

RICK AND MORTY

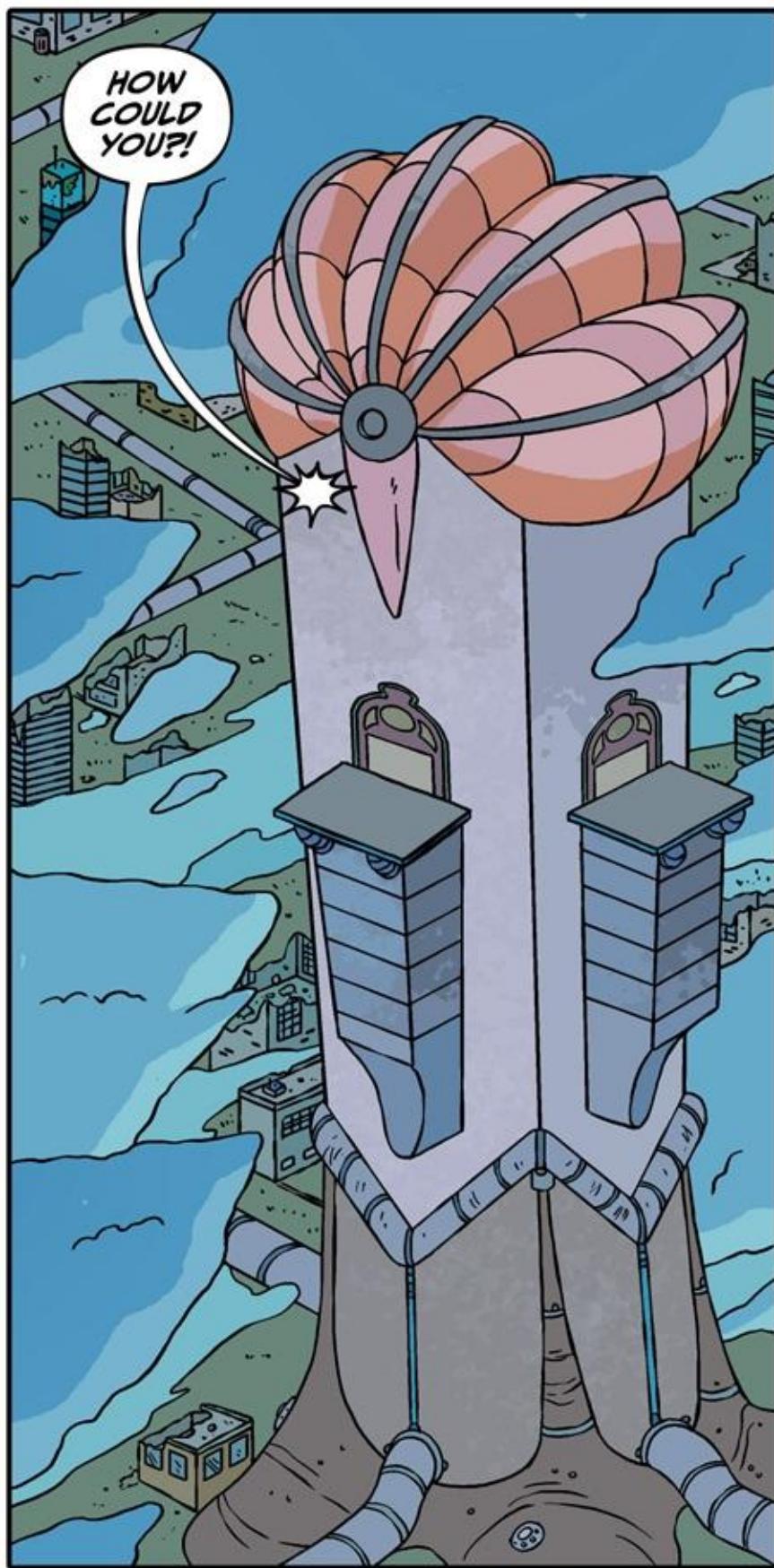


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IF IT WASN'T FOR ME THE EARTH WOULD BE MOLTEN SLOP LIKE THIRTY TIMES OVER. OR-OR-OR INFESTED WITH GOAT VAMPIRES, OR NESTLED IN THE TURD OF A GALACTAWORM.



IT'S BEEN A SUBJECT OF MUCH DISCUSSION AMONGST THE MOST LEARNED AND DEVOUT OF THE FLOCK.

CERTAINLY YOU ARE A BEING OF GREAT WORKS, RICK SANCHEZ. MANY BENEFIT FROM THOSE WORKS. MANY TREMBLE.

YEAH, LADIES LOVE COOL "CHEZ."

HEY, YOU LOOK LIKE YOU'RE A PRETTY IMPORTANT GUY AROUND HERE. YOU-YOU'VE GOT LOTS TO SAY. THREATS, CONQUERING, ETC...

...BUT CAN WE SPEED THIS UP? APPARENTLY I'VE GOT A FAMILY MEETING TO GET TO.

HOW VERY PRESCIENT YOU ARE. THERE IS MUCH TO SAY, RICK SANCHEZ. OF GALACTIC IMPORT.

WOULD IT SURPRISE YOU TO LEARN THAT OURS IS AN ANCIENT STORY...

HERE WE GO...

...OF EPIC SADNESS AND DEPTH. A ONCE MIGHTY WORLD SPLIT IN TWAIN BY SECTARIAN WAR.

A GREAT WORLD FROM WHICH A GREAT CIVILIZATION ROSE. A CIVILIZATION WITH ONE ALMOST IMPERCEPTIBLE FLAW. A SCHISM THAT OVER TIME CRACKED THIS JEWEL OF THE GALAXY IN TWAIN.

"TWAIN", GOTCHA..."

"WHAT HAD STARTED IN GLORIOUS SOLIDARITY OF PURPOSE AND BELIEF FELL INTO RUIN.

"THE WAR RAGED FOR AN ETERNITY. IT ENGULFED MANY SUNS, WORLDS, AND PEOPLES WHO WOULD BEND TO THE SEARCH FOR THE ANSWER. AND MANY OTHERS... WHO WOULD NOT.

"IT IS REGRETTABLE. THE SUFFERING SEEMED TO HAVE NO END."

"UNTIL....!"

"AS IF PREDESTINED, OUR STRIFE ENDED! WITH THE DISCOVERY OF A GREATER POWER OF DESTRUCTION THAN WE COULD HAVE IMAGINED.

"WE FOLLOWED ITS WAKE TOGETHER AS ONE PEOPLE. FINALLY TO CLAIM OUR ANSWER. OUR HIGHEST CALLING. OUR MASTER. OUR LEADER. OUR TERRIBLE MESSIAH.

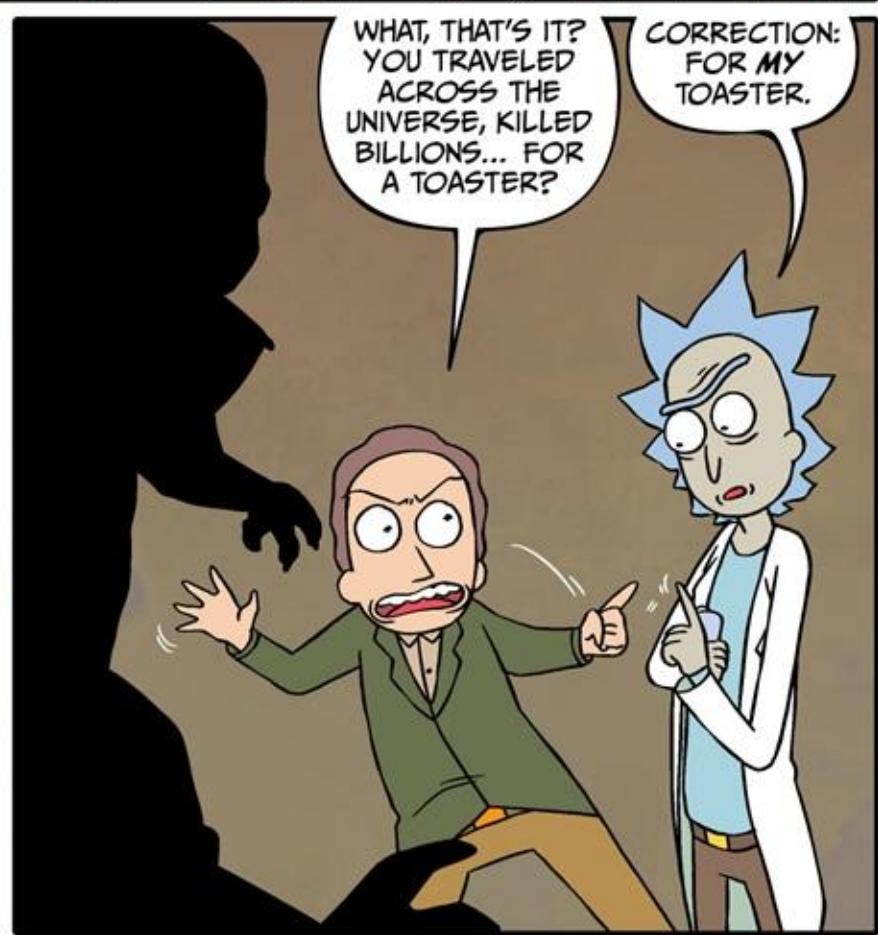
TWO SIDES, EACH AS OPPOSED TO THE OTHER'S FAITH AS NIGHT IS TO DAY.

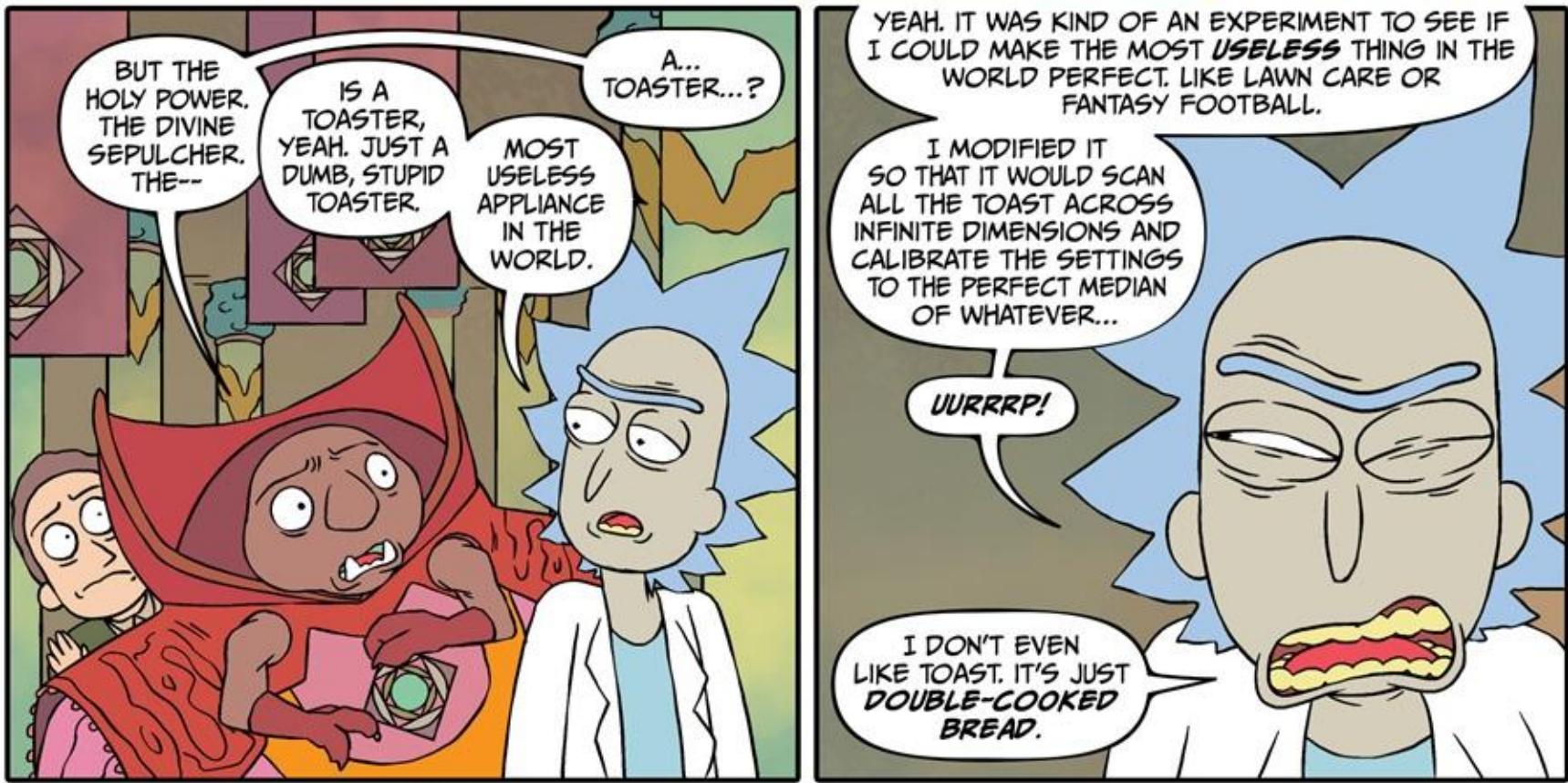
"YOU'RE TELLING ME."

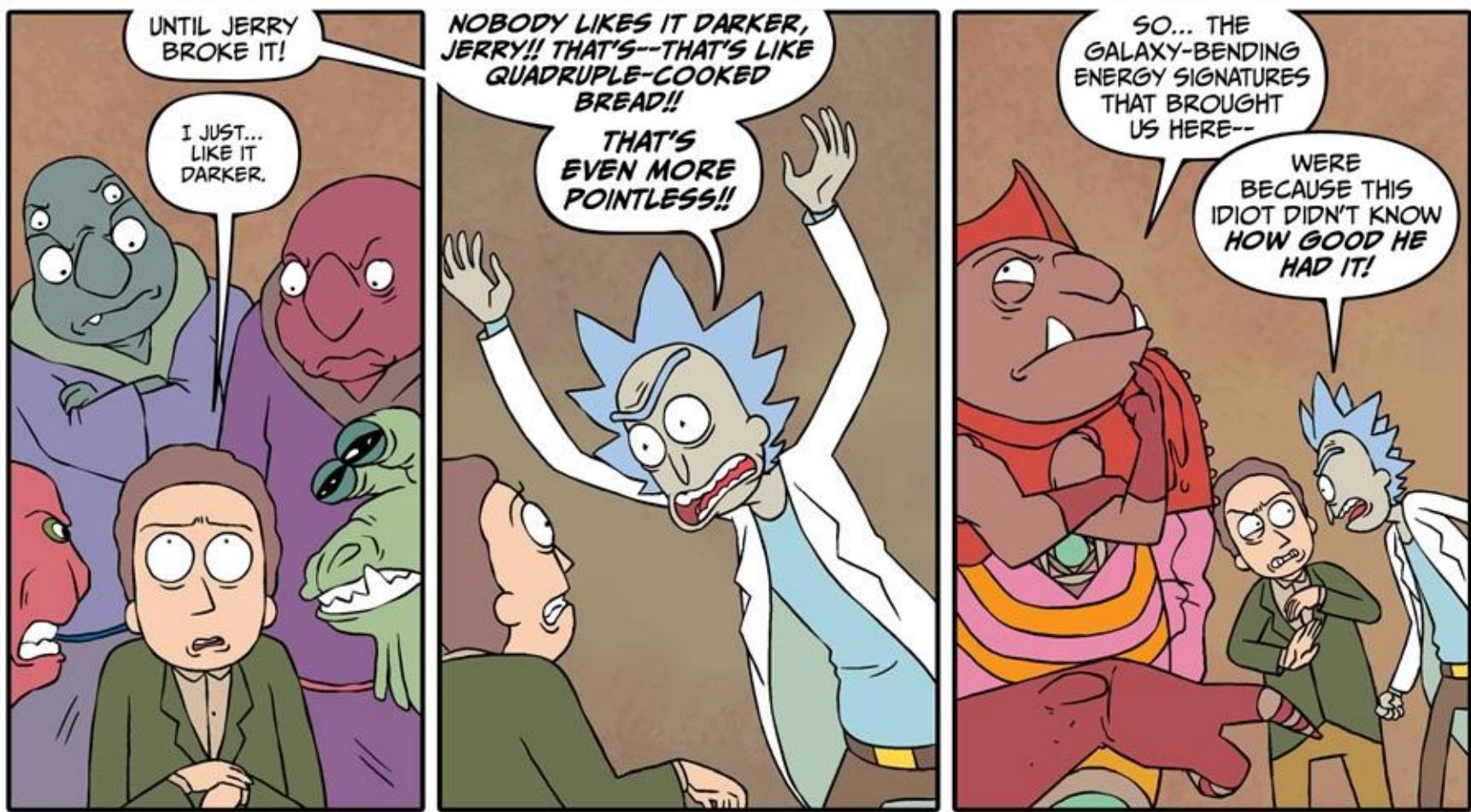
"SHEDDING A TIDE OF PLANET QUAKING RADIANCE ACROSS SPACE.

"WE FOLLOWED IT..."

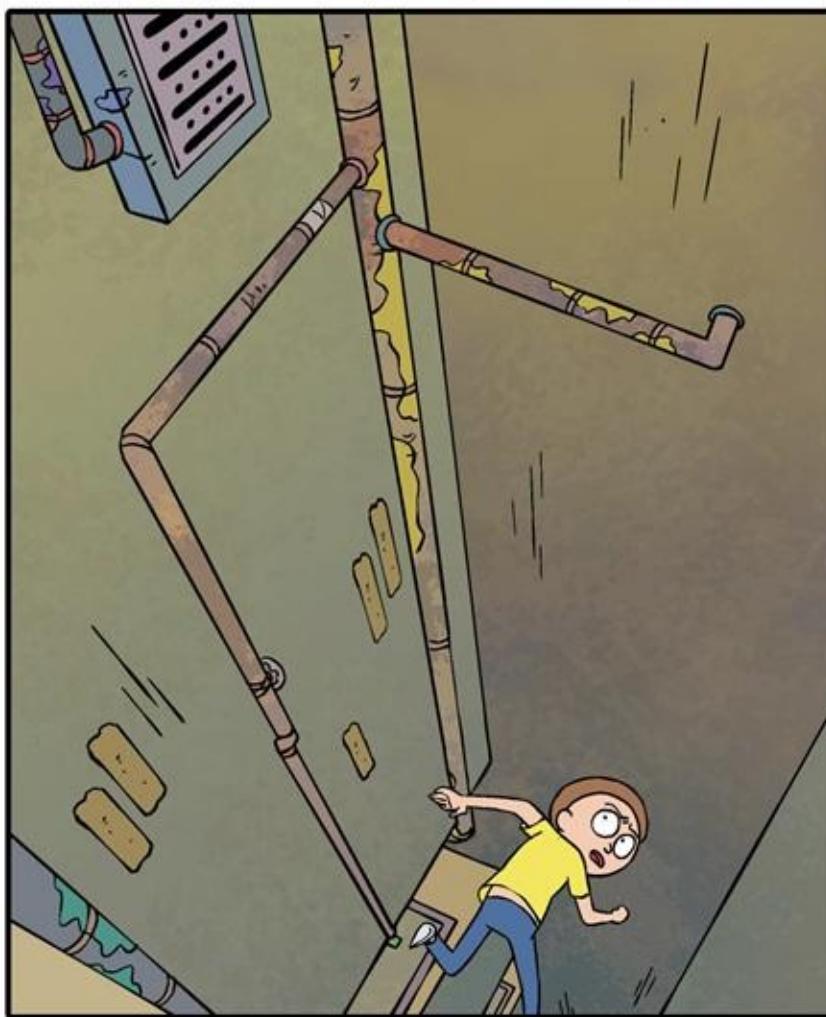
...TO YOU!

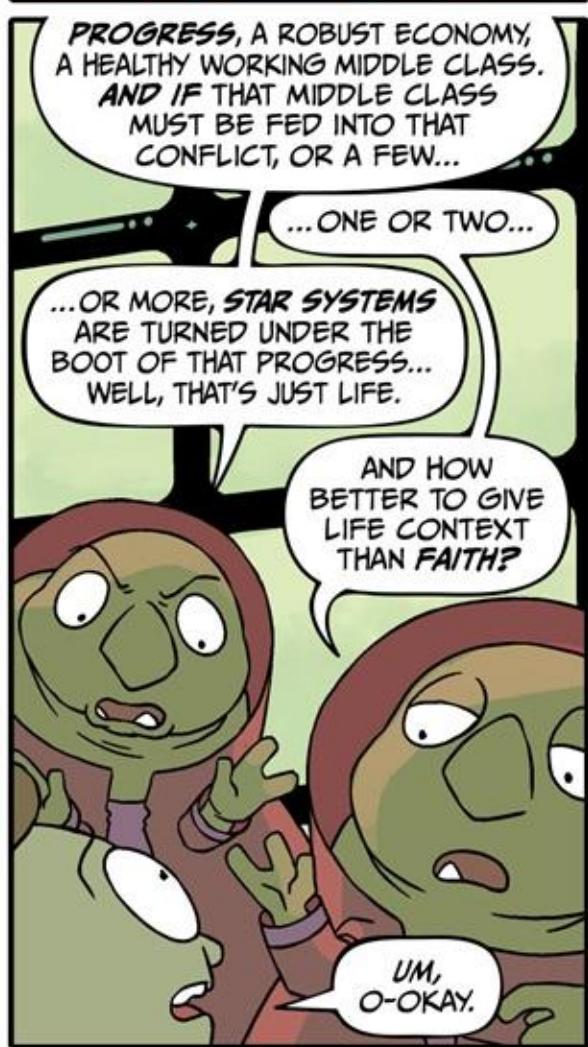
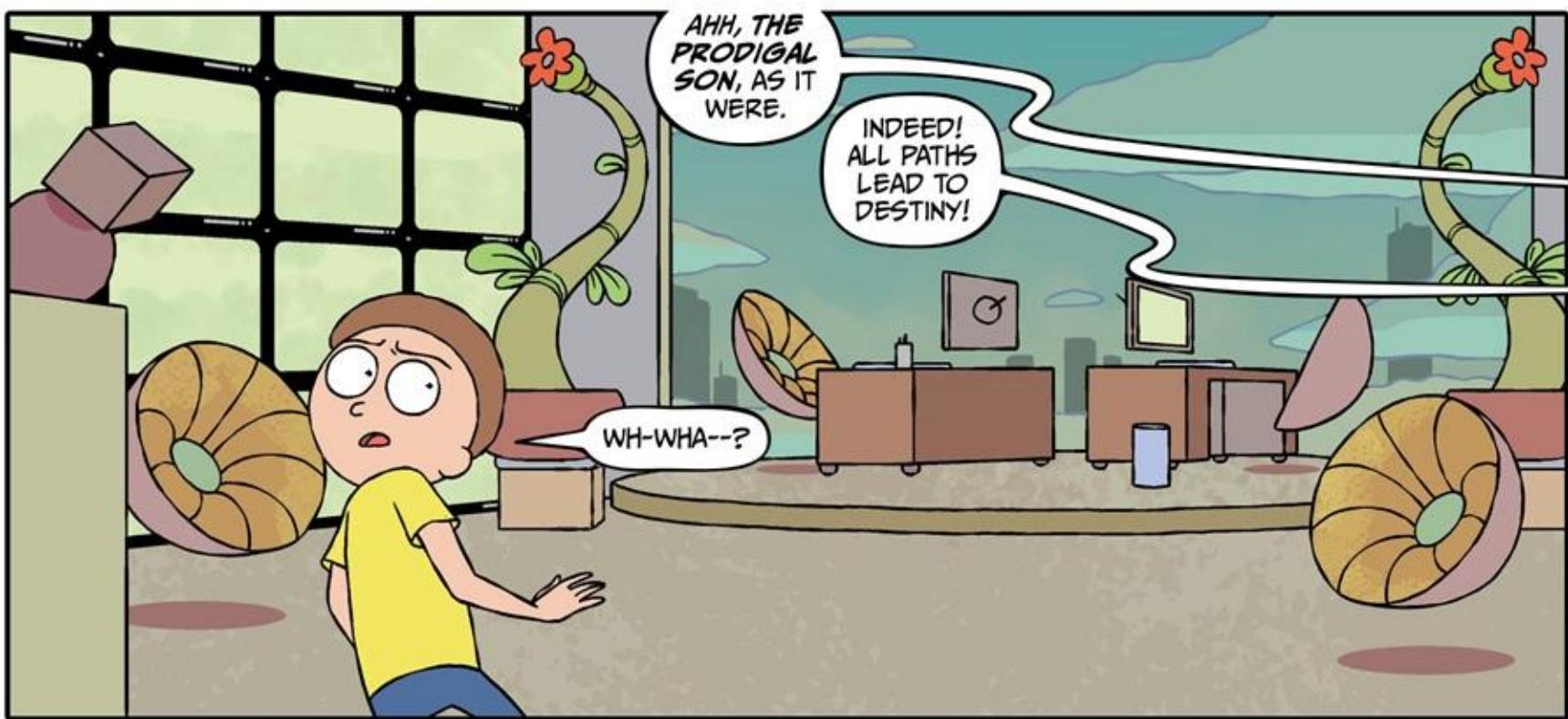












YES, WELL, IT'S WORKED SO WELL FOR THE LAST FEW THOUSAND YEARS, THAT WE'VE REACHED A BIT OF A... PLATEAU.

THAT ROBUST MIDDLE CLASS ISN'T GETTING ANY ROBUSTER.

AND THEY'VE FOUND THEMSELVES PEERING OVER THEIR WALLS AND ASKING, WELL: "IS THE OTHER SIDE REALLY ALL THAT BAD?"

WHICH IS A TERRIBLE TURN OF EVENTS IF YOU WANT TO KEEP THINGS TICKING ALONG.

THROUGH WHOM **WE**, THAT IS TO SAY: **OURSELVES**, CAN CONTINUE PLANNING FOR THE PROSPERITY OF ALL OUR FELLOW PEOPLES.

THAT VOICE, THOUGH, SEEMS TO BE A LESS THAN WILLING PARTICIPANT.

YOU MEAN RICK?

IT PUTS RATHER A WRINKLE IN OUR PLAN IF THE VOICE OF **GOD HIMSELF** REFUSES TO BESTOW HIS BENEFICENT, FISCALLY PRUDENT, AND **WELL-MANAGED** MESSAGE UPON HIS PEOPLE.

INDEED, WE COULD EVEN WORK WITH HIS **WELL-MANAGED FLATULENCE** IF HE PREFERENCES. BUT WE'D NEED YOUR HELP, MORTY?

MY... HELP?

OH, GOODNESS ME, NO! EXAMPLES MUST BE MADE. FALSE PROPHETS PUNISHED. THE FAITHFUL MUST BE REWARDED FOR THE RIGORS OF THEIR FAITH.

THE CHOICE IS YOURS, MORTY. WILL YOU HELP US? WILL YOU HELP YOUR GRANDFATHER SEE THE BENEFITS FOR YOU AND, WELL... ALL OF YOU?

IT'S A BIG RESPONSIBILITY.

THE GENERATIONS THAT ARE ALLOWED TO FOLLOW WILL THEN--

UM... YES?

OR WOULD YOU RATHER OUR QUEST FOR ENLIGHTENMENT CONTINUE?

YOU MEAN YOU'D JUST LEAVE?

YOU LIKE COMFORT, PEACE, PROSPERITY, DON'T YOU, MORTY? YOU'D LIKE YOUR WORLD, YOUR FAMILY, TO ENJOY, AND **KEEP** ENJOYING A GOOD--LONG-- STANDARD OF LIVING?

SUCK IT, FROGGY! YOU WANT SOME?!

OH WOW, MORTY, I'M GLAD I FOUND YOU! YOU'LL NEVER GUESS WHAT I'VE BEEN THROUGH. I-I-I'M NOT GONNA SUGAR COAT IT THOUGH, MORTY. I'VE BEEN THROUGH SOME SERIOUS STUFF. I HAD TO SHOOT A LOT OF GUYS OR WHATEVER.

I DON'T MEAN TO BE SEXIST, MORTY, I THINK THERE ARE LIKE SEVEN--SIX DIFFERENT SEXES OF SOLDIERS ALL SWARMING AROUND OUT THERE. I-I-IT'S A LAUDABLY INCLUSIVE ARMY, MORTY. "GUYS" IS A TOTALLY GENDER NEUTRAL TERM HERE.

I DON'T WANT YOU JUDGING ME, MORTY. I CAN SEE YOU'VE GOT THAT JUDGY LOOK. WHO ARE THESE GUYS?



OPEN THIS DOOR IMMEDIATELY. THE CHOSEN ONE WILL BE ANOINTED!

LIKE HELL!

OKAY, MORTY, I'VE GOT A PLAN! WE NEED TO TAKE THIS LEVEL OF THE COMPLEX. I DON'T KNOW HOW MANY OF THEM THERE ARE OUT THERE, OR HOW MANY LEVELS THERE ARE, BUT WE'LL FIGURE THAT OUT WHEN WE GO. IF WE CAN BATTLE OUR WAY TO LIKE A MAIN... POWER--POWER SUPPLY I CAN RECHARGE MY PORTAL GUN. YOU NEED TO KEEP THEM OFF ME FOR THAT...

SMASH IT DOWN! SMASH DOWN THIS INFERNAL BARRIER TO OUR DESTINY!

W-WE'LL NEED SOME MORE GUNS. ARE THESE GUYS PACKING? WHO ARE THESE GUYS? YOU GETTING COSY WITH THE ENEMY, MORTY? WHILE I'M--WHILE I'M... COMING UP WITH--WITH PLANS THAT'LL SAVE... ALMOST--MAYBE MOST OF US--IF WE'RE LUCKY...



OPEN THIS DOOR!

THUMP THUMP



WE WILL HAVE OUR SAVIOR!!



THIS BLOODY PATH THAT HAS BROUGHT US HERE HAS COST MUCH AND WE ARE READY TO SEE OUR FUTURE, OUR BETTER SELVES, **OUR AWAKENING!** LEST THIS TIDE OF DESTRUCTION, THIS RAPTOROUS SLAUGHTER CONTINUE!

HAD WE PLACED OUR FAITH IN THE WRONG PATH? THE WRONG MASTER? THE QUESTION HAS ARisen IN THE CHAMBER BUT **SILENCED!** THE SCALES HAVE FALLEN FROM OUR EYES.

THE MASTER IS REVEALED!

THE ONE WHO WILL RAISE US FROM THESE VIGOROUS KILLING FIELDS, AND END OUR SEARCH.



I BESEECH YOU. I PROSTRATE MYSELF TO YOU. I PRAY TO YOU: TAKE THIS ARTIFACT. ACCEPT THIS POWER. RULE IN YOUR SINGULAR DIVINITY OVER US ALL.

BRING AN END TO THIS FULSOME TORRENT OF BLOOD CLEFT THROUGH THE GALAXY...

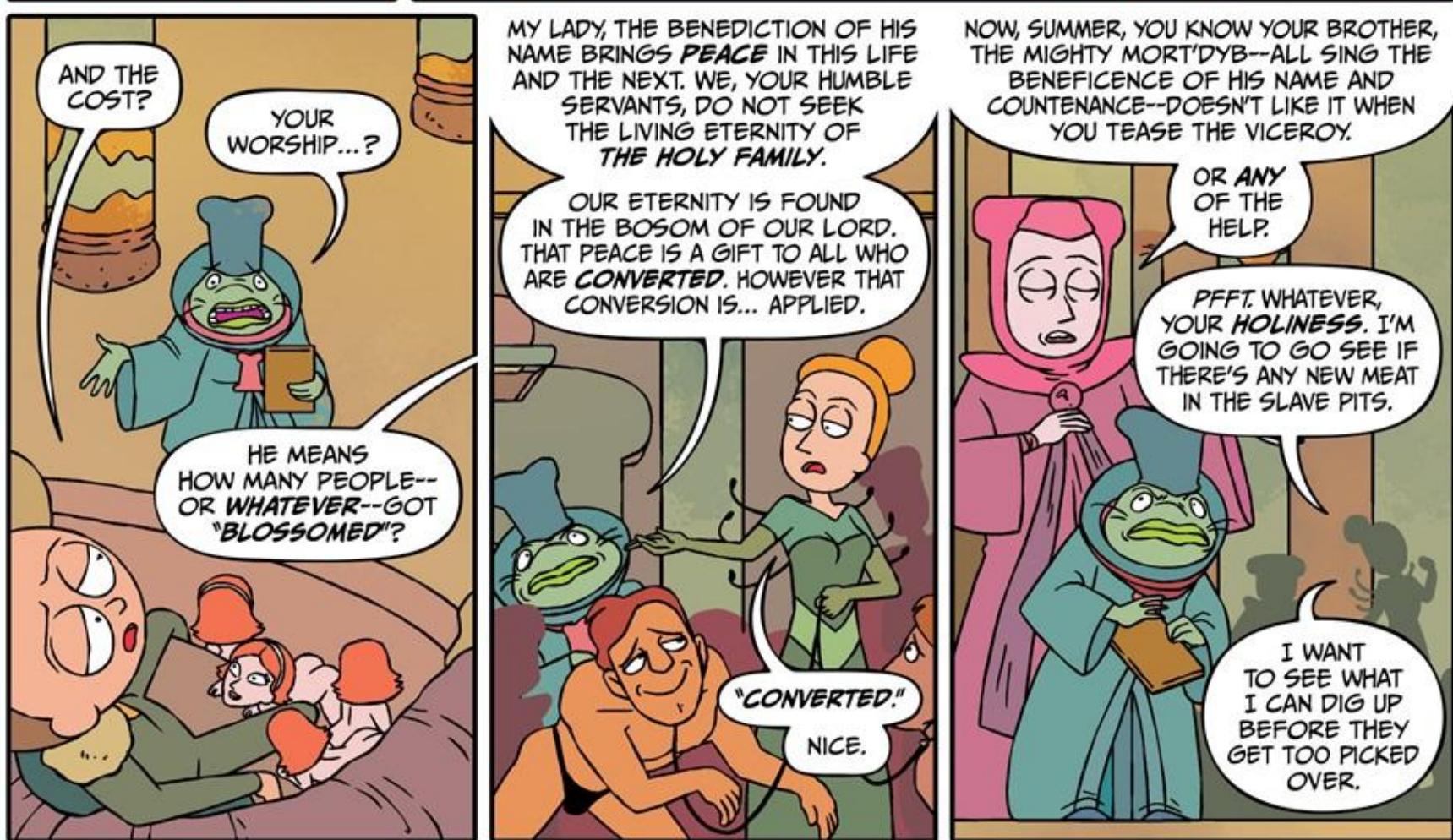
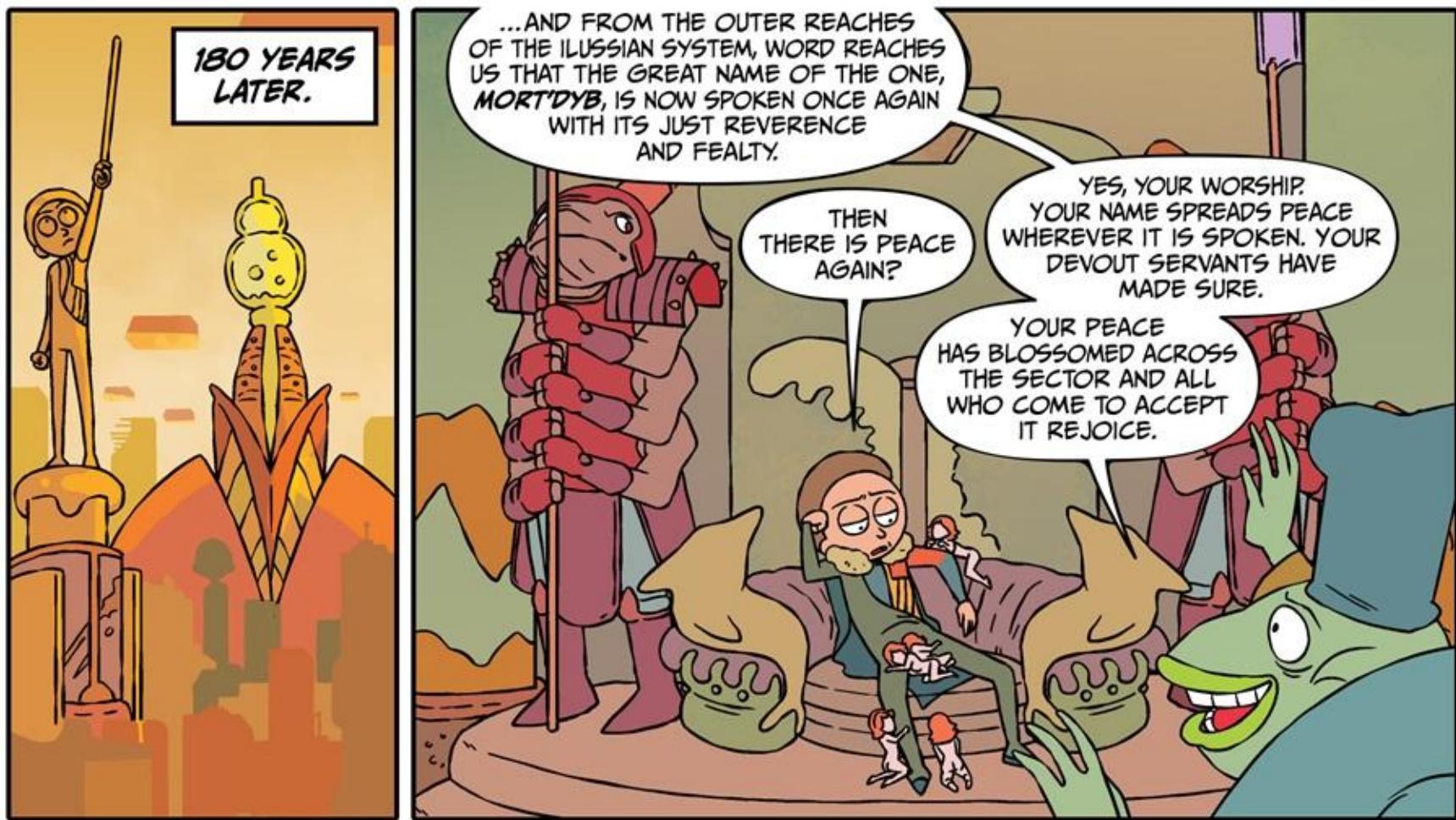
...DELIVER US UNTO THE BOSOM OF YOUR DIVINE GLORY. SO THAT WE MAY NOT BURN THIS LAND UP BENEATH US TO SET OFF ANEW. BRING US INTO YOUR BLESSED FUTURE...

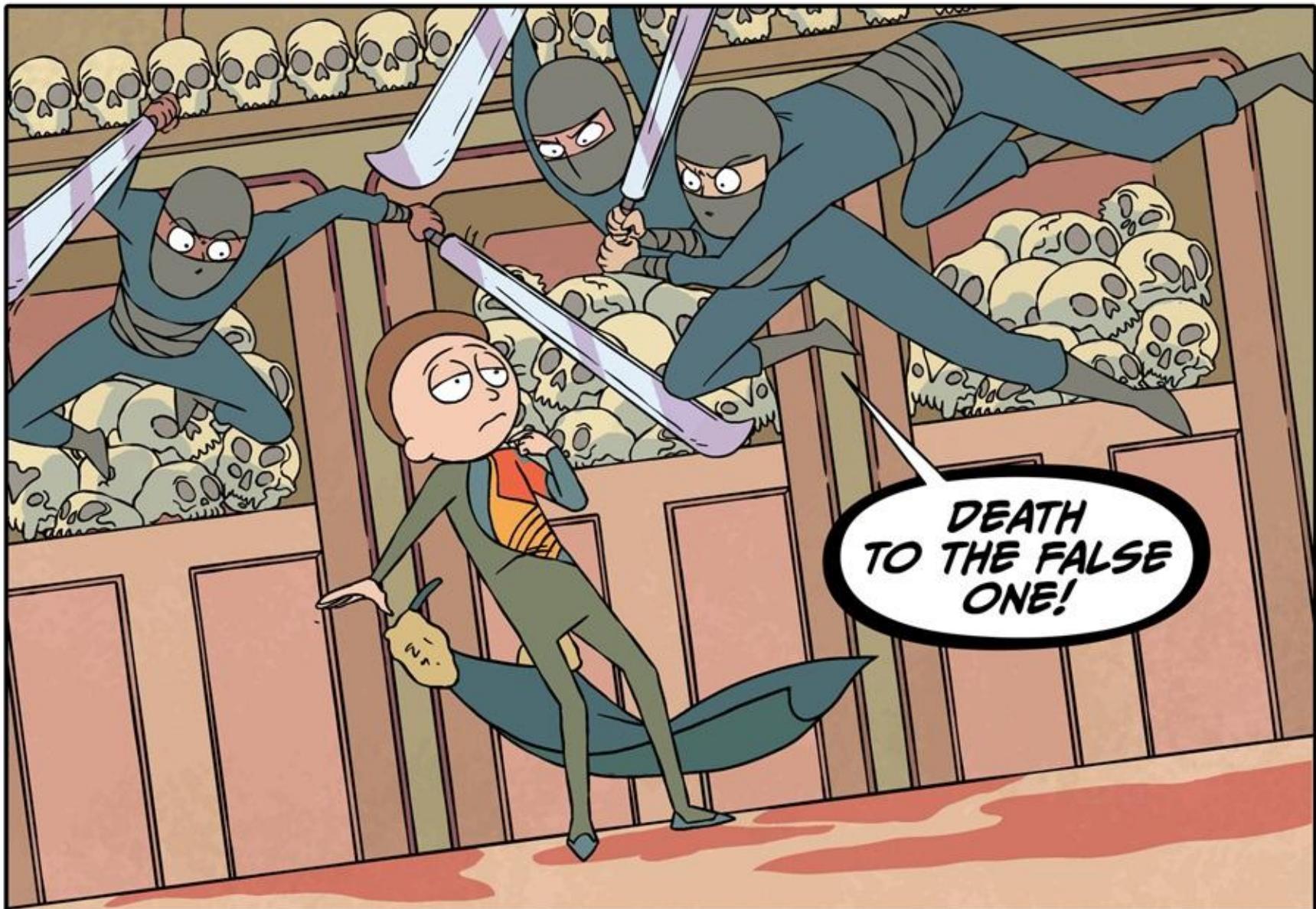
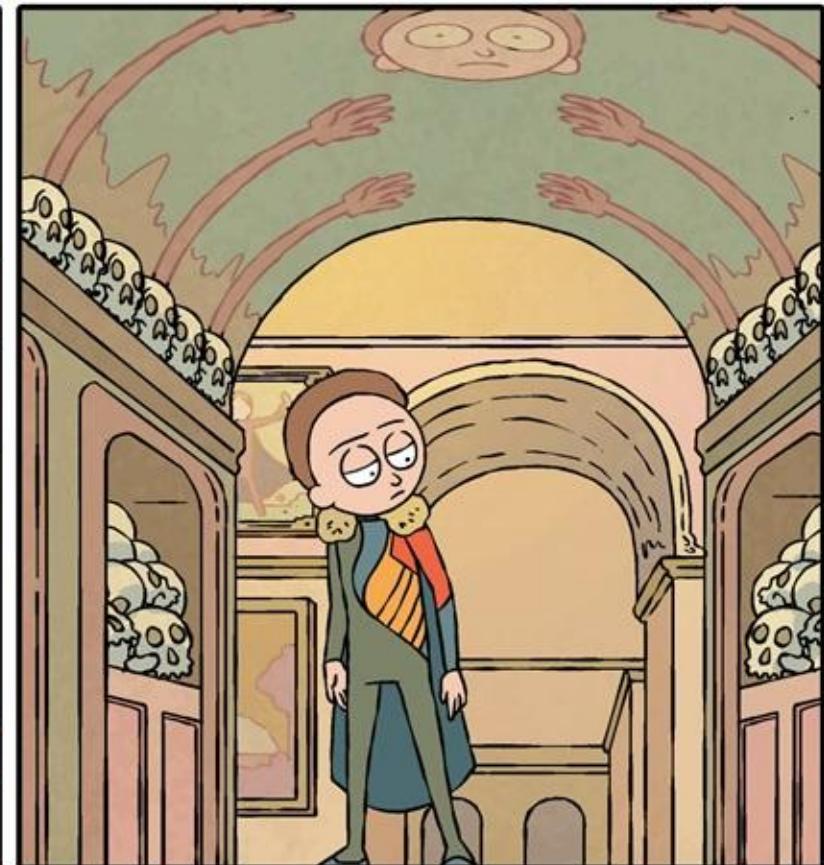
...OUR ONE...

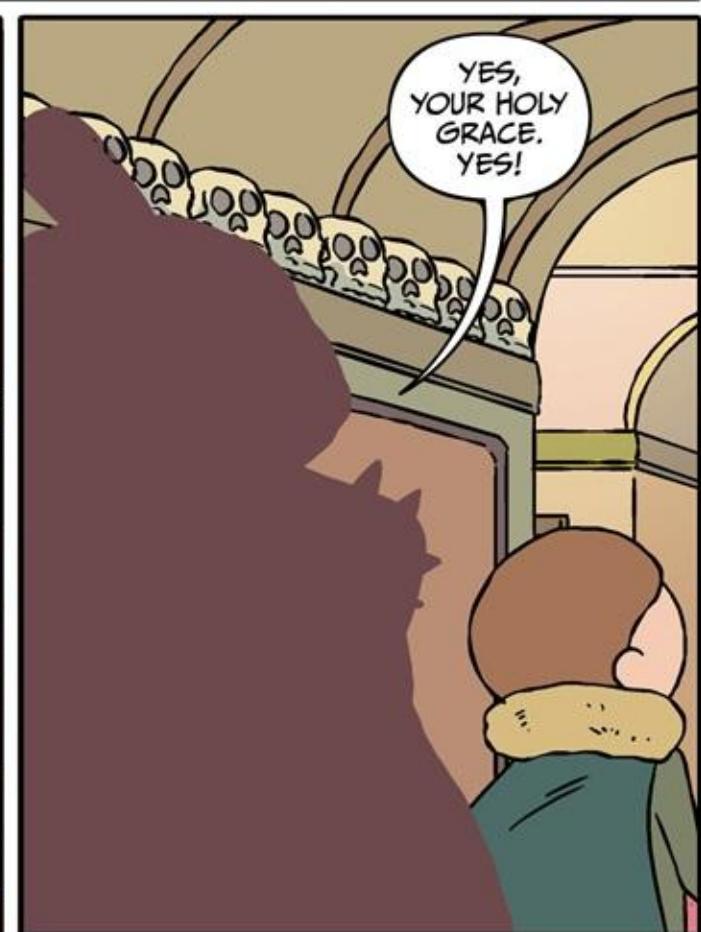
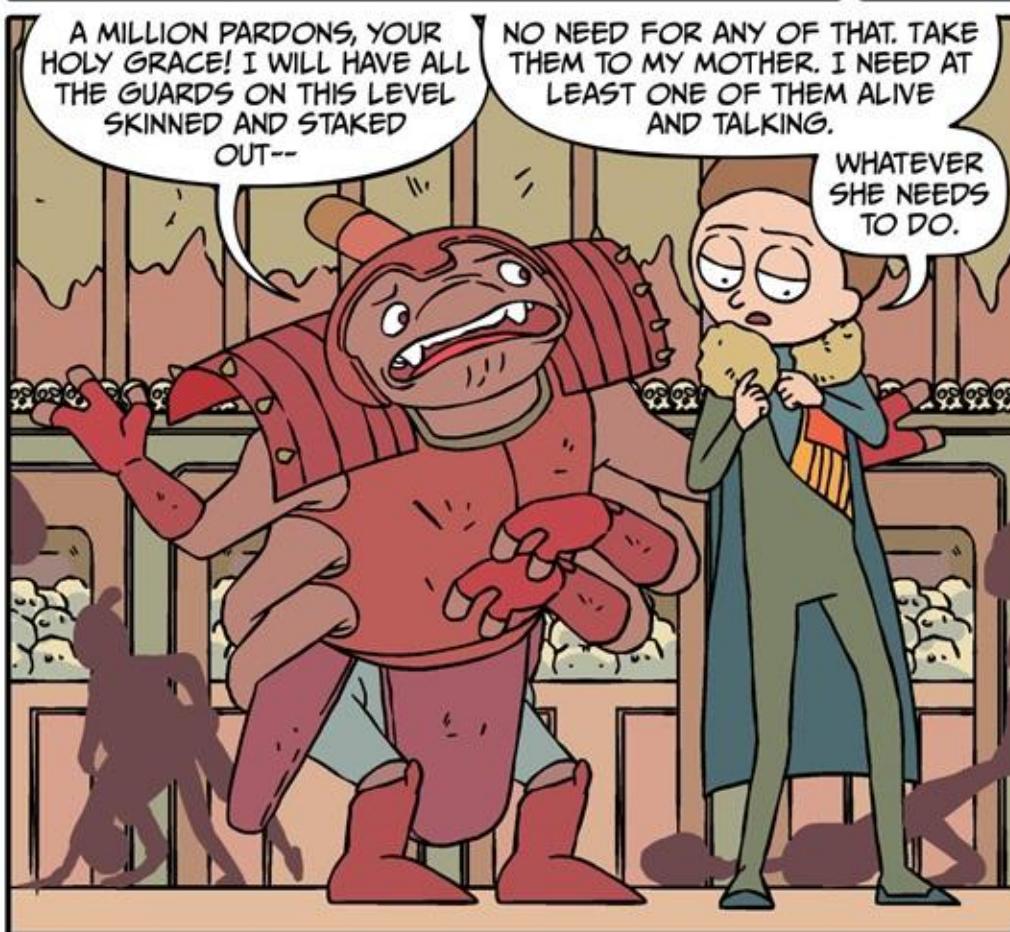
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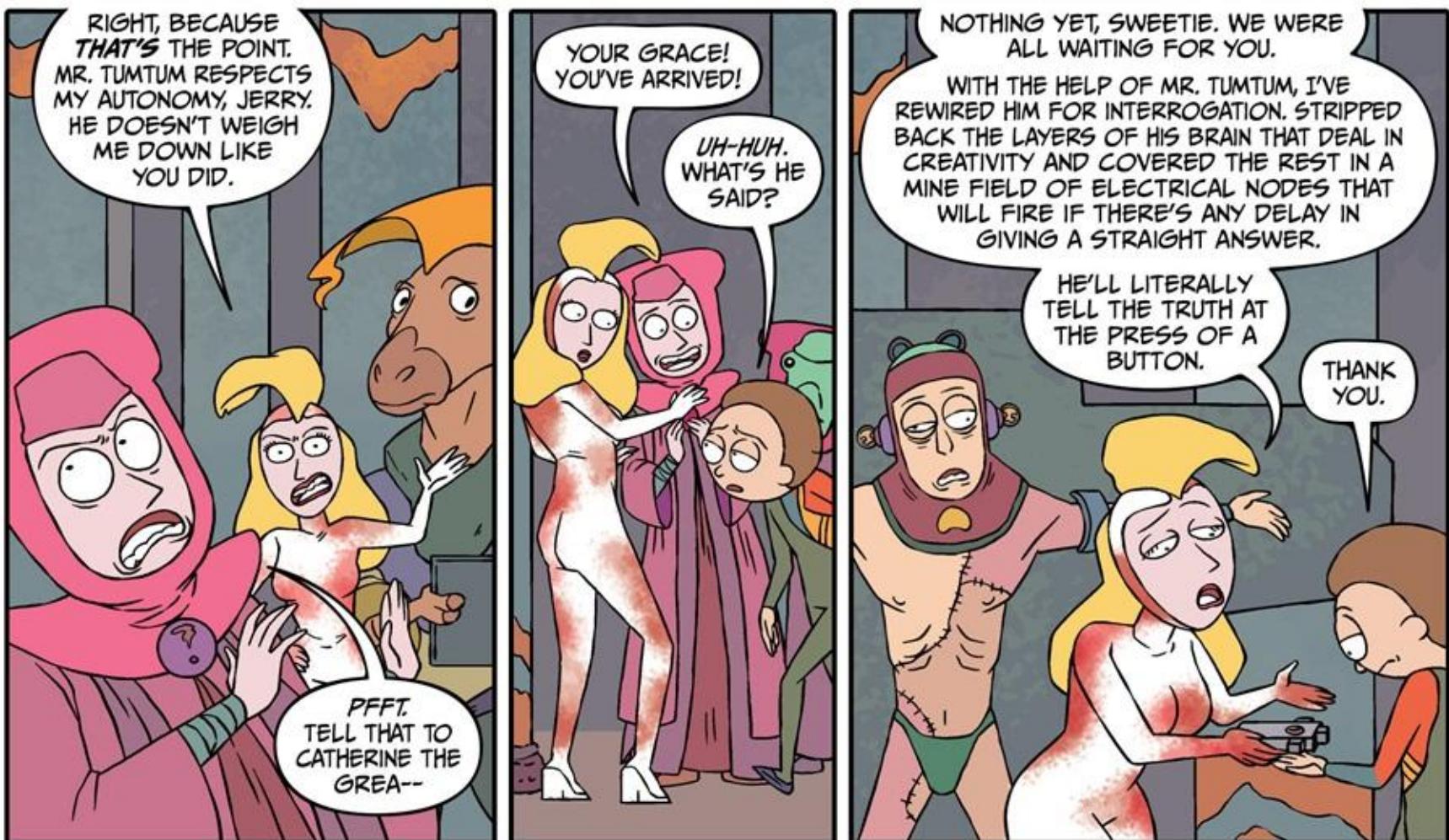
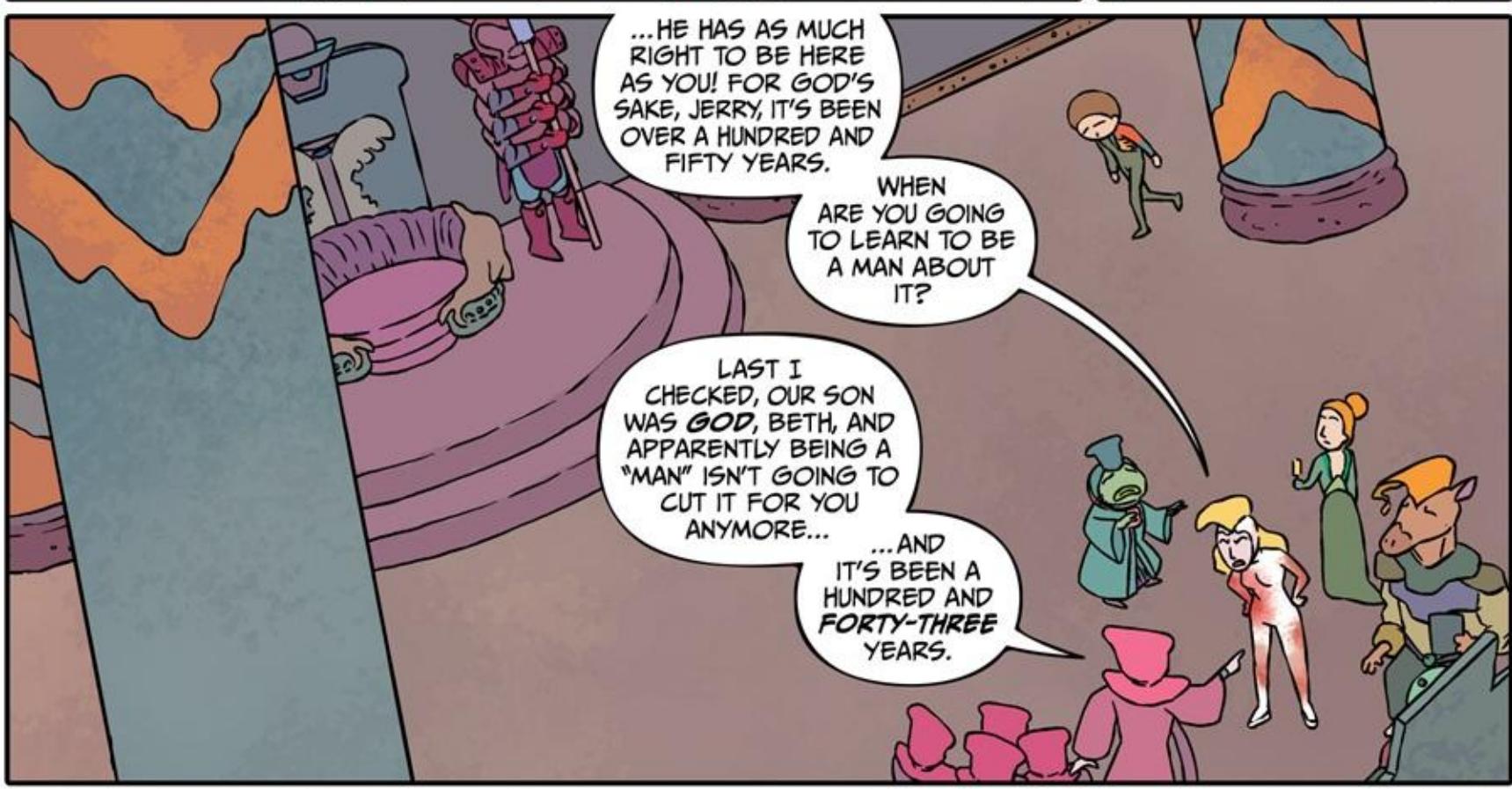
...MORTY.



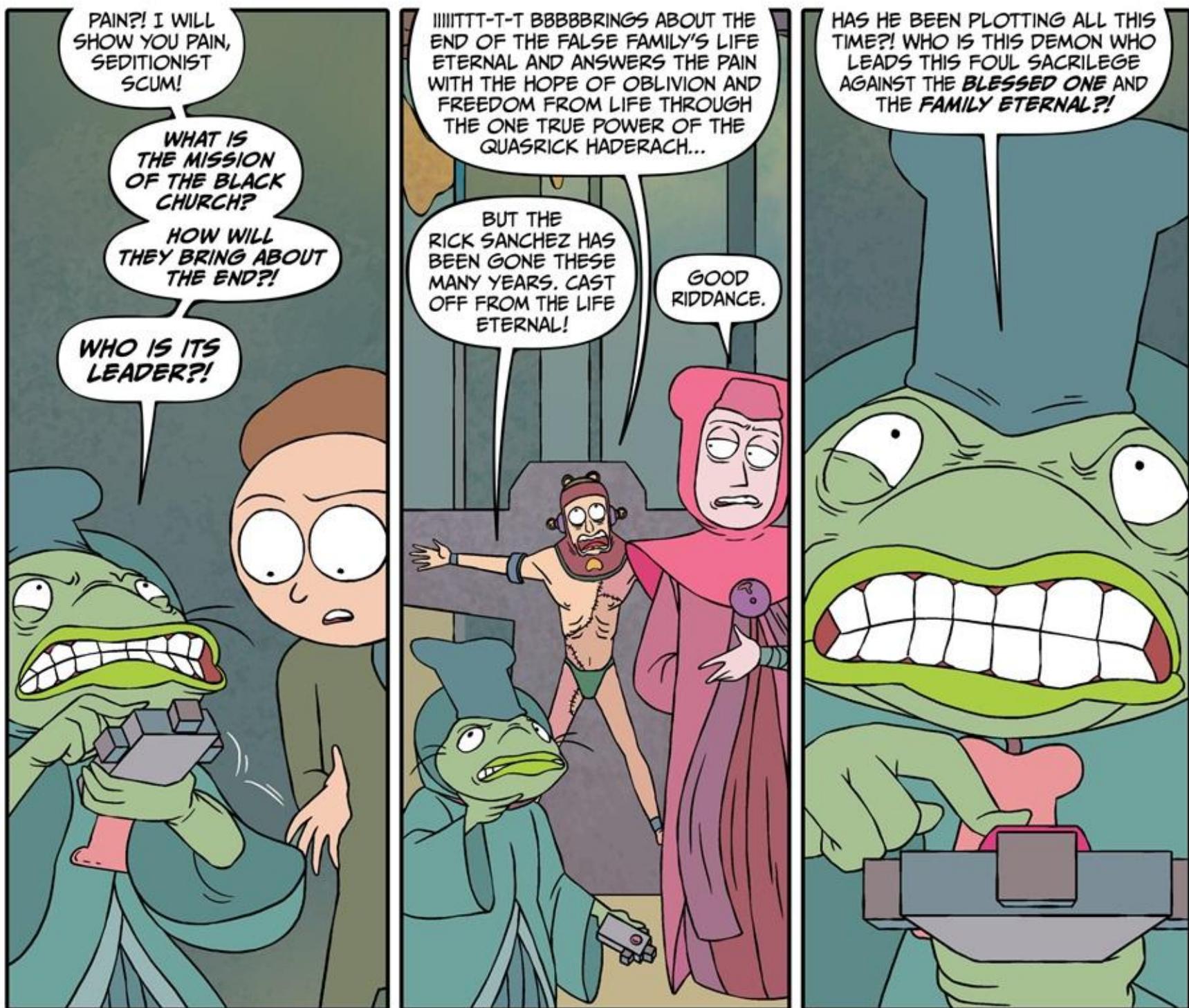


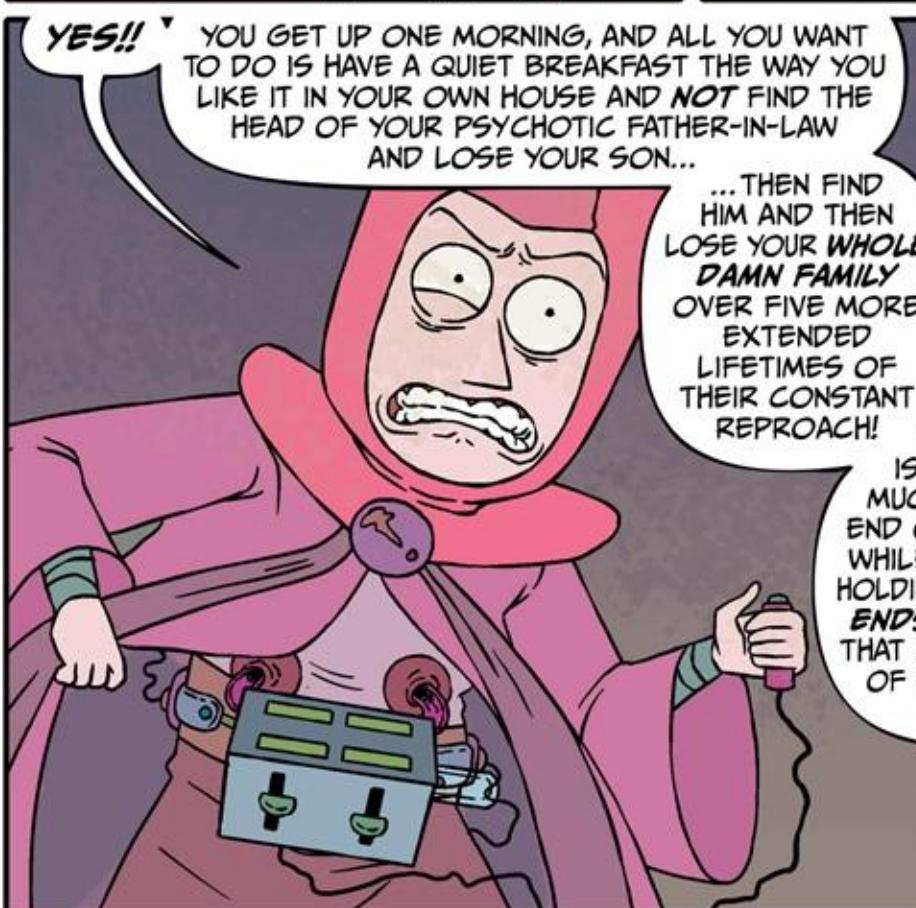


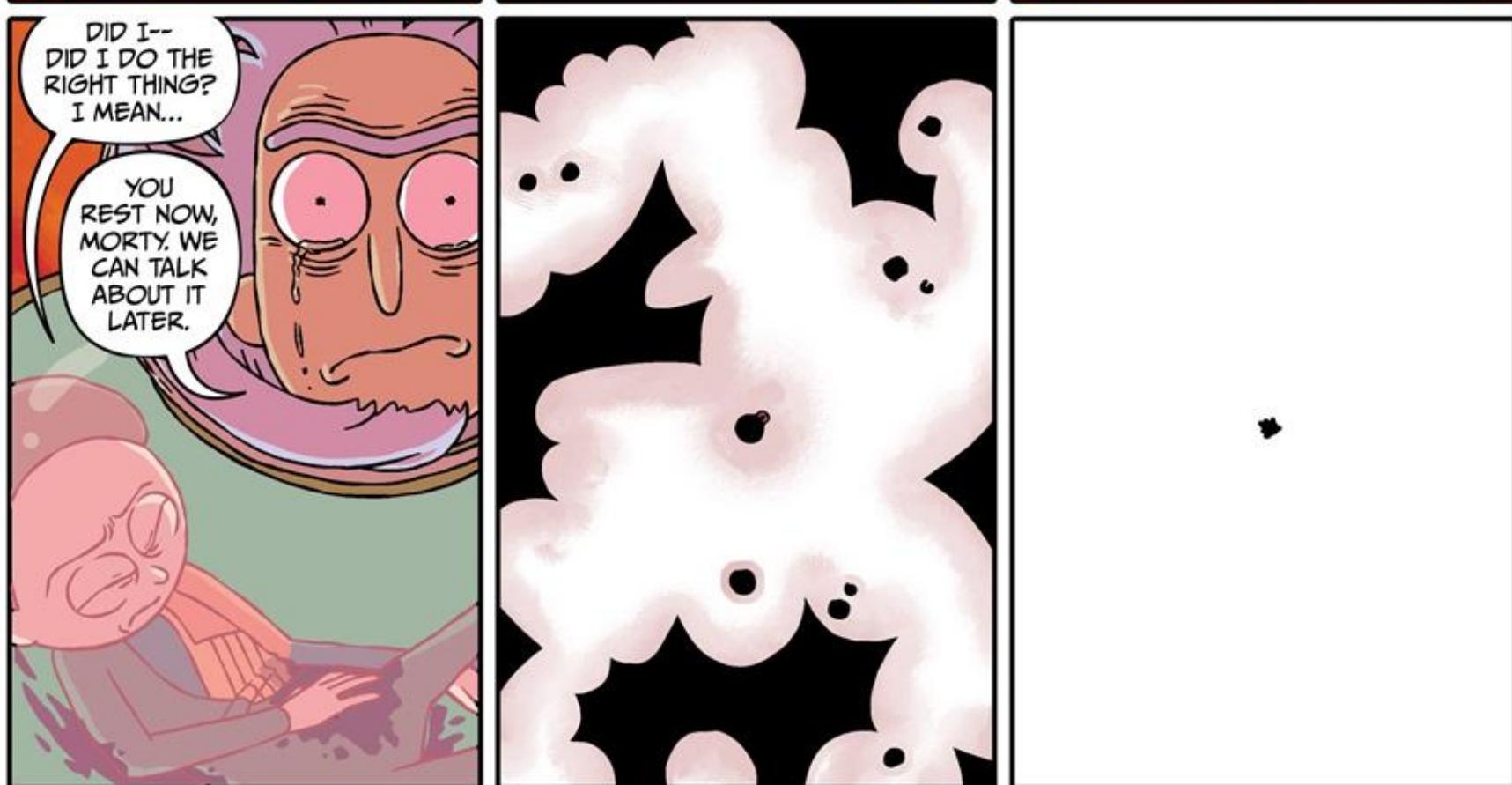
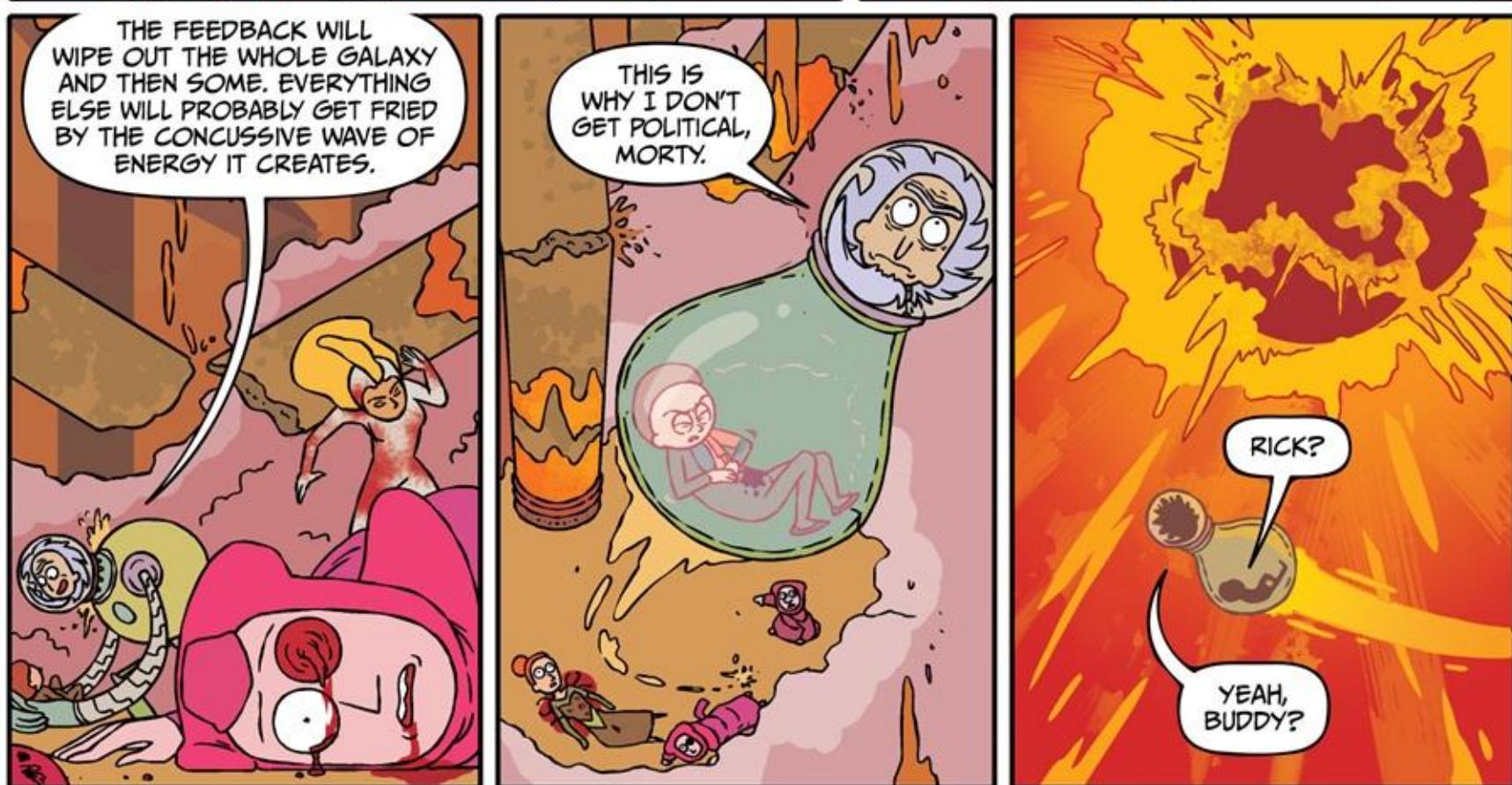
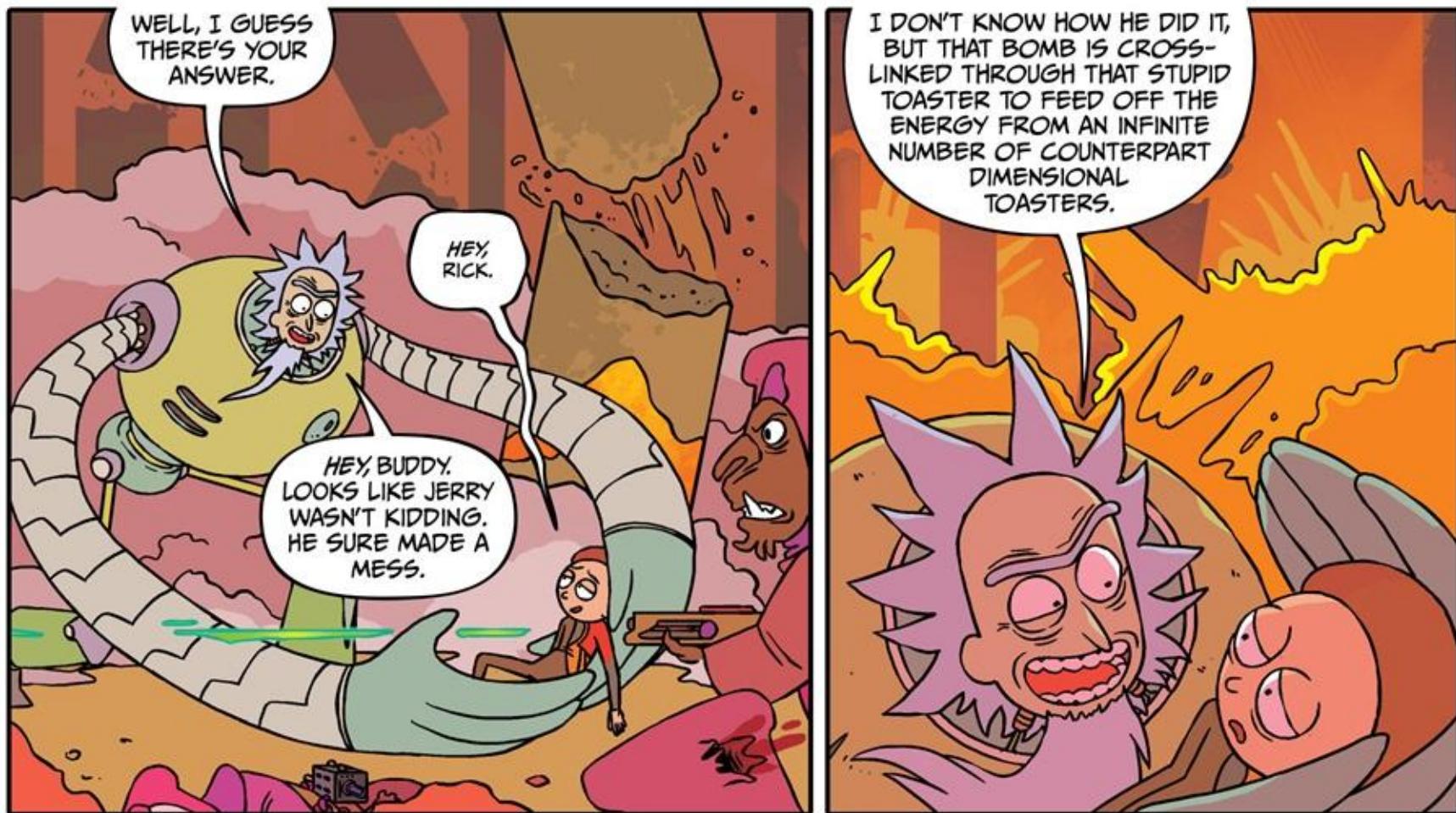


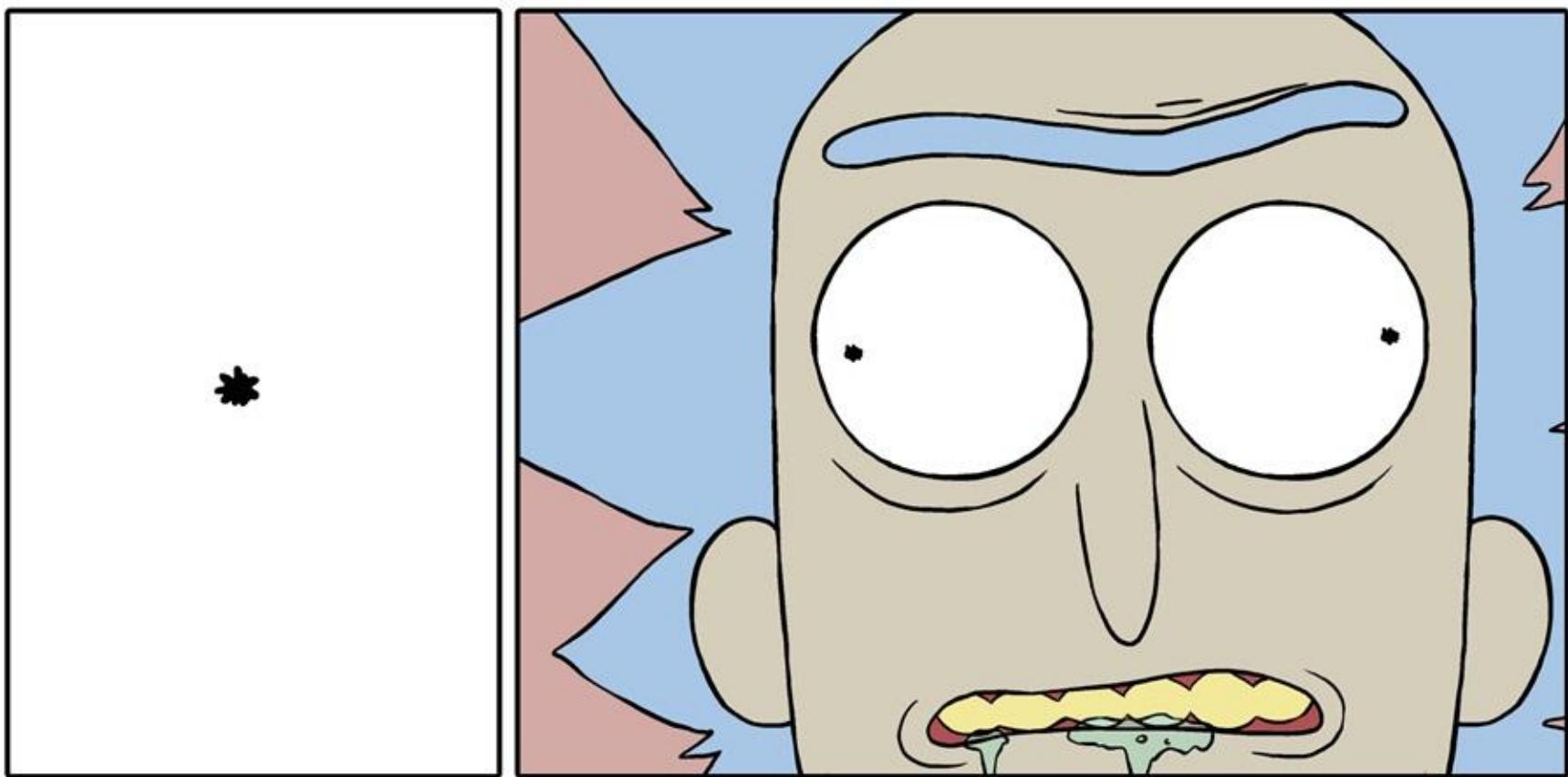


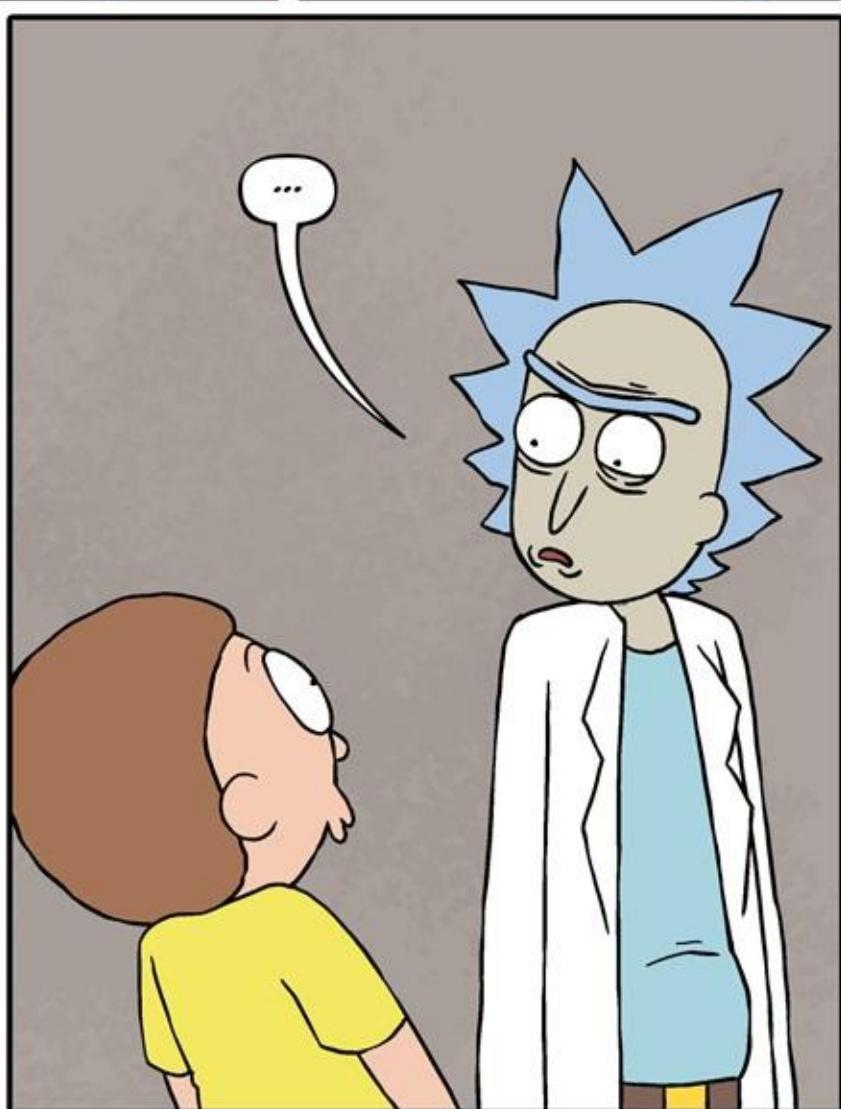














I MADE SOME SMALL
BUT VITAL UPGRADES TO
THIS RICK HEAD BEFORE
WE WENT IN.

LIKE I
SAID, DON'T WORRY
YOUR LITTLE HEAD
ABOUT IT.



KNOCK
FIRST

YOU GET
IT MORTY?
"LITTLE
HEAD?"

YEAH,
RICK. HAHA.
"LITTLE
HEAD."



GOOD
ONE, RICK.

THE END.

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