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Martial arts expert Xia finds herself living in the shadow of her fellow student and rival Lumin when the latter is given an ancient, powerful, and secret technique.

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Can Xia also learn the technique, or will she always be second best?

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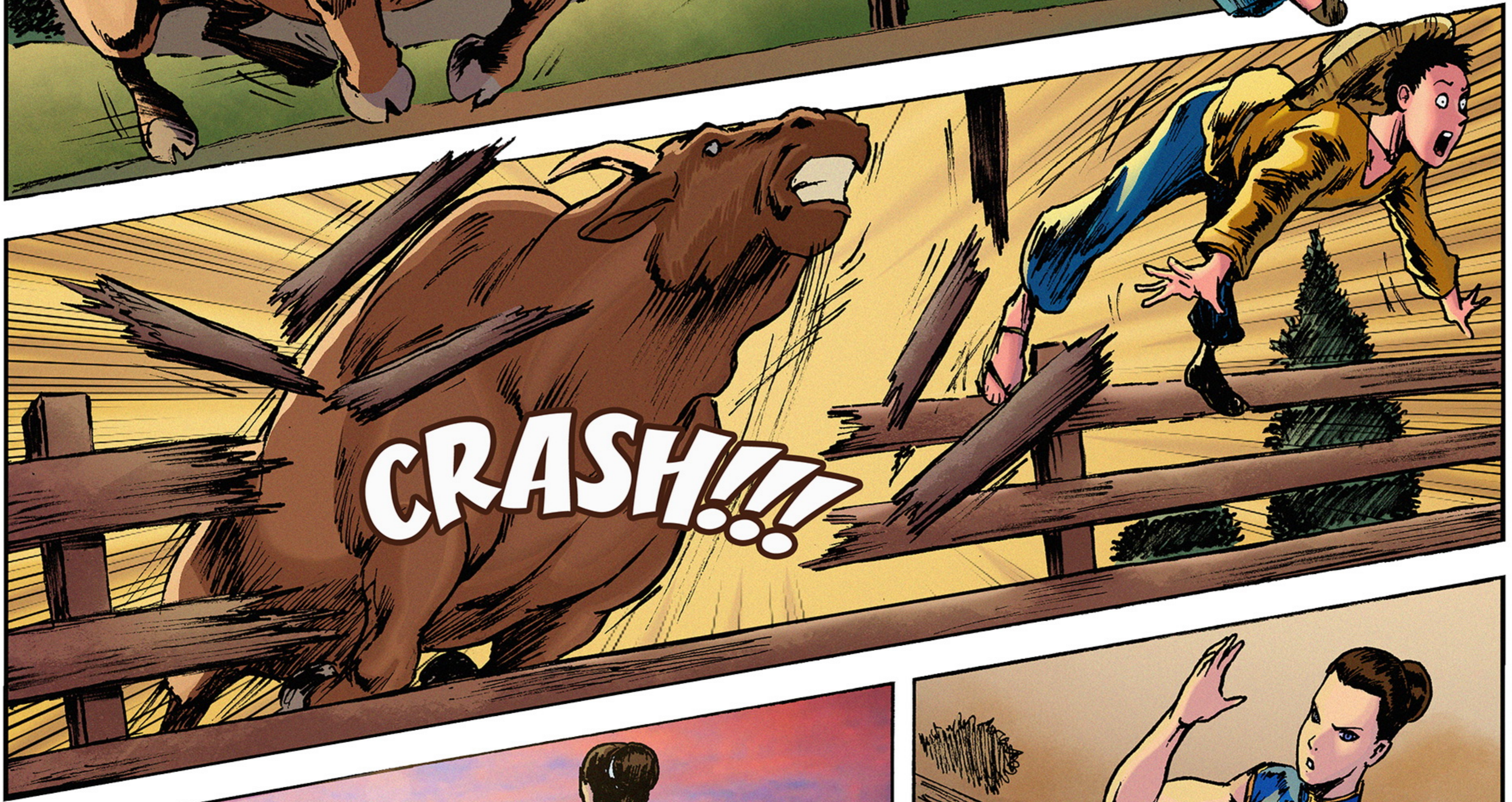
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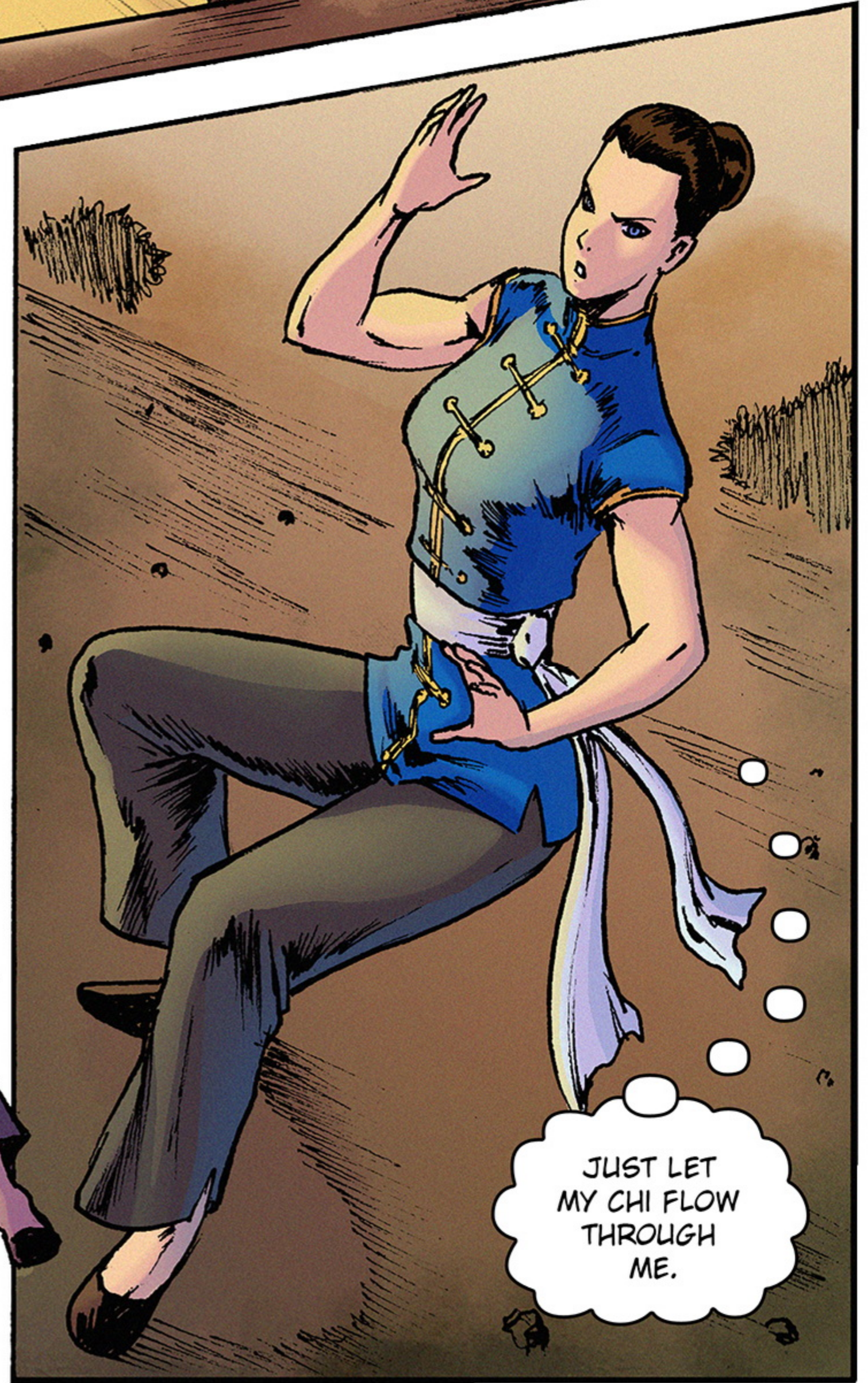
EVERYONE GET AWAY, IT'S OUT OF CONTROL!



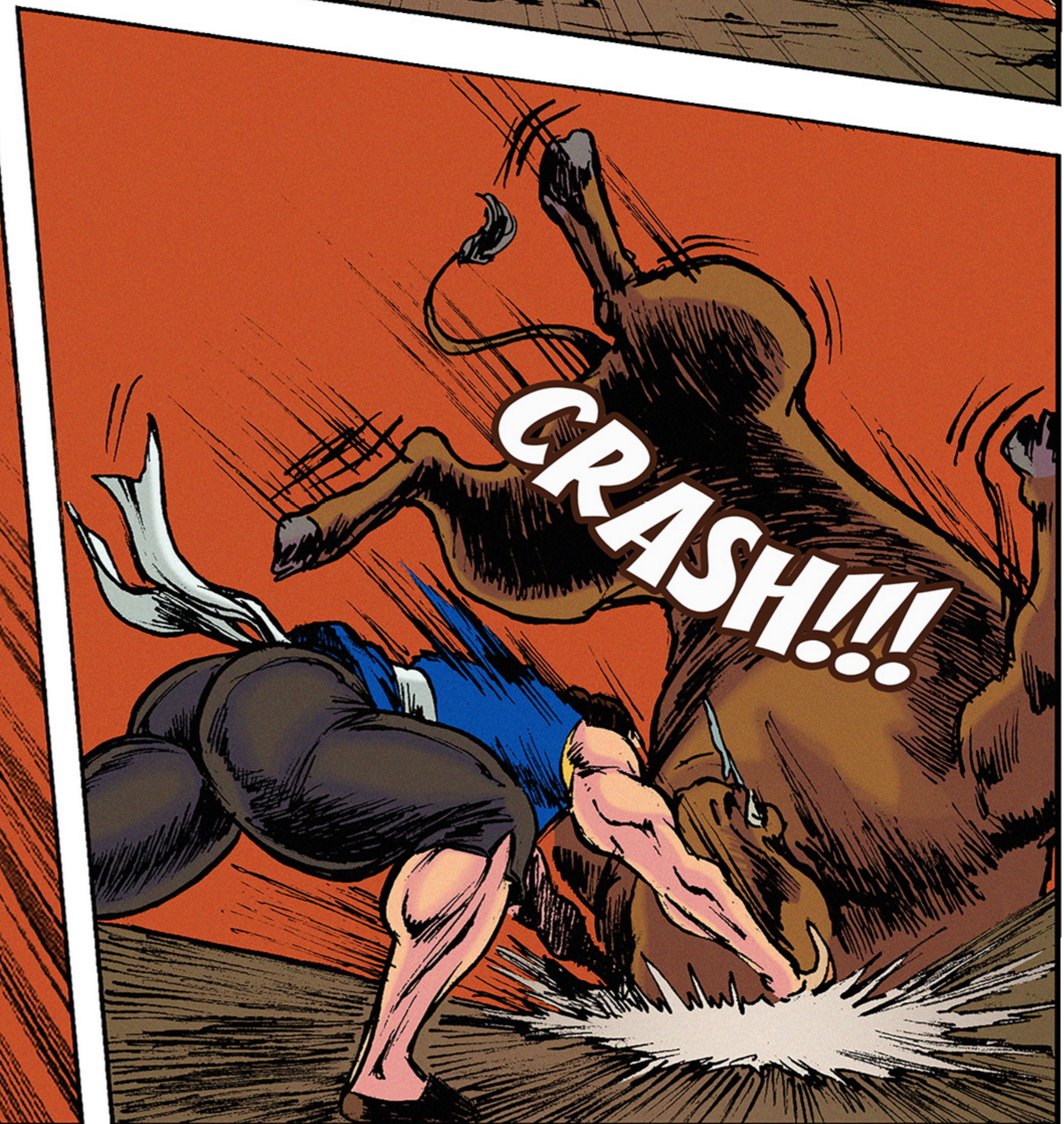
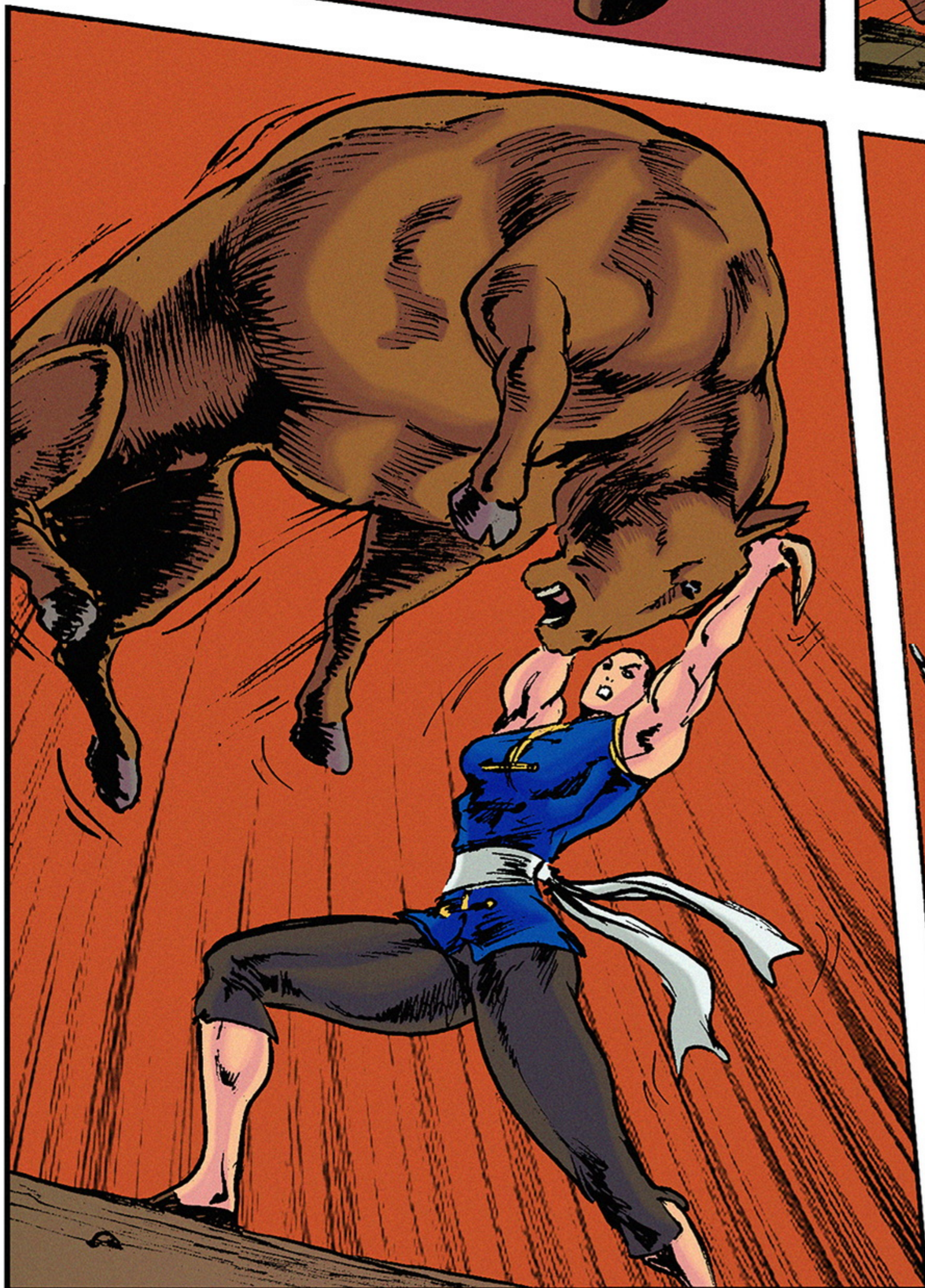
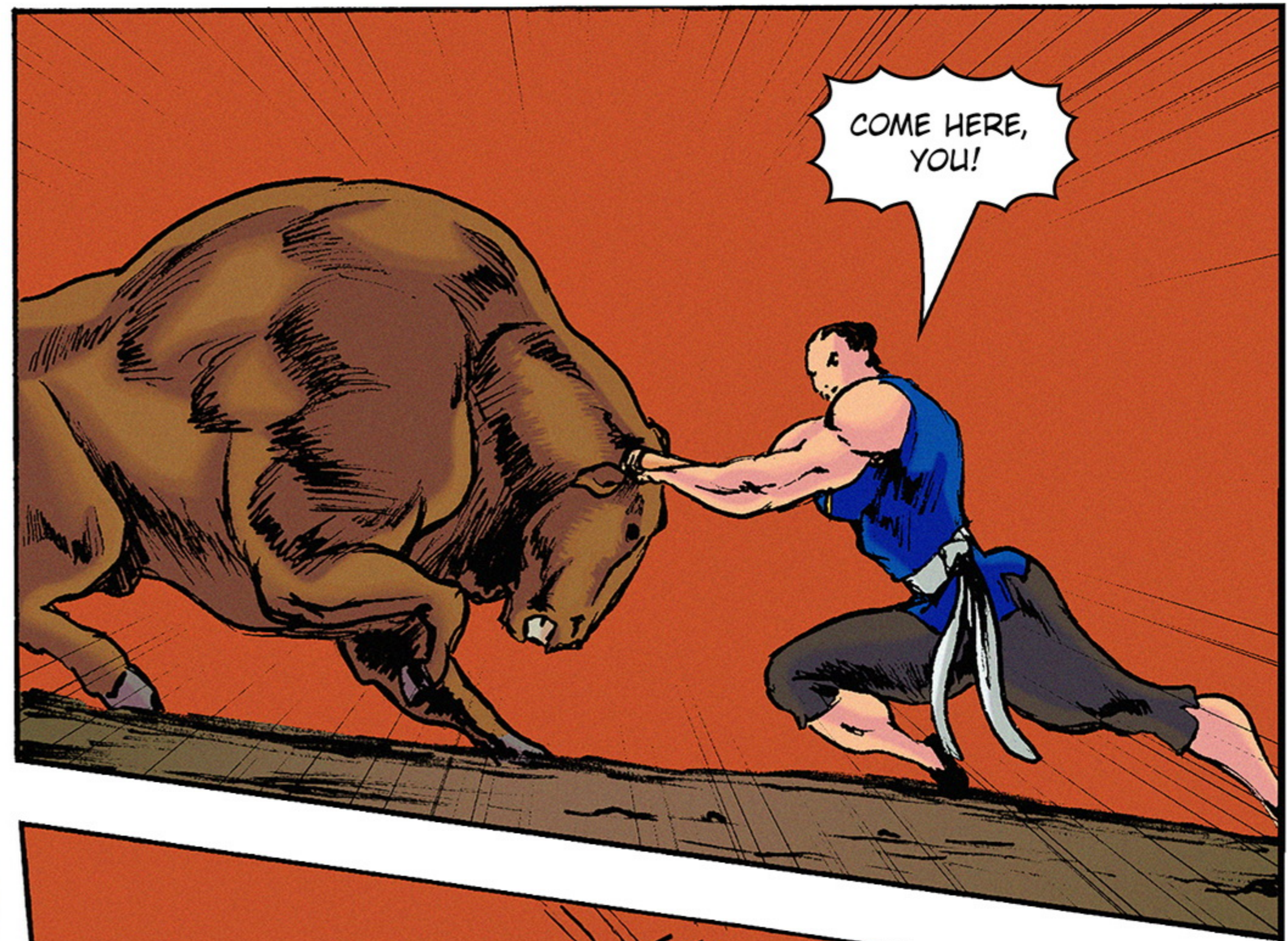
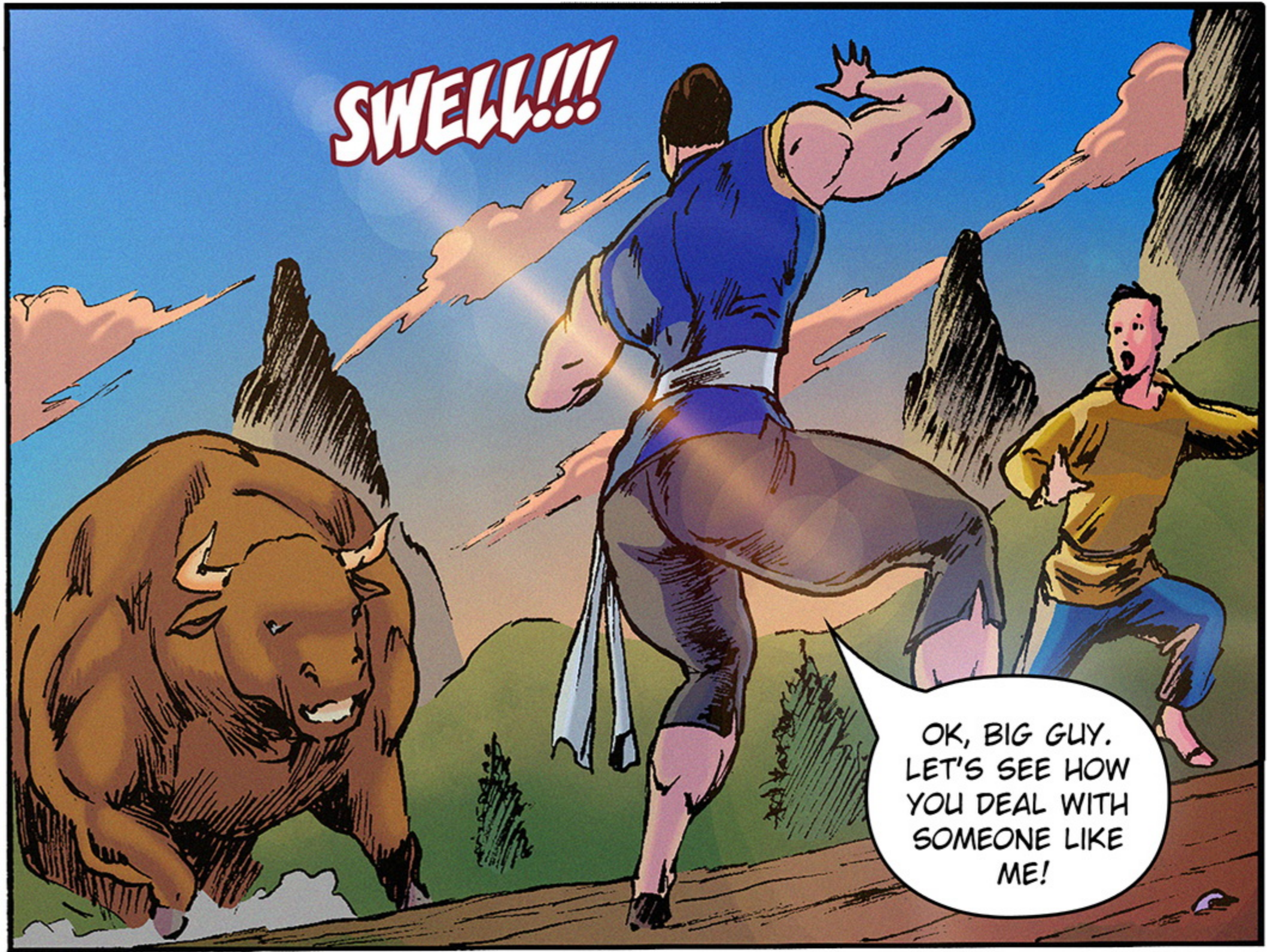
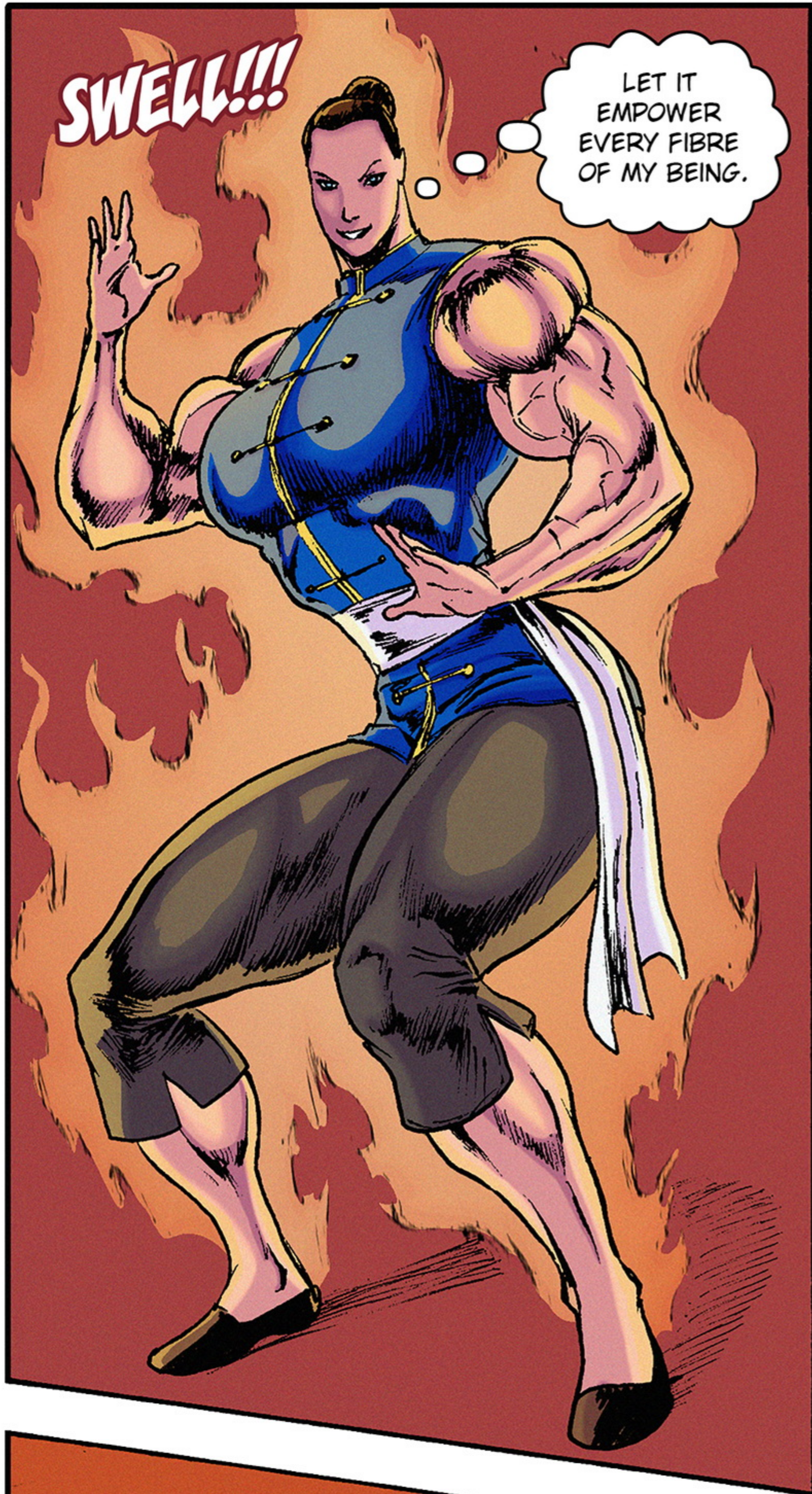
CRASH!!!



OK, STAY CALM AND REMEMBER YOUR TRAINING.



JUST LET MY CHI FLOW THROUGH ME.





ARE YOU ALL RIGHT, SIR?

I'M FINE, THANKS TO YOU.



THAT WAS AMAZING. YOU TOOK DOWN THAT OX LIKE IT WAS NOTHING.

I ONLY DID WHAT I HAD TO DO. NOTHING MORE THAN THAT.

DON'T BE SO HUMBLE, YOU'RE A DAMN HEROINE.



THAT'S RIGHT, LET US AT LEAST SHOW YOU SOME APPRECIATION.

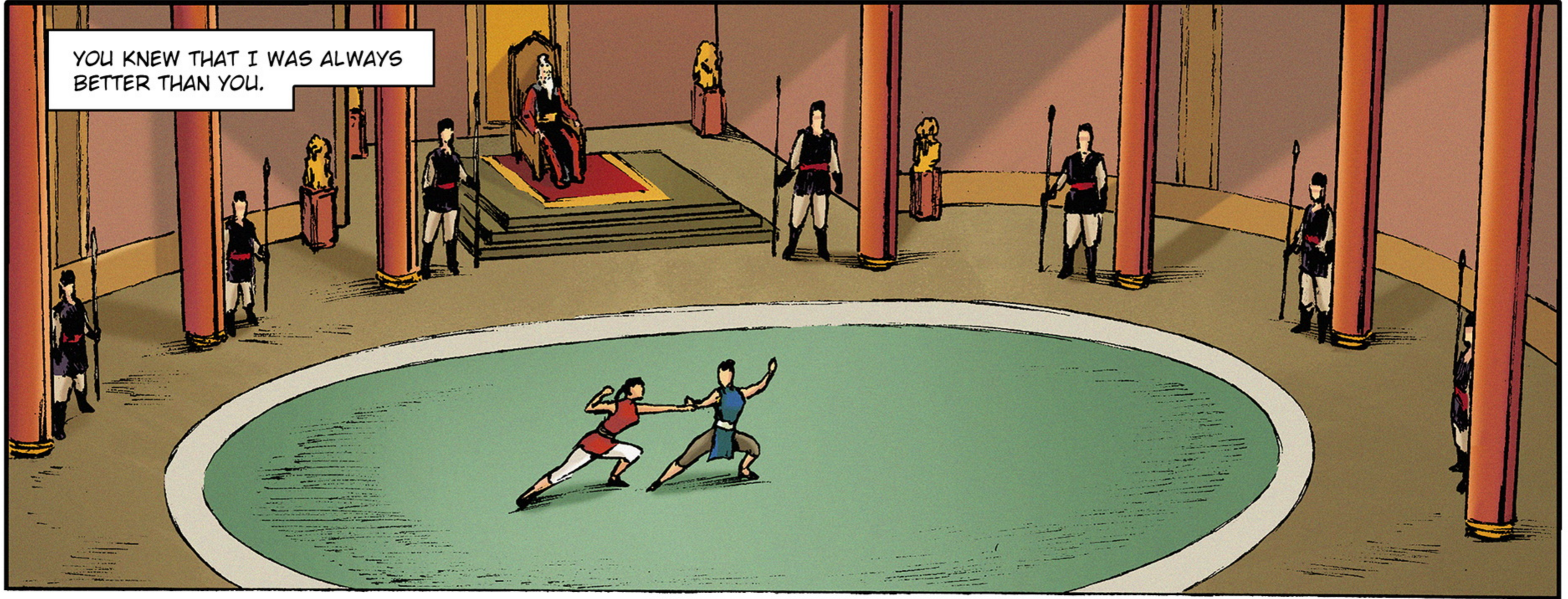
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT. YOUR THANKS ARE MORE THAN ENOUGH.

LOOK AT THEM, PRAISING THAT IDIOT LIKE SHE'S A GOD OR SOMETHING.



THAT SHOULD HAVE BEEN ME, BUT NO. YOU HAD TO STEAL IT, DIDN'T YOU?

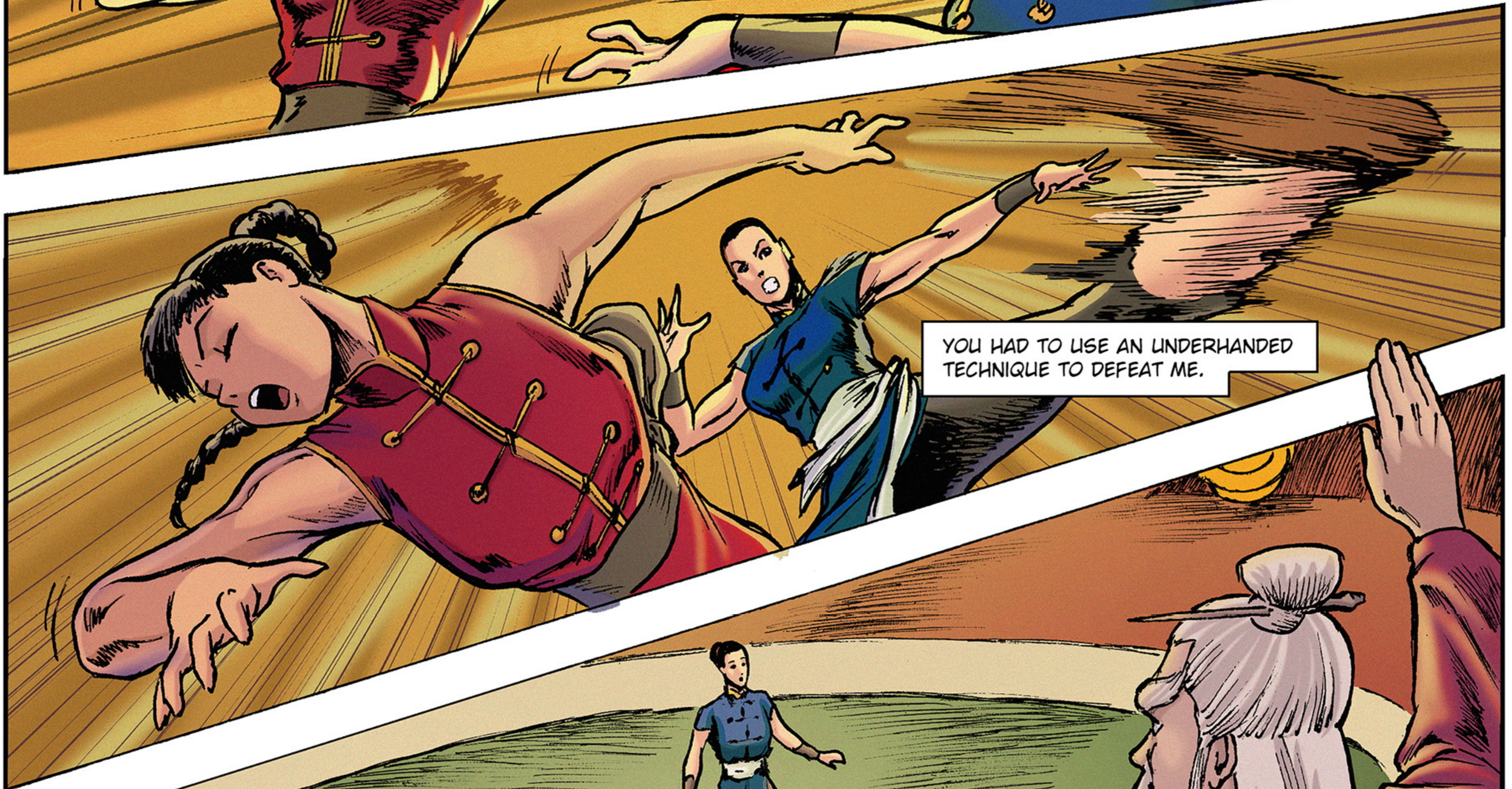
YOU KNEW THAT I WAS ALWAYS BETTER THAN YOU.



SO, WHEN IT CAME TO PICKING THE NEXT WOMAN TO BECOME THE GUARDIAN...



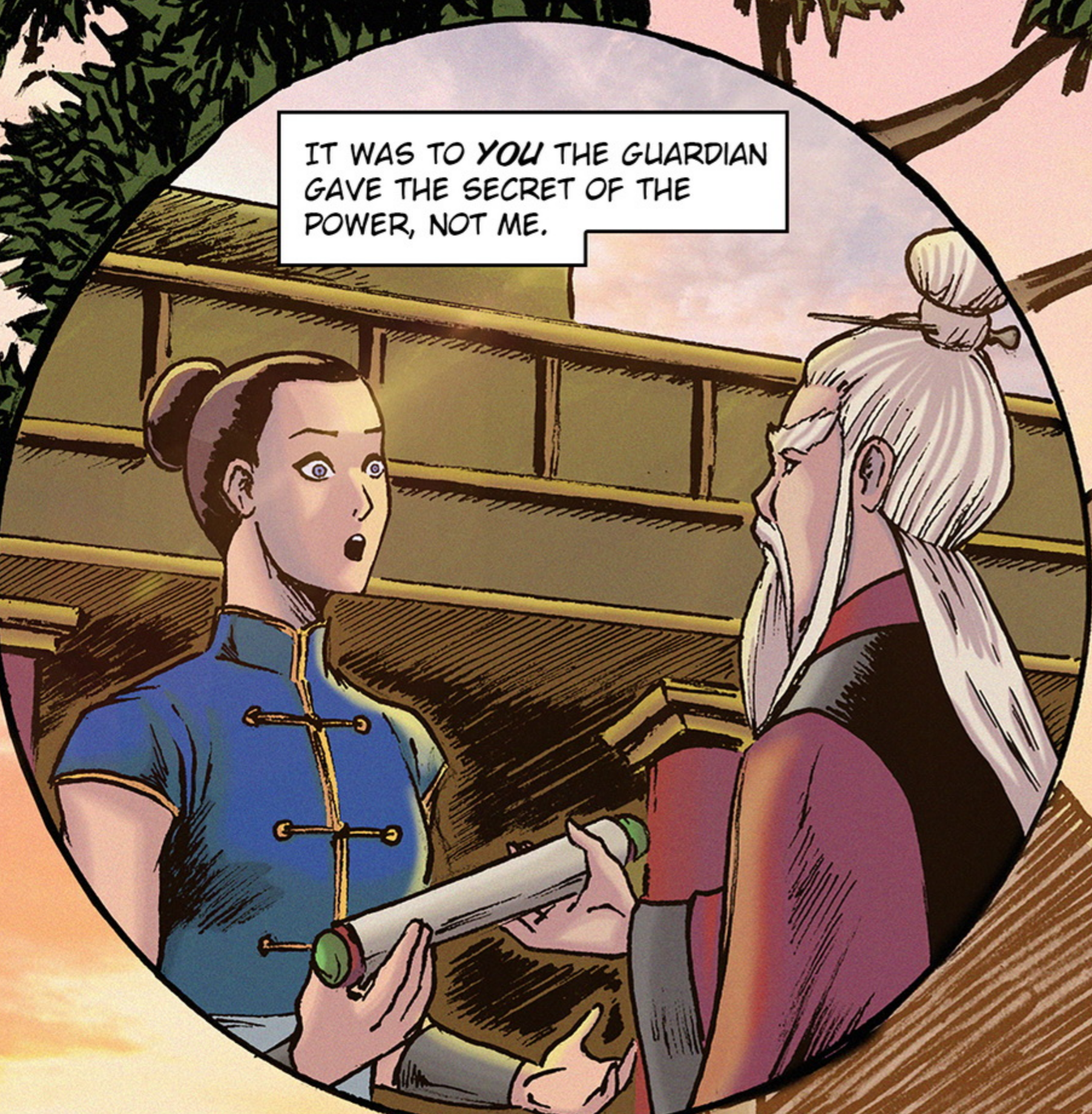
YOU HAD TO USE AN UNDERHANDED TECHNIQUE TO DEFEAT ME.



THAT'S THE ONLY WAY YOU COULD HAVE POSSIBLY DEFEATED ME!

CEASE THIS BATTLE AT ONCE. I DECLARE LUMIN AS THE WINNER AND THUS, THE ONE WHO WILL INHERIT THE POWER!





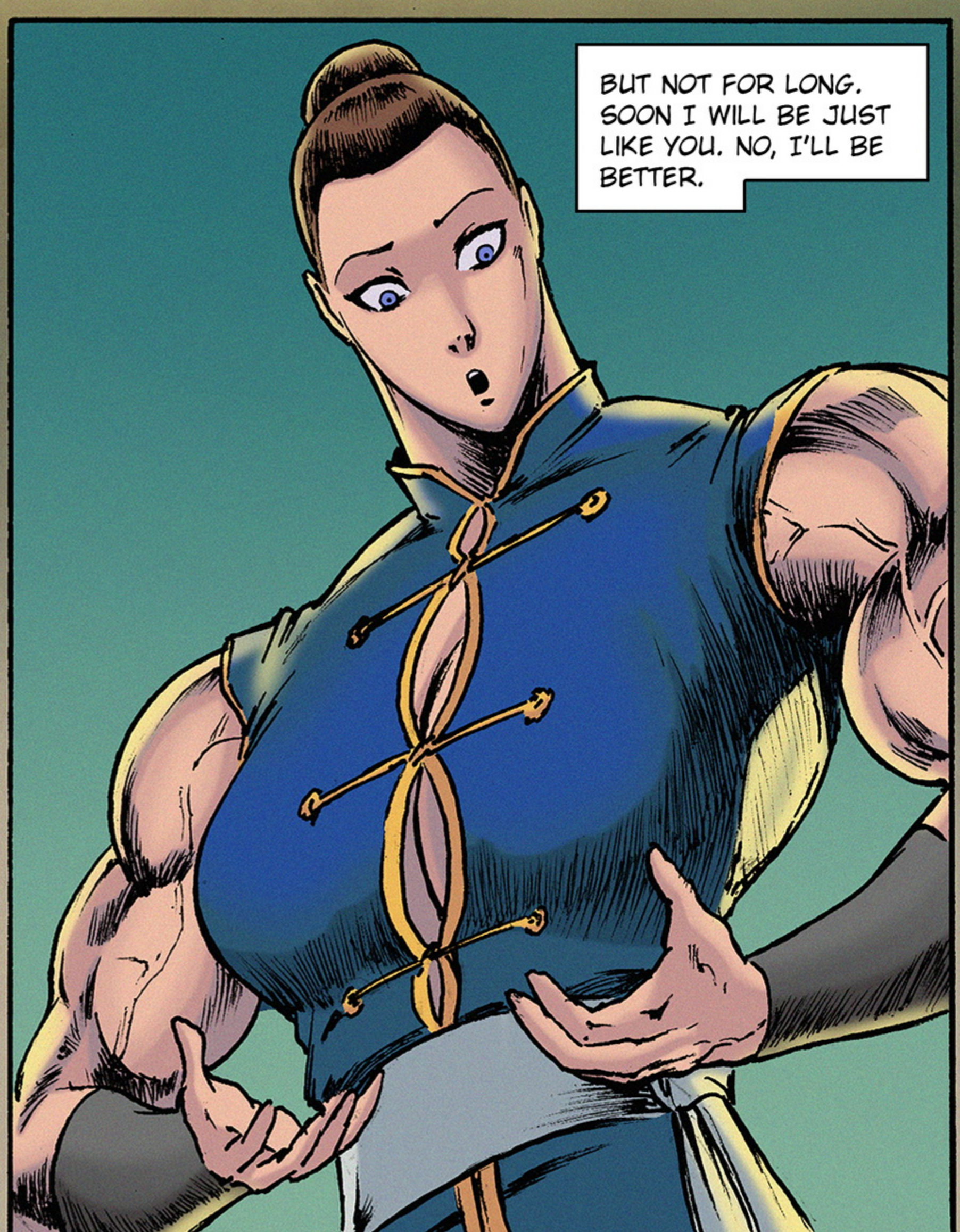
IT WAS TO YOU THE GUARDIAN
GAVE THE SECRET OF THE
POWER, NOT ME.



AT FIRST I THOUGHT THE POWER
ITSELF HAD REJECTED YOU.



BUT YOU FOUND A WAY TO
ACTUALLY GRASP IT AND
TAKE IT FOR YOUR OWN.

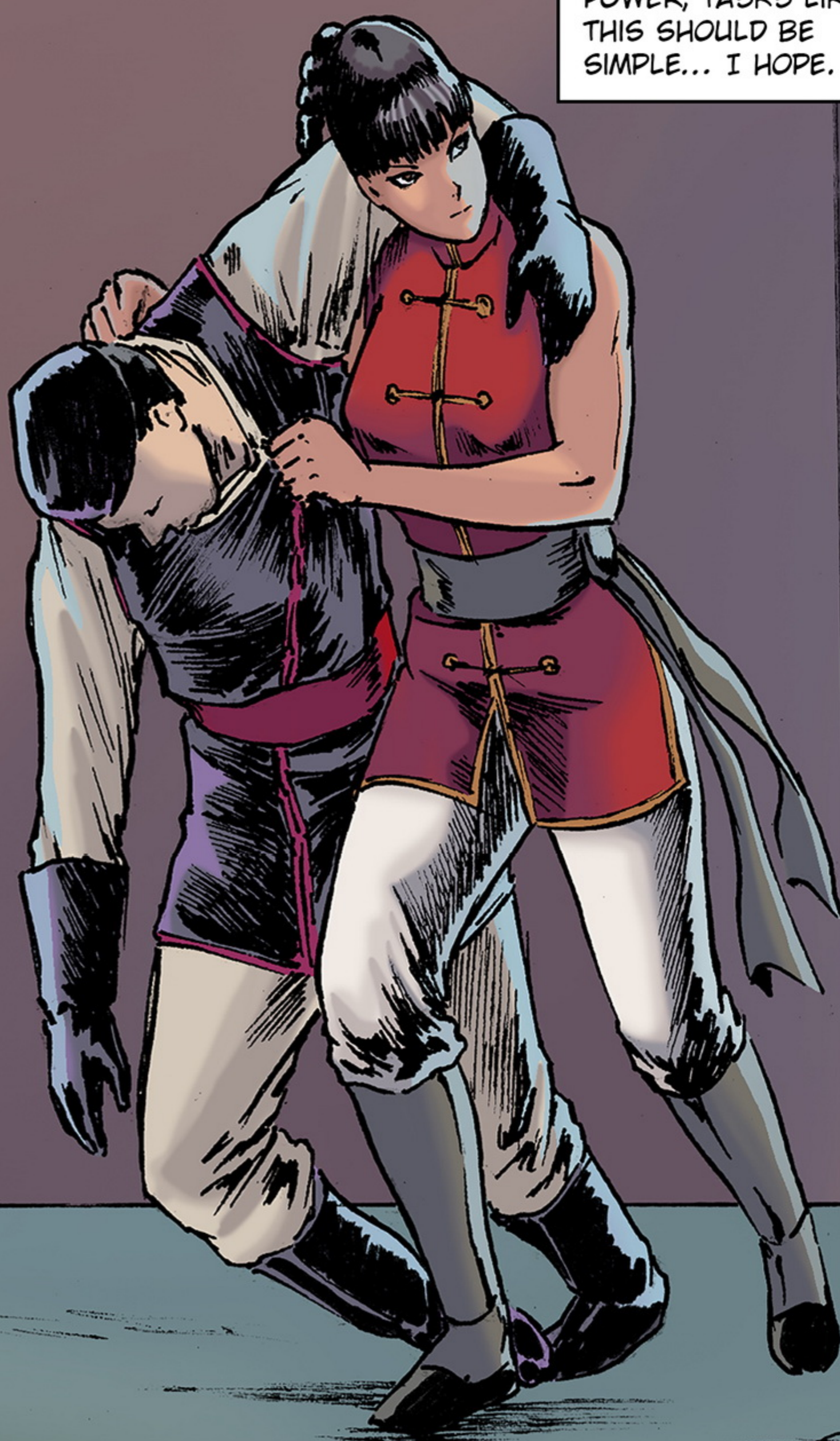


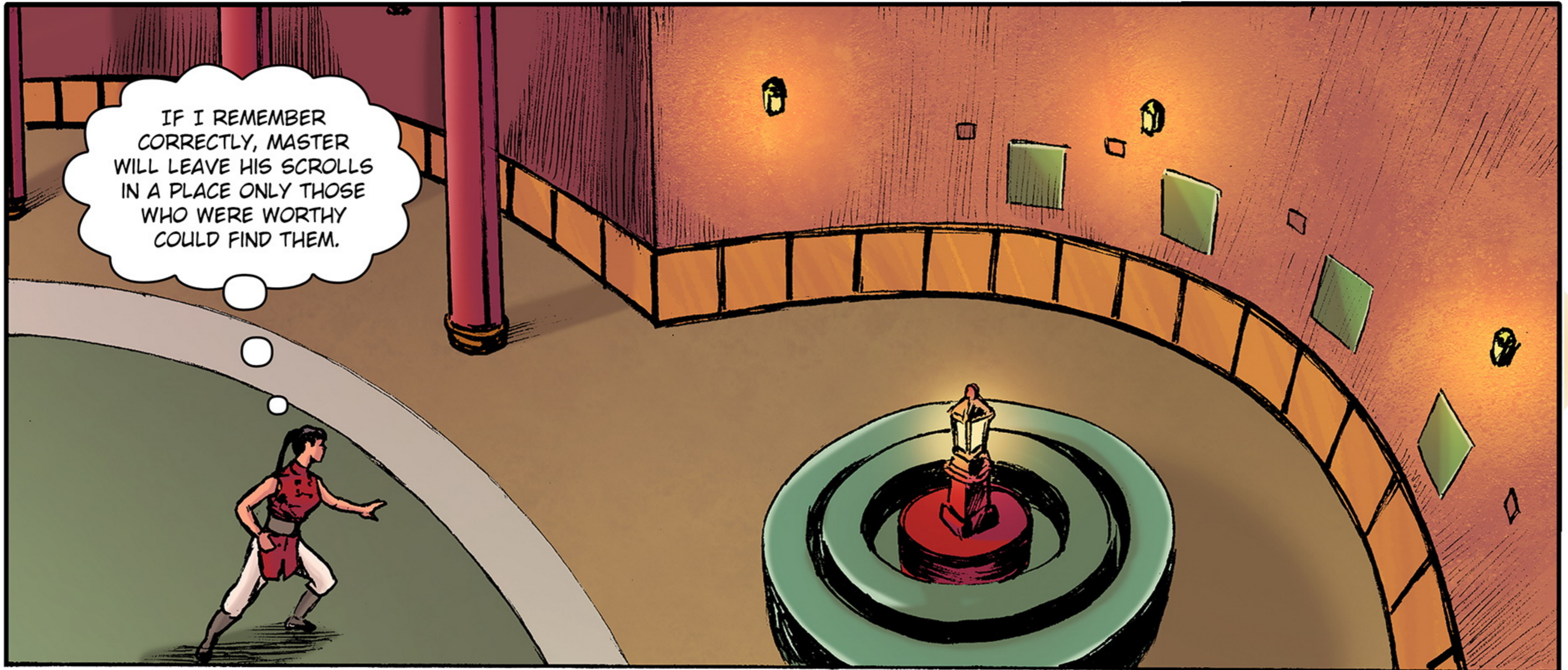
BUT NOT FOR LONG.
SOON I WILL BE JUST
LIKE YOU. NO, I'LL BE
BETTER.

I WILL TAKE WHAT IS RIGHTFULLY MINE!



WHEN I GET THE POWER, TASKS LIKE THIS SHOULD BE SIMPLE... I HOPE.

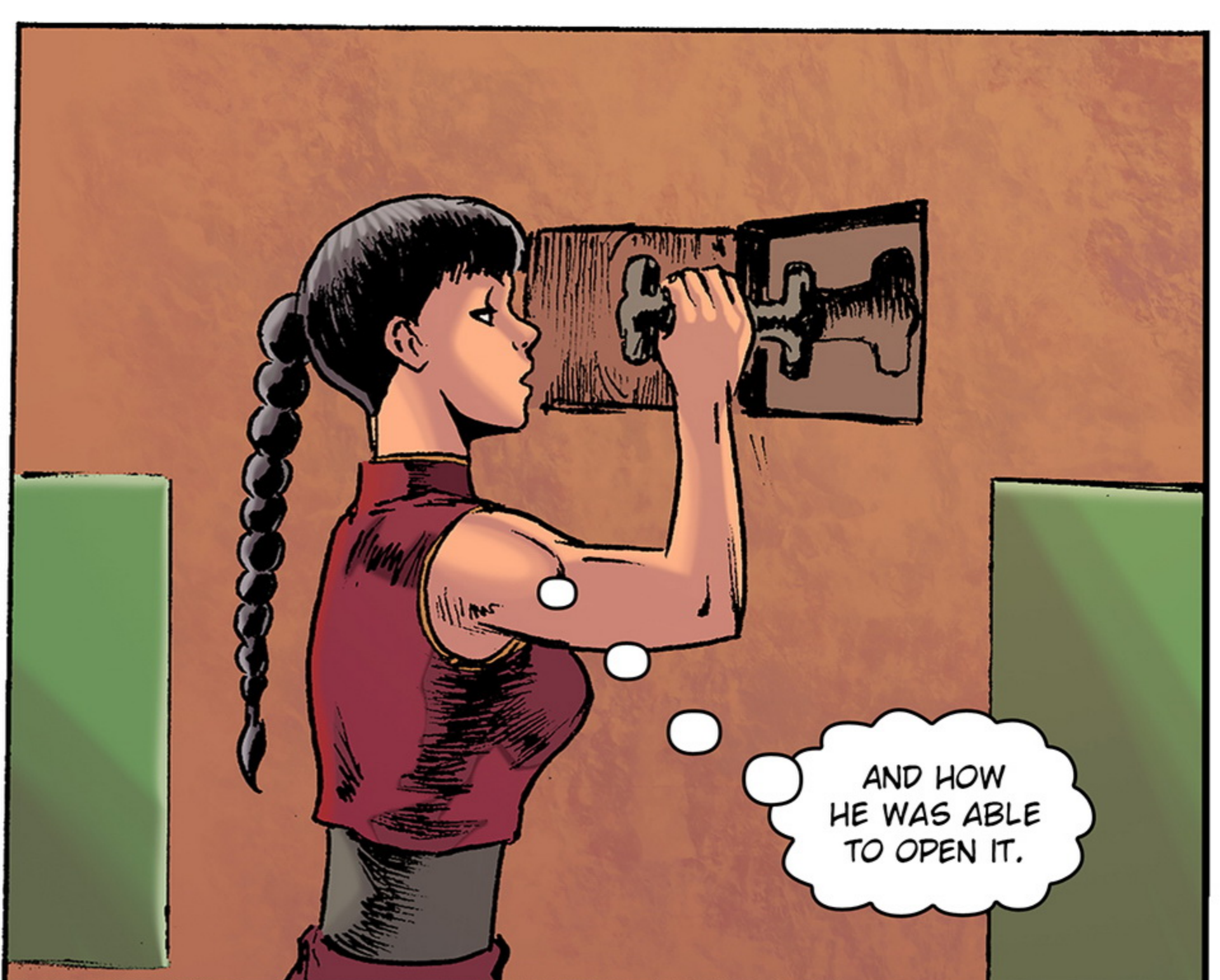




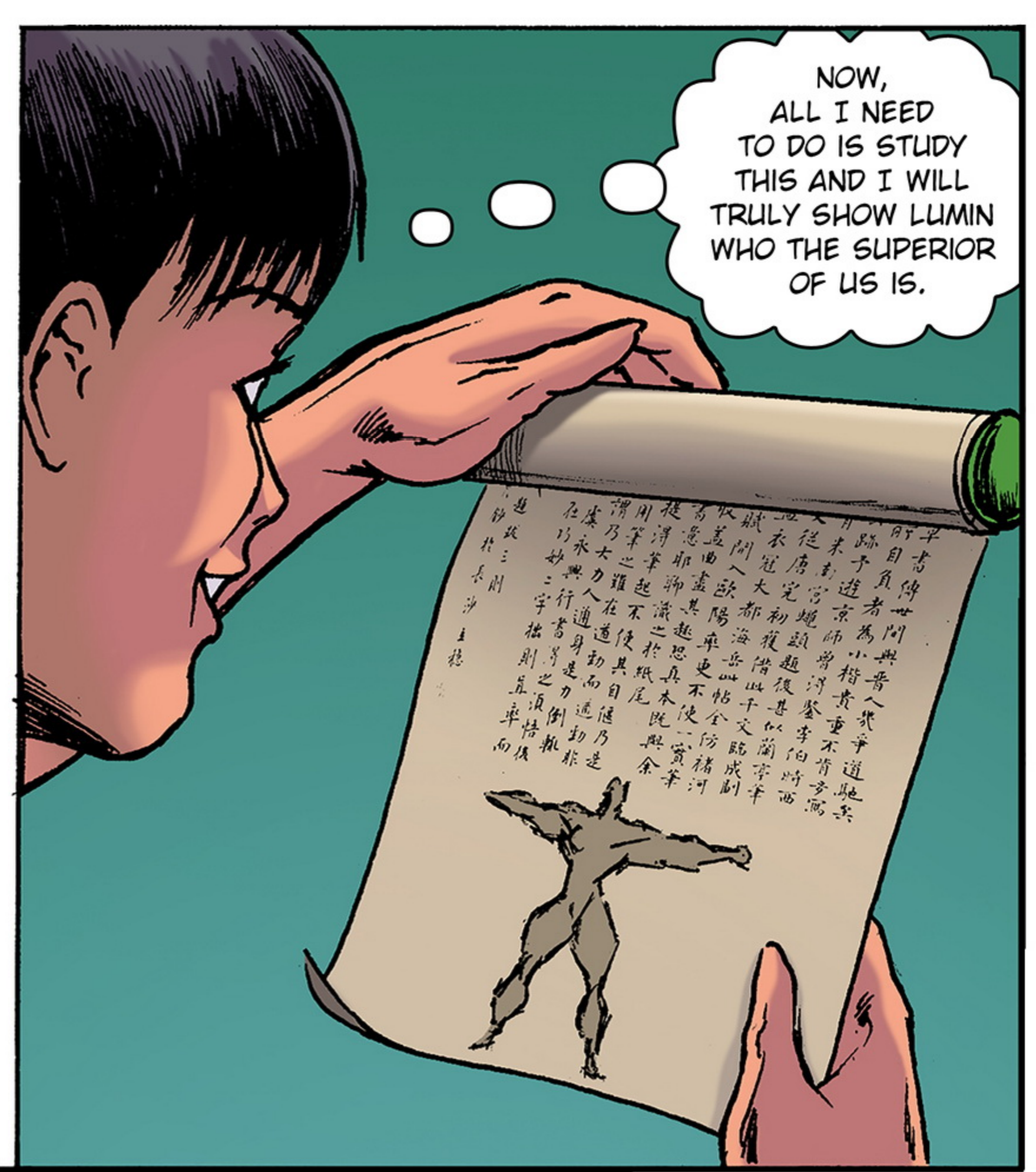
IF I REMEMBER CORRECTLY, MASTER WILL LEAVE HIS SCROLLS IN A PLACE ONLY THOSE WHO WERE WORTHY COULD FIND THEM.



LUCKY FOR ME, I SAW WHERE HE STORED THEM.



AND HOW HE WAS ABLE TO OPEN IT.



NOW, ALL I NEED TO DO IS STUDY THIS AND I WILL TRULY SHOW LUMIN WHO THE SUPERIOR OF US IS.

FOR WEEKS I STUDIED THE SCROLL,
READING OVER IT AGAIN AND AGAIN
AND AGAIN. YET, I SAW NO RESULTS
WHATSOEVER



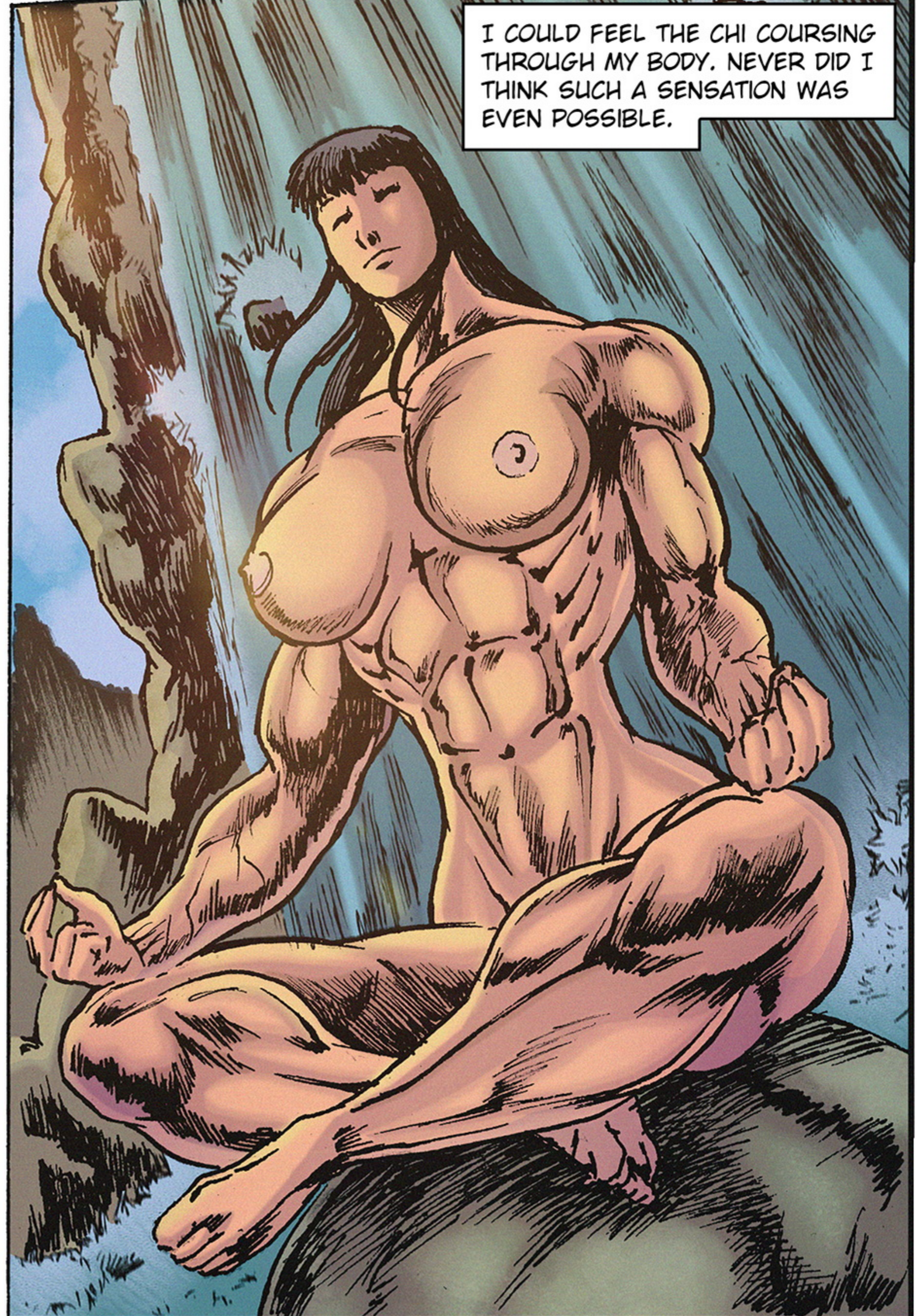
BUT I REALISED, THAT IT REQUIRED
A SOUND MIND AS WELL. ONLY THEN
DID IT FINALLY COME TO ME.



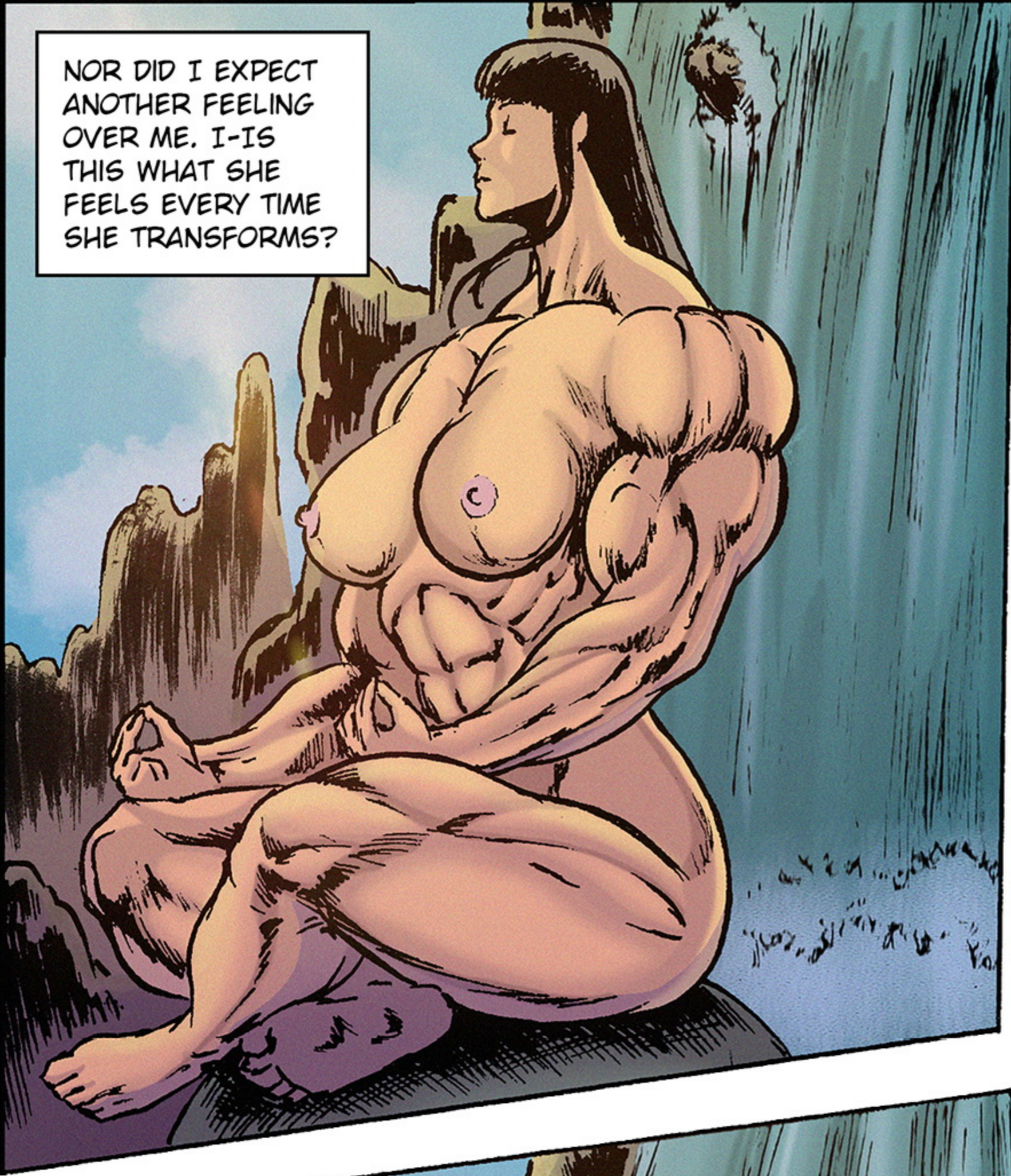
THE GIFT THAT SHOULD
HAVE BEEN MINE IN THE
FIRST PLACE.



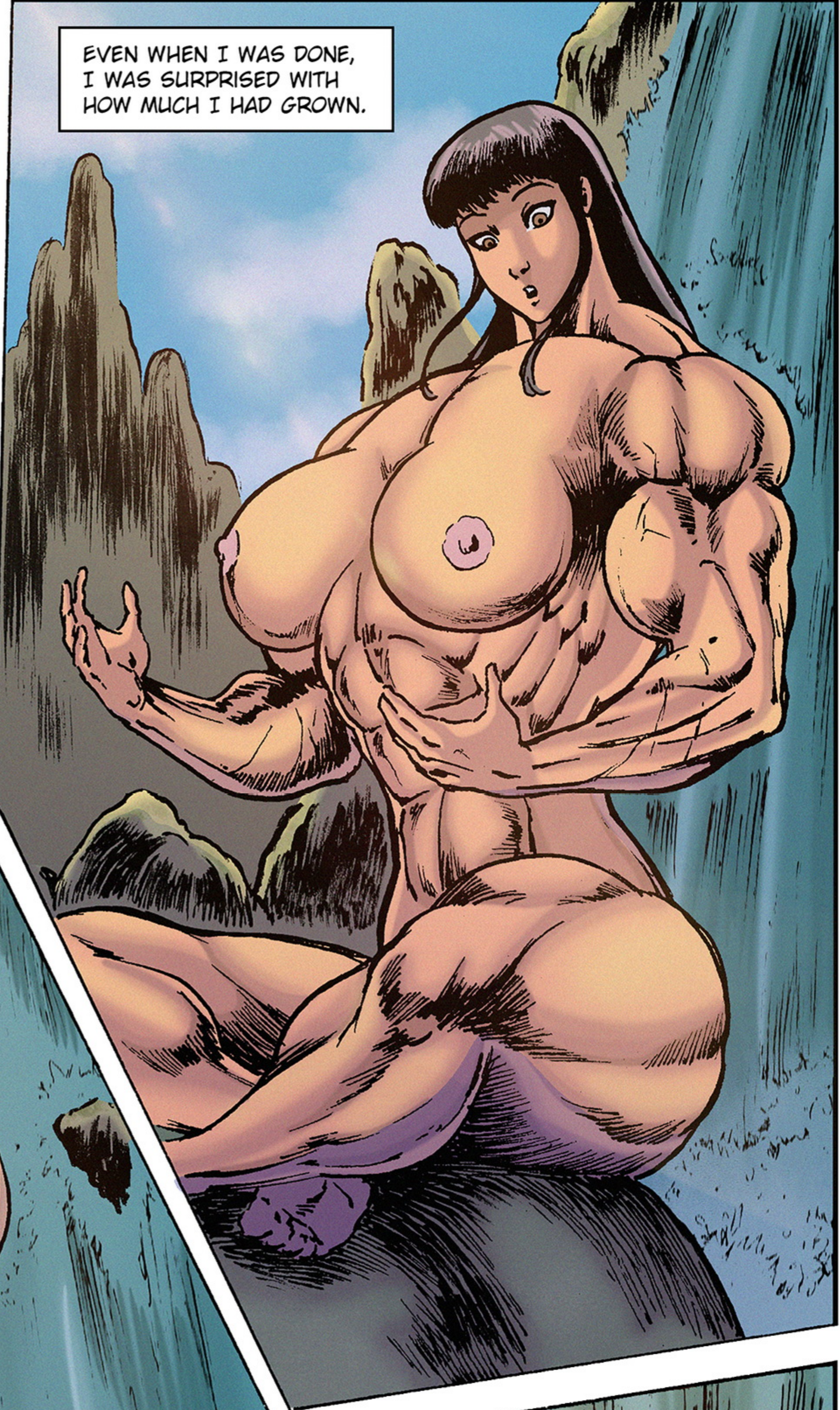
I COULD FEEL THE CHI COURsing
THROUGH MY BODY. NEVER DID I
THINK SUCH A SENSATION WAS
EVEN POSSIBLE.



NOR DID I EXPECT ANOTHER FEELING OVER ME. I-IS THIS WHAT SHE FEELS EVERY TIME SHE TRANSFORMS?



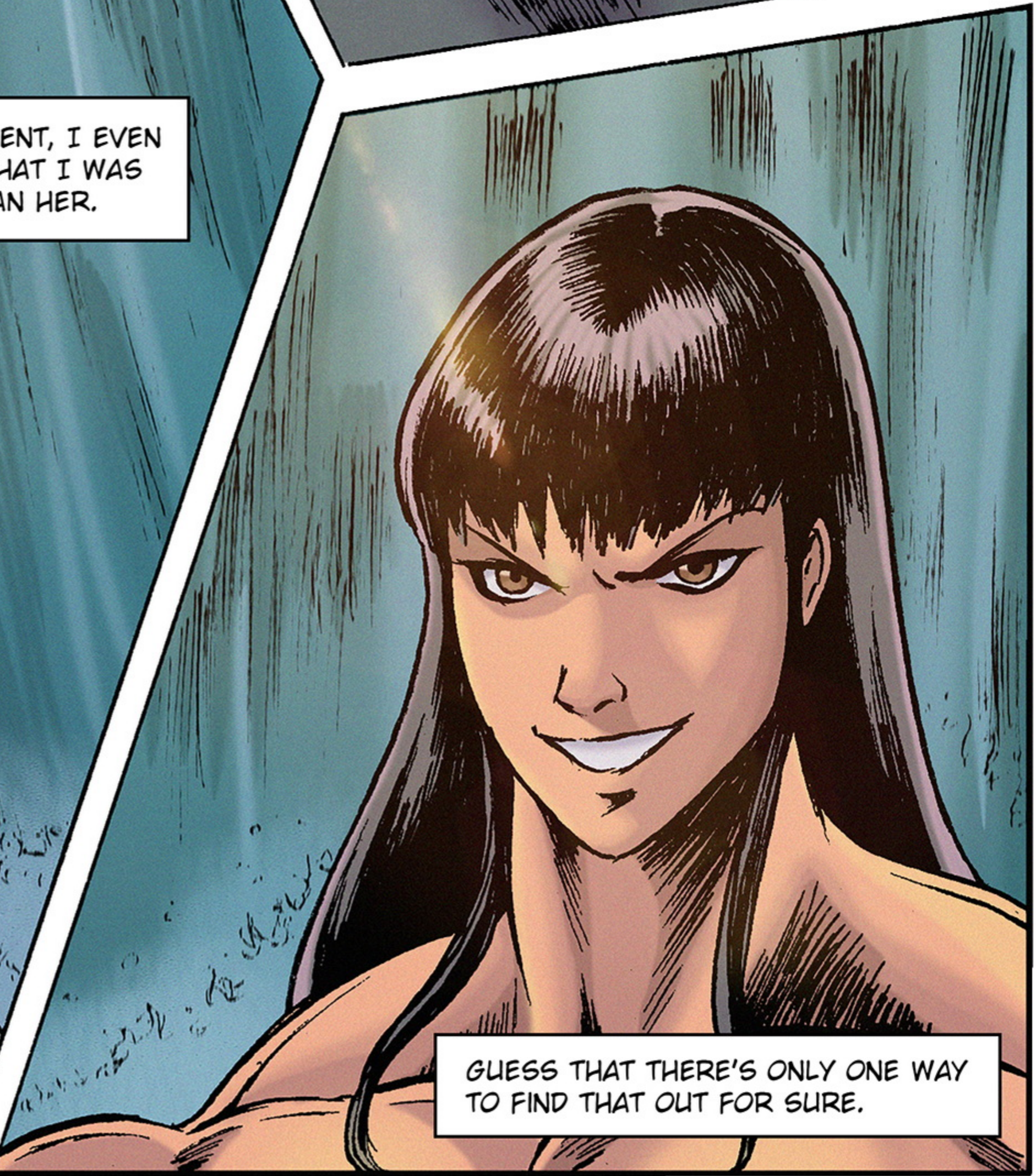
EVEN WHEN I WAS DONE, I WAS SURPRISED WITH HOW MUCH I HAD GROWN.



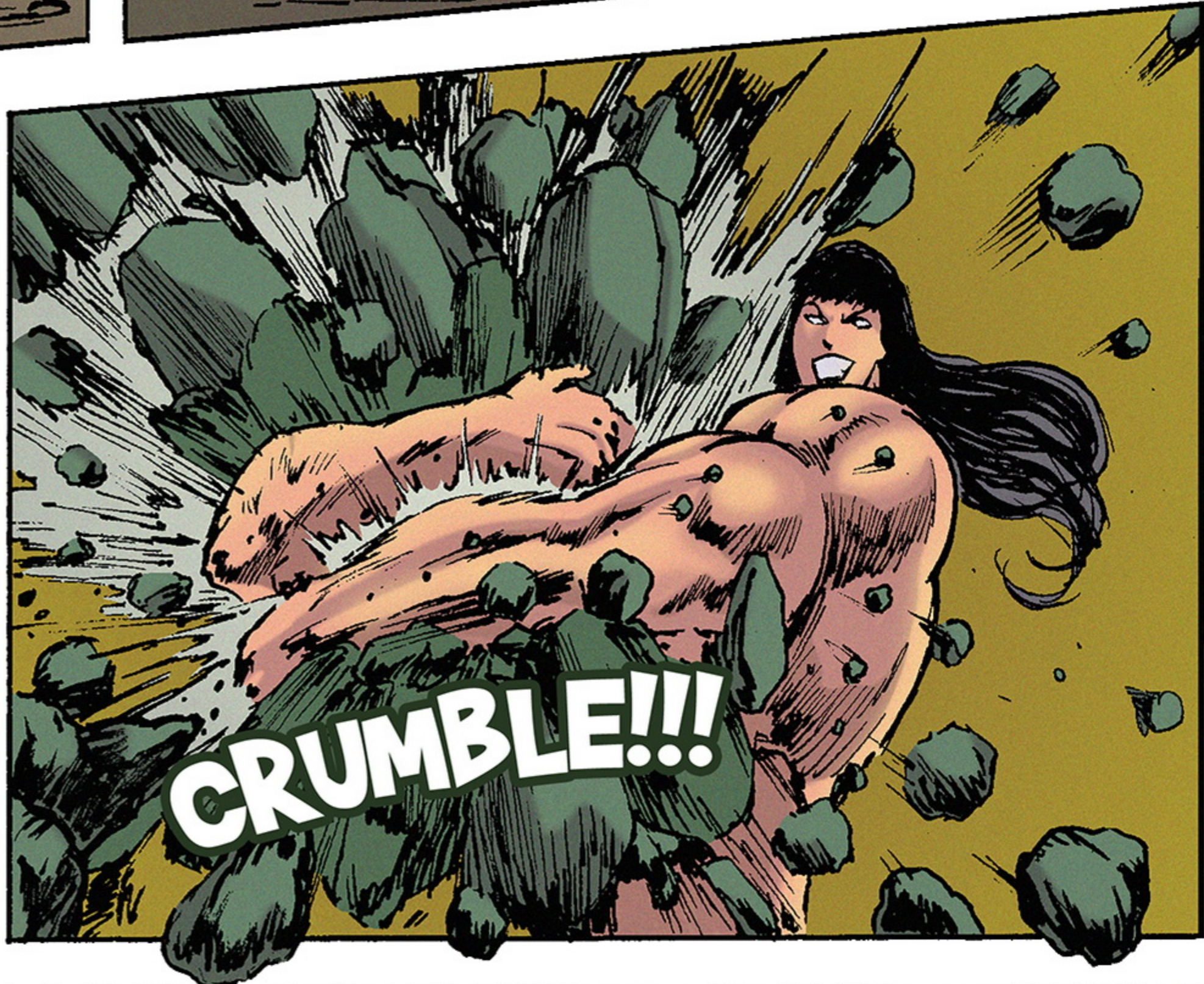
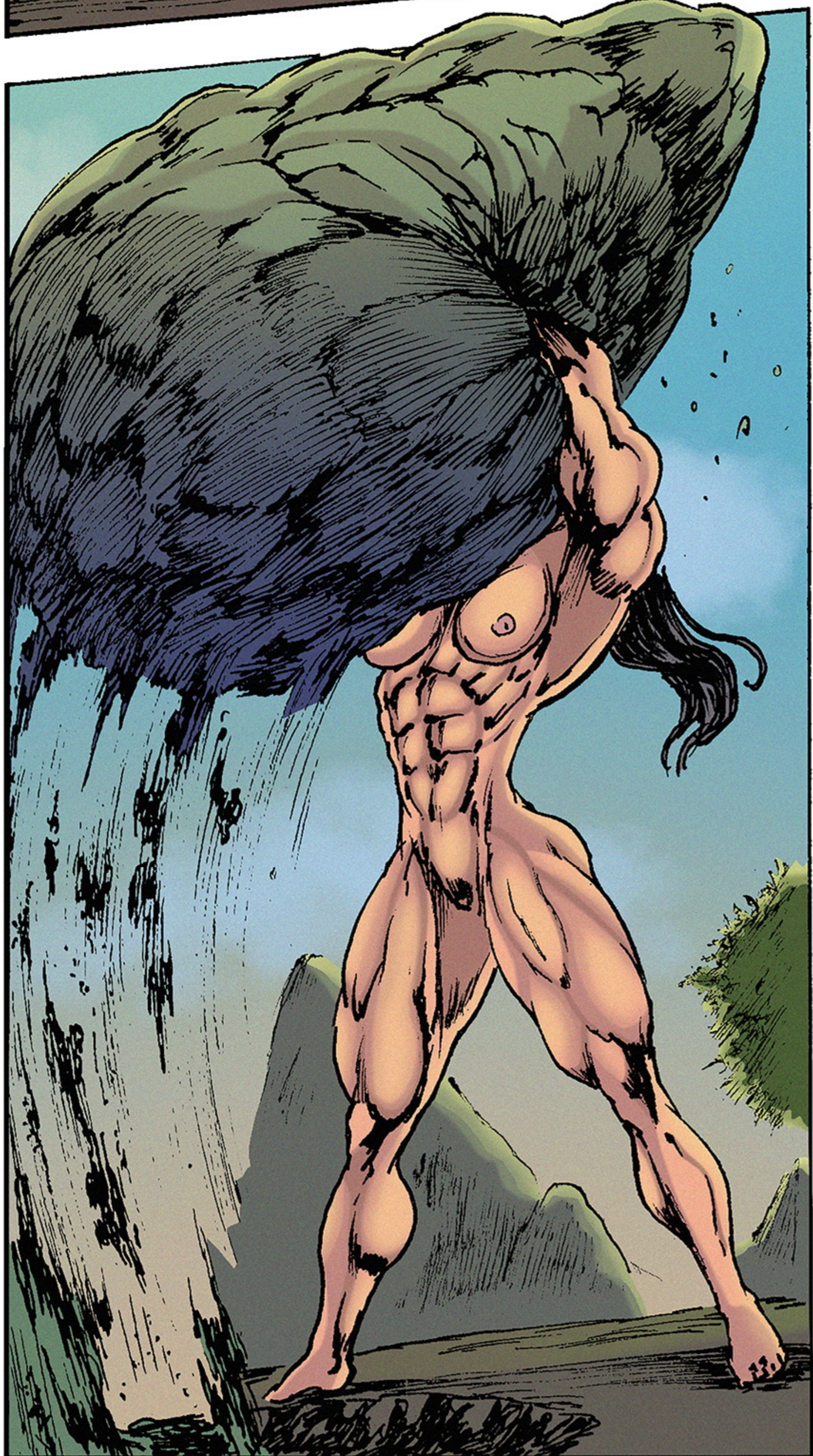
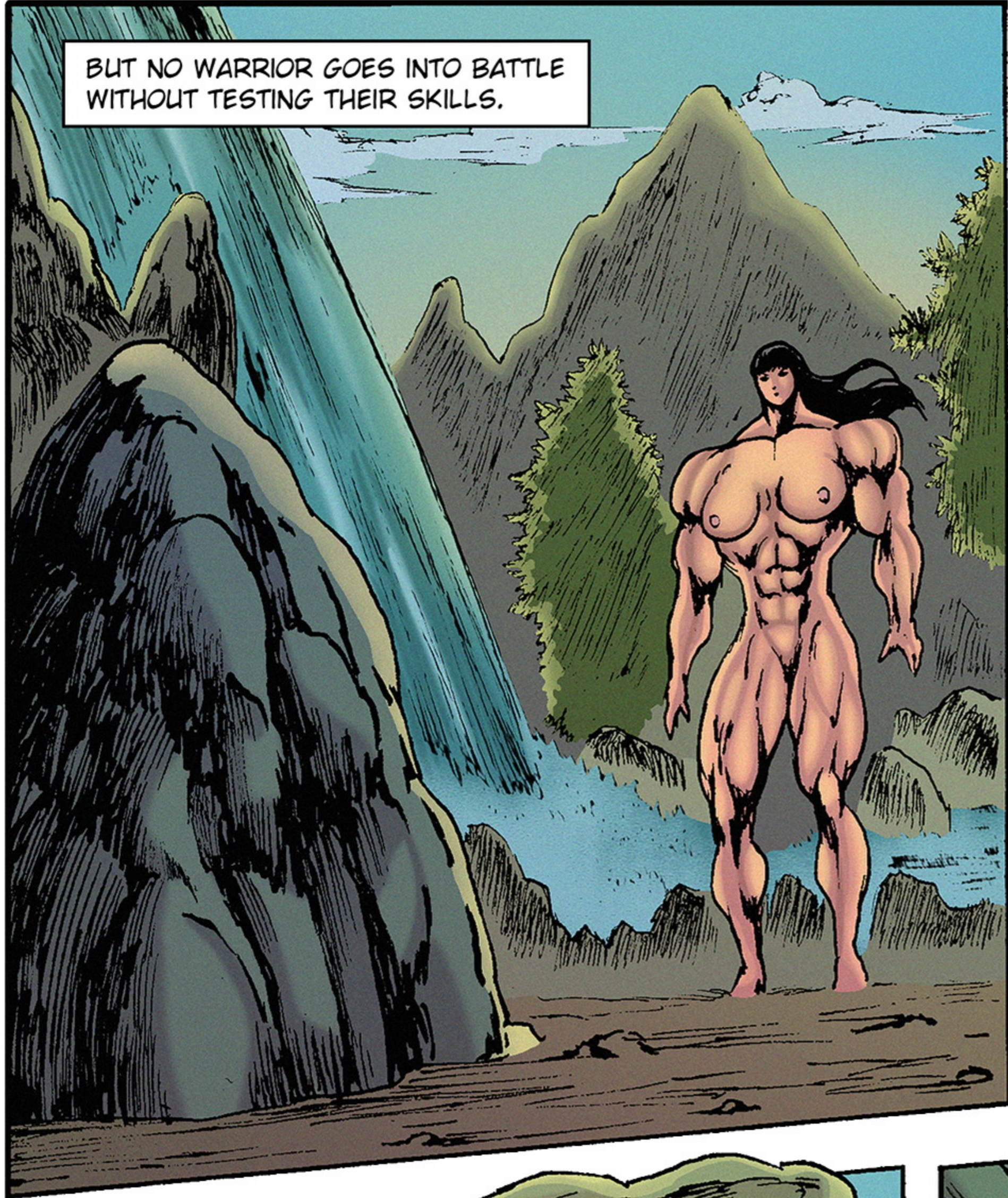
FOR A MOMENT, I EVEN THOUGHT THAT I WAS BIGGER THAN HER.



GUESS THAT THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY TO FIND THAT OUT FOR SURE.

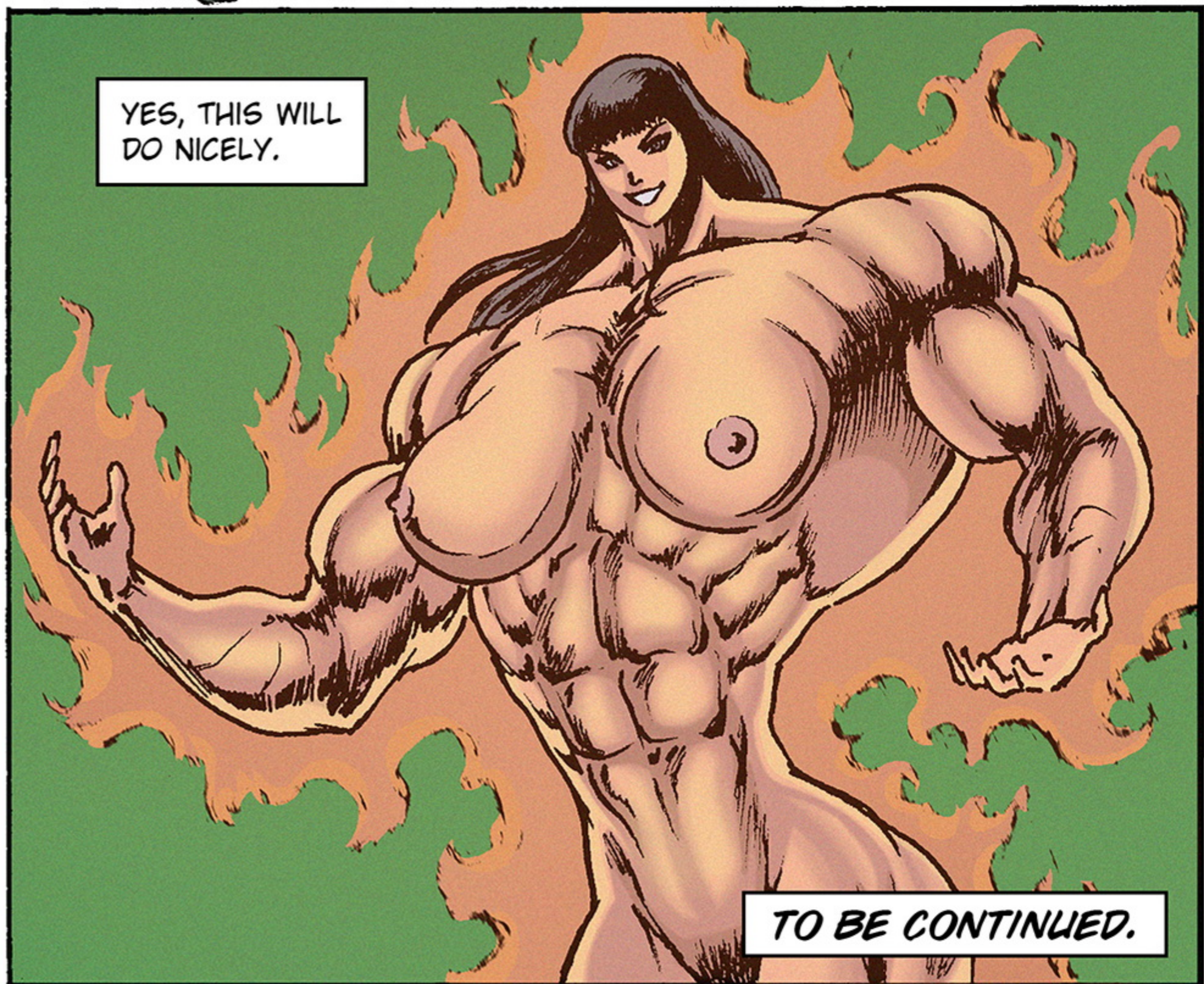


BUT NO WARRIOR GOES INTO BATTLE WITHOUT TESTING THEIR SKILLS.



CRUMBLE!!!

YES, THIS WILL DO NICELY.



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Xia has gained the power that has eluded her for so long!

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Will she finally be able to outmuscle her rival, or will she still fail to measure up to Lumin's strength?

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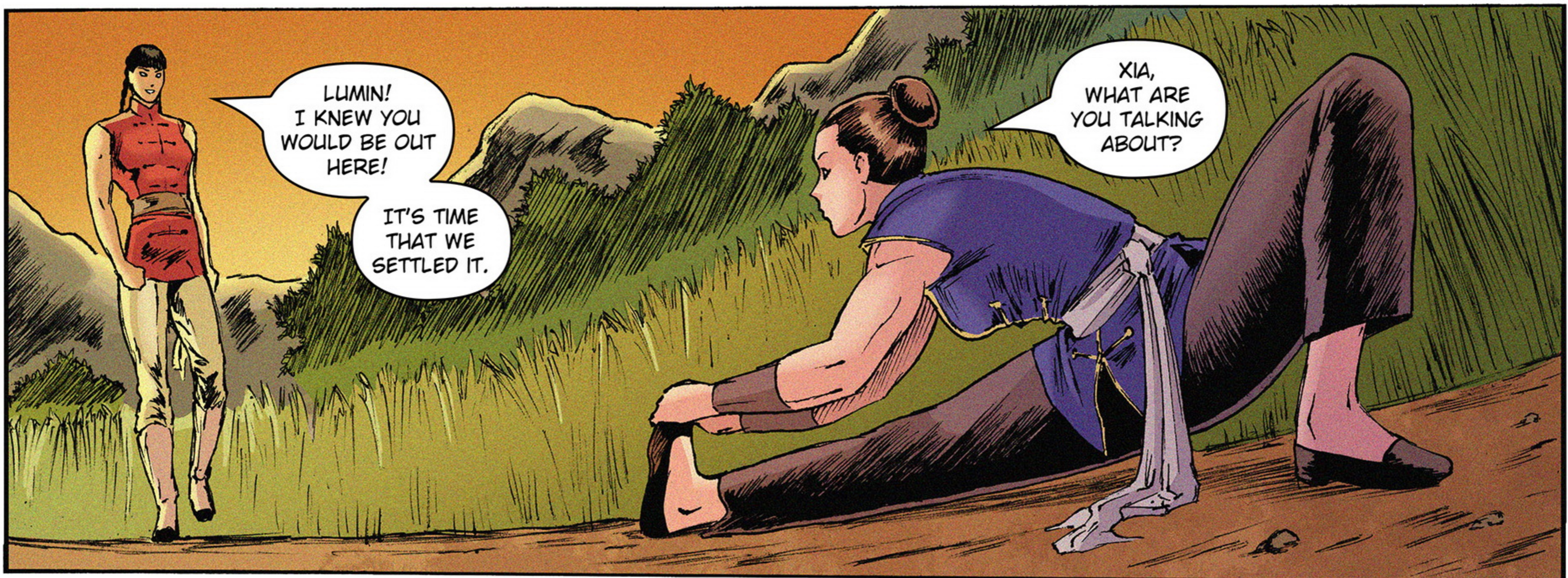
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HAVING THIS POWER IS BOTH AN HONOUR AND YET ALSO A HINDRANCE.

IF I DON'T KEEP MY BODY IN TOP SHAPE, IT COULD BE DISASTROUS.



LUMIN!
I KNEW YOU WOULD BE OUT HERE!

IT'S TIME THAT WE SETTLED IT.

XIA,
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?



YOU KNOW EXACTLY WHAT I'M TALKING ABOUT. THE POWER YOU POSSESS SHOULD BE MINE! I'M HERE TO PROVE THAT I AM THE SUPERIOR COMBATANT!

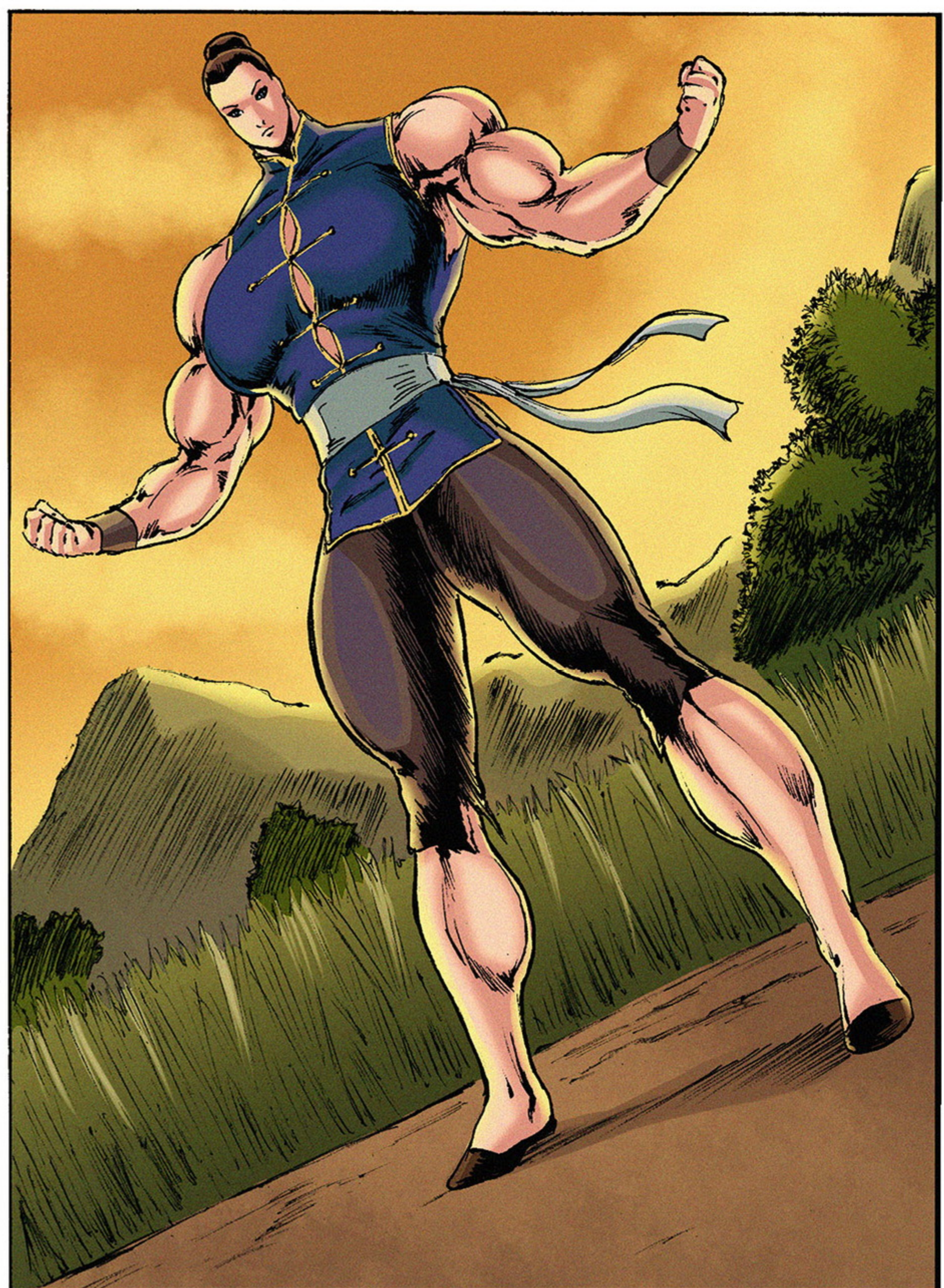
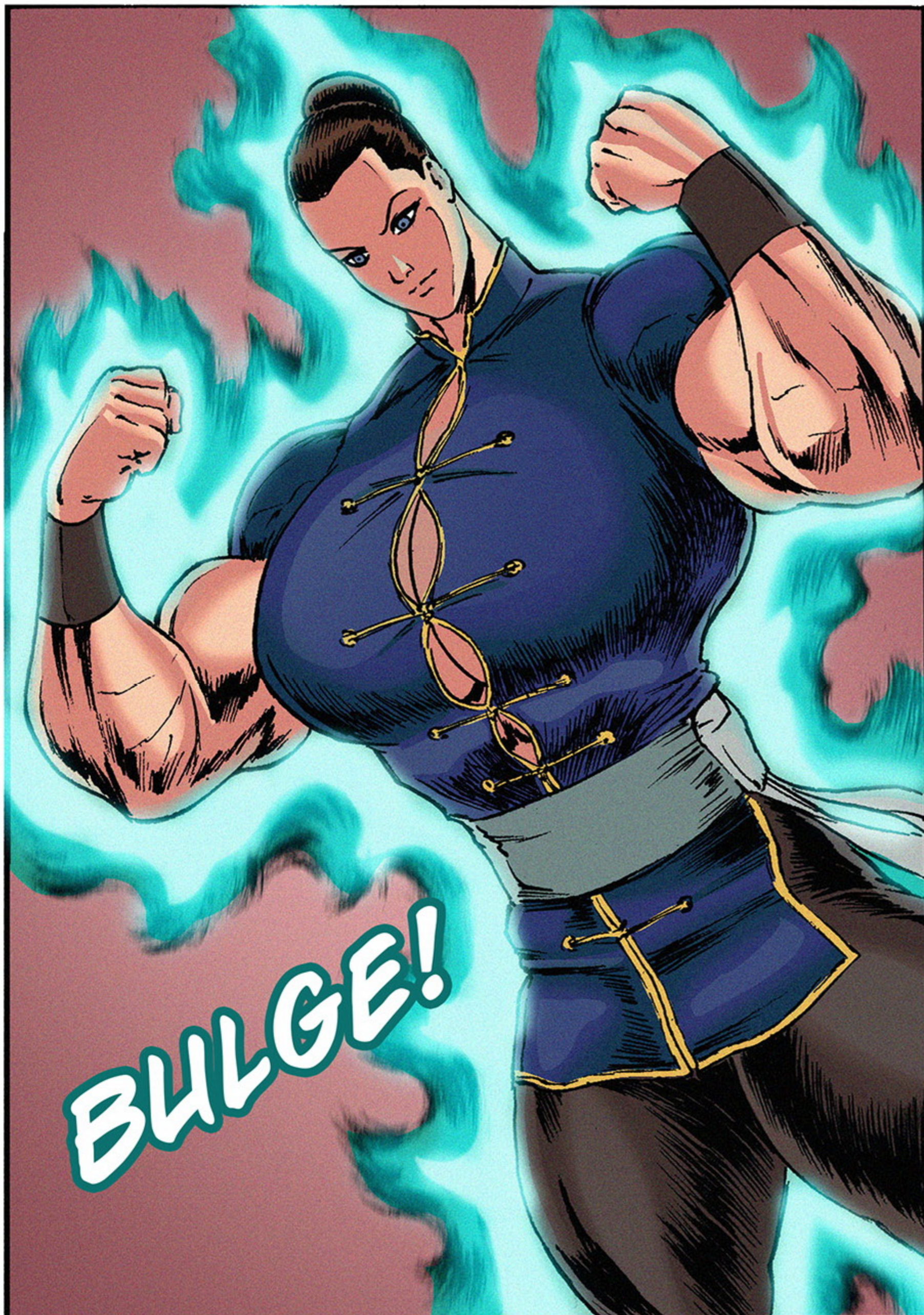
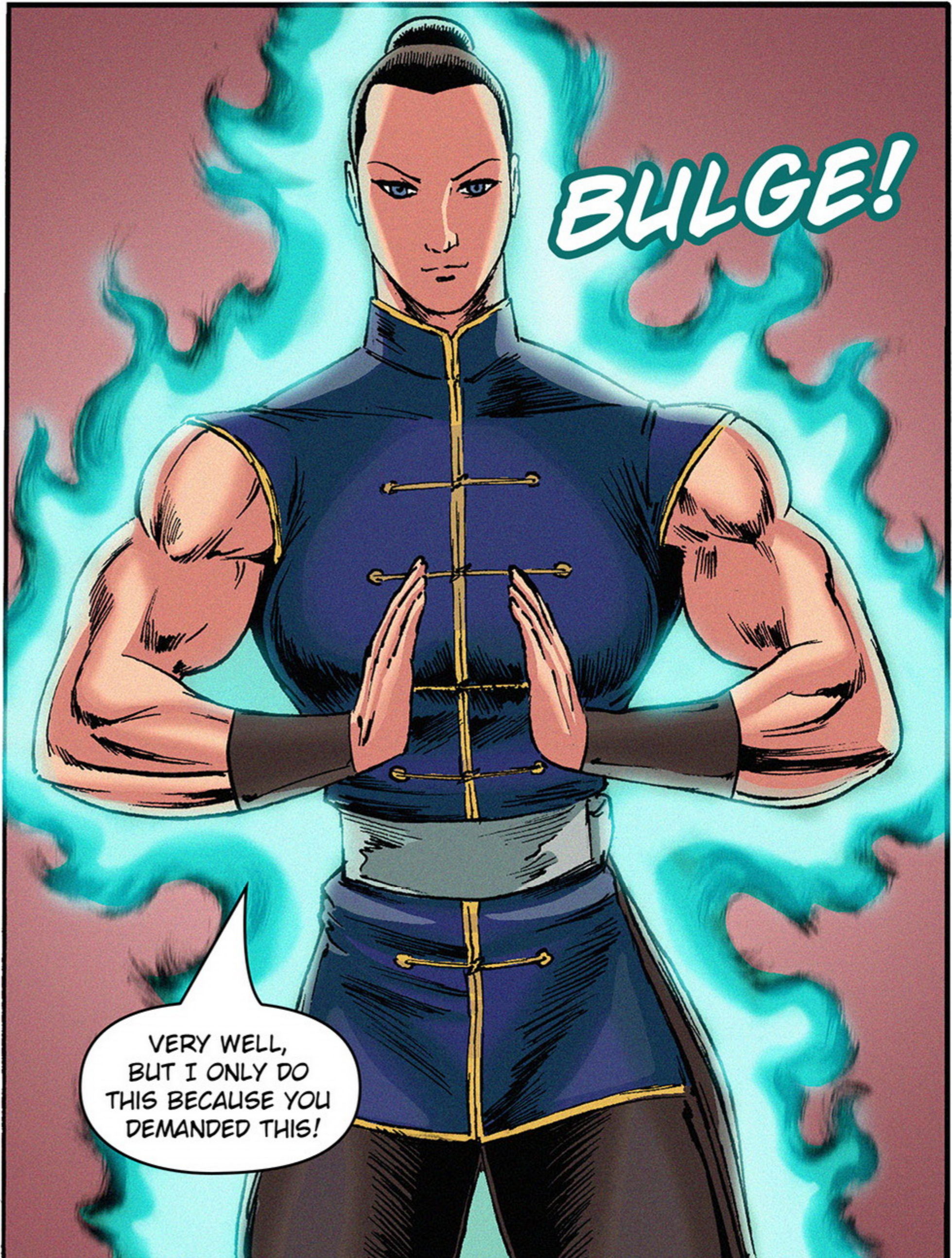
YOU'RE STILL BITTER OVER THAT?



OF COURSE, I AM. YOU USED UNDERHANDED TECHNIQUES TO DEFEAT ME!

I PLAN TO RECTIFY THIS MISCARRIAGE OF JUSTICE.

I AM SORRY YOU FEEL THAT WAY, BUT IF IT'S A FIGHT THAT YOU WANT, THEN THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT YOU'LL GET.





OK, I'VE TRANSFORMED LIKE YOU WANTED. NOW DO YOU SEE HOW OUTMATCHED YOU ARE?

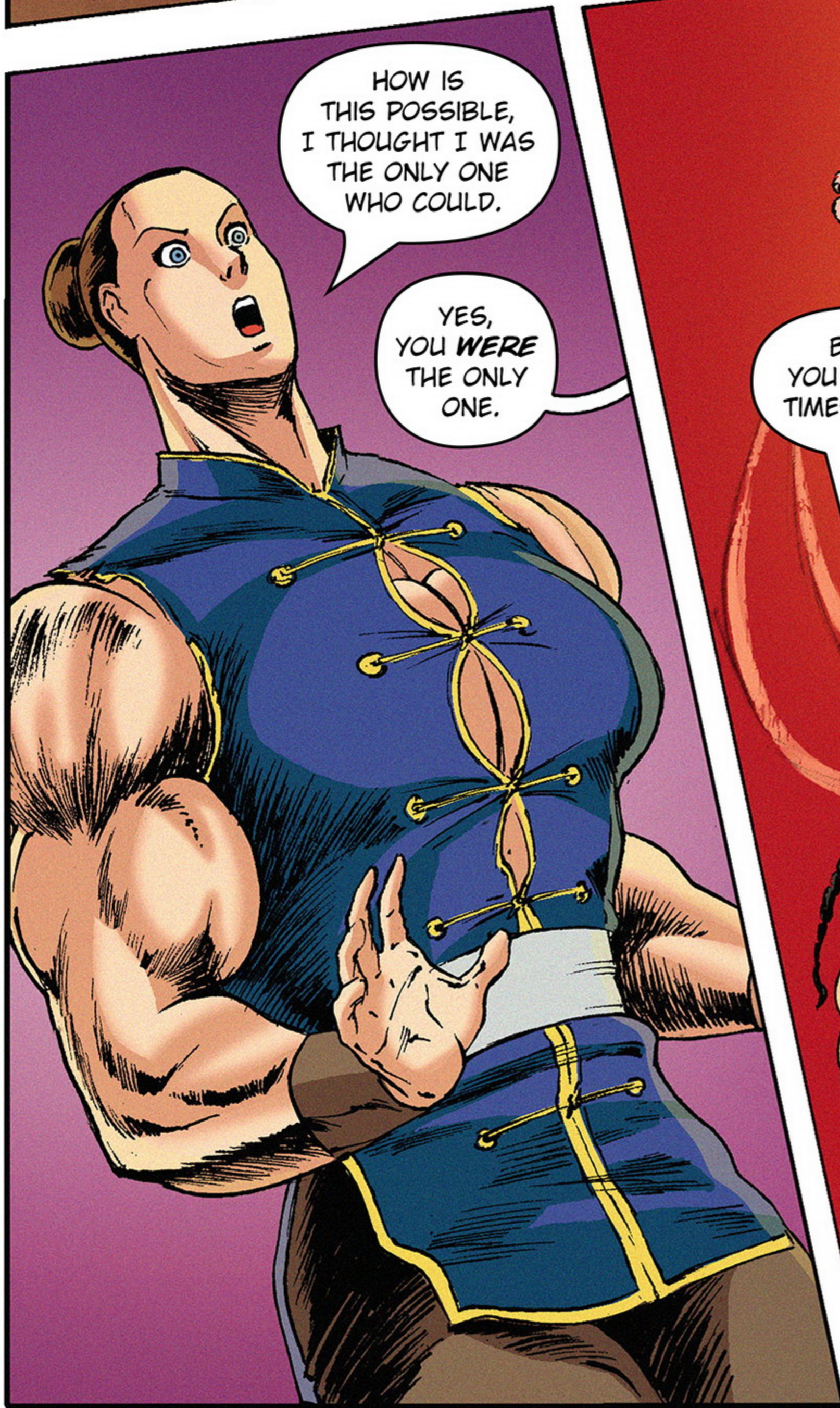
NO. I JUST WANTED YOU TO BE AT YOUR STRONGEST WHEN I DEFEAT YOU.



BULGE!

TO PROVE ONCE AND FOR ALL, THAT I'M YOUR SUPERIOR IN EVERY WAY.

WAIT, YOU'RE GROWING!



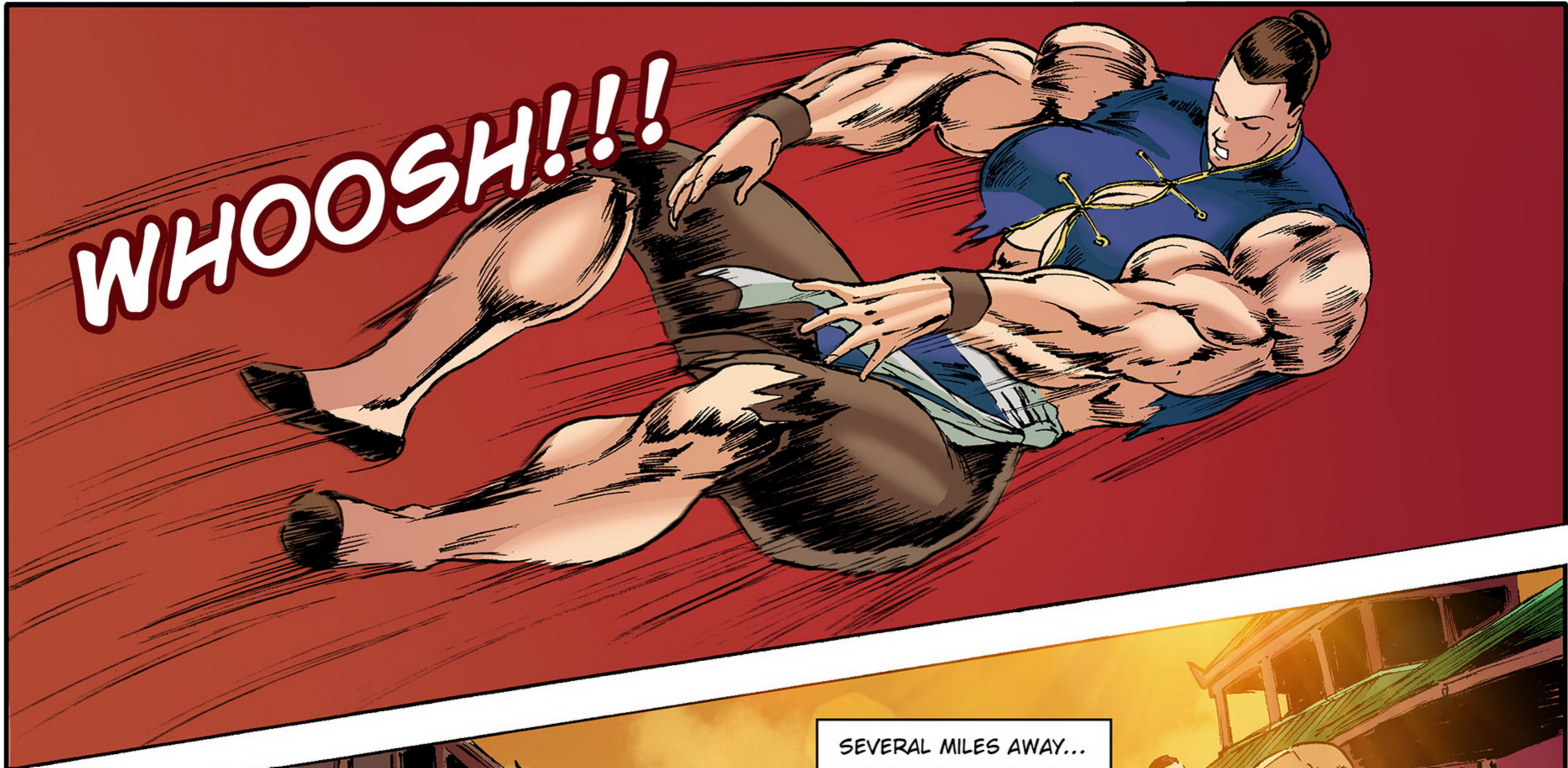
HOW IS THIS POSSIBLE, I THOUGHT I WAS THE ONLY ONE WHO COULD.

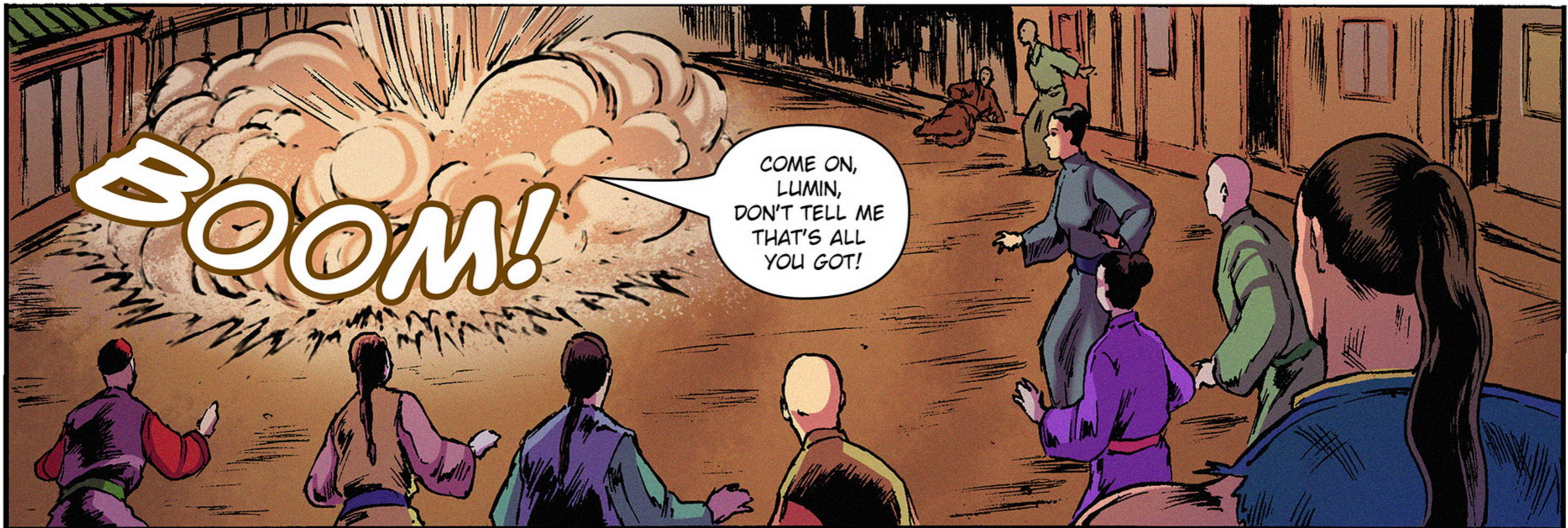
YES, YOU *WERE* THE ONLY ONE.

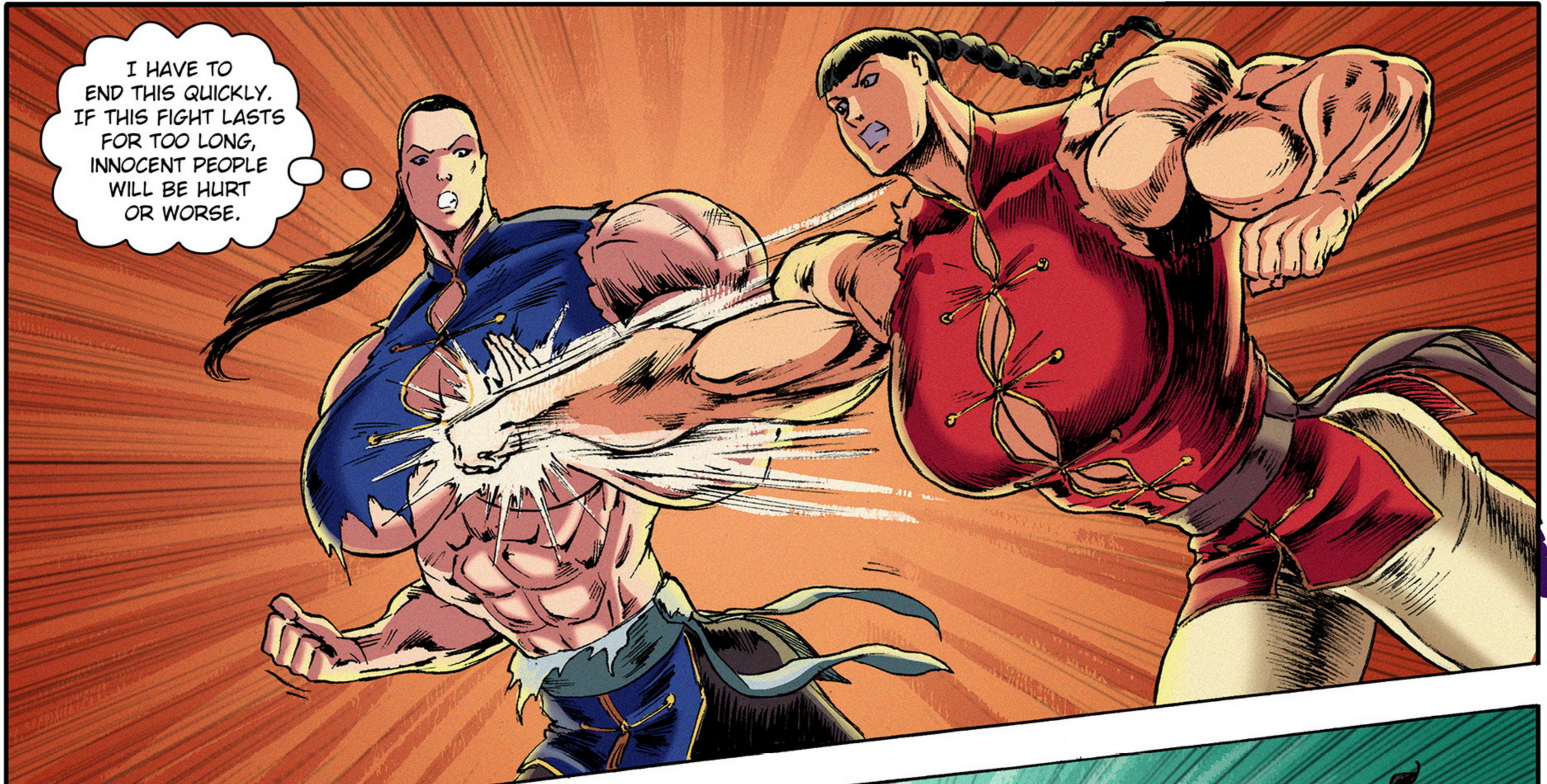


BUT AS YOU CAN SEE, TIMES CHANGE!

SNACK!







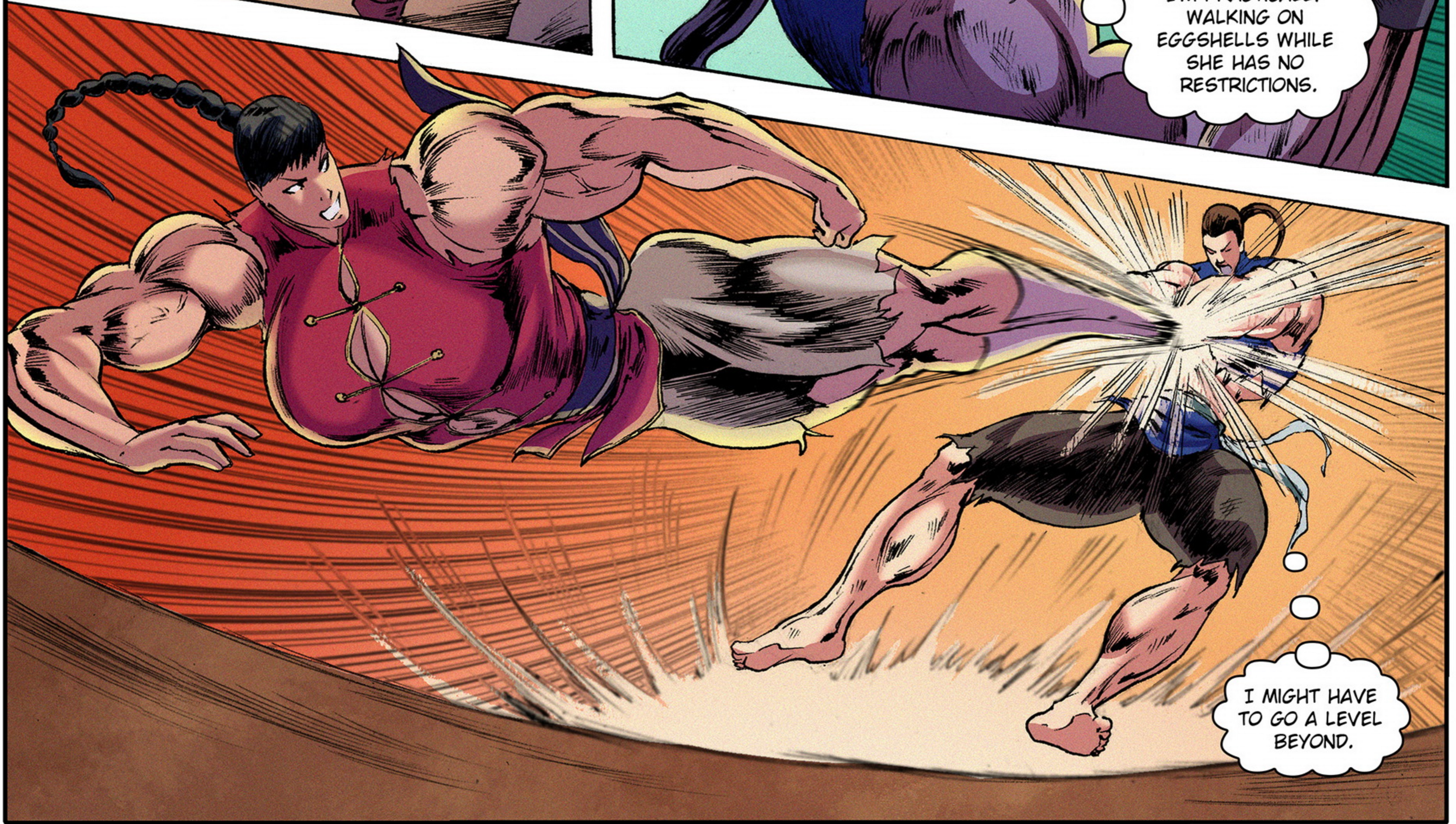
I HAVE TO END THIS QUICKLY. IF THIS FIGHT LASTS FOR TOO LONG, INNOCENT PEOPLE WILL BE HURT OR WORSE.



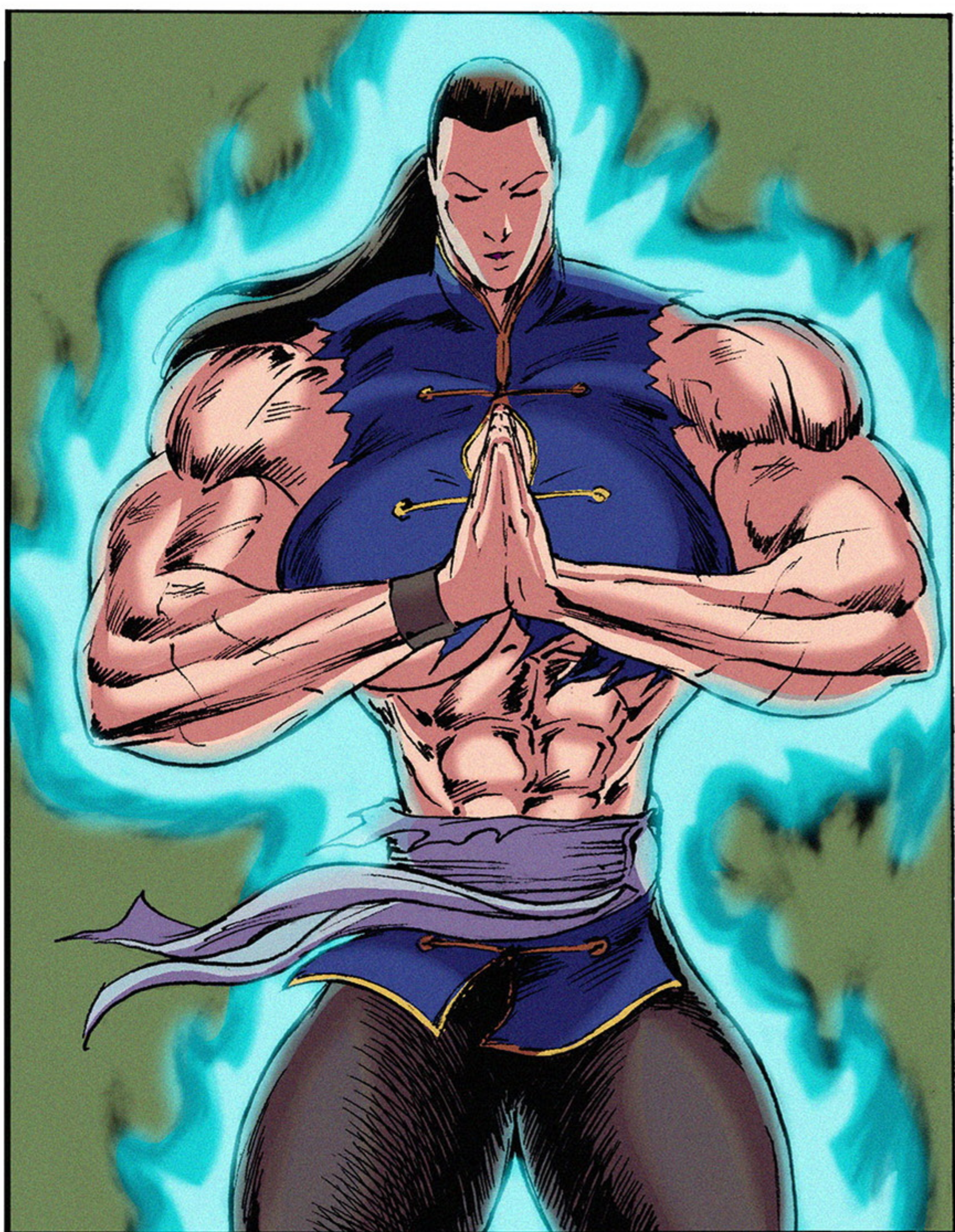
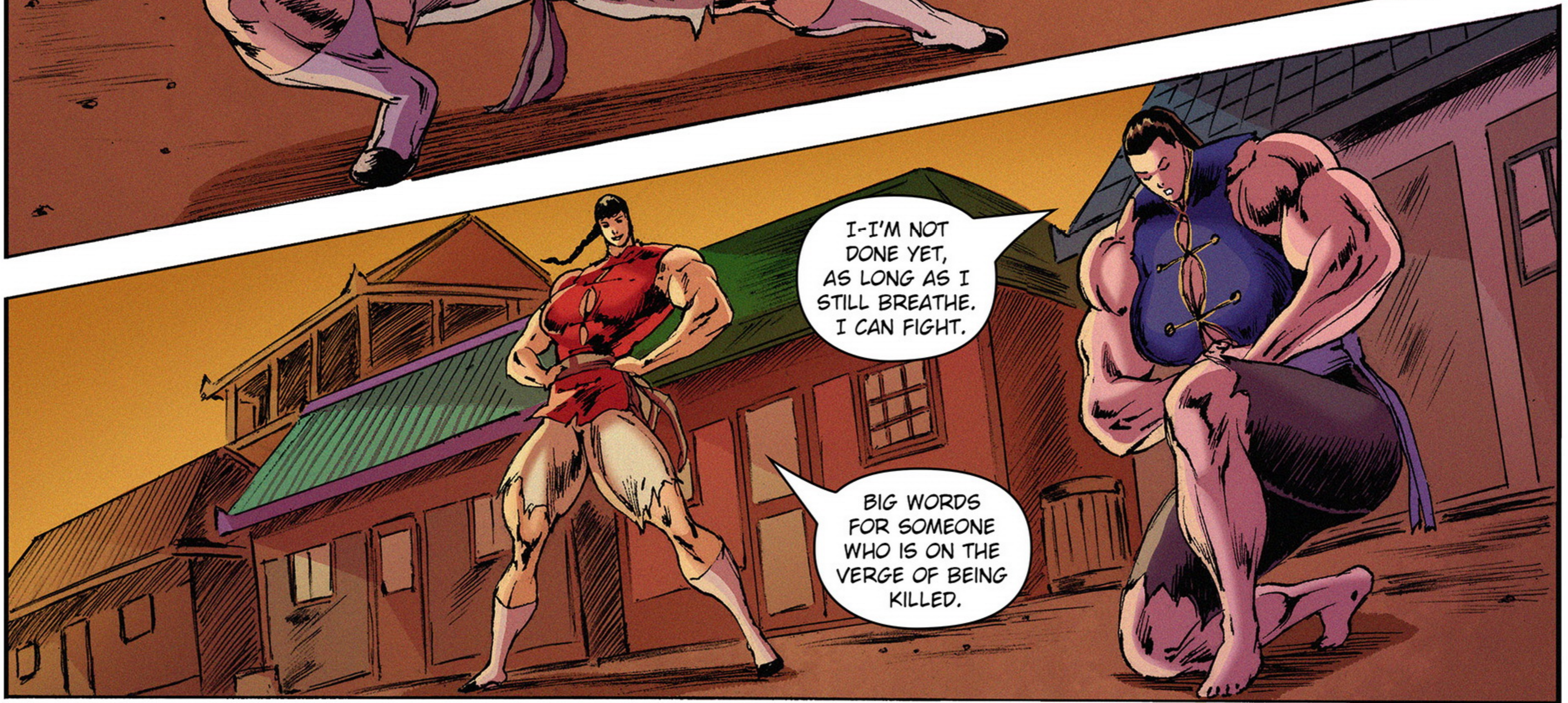
I VOWED TO PROTECT THESE PEOPLE. I CAN'T LET ANY OF THEM DOWN.

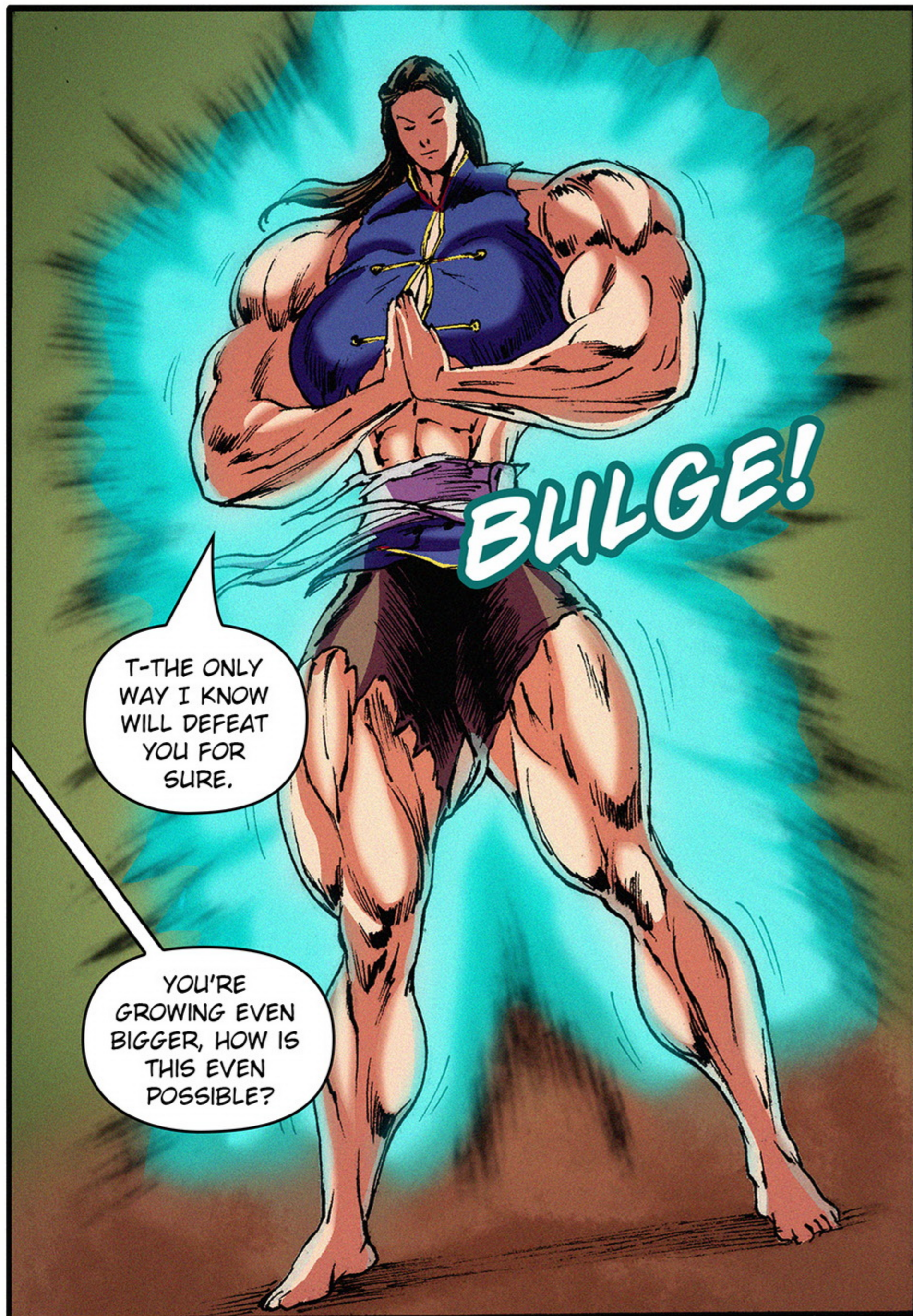


BUT HOW CAN I DEFEAT HER? I'M PRACTICALLY WALKING ON EGGSHELLS WHILE SHE HAS NO RESTRICTIONS.



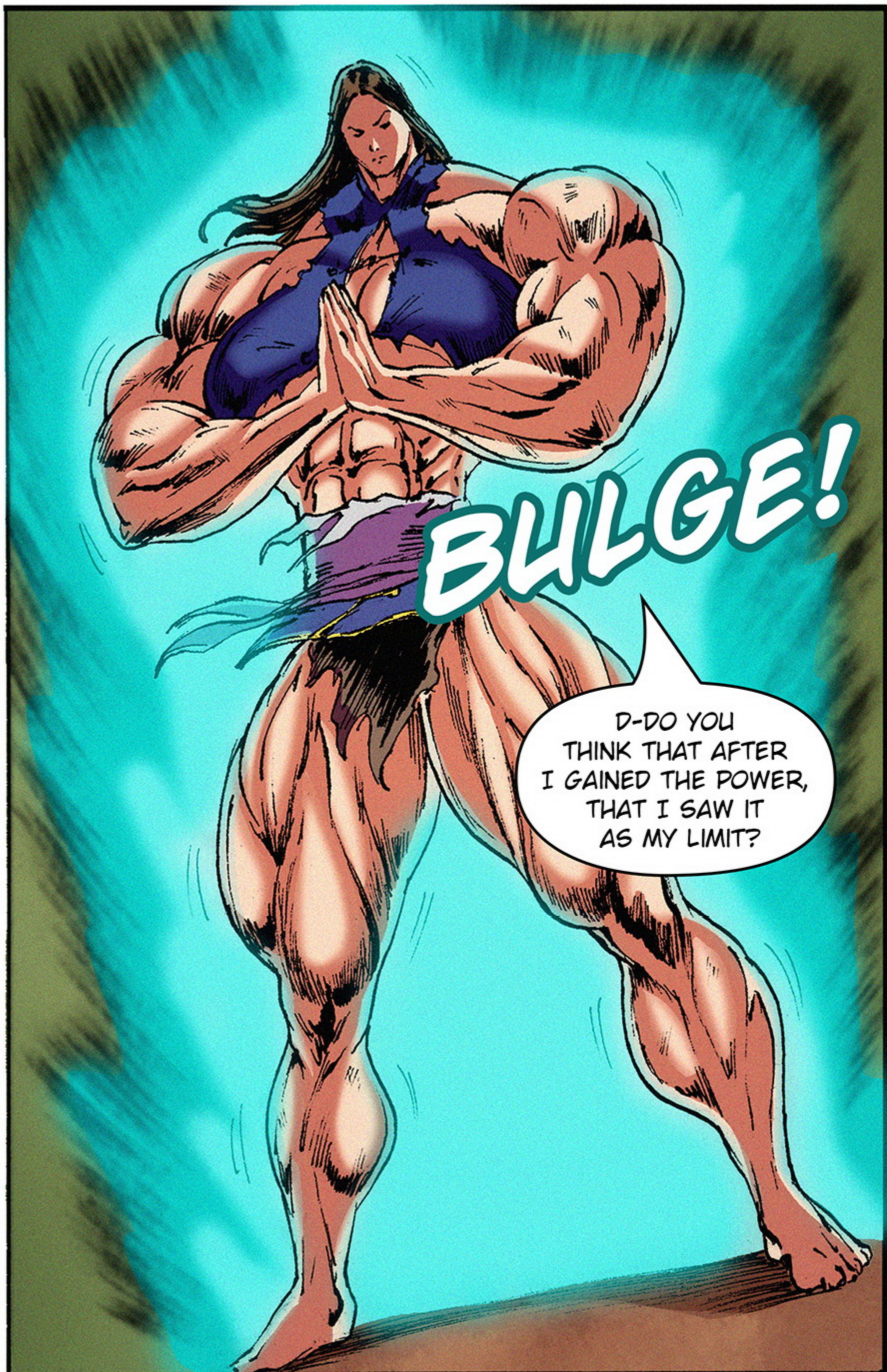
I MIGHT HAVE TO GO A LEVEL BEYOND.





T-THE ONLY WAY I KNOW WILL DEFEAT YOU FOR SURE.

YOU'RE GROWING EVEN BIGGER, HOW IS THIS EVEN POSSIBLE?



D-DO YOU THINK THAT AFTER I GAINED THE POWER, THAT I SAW IT AS MY LIMIT?

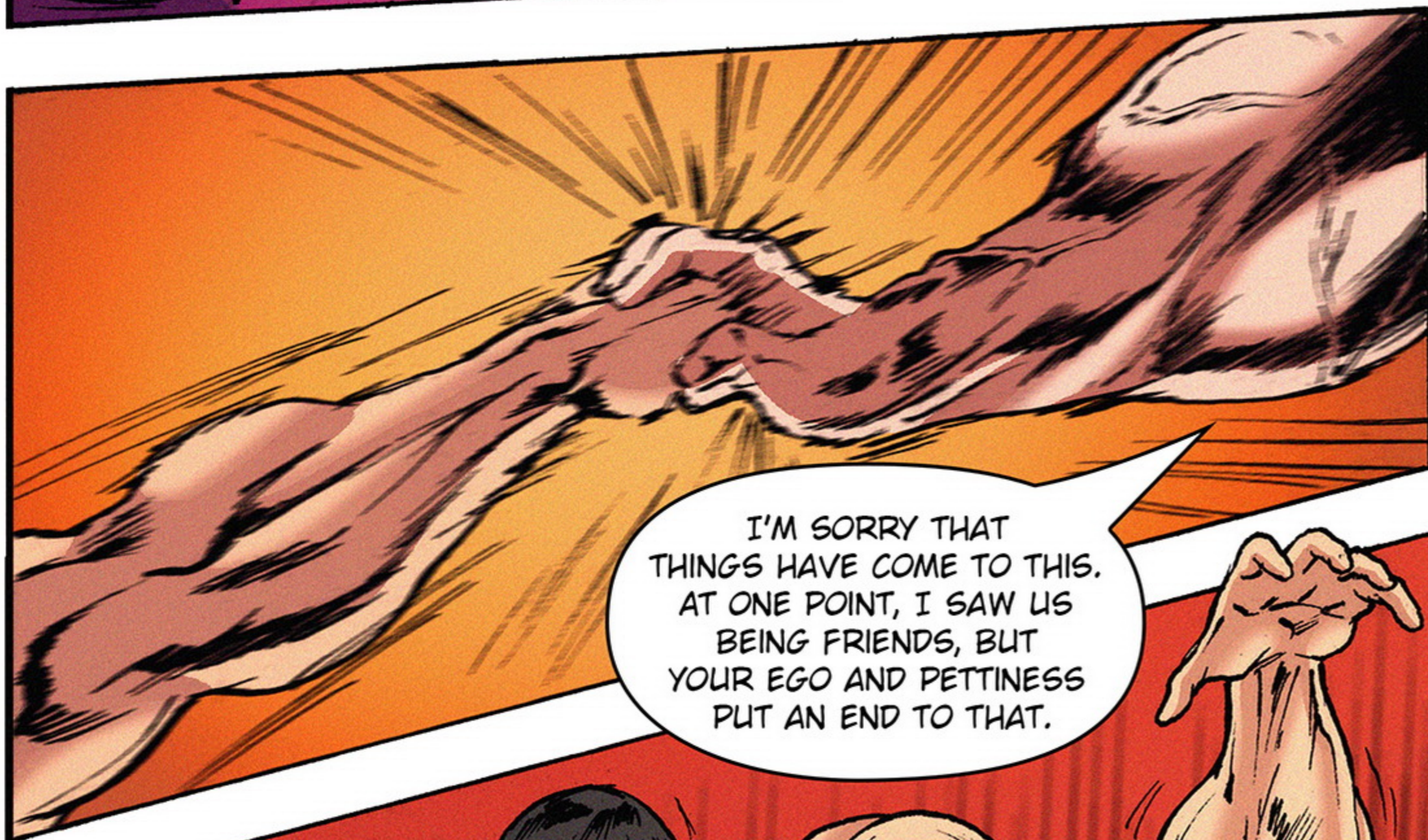


NO, I TRAINED EVERY DAY TO BREAK THROUGH THAT CEILING.

BY THE GODS!



AND DISCOVERED A FORM BEYOND WHAT I HAD BEFORE.



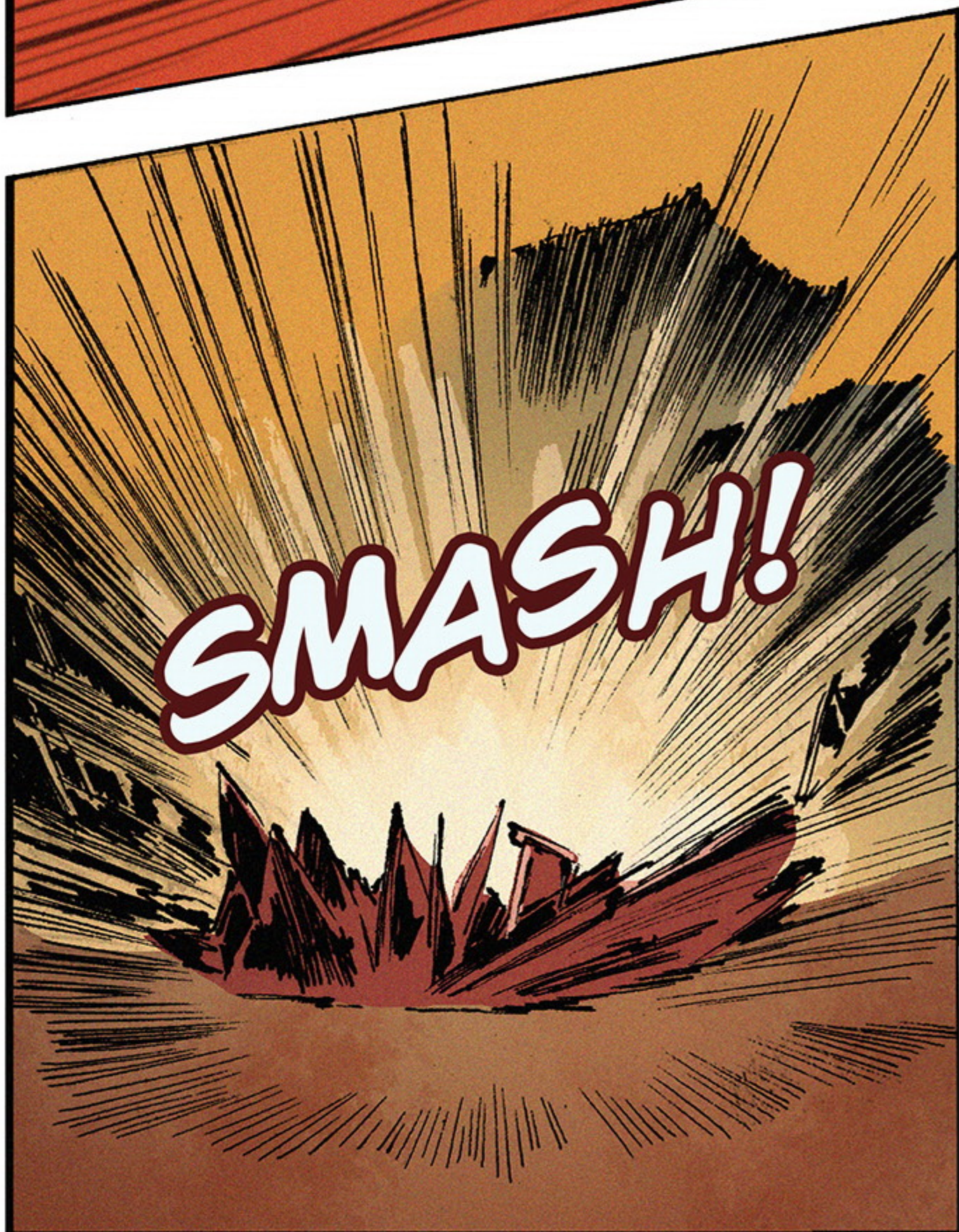
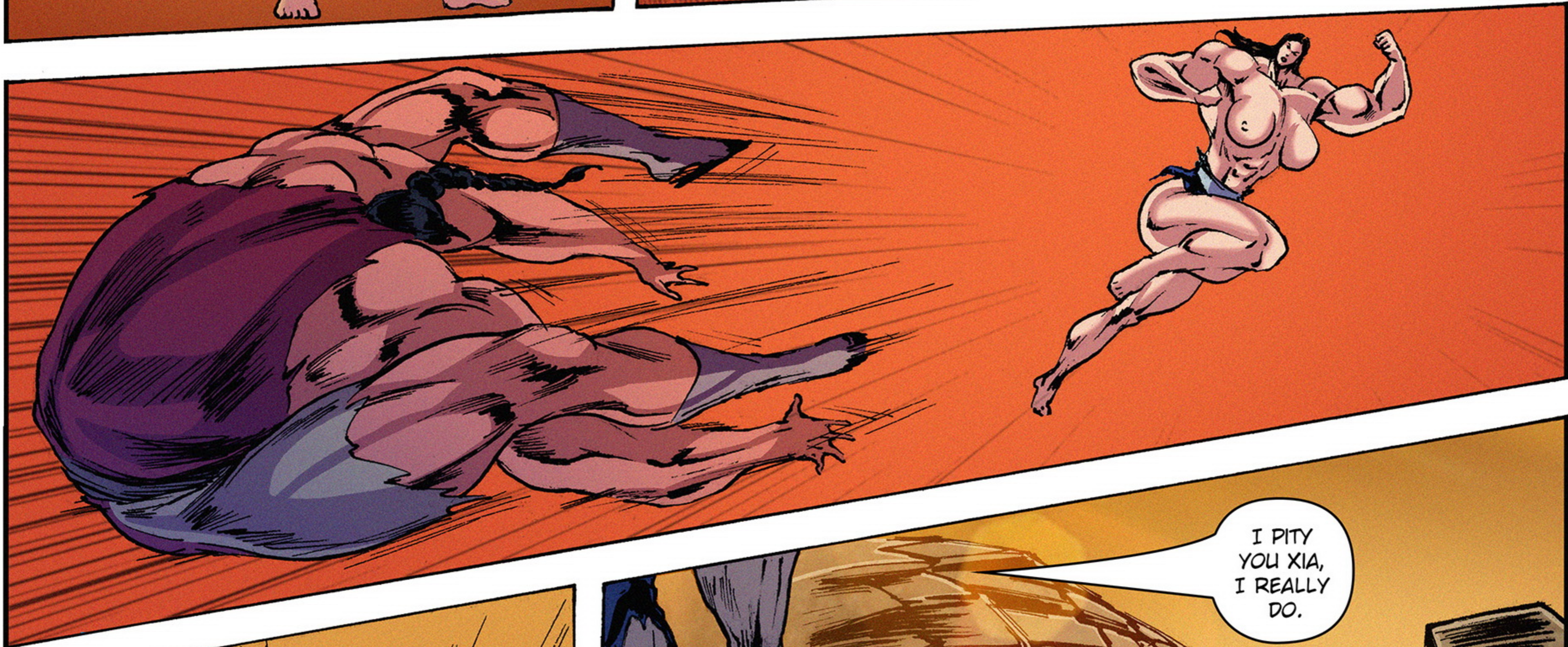


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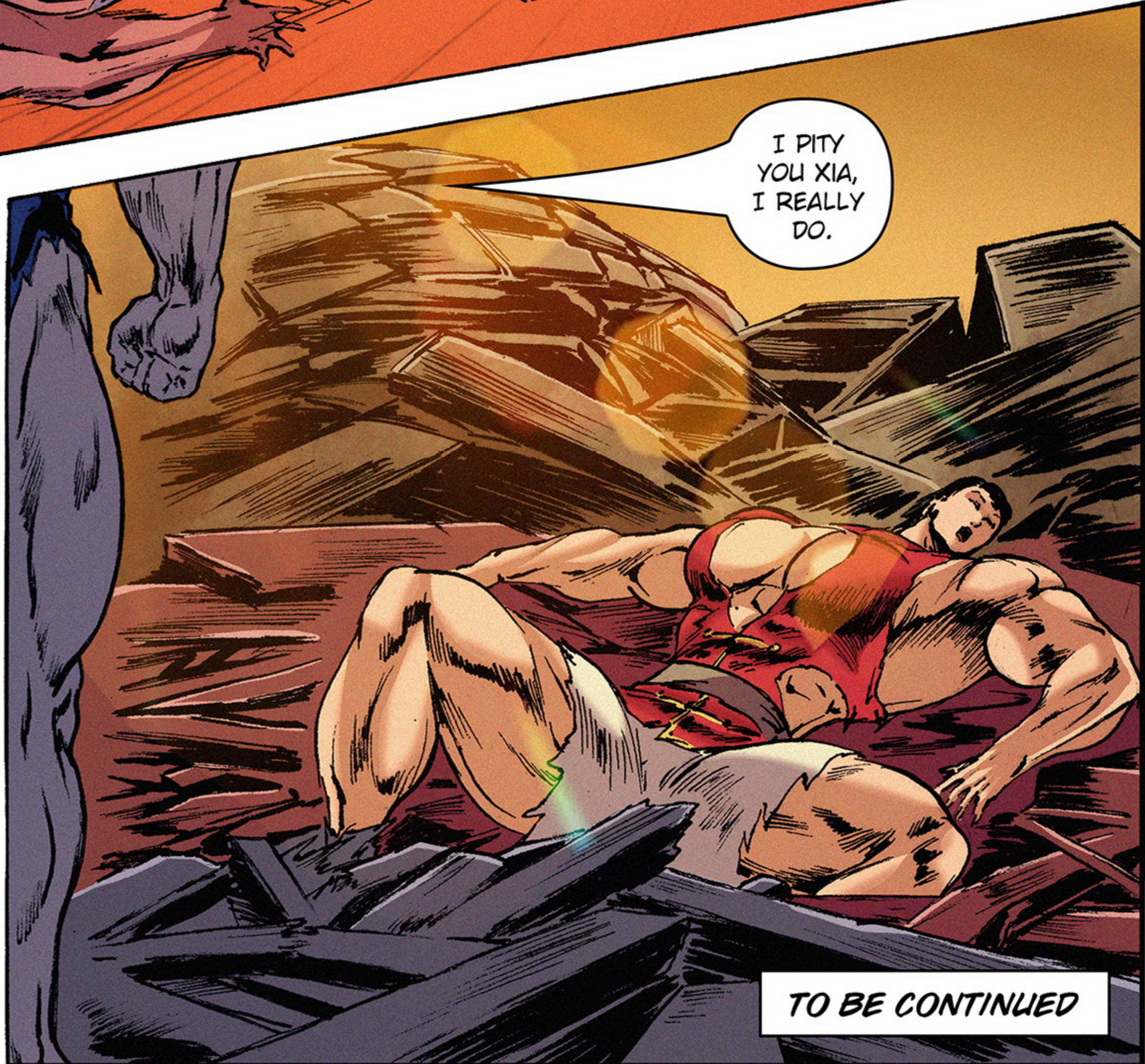
YOU COULD HAVE BEEN A GREAT FIGHTER, AND YET YOU ALLOWED YOUR JEALOUSY OF ME TO GET THE BETTER OF YOU.



BUT NOW IT'S TIME TO PUT THIS TO AN END.



SMASH!



I PITY YOU XIA, I REALLY DO.

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Following her defeat last issue, Xia plots her next move.

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Meanwhile, Lumin finds herself unable to control the flow of her chi as her body begins to rapidly swell with power...

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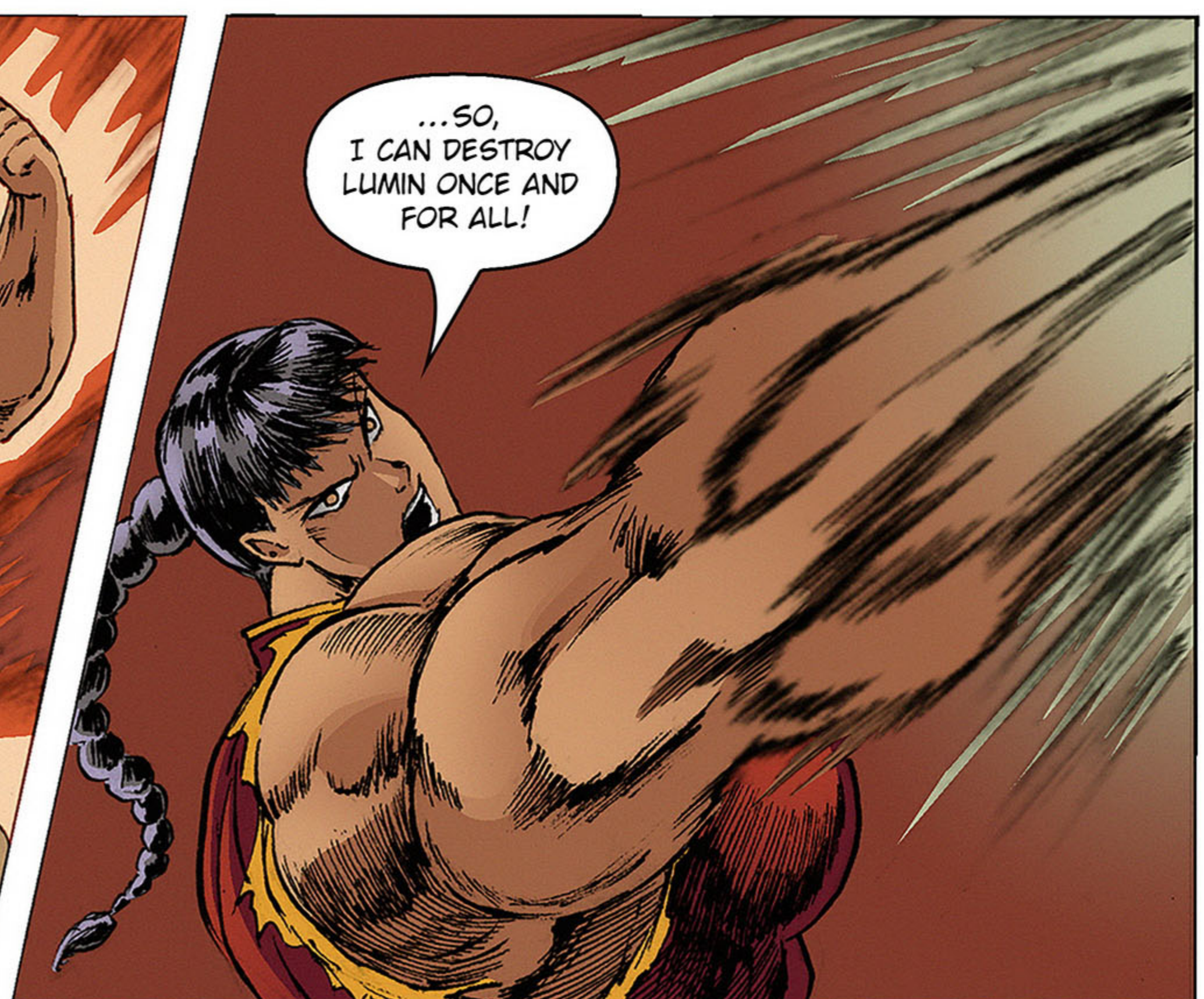
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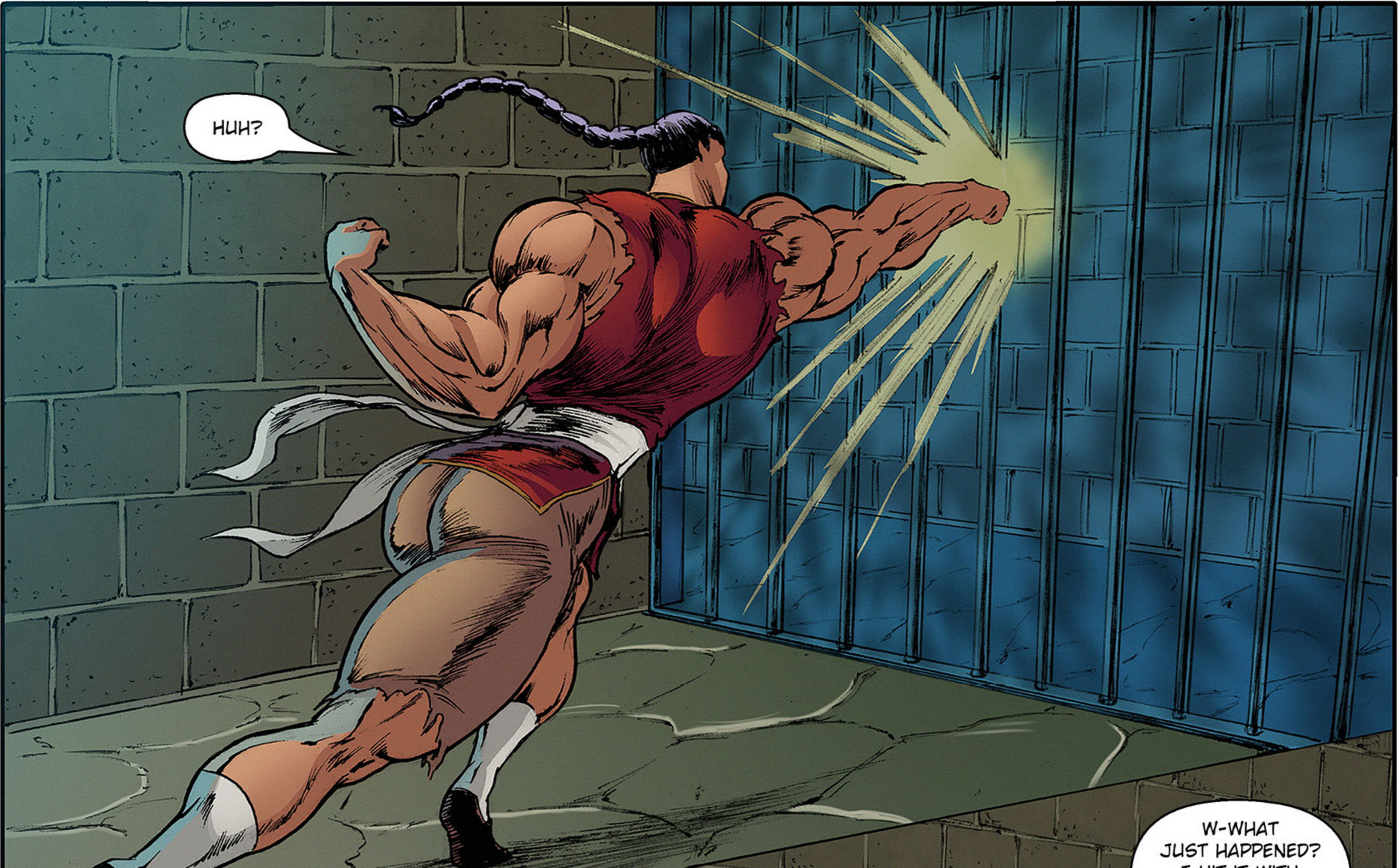


OH,
MY HEAD HURTS.
THE LAST THING
I REMEMBER IS...



THAT'S RIGHT,
THAT BITCH LUMIN
DEFEATED ME
BY USING AN
UNDERHANDED TRICK.
I'M GOING TO MAKE
HER PAY FOR
THAT!





HUH?

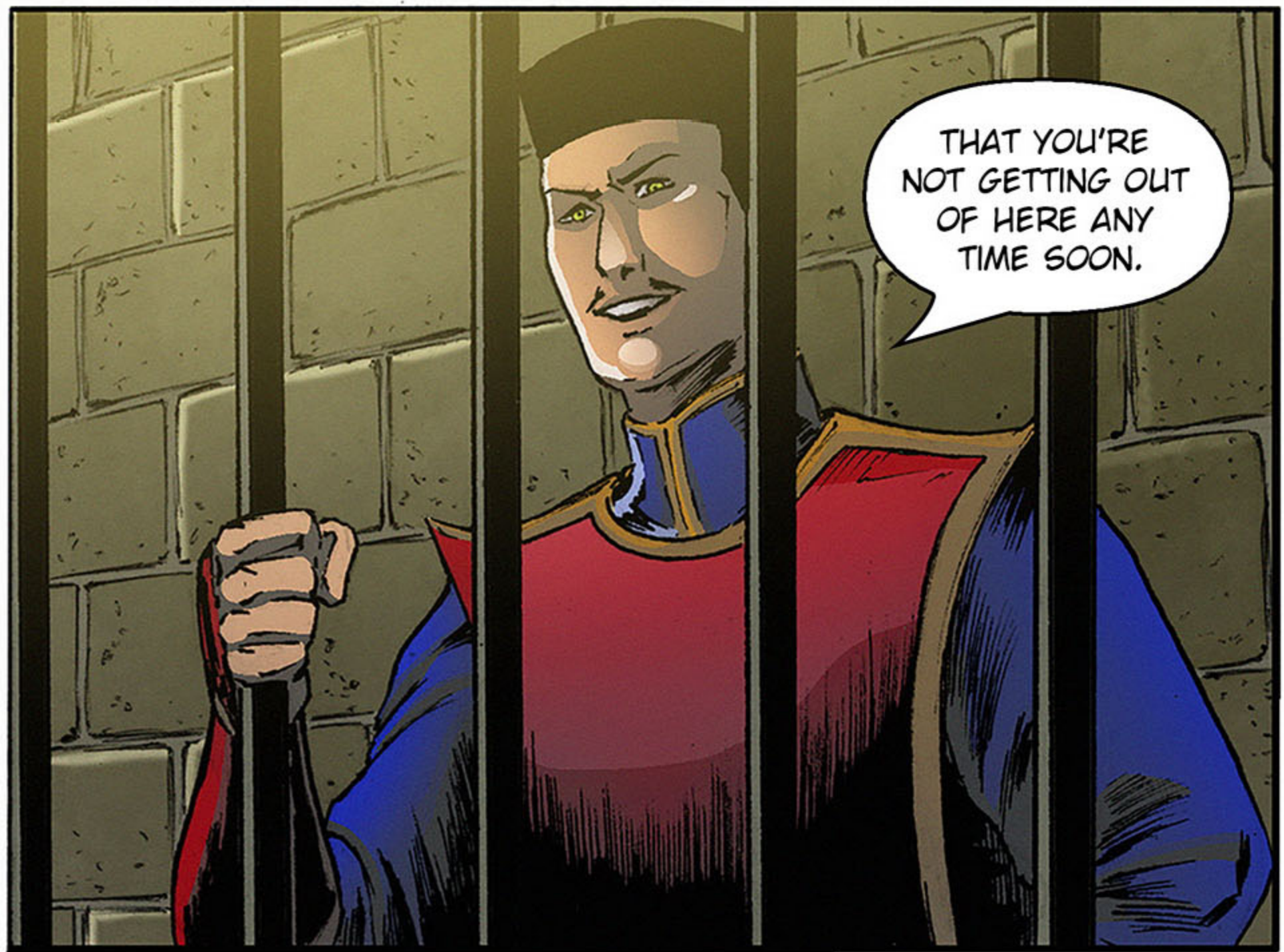


W-WHAT JUST HAPPENED? I HIT IT WITH ENOUGH STRENGTH TO TURN IT TO DUST.

AH, SO YOU HAD TO LEARN THE HARD WAY...



THUD!!!



THAT YOU'RE NOT GETTING OUT OF HERE ANY TIME SOON.



THIS CELL WAS DESIGNED TO CONTAIN LUMIN IF SHE EVER WENT ROGUE...



NEVER THOUGHT THAT WE WOULD ACTUALLY NEED THIS CELL. BUT THEN AGAIN, I DIDN'T THINK THERE WOULD BE ANYONE ELSE LIKE HER.



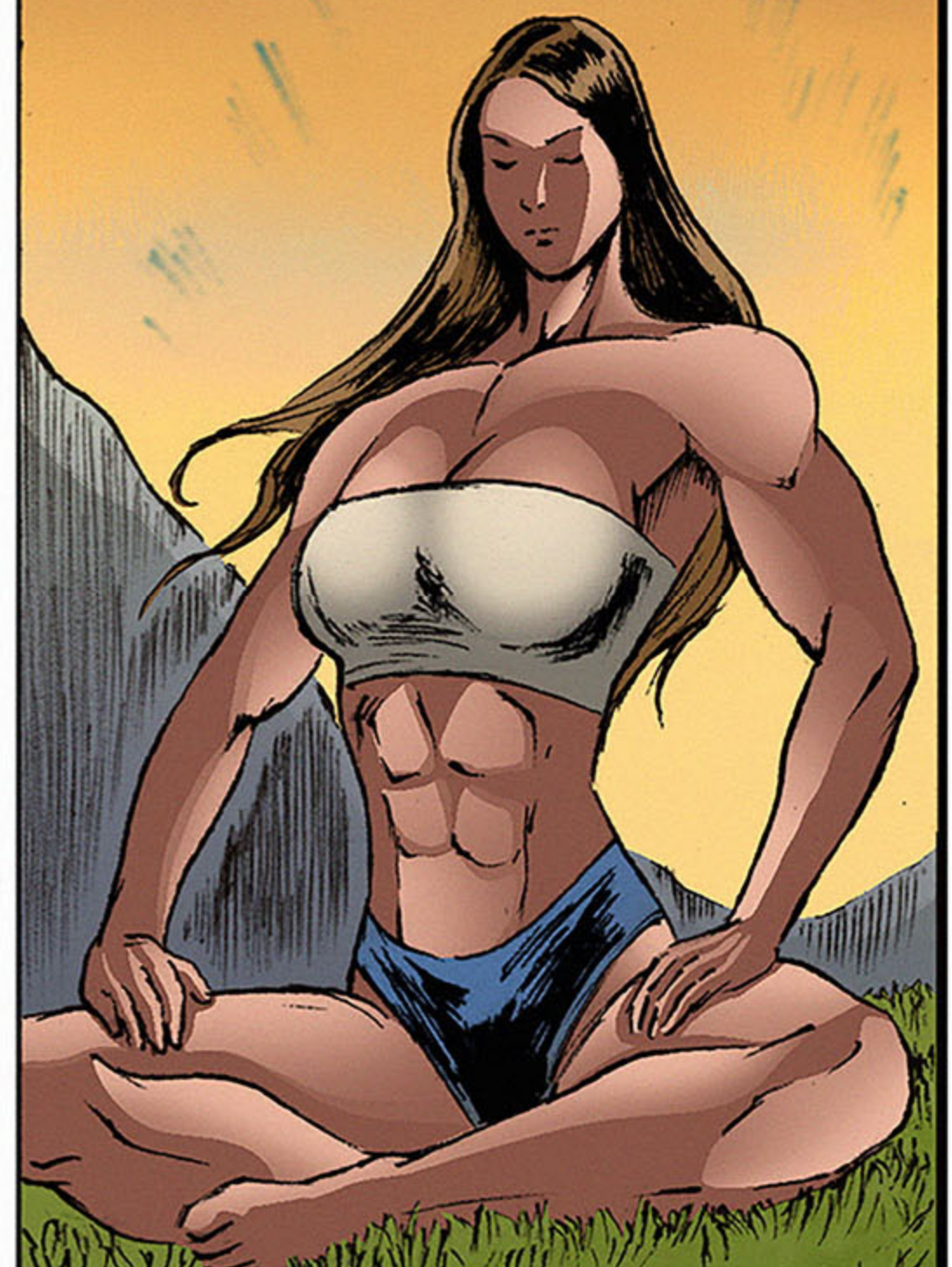
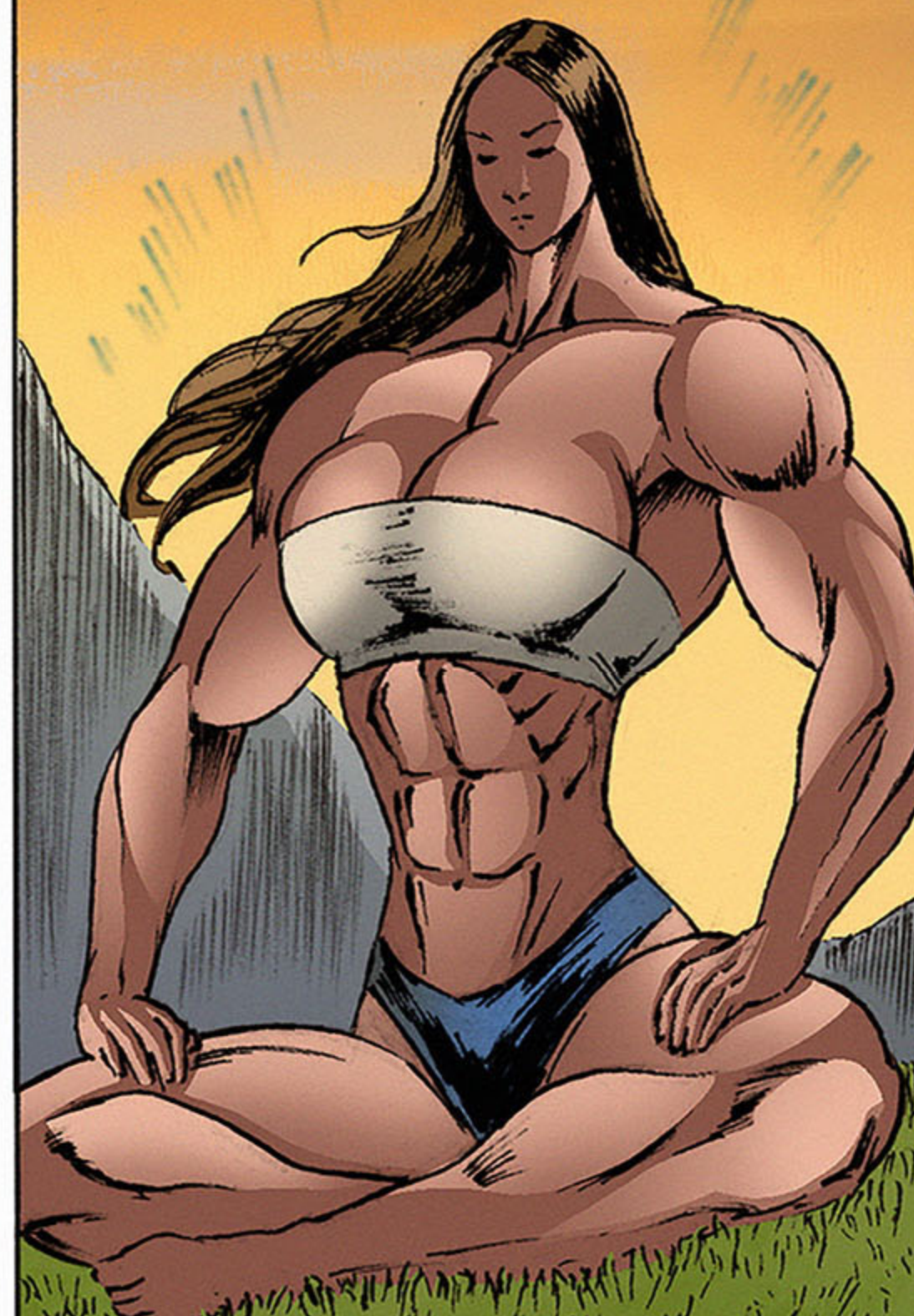
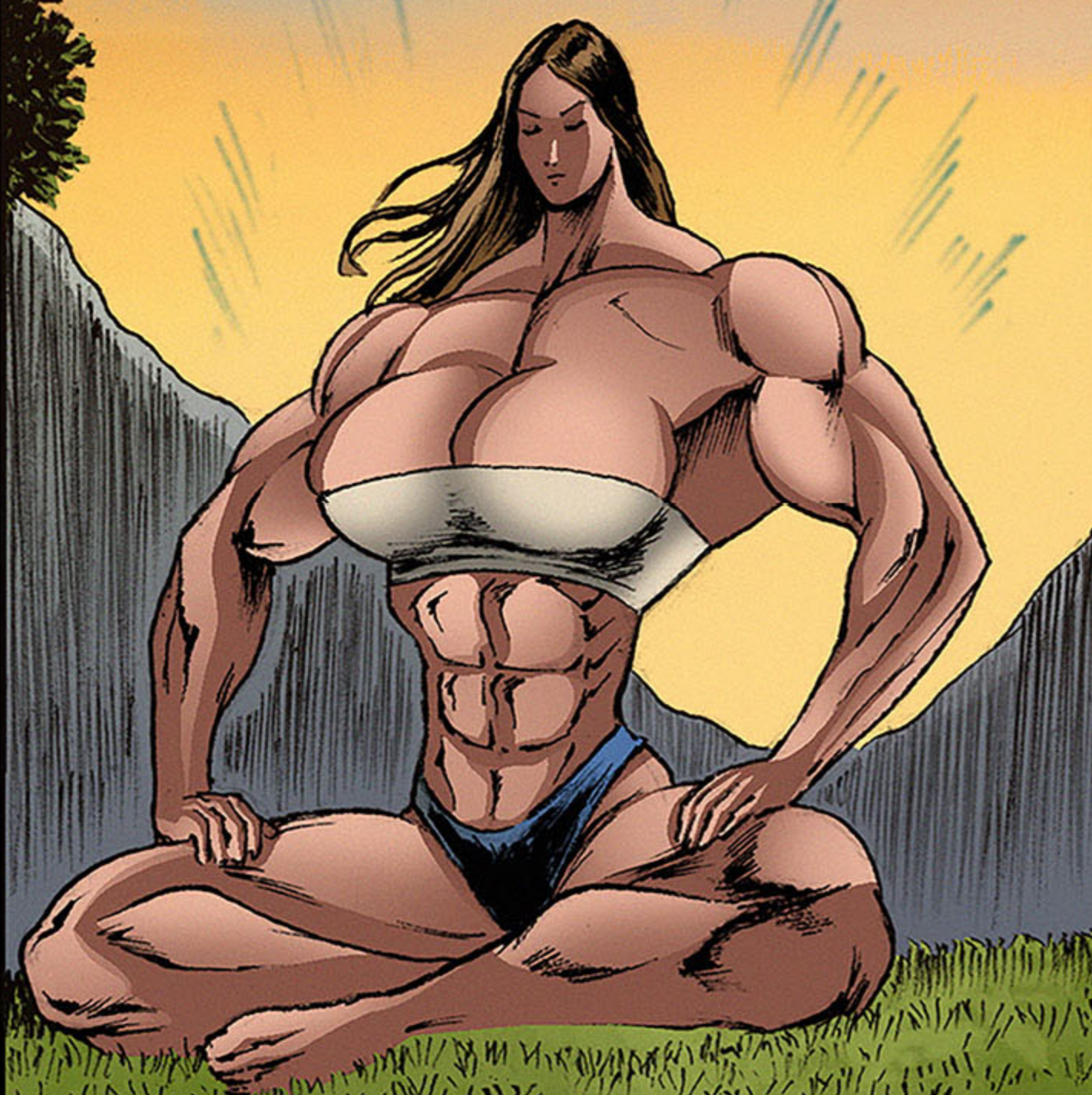
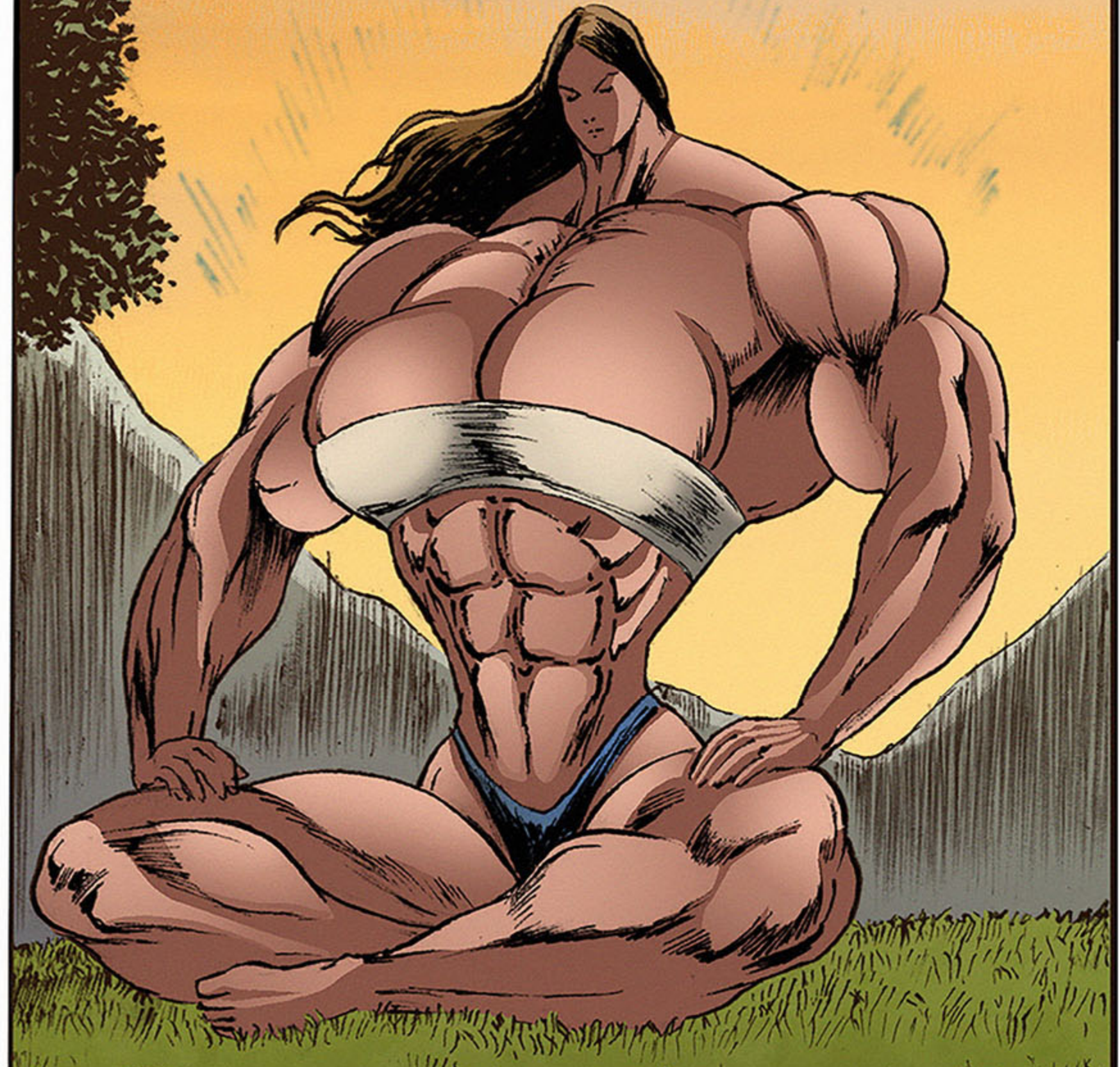
DON'T COMPARE ME TO HER. I'LL BE OUT OF HERE AND THEN I'M GOING TO KILL YOU!

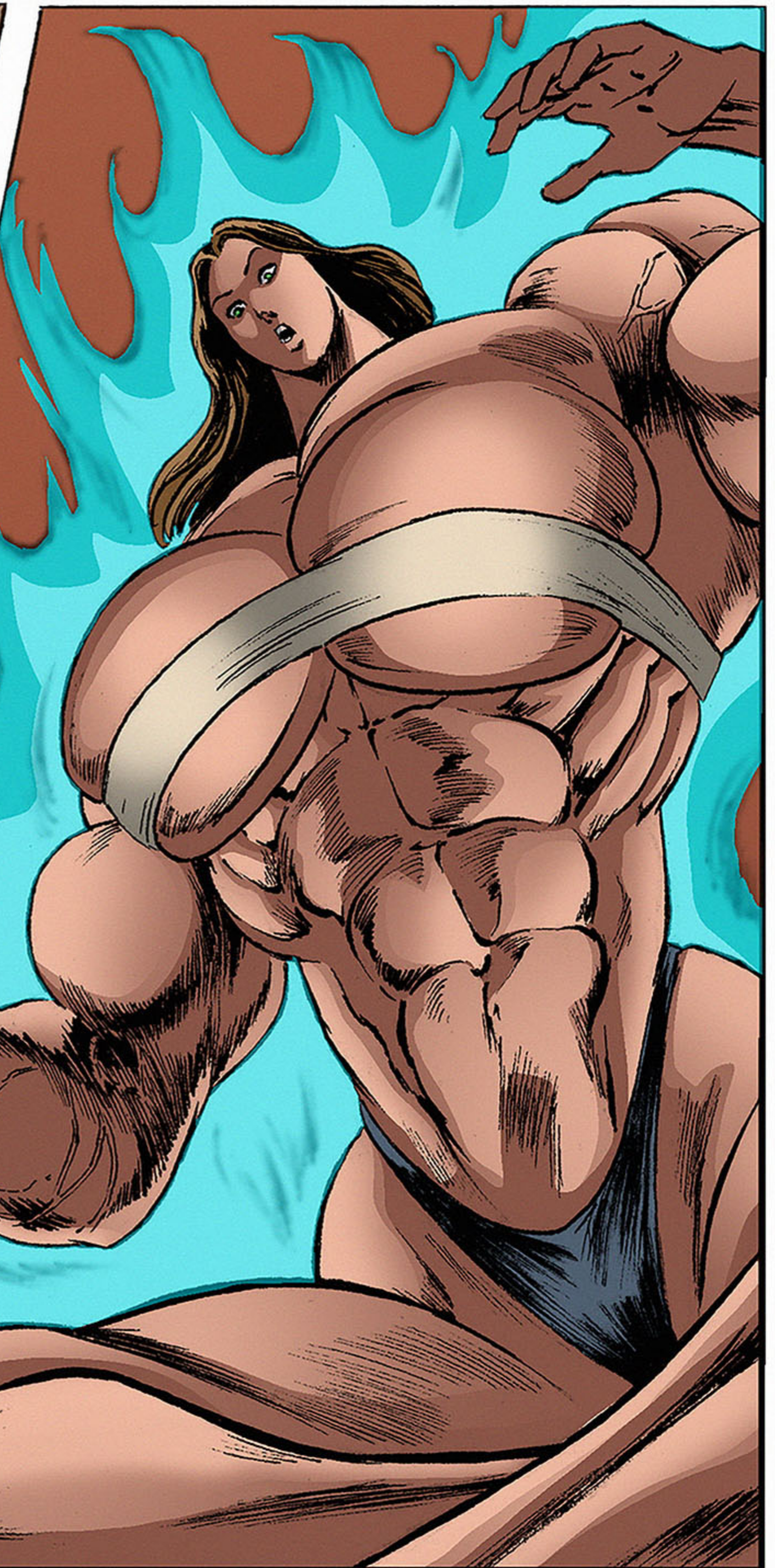
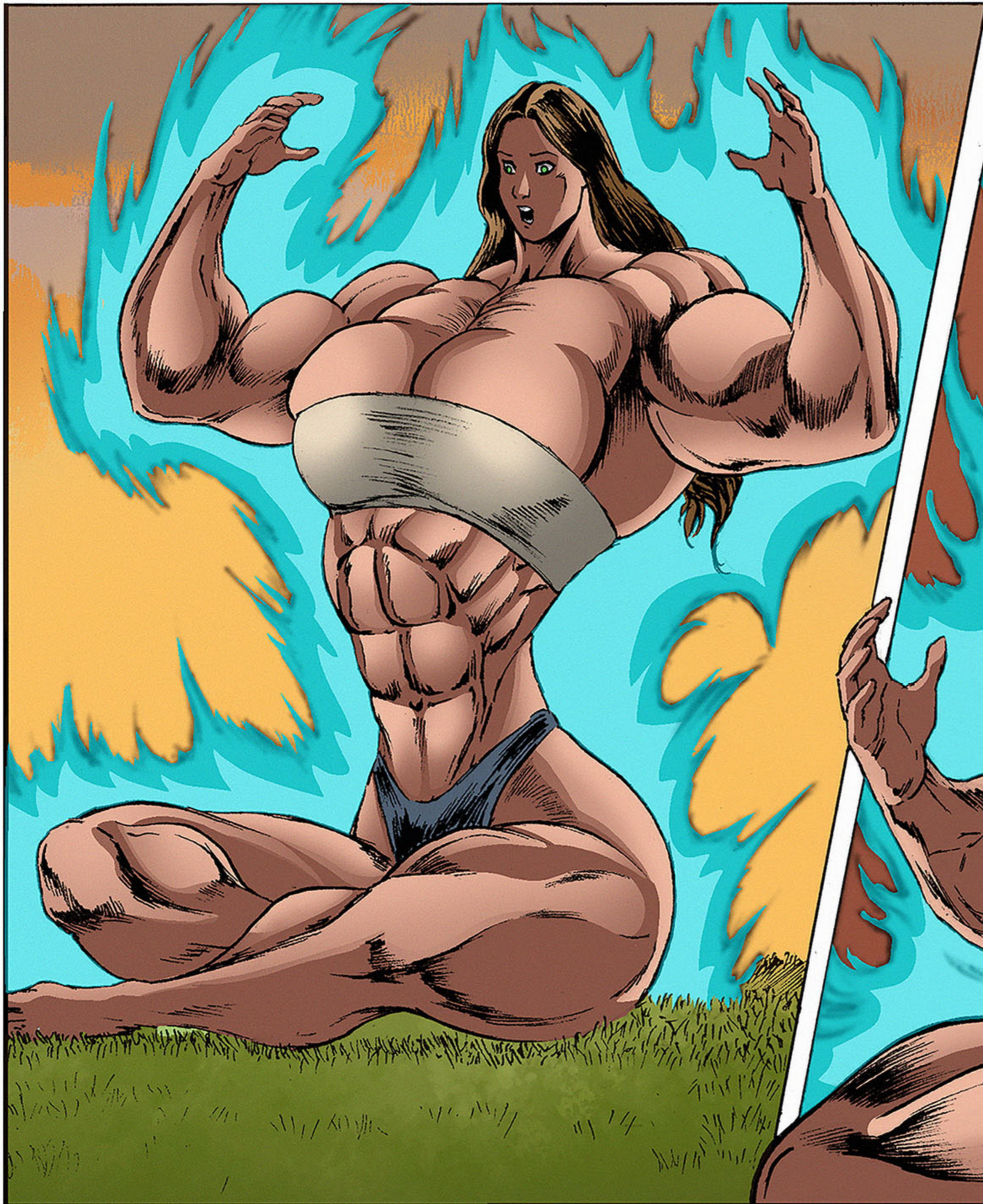
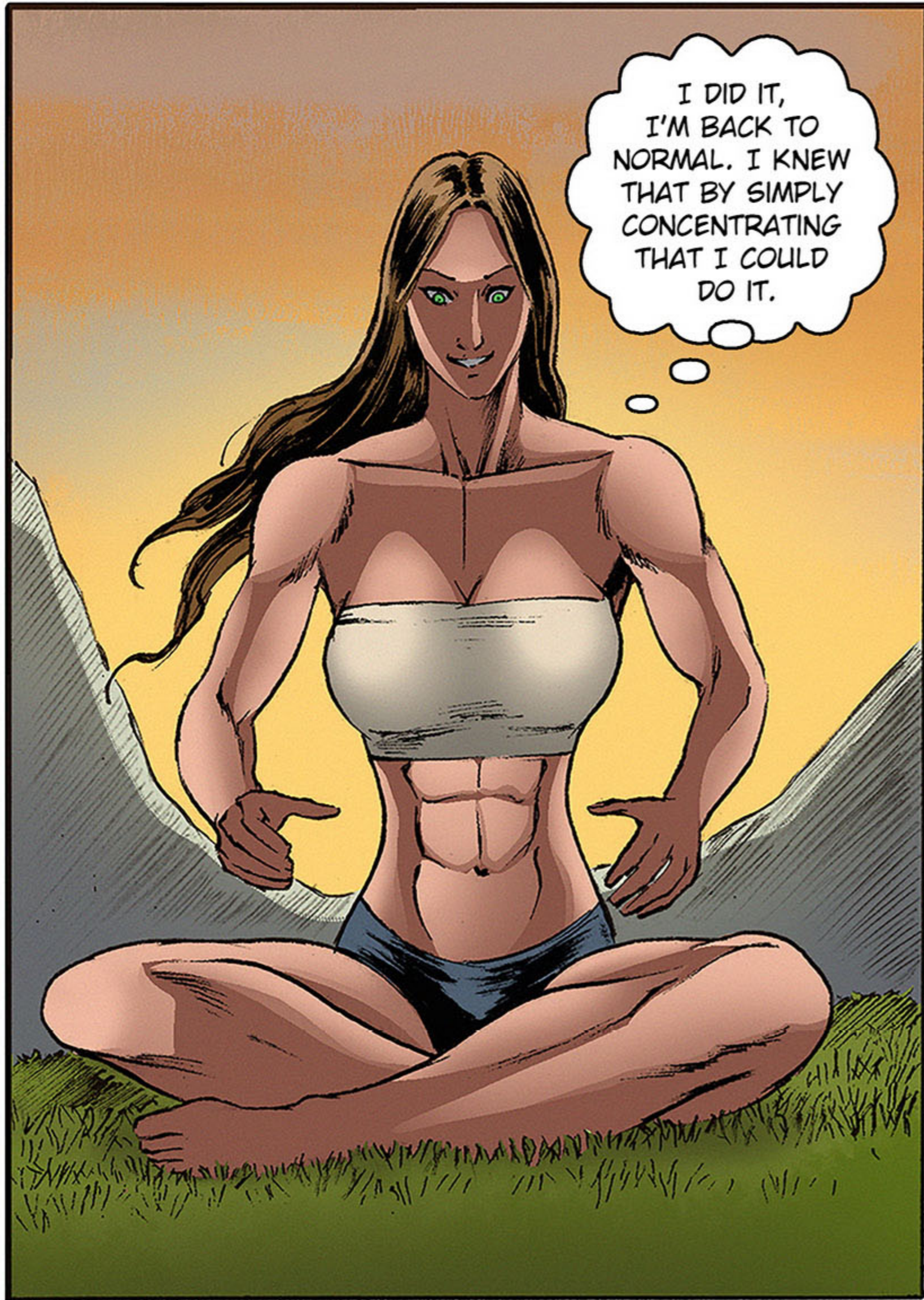
GOOD LUCK WITH THAT. THIS CELL IS IMBUED WITH MAGIC THAT PREVENTS ANYONE GETTING OUT BY FORCE.



ONE WAY OR ANOTHER, I WILL GET OUT OF THIS CELL, AND THEN I WILL KILL YOU AND LUMIN!

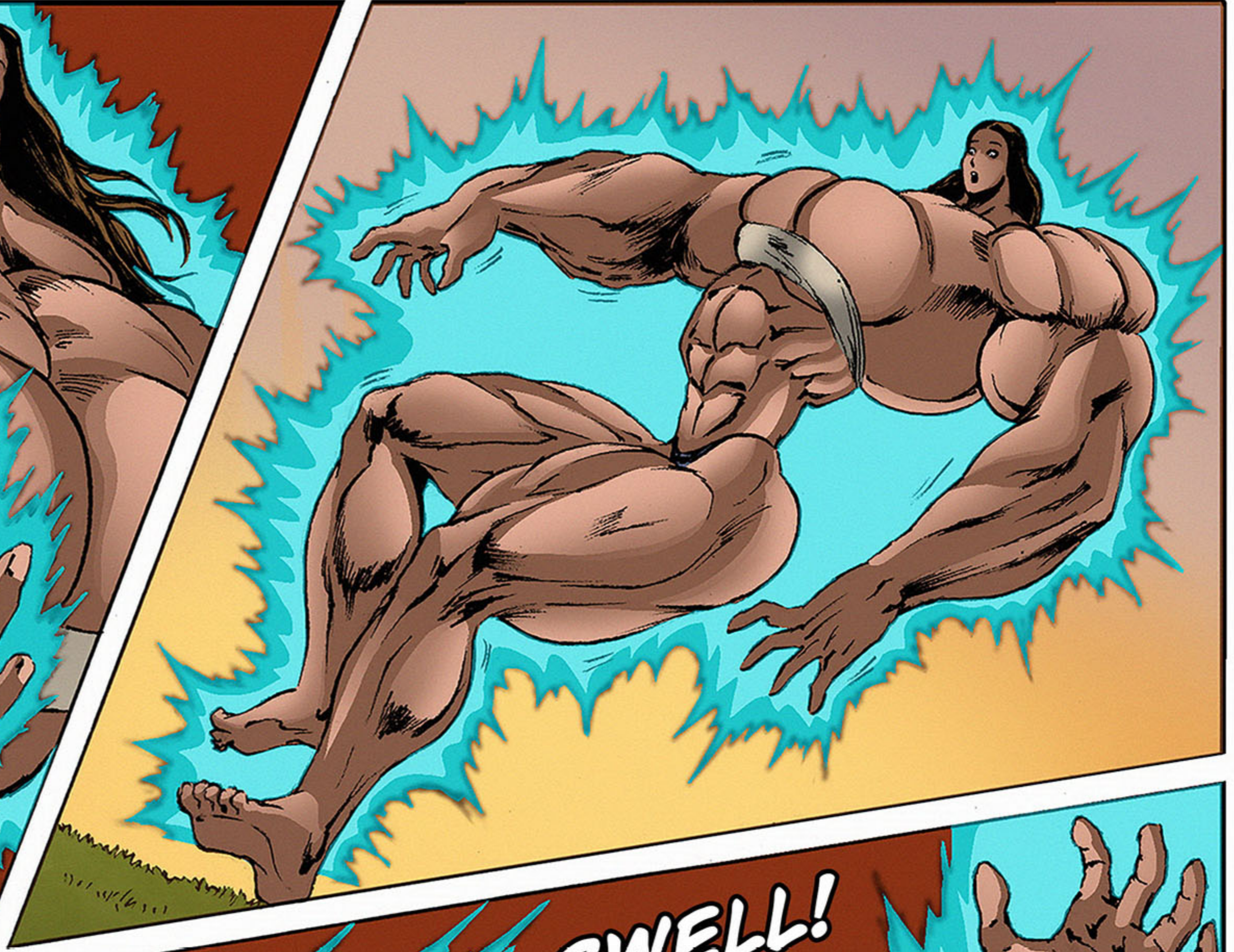
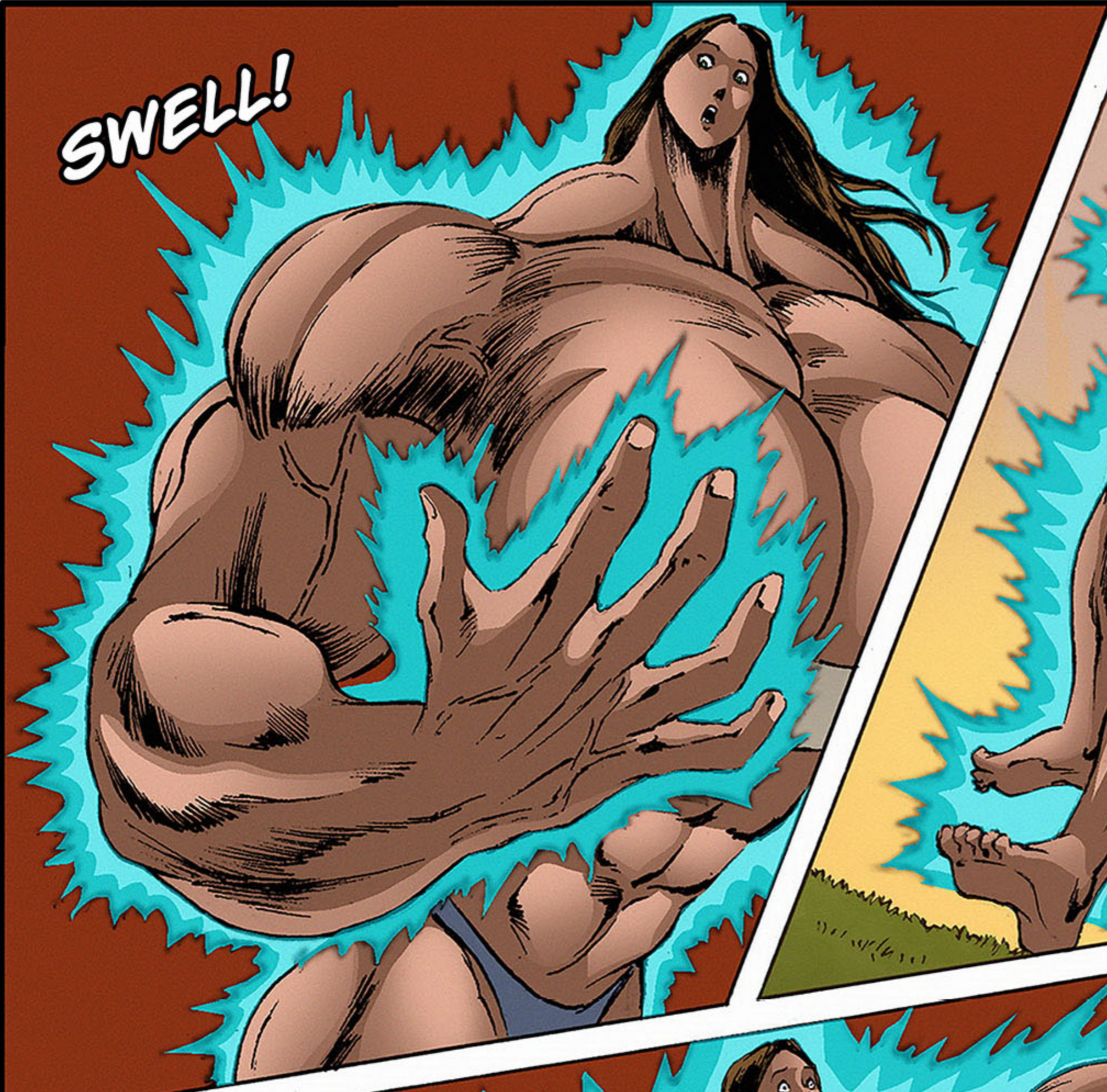
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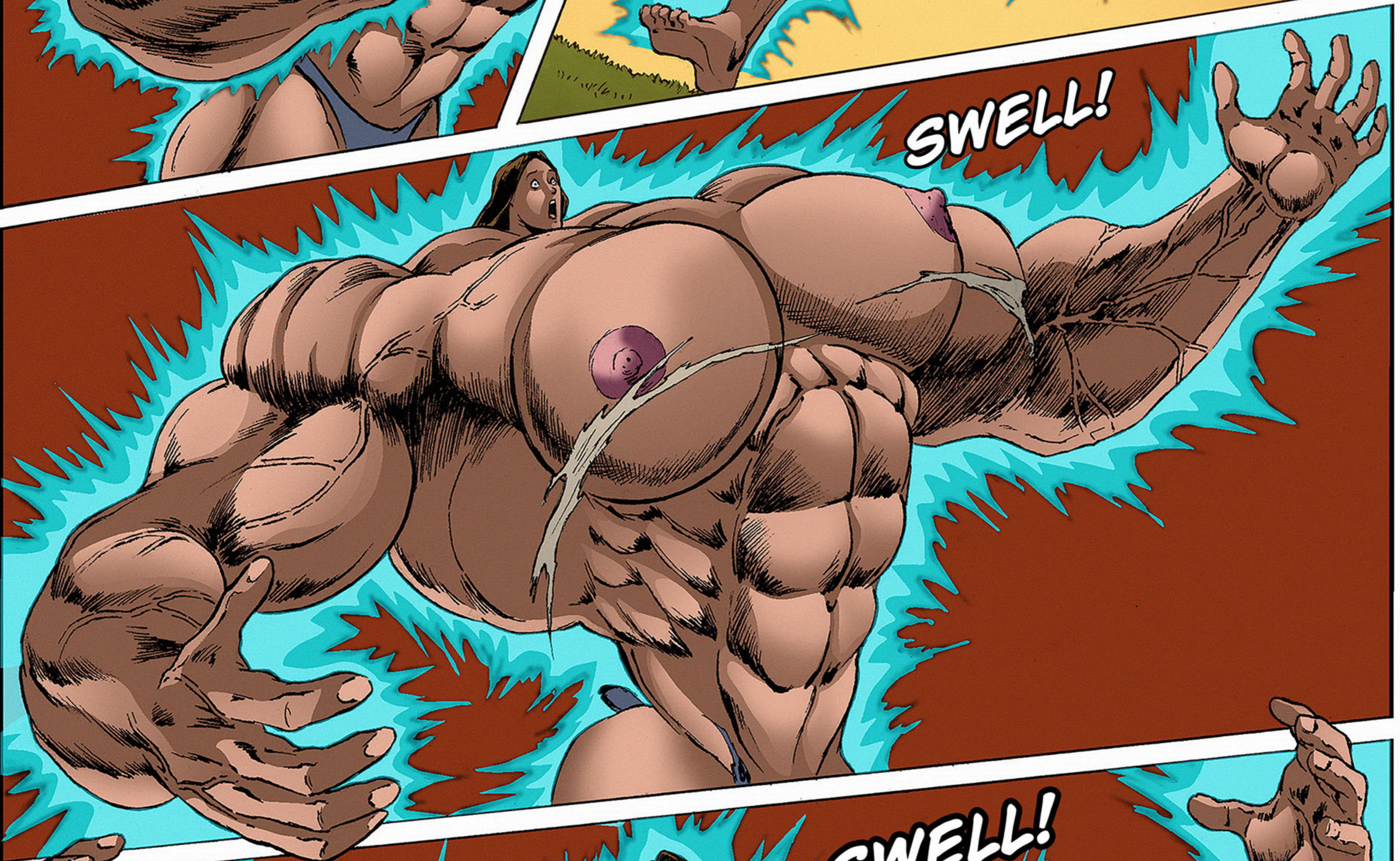




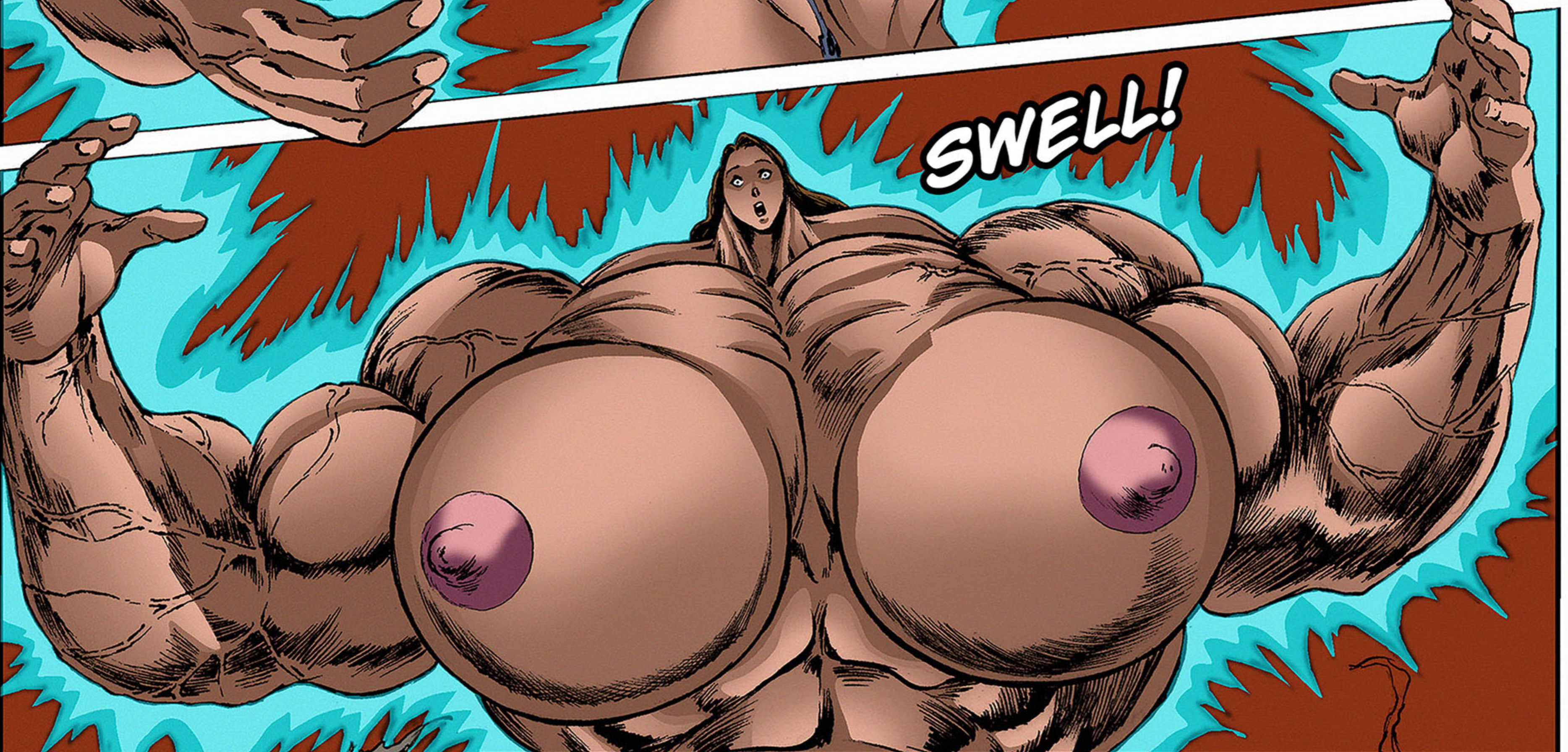
SWELL!



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I'M ABSOLUTELY
ENORMOUS!





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With her muscles continuing to grow, Lumin must figure out a way to bring her chi back under her control.

Meanwhile, Xia regains her powers and attempts a jailbreak!

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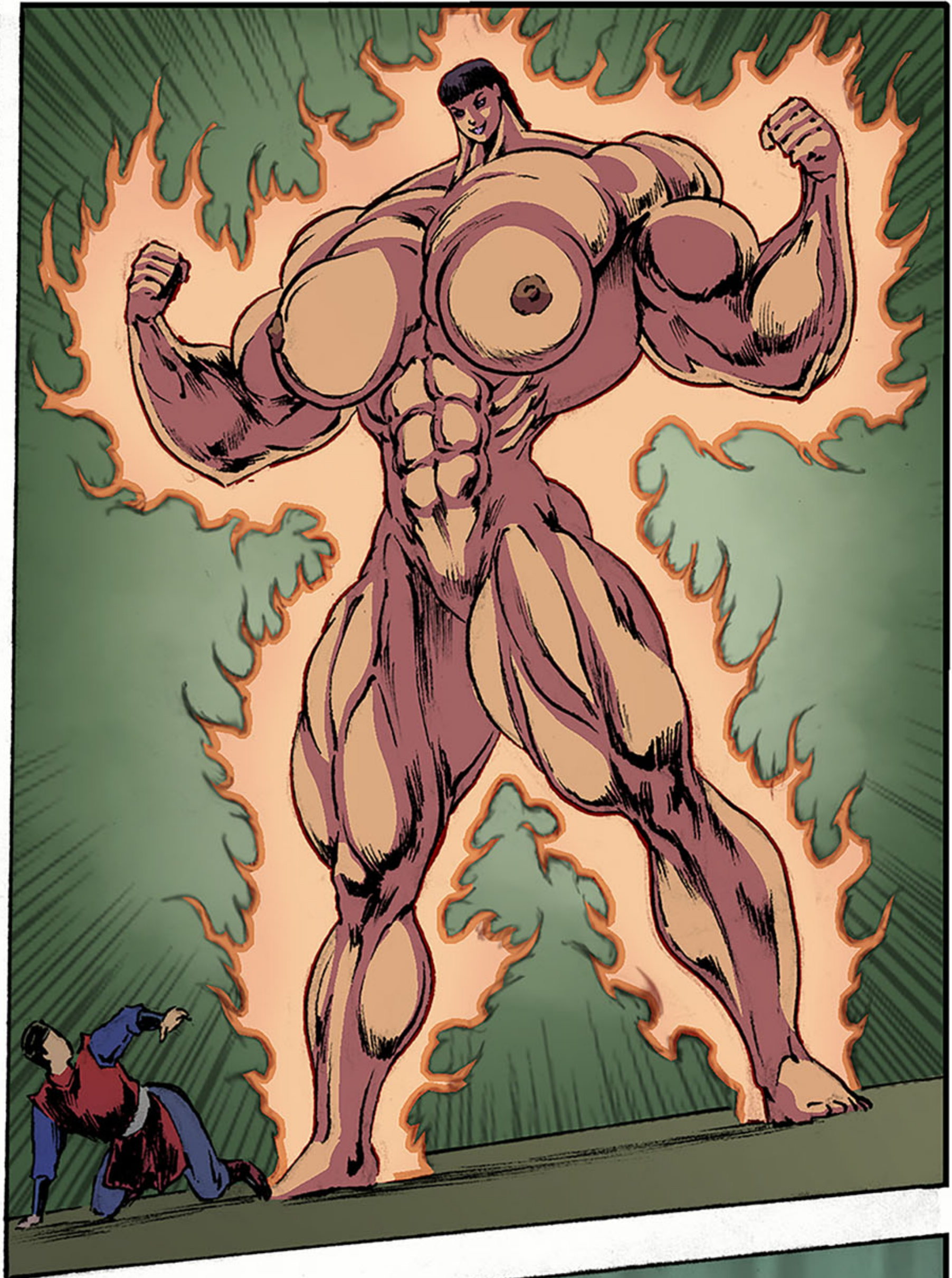
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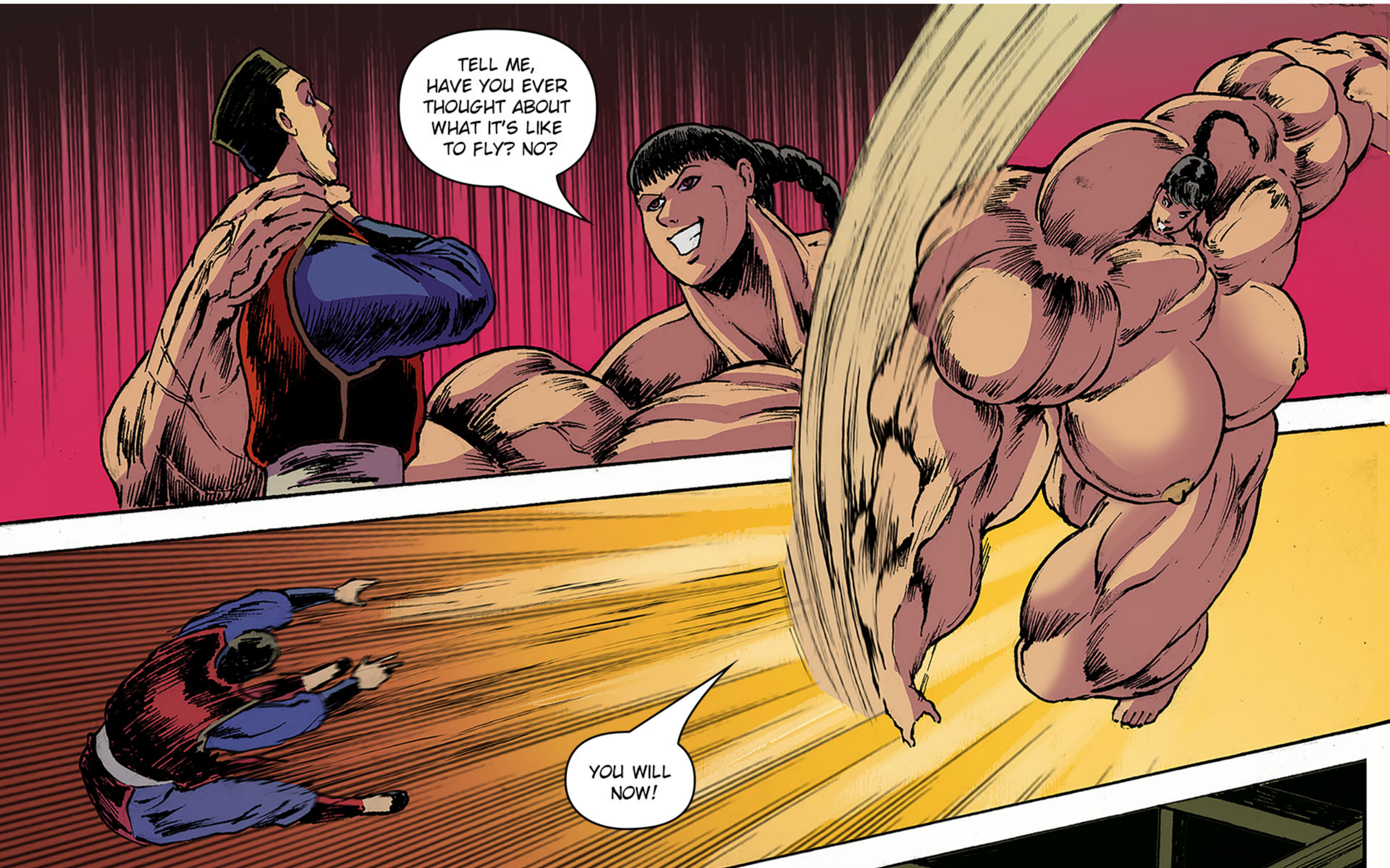
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HAVE YOU EVER
THOUGHT ABOUT
WHAT IT'S LIKE
TO FLY? NO?

YOU WILL
NOW!

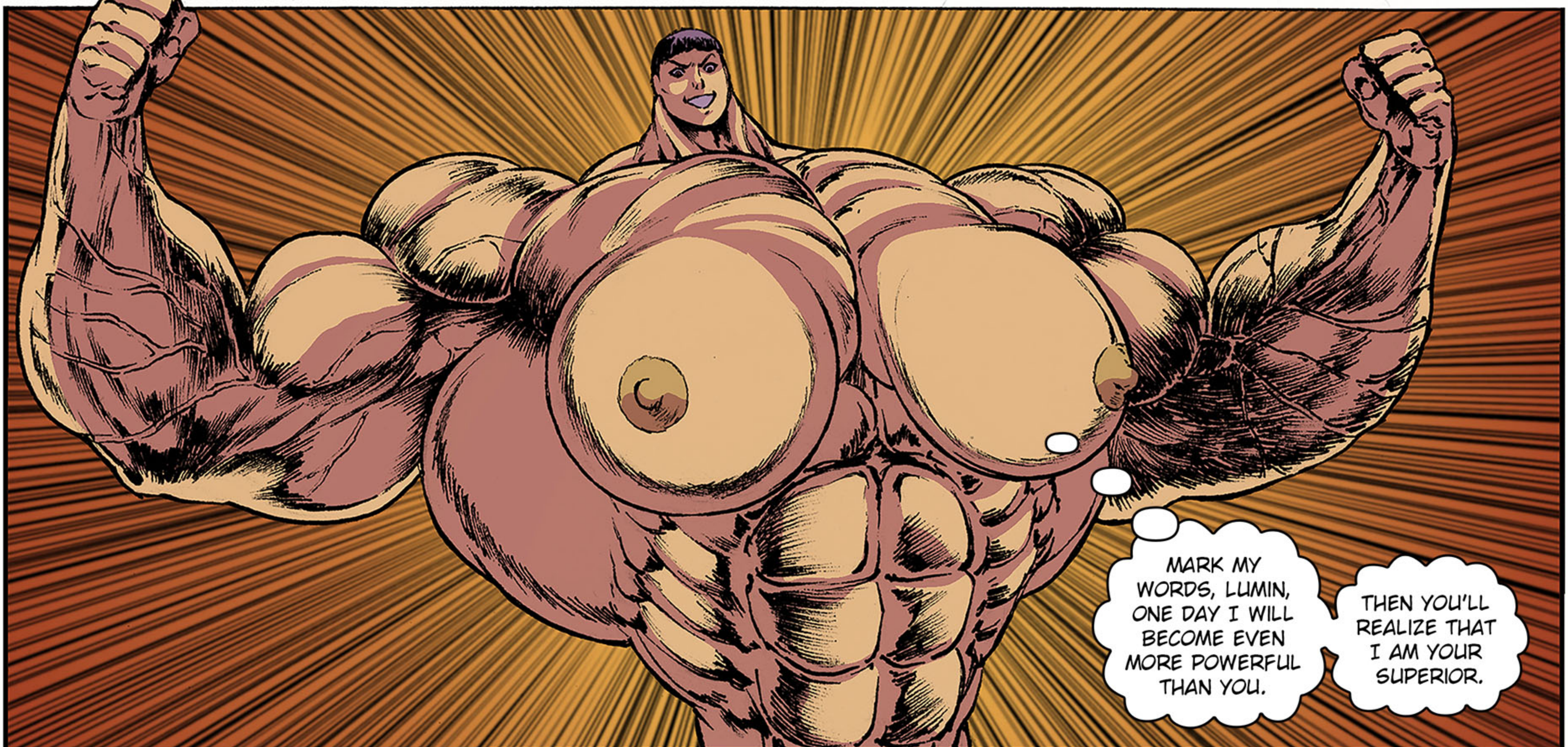
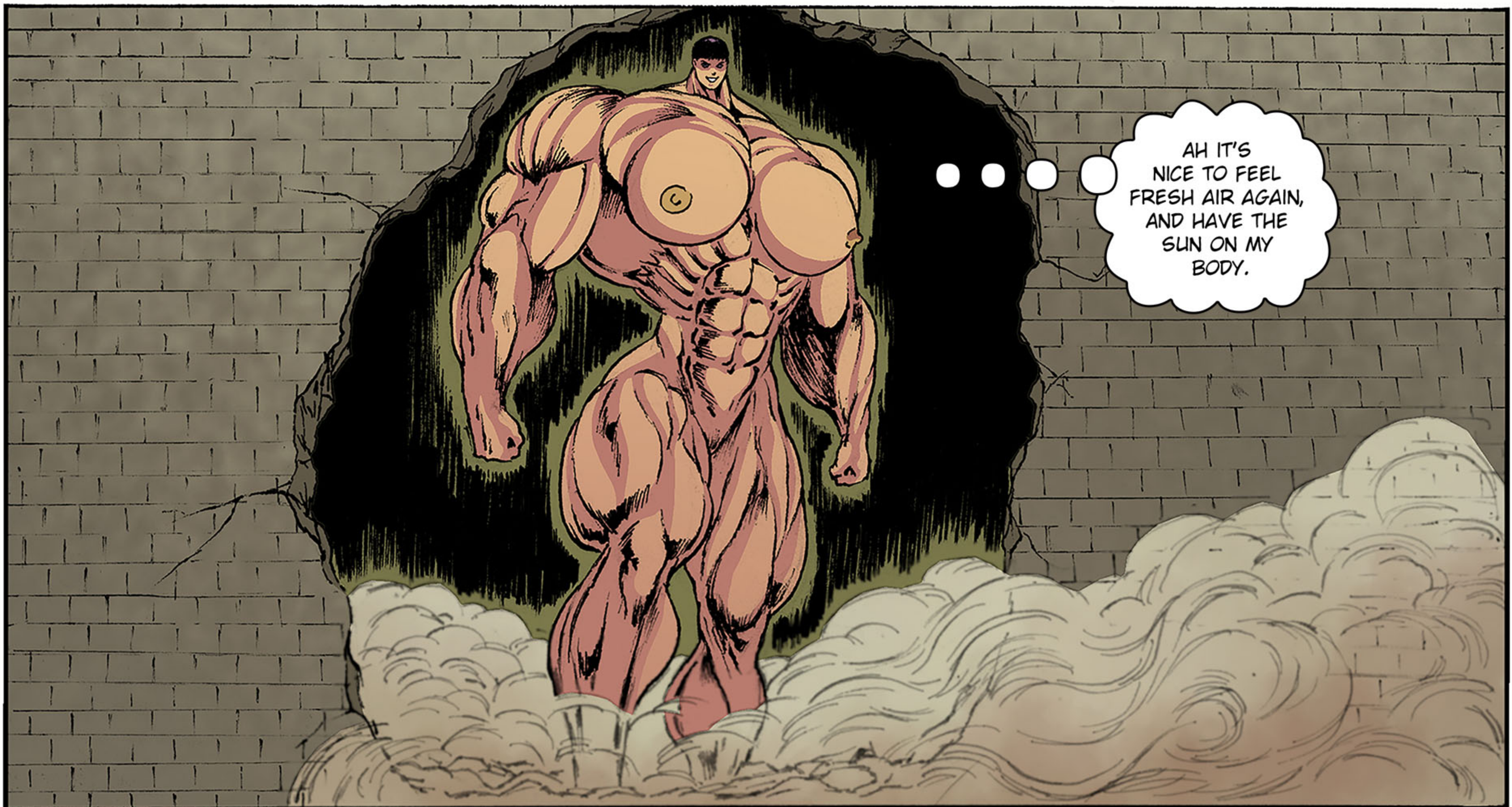
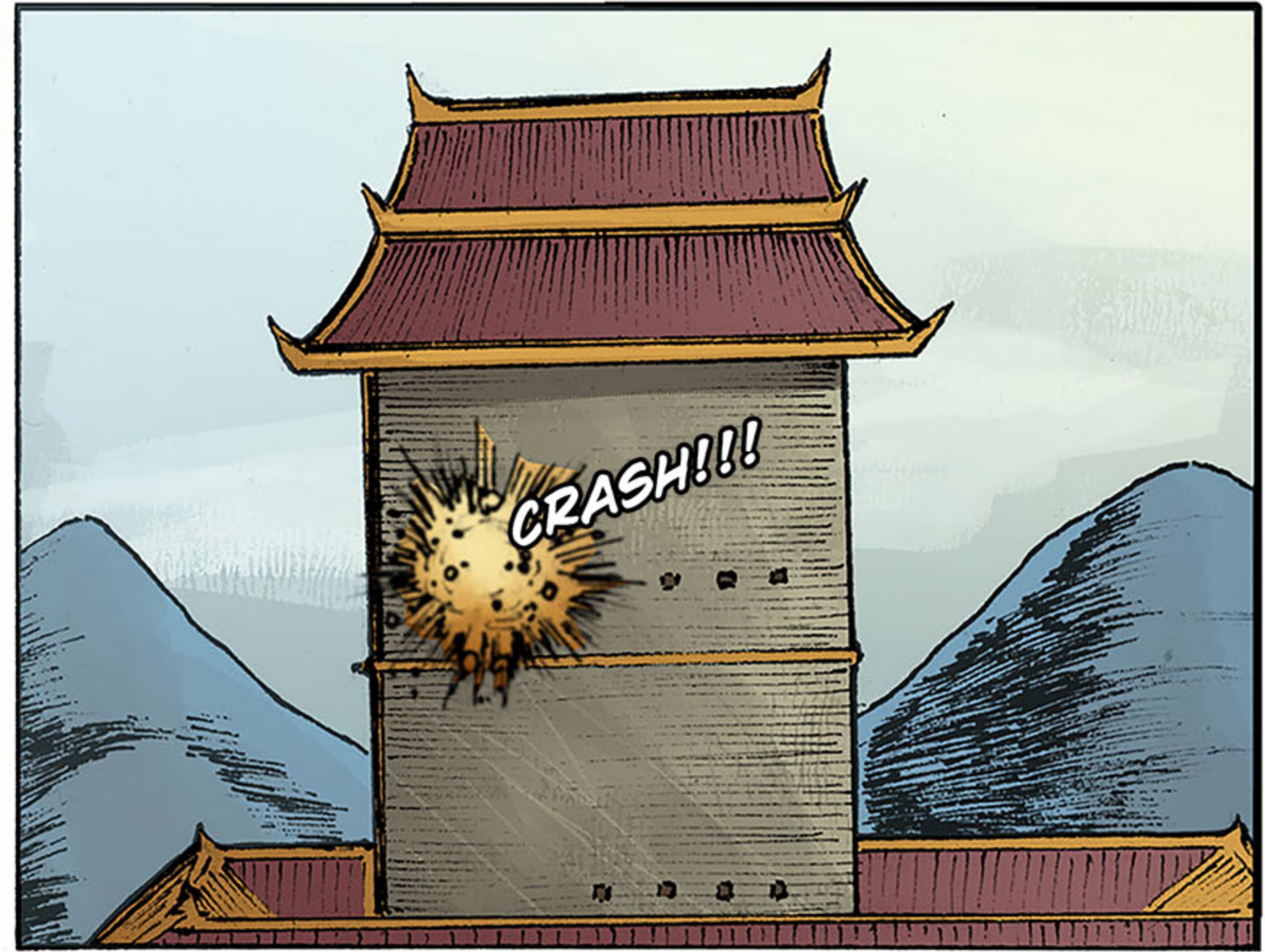
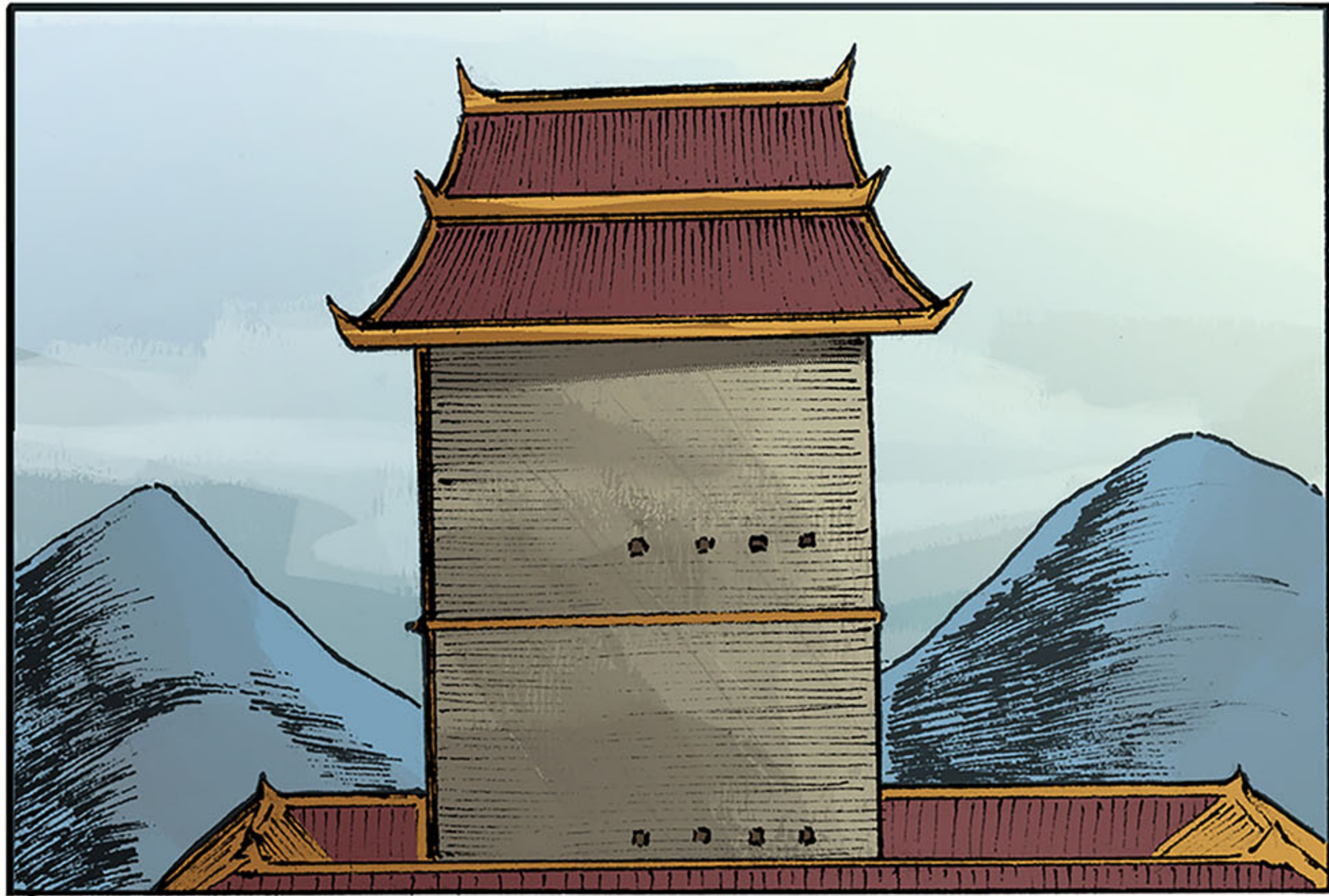


SLAM!!!



YOU THOUGHT
THAT YOU COULD
KEEP ME
LOCKED UP.

LOOK
WHERE THAT
GOT YOU.

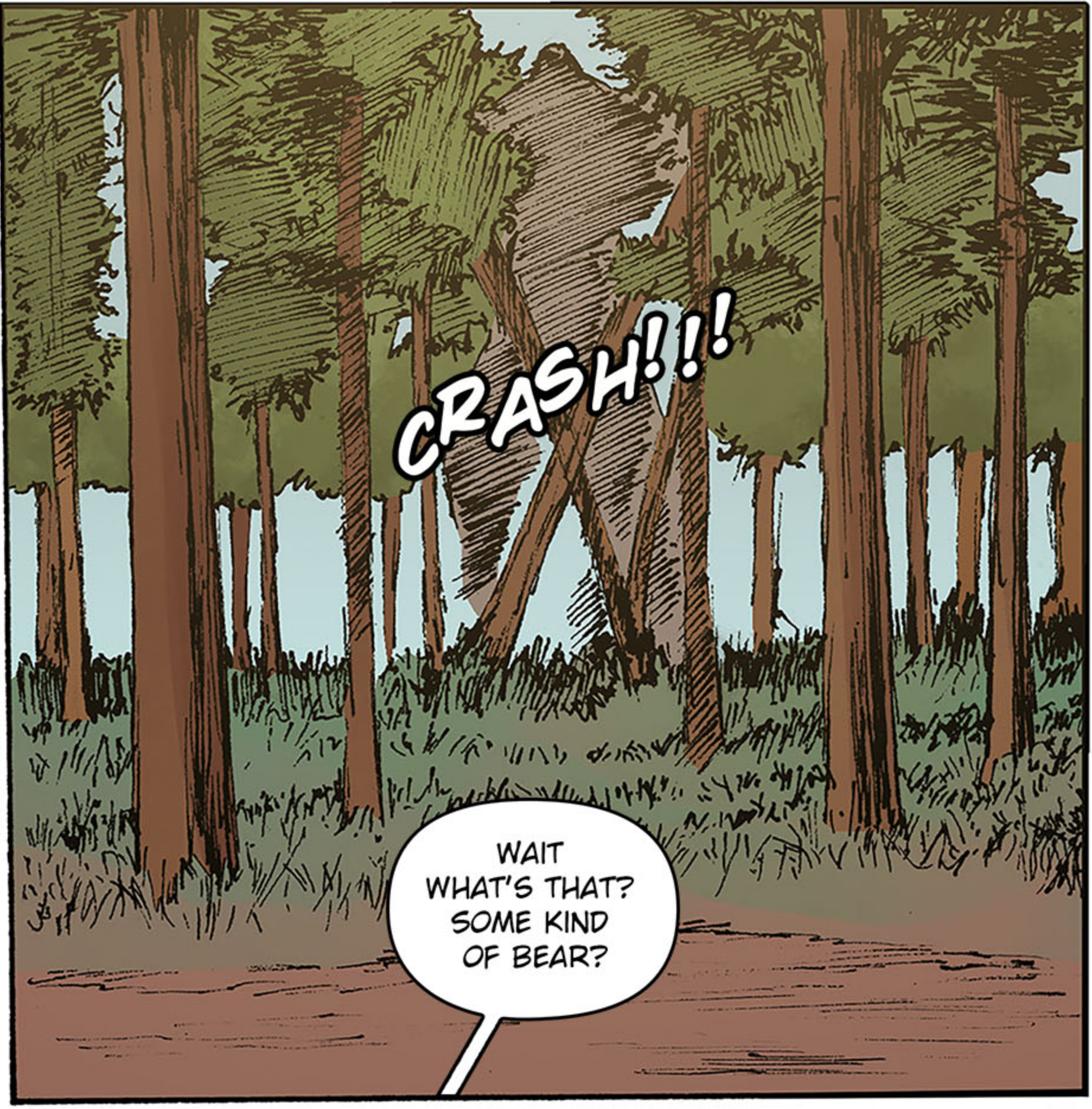




HOPEFULLY WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO GRAB SOME GAME TODAY.

NOT LIKE THE OTHER DAY.

WE ALMOST HAD ONE, IF YOUR TRAP HADN'T BROKEN ON US.

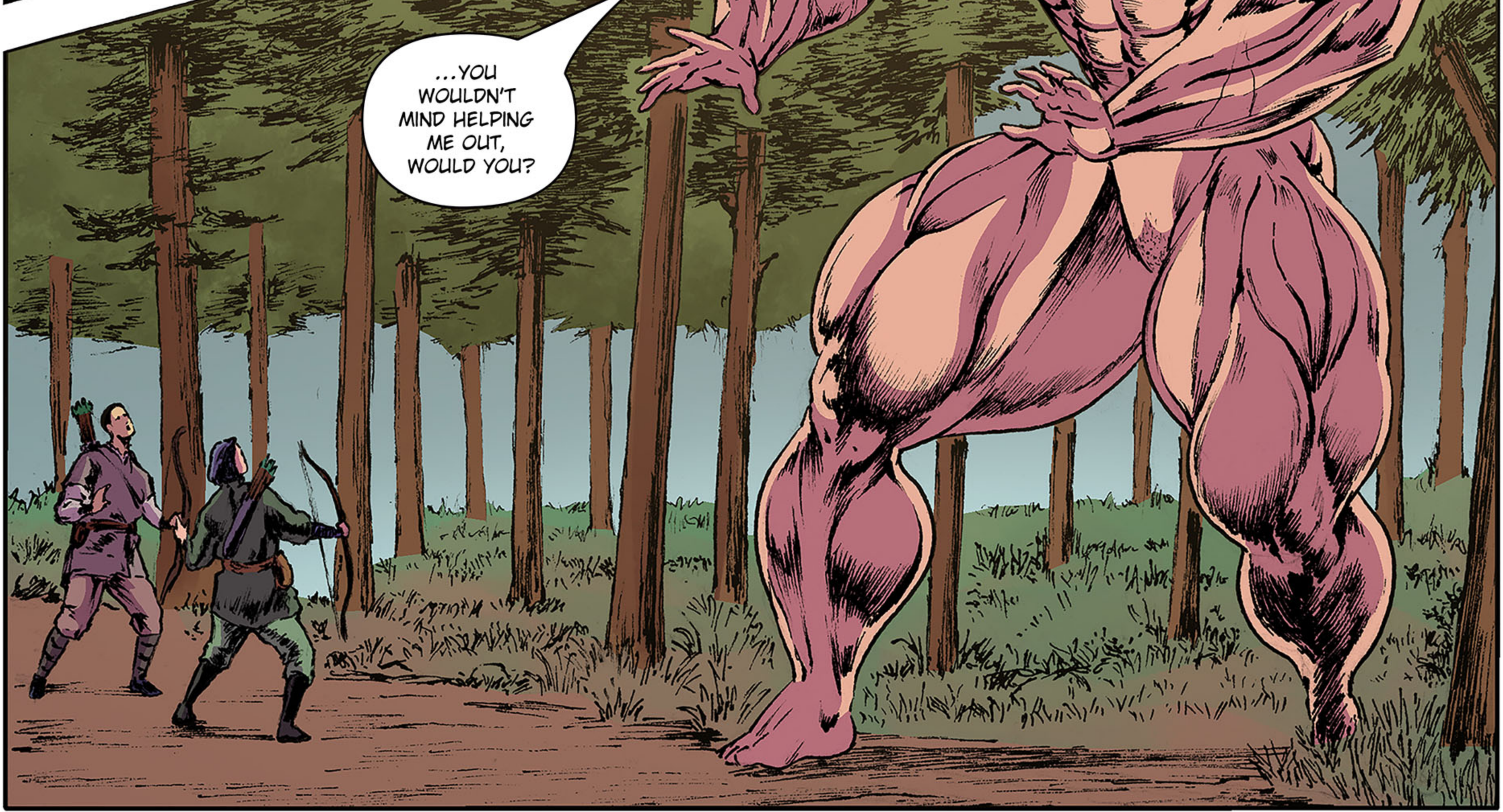


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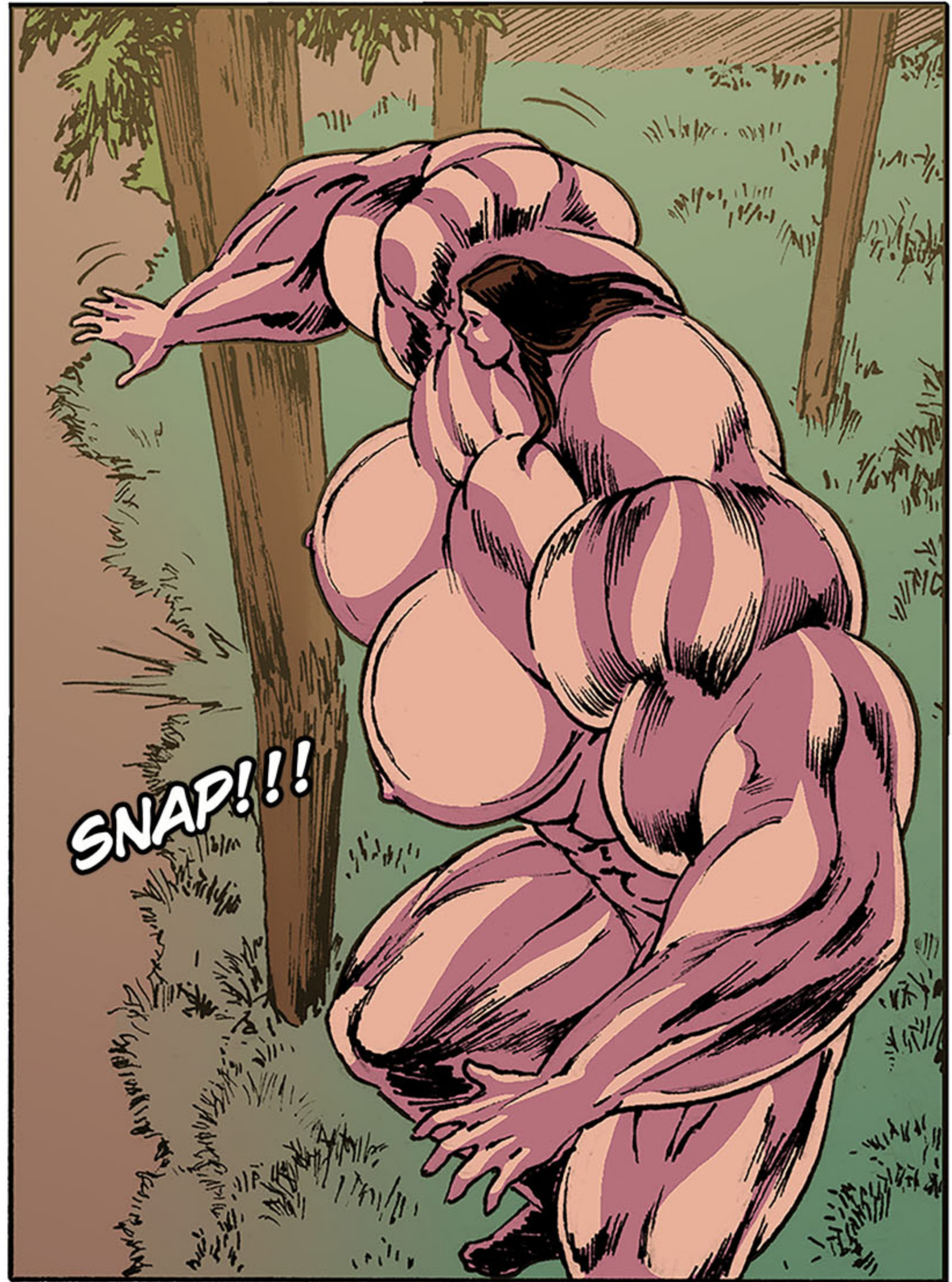
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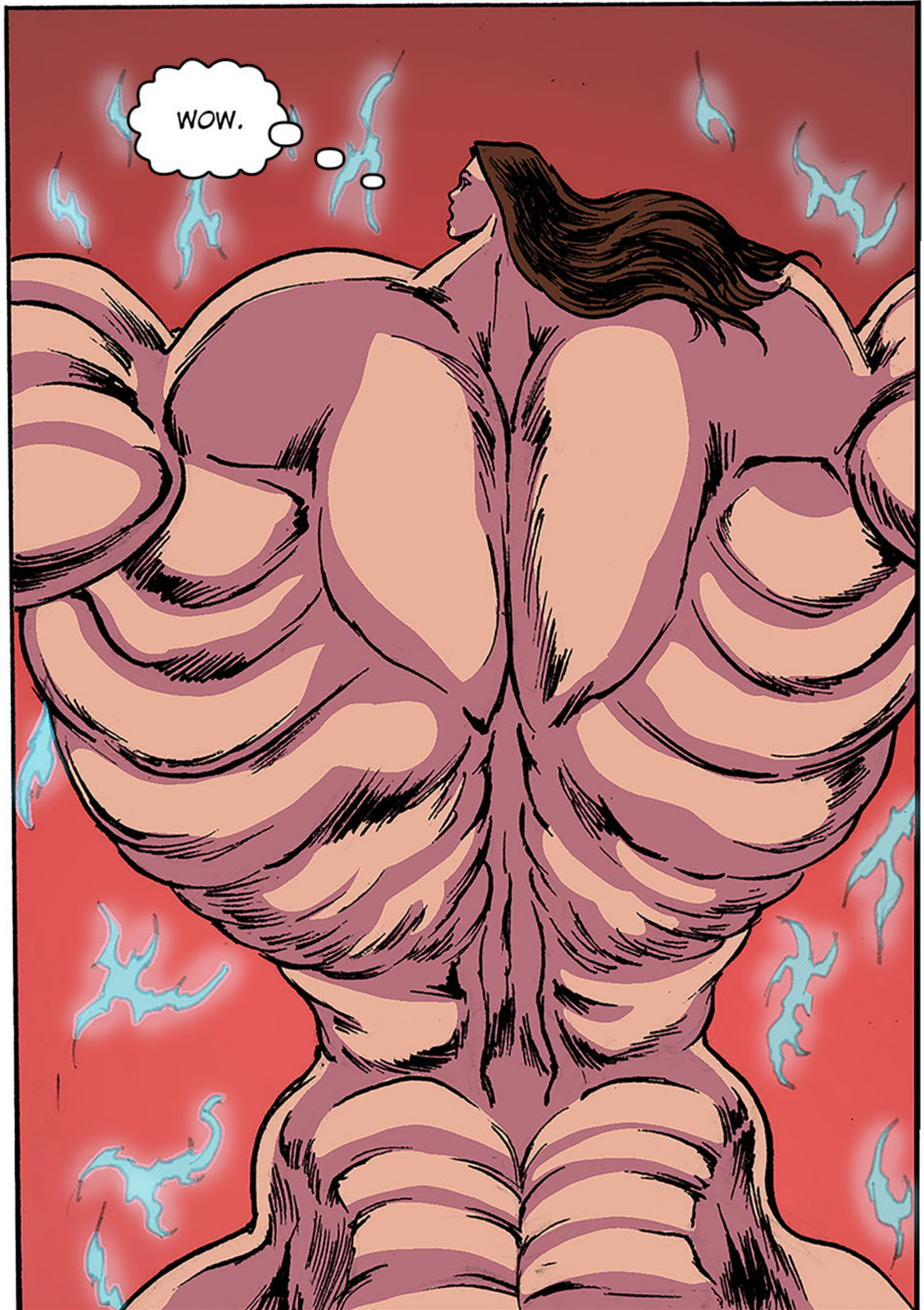
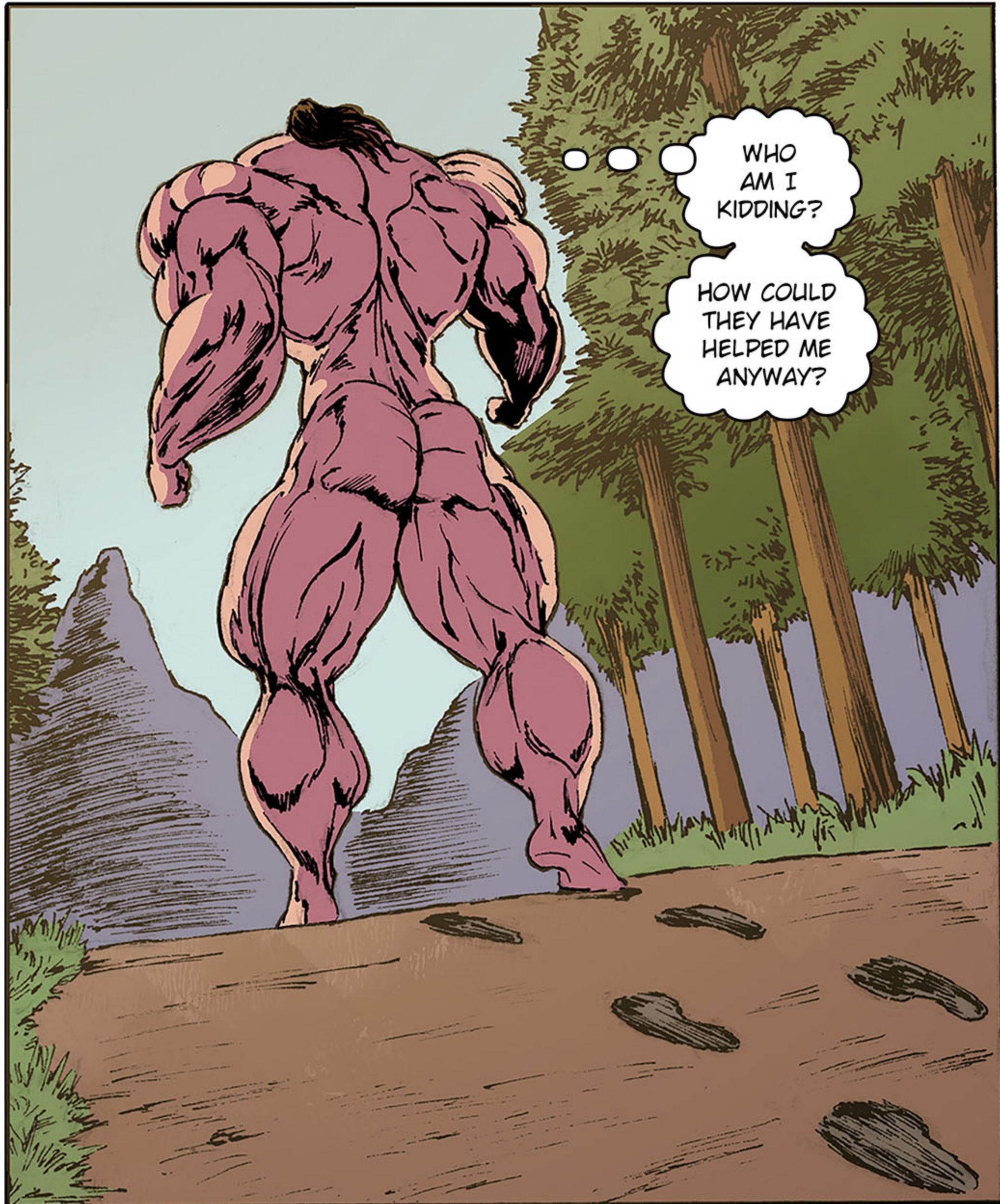


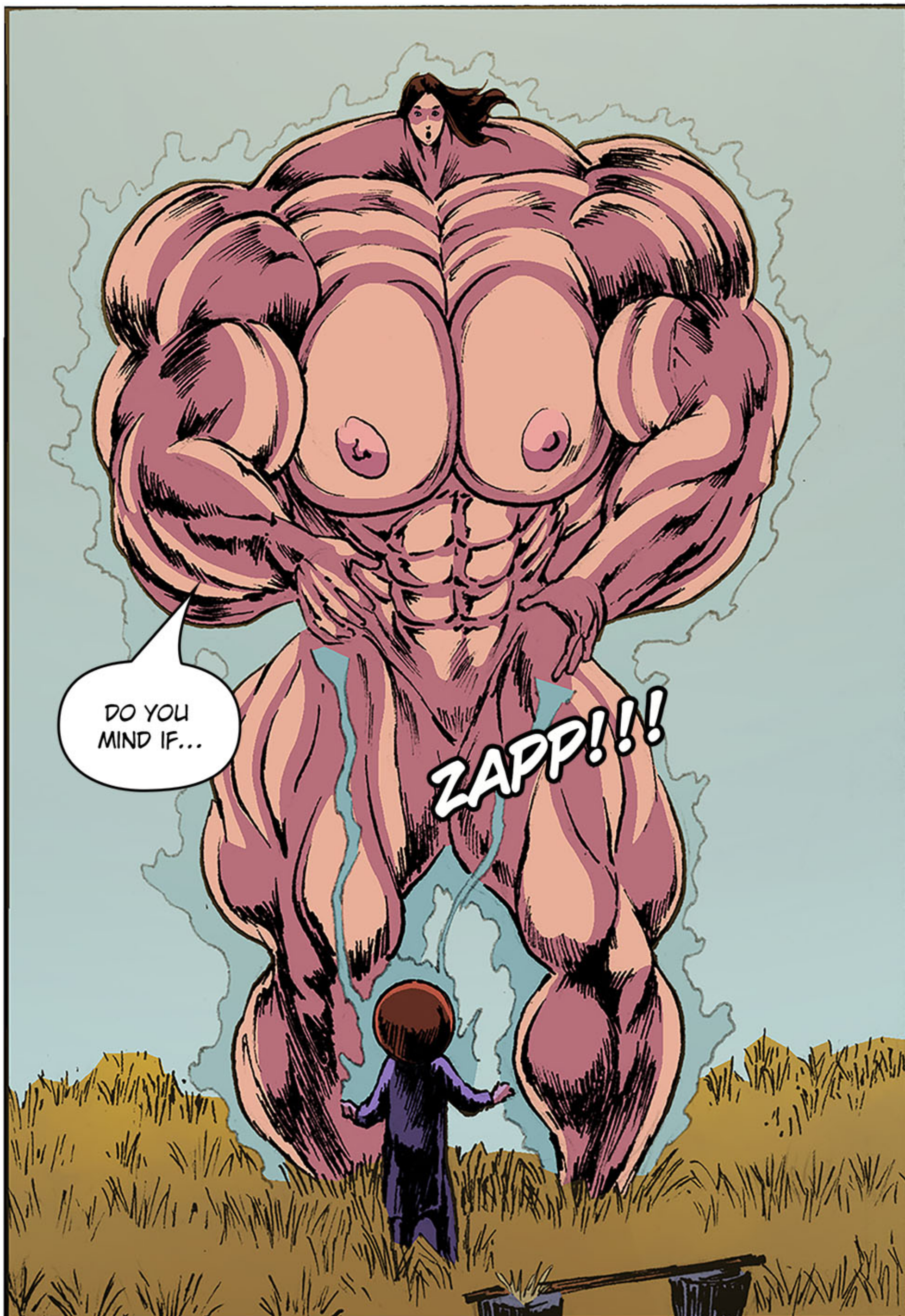
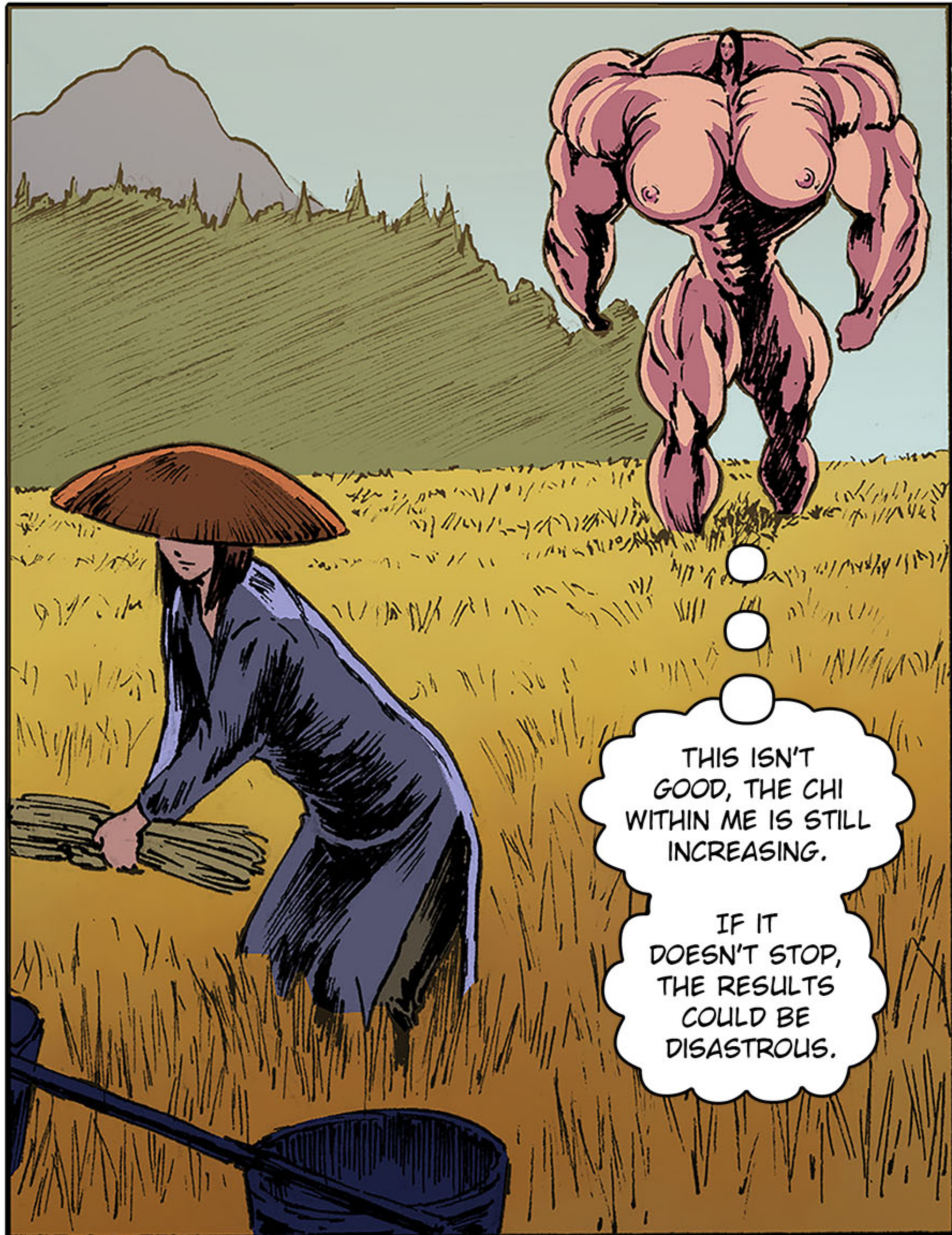
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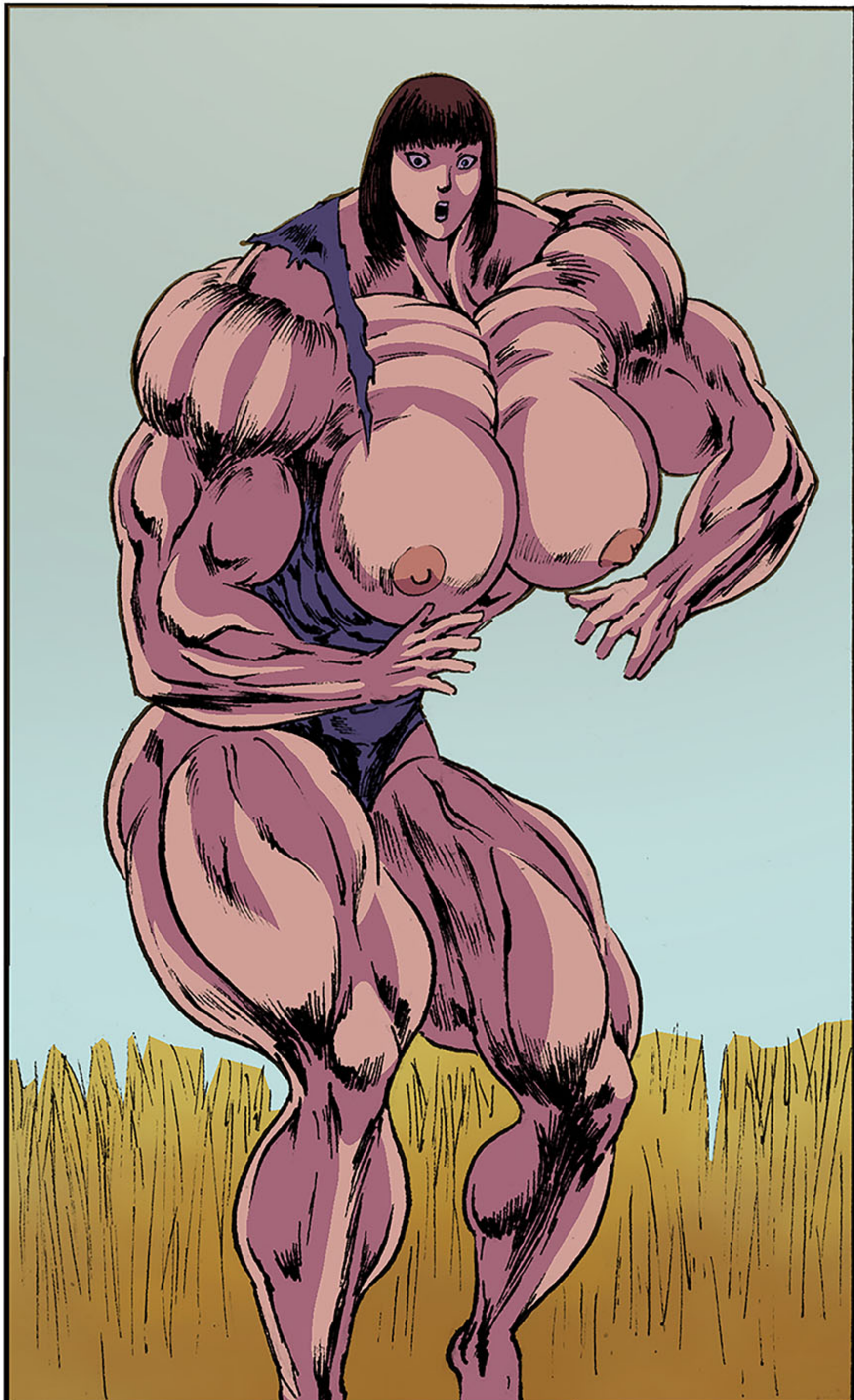


...YOU WOULDN'T MIND HELPING ME OUT, WOULD YOU?

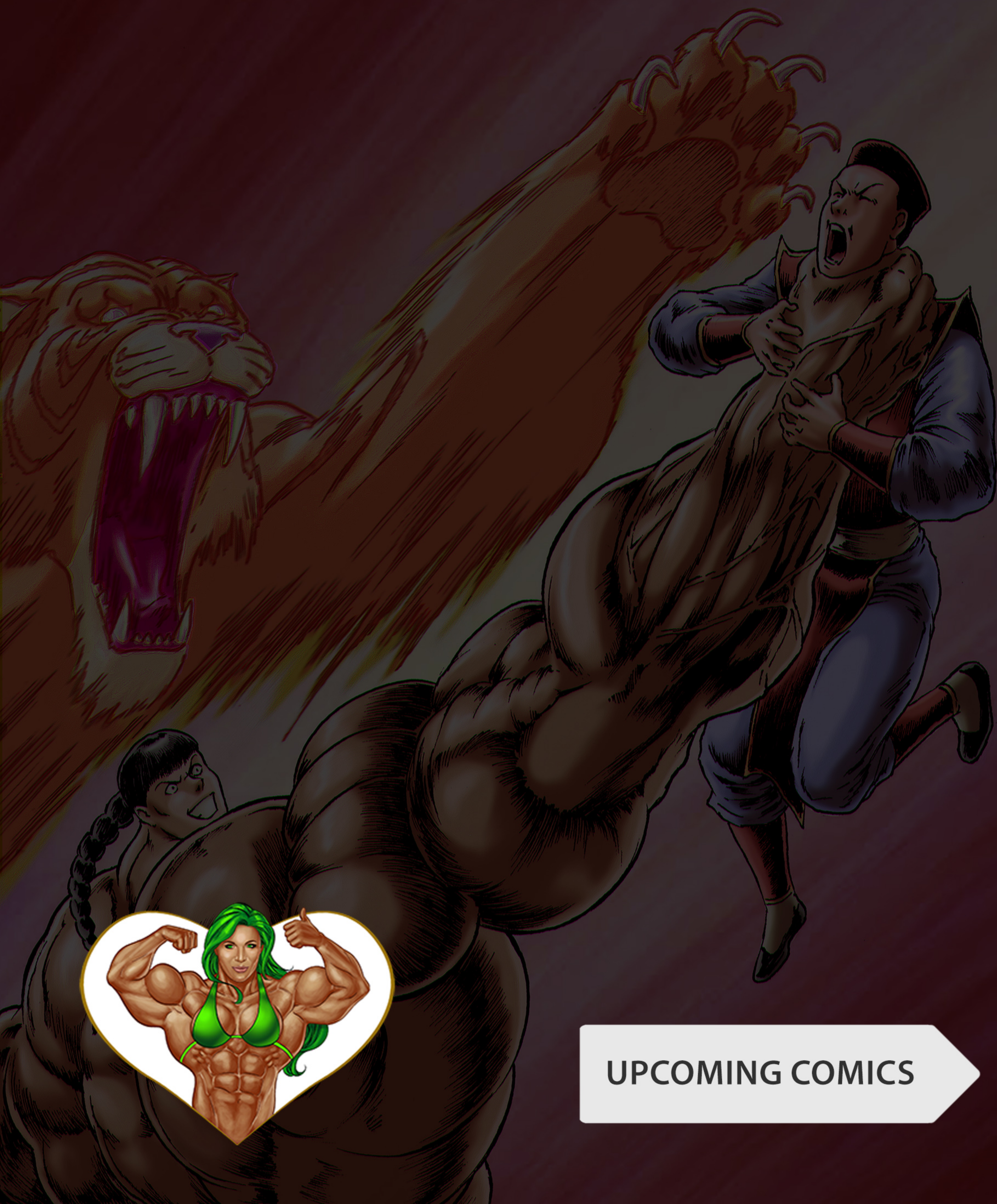




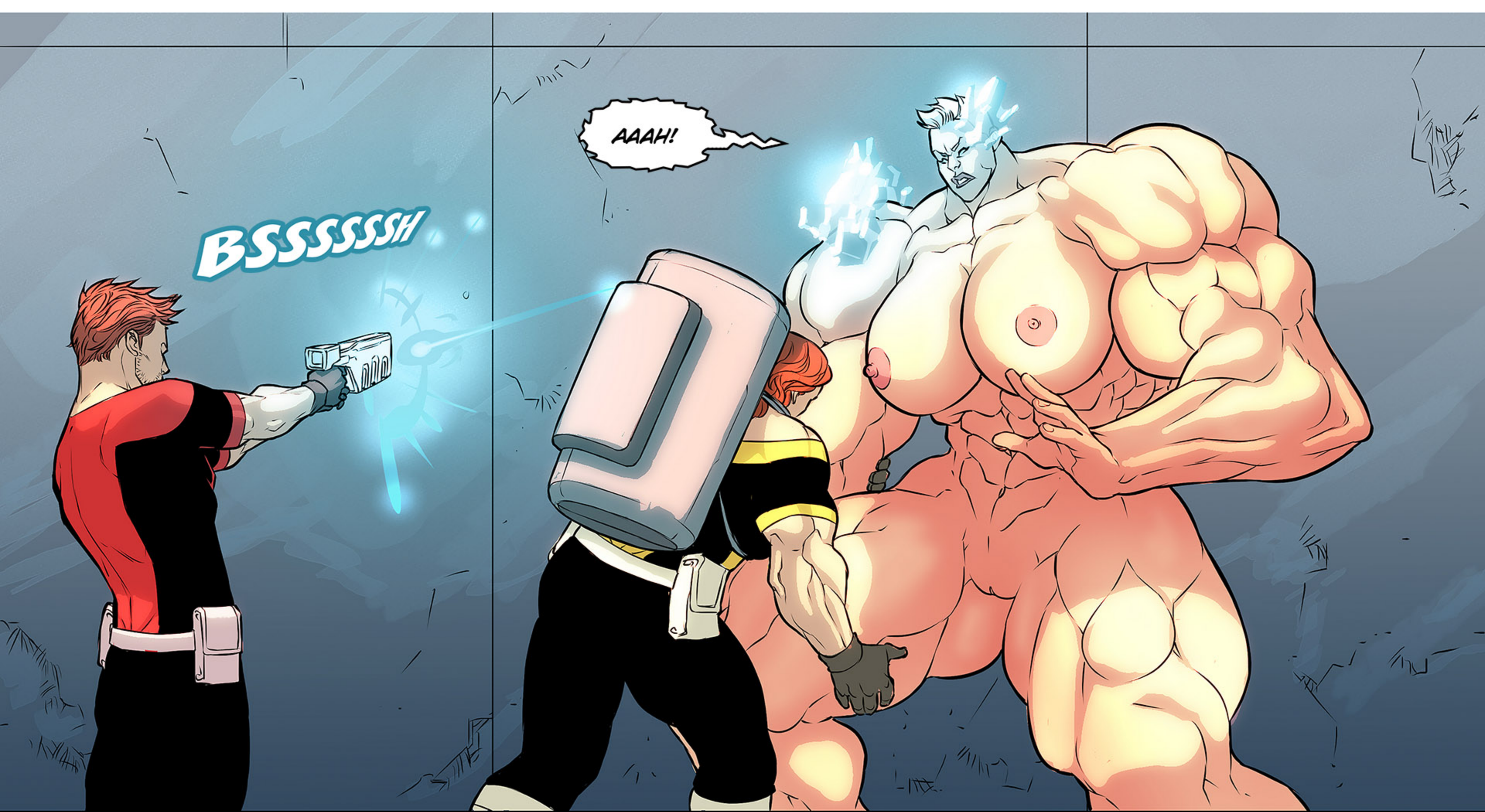


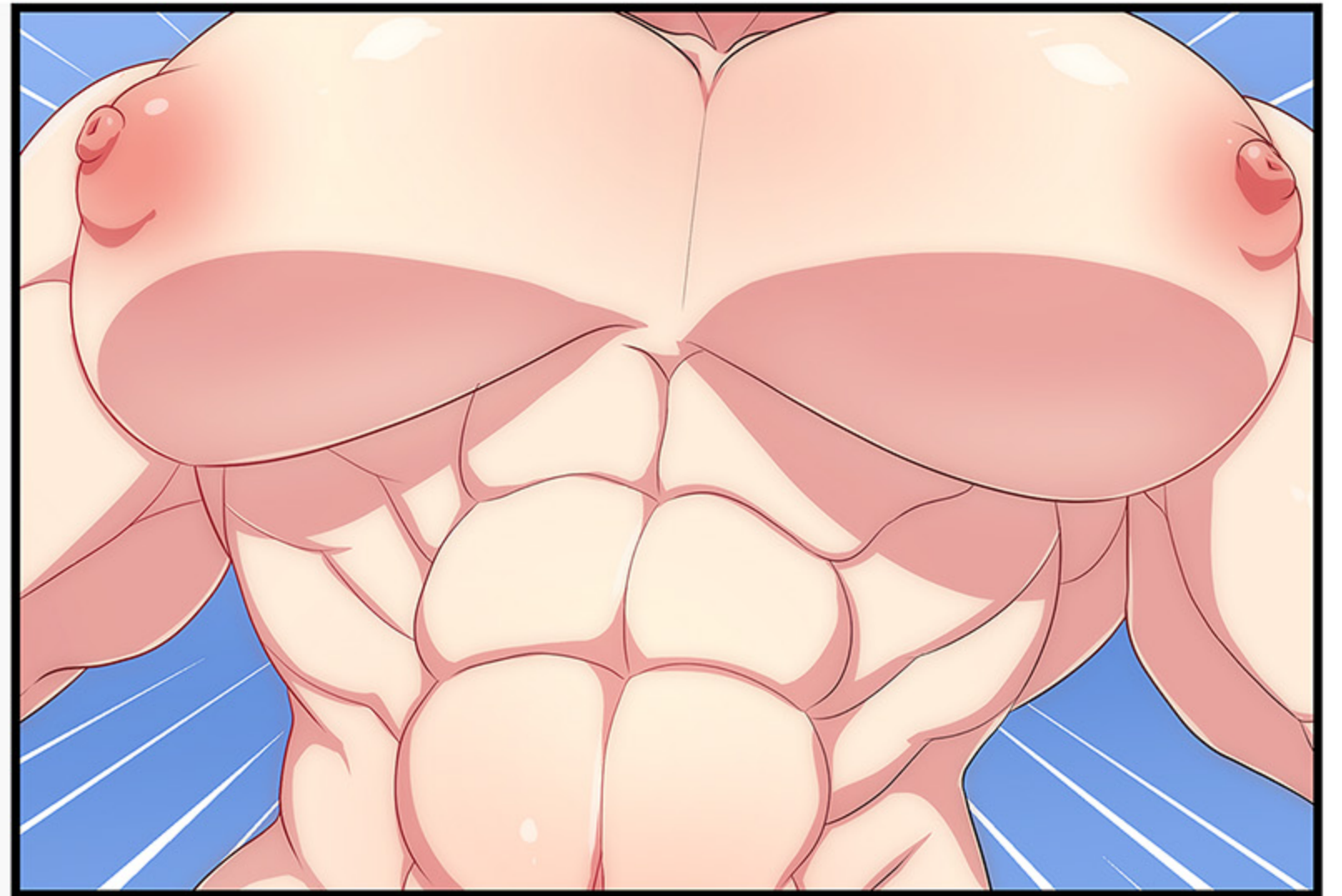
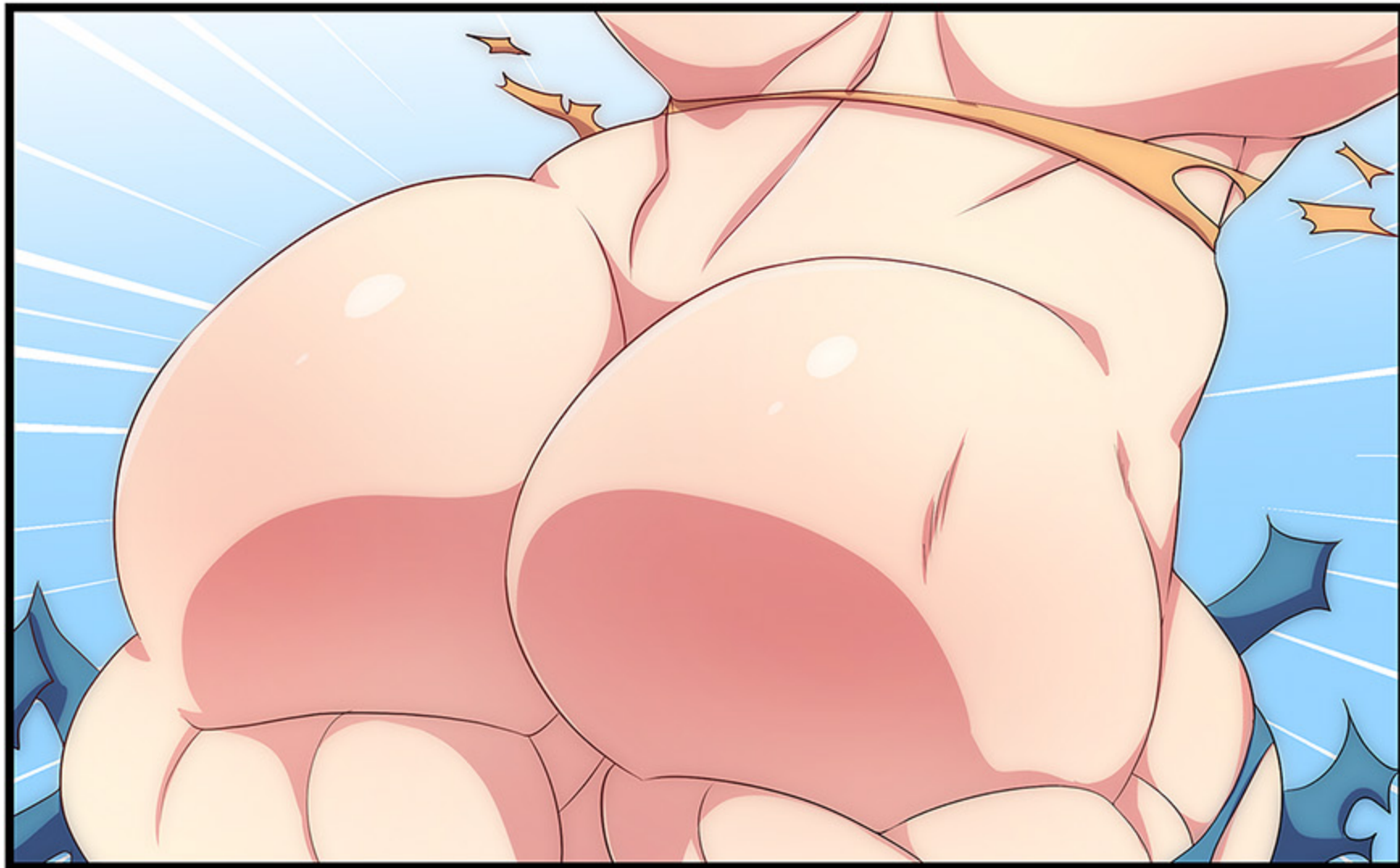


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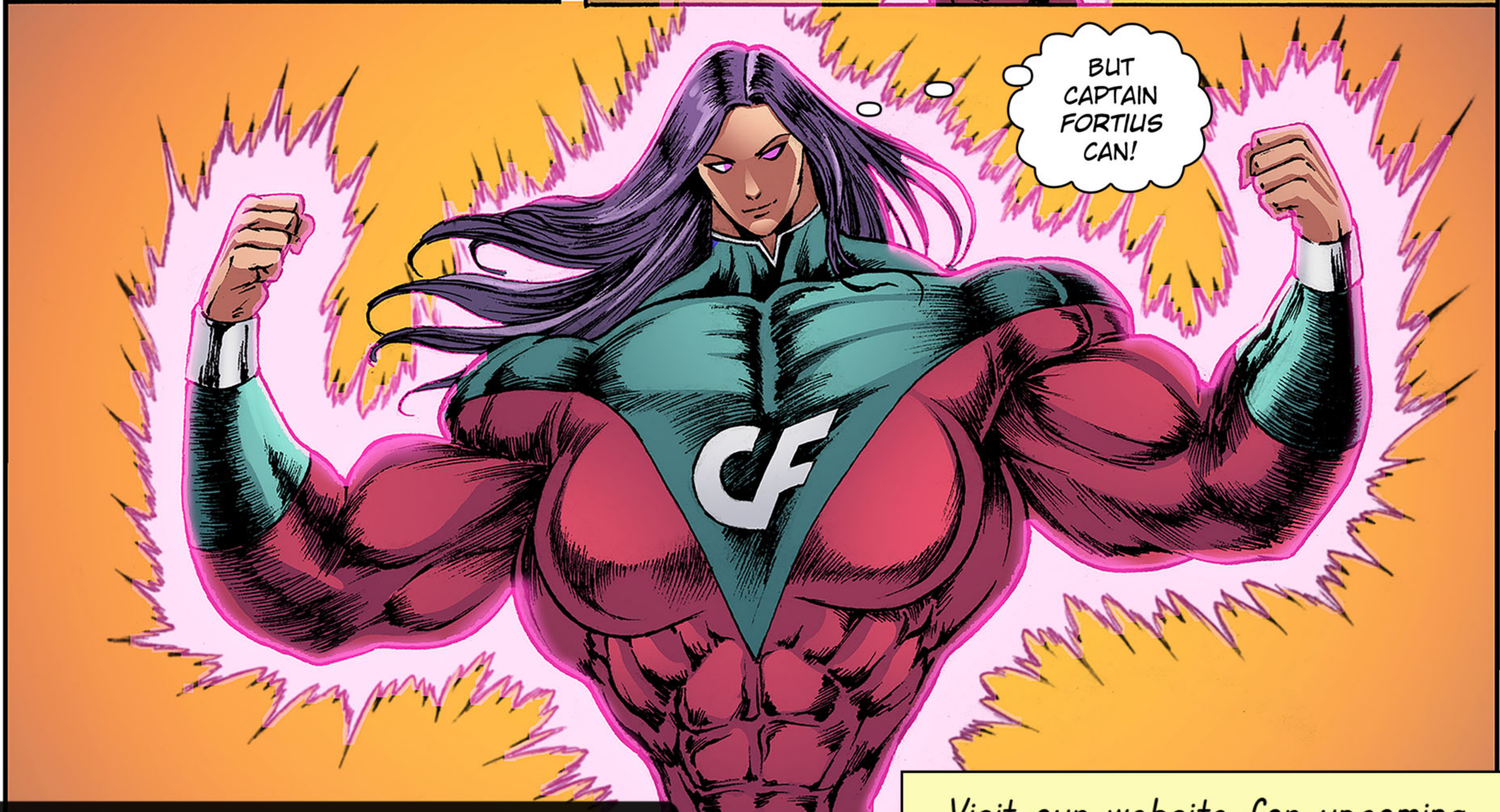
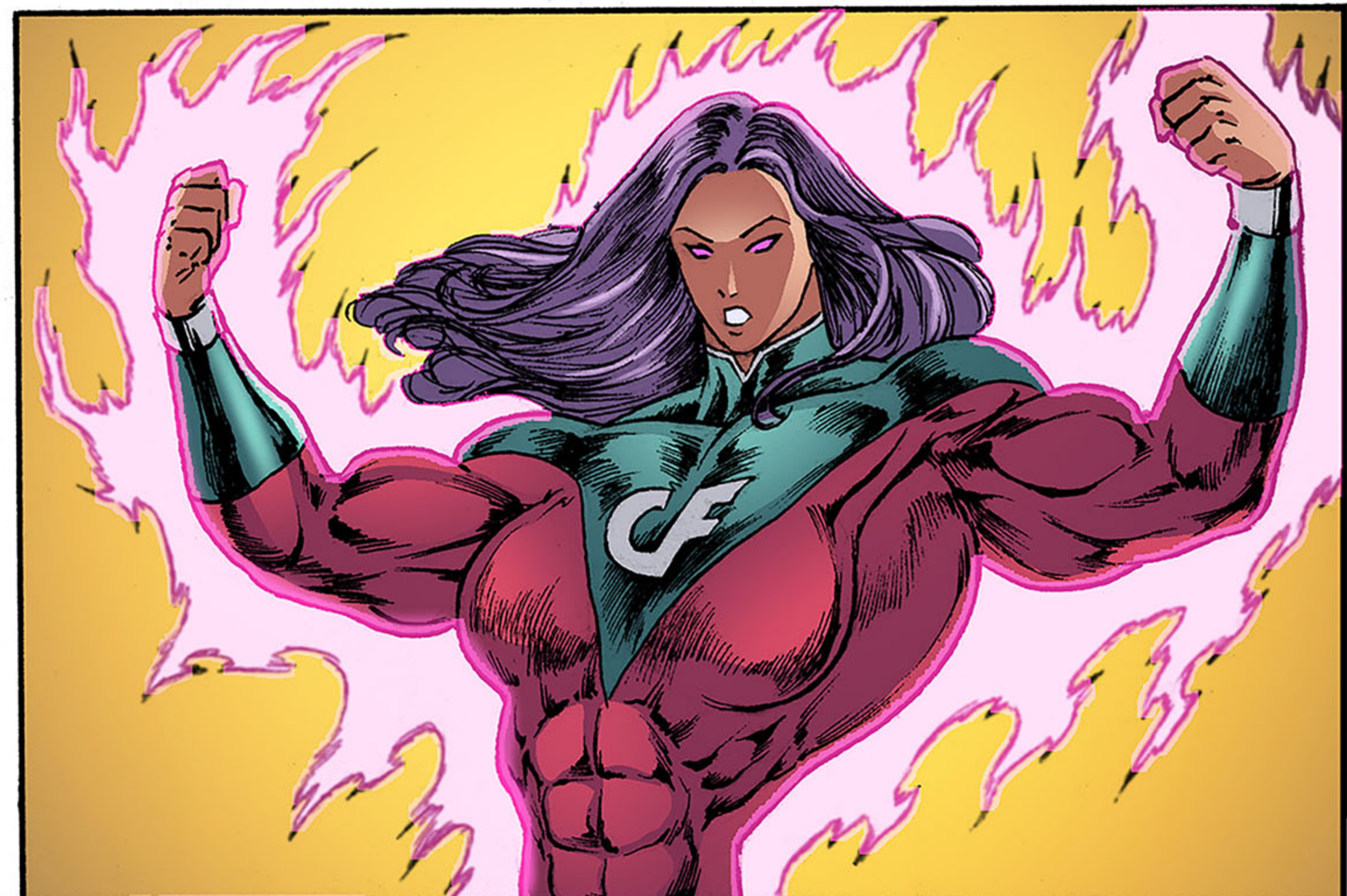


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