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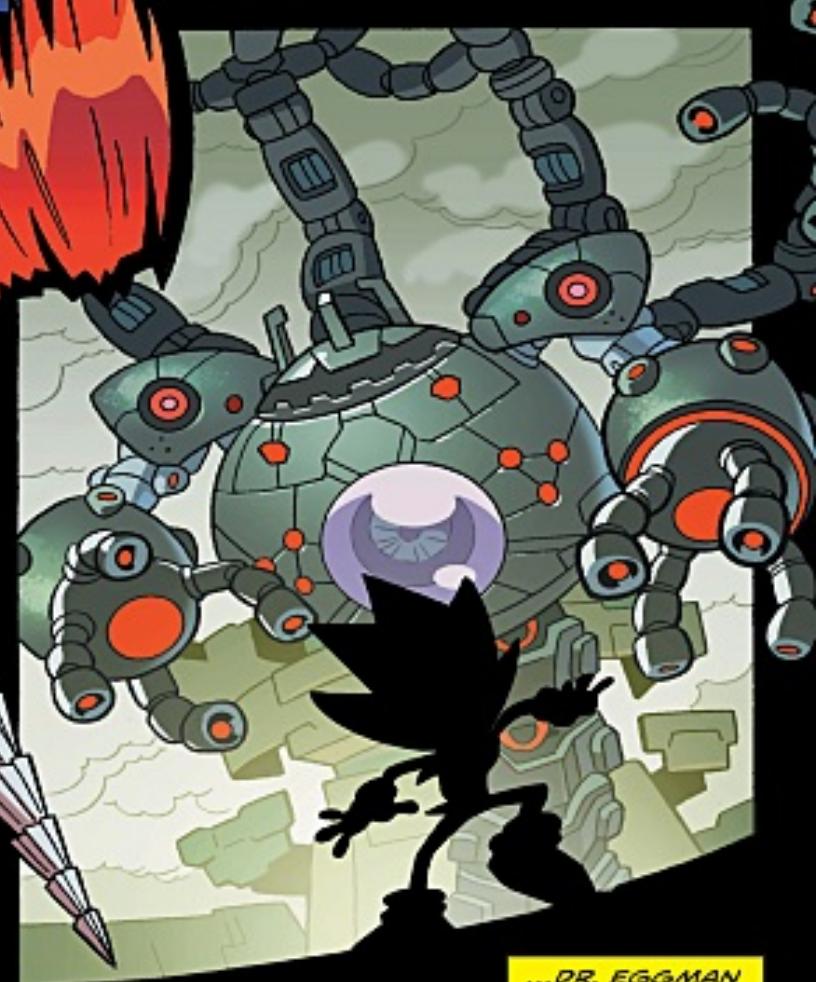


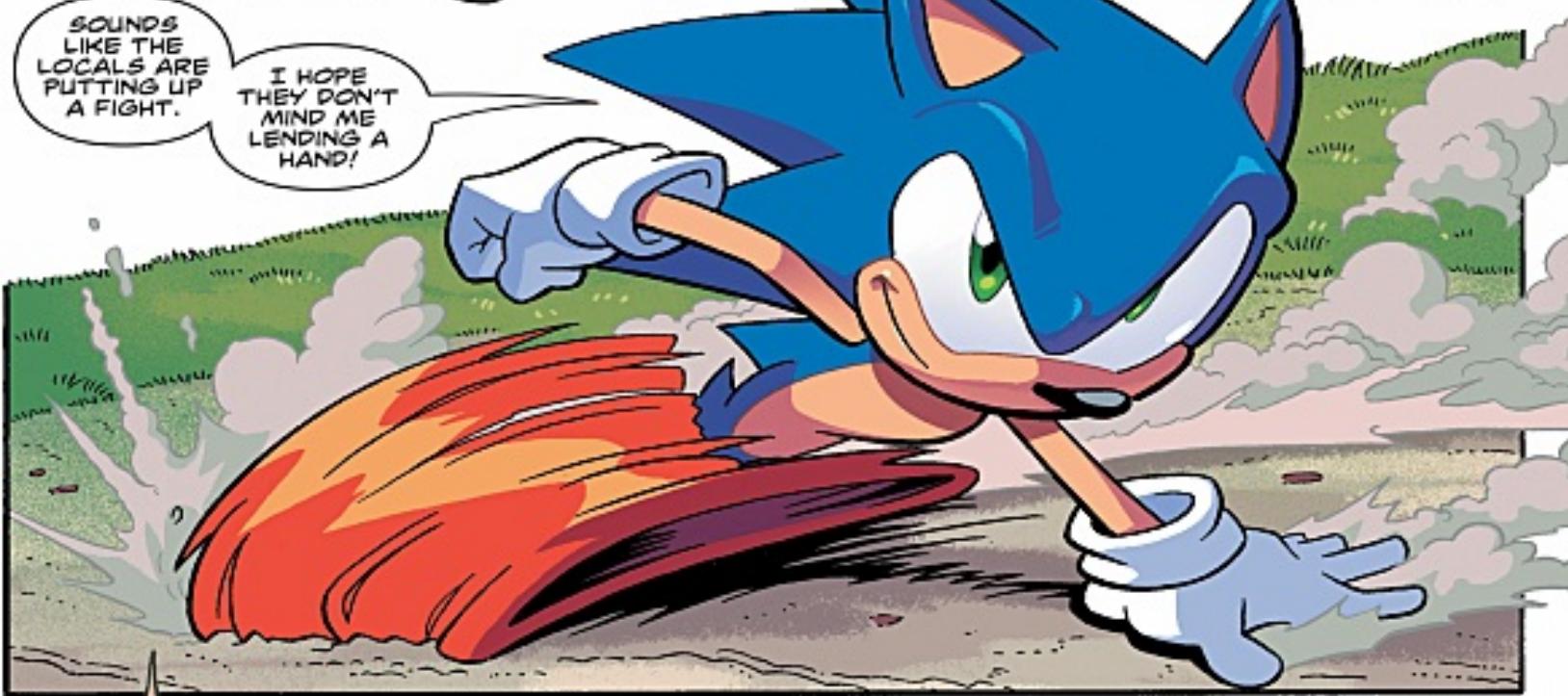
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SONIC THE HEDGEHOG HAS SPENT YEARS FIGHTING THE FORCES OF DR. EGGMAN.

TIME AND AGAIN THE MAD DOCTOR ATTACKS, SONIC STRIKES BACK, THEN RELAXES UNTIL EGGMAN RETURNS.

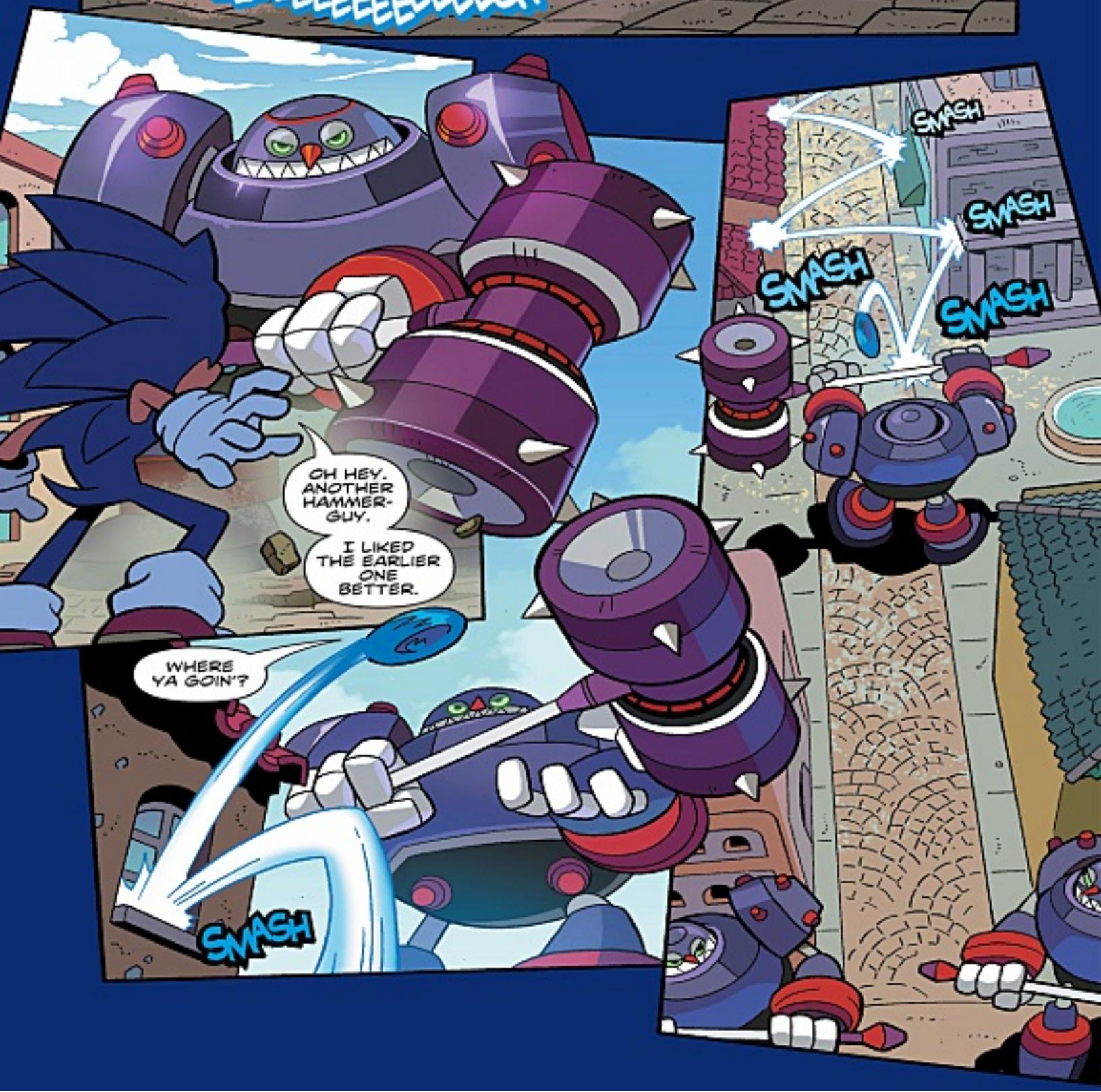












SMASH

C'MON,
BIG GUY!
SWING BATTABATTA-

-SWING?

YEAH,
OKAY, THIS
ONE'S ON
ME.

WHAM

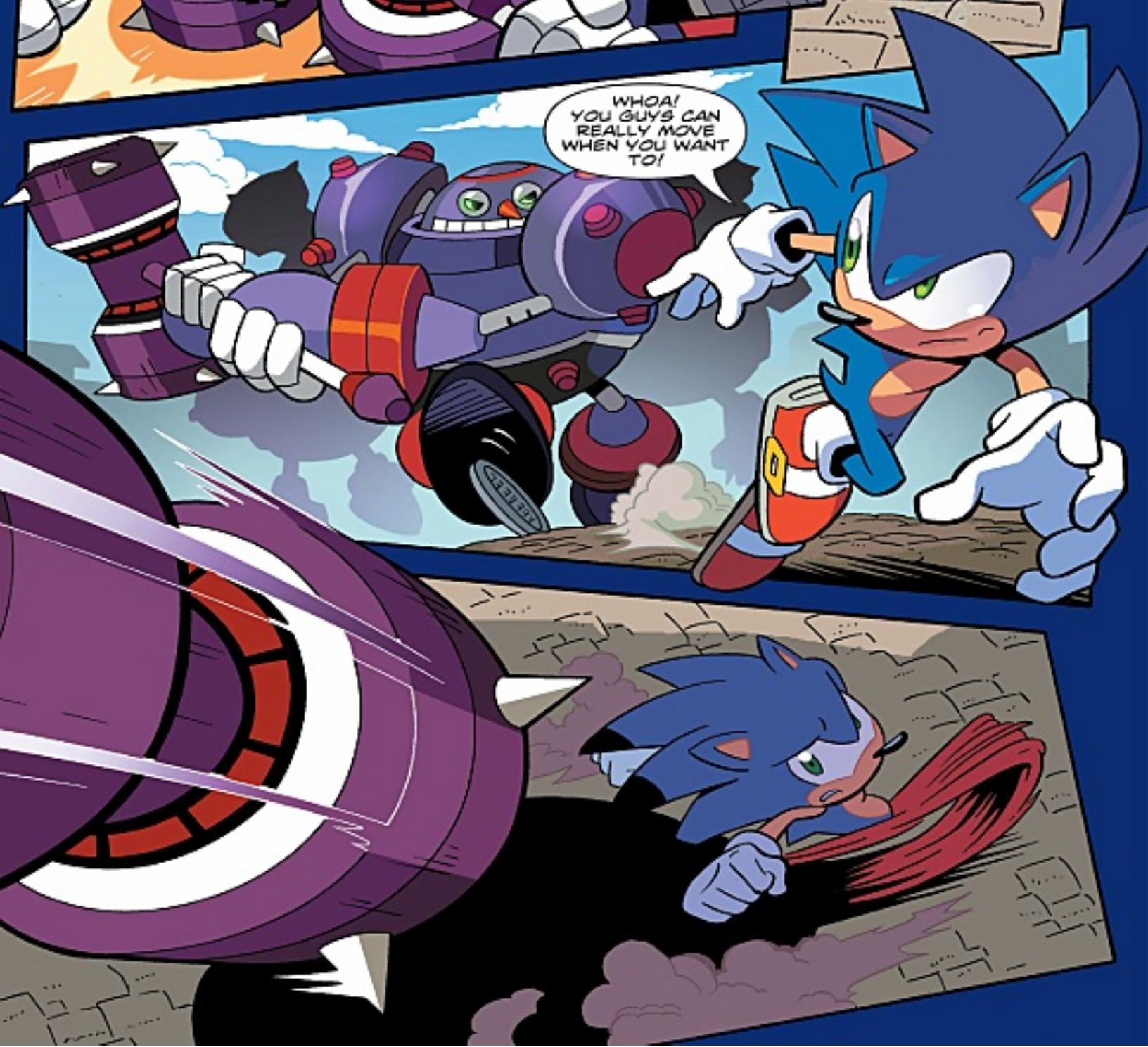
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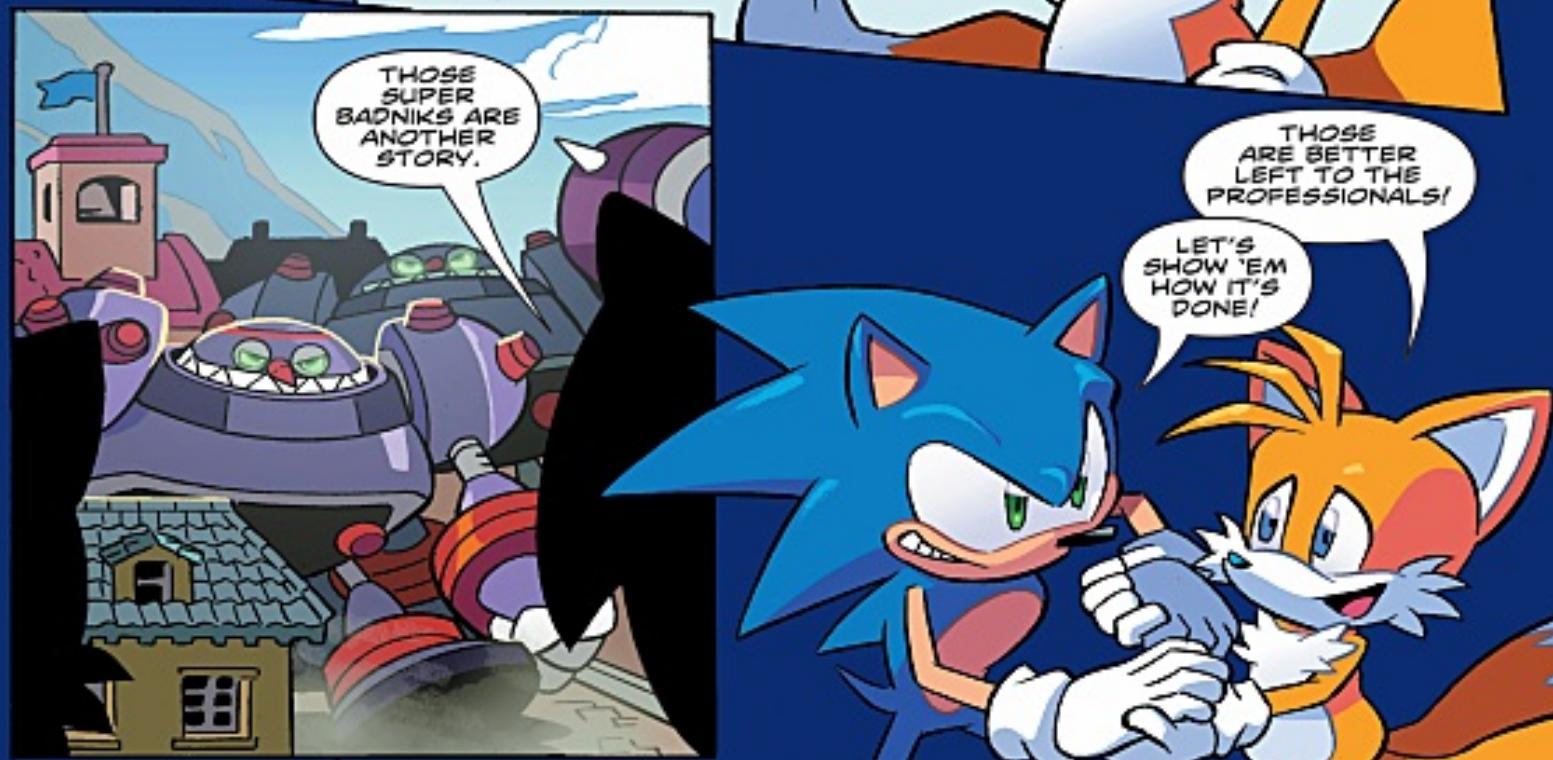
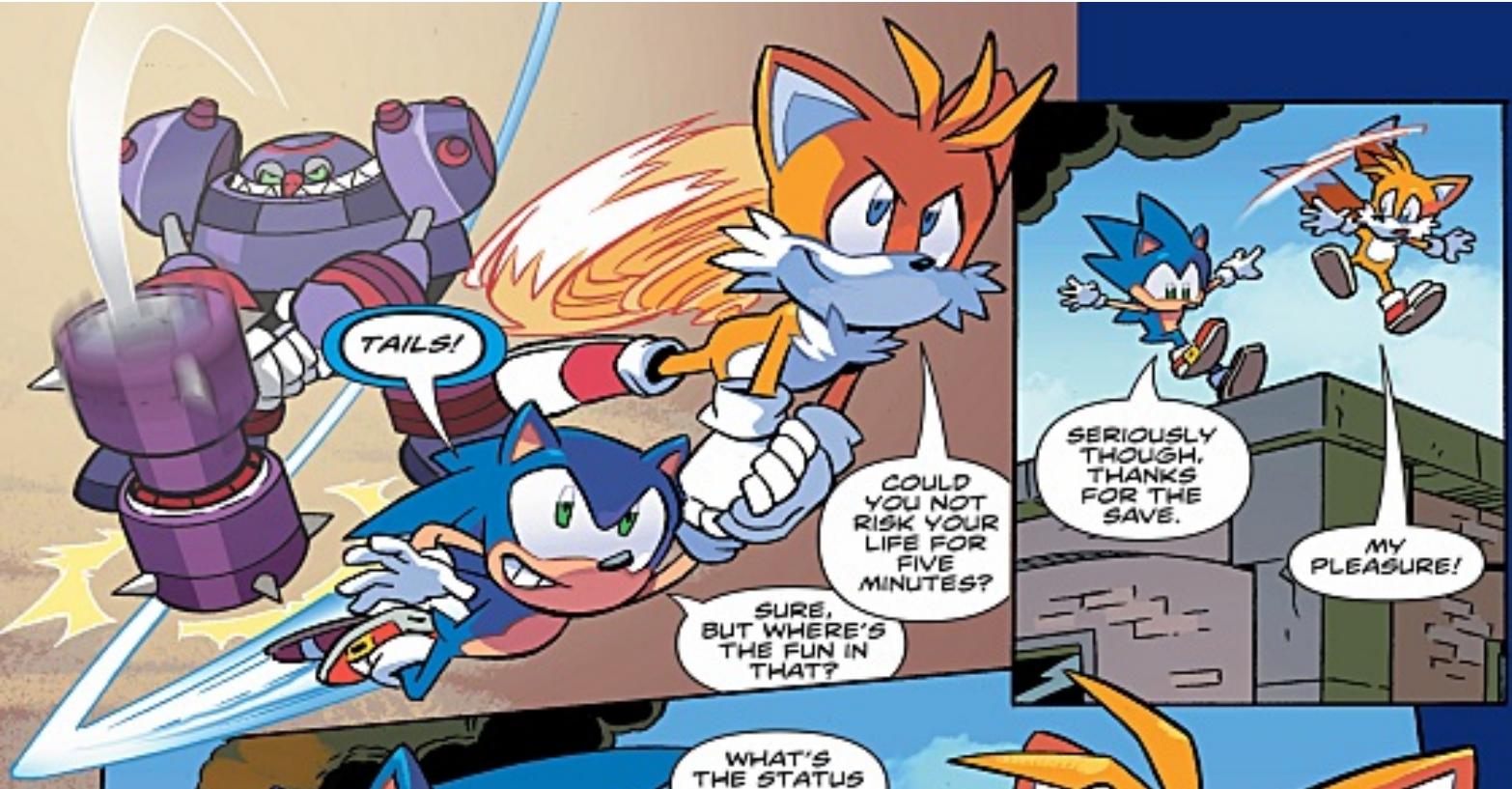
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WHOA!
YOU GUYS CAN
REALLY MOVE
WHEN YOU WANT
TO!

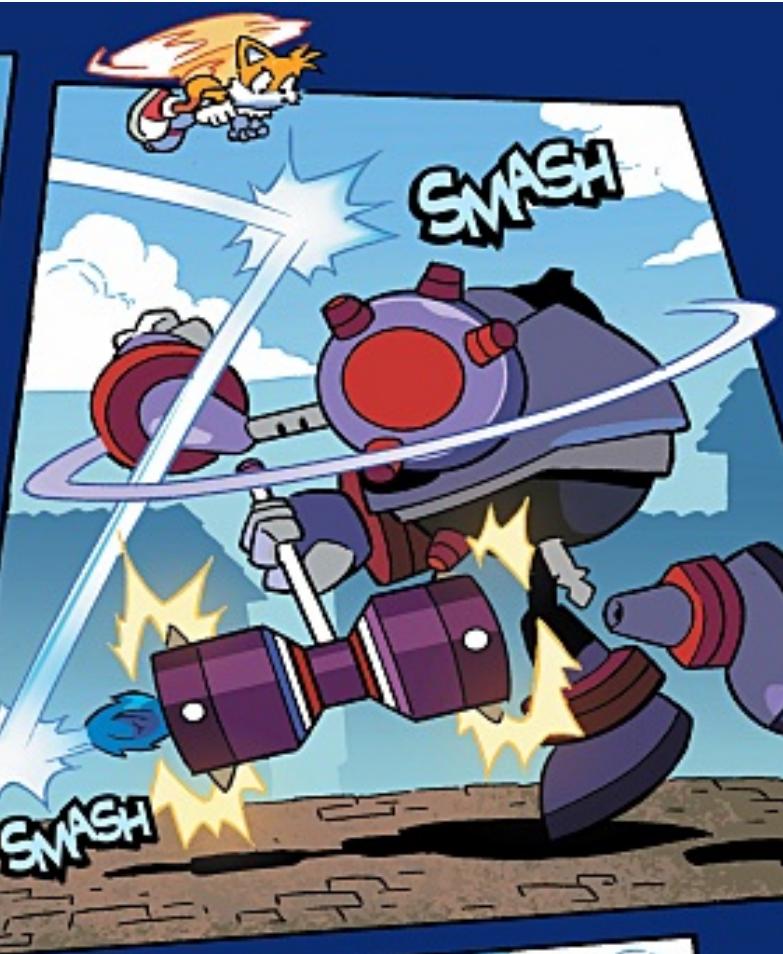
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NOUN. A
BURROWING
ANIMAL.

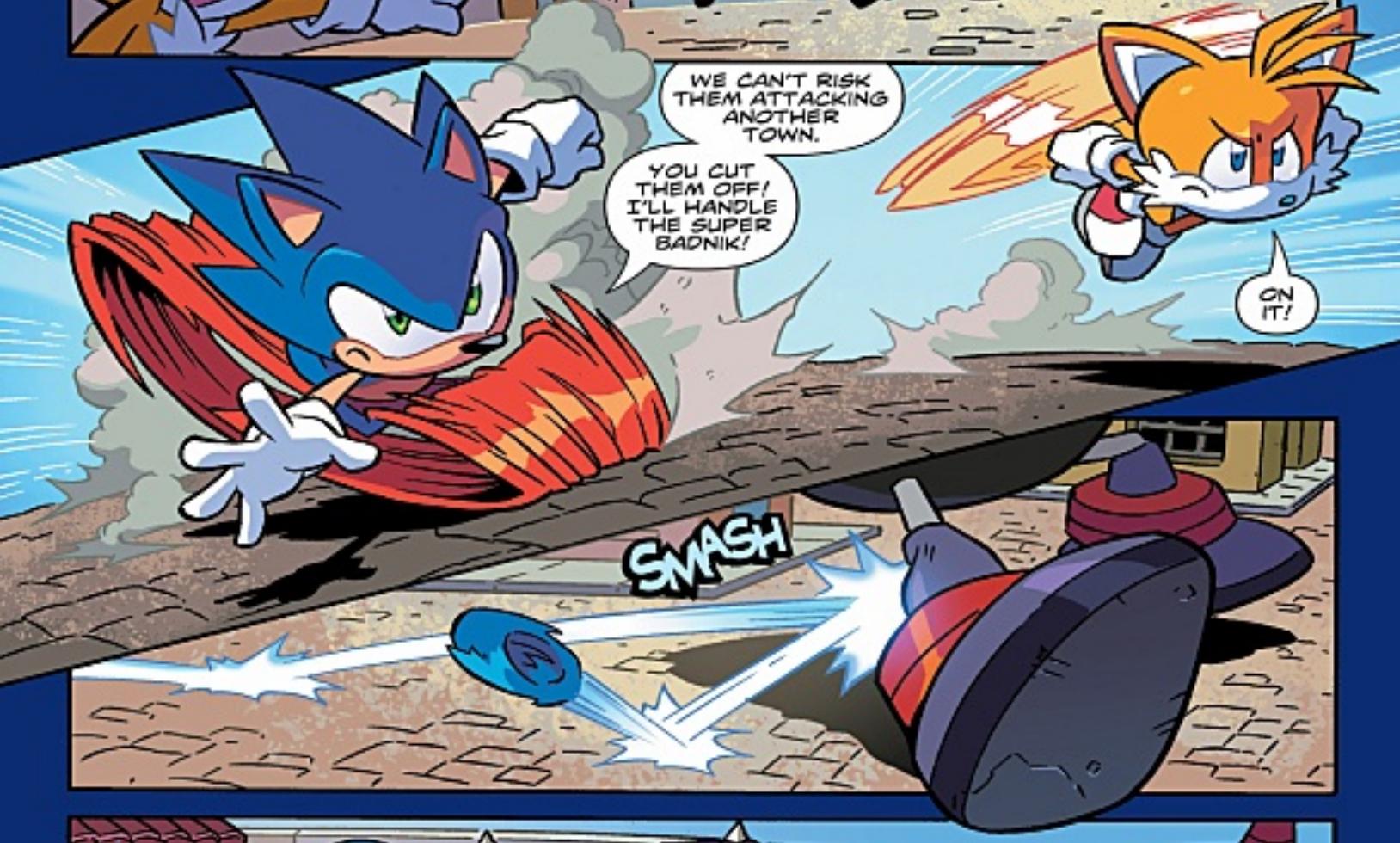


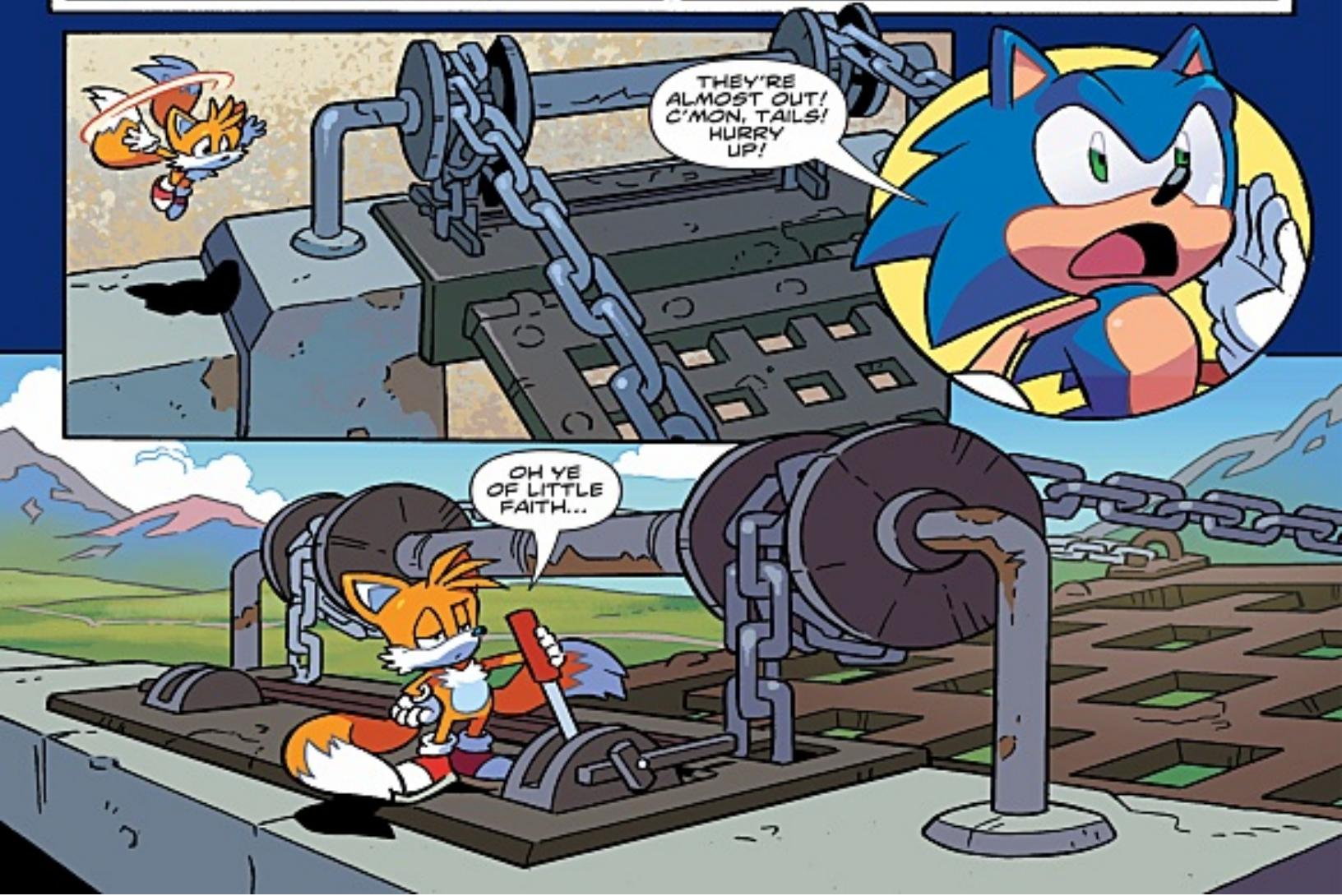
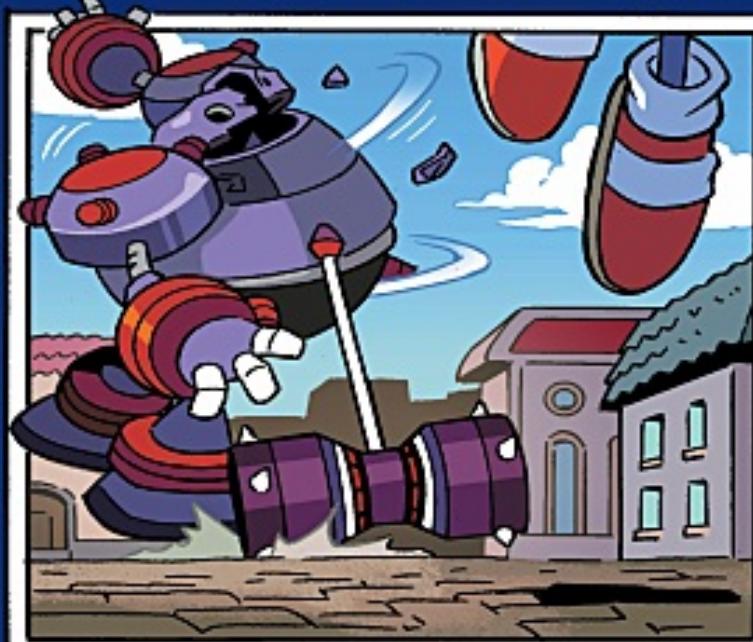














ANOTHER DAY SAVED
THANKS TO SONIC
AND TAILS! THESE
ROGUE ROBOTS
ARE MORE LIKE
PESTS THAN
ANYTHING.

NORMALLY
I'D AGREE...

...BUT
THIS WAS
A MUCH MORE
COORDINATED
ATTACK. AT LEAST
COMPARED TO
ANYTHING
WE'VE SEEN
LATELY.

REALLY?
I HADN'T
NOTICED.

OKAY—
FINE—THE
EGG HAMMERS
WERE NEW
TO THE
MIX.

THAT'S
NOT WHAT
I MEAN.



AFTER WE BEAT DR. EGGMAN AND HIS FORCES, WE BROKE THE EGGMAN EMPIRE'S CONTROL OVER OUR WORLD.



BUT TODAY—
UNIFIED TROOP
MOVEMENTS?
SUPER BADNIKS
BEING DEPLOYED?
SETTING UP
AMBUSHES?

SOMETHING IS MAKING EGGMAN'S ARMY MORE COHESIVE.



POINTS TAKEN. DO YOU THINK EGGMAN IS BACK?

WITHOUT SO MUCH AS AN ANGRY VLOG? NO WAY. AFTER THAT LAST DEFEAT, HE'D MAKE SURE WE KNEW HE WAS BACK.

THE LACK OF FANFARE IS SPOOKY.

IN THAT CASE, I'LL JUST KEEP DOING WHAT I'VE BEEN DOING.

THOSE BADNIKS ARE A THREAT TO EVERYONE, ORGANIZED OR NOT. I'LL KEEP TRAVELING AROUND, SMASHING EVERY ONE I SEE.



YEAH, BUT IF THEY ARE GETTING ORDERS FROM SOMEONE...

THEN IT'LL MAKE IT MORE FUN!

J-JUST... BE CAREFUL, OKAY?



IF YOU GET CAUGHT OFF-GUARD AGAIN... GET HURT...

HEY. SURE, WE'VE HAD SOME CLOSE CALLS, BUT WE'VE COME OUT OF IT FINE IN THE END, RIGHT?

YEAH, I GUESS.

I'LL BE CAREFUL, I PROMISE.

...OKAY. THANKS SONIC.



IF YOU'RE SO WORRIED, YOU CAN ALWAYS COME WITH ME.

YEAH! JUST LIKE OLD TIMES AND—!

THERE'S TOO MANY BADNIK GANGS OUT THERE. YOU'LL FIND THEM FASTER ON YOUR OWN.

I'LL STAY HERE AND HELP THE LOCALS REBUILD THEIR TOWN.

YOU'RE A CLASS ACT, BUDDY. WE'LL BASH BOTS SOME OTHER TIME.

DEAL!

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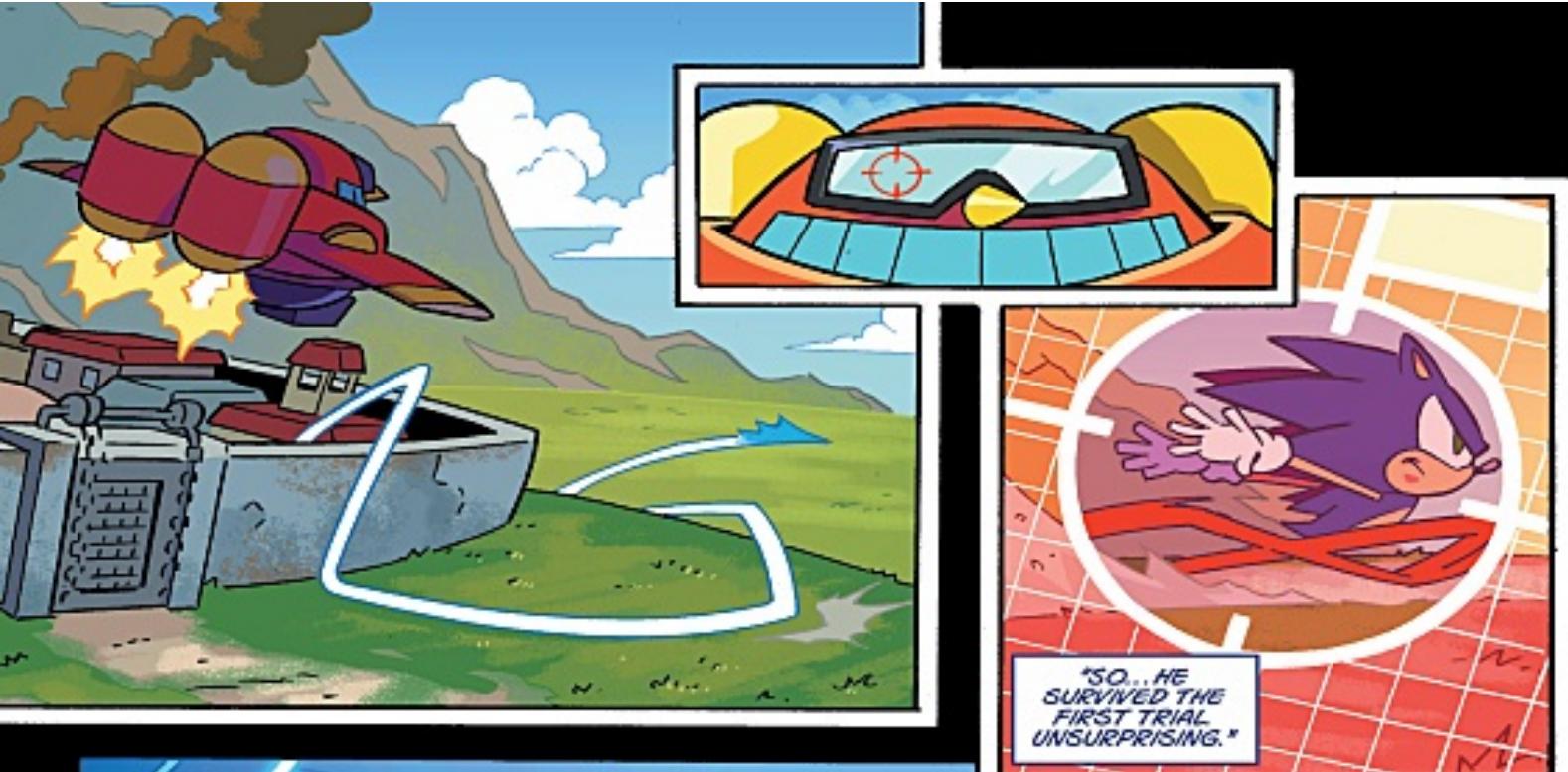
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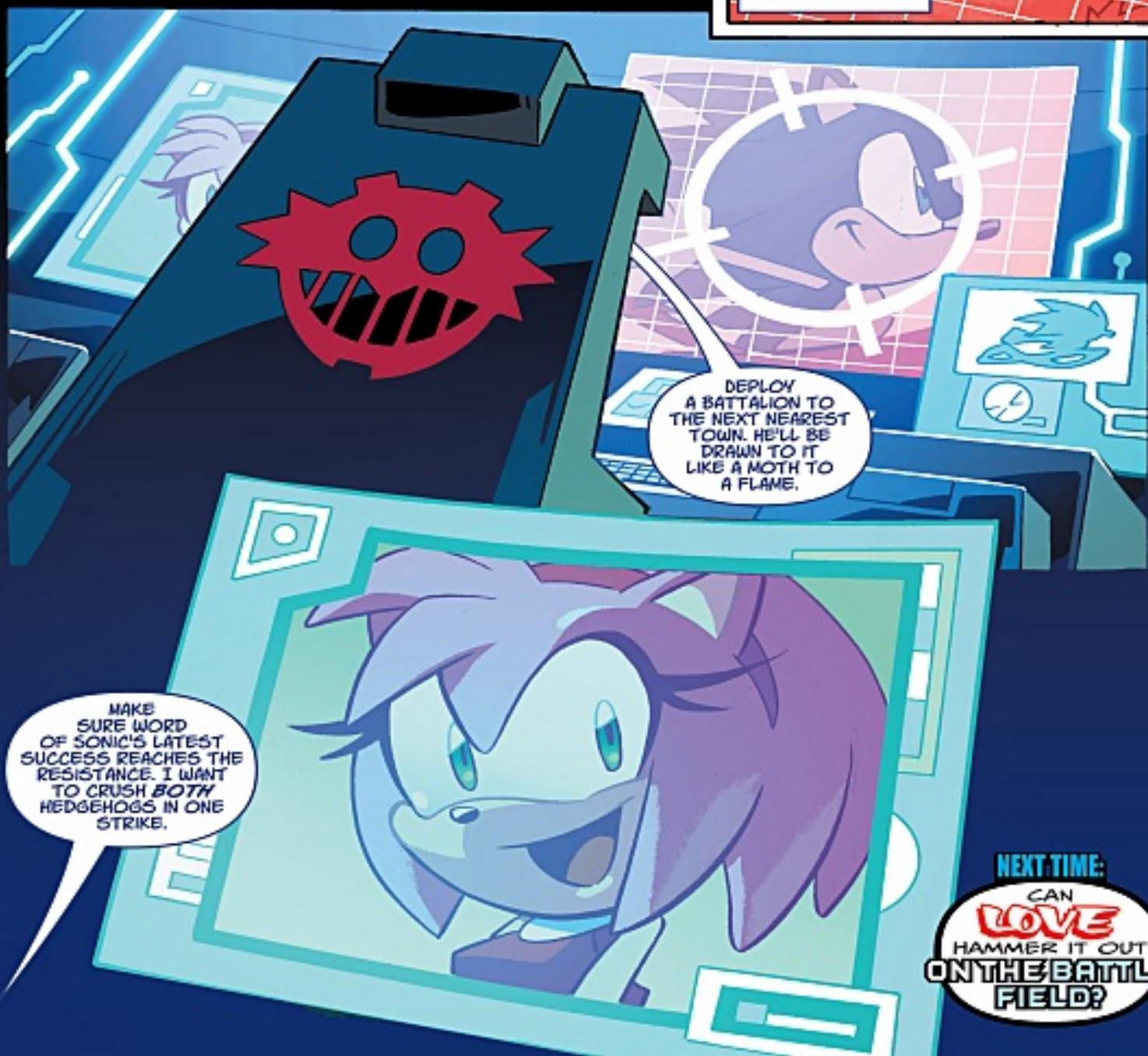
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DEAL!



"SO... HE SURVIVED THE FIRST TRIAL UNSURPRISING."



MAKE
SURE WORD
OF SONIC'S LATEST
SUCCESS REACHES THE
RESISTANCE. I WANT
TO CRUSH BOTH
HEDGEHOGS IN ONE
STRIKE.

DEPLOY
A BATTALION TO
THE NEXT NEAREST
TOWN. HE'LL BE
DRAWN TO IT
LIKE A MOTH TO
A FLAME.

NEXT TIME:
CAN
LOVE
HAMMER IT OUT
ON THE BATTLE
FIELD?



SONIC LETTERS SQUAD

Hello to all the Sonic fans new and old and welcome to the first issue of *Sonic the Hedgehog*

from IDW Publishing! It's a monumental issue as your favorite blue blur and his best buddy Tails race into a new adventure... with the ever-capable and ever-lovable Ian Flynn, Tracy Yardley, Jim Amash, Bob Smith, Matt Herms, and Corey Breen bringing you our stellar first issue.

But enough talk! Let's get to what you came here for. We asked and you delivered, so here are some fan letters and the first batch of fan art!



My boyfriend and I have been huge fans of Sonic since we were young! We collaborate on artwork often and this is one of our proudest creations, and would love to see it in print. Can't wait to buy and read the comics!

Lourdes M.



Hi,

Looking forward to the new series. I've attached a piece of fan art I've done. Peace!

Billy Kurtz

This one's extra special as Billy's piece is the first one to arrive when the call went out on the IDW Sonic Comic Squad Facebook group!

Good evening, guys!

I'm Rena Rose, I'm a cosplayer from Argentina! I belong to Sonic Team Argentina, one of the most important Argentinian pages rewarding Sonic news and content. Cosplaying Sonic characters is super FUN! I hope to cosplay more characters! I learned to sew 5 years ago to make my own costumes and I've won many cosplay

competitions in Argentina. My favorite character to cosplay is Amy Rose. She's so cool! <3 I submitted photos for publication. I'm looking forward to reading the new Sonic comics! Thank you for your time.

Best Wishes,
Rena Rose



And Rena was the first cosplayer to send in some pictures!

If you'd like your fanart, cosplay pictures, or letters to show up in this very space, send them to letters@idwpublishing.com, include your name, and mark them "OKAY TO PRINT!" Also, don't forget to join the IDW Sonic Comics Squad Facebook Group to see even more amazing art and keep up-to-date with

all the latest info on your favorite comic! We'll see you back here with more letters and more fan art... NEXT WEEK?!? WHAT?!?

-Joe Hughes and David Mariotte

Top: Art by Chase Connolly.
Bottom: Art by Abel Muniz, Jr.

