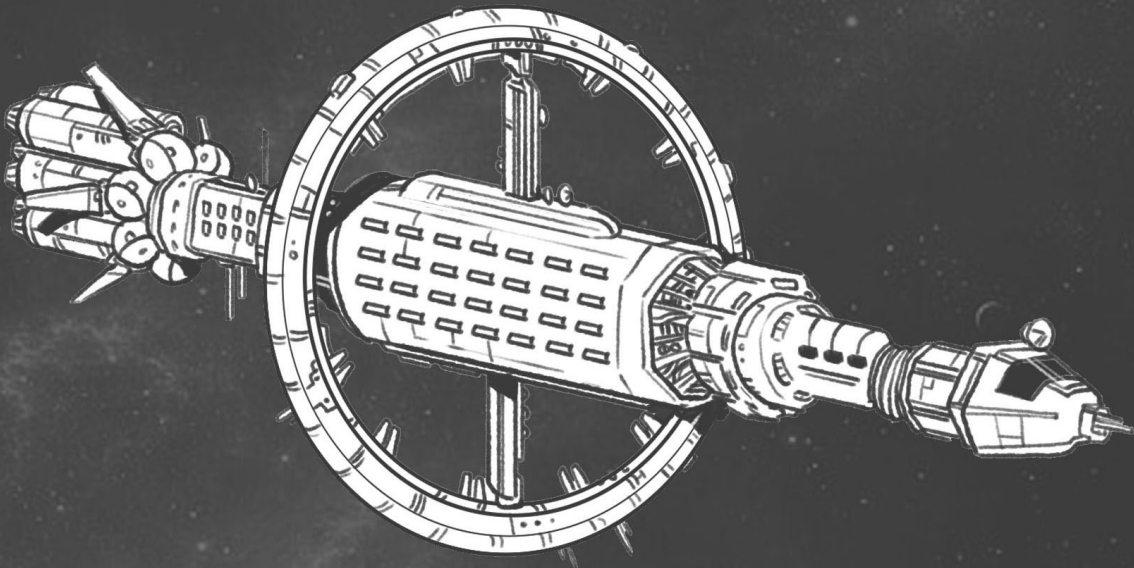


IN THE LATE 22ND CENTURY, THE COMBINED EFFECTS OF OVERPOPULATION, POLITICAL TURMOIL, AND ECOLOGICAL COLLAPSE LED TO THE RISE OF OFFWORLD COLONIZATION.

MASSIVE ARKS FULL OF HOPEFUL COLONISTS TOOK TO THE STARS BY THE HUNDREDS, BOUND FOR DISTANT BUT THEORETICALLY INHABITABLE EXOPLANETS IN FAR-FLUNG SOLAR SYSTEMS.

MANY OF THESE CELESTIAL PILGRIMS WERE RELIGIOUS ZEALOTS FROM THE CHRISTIAN STATES OF AMERICA. WITH THEIR COUNTRY DECIMATED BY YEARS OF VICIOUS CIVIL WAR, CITIZENS OF THIS CRUMBLING THEOCRACY NOW SOUGHT TO SPREAD THEIR ORTHODOXY TO NEW WORLDS AND FIND THE PROMISED LAND AT LAST...

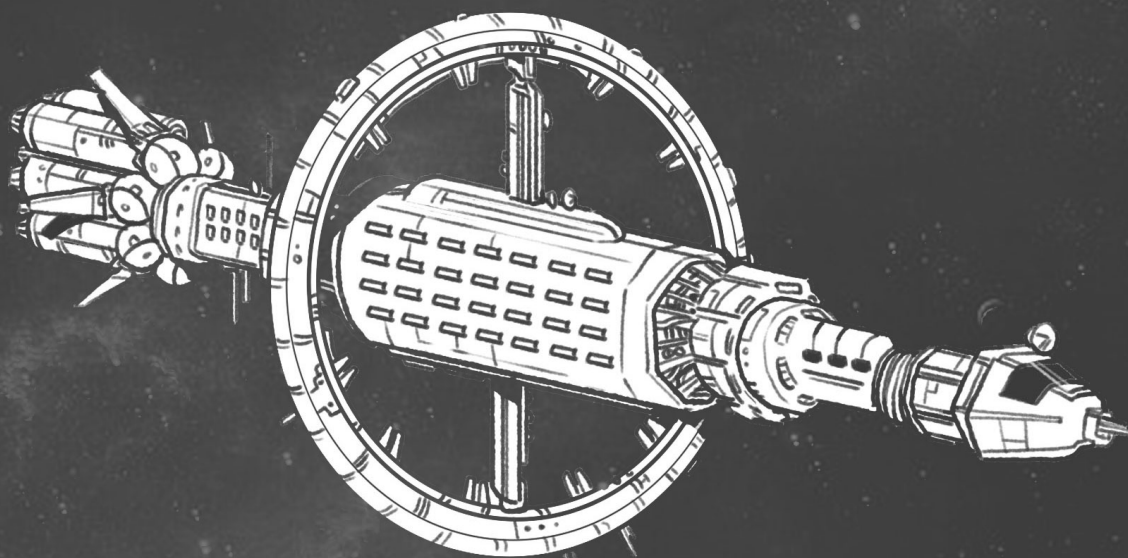
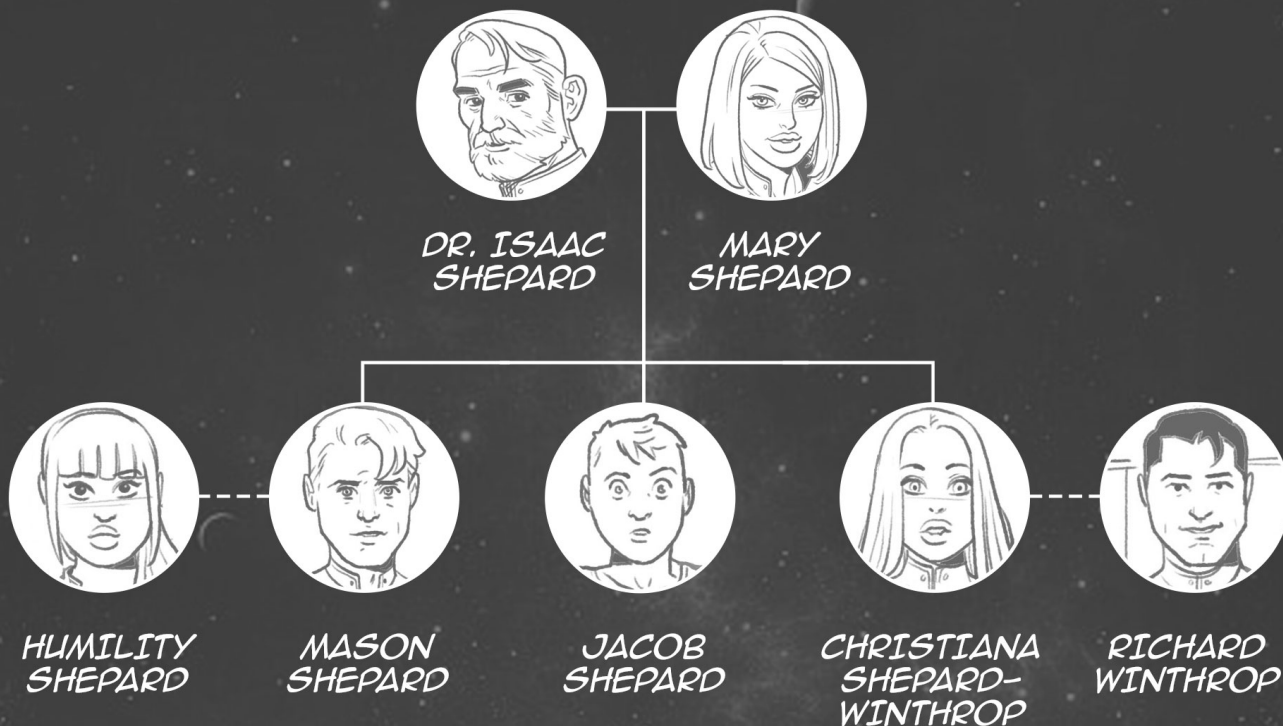


MOTHERSHIP

*WORDS + ART
PEGASUS*

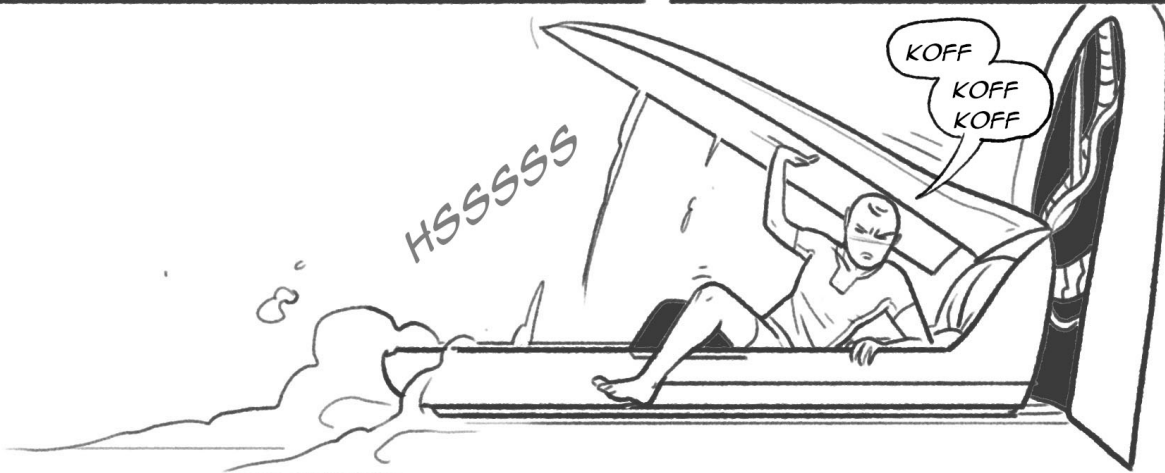
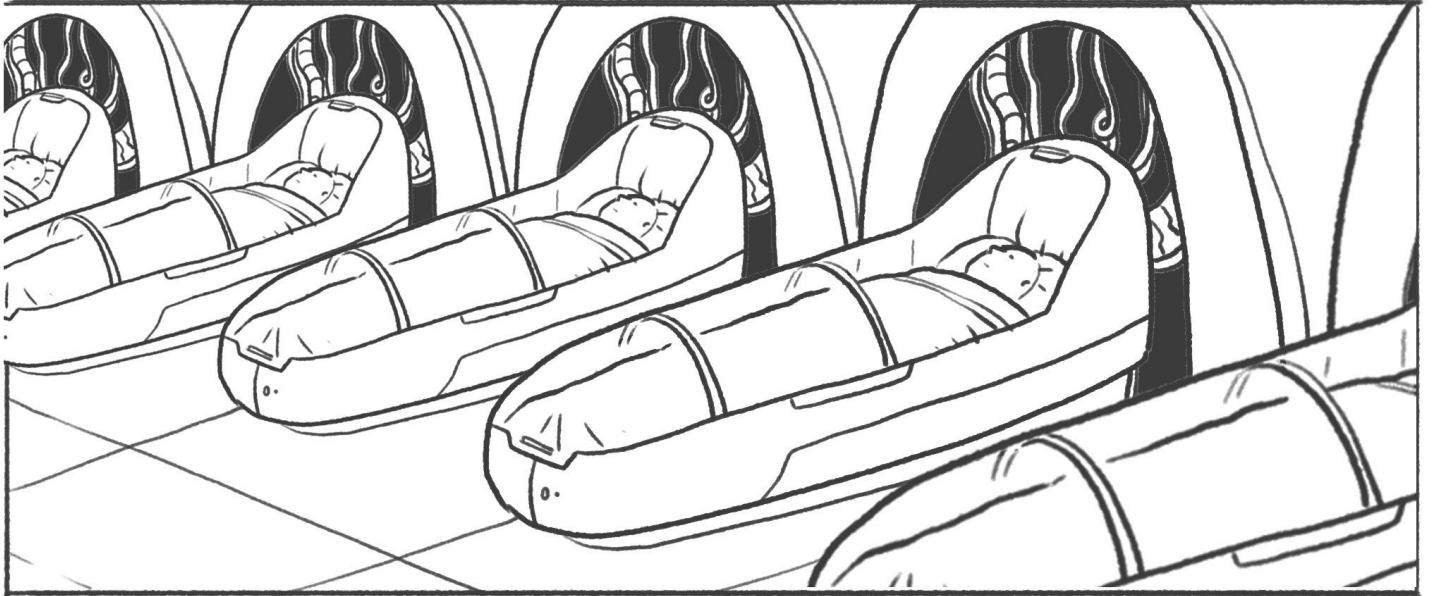
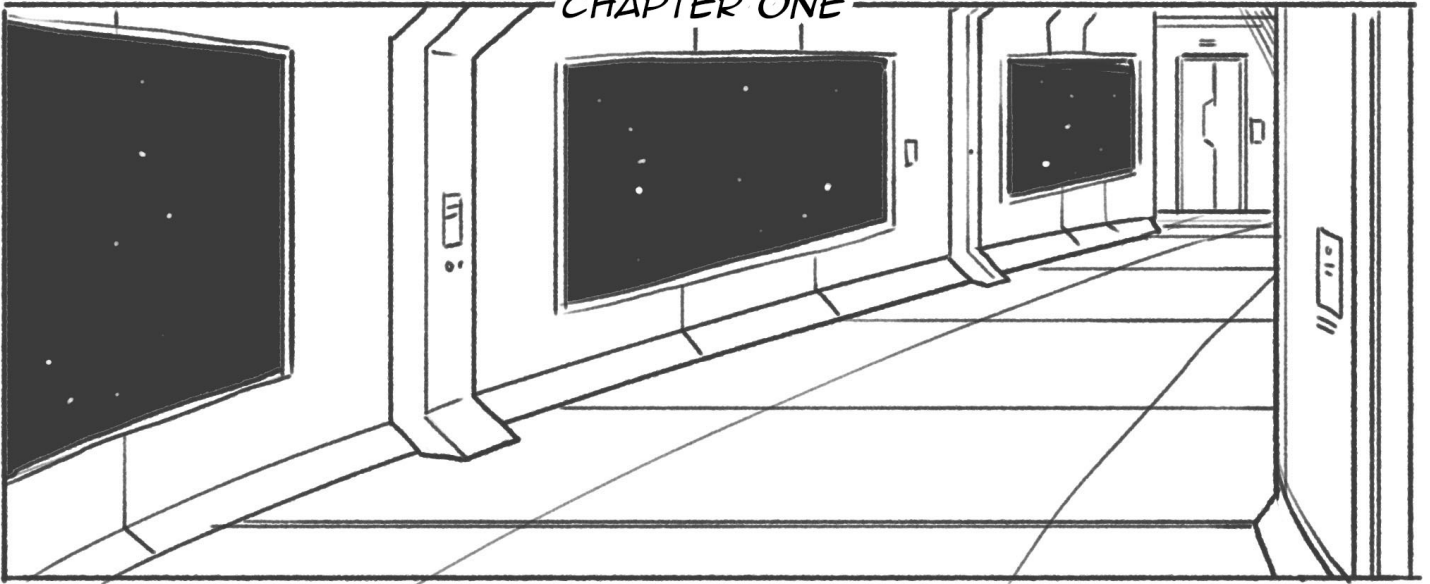
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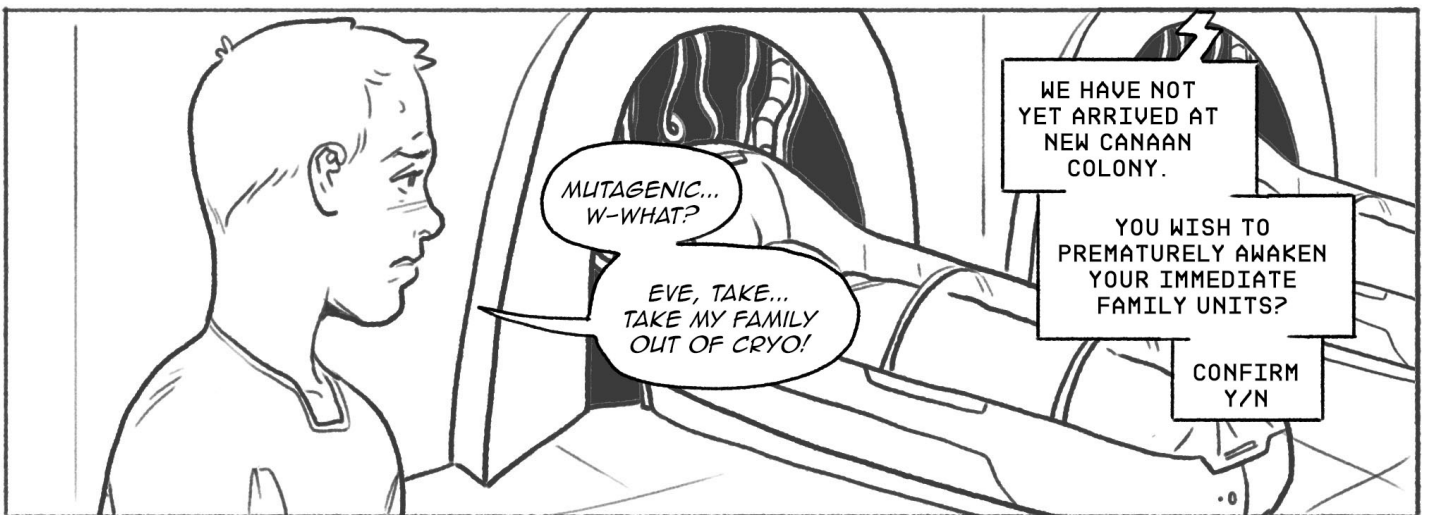
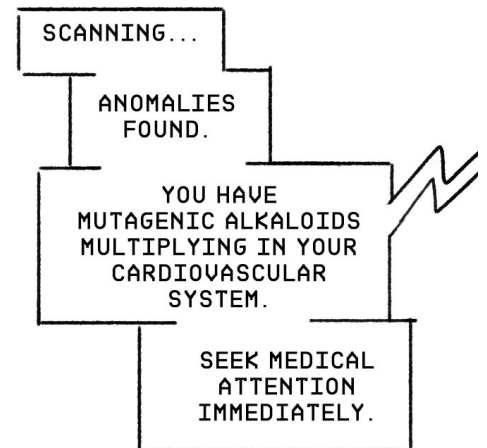
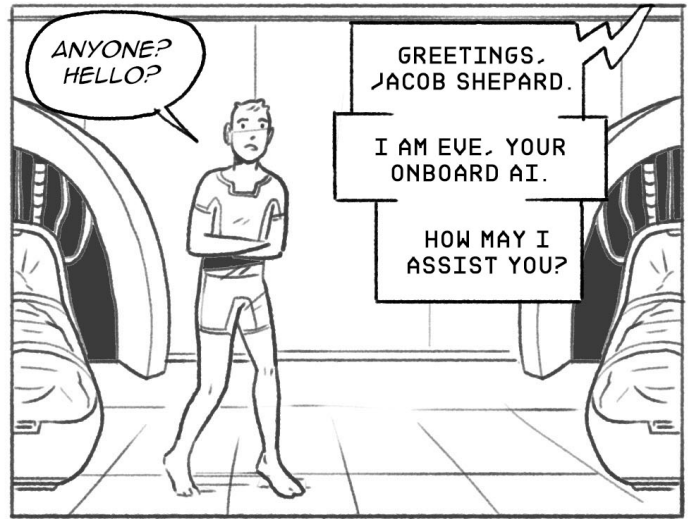
THE SHEPARD FAMILY (PARENTS, CHILDREN AND SPOUSES)



ALL CHARACTERS DEPICTED IN THIS STORY
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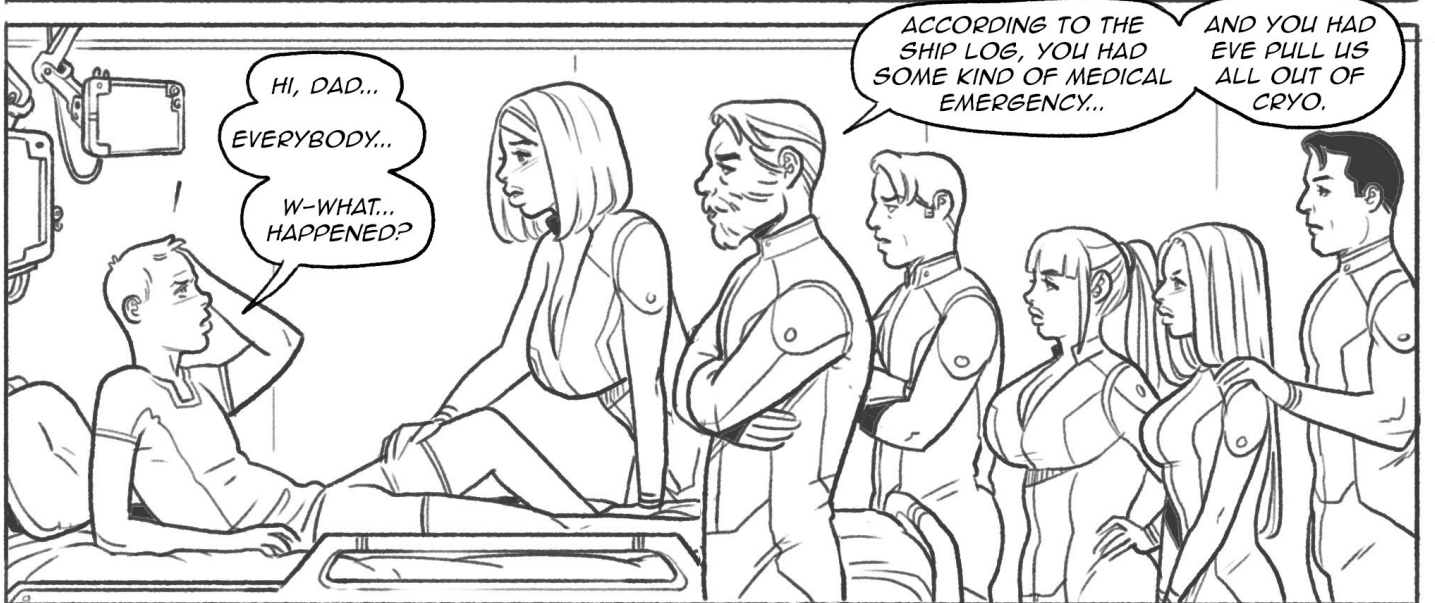
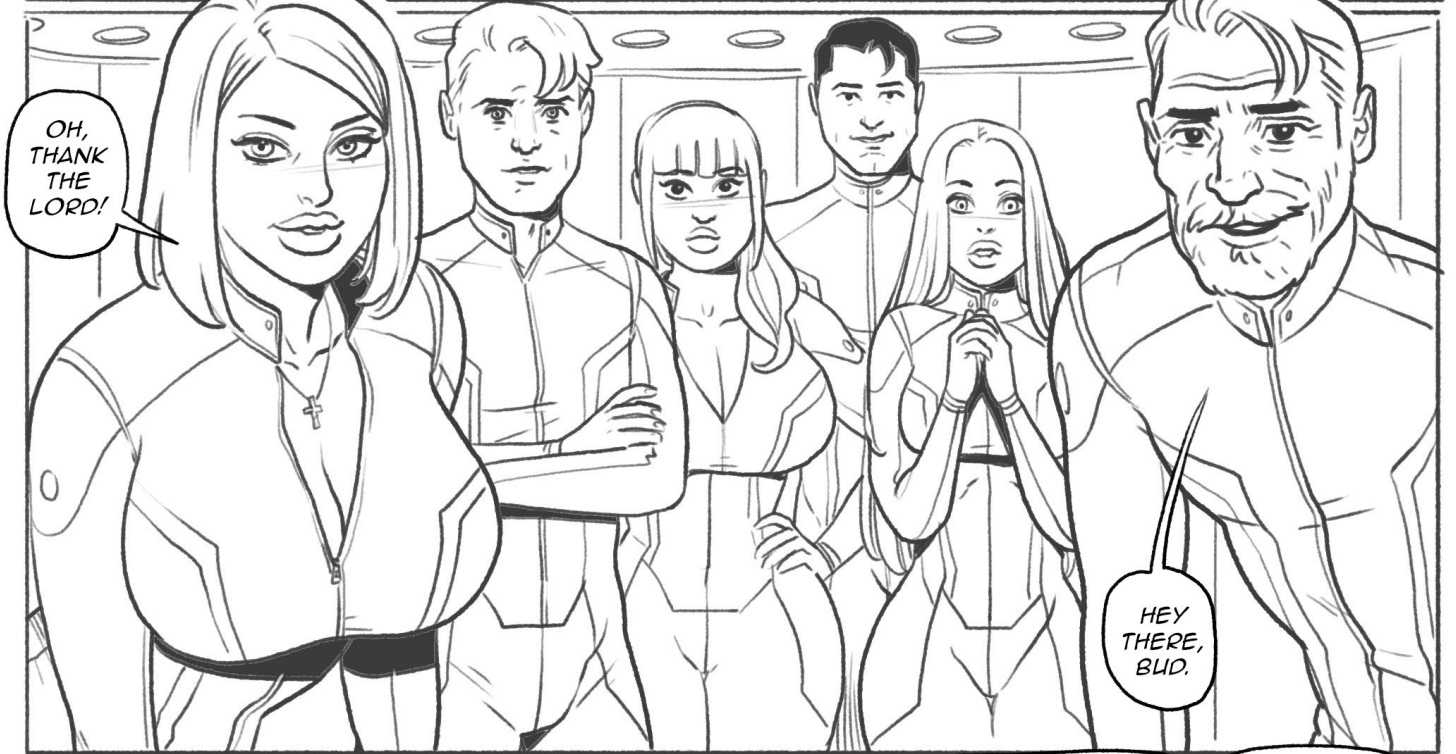
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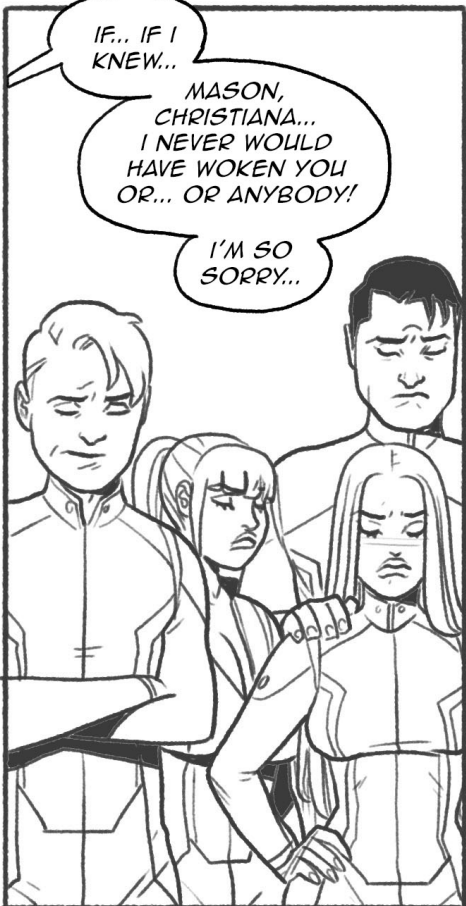
JACOB?

JACOB?





WHAT--
BUT--
I DIDN'T--
I DIDN'T KNOW!



IF... IF I KNEW...
MASON, CHRISTIANA... I NEVER WOULD HAVE WOKEN YOU OR... OR ANYBODY!
I'M SO SORRY...



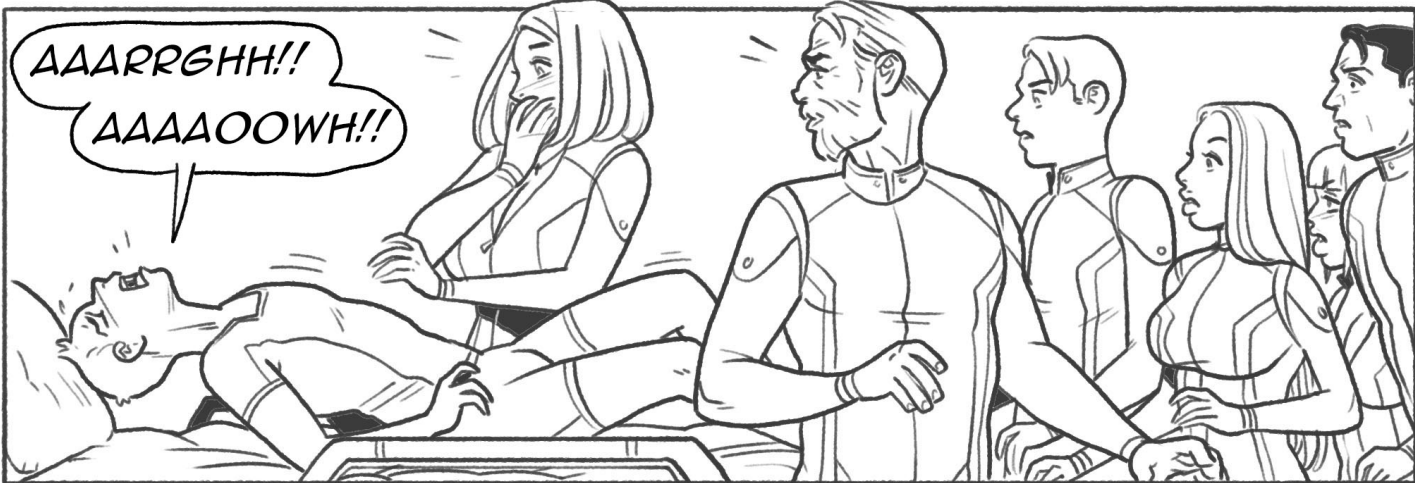
IT'S OKAY, HONEY, YOU PANICKED.
IT'LL BE ALRIGHT. THIS IS THE PATH THE LORD CHOSE FOR US.



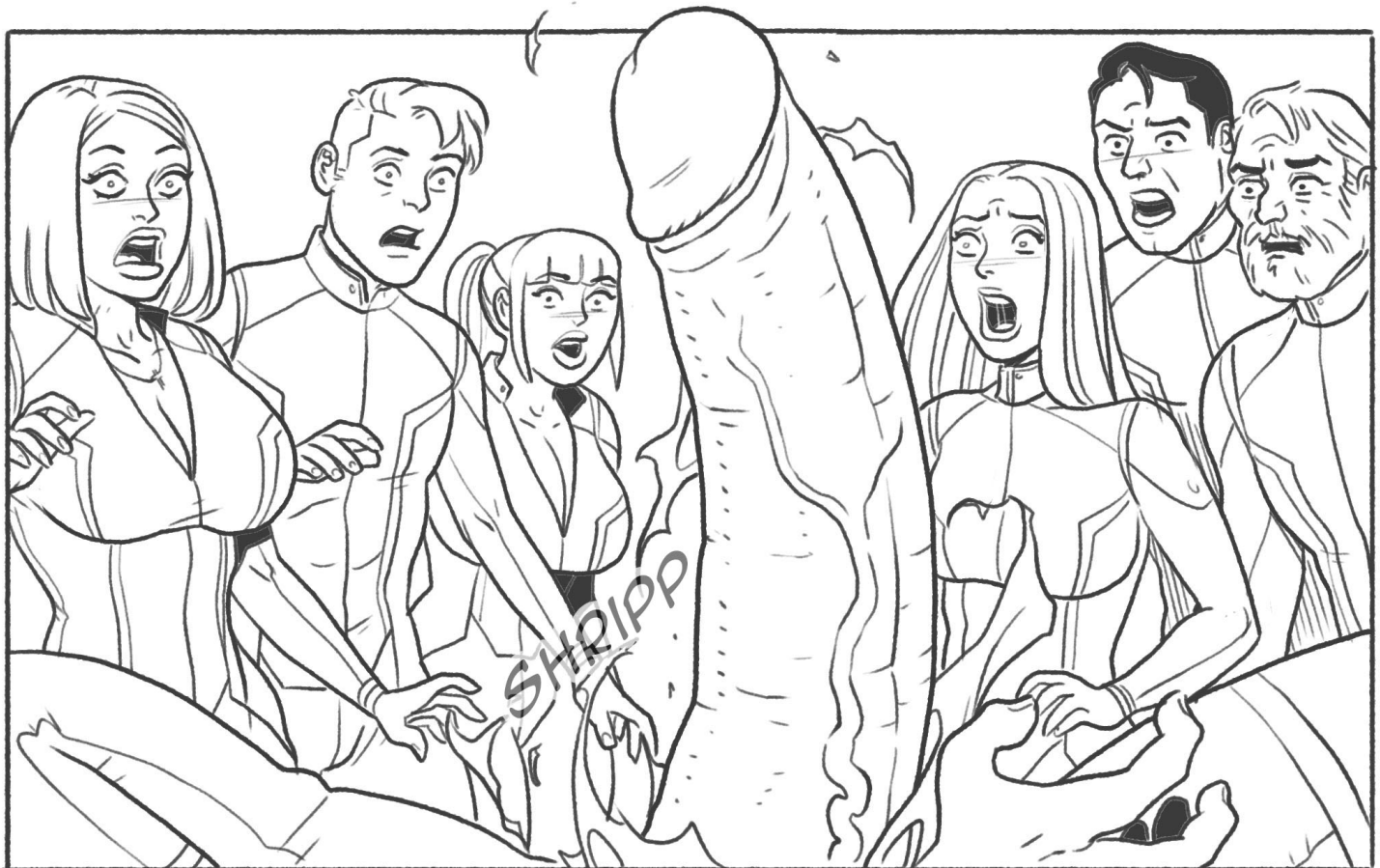
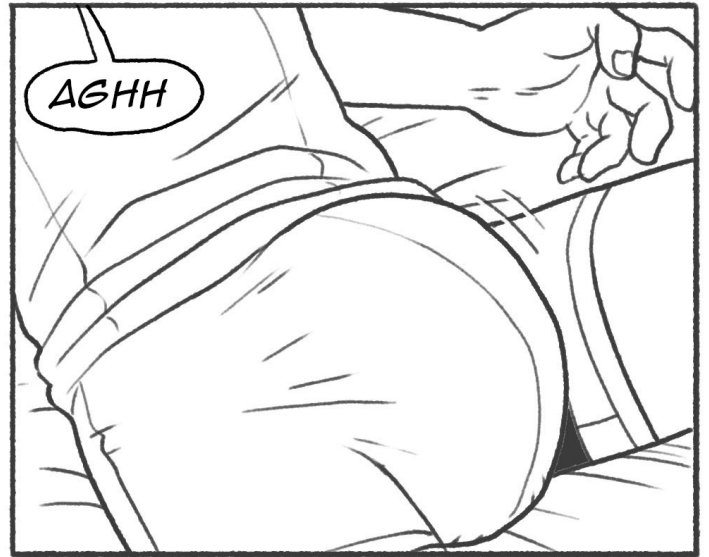
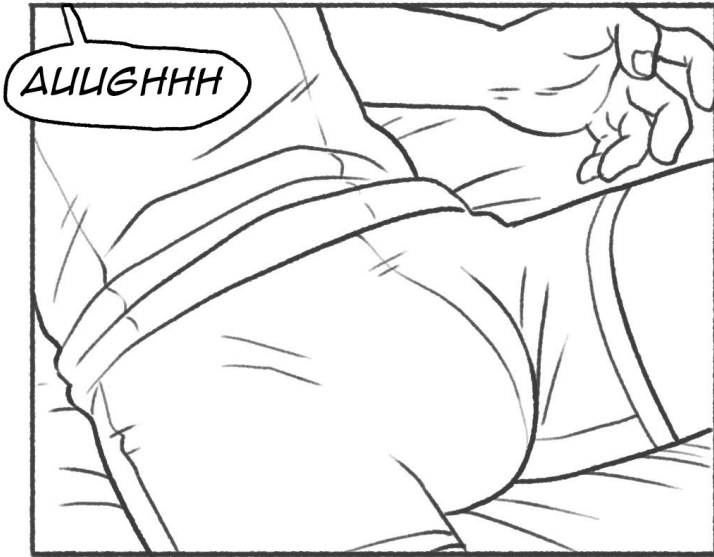
AMEN.
WE CAN DEAL WITH THE CRYOSLEEP ISSUE LATER.
RIGHT NOW I'M MORE WORRIED ABOUT WHATEVER'S IN YOUR BLOOD.
THE LOG SAYS YOU WERE GIVEN SUPPLEMENTAL INJECTIONS RIGHT AFTER LAUNCH... SOME SORT OF EXPERIMENTAL... FERTILITY DRUG?
IT'S NOT CLEAR WHY, OR WHO GAVE THE ORDER...

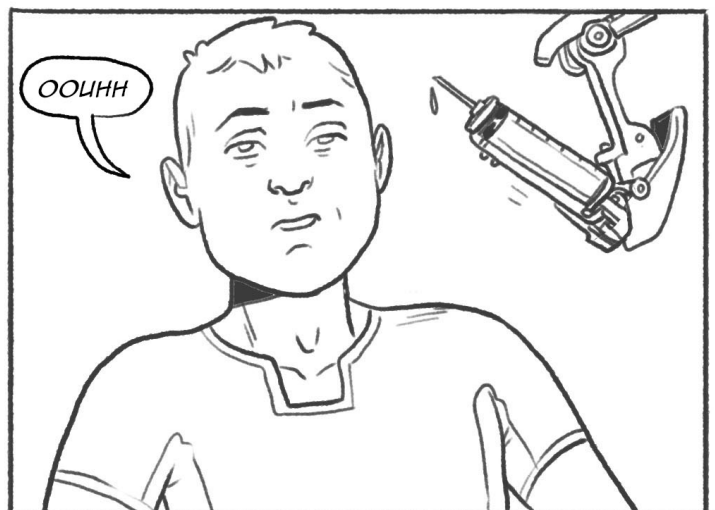


FERTILITY DRUG?
BUT I'M NOT EVEN...



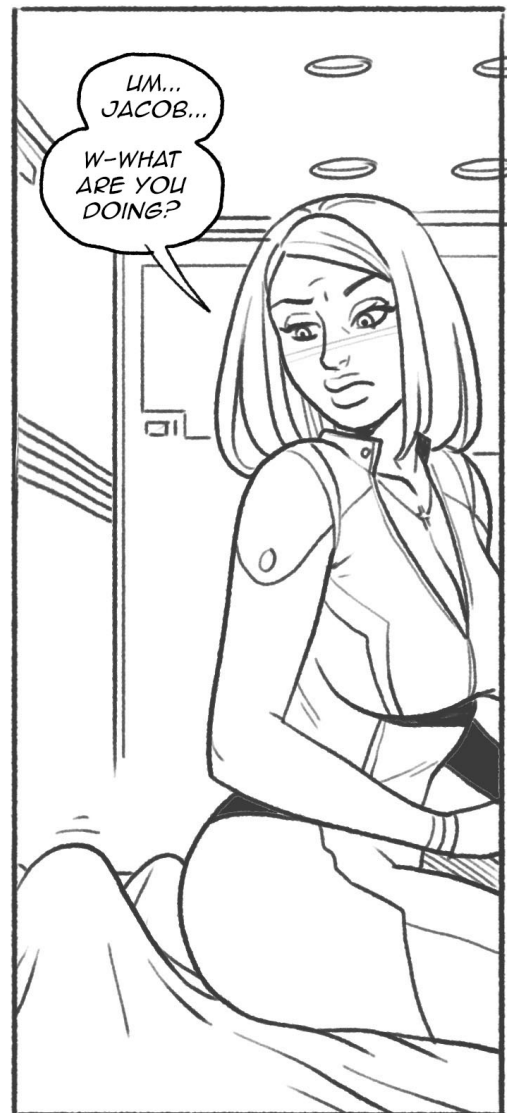
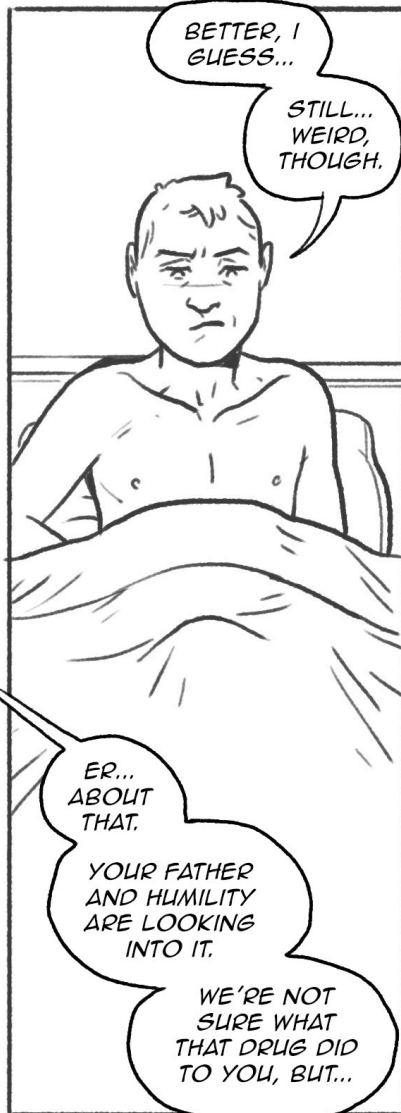
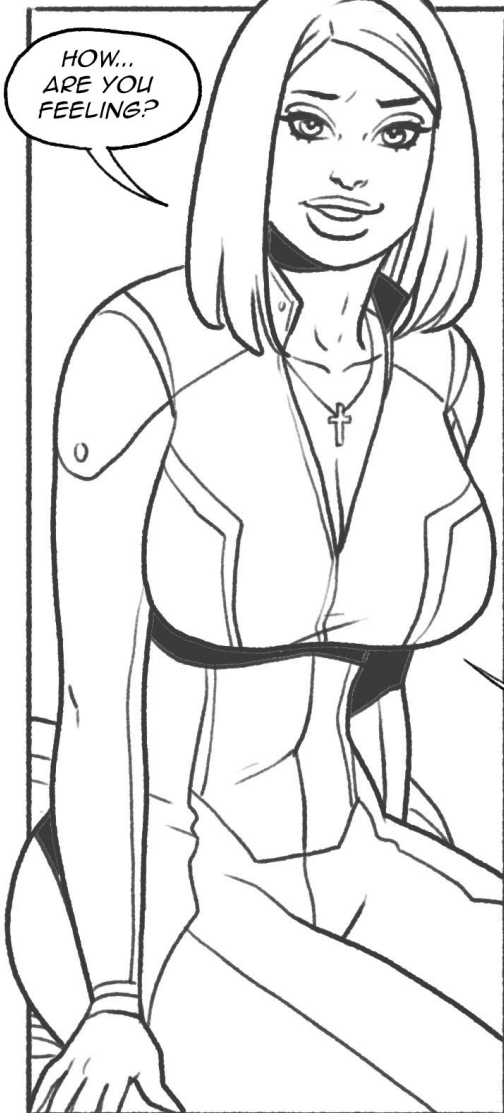
AAARRGHH!!
AAAAOOWH!!

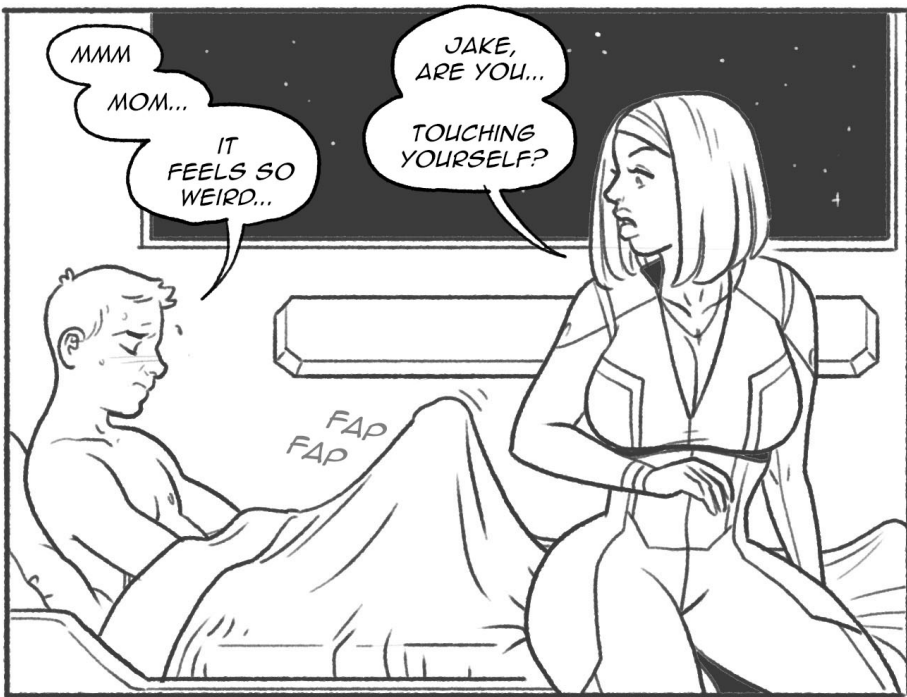




JAKE?

CAN YOU
HEAR ME?

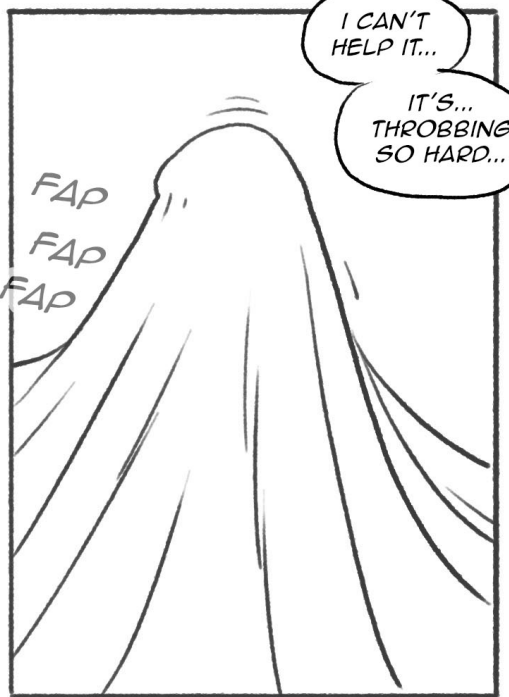




MMM
MOM...
IT FEELS SO WEIRD...

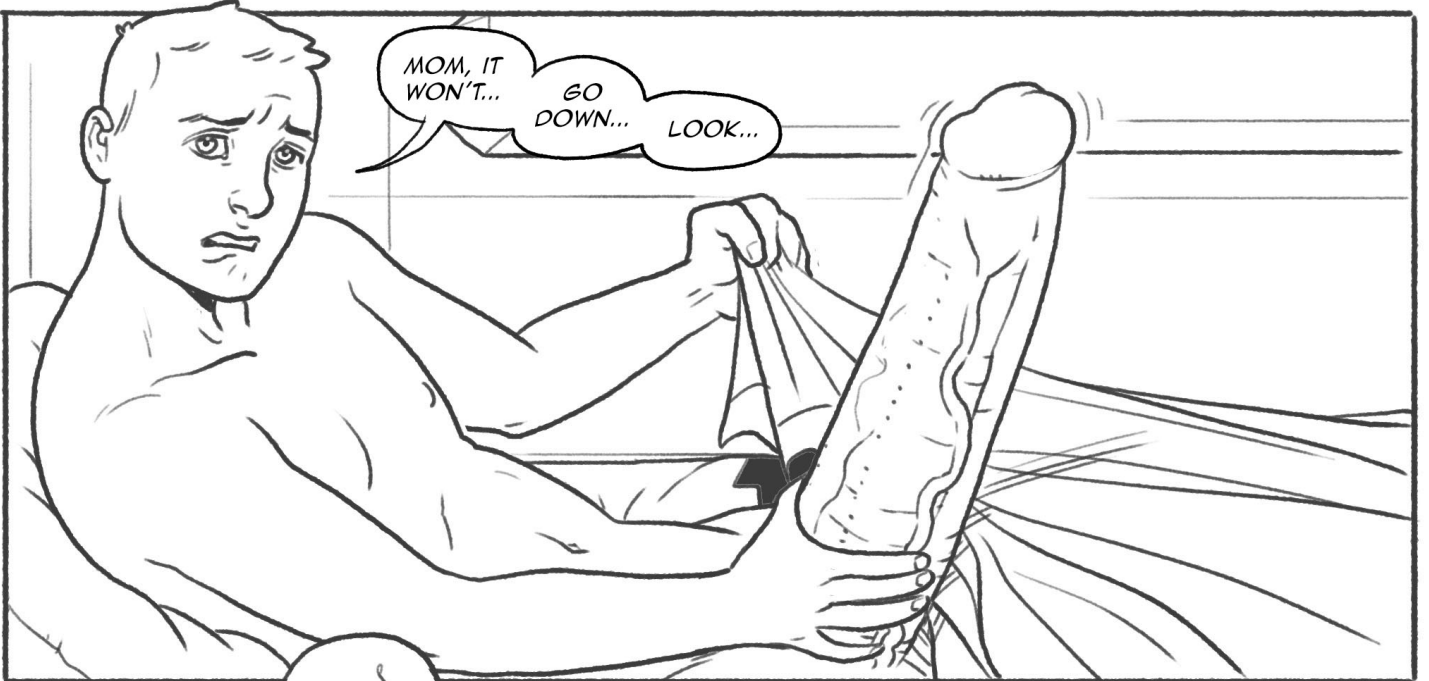
JAKE,
ARE YOU...
TOUCHING
YOURSELF?

FAP
FAP



I CAN'T
HELP IT...
IT'S...
THROBBING
SO HARD...

FAP
FAP
FAP



MOM, IT
WON'T...
GO
DOWN...
LOOK...



FAP
FAP



OH,
SWEETIE...
DON'T...
D-DON'T
DO THAT...



I KNOW...
IT'S A SIN...
BUT IT...
IT HELPS
WITH THE
PAIN...



OH HONEY,
I'M SORRY...

THE WAY IT
PULSES IS...
UNUSUAL...

AND YOUR...
TESTICLES...
SO SWOLLEN...

FAP
FAP
FAP



MOM...
IT HURTS...

NOTHING
FEELS
RIGHT...



JAKE,
WE...

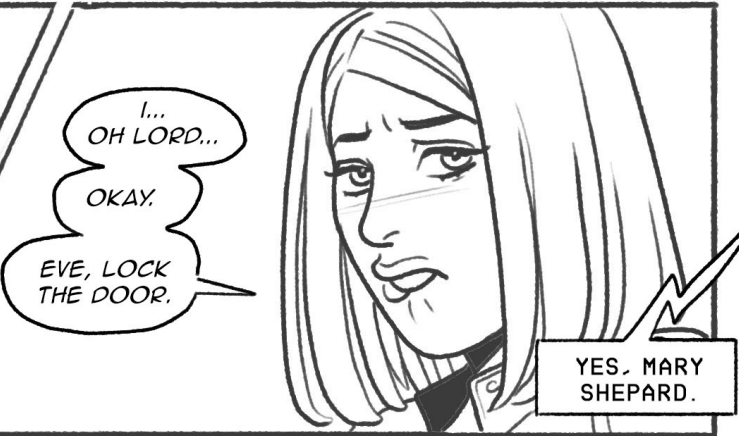
I THINK
YOU BETTER
STOP NOW...



NO,
I CAN'T...

IT FEELS LIKE
IT NEEDS TO...
RELEASE...

IF I DON'T,
IT'LL JUST
KEEP...
HURTING...



I...
OH LORD...

OKAY.

EVE, LOCK
THE DOOR.

YES. MARY
SHEPARD.



THERE, HONEY,
NOW YOU HAVE
SOME PRIVACY...

DO WHAT
YOU NEED
TO DO...

I'LL GO GET
A TOWEL TO...
CLEAN UP.

THANKS,
MOM...

YOU'RE...
THE BEST...

FAP
FAP



OH, MY...

OH, MY WORD.

OH, LORD...

HSSS.

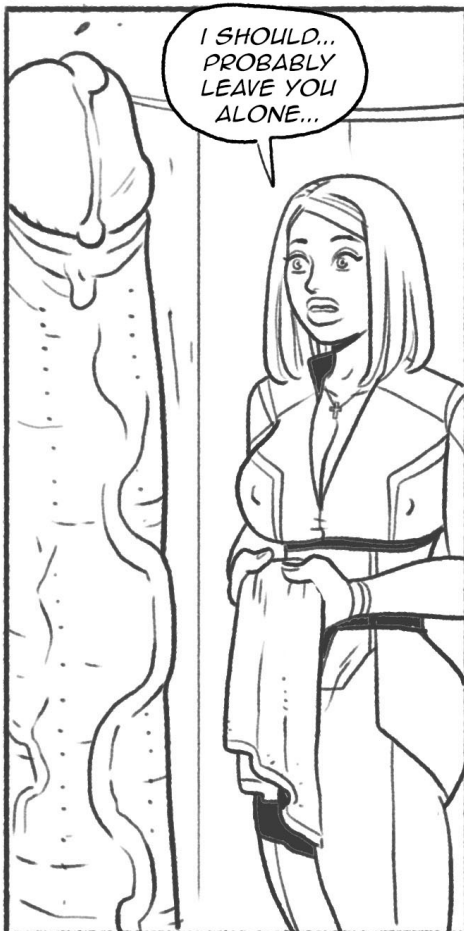


MOM, I... I THINK IT'S GROWING...

IT'S LIKE IT'S... ALIVE...

I'M... I'M CLOSE...

SHLIK SHLIK



I SHOULD... PROBABLY LEAVE YOU ALONE...

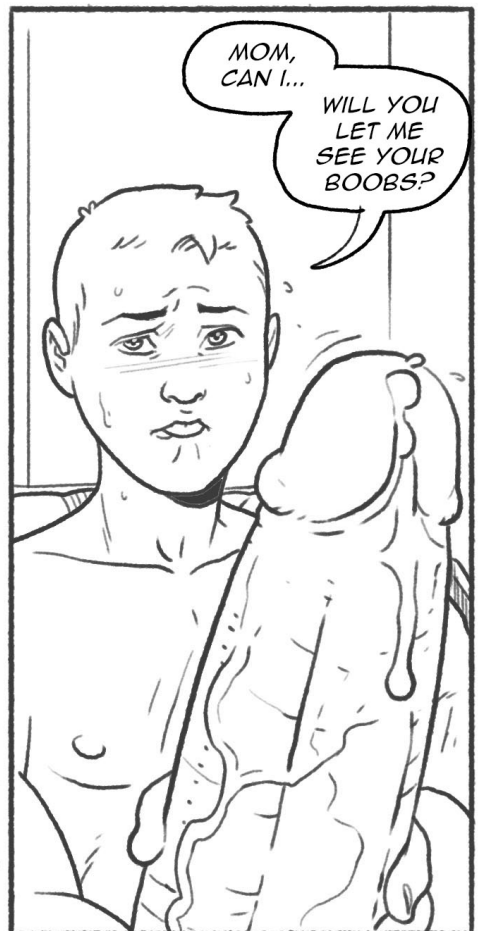


UNLESS... IN YOUR CONDITION, YOU MIGHT NEED SOMEONE TO MONITOR YOU...

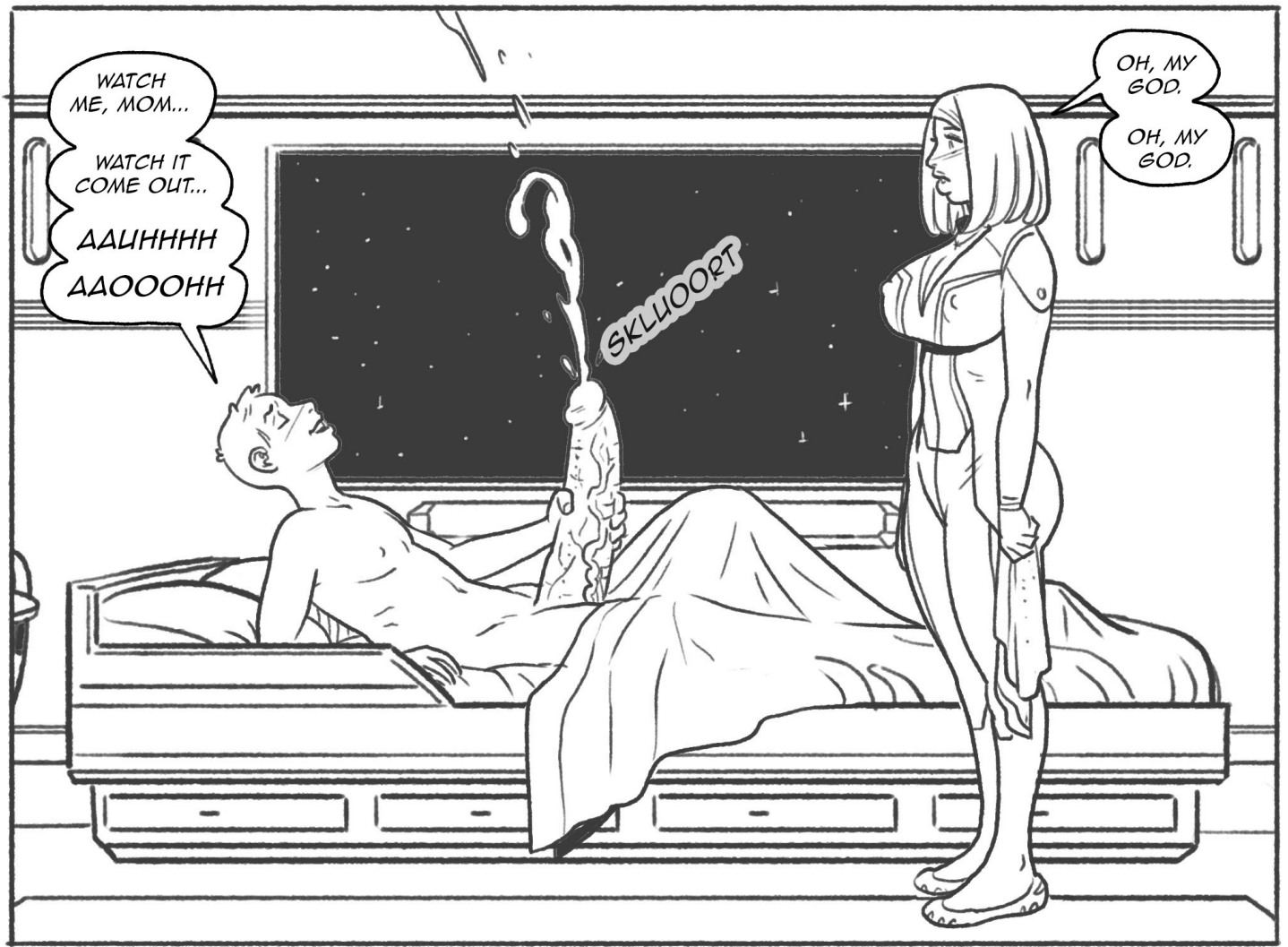
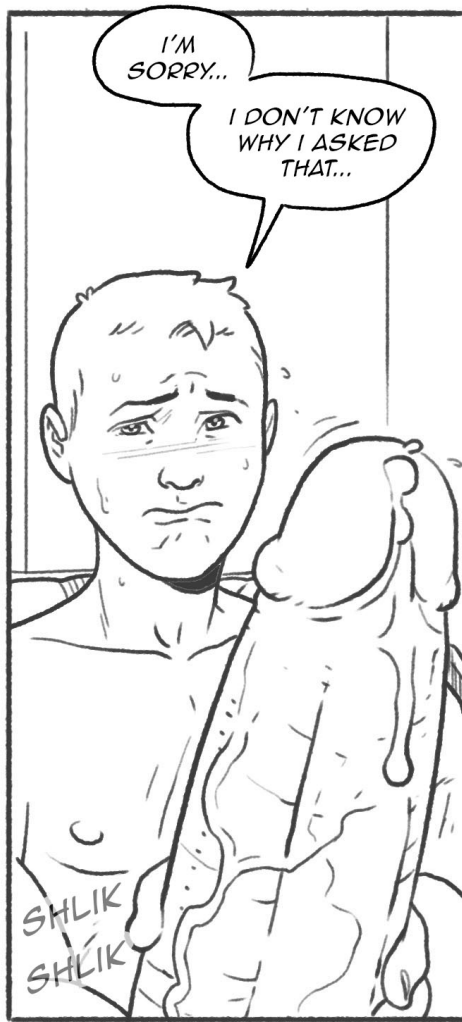
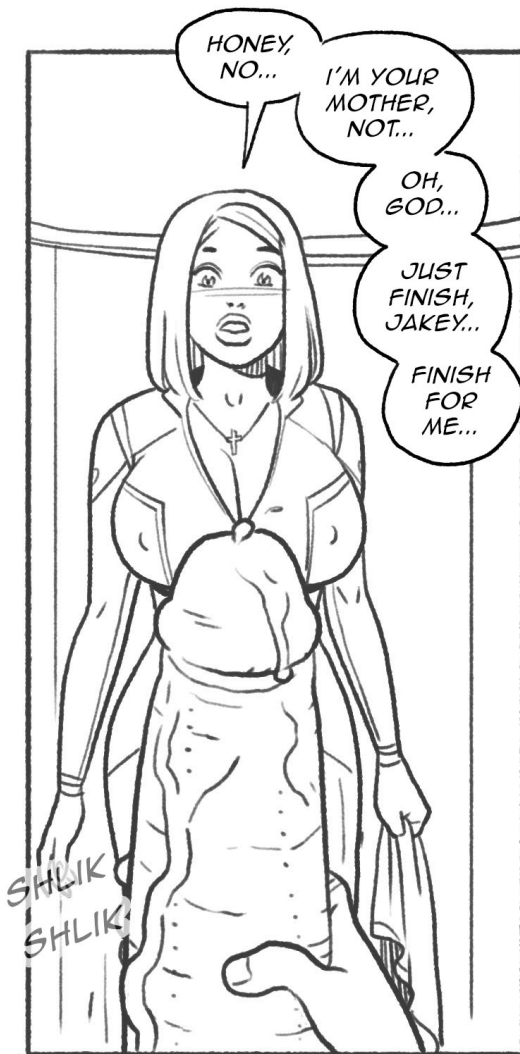
I... I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO...

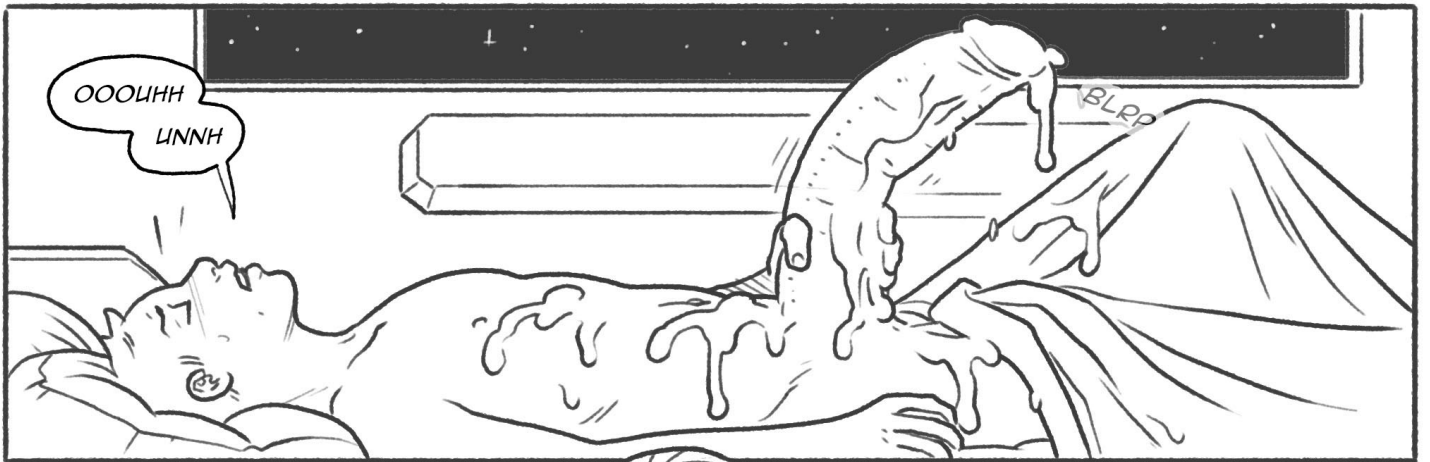
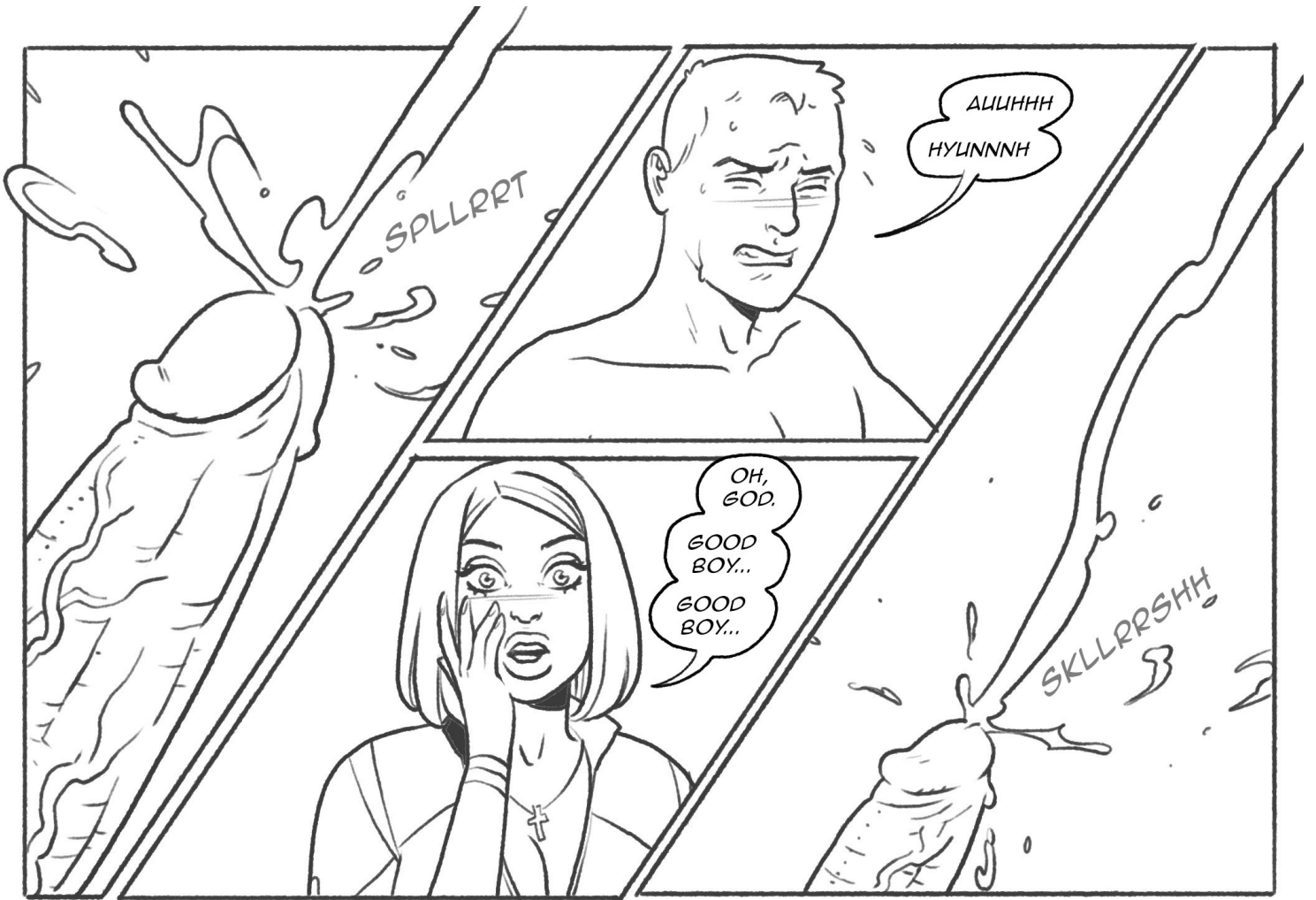
LNGH
LNFF
LNH

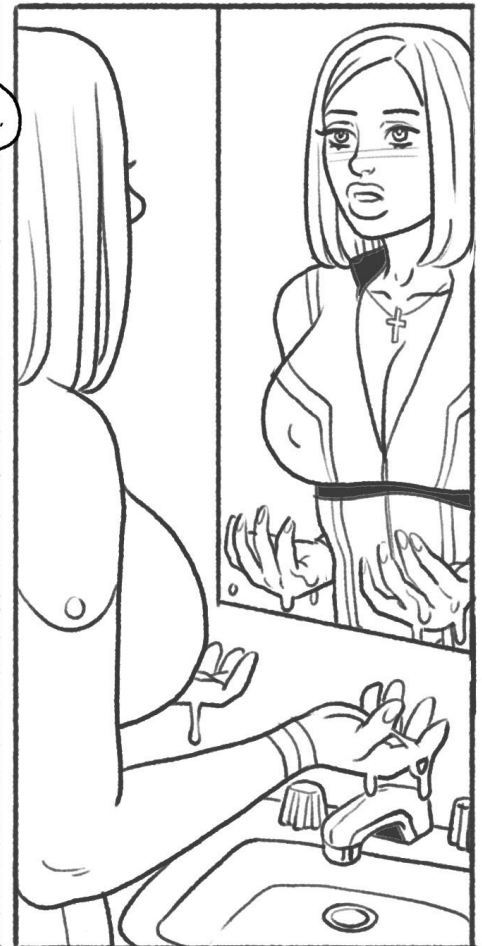
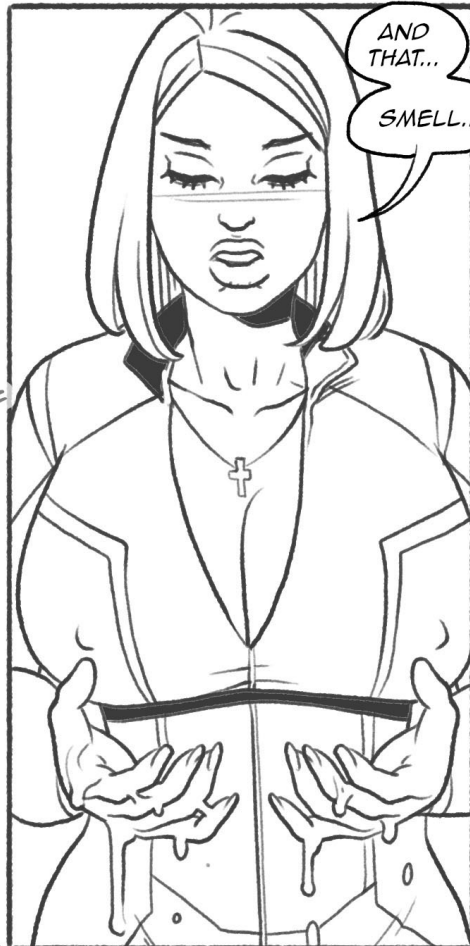
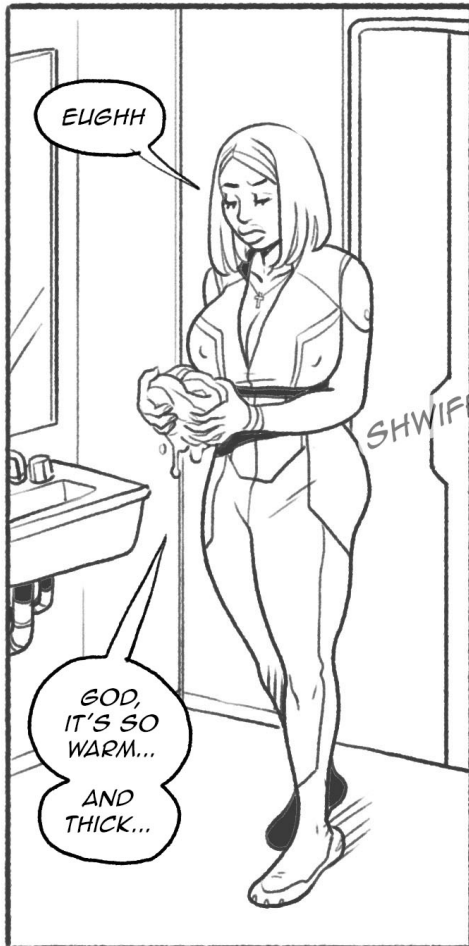
SHLIK SHLIK

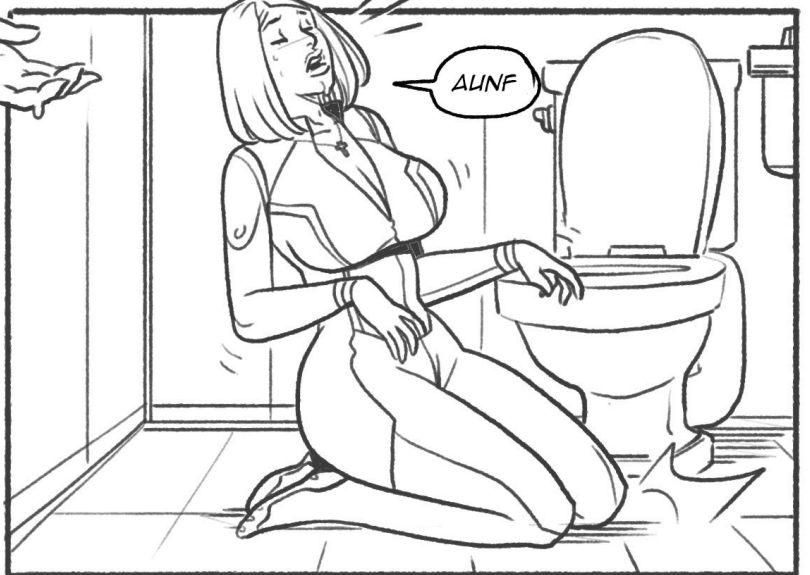
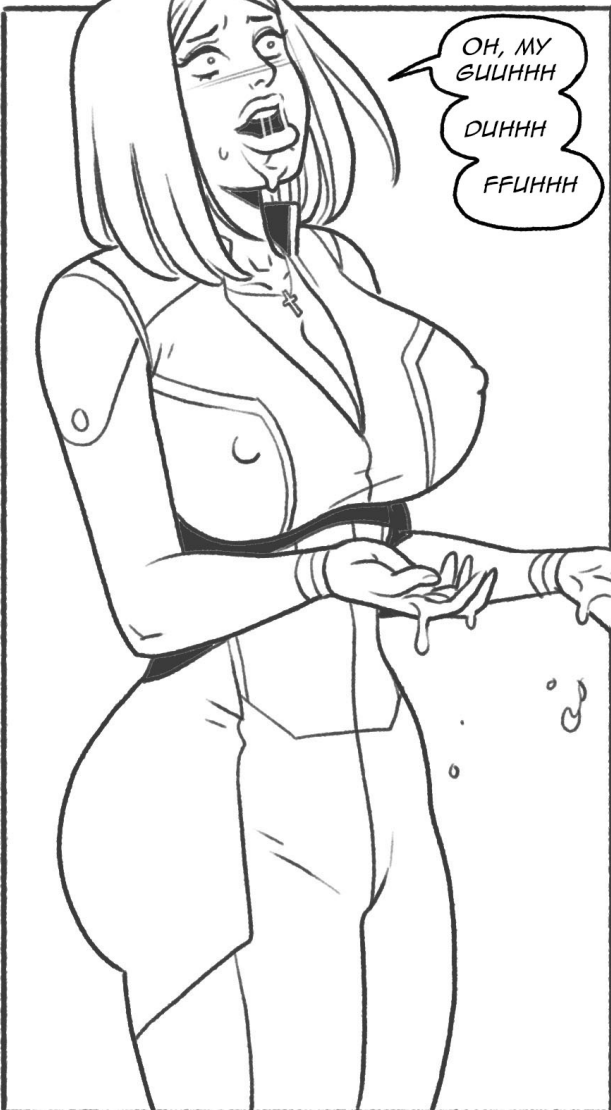
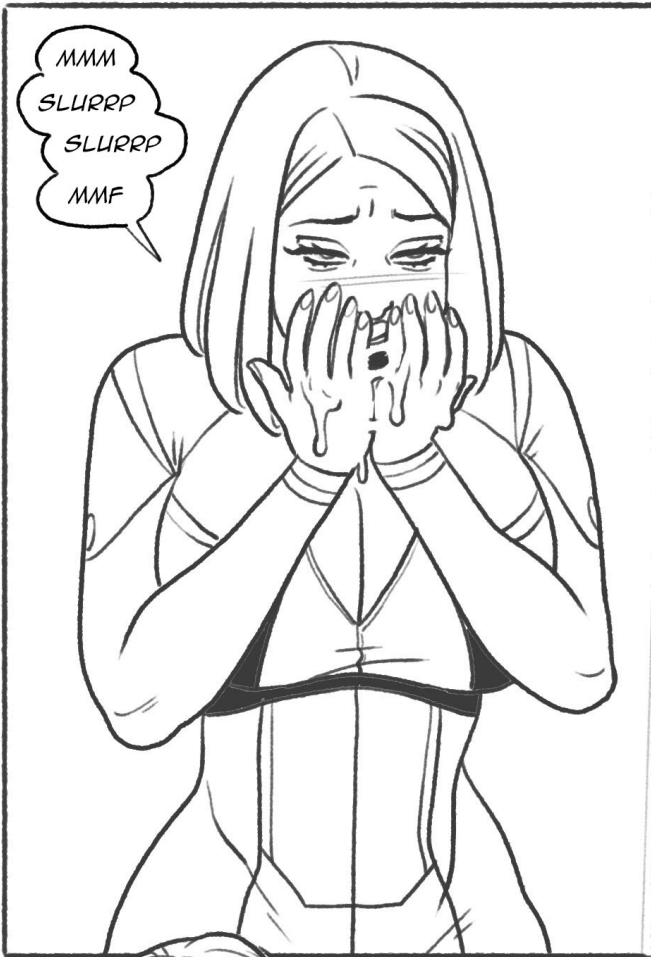


MOM, CAN I... WILL YOU LET ME SEE YOUR BOOBS?











ARE YOU OKAY, MOM?

IT SOUNDED LIKE YOU WERE...

COUGHING OR SOMETHING IN THERE...

I'M JUST FINE, SWEETIE.

BUT FROM NOW ON I WANT YOU TO ONLY DO THAT WHEN YOU'RE ALONE, OKAY?

SHWIFF



NOW, TRY TO SLEEP.

I'M GOING TO GO SEE WHAT YOUR FATHER'S FOUND OUT ABOUT YOUR... CONDITION.

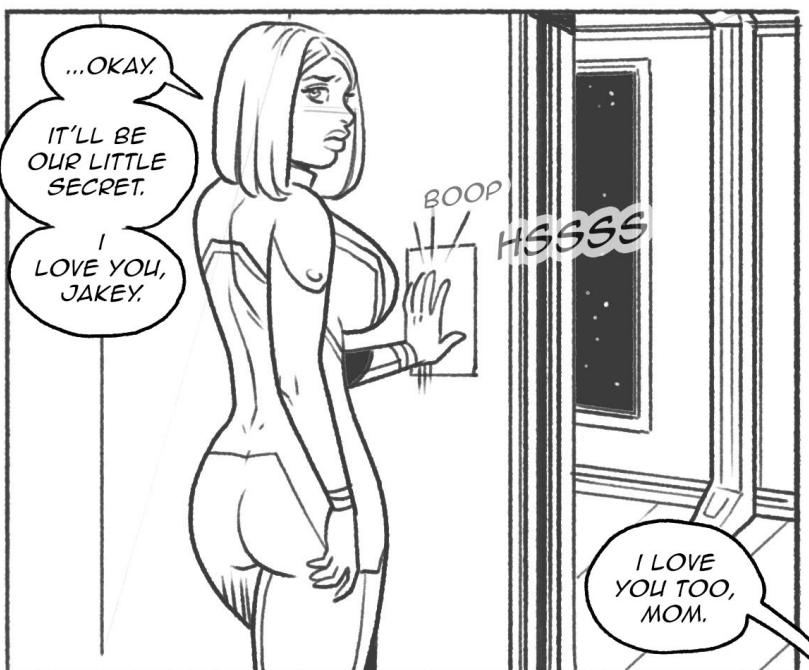
MOM...

DON'T TELL DAD WHAT HAPPENED, OKAY?



WELL...

PLEASE?



...OKAY.

IT'LL BE OUR LITTLE SECRET.

I LOVE YOU, JAKEY.

BOOP

HSSSS

I LOVE YOU TOO, MOM.