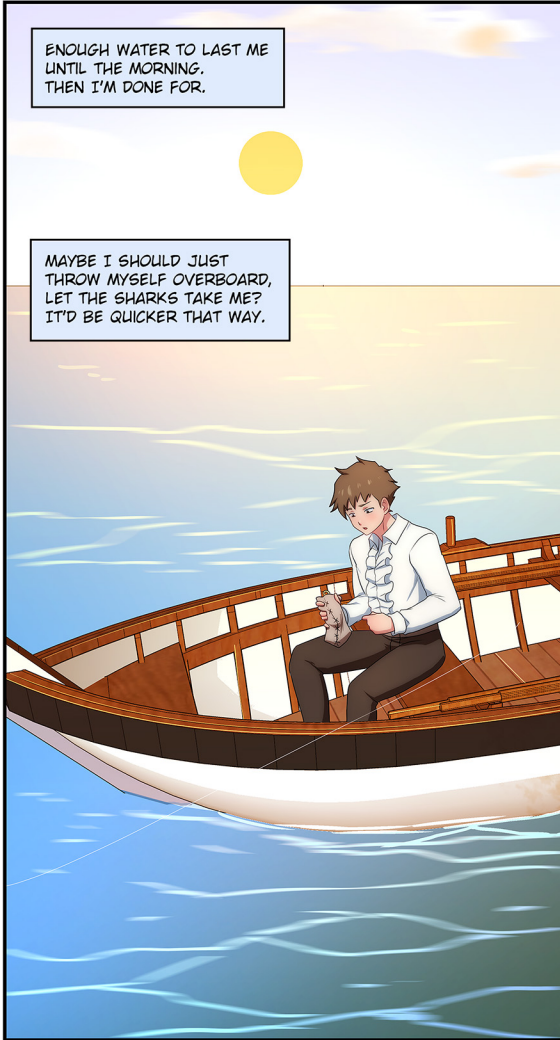




# KISS OF THE KRACKEN

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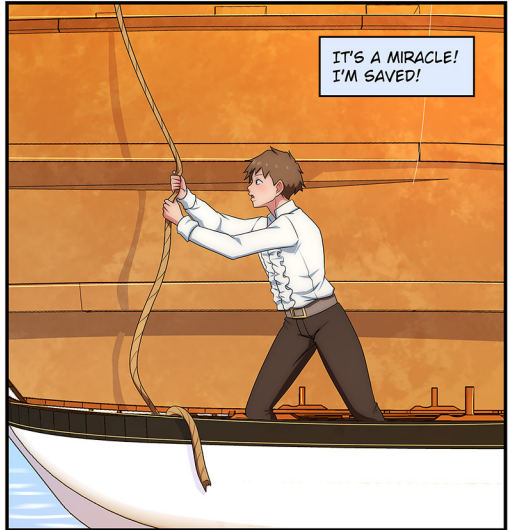


ENOUGH WATER TO LAST ME UNTIL THE MORNING. THEN I'M DONE FOR.

MAYBE I SHOULD JUST THROW MYSELF OVERBOARD, LET THE SHARKS TAKE ME? IT'D BE QUICKER THAT WAY.



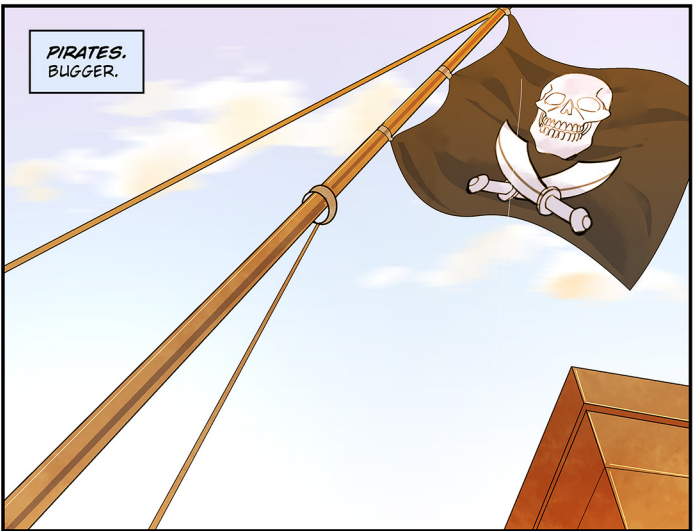
WAIT... A SHIP! MAYBE... JUST MAYBE...



IT'S A MIRACLE! I'M SAVED!



WAIT A MINUTE, IS THAT... OH, NO...

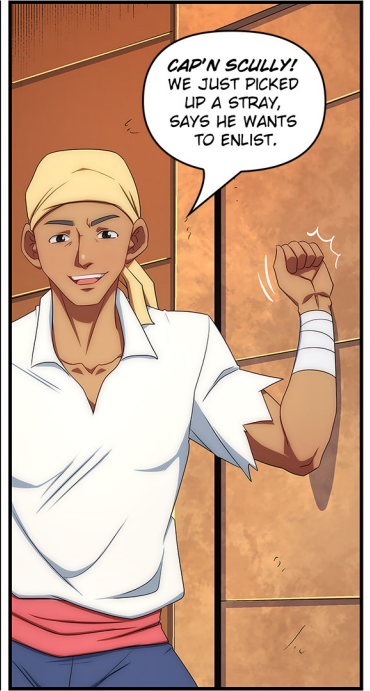


PIRATES. BUGGER.



UMM...  
GOOD DAY,  
GENTS!  
COULD YOU  
PERHAPS USE  
THE SERVICES  
OF AN  
**EXPERIENCED  
SAILOR?**

MAYBE  
WE COULD.  
MAYBE WE  
COULDN'T.  
WE'LL  
HAVE TO ASK  
THE **CAPTAIN,**  
WON'T WE?



**CAP'N SCULLY!**  
WE JUST PICKED  
UP A STRAY,  
SAYS HE WANTS  
TO ENLIST.



**HEY!**  
WHAT DID  
I TELL YOU  
ABOUT NOT  
INTERRUPTING  
ME AFTER  
SUNDOWN?

OH, I, UH...  
SORRY, CAP'N,  
BUT IT'S NOT  
SUNDOWN  
JUST YET.



IN THAT CASE,  
I'LL FORGIVE YOU  
THIS ONE TIME.  
WHAT DID YOU  
WANT?



C'MON, DOG! ASK THE CAPTAIN, OR WE'LL PUT YOU BACK WHERE WE FOUND YOU!

R-RIGHT, OF COURSE... UM, GOOD EVENING MADAM, MY NAME IS **JONATHAN FRAWLEY**, AND I WAS WONDERING IF YOU MIGHT HAVE A BERTH?

I'M, UM, AN ABLE SEAMAN, WITH FIVE YEARS EXPERIENCE IN...



I DON'T REALLY CARE ABOUT ANY OF THAT.

JUST TELL ME, CAN YOU SWAB THE DECKS, CAN YOU HANDLE A SWORD, AND WILL YOU TAKE ORDERS FROM ME?

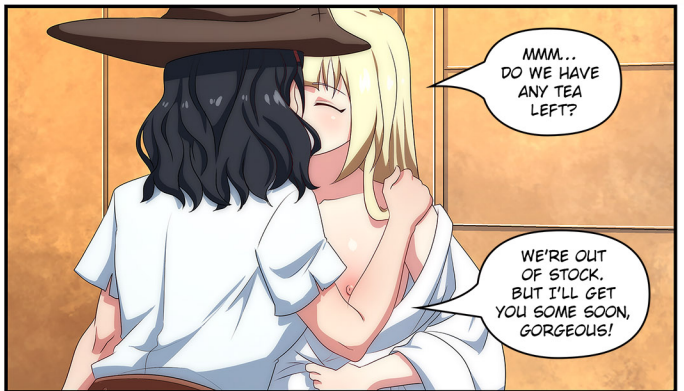
WHAT? OH, YES, YES, AND... UH, YES.

THEN YOU CAN JOIN. TAKE HIM BELOW; GET **MR. ATKINS** TO ASSIGN HIM A BERTH AND SOME JOBS.



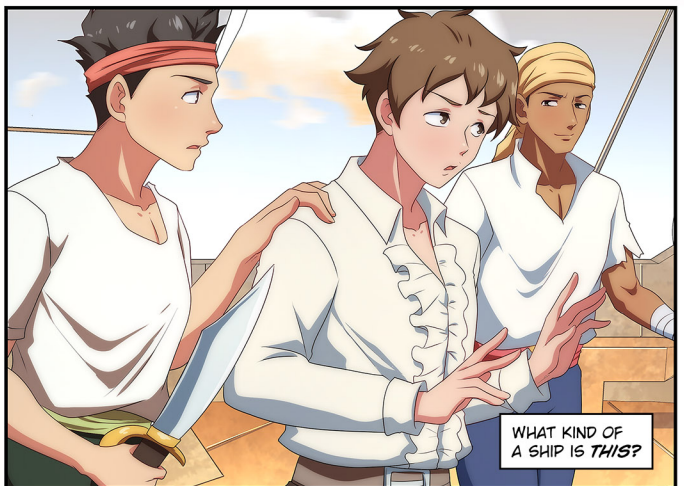
ARE YOU GOING TO BE LONG, MATILDA?

NOT AT ALL, KARA. I'VE JUST FINISHED.

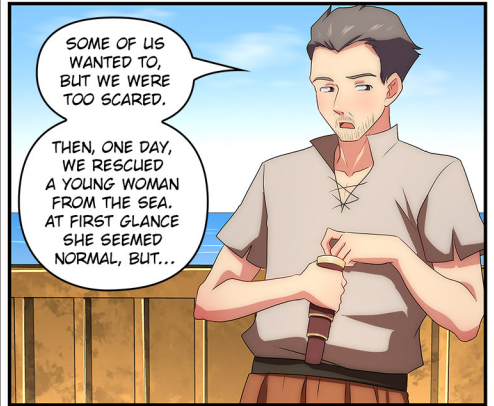
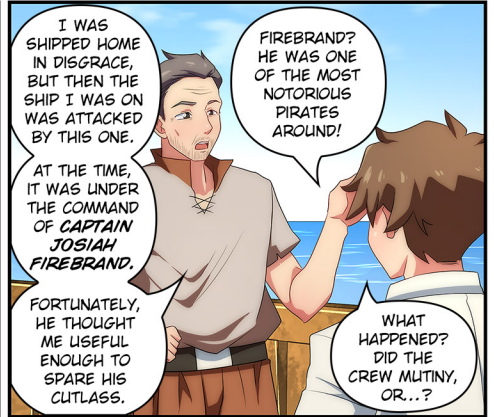
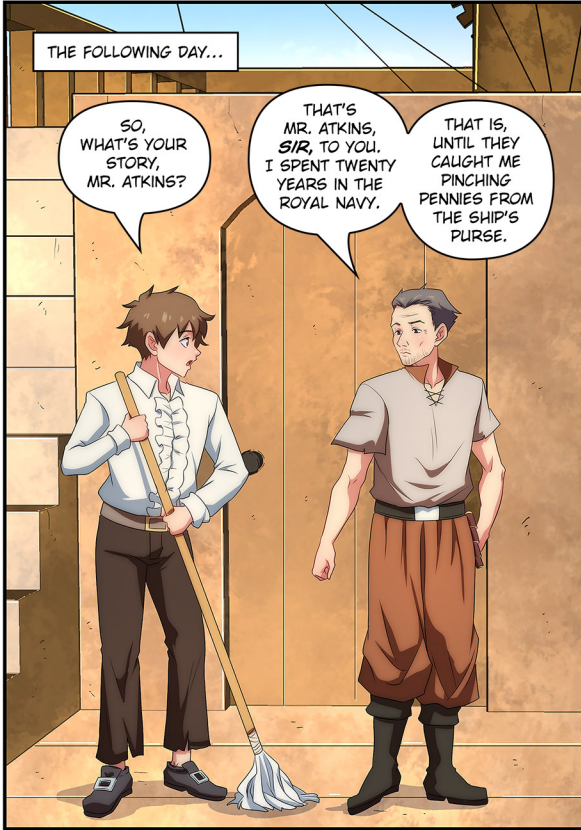


MMM... DO WE HAVE ANY TEA LEFT?

WE'RE OUT OF STOCK, BUT I'LL GET YOU SOME SOON, GORGEOUS!



WHAT KIND OF A SHIP IS *THIS*?

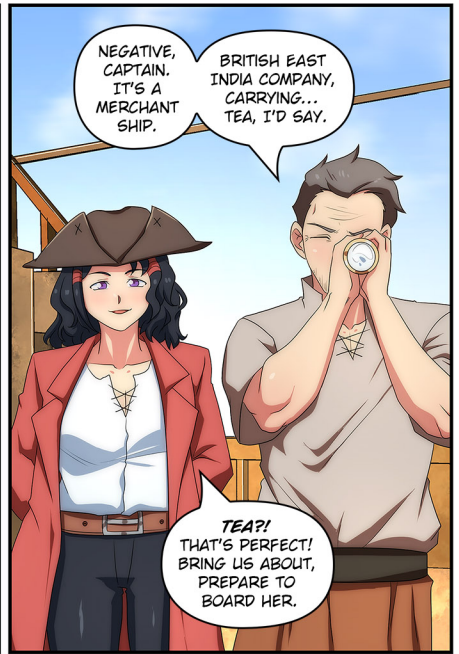




SHIP AHOY!  
OVER THERE,  
TO PORT!

WELL,  
IT SEEMS LIKE  
YOU'VE HAD  
A LET-OFF,  
MR. FRAWLEY.

IS IT A  
NAVY SHIP,  
MR. ATKINS?



NEGATIVE,  
CAPTAIN.  
IT'S A  
MERCHANT  
SHIP.

BRITISH EAST  
INDIA COMPANY,  
CARRYING...  
TEA, I'D SAY.

TEA?!  
THAT'S PERFECT!  
BRING US ABOUT,  
PREPARE TO  
BOARD HER.

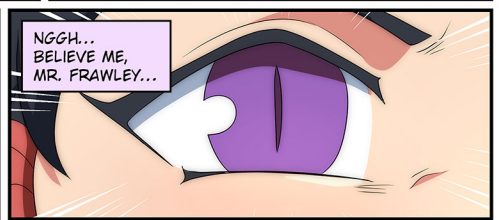


I'D SAY  
THIS IS A GOOD  
OPPORTUNITY FOR  
REDEMPTION,  
WOULDN'T YOU,  
MR. FRAWLEY?

YOU AND I  
WILL BOARD THAT  
SHIP AND RELIEVE  
HER OF HER  
CARGO.

THE REST  
OF THE CREW  
WILL ENSURE  
SHE DOESN'T  
ESCAPE.

JUST THE  
TWO OF US?!  
I KNOW IT'S  
ONLY A  
MERCHANT SHIP,  
BUT...

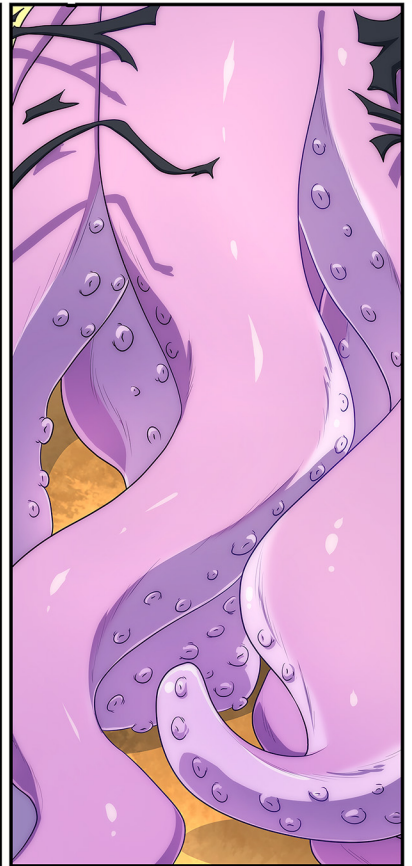
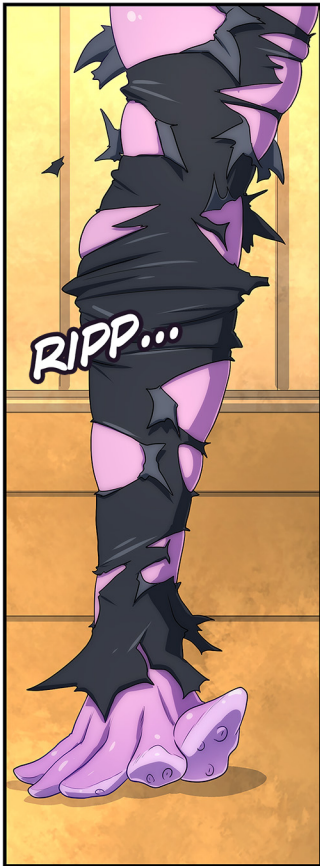
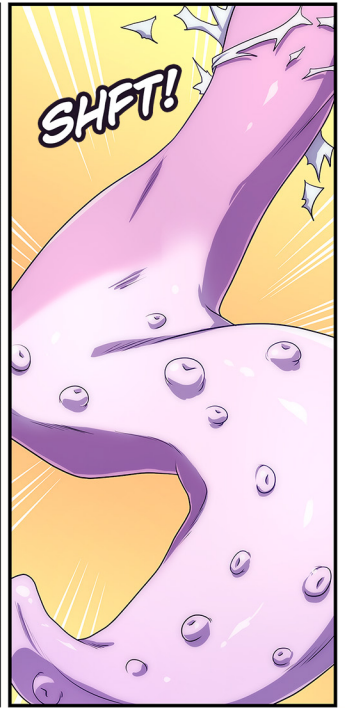
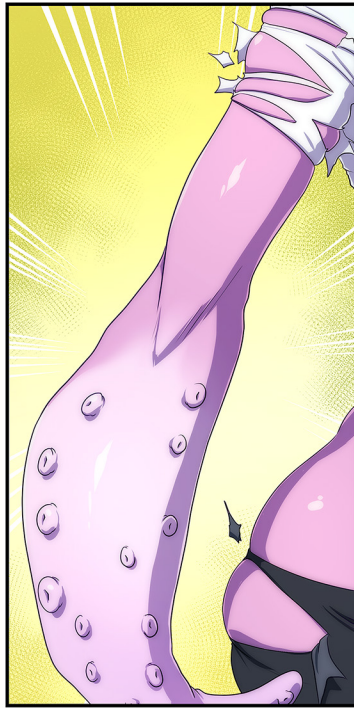
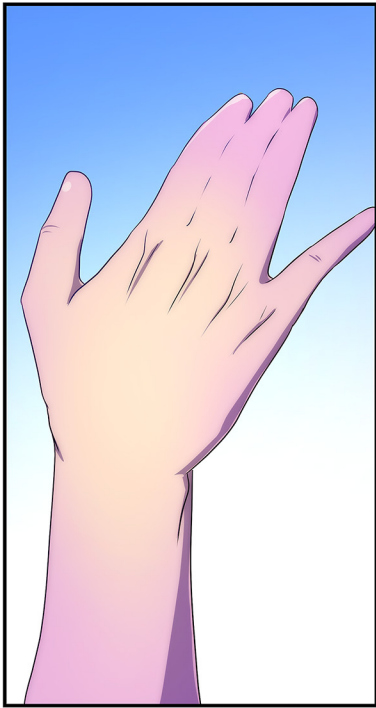


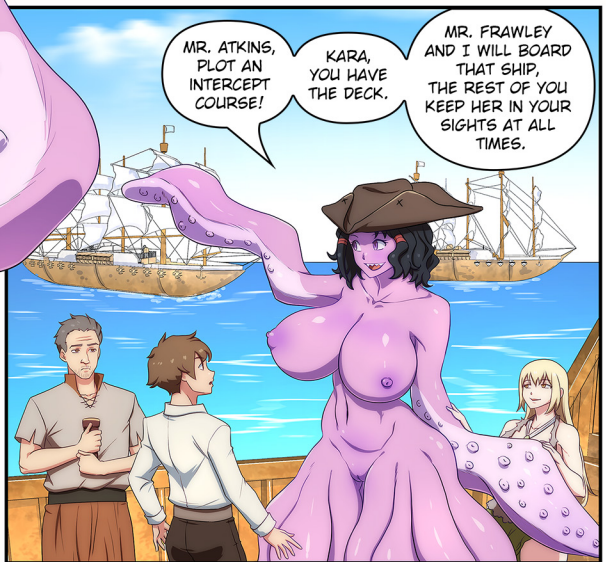
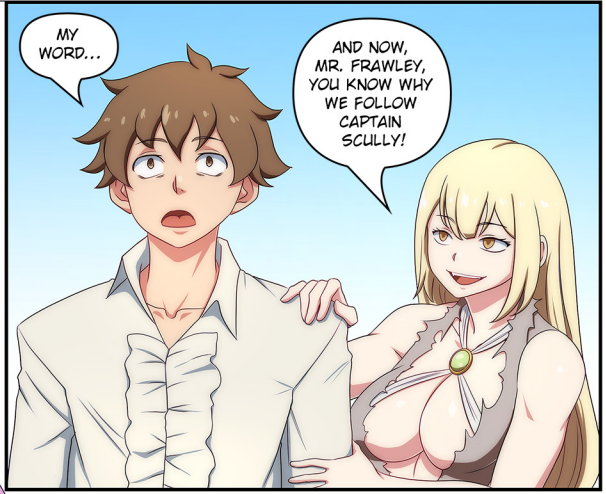
NGGH...  
BELIEVE ME,  
MR. FRAWLEY...



THE TWO  
OF US WILL  
BE QUITE  
SUFFICIENT.









WH-WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

GETTING READY TO BOARD THAT SHIP, OF COURSE.

I TRUST YOU'RE NOT EASILY NAUSEATED, MR. FRAWLEY?

SQUISSHH...

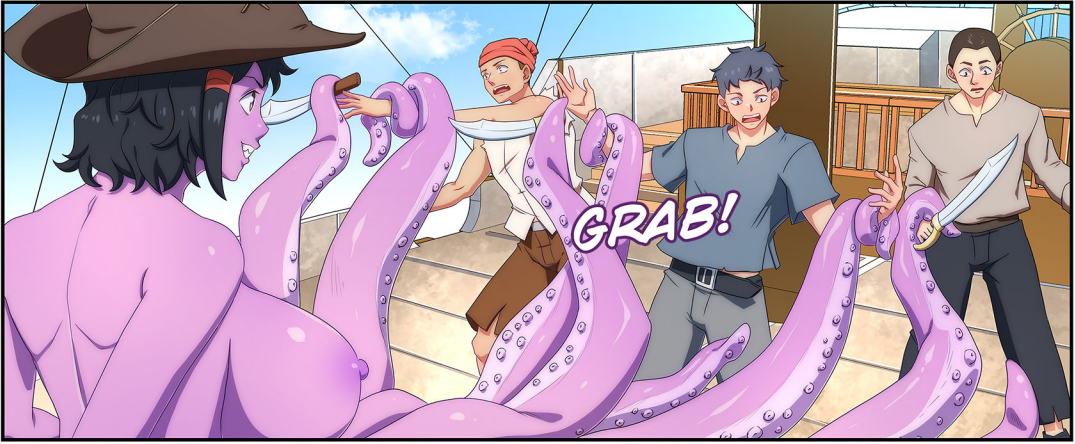


WAIT, WE DIDN'T BRING ANY WEAPONS!

AS SOON AS WE LAND, WE'LL BE CUT TO RIBBONS!

DON'T WORRY- I HAVE A PLAN!

BUMP!



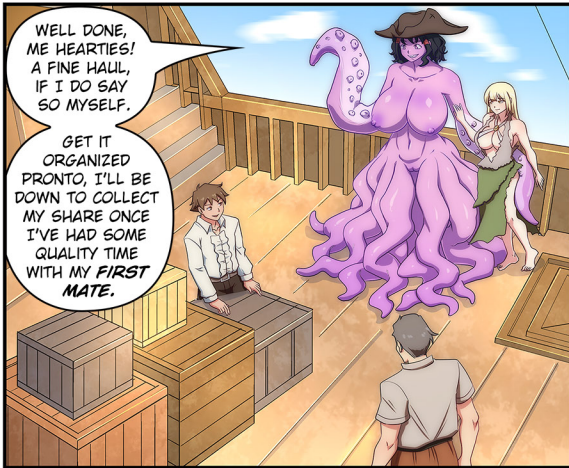
MR. FRAWLEY,  
GO BELOW,  
FIND THE HOLD,  
AND START  
BRINGING THE  
CARGO UP TO  
THE DECK.

CUT DOWN  
ANYONE WHO  
GETS IN  
YOUR WAY!

Y-YES...  
CAPTAIN!



ALL  
HANDS,  
ABANDON  
SHIP!





I THINK YOU HAD BETTER REST, CAPTAIN.

I... I THINK YOU MAY BE RIGHT... MY LOVE.



I THINK I MIGHT HAVE OVER-EXERTED MYSELF THIS TIME... JUST HOPE THE CREW DON'T SEE ME LIKE THIS.

I WOULDN'T WORRY ABOUT THAT, MATILDA. THEY'RE STILL AFRAID OF WHAT YOU'D DO TO THEM WHEN YOU RECOVER.



YOU MEAN, THEY'RE AFRAID OF WHAT YOU'D DO TO THEM.

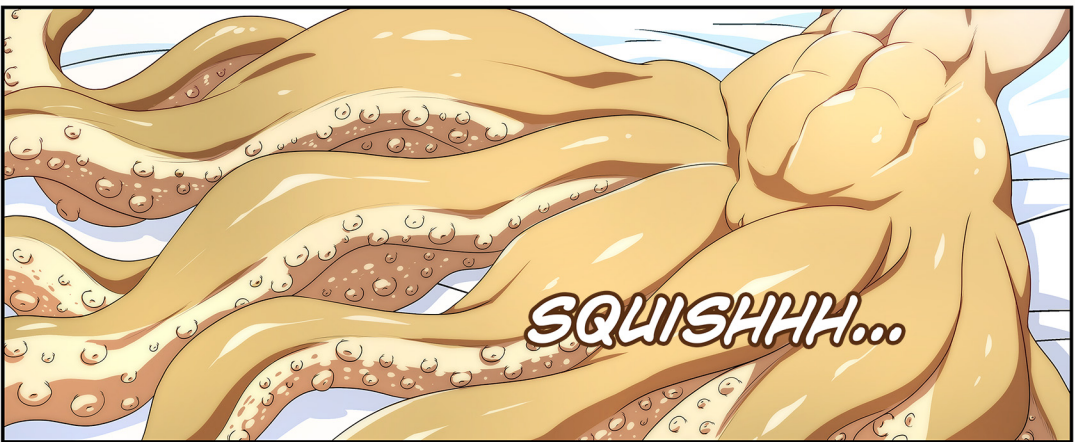
YOU'RE STILL FAR MORE POWERFUL THAN I'LL EVER BE.

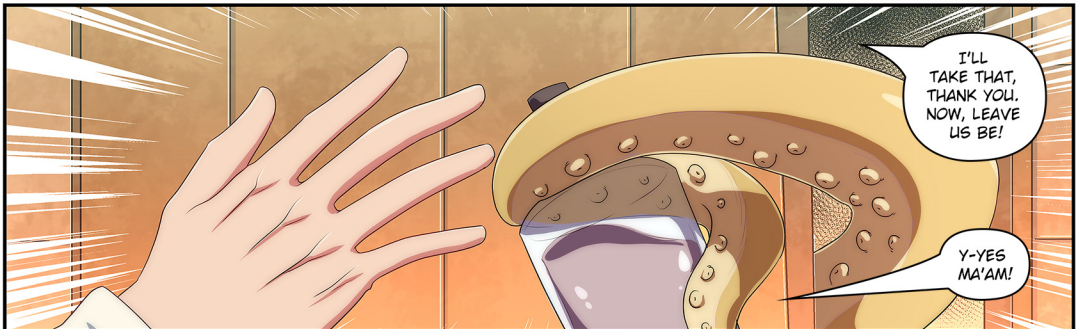
PERHAPS. BUT YOUR OWN POWERS ARE STILL DEVELOPING, MATILDA. YOU'LL BECOME MUCH STRONGER STILL.



DO YOU THINK YOU COULD GIVE ME ONE OF YOUR **SPECIAL MESSAGES**, KARA?

HEE, HEE! IT CAN BE ARRANGED.







I'LL NEVER FORGET THE DAY WE FOUND YOU... OR THE LOOK ON CAPTAIN FIREBRAND'S FACE WHEN HE REALIZED EXACTLY WHAT YOU ARE!

LET'S NOT FORGET, IF A CERTAIN *SERVING GIRL* HADN'T NURSED ME BACK TO HEALTH, I WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN HEALTHY ENOUGH TO SHOW HIM.



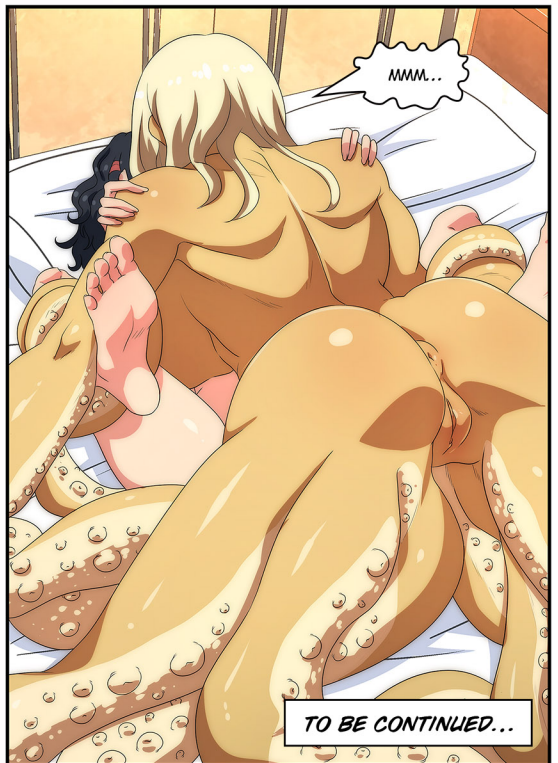
OR TO HAVE GIVEN ME A SHARE OF YOUR POWER.

OF COURSE. SPEAKING OF WHICH, IT'S GETTING TO THAT TIME OF THE YEAR AGAIN.

THE TIME WHEN I REALLY NEED TO FEED...



I'M SURE WE CAN...  
*OOOH...*  
FIND SOME SHIP THAT NOBODY'LL MISS.  
A SHIP YOU CAN *SNACK ON!*



MMM...

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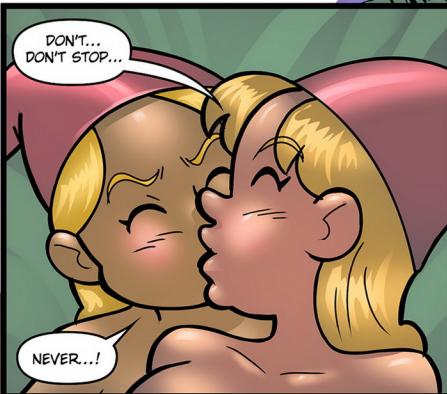
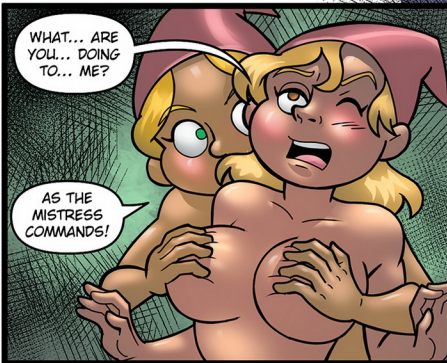
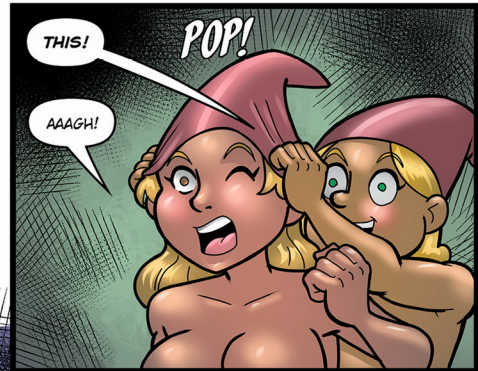
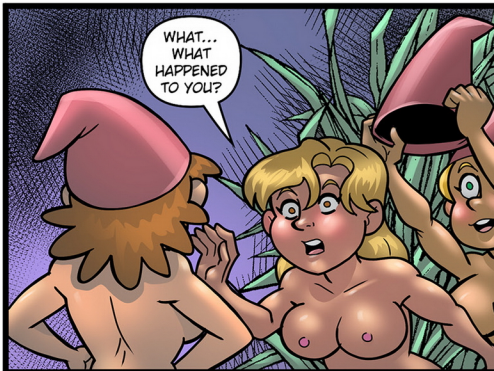
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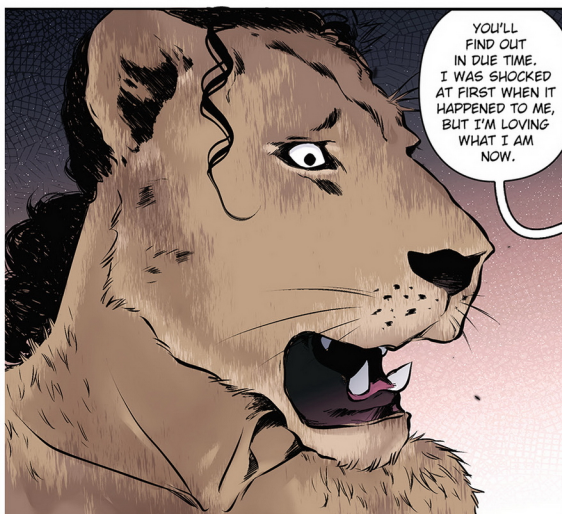
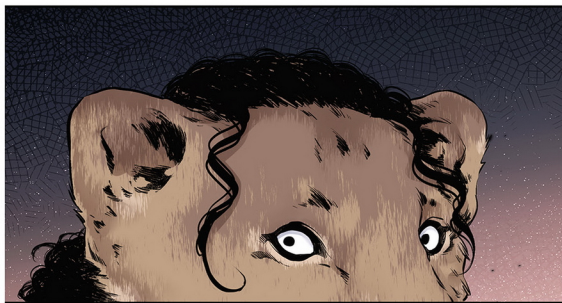
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