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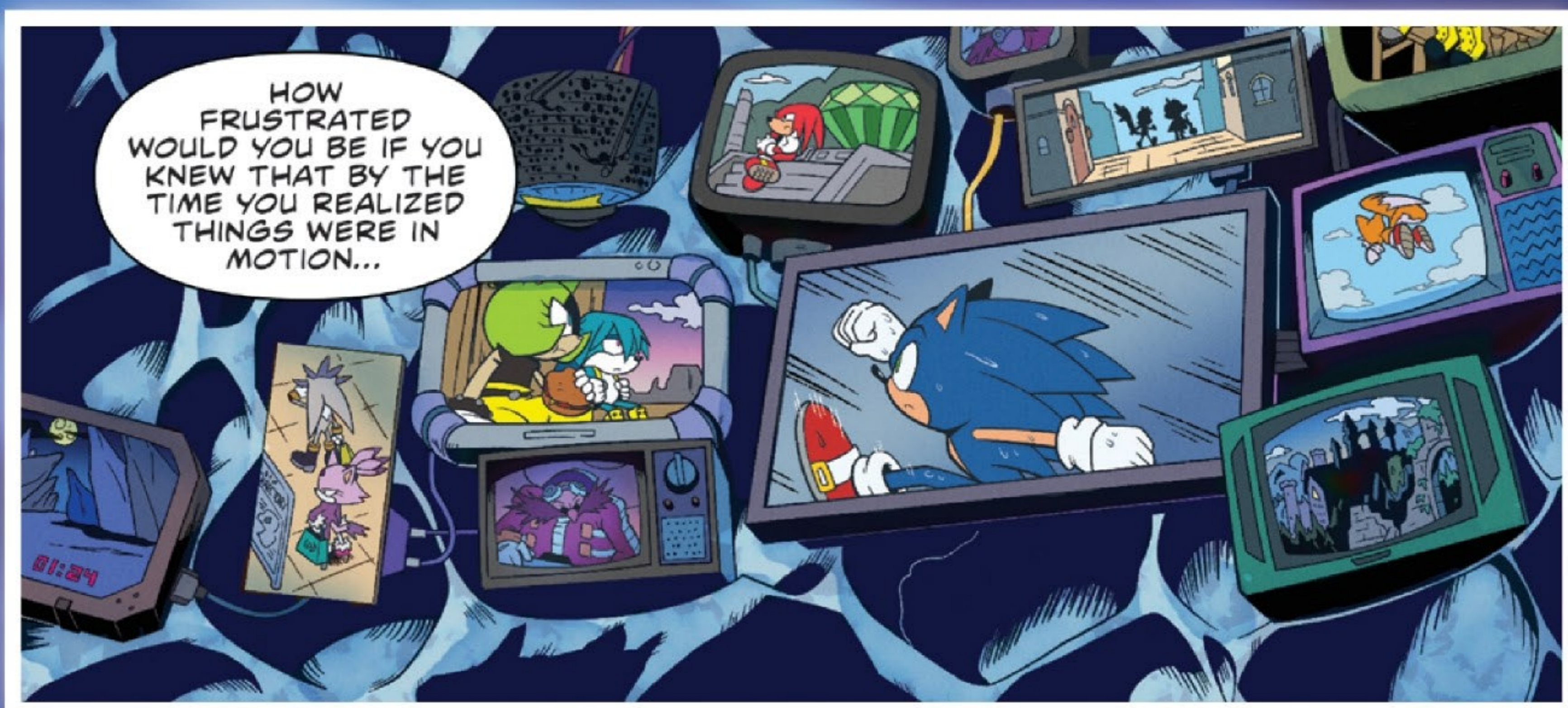
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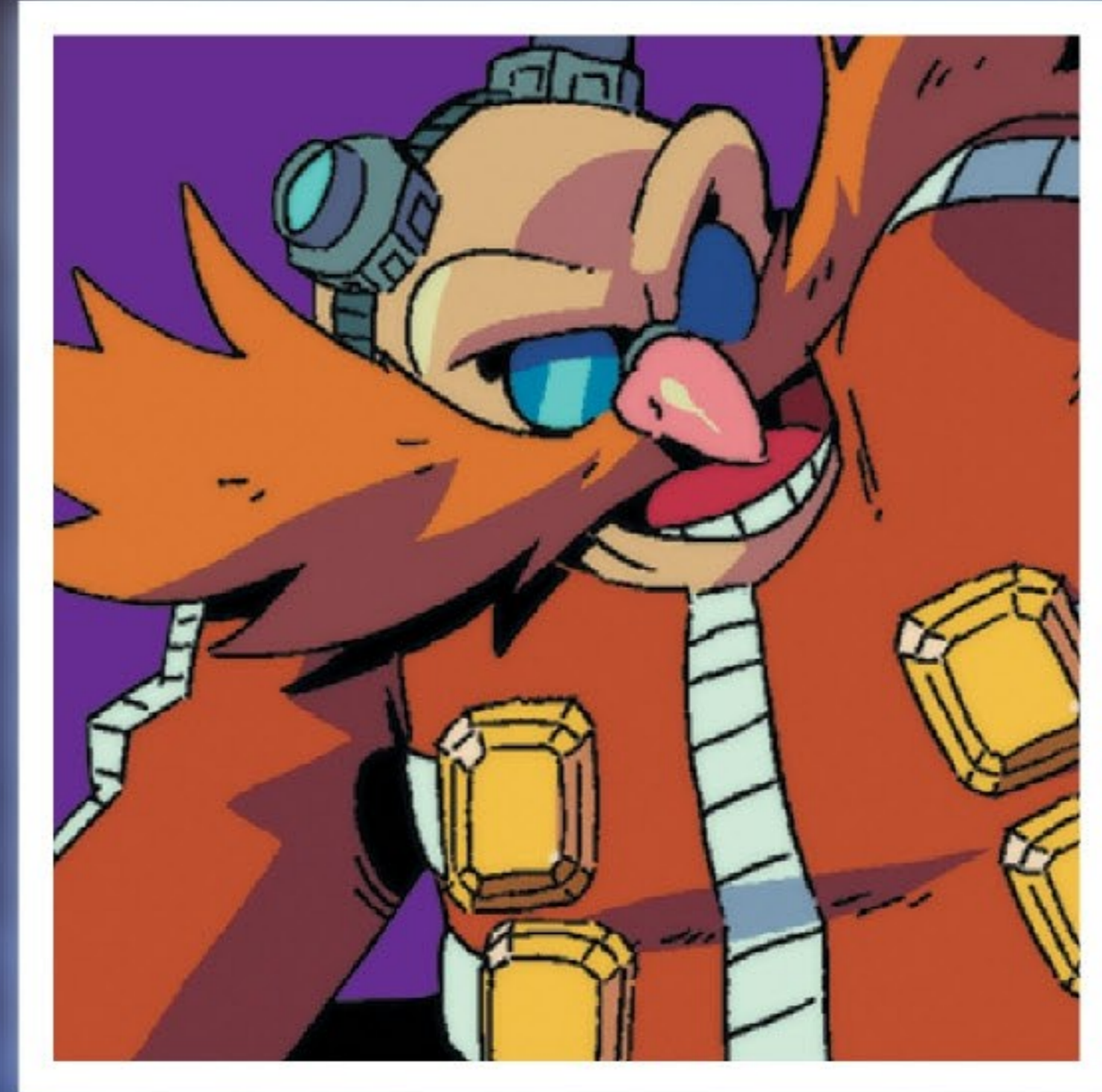
# STORY SO FAR...





**SONIC THE HEDGEHOG**

THE BLUE BLUR.  
FASTEST THING ALIVE.



**DR. EGGMAN**

MAD GENIUS.  
EGG ENTHUSIAST.



**METAL SONIC**

LOYAL MINION.  
(ALMOST) FASTEST THING ALIVE.



**BELLE THE TINKERER**

ENTHUSIASTIC NEWCOMER.  
CLUMSY MARIONETTE.

C'MON UP! DON'T BE SHY!

WHATEVER YOU'VE GOT THAT'S BUSTED, I'LL FIX IT UP IN A JIFFY!

GO ON, SWEETIE. SHE'LL TAKE GOOD CARE OF JENNY!



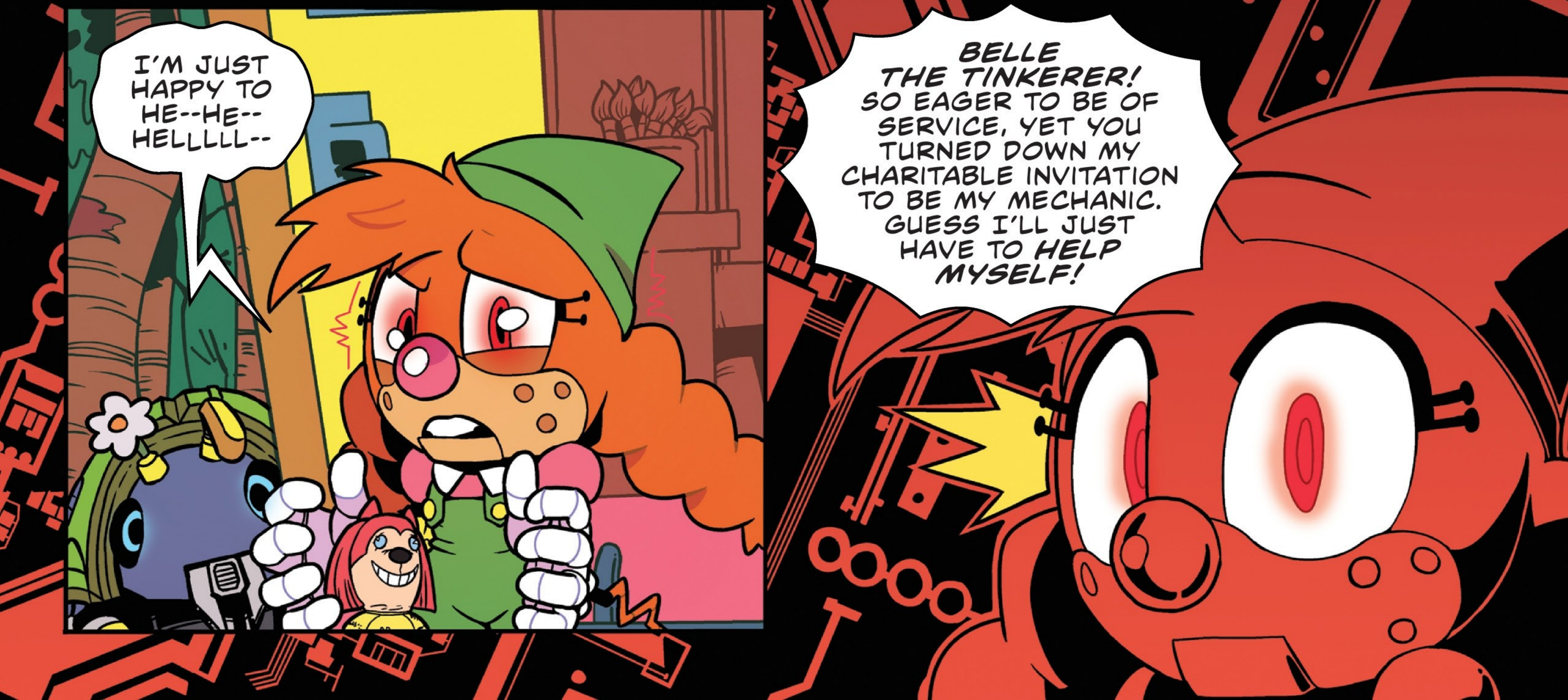
THANKS. WE'VE HEARD SO MUCH ABOUT YOUR WORK. HOW CAN WE EVER REPAY YOU?

OH, DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT!



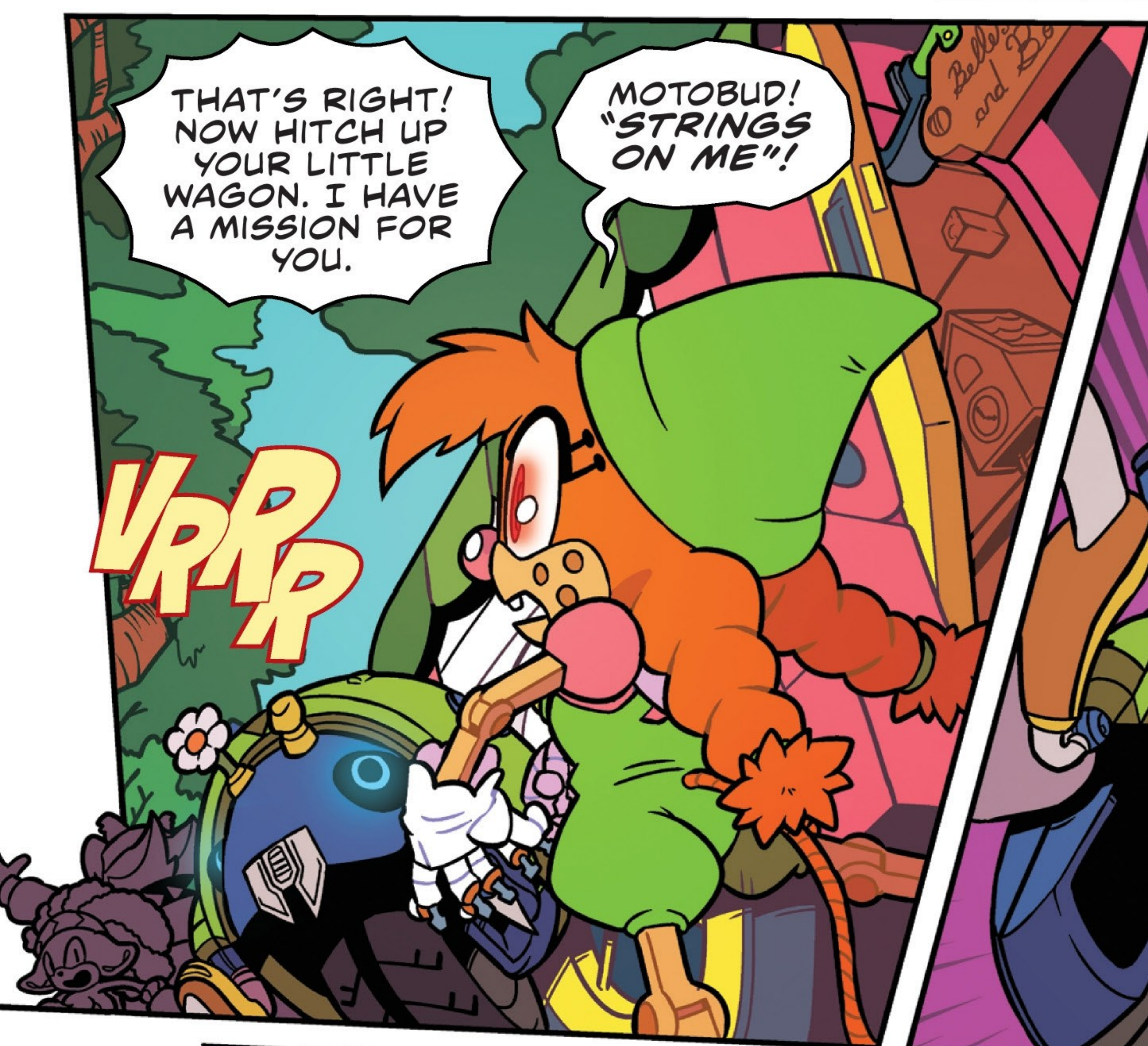
I'M JUST HAPPY TO HE--HE--HELLLLL--

**BELLE THE TINKERER!** SO EAGER TO BE OF SERVICE, YET YOU TURNED DOWN MY CHARITABLE INVITATION TO BE MY MECHANIC. GUESS I'LL JUST HAVE TO HELP MYSELF!





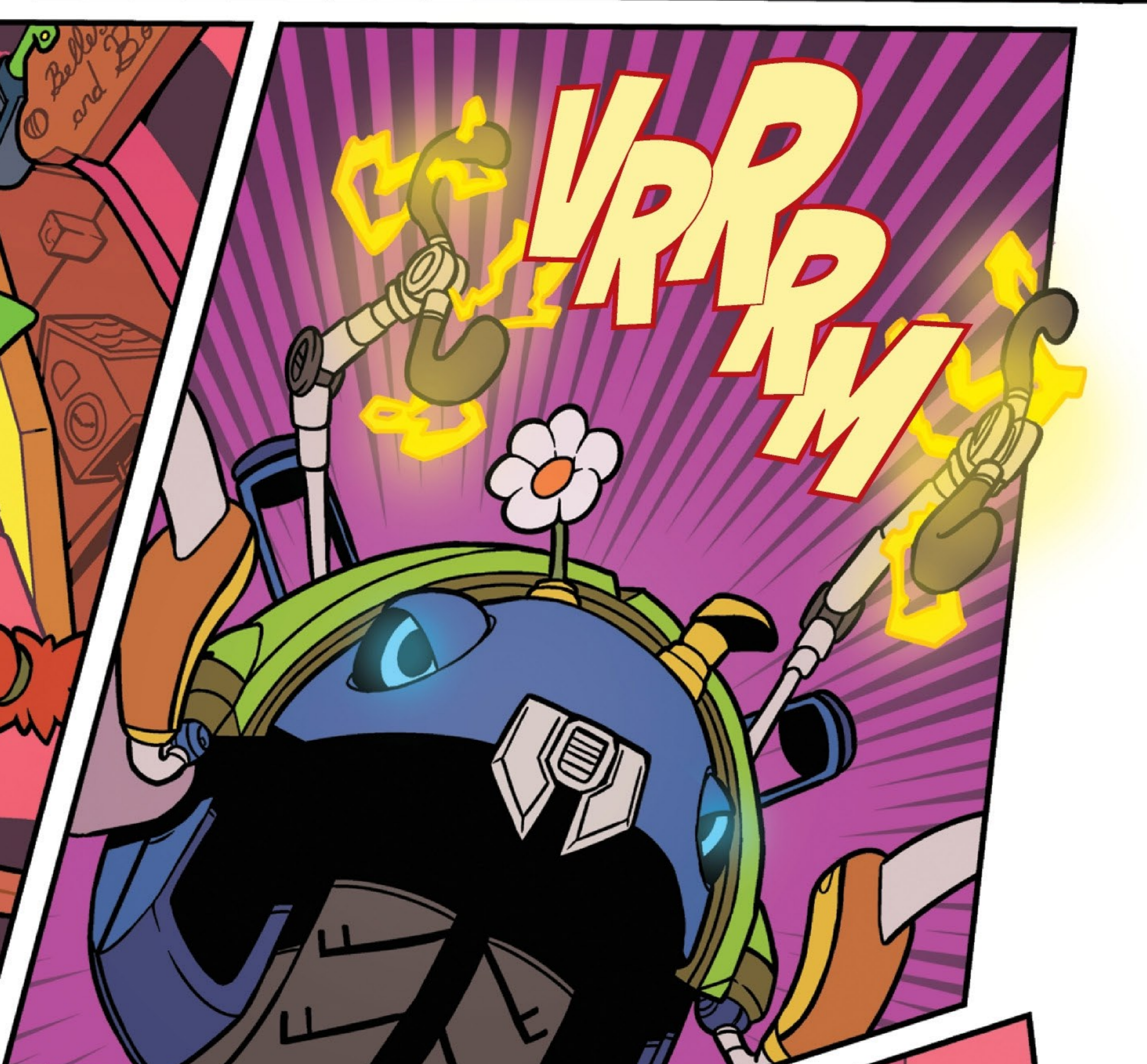
RUN! RUN!  
DR. EGGMAN'S  
IN CONTROL!



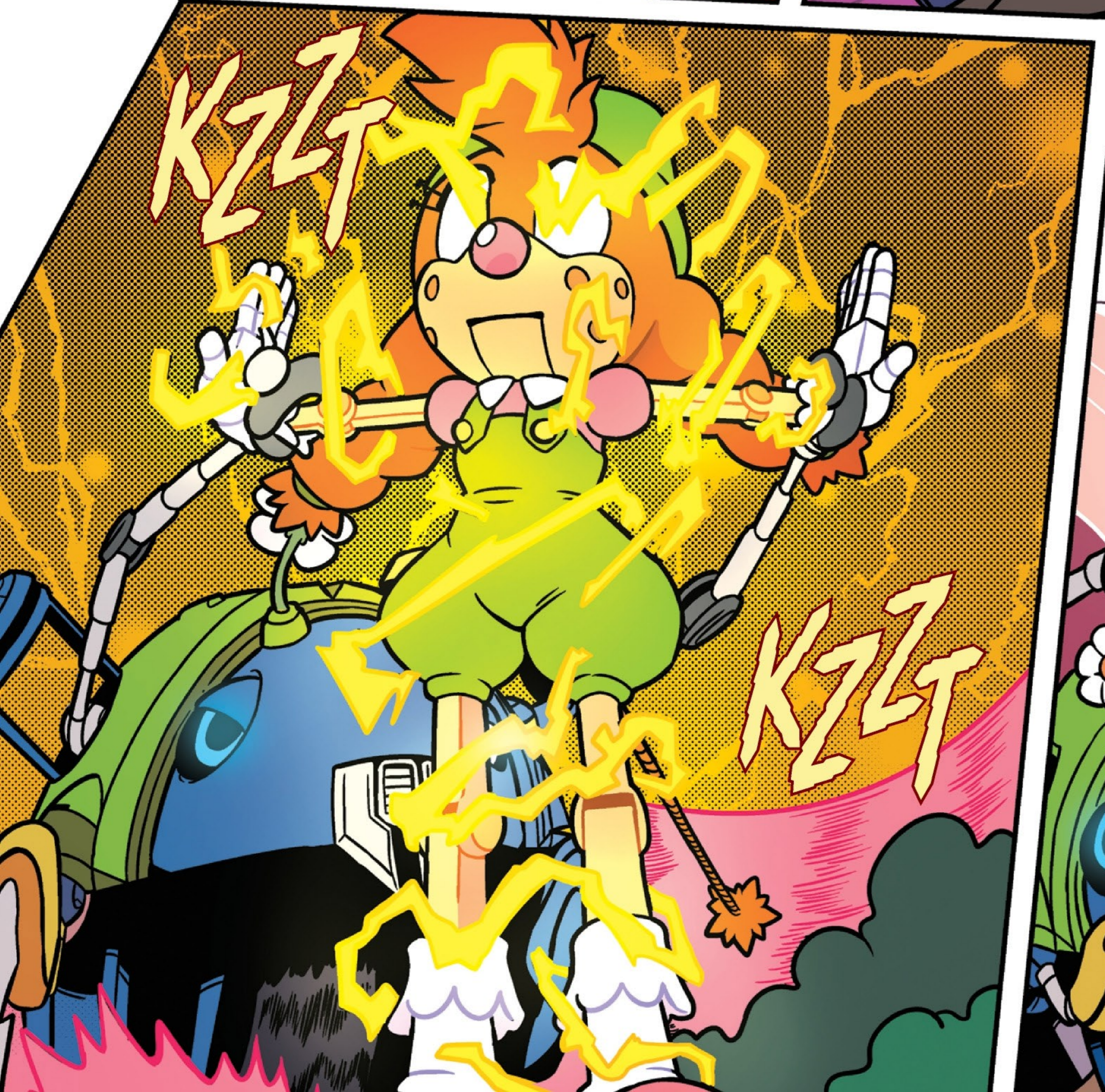
THAT'S RIGHT!  
NOW HITCH UP  
YOUR LITTLE  
WAGON. I HAVE  
A MISSION FOR  
YOU.

MOTOBUD!  
"STRINGS  
ON ME"!

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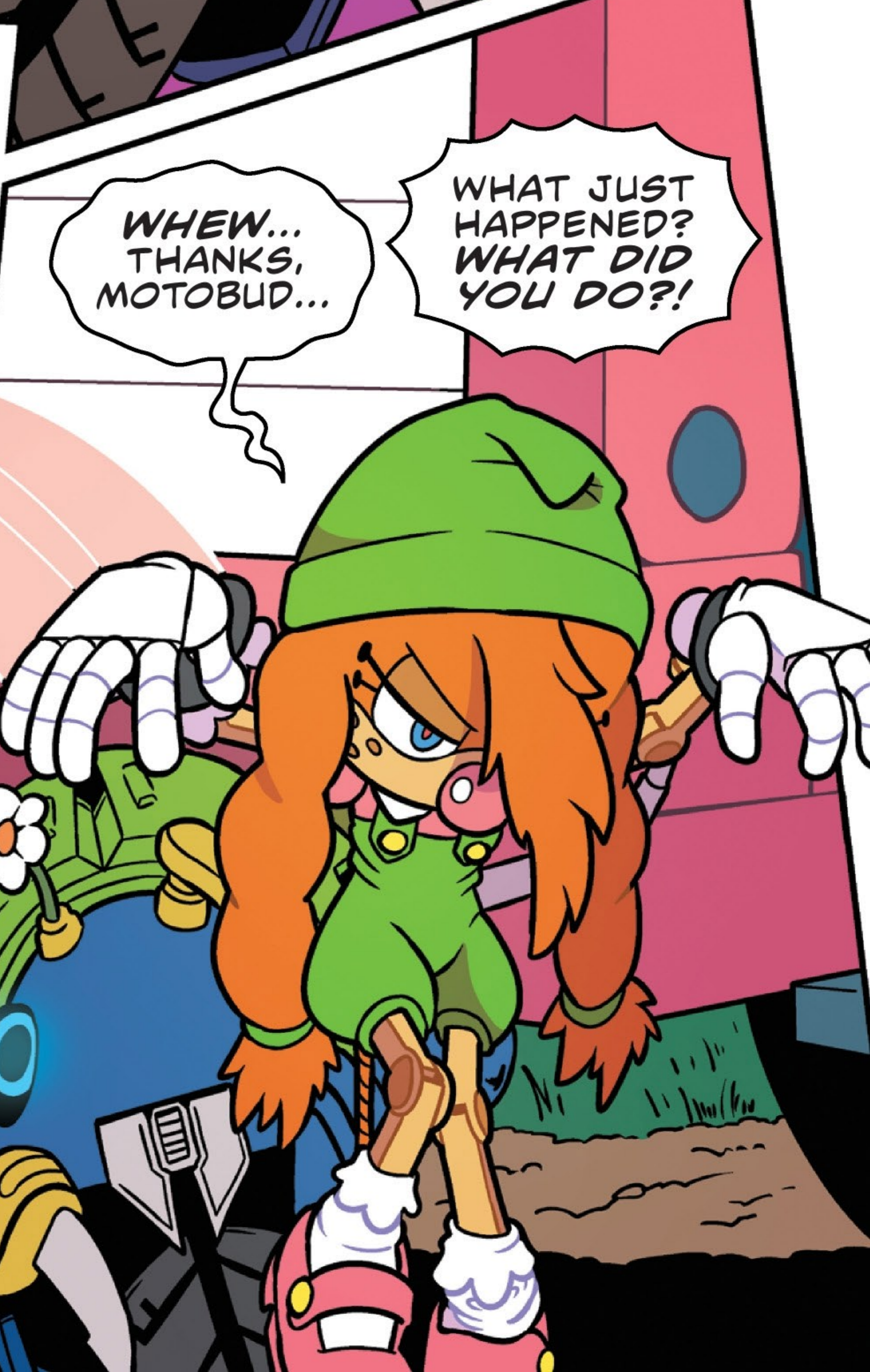


VRRR  
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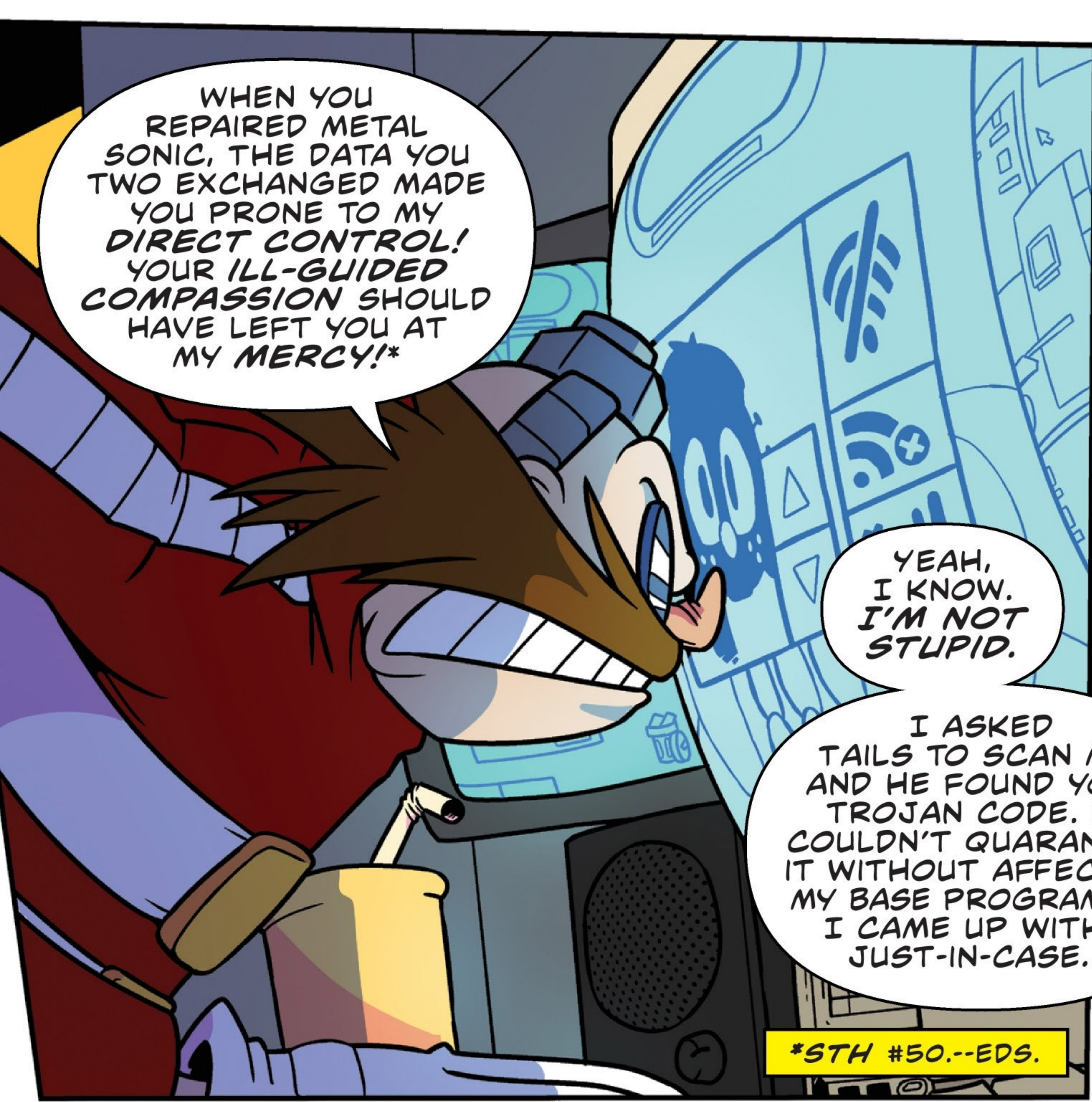
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WHEW...  
THANKS,  
MOTOBUD...

WHAT JUST  
HAPPENED?  
WHAT DID  
YOU DO?!



WHEN YOU REPAIRED METAL SONIC, THE DATA YOU TWO EXCHANGED MADE YOU PRONE TO MY DIRECT CONTROL! YOUR ILL-GUIDED COMPASSION SHOULD HAVE LEFT YOU AT MY MERCY!\*

YEAH, I KNOW. I'M NOT STUPID.

I ASKED TAILS TO SCAN ME, AND HE FOUND YOUR TROJAN CODE. HE COULDN'T QUARANTINE IT WITHOUT AFFECTING MY BASE PROGRAM, SO I CAME UP WITH A JUST-IN-CASE...

\*STH #50.--EDS.



...WHERE MOTOBUD CAN OVERRIDE MY MOTOR FUNCTIONS UNTIL YOU GET BORED AND LEAVE ME ALONE.

WHY YOU LITTLE... I DON'T HAVE TIME FOR THESE GAMES! YOU'RE ESSENTIAL TO MY PLAN, SO--

SO TRY ASKING NICELY?



METAL SONIC HAS GONE MISSING, ALONG WITH A CACHE OF SUPPLIES. FOR WHATEVER REASON, I CAN'T CONNECT TO HIM. I SUSPECT FOUL PLAY. I NEED TO USE THE UNIQUE LINK BETWEEN YOU TWO TO REGAIN CONTROL.

...PLEASE.



METAL SONIC'S IN TROUBLE?



WELL, SINCE YOU ASKED SO NICELY, SURE...

HA! THEN--

...ON ONE CONDITION. I GET TO BRING SONIC.

SONIC?! OH, YOU WRETCHED LITTLE PUPPET...



FINE!



MISERABLE RODENT WOULD PROBABLY SHOW UP ANYWAY...



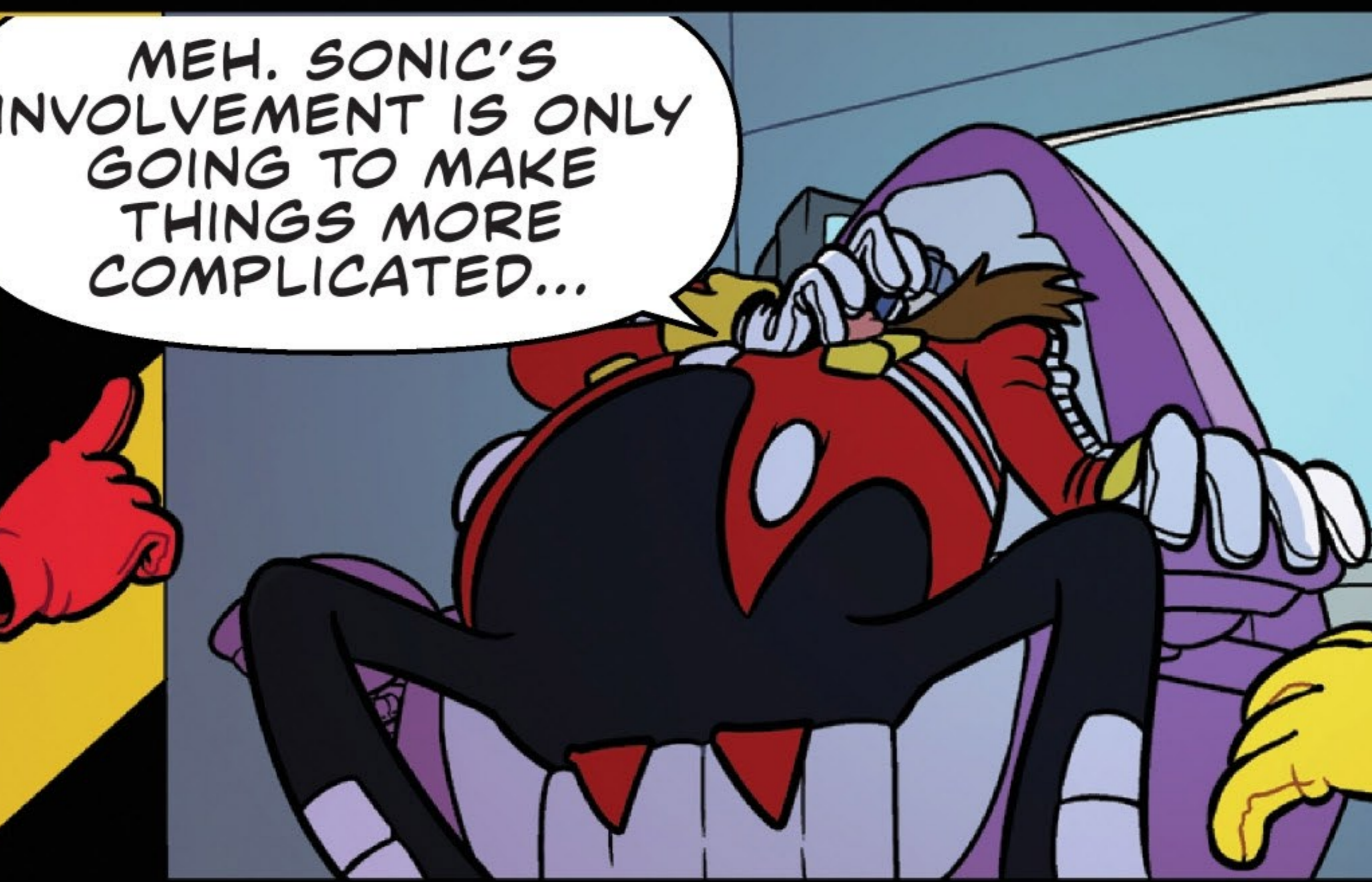
I'VE SENT YOU THE COORDINATES OF METAL SONIC'S LAST KNOWN LOCATION. FIND SONIC AND GET THERE-- PRONTO!



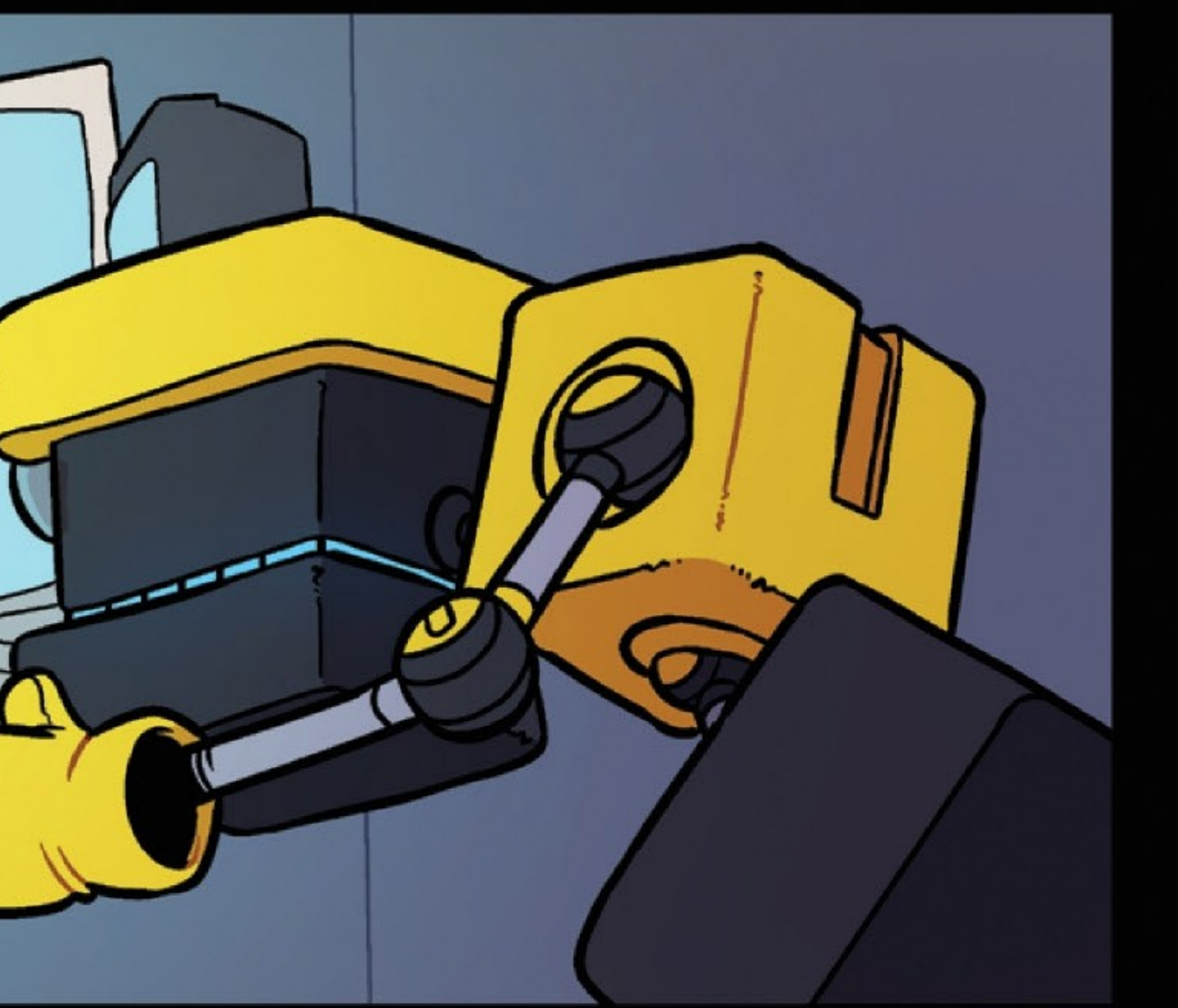
I DIDN'T EXPECT SUCH FORETHOUGHT AND CUNNING FROM HER...



WELL, SHE IS ONE OF YOUR CREATIONS, AFTER A FASHION.



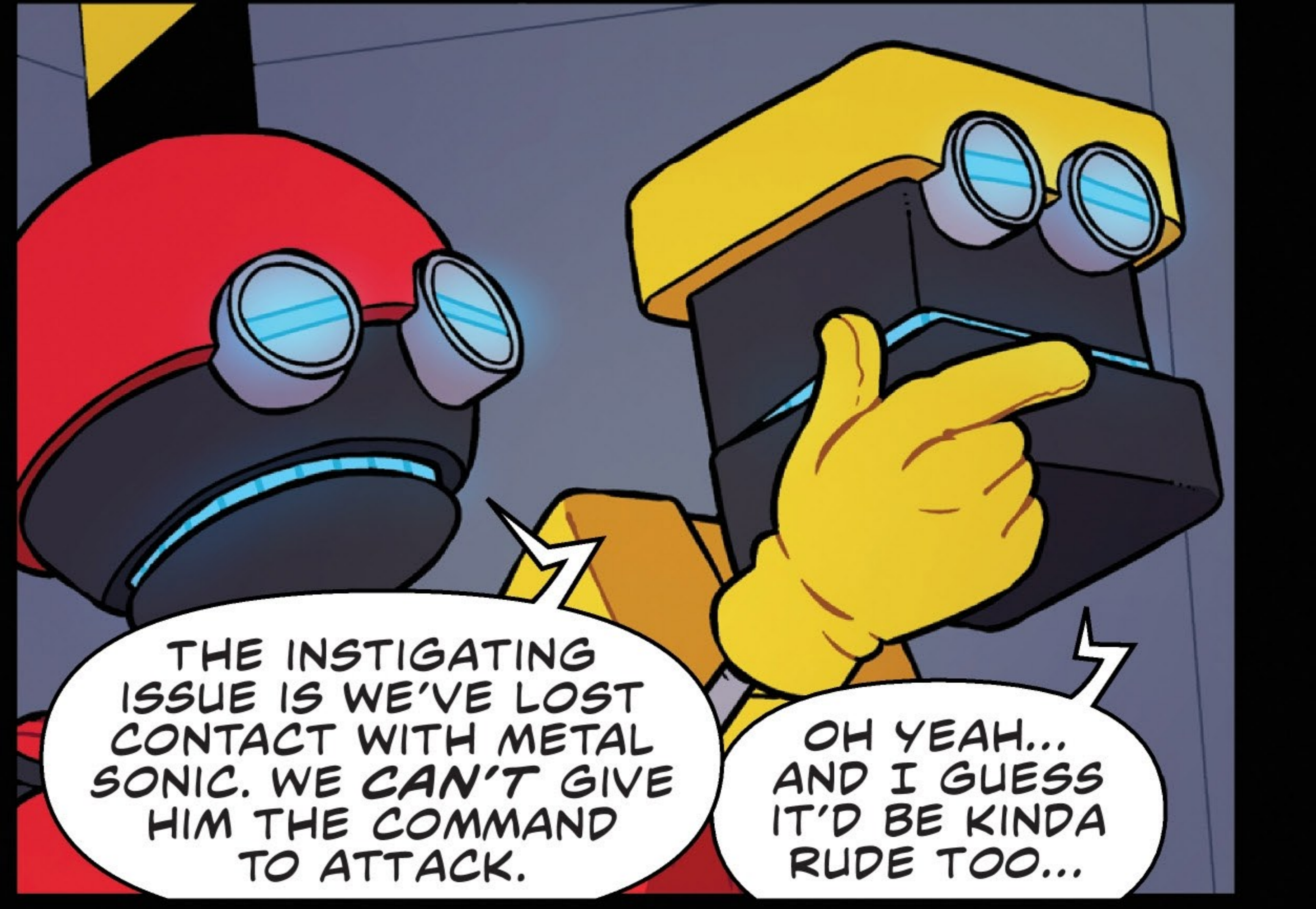
MEH. SONIC'S INVOLVEMENT IS ONLY GOING TO MAKE THINGS MORE COMPLICATED...



OOH! OOH! WHAT IF, WHEN THEY FIND METAL SONIC, YOU HAVE HIM AMBUSH SONIC AND BELLE?



THEY'LL NEVER SEE IT COMING!



THE INSTIGATING ISSUE IS WE'VE LOST CONTACT WITH METAL SONIC. WE CAN'T GIVE HIM THE COMMAND TO ATTACK.

OH YEAH... AND I GUESS IT'D BE KINDA RUDE TOO...



THAT BELLE'S PROBABLY GOING TO TRY TO CHEAT ME AGAIN...



...AND WHOEVER STOLE METAL SONIC COULD JUST UNDO HER WORK. I NEED ASSURANCE THAT MY PROGRAMMING WILL RETAKE CONTROL.

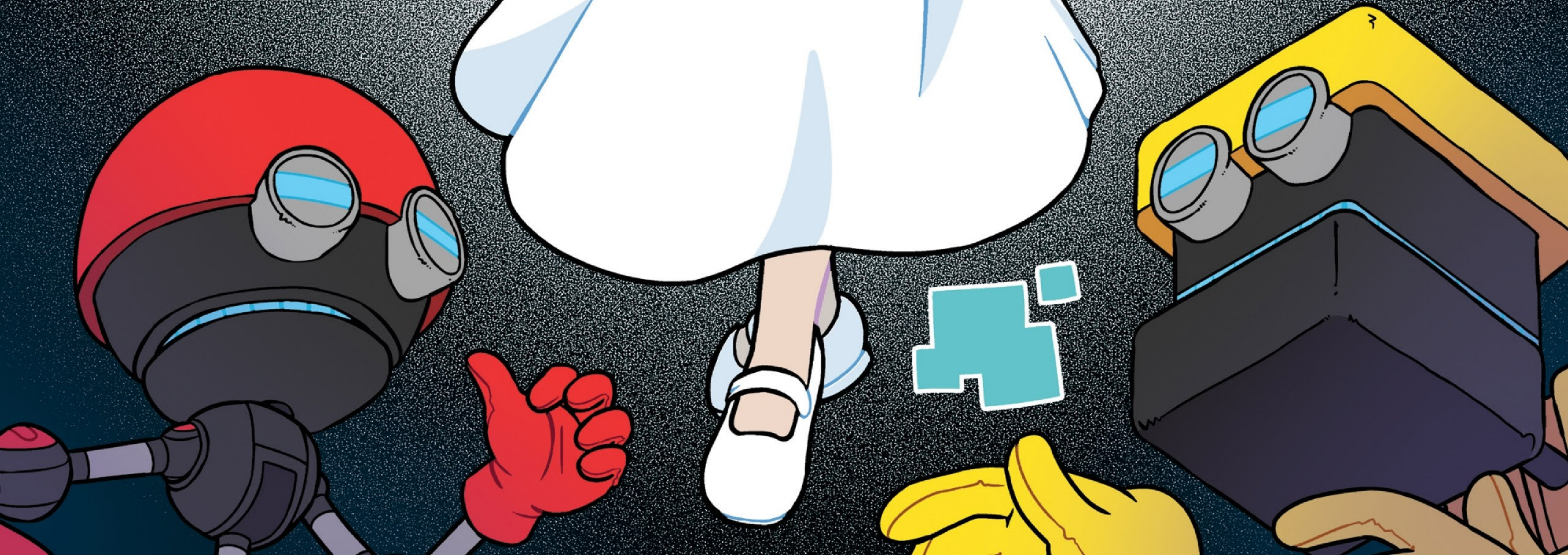
I NEED AN AGENT I CAN RELY ON THAT SONIC WON'T IMMEDIATELY SEE AS A THREAT...

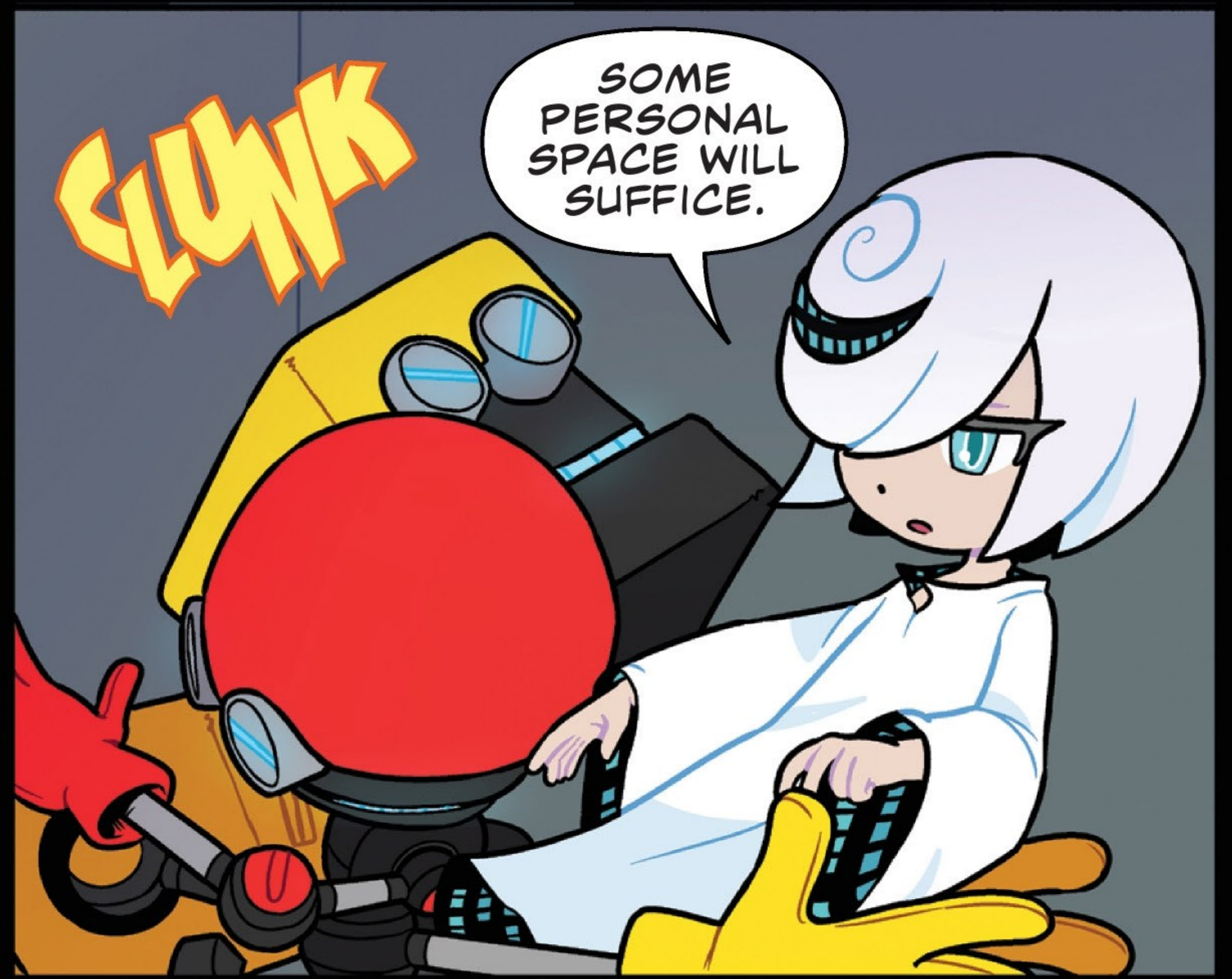
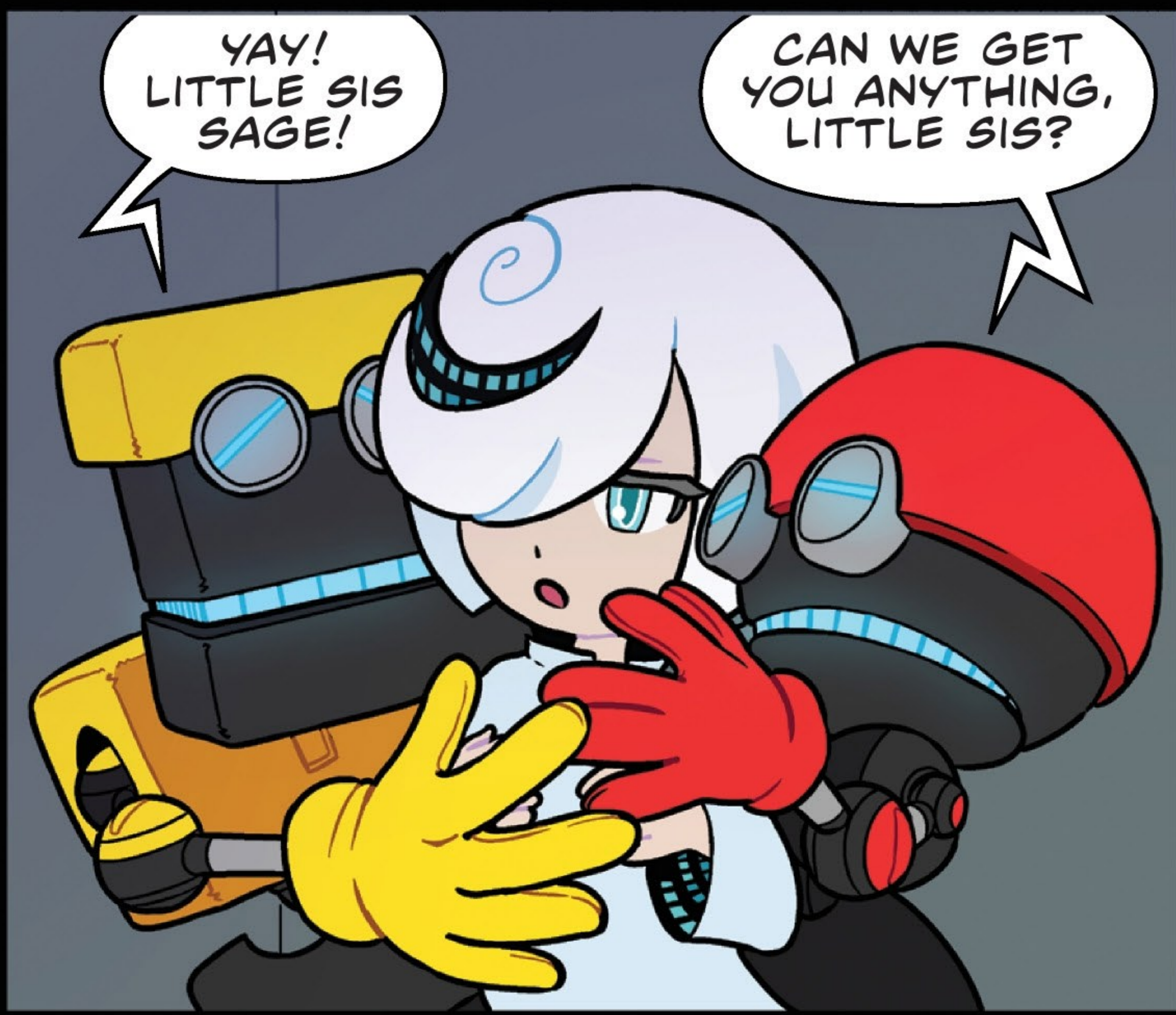


SNAP



SAGE, FULLY INITIALIZED AND REPORTING FOR DUTY.





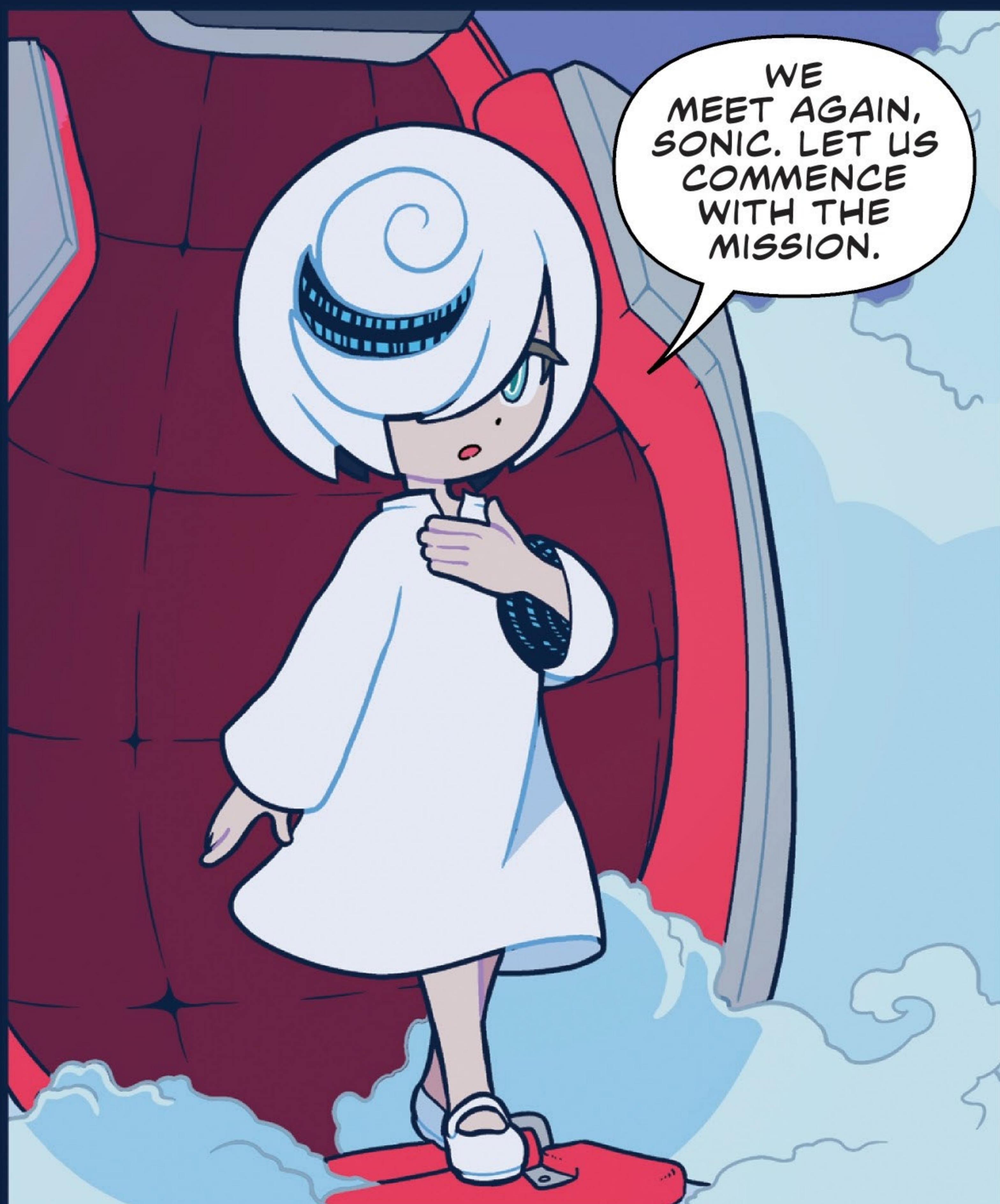
LATER--HOLOSKA.

WHERE IS DR. EGGMAN'S ENVOY? THEY SHOULD'VE BEEN HERE BY NOW...

FIGURES. HE LOSES METAL SONIC AND DOESN'T HAVE ANYTHING ELSE FAST.

THANKS AGAIN FOR COMING. AND...ERM...SORRY FOR MAKING YOU SAVE YOUR ARCH-RIVAL?

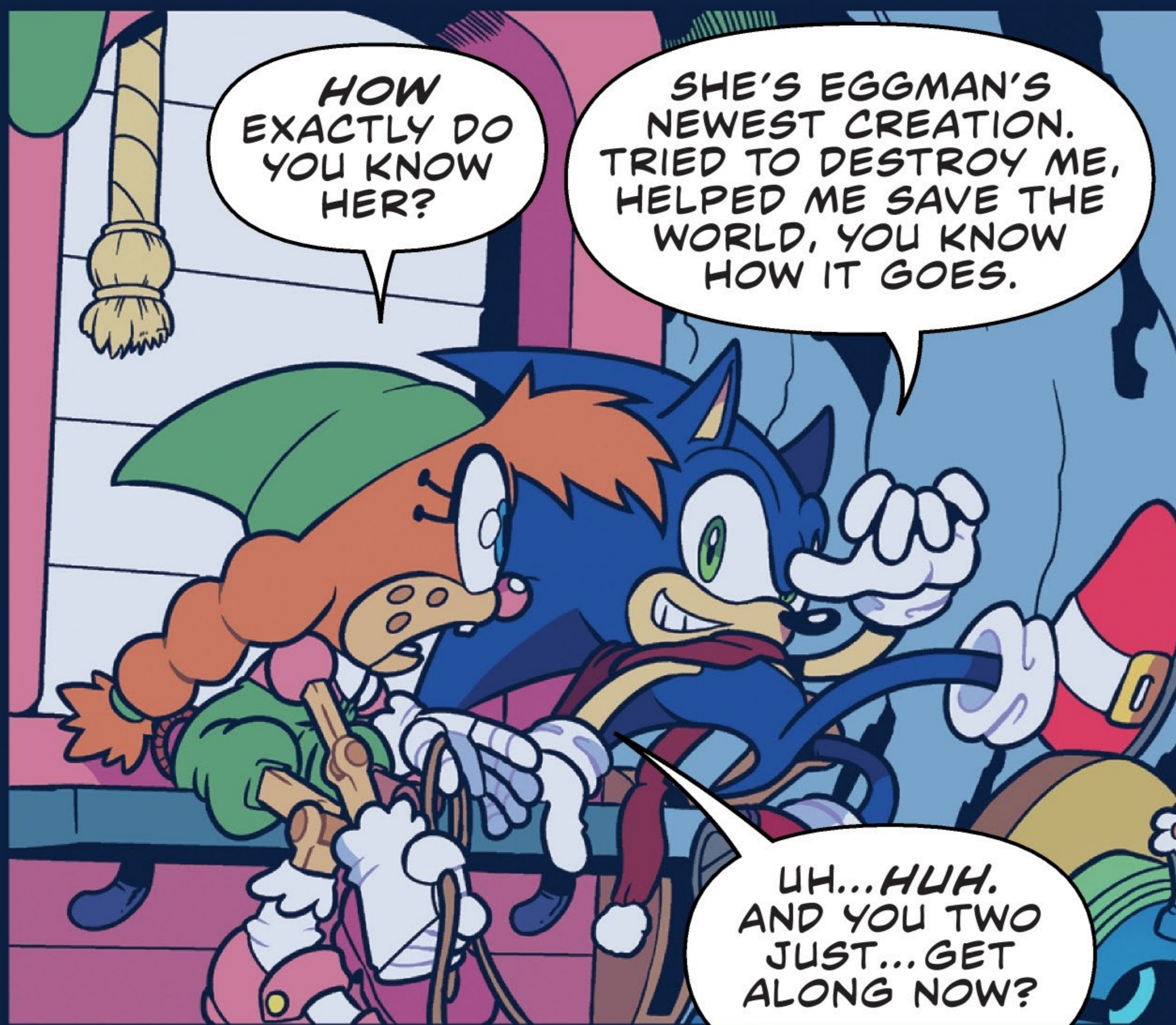
HAPPY TO HELP YOU. AS FOR METAL, I'D RATHER HE BE WITH THE JERK I KNOW THAN ONE I DON'T.



WE MEET AGAIN, SONIC. LET US COMMENCE WITH THE MISSION.

EGGMAN IS CONTROLLING GHOSTS NOW?!

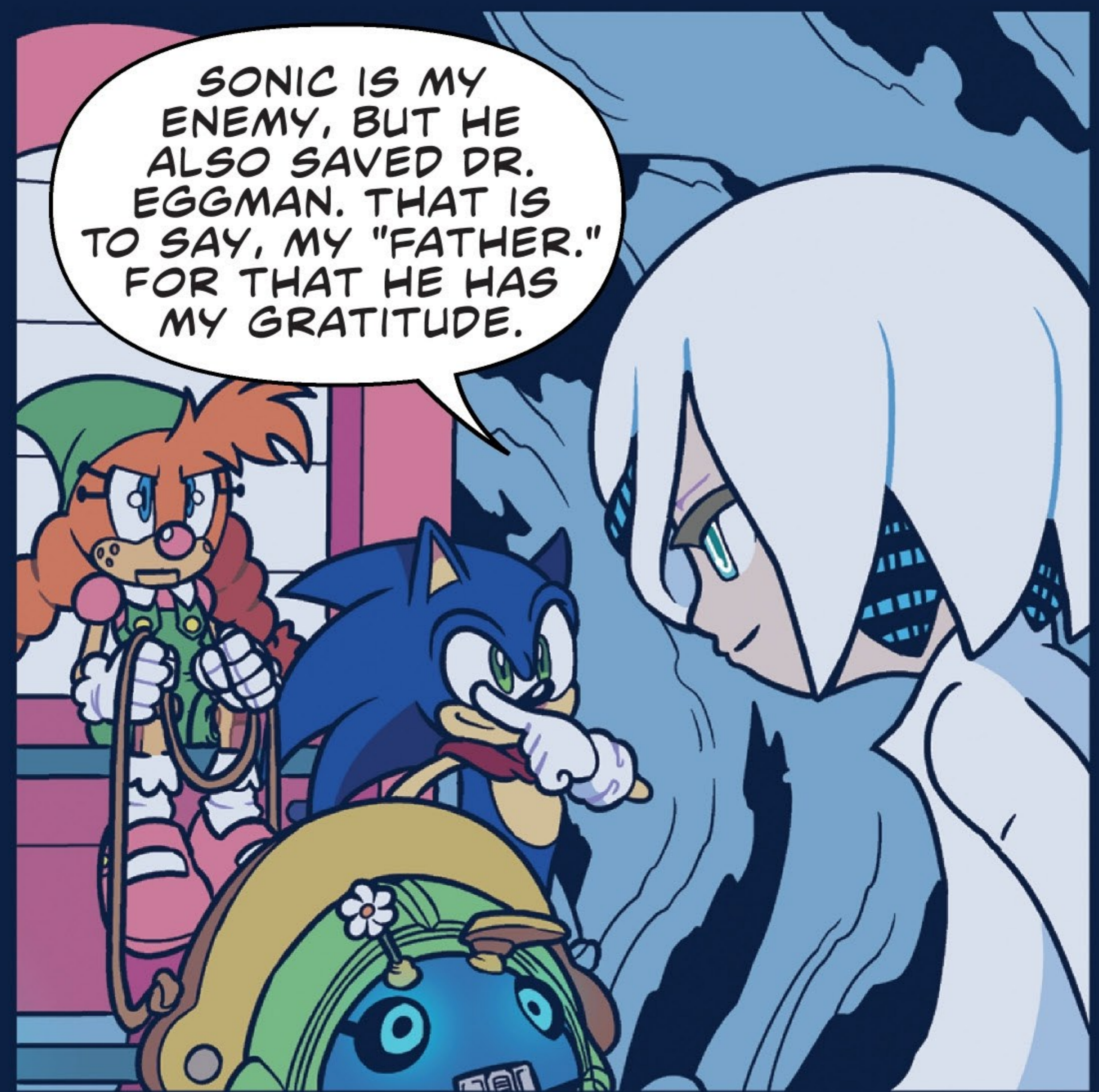
HEY--HEY! IT'S SAGE! WHEN WAS THE LAST TIME WE TANGLED?



HOW EXACTLY DO YOU KNOW HER?

SHE'S EGGMAN'S NEWEST CREATION. TRIED TO DESTROY ME, HELPED ME SAVE THE WORLD, YOU KNOW HOW IT GOES.

UH...HUH. AND YOU TWO JUST...GET ALONG NOW?



SONIC IS MY ENEMY, BUT HE ALSO SAVED DR. EGGMAN. THAT IS TO SAY, MY "FATHER." FOR THAT HE HAS MY GRATITUDE.

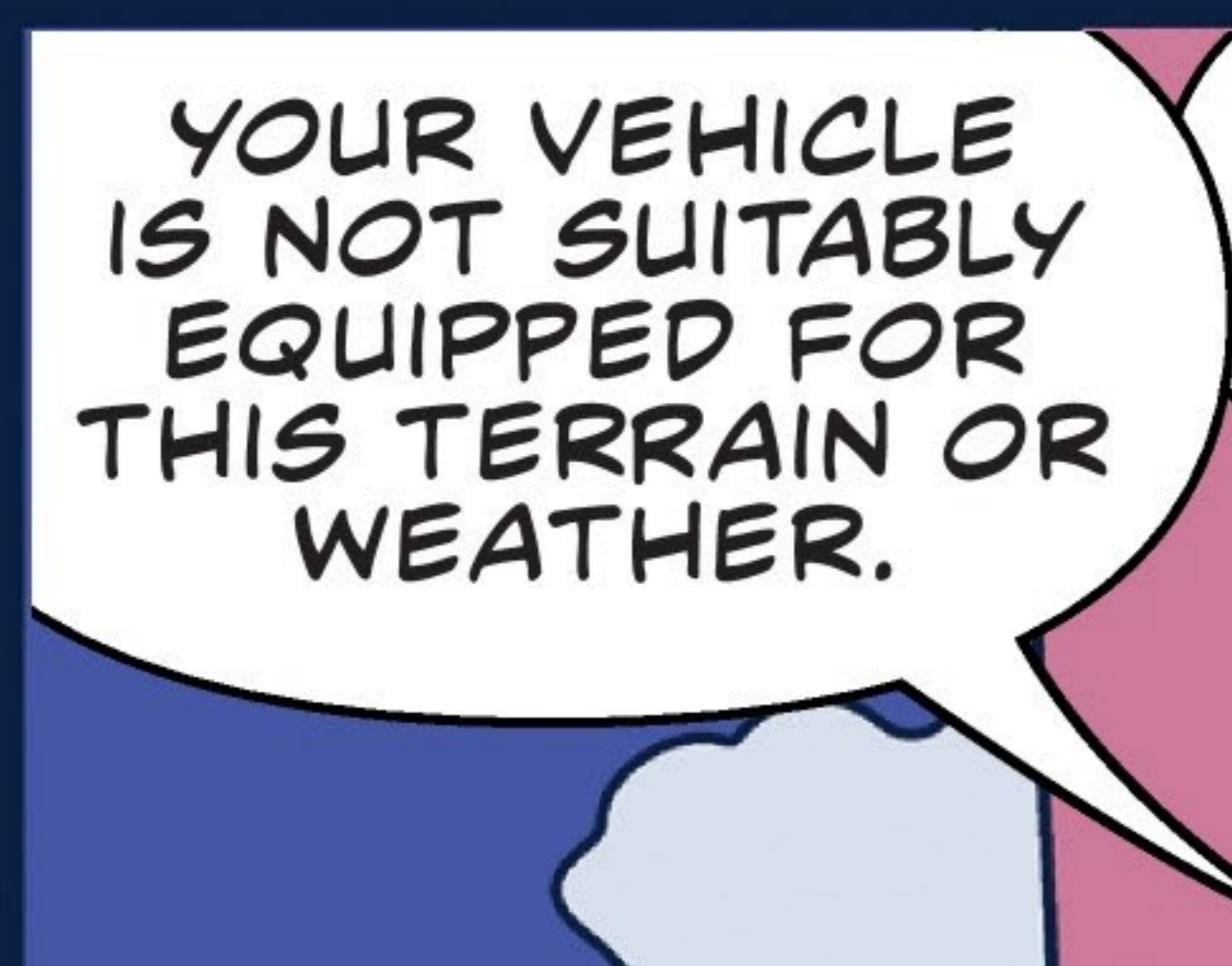


EGGMAN... IS YOUR "FATHER"?

YES.



GOOD FOR YOU.



YOUR VEHICLE IS NOT SUITABLY EQUIPPED FOR THIS TERRAIN OR WEATHER.

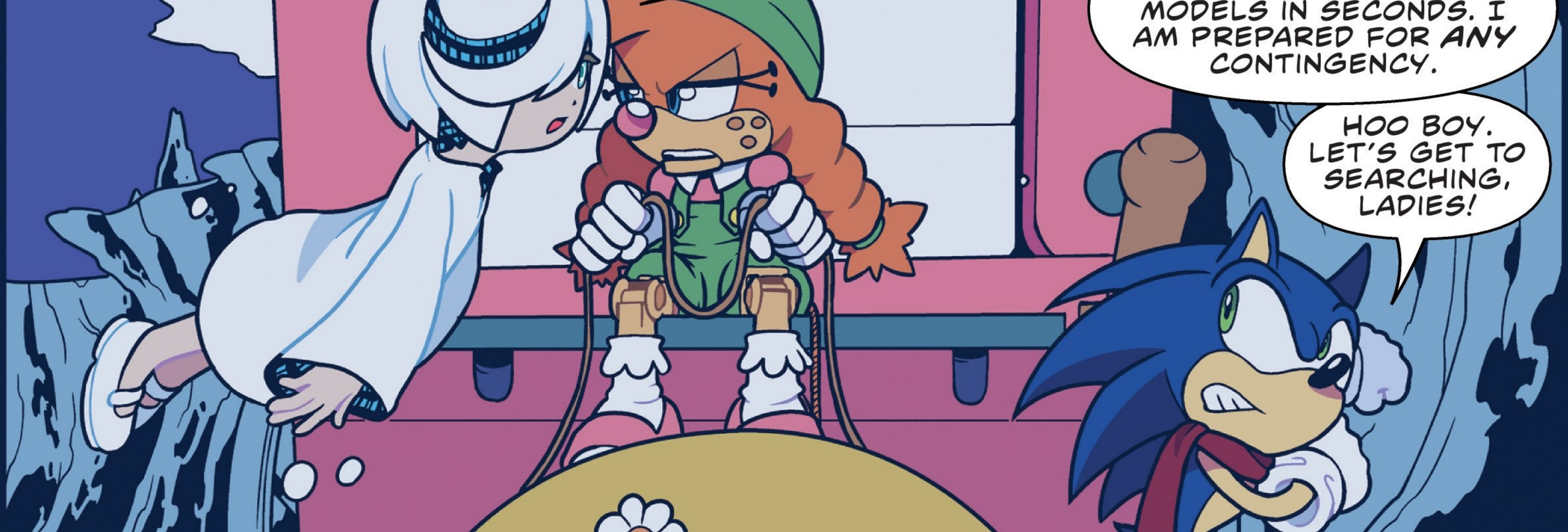
OH, SORRY, I DIDN'T THINK I'D BE TRAVELING TO THE ARCTIC UNDER THREAT OF BEING TAKEN HOSTAGE.

AN OVERSIGHT ON YOUR PART.

OH, WHAT? LIKE YOU COULD'VE PREDICTED THAT?

I CAN COMPILE MILLIONS OF PREDICTIVE MODELS IN SECONDS. I AM PREPARED FOR ANY CONTINGENCY.

HOO BOY. LET'S GET TO SEARCHING, LADIES!



A FEW HOURS LATER...

BRR! SUN'S ALMOST DOWN AND A STORM'S BLOWING IN. WE SHOULD CALL IT A NIGHT.

NEGATIVE. THE SEARCH WILL CONTINUE UNTIL WE FIND METAL SONIC.

THE SEARCH IS GONNA STOP PERMANENTLY IF WE GET FROZEN SOLID.

THE LIMITATIONS OF YOUR BIOLOGY AND PHYSICAL NATURES ARE PROVING TO BE A LIABILITY TO THE MISSION.

WHAT'S THE MATTER? DIDN'T THINK TO CALCULATE FOR THAT?

SONIC HAS PROVEN HE CAN OVERCOME ANY HAZARDOUS SCENARIO. AND YOU ARE ONLY REQUIRED TO PERFORM AT BASE FUNCTIONALITY.

ALL THIS AND I GET TO LOOK FORWARD TO FACING METAL SONIC AGAIN...

ALL RIGHT, I'M CALLING IT! EVERYONE GET COZY IN THE WAGON TILL THE SUN'S UP!

I DID NOT AUTHORIZE...

YOU'RE WELCOME TO SIT OUTSIDE IN THE STORM, KIDDO!

SORRY IT'S SO CRAMPED. I DON'T DO A WHOLE LOT OF, UH, SLEEPING.

IT'S COZY! 'SIDES, I'M HERE TO HELP YOU, NOT GET THE FIVE-STAR HOTEL EXPERIENCE.

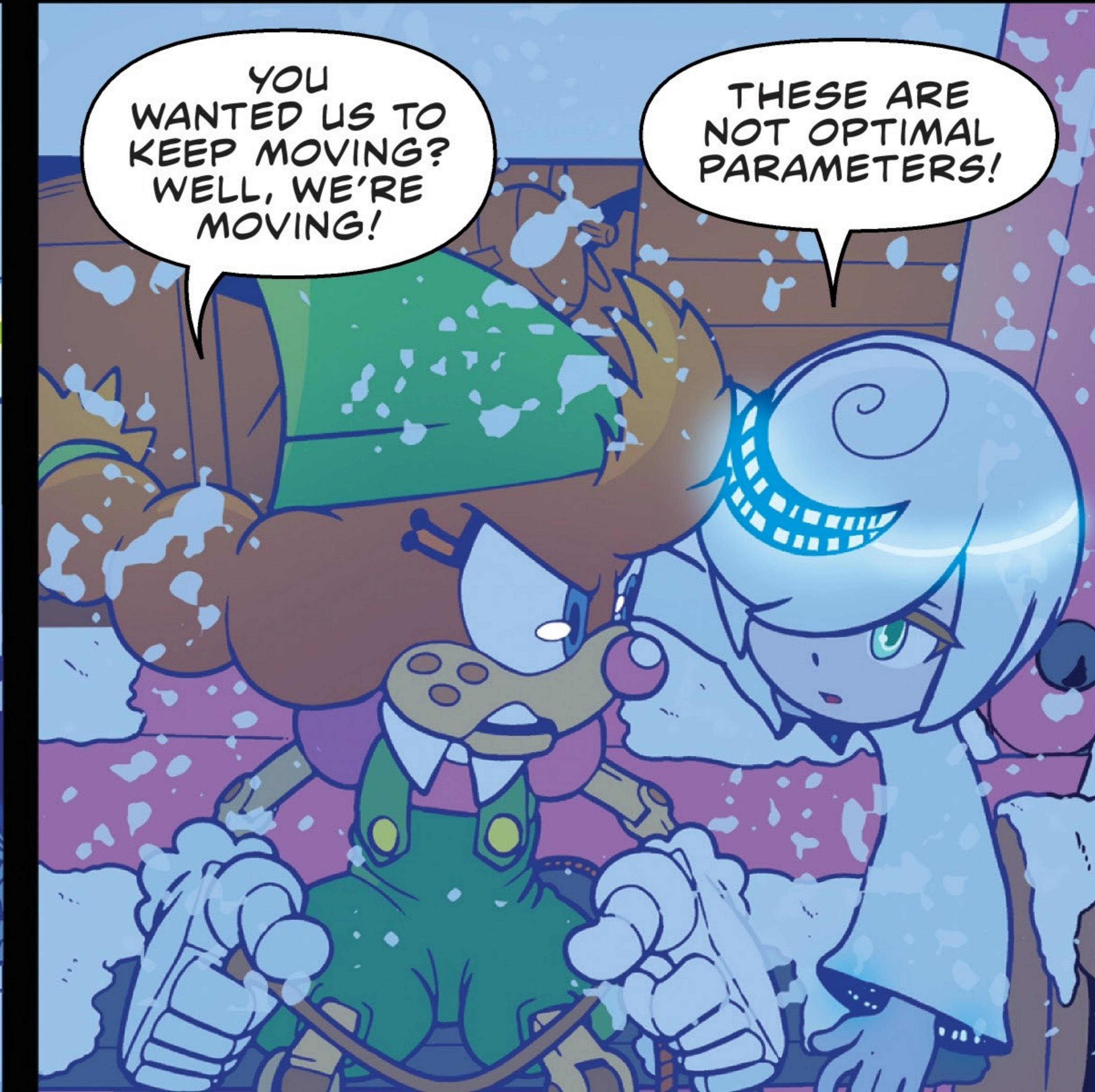
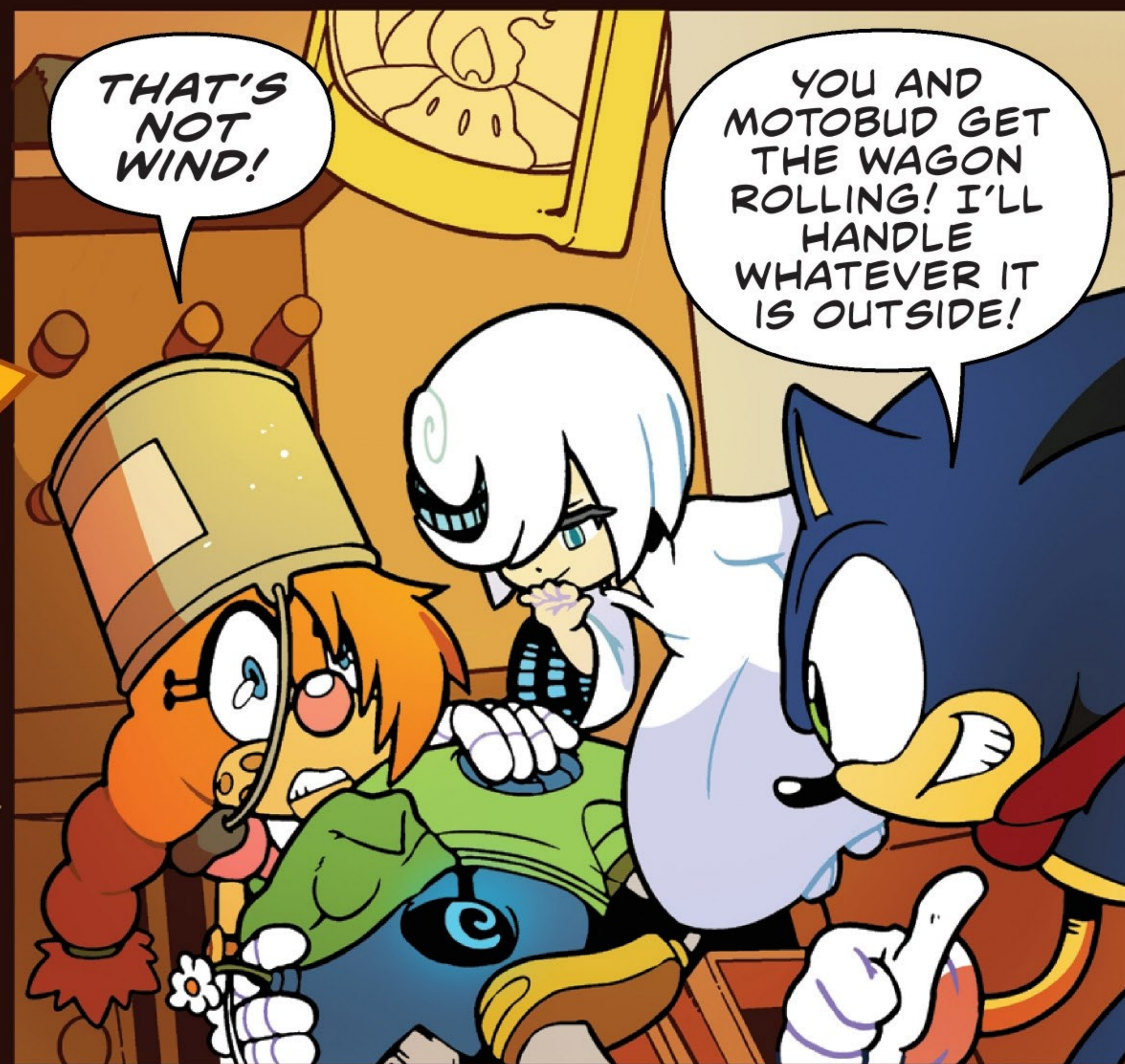
IT IS... RUDIMENTARY.

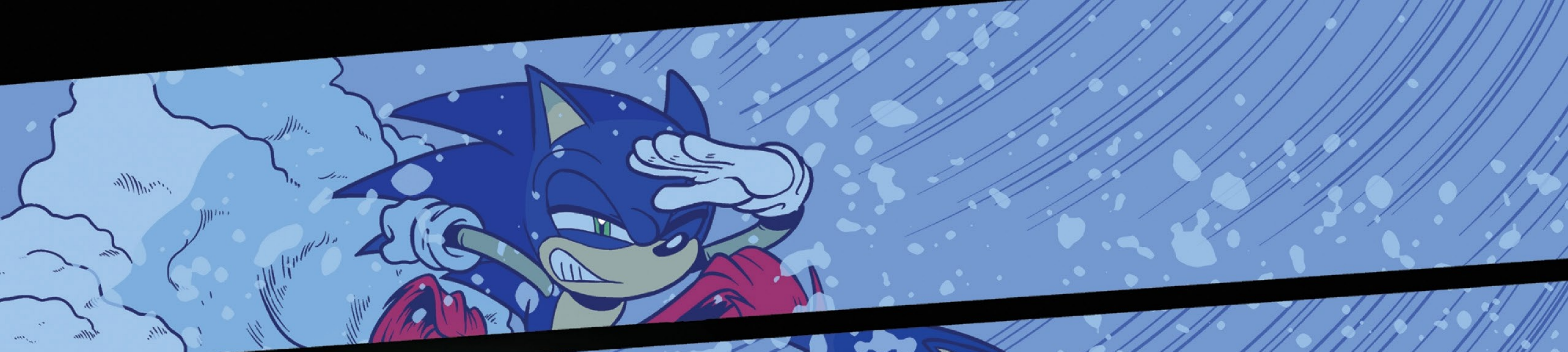
OKAY! YOU KNOW WHAT?!

**KHAM**

GEARS AND STARTERS! WHAT WAS THAT?!

IF WE'RE LUCKY? BIG OL' GUST OF WIND. IF WE'RE UNLUCKY? THERE'S ORCAS UNDER THE ICE AND THEY MISSED DINNER.





AUGH!  
ALMOST!



LEAVE  
IT.

NO! I'M  
NOT LOSING  
MOTOBUD  
AGAIN!

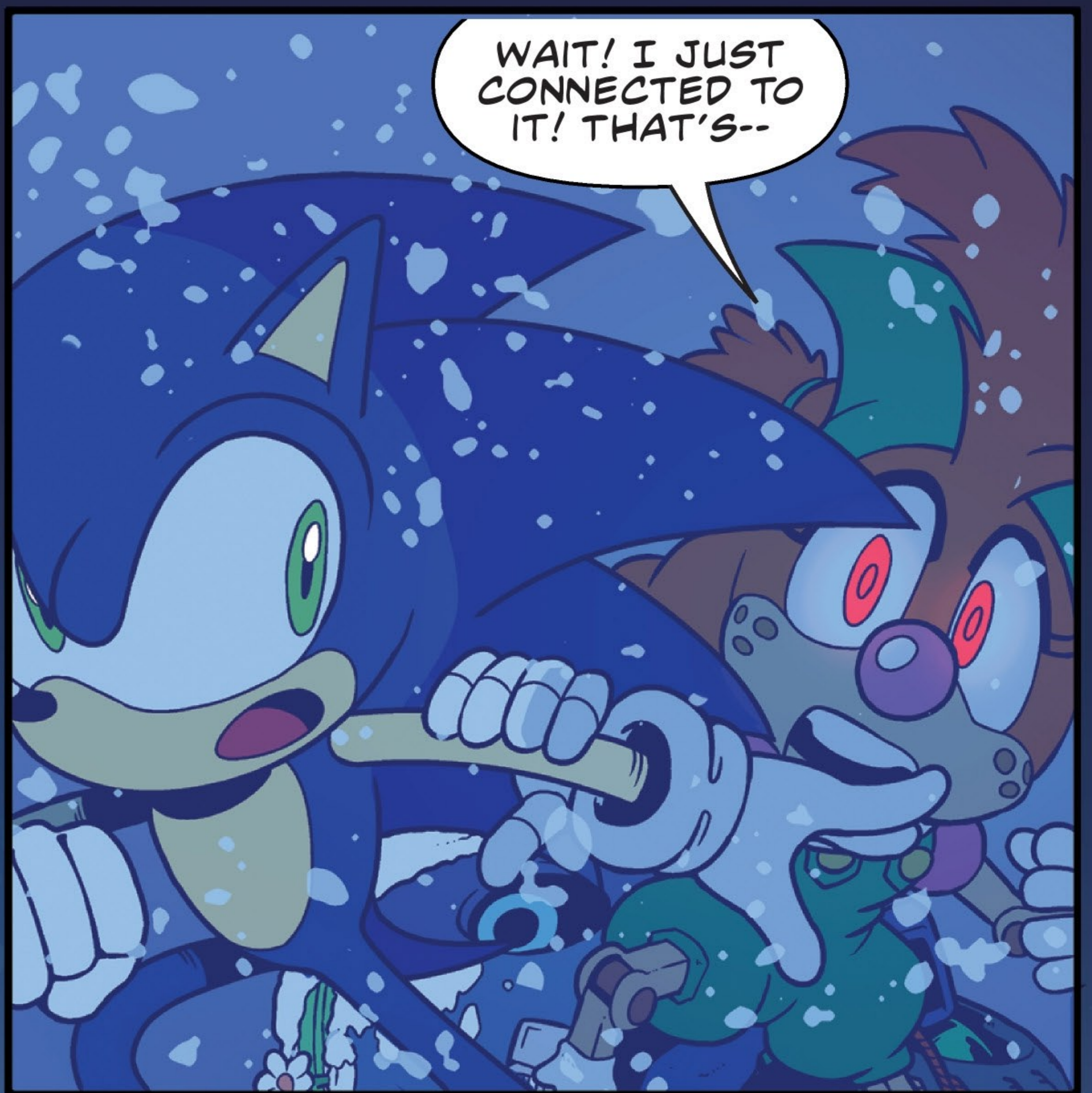
YOU ARE  
CRUCIAL TO  
THE MISSION.  
IT IS NOT.



HE IS  
WORTH  
MORE  
THAN--  
**YEEK!**

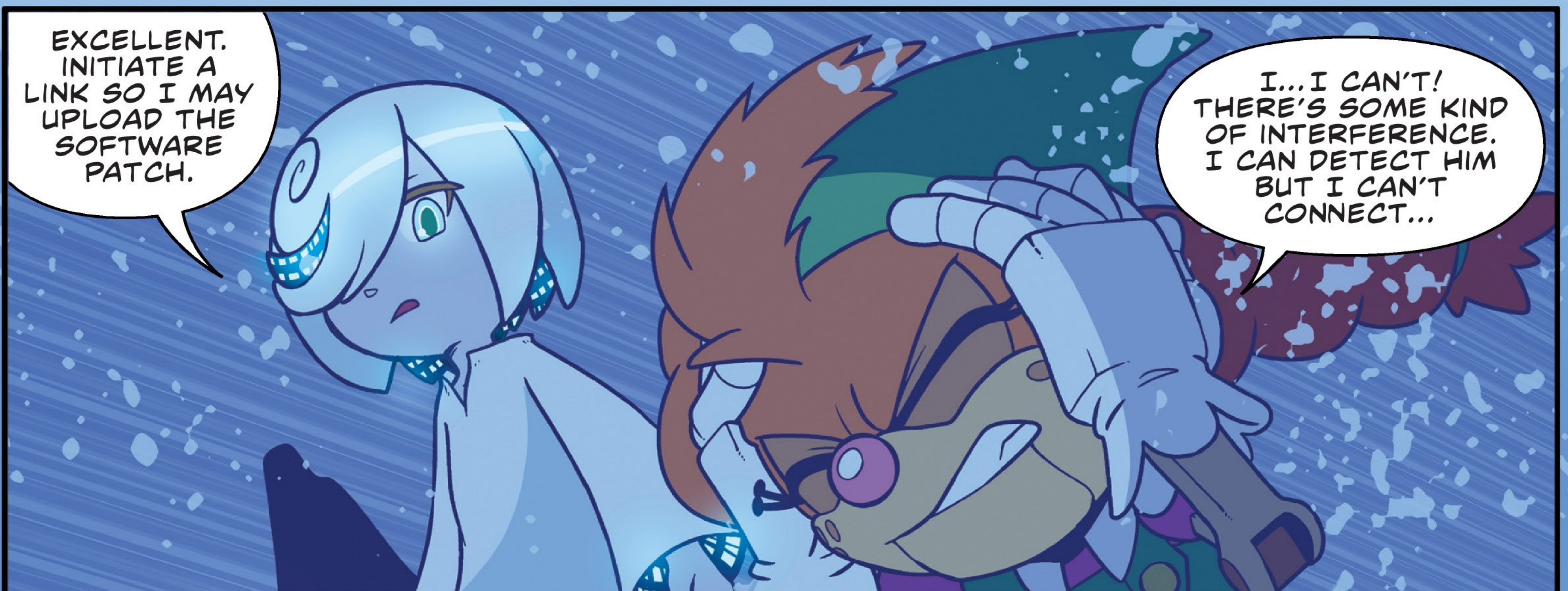


FINALLY DECIDED TO STAND STILL?



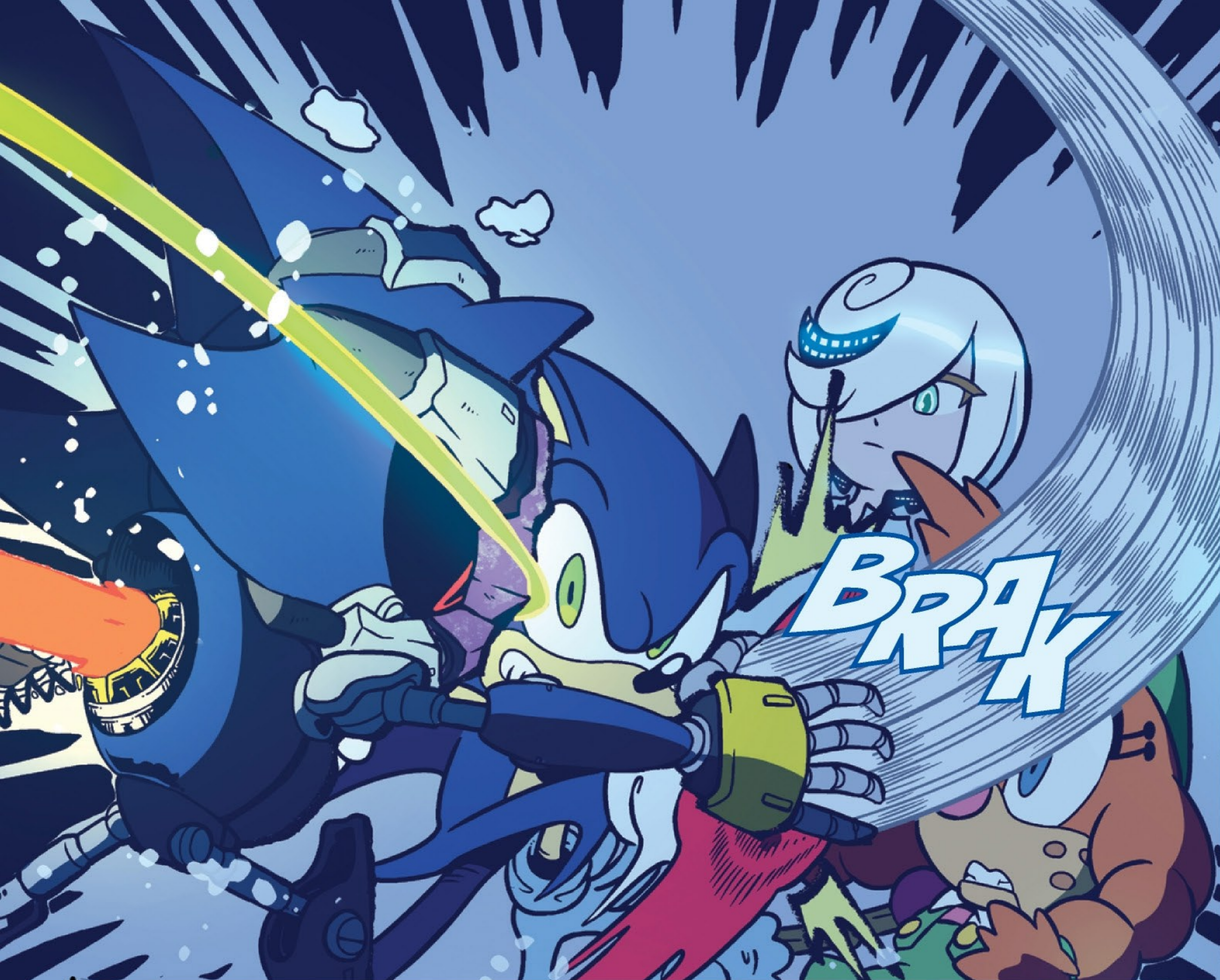
WAIT! I JUST CONNECTED TO IT! THAT'S--

**--METAL SONIC?!**

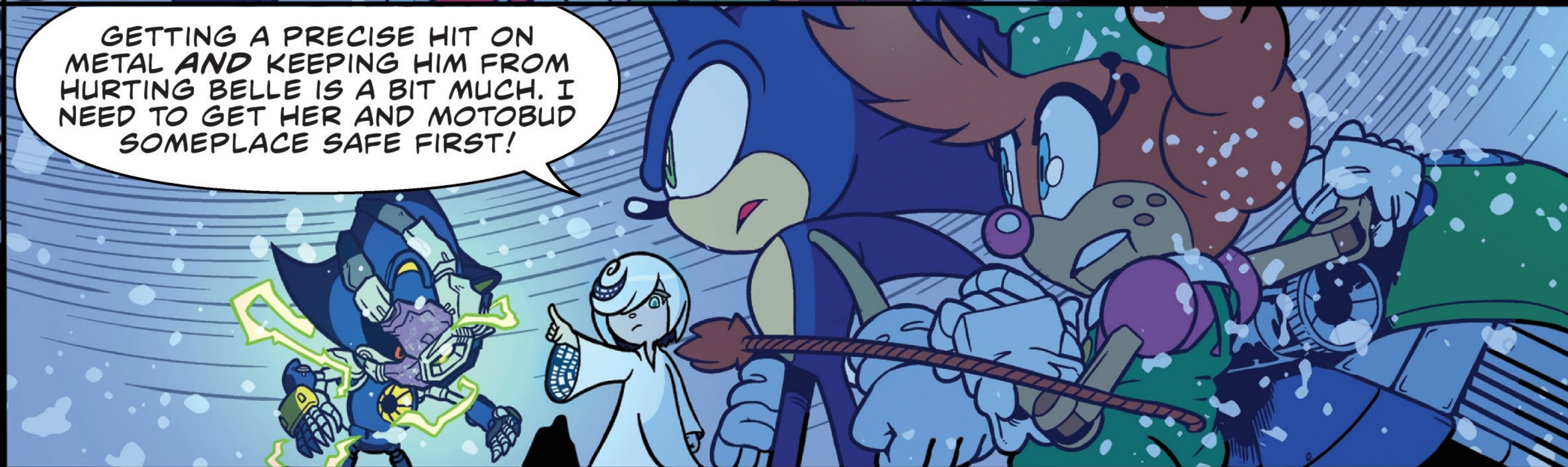


EXCELLENT. INITIATE A LINK SO I MAY UPLOAD THE SOFTWARE PATCH.

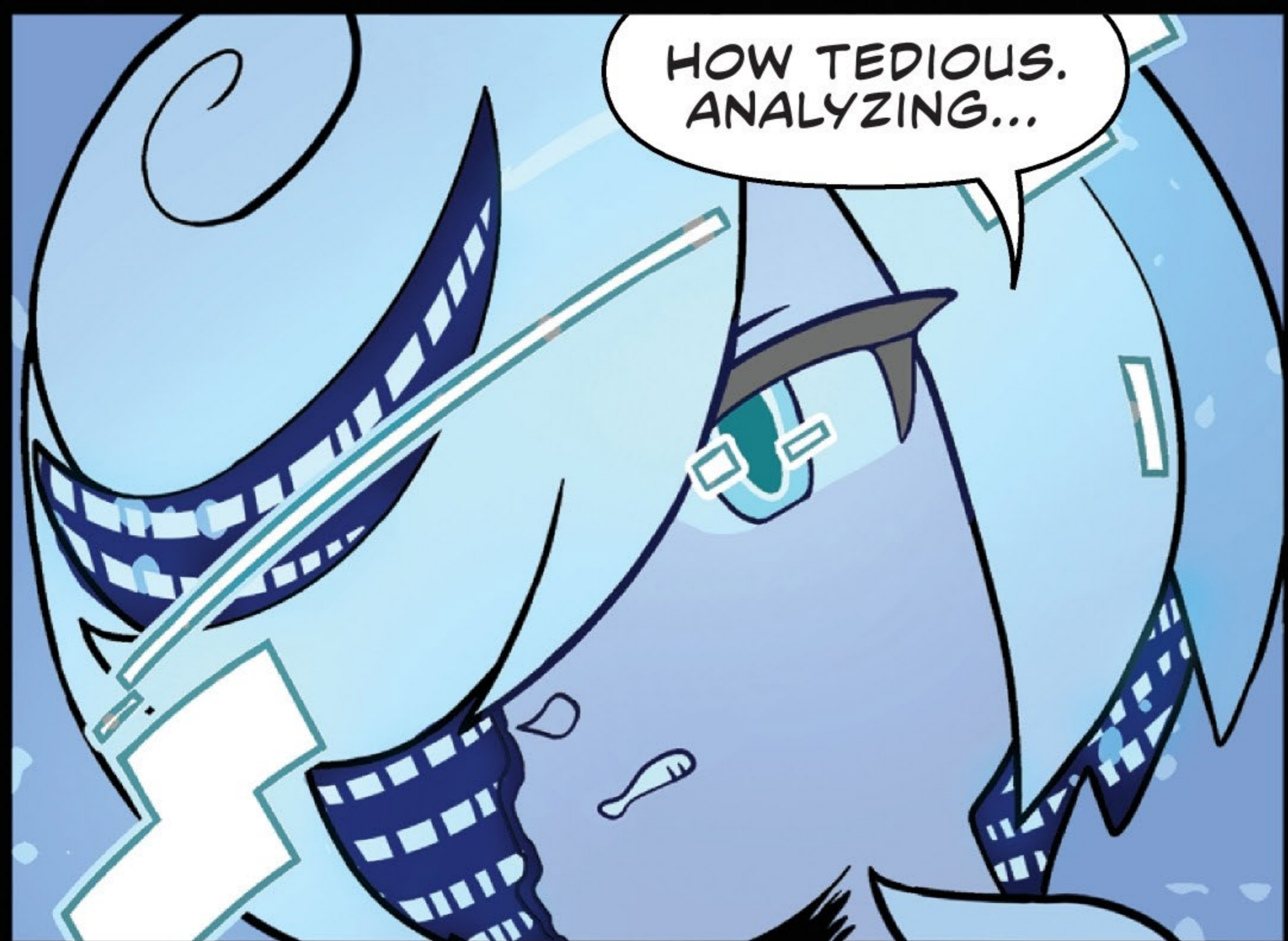
I...I CAN'T! THERE'S SOME KIND OF INTERFERENCE. I CAN DETECT HIM BUT I CAN'T CONNECT...



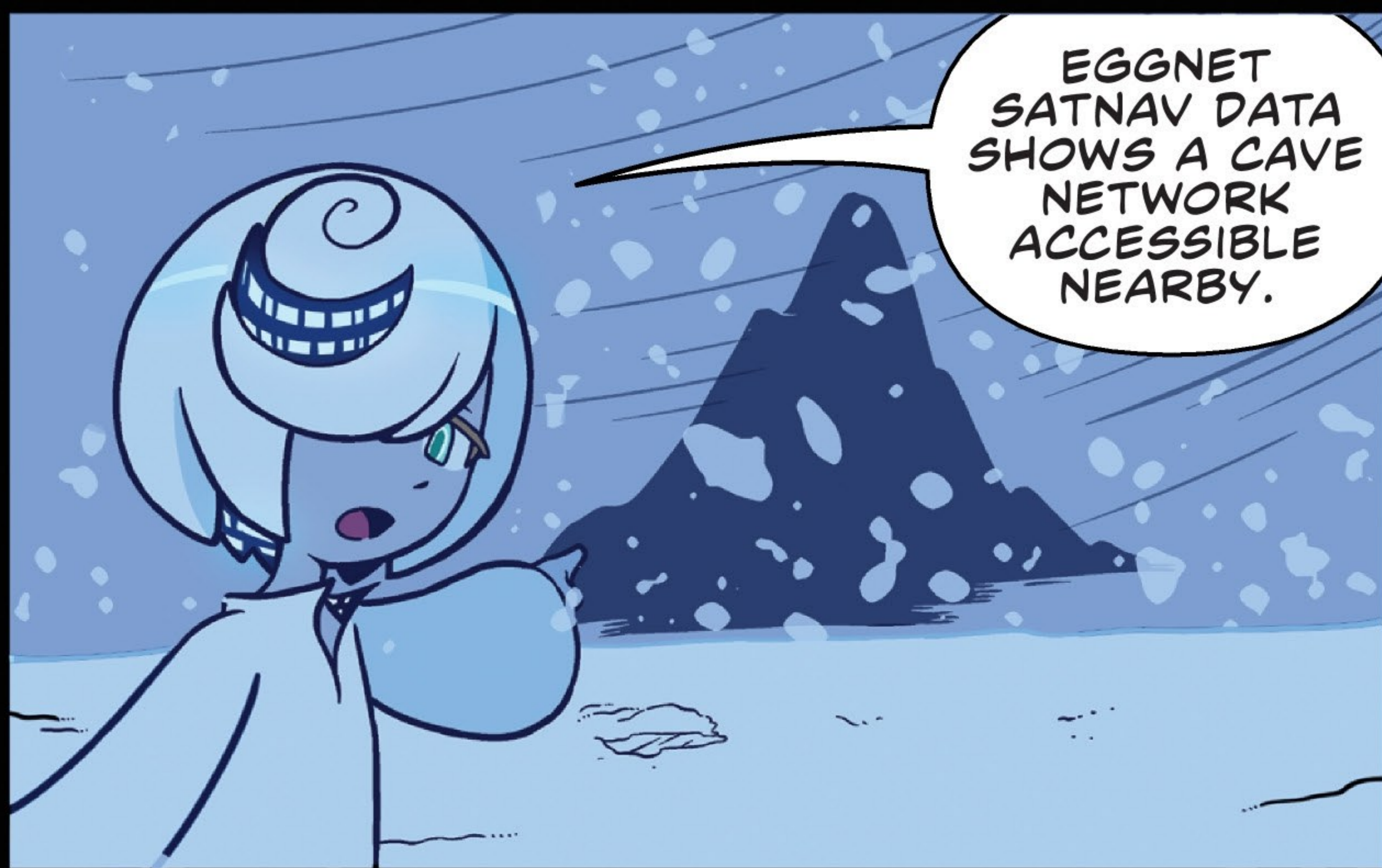
THAT ADDITIONAL  
HARDWARE MUST  
BE CAUSING THE  
INTERFERENCE.  
SONIC, DEAL  
WITH IT.



GETTING A PRECISE HIT ON  
METAL AND KEEPING HIM FROM  
HURTING BELLE IS A BIT MUCH. I  
NEED TO GET HER AND MOTOBUD  
SOMEPLACE SAFE FIRST!



HOW TEDIOUS.  
ANALYZING...



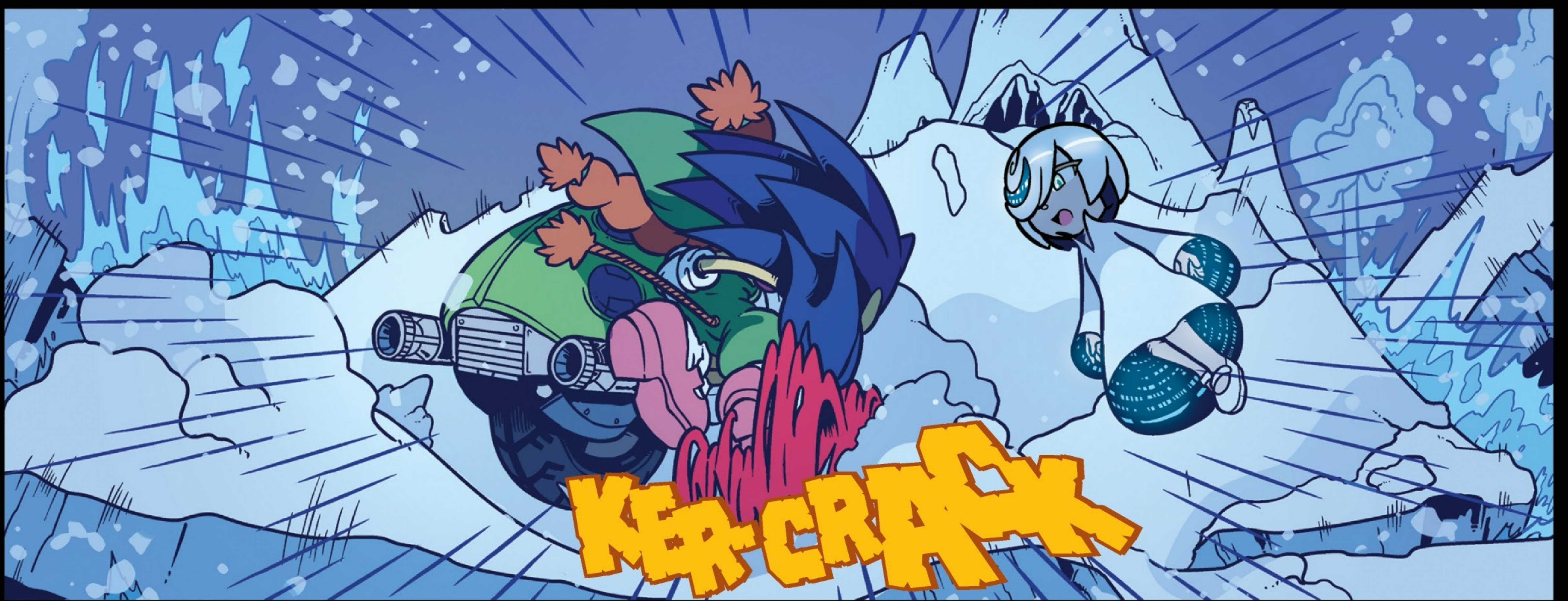
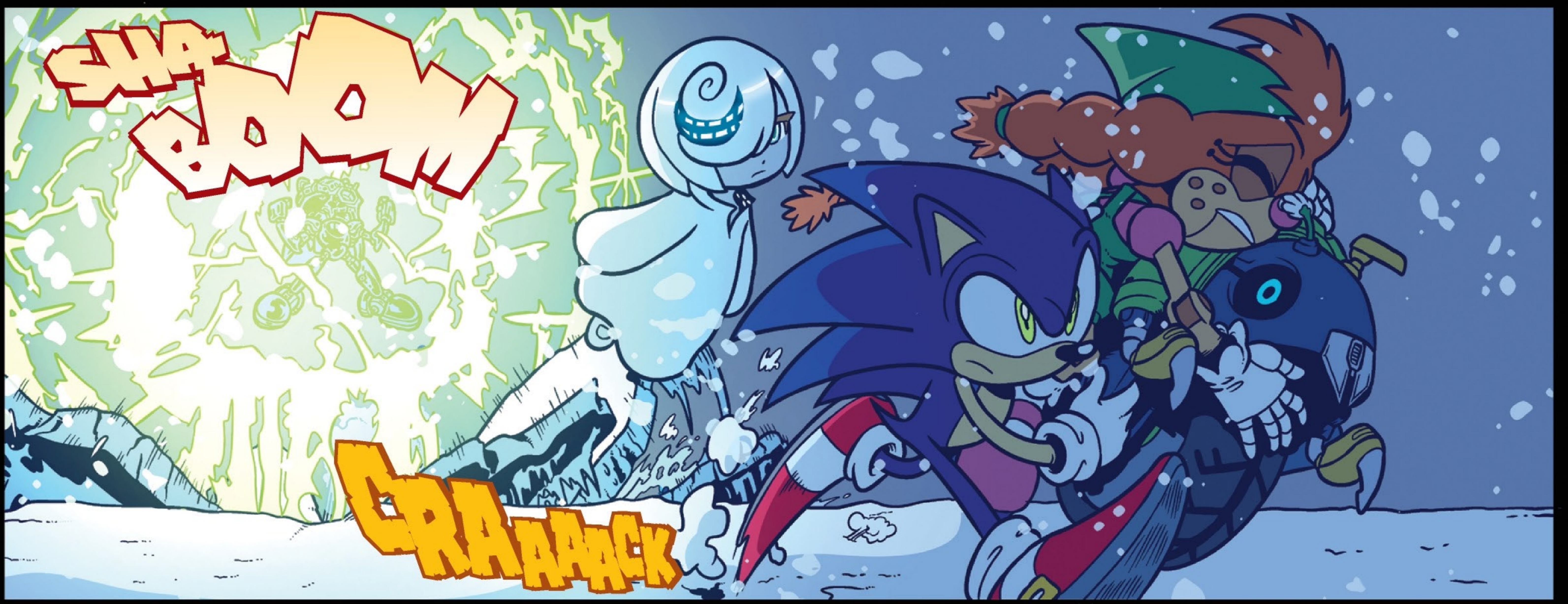
EGGNET  
SATNAV DATA  
SHOWS A CAVE  
NETWORK  
ACCESSIBLE  
NEARBY.

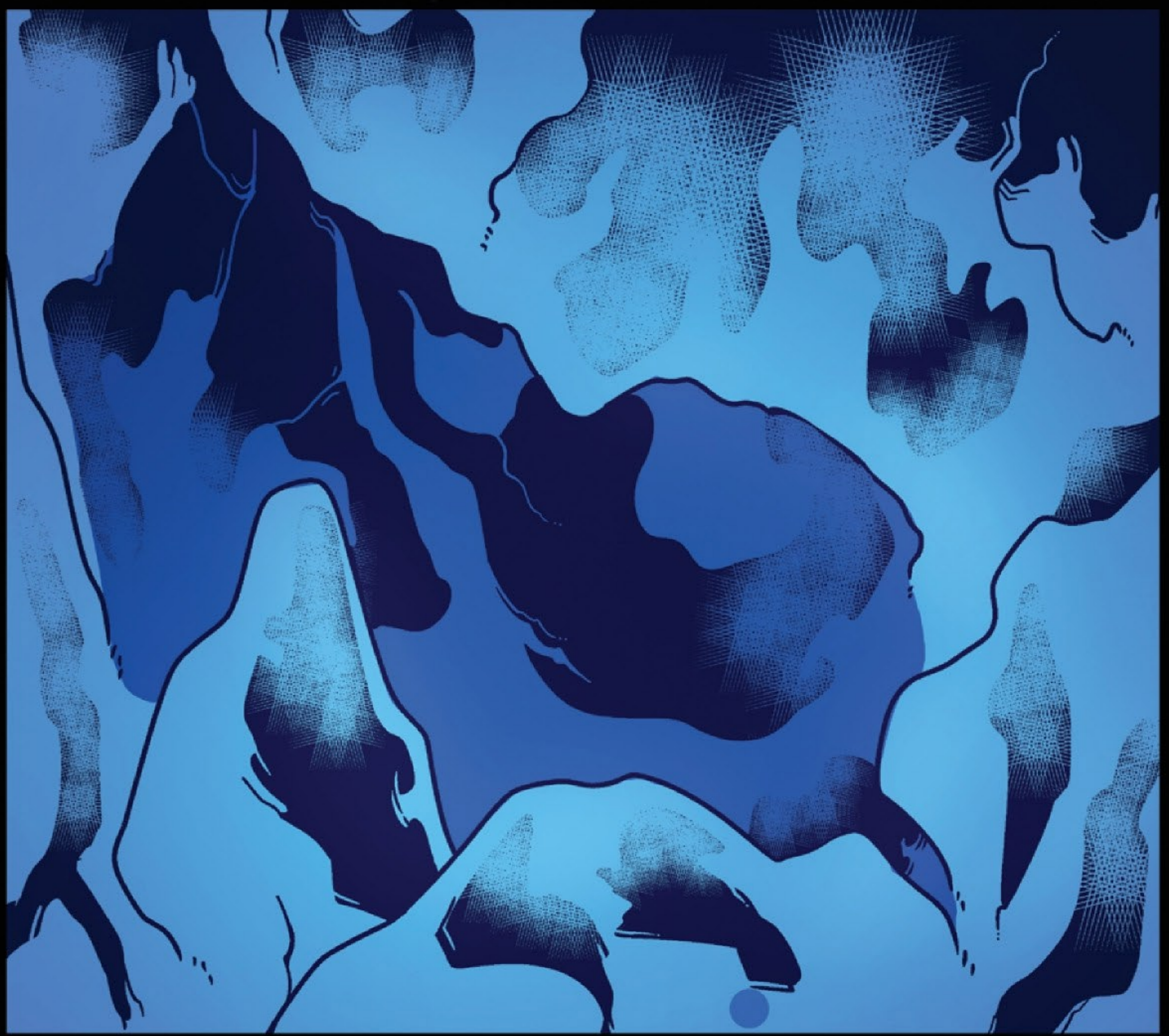
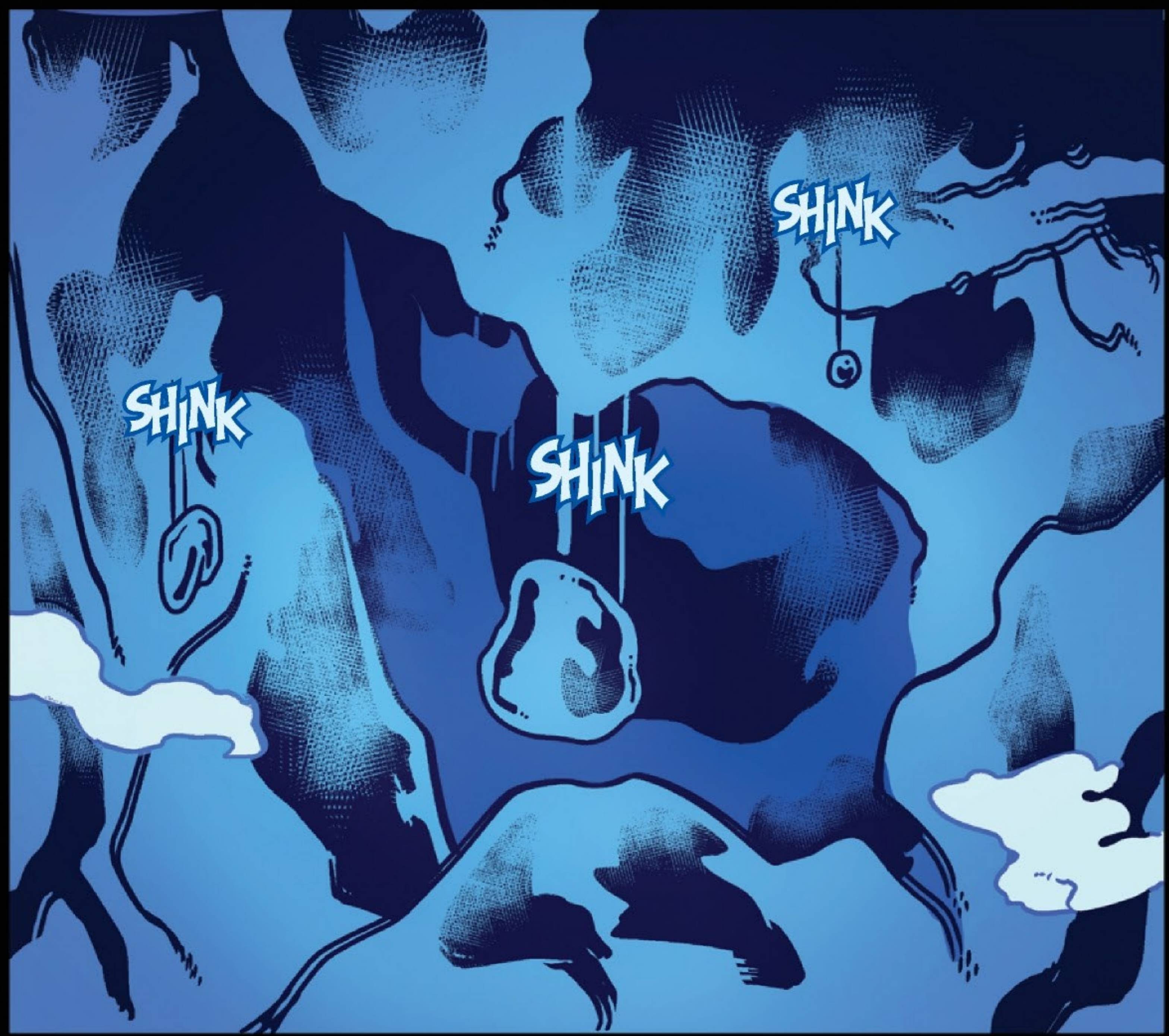
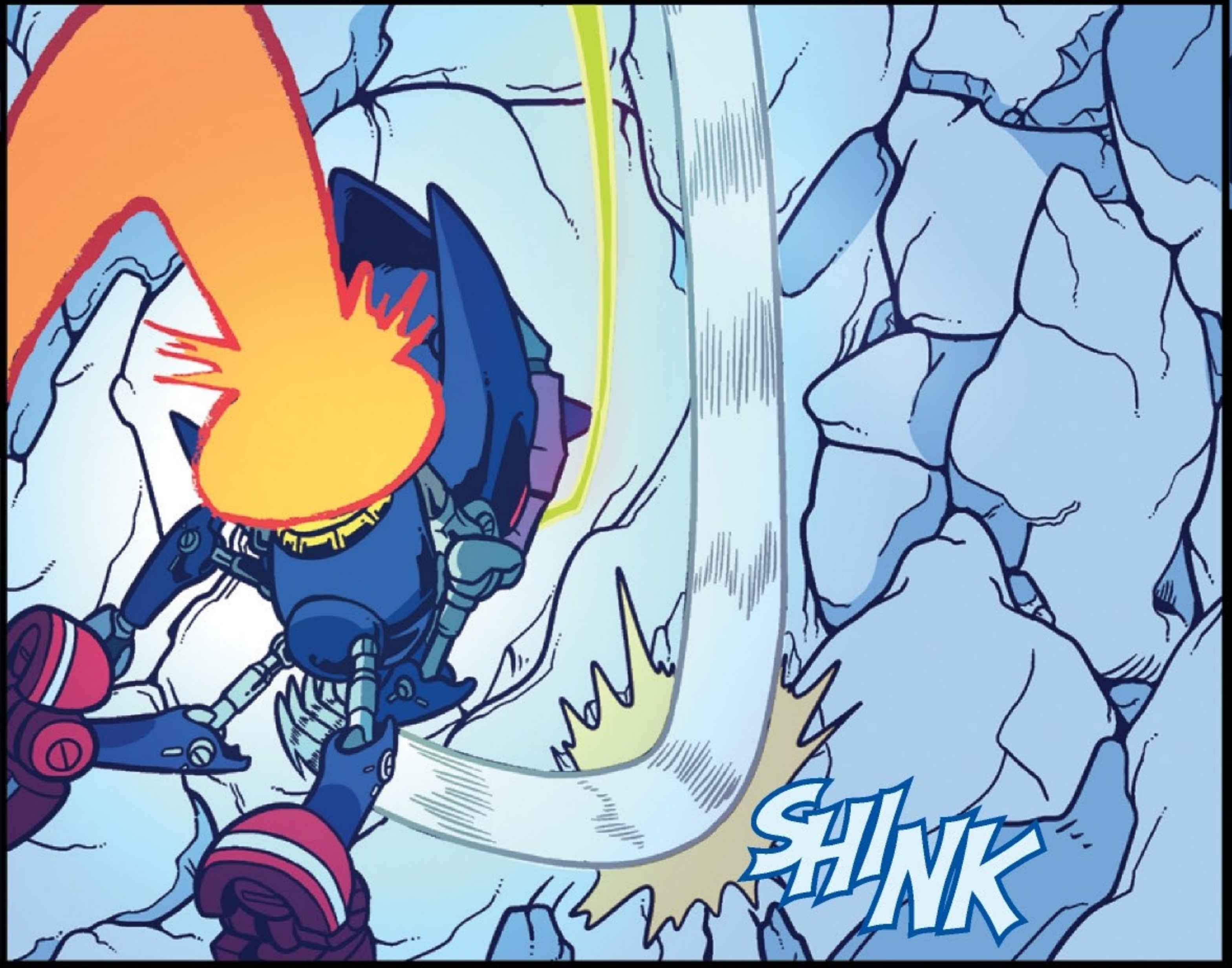


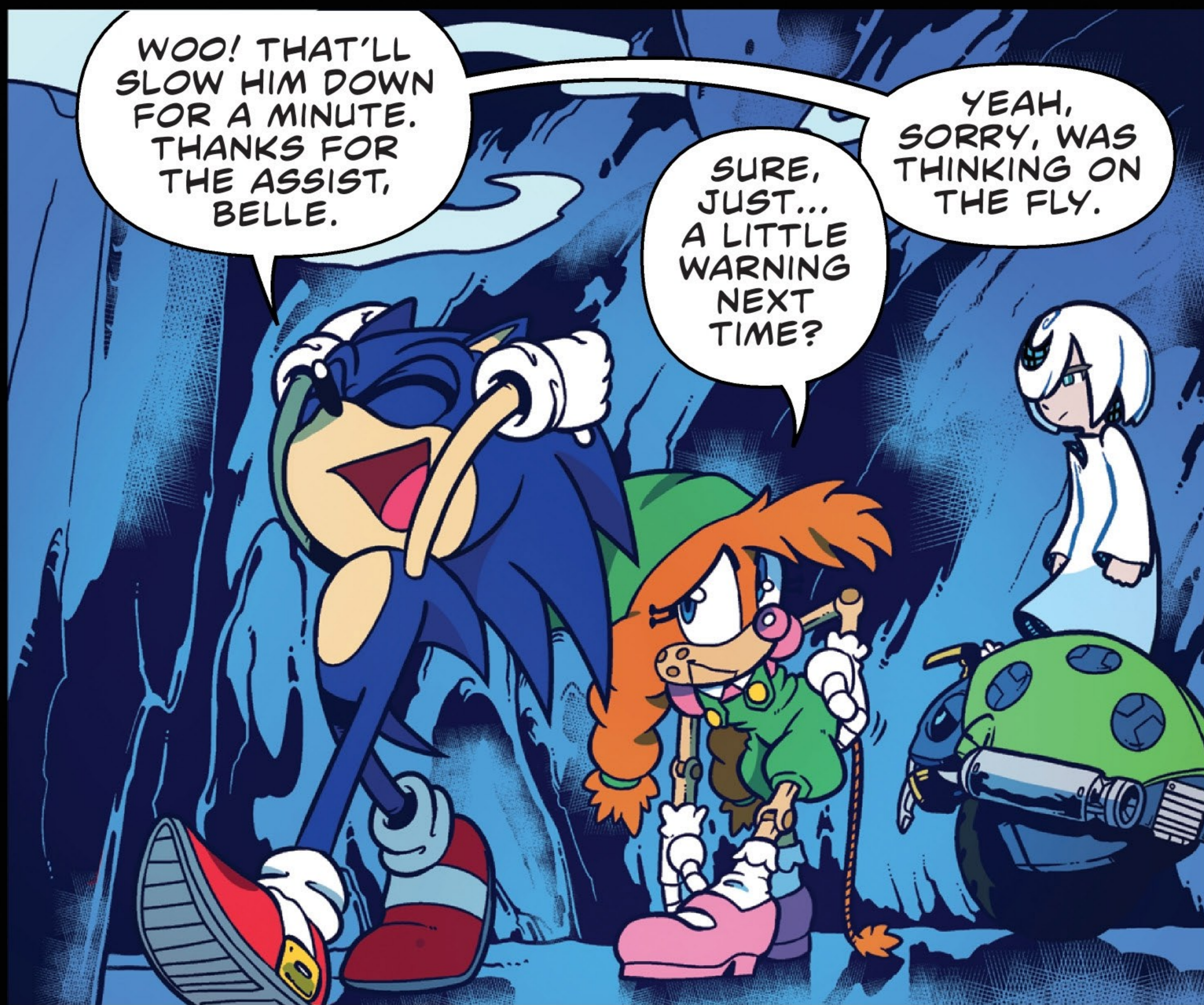
WMMMM

S-SONIC,  
WE'RE ON A  
FROZEN  
LAKE... THE  
ICE...

IF THE ICE  
BREAKS, IT  
BREAKS! WE  
GOTTA  
MOVE!







WOO! THAT'LL SLOW HIM DOWN FOR A MINUTE. THANKS FOR THE ASSIST, BELLE.

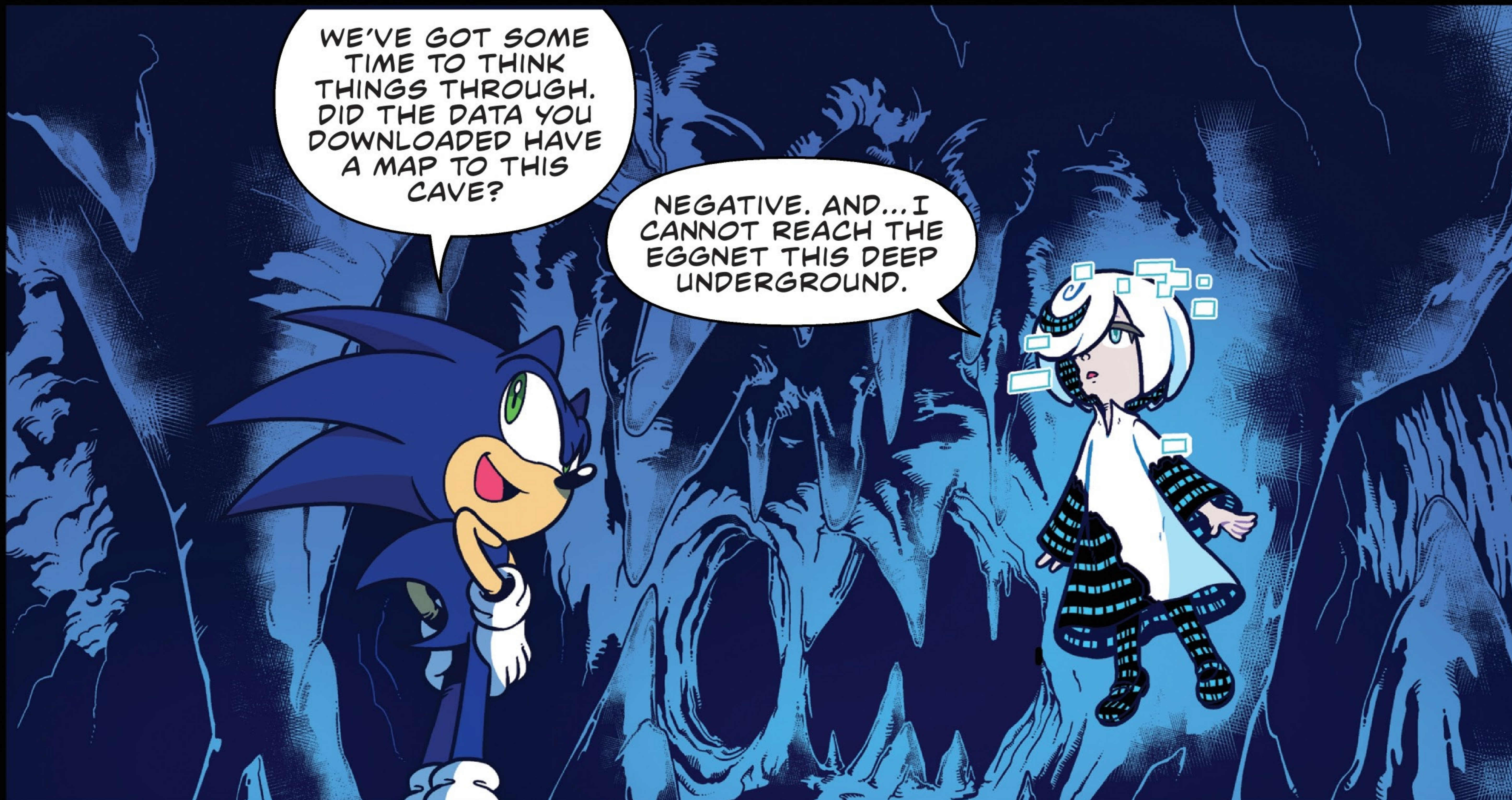
SURE, JUST... A LITTLE WARNING NEXT TIME?

YEAH, SORRY, WAS THINKING ON THE FLY.



WERE YOU THINKING AT ALL? METAL SONIC IS OUR TARGET. NOW WE ARE TRAPPED BY YOUR CAVE-IN.

OH, HOW I MISSED YOUR POSITIVE ATTITUDE.



WE'VE GOT SOME TIME TO THINK THINGS THROUGH. DID THE DATA YOU DOWNLOADED HAVE A MAP TO THIS CAVE?

NEGATIVE. AND...I CANNOT REACH THE EGGNET THIS DEEP UNDERGROUND.

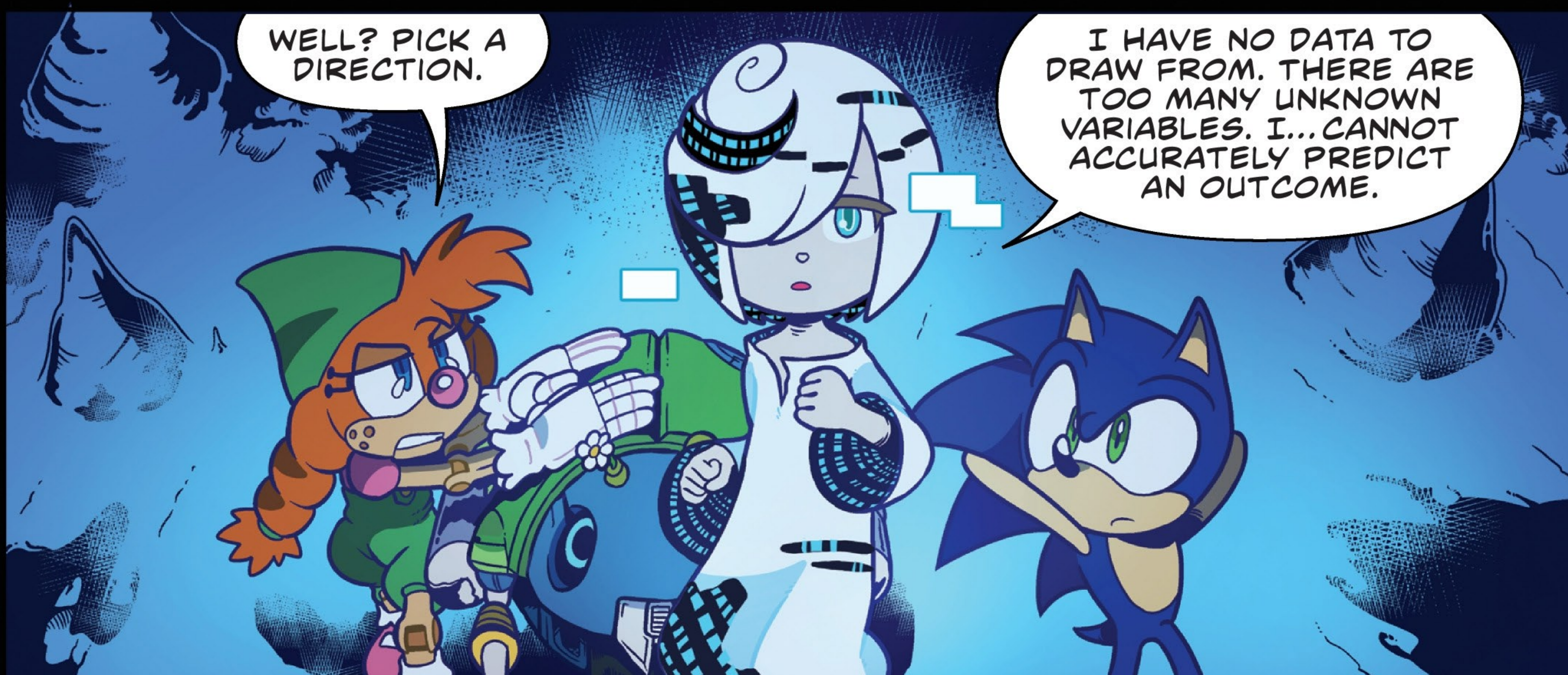
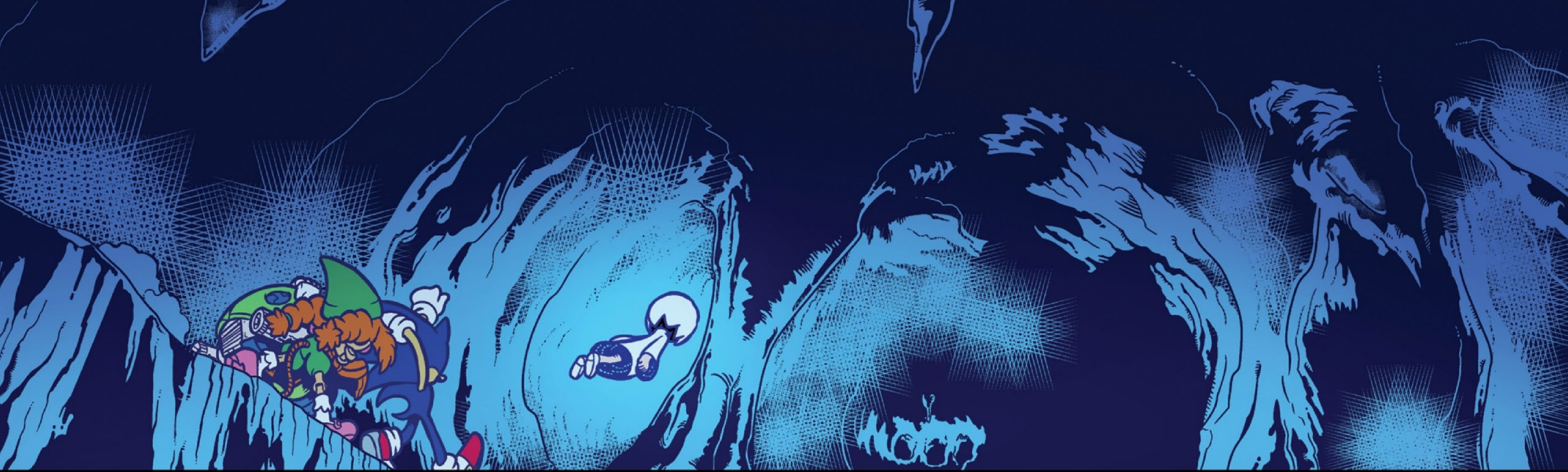


NO WORRIES-- WE'LL DO THIS THE OLD-FASHIONED WAY. WHY DON'T YOU LEAD, SINCE YOU'RE THE "BRIGHTEST" ONE HERE?



DO NOT GET OVERLY FAMILIAR WITH ME. I AM LOYAL TO DR. EGGMAN AND YOU ARE STILL MY ENEMY.

I'M GLIB WITH ALL MY ENEMIES. BETTER GET USED TO IT, EGG-KID.





I'M SORRY. I SHOULDN'T'VE...

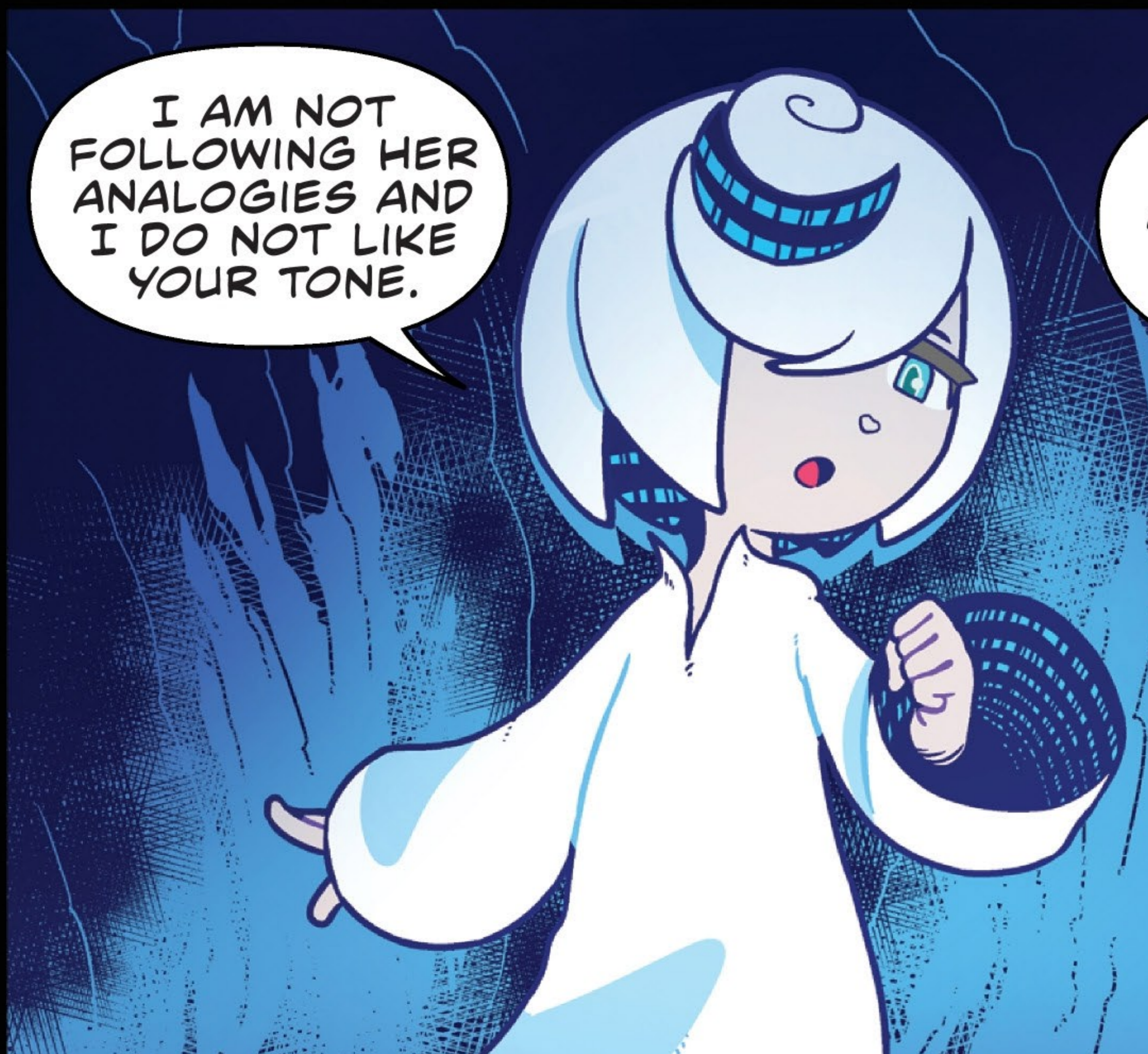


YOU'RE MY FRIEND. NOBODY IN THE WORLD COULD REPLACE YOU.

...THANK YOU.



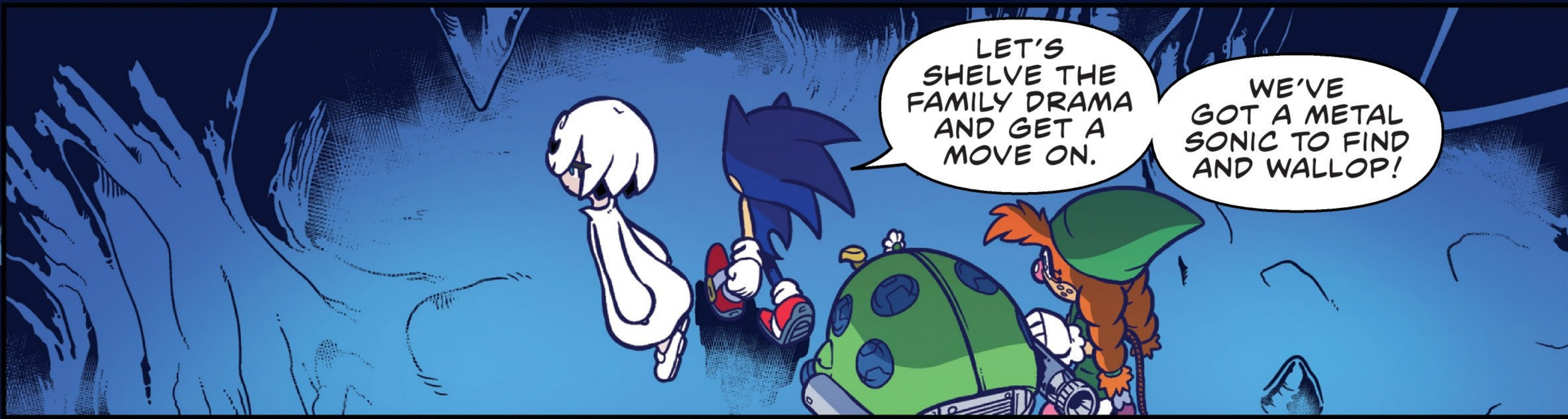
AND SAGE ISN'T REPLACING ANYONE. "MR. TINKER" MADE YOU WITH LOVE. EGGMAN AND SAGE'S DYNAMIC IS MORE OF A...HAPPY ACCIDENT.



I AM NOT FOLLOWING HER ANALOGIES AND I DO NOT LIKE YOUR TONE.

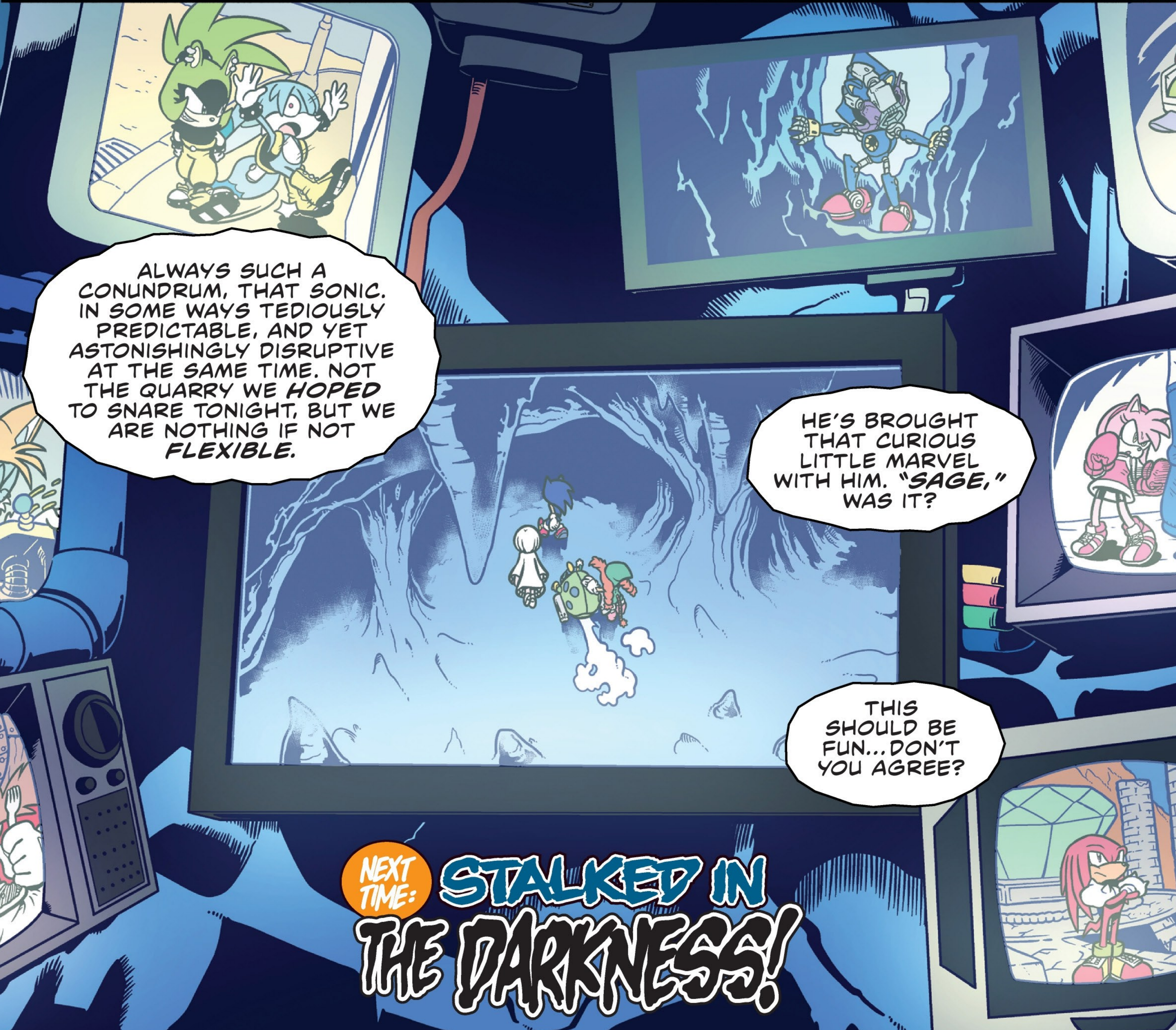
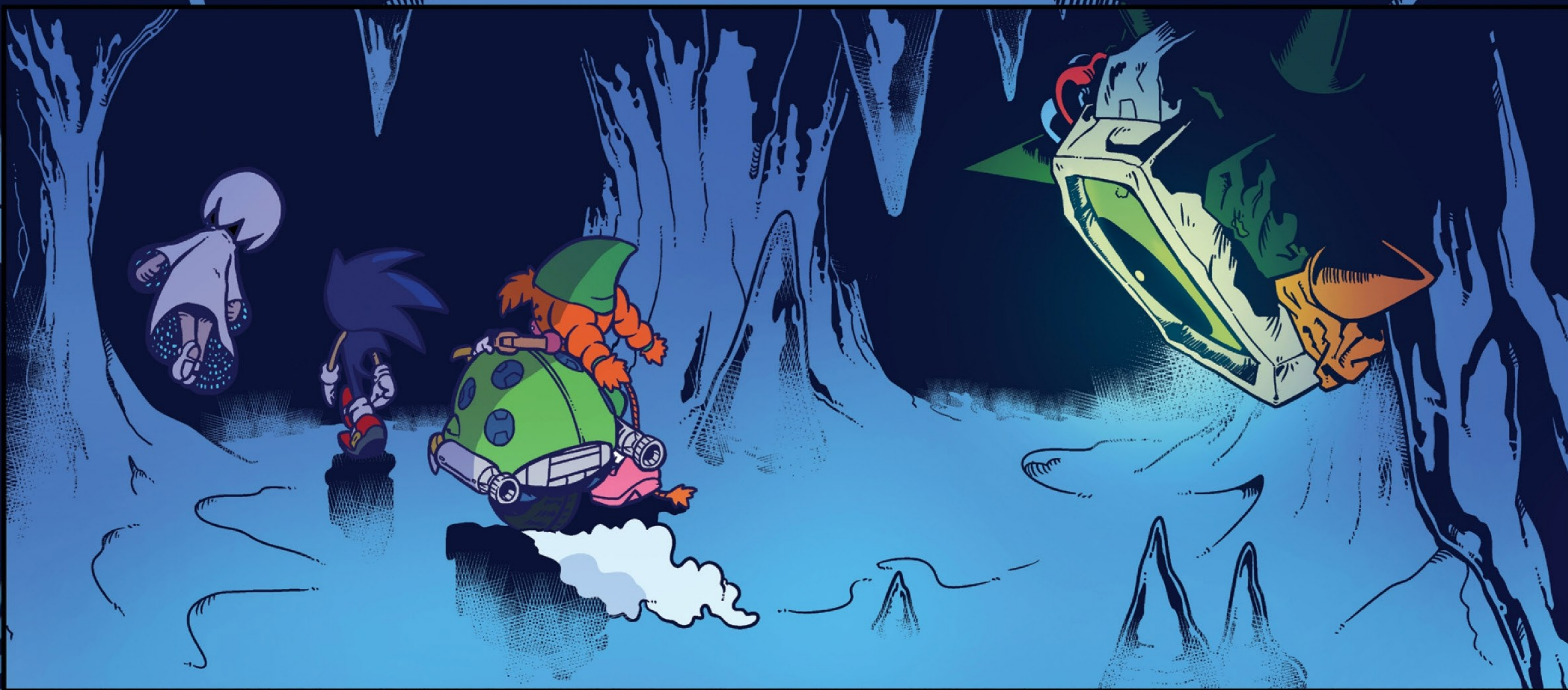
WHICH SHOWS THERE MIGHT BE HOPE FOR THE OL' YOLK YET.





LET'S  
SHELVE THE  
FAMILY DRAMA  
AND GET A  
MOVE ON.

WE'VE  
GOT A METAL  
SONIC TO FIND  
AND WALLOP!



ALWAYS SUCH A  
CONUNDRUM, THAT SONIC.  
IN SOME WAYS TEDIOUSLY  
PREDICTABLE, AND YET  
ASTONISHINGLY DISRUPTIVE  
AT THE SAME TIME. NOT  
THE QUARRY WE HOPED  
TO SNARE TONIGHT, BUT WE  
ARE NOTHING IF NOT  
FLEXIBLE.

HE'S BROUGHT  
THAT CURIOUS  
LITTLE MARVEL  
WITH HIM. "SAGE,"  
WAS IT?

THIS  
SHOULD BE  
FUN... DON'T  
YOU AGREE?

**NEXT TIME:** **STALKED IN  
THE DARKNESS!**

**NEXT MONTH...**



# SONIC LETTERS SQUAD

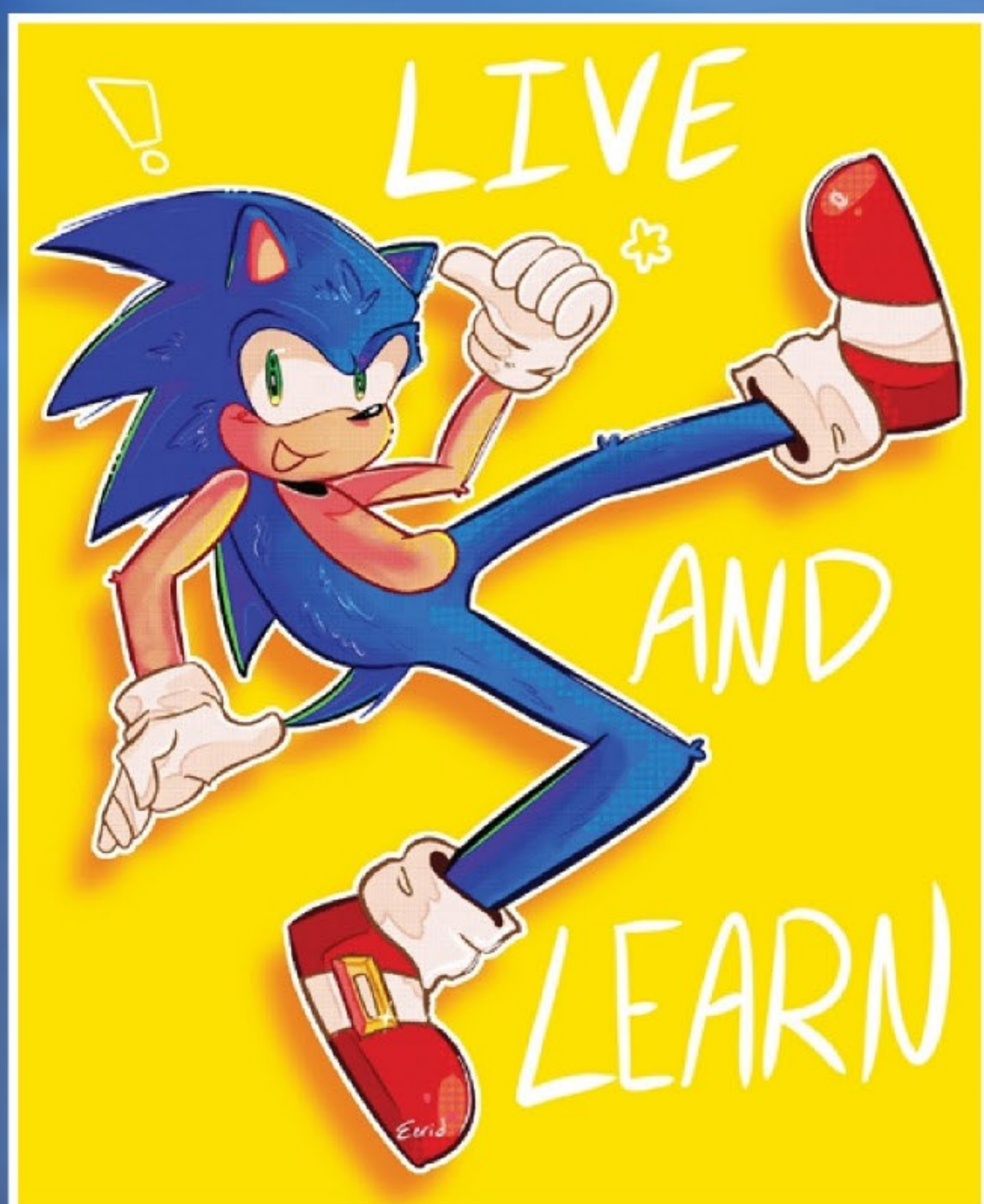
**SHE'S HERE! SAGE IS FINALLY HERE...AND IN THE WEIRDEST "FAMILY" REUNION EVER...CAN DR. EGGMAN'S CREATIONS SAVE EACH OTHER? OR WILL THEY BE TRAPPED BY THIS MYSTERIOUS FORCE OF THE TUNDRA? BEFORE WE FIND OUT, LET'S THANK OUR AMAZING TEAM WHO MADE IT POSSIBLE—EVAN STANLEY, IAN FLYNN, MAURO FONSECA, IASMIN OMAR ATA, AND ED DUKESHIRE! NOW, THE AMAZING WORDS AND ART FROM SONIC SQUAD!**

I just wanted to say that Sonic has been a big inspiration for me. I first got into the series when I was going through a pretty rough time so this franchise really did help me become more confident in myself and I one day hope to work under Sega to help make stories like this one! The possibilities are truly never-ending.  
-Ella.

We can't tell you how amazing that is to hear! Sonic and his friends are such a beacon of positivity, and we personally know how these joyous comics can get us through hard times. Here's hoping that we can continue to brighten your day!



ART BY ELLA



ART BY EERID



ART BY ROBERT

Hey IDW Sonic Team!

My name is Kari and I've been a Sonic fan for my entire life pretty much and I love the comics so much so I wanted to share some of my art. I drew a scene from the comics of all my favorite characters! I really like the comics and I know how hard it is to make comics that are at such high quality level and I'm excited to see more on all these new Sonic characters.

Sincerely,  
Kari

Hi, Kari! It's so amazing to see all of our characters together in one picture! Thank you so much for all of your hard work, and we're so glad you've enjoyed our new characters! Coming up, we'll be seeing some old favorites in bizarre new scenarios, so get ready!



ART BY KARI



ART BY TEDDY

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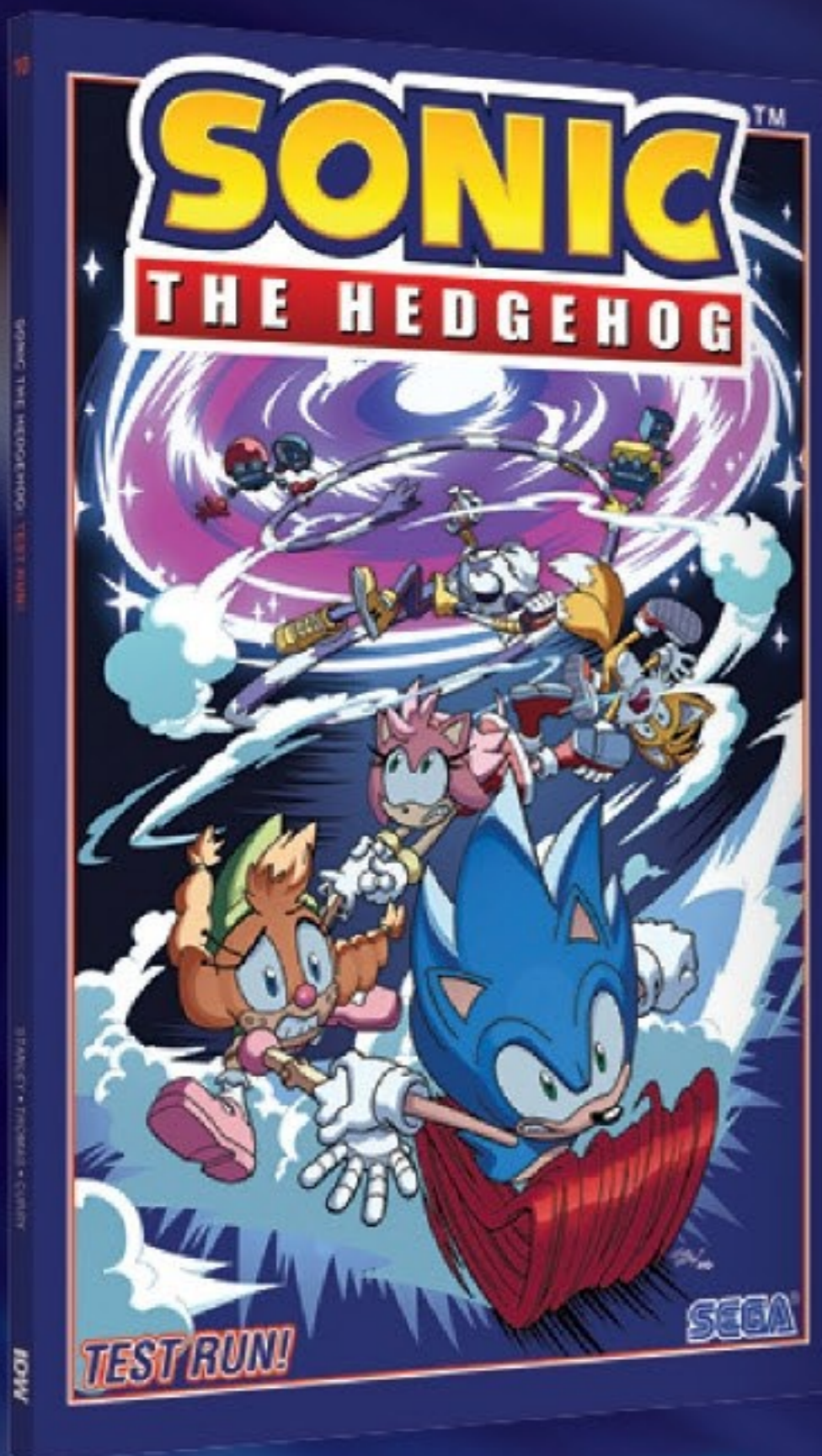


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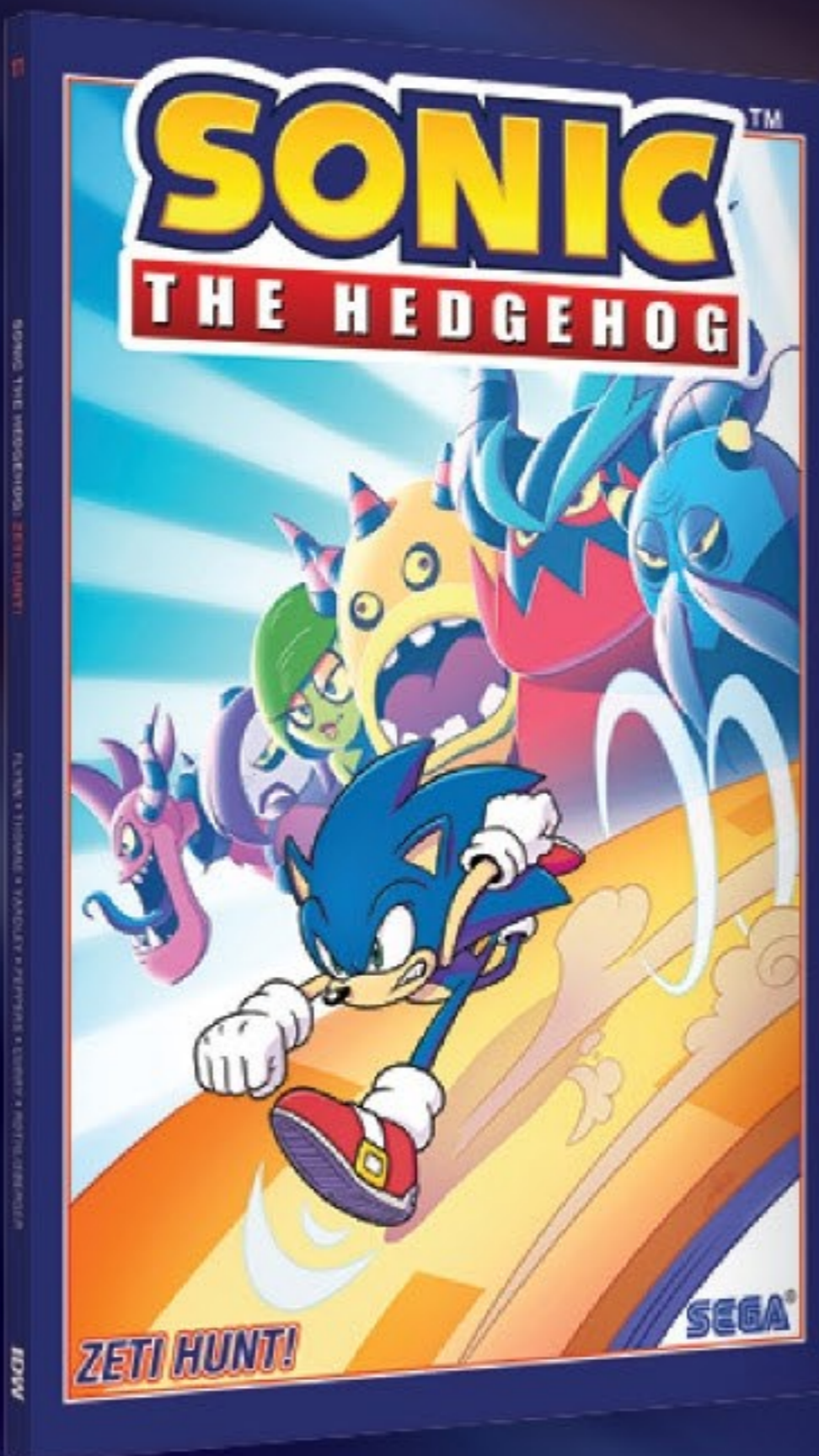
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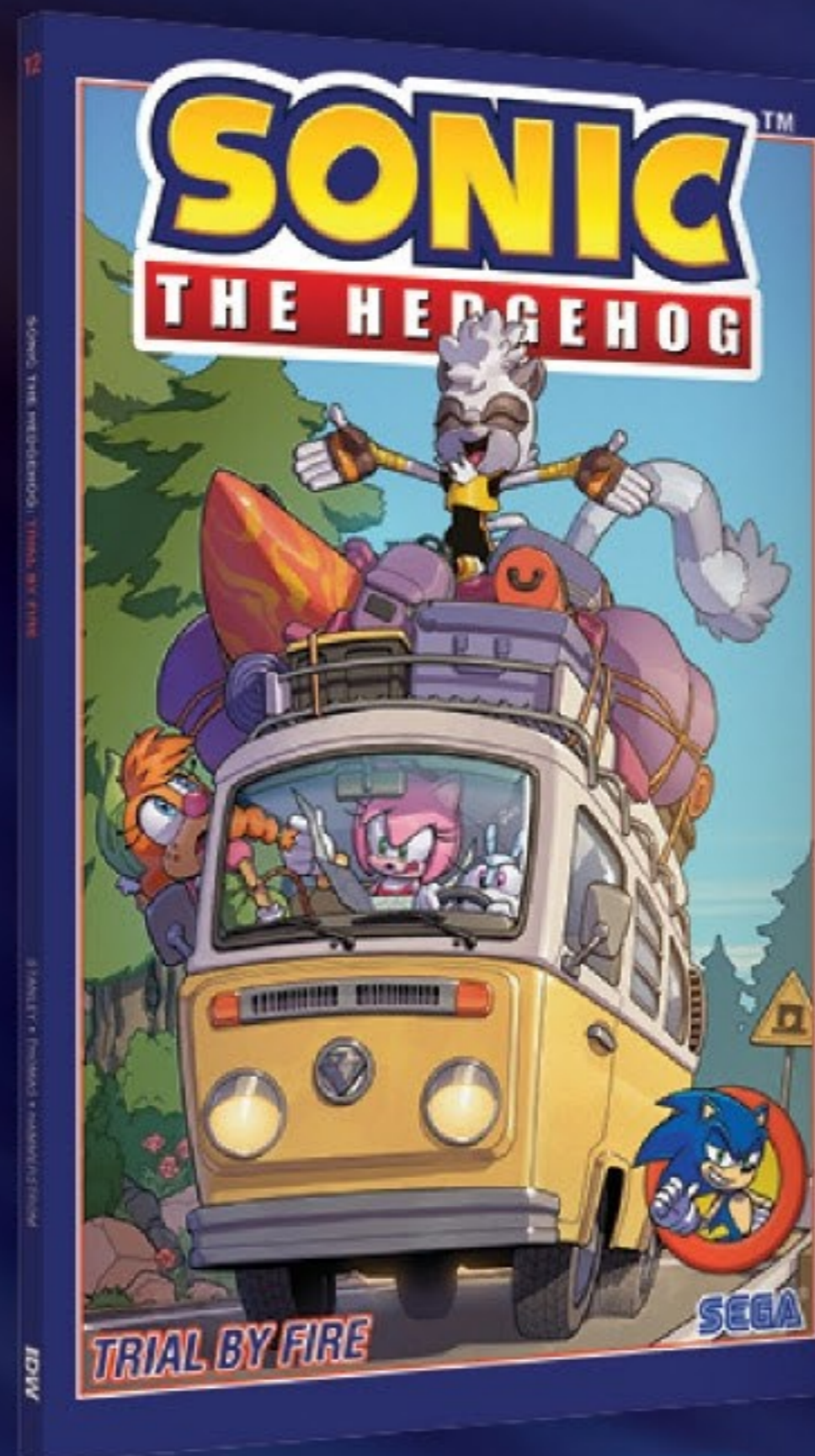
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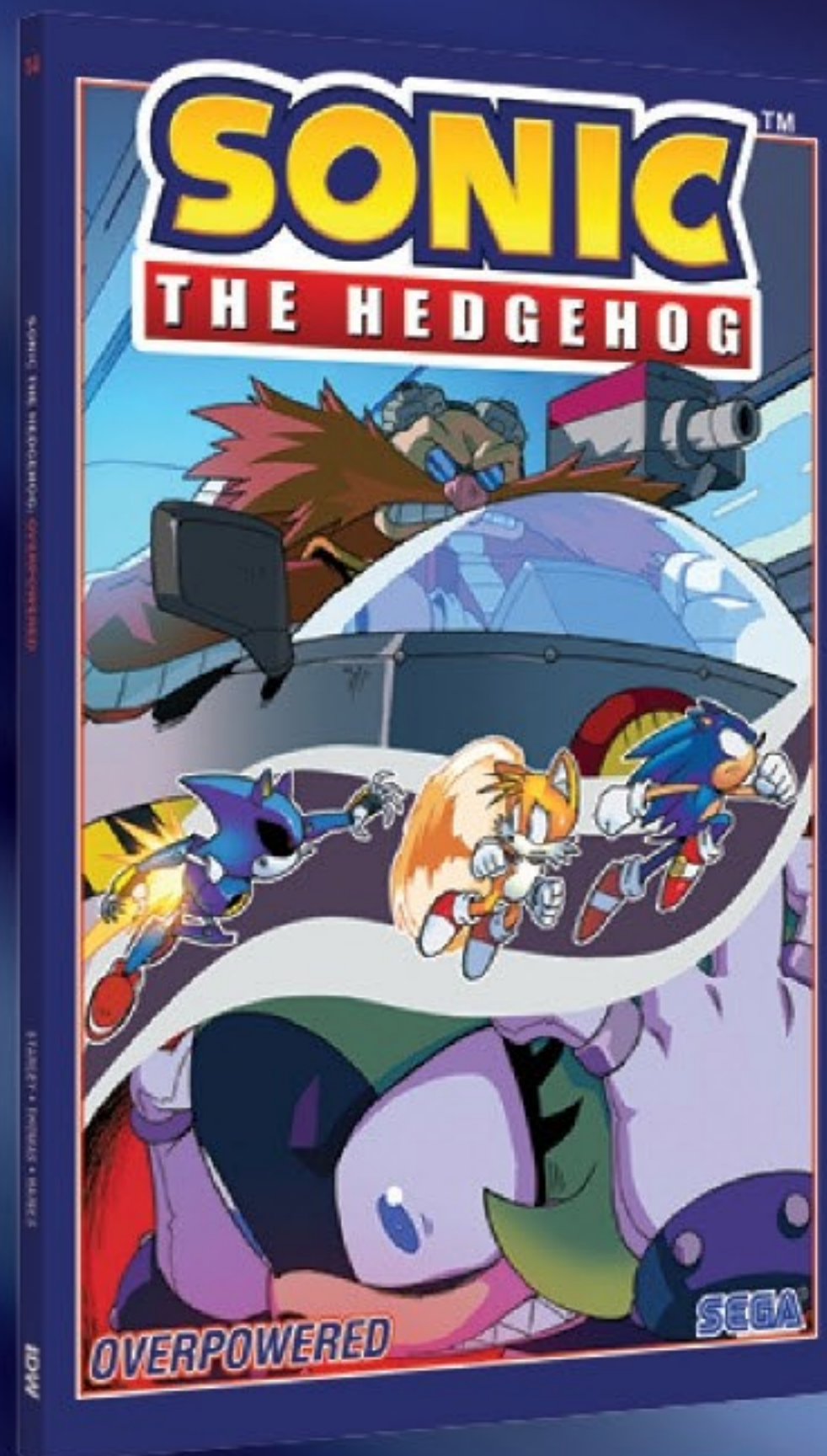
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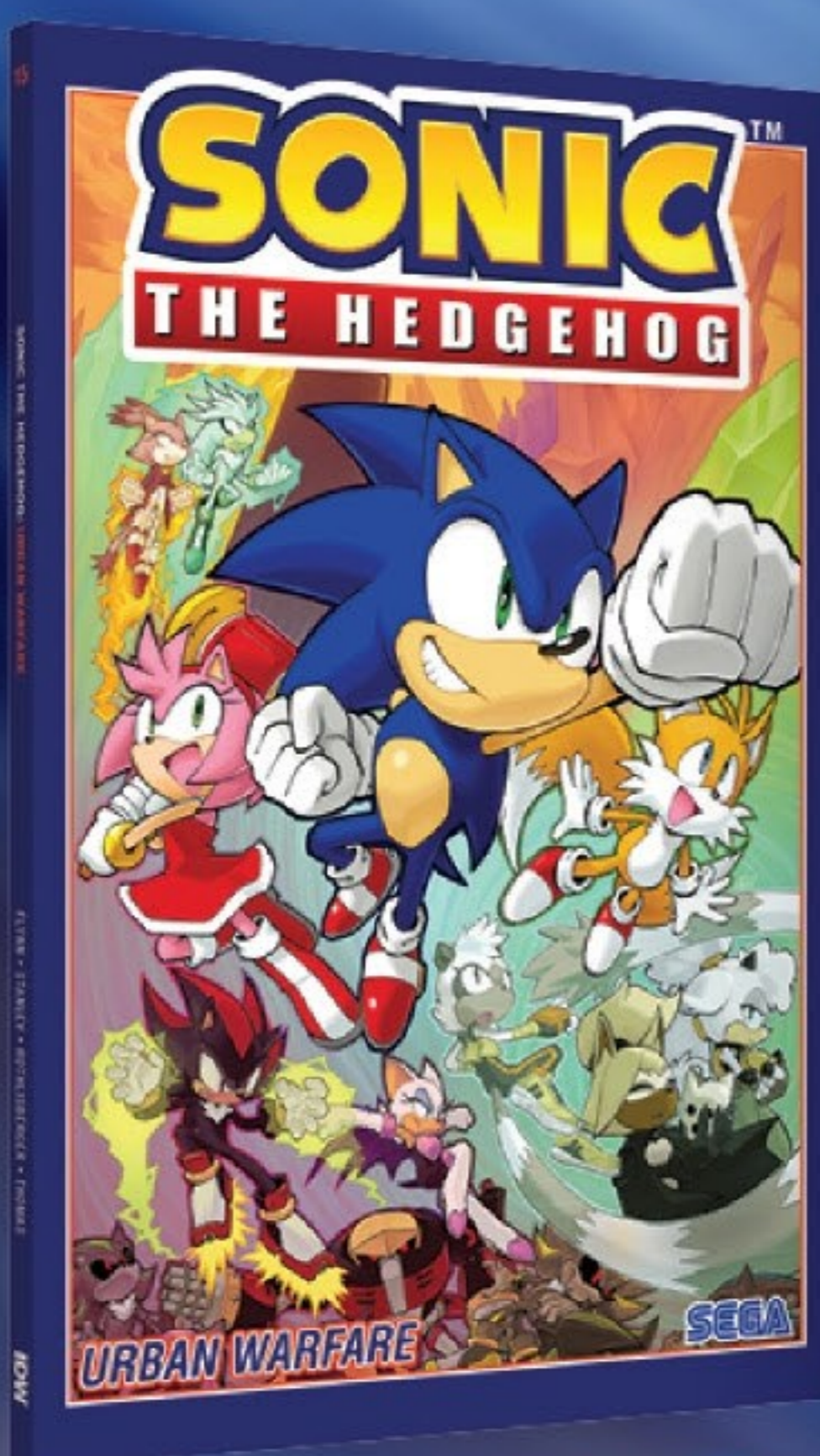
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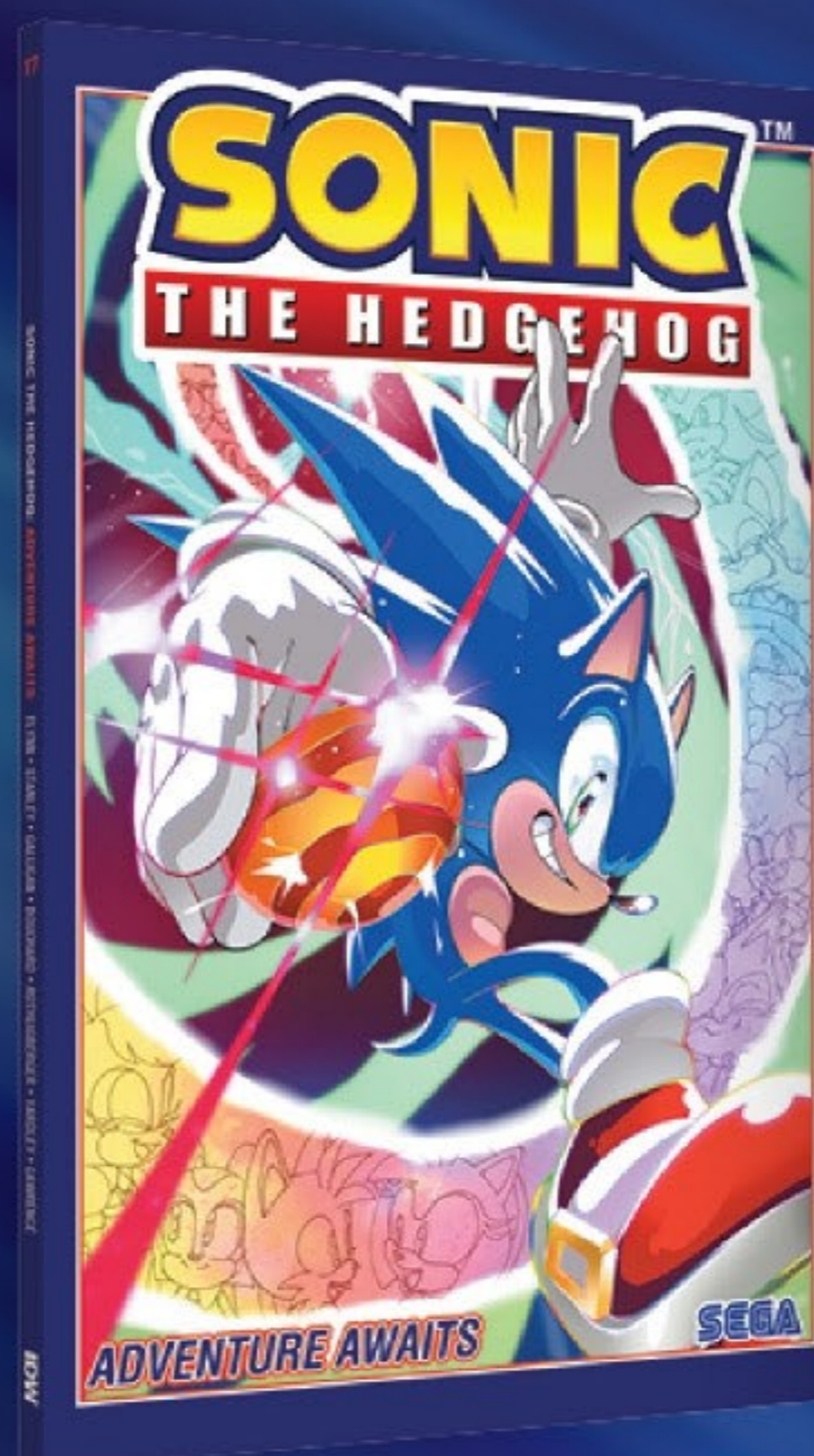
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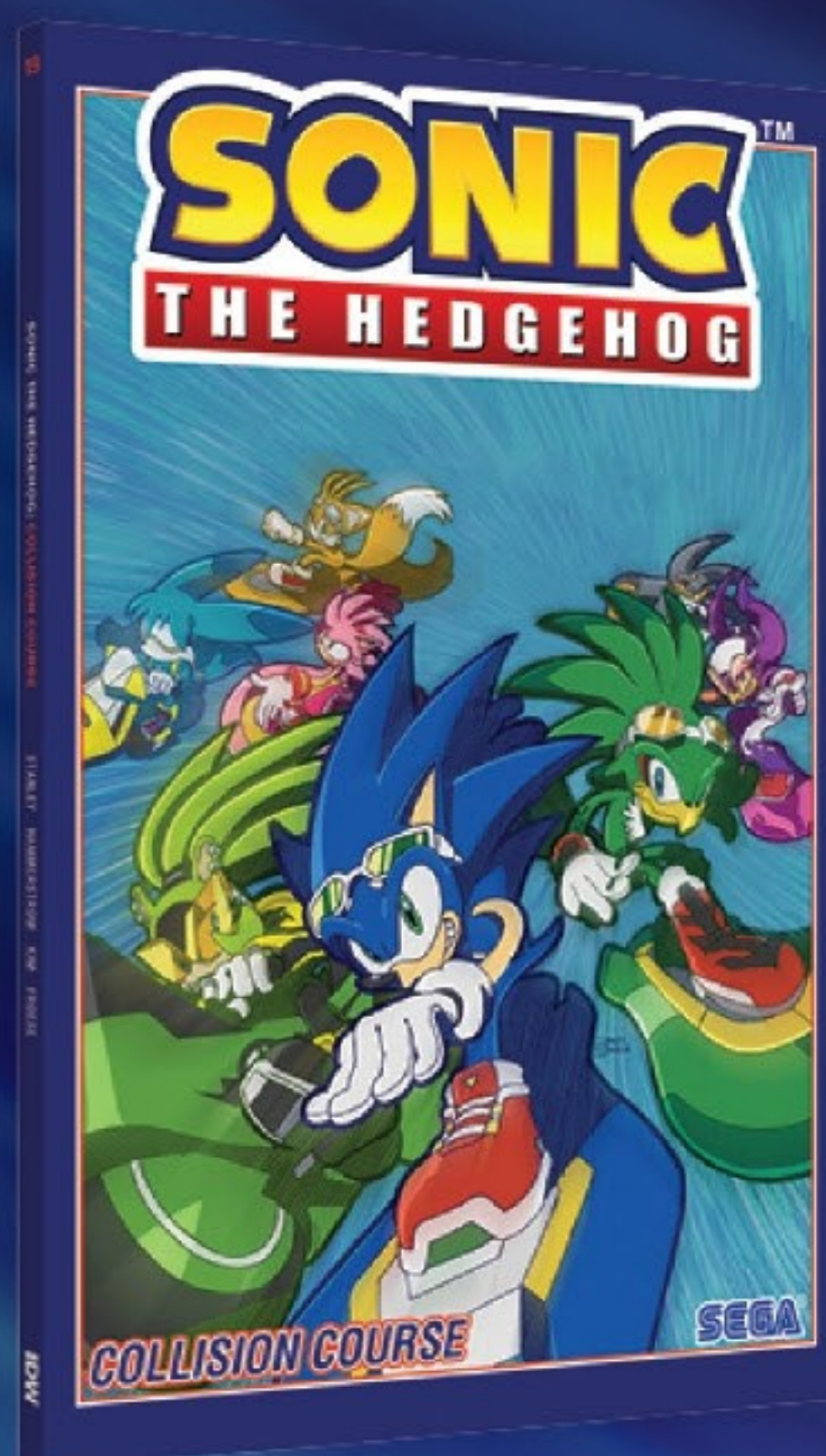
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