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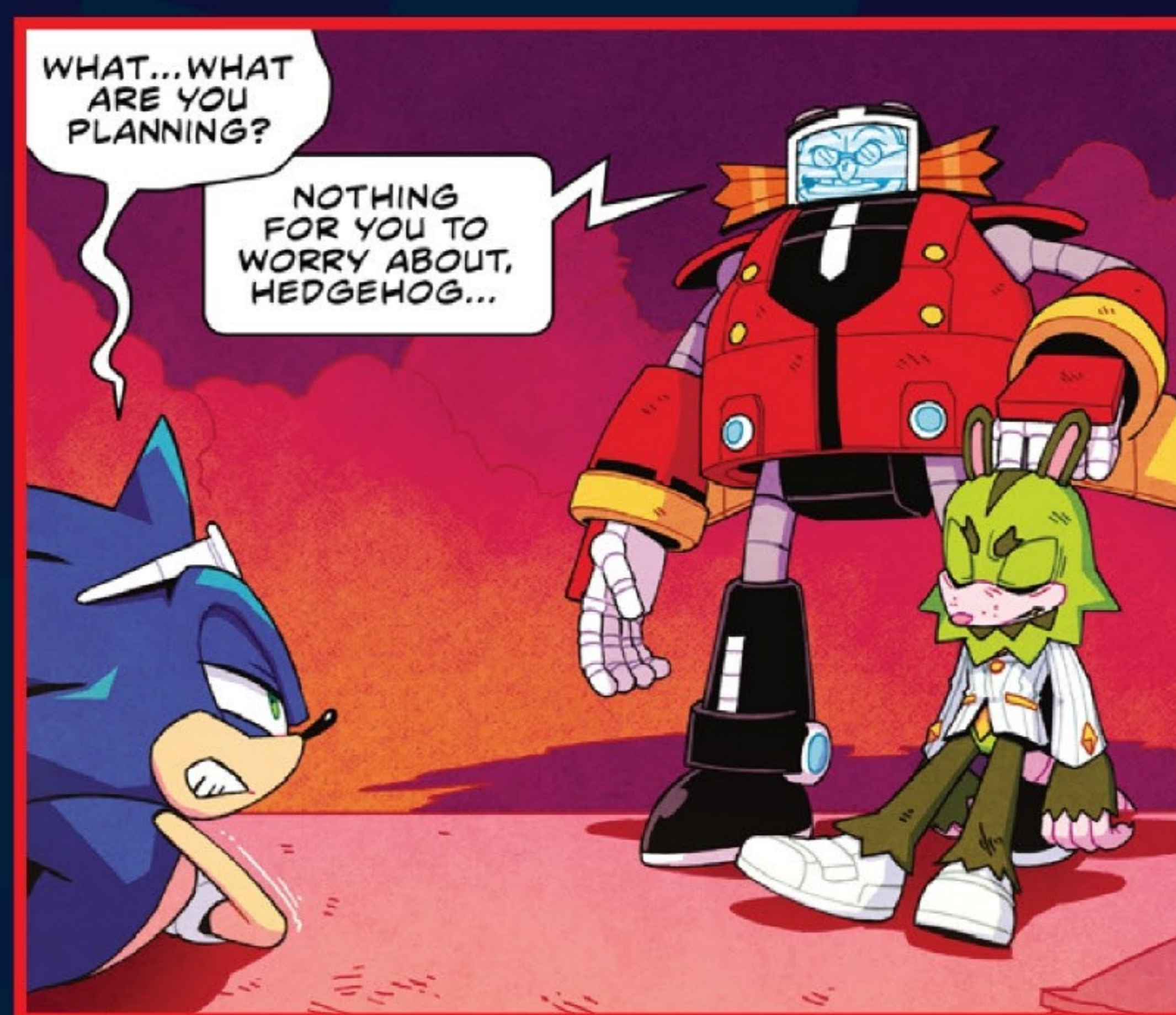
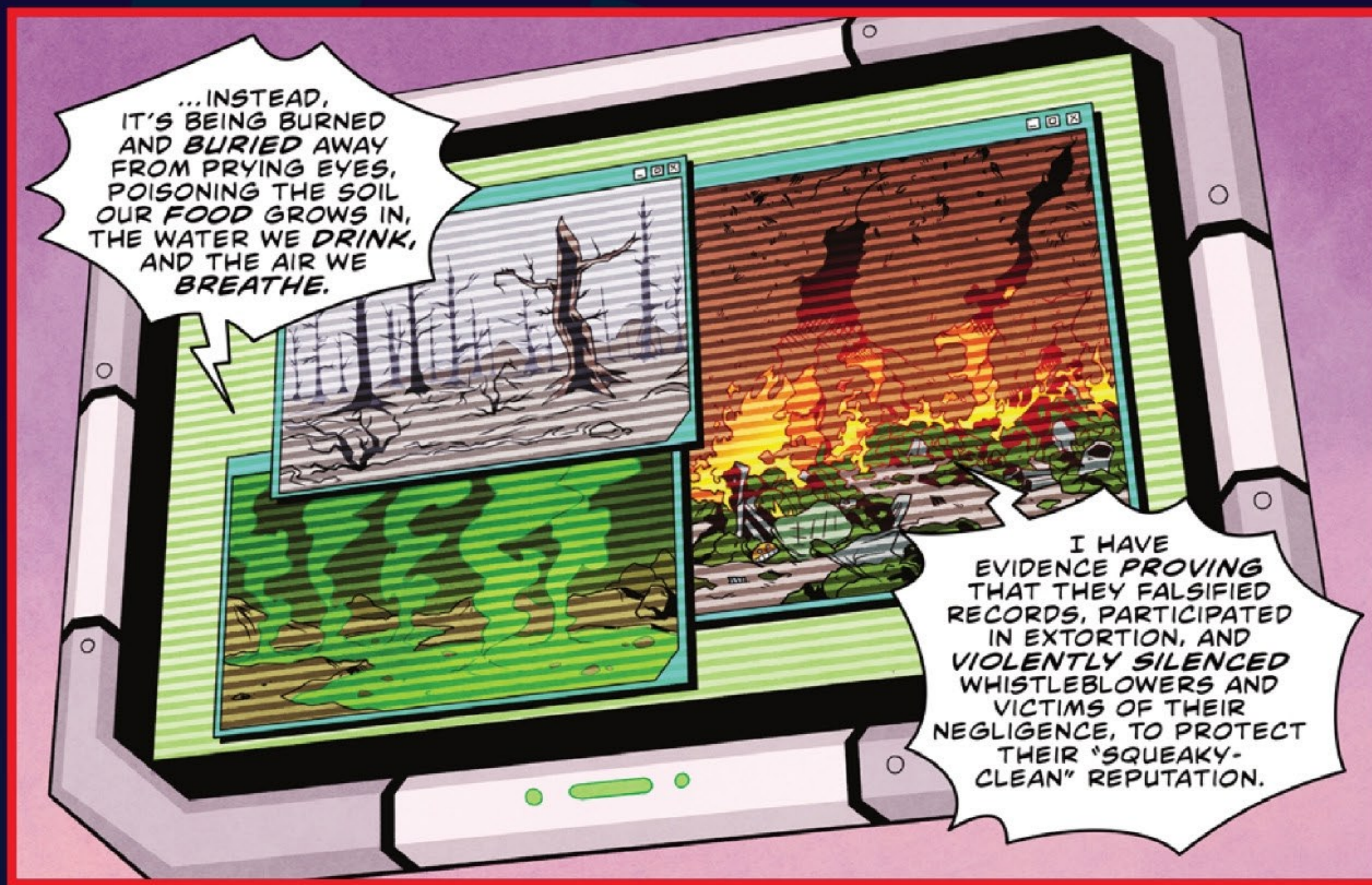
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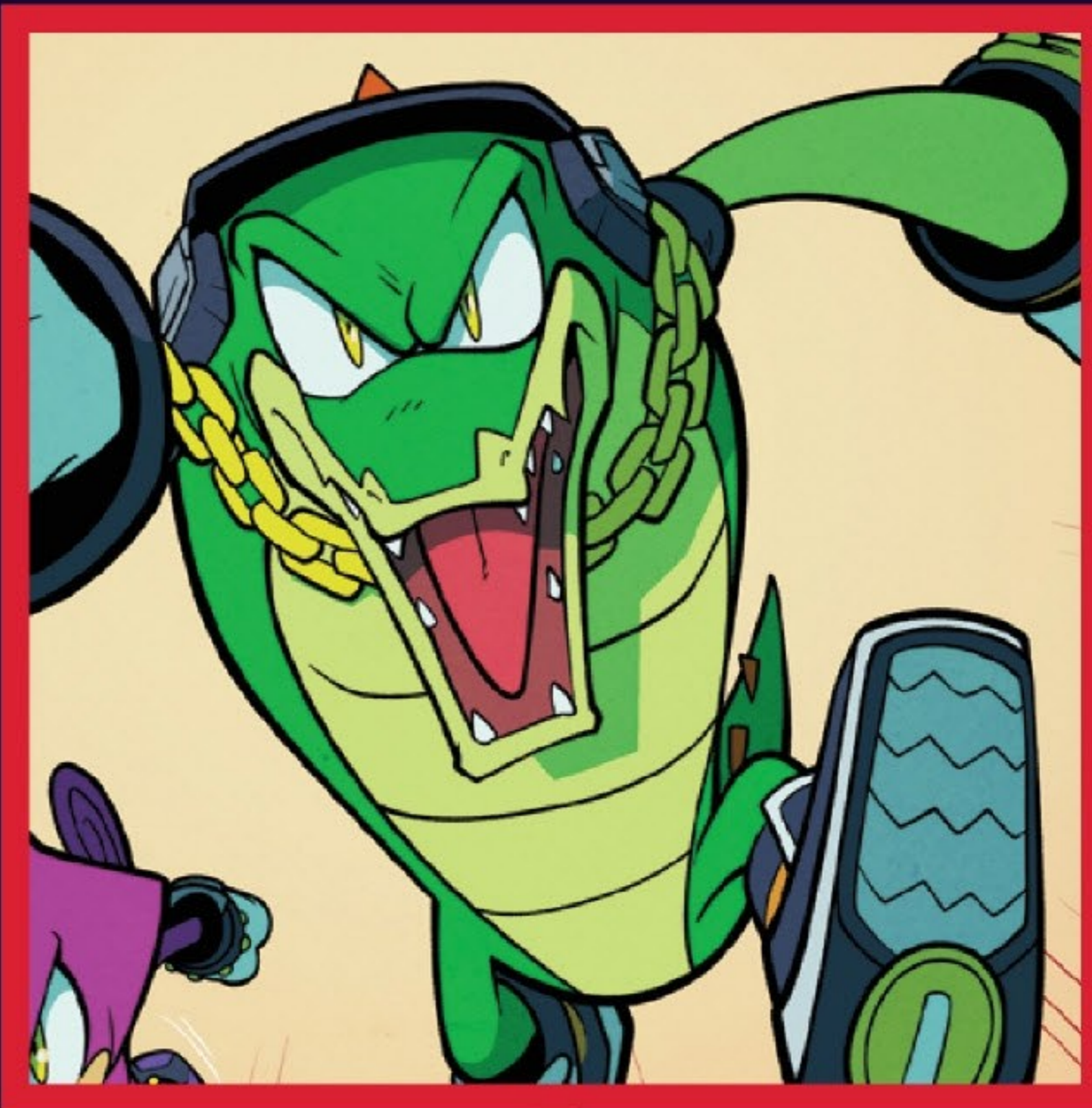
STORY SO FAR





SONIC THE HEDGEHOG

The Blue Blur.
Fastest thing alive.



VECTOR THE CROCODILE

Rocking Detective.
Chaotix Leader.



ESPIO THE CHAMELEON

Ninja, Spy, Detective.
Chaotix Member.



CHARMY BEE

Energetic Detective.
Chaotix Member.



CLUTCH THE OPOSSUM

Robbed Choa-Racing Legend.
Eggman Tech Hoarder.



SHADOW THE HEDGEHOG

The Ultimate Lifeform.
Sonic's Grim Rival.



ROUGE THE BAT

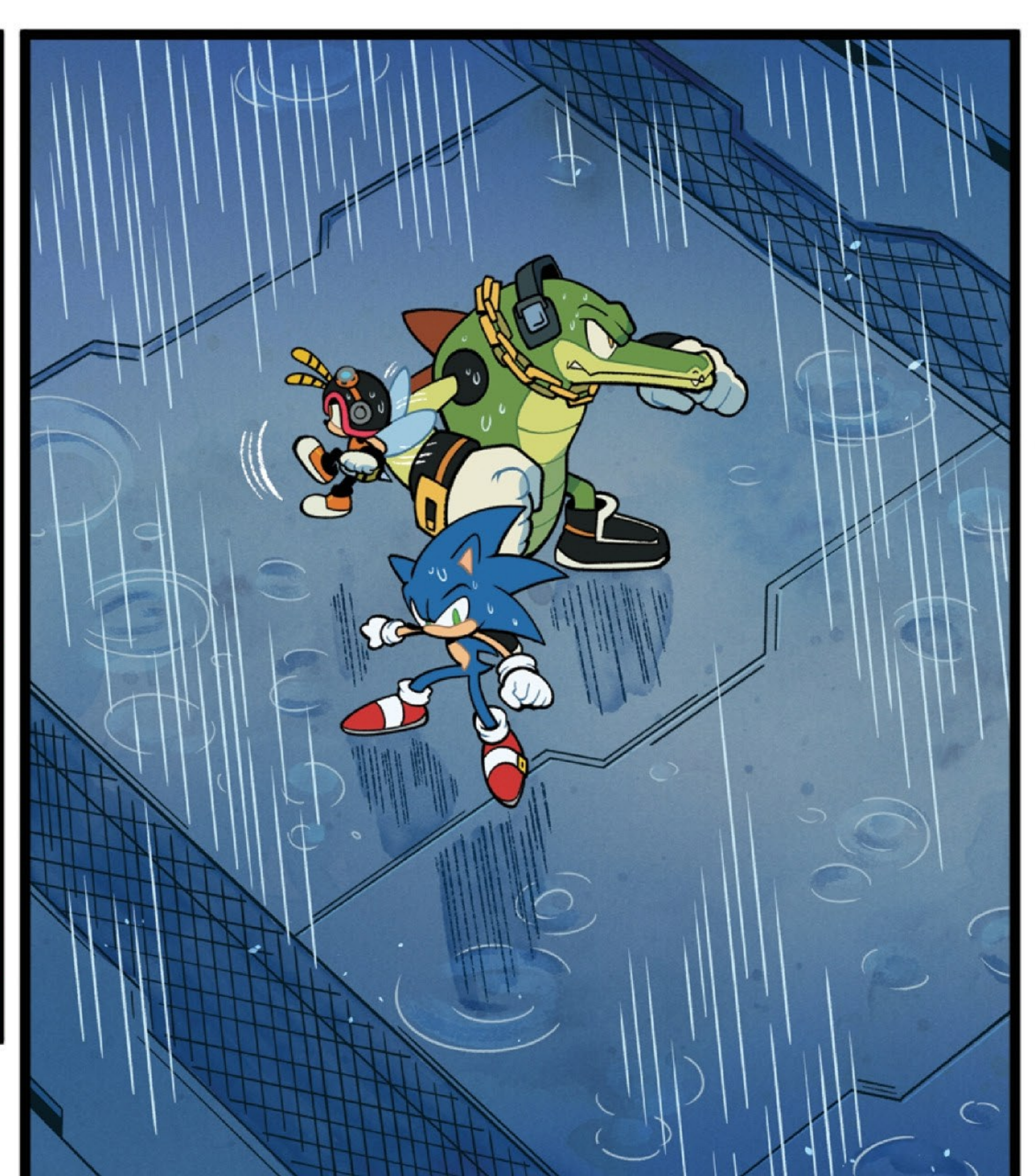
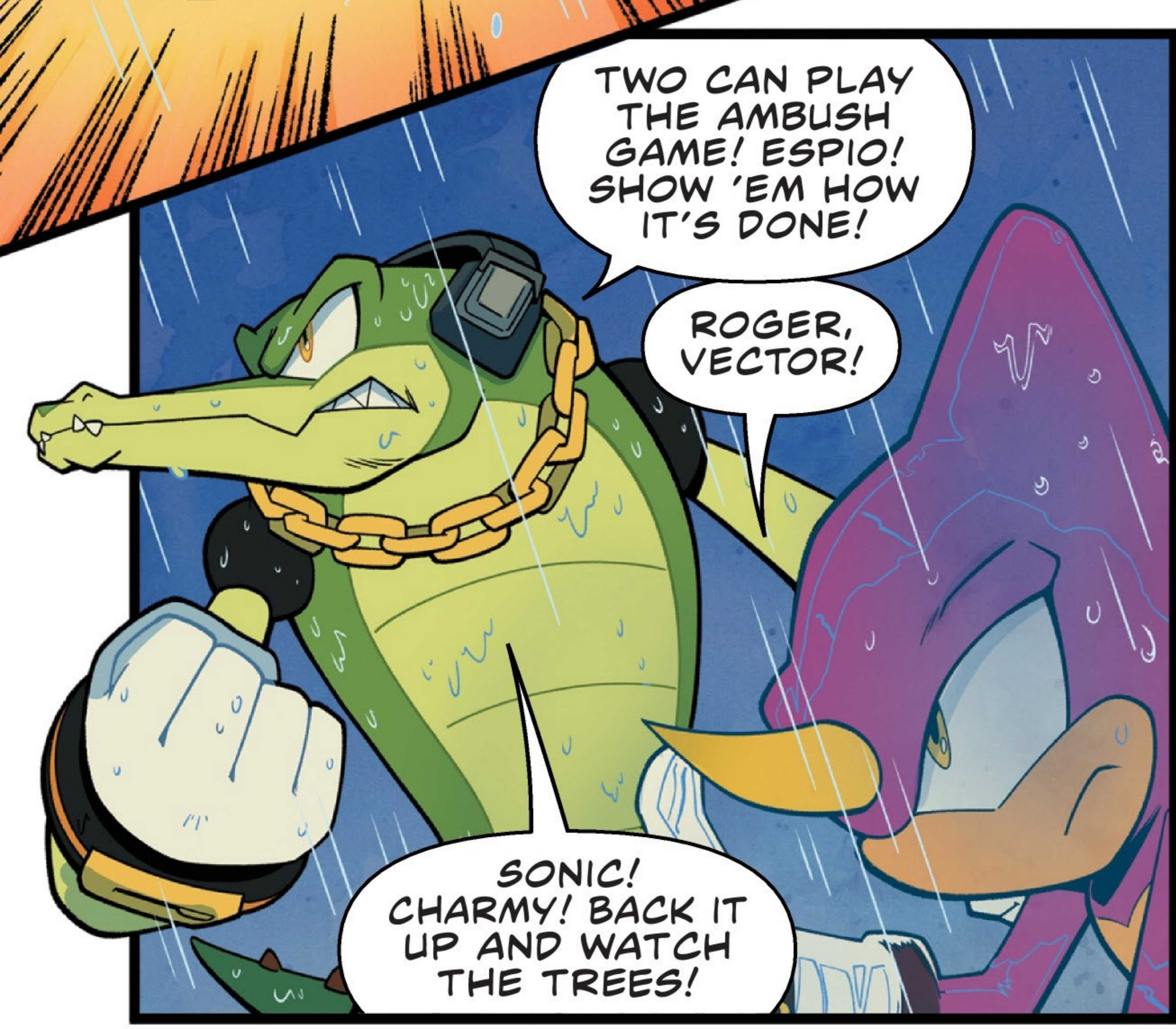
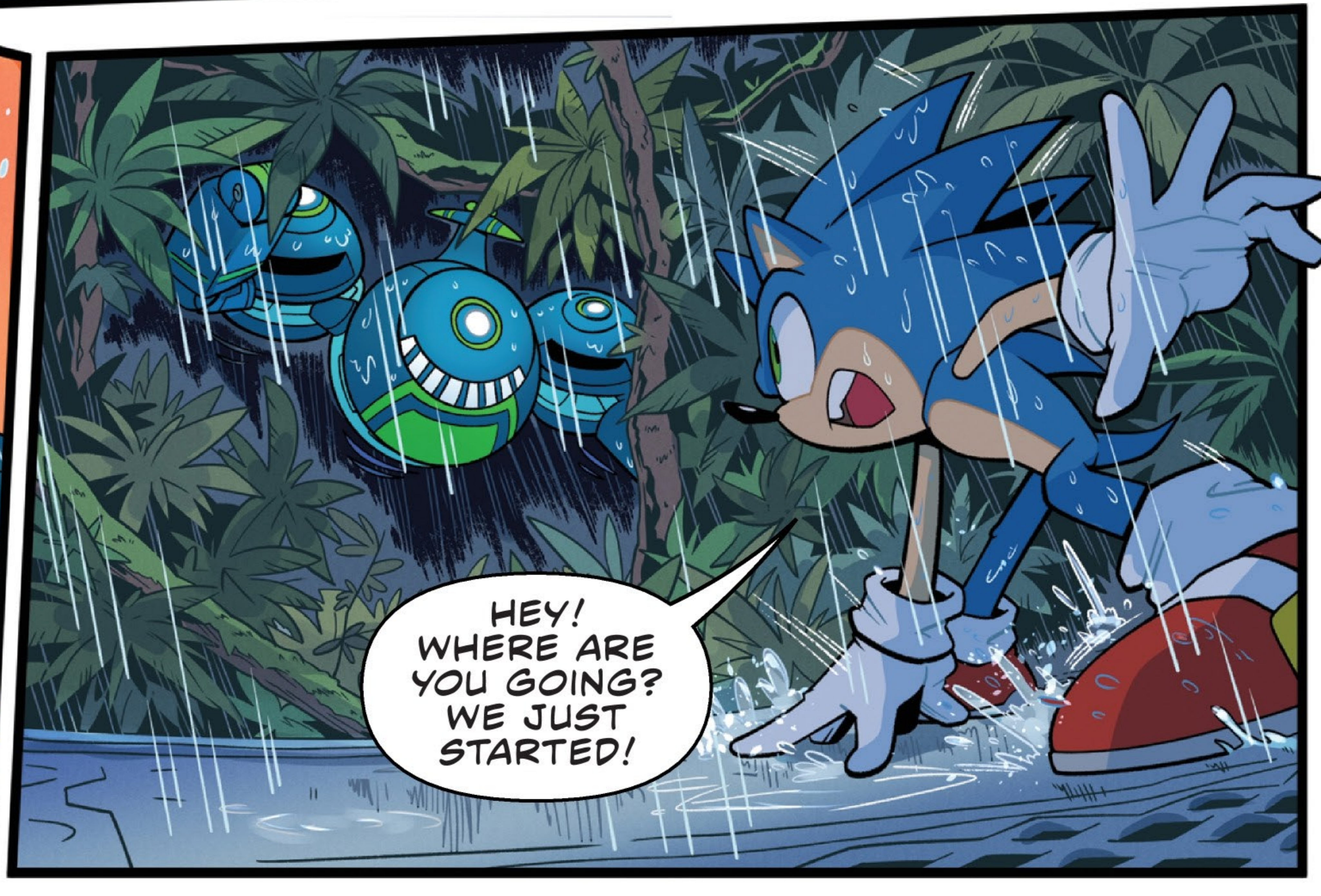
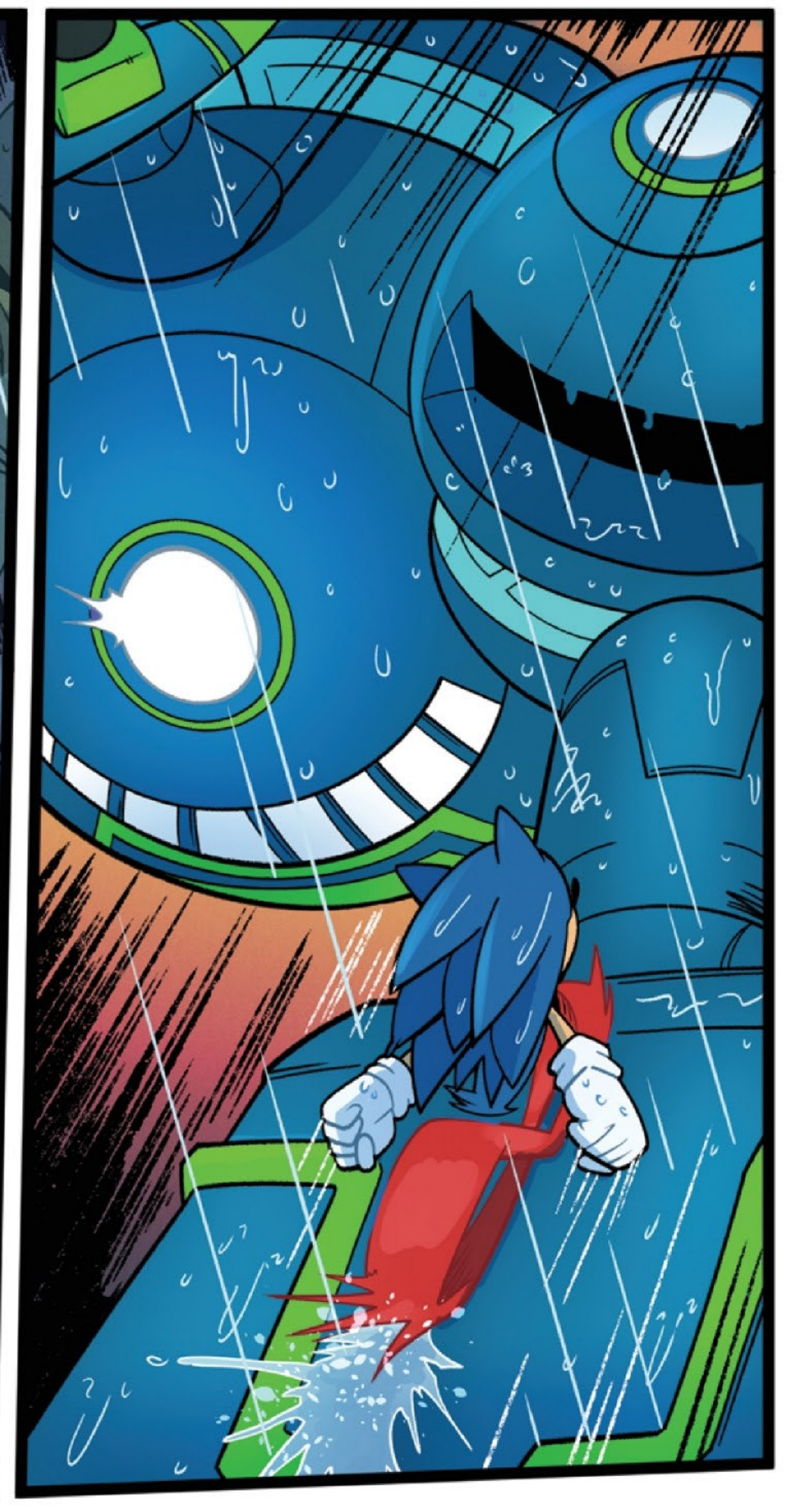
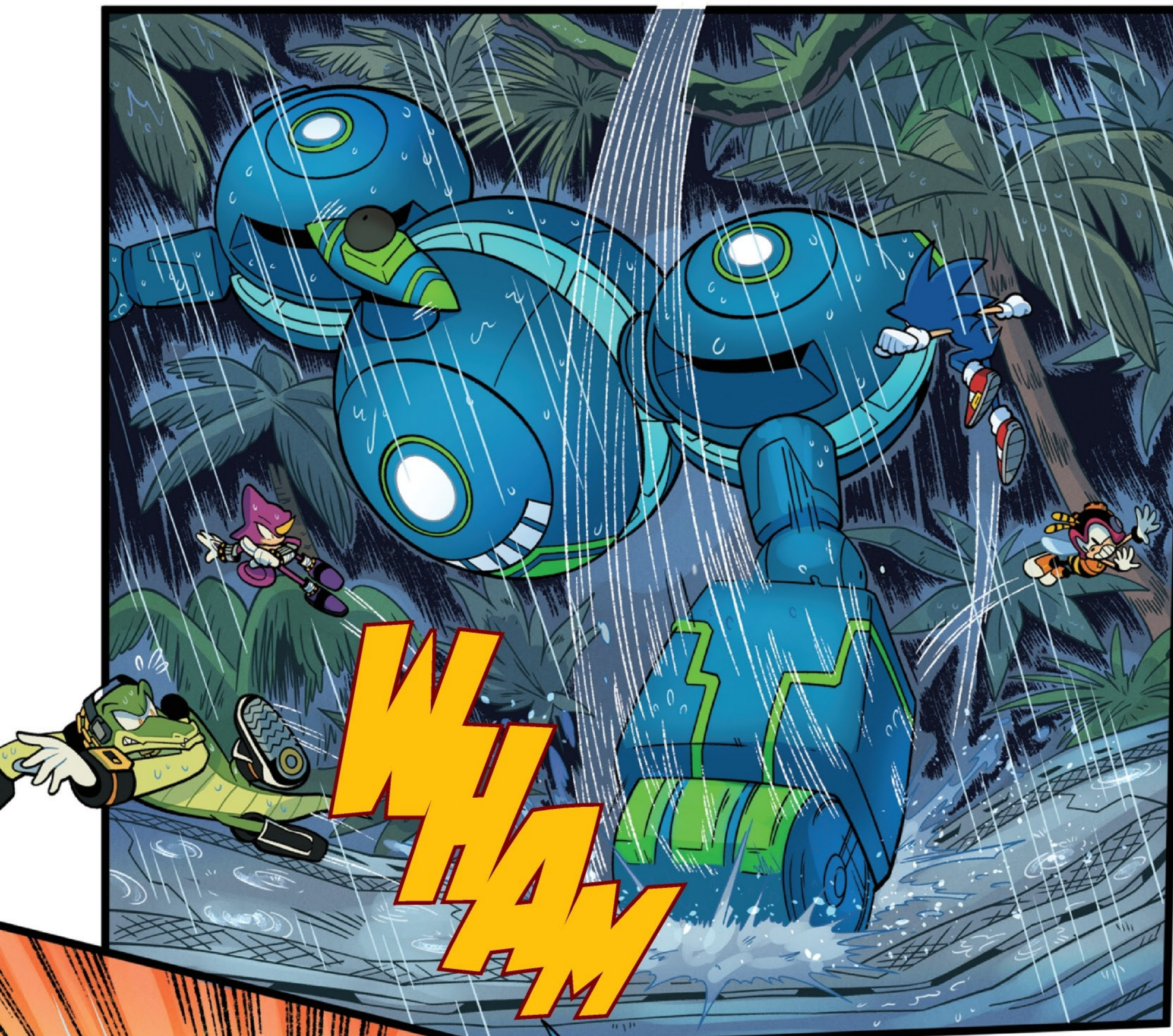
Treasure Hunting Spy.
Restoration Ally.

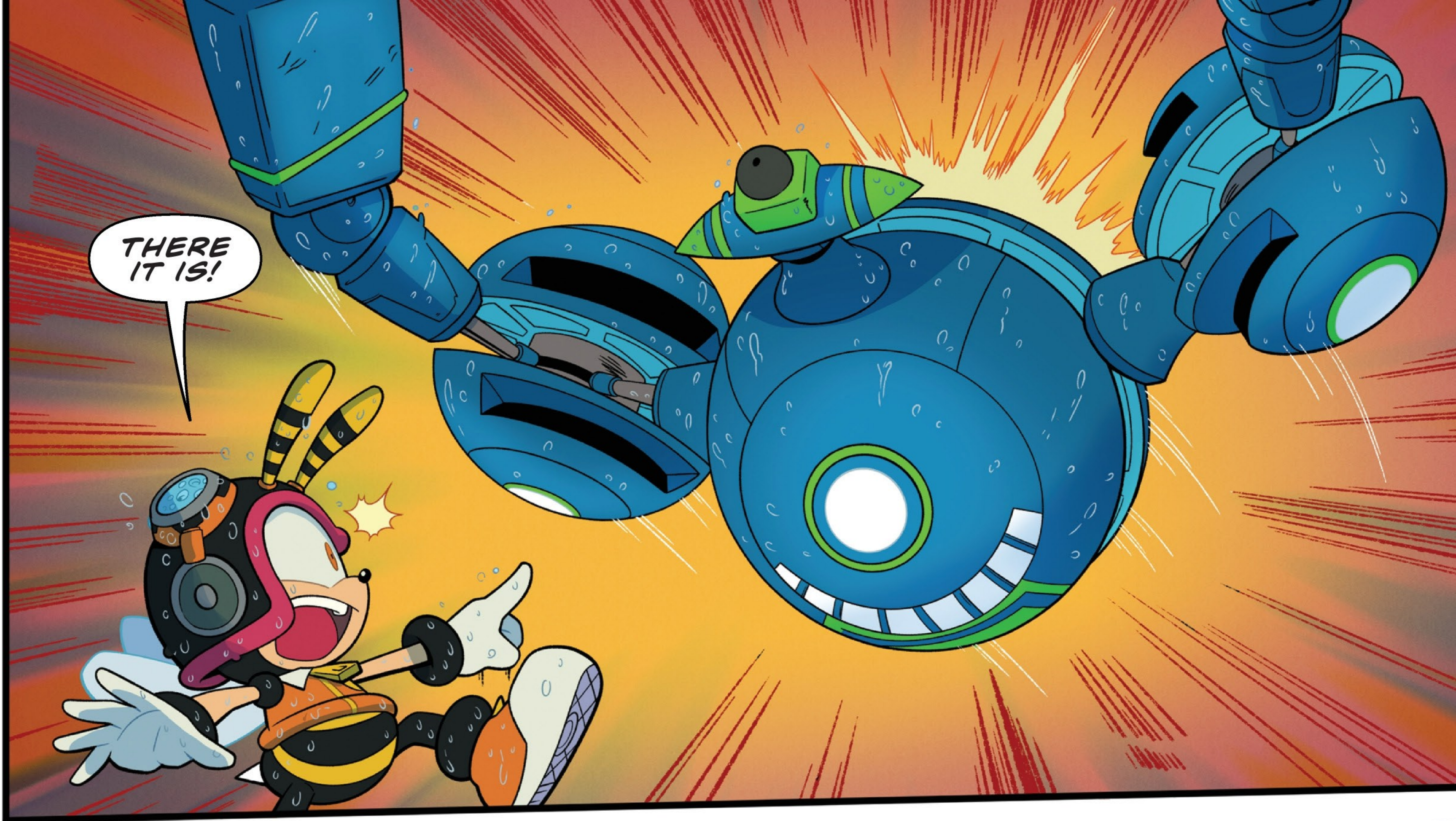
RAINSTORM FOREST.

WHERE SONIC AND THE CHAOTIX DETECTIVE AGENCY INVESTIGATE THE CLAIMS OF RESTORATION HQ'S VILLAINOUS DESTROYER, CLUTCH.

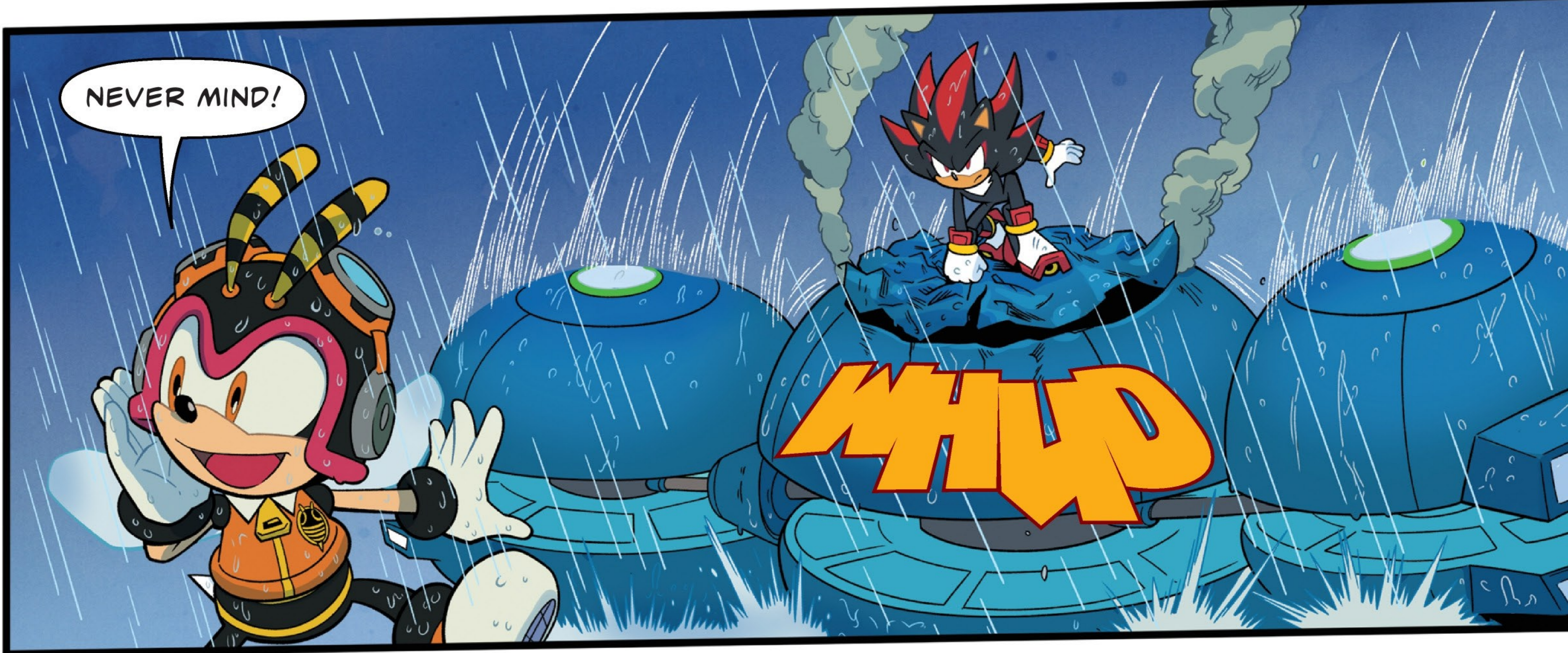


HEADS UP,
BOYS!

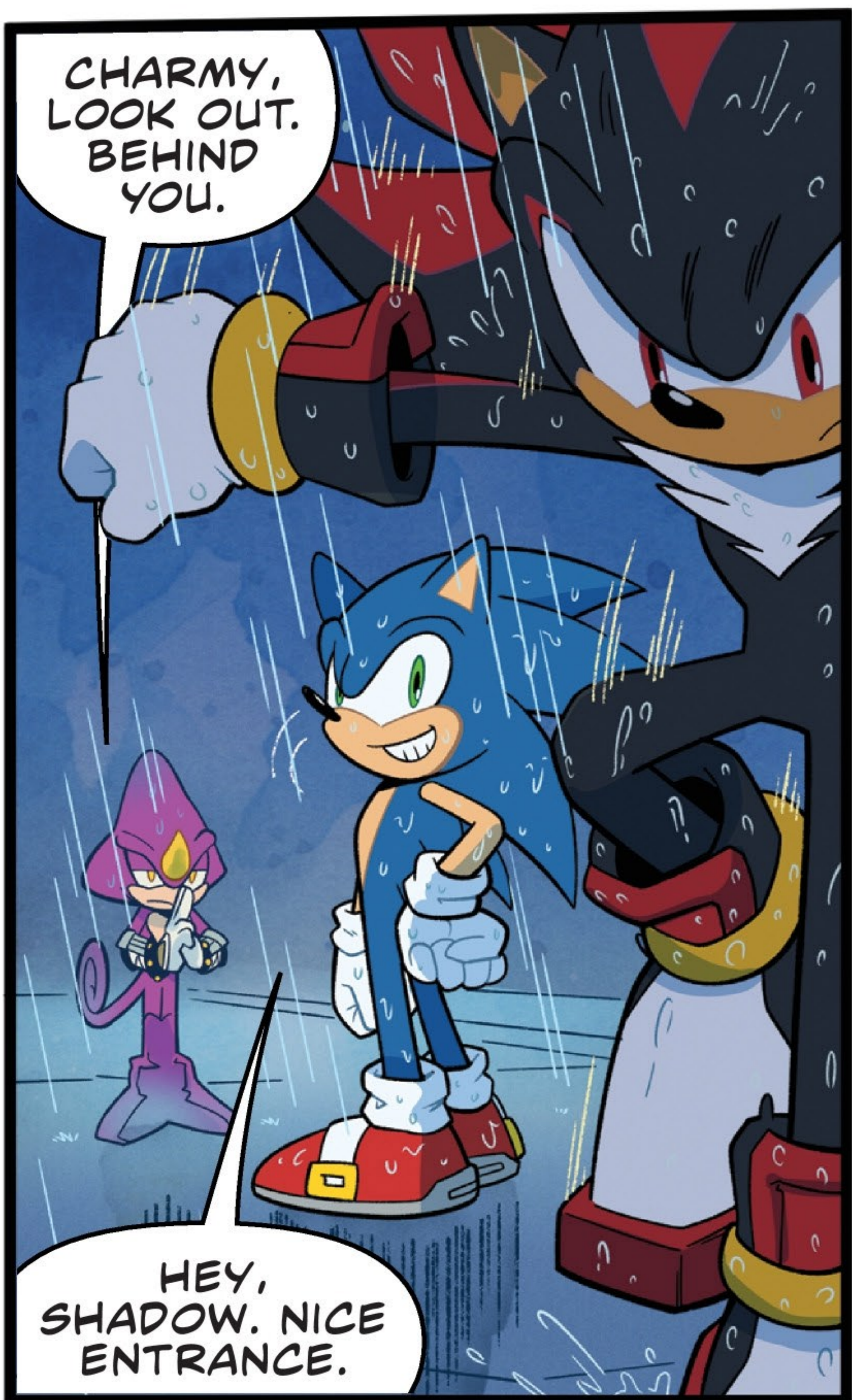




THERE IT IS!



NEVER MIND!



CHARMY, LOOK OUT. BEHIND YOU.

HEY, SHADOW. NICE ENTRANCE.



EVENING, BOYS! I DIDN'T EXPECT TO FIND YOU HERE.

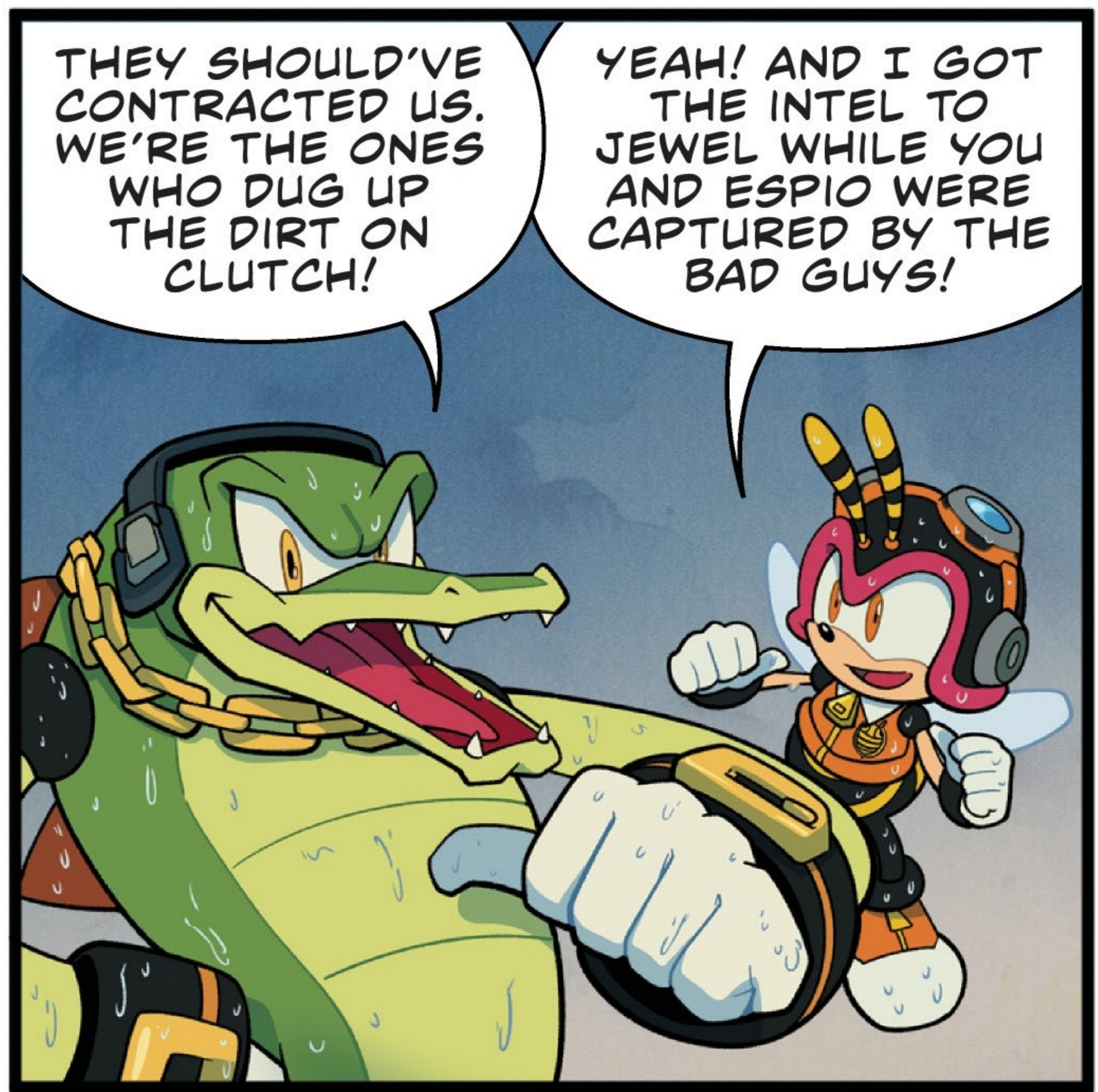
SAME COULD BE SAID FOR YOU, ROUGE. WHAT'S YOUR ANGLE?



IT'S PRETTY STRAIGHT-FORWARD THIS TIME.

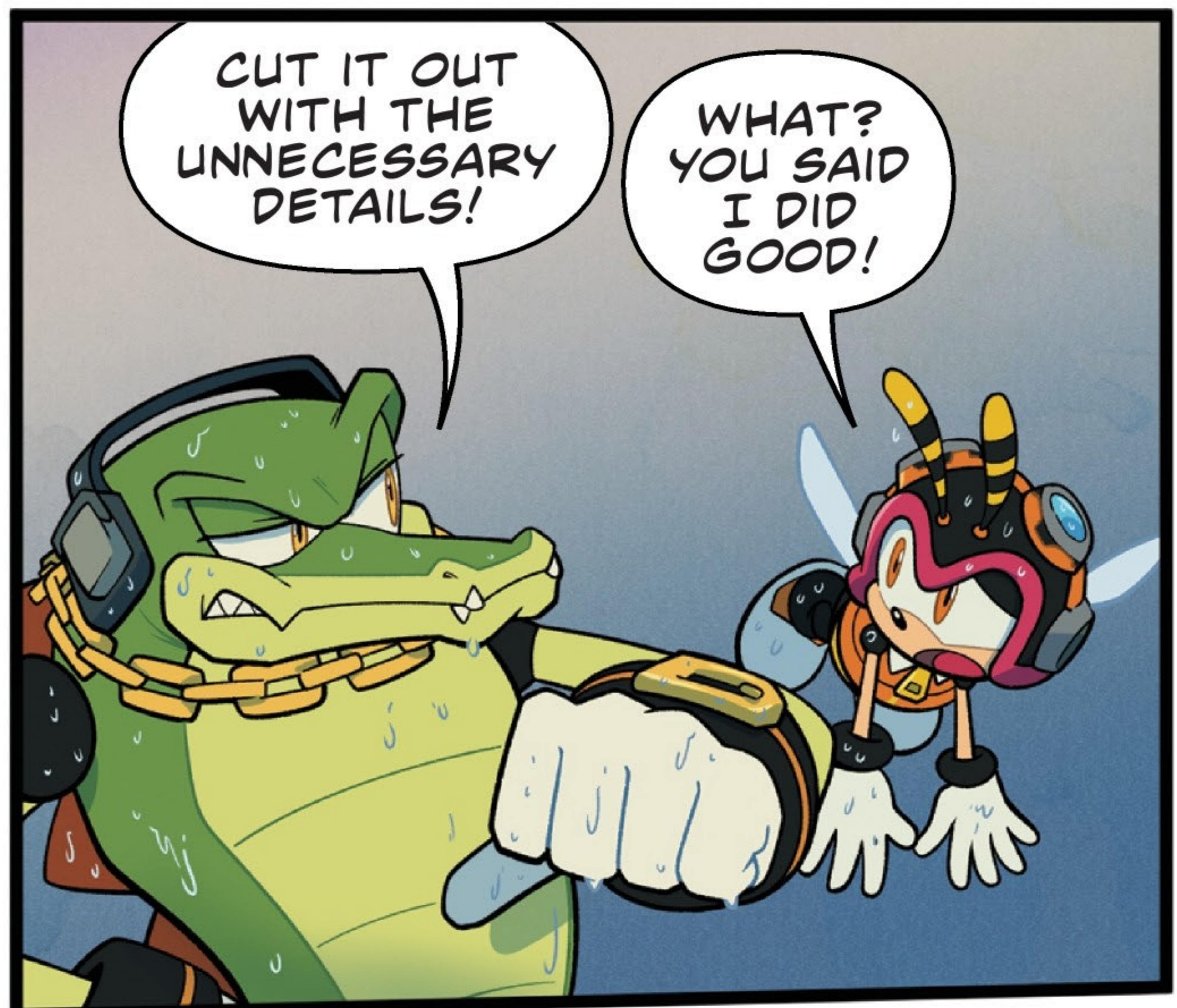
AFTER CLEAN SWEEPS INC. WAS EXPOSED AS A FRONT FOR ILLEGAL WEAPONS AND POLLUTING, CERTAIN PARTIES HIRED ME TO LOOK FOR ANYTHING ELSE "INTERESTING."*

*STH #74
--EDS.



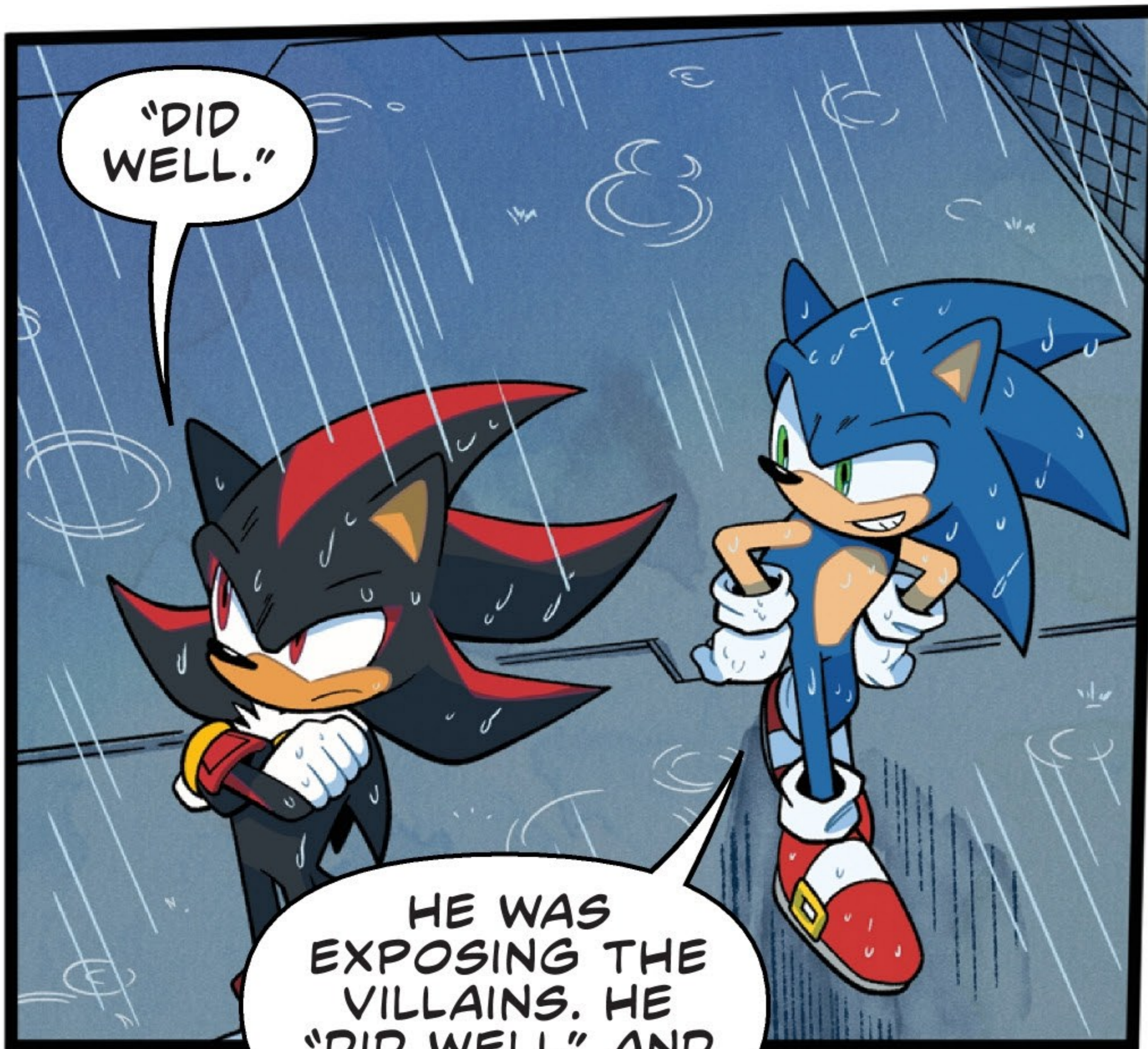
THEY SHOULD'VE CONTRACTED US. WE'RE THE ONES WHO DUG UP THE DIRT ON CLUTCH!

YEAH! AND I GOT THE INTEL TO JEWEL WHILE YOU AND ESPIO WERE CAPTURED BY THE BAD GUYS!



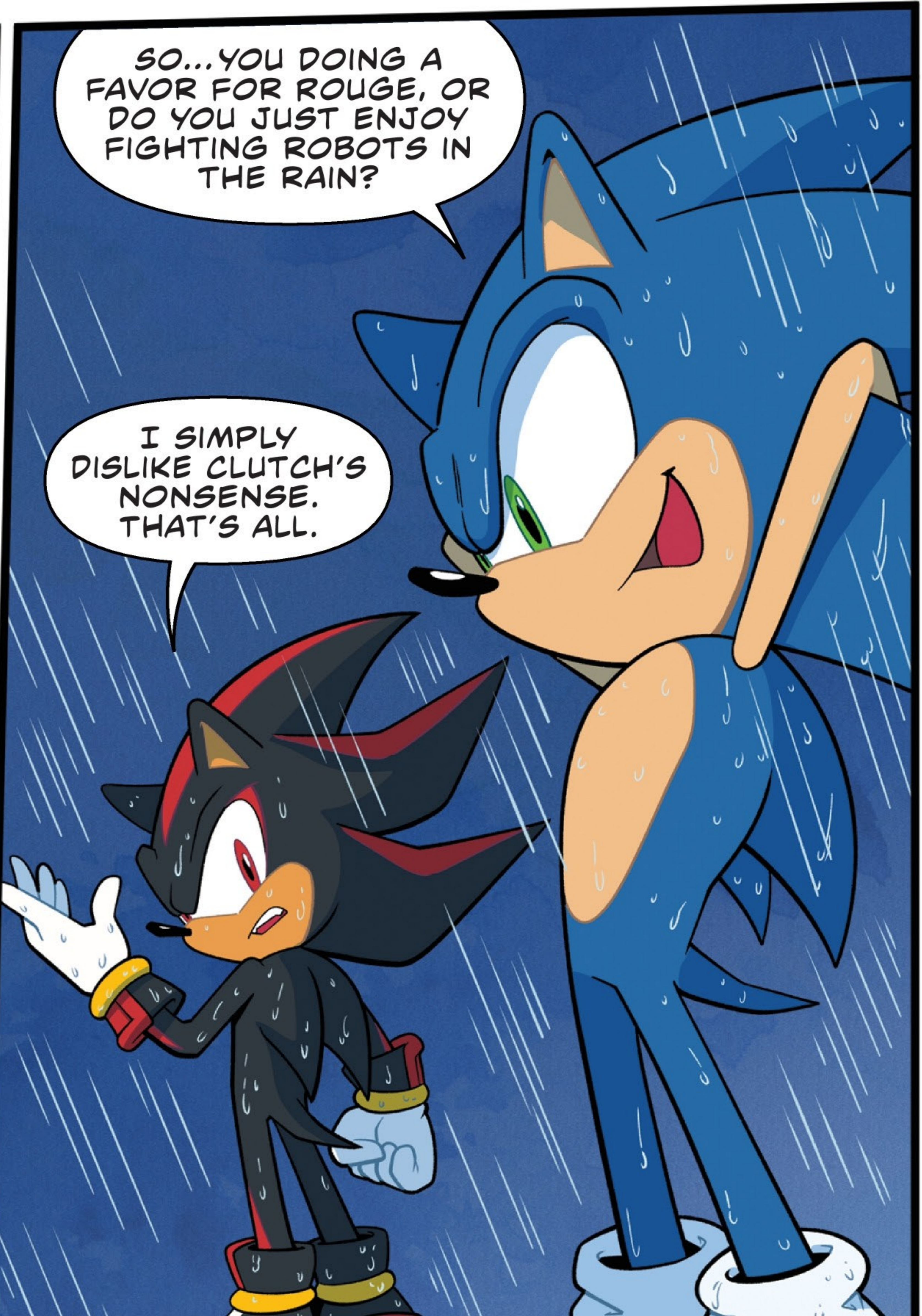
CUT IT OUT WITH THE UNNECESSARY DETAILS!

WHAT? YOU SAID I DID GOOD!



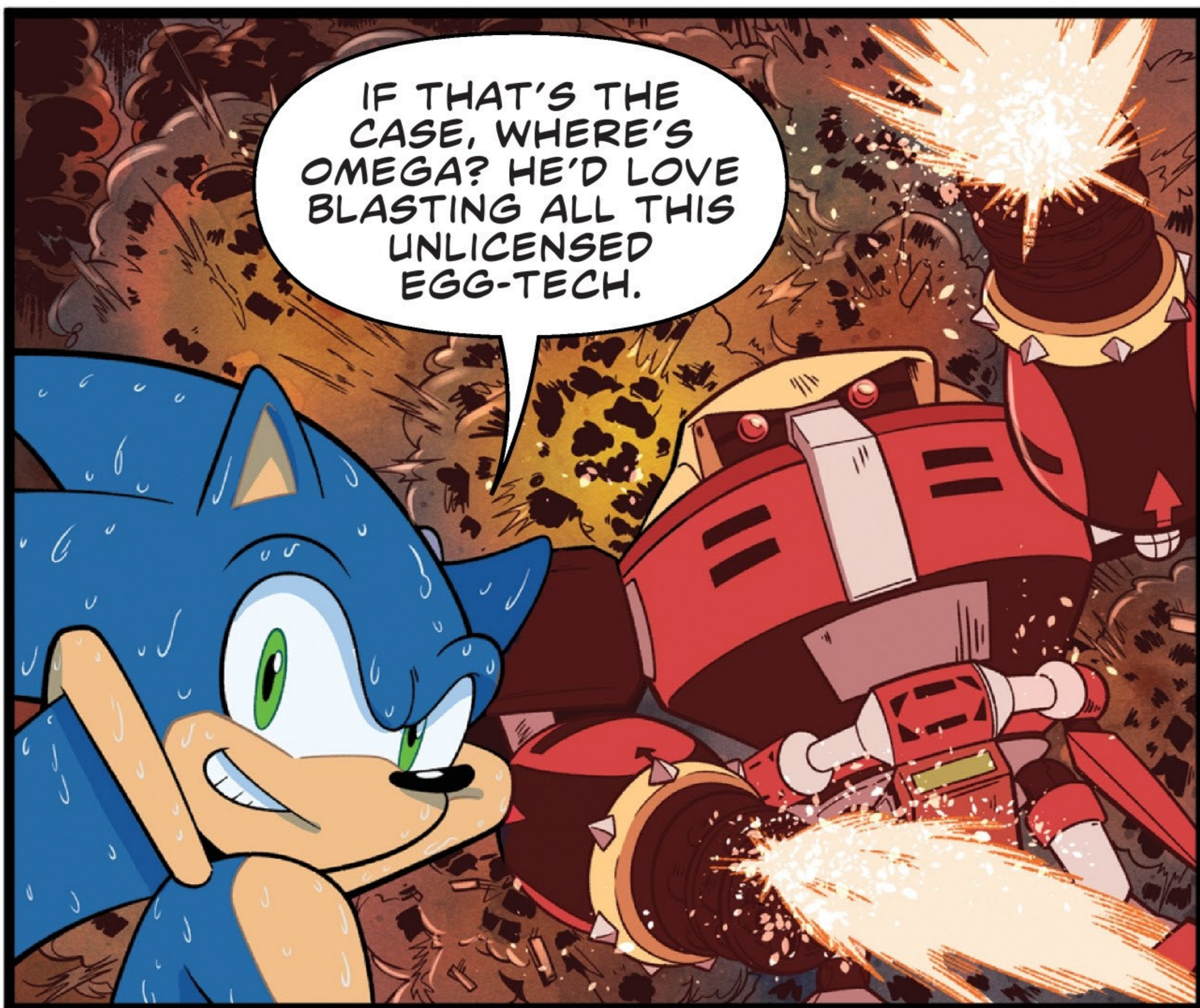
"DID WELL."

HE WAS EXPOSING THE VILLAINS. HE "DID WELL" AND "DID GOOD."



SO...YOU DOING A FAVOR FOR ROUGE, OR DO YOU JUST ENJOY FIGHTING ROBOTS IN THE RAIN?

I SIMPLY DISLIKE CLUTCH'S NONSENSE. THAT'S ALL.



IF THAT'S THE CASE, WHERE'S OMEGA? HE'D LOVE BLASTING ALL THIS UNLICENSED EGG-TECH.



OH, HE'D BLOW THIS PLACE SKY-HIGH IN NO TIME. BUT IT'S HARD TO GATHER INTEL FROM A SMOLDERING CRATER. I NEED A PRECISION TOUCH.

FAIR ENOUGH.



ONCE AGAIN, THE CHAOTIX CAN HANDLE THIS! I CAN SMASH ANY ROBOT! ESPIO'S GOT THAT NINJA-LIKE PRECISION! CHARMY... CAN FLY! WE CAN DO IT ALL!

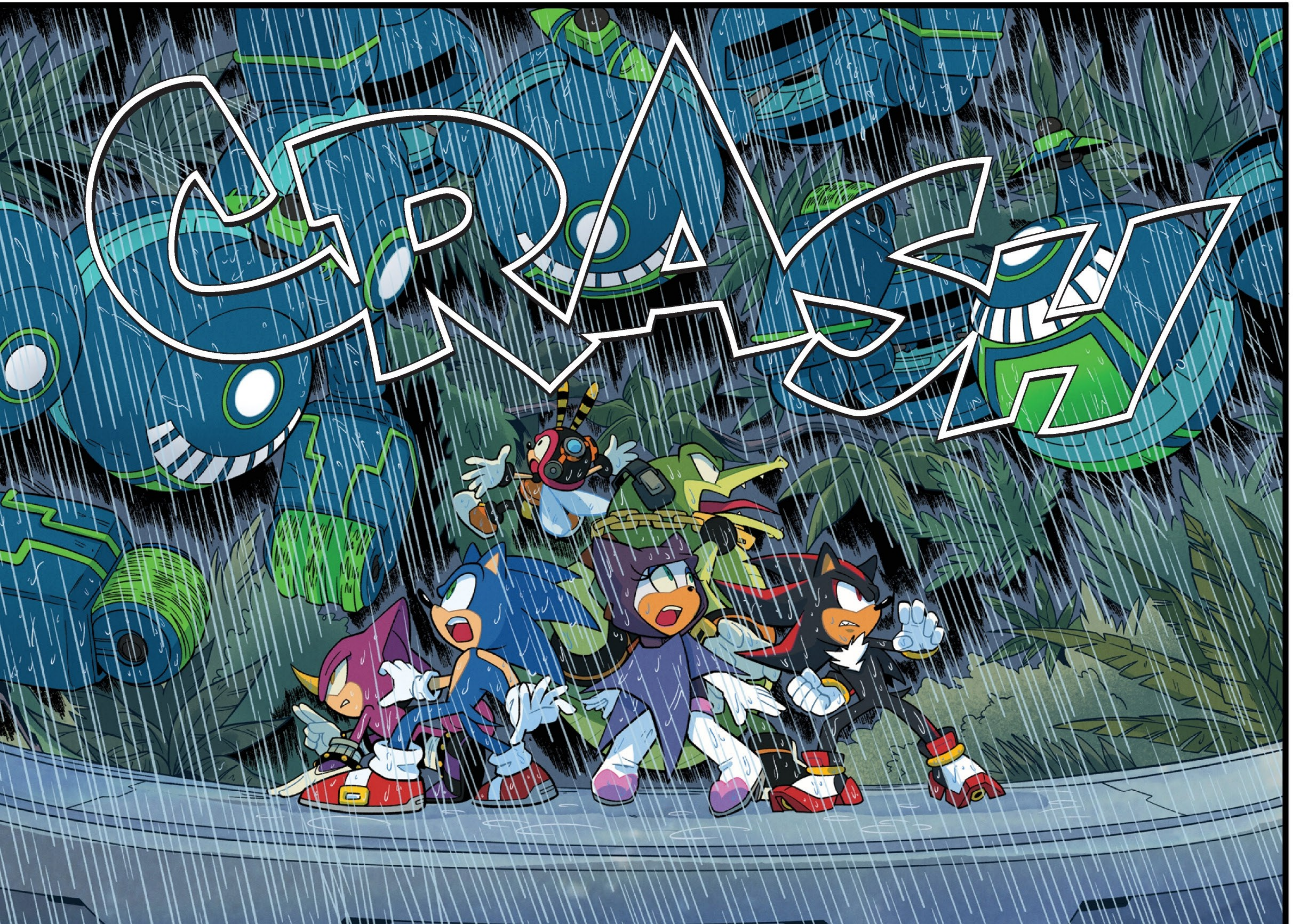
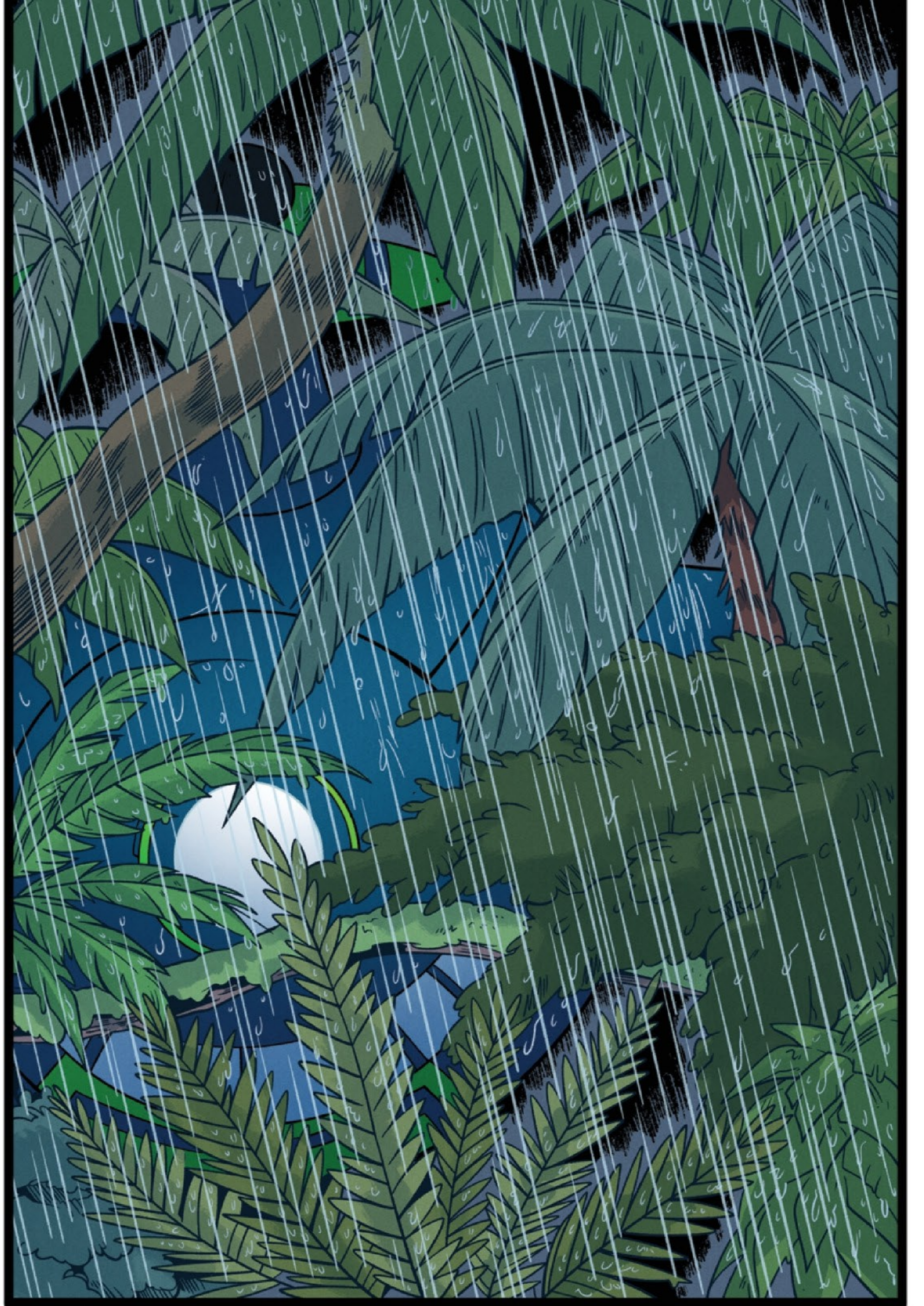
YEAH! WE'RE A PACKAGE DEAL!



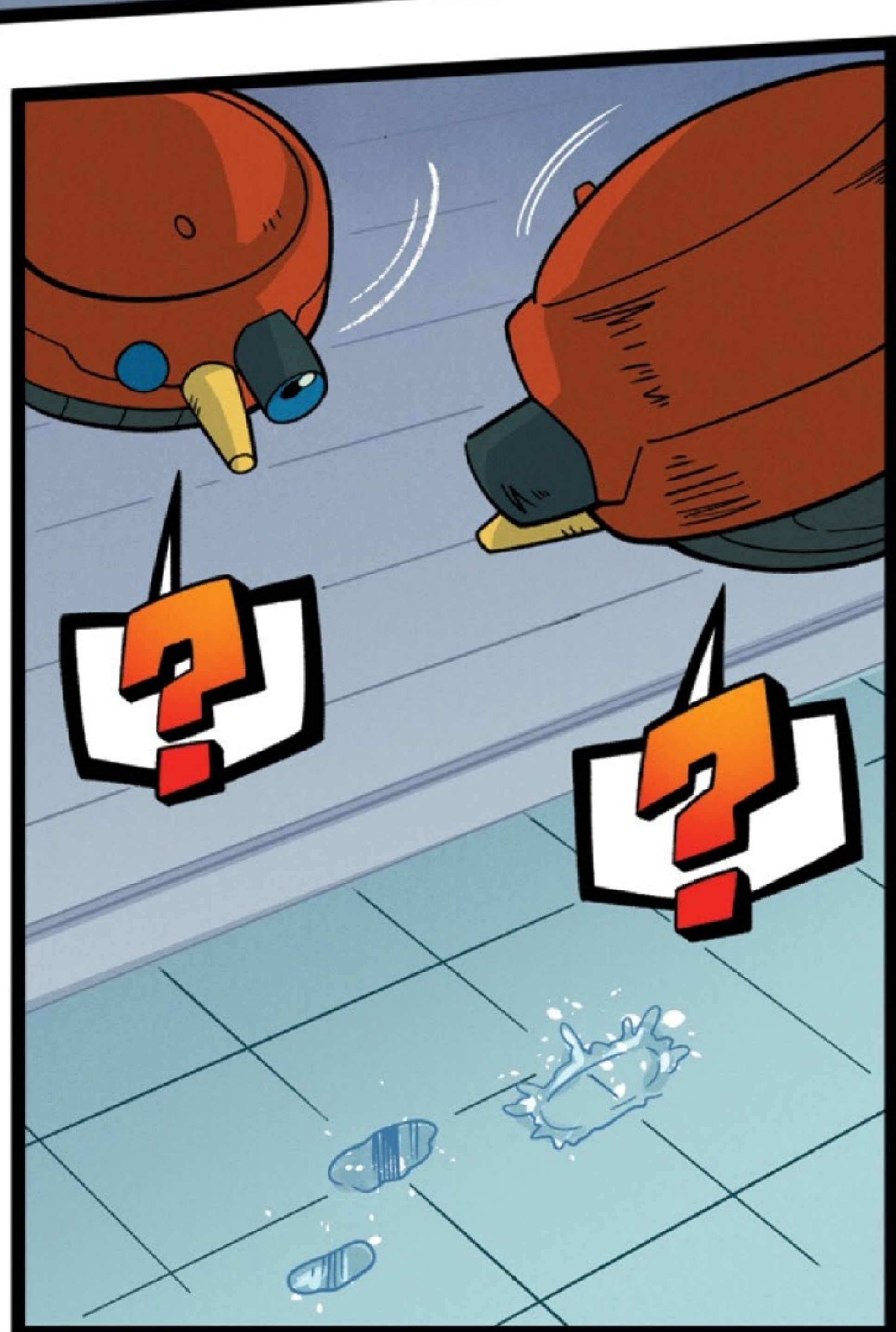
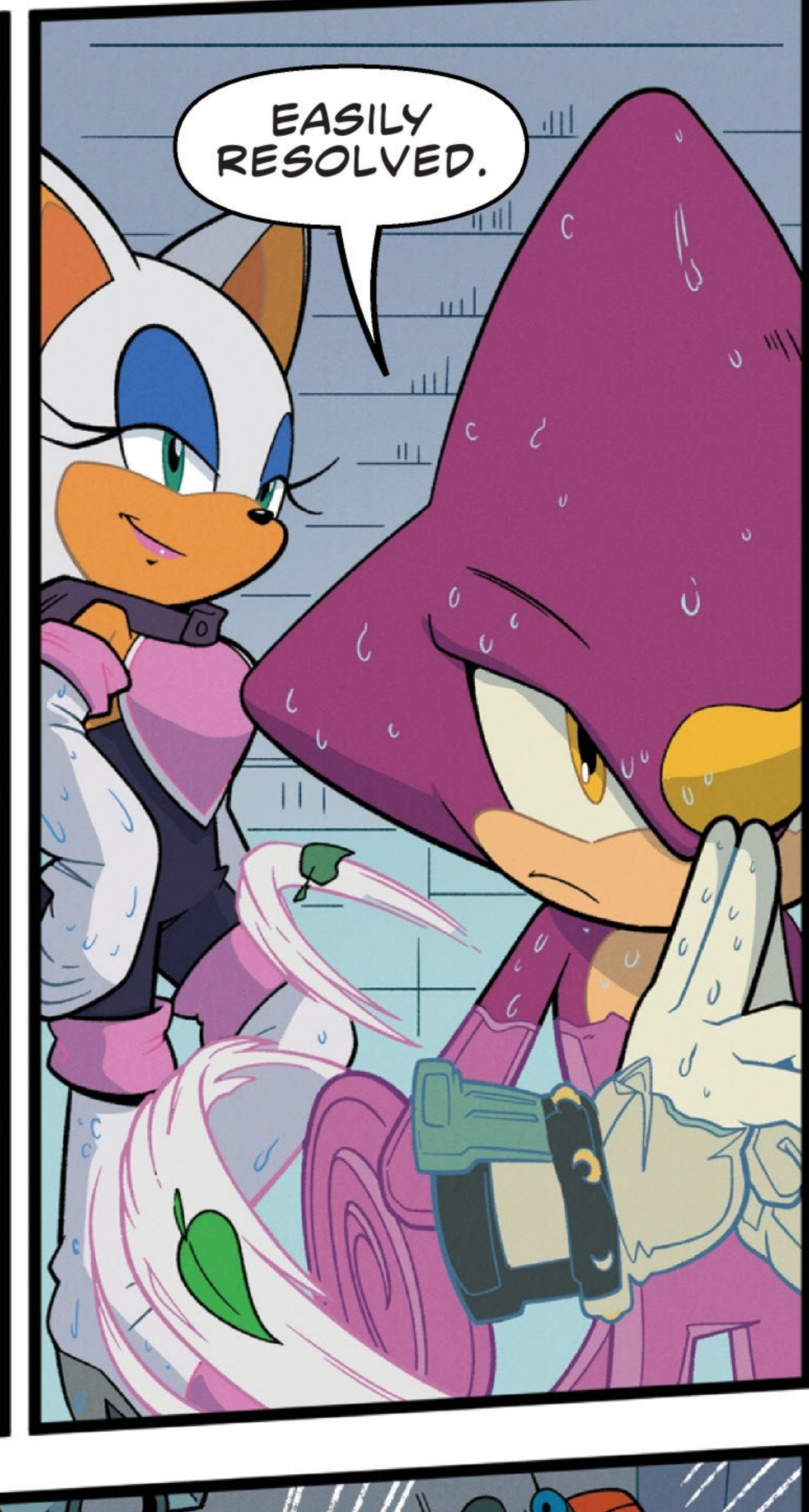
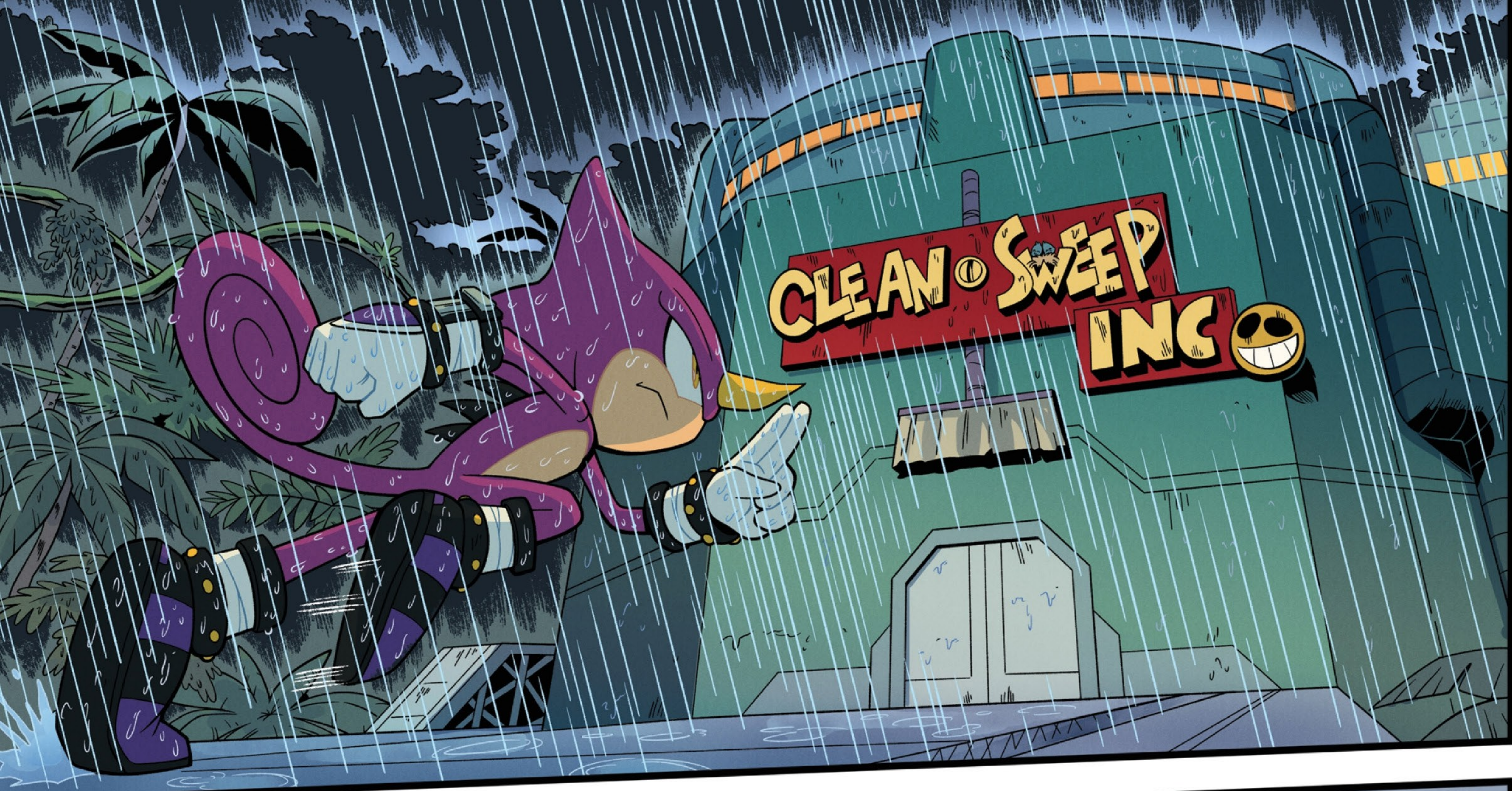
SURE...A DISCOUNT PACKAGE!



QUIET! ALL OF YOU!



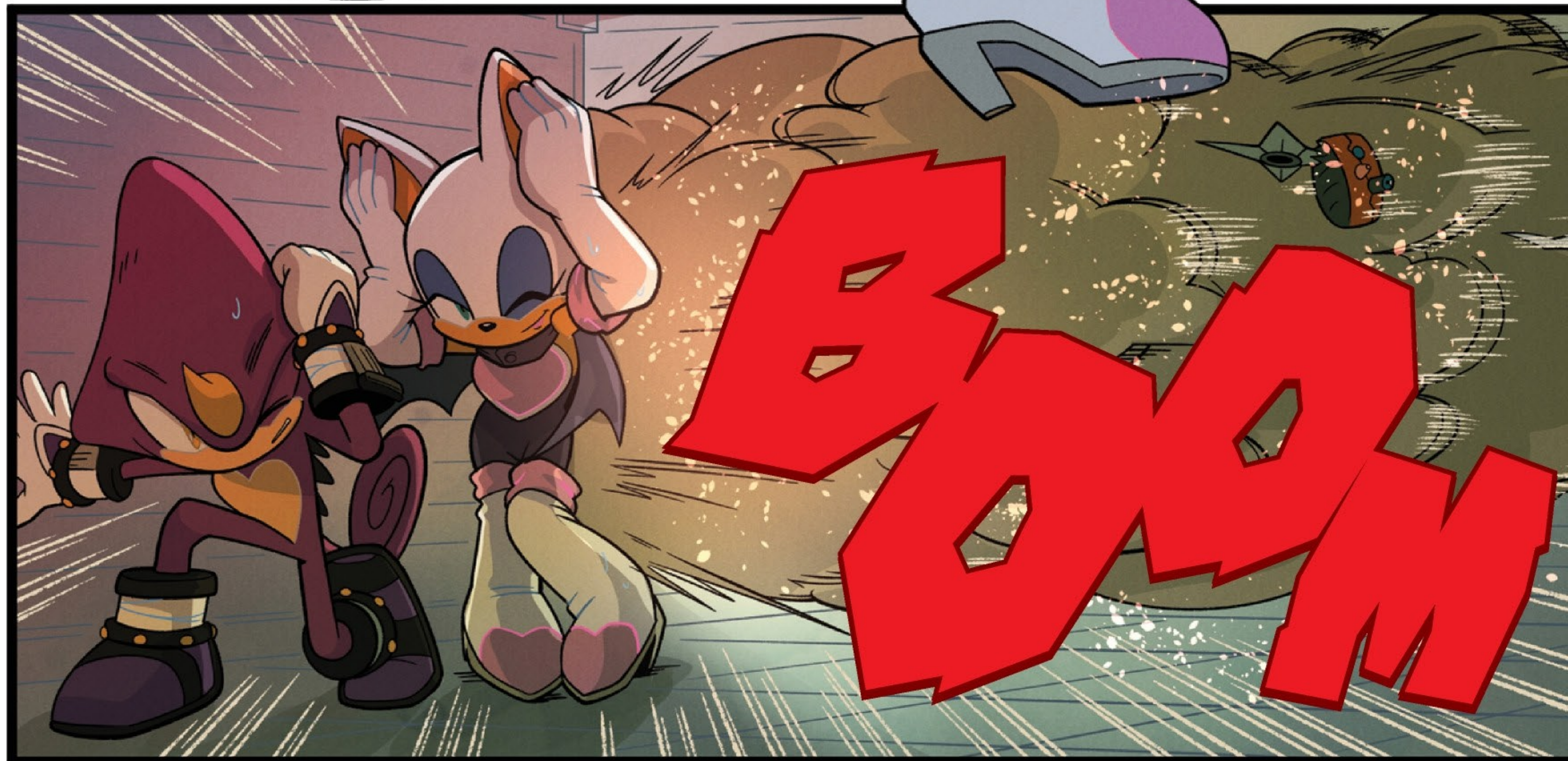
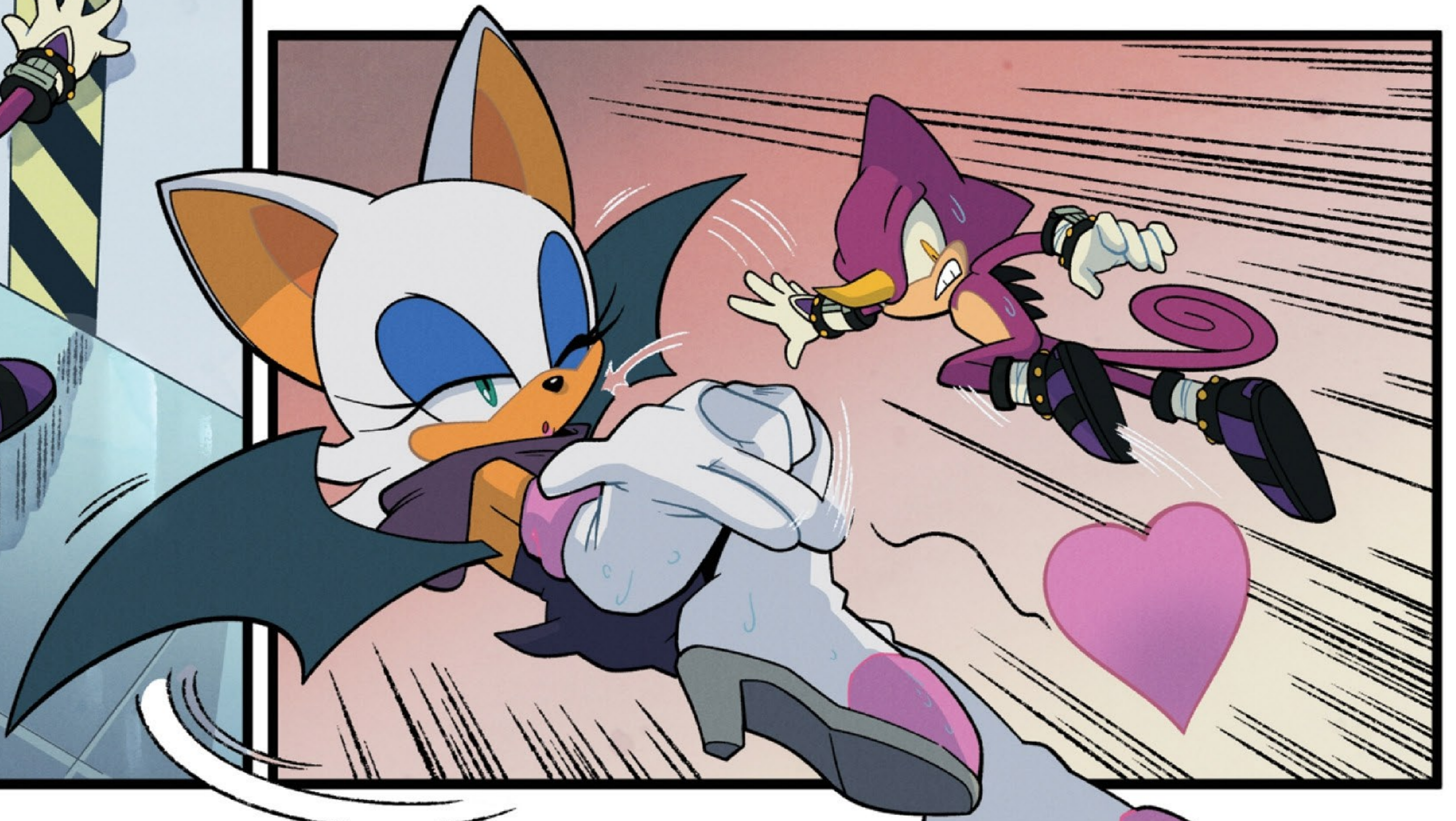
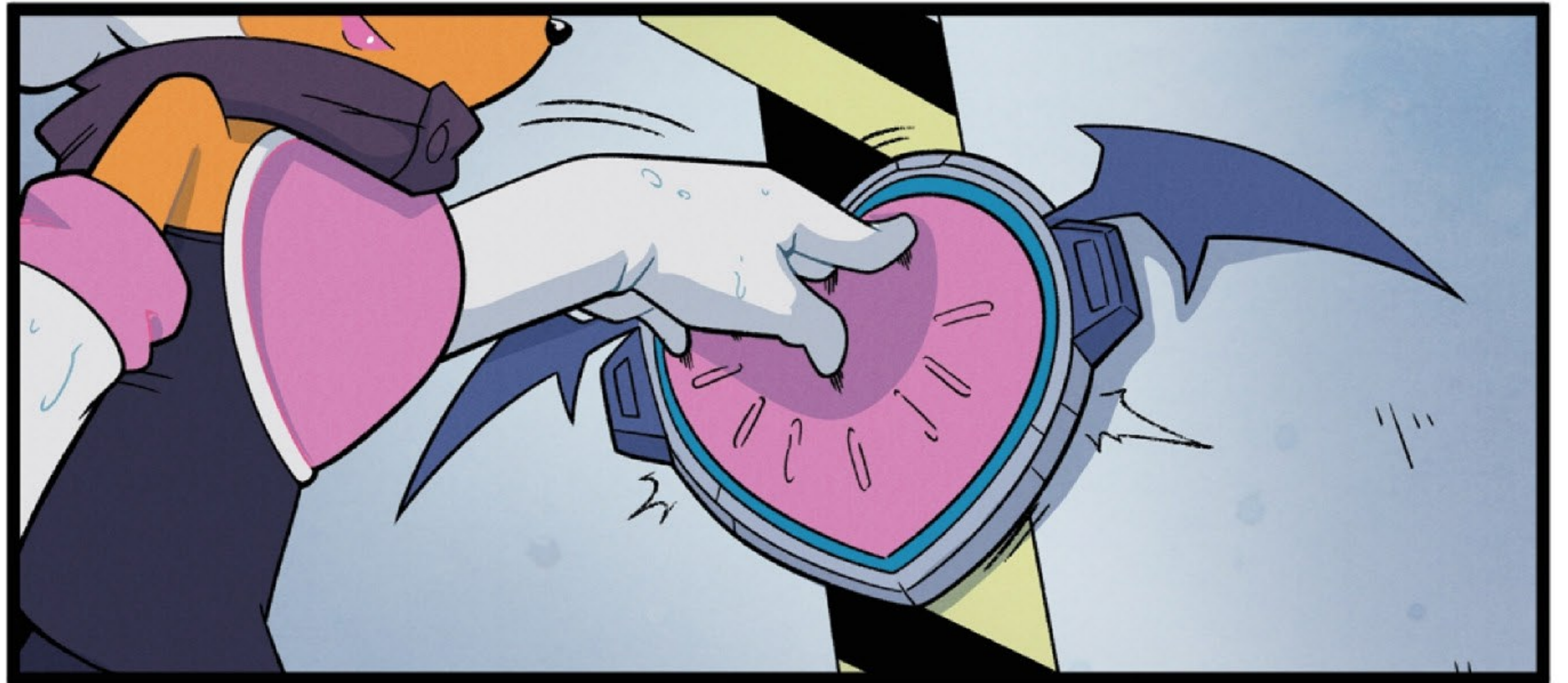
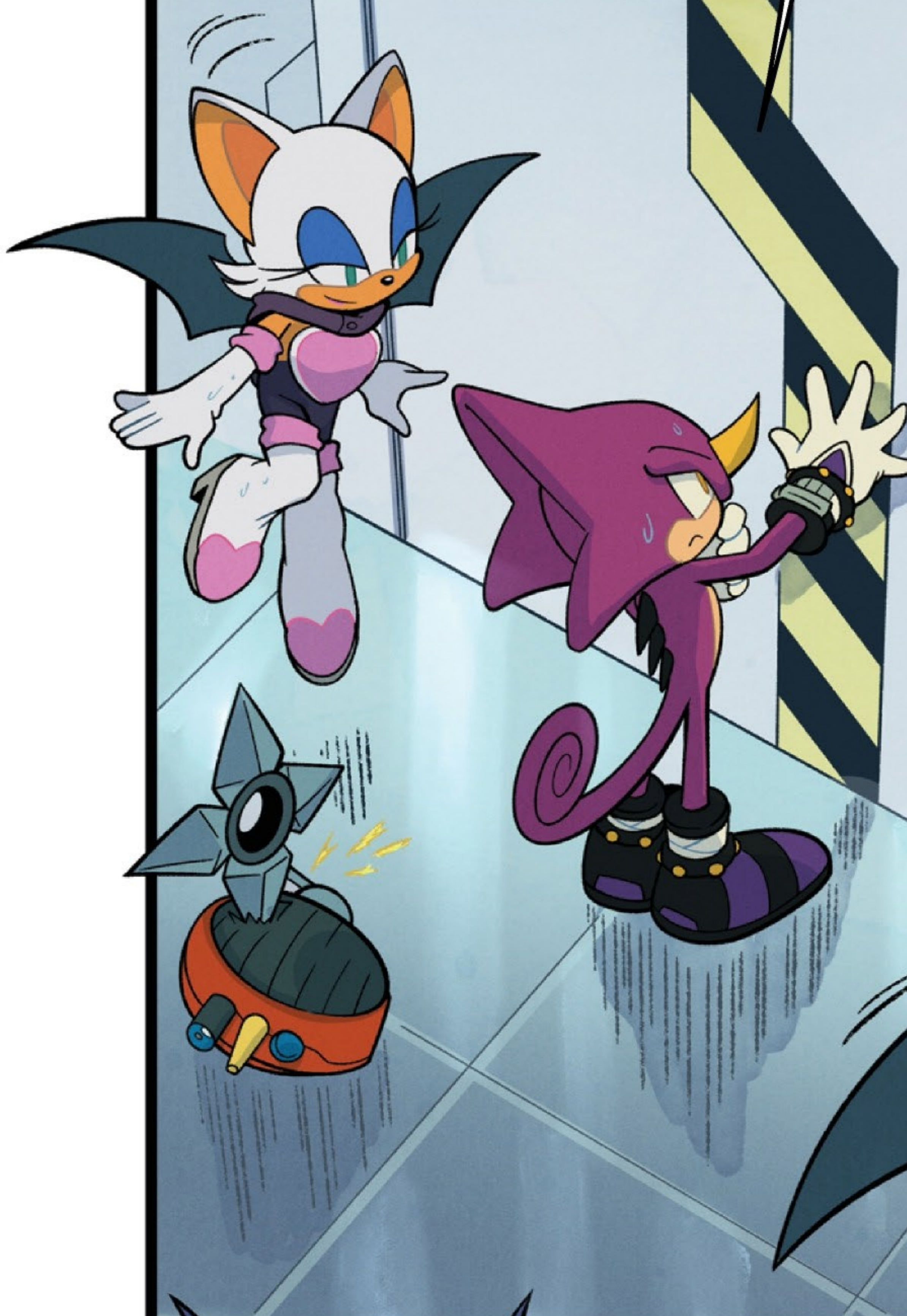




NOT BAD,
NOT BAD. NOW
HOW MANY
SHURIKEN DO YOU
PLAN TO USE TO
CHOP OPEN THE
DOOR?

DON'T BE
RIDICULOUS.
PERHAPS...IF I
WEDGED ONE
INTO THE
SEAM?

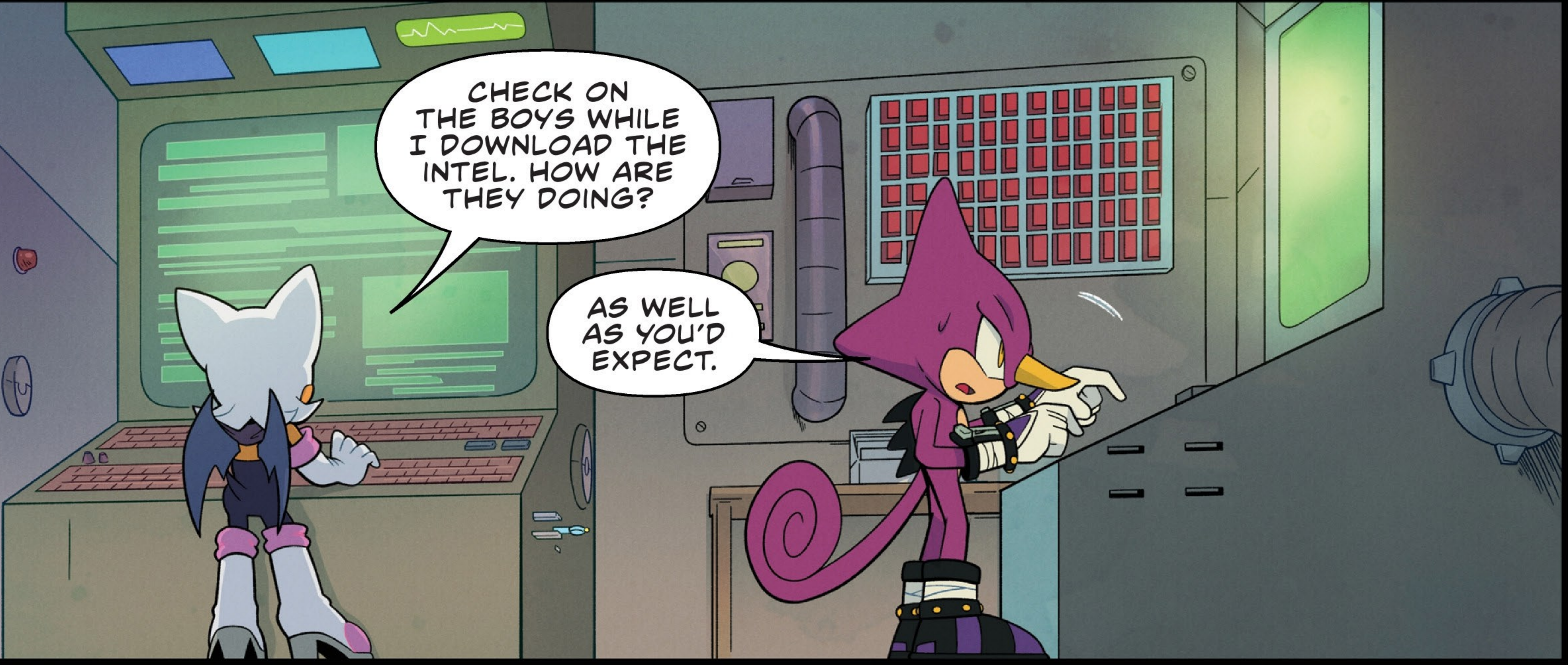
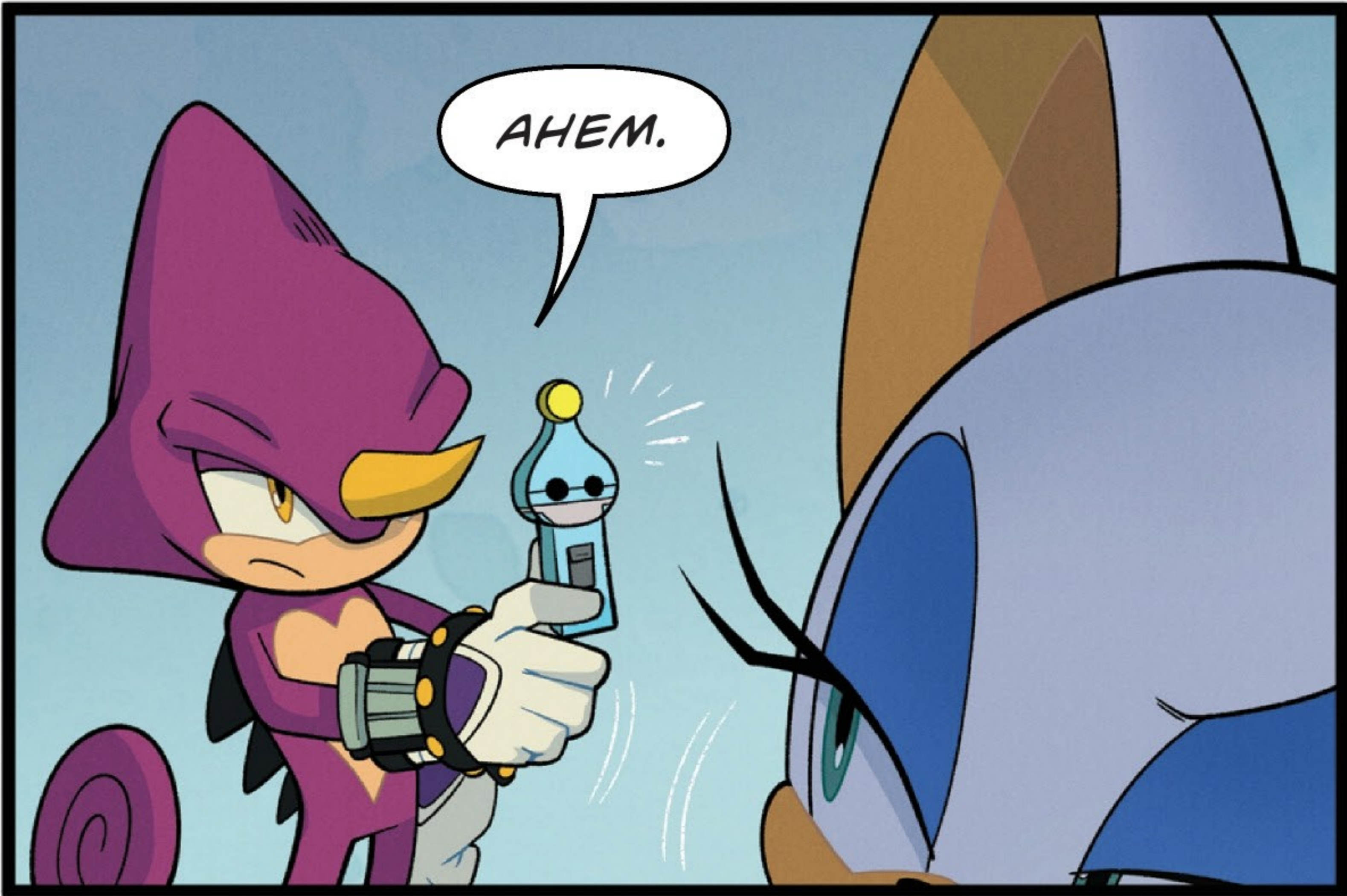
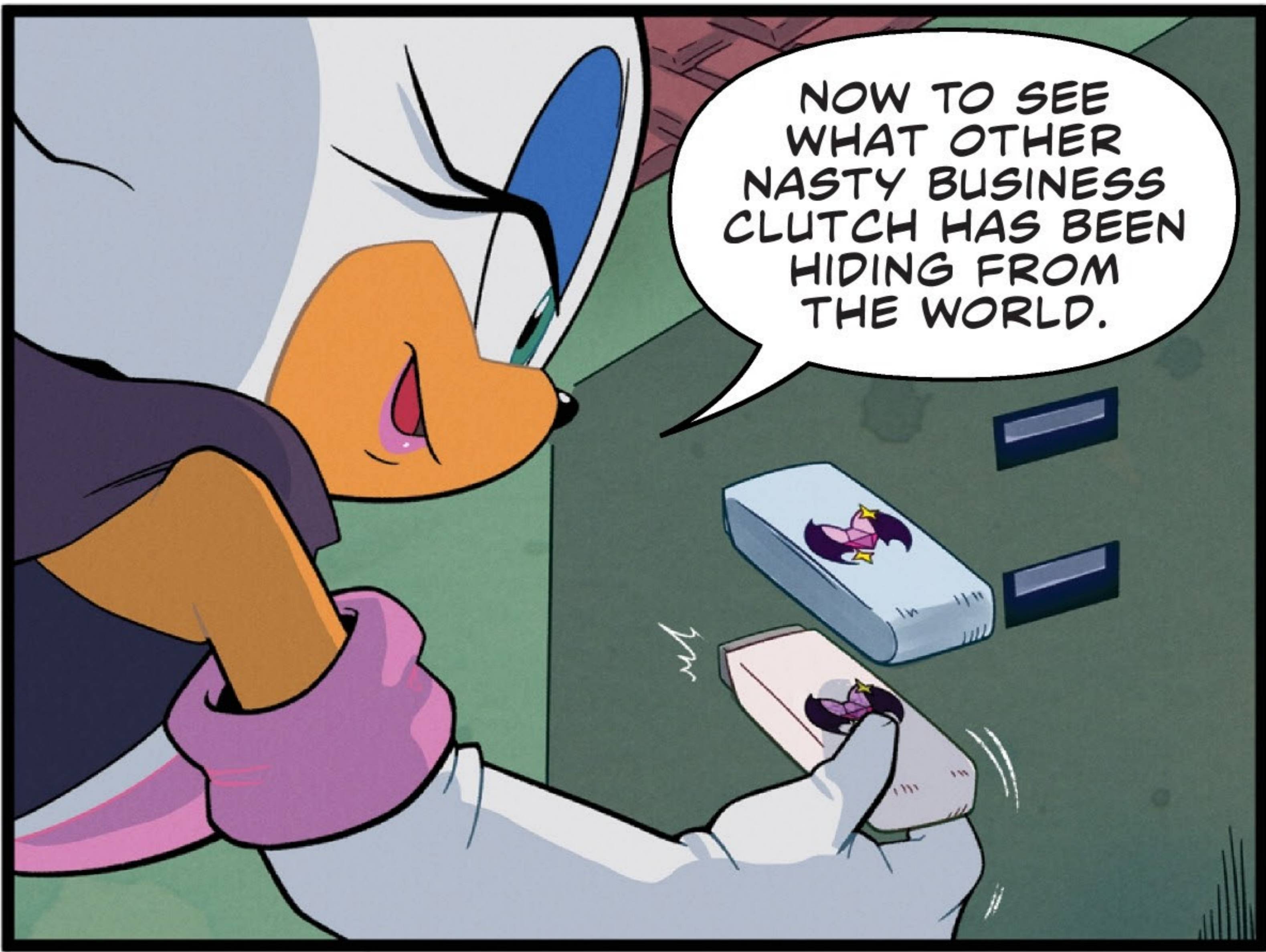
THAT WAS
RHETORICAL.

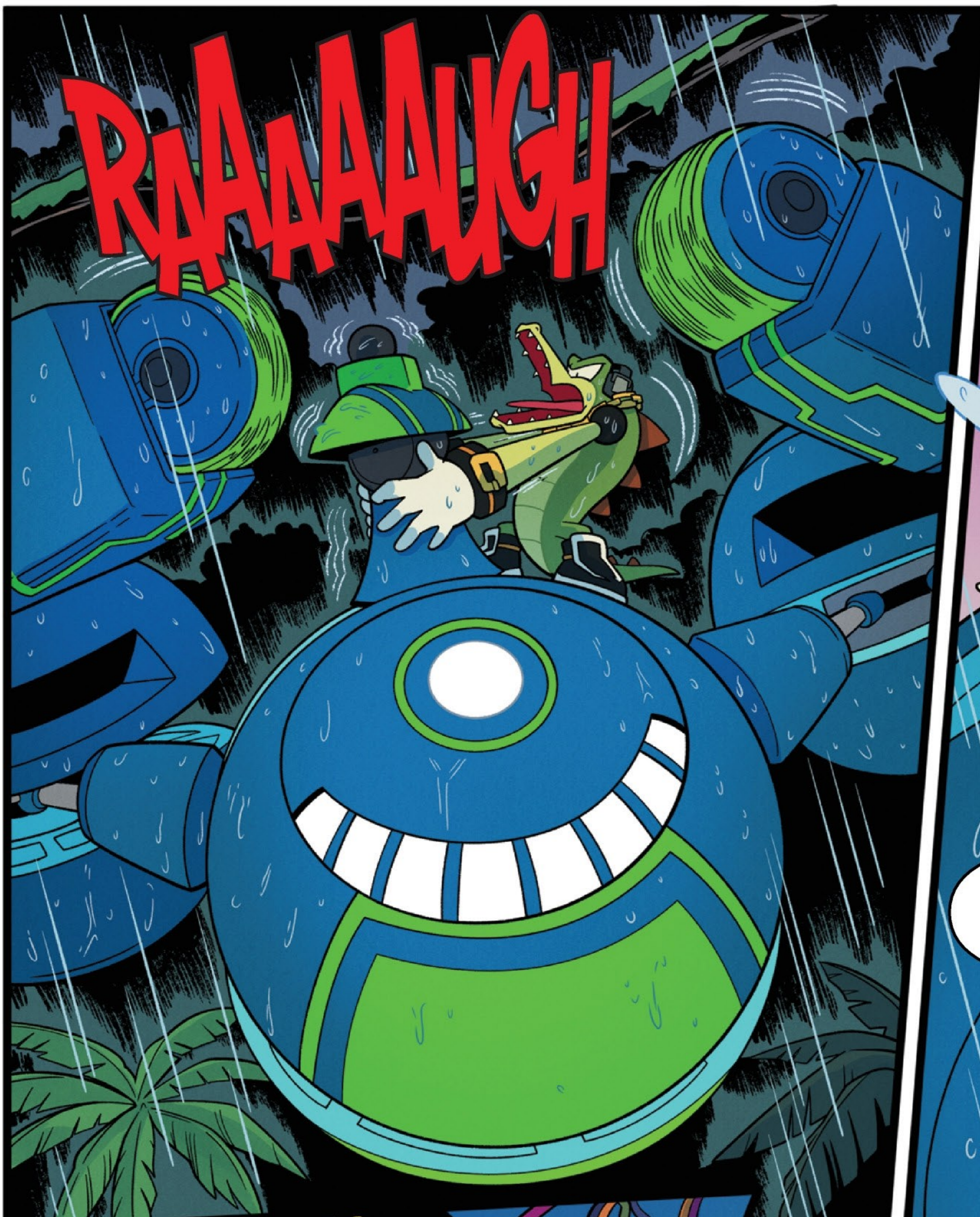


SKREEEE-UNGH

YOU CALL THAT A "PRECISION TOUCH"?

THE DOOR IS OPEN AND THE SYSTEMS INSIDE ARE INTACT, AREN'T THEY?



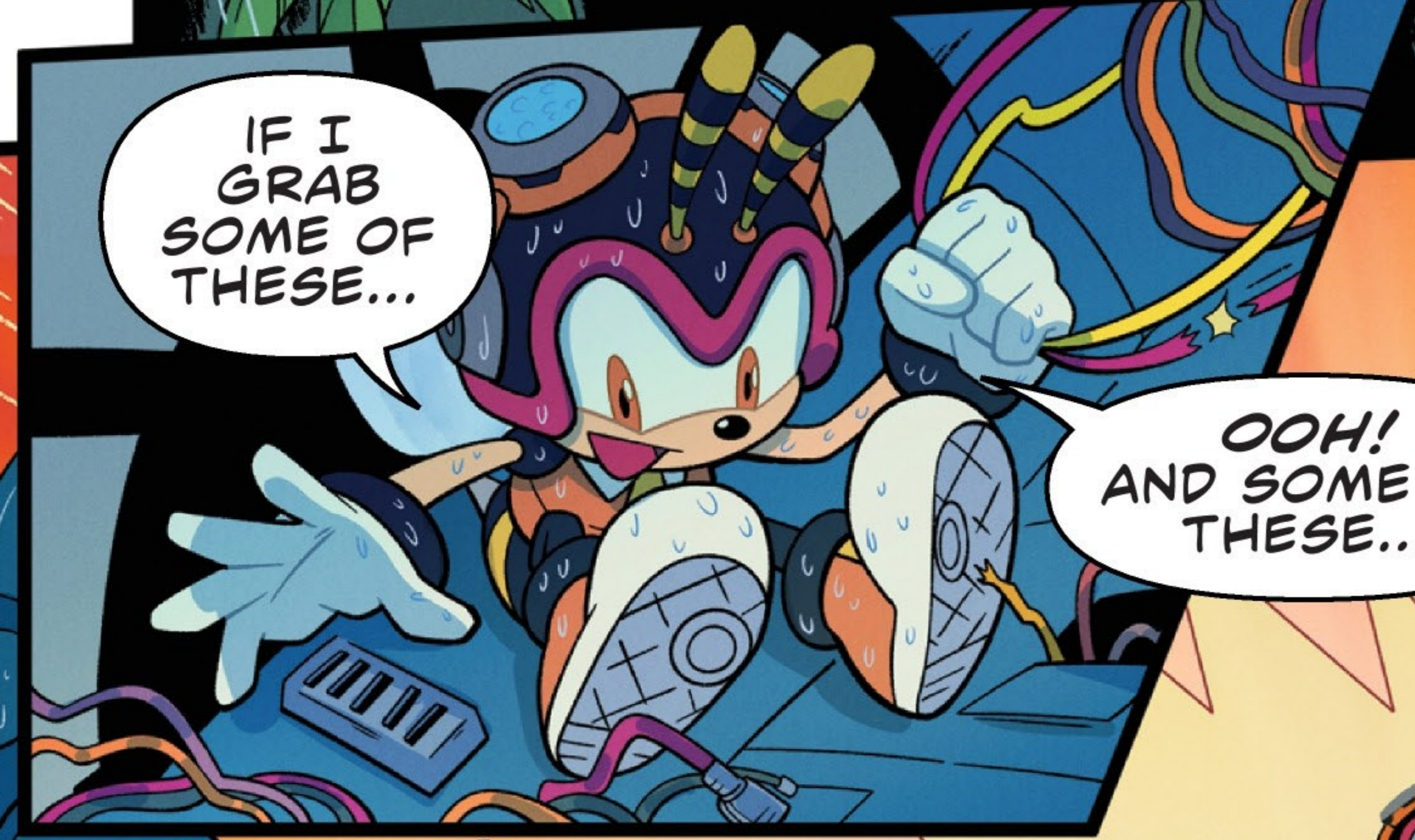


RAAAAUGH



HA!
GOTCHA!

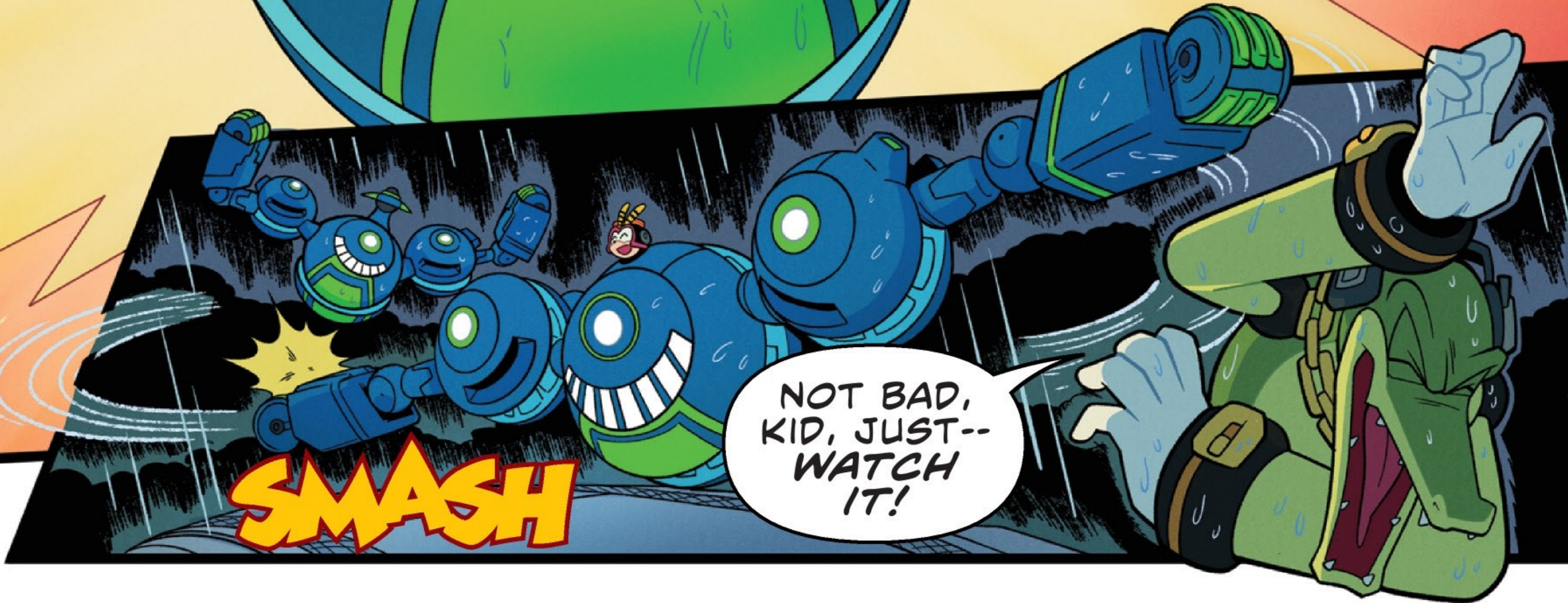
OOH!
I WANNA TRY
SOMETHING!



IF I
GRAB
SOME OF
THESE...

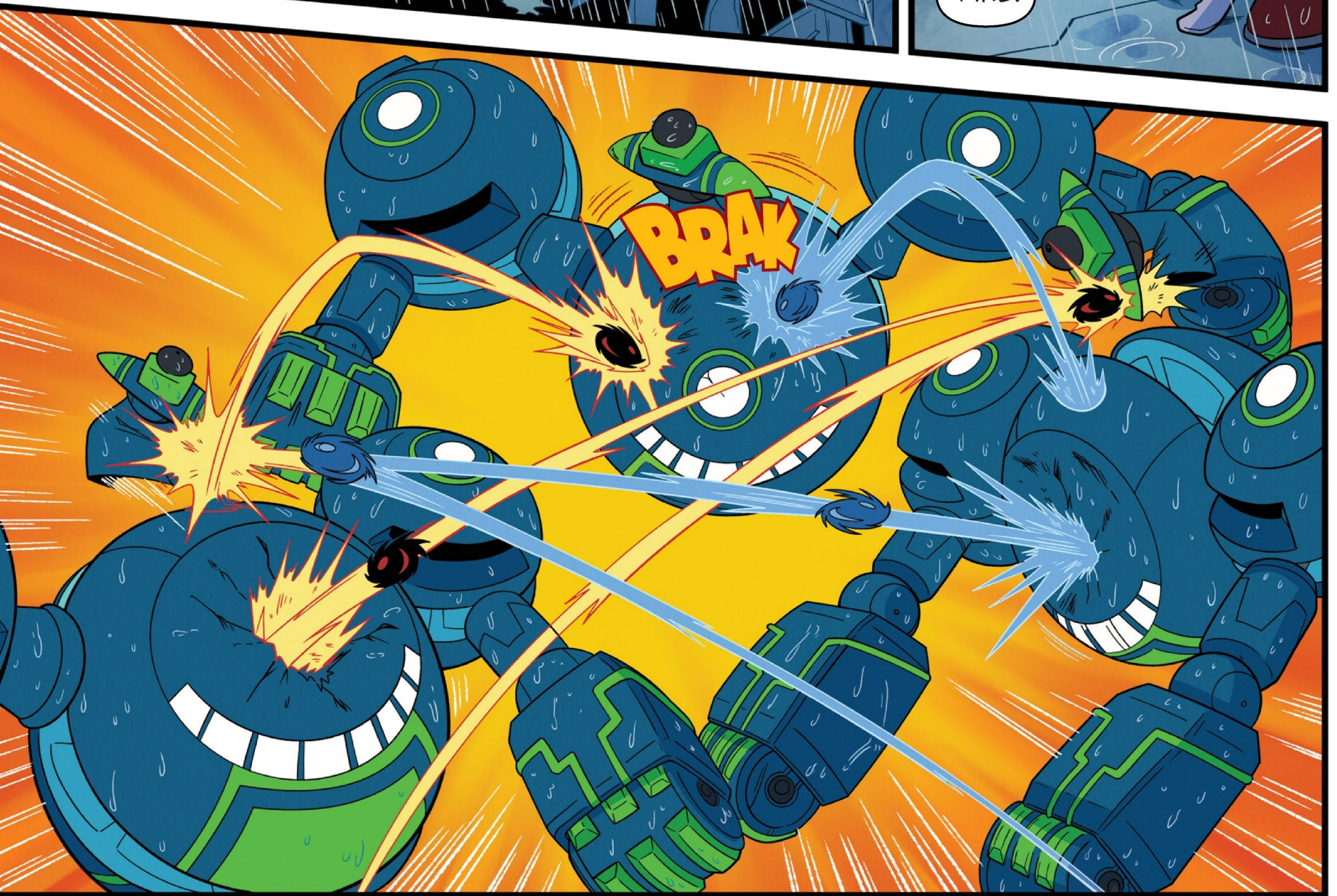
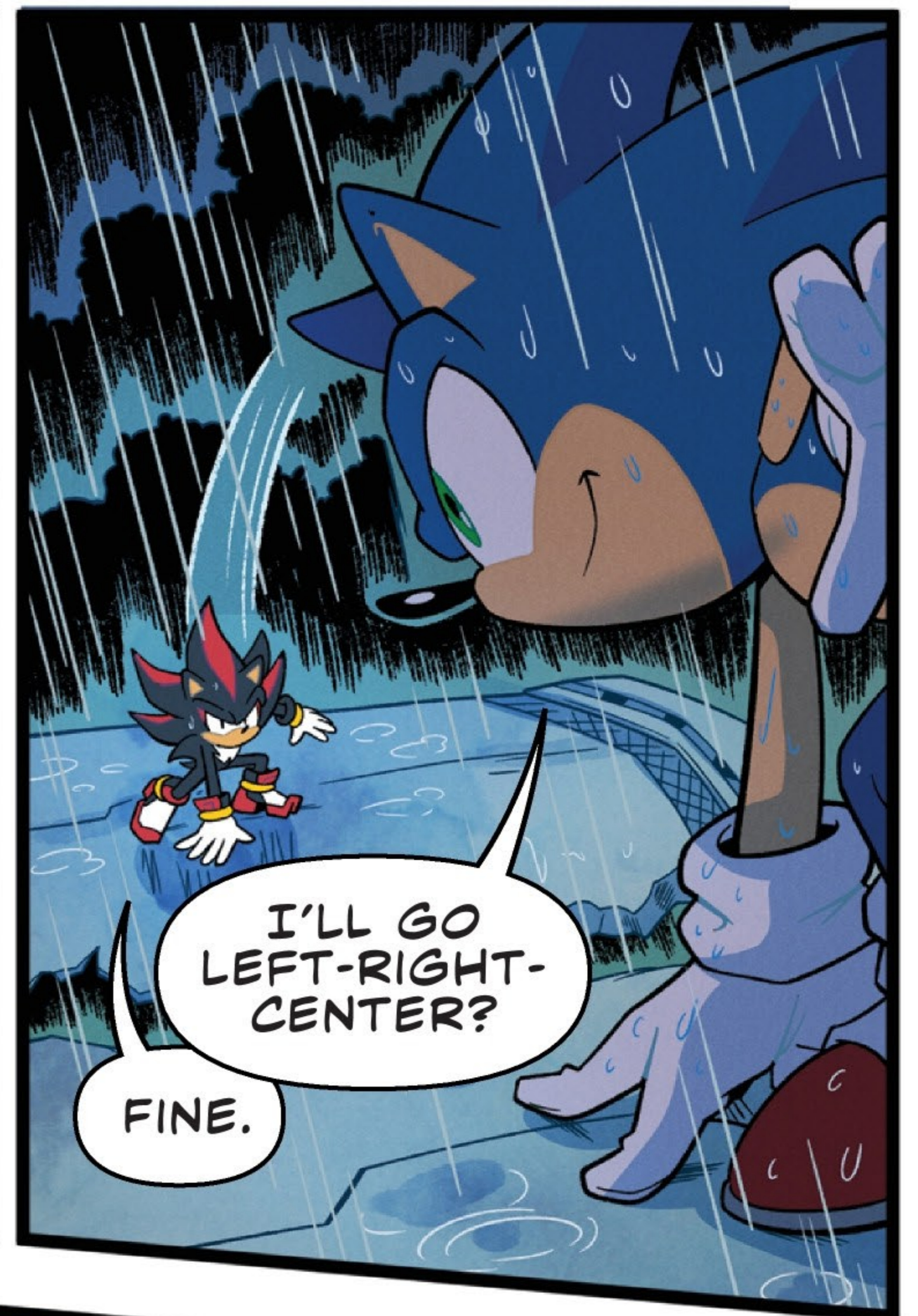
OOH!
AND SOME OF
THESE...

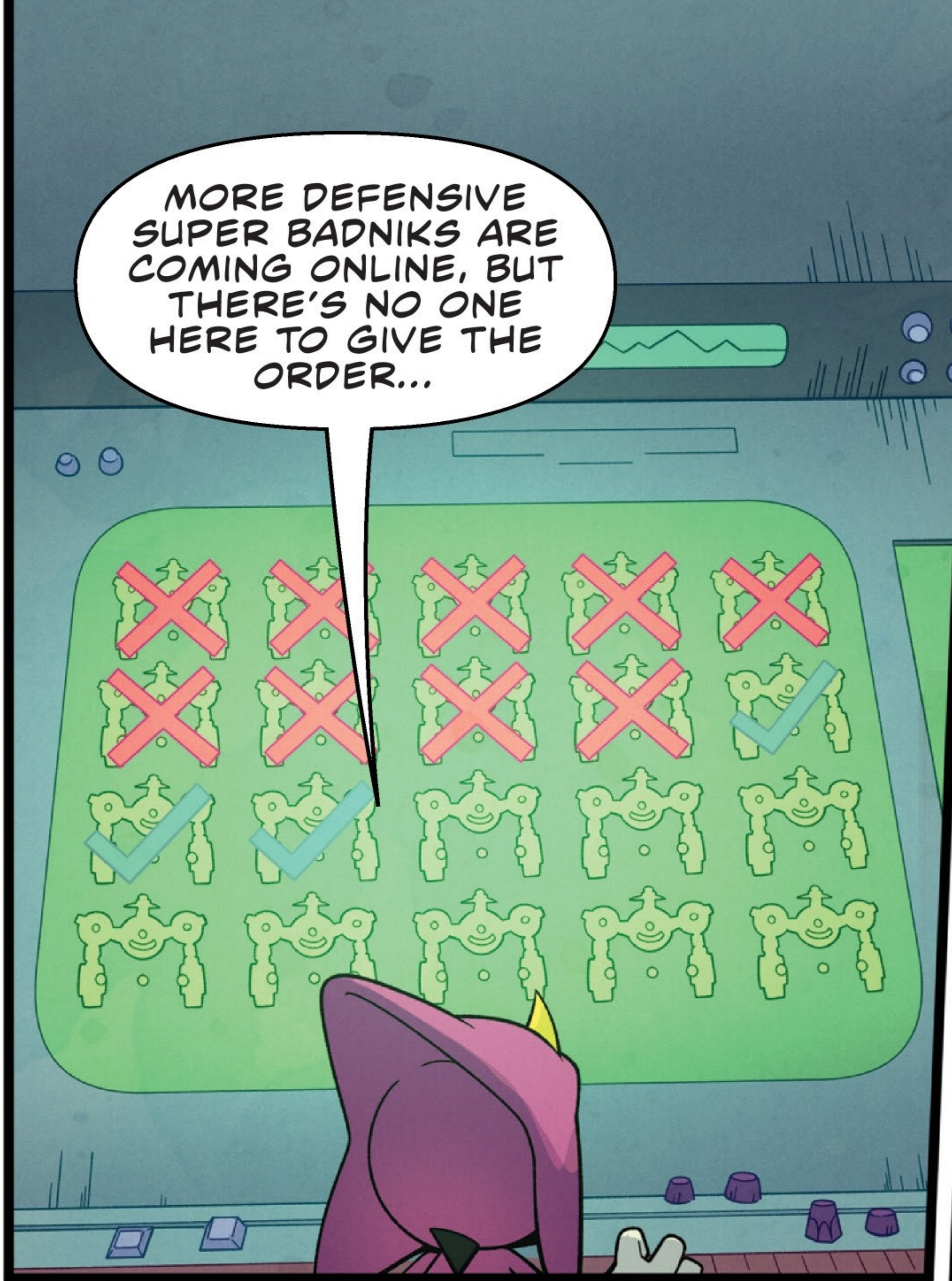
WOO-HA-HA!
I'M CHARMY THE
INTERCEPTOR!



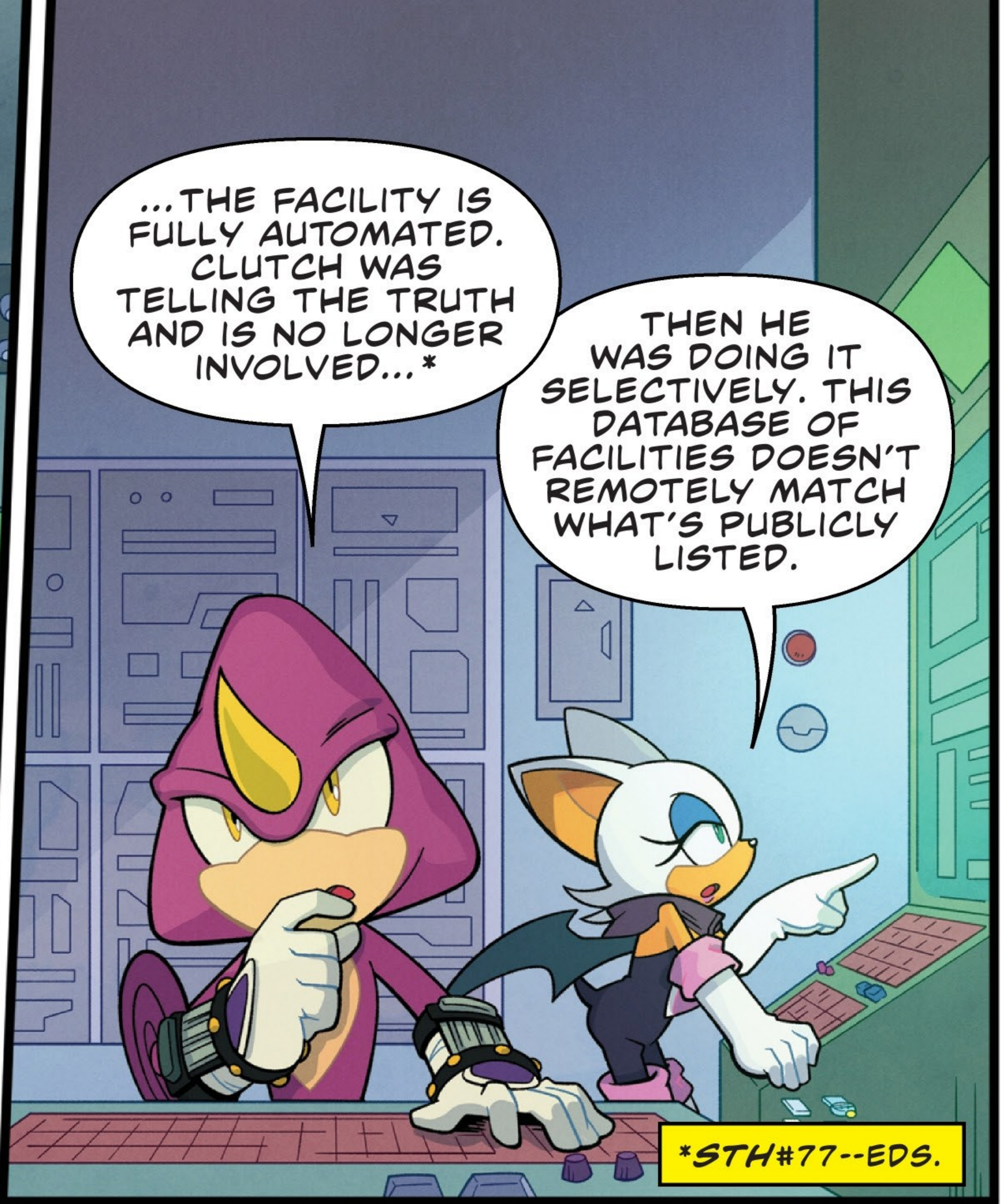
NOT BAD,
KID, JUST--
WATCH
IT!

SMASH





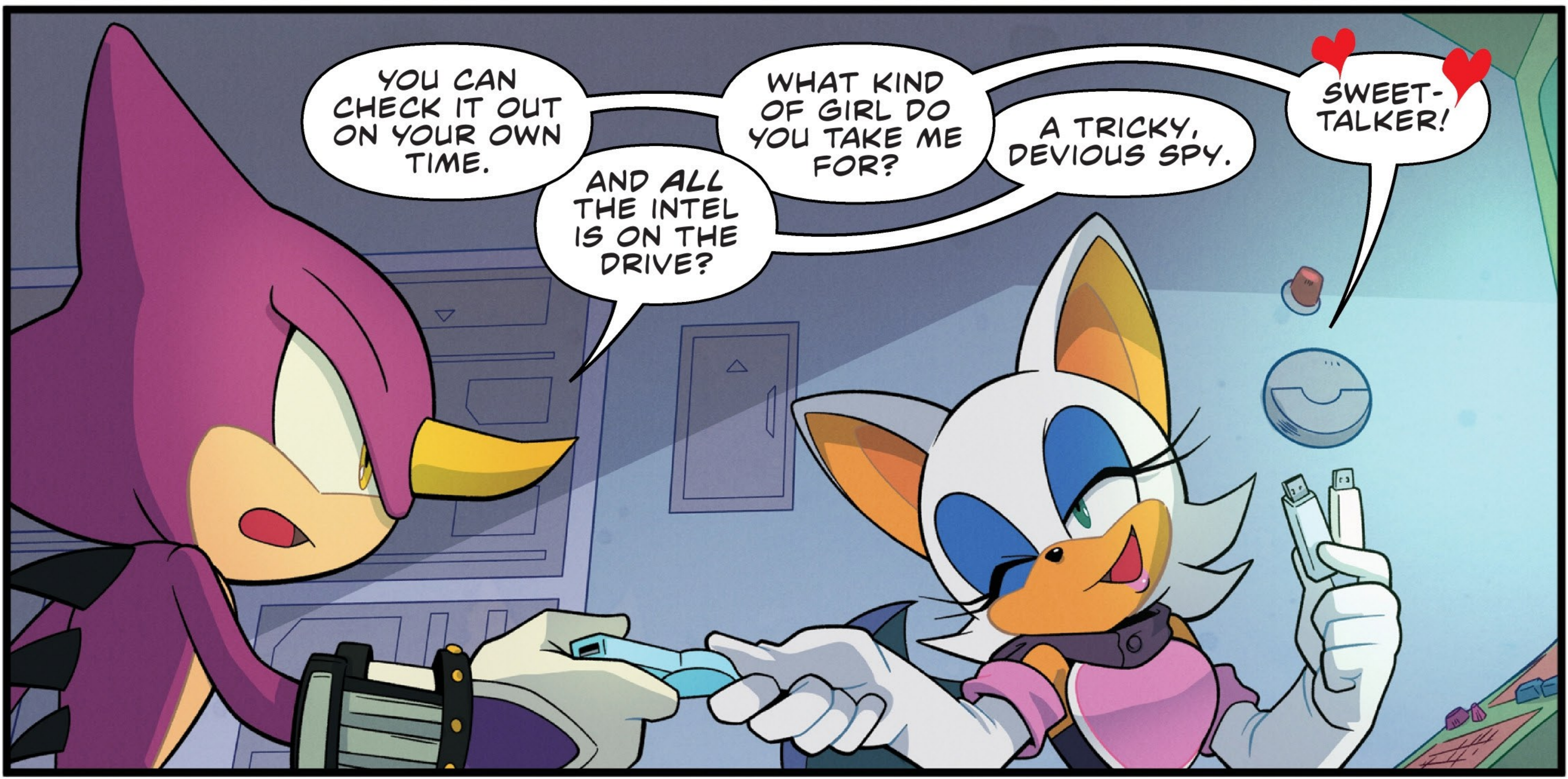
MORE DEFENSIVE SUPER BADNIKS ARE COMING ONLINE, BUT THERE'S NO ONE HERE TO GIVE THE ORDER...



...THE FACILITY IS FULLY AUTOMATED. CLUTCH WAS TELLING THE TRUTH AND IS NO LONGER INVOLVED...*

THEN HE WAS DOING IT SELECTIVELY. THIS DATABASE OF FACILITIES DOESN'T REMOTELY MATCH WHAT'S PUBLICLY LISTED.

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YOU CAN CHECK IT OUT ON YOUR OWN TIME.

AND ALL THE INTEL IS ON THE DRIVE?

WHAT KIND OF GIRL DO YOU TAKE ME FOR?

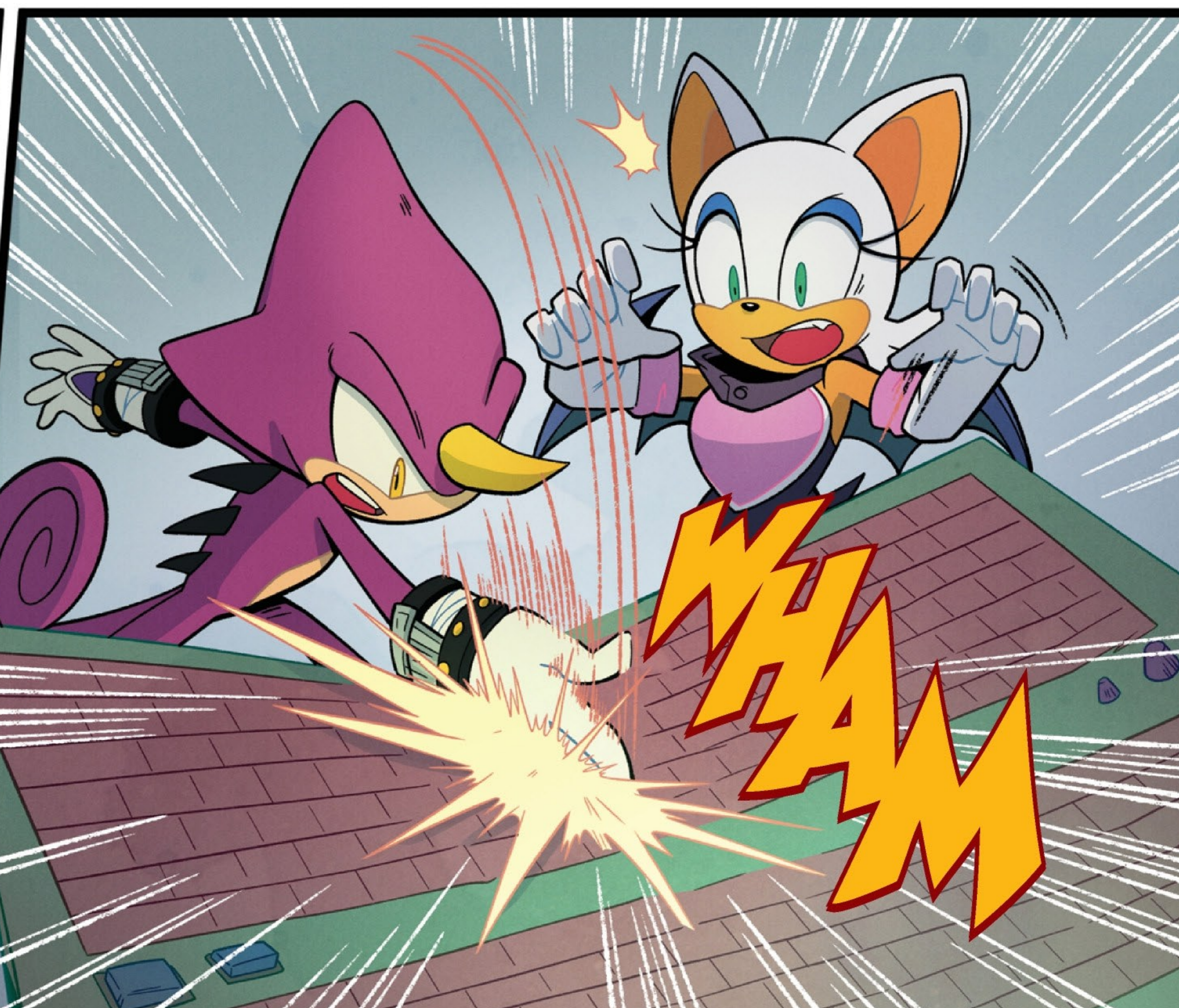
A TRICKY, DEVIUS SPY.

SWEET-TALKER!



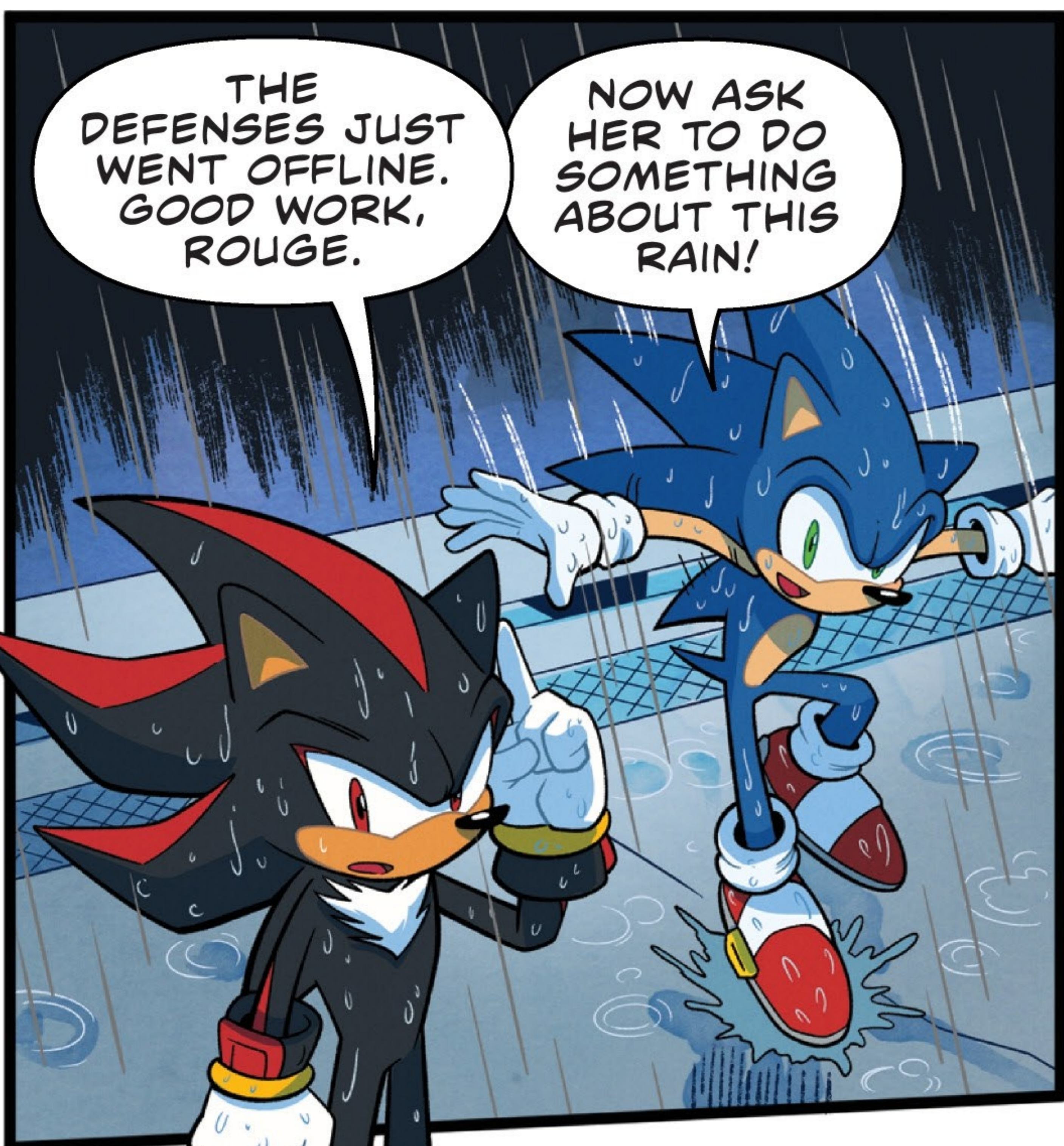
THE ONLY THING I COULDN'T FIND WAS AN OVERRIDE. I CAN'T GET THE DEFENSE SYSTEMS TO SHUT OFF.

HMM. I HAVE A WELL-TESTED TECHNIQUE FOR THIS.



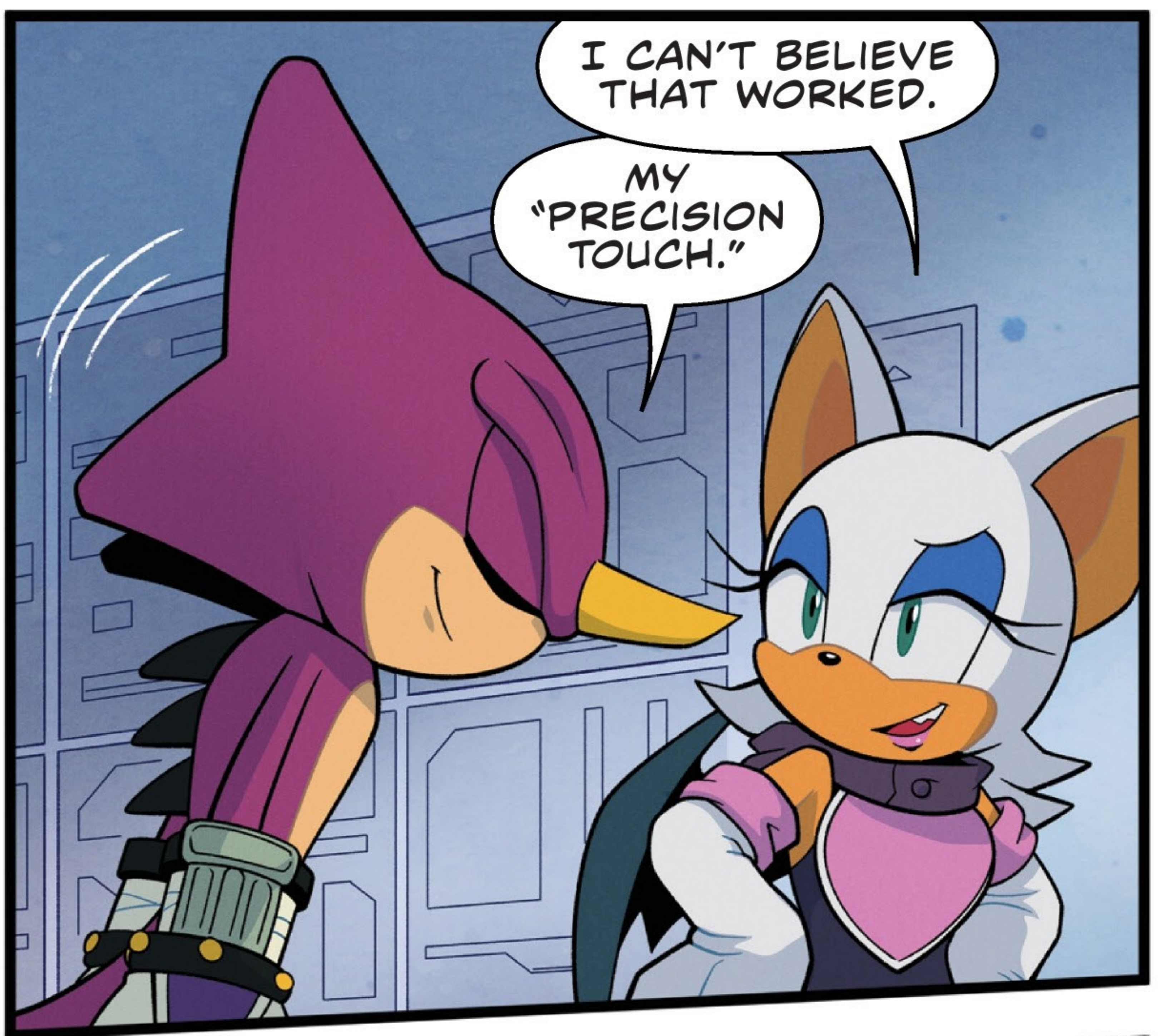


C'MON!
C'MON! PUT
UP YOUR
DUKES!



THE
DEFENSES JUST
WENT OFFLINE.
GOOD WORK,
ROUGE.

NOW ASK
HER TO DO
SOMETHING
ABOUT THIS
RAIN!



I CAN'T BELIEVE
THAT WORKED.

MY
"PRECISION
TOUCH."



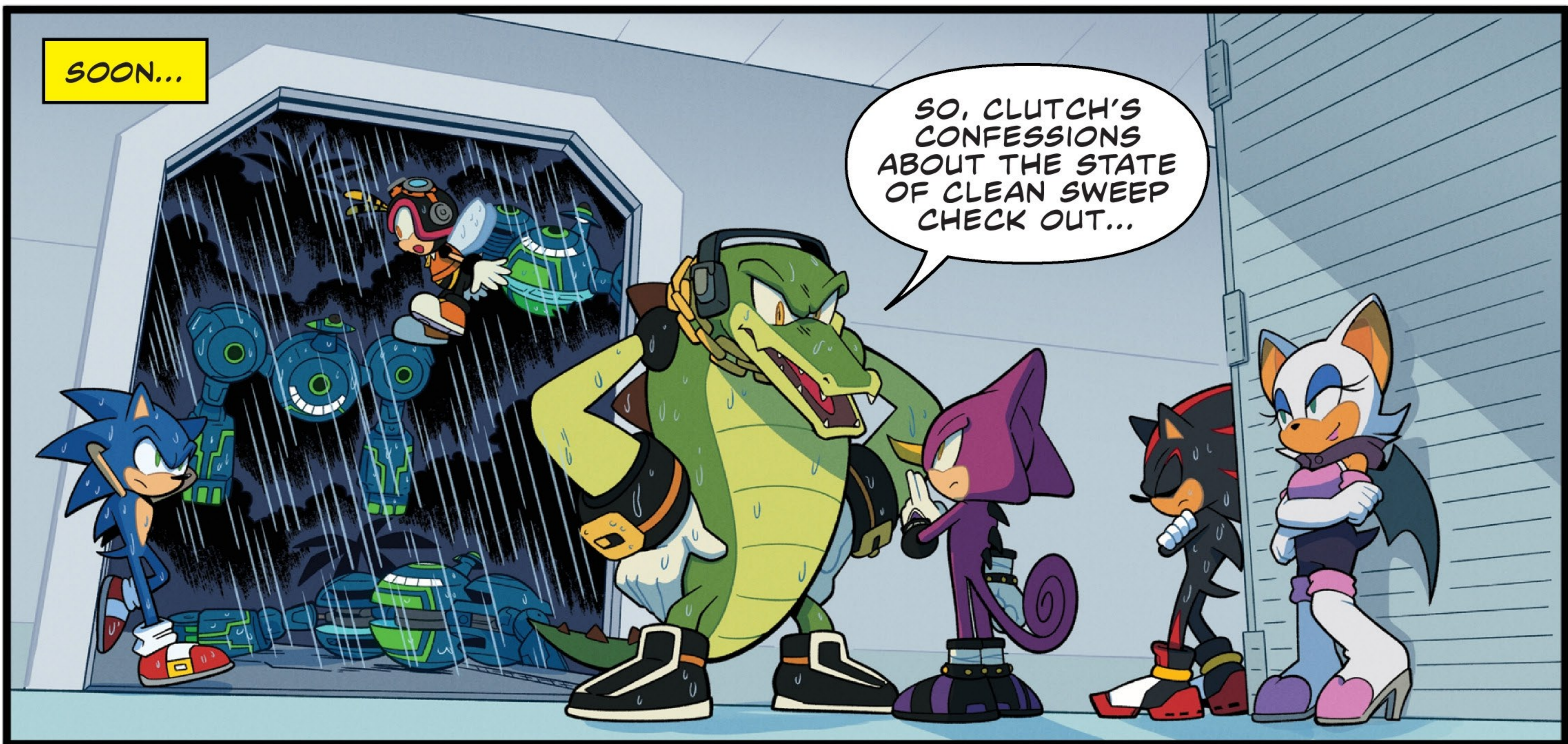
I'LL KEEP
THAT IN MIND
FOR THE
FUTURE.

LET'S GO MEET UP WITH
THE OTHERS BEFORE
THEY THINK WE'VE BEEN
ALONE TOGETHER
TOO LONG.

WH-WHY?
WHAT WOULD
THEY THINK--

SOON...

SO, CLUTCH'S CONFESSIONS ABOUT THE STATE OF CLEAN SWEEP CHECK OUT...



...BUT AT THE SAME TIME, TONIGHT'S TUSSELE REALLY FELT LIKE A PLANNED AMBUSH.

CLUTCH IS A CREEP. I COULD SEE HIM SETTING UP THIS KIND OF RECEPTION FOR ANYONE WHO CAME BY.



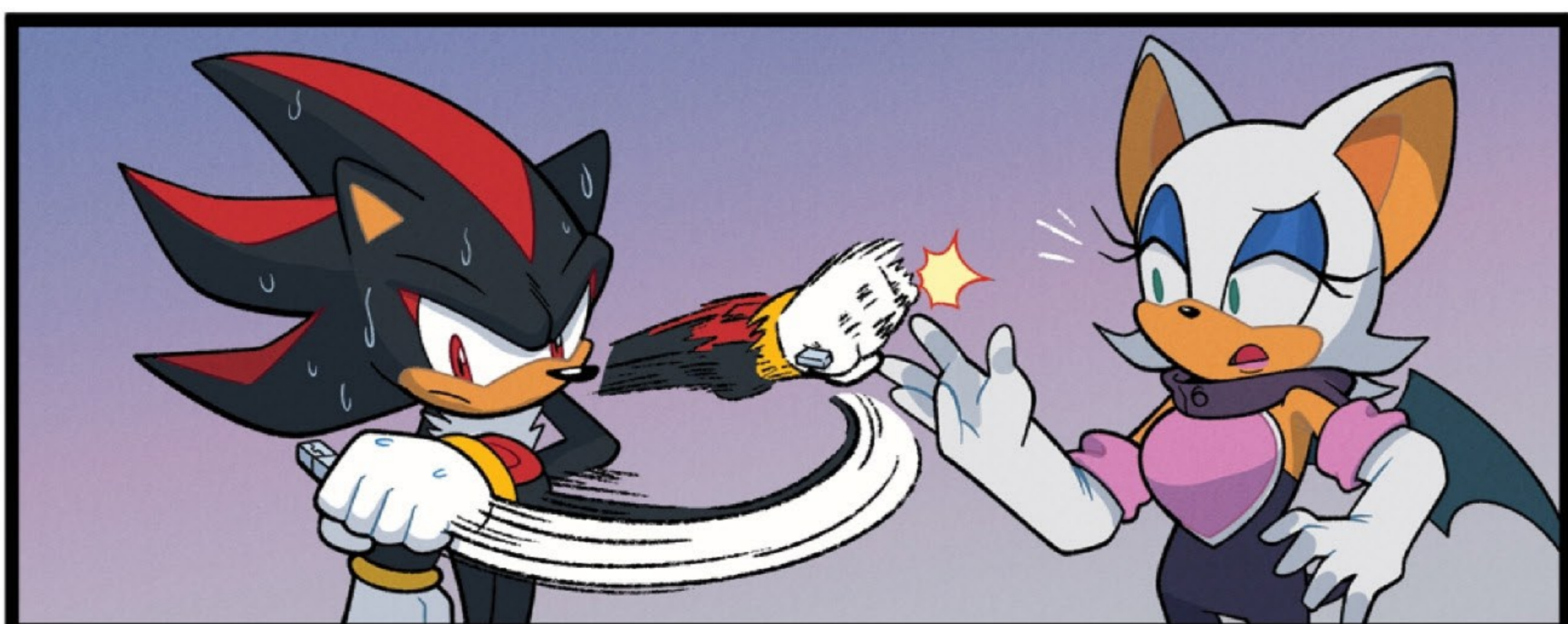
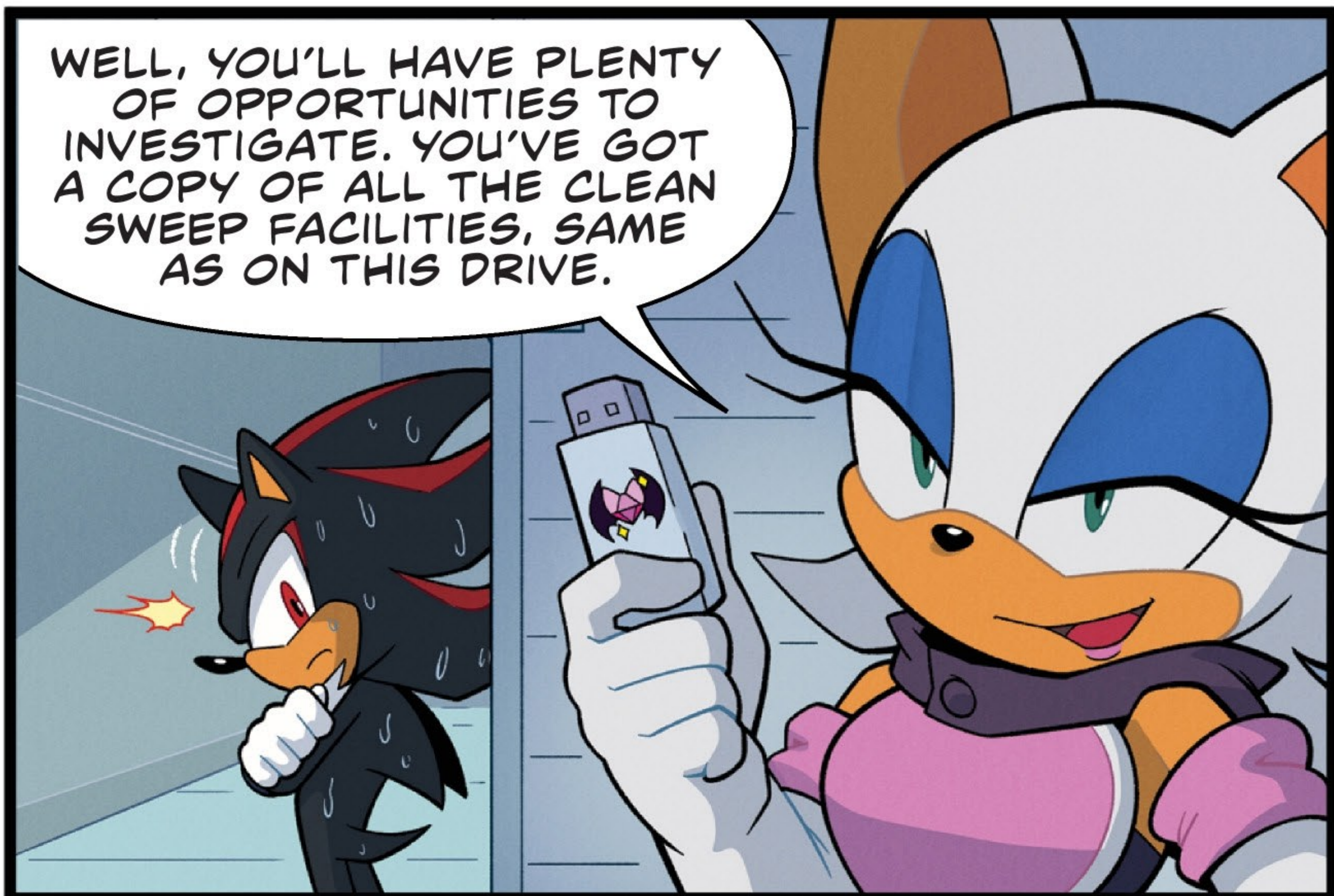
YEAH... THAT'S A DEFINITE MAYBE...

OXYMORON.

I'M GONNA CONSIDER THIS CASE ONGOING UNTIL I'M SATISFIED.



WELL, YOU'LL HAVE PLENTY OF OPPORTUNITIES TO INVESTIGATE. YOU'VE GOT A COPY OF ALL THE CLEAN SWEEP FACILITIES, SAME AS ON THIS DRIVE.





I'LL USE THIS TO TRACK DOWN EACH LOCATION AND NEUTRALIZE THEM.



DO I NEED TO KEEP REMINDING YOU? WE'RE EXPERT INVESTIGATORS!

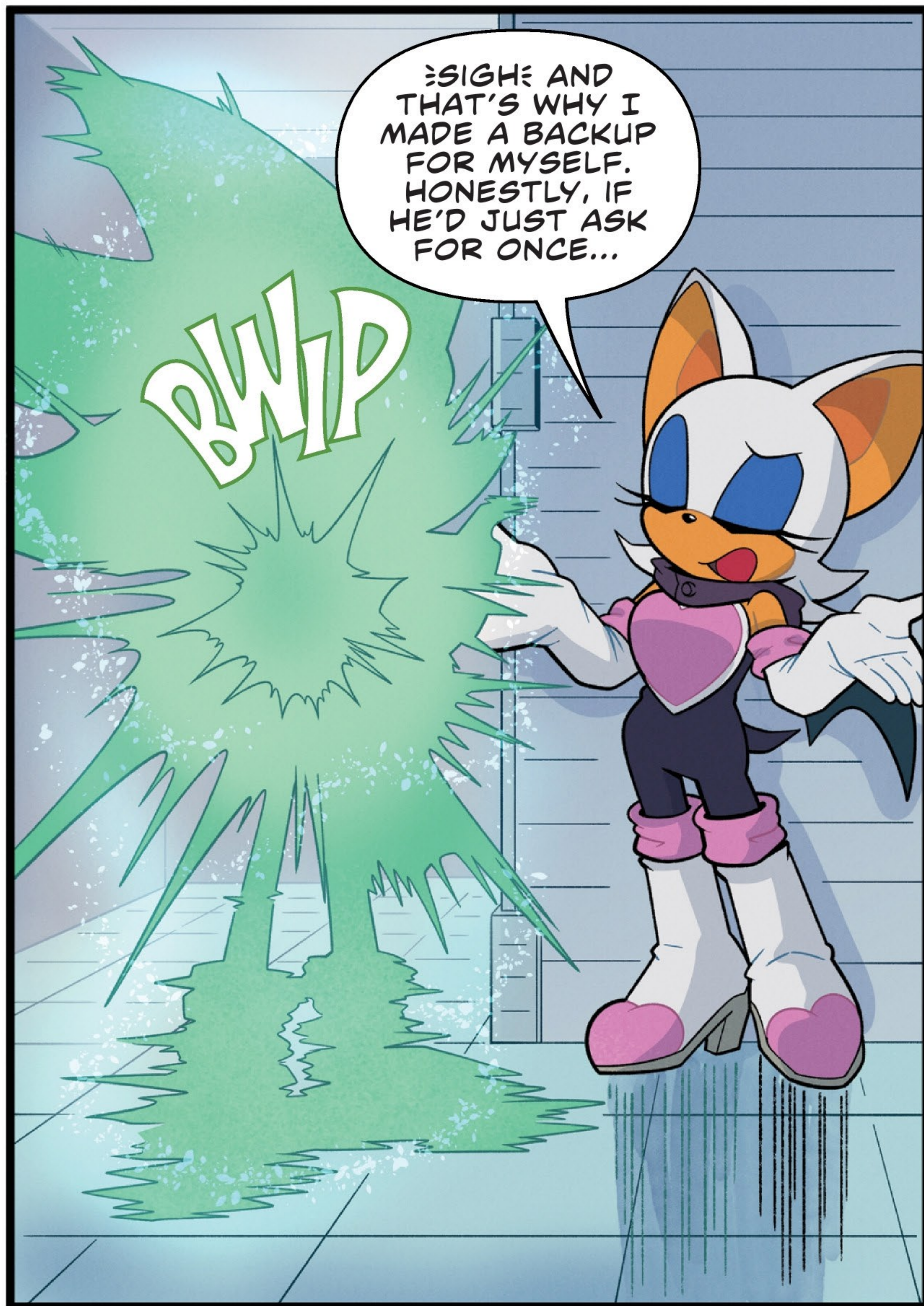
WE CAN LEND A HAND!

AS LONG AS IT AIN'T ILLEGAL...

I'D BE UP FOR A FUN RUN, BASHING BOTS ALONG THE WAY.



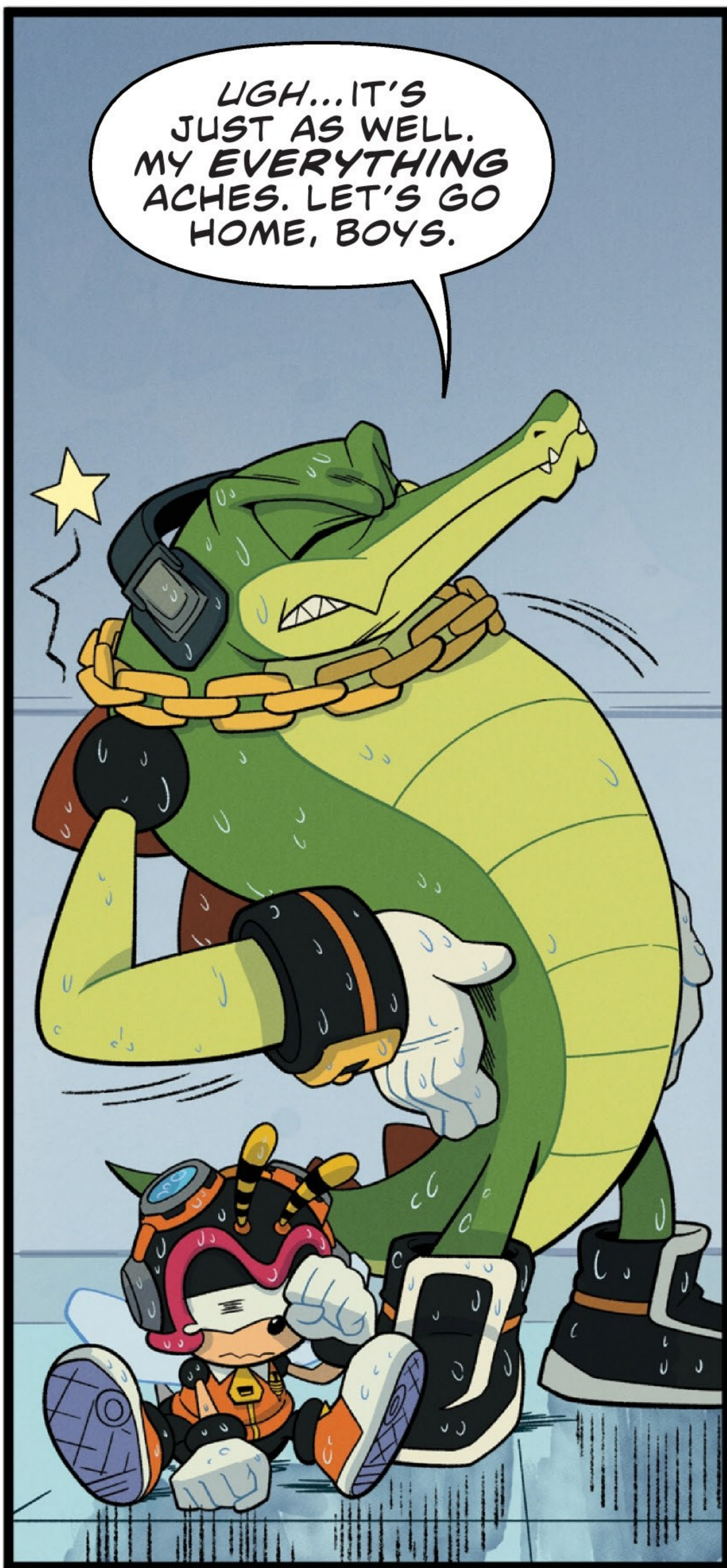
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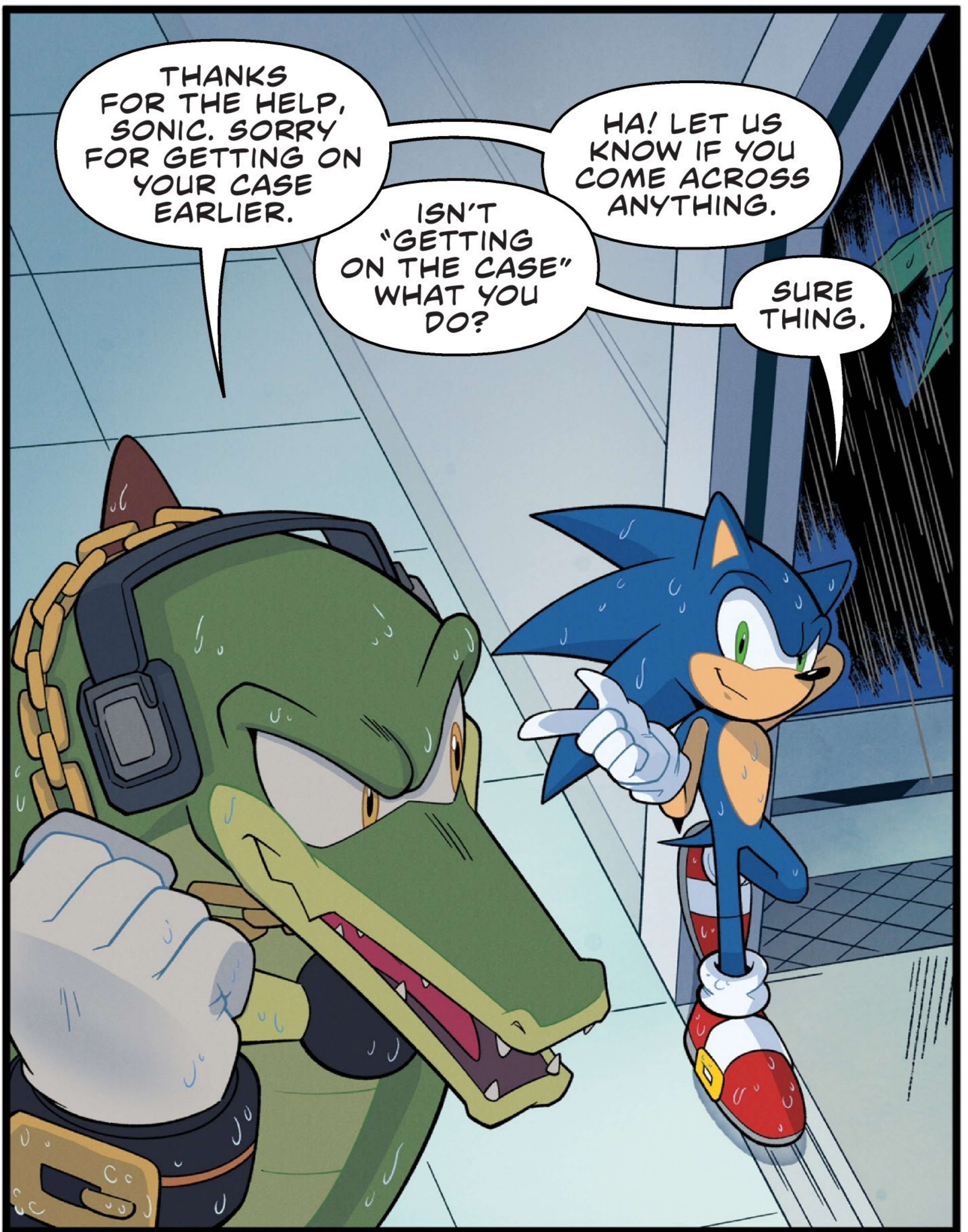
≡SIGH≡ AND THAT'S WHY I MADE A BACKUP FOR MYSELF. HONESTLY, IF HE'D JUST ASK FOR ONCE...



I'LL KEEP YOU UP TO DATE.



UGH...IT'S JUST AS WELL. MY EVERYTHING ACHES. LET'S GO HOME, BOYS.

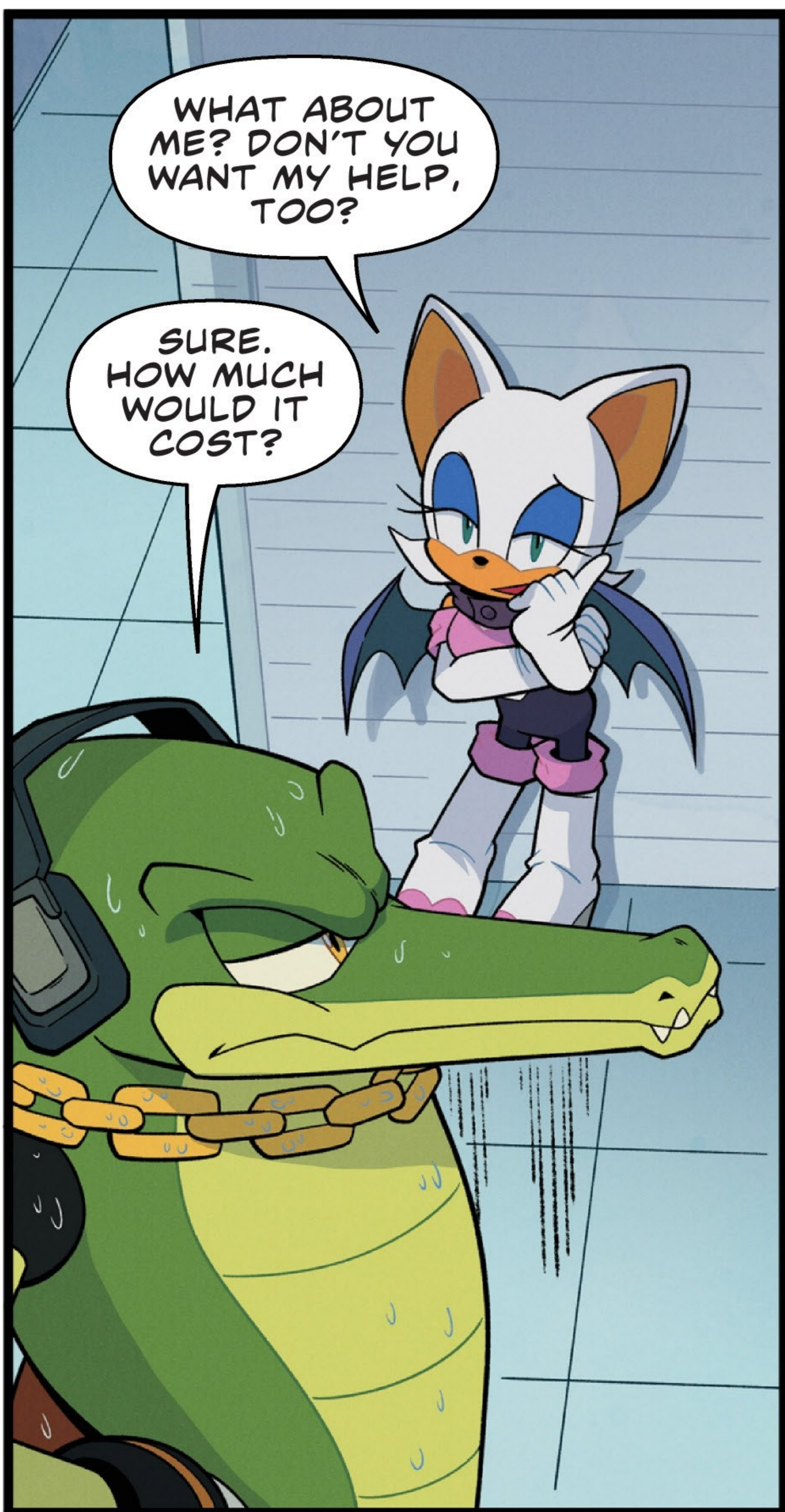


THANKS FOR THE HELP, SONIC. SORRY FOR GETTING ON YOUR CASE EARLIER.

ISN'T "GETTING ON THE CASE" WHAT YOU DO?

HA! LET US KNOW IF YOU COME ACROSS ANYTHING.

SURE THING.



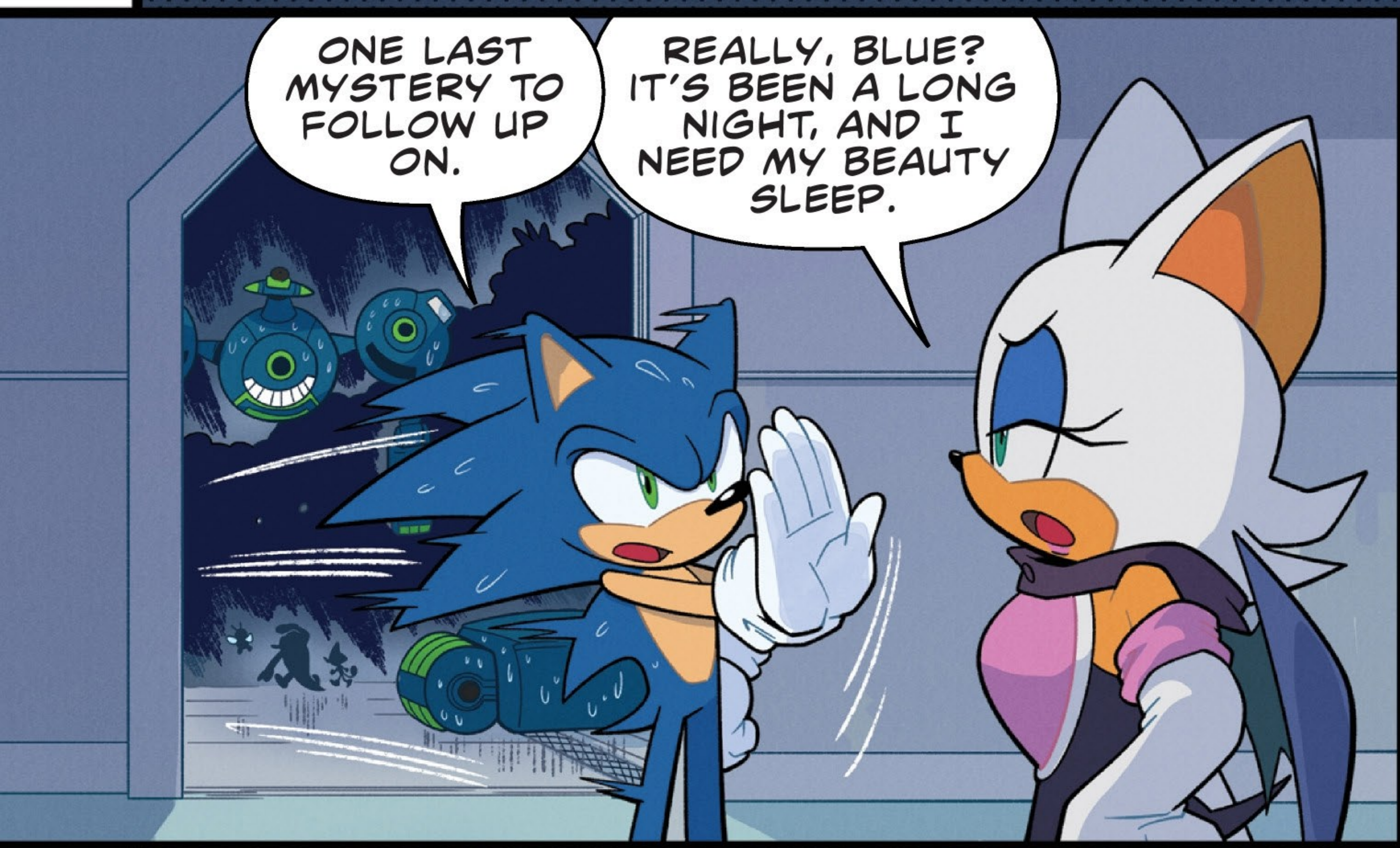
WHAT ABOUT ME? DON'T YOU WANT MY HELP, TOO?

SURE. HOW MUCH WOULD IT COST?



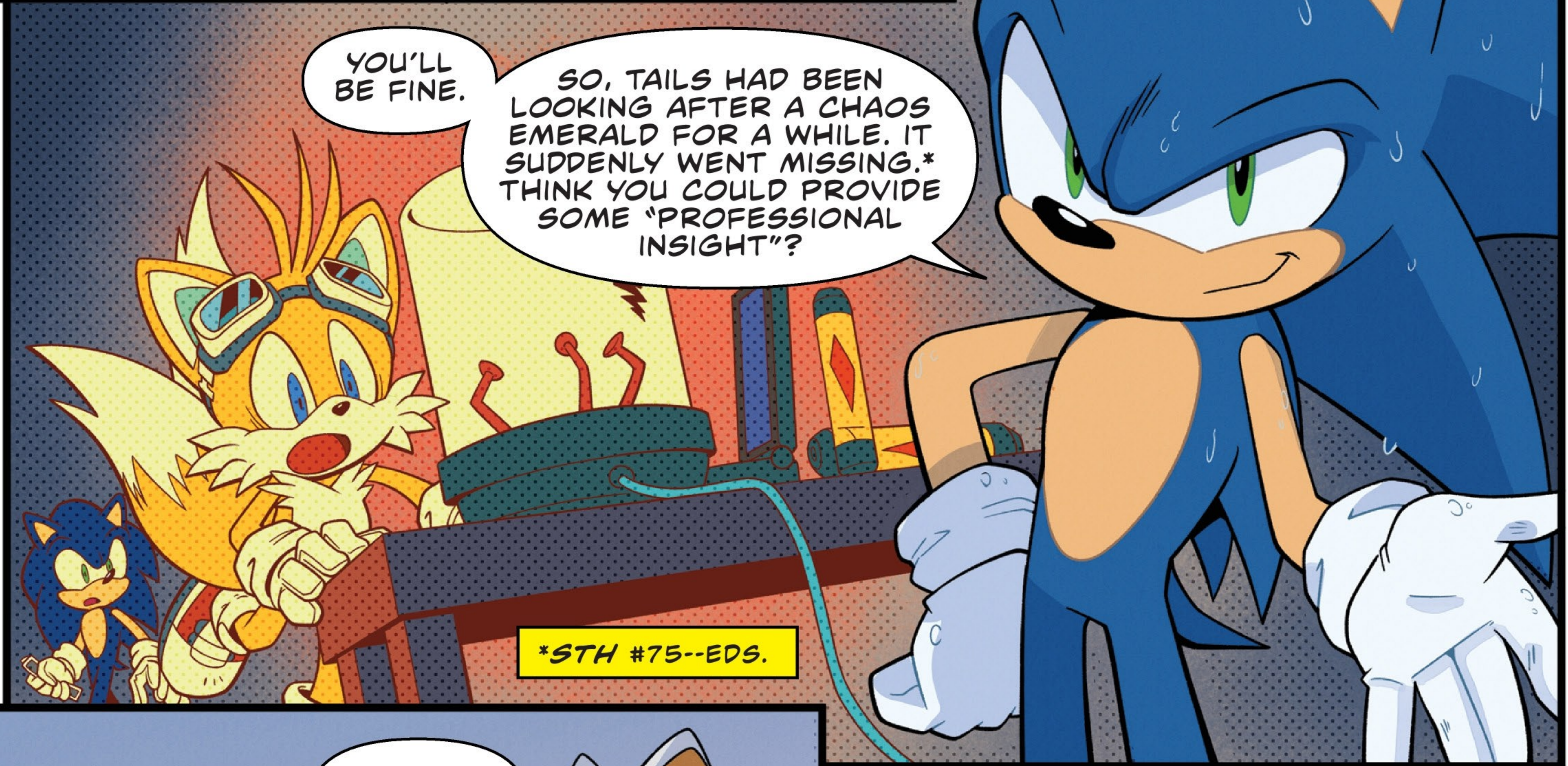
IF YOU HAVE TO ASK FIRST, YOU CAN'T AFFORD IT.

FIGURES.



ONE LAST MYSTERY TO FOLLOW UP ON.

REALLY, BLUE? IT'S BEEN A LONG NIGHT, AND I NEED MY BEAUTY SLEEP.



YOU'LL BE FINE.

SO, TAILS HAD BEEN LOOKING AFTER A CHAOS EMERALD FOR A WHILE. IT SUDDENLY WENT MISSING.* THINK YOU COULD PROVIDE SOME "PROFESSIONAL INSIGHT"?

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ARE YOU ACCUSING ME?

I'M JUST SAYING, IF THE BOOT FITS...

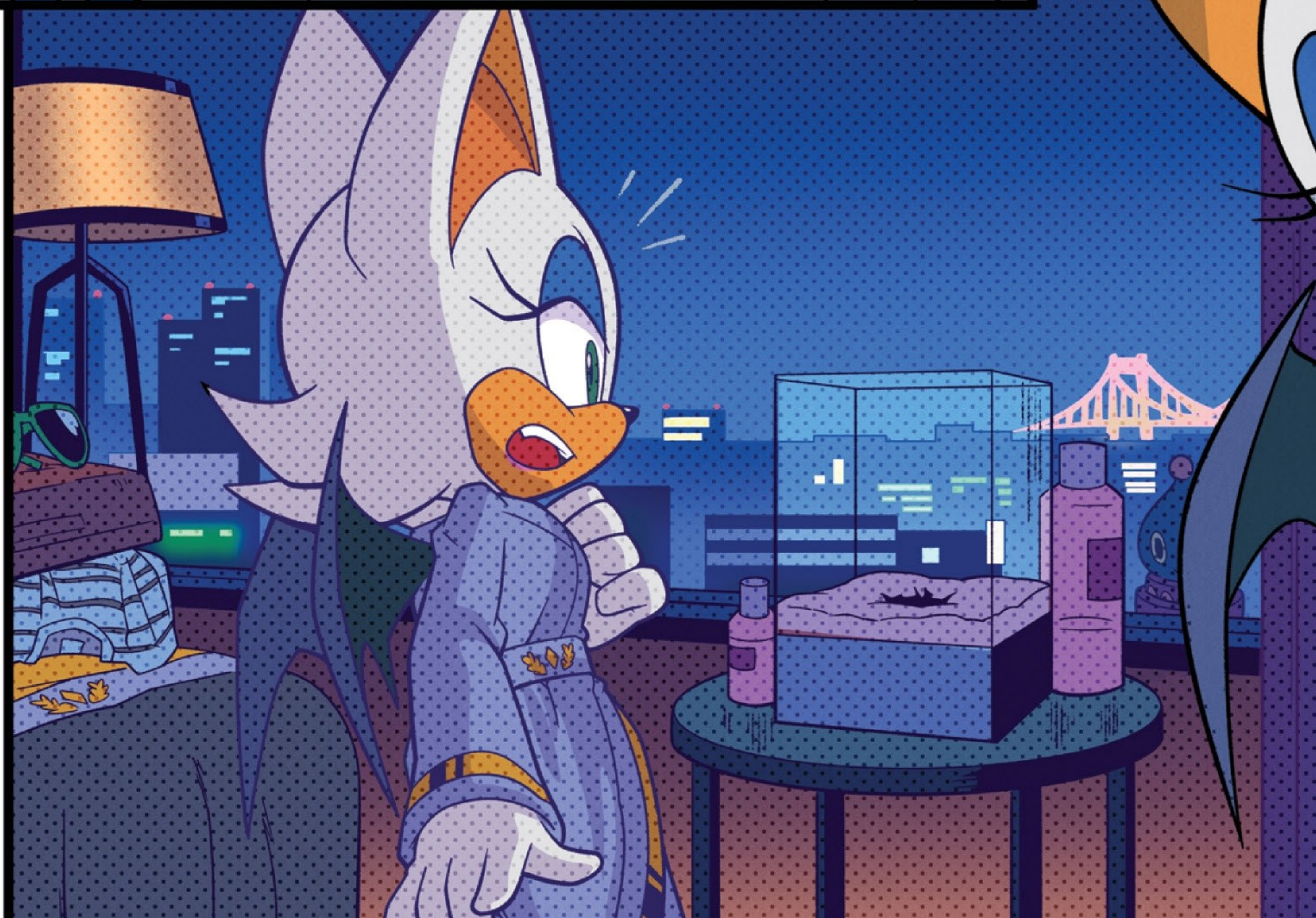
HA! LEAVE THE INVESTIGATIONS TO THE CHAOTIX, SWEETIE.

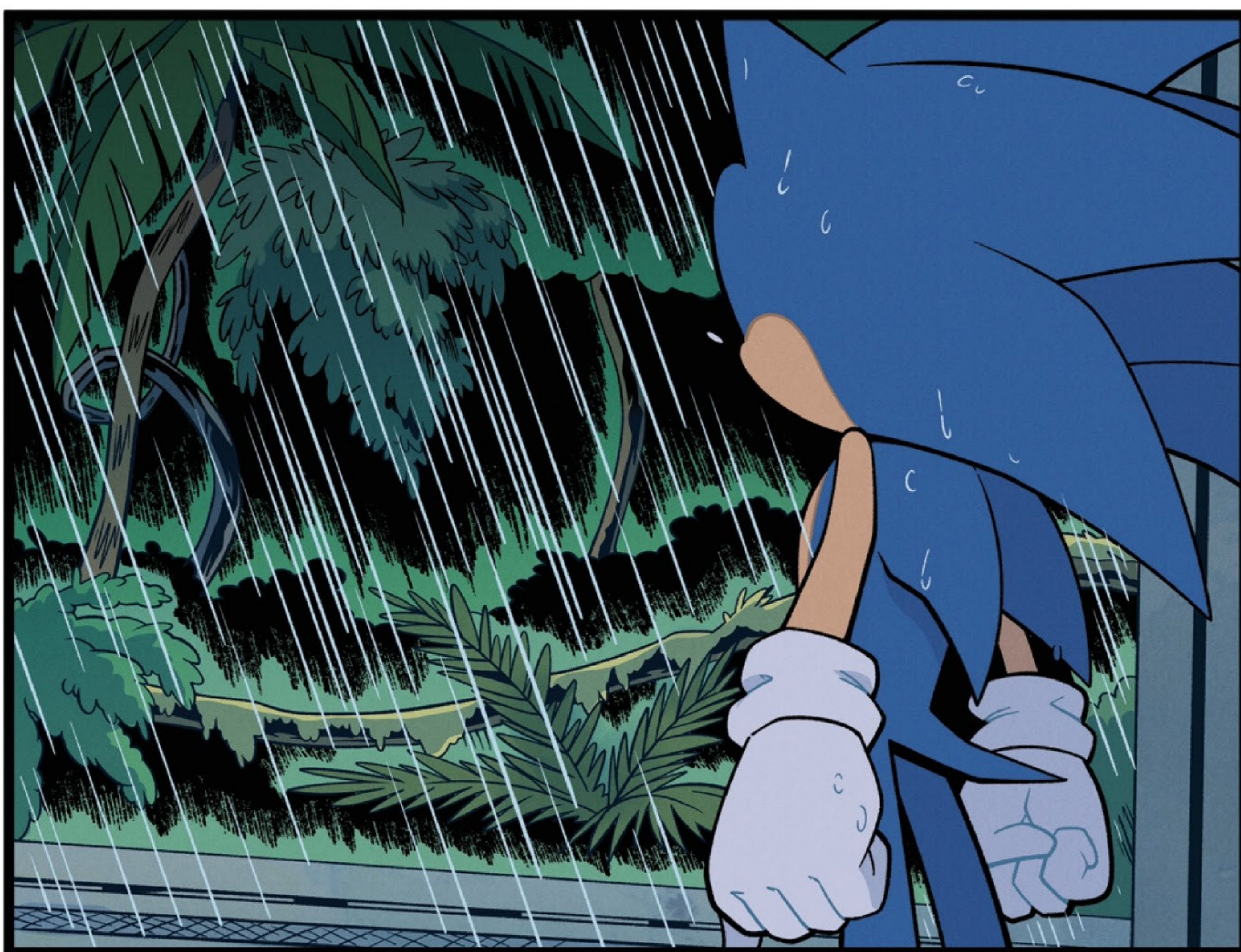


I HAD SECURED AN EMERALD OF MY OWN FOR SAFE-KEEPING,* BUT IT VANISHED ONE NIGHT.

I'VE BEEN LOOKING INTO THE THEFT WHEN I CAN, BUT I'VE GOTTEN NO LEADS.

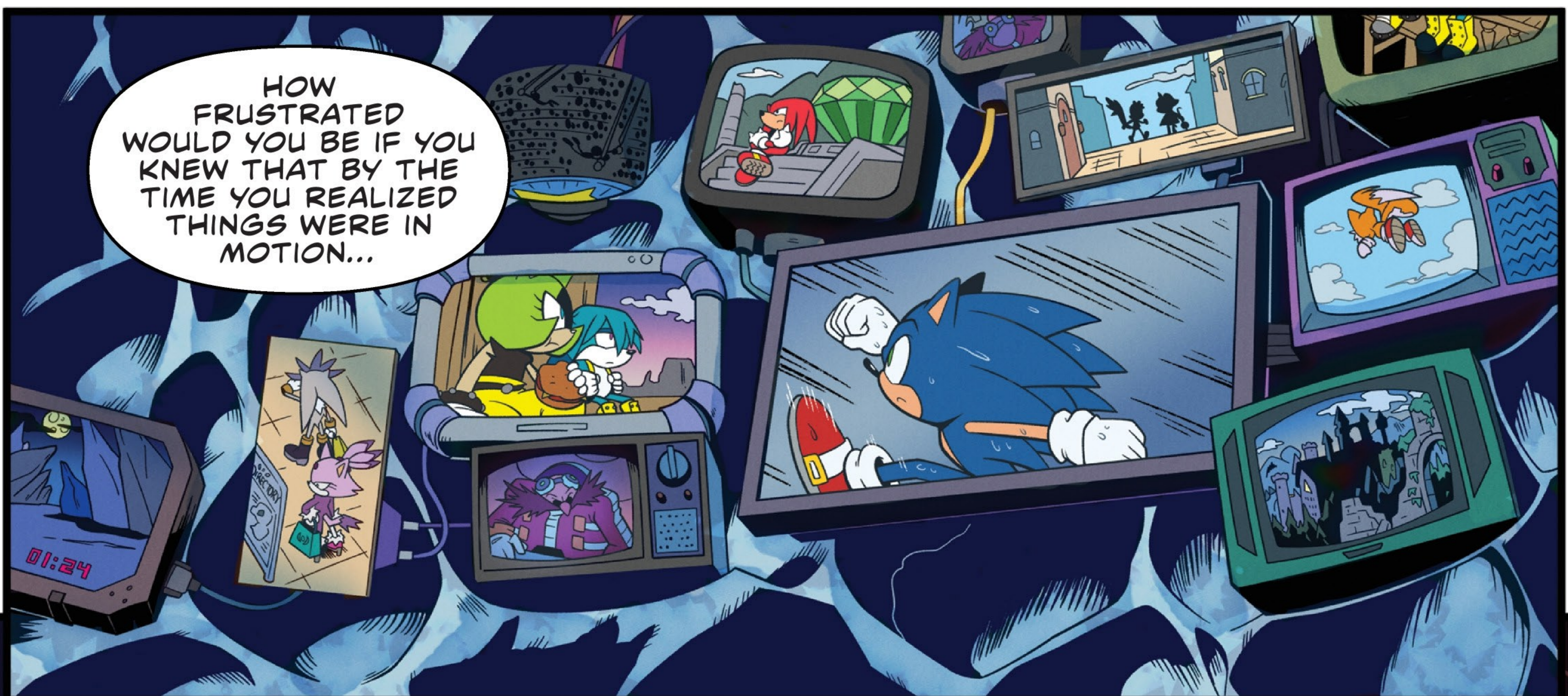
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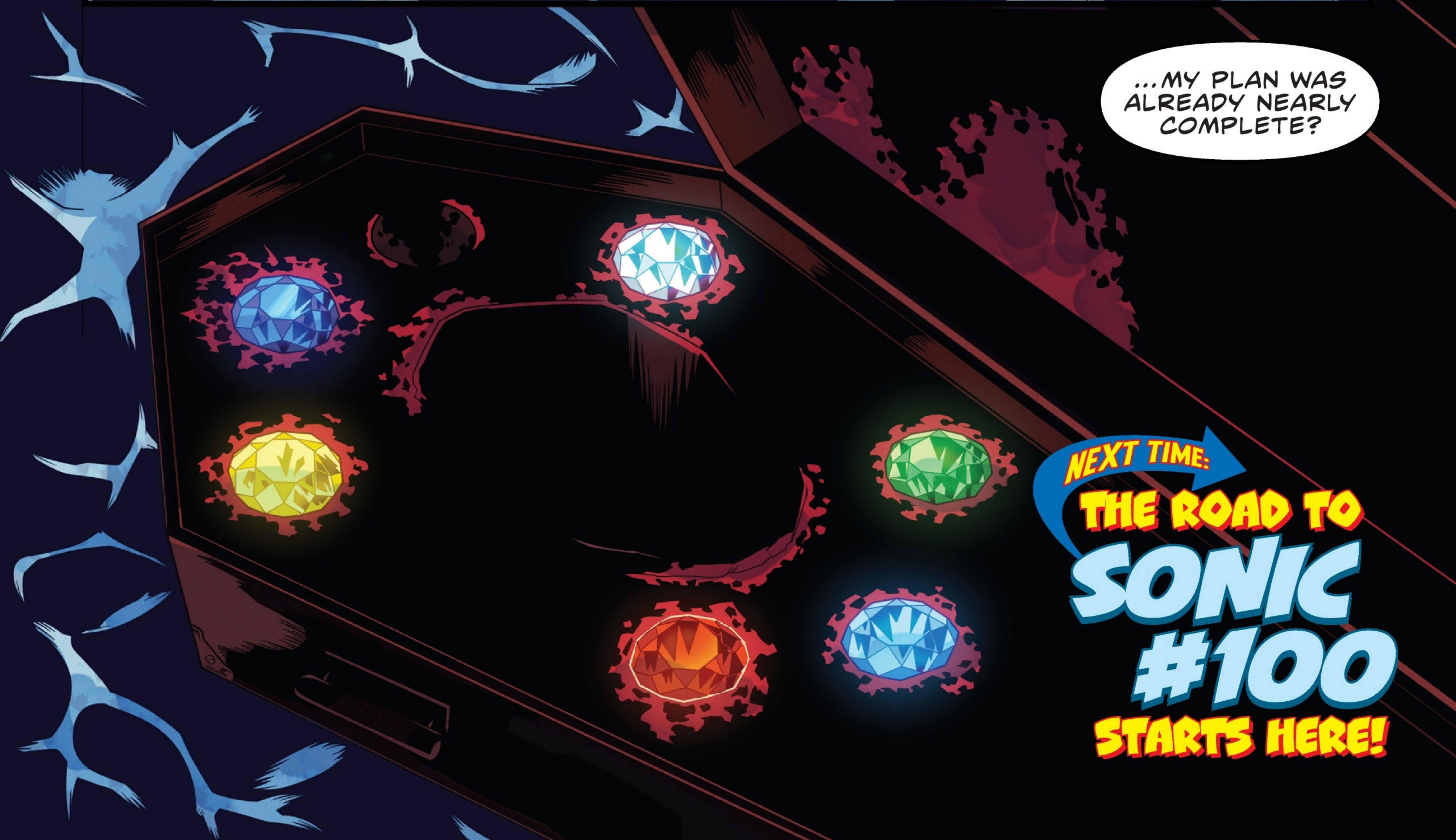


"AHH... SO CLOSE,
AND YET SO FAR."



HOW
FRUSTRATED
WOULD YOU BE IF YOU
KNEW THAT BY THE
TIME YOU REALIZED
THINGS WERE IN
MOTION...

...MY PLAN WAS
ALREADY NEARLY
COMPLETE?



NEXT TIME:
THE ROAD TO
SONIC
#100
STARTS HERE!



NEXT MONTH



SONIC

LETTERS SQUAD

Shadow sure is a barrel of laughs, huh? The Chaotix and Sonic seem to have stumbled into a plot bigger than they could imagine... But before we get into that, let's take a moment to thank the team who made this possible—Ian Flynn, Aaron Hammerstrom, Matt Froese, Valentina Pinto, and Ed Dukeshire! Now, a word from SONIC SQUAD!



**ART BY
SAVANNAH**

Hey IDW, my name is Savannah. I am 13 years old. And I love the sonic IDW comics they are very fun to read but I also really love the art in it. You inspired me to draw this image of some of the characters, it was my first time drawing most of them such as tangle and whisper but I think it turned out pretty good anyway I love what you've done with these comics they're all amazing. I can't wait to see what happens next with sonic and his friends.

Savannah! This is ridiculously amazing! Your level of detail and the excited expressions are so perfect! Luckily, almost all of these characters will have a big role to play in the upcoming comics, so keep your eye out! I'm so excited for your art to grow, since this is already so impressive!



**ART BY
DUSTIN**



**ART BY
DASH**



**ART BY
AMELIA**

Greetings, Sonic Team. My daughter Sophia and I would like to congratulate you all for the great work with the adventures of Sonic and his friends. Since she was 3, Sophia loved Sonic, especially Amy, Cream and the Chaos. When she learned how to read, I bought her a Sonic comic book and she loved. I read it too, and was very happy with what I saw: great characters in great stories. They are real heroes, always doing their best to help those in need. Sophia, for example, relates a lot with Cream, and she also want to be a great cook when she grows up. These characters are good examples to our kids, and their comics are a great way to help children and their parents spend some quality time together. Sophia and I read the stories and then talk about what happened, what was fun, etc. Congratulations to the whole team, and keep up the great job!

Hello Matheus and Sophia! Honestly, we can't tell you how much it means to hear that you two are bonding over our comics! We really take great care with our stories and our characters, so knowing that our fans recognize it means the world! Sonic and his friends never stop trying to make the world better, and that's a lesson every person can benefit from! Thank you so much for your kind words and support!

WE CAN'T THANK YOU ENOUGH FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT AND BEAUTIFUL ART, SONIC SQUAD! DON'T FORGET TO SEND YOUR ART AND LETTERS TO LETTERS@IDWPUBLISHING.COM, AND MAKE SURE TO MARK THEM: "OKAY TO PRINT"! AND JOIN THE IDW SONIC COMICS SQUAD ON FACEBOOK! NEXT MONTH, SONIC AND TAILS FOLLOW THE CASE OF THE MISSING EMERALDS TO A NEW LOCATION WITH ALL NEW CHARACTERS! WILL THEY BE FRIEND OR FOE? OR... BOTH? FIND OUT IN SONIC THE HEDGEHOG #81!



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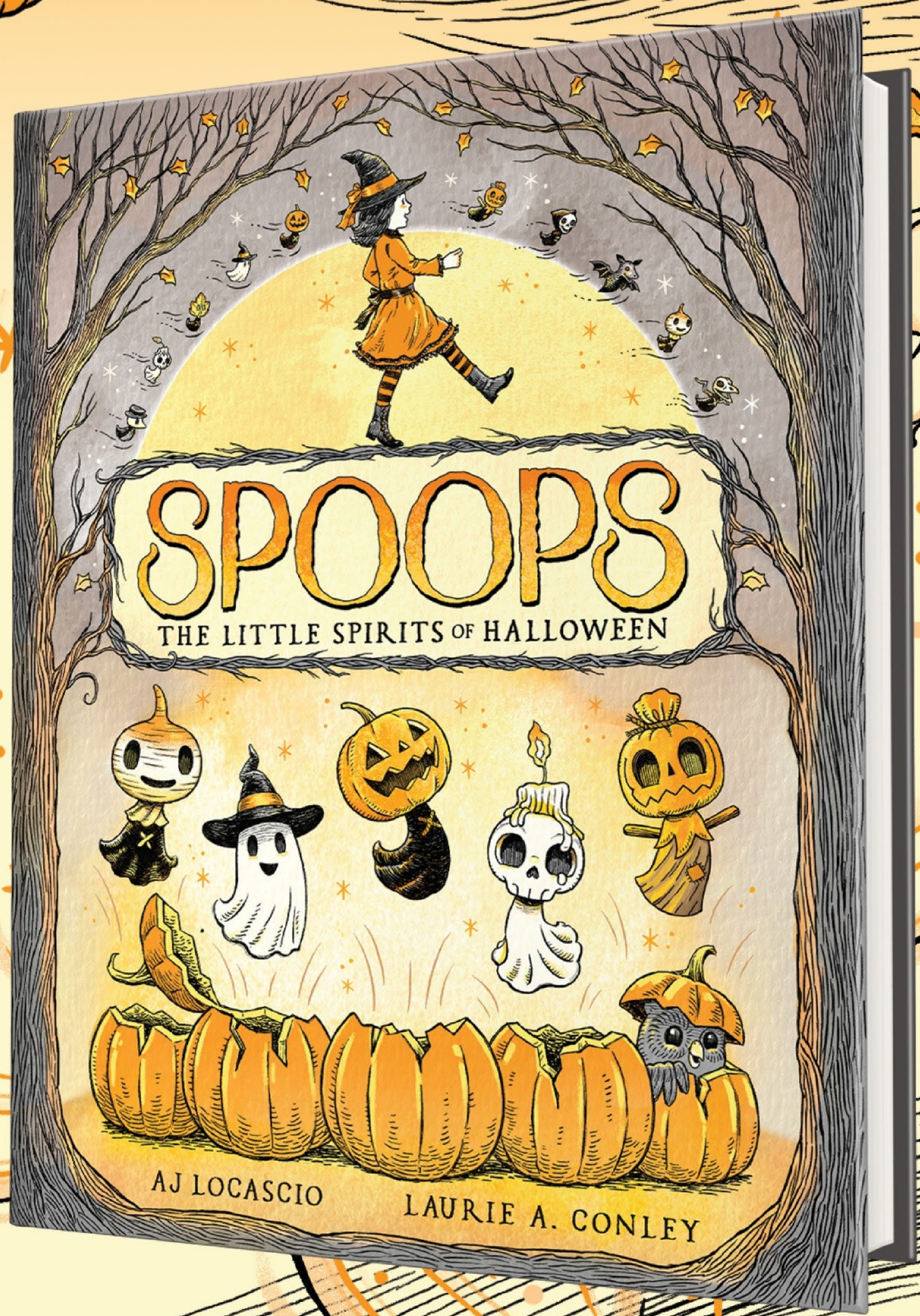
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Hi, ghoulfriends! It's me, **Riley Farmer**, your favorite monster's favorite comic editor, here to talk about all things **Monster High!**

So, what the ick is even going on at Monster High? Well, I have all the juicy deets: Some anonymous EekTok account called CryptCrier is spreading rumors, Draculaura experienced major burnout, and oh yeah, this troll named Lothar totally tried to implement the boo world order and destroy monster society by kidnapping zombies. Yikes! But things are sooo back to normal...kind of. While Cleo and Deuce, and Toralei and Clawdeen are back together, and Bloodgood has been restored as headmistress, Frankie is reeling from the tragic death of her father, Frankenstein, and Lothar's partner in crime is still at large.

And that's where **MONSTER HIGH: WORLD'S SCARE** starts! The ghouls are back at school, and monsterkind's brightest are gathering to exhibit their latest breakthroughs. Frankie Stein is dreaming up something monstrous to honor her late father, and with a little help from her fiends, she is sure to *shock* the judges.

I'm excited to share five more issues of Jacque Aye's writing with everyone. I love her ability to tackle serious subjects through the adventures of the ghouls. While the halls of Monster High are filled with fantastical characters, Jacque still grounds everything in reality, reminding us that although the ghouls are undead, they're still just teenagers trying to survive until next period.

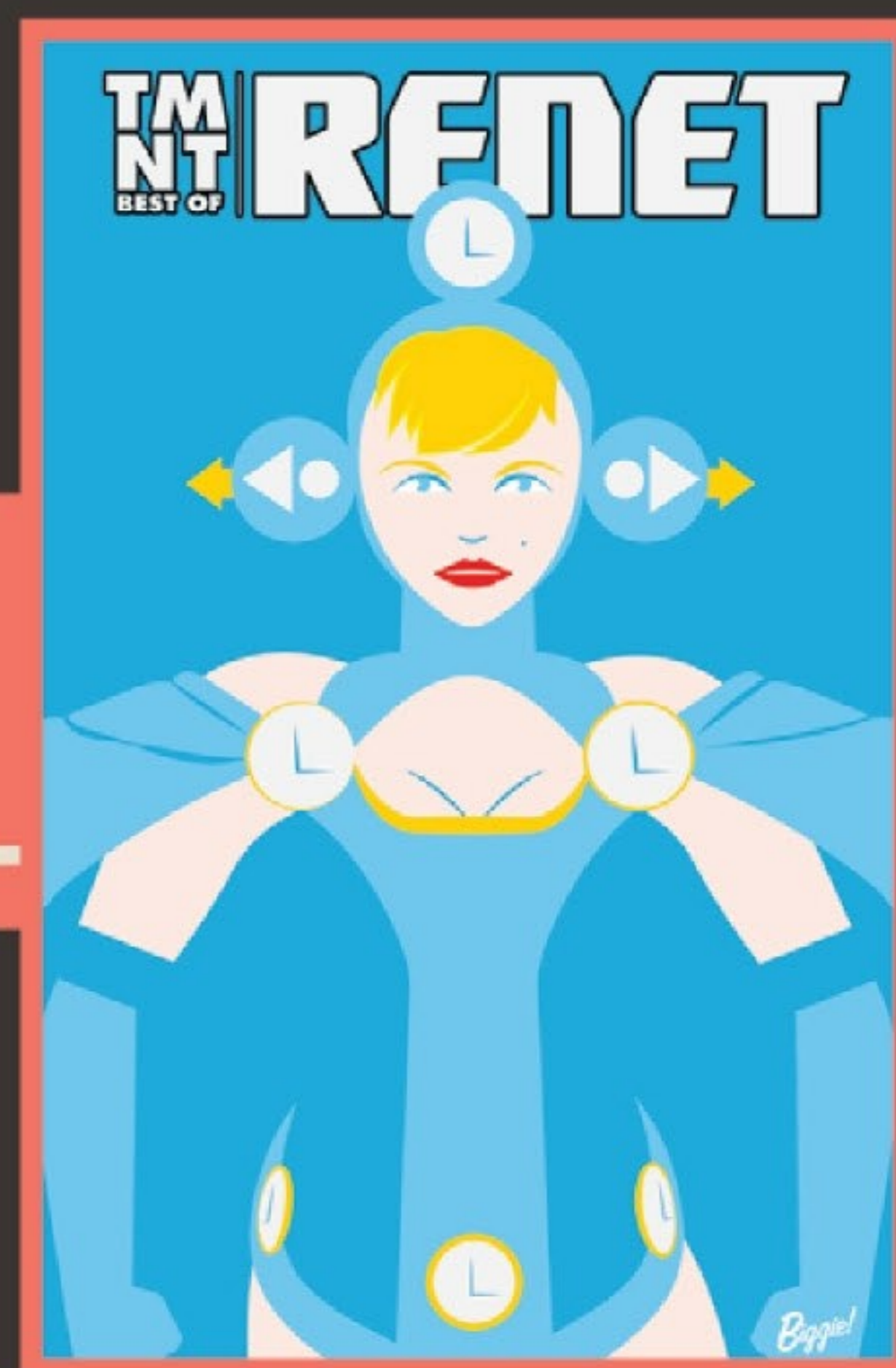
But enough of that cheesy stuff; I know what you really want. *Spoilers!* You want to know who CryptCrier is, don't you? I'd have to be *batty* to tell you... Let's just say that once you *stitch* it together, you'll either be *howling* at the moon or in complete *de-Nile*.

World's Scare is just the first in an exciting line of *Monster High* comics coming your way over the next few months. In September, the ghouls rent a spooky cabin on ScareBnB in **HOUSE HAUNTERS**. And we have some big projects coming in 2026 that will be announced soon. It'll be totally jawsome. Wait, what?!

That's right, the **STREET SHARKS** are here! Ripster, Jab, StreeX, and Big Slammu are swimming their way into comic shops this summer, thanks to Stephanie Williams, Ariel Medel, and Valentina Pinto. Dr. Piranoid is up to his nasty tricks again, threatening Fission City with a new PERFECT PREDATOR! But that's no worry for the Street Sharks. They kick evil tail fin as a warmup before breakfast! And that breakfast is usually made of METAL! And you know what Dr. Piranoid's battle suit is made of? METAL! The Street Sharks ain't NEVER met a thing they couldn't crush or eat. Certainly not some dirty, stinkin', bottom-feeding—

Ahem, sorry about that interruption, though the Street Sharks do seem fntastic... I wonder if they want to join the swim team with Lagoona? Anyway, that's all I have time for today. I hope you love reading *World's Scare* as much as the team loved making it!

Have a fangtastic day! <3
Riley Farmer, editor



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