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THEY  
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**MONEY  
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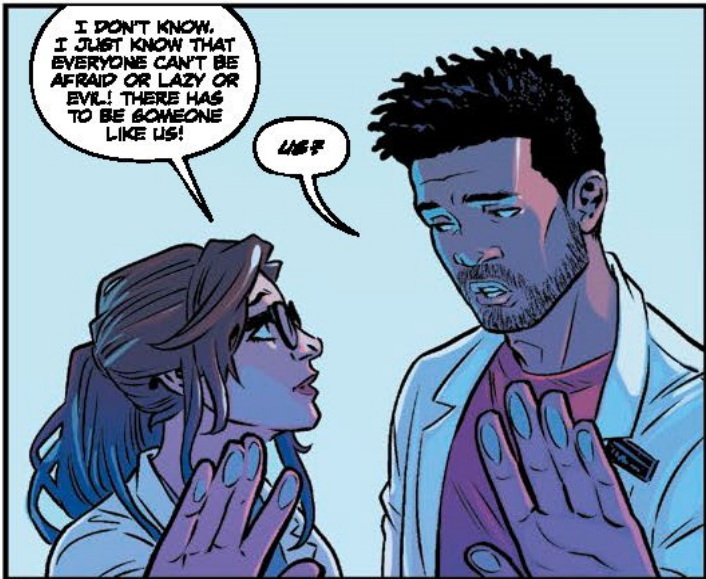
AS IN...  
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I JUST KNOW THAT  
EVERYONE CAN'T BE  
AFRAID OR LAZY OR  
EVIL! THERE HAS  
TO BE SOMEONE  
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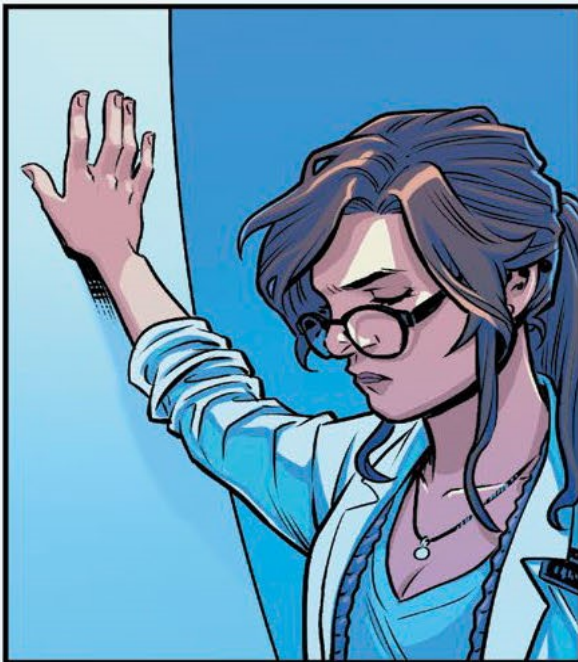
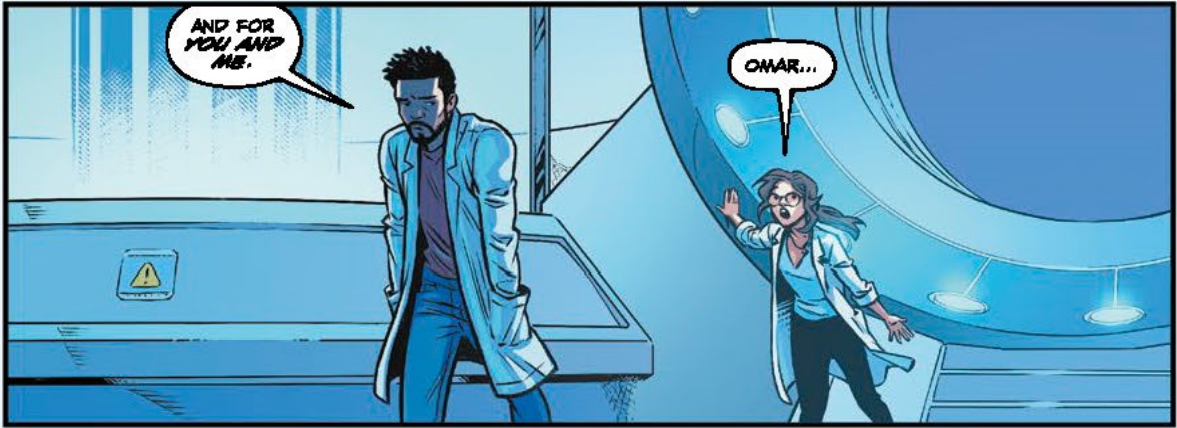
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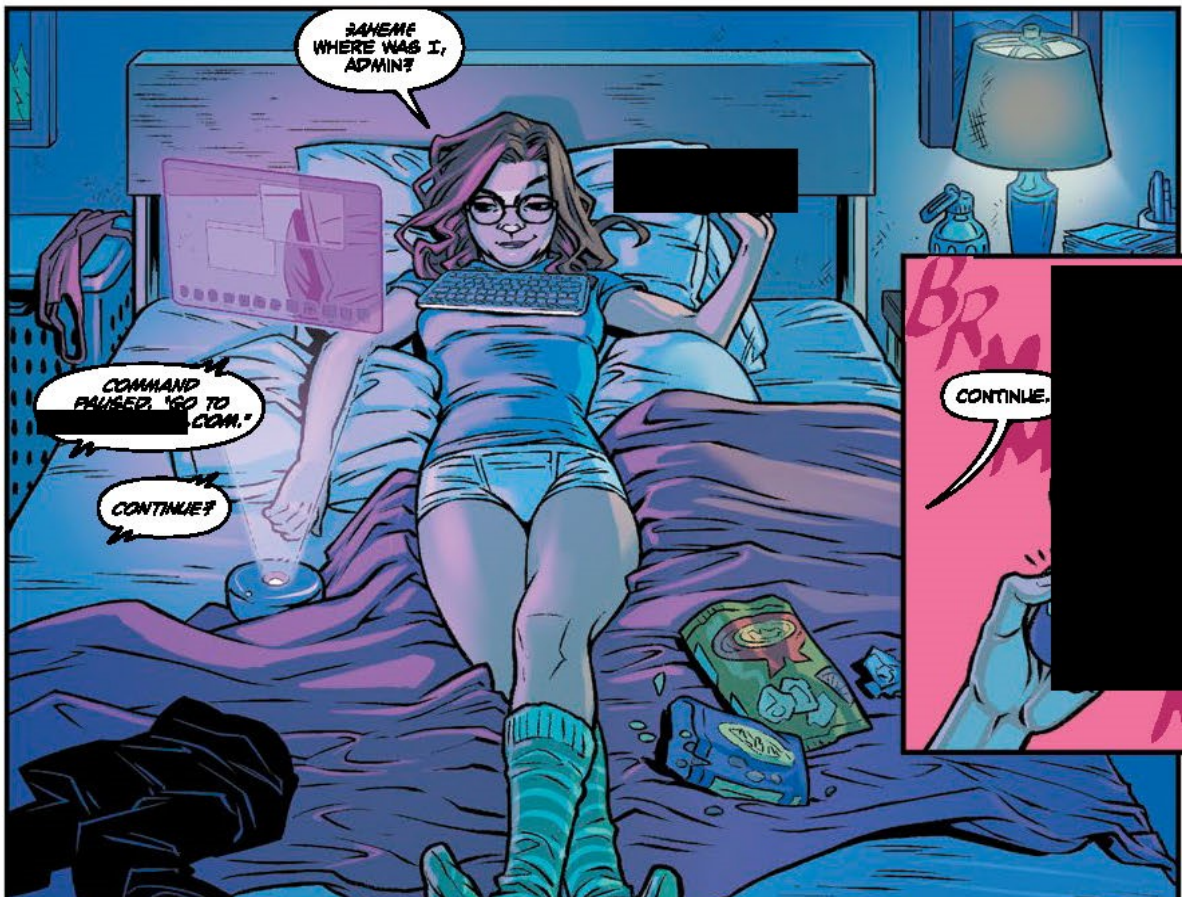
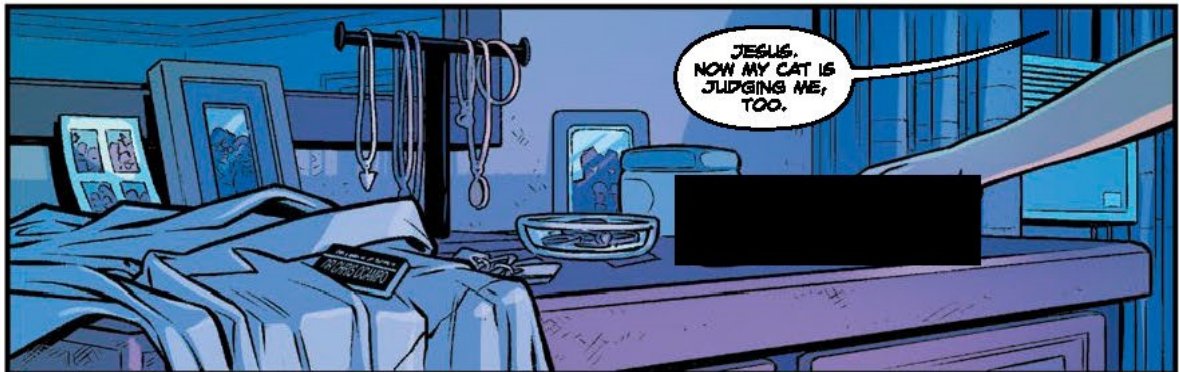


YEAH, US,  
YOU AND  
ME.

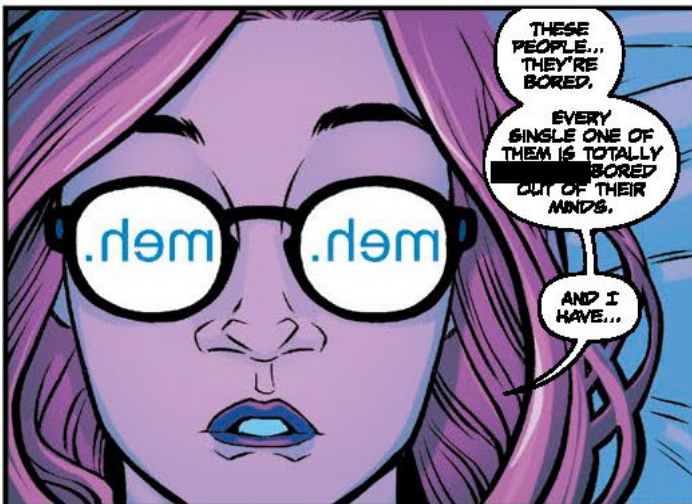
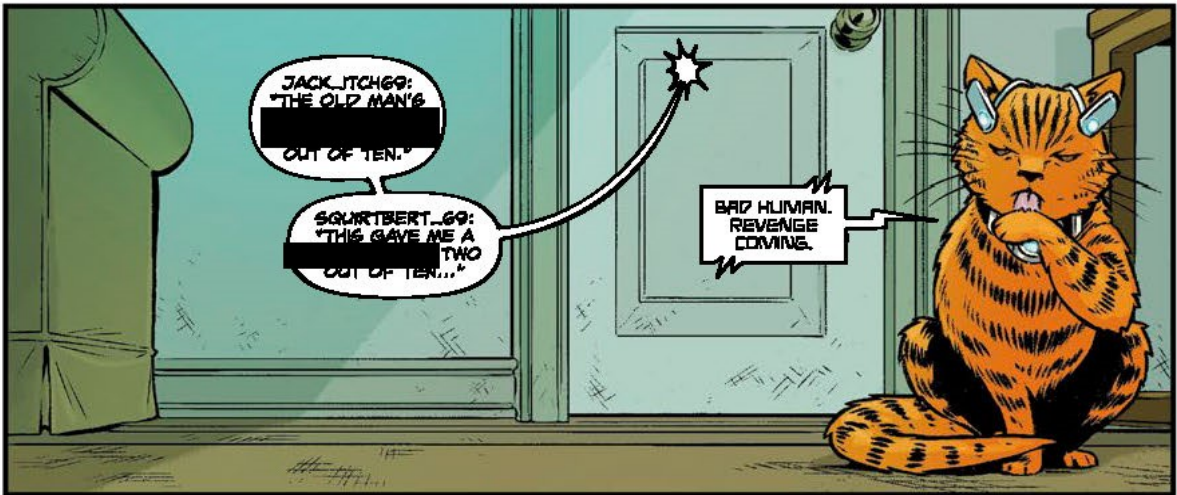
WE COULD DO IT,  
**DR. STEINBERG.**

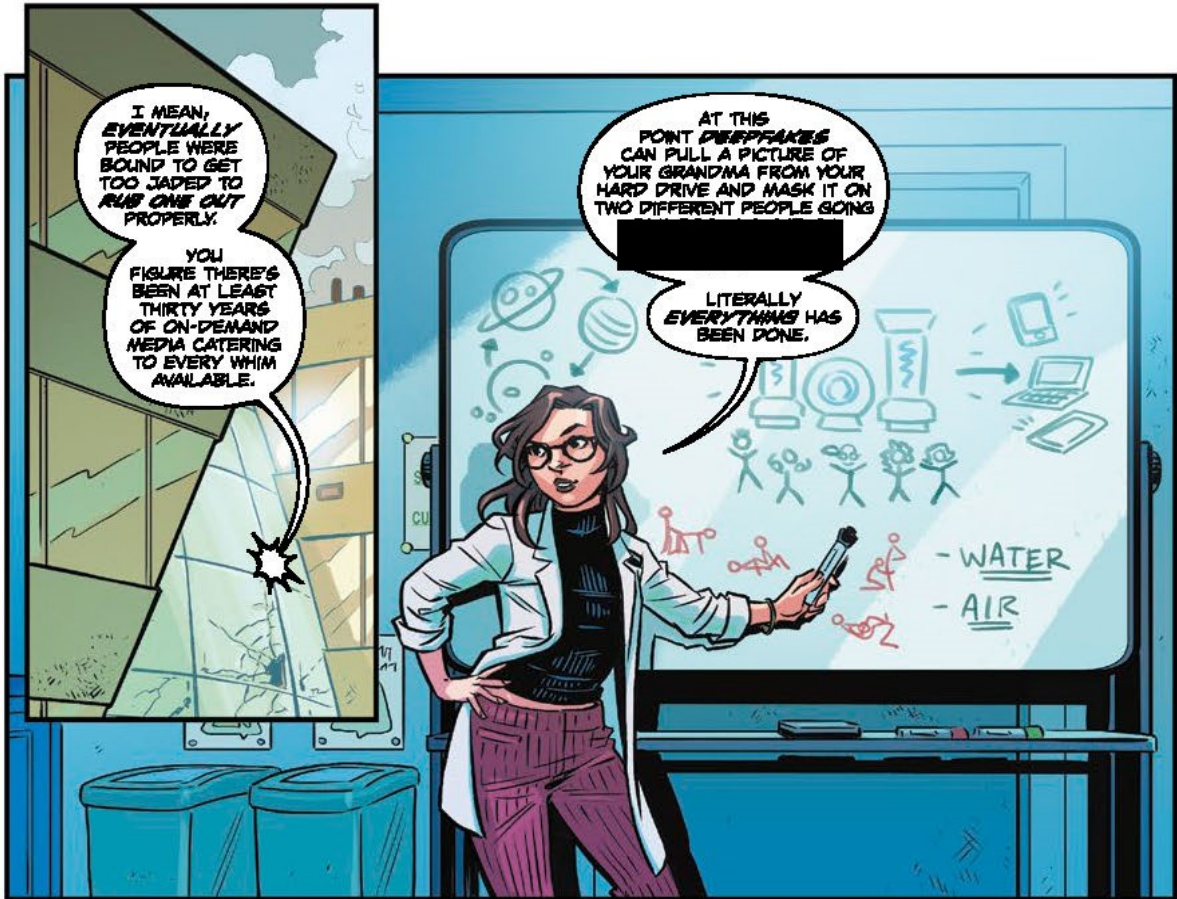
WE COULD  
GET STAR SHOT  
MOVING AGAIN.  
TOGETHER.











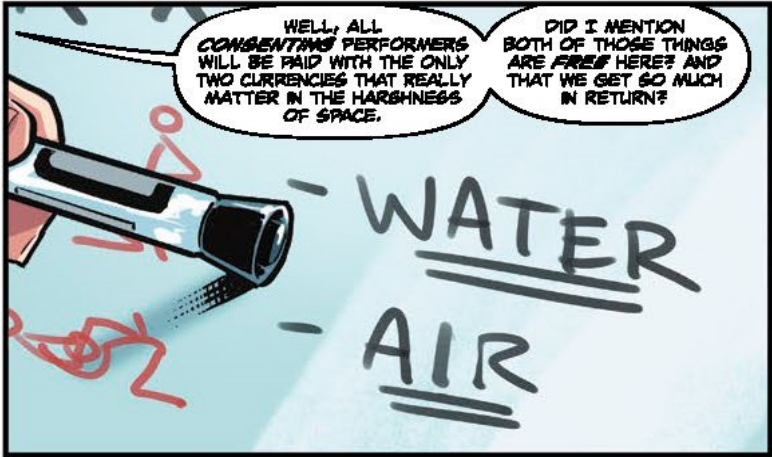


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AND ALIENS TO



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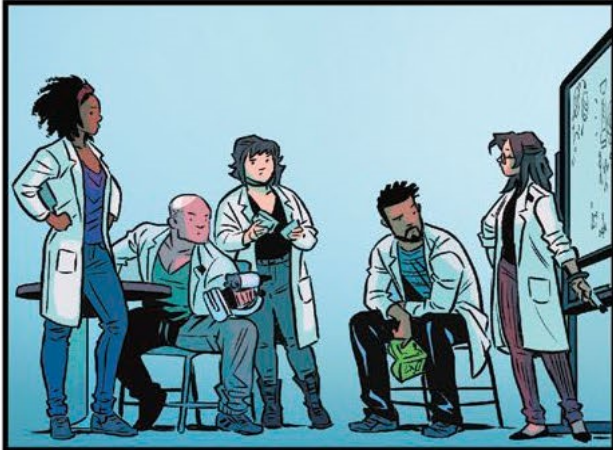
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WE CAN GET BACK TO DOING WHAT WE'RE SUPPOSED TO BE DOING! COMPETING FOR GLORY, MAKING THE WORLD A BETTER PLACE...  
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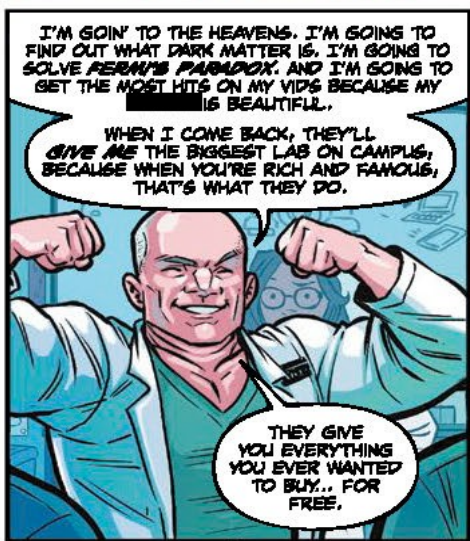
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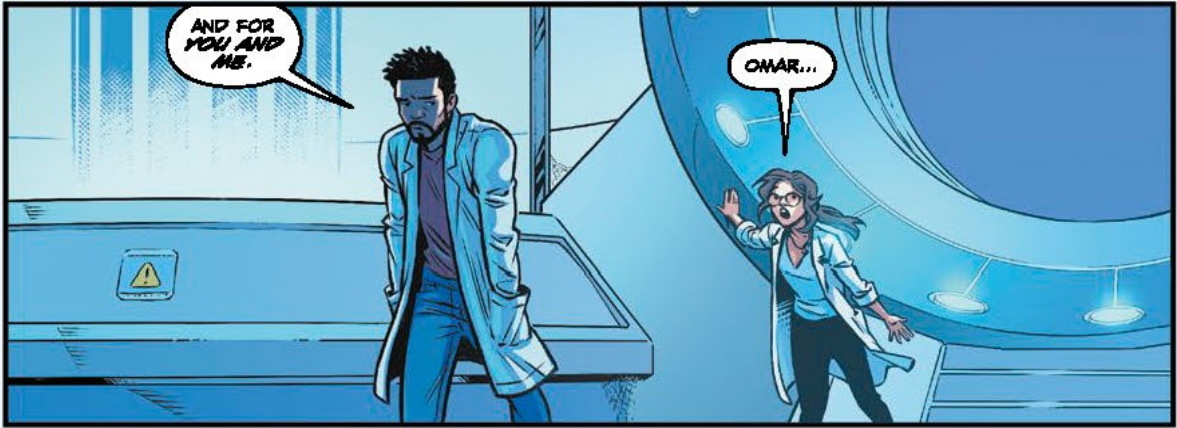
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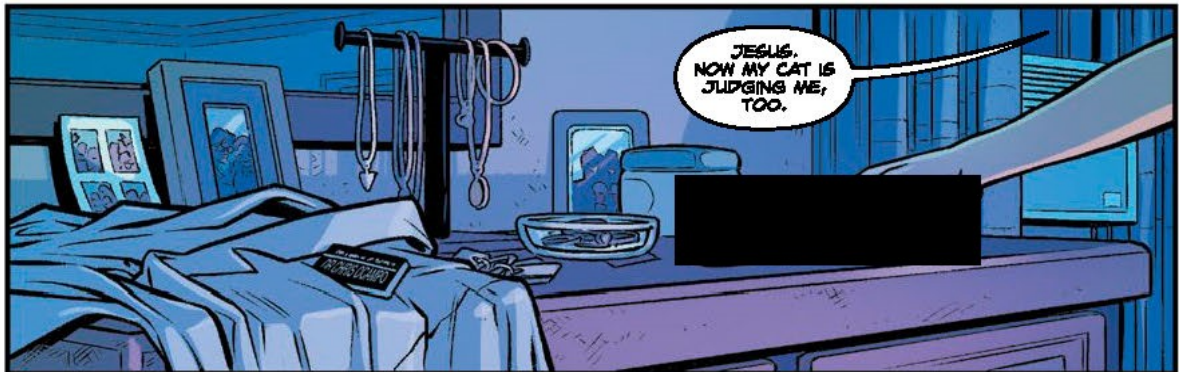
BAD HUMAN.  
BAD. BAD.

GET  
OUT, CURRÉ!  
MOMMY'S  
BUSY!

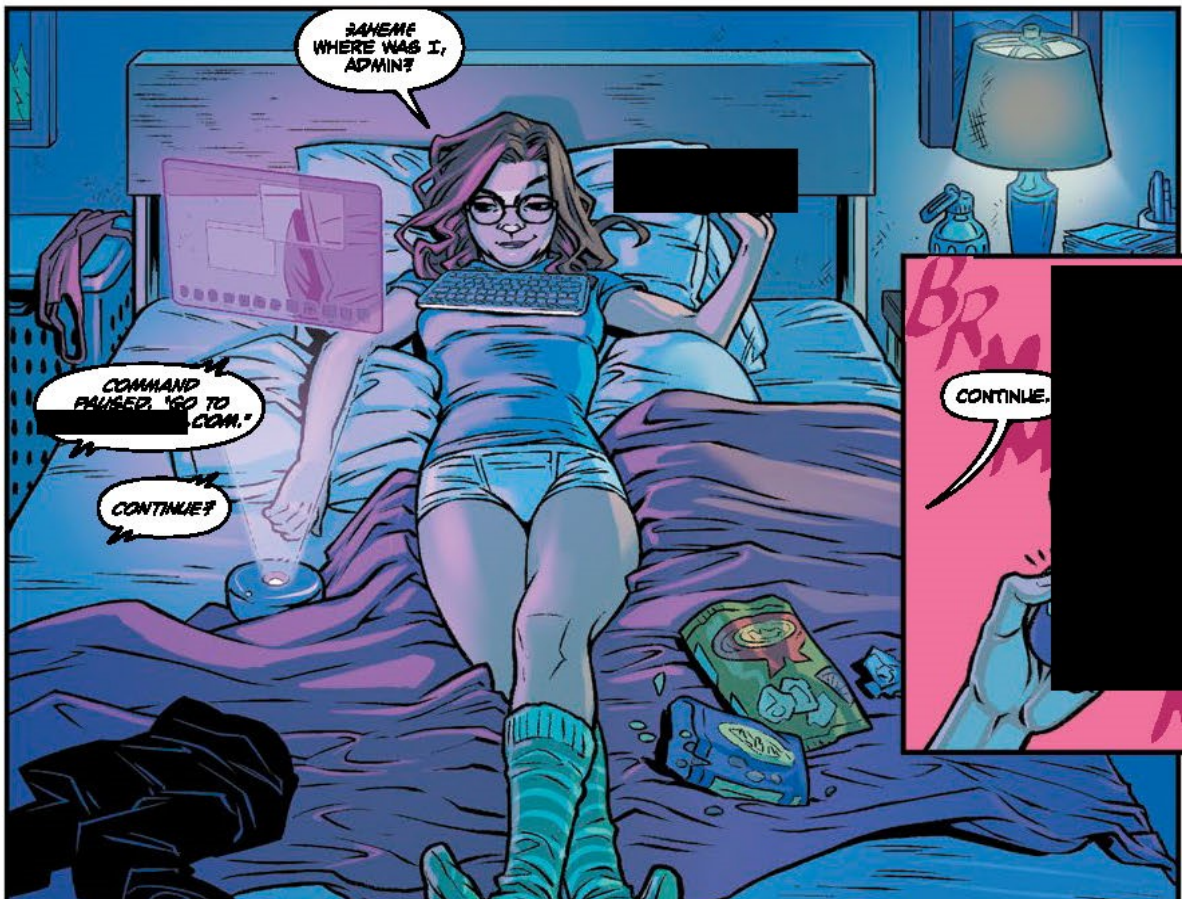


SLAM

NO MATE. BAD.  
SELF-MATE, BAD.  
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JESUS.  
NOW MY CAT IS  
JUDGING ME,  
TOO.



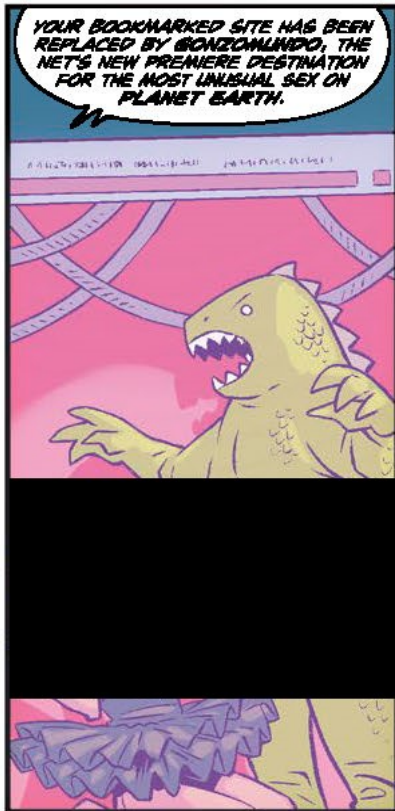
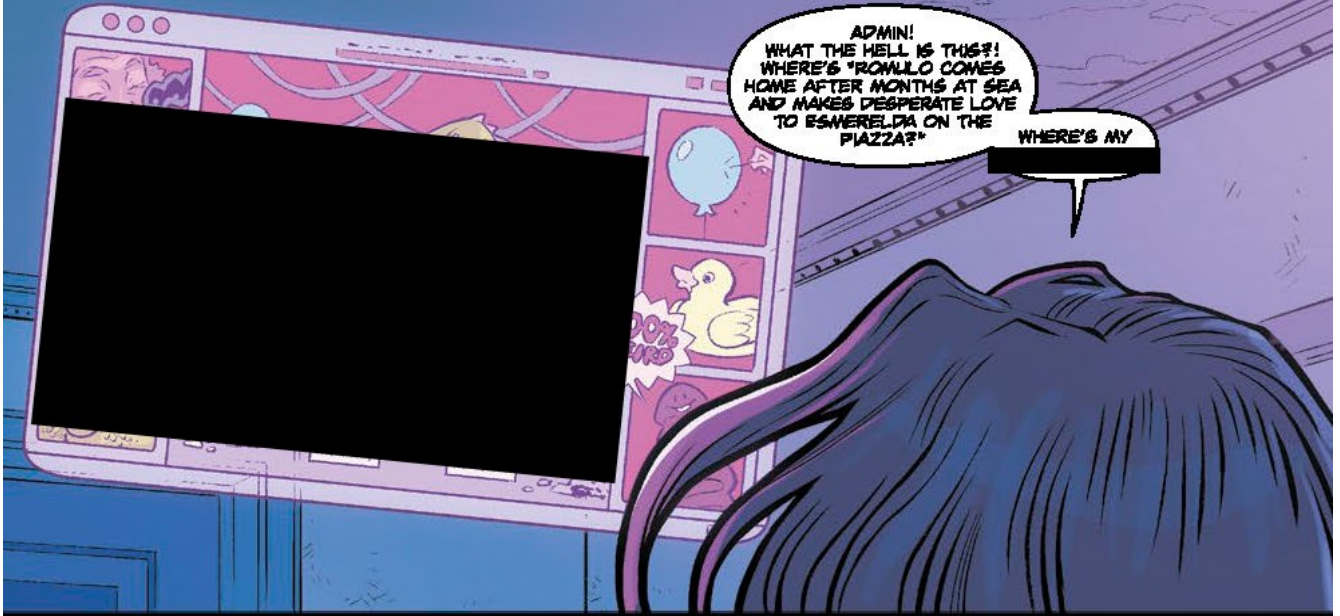
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WHERE WAS I,  
ADMIN?

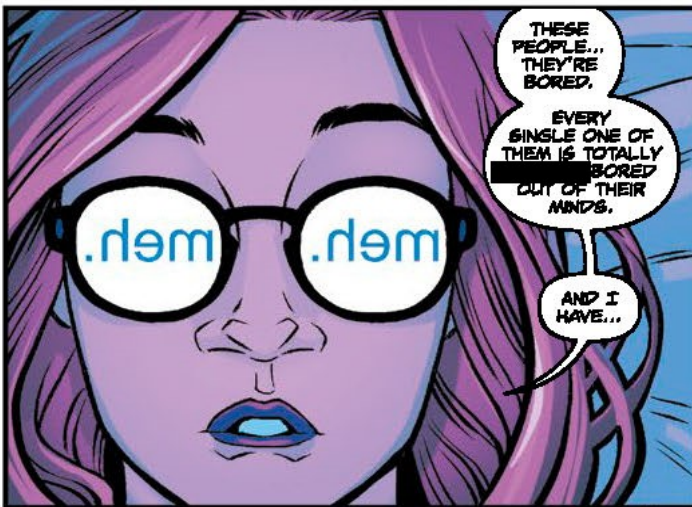
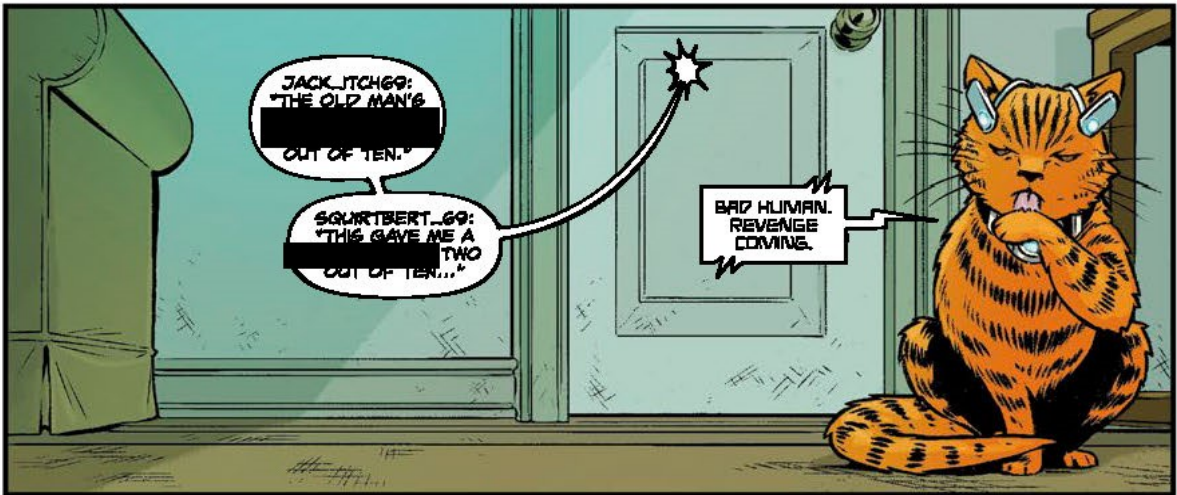
COMMAND  
PAUSED. 'GO TO  
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CONTINUE?



BR  
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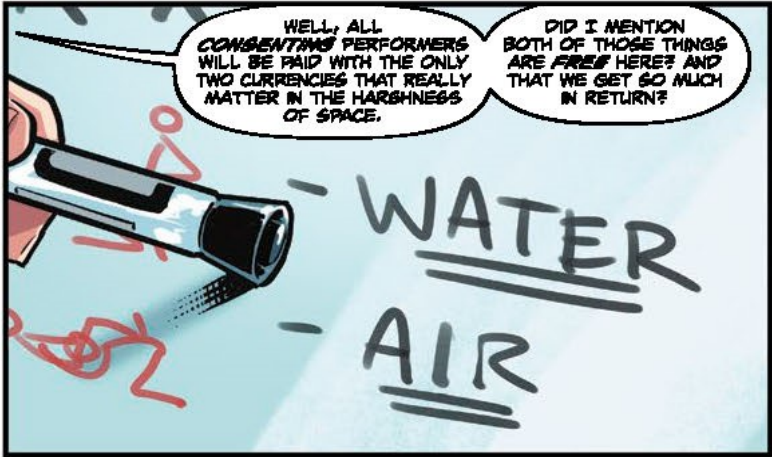


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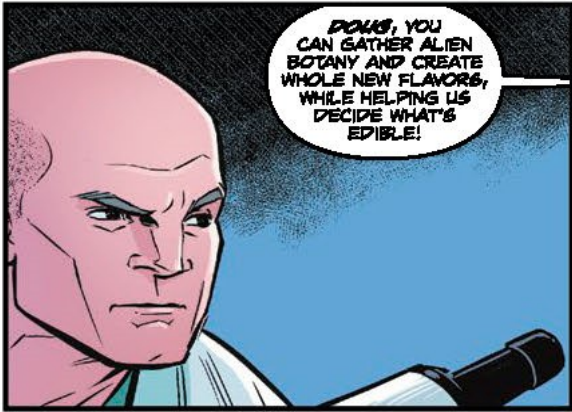


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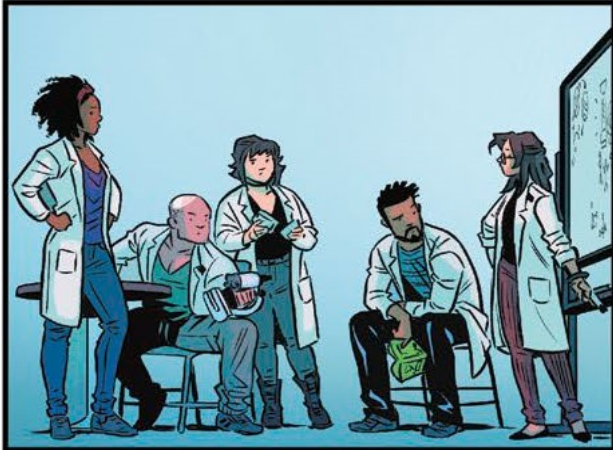
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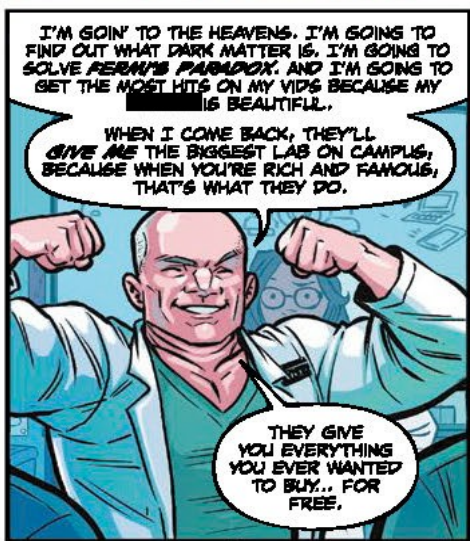
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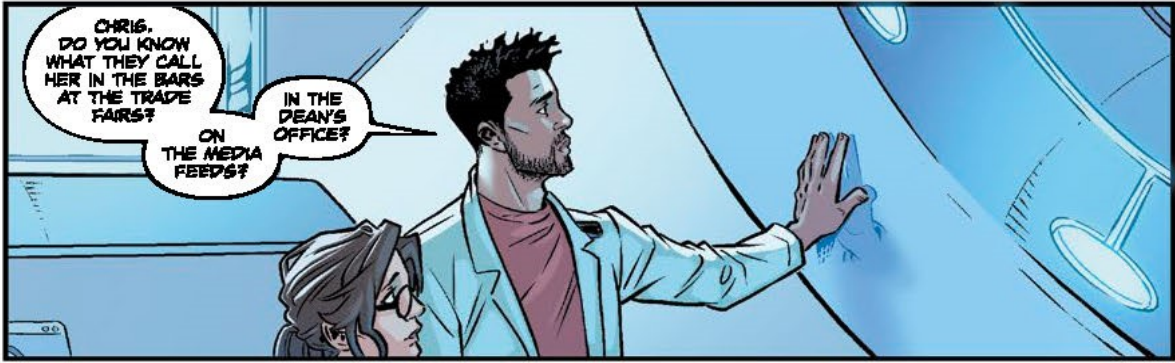
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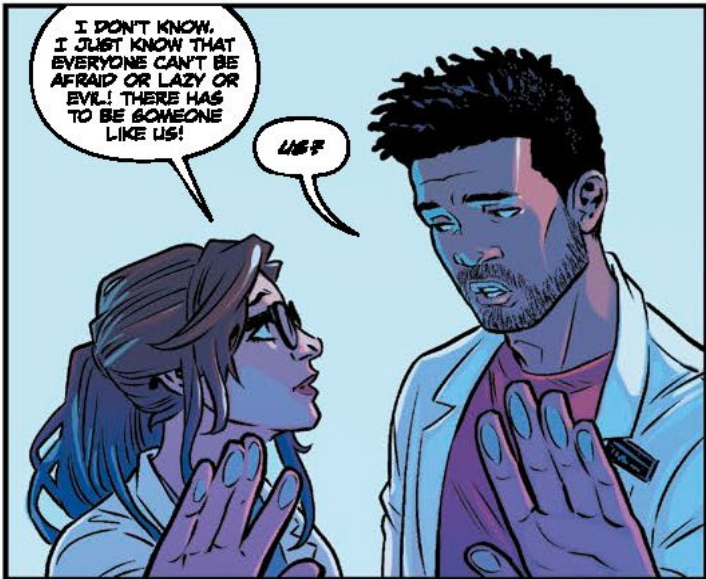
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