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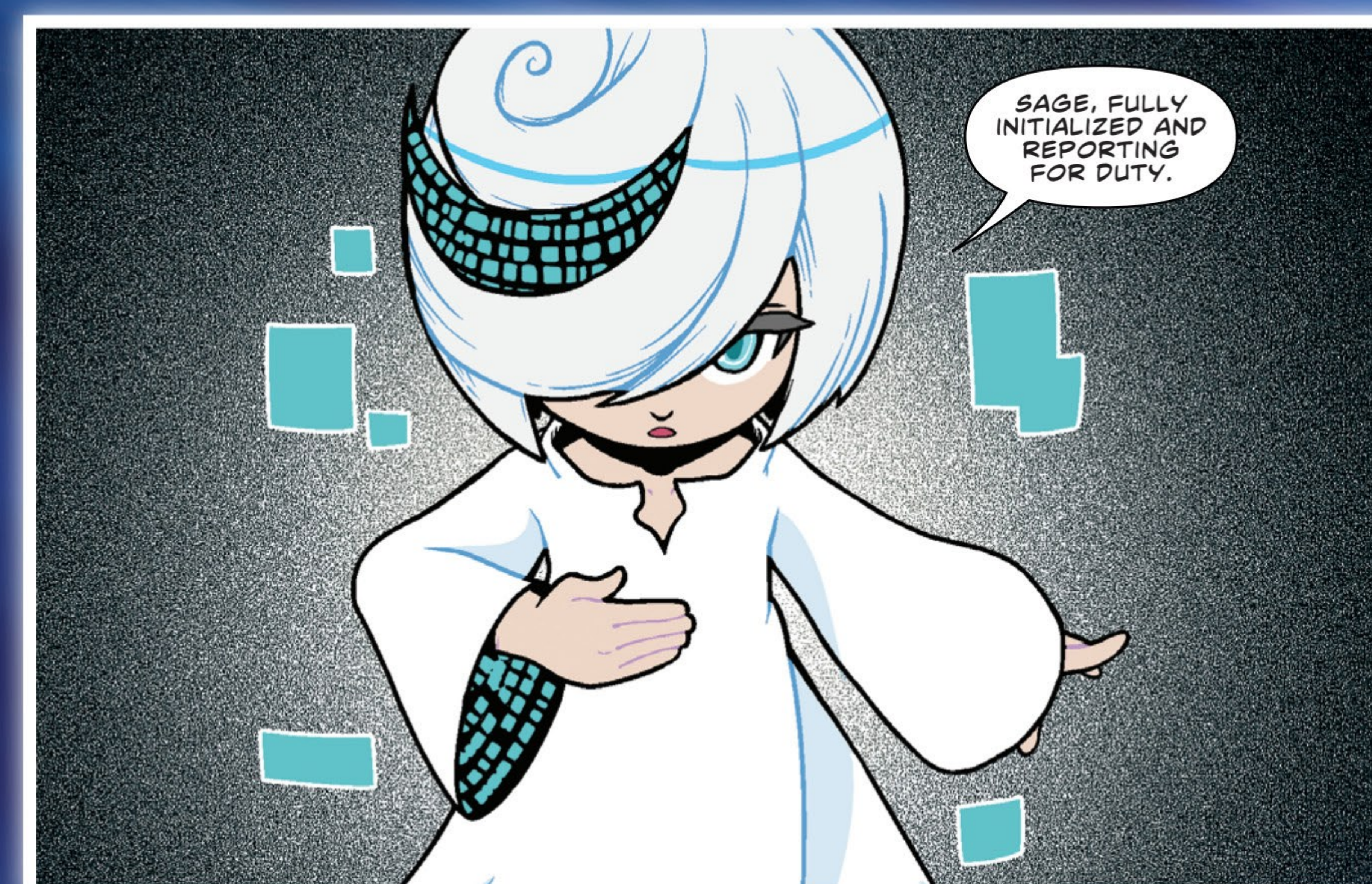
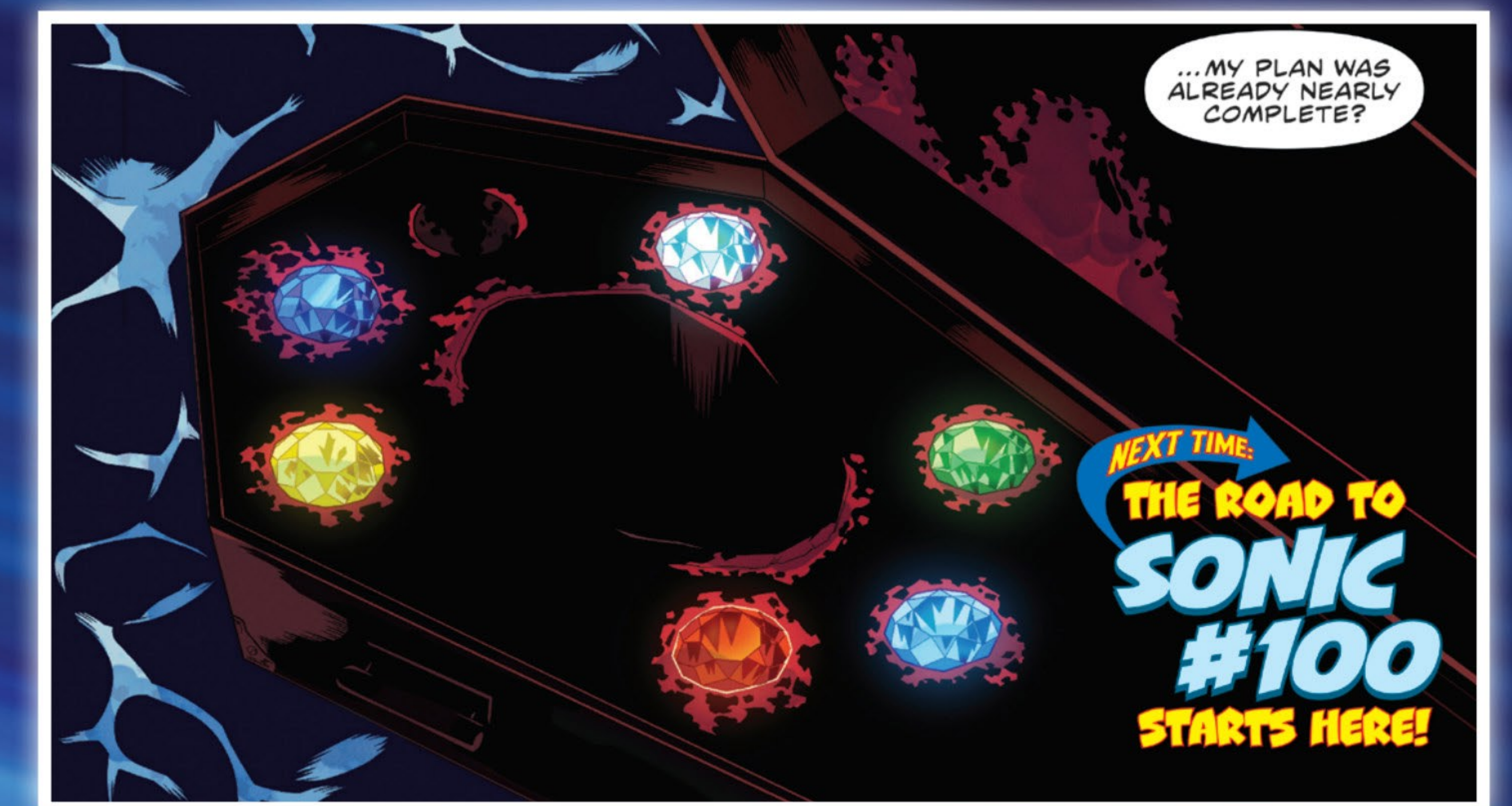
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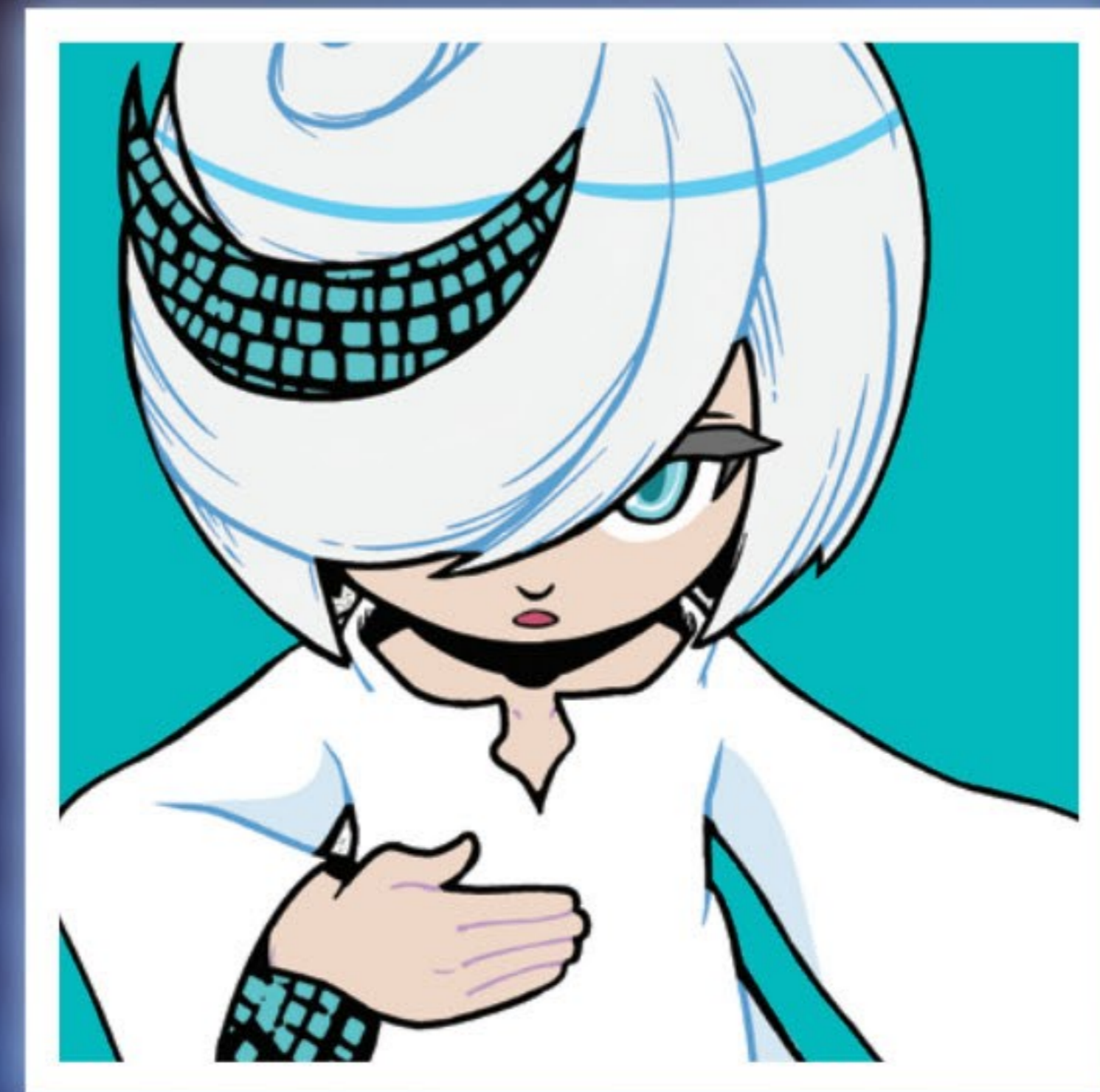


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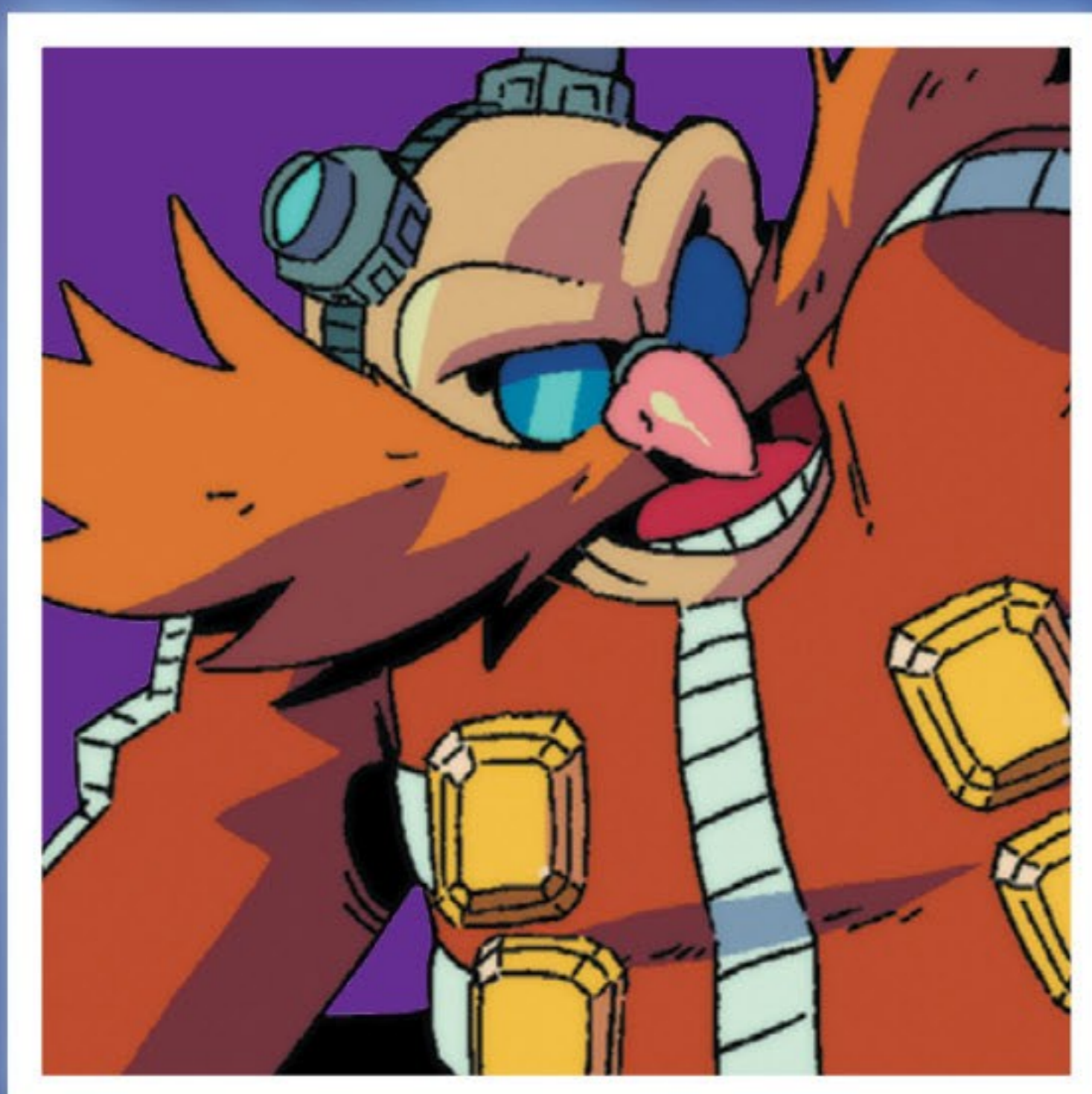
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**SONIC**  
THE BLUE BLUR.  
FASTEST THING ALIVE.



**SAGE**  
ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE.  
RECENTLY REBORN.



**DR. EGGMAN**  
MAD GENIUS.  
EGG ENTHUSIAST.

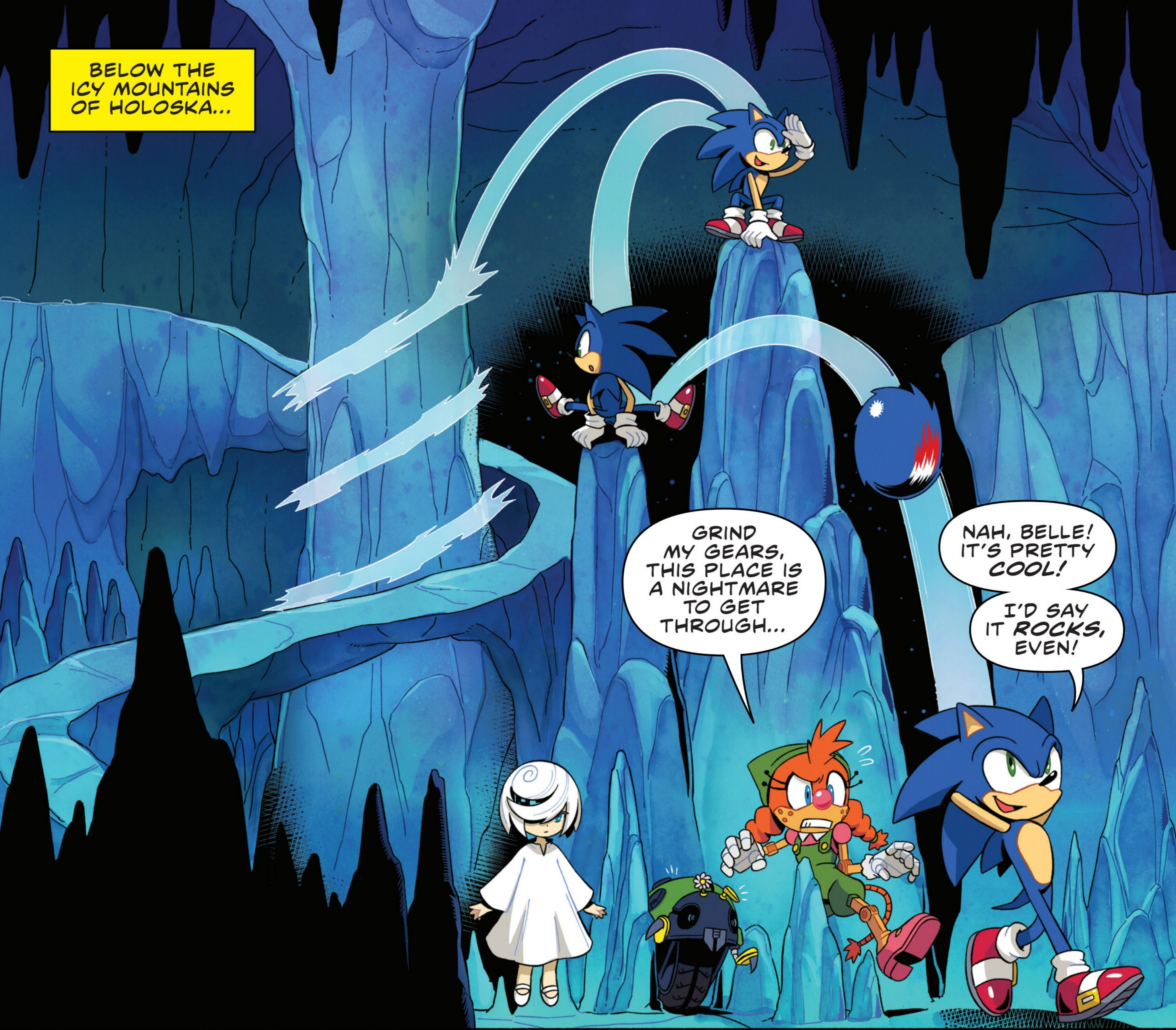


**METAL SONIC**  
LOYAL MINION.  
(ALMOST) FASTEST THING ALIVE.



**BELLE**  
ENTHUSIASTIC NEWCOMER.  
CLUMSY MARIONETTE.

BELOW THE  
ICY MOUNTAINS  
OF HOLOSKA...



GRIND  
MY GEARS,  
THIS PLACE IS  
A NIGHTMARE  
TO GET  
THROUGH...

NAH, BELLE!  
IT'S PRETTY  
COOL!

I'D SAY  
IT ROCKS,  
EVEN!



YOU HAVE  
KNOWN HIM  
LONGER. IS  
SONIC ALWAYS  
LIKE THIS?

PRETTY  
MUCH. TAILS  
THINKS HE'S  
HILARIOUS.

CURIOUS. I  
HAVE TAILS ON  
FILE AS BEING  
INTELLIGENT.



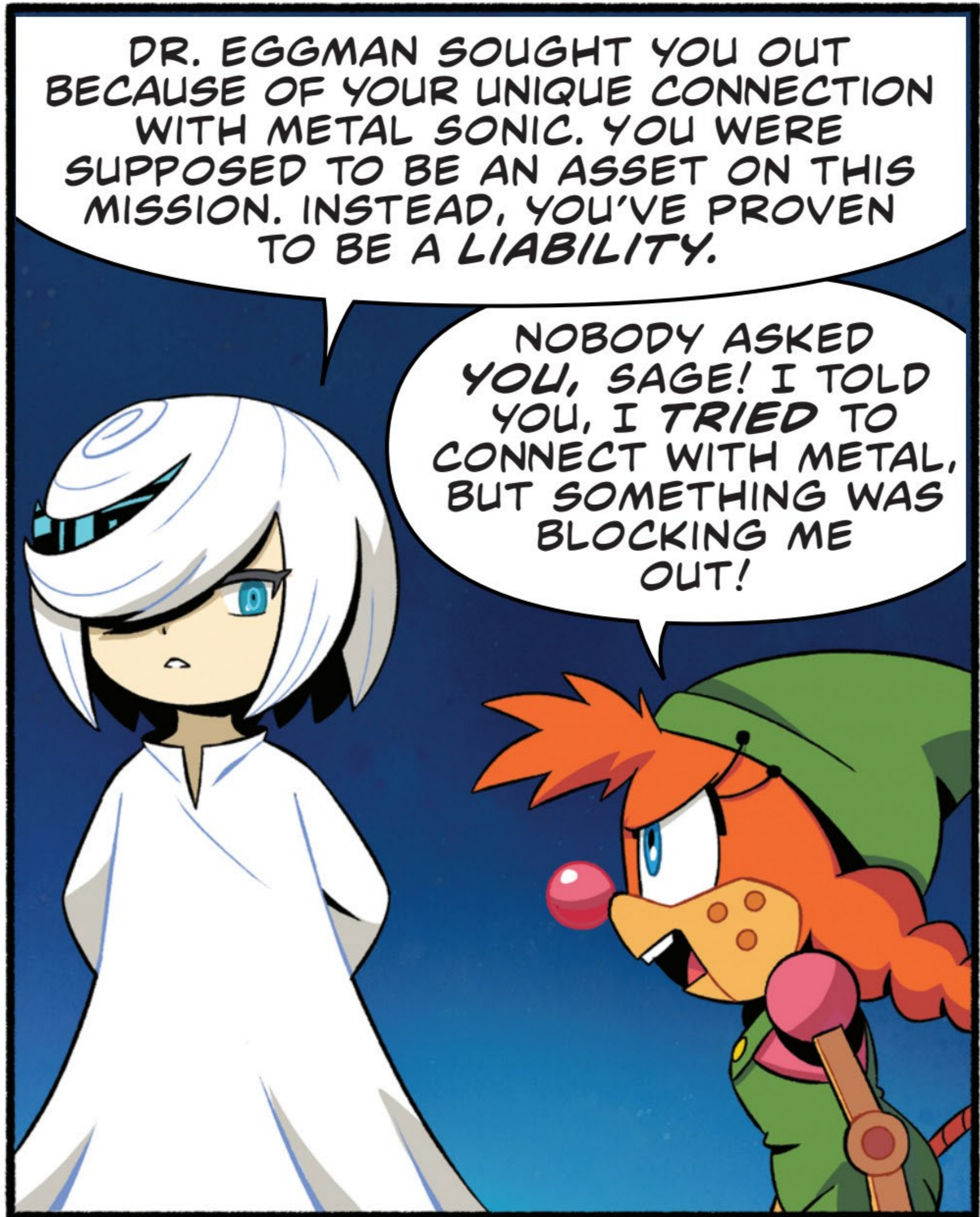
YEAH-  
YEAH-  
YEAH!

SAVE YOUR  
ENERGY FOR  
FINDING A WAY  
OUT OF THIS CAVE  
AND TRACKING  
DOWN METAL  
SONIC!



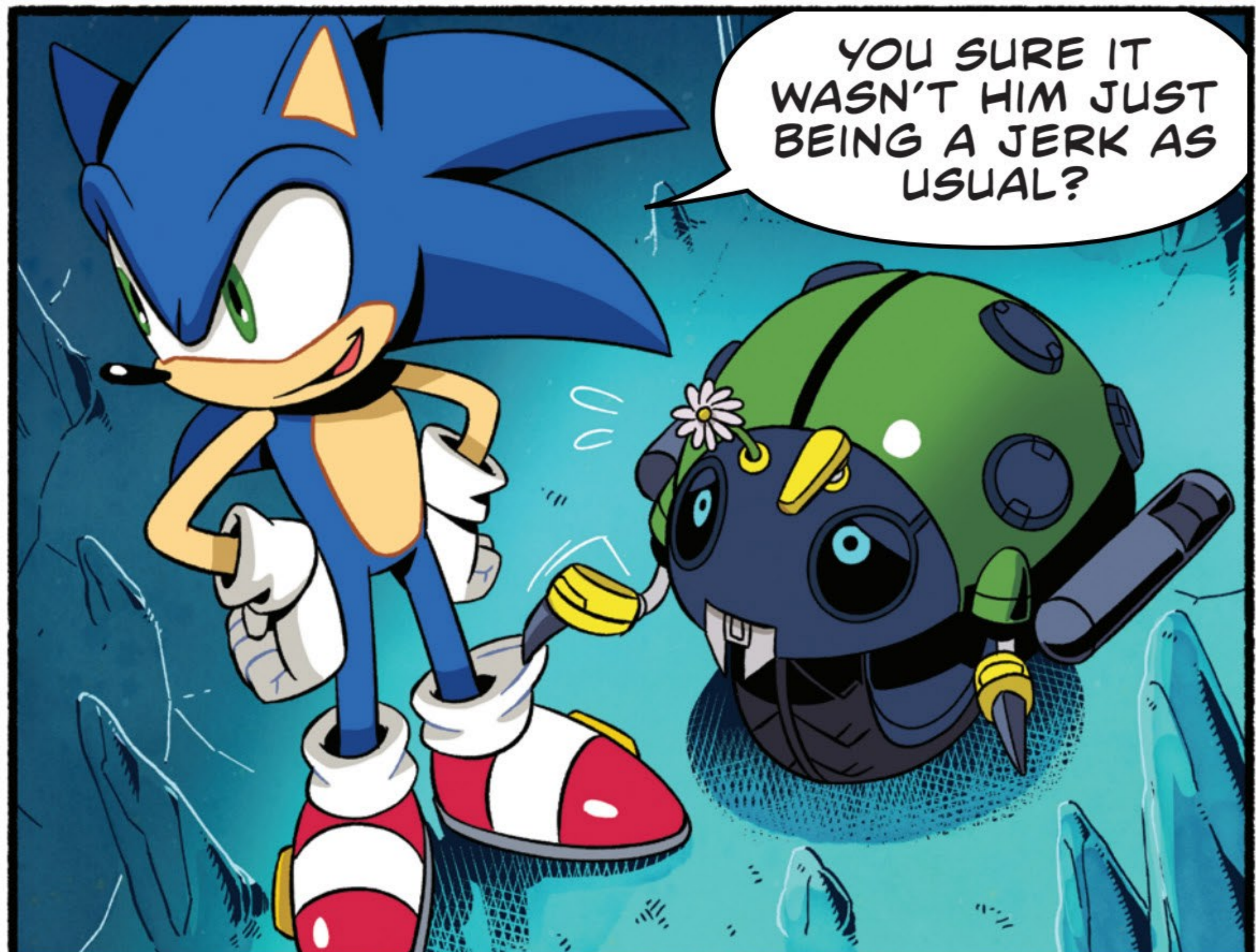
I FEEL LIKE WE'RE WORKING BACKWARD FROM WHERE WE JUST WERE.

WE SHUT OURSELVES OFF IN THIS CAVE TO ESCAPE METAL SONIC! HE WAS BEING EXTRA CREEPY WITH THAT WEIRD DEVICE ON HIS FACE...

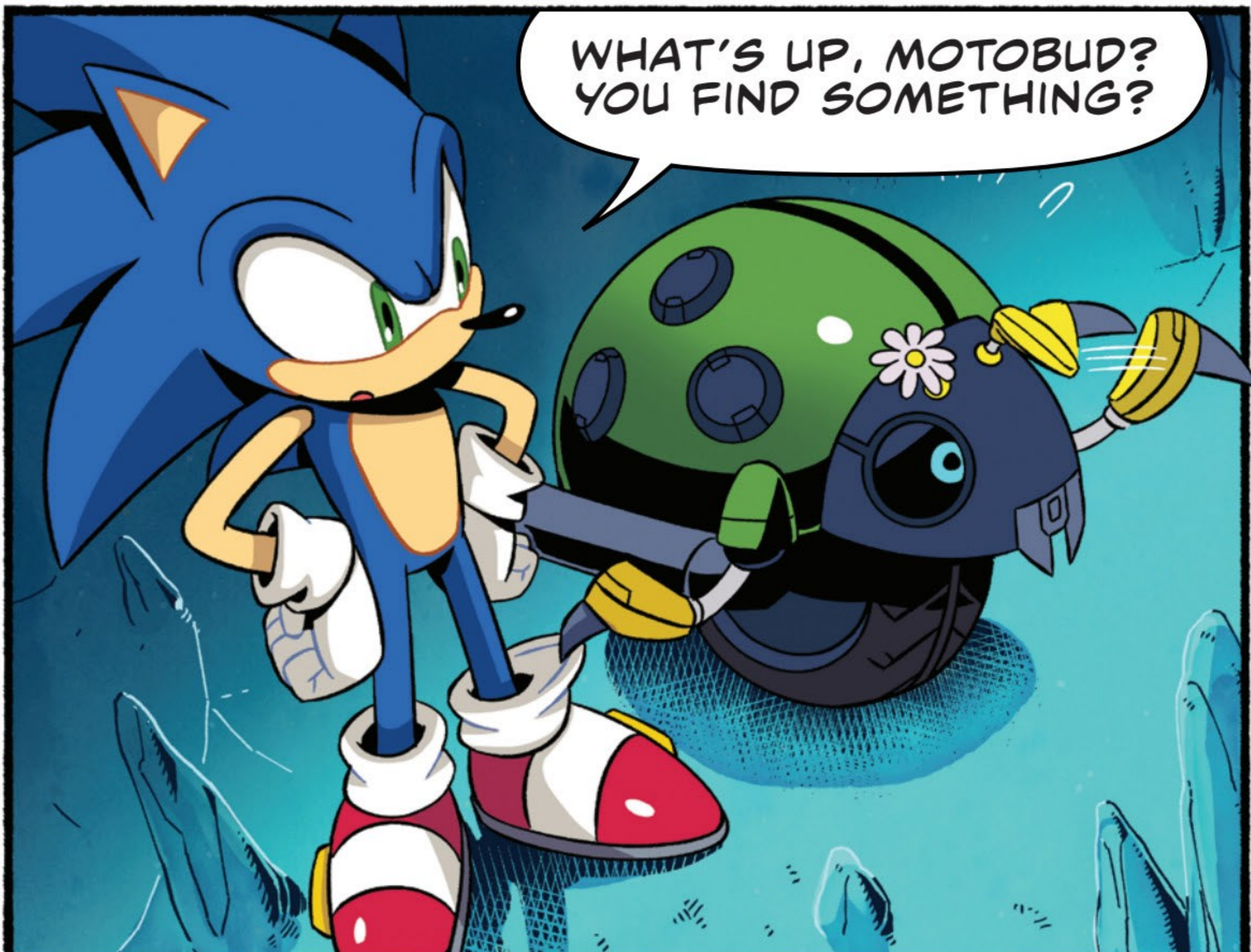


DR. EGGMAN SOUGHT YOU OUT BECAUSE OF YOUR UNIQUE CONNECTION WITH METAL SONIC. YOU WERE SUPPOSED TO BE AN ASSET ON THIS MISSION. INSTEAD, YOU'VE PROVEN TO BE A LIABILITY.

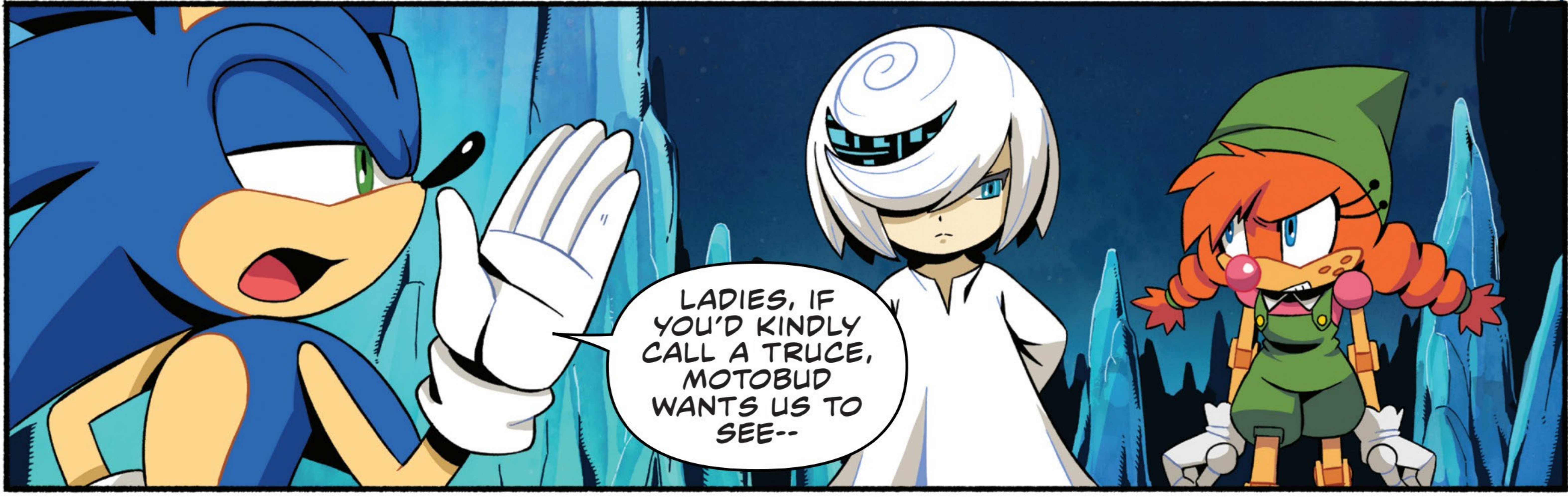
NOBODY ASKED YOU, SAGE! I TOLD YOU, I TRIED TO CONNECT WITH METAL, BUT SOMETHING WAS BLOCKING ME OUT!



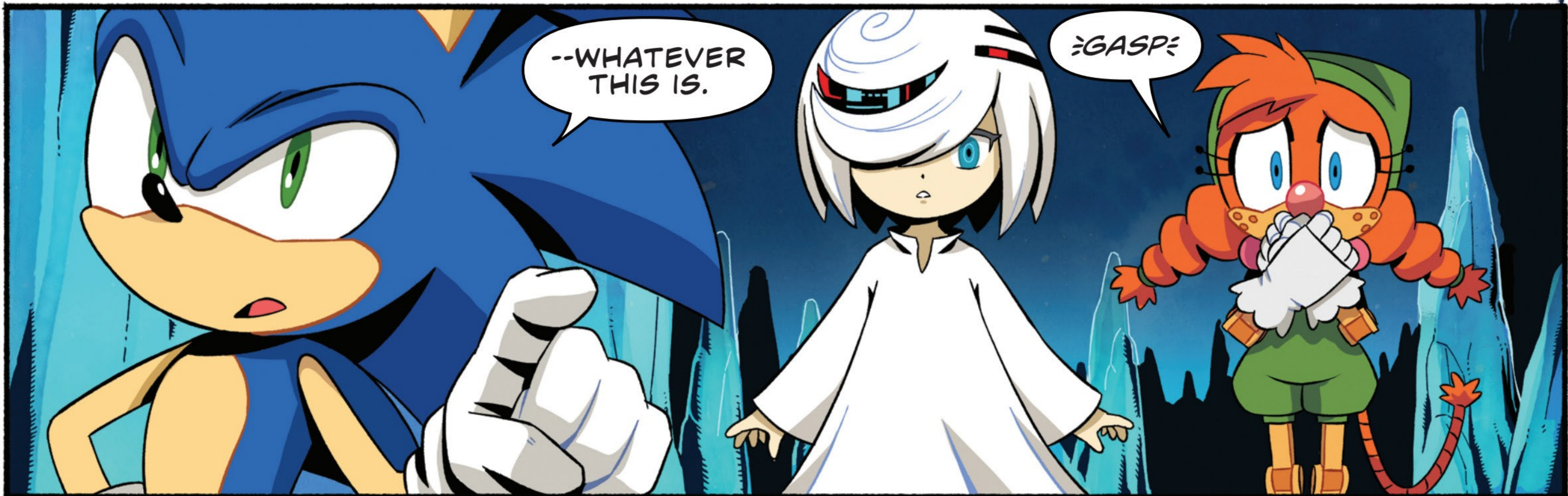
YOU SURE IT WASN'T HIM JUST BEING A JERK AS USUAL?



WHAT'S UP, MOTOBUD? YOU FIND SOMETHING?

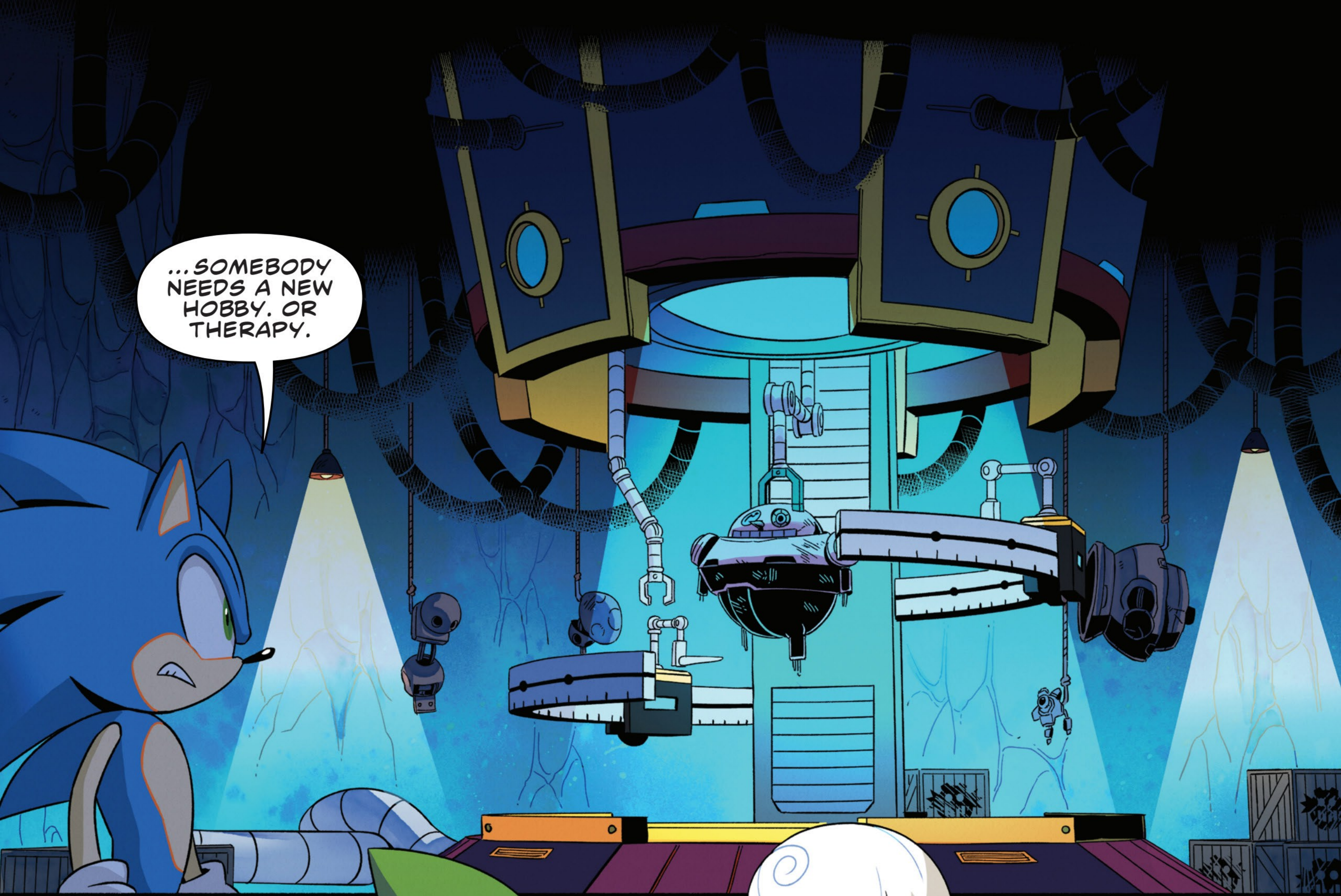


LADIES, IF YOU'D KINDLY CALL A TRUCE, MOTOBUD WANTS US TO SEE--

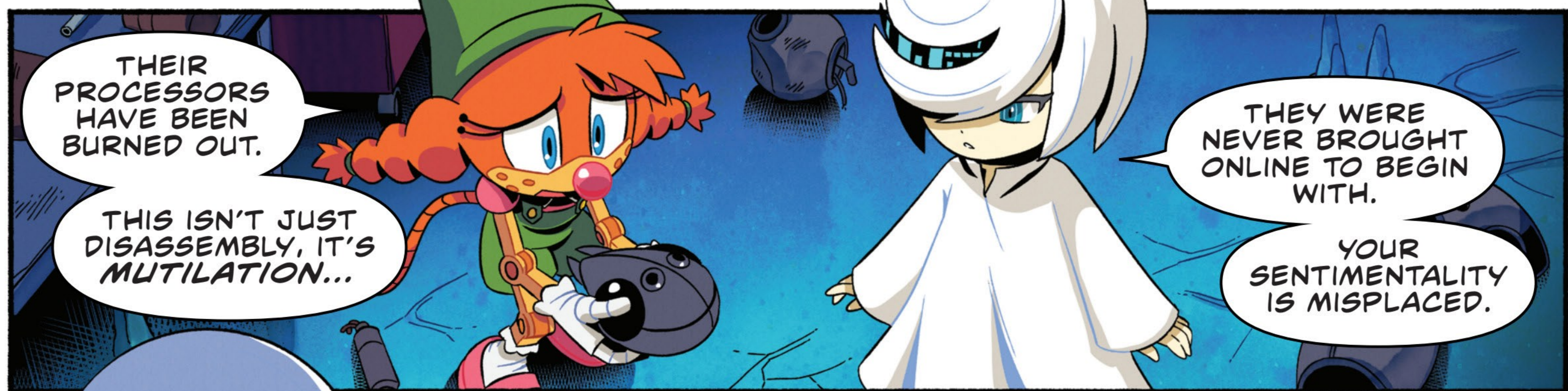


--WHATEVER THIS IS.

≡GASP≡



...SOMEBODY NEEDS A NEW HOBBY. OR THERAPY.

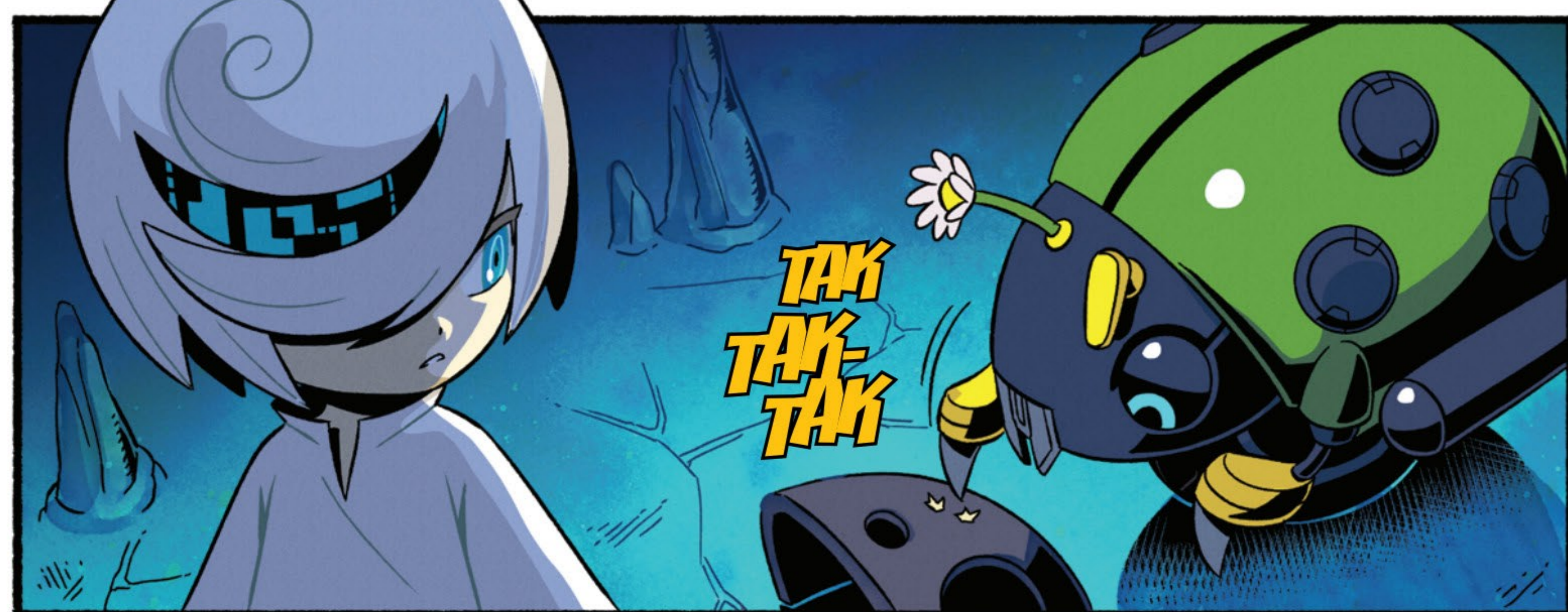


THEIR PROCESSORS HAVE BEEN BURNED OUT.

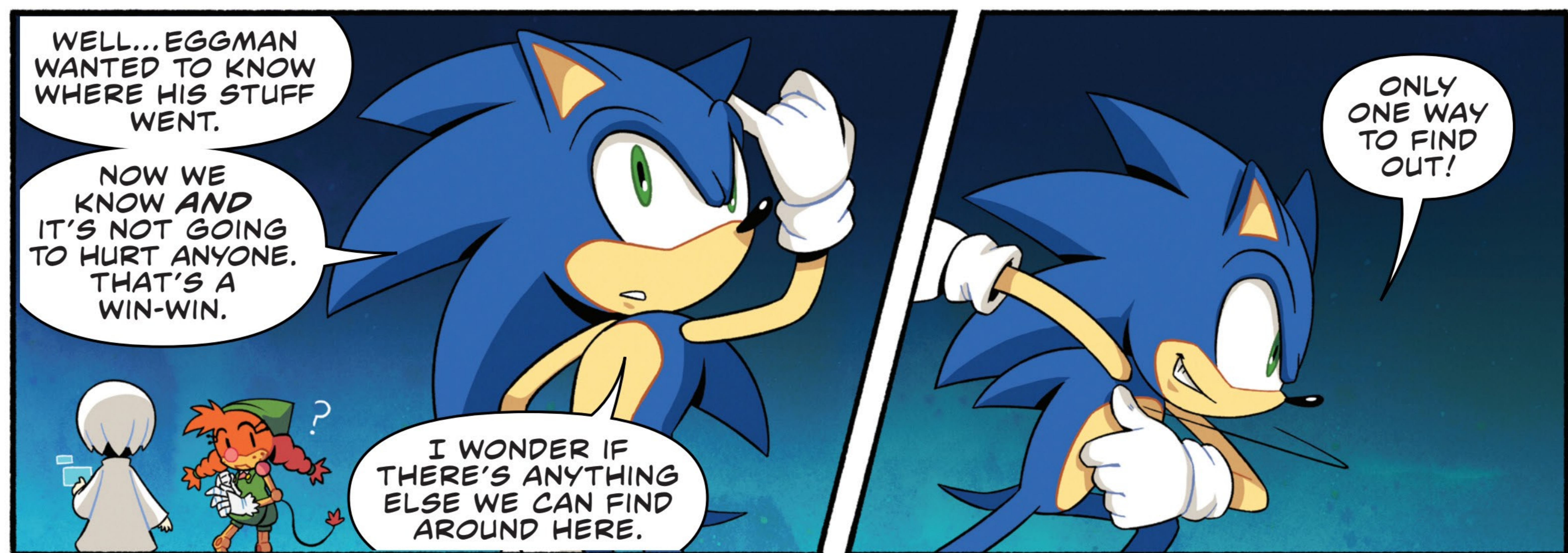
THIS ISN'T JUST DISASSEMBLY, IT'S MUTILATION...

THEY WERE NEVER BROUGHT ONLINE TO BEGIN WITH.

YOUR SENTIMENTALITY IS MISPLACED.



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TAK  
TAK

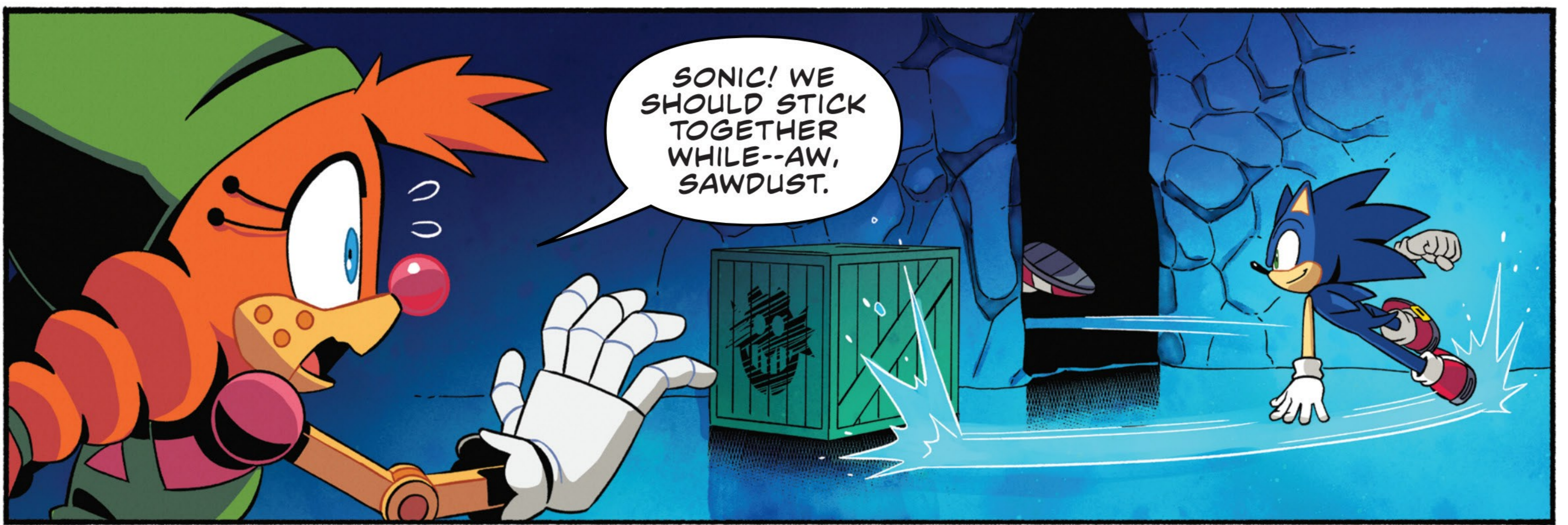


WELL... EGGMAN WANTED TO KNOW WHERE HIS STUFF WENT.

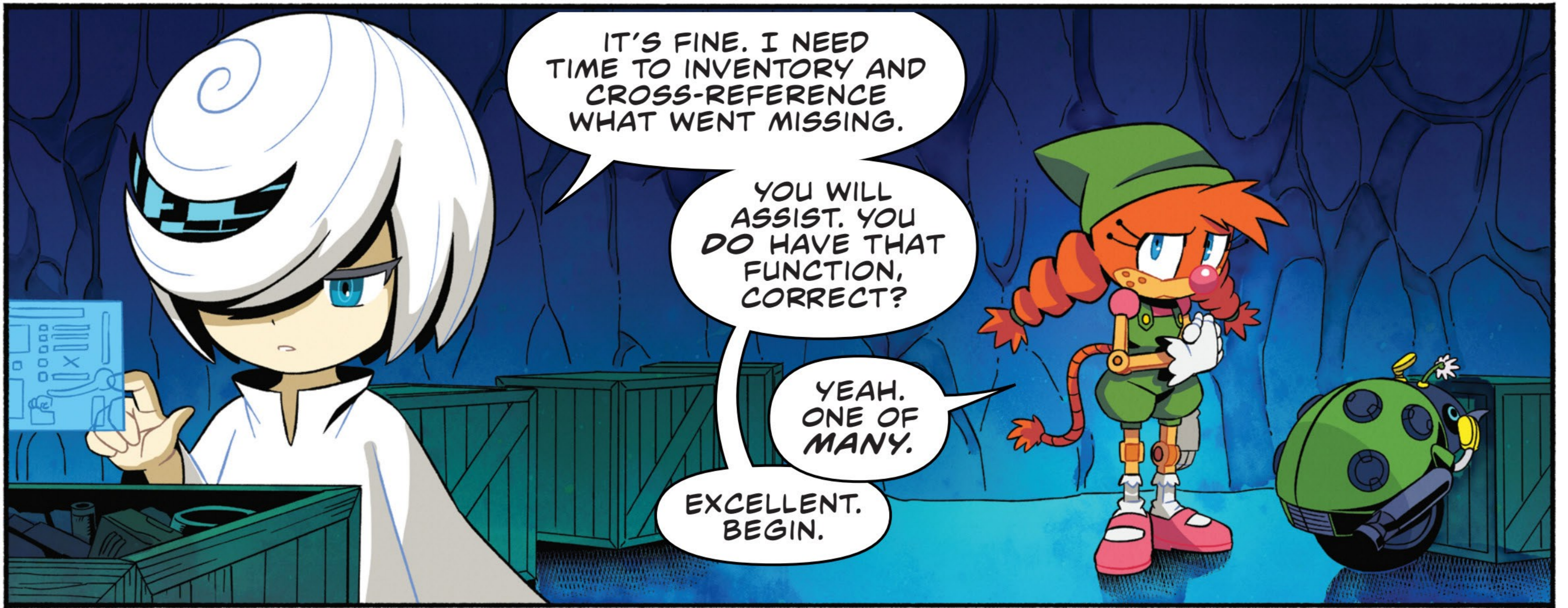
NOW WE KNOW AND IT'S NOT GOING TO HURT ANYONE. THAT'S A WIN-WIN.

I WONDER IF THERE'S ANYTHING ELSE WE CAN FIND AROUND HERE.

ONLY ONE WAY TO FIND OUT!



SONIC! WE SHOULD STICK TOGETHER WHILE--AW, SAWDUST.



IT'S FINE. I NEED TIME TO INVENTORY AND CROSS-REFERENCE WHAT WENT MISSING.

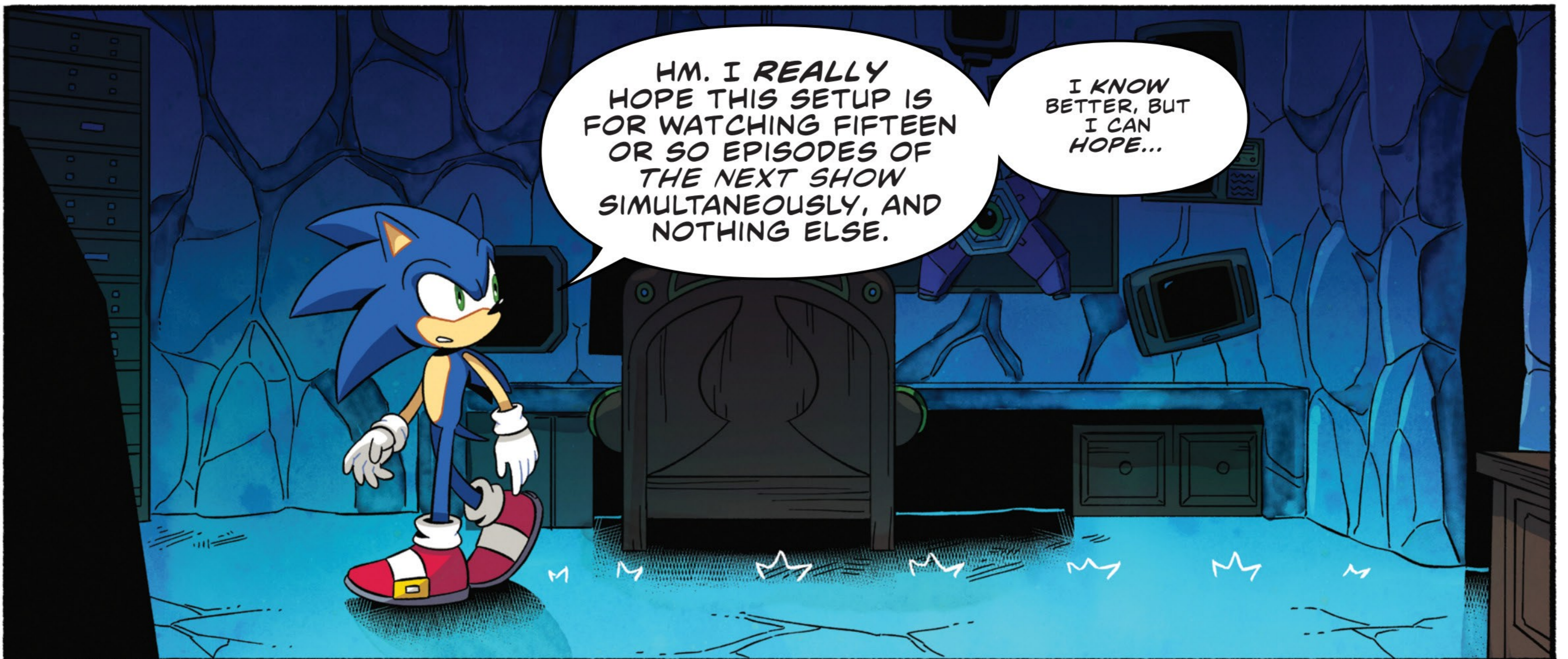
YOU WILL ASSIST. YOU DO HAVE THAT FUNCTION, CORRECT?

YEAH. ONE OF MANY.

EXCELLENT. BEGIN.



HUH. WHOEVER WAS HERE MADE THEMSELVES AT HOME.

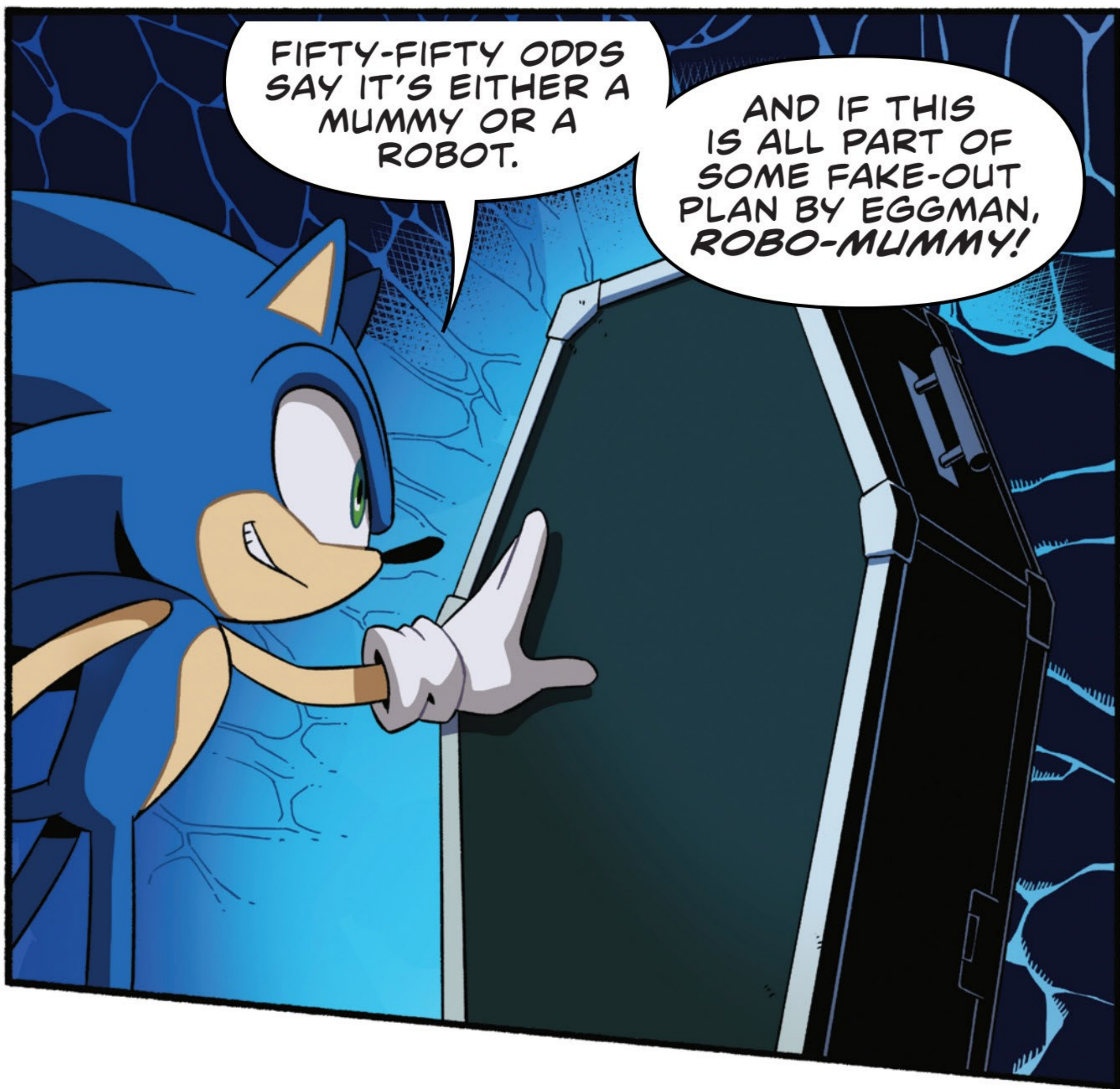


HM. I REALLY HOPE THIS SETUP IS FOR WATCHING FIFTEEN OR SO EPISODES OF THE NEXT SHOW SIMULTANEOUSLY, AND NOTHING ELSE.

I KNOW BETTER, BUT I CAN HOPE...

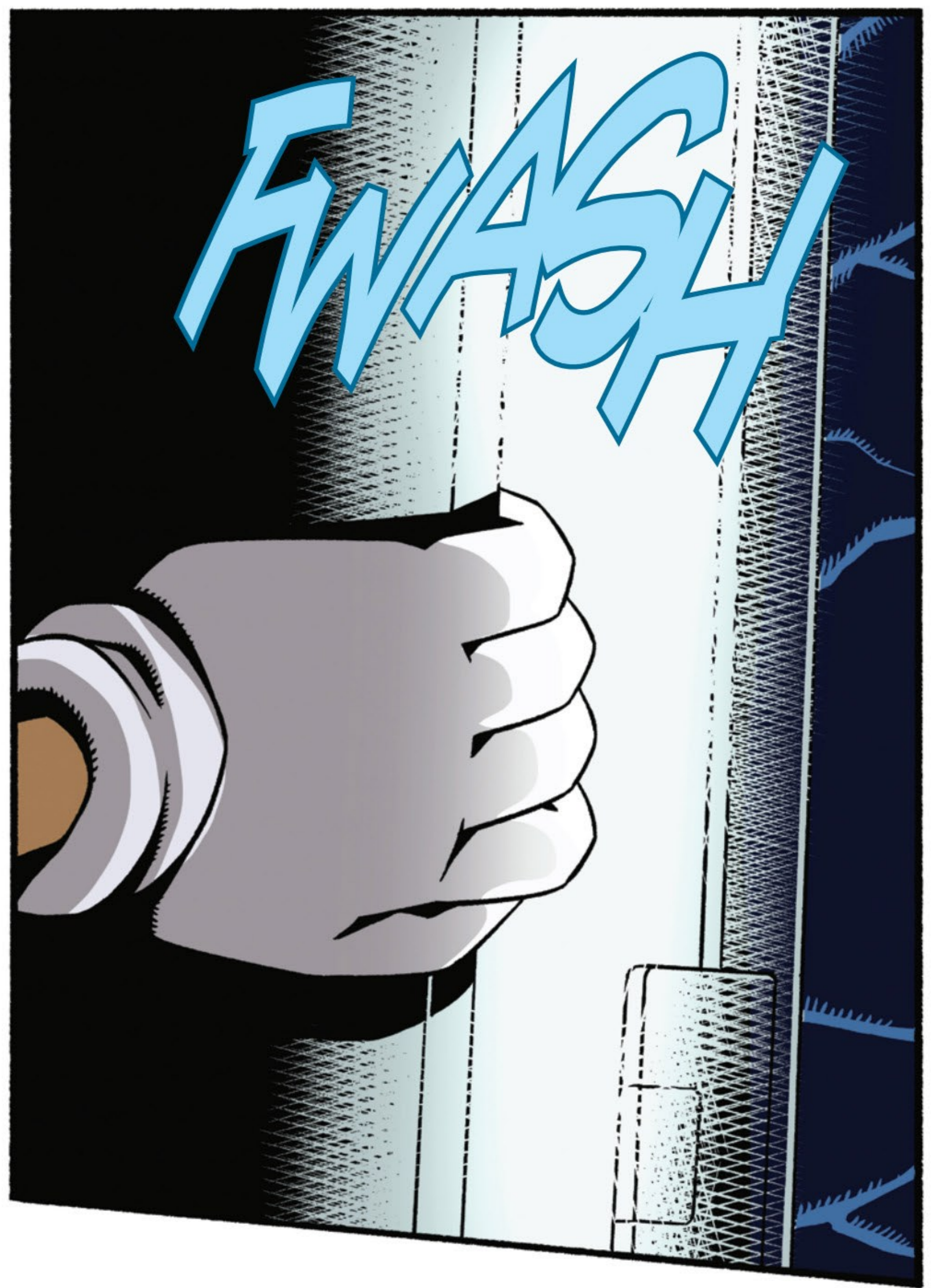
A blue hedgehog with green eyes and a yellow muzzle and chest is looking at a large, dark metal door. The door is set into a wall of cracked, dark blue stone. The hedgehog has a slightly worried expression. A speech bubble is positioned above his head. The scene is dimly lit, with some light reflecting off the metal door and the hedgehog's fur.

AAAAAND  
WE'VE GONE FROM  
"WORRISOME" TO  
"MEGA-CREEPY."



FIFTY-FIFTY ODDS SAY IT'S EITHER A MUMMY OR A ROBOT.

AND IF THIS IS ALL PART OF SOME FAKE-OUT PLAN BY EGGMAN, ROBO-MUMMY!



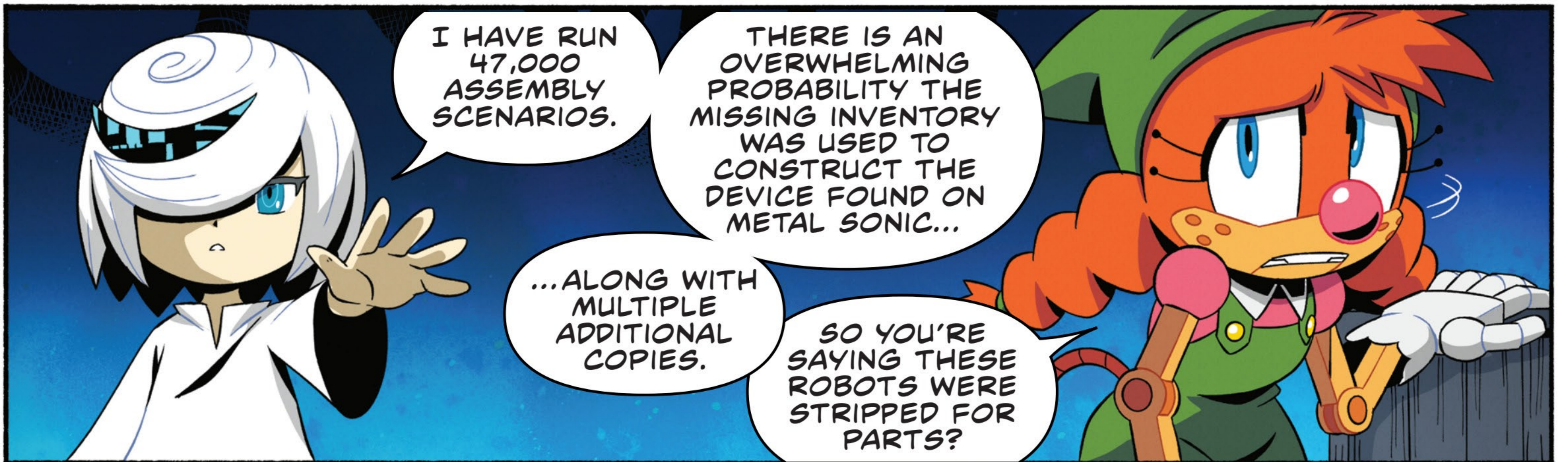
...SHOOT.



...AND 14 EGG-BBT-1991 COMPONENTS.

IS THAT EVERYTHING ACCOUNTED FOR?

NO. HOWEVER, I CAN ACCOUNT FOR THE MISSING ITEMS.

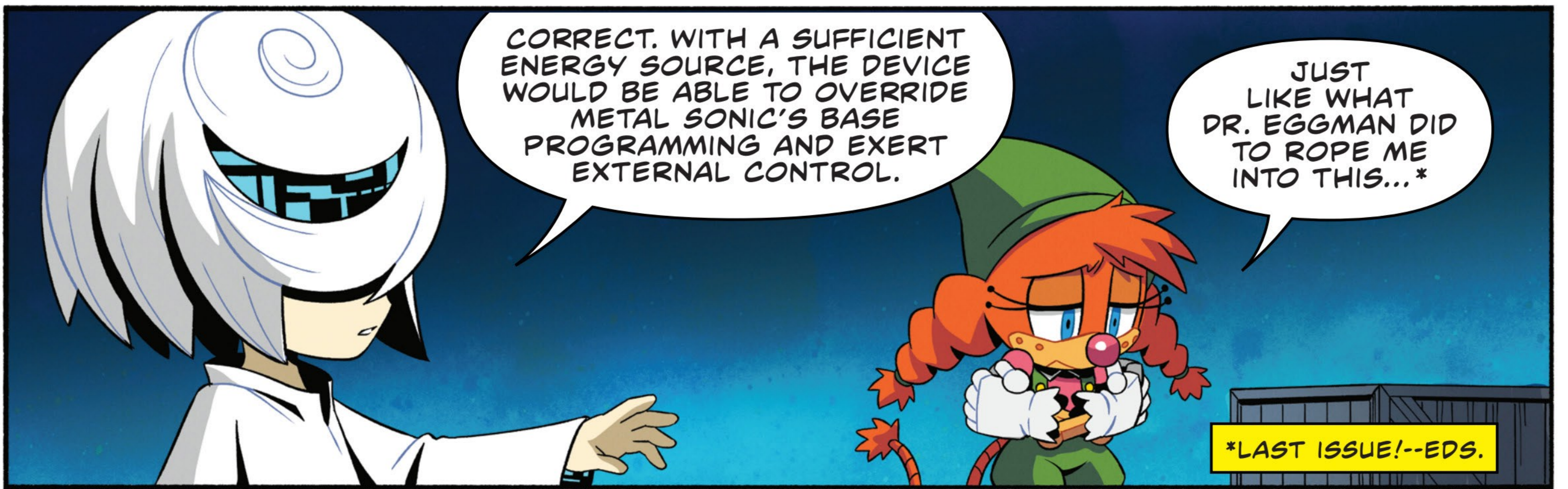


I HAVE RUN 47,000 ASSEMBLY SCENARIOS.

THERE IS AN OVERWHELMING PROBABILITY THE MISSING INVENTORY WAS USED TO CONSTRUCT THE DEVICE FOUND ON METAL SONIC...

...ALONG WITH MULTIPLE ADDITIONAL COPIES.

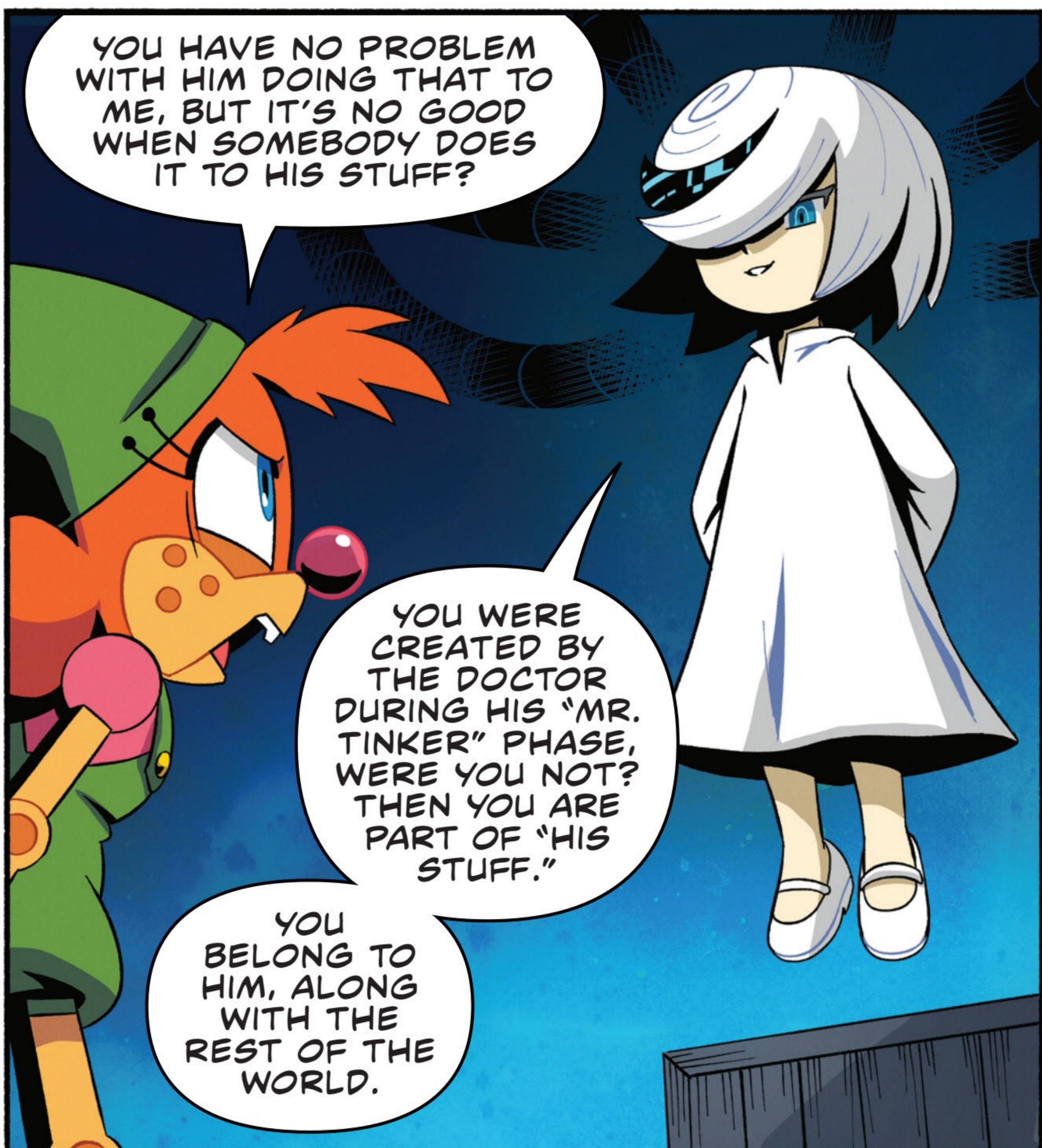
SO YOU'RE SAYING THESE ROBOTS WERE STRIPPED FOR PARTS?



CORRECT. WITH A SUFFICIENT ENERGY SOURCE, THE DEVICE WOULD BE ABLE TO OVERRIDE METAL SONIC'S BASE PROGRAMMING AND EXERT EXTERNAL CONTROL.

JUST LIKE WHAT DR. EGGMAN DID TO ROPE ME INTO THIS...\*

\*LAST ISSUE!--EDS.



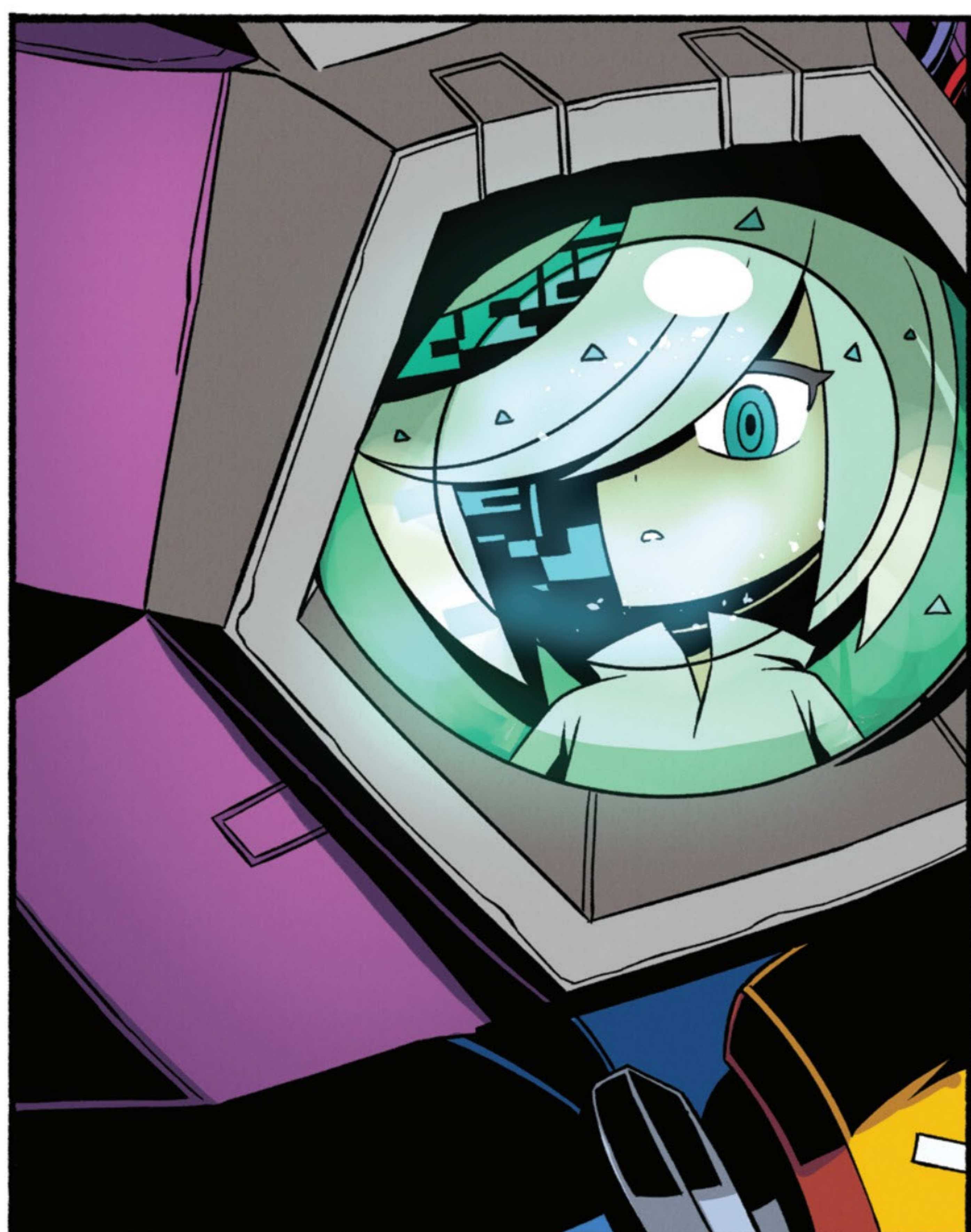
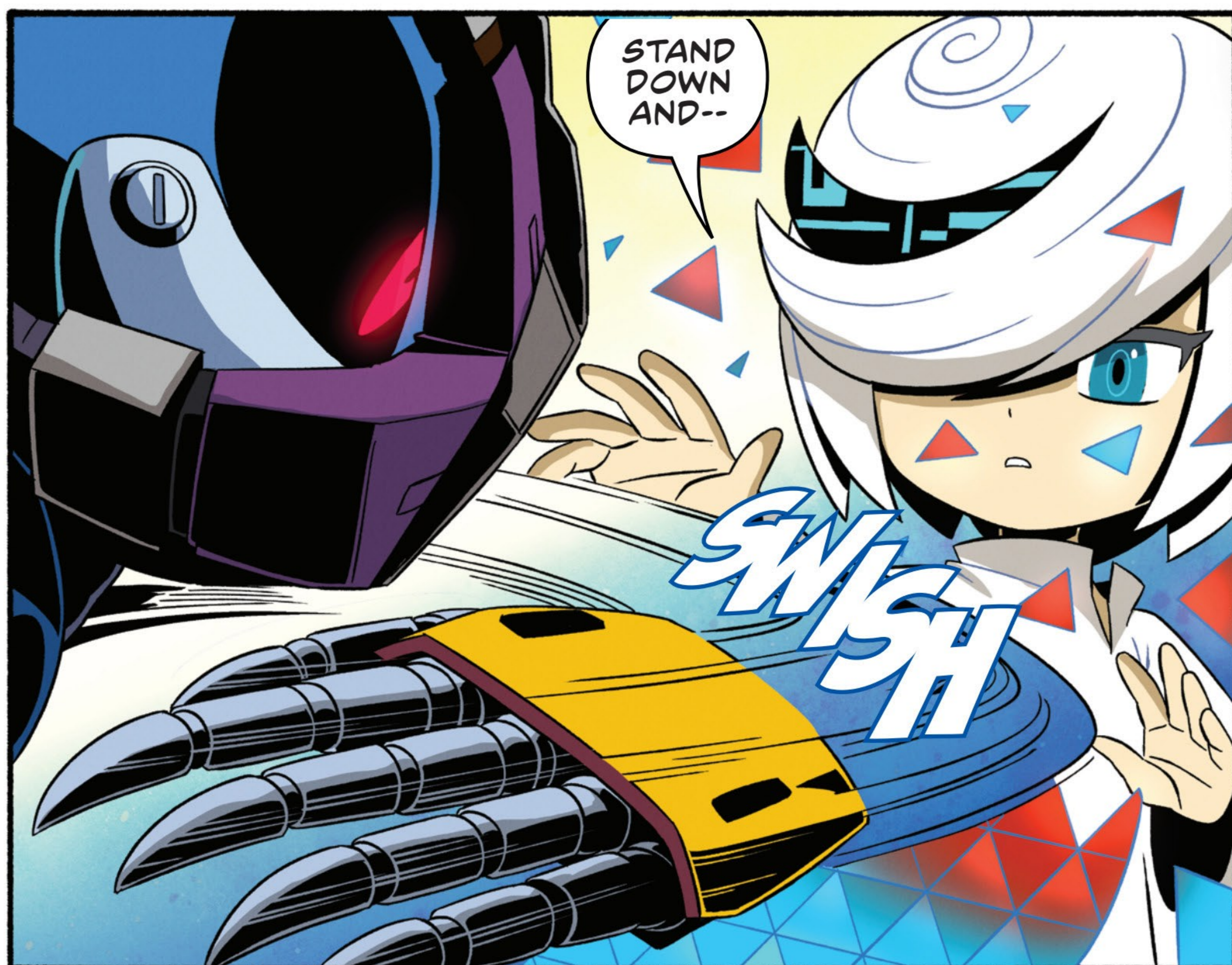
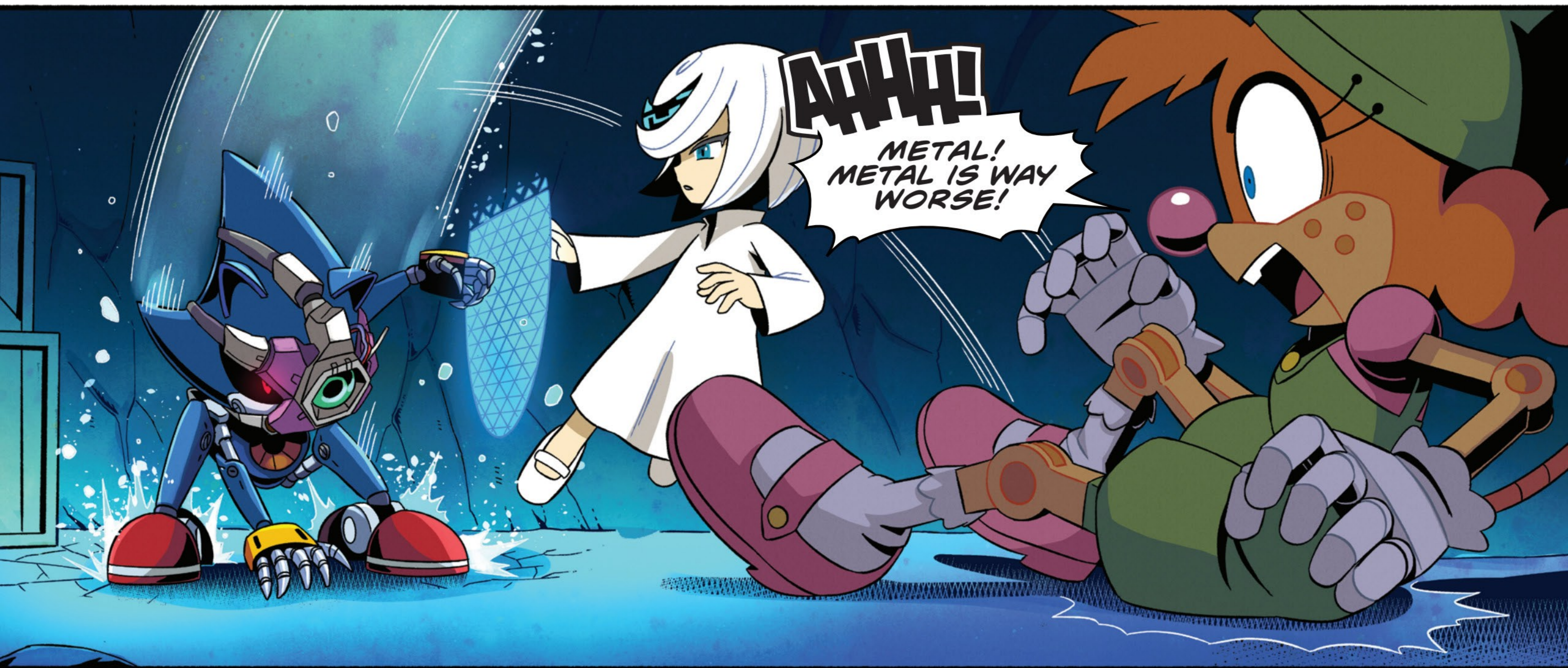
YOU HAVE NO PROBLEM WITH HIM DOING THAT TO ME, BUT IT'S NO GOOD WHEN SOMEBODY DOES IT TO HIS STUFF?

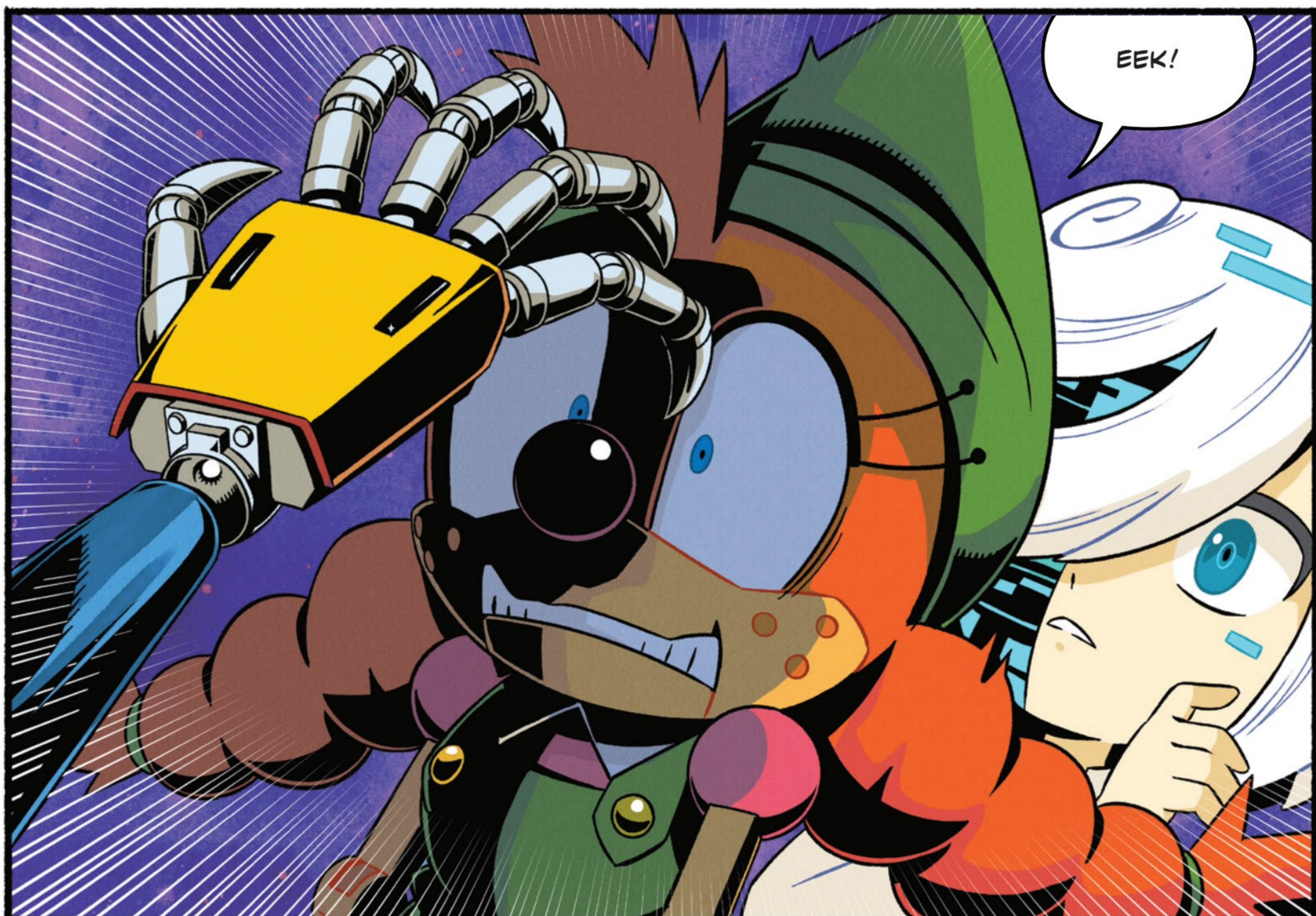
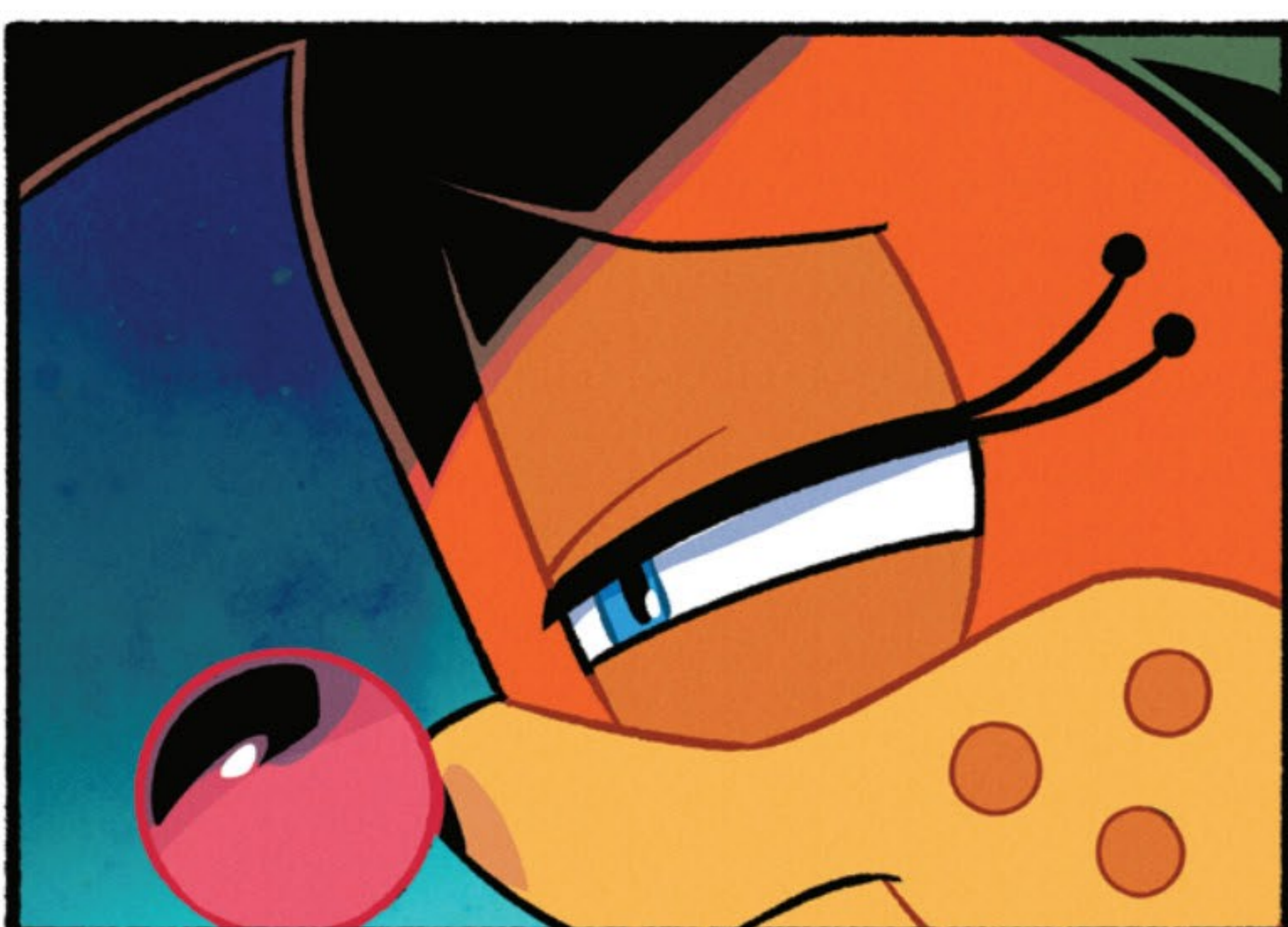
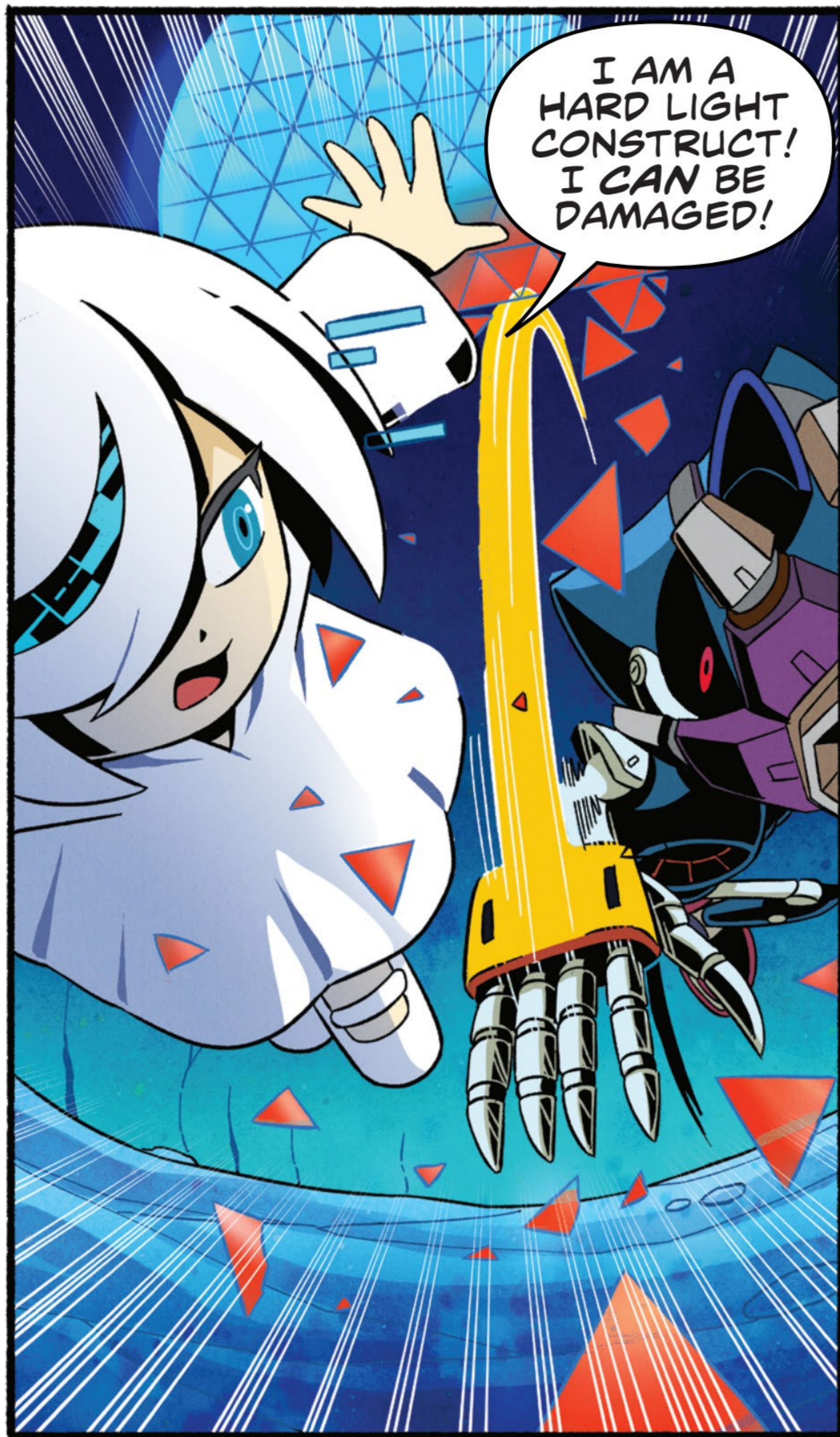
YOU WERE CREATED BY THE DOCTOR DURING HIS "MR. TINKER" PHASE, WERE YOU NOT? THEN YOU ARE PART OF "HIS STUFF."

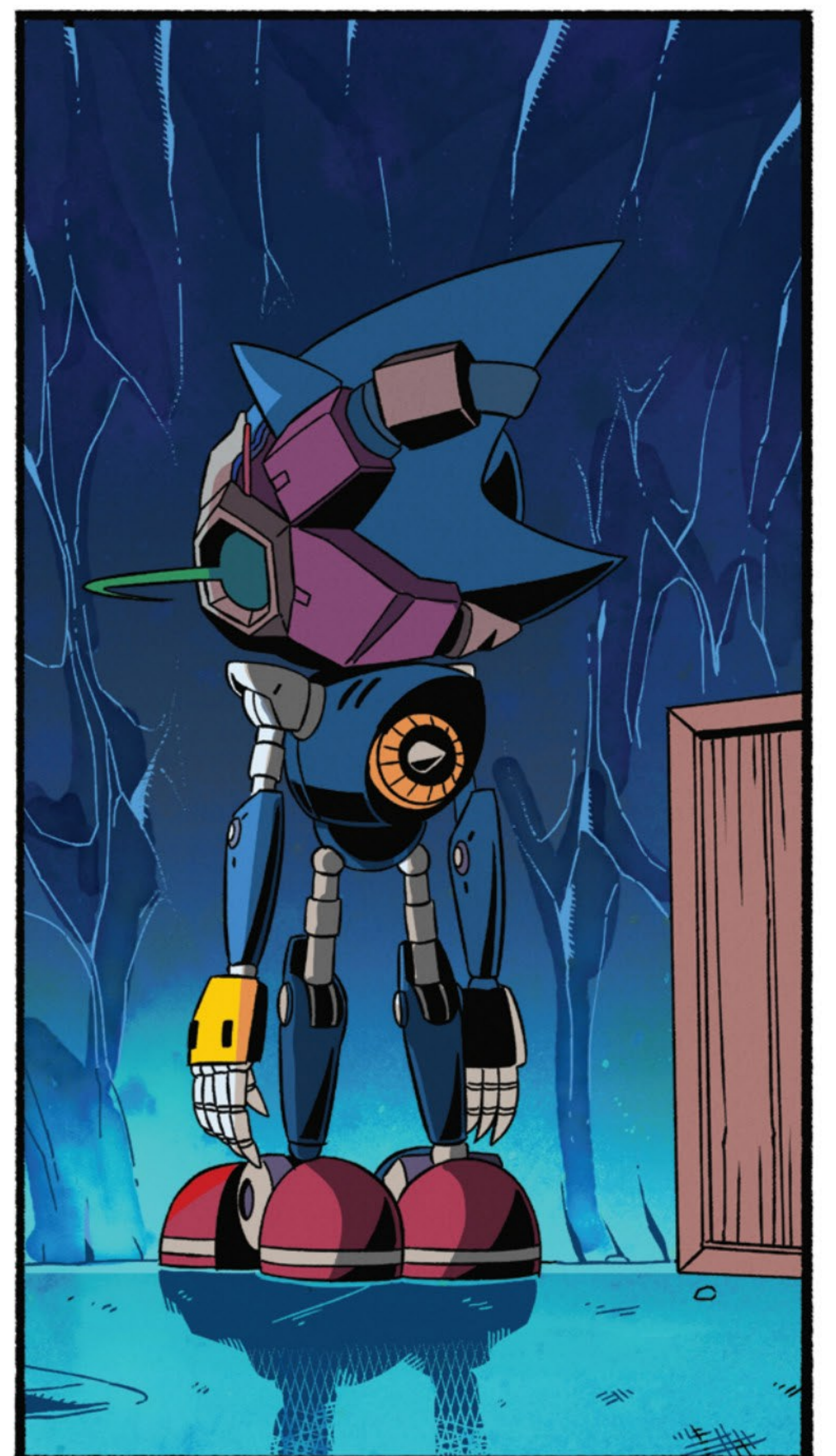
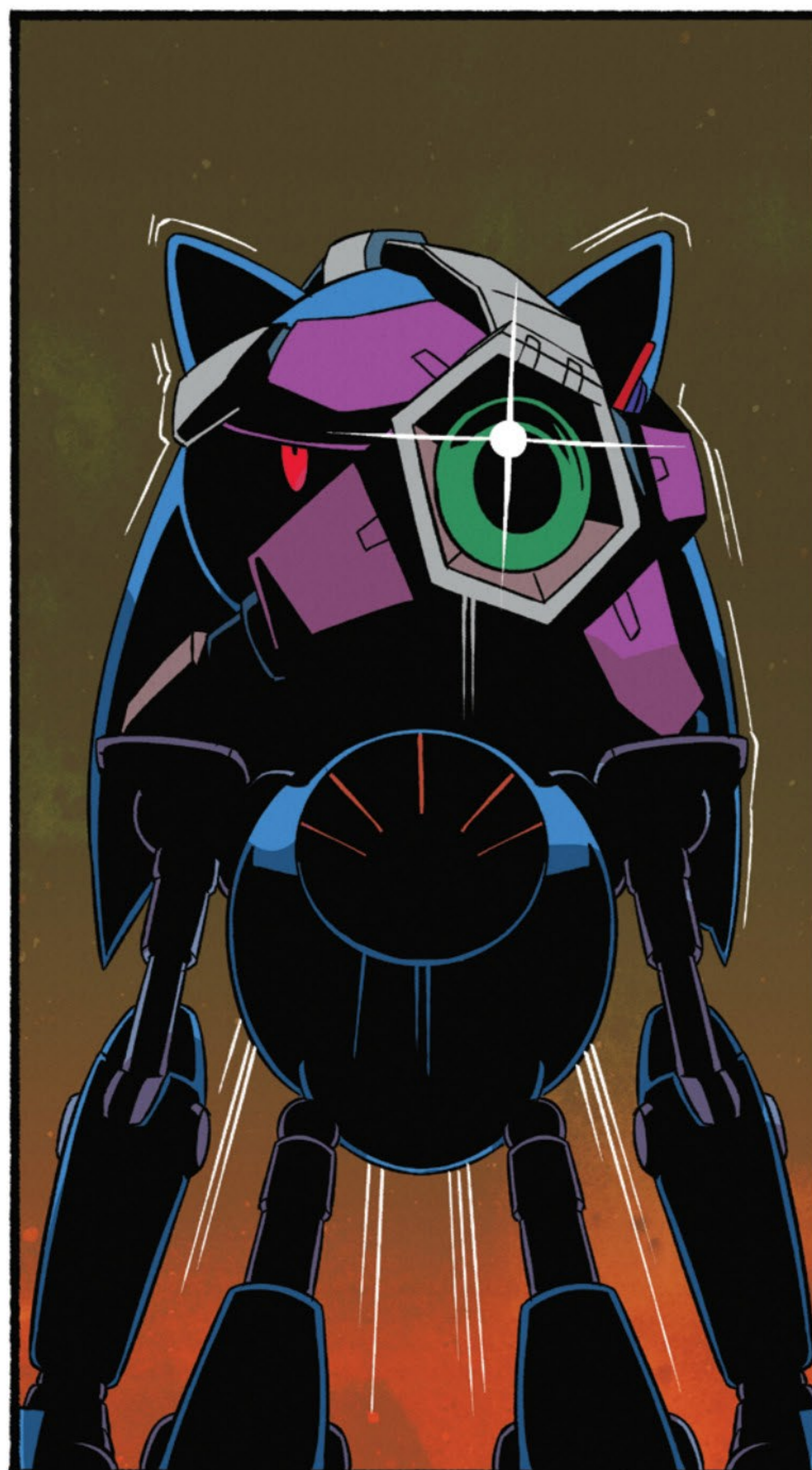
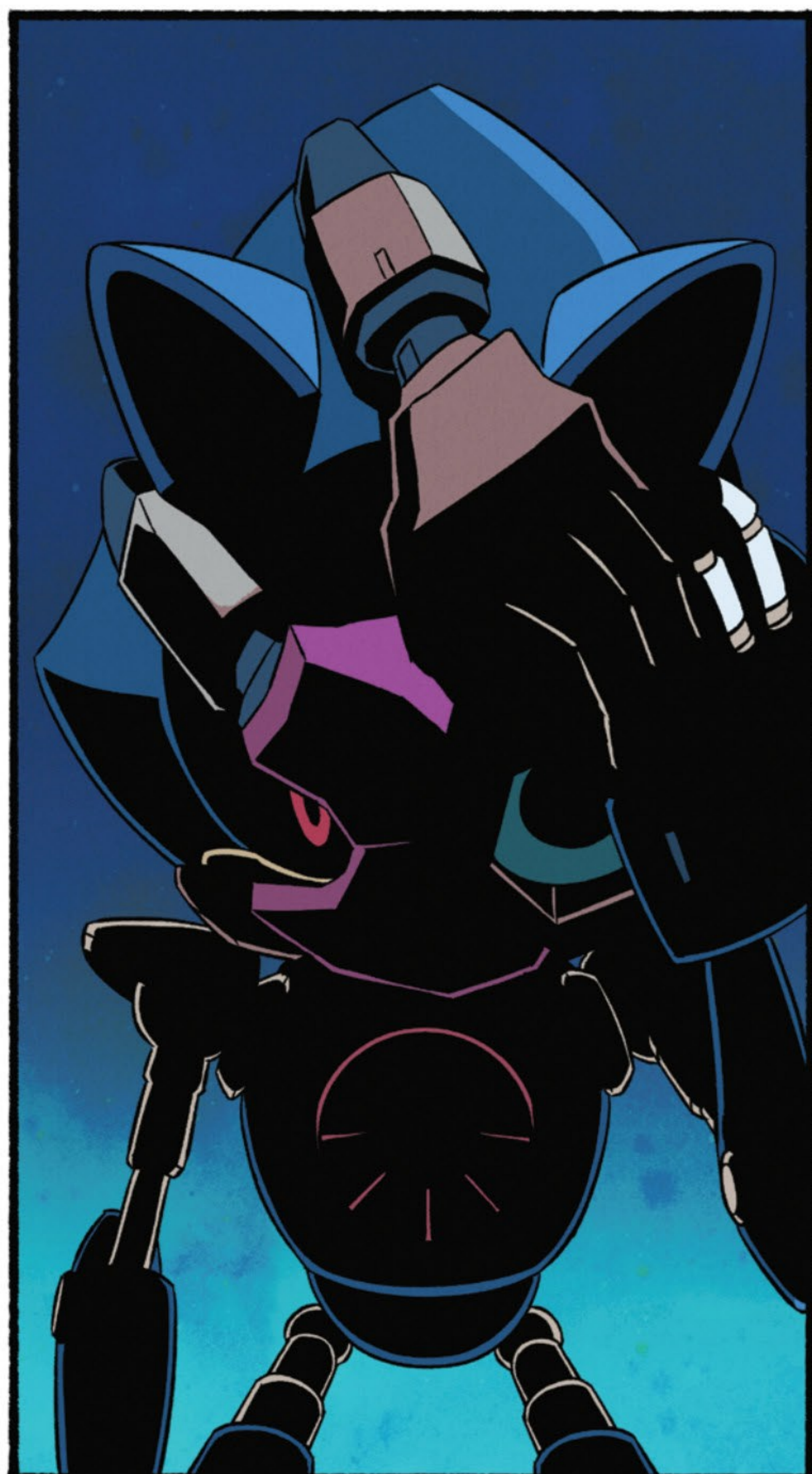
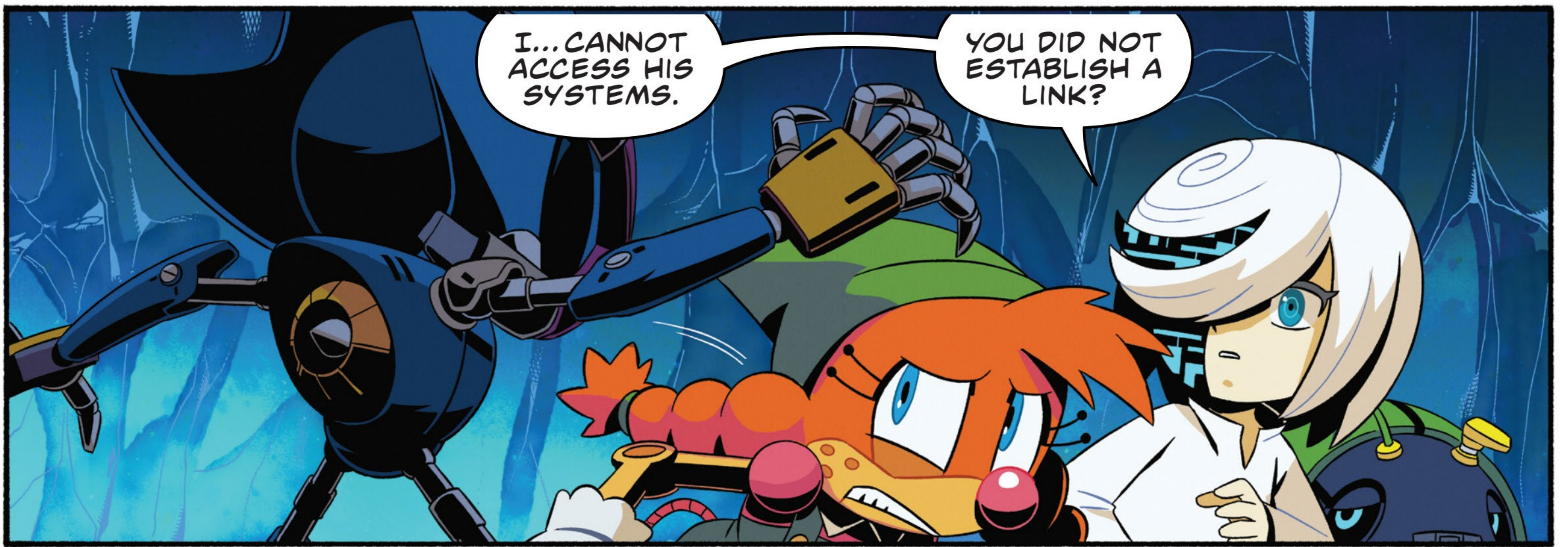
YOU BELONG TO HIM, ALONG WITH THE REST OF THE WORLD.

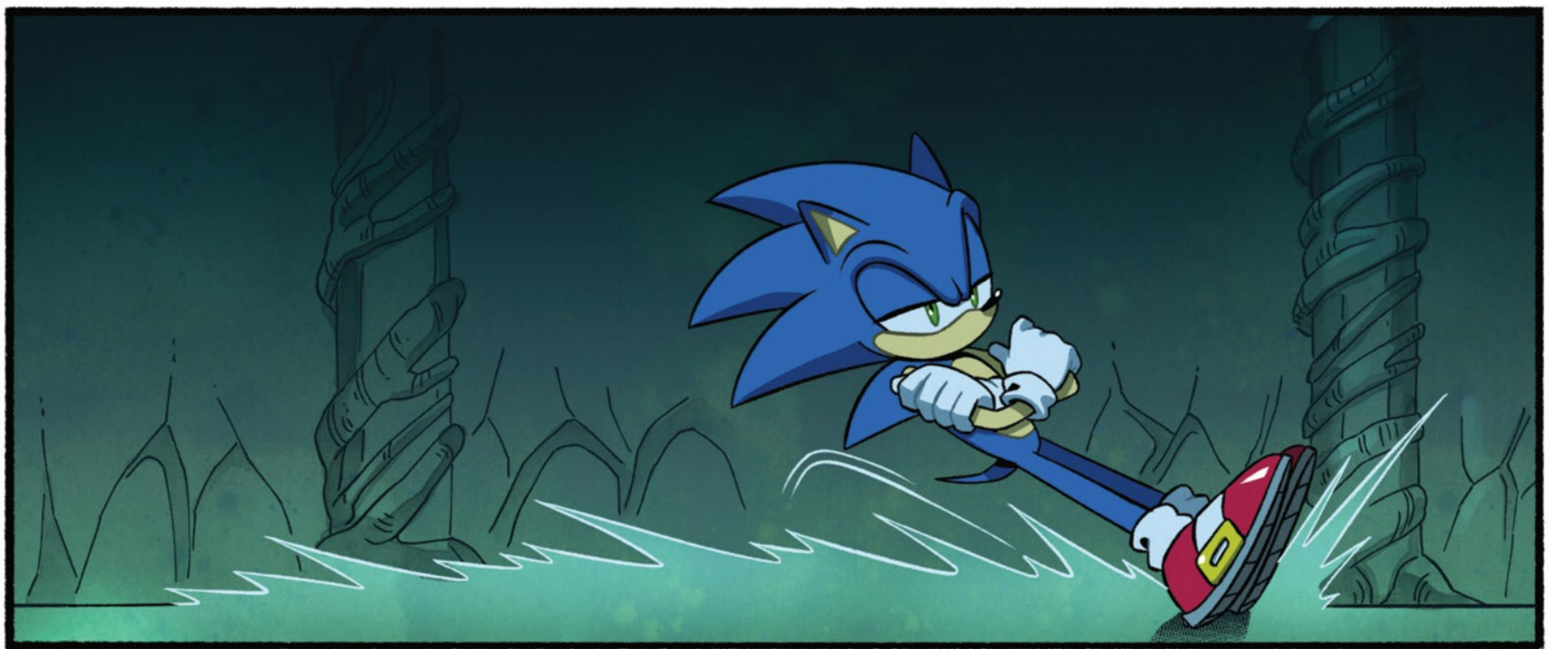
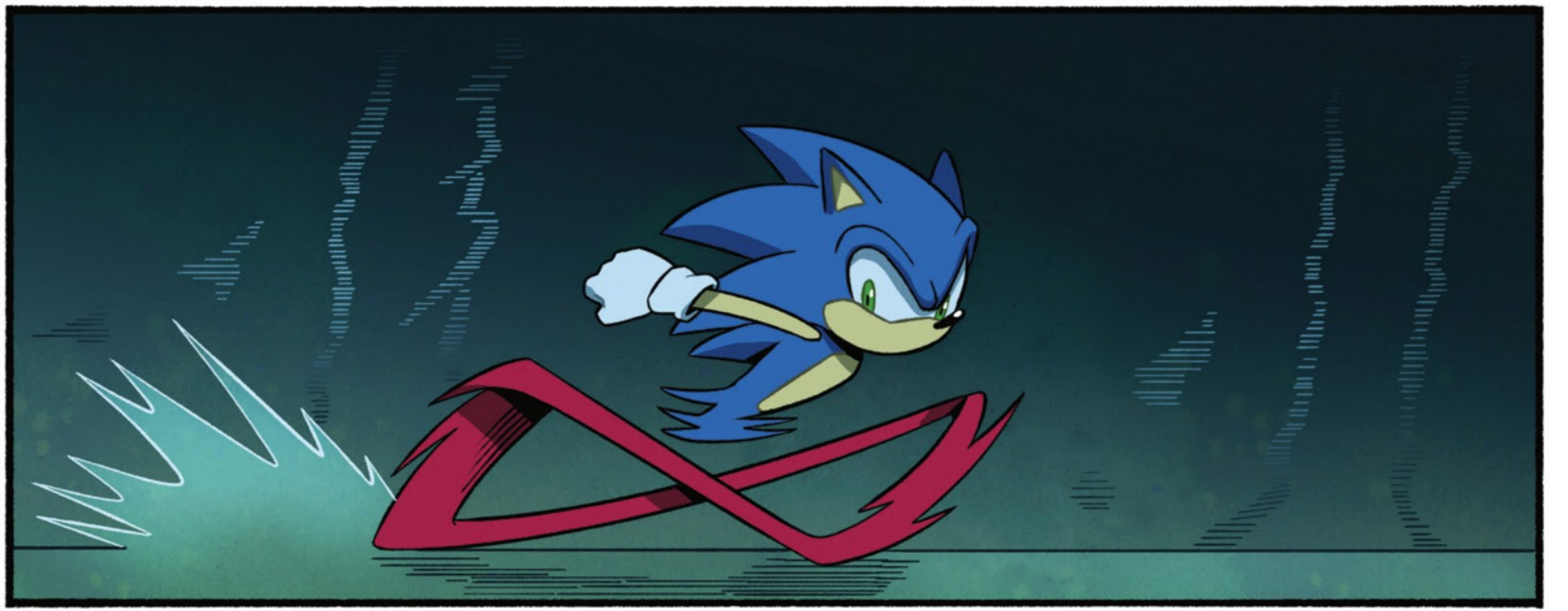
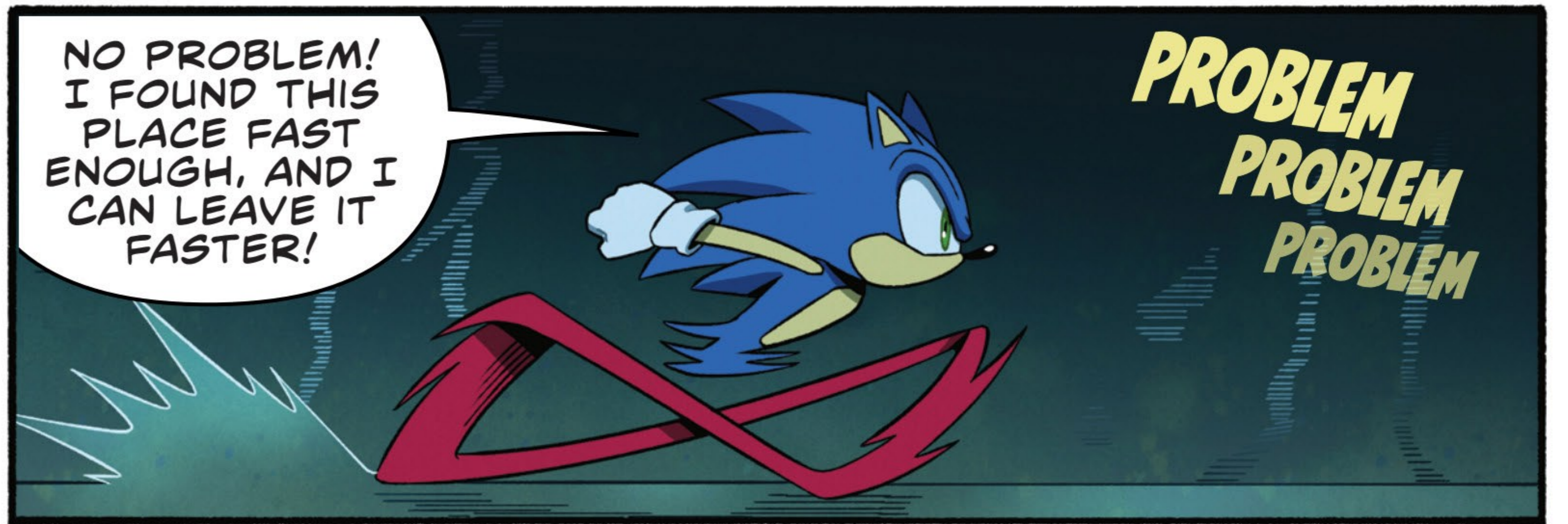


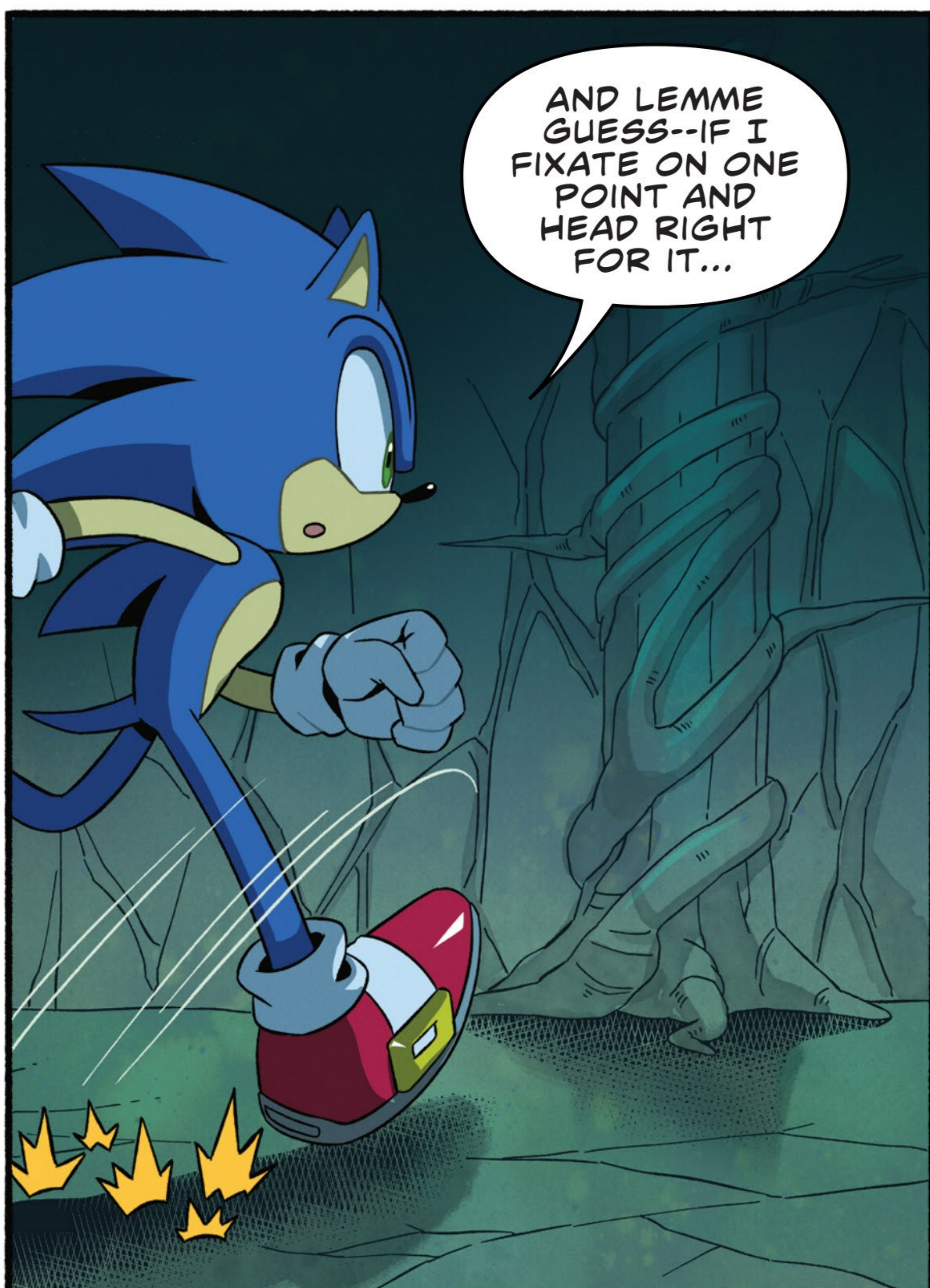
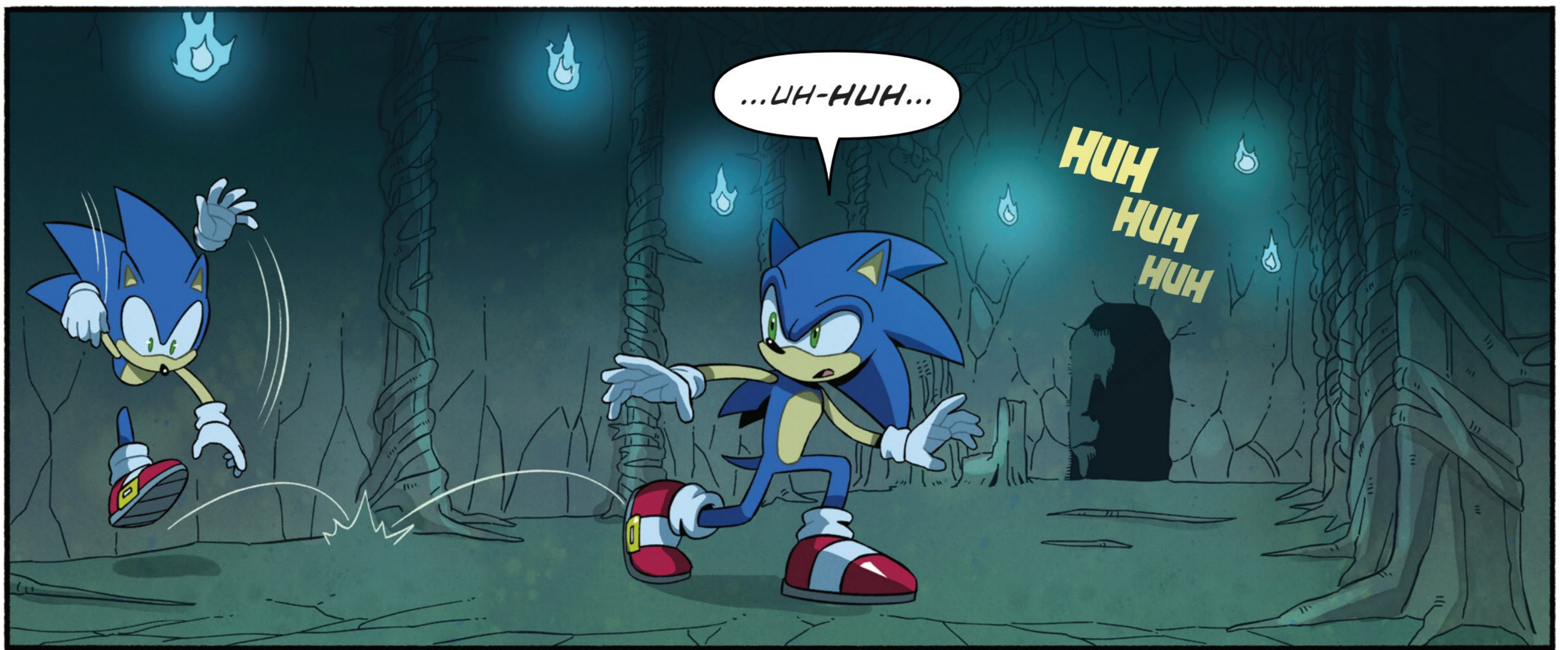
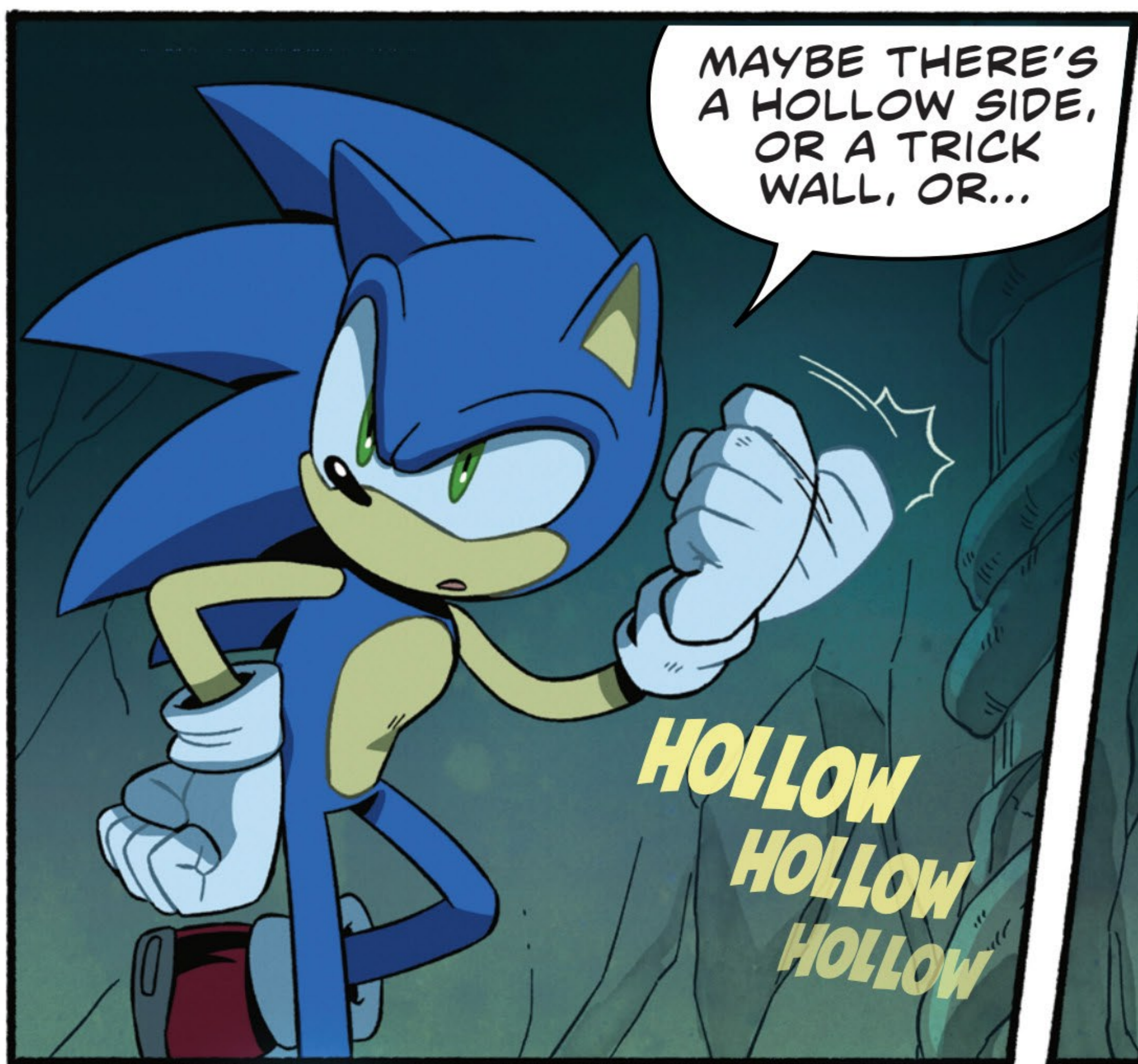
UGH. I HONESTLY DON'T KNOW WHO IS WORSE AT THIS POINT--YOU OR METAL SONIC.

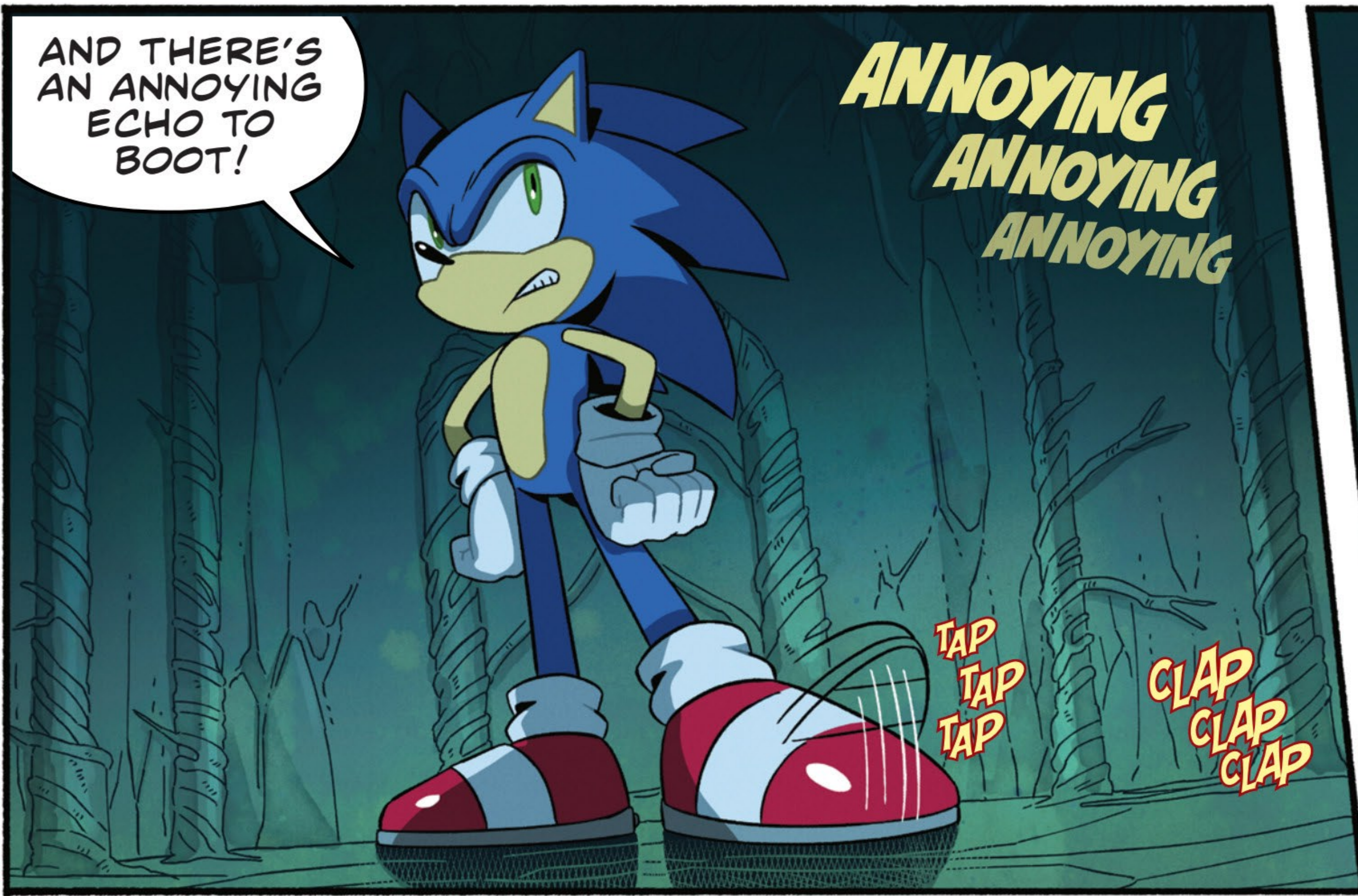


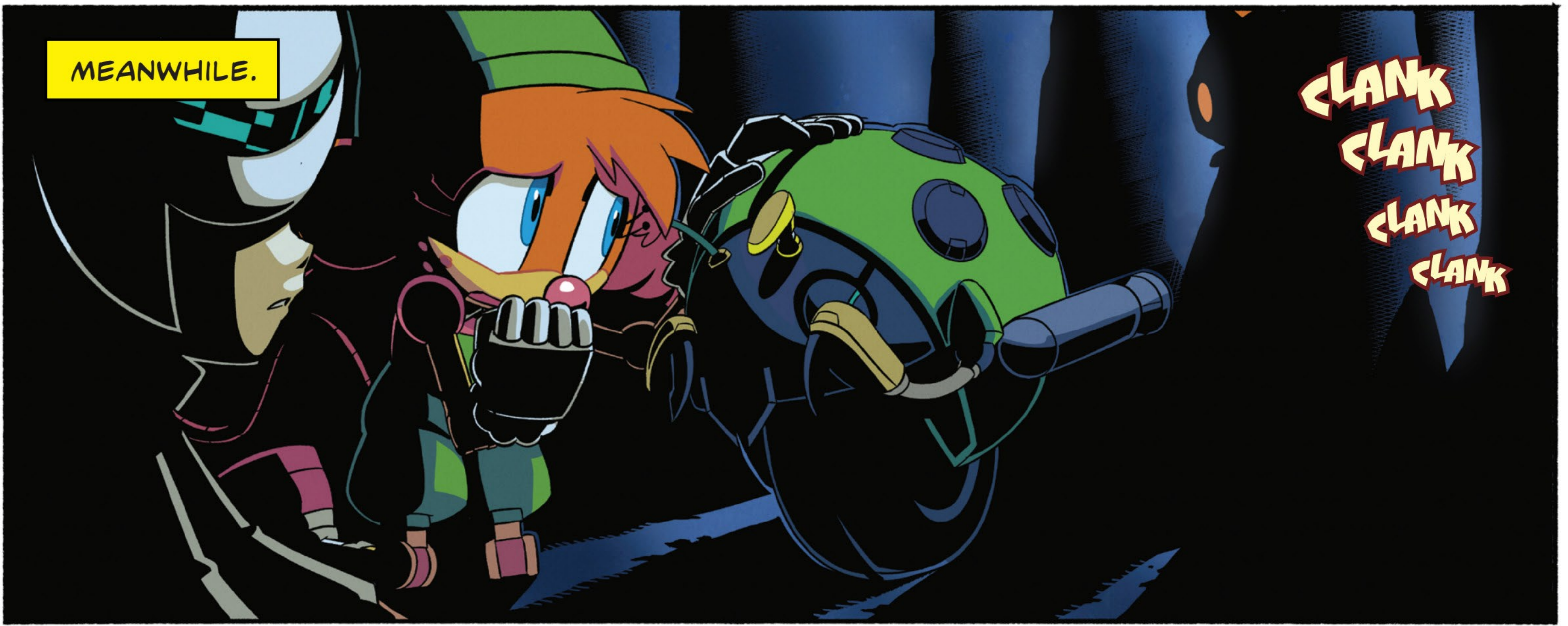












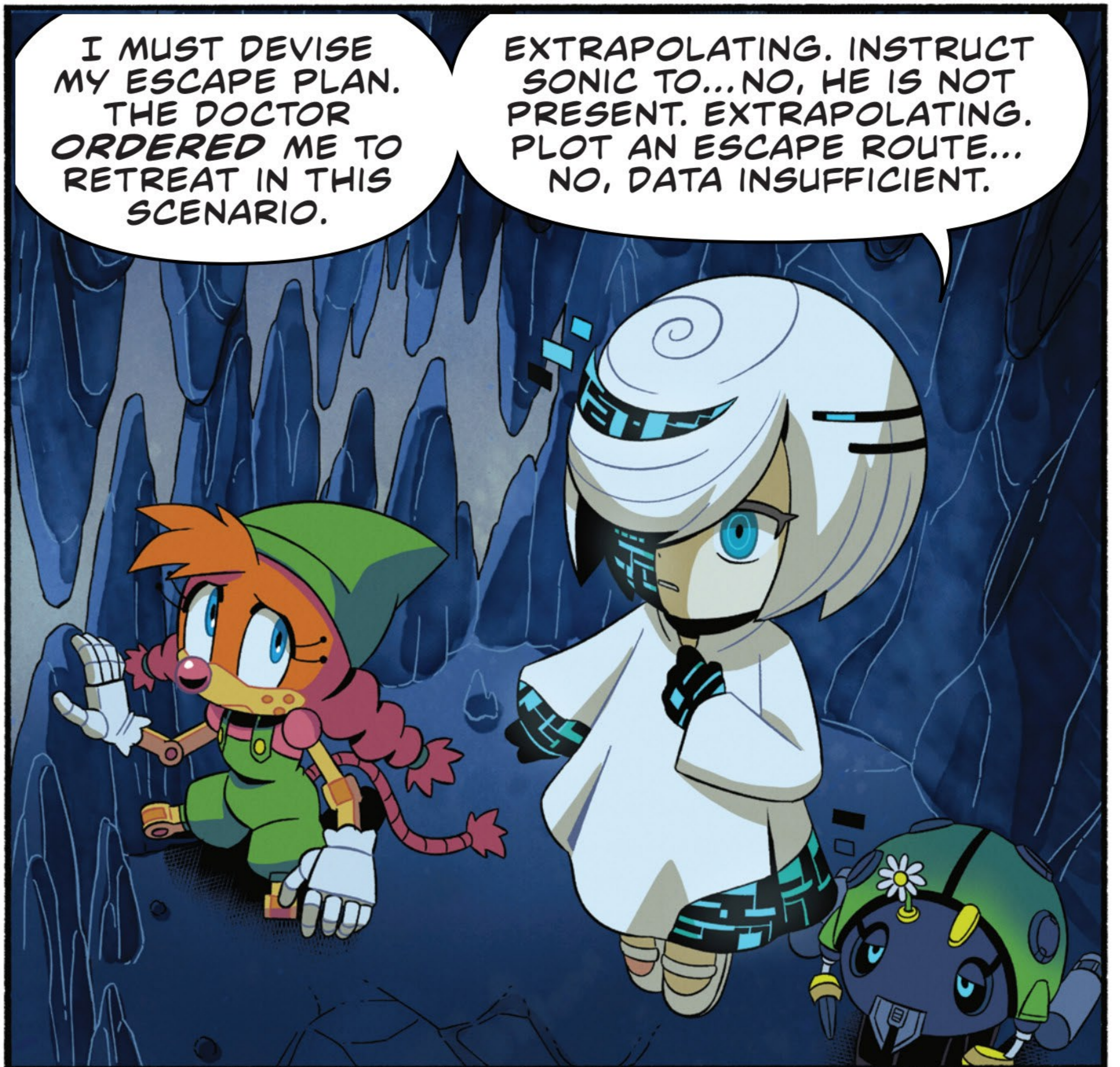
MEANWHILE.

CLANK  
CLANK  
CLANK  
CLANK



OKAY,  
HE'S  
GONE.

HOVER



I MUST DEVISE  
MY ESCAPE PLAN.  
THE DOCTOR  
ORDERED ME TO  
RETREAT IN THIS  
SCENARIO.

EXTRAPOLATING. INSTRUCT  
SONIC TO...NO, HE IS NOT  
PRESENT. EXTRAPOLATING.  
PLOT AN ESCAPE ROUTE...  
NO, DATA INSUFFICIENT.



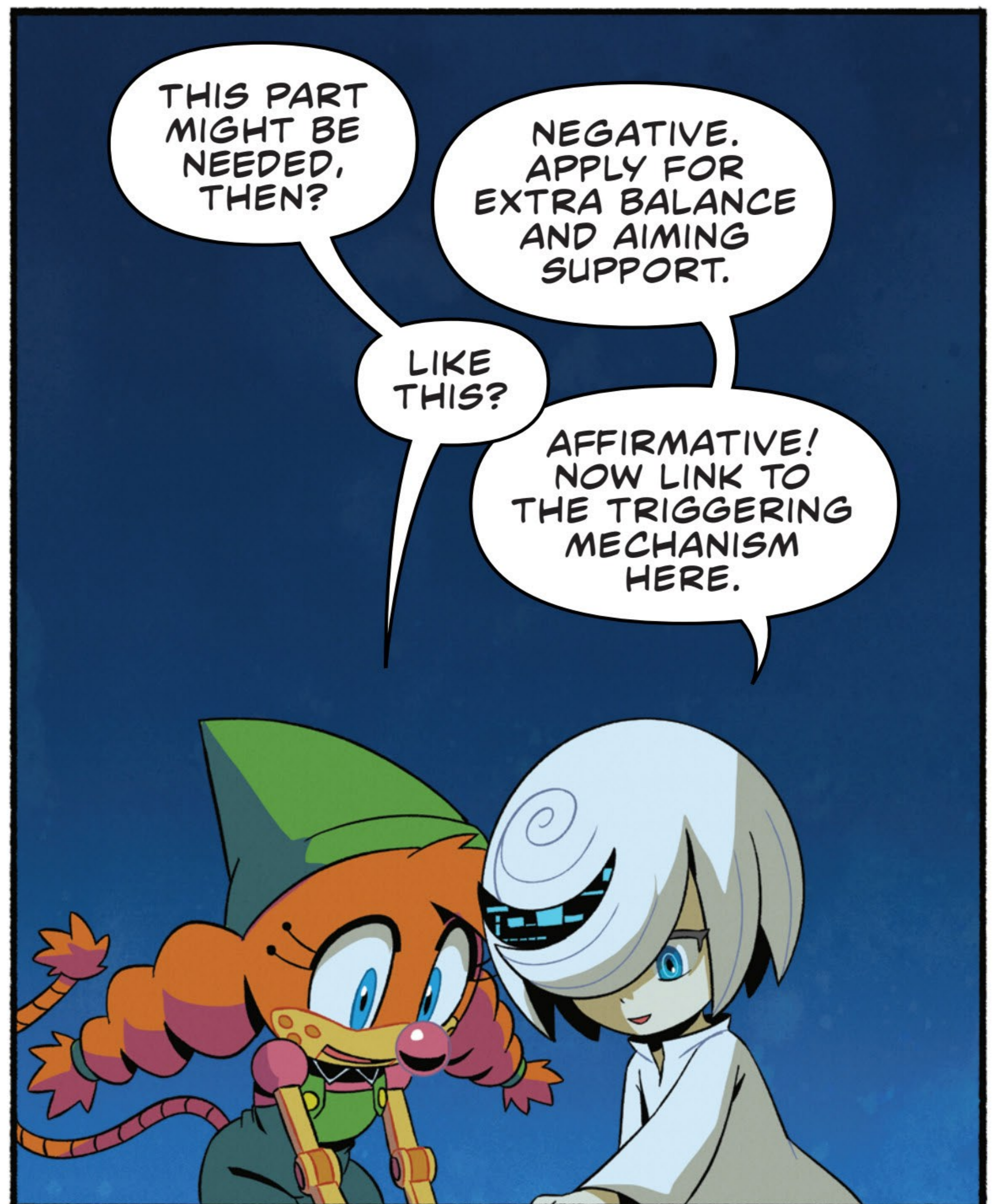
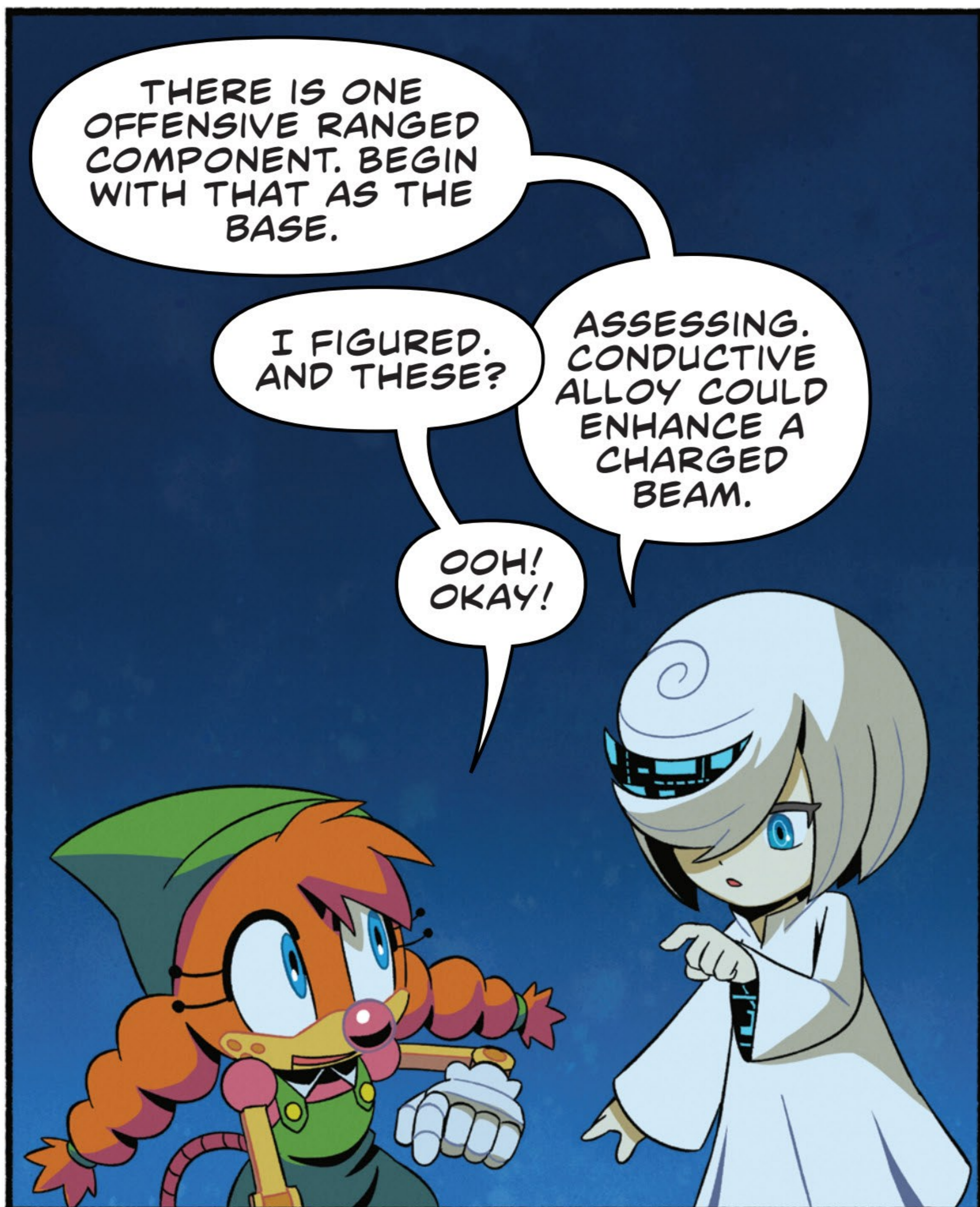
EXTRAPOLATING!  
OVERRIDE METAL'S  
PROGRAMMING...  
NO! HARDWARE  
LIMITATIONS!

EXTRAPOLATING!  
EXTRAPOLATING!



HEY!  
HEY! I'VE GOT  
PARAMETERS FOR  
YOU TO WORK  
WITHIN!

...YOU  
DO?







HA! YOU CAN BARELY TALK THE TALK.

NO WAY YOU'RE GONNA BE ABLE TO WALK THE WALK!

**YOU BARELY WALK!**



OKAY! LET'S STRESS TEST YOUR LITTLE FUN-HOUSE TRICKS!

**FUN TEST**



GREEN WIRE THERE! RED WIRE THERE!

AHH! AHH! AHH!



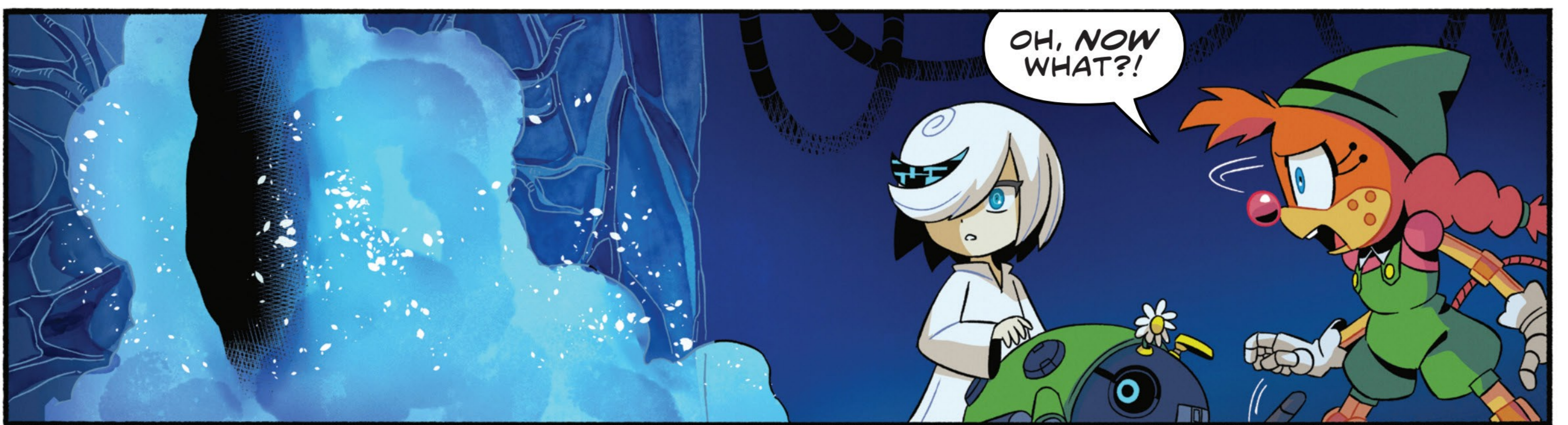
HOLD FOR SUFFICIENT CHARGE!

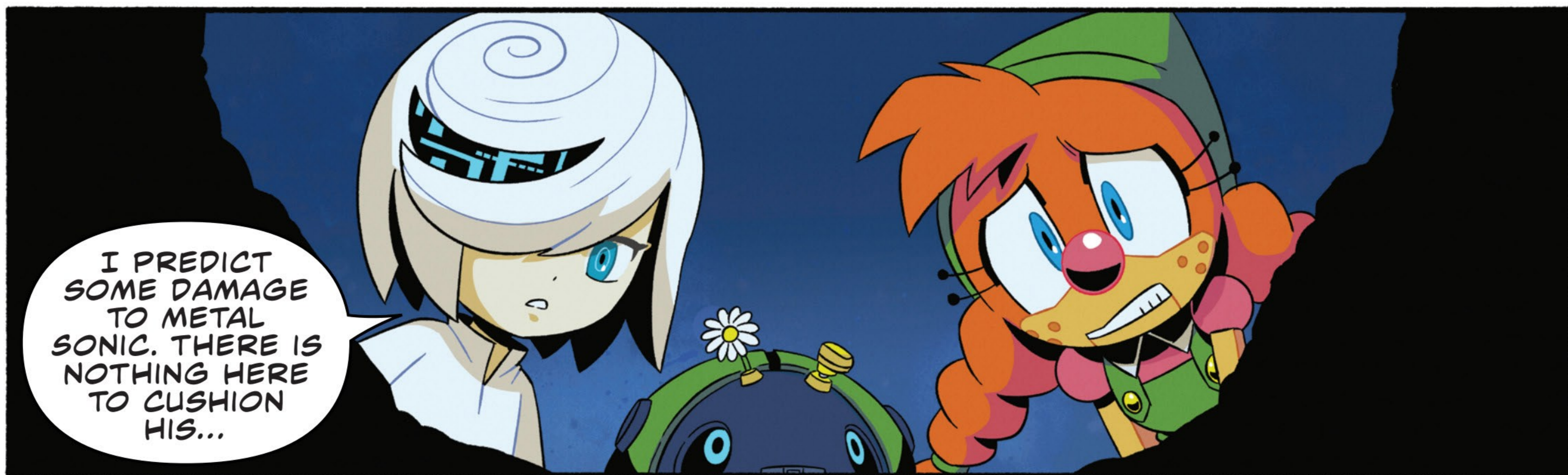
AHH! AHH!

TEN SECONDS! FIVE SECONDS!

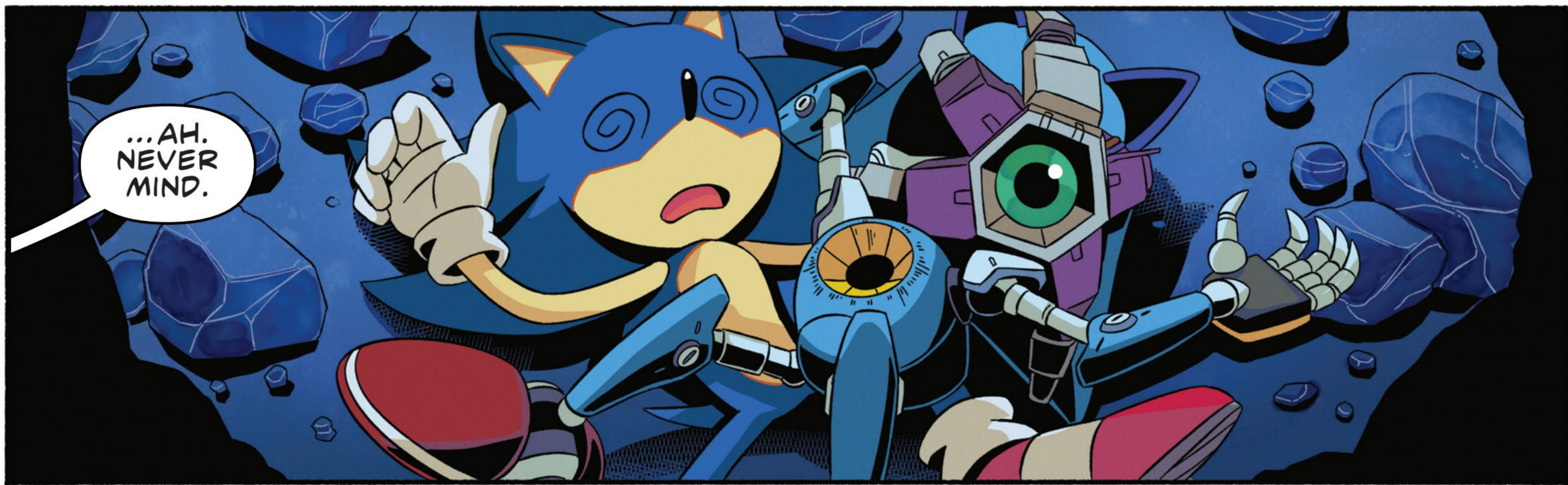
AHH! AHH!

**FIRE!**





I PREDICT SOME DAMAGE TO METAL SONIC. THERE IS NOTHING HERE TO CUSHION HIS...



...AH. NEVER MIND.



OH MY GEARS AND STARTERS!

SONIC!!!



THE WEAPON FELLED TWO SONICS WITH ONE SHOT.

THAT WAS NOT WITHIN MY MODELS.

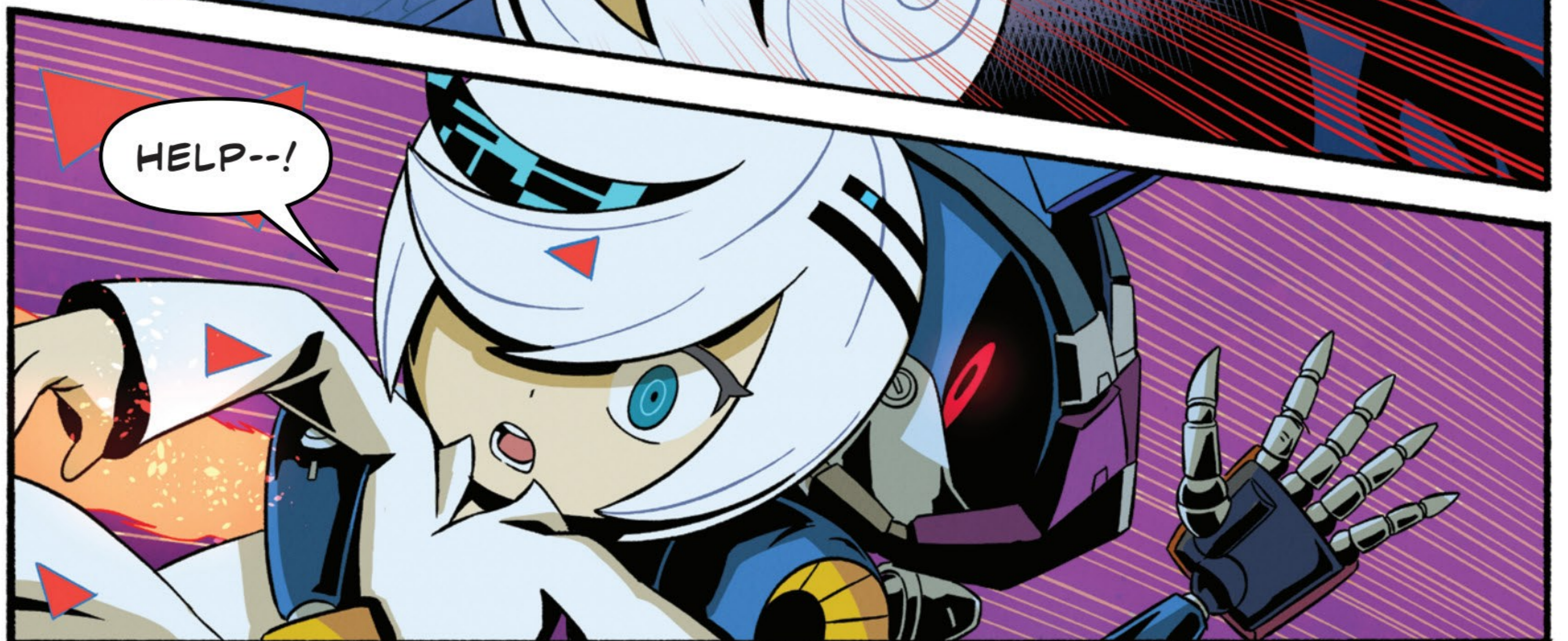
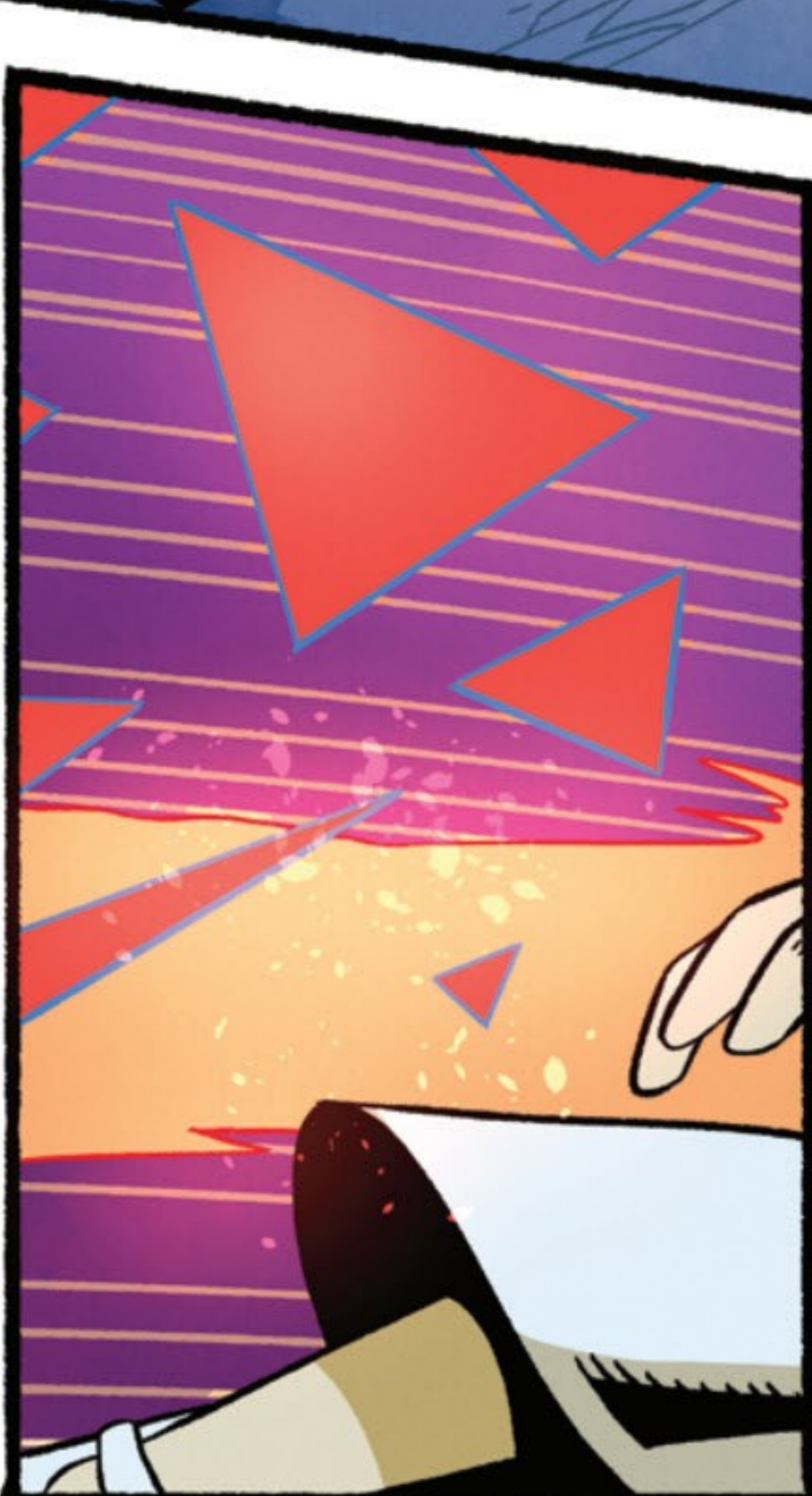
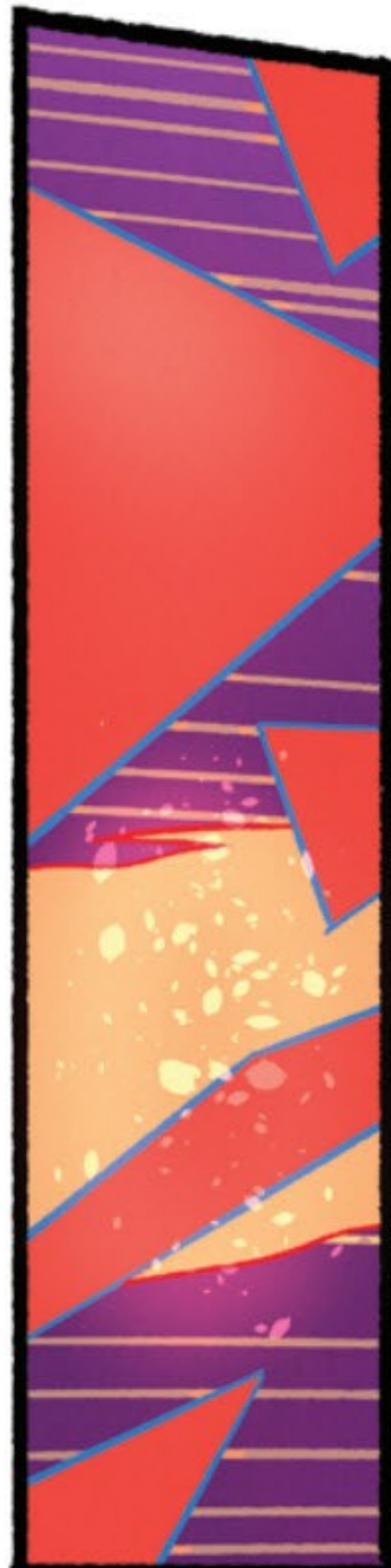


ARE YOU OKAY?

OH HEY, BELLE! YOU MISSED ONE HECK OF A SHOW.

THERE WAS A WEIRD ROOM, A WEIRD GUY, AN EXPLOSION, AND THEN--





**NEXT TIME** → A CHASE THROUGH THE DARK!

**NEXT MONTH...**



# SONIC LETTERS SQUAD

*METAL SONIC TOOK SAGE?! I DIDN'T EVEN KNOW THAT WAS AN OPTION!*

*I WOULD ASK OUR TEAM WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN NEXT, BUT THEY'D NEVER CAVE IN!*

*WHILE YOU LAUGH AT THIS AMAZING JOKE, ALLOW US TO CELEBRATE THE AMAZING TEAM WHO MADE IT POSSIBLE—  
EVAN STANLEY, IAN FLYNN, MIN HO KIM, VALENTINA PINTO, AND ED DUKESHIRE! NOW,  
LET'S HEAR FROM OUR TALENTED SONIC SQUAD!*

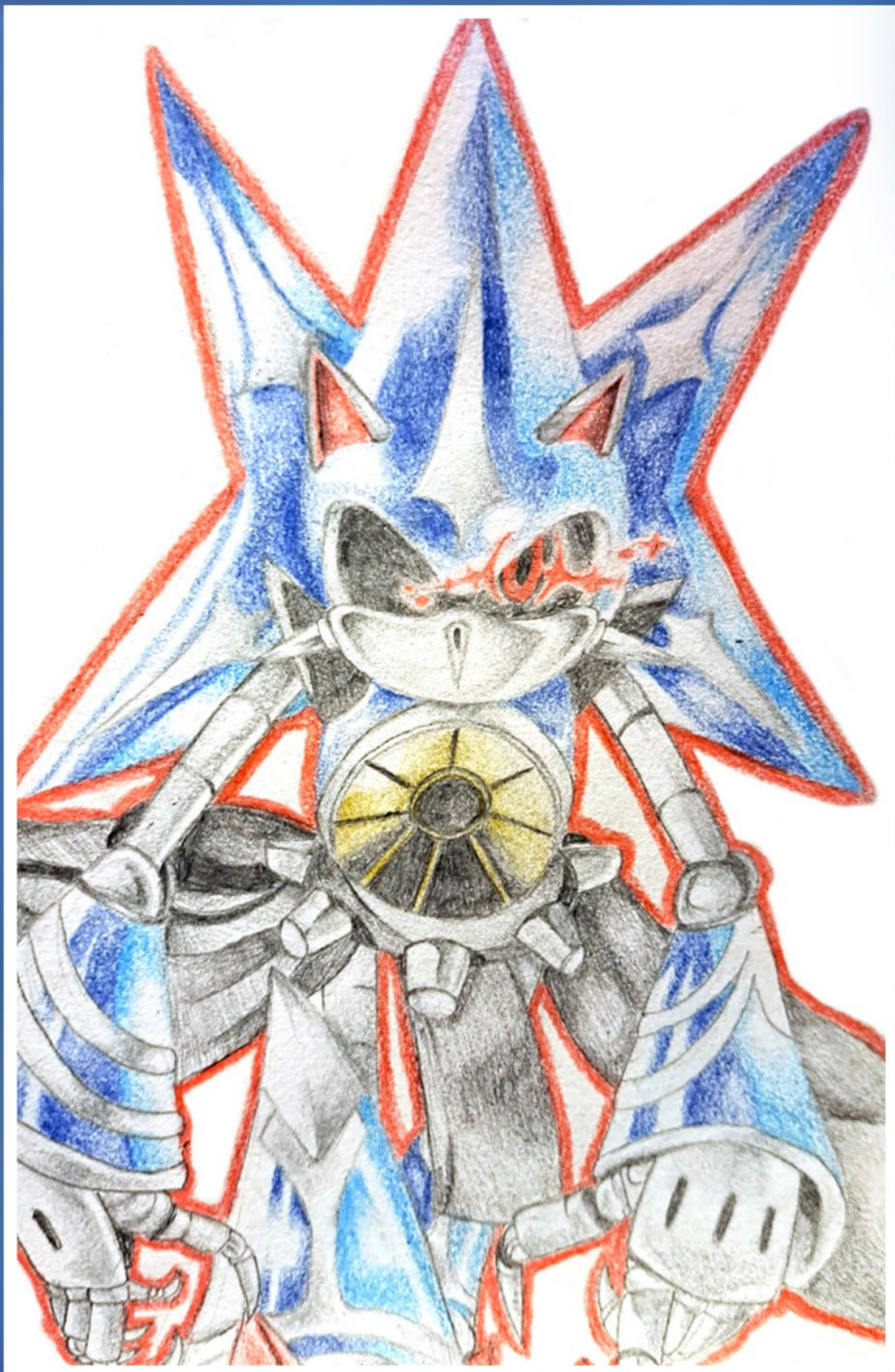
Hello, IDW team! Thank you for continuing to give us some great stories and characters in the 8 years this series has been going around. Belle the Tinkerer continues to be my favourite character in the entire franchise, and I'm SO glad she is back! Will she get the chance to team up with Cream one day? I have a good feeling their pacifist natures would go together so well!

--MSP Nova

We are so happy to have Belle back in the spotlight! She's one of the sweetest characters around, and it's been so fun to team her up with...less emotional people! If she and Cream were to hang out, it might be a cuteness overload, so I hope we get to see that one day! Thank you so much for writing in!



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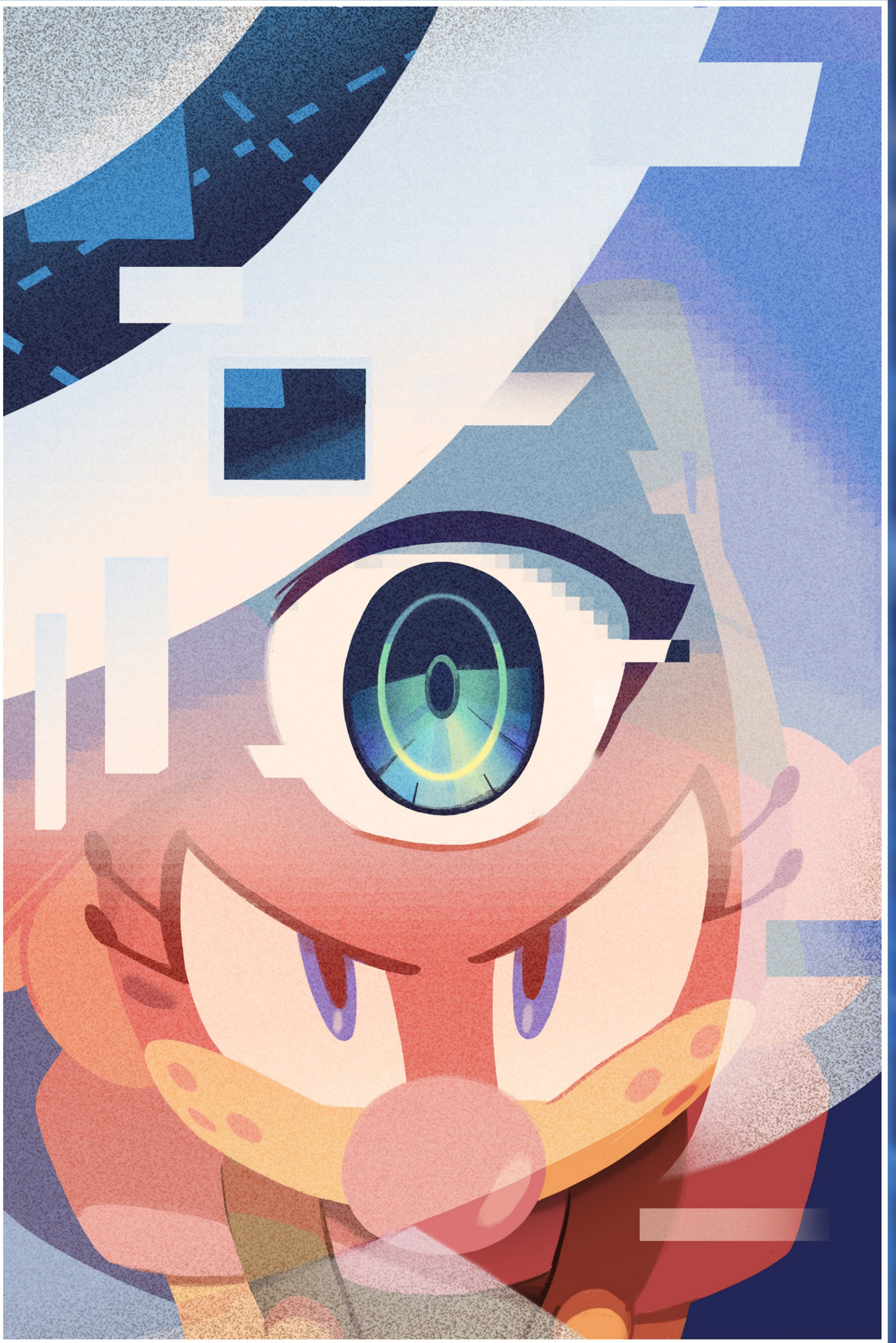
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BUT WE'LL SEE YOU THEN IN SONIC THE HEDGEHOG #86!*



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**GEAR UP, GAMERS!** I'm IDW games manager Ellen Boener, and I'm here to recruit YOU to save the world.

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