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FLIGHT 227 TO SAN DIEGO. 9 AM.

FAMOUS HAS FLAVORS. THERE'S "PRETTY FAMOUS," ALL THE WAY TO "MEGASTAR FAMOUS." I'M NOT MEGASTAR FAMOUS. AS IF.

BUT WHEN YOU'RE PART OF A WORLD-SAVING GROUP LIKE THE PLUMBERS, PEOPLE KNOW YOU.

EVEN THOUGH EVERYONE KNOWS YOUR NAME, SOMETIMES YOU CAN FEEL LONELY. LIKE THERE'S A WALL BETWEEN YOU AND THE WORLD.

ARE YOU BEN 10?

ARE YOU ON A MISSION?

LIM... YEP.

I WISH. THEN WE COULD BE IN OUR OWN PLANE.

OH, STOP GRUMBLING. WE'RE ON VACATION.

INSIDE THE WALL, THERE'S FOLKS LIKE ME AND MY PARTNER, ROOK. THERE'S MY GRANDPA MAX, MY COUSIN GWEN, AND MY OLD PAL KEVIN.

AND THERE'S EVERYONE ELSE. AND THEY WANNA KNOW YOU. ALWAYS.

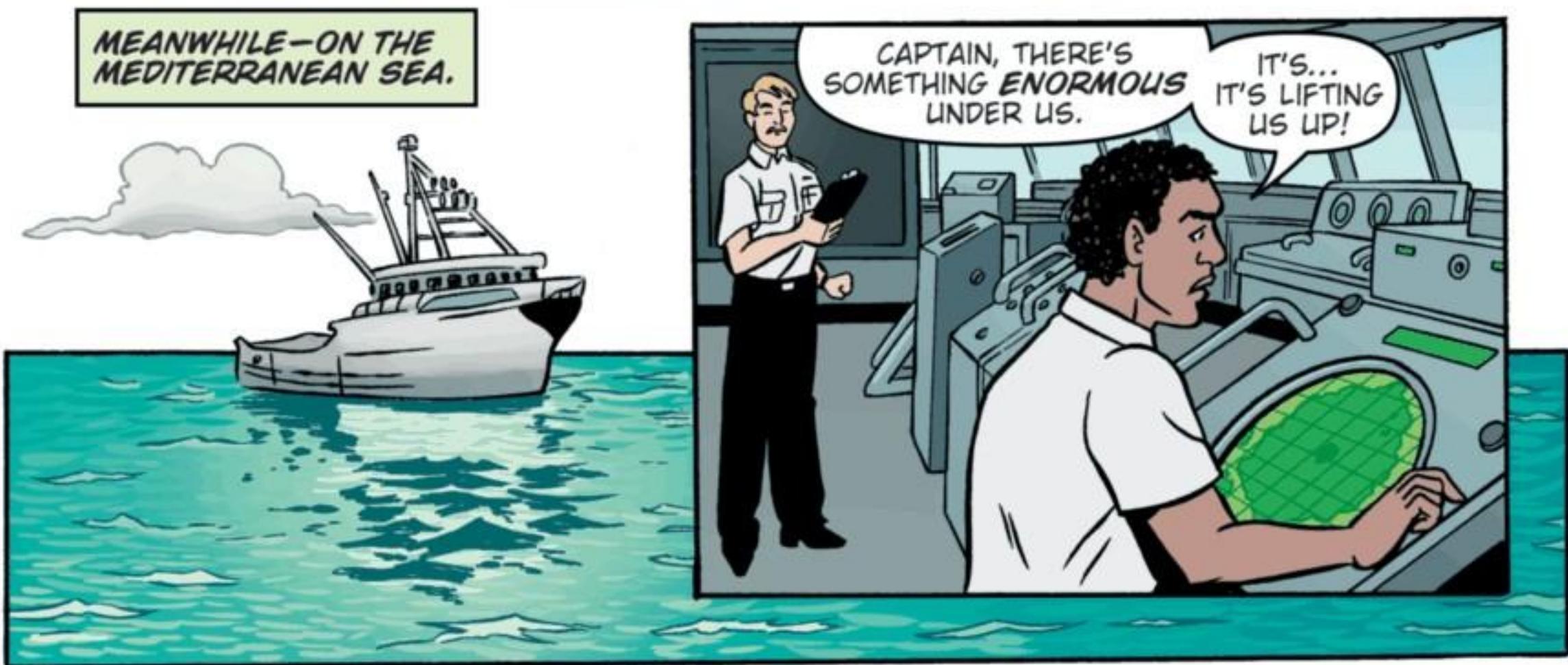
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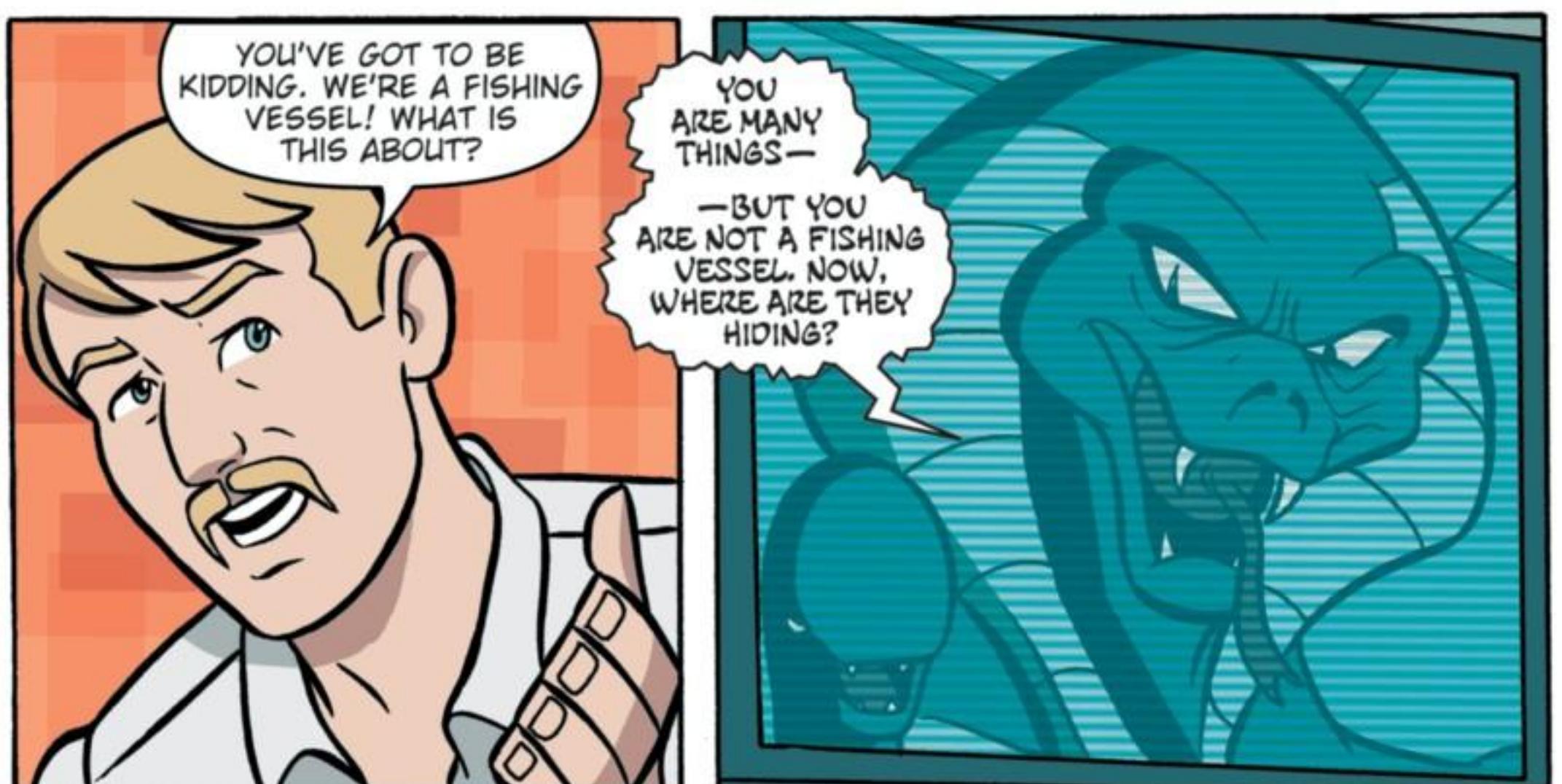
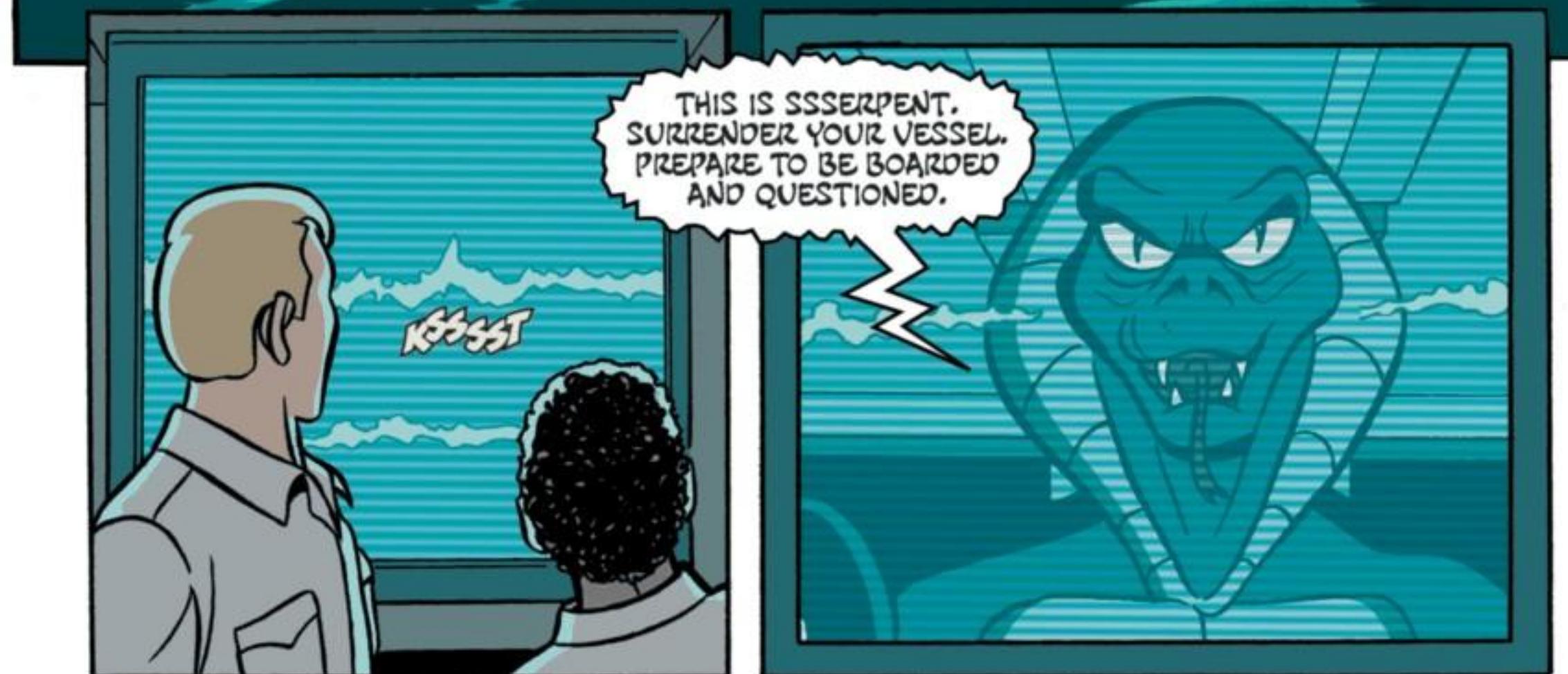
— HAS BEEN CUT SHORT!

UH-OH. I KNOW THAT VOICE.













PROTOCOL SUGGESTS WE ALL KEEP A SAFE DISTANCE FROM THESE CROWDS.

COME ON, ROOK. YOU DON'T HAVE TO ACT LIKE YOU'RE ON A STAKEOUT. THIS IS A CRUISE.



IT'S JUNE, ROOK. YOU ONLY GET ONE VACATION A YEAR. LIVE A LITTLE.



WHILE I APPRECIATE YOUR GENEROSITY IN BRINGING ME ON THIS TRIP, I CONFESS I FIND THE RITUAL OF TWO WEEKS OF NO RESPONSIBILITIES TO BE HIGHLY CONFUSING.

COME ON, LET'S JOIN IN!

JOIN IN WHAT?

IT'S A CONGA LINE.

A WHAT?

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WHAT ARE YOU SUPPOSED TO DO?

YOU JUST GET IN LINE BEHIND PEOPLE AND... SWAY RHYTHMICALLY.

WHY?

BECAUSE...

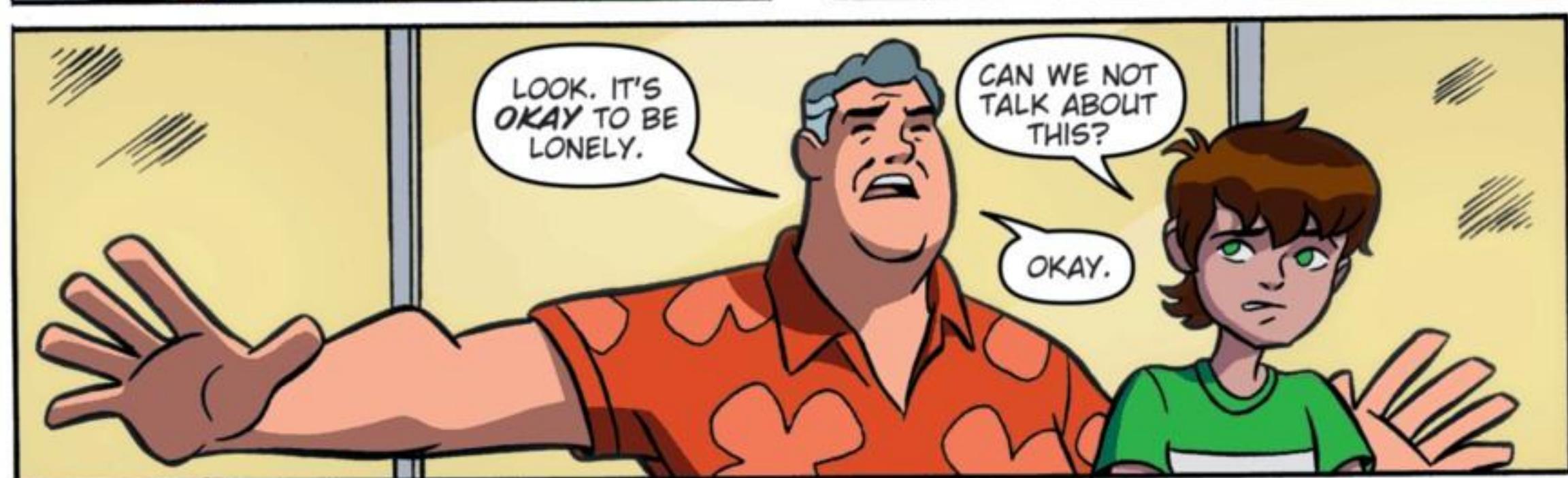
JUST DO LIKE THOSE GIRLS ARE DOING.

I FIND MYSELF DISTRACTED BY THIS ENORMOUS ICE GIRL.

THAT IS ONE VERY BIG MERMAID.

HEY! IT'S BEN 10!

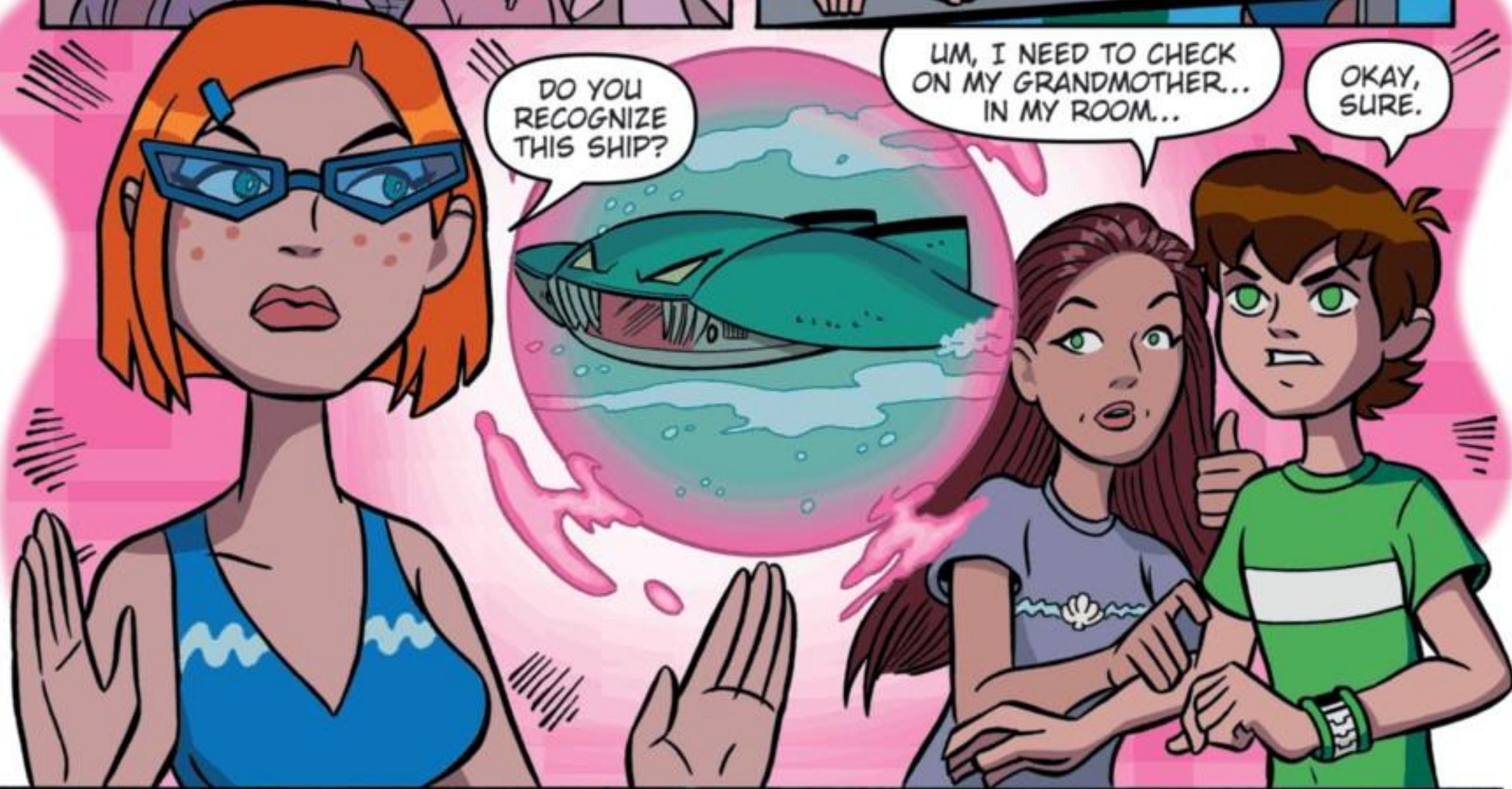






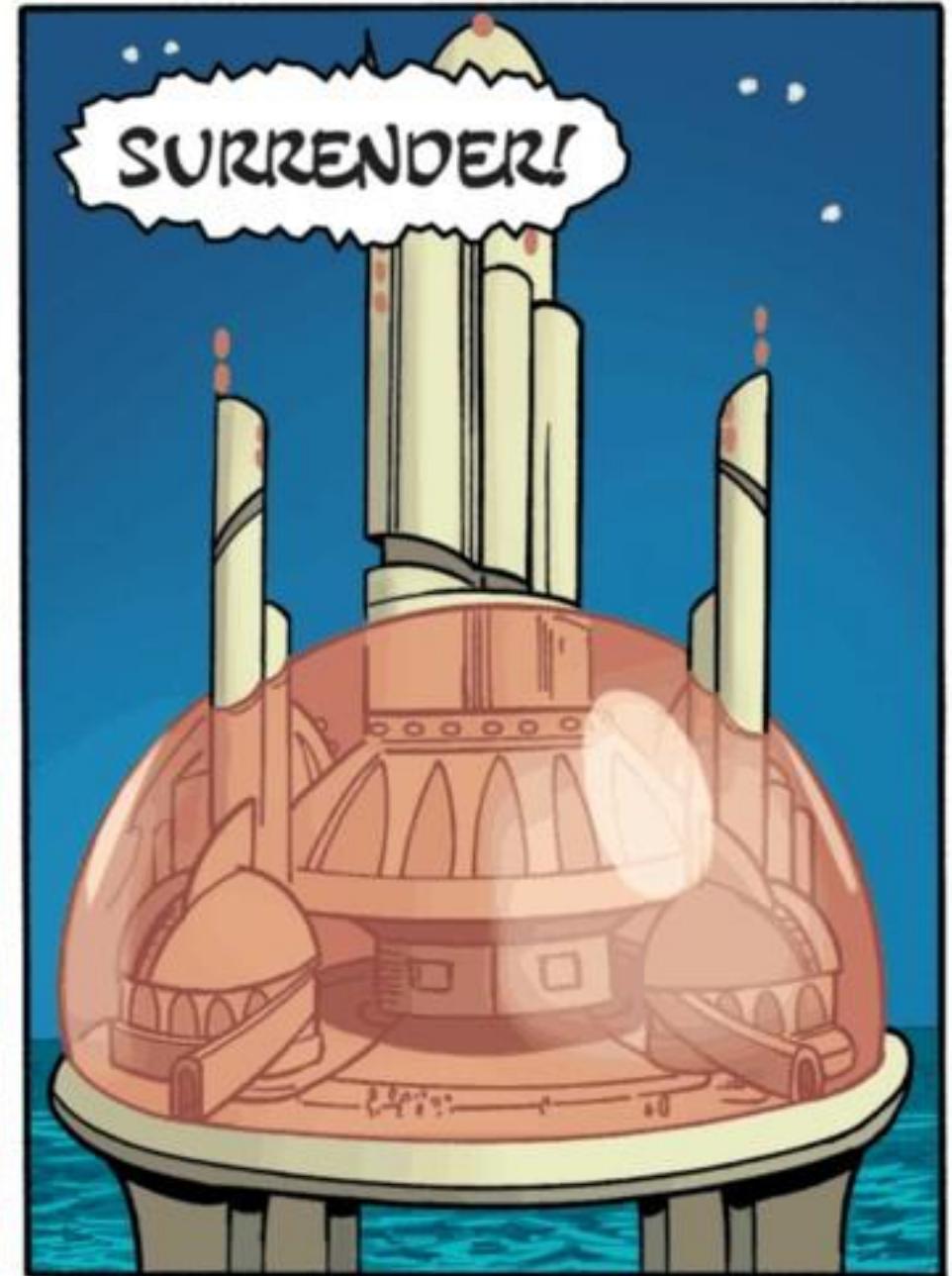
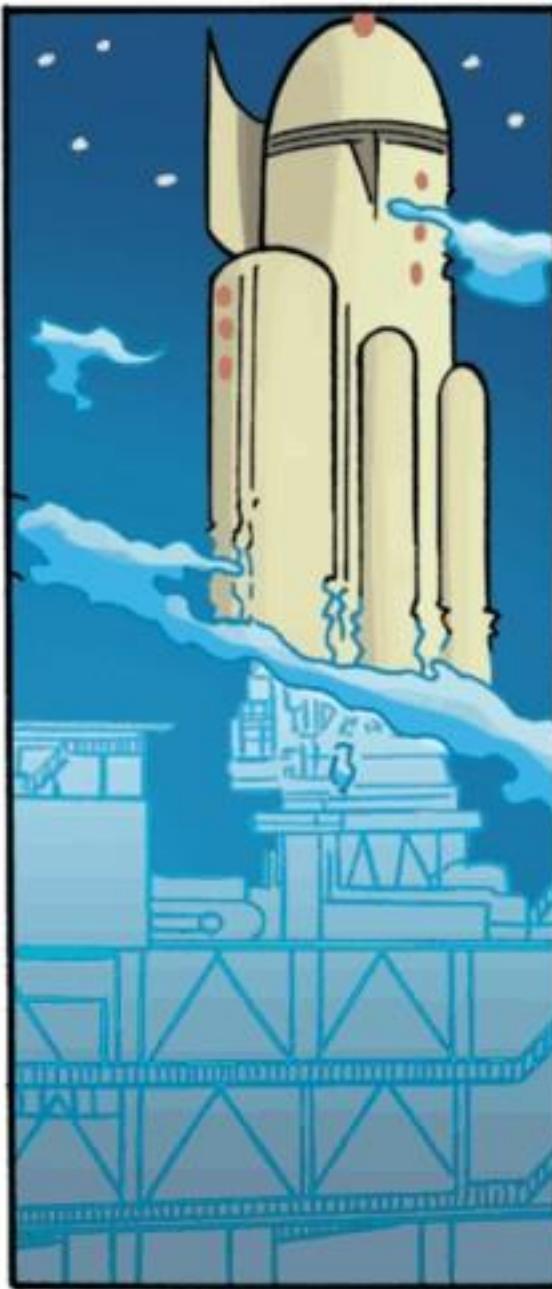




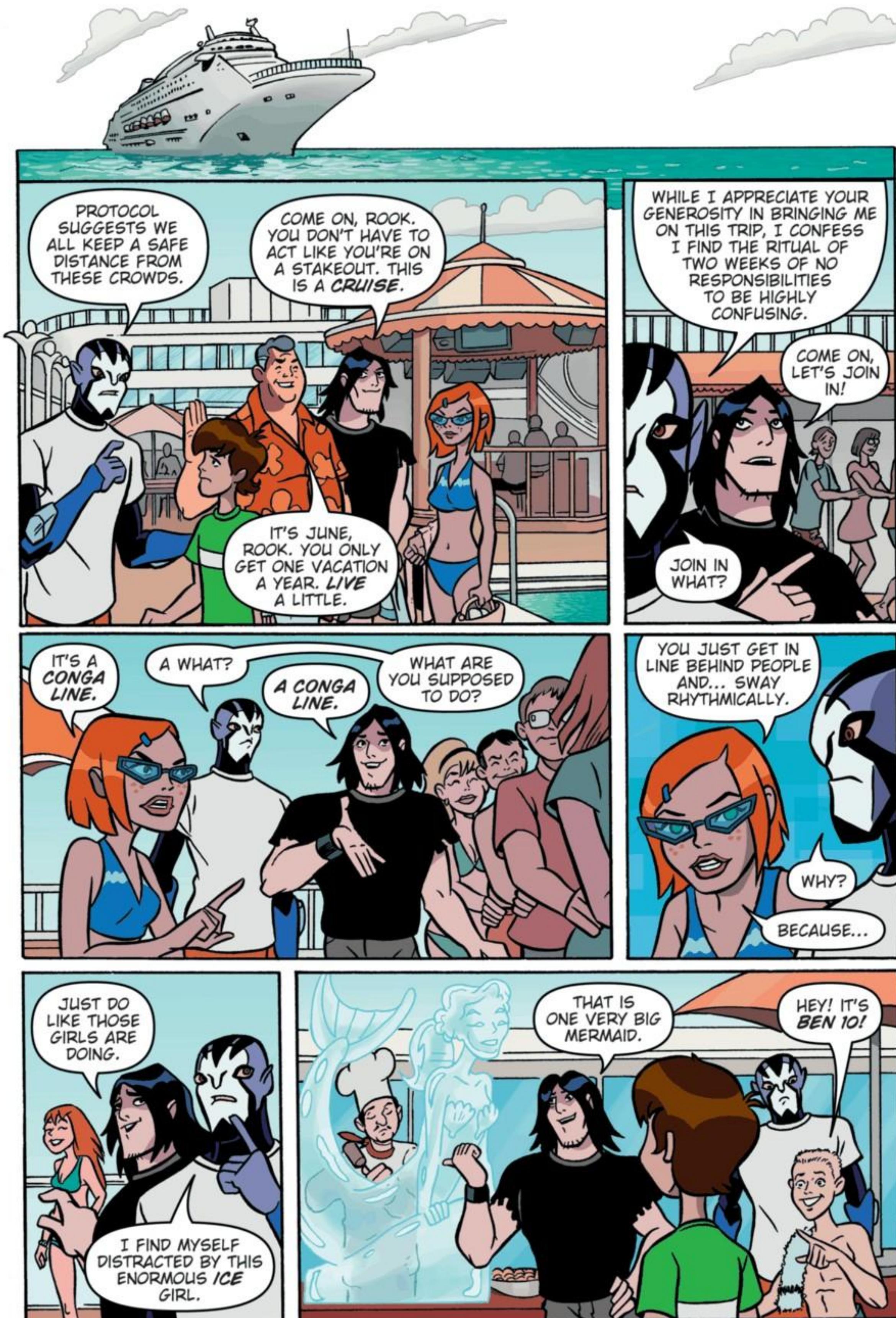


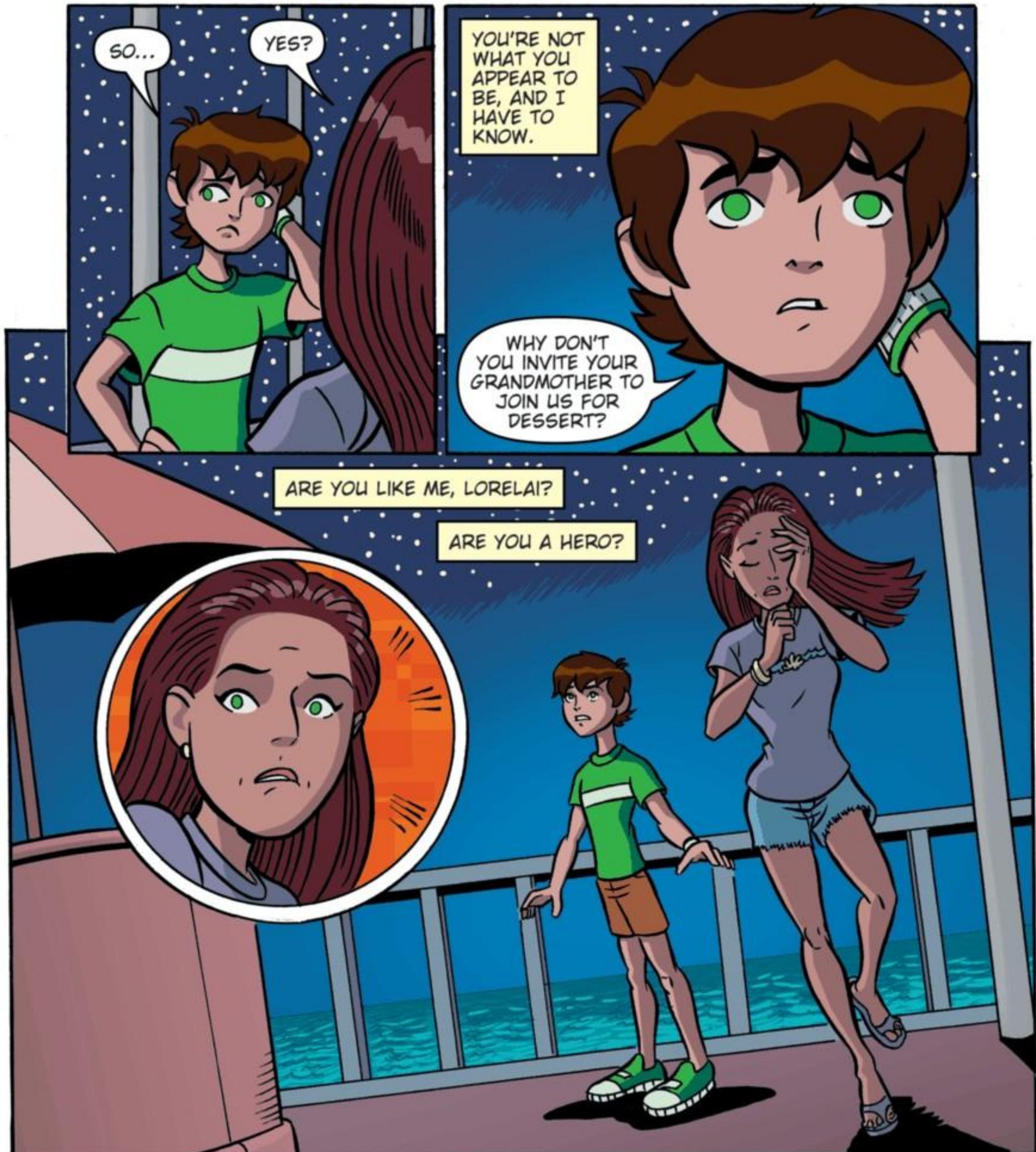
















GREAT. AM I IN FOR IT NOW.

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