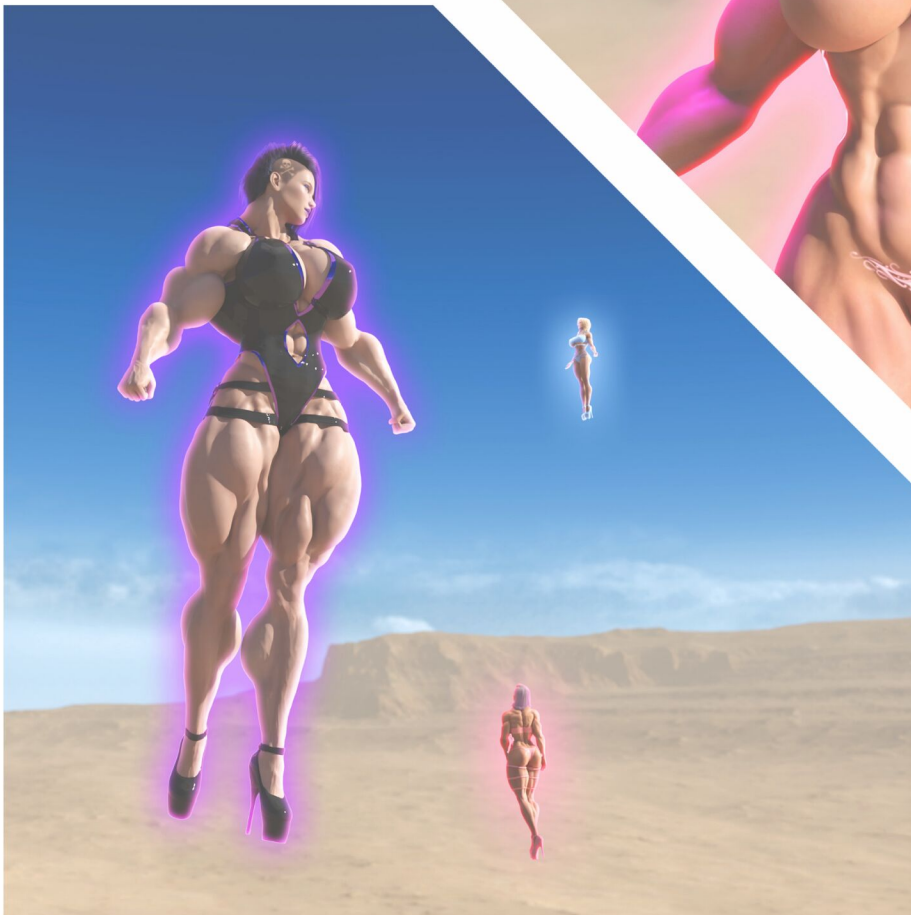


GATEWAY GROWTH

CHAPTER 4
STORY BY ROBOLORD





HMM, HE
LOOKS CUTE!



WELL IT IS OUR ANNIVERSARY..

I LOVE IT!




YUP, YOU'LL DO!

WOW..

HUH?



H-HEY! WHAT ARE YOU DOING?! PUT HIM DOWN!



HUH?

YOU'RE TALKING
TO ME?




OH MY.. I- I
MEAN HE'S MY
BOYFRIEND!

DIDN'T YOU HEAR MY
ANNOUNCEMENT THE
OTHER DAY?

ALL MEN ON
EARTH BELONG TO ME
FIRST! ESPECIALLY THE
HOT ONES!

BUT YOU KNOW
WHAT? I LIKE HOW
BRAVE YOU ARE!

I'LL SHOW YOU!



YOU GET TO PICK! WHO DO YOU WANT?



ME? OR YOUR GIRLFRIEND?

HUH?

B-BUT..

SEE?

YOU MY
GODDESS! I LOVE
YOU!



YOU CAN'T
JUST..

HEY HE CHOSE! IT'S
JUST THAT I'M A
UNSTOPPABLE IRRESISTABLE
GODDESS. AND YOU'RE
WELL.. YOU..

LET
ME WORSHIP
YOU!



BUT I'LL GIVE
YOU A LITTLE
REWARD!

HMM..

I'LL TAKE GOOD CARE OF HIM! PROBABLY..

OOOH!

AAAH!

SO GOOD!



MEANWHILE, IN AN ENTIRELY
DIFFERENT PART OF THE WORLD..

A MOUNTAIN BASE!
HOW QUIANT!

IT'S HER!
SOUND THE
ALARM!





YEAH MAN JUST OTRUN
THE FASTER THAN LIGHT
GODDESS AND PRESS THE
ALARM BUTTOM!

WHOOSH!

F DEFENCE
PERSONS
NOT

LET GO OF
ME!

LET GO?





WHAAAA!


RESTRICTED AREA
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE
UNAUTHORIZED PERSONS
WILL BE SHOT

SURE!

OH MY GOD!

MAXIMUM FEET

CAMBR
BUN



I REALLY WONDER WHY YOU GUYS ARE STILL TRYING TO FIGHT ME. I MEAN I'M FREAKING INDISTRUCIBLE! JUST GIVE UP!

MAYBE BECAUSE WE DON'T WANT TO LIVE WITH SOME MURDEROUS PSYCHOPATH TELLING US WHAT WE CAN AND CAN'T DO!

RUDE! I'M A LOT OF THINGS BUT I'M NOT A MURDERER!

RESTRICTED AREA
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE



WHAT ABOUT THAT
GUY YOU JUST
THREW?!

PFFF, OK FINE.
BUT THAT'S ONLY
BECAUSE YOU'RE
ALL TRYING TO
MURDER ME!

AND EVEN IF I WOULD JUST
SNAP YOUR NECK NOW.. THEN
WHAT? NOBODY WILL EVEN MENTION
IT, NOBODY WILL TRY TO PUNISH ME
FOR IT. YOU MORTALS ARE ALL
NOTHING TO ME!


YOU'RE A
CRAZY BITCH
WHO'S DRUNK ON
POWER!



RESTRICTED
AREA
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

POWER? YOU KNOW
NOTHING OF POWER! I'LL
GIVE YOU A LESSON IN
POWER!





YOU HUMANS SIMPLY NEED
TO REALISE THAT THERE'S
ABSOLUTELY NOTHING YOU CAN
DO! THE SOONER YOU EMBRACE
THAT THE BETTER!

I'LL SHOW YOU! AND
THEN YOU CAN GO REPORT
TO WHOEVER COMMANDS
YOU!



BUT DON'T WORRY! I
WON'T GO TOO CRAZY!
ALL IT NEEDS IS A
LITTLE--

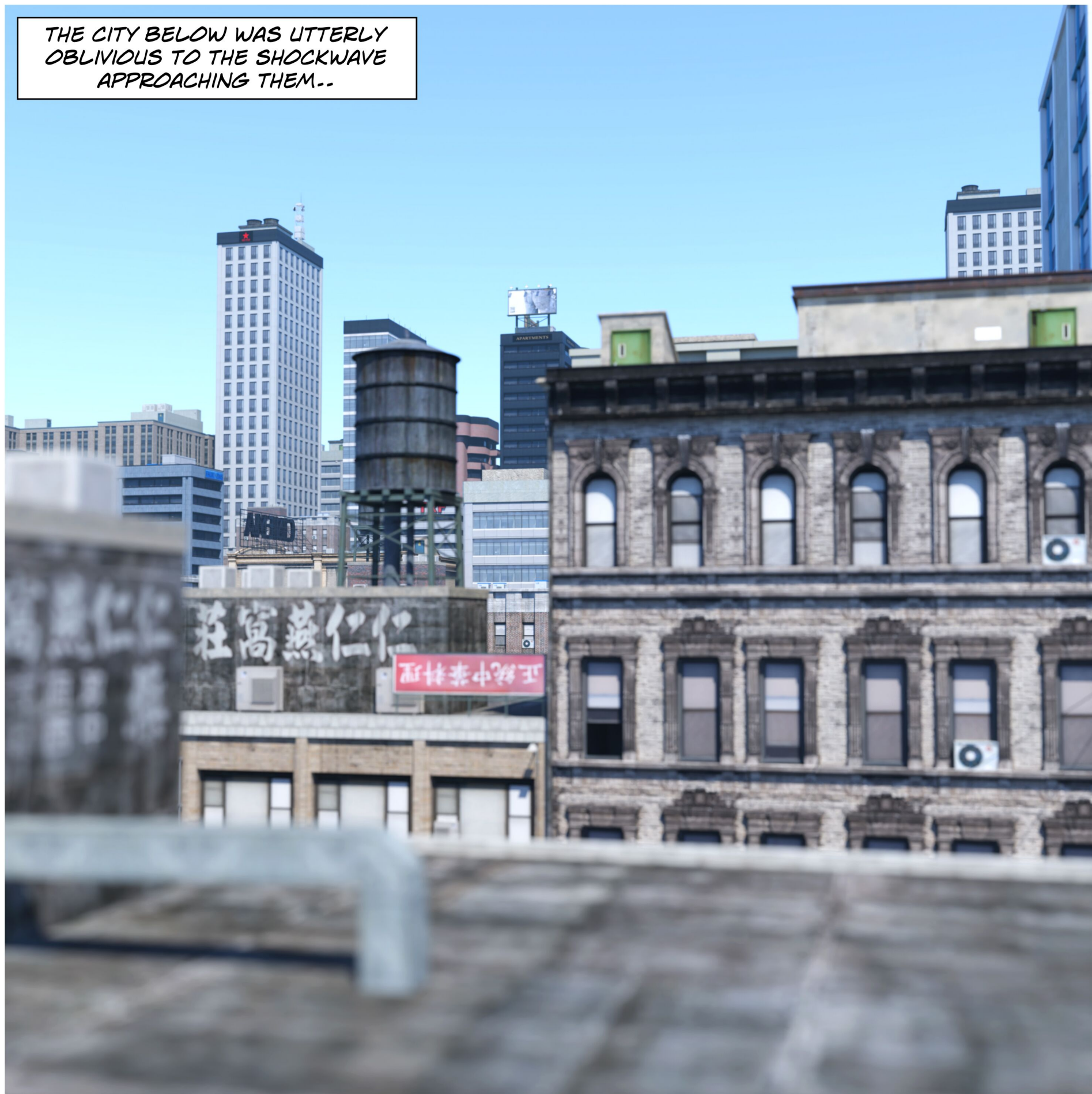


FLICK!

THUUUMP!



THE CITY BELOW WAS LITTERLY
OBLIVIOUS TO THE SHOCKWAVE
APPROACHING THEM..



RUMBLE!

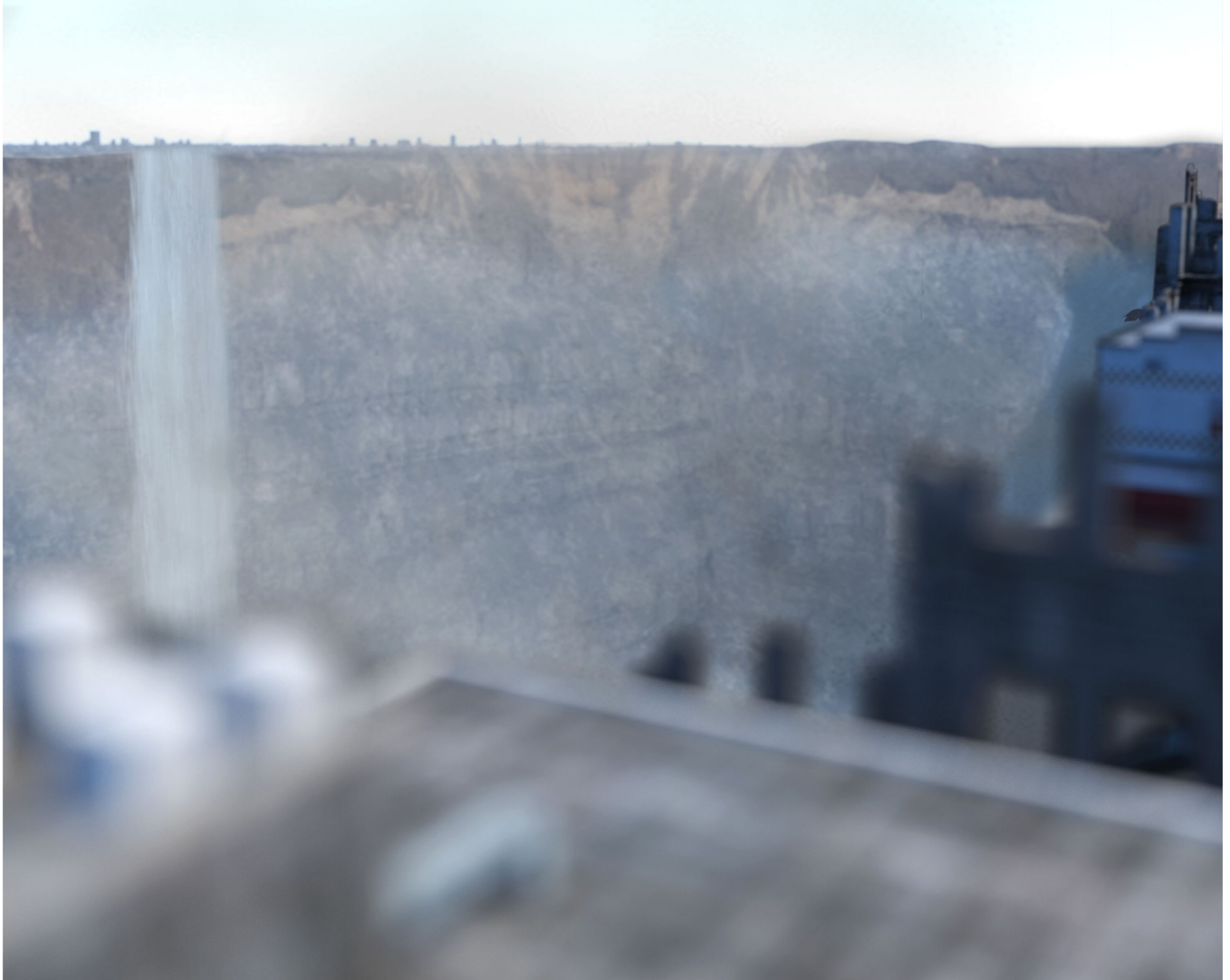
WAAARGGGH!

AAARGH!

AAH!

NOT THAT IT WOULD'VE MATTERED
IF THEY HAD KNOWN--

THE SHOCKWAVE TORE THROUGH THE CITY
AND SHATTERED THE GROUND, LEAVING
ONLY A MASSIVE CRAVICE IN ITS WAKE..



A muscular man in a black suit is flying over a city, viewed from behind. He is surrounded by a bright purple aura. The city below is a dense urban area with a river and a large bridge. The background shows rolling hills under a clear blue sky.

HA! LOOK AT THAT! I DIDN'T
EVEN TOUCH IT! THAT WAS JUST
ONE FLICK OF A FINGER FROM
MILES AWAY!



YOU'RE
HORRIBLE! WHY DO
YOU DO THIS?!

CAUSE I CAN!
CAUSE I WANT TO!
CAUSE NO ONE CAN
STOP ME!

YOU'RE
CRAZY!

KIRA FLEW BACK TO THE BUNKER IN AN INSTANT..

I DON'T REALLY CARE WHAT YOU THINK ABOUT ME. JUST TELL WHOEVER'S IN CHARGE THAT I'LL DESTROY A CITY EVERY TIME PEOPLE TRY TO ATTACK ME! IT'S DISTRACTING!

OOH AND RUN ALONG BEFORE I CHANGE MY MIND AND FLICK A FINGER AT YOU!

RESTRICTED AREA
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

MAXIMUM CLEARANCE 10 FEET





NOW LET'S GO
MEET MY FANS IN
THIS BASE!



CR-EAK!

C R U N C H

MINIMUM CLEARANCE 10 FEET



WHY DO THEY EVEN
MAKE THESE DOORS? DO
THEY ACTUALLY THINK IT
HELPS THEM?

MAXIMUM CLEARANCE 10 FEET





THERE SHE IS!

THANK GOD THE DOOR HELD HER BACK SO LONG! THE LASER IS CHARGED!




FIR- WHERE DID SHE GO?!

SO SLOW.. I'M RIGHT HERE!



SO WHAT IS
THIS THING?

TURN AROUND!
HIT HER!



OH MY GOD
YOU ARE SO
NOISY!

JUST A
SECOND..

H-HEY!

NOW YOU! TELL
ME WHAT THIS IS
OR I'LL SNAP HIM
IN HALF!

IT'S A
DISINTEGRATION
RAY!


LET ME GO!
PLEASE!



DISINTEGRATION
RAY? SOUNDS
INTERESTING! FIRE IT
AT ME!

S-SERIOUSLY?

OF COURSE!



YOU'RE NOT
GONNA HURT ME
AFTER THIS ARE
YOU?

I LOVE THE WAY YOU
HAVE SO LITTLE FAITH
IN YOUR OWN
WEAPON!

I PROBABLY WON'T
HURT YOU! I DON'T
KNOW! I'LL DEFINITELY
HURT YOU IF YOU DON'T
DO IT!



OKAY--
FIRING!

BRAAAAAD!

AAAAARRGGH!



OH MY GOD! IT'S
WORKING! REACHING
100% POWER!

I'M DOING IT! I'LL
KILL HER! I'LL BE A
HERO!

AAARRGGHUU..



HA! JUST
KIDDING! DIDN'T
EVEN FEEL IT!

YOU SHOULD SEE
YOUR FACE!
HILARIOUS!

W-WHAT?



BUT YOU DID
REALLY TRY TO KILL
ME THERE--

SO NOW IT'S
MY TURN--

MEANWHILE, A FEW
THOUSAND MILES AWAY..

KIRA?! WHAT THE
HELL? THAT'S GROSS!
THERE'S BITS OF THAT
GUY EVERYWHERE!

YOU'RE
WATCHING?!

WELL I WISH I
WASN'T! THAT WASN'T
NICE AT ALL!



OOH THAT'S GRAND
COMING FROM THE GIRL
WHO'S BREAKING THE MINDS
OF HUNDREDS OF GUYS WITH
PLEASURE EVERY DAY! AND
DIDN'T I TELL YOU TO STAY
OUT OF MY HEAD?!

AT LEAST I GIVE
THEM PLEASURE INSTEAD
OF... WHATEVER YOU'RE
DOING!

AAH THIS IS SO BORING! I CAN GET TO ANY SPOT ON EARTH WITHIN A MILLISECOND BUT I NEED TO FLY SUPER SLOW TO NOT HAVE THIS GUY FREAKING INCINERATE!

BOOBIES..



FINALLY! HERE WE ARE!

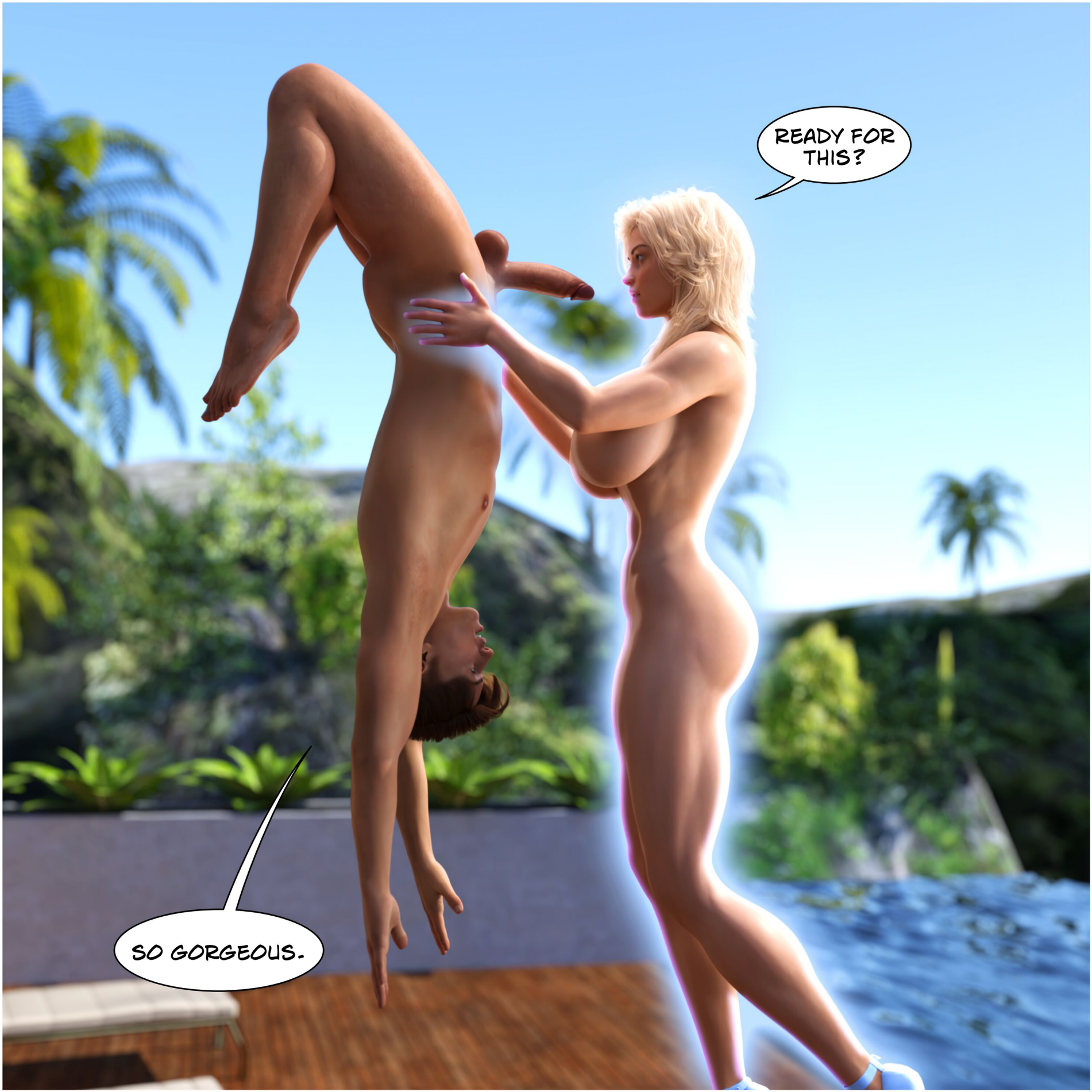




NOW IT'S
TIME..



FOR SOME
FUN!



READY FOR THIS?

SO GORGEOUS.



AAAH--

HNNGG--

YOU JUST CAME?!
AND NOW YOU'RE GOING
LIMP?! ARE YOU KIDDING
ME?





YOU'RE NOT
GETTING OFF
THIS EASY!


AAAAH!



UUURRRGGH..

AND HE PASSED OUT!
AND ALL OF THESE GUYS ARE
STILL OUT AS WELL! THIS IS SO
ANNOYING! NOW I HAVE TO FIND
SOME NEW GUYS AND FLY THEM
OVER HERE AGAIN!





WAIT.. I'M A
GODDESS. WHY AM I
DOING ALL THIS
WORK?

I HAVE A WAY
BETTER IDEA!

A MILLISECOND LATER LENA
HAD SHOT UP TO SPACE..



HMM, LAST TIME I
MADE MY ANNOUNCEMENT
ON THE TELEVISION, BUT IT
TOOK AGES TO REACH
EVERYONE!

LET'S TRY A
DIFFERENT WAY..



LENA EXTENDED HER CONSCIOUSNESS AROUND THE GLOBE, SHE SAW AND HEARD EVERYTHING AND EVERYONE. THEIR THOUGHTS, THEIR FEELINGS, THEIR SECRETS, SHE GAZED DEEP INTO THE ALMOST EIGHT BILLION MORTALS BELOW HER.

SHE INVADED THEIR MINDS, CASUALLY PUSHING ASIDE THE WILLPOWER OF BILLIONS OF HUMANS WITHOUT THE SLIGHTEST EFFORT.





AND WHEN SHE SPOKE, IT WASN'T
JUST THAT EVERYONE HEARD HER
VOICE IN THEIR VERY MINDS..

BUT IN THAT MOMENT THEY ACCEPTED HER
WORDS AS ABSOLUTE TRUTH..



A woman with long, wavy blonde hair and bright blue eyes is meditating in a lotus position. She is unclothed, with her large breasts prominently displayed. She is wearing light blue high-heeled sandals with ankle straps. Her hands are in the mudra position, with index and thumb fingers touching. She is surrounded by a bright blue, glowing aura. The background is a dark space filled with stars.

HELLO ALL YOU
LITTLE MORTALS! FROM
NOW ON EVERY COUNTRY
WILL SEND ME TEN OF
THEIR CUTEST MEN
EVERY DAY!

YOU HAVE 24 HOURS
FOR THE FIRST ONES! IF
YOU DON'T I'LL RIP THE
EARTH APART OR
SOMETHING!

AND AT THE SAME TIME, IN AN ENTIRELY DIFFERENT PLACE..

SEEMS LIKE THEY'RE HAVING FUN!

I HAD ALWAYS EXPECTED LENA TO BE THE STRONGER ONE. SHE JUST DOMINATED EVERYONE ON EARTH!





DO YOU THINK SHE FIGURED OUT SHE DIDN'T NEED TO BREATHE IN SPACE AND THEY'RE REALLY NOT CONFINED TO ONE LITTLE PLANET?

PFF, THEY'RE POWERFUL BUT IT'S HARD FOR MORTALS TO TRULY GRASP IT.

YOU HAD PLENTY OF TROUBLE WHEN I GAVE YOU POWERS!




BUT DOES IT REALLY
MATTER? THEY'RE POWERFUL
ENOUGH FOR MY PLAN! AND THEN
I'LL FINALLY HAVE SOME FUN
AGAIN! IS EVERYTHING SET?

YUP! THEIR
VESSELS ARE
READY!

I MADE THEM THE SAME AS THEY ARE NOW. THEY SEEM TO PREFER THAT FORM MOST.

GREAT! YOU WERE RIGHT. I WAS PLANNING ON JUST OBLITERATING THEM BUT THEY MIGHT BE FUN TO KEEP AROUND.





BUT WON'T THEY BE
LIKE.. REALLY PISSED
OFF WHEN THEY GET
HERE?

PFF, THEY SHOULD
BE GRATEFUL THAT
I'M LETTING THEM
LIVE!



YEAH BUT WHAT IF
THEY START BREAKING
STUFF OR.. ATTACKING
ME?

WELL IT'S
YOUR JOB TO
CONVINCE THEM
THIS IS THE BEST
ENDING..

IT'S NOT AS IF
THEY CAN EVER LEAVE
THIS PLACE. BUT THEY'LL
HAVE MY ENTIRE UNIVERSE
TO EXPLORE AND HAVE
FUN WITH!



BUT YOU'RE NOT
SUGGESTING YOU'LL
FAIL ME.. ARE YOU?

N-NO!
OF COURSE
NOT!

GOOD
GIRL..

MEANWHILE BACK ON EARTH LENA
WAS SOARING THROUGH THE SKY..

HMM, NOW
WHAT TO DO WITH
24 HOURS..

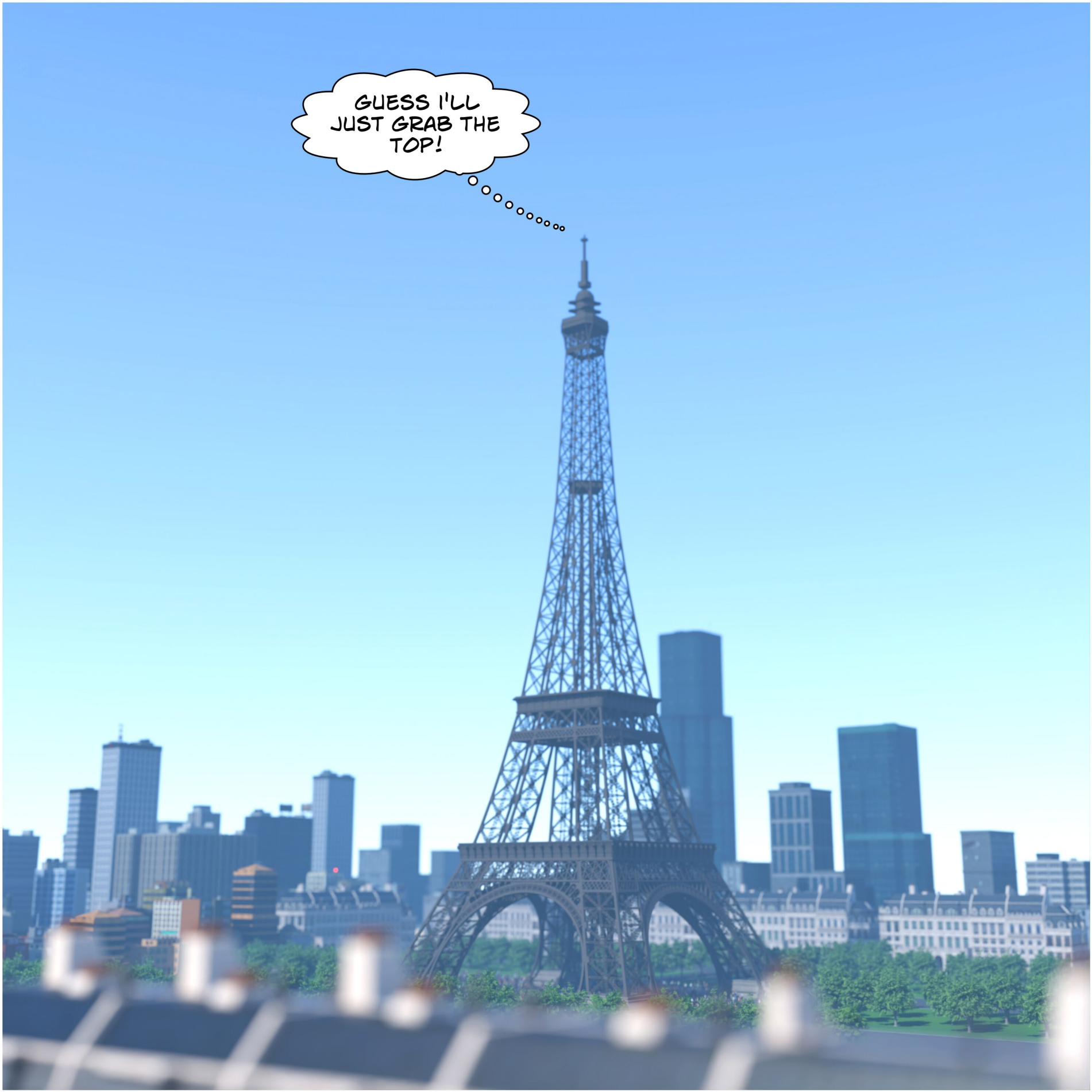
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IDEA!

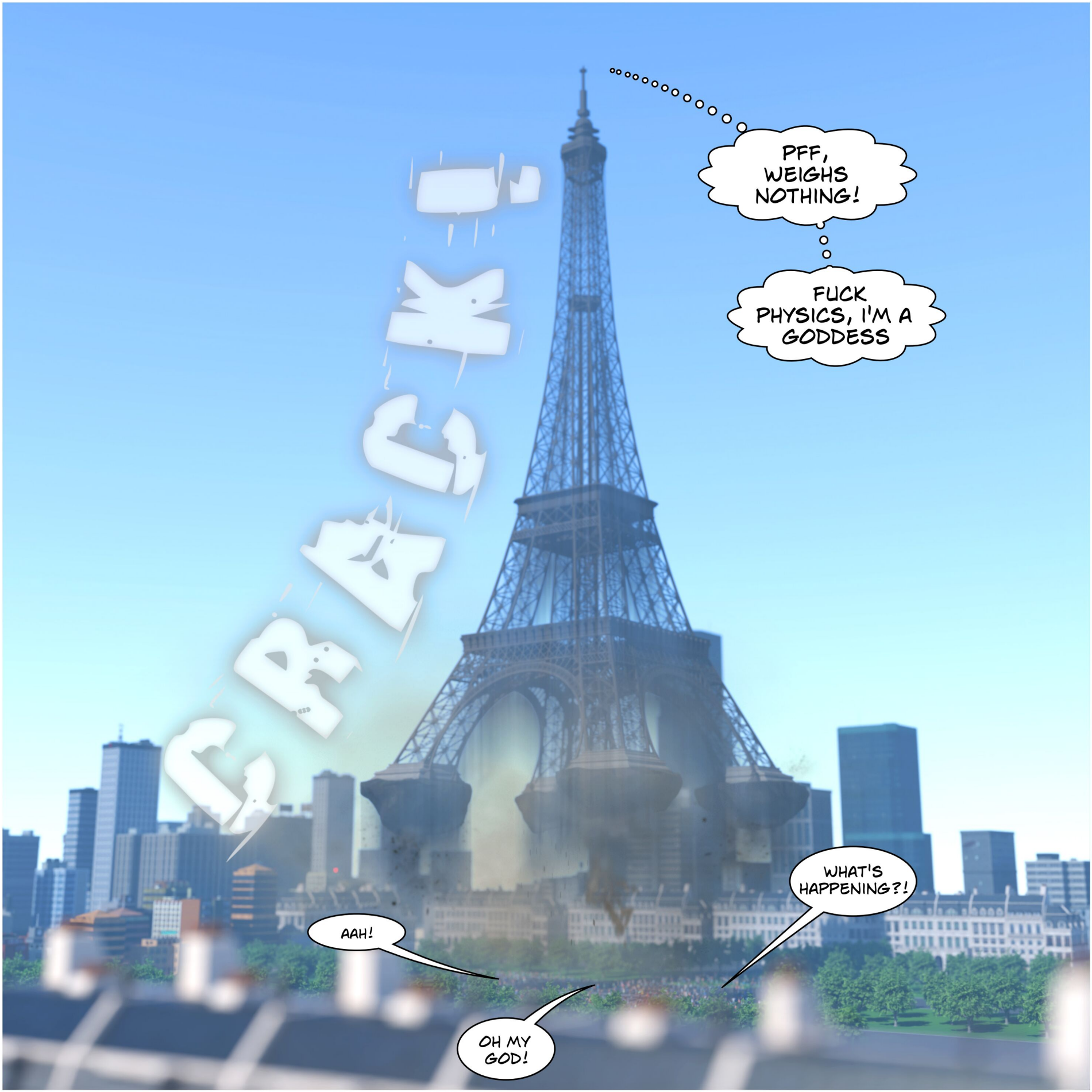


HMM, HOW DO
YOU EVEN DO THIS. KIRA
IS MORE OF ALL THIS
DESTRUCTION AND
STUFF.



GUESS I'LL
JUST GRAB THE
TOP!





PFF,
WEIGHS
NOTHING!

FUCK
PHYSICS, I'M A
GODDESS

CRASH

AAH!

OH MY
GOD!

WHAT'S
HAPPENING?!



SHE'S
HERE TO
DESTROY THE
EARTH!

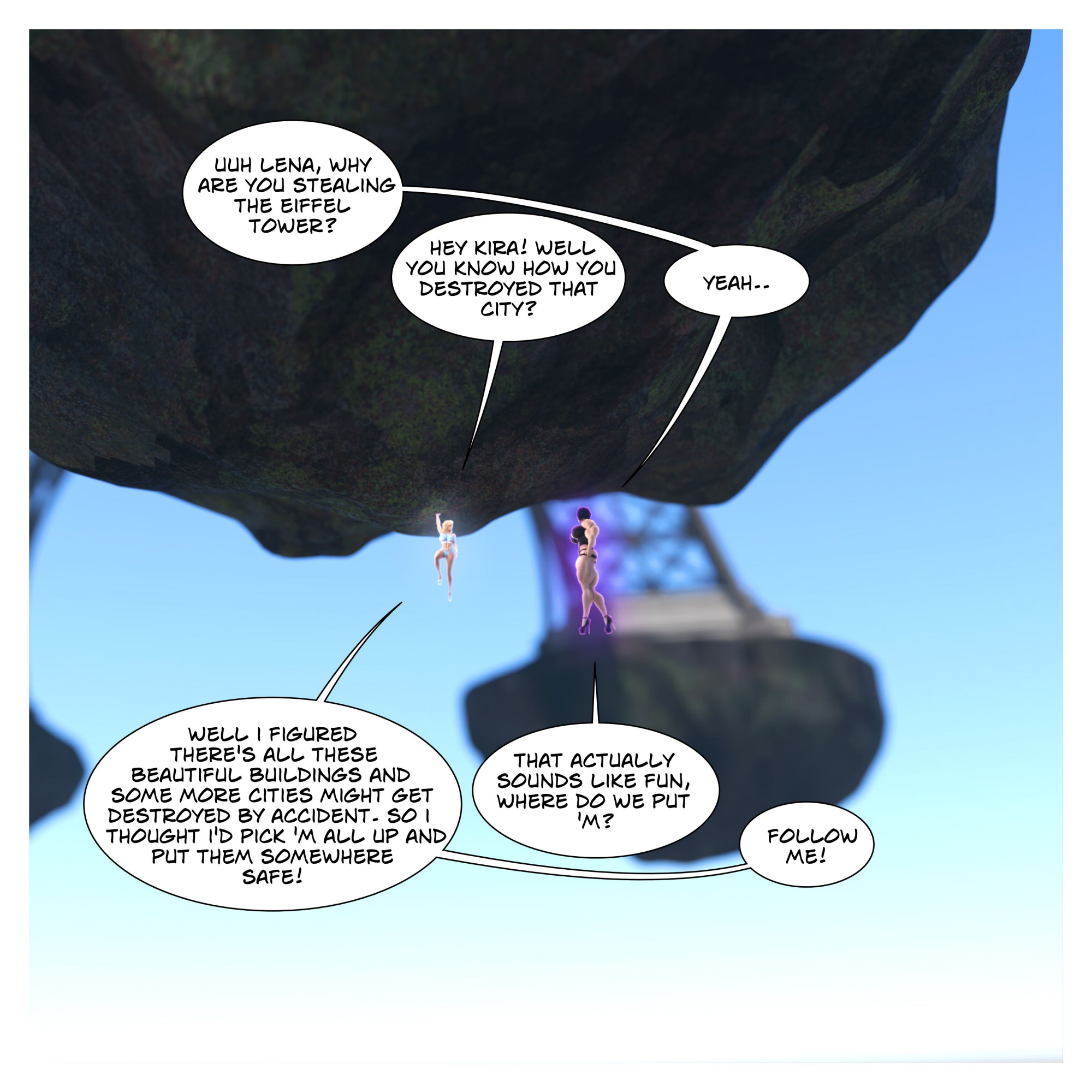
SHE SAID
WE HAD 24
HOURS!

RUN!

AAAH!

PFF, SILLY HUMANS.
THEY'D BE GONE LONG
BEFORE THEY'D EVEN REALISE I
WAS DESTROYING THE
EARTH!



A comic book panel featuring two characters on a dark, floating island against a blue sky. The character on the left is a woman in a blue bikini, and the character on the right is a man in a black and white outfit. They are surrounded by several speech bubbles containing dialogue. The background shows a blurred cityscape with a prominent tower.

UHH LENA, WHY
ARE YOU STEALING
THE EIFFEL
TOWER?

HEY KIRA! WELL
YOU KNOW HOW YOU
DESTROYED THAT
CITY?

YEAH..

WELL I FIGURED
THERE'S ALL THESE
BEAUTIFUL BUILDINGS AND
SOME MORE CITIES MIGHT GET
DESTROYED BY ACCIDENT. SO I
THOUGHT I'D PICK 'EM ALL UP AND
PUT THEM SOMEWHERE
SAFE!

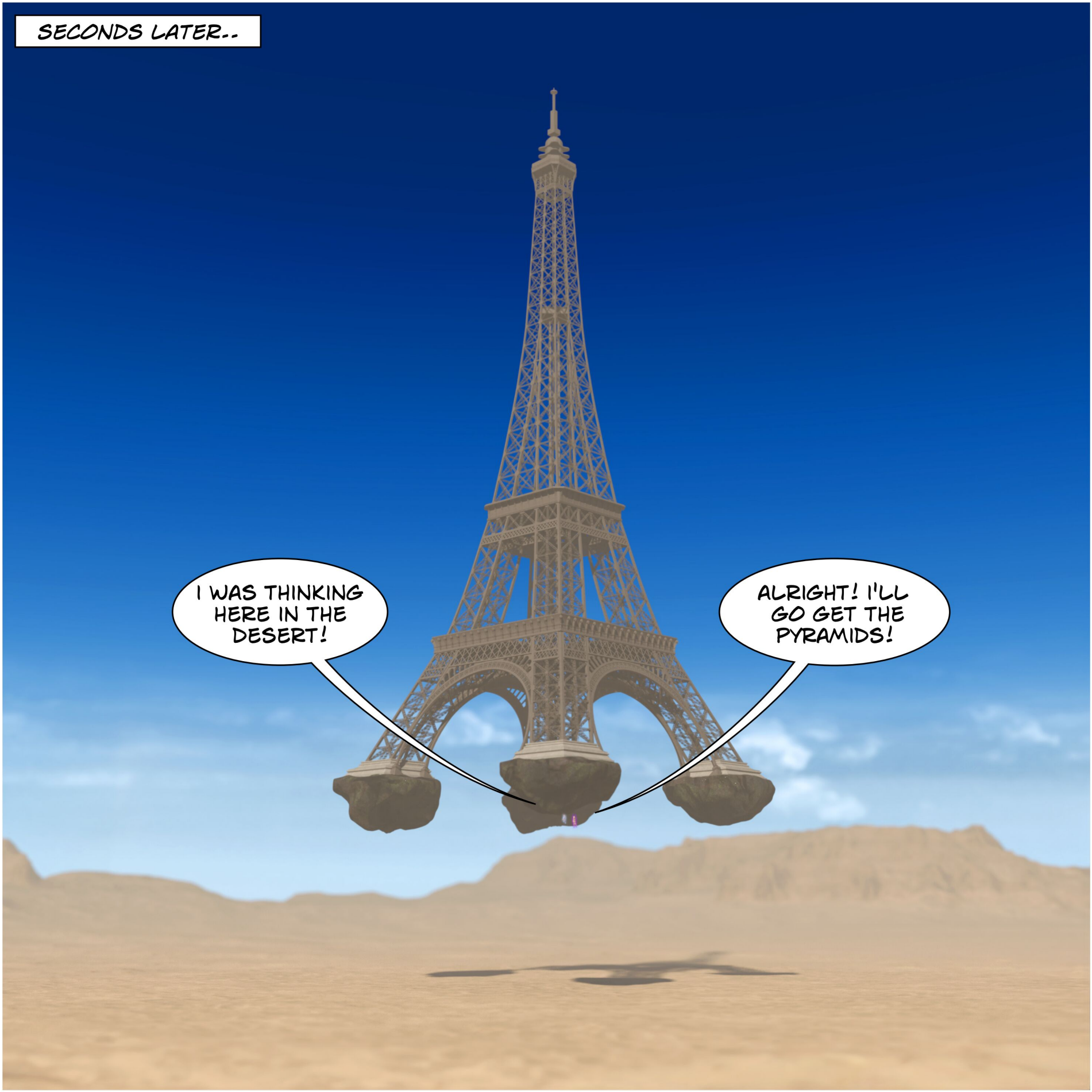
THAT ACTUALLY
SOUNDS LIKE FUN,
WHERE DO WE PUT
'EM?

FOLLOW
ME!

SECONDS LATER..

I WAS THINKING
HERE IN THE
DESERT!

ALRIGHT! I'LL
GO GET THE
PYRAMIDS!





LOOK AT YOU
GIRLS! HAVING ALL
KINDS OF FUN!

PINK BI-
CHICK!


HEY! YOU'RE
STILL AROUND?

I STILL REMEMBER
YOU GIRLS CRYING OUT
WHEN I GAVE YOU A LITTLE
BIT OF POWER AT THE START!
AND LOOK AT YOU TWO
NOW!

SUPERPOWERED
GODDESSES WITH
INVULNERABLE AND
UNSTOPPABLE
BODIES!



UHH..
YEAH?



NOW I'LL BE
TAKING THOSE
THEN!

AAAAH!

WHA-?
UURRGHH..



THERE WE
GO!



BUT DON'T WORRY! I'VE
DECIDED TO BE VERY
MERCIFUL! I'M SENDING YOU
TWO BACK TO WHERE I
COME FROM!





BUT YOUR
BODIES ARE
MINE..

I DO NEED A
VESSEL POWERFUL
ENOUGH TO FACILITATE
ME!



IS IT
WORKING?!


QUIET! I'M
TRYING TO
FOCUS!

SORRY..



OF COURSE IT
WORKED. HERE
THEY ARE!

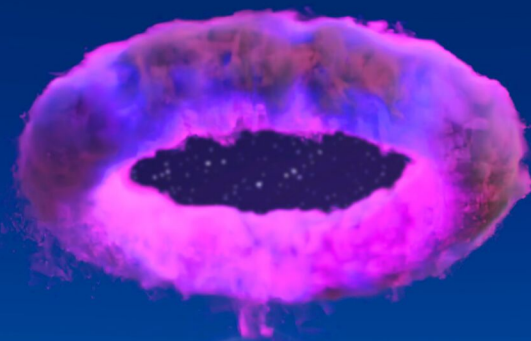
OH MY..




NOW I'M GOING TO
ENJOY MY NEW
UNIVERSE! YOU HAVE
FUN WITH THESE
TWO!

YEAH..
RIGHT..

A MOTE OF ENERGY
SLOWLY FLOATED TO THE
VESSEL SHE CREATED..



A muscular woman with short, wavy purple hair and glowing purple eyes stands in a desert landscape. She has white, ornate tattoos on her chest, forearms, and waist. Her arms are outstretched, and she is surrounded by a glowing purple and pink aura. Two speech bubbles are positioned around her head.

I'VE ACTUALLY
DONE IT! ALL OF MY
POWER! MY ENTIRE
BEING! IN A DIFFERENT
UNIVERSE!


AN ENTIRE NEW
UNIVERSE FOR ME
TO EXPLORE AND
PLAY WITH!

BUT MEANWHILE, BACK IN THE
UNIVERSE SHE CAME FROM..

AWW JEEZ..
THEY'RE REALLY NOT
GOING TO BE HAPPY ARE
THEY? SHE JUST STOLE
THEIR BODIES..

MAYBE IT WAS A BAD
IDEA TO CONVINCE HER TO
LET THEM LIVE.. I MEAN I'M
THE ONE HAVING TO DEAL
WITH THEM NOW!



A woman with blonde hair, wearing a pink bikini and high heels, stands on the left side of a futuristic, marble-clad room. The room features several glowing, arched doorways. In the center, two muscular, nude bodies are lying on white, glowing platforms. One body is male with dark hair, and the other is female with blonde hair. The scene is lit with purple and blue hues, and the background is a dark space with stars.

I MEAN THEY DO
HAVE NEW BODIES..
MAYBE THEY'LL BE FINE
WITH HAVING FUN IN THIS
UNIVERSE?

AAAAH!

GASP!



HI! WELCOME! THIS IS
THE UNIVERSE OF AYDA!
THE GIRL WHO JUST SEND
YOU HERE!

SHE GREW A BIT TIRED OF
THIS UNIVERSE AND WANTED TO
EXPLORE AND HAVE FUN IN A
DIFFERENT ONE! AND YOU TWO GAVE
HER A VESSEL TO DO SO! AS A
REWARD SHE SENT YOU BACK HERE
FOR YOU TO ENJOY HER
UNIVERSE!

WHAT..?

EEH?


THERE'S LOTS OF
FUN THINGS AND...
UURGGH!

YOU STOLE
OUR FUCKING
BODIES!

YOU PIECE
OF SHIT!

NO! NO WAIT! I
DIDN'T DO THAT!
SHE DID!

I'M SORRY
PLEASE DON'T
HURT ME!



I.. I EVEN CONVINCED
HER TO LET YOU TWO
LIVE! YOU WOULD'VE BEEN
DEAD WITHOUT ME!
PLEASE!

COME ON KIRA, IT'S
OBVIOUS IT WASN'T HER
WHO DID IT. SHE MIGHT'VE
HELPED BUT..

SHE HELPED
SO I'LL CRUSH
HER!

NO WAIT! PLEASE! YOU
DON'T UNDERSTAND! SHE
ALWAYS GETS WHAT SHE
WANTS! I DIDN'T HAVE A
CHOICE!

SHE'S REALLY SCARY..

SCARIER THAN ME?

CAN YOU PLEASE TELL US WHY SHE NEEDED TO DO THIS? SHE WAS ALREADY THERE WASN'T SHE? LET HER GO PLEASE KIRA!



WHAT YOU SAW OF HER
SO FAR WAS JUST A PROJECTION.
SHE BARELY HAD ANY POWER THERE.
YOU CAN'T ACTUALLY GO FROM UNIVERSE
TO UNIVERSE IN A PHYSICAL FORM, ONLY
YOUR CONSCIOUSNESS AND
POWER!

SO SHE
UNLOCKED OUR
OWN POWERS TO
SERVE AS A
VESSEL?

YES! EXACTLY!
SHE NEEDED YOUR
BODIES STRONG
ENOUGH TO CONTAIN
HER POWER!




WELL HOW DO WE GET BACK? I WANT TO SMASH HER FACE IN!

YOU CAN'T! IT TOOK LIKE ALL OF HER POWER TO OPEN AN CONNECTION TO ANOTHER UNIVERSE!

THAT'S FUCKING BULLSHIT.



A muscular man with purple hair and a glowing purple aura is jumping in the air. He is in a futuristic, opulent room with white marble floors and walls. The room features several arched doorways with glowing orange frames. In the background, two women are standing on pedestals. One woman is wearing a pink bikini, and the other is nude. The man's speech bubble is at the top, and another woman's speech bubble is at the bottom left.

I'LL JUST
FUCKING PUNCH THIS
UNIVERSE UNTIL IT
LETS ME OUT!

KIRA I DON'T
THINK..

I DON'T GIVE A
FUCK WHAT YOU
THINK!

CRACK!

THAT..
WORKED?

OH MY
GOD..



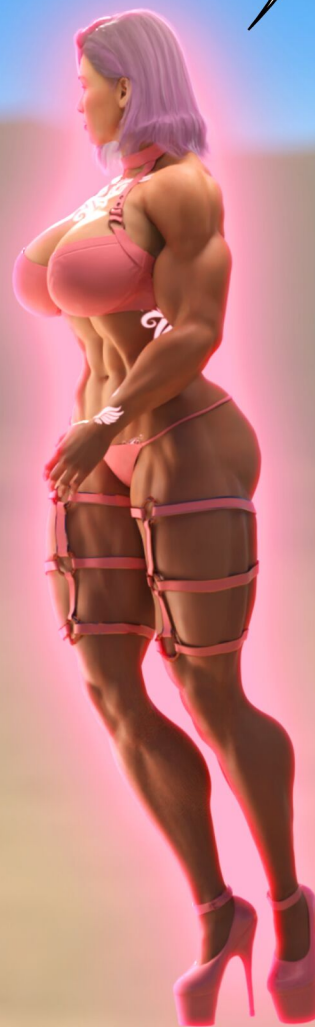
WE'RE GETTING
OUT OF HERE AND
TEACHING HER A
LESSON!

BUT YOU WON'T
EVEN HAVE A BODY
WHEN YOU GET
THERE!

WE'LL FIGURE IT
OUT ONCE WE GET
THERE!

CRACK!

UHH WHAT'S THAT?





HUH? WHAT?
HOW?!

HOW THE FUCK DID
YOU TWO GET OUT OF
THERE?! AND WHAT ARE YOU
EVEN THINKING?! YOU
DON'T EVEN HAVE A
BODY NOW!

CRACKLE!

HEY, NOW
HOLD UP..

CRACKLE!



A woman in a pink bikini and high heels stands in a desert landscape. In the background, the Eiffel Tower is visible. Two glowing, ethereal figures stand on either side of her. The figure on the left is a woman with long hair, glowing with a bright blue light. The figure on the right is a muscular man, glowing with a bright purple light. A speech bubble points to the woman in the bikini.

WHAT ARE
YOU TWO
DOING?!



W-WHY CAN'T I
MOVE..



AREN'T YOU
OVERDOING IT A
BIT?

NAH I'VE ALWAYS
BEEN THIS BIG! AND
I'LL CRUSH ANYONE
WHO SAYS
OTHERWISE!

OH MY
GOD..



NOW WHAT DO WE
DO WITH HER? SNAP
HER IN HALF?

HMM, I THINK SHE
REALISES NOW JUST HOW
BADLY SHE UDERESTIMATED US!
OR OVERESTIMATED
HERSELF..



BUT I THINK SHE
MIGHT STILL HAVE
SOME USE FOR
HER..

Y-YES
MISTRESS..

AND THAT IS THE STORY OF HOW THE
HUBRIS OF A SINGLE GIRL...

I HEARD SOME
PEOPLE SAYING SOME
BAD THINGS ABOUT ME IN
GERMANY, WHAT DO YOU
THINK I SHOULD DO
WITH IT?

I... I DON'T
KNOW...

WELL I'LL LET YOU
THINK ON IT WHILE
SLOWLY SQUEEZING
HARDER AND HARDER!



DID NOT CONDEMN JUST ONE..

I'M SO HAPPY
FOR ALL YOU
HUMANS!

YOU ACTUALLY GET
TO WORSHIP A GODDES
THAT PUNISHES YOU RIGHT
AWAY WHEN YOU WRONG HER!
ISN'T THAT JUST
WONDERFUL?

AAAARGGH!

Y-YES MY
GODDESS..



BUT TWO UNIVERSES..

TOLD YOU I'D
FIND A USE FOR
YOU!

I MEAN WHAT MORE CAN
ANYONE WISH FOR THAN
WORSHIPPING ME?



TO ETERNAL RULE BY TWO GIRLS WHO BARELY TWO WEEKS AGO WERE VERY, VERY MUNDANE..

SO YOU'RE SAYING SHE HAS A PLANET FULL OF THESE SUPERSOLDIERS?

YES MISTRESS!

GREAT! BRING THEM ALL HERE! THEY'RE QUITE FUN.. AS LONG AS I DON'T BREAK THEM TOO QUICKLY!

