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TEEN
CREATIVES

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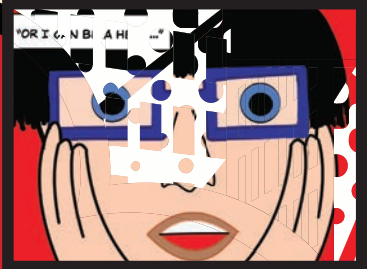
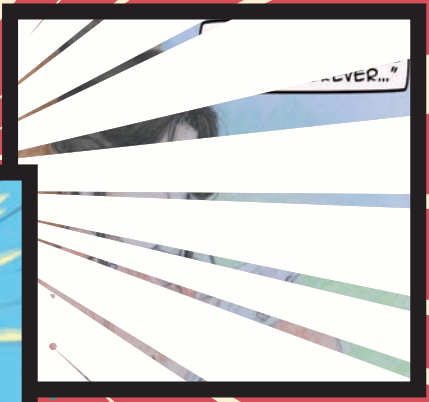
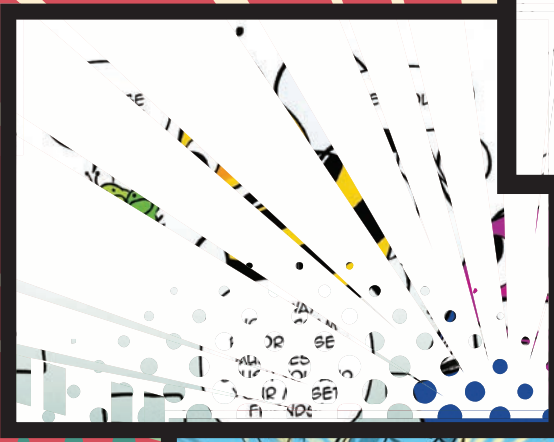
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TEEN GRAPHIC NOVEL



BOOM!

**SPECIAL
EDITION**

FOREWORD

In December 2019, we started planning the Teen Graphic Novel for 2020. Following on from the success of previous years, we decided to make it the most ambitious volume yet - double the size, allowing for more participants to be published, and to learn the ropes of making comics. What could go wrong?

In March 2020, the project was in full swing. Workshops were ongoing, and creators were submitting stories and artwork. Then, of course, we hit a slight speed bump, in the form of a year long global pandemic that ground the entire country to a halt.

I mention this not to moan about the year we had, or to remind everyone of what we went through - none of us need reminding. I mention this because I wanted to highlight all of the creators in this book. Not only did they put themselves out there by telling their fabulous stories, but they did so amidst extraordinary upheaval in their lives. Yet they continued with the work. When we did not even get to finish our teaching process, each creator in this book came through, and I wanted to note how impressed I am with their dedication, creativity, resilience, and commitment.

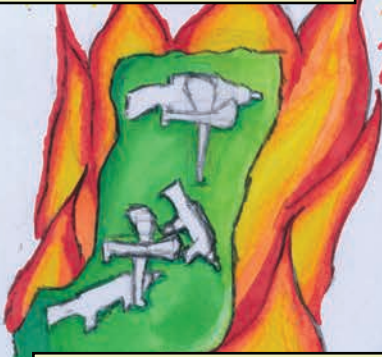
I am delighted to finally be able to present their stories, and give them the showcase they deserve. It's been a rough year, but looking at what the next generation is capable of, I can't help but be optimistic for the future.

COLIN O' MAHONEY

Story Editor

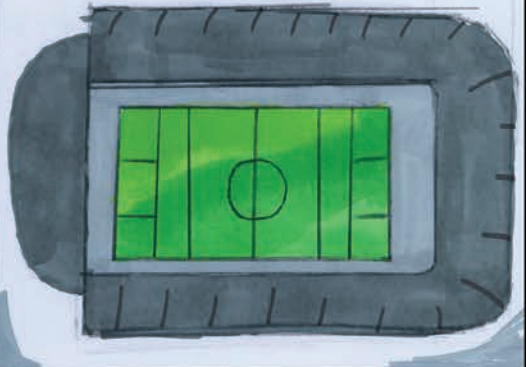
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THE ISLE OF IRELAND, TORN BY RELIGIOUS PREJUDICE AND VIOLENCE.

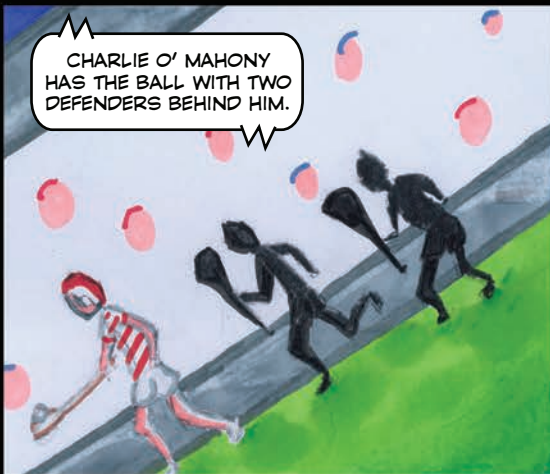


BUT THERE IS ONE THING THAT SHOWS YOUR IRISH HERITAGE: HURLING!

...AND IN THE FINAL MINUTE OF THE SENIOR HURLING FINAL. CORK IS DOWN BY 2-15 TO DUBLIN AT 3-14.



CHARLIE O' MAHONY HAS THE BALL WITH TWO DEFENDERS BEHIND HIM.



HE GOES FOR A FINAL SHOT TO SETTLE THE SCORE!



AND IT'S IN.

YES!!!
CHARLIE
DID IT!!!



THIS IS ALEX. HE DREAMS OF PLAYING FOR CORK, AND TO BE AS GOOD AS HIS HERO, CHARLIE O' MAHONY. JUST TWO PROBLEMS:

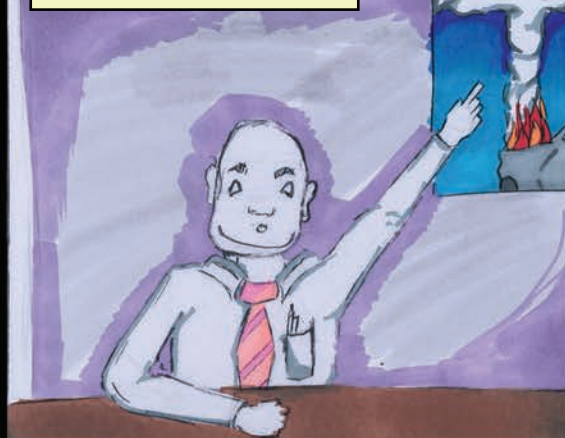
THE REF BLOWS THE WHISTLE AND CORK HAS WON THE HURLING FINAL WITH 3-15 TO 3-14.



A WARRIOR'S CHILDREN

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LETTERED BY: COLIN O' MAHONEY

CHARLIE O'MAHONY DIED IN A CAR CRASH A WEEK AFTER THE SENIOR HURLING FINAL.



AND HE REALLY SUCKS AT HURLING.



HE SAW AND WAS TAUGHT BY A LATE WARRIOR.

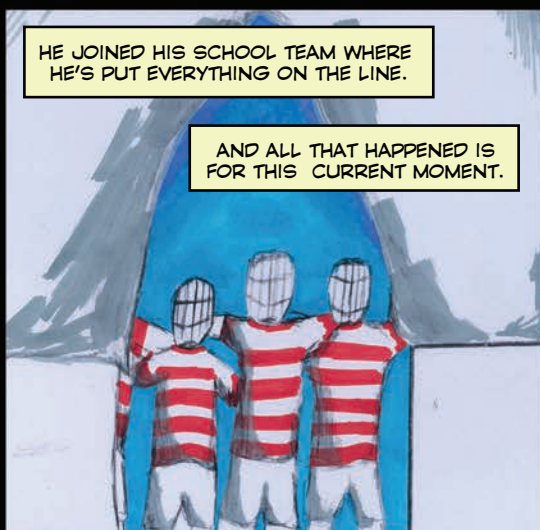


THIS WARRIOR SAW HIS SKILLS IN HURLING BUT HE KNEW HE HAD A WARRIOR'S SPIRIT INSIDE HIM.



HE JOINED HIS SCHOOL TEAM WHERE HE'S PUT EVERYTHING ON THE LINE.

AND ALL THAT HAPPENED IS FOR THIS CURRENT MOMENT.



DEFENSIVE INSTINCT!



...AND AN AMAZING BLOCK BY CORK HALF-BACK DOM BUCKLY, AND WITH TWO MINUTES IN THE COUNTRY FINALS LEFT IT AIN'T LOOKING GOOD FOR CORK'S BCS AT 4-20 AND DUBLIN'S DCC AT 4-22.

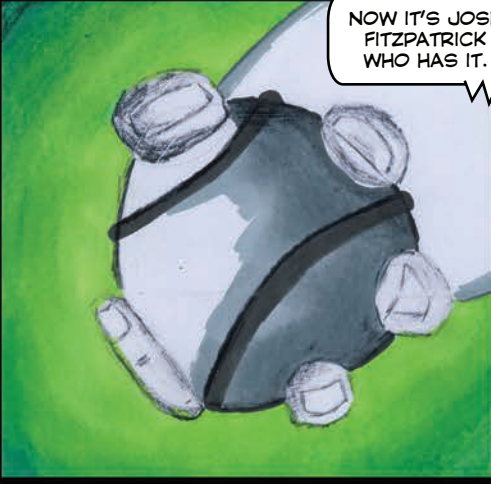


AND HE LASHES THE BALL.



360° LASH!!

NOW IT'S JOSH FITZPATRICK WHO HAS IT.



A DUBLIN DEFENDER TRIES TO CHALLENGE JOSH FITZPATRICK.



AND HE GETS PAST HIM.

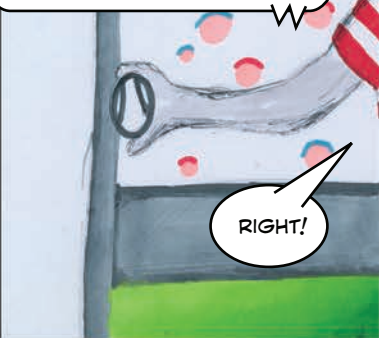


LIGHTNING STEP!

ALEX! YOUR TIME TO SHINE.



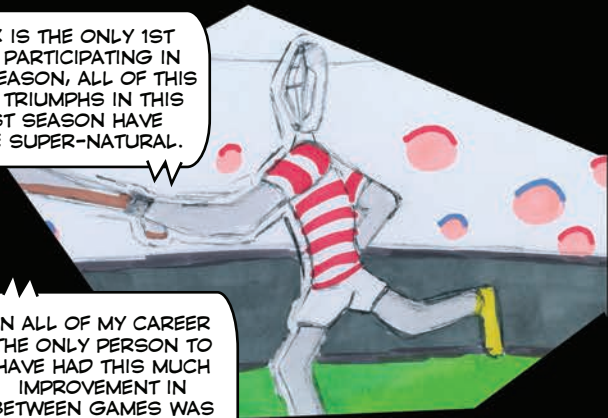
AND WITH ONLY 20 SECONDS LEFT, THE CORK SCHOOL TEAM PUTS THE FINAL PUSH IN THIS GAME TO THE NEWCOMER, ALEX O'CONNER.



RIGHT!

ALEX IS THE ONLY 1ST YEAR PARTICIPATING IN THIS SEASON, ALL OF THIS KID'S TRIUMPHS IN THIS LAST SEASON HAVE TO BE SUPER-NATURAL.

IN ALL OF MY CAREER THE ONLY PERSON TO HAVE HAD THIS MUCH IMPROVEMENT IN BETWEEN GAMES WAS THE LATE WARRIOR, CHARLIE O' MAHONY.



AND A DEFENDER MISSES THE TACKLE!



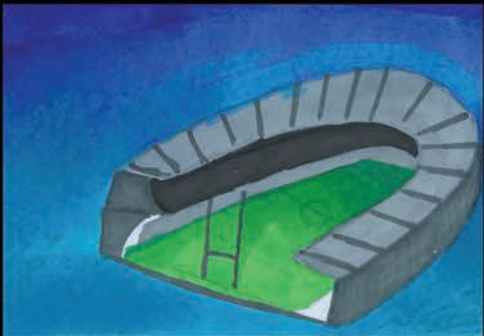
100 MILE PUCK!



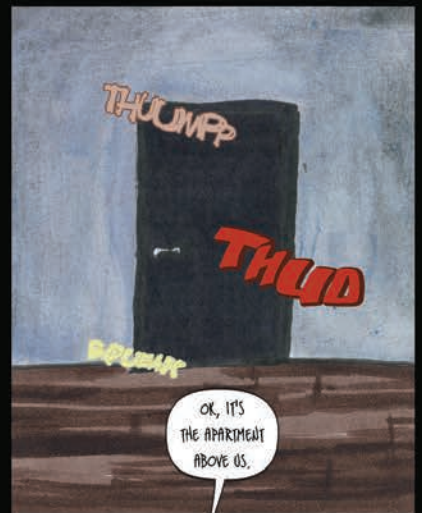
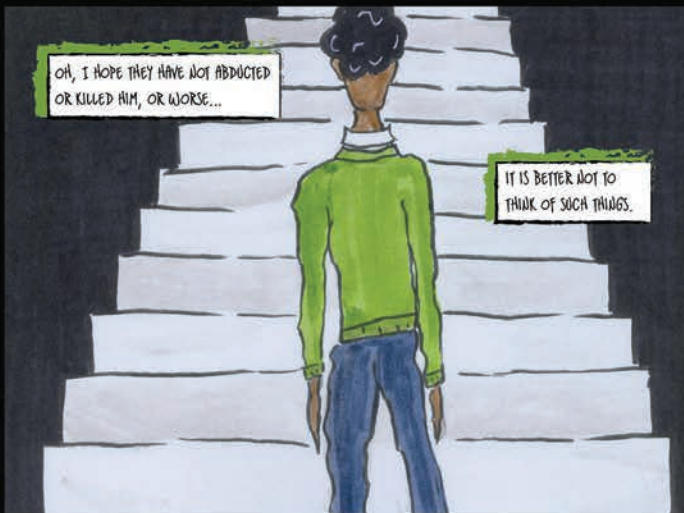
AND IT'S IN!! IN ALL MY YEARS, THE ONLY INSTANCE WHERE THIS AMOUNT OF SKILL AND DETERMINATION WAS PUT INTO A FINAL WAS THE HISTORIC SENIOR FINALS WITH CHARLIE O' MAHONY.

CORK: 5-20 DUBLIN 3-22!

AND THE GAME HAS FINISHED, THIS HAS BEEN AN AMAZING GAME WHICH RIVALS THE SENIOR FINALS TWO YEARS AGO.

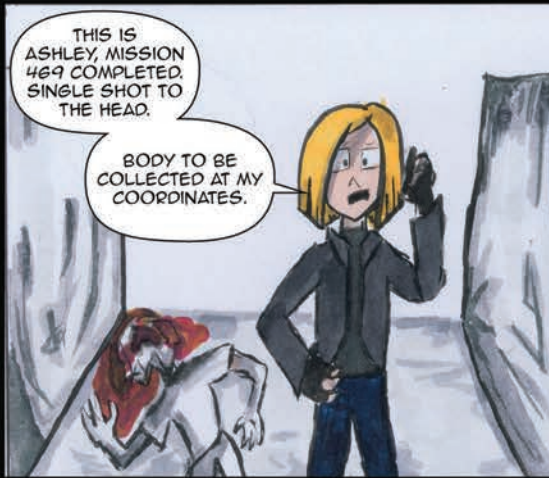




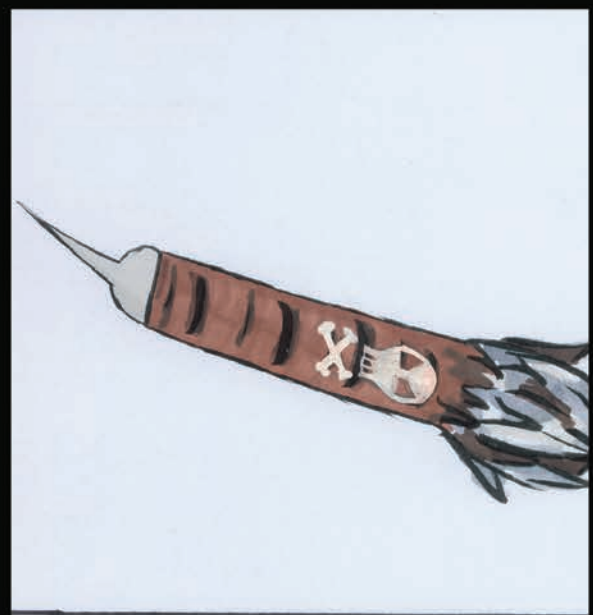
















AH! THE BUGS ARE HUGE
Written by Kieran Hand
Artwork & Lettering by
Sadhbh Elliott

BUZZ??

WHAT'S UP
NOW,
FUZZY?!



MAN, I WISH I WASN'T
STUCK IN THIS STUPID
LAB WITH HIM...

I'M
HUNGRY!!

I'M
SICK
OF YOUR
WHINING!

YOU ATE
HALF AN
HOUR
AGO!!



I'M TIRED
OF LOOKING
AFTER YOU AND
THE TRASH I
HAVE TO PUT
UP WITH! IT
BUGGS ME
SO MUCH!

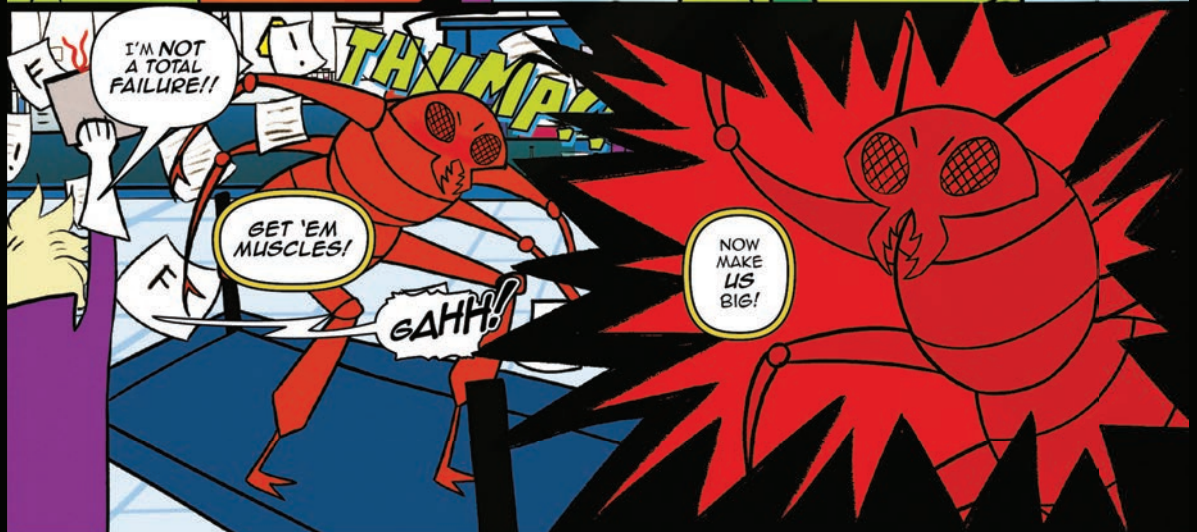
WOW...
THAT
STINGS...

I'LL SAVE THE
ENVIRONMENT ONCE
AND FOR ALL! THE
TREES WILL TAKE IN
MORE CO₂. IF THEY'RE
BIGGER! I'LL MAKE
MILLIONS!!!

WAIT, IS
THAT ANT HE'S
TALKING ABOUT
MUSCLES?

AND NOW
TO USE THIS
MACHINE ON
THIS ANT!

WHAT'S AN
ENLARGING
MACHINE?



I'M NOT
A TOTAL
FAILURE!!

GET 'EM
MUSCLES!

GAHH!

NOW
MAKE
US
BIG!



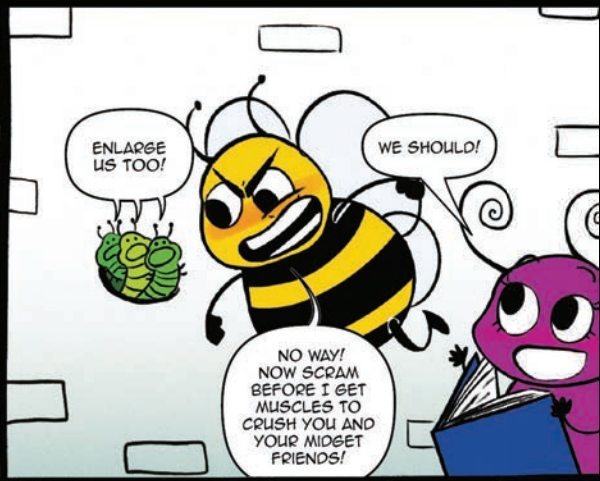
THANK YOU MUSCLES...

POOR MR. PEST, THOUGH...



ENLARGE ME, RIGHT NOW!!

I'D RATHER MAKE THE WOODLICE BIGGER!
GO AWAY.



ENLARGE US TOO!

WE SHOULD!

NO WAY! NOW SCRAM BEFORE I GET MUSCLES TO CRUSH YOU AND YOUR MIDGET FRIENDS!



I, SAMMY THE SNAIL, WILL BE ON YOUR BACK

AND I'M GOING TO STRIKE BACK WHEN YOU LEAST EXPECT IT!!



SEE YOU LATER, SAMMY THE SLUG!! LOOKS LIKE YOU GOT SOMETHING OFF YOUR BACK ALRIGHT!

HOW COULD YOU BE SO MEAN?!

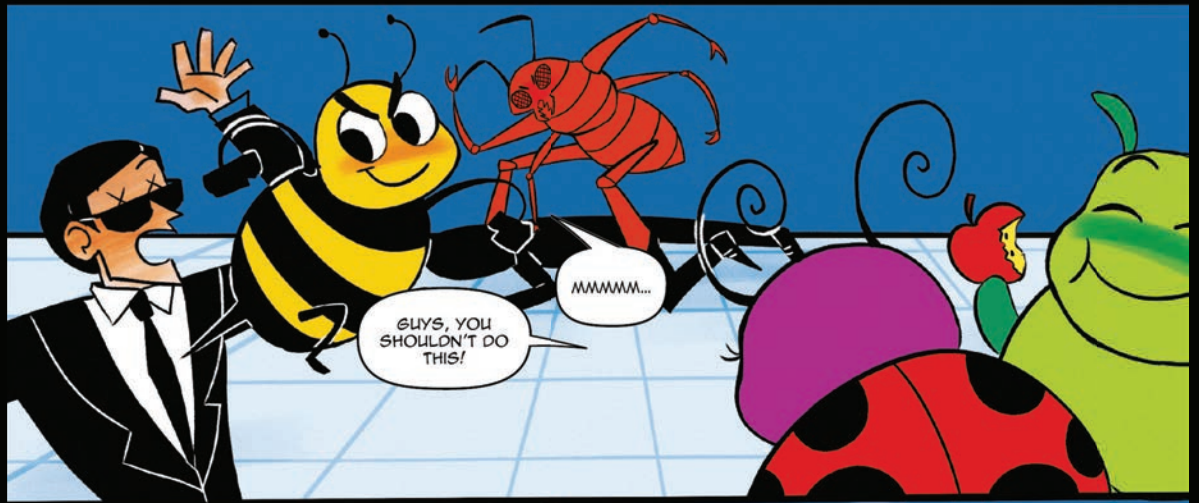
BECAUSE IT'S FUN, DOTTY...

WAHHH!

YOU SHOULD LEARN FROM THE BEST!

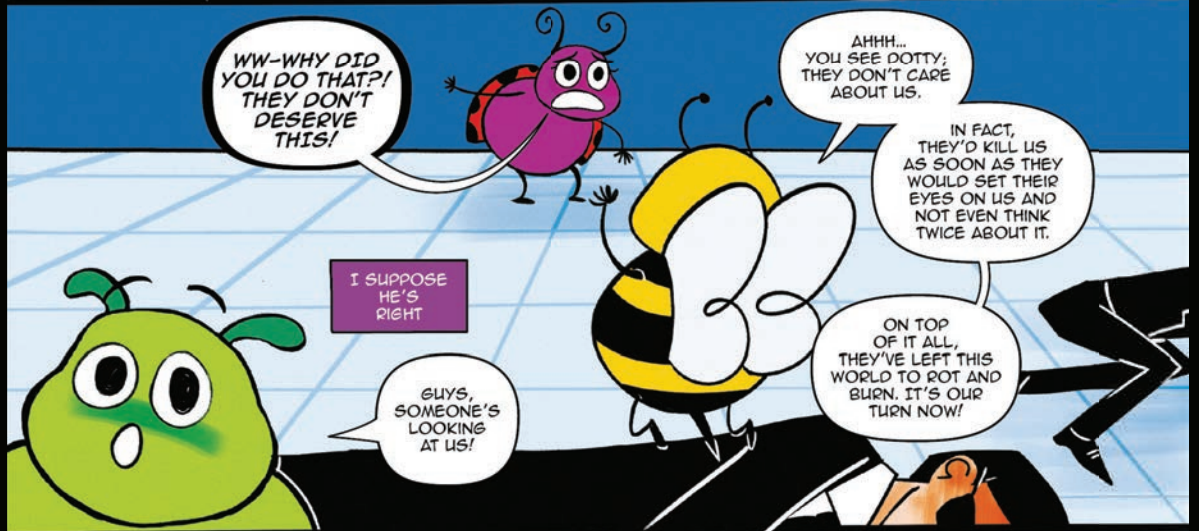


RIP



GUYS, YOU SHOULDN'T DO THIS!

MMMMMM...



WW-WHY DID YOU DO THAT?! THEY DON'T DESERVE THIS!

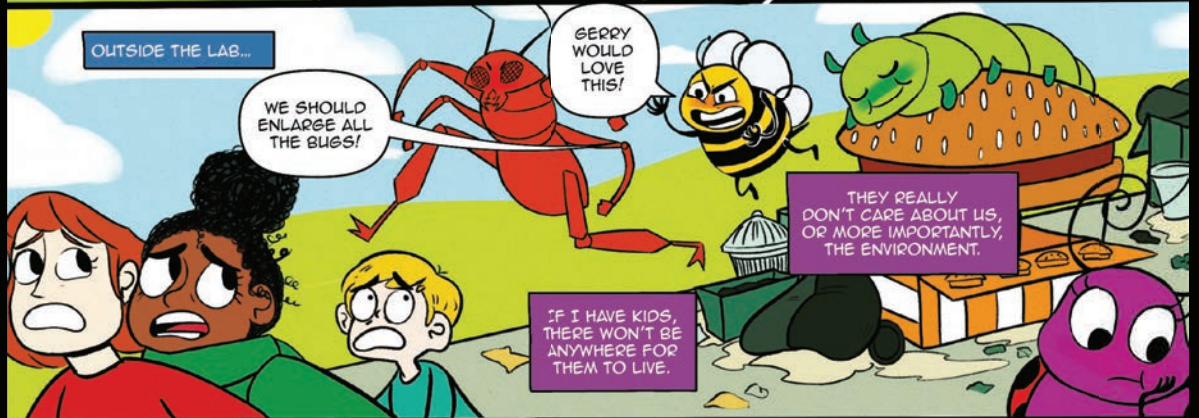
AHHH... YOU SEE DOTTY; THEY DON'T CARE ABOUT US.

IN FACT, THEY'D KILL US AS SOON AS THEY WOULD SET THEIR EYES ON US AND NOT EVEN THINK TWICE ABOUT IT.

I SUPPOSE HE'S RIGHT

GUYS, SOMEONE'S LOOKING AT US!

ON TOP OF IT ALL, THEY'VE LEFT THIS WORLD TO ROT AND BURN. IT'S OUR TURN NOW!



OUTSIDE THE LAB...

WE SHOULD ENLARGE ALL THE BUGS!

GERRY WOULD LOVE THIS!

THEY REALLY DON'T CARE ABOUT US, OR MORE IMPORTANTLY, THE ENVIRONMENT.

IF I HAVE KIDS, THERE WON'T BE ANYWHERE FOR THEM TO LIVE.



LET'S ENLARGE ALL THE BUGS!! EVEN IF THAT MEANS WE HAVE TO MAKE THE WOODLICE AND SAMMY HUGE...

AGREED.

UH-HUH!





Under the Chestnut Tree
Written by Kate Hogan
Lettering by Kaela Linehan Brady



AMELIE, I HAVE A STORY TO TELL YOU.

WHAT IS IT, MAMA?

I NEED TO TELL YOU WHO YOUR FATHER IS.



"I REMEMBER IT AS IF IT WERE YESTERDAY..."



"IT WAS THE DAY THAT WOULD CHANGE MY LIFE, FOREVER..."

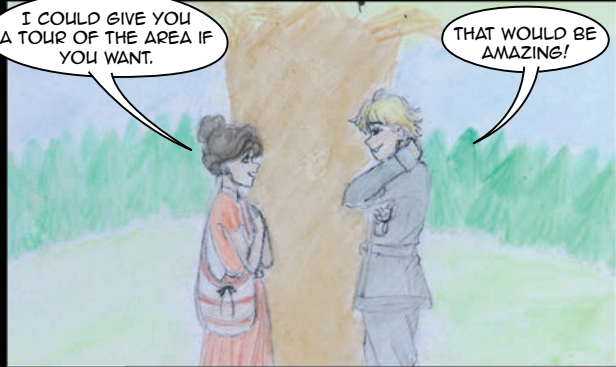


HEY I'M FRIEDRICH. YOUR DRAWINGS ARE AMAZING!

THANKS. I'M CHLOÉ.



I WAS WONDERING IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO TAKE A STROLL AROUND THE PARK WITH ME.



I COULD GIVE YOU A TOUR OF THE AREA IF YOU WANT.

THAT WOULD BE AMAZING!



"WE SPENT THE ENTIRE AFTERNOON TOGETHER..."

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HAVE DINNER WITH ME?

I'D LOVE TO!

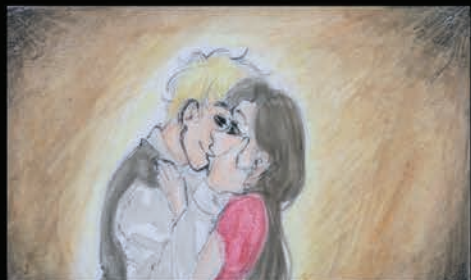


THANK YOU FOR TONIGHT IT WAS AMAZI...



I WOULD LOVE TO SEE YOU AGAIN TOMORROW, CHLOE.

I WILL MEET YOU IN THE PARK, UNDER THE CHESTNUT TREE, AGAIN.

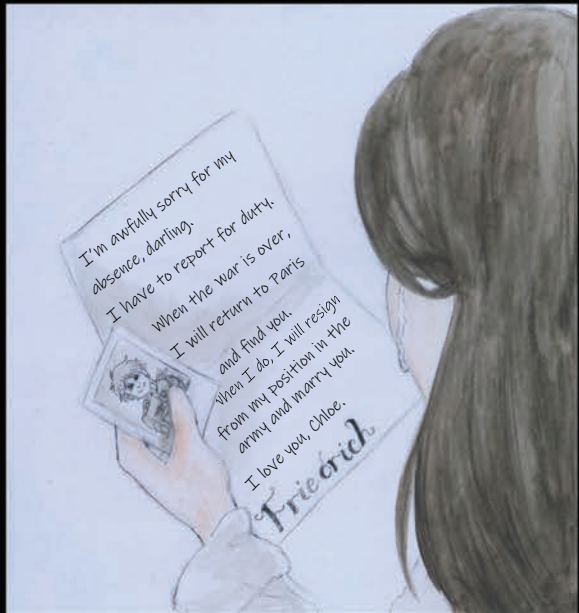




"I WAS DEVASTATED.
I WAS LOST..."



"...UNTIL..."



I'm awfully sorry for my
absence, darling.
I have to report for duty.
When the war is over,
I will return to Paris
and find you.
When I do, I will resign
from my position in the
army and marry you.
I love you, Chloé.
Friedrich



I TOOK THESE FROM HIS ROOM
THAT MORNING AND WAITED FOR HIM
TO RETURN, BUT HE NEVER DID.

IS THIS WHY YOU WANTED
ME TO NAME MY SON,
FREDDIE?



"YES, MY DEAR.
HE EVEN HAS HIS EYES."

**THE PLANET RAYB
THE YEAR 5053**



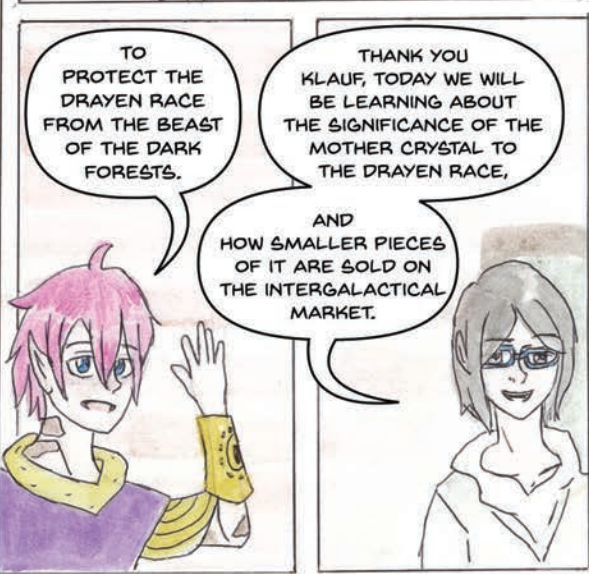
"NOW WHO CAN TELL ME THE FUNCTIONS OF THE GIMURA FUNGUS?"

THE FLOURISHING FUNGUS
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THE GATHERERS FARM THE FUNGUS AND WE LIVE IN THE TALLER SPECIMENS.



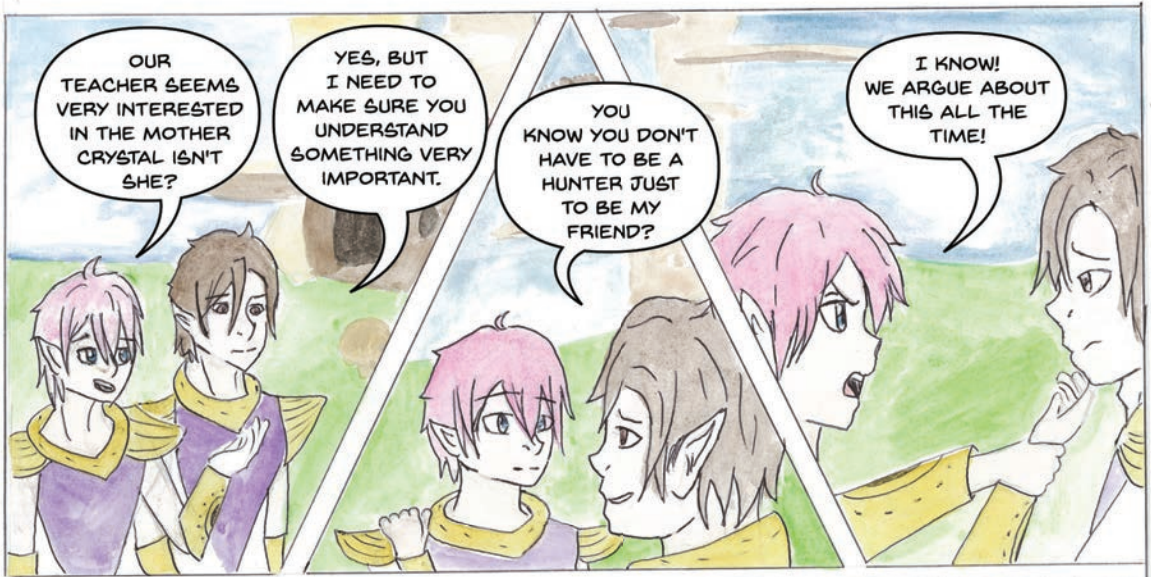
VERY GOOD, NOW WHO CAN TELL ME THE ROLE OF THE HUNTERS?



TO PROTECT THE DRAYEN RACE FROM THE BEAST OF THE DARK FORESTS.

THANK YOU KLAUF, TODAY WE WILL BE LEARNING ABOUT THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE MOTHER CRYSTAL TO THE DRAYEN RACE,

AND HOW SMALLER PIECES OF IT ARE SOLD ON THE INTERGALACTICAL MARKET.



OUR
TEACHER SEEMS
VERY INTERESTED
IN THE MOTHER
CRYSTAL ISN'T
SHE?

YES, BUT
I NEED TO
MAKE SURE YOU
UNDERSTAND
SOMETHING VERY
IMPORTANT.

YOU
KNOW YOU DON'T
HAVE TO BE A
HUNTER JUST
TO BE MY
FRIEND?

I KNOW!
WE ARGUE ABOUT
THIS ALL THE
TIME!



I WANT
TO BE A
HUNTER; TO BE
BRAVE AND TO
BE STRONG!



OKAY JUST AS
LONG AS YOU KNOW
I'LL BE YOUR FRIEND
EVEN IF YOU BECOME
A GATHERER.

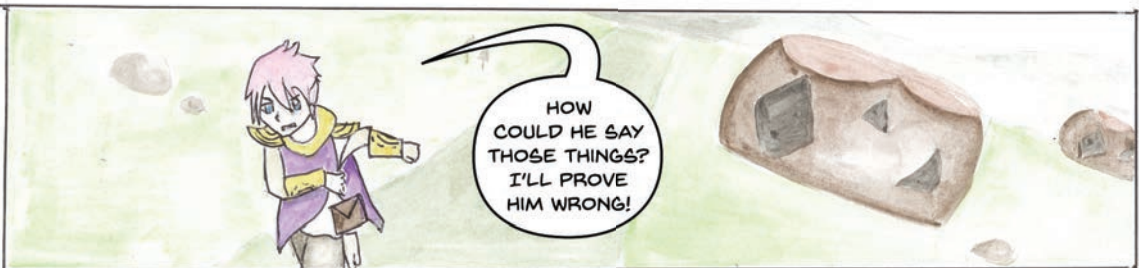
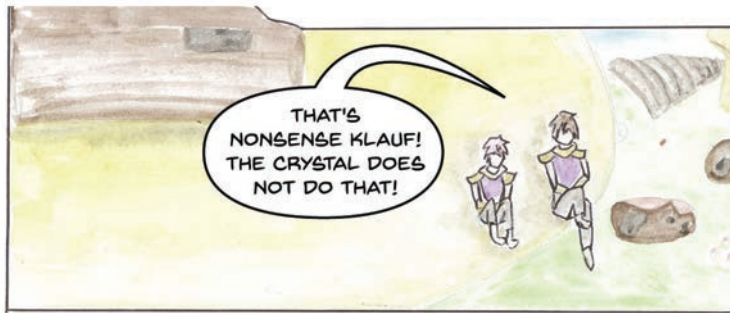


I'VE
GOT TO
GO.



I KNOW
IDIOT! JUST
GO.

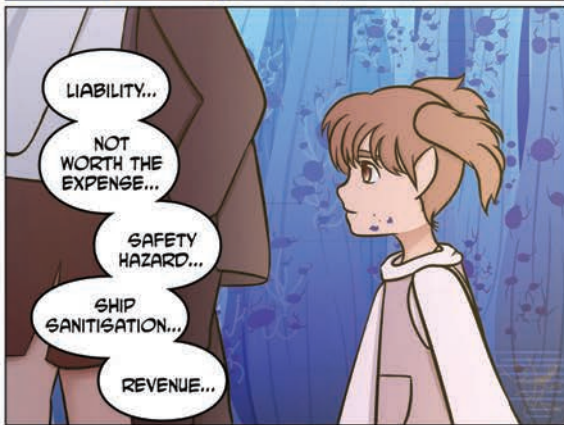




TROUBLE ON TEBUIP

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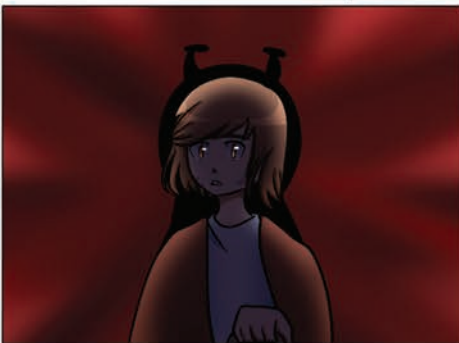
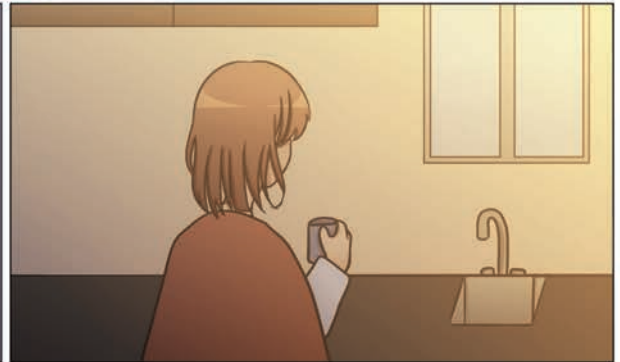
**THE PLANET TEBUIP
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OVER 23 PLANETS NOW OVERRUN BY GIMURA FUNGUS

MURDEROUS MUSHROOM

COMING TO VISIT TEBUIP?



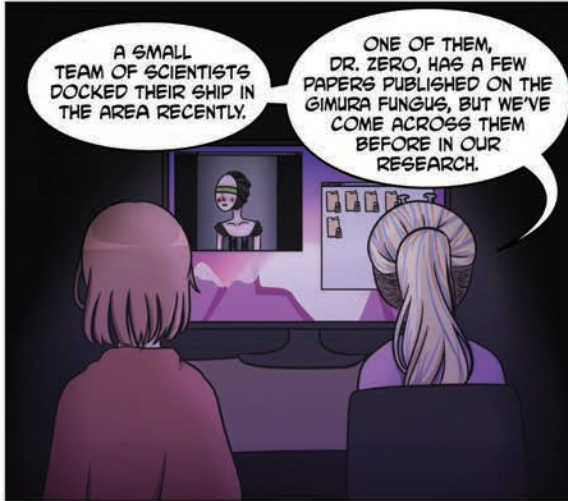
OH! I'M SORRY, I DIDN'T MEAN TO...

IT'S -- FINE. IT'S FINE OPPY.

HMM. IF YOU SAY SO.

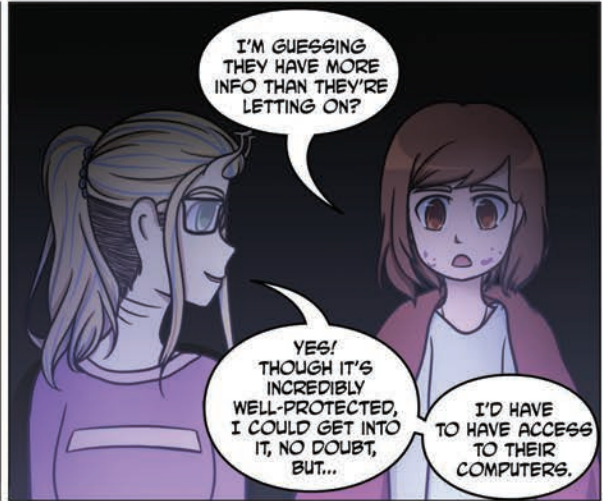
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ALRIGHT. LEAD THE WAY.



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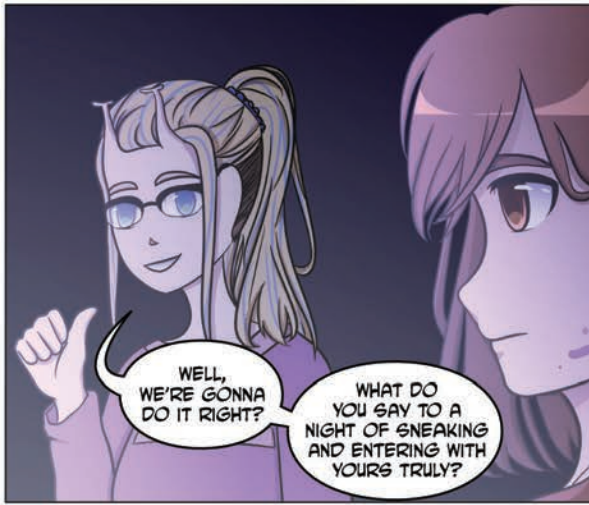
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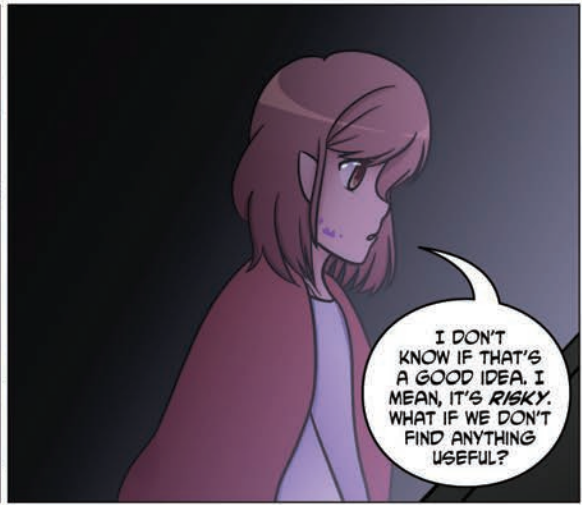
YES! THOUGH IT'S INCREDIBLY WELL-PROTECTED, I COULD GET INTO IT, NO DOUBT, BUT...

I'D HAVE TO HAVE ACCESS TO THEIR COMPUTERS.

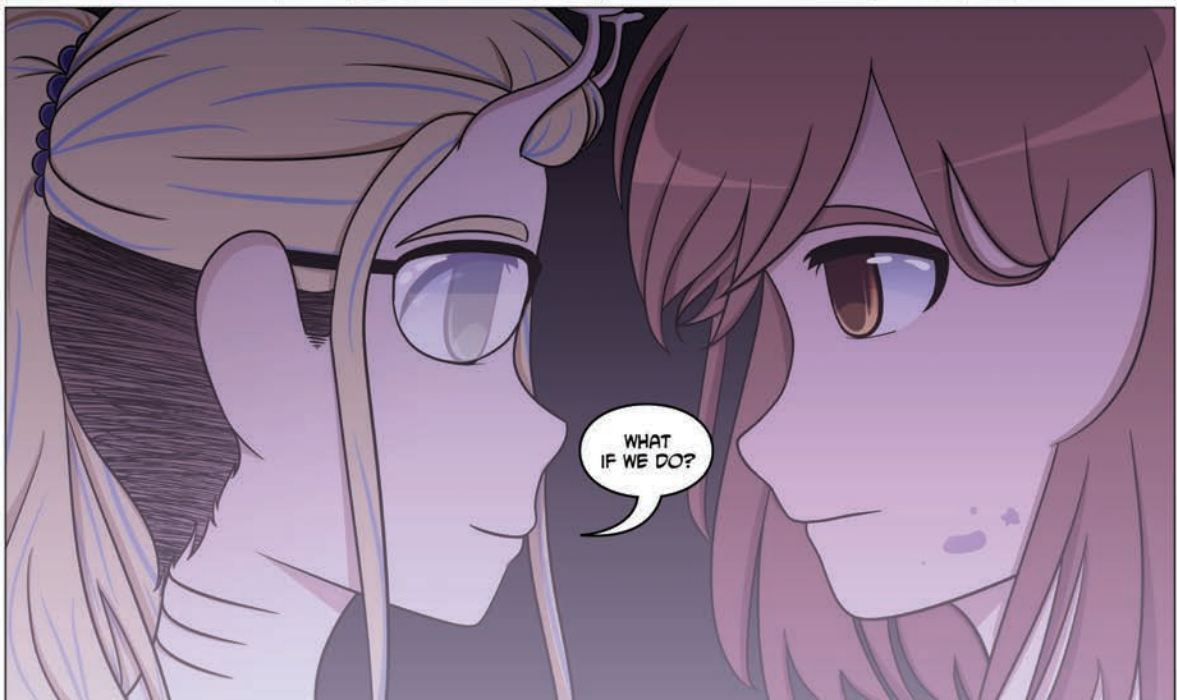


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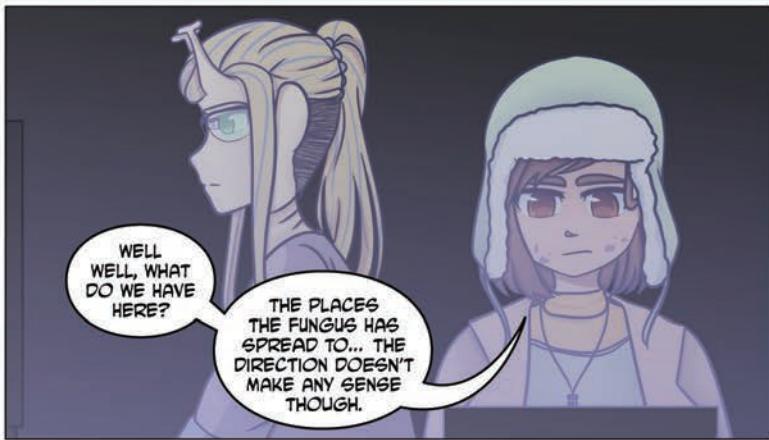
WHAT DO YOU SAY TO A NIGHT OF SNEAKING AND ENTERING WITH YOURS TRULY?



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WHAT IF WE DO?

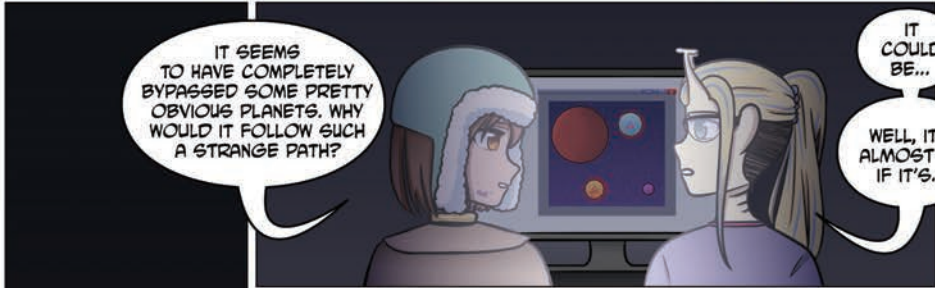


WELL
WELL, WHAT
DO WE HAVE
HERE?

THE PLACES
THE FUNGUS HAS
SPREAD TO... THE
DIRECTION DOESN'T
MAKE ANY SENSE
THOUGH.



"TRADING ROUTES
TO NEIGHBOURING
PLANETS SHOULD
HAVE BEEN
CONTAMINATING
STRAIGHT AWAY
BUT..."



IT SEEMS
TO HAVE COMPLETELY
BYPASSED SOME PRETTY
OBVIOUS PLANETS. WHY
WOULD IT FOLLOW SUCH
A STRANGE PATH?

IT
COULD
BE...

WELL, IT'S
ALMOST AS
IF IT'S...



SWOOSH

... FOLLOWING
SOMETHING.

RAYB 5092



TROUBLE ON TEBUIP

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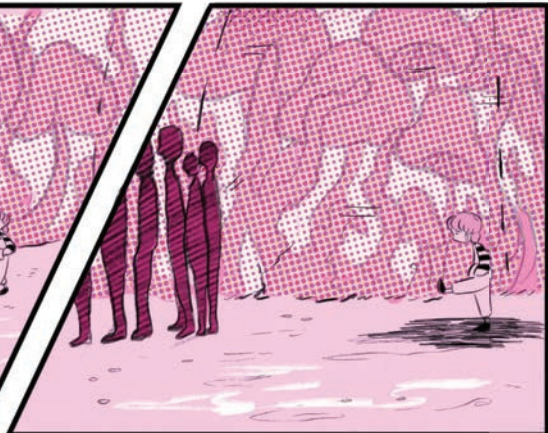
LIABILITY...

SHIP SANITISATION...

REVENUE...

SAFETY HAZARD...

NOT WORTH THE EXPENSE...





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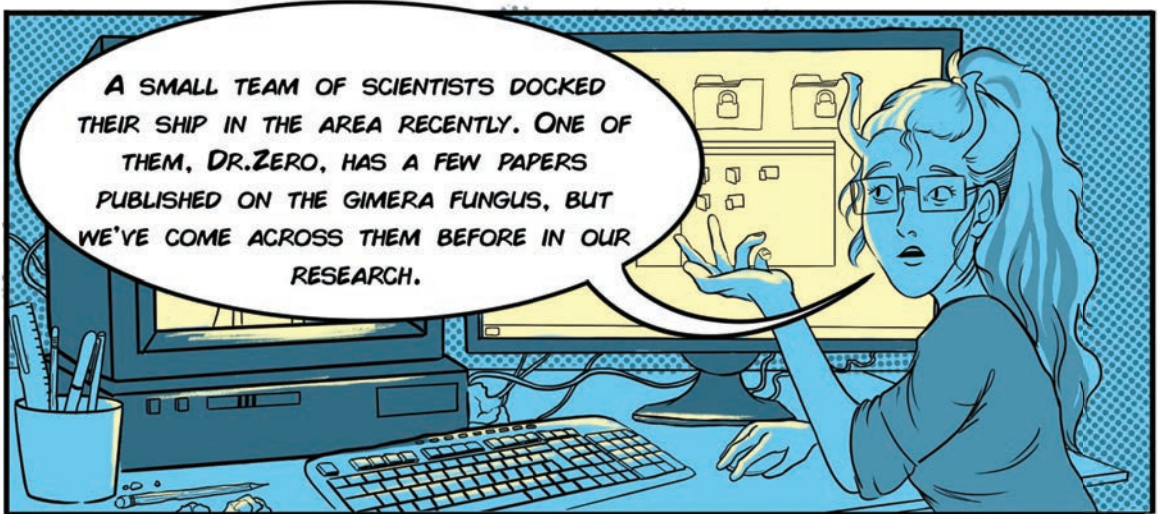
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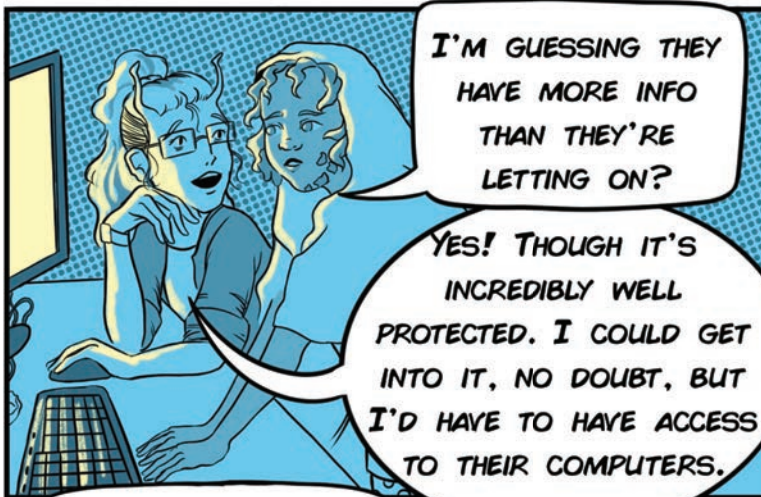


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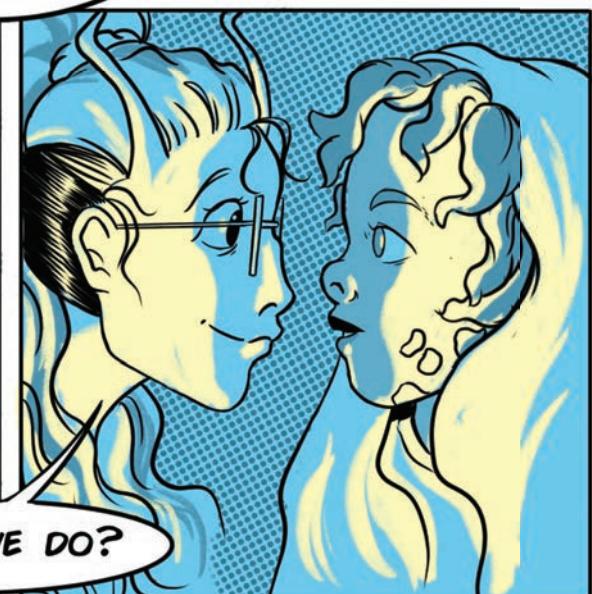
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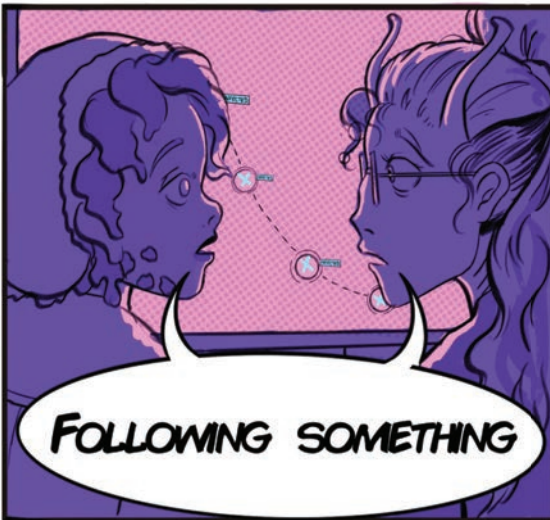
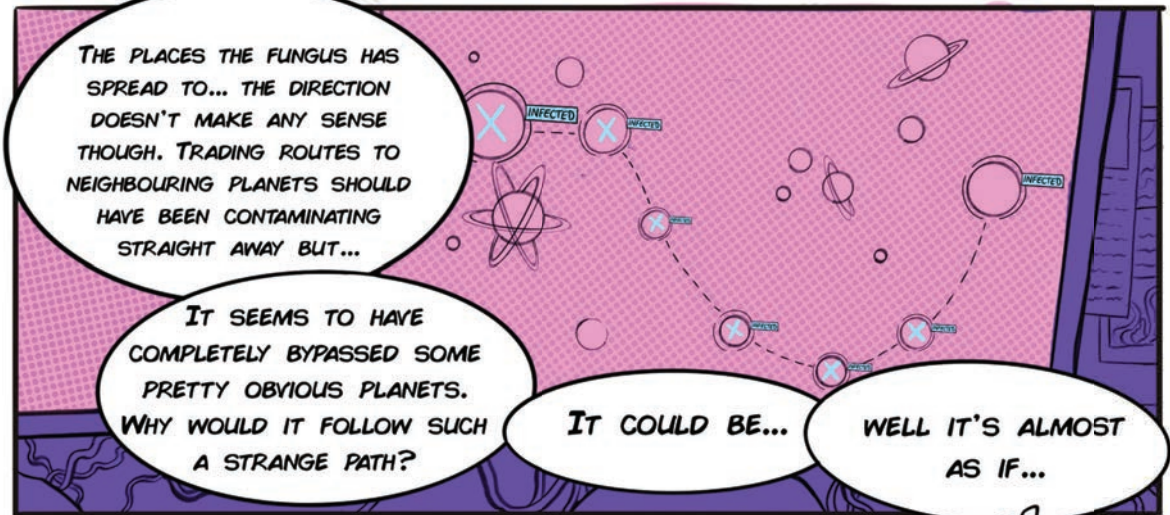
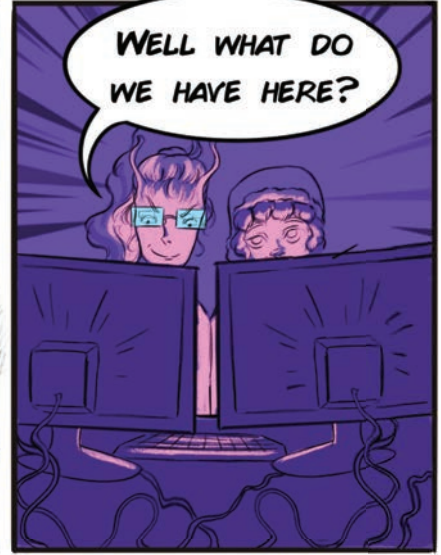
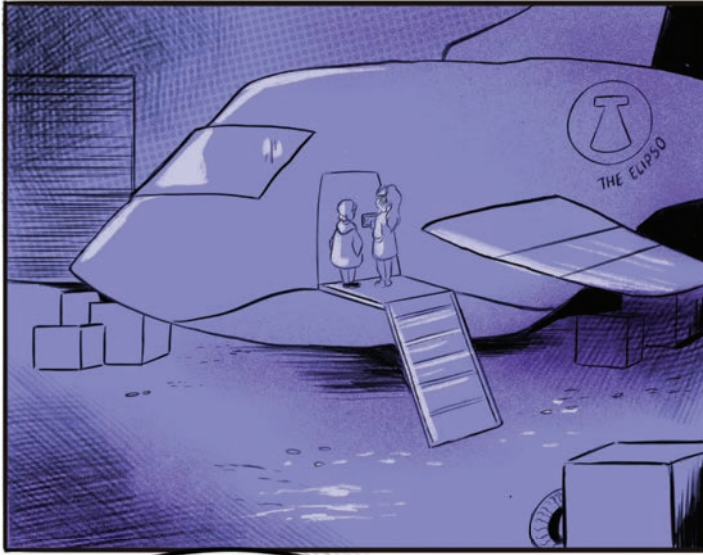
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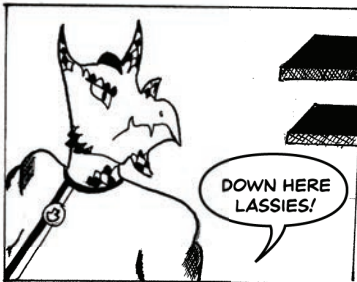




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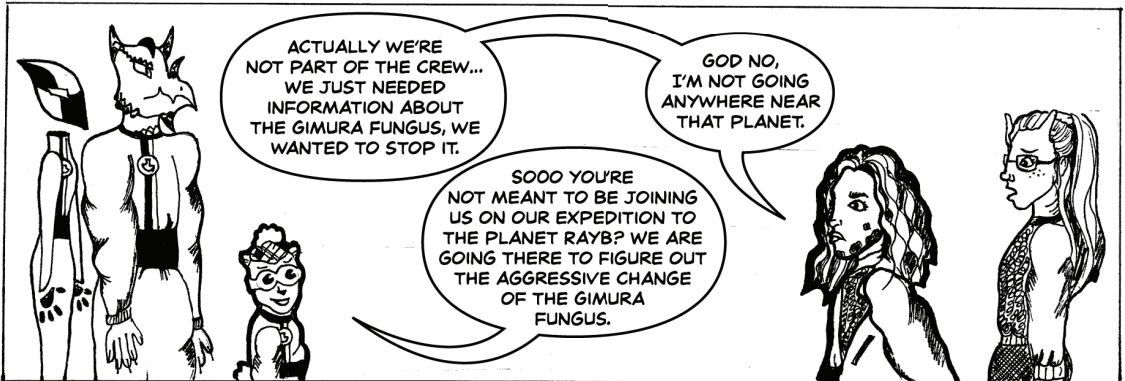
GASP!



DOWN HERE LASSIES!



I DIDN'T KNOW WE HIRED MORE CREW MEMBERS, WELCOME ABOARD ME SHIP!



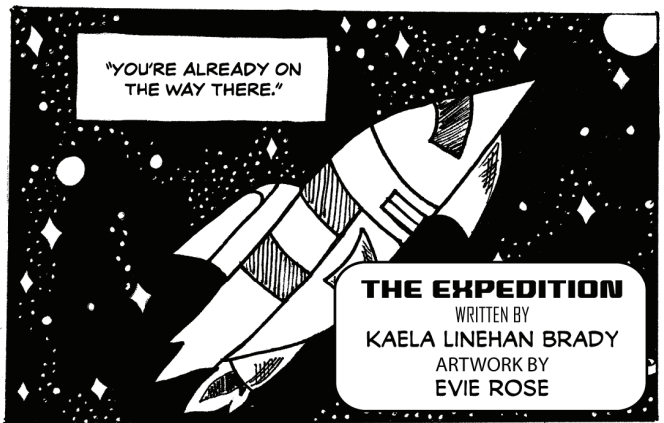
ACTUALLY WE'RE NOT PART OF THE CREW... WE JUST NEEDED INFORMATION ABOUT THE GIMURA FUNGUS, WE WANTED TO STOP IT.

GOD NO, I'M NOT GOING ANYWHERE NEAR THAT PLANET.

SOOO YOU'RE NOT MEANT TO BE JOINING US ON OUR EXPEDITION TO THE PLANET RAYB? WE ARE GOING THERE TO FIGURE OUT THE AGGRESSIVE CHANGE OF THE GIMURA FUNGUS.



WELL ABOUT THAT LASS...

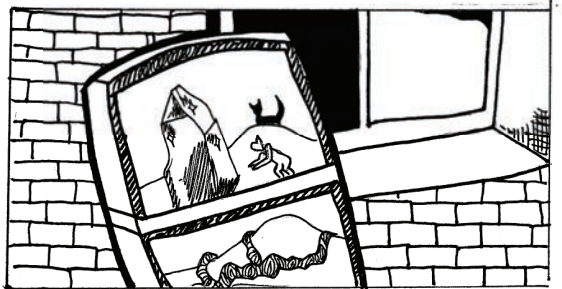
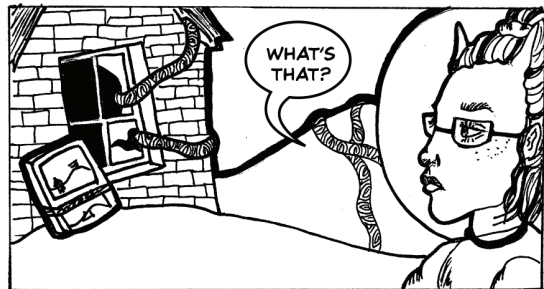
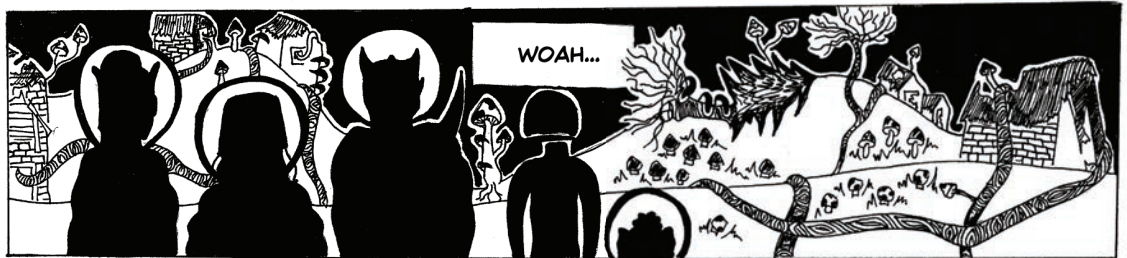
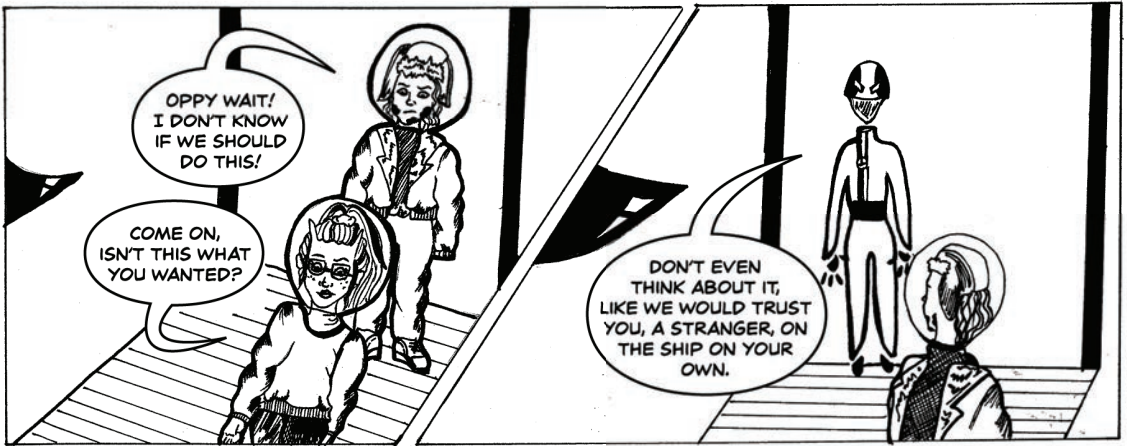


"YOU'RE ALREADY ON THE WAY THERE."

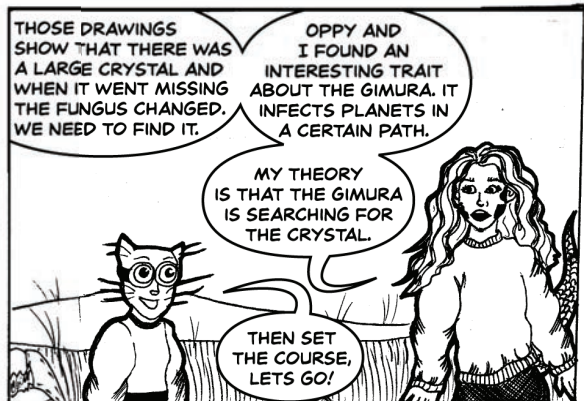
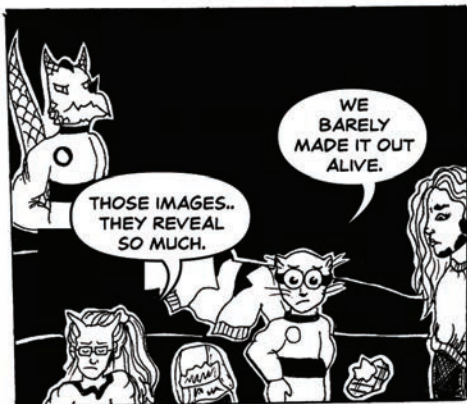
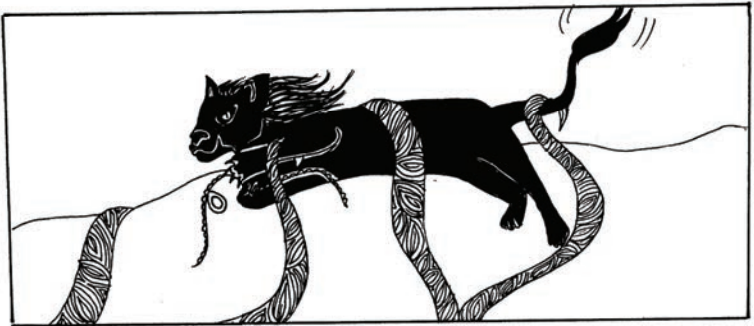
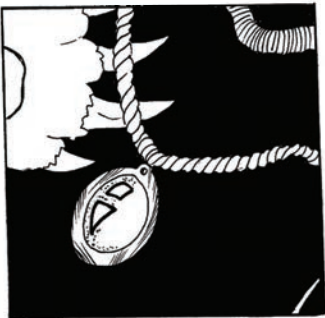
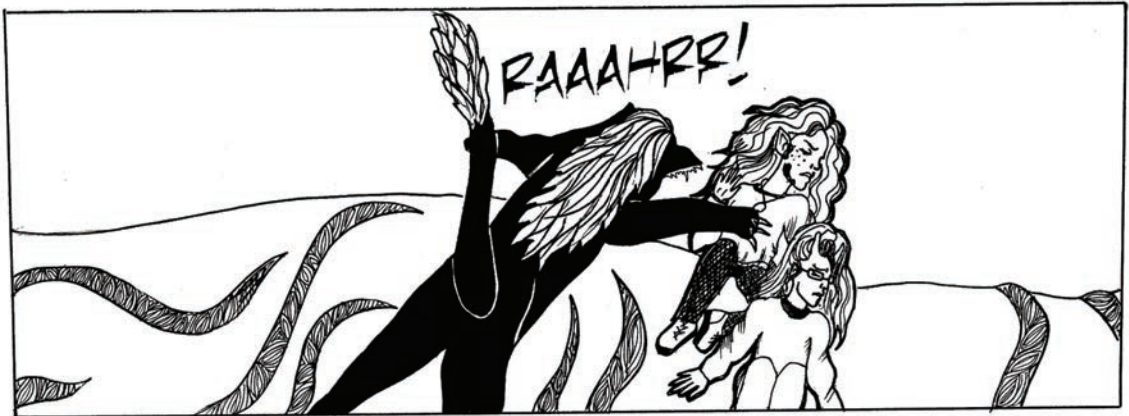
THE EXPEDITION
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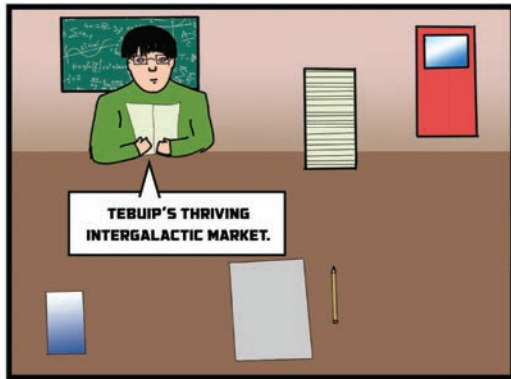
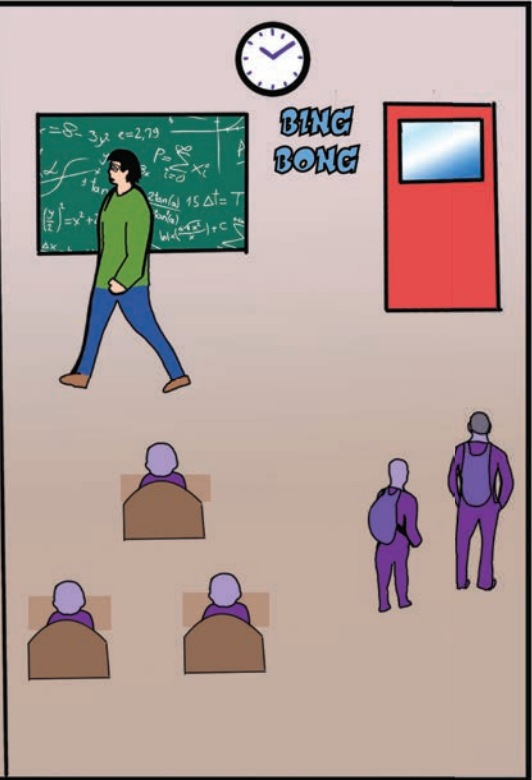
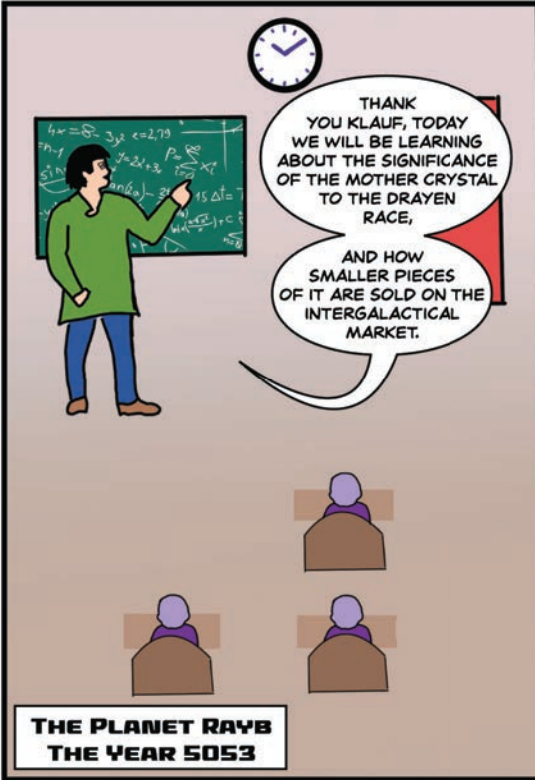
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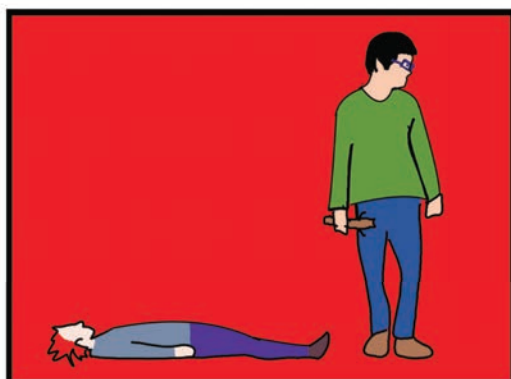


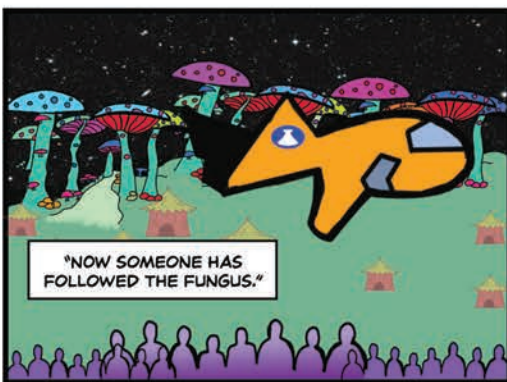
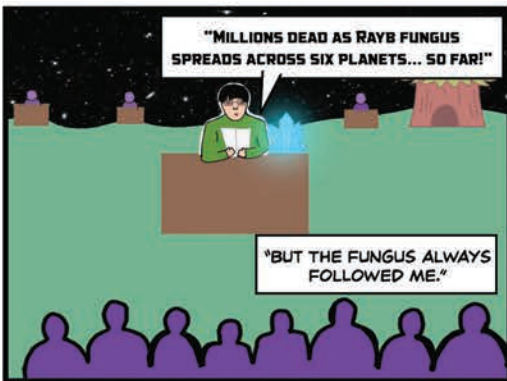
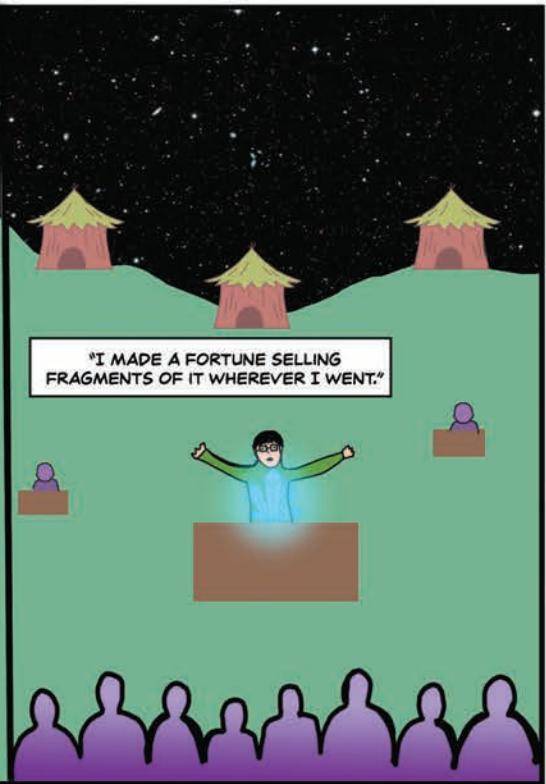














WE'RE FINALLY
HERE! IT'S PURE
DEAD BRILLIANT!

ALSO,
WHERE ARE THE
LASSIES?!

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SATURN IS
STAYING IN THE SHIP
BECAUSE SHE HAD A
PECULIAR REACTION
TO THE FUNGUS.

ARE YOU
NOT COMING
IN TOO FAST?

OH MY.



WE'RE 'ERE!!
ANOTHER HAPPY
LANDING!

YOUR PILOTING
SKILLS ARE TRULY
DISGRACEFUL.



IT'S SO UNFAIR
THAT WE'RE JUST SITTING IN
HERE BECAUSE I HAVE A
MUSHROOM ALLERGY! THAT
BEING SAID, LUCK AND THE
FUNGUS ARE THE ONLY
REASON YOU'RE ALIVE...



IT WAS YOUR BRAVERY
THAT SAVED ME SATURN! YOU'RE
TOO HARD ON YOURSELF! YOU'VE
BEEN THROUGH SO MUCH, YET
YOU STILL POWER THROUGH!



YOU'RE
AMAZING.

SPIDER
FREEDOM
WRITTEN BY: KIERAN HAND
ART BY: EWAN L'YACH
LETTERED BY: KEVIN SMITH

HOW DO WE RETRIEVE THE MOTHER CRYSTAL AND RESTORE IT TO ITS PLANET OF ORIGIN?

RIGHT NOW WE HAVE BIGGER PROBLEMS.

I'VE WATCHED COUNTLESS PLANETS ROT, WITHER AND DIE YET I CAN'T EVEN BRING MYSELF TO RETURN THE CRYSTAL. BUT I MUST KILL THESE INVADERS TO PRESERVE THE SMALL AMOUNT OF DIGNITY I HAVE LEFT...



WE HAVE TO HELP THEM!

BUT HOW...

THE ONLY WAY I CAN THINK OF IS GIVING YOU MUSHROOM SUPERPOWERS AGAIN.

I DON'T EVEN KNOW HOW I GOT THEM THOUGH. WHEN I HELD THE CRYSTAL, I JUST GOT THEM...

WAIT!! I GOT THEM WHEN YOUR TINY CRYSTAL CAME IN CONTACT WITH THE FUNGUS, RIGHT?!

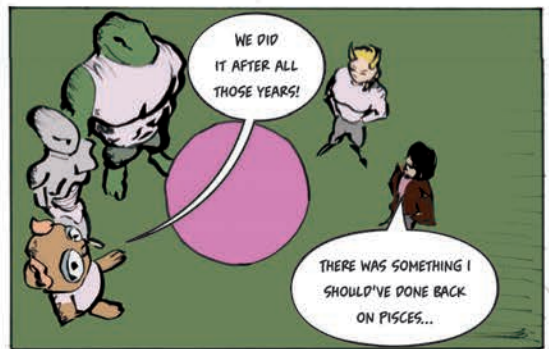
IF WE GOT YOU TO THE MOTHER CRYSTAL, YOU'D BE UNSTOPPABLE!! ...BUT THE CRYSTAL IS ALL THE WAY PAST THE FIGHT ...WHAT IF IT DOESN'T WORK?

BUT WHAT IF IT DOES?

I EVEN HAVE A TELEPORTER TO GET YOU THERE!







TEEN GN AND MASTERCLASS PARTICIPANTS

David Novak

I'm 19 years old. I was born in Croatia, currently live in Cork, Ireland. In my spare time, I draw. I attend Mayfield Community School.

Danny Ryan

I'm a sporty nerd who wanted to make a story about hurling: to Granda Mick, your life and career will help me reach new heights that you have never seen before.

Kaela Linehan Brady

I'm your average nerd who likes tea, comics, and martial arts. I'm hoping to be a writer/illustrator/letterer.

Rebe Angel

I'm 14 years old and I have been drawing for around a year now. I have my own style but I love drawing anime. My instagram is teenbee20191.

Kate Hogan

I'm 15, and I enjoy writing stories and creating fictional characters. I'm very passionate about the Arts. In the future I'd like to explore a career in writing for stage and screen.

Vicky Burke

Vicky is a 19 year old student, studying English at UCC. She also enjoys talking about frogs and eating jam.

Kieran Hand

Kieran is in 5th year and loves writing graphic novels, as well as running and gaming. You can contact him at kieranhand358@gmail.com.

Ewan Lynch

Ewan is a cork based comicbook artist and can be contacted at @ewanjlynch

Marina Durcan

Marina is a 16 year student. Loves art, music, animation - and cats!!!

Evie Rose

I love drawing so this was a fantastic project to be involved with.

Mikayla O'Sullivan

I am a 15 year old TY student from Ballinlough, Cork. I love working on comics and I'm very interested in animation. Instagram: @fish_._eye

Holly Rea

This is my first comic and the experience has motivated me to improve my art. Im already illustrating my second comic.

Amy Louise

Amy Louise is a Cork illustrator who likes colour, plants and mythology.

Sadhbh Elliott

Sadhbh is an artist from Dublin who likes drawing comics.

Alicja Maciejowska, Anthony Wright & Daniel Mallon



Cork World Book Festival, a unique celebration of books and readings, is run annually every April by Cork City Libraries. The first festival was held in Cork in 2005, when the city was European Capital of Culture. The 2021 Fest will be the 17th edition; it starts on 20 April, and runs until Sunday 25, featuring discussions, workshops, pitches and more.

Featured writers over the past decade include John Banville, Amiri Baraka, Claire Keegan, Edna O'Brien, Bernard O'Donoghue, Carol Ann Duffy, Derek Mahon, Colm Toibin, Nuala Ní Dhomhnaill, Pawel Huelle, Drago Jančar, Tracy K. Smith, and many more.

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This year will see writers from Australia, Latin America, Ireland and Northern Ireland read from their work in events taking place online. The programme also includes events with partners UCC and, for the first time, Nano Nagle Place and Fiction at the Friary in bringing writers and readers together.