



AGENT 9

MIND CONTROL!

'Joyfully chaotic!'
LOUIE
STOWELL

JAMES BURKS

AGENT 9

FOR DAVE GROHL—WHO INSPIRES ME
TO CREATE AND LIVE LIFE TO THE
FULLEST. THANK YOU!

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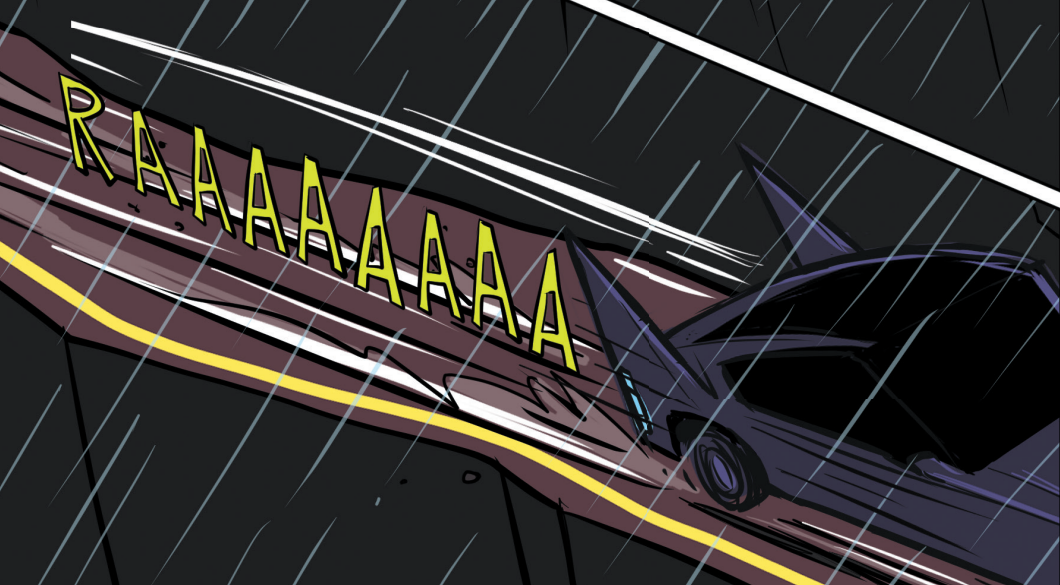
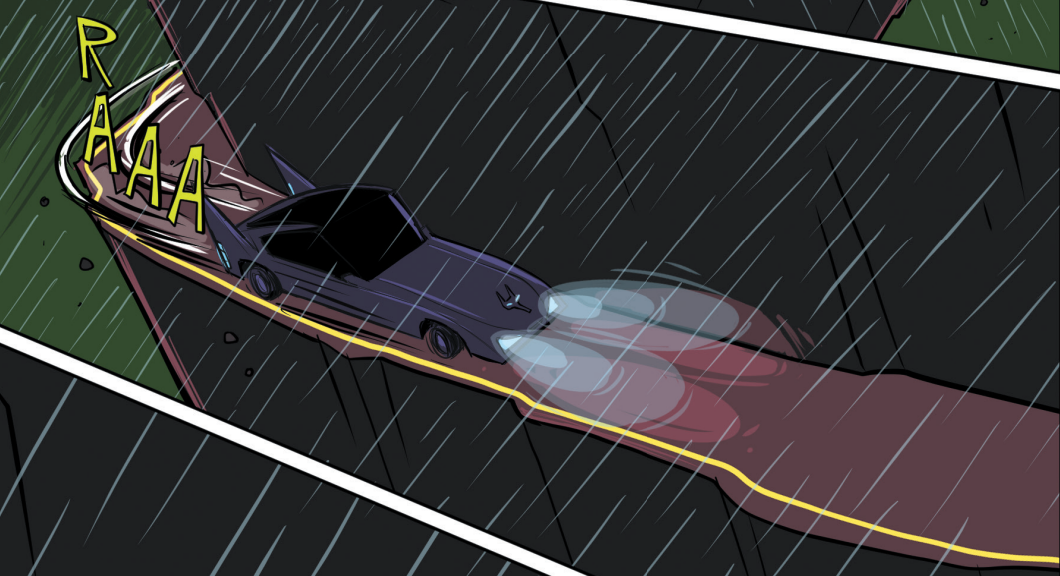
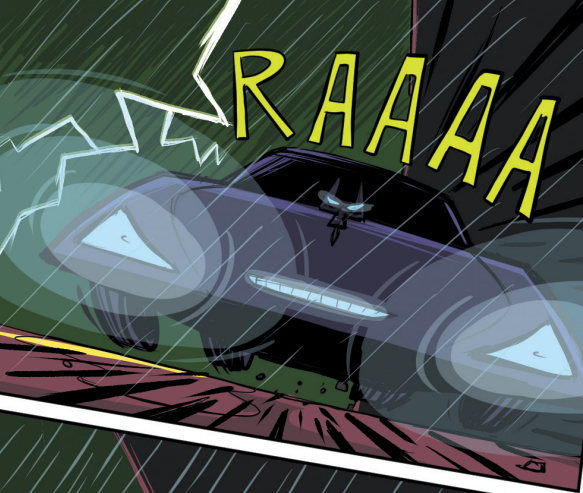
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RUMBLE

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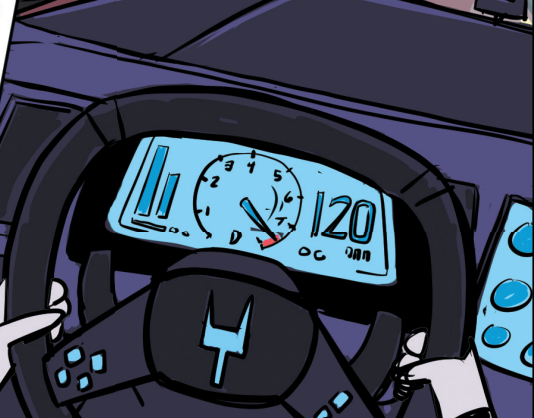
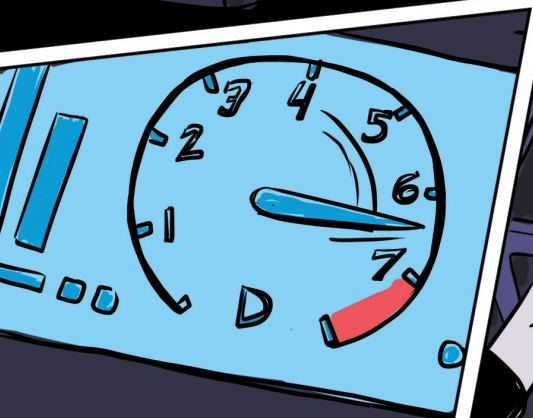
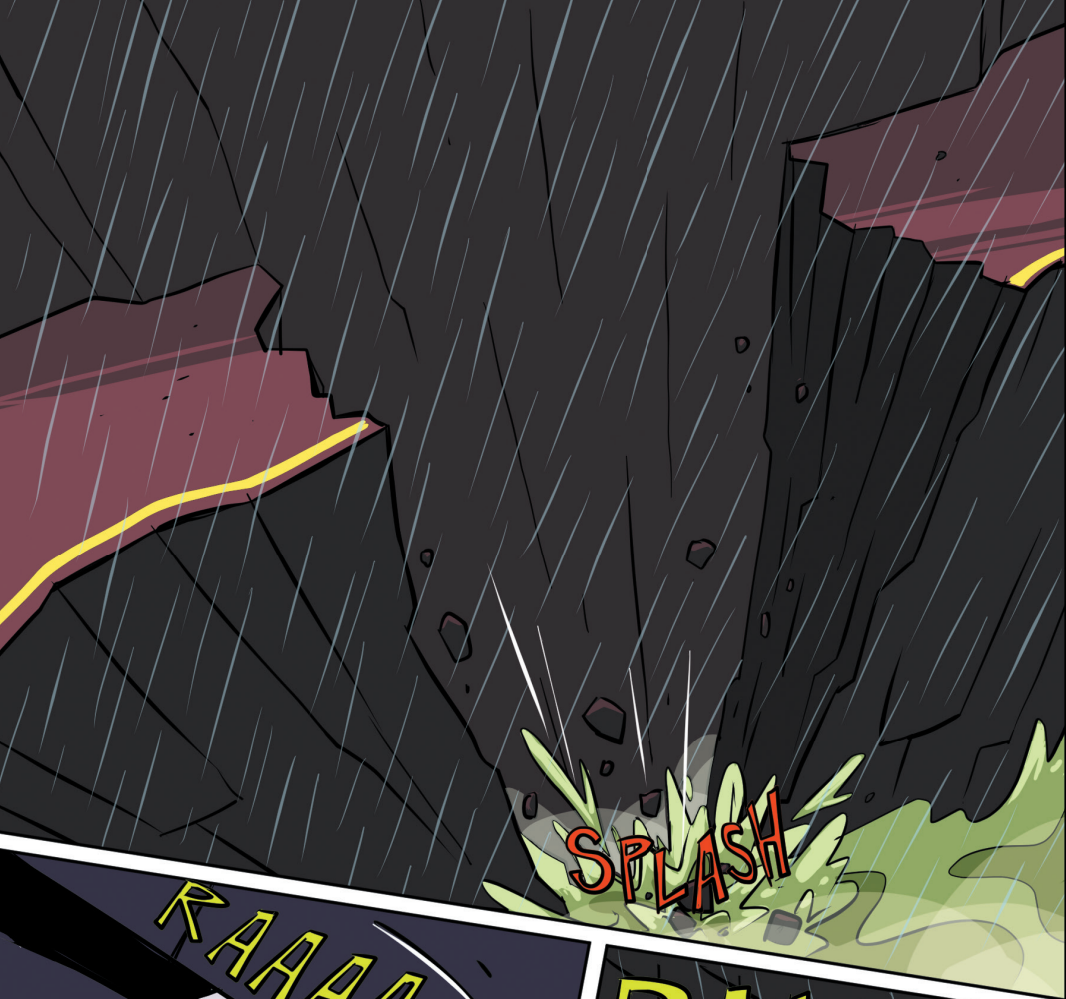
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KRACKOW

A large, jagged white lightning bolt strikes down from the top of the panel, illuminating the scene. The background is a dark green with vertical rain streaks.

BLAST

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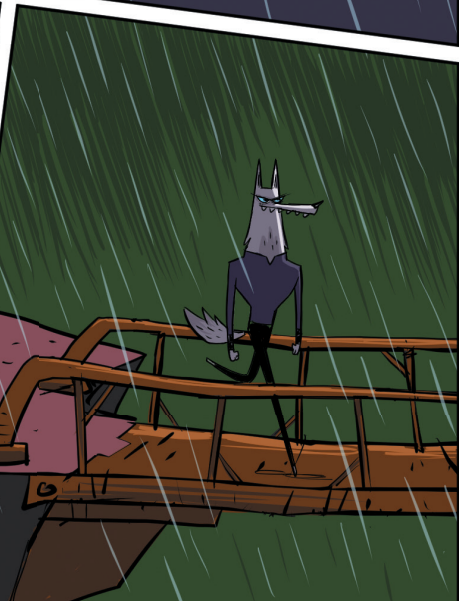
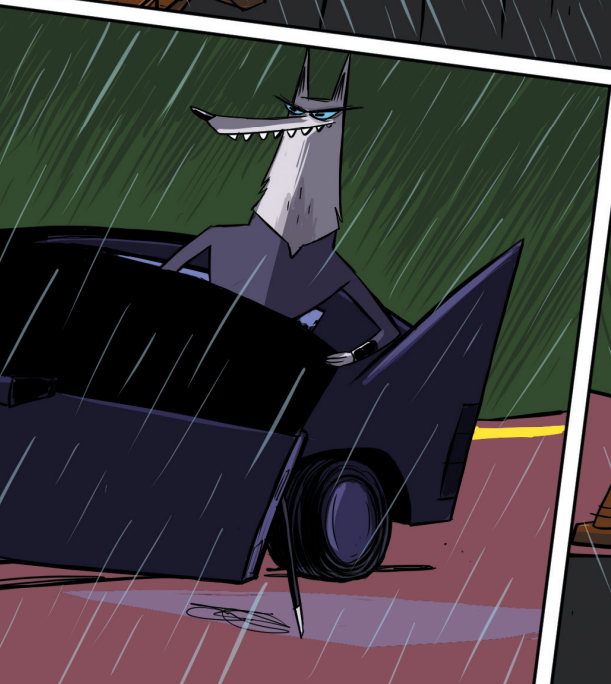
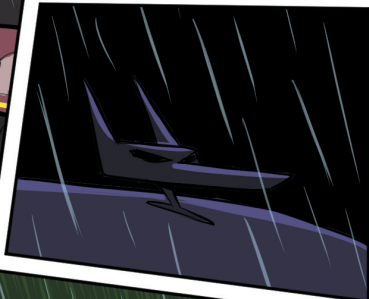
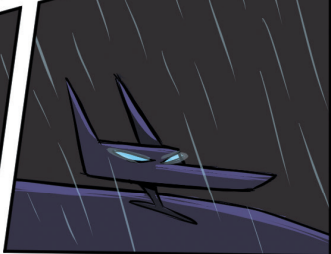
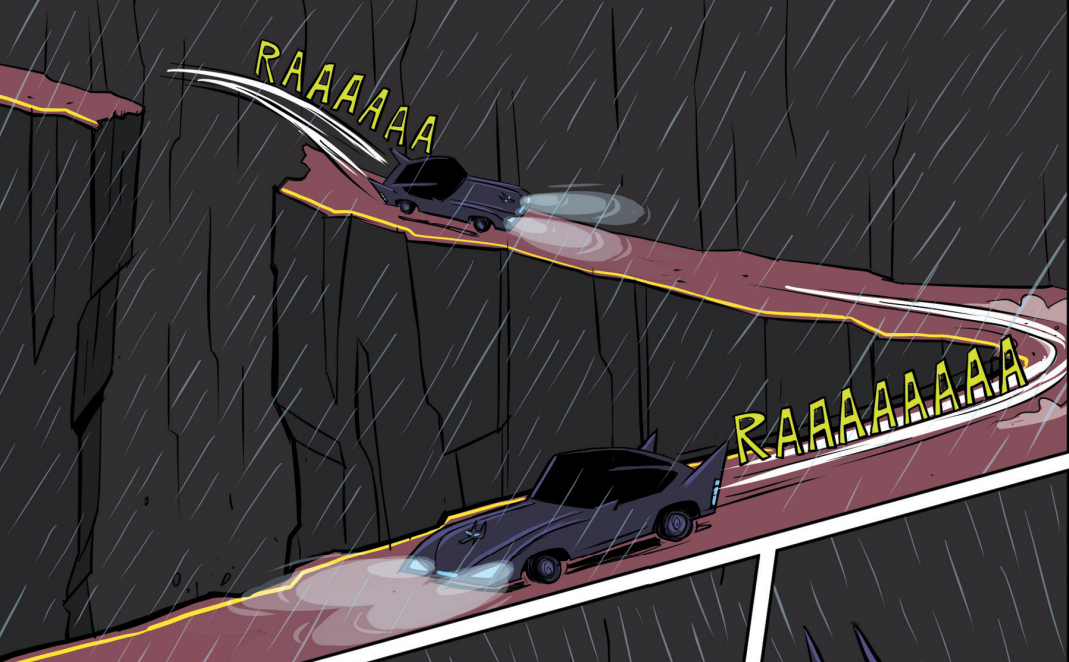


SWERVE

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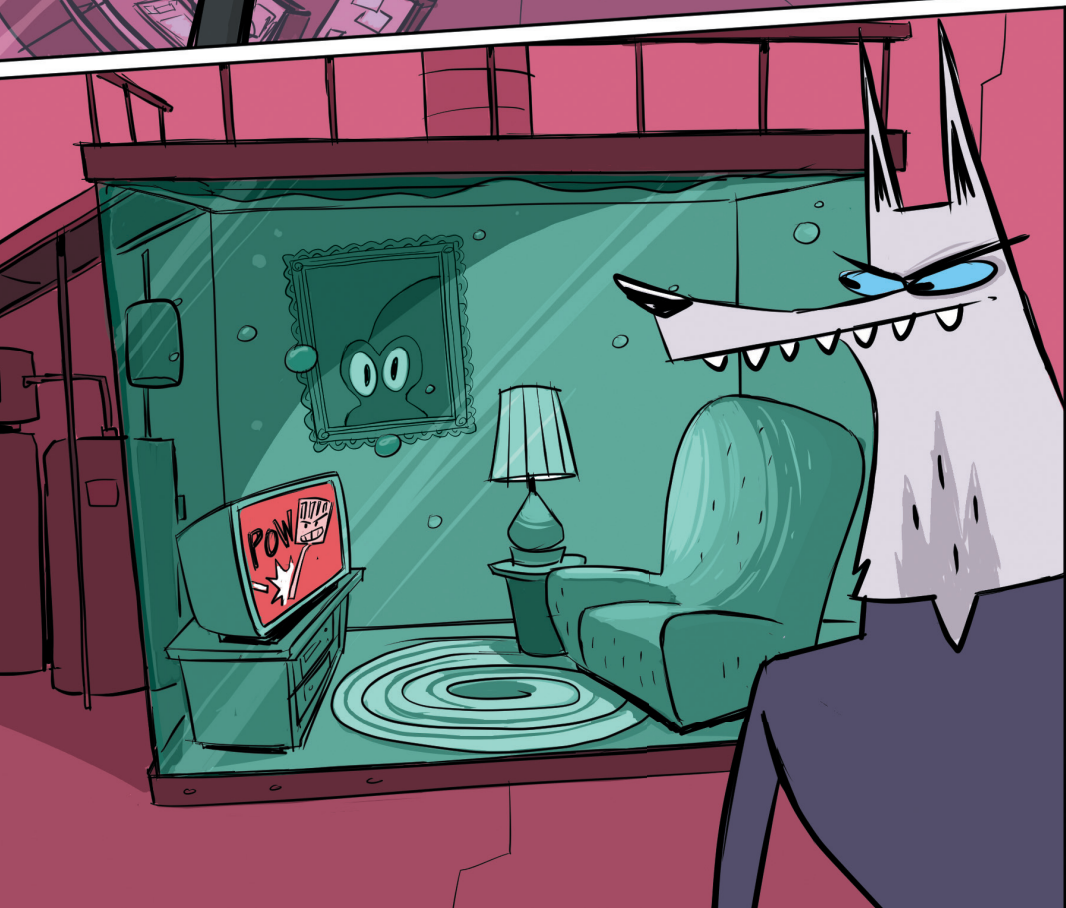
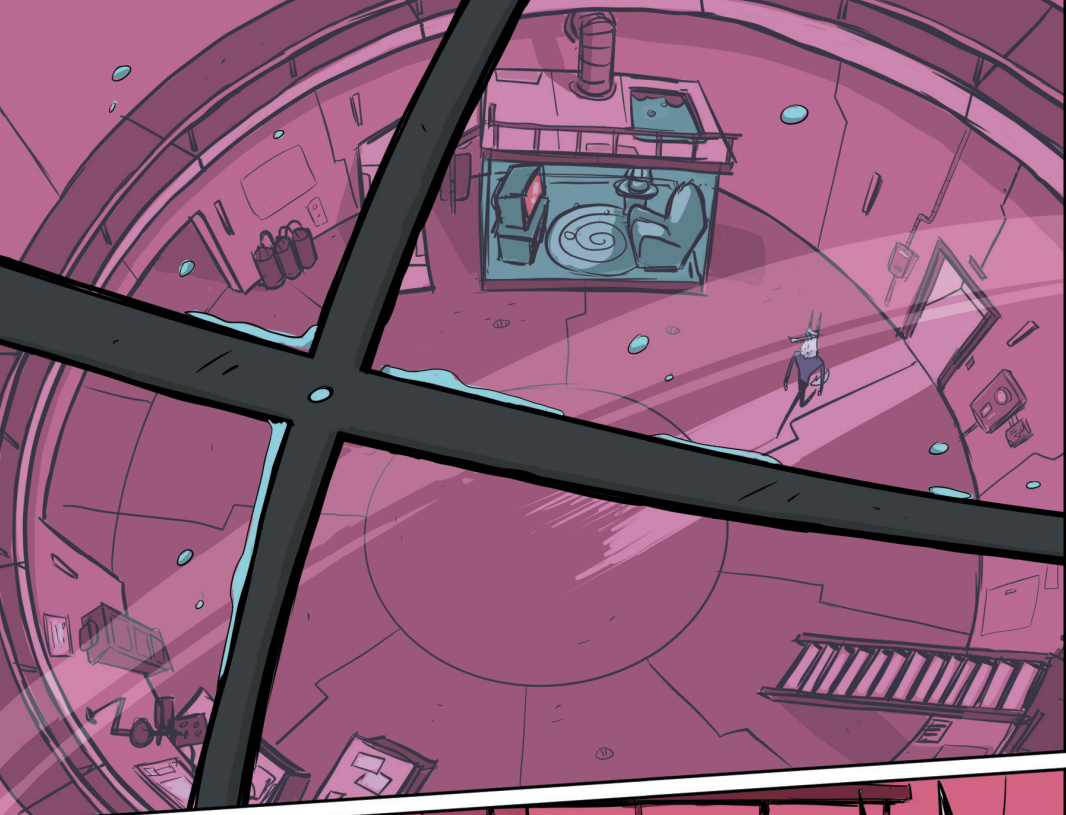
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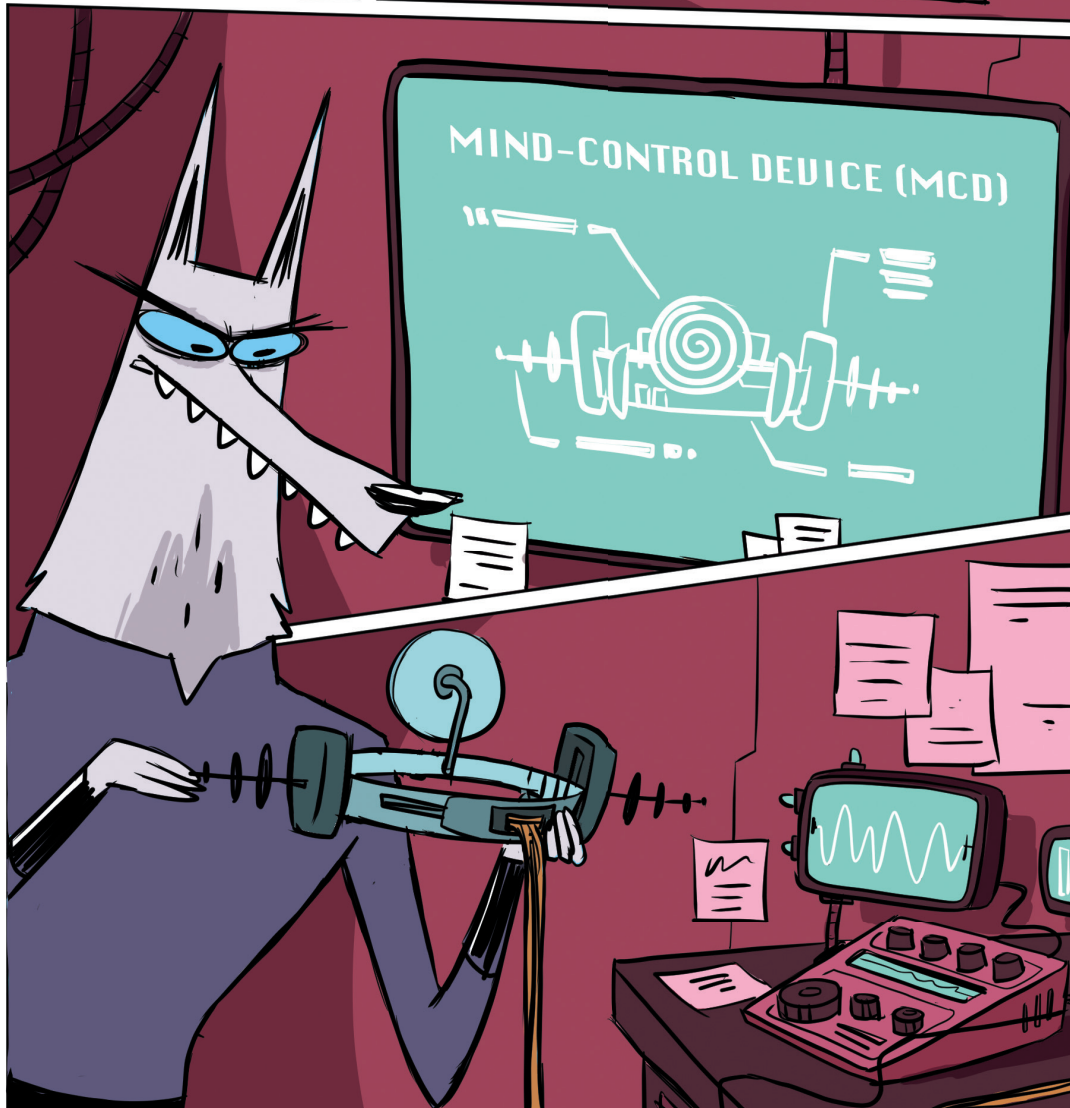




DIVISION—SECRET LAB









DO YOU UNDERSTAND THE OBJECTIVE?

YEAH, YEAH, I GET THE GIST OF IT, IQ.

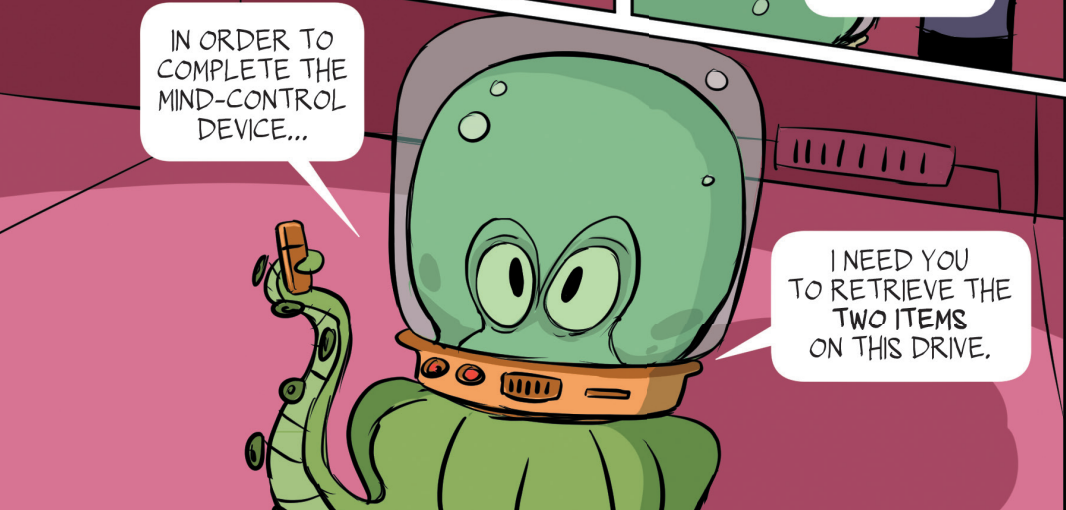


MIND-CONTROL DEVICE, AND A MANIACAL PLAN BY THE SECRET LEADER OF DIVISION TO TAKE OVER THE WORLD...



JUST TELL ME WHY I'M HERE.

RIGHT, RIGHT, OF COURSE, MR. WOLF.



IN ORDER TO COMPLETE THE MIND-CONTROL DEVICE...

I NEED YOU TO RETRIEVE THE TWO ITEMS ON THIS DRIVE.



GREAT, AND MY PAYMENT?

YES, ABOUT THAT...

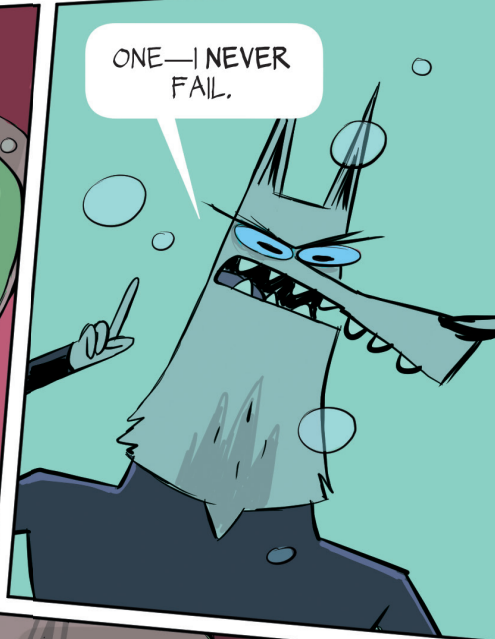


AFTER YOU SUCCESSFULLY—

AFTER?!



LET ME MAKE TWO THINGS CLEAR.

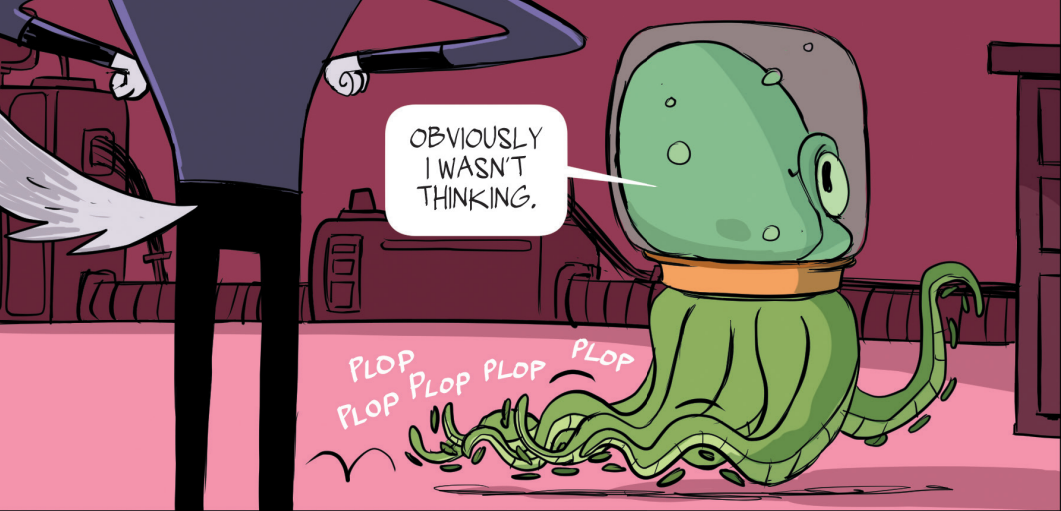


ONE—I NEVER FAIL.



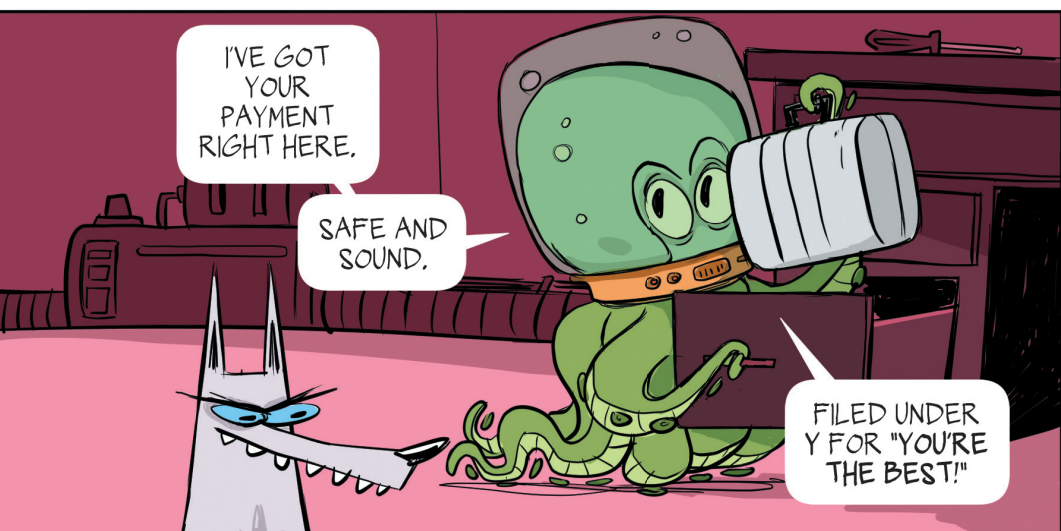
AND TWO—I ALWAYS TAKE MY PAYMENT UP FRONT!

CERTAINLY. WHAT WAS I THINKING?



OBVIOUSLY
I WASN'T
THINKING.

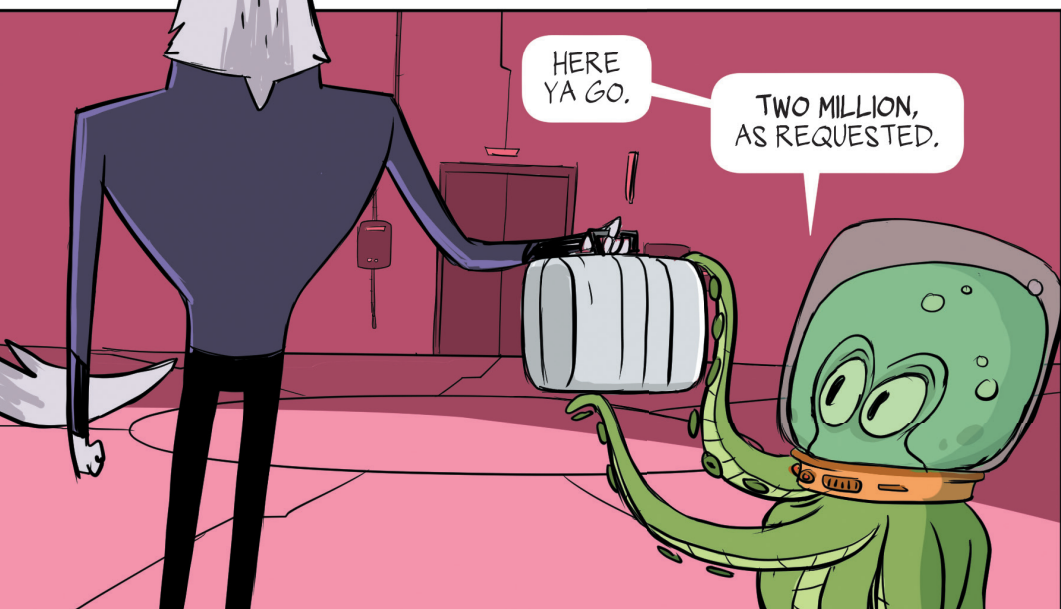
PLOP
PLOP PLOP PLOP PLOP



I'VE GOT
YOUR
PAYMENT
RIGHT HERE.

SAFE AND
SOUND.

FILED UNDER
Y FOR "YOU'RE
THE BEST!"



HERE
YA GO.

TWO MILLION,
AS REQUESTED.



OH, AND, UH...

I NEED TO INFORM YOU THAT...



...AGENT NINE RESCUED THE SUPER-SECRET SPY SERVICE, AND THEY'RE BACK IN OPERATION.



DON'T WORRY.

I HAVE PLANS FOR \$4...



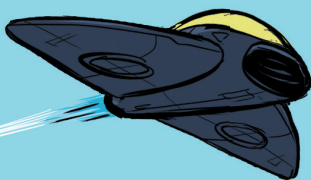
AND THEIR SO-CALLED AGENT NINE!



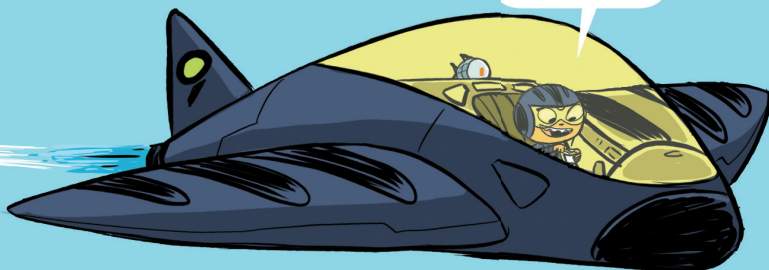
PRESENT DAY...



FORTY THOUSAND FEET IN THE AIR...



YUM-YUMMM.
DELICIOUS!



THERE'S NO BETTER MID-FLIGHT SNACK THAN A FISH-FLAVORED YOGURT CUP.

MMMMMM.



BEOP.

I'M SUPER EXCITED TOO, FIN. I CAN'T WAIT TO FIND OUT WHAT OUR NEXT MISSION WILL BE.



MAYBE WE'LL GET TO THWART AN ALIEN INVASION.

OR SAVE THE QUEEN!



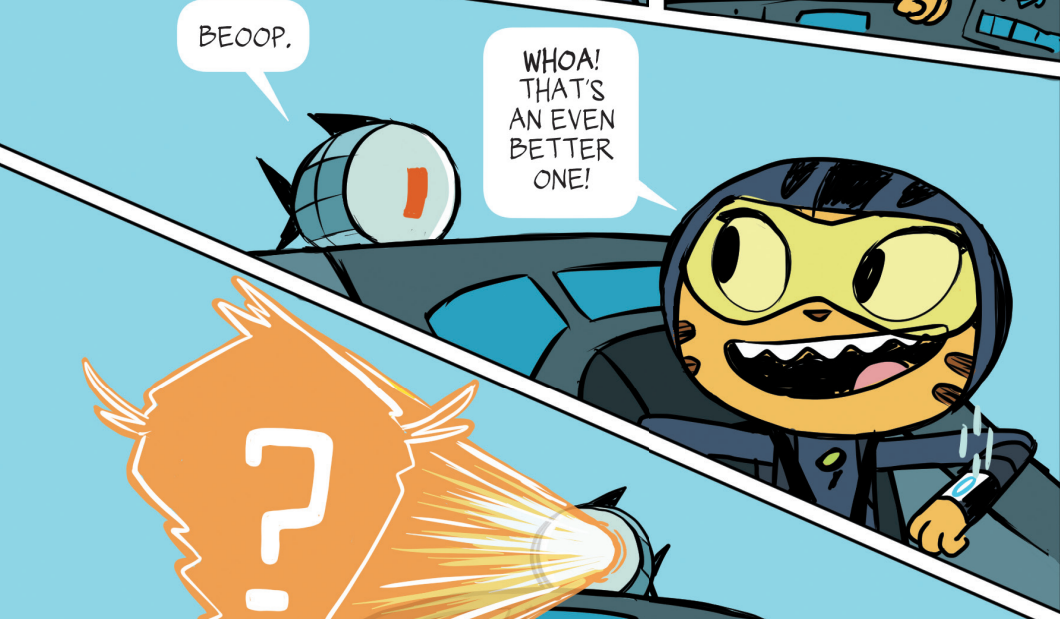


OH!

I KNOW!
MAYBE WE'LL
GET TO...

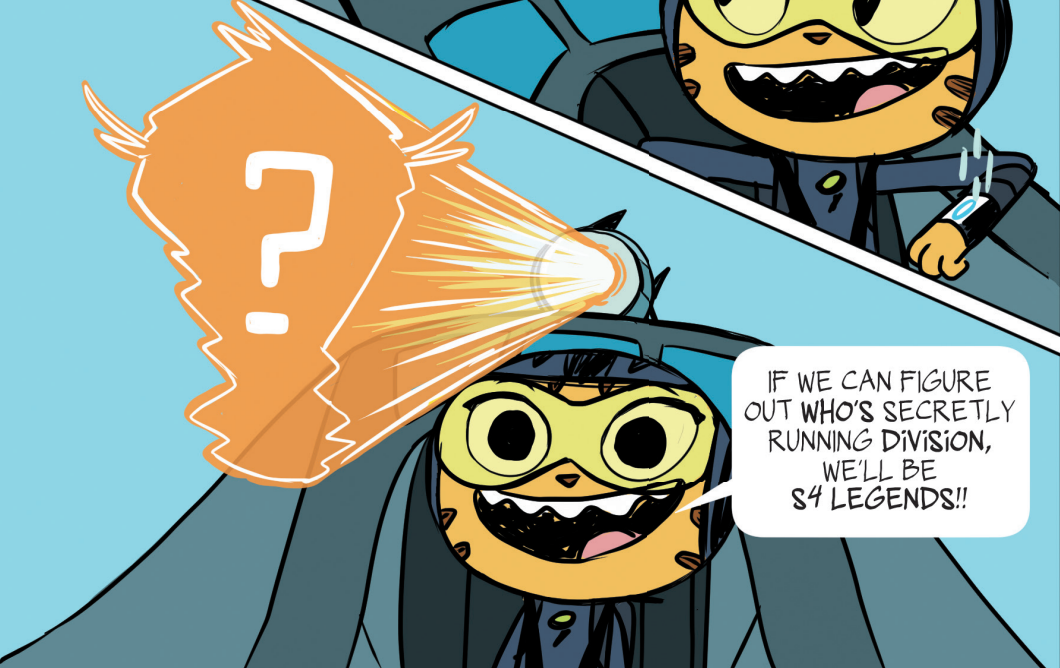


...STOP THE SINISTER
BREAD BAKER,
LE CHEF, FROM TAKING
OVER THE WORLD!



BEOOP.

WHOA!
THAT'S
AN EVEN
BETTER
ONE!



IF WE CAN FIGURE
OUT WHO'S SECRETLY
RUNNING DIVISION,
WE'LL BE
S4 LEGENDS!!

AND MAYBE EVEN
ACHIEVE OUR
ULTIMATE GOAL OF
BEING NAMED...

SPY OF
THE
MONTH!

BZZZZ

BZZZZ

SIGNAL... TRANSMITTING

AGENT 9

WHAT DO YOU SAY WE THROW THIS BABY INTO OVER-OVERDRIVE AND GET TO HEADQUARTERS AHEAD OF SCHEDULE?

BEOP!

HOLD ON TO YOUR GIGABYTES!

WRRRRR

OVER-OVERDRIVE
OVERDRIVE
DRIVE
UNDERDRIVE

VRRRRR



WHOOOOOSH



SIGNAL... TRANSMITTING

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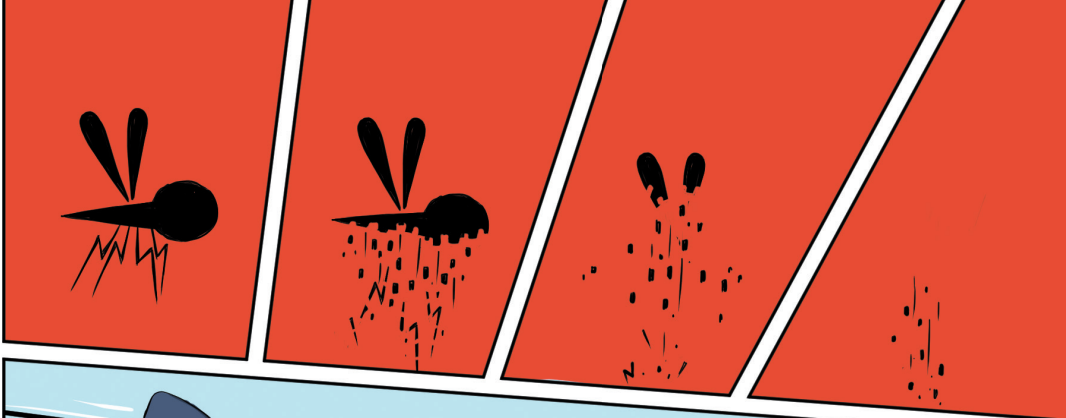


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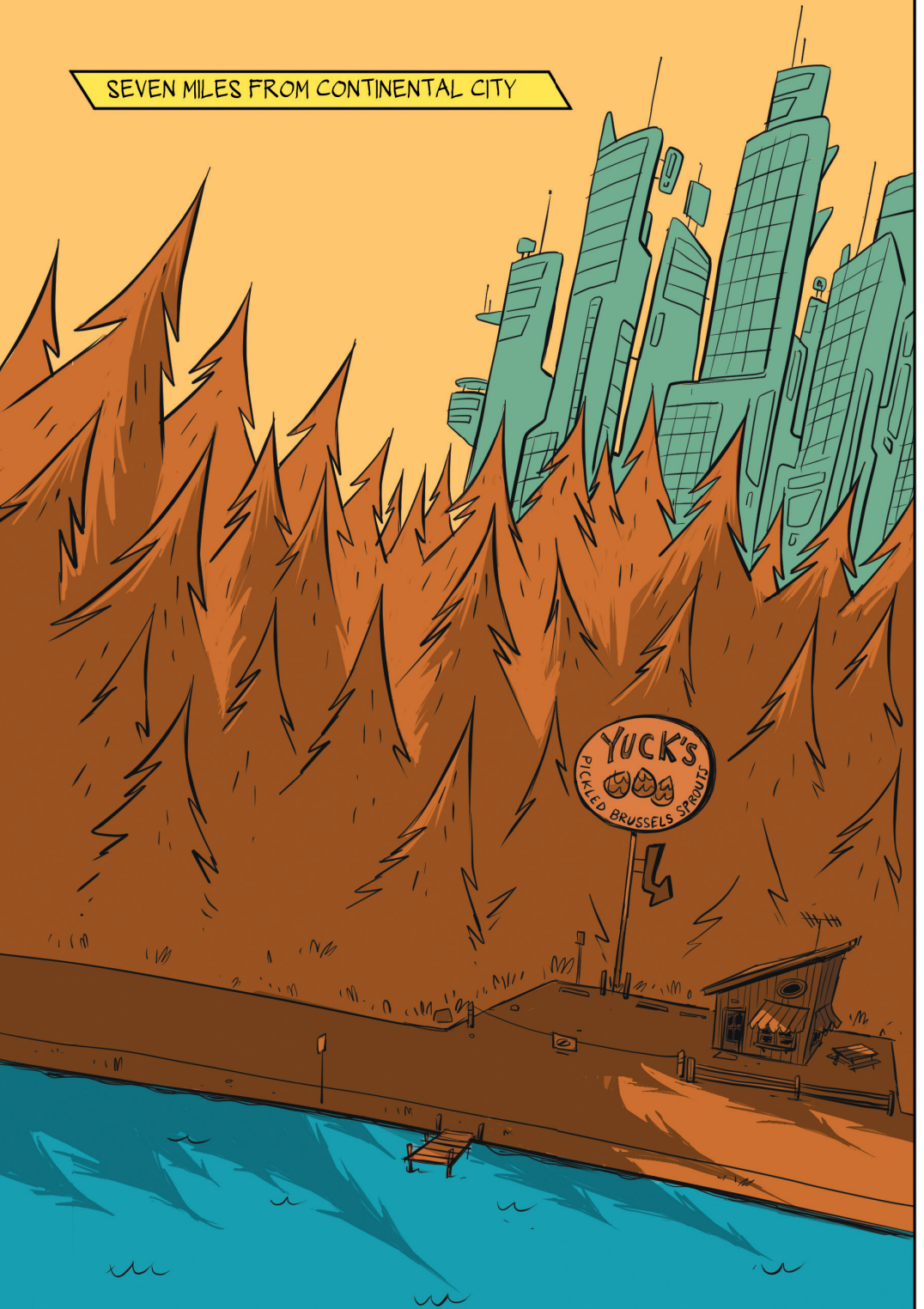
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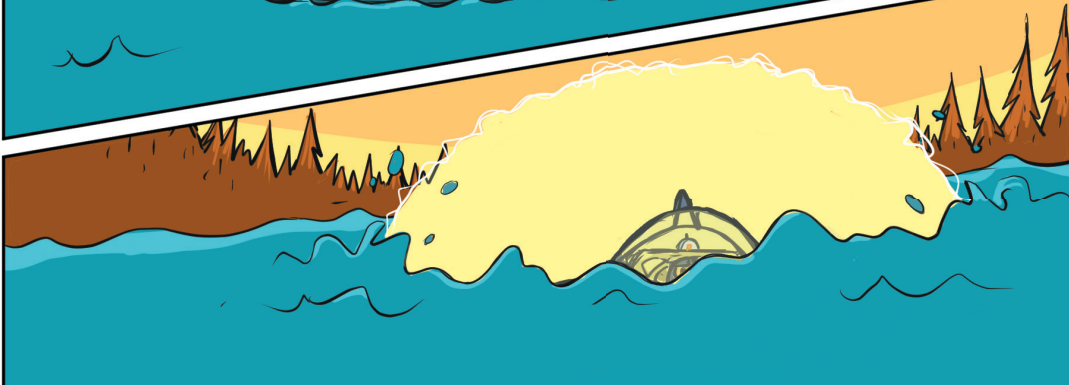
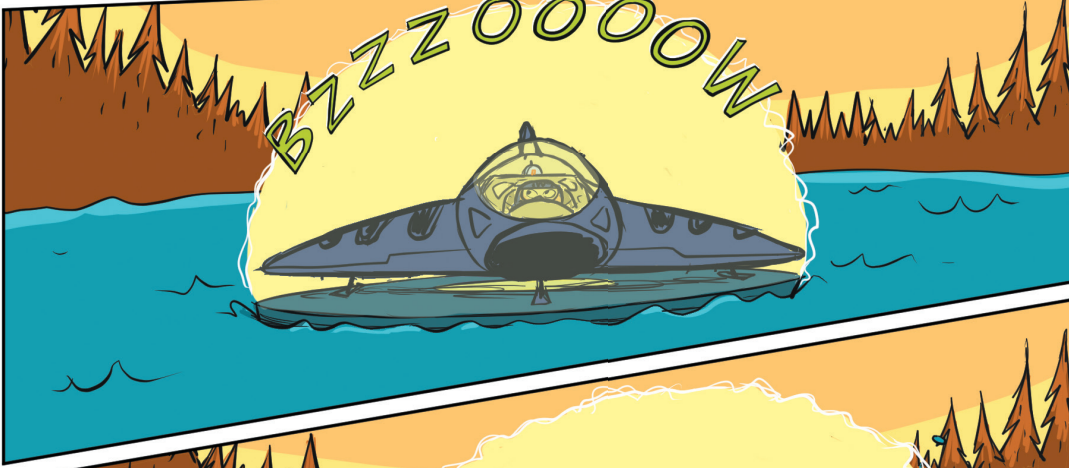
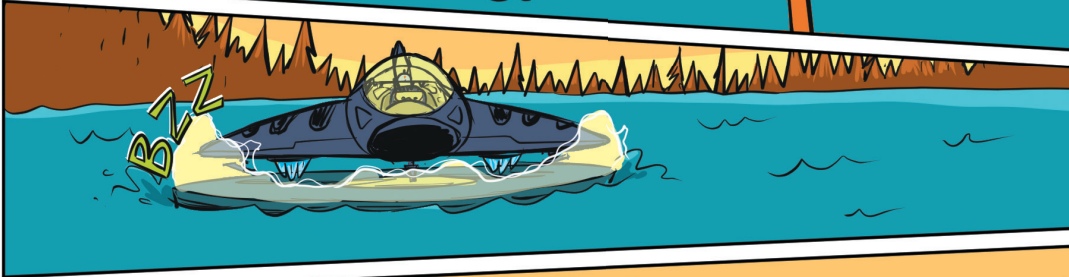


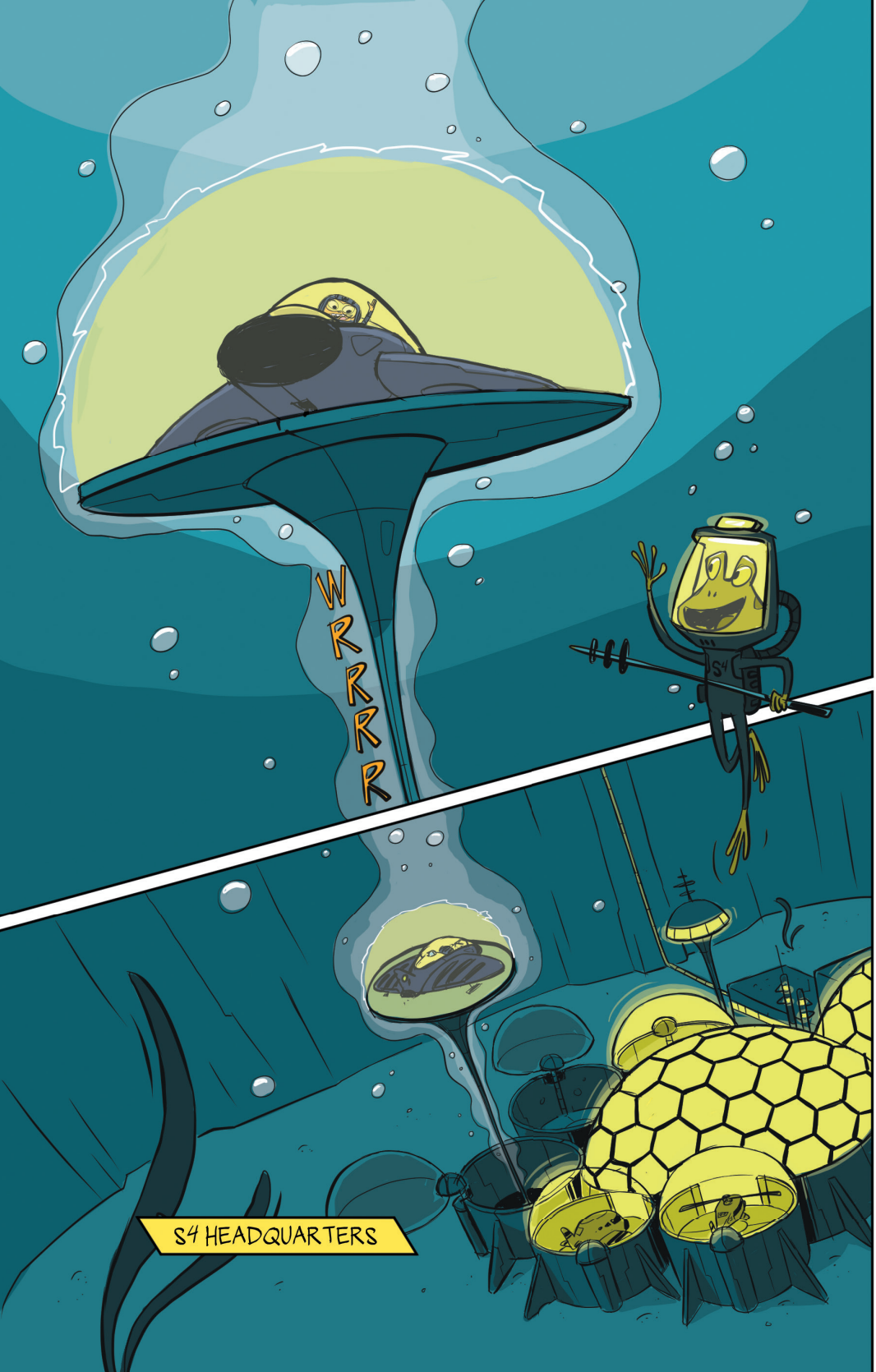


SPY OF THE MONTH,
HERE WE COME!!

SEVEN MILES FROM CONTINENTAL CITY







S4 HEADQUARTERS



OH, HEY,
THIS
IS NEW.

BUZZ

HALT.

STOP!

S.W.A.R.M.*
SECURITY
CHECKPOINT

* SURVEILLANCE WARNING AERIAL RECONNAISSANCE MONITORS

LOOKS LIKE THEY'VE INCREASED
SECURITY SINCE OUR LAST VISIT.

SCANNING...

BING

AGENT 9... CLEAR!

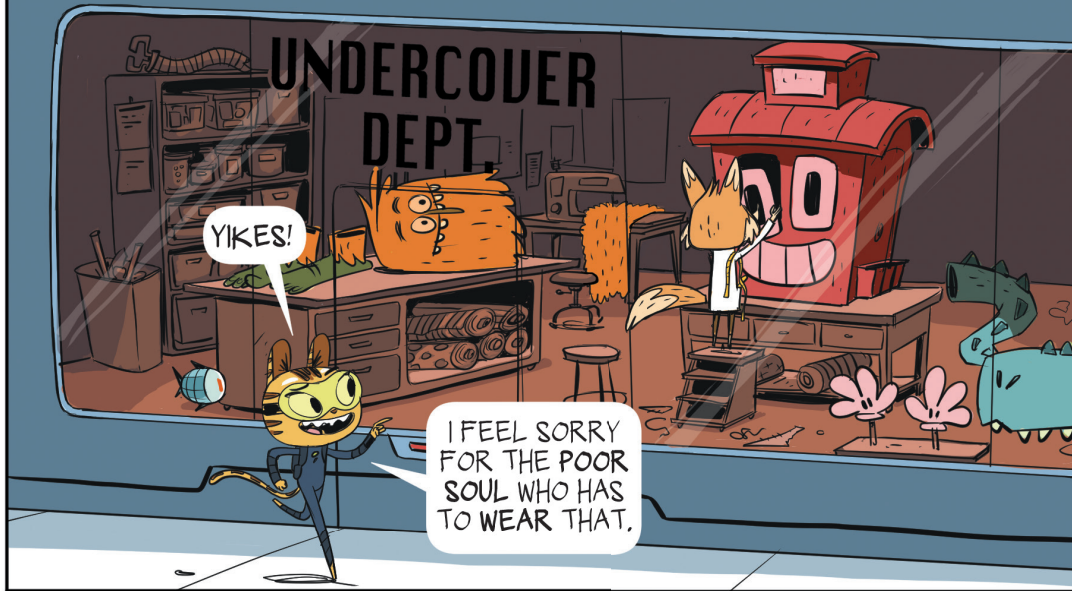
BUZZ BUZZ
BUZZ.

YOU MAY
PROCEED.

IT'S BEE-N
A PLEASURE
BEE-ING
SCANNED
BY YOU.

BEE-OOP.

S
SECURITY
CHECKPOINT



YIKES!

I FEEL SORRY FOR THE POOR SOUL WHO HAS TO WEAR THAT.

LISTENING IN PROGRESS

ECHO, HOW GOES THE SNOOPING?

YOU KNOW HOW IT IS, SAME OLD, SAME OLD.

SNOOPING DEPT

IN PROGRESS

SOMEONE'S ALWAYS PLANNING TO TAKE OVER THE WORLD.

I'LL DO MY BEST TO MAKE SURE THAT DOESN'T HAPPEN.

SNOOPING DEPT.

WHAT'S-IT-CALLED DEPT.

BEOOP.



OPERATION NAMES:
• BRAIN RE-PROGRAMMER
• THOUGHT CHANGER
• WHAT WAS I THINKING?
• MIND CONTROL
• MIND NOT MINE
• MIND IF I TAKE OVER YOUR MIND?
• BRAIN CHANGE

CODENAME'S:
PICKLE
ELBOW
FISH STICK
NOSE

I GUESS IT WOULD BE FUN TO COME UP WITH COOL MISSION NAMES.

BUT THEN WHO'S GOING TO SAVE THE WORLD IF WE DON'T? WE HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY TO UPHOLD.



PLUS, WE'D NEVER ACHIEVE THIS!

SPY OF THE MONTH



TOP SECRET

TOP SECRET



SPY OF THE MONTH



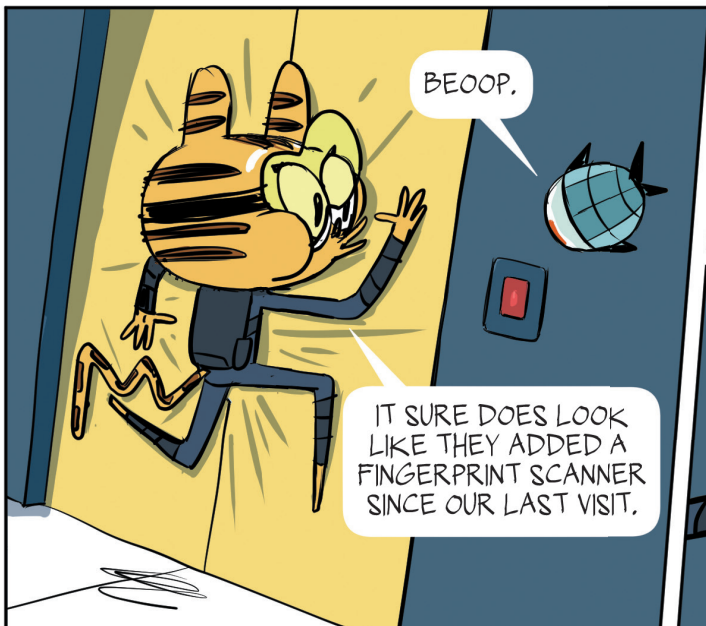
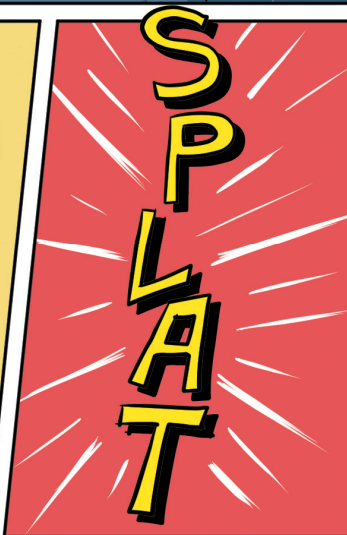
IMAGINE HOW GREAT WE'RE GOING TO LOOK IN TOP-SECRET SILHOUETTE.



IT'S GOING TO HAPPEN, FIN!

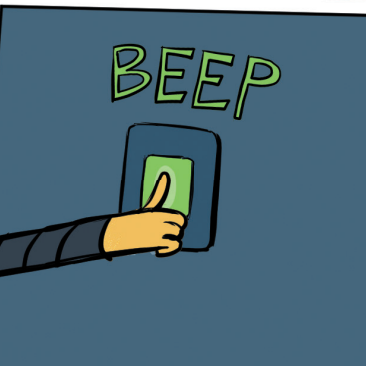
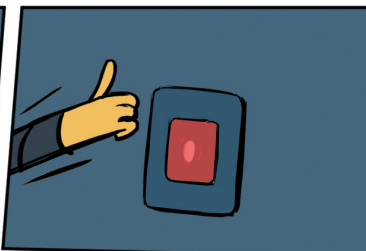


I CAN FEEL IT!

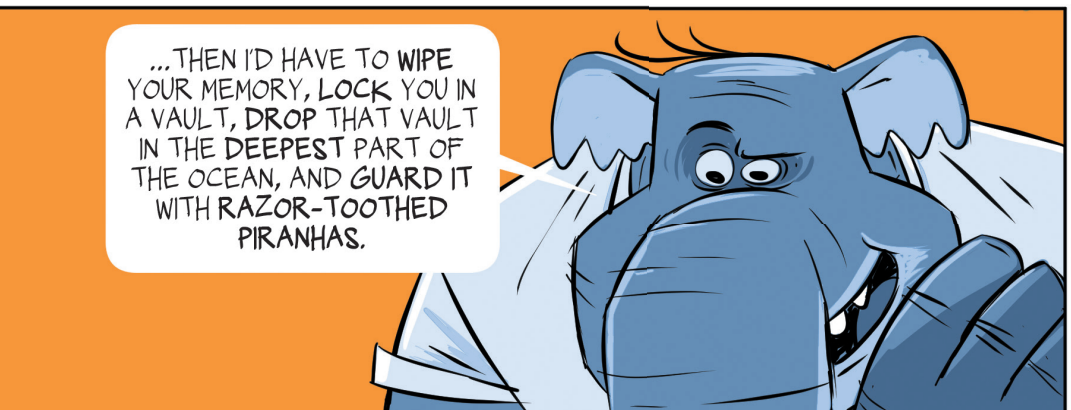
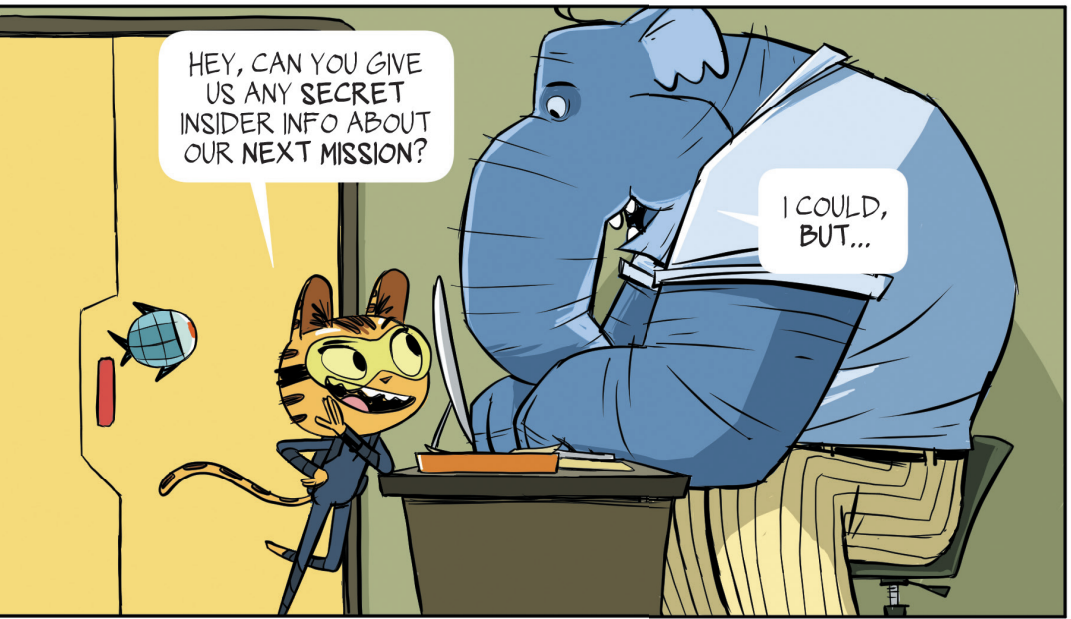
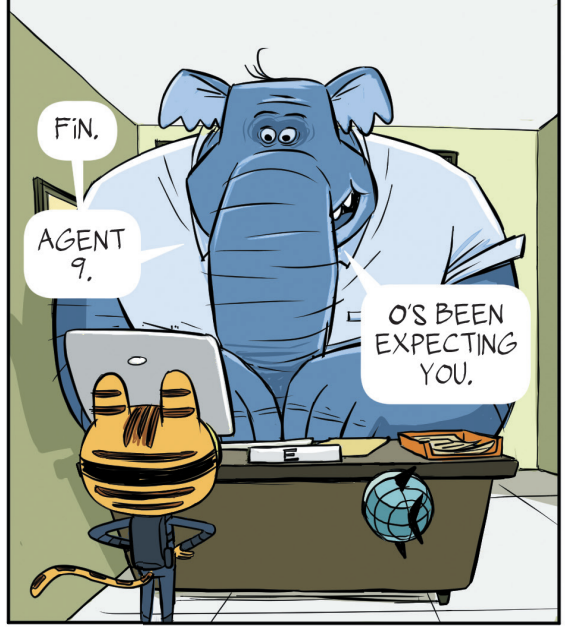


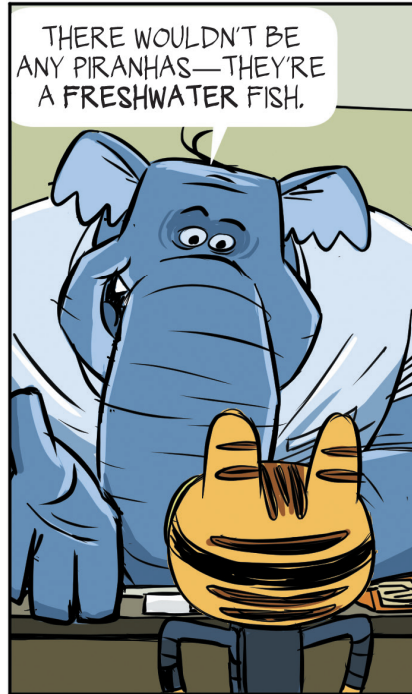
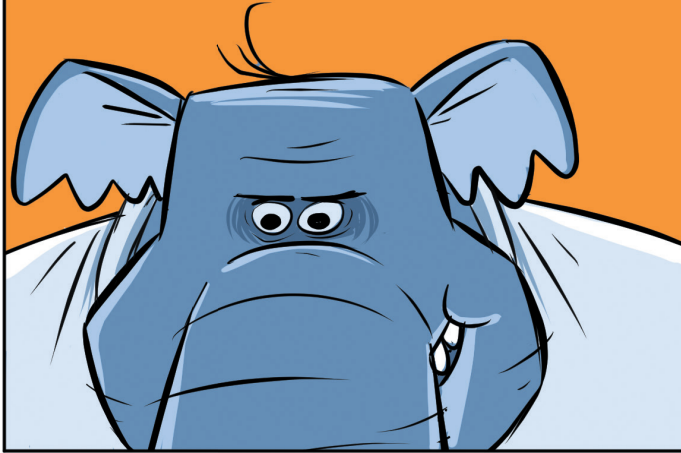
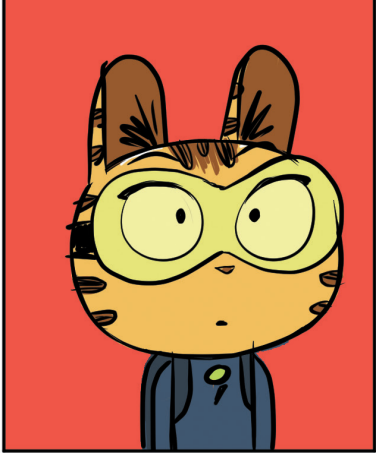
BEOOP.


IT SURE DOES LOOK LIKE THEY ADDED A FINGERPRINT SCANNER SINCE OUR LAST VISIT.



BEEP






Agent 9, a large orange bear-like creature with blue goggles, sits at a desk with a computer monitor and a glowing diamond-shaped award. He is looking at the screen.

AGENT 9, YOU MADE IT,
AND YOU KEPT YOUR SHIP
IN ONE PIECE TOO.

Agent 0, a smaller yellow tiger-like creature with a blue suit, runs into the room from a doorway. He has a wide, excited grin.

THERE'S A
FIRST TIME FOR
EVERYTHING, O.

Agent 0 stands behind a desk, holding a glowing diamond-shaped award that says "25 YEARS OF PERFECT SERVICE".

I'M READY TO PROVE
THAT I'M THE BEST
AGENT IN S4.

Agent 0 stands behind a desk, holding a glowing diamond-shaped award that says "25 YEARS OF PERFECT SERVICE".

NO MORE DISTRAC—

Agent 0 stands behind a desk, holding a glowing diamond-shaped award that says "25 YEARS OF PERFECT SERVICE".

WHOA! IS
THIS NEW?

A close-up of the glowing diamond-shaped award held by Agent 0. The award is white with a blue border and contains the text "25 YEARS OF PERFECT SERVICE" in blue and black.

25
YEARS
OF
PERFECT SERVICE

Agent 9 is shown from the chest up, looking surprised with wide eyes and an open mouth. He is holding the glowing diamond-shaped award in his left hand.

THAT'S JUST
SOMETHING
THEY GIVE
OUT WHEN
YOU NEVER
MISS A DAY
OF WORK.



FIN AND I ARE DYING TO KNOW ALL ABOUT OUR NEXT MISSION.



WHAT DO YOU HAVE FOR US?



WE'RE CALLING THE MISSION...

CLICK



NICE.

VERY CATCHY!

AGENTS IN OUR SNOOPING DEPARTMENT RECENTLY INTERCEPTED THIS CODED MESSAGE FROM DIVISION.

IYZJAWN HUYKILHAPAPSKEPAIONA
MQENAZLNKPKAHAYPNKIWCJAPWJ
ZMQWNGJWJKPAYGXWPPANUSKHB
WYPERWPAZ-EM

CLICK

YOU WERE RIGHT, FIN!
IT'S DIVISION RELATED.

AHEM!

STAY
FOCUSED,
AGENT 9.

RIGHT! LASER-FOCUSED.

EYES ON THE PRIZE.

AS I WAS SAYING... WE WERE ABLE TO DECIPHER THE MESSAGE...

CLICK

...AND FROM THIS PIECE TOGETHER DIVISION'S DEVIUS PLAN.

MCD NEARLY COMPLETE. TWO ITEMS REQUIRED: PROTO ELECTROMAGNET AND QUARK NANOTECH BATTERY. WOLF ACTIVATED. - IQ

LAY IT ON ME, MY EARS ARE SET TO RECEIVE!

WE BELIEVE DIVISION SCIENTIST IQ IS BUILDING A MIND-CONTROL DEVICE, OR "MCD," AS INDICATED IN THE CODED MESSAGE.

CLICK

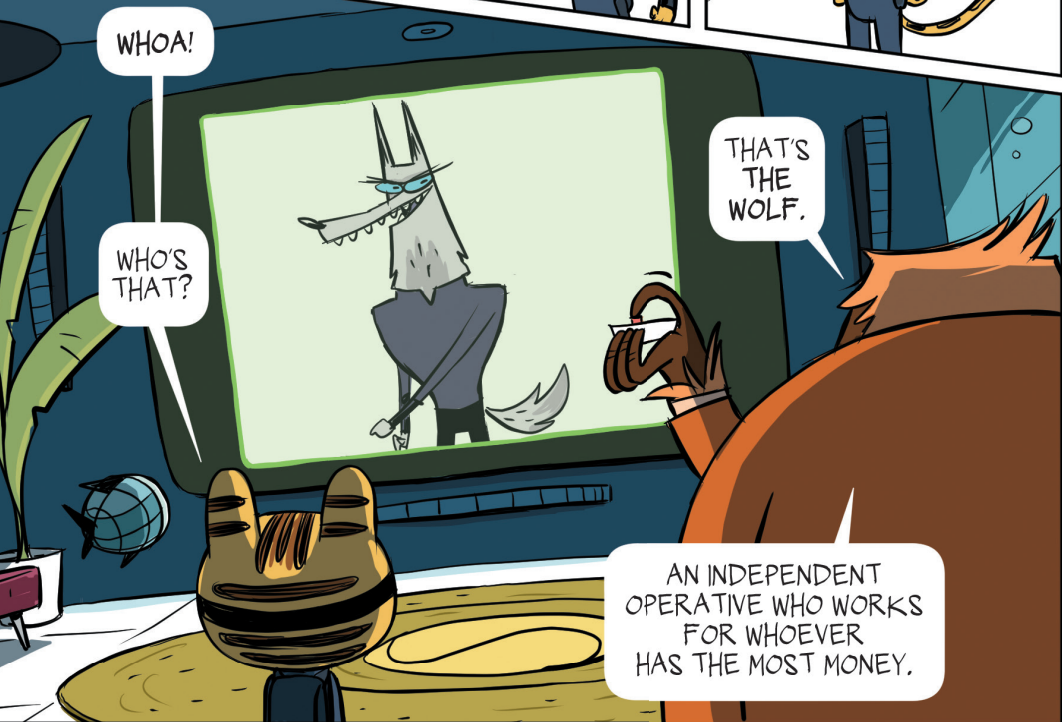
WHICH, IF COMPLETED, WOULD GIVE DIVISION THE POWER TO TURN WHOEVER THEY CHOOSE INTO UNWILLING PUPPETS AND CAUSE CHAOS AROUND THE GLOBE.



THAT IS WHY THE MISSION IS CALLED "MIND CONTROL!"



IT'S ALL MAKING SENSE NOW.



WHOA!

WHO'S THAT?

THAT'S THE WOLF.

AN INDEPENDENT OPERATIVE WHO WORKS FOR WHOEVER HAS THE MOST MONEY.



LOOKS AND SOUNDS LIKE TROUBLE TO ME.

YOU DON'T KNOW THE HALF OF IT.



I'VE HAD PROBLEMS WITH THE WOLF IN THE PAST.

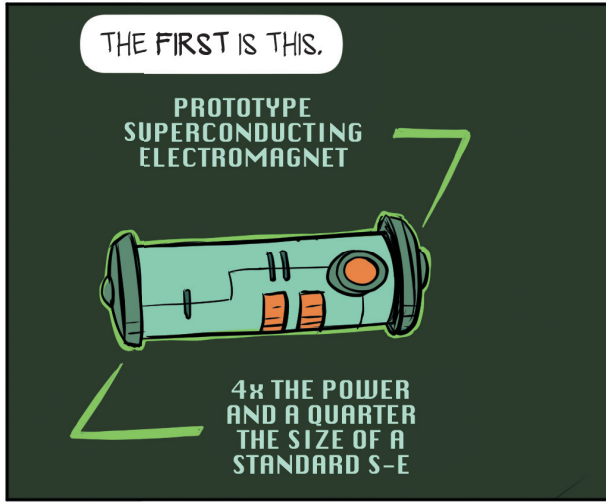
HE MUST NOT BE UNDERESTIMATED.

MENTAL NOTE MADE.



DIVISION HAS HIRED THE WOLF TO RETRIEVE TWO ITEMS.

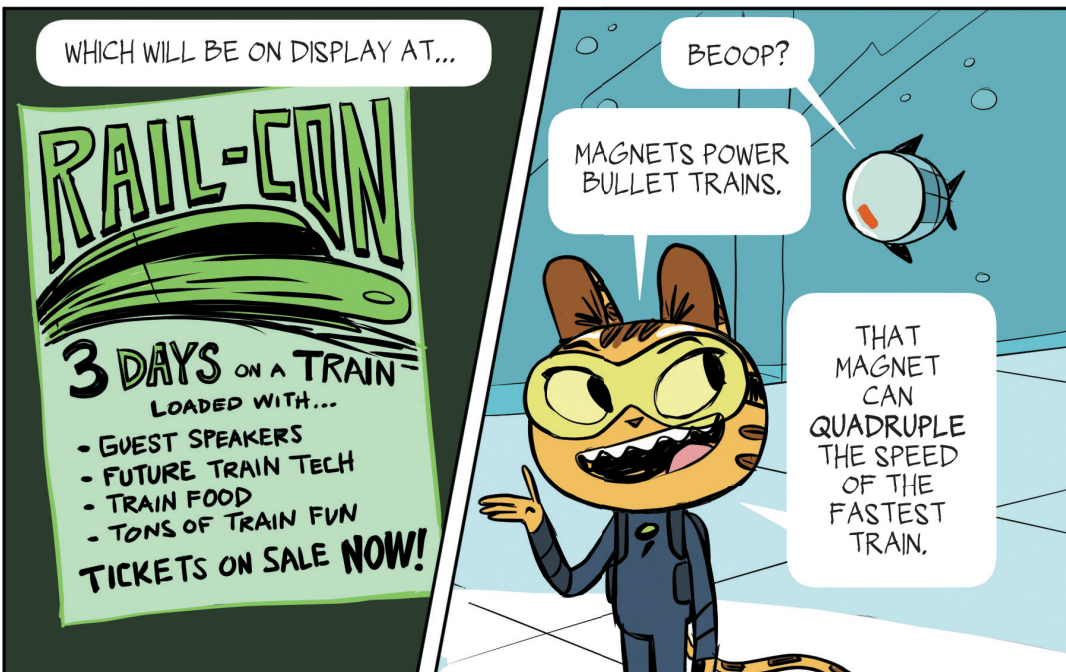
CLICK



THE FIRST IS THIS.

PROTOTYPE SUPERCONDUCTING ELECTROMAGNET

4x THE POWER AND A QUARTER THE SIZE OF A STANDARD S-E



WHICH WILL BE ON DISPLAY AT...

RAIL-CON
3 DAYS ON A TRAIN
LOADED WITH...
- GUEST SPEAKERS
- FUTURE TRAIN TECH
- TRAIN FOOD
- TONS OF TRAIN FUN
TICKETS ON SALE NOW!

BEOOP?

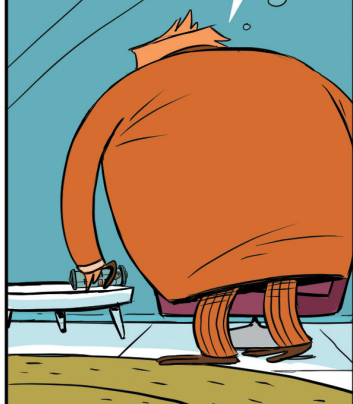
MAGNETS POWER BULLET TRAINS.

THAT MAGNET CAN QUADRUPLE THE SPEED OF THE FASTEST TRAIN.

OR, IN THE WRONG HANDS, IT CAN BE USED TO CREATE A POWERFUL MIND-CONTROL DEVICE.



WHAT WE NEED YOU TO DO, NINE...



...IS SWITCH OUT THE PROTOTYPE WITH THIS DECOY BEFORE THE WOLF CAN STEAL IT.



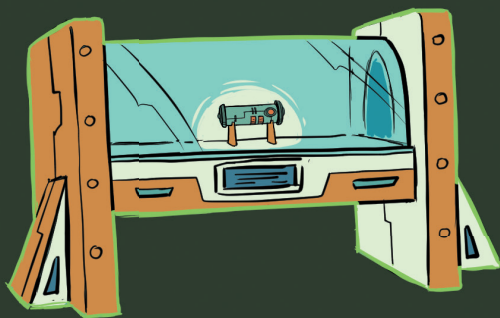
THAT SEEMS EASY ENOUGH.



IT'S NOT QUITE AS EASY AS IT LOOKS.



A HALF TON OF SAPPHIRE GLASS COVERS THE ELECTROMAGNET, WHICH YOU WILL HAVE TO LIFT TO MAKE THE SWITCH.



I'VE BEEN WORKING OUT, SO IT SHOULDN'T BE A PROBLEM.



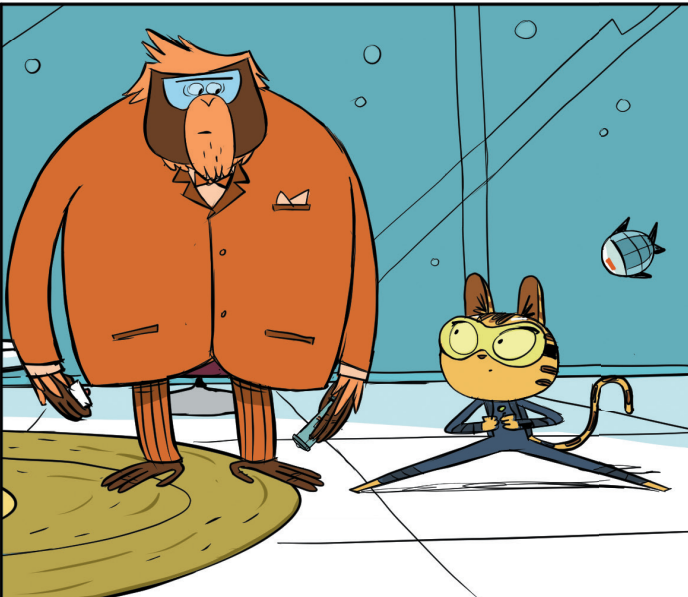
HRRAH!



YEEAHH!

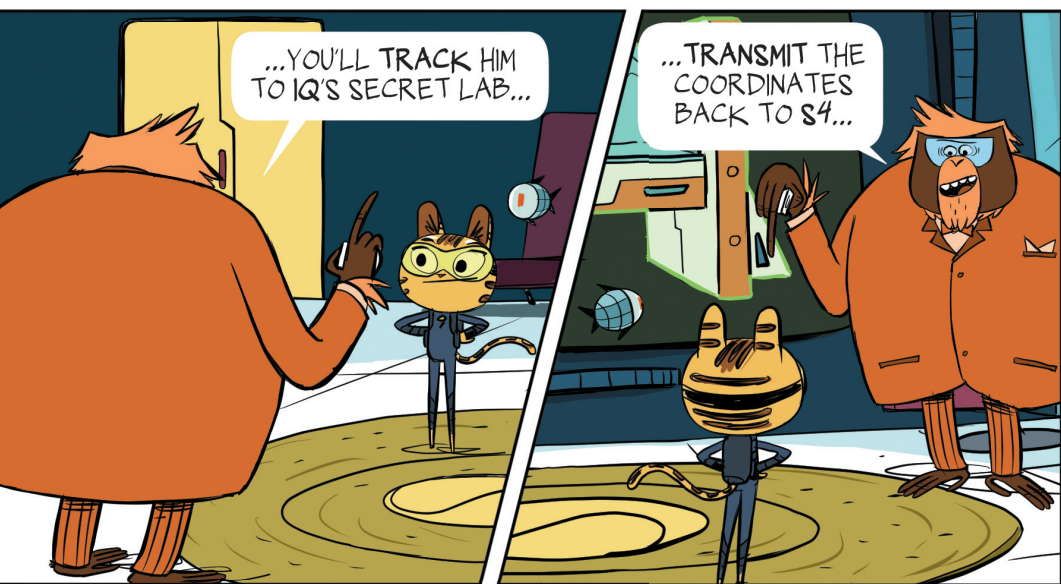


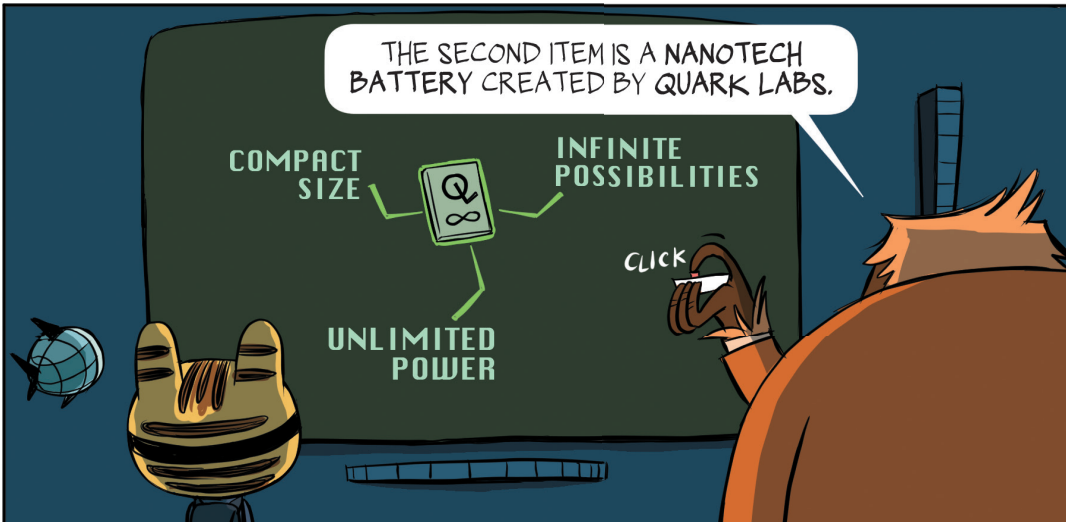
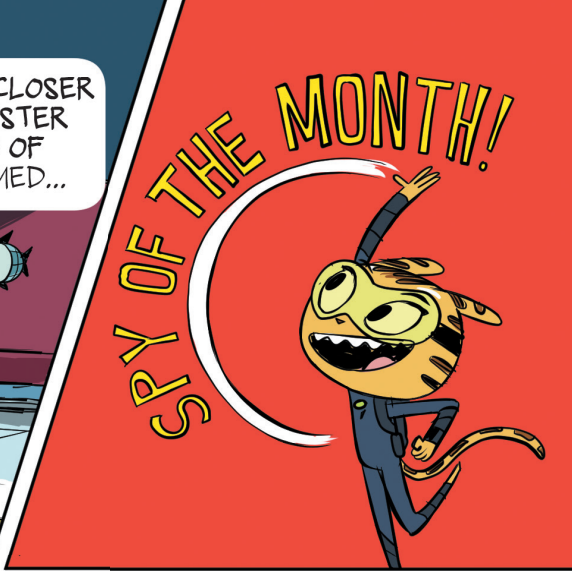
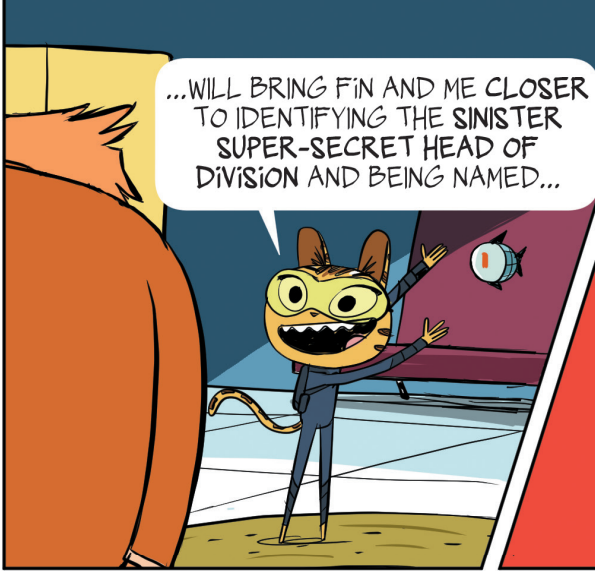
MRRRAH!



OH, SORRY, THEN WHAT HAPPENS AFTER THE SWITCH?







BUT WITHOUT
A WORKING
ELECTROMAGNET,
THE MCD WILL
BE USELESS.

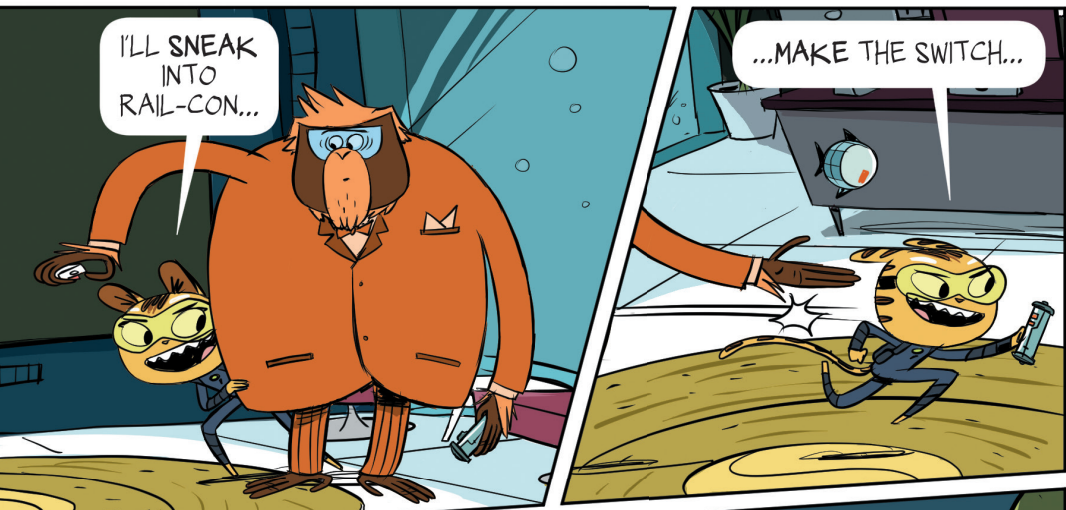
SO YOU ONLY NEED TO KEEP
YOUR EYES ON THE WOLF WHILE
HE RETRIEVES THE BATTERY.

GOT IT!



I'LL SNEAK
INTO
RAIL-CON...

...MAKE THE SWITCH...



...TRAIL THE WOLF...





...FIND THE SECRET LAB...




...AND GET THE MCD!



WORLD SAVED!



MISSION ACCOMPLISHED!



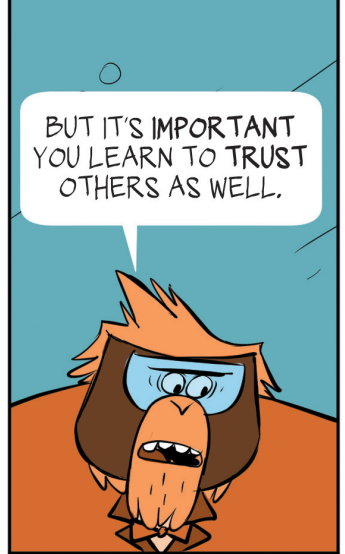
I LIKE YOUR ENTHUSIASM, BUT THIS MISSION IS TOO IMPORTANT TO REST ON THE SHOULDERS OF ONLY ONE AGENT.



I COULDN'T AGREE MORE. THAT'S WHY I HAVE FIN.



I DON'T DOUBT THAT FIN IS A VALUABLE ASSET TO EVERY MISSION YOU GO ON, NINE.



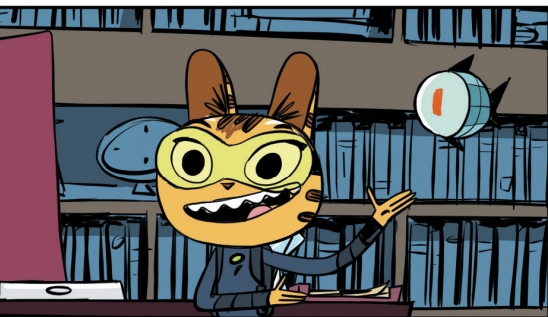
BUT IT'S IMPORTANT YOU LEARN TO TRUST OTHERS AS WELL.



WHAT?! FIN AND I MAKE THE PERFECT TEAM!



WE EVEN FINISH EACH OTHER'S...



YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO SAY "SENTENCES."




BEOP.

SEE?!
"SENTENCES."
NO OTHER
AGENTS
REQUIRED.




IT'S NOT UP FOR DEBATE, AGENT 9.




COME ON. YOU TRAINED ME TO BE SELF-SUFFICIENT.



TO HANDLE THINGS ON MY OWN AND—



AND NOW I REALIZE THAT MIGHT HAVE BEEN A MISTAKE.



A GOOD AGENT NEEDS TO KNOW WHEN TO ASK FOR HELP AND WORK WITH A TEAM.



I HAVE NO INTEREST IN BEING GOOD. I WANT TO BE THE BEST!

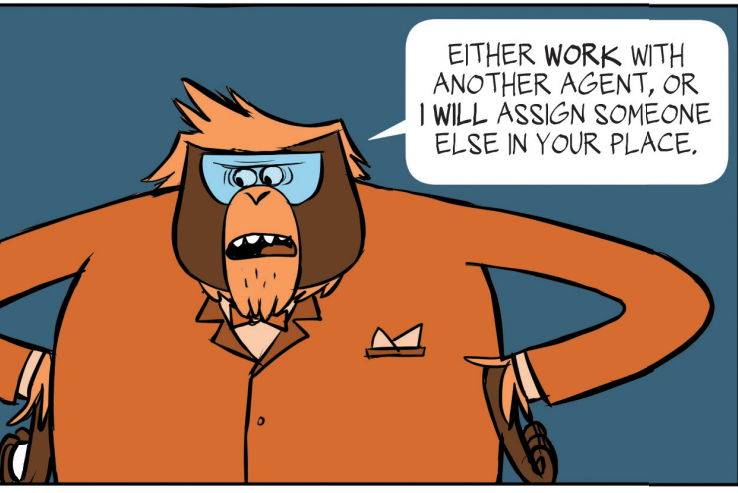


AND TO DO THAT, YOU NEED TO SURROUND YOURSELF WITH THE BEST TEAM.

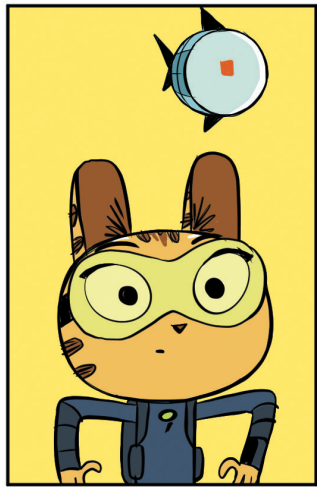


MY DECISION IS FINAL.

BUT—



EITHER WORK WITH ANOTHER AGENT, OR I WILL ASSIGN SOMEONE ELSE IN YOUR PLACE.

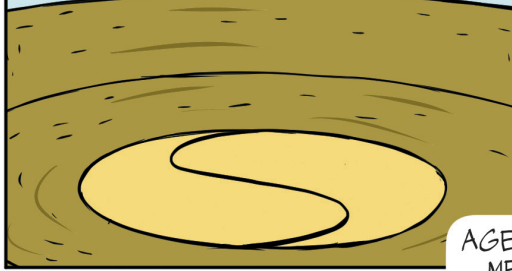


FINE... I'LL DO IT.

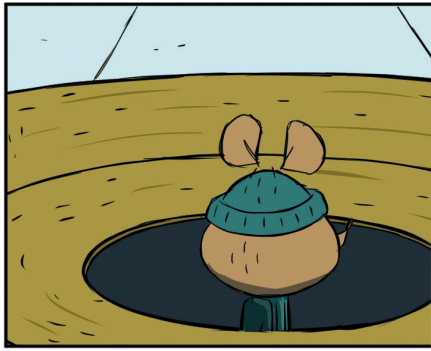


GOOD. I THINK YOU'RE GOING TO LIKE YOUR NEW PARTNER.

BOOP



AGENT 9,
MEET
TRAPS.



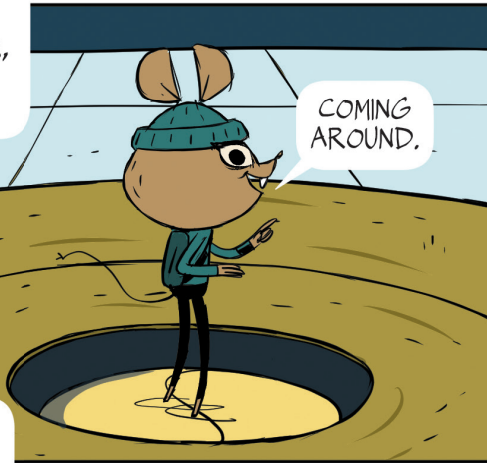
HI!

SHE'S AN
EXPERT
AT GETTING
INTO AND
OUT OF
SECURE
FACILITIES,
SETTING
TRAPS...



WHOOOP.

STILL
TURNING.



COMING
AROUND.

...AND A
MASTER
WHEN IT
COMES TO
TRACKING.



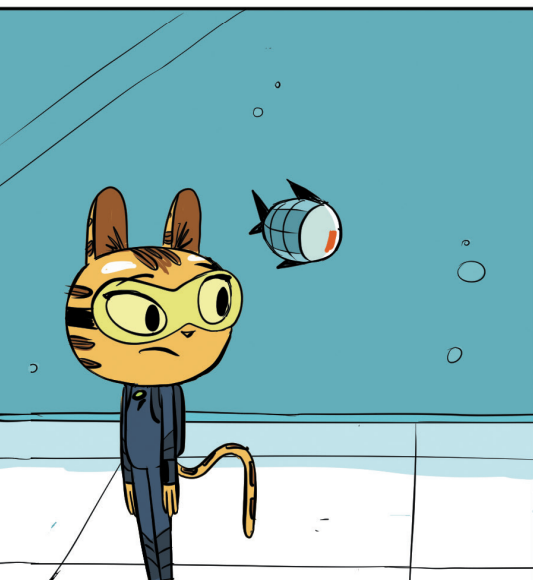
WHOA.

THAT
MAKES
YOU
DIZZY.



I'M ALSO
PRETTY
GOOD
AT
KNITTING.







OH, AND ONE MORE THING.



DID YOU CHANGE YOUR MIND ABOUT THE WHOLE TEAM THING?



NO.

I FORGOT TO MENTION THAT THIS IS A COVERT OPERATION.

YOU MUST KEEP A LOW PROFILE.



DON'T WORRY, O. I'VE ALREADY GOT IT COVERED.