



ALPHA

SQUADRON



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PREVIOUSLY..

THE SUPERHERO, THE PHANTOM, REVEALED HIS IDENTITY TO BE SIZZLE AND DECIDED TO OPEN A HOME FOR MUTANTS, SIMULTANEOUSLY STARTING A TEAM FOR MUTANTS TO DEFEND THE WORLD IN THE ALPHA SQUADRON.

HEARING THIS, A SLEW OF MUTANTS SHOWED UP TO JOIN THE TEAM, THOUGH ONLY 7 MADE THE CUT.

BUT NOW THAT THE TEAM IS FORMED AND THE ALPHA MANSION IS OPEN, ONLY ONE QUESTION REMAINS..

WHAT NOW...?



THE **ALPHA SQUADRON** # 2

UNWELCOME WELCOME

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INSIDE THE CAFETERIA
OF THE ALPHA MANSION

HOME OF THE MUTANT TEAM
THE ALPHA SQUADRON.

**UNWELCOME
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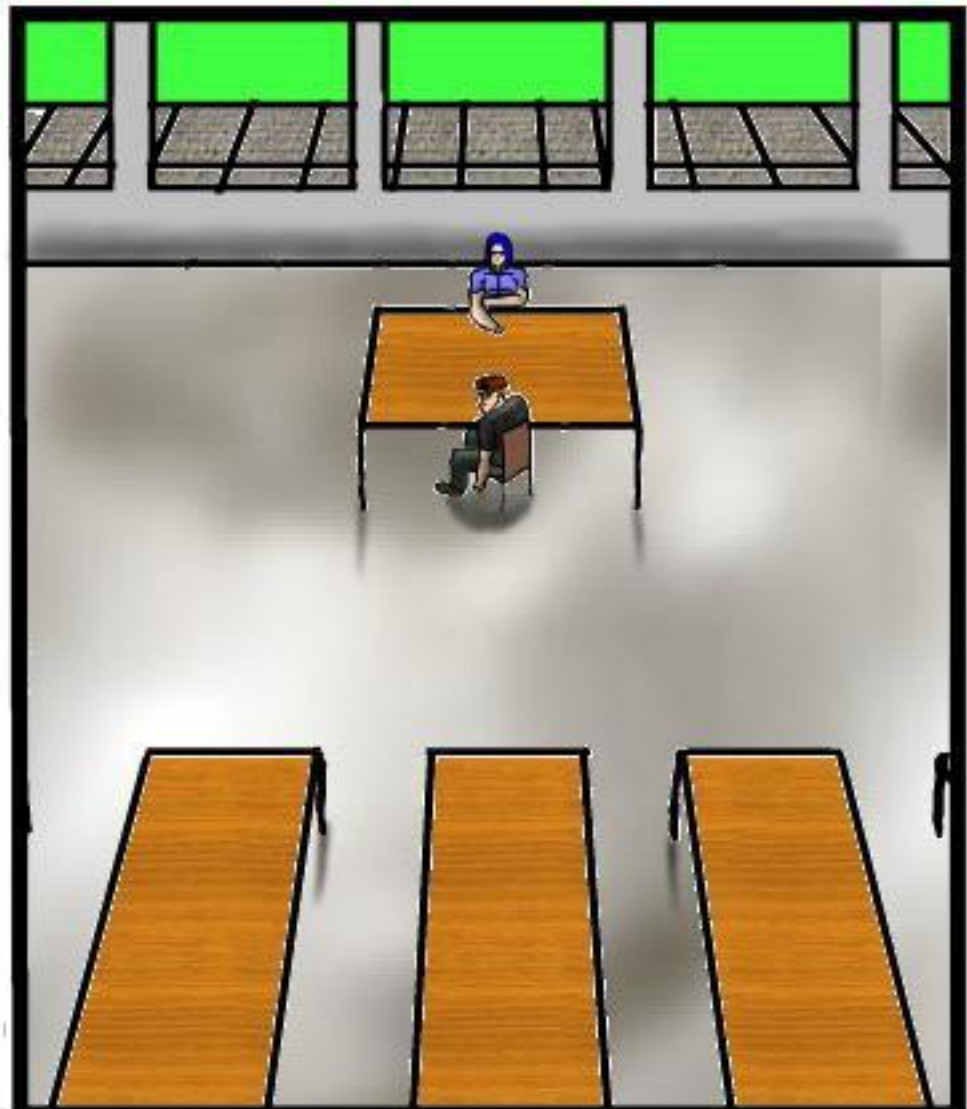
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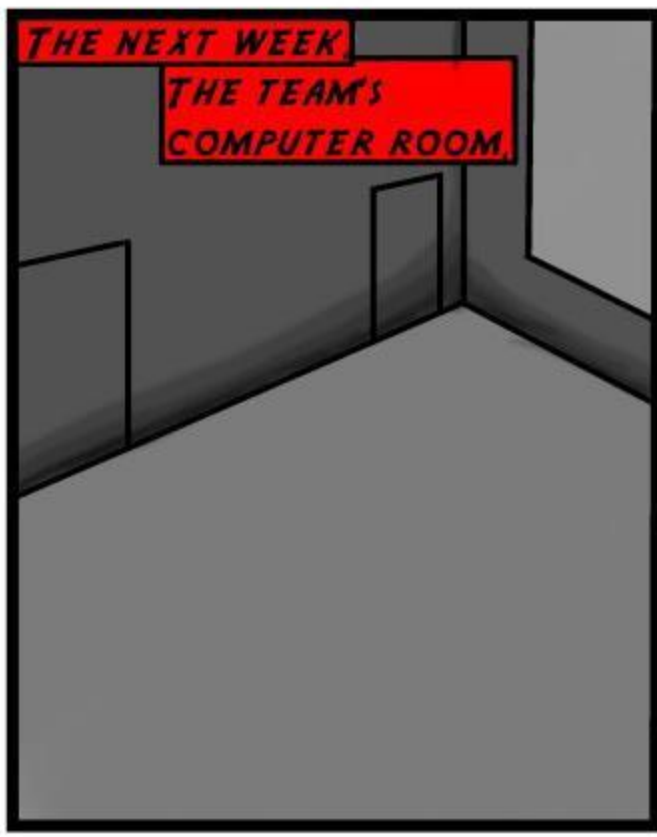
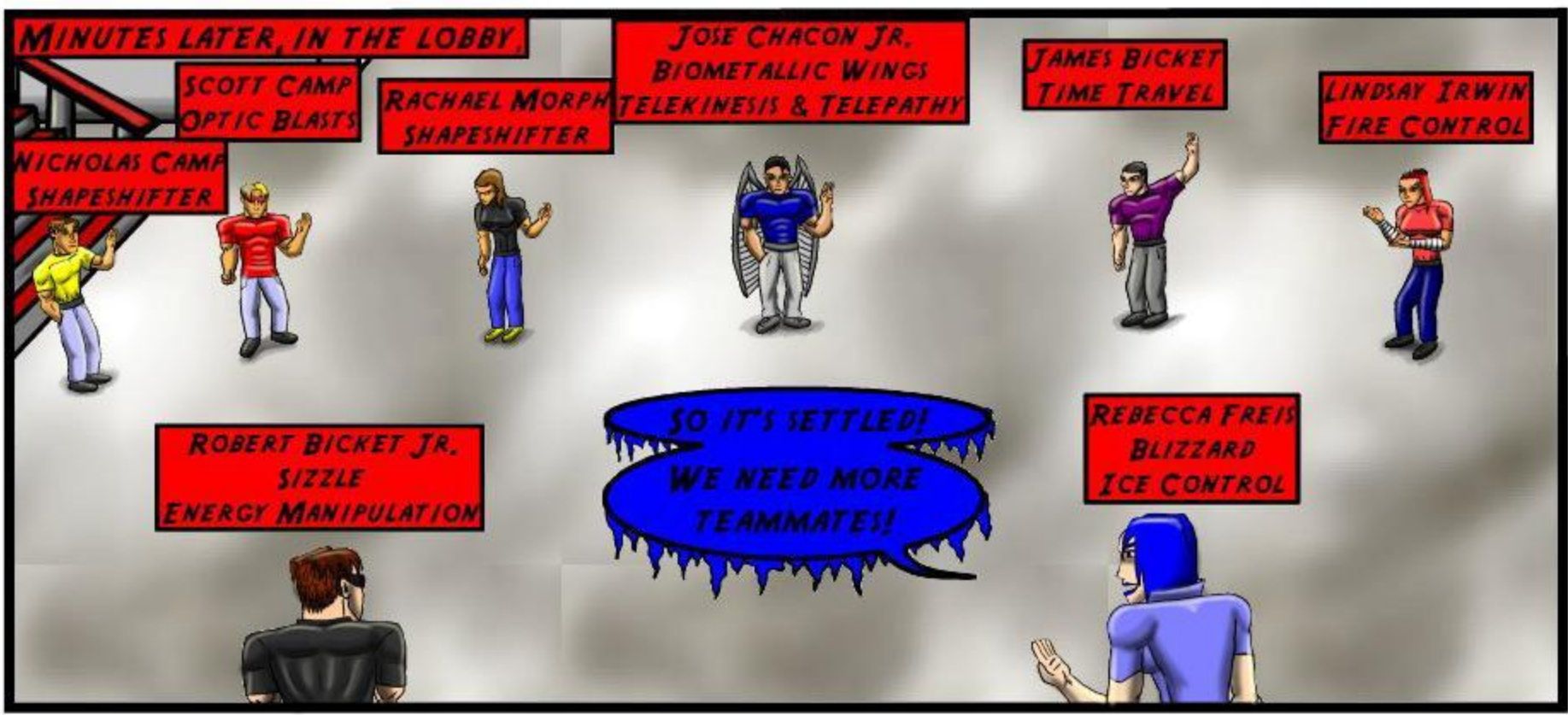
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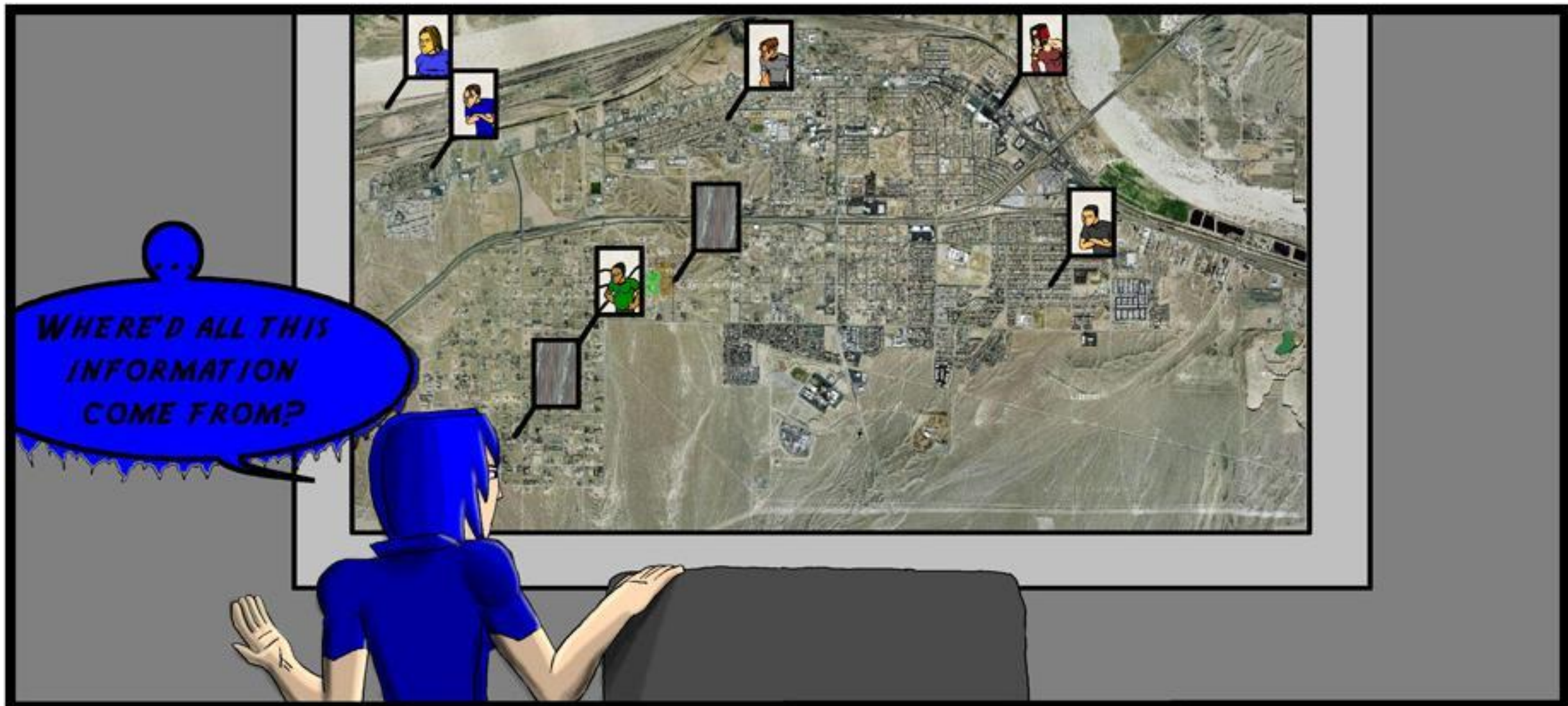
THE TEAM'S LEADER, SIZZLE,
EATS HIS BREAKFAST ALONE,
THINKING ABOUT HIS
NEW TEAM.

FEELING COMPLETELY CONTENT
WITH HIS 8-PERSON MUTANT
TEAM, HE ENJOYS HIS BREAKFAST
AND THE SILENCE A SMALL TEAM
ALLOWS BY STARING OUT THE
CAFETERIA WINDOW.

... BUT IT WOULD SEEM THAT
HIS FIANCEE, BLIZZARD, IS
NOT QUITE AS CONTENT.









WHAT?
WHAT IS IT?



ONE OF THEM
IS RIGHT OUTSIDE!
SOUND THE ALARM!!



INTRUDER
ALERT!
ALPHA SQUADRON
REPORT TO THE
MAIN BUILDING!



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ALERT!
ALPHA SQUADRON
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CLICK



IF I'M LATE FOR THE
INTERVIEWS, I CAN COME
BACK LATER.



A LIKELY STORY!!



I'M TERRIBLY SORRY
ABOUT HIM.
ONCE HE PULLS OUT HIS
GUN HE GETS VERY UPSET
IF HE CAN'T USE IT.



THE INTERVIEWS WERE ACTUALLY A COUPLE OF DAYS AGO. I'M REBECCA AND THIS IS ROBERT.

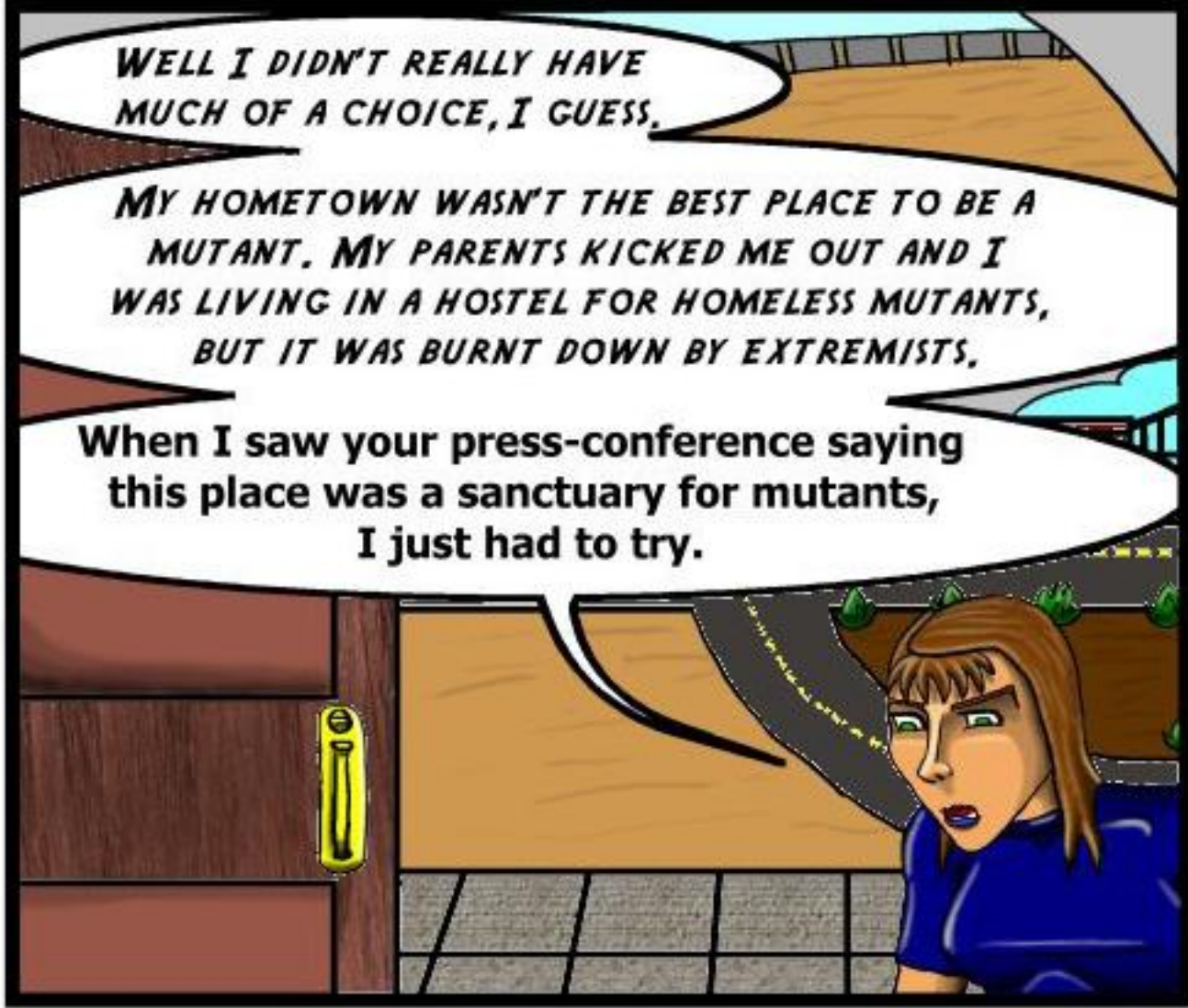
CHARMED.



SHIELA FLETCHER. I'M SORRY THAT I'M LATE, BUT I KINDA HAD TO HITCHHIKE HERE FROM MISSISSIPPI.



YOU SEEM AWFULLY CONFIDENT THAT YOU'LL MAKE IT ONTO THE TEAM.



WELL I DIDN'T REALLY HAVE MUCH OF A CHOICE, I GUESS.

MY HOMETOWN WASN'T THE BEST PLACE TO BE A MUTANT. MY PARENTS KICKED ME OUT AND I WAS LIVING IN A HOSTEL FOR HOMELESS MUTANTS, BUT IT WAS BURNT DOWN BY EXTREMISTS.

When I saw your press-conference saying this place was a sanctuary for mutants, I just had to try.



I STILL DON'T REMEMBER SAYING THAT!

SIZZLE!!



I'M KIDDING! YOU'RE MORE THAN WELCOME ...



CHOCK



GET DOWN!!

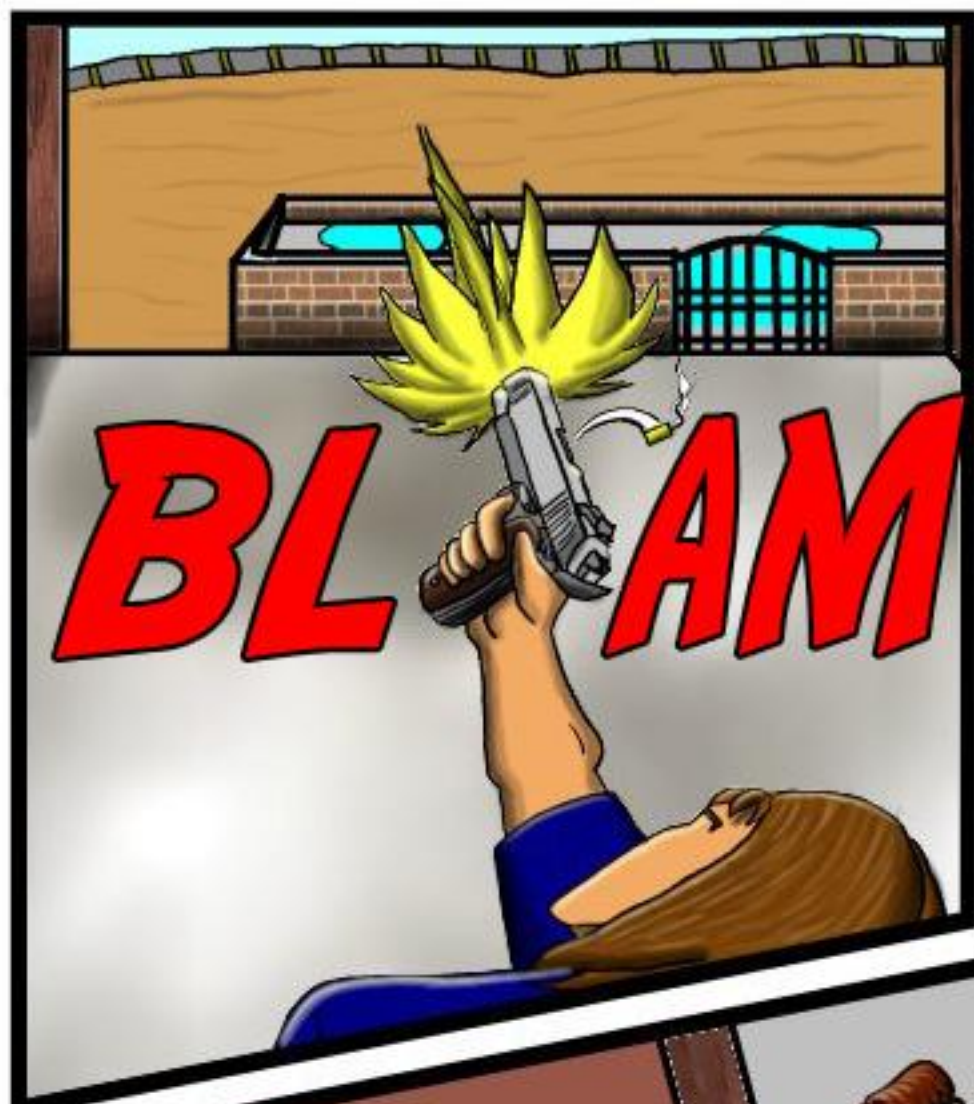


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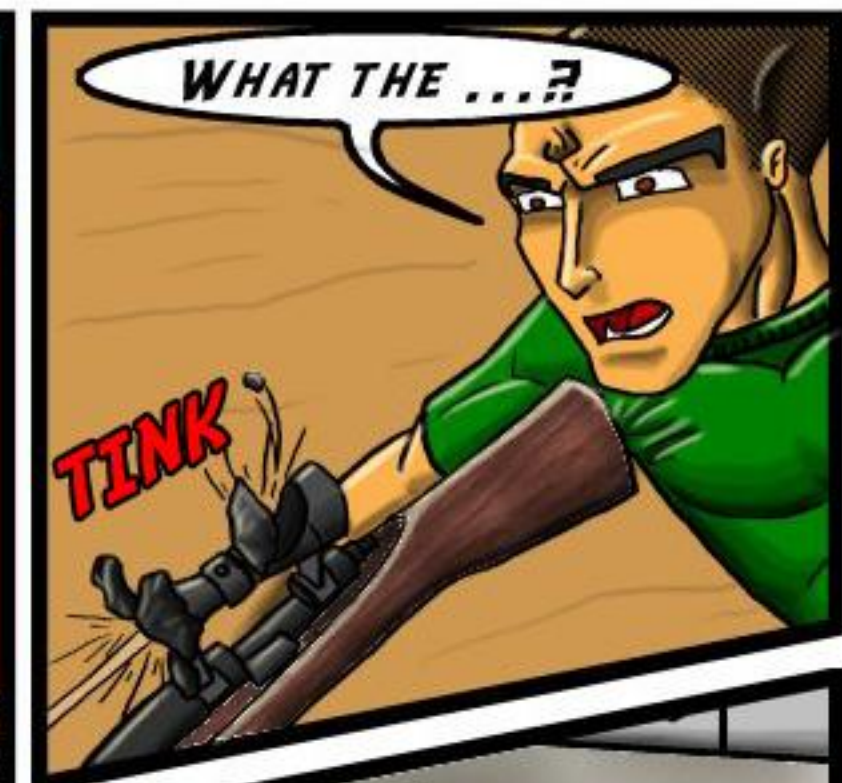
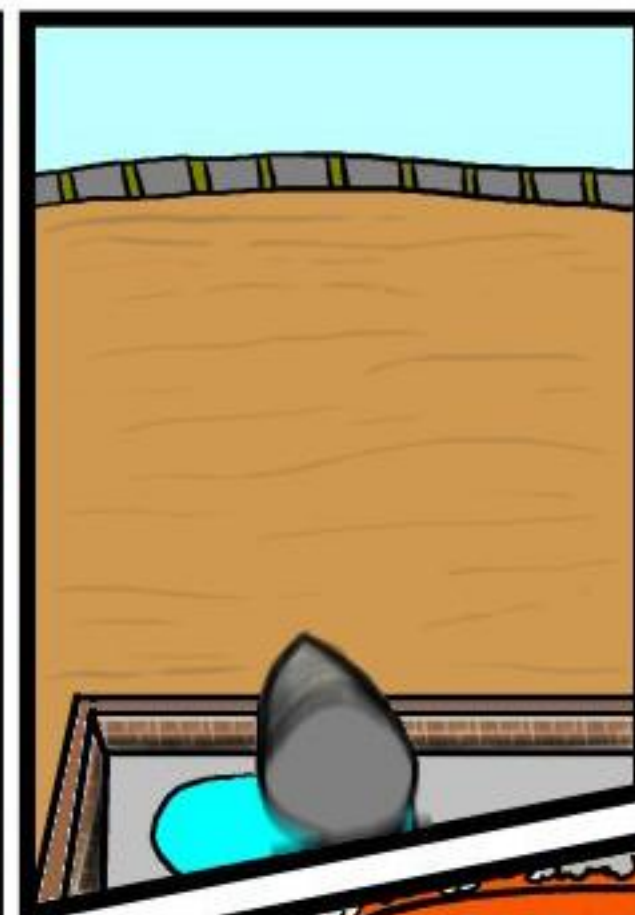


OOF!

THUD



BLAM



WHAT THE ...?

TINK



SLAM

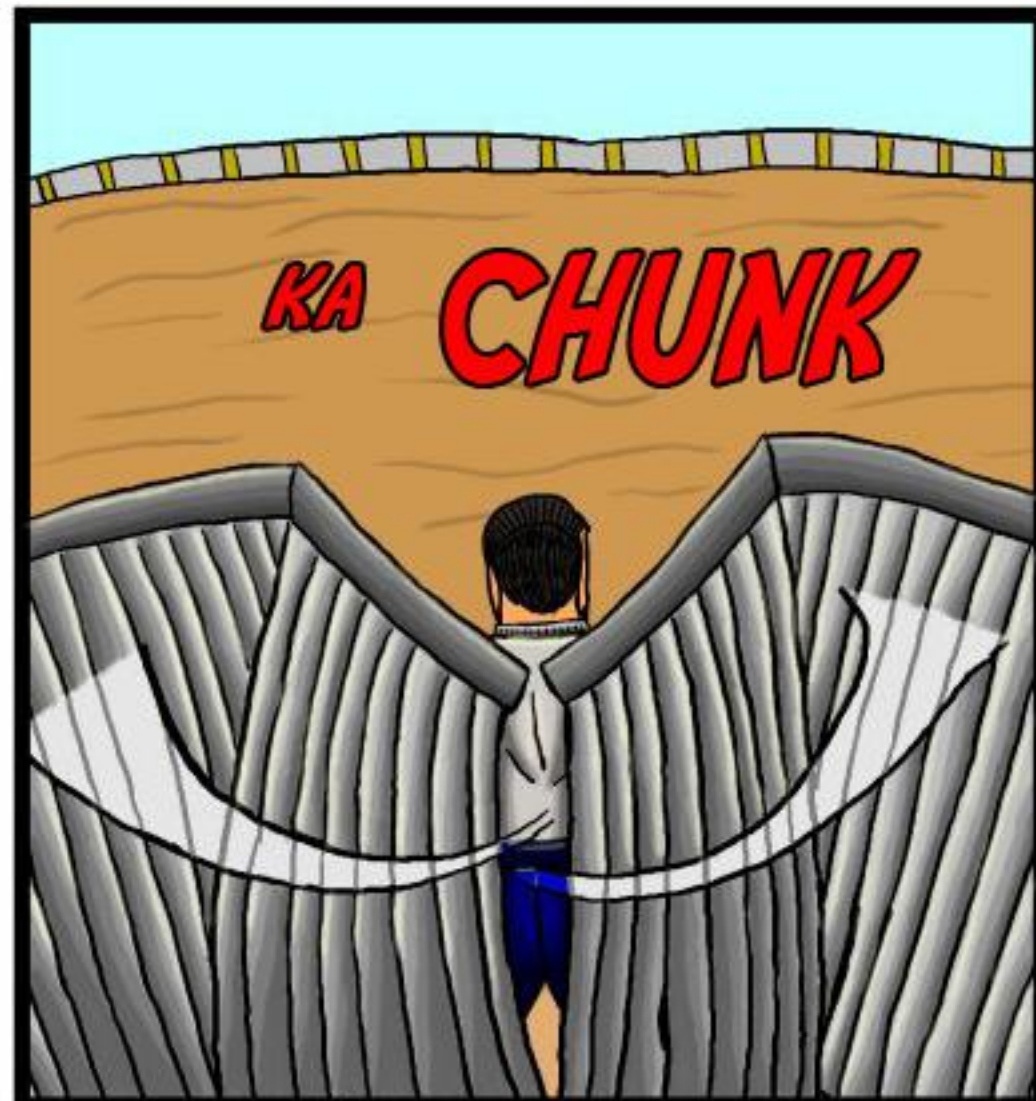
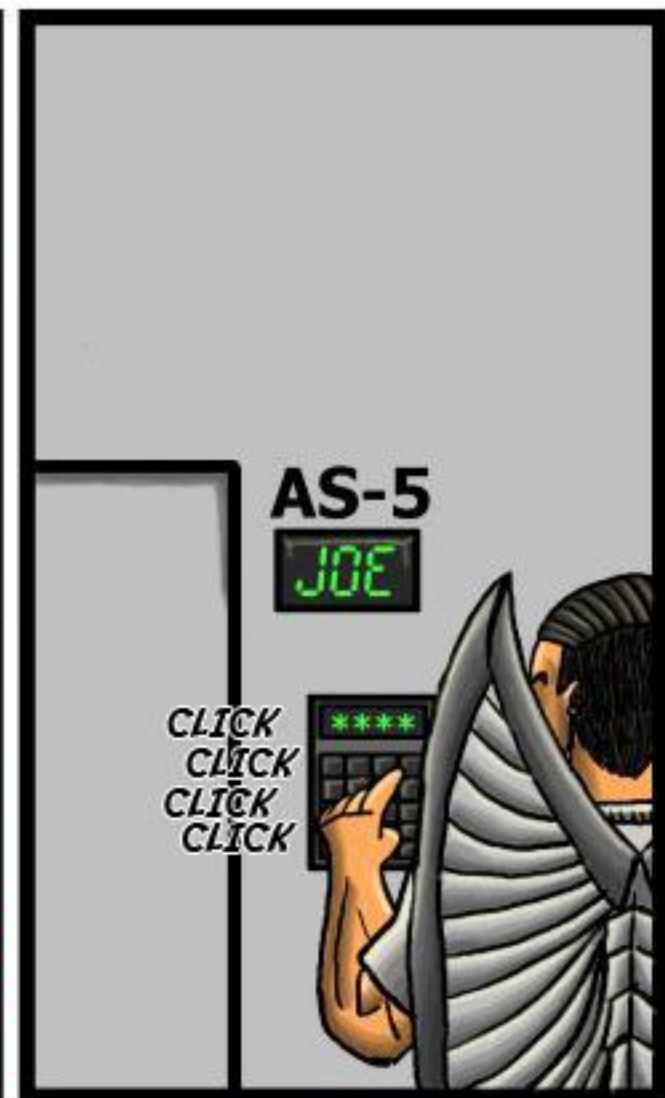


THAT SHOT ...
THAT SHOT WAS ... IMPOSSIBLE.

YEAH, I GET LUCKY
SOMETIMES.







LATER IN THE BACKYARD

WHERE THE HELL ARE THEY?
WEREN'T THEY SUPPOSED
TO BE BACK HERE?



WHOA!

FREEZE!!



FRANK? TOM?

WHAT THE HELL'RE YOU
DOIN' BACK HERE?

YER SUPPOSED TO
BE GUARDIN' THE
FRONT DOOR.



WE WERE!

THIS GODDAMNED MUTIE
WITH METAL WINGS
CAME OUT OF NOWHERE
AND TOOK OUR GUNS!



SHIT!

ALRIGHT, YOU GUYS STAY BEHIND
US AND WATCH OUR BACKS.



WILL DO.



OOF!!

WHAT THE ...

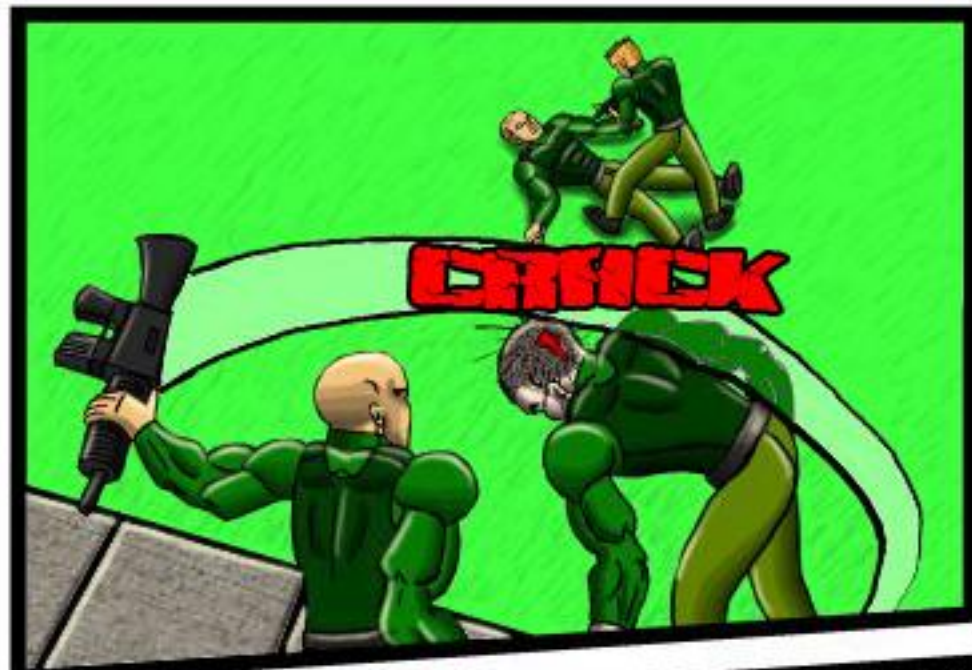


AAAUGH!!

BLAM



CRACK



WHAT THE HELL'RE
YOU DOIN', FRANK?!
DID THOSE MUTIES DO
SOMETHIN' TO YOU ...



DROP YOUR WEAPON.

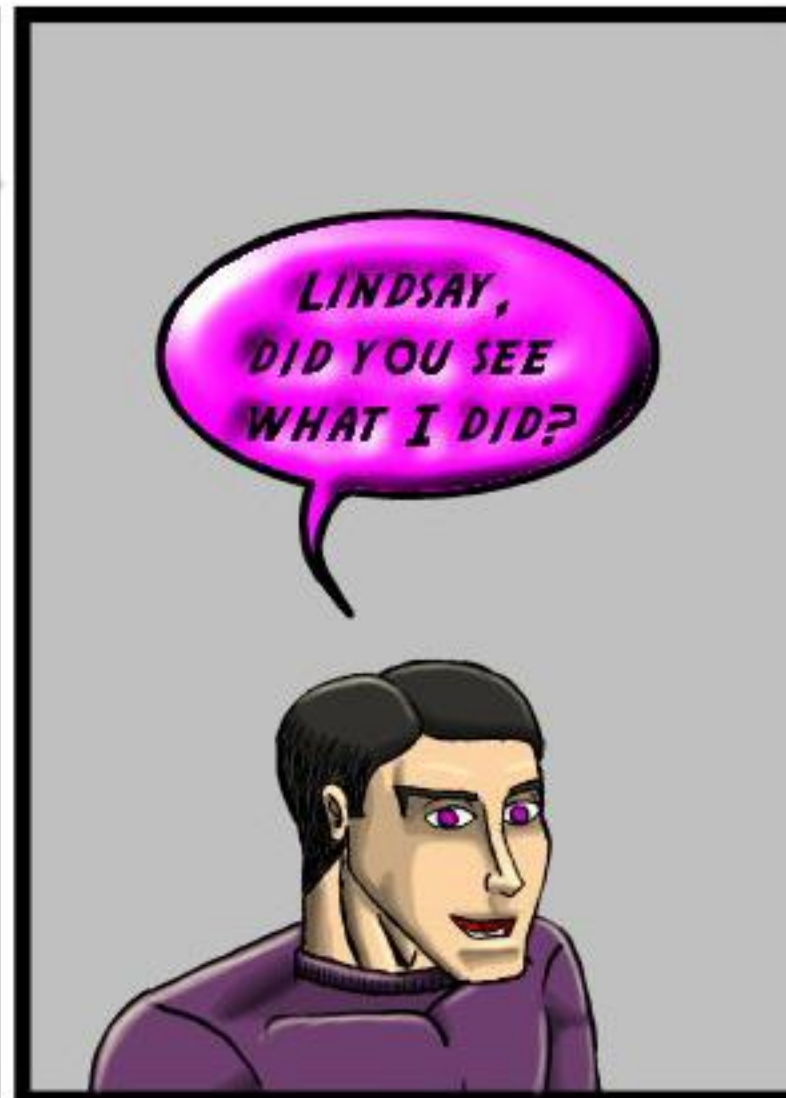
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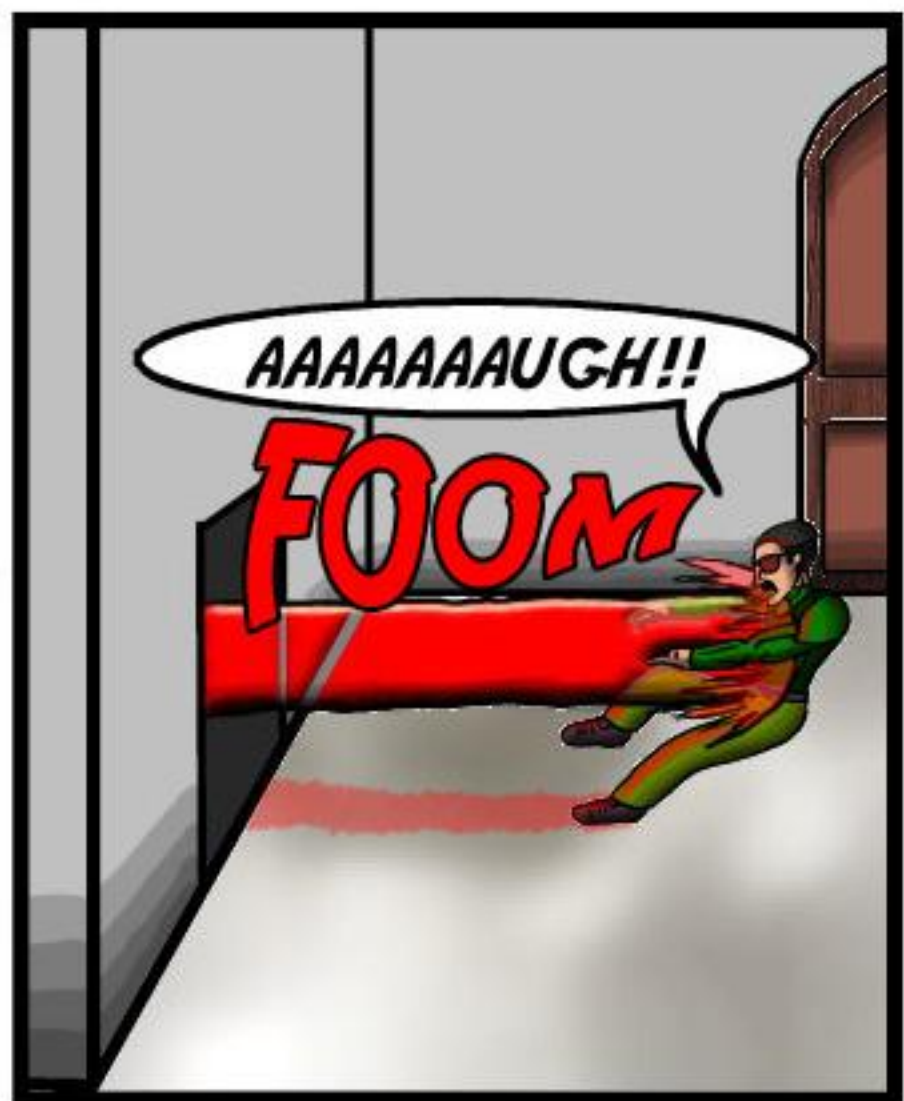
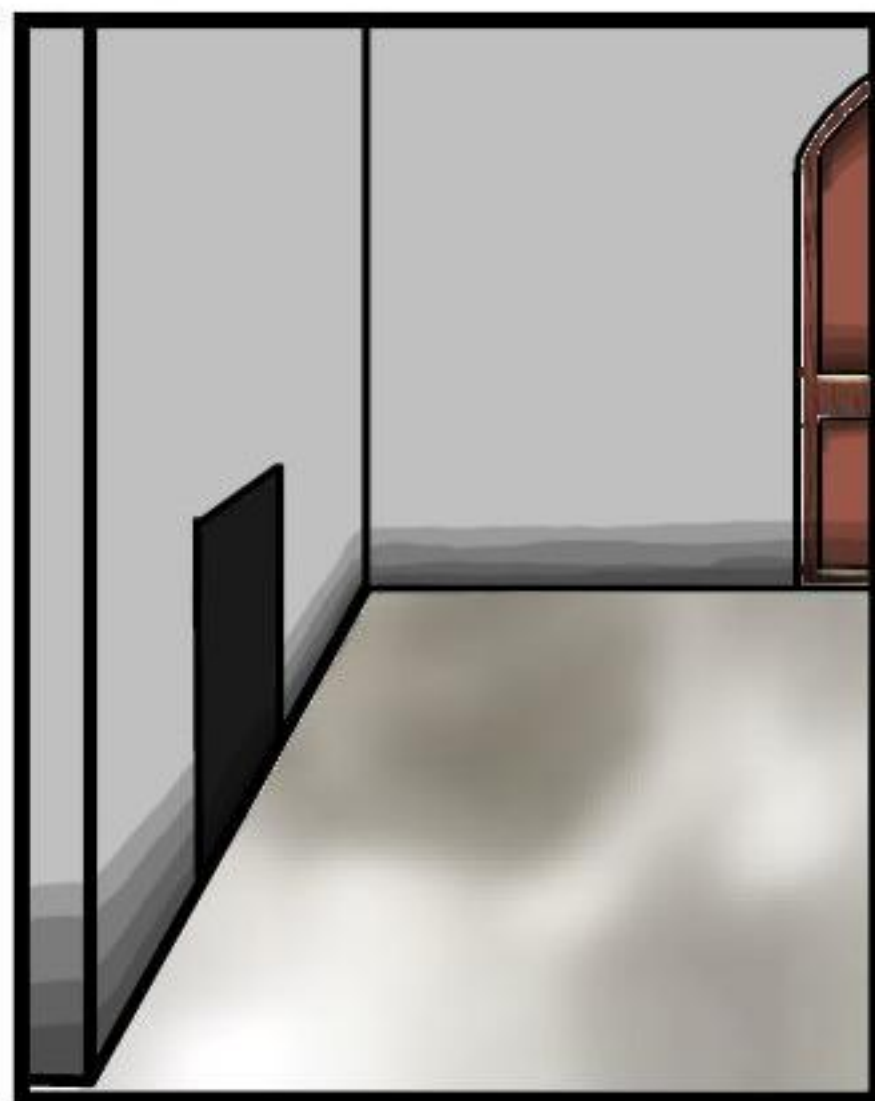
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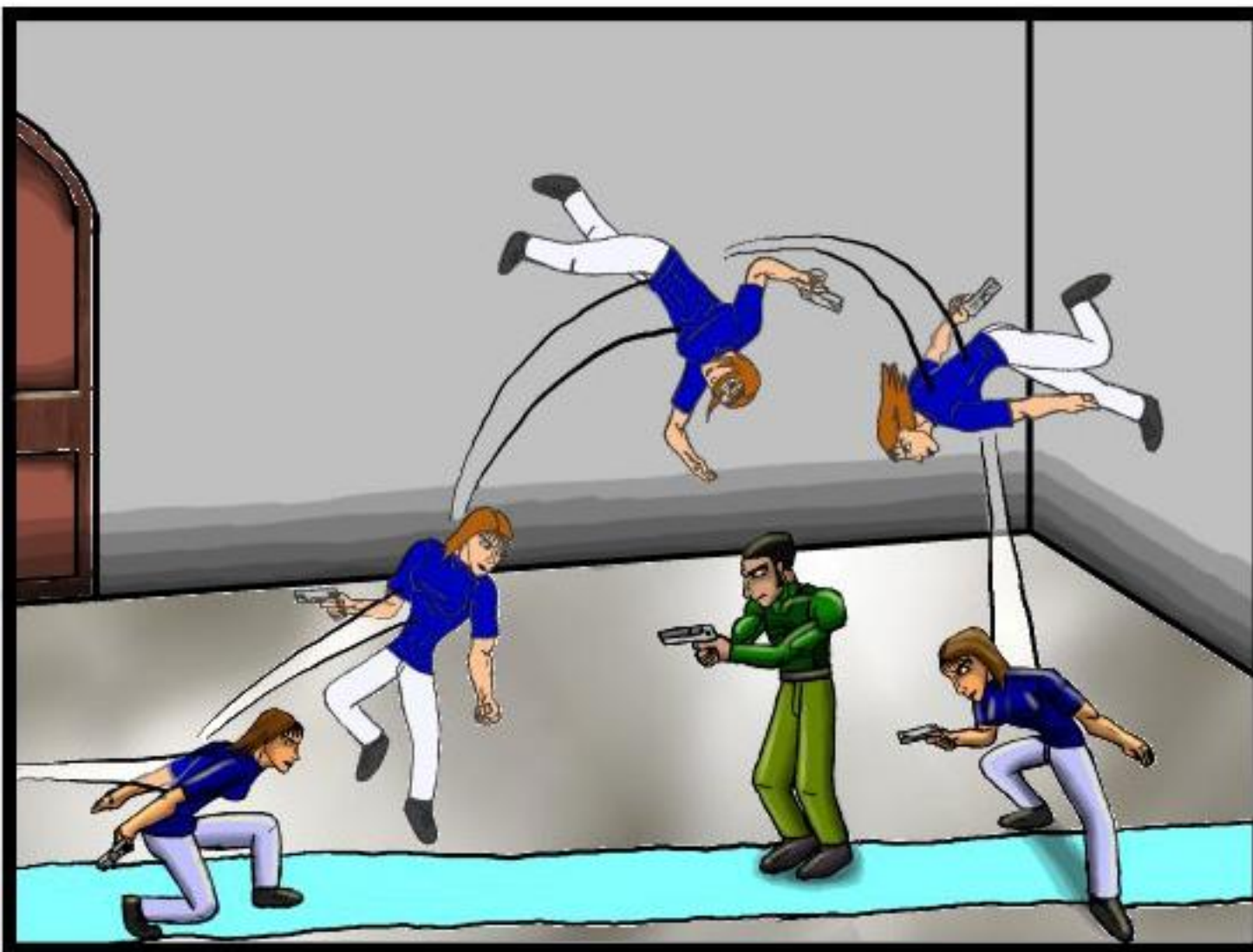
















LATER THAT AFTERNOON

IN FRONT OF THE MANSION

WELL, THANK YOU FOR YOUR REPORT, MR. BICKET.

MMHMM ...

AND, AGAIN, I'D LIKE TO APOLOGIZE FOR WHAT HAPPENED TO YOUR HOME AND YOUR FRIENDS.

I HOPE THESE ANTI-MUTANT IDIOTS DIDN'T GIVE YOU A BAD VIEW OF HUMANITY.

NO WORSE THAN THE ONE I ALREADY HAD.

RIGHT ...
WELL, I HAD A QUESTION FOR YOU ...

Y'SEE, MY SON IS A MUTANT AND I KNOW I CAN'T POSSIBLY KNOW WHAT HE'S GOING THROUGH.

I WAS WONDERING IF YOU MIGHT BE WILLING TO TAKE HIM IN.
AT FIRST I WAS HESITANT TO TRUST THIS PLACE, BUT I SEE YOU GUYS CAN TAKE CARE OF EACH OTHER.

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ABSOLUTELY, OFFICER THOMPSON.

WE'D BE HAPPY TO HAVE HIM.

VROOM
VROOM
VROOM



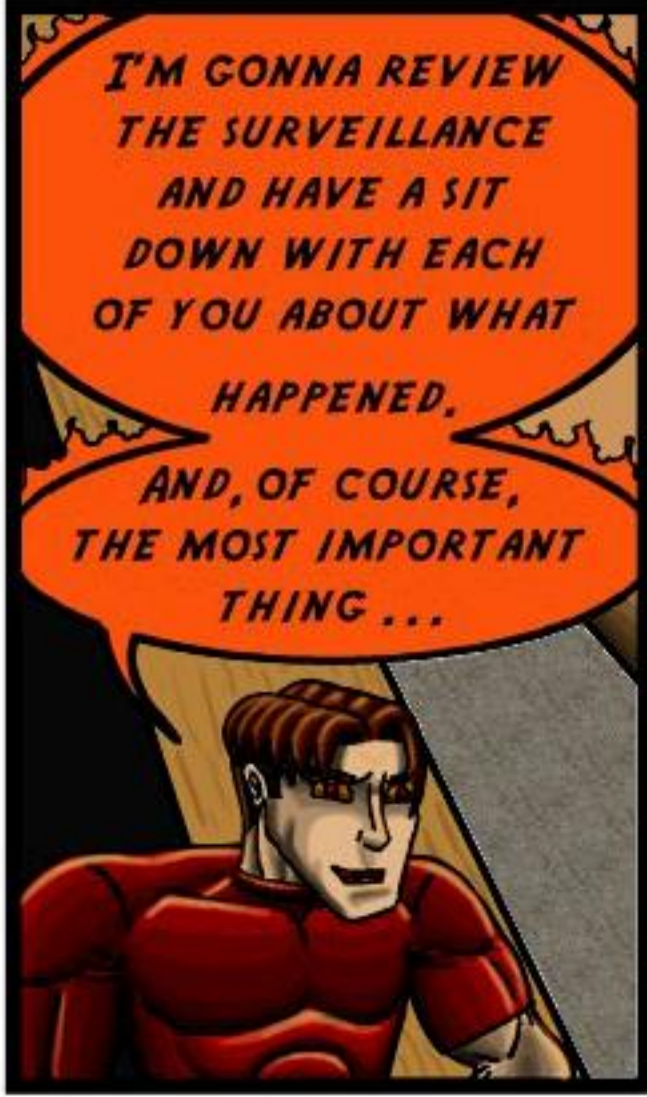
TRUTHFULLY, YOU GUYS ACTUALLY IMPRESSED ME TODAY, BUT DON'T LET IT GO TO YOUR HEADS. WE STILL NEED TO MAKE A LOT OF CHANGES AROUND HERE.



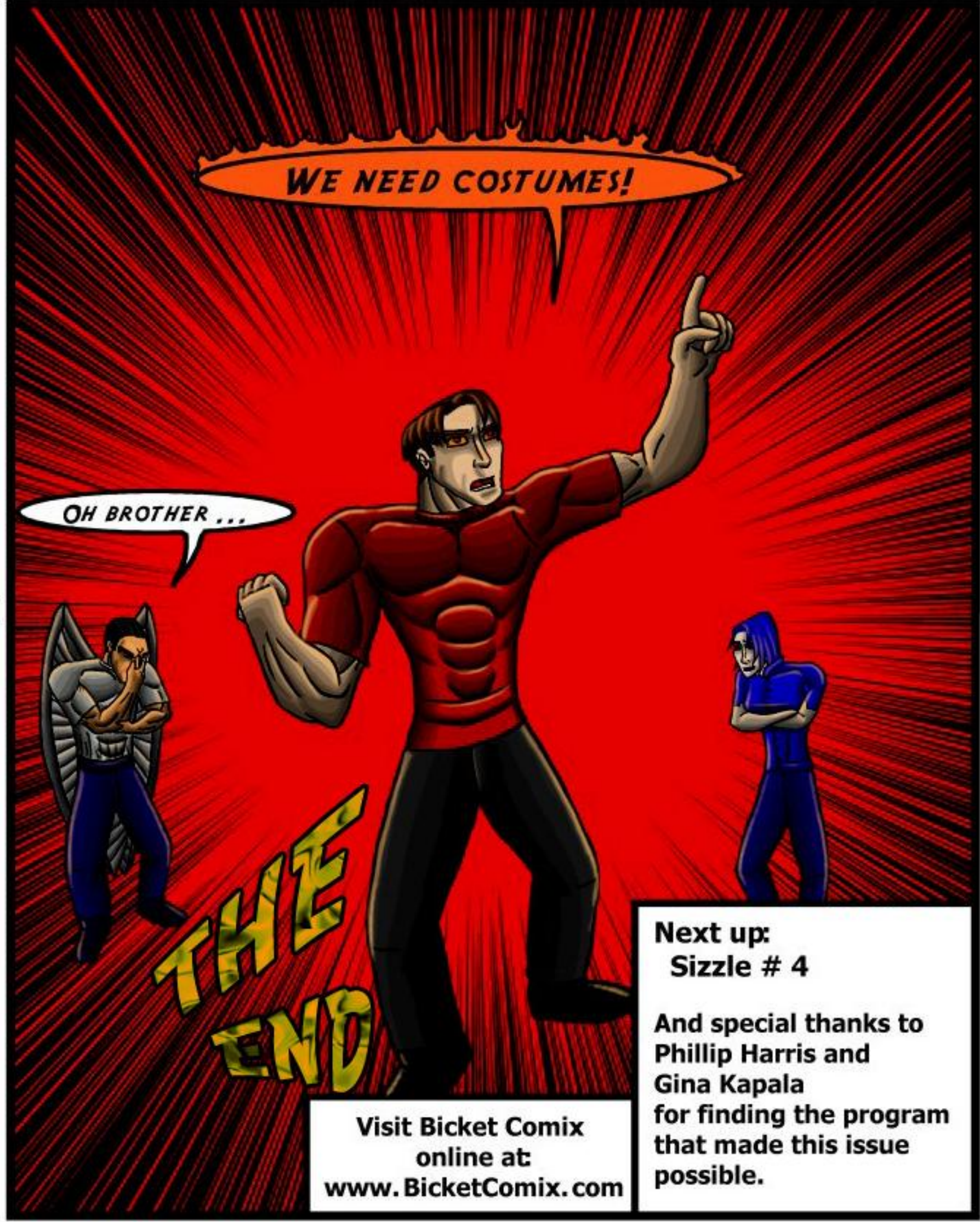
WHAT KIND OF "CHANGES"?



I'M TALKIN' REGULAR SESSIONS IN THE TRAINING ROOM, AND SOME IMPROVEMENTS TO SECURITY ...



I'M GONNA REVIEW THE SURVEILLANCE AND HAVE A SIT DOWN WITH EACH OF YOU ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED. AND, OF COURSE, THE MOST IMPORTANT THING ...



WE NEED COSTUMES!

OH BROTHER ...

THE END



AND WHAT'S THAT?

Next up:
Sizzle # 4

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The ALPHA SQUADRON ALMANAC

Q: Why Barstow?

--Robert H.

A: Why Barstow? Why NOT Barstow!? Let's face it, Barstow is the booming metropolis of our era!

In reality, I feel you do what you know. At the time I created the Alpha Squadron, I lived in Barstow, so Barstow was the easy decision. Plus, I lived there so long that I could pretty much recreate the place from memory. And (although mostly Barstonians read my comic books) I could change things as I saw fit because the rest of the world barely knows the place exists.

In terms of the story, Barstow was the place where Sizzle's car broke down (See Sizzle # 4). He had no intention of staying long, but he got caught up there and eventually decided to settle there.

Q: Why did Sizzle look like Spawn in his Phantom costume? And why have you changed the costume?

--Name withheld for anonymity.

A: Spawn? Who's that? And, as a follow up, is playing dumb to the character any form of shield to my plagiarism?

I pretty much just drew a costume I thought would be badass and it turned out to look WAY too much like Spawn. Because of this, I changed the costume to something a little more original, and you'll be able to see that costume in the comic books coming soon. Unfortunately, for continuity, I'll probably have to change it back by the events of AS#1.

Q: Why use your whole real name for Sizzle?

--I forget...

A: ...Because I have no imagination?

Really, when I first created the Alpha Squadron, all of the characters were based on people I knew, which is why most of the core team either has their exact names or slightly changed variations on their names.

For myself, I've always looked up to comic book superheroes and wanted to be one myself, and after my experiments with irradiated arachnids and gamma explosions failed to grant me such abilities, the only way for me to live out this dream was to make myself a comic book character.

Also, for the record, Sizzle does NOT have my full name. Sizzle is Robert Bicket JUNIOR. I am technically basing Electric Man on myself, and Sizzle is my son. But that's really just because I created Electric Man first.

Q: Why is Sizzle smoking and saying it was cool? You might as well show him and his girlfriend having sex or something! No no!

--Christine M.

A: Sizzle was never intended to be a role model for anyone, and I'm pretty sure he knows that himself. And I DID put a disclaimer on that, didn't I?!

As for a Sizzle-Blizzard sex scene, I DO like the idea, but one thing at a time, madam.

THANKS FOR THE QUESTIONS!

KEEP 'EM COMIN'!

--Questions all answered by Robert Bicket.