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ANGEL ISLAND.

I'VE HAD SO MUCH FUN TODAY!

YEAH, IT'S BEEN NICE.

SO WHAT I'M HEARING IS THAT WE'RE ***BEST FRIENDS*** NOW, AND YOU WANNA SEE ME ***EVERY DAY.***

WE ARE ***NOT*** "BEST FRIENDS," SONIC!

GUYS, LOOK!

WHAT WAS THAT?

IT LOOKED LIKE A ***METEOR,*** BUT SOMETHING SEEMS ***OFF...***

EHH, YOU'VE SAID THAT MOST METEORS BREAK UP BEFORE THEY HIT THE PLANET'S SURFACE, RIGHT? I'M SURE IT'S FI--

BOOOM

--NALLY TIME FOR ***ANOTHER ADVENTURE,*** HUH?

EH-HEH...

WELL, MY SCANNER SAID IT'S NOT HARMFUL TO TOUCH, SO LET'S SEE...

...IT *IS* A METEOR!

WHAT'S WITH THESE *ROOTS?* THEY'RE ALL COMING FROM THE METEOR.

IT LOOKS LIKE THERE'S A *PLANT* IN THERE.

YEAH...AND BASED ON WHAT WE'RE SEEING HERE, I THINK IT HAS THE ABILITY TO *NURTURE LIFE...*

...AS LONG AS IT HAS *OTHER* LIFE TO DRAW FROM.

WOW... IT'S *BEAUTIFUL*, TAILS!

BUT THE EARTH AROUND IT IS SO *WITHERED*...

VRRRRR

I'LL BE TAKING *THAT.*

SNAP

SNAP

SNAP

THANK YOU VERY MUCH!

EGGMAN?!

I TRACED A MASSIVE *ENERGY SPIKE* TO THIS CRATER, WHICH MEANS THIS LITTLE THING MAY JUST BE THE *LAST PIECE* OF MY *PERFECT PLAN'S PUZZLE*--SO IT'S *MINE* NOW!

EGGMAN, *STOP!* IT COULD BE *DANGEROUS* IN A WAY WE DON'T KNOW YET!

THAT'S WHAT I'M COUNTING ON!

OHOHOHOH!

I SWEAR, IS EGGMAN EVER *NOT* UP TO SOMETHING?!

C'MON-- WE HAVE TO FOLLOW HIM!

KNUCKLES, ARE YOU SURE YOU'RE OKAY TO COME WITH US? WE'RE GOING PRETTY FAR AWAY FROM ANGEL ISLAND...

NO PROBLEM! I HID THE MASTER EMERALD BEFORE WE LEFT, REMEMBER?

IT'S PRACTICALLY *INVISIBLE!*

I DUNNO, IT MIGHT STAND OUT EVEN MORE NOW...

WAIT! LOOK AT *THAT!*

SONIC

ANOTHER ONE OF EGGMAN'S BASES, HUH?

HOW MANY DOES THAT GUY *HAVE?*

HUH?

WHAT HAPPENED TO ALL THE TREES?

EGGMAN MUST HAVE CUT THEM ALL DOWN IN ORDER TO PLANT THOSE GENERATORS.

THAT'S *AWFUL!*

WHAT HAPPENED TO THE ANIMALS THAT WERE LIVING HERE?

WHR-R-R-R-R

WHOA!

WHEW.

WHR-R-R-R-R

GAHH!

SONIC! ARE YOU OKAY?

I THINK-- THERE'S SO MUCH *ELECTRICAL INTERFERENCE* FROM ALL THOSE GENERATORS--THE *TORNADO* CAN'T KEEP UP!

AND WHAT DOES THAT MEAN FOR *US?!*

THAT MEANS WE'VE GOTTA MAKE AN *EMERGENCY* LANDING!

VRRRRRRR

WHOOOAAA!

AGHHH!

UWAAHH!

CRASH

WHUMP

IS EVERYBODY ALL RIGHT?

THAT WASN'T AN "EMERGENCY LANDING," THAT WAS A *CRASH!*

LOOK, I DID MY BEST--

FZZT

HUH?

NO TIME TO ARGUE-- WE GOTTA *RUN!*

FZZT

FZZT

FZZT

FZZT

FZZT

LOOK!

THE LOGO UP THERE MUST BE AN ENTRANCE. IT SEEMS LIKE EGGMAN'S GOING INSIDE IT!

IF HE'S GOIN' ALL THE WAY UP TO THE TOP FLOOR, SO CAN WE!

TAILS, GIMME A HAND!

RIGHT!

HEY, THANKS!

SORRY, KNUCKLES-- YOU'RE STUCK WITH YOUR ***BEST FRIEND*** HERE FOR A FEW MORE SECONDS.

WE ARE ***NOT*** "BEST FRIENDS"!

FZZT

FZZT

JUMP

WE MADE IT!

BUT WHAT IS THIS PLACE?

THERE HE GOES!

NOW WAIT JUST A--

--MINUTE...

0%

METAL?

WHAT *IS* ALL THIS?

OHO, SO YOU MANAGED TO KEEP UP WITH ME? WELL, IT WON'T DO YOU ANY GOOD.

NOW THAT I HAVE METAL SONIC *AND* THIS METEOR, THE WORLD IS AS GOOD AS *MINE.*

THIS TIME... THINGS WILL BE DIFFERENT.

WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

DESPITE MY INCREDIBLE *GENIUS,* MY PLANS ALWAYS FALL APART DUE TO...VARIOUS *CIRCUMSTANCES.*

YOU MEAN BECAUSE OF *US!*

"VARIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES"!

I WONDERED, WHAT IF I COULD COMPILE DATA FROM MY PREVIOUS EFFORTS, AND RUN SIMULATIONS UNTIL I COME UP WITH THE **ULTIMATE WORLD-DOMINATION PLAN.**

ONE THAT LEAVES *NO ROOM* FOR CHANCE, OR ERROR, OR RANDOMNESS?

WOULD I NOT THEN HAVE THE OPTIMAL PATH TO A *PERFECT EGGMAN EMPIRE?*

I'VE FED ALL THAT DATA INTO ***METAL SONIC*** SO HE CAN RUN ENDLESS SIMULATIONS TO CALCULATE THAT ***OPTIMAL PATH,*** AND I'VE BEEN PUMPING MASSIVE AMOUNTS OF ELECTRICITY INTO HIM TO POWER HIM UP, TOO.

SOON, HE'LL BE ***SUPREMELY POWERFUL,*** AND READY TO EXECUTE THE *PERFECT* PLAN FOR ME.

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BUT HOW DOES THE METEOR FIT INTO YOUR "PERFECT PLAN"?

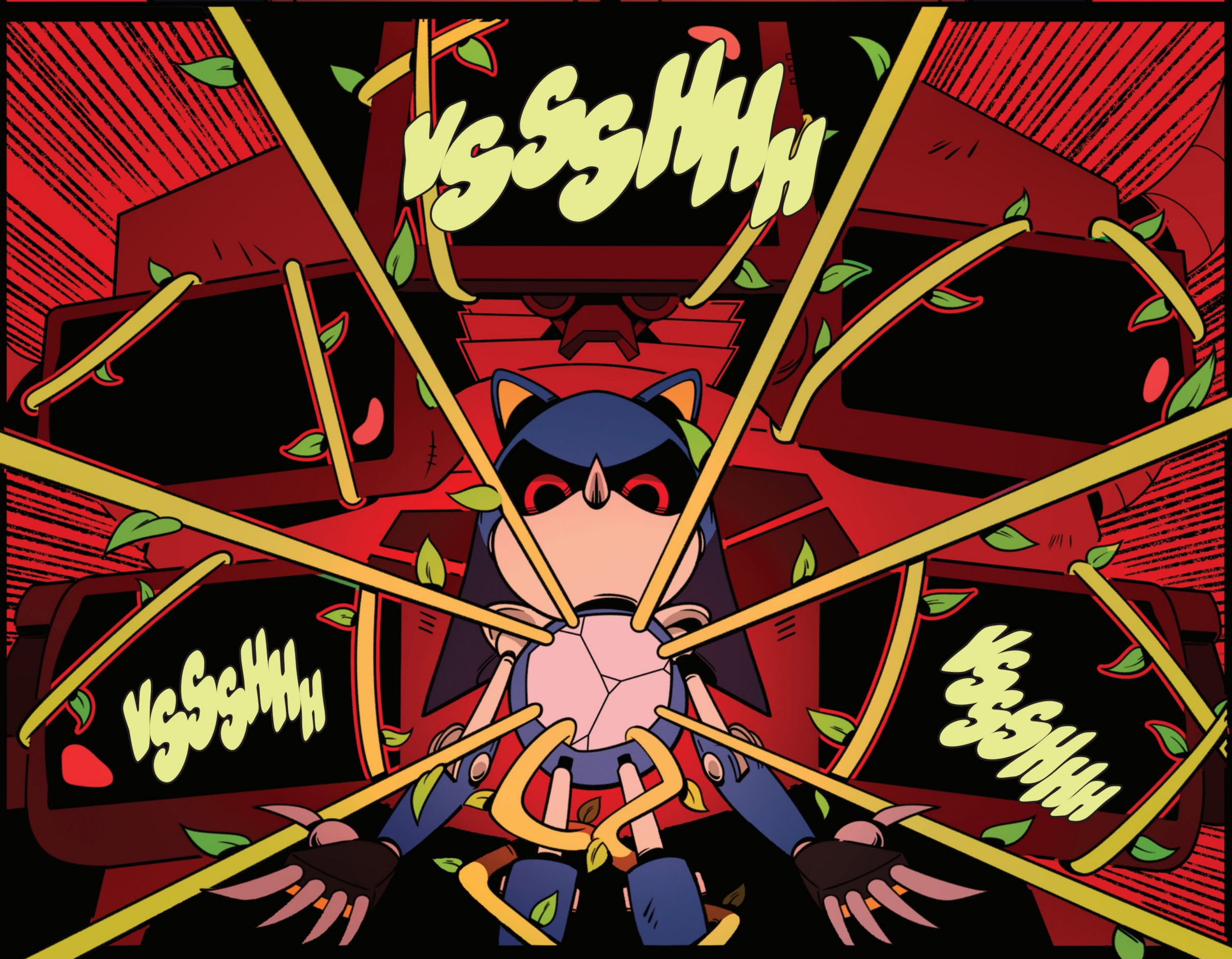
WELL, METAL SONIC HASN'T WOKEN UP YET. AND I'VE PLACED COUNTLESS GENERATORS OUT THERE, BUT ***NO AMOUNT OF ENERGY*** SEEMS TO BE ***ENOUGH*** FOR THIS PLAN. MAYBE HAVING ALL THE CHAOS EMERALDS COULD GIVE METAL SONIC A BOOST, BUT I COULD ONLY LOCATE ***ONE*** OF THEM.

SO AS SOON AS I SAW THE MASSIVE ENERGY SPIKE FROM ***THIS*** LITTLE THING... I KNEW IT WOULD DO THE TRICK!

ALL THAT'S LEFT IS TO RUN SOME ***TESTS*** ON IT...

DON'T!

WHAT THE--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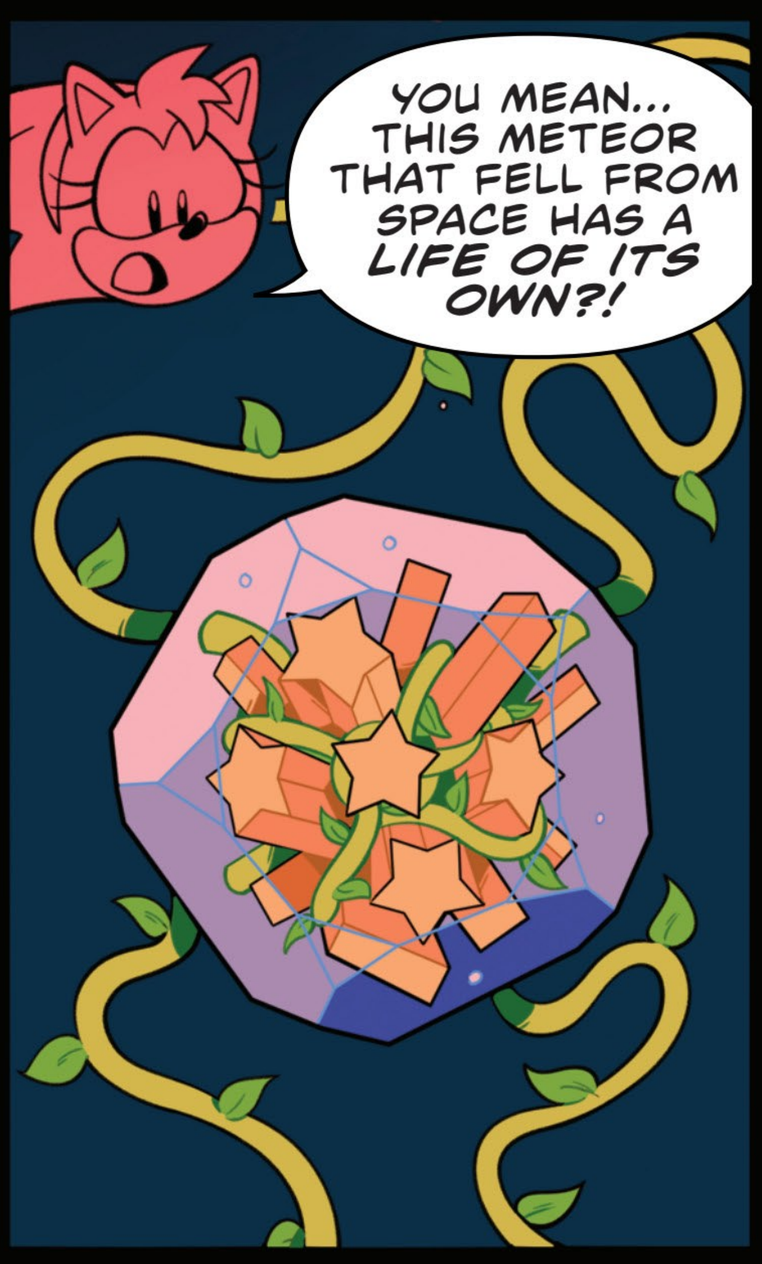
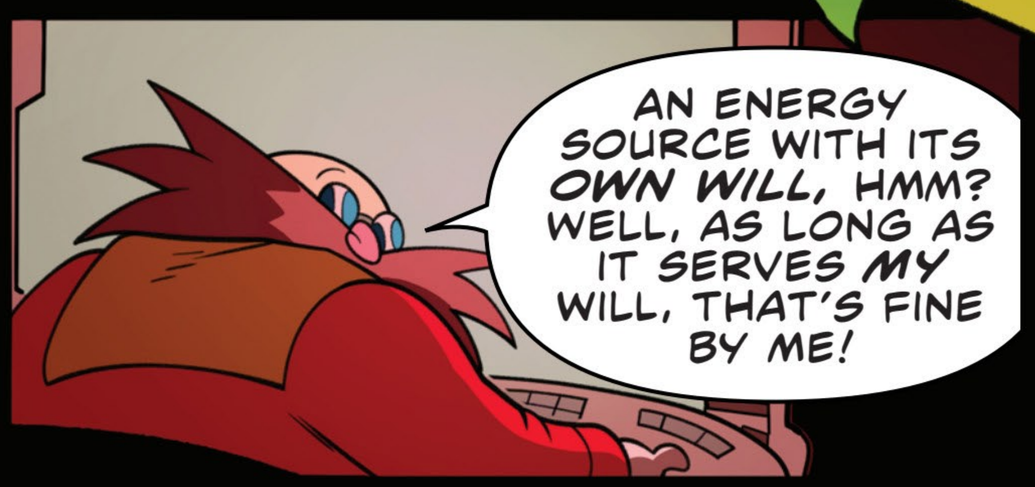
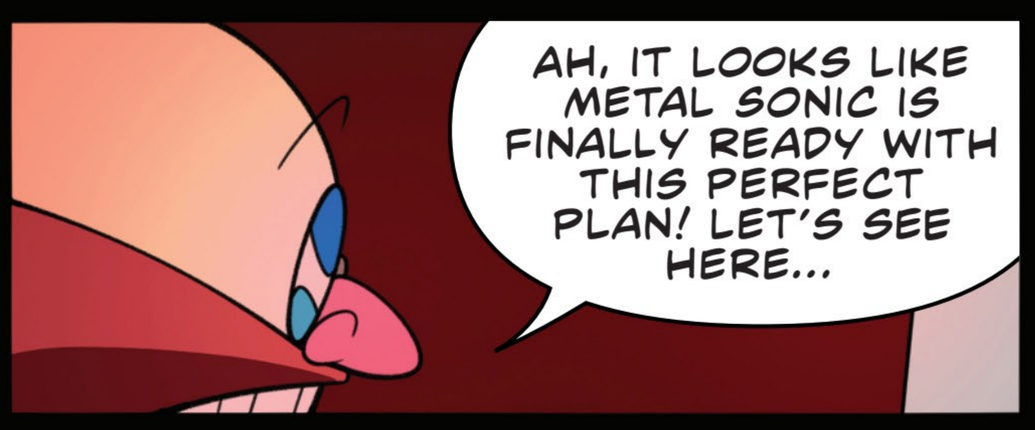
WHAT'S GOING ON?
COULD IT BE... THE PLANT INSIDE THE METEOR IS SENTIENT?


YOU MEAN... THIS METEOR THAT FELL FROM SPACE HAS A LIFE OF ITS OWN?!


AN ENERGY SOURCE WITH ITS OWN WILL, HMM? WELL, AS LONG AS IT SERVES MY WILL, THAT'S FINE BY ME!

BEEP


AH, IT LOOKS LIKE METAL SONIC IS FINALLY READY WITH THIS PERFECT PLAN! LET'S SEE HERE...

IF THERE IS NO LIFE, THEN THERE IS NO RANDOMNESS, CHANGE, OR FREE WILL--NO "*VARIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES.*" NOTHING STANDING IN THE WAY OF MY **WORLD DOMINATION.**

SO, IF **ALL LIVING ENERGY** IS REDIRECTED TO THE METEOR VIA METAL SONIC, AND IF THE **CHAOS EMERALDS** ARE ADDED, THE PLANT INSIDE THE METEOR SHALL BE THE **ONLY THING** LEFT TO GROW ON THE PLANET. THUS, THE METEOR SHALL GROW EXPONENTIALLY, AND THE WORLD SHALL BE **DOMINATED.**

THIS PLAN SUITS BOTH THE METEOR'S BASIC DESIRE TO GROW ITS OWN LIFE ***AND*** MY ORIGINAL DIRECTIVE OF WORLD DOMINATION--AND SO, OUR DESIRES HAVE BEEN MERGED. ***THEREFORE, THE ERADICATION OF ALL LIFE ON THE PLANET...IS THE "OPTIMAL PATH."***

METAL SONIC, WILL NOW ***INITIATE.***

1%

ELSEWHERE.

RAY? WHAT'S THE MATTER?

I DUNNO... I JUST KINDA GOT THIS STRANGE FEELING ALL OF A SUDDEN.

HOW DO YOU MEAN?

MAYBE IT'S *NOTHING!*

ANYWAY! WHERE SHOULD WE GO NEXT, MIGHTY?

WHEREVER YOU WANT, PAL.

IT SEEMS LIKE ANYWHERE YOU'VE GONE RECENTLY, YOU STUMBLE UPON AN ***EMERALD***, AND THAT SENDS US ON AN ***ADVENTURE***.

YOU'RE LIKE A LUCKY CHARM.

AWW, THANKS!

OKAY, LET ME THINK OF A PLACE...

VSSSHH

WAAAHH!

KKKKHHHH

RAY!

SHAKA-

SHAKA

PLINK

PLINK

SNAP

ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?!

Y-YEAH, BUT--*OUR CHAOS EMERALDS!*

WHUMP

C'MON, WE'VE GOTTA GO AFTER IT!

LOOKS LIKE *THIS* IS WHERE WE'RE GOING NEXT...

FANG?
BUDDY?
BITEY McGNAWERSON?
A LITTLE HELP HERE?!
MEANWHILE.
OH, JUST SHUT UP ALREADY!
VSSSHHH
THANKS FOR NOTHING, YOU JERK!
WE'RE GONNA LOSE THE EMERALD!
HEY! LEMME GO!
VSSSHHH
ELSEWHERE ELSEWHERE.
NOW, HOW DID THIS THING GET HERE?
TINK
I--I'M NOT SURE--
VSSSHHH
EEK!
TRIP!

5%

ERADICATING... ALL LIFE?

WELL, I CERTAINLY WASN'T EXPECTING *THAT* APPROACH.

INDEED! *GO, METAL SONIC!* DO YOUR STUFF!

EGGMAN, "ALL LIFE" INCLUDES *YOU!*

I SUPPOSE THAT'S A PROBLEM...IF THERE'S NO *ME,* THEN THERE'S NO EGGMAN EMPIRE.

THAT'S NOT THE *POINT,* EGGMAN.

TECHNOLOGY AND NATURE CAN ACTUALLY EXIST IN *HARMONY* WITH EACH OTHER.

I DON'T WANT TO HEAR A SAD LITTLE LECTURE FROM *YOU,* FOX-BOY!

BUT RECKLESS USE OF TECH FOR YOUR OWN GAIN...THAT ISN'T COMPATIBLE WITH LIFE.

YSSSHHH

WHUMP

BOOM

VRRRR

LOOKS LIKE SOMEBODY--OR *SOMETHING*--DOESN'T WANT US GETTING IN THE WAY.

EGGMAN! HOW CAN WE *STOP* THIS?

TO THINK THAT MY FLAWLESS TECHNOLOGY HAS BEEN BESTED BY THAT PUNY LITTLE SPROUT--*INCONCEIVABLE!*

OH, *FORGET* IT!

5%

HMM.

IT LOOKS LIKE THERE ARE *THREE* POWER SOURCES FEEDING ELECTRICITY FROM THE *EGG GENERATORS* INTO THE DOME...INTO METAL SONIC.

5%

01

02

03

IF WE *DESTROY* THE POWER SOURCES, WE'LL CUT OFF THE SURPLUS OF POWER TO METAL SONIC, AND WE MAY HAVE A CHANCE AGAINST HIM AND THE METEOR'S PLANT!

OKAY, SONIC, YOU TAKE SOURCE #1. AMY, YOU CAN TAKE SOURCE #2, AND KNUCKLES CAN TAKE #3.

I'LL STAY HERE AND USE AN INTERCOM TO GUIDE YOU...

...AND MAKE SURE EGGMAN DOESN'T TRY ANYTHING FUNNY.

GRUMBLE GRUMBLE

YOU CAME UP WITH ALL OF THAT IN, WHAT, LIKE TWO SECONDS?

I SWEAR, YOU'VE GOT THE LARGEST BRAIN ON THIS PLANET.

HEE HEE!

ALL RIGHT, IF WE WANT TO SAVE SAID PLANET, THEN LET'S HURRY UP AND DO THIS.

NOD

01

02

03

OKAY, SONIC, THE FIRST POWER SOURCE SHOULD BE STRAIGHT AHEAD OF YOU.

GOT IT!

01

ZOOOOM

WAIT-- *DON'T* GOT IT. THERE'S NOTHING HERE.

HMM, IT SHOULD BE IN THAT DIRECTION... MAYBE IT'S *BELOW* YOU?

VSSSSHHH

MIGHTY, *LOOK!*

IT'S SONIC! AND HE'S IN TROUBLE!

NOT IF *I* CAN HELP IT.

WHOOSH

SMASHH

KRIK KRIK

CRUMBL CRUMBL

TPP

HIYA, SONIC!

HIYA, RAY.

HOW'S IT GOING, BUD?

PULL

YOU GUYS REALLY KNOW HOW TO MAKE AN ENTRANCE.

BMP

SONIC, YOU DESTROYED THE FIRST POWER SOURCE! HOW DID YOU FIND IT?

DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT.

WHAT WAS THAT ABOUT?

OH, YEAH! LOOK, IT'S A WHOLE THING, BUT BASICALLY WE GOTTA ***SAVE THE PLANET.*** WANNA HELP?

JUST LEAD THE WAY!

20%

ALL RIGHT, AMY. SONIC JUST TOOK OUT THE FIRST POWER SOURCE-- YOURS SHOULD BE COMING UP!

02

FOUND IT!

BUT IS MY HAMMER GONNA BE ENOUGH TO BREAK THIS THING?

HMM?

ALL RIGHT, LEMME TAKE CARE OF THIS-- *THE FUN WAY!*

STOP, BOMB-MOOK!

TOSS

AW, WHAT'S THE PROBLEM?

GRAB

THE *PROBLEM* IS YOUR SINGLE BRAIN CELL!

WHOOPS!

BOOM

BOOM

02

02

PIKO

THERE YA GO!

CRASHHH

BARK?

WHAT ARE YOU GUYS DOING HERE?

WAIT--THAT THING'S STILL GOT MY TREASURE!

YOUR TREASURE?!

H-HEY, WAIT A SEC!

VSSSSHHH

40%

KNUCKLES! I DON'T REALLY UNDERSTAND WHY, BUT...THIS MONITOR SHOWS THAT SIX OF THE CHAOS EMERALDS ARE APPROACHING THE BASE! WE'VE GOT TO HURRY!

SMASH

CLANG

TRIP!

HI, MR. KNUCKLES!

VSSSHH

EEK! BYE, MR. KNUCKLES!

WHAT THE--

60%

WH-WHAT HAPPENED HERE?

I--I'M NOT SURE, BUT... IT *SEEMS* LIKE THESE WEIRD VINES WANT THE *EMERALDS* FOR SOME REASON!

SO WE KIIINDA HAD TO *EXPLODE* 'EM.

NOW I GET IT--METAL SONIC MUST HAVE BEEN USING THE METEOR'S VINES TO GATHER THEM HERE!

BUT... WHERE'S THE *GREEN* CHAOS EMERALD?

:AHEM:

HEY! THAT'S MINE!

OKAY! ALL THAT'S LEFT NOW IS TO *DEACTIVATE* METAL SONIC AND REMOVE THE METEOR SO THE PLANT INSIDE CAN'T KEEP GROWING.

BUT HOW ARE WE SUPPOSED TO DEACTIVATE HIM...

...AND ALL *THESE?*

SONIC, YOU GO AHEAD! TAKE THE CHAOS EMERALDS AND FIGHT METAL SONIC.

BUT, WHAT ABOUT YOU GUYS?

DON'T WORRY--WE'LL TAKE CARE OF THINGS OUT HERE.

OKAY, RAY?

ALL RIGHTY, MIGHTY!

CLAP

THANKS, EVERYBODY.

75%

HEY, METAL, ARE YOU IN THERE SOMEWHERE?

CAN YOU HEAR ME?

I KNOW THIS IS ALL 'CUZ OF THAT LIFE-GIVING METEOR.

BUT IT'D BE AWESOME IF YOU COULD FIGURE OUT SOME KINDA LIFE OF ***YOUR OWN.*** AND THEN YOU COULD SPEND IT WITH ALL OF ***US,*** INSTEAD OF THAT LOSER EGGMAN.

WHAT DO YOU SAY?

GUESS THAT'S A "NO."

CHOOM

DASH

SNAP
SNAP
SNAP
SNAP
KICK
91%

BZZZ

BZZZ

BZZZ

BZZZ

HEY! THAT'S NOT FAIR!

COME ON!

DON'T FORGET ME!

WHRRR

WHRRR

POP

POP

POP

POP

FWAAA

NICE WORK!

NOW, GO GET HIM, SONIC!

YOU CAN DO IT!

YOU CAN DO ANYTHING!

CRMBL CRMBL

WHOA!

WHAT'S WITH ALL THE "CRMBL CRMBL" SOUNDS?

OH NO-- WE HAVE TO GET OUT OF HERE BEFORE THIS PLACE COMPLETELY *FALLS APART!*

CRMBL CRMBL CRMBL CRMBL

C'MON-- GRAB HOLD OF THE VINES!

HANG IN THERE, SONIC-- I KNOW YOU'VE GOT THIS!

RRRGHH...

KRIK

KRIK

KA-

KRAK

CHOOOOM

FWOOOOM

AAHHH!

KRKR

CATCH

DROP

HEH.

NOT COOOOOL!

BONK

OW...

SONIC! YOU'RE ALL RIGHT!

COME ON-- LET'S FIX UP THE *TORNADO* AND HEAD HOME.

GRAB

COME HERE, YOU!

I CAN'T BELIEVE THIS!

I THOUGHT FOR SURE THINGS WOULD PLAY OUT PERFECTLY THIS TIME--AFTER ALL THAT WORK!

NOW WHAT AM I SUPPOSED TO DO?!

PLIK

WOW...

EVERYBODY, MAKE A WISH!

RAY, THEY'RE NOT SHOOTING STARS...

HMPH, CLOSE ENOUGH!

NOW, PROMISE YOU'LL MAKE A WISH! ALL RIGHTY, MIGHTY?

OKAY, RAY-- I PROMISE.

C'MON! YOU GUYS, TOO!

SHRUG

YOU'VE GOTTA BE KIDDING.

I'M NOT DOING THAT.

HEY, CRANKY THE HUNTER! WE WOULDN'T HAVE GOTTEN OUT OF THAT CRUMBLY PLACE IF IT WEREN'T FOR THESE GUYS. AND NOW WE CAN'T GO ANYWHERE WITHOUT THEIR HELP THANKS TO YOUR BUSTED MARVELOUS QUEEN.

BONK

FINE!

WHAT DID YOU WISH FOR, SONIC?

SORRY, TRIP--IT'S A SECRET!

OH, YOU'RE NO FUN!

MORE FUN THAN KNUCKLES, AT LEAST. THAT GUY'S WISH WAS PROBABLY SUPER BORING.

HEY! MY WISH WASN'T BORING AT ALL!

THEN WHY DON'T YOU SHARE IT WITH YOUR BEST FRIEND?

HOW MANY TIMES DO I HAVE TO TELL YOU?!

AHAHAHA

THE END!

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VIEW FROM THE BACK PAGE

Everything was supposed to be perfect!

Let's face it, comics can get pretty heavy. Whether it be the TMNT fighting crime, Godzilla knocking down buildings, or even...gasp...the *real* world, it can all be a bit much!

But *none* of that was supposed to happen in Hello Kitty's world. In fact, everything *was* going well in Hello Kitty's life: Her friends were happy, her radio show was popular, and she even had the perfect gift to give! But all of that came to a screeching halt when My Melody revealed that her bow had gone missing!

Suddenly, the iconic symbols of our favorite characters all started disappearing. Left and right, friends started pointing their fingers, and now it's up to Hello Kitty to figure out what happened and mend the town!

Welcome, one and all, to Hello Kitty's first major swing into the world of comic books—brought to us by comics juggernaut Mariko Tamaki and rising star Cody Lemieux, with a robust lineup of covers from some of the comics world's biggest names. Trust us, you won't want to miss the *gigantic* surprises we have in store for the world's sweetheart!

"But wait," you're surely saying. "Everything is good in Sonic's world, right?"

Sorry, dear reader, but he's facing his *own* gigantic surprises this month.

That's right, ***Sonic the Hedgehog x Godzilla* #1** is in stores *now!* Grab a copy to see Sonic's world upended by the arrival of two enormous monsters emerging from a humongous fissure in reality, brought to us by the bombastic Nick Marino and Jack Lawrence. How will Sonic handle this? And what sinister plans does Dr. Eggman have for Mechagodzilla and Mothra?!

After that, hop on the Road to #100 with ***Sonic the Hedgehog* #88**, brought to us by Evan Stanley and Adam Bryce Thomas! In this action-packed start to a mini arc, there's a storm raging against Angel Island! The Blue Blur is trapped underground and separated from his friends, coming face-to-face with—wait, *that's not Amy*? This can't be good...

And lastly for this month, we have the ***Sonic the Hedgehog: 35th Anniversary Special*** by Iasmin Omar Ata and Aaron Hammerstrom! It's a literal blast to the past when a meteor crashes into the planet, unleashing a mysterious power that will send Metal Sonic into overdrive against all life on Earth!

Well, gosh, when you spell it all out, it doesn't seem very calm over here either! Surely things will get better... I suppose the only way to find out is to pick up an issue! I'll see you then!

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