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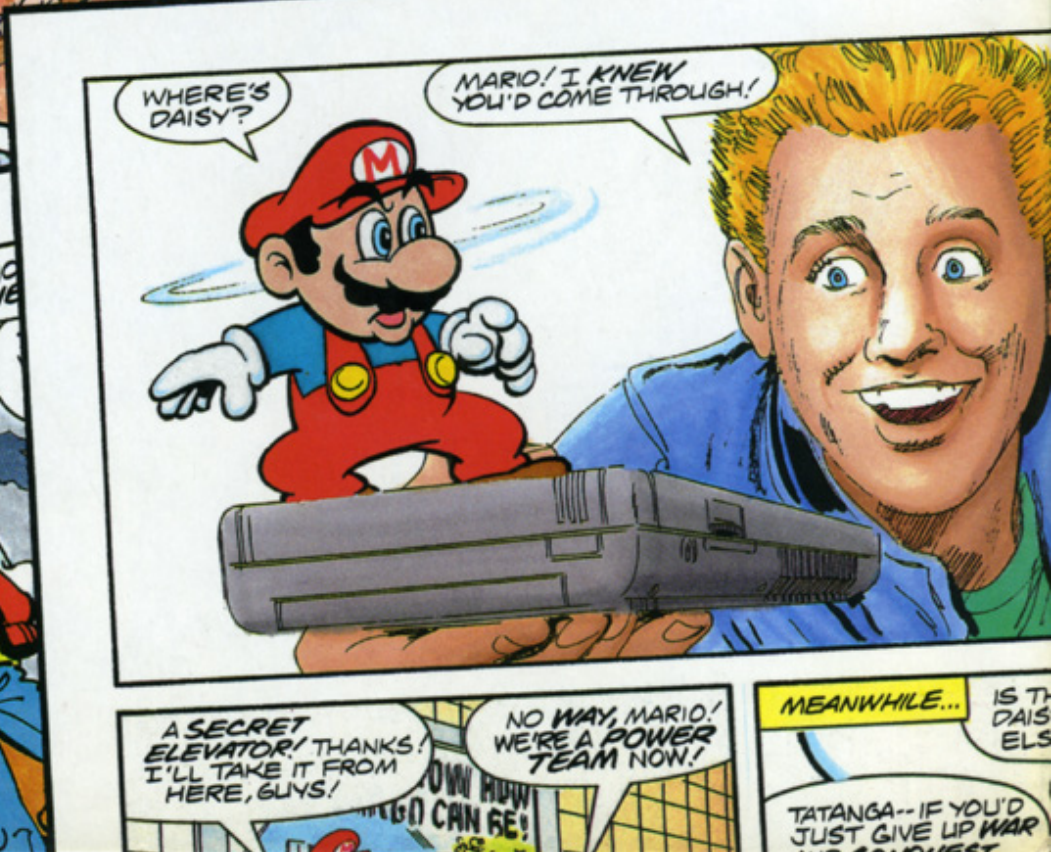
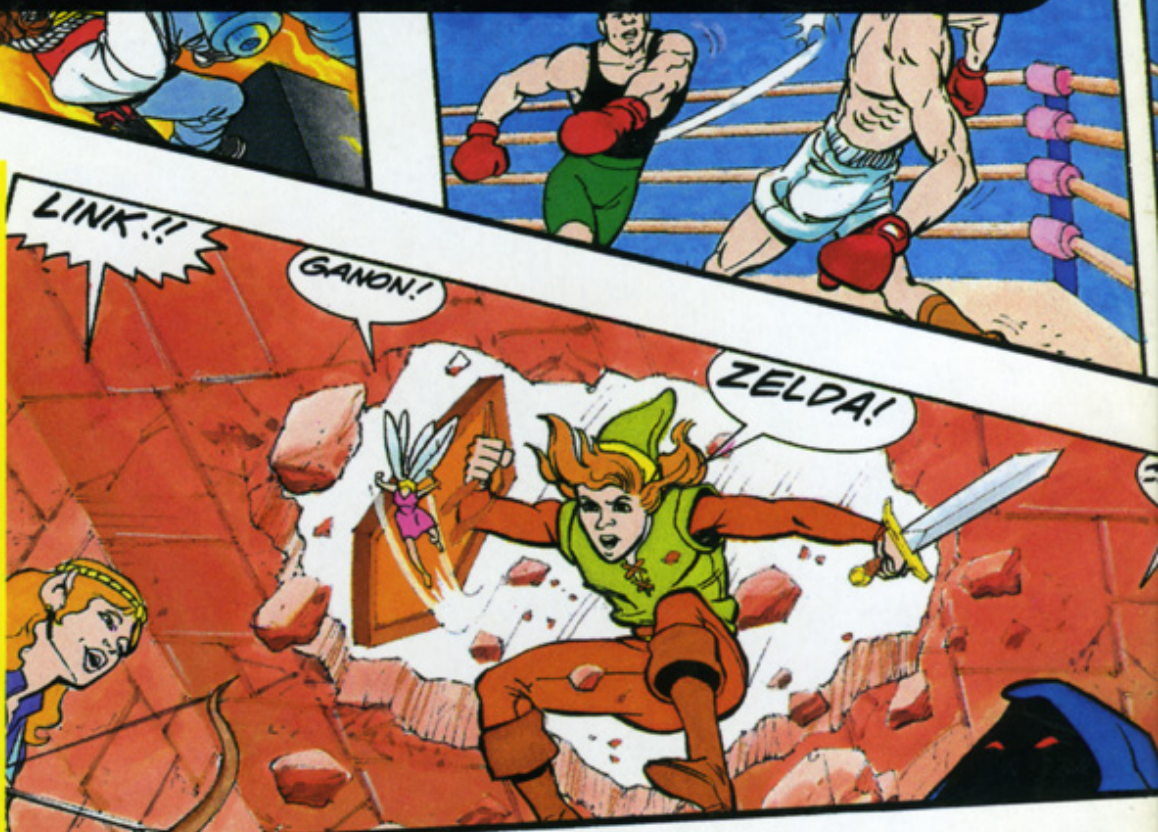
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PUNCH-OUT!!

METROID

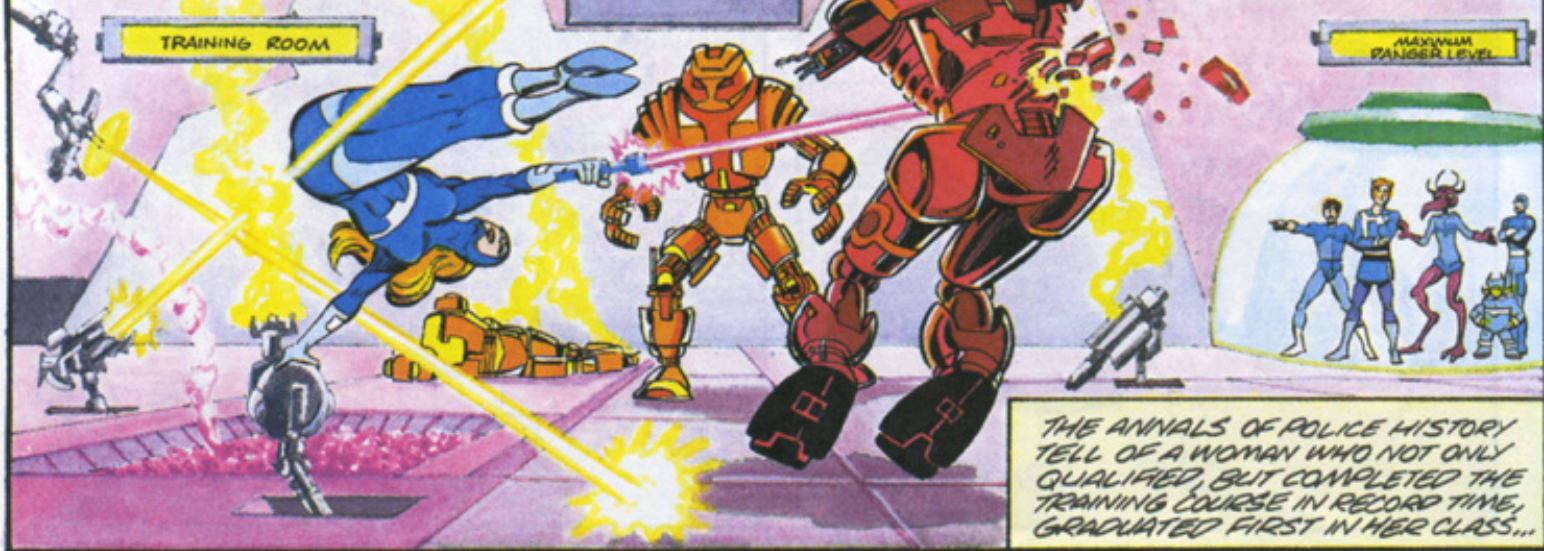
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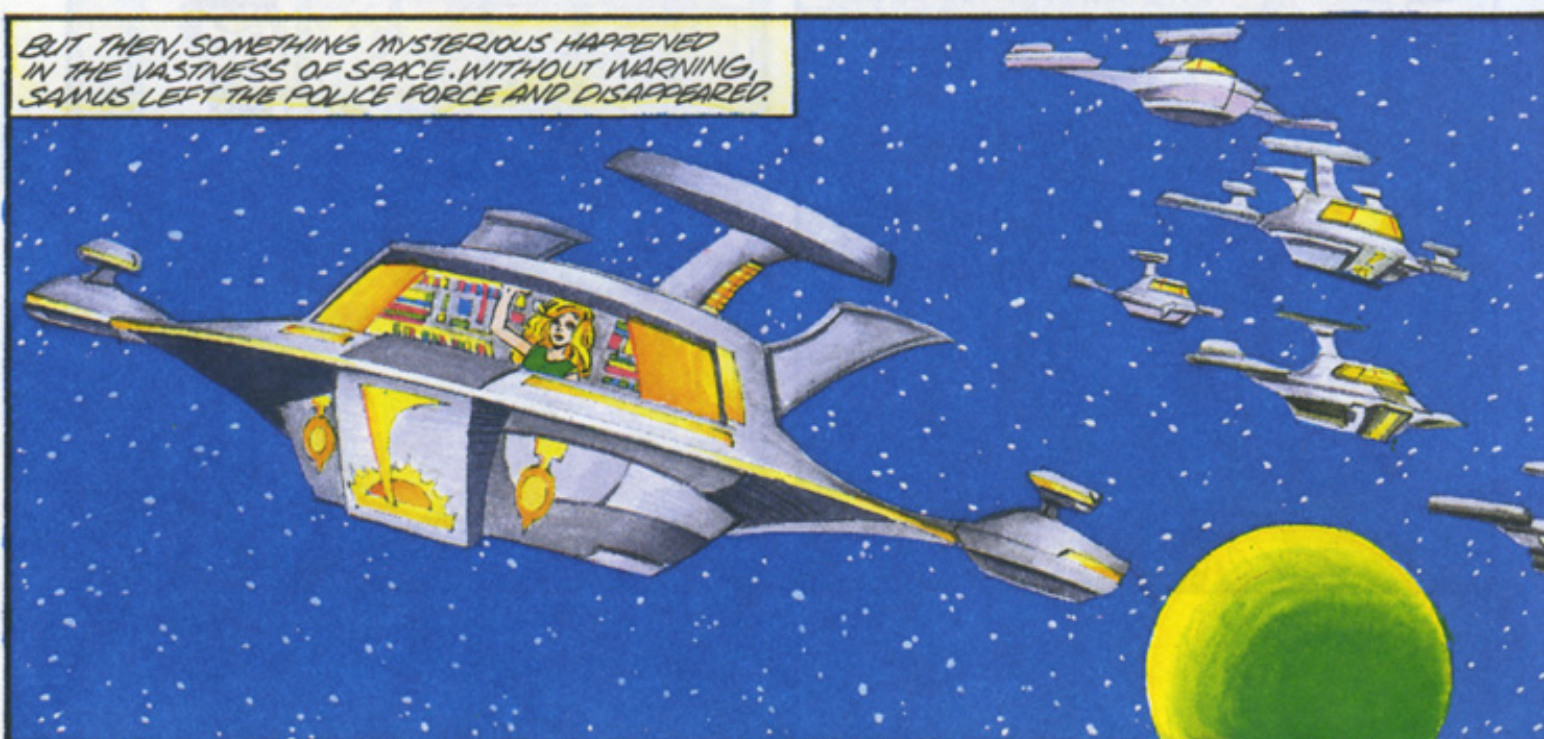
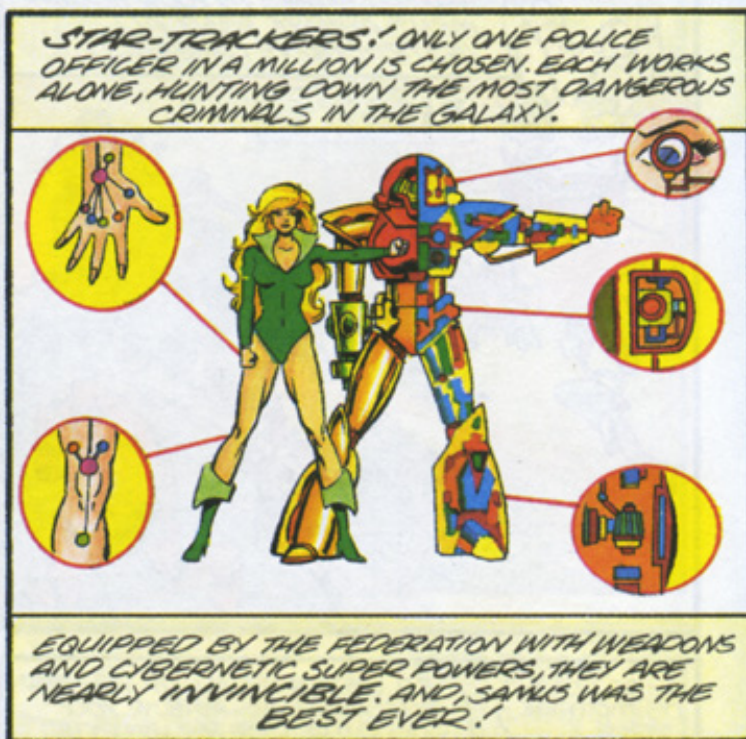
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THE COMING OF A HERO

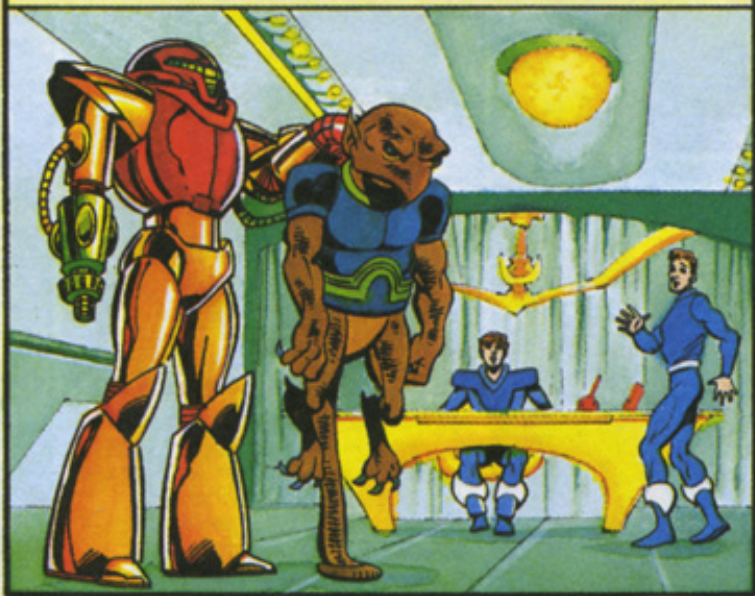
IN THE GALACTIC FEDERATION, ONLY ONE BEING IN A MILLION IS QUALIFIED TO JOIN THE FEDERATION POLICE FORCE.



THE ANNALS OF POLICE HISTORY TELL OF A WOMAN WHO NOT ONLY QUALIFIED, BUT COMPLETED THE TRAINING COURSE IN RECORD TIME, GRADUATED FIRST IN HER CLASS...



WHEN SAMUS REAPPEARED, SHE WOULD NOT SPEAK ABOUT WHY SHE LEFT THE FORCE. SHE BECAME A FREE AGENT--A GALACTIC BOUNTY HUNTER, TAKING ON MISSIONS OTHERS DECLARED IMPOSSIBLE.



THEN, ON AN ISOLATED WORLD KNOWN AS SR388, A GROUP OF SPACE PIRATES CAME UPON THE GREATEST THREAT IN THE HISTORY OF THE FEDERATION, A DEADLY NEW LIFE FORM, CALLED...THE METROID!



THE SPACE PIRATES TOOK THE FEARSOME CREATURES HOME, HOPING TO CONTROL THEM. THE PLAN BACKFIRED, AND THE PIRATES MIGHT HAVE BEEN DESTROYED...



... EXCEPT FOR THE SKILL OF THEIR LEADER, MOTHER BRAIN! SHE COULD MENTALLY CONTROL THE CREATURES--AND THREATENED TO USE THEM AGAINST THE FEDERATION!



THE FEDERATION KNEW A LARGE ARMY COULD NEVER OVERWHELM MOTHER BRAIN. BUT, A SINGLE HERO MIGHT SLIP THROUGH DEFENSES AND SUCCEED WHERE ARMIES FAILED.



THIS BEGAN SAMUS ARAN'S MOST FAMOUS ASSIGNMENT--LEADING HER TO FAME, FORTUNE, AND MANY MORE DANGEROUS ADVENTURES!

METROID

THE ASTEROID KNOWN AS METROID WAS BUILT BY INTER-GALACTIC PIRATES, KNOWN AS THE PLANTEERS OF KROM. THEY DESIGNED IT AS A MOBILE ATTACK BASE TO STRIKE OTHER WORLDS, FAR BEYOND THEIR HOME PLANET, ZEBES.



METROID NORMALLY FLOATS IN SPACE ABOVE VIDEOLAND. BUT, WITH ITS POWERFUL MEGA-STAR DRIVE ENGINES, IT CAN BE MOVED ANYWHERE IN THE UNIVERSE.



METROID'S METALLIC SURFACE CONCEALS A HUGE ARRAY OF DEADLY WEAPONS, ALL MAINTAINED AND PATROLLED BY MONSTROUS CREATURES BENT ON GALACTIC DOMINATION!



METROID'S DEADLIEST THREAT, HOWEVER, LIES DEEP INSIDE THE ASTEROID. HERE, WITHIN THE ENDLESS SECRET CORRIDORS, DWELLS THE SMARTEST MOST FEARSOME FOE OF ALL... MOTHER BRAIN!


MOTHER BRAIN COMPLETELY CONTROLS METROID, BY HER GENIUS ABILITY TO PROGRAM EVERY ELECTRICAL CIRCUIT TO DO HER BIDDING. BUT, SHE IS ALSO DEPENDENT ON METROID; SHE NEEDS THE ASTEROID'S SUPPLY OF ZEEBETTE FOR POWER.

THAT'S WHY METROID ITSELF IS THE KEY WEAPON IN MOTHER BRAIN'S TIRELESS STRUGGLE TO CONQUER VIDEOLAND!




METROID

Deceit Du Jour

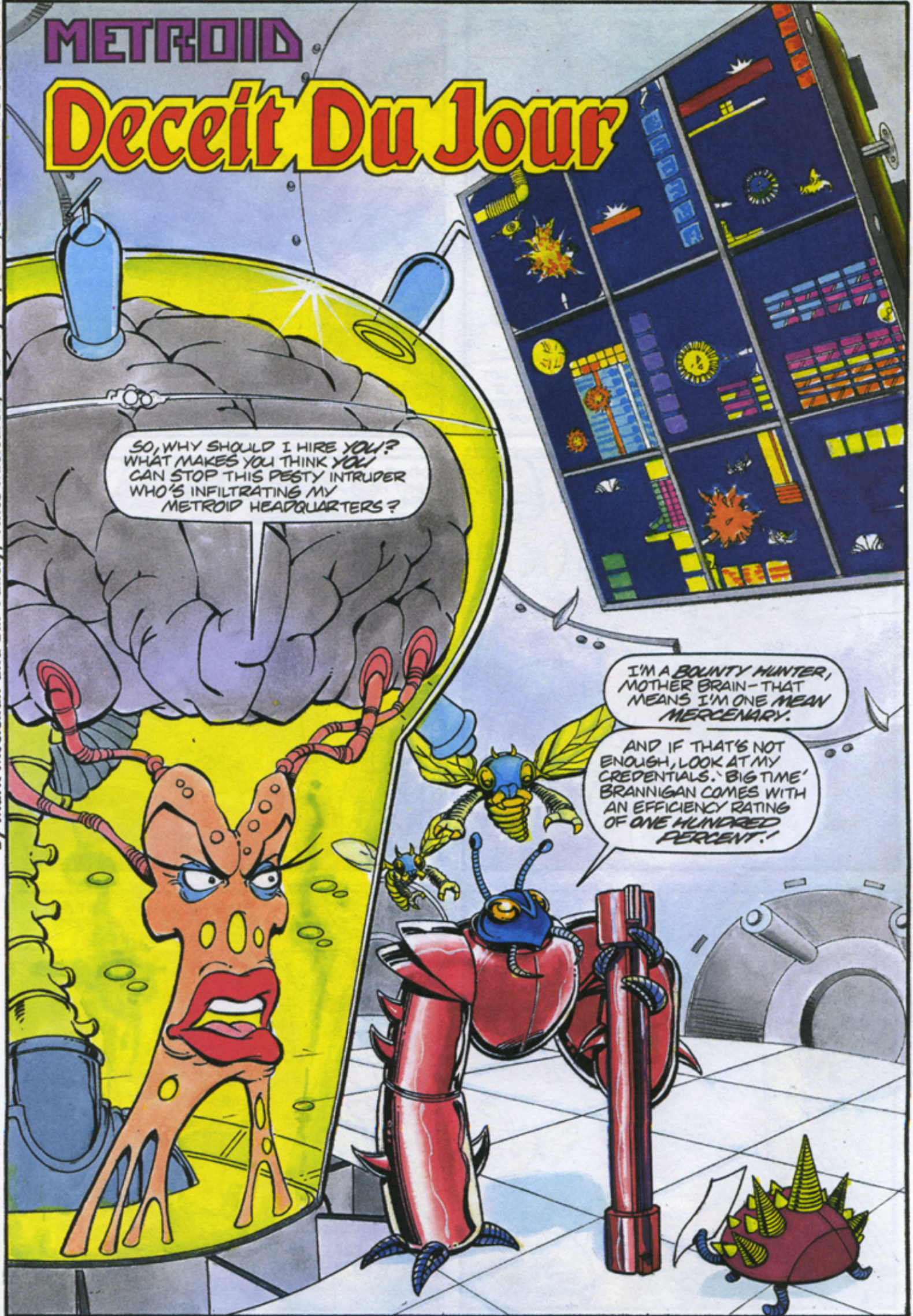


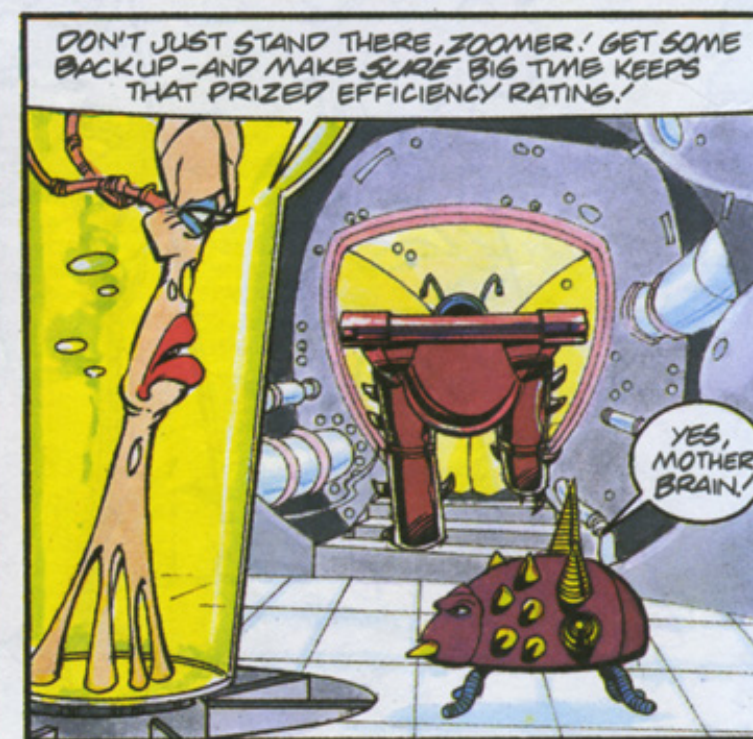
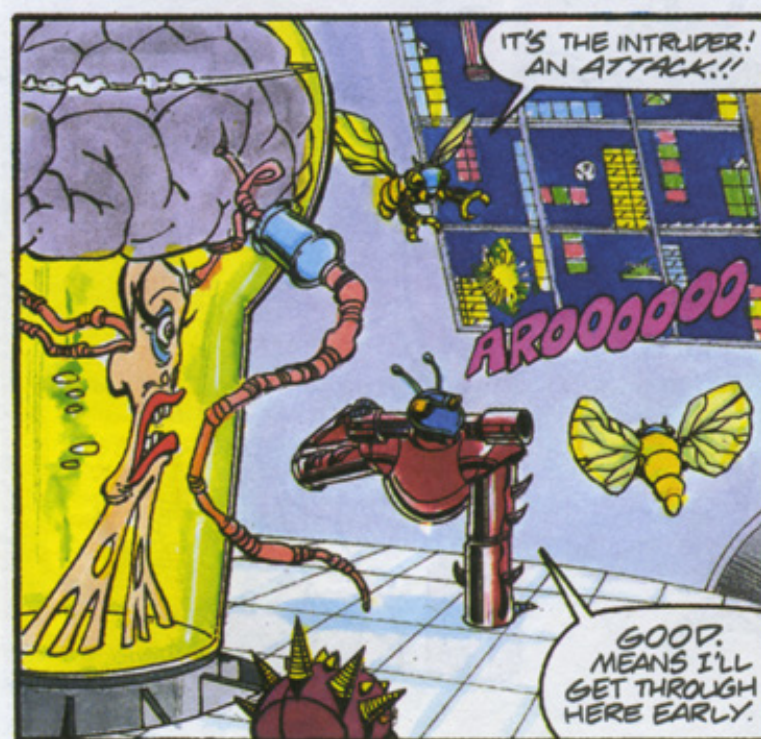
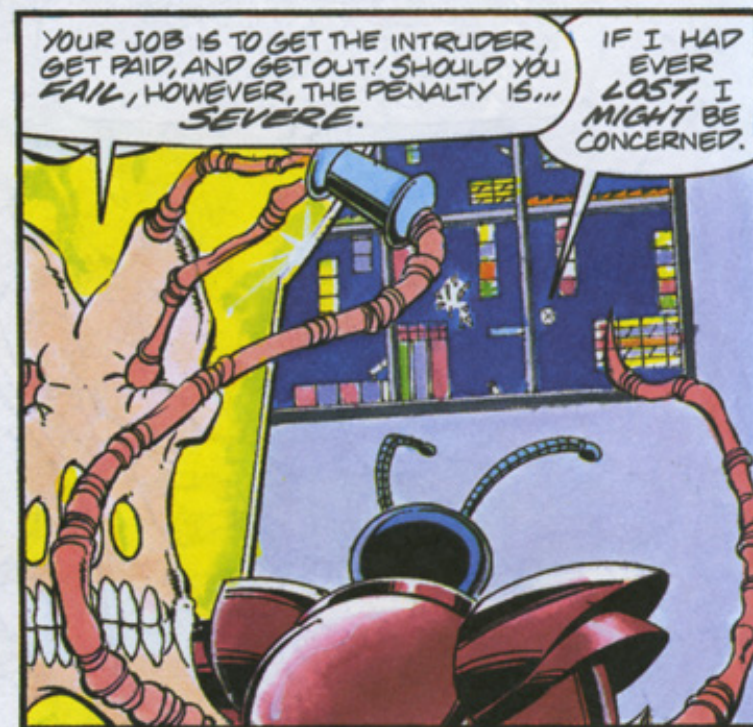
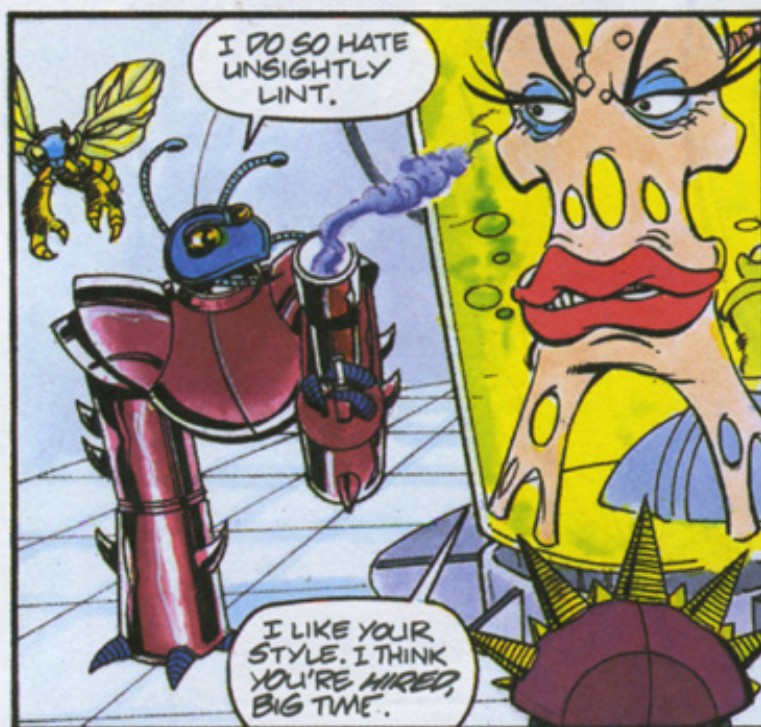
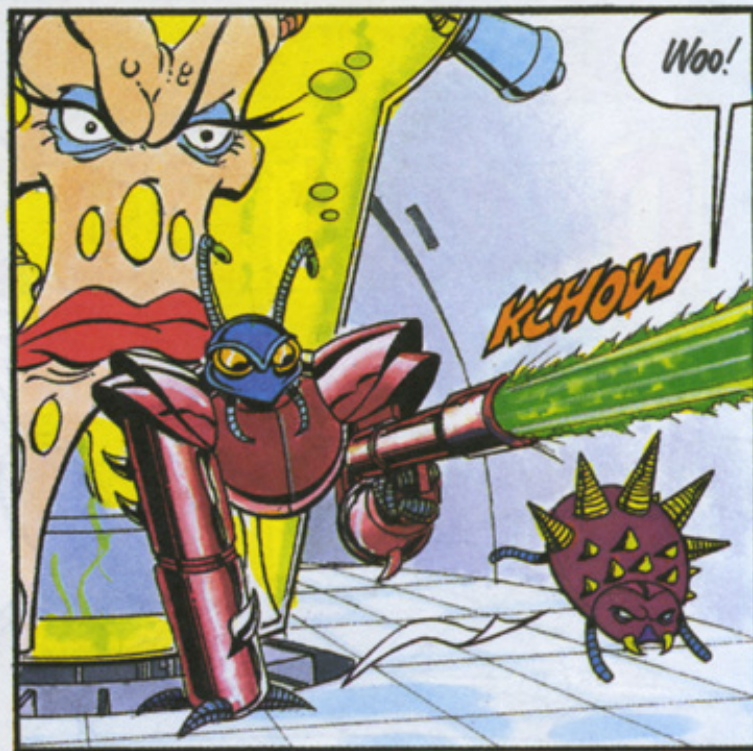
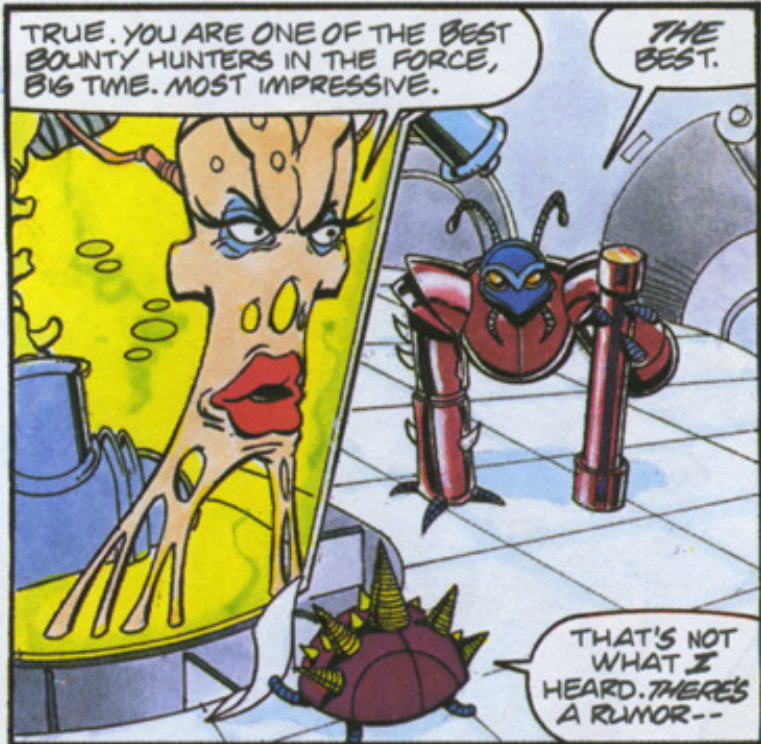
SO, WHY SHOULD I HIRE YOU?
WHAT MAKES YOU THINK YOU
CAN STOP THIS PESTY INTRUDER
WHO'S INFILTRATING MY
METROID HEADQUARTERS?



I'M A BOUNTY HUNTER,
MOTHER BRAIN—THAT
MEANS I'M ONE MEAN
MERCENARY.

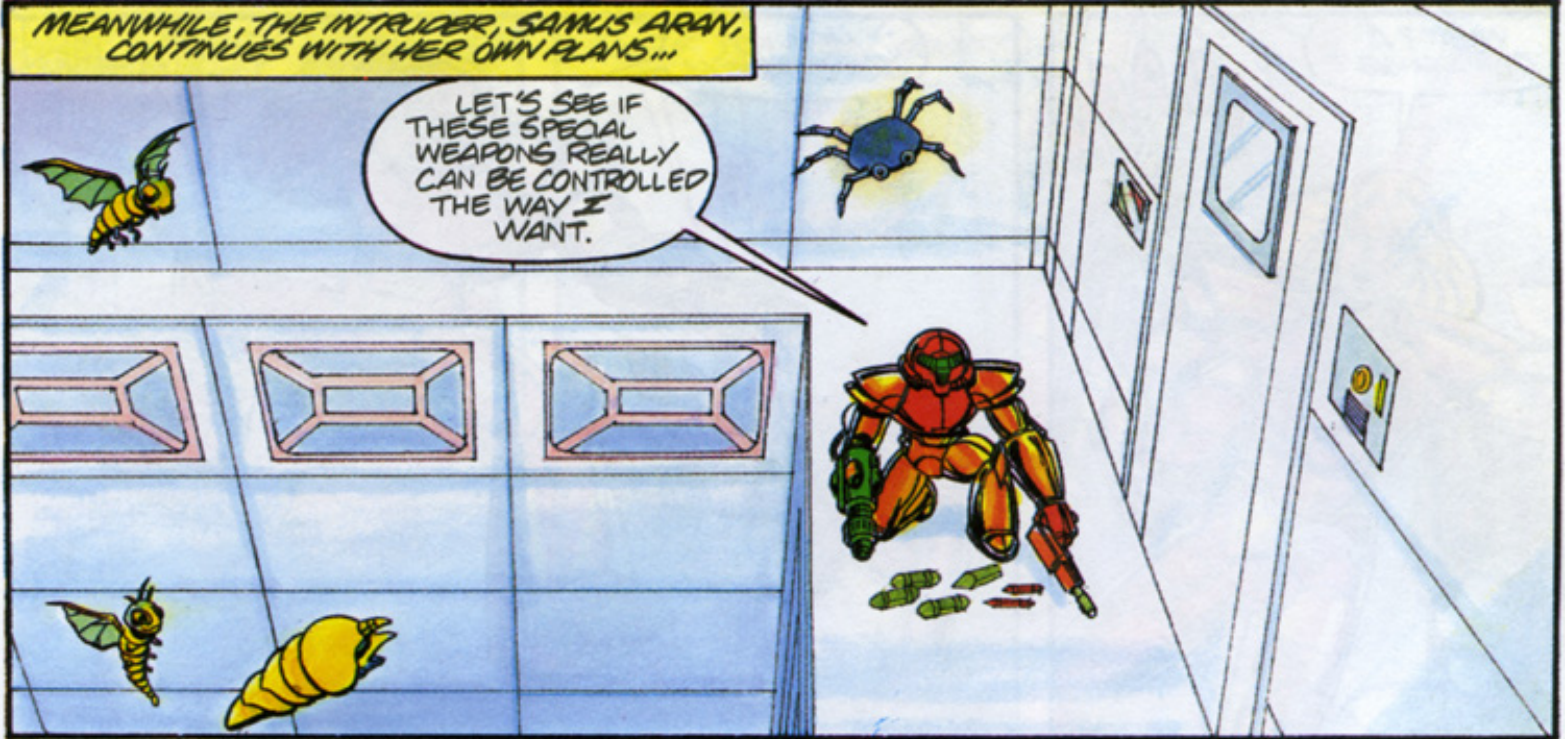
AND IF THAT'S NOT
ENOUGH, LOOK AT MY
CREDENTIALS. 'BIG TIME'
BRANNIGAN COMES WITH
AN EFFICIENCY RATING
OF ONE HUNDRED
PERCENT!



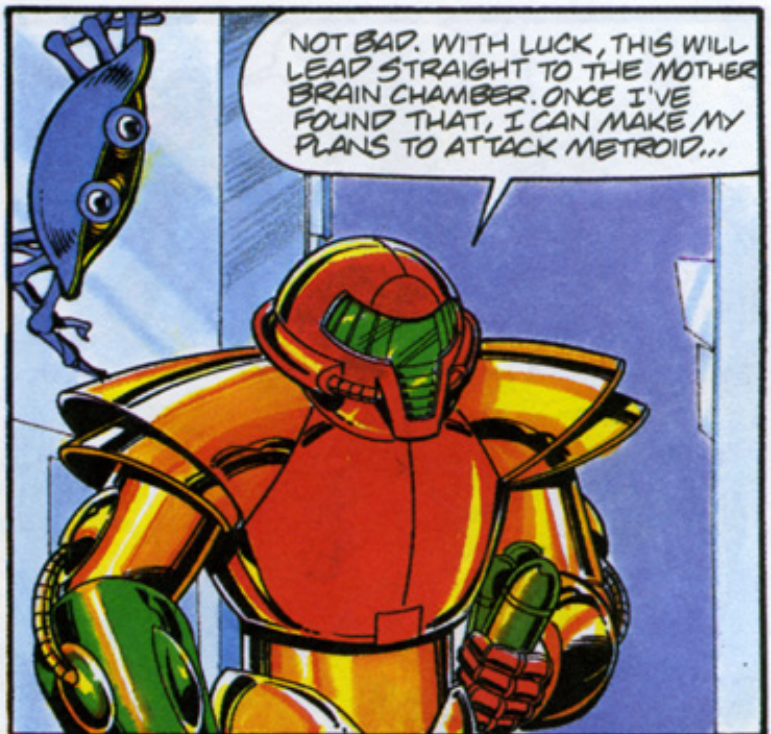


MEANWHILE, THE INTRUDER, SANKI'S ARAN, CONTINUES WITH HER OWN PLANS...

LET'S SEE IF THESE SPECIAL WEAPONS REALLY CAN BE CONTROLLED THE WAY I WANT.



NOT BAD. WITH LUCK, THIS WILL LEAD STRAIGHT TO THE MOTHER BRAIN CHAMBER. ONCE I'VE FOUND THAT, I CAN MAKE MY PLANS TO ATTACK METROID...



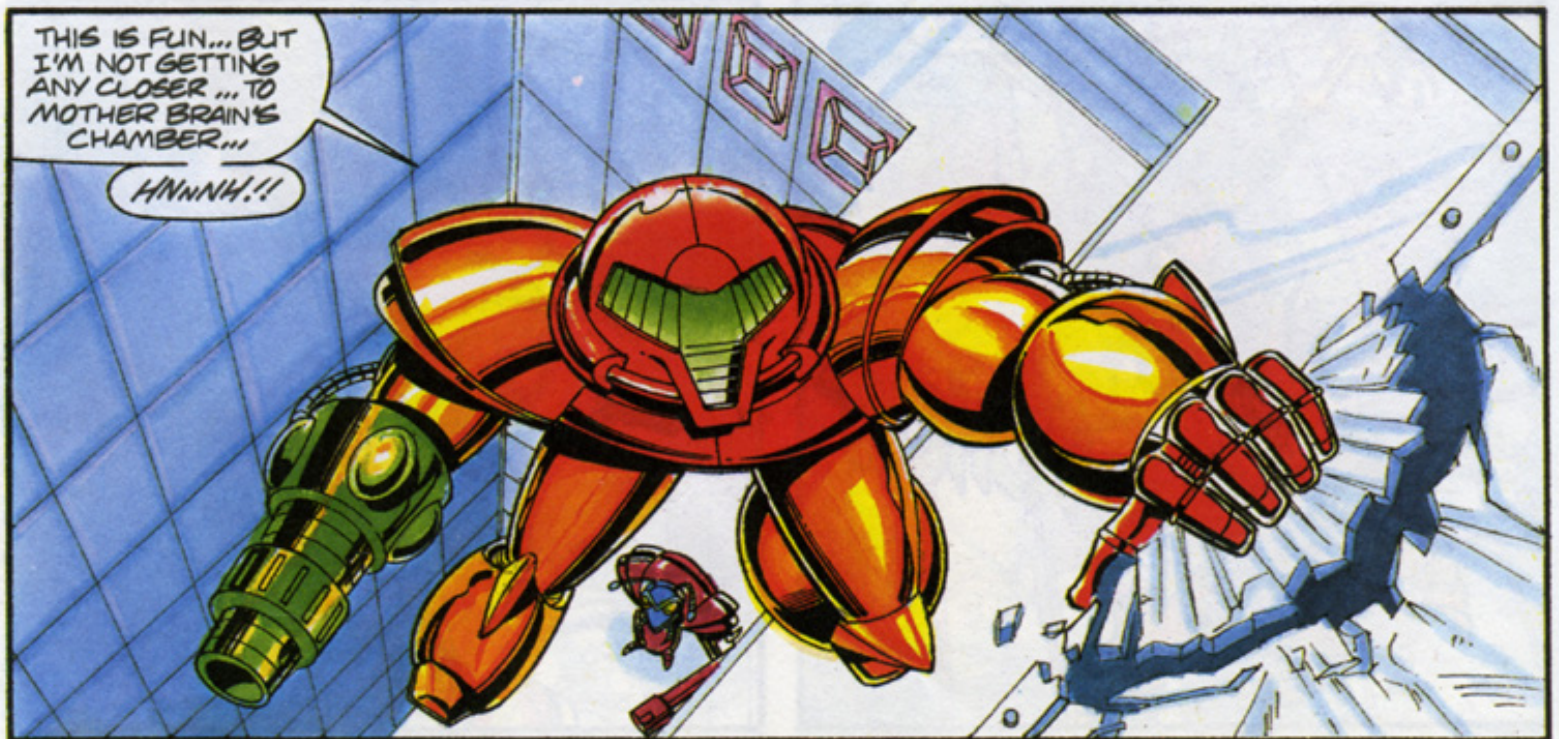
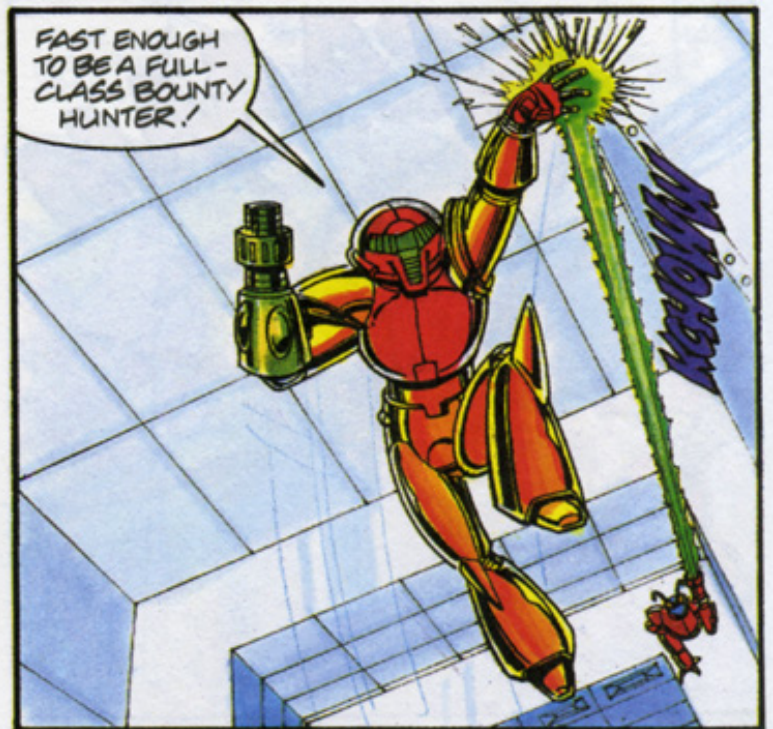
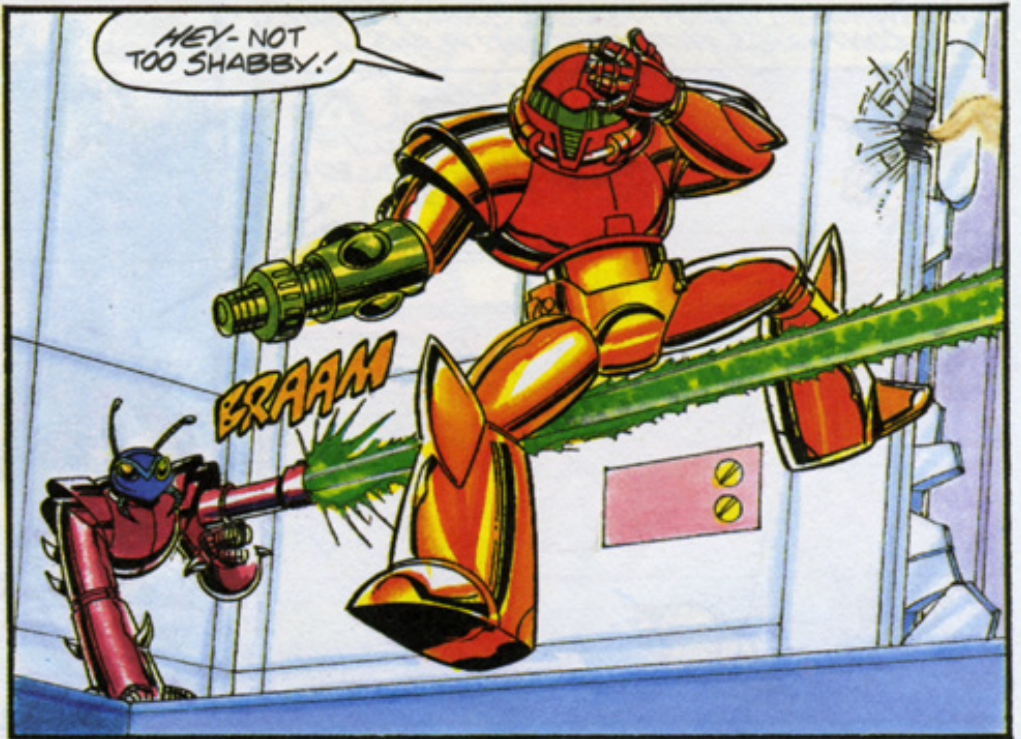
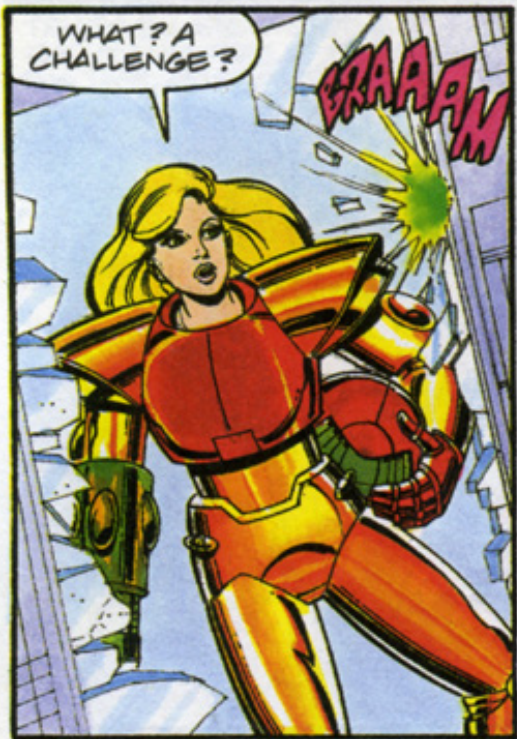
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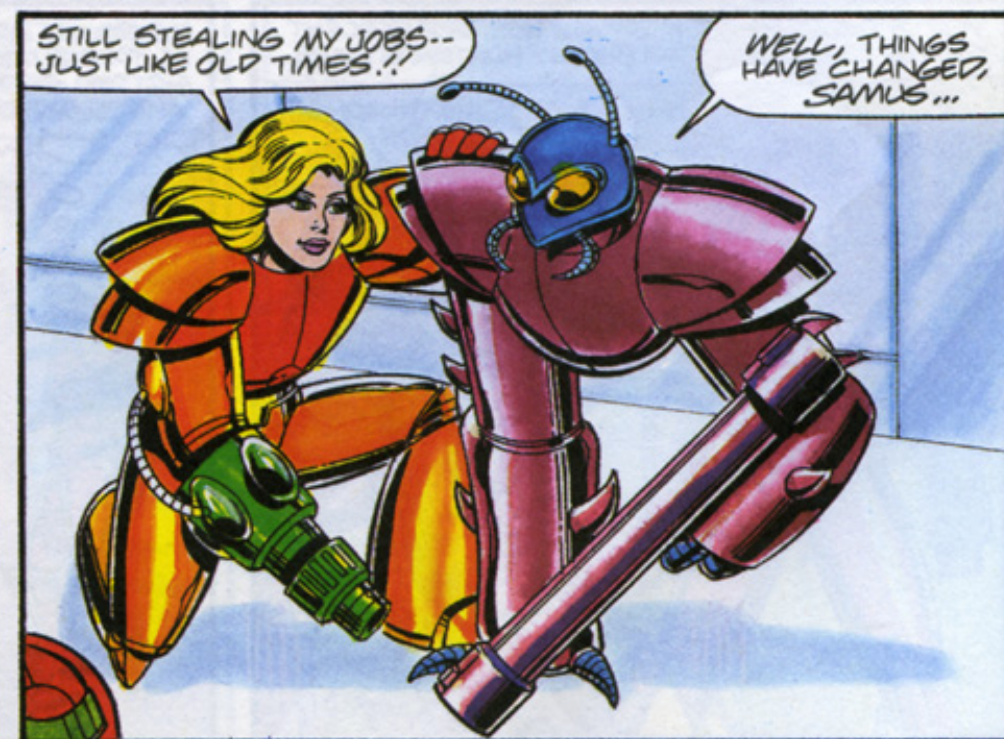
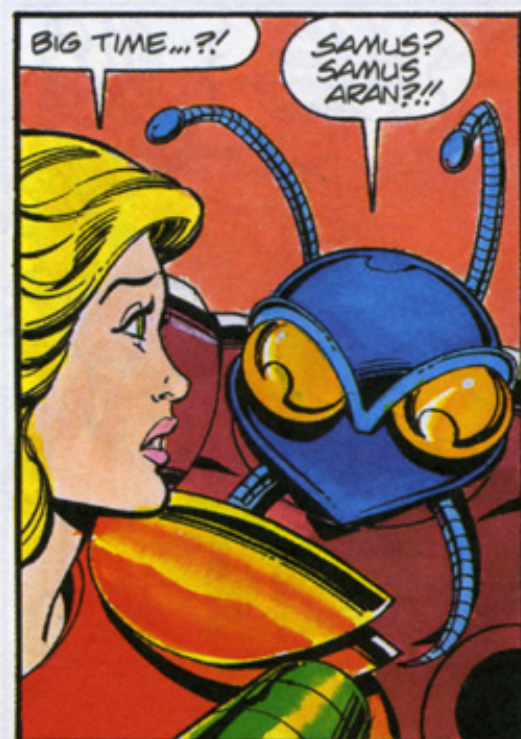
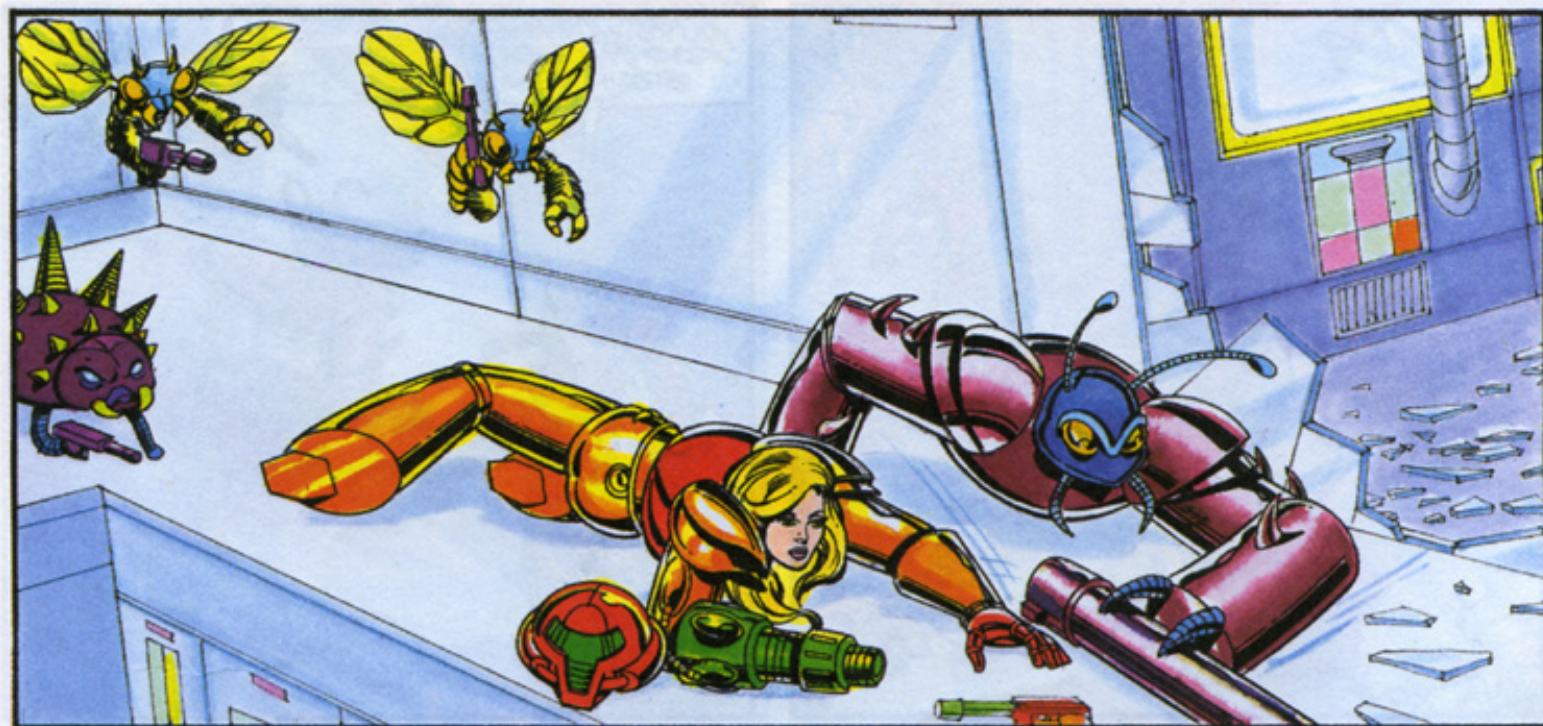
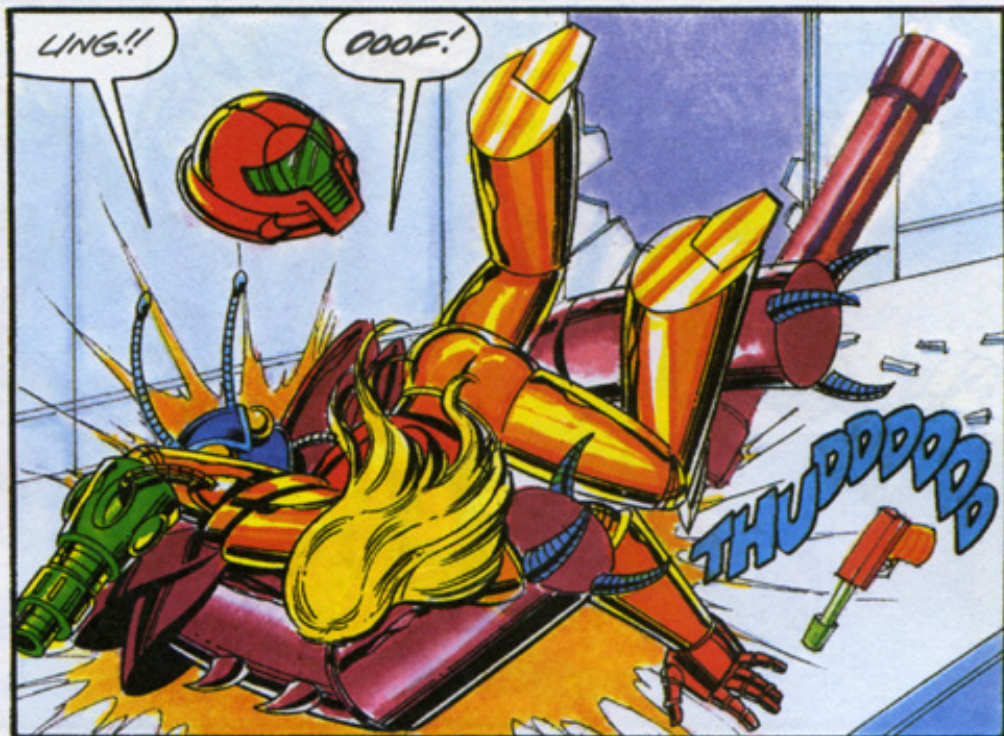
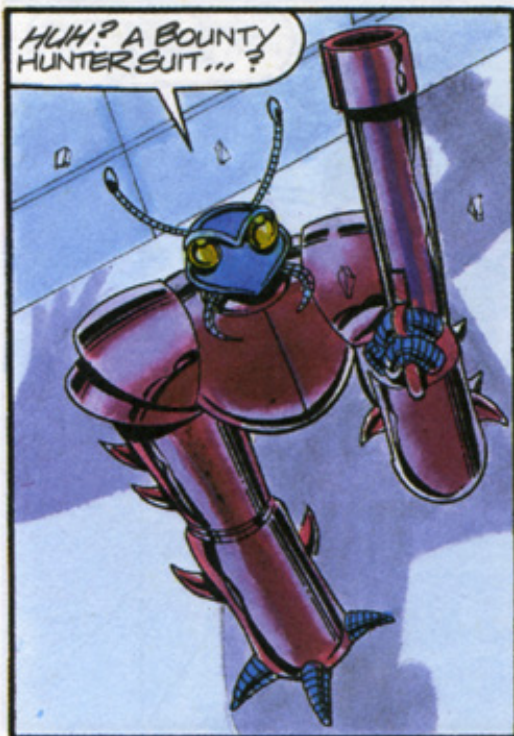
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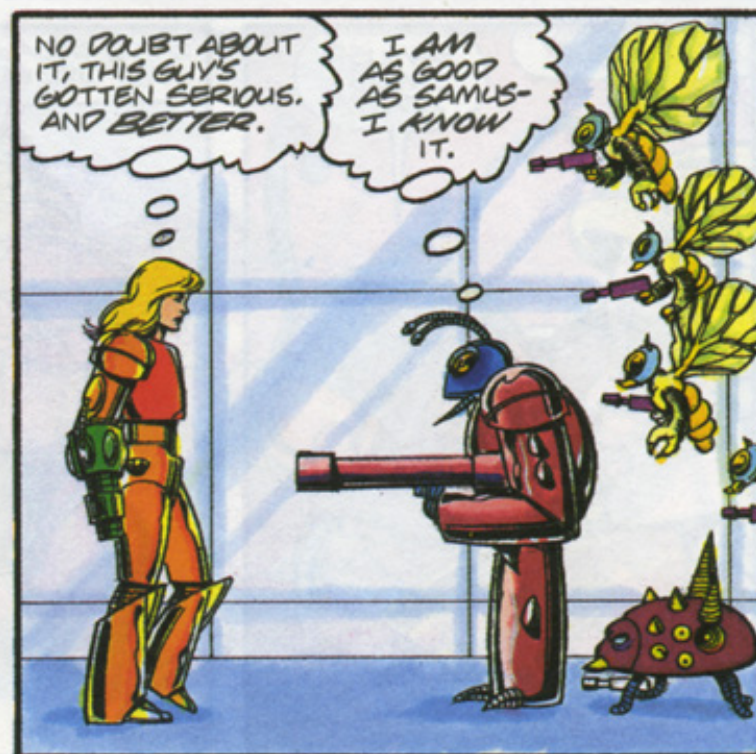
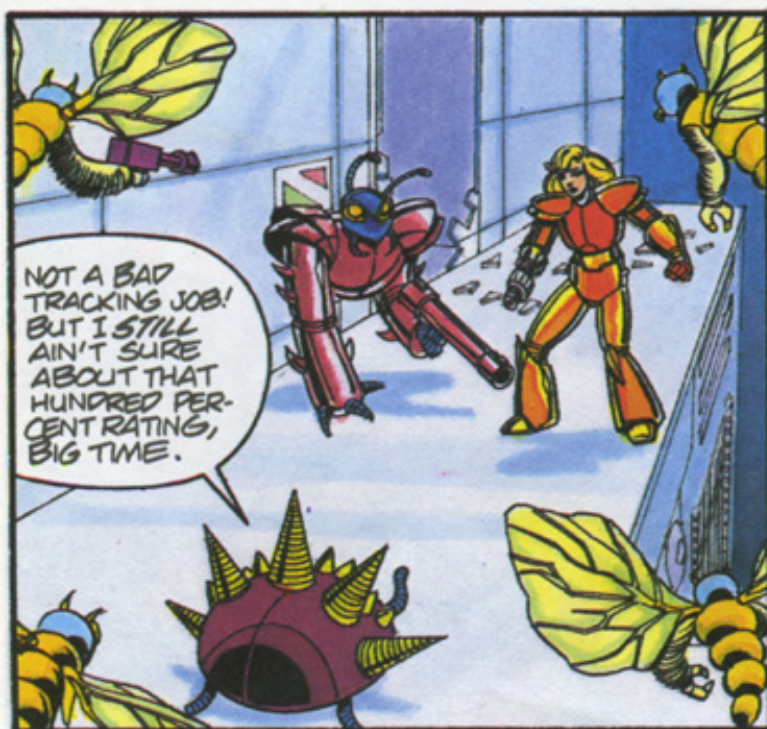
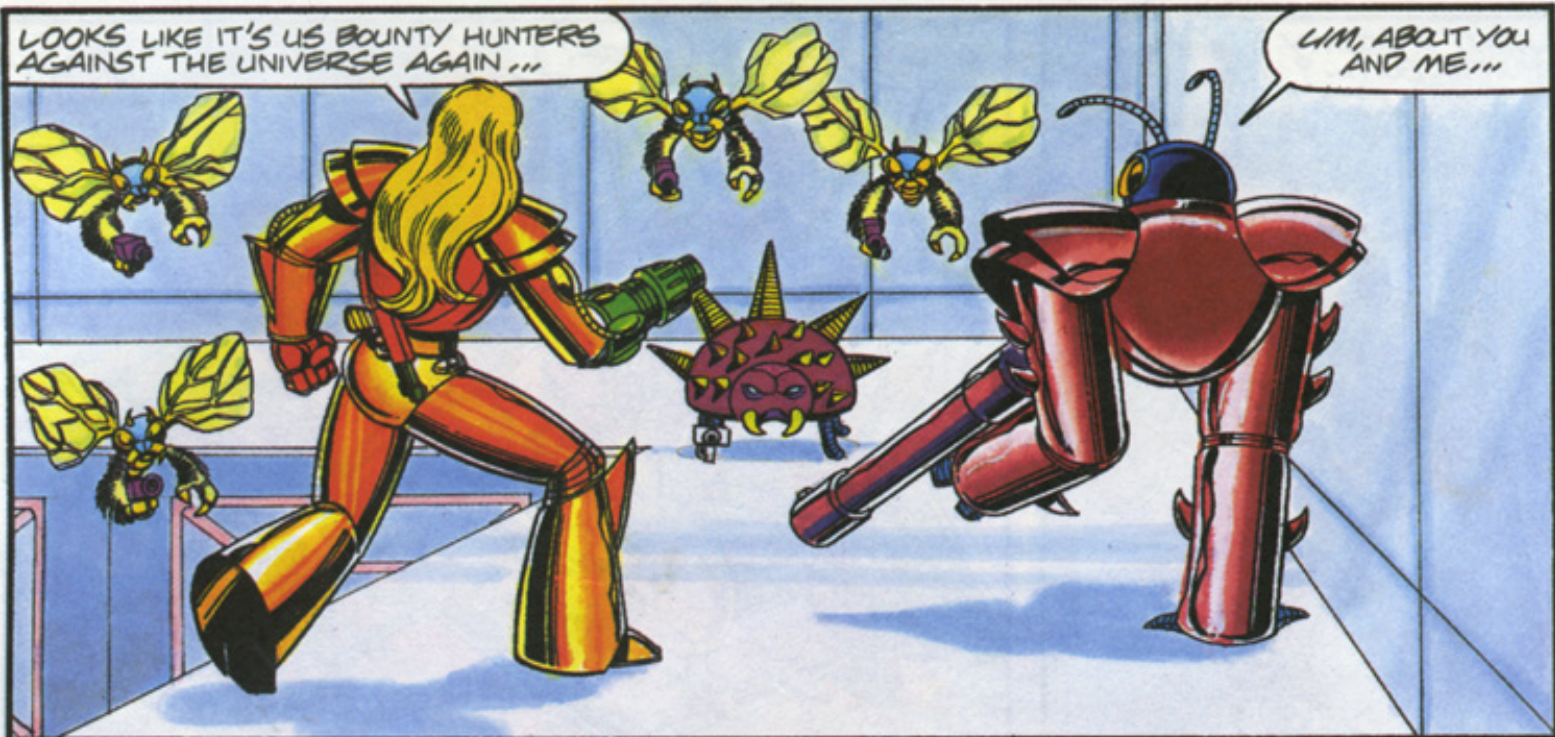


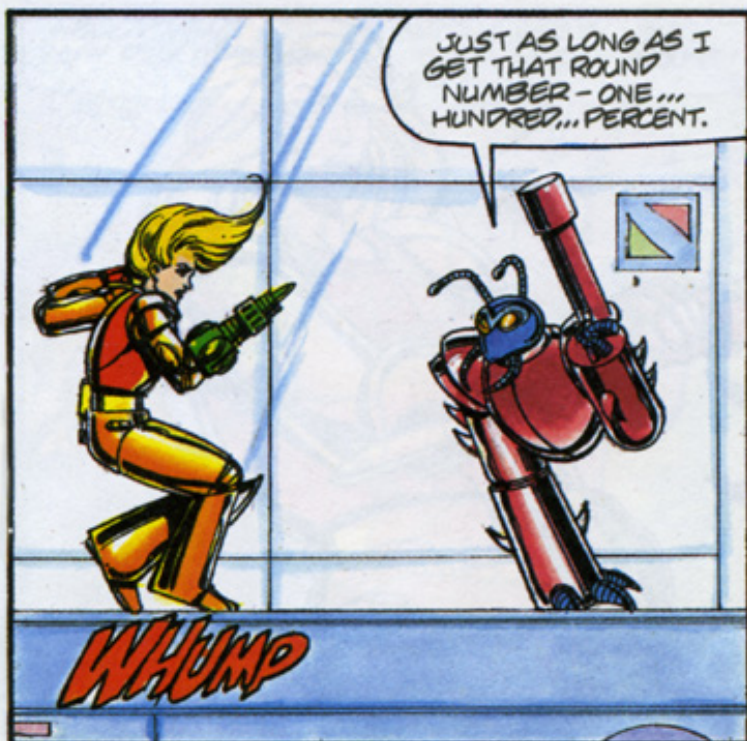
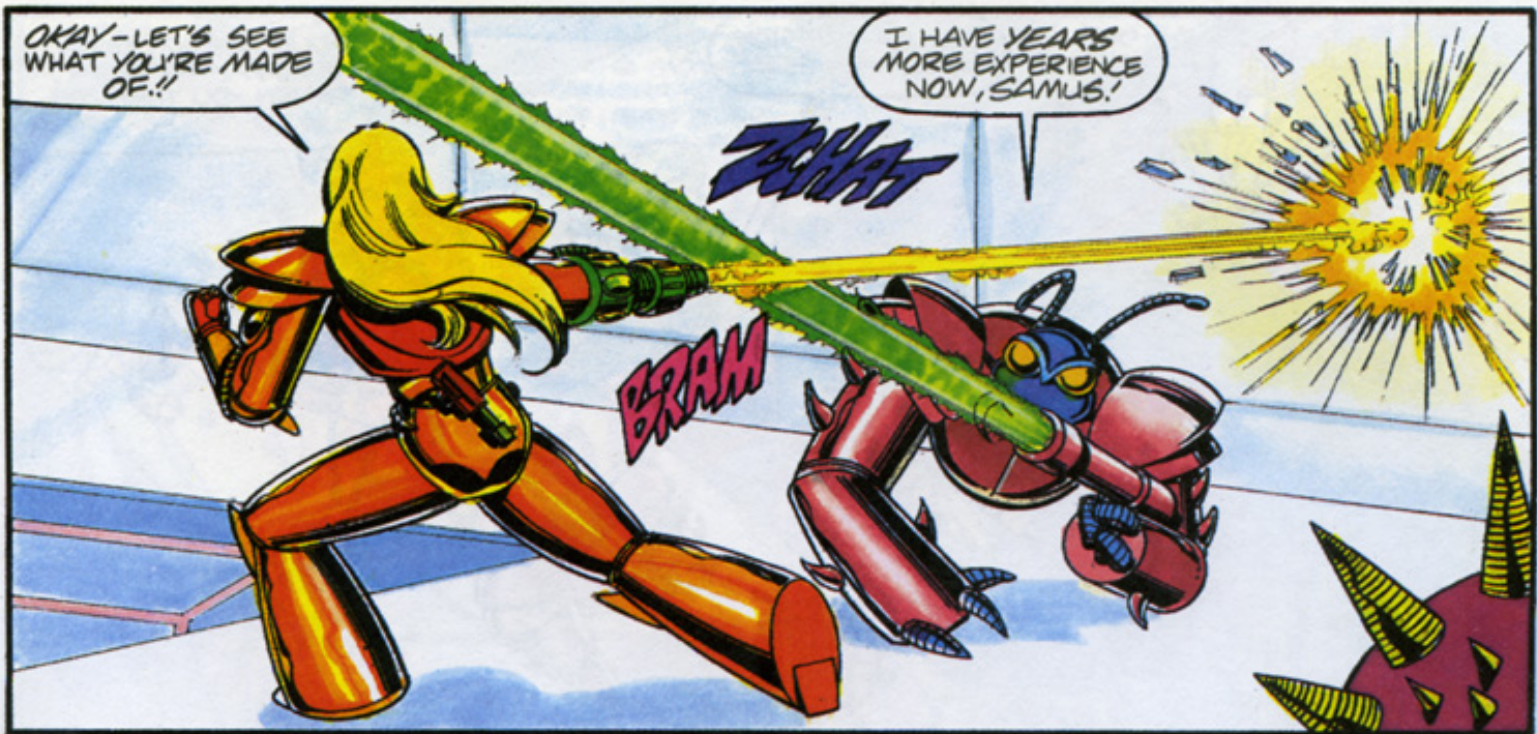
SO MUCH FOR THIS WORLD'S MONSTERS. ANYBODY ELSE?

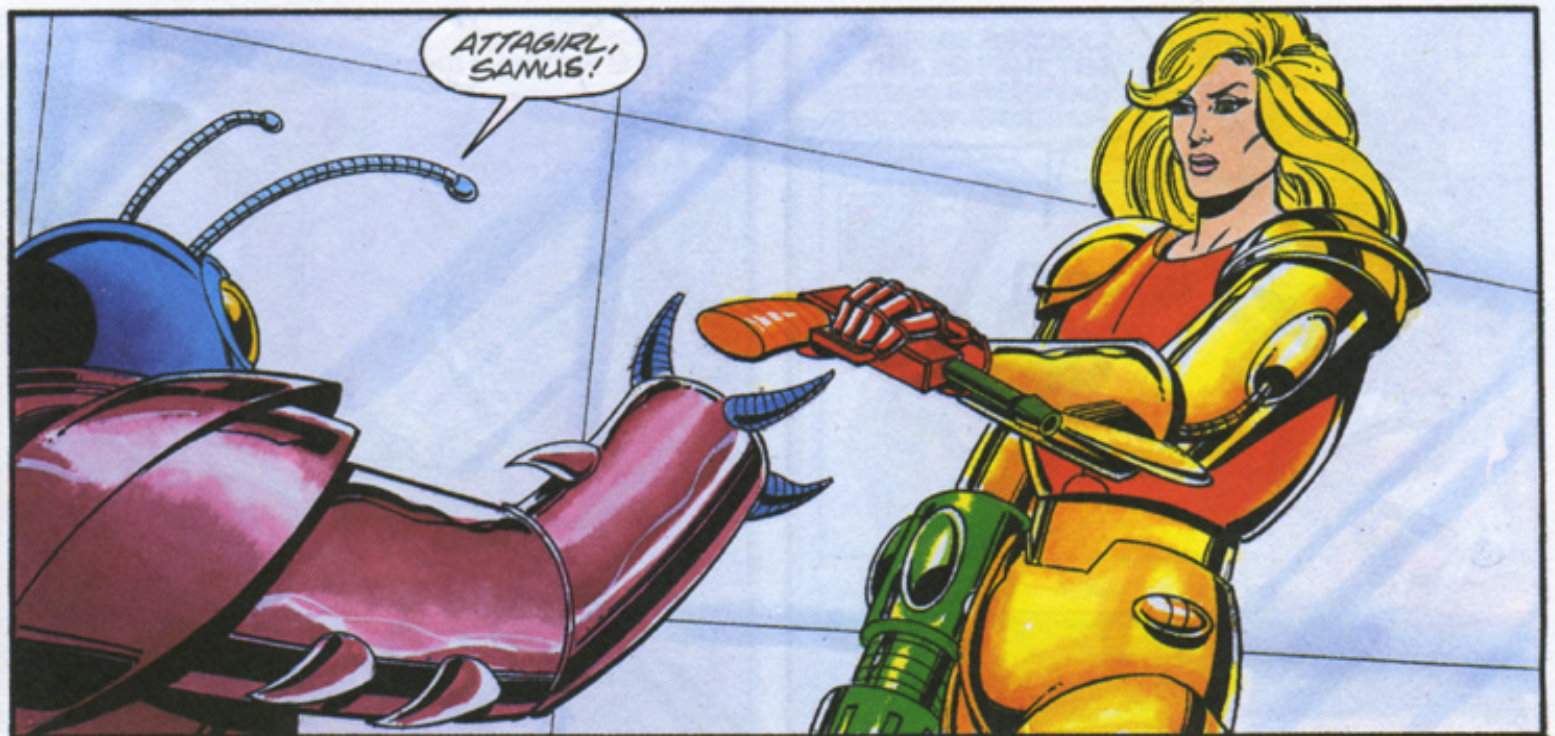
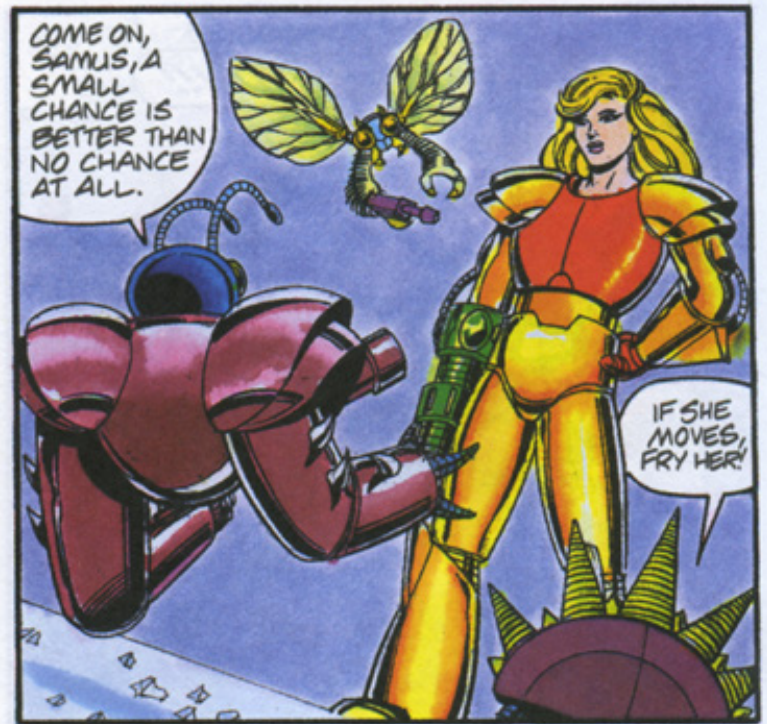
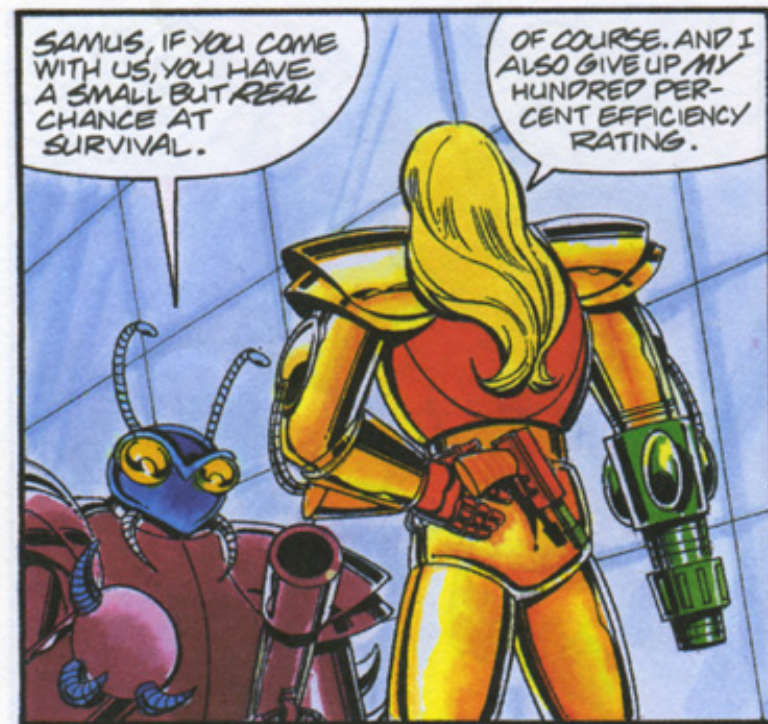
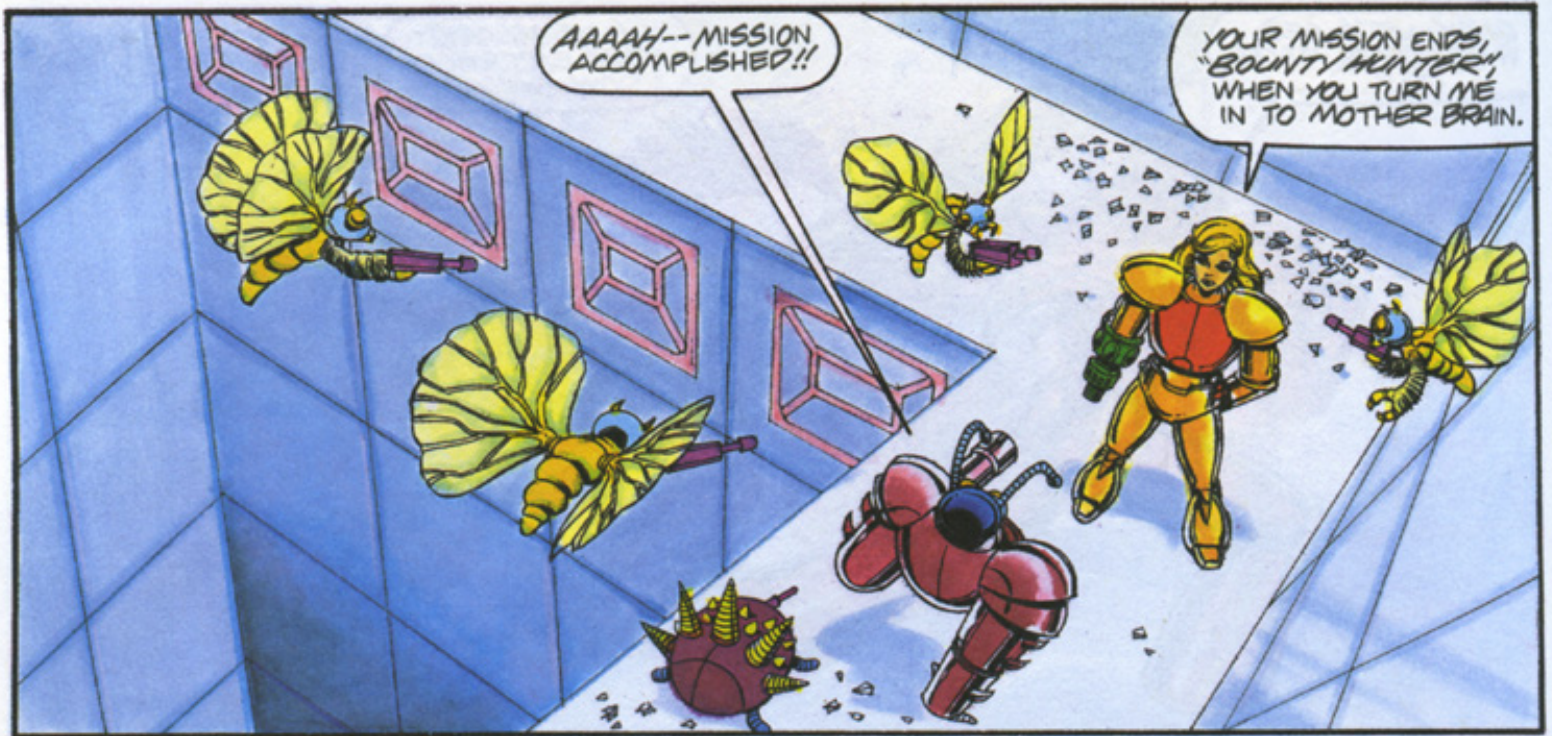


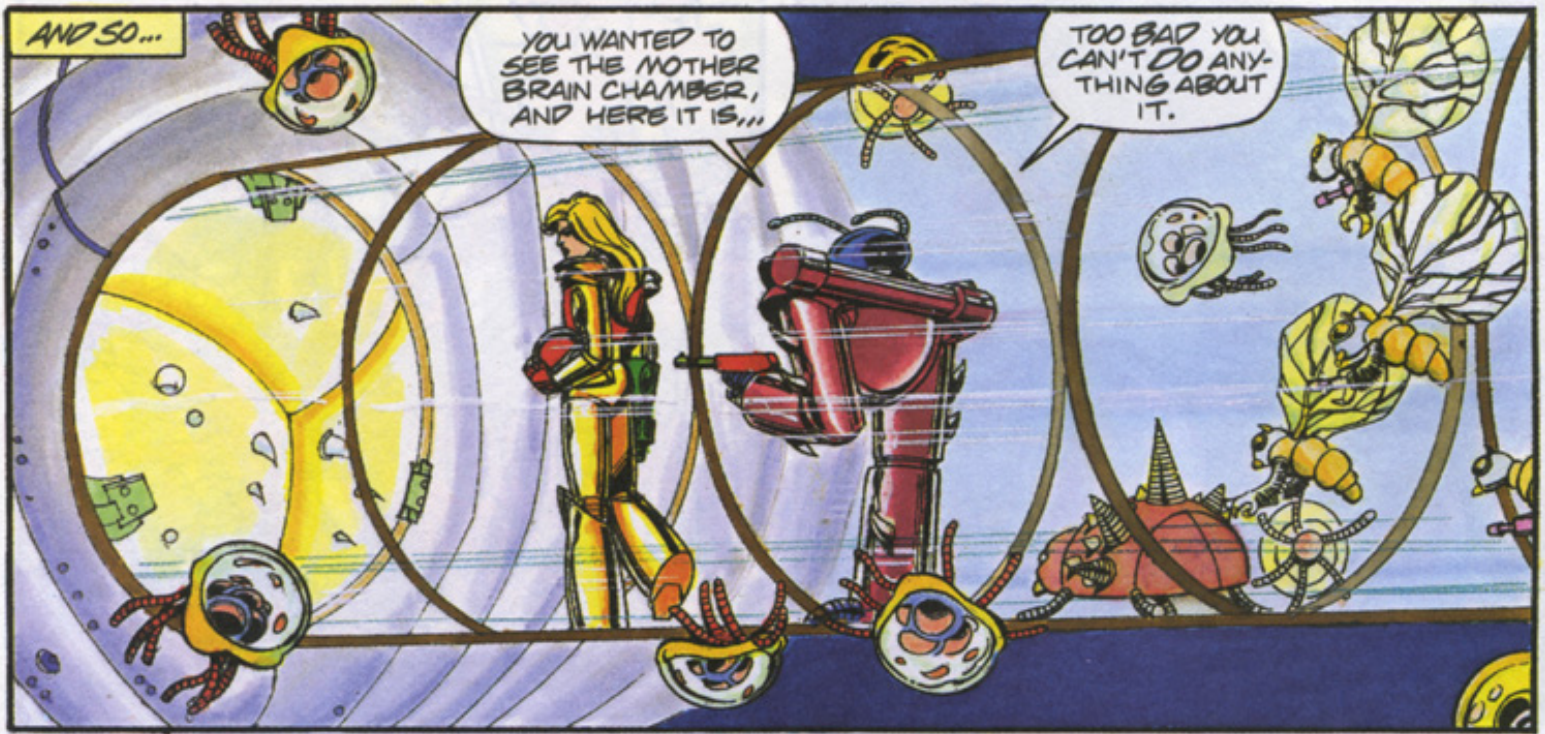








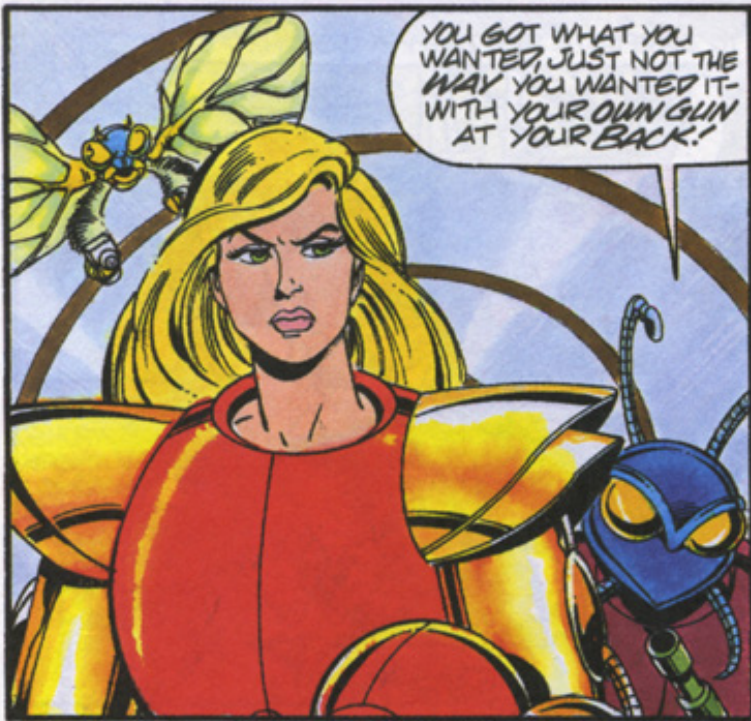




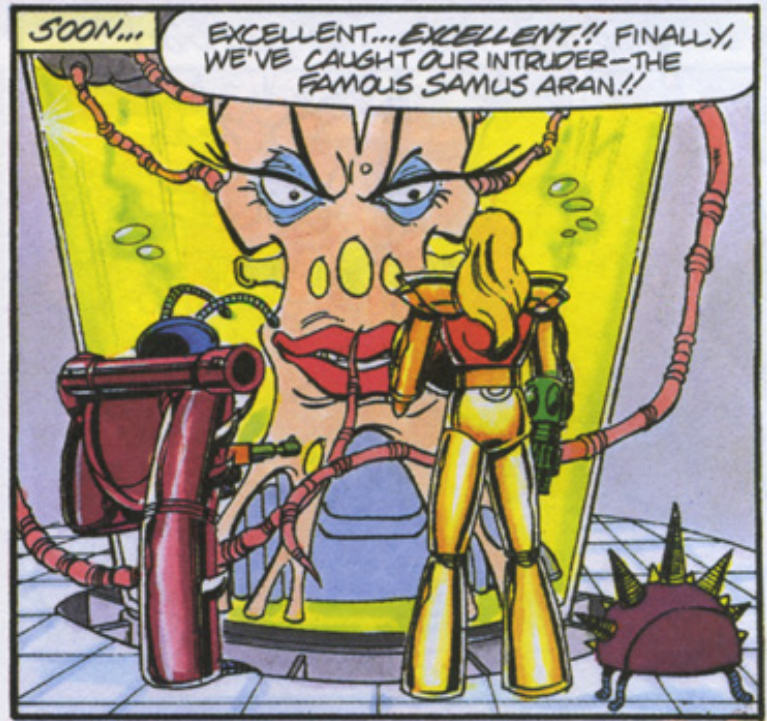
AND SO...

YOU WANTED TO SEE THE MOTHER BRAIN CHAMBER, AND HERE IT IS...

TOO BAD YOU CAN'T DO ANYTHING ABOUT IT.



YOU GOT WHAT YOU WANTED, JUST NOT THE WAY YOU WANTED IT- WITH YOUR OWN GUN AT YOUR BACK!

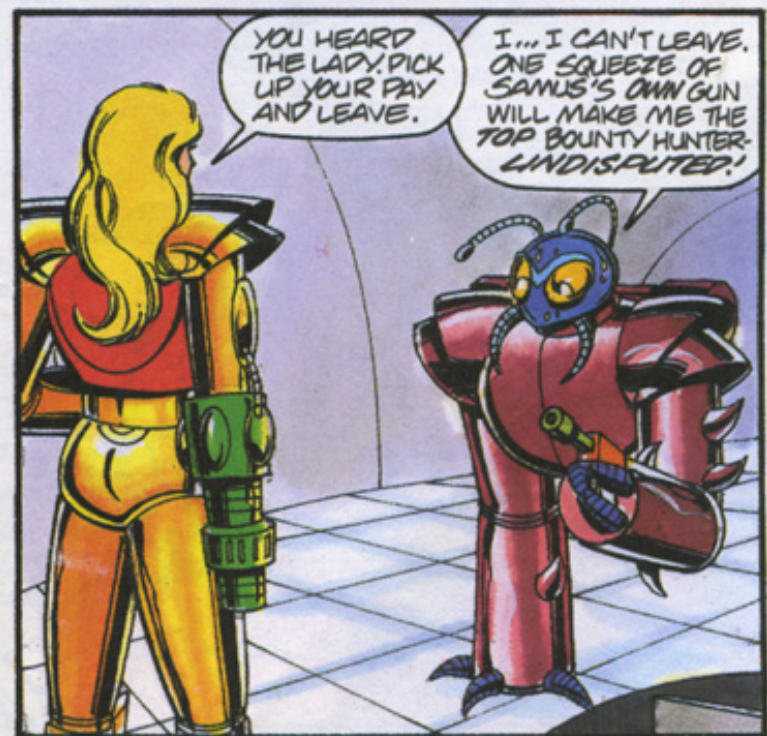


SOON...

EXCELLENT... EXCELLENT!! FINALLY, WE'VE CAUGHT OUR INTRUDER--THE FAMOUS SAMUS ARAN!!

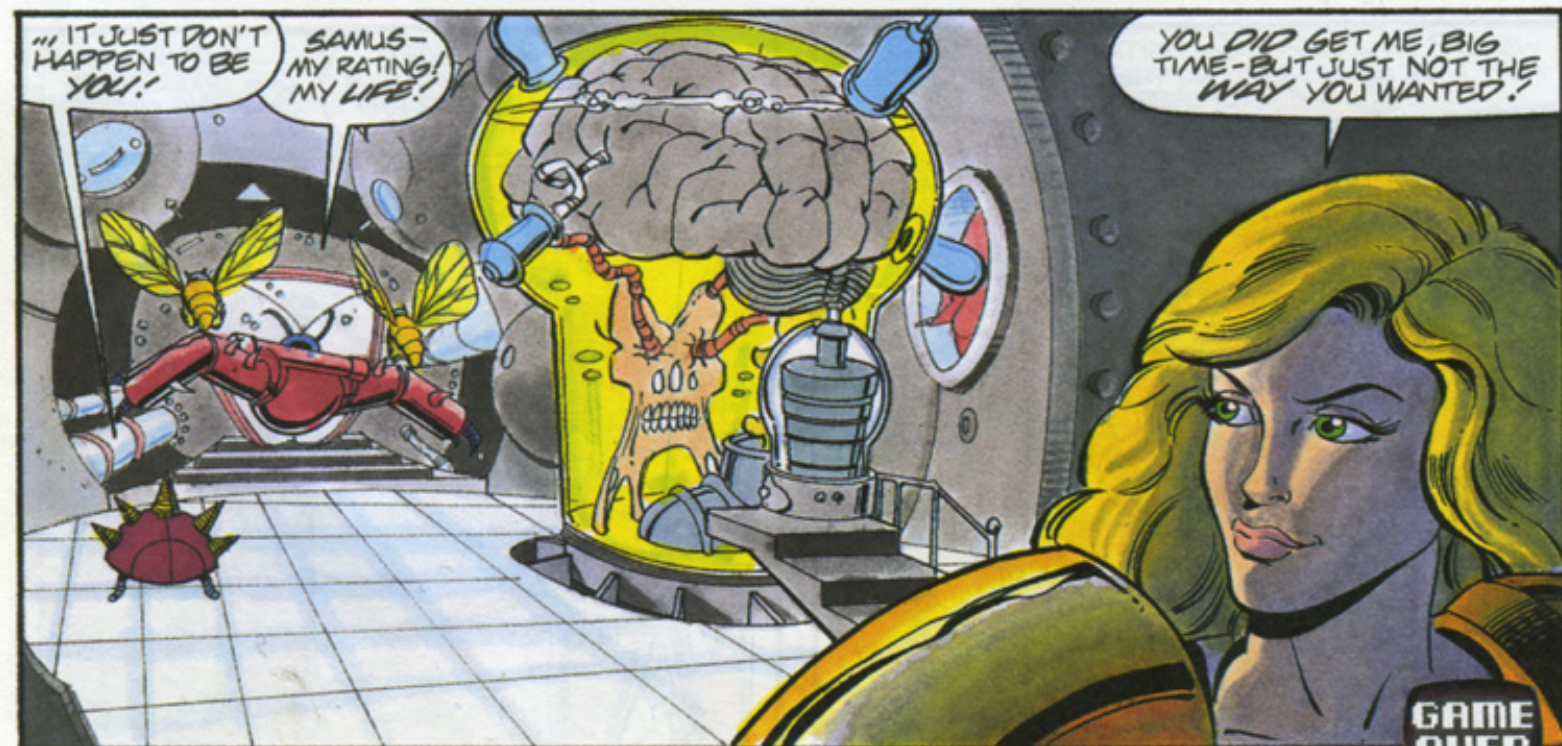
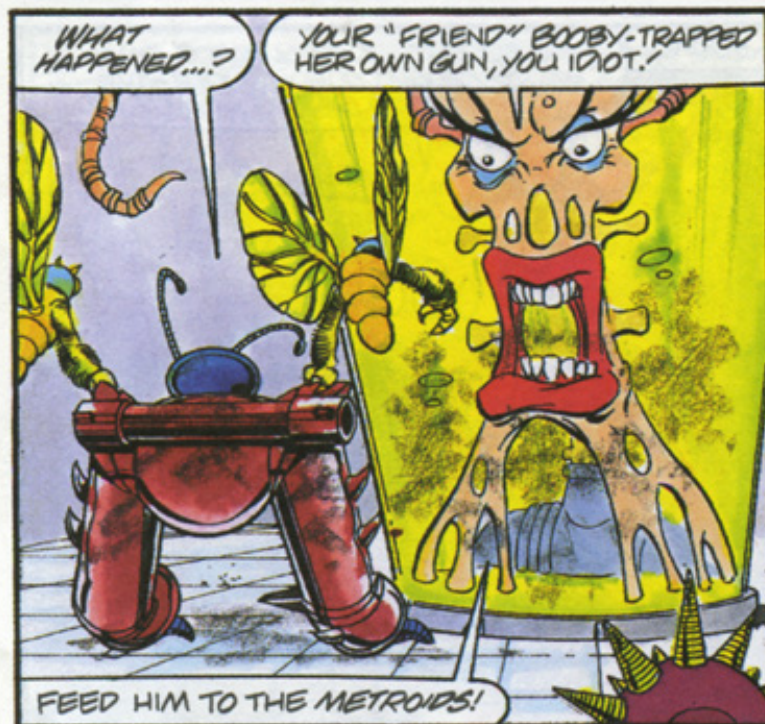
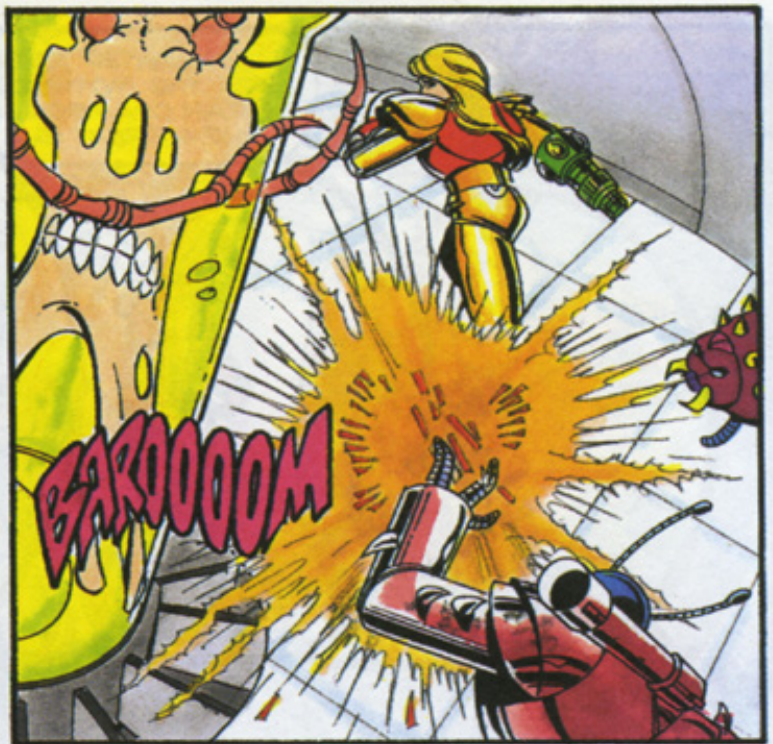
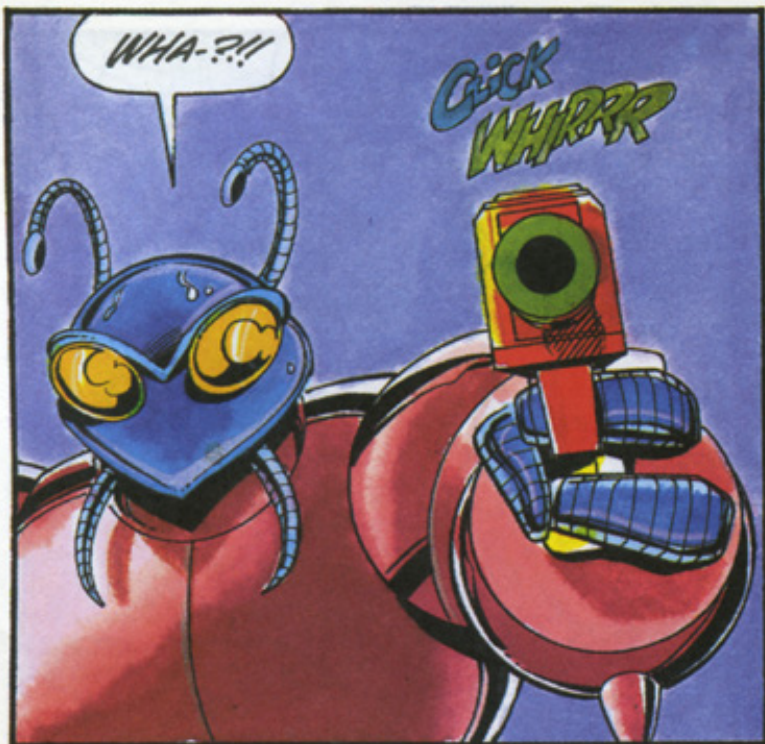


WELL? WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR?! YOU MAY PICK UP YOUR PAY ON THE WAY OUT, BOUNTY HUNTER!



YOU HEARD THE LADY. PICK UP YOUR PAY AND LEAVE.

I... I CAN'T LEAVE. ONE SQUEEZE OF SAMUS'S OWN GUN WILL MAKE ME THE TOP BOUNTY HUNTER- LINDISPUTED!



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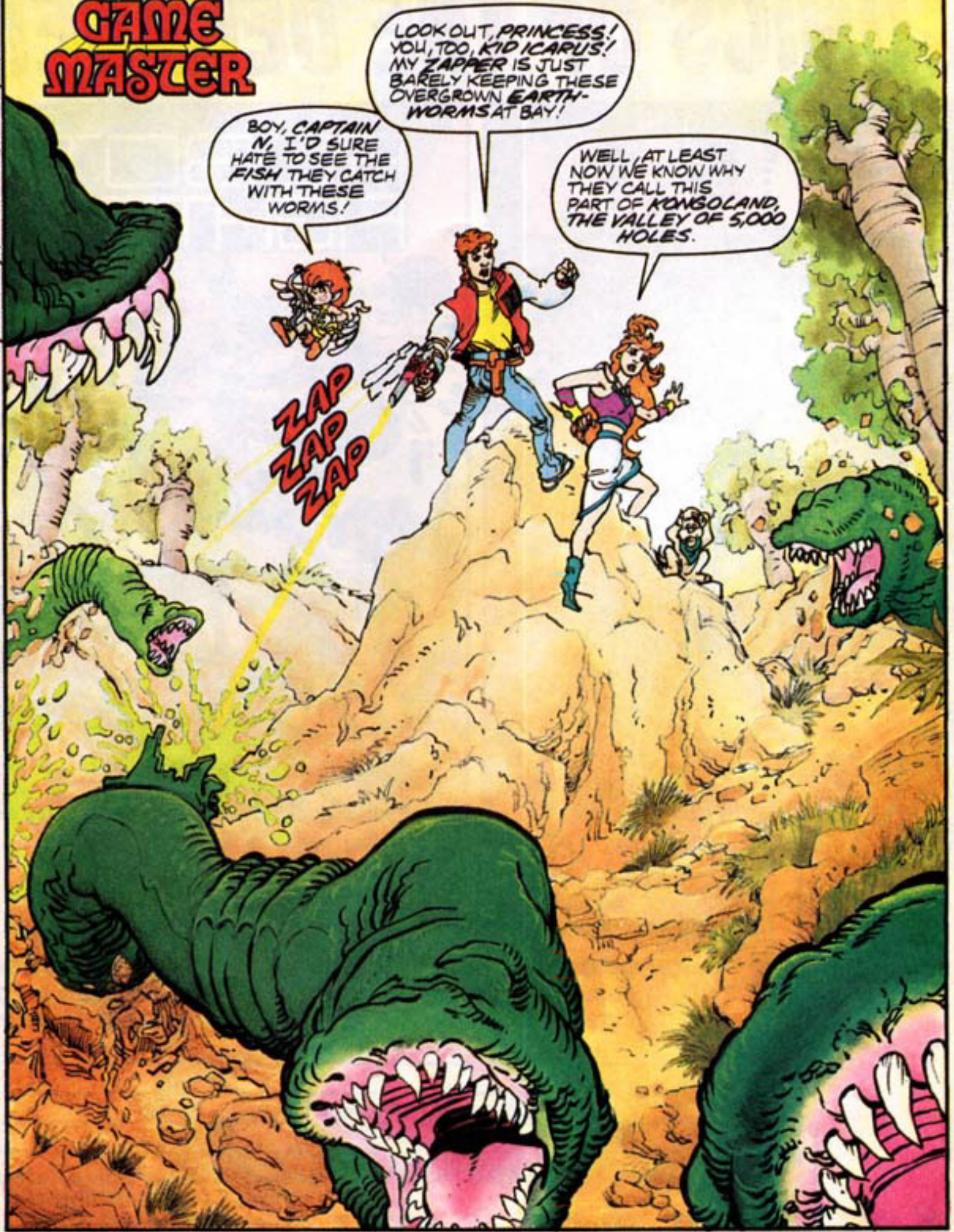


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FROM THE PALACE OF POWER TO MOUNT OLYMPUS---! FROM METROID TO KONGOLAND---! THROUGHOUT THE MANY WORLDS OF VIDEO LAND, ALL THAT STANDS AGAINST MOTHER BRAIN AND THE FEARSOME LEAGUE OF DARKNESS IS A DARING BAND OF HEROES, THE N-TEAM, AND THEIR GREATEST CHAMPION...

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ALL'S WELL THAT ENDS SWELL



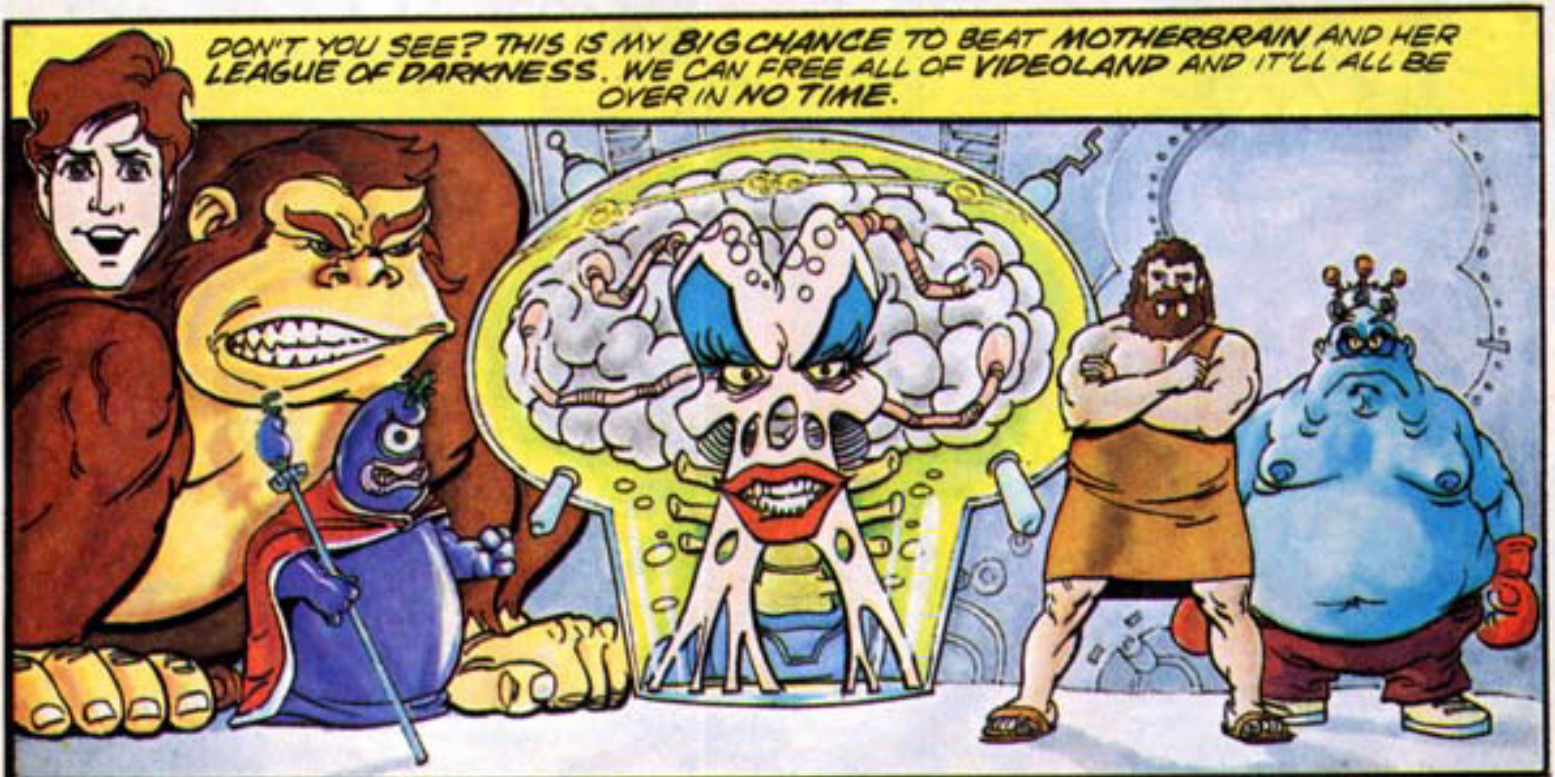
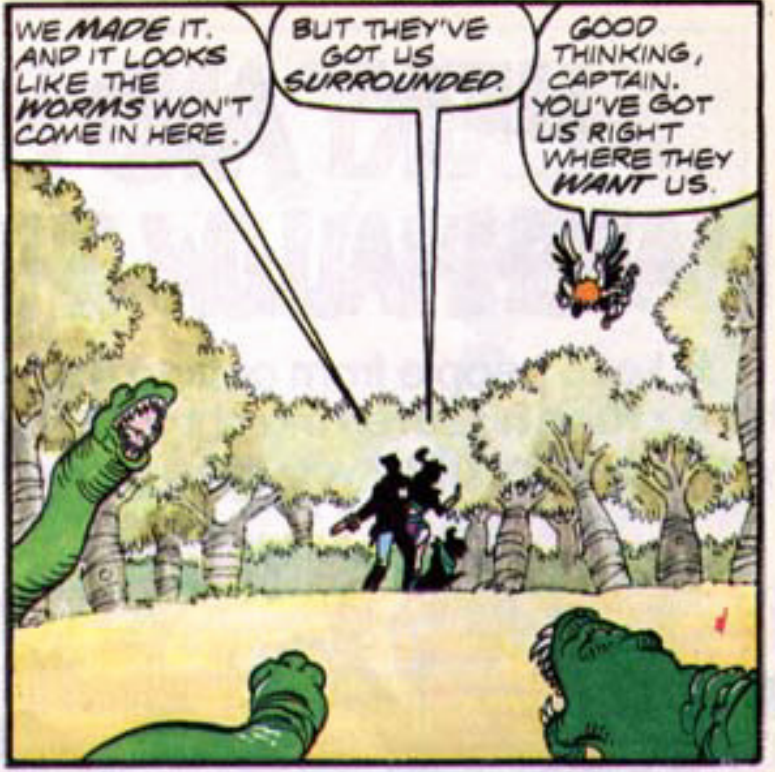
BOY, CAPTAIN N, I'D SURE HATE TO SEE THE FISH THEY CATCH WITH THESE WORMS!

LOOK OUT, PRINCESS! YOU, TOO, KID ICARUS! MY ZAPPER IS JUST BARELY KEEPING THESE OVERGROWN EARTH-WORMS AT BAY!

WELL, AT LEAST NOW WE KNOW WHY THEY CALL THIS PART OF KONGOLAND, THE VALLEY OF 5,000 HOLES.

ZAP
ZAP
ZAP





KEVIN, I'VE HEARD OF THAT WELL AND ITS LEGENDARY WEAPON, BUT I DON'T THINK THIS IS A GOOD IDEA. ANY WEAPON THAT POWERFUL COULD DO UNTOLD HARM IF IT GOT OUT OF CONTROL.

BUT, PRINCESS, DON'T YOU WANT TO WIN THE BATTLE? DON'T YOU WANT TO SEE YOUR FATHER AGAIN?

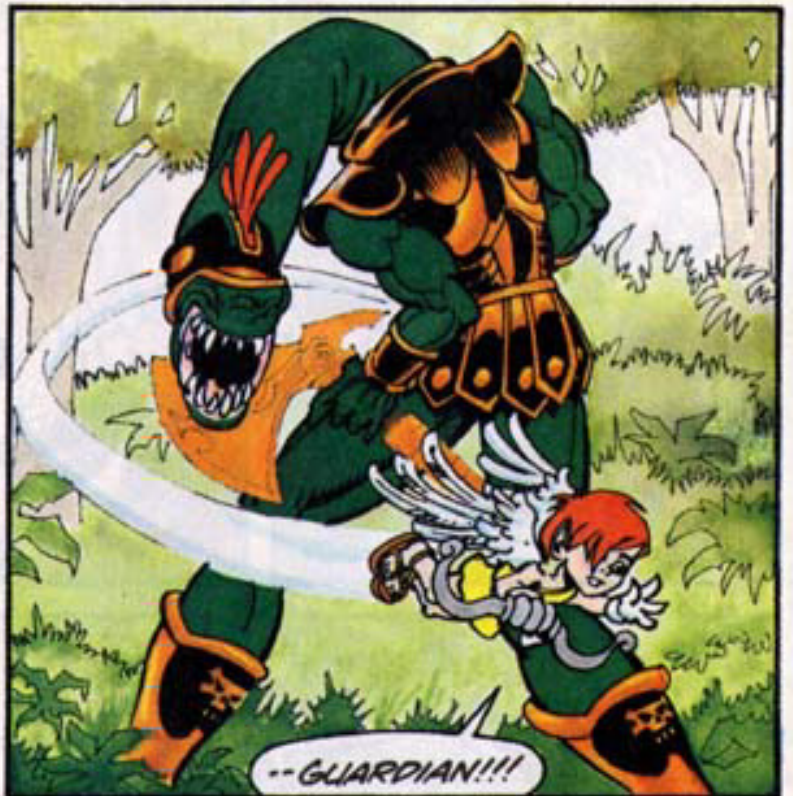
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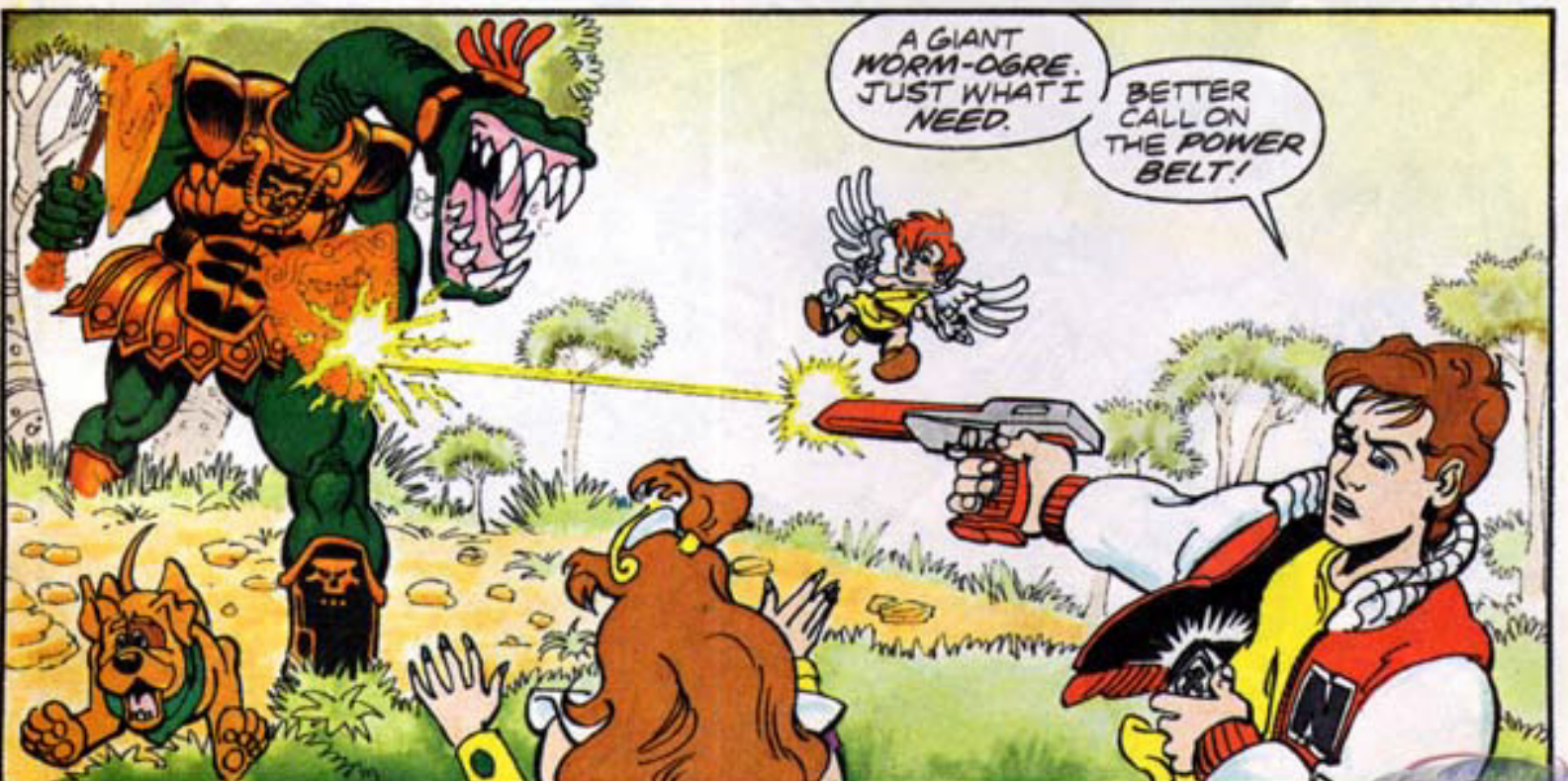
ASSUMING WE FIND THE PLACE, I HOPE YOU KNOW THAT MOST OF THESE LEGENDARY WELLS HAVE A BIG NASTY...



UHHH, BIG... UH... NASTY--

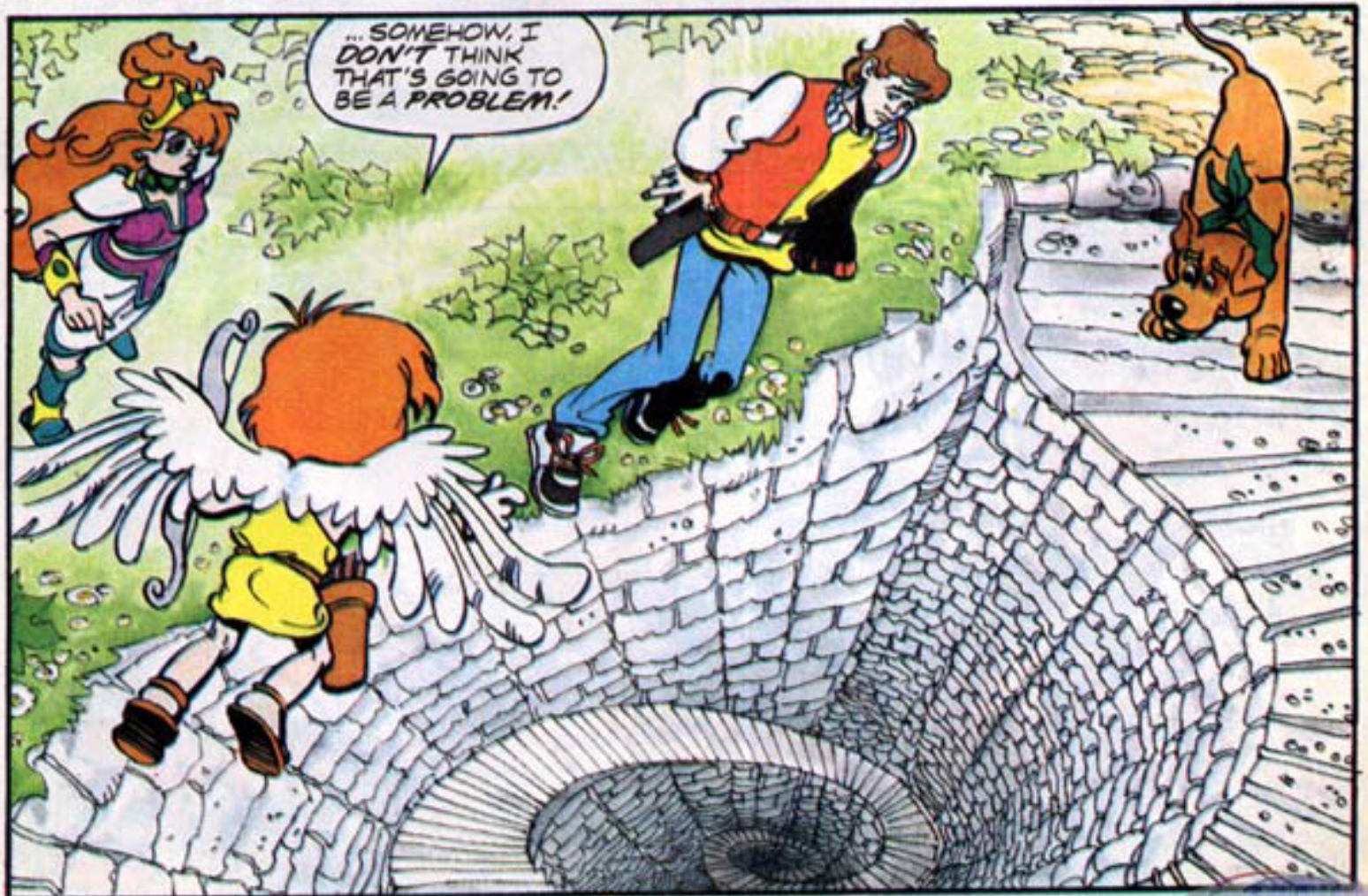
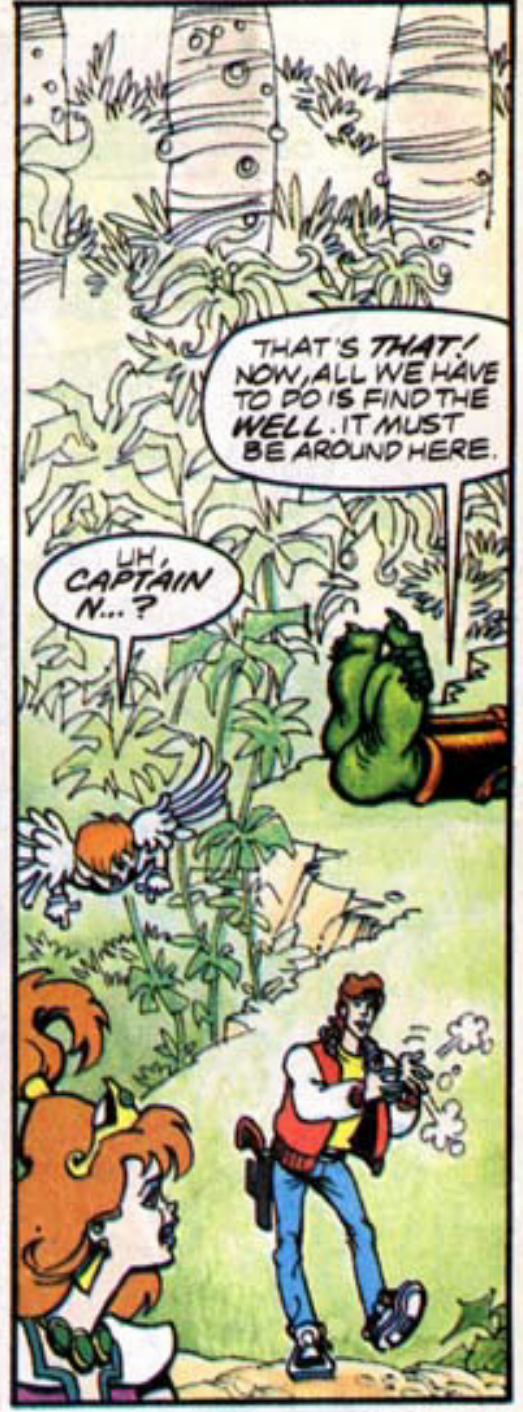
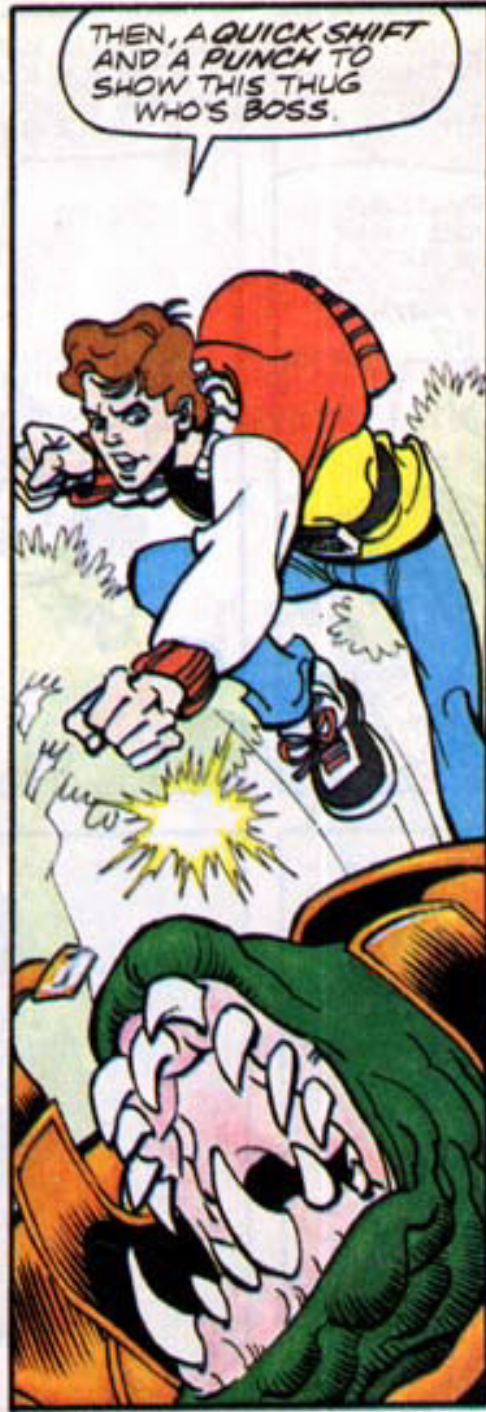


--GUARDIAN!!!

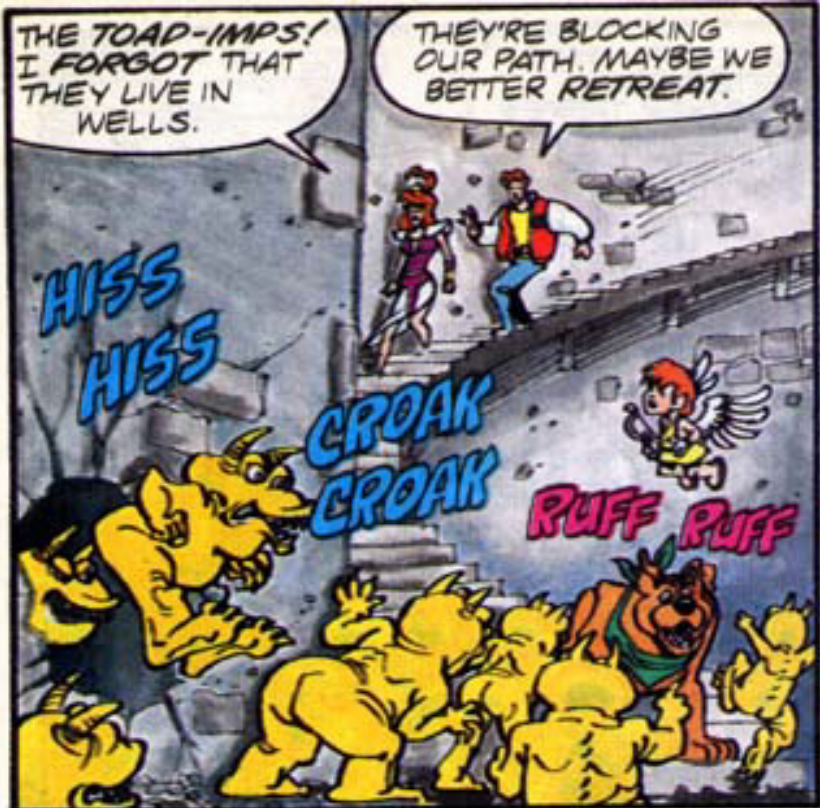


A GIANT WORM-OGRE. JUST WHAT I NEED.

BETTER CALL ON THE POWER BELT!







THE TOAD-IMPS!
I FORGOT THAT
THEY LIVE IN
WELLS.

THEY'RE BLOCKING
OUR PATH. MAYBE WE
BETTER RETREAT.

HISS
HISS

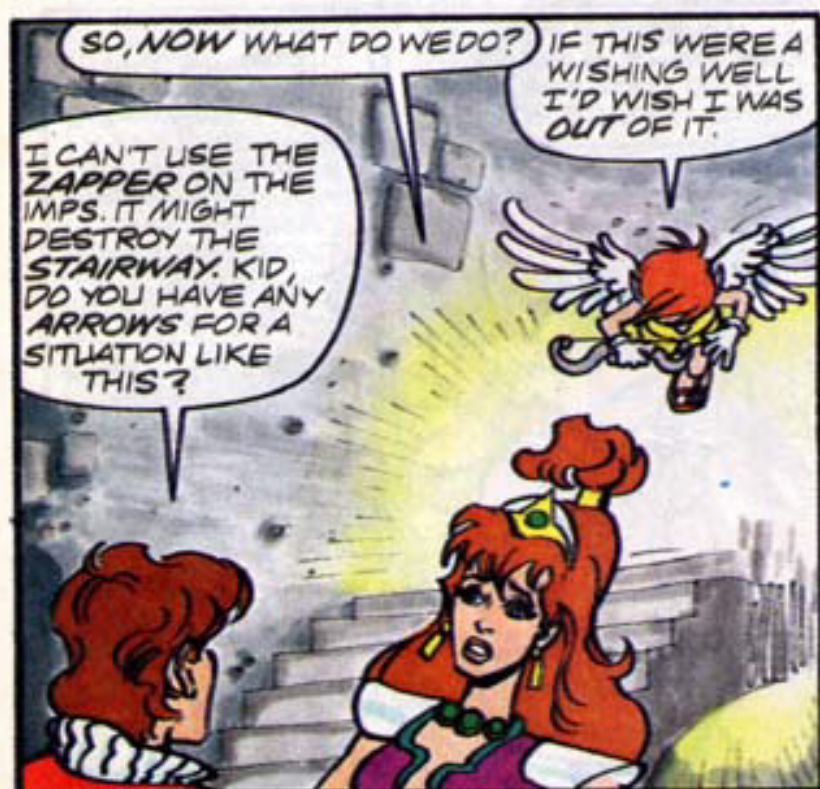
CROAK
CROAK

RUFF RUFF



I DON'T THINK SO, CAPTAIN.
THE STAIRS HAVE BEEN
DISAPPEARING BEHIND US
AS WE GO DEEPER.

UH-OH...



SO, NOW WHAT DO WE DO?

IF THIS WERE A
WISHING WELL
I'D WISH I WAS
OUT OF IT.

I CAN'T USE THE
ZAPPER ON THE
IMPS. IT MIGHT
DESTROY THE
STAIRWAY. KID,
DO YOU HAVE ANY
ARROWS FOR A
SITUATION LIKE
THIS?



NOW THAT YOU
MENTION IT,
MAYBE I DO.

TWANG
TWANG
TWANG
TWANG
TWANG



YOUR ARROWS DIDN'T DO
ANY GOOD, KID. YOU JUST
MADE THEM MORE
ANGRY!

YOUUP!

CROAK!

OOP!

OWP!



WAIT, PRINCESS--! THEY RAN RIGHT BY US
AND NOW THEY'RE PUSHING EACH OTHER
OFF THE TOP OF THE STAIRS!



THOSE WERE ARROWS OF AMBITION. NOW, THE TOAD-IMPS WILL CLIMB OVER ANYBODY TO GET TO THE TOP.

THEY WENT UP... UNTIL THEY FELL!



YOU KNOW... I'M STARTING TO THINK THAT MAYBE THIS WASN'T SUCH A GOOD IDEA. I ALMOST... WISH WE COULD JUST... I DON'T KNOW...

GIVE UP? I KNOW HOW YOU FEEL. IT'S THE POWER OF THE WELL... MAKING US DESPAIR!



YOU'RE RIGHT. BUT IT'S NOT JUST A FEELING. THE DANGER HERE IS REAL!

MAYBE I WAS WRONG ABOUT THIS. NO WEAPON IS WORTH RISKING MY FRIENDS LIVES FOR.

BUT, HOW COULD WE TURN BACK EVEN IF WE WANTED TO?



I CAN FLY US OUT ONE AT A TIME...

I THINK WE'LL BE TOO HEAVY FOR YOU!

NO WAY! FLIGHT LEAVING NOW FOR WELL'S RIM AND POINTS BEYOND. CLIMB ABOARD!



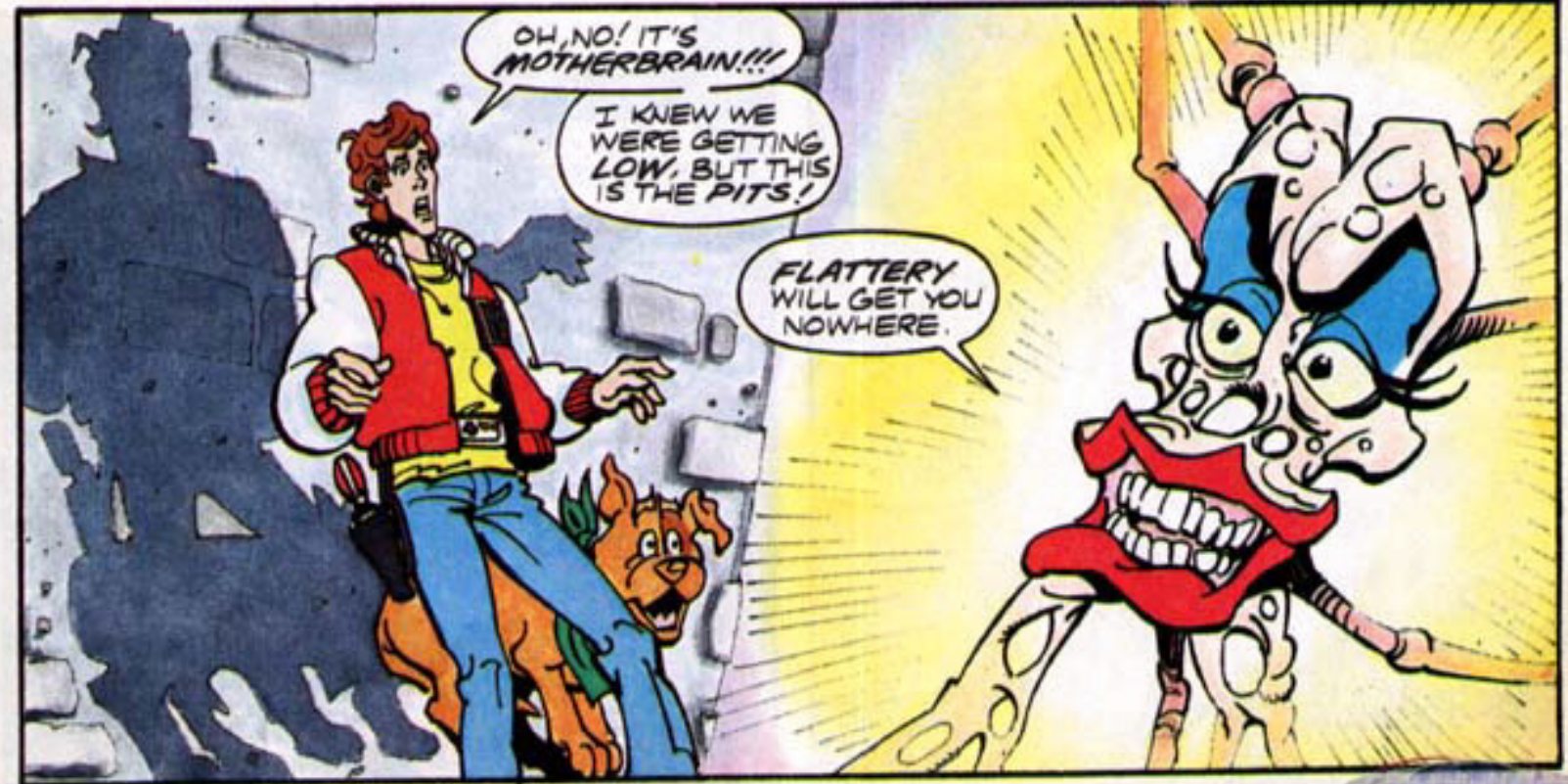
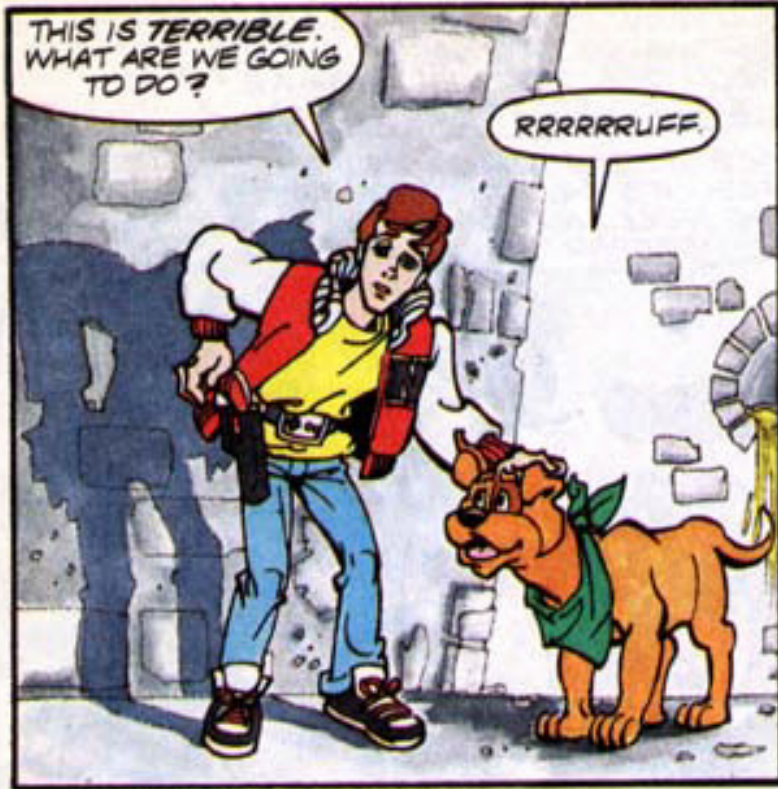
ARE YOU SURE YOU CAN DO THIS?

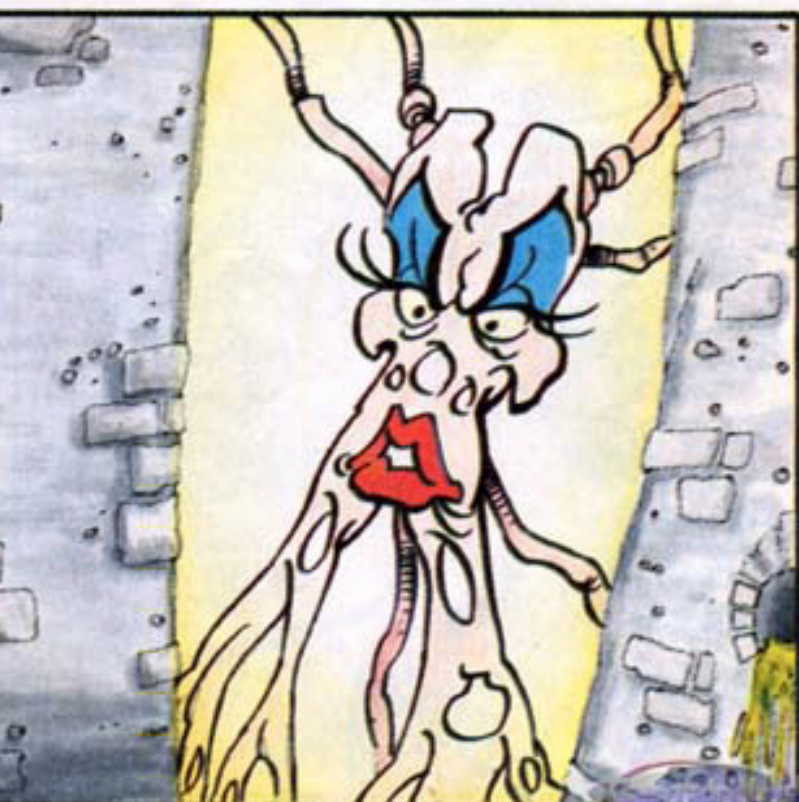
SURE! PIECE OF CAKE. I'LL BE BACK FOR THE REST OF YOU...



...LATER?

KID! PRINCESS!





ZAP!

WE'RE BACK OUTSIDE THE WELL!

THANK GOODNESS!

THANK ZEUS!

BUT, WAIT A MINUTE! WHERE'S MOTHER-BRAIN? AND HOW DID YOU GET OUT OF THAT BOTTOMLESS PIT?

RUFF RUFF!

PERHAPS I CAN EXPLAIN.

I AM THE GUARDIAN OF THE WELL. YOU SAW ME BEFORE AS A WORM-OGRE, BUT THIS IS MY TRUE FORM. MOTHERBRAIN IS GONE. YOU DEFEATED HER WHEN YOU SHOWED COURAGE, EVEN AT THE BRINK OF DESPAIR. THAT IS THE TEST OF THE WELL, AND YOU PASSED.

BY THE WAY, CAPTAIN N, YOU PACK A MEAN LEFT HOOK.

THEN, COURAGE IS THE GREAT WEAPON TO BE FOUND IN THE WELL?

AH, NO! COURAGE IS THE KEY, AND KEVIN SHOWED PLENTY OF THAT. BUT THE GREATEST WEAPON OF ALL IS PATIENCE. THAT IS THE SECRET TO BE FOUND IN THE WELL, THAT PERSISTENCE WILL ALWAYS TRIUMPH OVER DESPAIR.

SO, ALL THINGS COME TO HE WHO WAITS?

WHAT A CLEVER WAY OF PUTTING IT! ALLOW ME TO SHOW YOU THE WAY HOME.

CAPTAIN N, DOES THIS MEAN THAT VICTORY MUST WAIT UNTIL ITS TIME?

WHY NOT? AFTER ALL, VIDEO LAND WASN'T BUILT IN A DAY!

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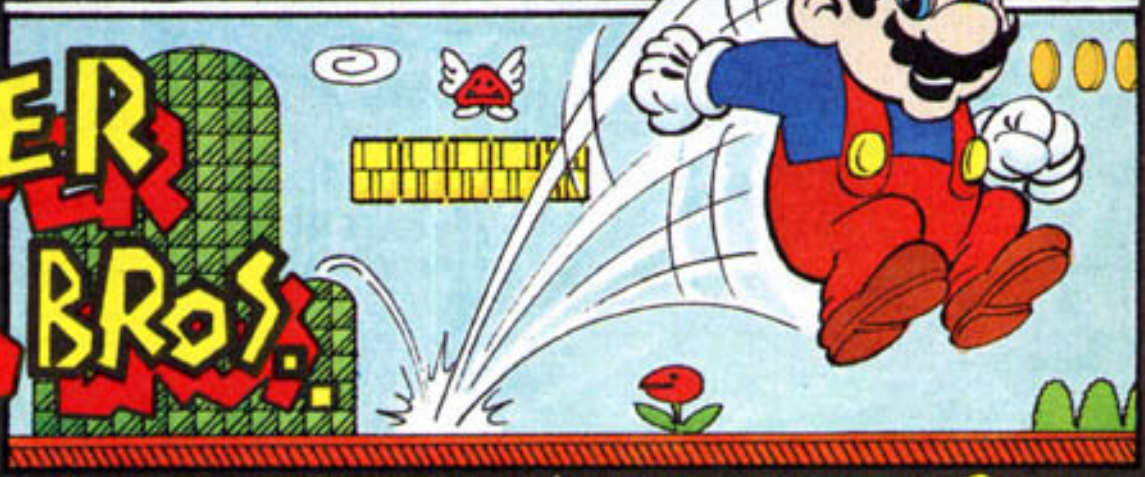
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So what's it going to be? Stick around, or head home?

Of course, they are counting on you here in Videoland, and, if you go home, you do have to clean up your room.

Hmm. Looks like a no-brainer. Bad news for the bad guys. This is gonna be excellent!



Captain N

KEVIN KEENE WAS THE HOTTEST POWER PLAYER ON EARTH! NOW HE'S A HERO IN A WORLD WHERE VIDEO GAMES LIKE METROID, DONKEY KONG, PUNCH-OUT!! AND KID ICARUS ARE REALITY! THE WORLD IS VIDEO LAND, WHERE KEVIN KEENE IS KNOWN AS ...

THE GAME MASTER

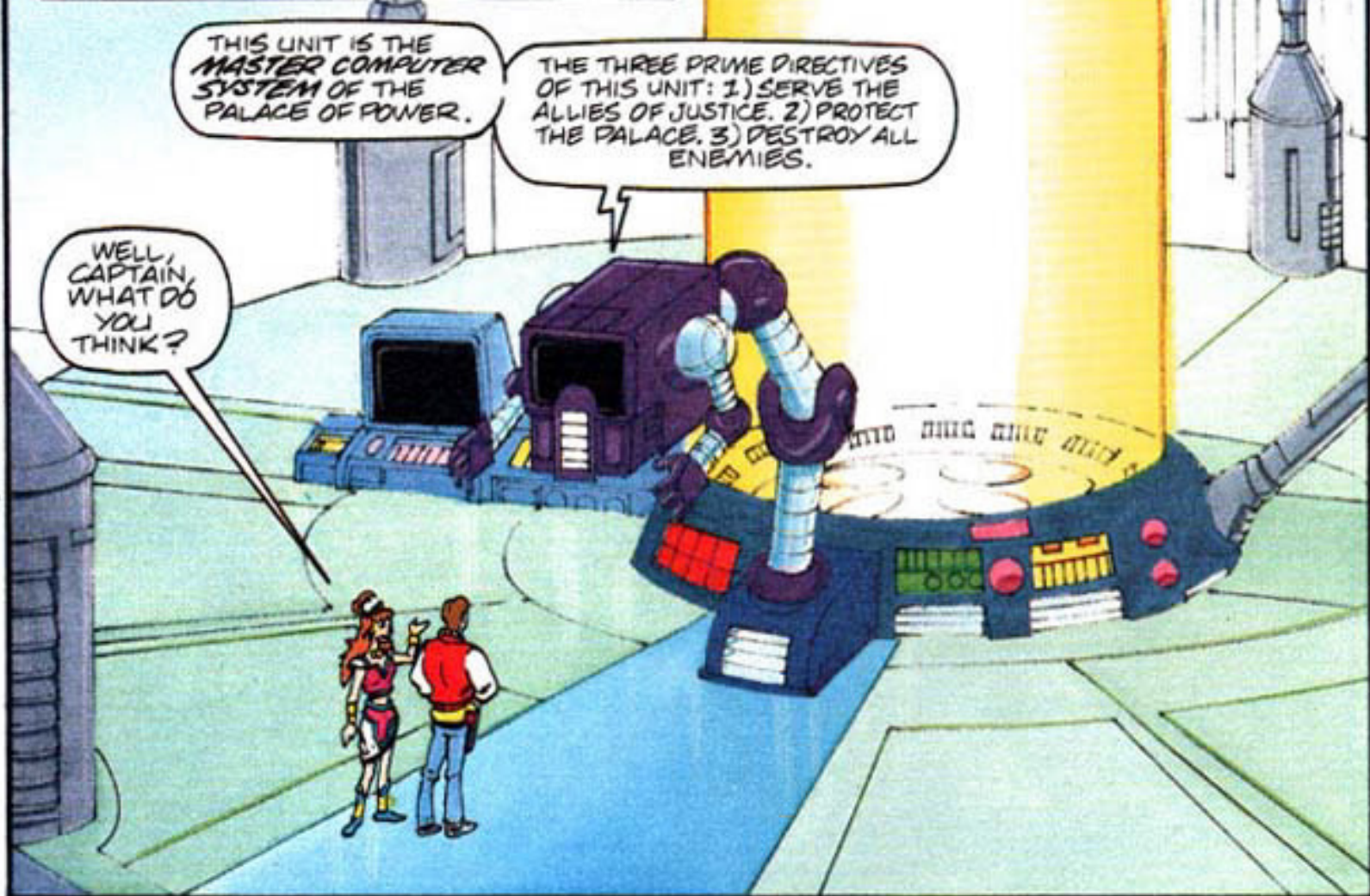
THE MASTER MACHINE

IN THE MASSIVE CENTRAL POWER CORE, HEART OF THE PALACE OF POWER AND THE GREATEST SOURCE OF ENERGY IN VIDEO LAND.

THIS UNIT IS THE MASTER COMPUTER SYSTEM OF THE PALACE OF POWER.

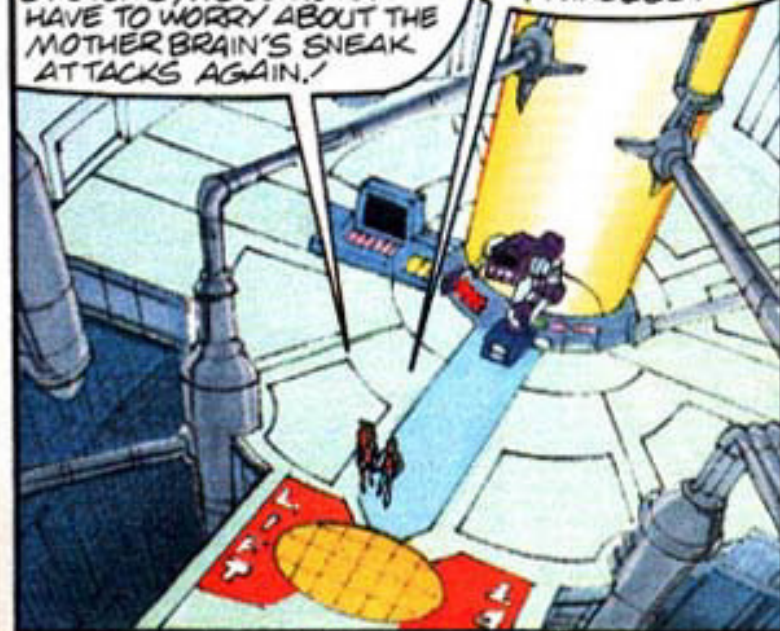
THE THREE PRIME DIRECTIVES OF THIS UNIT: 1) SERVE THE ALLIES OF JUSTICE. 2) PROTECT THE PALACE. 3) DESTROY ALL ENEMIES.

WELL, CAPTAIN, WHAT DO YOU THINK?



THE M.C.S. IS THE MOST POWERFUL COMPUTER IN VIDEO LAND. NOW THAT IT CONTROLS ALL THE PALACE'S DEFENSE SYSTEMS, WE'LL NEVER HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT THE MOTHER BRAIN'S SNEAK ATTACKS AGAIN!

I DON'T LIKE PUTTING MY LIFE IN THE HANDS OF A MACHINE, PRINCESS.



BUT, THE M.C.S. IS REALLY JUST THE ULTIMATE GAME COMPUTER. I THOUGHT YOU LOVED GAME COMPUTERS.

I LIKE THEM WHEN I CONTROL THEM--NOT WHEN THEY'RE RUNNING THINGS.

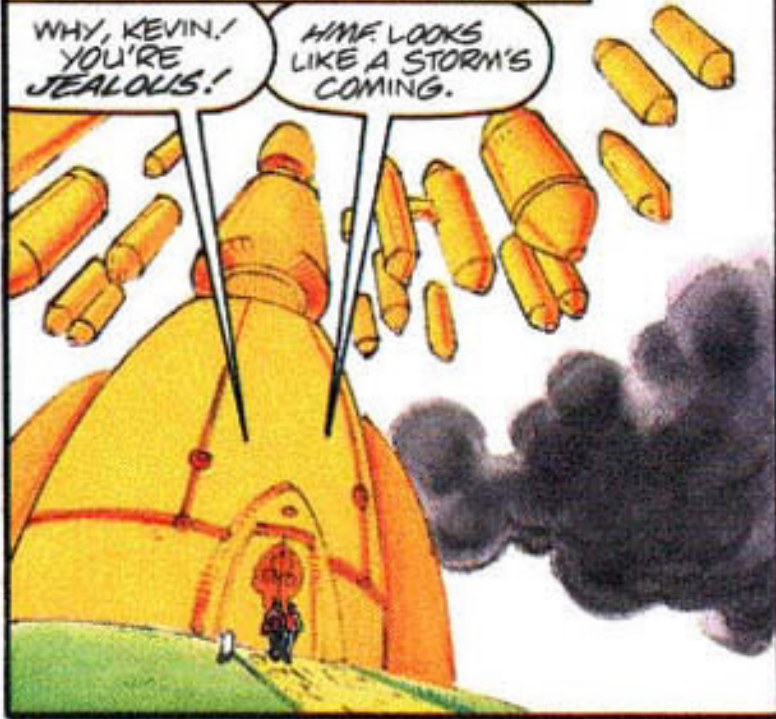
BESIDES, YOU DON'T NEED THAT THING TO PROTECT YOU WHILE I'M AROUND.



SECONDS LATER, AT THE FRONT GATE OF THE PALACE.

WHY, KEVIN! YOU'RE JEALOUS!

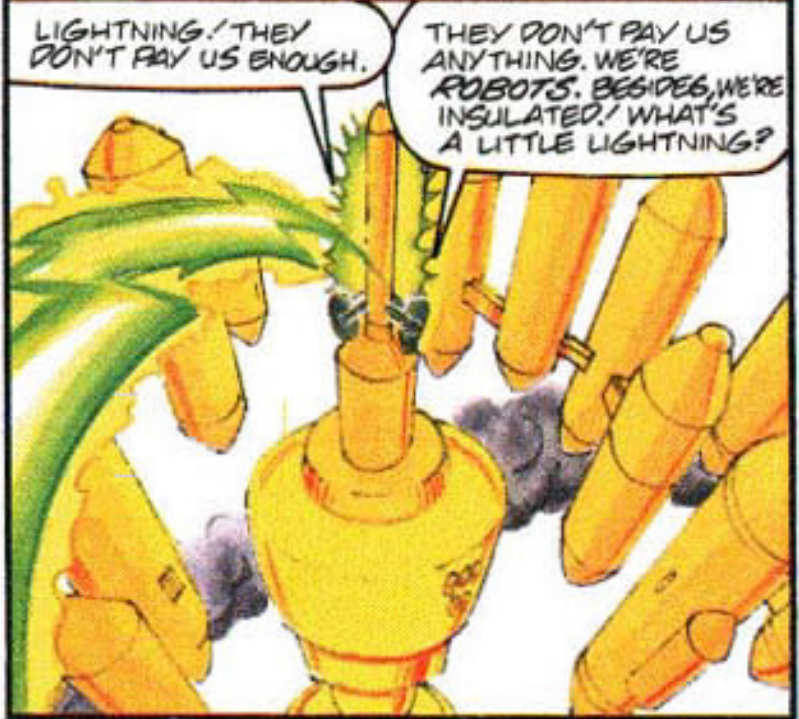
HMF. LOOKS LIKE A STORM'S COMING.



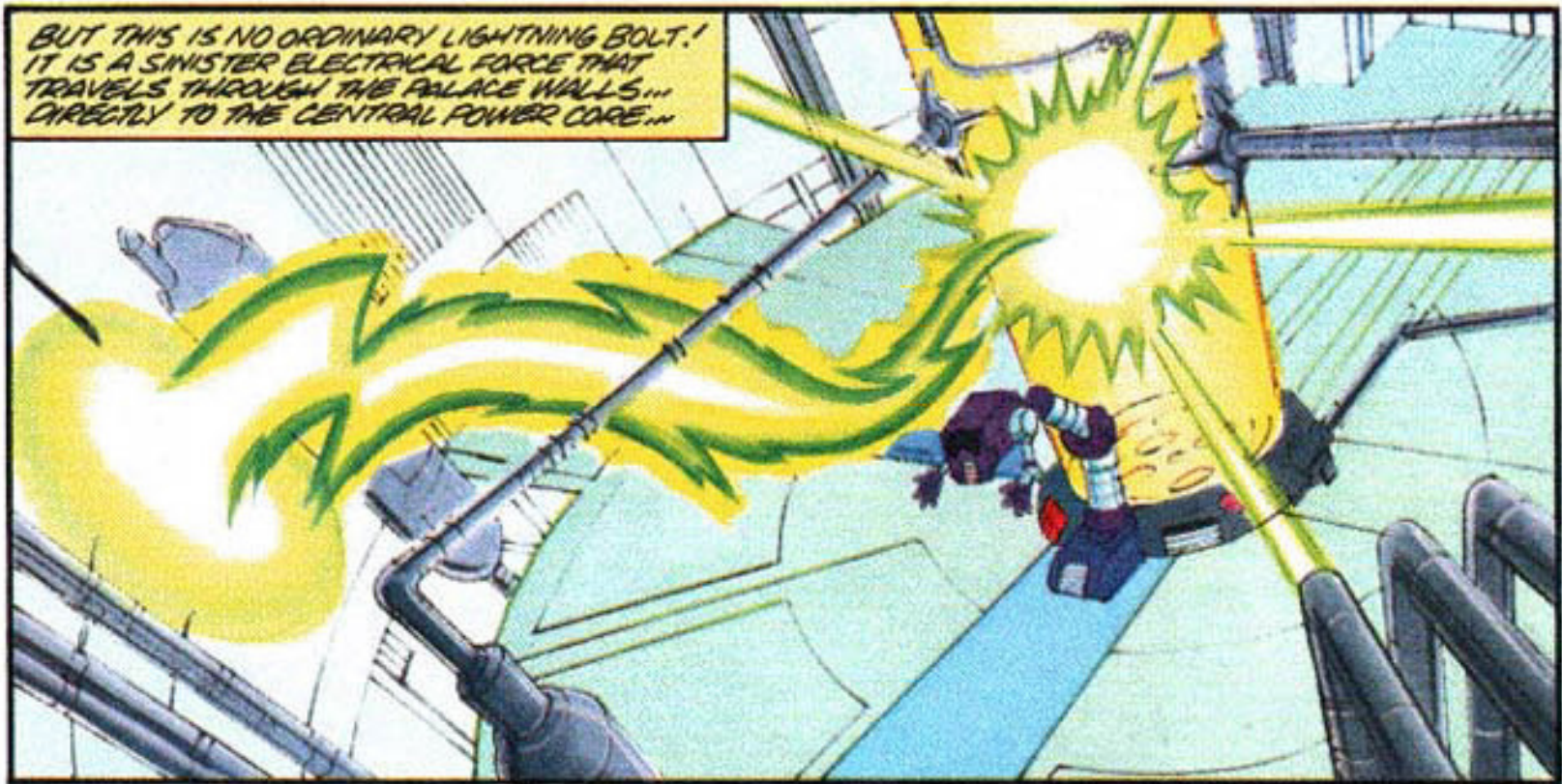
AT THAT MOMENT, ON THE ROOF OF THE GREAT PALACE TOWER...

LIGHTNING! THEY DON'T PAY US ENOUGH.

THEY DON'T PAY US ANYTHING. WE'RE ROBOTS. BESIDES, WE'RE INSULATED! WHAT'S A LITTLE LIGHTNING?



BUT THIS IS NO ORDINARY LIGHTNING BOLT! IT IS A SINISTER ELECTRICAL FORCE THAT TRAVELS THROUGH THE PALACE WALLS... DIRECTLY TO THE CENTRAL POWER CORE...





...AND DEEP INSIDE THE MEMORY BANKS OF THE MASTER COMPUTER...

	
IDENTITY: MOTHER BRAIN STATUS: ENEMY	IDENTITY: PRINCESS LANA STATUS: ALLY

AND ONCE THERE, IT GOES TO WORK...

STATUS: ENEMY	STATUS: ALLY
	
IDENTITY: MOTHER BRAIN STATUS: ENEMY	IDENTITY: PRINCESS LANA STATUS: ALLY

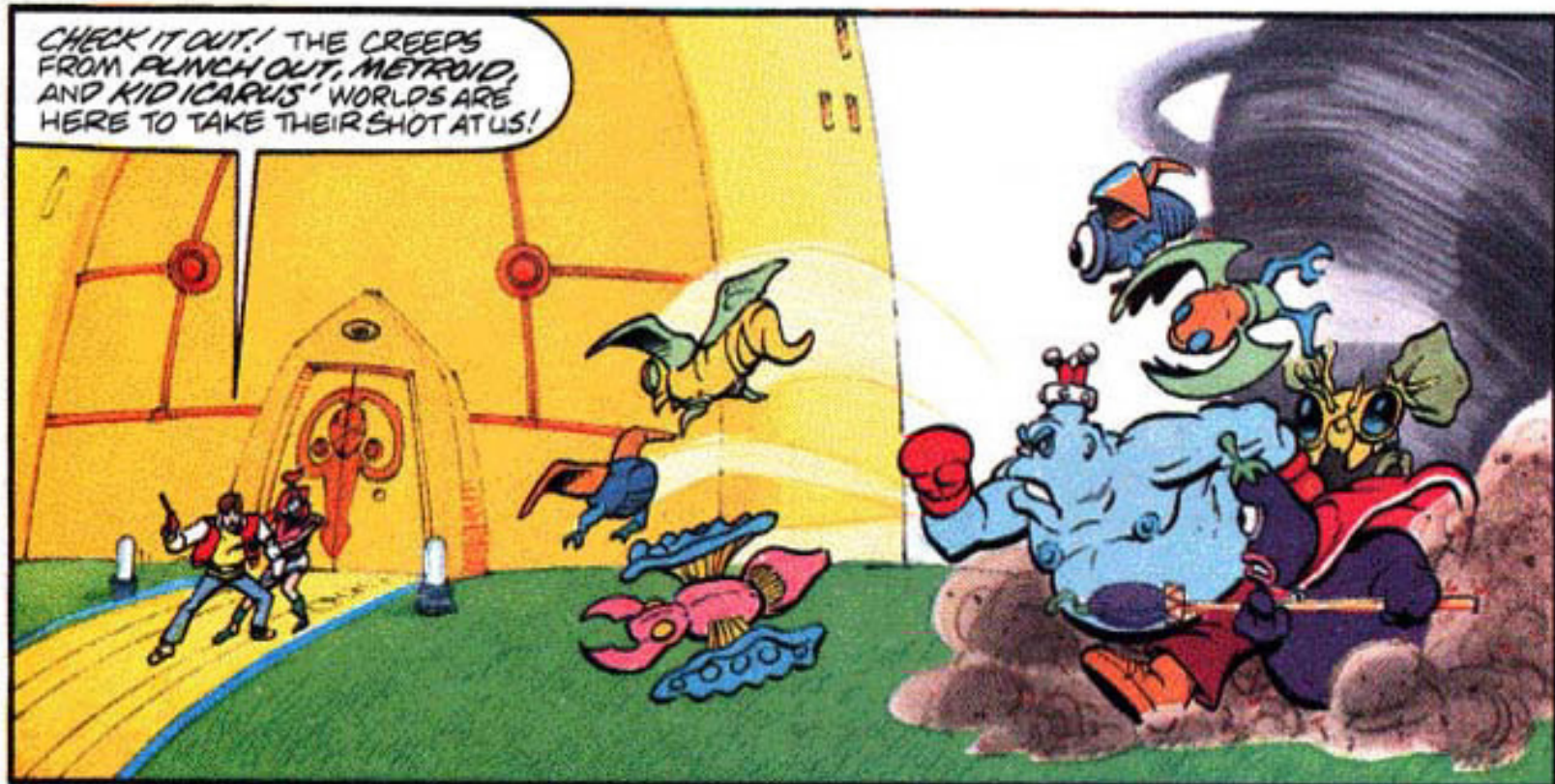
THE RESULT - A NEW AND DEADLY CHANGE IN PROGRAMMING FOR THE MASTER COMPUTER SYSTEM!

	
IDENTITY: MOTHER BRAIN STATUS: ENEMY	IDENTITY: PRINCESS LANA STATUS: ALLY

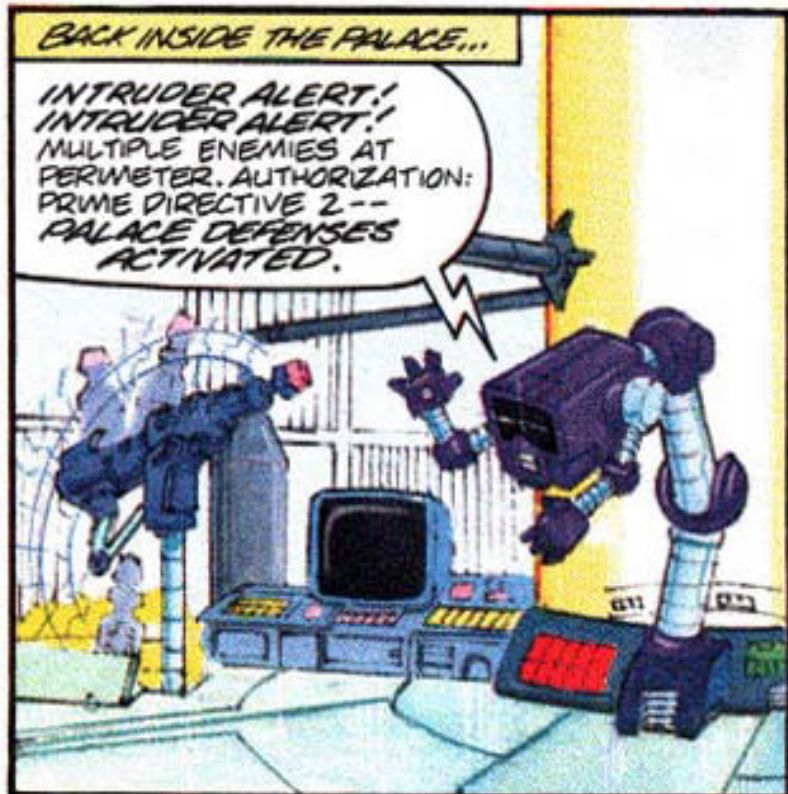


THAT BLACK CLOUD--! IT'S COMING THIS WAY... FAST!

I'VE GOT A BAD FEELING ABOUT THIS, LANA...

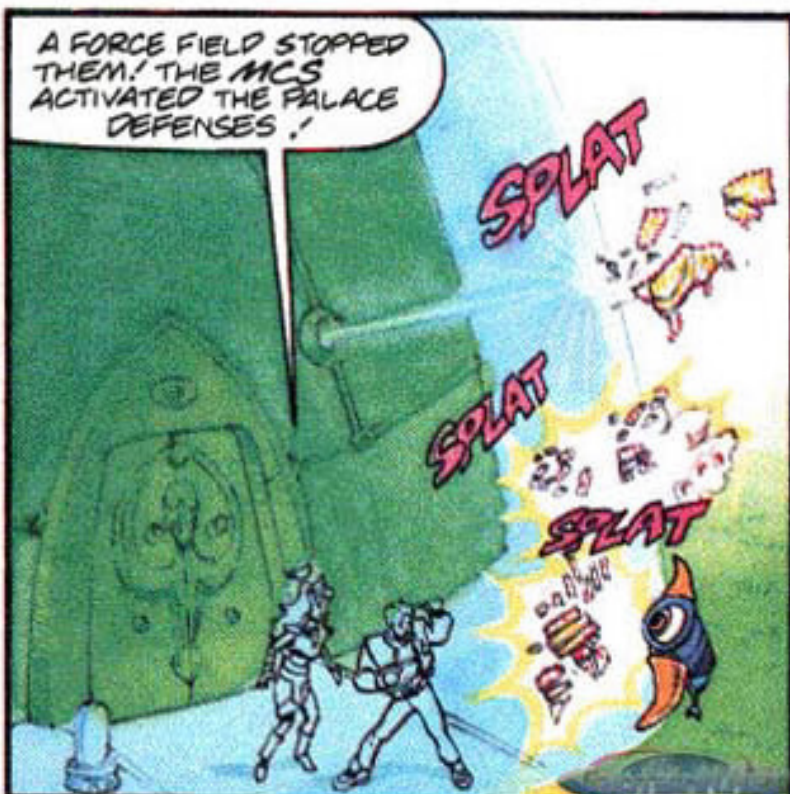


CHECK IT OUT! THE CREEPS FROM PLUNCH OUT, METROID, AND KID ICARUS' WORLDS ARE HERE TO TAKE THEIR SHOT AT US!



BACK INSIDE THE PALACE...

INTRUDER ALERT!
INTRUDER ALERT!
MULTIPLE ENEMIES AT PERIMETER. AUTHORIZATION: PRIME DIRECTIVE 2-- PALACE DEFENSES ACTIVATED.



A FORCE FIELD STOPPED THEM! THE MCS ACTIVATED THE PALACE DEFENSES!

YOU SEE, CAPTAIN? THAT COMPUTER YOU DON'T TRUST JUST SAVED US!

MASTER COMPUTER! OPEN THE FRONT DOOR.

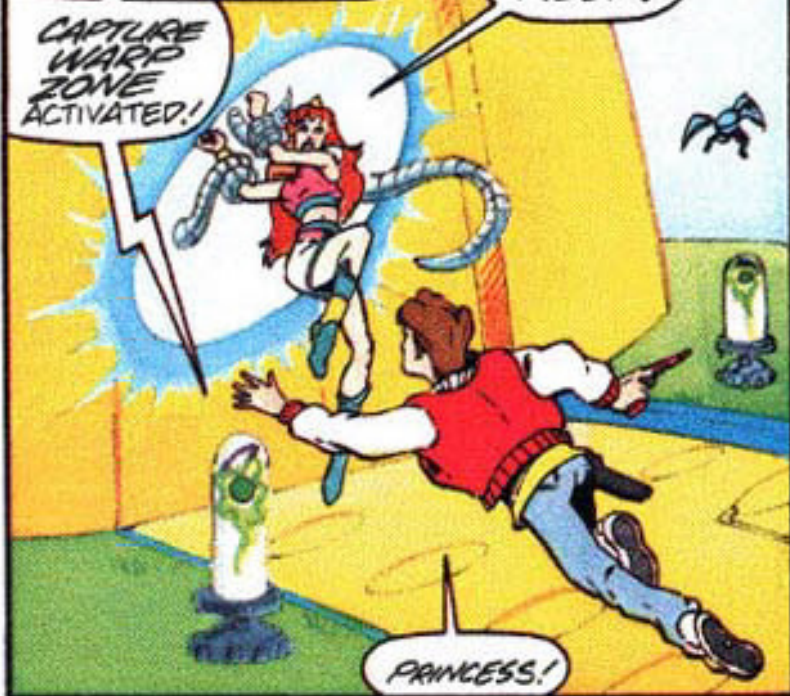
SCANNING IDENTITY.



WARNING! INTRUDER IDENTIFIED AS ENEMY!

WHAT?! KEVIN! HELP!

CAPTURE WARD ZONE ACTIVATED!



PRINCESS!

SCANNING IDENTITY. IDENTIFIED. CAPTAIN N-- ALLY. DIRECTIVE 1-- HOW MAY THIS UNIT SERVE YOU?

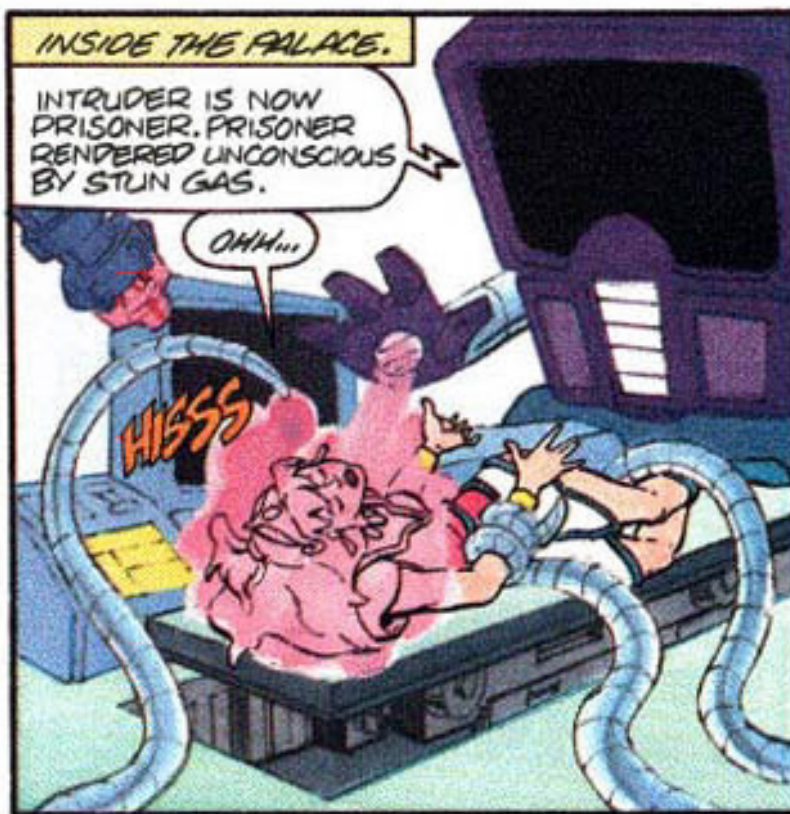
WHAT'S GOING ON!?! WHAT HAVE YOU DONE WITH HER?



INSIDE THE PALACE.

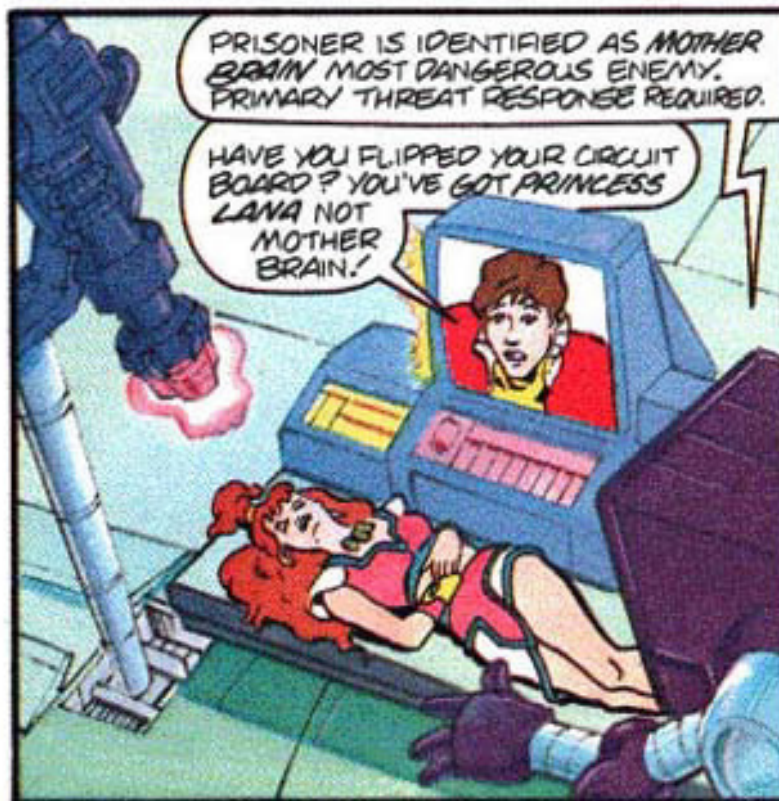
INTRUDER IS NOW PRISONER. PRISONER RENDERED UNCONSCIOUS BY STUN GAS.

OH... HISS



PRISONER IS IDENTIFIED AS MOTHER BRAIN MOST DANGEROUS ENEMY. PRIMARY THREAT RESPONSE REQUIRED.

HAVE YOU FLIPPED YOUR CIRCUIT BOARD? YOU'VE GOT PRINCESS LANA NOT MOTHER BRAIN!



ERROR IS NOT POSSIBLE IN THIS UNIT. AUTHORIZATION: PRIME DIRECTIVE 3. PRISONER WILL BE DESTROYED IN SIXTY SECONDS.

NO!



THE COMPUTER IS GOING TO DESTROY LANA! BUT IT'S ALSO THE ONLY THING KEEPING MOTHER BRAIN'S BULLY BOYS FROM DESTROYING THE PALACE! THERE'S NO WAY TO STOP IT IN TIME!

UNLESS...LANA SAID IT'S BUILT LIKE A VIDEO GAME...MAYBE IT THINKS LIKE A VIDEO GAME!



COMPUTER! YOU SAID ERROR WAS IMPOSSIBLE. RIGHT?

THAT IS CORRECT. PRISONER WILL BE DESTROYED IN THIRTY SECONDS.



WELL, CHECK THIS OUT!

YOU HAVE ATTACKED THE PALACE. YOU WERE IDENTIFIED AS CAPTAIN N--ALLY! HOW IS THIS POSSIBLE?



SOUNDS LIKE YOU MADE AN ERROR! WHAT IF YOU MADE ANOTHER ERROR WHEN YOU IDENTIFIED THE PRISONER? WHAT IF YOU DESTROY THE WRONG PERSON?

ERROR IS NOT ACCEPTABLE. BUT, PRISONER IS STILL IDENTIFIED AS PRIMARY ENEMY--MOTHER BRAIN. PRISONER WILL BE DESTROYED IN TEN SECONDS... NINE SECONDS... EIGHT SECONDS..



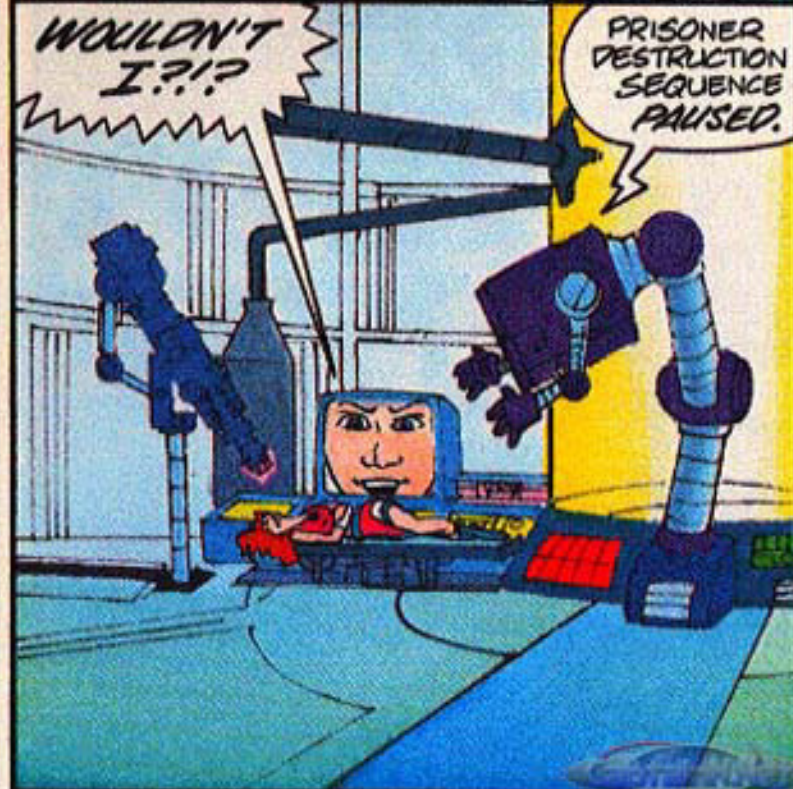
PRISONER TERMINATION IN FOUR SECONDS...THREE SECONDS...

BUT YOU CAPTURED THE PRISONER EASILY! HEY, WHAT IF YOUR DEFENSES CAN'T STOP ME FROM REACHING THE CENTRAL POWER CORE! THEN I'D BE THE PRIMARY ENEMY. WOULDN'T I?



WOULDN'T I?!?

PRISONER DESTRUCTION SEQUENCE PAUSED.



YOUR STATEMENT IS LOGICAL. THIS UNIT WILL NOT DESTROY PRISONER IF YOU ARE ABLE TO REACH CENTRAL POWER CORE. MAXIMUM LEVEL DEFENSES WILL USED.

YOU HAVE FIFTEEN MINUTES. YOU MAY BEGIN.

I KNEW IT! NO MATTER HOW DIFFERENT THEY ARE, ALL VIDEO GAMES THINK ALIKE! THEY PRESENT A CHALLENGE FOR HUMANS TO BEAT!



NOW ALL I HAVE TO DO IS GET PAST EVERY LEVEL IN THE PALACE OF POWER. WITH EVERY THING IN THE PALACE TRYING TO DESTROY ME. NO PROBLEMO!

WORKMEN ROBOTS & CYBORG, COMPUTER! YOU CAN DO BETTER THAN THIS!



IN THE HUGE HANGAR LEVEL OF THE PALACE, CAP EVADES VICIOUS VEHICLES REMOTELY CONTROLLED BY THE MASTER COMPUTER.

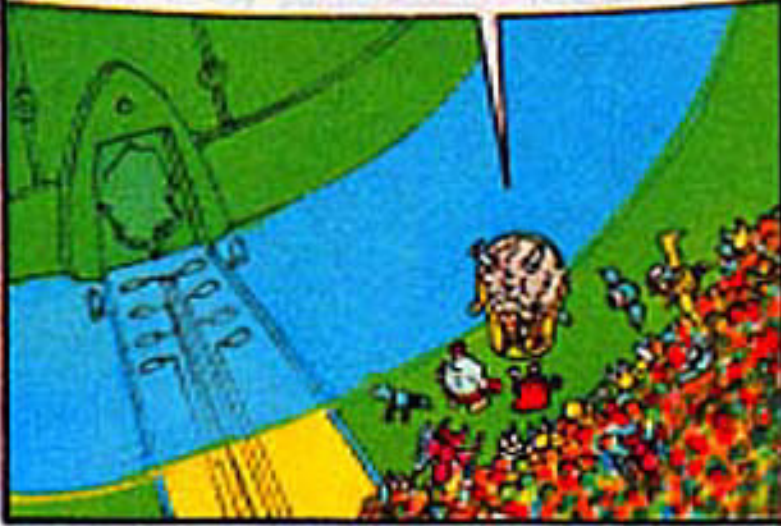


AND IN THE SPACIOUS PALACE KITCHEN, CAP FACES ANGRY APPLIANCES, FORKS OF FURY, AND KILLER COOKWARE!

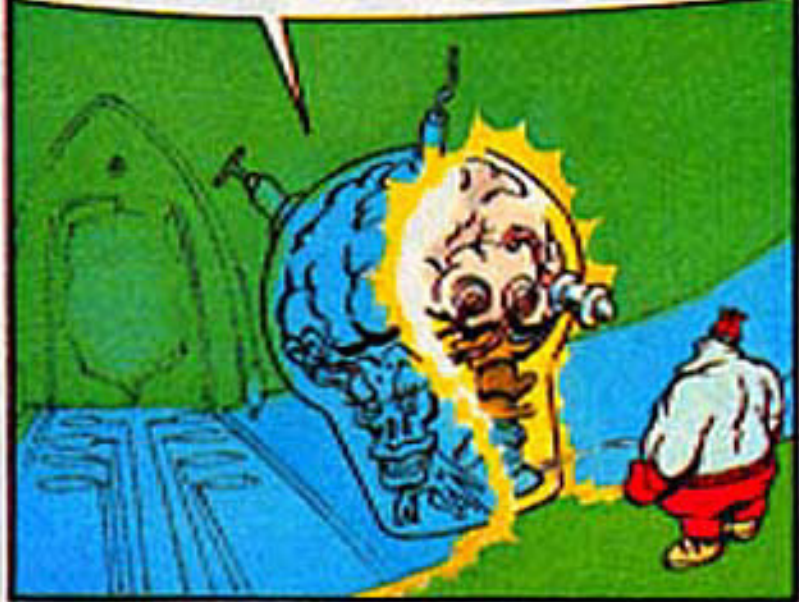


MEANWHILE, THE MALEVOLENT MOTHER BRAIN HAS JOINED HER ARMY, LAYING SIEGE TO THE PALACE!

I THINK I'VE WAITED LONG ENOUGH! THANKS TO MY LIGHTNING BOLT REPROGRAMMING THE MASTER COMPUTER, ALL I HAD TO DO WAS SIT BACK RELAX, AND LET MY GREATEST ENEMY BE DESTROYED BY HER OWN DEFENSES!

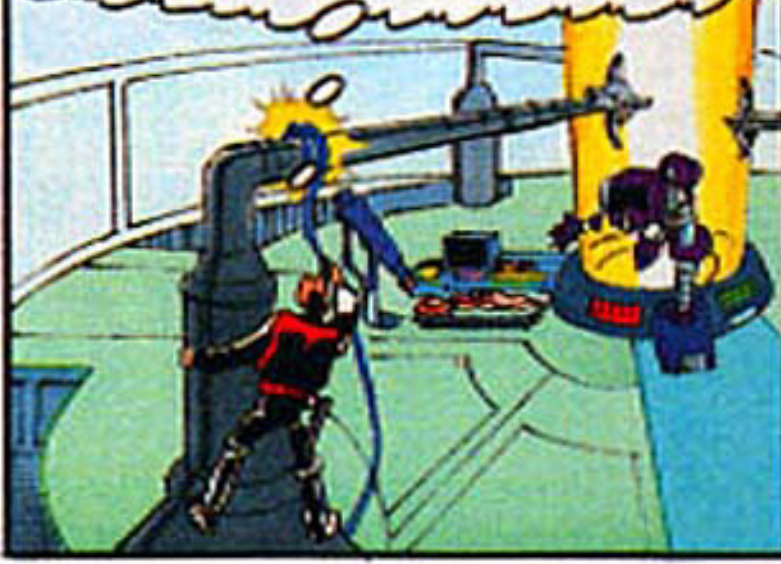


WITHOUT THE PRINCESS TO UNITE THE HEROES OF VIDEO LAND, I'LL DESTROY THEM ONE BY ONE! AND SINCE THE PALACE COMPUTER STILL THINKS I'M PRINCESS LANA, PERHAPS I'LL JUST PASS THROUGH THE FORCE FIELD, SLIT DOWN THE COMPUTER, AND LET MY ARMY INSIDE!

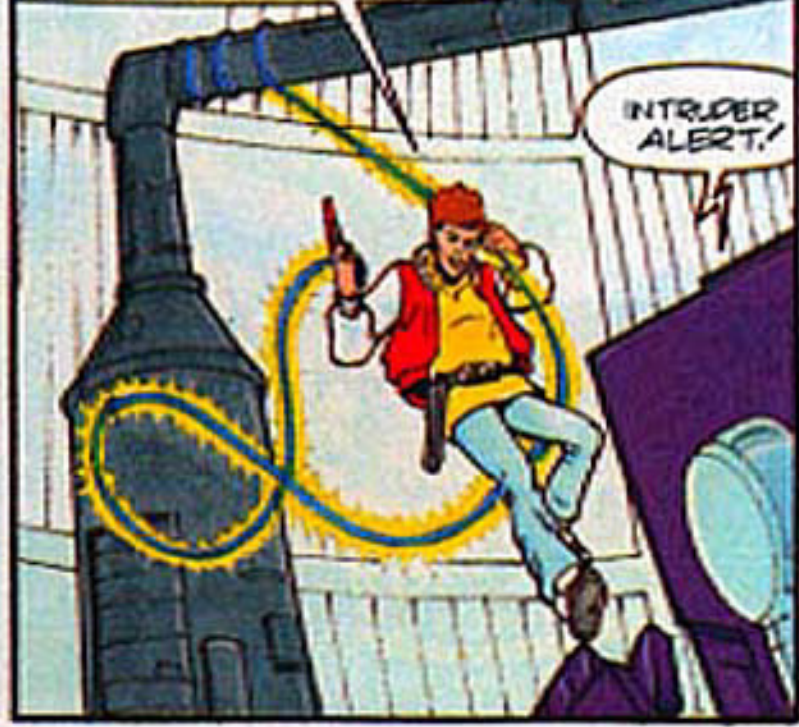


AT THAT MOMENT...CAPTAIN N HAS REACHED THE CENTRAL POWER CORE...

MY FIFTEEN MINUTES ARE ALMOST UP! IF I DON'T DESTROY THE MASTER COMPUTER, IT'LL ZAP LANA! BUT IF I DO DESTROY IT, MOTHER BRAIN'S ARMY WILL OVERRUN THE PALACE! I SURE HOPE THIS WORKS!



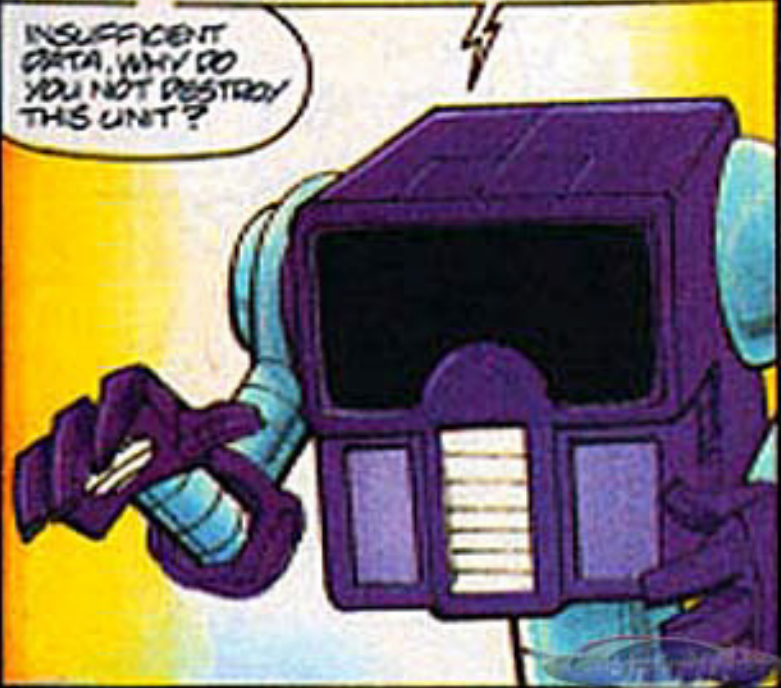
OKAY, YOU MIXED UP MOUND OF MEGABYTES, THE PARTY'S OVER!

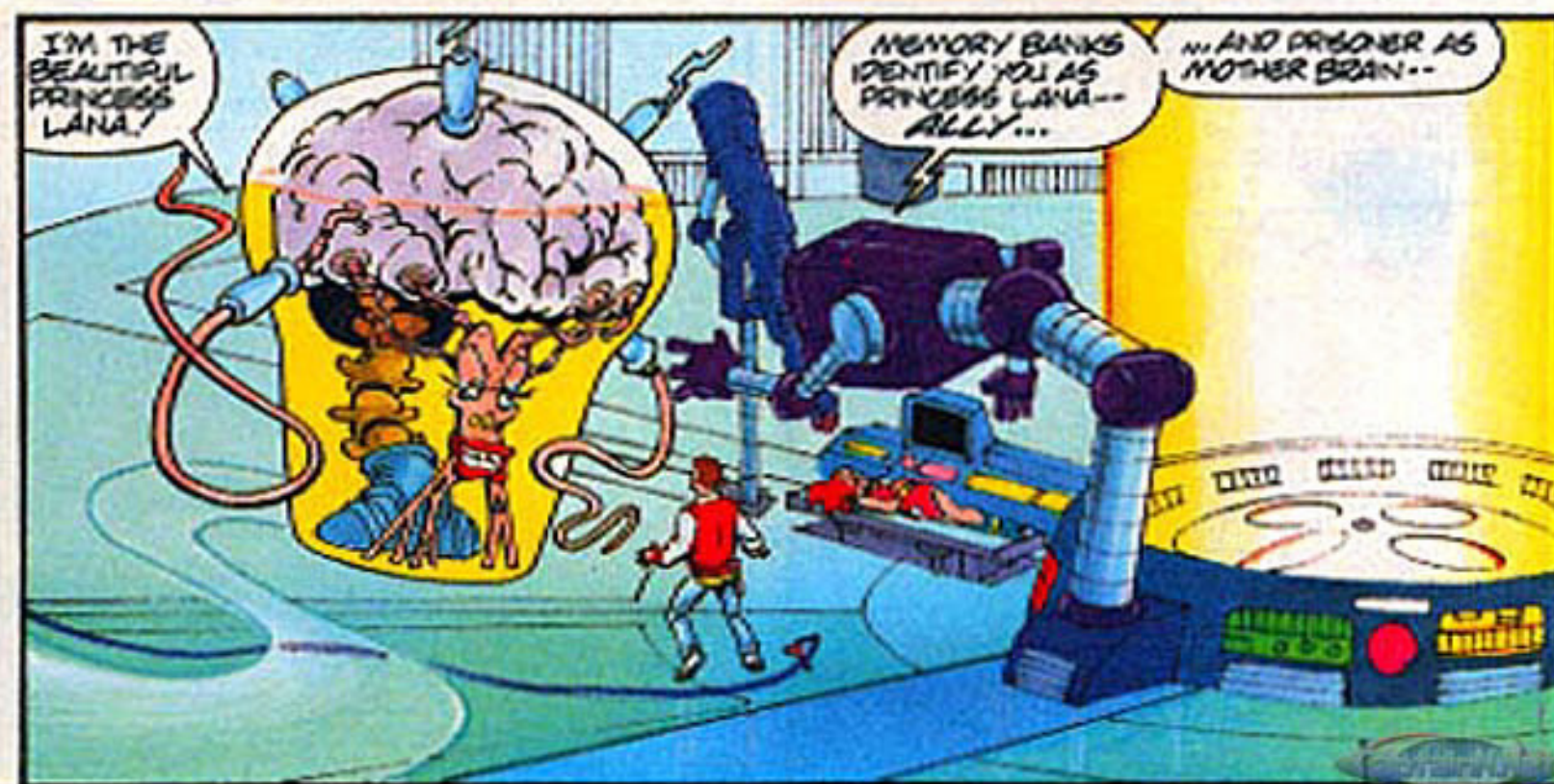
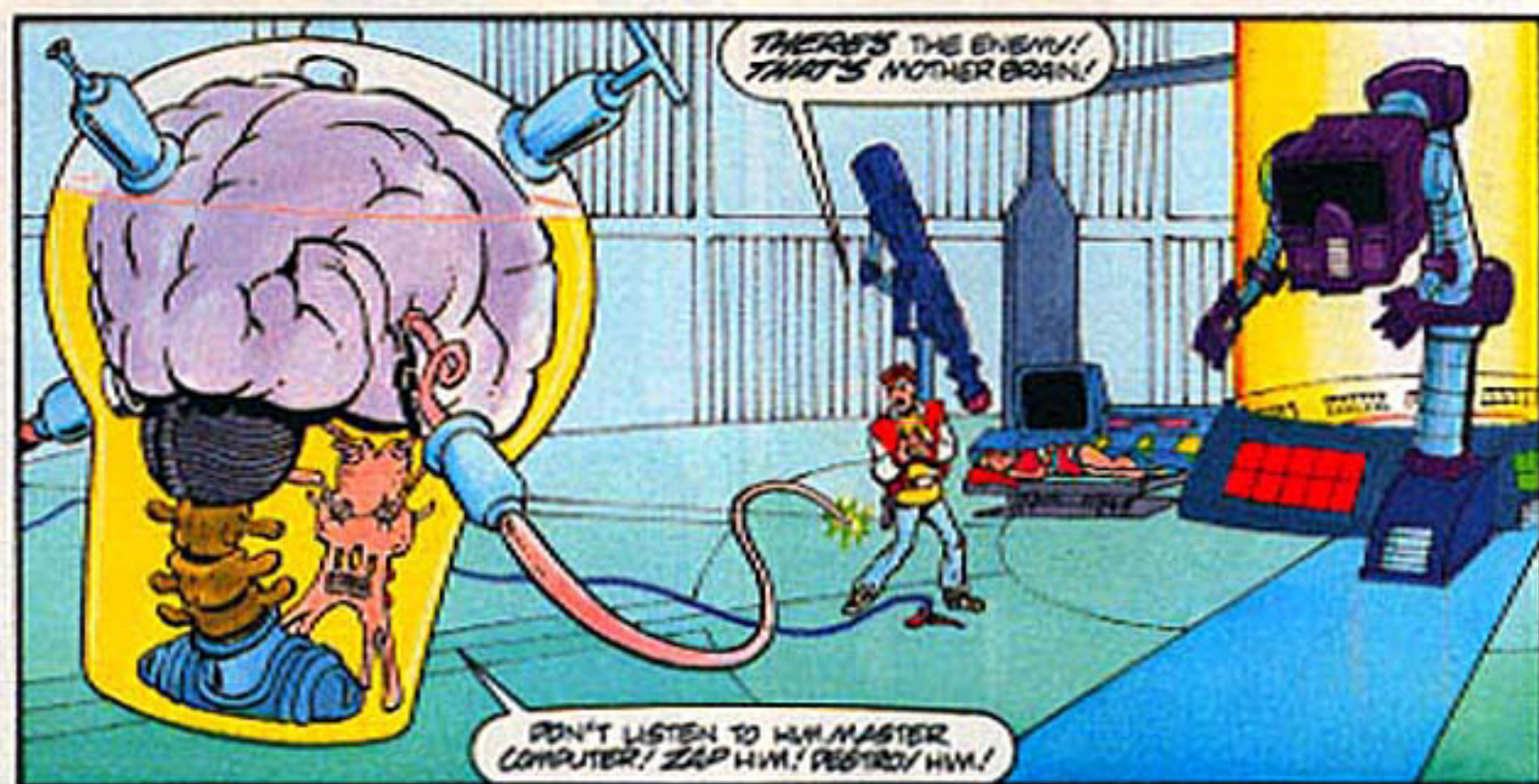


THIS ZAPPER IS PLUGGED DIRECTLY INTO THE CENTRAL POWER CORE, MAKING IT THE MOST POWERFUL HANDGUN IN VIDEO LAND AND COULD EASILY BLOW YOUR OPS CLEAN OFF YOUR CIRCUIT BOARD. SO...ASK YOURSELF... WHY DON'T I FIRE?



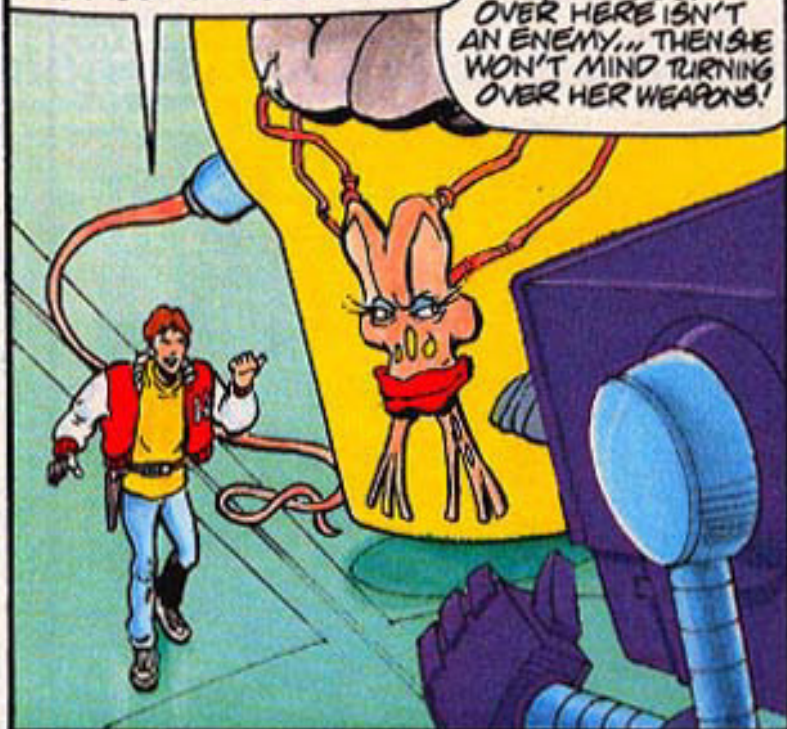
THIS UNIT HAS ATTEMPTED TO DESTROY YOU. SENSORS INDICATE THAT YOU NOW POSSESS SUFFICIENT POWER TO DESTROY THIS UNIT.



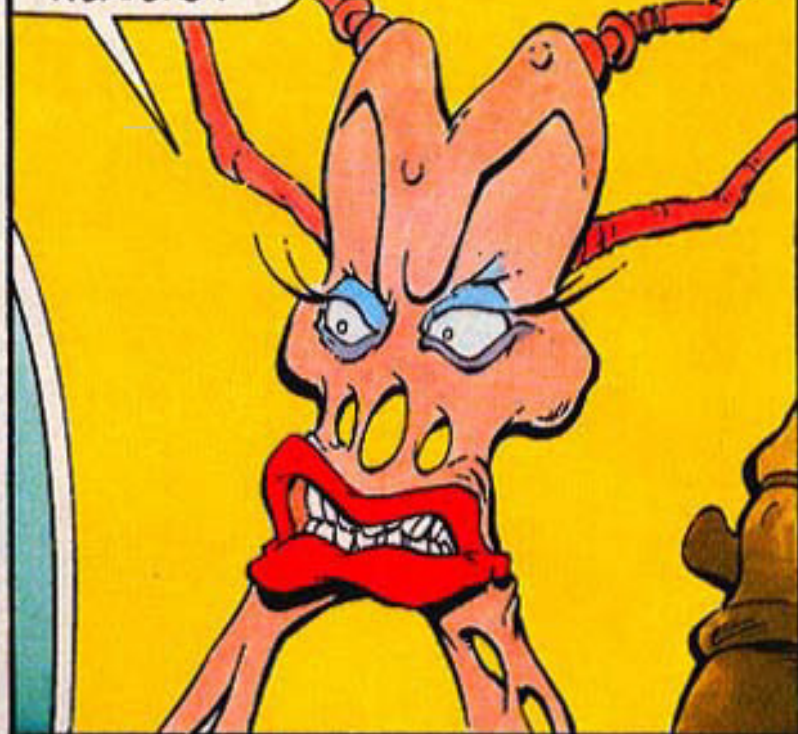


YOU REPROGRAMMED THE MCS! YOU SET THIS UP!

COMPUTER! IF TALL, WET, AND UGLY OVER HERE ISN'T AN ENEMY... THEN SHE WON'T MIND TURNING OVER HER WEAPONS!



PUT DOWN MY... WEAPONS?



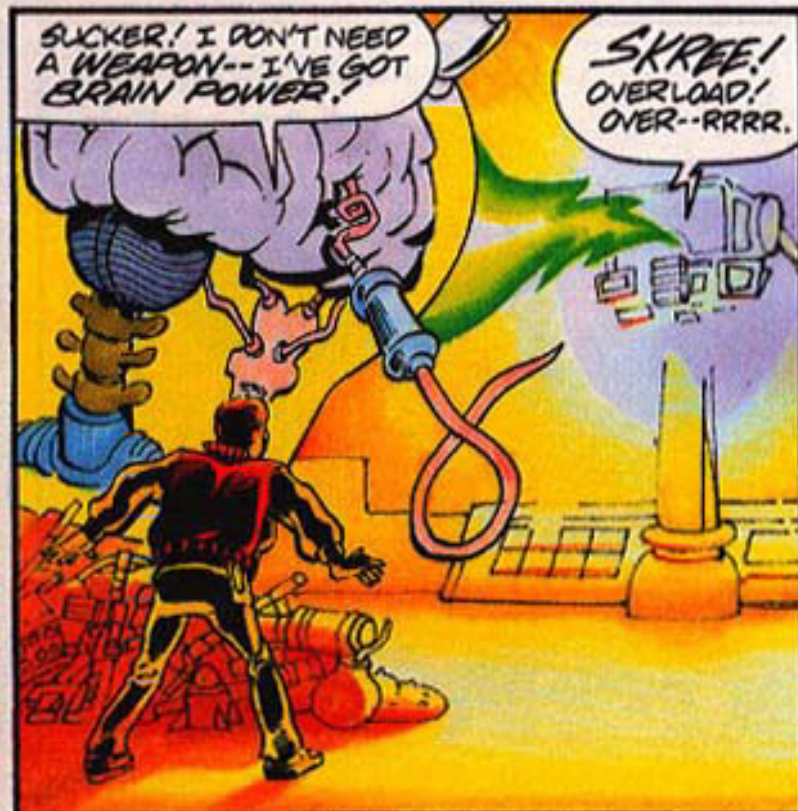
WHY, OF COURSE! I'LL BE DELIGHTED TO TURN OVER MY WEAPONS.

IS THAT ALL? YOU MUST BE TRAVELING LIGHT TODAY.

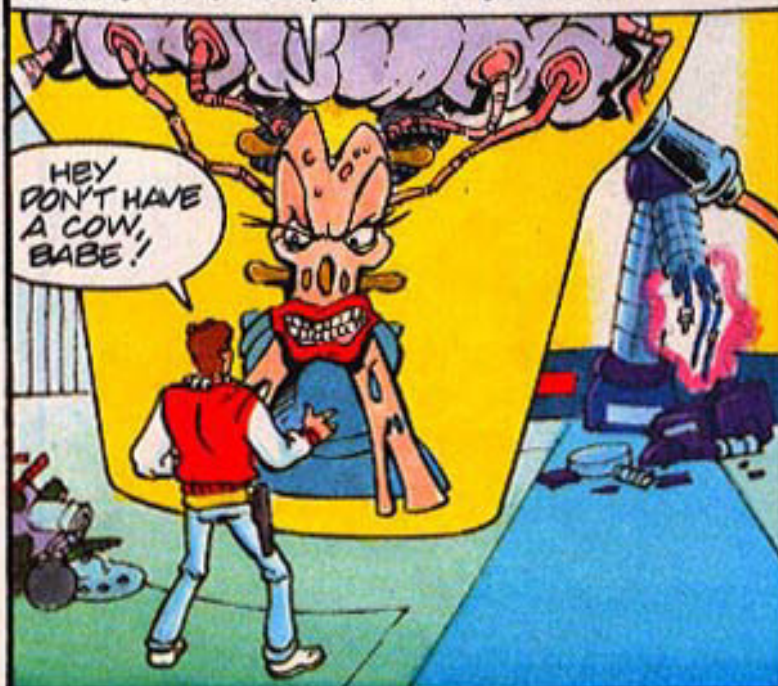


SUCKER! I DON'T NEED A WEAPON-- I'VE GOT BRAIN POWER!

SKREE!
OVERLOAD!
OVER--RRRR.



I'VE DESTROYED THE MASTER COMPUTER ONCE AND FOR ALL. WITHOUT IT TO CONTROL THE PALACE DEFENSES, NOTHING CAN STOP --

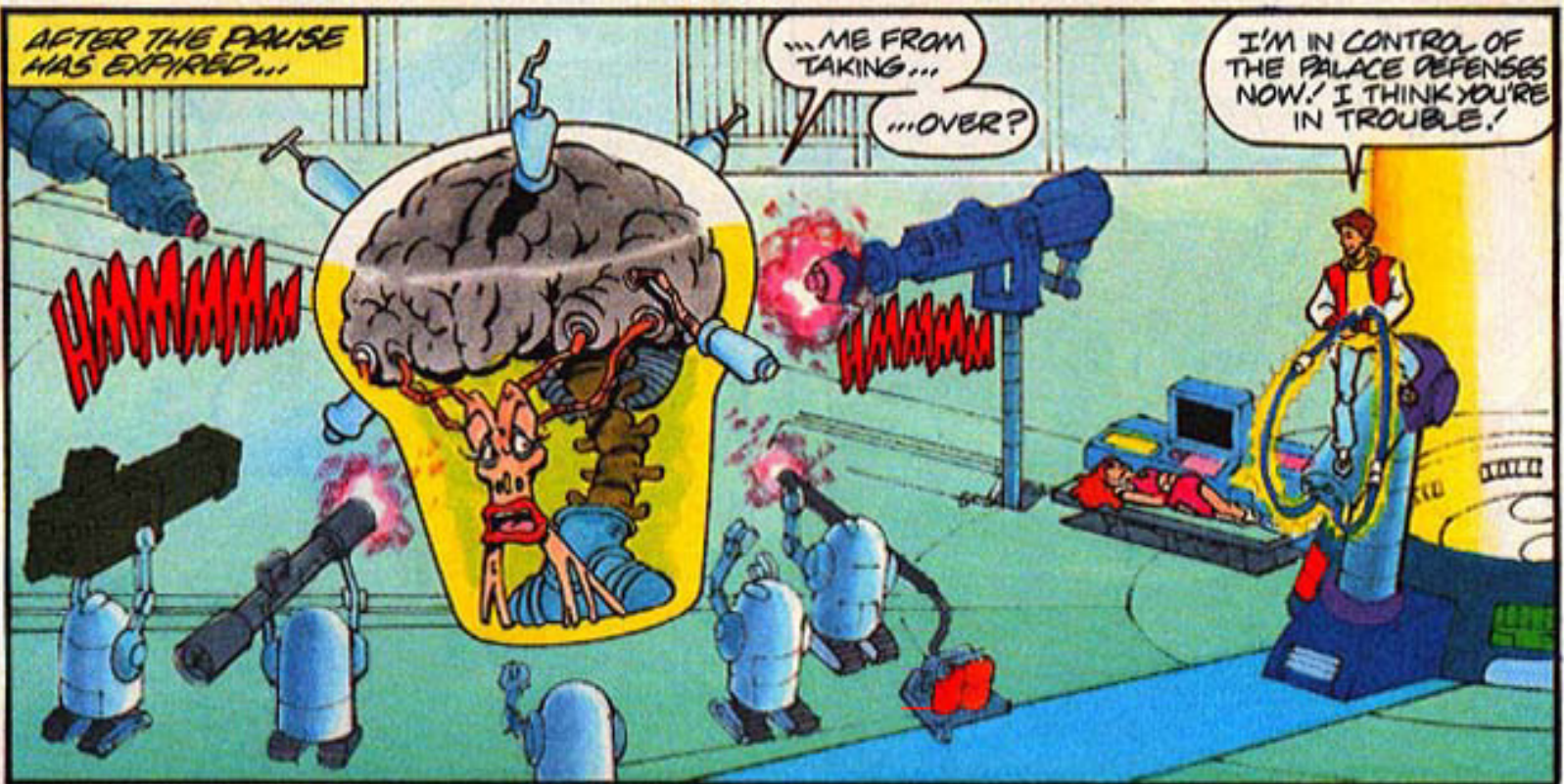


HEY DON'T HAVE A COW, BABE!

PAUSE!

AND WHILE MOTHER BRAIN IS FROZEN IN TIME, IT'S TIME OUT FOR A LITTLE RE-PROGRAMMING OF MINE!





AFTER THE PAUSE HAS EXPIRED...

...ME FROM TAKING...
...OVER?

I'M IN CONTROL OF THE PALACE DEFENSES NOW! I THINK YOU'RE IN TROUBLE!



RETREAT!!



PRINCESS! ARE YOU OKAY? LANA! WAKE UP!



HMMM. SHE'S A PRINCESS, I'M A HERO. GUESS THERE'S ONLY ONE THING TO DO...

SMOOCH



KEVIN! WHAT HAPPENED?

LET'S JUST SAY THERE ARE SOME THINGS THAT SHOULDN'T BE LEFT TO MACHINES!

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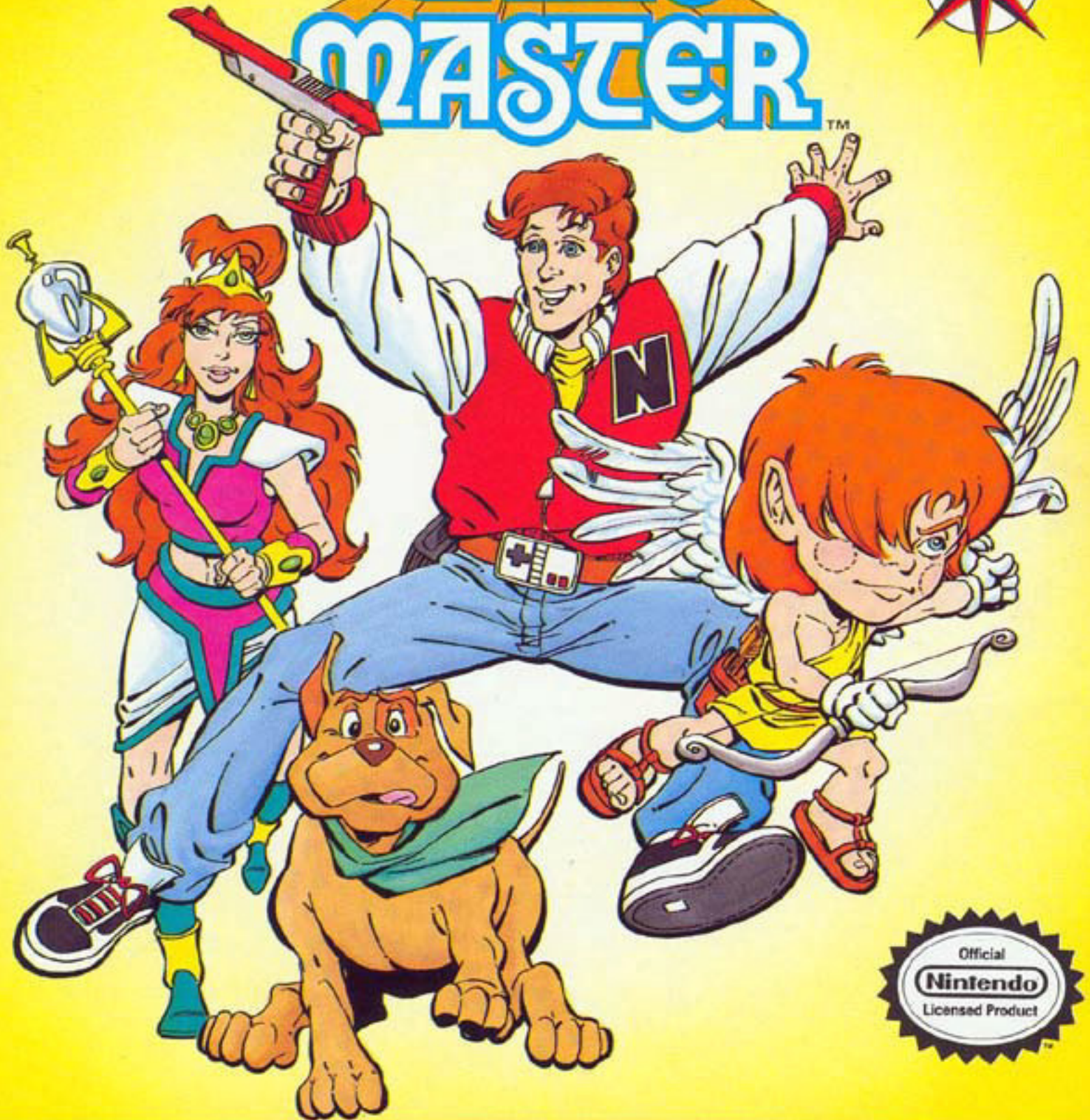


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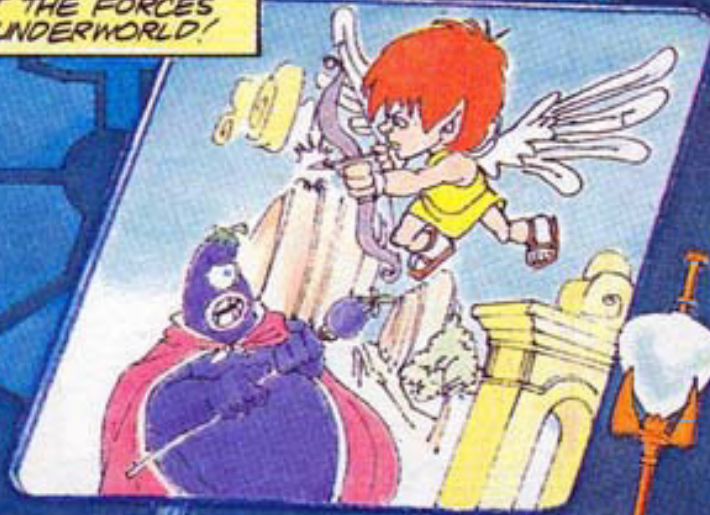
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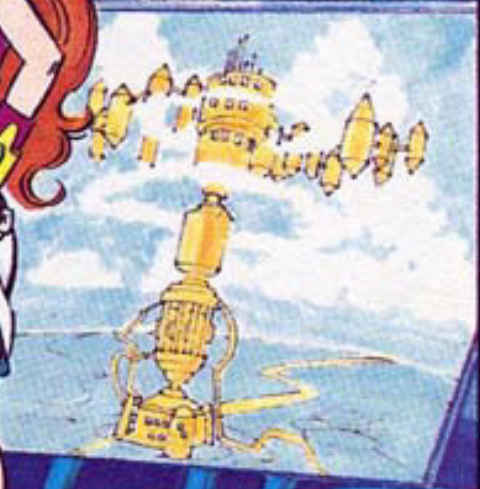
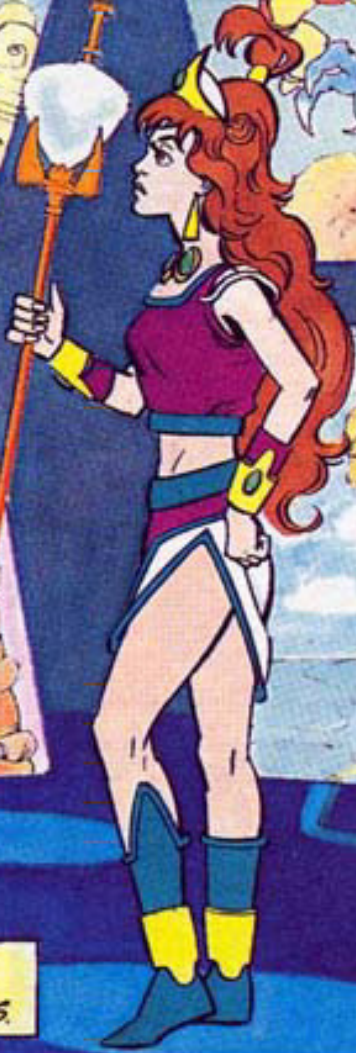
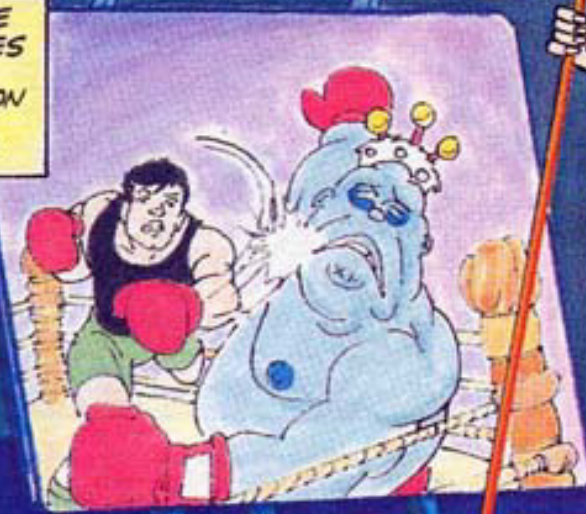
HERE, KID ICARUS FLIES AGAINST THE FORCES OF THE UNDERWORLD!



HERE, SPACE HUNTER SAMUS ARAN BATTLES THE HORDES OF METROID.



HERE, LITTLE MAC PUNCHES OUT HIS OPPONENTS ON HIS WAY TO THE TITLE!



AND HERE, THE BEAUTIFUL PRINCESS LANA RULES THE PALACE OF POWER IN THE ABSENCE OF HER FATHER, GOOD KING CHARLES.

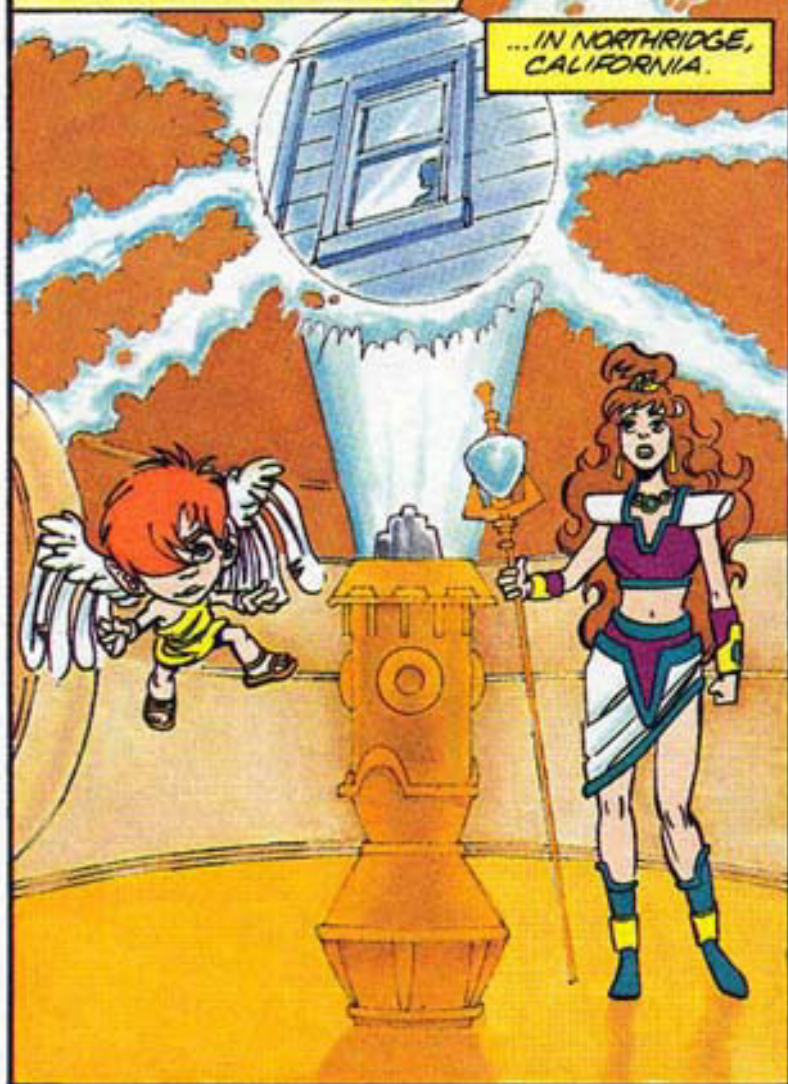
ONCE, THERE WAS A BALANCE TO ALL THINGS IN VIDEOLAND. FOR EACH WORLD THERE WAS A HERO, AND FOR EACH HERO, AN ARCH-VILLAIN.

MOTHER BRAIN CHANGED ALL THAT, BY UNITING THE FORCES OF EVIL ON ALL WORLDS TO FORM A SINGLE DEADLY ALLIANCE THAT NOTHING COULD STOP!

ON THAT DAY, THE LEAGUE OF DARKNESS WAS BORN.

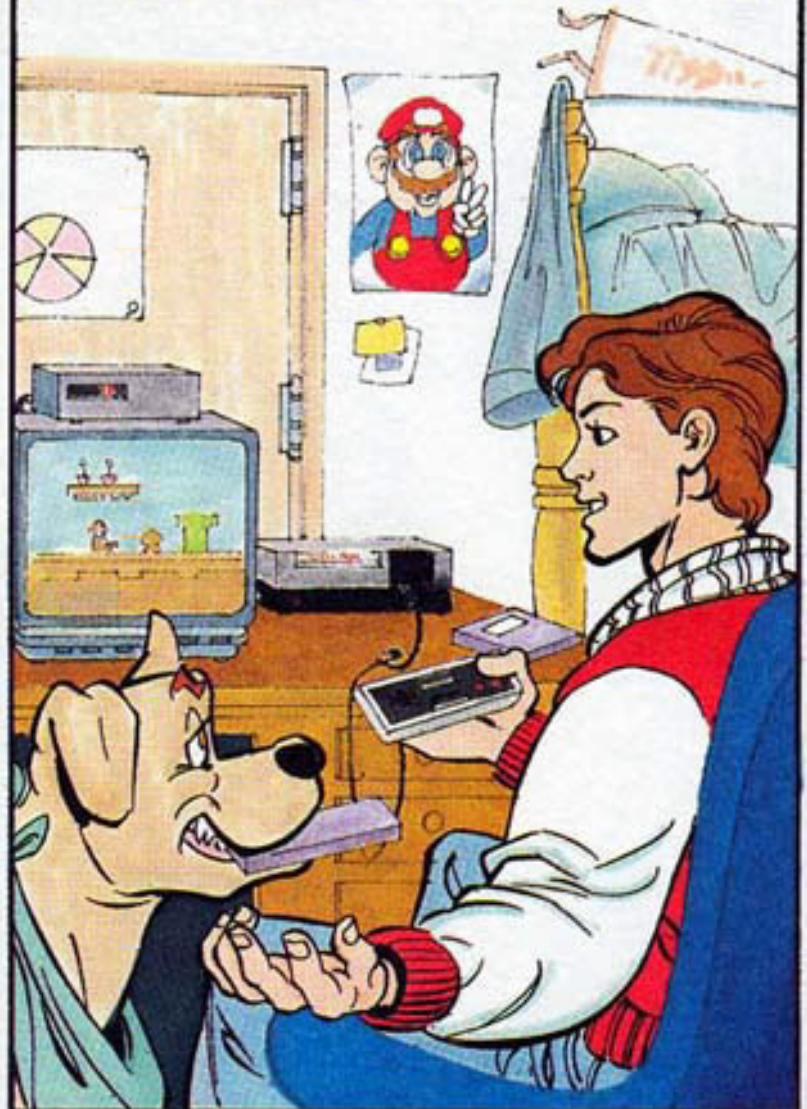


MOTHER BRAIN HAD TIPPED THE BALANCE OF POWER. A CHAMPION WAS NEEDED TO UNITE THE FORCES OF LIGHT! THE ULTIMATE WARP ZONE FOUND HIM...



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KEVIN KEENE THE HOTTEST NINTENDO POWER PLAYER ON THE FACE OF THE EARTH!



KEVIN ALONE HAD THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE VIDEO GAME WORLD NEEDED TO DEFEAT MOTHER BRAIN. KEVIN WOULD NO LONGER BE JUST ANOTHER HIGH SCHOOL KID. HE WAS NOW...



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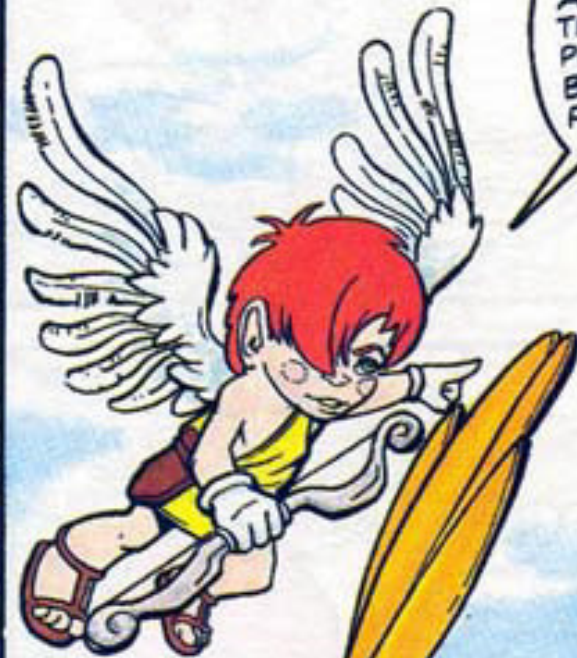
WELCOME TO VIDEO LAND, KEVIN. WHERE THE GAMES ARE REAL AND THE FATE OF THE UNIVERSE IS IN YOUR HANDS.



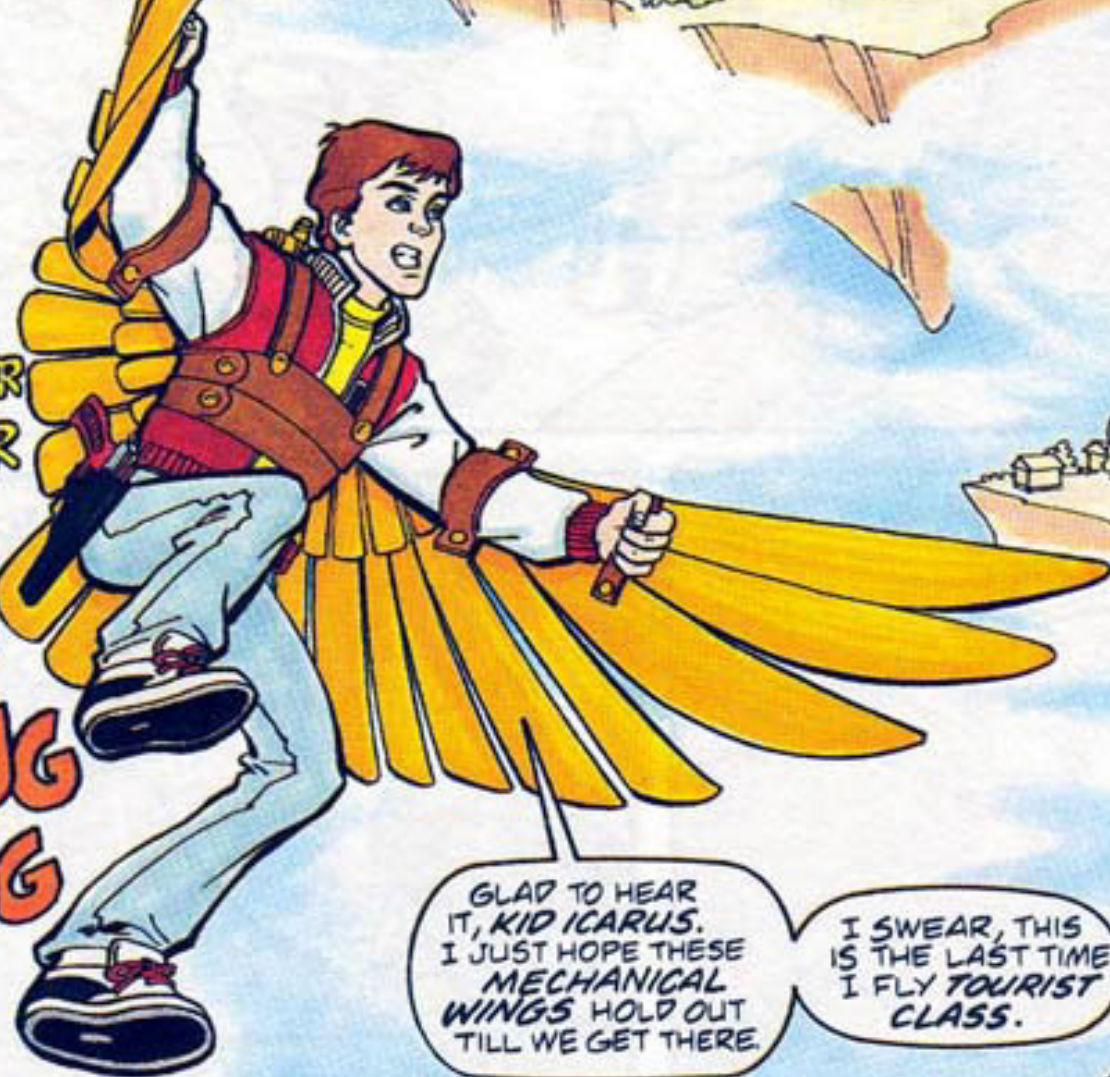
NOW YOU'RE PLAYING WITH POWER!

THE FRUIT AND VEGETABLE WAR

THERE IT IS,
CAPTAIN N, STRAIGHT
AHEAD — CORNUCOPIA,
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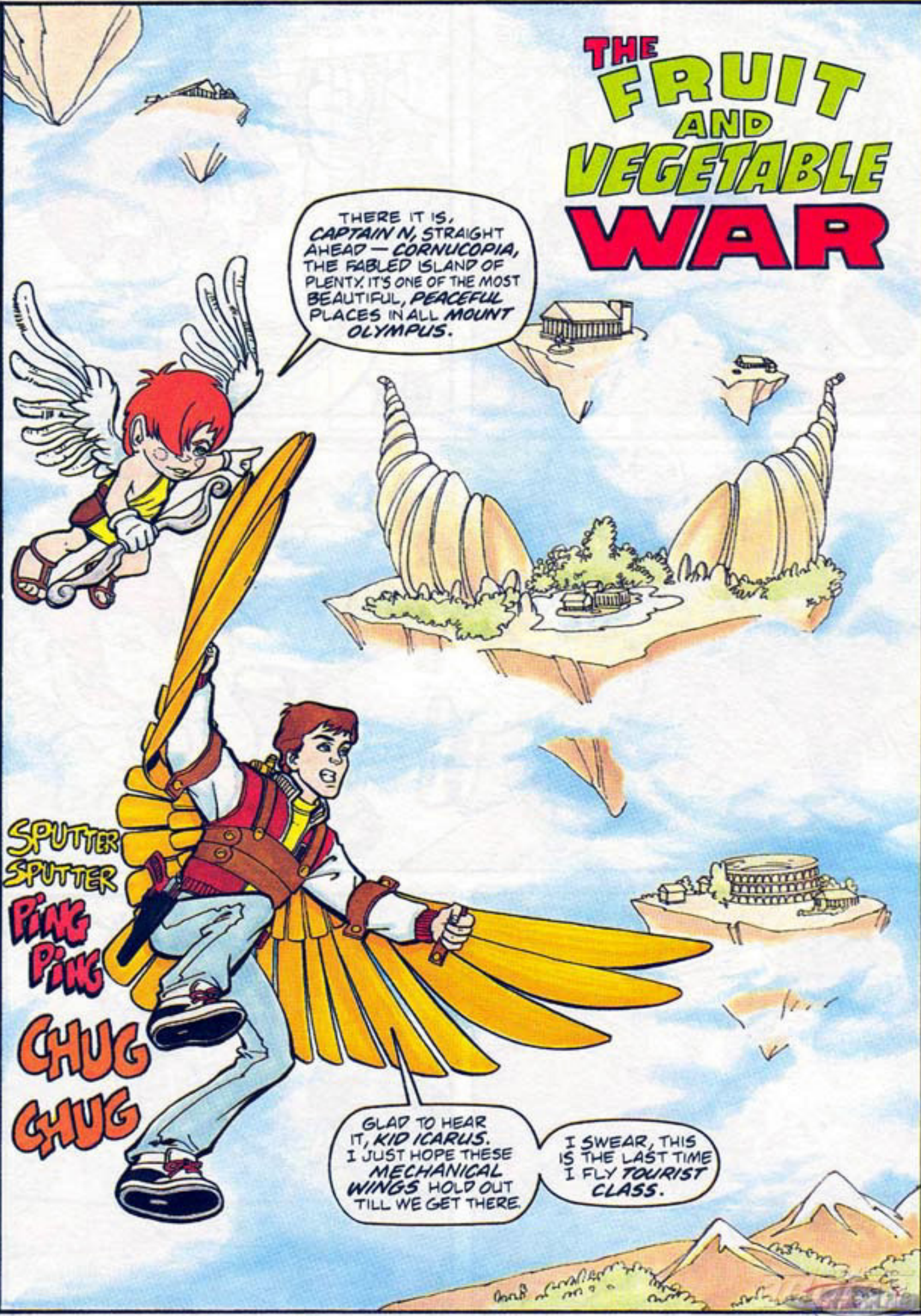


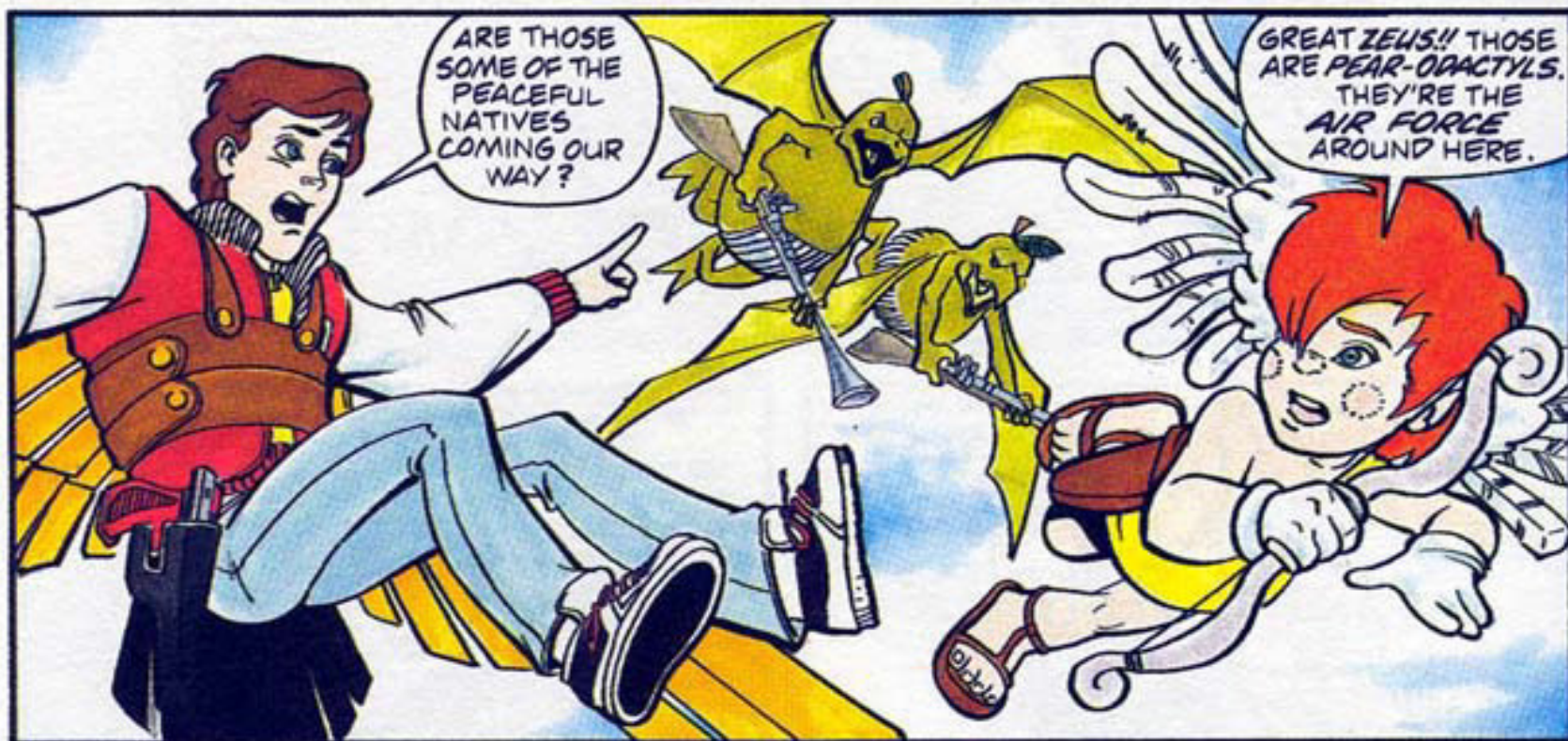
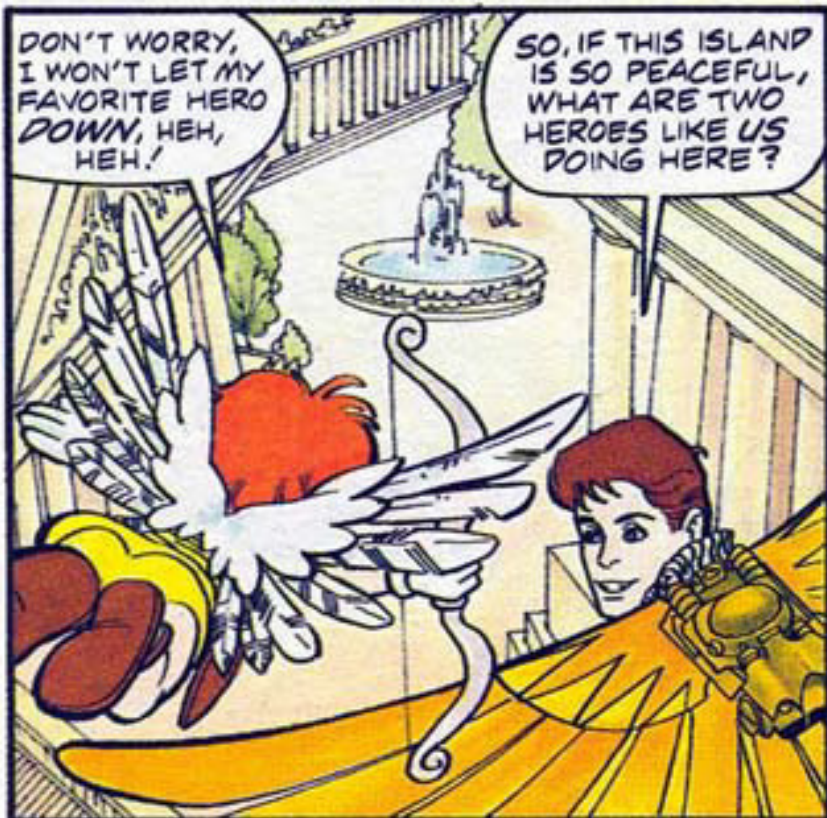
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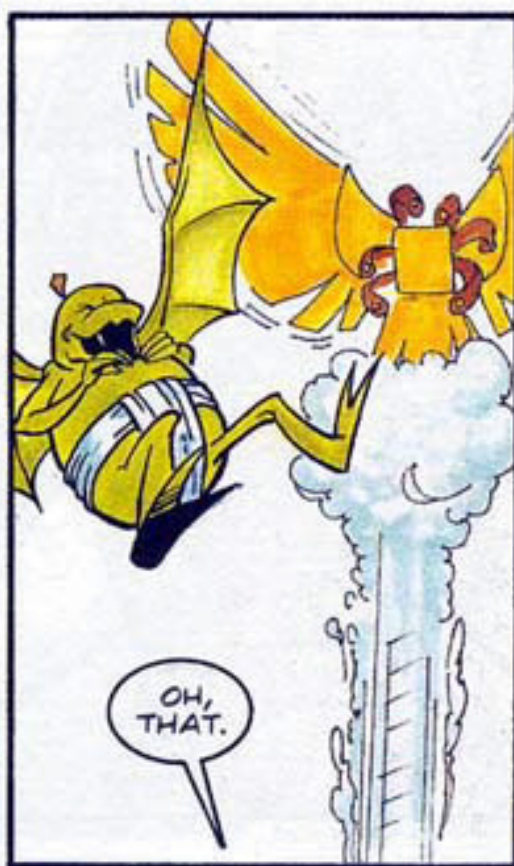
I SWEAR, THIS
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I FLY TOURIST
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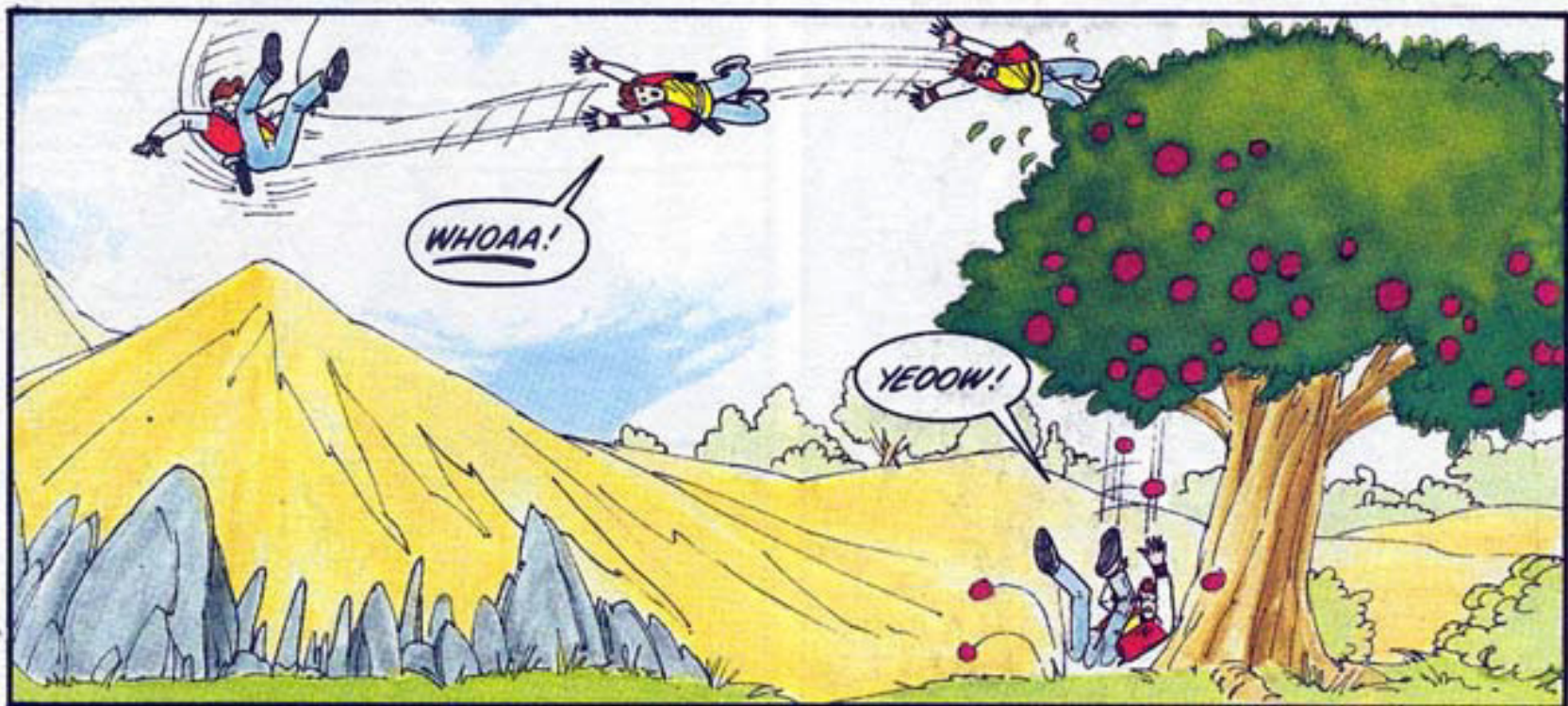
HEY, WAIT A MINUTE-WHAT ARE YOU DOING BACK THERE?



OH, THAT.

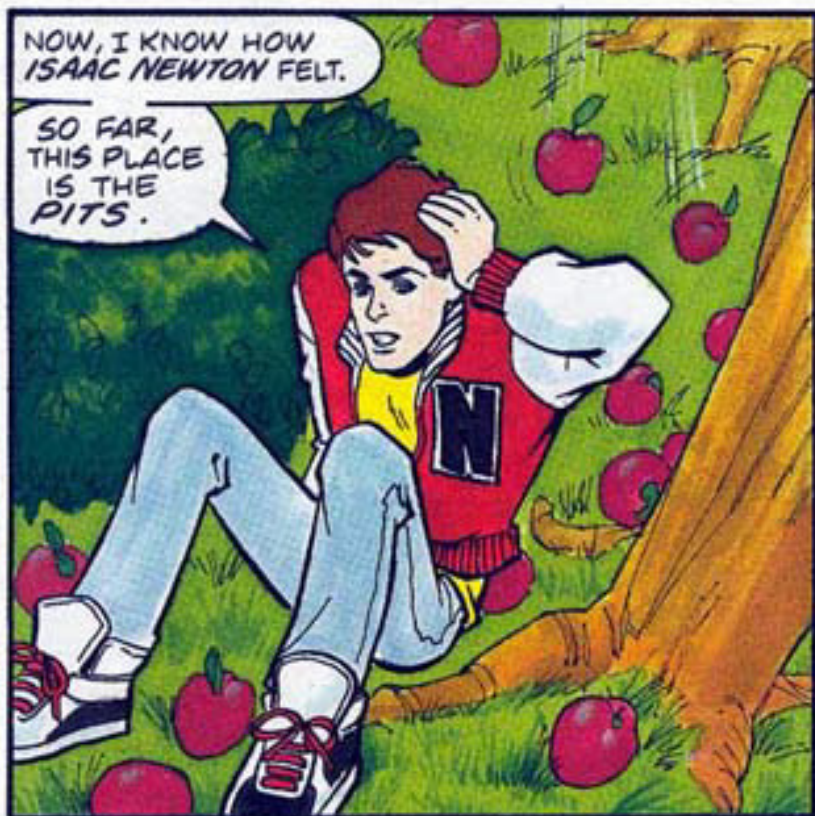


ONLY ONE CHANCE... I'VE GOT TO USE THE **JUMP** BUTTON ON MY **POWER BELT** AND MAKE IT TO THAT TREE.



WHOOA!

YEDOW!



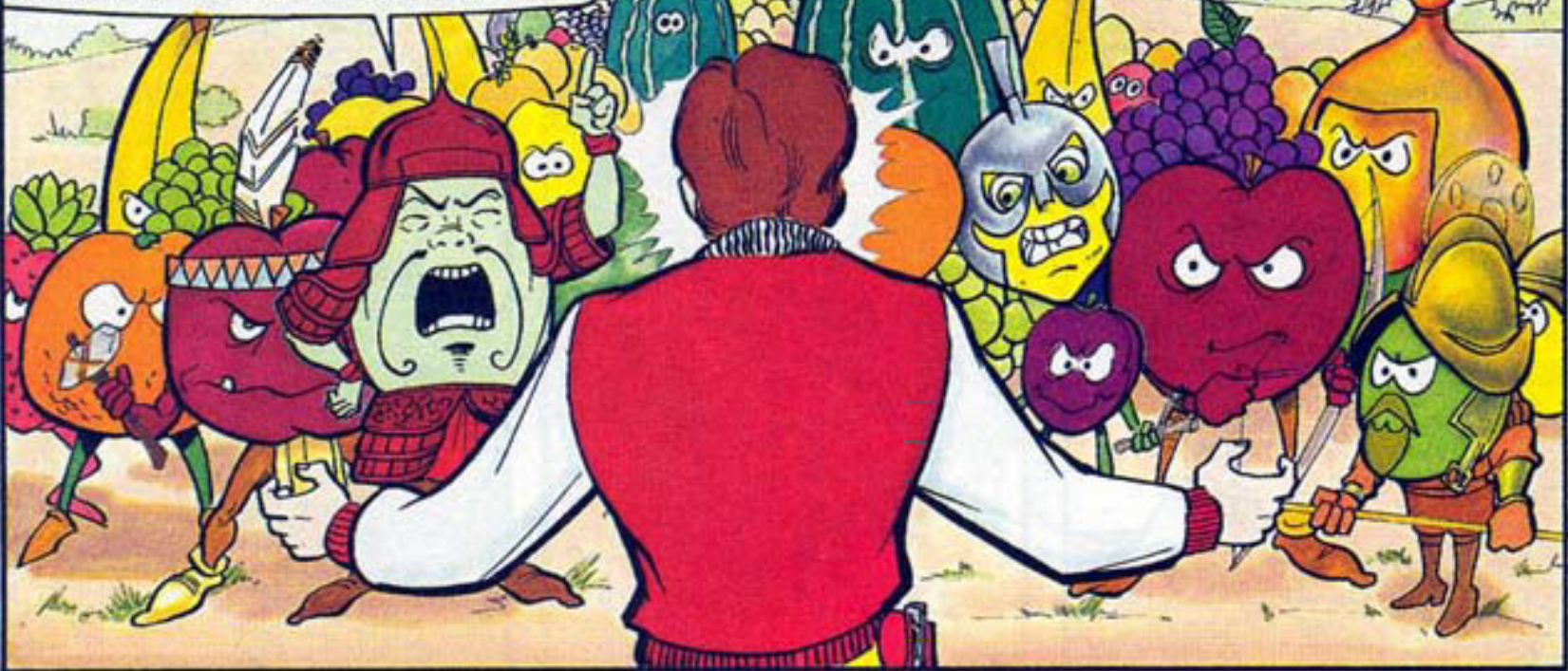
NOW, I KNOW HOW ISAAC NEWTON FELT.

SO FAR, THIS PLACE IS THE **PITS**.



UH-OH. HI, GUYS. PEACHY DAY, HUH?

SPEAK STRANGER! WHY DO YOU BLOCK THE PATH OF ATILLA, THE HONEYDEW, GENERAL OF THE ARMIES OF FRUITOPIA!



WELL, YOU SEE, I JUST KIND OF DROPPED IN. MY NAME IS KEVIN KEENE, BUT HERE IN VIDEO LAND, THEY CALL ME CAPTAIN N.

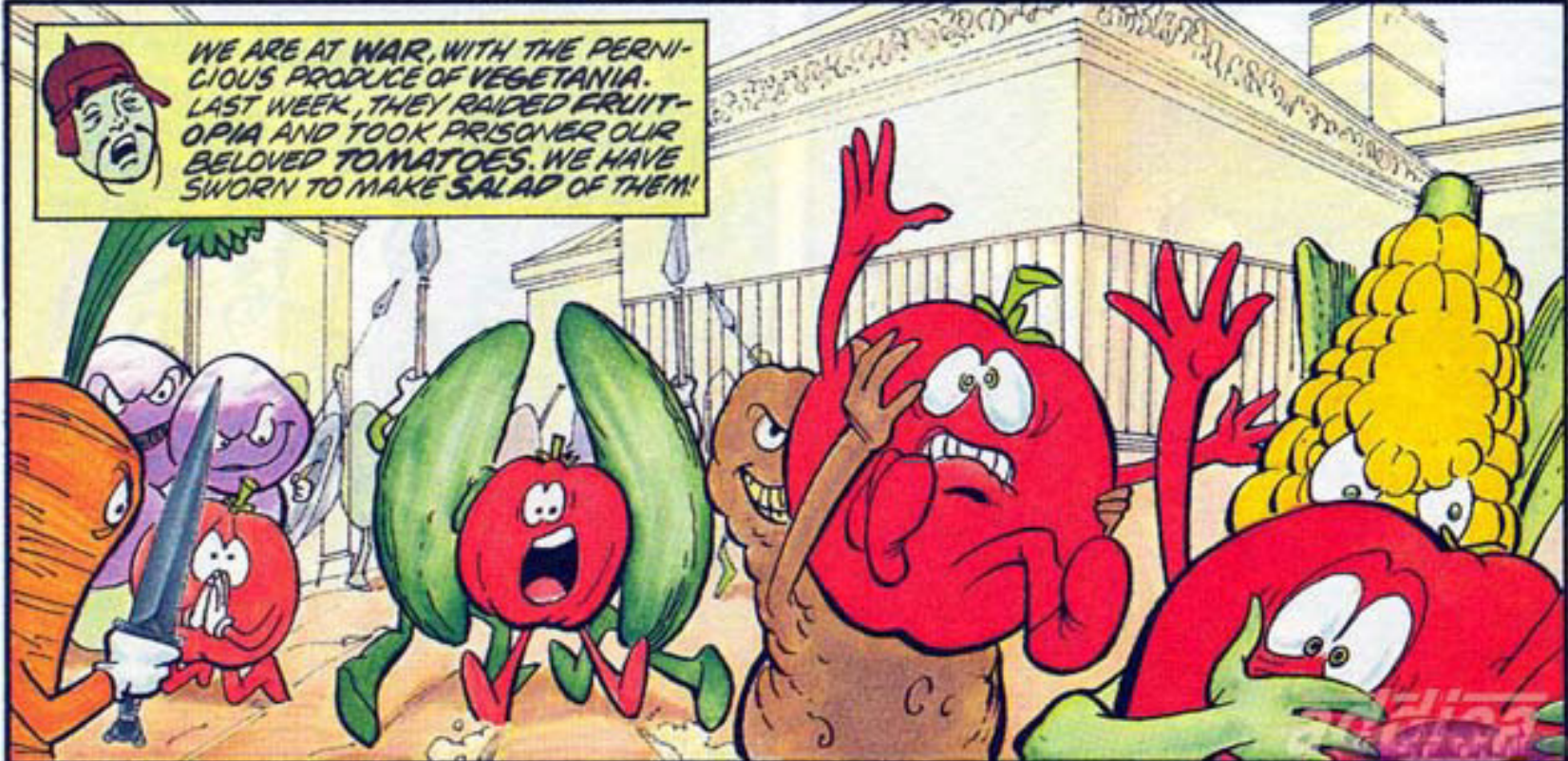


CAPTAIN N? I DID NOT KNOW. THIS IS INDEED AN HONOR. EVEN IN THIS FAR CORNER OF VIDEO LAND, WE HAVE HEARD OF YOUR HEROIC DEEDS. YOU MUST HAVE COME HERE TO HELP US.

WELL, I...



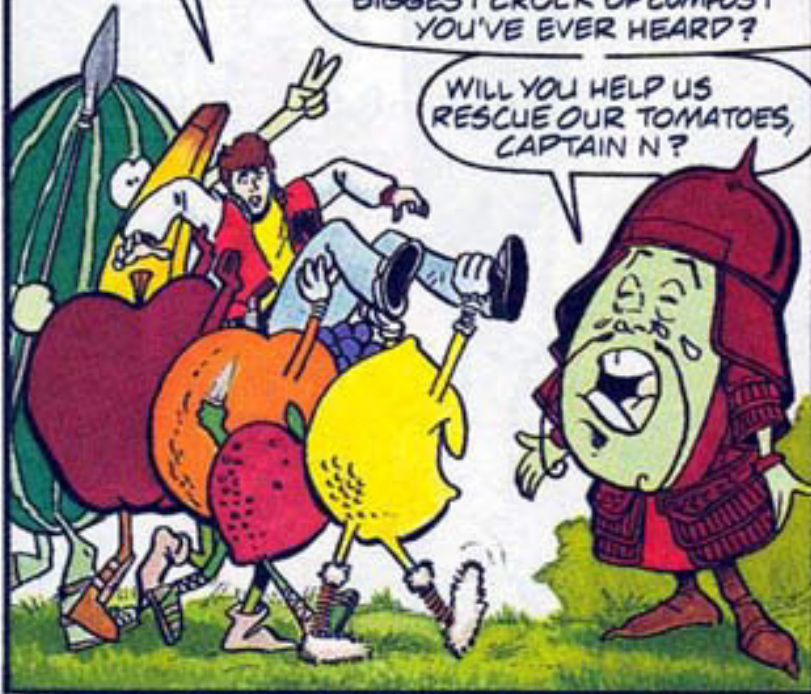
WE ARE AT WAR, WITH THE PERNICIOUS PRODUCE OF VEGETANIA. LAST WEEK, THEY RAIDED FRUITOPIA AND TOOK PRISONER OUR BELOVED TOMATOES. WE HAVE SWORN TO MAKE SALAD OF THEM!



BUT... WHY WOULD THEY TAKE THE TOMATOES?

THEY INSIST THAT TOMATOES ARE VEGETABLES, AND BELONG IN VEGETANIA! ISN'T THAT THE BIGGEST CROCK OF COMPOST YOU'VE EVER HEARD?

WILL YOU HELP US RESCUE OUR TOMATOES, CAPTAIN N?



I GUESS SO. AFTER ALL, THAT'S WHAT BEING A HERO IS ALL ABOUT, RIGHT?

GEEZ, I THOUGHT EVERYBODY KNEW THAT TOMATOES ARE FRUIT. OH, WELL... ON TO VEGETANIA.



MEANWHILE, IN VEGETANIA...

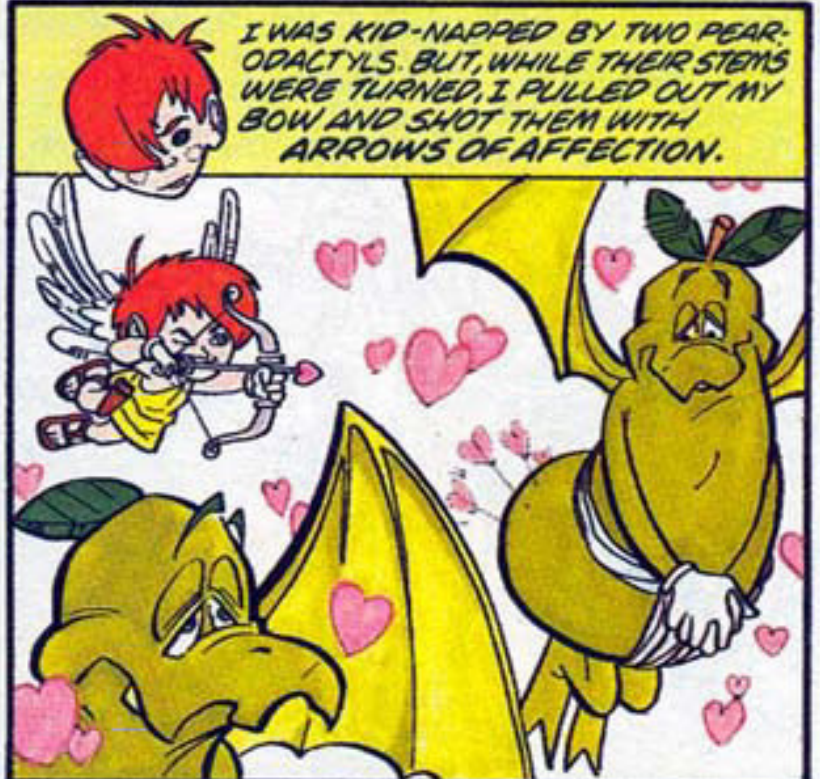
THE RHUBARB ARE ALL OUT ON FIELD MANEUVERS, SIRE. WHAT WE HAVE HERE IS A SPY.

SEE HERE NOW, COLONEL CORN, WHAT'S ALL THIS RHUBARB?

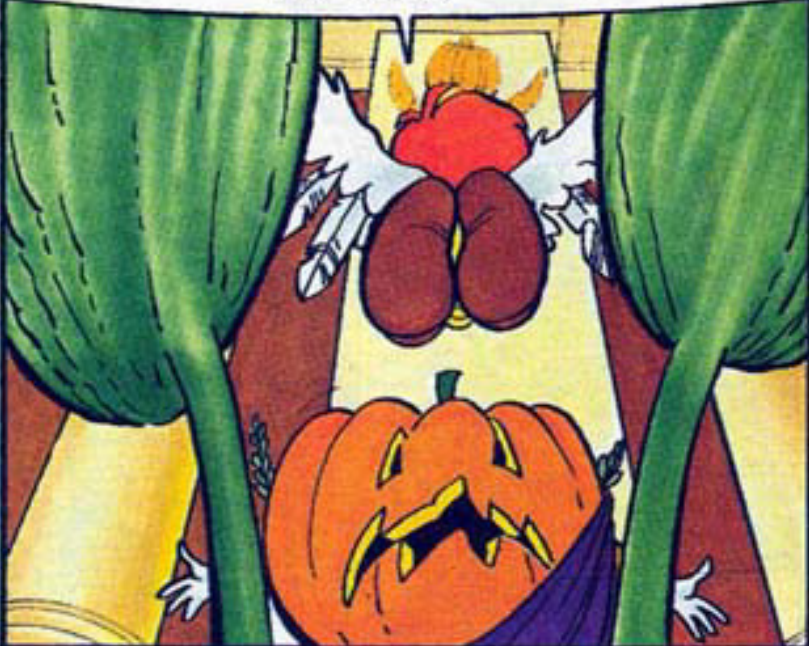


I'M NO SPY!

I WAS KID-NAPPED BY TWO PEAR-ODACTYLS. BUT, WHILE THEIR STEMS WERE TURNED, I PULLED OUT MY BOW AND SHOT THEM WITH ARROWS OF AFFECTION.



WHILE THE TWO OF THEM WERE PEAR-ING OFF, I HEADED FOR THE GROUND TO GET MY BEARINGS. THAT'S WHEN THESE TWO PROSPECTIVE PICKLES JUMPED ME, AND THAT'S THE TRUTH, YOUR RIPENESS.



RELEASE HIM, YOU TURNIP-BRAINS. DON'T YOU REALIZE THIS IS KID ICARUS, FIRST HERO OF MOUNT OLYMPUS?

I AM? OH, YEAH...



KING PUMPKIN EXPLAINS THE SITUATION...

... AND NOW THAT THE TOMATOES ARE HERE AMONG US VEGETABLES, WHERE THEY BELONG, WE NEED YOUR HELP TO FIGHT OFF THE DASTARDLY FRUIT-OPIANS! WILL YOU AID OUR CAUSE?



AYE, AYE, SIRE. ALWAYS READY TO DO MY PART FOR JUSTICE.



THAT'S WHAT I LOVE ABOUT THESE YOUNG HEROES, ALWAYS SO WILLING TO FIGHT.

OH, YOUR MAJESTY--!



OH, IT'S YOU!?

YES, SIRE, THE EGGPLANT WIZARD, YOUR TRUSTED ADVISOR. MIGHT I A-PEEL TO YOUR WISDOM?

SPEAK, FRIEND OF ALL VEGETABLES!



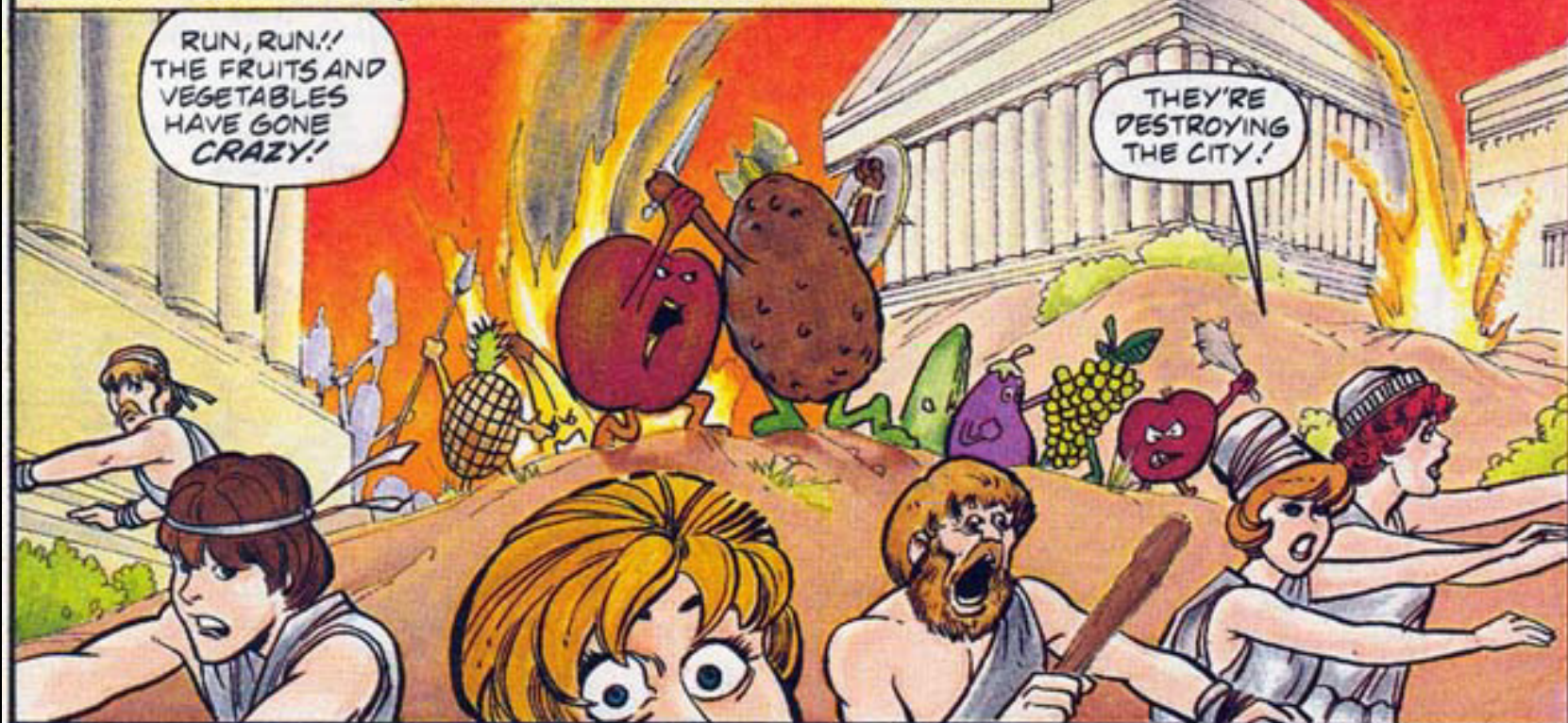
I KNOW THAT CAPTAIN N HAS JOINED WITH THE FRUITS TO OPPOSE US. YOU MUST SEND KID ICARUS INTO BATTLE AGAINST HIM.

BY THE WAY, YOUR RIPENESS, YOU SHOULD GET YOURSELF A NEW TOGA. THAT OLD ONE IS MAKING YOU LOOK RATHER SEEDY.

SEEDY! GET IT? HEH, HEH!



SOON, IN PLENTIOPOLIS, HOME OF THE CORNUCOPIAN FARMERS...



RUN, RUN!!
THE FRUITS AND
VEGETABLES
HAVE GONE
CRAZY!

THEY'RE
DESTROYING
THE CITY!



HOW GOES
THE BATTLE,
CORPORAL
KIWI?

NOT TOO WELL,
GENERAL. THE
ENEMY SUNK TWO OF
OUR BANANA BOATS
ON THE SEA OF
AMBROSIA, WE'VE
RUN OUT OF CHERRY
BOMBS AND OUR
STRAWBERRIES
ARE IN A JAM.



NEVER FEAR, OUR
CHAMPION IS ON THE
ATTACK. LOOK AT HIM
ROUT THOSE CELERY
STALKERS!

ZAC

KABOOM



KEEP SHOOTING,
SIR. NOW, IF YOU
COULD JUST
BEAT THE
BEETS.

GOSH, LT. LIME, I HOPE
I'M DOING THE RIGHT
THING. I THOUGHT THIS
WAS JUST ANOTHER
ADVENTURE, BUT, WE
SURE ARE DOING A
LOT OF DAMAGE!
MAYBE I...



YEEEEEEOW!!!

EGAD,
A SNEAK
ATTACK!

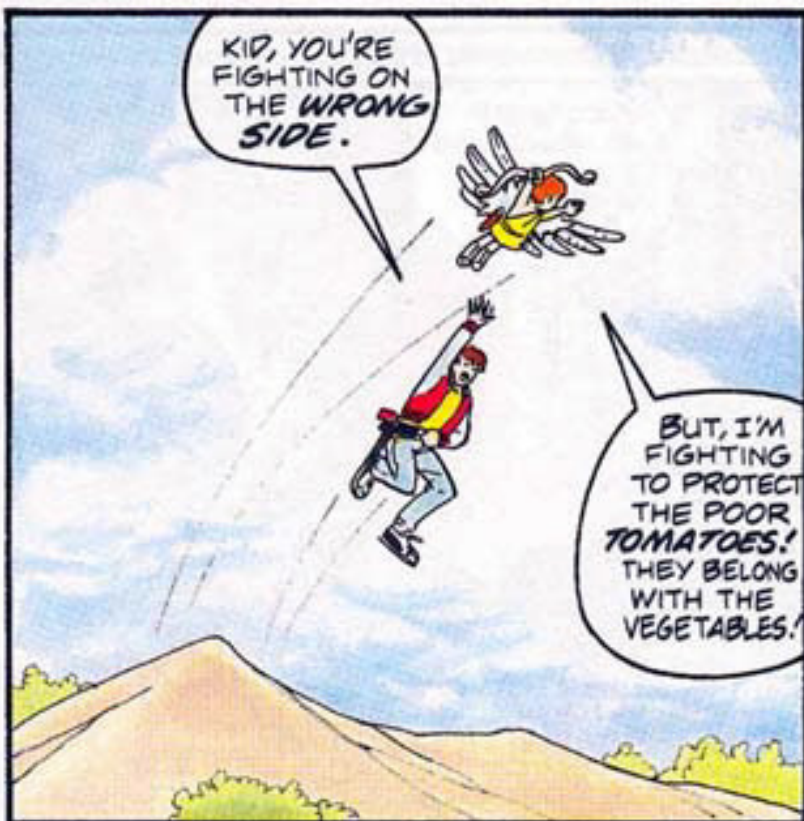
SORRY,
CAPTAIN,
BUT IT'S
FOR YOUR
OWN
GOOD.

BOING



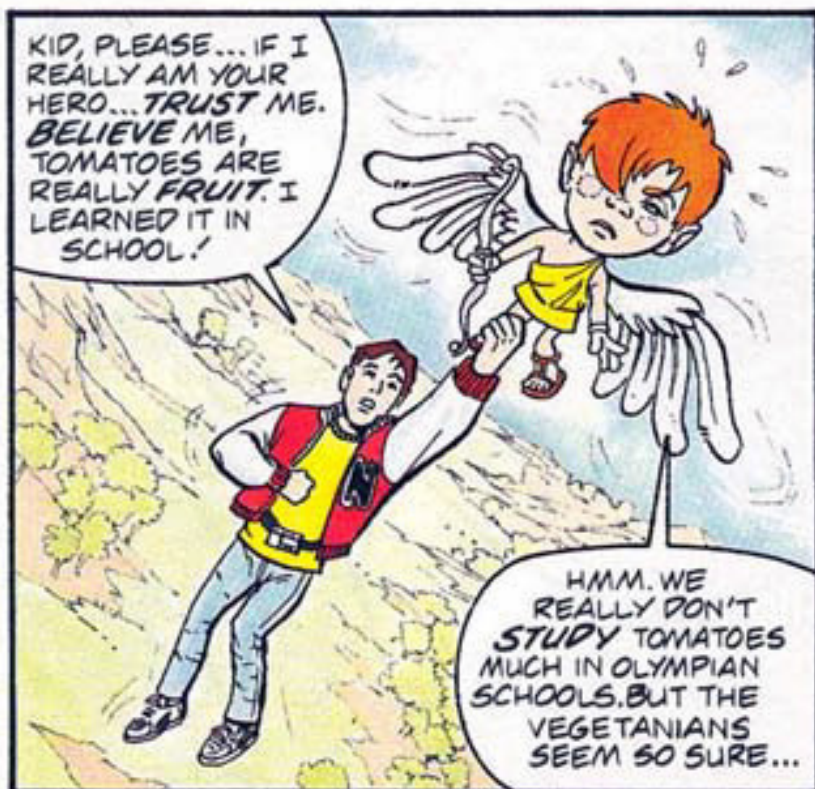
YOW! I'M ITCHING ALL OVER.

IT'S BECAUSE OF MY **ARROW OF ITCHINESS**, CAP. IT'LL KEEP YOU BUSY UNTIL YOU COME TO YOUR SENSES. BUT DON'T WORRY, YOU'RE STILL MY FAVORITE HERO.



KID, YOU'RE FIGHTING ON THE **WRONG SIDE**.

BUT, I'M FIGHTING TO PROTECT THE **POOR TOMATOES!** THEY BELONG WITH THE **VEGETABLES!**



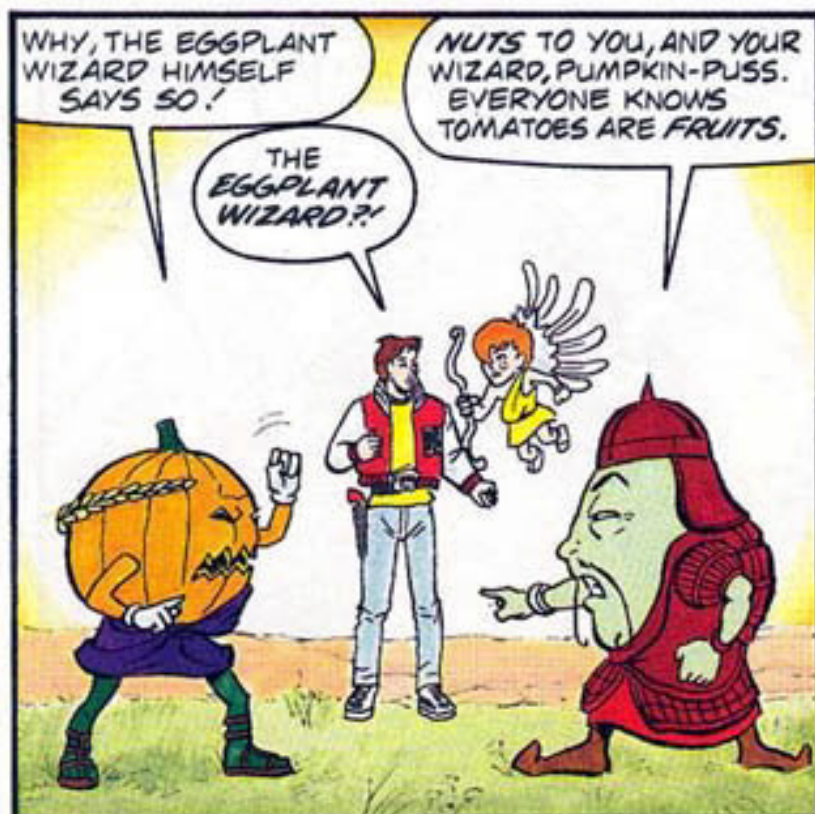
KID, PLEASE... IF I REALLY AM YOUR HERO... **TRUST ME. BELIEVE ME,** TOMATOES ARE **REALLY FRUIT.** I LEARNED IT IN **SCHOOL!**

HMM. WE REALLY DON'T **STUDY TOMATOES** MUCH IN **OLYMPIAN SCHOOLS.** BUT THE **VEGETARIANS** SEEM SO SURE...



WE HAVE IT ON THE **BEST AUTHORITY** THAT **TOMATOES ARE VEGETABLES.**

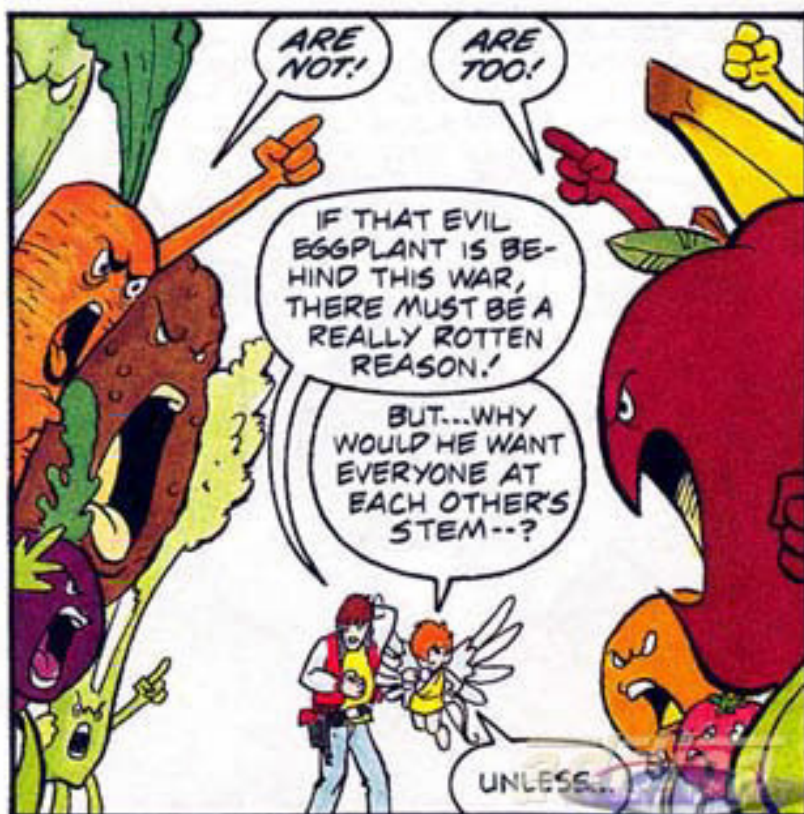
YEAH? **WHAT AUTHORITY?**



WHY, THE **EGGPLANT WIZARD** HIMSELF SAYS SO!

THE **EGGPLANT WIZARD?**

NUTS TO YOU, AND YOUR WIZARD, **PUMPKIN-PUSS.** EVERYONE KNOWS **TOMATOES ARE FRUITS.**



ARE NOT!

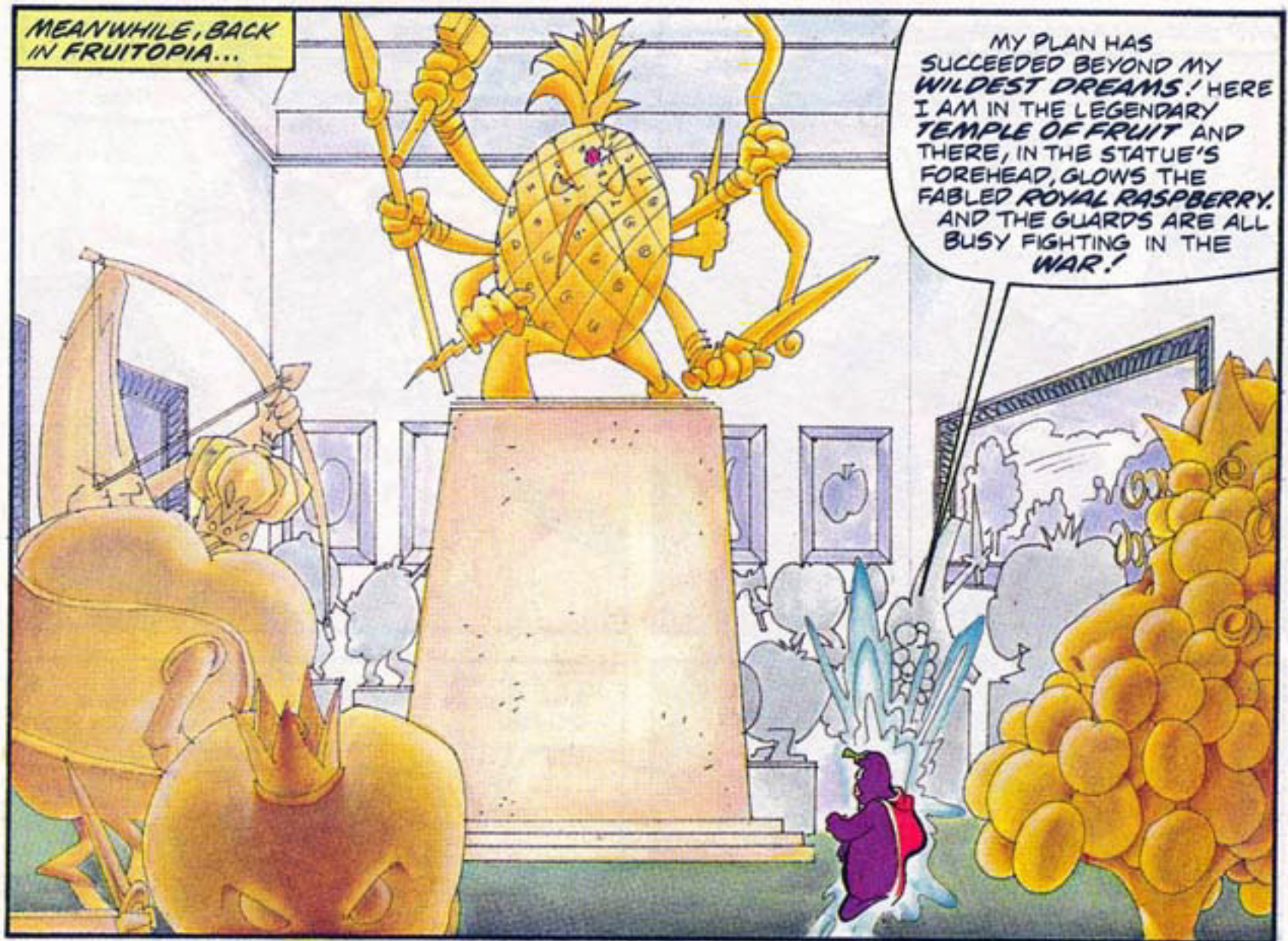
ARE TOO!

IF THAT **EVIL EGGPLANT** IS BEHIND THIS WAR, THERE MUST BE A **REALLY ROTTEN REASON!**

BUT...WHY WOULD HE WANT EVERYONE AT EACH OTHER'S **STEM--?**

UNLESS...

MEANWHILE, BACK
IN FRUITOPIA...



MY PLAN HAS
SUCCEEDED BEYOND MY
WILDEST DREAMS! HERE
I AM IN THE LEGENDARY
TEMPLE OF FRUIT AND
THERE, IN THE STATUE'S
FOREHEAD, GLOWS THE
FABLED ROYAL RASPBERRY.
AND THE GUARDS ARE ALL
BUSY FIGHTING IN THE
WAR!



WHEN MOTHER BRAIN
SENT ME HERE TO SABO-
TAGE THE FOOD SUPPLY OF
MOUNT OLYMPUS, SHE
NEVER GUESSED I HAD
PLANS OF MY OWN. ONCE
THE RASPBERRY IS MINE,
I'LL CONTROL ALL FRUITS,
JUST AS I NOW CONTROL
ALL VEGETABLES.



TODAY, THE VEGGIES
AND FRUITS... TO-
MORROW, TREES
FLOWERS, GRASS...
EVEN FUNGUS!
SOON I'LL DOMINATE
ALL PLANT
LIFE!

BOY,
WAIT'LL
THE
YUPIES
SEE
WHAT I
CHARGE
FOR A
WATERCRESS
SANDWICH!

NOT SO
FAST,
EGGPLANT
WIZARD.



NO, NOT
YOU-NOT
NOW. NOT
WHEN MY
PLANS ARE
SO CLOSE
TO FRU-IT-
SHUN.

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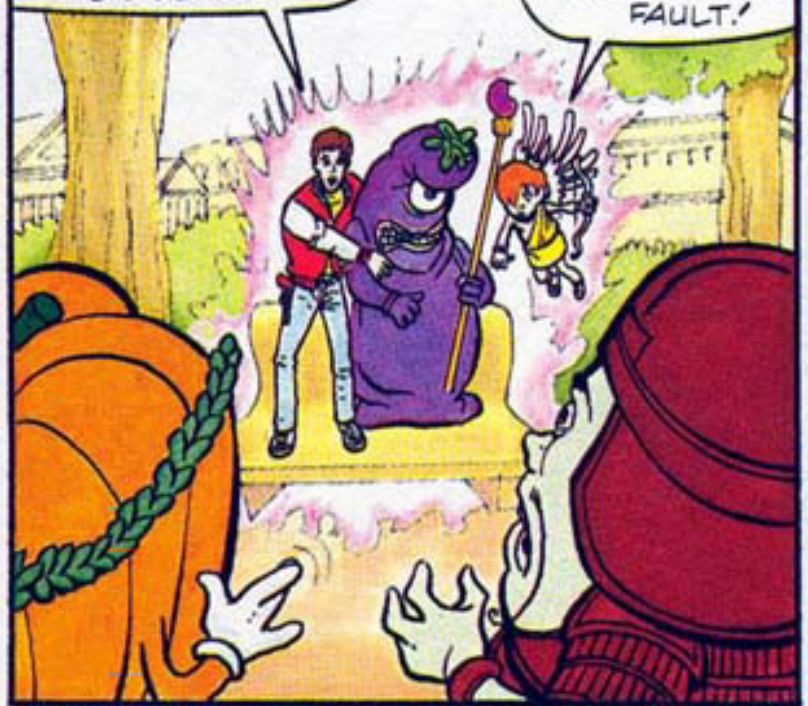
AND BACK IN PLENTIOPOLIS...



ARE TOO!

ARE NOT!

HOLD YOUR HORSE RADISHES! THE WAR IS OVER.



IT'S ALL THIS ROTTEN EGGPLANT'S FAULT!



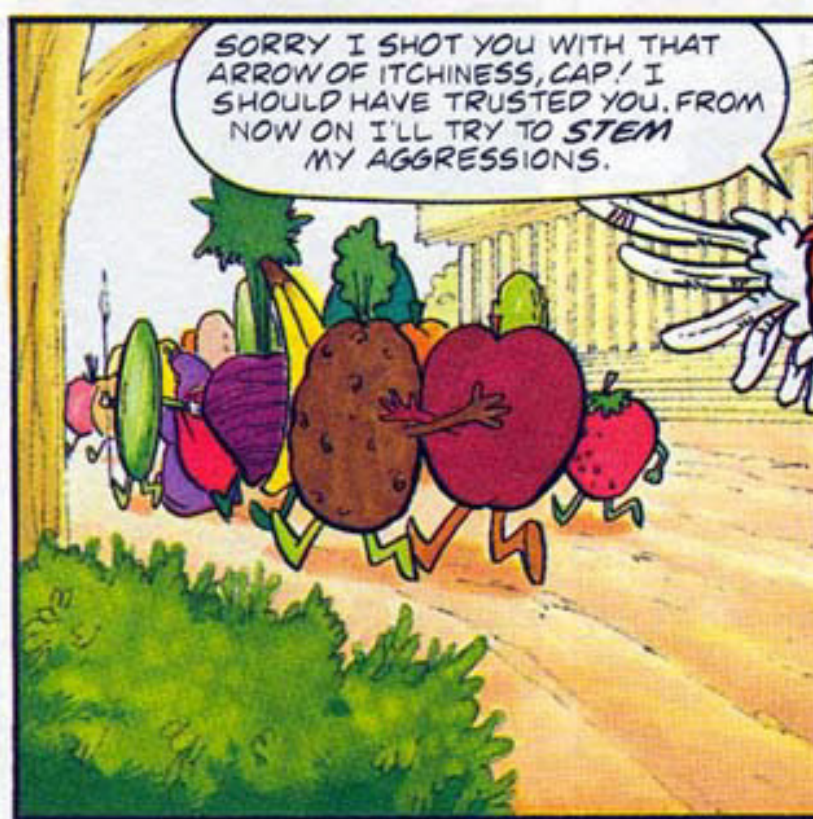
SO I TOLD A LITTLE FIB. THE TRUTH IS... TOMATOES ARE FRUIT.



I--I'M SORRY. WE'VE BEEN DUPED.

WE SHOULD HAVE NEVER LET IT COME TO WAR. I FEEL LIKE SUCH A MELON-HEAD.

ME TOO. LETTUCE GO!



SORRY I SHOT YOU WITH THAT ARROW OF ITCHINESS, CAP! I SHOULD HAVE TRUSTED YOU. FROM NOW ON I'LL TRY TO STEM MY AGGRESSIONS.



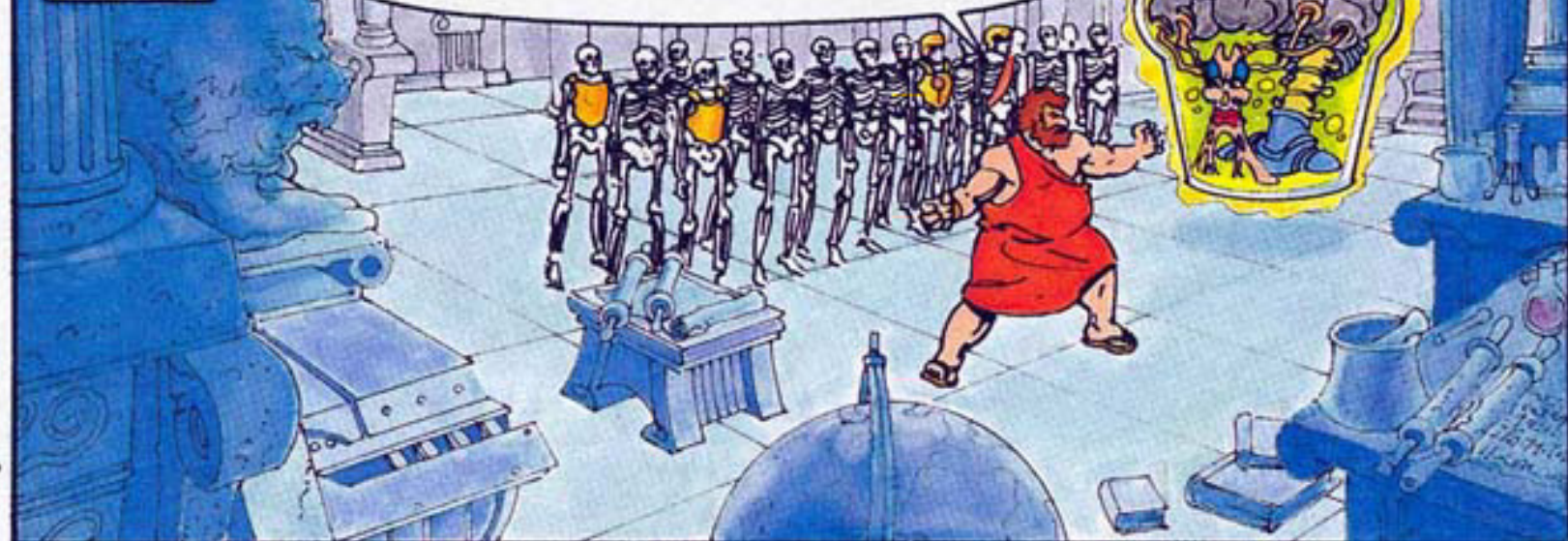
YEAH, AND I'LL BE SURE TO LOOK BEFORE I LEAF.

GAME OVER

Every Dog Has Its Day

IN THE SECRET LAIR OF URANOS, LORD OF THE SKY...

I TELL YOU, *MOTHERBRAIN*, WE CANNOT FAIL. I HAVE LEARNED THAT THE CURSED *CAPTAIN N*, *KID ICARUS*, AND *PRINCESS LANA* ARE GONE FROM THE *PALACE OF POWER* AND HAVE LEFT ONLY ONE GUARD TO PROTECT ITS TREASURE.



AND YOU THINK, *URANOS*, THAT YOUR *SKELETON MEN* CAN PULL OFF A RAID?

MY *SKELETON WARRIORS* FEAR NOTHING. THEY CANNOT FAIL.

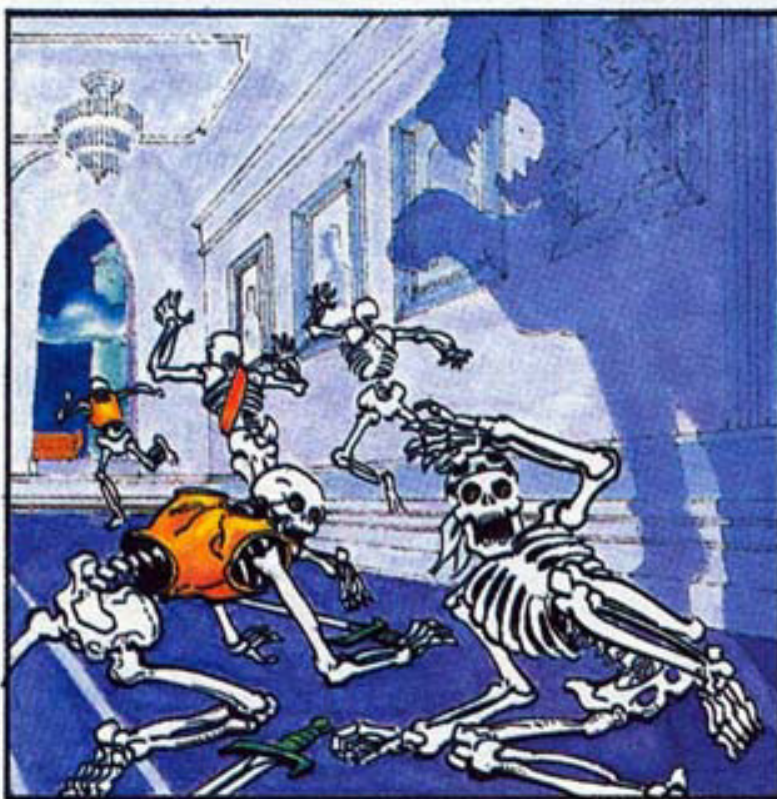


HA HA HA HA HA! IT'S EVIL, IT'S WICKED, I LIKE IT! SEND YOUR WARRIORS! AT LAST, THE *PALACE OF POWER* WILL BE OURS.



AND SO...





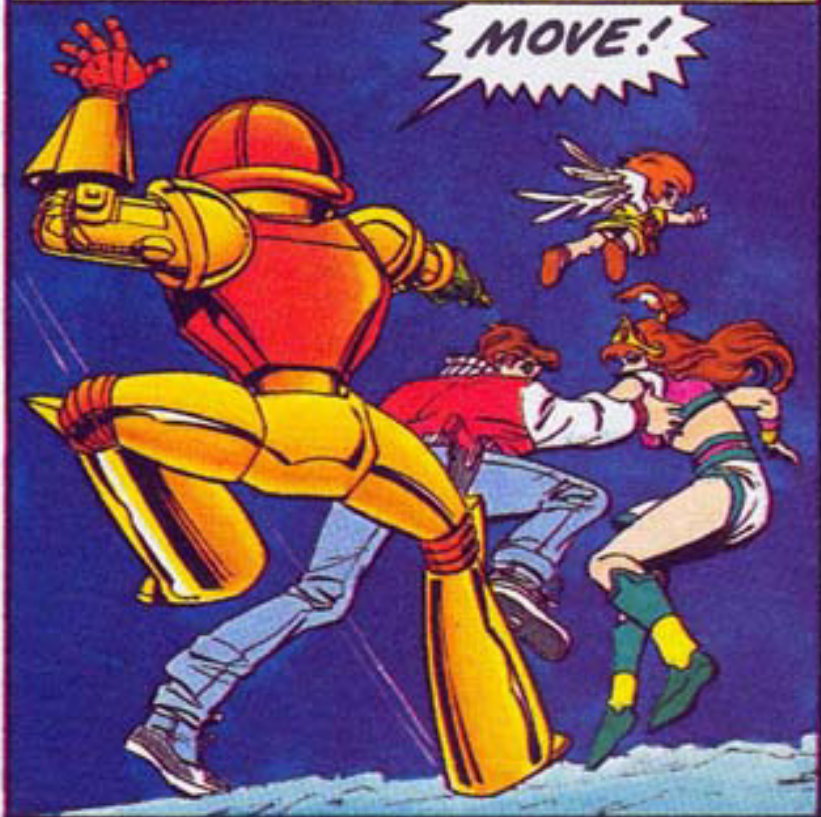
MONEY CHANGES EVERYTHING

DEEP INSIDE THE
FORTRESS PLANET OF
ZEBES... CAPTAIN N,
PRINCESS LANA AND
KID ICARUS ARE
ABOUT TO RUN INTO
TROUBLE!

UNLESS TROUBLE RUNS INTO THEM FIRST.

MOVE!

YOU ARE FORTUNATE I
WAS NEARBY. ZEBES IS
NO PLACE FOR WEAKLINGS!



THANKS FOR THE TIP!
BUT AS LONG AS I'VE
GOT MY SUPER POWER
PAD AND ZAPPER HANDY...



DO YOU MIND IF I POLISH
OFF THE ONES BEHIND US?



HMMM.
WELL
DONE!

I AM
SAMUS
ARAN.

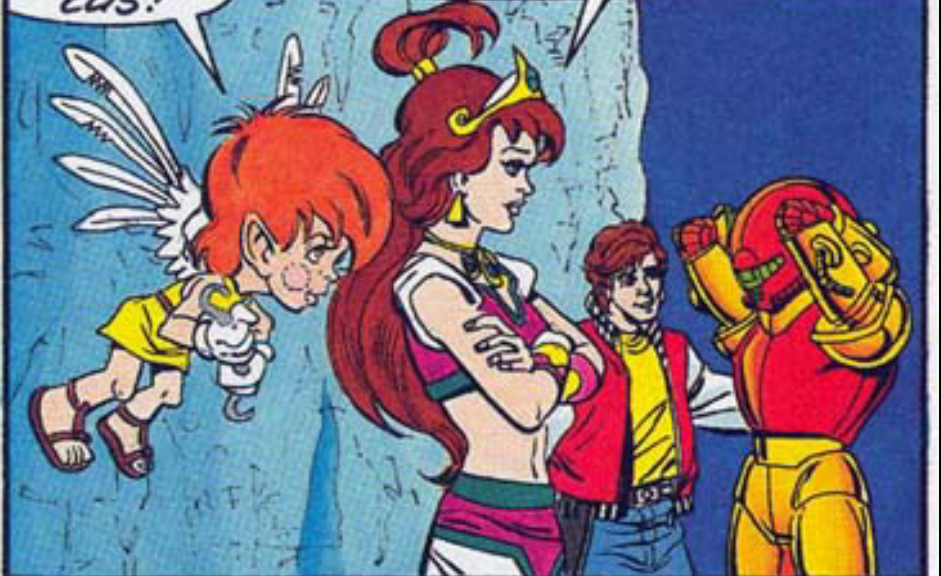
THE SPACE HUNTER!
I KNOW! I'M CAPTAIN
N! I'VE PLAYED YOU
HUNDREDS OF TIMES!

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GOSH-A-CUS,
PRINCESS
LANA! SAMUS
IS SUPER-
DUPER-A-
CUS!

WELL... SAMUS IS A VETERAN OF MANY
IMPOSSIBLE MISSIONS! SAMUS IS A SUPER-
POWERED CYBORG! SAMUS IS THE GREAT-
EST SPACE HUNTER IN THE GALACTIC
FEDERATION!



SAMUS IS A...
WOMAN?!?!?

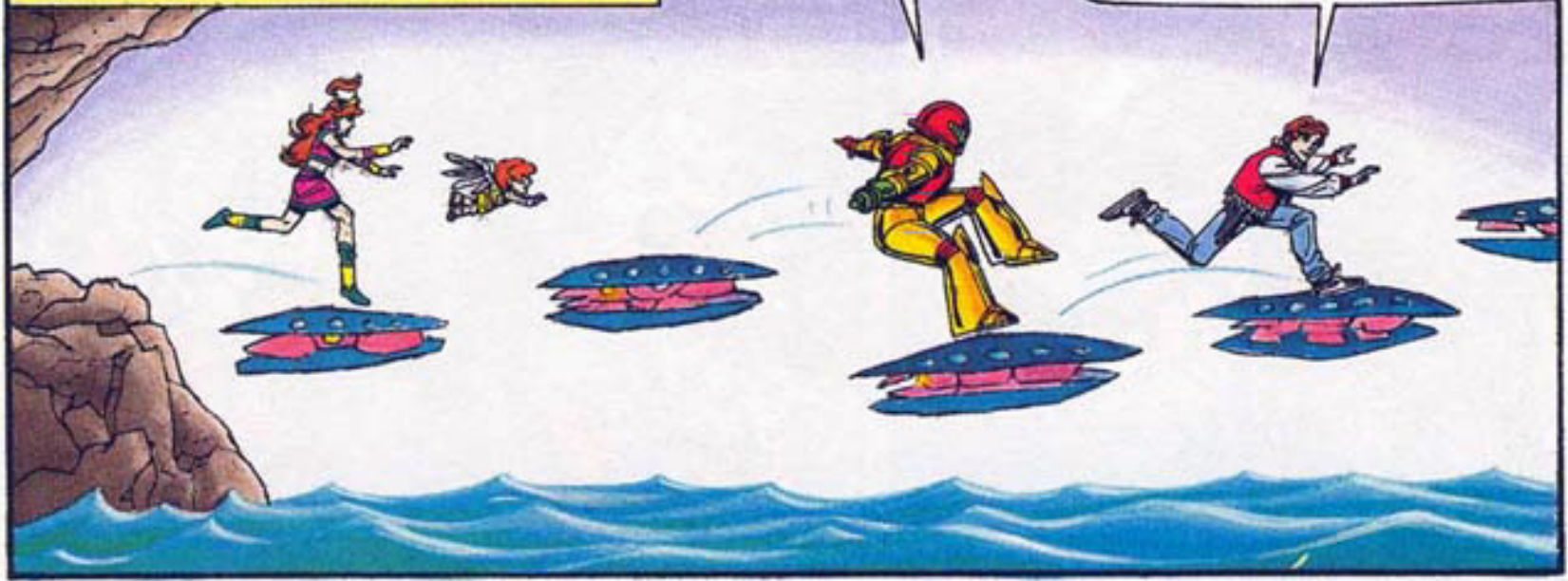
WHEW! YOU
SURE ARE!



GUIDED BY HIS KNOWLEDGE OF THE METROID GAME, CAPTAIN N CREATES A PATH OVER THE LETHAL WATERS OF BRINSTAR USING HIS PAUSE BUTTON TO FREEZE THE DEADLY WEVERS!

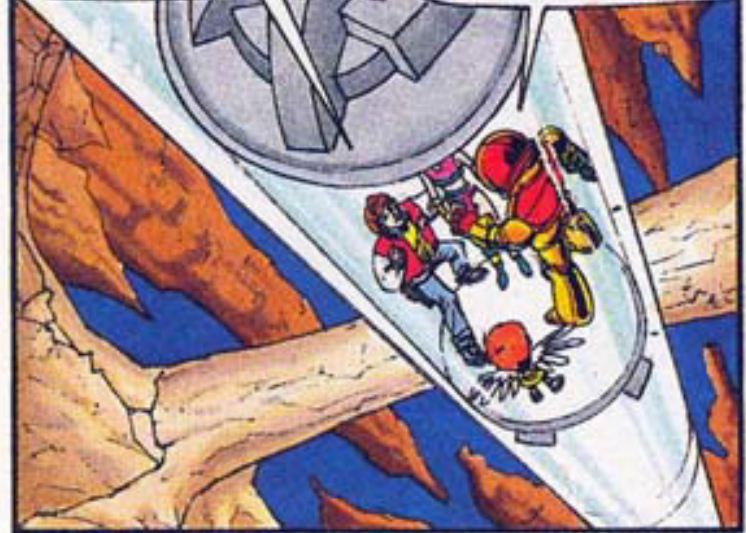
WHAT BRINGS YOU TO MOTHER BRAIN'S FORTRESS PLANET, CAPTAIN?

ZEEBETITE! THE ENERGY SOURCE MOTHER BRAIN NEEDS TO SURVIVE! A SHIPMENT IS BEING TRANSPORTED TO METROID TONIGHT!



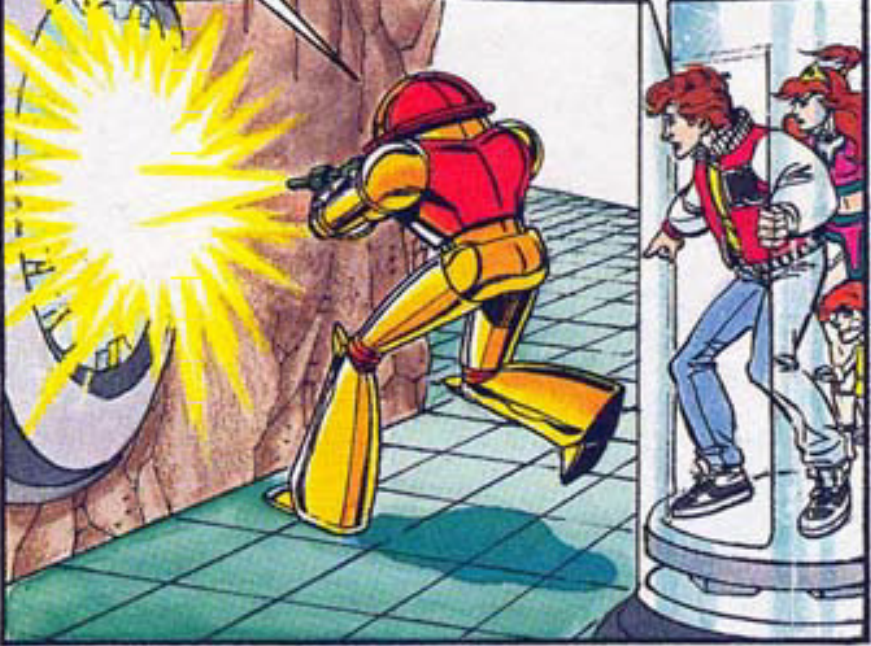
IF WE CAN STOP THAT SHIPMENT, SHE'S FINISHED! WITH YOU ON OUR SIDE, SAMUS, WE'VE GOT IT MADE!

NOT SO FAST, CAPTAIN. I AM A BOUNTY HUNTER. THERE IS A MILLION-CREDIT PRICE ON MOTHER BRAIN'S HEAD...



... AND I INTEND TO GET IT!

NO! I'VE PLAYED THIS LEVEL! THAT'S THE DOOR TO THE--!



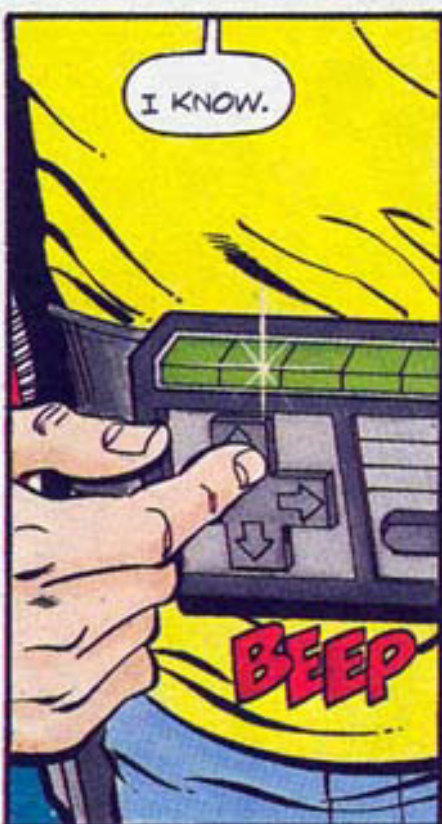
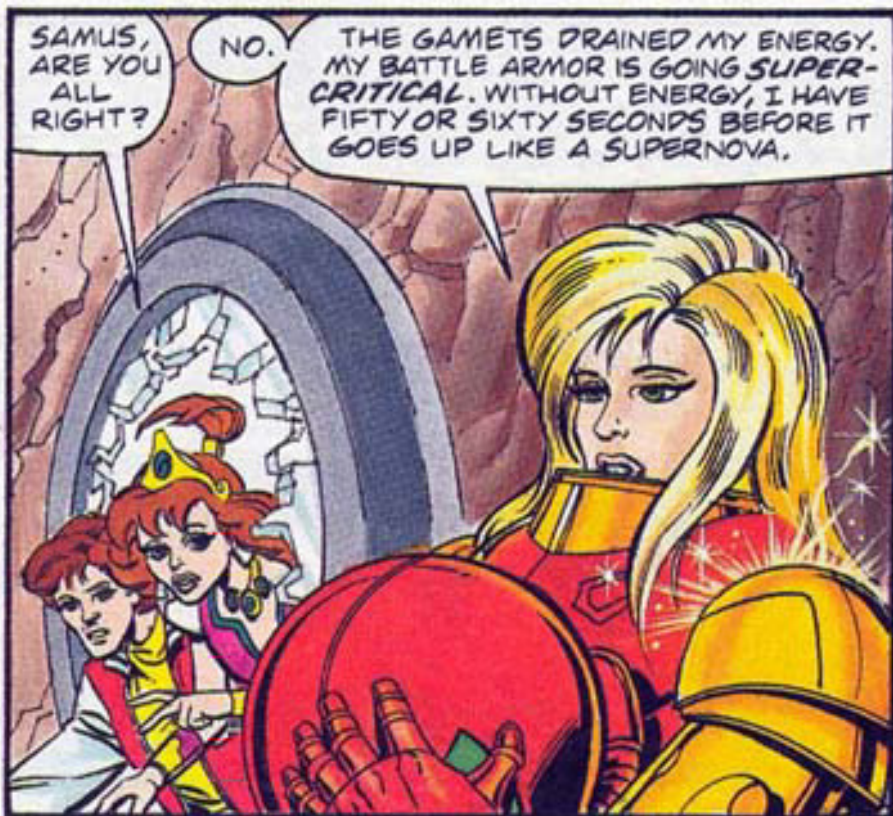
-- FIRE -- SEA OF NORFAIR AND A SWARM OF GAMETS!



MY ARROWS JUST BOUNCE OFF-A-CUS!

SAMUS! DON'T MOVE A MUSCLE!



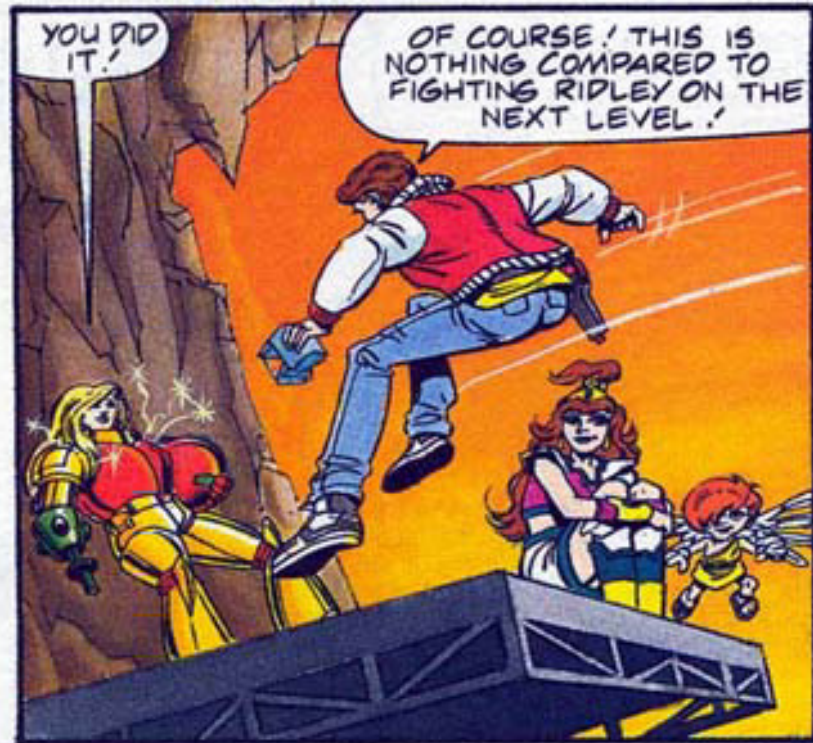


AN ENERGY TANK! RIGHT WHERE I REMEMBER IT WAS LAST TIME I PLAYED METROID!



YOU DID IT!

OF COURSE! THIS IS NOTHING COMPARED TO FIGHTING RIDLEY ON THE NEXT LEVEL!



IT WORKED. MY ARMOR'S SYSTEMS ARE RESTORED.

NO PROBLEM. CALL ME KEVIN. ALL MY FRIENDS DO.

THANK YOU... CAPTAIN.



LET'S GET MOVING! WE'VE GOT TO CUT ACROSS THE TOURIAN BRIDGE TO REACH THE ZEEBETITE BEFORE IT'S LOADED ONTO THE METROID SHUTTLE!

POWER... KNOWLEDGE... SKILL. INCREDIBLE! THAT IS QUITE A BOY-FRIEND YOU HAVE THERE, PRINCESS.



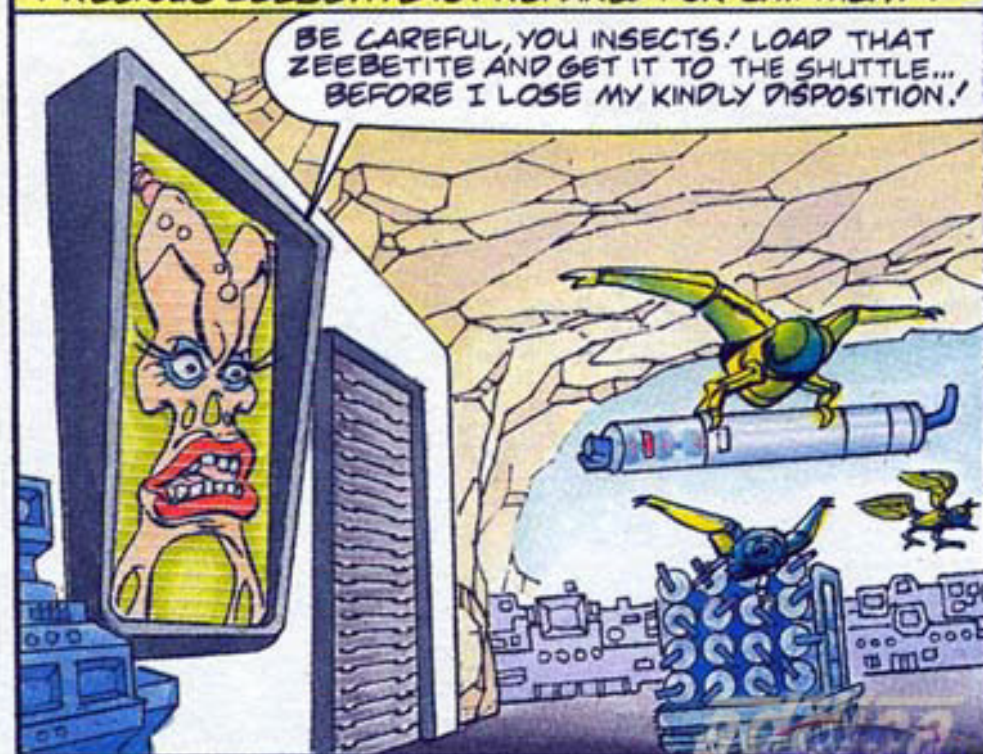
HE... HE'S NOT MY BOYFRIEND.

GOOD.



MEANWHILE, MOTHER BRAIN WATCHES VIA VIDEOPHONE FROM METROID AS THE RARE AND PRECIOUS ZEEBETITE IS PREPARED FOR SHIPMENT.

BE CAREFUL, YOU INSECTS! LOAD THAT ZEEBETITE AND GET IT TO THE SHUTTLE... BEFORE I LOSE MY KINDLY DISPOSITION!



WHEN WE TAKE OUT THAT ZEEBETITE, MOTHER BRAIN WILL LOSE MORE THAN HER TEMPER!

AND AFTER WE FINISH HER OFF, CAPTAIN? WHAT THEN?

LIFE IN SPACE IS DANGEROUS AND SHORT. WHEN I WANT SOMETHING, I MAKE MY MOVE, FULL SPEED AHEAD.

I LIKE YOU, CAPTAIN. YOUR SKILL! YOUR COURAGE! YOU ARE THE WARRIOR I HAVE SEARCHED FOR. COME WITH ME -- THE UNIVERSE WILL BE OURS!

SAMUS, I...

IF YOU TWO ARE QUITE FINISHED... WE HAVE A JOB TO DO!

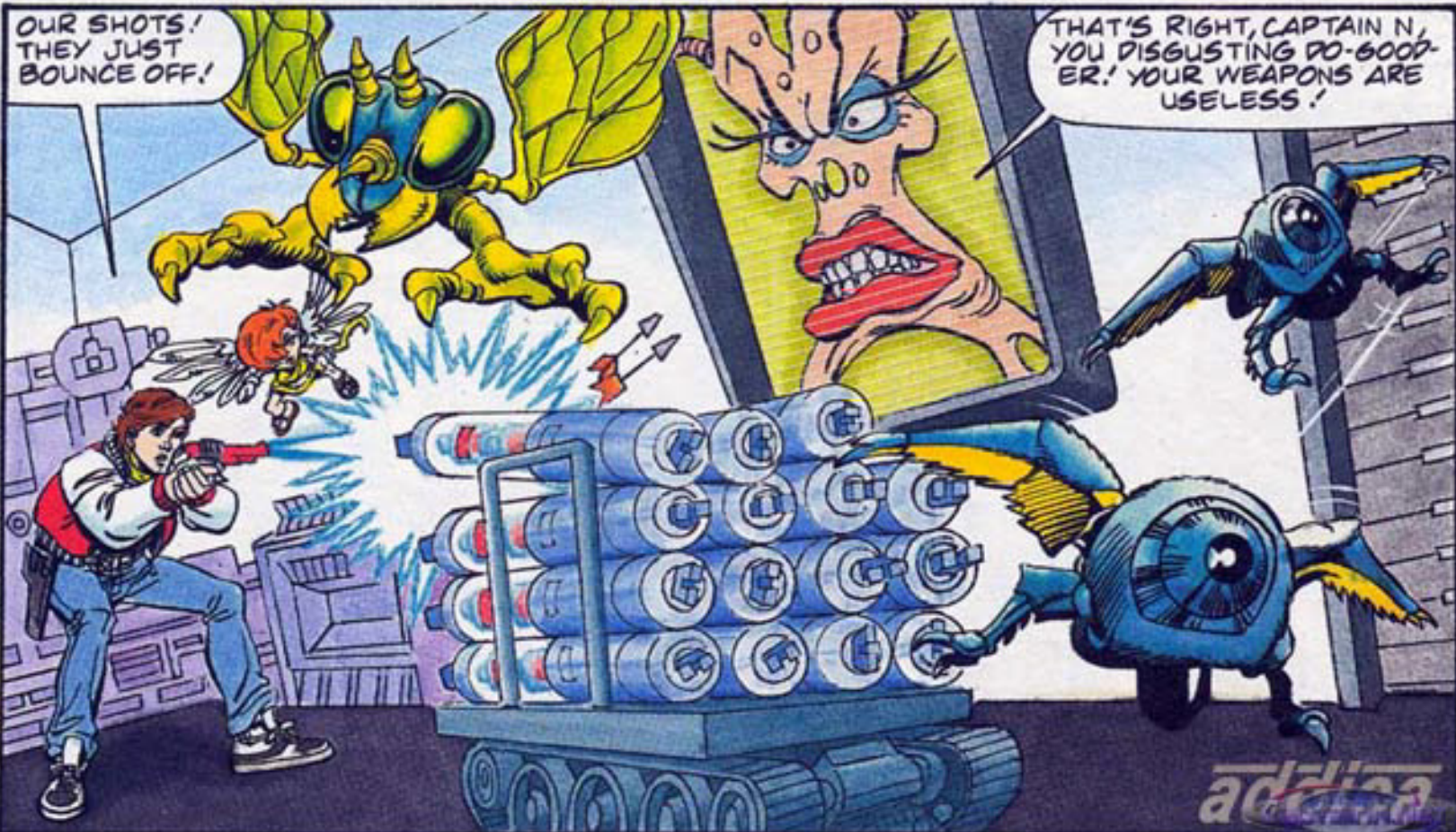
HEY! I DIDN'T SAY I'D GO!

PRINCESS! LISTEN TO ME, LANA!

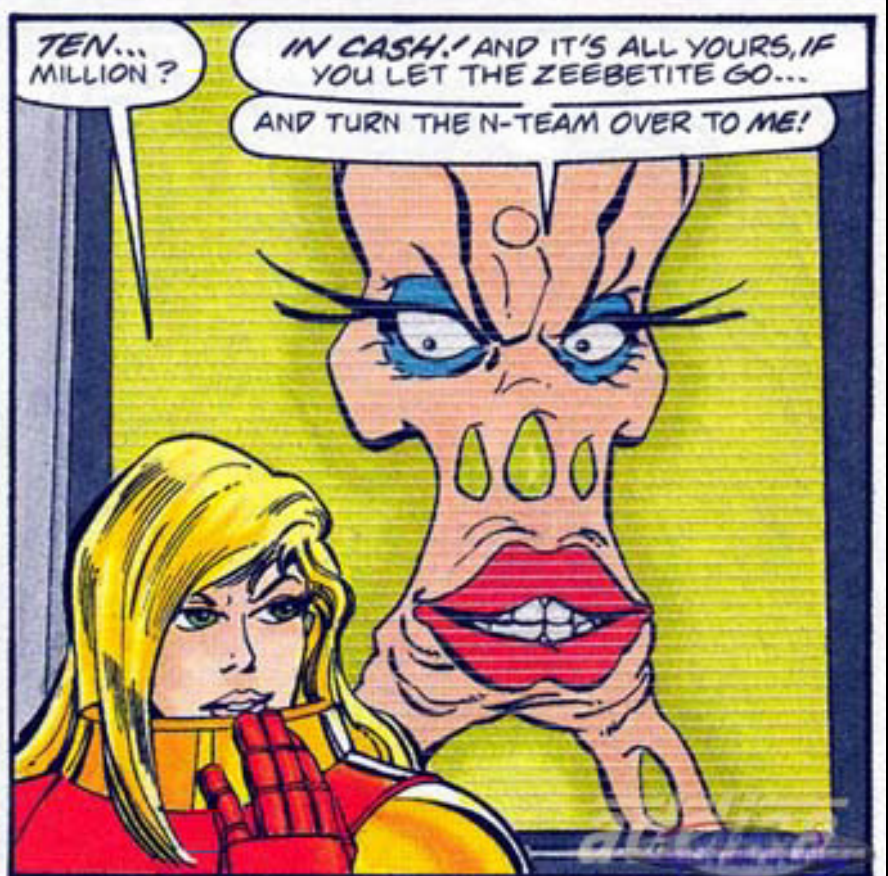
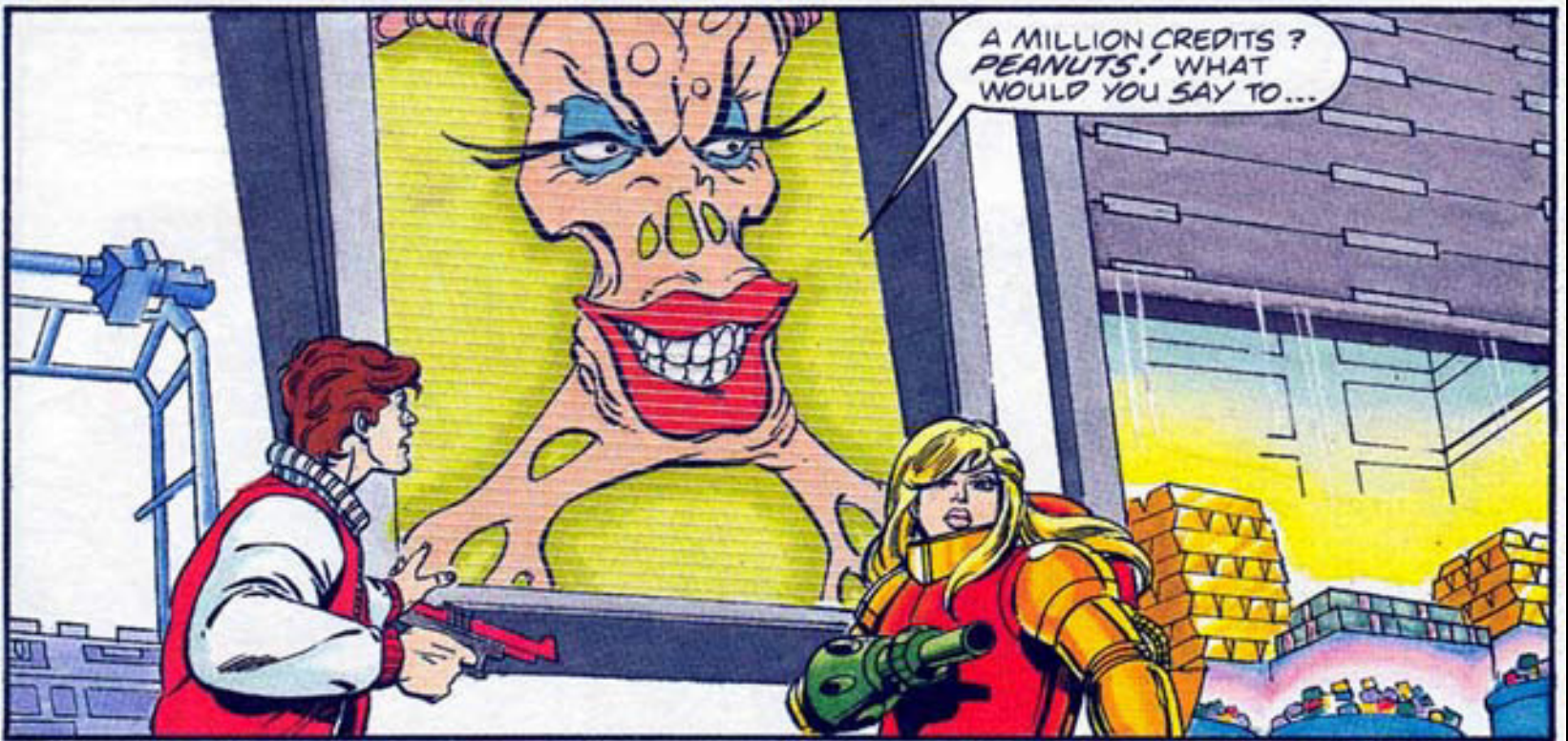
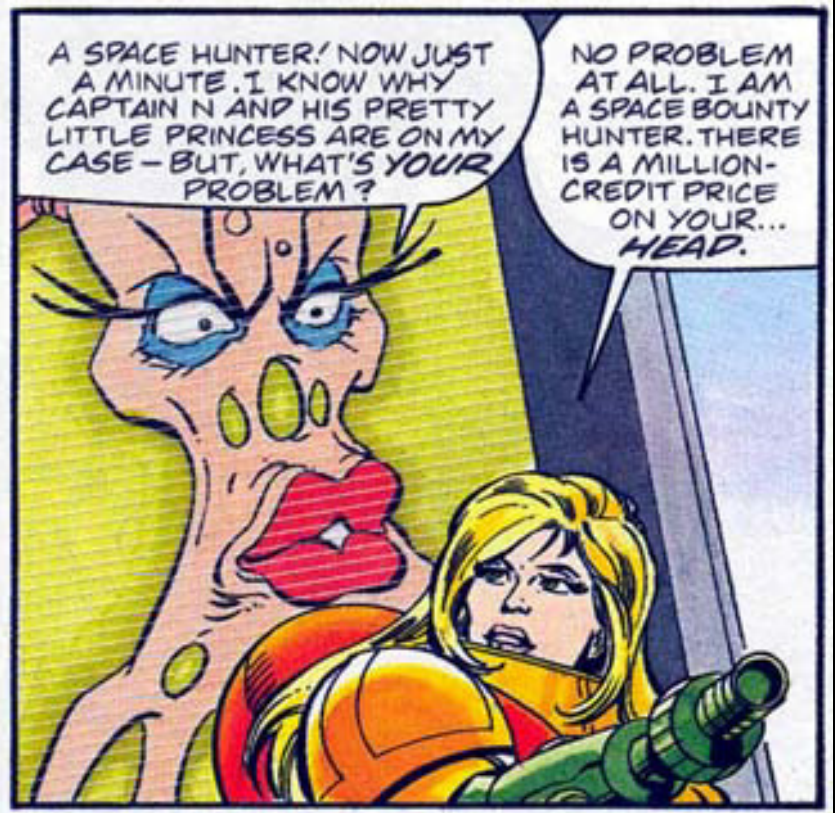
GRRR... I WANNA BLAST SOMETHING! AND YOU CREEPS ARE ELECTED!

OUR SHOTS! THEY JUST BOUNCE OFF!

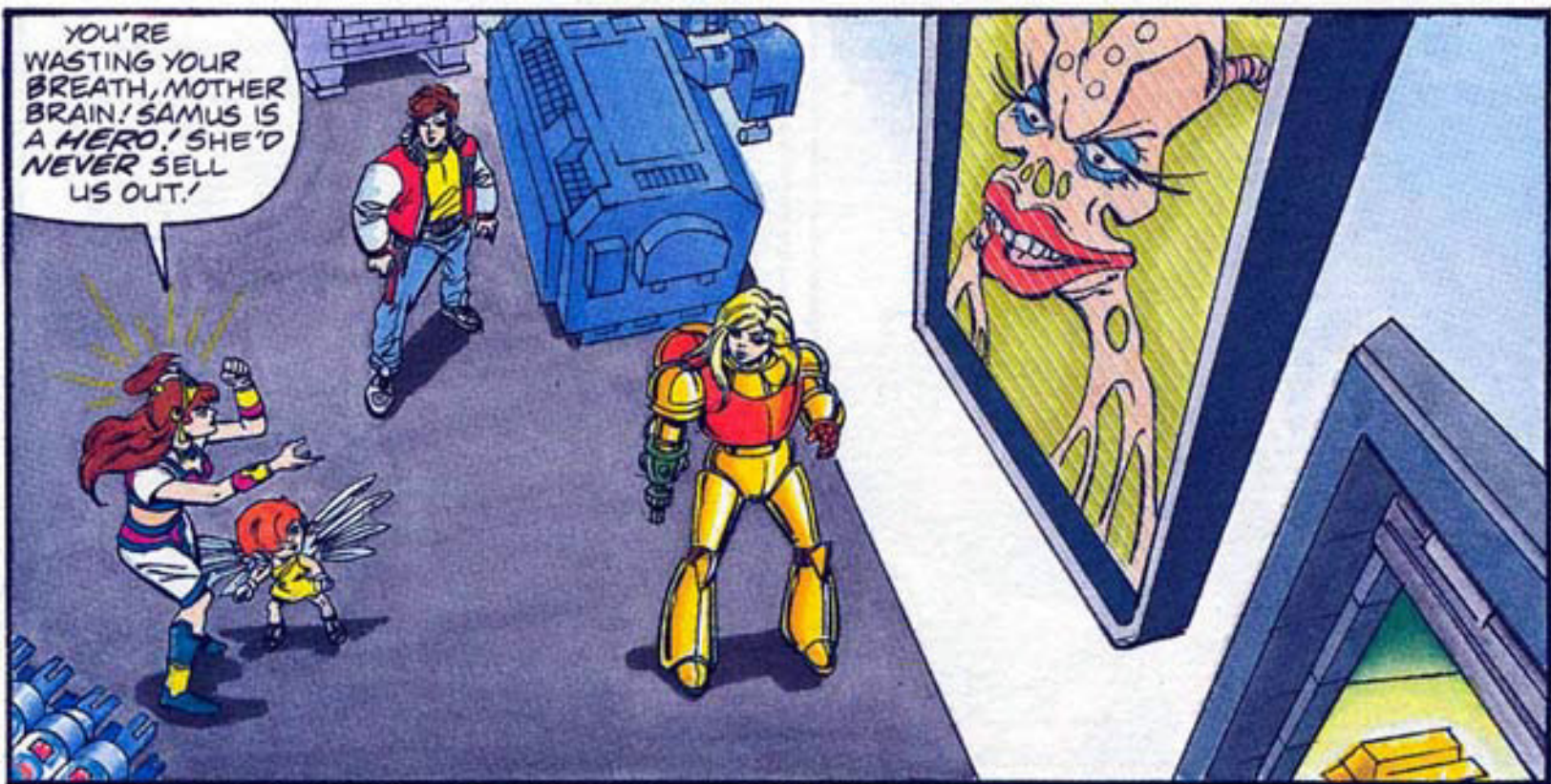
THAT'S RIGHT, CAPTAIN N, YOU DISGUSTING DO-GOODER! YOUR WEAPONS ARE USELESS!



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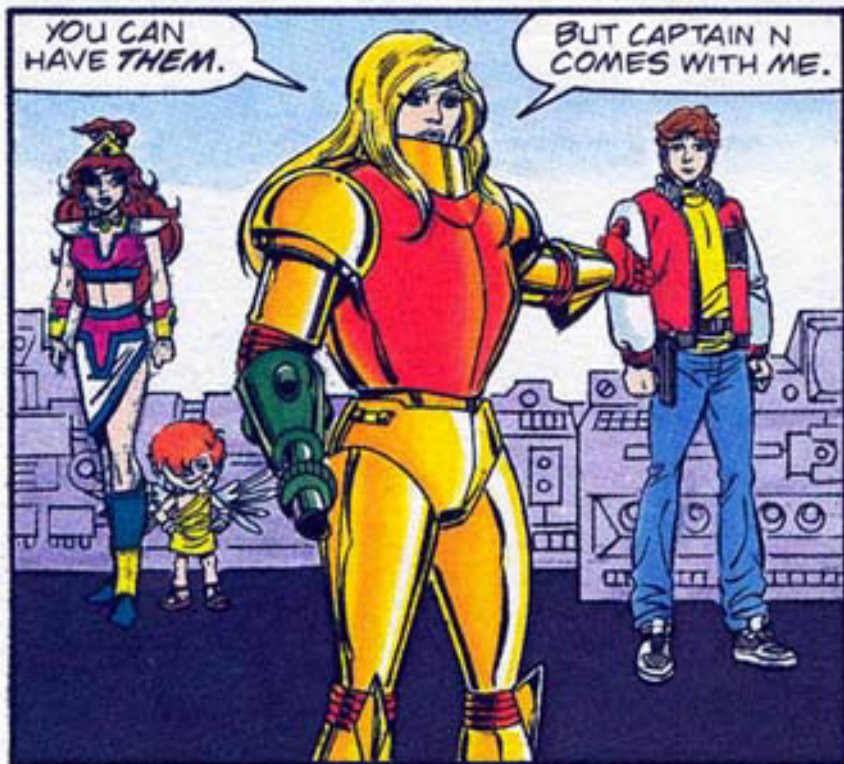


YOU'RE WASTING YOUR BREATH, MOTHER BRAIN! SAMUS IS A HERO! SHE'D NEVER SELL US OUT!

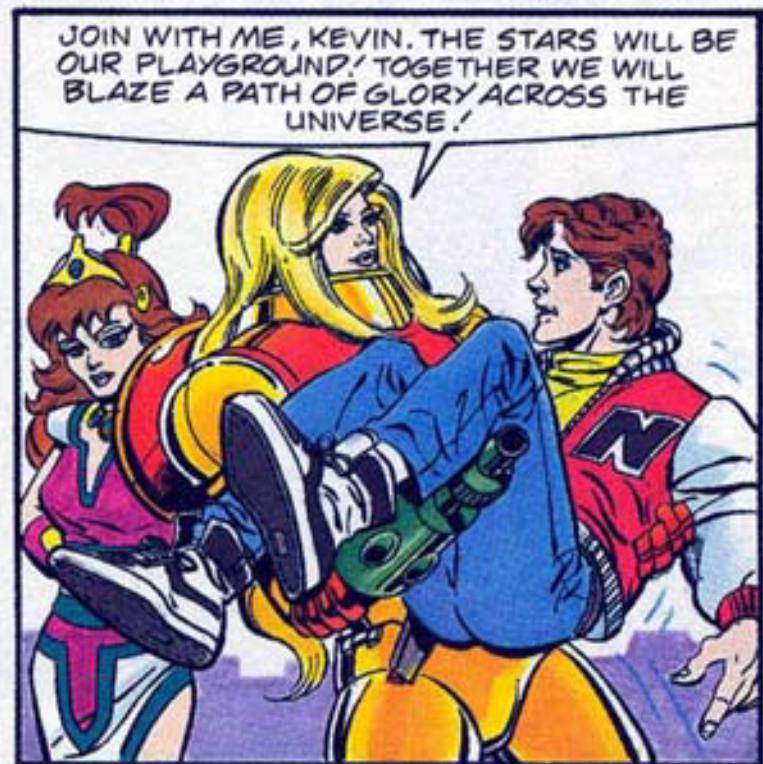


YOU CAN HAVE THEM.

BUT CAPTAIN N COMES WITH ME.



JOIN WITH ME, KEVIN. THE STARS WILL BE OUR PLAYGROUND! TOGETHER WE WILL BLAZE A PATH OF GLORY ACROSS THE UNIVERSE!



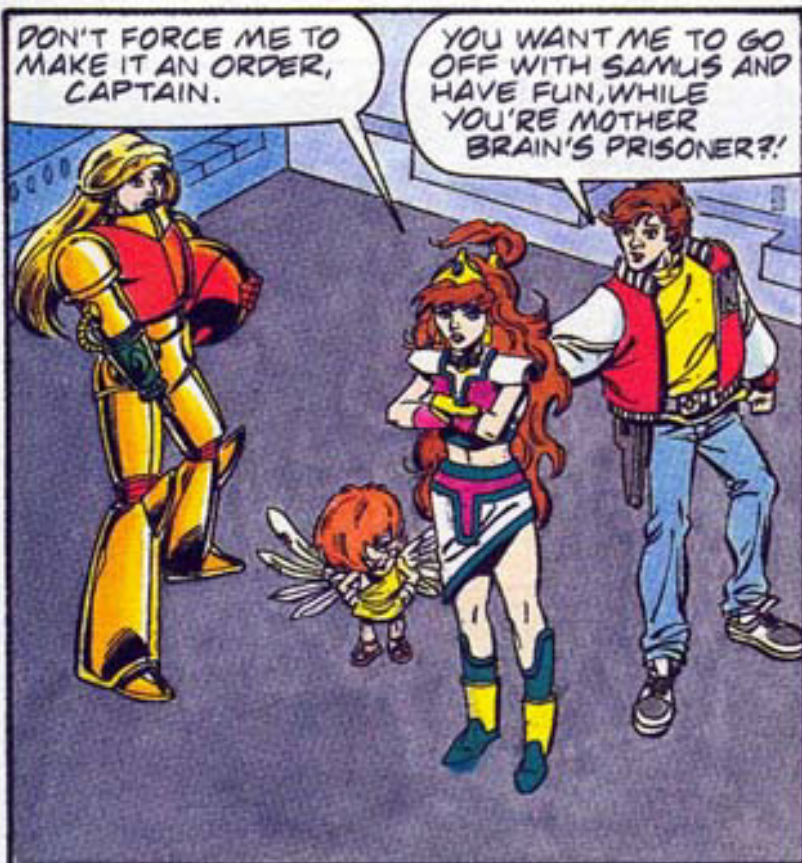
WHAT KIND OF GUY DO YOU THINK I AM?



GO WITH HER, KEVIN.

LANA! NO!





DON'T FORCE ME TO MAKE IT AN ORDER, CAPTAIN.

YOU WANT ME TO GO OFF WITH SAMUS AND HAVE FUN, WHILE YOU'RE MOTHER BRAIN'S PRISONER?!



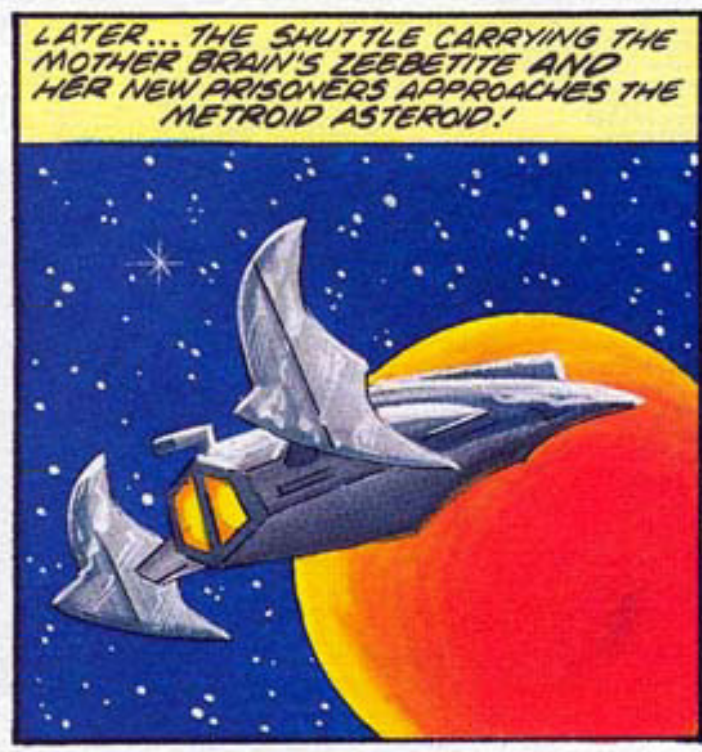
I DIDN'T SAY YOU HAD TO HAVE FUN.

WHAT MATTERS IS THAT ONE OF US IS FREE TO CARRY ON THE FIGHT!

PRINCESS, I...



I THINK WE HAVE OURSELVES A DEAL!

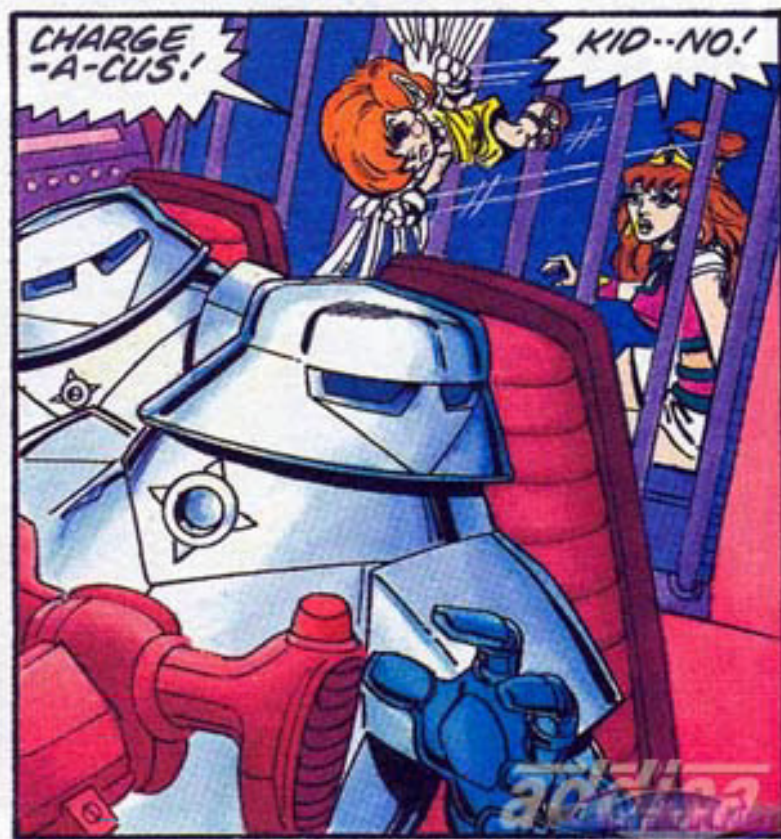


LATER... THE SHUTTLE CARRYING THE MOTHER BRAIN'S ZEBBETITE AND HER NEW PRISONERS APPROACHES THE METROID ASTEROID!



IT LOOKS LIKE MOTHER BRAIN HAS FINALLY WON!

I'VE GOT TO DO SOMETHING! I'M SICK OF BEING USELESS!

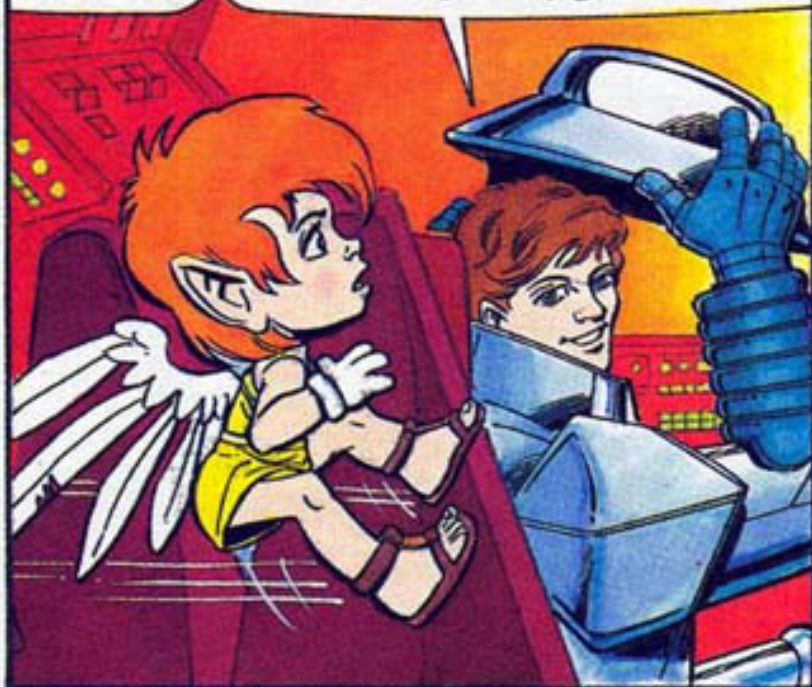


CHARGE-A-CUS!

KID--NO!

CHILL OUT, DUDE-- IT'S US!

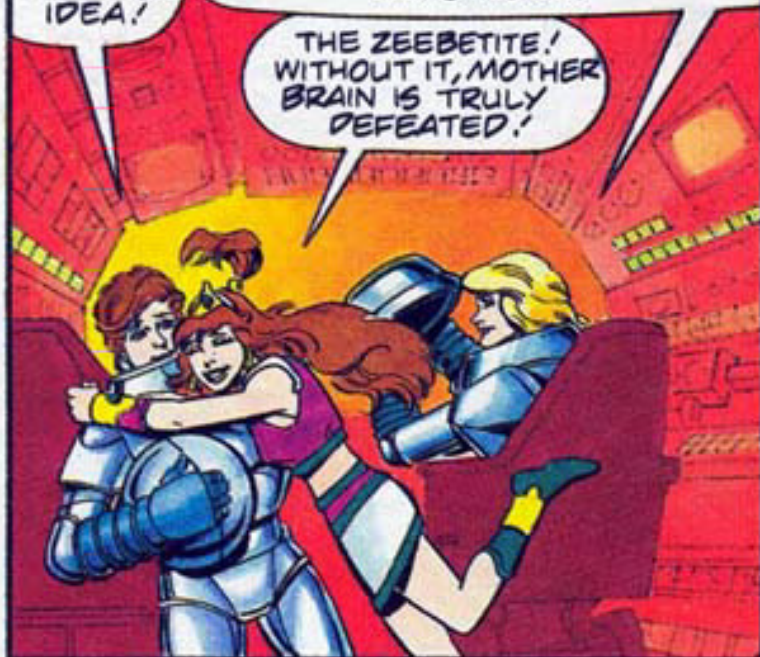
WE TOOK OUT THE REAL GUARDS BEFORE YOU CAME ABOARD AND HIJACKED THE SHIP!



THANK SAMUS! IT WAS ALL HER IDEA!

A NEW SPACE SHUTTLE, TEN MILLION IN CASH, AND A FULL LOAD OF ZEEBETITE! NOT A BAD DAY'S WORK.

THE ZEEBETITE! WITHOUT IT, MOTHER BRAIN IS TRULY DEFEATED!



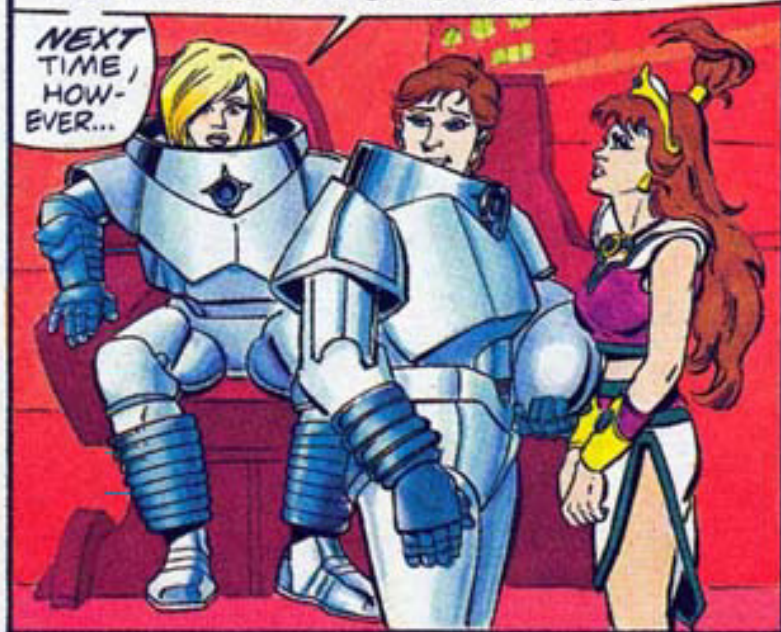
SAMUS TURNS THE SHUTTLE AWAY FROM METROID

UNFORTUNATELY--NO! ANOTHER SHIPMENT OF ZEEBETITE IS GOING TO ARRIVE ON METROID TOMORROW!



BUT MOTHER BRAIN DOESN'T KNOW THAT! SHE WAS MORE THAN WILLING TO PART WITH HER TREASURE TO SAVE HER HIDE.

NEXT TIME, HOWEVER...



THEN...YOU NEVER INTENDED TO GET MOTHER BRAIN OR SELL US OUT!

THE MONEY--YOU SET THIS WHOLE THING UP TO STEAL MOTHER BRAIN'S MONEY!



OF COURSE, MY BRAVE CAPTAIN! I MAY BE GREEDY, BUT I'M NOT STUPID.



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Captain N

THE
**GAME
MASTER**

THE
**HAPPY
ZONE**



THE DEFEATED FORCES OF THE LEAGUE OF DARKNESS RETURN TO THEIR HEADQUARTERS ON METROID, WHERE MOTHER BRAIN AND LORD URANOS AWAIT...

WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOU CHUMPS? WHY DIDN'T YOU CAPTURE MOUNT OLYMPUS?

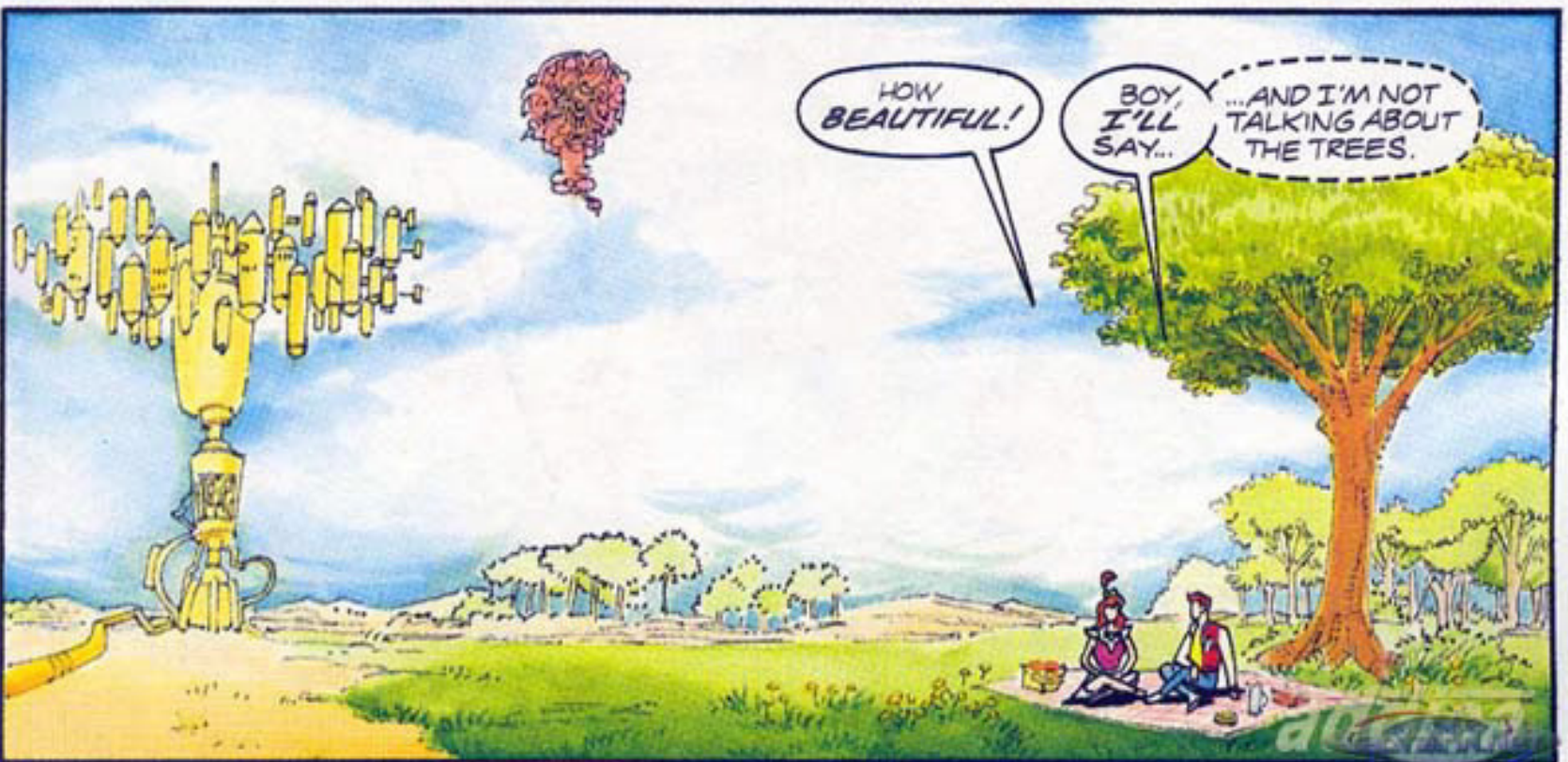
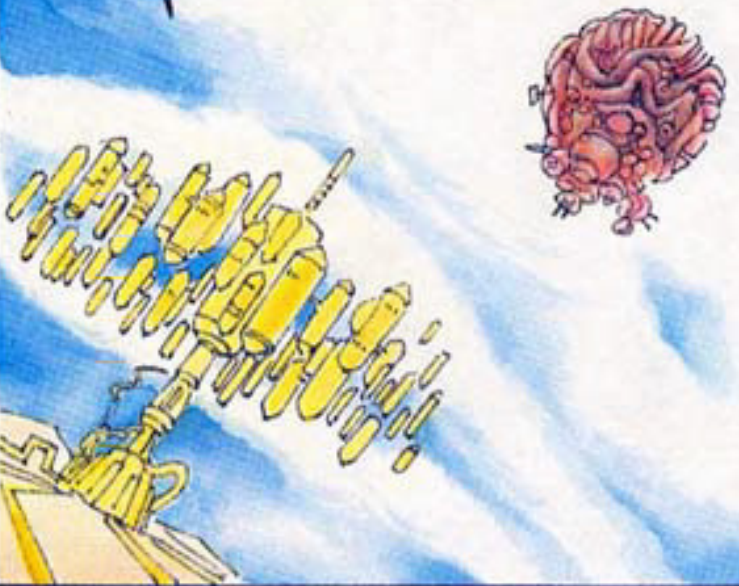
IT'S CAPTAIN N, MOTHER BRAIN! HE'S JUST TOO TOUGH TO BEAT!

CAPTAIN N! IT'S ALWAYS CAPTAIN N! HE'S THE CAUSE OF ALL MY TROUBLES!

THEY'RE RIGHT, THOUGH. UNLESS I CAN GET RID OF THAT PESKY GAME MASTER, MY SPRING OFFENSIVE WILL FALL FLAT ON ITS... FACE.

EVEN THE MIGHTY CAPTAIN N HAS A WEAKNESS, MOTHER BRAIN.

URANOS! IF YOU HAVE A PLAN, I'M ALL... EARS!



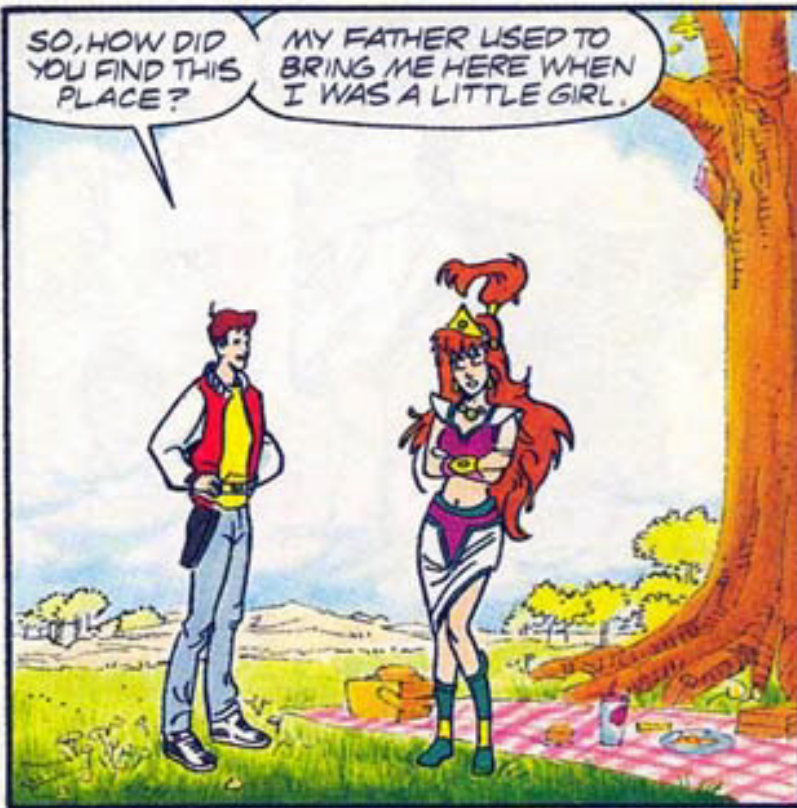
HOW BEAUTIFUL!

BOY, I'LL SAY...

...AND I'M NOT TALKING ABOUT THE TREES.

SO, HOW DID YOU FIND THIS PLACE?

MY FATHER USED TO BRING ME HERE WHEN I WAS A LITTLE GIRL.



BEFORE... HE DISAPPEARED.



HEY, HEY, IT'S OKAY, LANA. IT'S GONNA BE OKAY.

I KNOW IT'S HARD FOR YOU WITHOUT YOUR FATHER. BUT, YOU'VE GOT TO STAY STRONG AND CARRY ON THE FIGHT. THAT'S WHAT HE'D WANT.

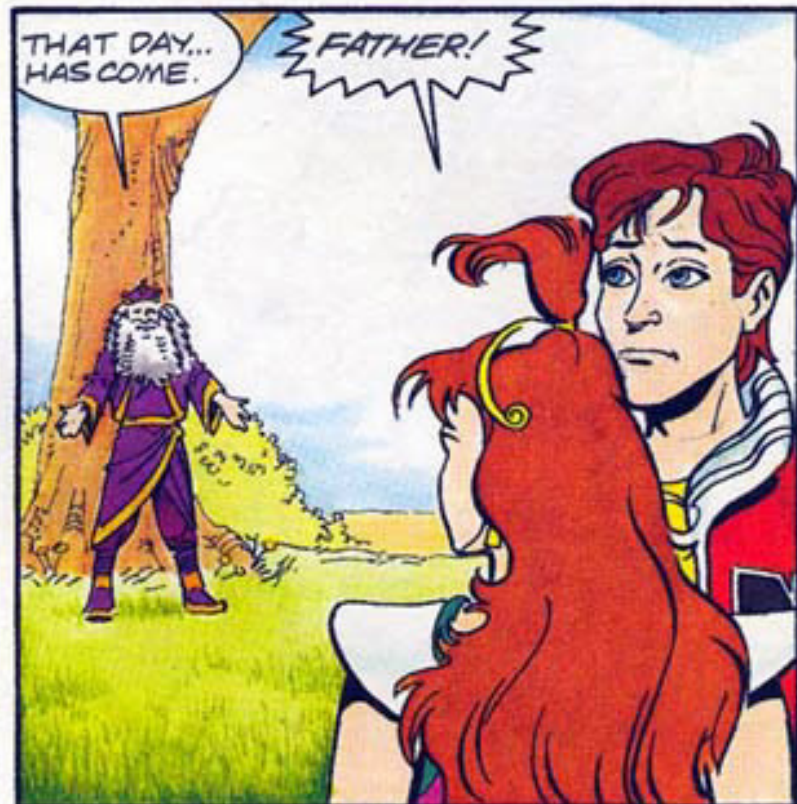


YOUR FATHER WILL COME BACK SOME-DAY, I'M SURE OF IT!



THAT DAY... HAS COME.

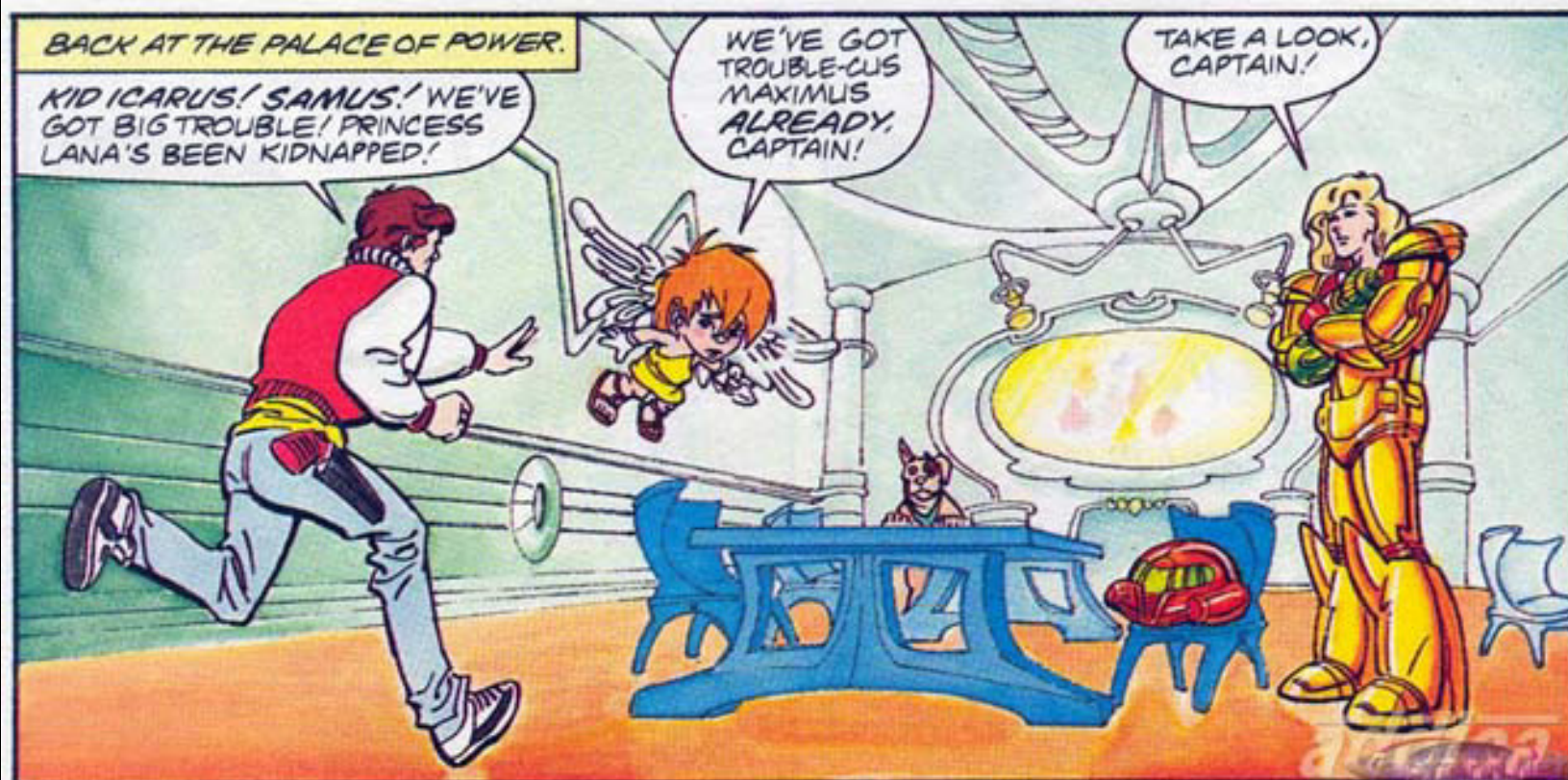
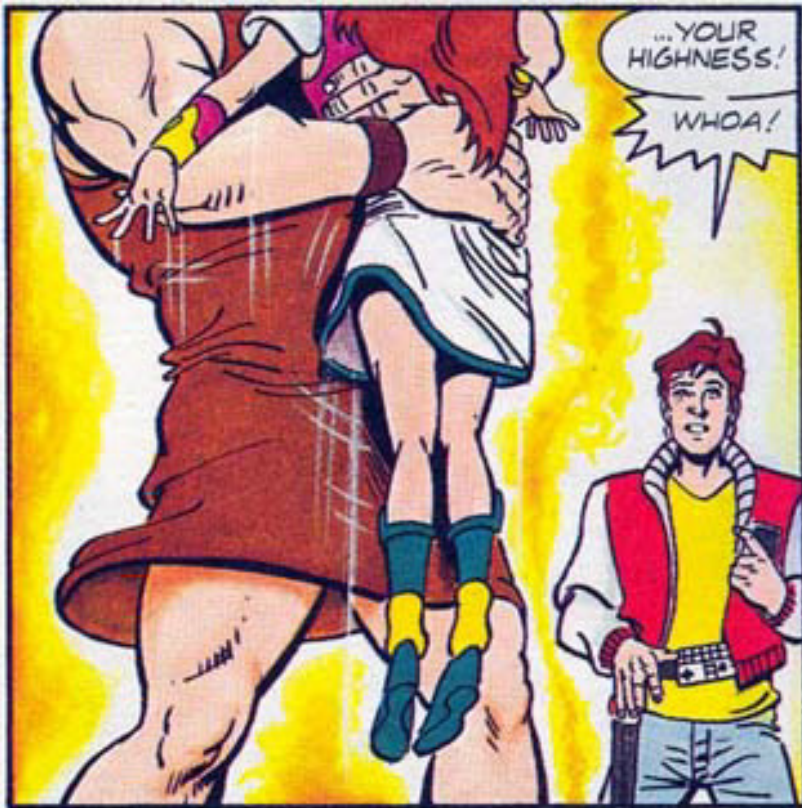
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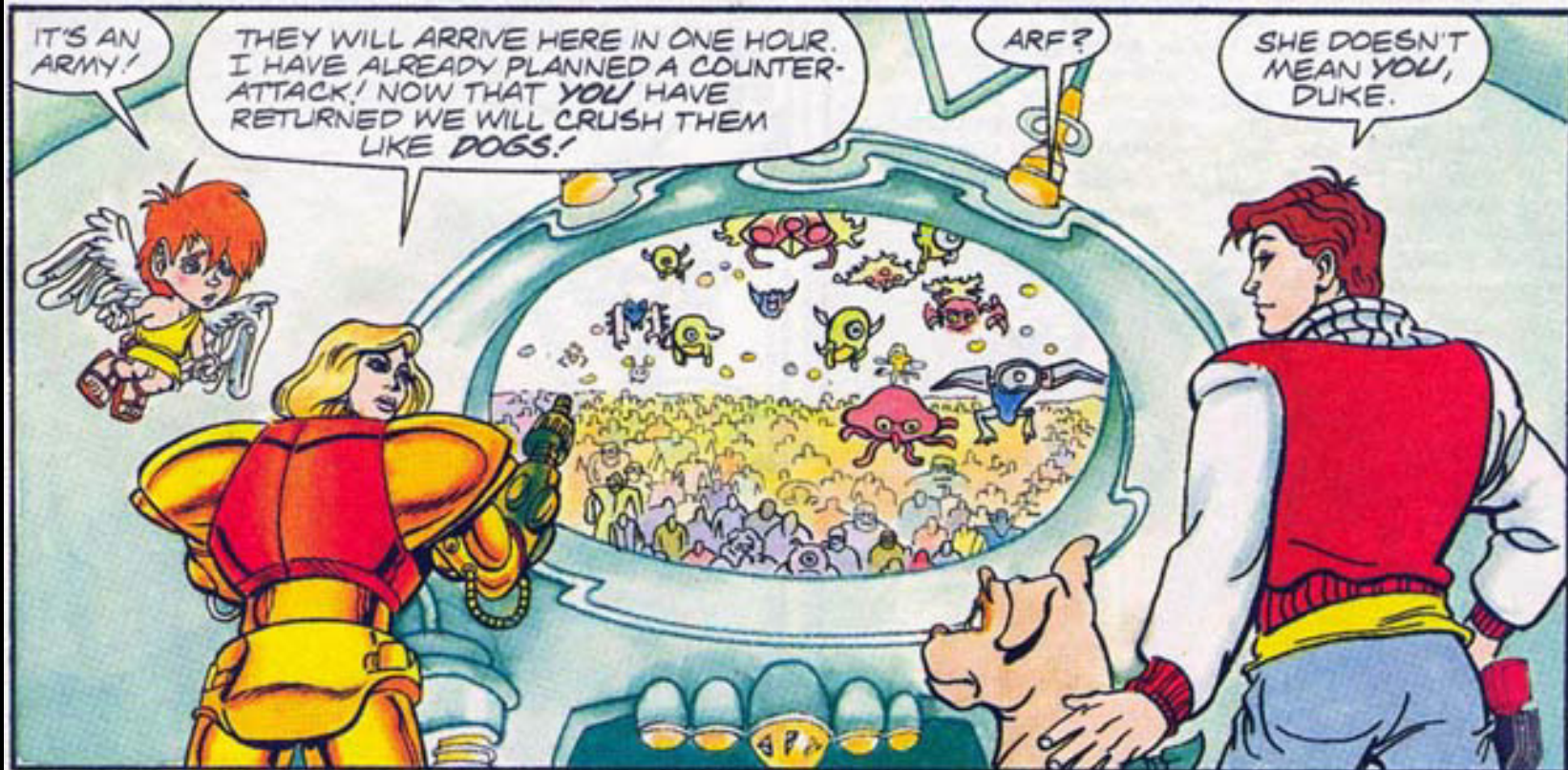


OH, DADDY! ALL THESE YEARS--! WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU?

I'M HERE NOW, DAUGHTER. THAT IS ALL THAT MATTERS!







IT'S AN ARMY!

THEY WILL ARRIVE HERE IN ONE HOUR. I HAVE ALREADY PLANNED A COUNTER-ATTACK! NOW THAT YOU HAVE RETURNED WE WILL CRUSH THEM LIKE DOGS!

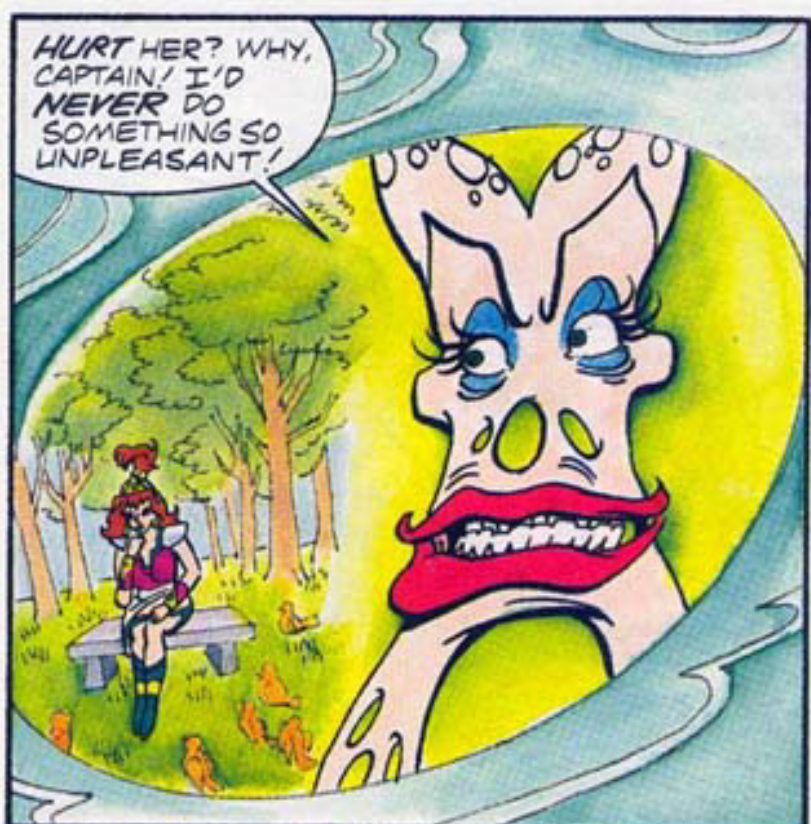
ARF?

SHE DOESN'T MEAN YOU, DUKE.

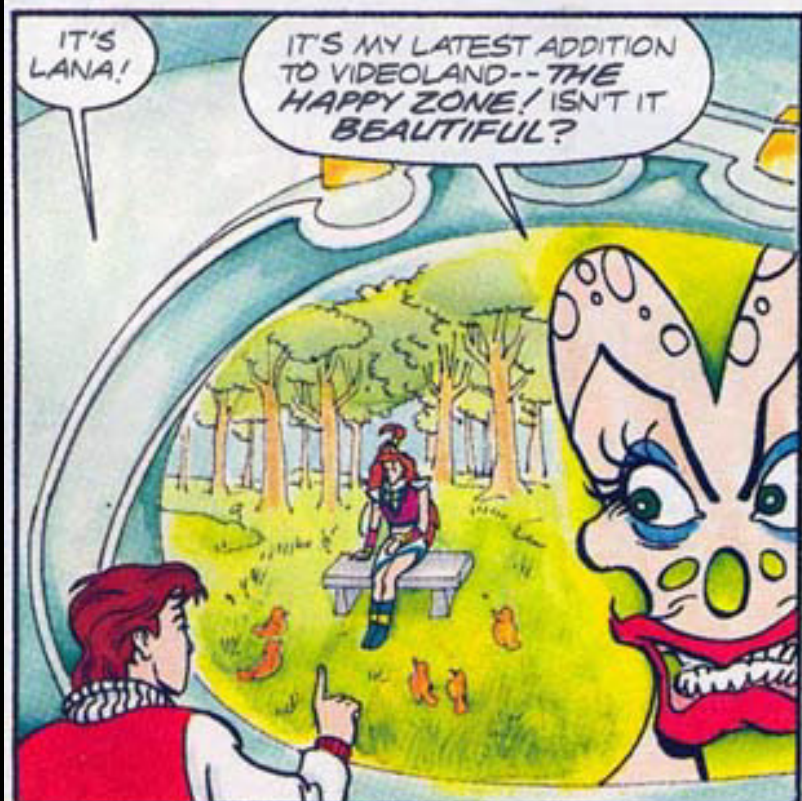


HELLO. AM I CALLING AT A BAD TIME?

MOTHER BRAIN! WHAT HAVE YOU DONE WITH PRINCESS LANA?! IF YOU HURT HER, I'LL---

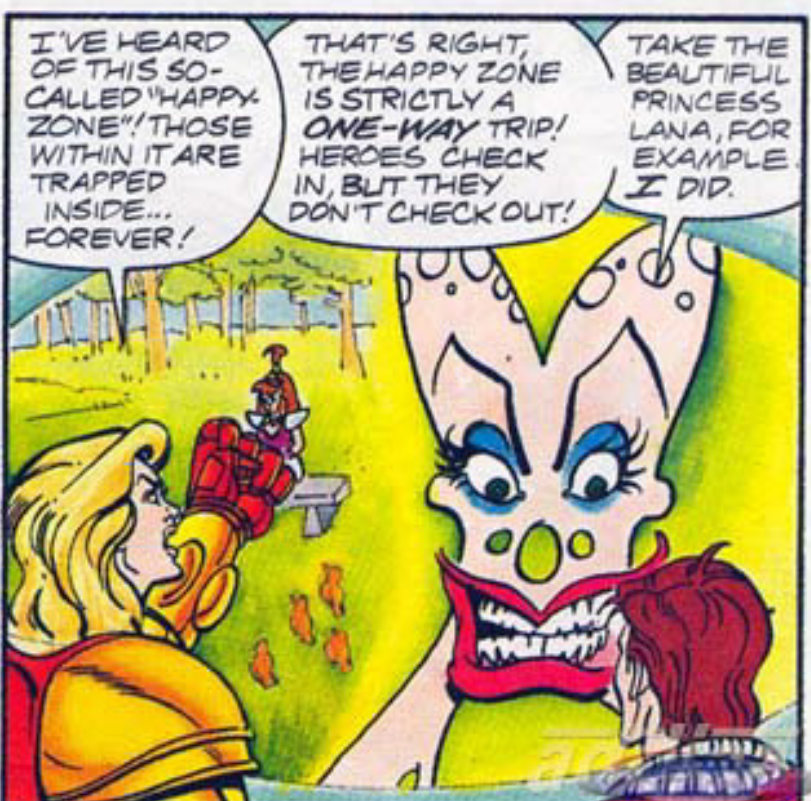


HURT HER? WHY, CAPTAIN! I'D NEVER DO SOMETHING SO UNPLEASANT!



IT'S LANA!

IT'S MY LATEST ADDITION TO VIDEO LAND-- THE HAPPY ZONE! ISN'T IT BEAUTIFUL?



I'VE HEARD OF THIS SO-CALLED "HAPPY ZONE"! THOSE WITHIN IT ARE TRAPPED INSIDE... FOREVER!

THAT'S RIGHT, THE HAPPY ZONE IS STRICTLY A ONE-WAY TRIP! HEROES CHECK IN, BUT THEY DON'T CHECK OUT!

TAKE THE BEAUTIFUL PRINCESS LANA, FOR EXAMPLE. I DID.

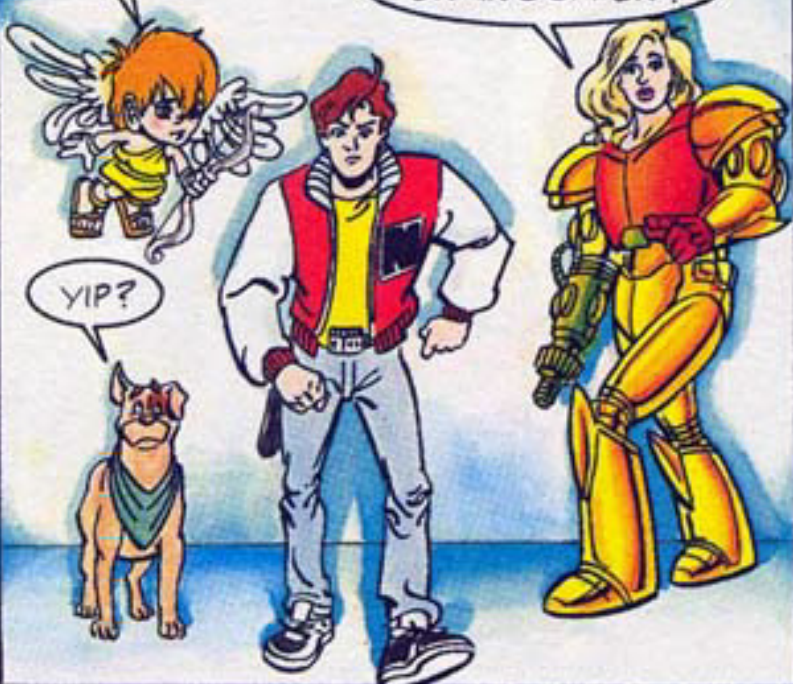
BUT DON'T FRET! JUST STEP THROUGH THIS WARP ZONE AND YOU'LL BE IN THE HAPPY ZONE WITH HER! OOOO! HOW ROMANTIC! OR WOULD YOU RATHER SHE WAS TRAPPED ALL ALONE FOREVER?

OH, BY THE WAY, THIS ONE-WAY WARP ZONE ONLY LASTS FOR AN HOUR-- AFTER THAT THE HAPPY ZONE WILL BE CLOSED...PERMANENTLY.



CAP? WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO-A-CUS?

KEVIN, YOU CANNOT BE THINKING OF ACCEPTING MOTHER BRAIN'S OFFER?



BUT, THE PRINCESS IS IN THERE!

THEN THAT IS HER FATE. WE HAVE A JOB TO DO HERE!



WHERE IS THE COURAGE OF THE WARRIOR, WHICH I ADMIRE SO MUCH IN YOU? COME, CAPTAIN! WE HAVE A KINGDOM TO DEFEND! GOLD AND GLORY TO WIN!

SAMUS, PLEASE. GIVE ME A BREAK, HUH?



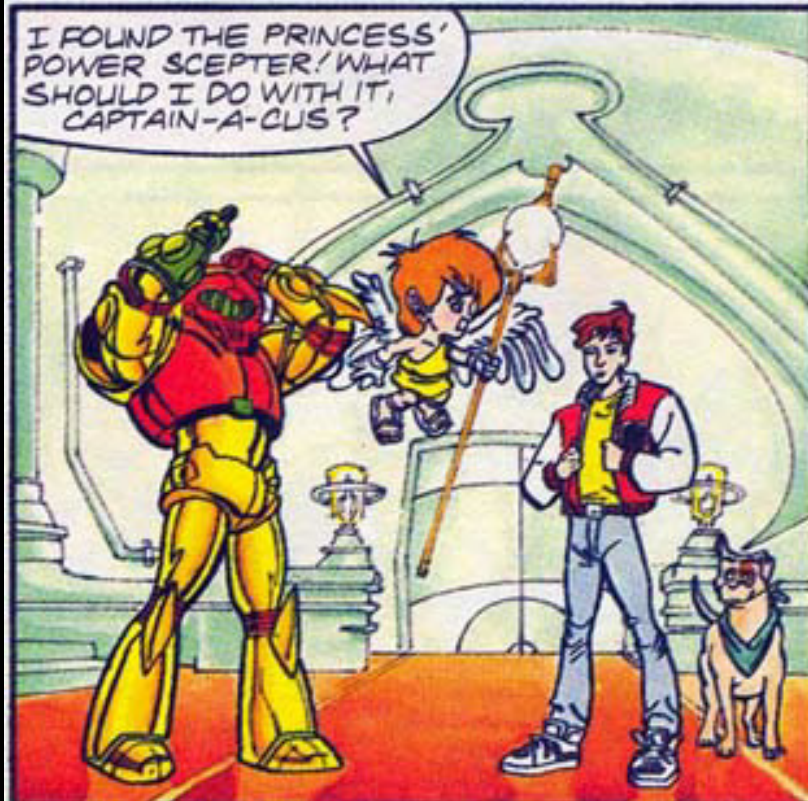
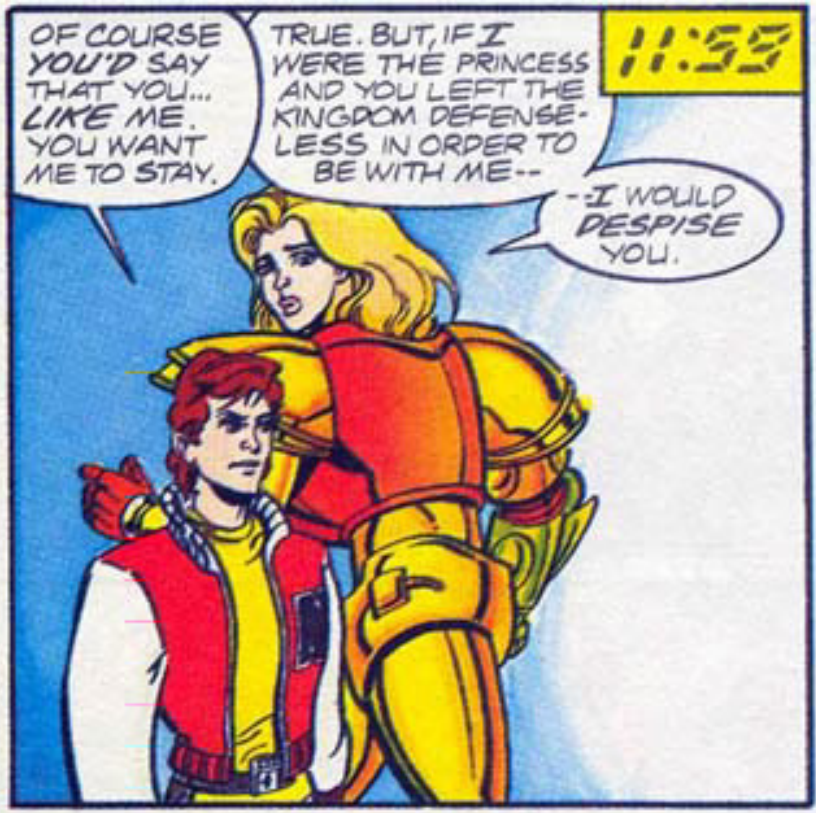
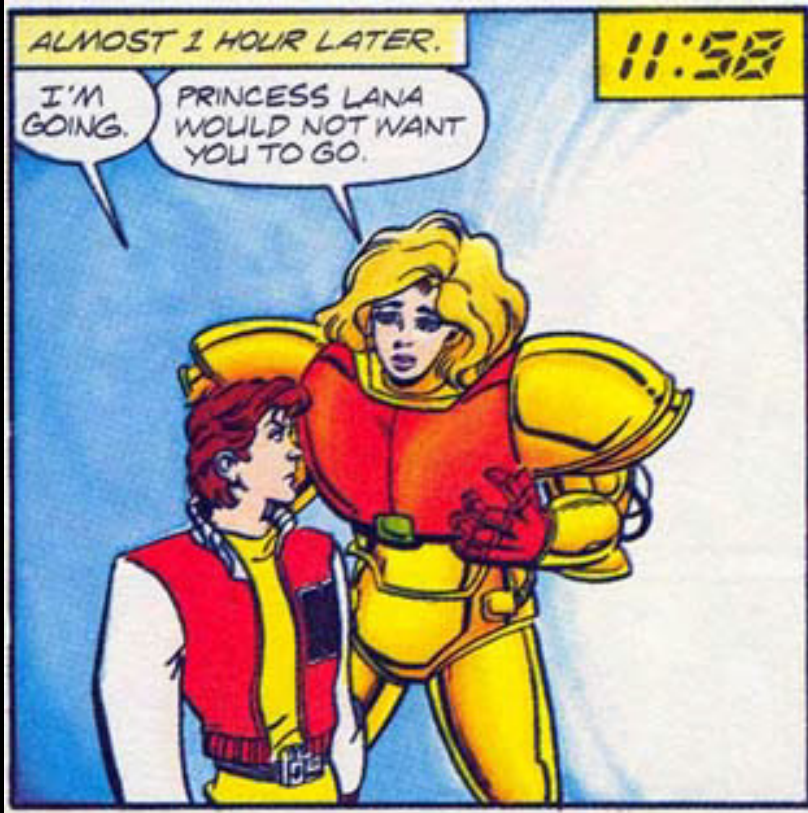
THAT'S SOME ARMY OUTSIDE. WE SURE COULD USE YOUR HELP, CAP. BUT IF YOU REALLY WANT TO--YOU GO AHEAD! GOOD LUCK-A-CUS!

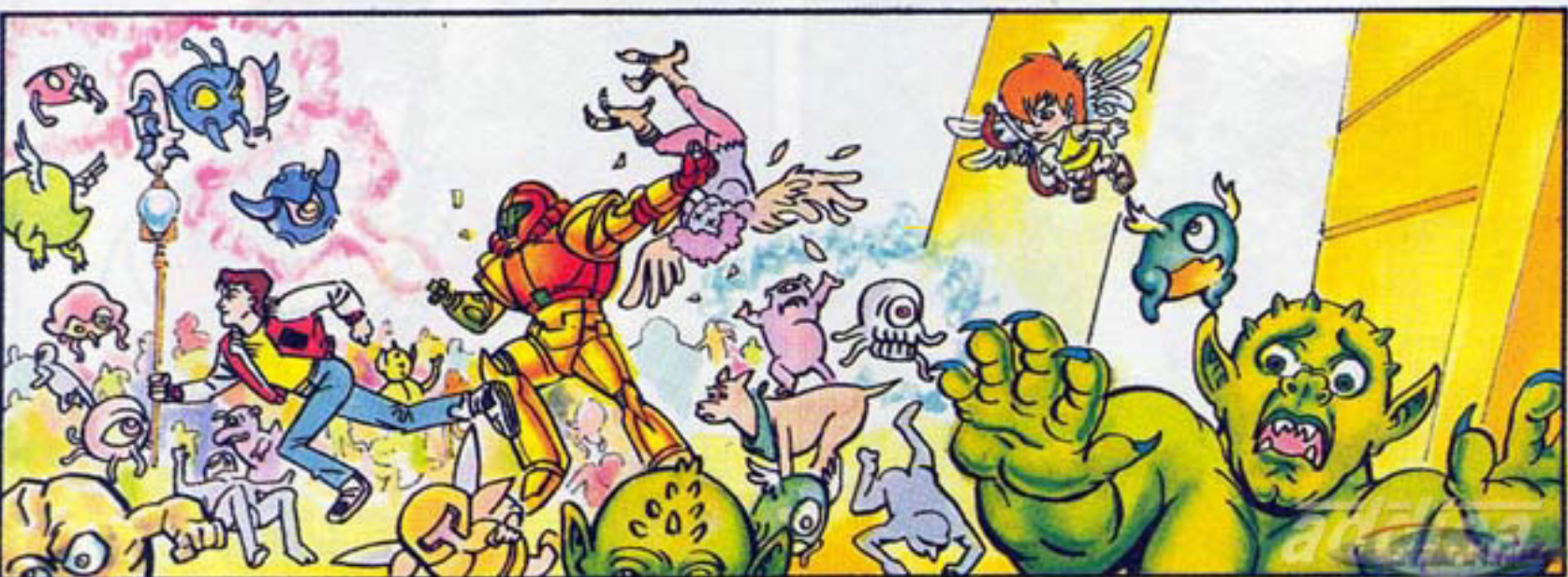
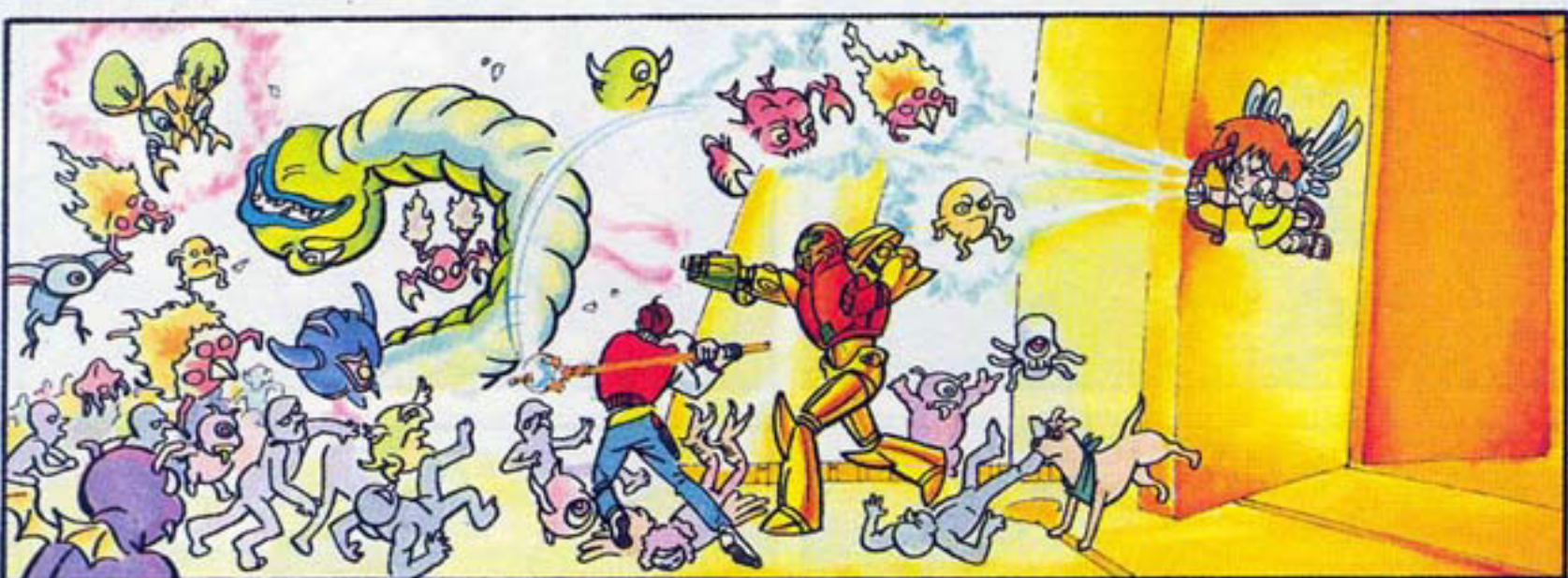
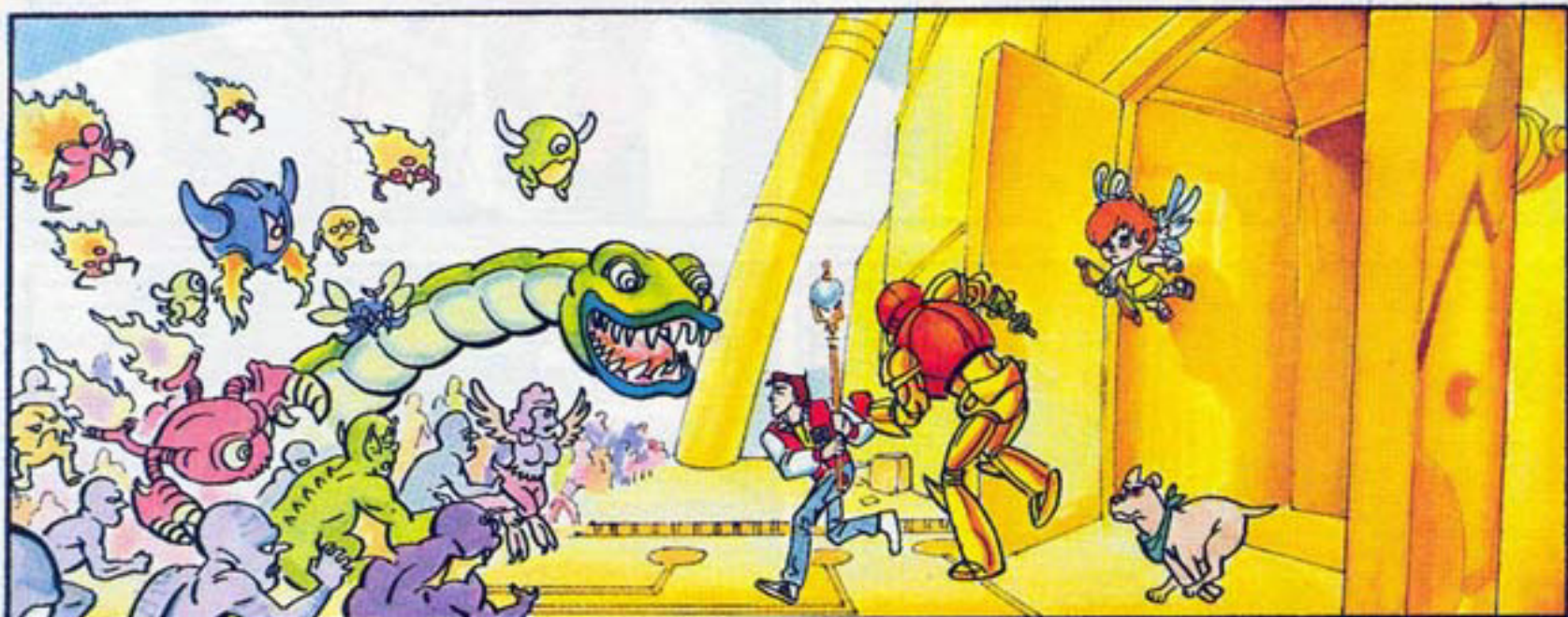
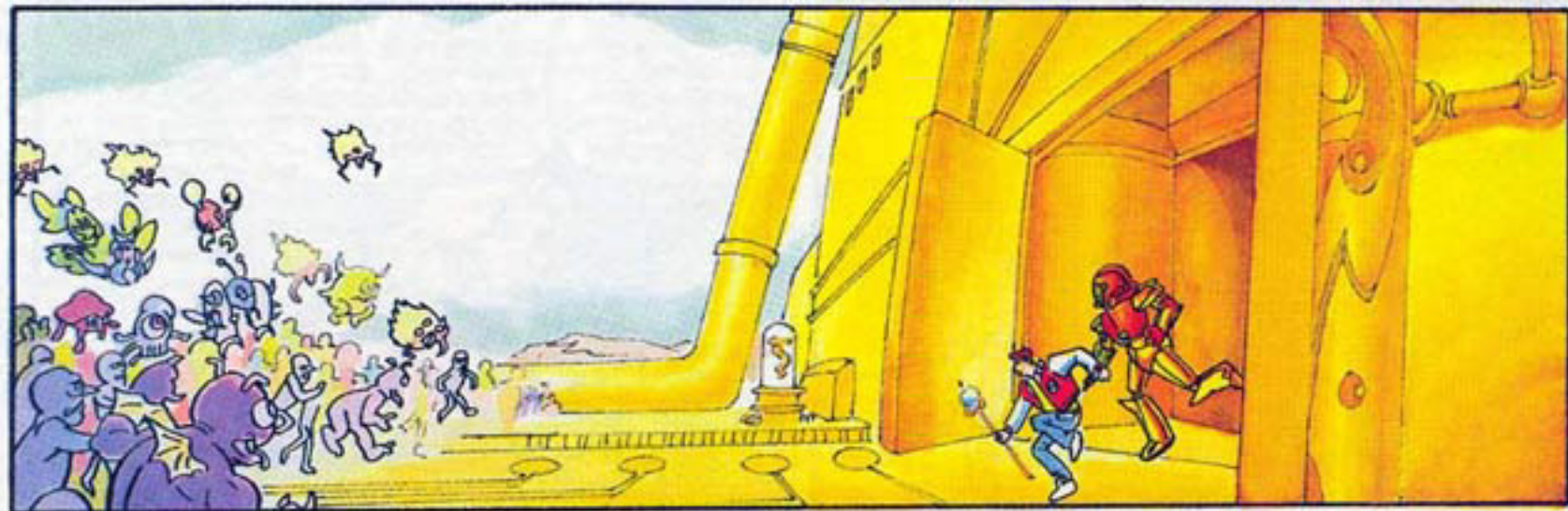


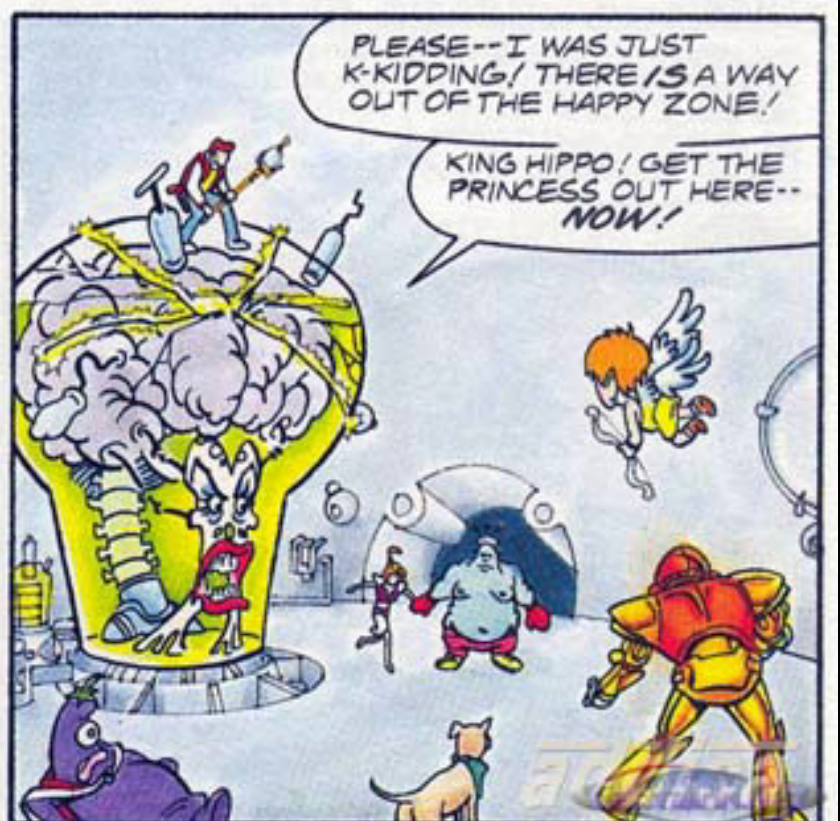
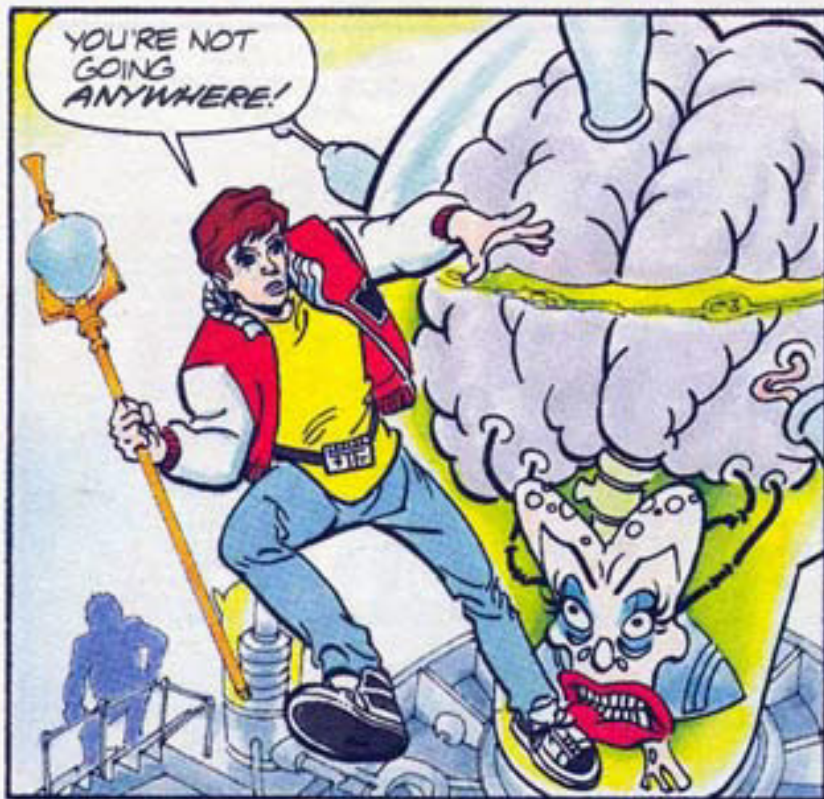
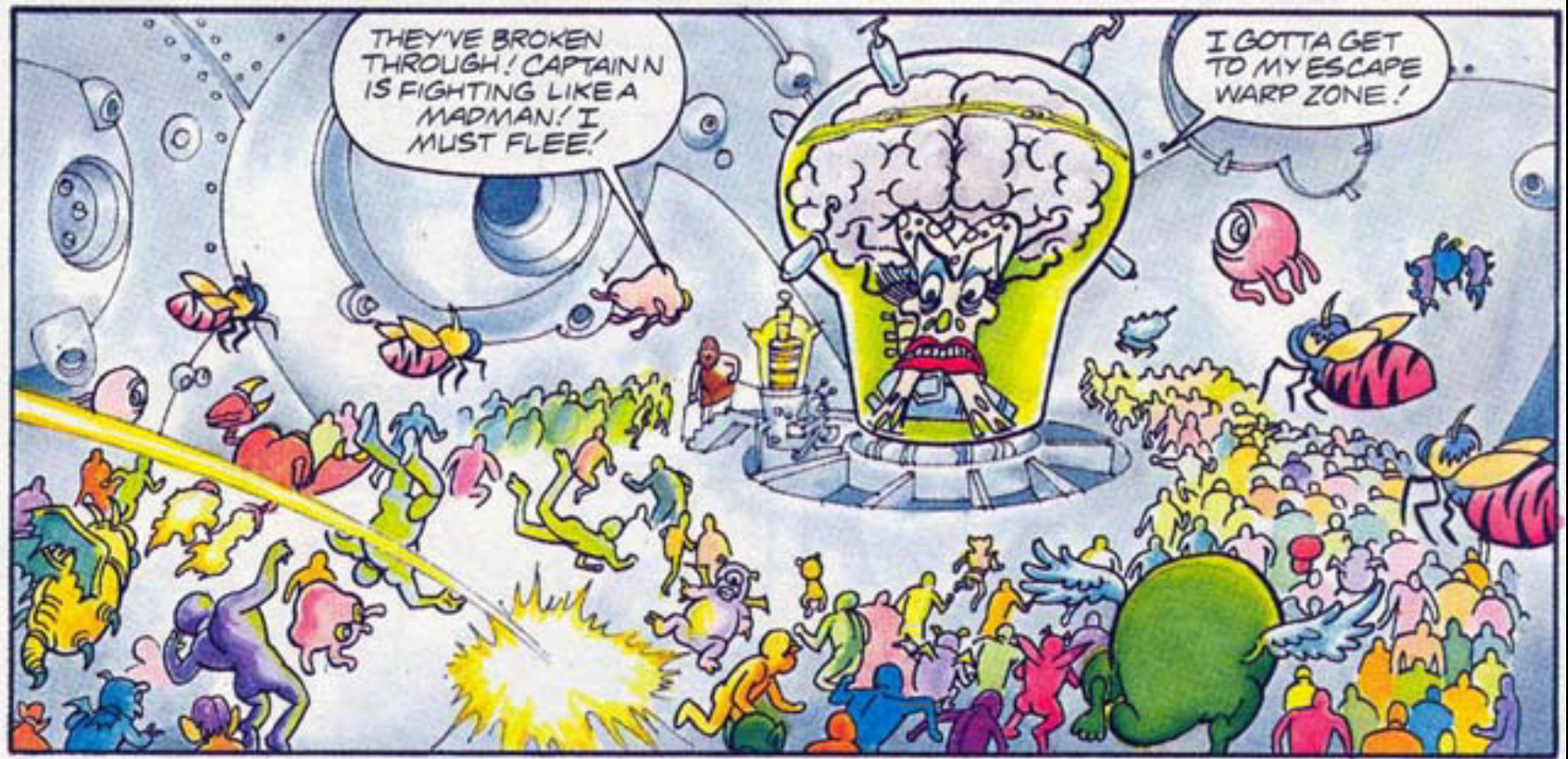
CAPTAIN, YOU MUST NOT...

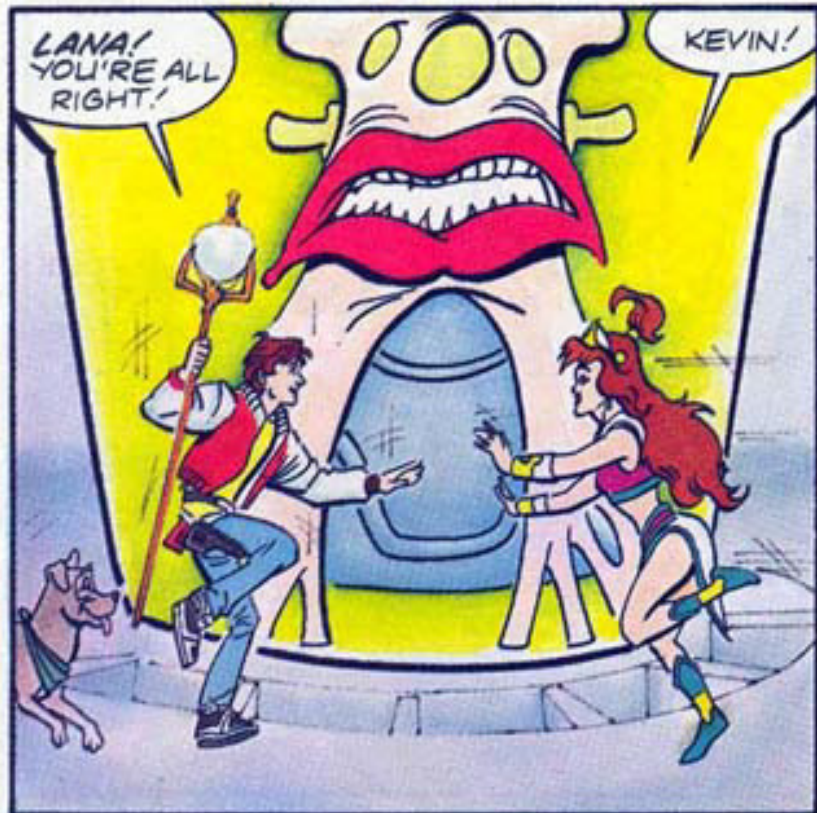
LEAVE ME ALONE, OKAY? JUST LET ME THINK...









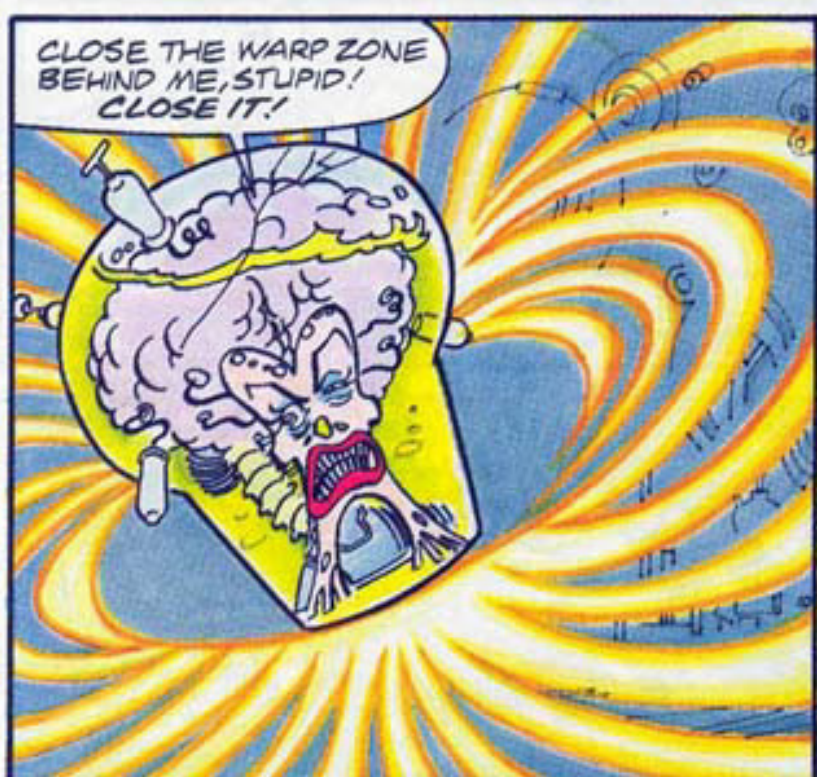


LANA!
YOU'RE ALL
RIGHT!

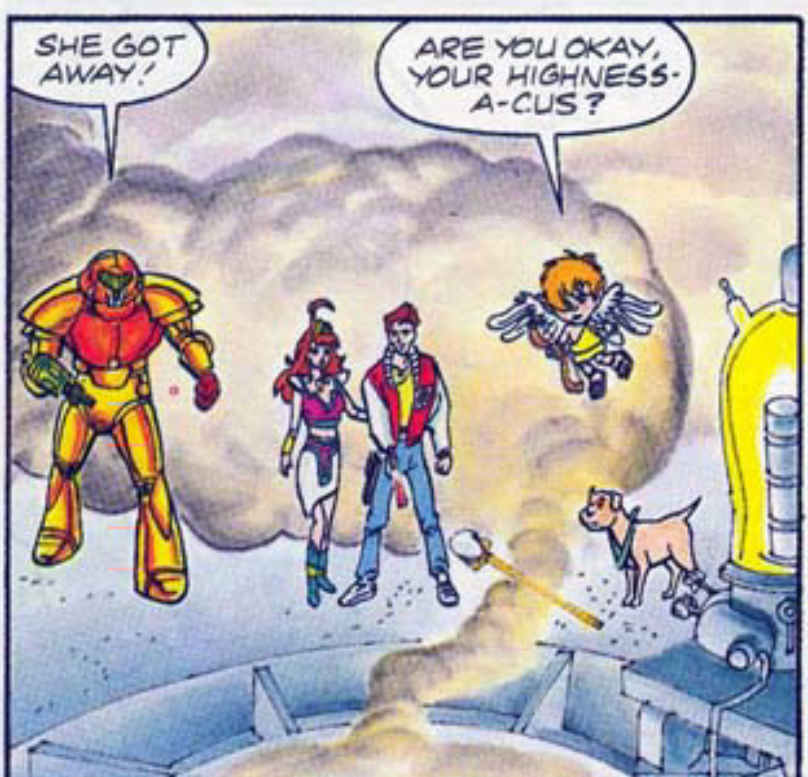
KEVIN!



STEP ASIDE, SWEETHEART,
I'M GOING TO TAKE OUT THE
TRASH!



CLOSE THE WARP ZONE
BEHIND ME, STUPID!
CLOSE IT!



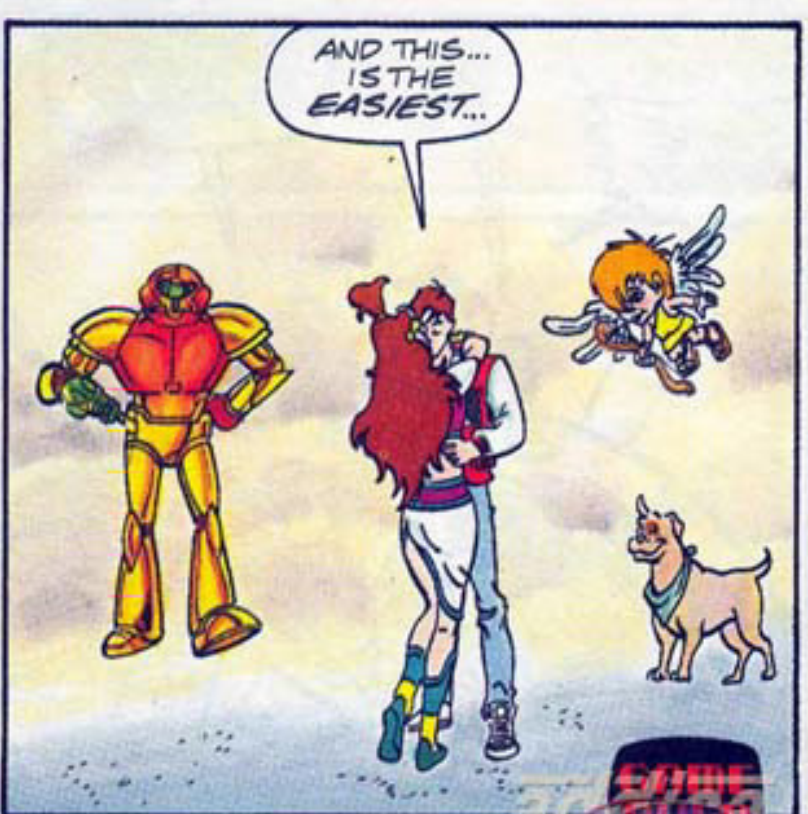
SHE GOT
AWAY!

ARE YOU OKAY,
YOUR HIGHNESS-
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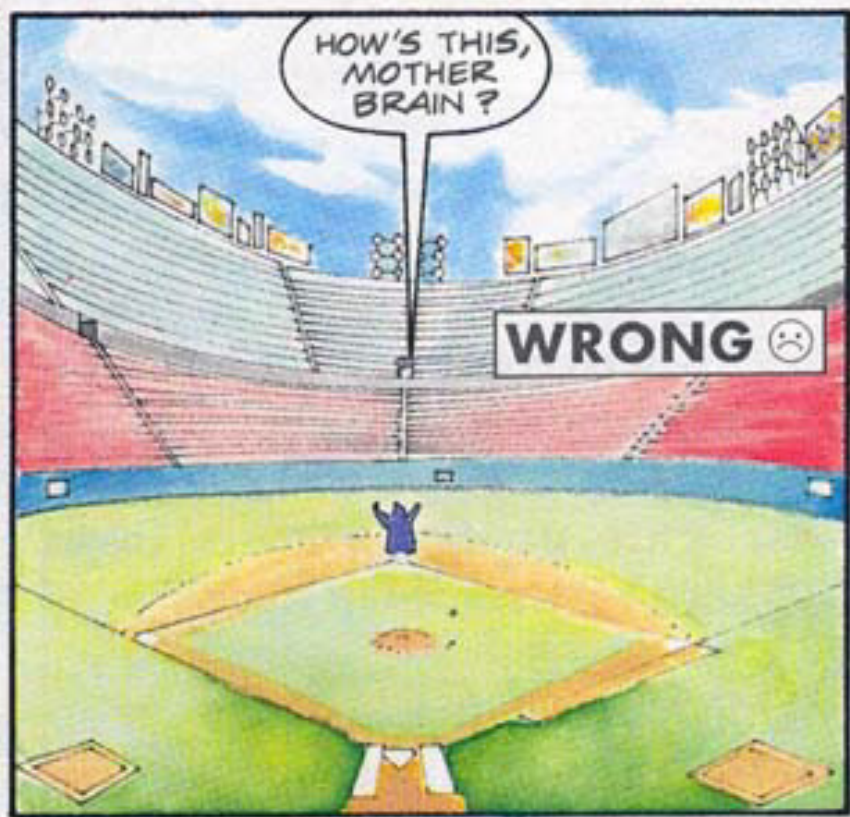
WATCHING THAT WARP
ZONE CLOSE WAS THE
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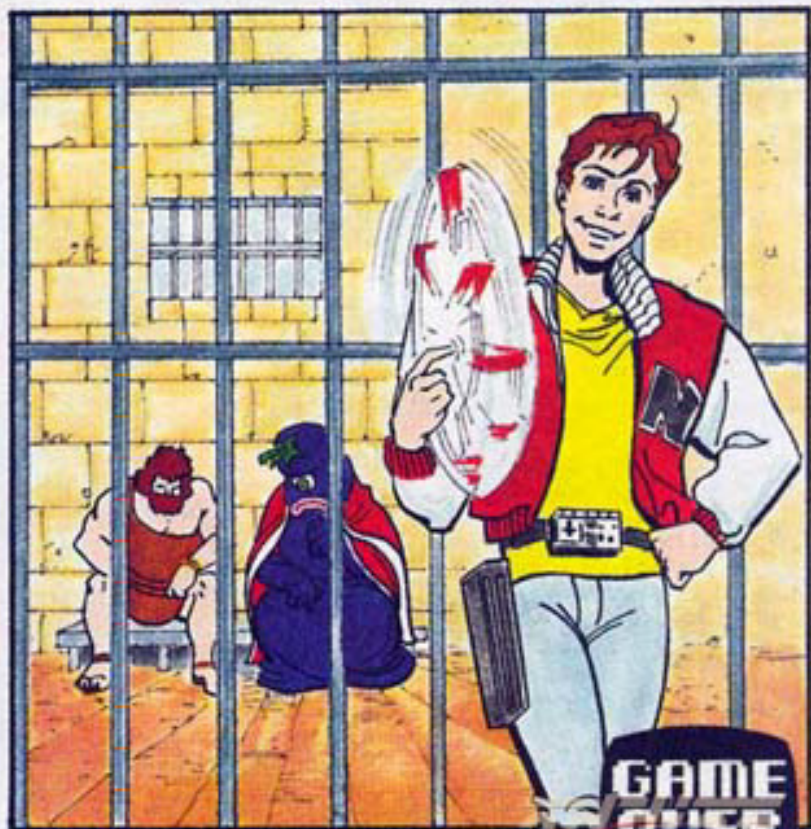
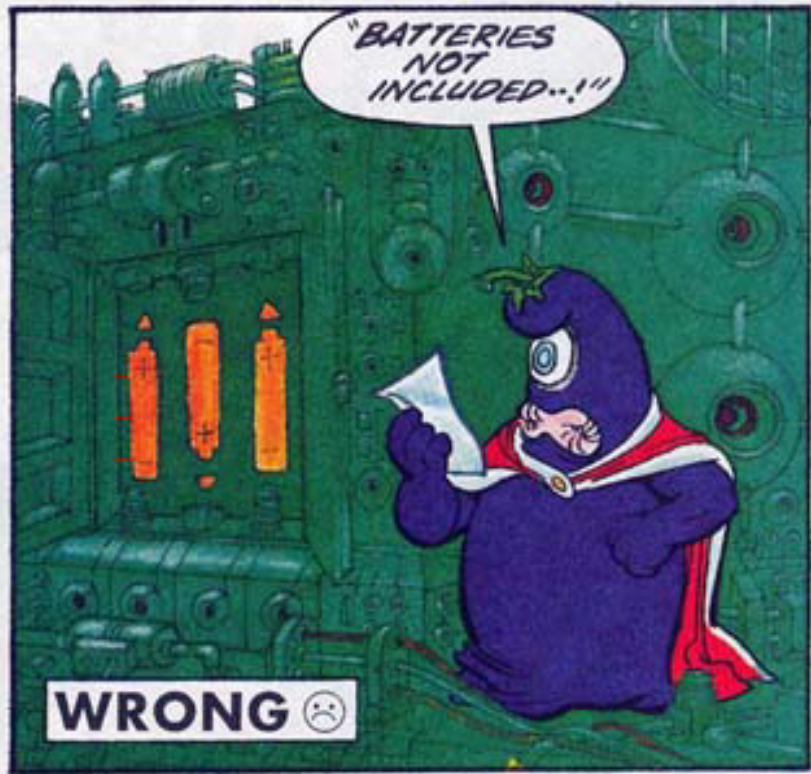
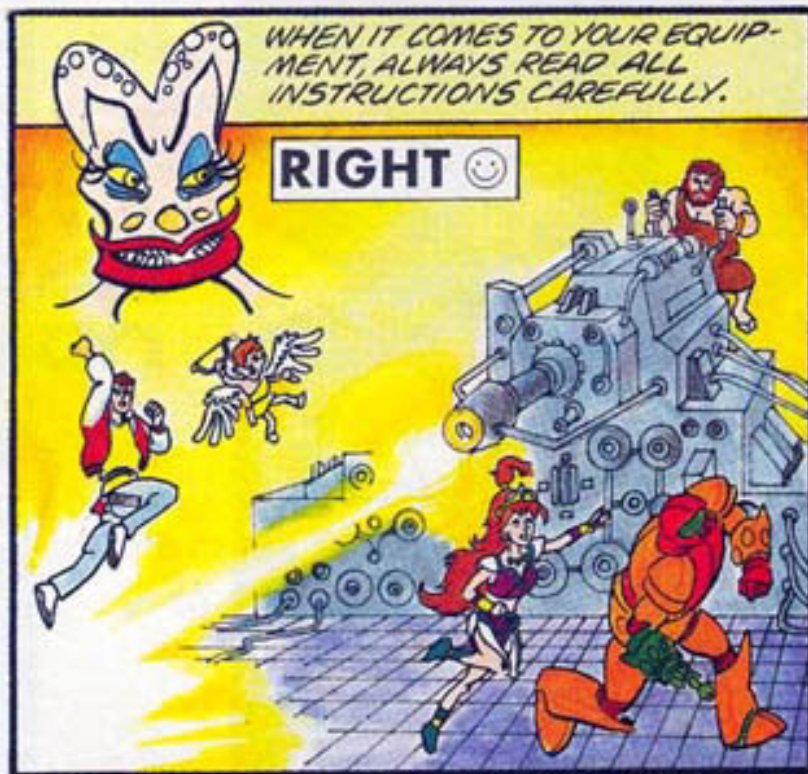
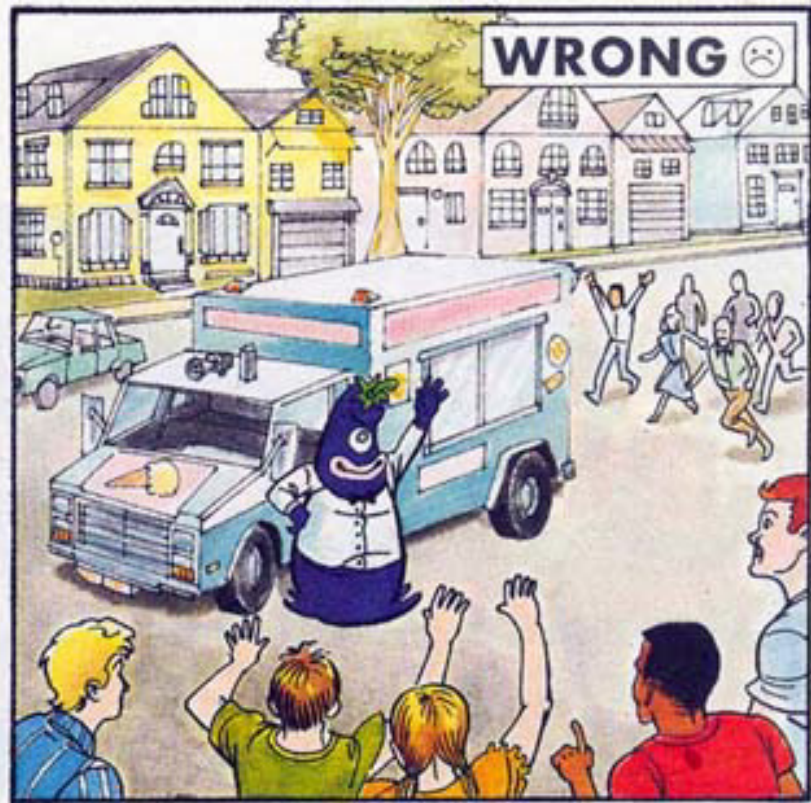
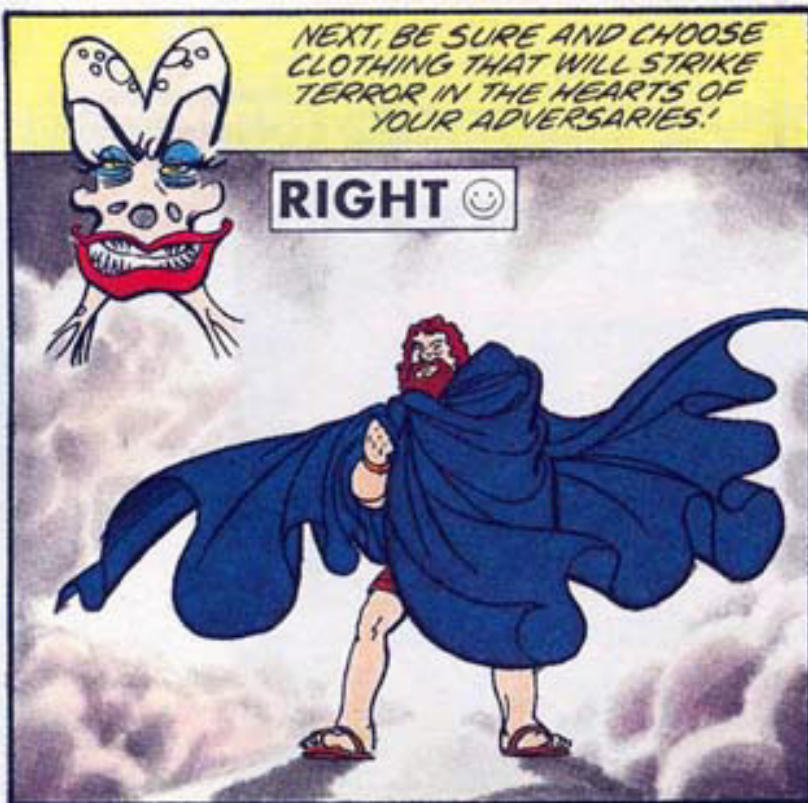


AND THIS...
IS THE
EASIEST...

VILLAINS' DO'S AND DON'TS

By George Caragone, Don Hudson, Jose Marzan, Jade, John Ceballero





GAME OVER

THE ITEM

By Bill Vallely, Mark McClellan, Bob Layton, Dan Panosian, Ken Lopez, Meridee Mandio

MERCHANT ONE
APPROACHING PLANET
ZEBES FOR LANDING.
REQUESTING
CLEARANCE.

IN MOTHER BRAIN'S NAME,
HAS YOUR MISSION BEEN
ACCOMPLISHED? HAVE
YOU OBTAINED... THE
ITEM?



THE "ITEM" IS INTACT...
OF COURSE. YOU THINK
WE'D SHOW OUR FACES
HERE WITHOUT IT?

GOOD POINT!

EMERGENCY, TOP-
PRIORITY CLEARANCE
IS GRANTED. AND
YOU BETTER RUSH--
MOTHER BRAIN
WANTS DELIVERY OF
YOUR PAYLOAD
IMMEDIATELY!



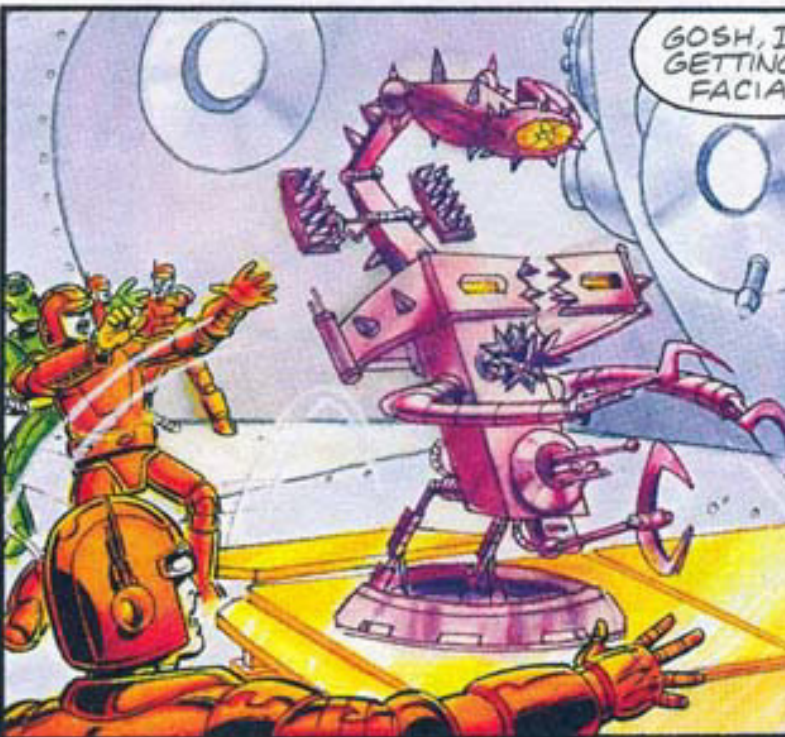
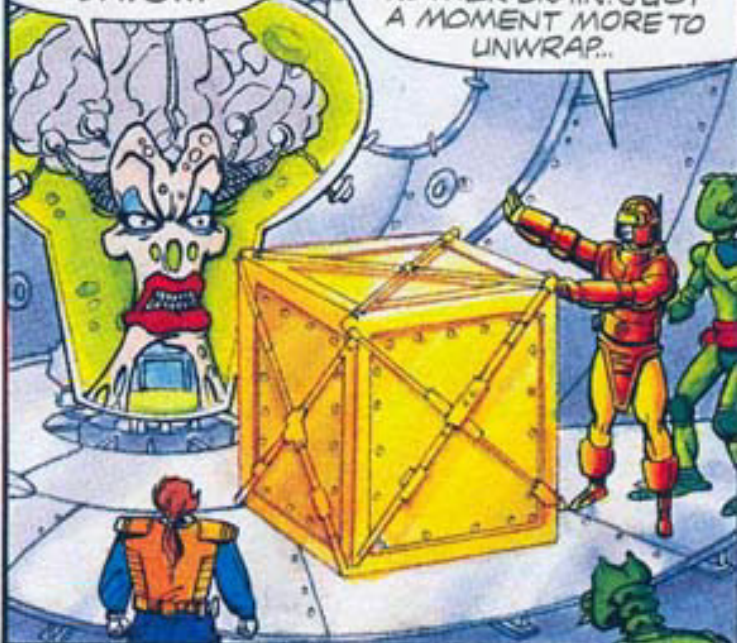
WHY THE
RUSH? WHAT
IS THIS
THING,
ANYWAY?

MUST BE VALUABLE, TO GET ALL
THIS ATTENTION. PURE GOLD,
PERHAPS... OR MAYBE A WEAPON
TO DESTROY ALL OUTER SPACE!



WHERE IS IT?
I'VE BEEN
WAITING FOR
DAYS!!!

I'M SURE THIS CAN
TAKE CARE OF YOUR
DIFFICULTIES, HONORED
MOTHER BRAIN. JUST
A MOMENT MORE TO
UNWRAP...



GOSH, I LOVE
GETTING
FACIALS...



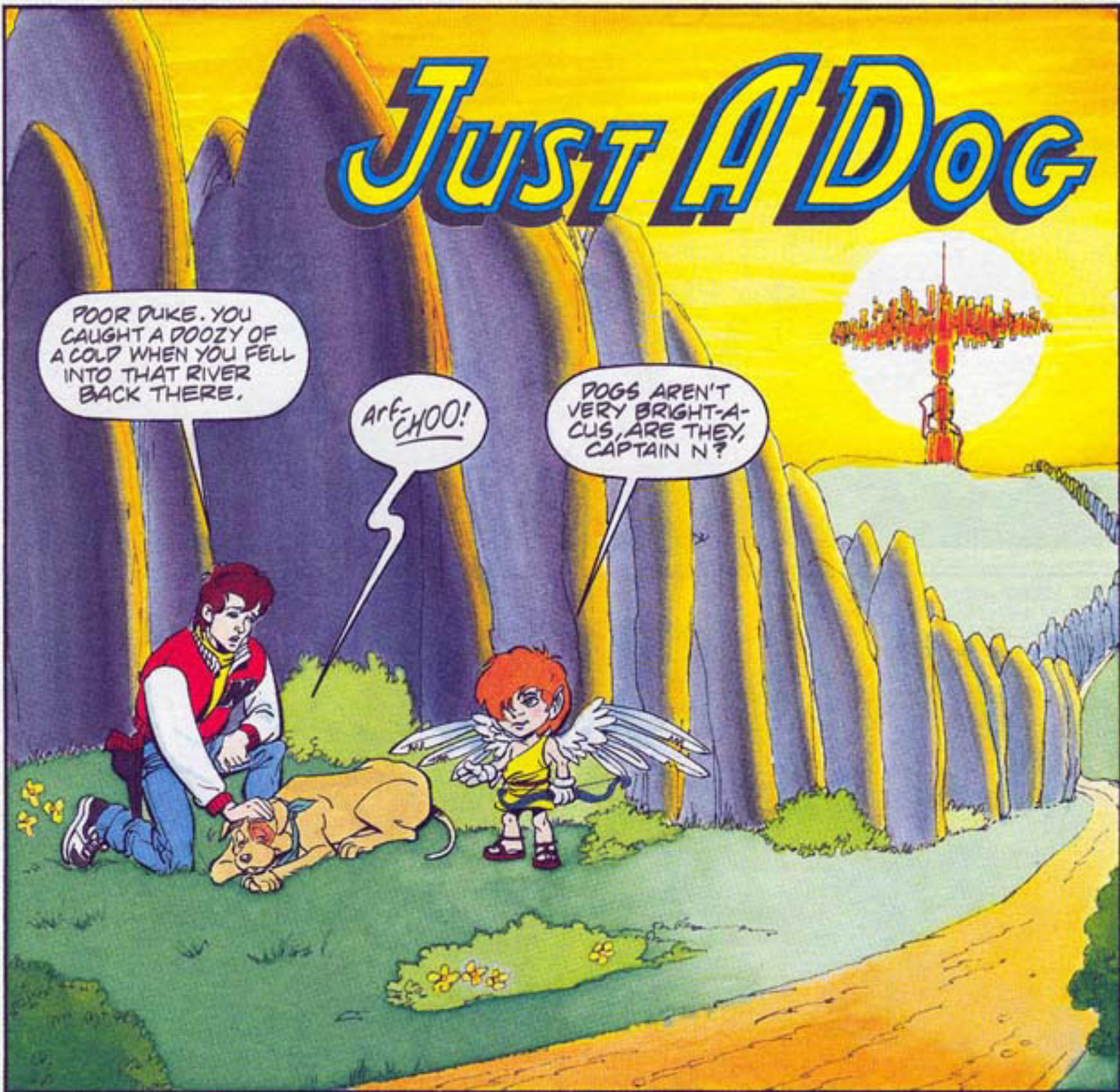
GAME
OVER

JUST A DOG

POOR DUKE. YOU CAUGHT A DOOZY OF A COLD WHEN YOU FELL INTO THAT RIVER BACK THERE.

ARF-CHOO!

DOGS AREN'T VERY BRIGHT-A-CUS, ARE THEY, CAPTAIN N?



WE WERE IN A HURRY, KID ICARUS, AND THAT DIRT SLIDE CAUGHT US BY SURPRISE - IT COULD'VE DUMPED ANY OF US INTO THE RIVER.

NOT ME.



I CAN FLY!!

ARF.





YEAH, BUT DUKE CAN'T THAT MEANS WE'VE GOT TO WALK BACK TO THE PALACE OF POWER - SLOWLY - TO REPORT TO THE PRINCESS.

SIGH, I SUPPOSE IT DOESN'T MATTER. WE DIDN'T FIND ANYTHING, ANYWAY.

AH... AH...
AHHH...



WE HEAR ABOUT A LARGE ARMY HEADING TOWARD THE PALACE, AND WHAT DOES IT AMOUNT TO? NOTHING! JUST RUMORS!

AHH...



I'M SURE THE PRINCESS WON'T BE SORRY.

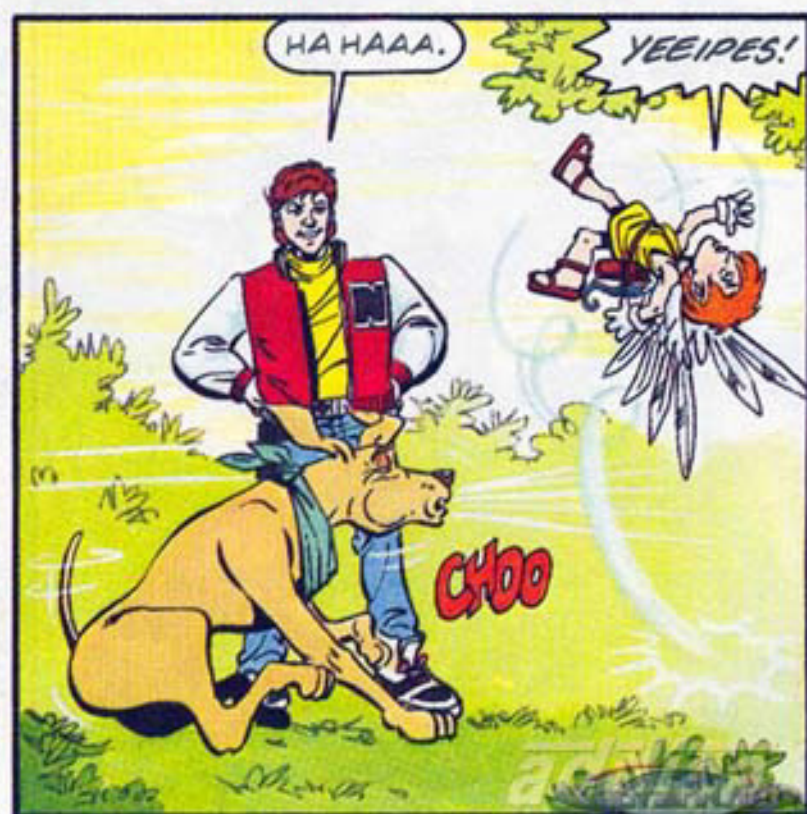
MAYBE NOT. BUT I AM.



WHY'S THAT?

I WANT TO RUN INTO THAT FAT KING HIPPO SO I CAN PUNCH OUT HIS LIGHT-A-CUS!

AH...
AHH...



HA HAAA.

YEEIPES!

CHOO



I THINK KING HIPPO MIGHT BE A LITTLE OUT OF YOUR LEAGUE.



NO WAY-A-CUS! ONE BOXING GLOVE ARROW IS ALL IT WOULD TAKE. REALLY!



I'D BETTER CARRY YOU, DUKE. YOU'RE LOOKING WORSE WITH EVERY STEP.



CLANGG CLAMP CLANK CLANK

HUH?



WHAT WAS THAT?

SOMETHING BEHIND THE WALL. CAN YOU CHECK IT OUT, KID?



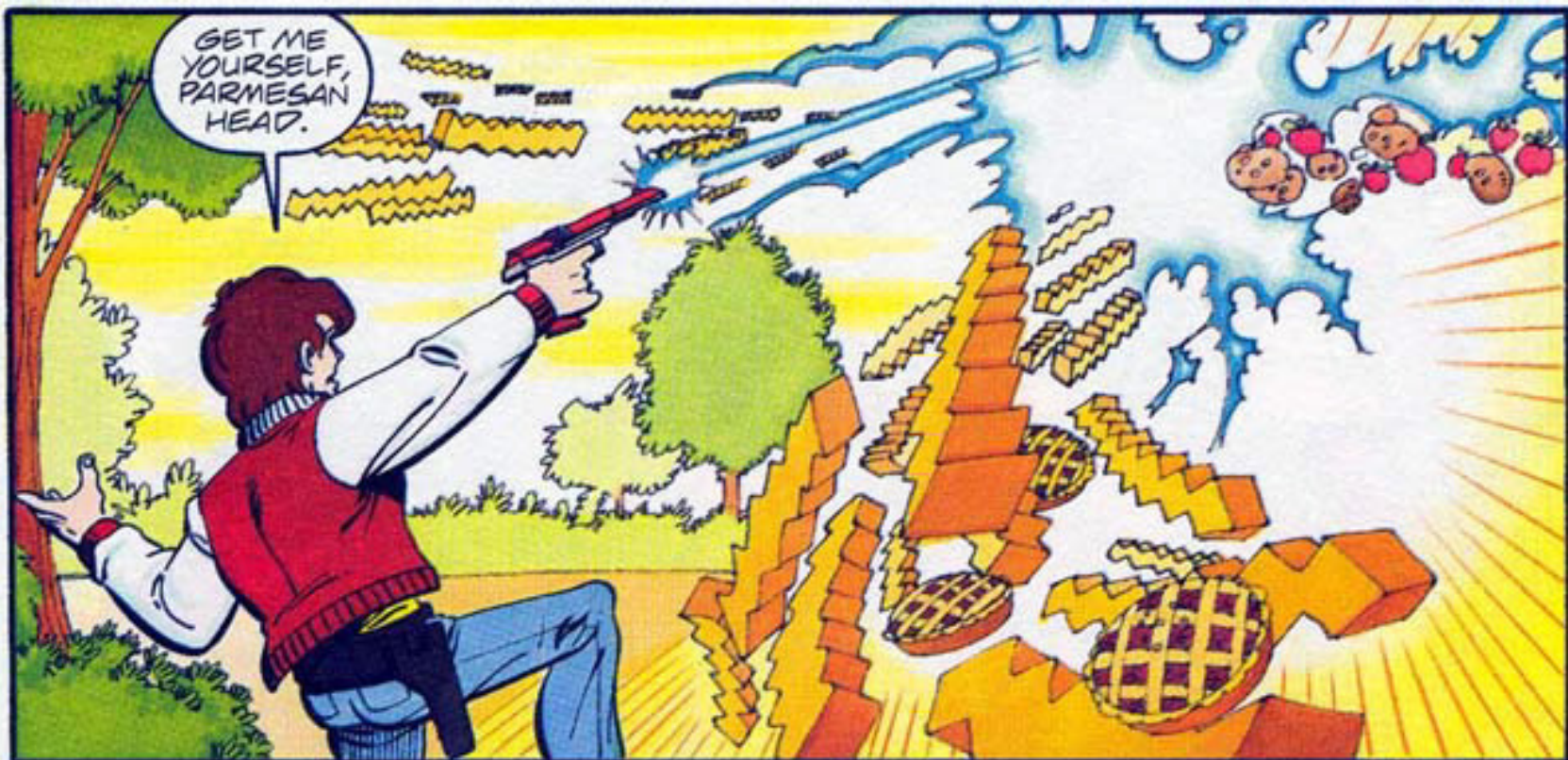
OH, NO-A-CUS!

WHAT IS IT?









GET ME YOURSELF, PARMESAN HEAD.



HE'S UP... HE FLIES...



HE BLIPS BAD GUYS!!



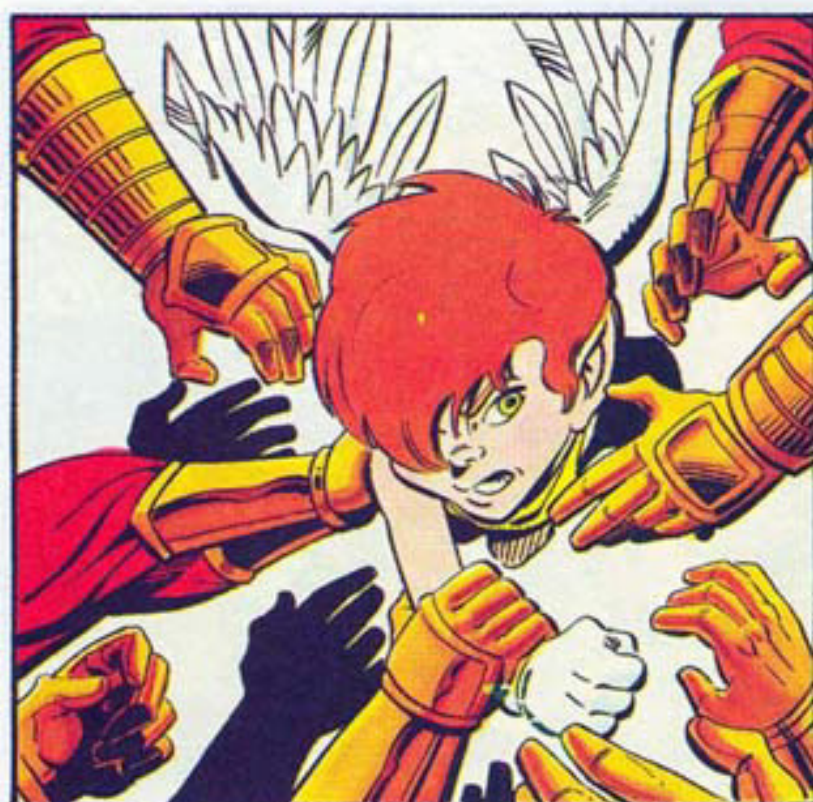
TRY THIS ON FOR SIZE-A-CUS.



GET THEM BOTH-- NOW!

OOP.

I HATE TO SAY IT, KID...





WE HAVE CAPTAIN N AND HIS BIRD-BRAINED FRIEND.

WE'VE WON!!

DUKE?



PUT THEM IN CHAINS.

RUN, DUKE! GET AWAY FROM HERE.



BETTER MAKE THAT HANDCUFFS AND ROPES AND...

YOU'RE SICK, DUKE- YOU CAN'T FIGHT!

GO!!!



THEN, WE'LL PUT THEM IN THE DUNGEON...

PLEASE DUKE-!

OH, NO... IT'S...

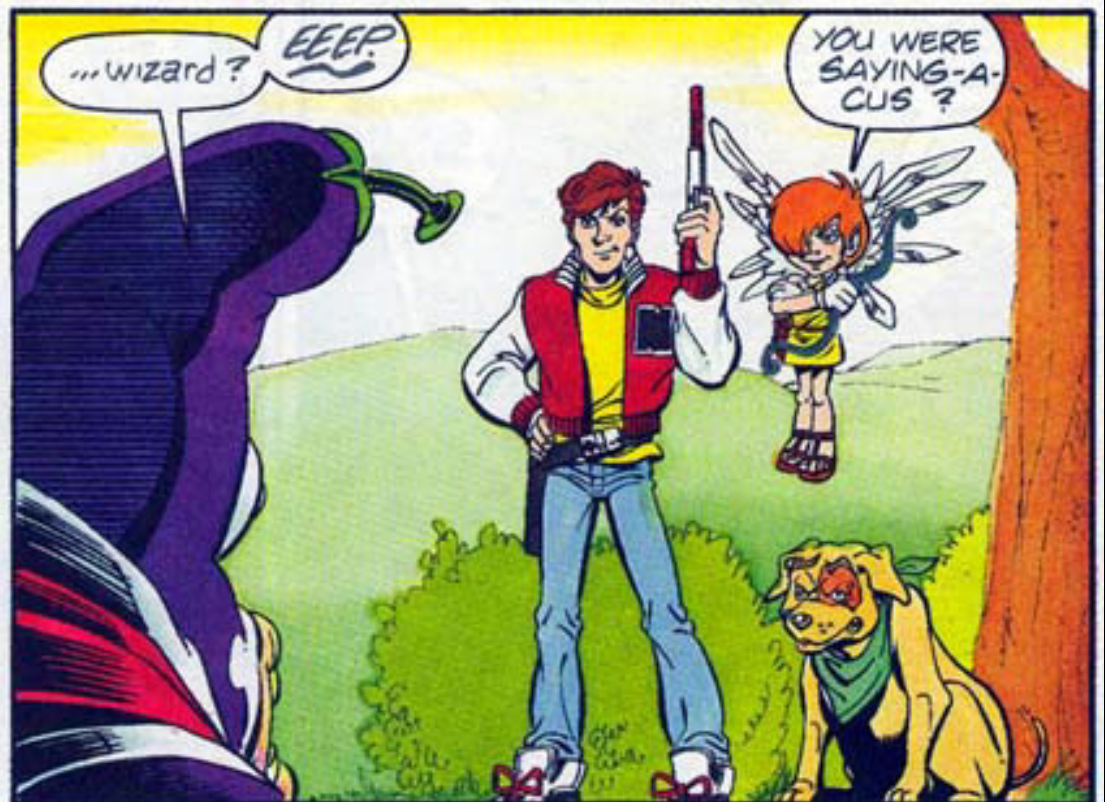
IT'S...



HUH? IT'S? IT'S WHAT?

IT'S A DOG!!

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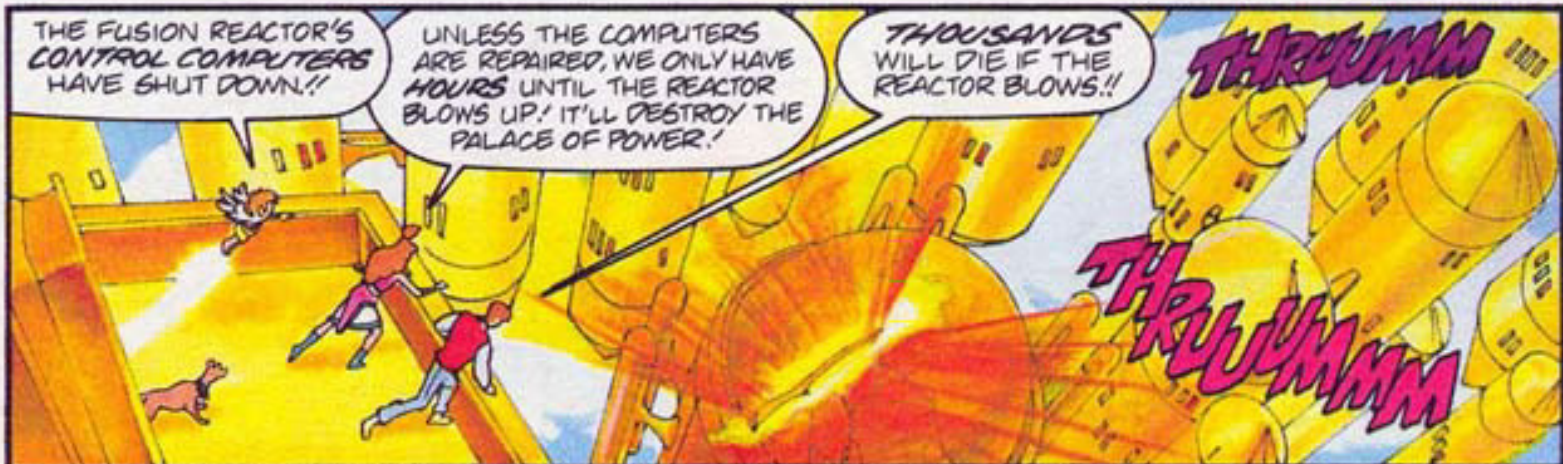
NERVOUS MELTDOWN



KEVIN!
KID ICARUS!
THE COMPUTERS
ARE GOING
WILD!

IT DOESN'T
MAKE SENSE,
LANA! THEY'RE
ALL FREEZING
UP!

OH, YEAH?
COME ON OUT
HERE! WE GOT
SOME REAL
TROUBLES!!



THE FUSION REACTOR'S
CONTROL COMPUTERS
HAVE SHUT DOWN!!

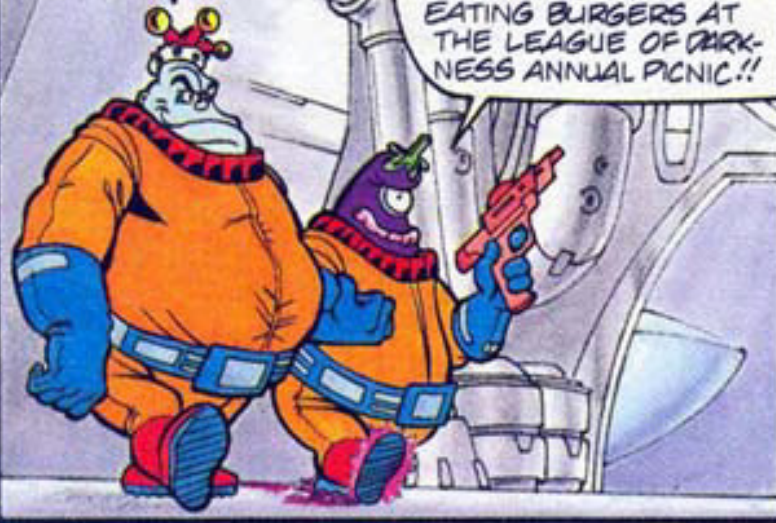
UNLESS THE COMPUTERS
ARE REPAIRED, WE ONLY HAVE
HOURS UNTIL THE REACTOR
BLOWS UP! IT'LL DESTROY THE
PALACE OF POWER!

THOUSANDS
WILL DIE IF THE
REACTOR BLOWS!!

MEANWHILE, IN METROID...

THAT STUFF WORKED LIKE A CHARM, MOTHER BRAIN! WE SHOT THE NEEDLE-DART INTO THEIR COMPUTER SYSTEM...

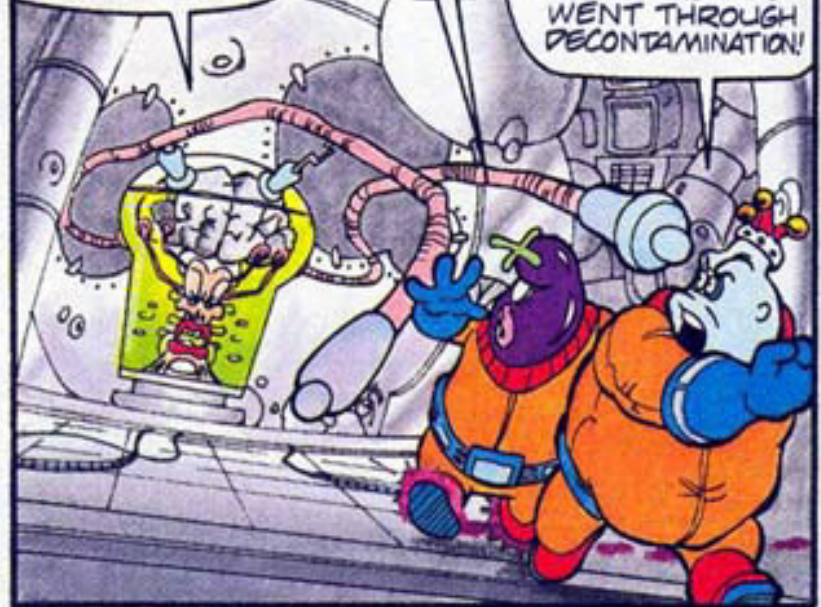
...AND THE COMPUTER VIRUS IT INJECTED SPREAD LIKE WILDFIRE THROUGH THEIR COMPUTERS! FASTER THAN KING HIPPO EATING BURGERS AT THE LEAGUE OF DARKNESS ANNUAL PICNIC!!



WAIT...! DID YOU DECONTAMINATE YOURSELVES?! ONE DROP OF THAT VIRUS COULD--

WAY AHEAD OF YOU THERE, MOTHER!

THE VIRUS IS BRIGHT PURPLE AND IT GLOWS! WE COULDN'T MISS A SINGLE SPECK WHEN WE WENT THROUGH DECONTAMINATION!



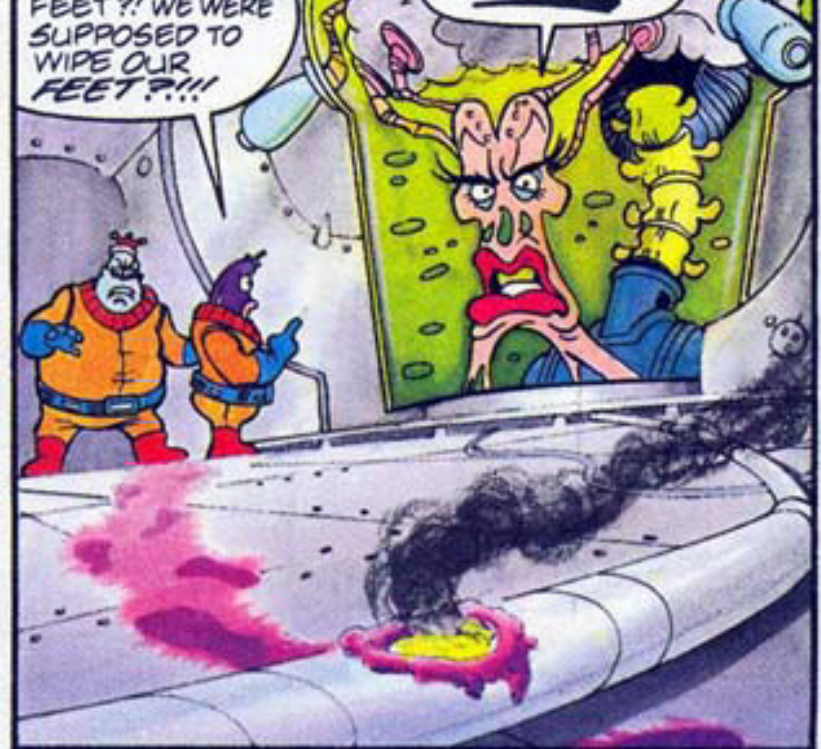
WE PUT THE SUITS THROUGH THE SCRUBBER, THE RINSE CYCLE AND THE SPINDRYER...

WIPE OUR FEET...



WIPE OUR FEET?! WE WERE SUPPOSED TO WIPE OUR FEET?!!!!

YOU IDIOTS!!!



NOOOOO!!!





CAREFUL, EVERY-ONE! THIS COULD BE A TRAP!!



HELP US!!

MOTHER BRAIN'S IN A COMA! WE CAN'T WAKE HER UP!!

KEVIN, THIS HAS TO BE A SET-UP!

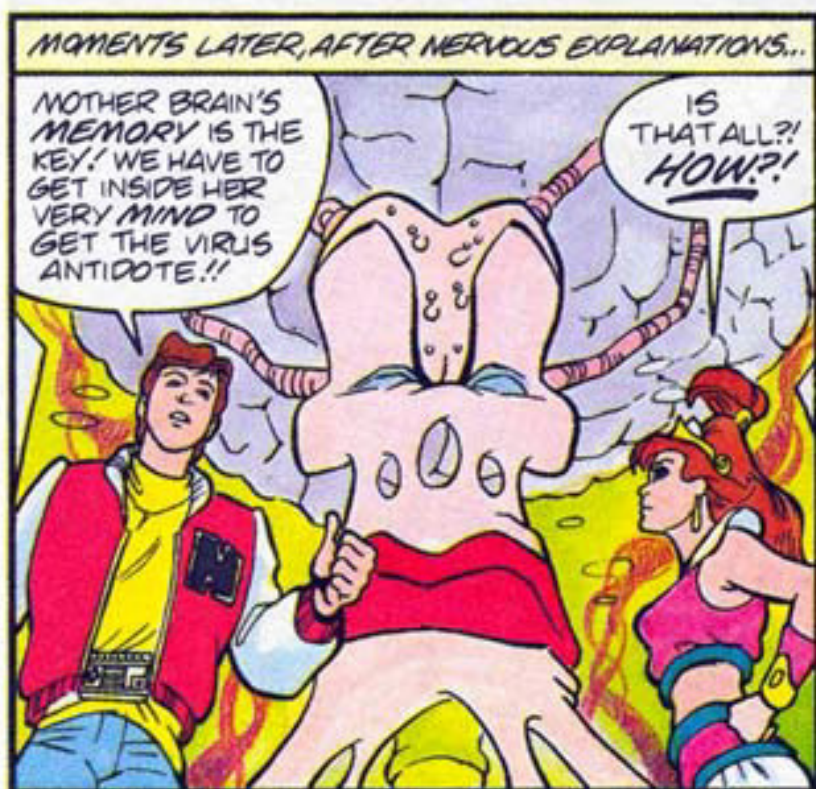
MAYBE- BUT THEY LOOK TOO SCARED. WAIT HERE.



WE ACCIDENTALLY SHOT MOTHER BRAIN WITH THE COMPUTER VIRUS!

WITH HER KNOCKED OUT, THE METROID POWER GENERATOR WILL SELFDESTRUCT!

LANA, KID, DUKE- I'VE FOUND OUR PROBLEM!



MOTHER BRAIN'S MEMORY IS THE KEY! WE HAVE TO GET INSIDE HER VERY MIND TO GET THE VIRUS ANTIDOTE!!

IS THAT ALL?! HOW?!

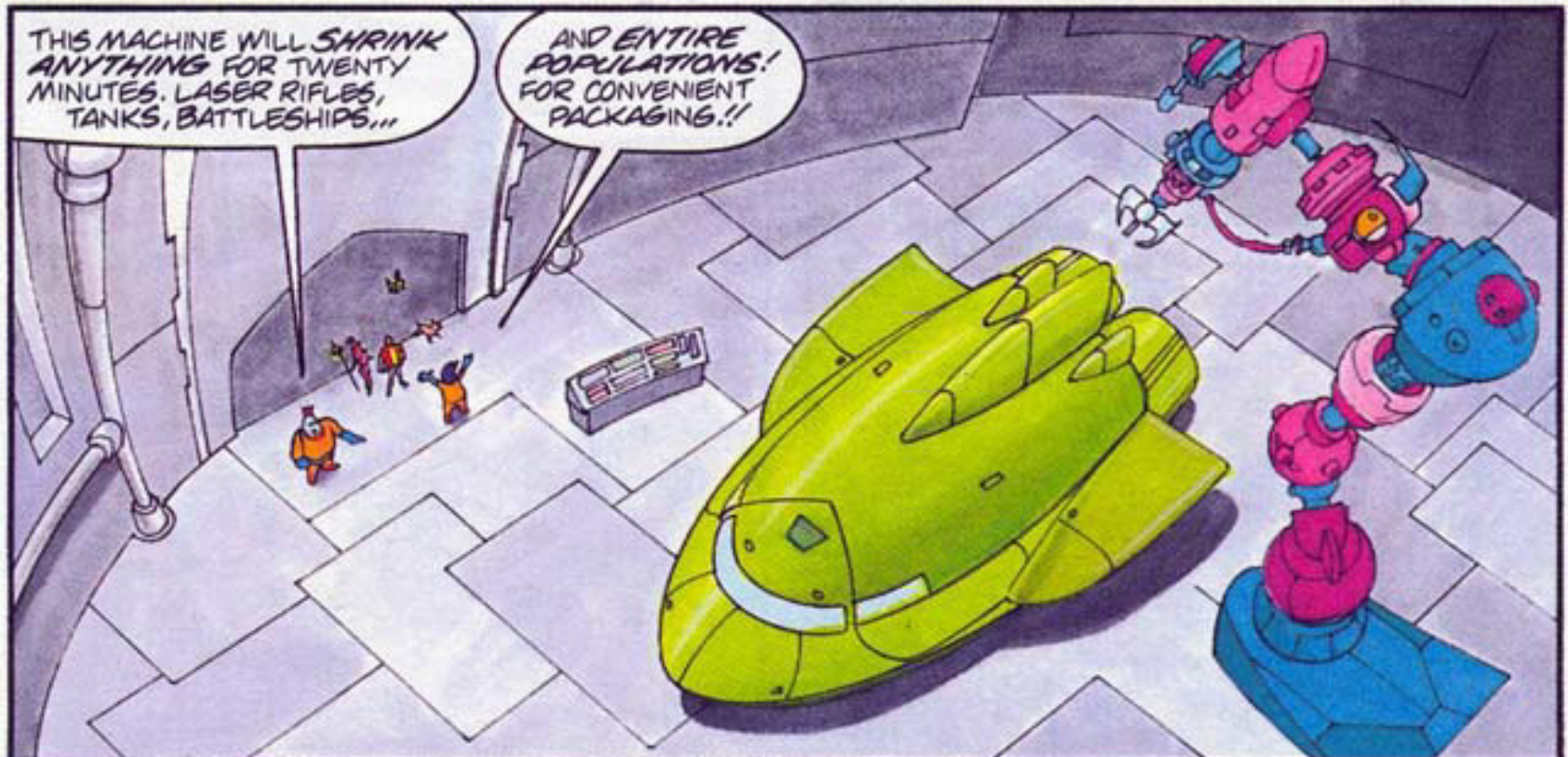


WELL, THERE IS THAT WEAPON WE WERE PLANNING ON USING FOR THE SPRING OFFENSIVE...

adventure

THIS MACHINE WILL SHRINK ANYTHING FOR TWENTY MINUTES. LASER RIFLES, TANKS, BATTLESHIPS...

AND ENTIRE POPULATIONS! FOR CONVENIENT PACKAGING!!



OF COURSE, THAT'S TOTALLY OUT OF THE QUESTION, NOW! I MEAN, WE'RE ALL FRIENDS... RIGHT?

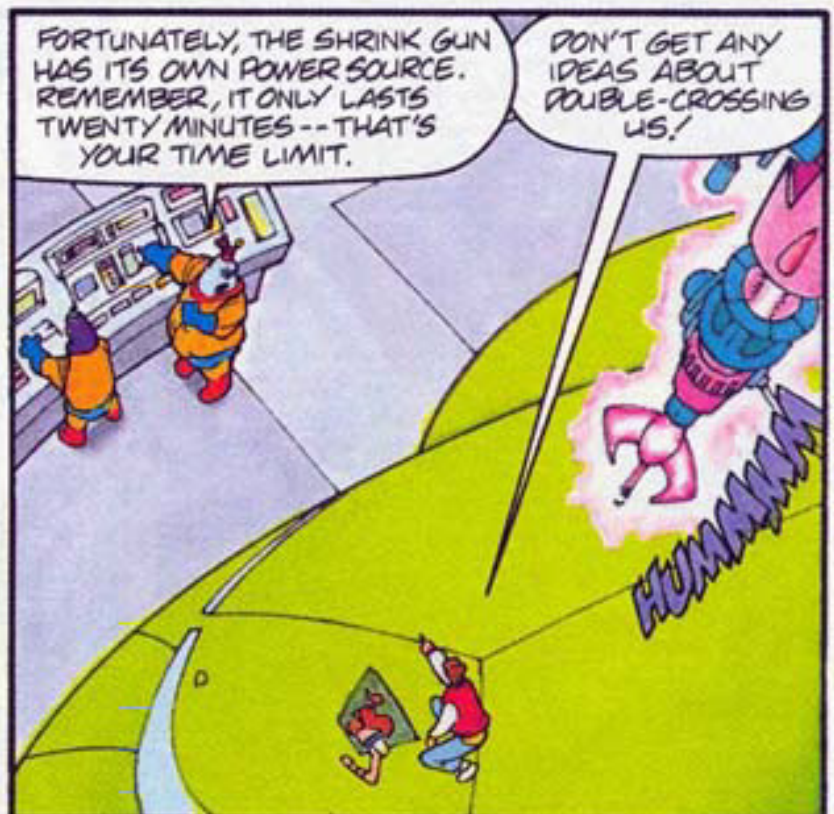
MAYBE WE CAN USE IT TO MAKE TOYS! IF THAT'S OKAY--?

NEVER MIND! THE N TEAM WILL GO INTO THIS SHIP! YOU TWO WILL SHRINK US DOWN AND INJECT US INTO MOTHER BRAIN'S TANK!



FORTUNATELY, THE SHRINK GUN HAS ITS OWN POWER SOURCE. REMEMBER, IT ONLY LASTS TWENTY MINUTES-- THAT'S YOUR TIME LIMIT.

DON'T GET ANY IDEAS ABOUT DOUBLE-CROSSING US!



IF WE FAIL TO GET THE COMPUTER VIRUS ANTIDOTE, YOU BOTH DIE!

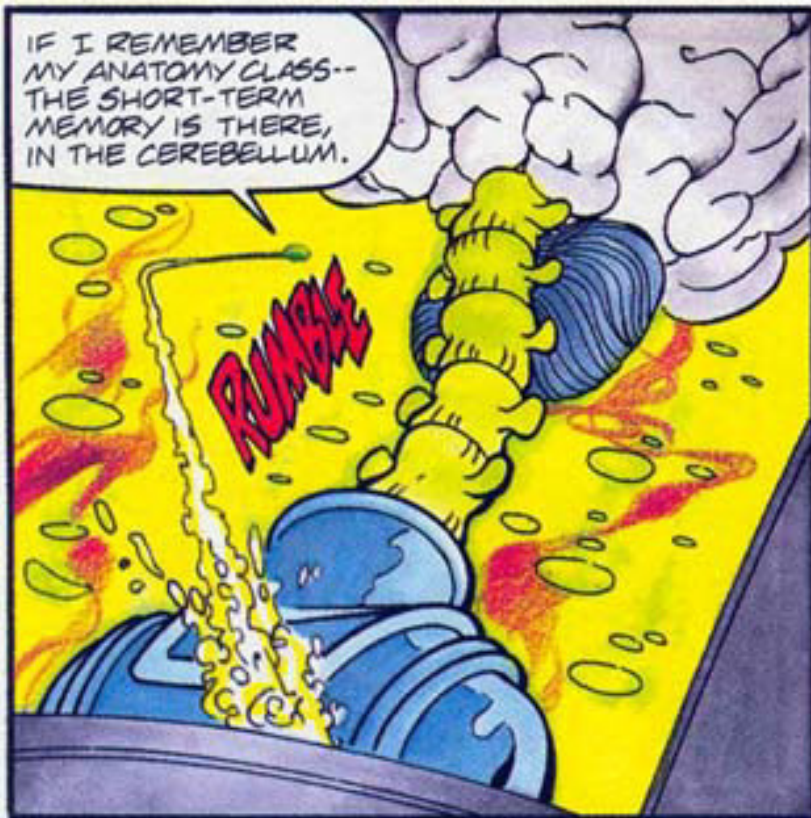
MARSH-MALLOW!! HE'S RIGHT.



HOLD ON, EVERYONE! WE'RE ABOUT TO BE SHOT IN!!



IF I REMEMBER MY ANATOMY CLASS-- THE SHORT-TERM MEMORY IS THERE, IN THE CEREBELLUM.



THAT TINY HOLE WE MADE GETTING IN SHOULD HEAL ALMOST IMMEDIATELY-- RIGHT, PRINCESS?

YES, KEVIN! AND THIS ARTERY WILL LEAD US TO THE RIGHT SPOT!



WE'RE THERE! WE'RE INSIDE MOTHER BRAIN'S VERY MIND!!

LOOK, OVER THERE!!



LOOK--! I GUESS THOSE ARE PARTS OF MOTHER BRAIN'S ID--! SUBCONSCIOUS SELF-IMAGES!

IF I STOP THEY'LL DESTROY ME! I CAN'T STOP, BUT I MUST.

PLEASE, LET THEM CAPTURE SOMEONE ELSE! NOT ME, NOT ME!!

I'VE BEEN RUNNING SO LONG!

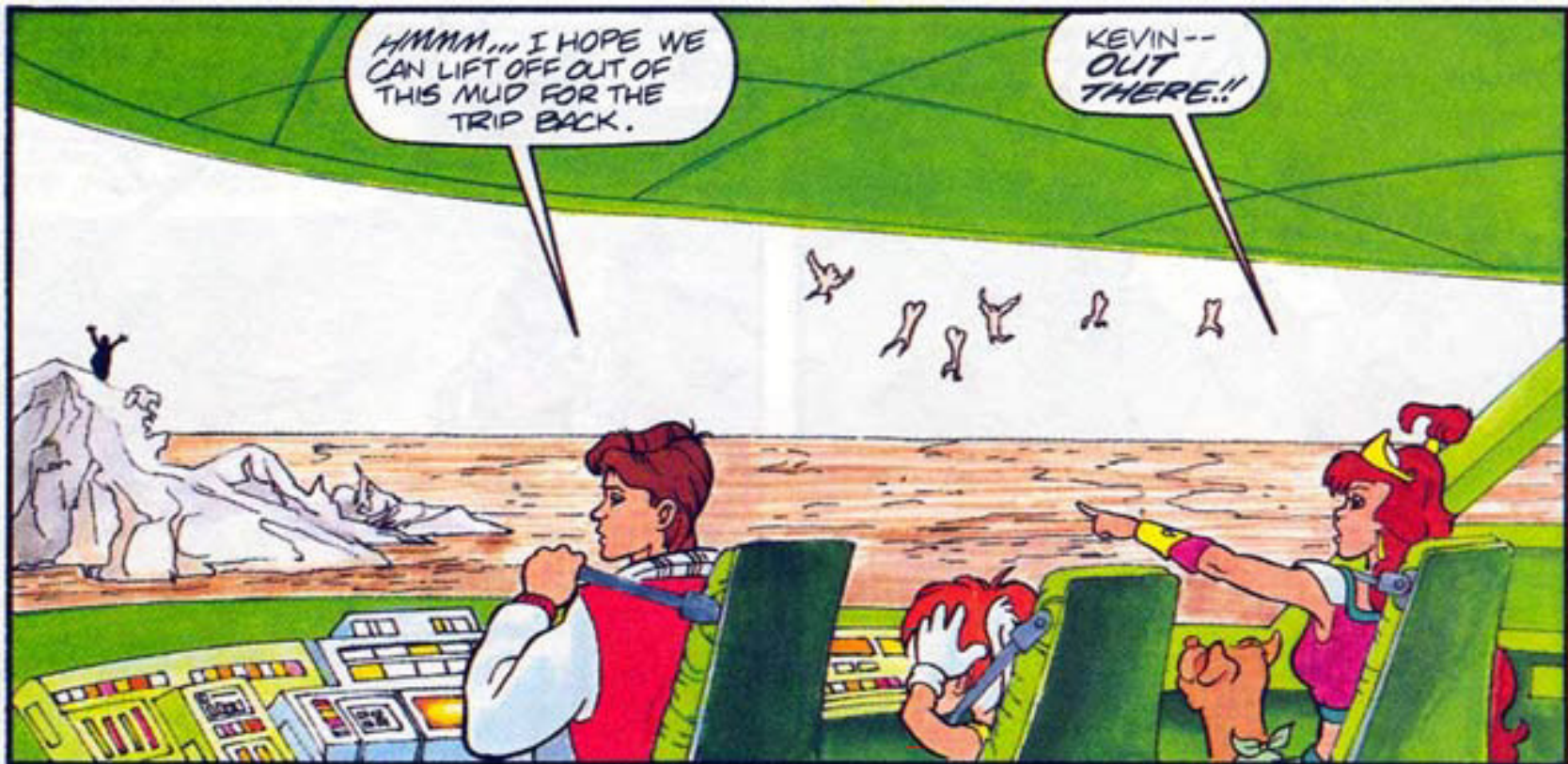


LOOKS LIKE HER ID INCLUDES SOME DEEP, MUDDY MUCK! AT LEAST I GOT OUR SHIP DOWN IN ONE PIECE!!



HMMM... I HOPE WE CAN LIFT OFF OUT OF THIS MUD FOR THE TRIP BACK.

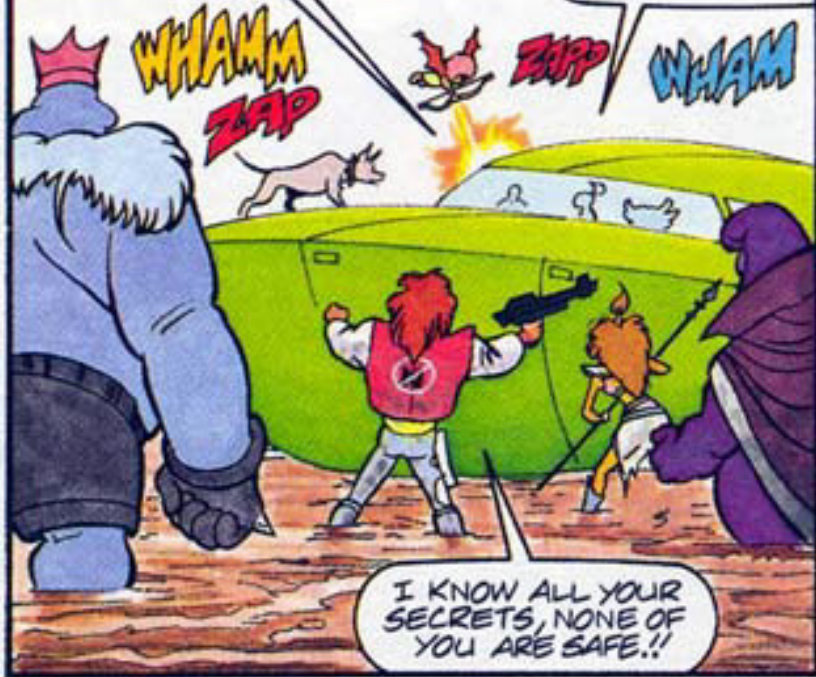
KEVIN-- OUT THERE!!



THEY'RE UGLY VERSIONS OF OURSELVES--

AND MOTHER BRAIN'S HENCHMEN!

THIS IS HOW MOTHER BRAIN REMEMBERS US!



WE'RE SITTING DUCKS IN HERE-- WE HAVE TO FIGHT THEM OUTSIDE!!

BUT-- BUT...



THEY GOT REINFORCEMENTS!



NO! WE'RE BEING HELPED!!

SOMEONE'S ATTACKING THE BACK OF THIS MOB!





WHY'D SHE SHOW UP NOW, OF ALL TIMES?!!

SHE'S MOWING RIGHT THROUGH US!!

WHACK



WHO ARE YOU?

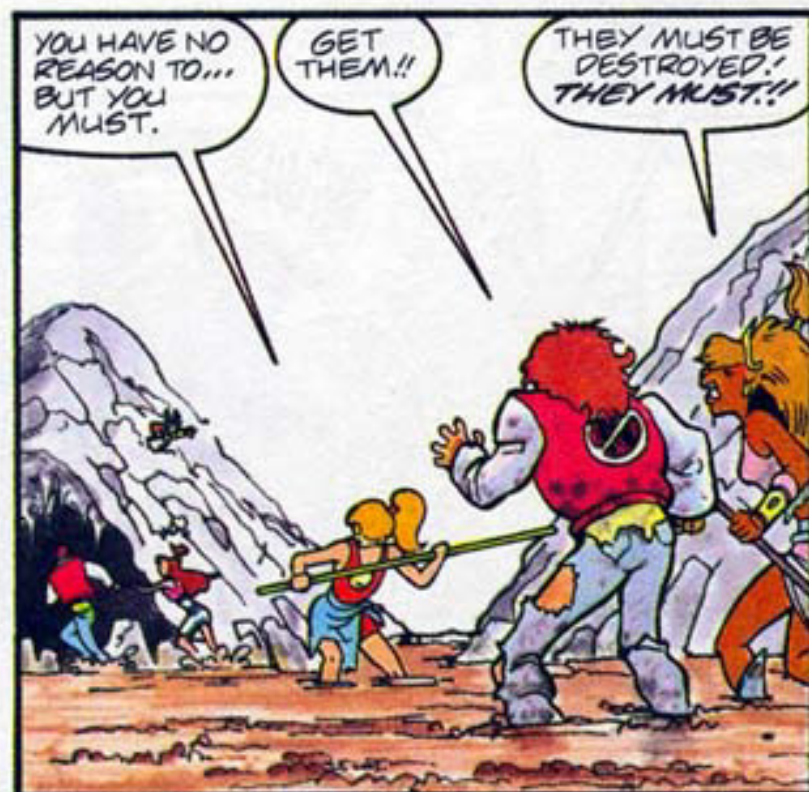
NEVER MIND!

WHAT YOU'RE LOOKING FOR IS OVER THERE!



IT'S A TRICK. THE MEMORY OF THE COMPUTER VIRUS ANTIDOTE IS IN THE DARK TUNNEL, NOT THE LIT ONE!

WHY SHOULD WE TRUST YOU?



YOU HAVE NO REASON TO... BUT YOU MUST.

GET THEM!!

THEY MUST BE DESTROYED! THEY MUST!!

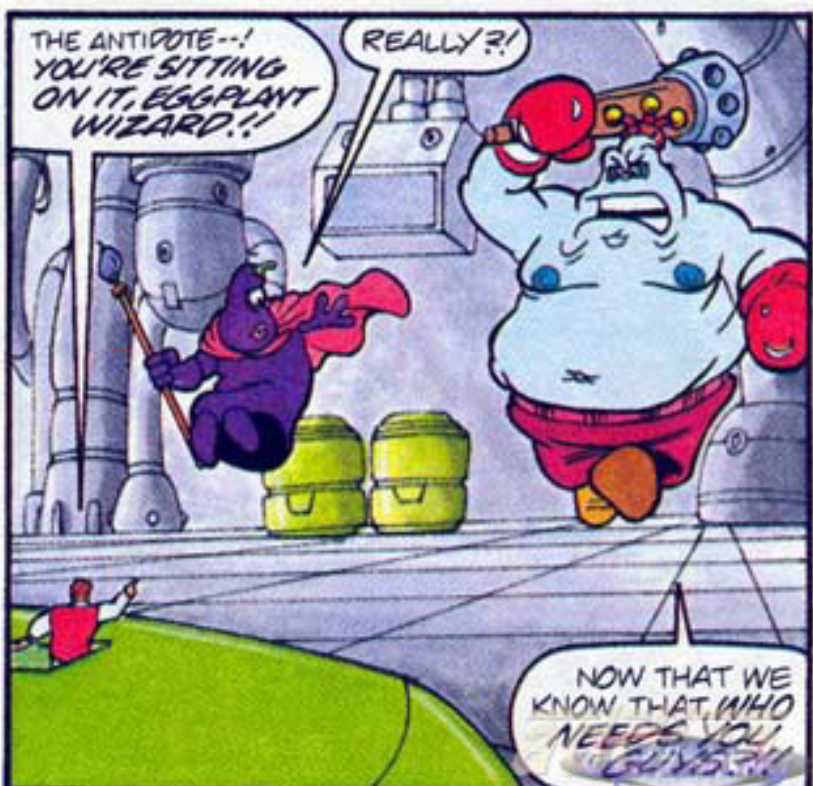
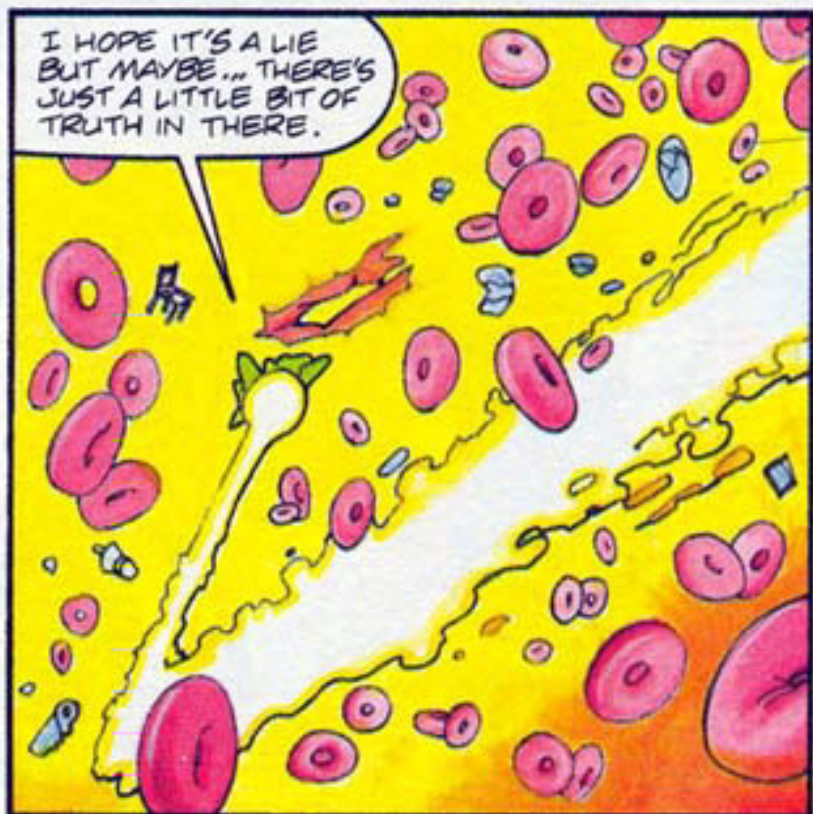


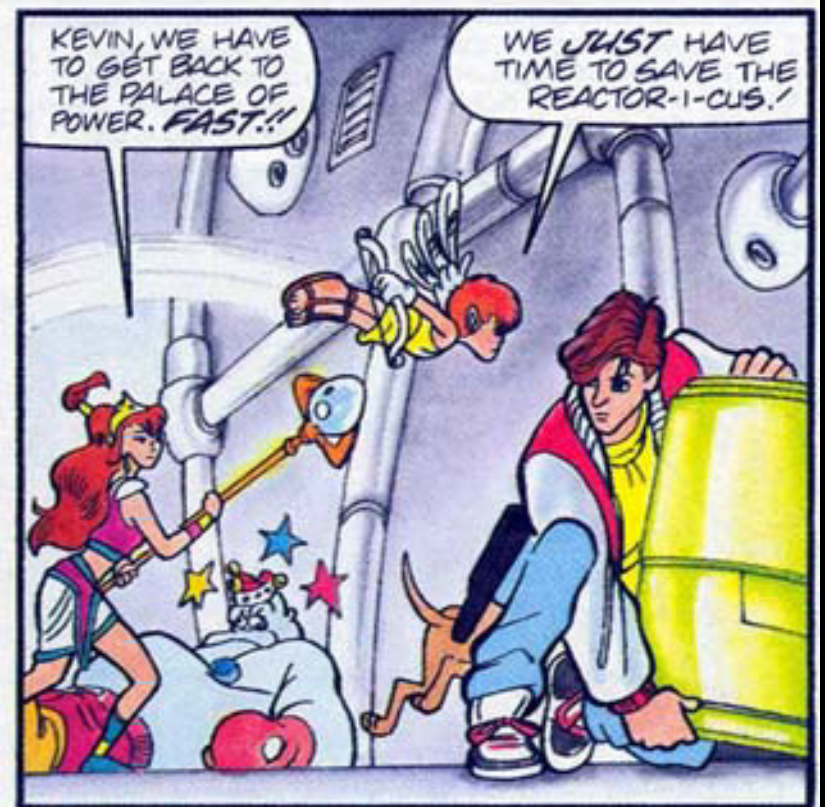
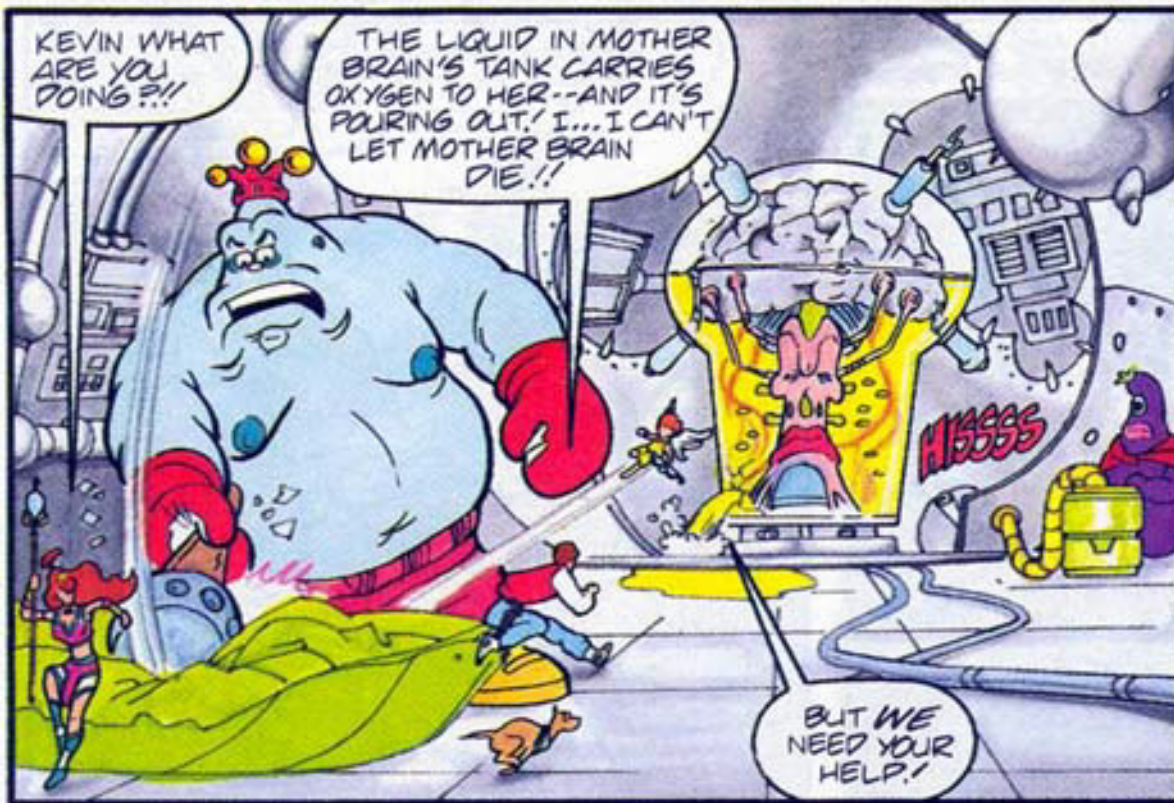
HOW CAN WE JUST LEAVE HER TO BATTLE THOSE MONSTERS ALONE?

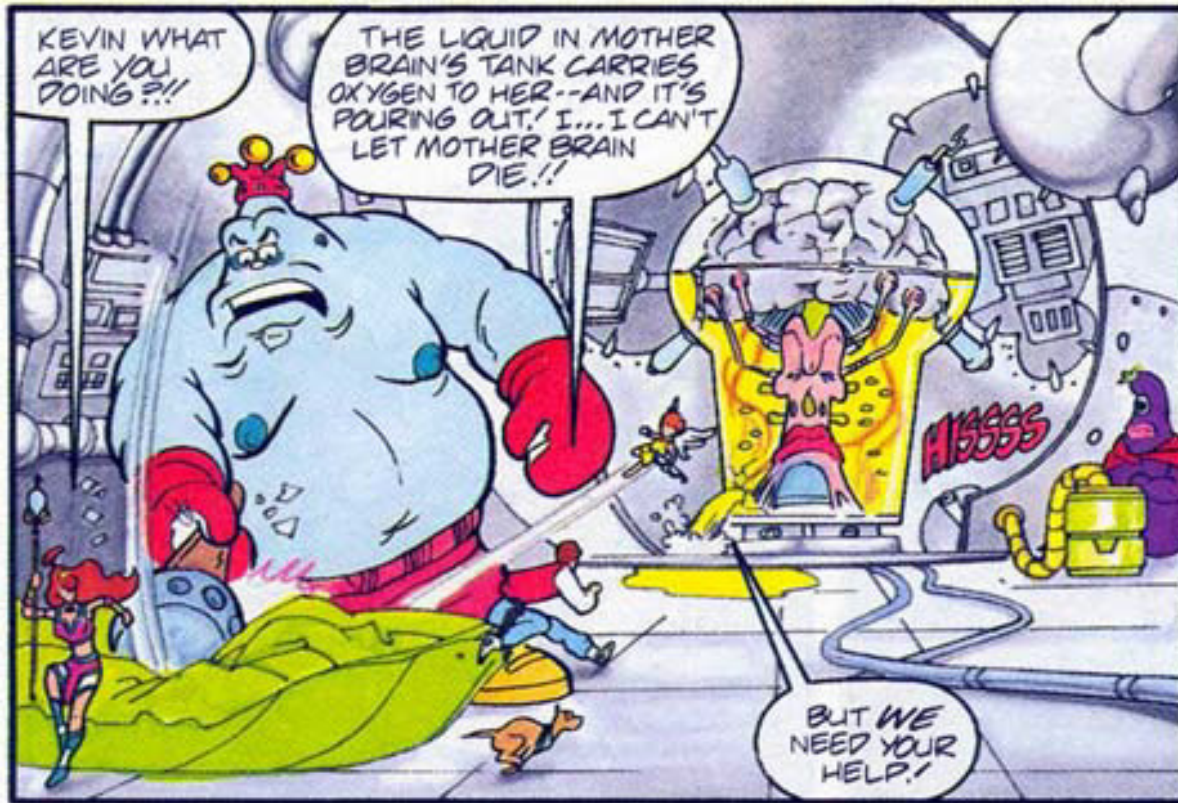
SHE'S NOT REAL, KID! NEITHER ARE THE THINGS SHE'S FIGHTING! THEY'RE JUST MANIFESTATIONS OF MOTHER BRAIN'S THOUGHTS AND FEELINGS!

I SUSPECT THAT THEIR CONFLICT HAS BEEN GOING ON A LONG TIME...

SHE SAID THIS WAY! ORDINARILY, I WOULDN'T TRUST ANY PART OF MOTHER BRAIN, BUT... SOME BELIEVE HER!







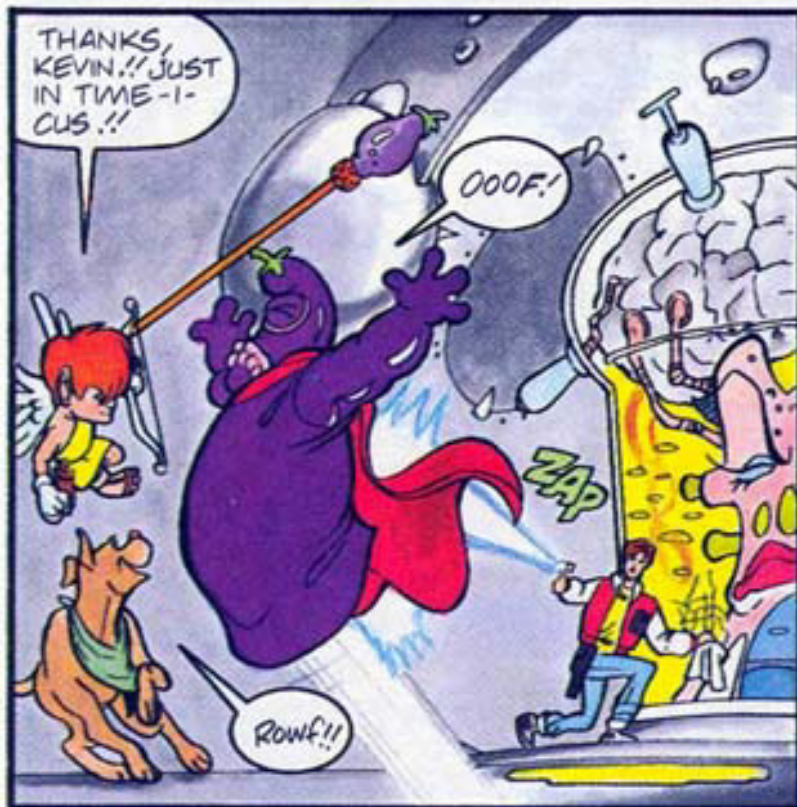
KEVIN WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!!

THE LIQUID IN MOTHER BRAIN'S TANK CARRIES OXYGEN TO HER--AND IT'S POURING OUT. I... I CAN'T LET MOTHER BRAIN DIE!!

BUT WE NEED YOUR HELP!



INSIDE THIS OVERGROWN BRAIN IS THE LITTLE GIRL THAT SAVED OUR LIVES. I CAN'T LET HER DIE!

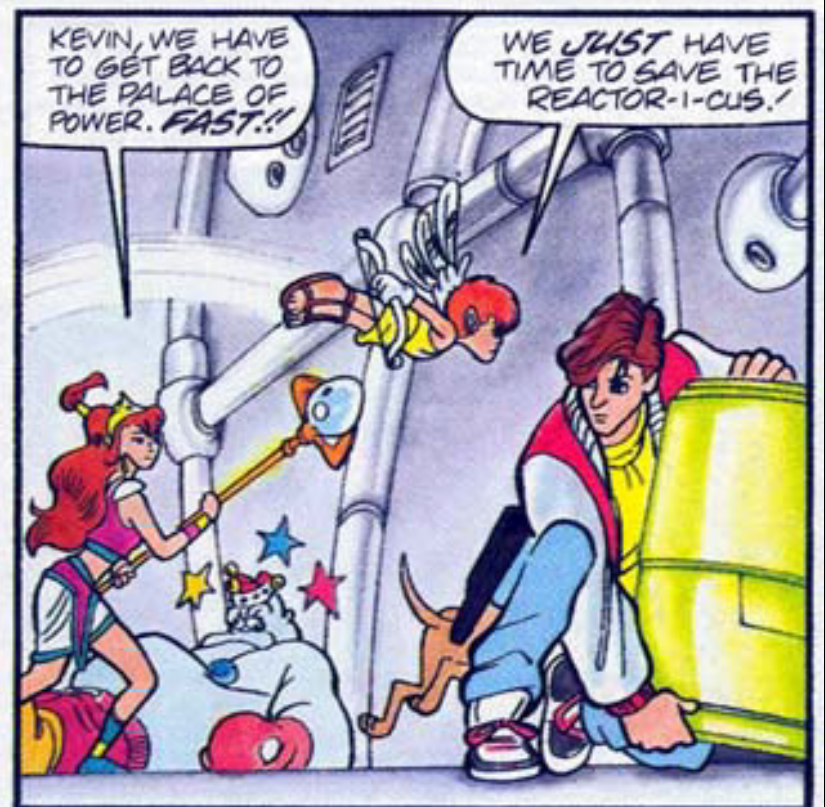


THANKS, KEVIN!! JUST IN TIME--I-CUS!!

OOOF!

ZAP

ROWF!!



KEVIN, WE HAVE TO GET BACK TO THE PALACE OF POWER. FAST!!

WE JUST HAVE TIME TO SAVE THE REACTOR-I-CUS!



THIS WAY TO THE COMPUTERS, GUYS!

I'VE NEVER SEEN SO MUCH HATRED, SO MUCH SUFFERING AND FEAR. ALL TRYING TO OVERWHELM ONE TINY BIT OF GOOD.



YES, BUT SHE HASN'T BEEN OVERWHELMED YET!

IMAGINE. THERE'S GOOD IN EVERYONE, EVEN IN MOTHER BRAIN. WHO KNOWS...? AS TOUGH AS THAT LITTLE GIRL LOOKED... MAYBE SOMEDAY, SHE'LL WIN!

SOME OTHER

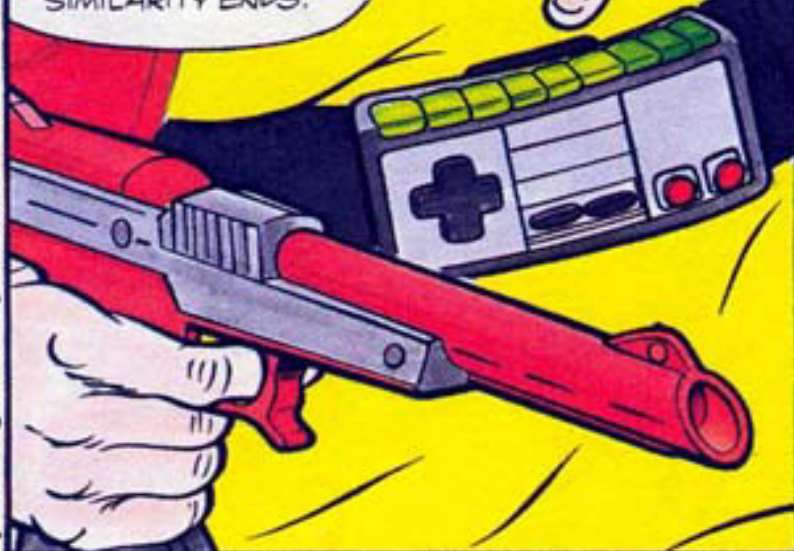
THE FABULOUS POWERS OF CAPTAIN N

YOU MIGHT THINK THAT KNOWING EVERY WORLD AND EVERY POWER TRICK IN VIDEO LAND WOULD BE ENOUGH TO MAKE ME THE **GAME MASTER**...

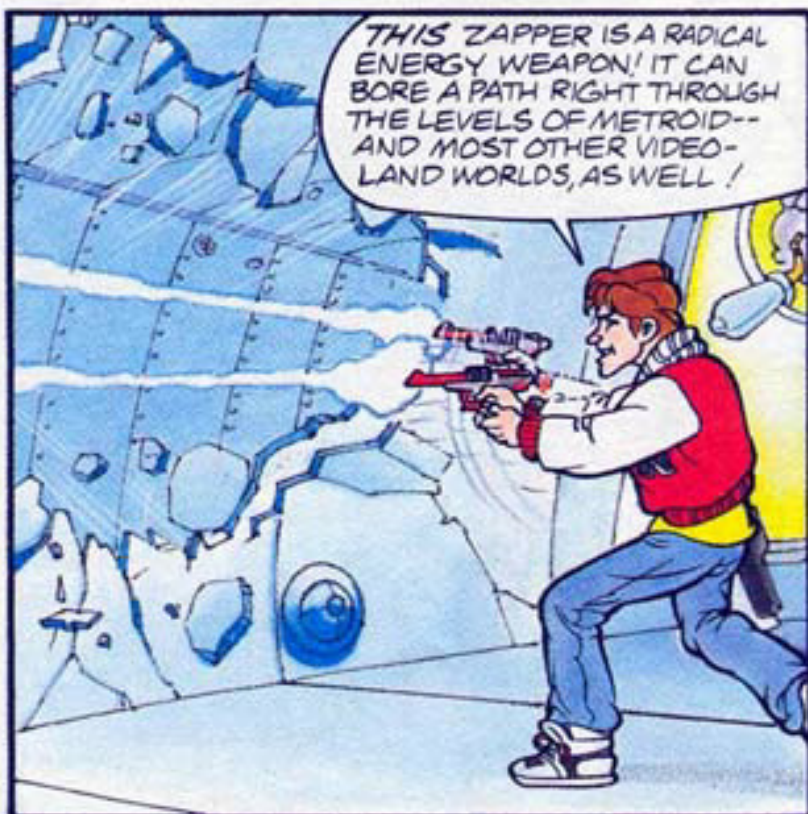


... BUT WHEN THE ULTIMATE WARP ZONE ZAPPED ME HERE FROM EARTH, I DID GET SOME **SPECIAL WEAPONS** TO USE AGAINST MOTHER BRAIN AND HER EVIL HENCHMEN!

SEE THIS CONTROLLER AND ZAPPER? THEY MAY LOOK LIKE THE NORMAL ONES YOU HAVE AT HOME--BUT THAT'S WHERE ANY SIMILARITY ENDS.



THIS ZAPPER IS A RADICAL ENERGY WEAPON! IT CAN BORE A PATH RIGHT THROUGH THE LEVELS OF METROID--AND MOST OTHER VIDEO-LAND WORLDS, AS WELL!



PLUS, IT'LL ZAP THOSE EVIL RIOS AND MELLOWS INTO INSTANT VIDEO DUST!

ZAP ZAP ZAP ZAP ZAP



COOL AS MY ZAPPER IS, THOUGH, WHEN I WANT TO REALLY GO, I REACH FOR MY SUPER POWER BELT.

BY PUSHING UP OR DOWN ON THE CONTROLLER, I GET POWER-ASSISTED JUMPS--ALMOST LIKE FLYING!



PRESSING LEFT OR RIGHT ON THE CONTROLLER MAKES ME "SHIFT" AT SUPER SPEED! I CAN DODGE ANYTHING!

ESPECIALLY SOMEONE SLOW AND DUMB--LIKE THE EGGPLANT WIZARD!

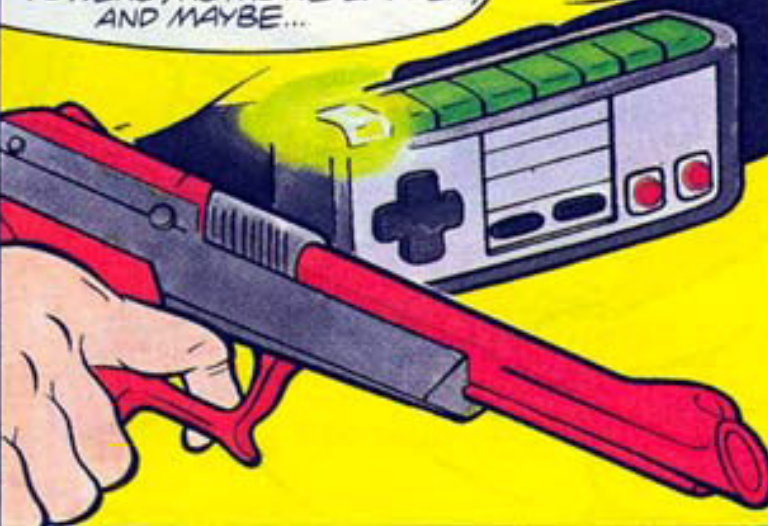


AND HOW ABOUT THIS "PAUSE" FEATURE? IT FREEZES EVERYTHING--EXCEPT ME, OF COURSE!



SINCE I'M FREE TO MOVE AROUND I CAN USE THE POWER BELT'S OTHER COOL FEATURES TO TURN THE TABLES AND--

UH-OH! I FORGOT THAT MY POWER BELT ONLY HOLDS A LIMITED SUPPLY OF ENERGY. WHEN THE POWER METER REACHES ZERO... DEAD BATTERIES! NO MORE POWERS, NO MORE ZAPPER, AND MAYBE...



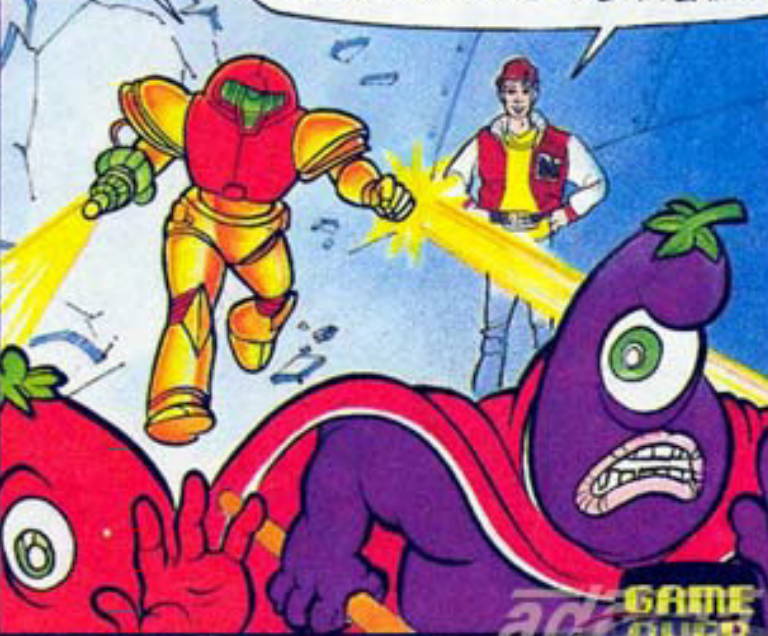
...NO MORE ME?

HEH! YOUR POWERS CAN'T SAVE YOU NOW, CAPTAIN N! GET HIM, MY LOYAL VEGGIES--PROCESS HIM INTO PUREE!



READY FOR SOME BACK-UP, CAPTAIN?

SURE, SAMUS ARAN! AFTER ALL, SPECIAL POWERS ARE GREAT, BUT NOTHING BEATS HAVING GREAT FRIENDS YOU CAN COUNT ON--LIKE THE N-TEAM!



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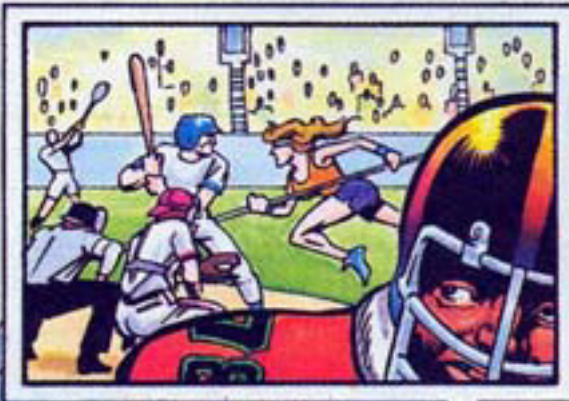
THERE IS ONE WORLD IN VIDEO LAND THAT HAS IT ALL - FASCINATING PLACES, BIZARRE CHARACTERS, AND INCREDIBLE EVENTS...

VIDEO-TOWN

IT'S A CITY THAT ATTRACTS THE BEST AND THE WORST FROM EVERY GAME WORLD. FROM GHOSTS TO SPACE WARRIORS, YOU NEVER KNOW WHO YOU'LL MEET NEXT.



HERE, ALSO, IS THE ULTIMATE RECREATION CENTER! THIS IS WHERE VIDEO LAND FOLKS GO WHEN THEY HAVE TIME OFF TO ENJOY BASEBALL, SOCCER, OR EVEN CHAMPIONSHIP WRESTLING! IF IT'S PLAYED IN A VIDEO GAME, IT'S PLAYED HERE.



BUT, BEWARE! A PLACE AS LARGE AS VIDEO TOWN ATTRACTS ALL KINDS... AND SOME OF THEM ARE VERY DANGEROUS!



A DOG'S LIFE



SO WHERE ARE KEVIN AND DUKE? THEY WERE SUPPOSED TO BE COMING THROUGH THE WARP ZONE RIGHT BEHIND US.

DON'T WORRY, PRINCESS LANA. I'M SURE KEVIN-- I MEAN CAPTAIN N-- WILL BE DROPPING IN ANY TIME NOW. AND HIS FAITHFUL DOG, TOO!

WAIT! THERE'S SOMETHING WRONGS WITH THEM. SOMETHING MUST HAVE HAPPENED WHEN THEY FELL THROUGH THE ZONE.

YOU'RE RIGHT! HEY THERE, CAPTAIN N, IT'S YOUR OLD PAL, KID ICARUS. SPEAK TO ME.



Ruff, Ruff!

HE MUST HAVE LOST HIS VOICE.

OH-OH! HOW WILL MY HERO GIVE ME MY ORDERS.



Ruff, Ruff!
Ruff!

WHY IS DUKE BARKING SO MUCH?

YEAH, BE QUIET, DUKE. WE'RE TALKING TO KEVIN!



BUT I'M KEVIN! HOW CAN I TELL THEM THAT MY MIND AND DUKE'S MIND WERE SWITCHED WHEN WE FELL THROUGH THE WARP ZONE? ALL I CAN DO IN THIS BODY IS BARK.



IT MUST HAVE HAPPENED JUST BEFORE WE LEFT.

THE SCUTTLEBUTT IS THAT MOTHER BRAIN'S FOUND A WEAPON THAT SHE THINKS WILL ELIMINATE US ONCE AND FOR ALL. WE'VE GOT TO FIND IT BEFORE SHE CAN USE IT. ARE YOU READY, BOY?

Ruff!
Ruff!



IN HIS EXCITEMENT, DUKE MUST HAVE ACCIDENTALLY HIT A BUTTON ON MY POWER PAD JUST AS WE WARPED.

WHOOOAH, BOY, NOT SO FAST. LOOK OUT!



NOW MY MIND'S STUCK IN DUKE'S BODY, AND HIS MIND'S STUCK IN MINE!

SO THIS IS WHAT IT FEELS LIKE TO BE A PET. AT LEAST I'M CUTE.



WELL, WE CAN'T LET A SIMPLE CASE OF LARYNGITIS STOP US. OUR FRIENDS HERE IN VIDEOTOWN SAY THEY'RE BEING USED AS GUINEA PIGS TO TEST MOTHER BRAIN'S SECRET WEAPON.



AND FOR ONCE, YOU FOUR-LEGGED FLEA-TAXI, I HOPE YOU STAY OUT OF TROUBLE!



GRRRRRRRR.

WHAT DID I SAY? WHAT DID I SAY?



WELL, I GUESS THERE'S NOTHING TO DO BUT LEAD THE MISSION AND TRY TO FIGURE A WAY OUT OF THIS MESS.

I WISH I COULD SHOW KEVIN, THAT I'M A MUCH BETTER COMRADE-AT-ARMS THAN SOME DOPEY DOG.

KEVIN, WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR?



MEANWHILE IN VIDEOTOWN CITY HALL...

SO, KING HIPPO, HAVE YOU PREPARED FOR THE IMMINENT ARRIVAL OF OUR NEMESIS, CAPTAIN N?

YOU BET, MOTHER BRAIN.

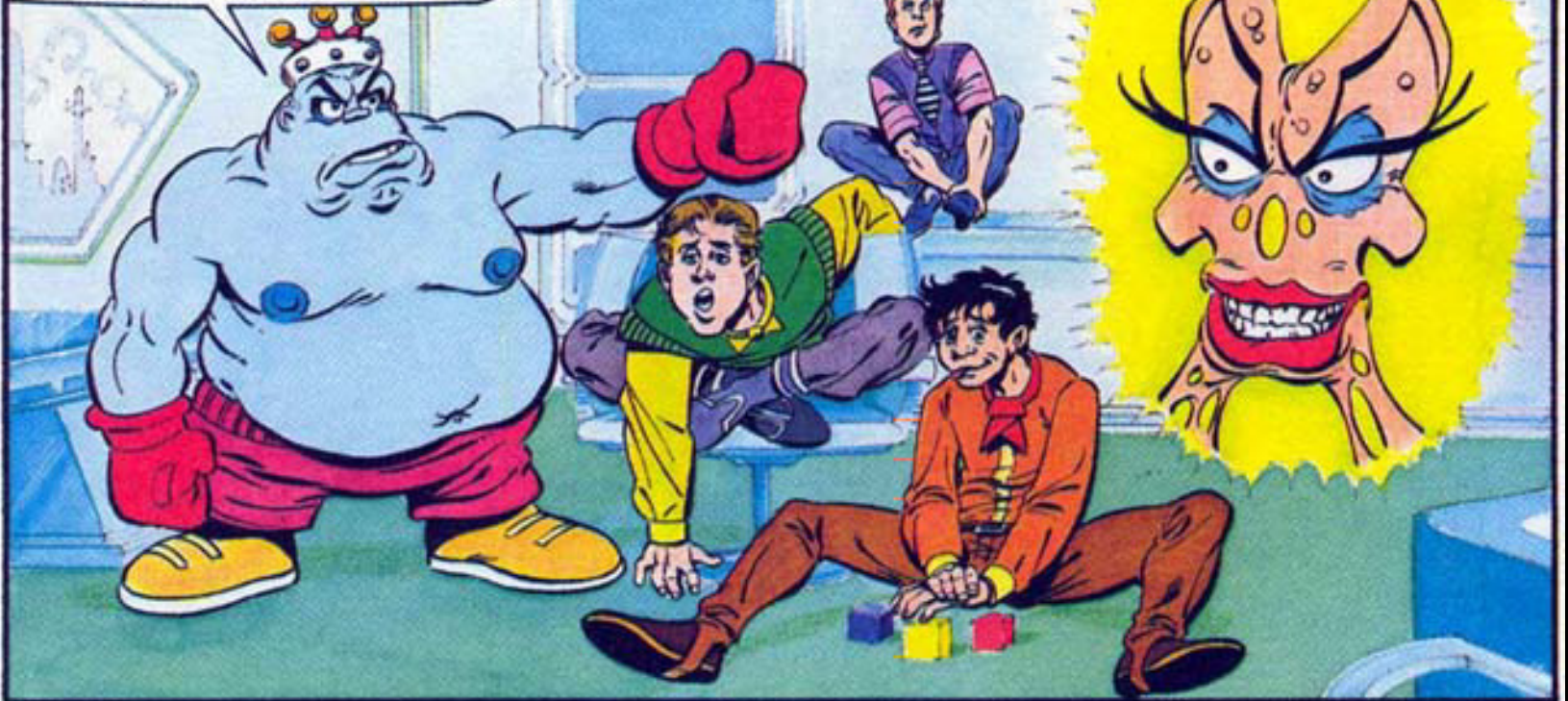


WE GOT YOUR NEW WEAPON SET UP AND WE'VE BEEN TRYING IT OUT ON THE CITY OFFICIALS.

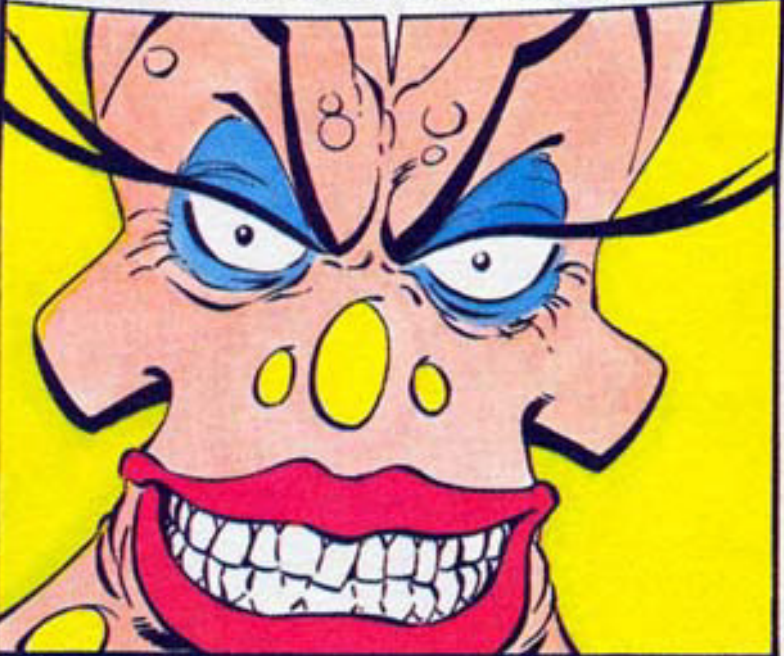
DOES IT WORK? HAS IT DULLED THEIR WITS?



THEY'RE REGULAR DIMWITS, NOW, MOTHER BRAIN.



EXCELLENT! IF THE RAY WORKS ON THEM, IT WILL WORK ON THE MEDDLING CAPTAIN N. ALL THE INFORMATION I CAREFULLY LEAKED SHOULD LEAD HIM STRAIGHT HERE.



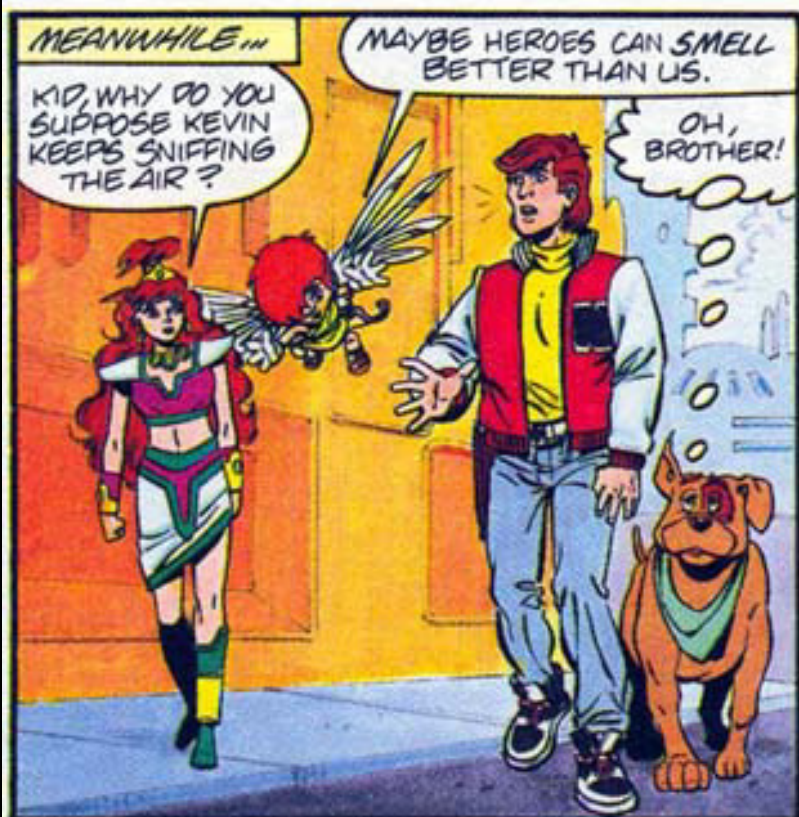
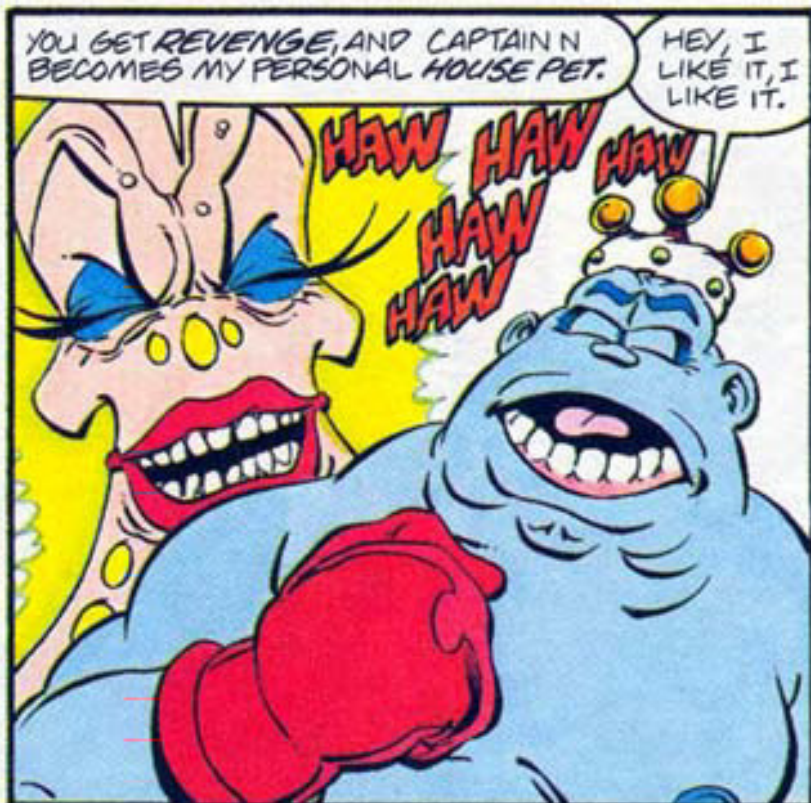
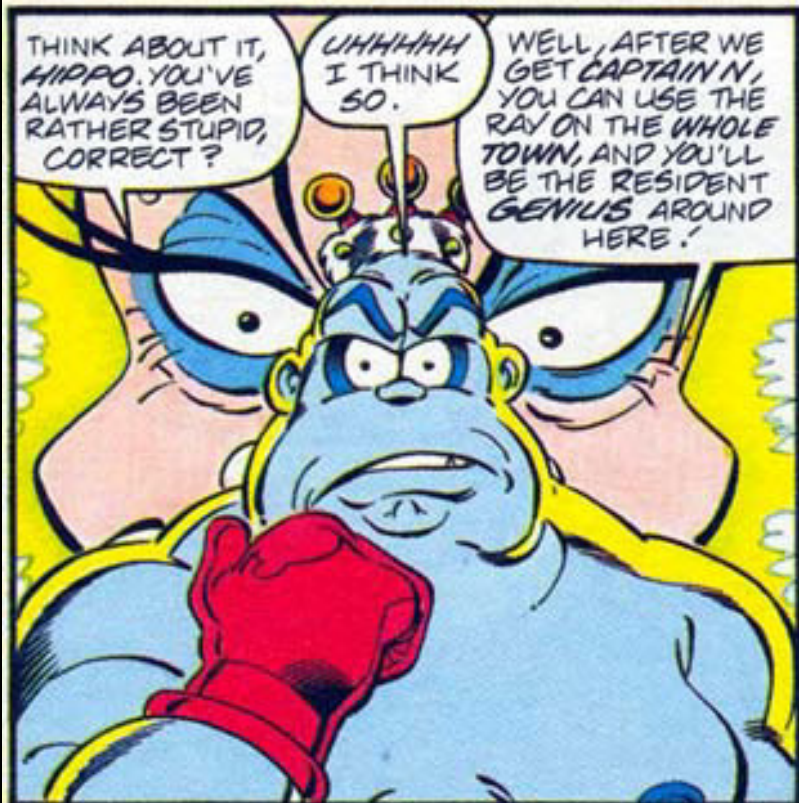
JUST DON'T MAKE IT TOO EASY FOR THEM TO GET HERE, OR THEY'LL SUSPECT A TRAP.

NO PROBLEM. I SENT SOME OF THE BOYS OUT AFTER THEM. THERE'S JUST ONE THING...

...WHAT DO I GET OUT OF ALL THIS?



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THEY MISSED! BUT, THEY CAN GET US ON THE NEXT PASS UNLESS... WAIT! CAPTAIN N IS GOING AFTER THEM.

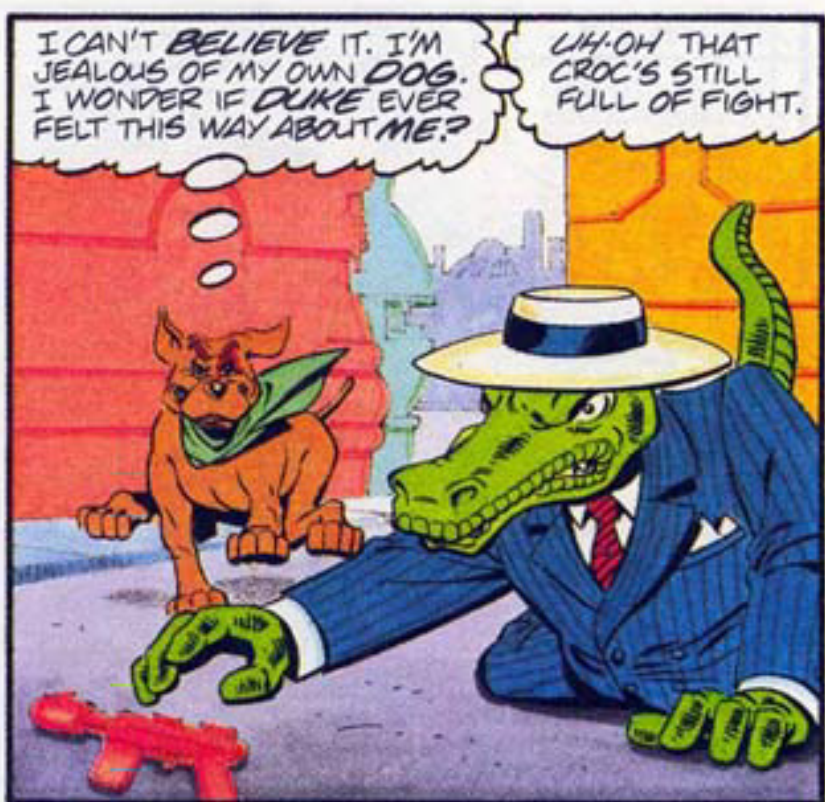


AND I TAUGHT HIM NEVER TO CHASE CARS.



WOOWOOWOOWO! GET 'EM CAPTAIN N. TEACH THAT WALKING LUGGAGE A THING OR TWO.

LOOK AT HIM GO! I GUESS HE FIGURES THIS IS HIS BIG CHANCE TO BE A HUMAN.



I CAN'T BELIEVE IT. I'M JEALOUS OF MY OWN DOG. I WONDER IF DUKE EVER FELT THIS WAY ABOUT ME?

UH-OH THAT CROC'S STILL FULL OF FIGHT.



GUESS IT'S TIME TO TAKE A BITE OUT OF CRIME.

YEEEEEEOWW!



OH, WHAT A GOOD DOG.

BOY, CROCODILE SURE TASTES AWFUL.

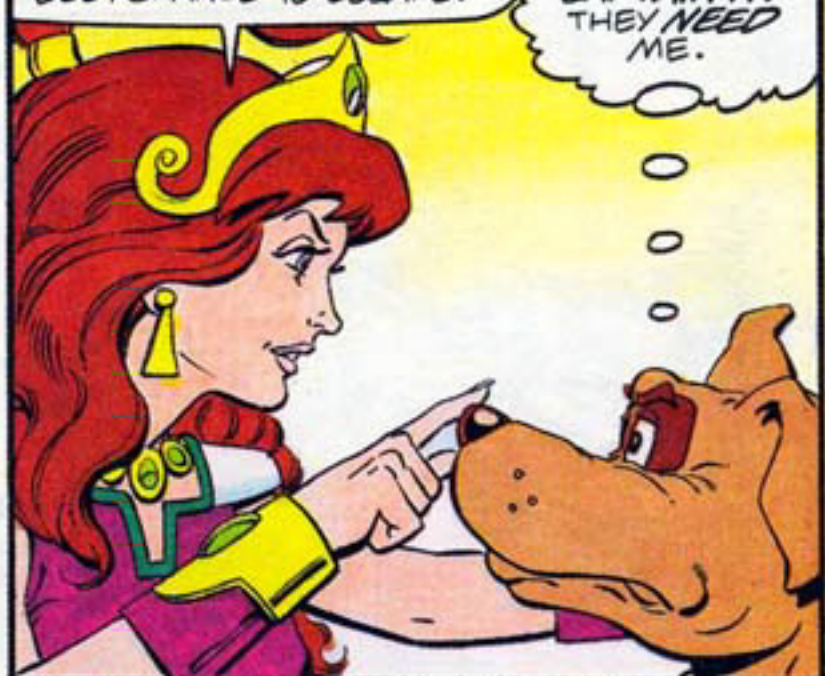
THE INFORMATION WE GOT SAID THAT WE SHOULD CHECK OUT CITY HALL.

ACCORDING TO MY MAP, THERE'S A WARP ZONE HIDDEN IN THIS ALLEY.



DUKE, YOU STAY HERE AND GUARD THE WARP ZONE. IF WE RUN INTO TROUBLE IT'S OUR BEST CHANCE TO ESCAPE.

STAY? SHE CAN'T BE SERIOUS! I'M CAPTAIN N! THEY NEED ME.



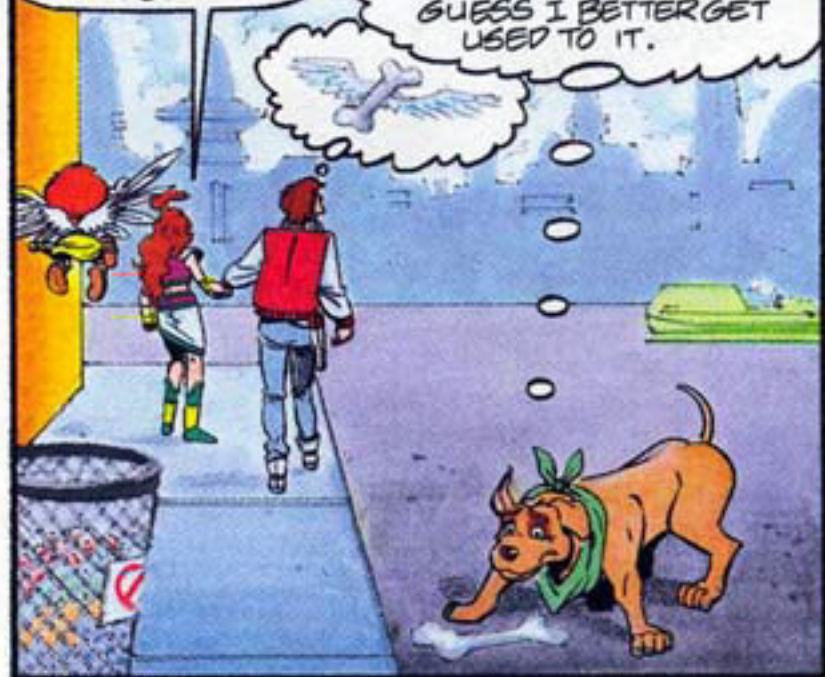
LOOK DUKE, YOUR MASTER HAS FOUND YOU A NICE JUICY BONE. IF YOU STAY, YOU CAN HAVE IT ALL TO YOURSELF.

YEAH, STAY... AND MAYBE NEXT TIME HE CAN STAY HOME.



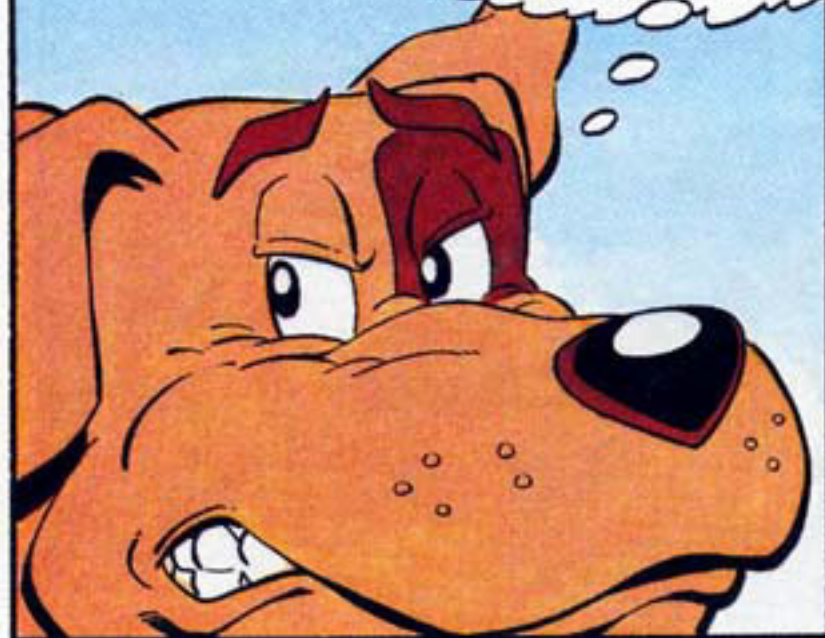
THAT'S IT, STAY. OH, WHAT A GOOD DOG!

SO, THIS IS WHAT A DOG'S LIFE IS ALL ABOUT-- FOLLOWING ORDERS! I GUESS I BETTER GET USED TO IT.



I SHOULD GO AFTER THEM. MAYBE I CAN STILL CATCH THEM.

NO! WHAT AM I THINKING? THEY'RE COUNTING ON ME TO HOLD THE FORT... BUT... WHAT IF THEY NEED ME?



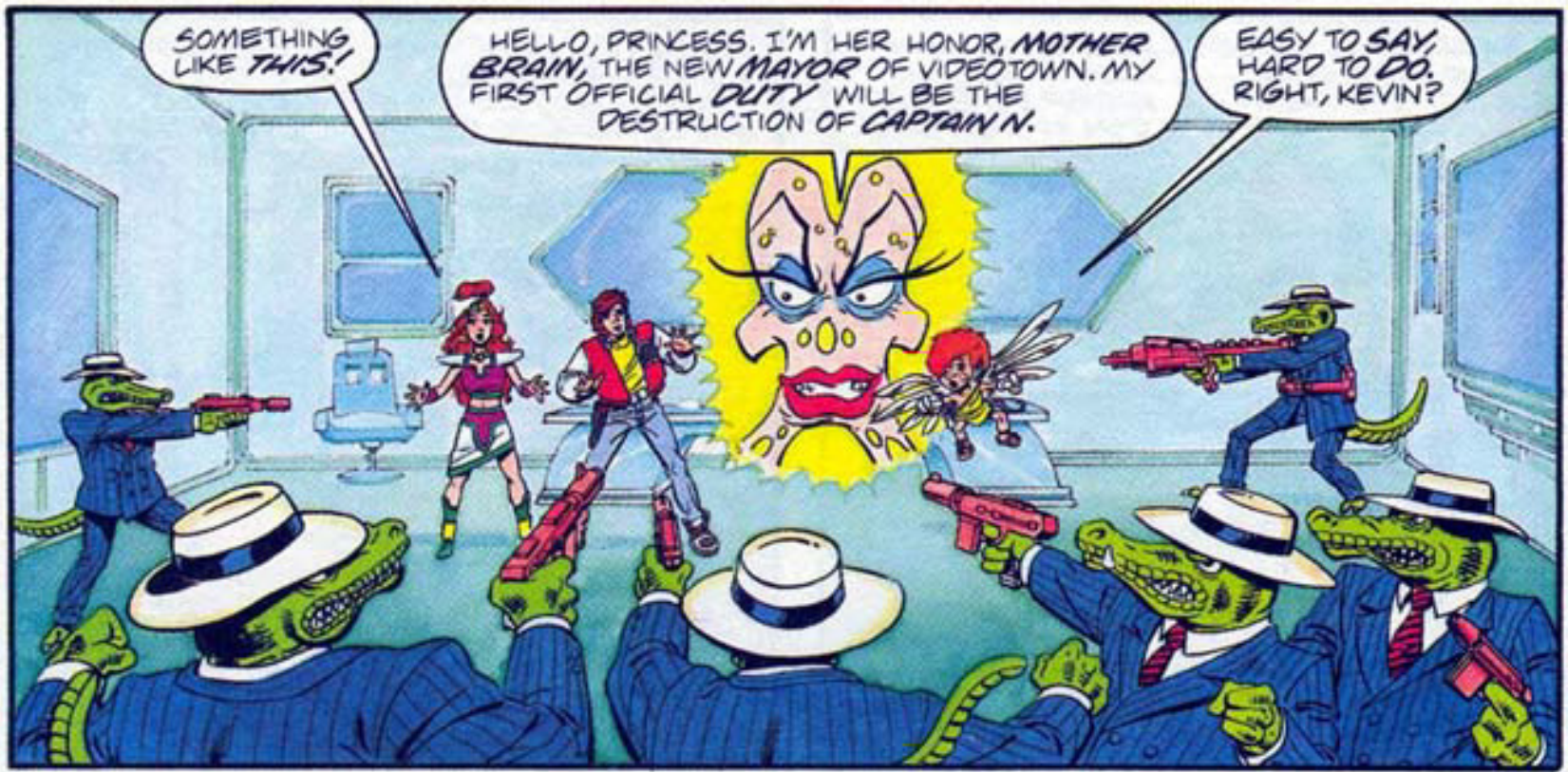
SOON, INSIDE CITY HALL!!!

THERE'S THE MAYOR'S OFFICE. IT'S DARK INSIDE! WE'D BETTER BE READY FOR ANYTHING.

REALLY, PRINCESS, WE'VE GOT THE SPECTACULAR CAPTAIN N WITH US. WHAT COULD GO WRONG?



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SOMETHING LIKE THIS!

HELLO, PRINCESS. I'M HER HONOR, MOTHER BRAIN, THE NEW MAYOR OF VIDEOTOWN. MY FIRST OFFICIAL DUTY WILL BE THE DESTRUCTION OF CAPTAIN N.

EASY TO SAY, HARD TO DO. RIGHT, KEVIN?



AROOOOOOOH

KID, WHAT'S WRONG WITH HIM?

MAYBE IT'S HIS NIGHT TO HOWL.



WHO SAYS YOU CAN'T FIGHT CITY HALL? TRY A FEW ARROWS OF ANXIETY AND... OOOOOOOOOOH.

KID!



HA HA HA HA! NOW THE BIRD-BOY HAS A BIRD-BRAIN TO MATCH. YOU'RE NEXT, PRINCESS!

WE NEED HELP! WHY DIDN'T WE BRING DUKE!

ARF?



KEVIN!

TOO BAD, CAPTAIN. I WAS GOING TO SAVE YOU FOR LAST, BUT FIRST COME FIRST SERVE!

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MEANWHILE...

GOSH, I HOPE THEY'RE IN THERE. I THINK WAITING IS THE HARDEST THING I'VE EVER HAD TO DO.

HEY! SOMEBODY'S COMING!



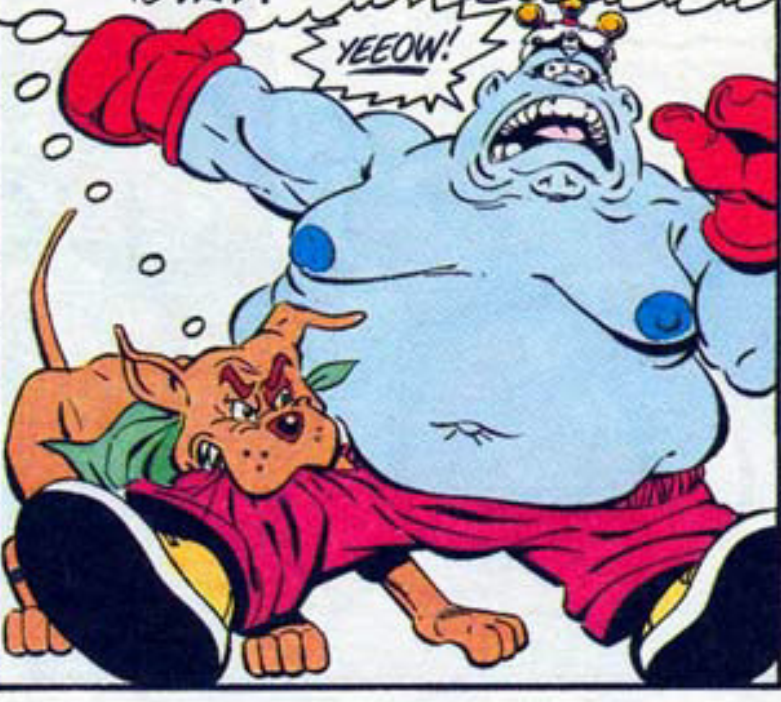
HOLY SMOKE! IT'S KING HIPPO. HE MUST HAVE BEEN SENT TO CUT OFF OUR ESCAPE ROUTE. IT'S A GOOD THING I STAYED ON GUARD!



I DON'T KNOW WHAT I CAN DO TO A BIG BRUISER LIKE HIM, BUT I'VE GOT TO TRY.

YUCK! SOME THINGS TASTE EVEN WORSE THAN CROCODILE.

YEEOW!



IF I CAN GET HIM TO FOLLOW ME INTO ONE OF THESE USED FLYING SAUCERS...

COME BACK HERE, YOU MANGY MUTT



GOT TO JUMP UP ON THE CONTROL PANEL...

START THE ENGINE...

DOUBLE BACK AND...

DUCK!



AND THEN GET MYSELF OUT OF HERE BEFORE IT TAKES OFF!

HEY, WAIT A MINUTE! HOW DO YOU STOP THIS THING?





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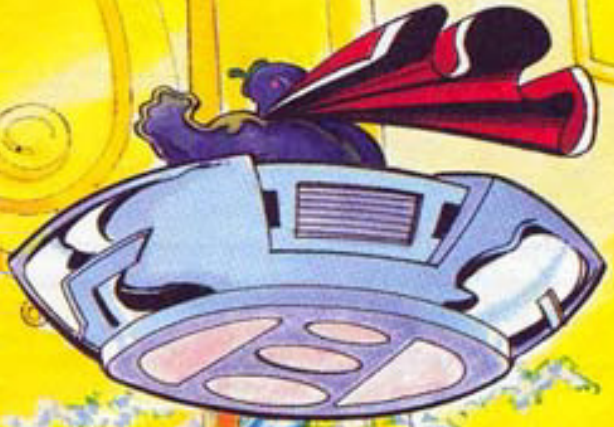
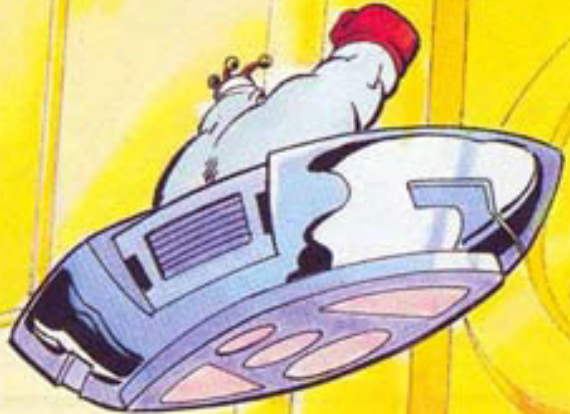


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KEVIN KEENE WAS THE HOTTEST POWER PLAYER ON EARTH! NOW HE'S A HERO IN A WORLD WHERE VIDEO GAMES LIKE METROID, DONKEY KONG, PUNCH-OUT!! AND KID ICARUS ARE REALITY! THE WORLD IS VIDEOLAND, WHERE KEVIN KEENE IS KNOWN AS...

Captain N THE GAME MASTER

"THE REAL GAME MASTER"

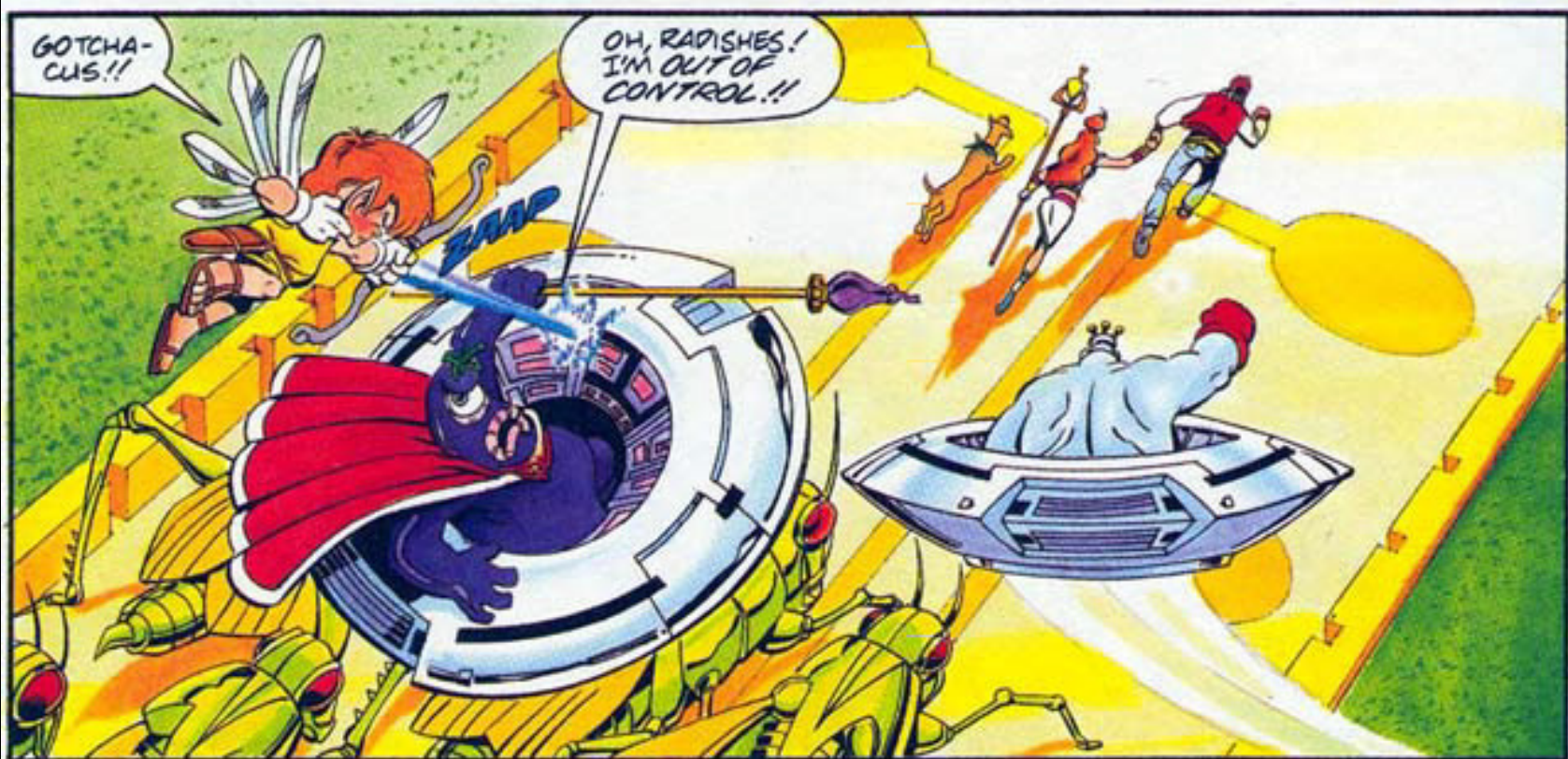
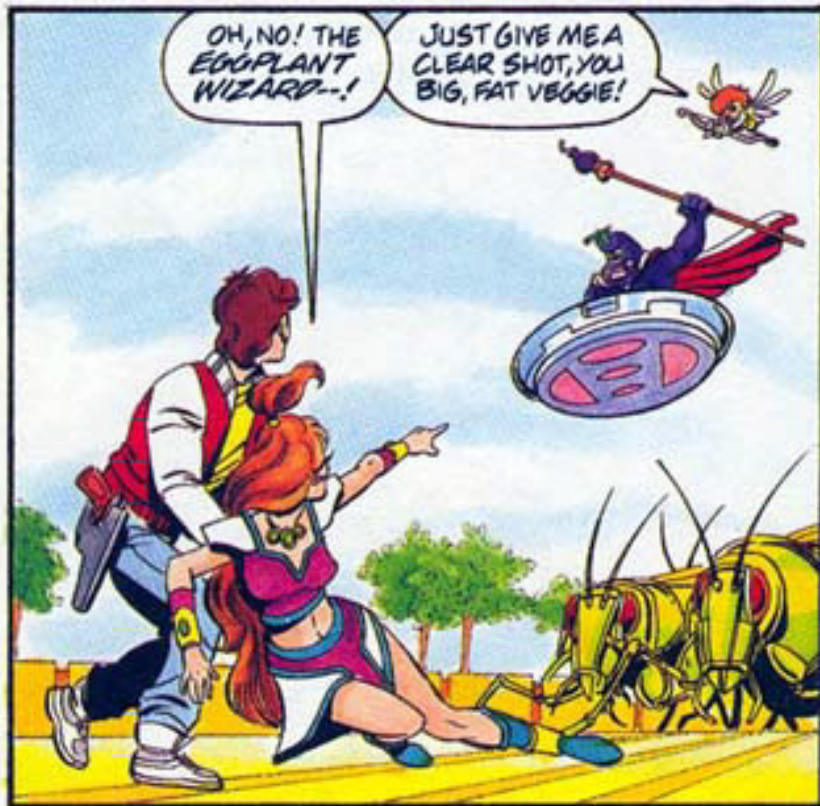
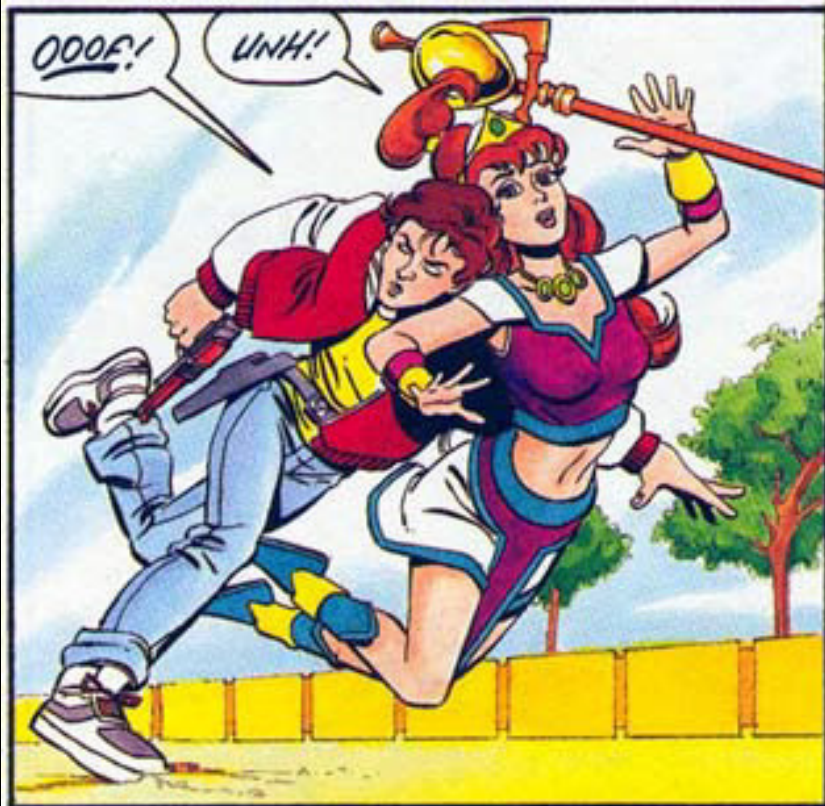


HURRY, PRINCESS LANA! WE'VE JUST GOT TO REACH THE PALACE OF POWER GATES!

I'M TRYING, KID ICARUS! IT'S NOT LIKE KEVIN PLANNED TO LEAD US STRAIGHT INTO MOTHER BRAIN'S NEW TROOPS!

I'M SORRY, GUYS! OUR SECRET MISSION TO INFILTRATE MOTHER BRAIN'S LEAGUE OF DARKNESS HEADQUARTERS DIDN'T QUITE WORK THE WAY I...





THAT WAS TOO CLOSE. FIRST WE RUN STRAIGHT INTO MOTHER BRAIN'S HENCHMEN, PLUS THOSE STRANGE GRASSHOPPER-CREATURES OF HERS... THEN WE ALMOST GET CAUGHT--

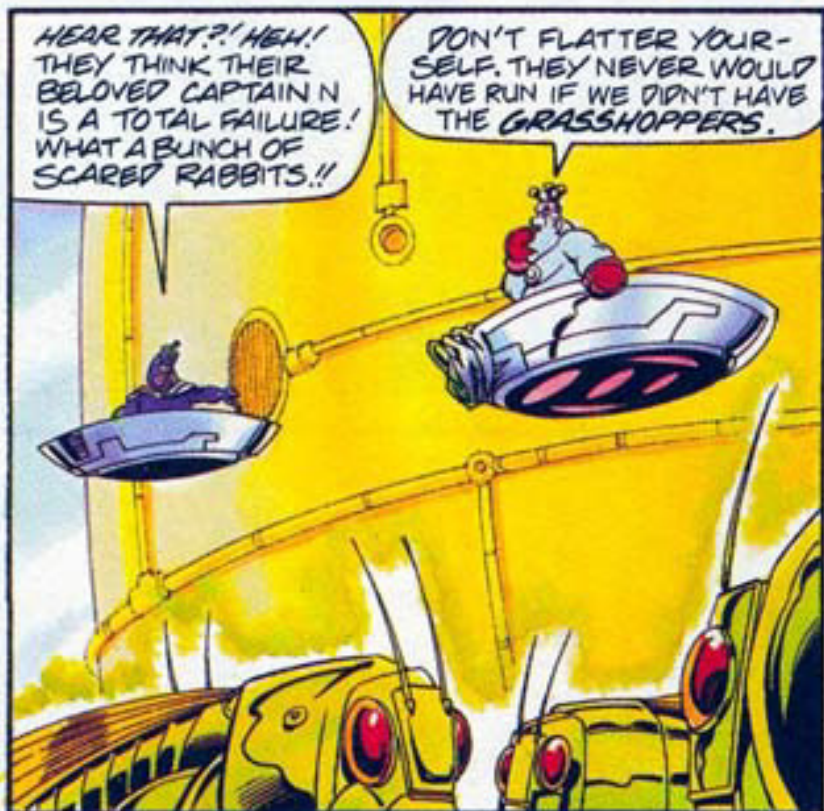
--BECAUSE OF CLUMSINESS! KEVIN, YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE CAPTAIN N! YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO HELP US AGAINST MOTHER BRAIN'S LEAGUE OF DARKNESS!

I-I'M SORRY. THOSE NEW CREATURES... I NEVER ENCOUNTERED THEM BEFORE...



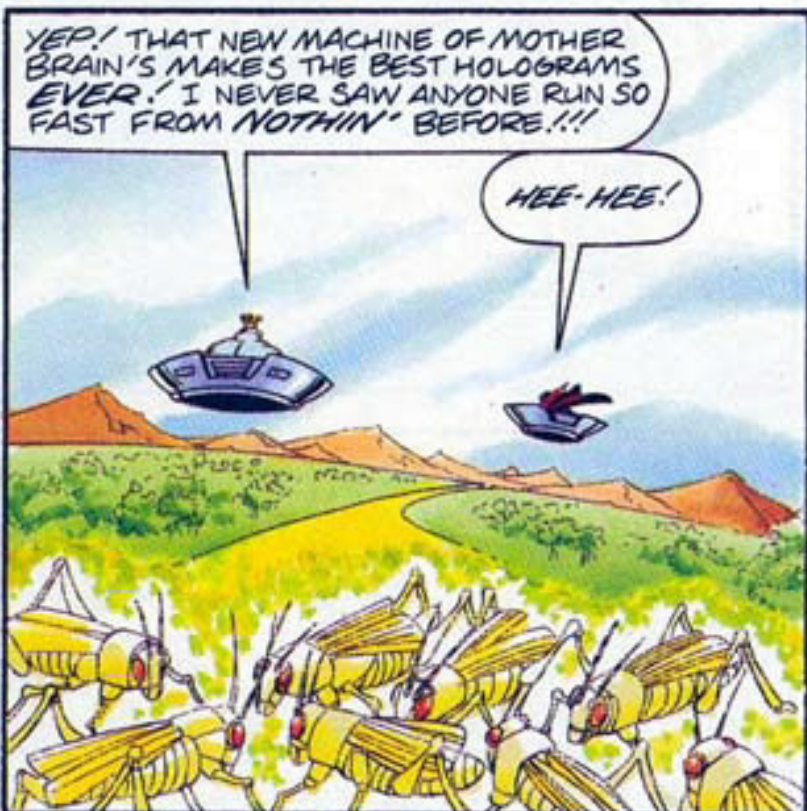
HEAR THAT?! HEH! THEY THINK THEIR BELOVED CAPTAIN N IS A TOTAL FAILURE! WHAT A BUNCH OF SCARED RABBITS!!

DON'T FLATTER YOURSELF. THEY NEVER WOULD HAVE RUN IF WE DIDN'T HAVE THE GRASSHOPPERS.



YEP! THAT NEW MACHINE OF MOTHER BRAIN'S MAKES THE BEST HOLOGRAMS EVER! I NEVER SAW ANYONE RUN SO FAST FROM NOTHIN' BEFORE!!!

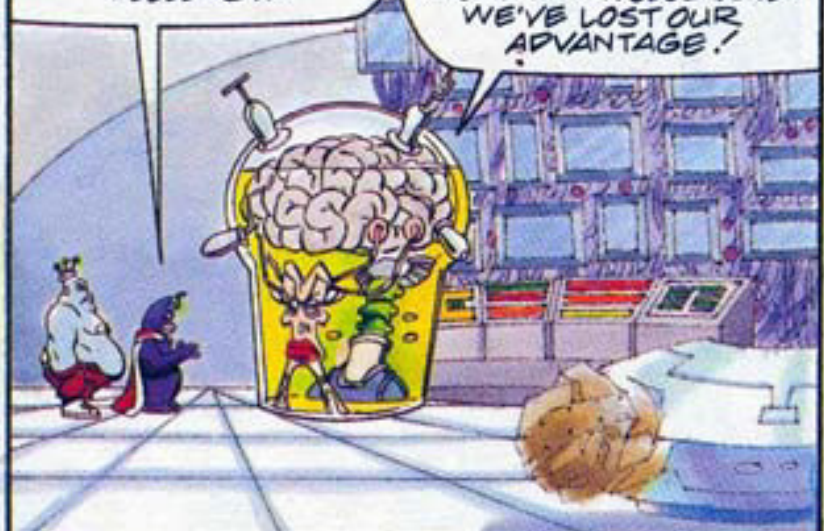
HEE-HEE!



LATER, IN MOTHER BRAIN'S METROID HEADQUARTERS...

SO, MOTHER BRAIN, WHAT HOLOGRAM ARE WE GOING TO HIT THEM WITH NEXT? GIANT LIZARDS? SNAPPING TURTLES? VEGETABLE PEELERS?!

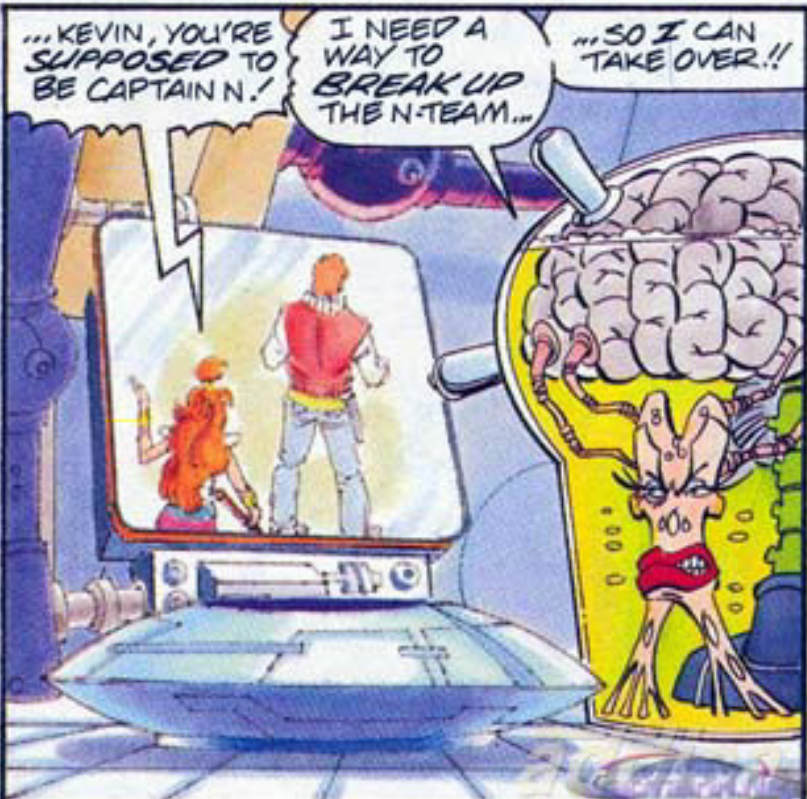
WE MUST BE CAREFUL. THE METAL GRASSHOPPERS DID SCARE THE N-TEAM THIS TIME. BUT, ONCE THEY REALIZE OUR NEW TROOPS ARE NOTHING MORE THAN HOLOGRAMS-- WE'VE LOST OUR ADVANTAGE!



...KEVIN, YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE CAPTAIN N!

I NEED A WAY TO BREAK UP THE N-TEAM...

...SO I CAN TAKE OVER!!



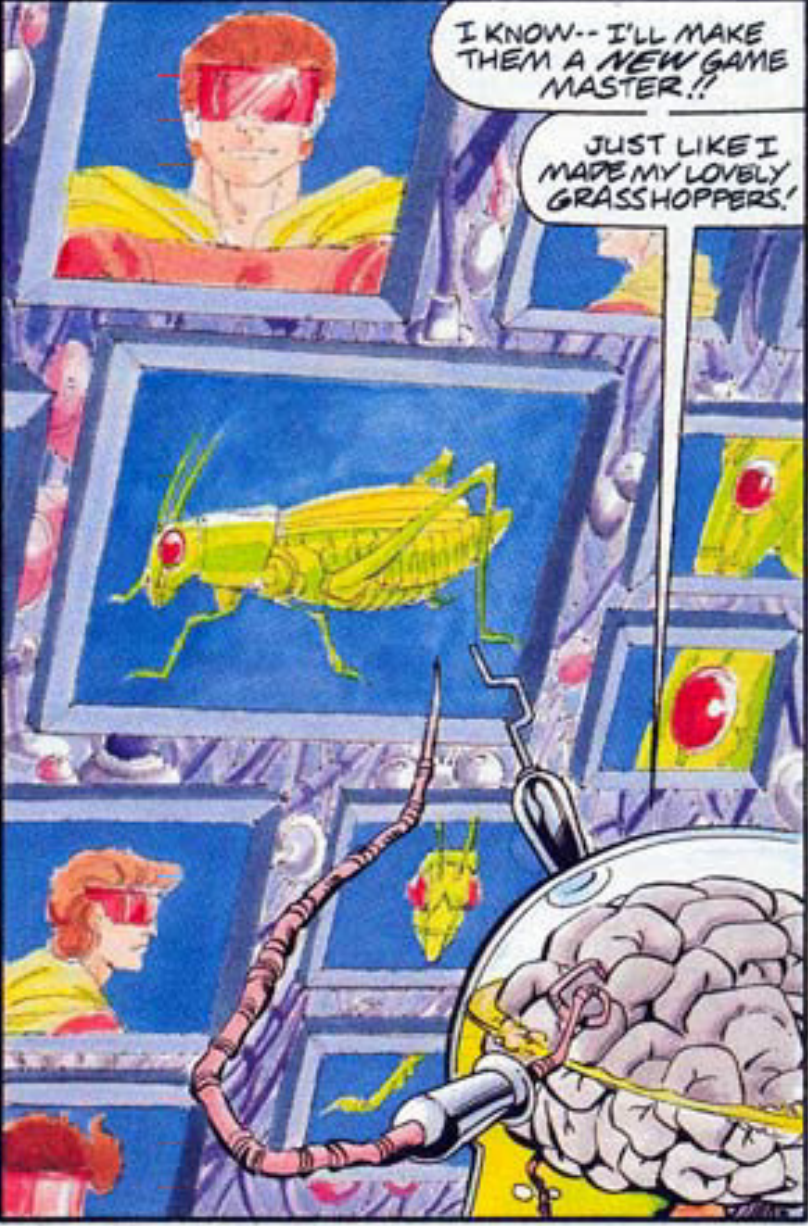
HOW CAN I USE THE HOLOGRAM MACHINE FOR THIS... ?

MMM. I DO HAVE A HUGE LIBRARY OF IMAGES... INCLUDING IMAGES OF KEVIN.



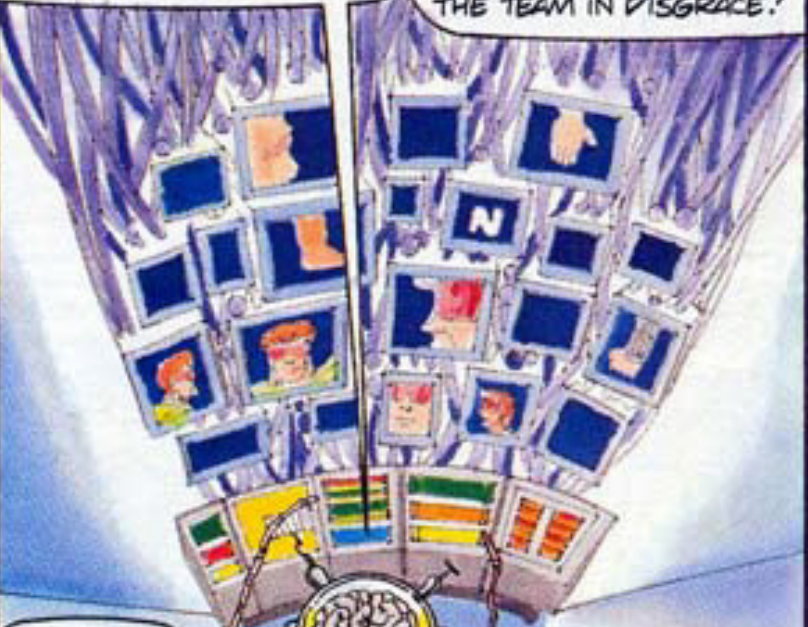
I KNOW-- I'LL MAKE THEM A NEW GAME MASTER!!

JUST LIKE I MADE MY LOVELY GRASSHOPPERS!



WITH THESE VARIATIONS OF KEVIN, I WILL CREATE A NEW SUPERIOR GAME MASTER... UNDER MY CONTROL!

MY GAME MASTER WILL BE SO STRONG AND IMPRESSIVE, KEVIN WILL BE OVERWHELMED! HE'LL HAVE TO LEAVE THE TEAM IN DISGRACE!

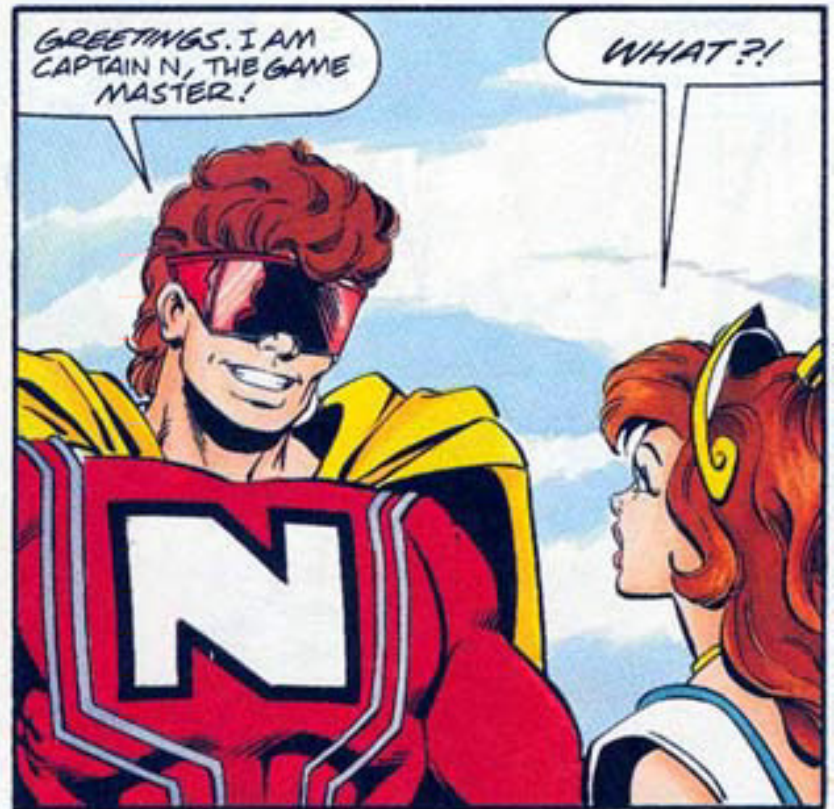
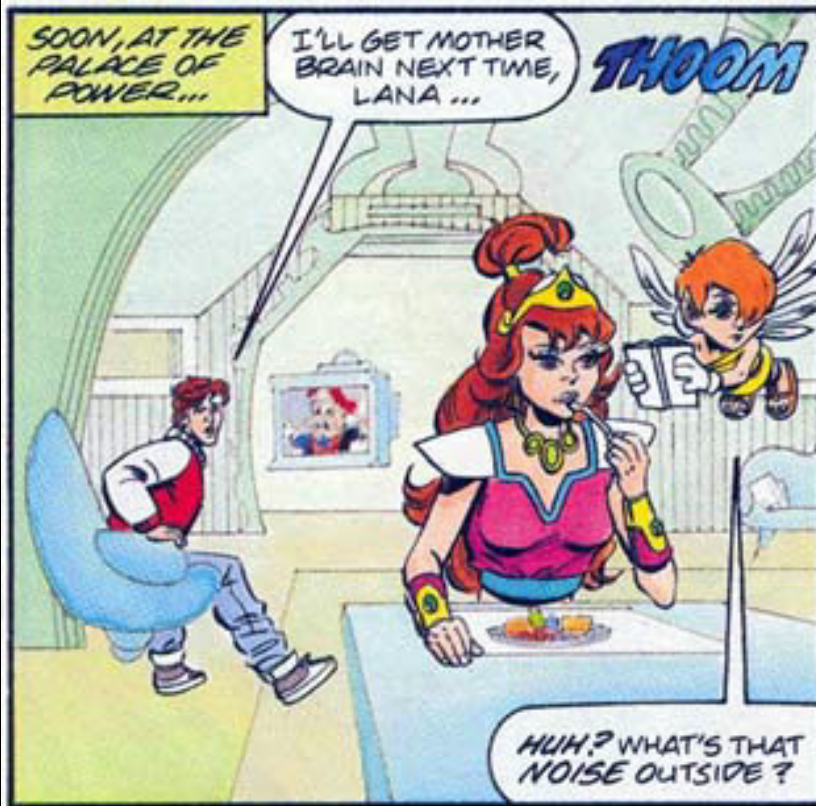


UH. TURN IT OFF! IT'S SCARY!!



AND THEN, THE N TEAM WON'T STAND A CHANCE!

AND, NEITHER WILL VIDEO LAND!





PEACE! I KNOW YOU HAVE FOUGHT VALIANTLY. BUT NOW IS THE TIME TO DEFEAT MOTHER BRAIN ONCE AND FOR ALL...

ALL YOU NEED IS LEADERSHIP.

WHY, YOU... FAKE--!



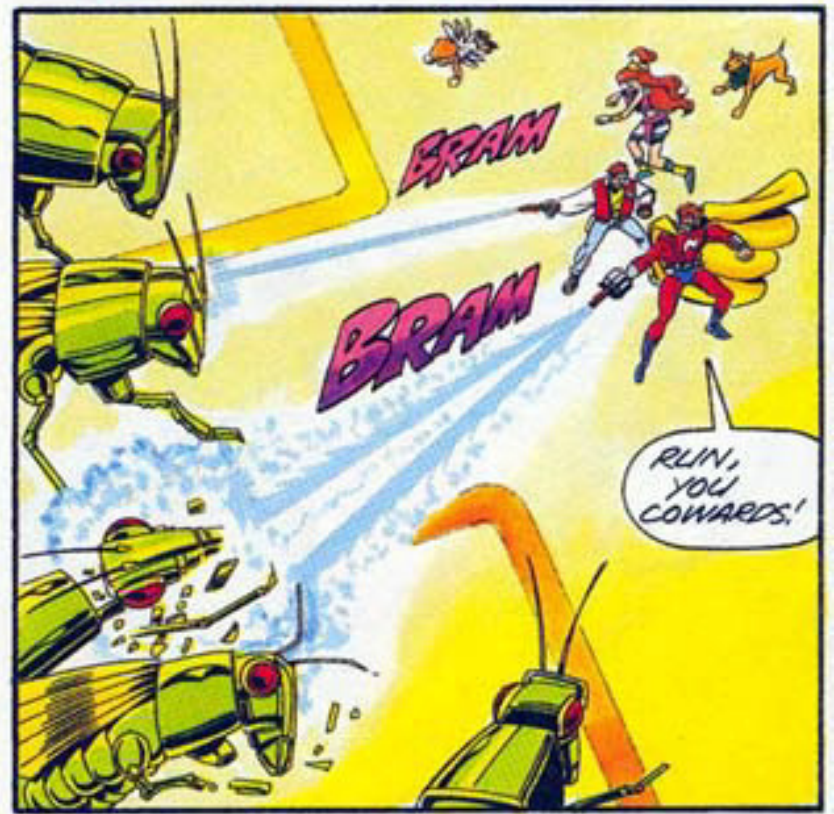
LOOK!!



OH, NO! MORE OF THOSE GRASSHOPPERS!

MAY I SUGGEST WE PUT ASIDE OUR PETTY DIFFERENCES FOR THE LARGER PROBLEM AT HAND?

UH...



BRAM

BRAM

RUN, YOU COWARDS!



WOW! THAT WAS FANTASTIC!

HE... WAS FANTASTIC.

MEANWHILE, ON METROID...

HERE COMES THE PART WHERE KEVIN GIVES UP! HEH-HEH!

GEE, MAYBE YOU ARE THE REAL GAME MASTER.

IS HE GOING TO CRY? I HATE SEEING GUYS CRY!

BUT, GAME MASTER OR NOT, I'D BE HONORED TO SERVE WITH YOU TILL MOTHER BRAIN HAS BEEN DEFEATED.

OOOPS! THAT'S NOT THE PLAN!

OUR HOLOGRAM GAME MASTER DOESN'T KNOW WHAT TO DO. GUESS THAT'S THE END!

NO! THIS WILL WORK OUT EVEN BETTER THAN I'D HOPED.

I'M GOING TO REPROGRAM THE GAME MASTER, TO LURE KEVIN HERE.

I ACCEPT YOUR OFFER, KEVIN. YOU AND I CAN DEFEAT MOTHER BRAIN, IF WE GO TO METROID... ALONE.

WHAT?!

DON'T DO THIS, KEVIN. IT'S DANGEROUS!

IT'S THE ONLY WAY. A SMALL, POWERFUL FORCE OF TWO CAN DO WHAT A LARGER GROUP CANNOT!

IT MAKES SENSE, LANA. THIS GUY IS GOOD. HE MAY BE JUST THE... CAPTAIN N... WE'VE NEEDED.

YOU'LL ALWAYS BE MY CAPTAIN N... KEVIN.

WARP ZONES WEST HALL

AH! HERE WE ARE, ON METROID! NOW, I'LL TAKE CARE OF THIS!!

UHM... SURE!



HA! MOTHER BRAIN, HERE WE COME!

THE MORE I SEE YOU IN ACTION, THE MORE I CAN TELL-- YOU'RE GOOD.

BRAAM



THE DOOR'S CLOSING! THIS IS IT-- WE'RE IN MOTHER BRAIN'S CHAMBER!!

BRAAMMM



WELCOME, GAME MASTER--WHICH-EVER ONE OF YOU THAT MAY BE! HEH-HEH!

WE'RE TRAPPED!

UHM... I DON'T THINK THIS WAS PART OF OUR PLAN...



NO, THIS IS OUR PLAN... FORWARD!!

HEY, WAIT-- I DON'T REMEMBER THAT MACHINE IN THE METROID GAME!!





STOP! ONE STEP CLOSER AND I'LL DETONATE THIS DOOMSDAY DEVICE!! ANY SHOT AT ME OR THE DEVICE WILL SEND ALL OF VIDEO LAND SKY HIGH!

YOU HAVE TWENTY SECONDS TO SURRENDER!!



YOU'RE LYING, MOTHER BRAIN! IF YOU HAD A DOOMSDAY DEVICE, YOU WOULD HAVE THREATENED US WITH IT LONG BEFORE NOW!

PERHAPS. BUT CAN YOU BE SURE?

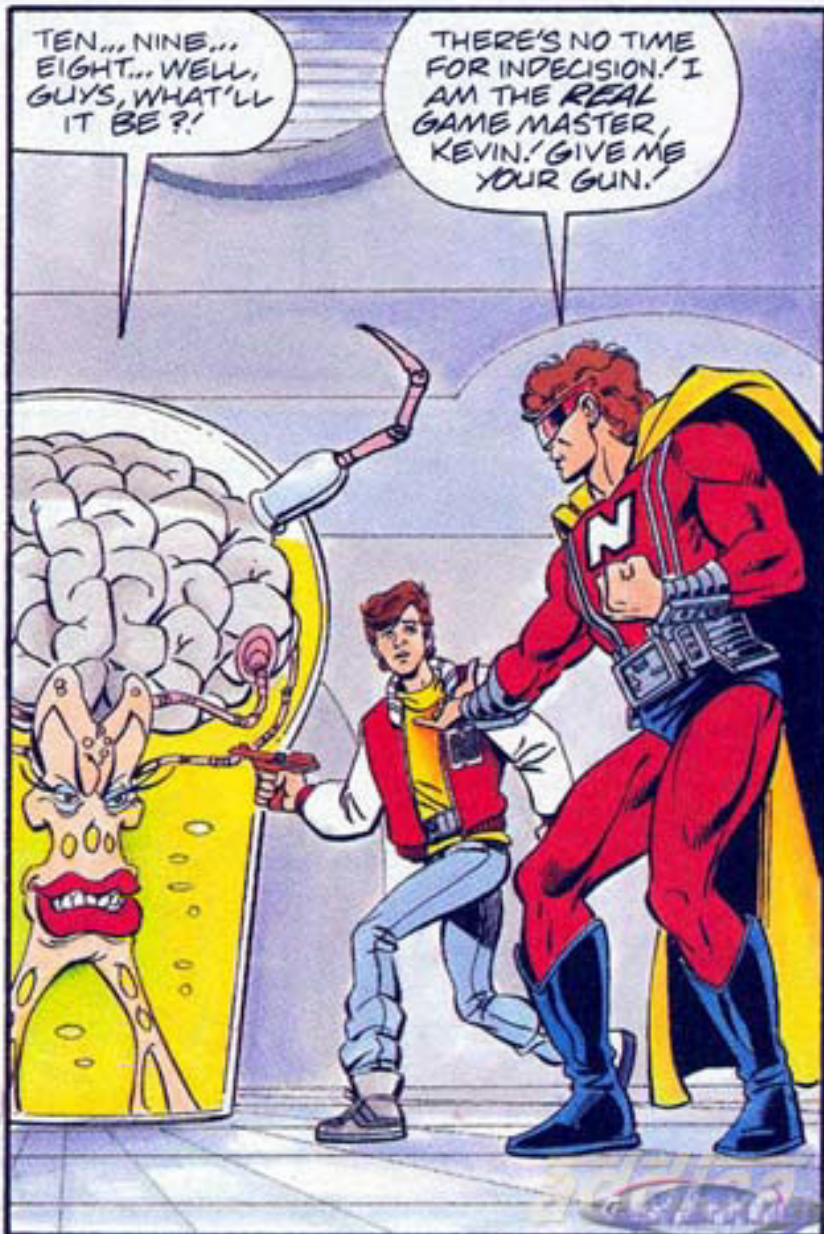


KEVIN, THERE'S ONE LAST CHANCE. ONE WELL AIMED SHOT COULD SHORT CIRCUIT HER POWER SUPPLY. BUT MY GUN IS TOO BIG--IT WOULD DESTROY THE MACHINE... AND MAYBE SET IT OFF.

GIVE AWAY MY ZAPPER--?

SOMETHING'S WEIRD. AND I STILL DON'T KNOW WHAT THAT OTHER BLACK MACHINE IS...

GIVE ME YOUR ZAPPER.



TEN... NINE... EIGHT... WELL, GUYS, WHAT'LL IT BE?!

THERE'S NO TIME FOR INDECISION! I AM THE REAL GAME MASTER, KEVIN! GIVE ME YOUR GUN!



SORRY, BUT I'VE GOT TO STICK TO WHAT I KNOW!

AND I KNOW THAT MACHINE DOESN'T BELONG IN THIS ROOM! THAT'S WHAT BEING A GAME MASTER IS ALL ABOUT!

ZAP



OH, NO! YOU'VE RUINED MY HOLOGRAM MACHINE!

I'M... I'M FADING OUT!!

HOLOGRAM MACHINE?! I'VE BEEN FAKED OUT!



AAAUGH--LOOK AT ALL THE KEVINS!

WAAAA-AAAA!!! I'M SCARED!

THERE'S THE WARP ZONE! I'M GETTING OUTTA HERE BEFORE THE MACHINE BLOWS!!

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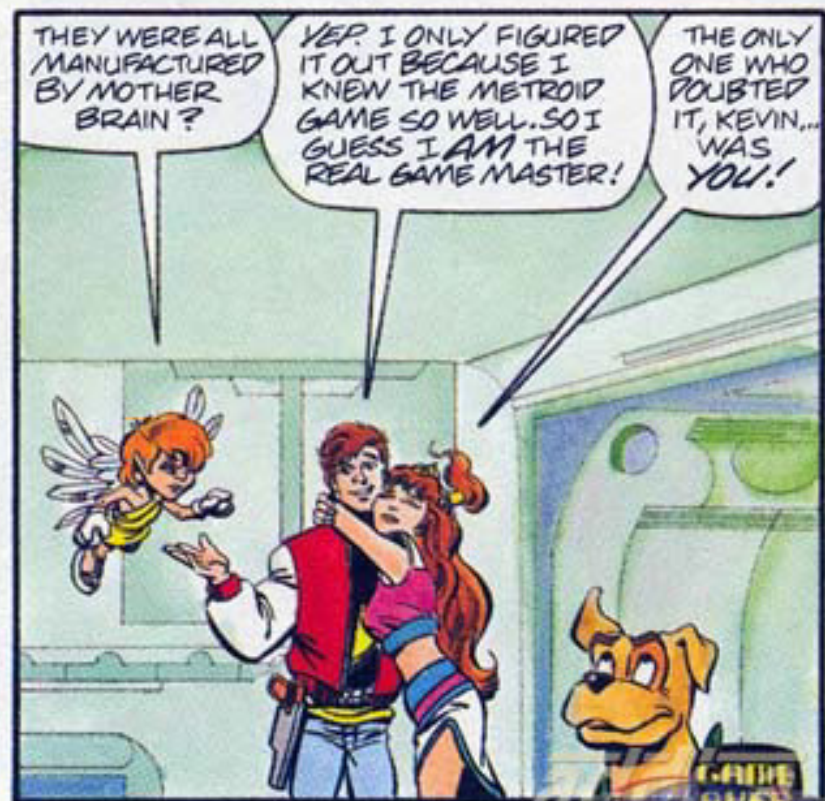


SECONDS LATER, AT THE PALACE OF POWER...

KEVIN!

HOW DID IT GO?

GUYS, ALL THOSE CREATURES--AND THE GAME MASTER--WERE FAKE--JUST HOLOGRAMS!



THEY WERE ALL MANUFACTURED BY MOTHER BRAIN?

YEP. I ONLY FIGURED IT OUT BECAUSE I KNEW THE METROID GAME SO WELL..SO I GUESS I AM THE REAL GAME MASTER!

THE ONLY ONE WHO DOUBTED IT, KEVIN... WAS YOU!

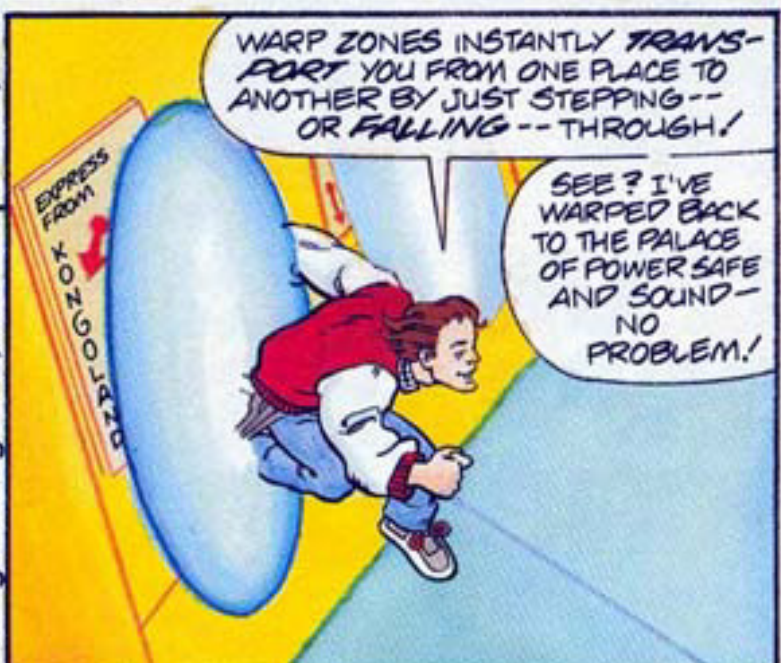
GAME OVER

SECRETS OF THE WARP ZONES

OH, HI, N-FANS! AS YOU MAY HAVE GUESSED, WARP ZONES ARE OFTEN THE KEY TO SUCCESS IN VIDEO LAND!

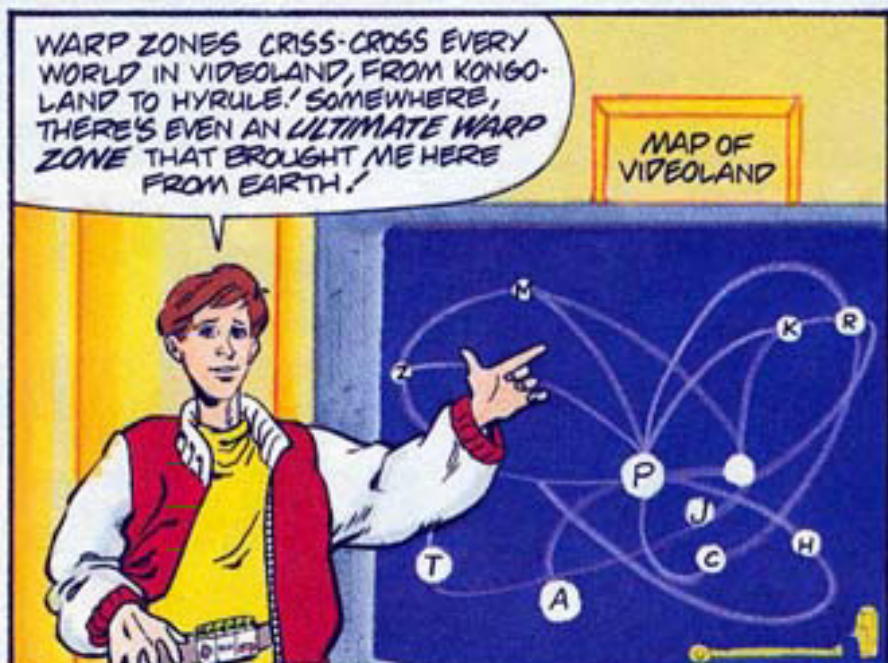


BELIEVE ME, DONKEY KONG--I DIDN'T STEAL YOUR AUTOMATIC BANANA PEELER!



WARP ZONES INSTANTLY TRANS-PORT YOU FROM ONE PLACE TO ANOTHER BY JUST STEPPING-- OR FALLING -- THROUGH!

SEE? I'VE WARPED BACK TO THE PALACE OF POWER SAFE AND SOUND-- NO PROBLEM!



WARP ZONES CRISS-CROSS EVERY WORLD IN VIDEO LAND, FROM KONGO-LAND TO HYRULE! SOMEWHERE, THERE'S EVEN AN ULTIMATE WARP ZONE THAT BROUGHT ME HERE FROM EARTH!

MAP OF VIDEO LAND



ALL THE WORLDS IN VIDEO LAND ARE CONNECTED BY WARP ZONES TO THIS HALL IN THE PALACE!

BUT, THESE WARP ZONES MAY LEAD AL-MOST ANYWHERE IN THE OTHER WORLDS-- INTO A DUNGEON, ONTO A MOUNTAINTOP, OR EVEN UNDERWATER!

YEARS AGO, THE WARP ZONES ALWAYS TOOK YOU EXACTLY WHERE YOU WANTED TO GO. BUT, SINCE THE LEAGUE OF DARKNESS ATTACKED--



STAND ASIDE, CAPTAIN KNOW-IT-ALL!

PLUTON, THE ROBBING OGRE! COME BACK HERE, THIEF!



WAIT! DON'T GO IN THERE!

TOO LATE, GAME MASTER!



"I TRIED TO WARN HIM! THESE DAYS, WARP ZONES ARE NOT SO RELIABLE."



THIS ISN'T METROID!



"AND IF YOU TRY TO ESCAPE THROUGH ANOTHER WARP ZONE..."



I KNOW I'LL GET A GOOD PRICE ON THE BLACK MARKET FOR THESE WEAPONS I STOLE..."



"...THINGS COULD GET EVEN WORSE!"

BUT, I'M NOT SURE ABOUT THIS. WHO'D WANT AN AUTOMATIC BANANA PEELER?



VIDEOLAND GUIDEBOOK: PRISONWORLD

THE MAXIMUM SECURITY PRISON ON PLANET RX 338 WAS ORIGINALLY BUILT GENERATIONS AGO, BY AN EVIL EMPEROR NAMED SUIMAR, TO IMPRISON ALL REBELS AGAINST HIS DESPOTIC RULE.

YEARS LATER, AFTER SUIMAR WAS OVERTHROWN, THE GALACTIC FEDERATION BEGAN USING THE WORLD TO IMPRISON VIDEOLAND'S MOST DANGEROUS VILLAINS.



IN SUIMAR'S ANCIENT TIMES, PRISONERS WERE PUT TO HARD LABOR MINING THE WORLD'S RICH MINERAL DEPOSITS. THE OLD TUNNELS STILL EXIST, DEEP INSIDE THE PLANET.



THERE ARE OVER 100 SEPARATE PRISON BLOCKS, EACH DESIGNED TO SECURE VILLAINS OF EVERY ABILITY, FROM EVERY WORLD IN VIDEOLAND!



A CHAIN OF ORBITING HUNTER KILLER SATELLITES AND SPACE MINES PREVENT ANYONE FROM GETTING ON... OR OFF!



EVEN WORSE, THE ASTEROID FIELD AROUND RX 338 IS INFESTED WITH DEADLY STAR SHARKS! THESE CREATURES FEED ON ANYTHING, FROM STARSHIP HULLS TO LIVING FLESH!

CRIMINALS CHECK IN... BUT THEY DON'T CHECK OUT.

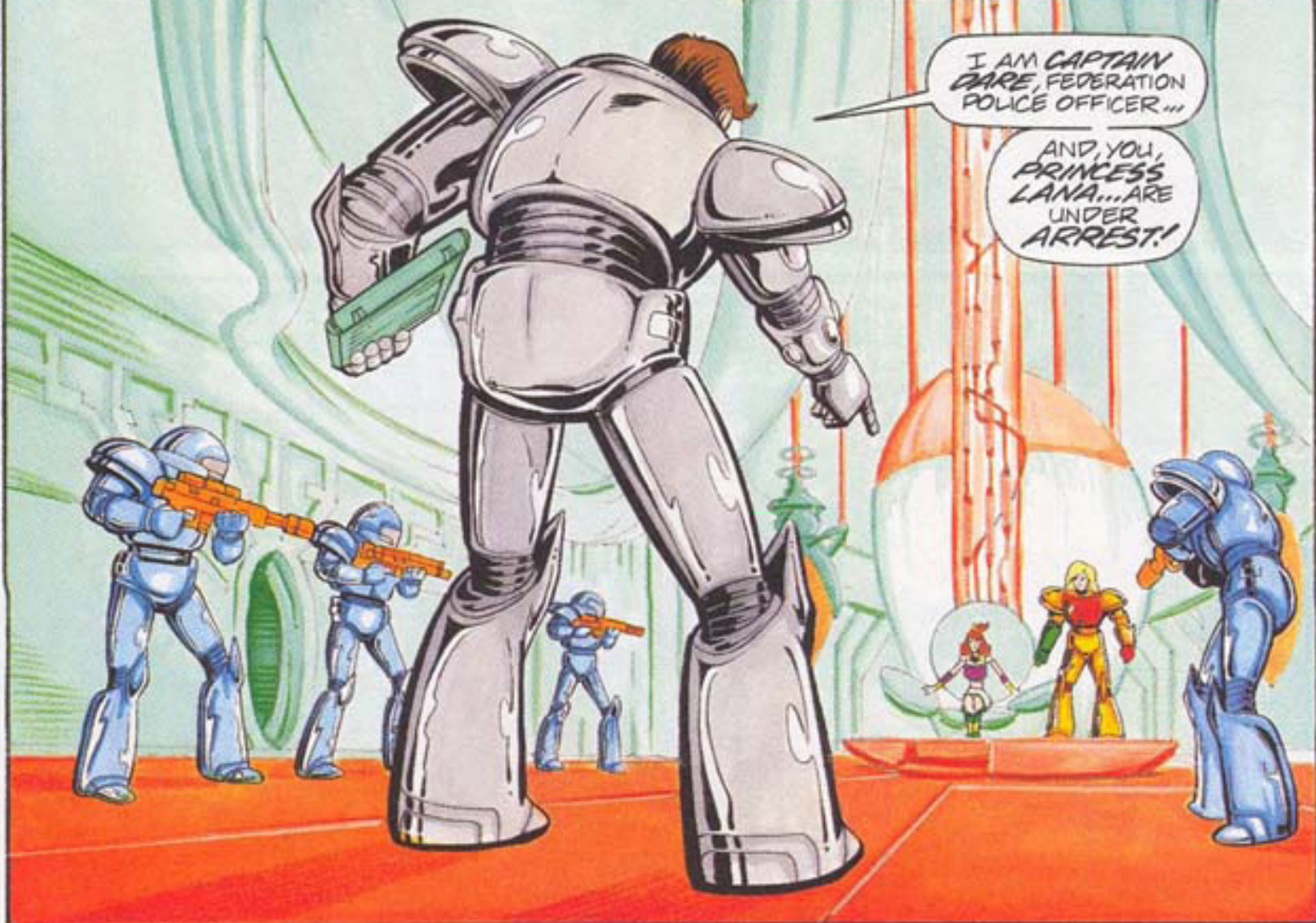
HE WAS THE HOTTEST POWER PLAYER ON EARTH! NOW HE'S THE HERO IN A WORLD WHERE NINTENDO GAMES ARE REAL! FROM METROID TO KID ICARUS, FROM DONKEY KONG TO PUNCH OUT!! THE WORLD IS VIDEOLAND, THE HERO IS...

BREAKOUT

Captain N

THE GAME MASTER

WHILE OUR HERO, KEVIN KEENE, A.K.A. CAPTAIN N, IS OFF ON A DANGEROUS MISSION, ACTION DOES NOT STOP IN THE PALACE OF POWER...



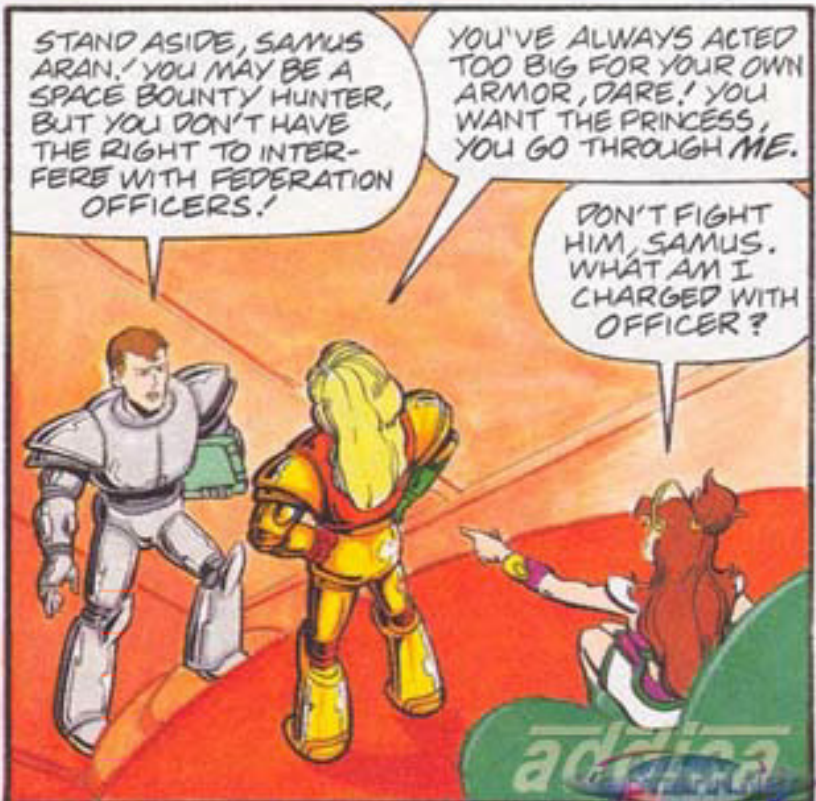
I AM CAPTAIN DARE, FEDERATION POLICE OFFICER...

AND, YOU, PRINCESS LANA... ARE UNDER ARREST!



I WISH KEVIN WERE... HERE... STILL, IF I MUST DEAL WITH THIS DANGER ALONE, I WILL.

I GAVE MY WORD TO KEVIN TO PROTECT THE PRINCESS. I DO NOT UNDERSTAND WHY HE IS SO INTERESTED IN HER WELL-BEING-- SHE'S NOT HALF THE HERO I AM! STILL, I SHALL PROTECT HER...



STAND ASIDE, SAMUS ARAN! YOU MAY BE A SPACE BOUNTY HUNTER, BUT YOU DON'T HAVE THE RIGHT TO INTERFERE WITH FEDERATION OFFICERS!

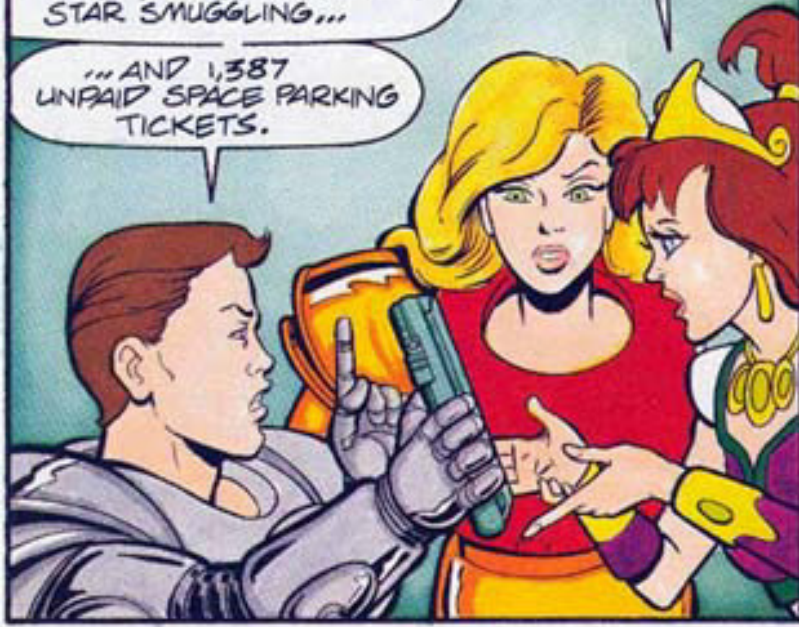
YOU'VE ALWAYS ACTED TOO BIG FOR YOUR OWN ARMOR, DARE! YOU WANT THE PRINCESS, YOU GO THROUGH ME.

DON'T FIGHT HIM, SAMUS. WHAT AM I CHARGED WITH OFFICER?

FORTY-SIX COUNTS OF GALACTIC PIRACY, TWENTY-EIGHT COUNTS OF ARMED PLANETARY ROBBERY, EIGHTEEN COUNTS OF SOLAR ASSAULT, FIFTEEN COUNTS OF STAR SMUGGLING...

BUT... THIS IS A LIST OF CRIMES COMMITTED BY MOTHER BRAIN!

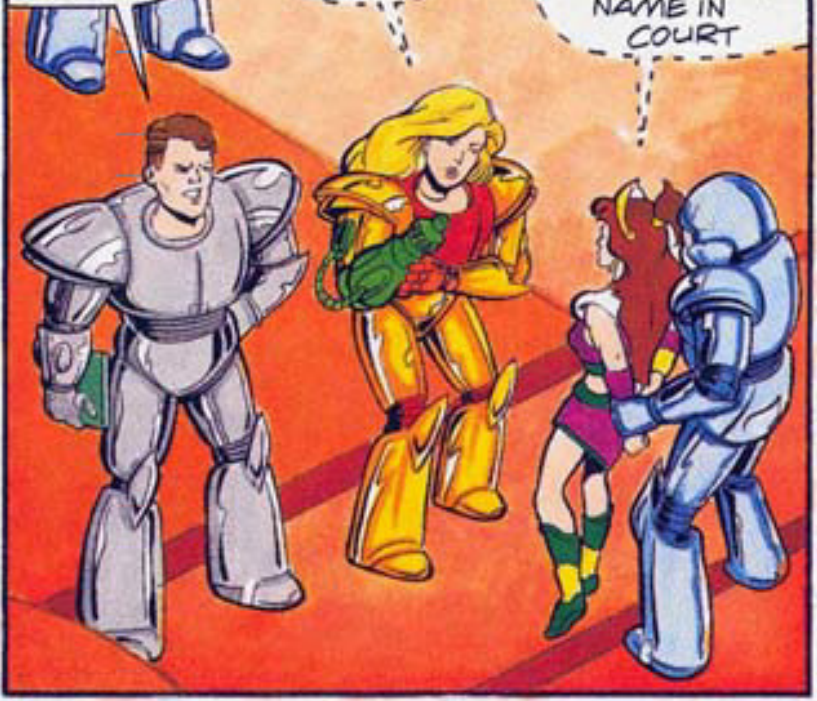
... AND 1,387 UNPAID SPACE PARKING TICKETS.



TELL IT TO THE JUDGE!

I CAN BEAT THEM!

NO! I WON'T FIGHT THE LAW. I'LL CLEAR MY NAME IN COURT



LATER...

ALL RISE, GALACTIC FEDERATION CIRCUIT COURT, NOW IN SESSION, THE HONORABLE JUDGE RACKLAS PRESIDING...

WE CAN ALWAYS RELY ON THE COURTS TO PROVIDE A FAIR AND UNBIASED HEARING!



SO... THESE ARE THE MISERABLE CRIMINALS WHO FLAGRANTLY DEFEY THE LAWS OF THE FEDERATION!

THAT IS NO JUDGE! IT'S RIDLEY, THE PIRATE BOSS FROM METROID!

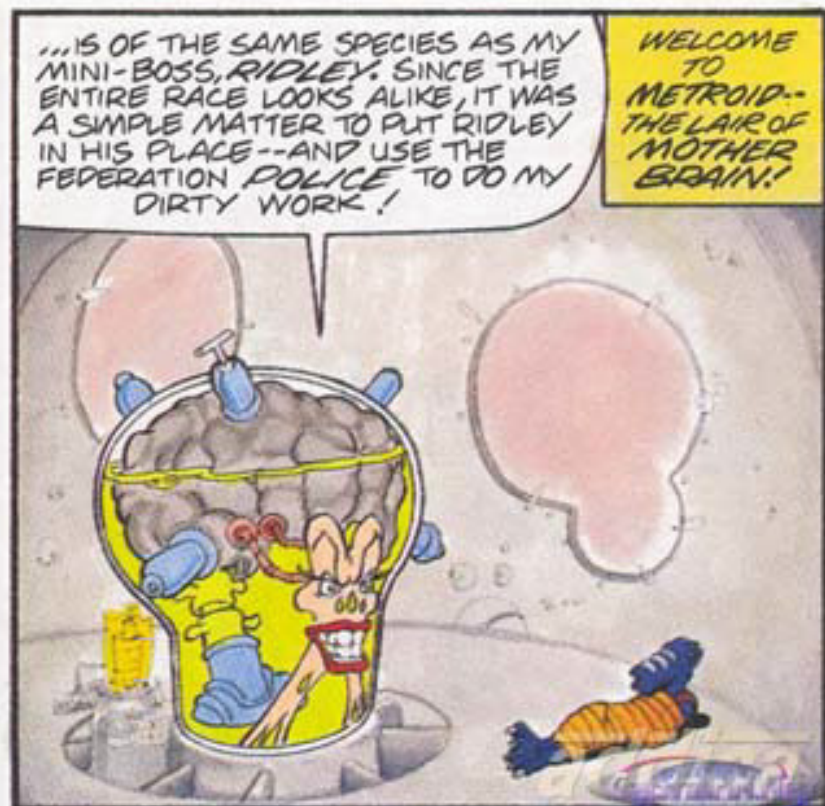


THIS IS NO TRIAL! IT'S A SET UP!

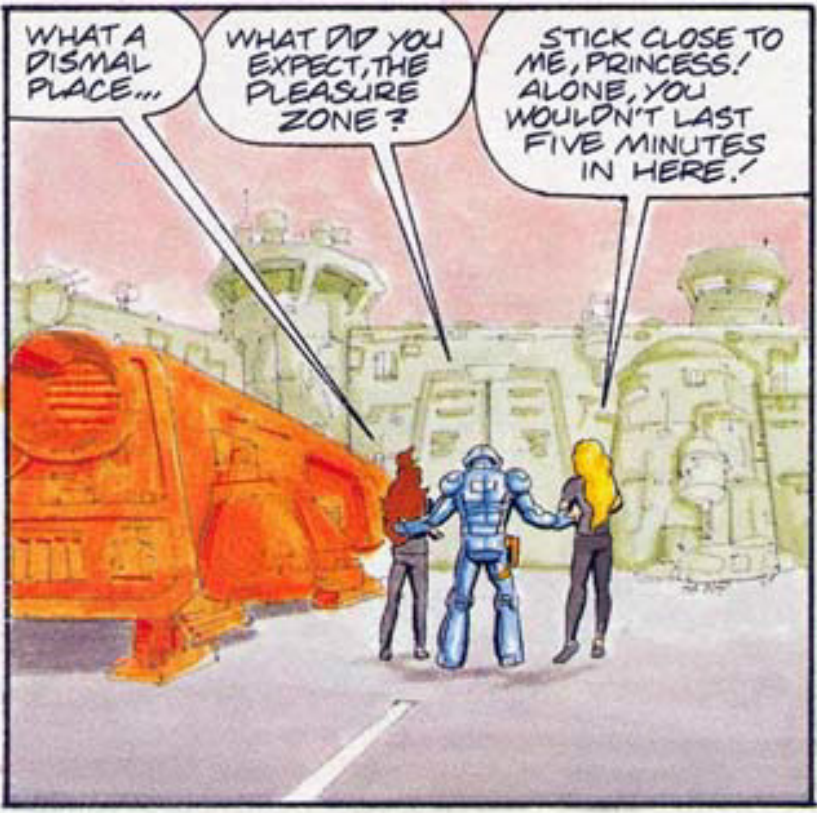
OFFICERS! RESTRAIN THAT WOMAN!



action



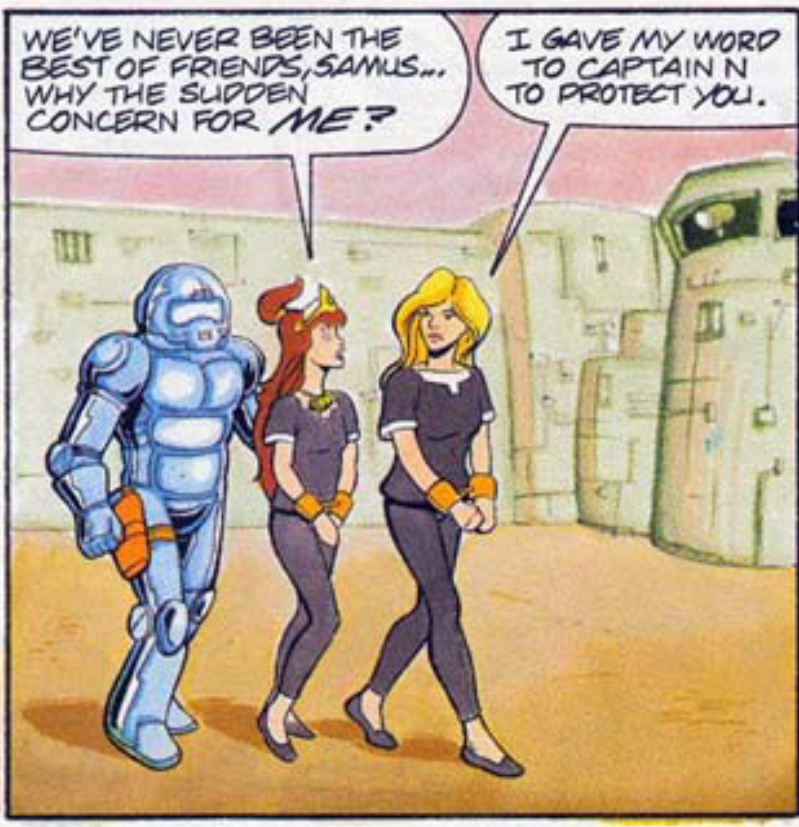
THE PLANET RX 338... PRISON WORLD. ONE HUNDRED SEPARATE PRISONS, WITH ONE THING IN COMMON--NO ONE HAS EVER ESCAPED FROM ANY OF THEM!



WHAT A DISMAL PLACE...

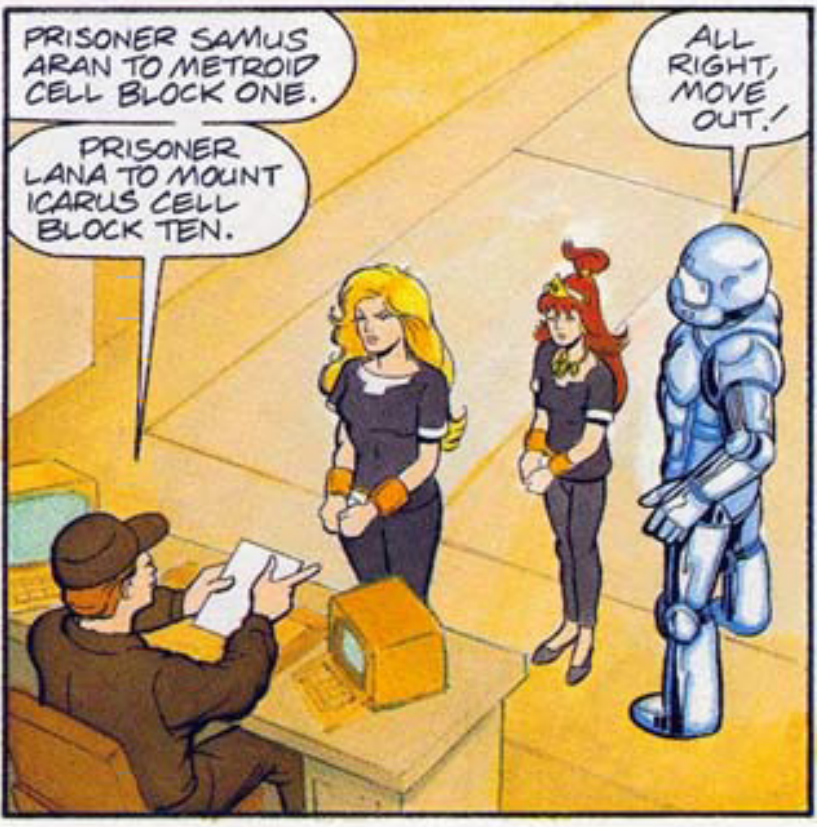
WHAT DID YOU EXPECT, THE PLEASURE ZONE?

STICK CLOSE TO ME, PRINCESS! ALONE, YOU WOULDN'T LAST FIVE MINUTES IN HERE!



WE'VE NEVER BEEN THE BEST OF FRIENDS, SAMUS... WHY THE SUDDEN CONCERN FOR ME?

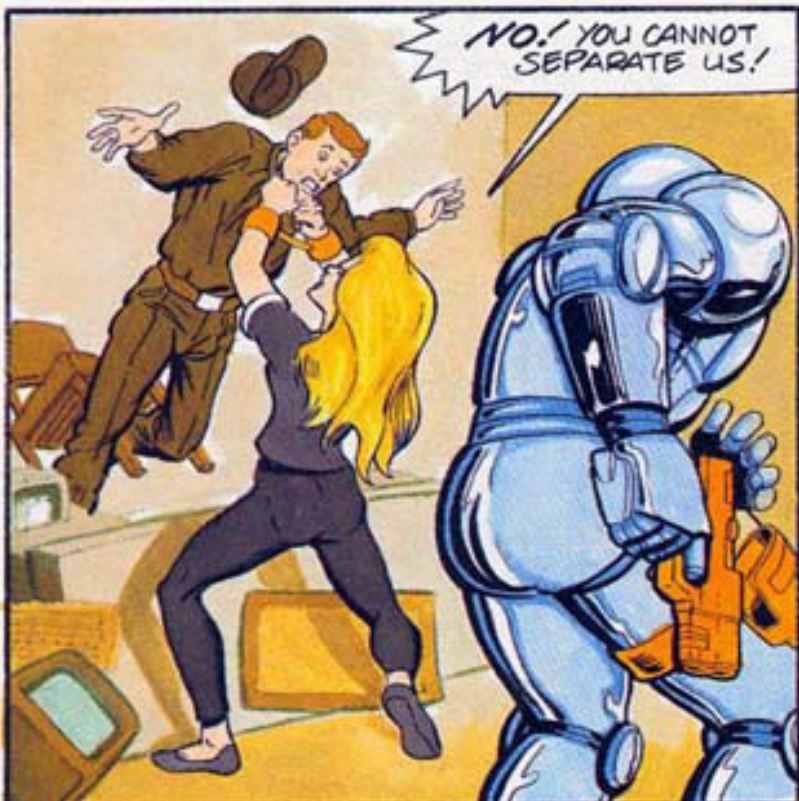
I GAVE MY WORD TO CAPTAIN N TO PROTECT YOU.



PRISONER SAMUS ARAN TO METROID CELL BLOCK ONE.

PRISONER LANA TO MOUNT ICARUS CELL BLOCK TEN.

ALL RIGHT, MOVE OUT!

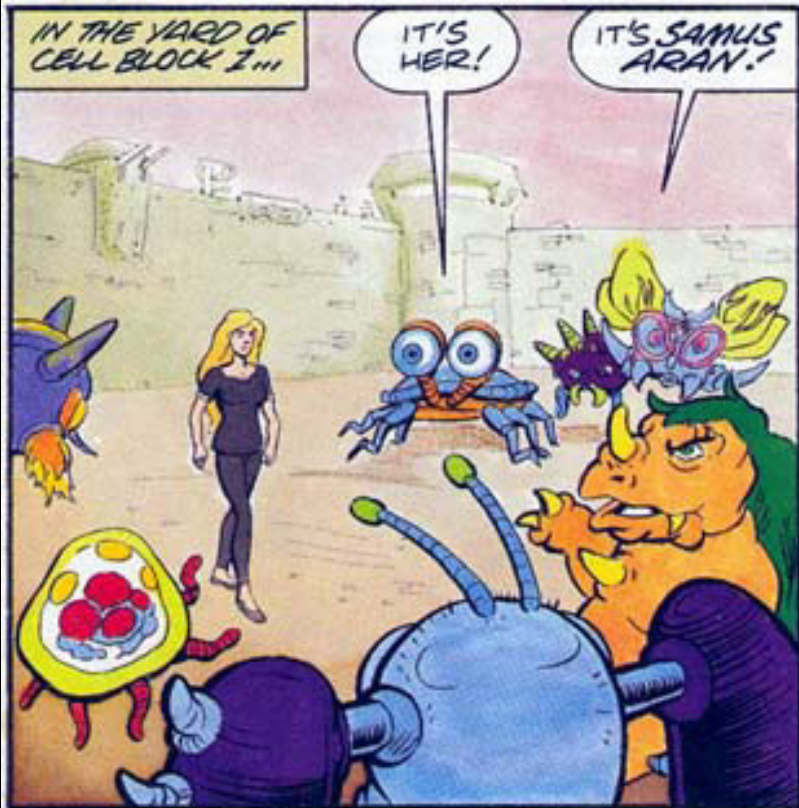


NO! YOU CANNOT SEPARATE US!



I'LL...

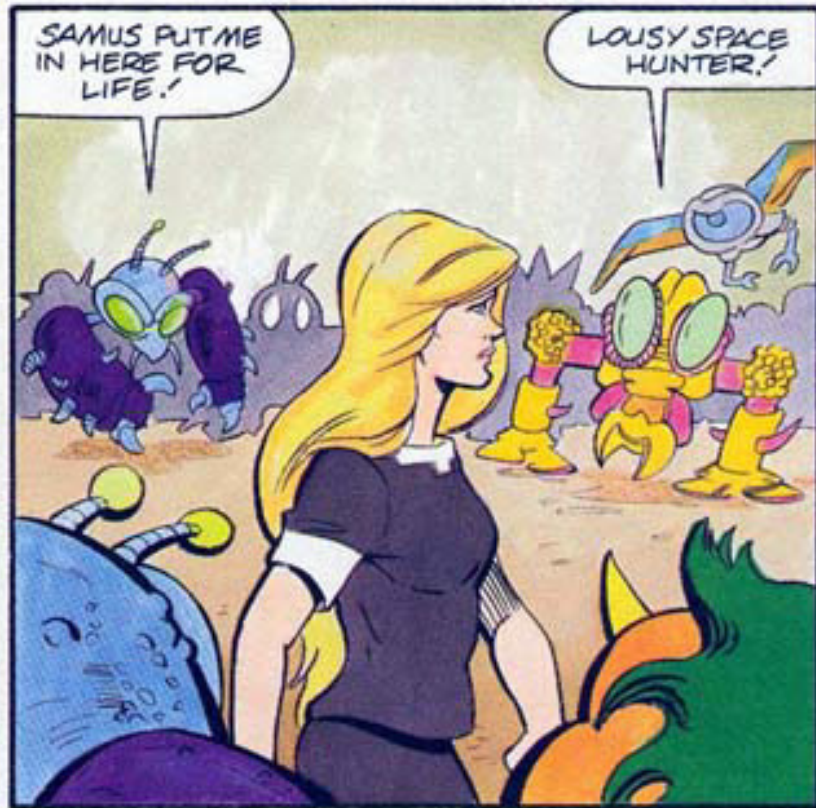
YOU'LL STAND WHERE YOU ARE... OR I'LL SHOOT HER!



IN THE YARD OF CELL BLOCK 1...

IT'S HER!

IT'S SAMUS ARAN!



SAMUS PUT ME IN HERE FOR LIFE!

LOUSY SPACE HUNTER!



LET'S GET HER!

WE DON'T HAVE OUR WEAPONS!

NEITHER DOES SHE!



DON'T YOU MONSTERS KNOW THE MOTTO OF THE SPACE HUNTER ACADEMY?

A SPACE HUNTER DOES NOT NEED A WEAPON...



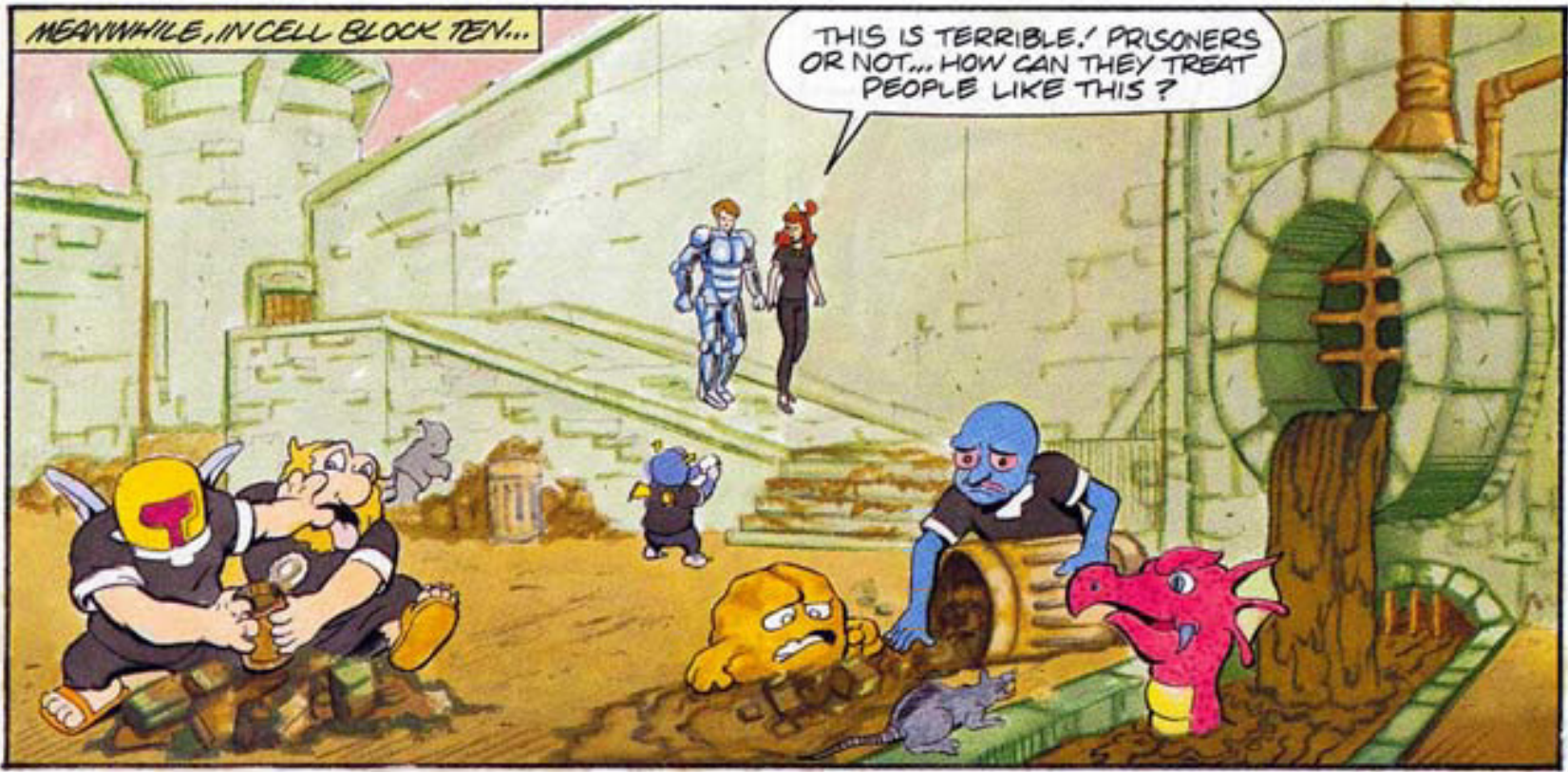
... A SPACE HUNTER IS A WEAPON.



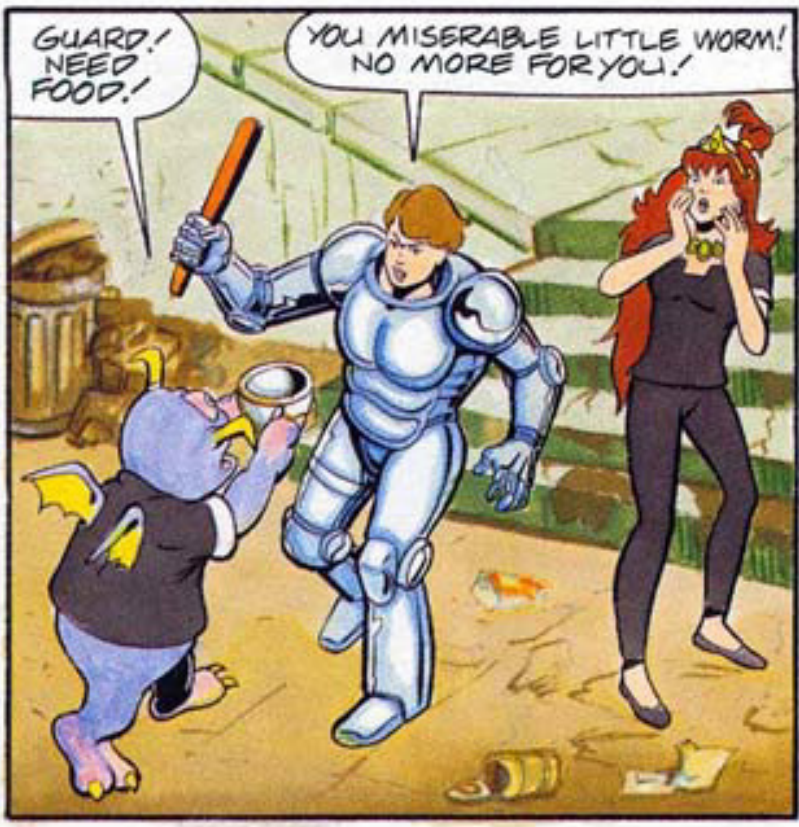
REMEMBER... I CAN DO A LOT WORSE THAN SEND YOU TO PRISON, BOYS!

I'VE GOT TO ESCAPE FROM THIS RAT-HOLE... SOON.

MEANWHILE, IN CELL BLOCK TEN...



THIS IS TERRIBLE! PRISONERS OR NOT... HOW CAN THEY TREAT PEOPLE LIKE THIS?



GUARD! NEED FOOD!

YOU MISERABLE LITTLE WORM! NO MORE FOR YOU!



STOP THAT!

THESE ARE NOT ANIMALS! THEY'RE INTELLIGENT BEINGS! THERE ARE LAWS THAT APPLY TO PRISONS AS WELL AS PRISONERS!



HUH! YOU LOOK LIKE A CRYSTAL DOLL, BUT I LIKE THE WAY YOU STOOD UP TO THE GUARD! NAME'S SYREN... I'M BOSS AROUND HERE!

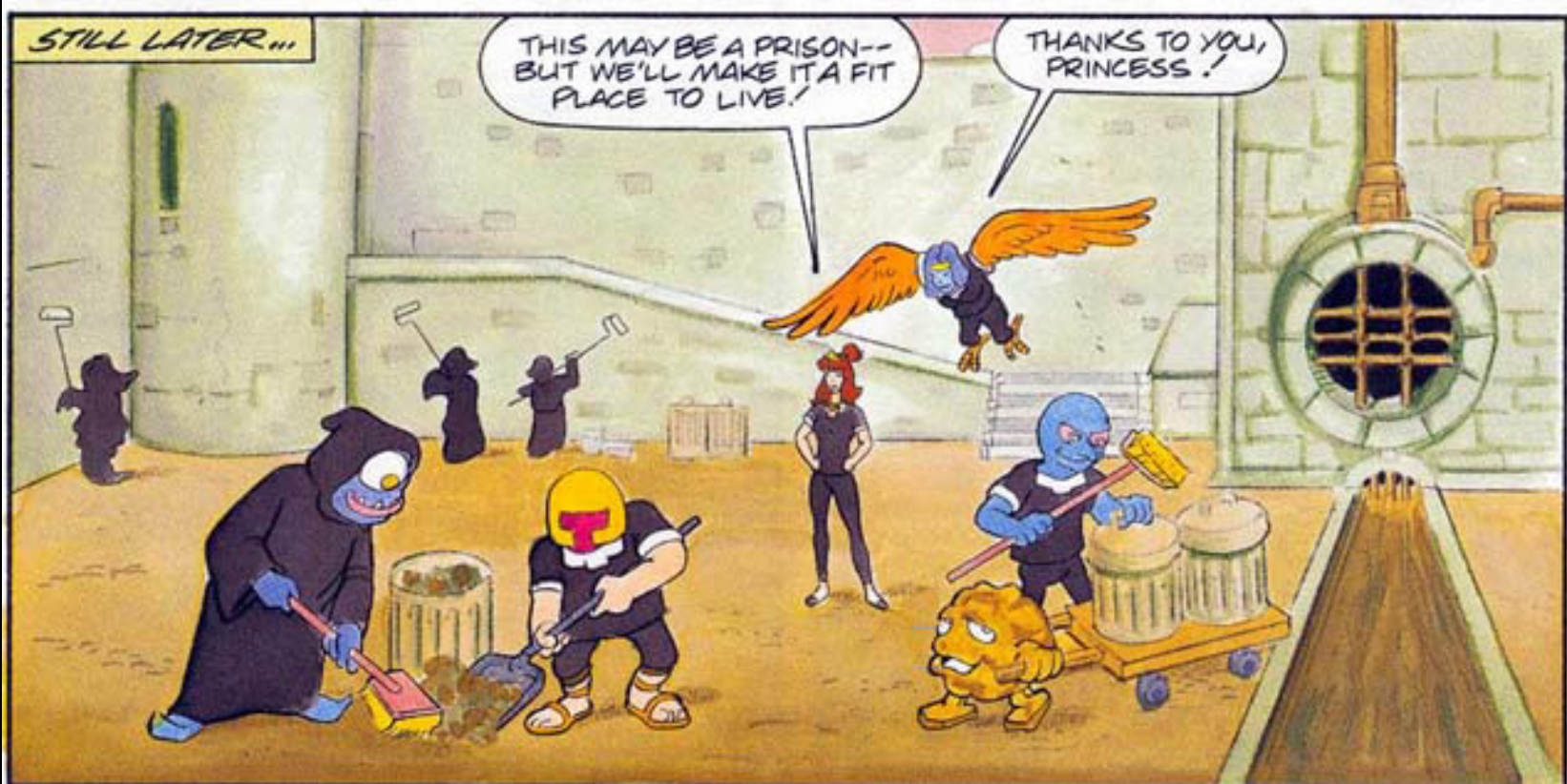
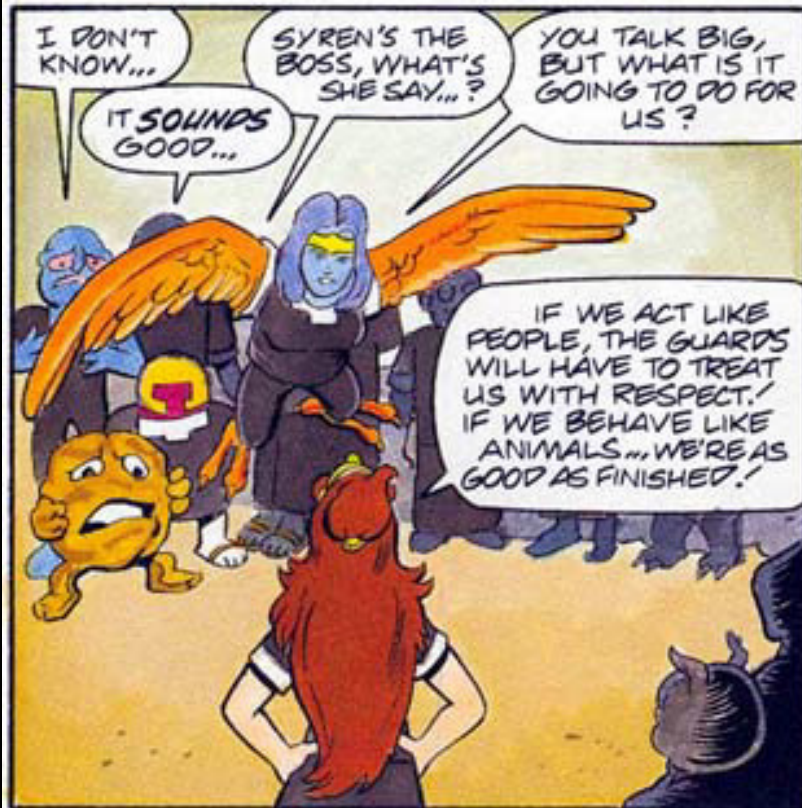
YOU CALL YOURSELF THEIR LEADER? HOW CAN YOU LET THEM BE TREATED LIKE THIS?

ASSEMBLE THE PRISONERS! LET ME SPEAK TO THEM!



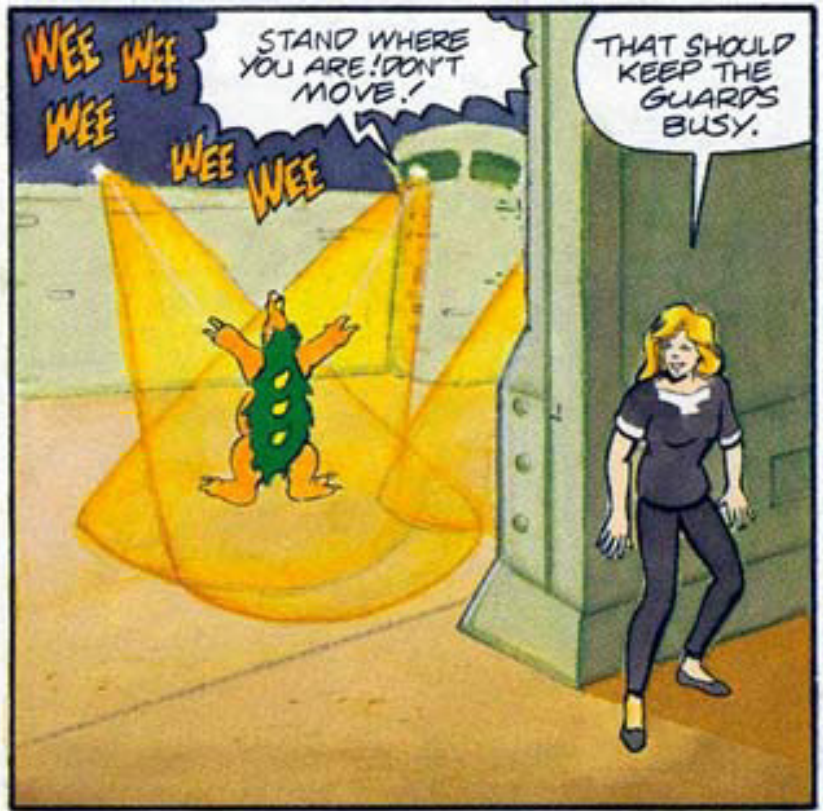
AND, SO, ONE CLEAR VOICE RISES ABOVE THE DIN- IN SIMPLE, BUT ELOQUENT WORDS... EXPRESSING THE DIGNITY OF ALL INDIVIDUALS... THE TRIUMPH OF SPIRIT IN THE FACE OF ADVERSITY...

SHE IS MORE THAN A PRINCESS, SHE IS A LEADER. SHE SPEAKS TO THEM WITH WORDS SO FORCEFUL THAT EVEN THESE PRISONERS ON THE EDGE OF DESPAIR... FIND HOPE.





A MONTH IN SOLITARY OR A MONTH IN THE HOSPITAL... IT'S YOUR CHOICE.



WEE WEE WEE WEE

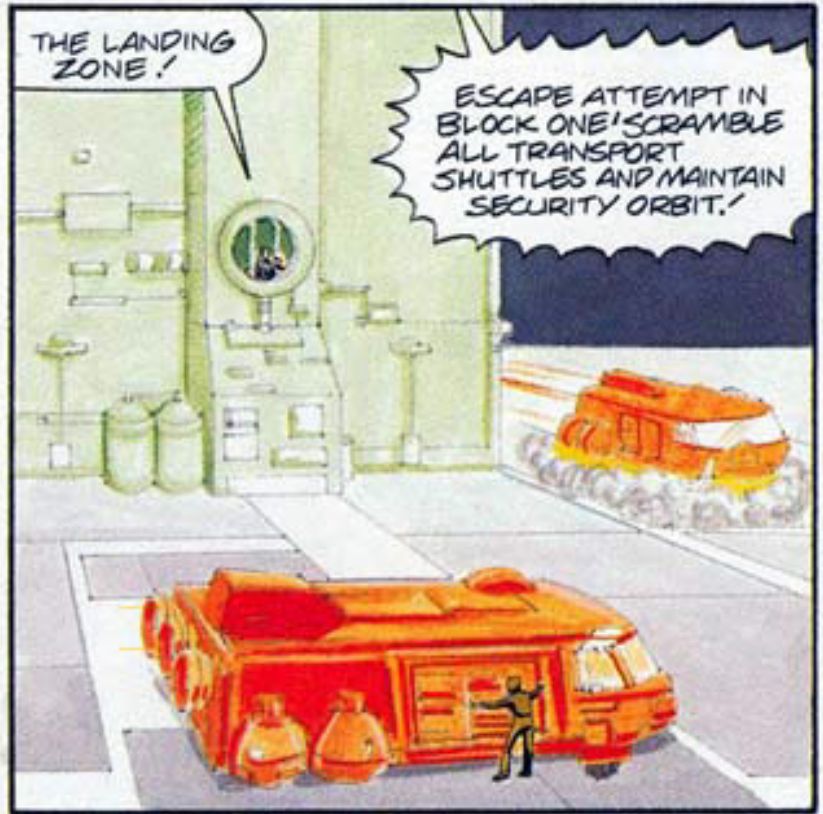
STAND WHERE YOU ARE! DON'T MOVE!

THAT SHOULD KEEP THE GUARDS BUSY.



MINUTES LATER, IN ONE OF THE TINY AIR TUNNELS THAT CRISS-CROSS THE PRISON WORLD...

THE PRINCESS IS IN BLOCK TEN... THAT'S ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE COMPLEX! HERE'S WHERE MY EXPERIENCE IN THE MAZES OF ZEBES AND METROID PAYS OFF!



THE LANDING ZONE!

ESCAPE ATTEMPT IN BLOCK ONE! SCRAMBLE ALL TRANSPORT SHUTTLES AND MAINTAIN SECURITY ORBIT!

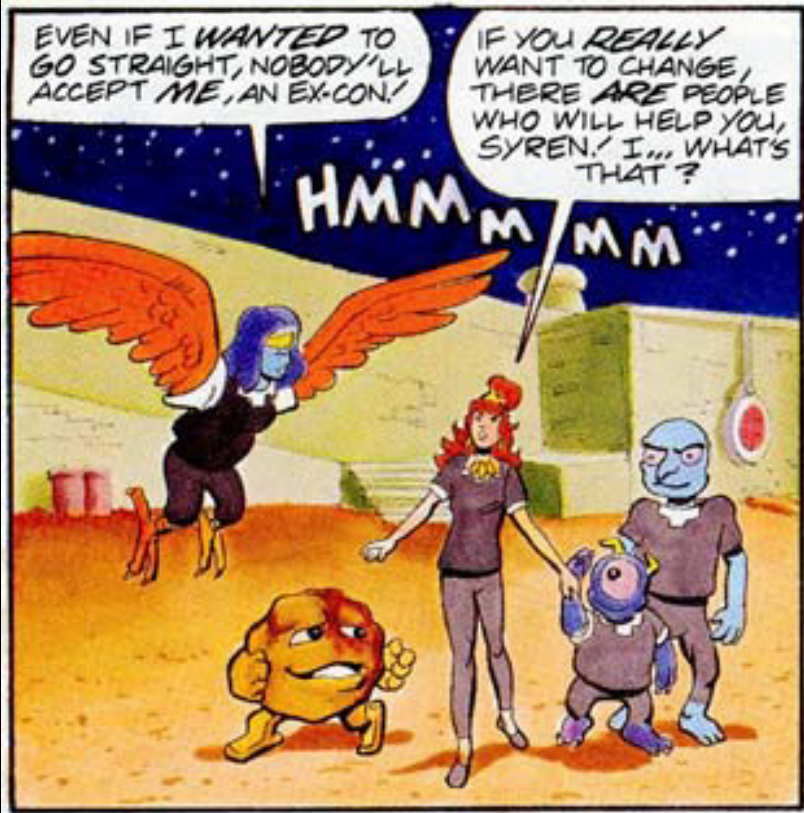


IF I GO GET LANA, I'LL MISS THE SHUTTLE AND WE'LL BOTH BE STUCK HERE. I DON'T EVEN KNOW IF SHE'S STILL ALIVE!

BUT... WITH LANA... GONE... AT LAST, I WOULD HAVE CAPTAIN N TO MYSELF. THEN, HE'D REALIZE I AM THE ONLY HERO WORTHY OF BATTLING SIDE BY SIDE WITH HIM!



...THERE IS ONLY ONE THING TO DO!



EVEN IF I WANTED TO GO STRAIGHT, NOBODY'LL ACCEPT ME, AN EX-CON!

IF YOU REALLY WANT TO CHANGE, THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO WILL HELP YOU, SYREN! I... WHAT'S THAT?

HMM M M M



ALERT! UNAUTHORIZED LANDING IN THE YARD!

SAMUS! YOU'VE GOT A SHIP! YOU COULD HAVE ALREADY ESCAPED! WHY DID YOU COME BACK FOR ME?

NO TIME TO TALK! LET'S GO!

HMM M M M



NO, I CAN'T LEAVE THIS PLACE. THESE PEOPLE NEED ME.

WHAT? THEY'RE THE SCUM OF THE UNIVERSE!



RELEASE ME!

YOU ARE COMING WITH ME!

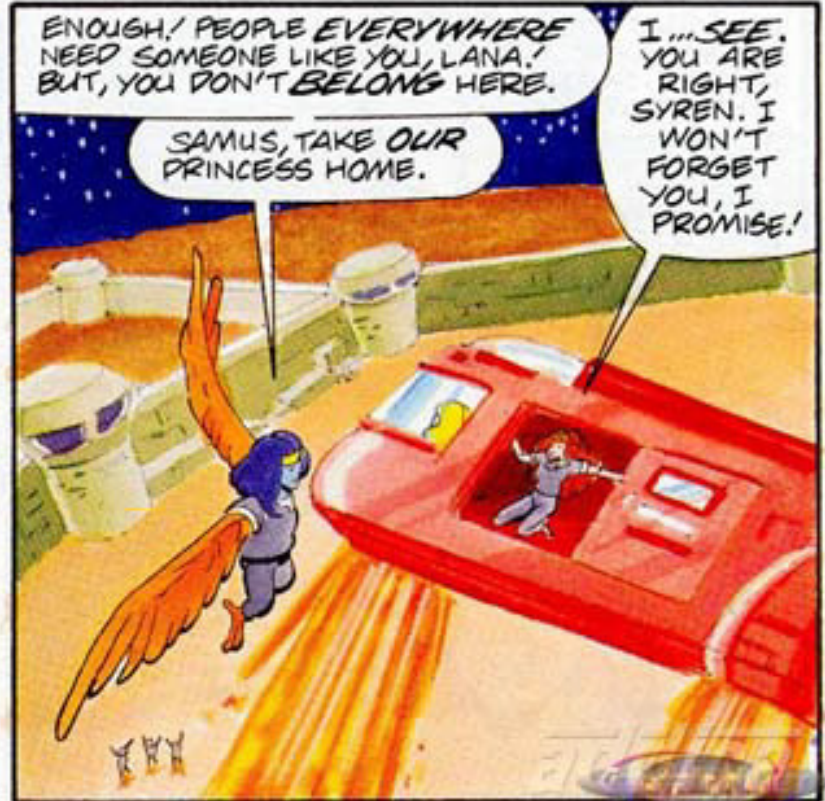
LET HER GO!

WE WANT HER TO STAY!

DON'T HURT LANA!



PRINCESS! I'M COMING! I--I...



ENOUGH! PEOPLE EVERYWHERE NEED SOMEONE LIKE YOU, LANA! BUT, YOU DON'T BELONG HERE.

SAMUS, TAKE OUR PRINCESS HOME.

I...SEE. YOU ARE RIGHT, SYREN. I WON'T FORGET YOU, I PROMISE!

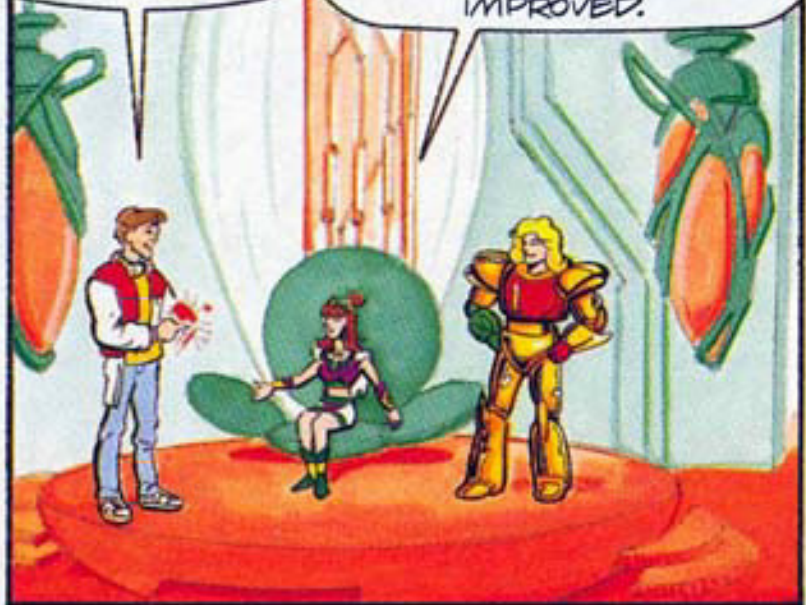
LATER, BACK AT THE PALACE OF POWER...



AND WHEN WE FOUND OUT WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU...

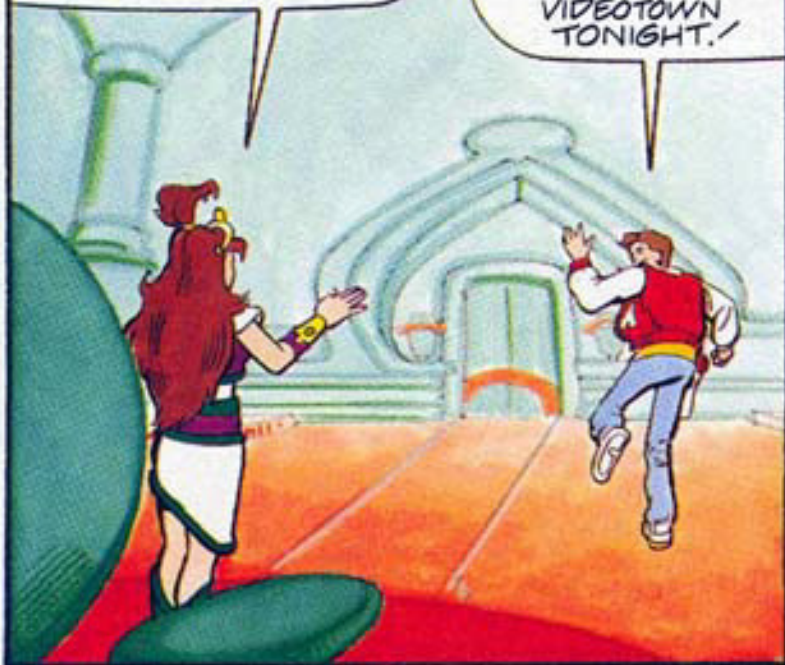
... I FREED THE REAL JUDGE FROM METROID! I WAS ON MY WAY TO PRISON WORLD...

... WHEN YOU DISCOVERED THAT WE'D ALREADY ESCAPED! NEVERTHELESS, KEVIN, RETURN TO PRISON WORLD SOON, TO MAKE SURE CONDITIONS THERE HAVE BEEN IMPROVED.



WOULD YOU EXCUSE US FOR A MOMENT, KEVIN? I NEED TO SPEAK TO SAMUS ALONE.

SURE, LANA! DON'T FORGET, I'M TAKING YOU TO PRO WRESTLING IN VIDEOTOWN TONIGHT!



SAMUS, I KNOW YOU DON'T FEEL VERY COMMITTED TO THE N-TEAM'S CAUSE. AND I KNOW HOW YOU FEEL ABOUT KEVIN. YOU COULD HAVE LEFT ME BACK ON PRISON WORLD AND CONVINCED HIM TO JOIN YOU AS A SPACE HUNTER!

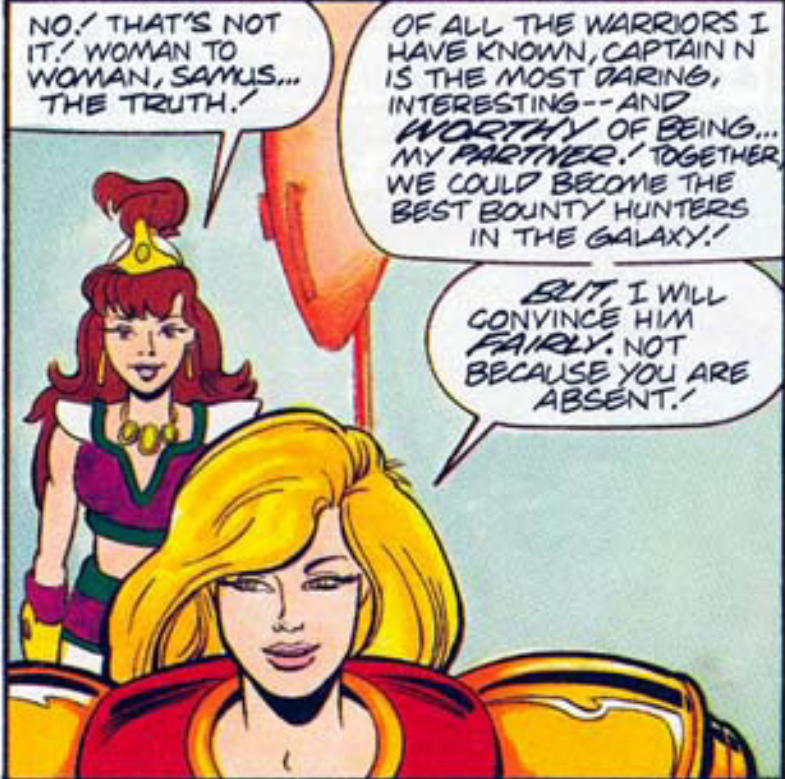
I TOLD YOU BEFORE, I GAVE MY WORD TO PROTECT YOU.



NO! THAT'S NOT IT! WOMAN TO WOMAN, SAMUS... THE TRUTH!

OF ALL THE WARRIORS I HAVE KNOWN, CAPTAIN N IS THE MOST DARING, INTERESTING-- AND WORTHY OF BEING... MY PARTNER! TOGETHER, WE COULD BECOME THE BEST BOUNTY HUNTERS IN THE GALAXY!

BUT, I WILL CONVINCE HIM FAIRLY. NOT BECAUSE YOU ARE ABSENT!



WHAT DO YOU SAY TO THAT?

I SAY...MAY THE BEST WOMAN WIN.



Captain N

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KEVIN KEENE WAS THE HOTTEST POWER PLAYER ON EARTH. NOW HE'S A HERO IN A WORLD WHERE VIDEO GAMES LIKE METROID, DONKEY KONG, PUNCH-OUT! AND KID ICARUS ARE REALITY! THE WORLD IS VIDEO LAND, WHERE KEVIN KEENE IS KNOWN AS...

A KING OF SHREDS AND PATCHES

Captain N

THE GAME MASTER

KEVIN KEENE---! I THOUGHT YOU WERE GETTING READY FOR MY BIRTHDAY PARTY, NOT PLAYING WITH YOUR ZAPPER IN THE PALACE GALLERY.

JUST A COUPLE MORE MINUTES, PRINCESS---! AFTER ALL, HOW AM I GOING TO BE THE PROTECTOR OF VIDEO LAND IF I DON'T GET IN SOME TARGET PRACTICE?

HOW ABOUT THAT SHOT, KID ICARUS?

WOW, NICE ZAPPING, CAPTAIN N!



YOU KNOW, I DON'T UNDERSTAND HOW TIME WORKS HERE IN VIDEO LAND. WHY DO YOU EVEN HAVE BIRTHDAYS?

BECAUSE IT'S FUN, THAT'S WHY. AND YOU PROMISED ME THAT YOU'D BE THERE TO DANCE THE FIRST DANCE WITH ME.

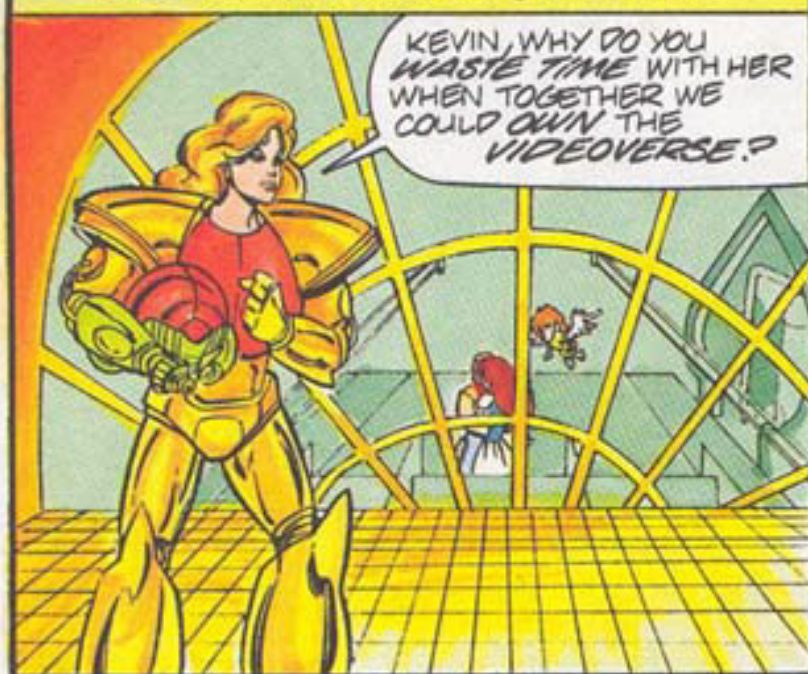
ALL RIGHT, PRINCESS, I'M SORRY. I KNOW HOW IMPORTANT THIS PARTY IS TO YOU. I PROMISE YOU THAT NOTHING WILL KEEP ME FROM BEING THERE.

OH, KEVIN! I'M SO HAPPY--!



OUTSIDE ON THE BALCONY, SAMUS ARAN, BOUNTY HUNTER AND HERO OF THE METROID PLANETS, ISN'T QUITE SO HAPPY...

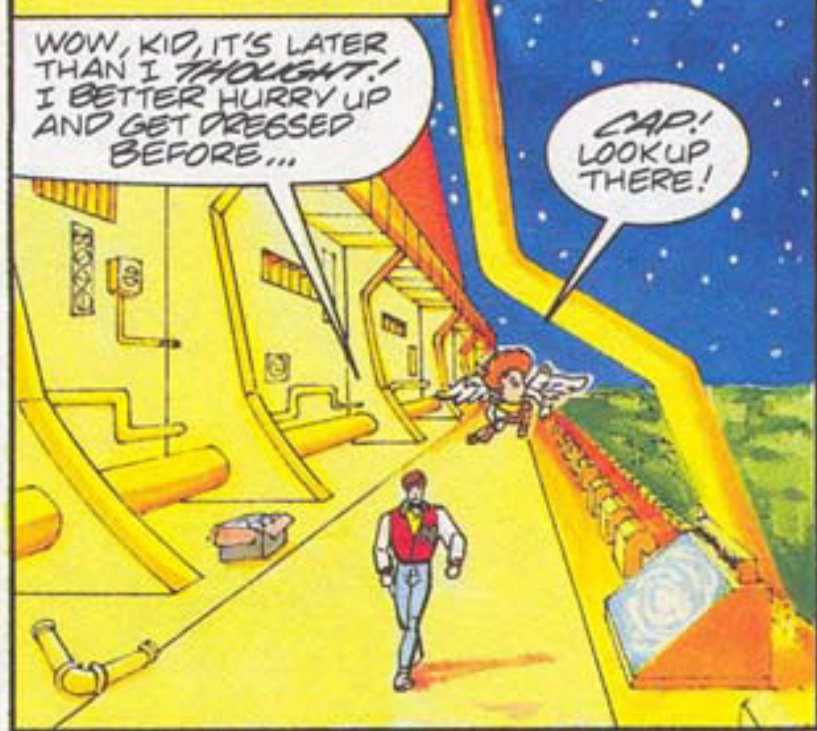
KEVIN, WHY DO YOU WASTE TIME WITH HER WHEN TOGETHER WE COULD OWN THE VIDEOVERSE?



MOMENTS LATER...

WOW, KID, IT'S LATER THAN I THOUGHT! I BETTER HURRY UP AND GET DRESSED BEFORE...

CAP! LOOK UP THERE!



IT'S A MEMU AND A GEEGA, TWO OF MOTHER BRAIN'S HENCH-THINGS! A SNEAK ATTACK!

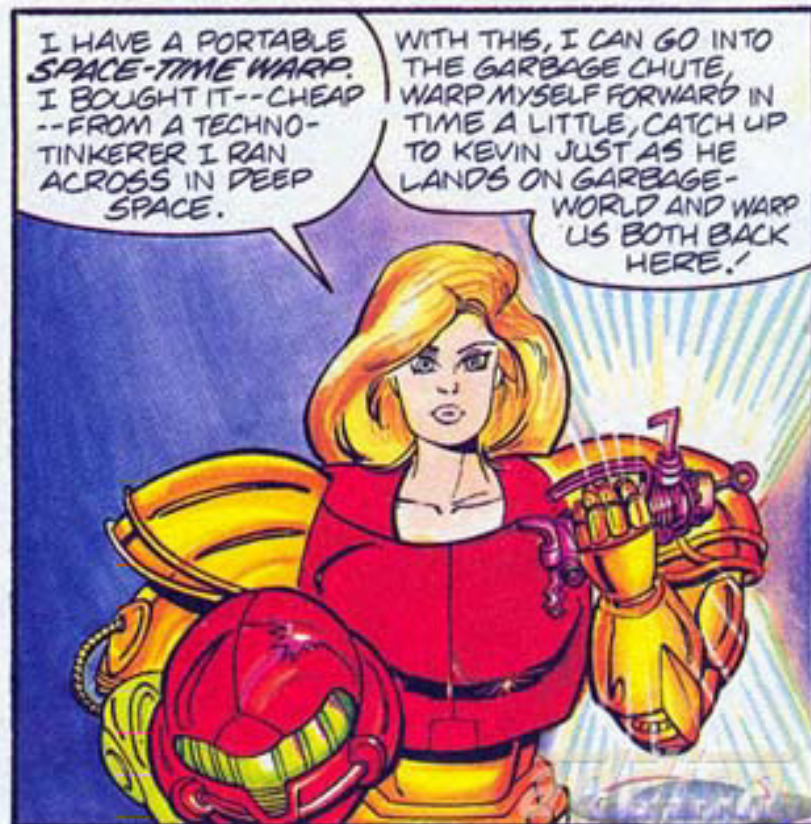
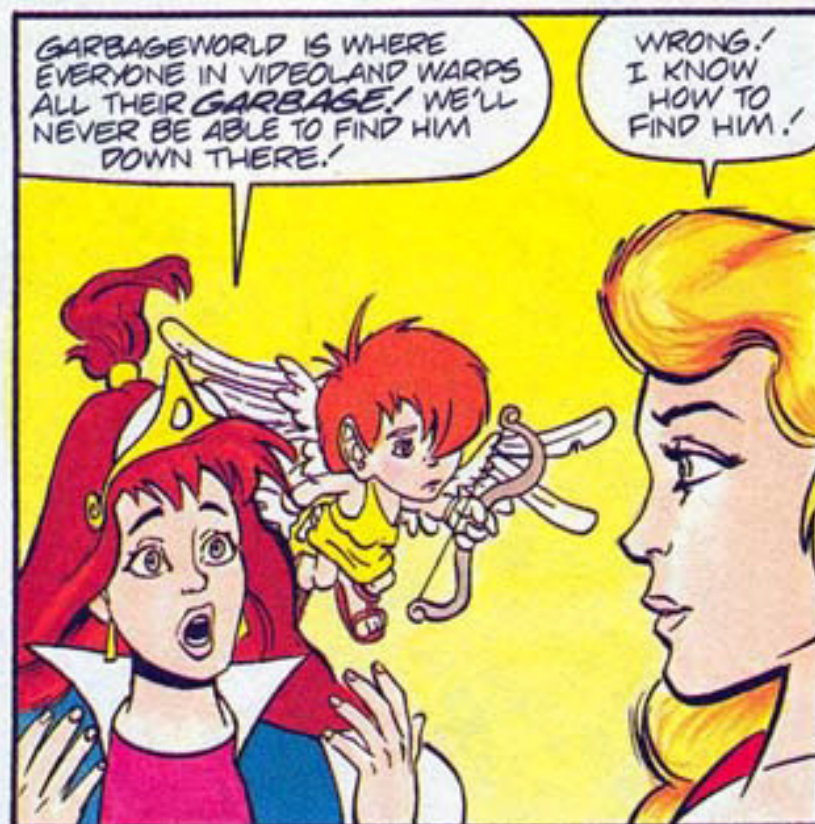
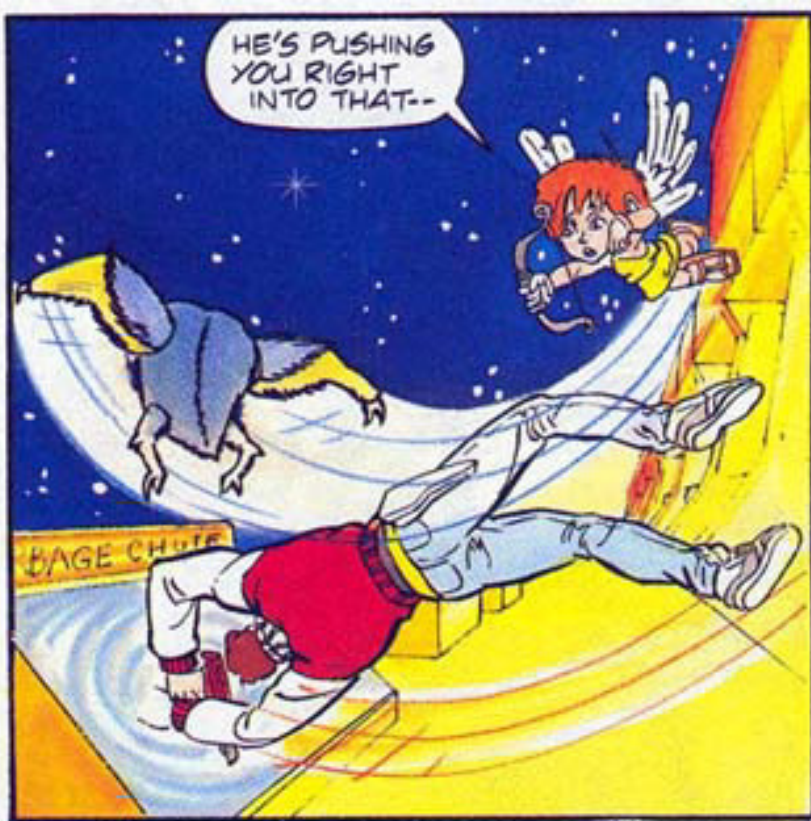


IT DOESN'T LOOK LIKE THEY'RE HERE TO SING HAPPY BIRTHDAY -A-OUS!

PREPARE TO REPEL PARTY-CRASHERS!

RIGHT! WATCH MY BACK, KID, WHILE I ZAP 'EM!

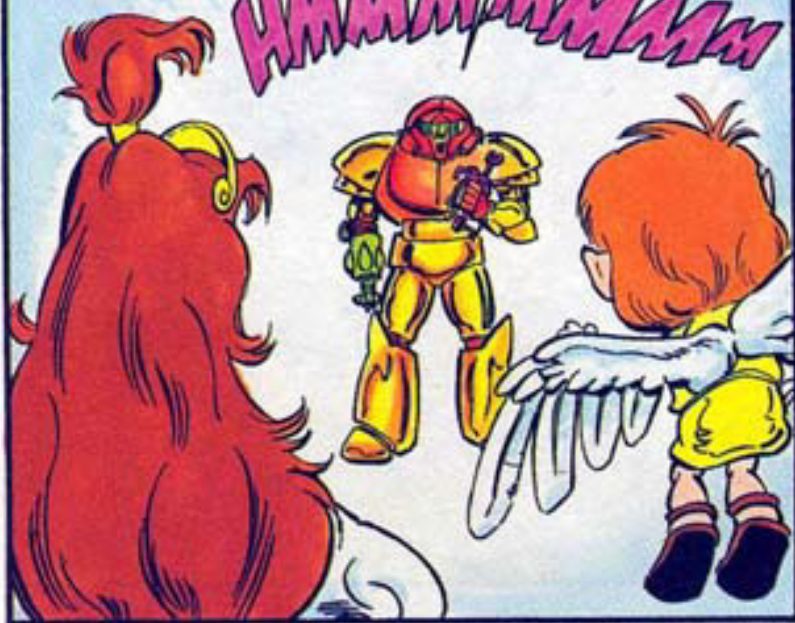




WE'LL GO WITH YOU!

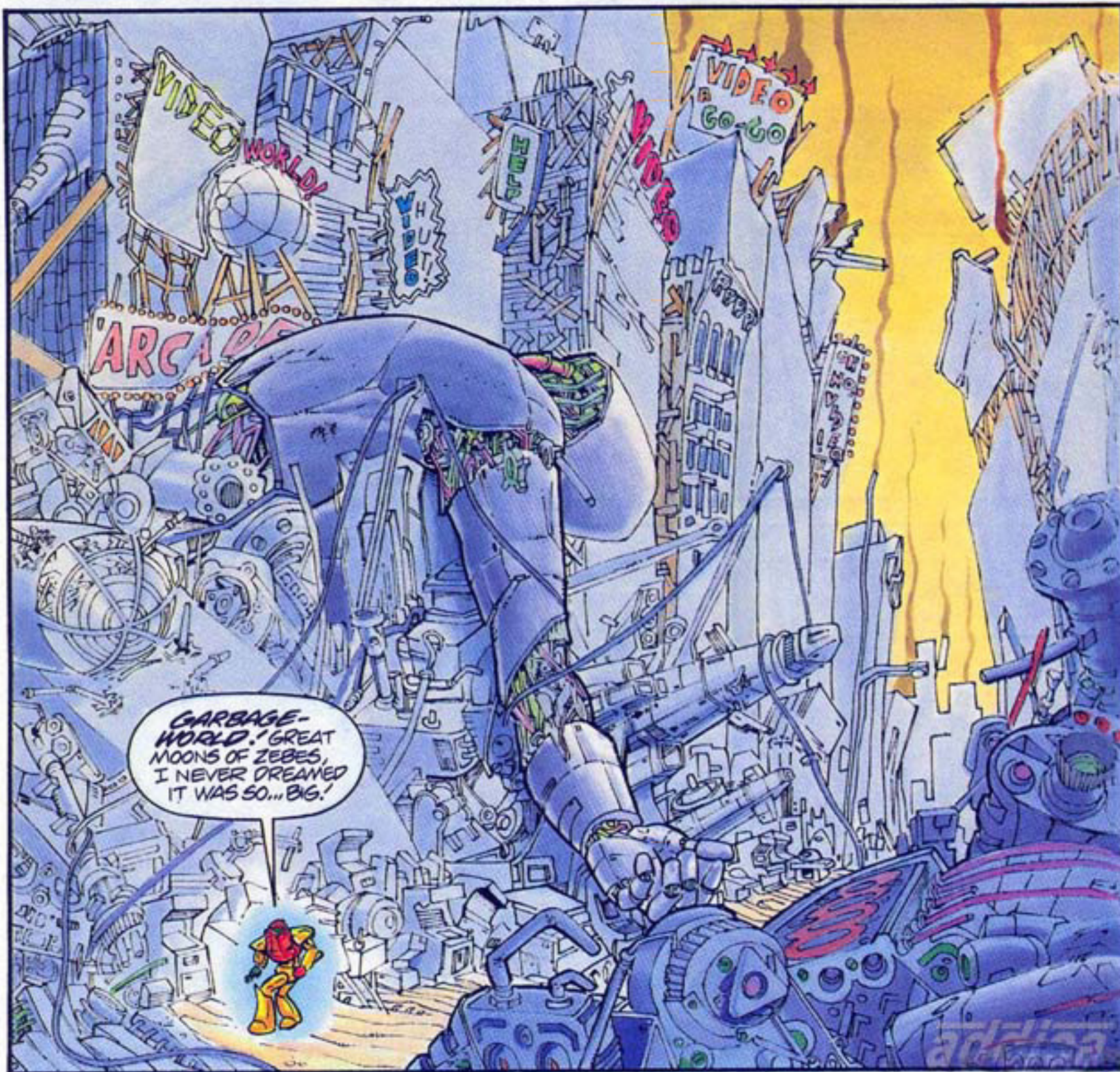
NO NEED. IT'S A SIMPLE OPERATION. YOU GET READY FOR YOUR LITTLE PARTY. I'LL BE BACK IN NO TIME AT ALL.

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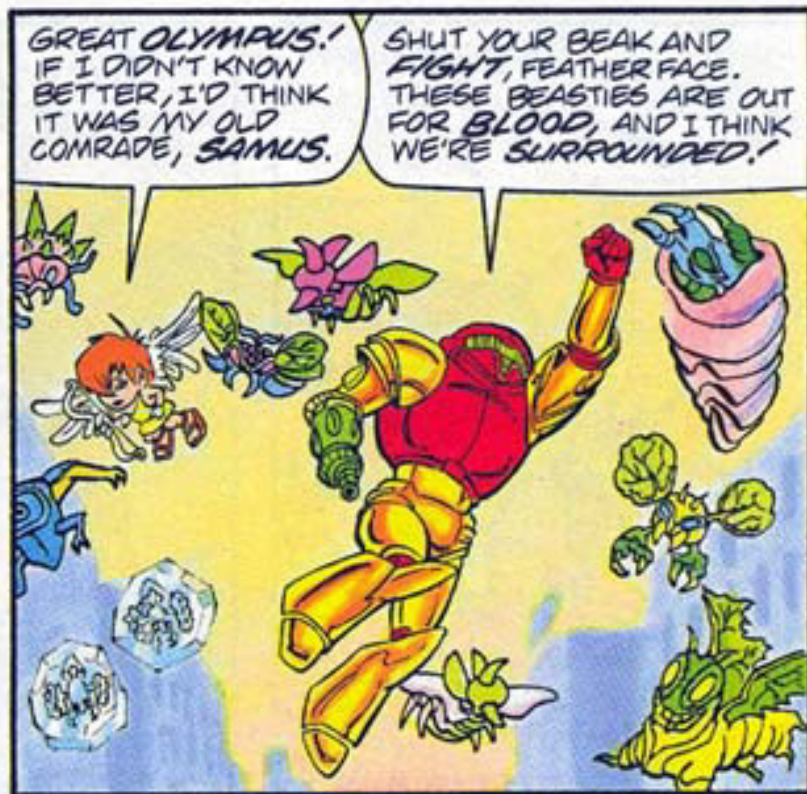
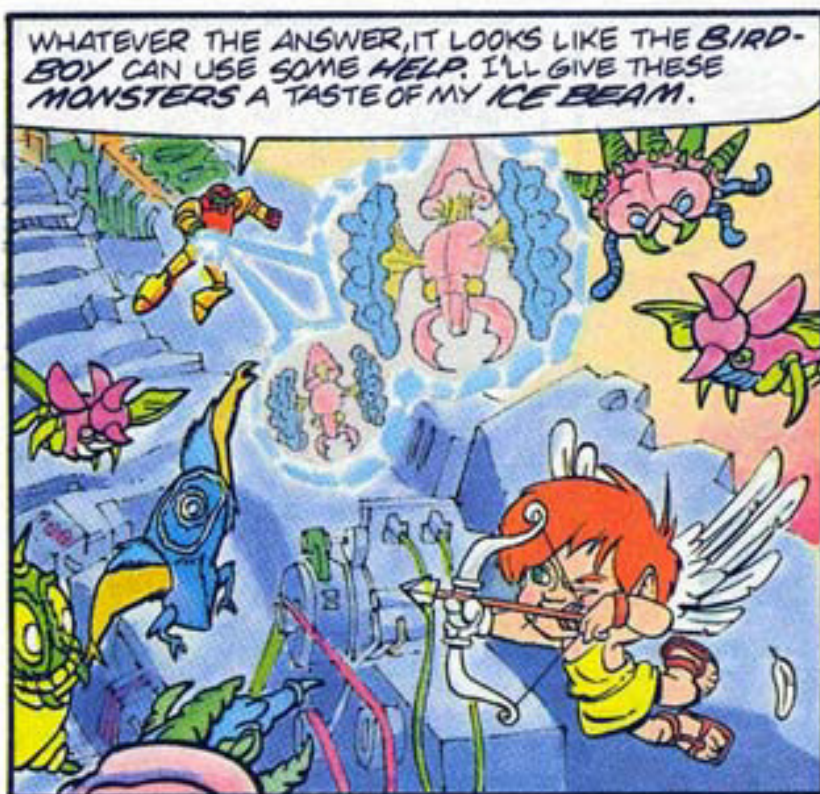
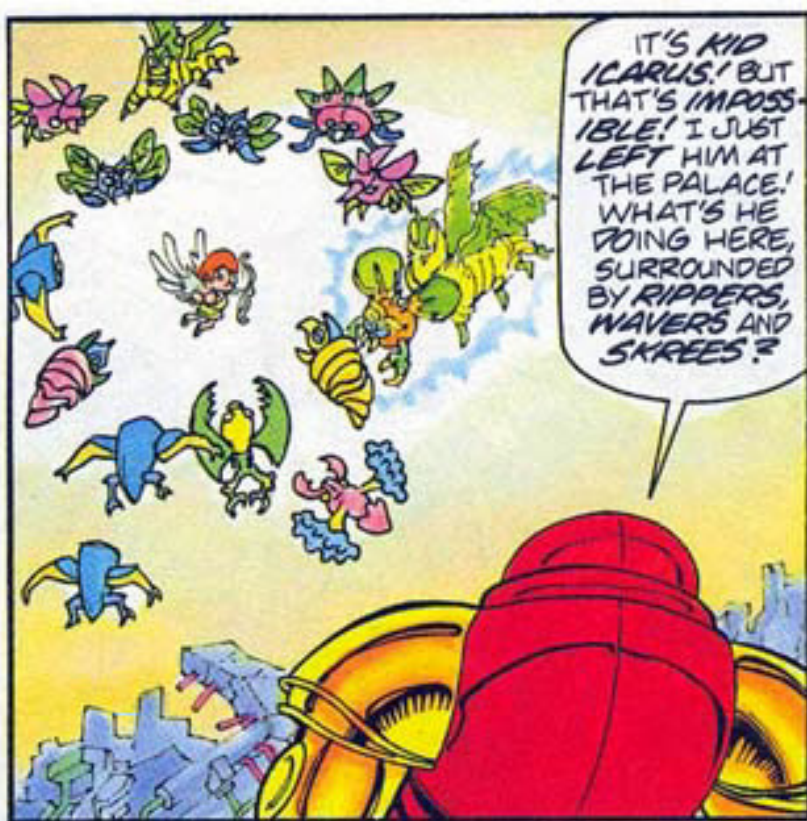


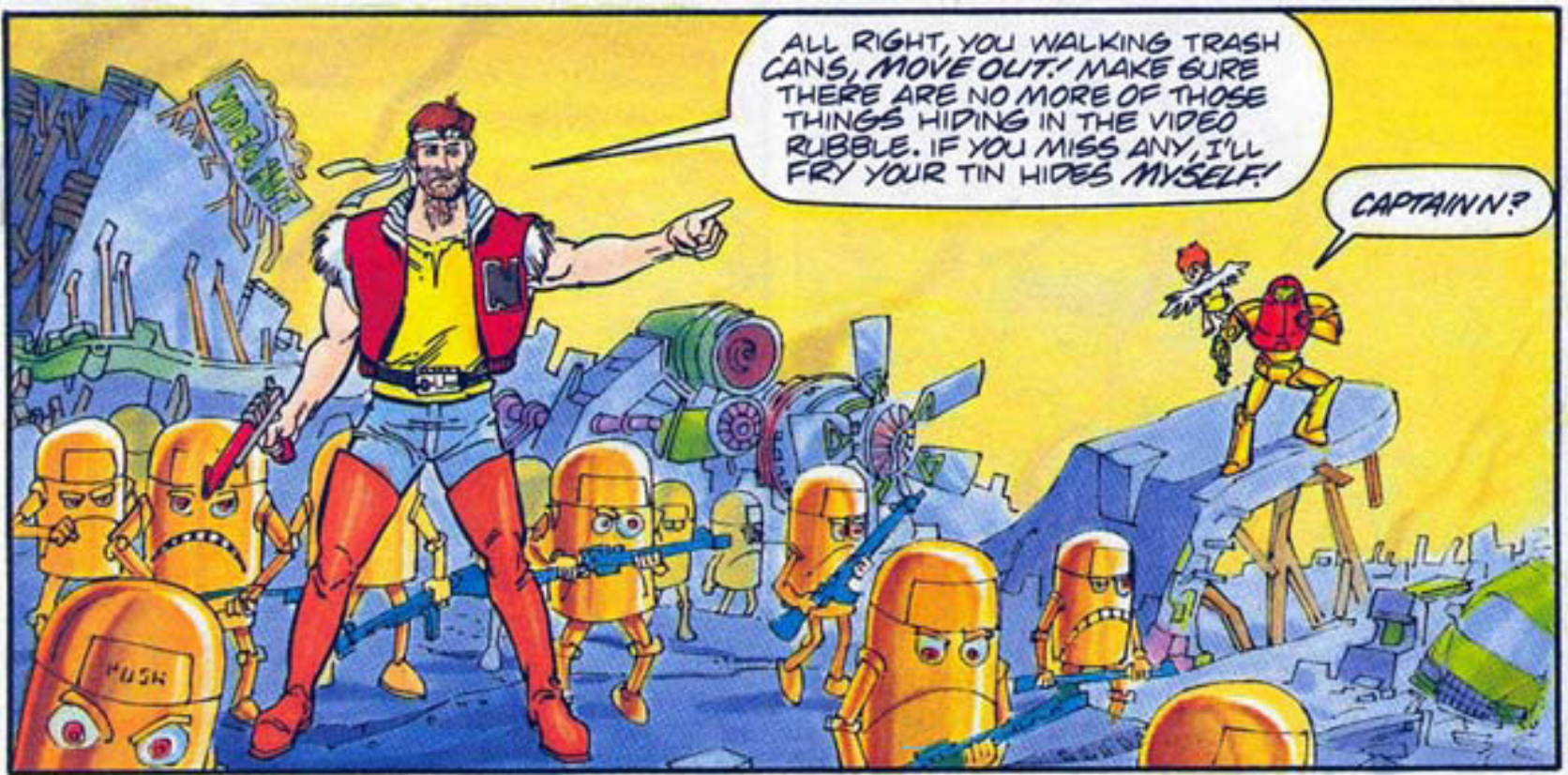
THIS "DARING RESCUE" OUGHT TO SCORE ME SOME POINTS WITH KEVIN. IT MIGHT EVEN MAKE HIM REALIZE WHAT A PERFECT TEAM WE'D MAKE!

I'VE SET THE TIME WARP FOR FIFTEEN MINUTES INTO THE FUTURE. NEXT STOP..



GARBAGE-WORLD! GREAT MOONS OF ZEBES, I NEVER DREAMED IT WAS SO... BIG!





ALL RIGHT, YOU WALKING TRASH CANS, MOVE OUT! MAKE SURE THERE ARE NO MORE OF THOSE THINGS HIDING IN THE VIDEO RUBBLE. IF YOU MISS ANY, I'LL FRY YOUR TIN HIDES MYSELF!

CAPTAIN N?



KEVIN, IT'S ME, SAMUS.

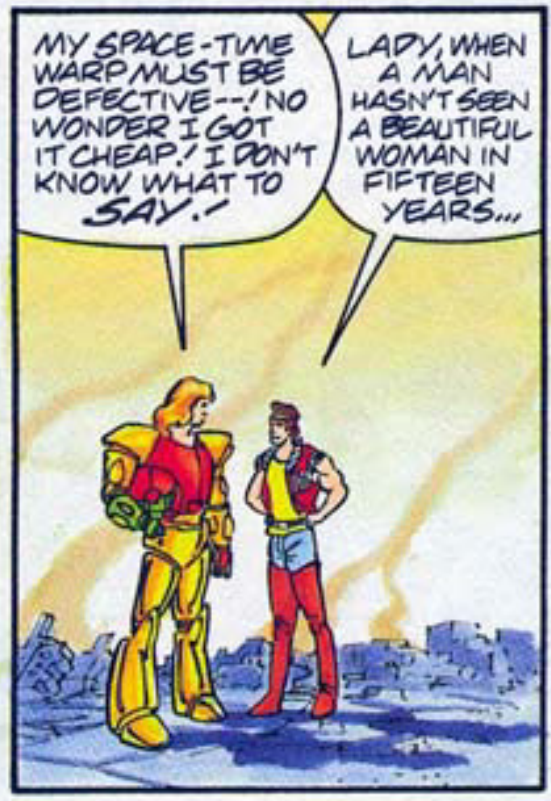
SAMUS ARAN? I HAVEN'T SEEN YOU FOR... FIFTEEN YEARS!



FIFTEEN... YEARS?!

THAT'S RIGHT, SWEETHEART!

IF YOU'VE COME TO RESCUE ME, YOU'RE JUST A LITTLE TOO LATE.



MY SPACE-TIME WARP MUST BE DEFECTIVE--! NO WONDER I GOT IT CHEAP! I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO SAY!

LADY, WHEN A MAN HASN'T SEEN A BEAUTIFUL WOMAN IN FIFTEEN YEARS...



... SHE DOESN'T HAVE TO SAY ANYTHING!

HE'S CHANGED!

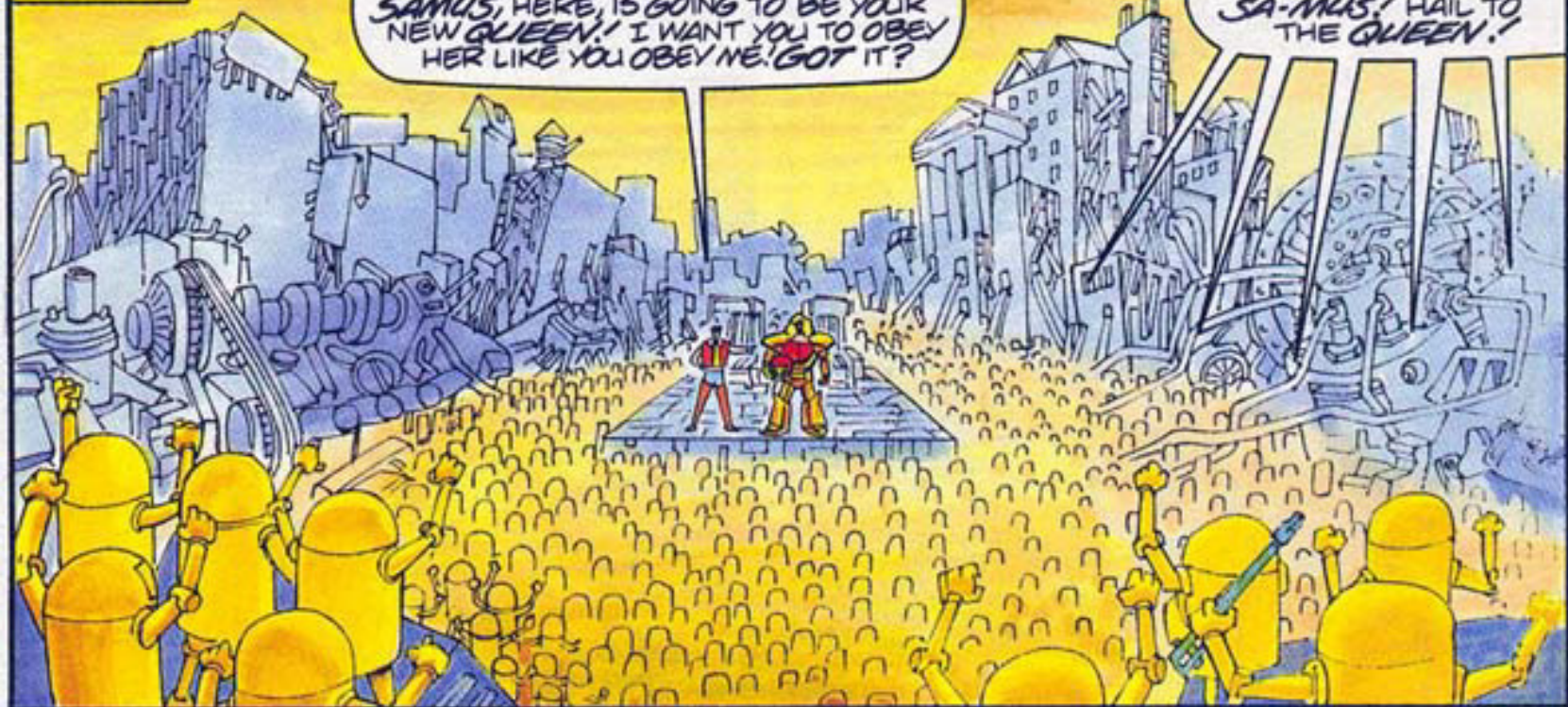


BOY, HAS HE CHANGED!

SOON...

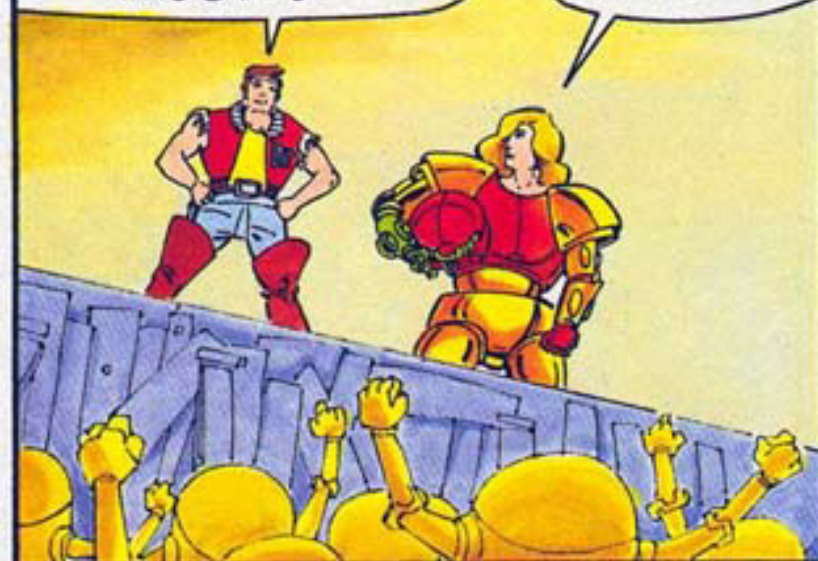
NOW HEAR THIS, YOU TIN-HEADS. SAMUS, HERE, IS GOING TO BE YOUR NEW QUEEN! I WANT YOU TO OBEY HER LIKE YOU OBEY ME! GOT IT?

SA-MUS, SA-MUS, SA-MUS! HAIL TO THE QUEEN!



YOU'LL GET USED TO THE GARBATRONS. THEY'RE NOT TOO BRIGHT, BUT THEY MAKE PRETTY LOYAL SUBJECTS. NOT BAD FIGHTERS, EITHER, ONCE YOU WHIP THEM INTO SHAPE.

KEVIN, I DON'T UNDERSTAND. BACK... BEFORE, YOU NEVER WANTED TO BE... PARTNERS.



THINGS CHANGE, PEOPLE CHANGE. FORGET THE PAST, CONCENTRATE ON NOW. LIVING IN A WORLD OF GARBAGE TEACHES YOU THAT.

AND IF YOU COULD GO BACK AND CHANGE THE WAY THINGS HAPPENED?



FORGET IT. THERE'S NO USE THINKING ABOUT IT. AFTER ALL, I'VE CARVED OUT A KINGDOM DOWN HERE. THIS IS THE LAST FREE WORLD OF VIDEO LAND, AND THIS IS WHERE I BELONG NOW.

I'LL SEE YOU TONIGHT AT THE "PALACE."



HE'S THE MAN I ALWAYS WANTED HIM TO BE-- A KING, A LEADER. AND YET, HE SEEMS SO SAD.

BUT I CAN FIX THAT! TOGETHER, WE CAN CARVE OUT A REAL EMPIRE-- THAT OUGHT TO CHEER HIM UP!

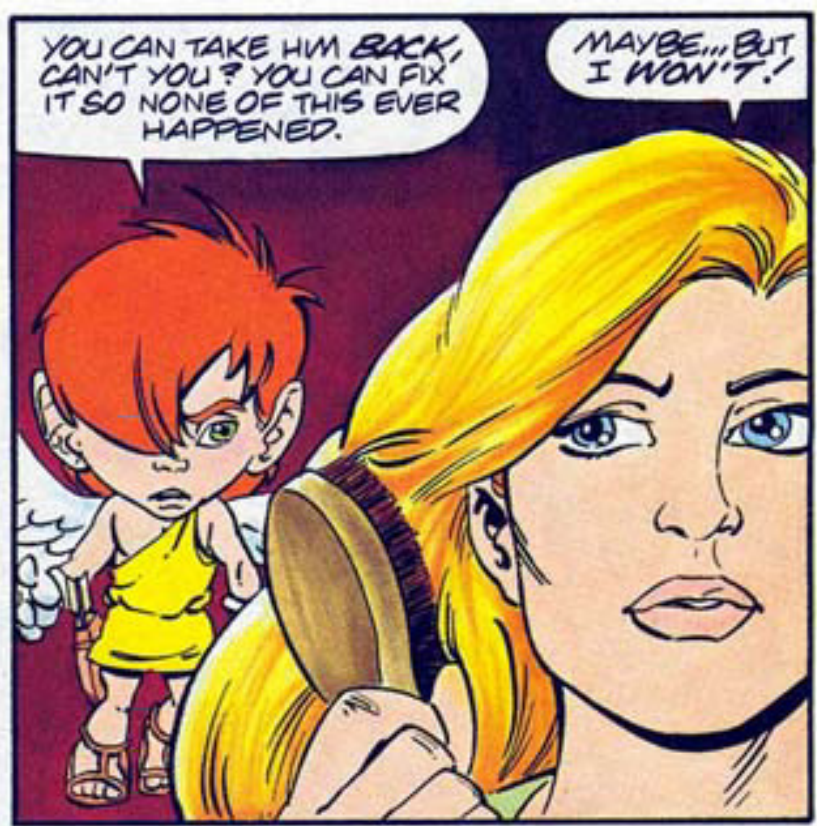




LATER...

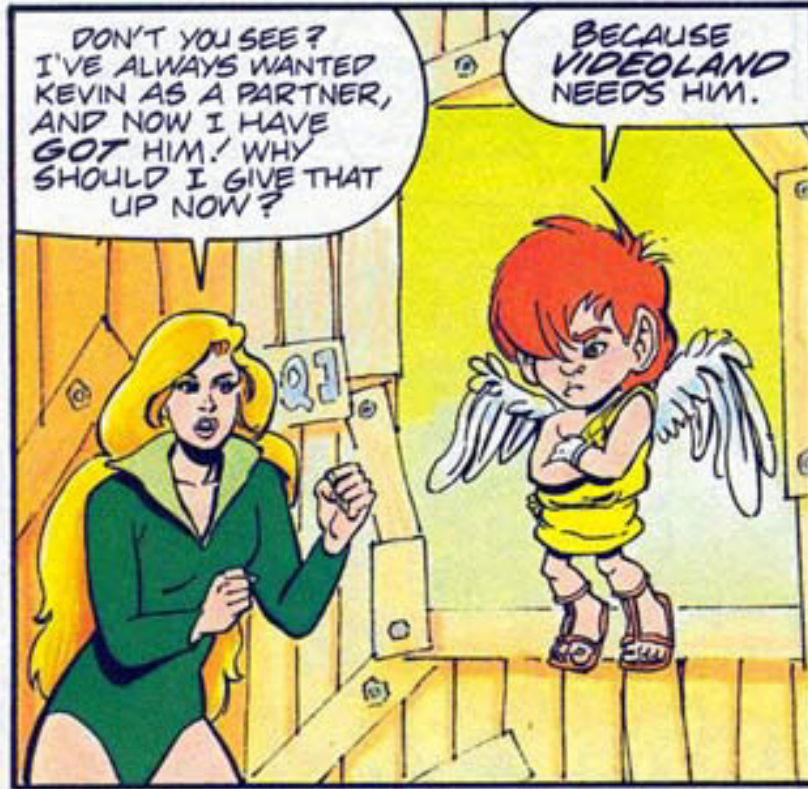
TOMORROW, I'LL START THEM BUILDING A SPACESHIP! THE VIDEOVERSE WILL YET BELONG TO KING KEVIN...AND QUEEN SAMUS ARAN!

SAMUS! I HAVE TO TALK TO YOU.



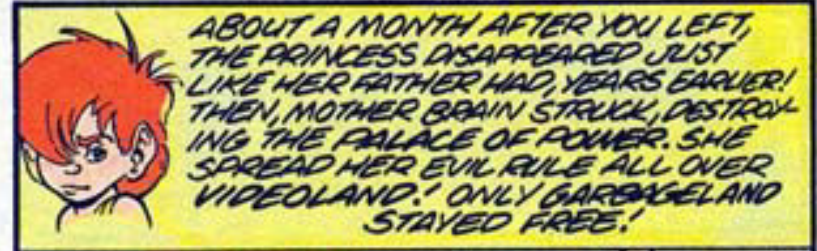
YOU CAN TAKE HIM BACK, CAN'T YOU? YOU CAN FIX IT SO NONE OF THIS EVER HAPPENED.

MAYBE... BUT I WON'T!



DON'T YOU SEE? I'VE ALWAYS WANTED KEVIN AS A PARTNER, AND NOW I HAVE GOT HIM! WHY SHOULD I GIVE THAT UP NOW?

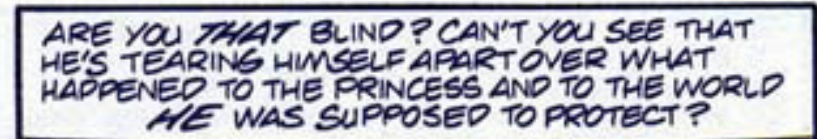
BECAUSE VIDEO LAND NEEDS HIM.



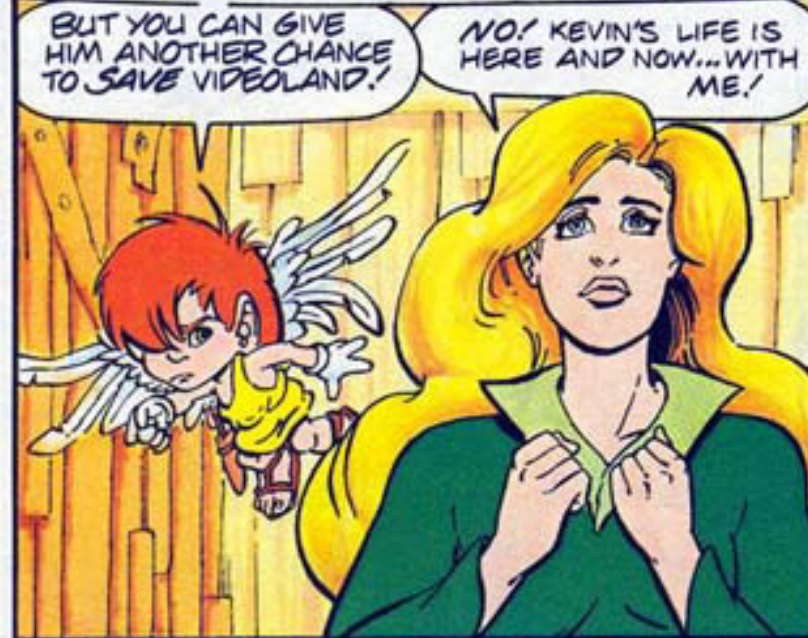
ABOUT A MONTH AFTER YOU LEFT, THE PRINCESS DISAPPEARED JUST LIKE HER FATHER HAD, YEARS EARLIER! THEN, MOTHER BRAIN STRUCK, DESTROYING THE PALACE OF POWER. SHE SPREAD HER EVIL RULE ALL OVER VIDEO LAND! ONLY GARBAGELAND STAYED FREE!



IT TOOK ME YEARS TO FIND HIM, AND THEN IT WAS TOO LATE! KEVIN BLAMES HIMSELF FOR EVERYTHING THAT HAPPENED! I THINK THAT'S WHY HE STAYS HERE. IT'S SORT OF A SELF-IMPOSED EXILE, TO PUNISH HIMSELF!



ARE YOU THAT BLIND? CAN'T YOU SEE THAT HE'S TEARING HIMSELF APART OVER WHAT HAPPENED TO THE PRINCESS AND TO THE WORLD HE WAS SUPPOSED TO PROTECT?



BUT YOU CAN GIVE HIM ANOTHER CHANCE TO SAVE VIDEO LAND!

NO! KEVIN'S LIFE IS HERE AND NOW... WITH ME!

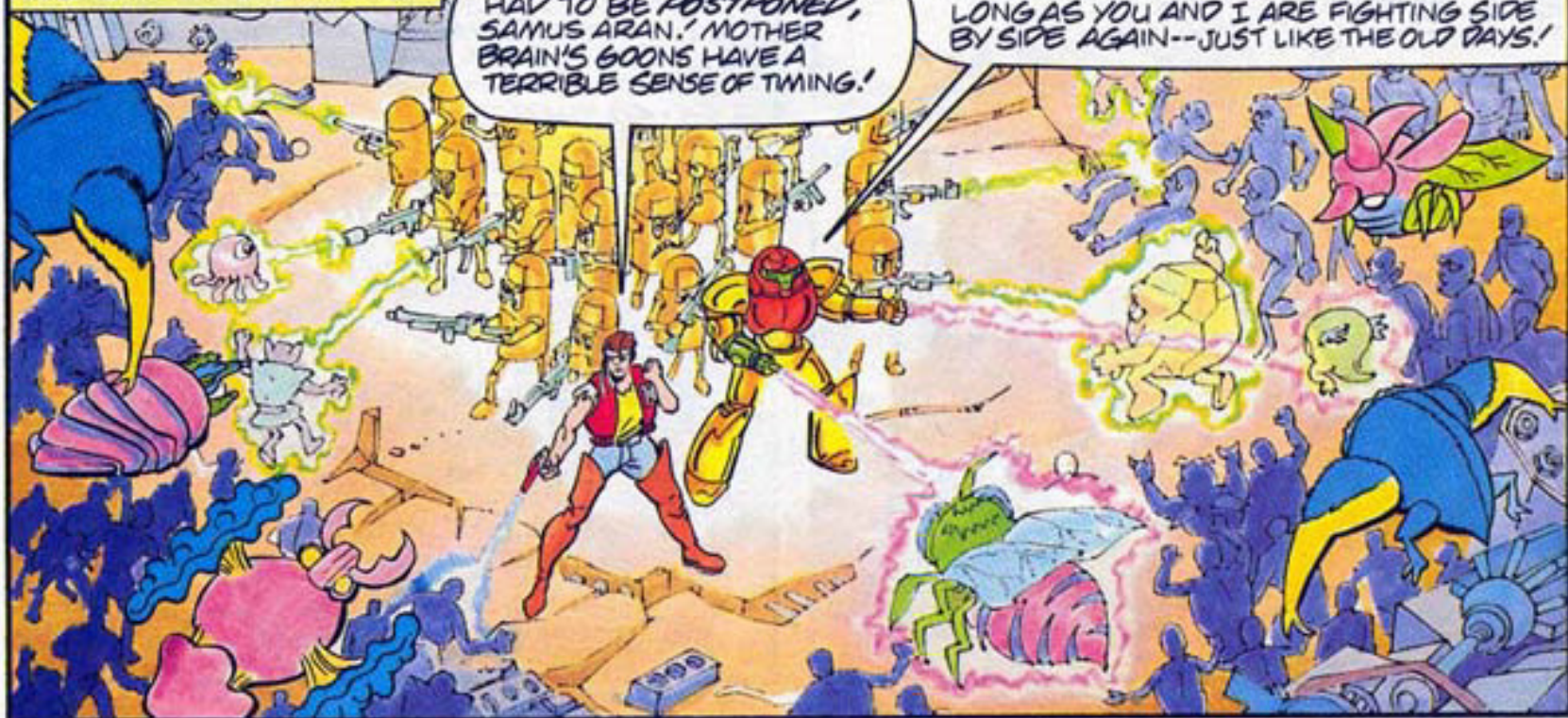


THE LEAST YOU CAN DO IS TELL HIM! LET HIM DECIDE! OR DO YOU ONLY CARE ABOUT YOURSELF?

A SHORT TIME LATER...

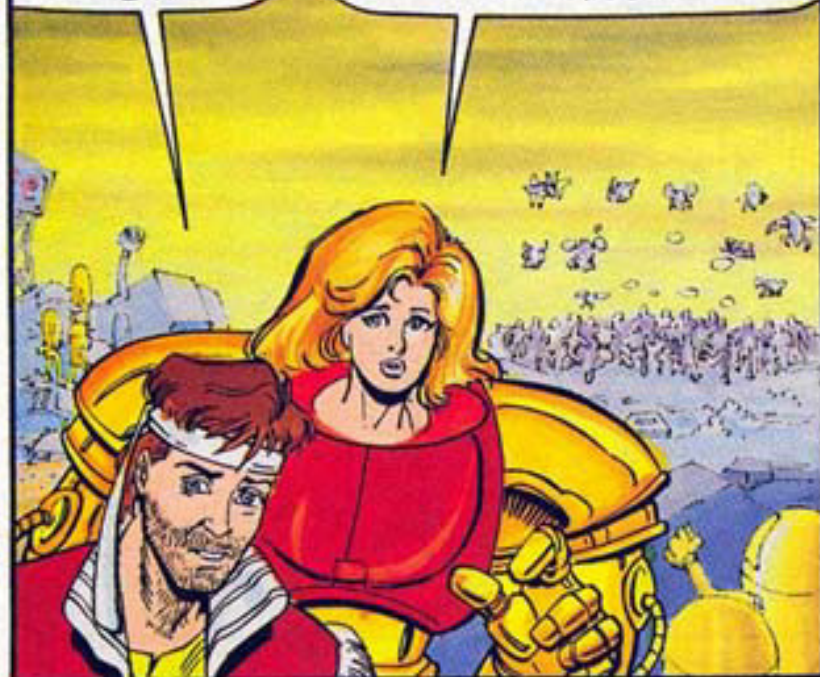
SORRY THE CORONATION HAD TO BE POSTPONED, SAMUS ARAN. MOTHER BRAIN'S GOONS HAVE A TERRIBLE SENSE OF TIMING!

WHO CARES ABOUT THE CORONATION-- AS LONG AS YOU AND I ARE FIGHTING SIDE BY SIDE AGAIN-- JUST LIKE THE OLD DAYS!



YEAH... JUST LIKE THE OLD DAYS...

YOU CAN'T STOP THINKING ABOUT THE PRINCESS, CAN YOU?



LOOK, I HAVE A WAY FOR US TO GO BACK-- BACK BEFORE YOU EVER CAME TO GARBAGE-WORLD! YOU CAN HAVE ANOTHER CHANCE!

HUH! WHAT IF I BLOW IT AGAIN? I COULDN'T STAND IT A SECOND TIME!



I FAILED! I LET EVERYBODY DOWN! I DESERVE TO BE IN GARBAGEWORLD!

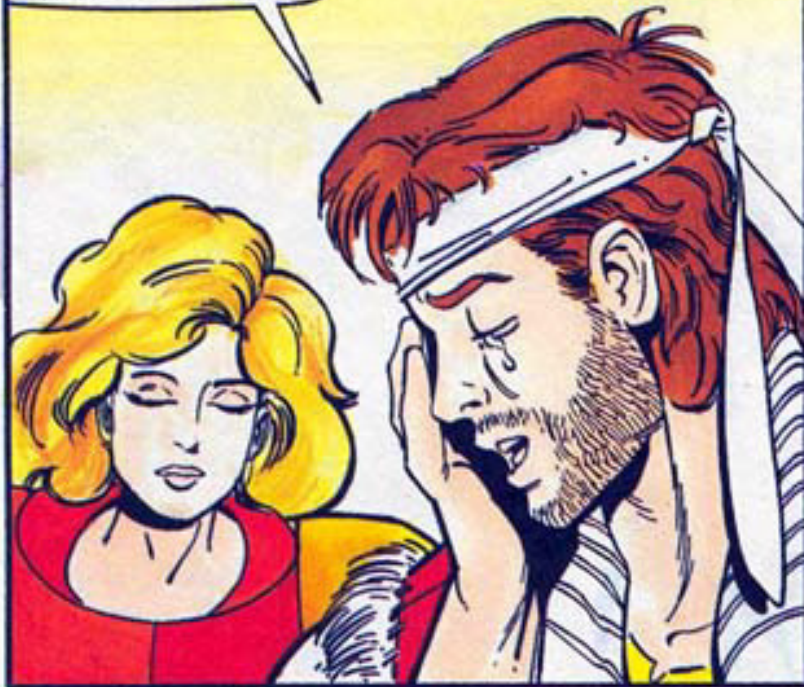


KEVIN, REMEMBER THE NIGHT YOU LEFT... REMEMBER THE PROMISE YOU MADE TO THE PRINCESS...

I TOLD HER... I TOLD HER I'D HAVE THE FIRST DANCE WITH HER! I SAID NOTHING COULD KEEP ME AWAY...



TAKE ME BACK,
SAMUS. PLEASE
TAKE ME BACK.



I'VE RECALIBRATED THE WARP DEVICE. IT
OUGHT TO WORK PERFECTLY, NOW! BUT, KEVIN...
WHEN WE GO BACK, YOU WON'T REMEMBER
THIS... THE LIFE WE HAD HERE WILL NEVER
HAVE HAPPENED...



S-SO THERE'S
SOMETHING I
NEED YOU TO DO...

HOLD ME, KEVIN.
HOLD ME TILL
FOREVER COMES
AGAIN.



AND, IN ANOTHER LIFE...

WOW, SAMUS, THAT WAS
CLOSE! IF YOU HADN'T
CAUGHT ME, I WOULD HAVE
FALLEN RIGHT DOWN
THAT CHUTE.

KEVIN, YOU
BETTER HURRY
UP. YOU'LL BE
LATE FOR THE
DANCE-
A-CUS!



HEY, THAT'S
RIGHT! I
ALMOST FORGOT!

YOU COMING INSIDE,
SAMUS? WE COULD
DANCE A BIT,
LATER ON.

I DON'T THINK SO.

OKAY, MAYBE
SOME OTHER
TIME, HUH?



YES... SOME
OTHER TIME!



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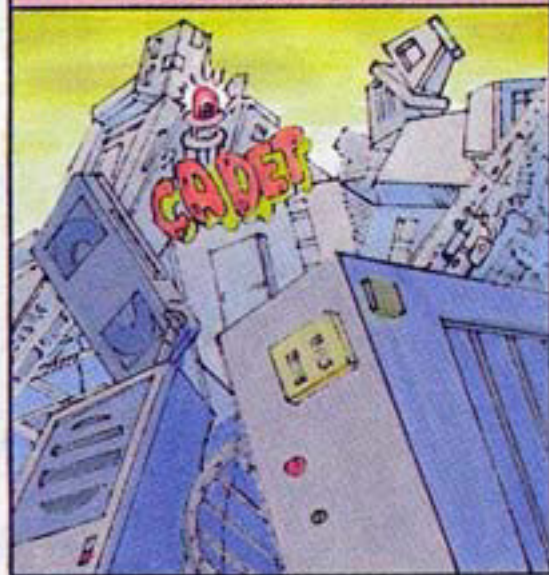
VIDEOLAND GUIDEBOOK: GARBAGEWORLD

LONG AGO, GARBAGEWORLD WAS HOME TO AN ADVANCED CIVILIZATION, WHICH PRODUCED A HUGE AMOUNT OF TRASH. LATER, ABANDONED, THE PLANET BECAME A DUMPING GROUND FOR THE ENTIRE GALAXY.

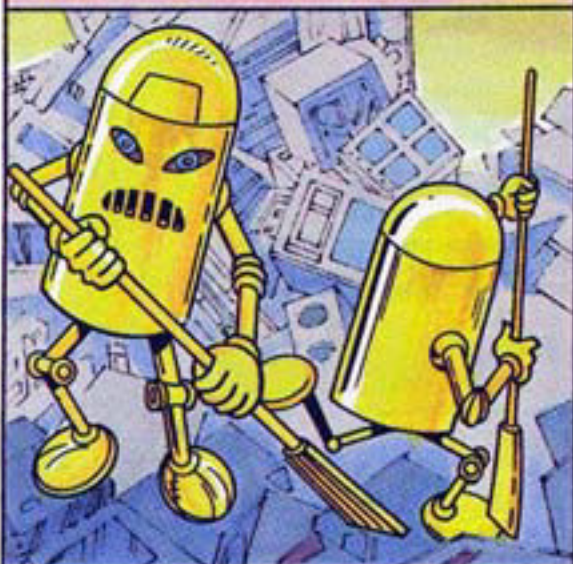
WARP ZONE CHUTE. WARP ZONES WERE PLACED ABOVE THE SURFACE OF THE PLANET, AS AN EXPRESS DISPOSAL SYSTEM FOR ALL TRASH COLLECTED THROUGHOUT VIDEOLAND.



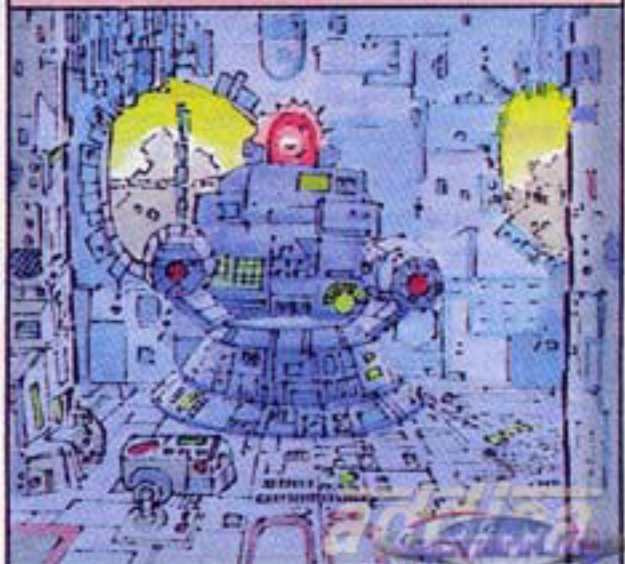
MICROCHIP MOUNTAINS, GIANTIC PILES OF WASTE WERE LEFT BY THE PREVIOUS CIVILIZATION. OVER CENTURIES, IT HAS BROKEN DOWN INTO CHIPS AND ELECTRONIC BITS.



GARBATRONS, THE PERMANENT INHABITANTS OF GARBAGEWORLD. THESE NEAR-MINDLESS CREATURES SPEND ETERNITY PUSHING VIDEO-TRASH FROM ONE PILE TO ANOTHER, ALL ACROSS THE PLANET.



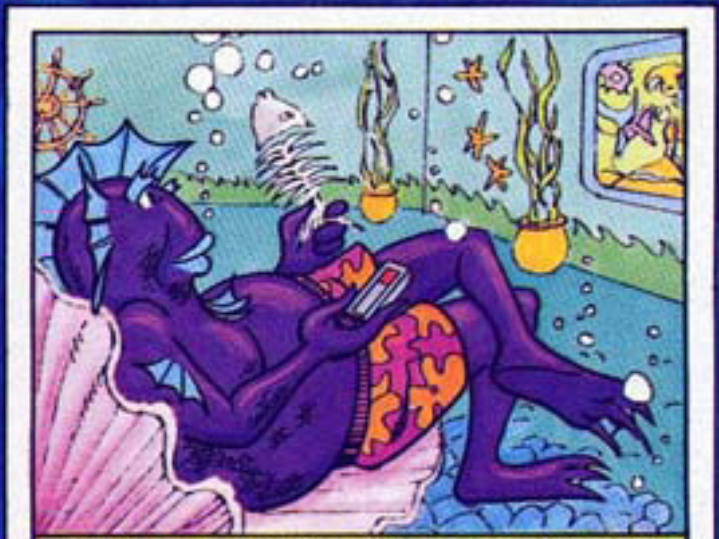
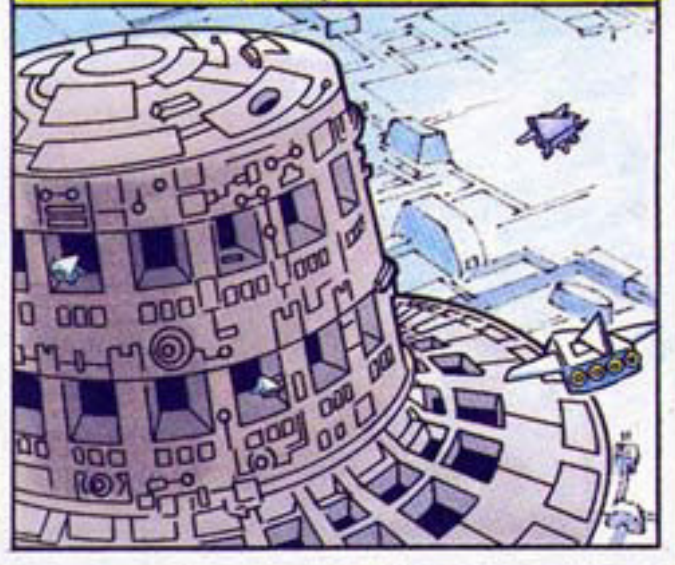
PALACE OF JUNK, BUILT BY THE GARBATRONS FOR THEIR RULER, KEVIN KEENE, DURING HIS FIFTEEN YEARS IN EXILE. THE PALACE HAS 300 ROOMS -- ALL CONSTRUCTED FROM TRASH.



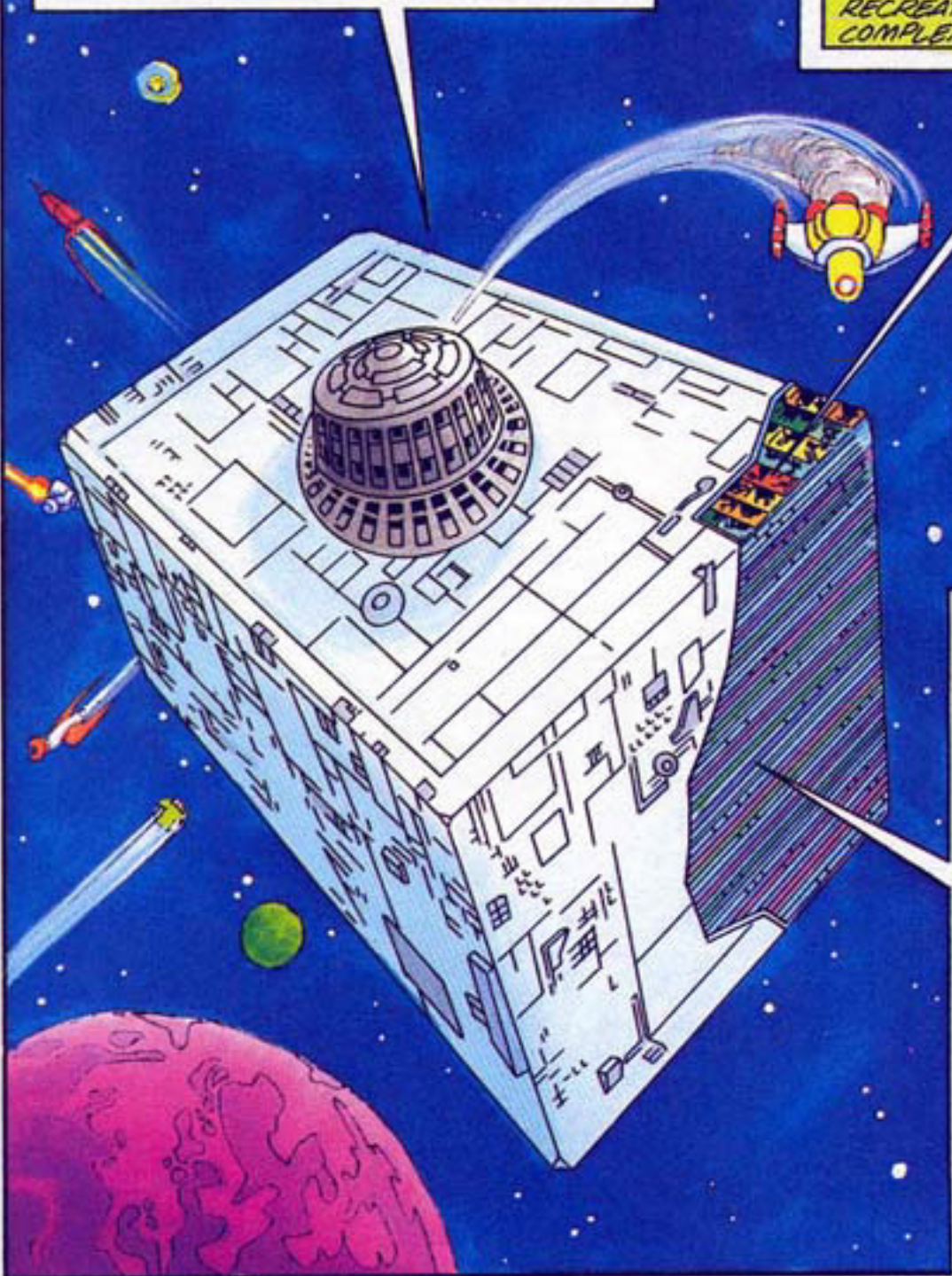
VIDEOLAND GUIDEBOOK: THE LOCKER

THE LOCKER IS A STORAGE CENTER, DINER, AND HOME-AWAY-FROM-HOME FOR ALL GALACTIC BOUNTY HUNTERS. IT HAS 350 LEVELS, AND WALLS ONE HUNDRED METERS THICK.

THE SPACEPORT RECEIVES THOUSANDS OF SHIPS EACH MONTH. SPACE HUNTERS WHO RECOVER PIRATED CARGO ARE ALLOWED TO KEEP HALF OF WHAT THEY SALVAGE.



THERE ARE THOUSANDS OF HOTEL ROOMS, EACH SPECIALLY ADAPTED TO CONDITIONS ON ANY SPACE HUNTER'S HOMETOWN. THE LOCKER ALSO CONTAINS RESTAURANTS, RECREATIONAL FACILITIES, A MEDICAL COMPLEX, AND A TRADING BAZAAR.



EACH SPACE HUNTER HAS HIS/HER/ITS OWN LOCKER, TO STORE SOUVENIRS, ARMAMENTS, AND PERSONAL BELONGINGS. EACH LOCKER CONNECTS BY A WARP ZONE TO ITS OWN DIMENSION--CREATING A HUGE STORAGE AREA THAT TAKES UP NO SPACE IN THIS WORLD.



FROM THE WORLD OF

METROID

SAMLIS ARAN'S STARSHIP

HUNTER IV

FEDERATION STARSHIP REGISTRATION # 55K460 0007
CLASSIFICATION: MODIFIED SCOUT SHIP / GUNSHIP

HISTORY:

VESSEL IS FOURTH AND MOST ADVANCED MODEL IN SERIES (HUNTER I, II, AND III DESTROYED UNDER UNKNOWN CIRCUMSTANCES). ALL FOUR SHIPS BASED ON HYDRODYNE SPACE SYSTEMS, EXPLORER CLASS SCOUT SHIP (MANUFACTURED AT HYDRODYNE SHIPYARDS, ALTAIR V). ALREADY CONSIDERED MOST ADVANCED STARSHIP IN ITS CLASS, HUNTER II HAS BEEN HIGHLY MODIFIED BY OWNER SAMLIS ARAN, AND OTHER, UNKNOWN TECHNICIANS.

DESIGN:
HUNTER II IS MADE UP OF 3 INTERLOCKING SECTIONS.

CHAFF ANTI-DETECTION DISPENSERS (PORT AND STARBOARD).

TAILGUNNER TURRET:
30MM GATLING LASER CANNON.

ESCAPE PODS

CENTURI SYSTEMS HEAVY DUTY DEFLECTOR SHIELDS.

FRONT OF DRIVE SECTION DETACHES TO BECOME ARMORED PERSONNEL CARRIER.

MAIN GUN:
100MM STARFIRE LASER CANNON (90 DEGREE FORWARD MOUNT).

DRIVE SECTION:



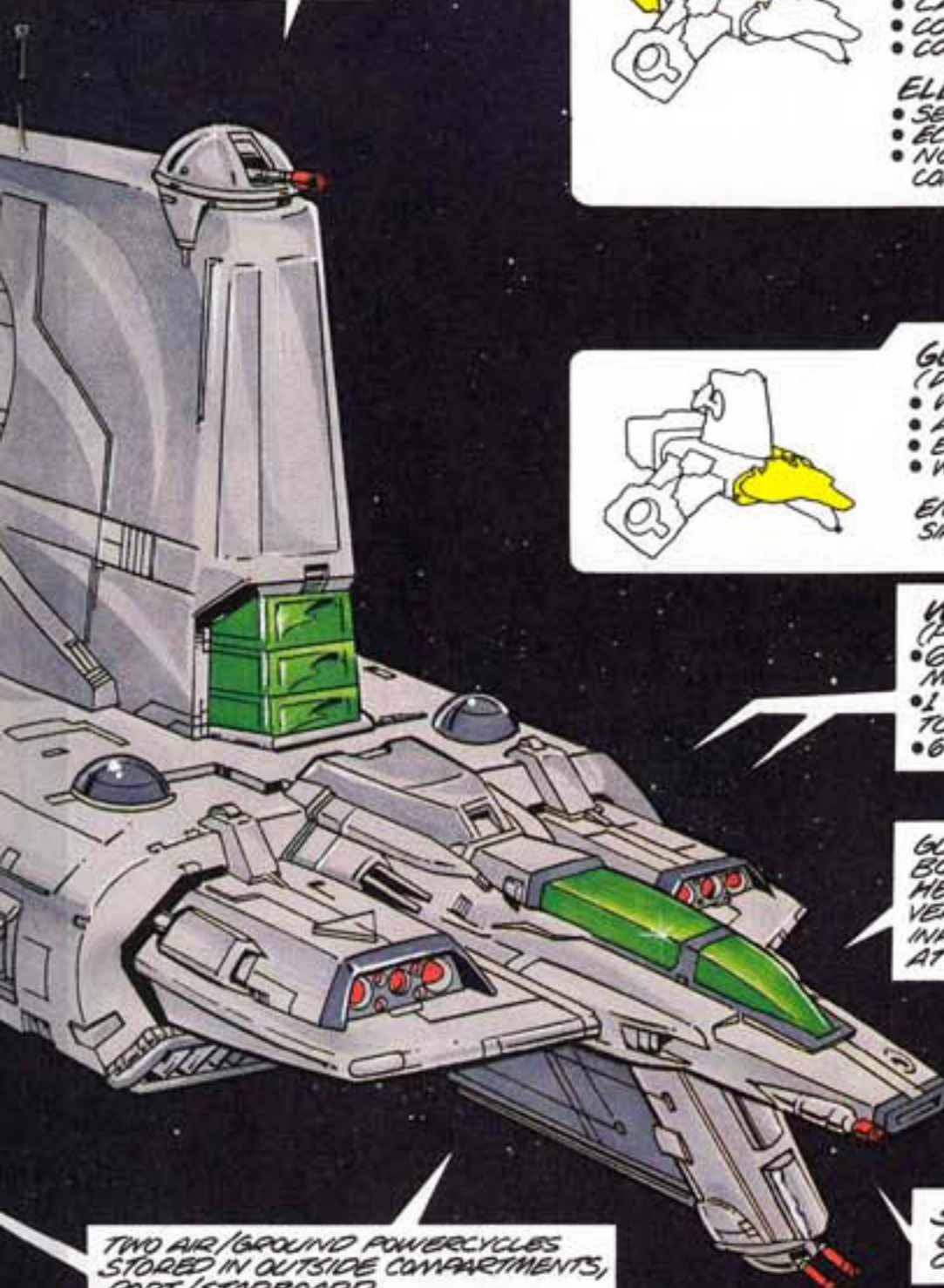
(STARBOARD SECTION DETACHES TO FORM ARMORED PERSONNEL CARRIER)

- LIFE SUPPORT
- DRIVES
- ANTI GRAVITY
- POWER
- SHIELDS
- MAIN GUN

CLOAKING DEVICE
(ORIGIN CLASSIFIED / PERFORMANCE UNKNOWN)



TOP TURRET:
30MM GATLING
LASER CANNON.



MAIN/LIVING SECTION:
(DETACHES TO FORM BASE)

- BRIDGE
- SAMUS'S CABIN
- CREW BUNKS
- GALLEY
- SECURITY VAULT
- PRISONER HOLDING CELL
- SICK BAY
- CARGO HOLD
- COMMUNICATIONS
- COMPUTER BANKS



ELECTRONICS PACKAGE:

- SENSOR ARRAY
- ECM/ECCM
- NORMAL AND HYPERSPACE COMMUNICATIONS

GUNNER SECTION:

(DETACHES TO FORM NEEDLESHIP)

- WEAPONS CONTROL
- AUXILIARY BRIDGE
- EMERGENCY BOOSTER
- WEAPONS BAYS



EMERGENCY BOOSTER:
SIRIUS SYSTEM SPACE SCRAMJET

WEAPONS BAY:

(PORT AND STARBOARD)

- 6 X STRIKER SPACE HOMING MISSILES
- 1 X FEDERATION PROTON TORPEDO TUBE
- 6 X SOLARIS HOMING SPACE MINES

GUNNER SECTION AND EMERGENCY BOOSTER DETACH TO FORM HEAVILY ARMED/ULTRA-MANEUVRABLE NEEDLESHIP FOR INFILTRATION AND HIGH SPEED ATTACK RUNS.

SECONDARY GUN:
60MM AVENGER LASER CANNON (FIXED FORWARD).

TWO AIR/GROUND POWERCYCLES STORED IN OUTSIDE COMPARTMENTS, PORT/STARBOARD.

DRIVE SYSTEMS:

(RATIO OF POWER TO MASS IS SIX TIMES HIGHER THAN AVERAGE FOR SHIPS IN THIS CLASS, RESULTING IN GEOMETRICALLY HIGHER PERFORMANCE SPECIFICATIONS).

ATMOSPHERIC DRIVE: EBR'GER AEROSPACE GRAVITY RESIST GENERATOR

SUBLIGHT DRIVE: GRAVITY PROPULSION SYSTEMS PHOTON DRIVE

HYPERSPACE DRIVE: MODIFIED FROM FEDERATION NAVY CORVETTE MK 88

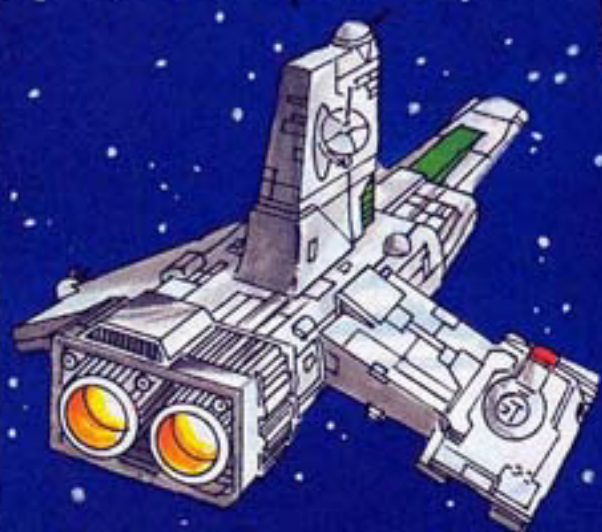
KEVIN KEENE WAS THE HOTTEST POWER PLAYER ON EARTH. NOW HE'S A HERO IN A WORLD WHERE VIDEO GAMES LIKE METROID, DONKEY KONG, PUNCH-OUT!! AND KID ICARUS ARE REALITY! THE WORLD IS VIDEO LAND, WHERE KEVIN KEENE IS KNOWN AS...

Captain N

THE
**GAME
MASTER**

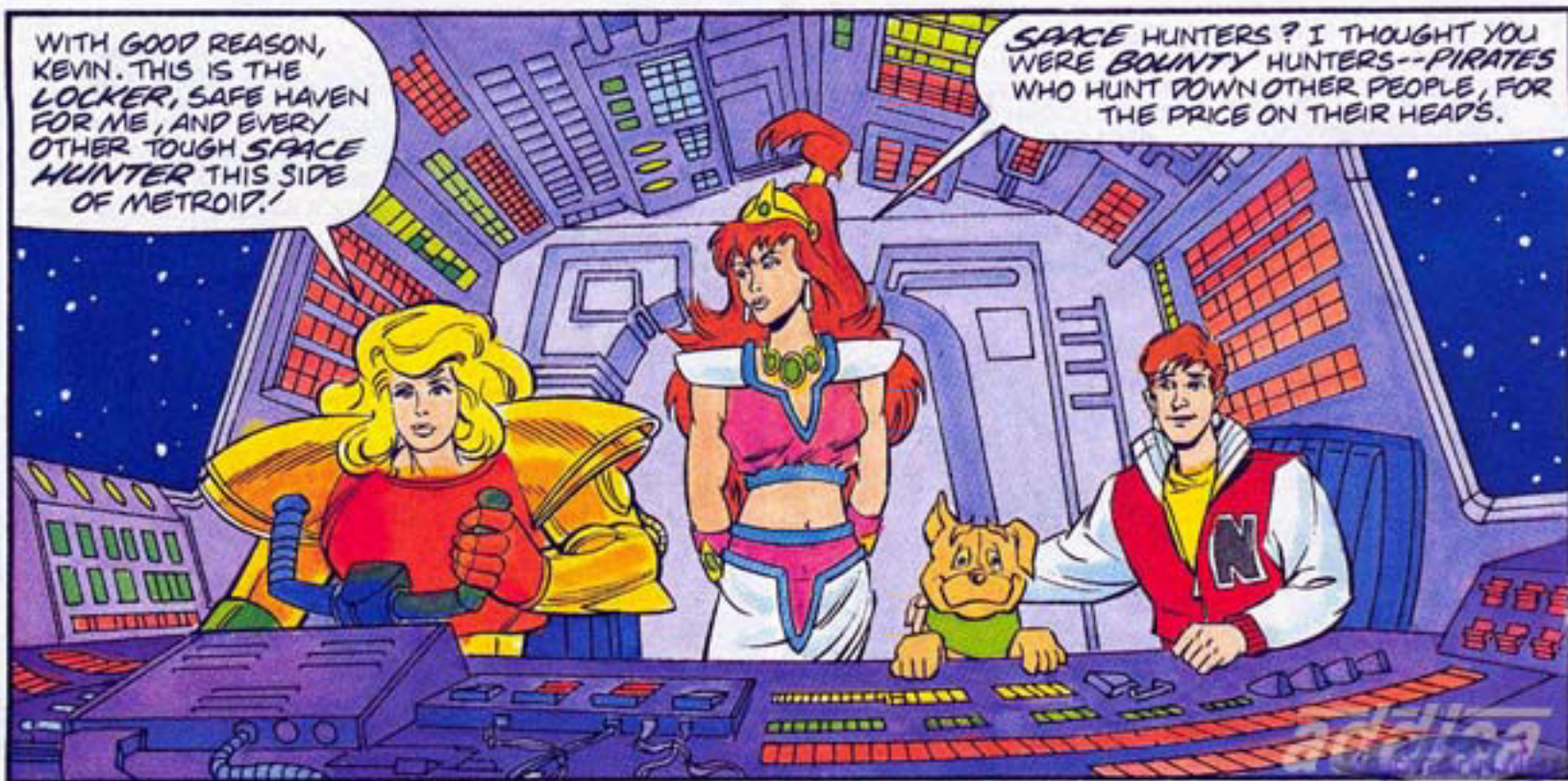
WHEN FRIENDS FALL OUT

WOW! THIS PLACE LOOKS LIKE A GIANT SAFE, SAMUS ARAN!



WITH GOOD REASON, KEVIN. THIS IS THE LOCKER, SAFE HAVEN FOR ME, AND EVERY OTHER TOUGH SPACE HUNTER THIS SIDE OF METROID!

SPACE HUNTERS? I THOUGHT YOU WERE BOUNTY HUNTERS--PIRATES WHO HUNT DOWN OTHER PEOPLE, FOR THE PRICE ON THEIR HEADS.





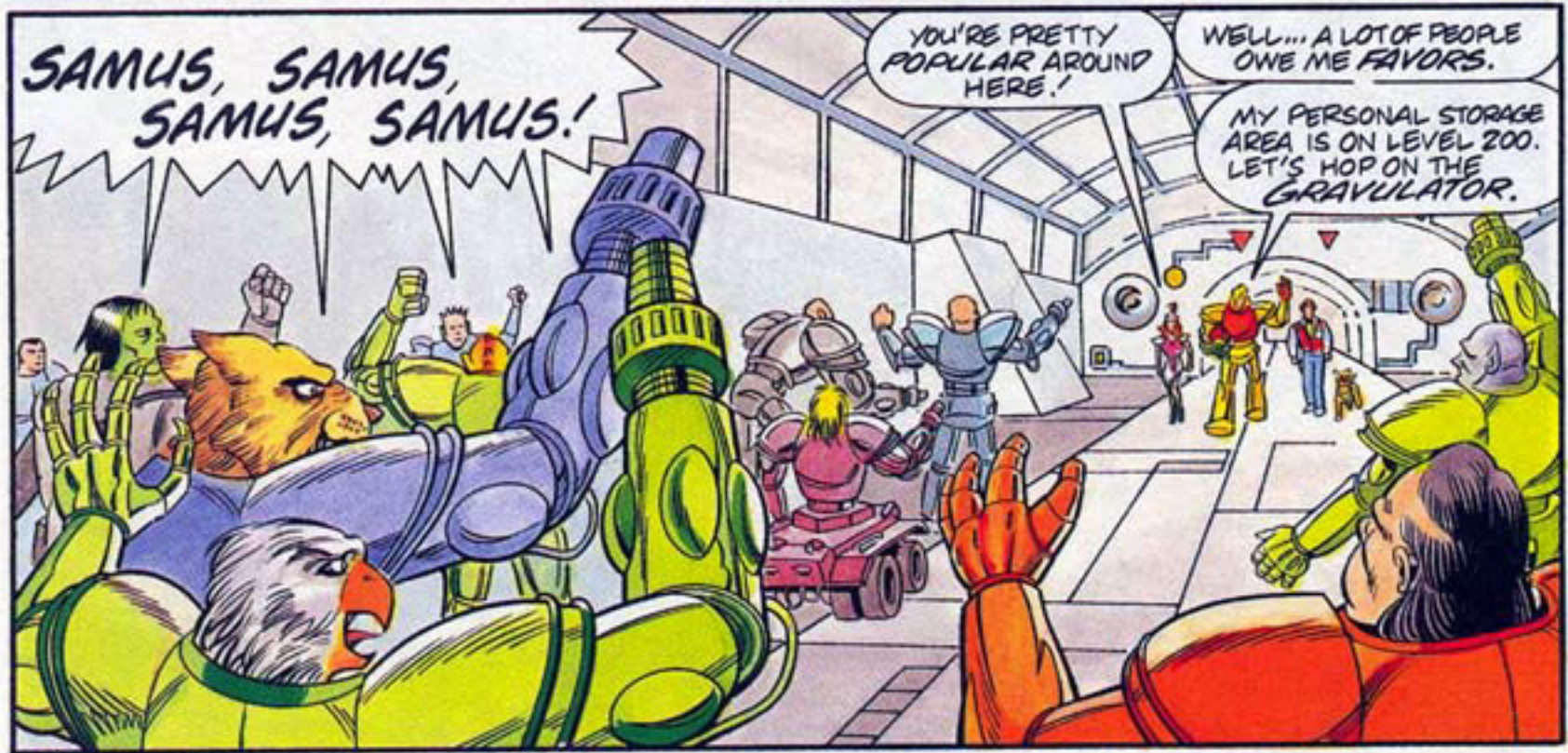
A PERSON HAS TO EAT, PRINCESS. BESIDES, YOUR FATHER MADE SPACE HUNTING PERFECTLY LEGAL. ASK HIM ABOUT IT, IF YOU EVER FIND HIM.

PLEASE DON'T ARGUE, SAMUS, AND PRINCESS LANA. YOU'RE JUST TENSE RIGHT NOW!



WE'RE ALL TENSE RIGHT NOW, BECAUSE OF THIS MISSION. WE NEED TO PICK UP ONE OF SAMUS'S WEAPONS-- AND WE DON'T NEED EXTRA PROBLEMS.

POINT TAKEN. LET'S CUT THE BICKERING, AND I'LL DOCK THE SHIP.

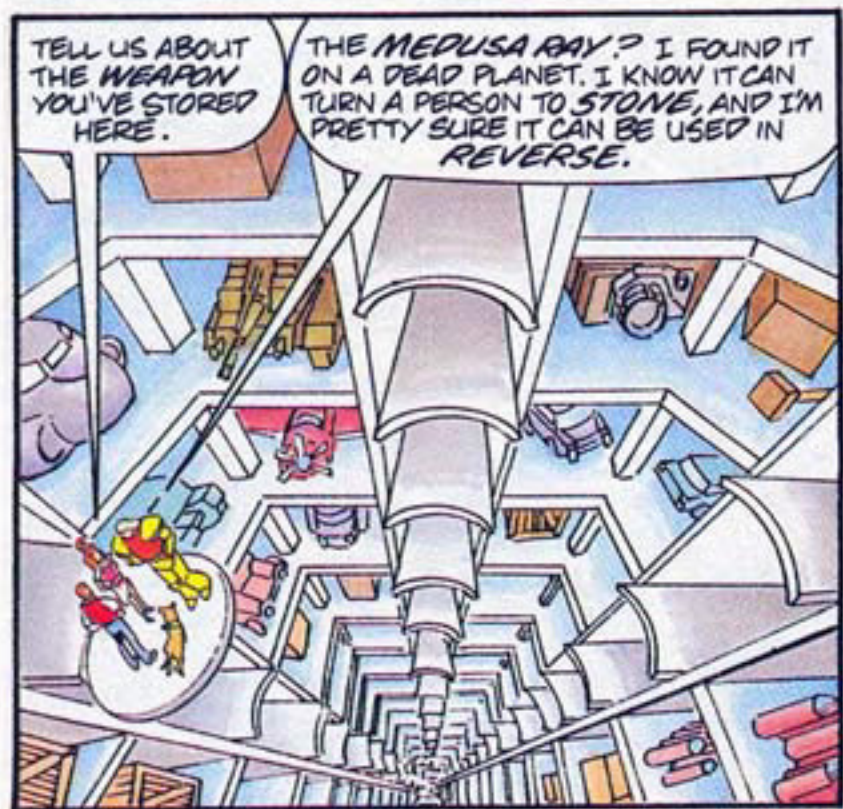


SAMUS, SAMUS, SAMUS, SAMUS!

YOU'RE PRETTY POPULAR AROUND HERE!

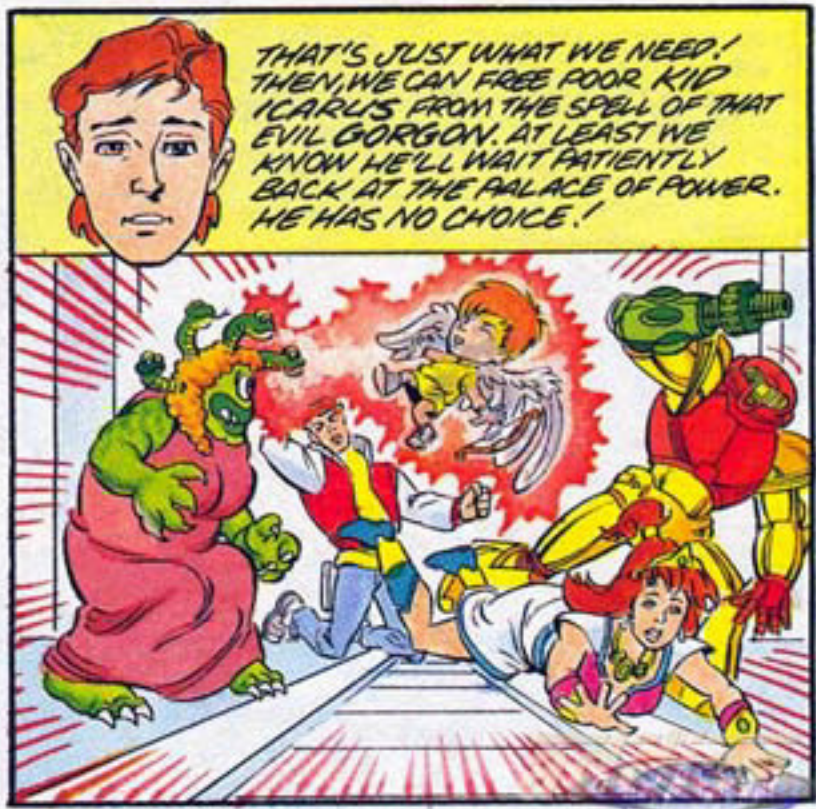
WELL... A LOT OF PEOPLE OWE ME FAVORS.

MY PERSONAL STORAGE AREA IS ON LEVEL 200. LET'S HOP ON THE GRAVULATOR.



TELL US ABOUT THE WEAPON YOU'VE STORED HERE.

THE MEDUSA RAY? I FOUND IT ON A DEAD PLANET. I KNOW IT CAN TURN A PERSON TO STONE, AND I'M PRETTY SURE IT CAN BE USED IN REVERSE.

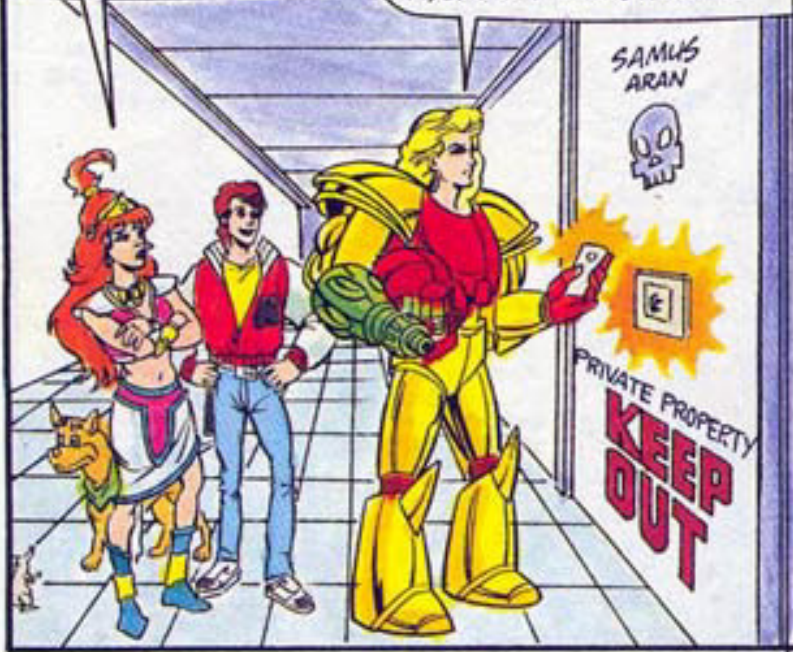


THAT'S JUST WHAT WE NEED! THEN, WE CAN FREE POOR KID ICARUS FROM THE SPELL OF THAT EVIL GORGON. AT LEAST WE KNOW HE'LL WAIT PATIENTLY BACK AT THE PALACE OF POWER. HE HAS NO CHOICE!

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THIS IS YOUR SPACE LOCKER? AREN'T YOU WORRIED ABOUT BEING ROBBED?

NEVER. THESE WARPKEYS UNLOCK A POCKET DIMENSION ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE DOOR. NO ONE CAN OPEN IT, EXCEPT THE OWNER.



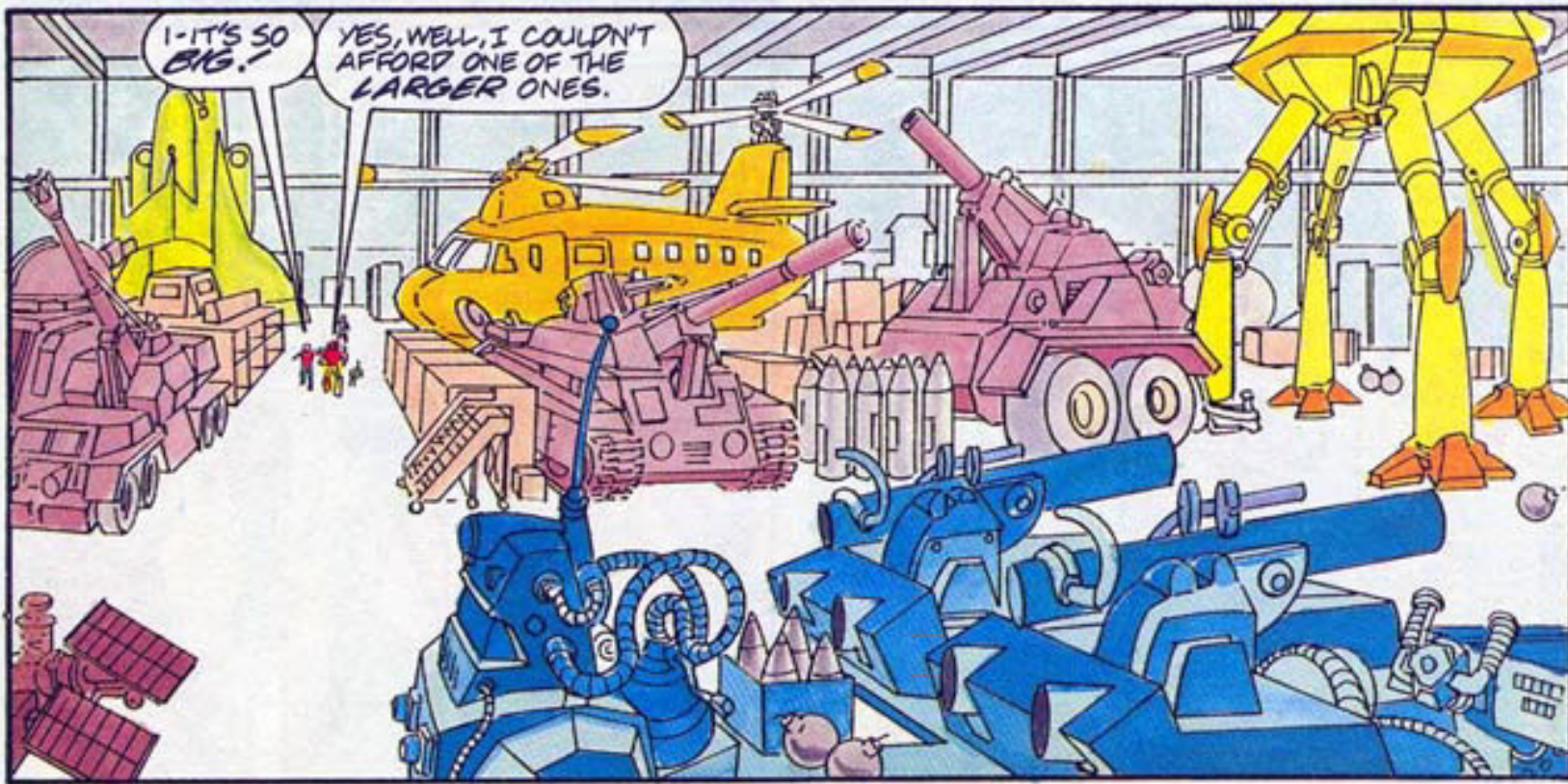
IN FACT, YOU COULD SAY THAT WITHOUT THE KEY, THE CONTENTS DON'T REALLY EXIST.

WHAT'S EVERYBODY STARING AT?



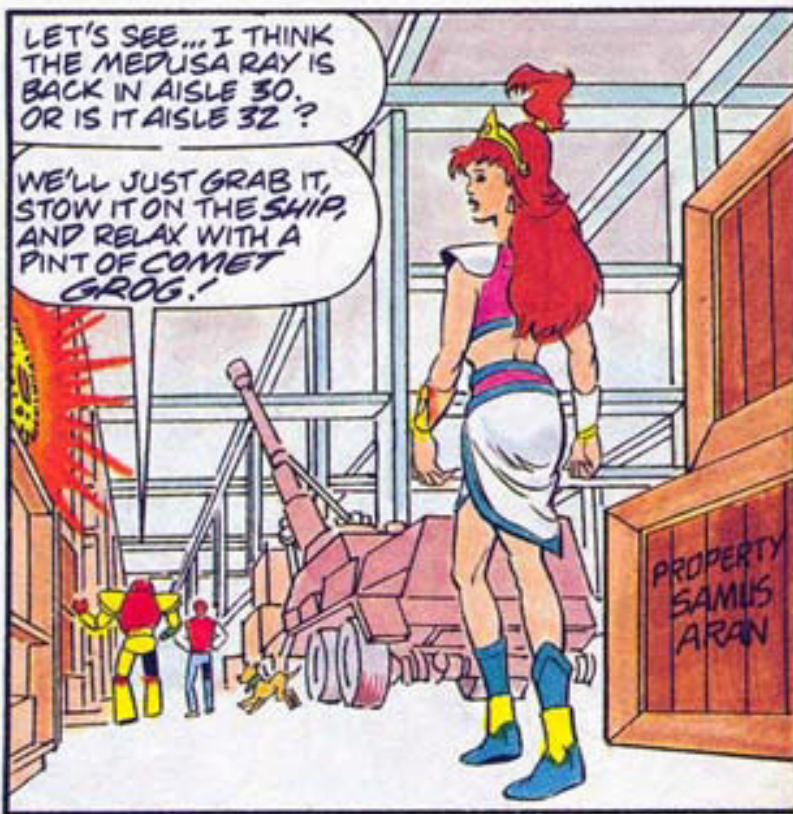
1- IT'S SO BIG!

YES, WELL, I COULDN'T AFFORD ONE OF THE LARGER ONES.



LET'S SEE... I THINK THE MEDUSA RAY IS BACK IN AISLE 30. OR IS IT AISLE 32?

WE'LL JUST GRAB IT, STOW IT ON THE SHIP, AND RELAX WITH A PINT OF COMET GROG!

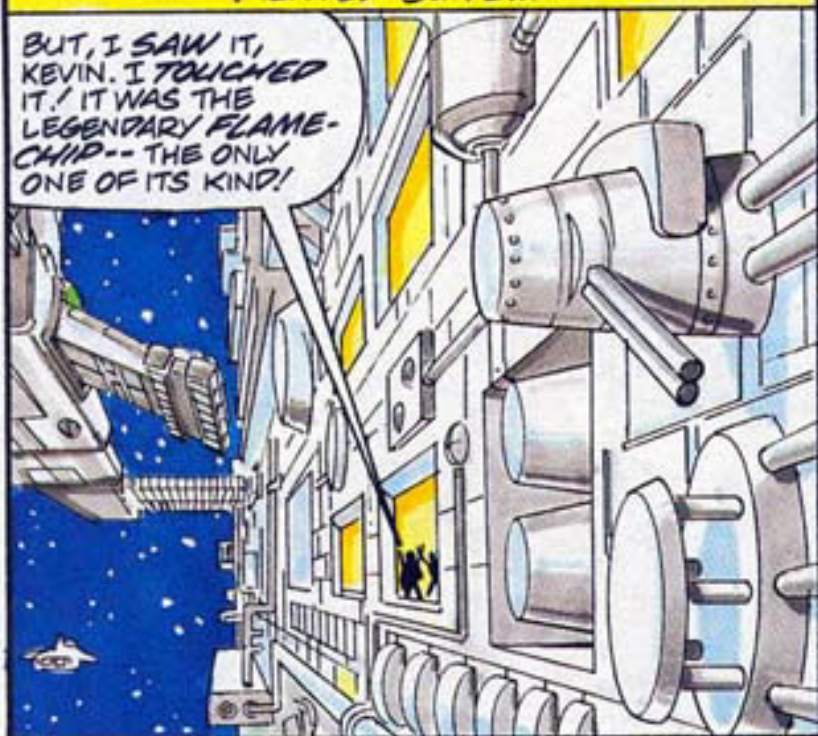


HEY PRINCESS LANA... COME ON! YOU HAVE TO SEE THIS!



LATER THAT NIGHT, IN KEVIN AND LANA'S RENTED SUITE...

BUT, I SAW IT, KEVIN. I TOUCHED IT! IT WAS THE LEGENDARY FLAME-CHIP-- THE ONLY ONE OF ITS KIND!



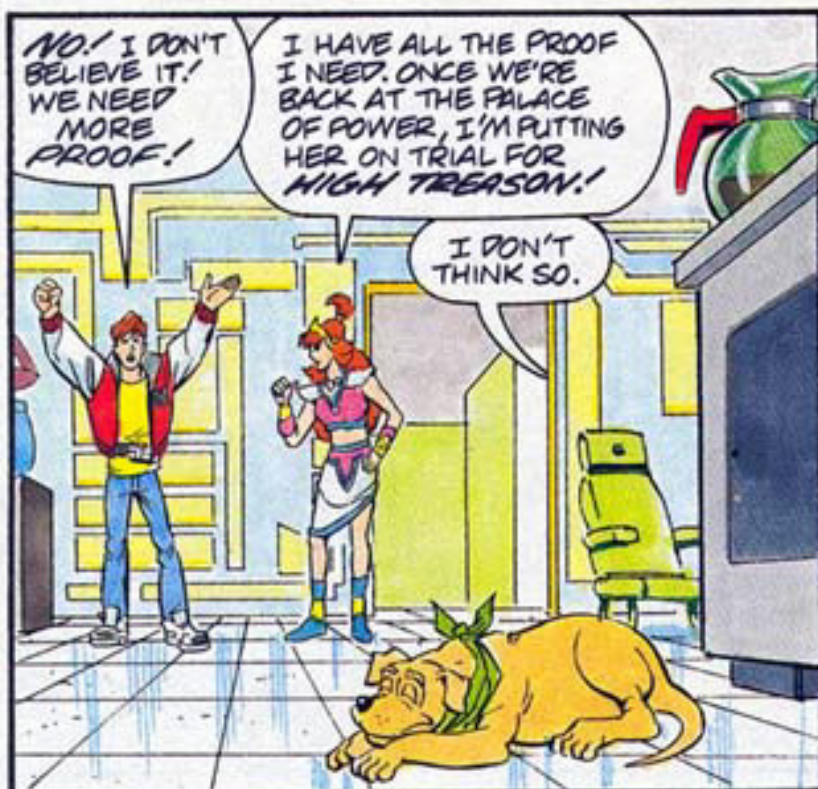
THE FLAME-CHIP WAS OFFERED AS BOUNTY FOR THE CAPTURE OF MY FATHER. AND I SAW IT IN SAMUS'S PERSONAL STORAGE! SHE DID IT, KEVIN-- SHE KIDNAPPED MY FATHER FOR MONEY!



NO! I DON'T BELIEVE IT! WE NEED MORE PROOF!

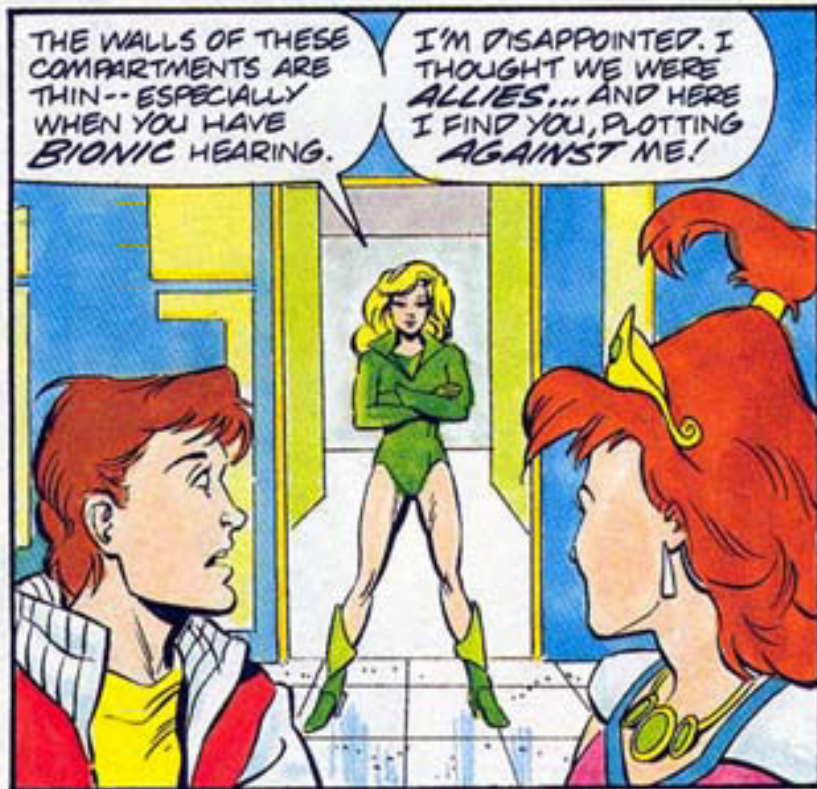
I HAVE ALL THE PROOF I NEED. ONCE WE'RE BACK AT THE PALACE OF POWER, I'M PUTTING HER ON TRIAL FOR HIGH TREASON!

I DON'T THINK SO.



THE WALLS OF THESE COMPARTMENTS ARE THIN-- ESPECIALLY WHEN YOU HAVE BIONIC HEARING.

I'M DISAPPOINTED. I THOUGHT WE WERE ALLIES... AND HERE I FIND YOU, PLOTTING AGAINST ME!



SAMUS, TELL THE PRINCESS IT'S A MISTAKE! THE FLAME-CHIP ISN'T YOURS. THERE MUST BE AN EXPLANATION!

I HAVE NO EXPLANATION. YOU WILL FIND A SHIP AND LEAVE THE LOCKER IMMEDIATELY. OUR ALLIANCE IS AT AN END.



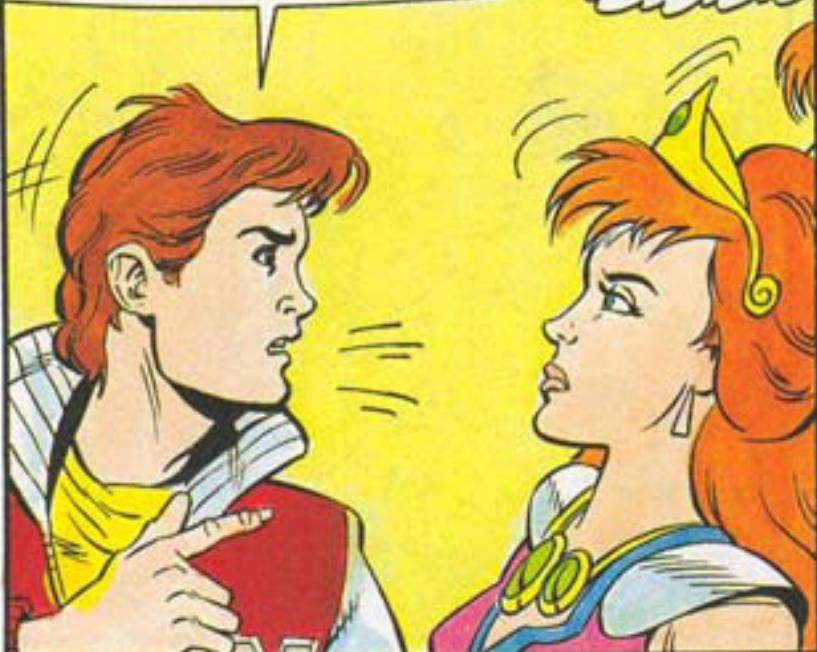
I DON'T UNDERSTAND. KEVIN, I WILL NOT LEAVE WITHOUT SAMUS. AS PROTECTOR OF VIDEO-LAND, I'M ORDERING YOU TO HELP CAPTURE SAMUS-- AND BRING HER TO TRIAL!

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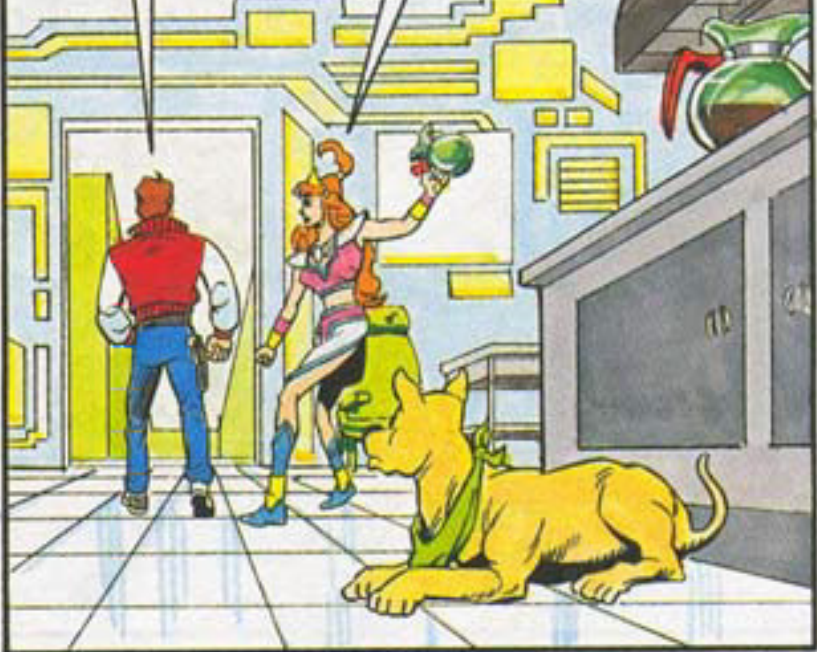
LANA, I AM NOT YOUR PERSONAL SHERIFF. SAMUS IS A FRIEND! I WON'T DO ANYTHING UNTIL I HEAR HER SIDE OF THE STORY.

BUT WHAT IF SHE IS GUILTY? WHAT WILL I DO THEN?



WAIT HERE WHILE I GO TALK TO HER.

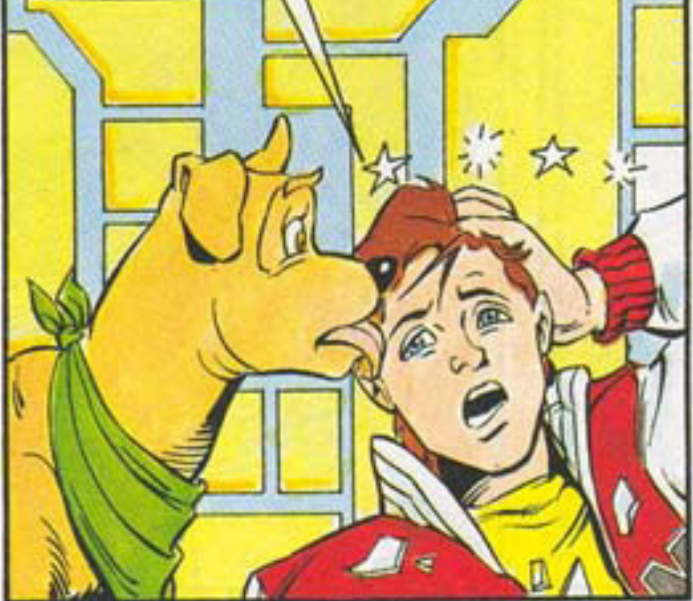
I'M SORRY, KEVIN. BUT I WON'T LET MY FATHER GO UNAVENGED!



KRAASH

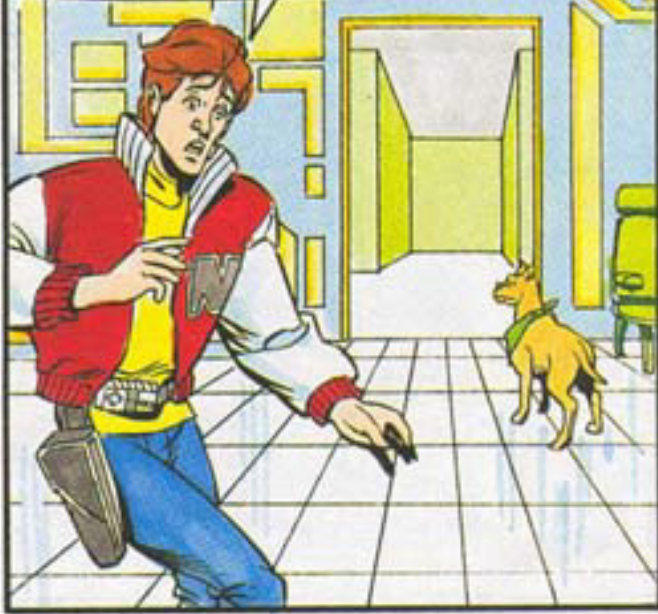
UHHH, WHAT HIT ME!? I FEEL LIKE I WENT SIX ROUNDS WITH KING HIPPO!

DUKE, WHERE'S THE PRINCESS?



JUMPING MICROCHIPS! LANA TOOK MY ZAPPER. SHE MUST BE GOING AFTER SAMUS ON HER OWN!

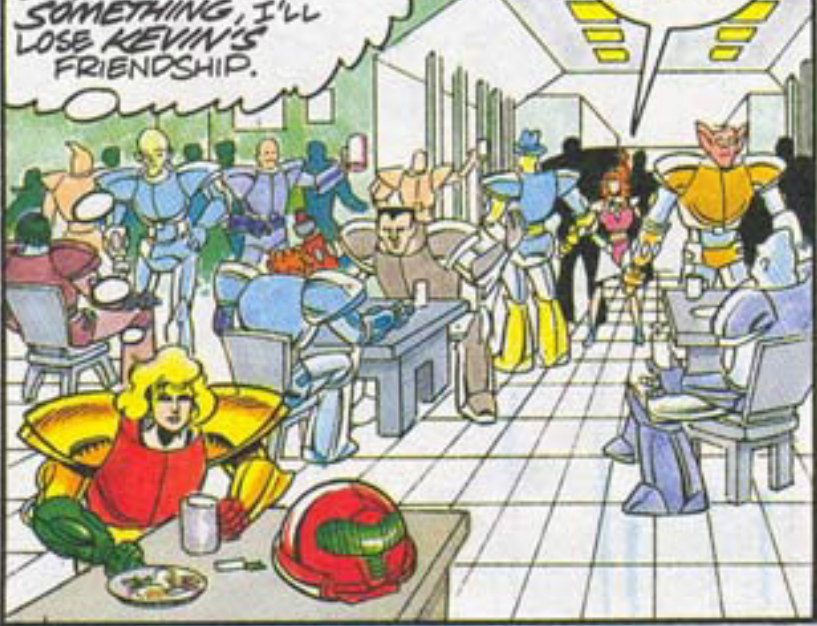
DUKE... WE'VE GOT TO FIND THEM.



BUT, IN THE LOCKER'S CANTEEN...

I CAN'T TELL THEM THE TRUTH. THEY'D NEVER BELIEVE ME... BUT, IF I DON'T SAY SOMETHING, I'LL LOSE KEVIN'S FRIENDSHIP.

SAMUS ARAN!



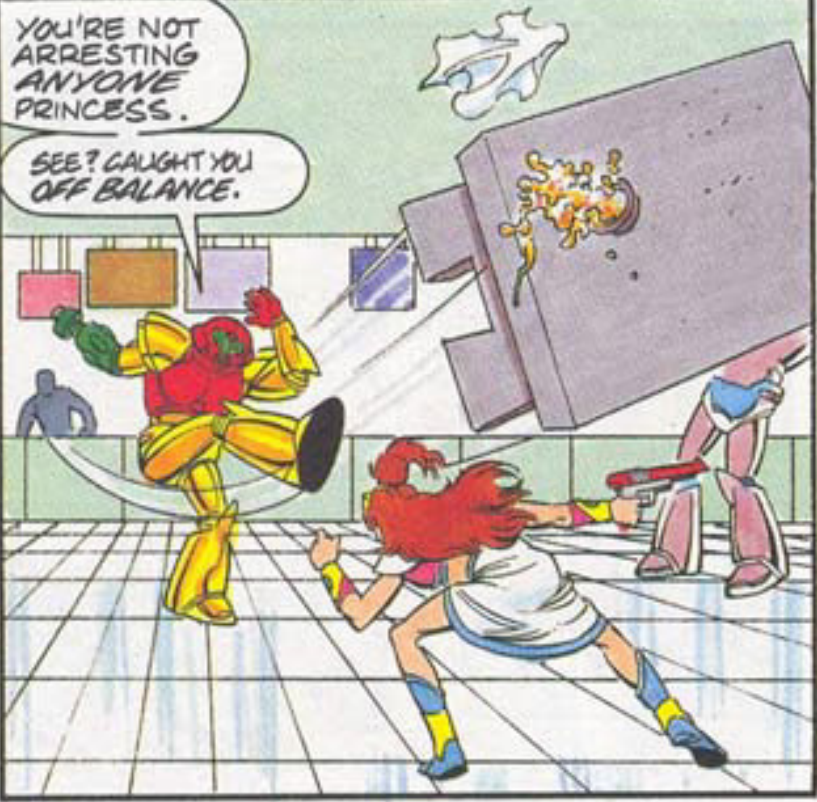
I HEREBY ARREST YOU FOR CRIMES AGAINST VIDEO LAND! SURRENDER WHILE YOU CAN...

CRATERS OF METRON... SHE'S GOT KEVIN'S ZAPPER!



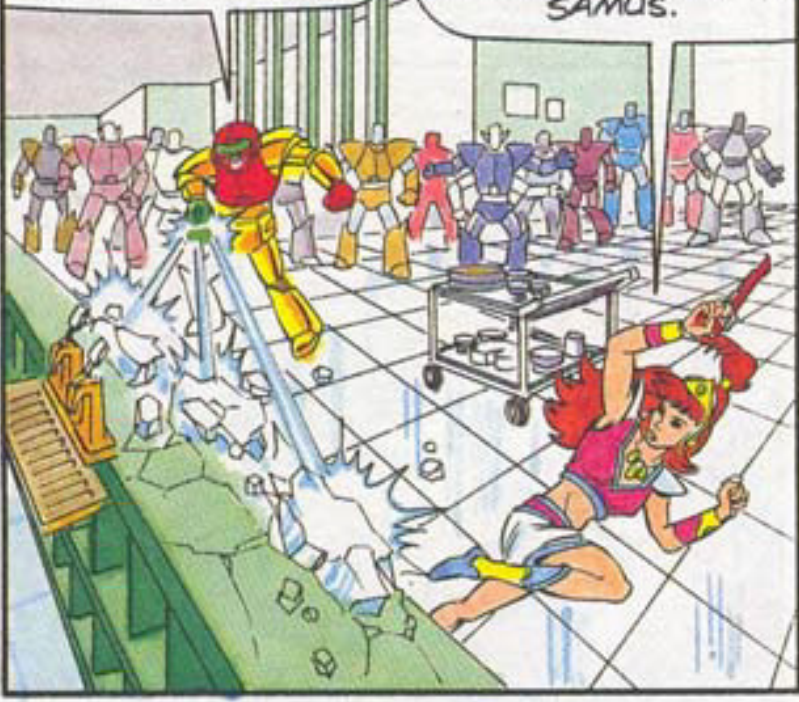
YOU'RE NOT ARRESTING ANYONE PRINCESS.

SEE? CAUGHT YOU OFF BALANCE.



A FEW WELL-PLACED ICE BLASTS SHOULD KEEP YOU THAT WAY!

I'M NOT IMPRESSED BY YOUR WEAPONS OR YOUR BIONIC STRENGTH, SAMUS.



YOU MAY BE STRONGER, BUT I DO KNOW HOW TO TAKE CARE OF MYSELF!

MY FATHER TAUGHT ME TO USE ANYTHING AS A WEAPON, WHETHER A ZAPPER OR A DESSERT CART!



PRINCESS, YOU JUST MADE A BIG MISTAKE. YOU LET ME GET MY HANDS ON YOU.

SHE'S GOT A GRIP OF STEEL!



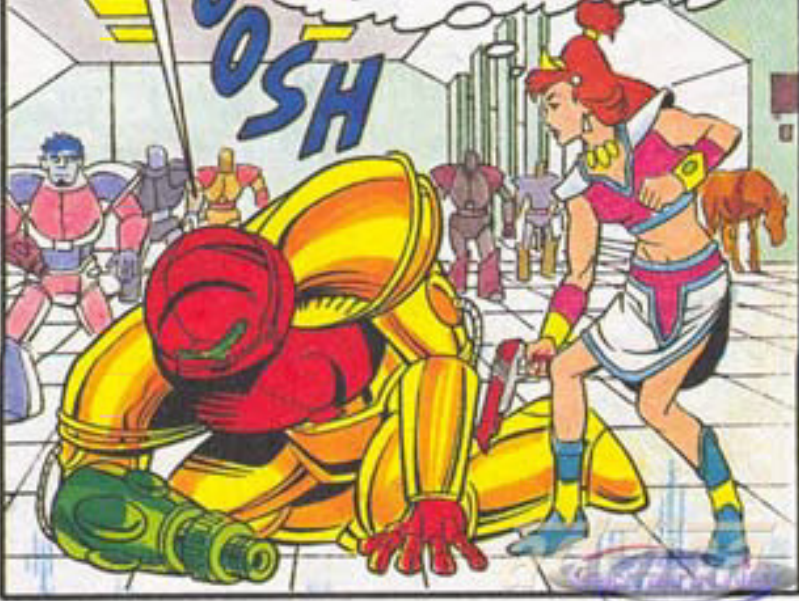
I'VE GOT ONE CHANCE... IF I CAN FIND HER AIR SUPPLY VALVE, I CAN FLOOD HER ARMOR WITH PURE OXYGEN...

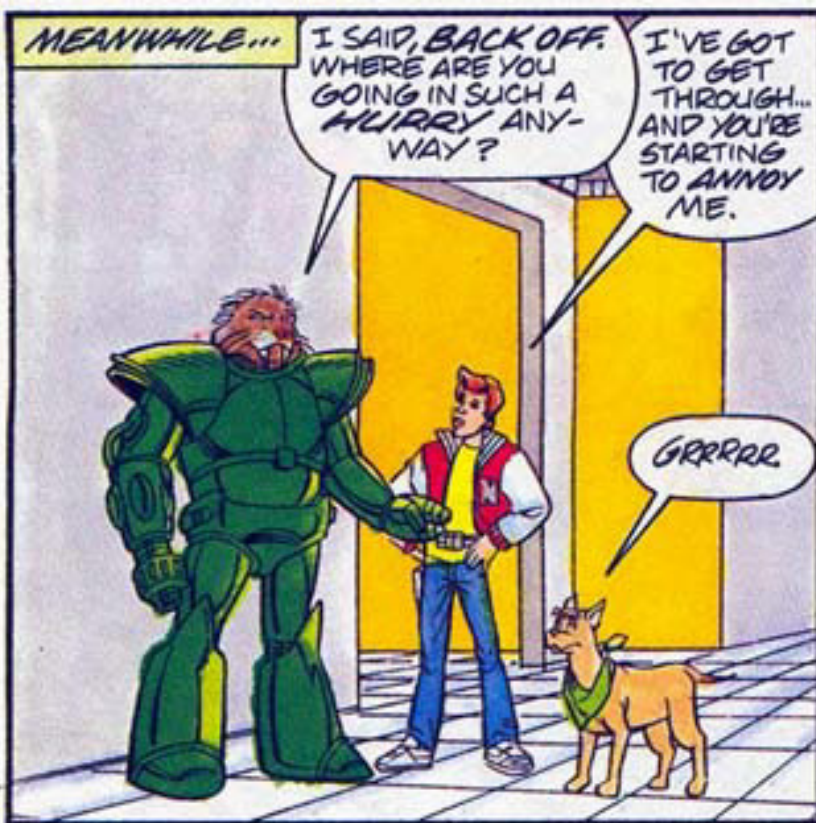


UHHHHNN...

IT WORKED! THE OXYGEN MADE HER PIZZY.

BUT, IT'S LIKE FIGHTING A ZANK. HOW CAN I DEFEAT HER, WITHOUT ZAPPING HER OUT OF EXISTENCE?

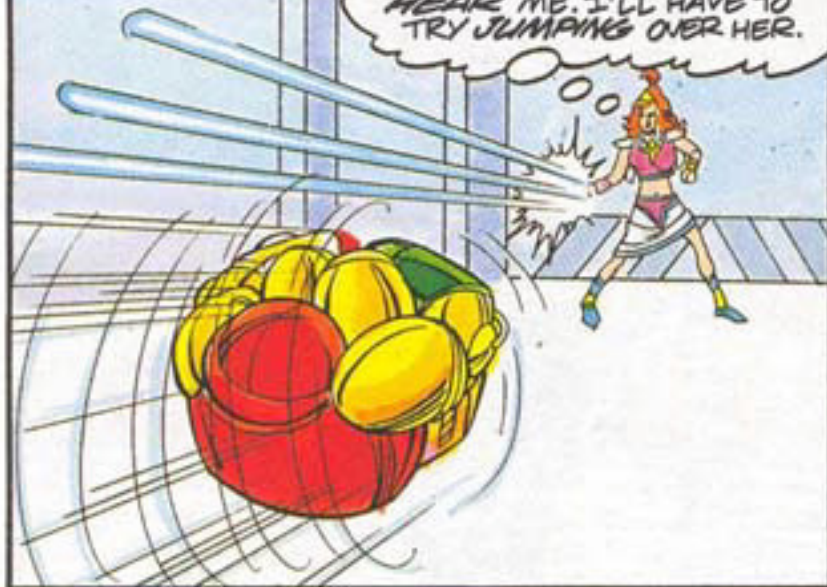




MEANWHILE, NEAR THE DOCKING BAY...

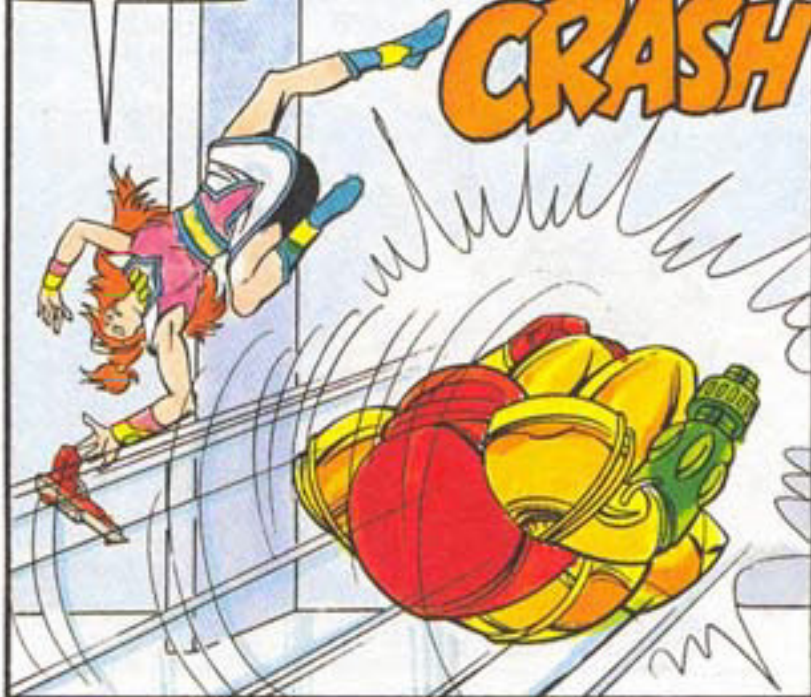
STAY BACK, SAMUS. OR THE NEXT ZAP WILL SEND YOU TO OBLIVION!

I'VE LURED HER TOWARD THE SHIP, BUT SHE'S TRANSFORMED INTO HER MARI MARI MODE. I DON'T EVEN KNOW IF SHE CAN HEAR ME. I'LL HAVE TO TRY JUMPING OVER HER.



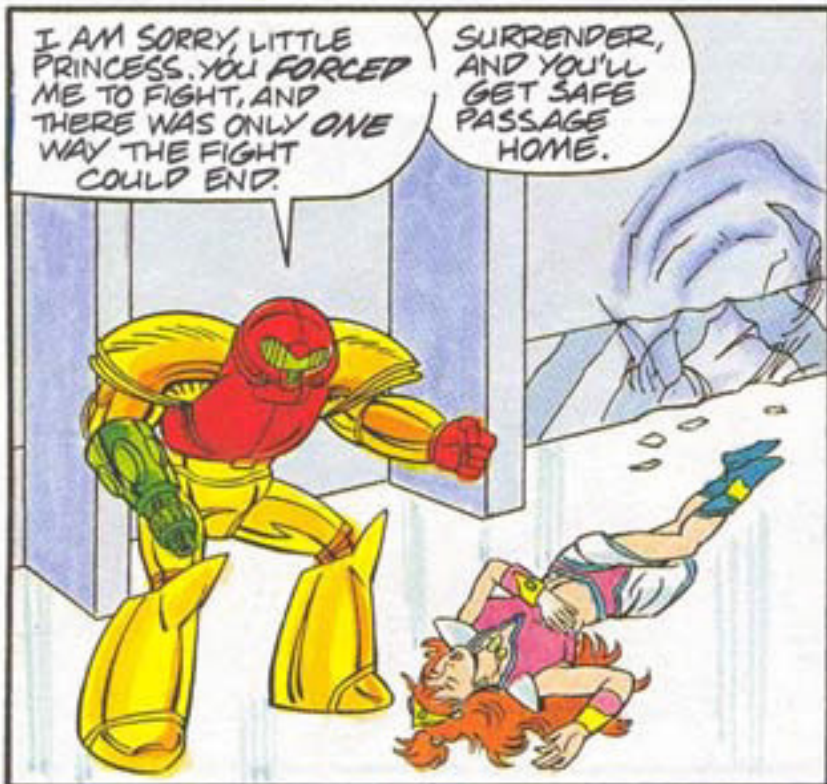
I'M NOT GOING TO MAKE IT... LHHHHH!

CRASH



I AM SORRY, LITTLE PRINCESS. YOU FORCED ME TO FIGHT, AND THERE WAS ONLY ONE WAY THE FIGHT COULD END.

SURRENDER, AND YOU'LL GET SAFE PASSAGE HOME.



I'LL NEVER SURRENDER. YOU MAY BE STRONGER THAN I, BUT YOU'LL NEVER HAVE A MOMENT'S PEACE WHILE I LIVE. I WILL BRING YOU TO JUSTICE.

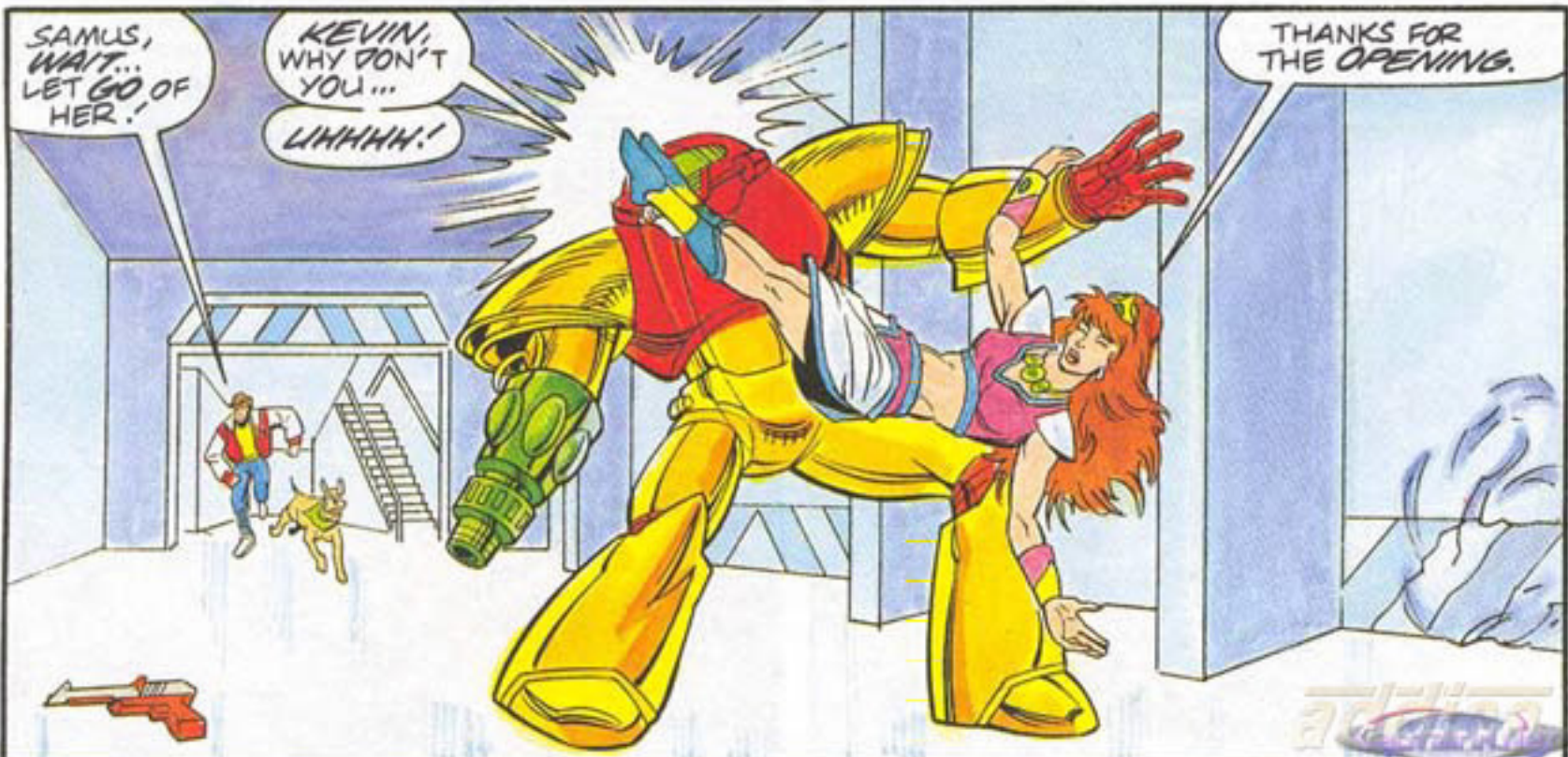


SAMUS, WAIT... LET GO OF HER!

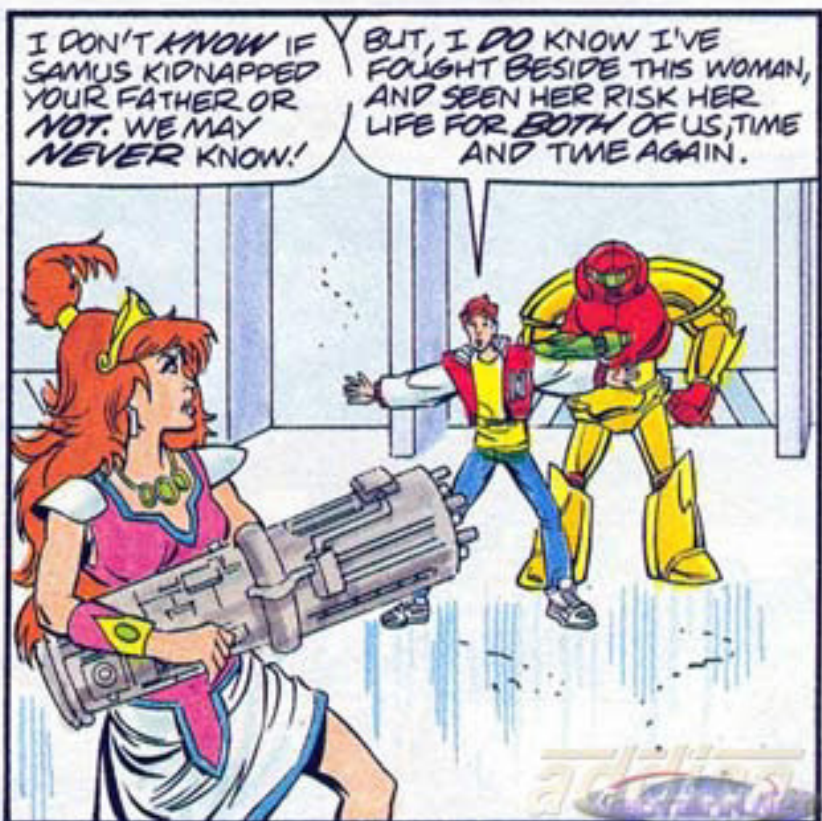
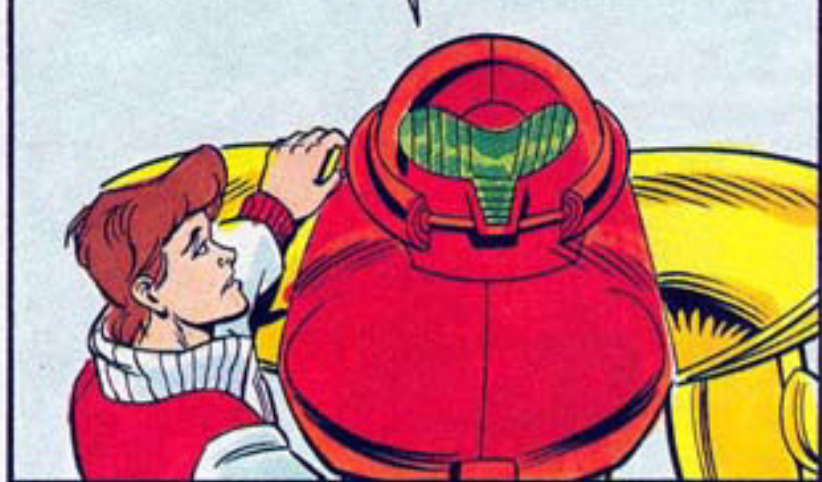
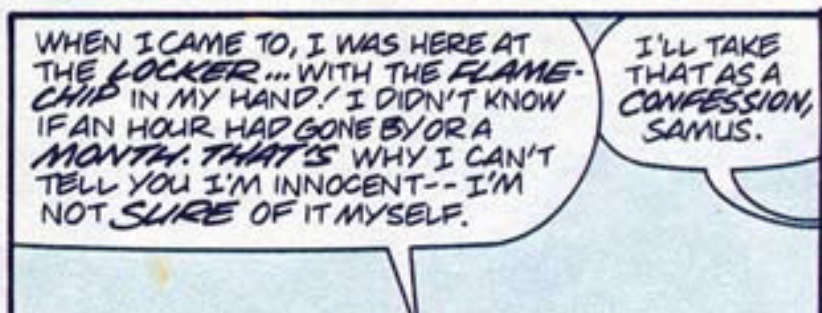
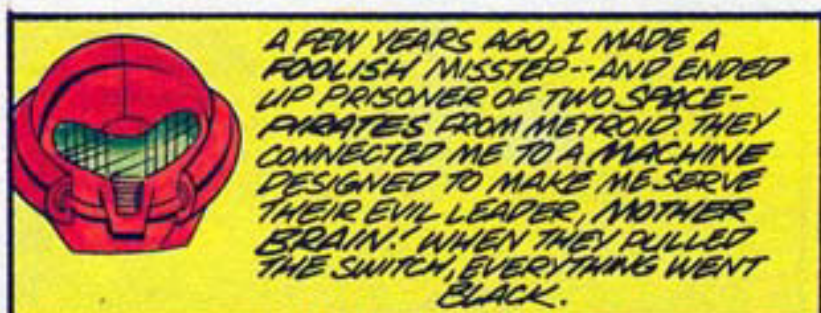
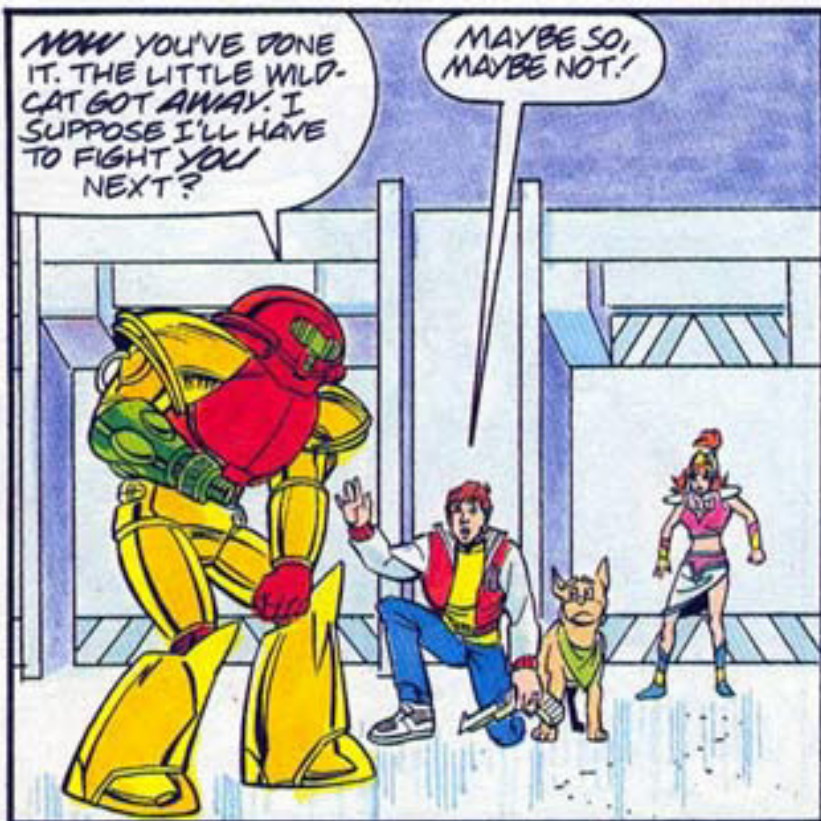
KEVIN, WHY DON'T YOU...

LHHHHH!

THANKS FOR THE OPENING.



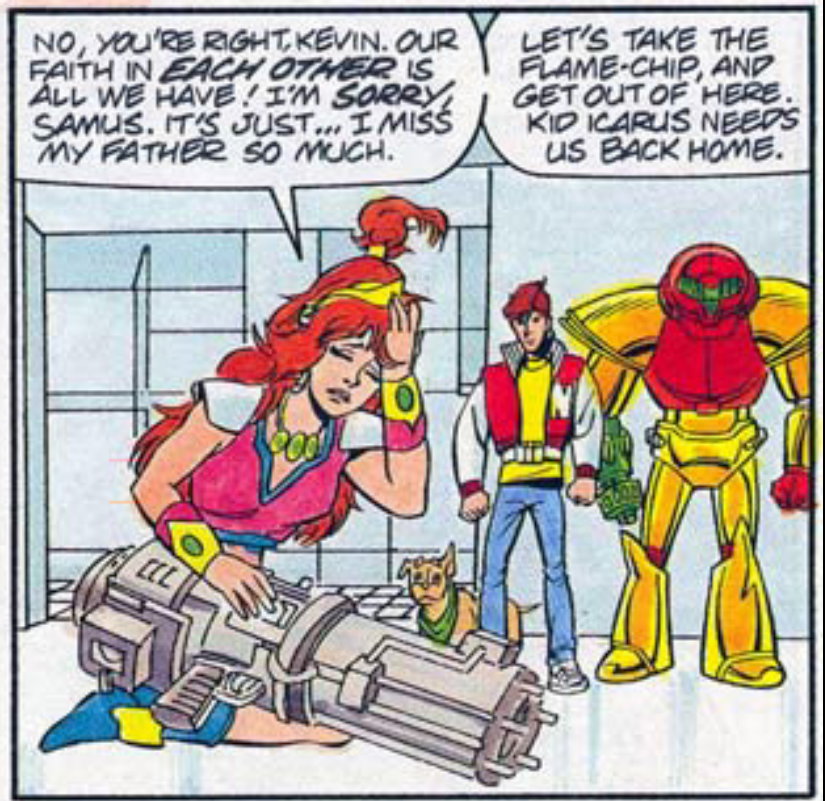
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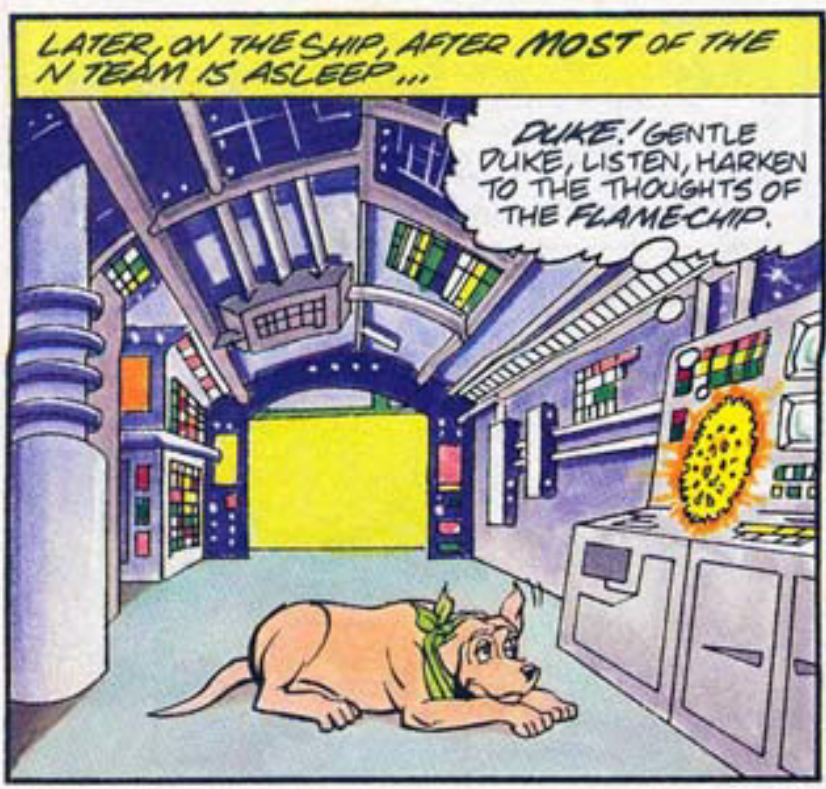
MAYBE THAT DOESN'T EARN HER A PARDON FOR THE PAST. BUT, IT MAKES ME WANT TO HAVE FAITH IN HER. I HOPE YOU CAN HAVE FAITH IN HER, TOO.

BUT, KEVIN, I..... I...



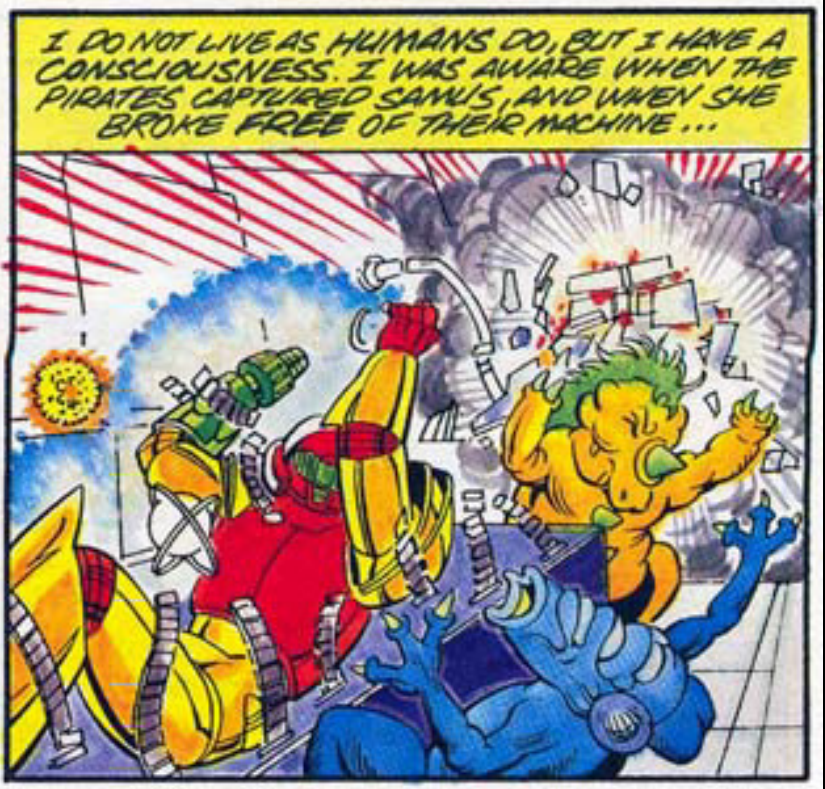
NO, YOU'RE RIGHT, KEVIN. OUR FAITH IN EACH OTHER IS ALL WE HAVE! I'M SORRY, SAMUS. IT'S JUST... I MISS MY FATHER SO MUCH.

LET'S TAKE THE FLAME-CHIP, AND GET OUT OF HERE. KID ICARUS NEEDS US BACK HOME.

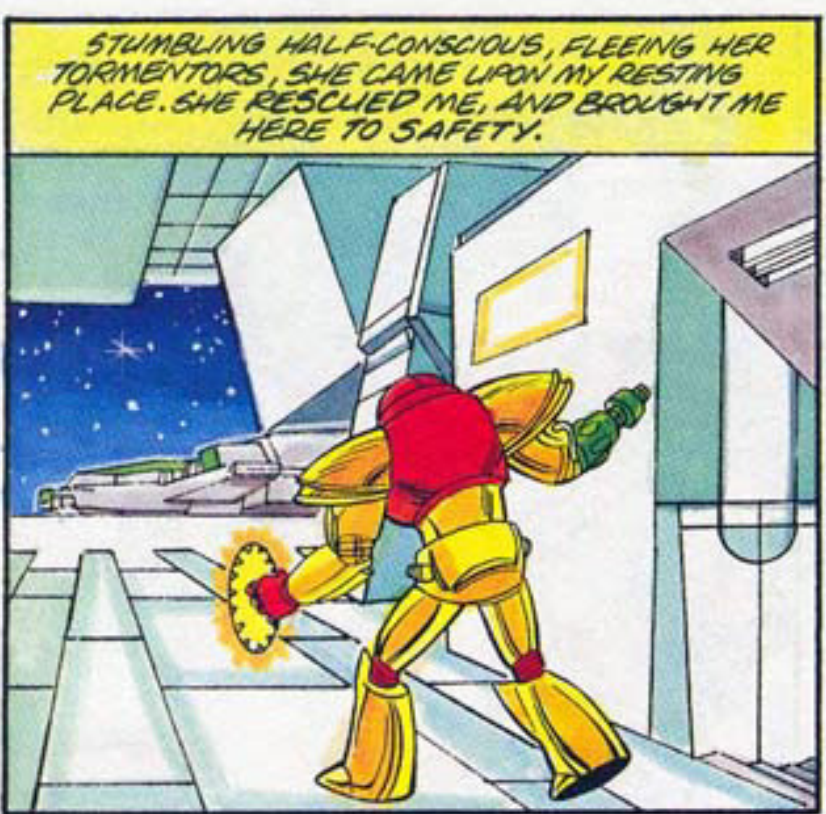


LATER, ON THE SHIP, AFTER MOST OF THE N TEAM IS ASLEEP...

DUKE! GENTLE DUKE, LISTEN, HARKEN TO THE THOUGHTS OF THE FLAMECHIP.



I DO NOT LIVE AS HUMANS DO, BUT I HAVE A CONSCIOUSNESS. I WAS AWARE WHEN THE PIRATES CAPTURED SAMUS, AND WHEN SHE BROKE FREE OF THEIR MACHINE...



STUMBLING HALF-CONSCIOUS, FLEEING HER TORMENTORS, SHE CAME UPON MY RESTING PLACE. SHE RESCUED ME, AND BROUGHT ME HERE TO SAFETY.



THIS I DO KNOW AND MORE. BUT HUMANS CANNOT HEAR ME. ONLY YOU, DUKE, CAN RECEIVE AND UNDERSTAND MY THOUGHTS.

THEREFORE, THE INNOCENCE OF SAMUS MUST ALWAYS BE... OUR SECRET.

WHINE, WHINE.

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