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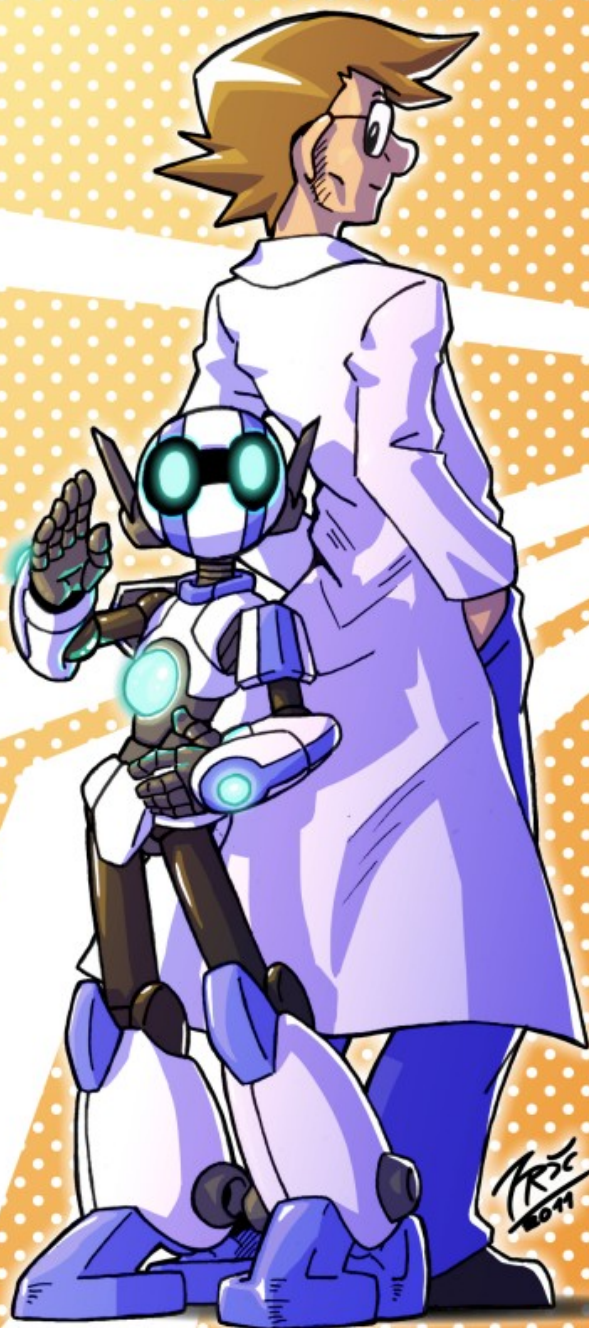
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**"The art sucks!"**  
- Bob Liefeld

**"The robot's design is too complex."**  
- Steve Works

**"Needs more gigawatts!"**  
- Some scientist

**"I kinda like it."**  
- A drunk guy I found in the alley



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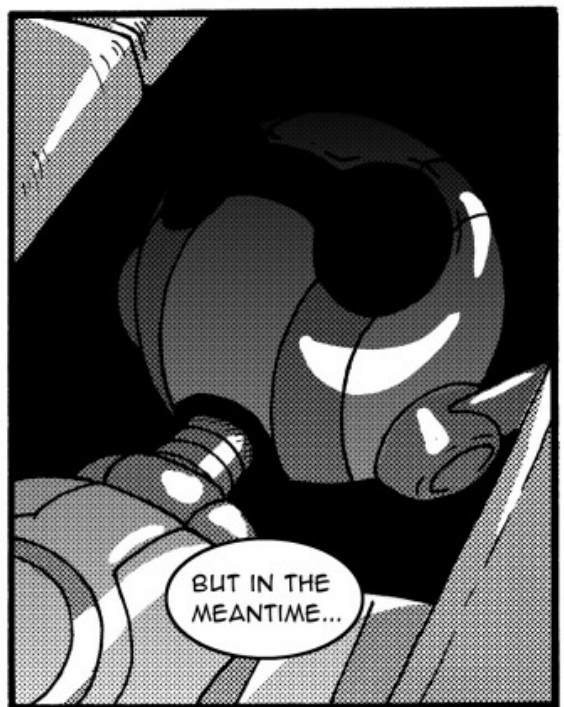
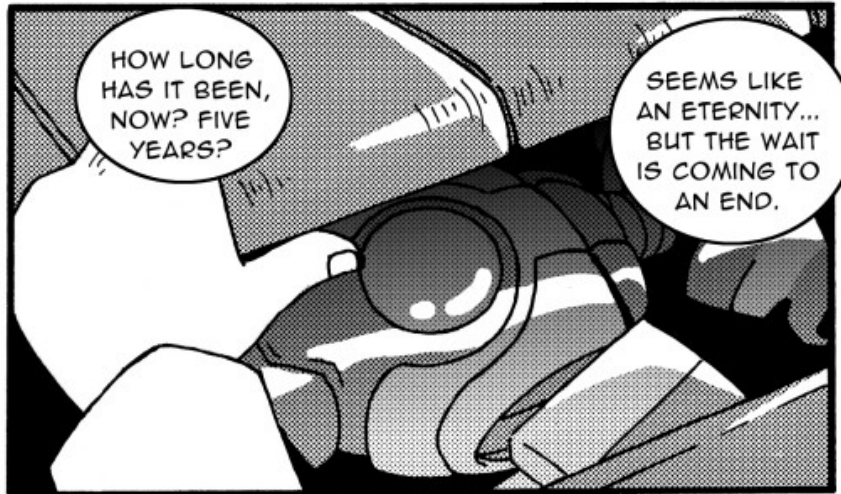
**TRANCY  
WORKS**

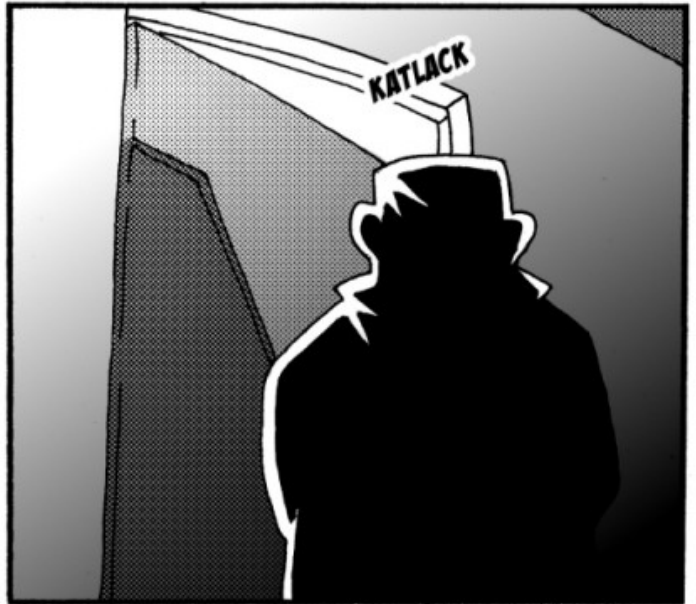
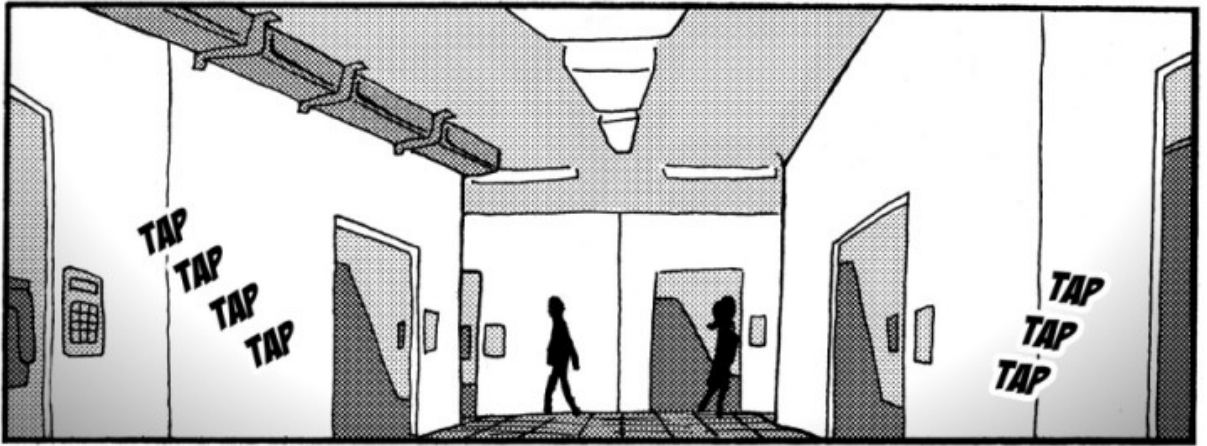
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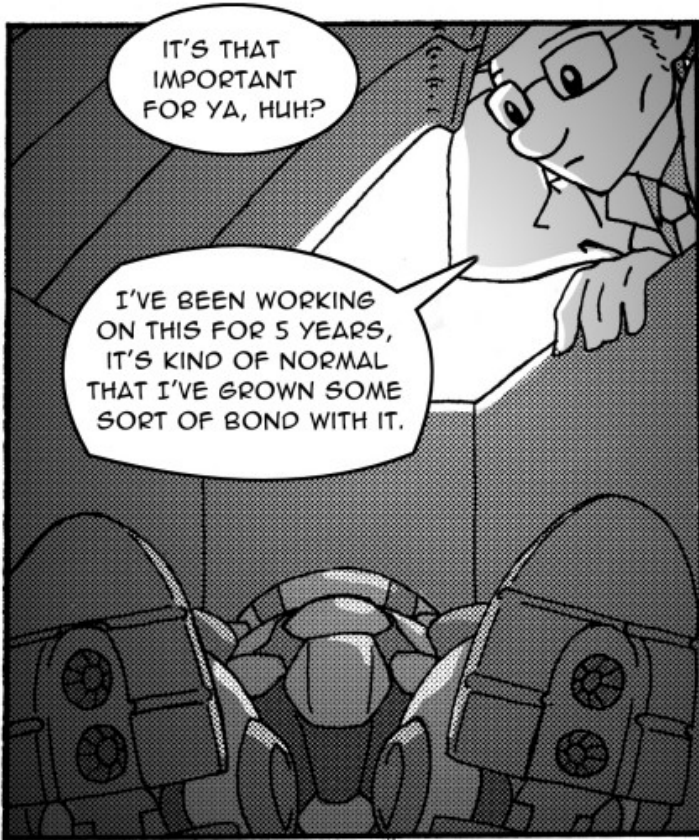
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IT'S THAT IMPORTANT FOR YA, HUH?

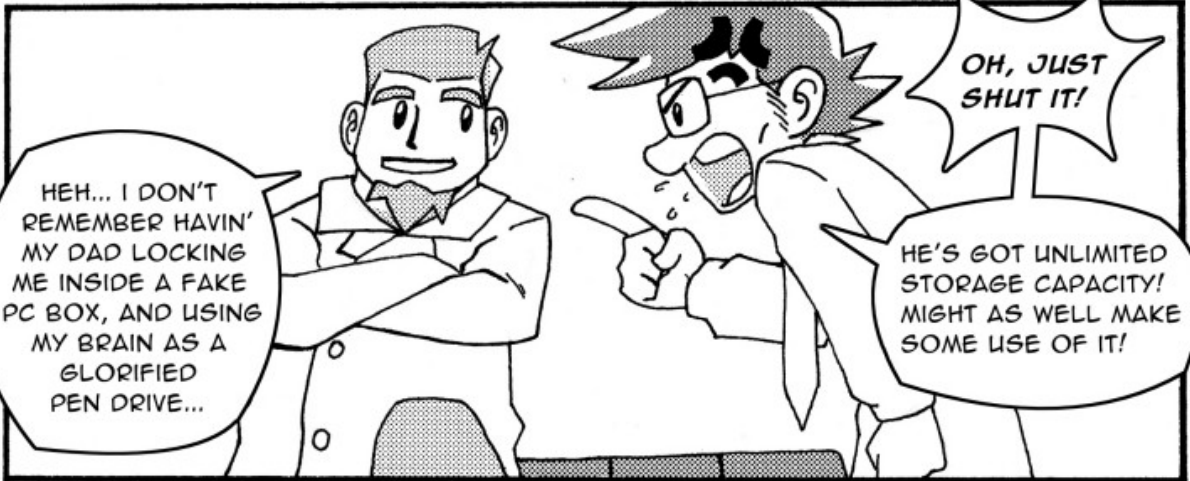
I'VE BEEN WORKING ON THIS FOR 5 YEARS, IT'S KIND OF NORMAL THAT I'VE GROWN SOME SORT OF BOND WITH IT.



THINK



HE'S LIKE A SON, TO ME.



HEH... I DON'T REMEMBER HAVIN' MY DAD LOCKING ME INSIDE A FAKE PC BOX, AND USING MY BRAIN AS A GLORIFIED PEN DRIVE...

OH, JUST SHUT IT!

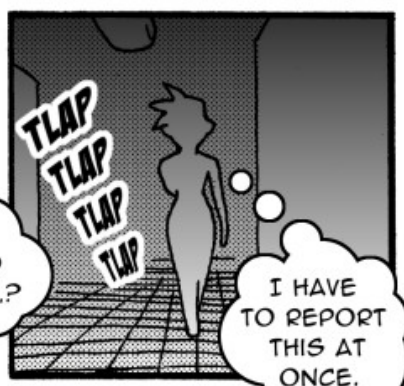
HE'S GOT UNLIMITED STORAGE CAPACITY! MIGHT AS WELL MAKE SOME USE OF IT!



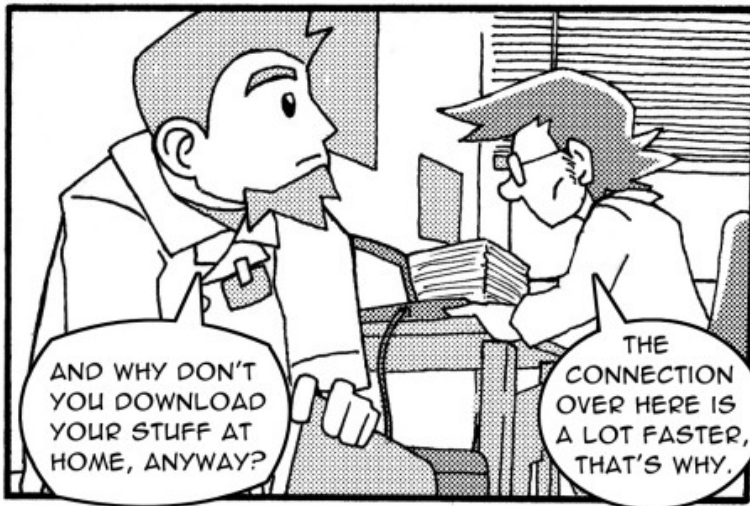
AND GET THAT BIG REAR OF YOURS OUTTA THAT BOX!

HEY, I DON'T HEAR HIM COMPLAINING, HEHEHE...

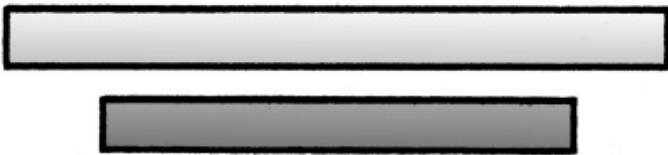
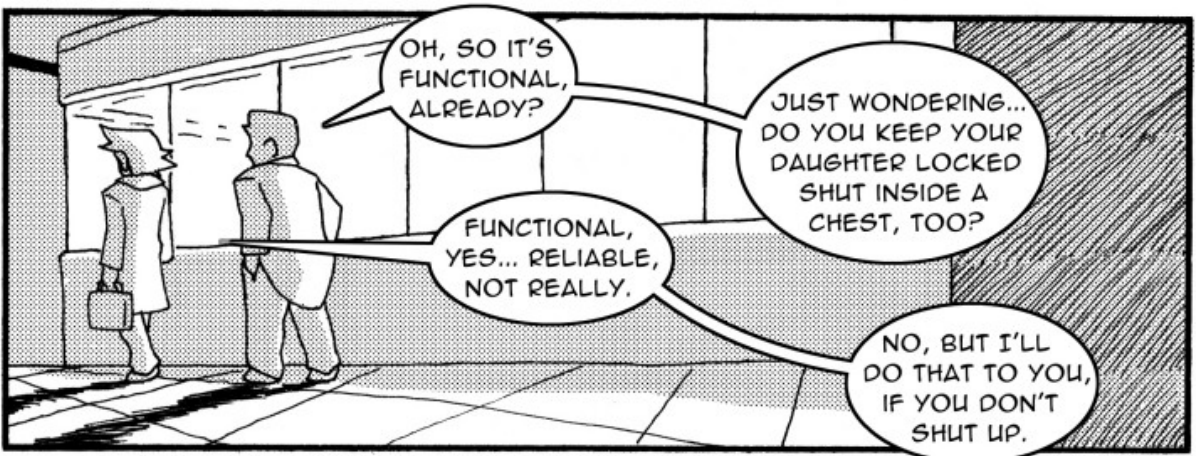
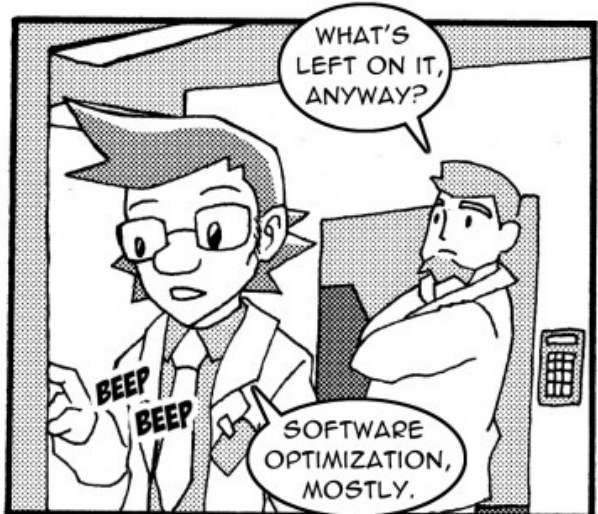
UNLIMITED STORAGE...?

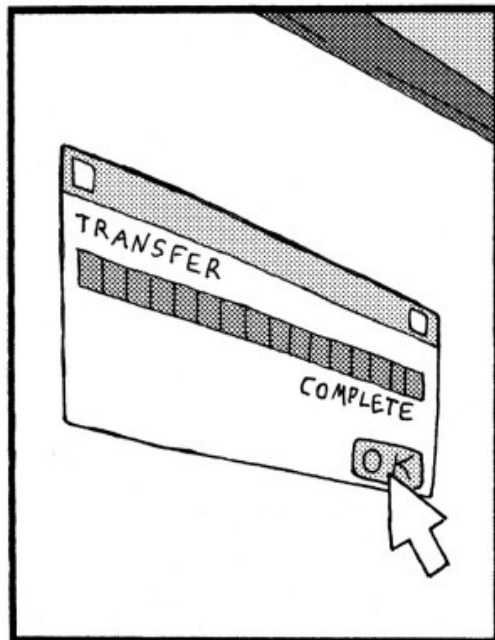
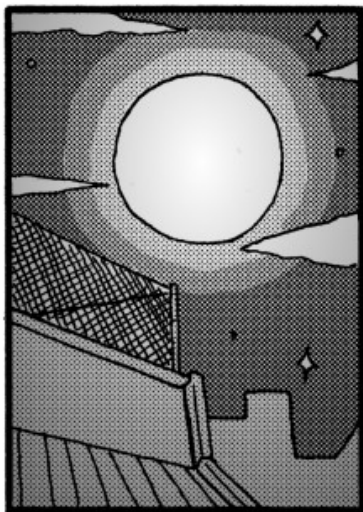


I HAVE TO REPORT THIS AT ONCE.



THE CONNECTION OVER HERE IS A LOT FASTER, THAT'S WHY.









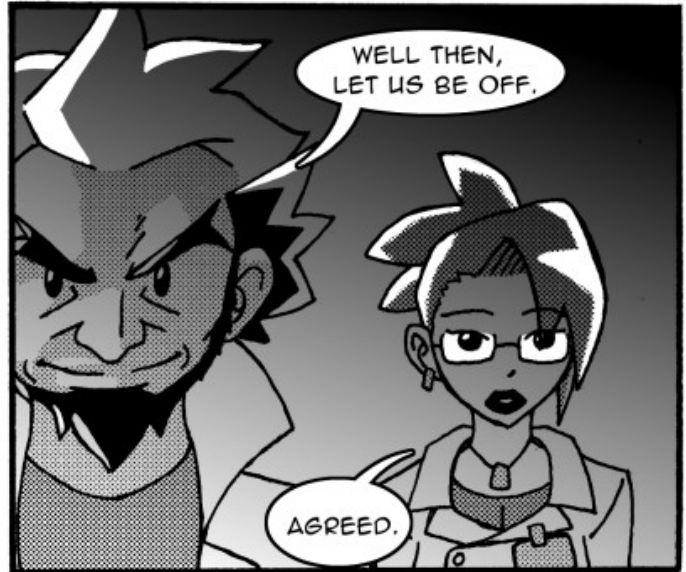
AS MUCH AS I'D LIKE TO KNOW MORE ABOUT THAT "UNLIMITED STORAGE"...

... IT IS BEST SOMETIMES TO SIMPLY WIPE OUT ANY COMPETITION.



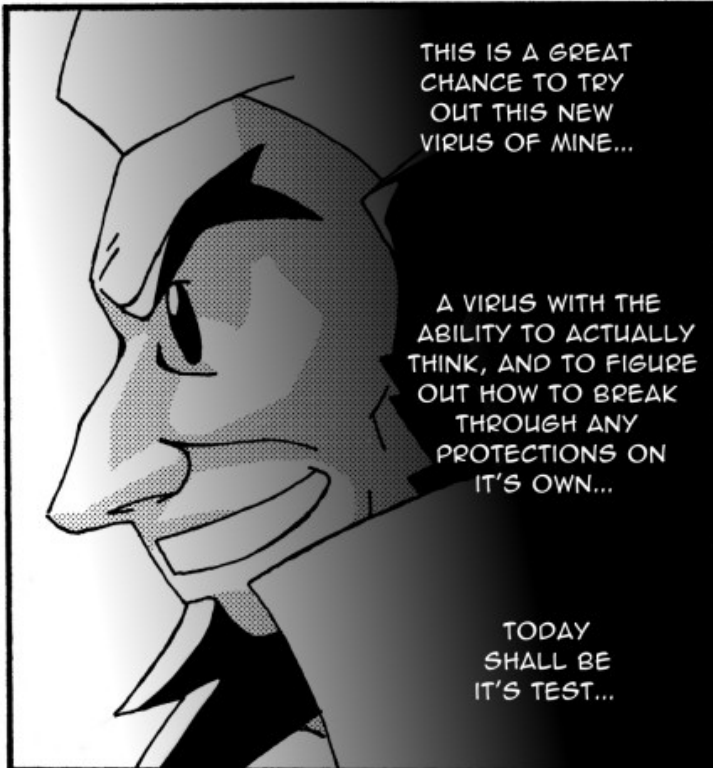
ISN'T THAT RIGHT, PAULA?

YES, SIR.



WELL THEN, LET US BE OFF.

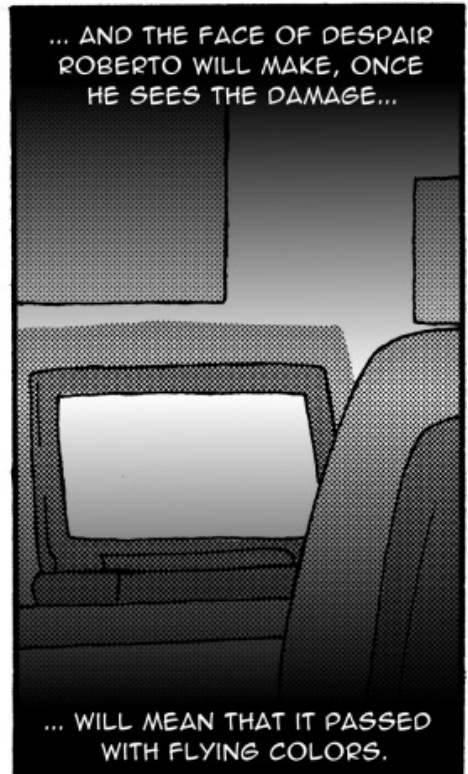
AGREED.



THIS IS A GREAT CHANCE TO TRY OUT THIS NEW VIRUS OF MINE...

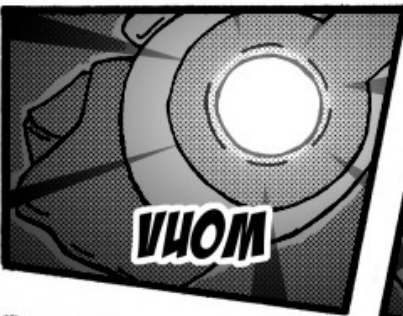
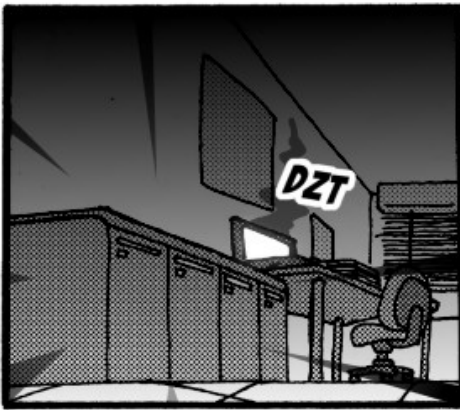
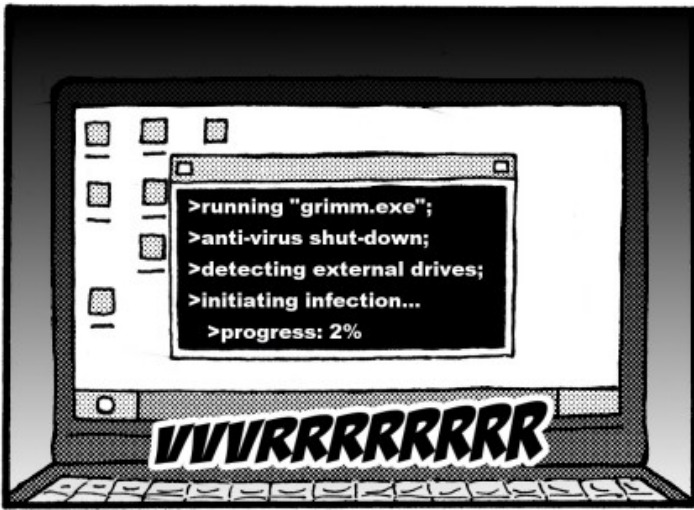
A VIRUS WITH THE ABILITY TO ACTUALLY THINK, AND TO FIGURE OUT HOW TO BREAK THROUGH ANY PROTECTIONS ON IT'S OWN...

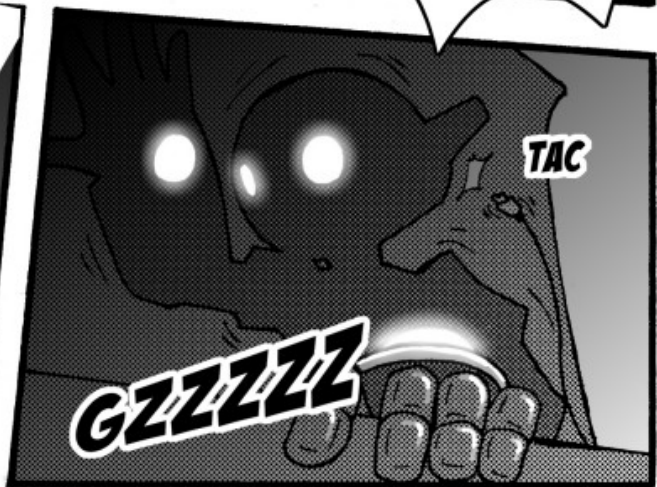
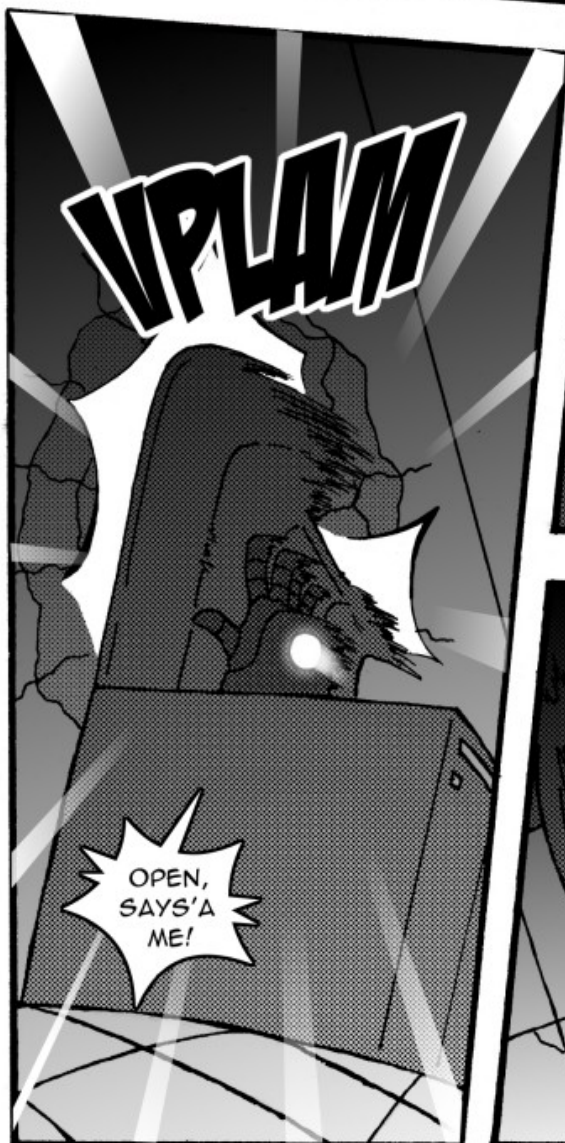
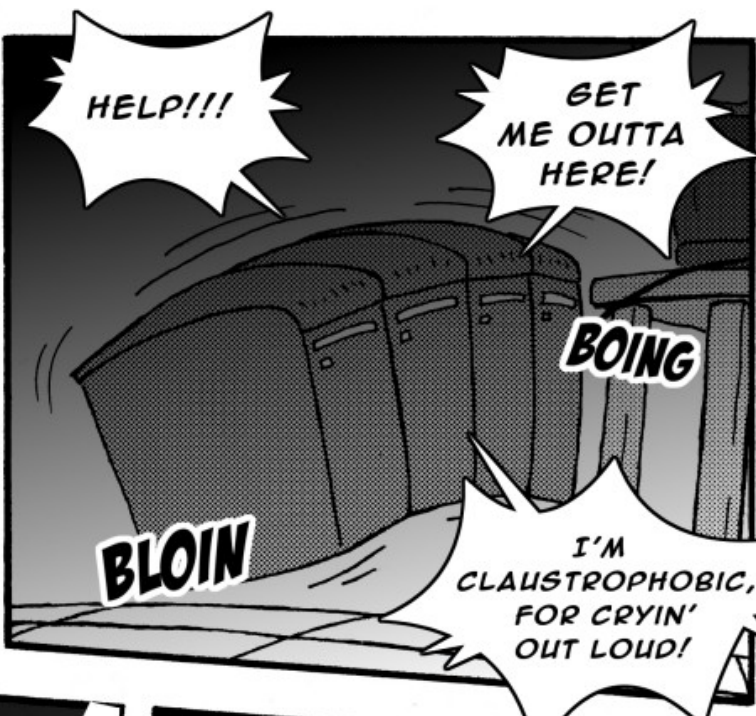
TODAY SHALL BE IT'S TEST...

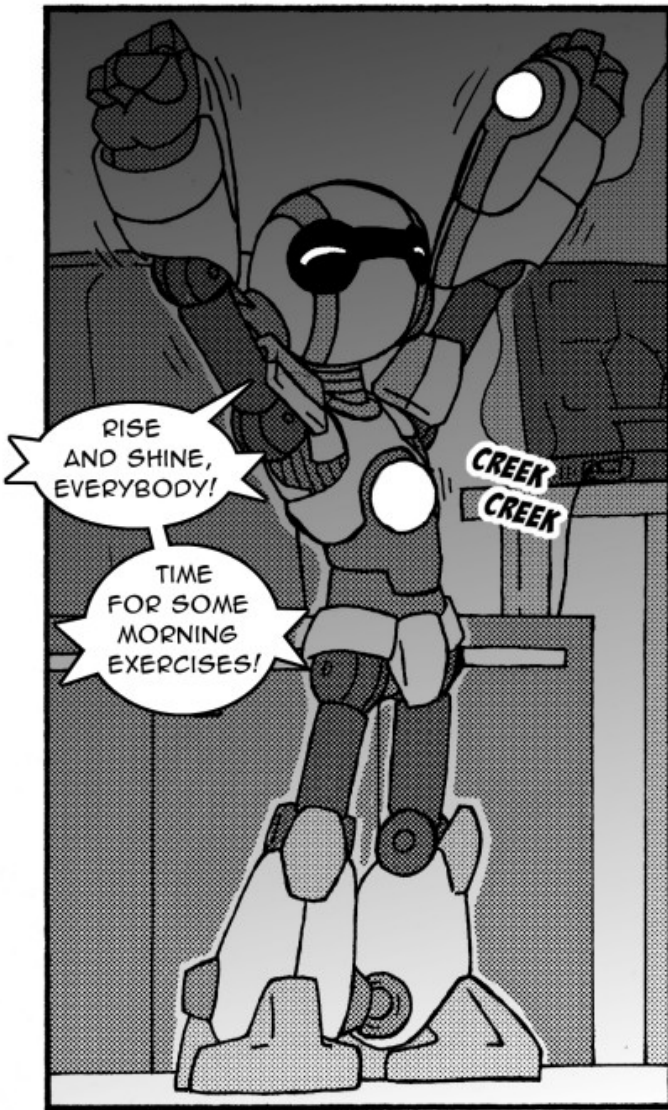


... AND THE FACE OF DESPAIR ROBERTO WILL MAKE, ONCE HE SEES THE DAMAGE...

... WILL MEAN THAT IT PASSED WITH FLYING COLORS.



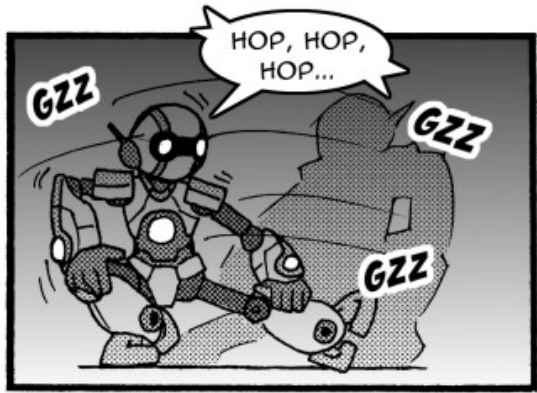




RISE AND SHINE, EVERYBODY!

TIME FOR SOME MORNING EXERCISES!

CREEK  
CREEK

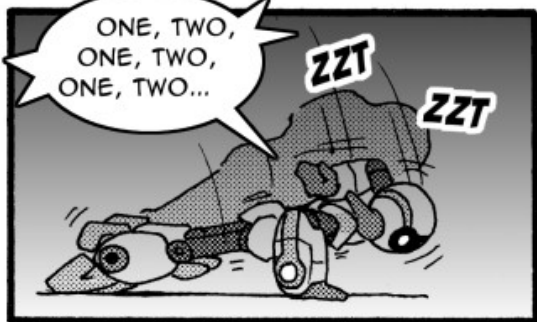


HOP, HOP, HOP...

GZZ

GZZ

GZZ



ONE, TWO, ONE, TWO, ONE, TWO...

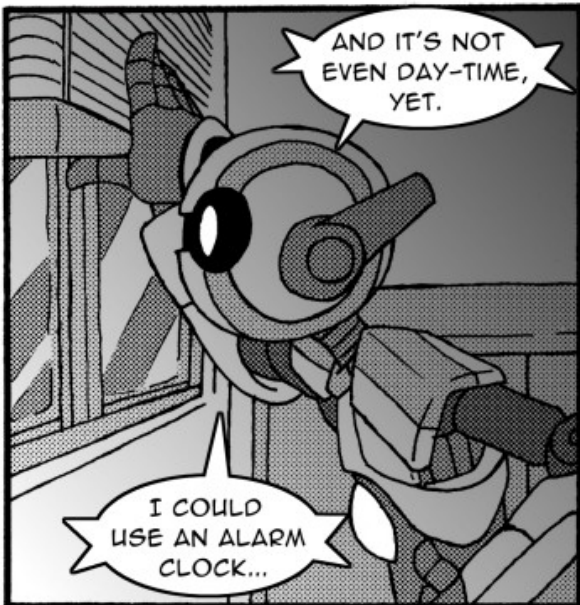
ZZT

ZZT



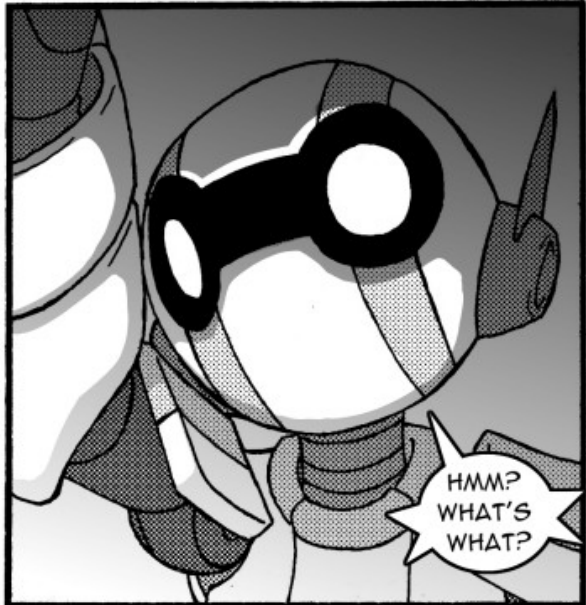
WAIT...

WHY SHOULD A ROBOT BE DOING THIS?

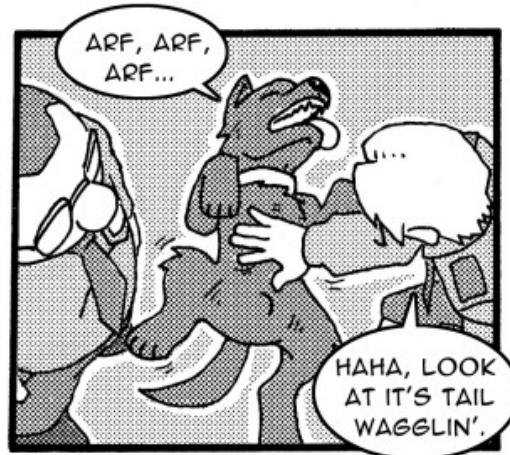


AND IT'S NOT EVEN DAY-TIME, YET.

I COULD USE AN ALARM CLOCK...



HMM? WHAT'S WHAT?



ARF, ARF,  
ARF...

HAHA, LOOK  
AT IT'S TAIL  
WAGGLIN'.



MY  
GOD!



WHAT ARE THEY  
DOING TO THAT  
DEFENSELESS  
CREATURE?!



I CAN'T EVEN  
IMAGINE HOW  
MUCH IT MUST  
BE SUFFERING...

... I...

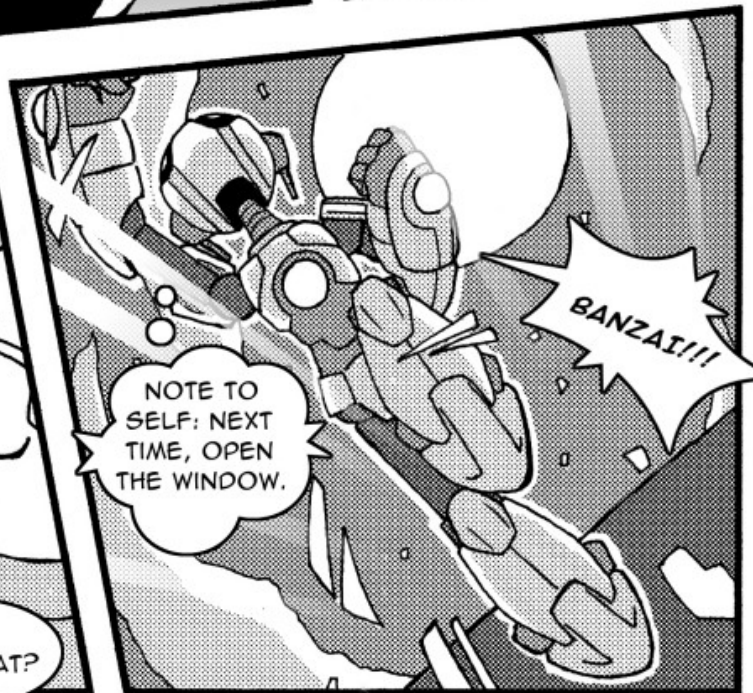


... I'VE GOT  
TO DO  
SOMETHING!



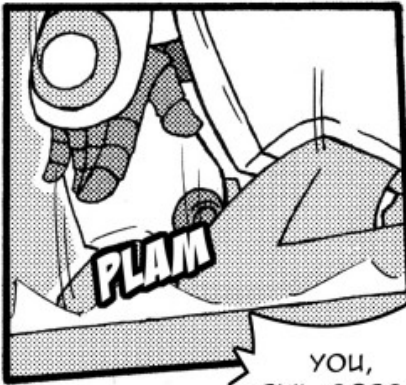
HMM?

WHAT  
WAS THAT?

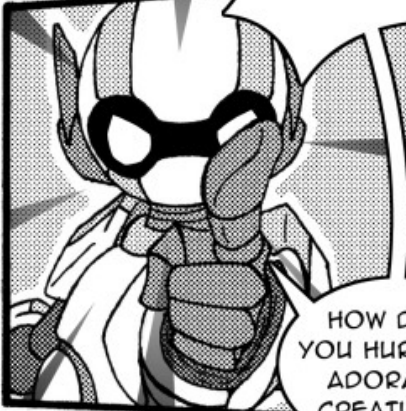


NOTE TO  
SELF: NEXT  
TIME, OPEN  
THE WINDOW.

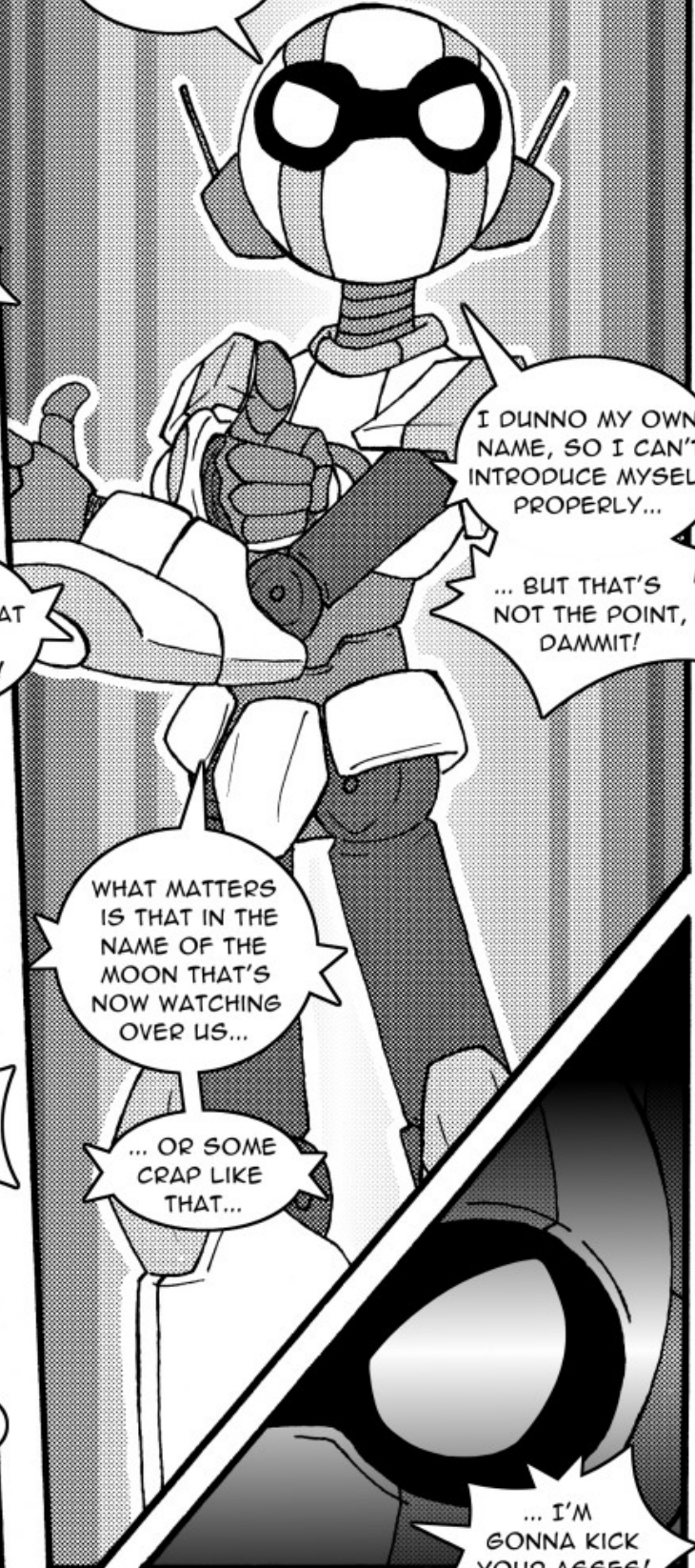
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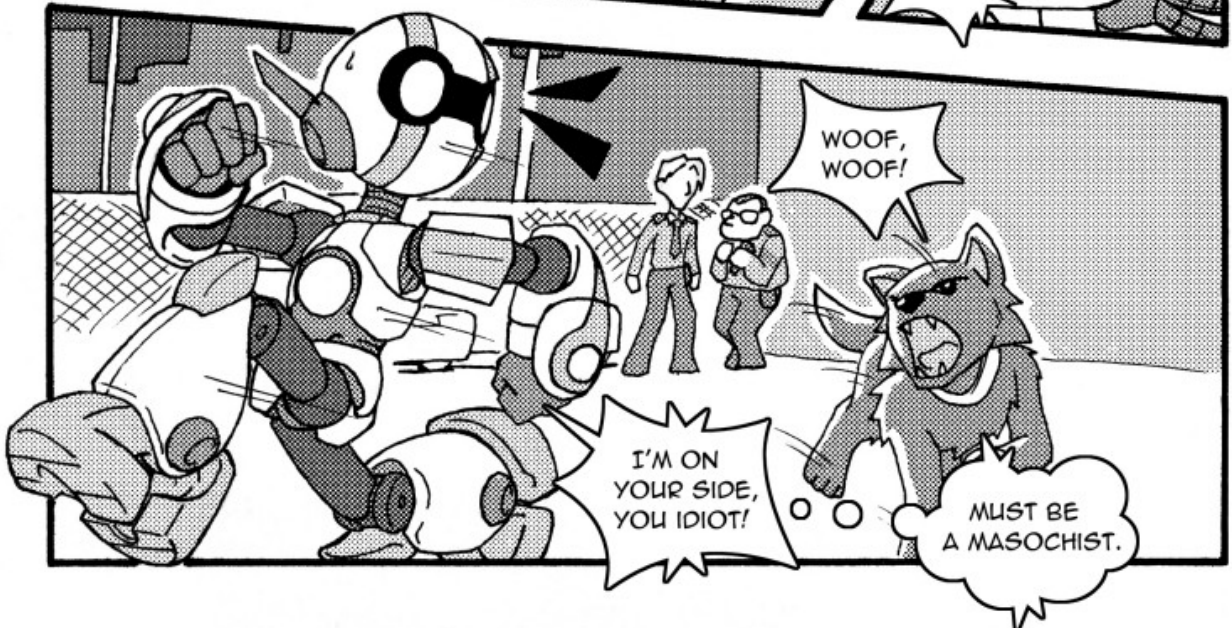
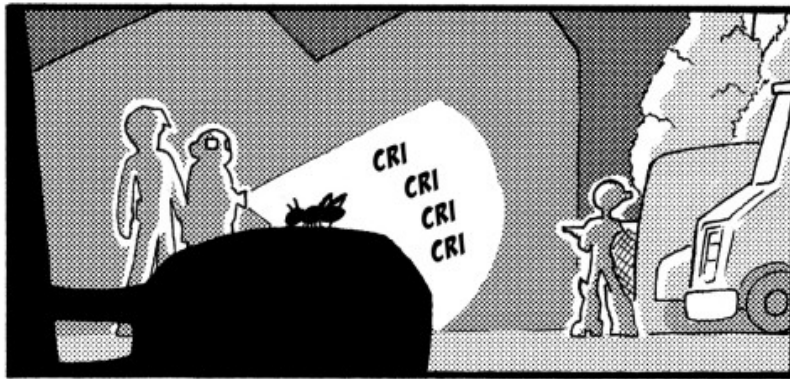


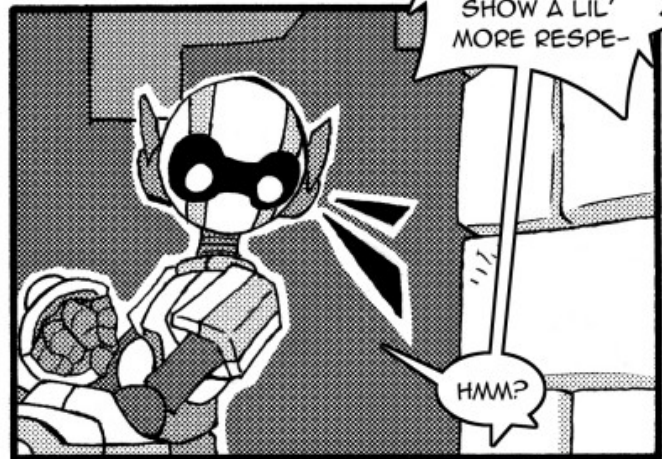
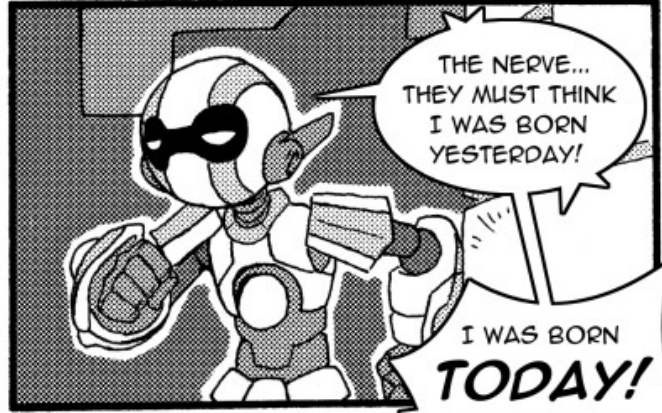
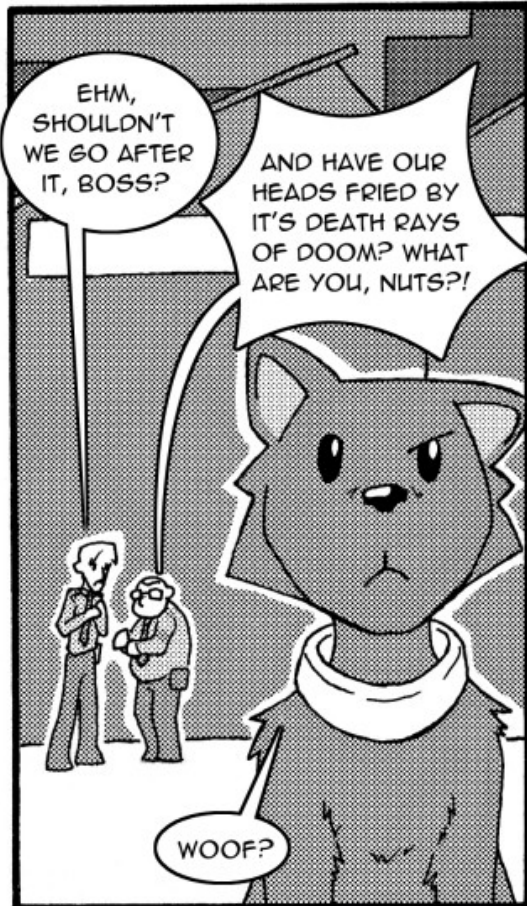
YOU,  
EVIL-DOERS!



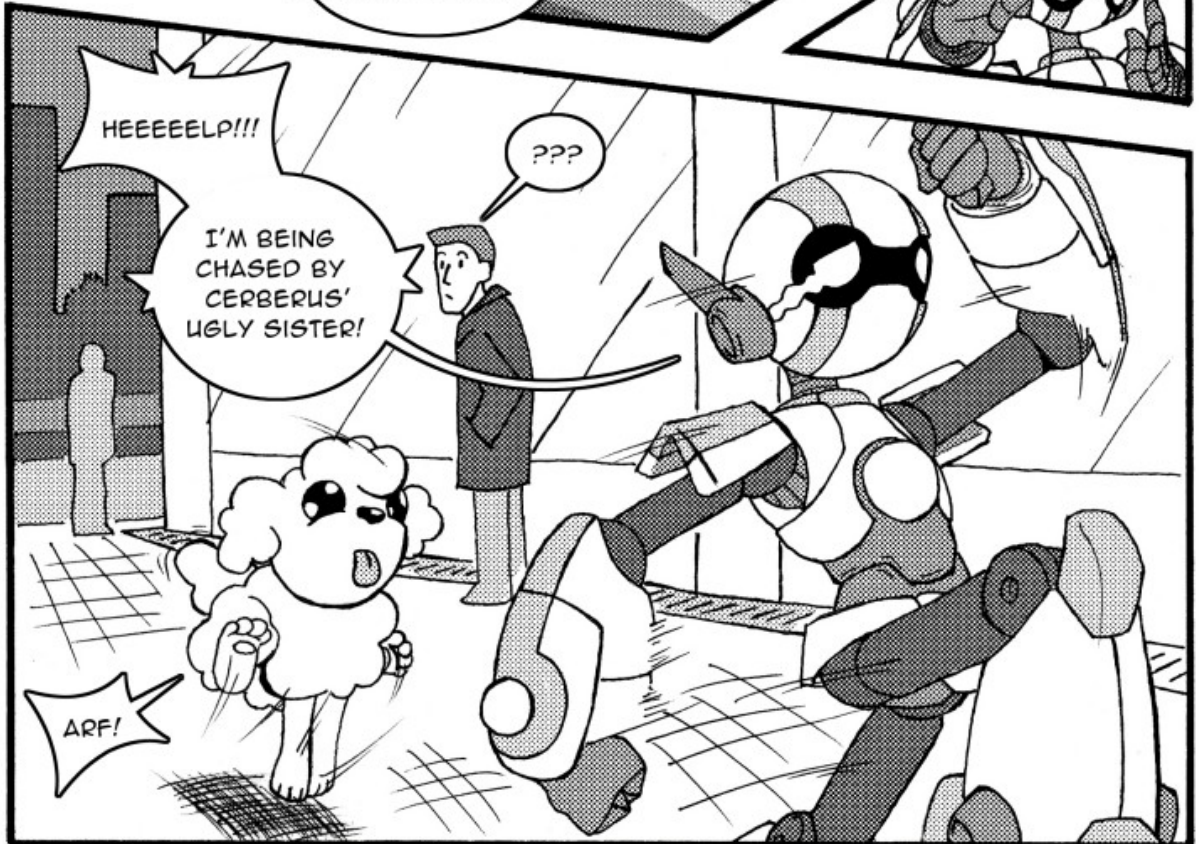
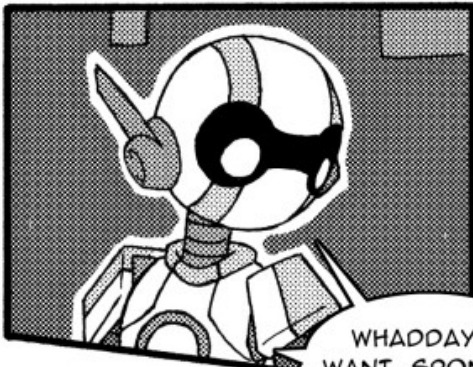
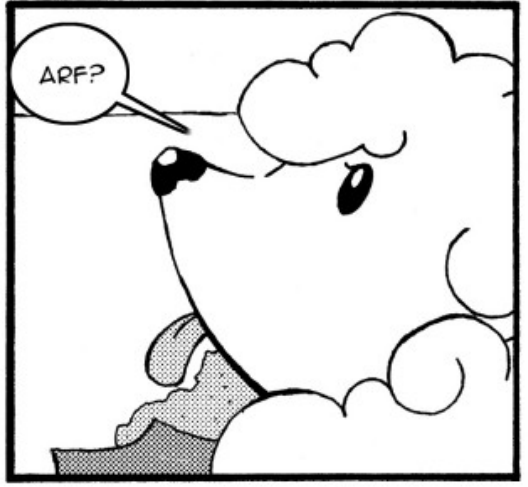
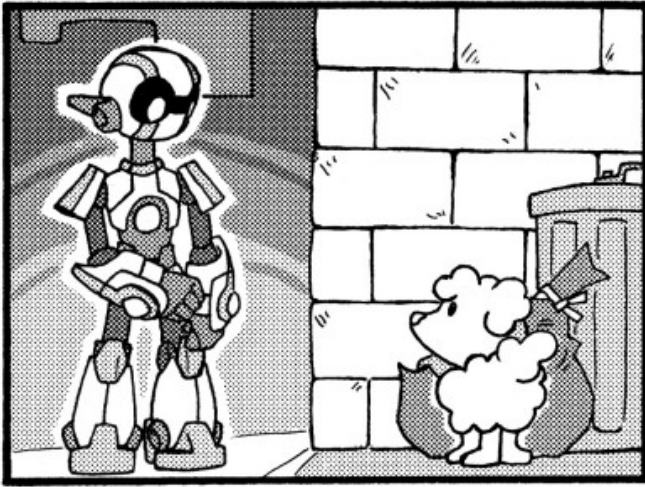
"PETA" WOULD  
TAKE TOO LONG  
TO GET HERE,  
SO HERE I AM!

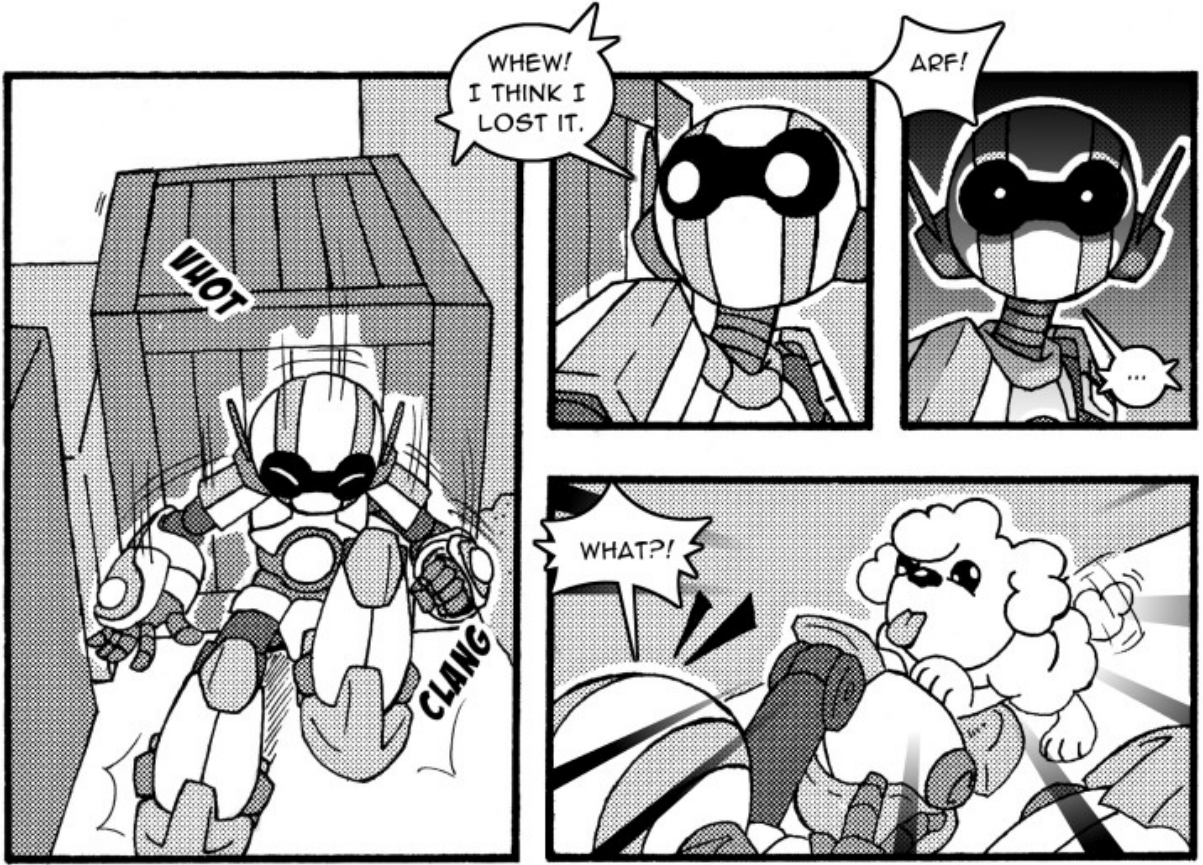












WHEW!  
I THINK I  
LOST IT.

ARF!

HOT

CLANG

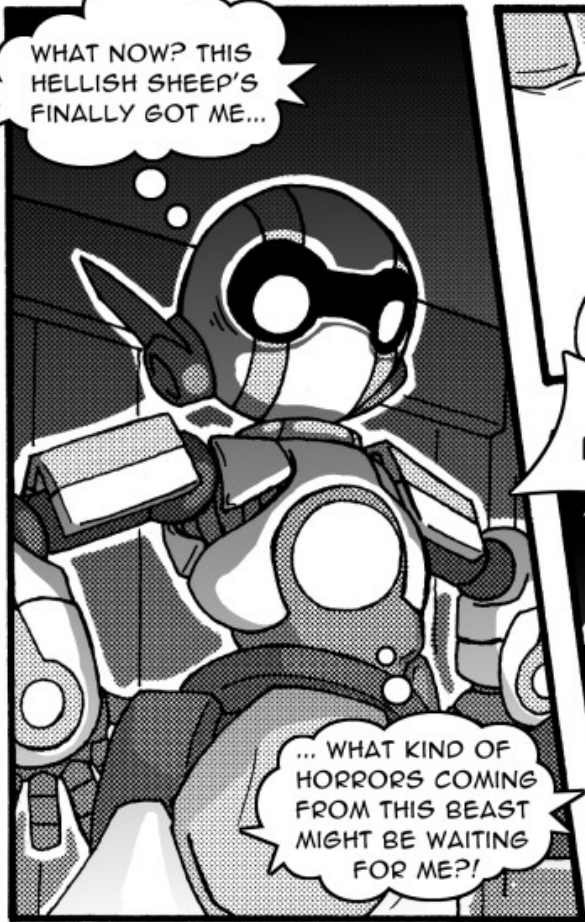
WHAT?!

WHAT NOW? THIS  
HELLISH SHEEP'S  
FINALLY GOT ME...

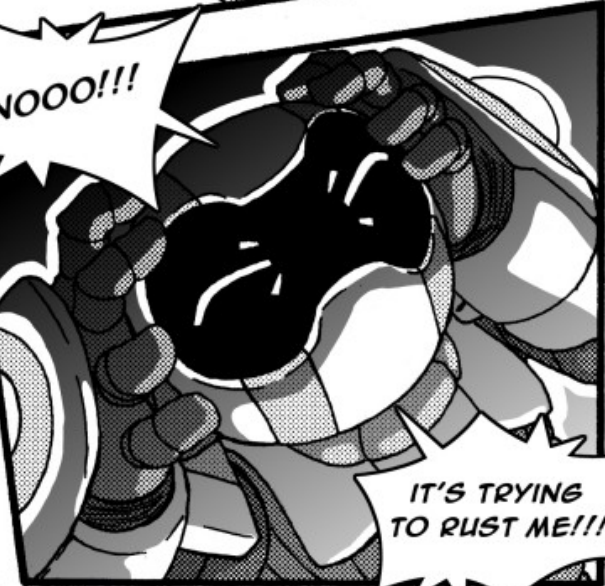


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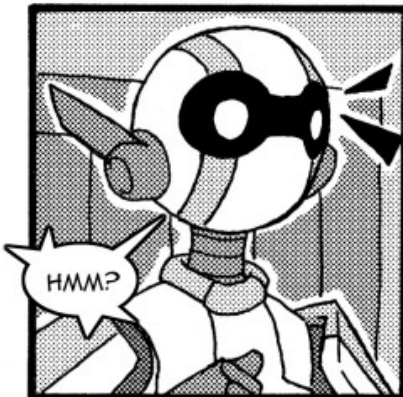
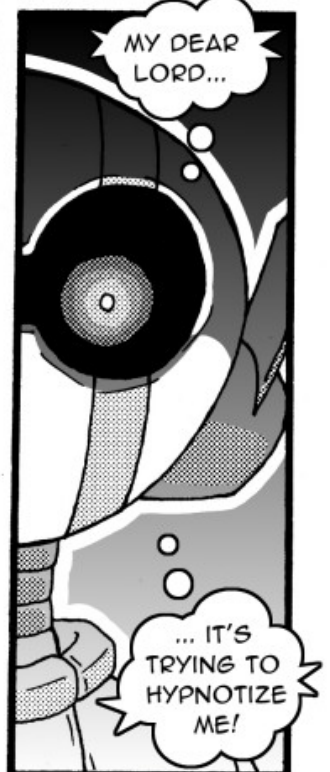
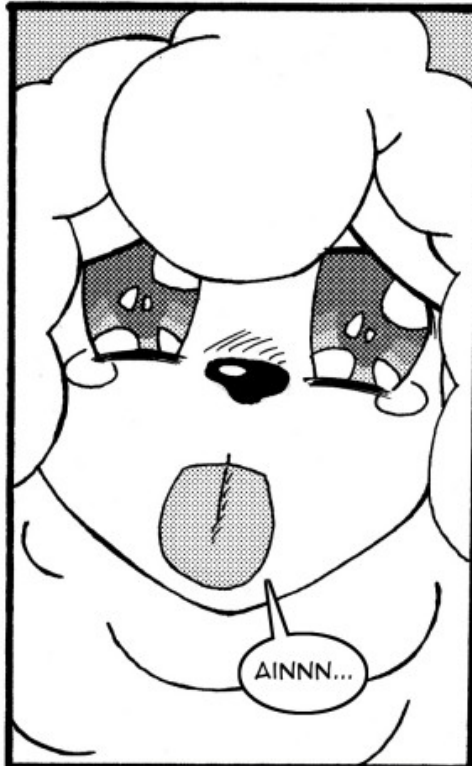
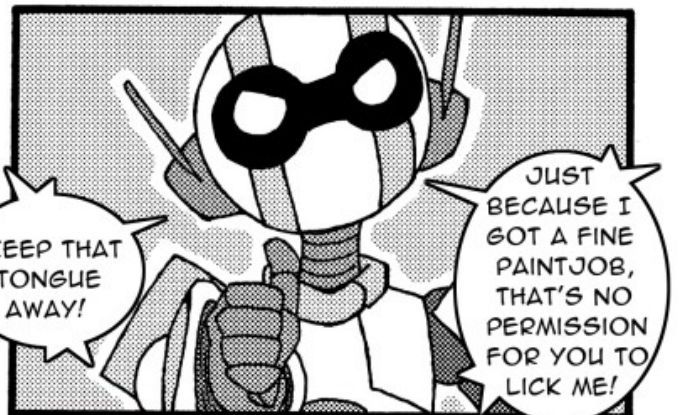
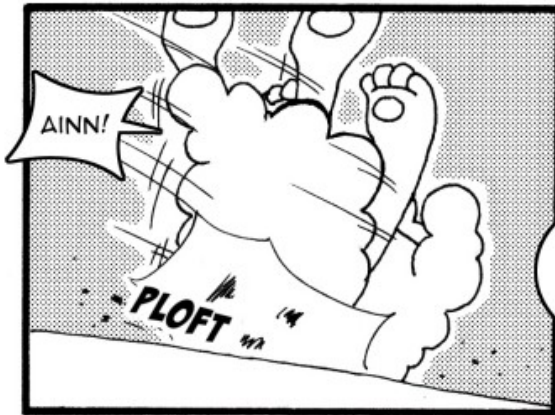
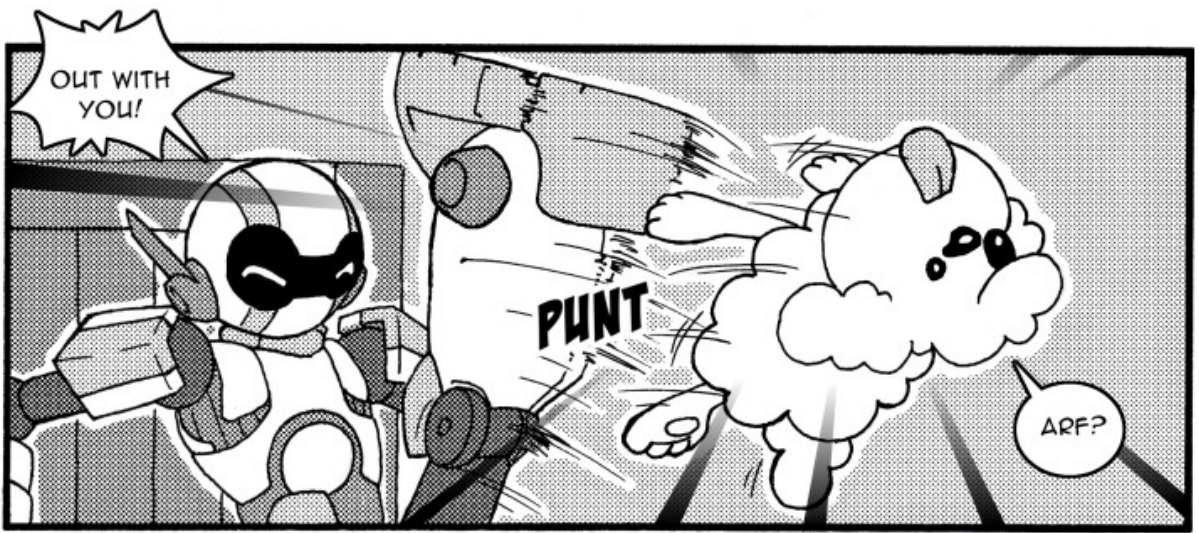
NOOO!!!



... WHAT KIND OF  
HORRORS COMING  
FROM THIS BEAST  
MIGHT BE WAITING  
FOR ME?!



IT'S TRYING  
TO RUST ME!!!



**GET AWAY FROM ME!!!**

ARF?

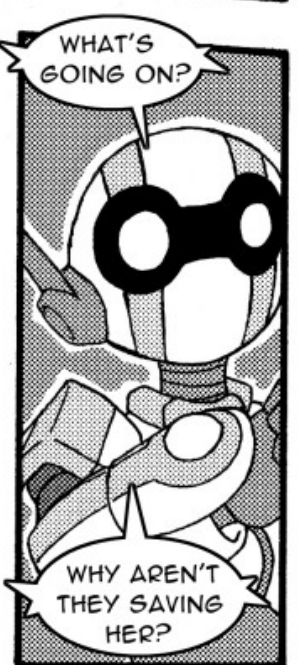
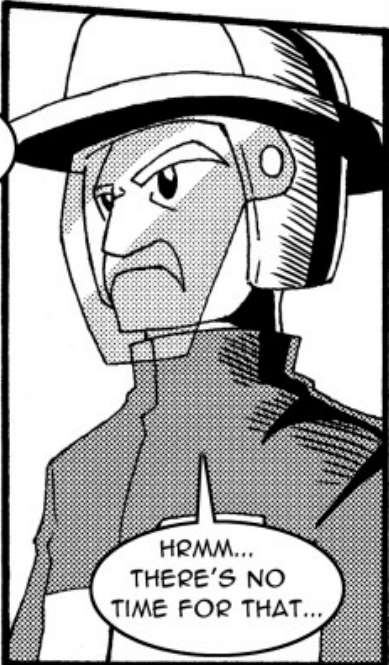
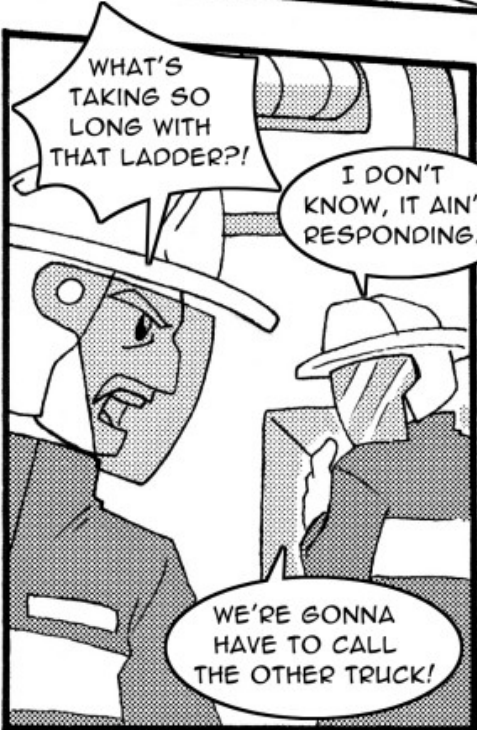
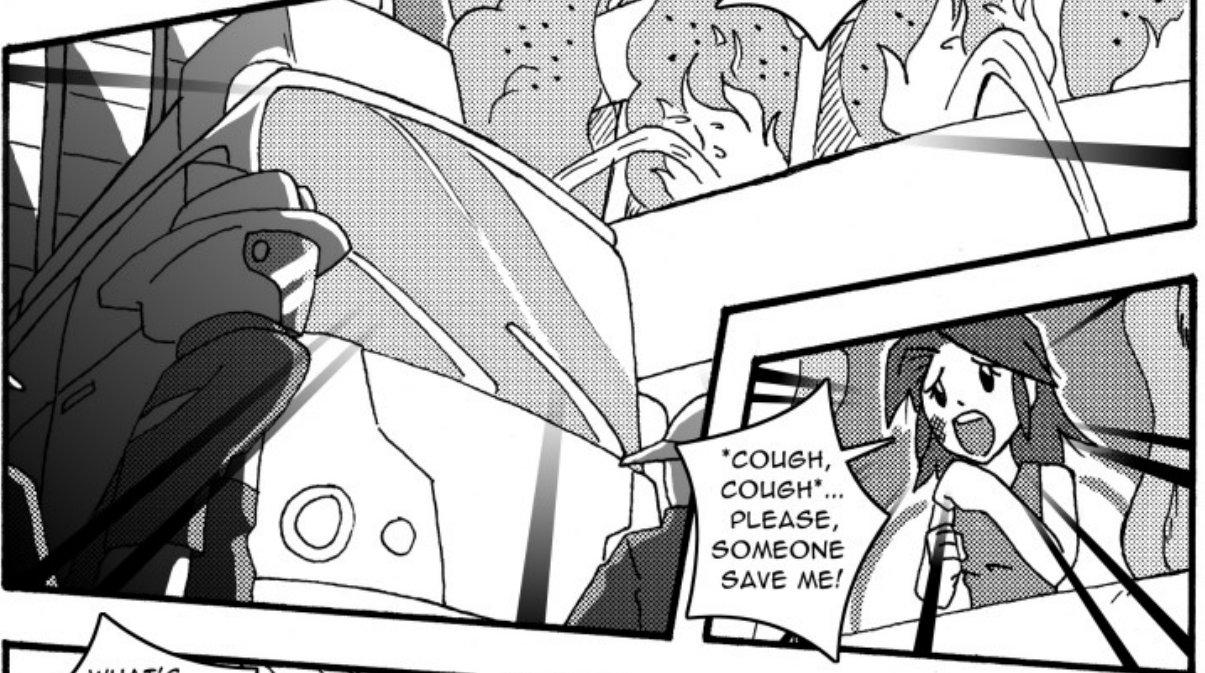
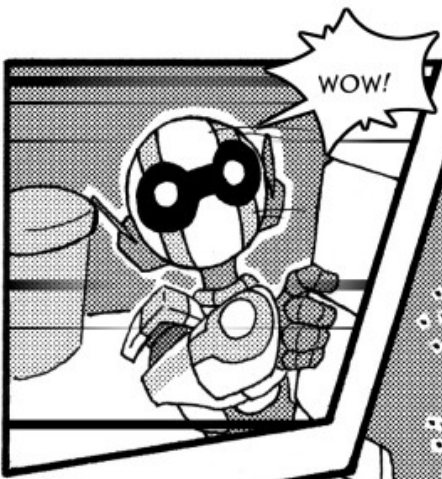
FOUR-LEGGED CRITTERS... GOD HELP ME FIGURE THEM OUT!

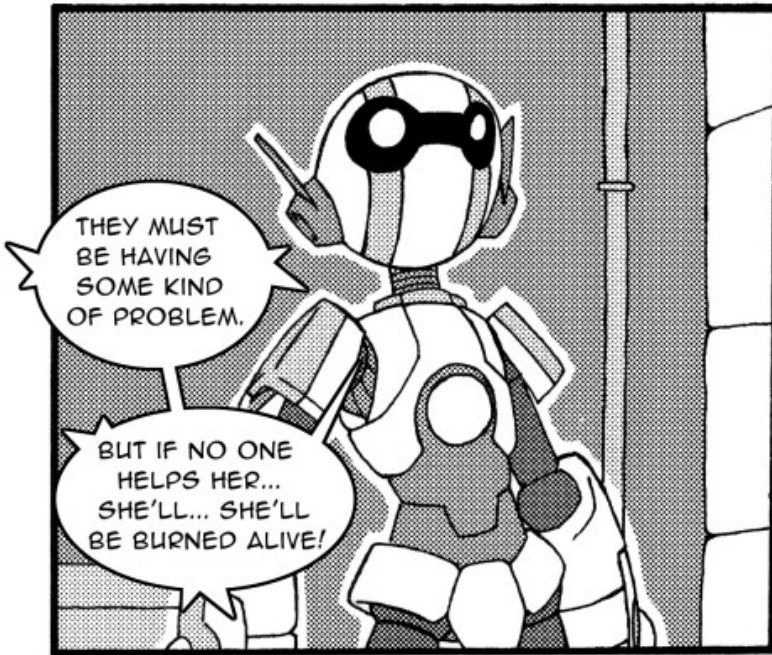
THEY DON'T KNOW HOW TO APPRECIATE A GOOD DEED, THEY TRY TO LICK YOU TO DEATH...

JUST WHAT DID I DO TO DESERVE ALL THIS?

U O O O O O O H H H

HEY, WHAT'S THAT NOISE?





THEY MUST BE HAVING SOME KIND OF PROBLEM.

BUT IF NO ONE HELPS HER... SHE'LL... SHE'LL BE BURNED ALIVE!



I WISH I COULD DO SOMETHING... BUT WHAT?

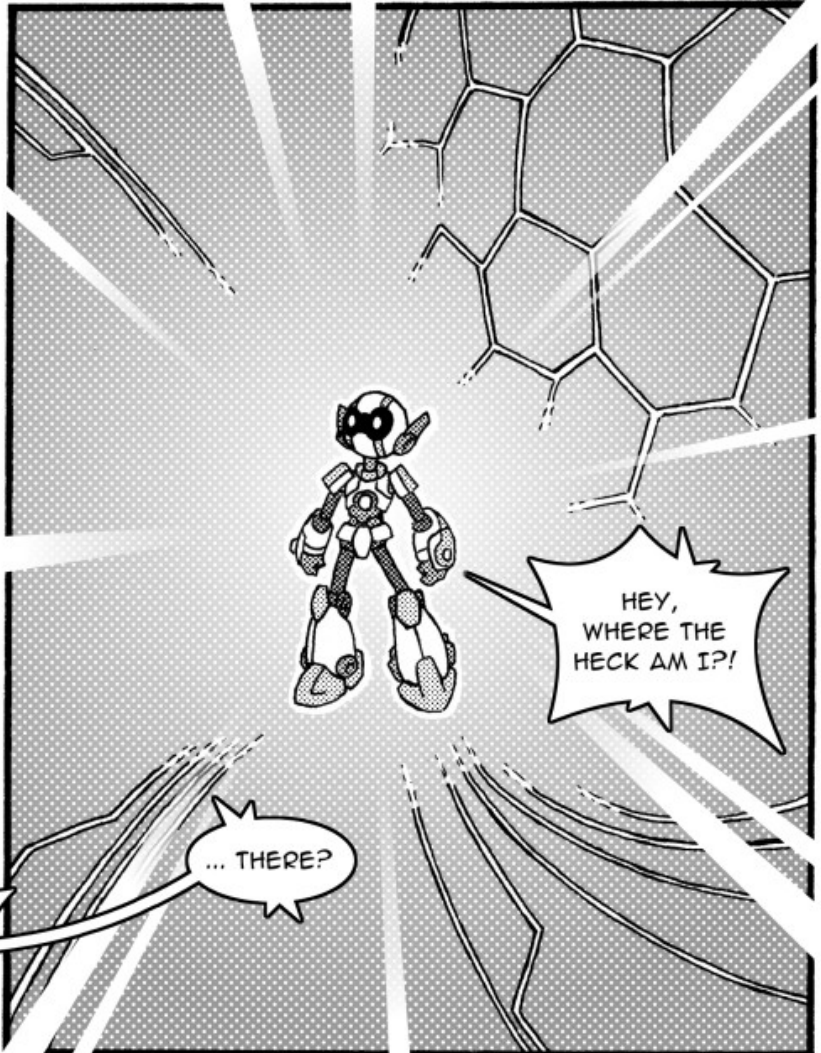
I CAN'T EVEN GET MYSELF UP THERE!



YOU C-CAN DO A WHOL-LE LOT M-MORE T-THAN JUST-T THAT...



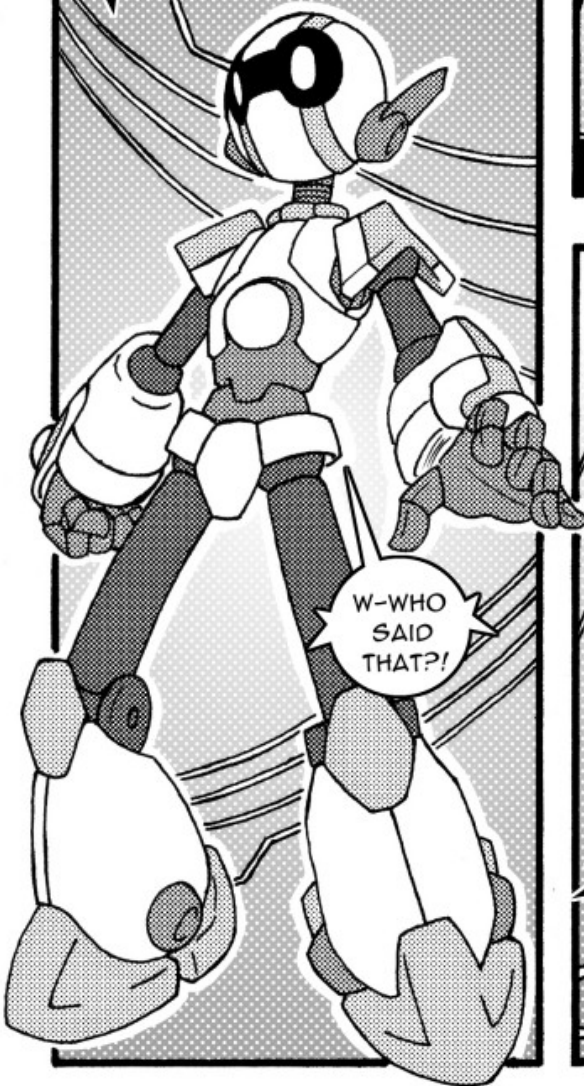
WHO IS...



HEY, WHERE THE HECK AM I?!

... THERE?

Y-YOU ARE  
INS-SIDE YOUR  
OWN M-MEMORY...



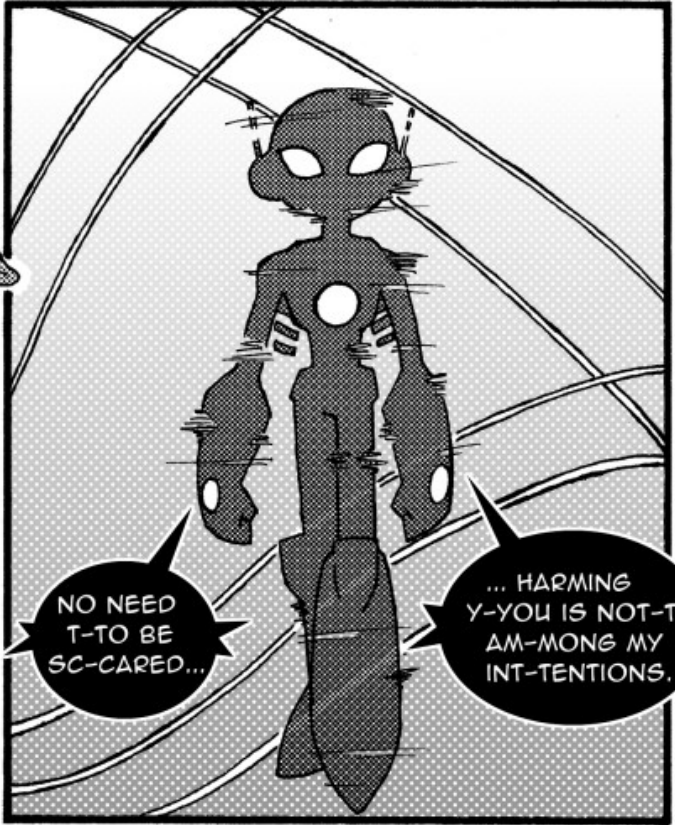
W-WHO  
SAID  
THAT?!

OVER  
HERE...



NO NEED  
T-TO BE  
SC-CARED...

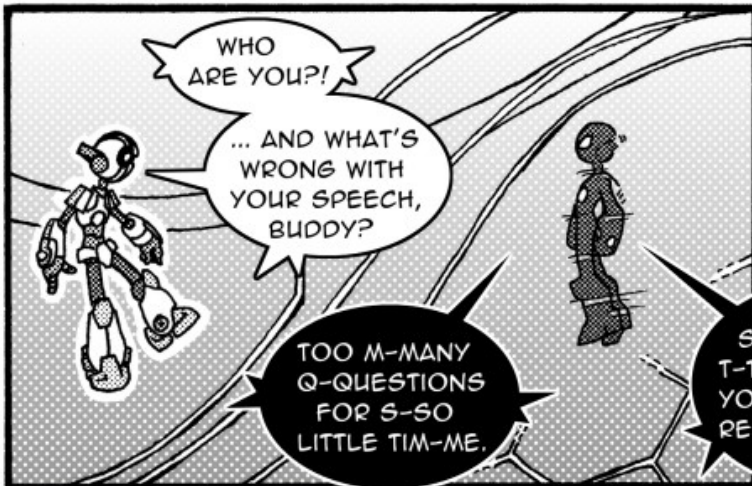
... HARMING  
Y-YOU IS NOT-T  
AM-MONG MY  
INT-TENTIONS.



WHO  
ARE YOU?!

... AND WHAT'S  
WRONG WITH  
YOUR SPEECH,  
BUDDY?

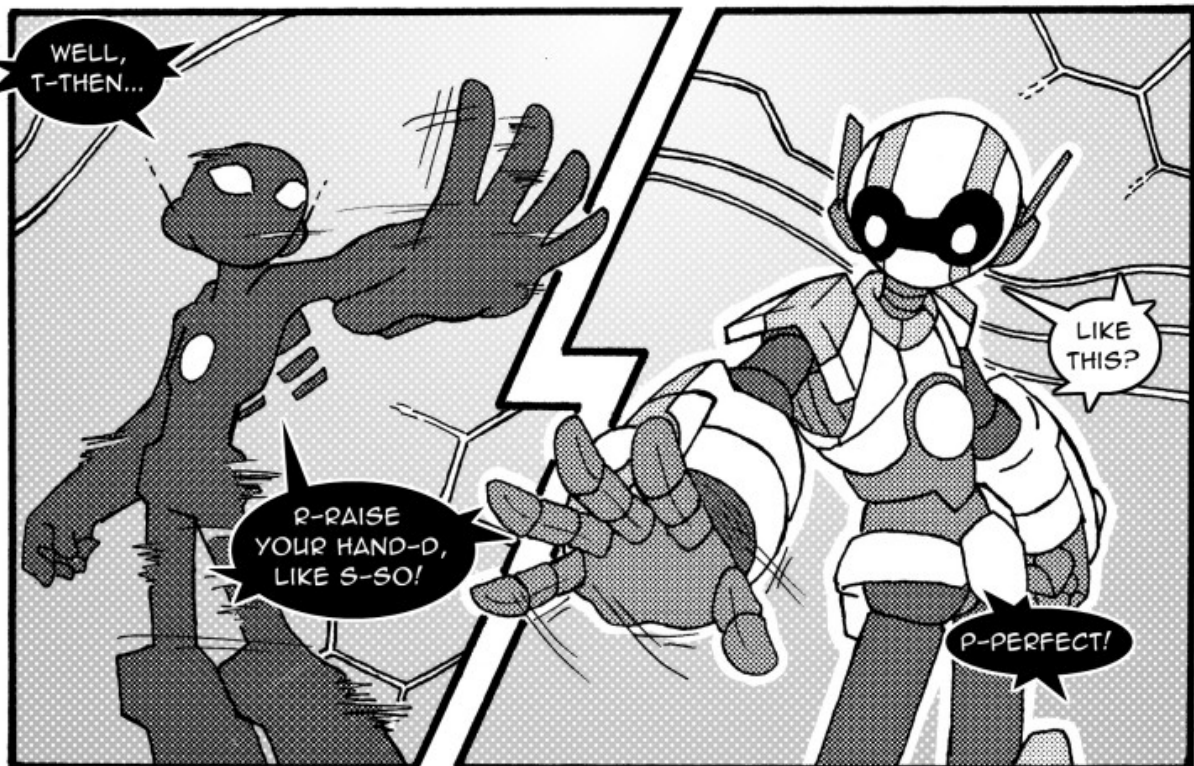
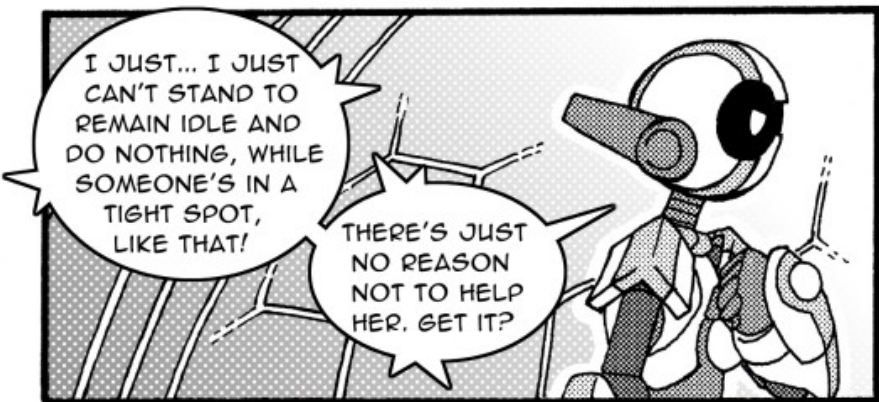
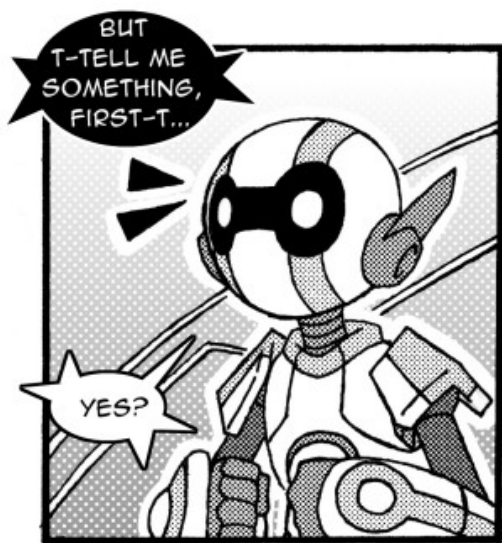
TOO M-MANY  
Q-QUESTIONS  
FOR S-SO  
LITTLE TIM-ME.



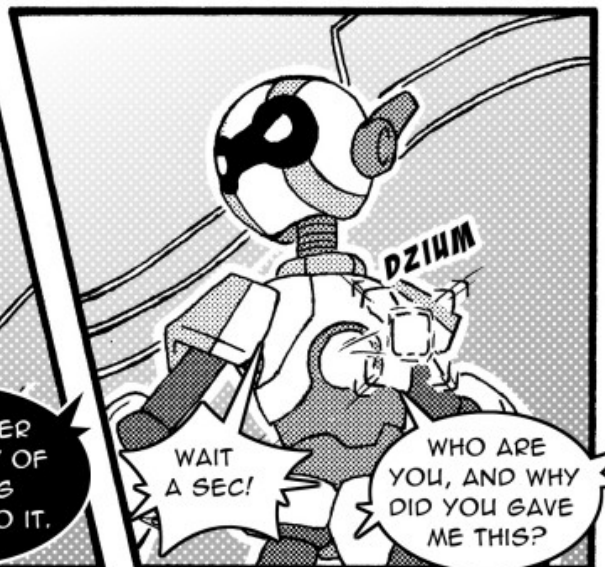
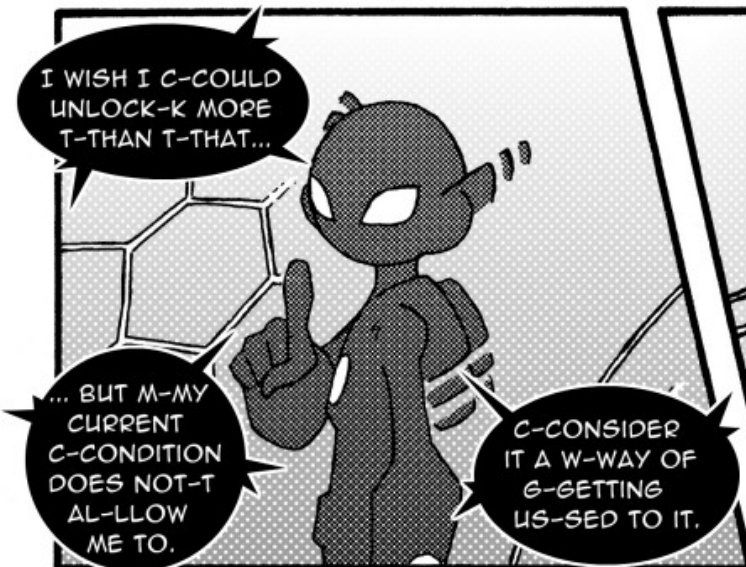
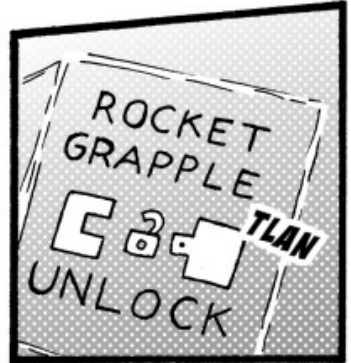
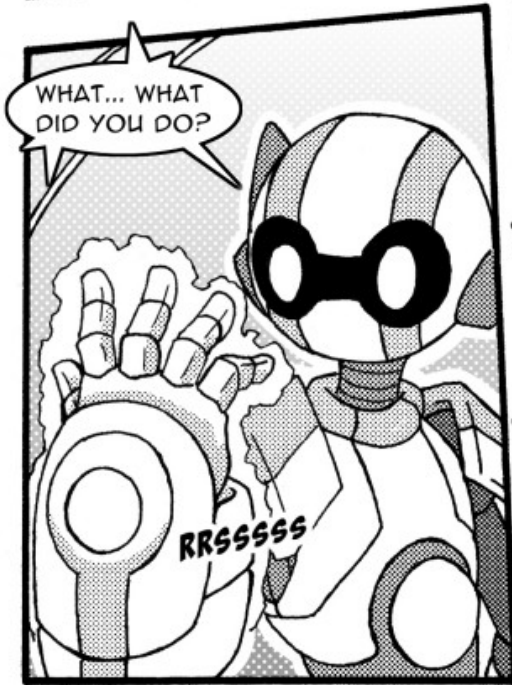
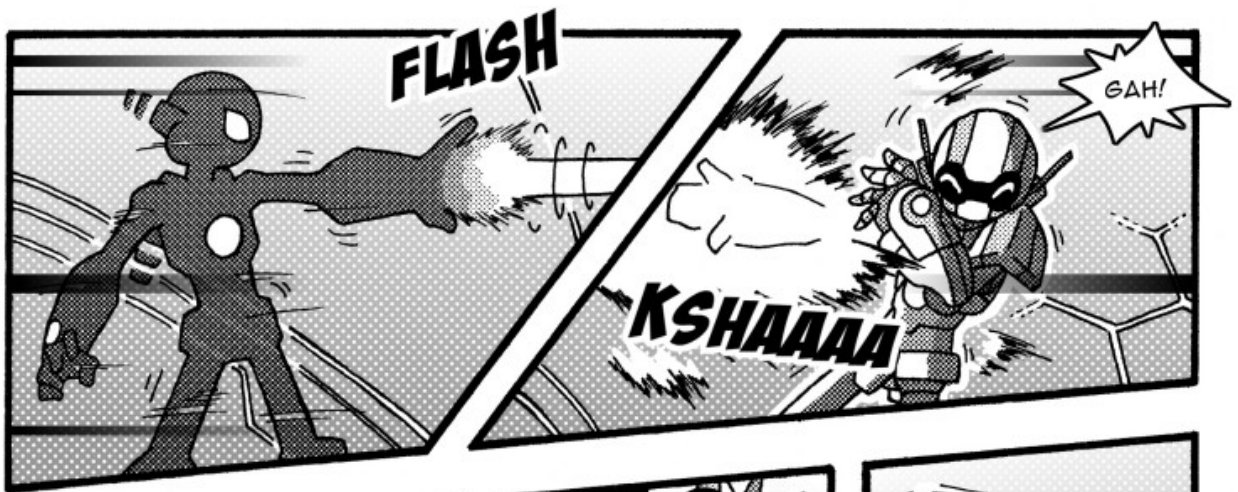
I HAV-VE  
SOMETHING  
T-THAT'LL MAKE  
YOU A-ABLE TO  
RESC-CUE THAT  
WOMAN.

REALLY?!









YOU D-DIDN'T HEAR M-ME, DID-D YOU?

HMM?

I D-DIDN'T GAVE YOU ANYT-THING, I JUST UNLOCKED S-SOMETHING YOU ALREAD-DY POSSESS.

AND T-THAT IS JUST-T THE TIP-P OF THE ICEB-BERG.

WE WILL S-SEE EACH OTHER-R SOON EN-NOUGH. NOW GO, SAVE T-THAT GIRL...

... AND T-TRY NOT TO WRECK-K YOURS-SELF IN T-THE P-PROCESS, WILL YOU?

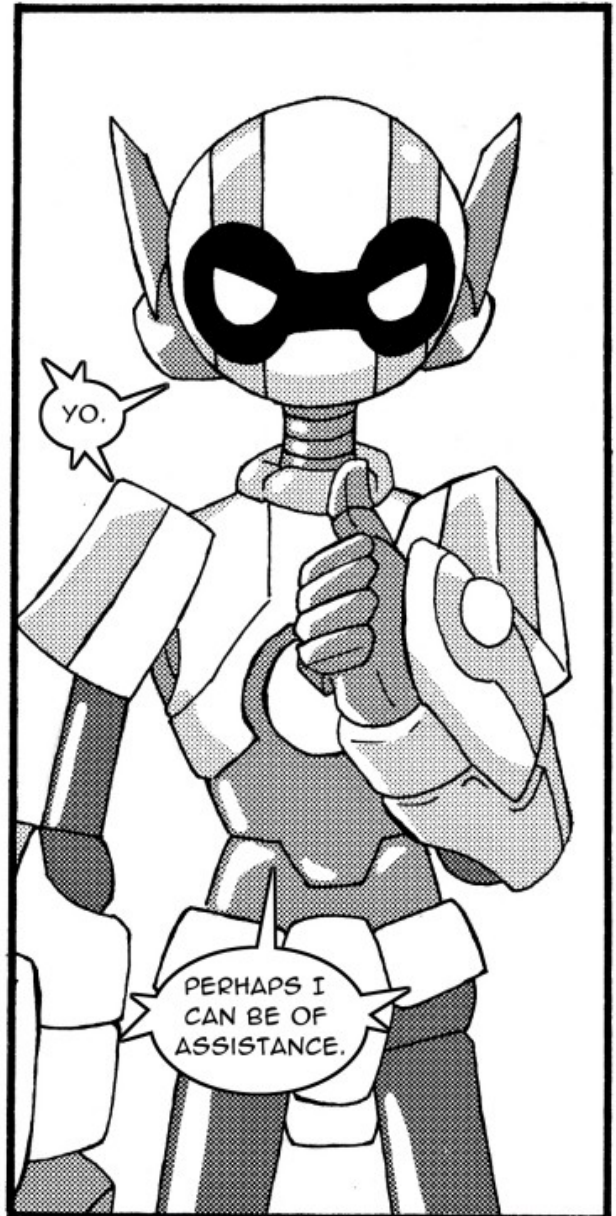
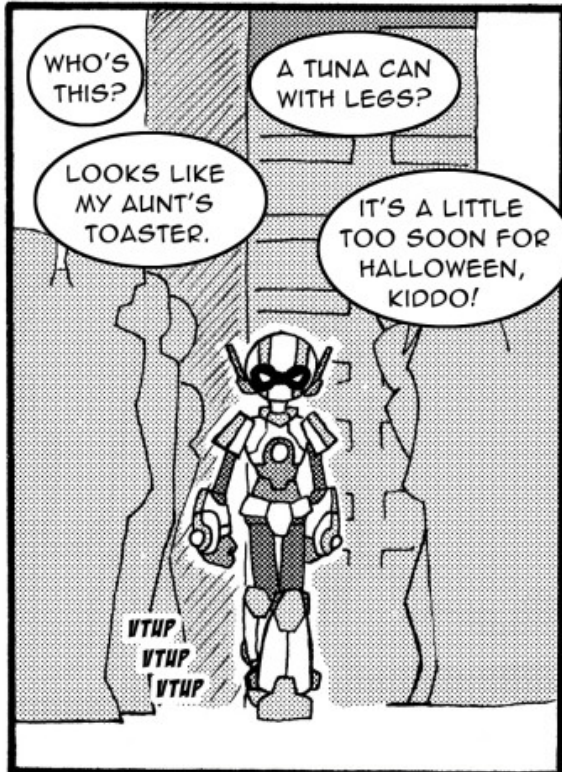
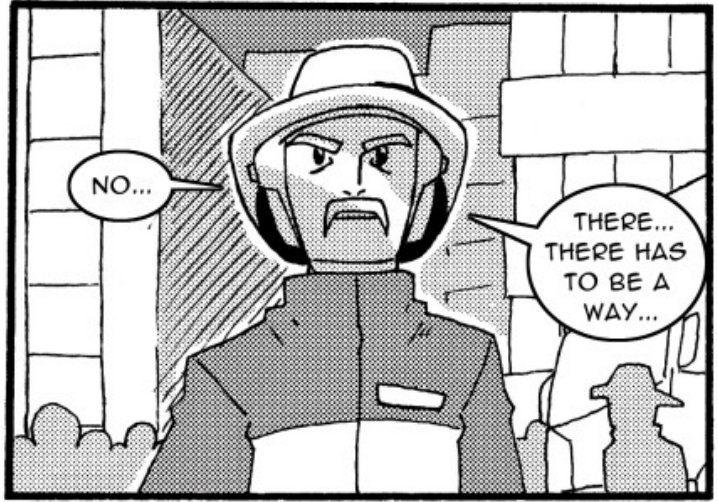
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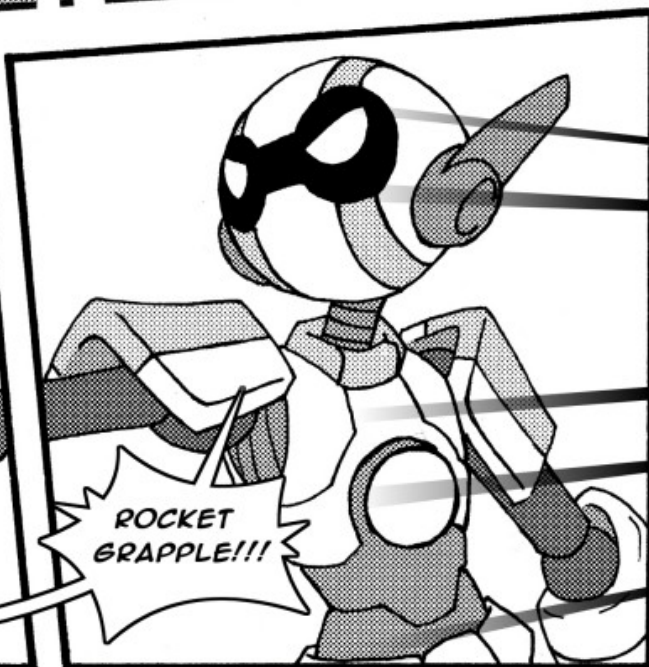
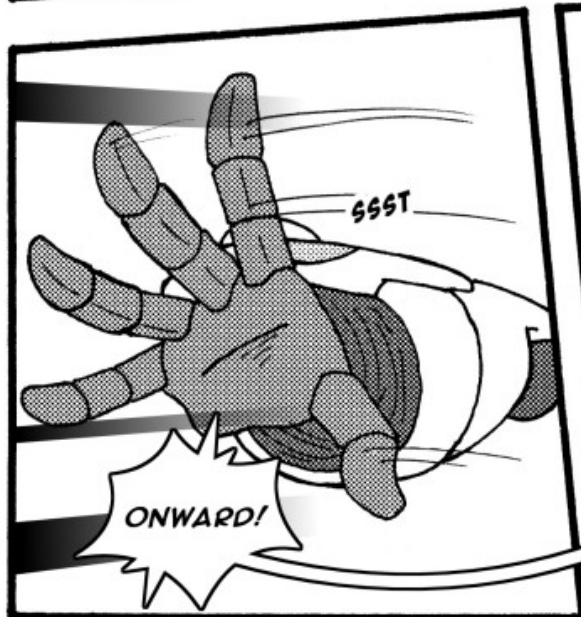
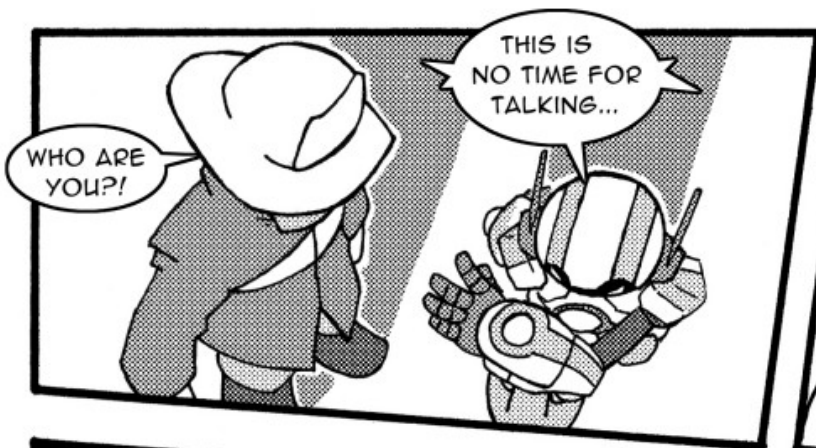
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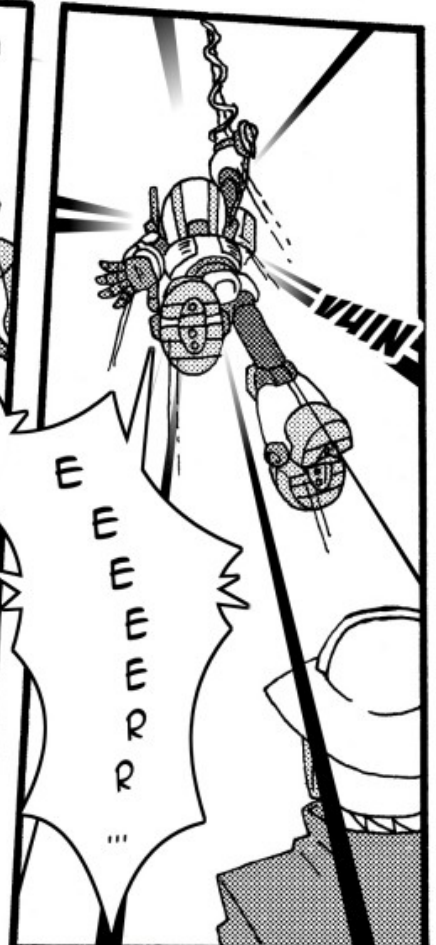
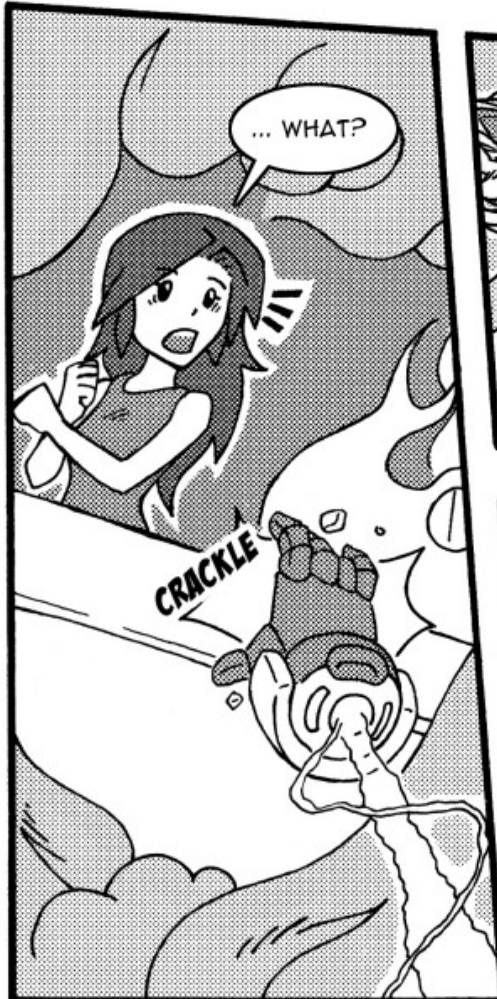
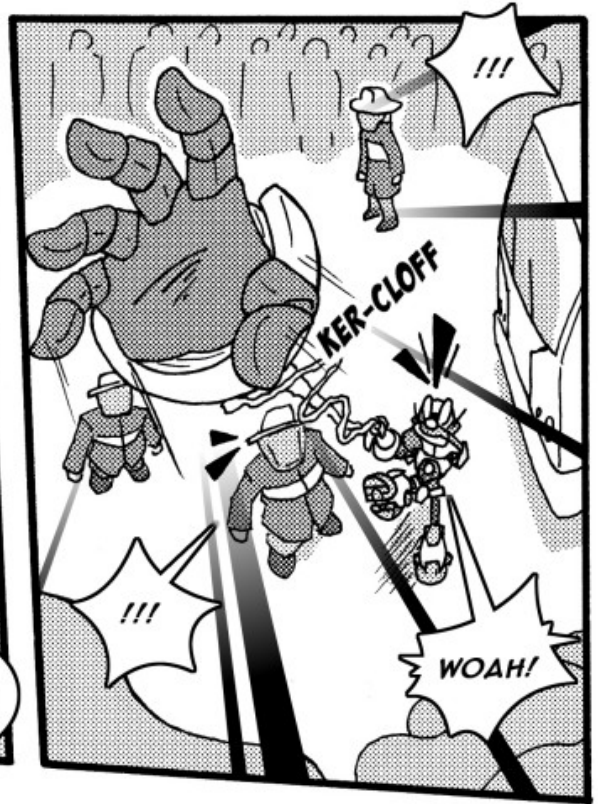
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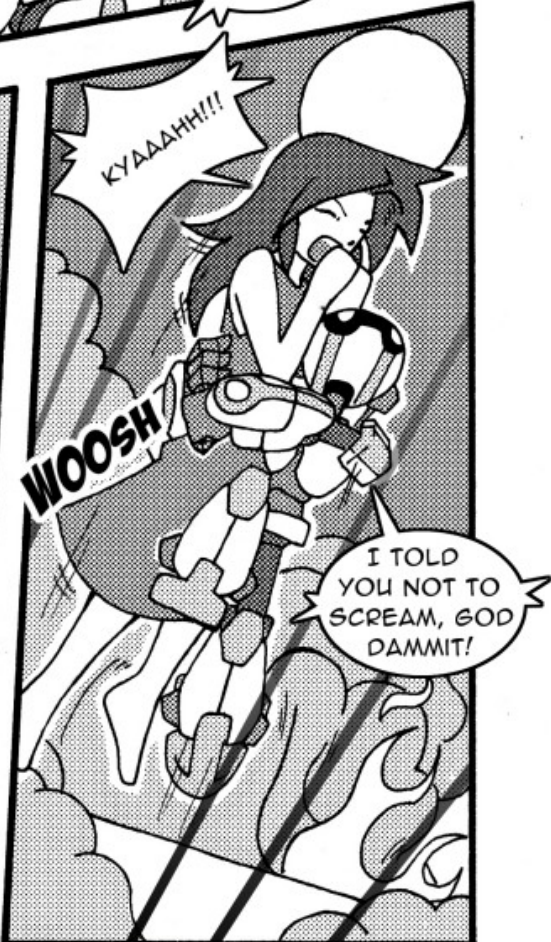
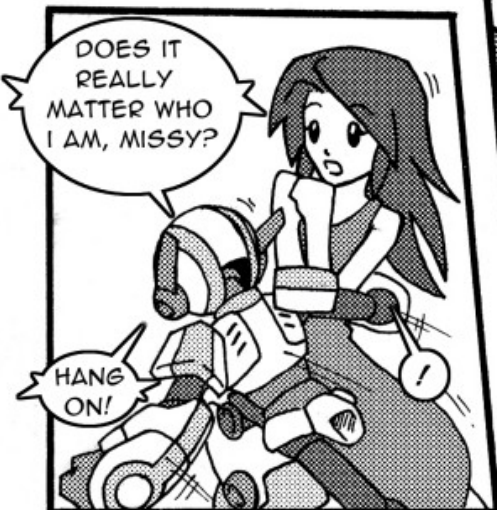
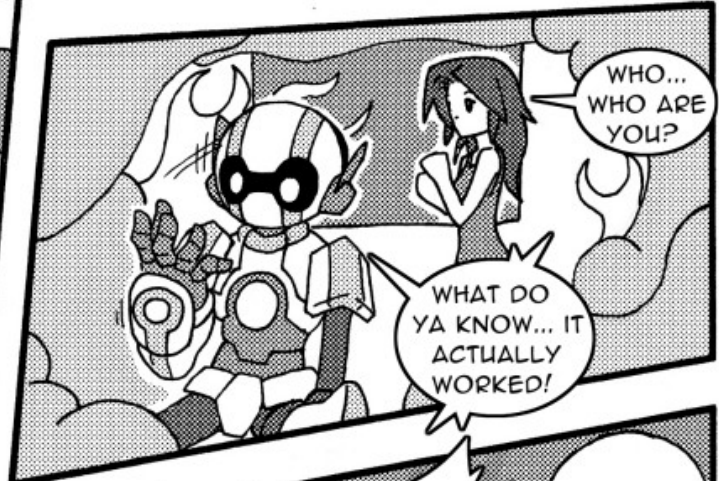
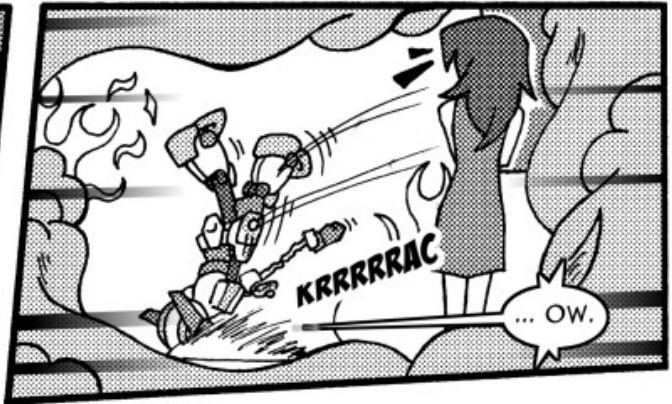
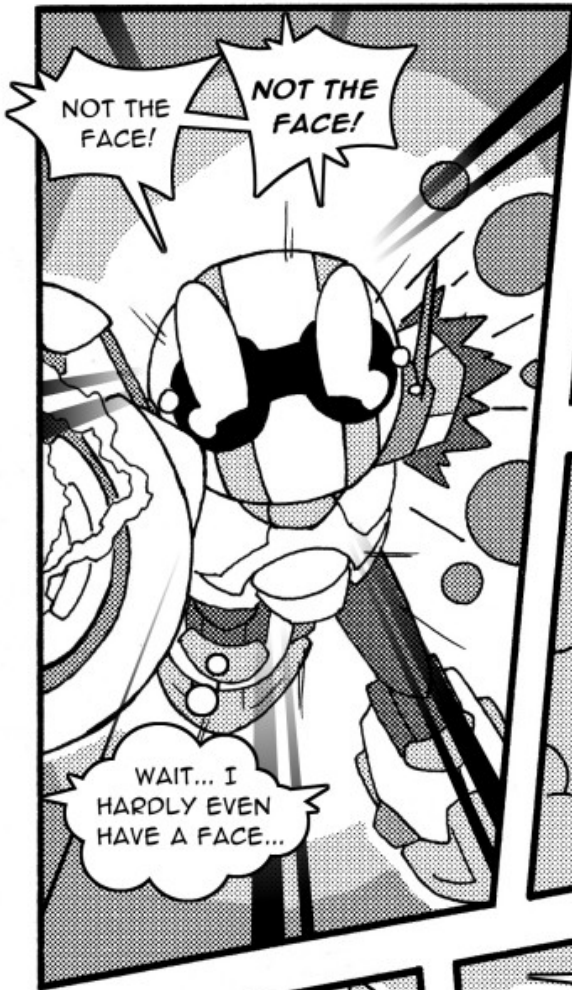
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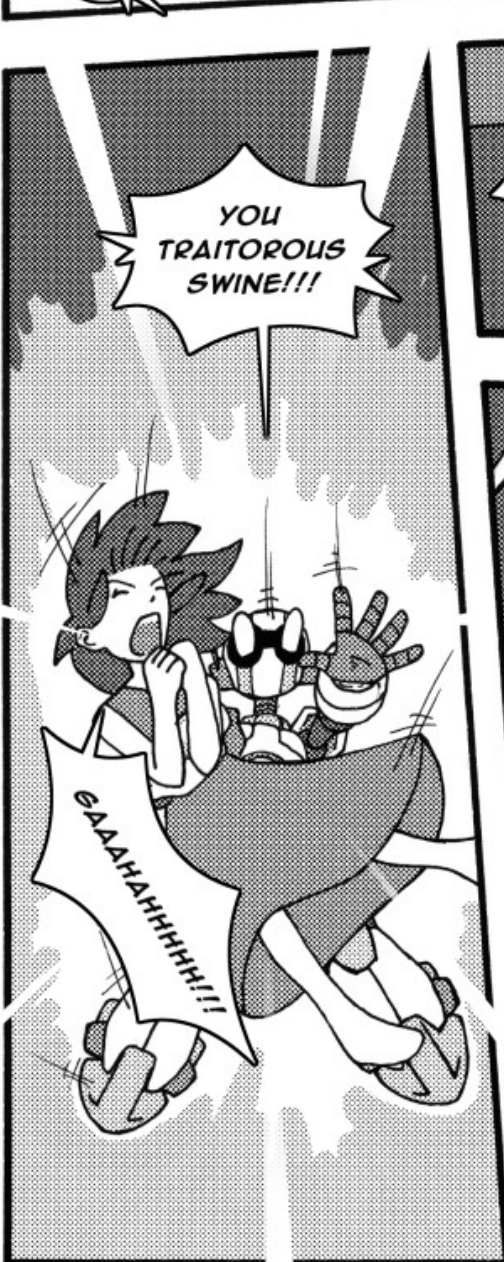
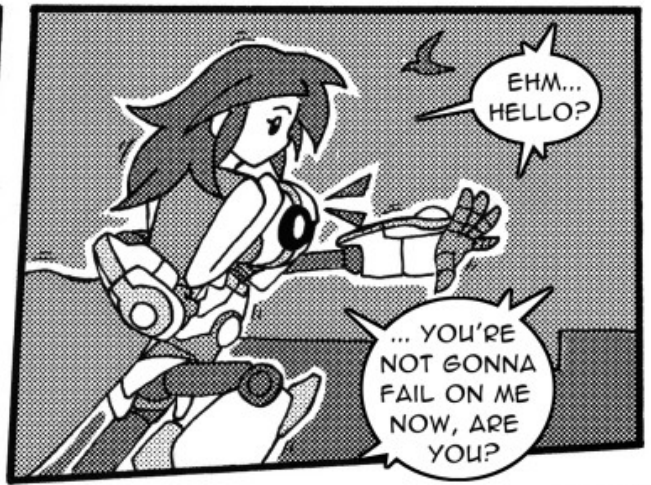
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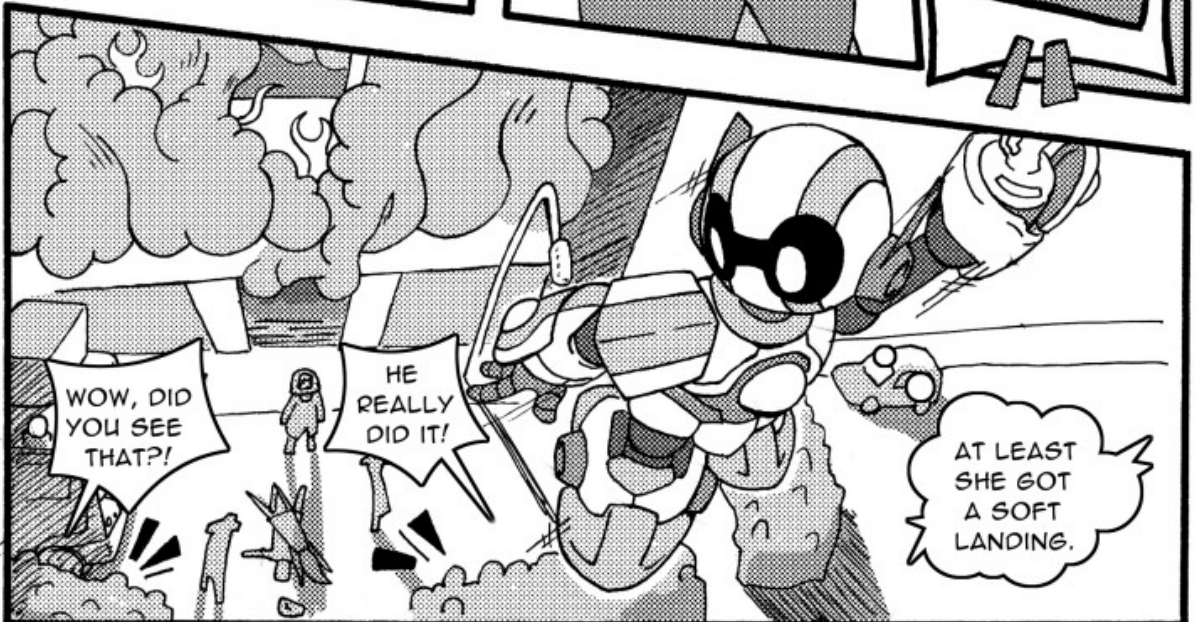
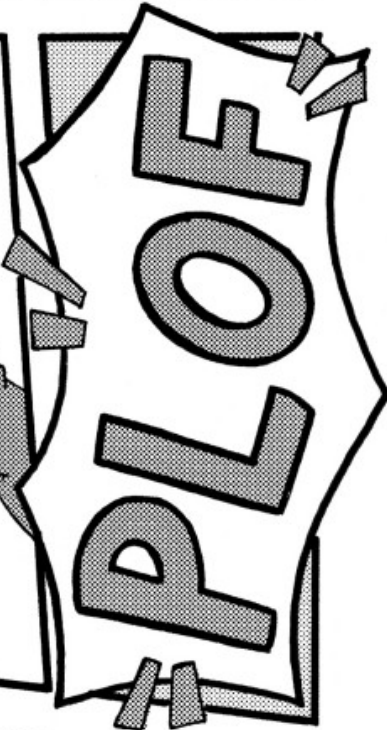
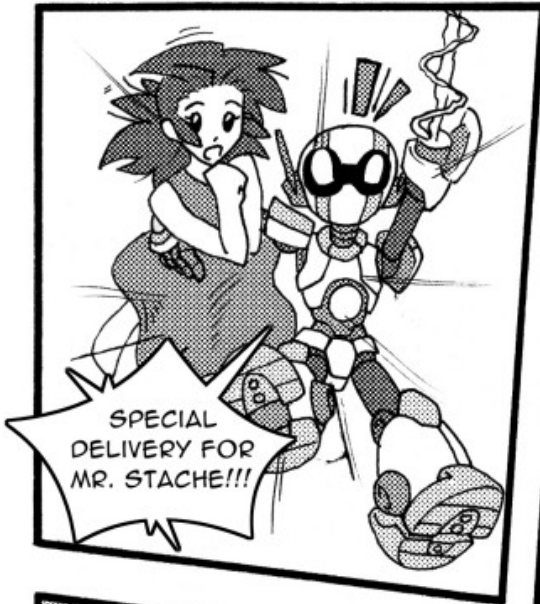
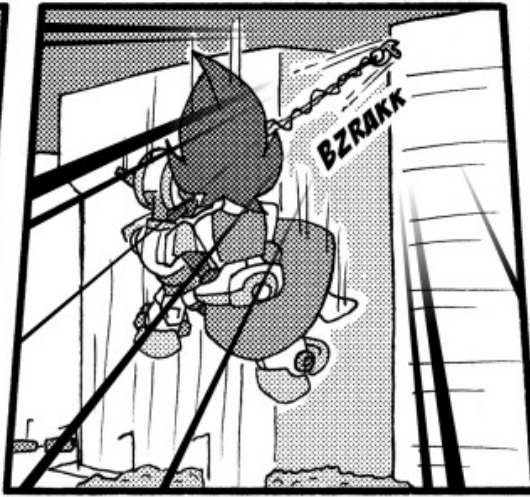




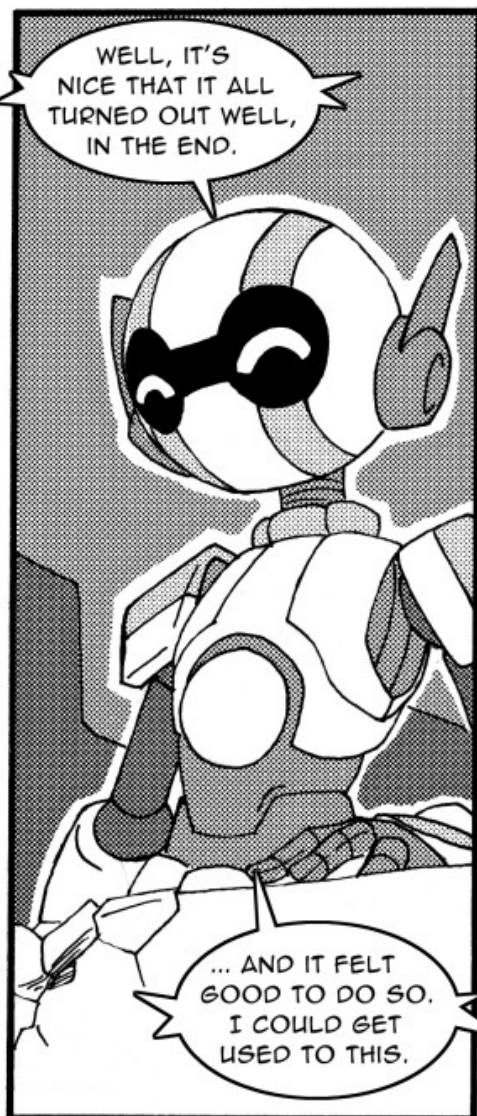
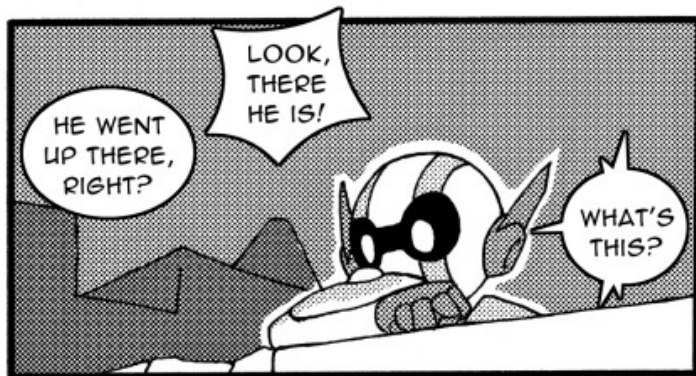
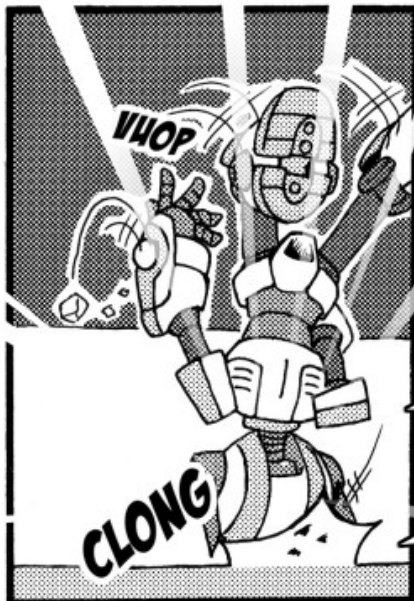


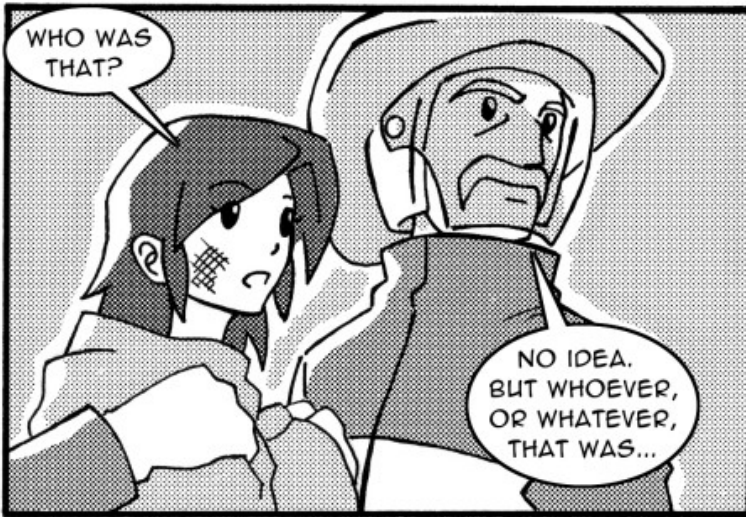




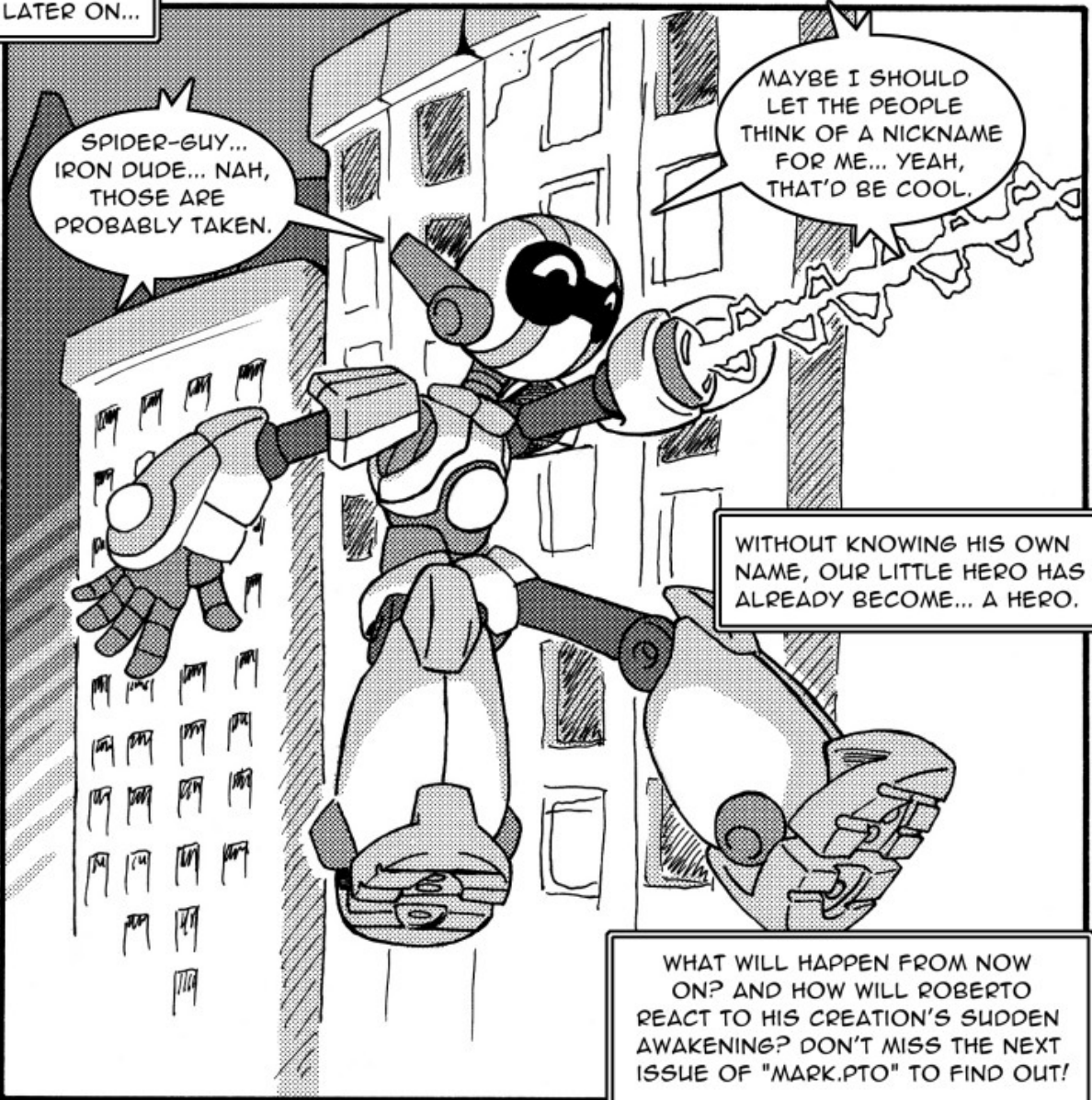








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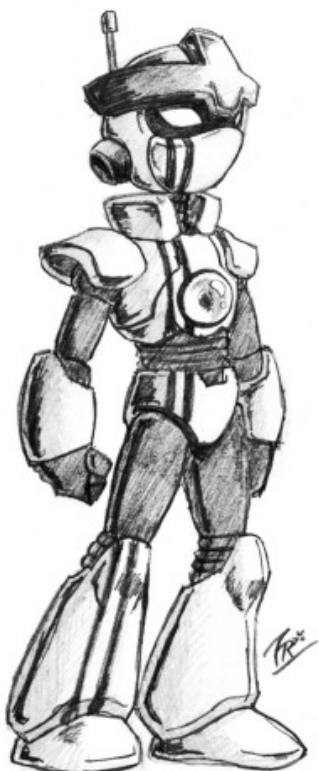
# Mark.PTO

*EXTRAS*

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## MARK: EARLY CONCEPTS



ABOVE: THE FIRST ATTEMPT

It's kinda funny how Mark started out. In the beginning, he was just a redesign I made of an anime convention mascot, just for fun.

So, at this point, he was still that other character, only with a different look. It was only at a later stage that I'd break the connection with the source material, and actually give him a personality (and name) of his own.

The reason why I did the redesign to begin with was simple: I didn't like how the thing looked.

Then, the idea of making a story with the lil' guy hit me. However, I didn't think that previous design would work for the comedy type of story that this comic goes for. So I went with another design, the one to the right of this paragraph.

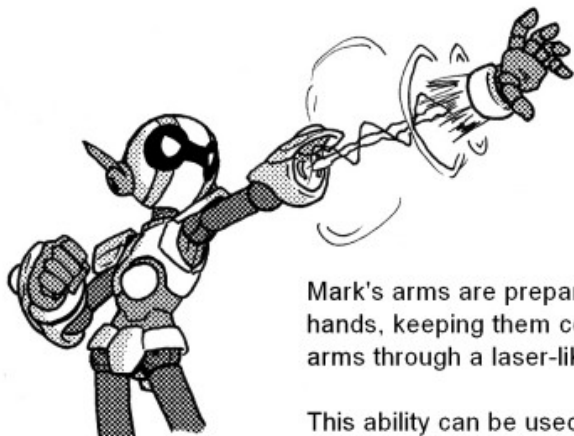
While I think it looked better for the purpose, I found this a bit too detailed. So, I ended up simplified it, and went back to the "visor eyes" from the previous design, as those would allow for more expressiveness than those goggle-things. By now, the color scheme was still the same.

The third stage was the same as the final one, the only differing in the color scheme. I eventually changed it to white and blue, and thus, Mark was born!



ABOVE: SECOND ATTEMPT

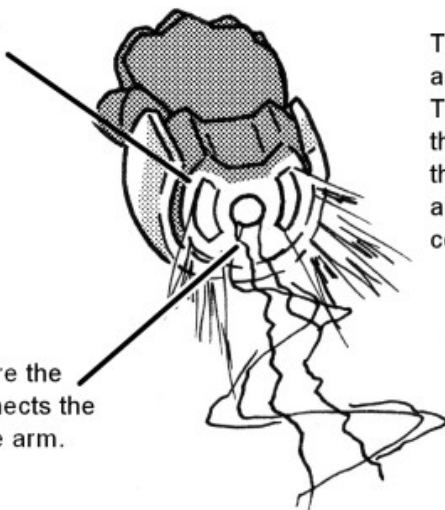
# THE "ROCKET GRAPPLE" ABILITY



Mark's arms are prepared to shoot his hands, keeping them connected to the arms through a laser-like beam.

This ability can be used to reach high places with ease, or as a ranged attack.

Thrusters that give impulse to the hands, when disconnected.



The beam connectors are, simply put, magnets. The beam itself serves the purpose of channeling that magnetic force, allowing the hand to come back.

this is where the beam connects the hand to the arm.

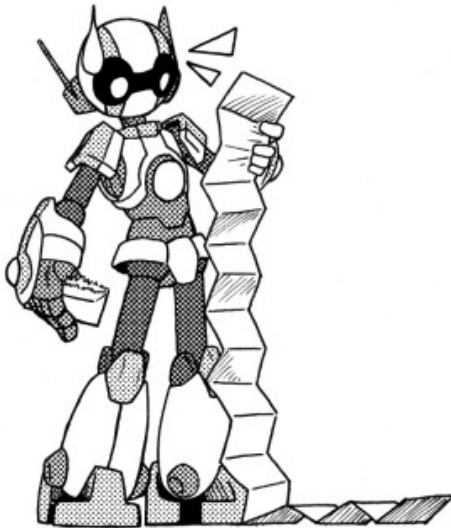


X-ray of Mark's forearm. Note the line separating the hand portion from the rest of the arm.



When not in use, the hand stays connected to the forearm with a simple lock device on the thrusters.

# ASK MARK



THIS WILL BE WHERE I, MARK, WILL BE ANSWERING ANY QUESTIONS YOU MIGHT WANNA ASK.

YES, IT'S ME WHO'LL BE ANSWERING, NOT THE AUTHOR OF THIS THING. AS IF I WASN'T GONNA BREAK THE FOURTH WALL ENOUGH ON THE STORY...

**"Were you built by communist tech, whether directly and/or indirectly. If so, what is your opinion over this?"**

**- The Lil' mad communist**

Ah, good question, Mister... Lily. You see, I do not believe I am composed by any of that kind of technology, be it hardware or software, for two simple yet strong reasons:

First, if my software had been made by those guys, that funky virus would never stand a chance. Have you seen the anti-virus those guys have developed?!

On the other hand, if my body had been built by the communists, you think I would last a full issue? Come on! Have you seen how they build their stuff? I think they used duct tape to keep their space rockets airtight, for crying out loud!

**GOT ANY QUESTIONS FOR MARK? SEND AN EMAIL TO:**

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