

THE
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PORTFOLIO

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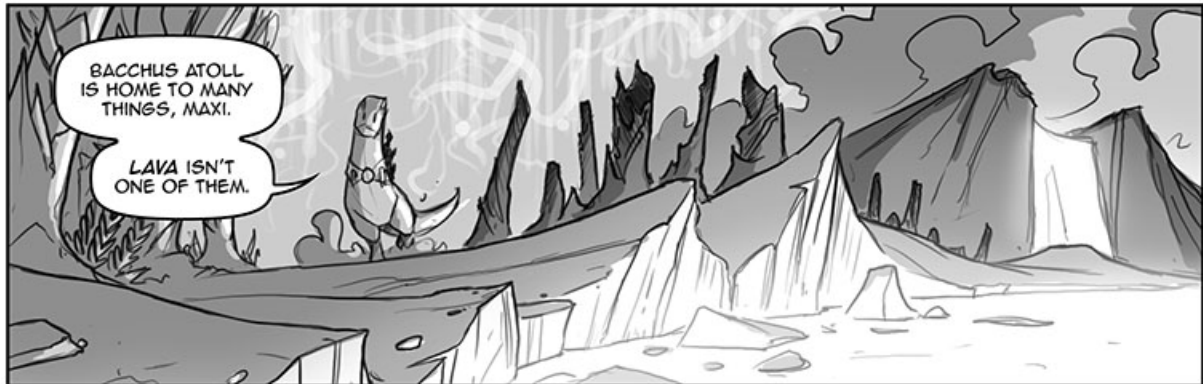


OHMYGOD, WHERE ARE WE?!

WELL, THE LAB IS RIGHT THERE.

AND I CAN SEE THE ROOF OF R8 PECKING OUT OF THOSE TREES.

I THINK WE'RE STILL ON THE ISLAND.



BACCHUS ATOLL IS HOME TO MANY THINGS, MAXI.

LAVA ISN'T ONE OF THEM.



THE SULPHUR LEVEL IN THE LOCKED SCHRODINITE SAMPLE SUGGESTED VOLCANIC ACTIVITY AT ITS SOURCE.



I THINK WHAT WE'RE SEEING IS THE ATOLL AND A LITTLE BIT OF SOMEPLACE ELSE.



THE WILDLIFE, FLORA AND TOPOGRAPHY OF EACH HAS BEEN COMBINED.

THAT'S WHY THE LIGHTS ARE STILL ON: THE BUILDINGS HAVEN'T BEEN PICKED UP AND DROPPED ELSEWHERE, THEY AND THE ELECTRICAL CABLES ARE ALL STILL IN THE SAME PLACE THEY'VE ALWAYS BEEN.

WITHIN OUR REALITY.

AND EVERYTHING FROM ANOTHER REALITY IS IN THE SAME PLACE IT HAS ALWAYS BEEN.

BOTH NOW EXIST WITHIN THE SAME SPACE.



THAT'S MAKING MY HEAD HURT.

THE SKY IS MAKING MY HEAD HURT.



WHAT'S WRONG WITH IT?

IT LOOKS LIKE WE'RE INSIDE A SOAP BUBBLE!

"BUBBLE" REALLY MIGHT BE THE BEST DESCRIPTION.

WE'RE *INSIDE* WHATEVER EXPANDED OUT FROM THE LAB.

I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO CALL IT.

SOME MANIFESTATION OF THE ENERGY FEEDBACK WE SPENT SO MUCH TIME TRYING TO NEUTRALISE?

THE EDGE OF THE INTRUDING REALITY?

IT LOOKS LIKE IT'S MOVING AWAY FROM US.



WAIT. IT'S EXPANDING?!

LIKE A BALLOON.

EITHER THE FEEDBACK OR THE WINDOW INTO THE OTHER UNIVERSE IS FILLING IT, FORCING THE PERIMETER FURTHER AND FURTHER OUT, IN ALL DIRECTIONS.

WHATEVER THE CASE; ONLY THE ACTIVE ISOLATION FIELD COULD BE RESPONSIBLE.

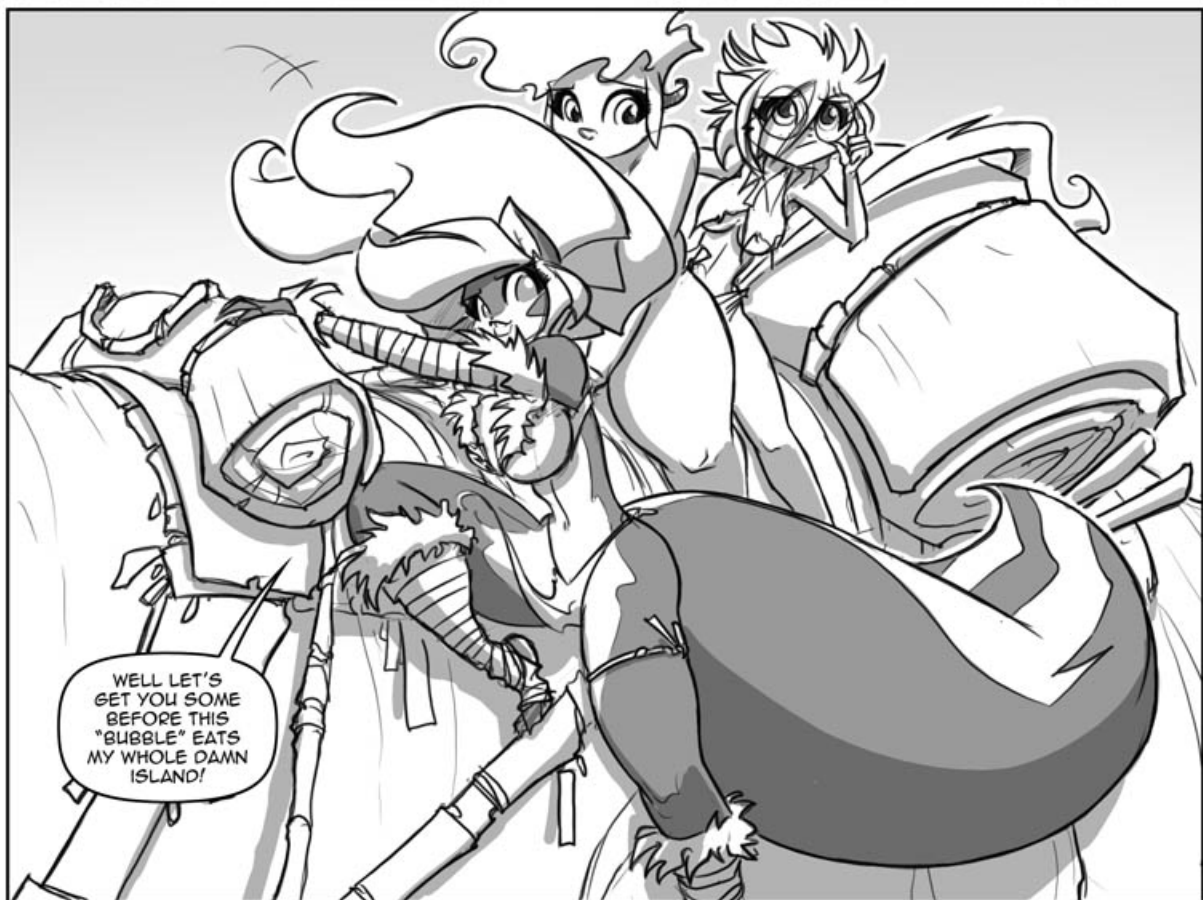


THEN WE SHUT IT DOWN!

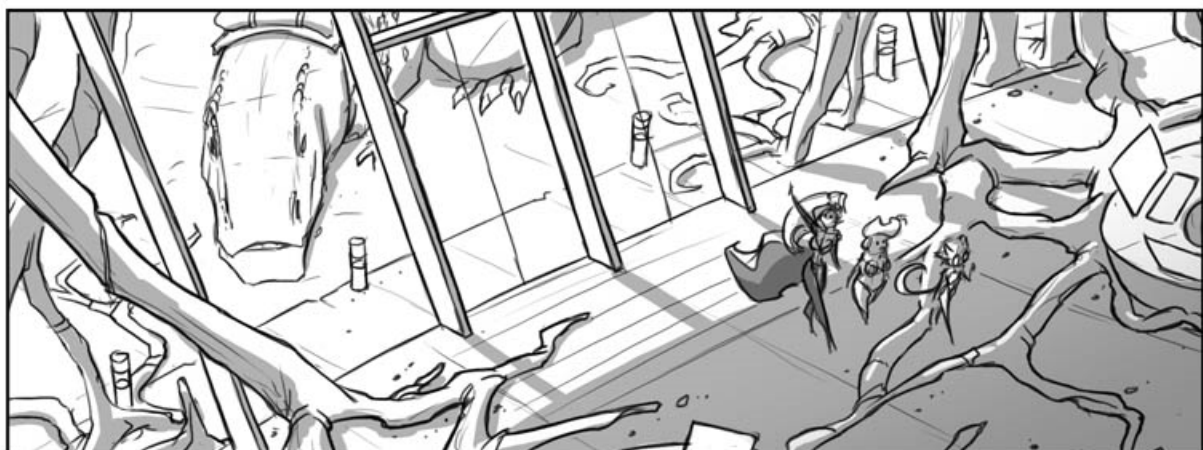
I DON'T THINK IT'LL BE THAT SIMPLE, ANYMORE.

THE INVADING REALITY IS *HERE*. IT HAS ITS TOE IN THE DOOR.

WE SLAM IT CLOSED; I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT WILL HAPPEN. I NEED DATA TO WORK WITH!



WE'LL LET'S GET YOU SOME BEFORE THIS "BUBBLE" EATS MY WHOLE DAMN ISLAND!





MCCORMICK? ARE YOU STILL ON-SITE?

I NEVER LEFT, DOCTOR.

BUT...

I'M NEARLY WITH YOU.



PREP TO POWER DOWN THE EMITTERS, BUT BEFORE WE DO, I NEED TO REVIEW THE THRESHOLD MEASUREMENTS WE TOOK AT THE START OF THE EXPERIMENT.

ALSO, HAVE THE ENERGY CONFLICT MODELS THAT WE WORKED ON LAST MONTH LOADED UP.

DOCTOR, WE'VE SEALED ACCESS TO THE MAIN LAB.

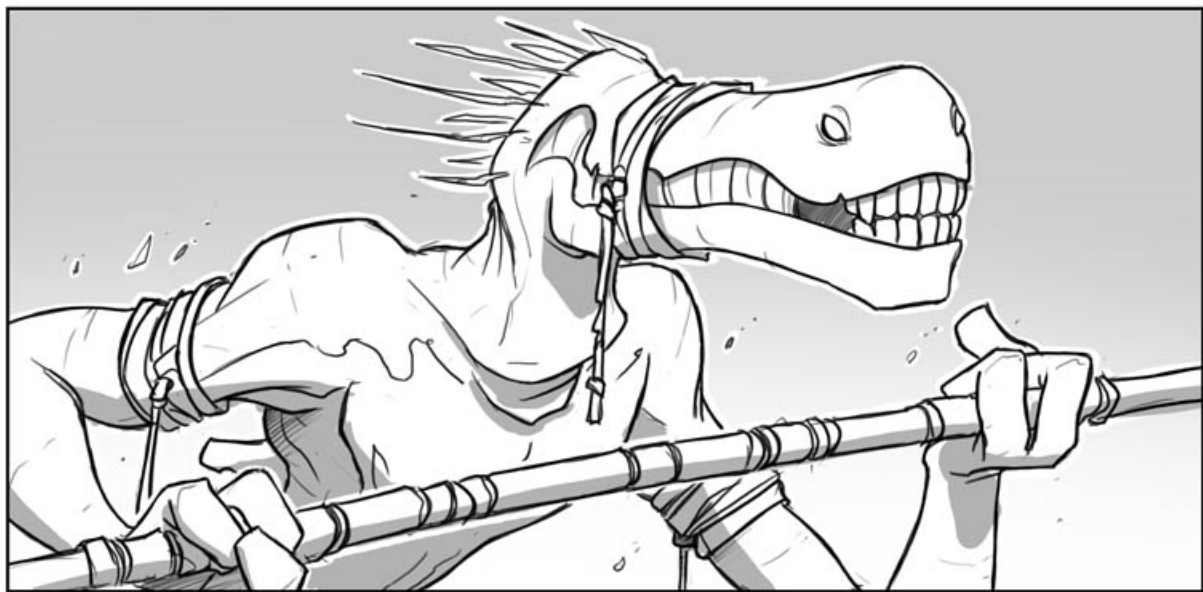


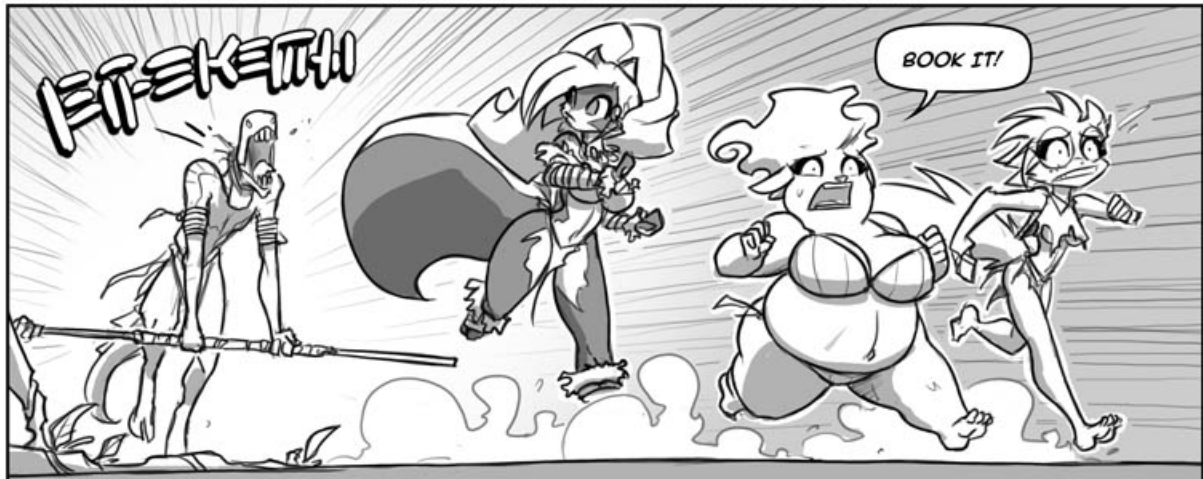
THEN UNSEAL IT!

IF WE DO, THEY'LL GET IN.

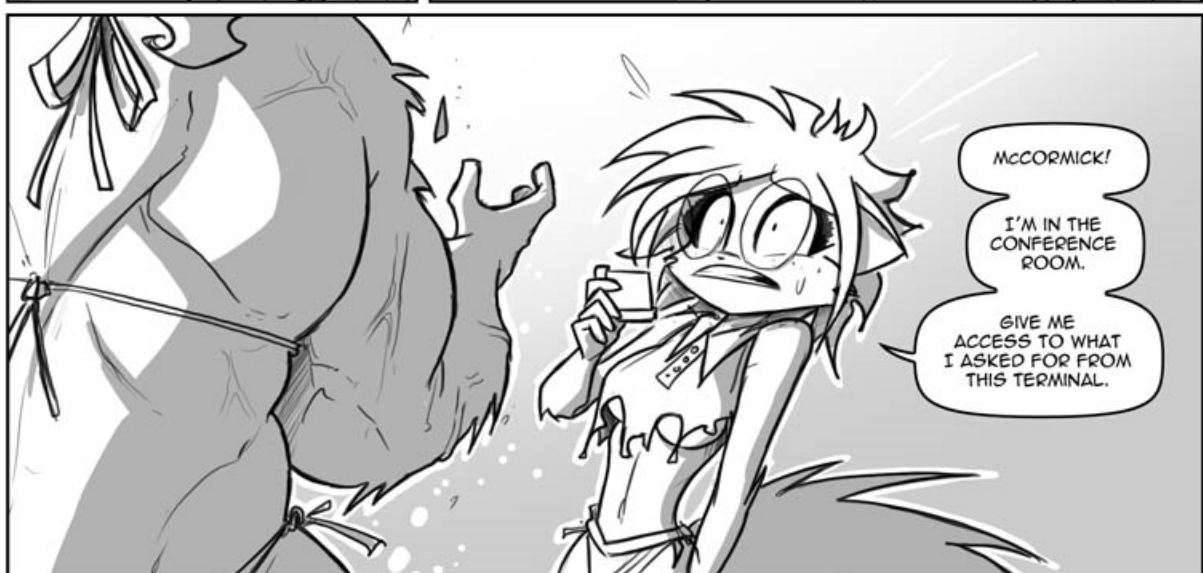


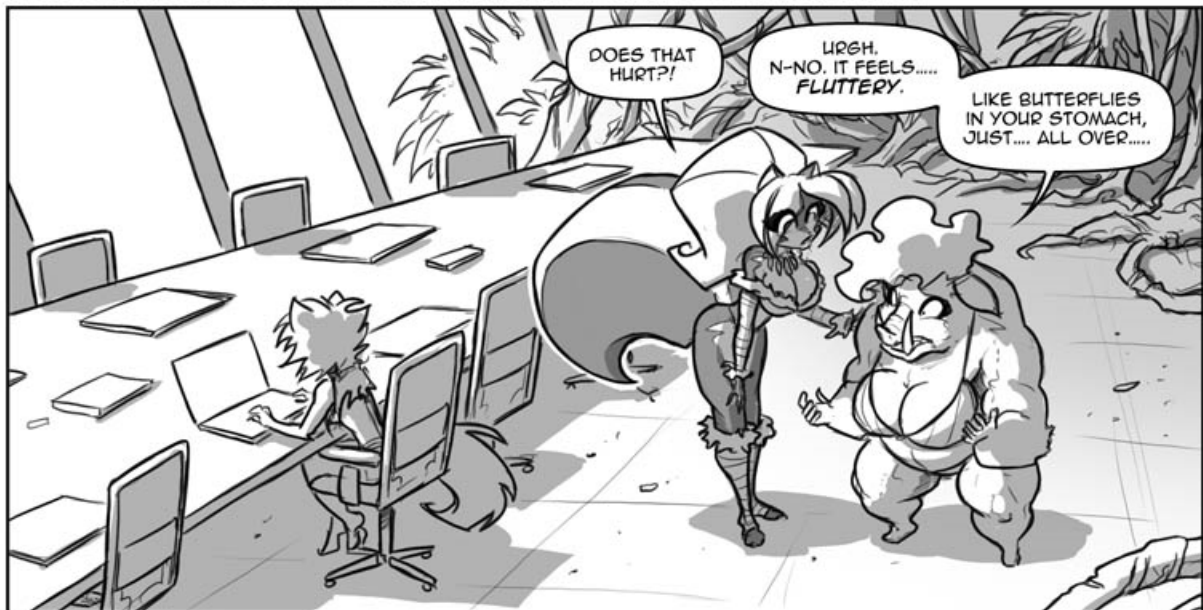
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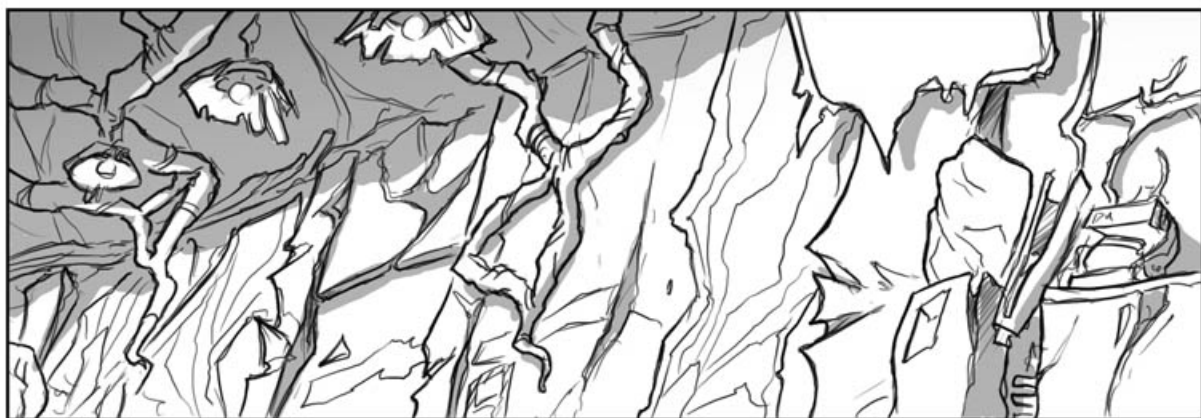
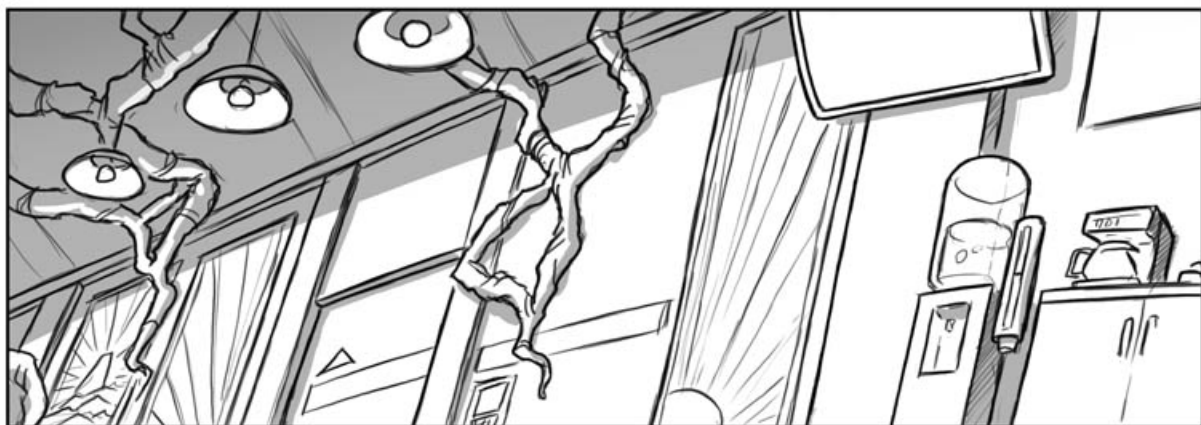


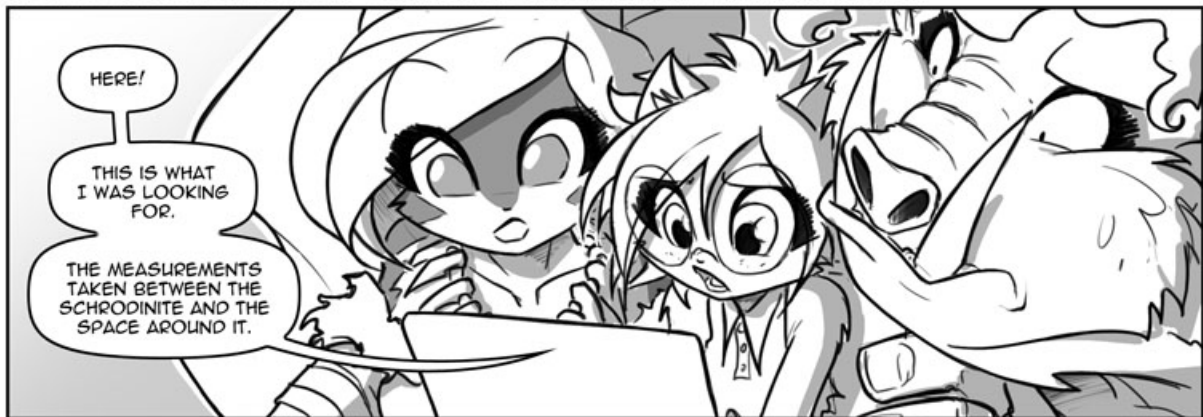








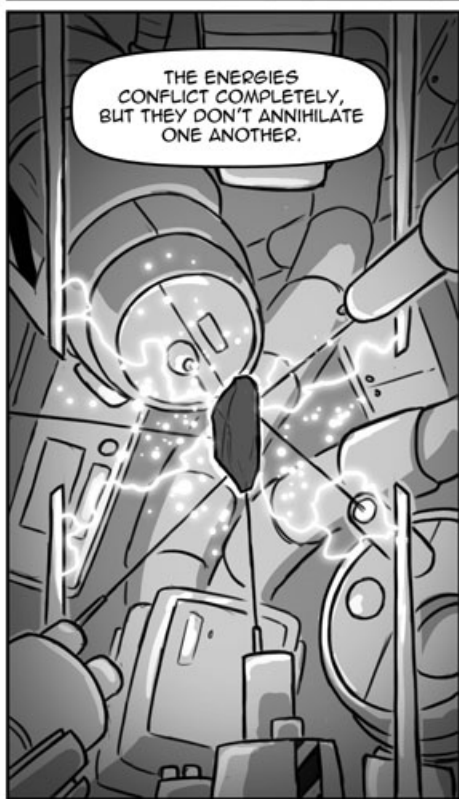




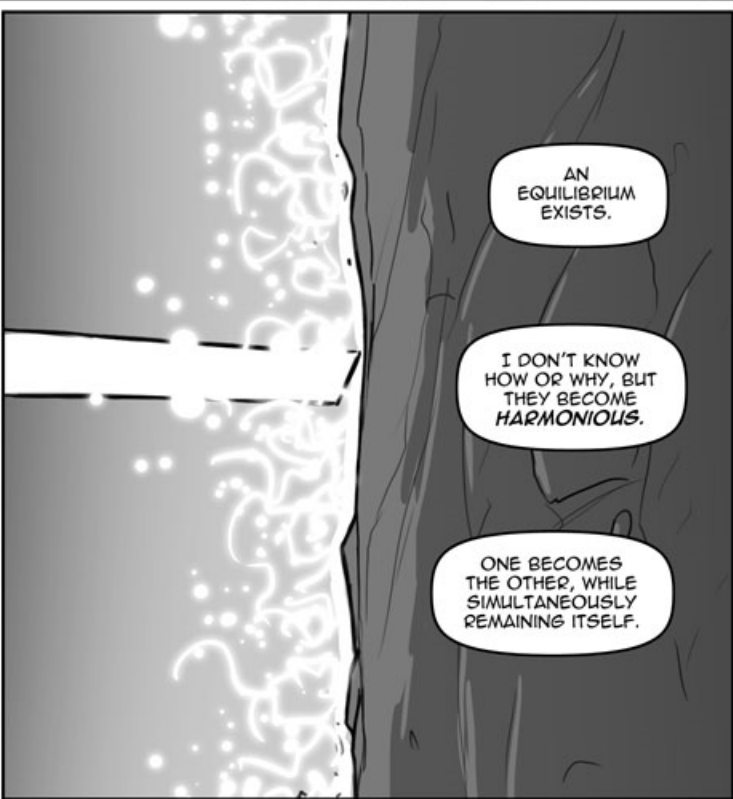
HERE!

THIS IS WHAT I WAS LOOKING FOR.

THE MEASUREMENTS TAKEN BETWEEN THE SCHRODINITE AND THE SPACE AROUND IT.



THE ENERGIES CONFLICT COMPLETELY, BUT THEY DON'T ANNIHILATE ONE ANOTHER.



AN EQUILIBRIUM EXISTS.

I DON'T KNOW HOW OR WHY, BUT THEY BECOME HARMONIOUS.

ONE BECOMES THE OTHER, WHILE SIMULTANEOUSLY REMAINING ITSELF.



I'M NOT A PHYSICIST.

OUR REALITY IS MERGING WITH ANOTHER.

BUT IT'S NOT JUST A CASE OF ELEMENTS FROM EACH BEING LAYERED ATOP ONE OTHER, LIKE A STACK OF BRICKS.

