



Tempest Cove

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Productions present:

TEMPEST COVE

Alright, let's work on SCI-file* xx45, aka Tempest Cove. Located off the coast of <redacted>, the area has been acquired by the Association. Our aim is to research the validity of the local legend of it being a mermaid haven. Our subject for this trial is an up-and-coming influencer, colloquially known as "Sparkles." I, <redacted>, will monitor the subject along with my colleague <redacted>, and a staff of Level 2 access. Please stand by as we prepare our report - you won't be disappointed!

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TESTING!
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OKAY, LET'S
SEE HERE.
SCI-FILE* XX45.
TEMPEST COVE.

ACCORDING TO
LEGEND, IT'S AN
ANCIENT MERMAID
PARADISE.

* SUPERNATURAL
COLLECTION AND
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THE COVE WAS
DISCOVERED IN 1636 BY
ENGLISH EXPLORERS.

THEY WERE GUIDED
THERE BY A STRANGE
SONG, ALLEGEDLY.

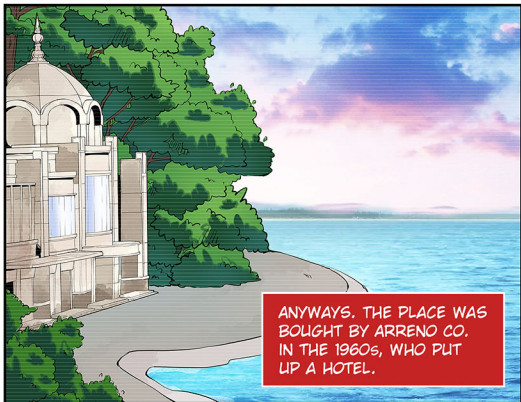
REGARDLESS,
THEY FOUNDED
THE LITTLE TOWN OF
SHIMMERSHIRE.



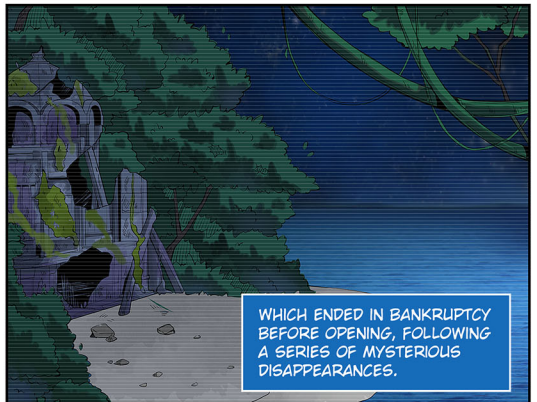
A YEAR LATER,
SETTLERS FOUND
THE TOWN ABANDONED.

THAT STARTED THE RUMORS
OF THE PLACE BEING CURSED.
I THINK I SAW A JOURNAL
FROM THE TIME TALKING
ABOUT PRETTY WOMEN IN
THE WATER?

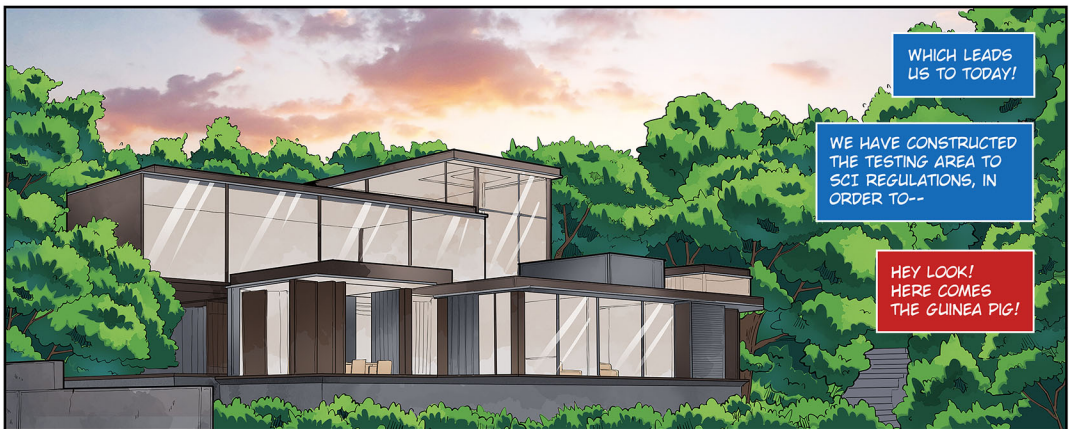
YOU DID? MAKE
SURE YOU FIND IT!



ANYWAYS. THE PLACE WAS
BOUGHT BY ARRENO CO.
IN THE 1960s, WHO PUT
UP A HOTEL.



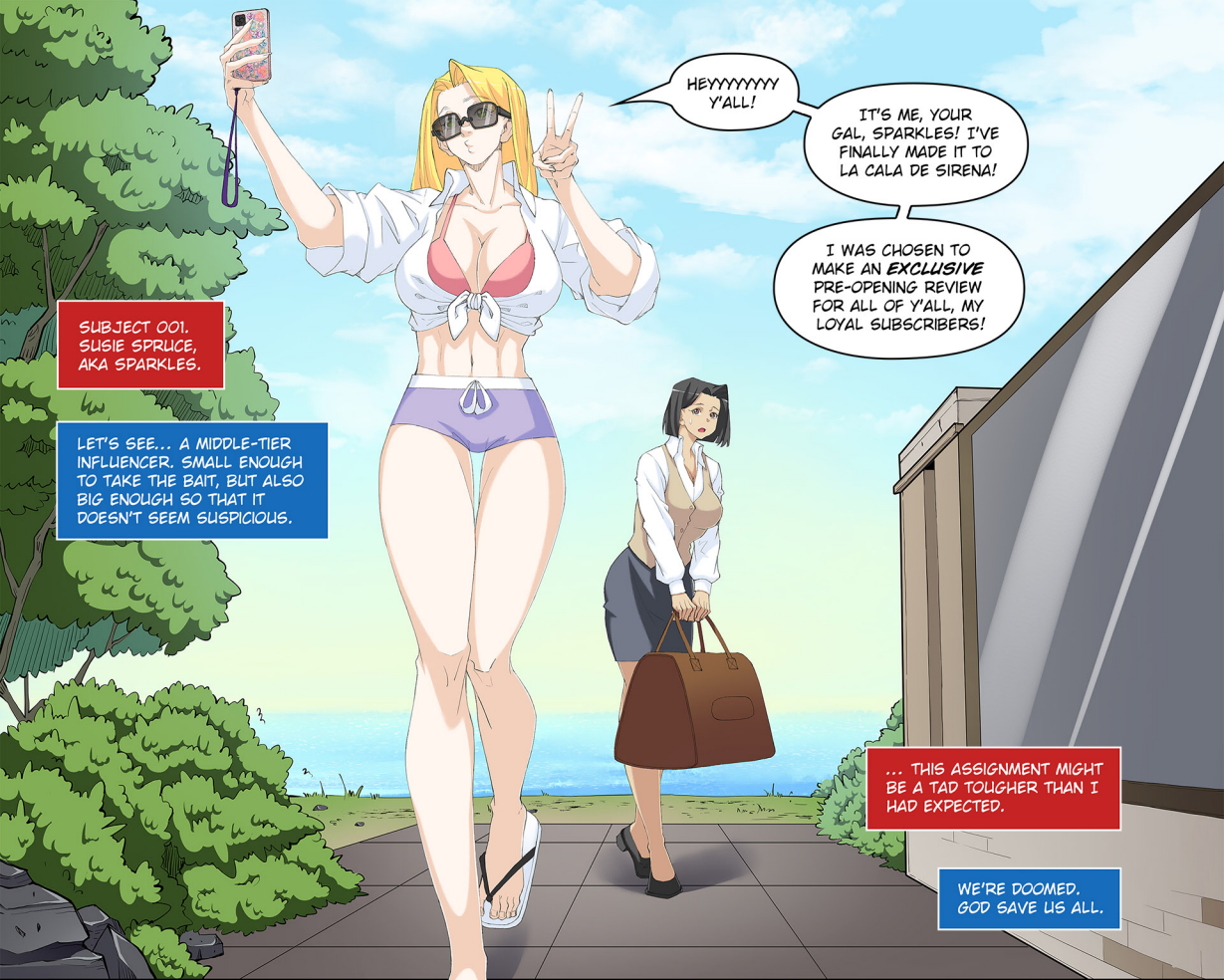
WHICH ENDED IN BANKRUPTCY
BEFORE OPENING, FOLLOWING
A SERIES OF MYSTERIOUS
DISAPPEARANCES.



WHICH LEADS
US TO TODAY!

WE HAVE CONSTRUCTED
THE TESTING AREA TO
SCI REGULATIONS, IN
ORDER TO--

HEY LOOK!
HERE COMES
THE GUINEA PIG!



HEYYYYYYYY
Y'ALL!

IT'S ME, YOUR
GAL, SPARKLES! I'VE
FINALLY MADE IT TO
LA CALA DE SIRENA!

I WAS CHOSEN TO
MAKE AN **EXCLUSIVE**
PRE-OPENING REVIEW
FOR ALL OF Y'ALL, MY
LOYAL SUBSCRIBERS!

SUBJECT 001.
SUSIE SPRUCE,
AKA SPARKLES.

LET'S SEE... A MIDDLE-TIER
INFLUENCER. SMALL ENOUGH
TO TAKE THE BAIT, BUT ALSO
BIG ENOUGH SO THAT IT
DOESN'T SEEM SUSPICIOUS.

... THIS ASSIGNMENT MIGHT
BE A TAD TOUGHER THAN I
HAD EXPECTED.

WE'RE DOOMED.
GOD SAVE US ALL.

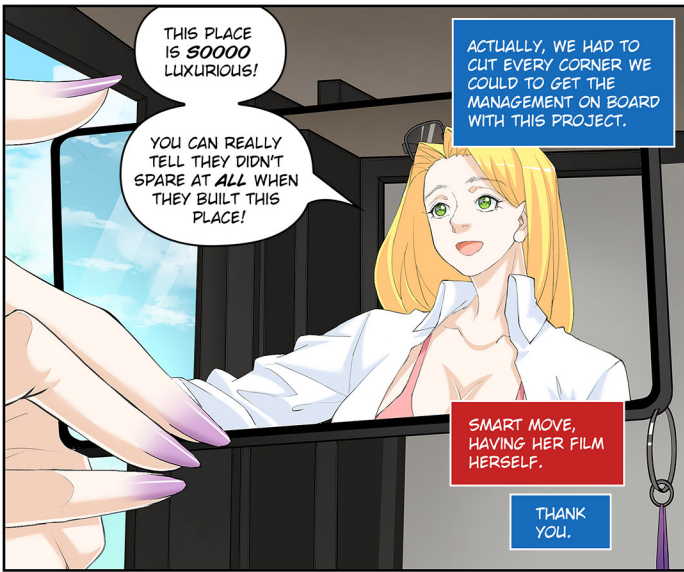


ALRIGHT,
GROUND CREW.
SHE'S ALL YOURS
NOW.

COPY
THAT.



ALRIGHT, CUTTING HER
FEED AND REPLACING IT
WITH OUR FAKE ONE...
NOW!



THIS PLACE IS **50000** LUXURIOUS!
YOU CAN REALLY TELL THEY DIDN'T SPARE AT ALL WHEN THEY BUILT THIS PLACE!

ACTUALLY, WE HAD TO CUT EVERY CORNER WE COULD TO GET THE MANAGEMENT ON BOARD WITH THIS PROJECT.

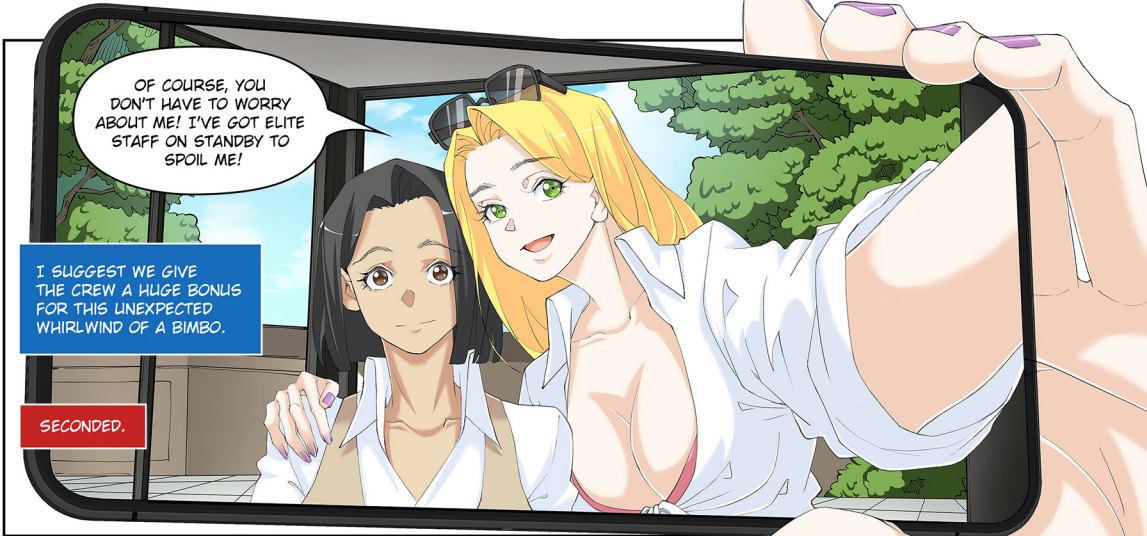
SMART MOVE, HAVING HER FILM HERSELF.

THANK YOU.



A COZY LITTLE PEARL, ALL FOR MYSELF!

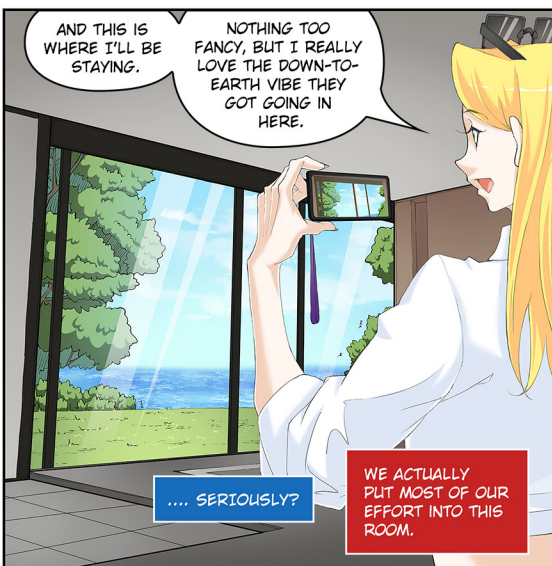
I MEAN... YEAH?



OF COURSE, YOU DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT ME! I'VE GOT ELITE STAFF ON STANDBY TO SPOIL ME!

I SUGGEST WE GIVE THE CREW A HUGE BONUS FOR THIS UNEXPECTED WHIRLWIND OF A BIMBO.

SECONDED.

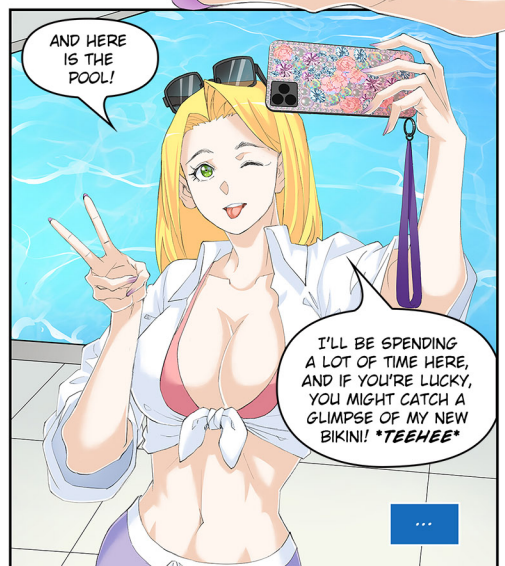


AND THIS IS WHERE I'LL BE STAYING.

NOTHING TOO FANCY, BUT I REALLY LOVE THE DOWN-TO-EARTH VIBE THEY GOT GOING IN HERE.

.... SERIOUSLY?

WE ACTUALLY PUT MOST OF OUR EFFORT INTO THIS ROOM.



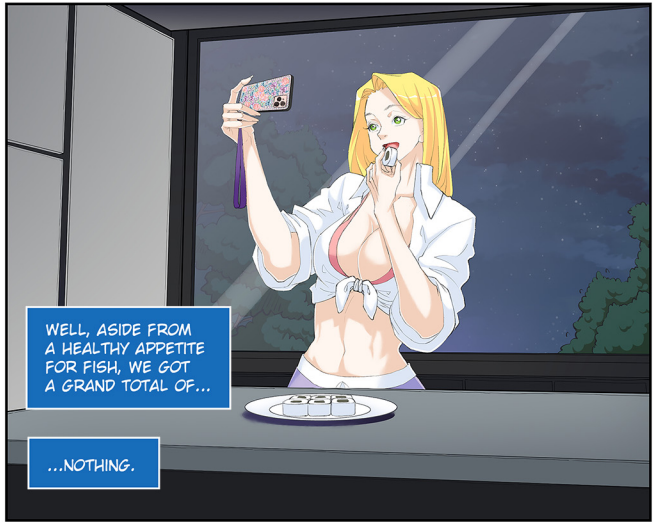
AND HERE IS THE POOL!

I'LL BE SPENDING A LOT OF TIME HERE, AND IF YOU'RE LUCKY, YOU MIGHT CATCH A GLIMPSE OF MY NEW BIKINI! *TEEHEE*

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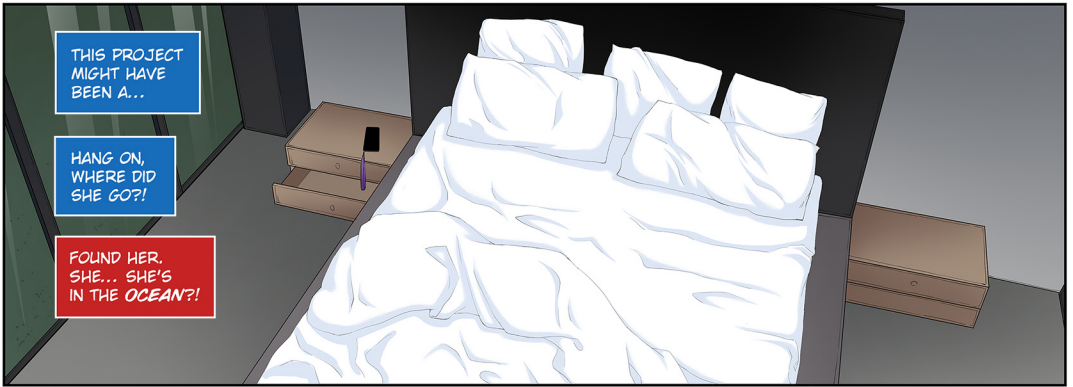


ALRIGHT,
LET'S RECAP
DAY 1.



WELL, ASIDE FROM
A HEALTHY APPETITE
FOR FISH, WE GOT
A GRAND TOTAL OF...

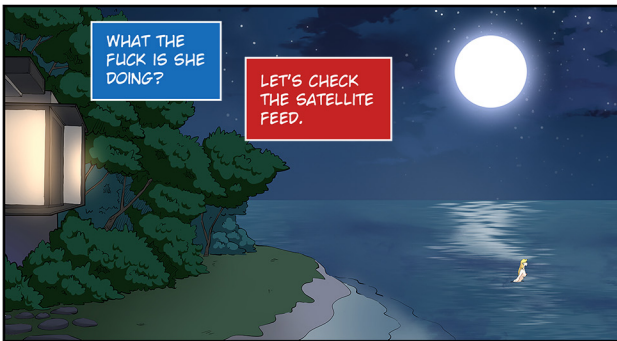
...NOTHING.



THIS PROJECT
MIGHT HAVE
BEEN A...

HANG ON,
WHERE DID
SHE GO?!

FOUND HER.
SHE... SHE'S
IN THE OCEAN?!



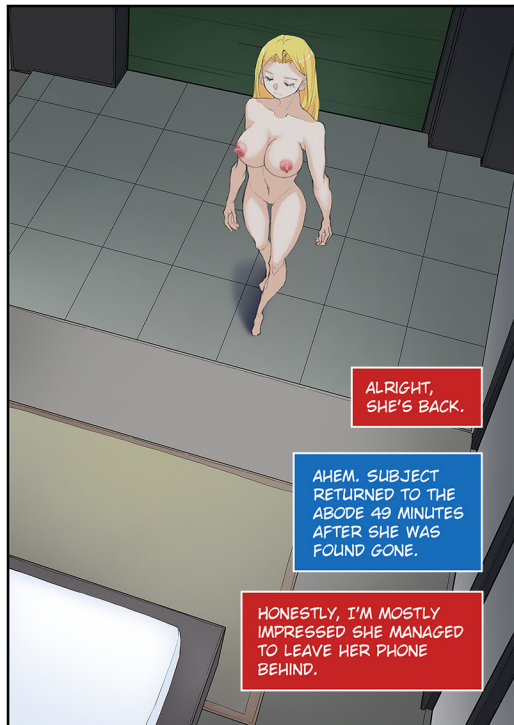
WHAT THE
FUCK IS SHE
DOING?

LET'S CHECK
THE SATELLITE
FEED.



WHAT IS
THAT?

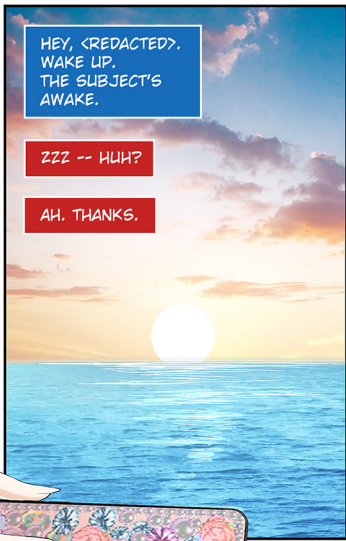
JACKPOT.
THAT'S WHAT
THAT IS.



ALRIGHT,
SHE'S BACK.

AHEM. SUBJECT
RETURNED TO THE
ABODE 49 MINUTES
AFTER SHE WAS
FOUND GONE.

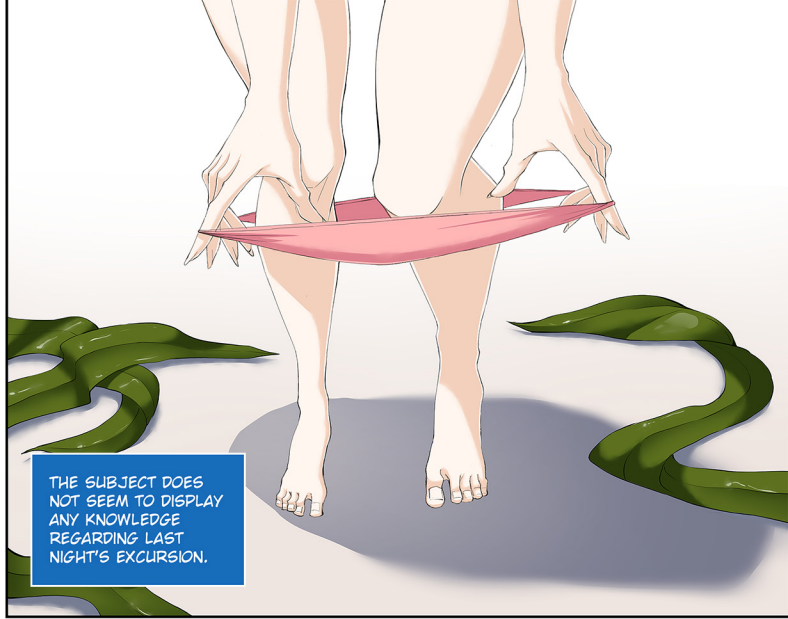
HONESTLY, I'M MOSTLY
IMPRESSED SHE MANAGED
TO LEAVE HER PHONE
BEHIND.



HEY, <REDACTED>. WAKE UP. THE SUBJECT'S AWAKE.

ZZZ -- HUH?

AH. THANKS.

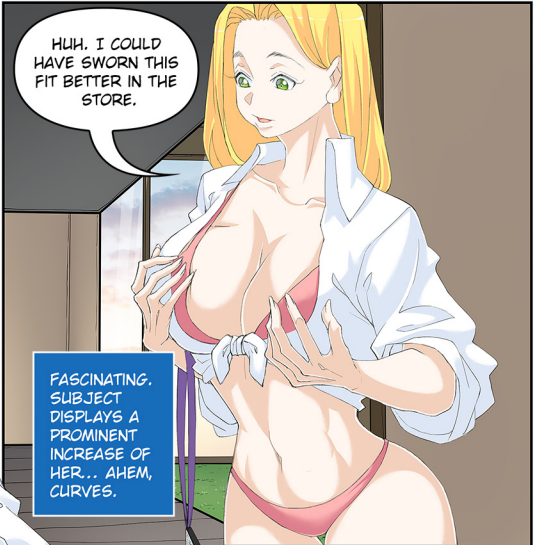


THE SUBJECT DOES NOT SEEM TO DISPLAY ANY KNOWLEDGE REGARDING LAST NIGHT'S EXCURSION.



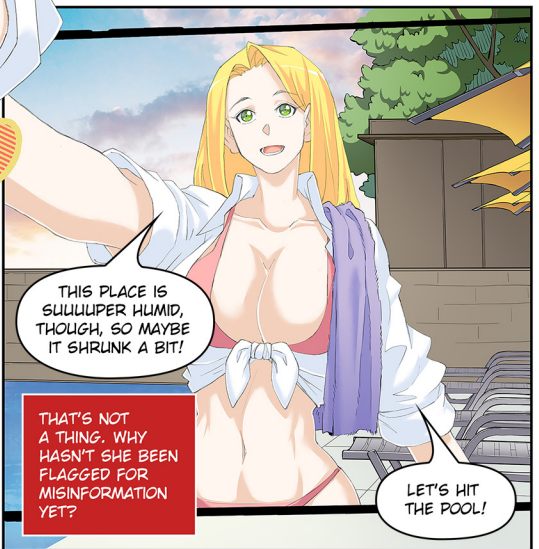
GOOD MORNING, Y'ALL!

IT'S ME, YA GIRL! I'M JUST LOGGING IN TO LET YOU KNOW I SLEPT SO GOOD LAST NIGHT!



HUH. I COULD HAVE SWORN THIS FIT BETTER IN THE STORE.

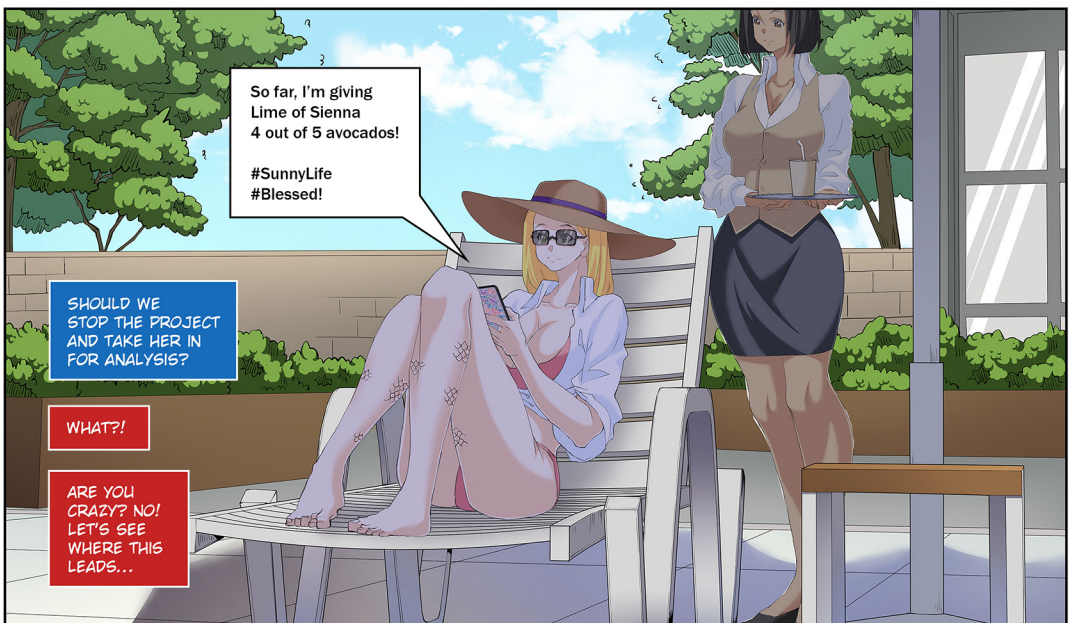
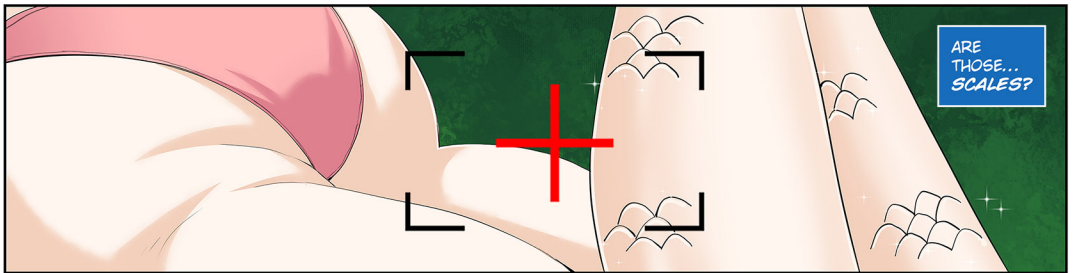
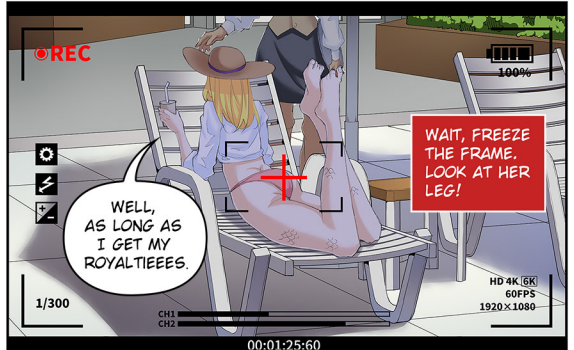
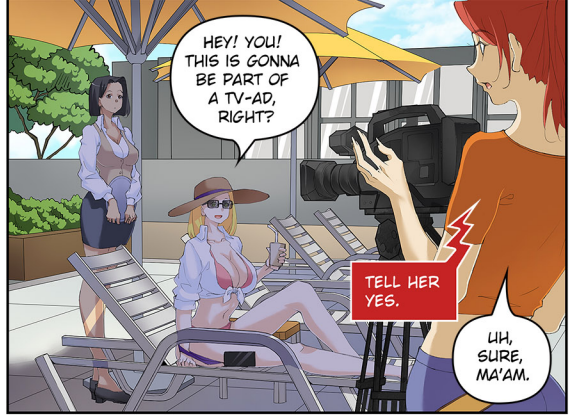
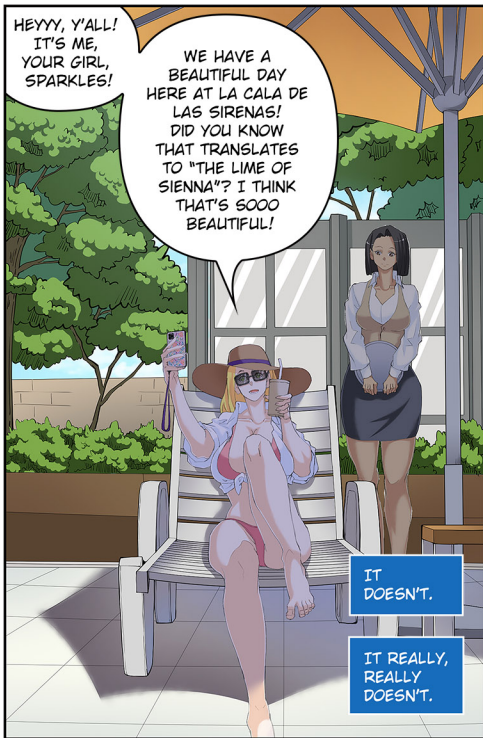
FASCINATING. SUBJECT DISPLAYS A PROMINENT INCREASE OF HER... AH, CURVES.

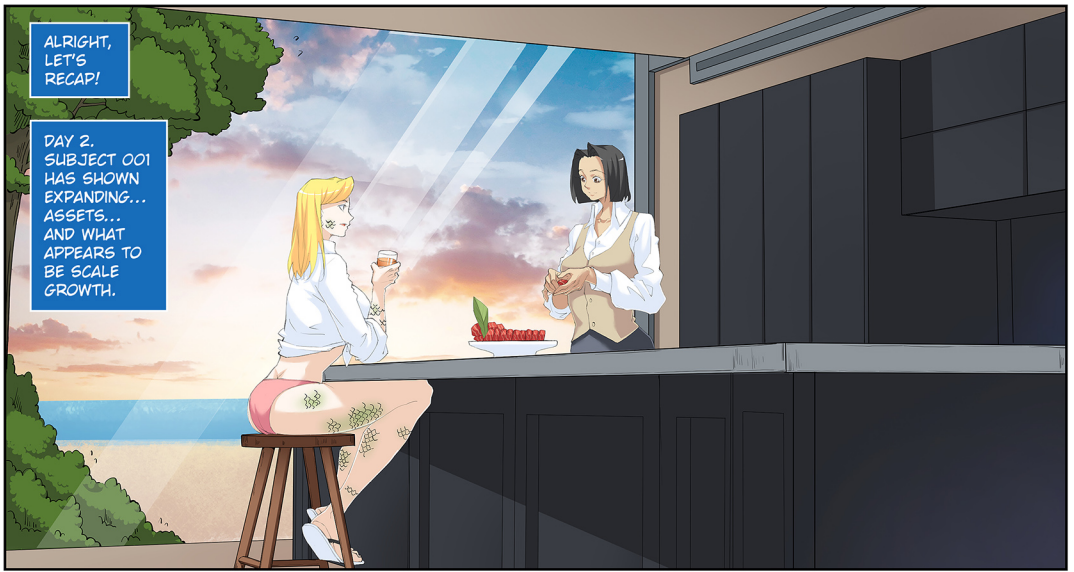


THIS PLACE IS SUUUUPER HUMID, THOUGH, SO MAYBE IT SHRUNK A BIT!

THAT'S NOT A THING. WHY HASN'T SHE BEEN FLAGGED FOR MISINFORMATION YET?

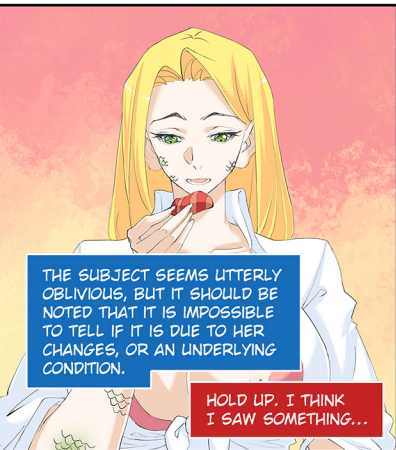
LET'S HIT THE POOL!





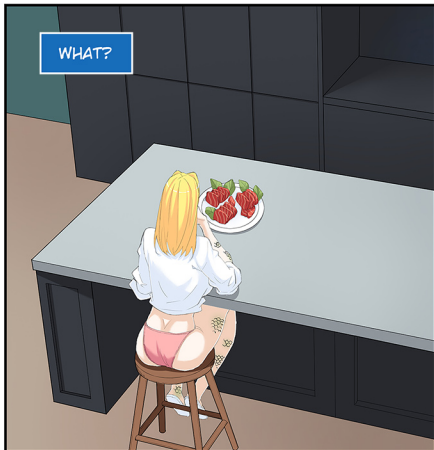
ALRIGHT, LET'S RECAP!

DAY 2. SUBJECT 001 HAS SHOWN EXPANDING... ASSETS... AND WHAT APPEARS TO BE SCALE GROWTH.



THE SUBJECT SEEMS LITTERLY OBLIVIOUS, BUT IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO TELL IF IT IS DUE TO HER CHANGES, OR AN UNDERLYING CONDITION.

HOLD UP. I THINK I SAW SOMETHING...



WHAT?



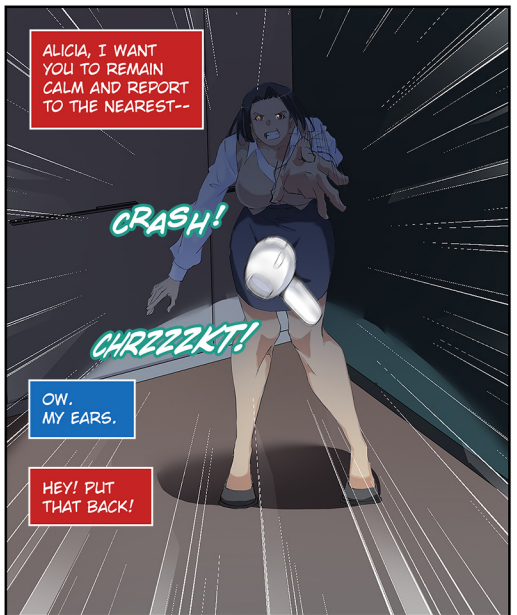
ALICIA'S EYES. I THOUGHT I--



WOAH!

WELL, FUCK ME...

ALICIA, CAN YOU HEAR US?



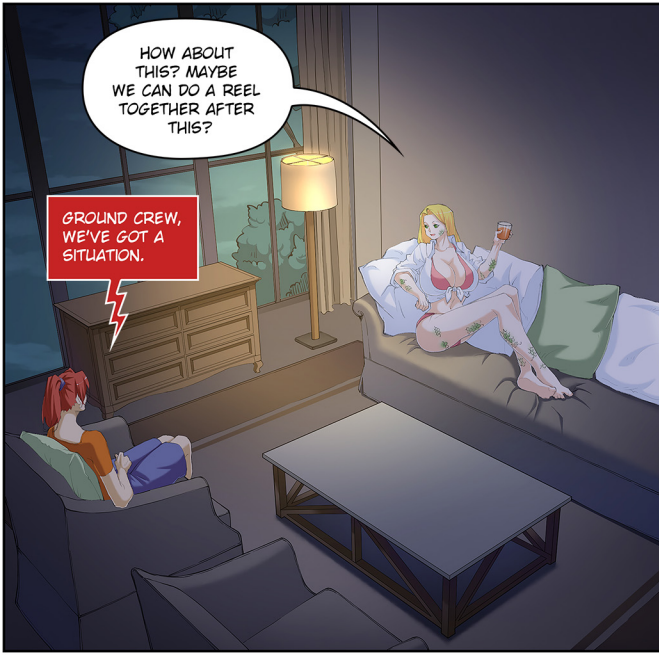
ALICIA, I WANT YOU TO REMAIN CALM AND REPORT TO THE NEAREST--

CRASH!

CHREZZKT!

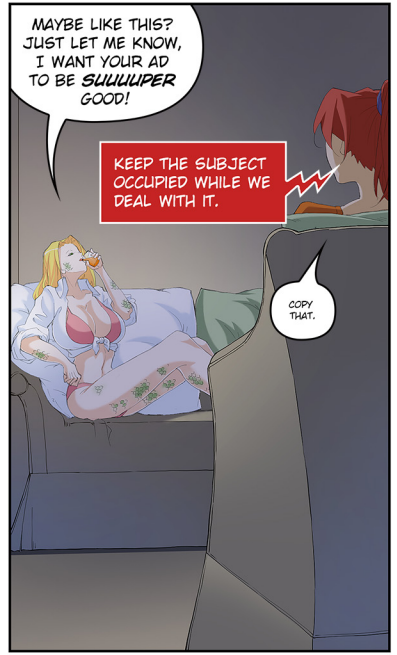
OW. MY EARS.

HEY! PUT THAT BACK!



HOW ABOUT THIS? MAYBE WE CAN DO A REEL TOGETHER AFTER THIS?

GROUND CREW, WE'VE GOT A SITUATION.



MAYBE LIKE THIS? JUST LET ME KNOW, I WANT YOUR AD TO BE SUUUUPER GOOD!

KEEP THE SUBJECT OCCUPIED WHILE WE DEAL WITH IT.

COPY THAT.



WHERE THE HELL IS SHE OFF TO...?



WOAH!

SHOULD I CALL SECURITY?

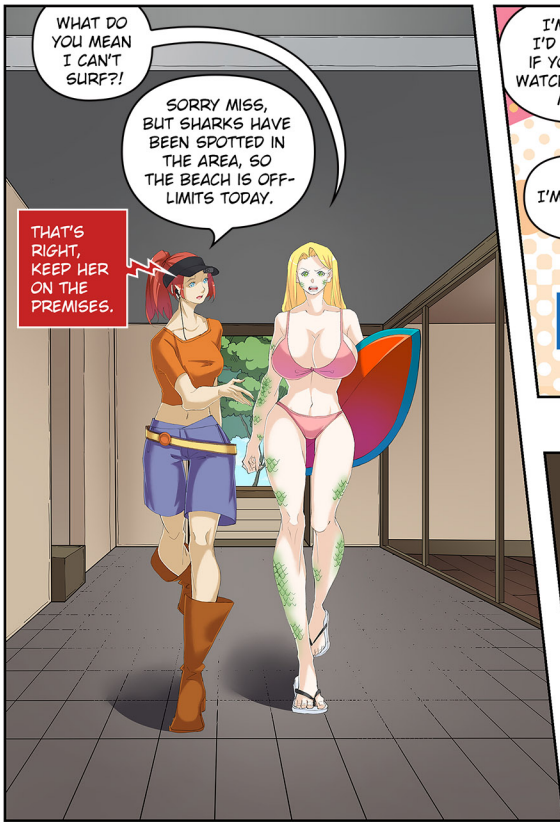
DO IT. TELL THEM TO APPREHEND HER IF THEY CAN DO SO IN SECRET. OTHERWISE JUST OBSERVE HER FOR NOW.



SO... YEAH. SECONDARY SUBJECT IDENTIFIED. ALICIA, FROM NOW ON REFERRED TO AS SUBJECT 002, DISPLAYS STRANGE BEHAVIOR AND INSUBORDINATION, AS WELL AS PHYSICAL ALTERATIONS.

I'LL LOOK OVER THE FOOTAGE AND FILL IN THE CHANGES IN DETAIL LATER.

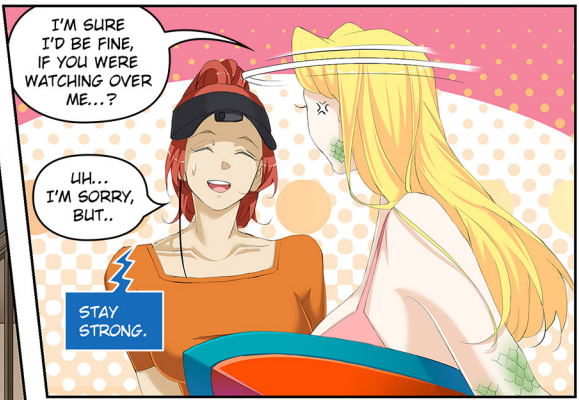
THANKS.



WHAT DO YOU MEAN I CAN'T SURF?!

SORRY MISS, BUT SHARKS HAVE BEEN SPOTTED IN THE AREA, SO THE BEACH IS OFF-LIMITS TODAY.

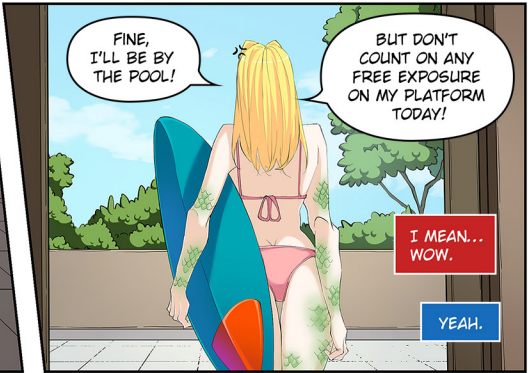
THAT'S RIGHT, KEEP HER ON THE PREMISES.



I'M SURE I'D BE FINE, IF YOU WERE WATCHING OVER ME...?

UH... I'M SORRY, BUT..

STAY STRONG.

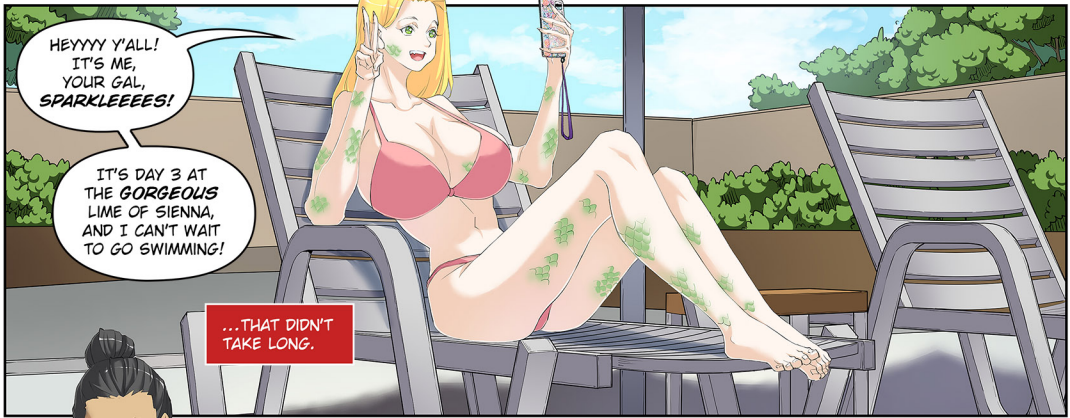


FINE, I'LL BE BY THE POOL!

BUT DON'T COUNT ON ANY FREE EXPOSURE ON MY PLATFORM TODAY!

I MEAN... WOW.

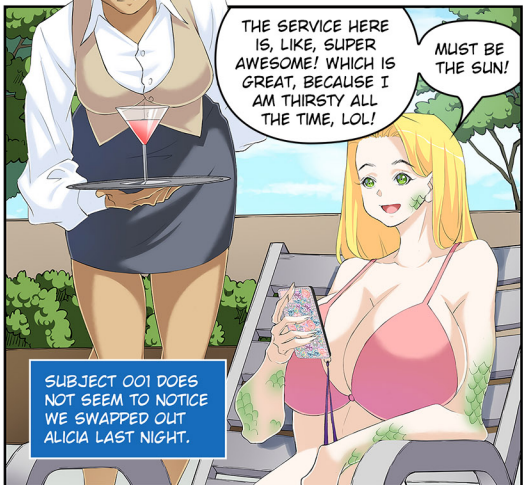
YEAH.



HEYYYY Y'ALL! IT'S ME, YOUR GAL, SPARKLEEEES!

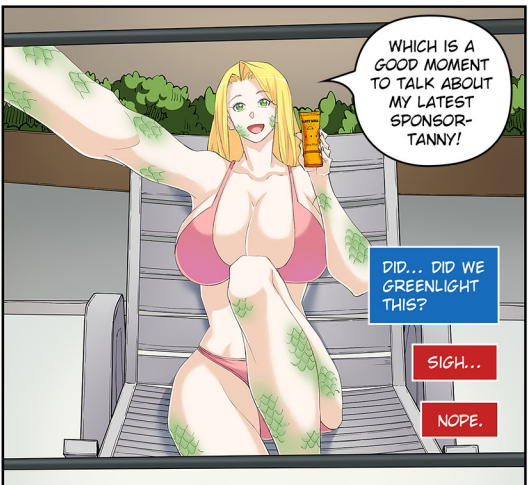
IT'S DAY 3 AT THE GORGEOUS LIME OF SIENNA, AND I CAN'T WAIT TO GO SWIMMING!

...THAT DIDN'T TAKE LONG.



THE SERVICE HERE IS, LIKE, SUPER AWESOME! WHICH IS GREAT, BECAUSE I AM THIRSTY ALL THE TIME, LOL! MUST BE THE SUN!

SUBJECT 001 DOES NOT SEEM TO NOTICE WE SWAPPED OUT ALICIA LAST NIGHT.

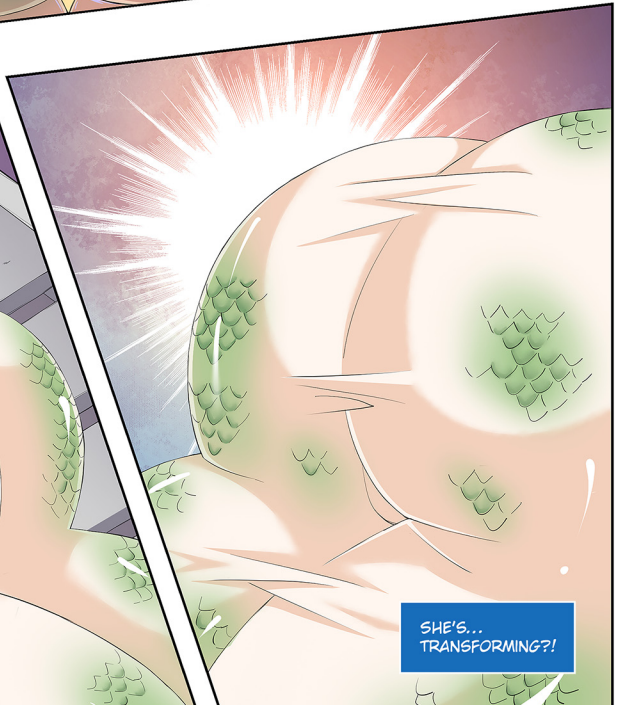
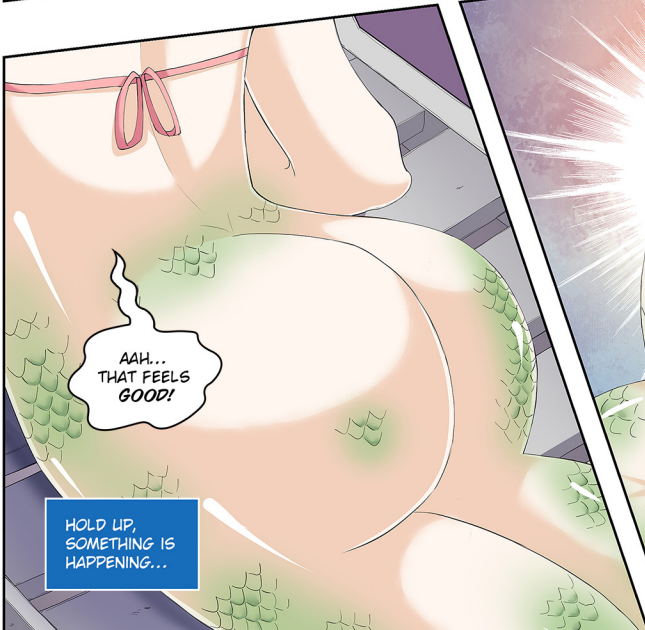
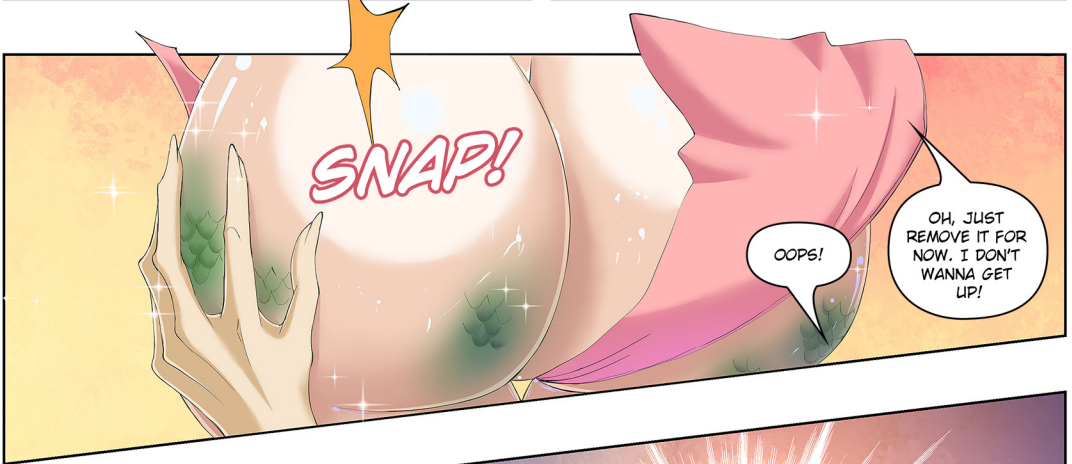
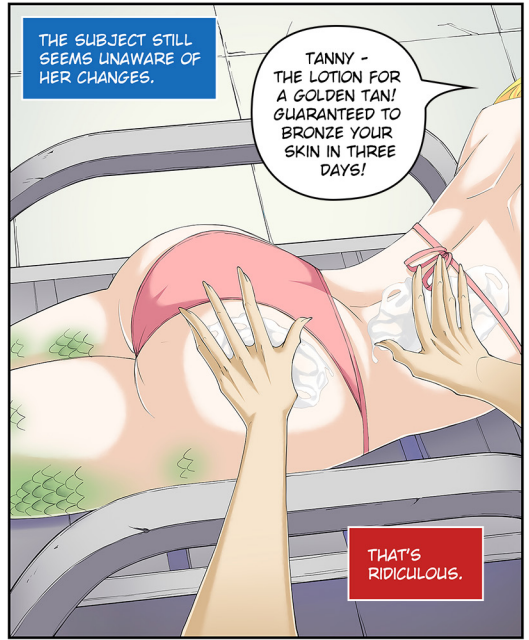
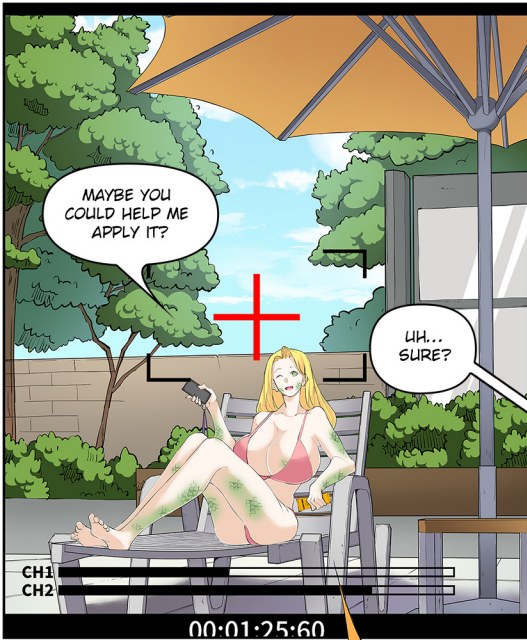


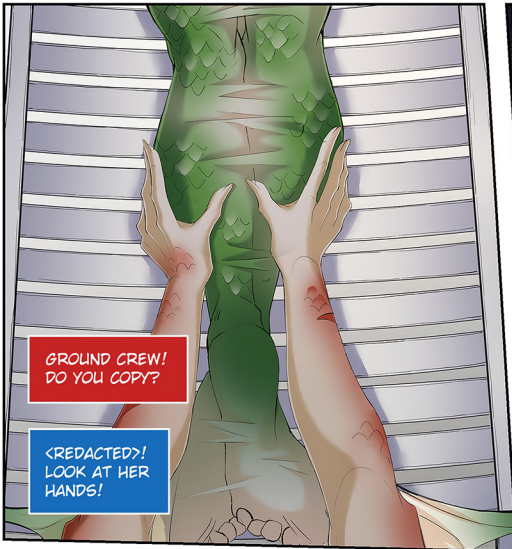
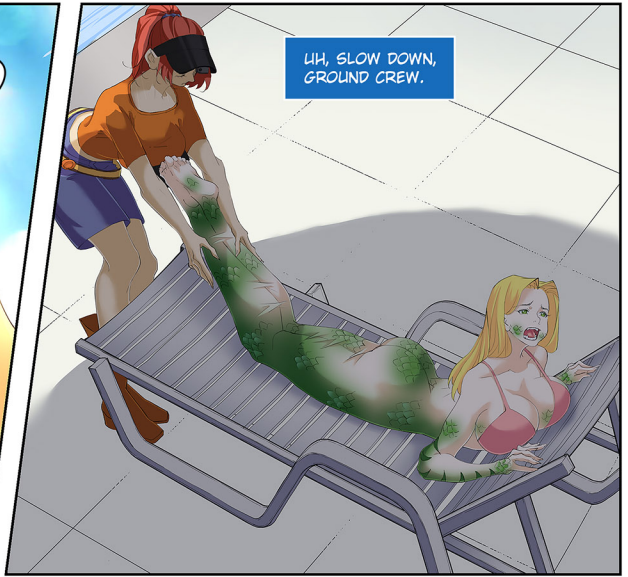
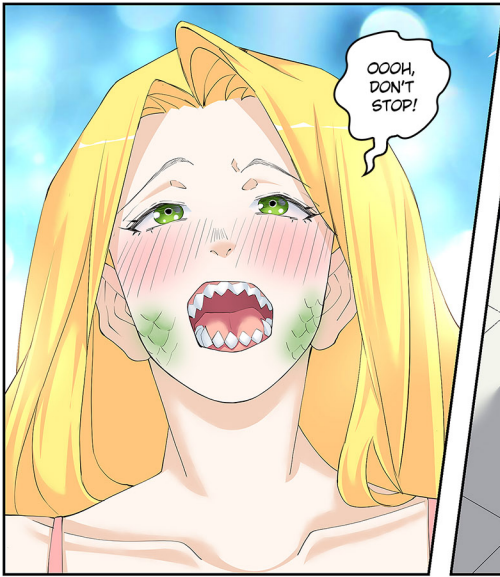
WHICH IS A GOOD MOMENT TO TALK ABOUT MY LATEST SPONSOR-TANNY!

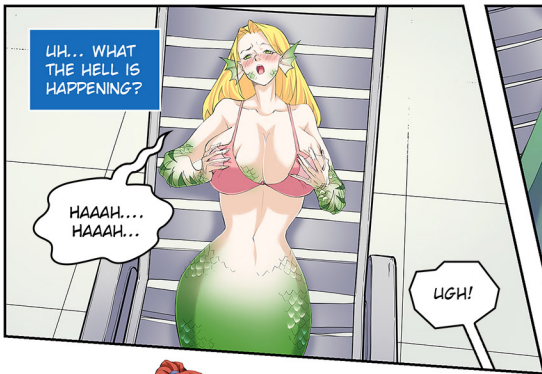
DID... DID WE GREENLIGHT THIS?

SIGH...

NOPE.







UH... WHAT THE HELL IS HAPPENING?

HAAA... HAAA...

UGH!



SSSHT!

UUUGH!

UH... SUBJECT 003 HAS STARTED GROWING A TAIL.



CAN'T... SSSSTOP...

SUBJECT 003 IS SHOWING RAPID DEVELOPMENT.



H-HELP ME!

ADDITIONAL OBSERVATION REVEALS THAT SUBJECT 003 IS UNDERGOING MORPHOLOGICAL CHANGES TO HER FACIAL FEATURES, NAMELY EARS, EYES AND TEETH.

... IS SHE GROWING GILLS?

PROBABLY.

I... I CAN'T... RESIST... MUCH LONGER!



CAN'T... SSSSTOP....

SHOULD WE... DO SOMETHING?



SHAAAAAH!

SOON. WE'RE ABOUT TO HIT THE JACKPOT.

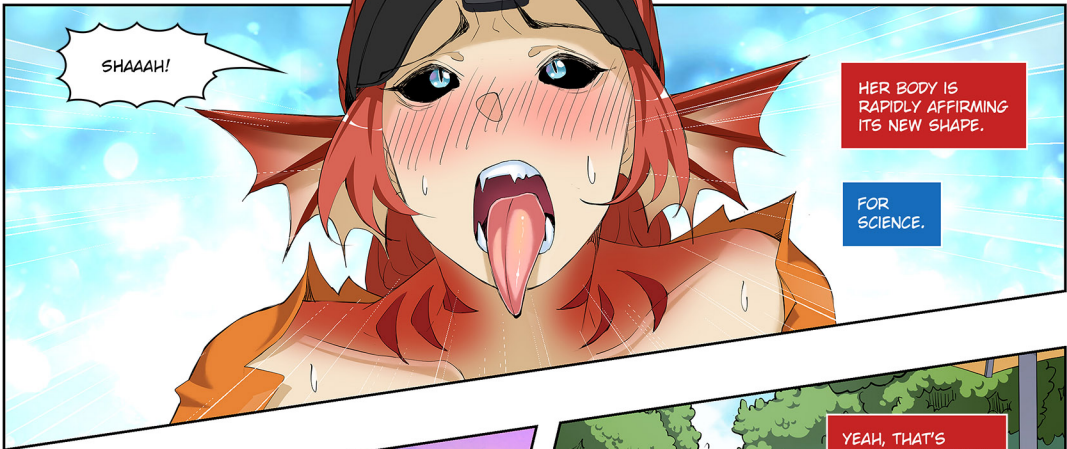


SUBJECT 003 APPEARS IMMERSSED IN PLEASURE.



HAAH...
HAAH...
HAAH...

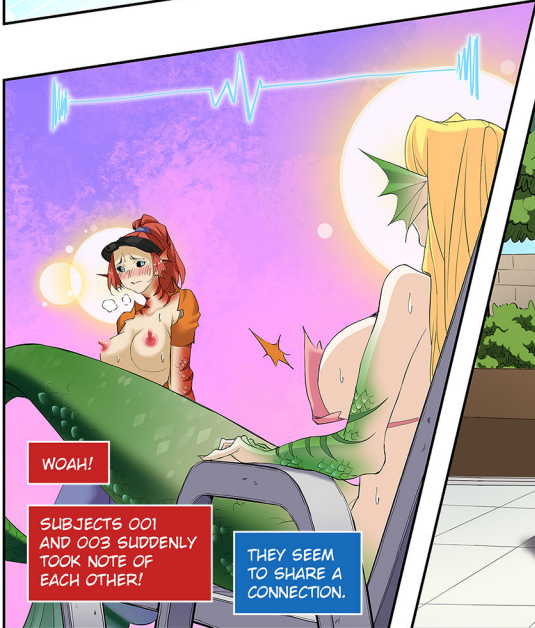
SHE NO LONGER SEEMS CONCERNED WITH HER CHANGES, WHICH ARE BECOMING MORE PROMINENT BY THE MINUTE.



SHAAAAH!

HER BODY IS RAPIDLY AFFIRMING ITS NEW SHAPE.

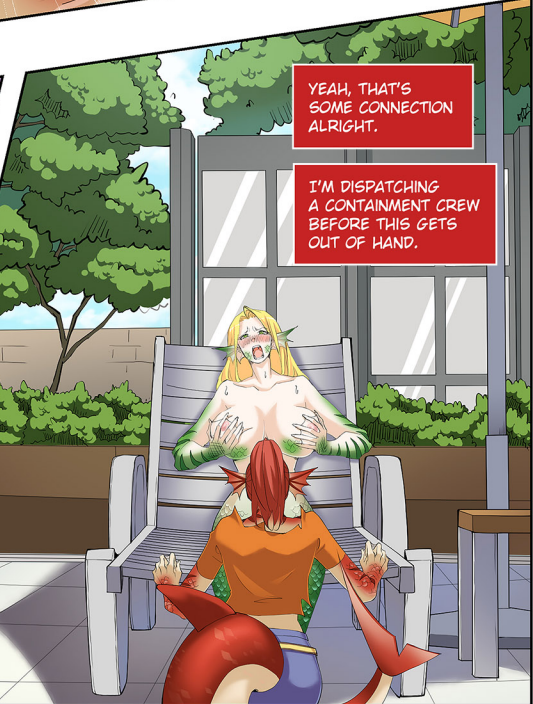
FOR SCIENCE.



WOAH!

SUBJECTS 001 AND 003 SUDDENLY TOOK NOTE OF EACH OTHER!

THEY SEEM TO SHARE A CONNECTION.



YEAH, THAT'S SOME CONNECTION ALRIGHT.

I'M DISPATCHING A CONTAINMENT CREW BEFORE THIS GETS OUT OF HAND.



AAAAAH!

COMMAND CONTROL,
THIS IS CONTAINMENT
CREW. INBOUND TO
SITE. OVER.



GOOD,
GOOD.

WE WANT THEM
ALIVE, THANKS.

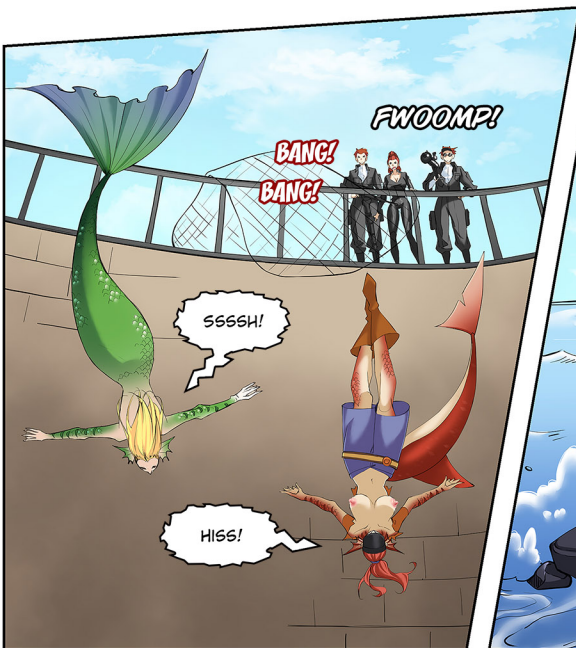
COPY
THAT.



OKAY TEAM,
WE WANT THEM
ALIVE AND WE WANT
THEM WHOLE.

CONTAINMENT
PROTOCOL
ALPHA TWO!

ROGER
THAT!

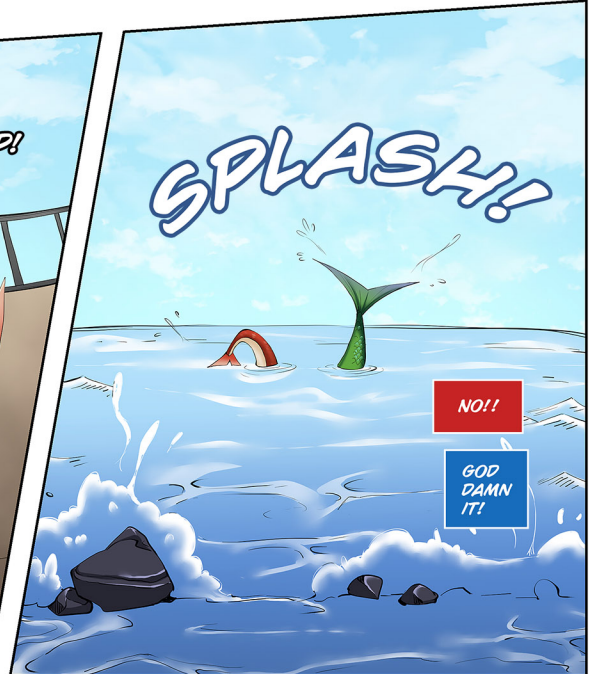


FWOOMP!

BANG!
BANG!

SSSSH!

HISS!



G SPLASH!

NO!!

GOD
DAMN
IT!



UH... COMMAND CREW, I THINK WE LOST THEM. OVER.

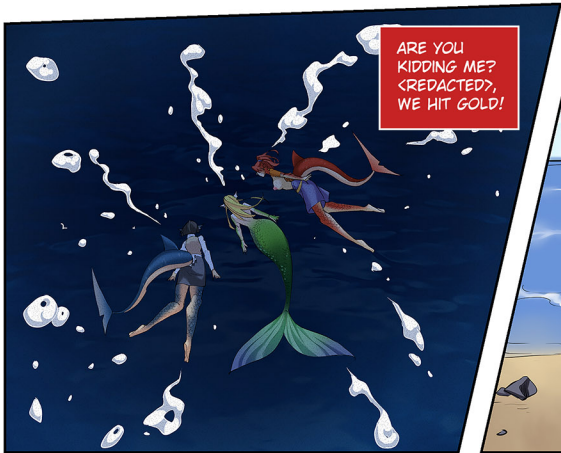
... GEE, YOU THINK?



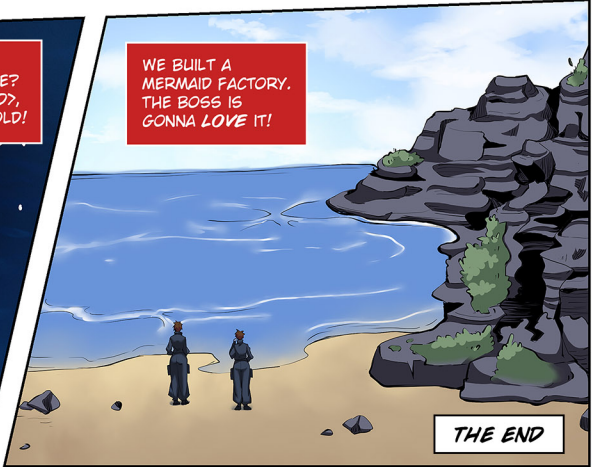
IMPORTANT NOTE: BUILD CONTAINMENT WALL AROUND THE COVE BEFORE THE NEXT TRIAL.



NEXT TRIAL? YOU THINK THE MANAGEMENT IS GONNA GIVE US ONE?



ARE YOU KIDDING ME? <REDACTED>, WE HIT GOLD!



WE BUILT A MERMAID FACTORY. THE BOSS IS GONNA LOVE IT!

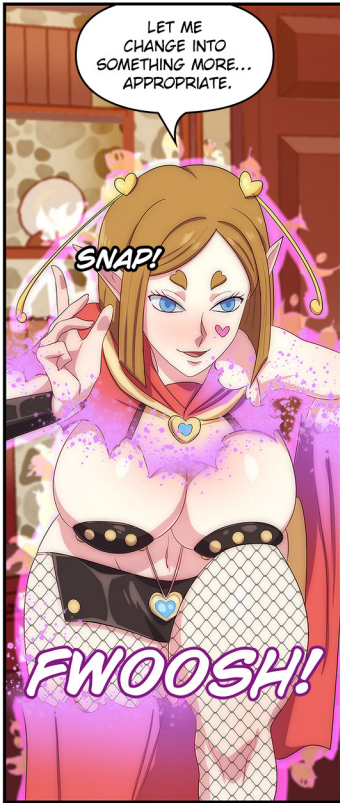
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LET ME CHANGE INTO SOMETHING MORE... APPROPRIATE.

SNAP!

FWOOSH!

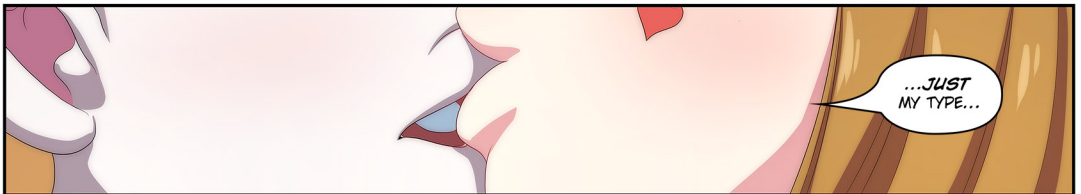


I MUST ADMIT, I'M CURIOUS.

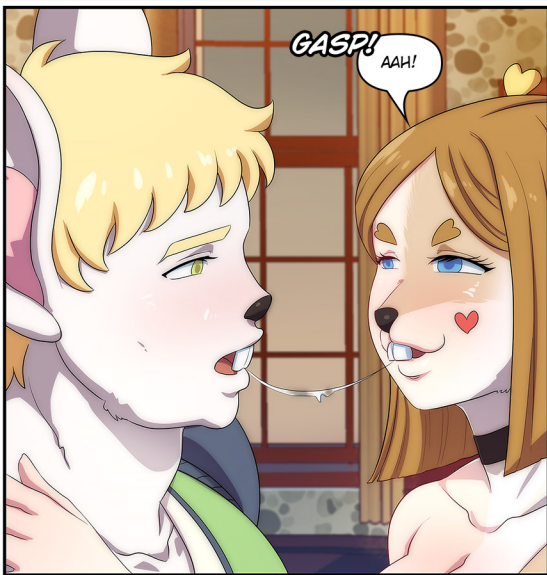


FAERIE MAGIC IS SUPPOSEDLY INCREDIBLY POTENT. AND I WANT TO EXPERIENCE IT.

I CAN FEEL IT, TUGGING AT ME. AND YOU ARE...



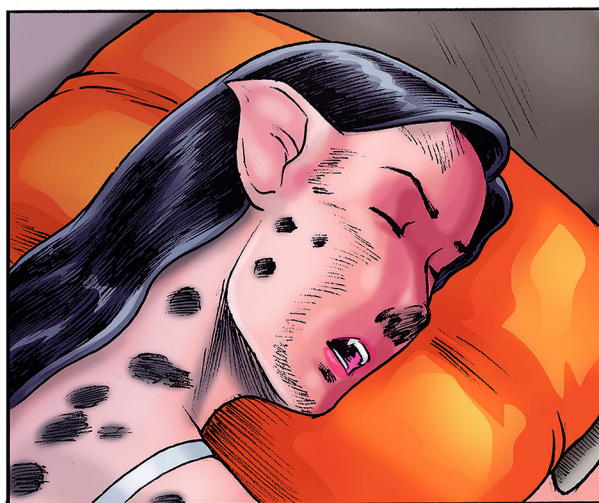
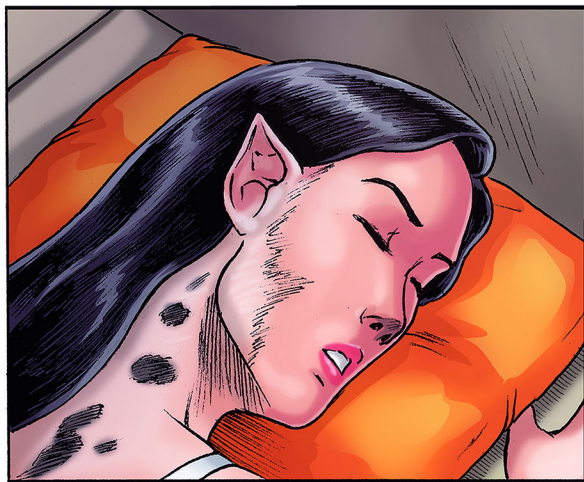
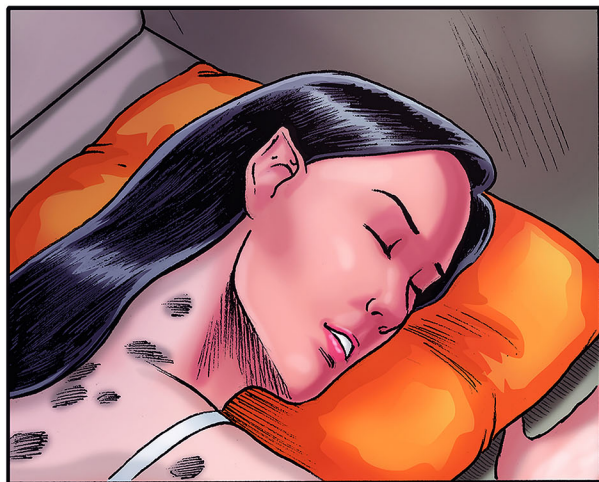
...JUST MY TYPE...



GASP!
AAH!



AH... FASCINATING...!



Doggone It 2



...I'M MAKING YOU A WHOLE LOT SMALLER!

WHAT?!

WUD-WUD-WUD-WUD!



BUT... BUT THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE!

WUD-WUD-WUD-WUD!



NAH. JUST EXTREMELY EXPENSIVE, THAT'S ALL.

THE NOISE MIGHT BE TURNING ME CRAZY, THOUGH.

BOOP!

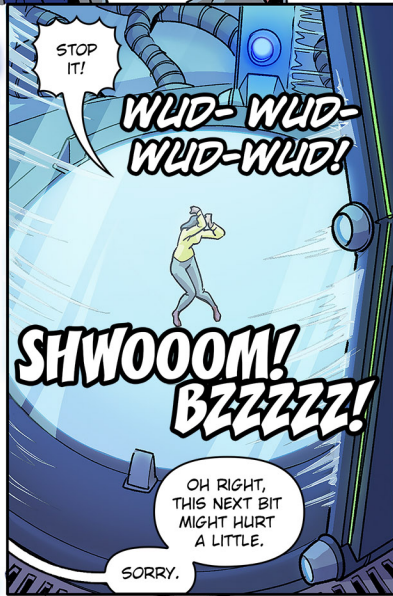
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LET ME GO!

TINK! TINK!

SHOOM!



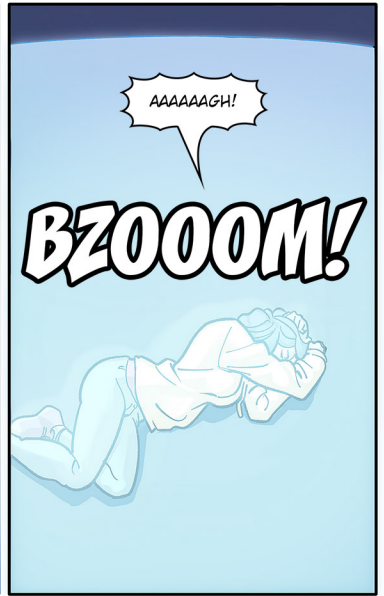
STOP IT!

WUD-WUD-WUD-WUD!

SHWOOM! BZZZZZ!

OH RIGHT, THIS NEXT BIT MIGHT HURT A LITTLE.

SORRY.



AAAAAAGH!

BZOOOM!



