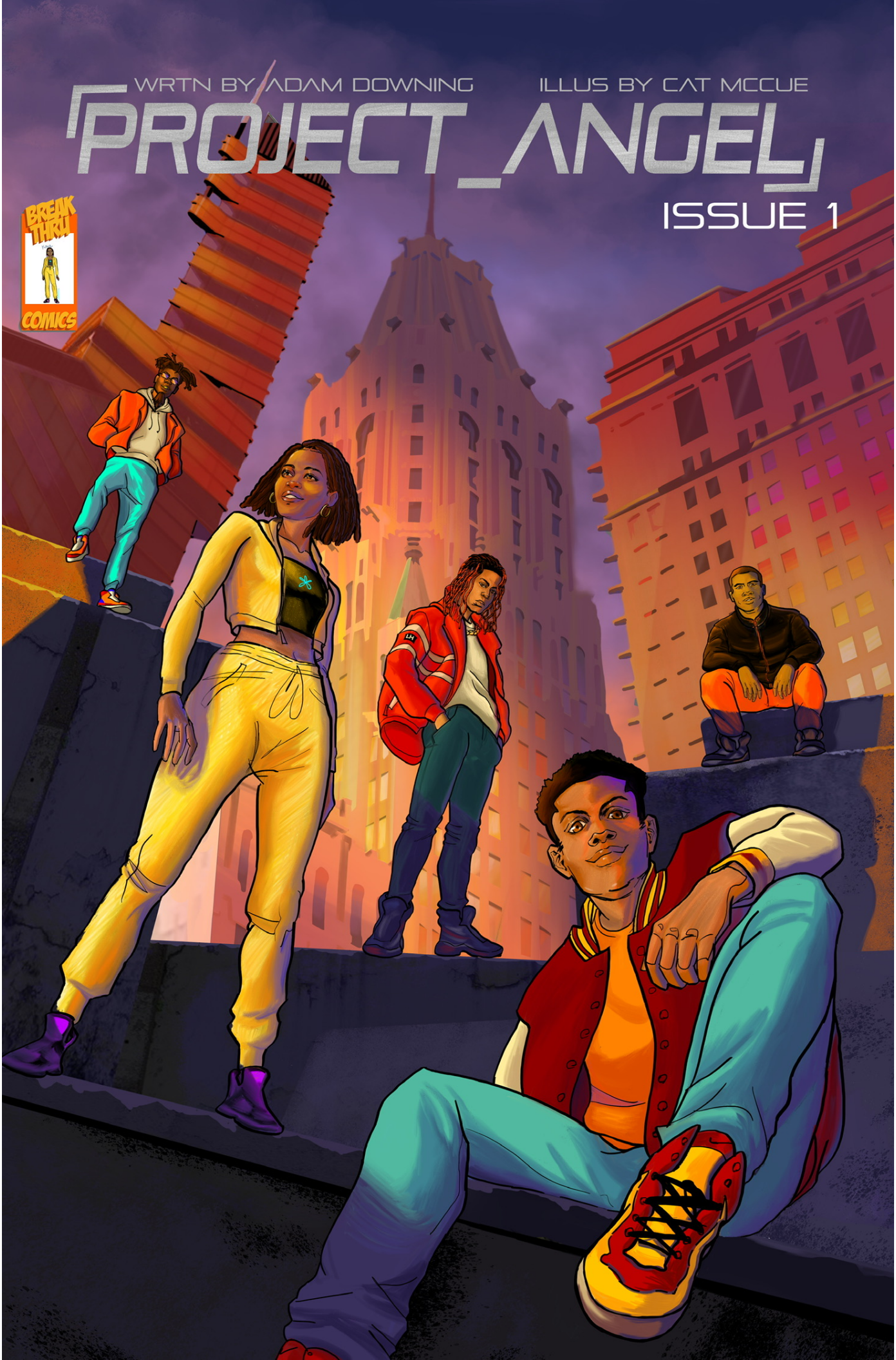
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Ochi did everything right - he was a hard-working student athlete, who earned his right to play. That is until he messed up big time against their biggest rivals, and cost his team the game. On the other hand, Kaia was the only high school intern working at Kara Co., a multi-billion dollar conglomerate, and her colleagues bullied her relentlessly.

Both down on their luck, the childhood friends decide to cut through Kara Co.'s Research and Development Facility on their way home. The pair get caught in the crossfire of an underground test, sending them down a path from which they can never return..

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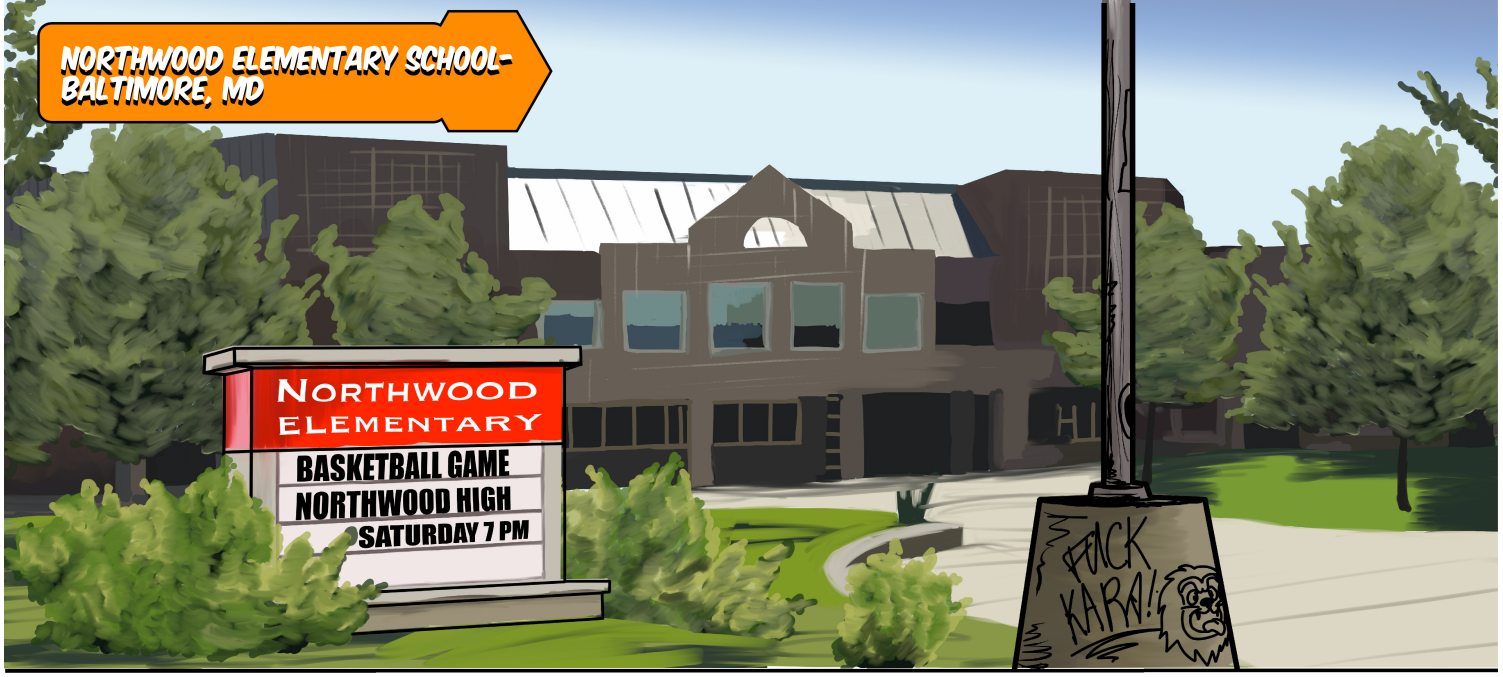
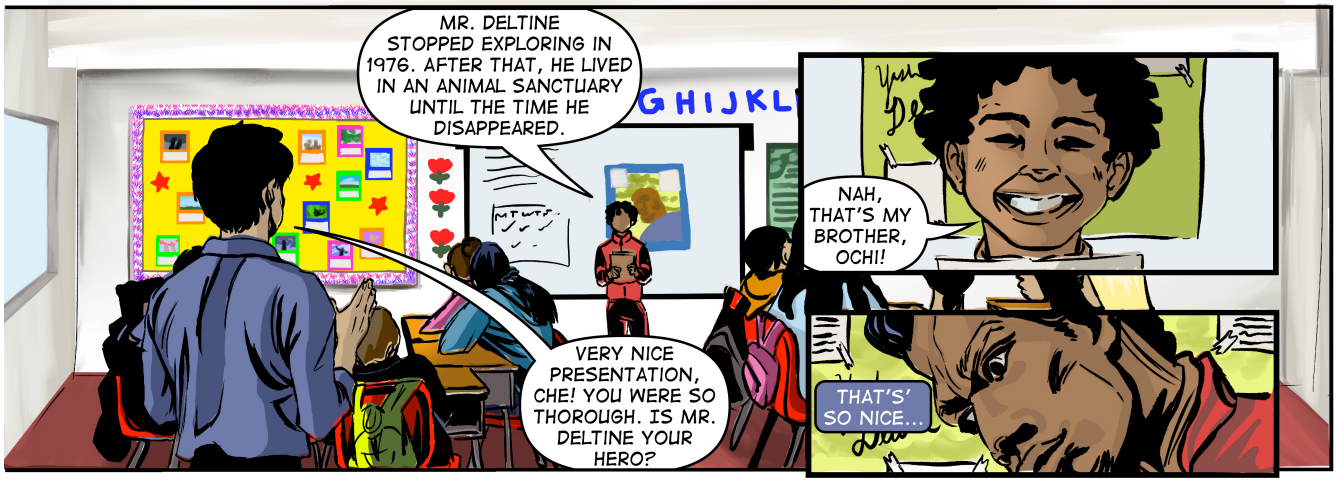
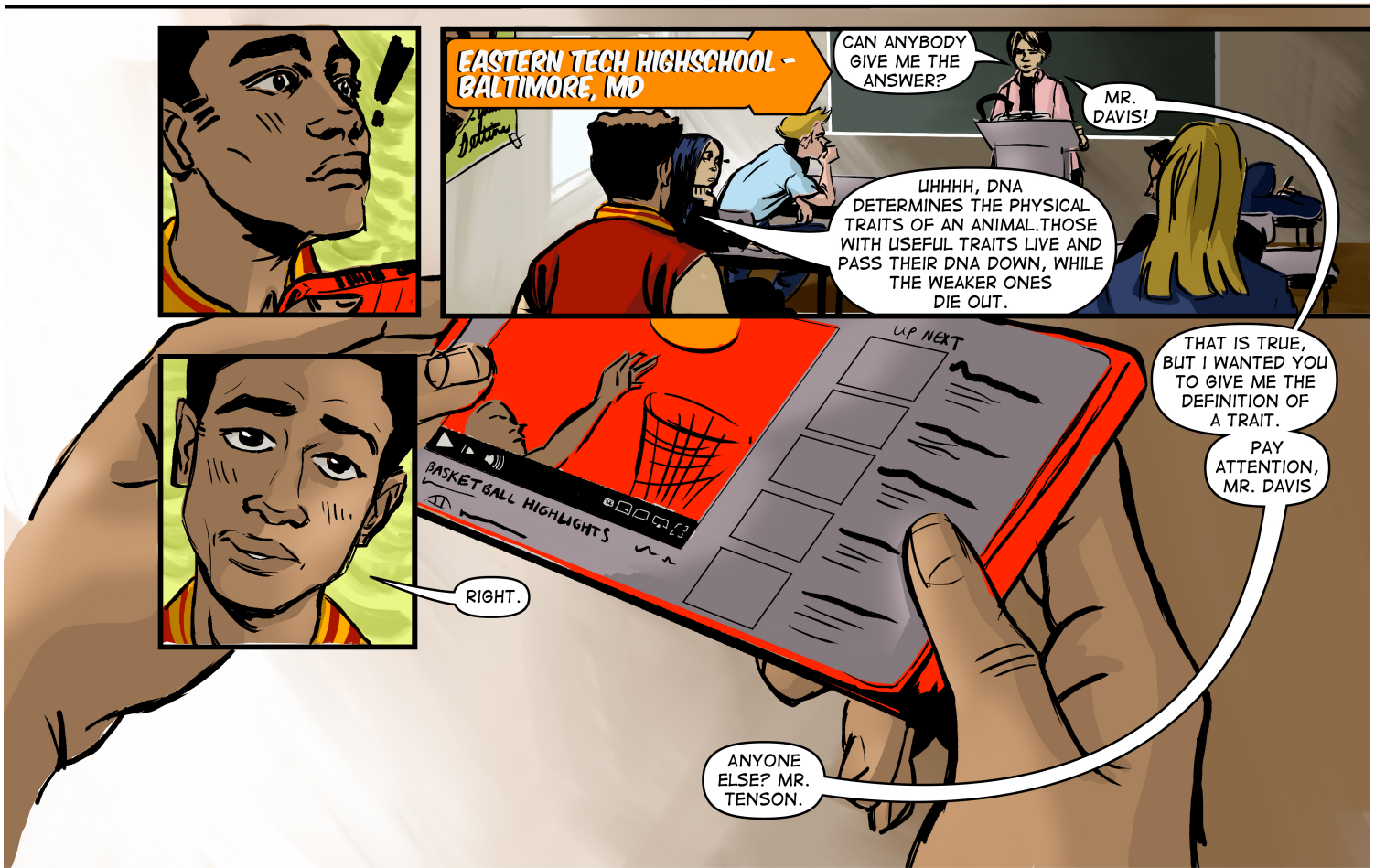
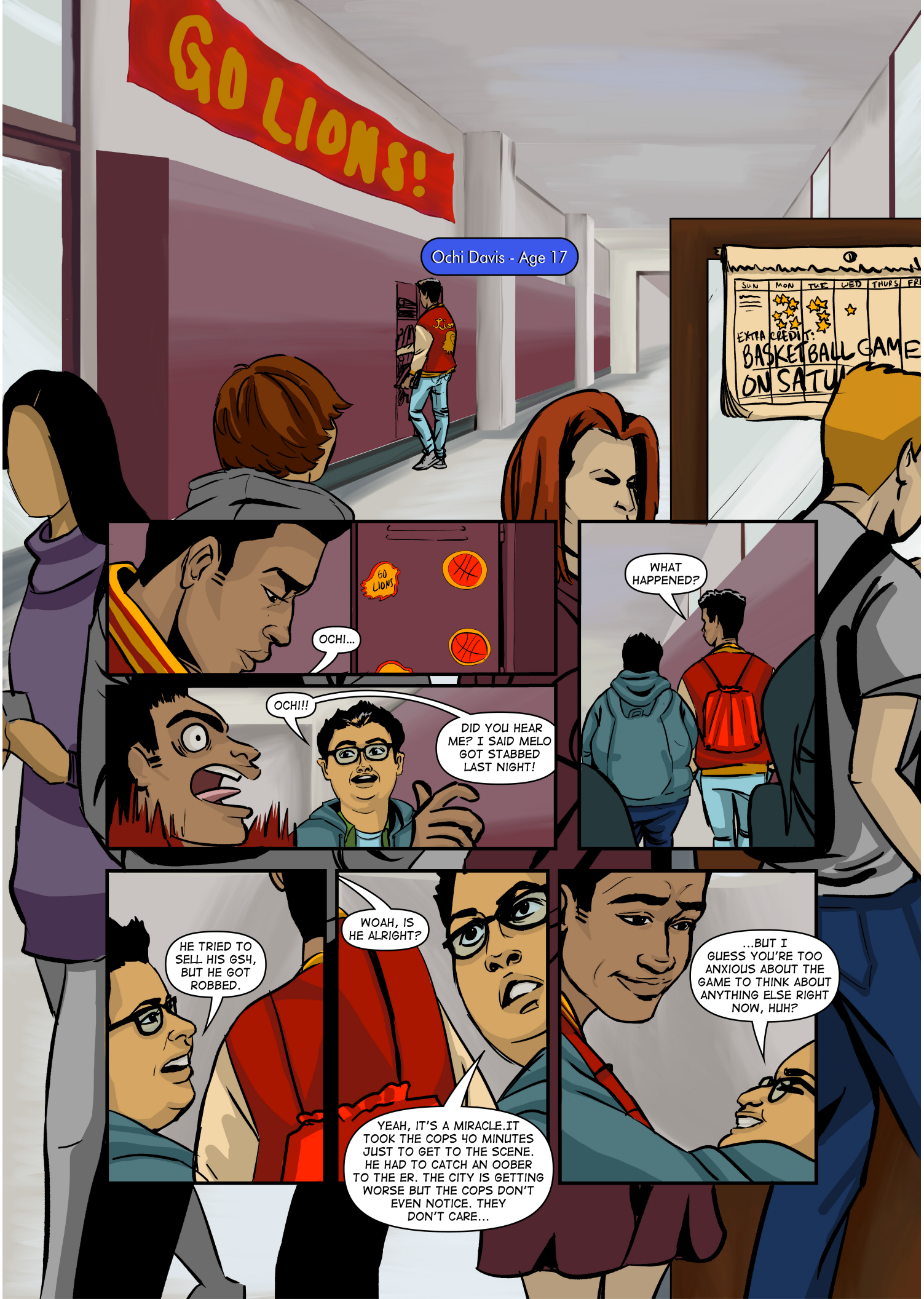
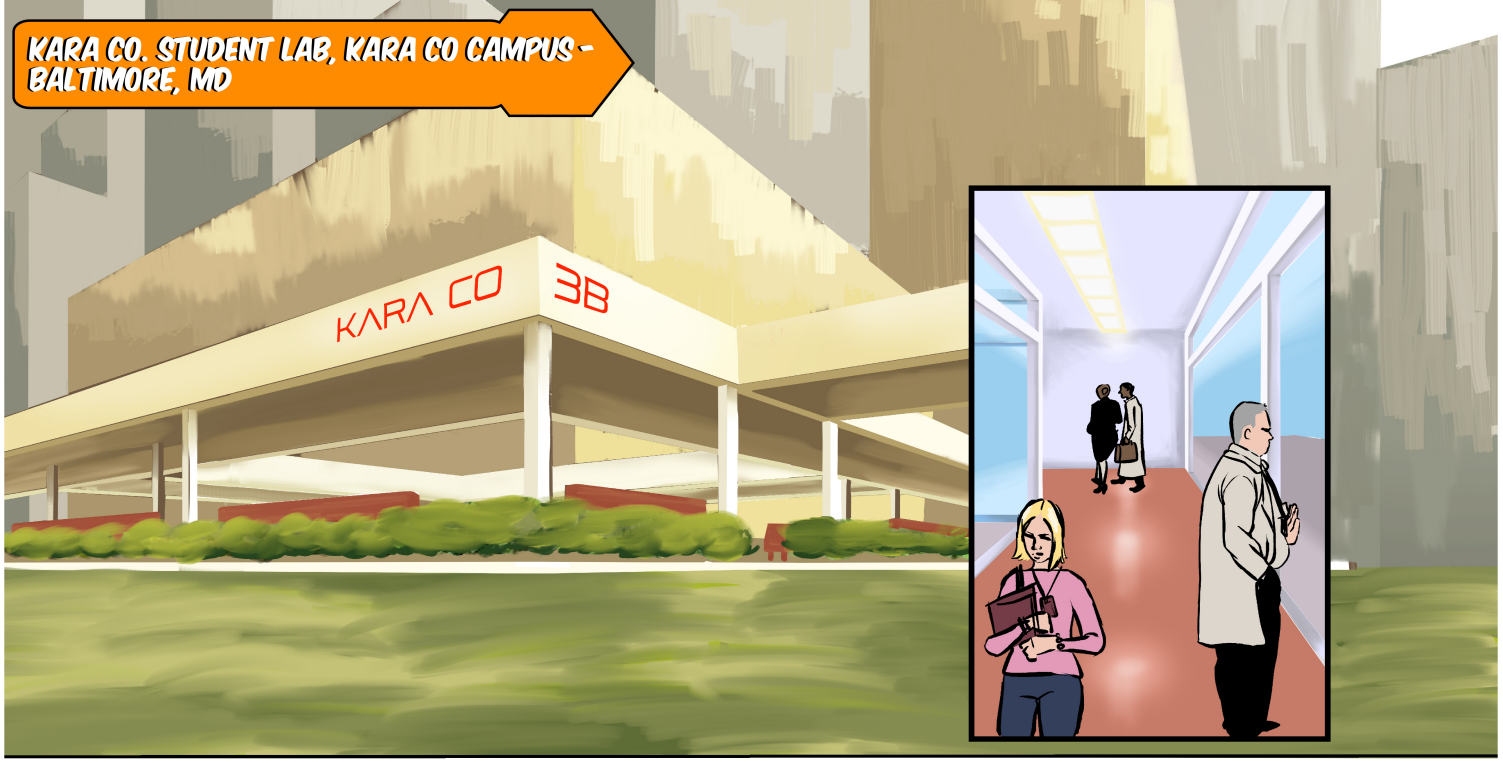

NORTHWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL- BALTIMORE, MD
NORTHWOOD ELEMENTARY
BASKETBALL GAME
NORTHWOOD HIGH
SATURDAY 7 PM
FUCK KARA!


MR. DELTINE STOPPED EXPLORING IN 1976. AFTER THAT, HE LIVED IN AN ANIMAL SANCTUARY UNTIL THE TIME HE DISAPPEARED.
VERY NICE PRESENTATION, CHE! YOU WERE SO THOROUGH. IS MR. DELTINE YOUR HERO?
NAH, THAT'S MY BROTHER, OCHI!
THAT'S SO NICE...


EASTERN TECH HIGHSCHOOL - BALTIMORE, MD
CAN ANYBODY GIVE ME THE ANSWER?
MR. DAVIS!
UHHHH, DNA DETERMINES THE PHYSICAL TRAITS OF AN ANIMAL.THOSE WITH USEFUL TRAITS LIVE AND PASS THEIR DNA DOWN, WHILE THE WEAKER ONES DIE OUT.
THAT IS TRUE, BUT I WANTED YOU TO GIVE ME THE DEFINITION OF A TRAIT.
PAY ATTENTION, MR. DAVIS
UP NEXT
BASKETBALL HIGHLIGHTS
RIGHT.
ANYONE ELSE? MR. TENSON.


GO LIONS!
Ochi Davis - Age 17
SUN MON TUE WED THURS
EXTRA CREDIT:
BASKETBALL GAME
GO LIONS
OCHI...
OCHI!!
DID YOU HEAR ME? I SAID MELO GOT STABBED LAST NIGHT!
WHAT HAPPENED?
HE TRIED TO SELL HIS GSH, BUT HE GOT ROBBED.
WOAH, IS HE ALRIGHT?
YEAH, IT'S A MIRACLE. IT TOOK THE COPS 40 MINUTES JUST TO GET TO THE SCENE. HE HAD TO CATCH AN OOBER TO THE ER. THE CITY IS GETTING WORSE BUT THE COPS DON'T EVEN NOTICE. THEY DON'T CARE...
...BUT I GUESS YOU'RE TOO ANXIOUS ABOUT THE GAME TO THINK ABOUT ANYTHING ELSE RIGHT NOW, HUH?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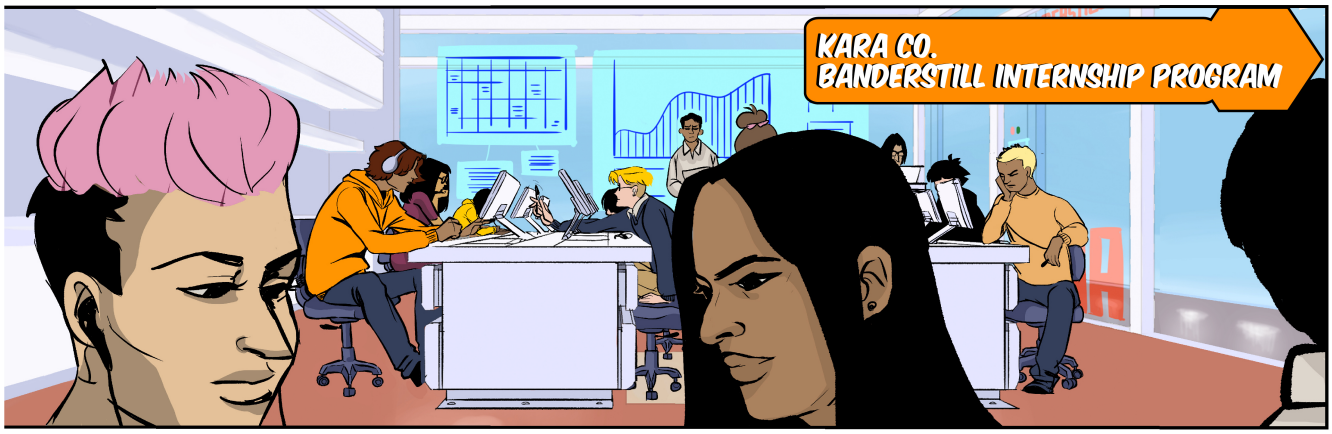
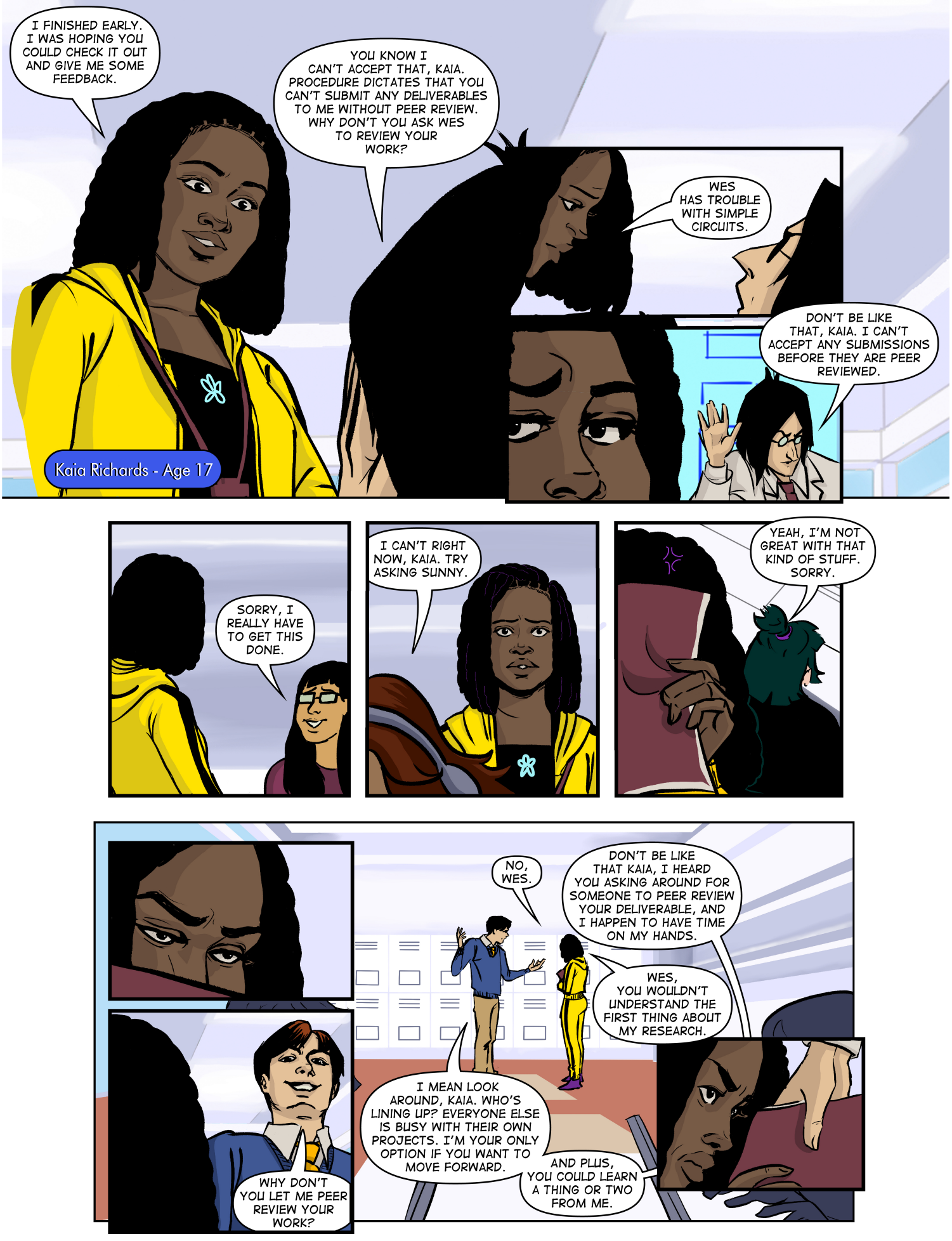
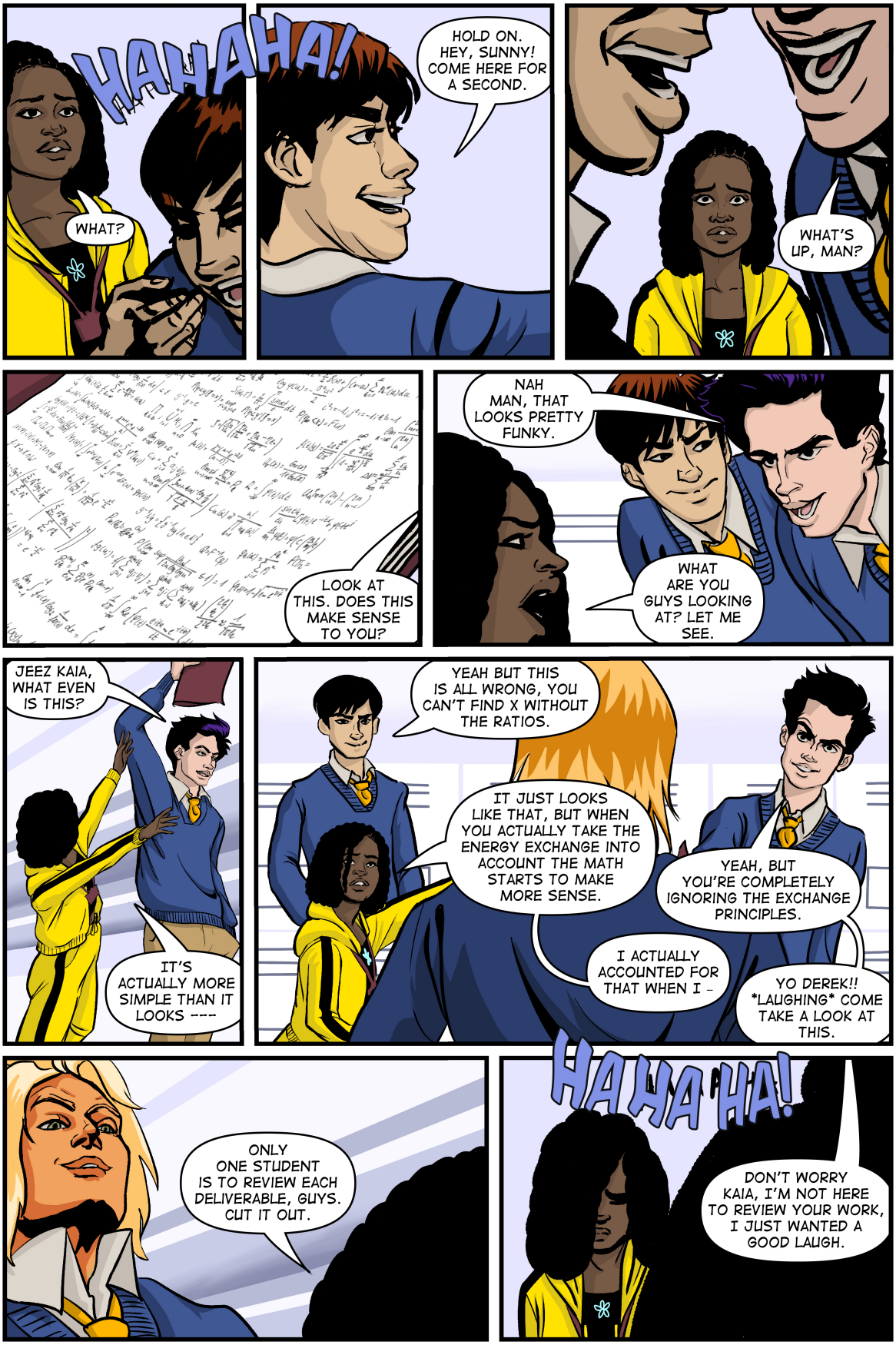
KARA CO
3B

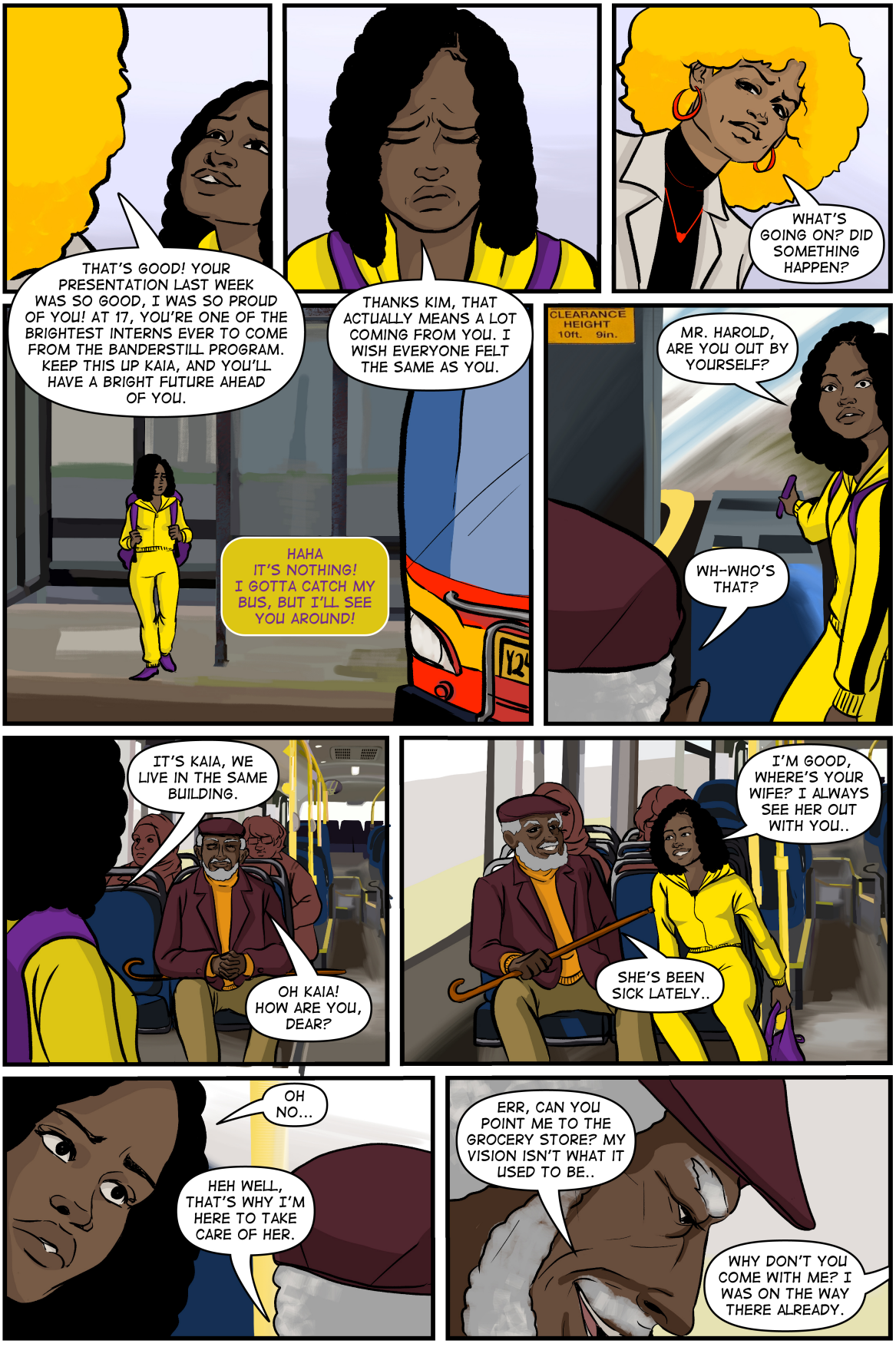

KARA CO.
BANDERSTILL INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

WHAT'S THIS?


I FINISHED EARLY. I WAS HOPING YOU COULD CHECK IT OUT AND GIVE ME SOME FEEDBACK.
YOU KNOW I CAN'T ACCEPT THAT, KAIA. PROCEDURE DICTATES THAT YOU CAN'T SUBMIT ANY DELIVERABLES TO ME WITHOUT PEER REVIEW. WHY DON'T YOU ASK WES TO REVIEW YOUR WORK?
WES HAS TROUBLE WITH SIMPLE CIRCUITS.
DON'T BE LIKE THAT, KAIA. I CAN'T ACCEPT ANY SUBMISSIONS BEFORE THEY ARE PEER REVIEWED.
Kaia Richards - Age 17
SORRY, I REALLY HAVE TO GET THIS DONE.
I CAN'T RIGHT NOW, KAIA. TRY ASKING SUNNY.
YEAH, I'M NOT GREAT WITH THAT KIND OF STUFF. SORRY.
WHY DON'T YOU LET ME PEER REVIEW YOUR WORK?
NO, WES.
DON'T BE LIKE THAT KAIA, I HEARD YOU ASKING AROUND FOR SOMEONE TO PEER REVIEW YOUR DELIVERABLE, AND I HAPPEN TO HAVE TIME ON MY HANDS.
WES, YOU WOULDN'T UNDERSTAND THE FIRST THING ABOUT MY RESEARCH.
I MEAN LOOK AROUND, KAIA. WHO'S LINING UP? EVERYONE ELSE IS BUSY WITH THEIR OWN PROJECTS. I'M YOUR ONLY OPTION IF YOU WANT TO MOVE FORWARD.
AND PLUS, YOU COULD LEARN A THING OR TWO FROM ME.


HAHAHA!
WHAT?
HOLD ON. HEY, SUNNY! COME HERE FOR A SECOND.
WHAT'S UP, MAN?
LOOK AT THIS. DOES THIS MAKE SENSE TO YOU?
NAH MAN, THAT LOOKS PRETTY FUNKY.
WHAT ARE YOU GUYS LOOKING AT? LET ME SEE.
JEEZ KAIA, WHAT EVEN IS THIS?
IT'S ACTUALLY MORE SIMPLE THAN IT LOOKS ---
YEAH BUT THIS IS ALL WRONG, YOU CAN'T FIND X WITHOUT THE RATIOS.
IT JUST LOOKS LIKE THAT, BUT WHEN YOU ACTUALLY TAKE THE ENERGY EXCHANGE INTO ACCOUNT THE MATH STARTS TO MAKE MORE SENSE.
YEAH, BUT YOU'RE COMPLETELY IGNORING THE EXCHANGE PRINCIPLES.
I ACTUALLY ACCOUNTED FOR THAT WHEN I -
YO DEREK!! *LAUGHING* COME TAKE A LOOK AT THIS.
ONLY ONE STUDENT IS TO REVIEW EACH DELIVERABLE, GUYS. CUT IT OUT.
HAHAHA!
DON'T WORRY KAIA, I'M NOT HERE TO REVIEW YOUR WORK, I JUST WANTED A GOOD LAUGH.

30 MINUTES LATER..
HEY KAIA, GOTTA FRESH PILE WAITING FOR YA IN THE BACK.
NICE!
JACKPOT.
New Parl
HEY, KAIA!
HEY KIM, WHAT UP?
NOT MUCH, I WAS LOOKING FOR YOU SO I COULD REMIND YOU ABOUT YOUR PRESENTATION COMING UP. HOW IS IT COMING? ALSO, DID YOU LOOK AT THOSE EQUATIONS?
IT'S GOOD, I'M ACTUALLY WRAPPING UP SOON. THE EQUATIONS WERE A LITTLE STRANGE HOWEVER, BUT I THINK I'M CLOSE TO SOLVING FOR THE COEFFICIENT.

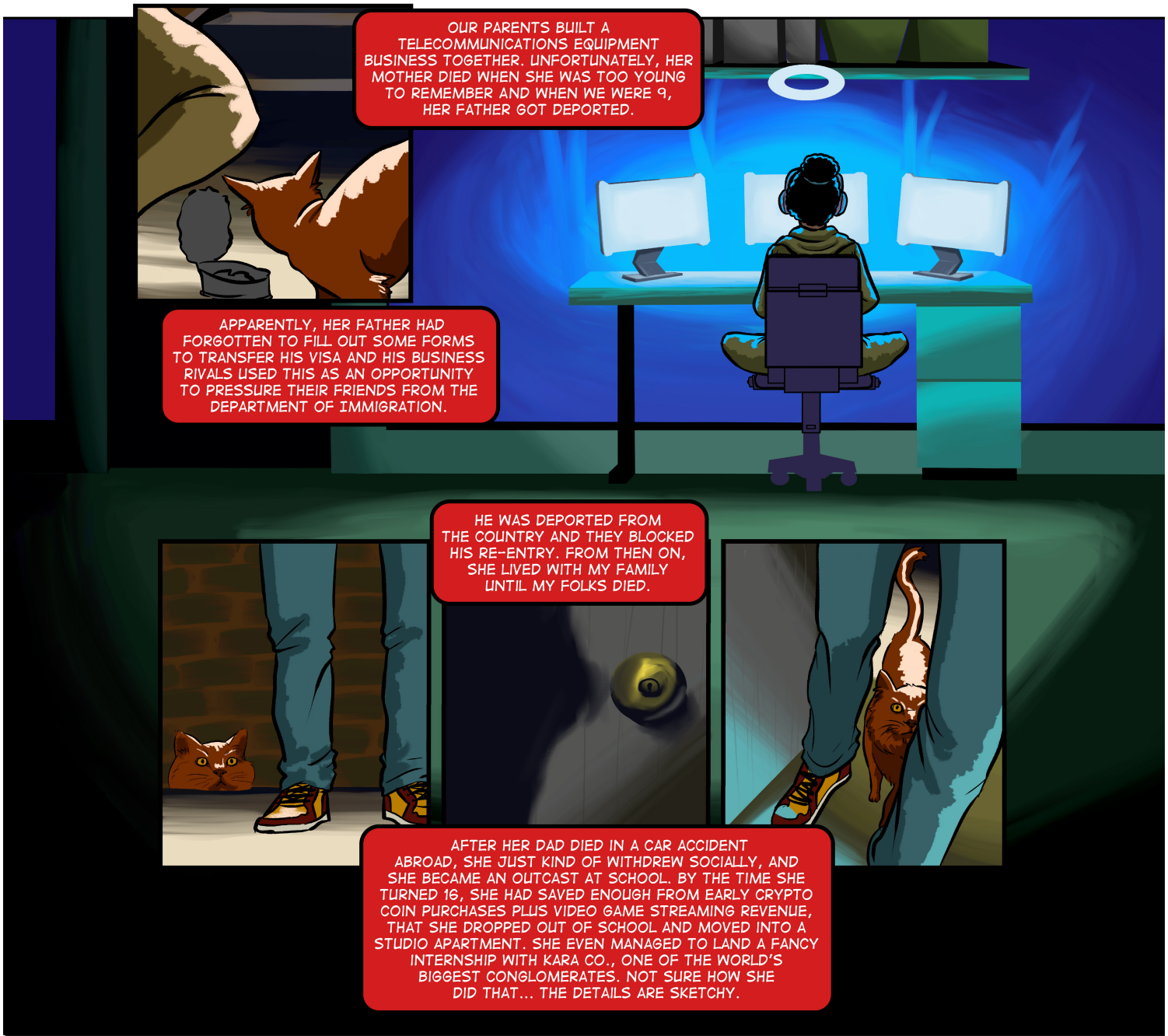

THAT'S GOOD! YOUR PRESENTATION LAST WEEK WAS SO GOOD, I WAS SO PROUD OF YOU! AT 17, YOU'RE ONE OF THE BRIGHTEST INTERNS EVER TO COME FROM THE BANDERSTILL PROGRAM. KEEP THIS UP KAIA, AND YOU'LL HAVE A BRIGHT FUTURE AHEAD OF YOU.
THANKS KIM, THAT ACTUALLY MEANS A LOT COMING FROM YOU. I WISH EVERYONE FELT THE SAME AS YOU.
WHAT'S GOING ON? DID SOMETHING HAPPEN?
HAHA IT'S NOTHING! I GOTTA CATCH MY BUS, BUT I'LL SEE YOU AROUND!
CLEARANCE HEIGHT 10ft. 9in.
MR. HAROLD, ARE YOU OUT BY YOURSELF?
WH-WHO'S THAT?
IT'S KAIA, WE LIVE IN THE SAME BUILDING.
OH KAIA! HOW ARE YOU, DEAR?
I'M GOOD, WHERE'S YOUR WIFE? I ALWAYS SEE HER OUT WITH YOU..
SHE'S BEEN SICK LATELY..
OH NO...
HEH WELL, THAT'S WHY I'M HERE TO TAKE CARE OF HER.
ERR, CAN YOU POINT ME TO THE GROCERY STORE? MY VISION ISN'T WHAT IT USED TO BE..
WHY DON'T YOU COME WITH ME? I WAS ON THE WAY THERE ALREADY.

THANK YOU FOR ALL OF YOUR HELP, MY WIFE USED TO HELP ME WITH THESE THINGS BUT, WELL..
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT, MR. HAROLD. LET'S GET HOME!
YOU'RE IN A HURRY TO GET RID OF ME, HUH?
HAHA NEVER THAT, MR HAROLD.
SEE YOU LATER!
FINALLY, I HAVE ALL THE PARTS I NEED...TIME TO FINISH THIS PC!
CHEER!

EASTERN TECH HIGHSCHOOL GYMNASIUM
EASTERN TECH LIONS VS LUMEN PREP WASPS
LET'S GO LIONS!!!!
WE'RE ONLY DOWN BY 2, BUT WE NEED THIS POINT.
THAT'S OBVIOUS!! TAZ HAS BEEN IN THIS ENTIRE TIME BUT I DON'T KNOW HOW MUCH LONGER HE CAN HOLD OUT! THE LONGER THIS DRAGS ON, THE WORSE SHAPE HE WILL BE IN!
I KNOW THAT OCHI, BUT YOU HEARD THE COACHES. YOU KNOW AS WELL AS I DO THAT TAZ CAN'T BRING IT HOME BY HIMSELF. YOU NEED TO SUB IN.
OCHI, YOU SHOULD SUB IN FOR TAZ!
MAYBE 30 MINUTES AGO, BUT WE'RE IN THE 4TH QUARTER RIGHT NOW.
C'MON RYSON. I ONLY PLAY WHEN WE'RE LEADING, THIS IS LITERALLY THE WORST TIME TO PUT ME IN.
WE'RE ONLY DOWN BY 2, BRO. YOU GOT THIS!
ALRIGHT.
YOU GOT THIS, OCHI.
RIGHT!
COACH..!!
PUT ME IN!

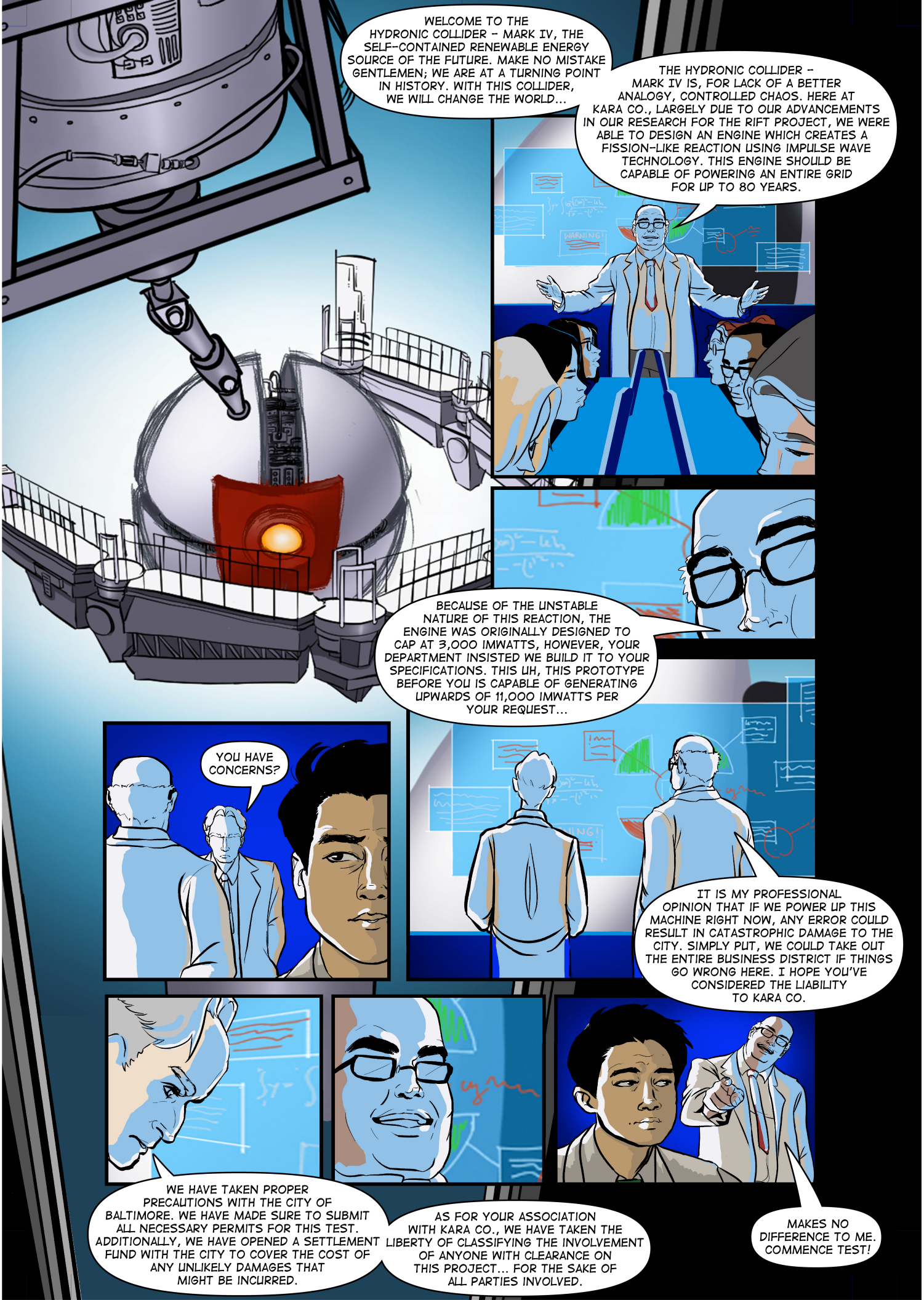
I'VE WORKED HARD FOR THIS. THEY DIDN'T PUT ME IN FOR NOTHING.
I'VE STRUGGLED TO IMPROVE THIS ENTIRE TIME. I GO HARDER THAN EVERYBODY IN PRACTICE.
BOUNCE
BOUNCE
ALL OF MY FREE TIME FOR THE PAST TWO YEARS, SACRIFICED FOR THIS MOMENT.
I WAS AT THE JV LEVEL. I EARNED MY SPOT ON VARSITY AND NOW'S THE TIME TO PROVE IT.
I CAN FEEL THE DIFFERENCE IN SPEED, TECHNIQUE, AND ACCURACY.
BUT IT DOESN'T MATTER, EVEN IF I'M NOT AS NATURALLY TALENTED...
I CAN'T...
WHAAP!
...LOSE.

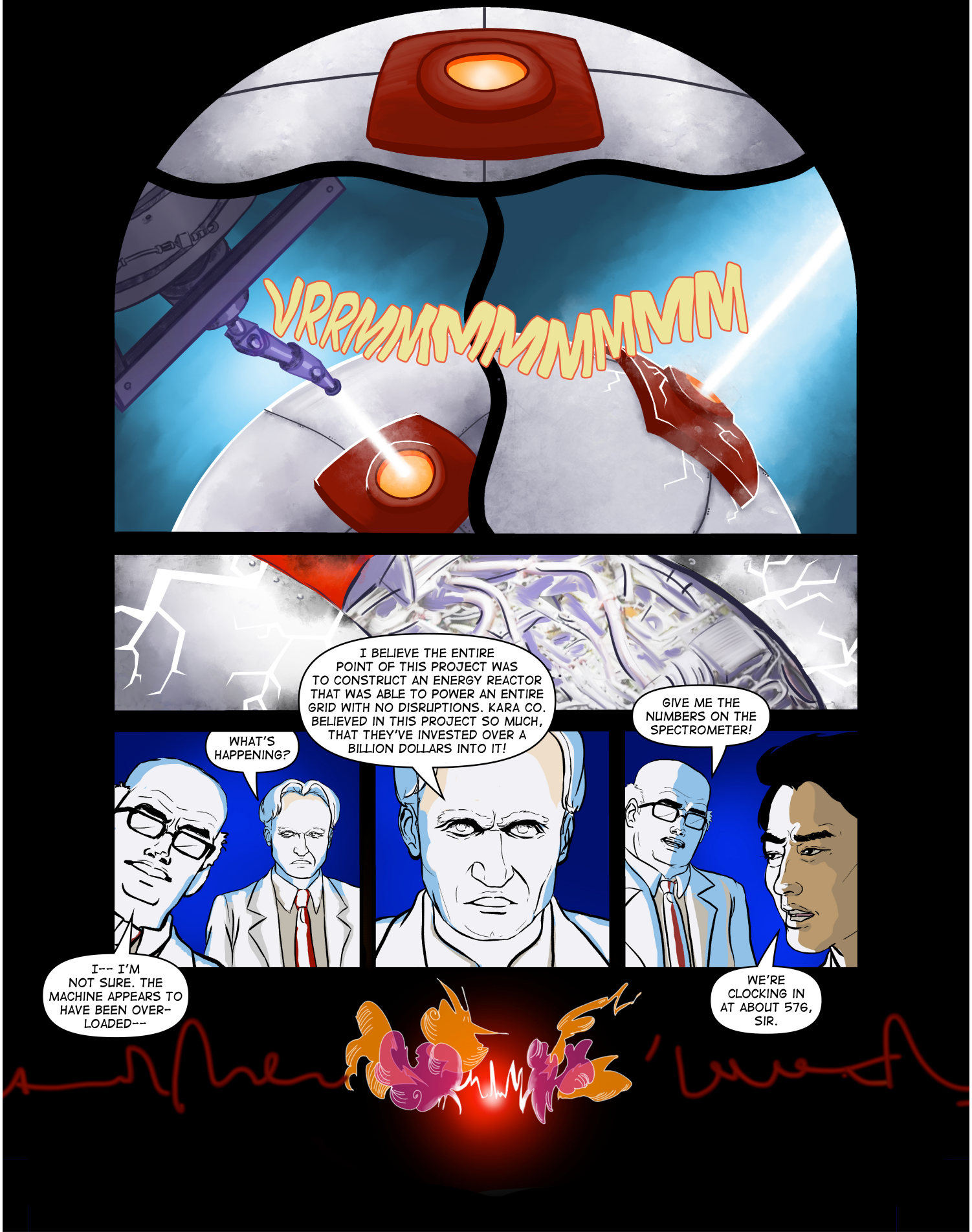
LATER THAT EVENING..
N HOWARD ST, BALTIMORE, MD - 'LEXINGTON APARTMENTS'
KAIA IS MY BEST FRIEND, WE GO ALL THE WAY BACK. SHE'S BEEN A PART OF OUR LIVES FOR AS LONG AS I CAN REMEMBER.

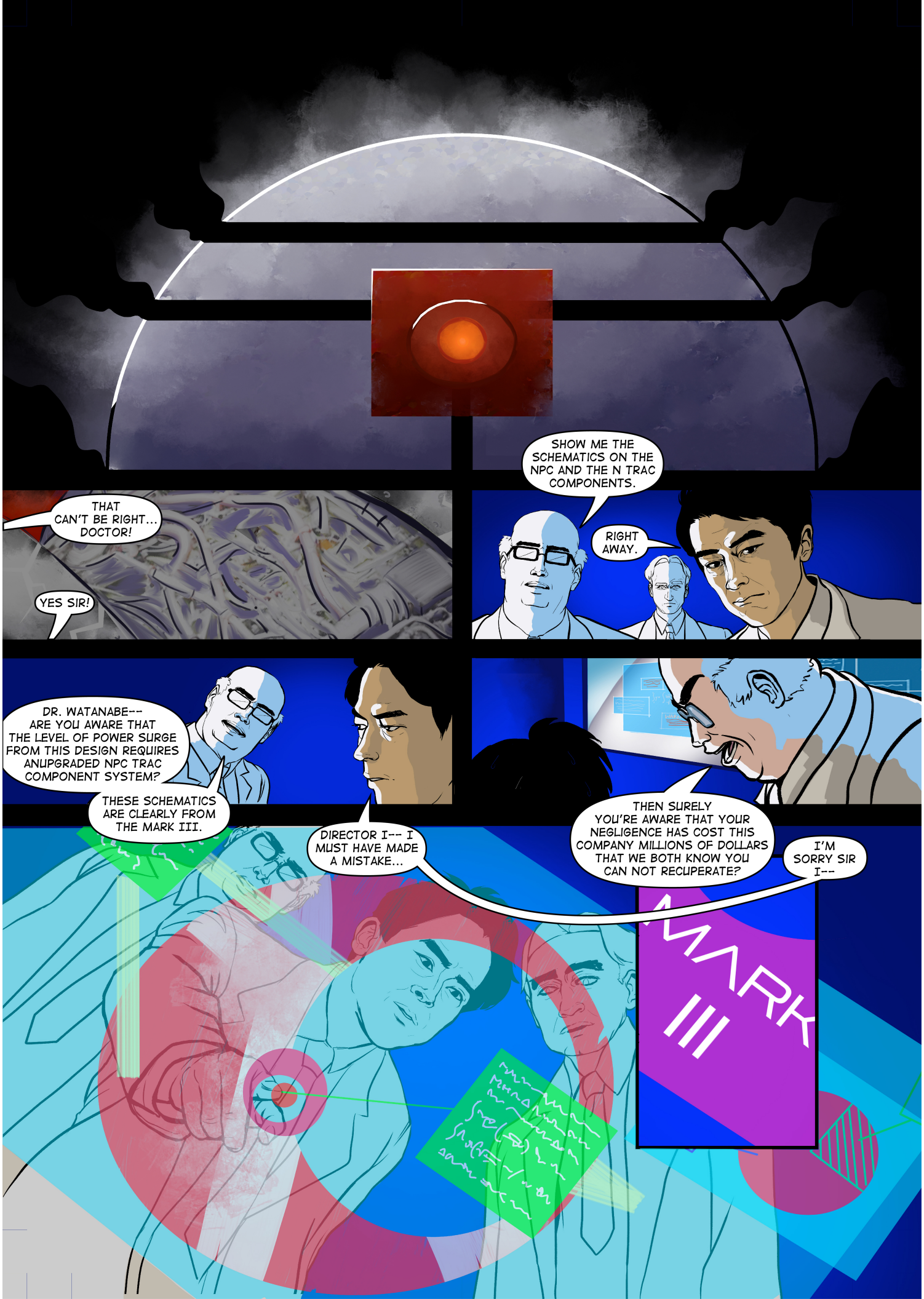

OUR PARENTS BUILT A TELECOMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT BUSINESS TOGETHER. UNFORTUNATELY, HER MOTHER DIED WHEN SHE WAS TOO YOUNG TO REMEMBER AND WHEN WE WERE 9, HER FATHER GOT DEPORTED.
APPARENTLY, HER FATHER HAD FORGOTTEN TO FILL OUT SOME FORMS TO TRANSFER HIS VISA AND HIS BUSINESS RIVALS USED THIS AS AN OPPORTUNITY TO PRESSURE THEIR FRIENDS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF IMMIGRATION.
HE WAS DEPORTED FROM THE COUNTRY AND THEY BLOCKED HIS RE-ENTRY. FROM THEN ON, SHE LIVED WITH MY FAMILY UNTIL MY FOLKS DIED.
AFTER HER DAD DIED IN A CAR ACCIDENT ABROAD, SHE JUST KIND OF WITHDREW SOCIALLY, AND SHE BECAME AN OUTCAST AT SCHOOL. BY THE TIME SHE TURNED 16, SHE HAD SAVED ENOUGH FROM EARLY CRYPTO COIN PURCHASES PLUS VIDEO GAME STREAMING REVENUE, THAT SHE DROPPED OUT OF SCHOOL AND MOVED INTO A STUDIO APARTMENT. SHE EVEN MANAGED TO LAND A FANCY INTERNSHIP WITH KARA CO., ONE OF THE WORLD'S BIGGEST CONGLOMERATES. NOT SURE HOW SHE DID THAT... THE DETAILS ARE SKETCHY.

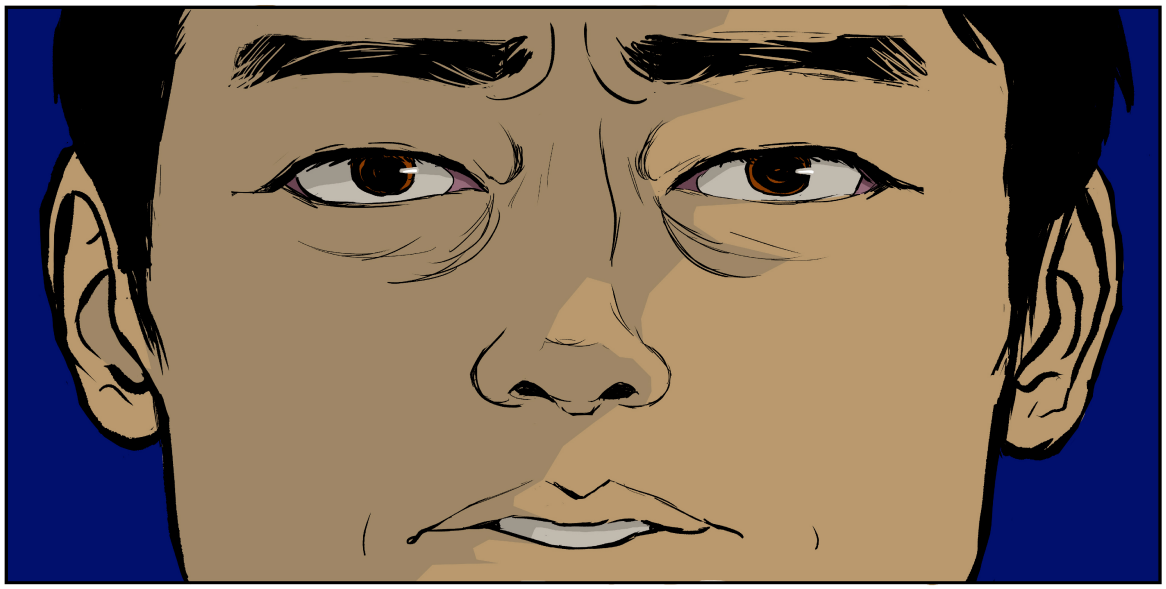
YOU'RE NOT SEEING A CRAZY RETURN ON YOUR INVESTMENTS BECAUSE YOU'RE NOT TAKING ANY RISK. WHAT CURRENCY ARE YOU EVEN DEALING WITH? WATCH MY SIX.
YO!
YOU'RE LETTING THE AIR OUT.
YOU COULD USE SOME FRESH AIR... FROM THE LOOKS OF THINGS. DO YOU EVER CLEAN?
DO YOU NEED SOMETHING? I'M MANAGING A CRISIS RIGHT NOW.
I CAN SEE... ANYWAY, DEAD DREAD II JUST CAME OUT, SO GET YOUR ASS UP!
HEY!--
OH NO YOU DON'T--

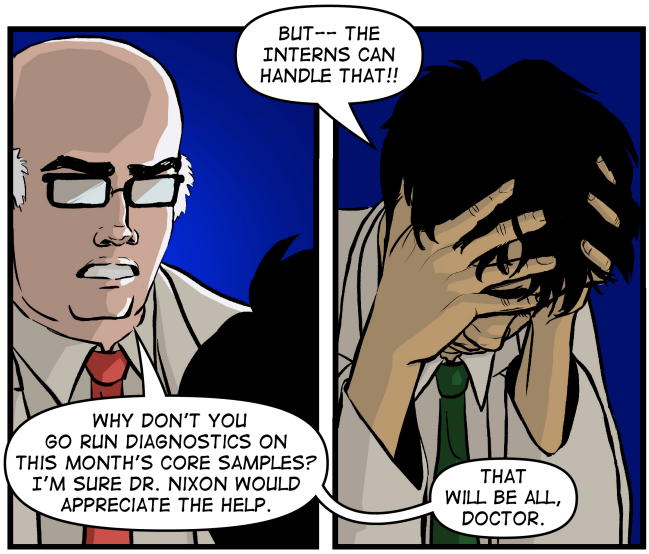
KARA CO RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT BUILDING:
NORTH CAMPUS, DOWNTOWN BALTIMORE, MD
MR. PINKERTON-- GOOD TO SEE YOU AGAIN! GOOD AFTERNOON GENTLEMEN, I'M DR. KEN BURTON, DIRECTOR OF R&D. WELCOME TO KARA CO.'S DOWNTOWN BALTIMORE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT LOCATION, HOME OF THE LARGEST UNDERGROUND TEST FACILITY IN THE COUNTRY! I TRUST YOUR RIDE OVER WAS A PLEASANT ONE?
PARDON MY MANNERS, DIRECTOR, BUT WE'D LIKE TO SKIP THE PLEASANTRIES.
OF COURSE, RIGHT THIS WAY.
WE WILL OBSERVE THE TEST FROM HERE, GENTLEMEN.

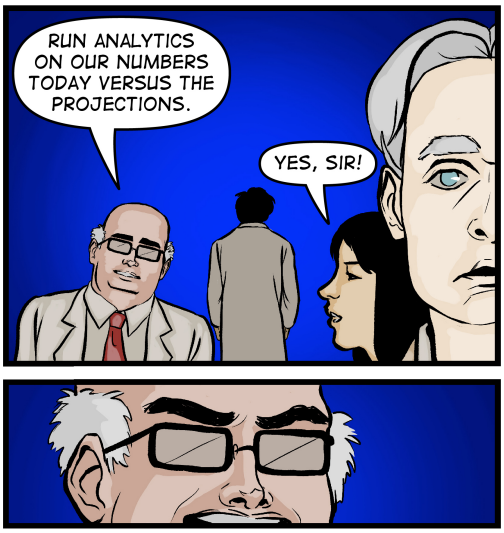

WELCOME TO THE HYDRONIC COLLIDER – MARK IV, THE SELF-CONTAINED RENEWABLE ENERGY SOURCE OF THE FUTURE. MAKE NO MISTAKE GENTLEMEN; WE ARE AT A TURNING POINT IN HISTORY. WITH THIS COLLIDER, WE WILL CHANGE THE WORLD...
THE HYDRONIC COLLIDER – MARK IV IS, FOR LACK OF A BETTER ANALOGY, CONTROLLED CHAOS. HERE AT KARA CO., LARGELY DUE TO OUR ADVANCEMENTS IN OUR RESEARCH FOR THE RIFT PROJECT, WE WERE ABLE TO DESIGN AN ENGINE WHICH CREATES A FISSION-LIKE REACTION USING IMPULSE WAVE TECHNOLOGY. THIS ENGINE SHOULD BE CAPABLE OF POWERING AN ENTIRE GRID FOR UP TO 80 YEARS.
BECAUSE OF THE UNSTABLE NATURE OF THIS REACTION, THE ENGINE WAS ORIGINALLY DESIGNED TO CAP AT 3,000 IMWATTS, HOWEVER, YOUR DEPARTMENT INSISTED WE BUILD IT TO YOUR SPECIFICATIONS. THIS UH, THIS PROTOTYPE BEFORE YOU IS CAPABLE OF GENERATING UPWARDS OF 11,000 IMWATTS PER YOUR REQUEST...
YOU HAVE CONCERNS?
IT IS MY PROFESSIONAL OPINION THAT IF WE POWER UP THIS MACHINE RIGHT NOW, ANY ERROR COULD RESULT IN CATASTROPHIC DAMAGE TO THE CITY. SIMPLY PUT, WE COULD TAKE OUT THE ENTIRE BUSINESS DISTRICT IF THINGS GO WRONG HERE. I HOPE YOU'VE CONSIDERED THE LIABILITY TO KARA CO.
WE HAVE TAKEN PROPER PRECAUTIONS WITH THE CITY OF BALTIMORE. WE HAVE MADE SURE TO SUBMIT ALL NECESSARY PERMITS FOR THIS TEST. ADDITIONALLY, WE HAVE OPENED A SETTLEMENT FUND WITH THE CITY TO COVER THE COST OF ANY UNLIKELY DAMAGES THAT MIGHT BE INCURRED.
AS FOR YOUR ASSOCIATION WITH KARA CO., WE HAVE TAKEN THE LIBERTY OF CLASSIFYING THE INVOLVEMENT OF ANYONE WITH CLEARANCE ON THIS PROJECT... FOR THE SAKE OF ALL PARTIES INVOLVED.
MAKES NO DIFFERENCE TO ME. COMMENCE TEST!

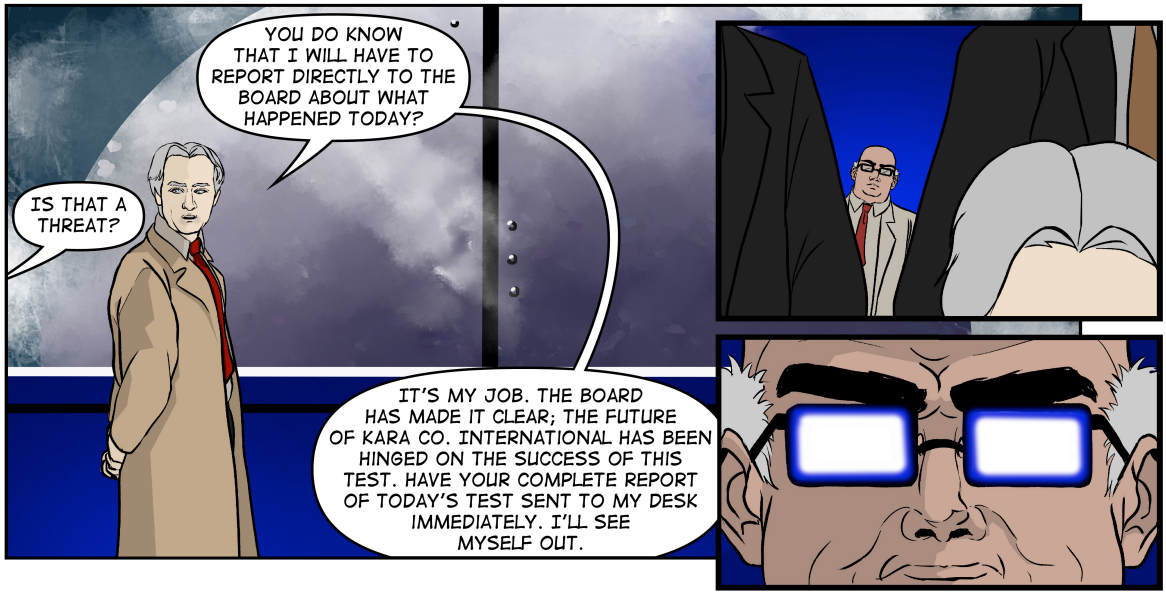

VRRMMMMMMMMMMM
I BELIEVE THE ENTIRE POINT OF THIS PROJECT WAS TO CONSTRUCT AN ENERGY REACTOR THAT WAS ABLE TO POWER AN ENTIRE GRID WITH NO DISRUPTIONS. KARA CO. BELIEVED IN THIS PROJECT SO MUCH, THAT THEY'VE INVESTED OVER A BILLION DOLLARS INTO IT!
WHAT'S HAPPENING?
I-- I'M NOT SURE. THE MACHINE APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN OVER-LOADED--
GIVE ME THE NUMBERS ON THE SPECTROMETER!
WE'RE CLOCKING IN AT ABOUT 576, SIR.

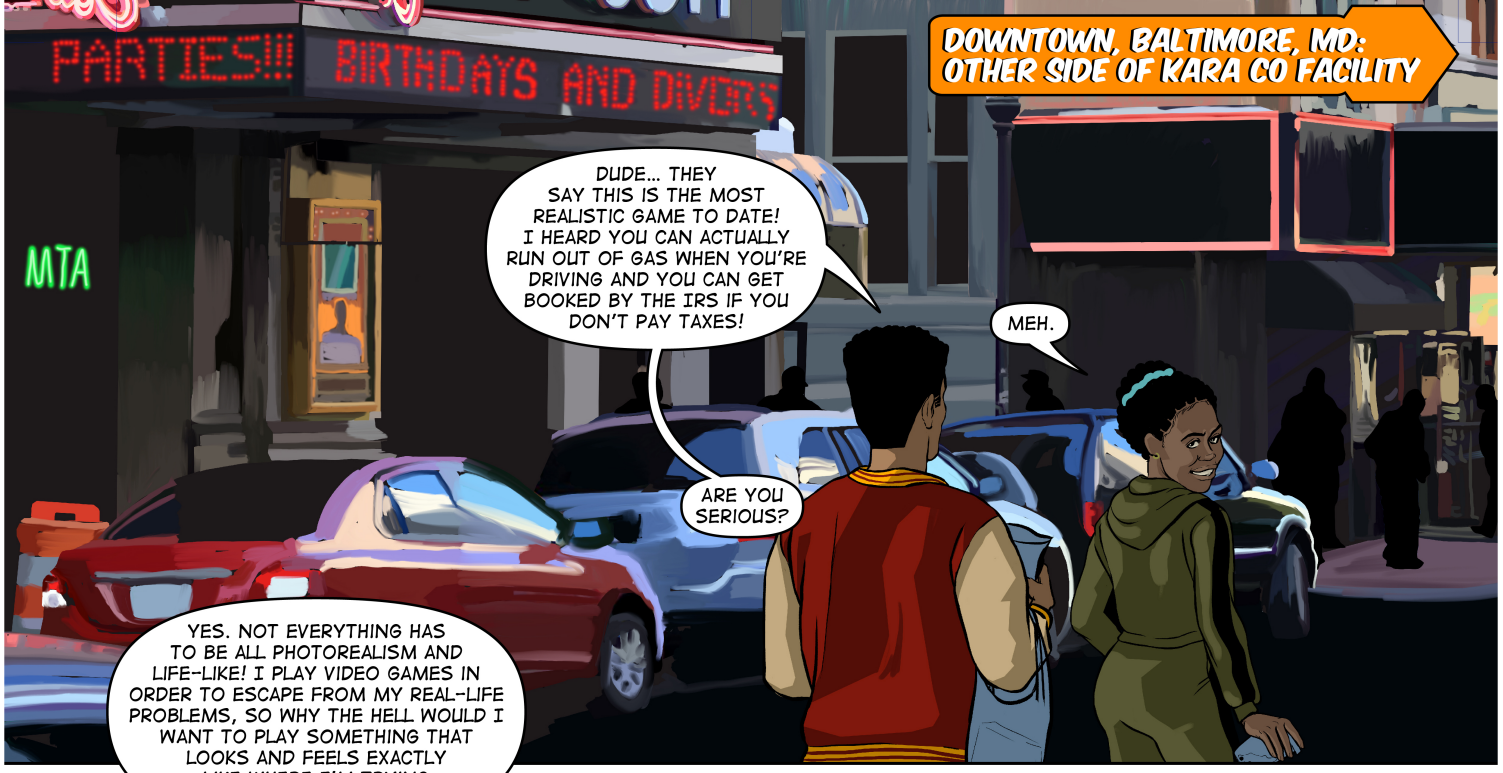

SHOW ME THE SCHEMATICS ON THE NPC AND THE N TRAC COMPONENTS.
RIGHT AWAY.
THAT CAN'T BE RIGHT... DOCTOR!
YES SIR!
DR. WATANABE-- ARE YOU AWARE THAT THE LEVEL OF POWER SURGE FROM THIS DESIGN REQUIRES ANUPGRADED NPC TRAC COMPONENT SYSTEM?
THESE SCHEMATICS ARE CLEARLY FROM THE MARK III.
DIRECTOR I-- I MUST HAVE MADE A MISTAKE...
THEN SURELY YOU'RE AWARE THAT YOUR NEGLIGENCE HAS COST THIS COMPANY MILLIONS OF DOLLARS THAT WE BOTH KNOW YOU CAN NOT RECUPERATE?
I'M SORRY SIR I--
MARK III




BUT-- THE INTERNS CAN HANDLE THAT!!
WHY DON'T YOU GO RUN DIAGNOSTICS ON THIS MONTH'S CORE SAMPLES? I'M SURE DR. NIXON WOULD APPRECIATE THE HELP.
THAT WILL BE ALL, DOCTOR.


RUN ANALYTICS ON OUR NUMBERS TODAY VERSUS THE PROJECTIONS.
YES, SIR!


YOU DO KNOW THAT I WILL HAVE TO REPORT DIRECTLY TO THE BOARD ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED TODAY?
IS THAT A THREAT?
IT'S MY JOB. THE BOARD HAS MADE IT CLEAR; THE FUTURE OF KARA CO. INTERNATIONAL HAS BEEN HINGED ON THE SUCCESS OF THIS TEST. HAVE YOUR COMPLETE REPORT OF TODAY'S TEST SENT TO MY DESK IMMEDIATELY. I'LL SEE MYSELF OUT.


DOWNTOWN, BALTIMORE, MD:
OTHER SIDE OF KARA CO FACILITY
PARTIES!!!
BIRTHDAYS AND DIVERS
MTA
DUDE... THEY SAY THIS IS THE MOST REALISTIC GAME TO DATE! I HEARD YOU CAN ACTUALLY RUN OUT OF GAS WHEN YOU'RE DRIVING AND YOU CAN GET BOOKED BY THE IRS IF YOU DON'T PAY TAXES!
MEH.
ARE YOU SERIOUS?
YES. NOT EVERYTHING HAS TO BE ALL PHOTOREALISM AND LIFE-LIKE! I PLAY VIDEO GAMES IN ORDER TO ESCAPE FROM MY REAL-LIFE PROBLEMS, SO WHY THE HELL WOULD I WANT TO PLAY SOMETHING THAT LOOKS AND FEELS EXACTLY LIKE WHERE I'M TRYING TO ESCAPE?
CAUSE IT'S SICK!
I DON'T WANT TO FILE TAXES FOR A FREAKING MINI-GAME.
HOW ABOUT HOPPING A FENCE?
HOLD ON--ISN'T THIS THE KARA CO. R&D BUILDING? WHAT ARE WE DOING HERE?
Restricted
Keep
KARA
TAKING A SHORT CUT.
YOU'RE GOING TO GET US SHOT. OR WORSE, GET ME FIRED.
ANYWAY, LET'S PLAY THROUGH THE CAMPAIGN WHEN WE GET BACK.
ONLY IF I CAN STREAM IT. YOU SCREWED UP MY SCHEDULE AND I NEED TO MAINTAIN STEADY TRAFFIC ON MY CHANNEL IF I'M GOING TO STAY MONETIZED.
YOU SOUND LIKE A HAMSTER IN A WHEEL.
YOU LOOK LIKE A HAMSTER... THAT'S WHY LIZ CURVED YOU.
WHAT IS THAT?

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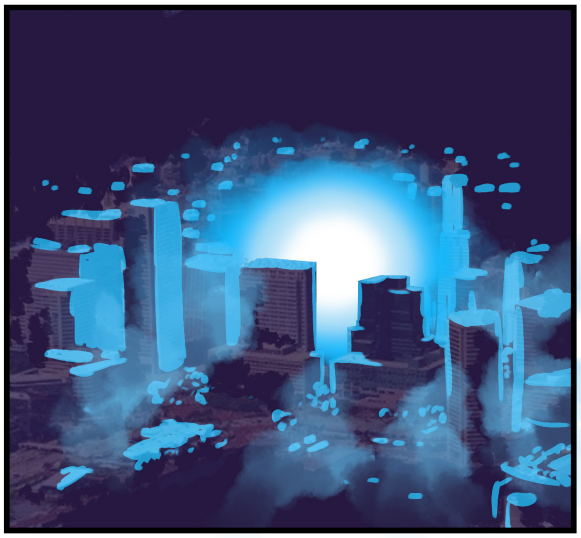
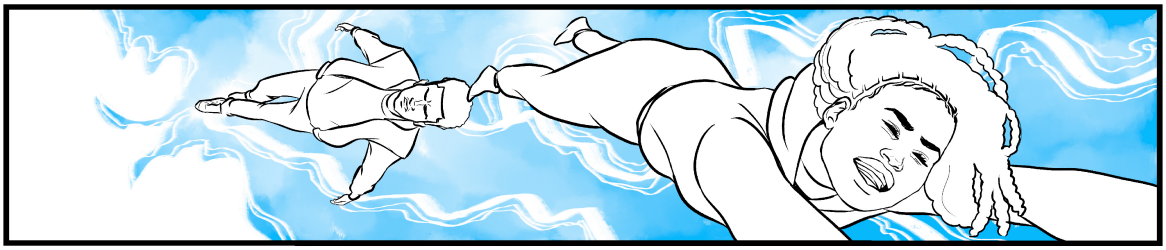
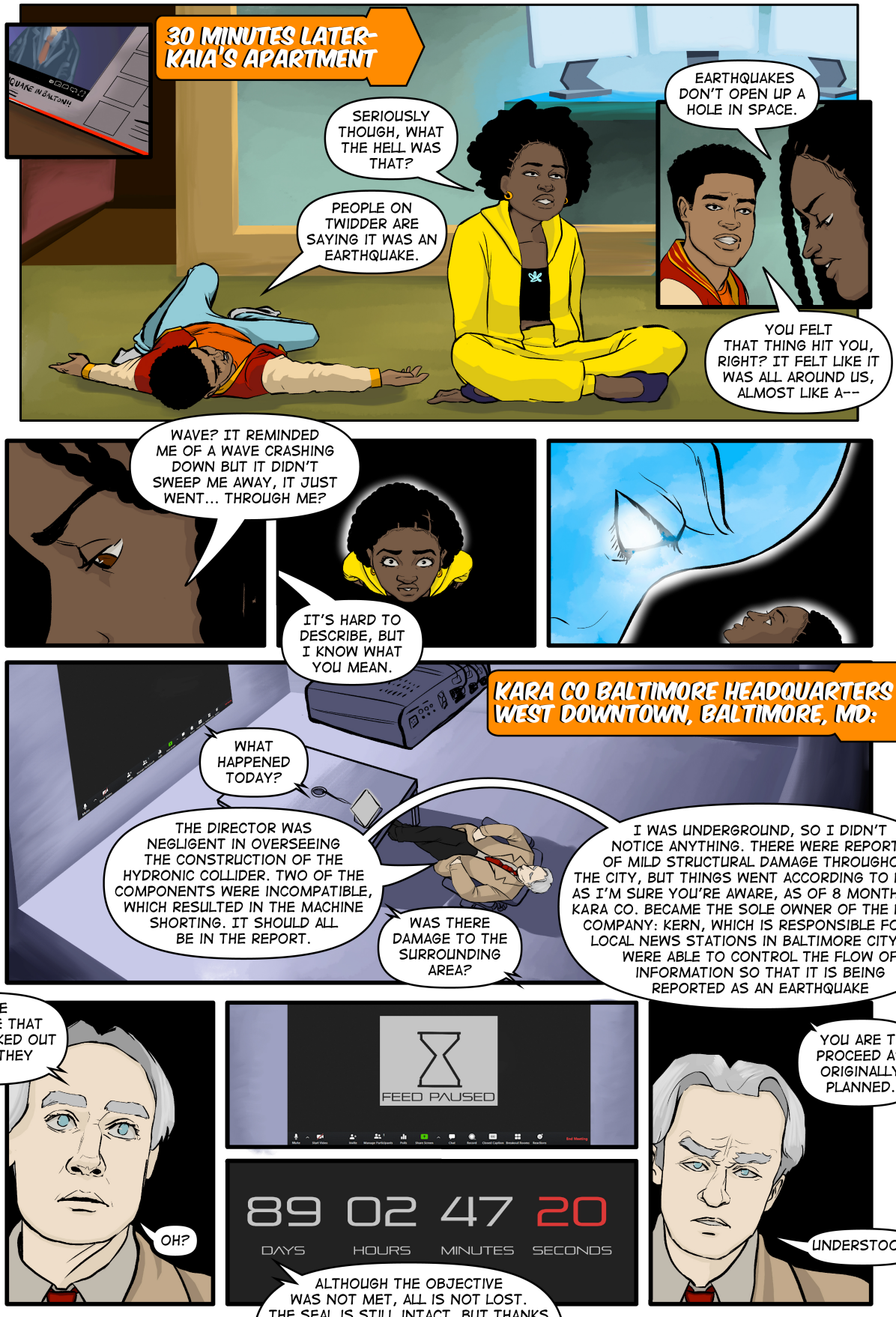




WEEE OOOH WEEE
OOOH WEEE OOOH...
HEY! KAIA! GET UP!
WE GOTTA GET OUT OF HERE NOW, BEFORE PEOPLE START SHOWING UP.
SORRY 'BOUT THIS--
WHA-?

WHAAA...
ARE YOU OK?
UH... YEAH..
HE DIDN'T SEE ME JUST NOW..?
YOU KNOW I DON'T RUN-- DON'T LEAVE ME!
SORRY ABOUT THAT, BUT WE HAVE TO MOVE!


30 MINUTES LATER- KAIA'S APARTMENT
EARTHQUAKES DON'T OPEN UP A HOLE IN SPACE.
SERIOUSLY THOUGH, WHAT THE HELL WAS THAT?
PEOPLE ON TWIDDER ARE SAYING IT WAS AN EARTHQUAKE.
YOU FELT THAT THING HIT YOU, RIGHT? IT FELT LIKE IT WAS ALL AROUND US, ALMOST LIKE A--
WAVE? IT REMINDED ME OF A WAVE CRASHING DOWN BUT IT DIDN'T SWEEP ME AWAY, IT JUST WENT... THROUGH ME?
IT'S HARD TO DESCRIBE, BUT I KNOW WHAT YOU MEAN.
KARA CO BALTIMORE HEADQUARTERS - WEST DOWNTOWN, BALTIMORE, MD:
WHAT HAPPENED TODAY?
THE DIRECTOR WAS NEGLIGENT IN OVERSEEING THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE HYDRONIC COLLIDER. TWO OF THE COMPONENTS WERE INCOMPATIBLE, WHICH RESULTED IN THE MACHINE SHORTING. IT SHOULD ALL BE IN THE REPORT.
WAS THERE DAMAGE TO THE SURROUNDING AREA?
I WAS UNDERGROUND, SO I DIDN'T NOTICE ANYTHING. THERE WERE REPORTS OF MILD STRUCTURAL DAMAGE THROUGHOUT THE CITY, BUT THINGS WENT ACCORDING TO PLAN-- AS I'M SURE YOU'RE AWARE, AS OF 8 MONTHS AGO, KARA CO. BECAME THE SOLE OWNER OF THE PARENT COMPANY: KERN, WHICH IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL LOCAL NEWS STATIONS IN BALTIMORE CITY. WE WERE ABLE TO CONTROL THE FLOW OF INFORMATION SO THAT IT IS BEING REPORTED AS AN EARTHQUAKE
WE ARE FORTUNATE THAT THINGS WORKED OUT THE WAY THEY DID.
OH?
FEED PAUSED
89 DAYS 02 HOURS 47 MINUTES 20 SECONDS
YOU ARE TO PROCEED AS ORIGINALLY PLANNED.
UNDERSTOOD.
ALTHOUGH THE OBJECTIVE WAS NOT MET, ALL IS NOT LOST. THE SEAL IS STILL INTACT, BUT THANKS TO TODAY'S TEST, IT'S BEEN GRAVELY WEAKENED. AND NOW, IT'S SIMPLY A MATTER OF TIME BEFORE THE SEAL IS COMPROMISED. ACCORDING TO OUR CALCULATIONS, THIS IS THE TIME-TABLE

LATER THAT NIGHT - CHARLES VILLAGE, BALTIMORE, MD

OCHI..

HEY, BUDDY. WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
I COULDN'T SLEEP. MATCHA WENT TO WORK ALREADY.
WELL I'M HERE, BUD. LET'S GET YOU BACK TO BED, YOU HAVE SCHOOL TOMORROW.

AT THE SAME TIME - 5 BLOCKS AWAY
YOU'RE BUGGING.
BRUH, WHO'S BUGGING? BLEU CHEESE IS DISGUSTING!
ALRIGHT, SO WHAT ARE YOU DIPPING YOUR WINGS IN?
RANCH IS THE ONLY WAY TO GO. I DON'T SEE HOW YOU CAN EAT BLEU CHEESE WITHOUT THROWING UP.
HONESTLY, RANCH IS RESPECTABLE. I'M A FAN MYSELF, BUT BLEU CHEESE IS THE SUPERIOR DIPPING SAUCE.
DOG, WHAT THE FUCK IS WRONG WITH YOU??
I'M SAYING, YOU NEED TO EXPAND YOUR PALATE, GUY.
WHAT THE FUCK ARE Y'ALL TALKING ABOUT BRO..
I SWEAR THEY TALK ENDLESSLY BUT REALLY DON'T BE SAYING SHI
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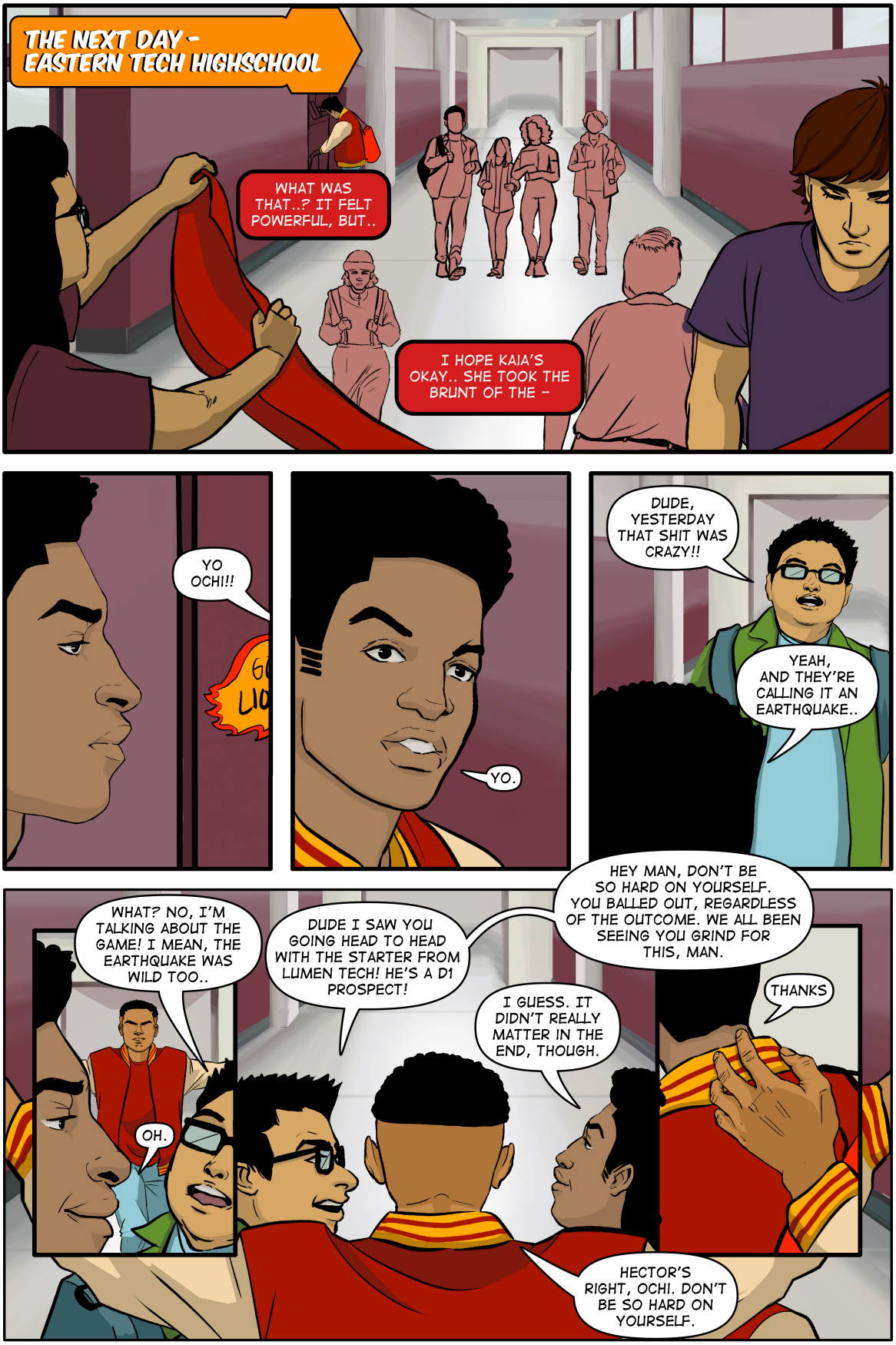
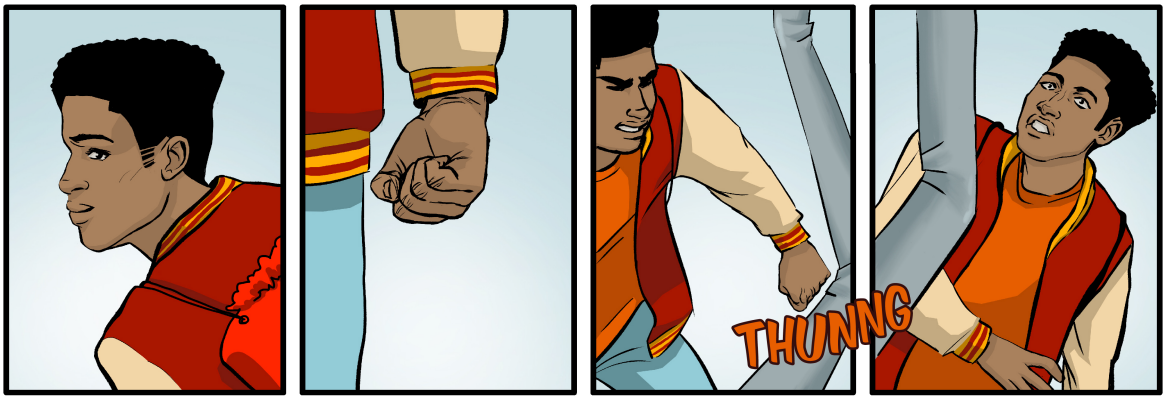

THE NEXT DAY -
EASTERN TECH HIGHSCHOOL
WHAT WAS THAT..? IT FELT POWERFUL, BUT..
I HOPE KAIA'S OKAY.. SHE TOOK THE BRUNT OF THE -
YO OCHI!!
YO.
DUDE, YESTERDAY THAT SHIT WAS CRAZY!!
YEAH, AND THEY'RE CALLING IT AN EARTHQUAKE..
WHAT? NO, I'M TALKING ABOUT THE GAME! I MEAN, THE EARTHQUAKE WAS WILD TOO..
OH.
DUDE I SAW YOU GOING HEAD TO HEAD WITH THE STARTER FROM LUMEN TECH! HE'S A D1 PROSPECT!
I GUESS. IT DIDN'T REALLY MATTER IN THE END, THOUGH.
HEY MAN, DON'T BE SO HARD ON YOURSELF. YOU BALLED OUT, REGARDLESS OF THE OUTCOME. WE ALL BEEN SEEING YOU GRIND FOR THIS, MAN.
THANKS
HECTOR'S RIGHT, OCHI. DON'T BE SO HARD ON YOURSELF.

TAZ.
I'M SERIOUS, BUDDY, IT'S NOT YOUR FAULT!
IF ANYTHING, IT'S COACH'S FAULT FOR PLAYING YOU IN THE FIRST PLACE. AT THE END OF THE DAY YOU'RE NOT A BAD PLAYER, BUT ALL THINGS CONSIDERED, YOU'RE NOT ALL THAT TALENTED EITHER. I MEAN, IT TOOK YOU TWO YEARS TO EVEN MAKE THE TEAM LET ALONE PLAY IN AN ACTUAL GAME.
WHAT'S YOUR PROBLEM TAZ?
SOMEONE MUST HAVE PISSED IN HIS PRE WORKOUT..
NO PROBLEMS OVER HERE BUD, I'M JUST STATING THE FACTS! LOOK, OCHI: IT'S NOT JUST COACH. WE ALL TOOK A GAMBLE ON YOU, WE ALL CRAPPED OUT. IT'S NOT YOUR FAULT! SO DON'T WORRY, THE REST OF THE TEAM AND I WILL BE HERE TO PICK UP YOUR SLACK AT TOMORROW'S SCRIMMAGE.
SCREW HIM, OCHI. LET'S GET OUT OF HERE.
SURE.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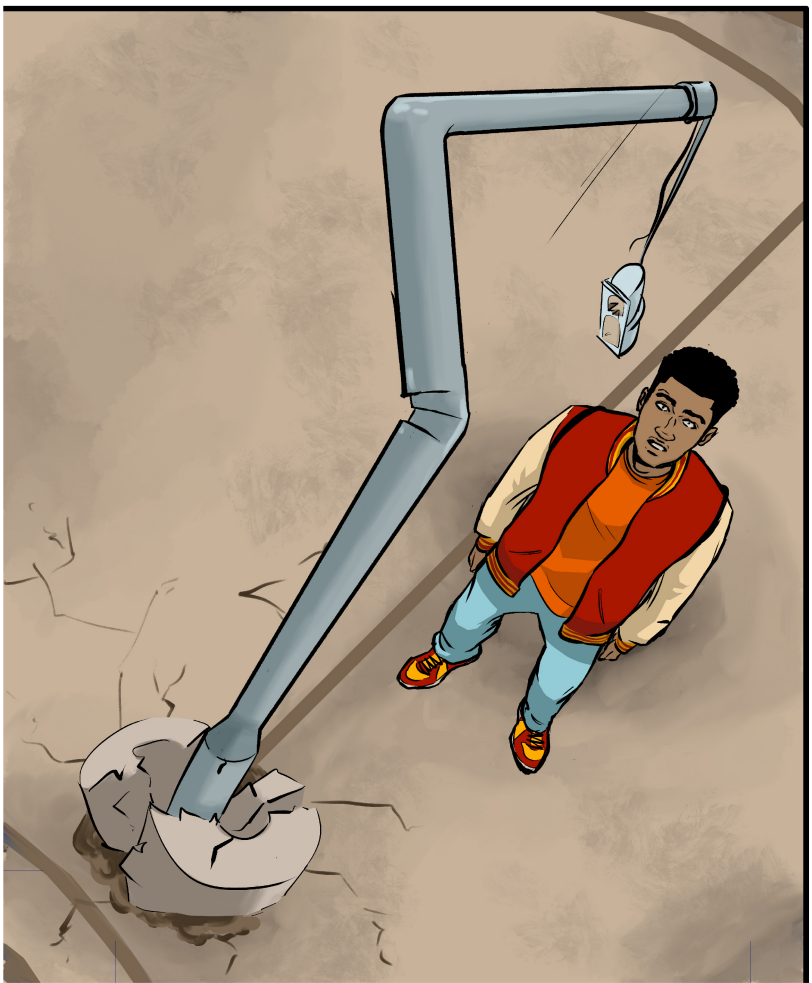

WELL
THAT'S NEW.

Eaton Dump
KRAKKK
SMASHH

THIS IS CRAZY..
THIS IS AMAZING..
THIS IS A GIFT.