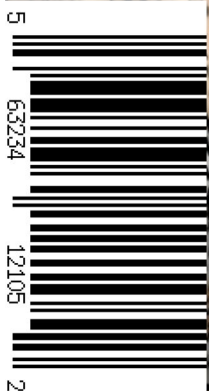


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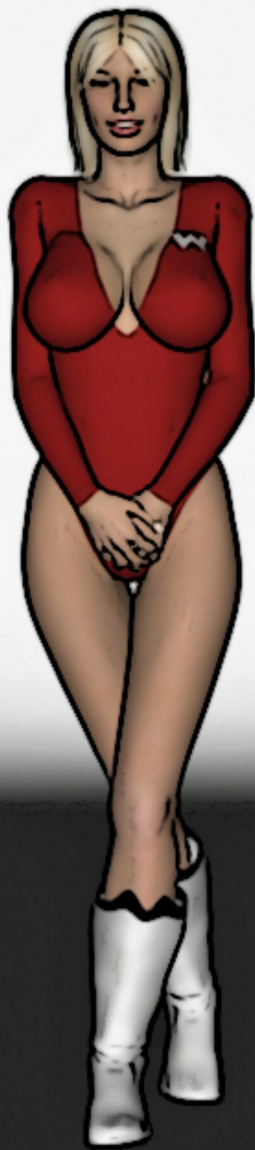
ISSUE #3

ALL IN THE FAMILY



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MICHAEL O'NEAL
POWERHOUSE

STRENGTH

STEPHANIE POWERS
TRANSPARENCY

INVISIBILITY

VICTORIA DUPAGE
PLASMA

ENERGY BLAST

DAVID SPEERS
BOLT

SPEED

PART ONE

CHANGES





AT LONG LAST, THE
KEY TO UNRIVELED
POWER.

AND IT IS WITHIN
MY GRASP!
BWHAHAHA!

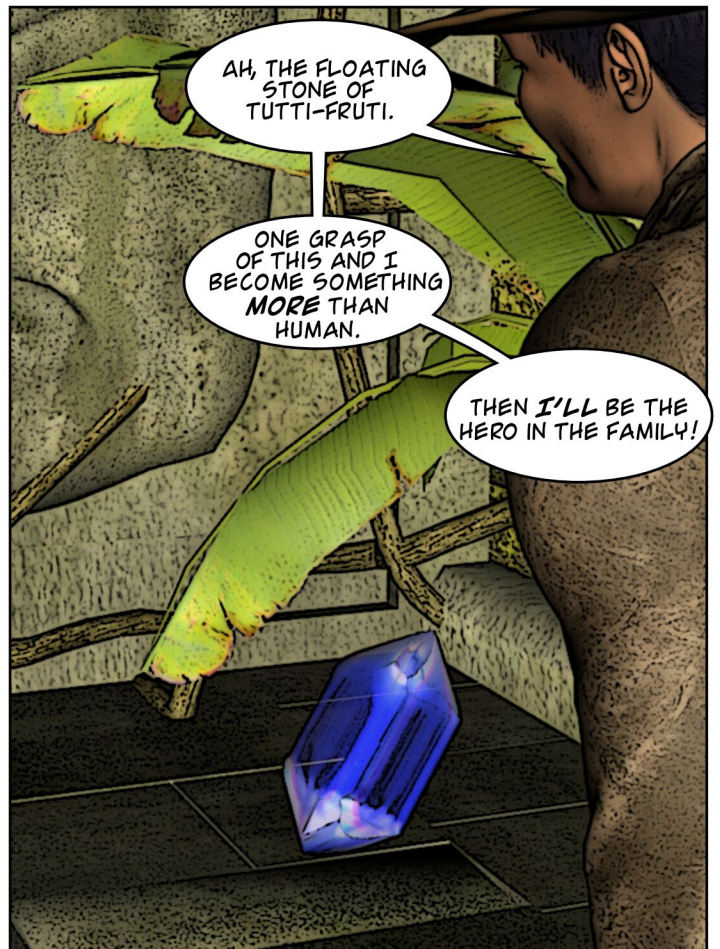


LITTLE SISTER
AND HER GROUP OF
"HEROES" STEAL
THE LIMELIGHT.

I DISCOVERED THE
TEMPLE OF TUMERIC*.

ALL SHE DID WAS
HELP SAVE THE
WORLD. INVISIBILITY,
HMMPH!

*IT'S ALSO A SPICE BUT
OUR INTREPID EXPLORER
DOESN'T COOK THAT MUCH.



AH, THE FLOATING
STONE OF
TUTTI-FRUTI.

ONE GRASP
OF THIS AND I
BECOME SOMETHING
MORE THAN
HUMAN.

THEN I'LL BE THE
HERO IN THE FAMILY!



GARRRRGH!!!



YES! I FEEL THE POWER SURGING, COURSING THROUGH MY BODY!



RIIIP!



THIS IS BETTER THAN I DREAMED!



WAIT,
I'M STILL
CHANGING!



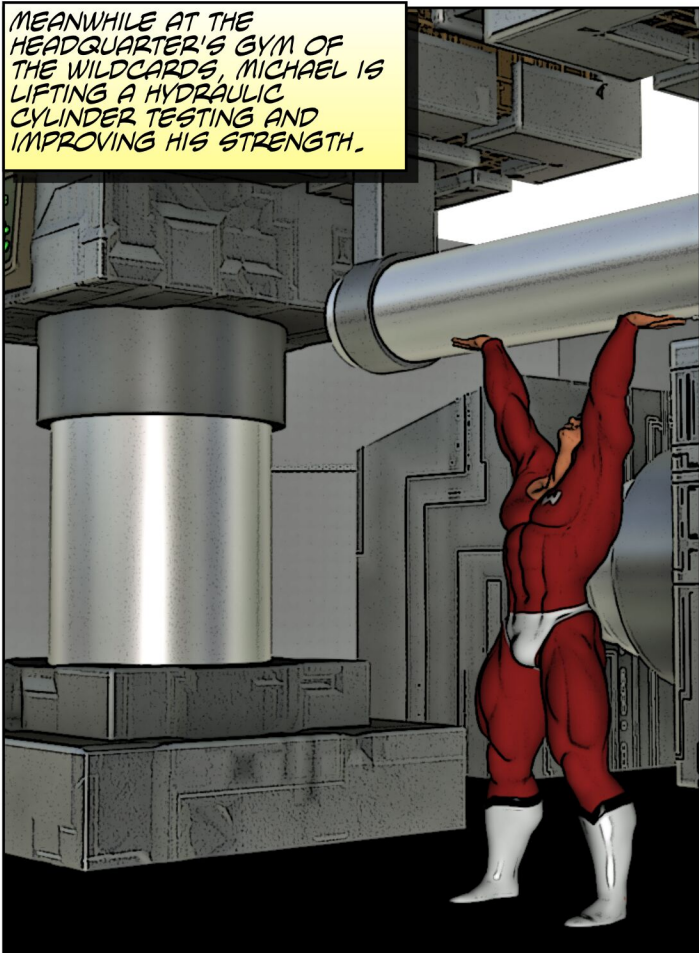
BECOMING
SOMETHING
INCREDIBLE!



HAHAHAHA!

THIS ISN'T GOING TO GO
WELL FOLKS, TRUST ME.

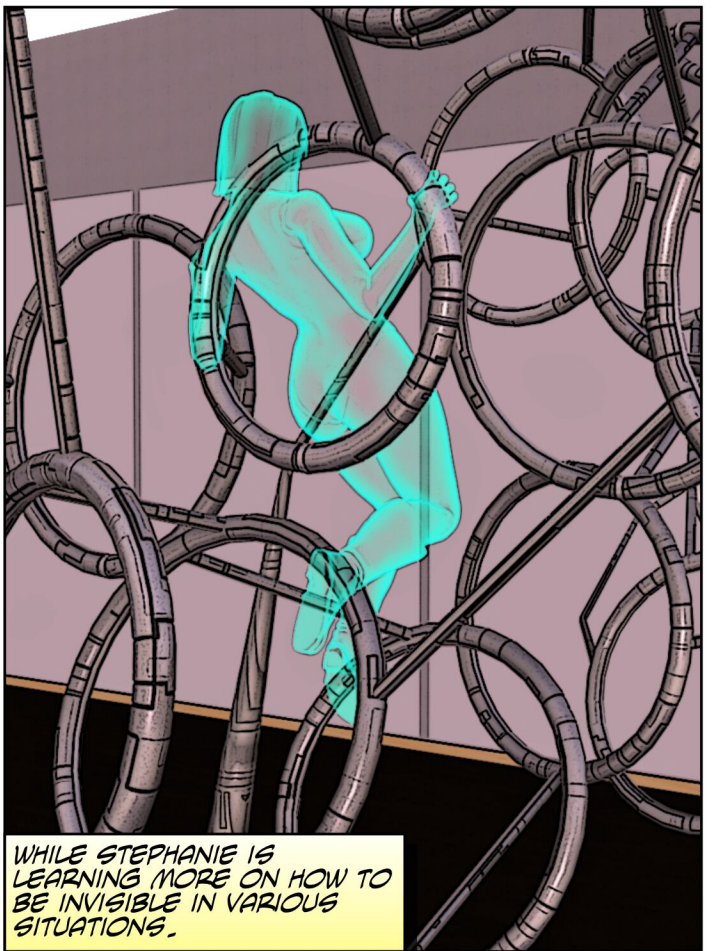
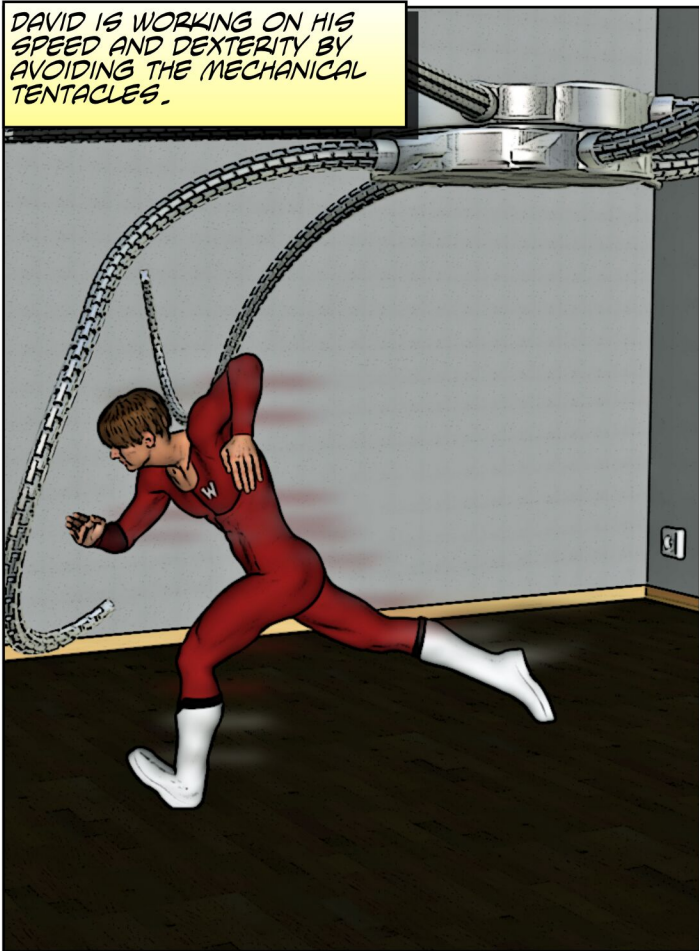
MEANWHILE AT THE HEADQUARTER'S GYM OF THE WILDCARDS, MICHAEL IS LIFTING A HYDRAULIC CYLINDER TESTING AND IMPROVING HIS STRENGTH.



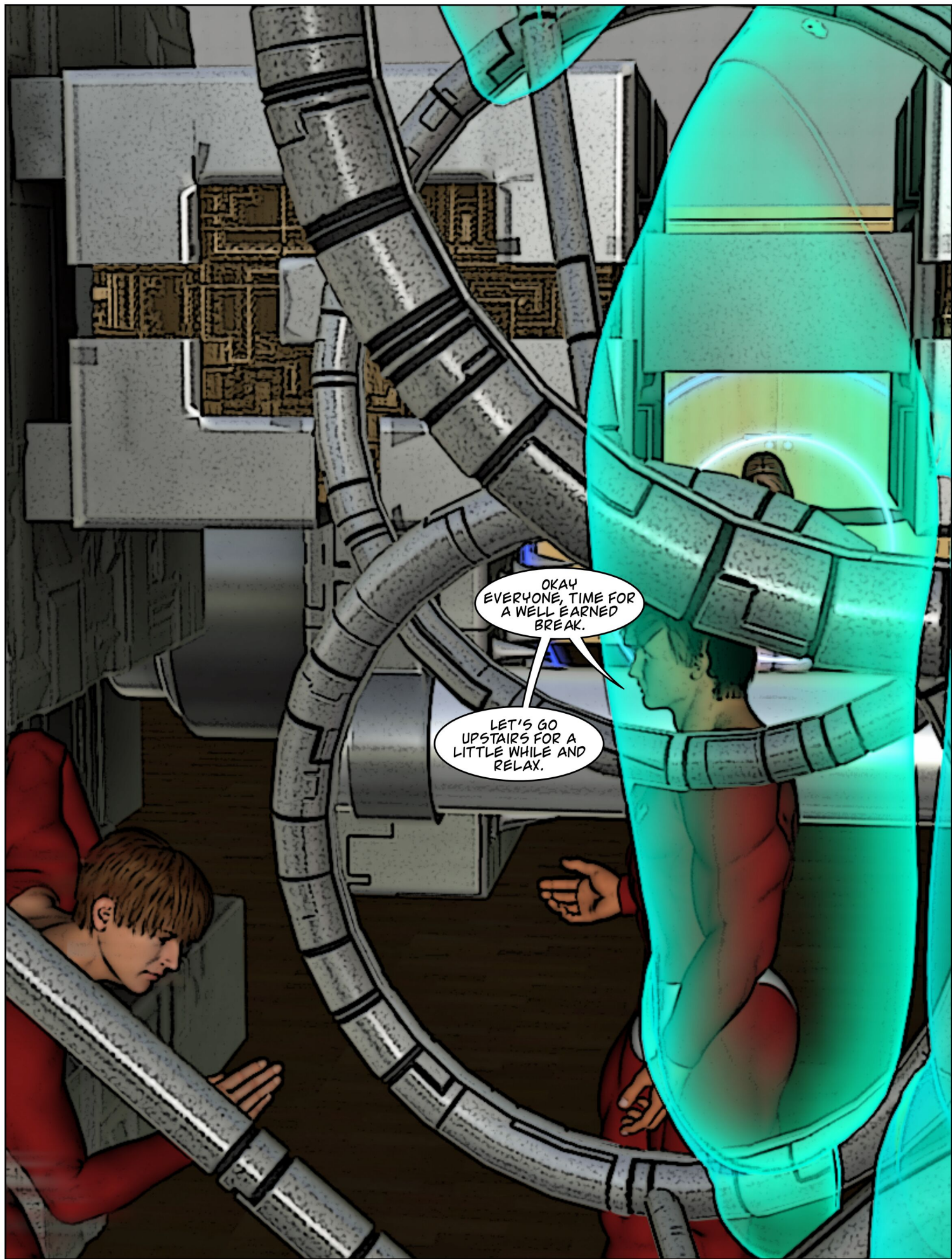
VICTORIA TRIES OUT A NEW PLASMA FIELD SUCCESSFULLY REPELLING THE CLOSING SPIKED WALLS.



DAVID IS WORKING ON HIS SPEED AND DEXTERITY BY AVOIDING THE MECHANICAL TENTACLES.



WHILE STEPHANIE IS LEARNING MORE ON HOW TO BE INVISIBLE IN VARIOUS SITUATIONS.



OKAY EVERYONE, TIME FOR A WELL EARNED BREAK.

LET'S GO UPSTAIRS FOR A LITTLE WHILE AND RELAX.

MEANWHILE AGAIN...



HELP!
MONSTER!

AIEEEE!

WHY ARE YOU
RUNNING? I'M A
HERO!

I'M NOT A
MONSTER!!!



EEEEK!

RUN!

RUN
FOR YOUR
LIVES!

COME BACK.
I'M A SUPERHERO
NOW!

AIEEEE!



A FEW MINUTES LATER BACK AT HEADQUARTERS...

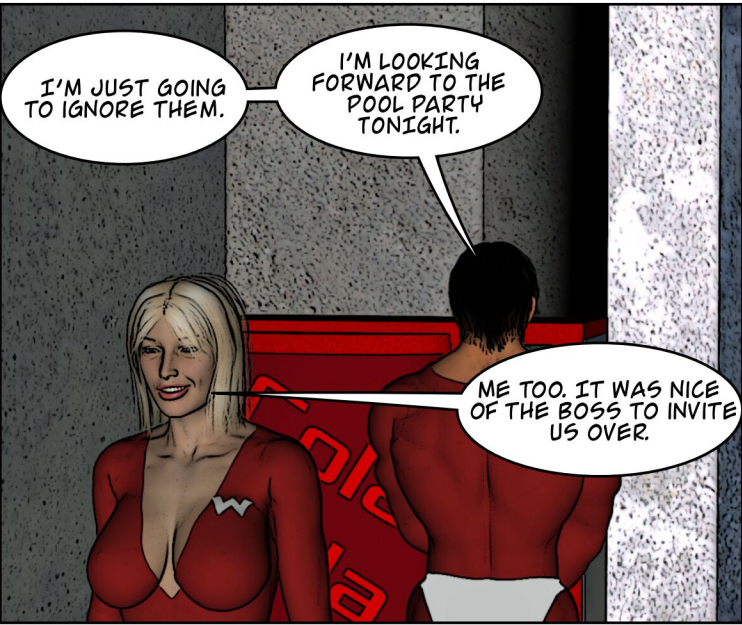


MY STRENGTH AND DURABILITY HAVE INCREASED.

I LEARNED HOW TO JUDGE WHERE MY LIMBS ARE WHILE I'M INVISIBLE.

I'VE LEARNED THAT VICTORIA WORRIES ABOUT HER MANICURE.

I'VE LEARNED THAT DAVID CAN'T KEEP HIS MOTOR MOUTH SHUT.



I'M JUST GOING TO IGNORE THEM.

I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO THE POOL PARTY TONIGHT.

ME TOO. IT WAS NICE OF THE BOSS TO INVITE US OVER.



SO STEPH, WHERE DID YOU GET THE ABILITY TO BECOME INVISIBLE?

YEAH, WAS IT A LAB ACCIDENT? WERE YOUR PARENTS ALIENS FROM MARS?



I DON'T REMEMBER MUCH. I WAS WALKING HOME FROM WORK AND THEN...

STEPHANIE RECALLS HER TIME AT THE HOSPITAL.



I REMEMBER WAKING UP IN THE HOSPITAL.

I'D BEEN MUGGED AND I LOST CONSCIOUSNESS SOMEHOW.



WHERE... WHERE AM I?

YOU ARE AT THE ALPHA CITY HOSPITAL. LET ME GET THE DOCTOR.



THE FIRST PERSON I SAW WAS A NURSE. SHE SEEMED NERVOUS ABOUT SOMETHING.

SOON THE DOCTOR CAME IN AND WHAT SHE TOLD ME TOOK ME A LITTLE BIT TO GRASP.



I'M DOCTOR CARNEY. YOU HAVE BEEN IN A COMA FOR THREE WEEKS.

DO YOU REMEMBER WHAT HAPPENED AFTER THE ATTACK?

THREE WEEKS? IT SEEMS LIKE I WAS MUGGED YESTERDAY.

MEANWHILE ACROSS TOWN AGAIN...

HA HA HA!

EEEK!

WHAT IN THE WORLD IS THAT?

I DON'T KNOW, A COMIC BOOK REJECT?

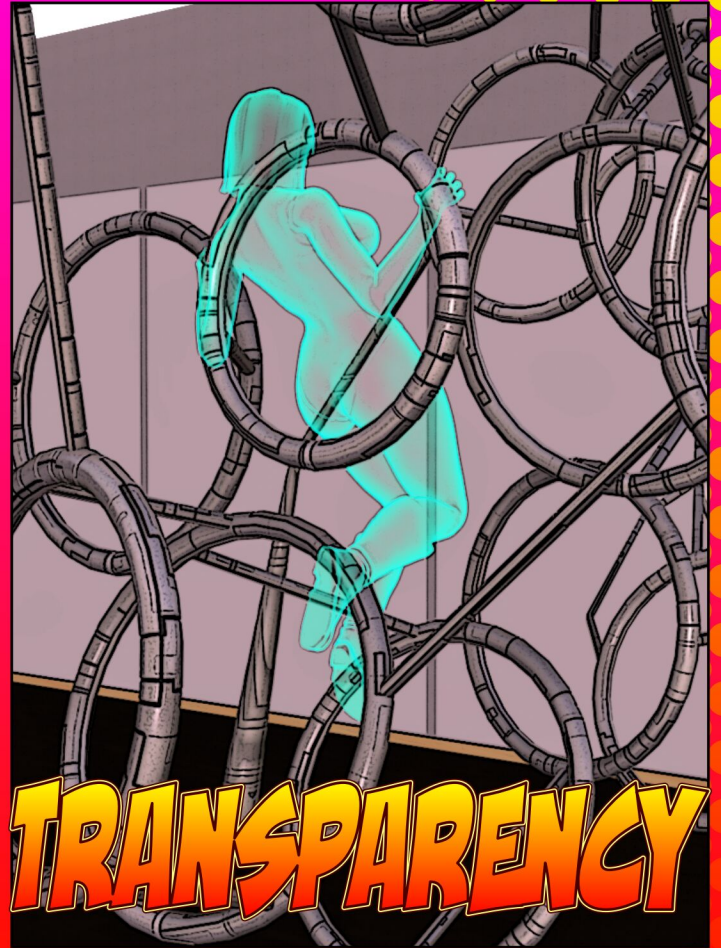
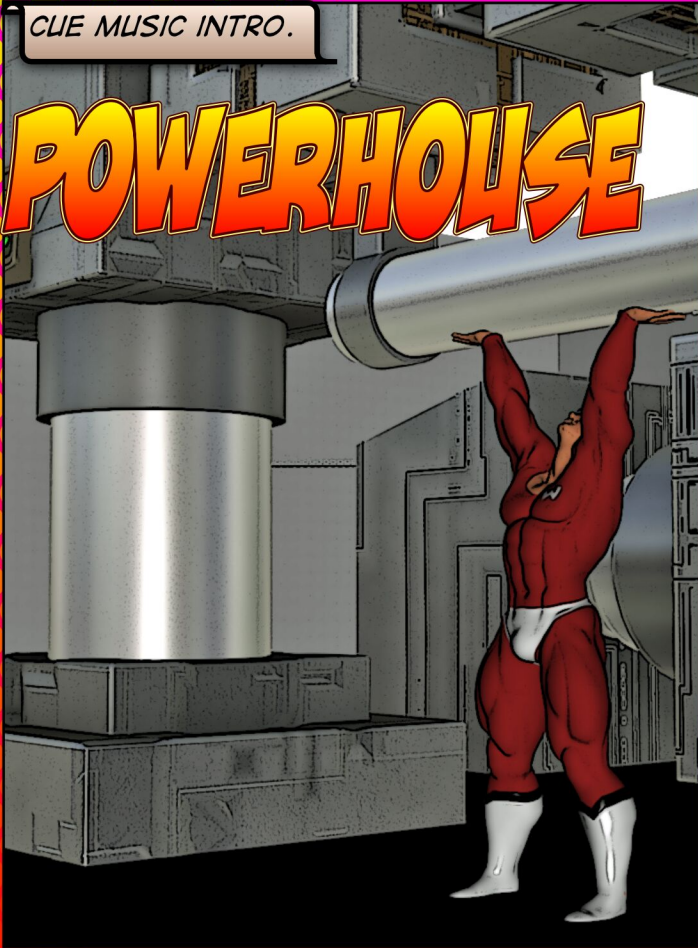
STOP IN THE NAME OF THE LAW!

AAAAAH!



CLUE MUSIC INTRO.

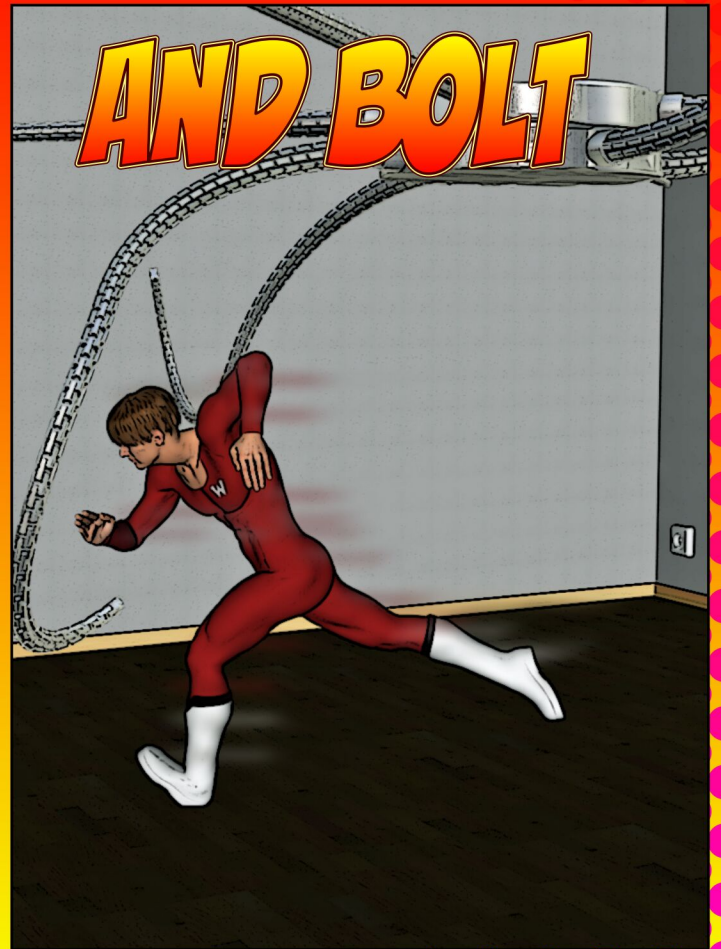
POWERHOUSE



TRANSPARENCY



PLASMA



AND BOLT

NOW THAT THE INTRO IS OVER...



I REALLY DON'T REMEMBER ANYTHING BETWEEN THE ATTACK AND WAKING UP.

BACK AT THE WILD-CAVE, STEPHANIE IS WRAPPING UP HER STORY.



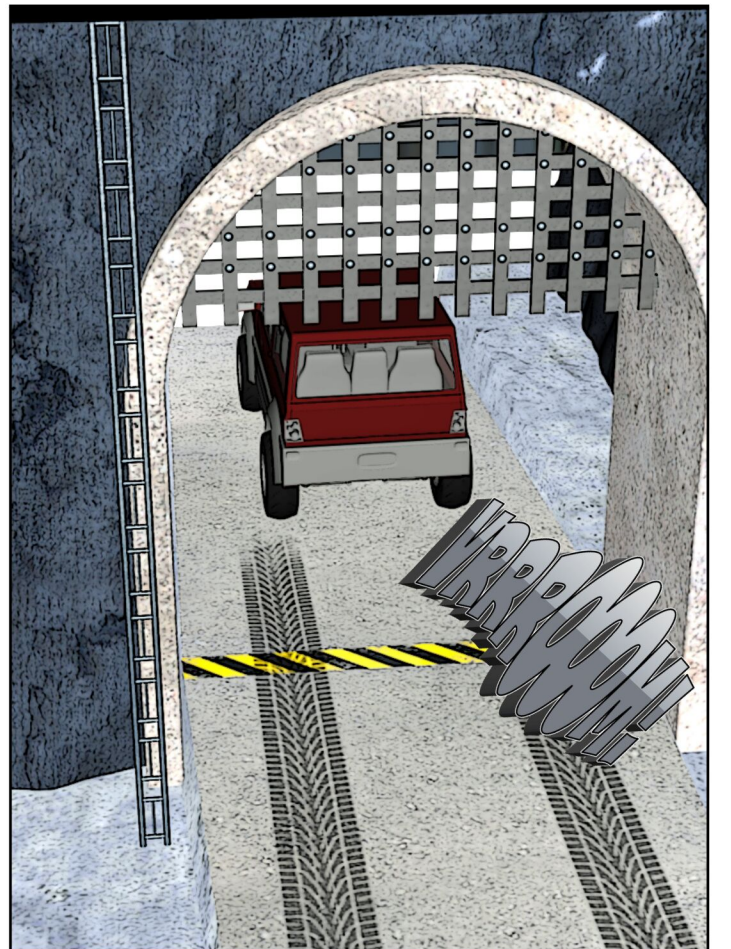
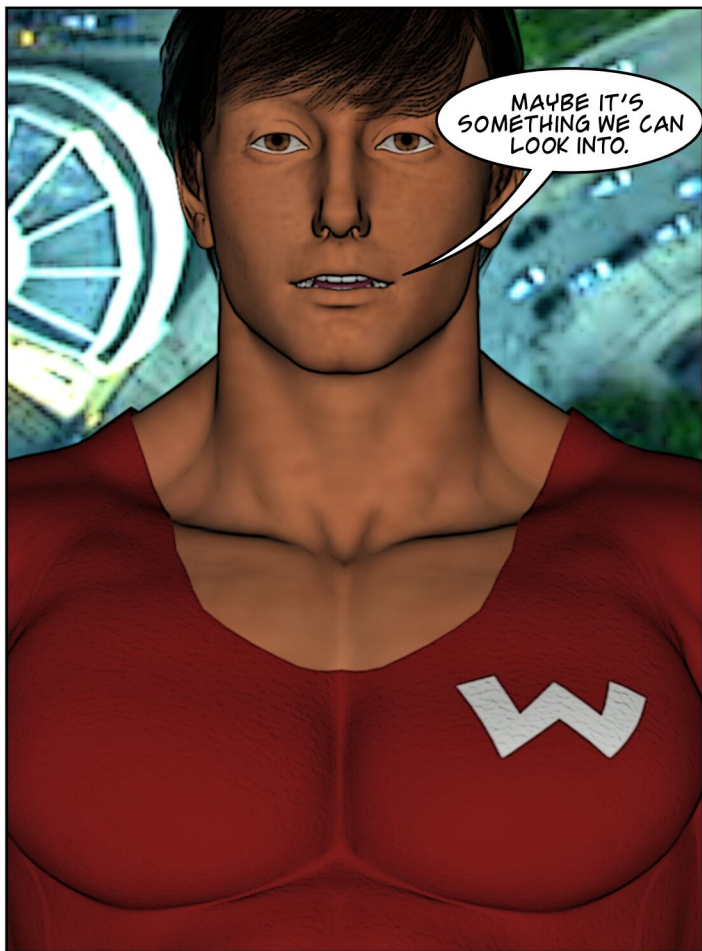
AND NO ONE SEEMED TO KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT YOUR ABILITY?



NO ONE. THEY NEVER CAUGHT THE MUGGER EITHER BECAUSE I WAS UNCONSCIOUS.

I REALLY CAN'T REMEMBER MUCH ABOUT HIM. IT WAS STRANGE THAT HE DIDN'T TAKE ANYTHING THOUGH.

STRANGE INDEED.



PART TWO

ACTION

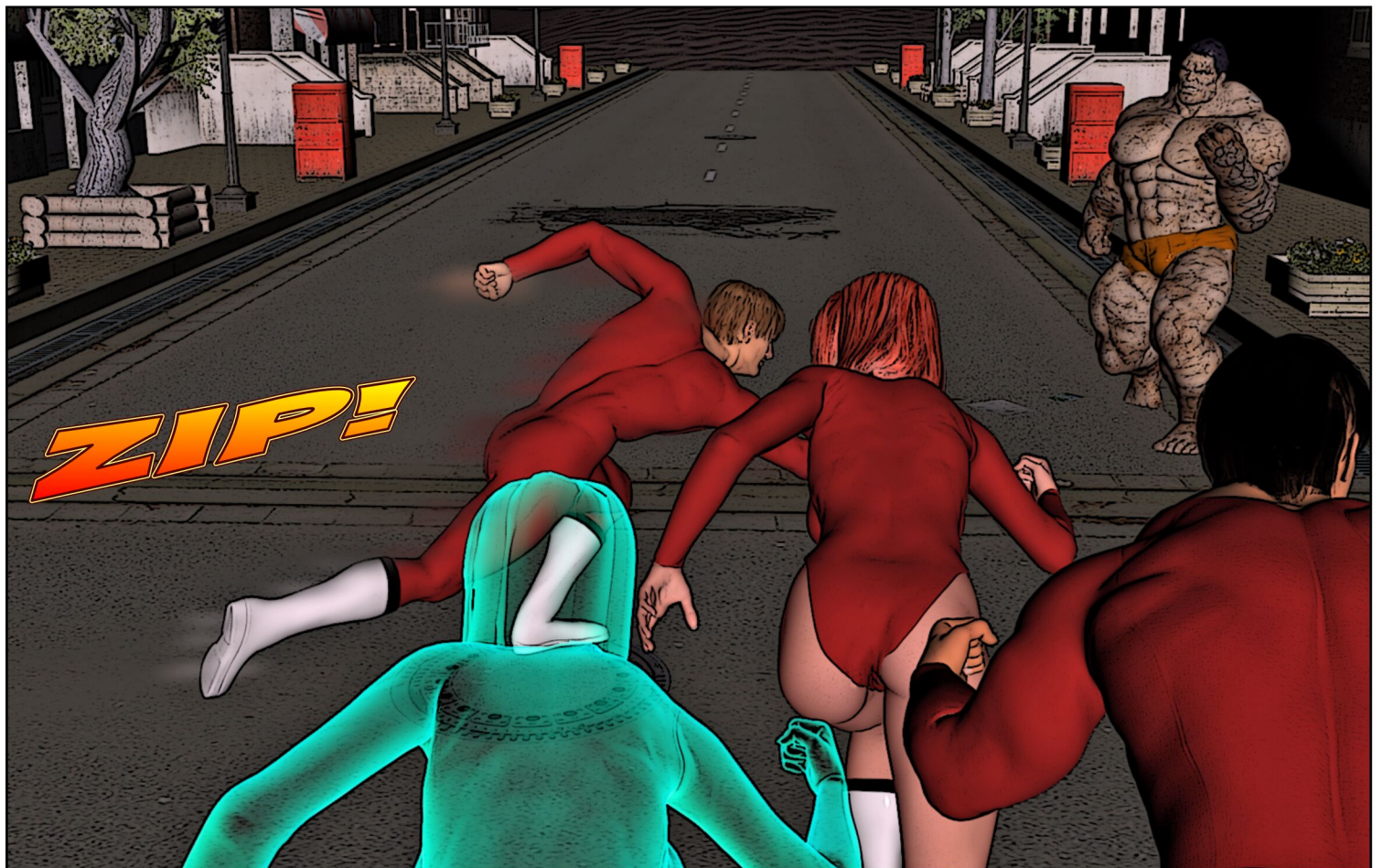


AND SOON OUR HEROES ARRIVE ON THE SCENE.











THIS SHOULD TRIP HIM UP I JUST HOPE HE DOESN'T HURT THE SIDEWALK WHEN HE FALLS.

SWING!

ZIP!

MISSED ME!



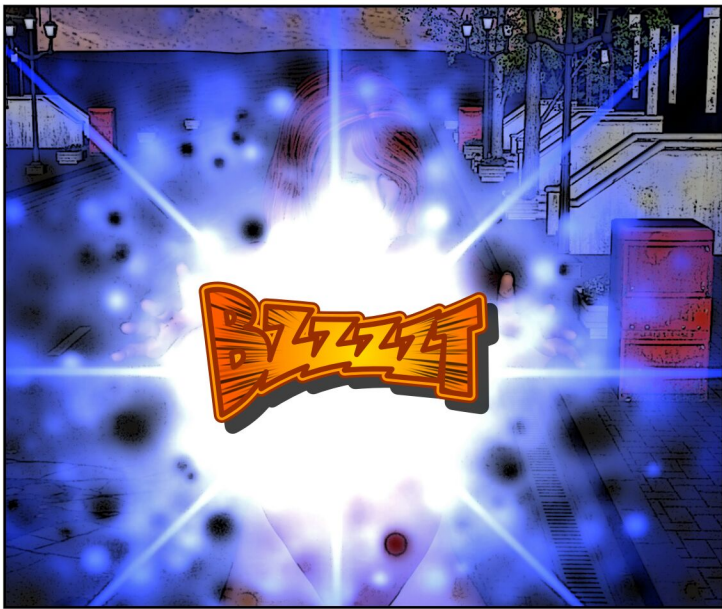
I MIGHT HAVE KNOWN YOU'D DO SOMETHING LIKE THIS LITTLE SISTER.

CRACK



BUT WHEN YOU'RE AS TOUGH AS ME, YOU DON'T FEEL A THING.







WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO WITH HIM?

WE COULD LET THE LAB LOOK HIM OVER.

MAYBE THEY WILL FIGURE OUT HOW TO MAKE HIM NORMAL AGAIN.

MAYBE THEY'LL FIGURE OUT WHY HE'S A BIG JERK!



WAIT UNTIL MOM SEES YOU. SHE IS GOING TO HAVE A FIT!



AS FOR YOU, YOUNG MAN, JUST WAIT UNTIL YOUR FATHER FINDS OUT.

"BUT MA" NOTHING. AND TO THINK I RAISED YOU BETTER THAN THIS.

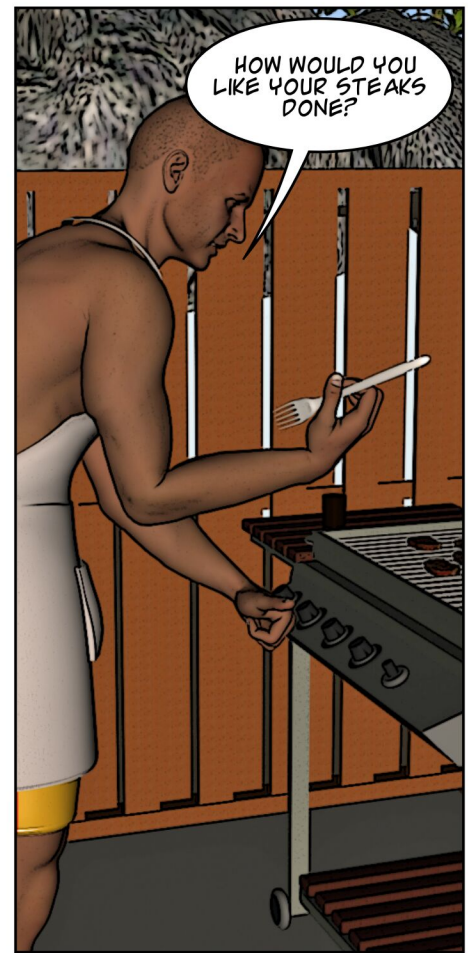
BUT MA...





EPILOGUE

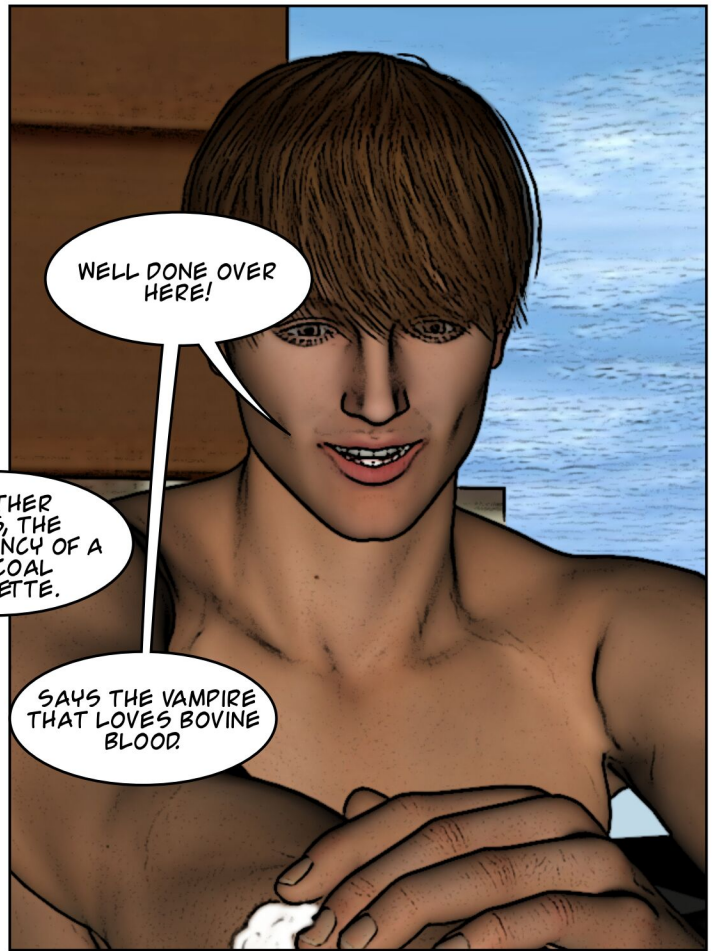






MEDIUM RARE PLEASE.

IN OTHER WORDS, THE CONSISTENCY OF A CHARCOAL BRIQUETTE.



WELL DONE OVER HERE!

SAYS THE VAMPIRE THAT LOVES BOVINE BLOOD.

RANDY THE TECHNICAL SAVANT JOINS. SEE ISSUE #2.



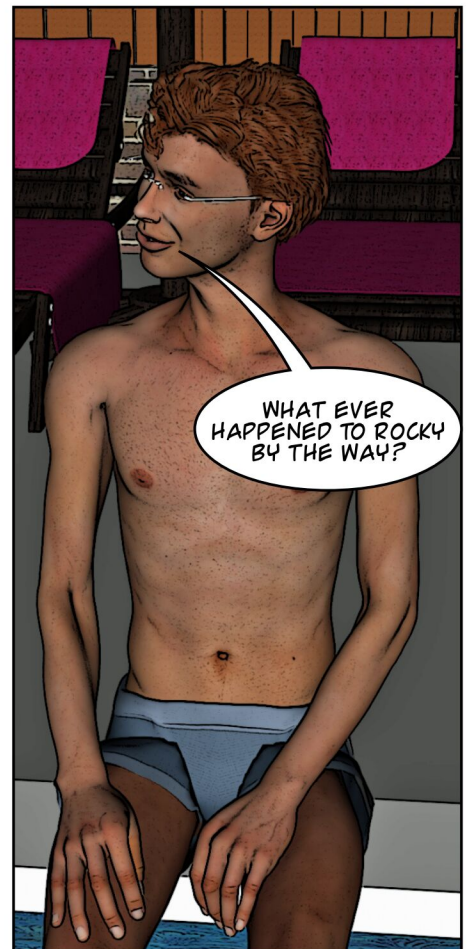
I THINK YOU HAVE THE COOLEST POWERS!

MINE? REALLY? WHY?

YOU COULD CLEAN YOUR ROOM, DO YOUR CHORES, AND GET YOUR HOMEWORK DONE AND STILL HAVE ALL DAY.

YOU KNOW, KID, YOU'RE PRETTY SMART.

DON'T ENCOURAGE HIM.



WHAT EVER HAPPENED TO ROCKY BY THE WAY?

IN THE HUMBLE ABODE OF THE POWERS FAMILY, ROCKY FACES A FATE WORSE THAN INCARCERATION.

YOU ARE GROUNDED. YOU HEAR ME? GROUNDED!

YES MA'AM.

DON'T GIVE ME THAT LOOK. I'LL TAKE AWAY YOUR VIDEO GAME PRIVILEGES TOO!

HELP!

YAK
YAK YAK
YAK YAK YAK
YAK YAK

THE END