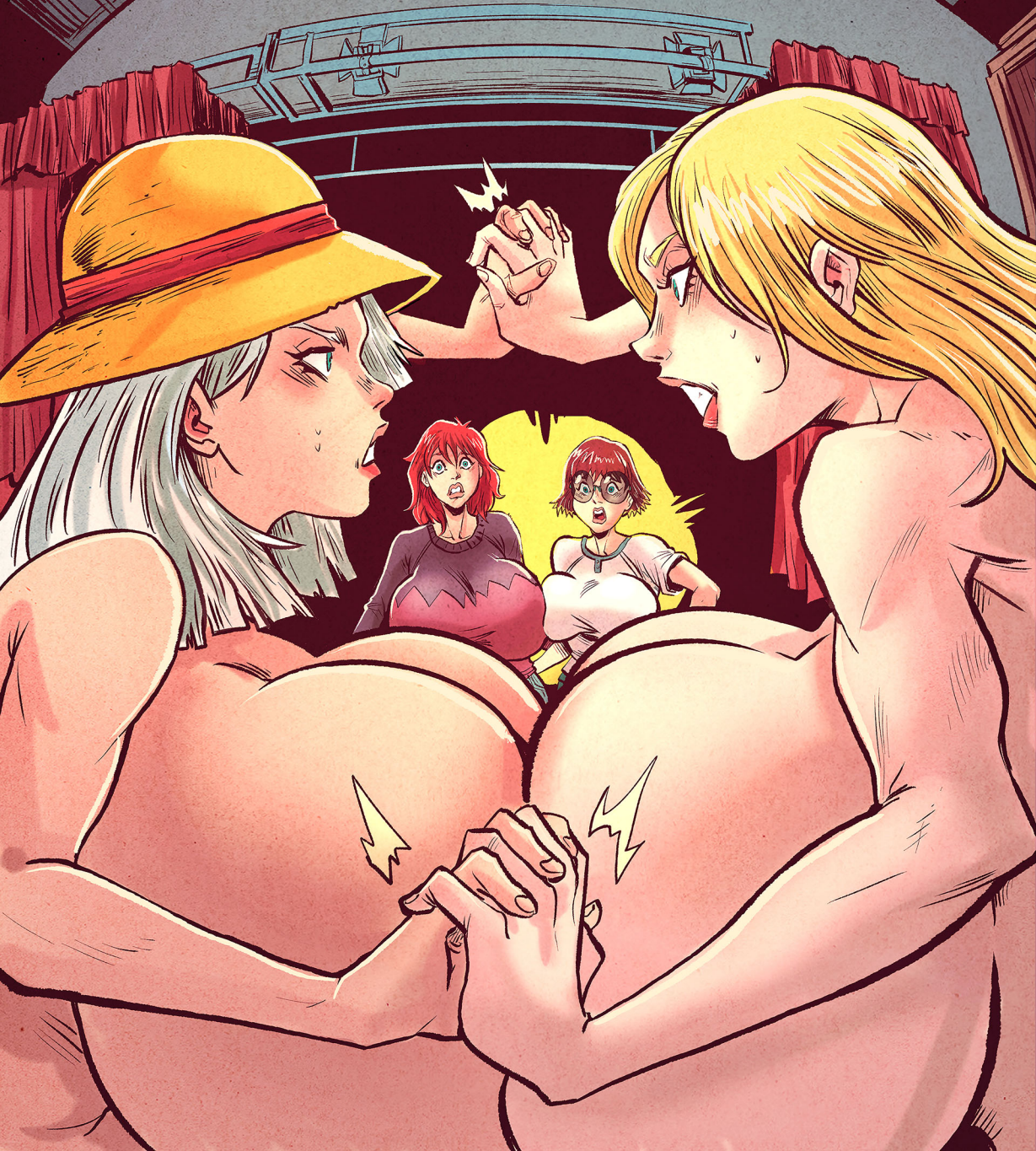


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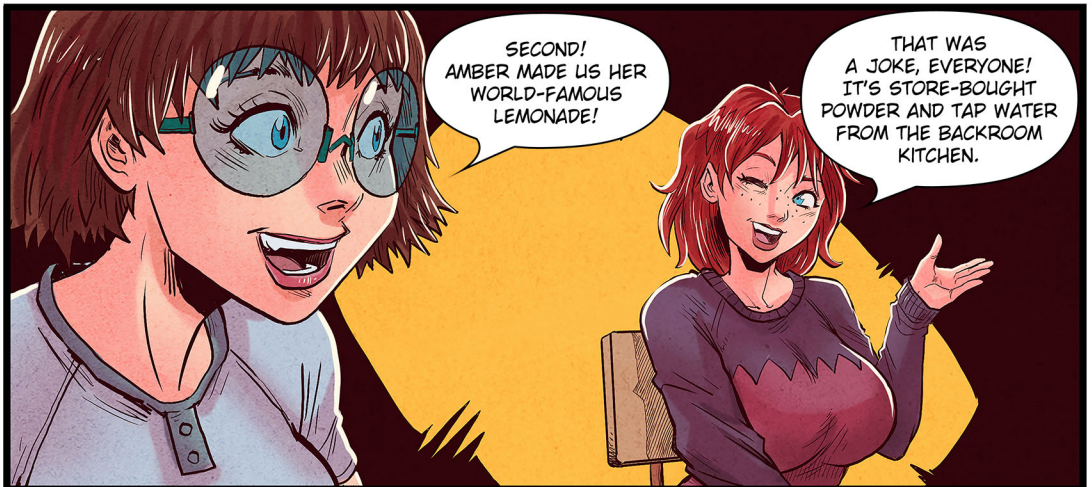
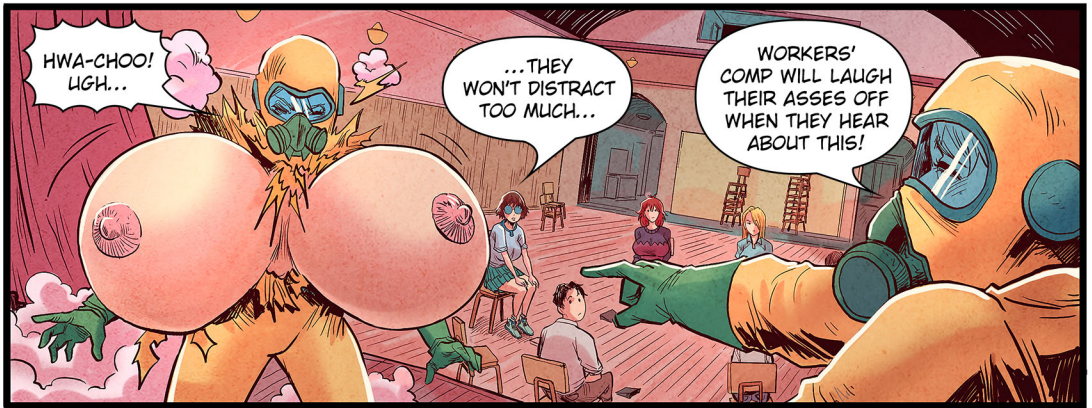
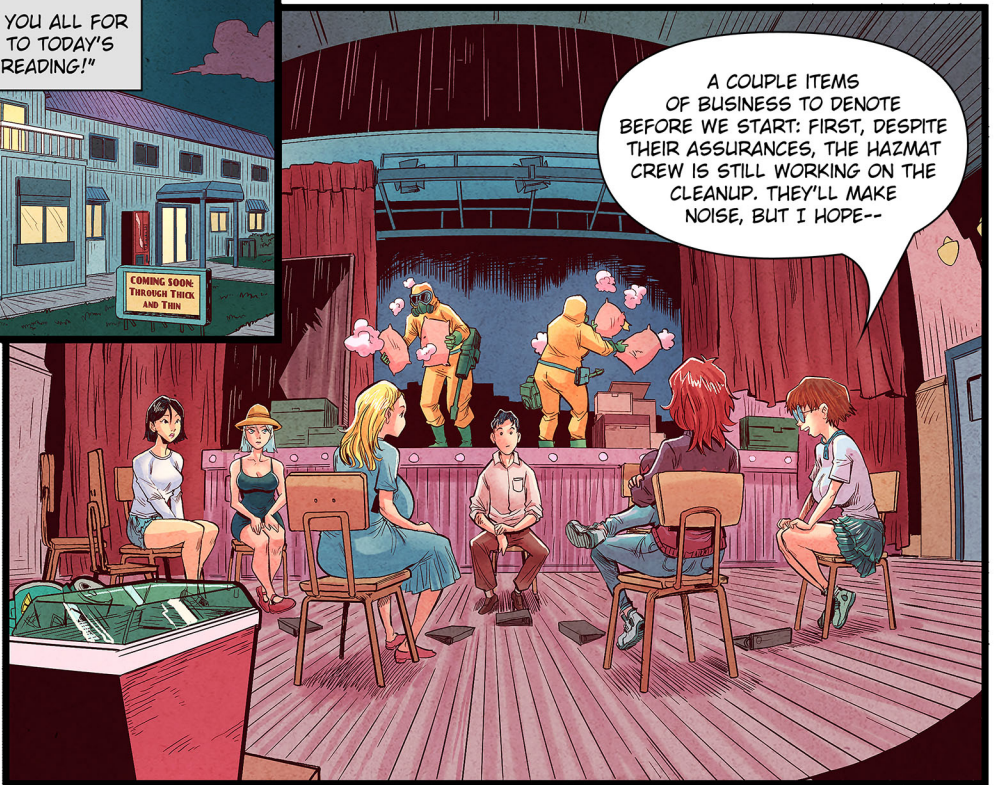
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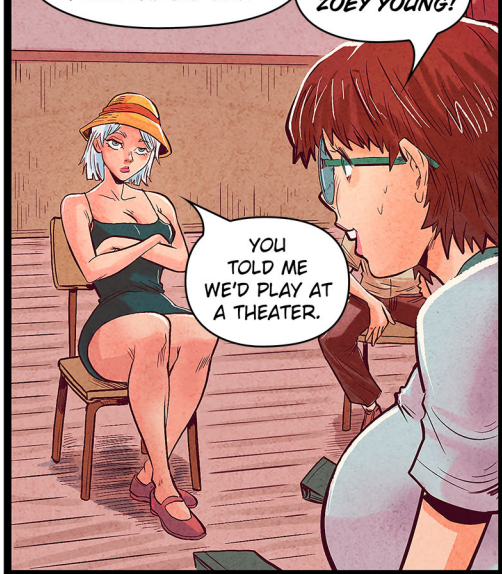


"FINALLY, DOROTHY LIKELY CAN'T MAKE IT TONIGHT... OR THIS SEASON. SHE'S HAD SOME... UNIQUE ISSUES WITH THE REDUCTION MACHINE, WHICH WE ALL GLADLY AVOIDED."



TO REPLACE HER, I'VE INVITED AN OLD FRIEND... A PROFESSIONAL FROM THE BIG CITY!

PLEASE WELCOME ZOEY YOUNG!

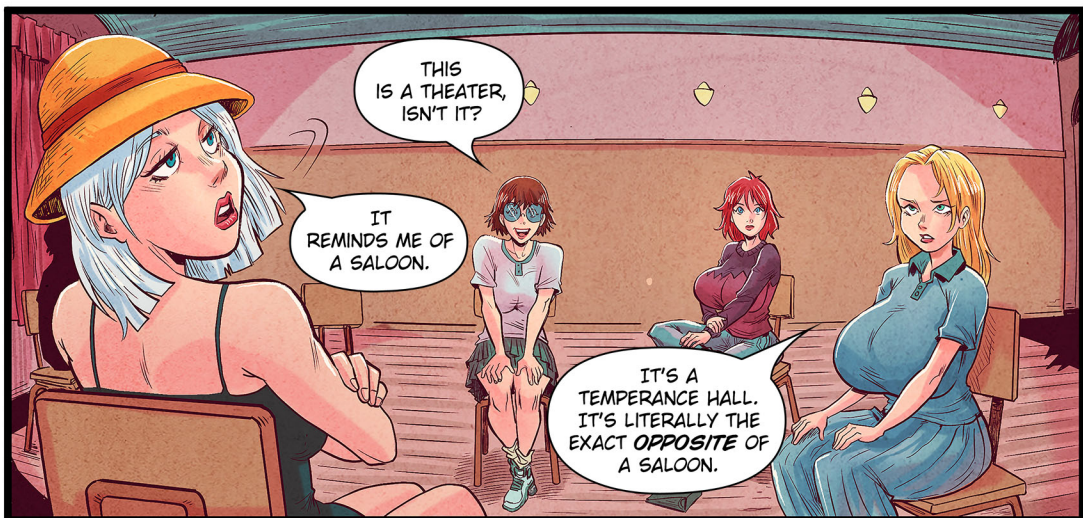


YOU TOLD ME WE'D PLAY AT A THEATER.

THIS IS A THEATER, ISN'T IT?

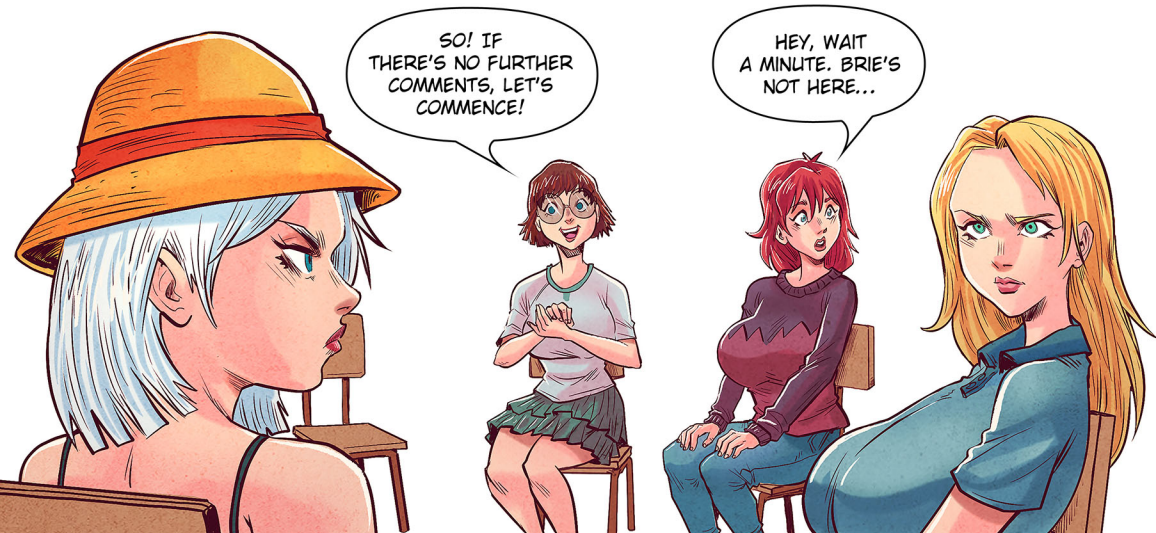
IT REMINDS ME OF A SALOON.

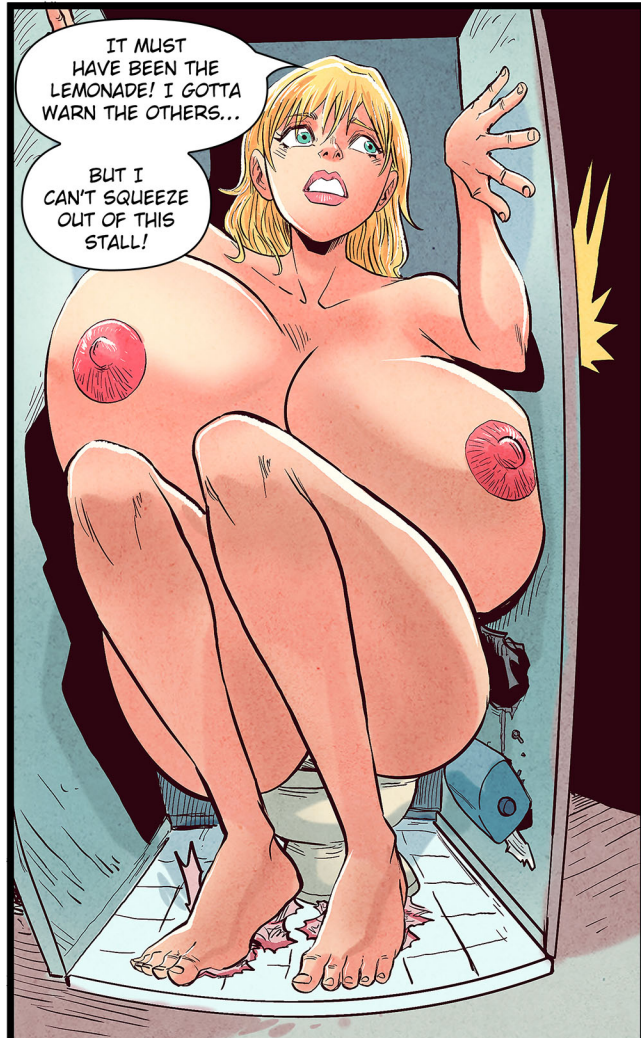
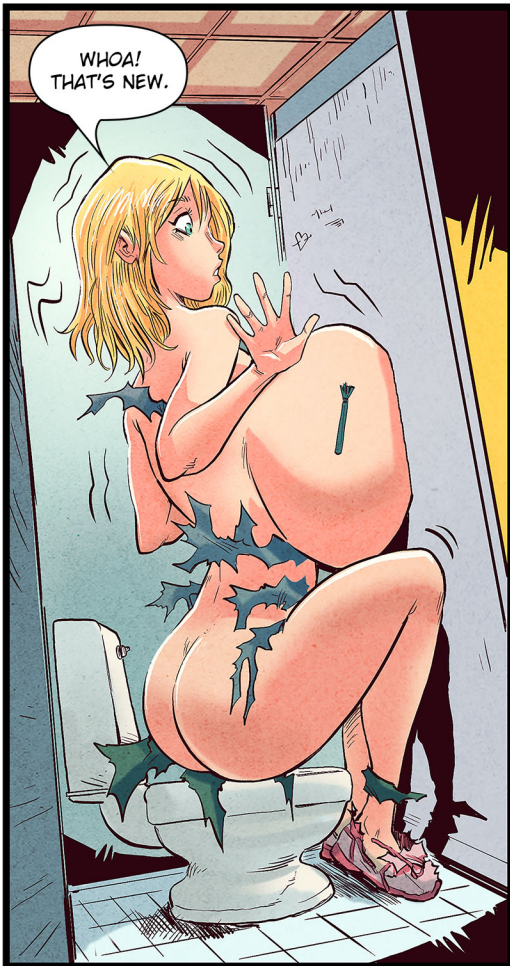
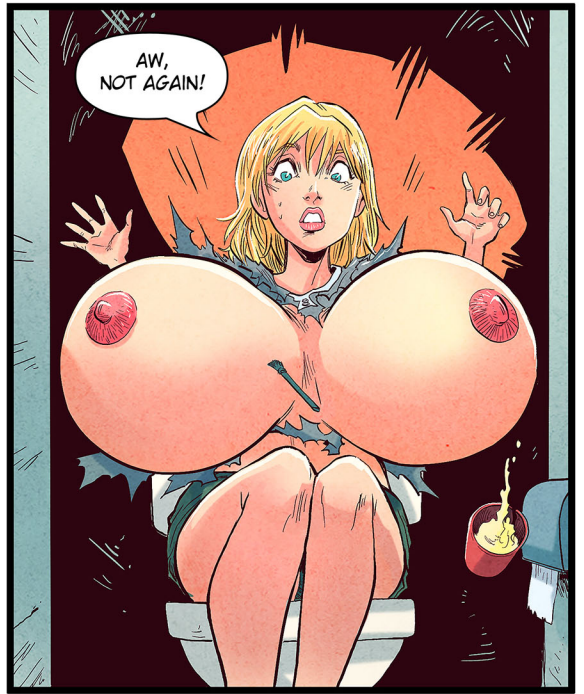
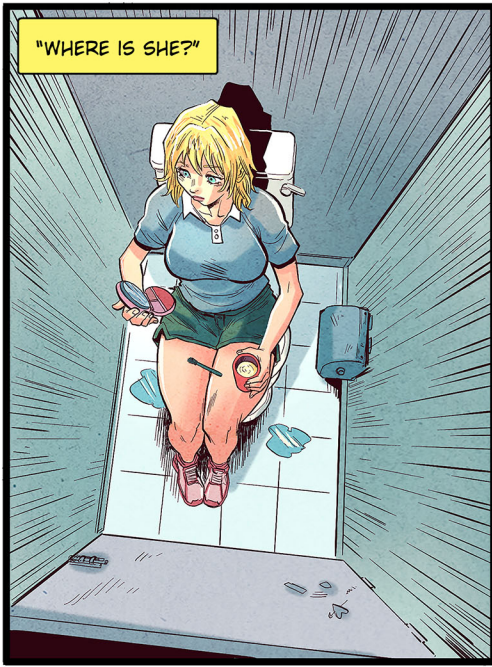
IT'S A TEMPERANCE HALL. IT'S LITERALLY THE EXACT OPPOSITE OF A SALOON.

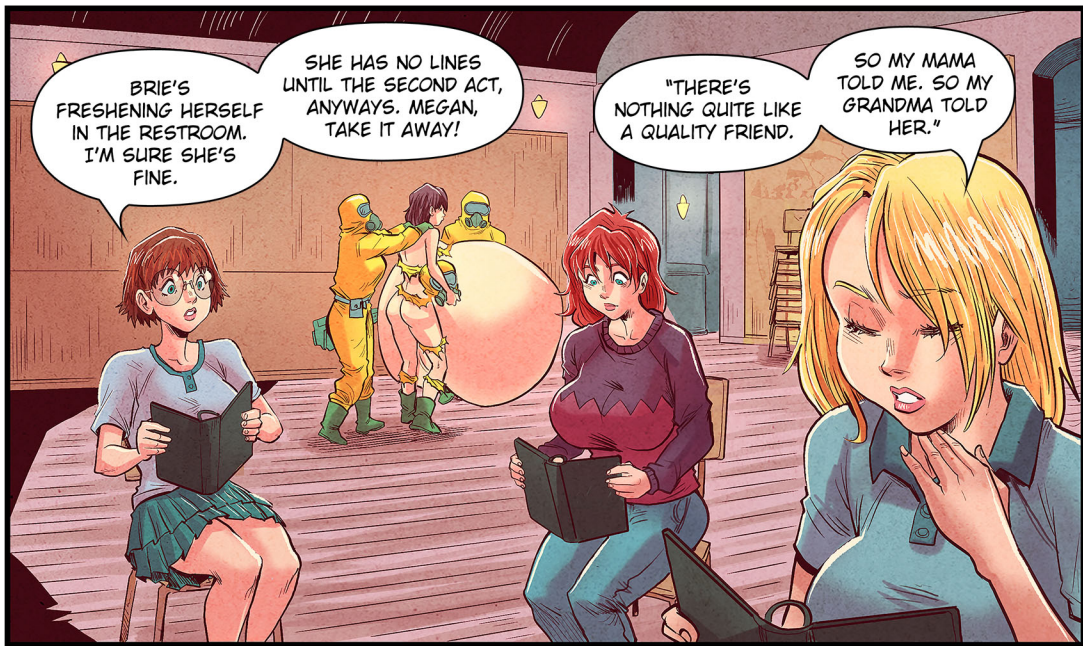


SO! IF THERE'S NO FURTHER COMMENTS, LET'S COMMENCE!

HEY, WAIT A MINUTE. BRIE'S NOT HERE...





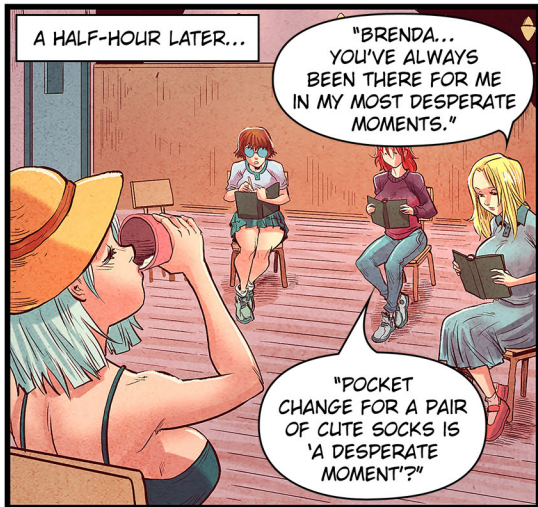


BRIE'S FRESHENING HERSELF IN THE RESTROOM. I'M SURE SHE'S FINE.

SHE HAS NO LINES UNTIL THE SECOND ACT, ANYWAYS. MEGAN, TAKE IT AWAY!

"THERE'S NOTHING QUITE LIKE A QUALITY FRIEND.

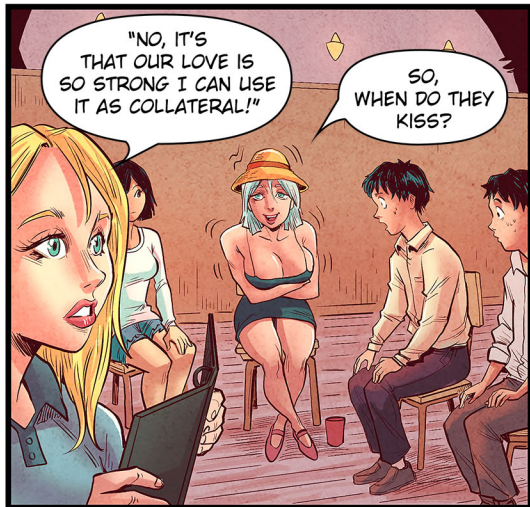
SO MY MAMA TOLD ME. SO MY GRANDMA TOLD HER."



A HALF-HOUR LATER...

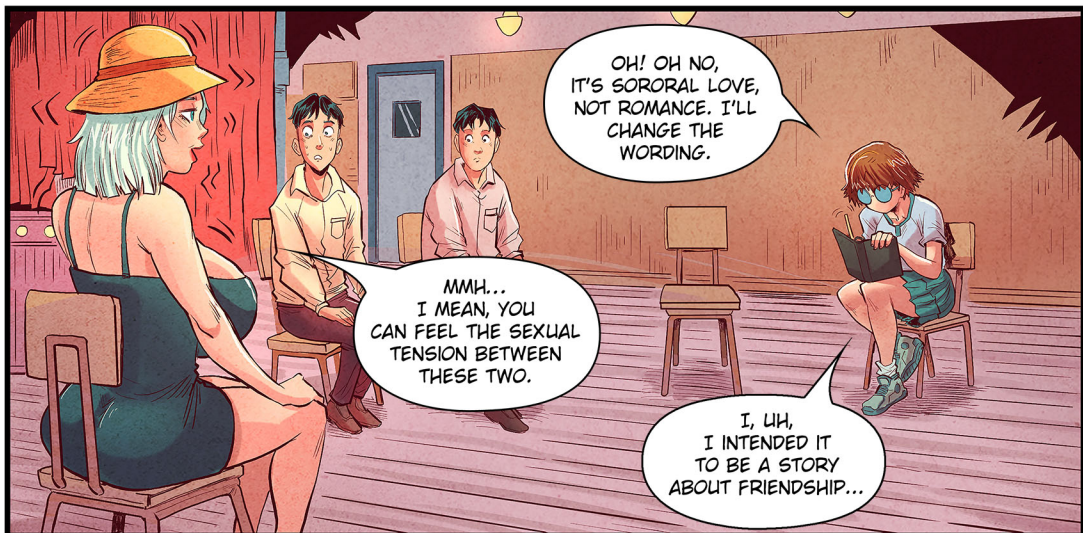
"BRENDA... YOU'VE ALWAYS BEEN THERE FOR ME IN MY MOST DESPERATE MOMENTS."

"POCKET CHANGE FOR A PAIR OF CUTE SOCKS IS 'A DESPERATE MOMENT'?"



"NO, IT'S THAT OUR LOVE IS SO STRONG I CAN USE IT AS COLLATERAL!"

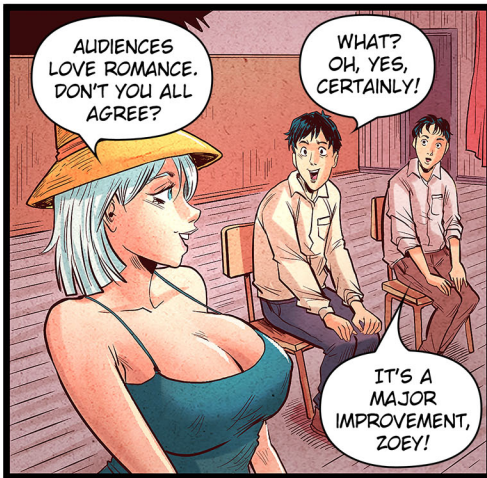
SO, WHEN DO THEY KISS?"



OH! OH NO, IT'S SORORAL LOVE, NOT ROMANCE. I'LL CHANGE THE WORDING.

MMH... I MEAN, YOU CAN FEEL THE SEXUAL TENSION BETWEEN THESE TWO.

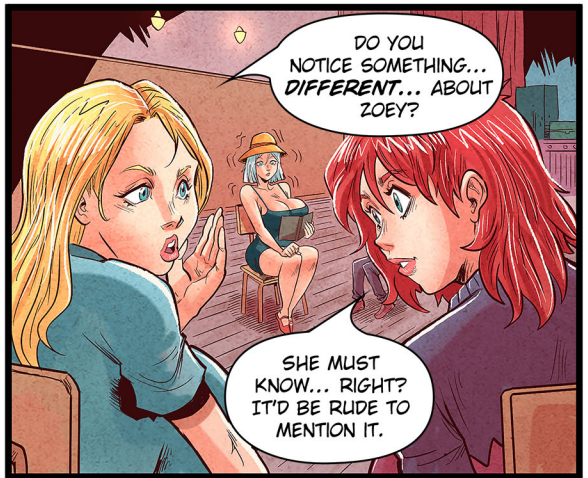
I, UH, I INTENDED IT TO BE A STORY ABOUT FRIENDSHIP...



AUDIENCES LOVE ROMANCE. DON'T YOU ALL AGREE?

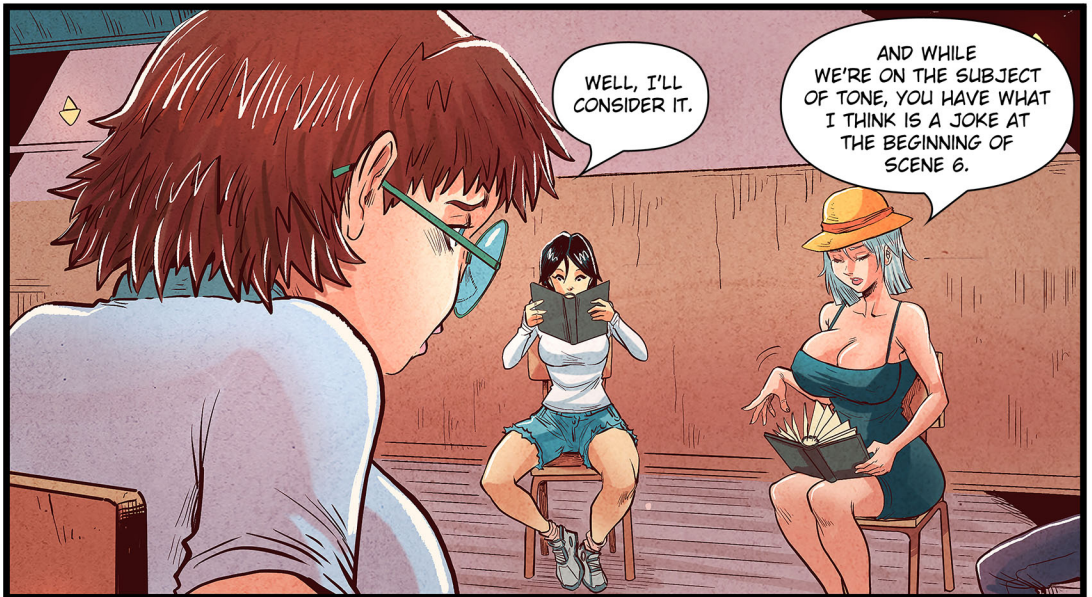
WHAT? OH, YES, CERTAINLY!

IT'S A MAJOR IMPROVEMENT, ZOEY!



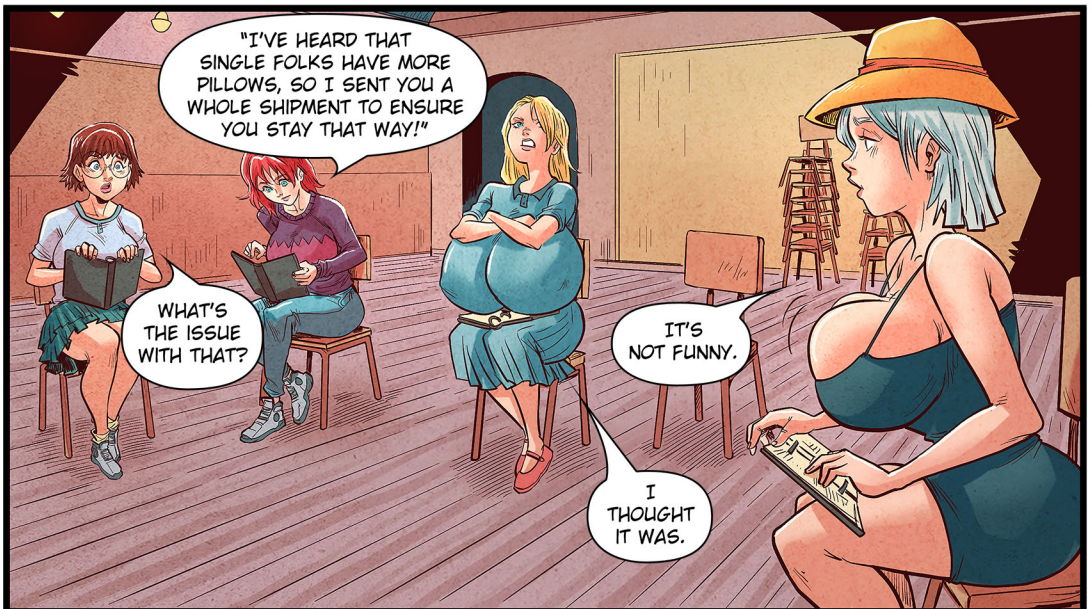
DO YOU NOTICE SOMETHING... DIFFERENT... ABOUT ZOEY?

SHE MUST KNOW... RIGHT? IT'D BE RUDE TO MENTION IT.



WELL, I'LL CONSIDER IT.

AND WHILE WE'RE ON THE SUBJECT OF TONE, YOU HAVE WHAT I THINK IS A JOKE AT THE BEGINNING OF SCENE 6.

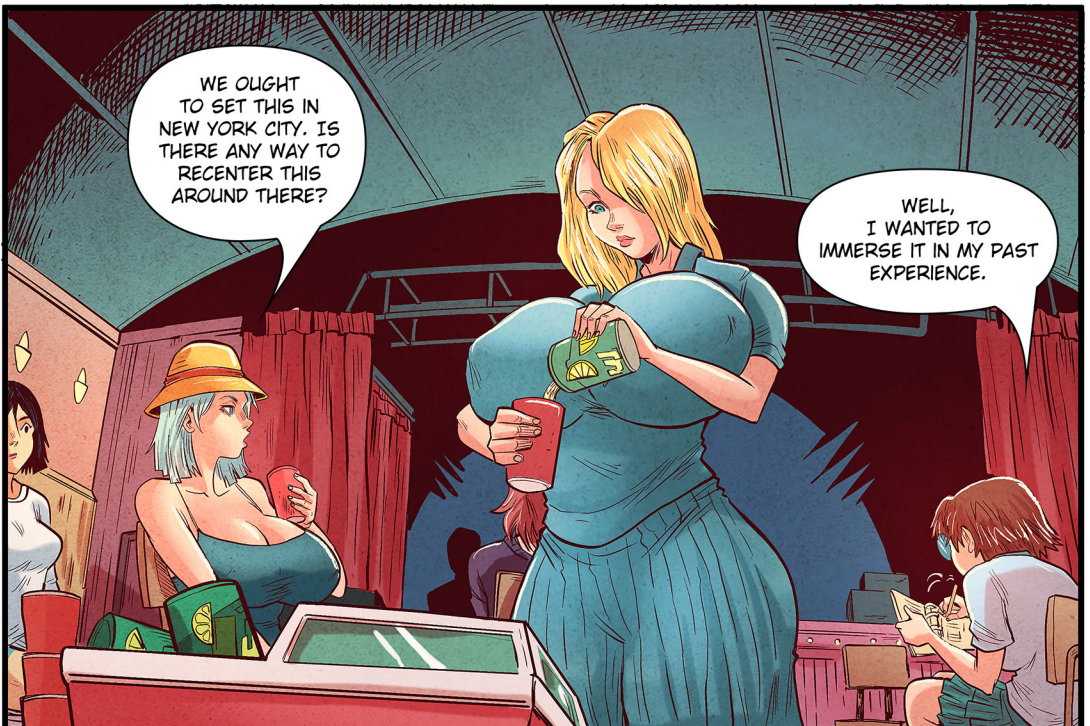
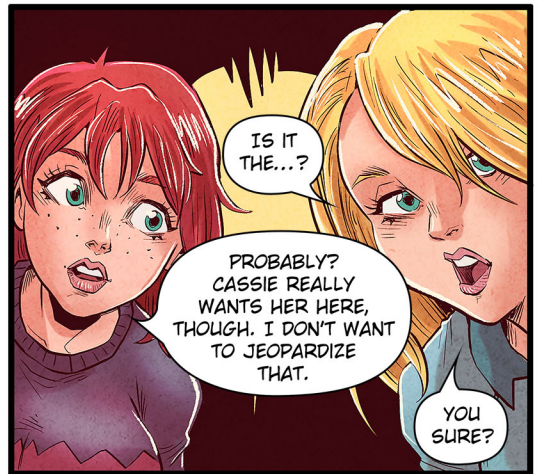
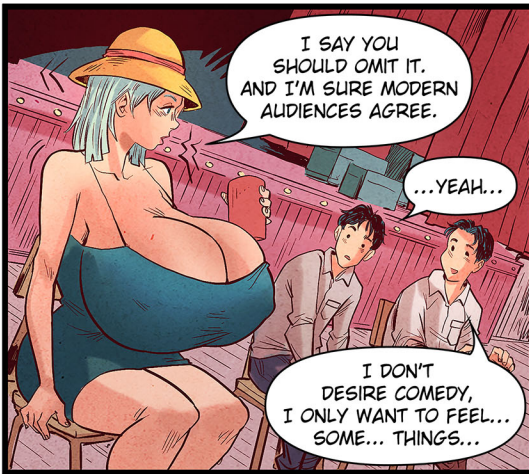
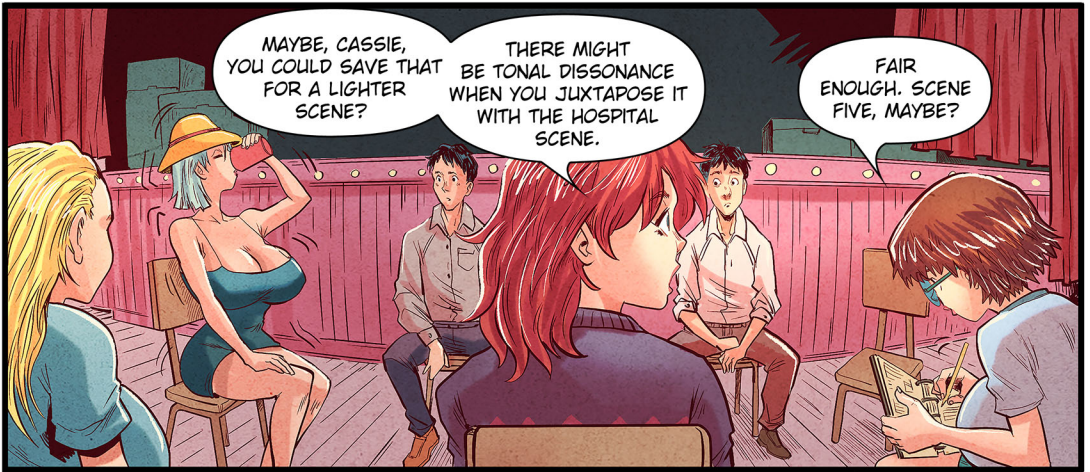


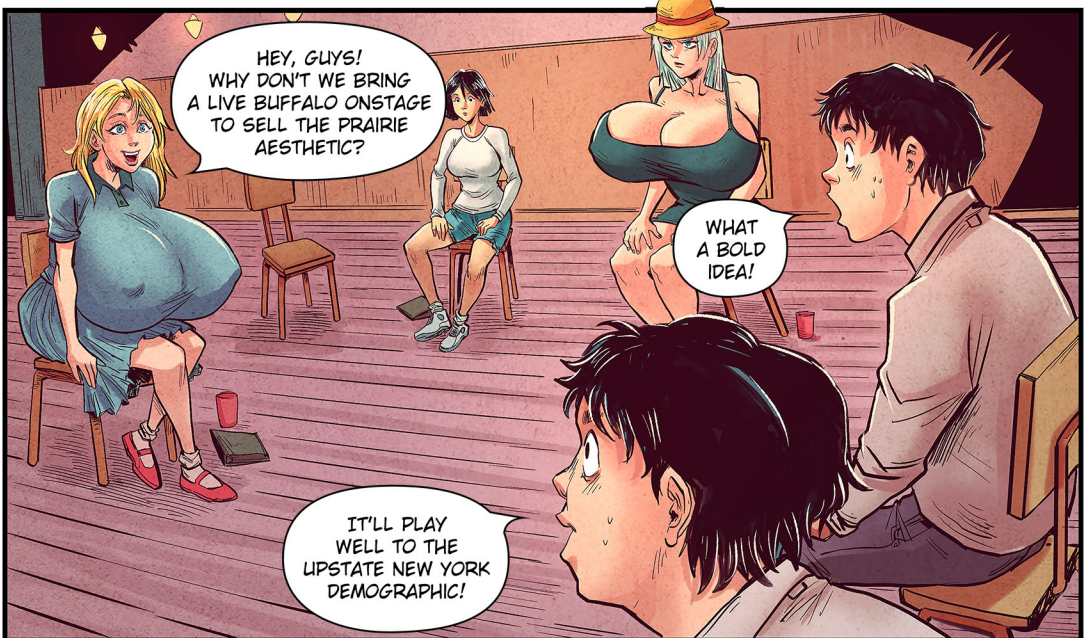
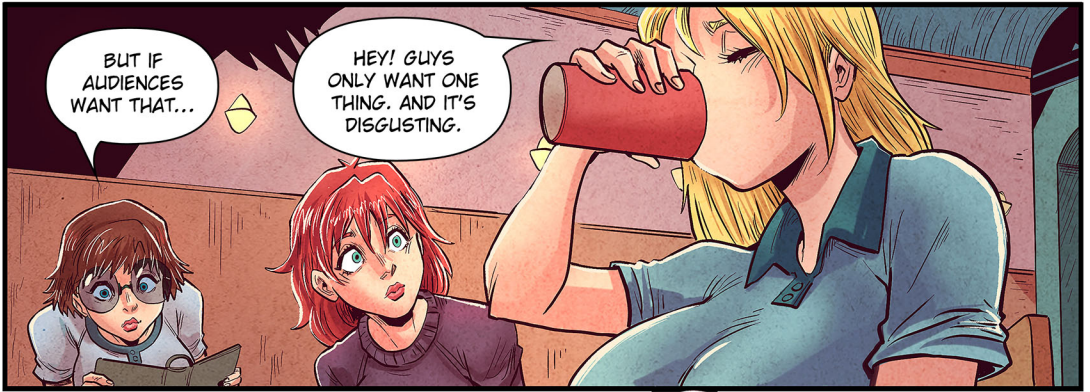
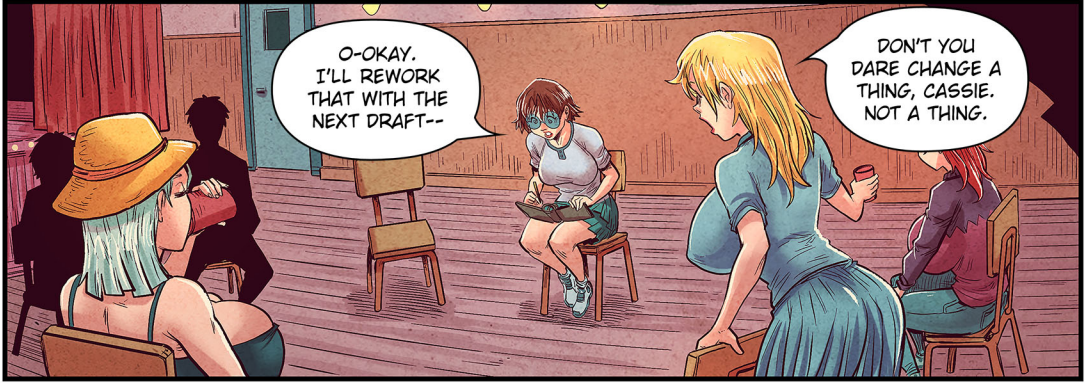
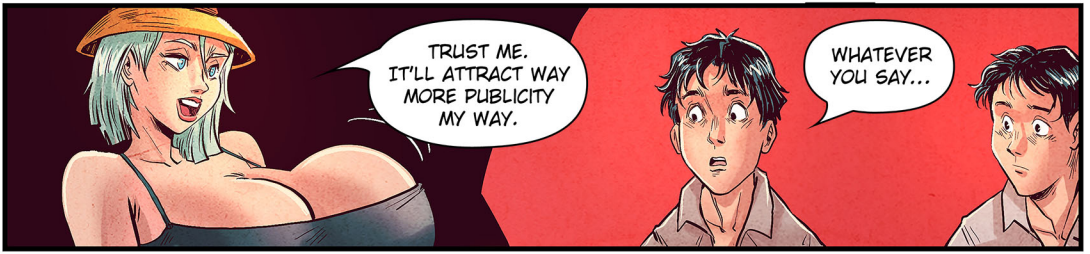
"I'VE HEARD THAT SINGLE FOLKS HAVE MORE PILLOWS, SO I SENT YOU A WHOLE SHIPMENT TO ENSURE YOU STAY THAT WAY!"

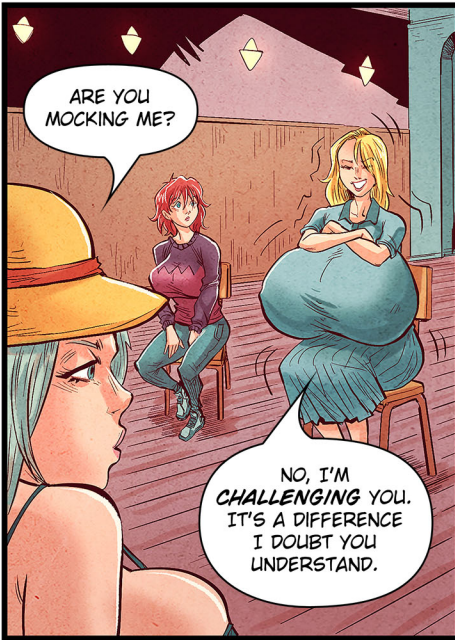
WHAT'S THE ISSUE WITH THAT?

IT'S NOT FUNNY.

I THOUGHT IT WAS.

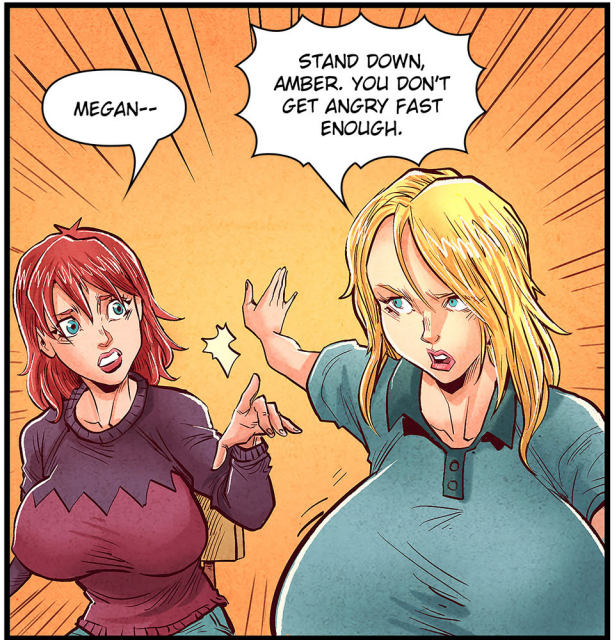






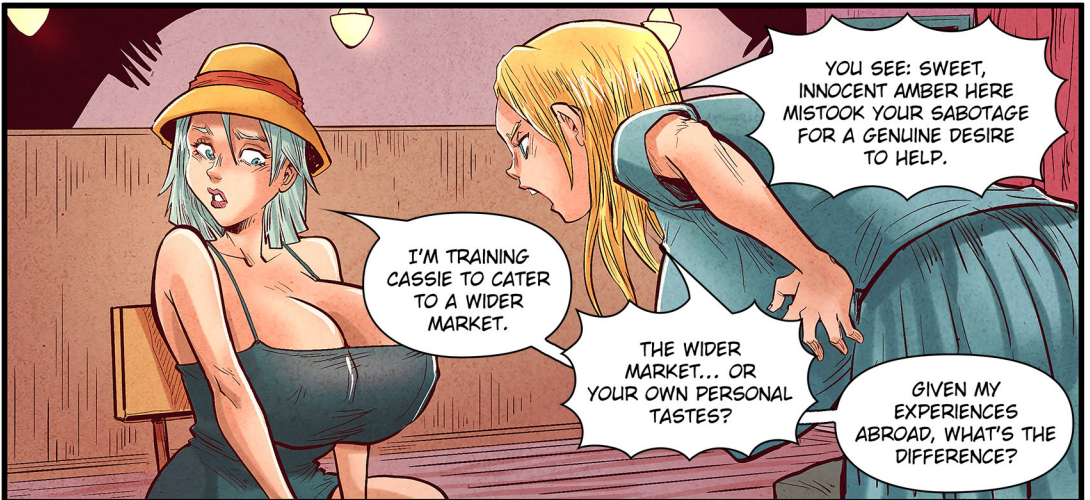
ARE YOU MOCKING ME?

NO, I'M CHALLENGING YOU. IT'S A DIFFERENCE I DOUBT YOU UNDERSTAND.



MEGAN--

STAND DOWN, AMBER. YOU DON'T GET ANGRY FAST ENOUGH.

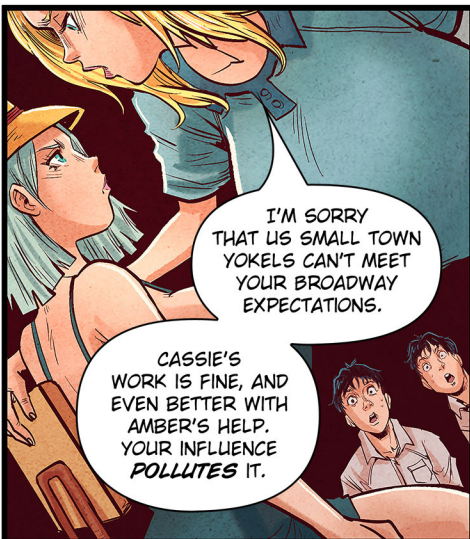


I'M TRAINING CASSIE TO CATER TO A WIDER MARKET.

YOU SEE: SWEET, INNOCENT AMBER HERE MISTOOK YOUR SABOTAGE FOR A GENUINE DESIRE TO HELP.

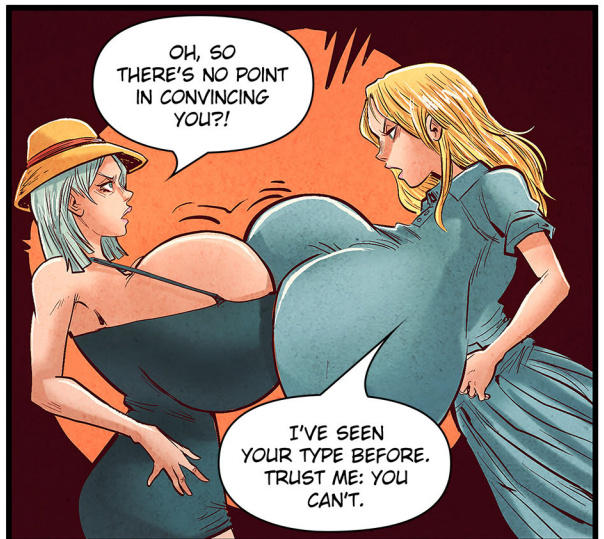
THE WIDER MARKET... OR YOUR OWN PERSONAL TASTES?

GIVEN MY EXPERIENCES ABROAD, WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?



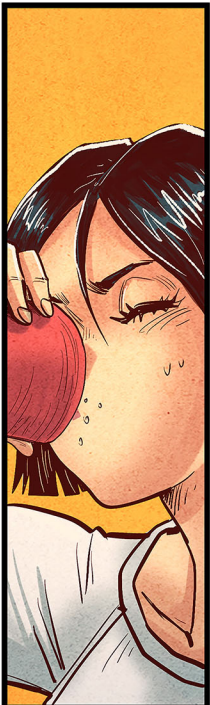
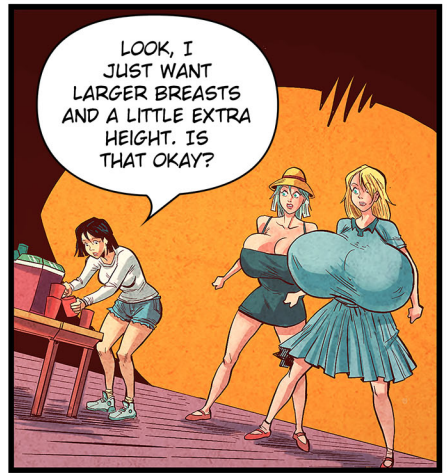
I'M SORRY THAT US SMALL TOWN YOKELS CAN'T MEET YOUR BROADWAY EXPECTATIONS.

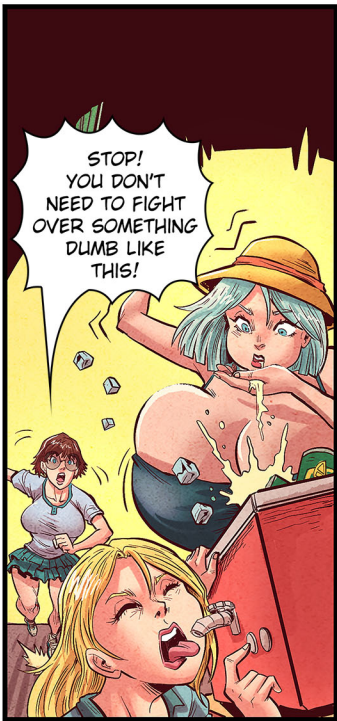
CASSIE'S WORK IS FINE, AND EVEN BETTER WITH AMBER'S HELP. YOUR INFLUENCE POLLUTES IT.



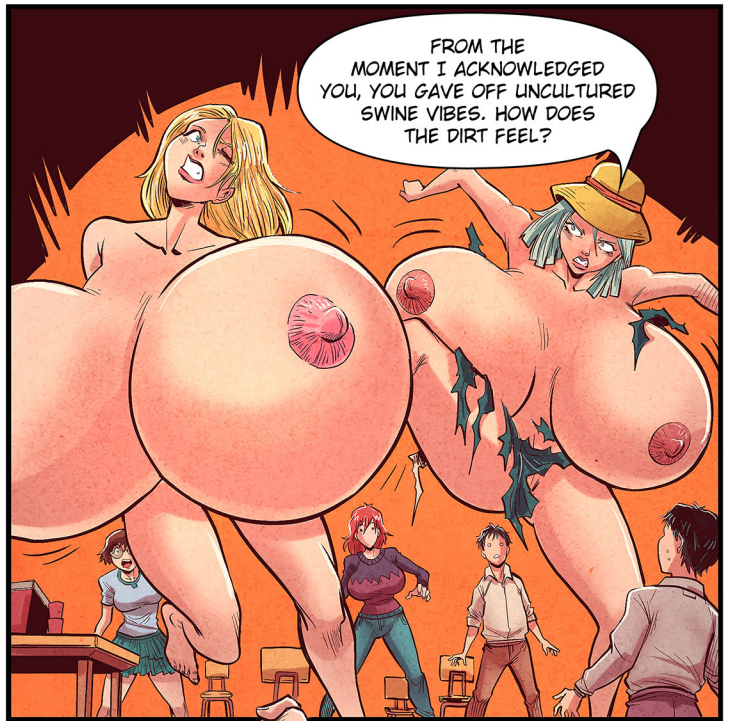
OH, SO THERE'S NO POINT IN CONVINCING YOU?!

I'VE SEEN YOUR TYPE BEFORE. TRUST ME: YOU CAN'T.

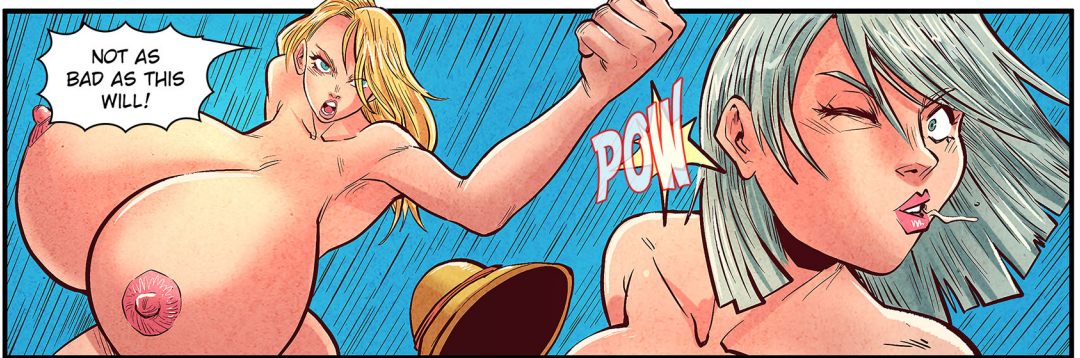




STOP!
YOU DON'T
NEED TO FIGHT
OVER SOMETHING
DUMB LIKE
THIS!

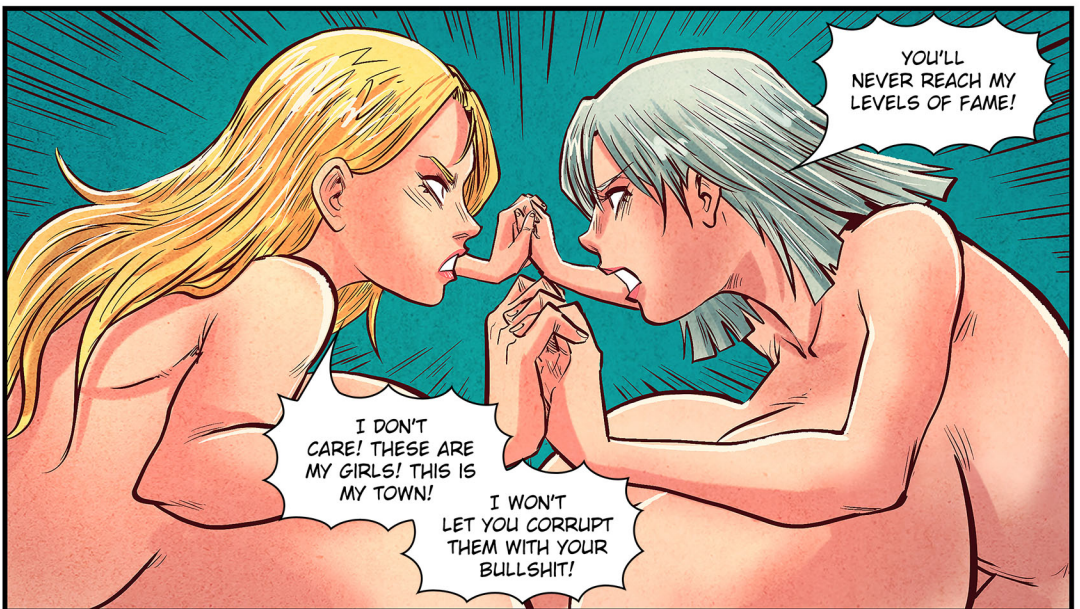


FROM THE
MOMENT I ACKNOWLEDGED
YOU, YOU GAVE OFF UNCULTURED
SWINE VIBES. HOW DOES
THE DIRT FEEL?



NOT AS
BAD AS THIS
WILL!

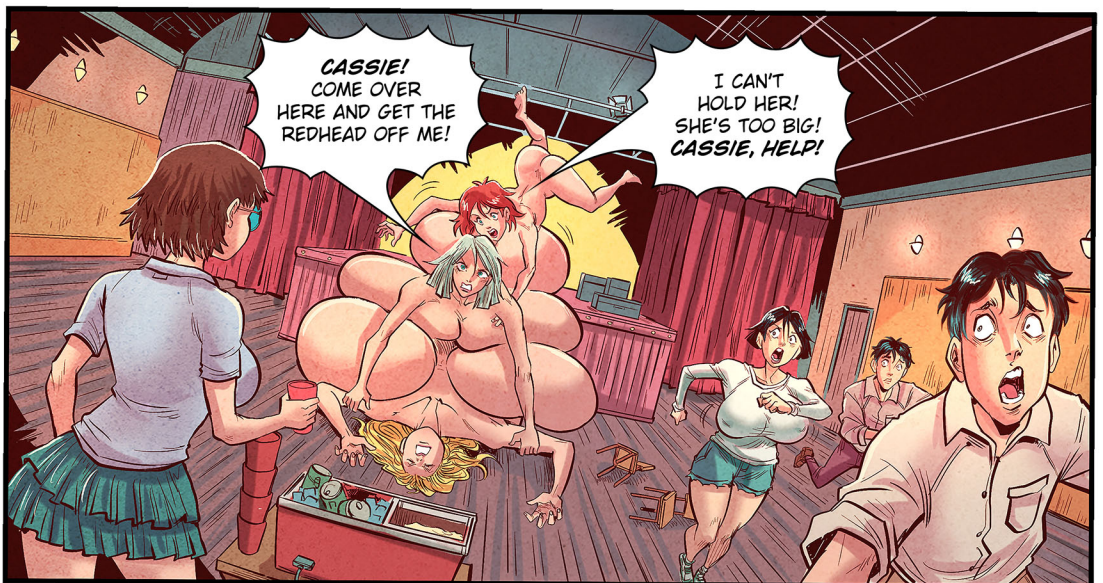
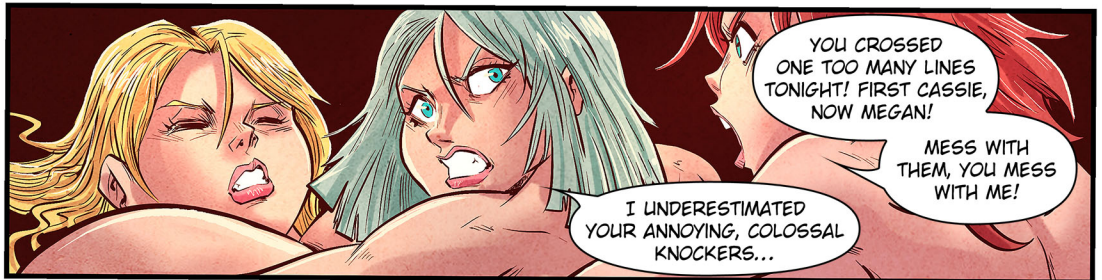
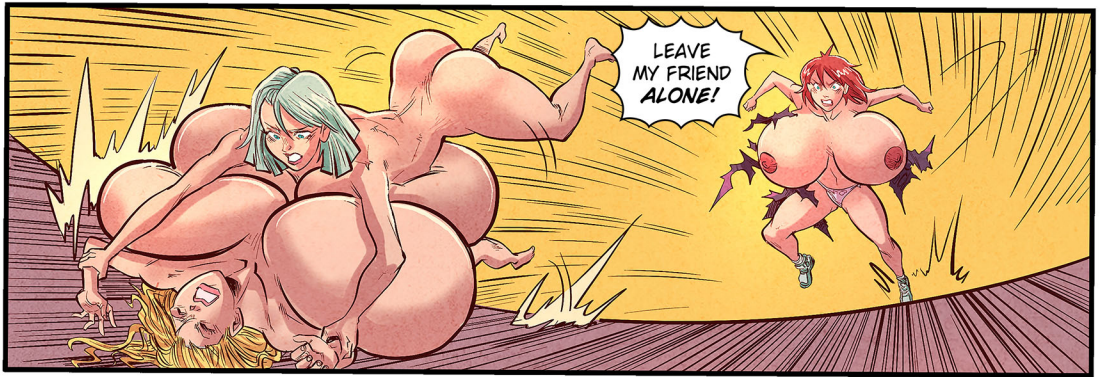
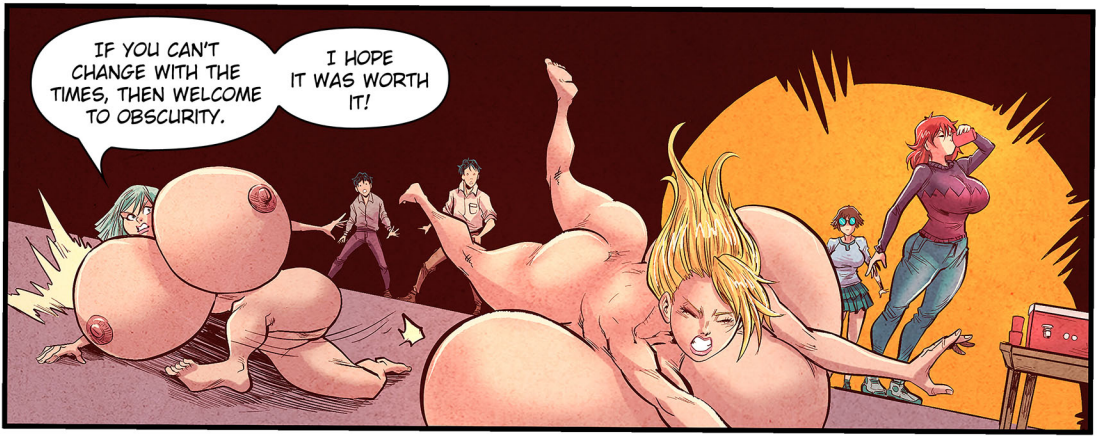
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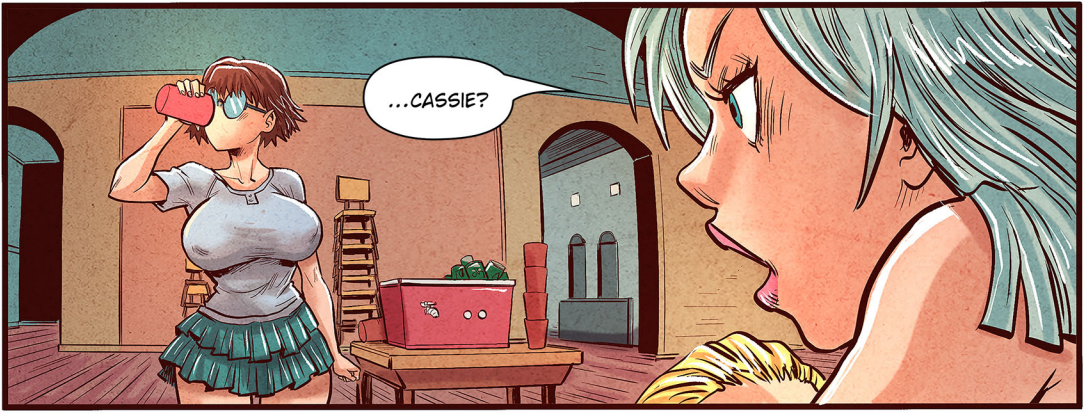


YOU'LL
NEVER REACH MY
LEVELS OF FAME!

I DON'T
CARE! THESE ARE
MY GIRLS! THIS IS
MY TOWN!

I WON'T
LET YOU CORRUPT
THEM WITH YOUR
BULLSHIT!





...CASSIE?



I'M SORRY, ZOELY. I'VE OUTGROWN YOU.

I WAS ALWAYS A LESSER PARTNER, BUT NOW I'VE FOUND A COUNSEL OF EQUALS.

THANK GOD, I'M FINALLY OUT. GUYS, THE LEMONADE MAKES YOU...!

OH. NEVER MIND.

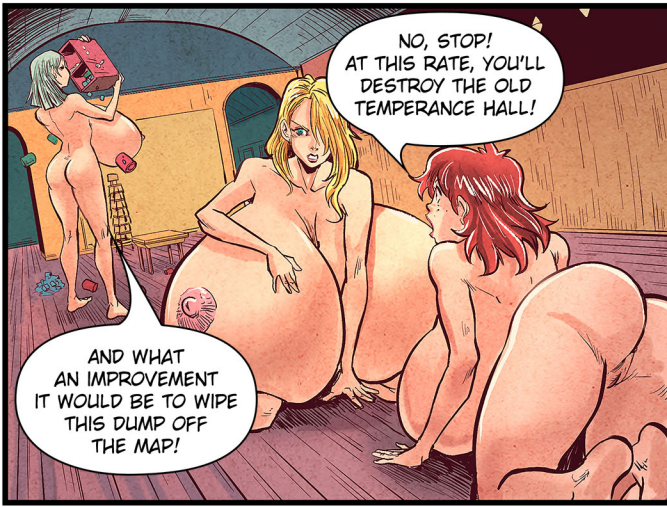
WHERE WERE YOU?!

WRECKING UP THE BATHROOM, I GUESS.

EW, GROSS! TMI, BRIE!

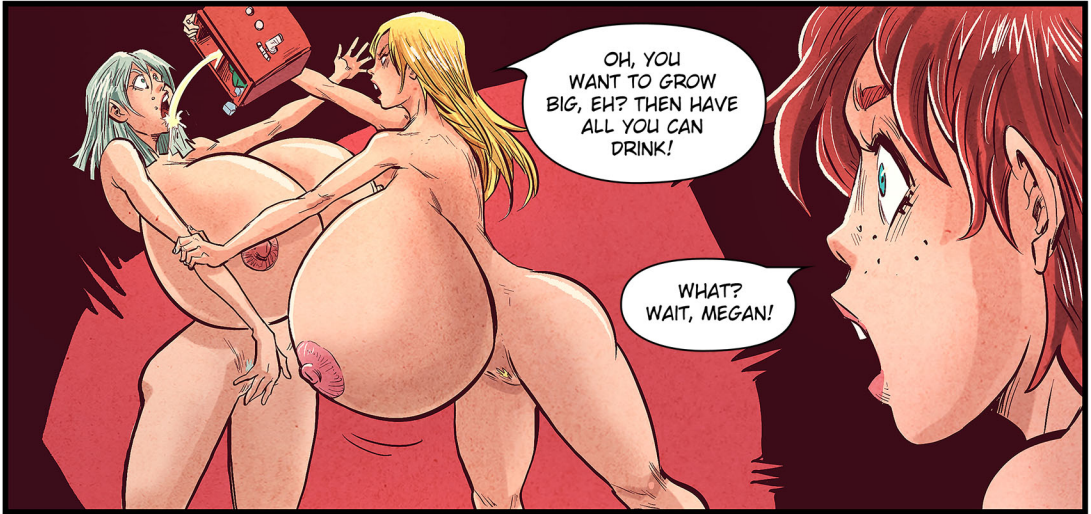


FRIENDS
CAN BE SO
DISTRACTING,
CAN'T THEY?



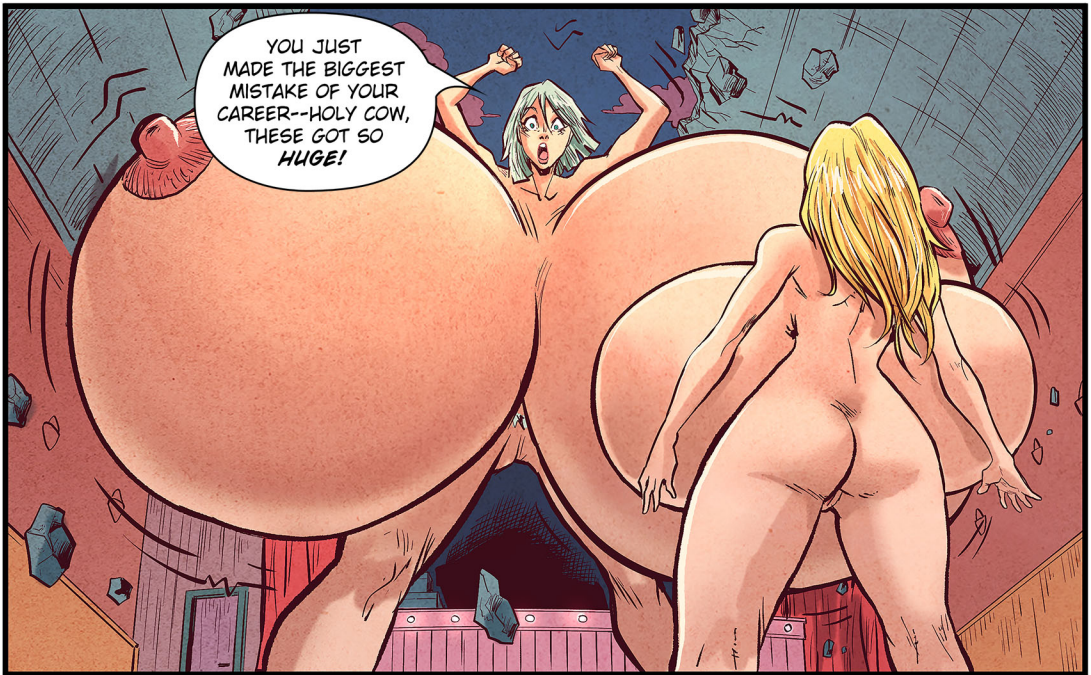
NO, STOP!
AT THIS RATE, YOU'LL
DESTROY THE OLD
TEMPERANCE HALL!

AND WHAT
AN IMPROVEMENT
IT WOULD BE TO WIPE
THIS DUMP OFF
THE MAP!



OH, YOU
WANT TO GROW
BIG, EH? THEN HAVE
ALL YOU CAN
DRINK!

WHAT?
WAIT, MEGAN!



YOU JUST
MADE THE BIGGEST
MISTAKE OF YOUR
CAREER--HOLY COW,
THESE GOT SO
HUGE!



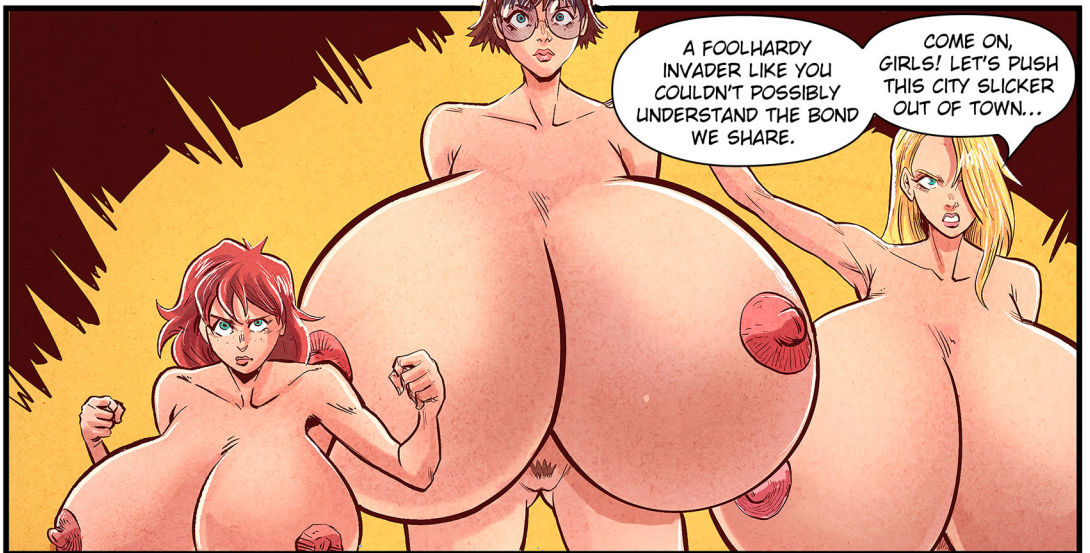
SOMETHING YOU OVERLOOKED, STRANGER, IS THAT WE CAN BALANCE OUR BODIES. YOU CAN'T.



WE STRUGGLED SINCE THAT FATEFUL NIGHT. WE LEARNED FROM MISTAKES AND FROM EACH OTHER.

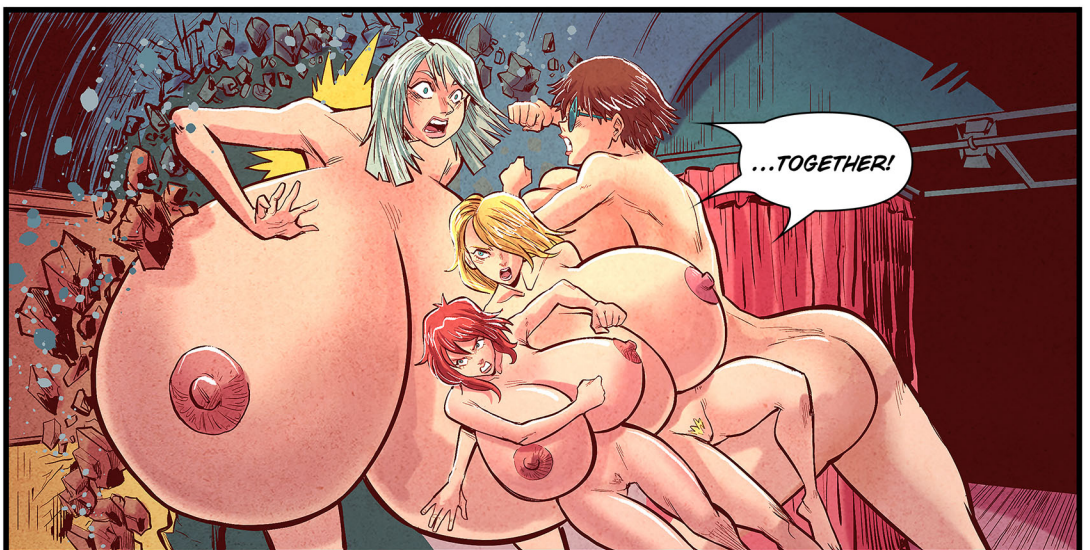
WE TAUGHT EACH OTHER TO MANAGE AND IMPROVE.

WE SHARPENED EACH OTHER, NOT DULLED EACH OTHER FOR CHEAP GAIN.

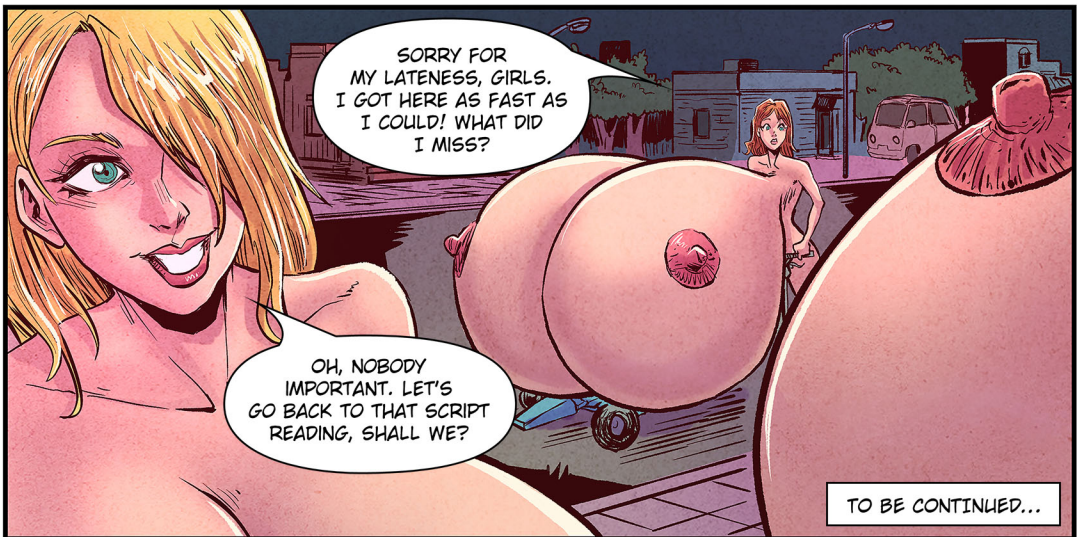
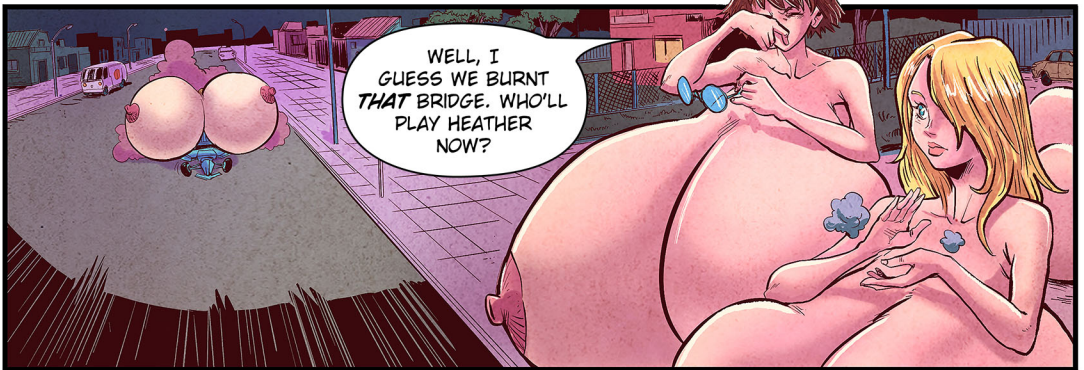


A FOOLHARDY INVADER LIKE YOU COULDN'T POSSIBLY UNDERSTAND THE BOND WE SHARE.

COME ON, GIRLS! LET'S PUSH THIS CITY SLICKER OUT OF TOWN...



...TOGETHER!

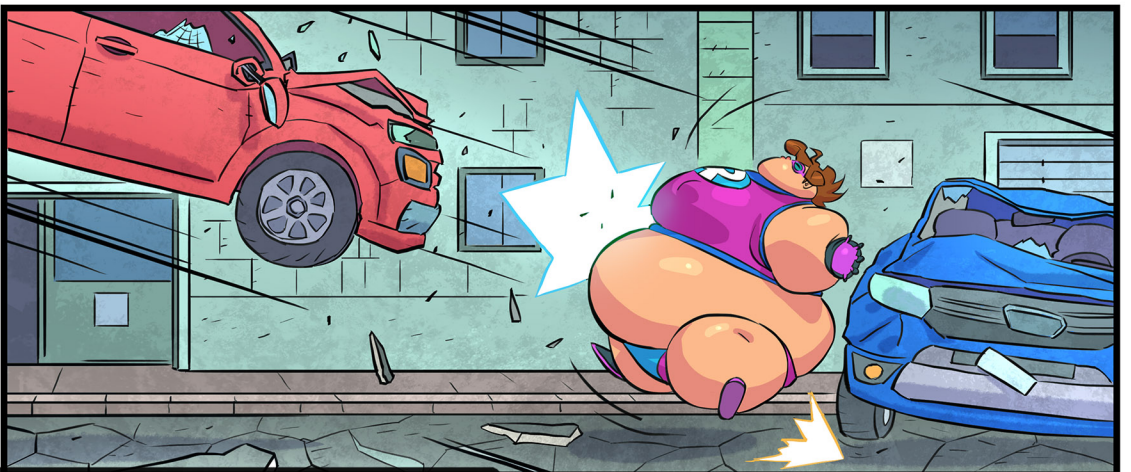
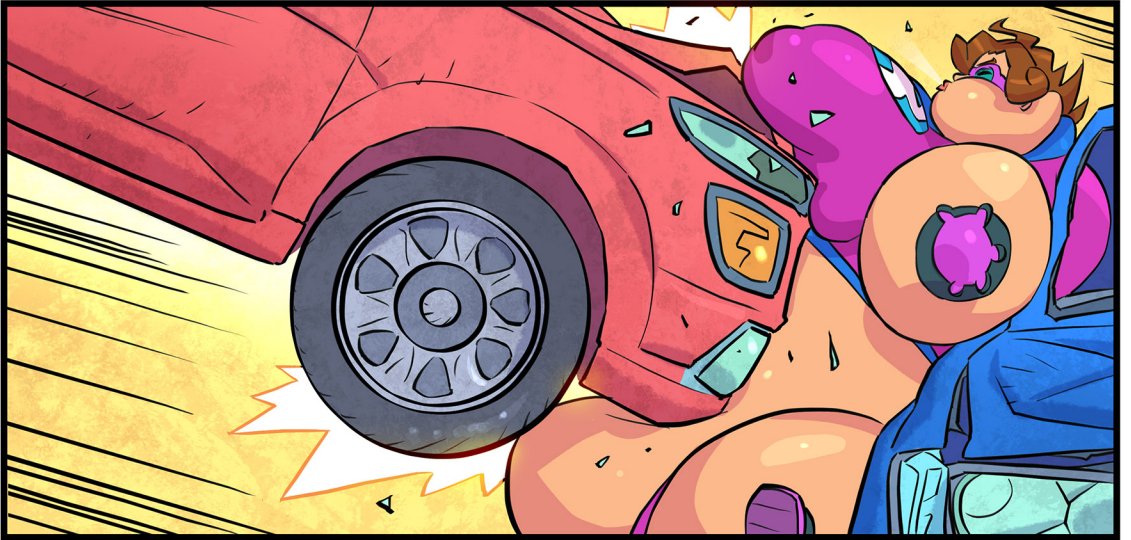


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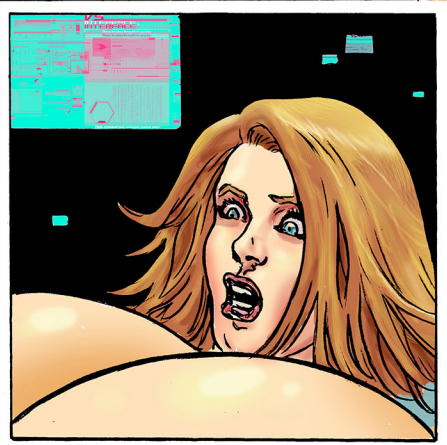
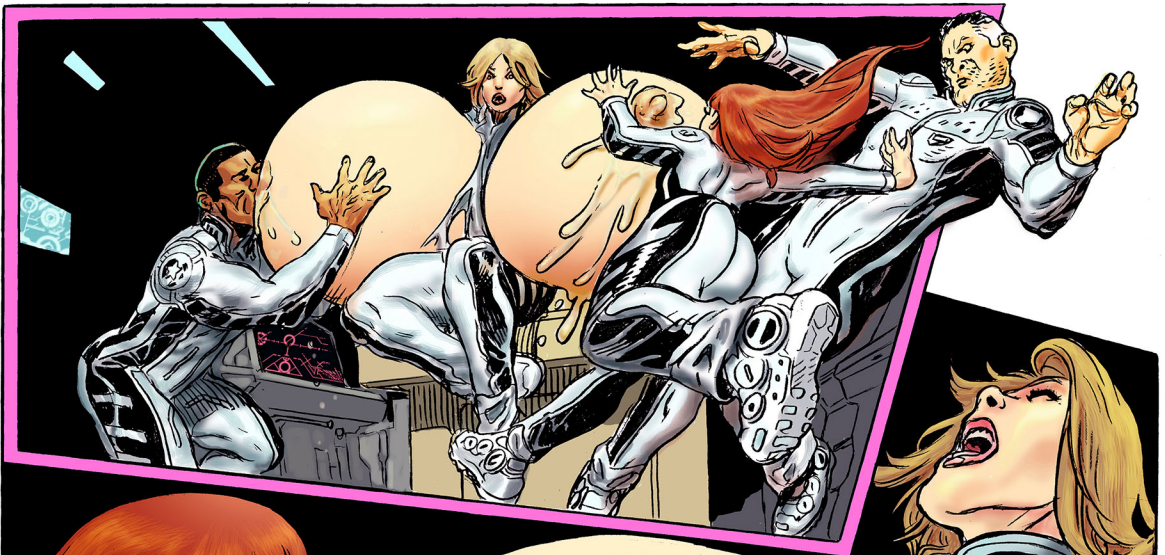
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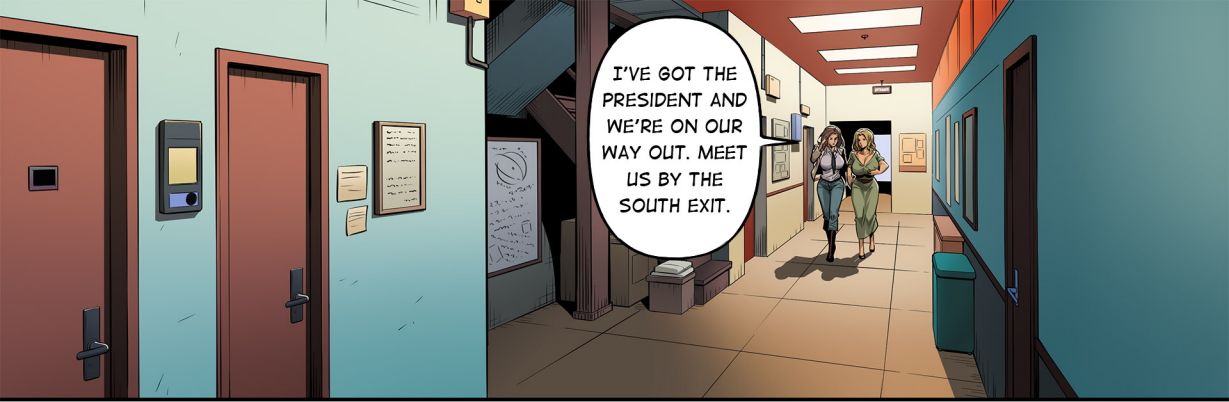
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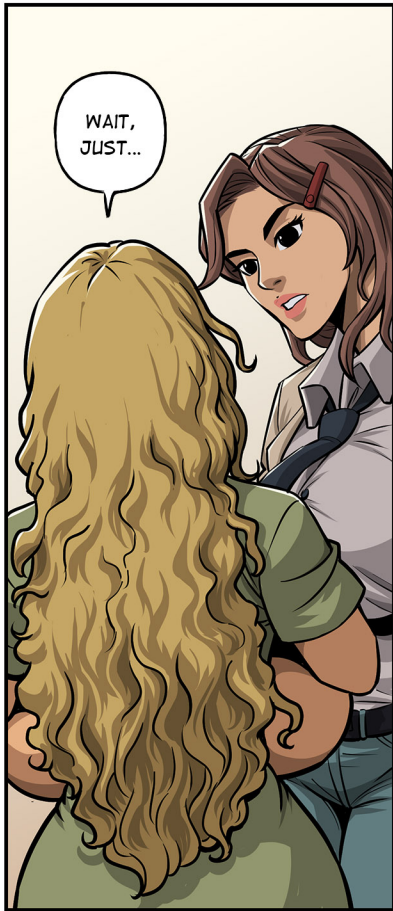
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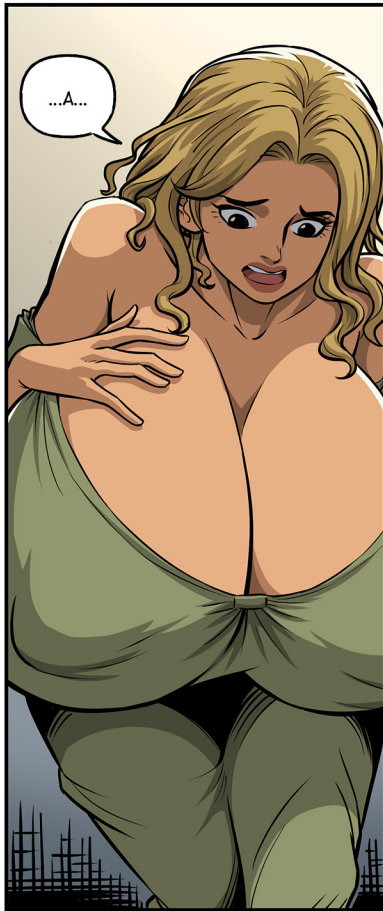
PUMP! PUMP! PUMP!



I'VE GOT THE PRESIDENT AND WE'RE ON OUR WAY OUT. MEET US BY THE SOUTH EXIT.



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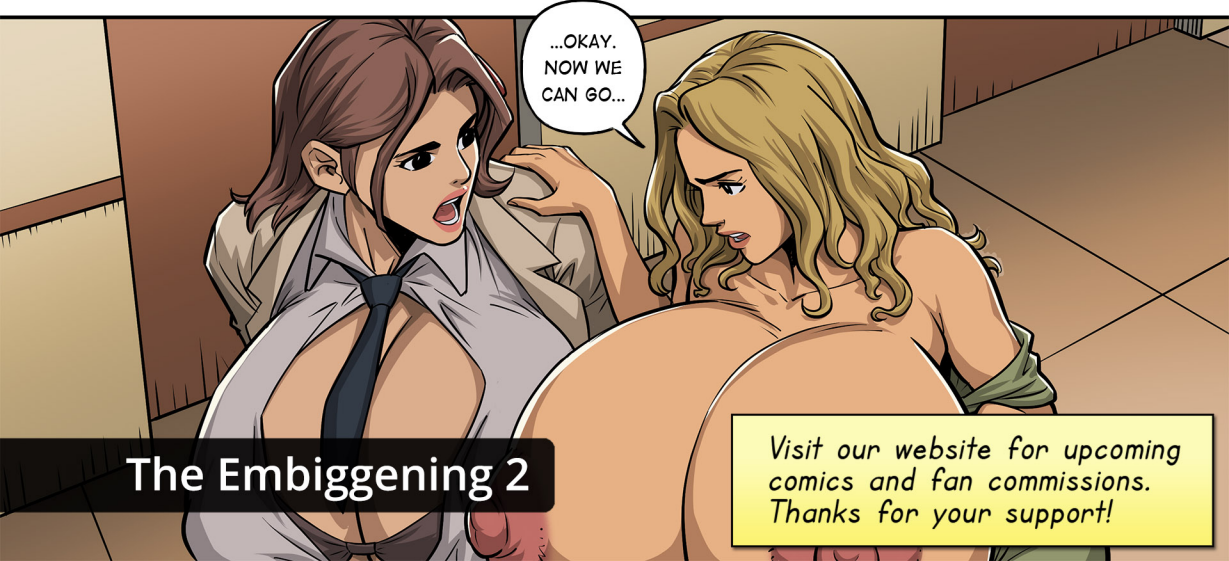


...A...



...AGH!

ENTRANCE



...OKAY. NOW WE CAN GO...

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