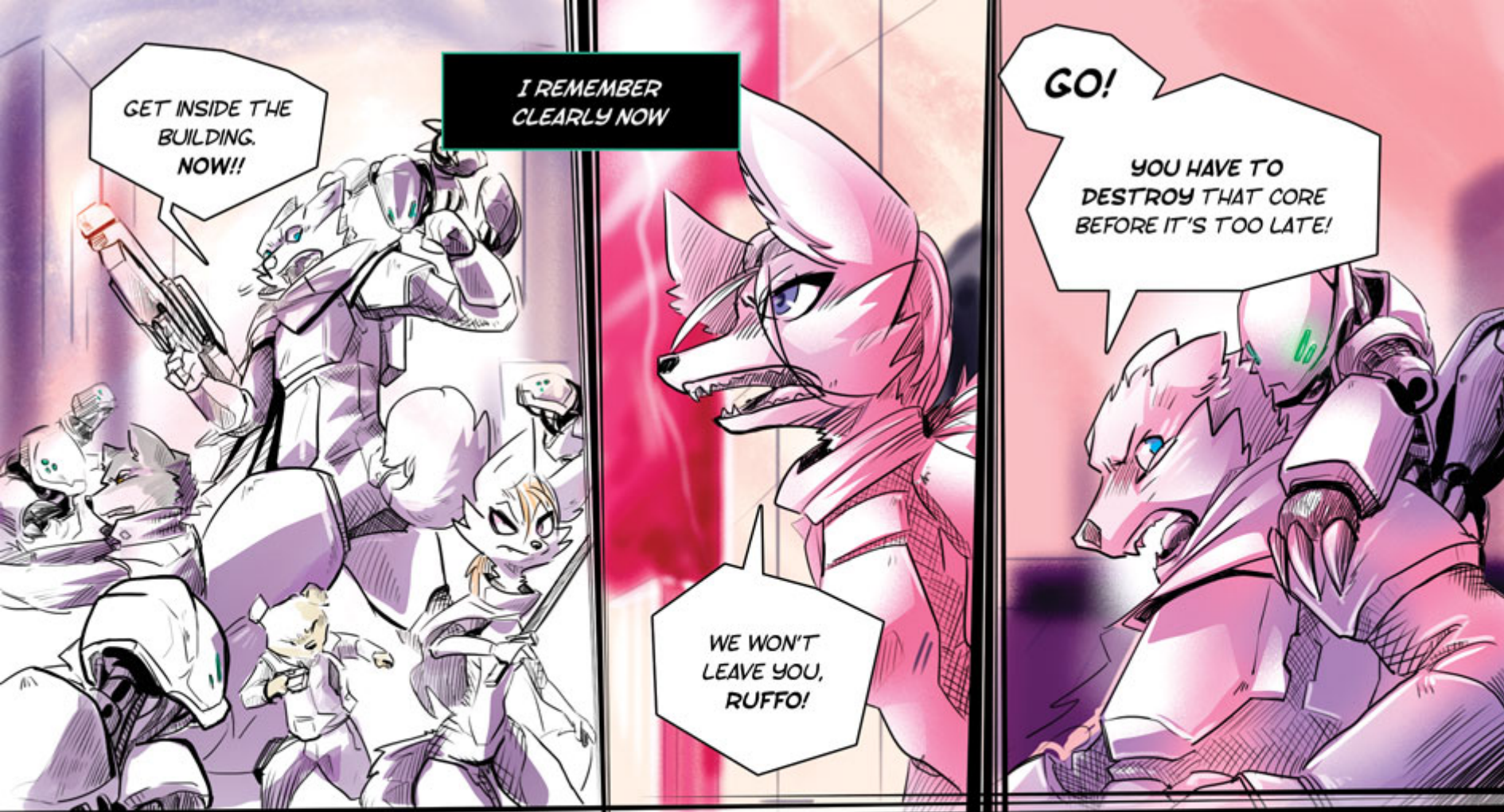
THIS-  
THIS CAN'T BE!

I ONLY WANTED  
TO SAVE YOU

YOU'VE FOUGHT  
LONG ENOUGH

IT'S TIME TO  
JOIN YOUR  
FAMILY







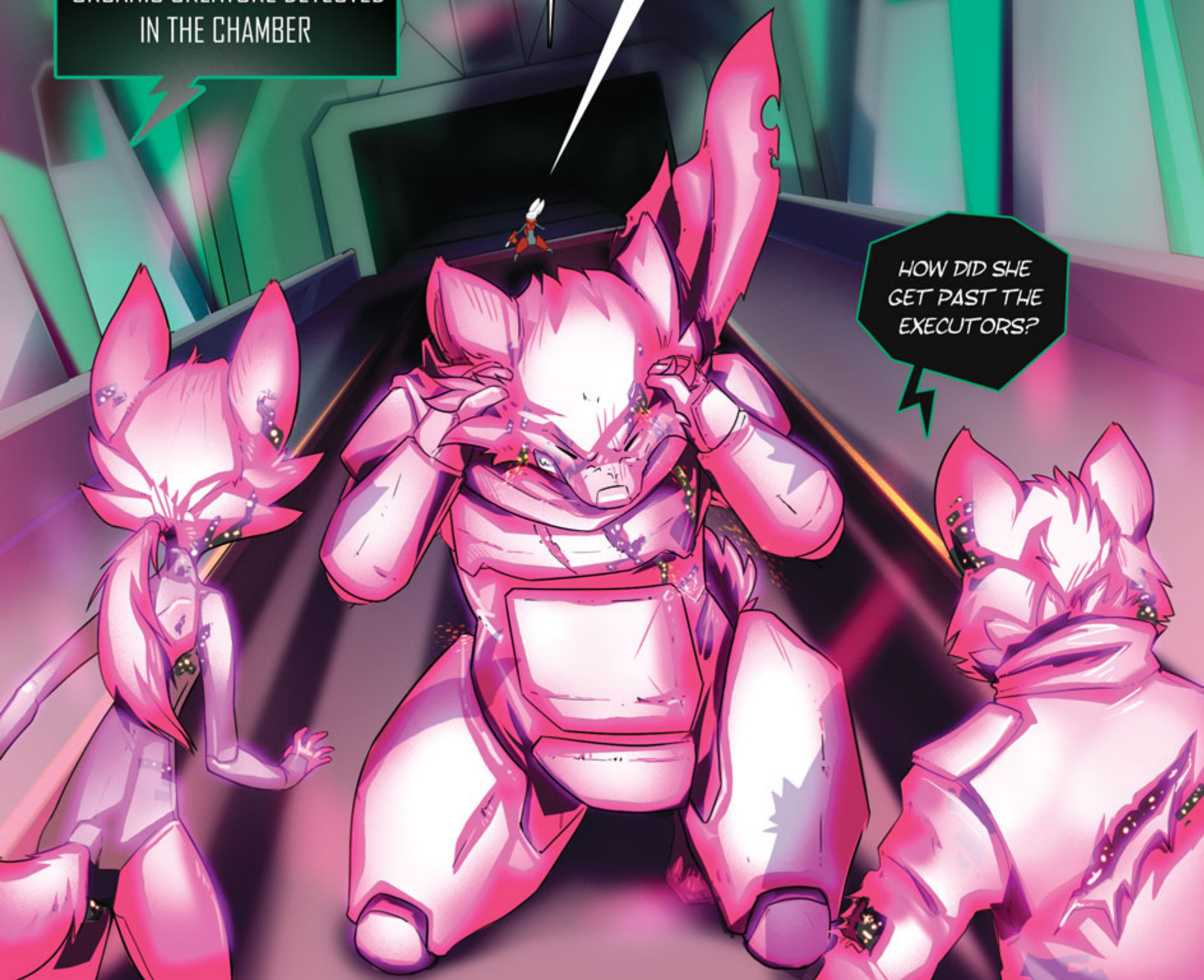
WHY  
DO YOU KEEP  
RESISTING?

RUFFO!  
I'M HERE!

WHAT'S  
HAPPENING?!

UNAUTHORIZED  
ORGANIC CREATURE DETECTED  
IN THE CHAMBER

HOW DID SHE  
GET PAST THE  
EXECUTORS?





POW!

GET AWAY  
FROM HIM!

STATUS: MATERIAL  
PROCESSING COMPLETE

STRUCTURE AT 100%

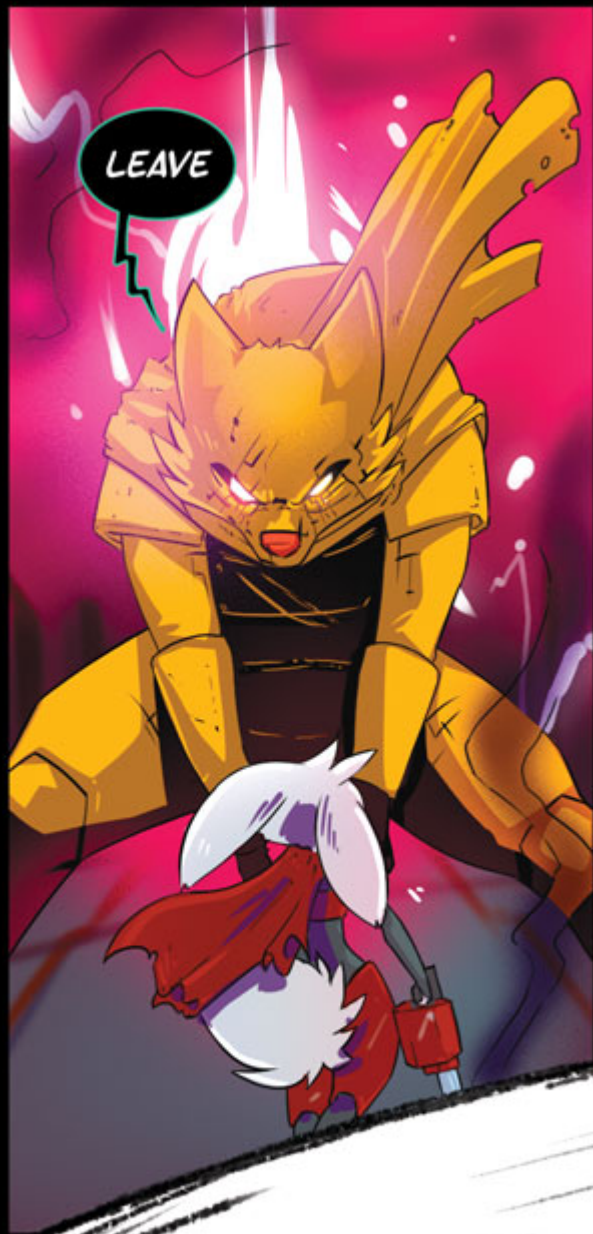
RUFFO, STAND UP!  
I'M HERE TO HELP YOU  
DESTROY THIS CORE!

LITTLE...  
NOVA

IT'S... TOO  
LATE FOR ME

GASP!

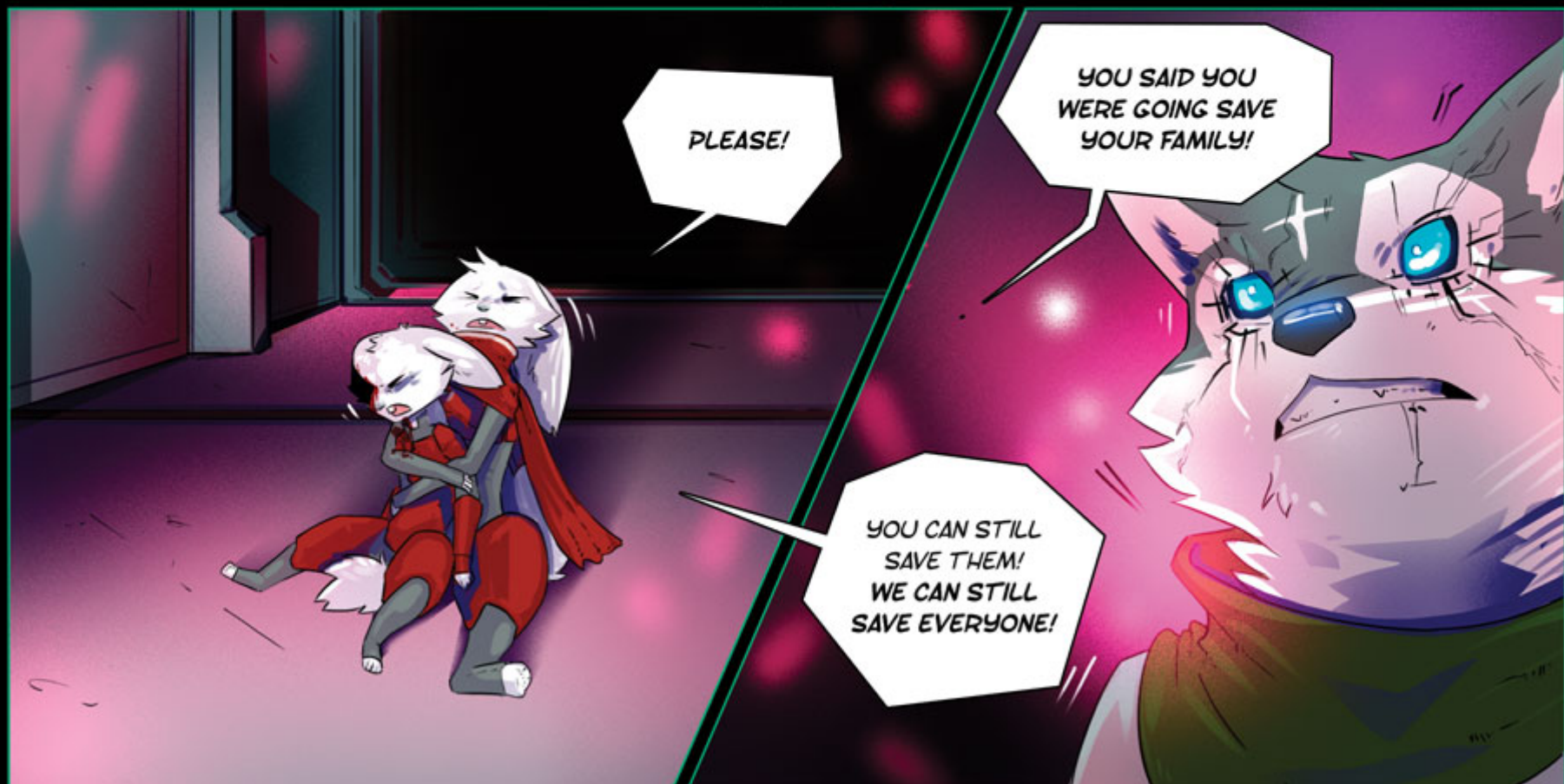






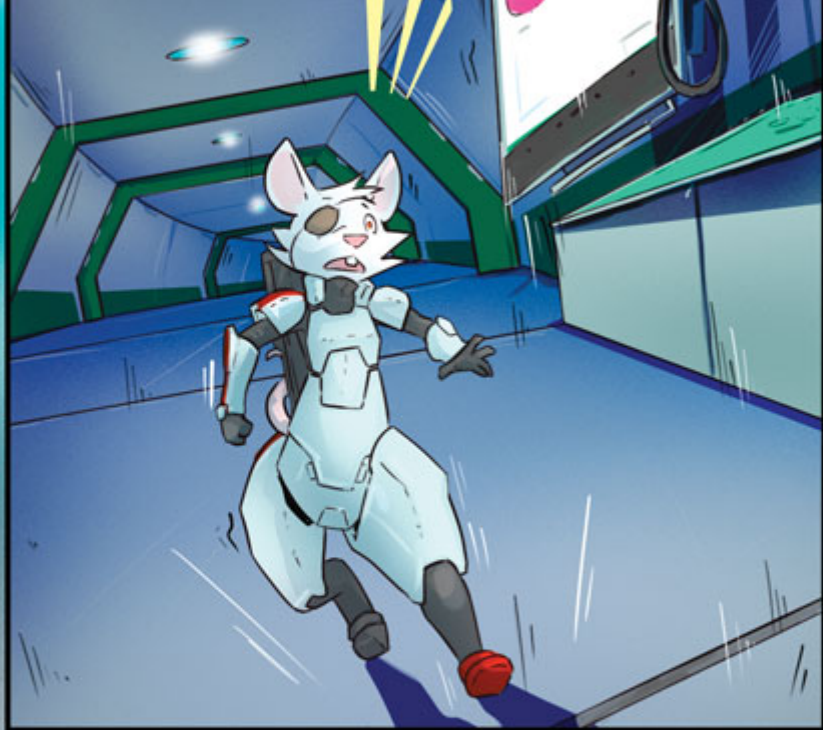








# TRWOOOM!

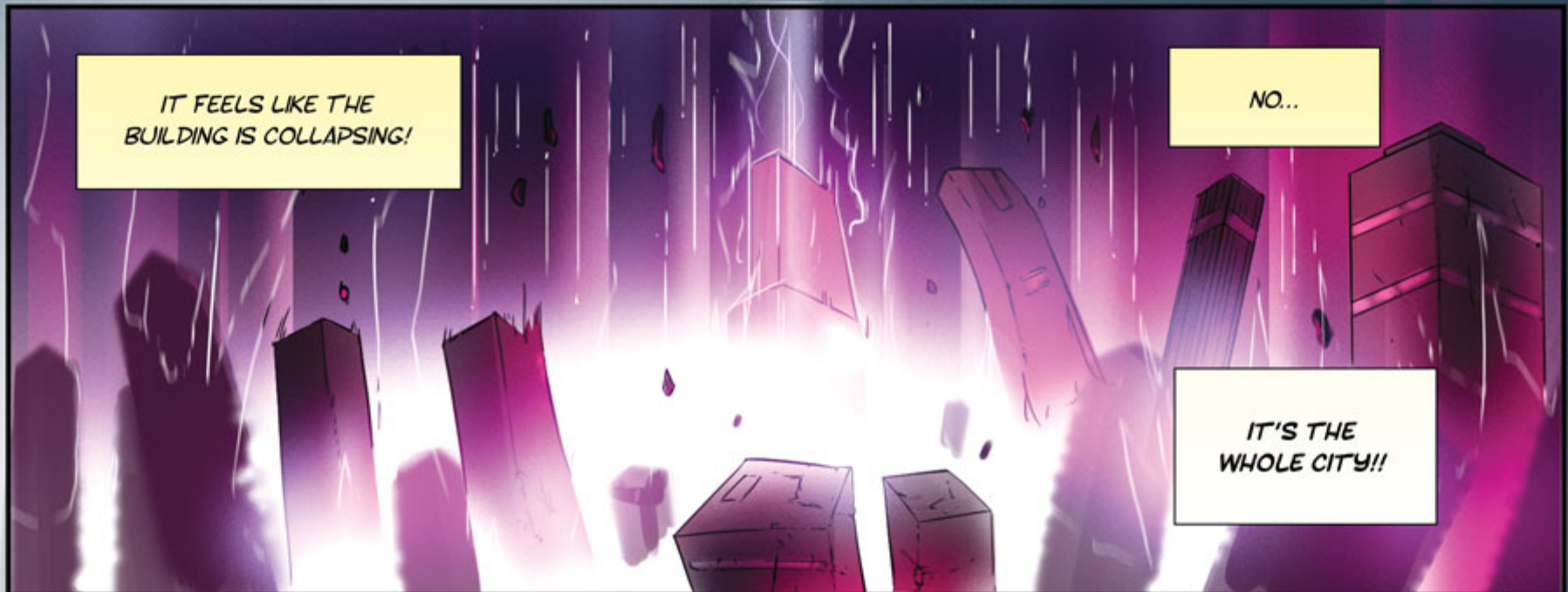


# CRACK!



WHAT'S  
HAPPENING?!

IT FEELS LIKE THE  
BUILDING IS COLLAPSING!



NO...

IT'S THE  
WHOLE CITY!!

COLONEL  
CALE



WE HAVE TO  
TAKE OFF!

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

I'M NOT LEAVING  
WITHOUT THEM!!

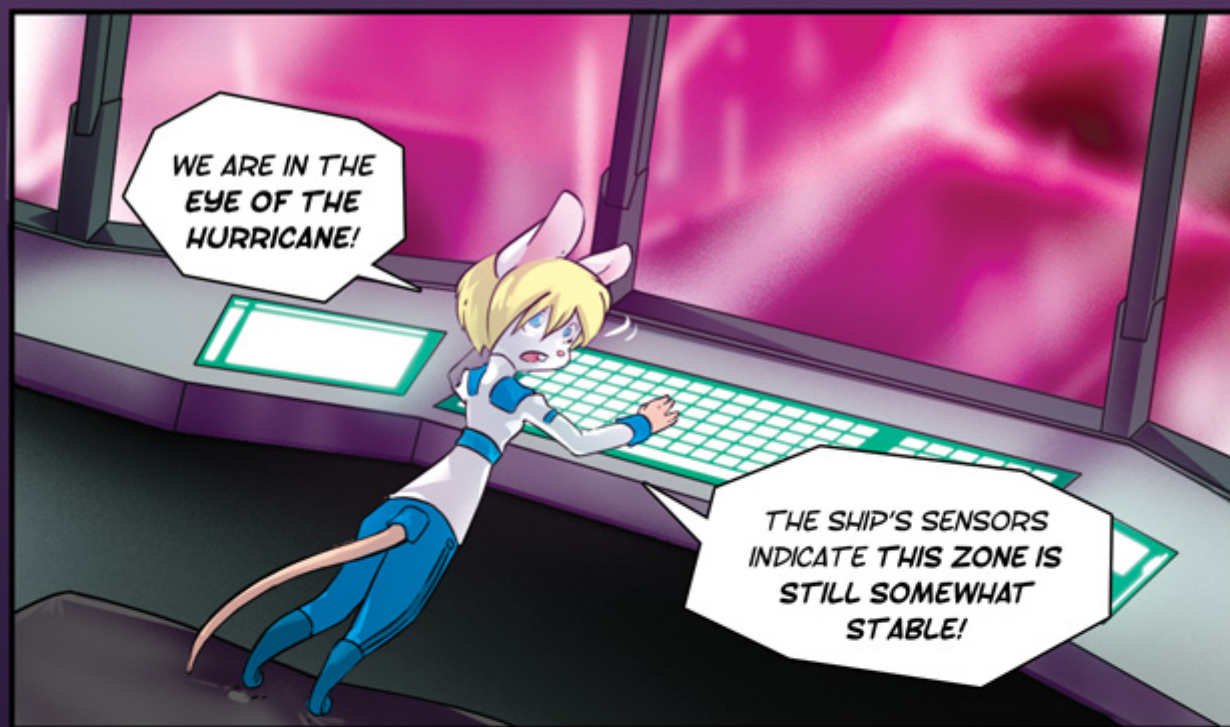


PLEASE COLONEL,  
LOOK AROUND YOU!  
I CAN'T PILOT THIS HUGE  
SPACECRAFT BY MYSELF!  
THE COCKPIT CONTROLS ARE  
JUST TOO BIG FOR US!

EVEN THE  
HISTORIAN LADY  
WILL HAVE TO  
HELP!











YOU--

ARE  
RIGHT



NOVA!  
YOU HAVE TO ESCAPE  
FROM THIS PLACE!

THE CADAFTER  
ARE FULLY AWAKEN

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

BUT I--  
WE HAVE TO  
STOP THEM!



THEY WANT  
TO REACH OUR  
WORLD!

KAJI, BROZ,  
LANZO!

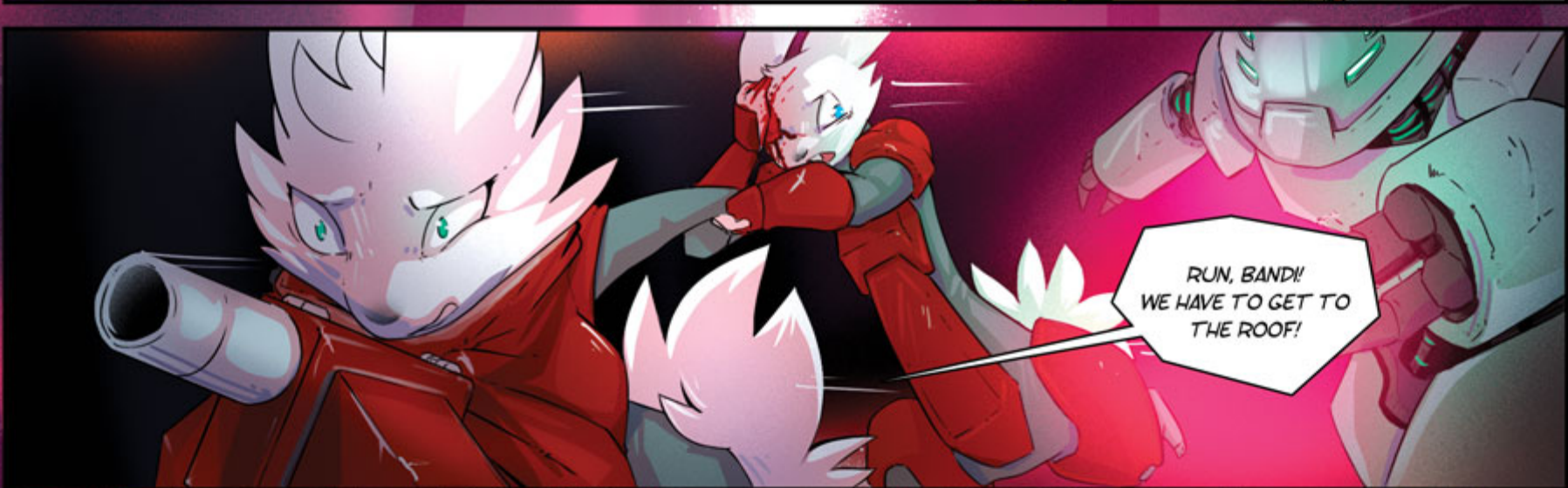
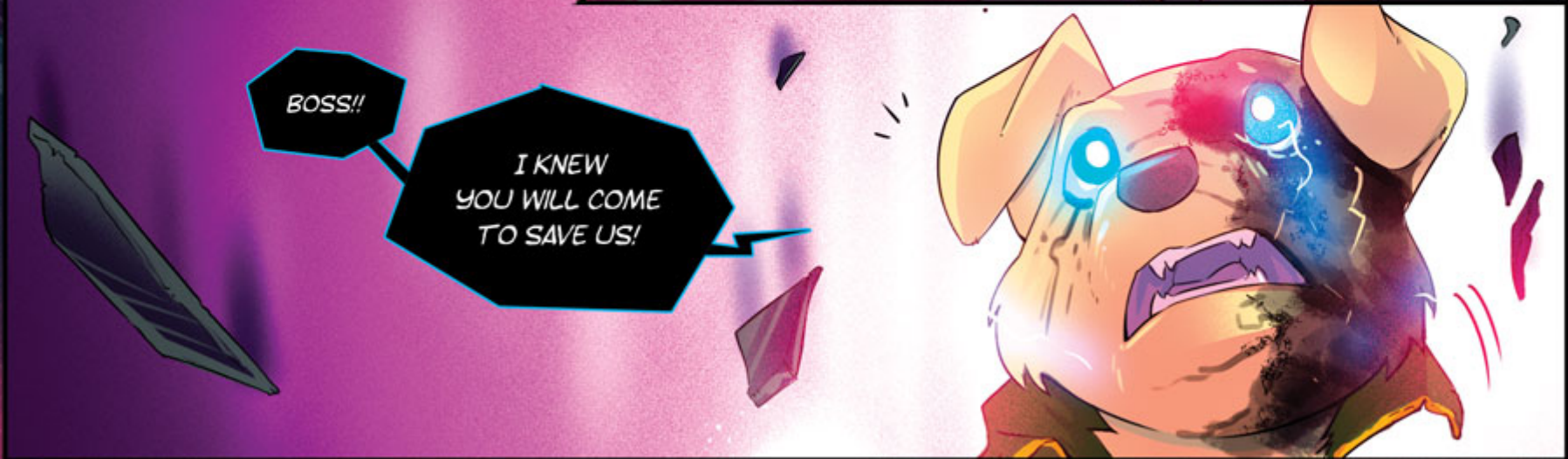
I WILL DESTROY THIS  
ENERGY CORE DON'T  
MATTER WHAT!

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

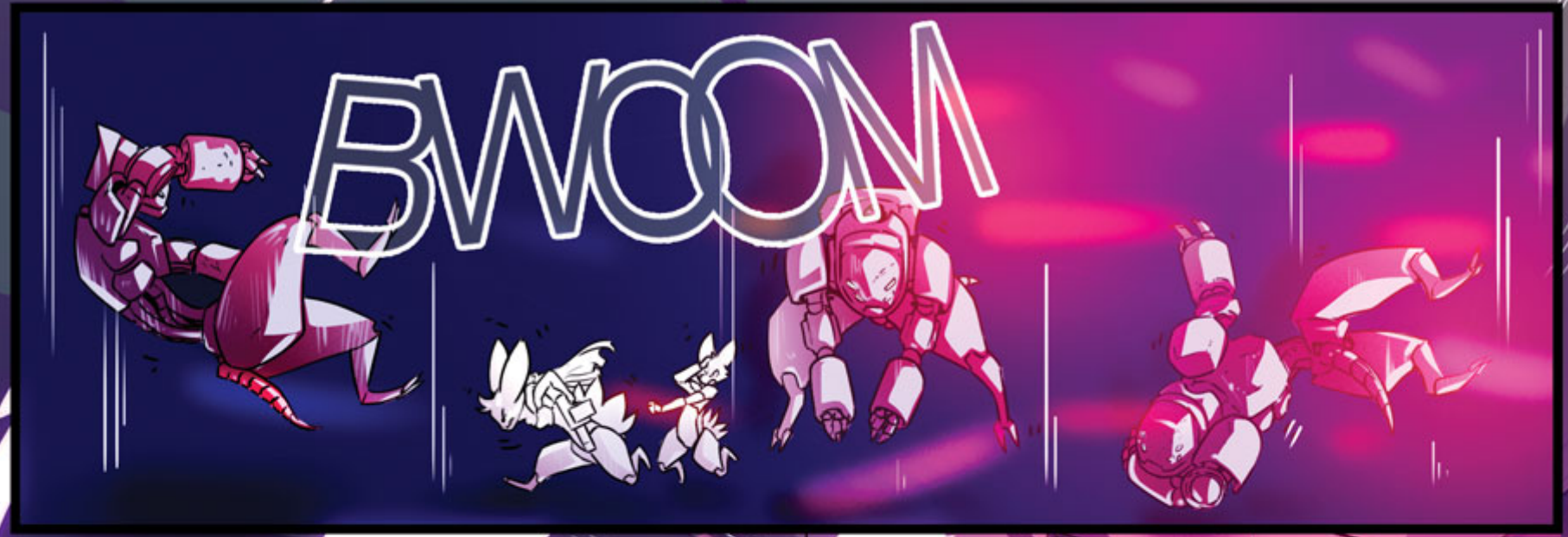
I'M RUFFO! VETUSTO  
OF THE GUARDIAN CLAN  
AND I WILL PROTECT MY  
PEOPLE AGAINST THIS  
MENACE!











HE DID IT!  
RUFFO DID IT!

THIS PLACE IS  
GONNA BLOW!!



POOF!





WE HAVE  
TO TAKE OFF  
NOW!!

THE BUILDING IS  
COLLAPSING!

AARGH!

STAY NEAR  
THE DAMN FLOOR IN  
CASE WE--

!!!

THERE'S THE  
COMMANDER!



HATCH OPEN!

NOVA!!

WE'RE COMING  
TO GET YOU!

TATA TA TA!

WE NEED TO  
GET CLOSER!

RESIST!





NOVA, YOU'VE GOT  
TO JUMP NOW!!

THIS WHOLE  
PLACE IS FALLING  
APART!



OH NO!



THE FLOOR  
BROKE OFF!

WE'RE  
FALLING!

I'M GOING TO  
THROW YOU!!



NAIVE  
ANIMALS

NOVA!!!

BANDI!  
HOLD ON,  
PLEASE!

YOU'VE  
CHANGED  
NOTHING





JUST A  
MEANINGLESS  
SACRIFICE



YOU HAVE MERELY  
DELAYED US



NOVAAA!!

YOU ALL  
WILL BE OURS





BANDI,  
WHY ARE YOU  
CRYING?



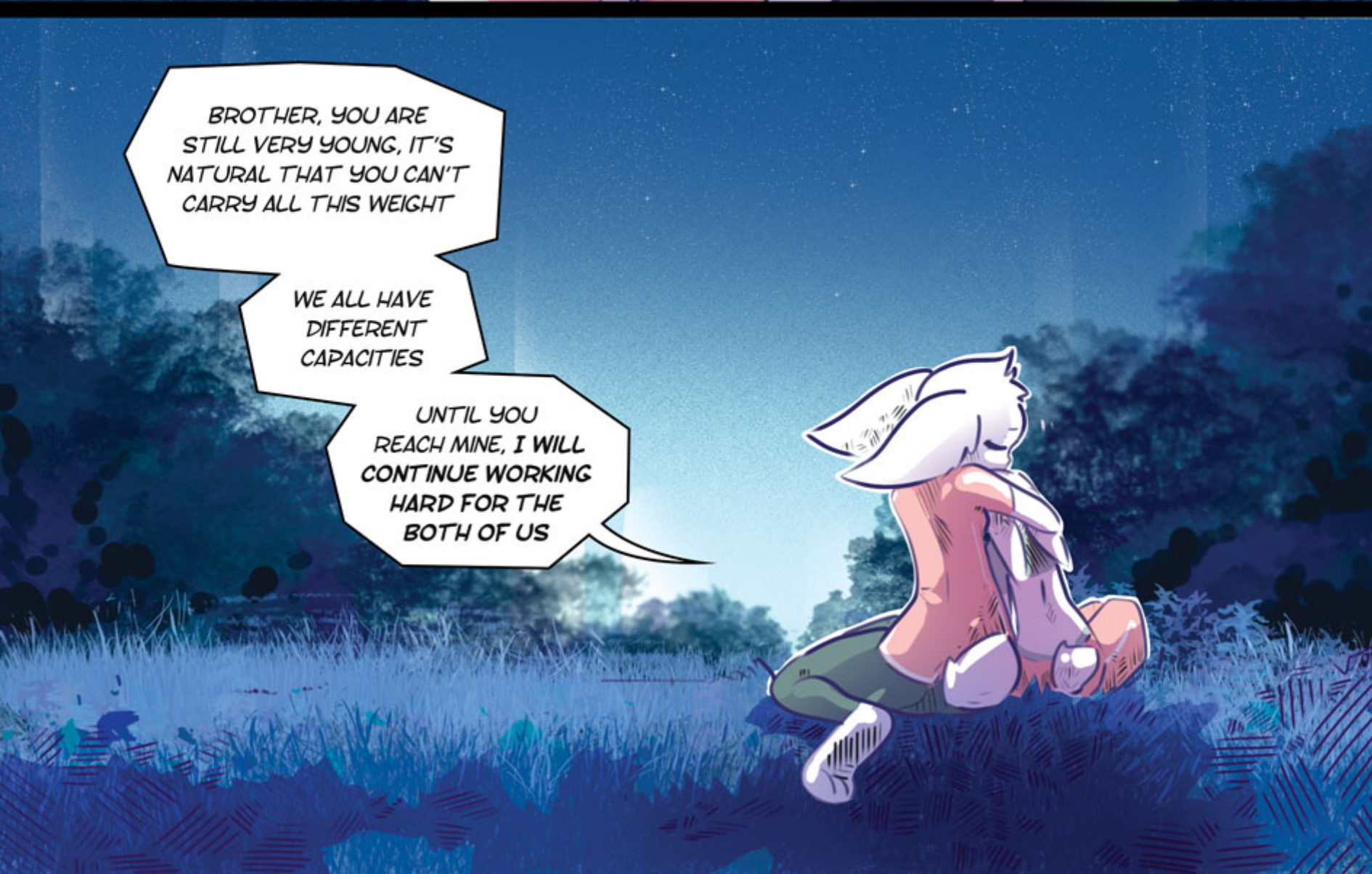
I CAN'T MEET  
EVERYONE'S  
EXPECTATIONS

I CAN'T BE  
LIKE YOU!



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

I JUST  
CAN'T!



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

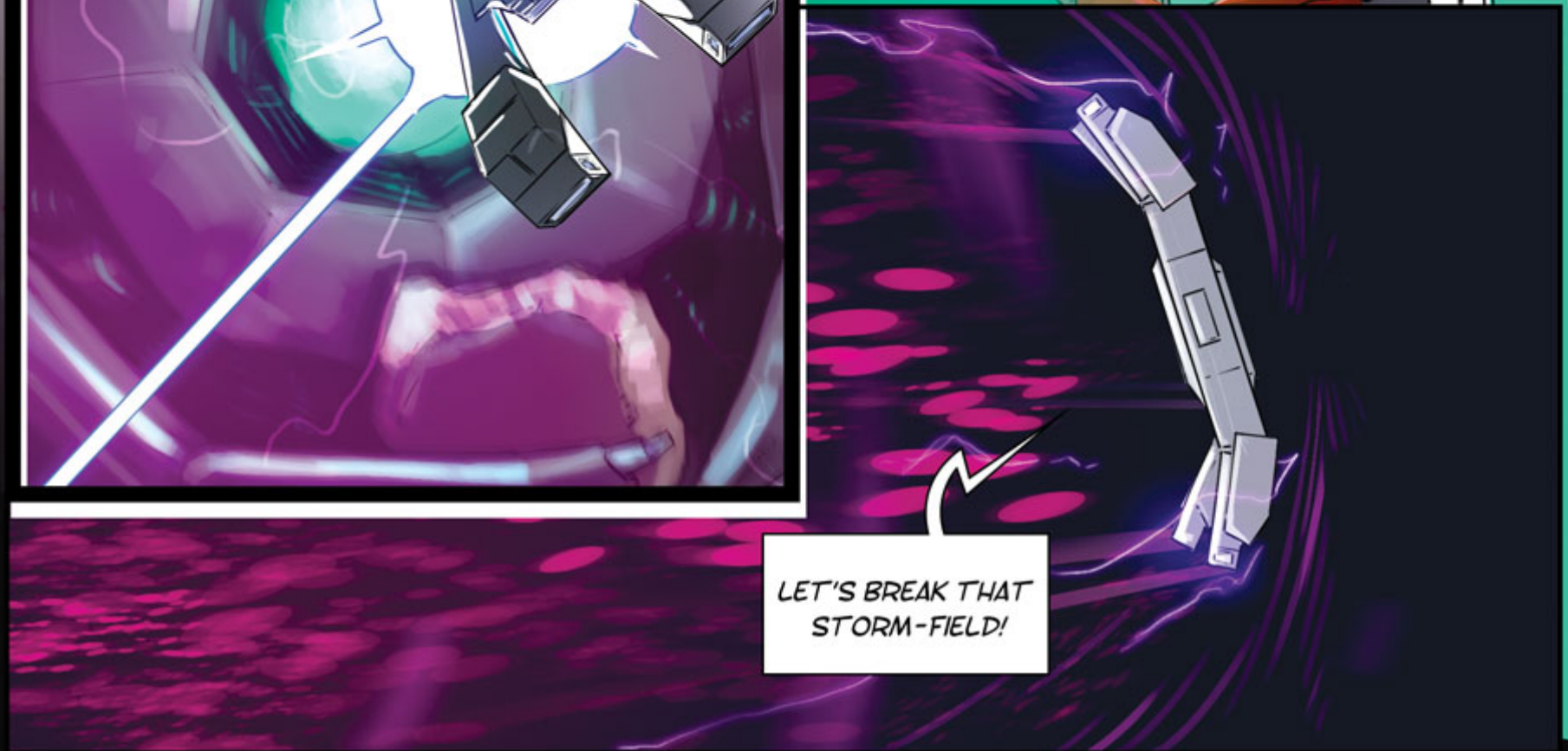
WE ALL HAVE  
DIFFERENT  
CAPACITIES

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





ENGINES AT  
MAXIMUM  
POTENCY!



LET'S BREAK THAT  
STORM-FIELD!



WHAT THE HELL  
IS THAT THING?!





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

BLAST SHIELDS GOT ACTIVE!  
SHIP IS UNDER COLLISION  
PROTOCOLS!

WHAT'S GOING ON?!



IT'S AN ASTEROID FIELD!

DID THE PLANET  
SUDDENLY  
EXPLODE?!



I DETECT  
MOVEMENT INSIDE  
THE ASTEROID  
FIELD

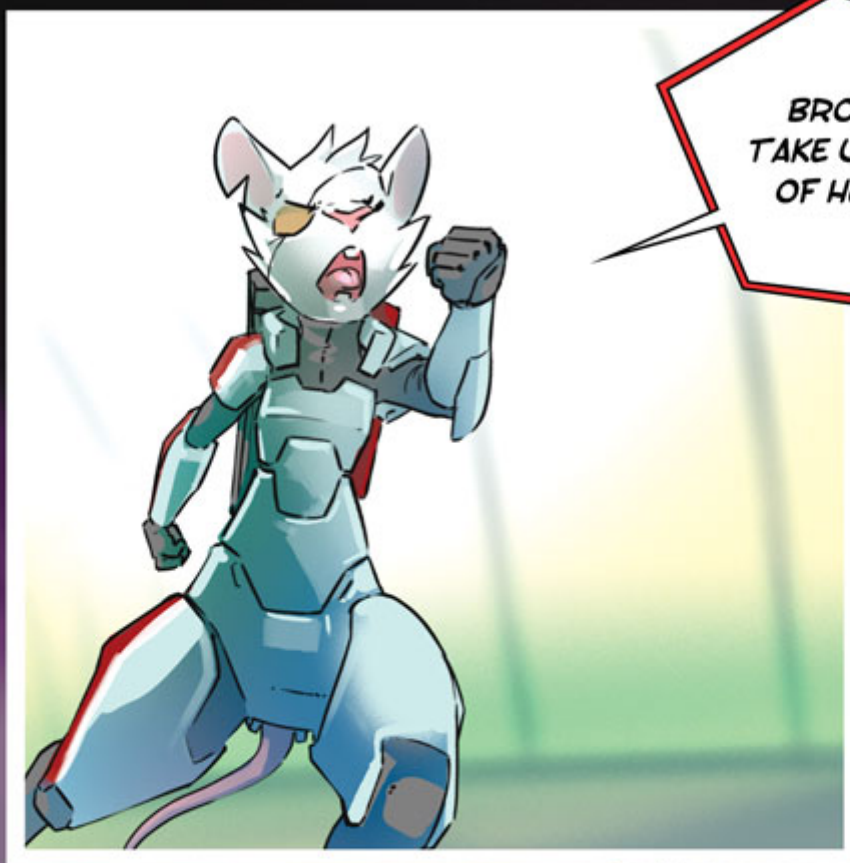
SOMETHING'S  
APPROACHING  
US QUICKLY!



IT HAS TO BE  
COMMANDER NOVA'S  
SHIP!

IT JUST  
HAS TO!





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

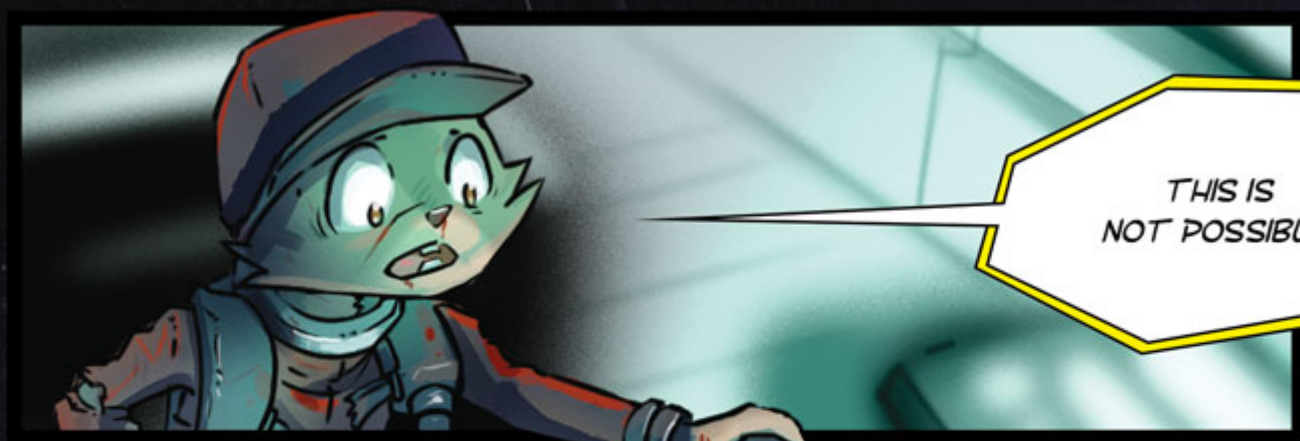
**WE NEED TO HELP  
THEM FIND A PATH BETWEEN  
THE DEBRIS!!**

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

**SET US A SAFE  
PERIMETER!**







THIS IS  
NOT POSSIBLE!

IT'S GONE---

THE PLANET  
IS GONE!!

ALL SYSTEMS  
BACK TO NORMAL

THE FAST MOVING OBJECT  
IS A GUARDIAN SHIP

IT'S  
THE ASCENSION!!







EXI-PILOT **BROWN**  
CONTACTING THE  
NODRIZA

WE ARE ABOARD  
THE GUARDIAN'S  
ASCENSION SHIP



I'M SO GLAD  
TO HEAR  
FROM YOU  
AGAIN!!



WE DON'T KNOW  
WHAT YOU DID  
DOWN THERE--  
BUT I'M GLAD YOU  
ALL MANAGED TO  
ESCAPE!



WELL...

NOT ALL OF US  
GOT OUT

WHA--  
WHAT ARE YOU  
SAYING?!



COMMANDER NOVA--



WE LOST  
THE COMMANDER

OH, NO...

...HOW?

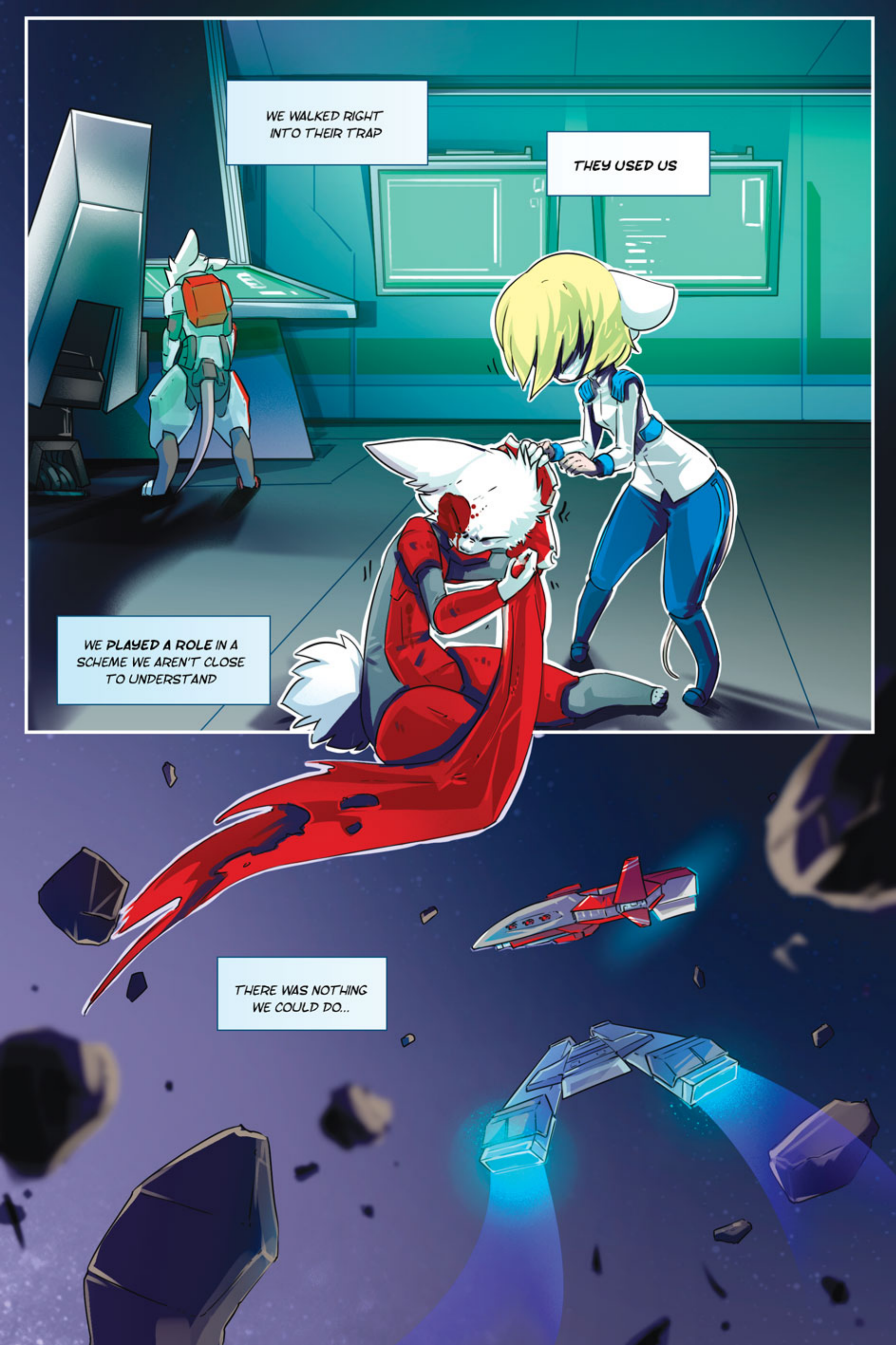


WE WALKED RIGHT  
INTO THEIR TRAP

THEY USED US

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

THERE WAS NOTHING  
WE COULD DO...





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

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



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

...NOBODY  
BELIEVED US

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



BANDI BLAMED  
HIMSELF FOR  
NOVA'S DEATH...

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



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







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

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

HE **SWORE** TO STOP  
THEM IN THE NAME OF  
HIS SISTER

HE WANTS TO FIND THEM AND  
**DESTROY** THEM ALL

to be **CONTINUED?**



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

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

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

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



CLAN COLORS



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XENO EXPERIMENTS

# NOVA

## CHARACTER SHEET



### AMY

Historian

SPECIES:

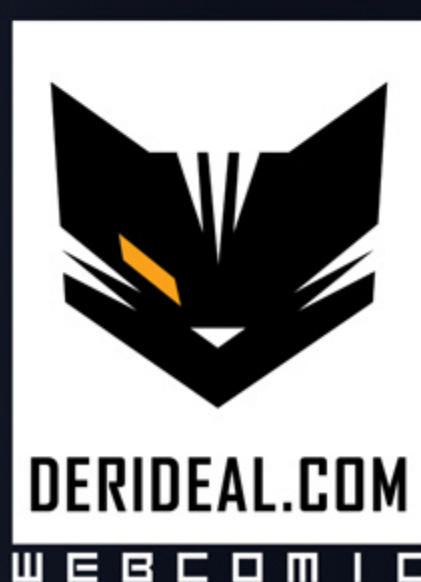
Mouse

CLAN:

Exi Clan

BIO:

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



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# BANDI

**Novice Soldier**

**SPECIES:**

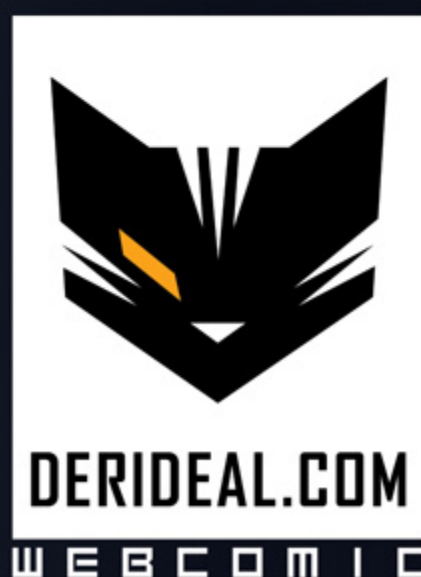
**Rabbit**

**CLAN:**

**Exi Clan**

**BIO:**

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



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# BROWN

*Combat pilot*

**SPECIES:**

*Squirrel*

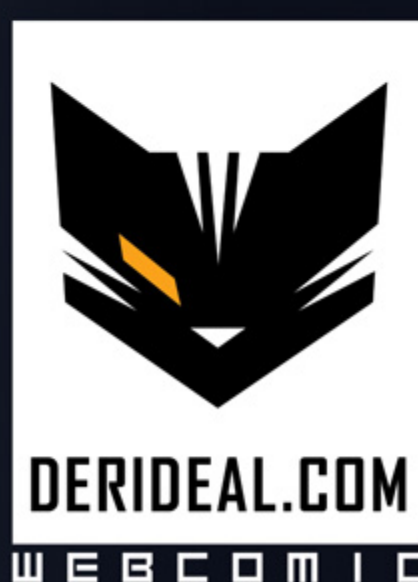
**CLAN:**

*Exi Clan*

**BIO:**

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

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



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# CALE

**Clan Veteran**

**SPECIES:**

Rat

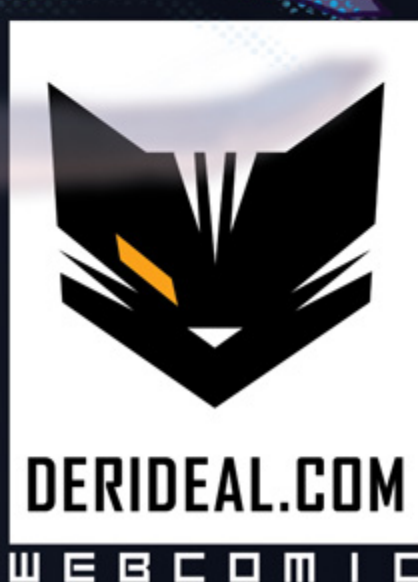
**CLAN:**

Exi Clan

**BIO:**

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

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



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## NOVA COMMANDER

**SPECIES:**

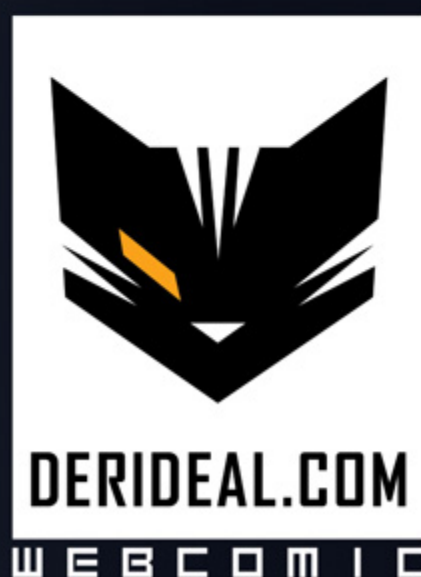
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**CLAN:**

Exi Clan

**BIO:**

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



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**RUFFO**  
*Guardian Soldier*

**SPECIES:**

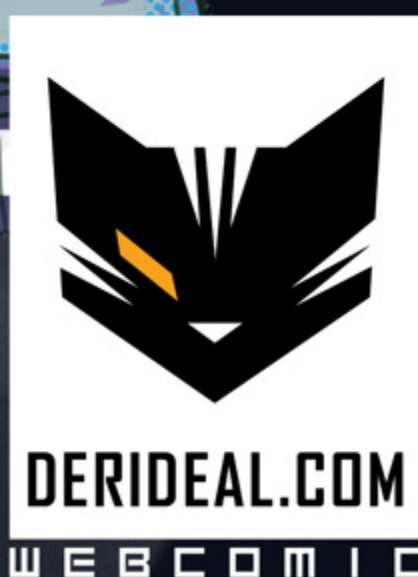
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**CLAN:**

*Guardian Clan (canids)*

**BIO:**

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



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**RUFFO**  
*Guardian Soldier*

**SPECIES:**

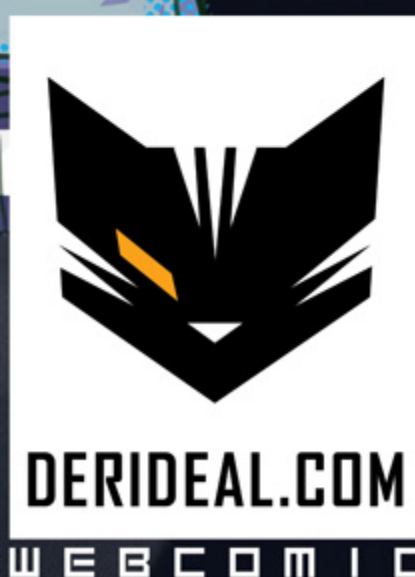
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## NOVA

## THE EXI CLAN

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

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

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

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

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



CLAN COLORS





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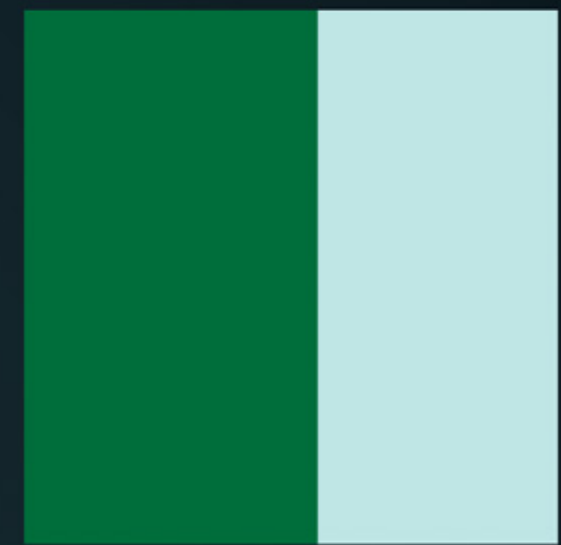
## THE GUARDIAN CLAN

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

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

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

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



CLAN COLORS





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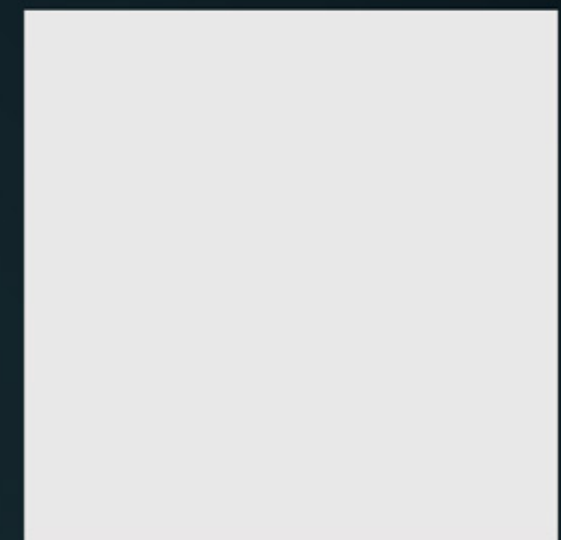
## THE HELPER CLAN

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

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

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

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



NO CLAN COLORS

