

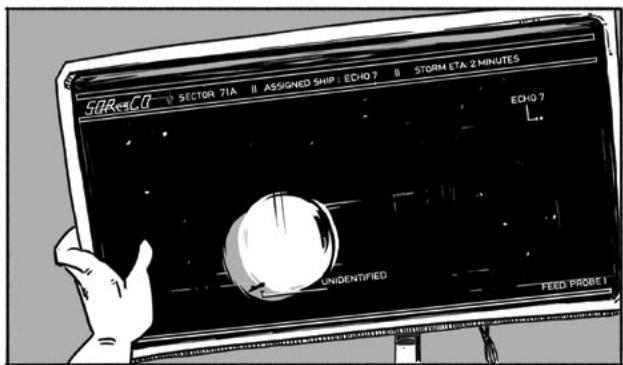
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the kidnapping



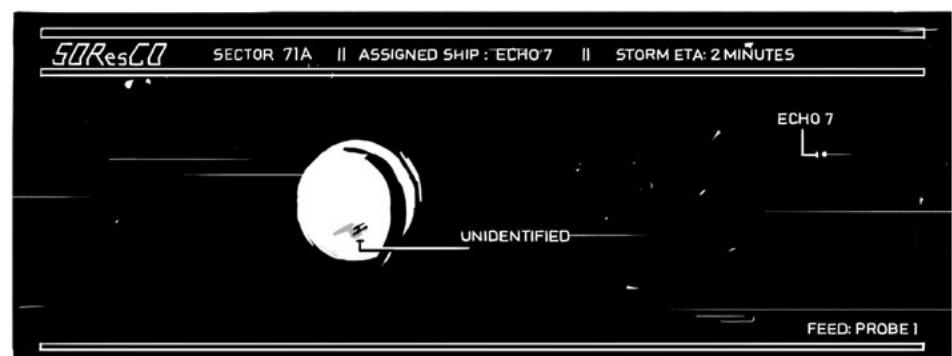


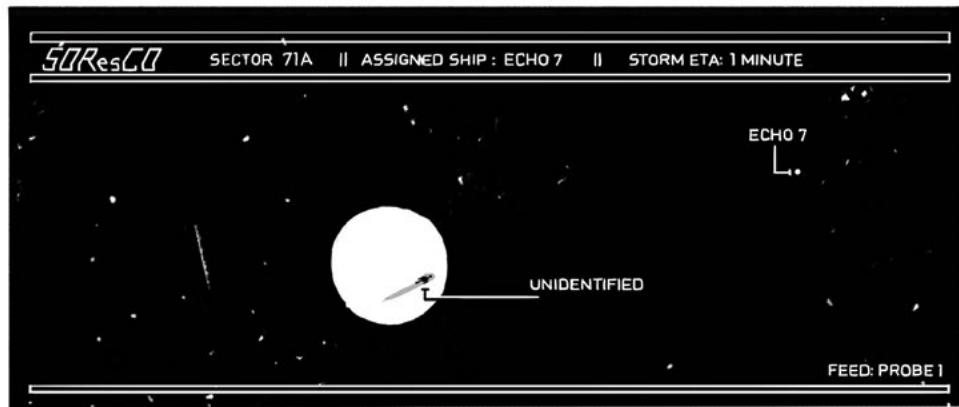
TES-COUGH! HUM... TEST, TEST... TESTING



LEAD TO CONTROL, I'M SETTING UP A VISUAL
AROUND THE PLANET. STORM ETA IS... 2 MINUTES

COPY THAT, LEAD





SIR, I'M ALSO GETTING A NEW SIGNAL NEAR ECHO 7



IT LOOKS LIKE A CARGO SHIP, RIGHT BY THE PLANET



OH NO NO, THAT COULD BE A PROBLEM. ARE THEY WITHIN OUR COMMS RANGE?



I DON'T THINK S-OH SOCKS, THE STORM JUST STARTED!



ALREADY? OH NO NO. DOES IT LOOK LIKE THEY CAN MAKE IT OUT OF THERE? ECHO MAY NEED TO DO RESCUE OTHERWISE



SOResCO

FEED: PROBE 2



LET ME CHECK, SIR, WE HAVE AN AUDIO SIGNAL. CONNECTING THE TRANSLATOR...



YEAH THEY MAY NEED RESCUE SIR, SHOULD I DISPATCH A SECOND SHIP TO HELP?

OH NO NO... NO NEED, SHE CAN HANDLE IT



WELL, THE STORM ANOMALY IS NOW AT FULL SIZE AROUND THE PLANET, SIR.
THE CARGO SHIP WENT LIKE, SURFING RIGHT INTO IT. LIL' DUM DUMS



STOP GOOFING AROUND, LEAD, OH NO NO.
NOTIFY ECHO

AYE, SIR



STORM'S STABLE NOW.
CONTROL WANTS YOU TO GO IN





HEY LEAD, I JUST BREACHED THE ANOMALY AND... THERE SEEMS TO BE A SHIP?

YEAH, THAT... THEY GOT CAUGHT IN THE STORM. CONTROL WANTS YOU TO DO RESCUE

INSTEAD OF THE READINGS?

NO UH ... IN ADDITION TO. CONTROL SAYS YOU CAN DO THEM WHILE ON THE CARGO SHIP

...OH



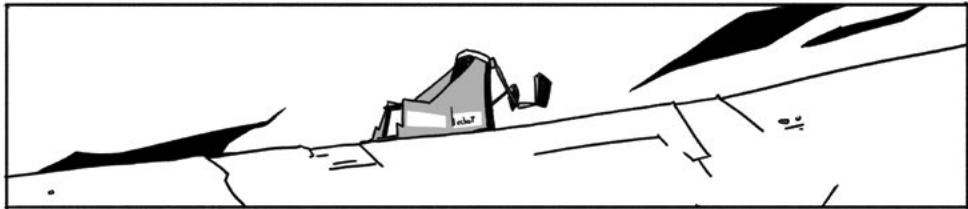
HOW MANY ON BOARD?

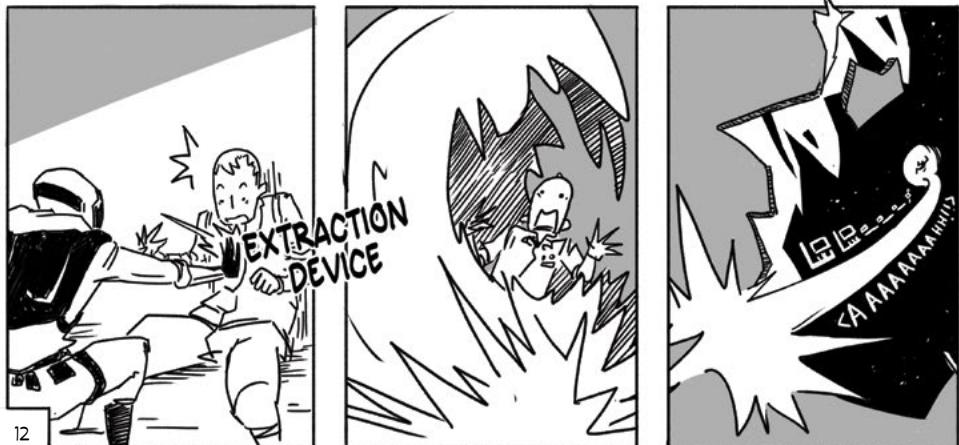
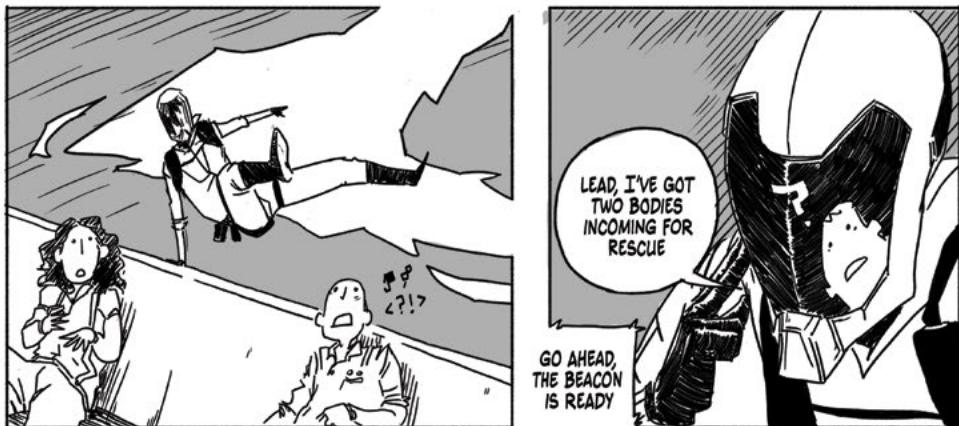
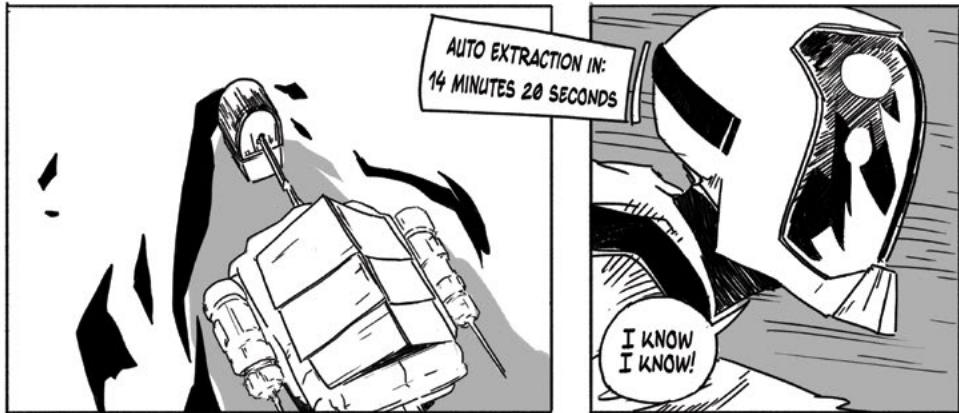
WE'RE PICKING UP 68 LIFE SIGNALS

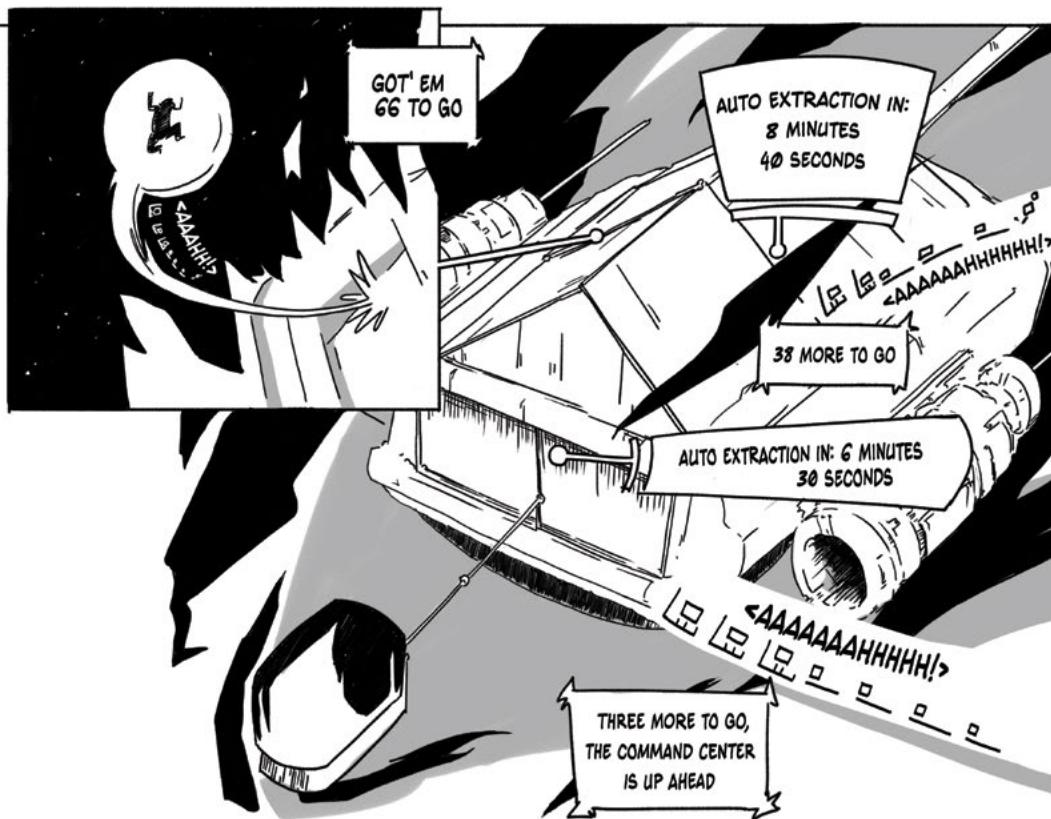
68!!?

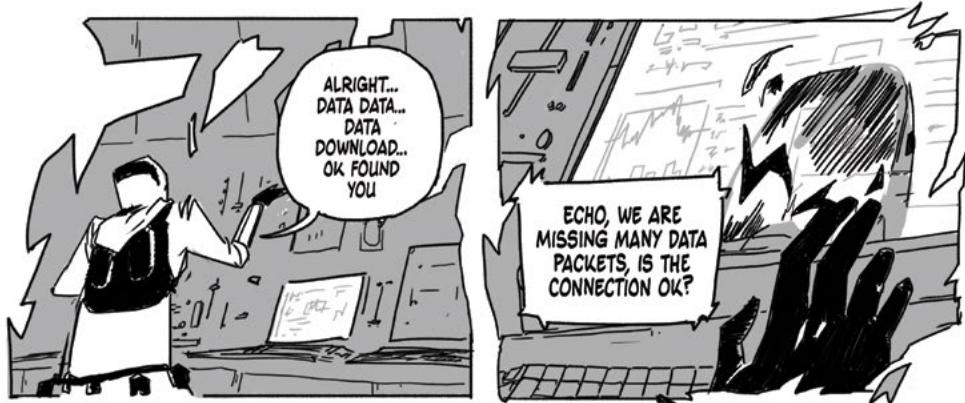
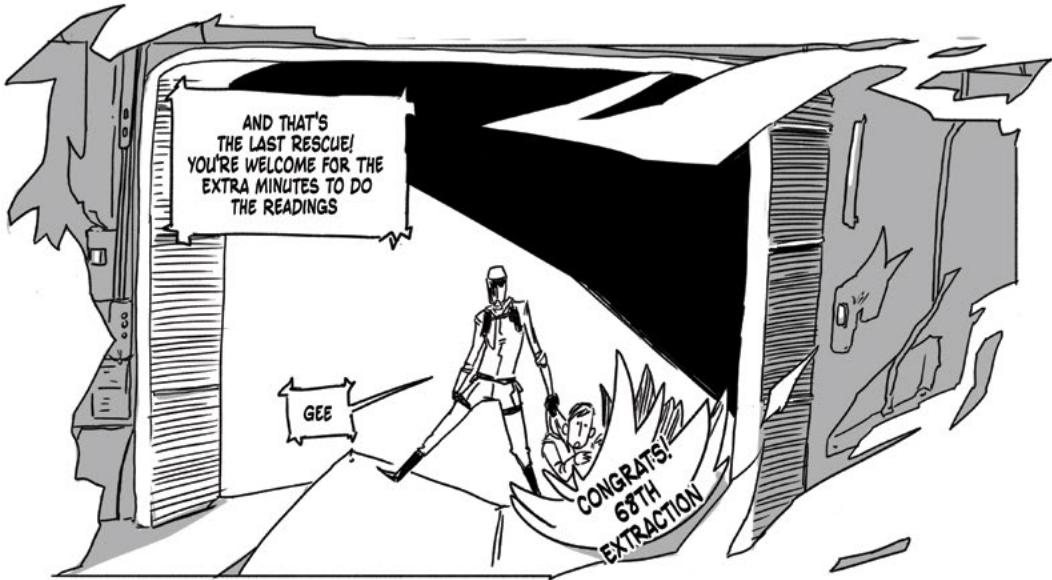
SORRY! I TRIED TO GET ANOTHER SHIP TO HELP

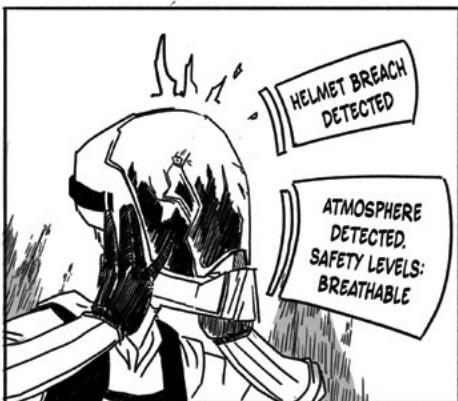
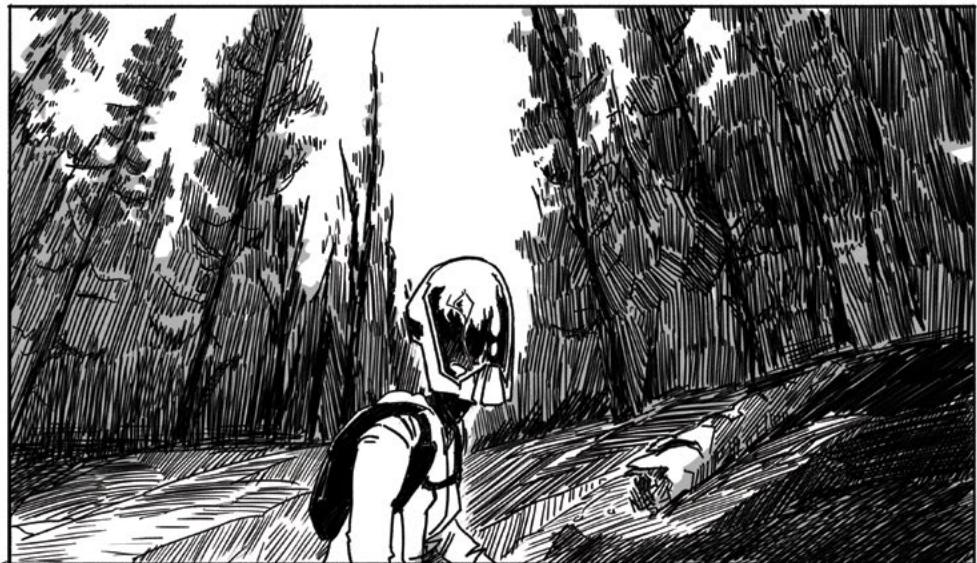
IT'S FINE IT'S JUST...
WE'LL SEE ABOUT THOSE READINGS I GUESS

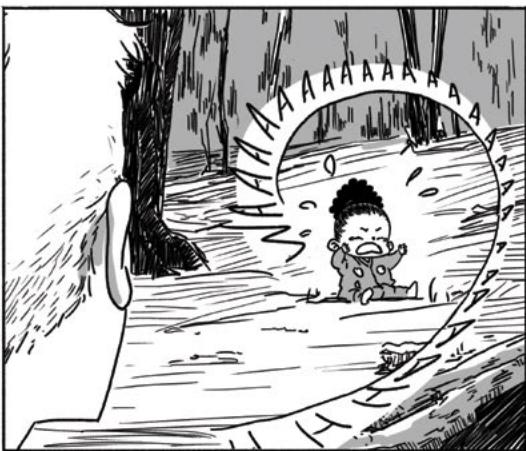


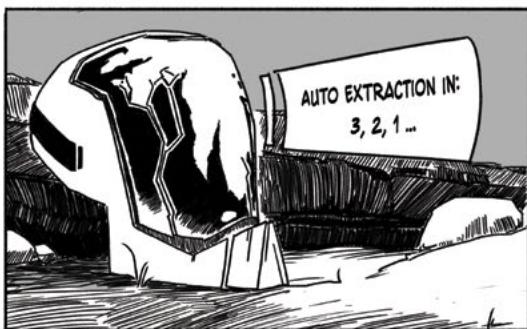




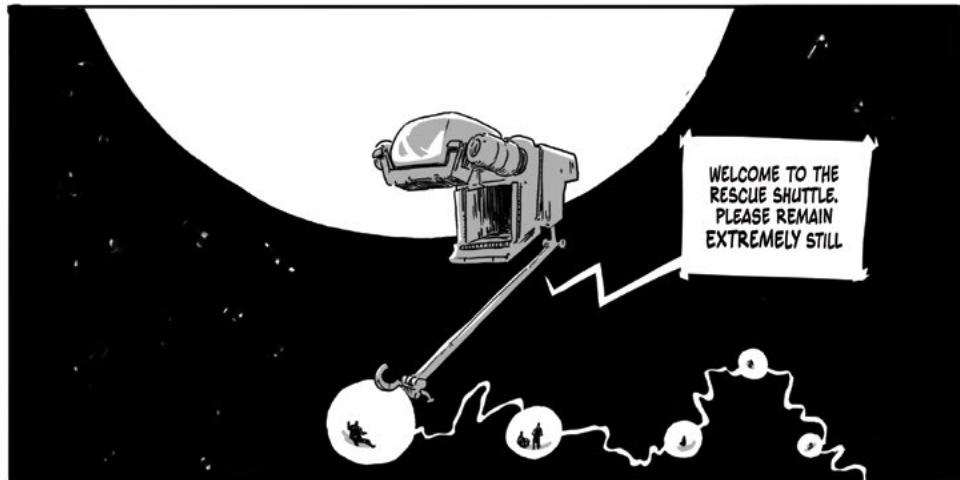








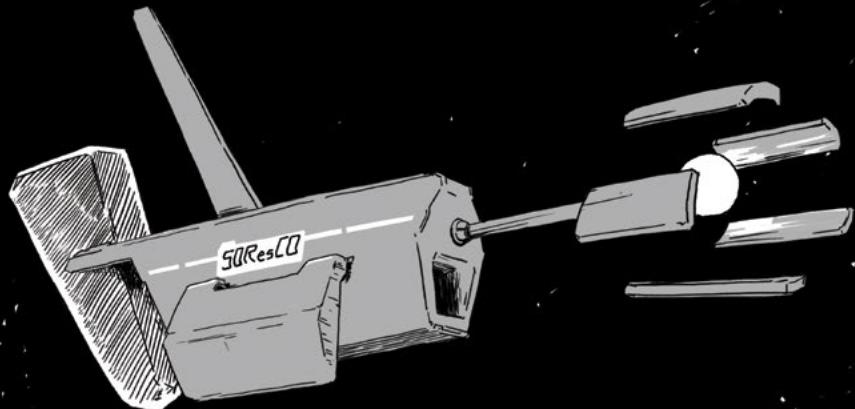
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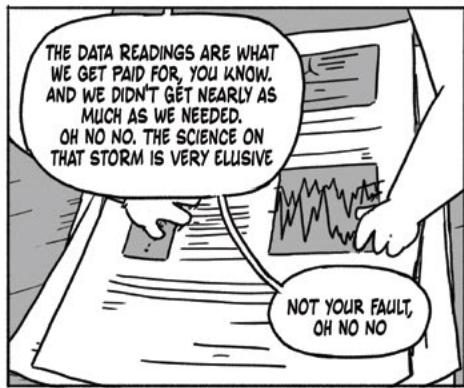


WHO ADDED EXTRA MINUTES TO THE EXTRACTION CAPSULE??

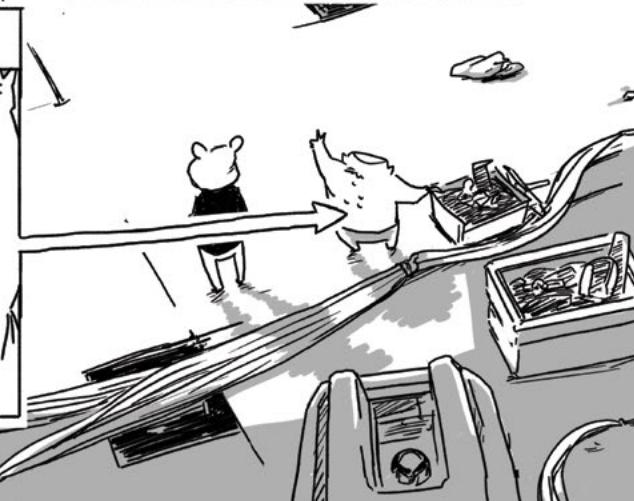


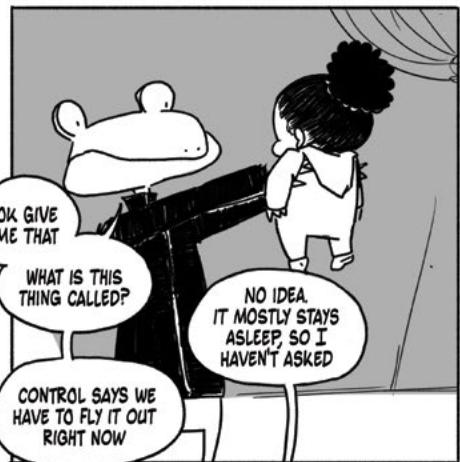
I HOPE YOU'RE ENJOYING THE READ











AND THUS, THE TEAM
PREPARED THEIR SHIPS FOR
THEIR INCOMING ADVENTURE.
FOR TO ESCORT THE
CREATURE BACK HOME, THEY'D
FIRST NEED TO FACE THE
DEADLY WHITE STORM.
MEET OUR HEROES!

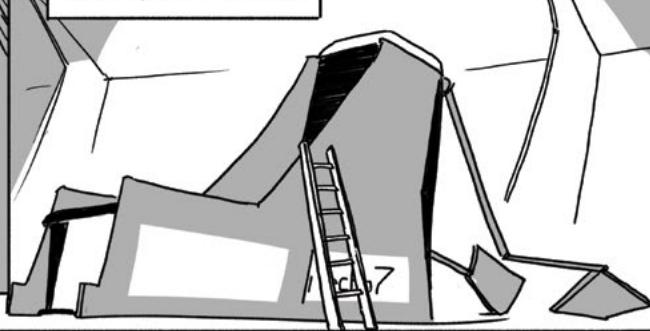
CHIRP, SEASONED PILOT AND
TRAIL-WORN EXPLORER.
ALWAYS A TRICK UP HIS SLEEVE,
HE HAS ESCAPED DEATH MORE
THAN ANY OTHER



HOWL, THE SHINING YOUNG STAR OF THE
TEAM, BRIGHT, SWIFT AND BY FAR THE
WITTIEST AGENT IN ALL OF SORESCO!



AND ECHO, THE PARTY POOPER





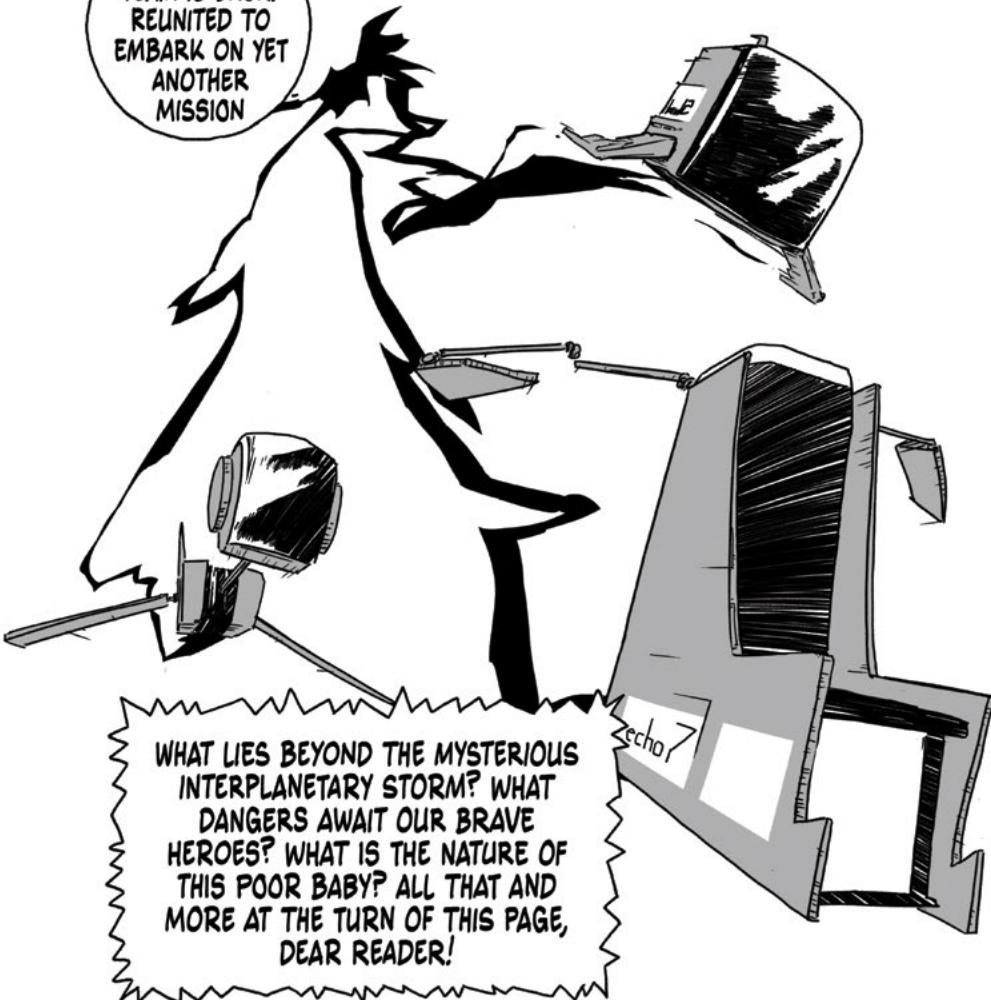
SAVE THIS CORNER!!

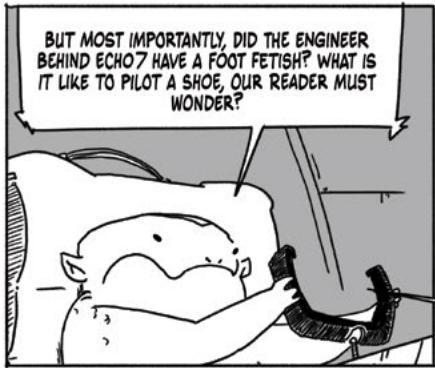
SCIENCE FICTION

SPACE

ADVENTURES

THE RAGTAG TEAM IS BACK!
REUNITED TO EMBARK ON YET ANOTHER MISSION

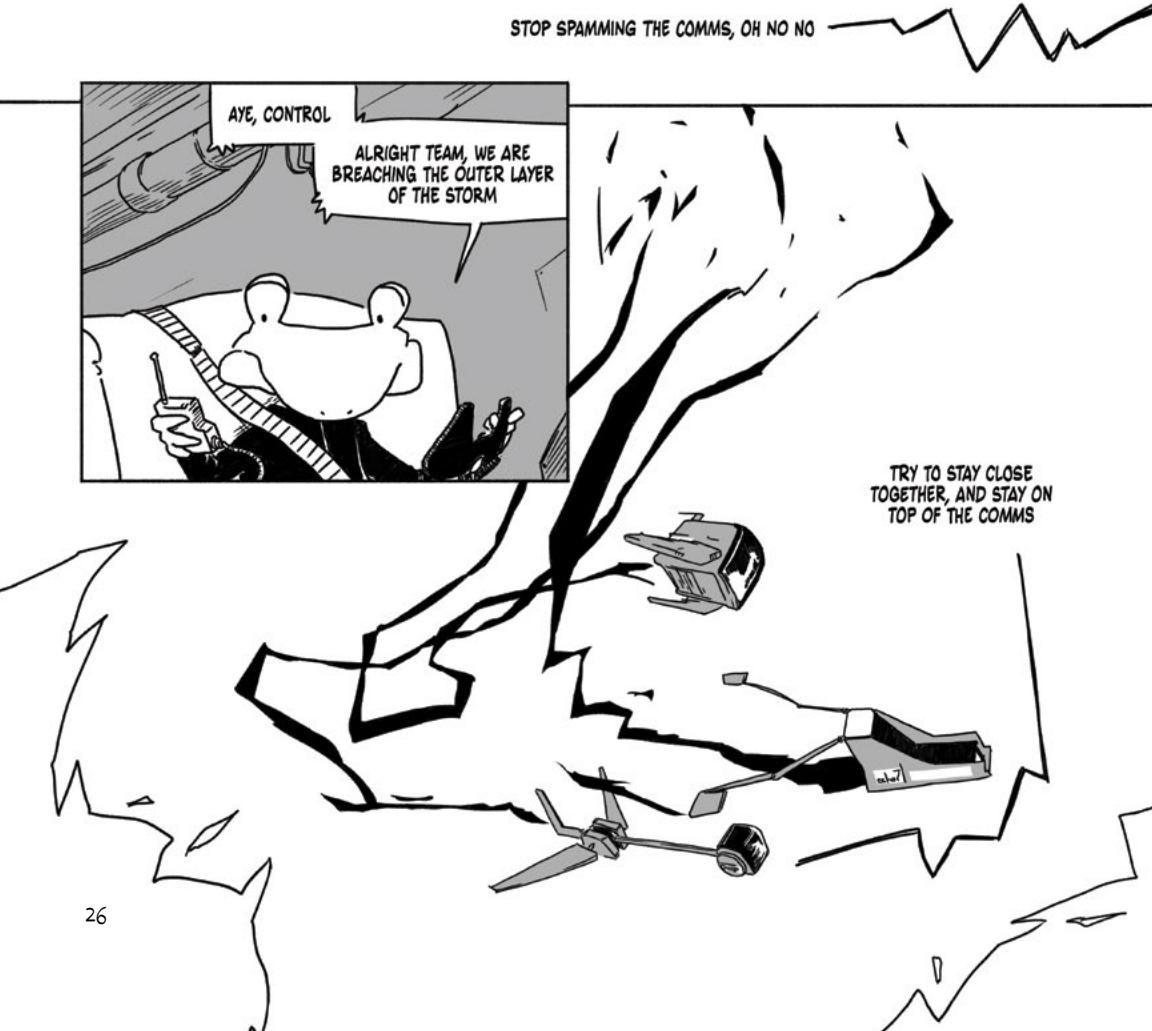


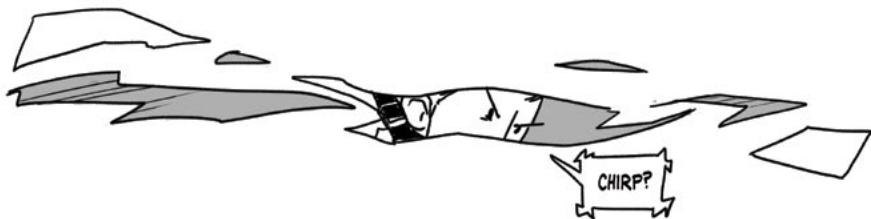
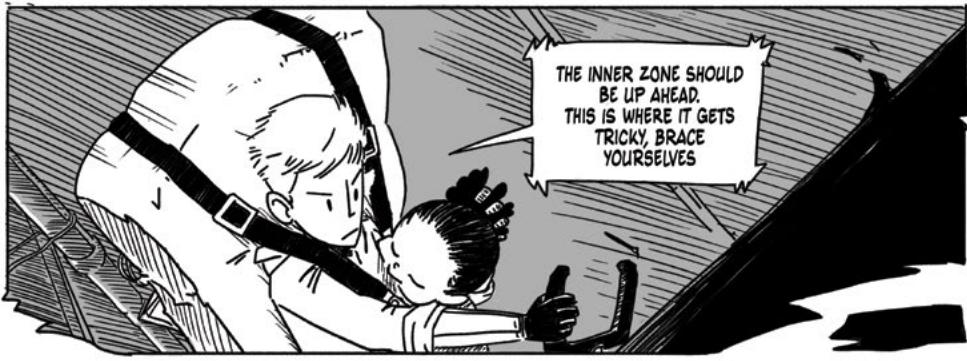


STOP SPAMMING THE COMMS, OH NO NO



TRY TO STAY CLOSE TOGETHER, AND STAY ON TOP OF THE COMMS







HOWL?

CONTROL?

WHAT'S THAT?
YOU WANT TO BUY IT, YOU SAY?
WELL CHECK THIS OUT:

ETSY RADIATOR COMICS

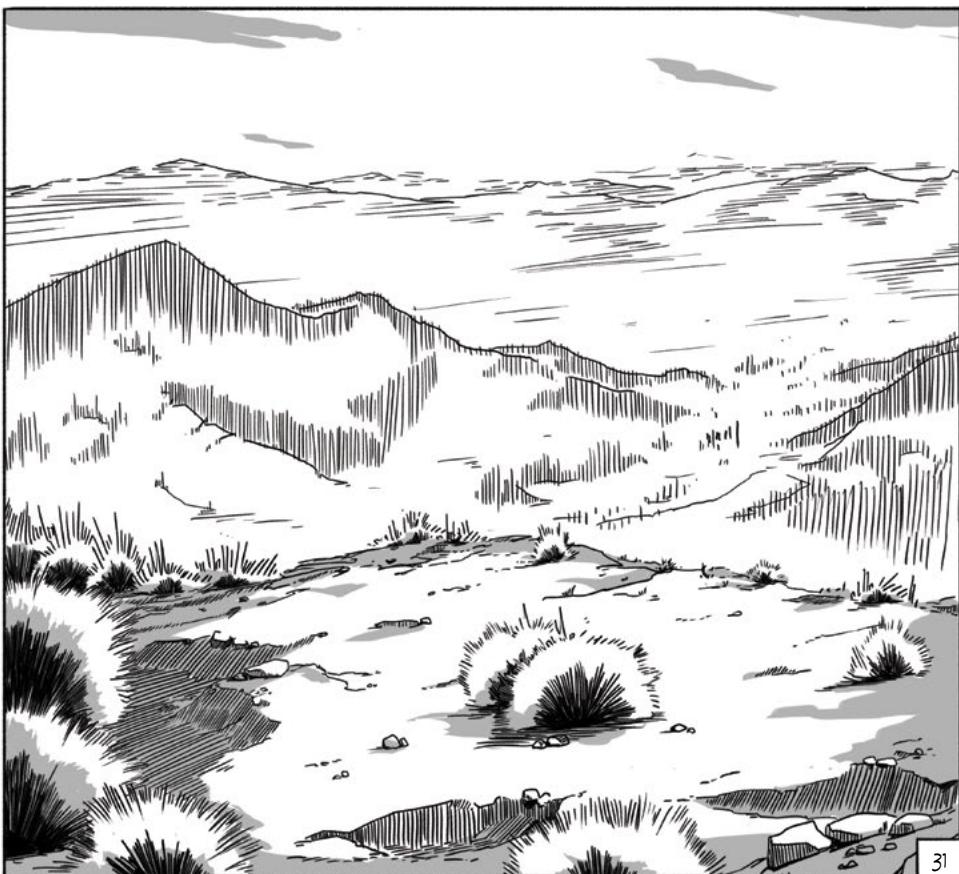
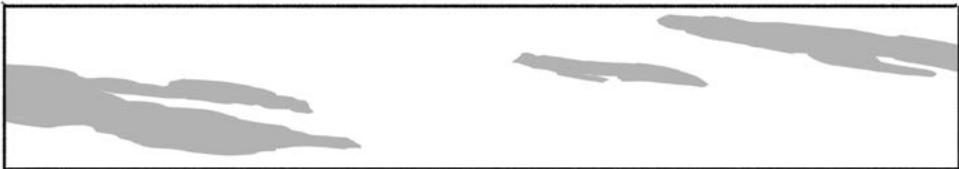
OTHERWISE KEEP GOING,
THERE'S MORE!
THE LAYOUT JUST WORKS
BETTER IF THIS PAGE IS BLANK.
WHAT A WORLD, HUH?

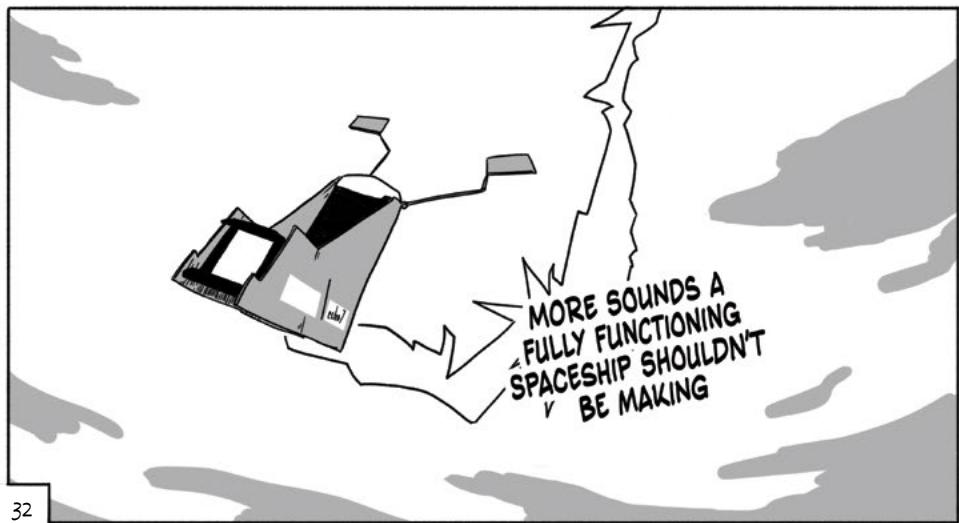
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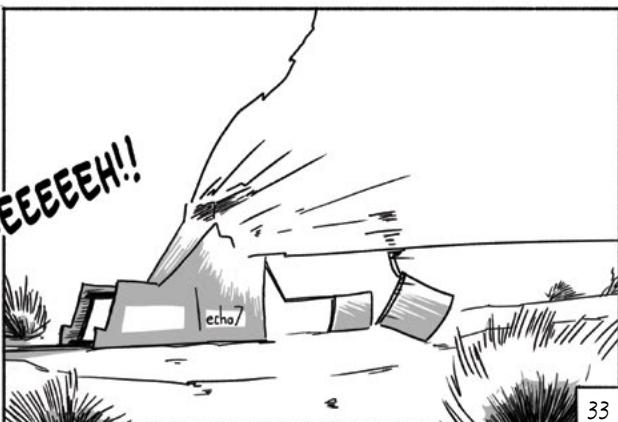


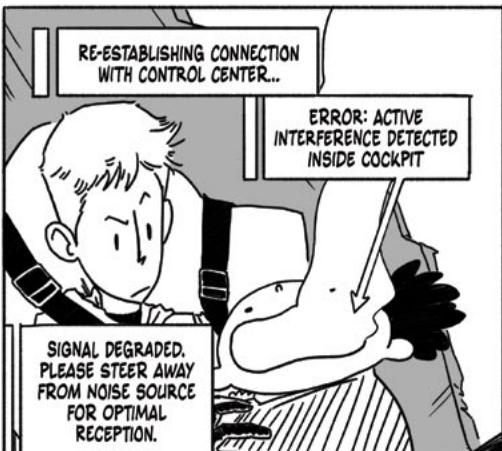
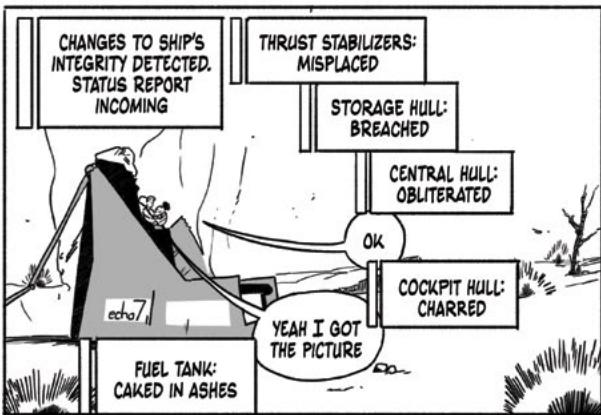
what did
you think
would happen

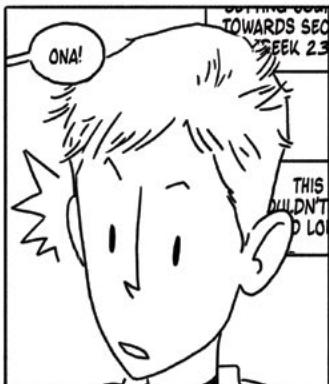
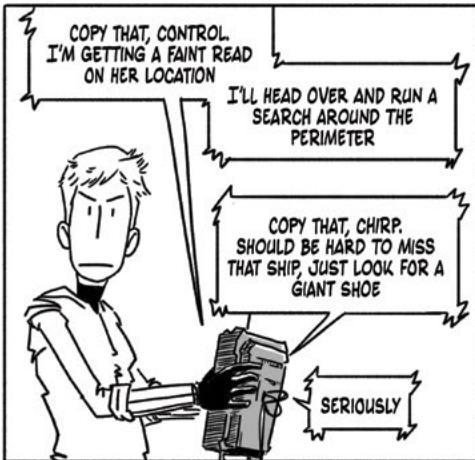
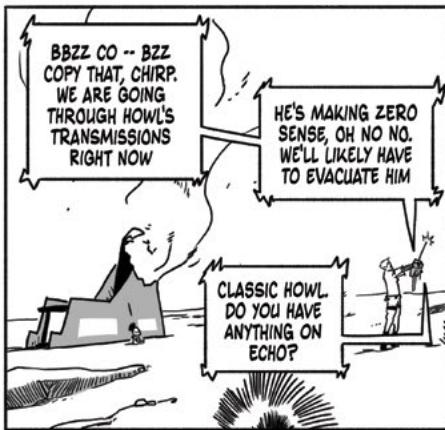


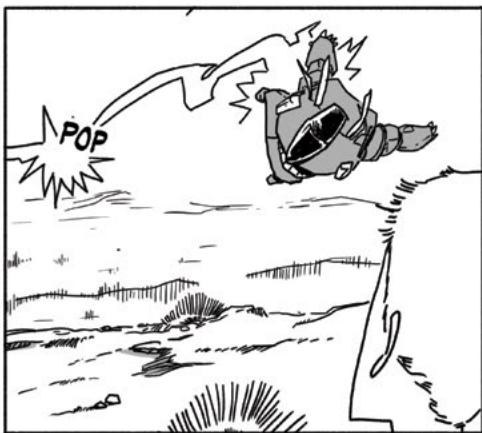
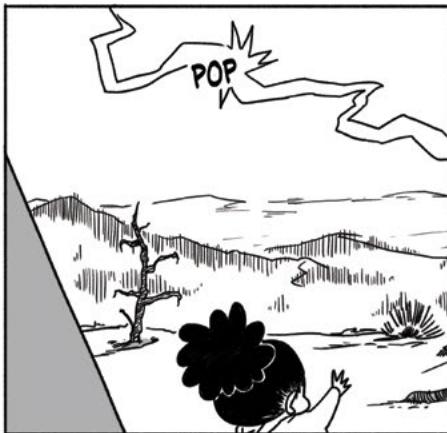
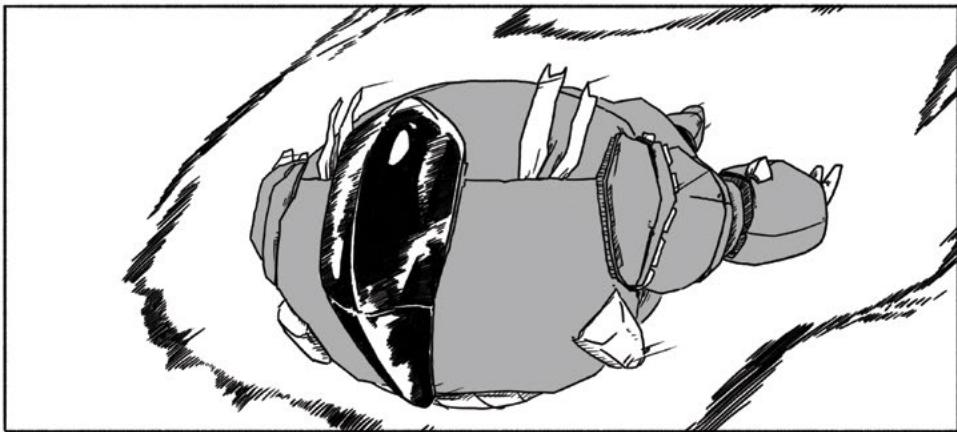


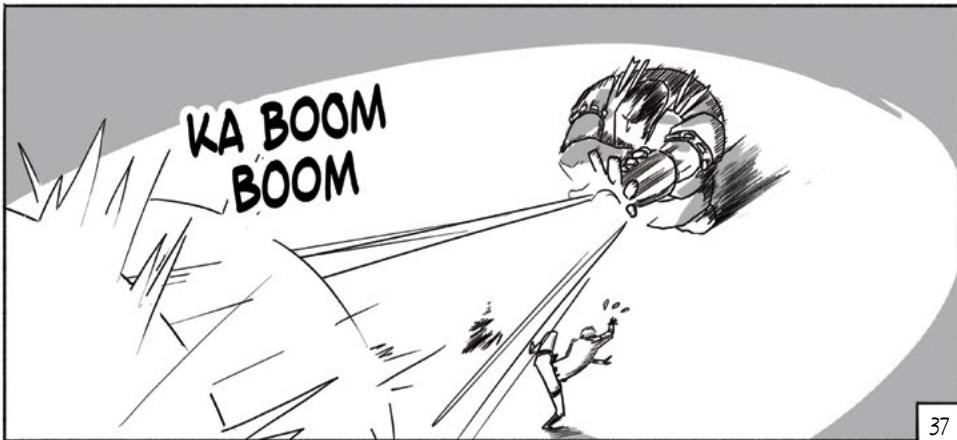
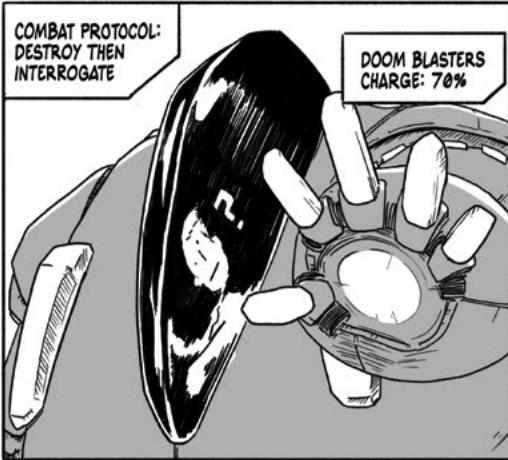
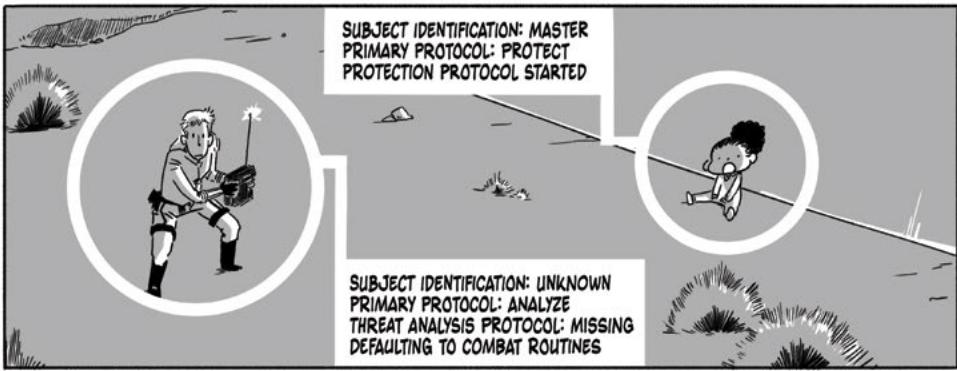


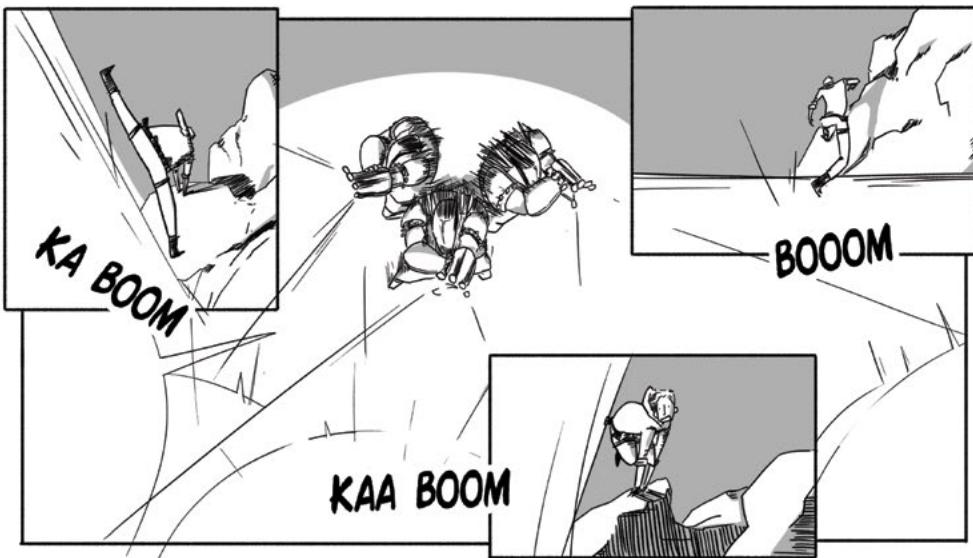
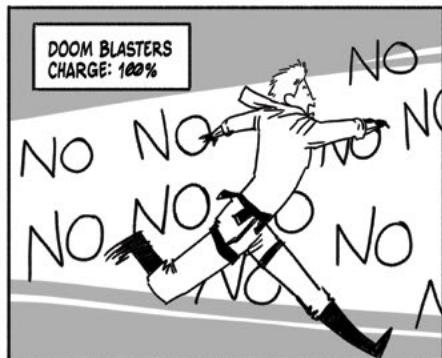
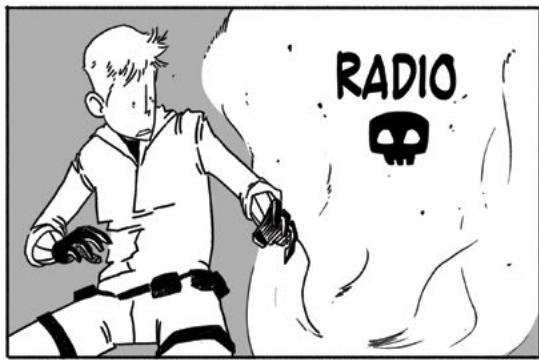


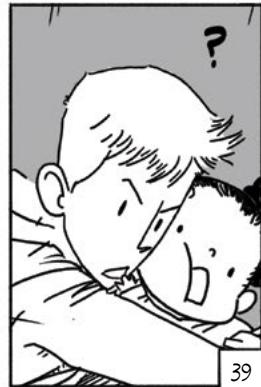
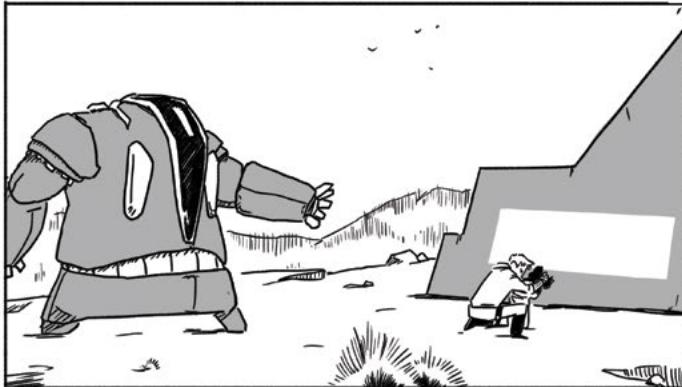
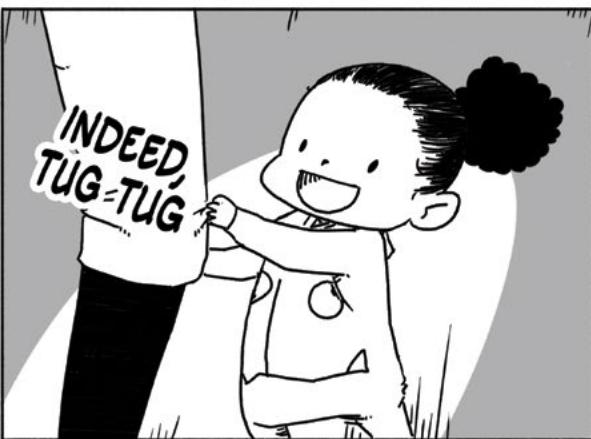


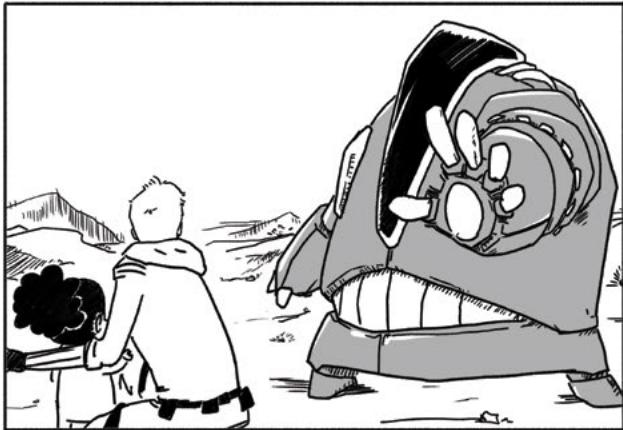












COMBAT PROTOCOL: AIM AT THREAT
PROTECTION PROTOCOL: AIM AWAY FROM MASTER

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DOOM BLASTERS CHARGE: 130%
DOOM BLASTERS CHARGE: 180%

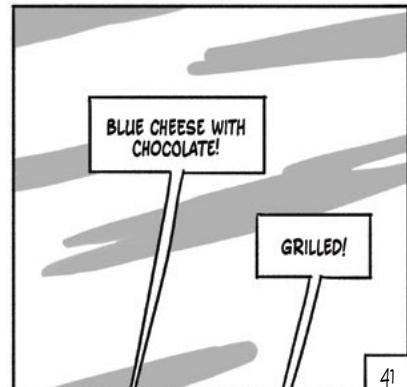
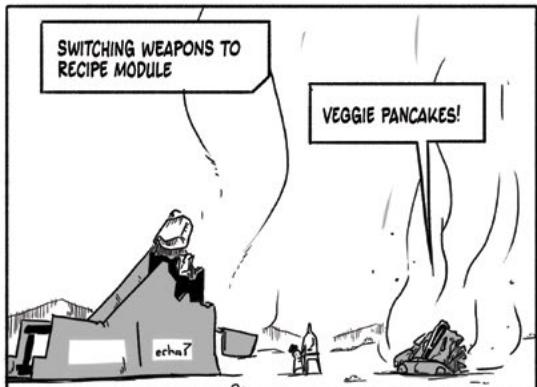
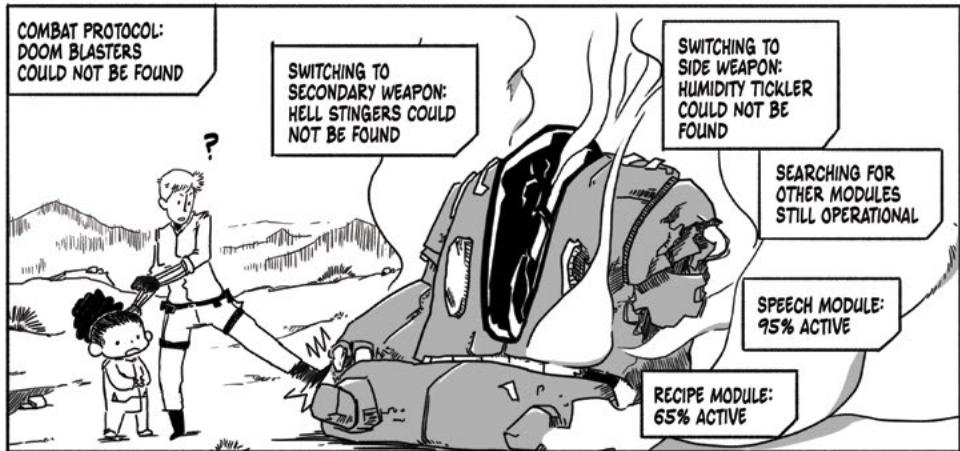
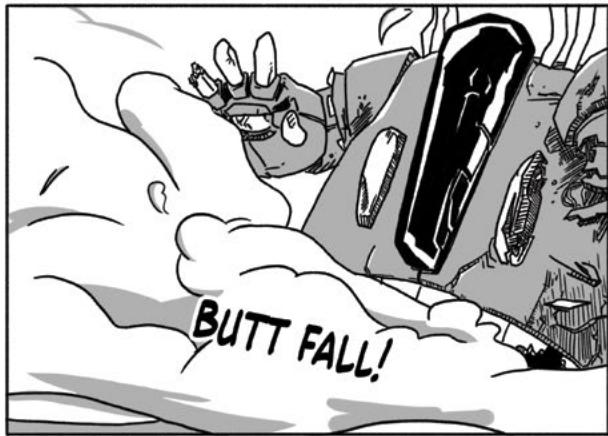
DOOM BLASTERS CHARGE: 240%
DOOM BLASTERS CHARGE: 300%

DOOM BLASTERS OVERCHARGED
DOOM BLASTERS CHARGE: 450%

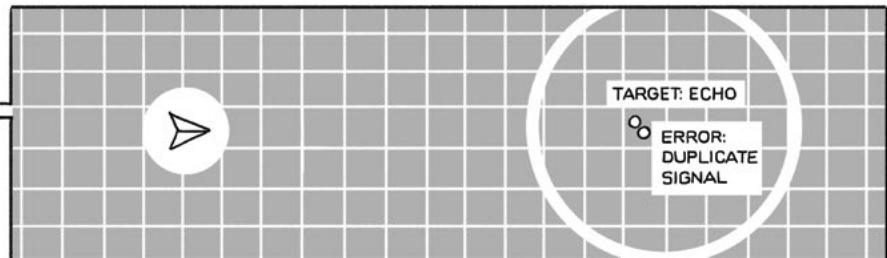
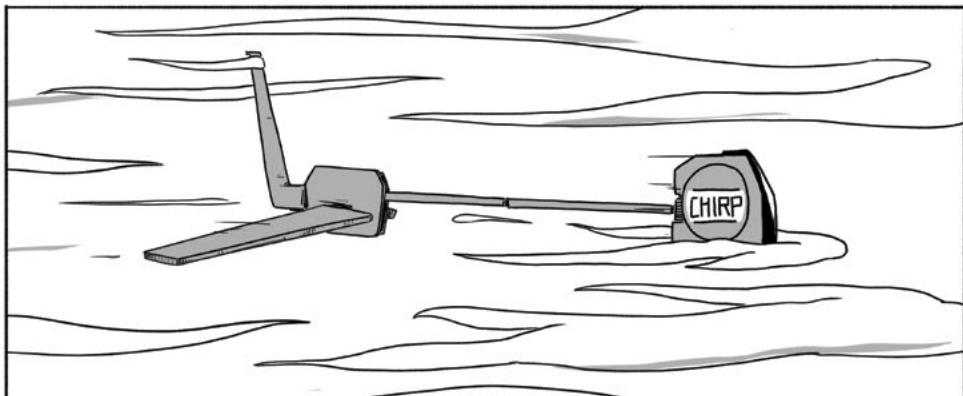
DOOM BLASTERS DRAMATICALLY OVERCHARGED
DOOM BLASTERS CHARGE: 500%

DOOM BLASTERS POOPED AND GONE

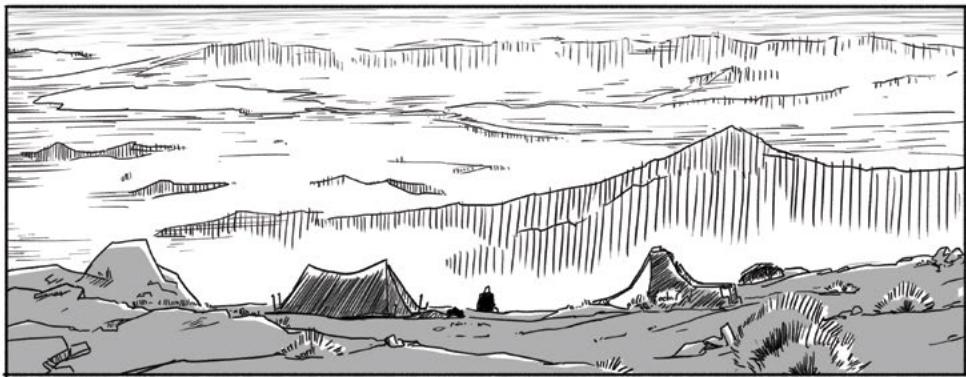


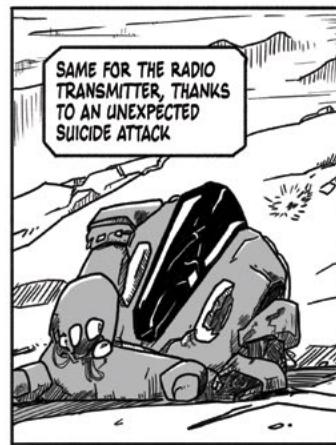
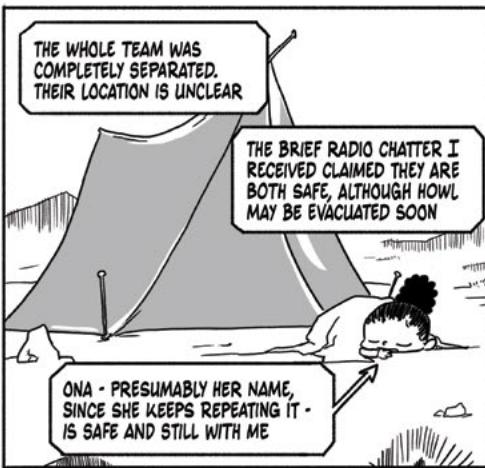


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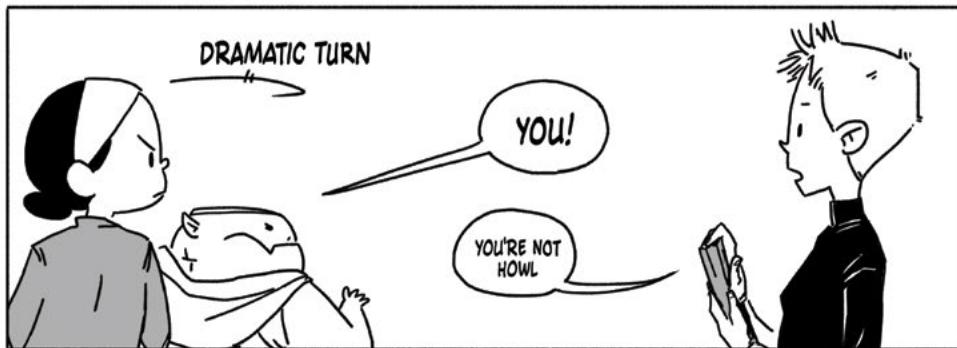


IT'S BEEN A WHILE, MAYBE GO BRUSH YOUR TEETH



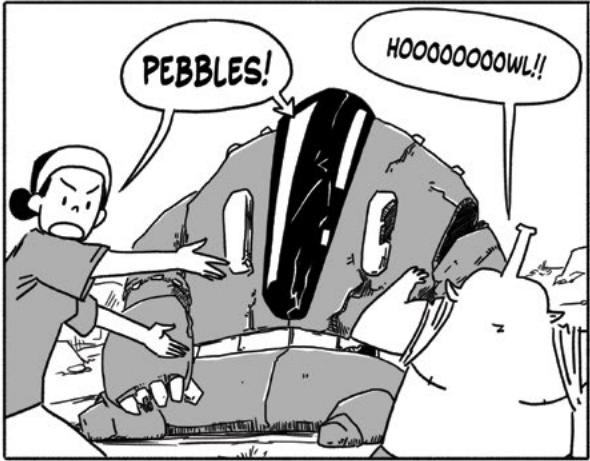


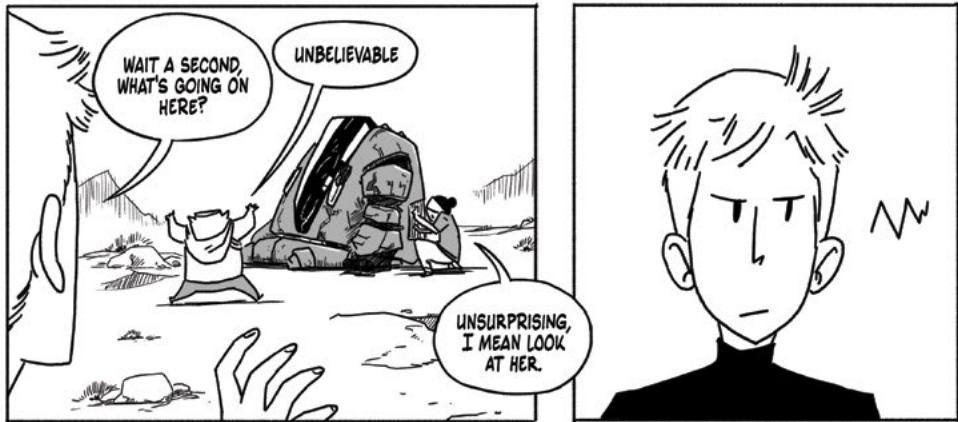




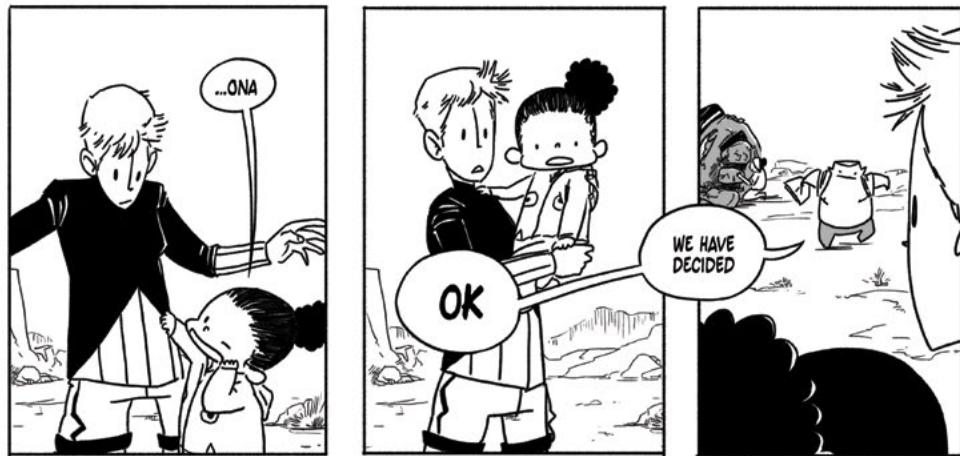
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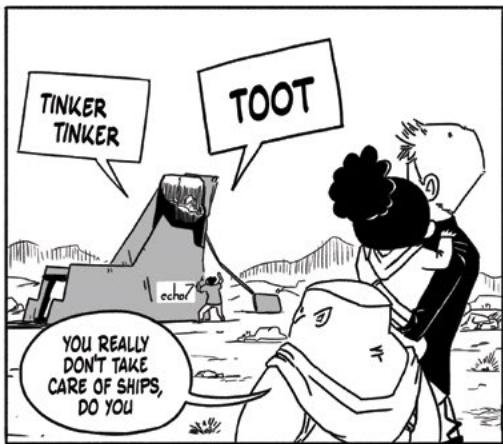


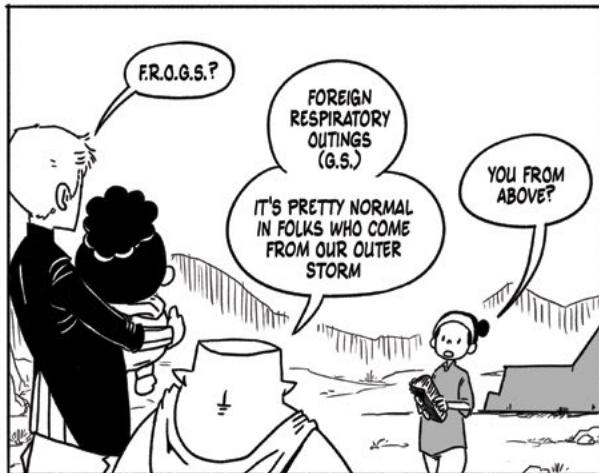
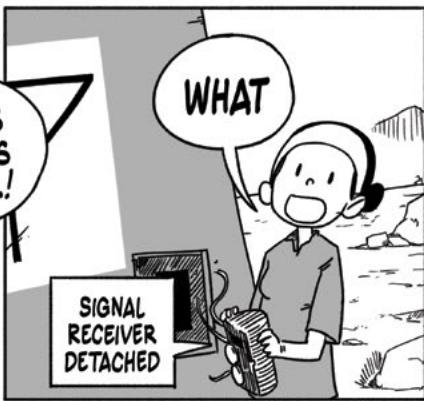
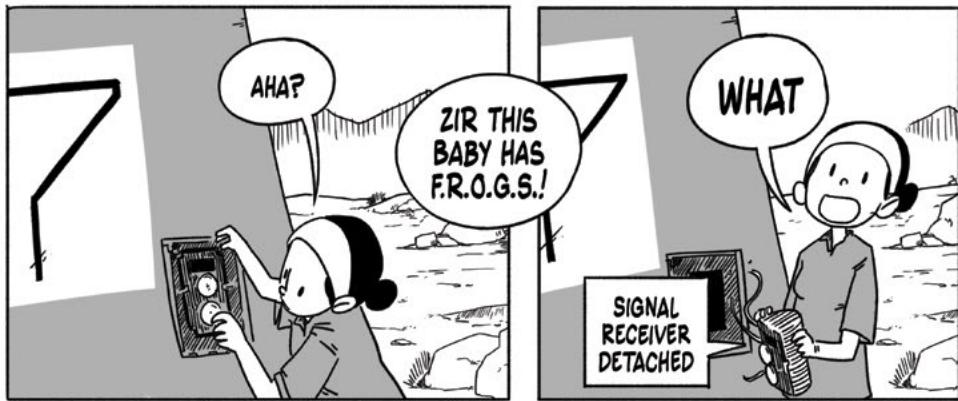


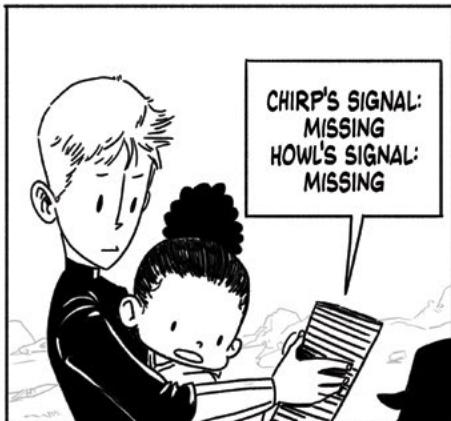
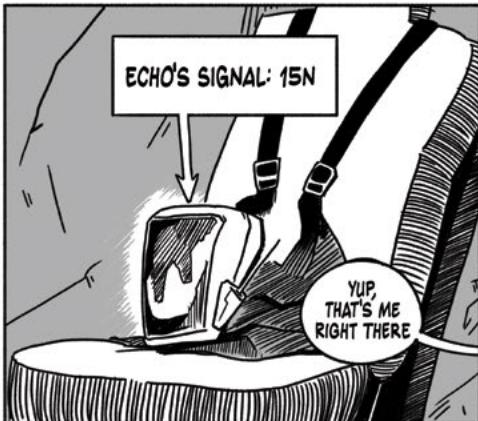
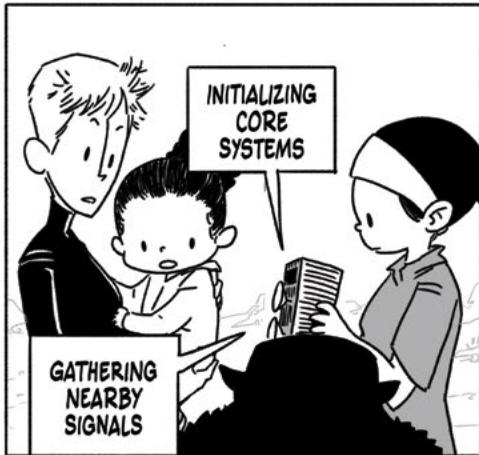
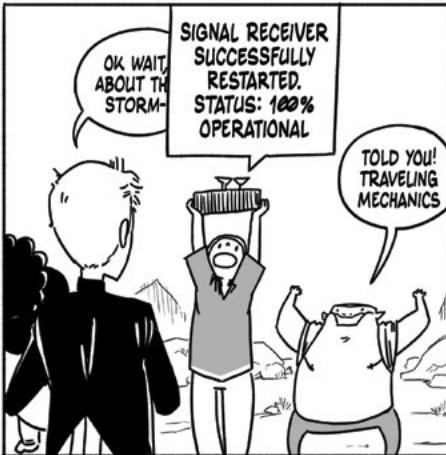


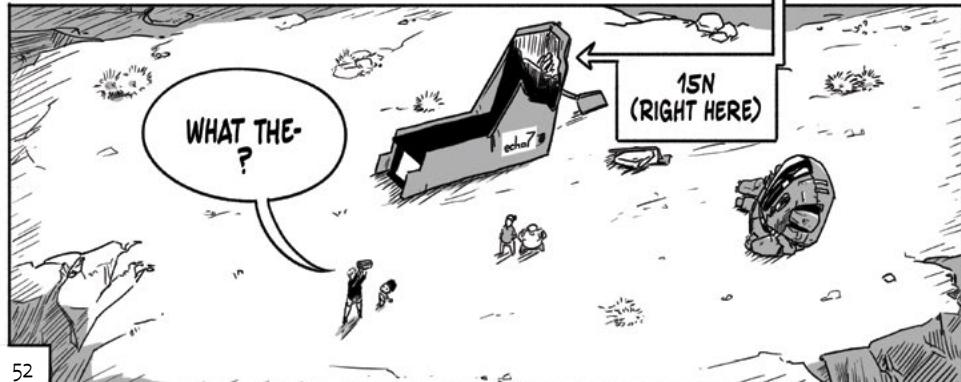
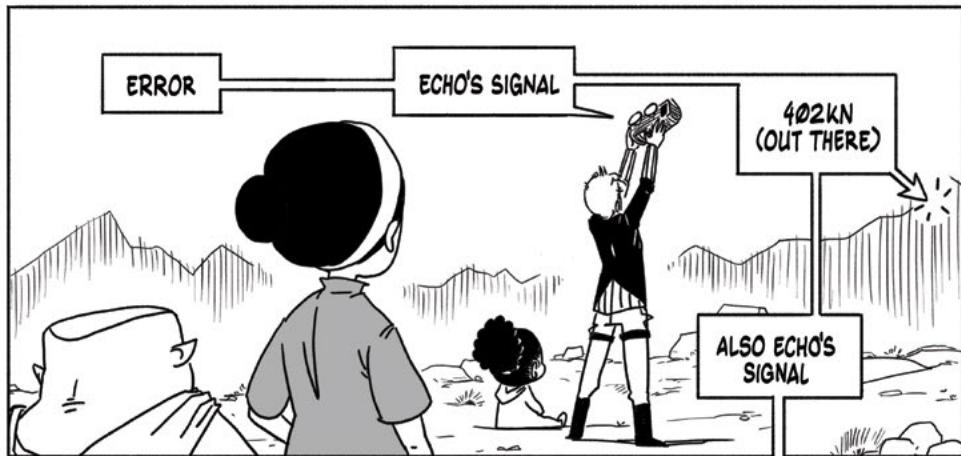
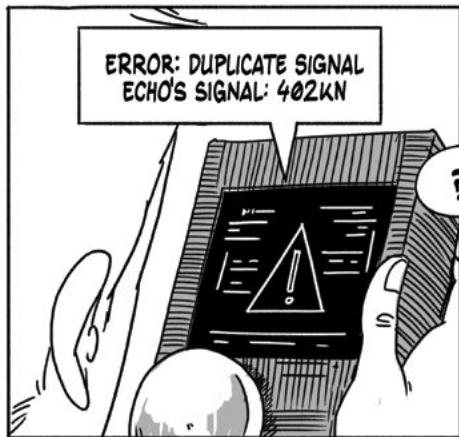
UNSURPRISING,
I MEAN LOOK
AT HER.











WOW WOW WOW,
WHERE COULD THIS GO?
ONE WONDERS:

ETSY RADIATOR COMICS

THERE'S A TINY BIT MORE
LEFT TO READ FOR FREE, THOUGH!
KEEP GOIIINNG

PART III

~ ~ ~ . ~ ~
oh dear,
diary



ECHO'S LOG - MISSION 1 - ENTRY 1

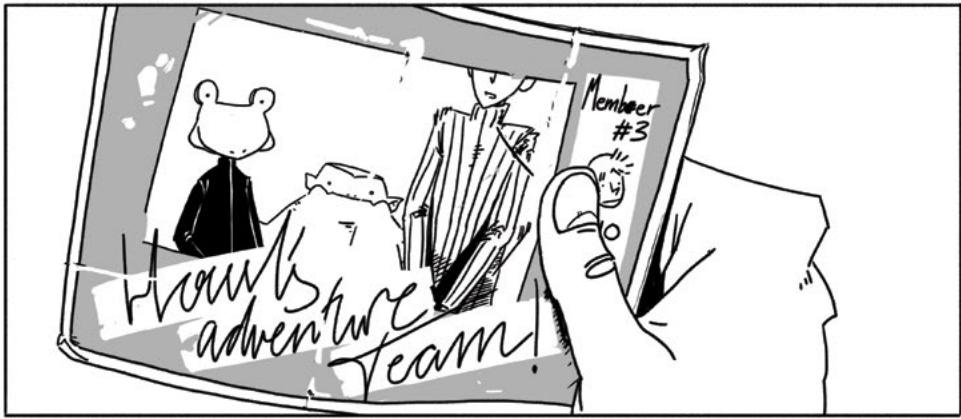
IS THIS ON?

OK OK
HERE WE
GO

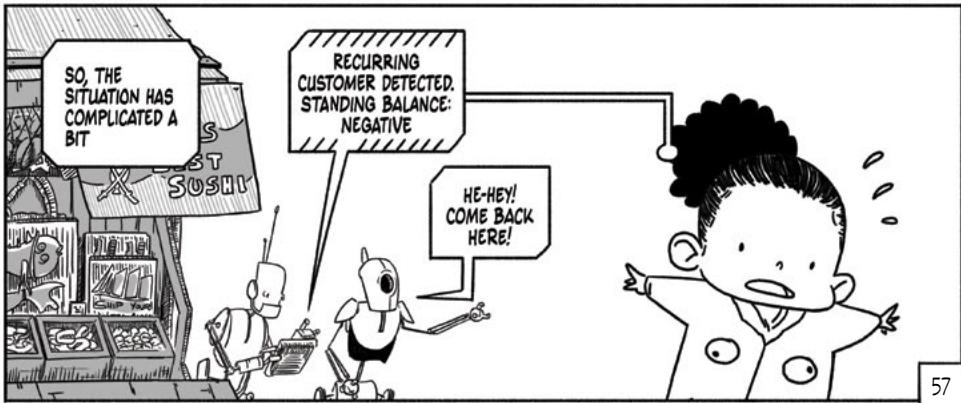
GET CLOSER
TOGETHER!

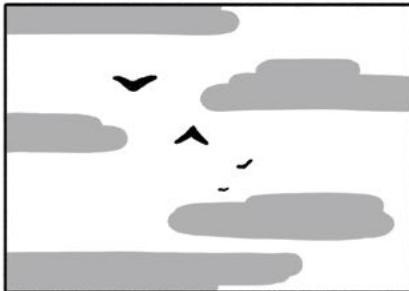
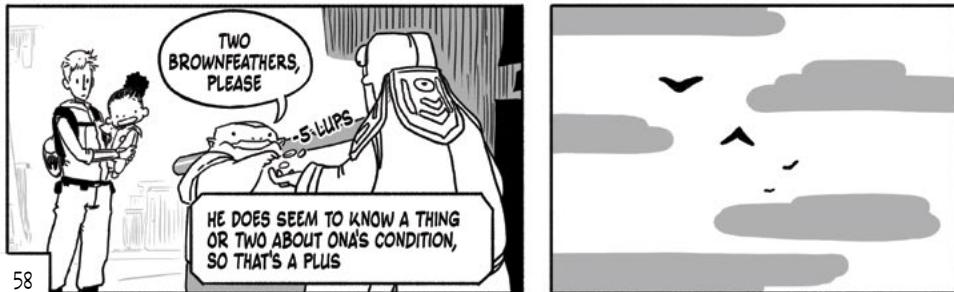
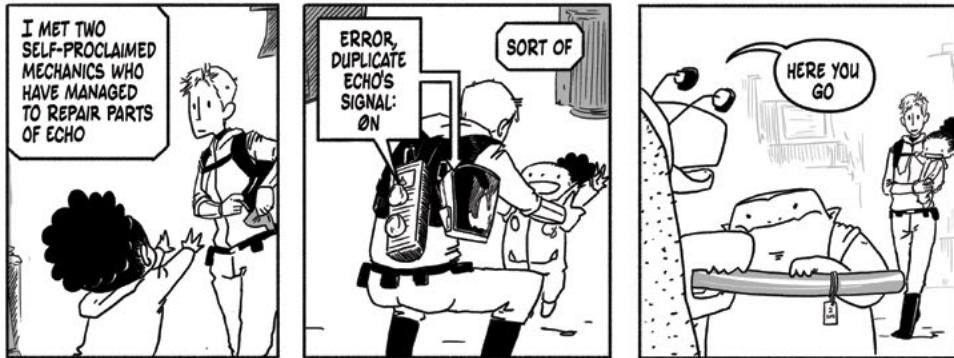
SNAP?

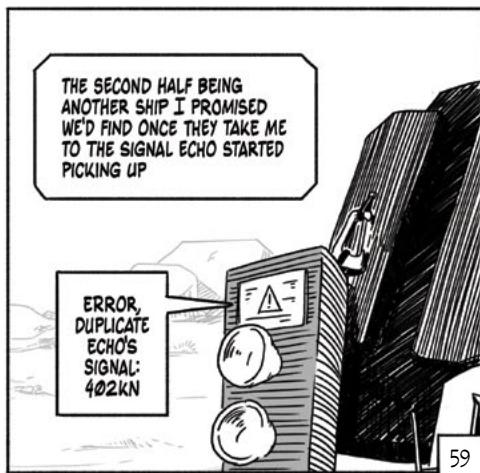
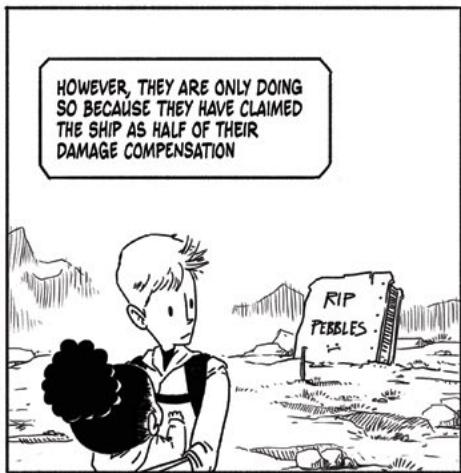
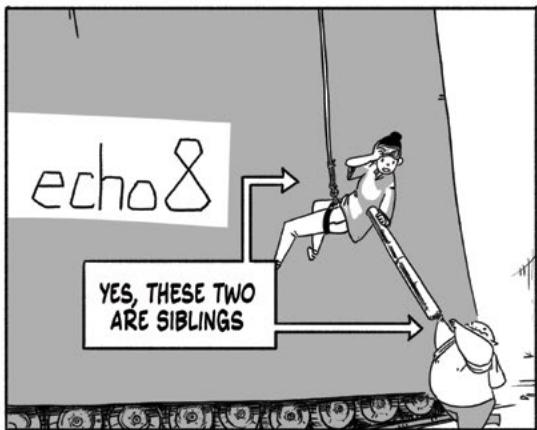
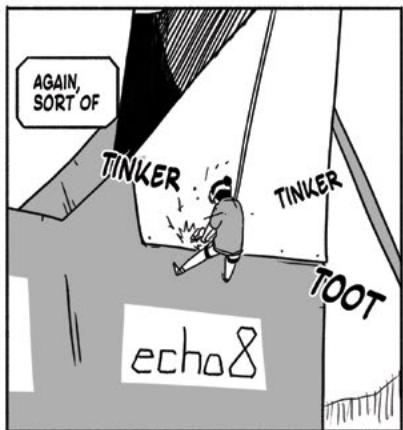


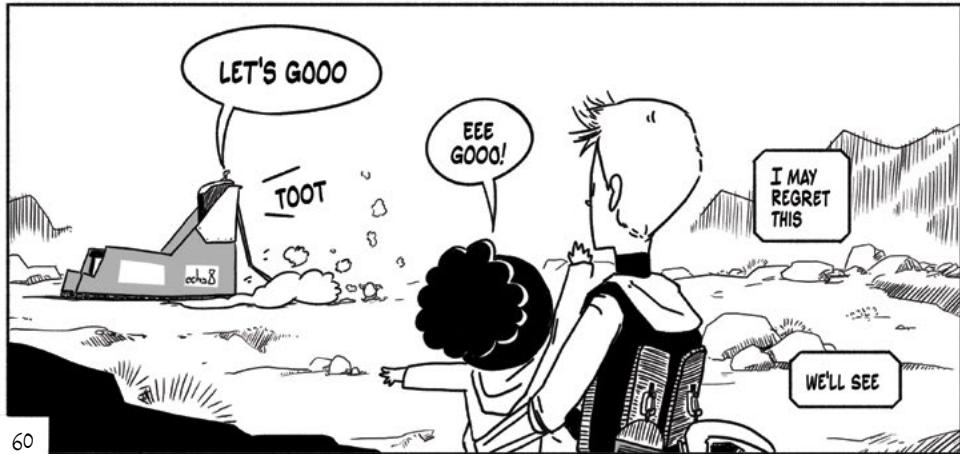
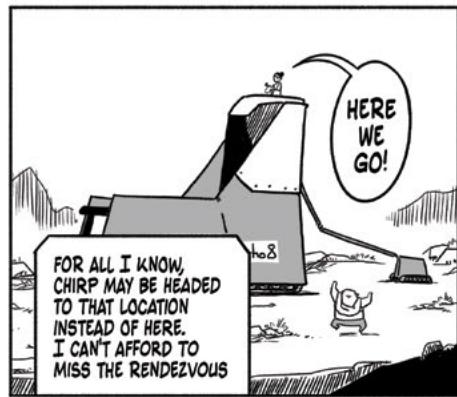


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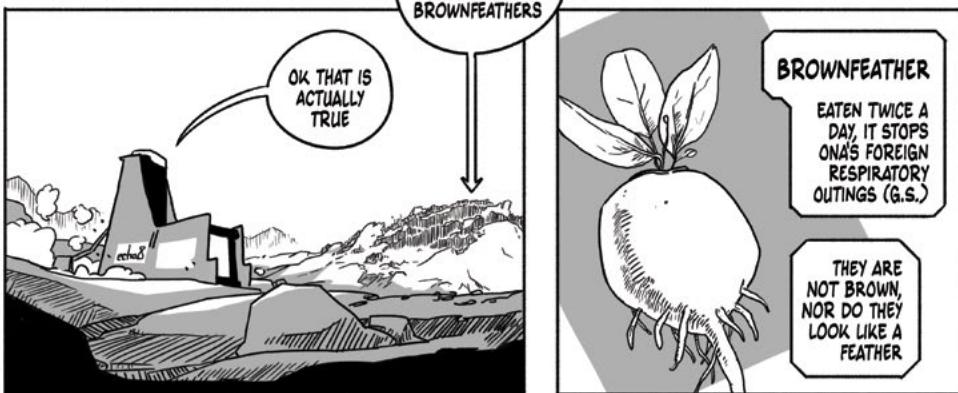
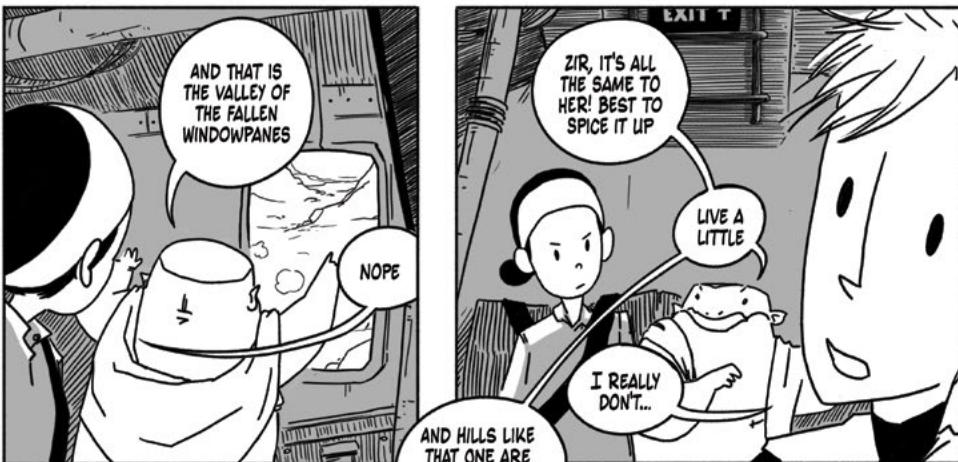


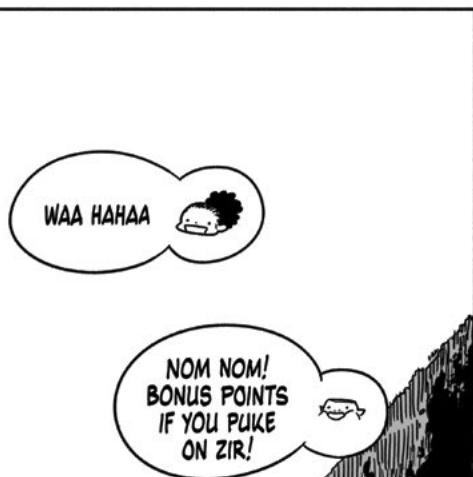
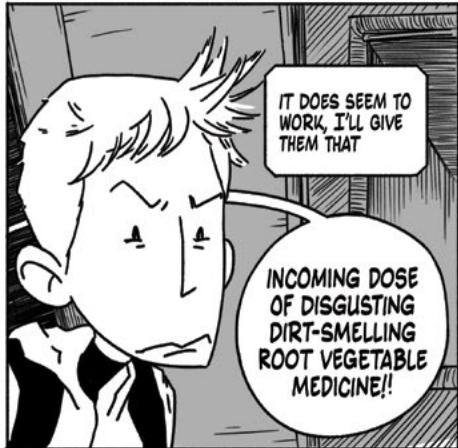
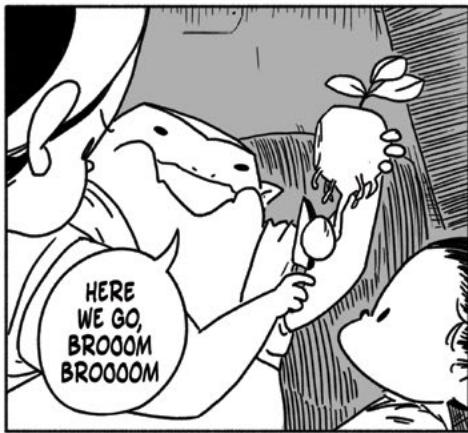




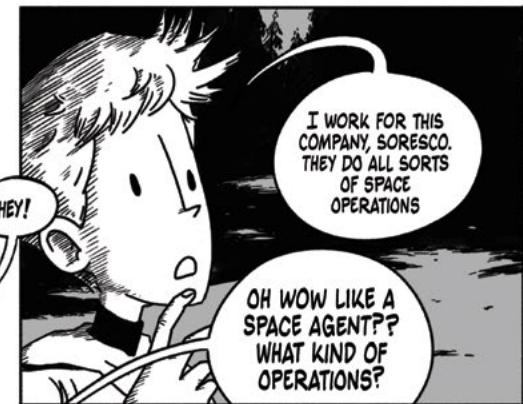


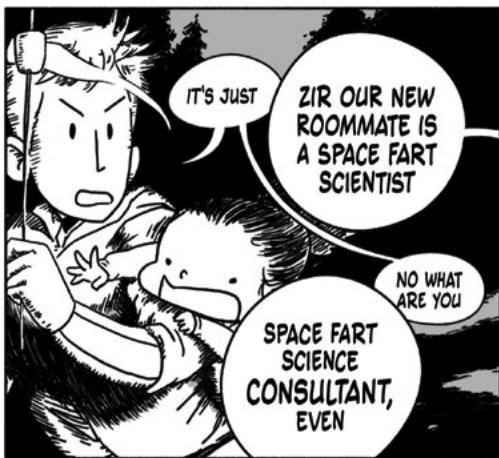
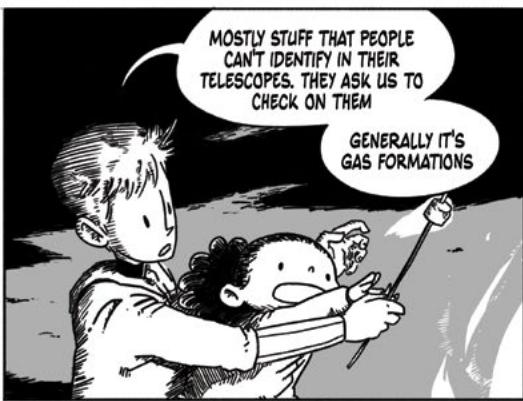
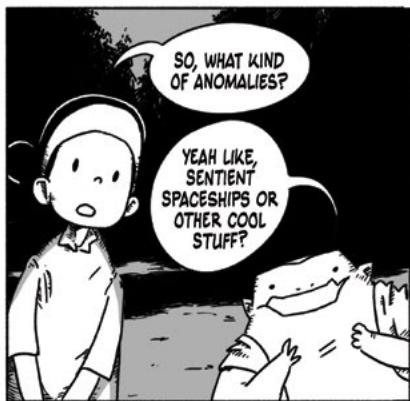
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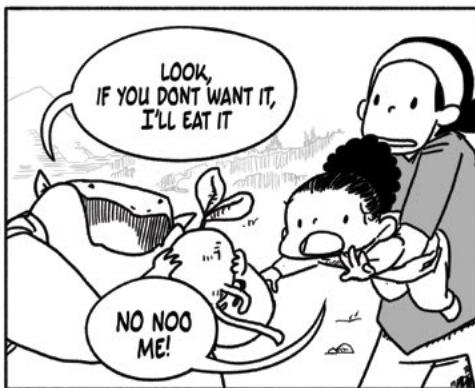
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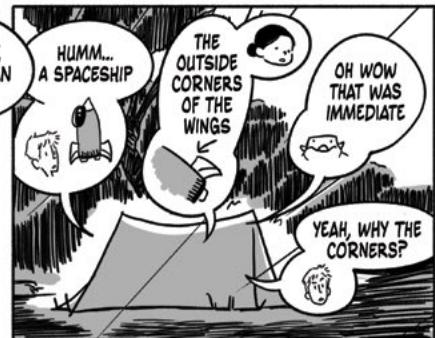


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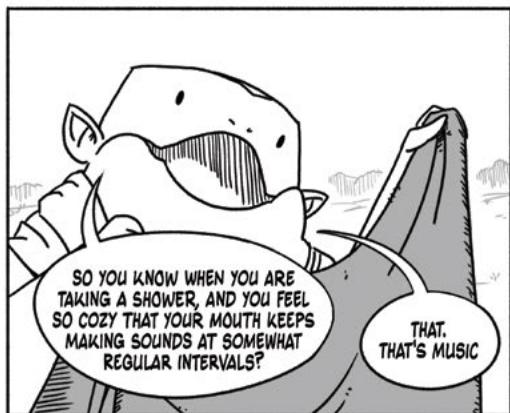
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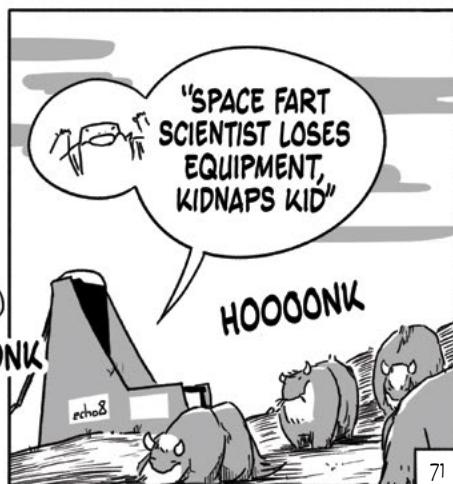


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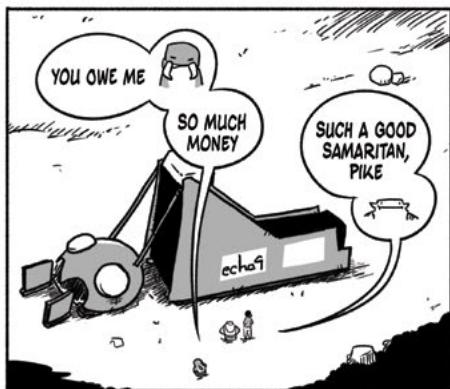
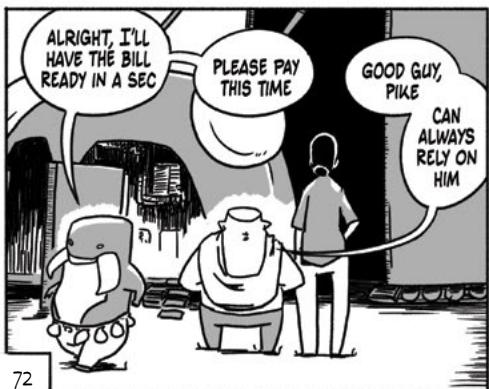
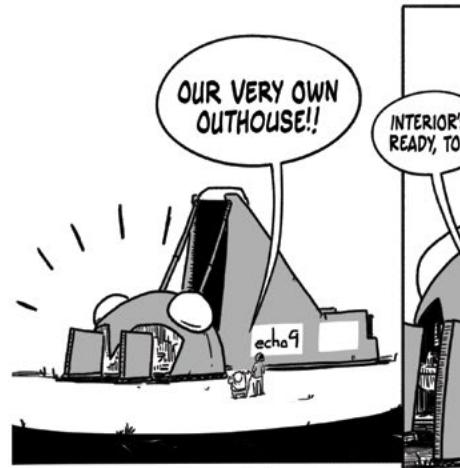
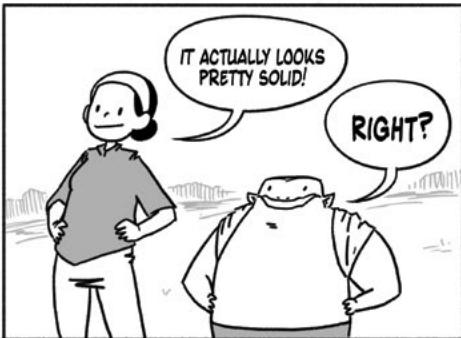


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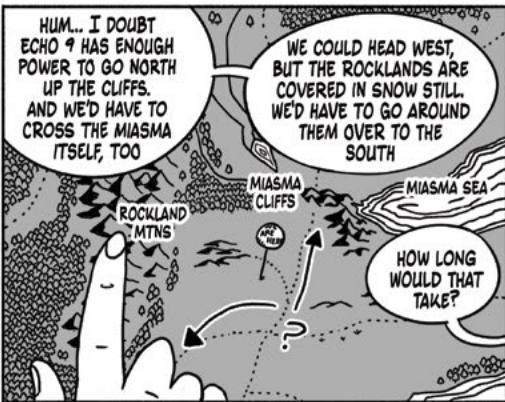
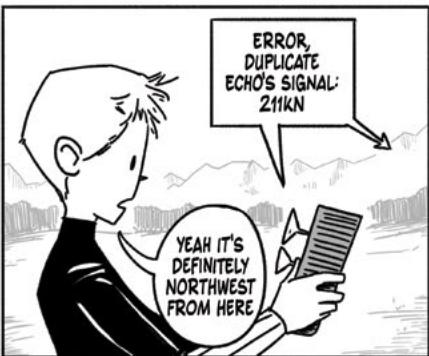




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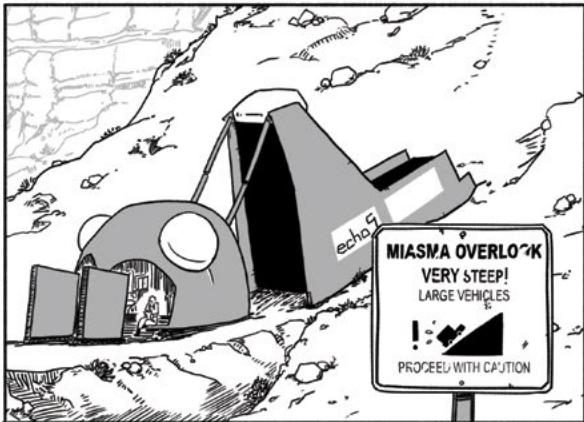
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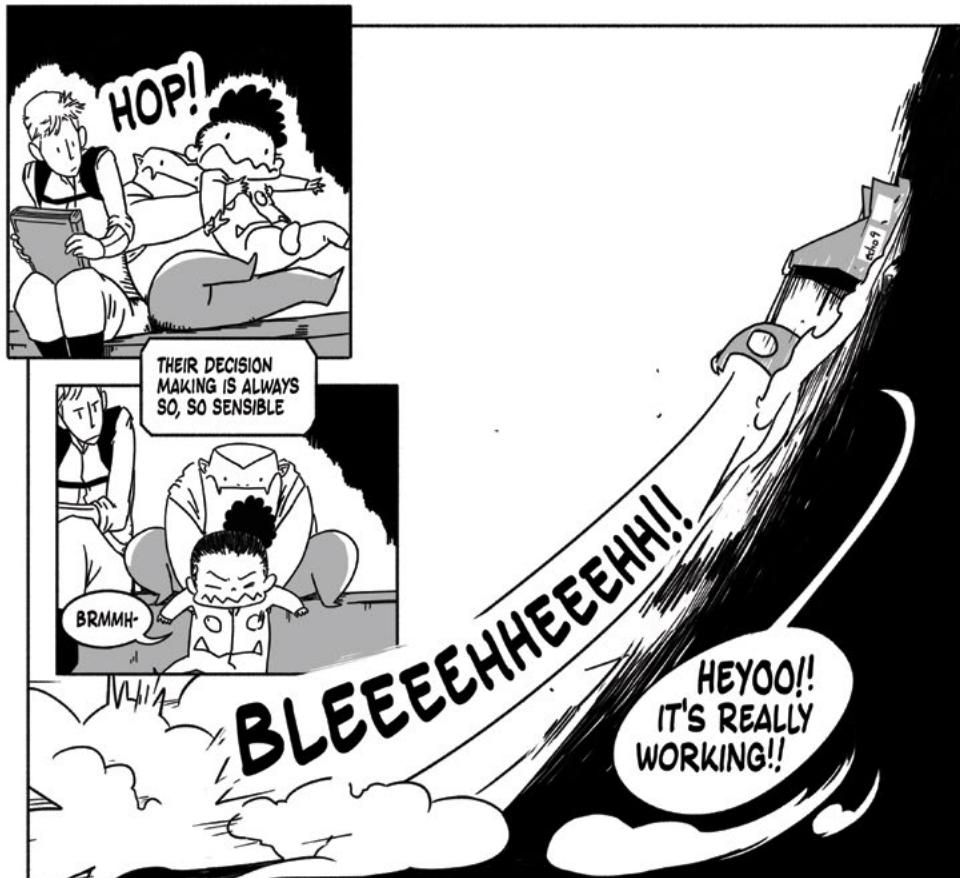


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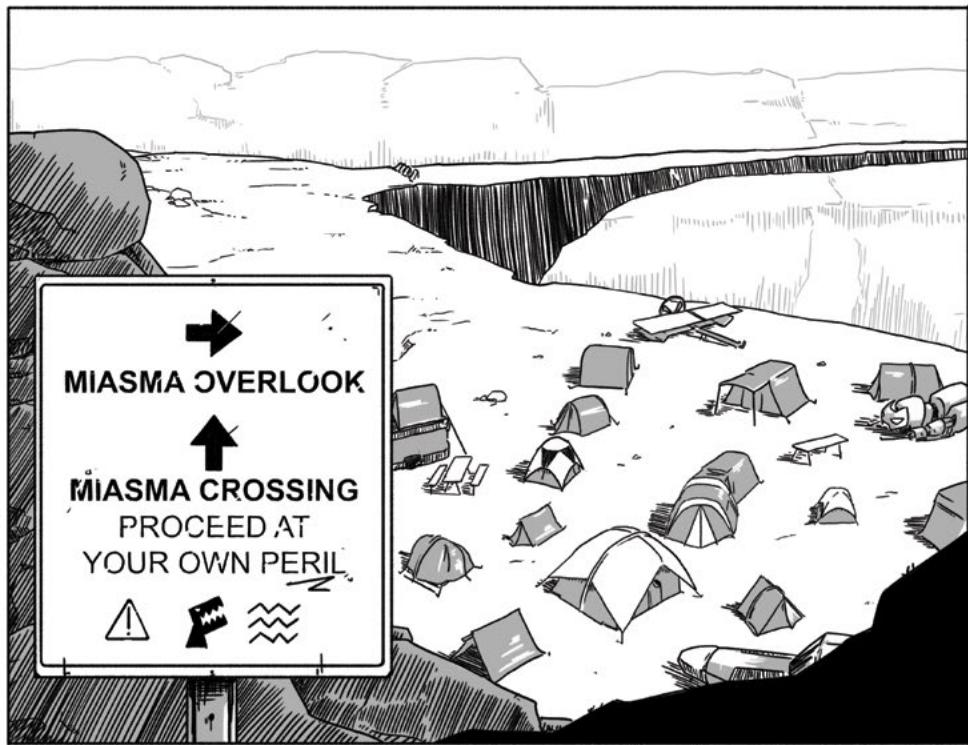


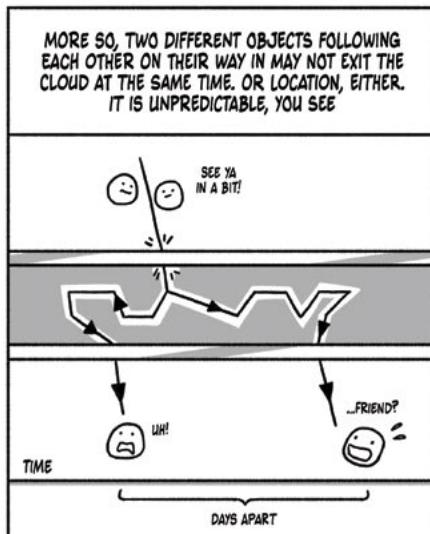
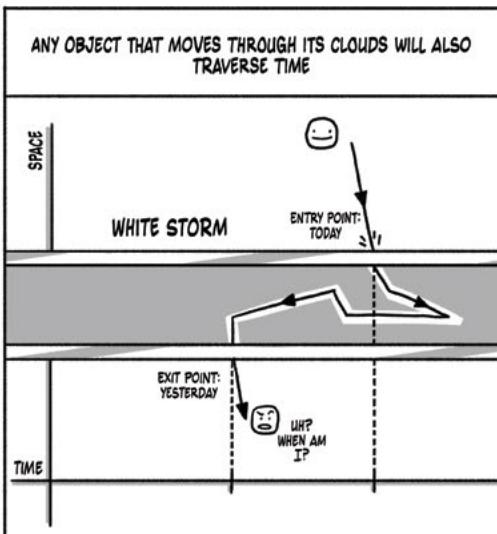
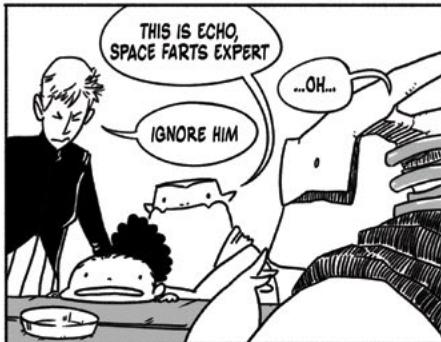


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THE UNPREDICTABILITY OF THE WHOLE SYSTEM MAKES IT VERY UNINTERESTING TO THE SCIENCE COMMUNITY, SADLY.

IT SEEMS YOU HAVE BEEN IN AND OUT OF THE STORM, REPEATEDLY? MAY I ASK HOW?

WE ARE
MAKING IT
WORSE!

...HUUH, WE DID LOSE MANY OF THE PROBES WE SENT IN INITIALLY, THOUGH WE NEVER REALLY UNDERSTOOD WHY

OUR CLIENT HELPED US OUT WITH A DEVICE THAT COULD SAFELY FLY A SUBJECT BACK THE WAY THEY CAME

WE NOW RELY ON THEM TO EXIT THE STORM. IT'LL BE OUR WAY OUT, ONCE WE GET ONA BACK



THE CAPSULE TAKES THE SUBJECT BACK TO SPACE, THEN A BEACON PICKS YOU UP

OH, I'M FAMILIAR WITH THIS TECHNOLOGY

WHITE STORM

HERE I GO

WOA!

INITIAL TRIP

RETRACE SAME TRIP

THESE DEVICES CAN IDENTIFY RESIDUAL STORM PLANKTON ON A SUBJECT, AND ANALYZE IT TO DERIVE THEIR LAST NAVIGATION PATH, BACKWARDS



OH WAIT WAIT THERE'S LIVE STUFF ON THESE TWO?

WELL, YES, THERE'S LINGERING BACTERIA WHEN ONE LEAVES THE STORM

EWW, I LOVE IT! TIME TRAVELING BACTERIA IS MY KIND OF SCI-FI

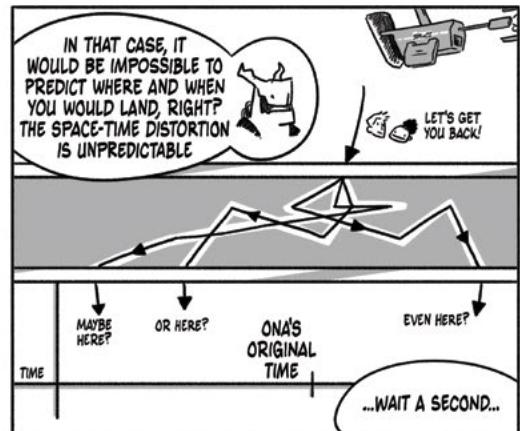
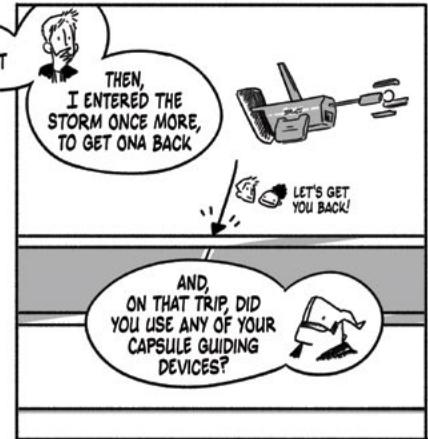
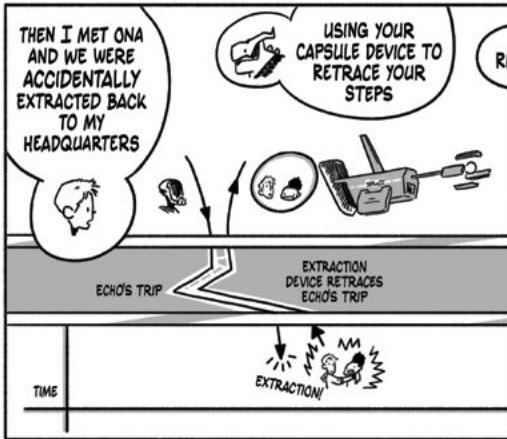
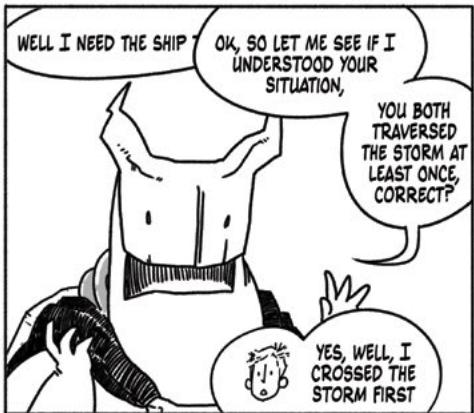
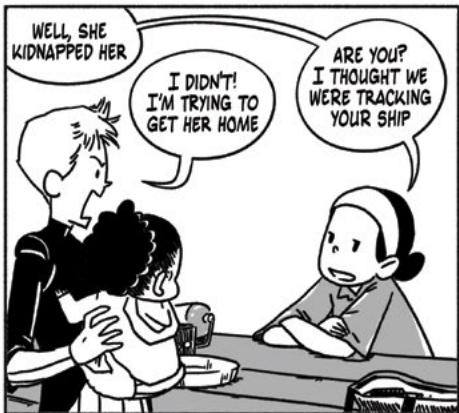
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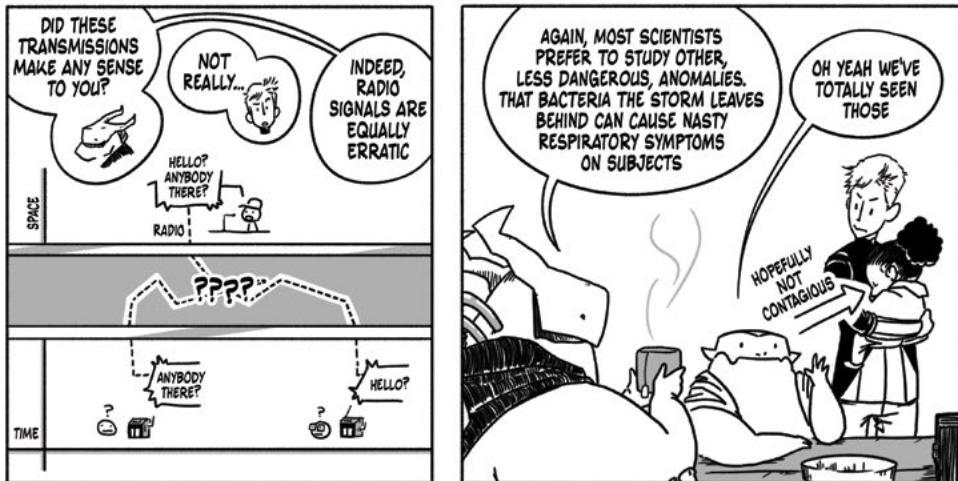
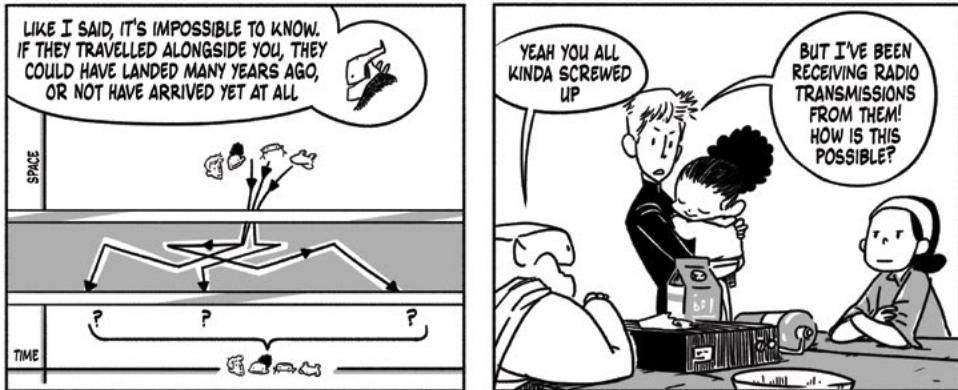
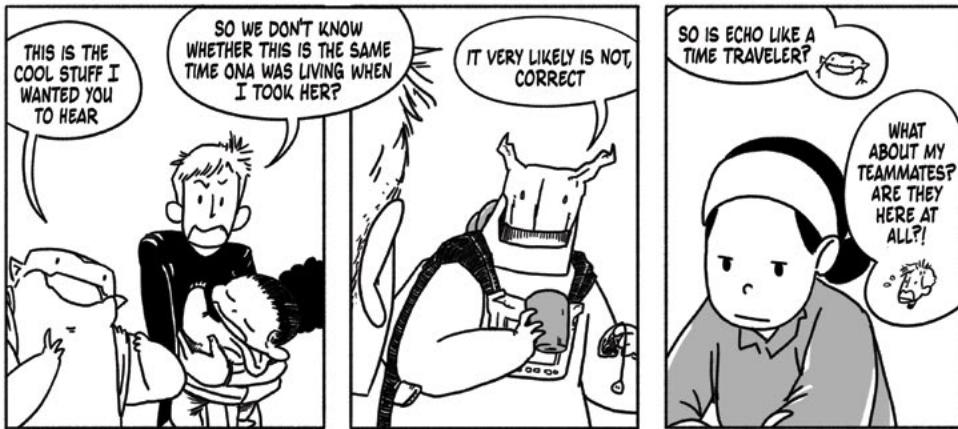
HAS THE KID BEEN PART ON THESE TRAVERSALS, AS WELL?

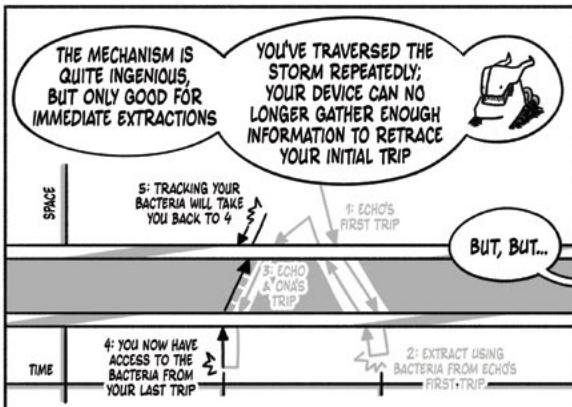
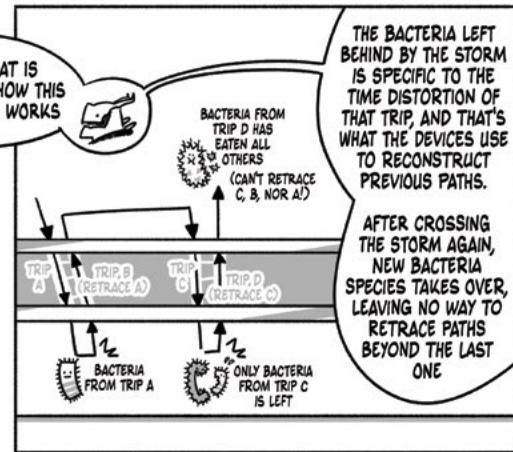
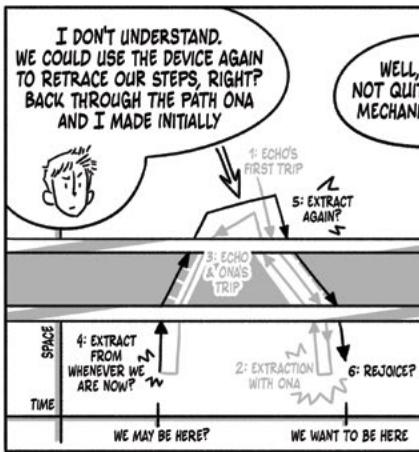
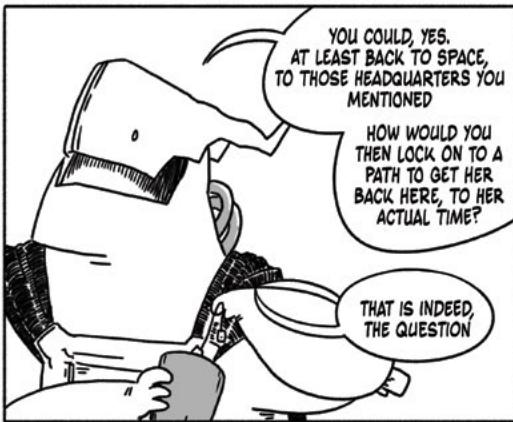
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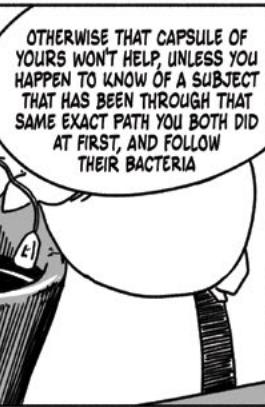
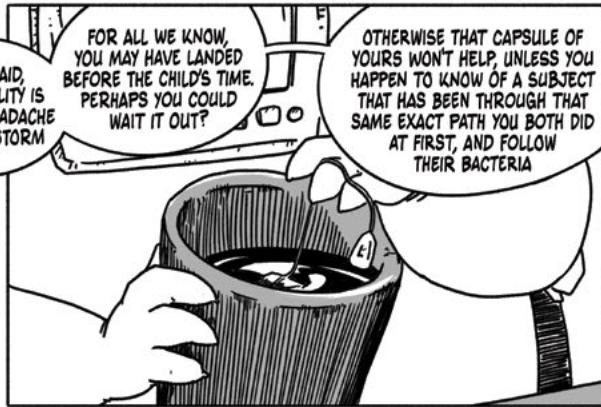
WELL...YEAH, BUT ONLY DURING THE

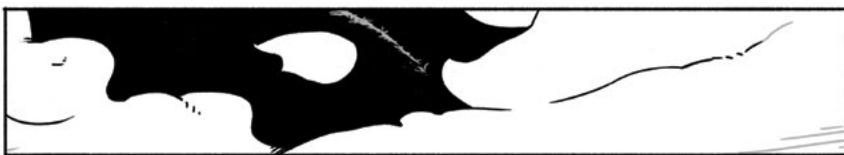
MOST LABS WON'T EVEN DARE TO SEND ANIMALS THROUGH, WITH SUCH RISK LEVELS. SENDING A CHILD IS...BOLD











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SO HUM, SAY SOMEBODY
WAS SHARING A TINY TENT
WITH A CHILD INFECTED BY
TIME-DISTORTED BACTERIA

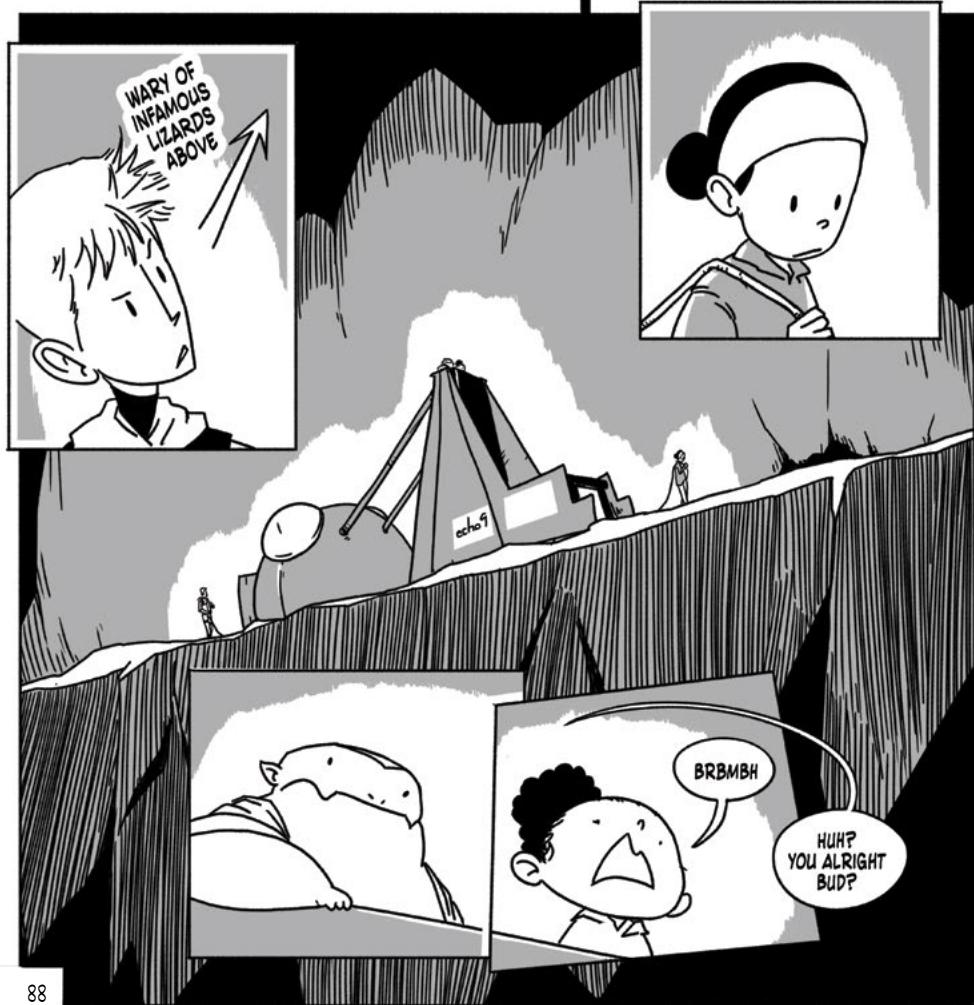
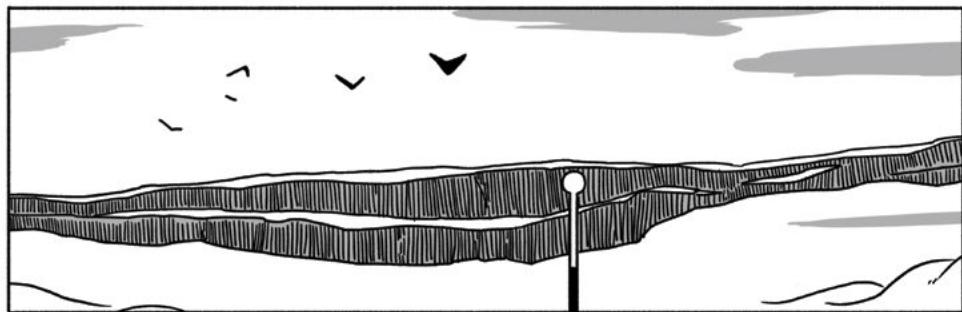
SHOULD WE
-I MEAN- THEY,
BE WORRIED?

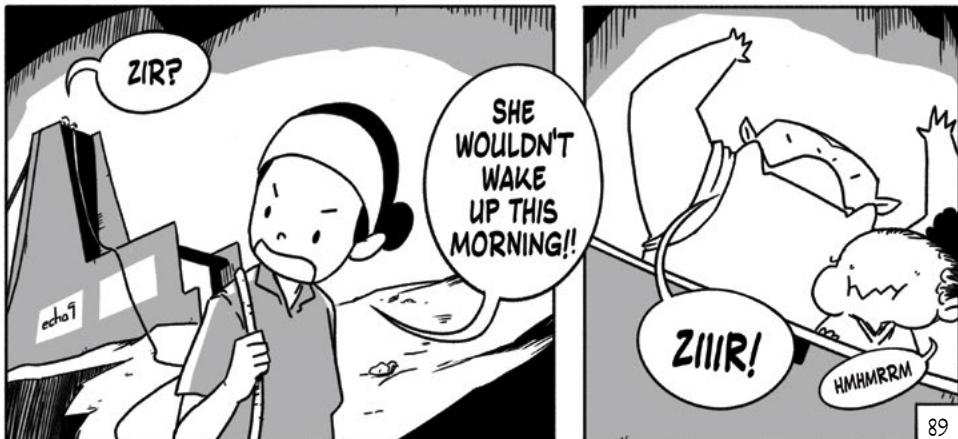
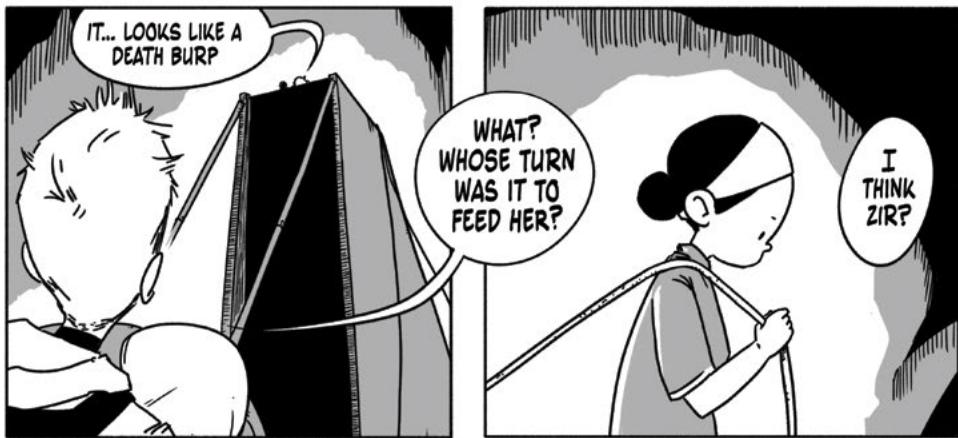


WHAT A MOUTHFUL

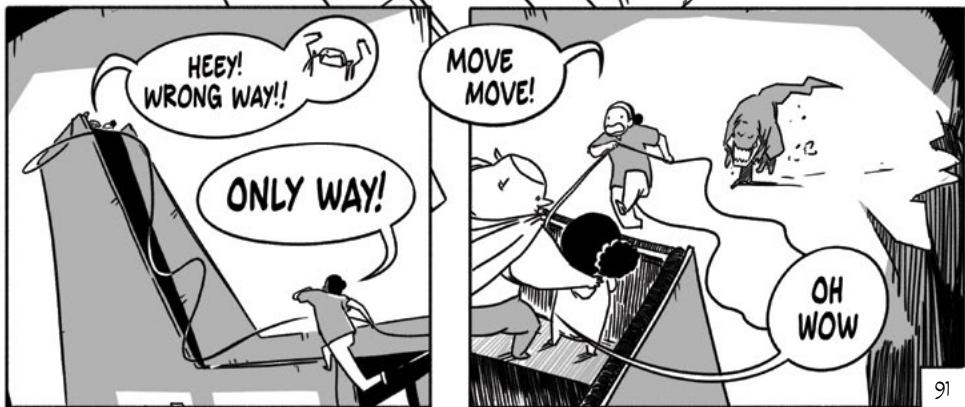
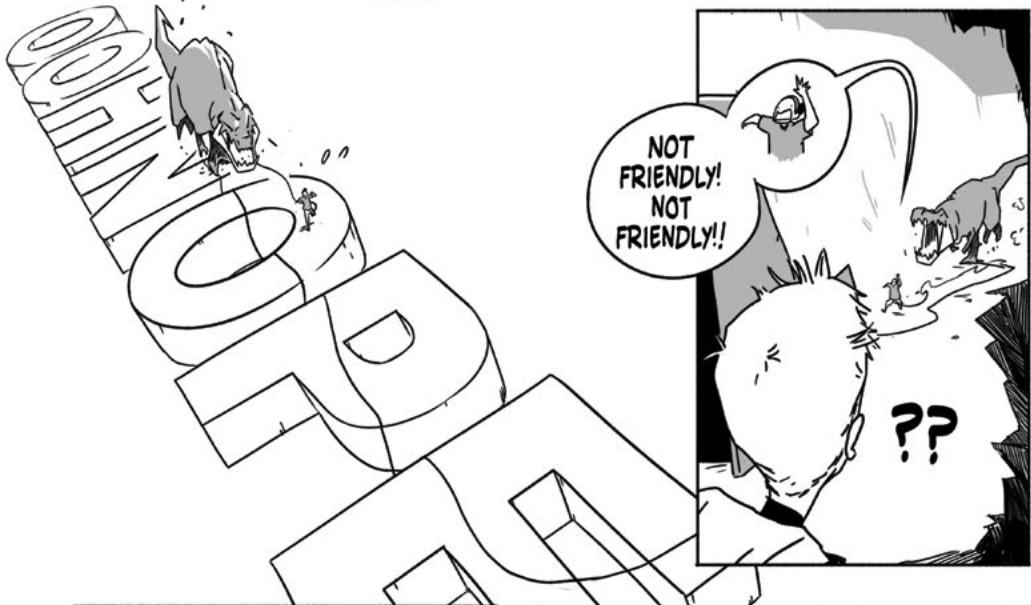
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