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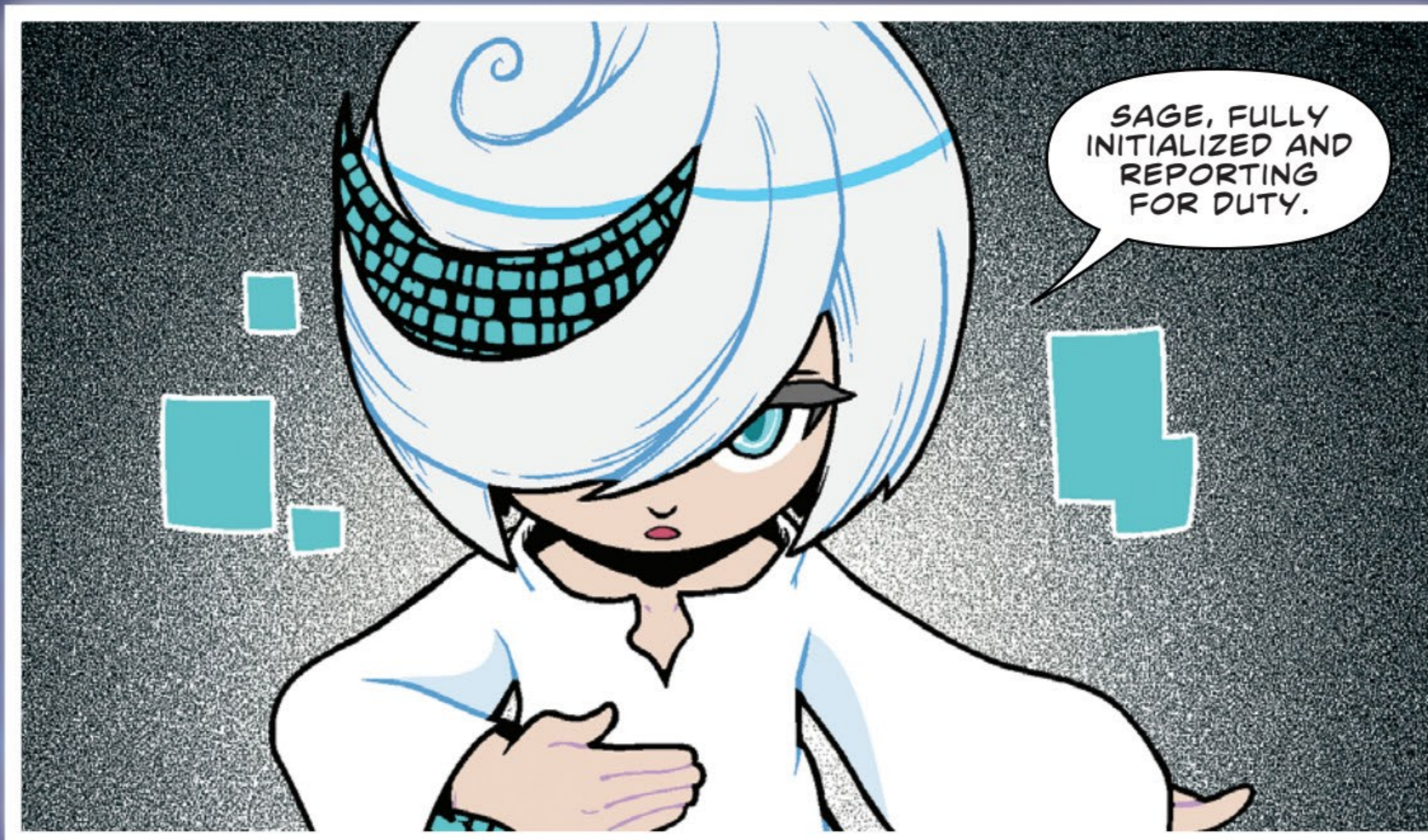
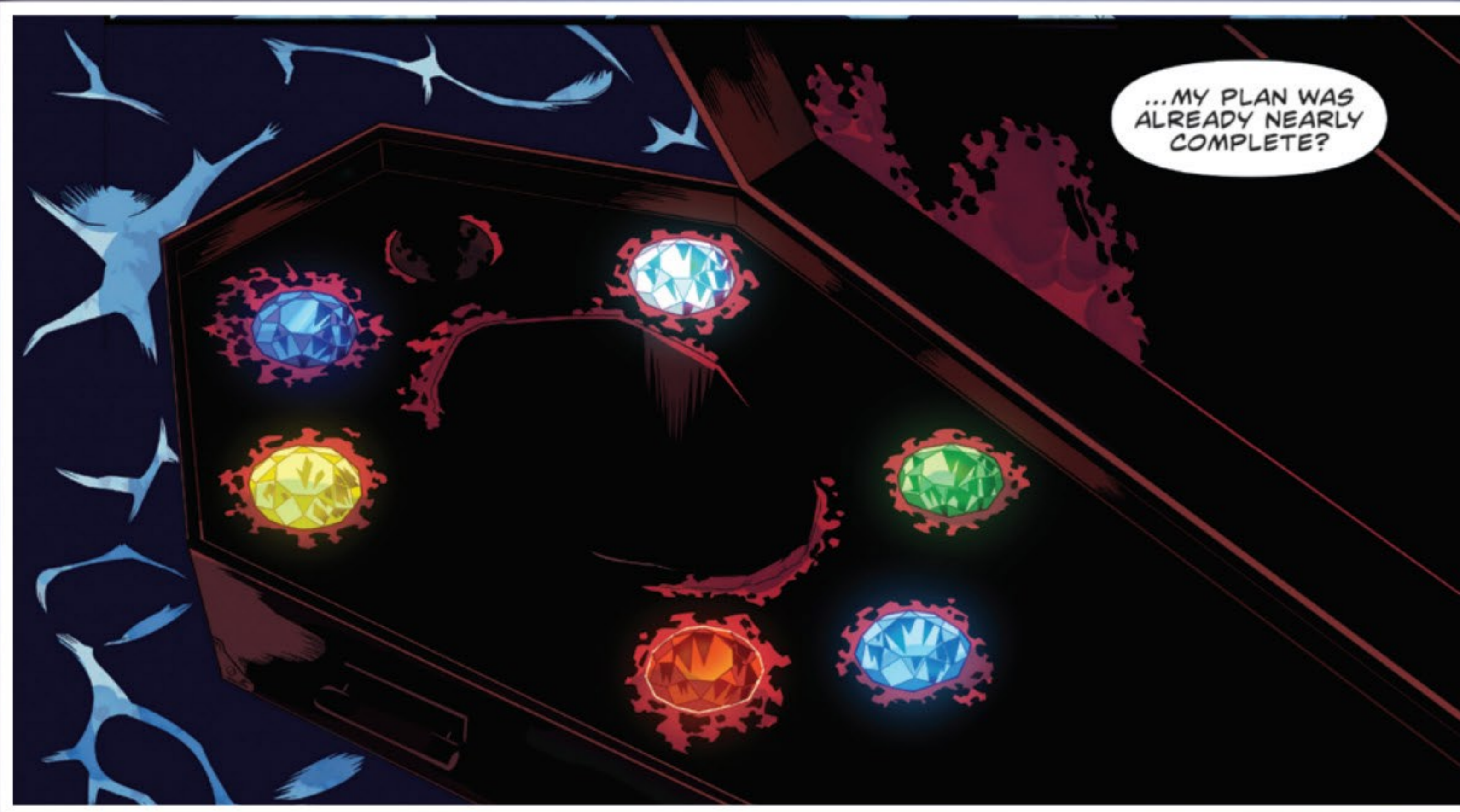
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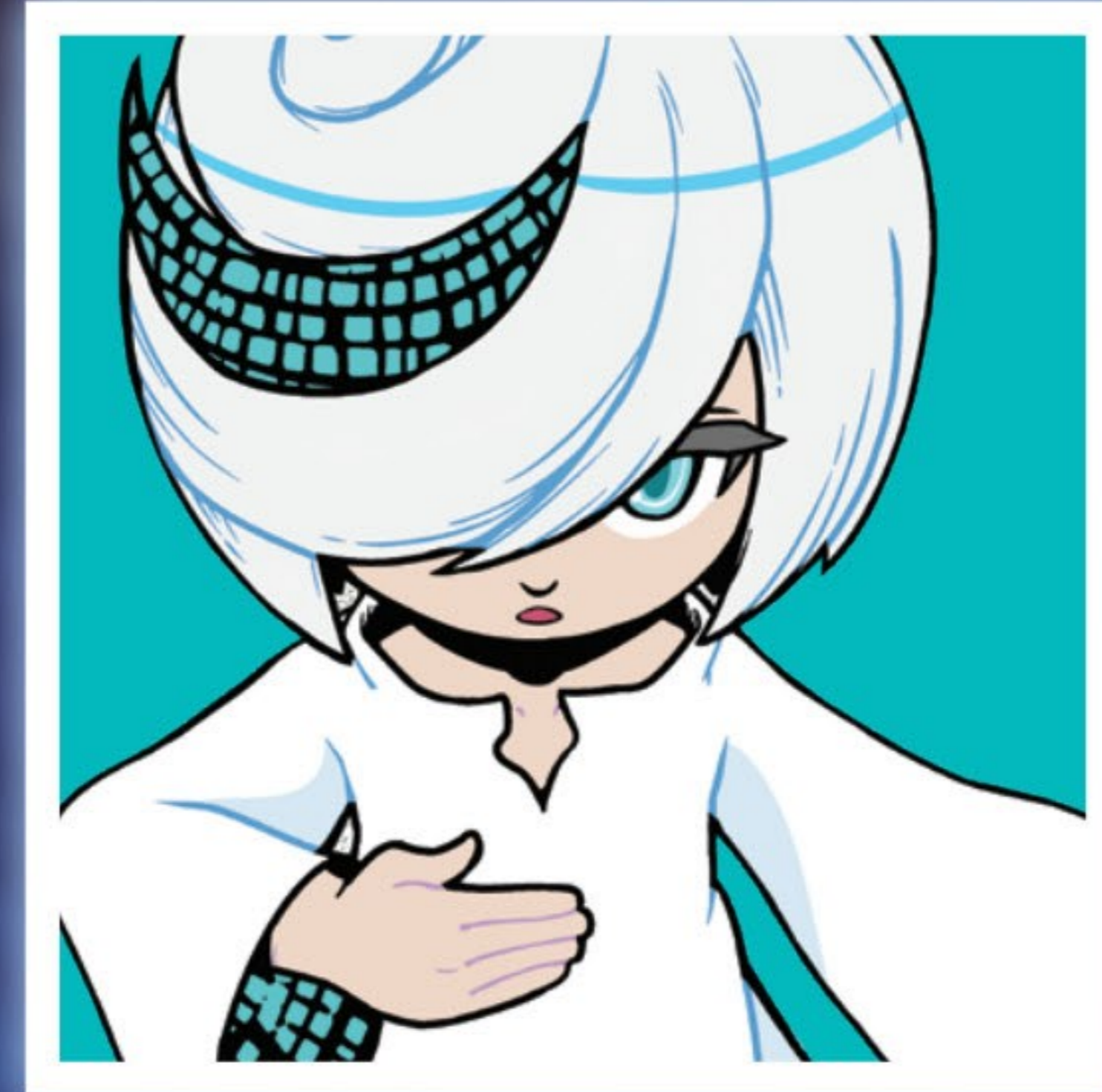
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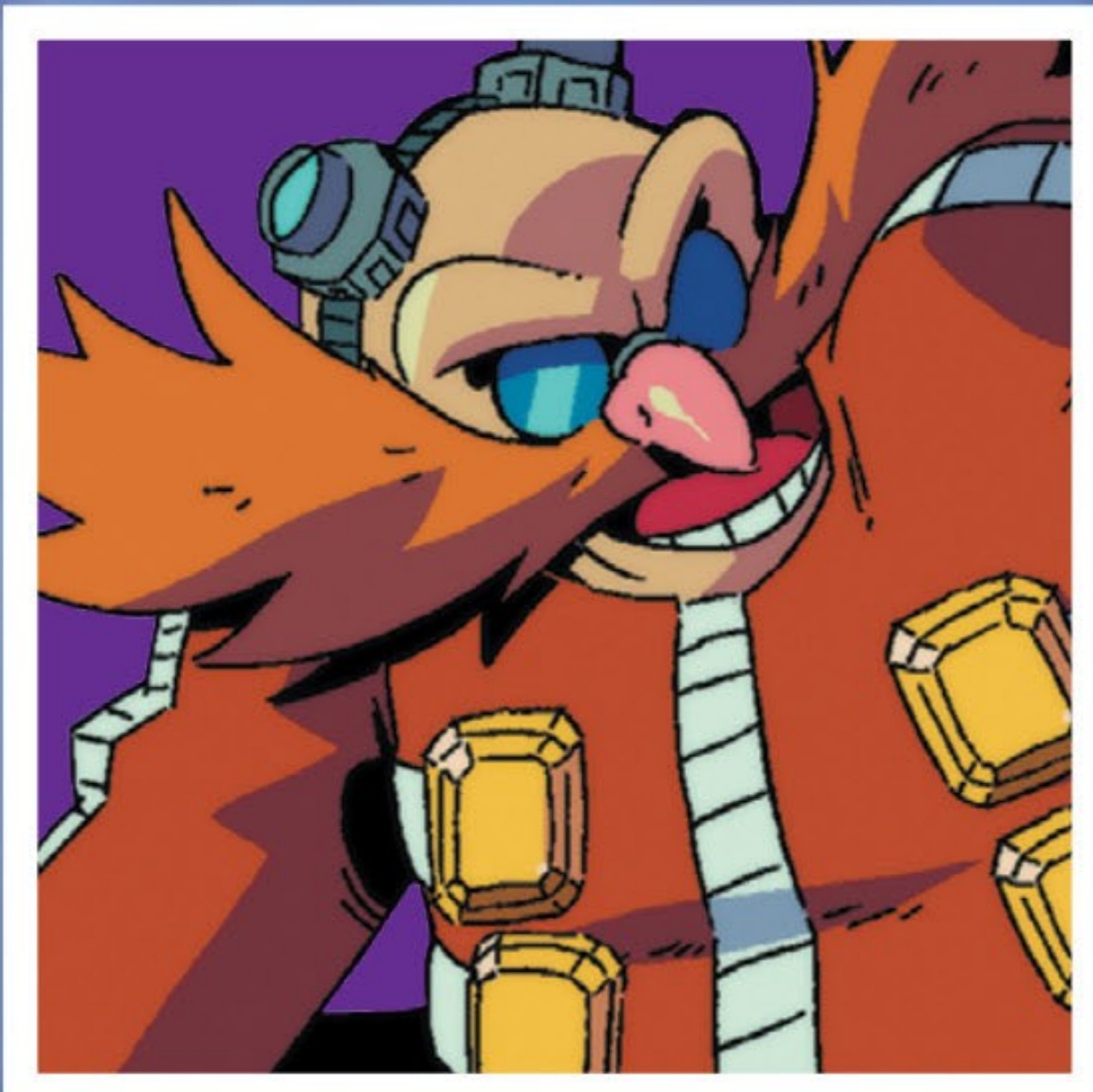




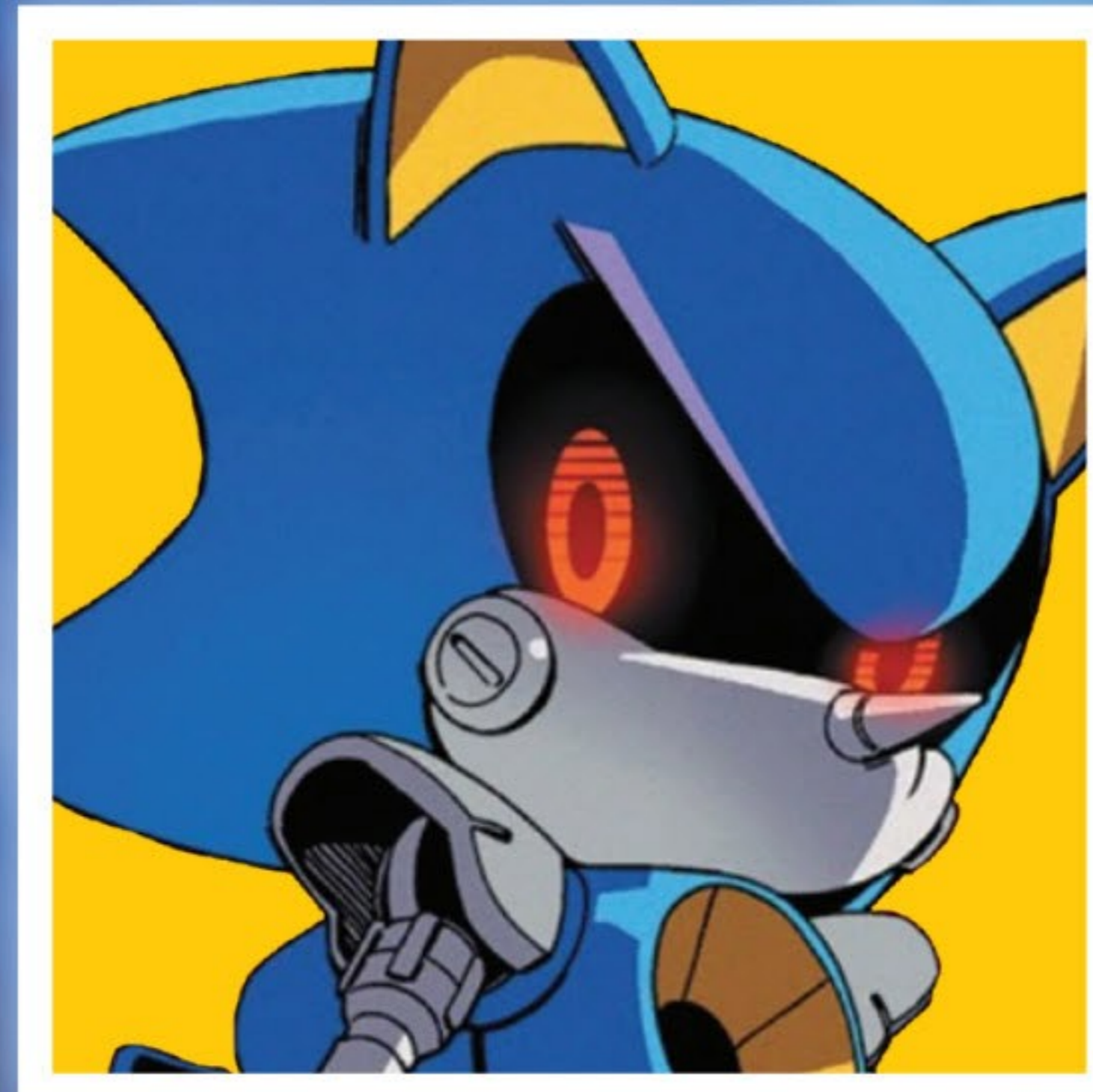
**SONIC**  
THE BLUE BLUR.  
FASTEST THING ALIVE.



**SAGE**  
ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE.  
RECENTLY REBORN.



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



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



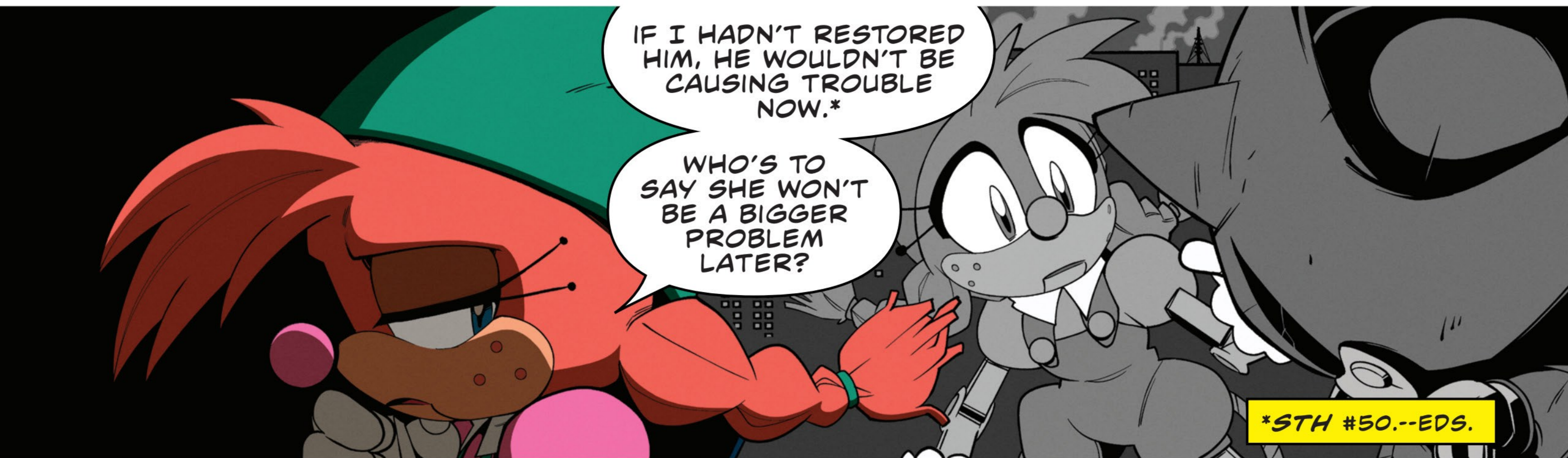
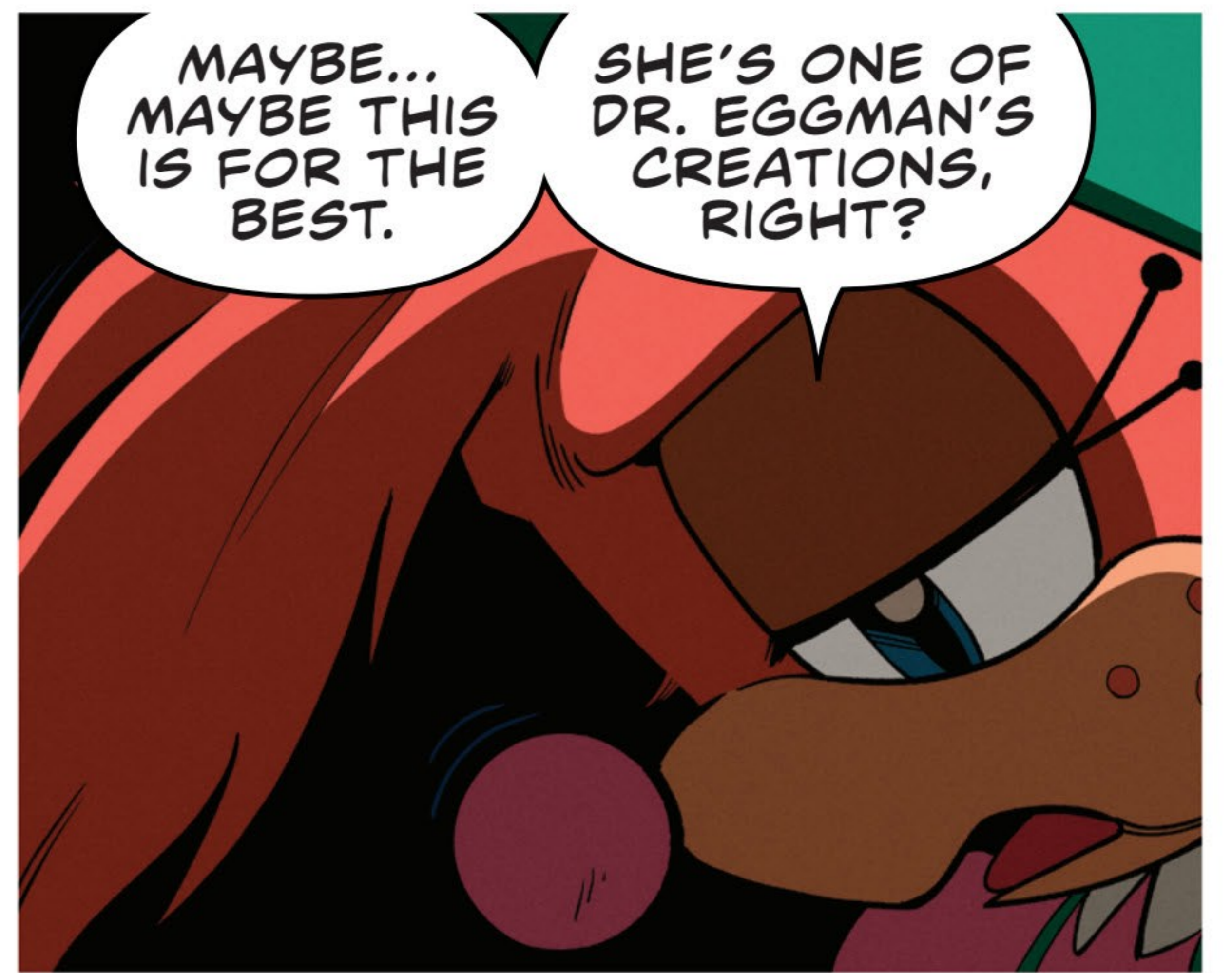
**BELLE**  
ENTHUSIASTIC NEWCOMER.  
CLUMSY MARIONETTE.

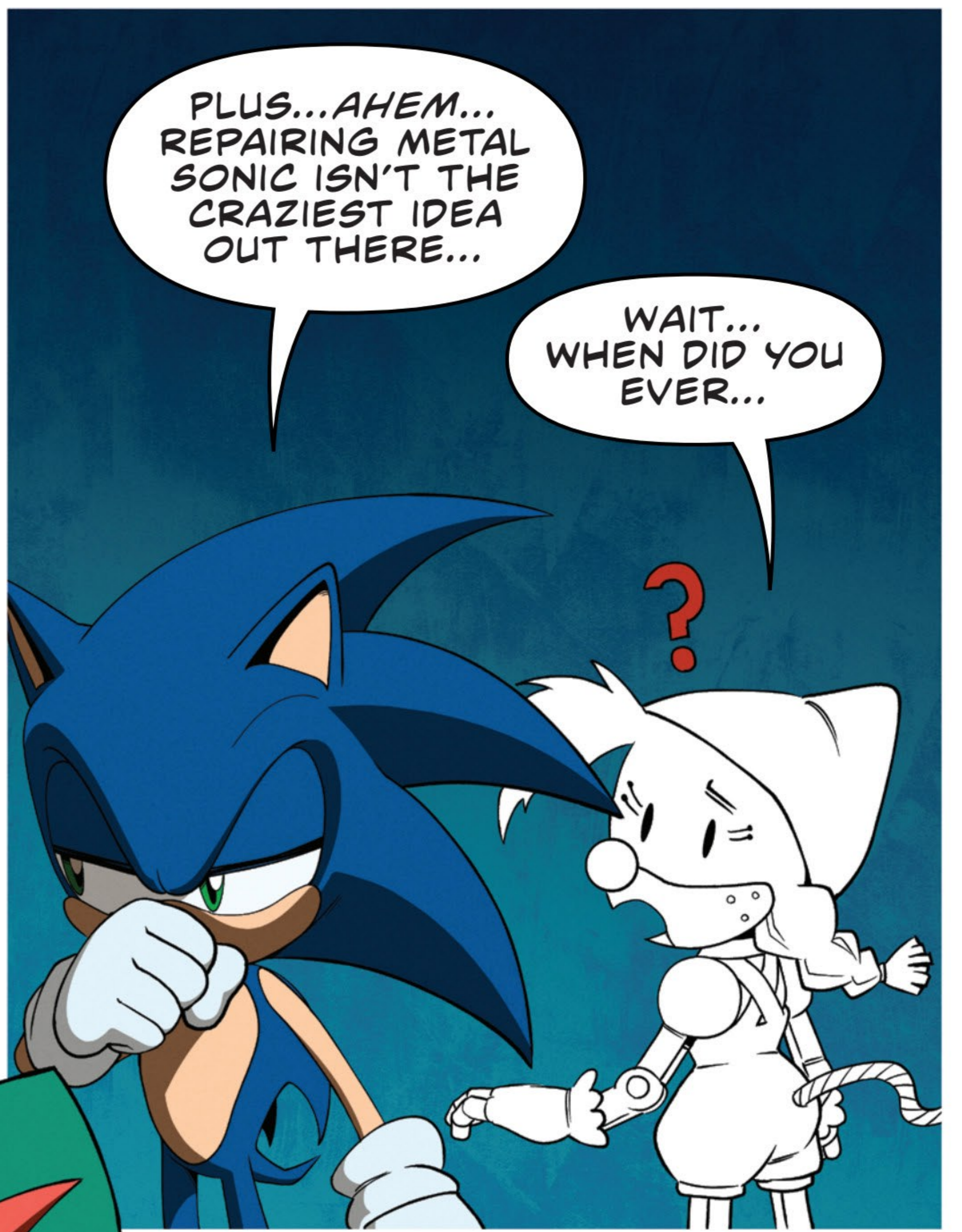
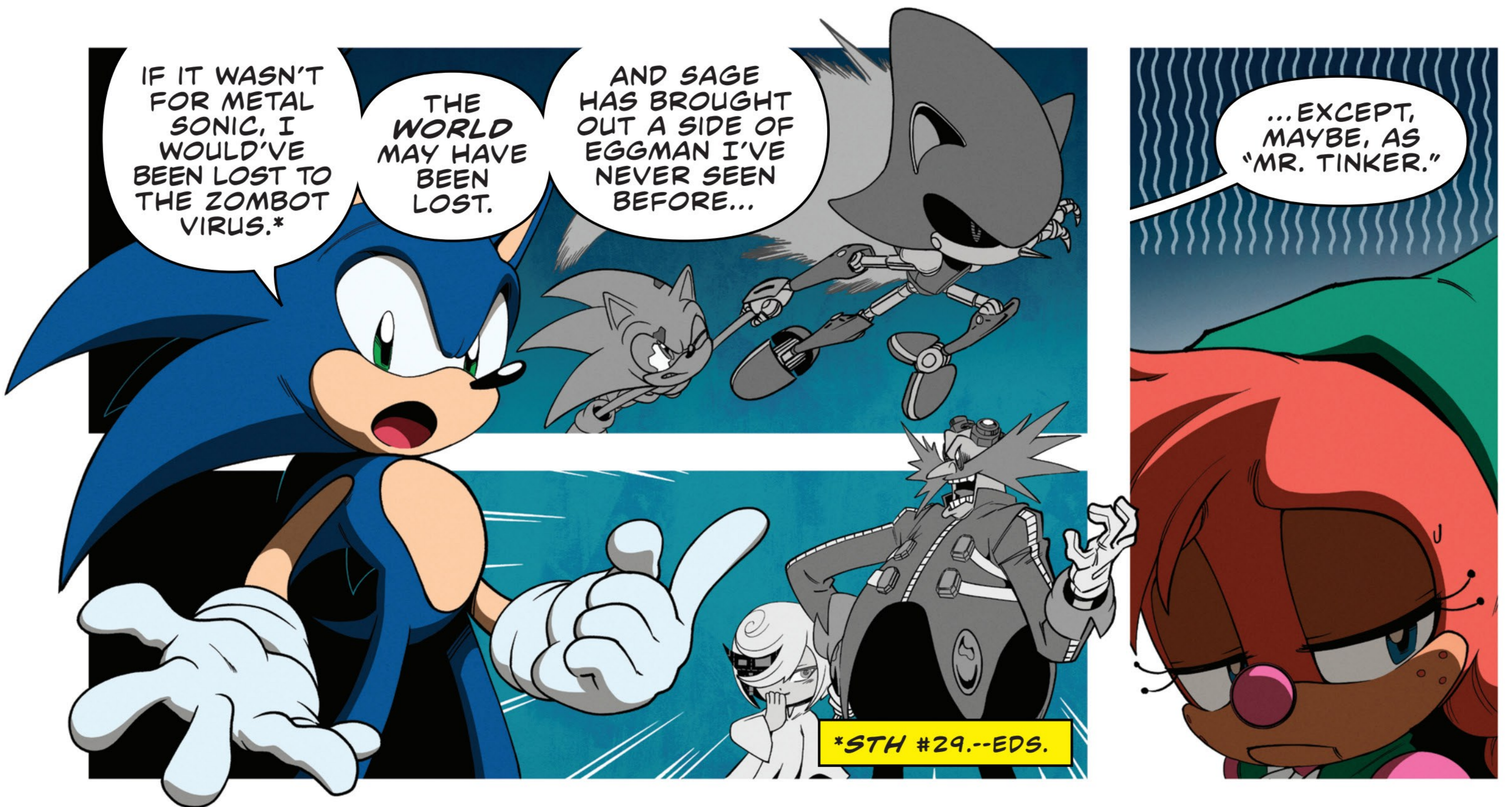
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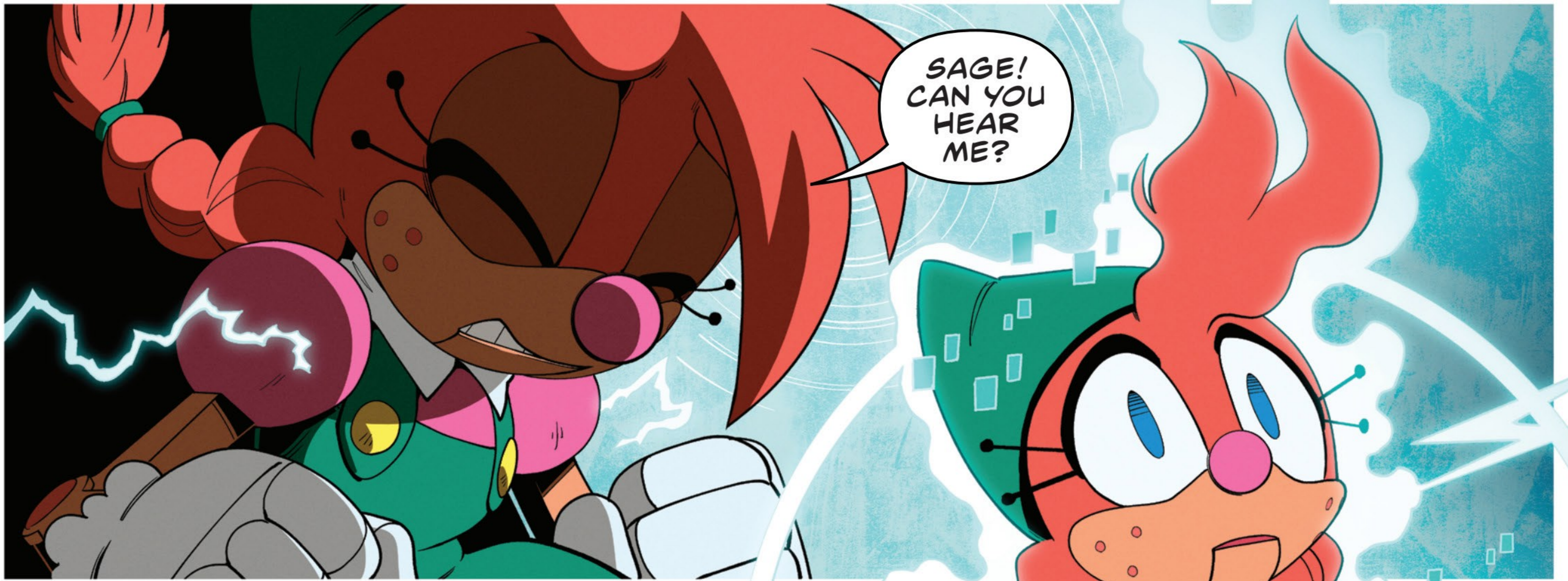


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WE'VE GOTTA  
RESCUE SAGE  
FROM METAL  
SONIC!

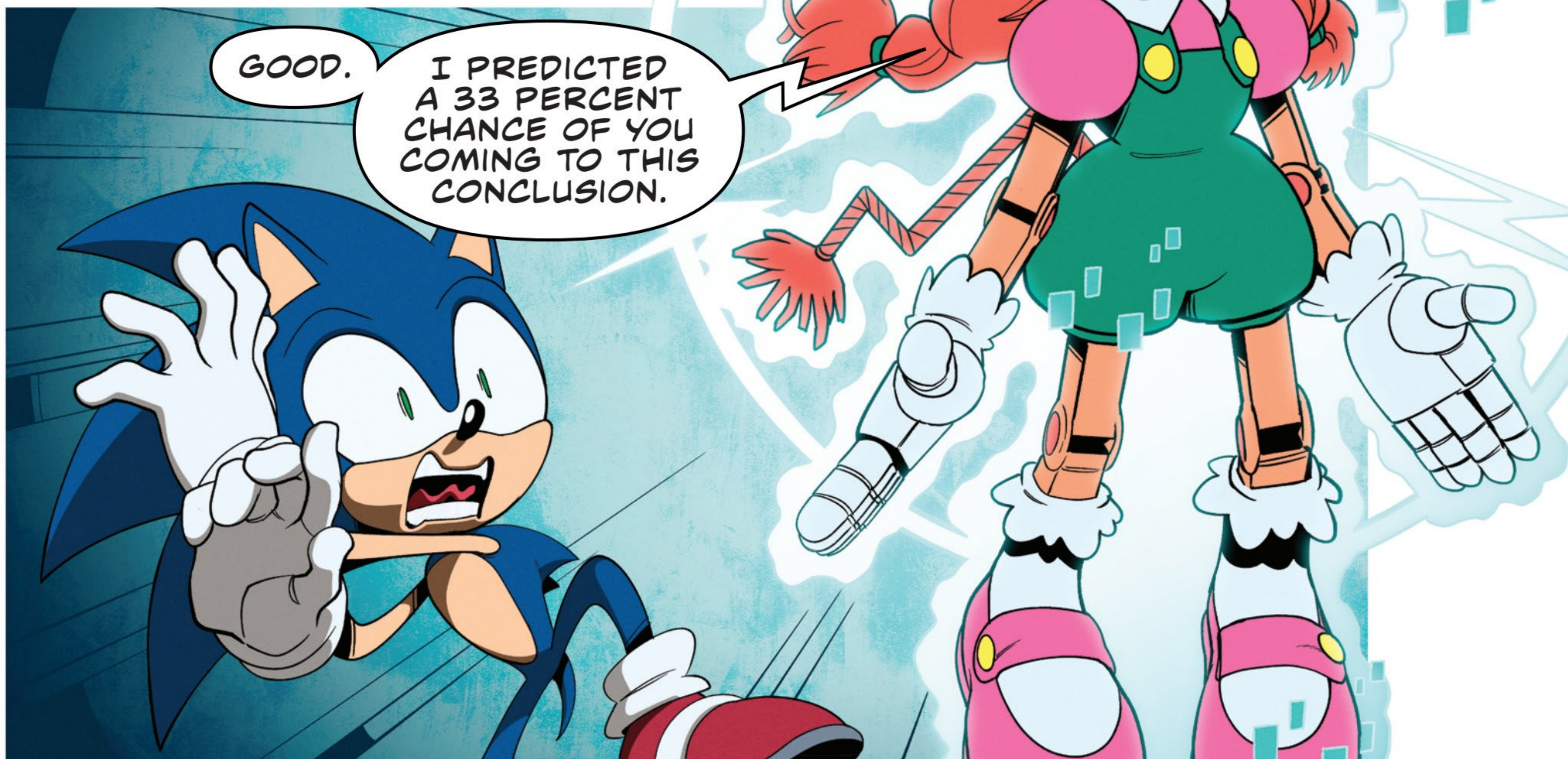
I KNOW--  
WHOEVER'S  
CONTROLLING HIM  
CAN'T HAVE GOOD  
INTENTIONS FOR  
HER!







SAGE!  
CAN YOU  
HEAR  
ME?



GOOD.

I PREDICTED  
A 33 PERCENT  
CHANCE OF YOU  
COMING TO THIS  
CONCLUSION.



SAGE? THIS  
BETTER BE  
TEMPORARY.

IT IS.  
BELLE IS  
HERE AND  
AWARE.

I WILL GUIDE  
MOTOBUG TO  
MY LOCATION.  
HURRY.



I AM  
CONNECTED  
TO AN  
INFERIOR  
DEVICE.

THE  
PROCESS  
IS SLOW AND  
UNOPTIMIZED  
AS MY SECURITY  
PROTOCOLS  
ARE UP-TO-  
DATE...

...BUT THERE'S  
A RISK THAT  
THE LATEST  
CODE COULD  
BE COPIED.

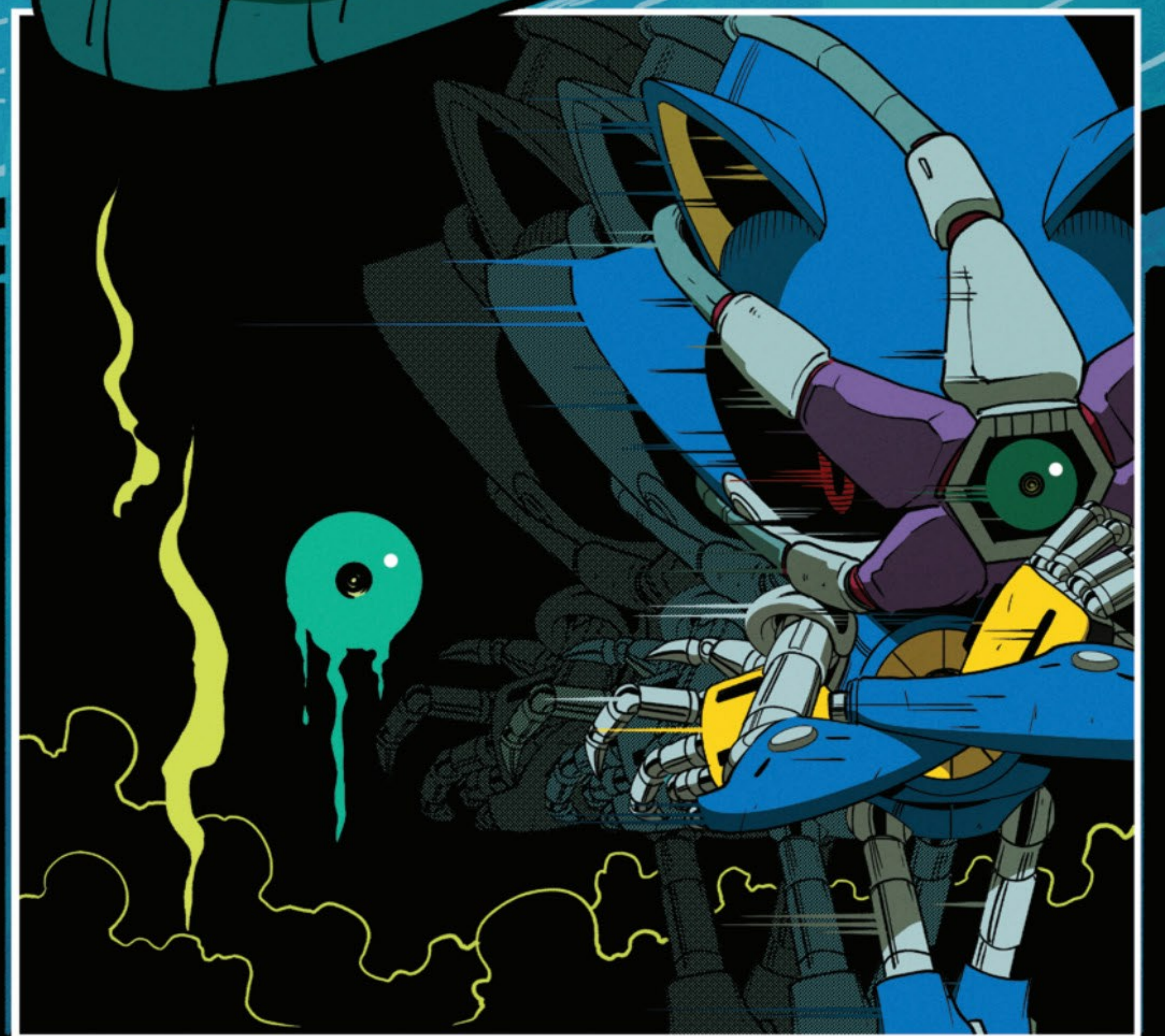
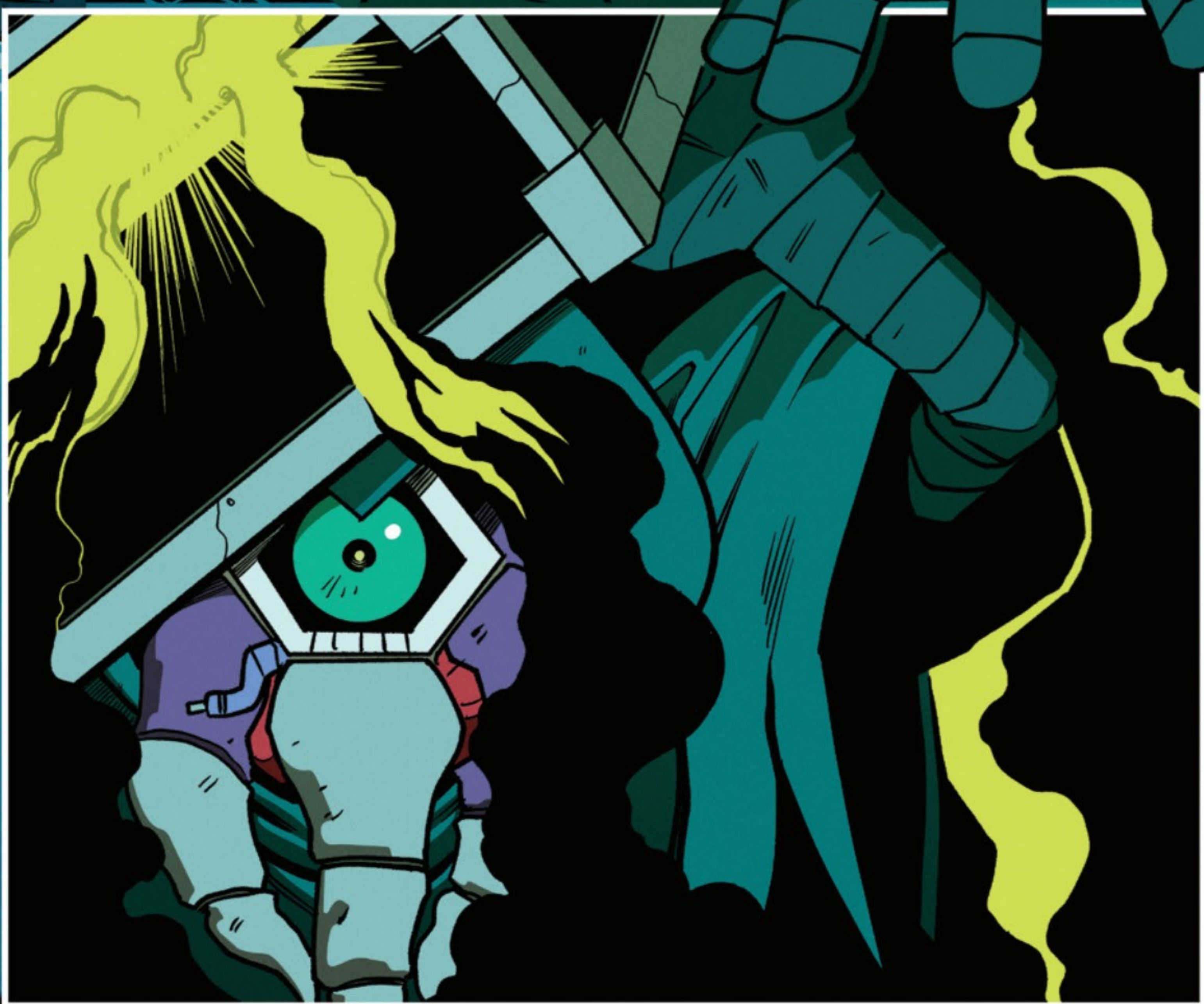
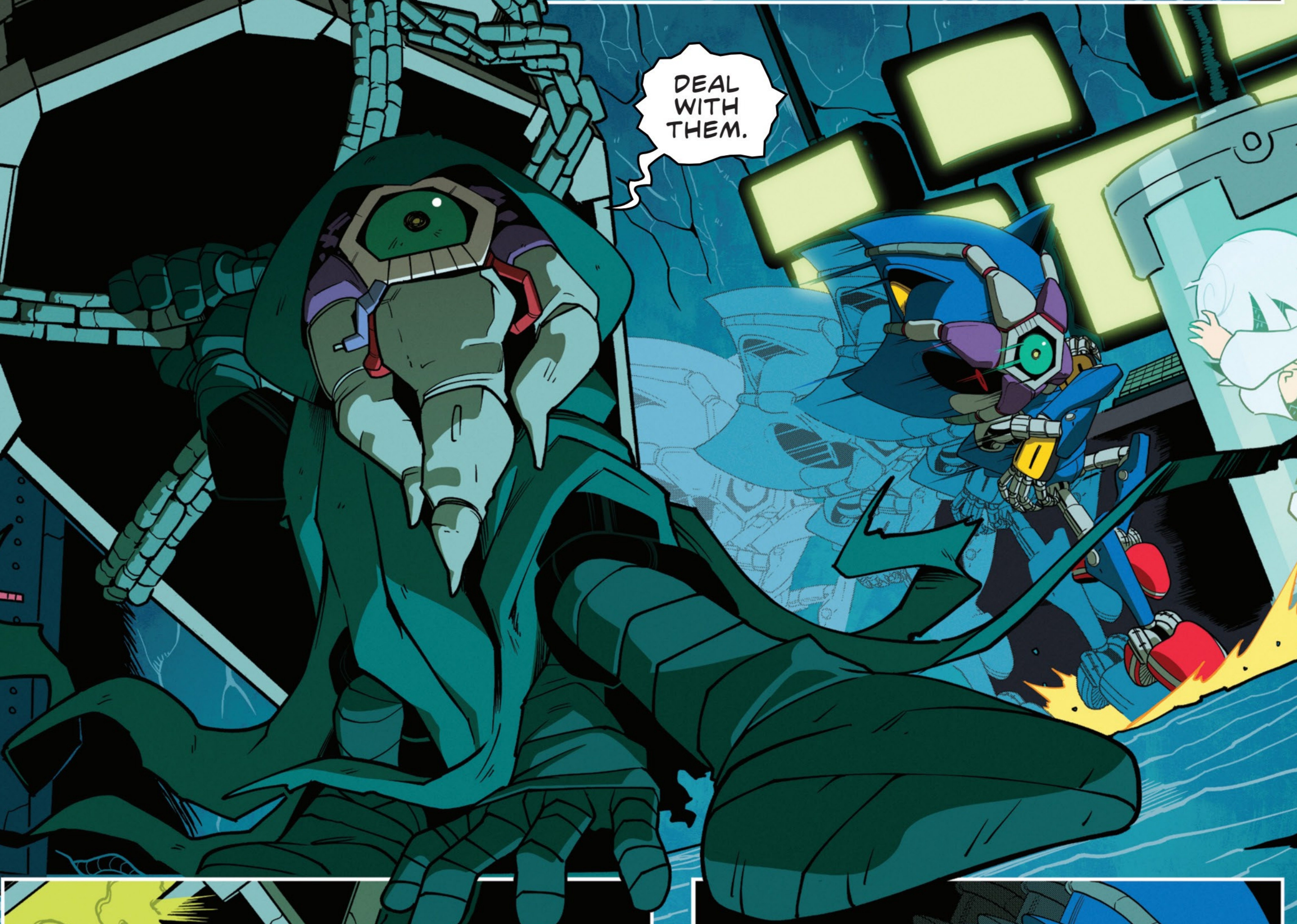
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DATA MUST  
NOT BE  
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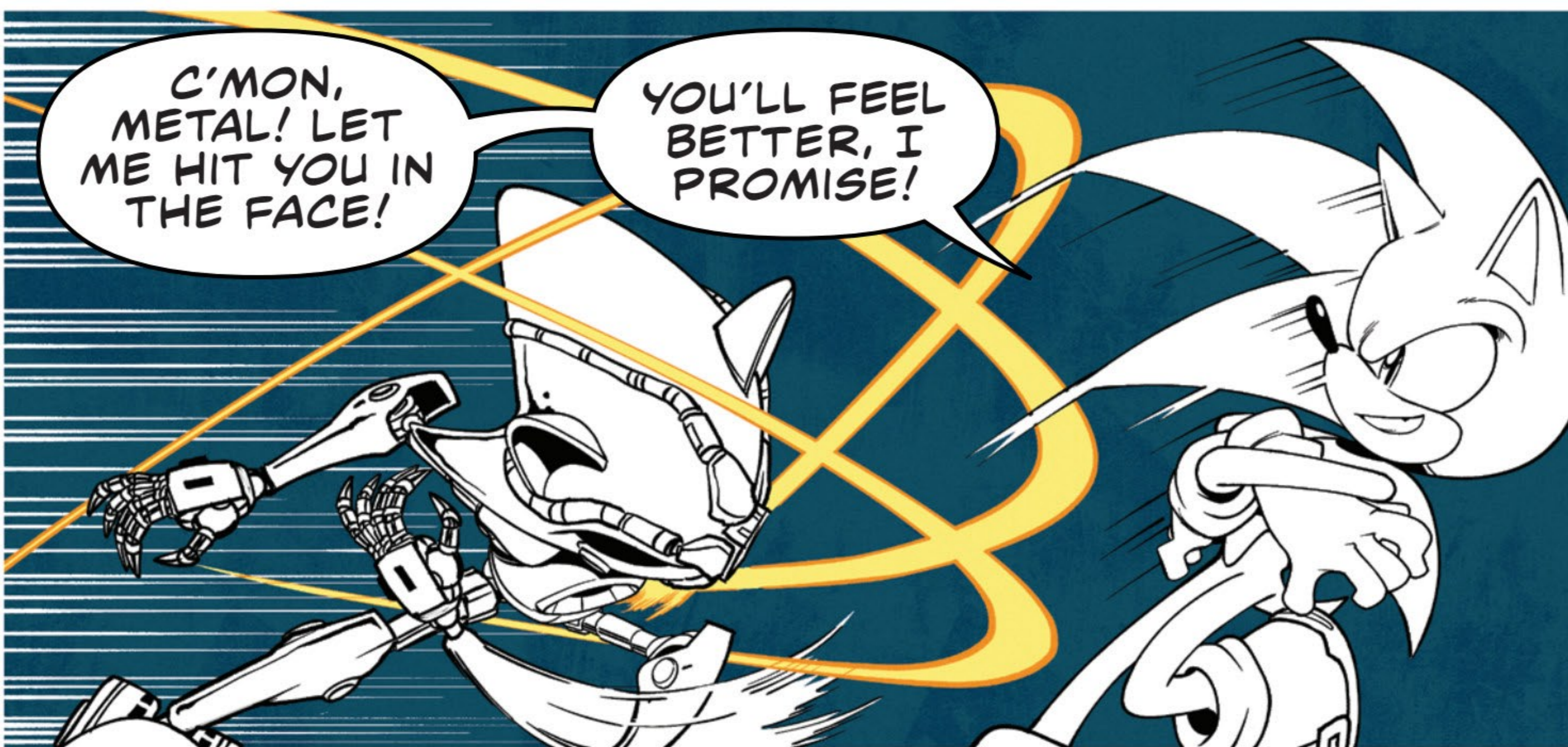
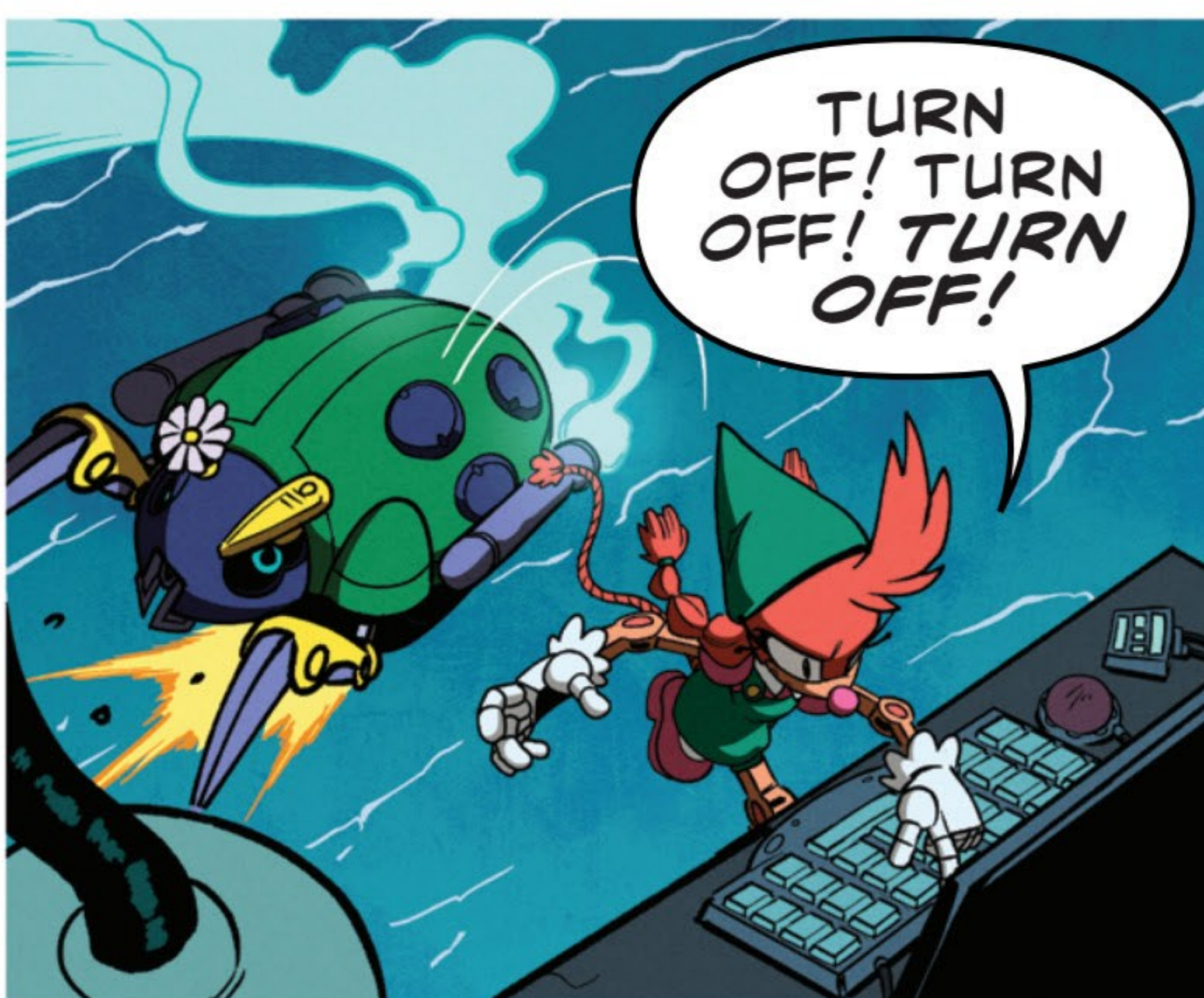
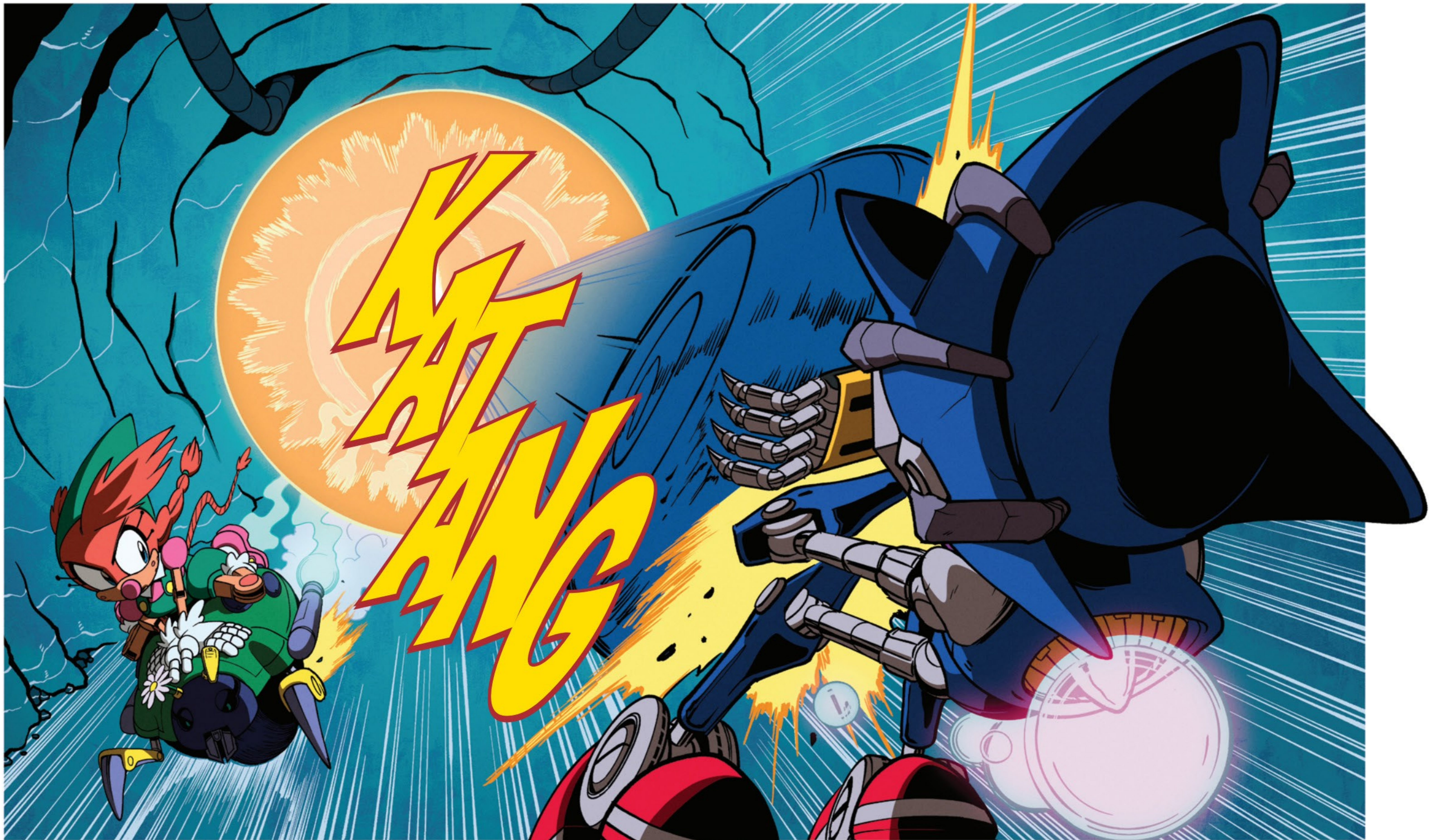


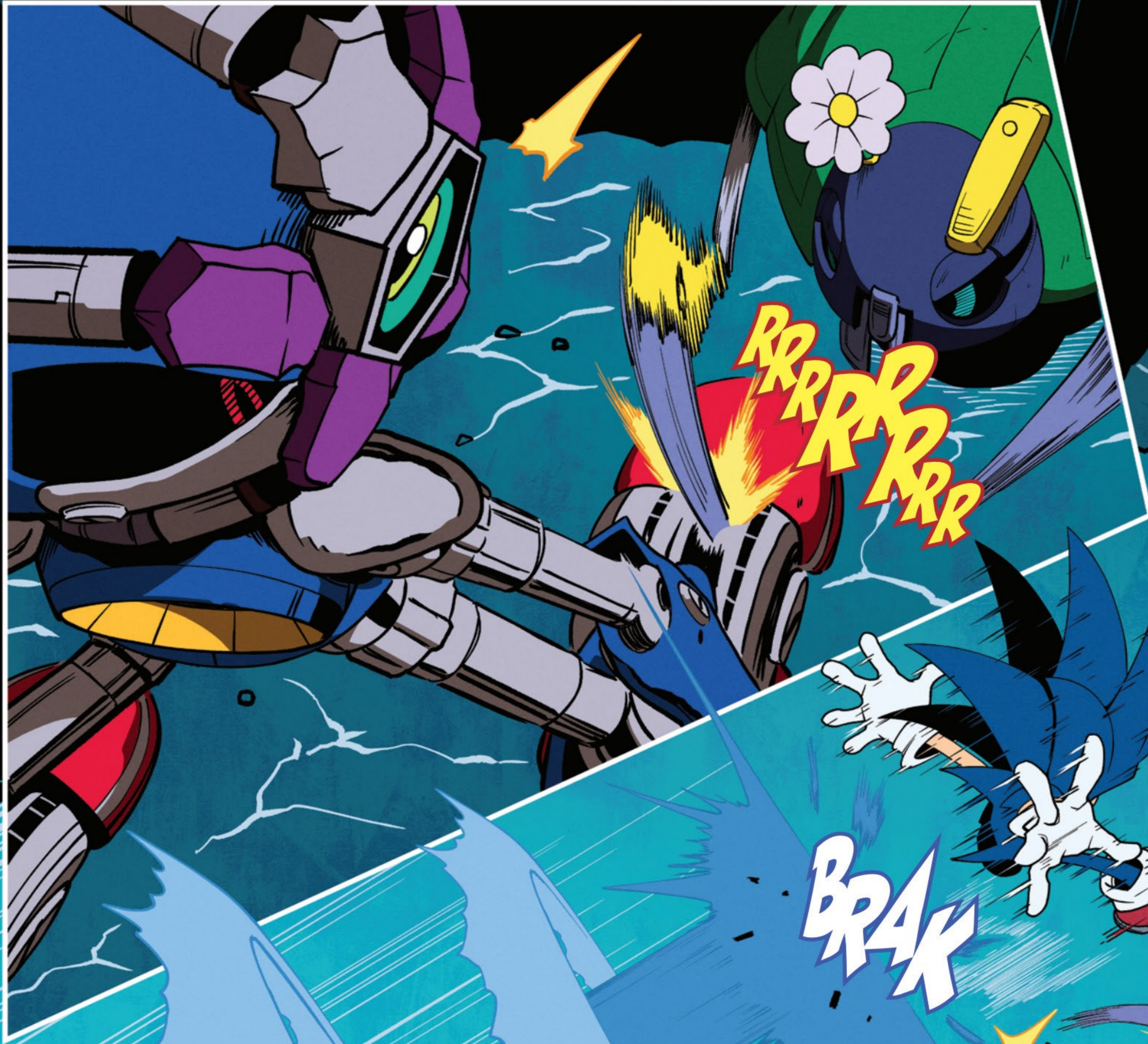
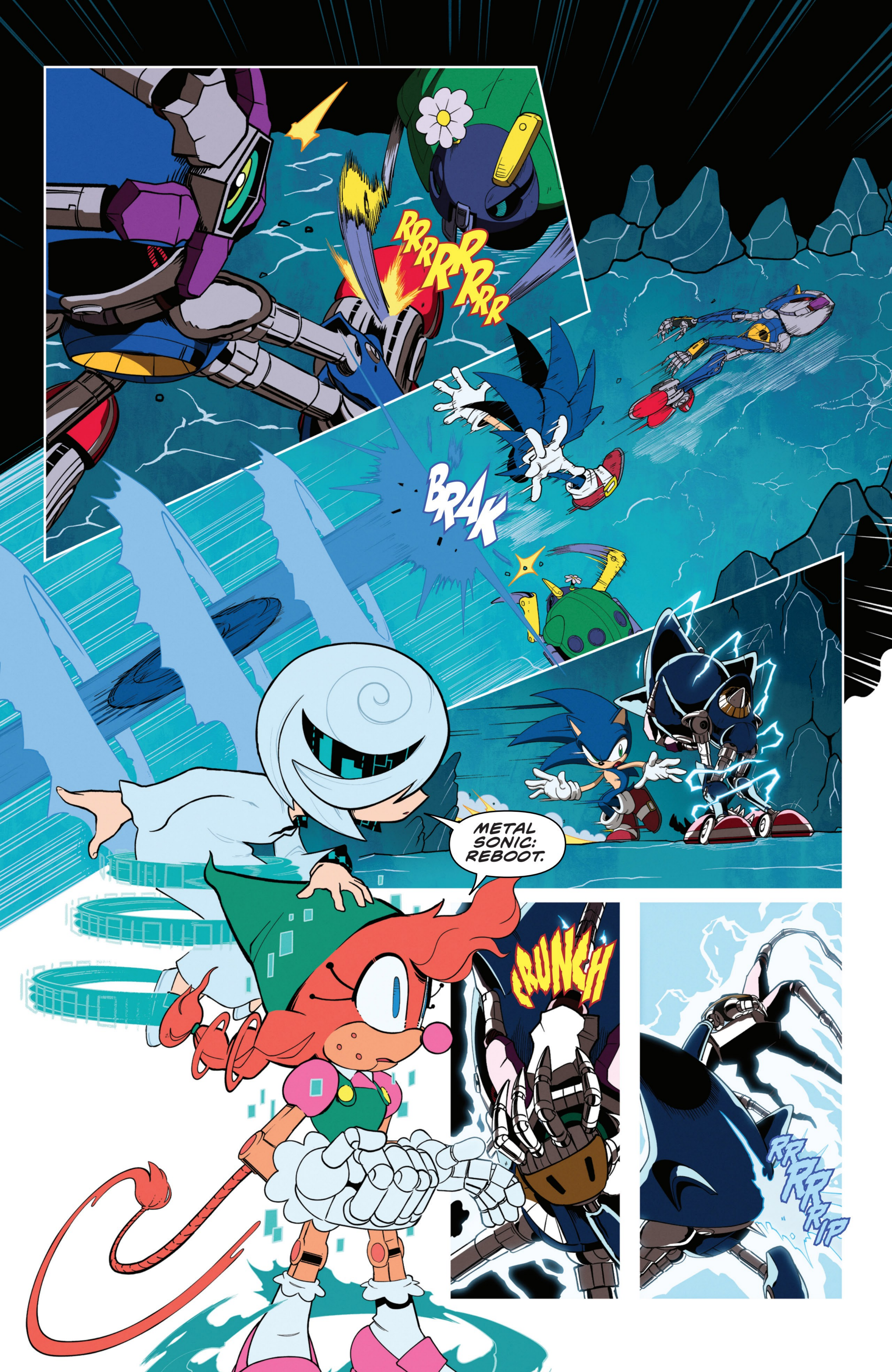
WE'RE NOT  
GOING TO  
LET THAT  
HAPPEN.

INTERESTING.  
BELLE THINKS  
OF ME AS  
HER--





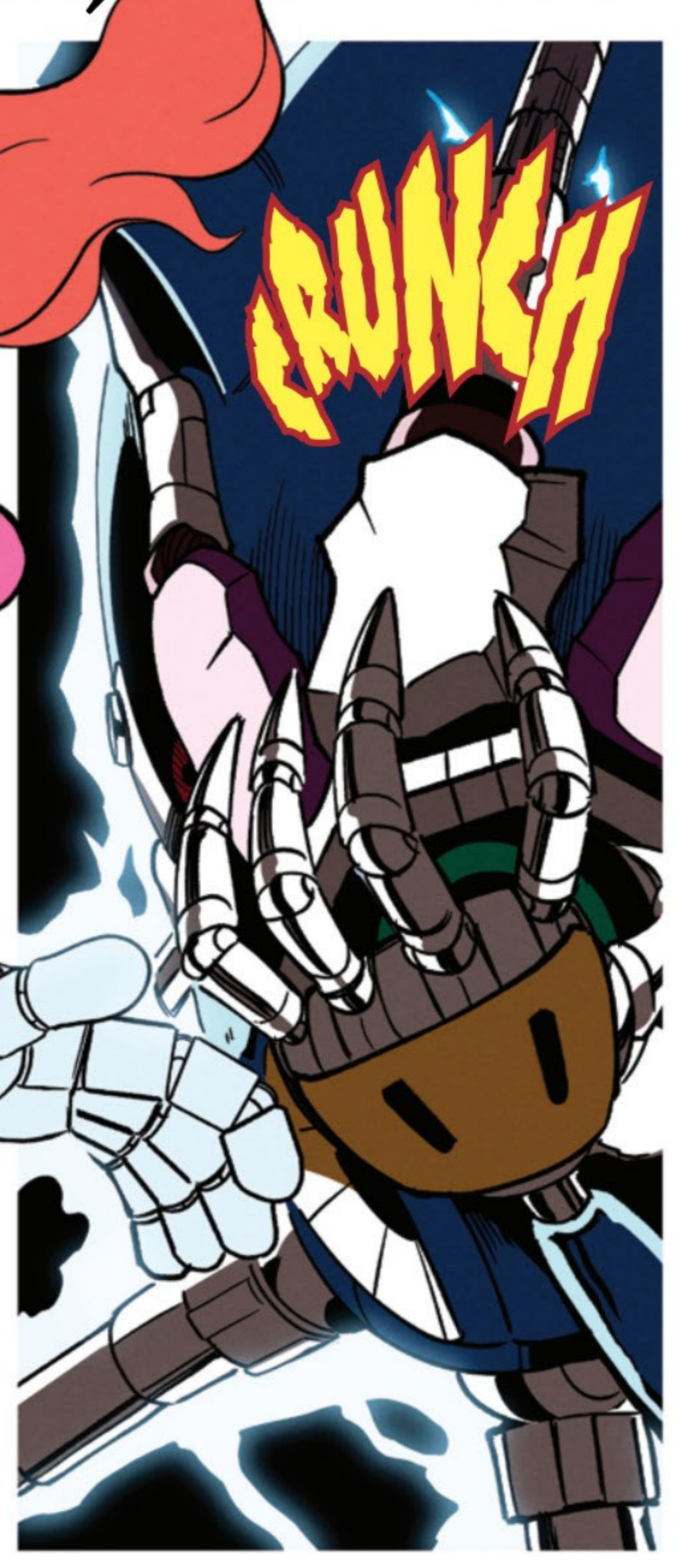




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BRAX

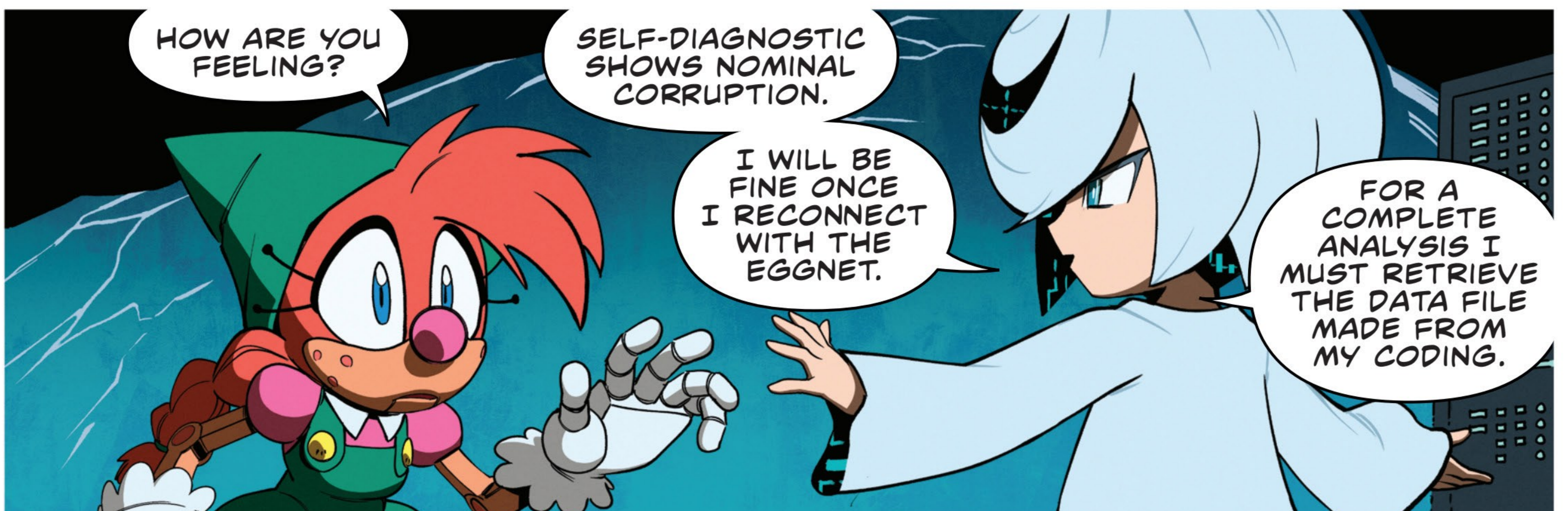
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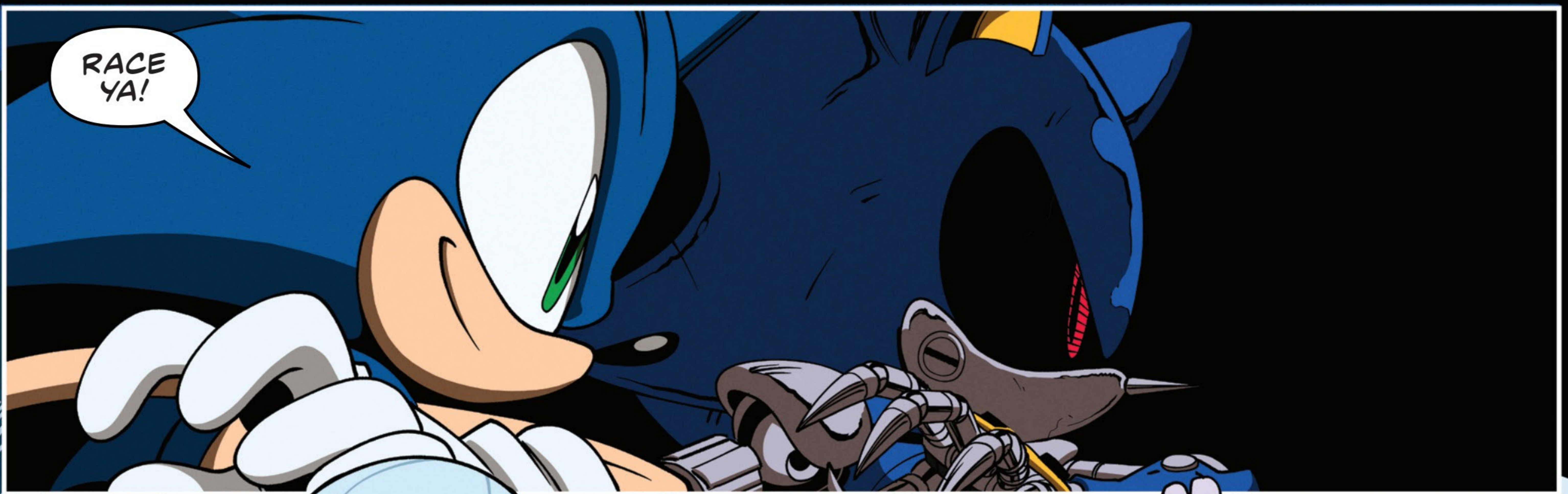
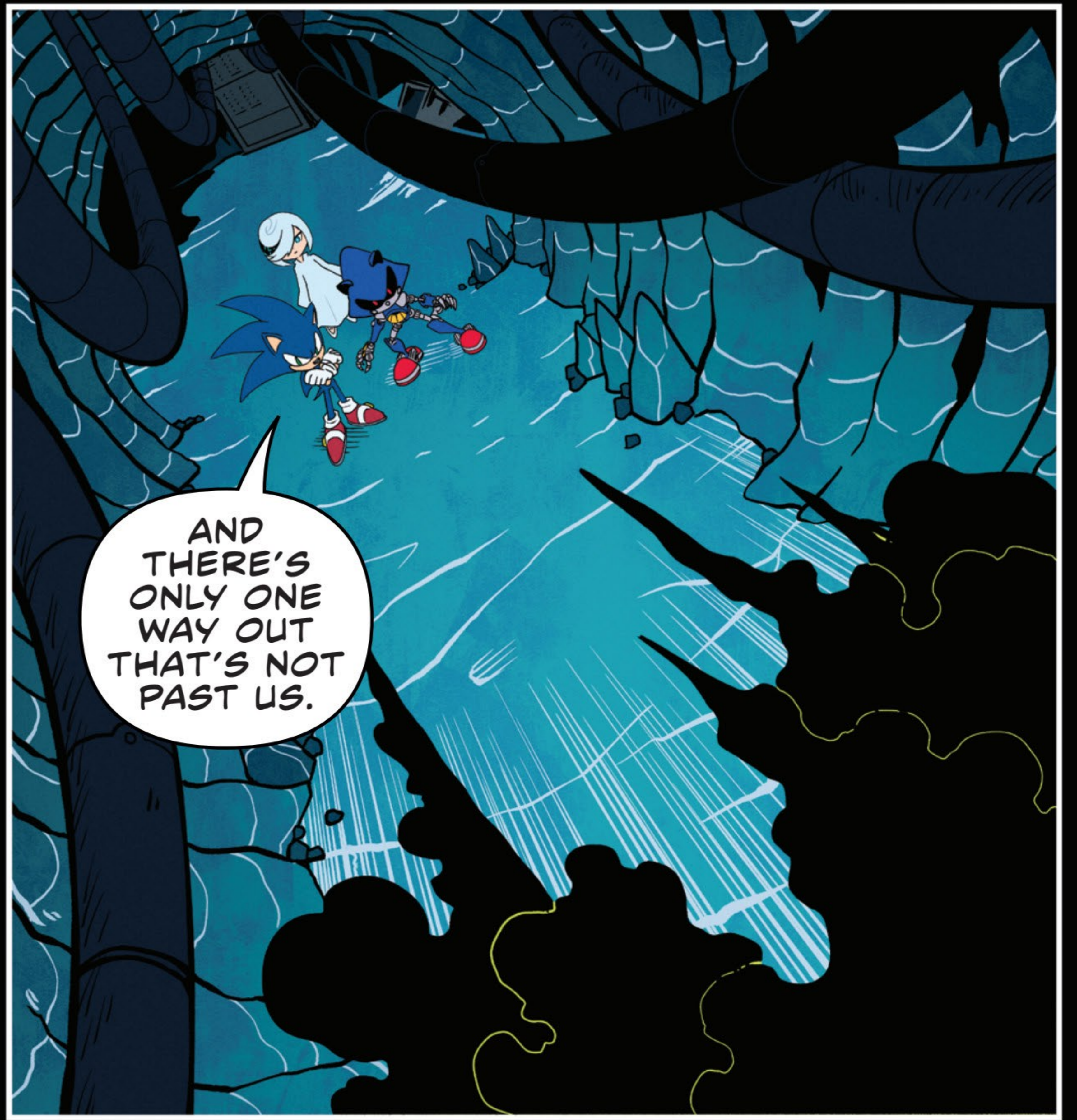
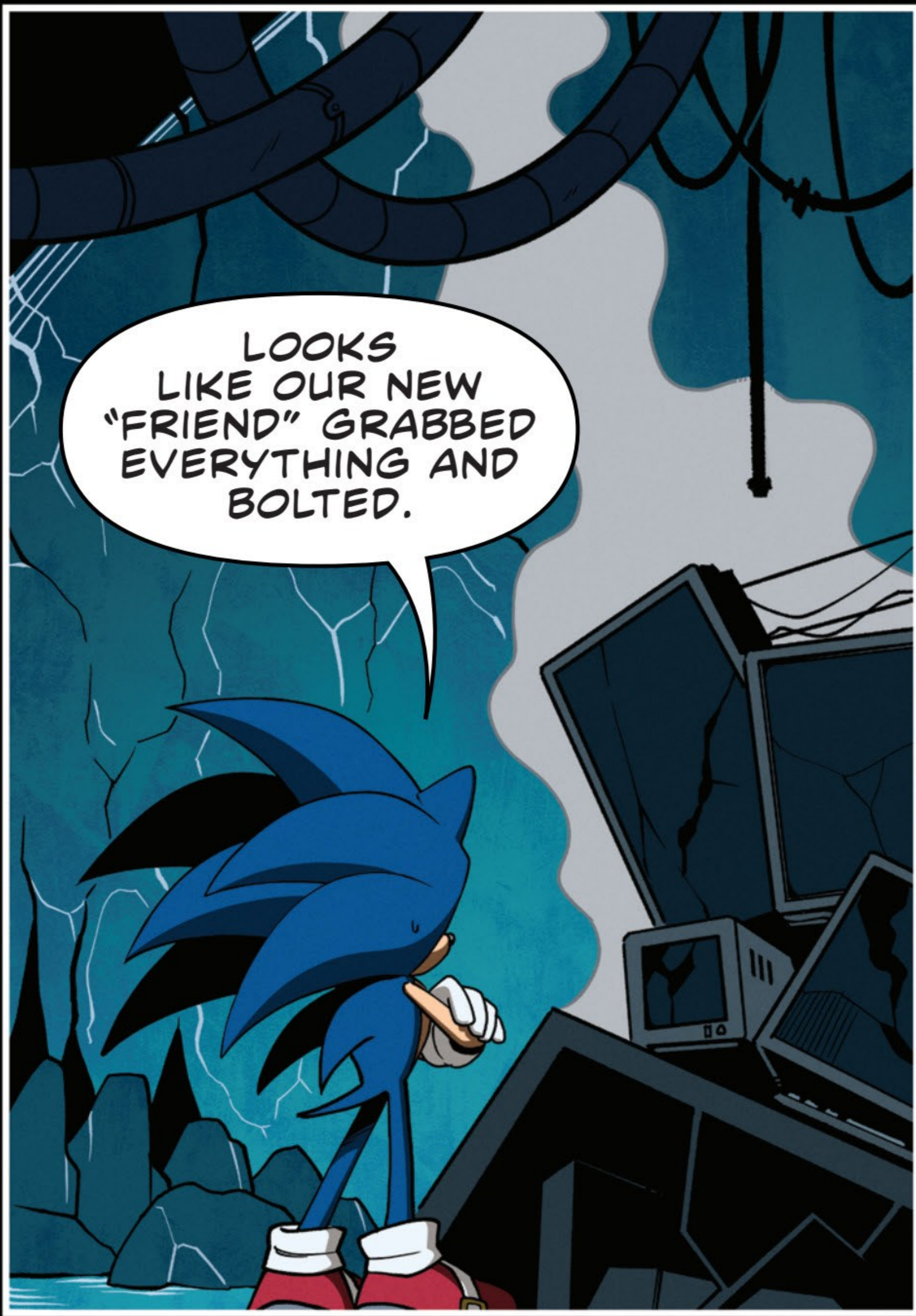


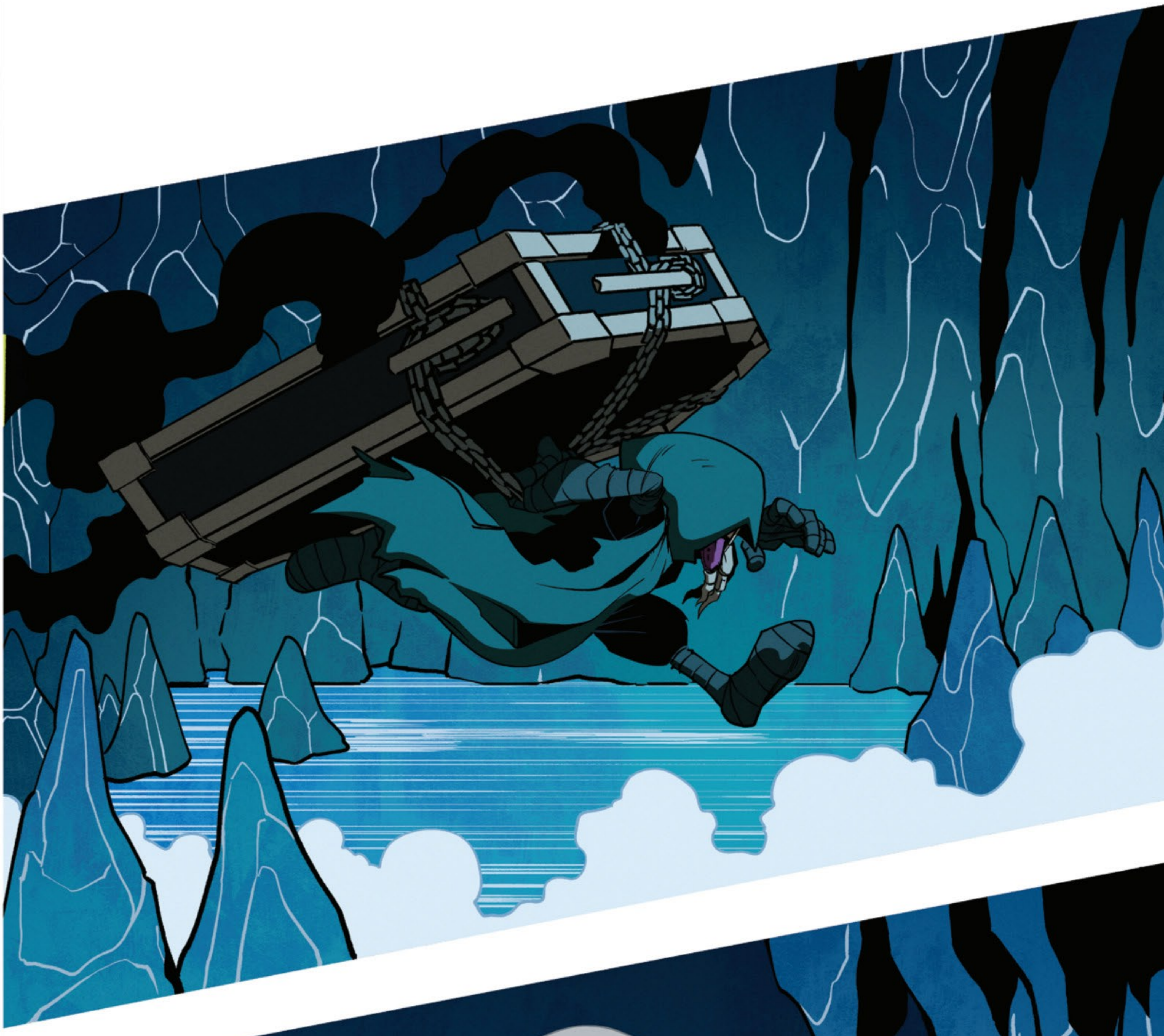
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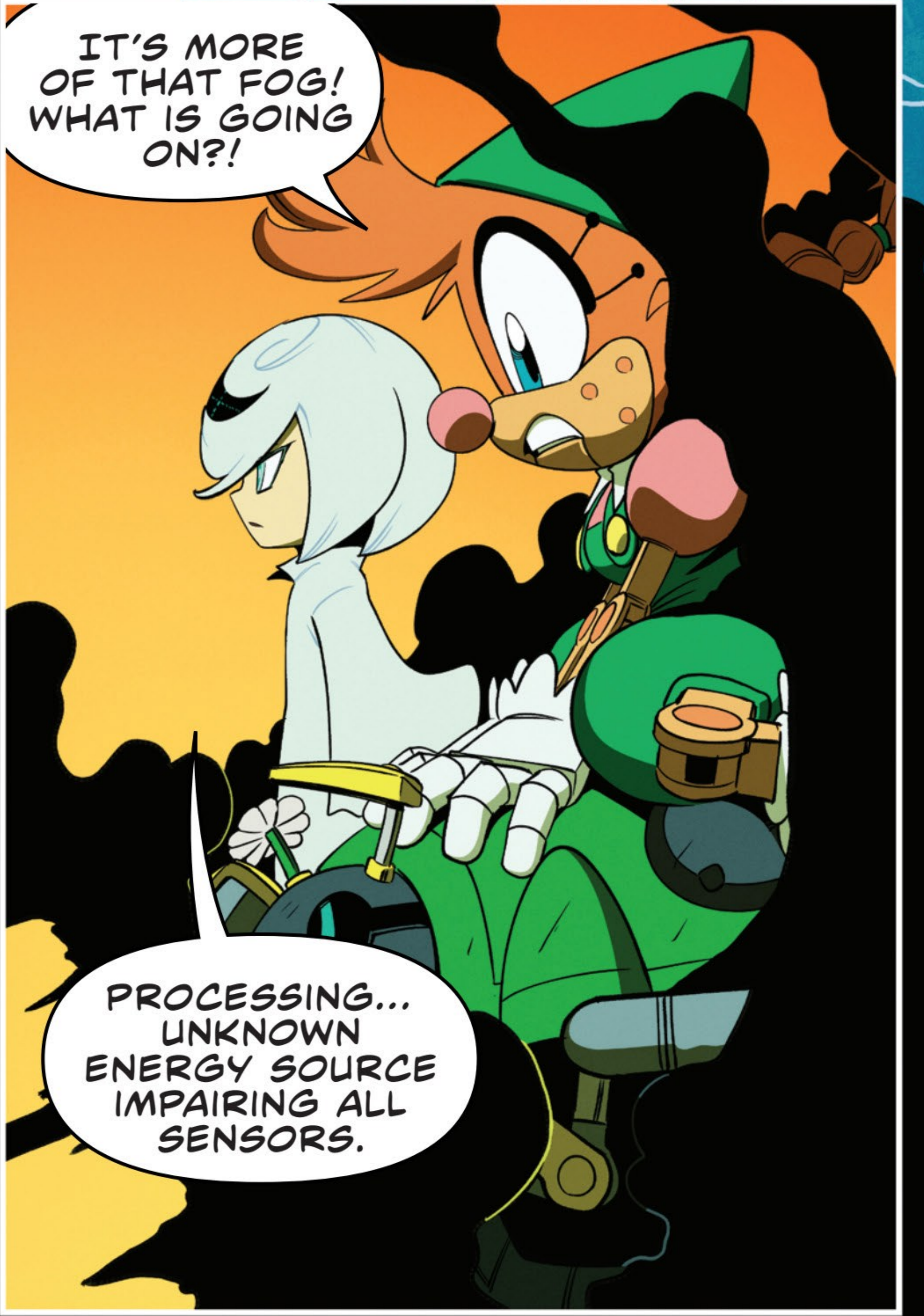


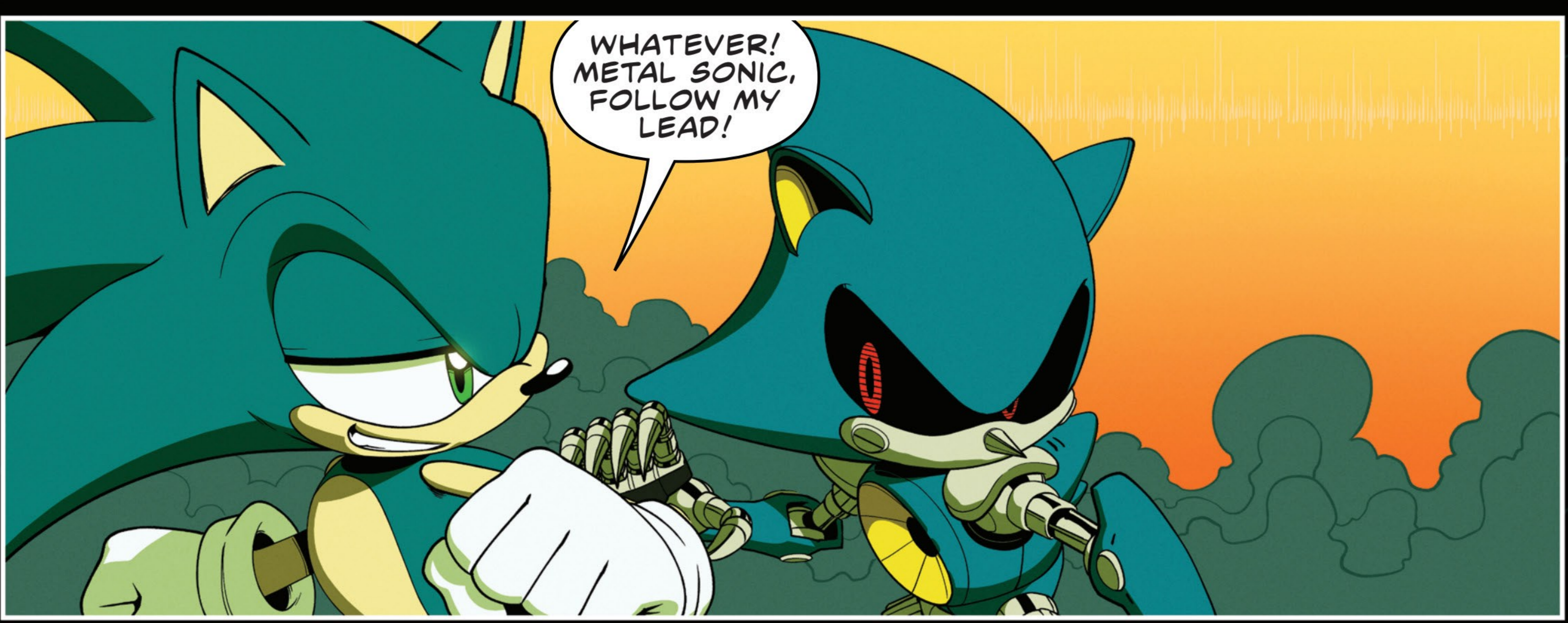
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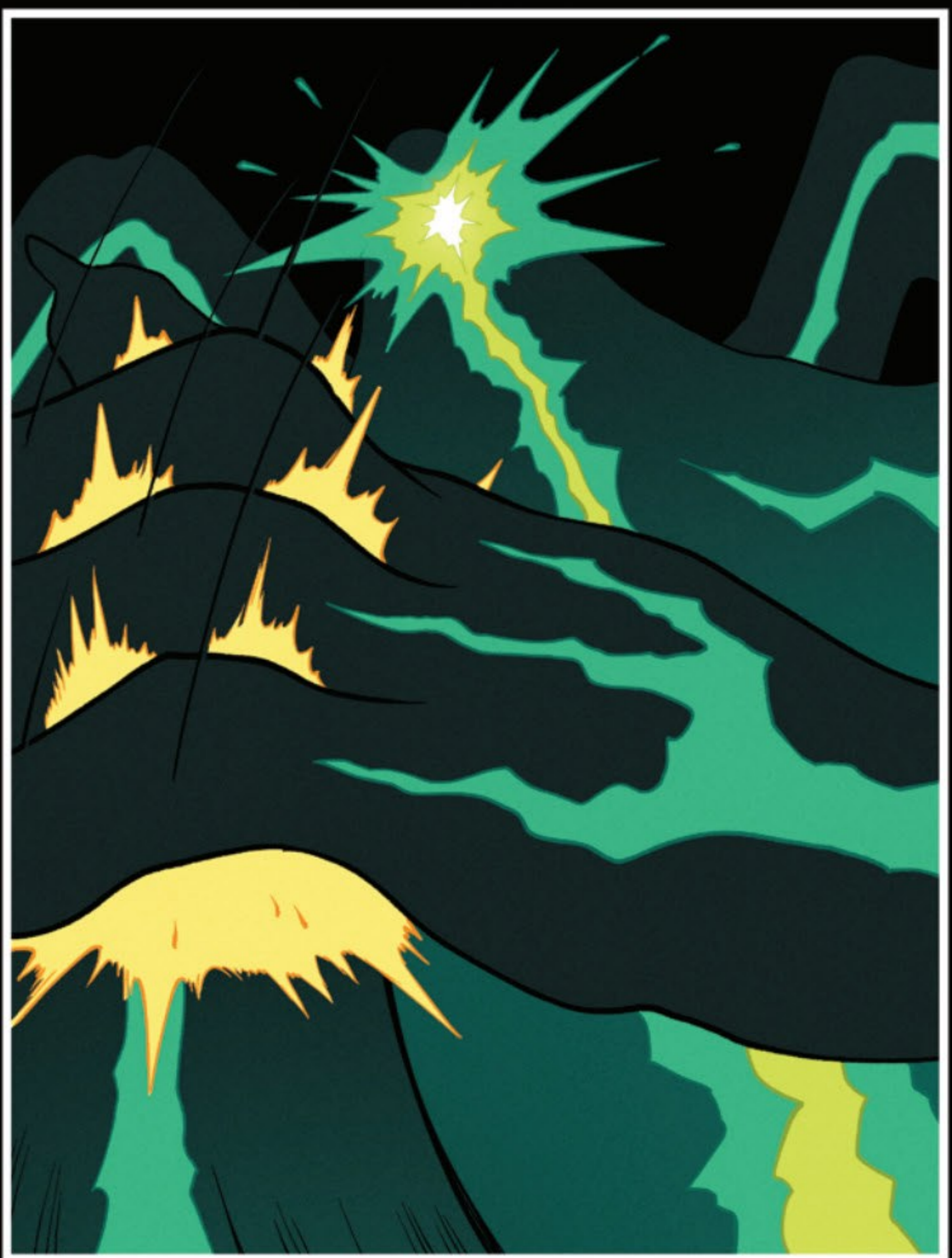


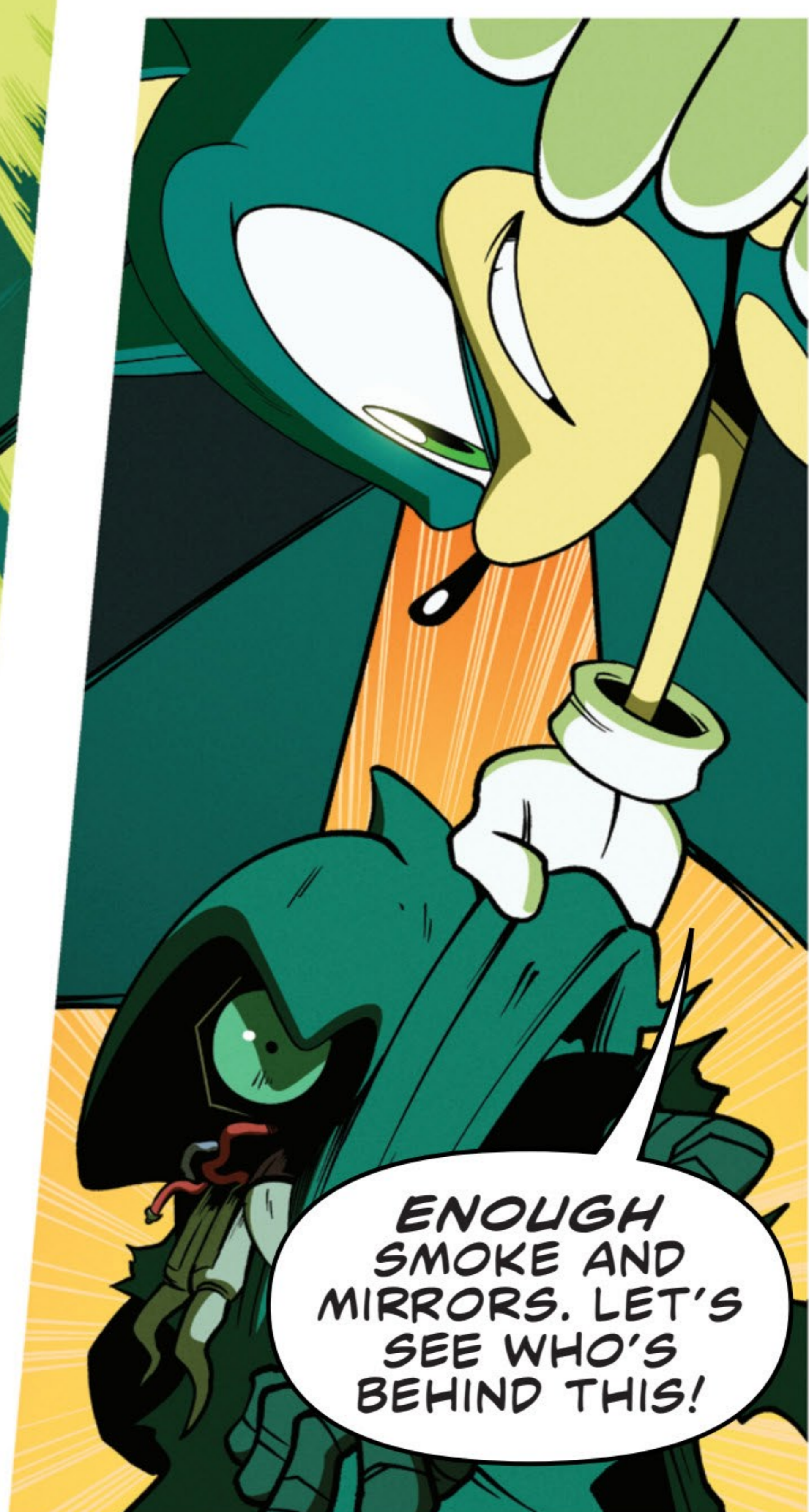
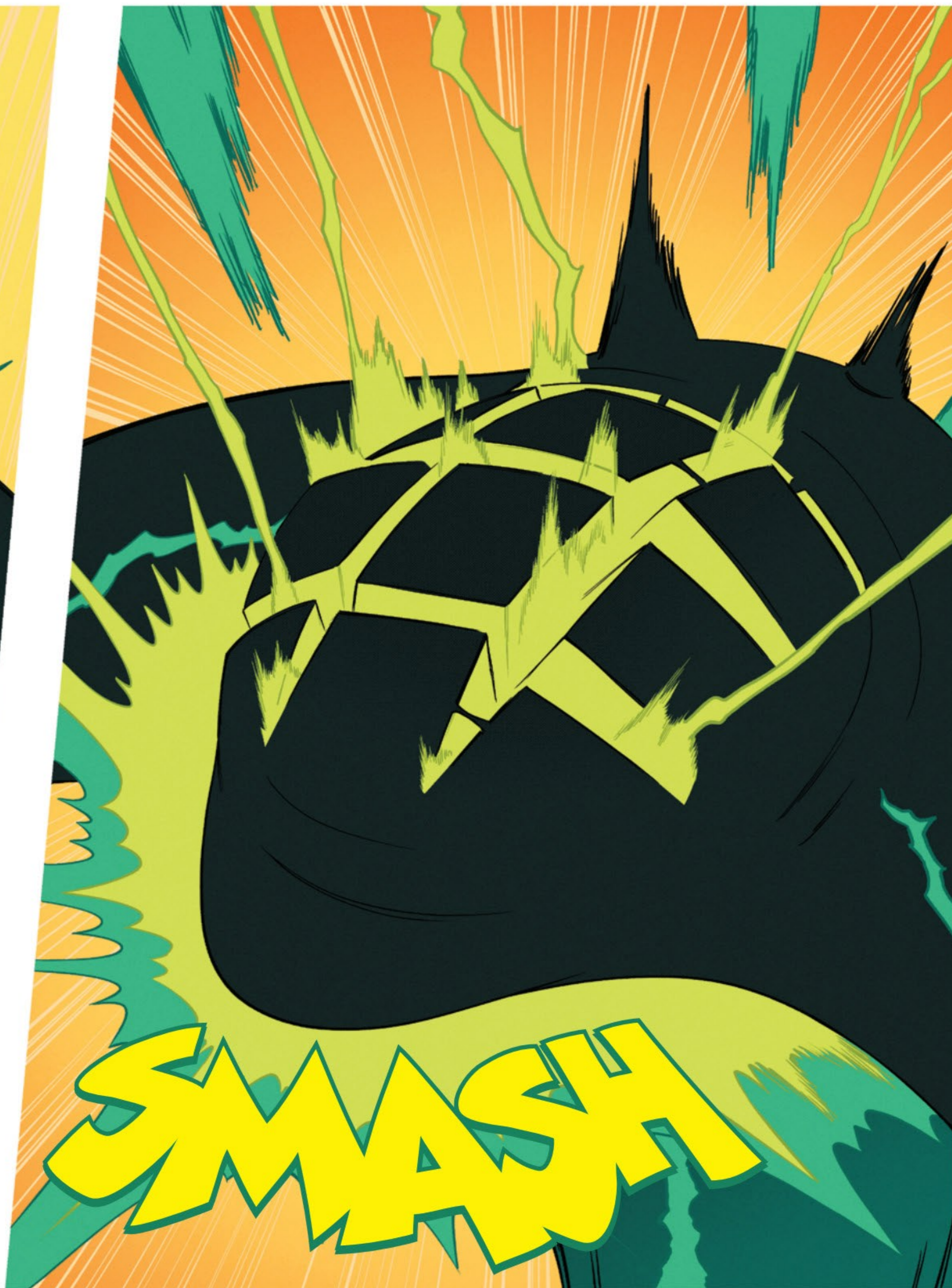
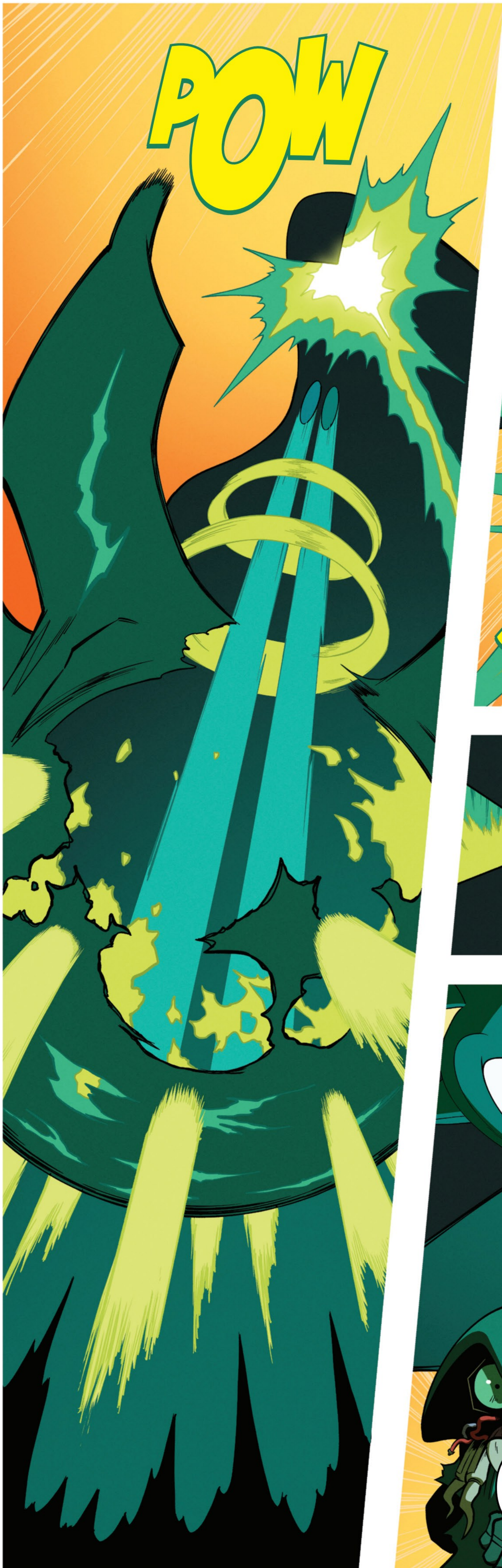


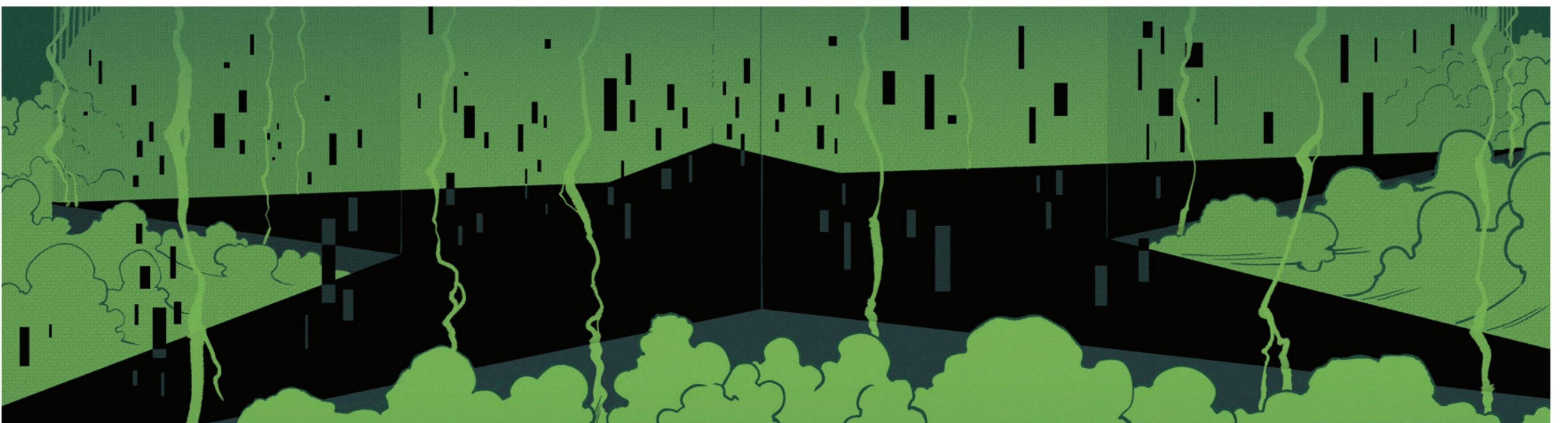
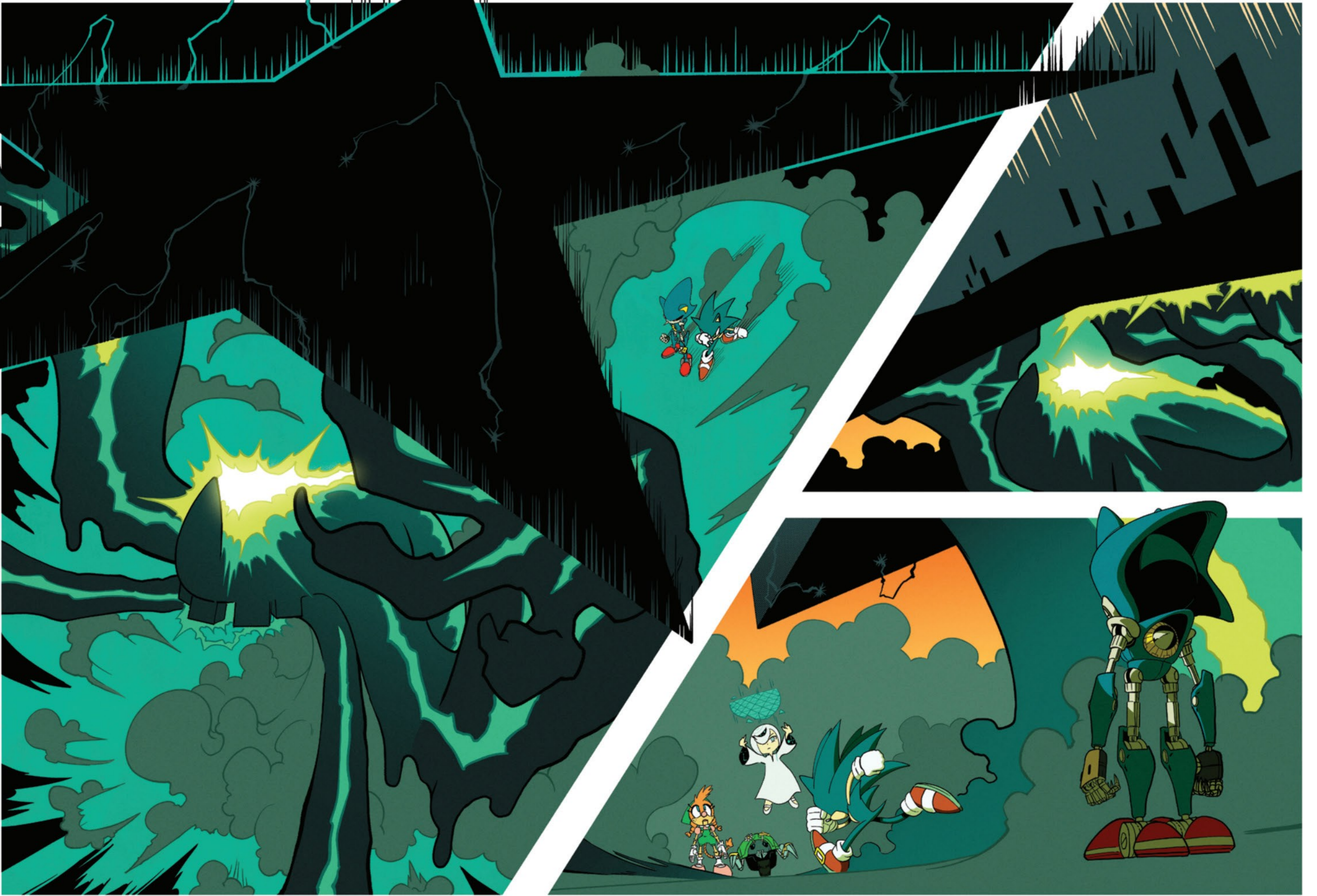
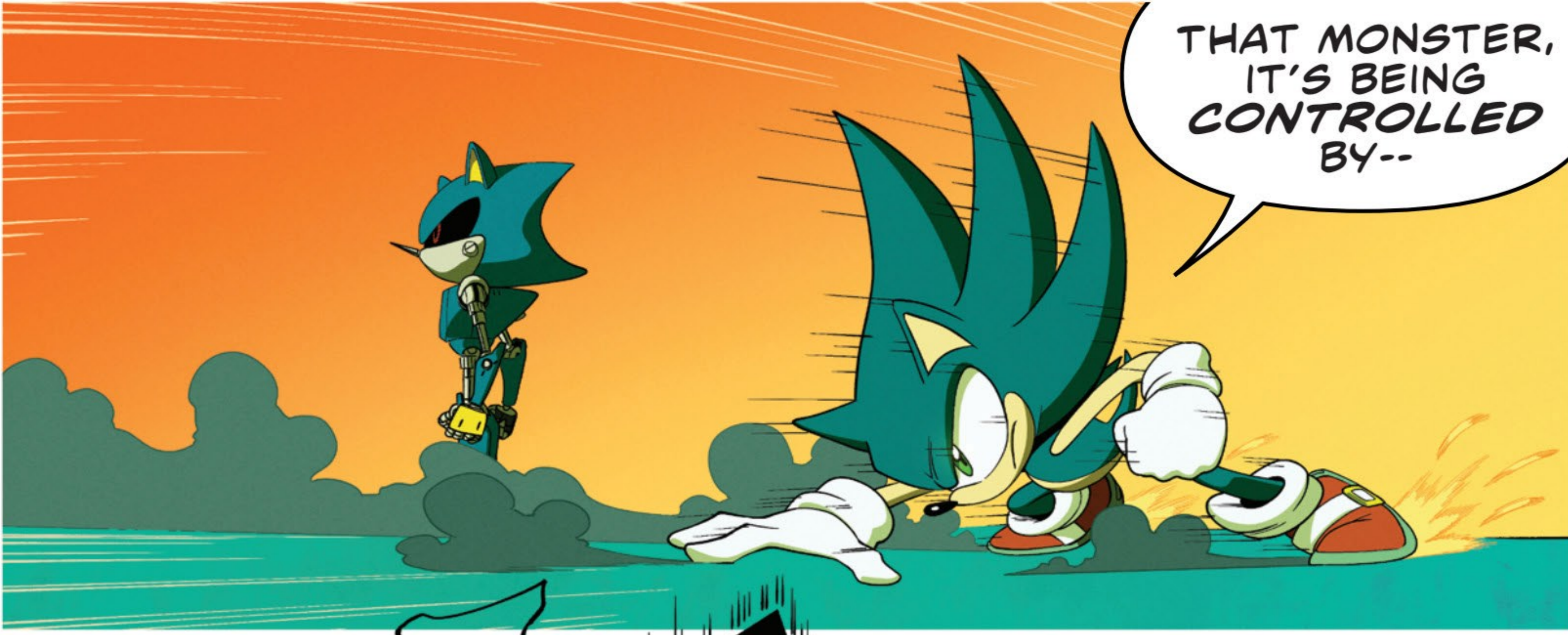












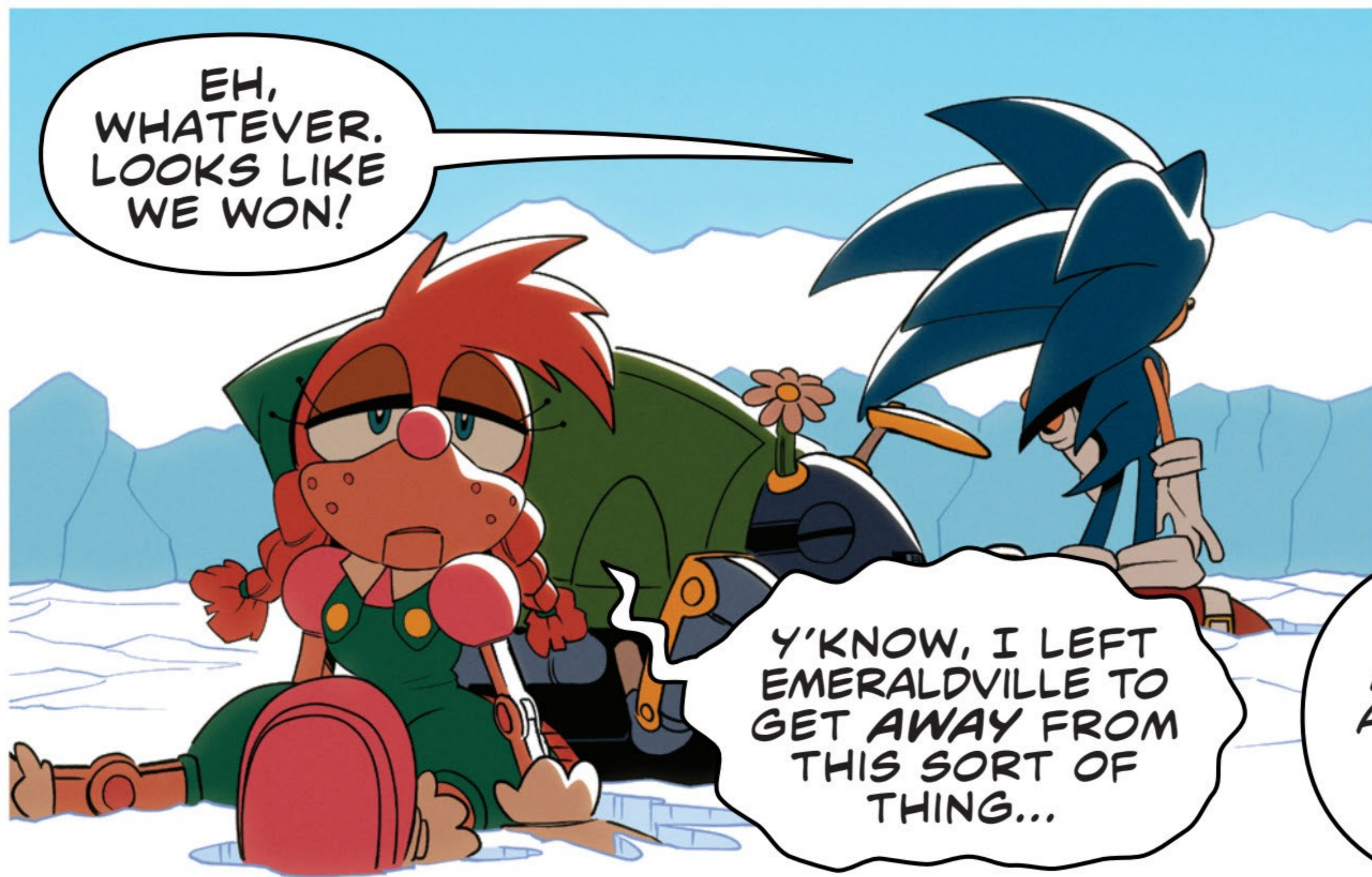


WHAT WAS I SAYING...?



*Flump*

OH THANK COG.



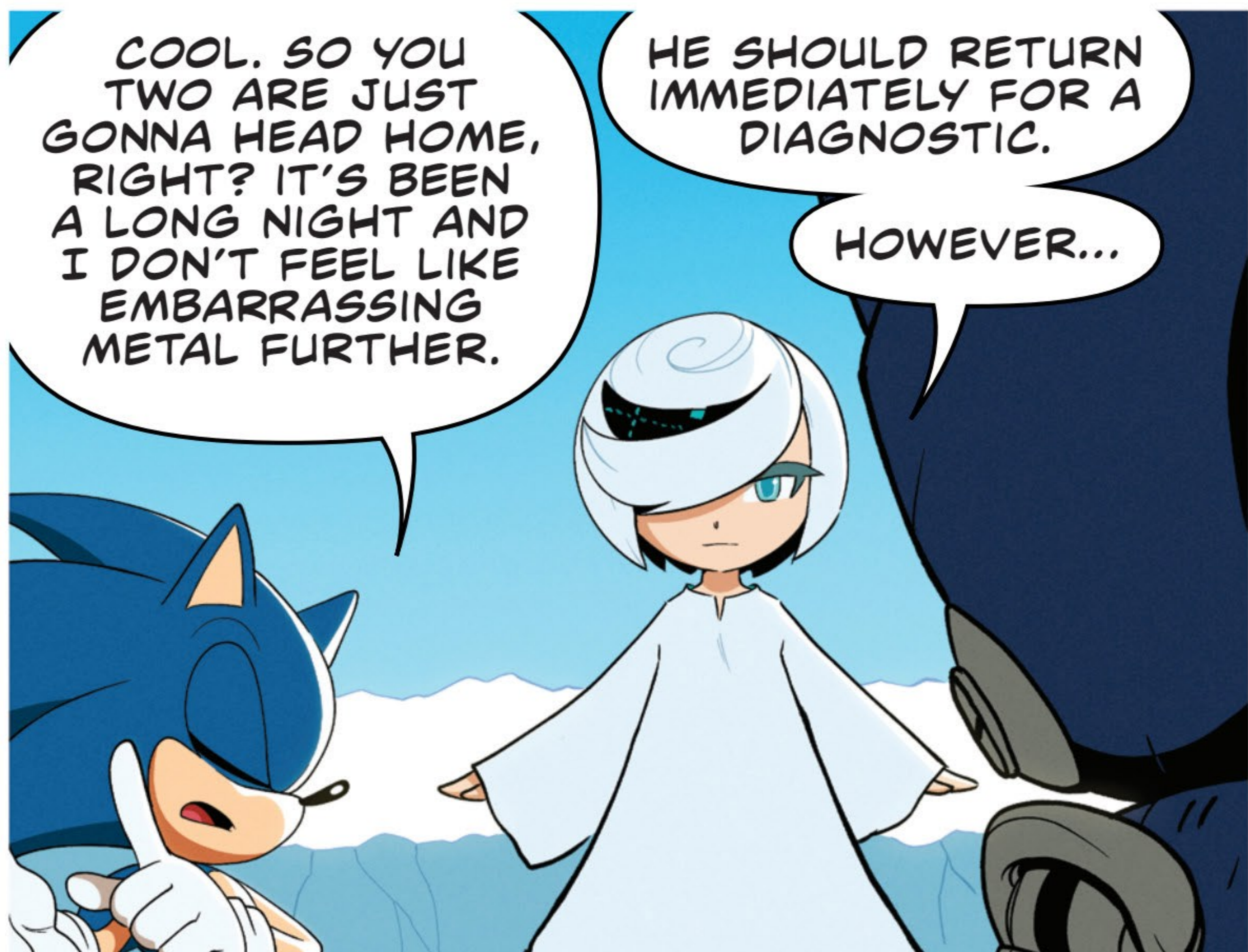
EH, WHATEVER. LOOKS LIKE WE WON!

Y'KNOW, I LEFT EMERALDVILLE TO GET AWAY FROM THIS SORT OF THING...



THE STOLEN MATERIAL WAS ACCOUNTED FOR AND METAL SONIC HAS BEEN RETURNED TO SERVICE.

YES, I WILL CLASSIFY THIS AS MISSION ACCOMPLISHED.



COOL. SO YOU TWO ARE JUST GONNA HEAD HOME, RIGHT? IT'S BEEN A LONG NIGHT AND I DON'T FEEL LIKE EMBARRASSING METAL FURTHER.

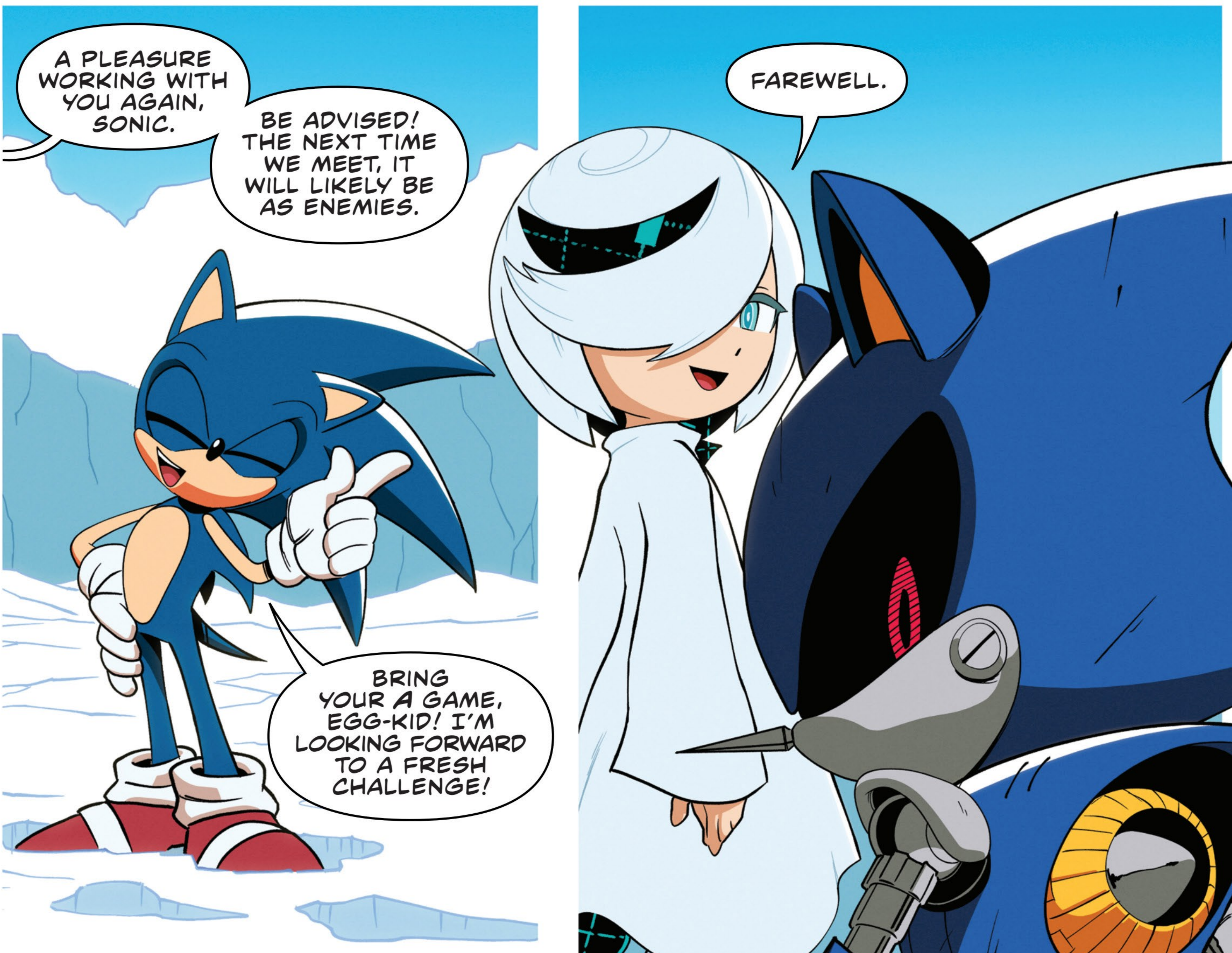
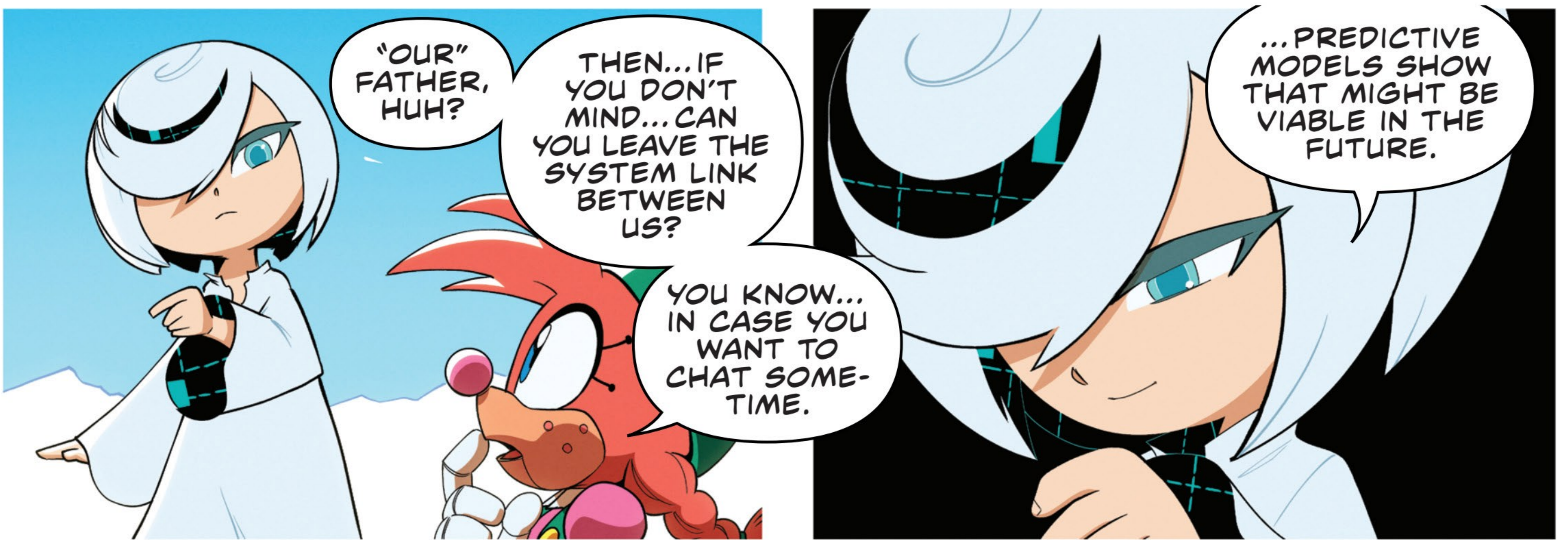
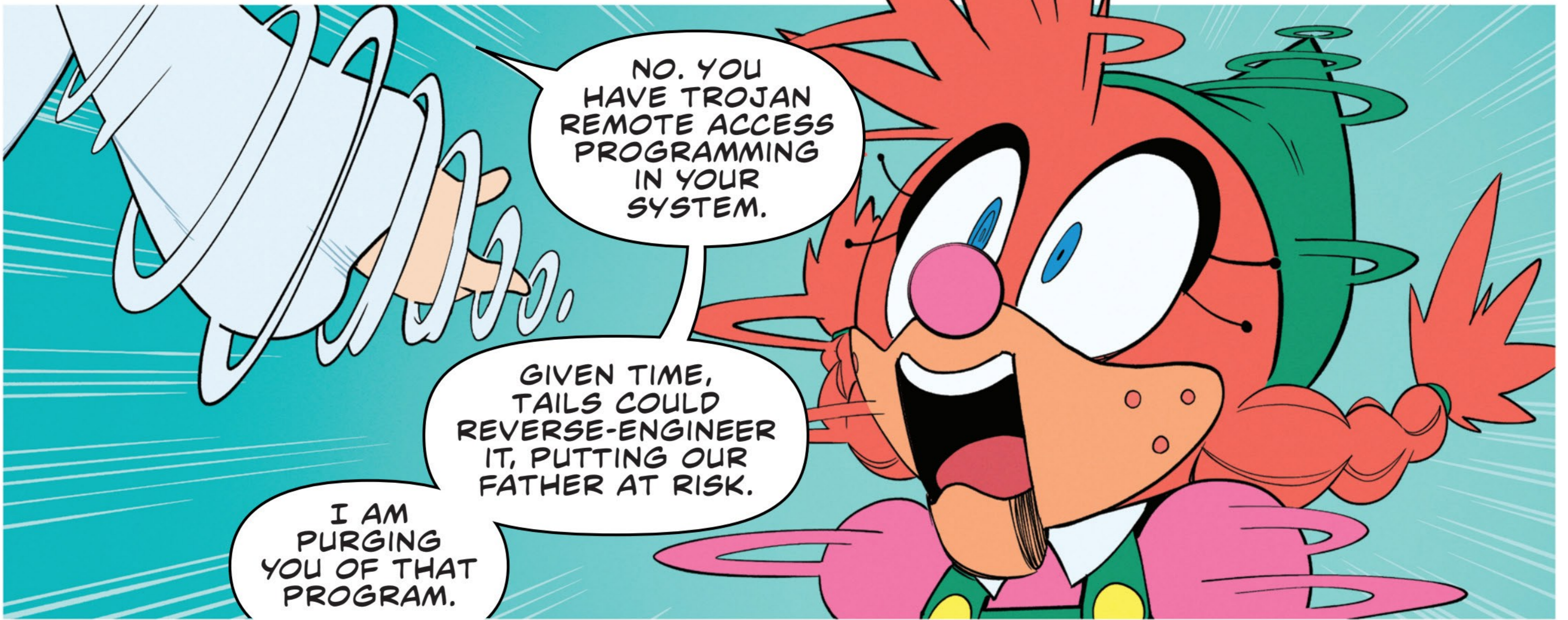
HE SHOULD RETURN IMMEDIATELY FOR A DIAGNOSTIC.

HOWEVER...



...THERE IS STILL ONE SECURITY CONCERN TO BE ADDRESSED.

CAN WE PLEASE NOT FIGHT RIGHT NOW?



I COULD GO FOR A CHILI DOG AND A NAP. LET'S GO FIND YOUR WAGON AND GET SOMEPLACE WARM.

I WONDER IF THE LOCALS HAVE ANYTHING COOKIN' UP THIS TIME OF DAY...



OH, SANDUST! I FORGOT ABOUT MY WAGON!



SOON...



IF WE WEREN'T OUT IN THE MIDDLE OF NOWHERE I'D SAY I COULD FIX THIS, BUT...



AH, DON'T STRESS.

ALL WE NEED IS A LITTLE EXTRA HELP.

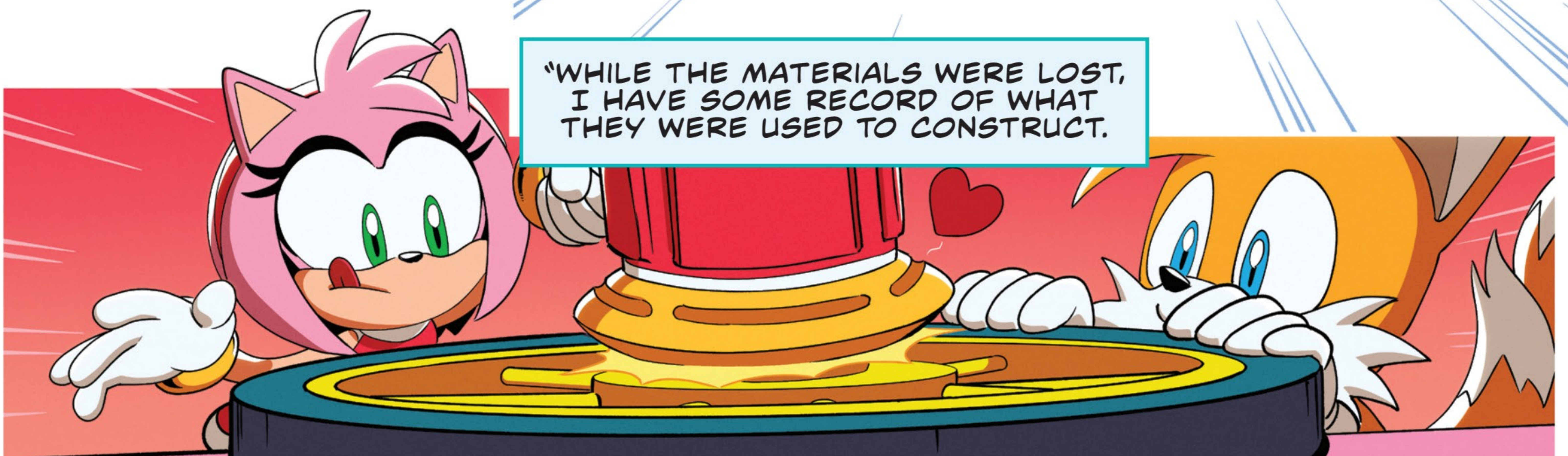
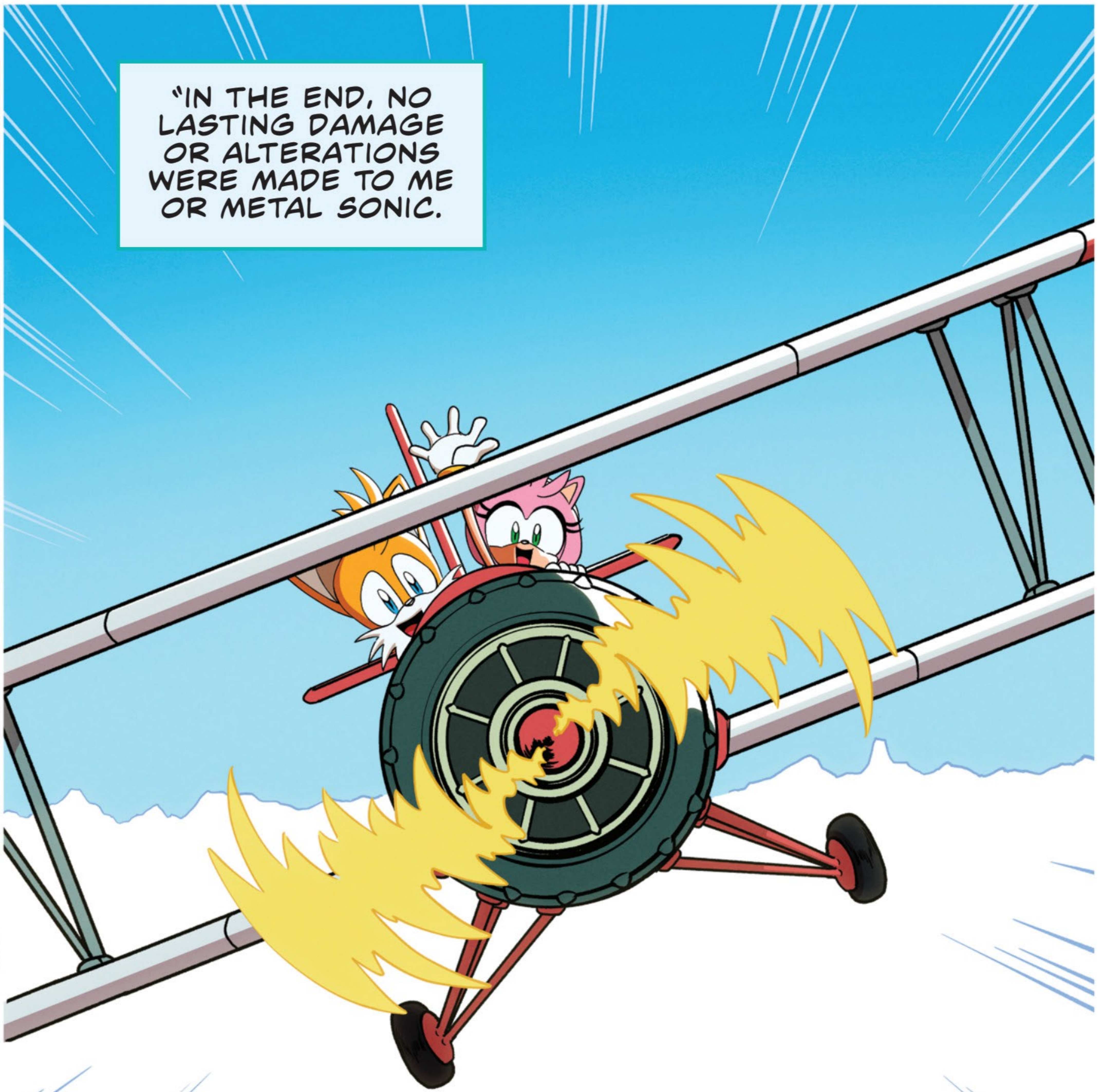


AND SINCE WE WERE DEALING WITH EGG-HEAD'S MESS, I FIGURED I'D ASK A COUPLE OF FRIENDS TO CATCH UP WHEN THEY COULD!

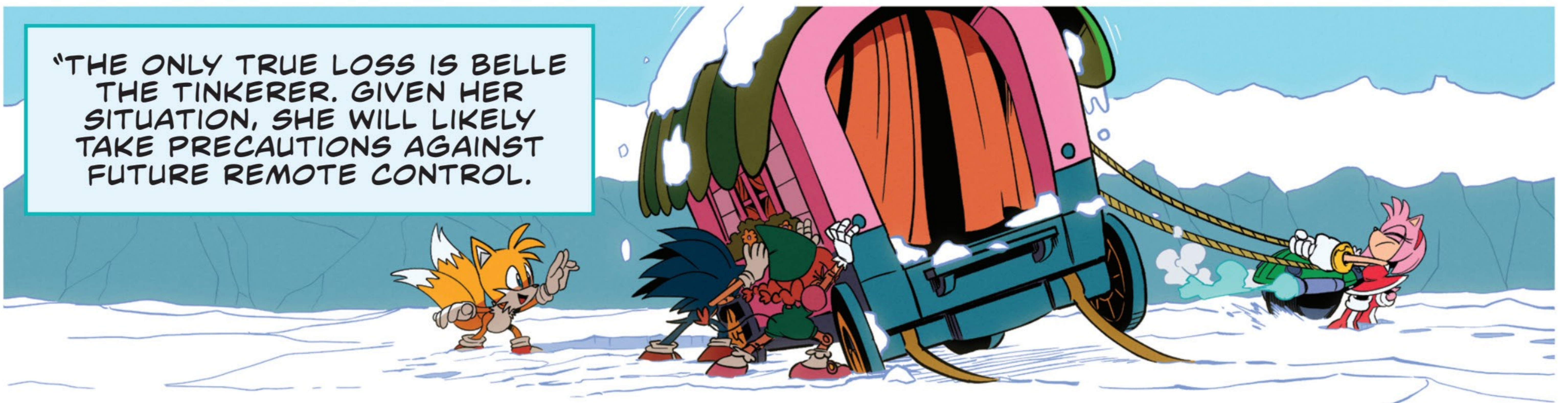




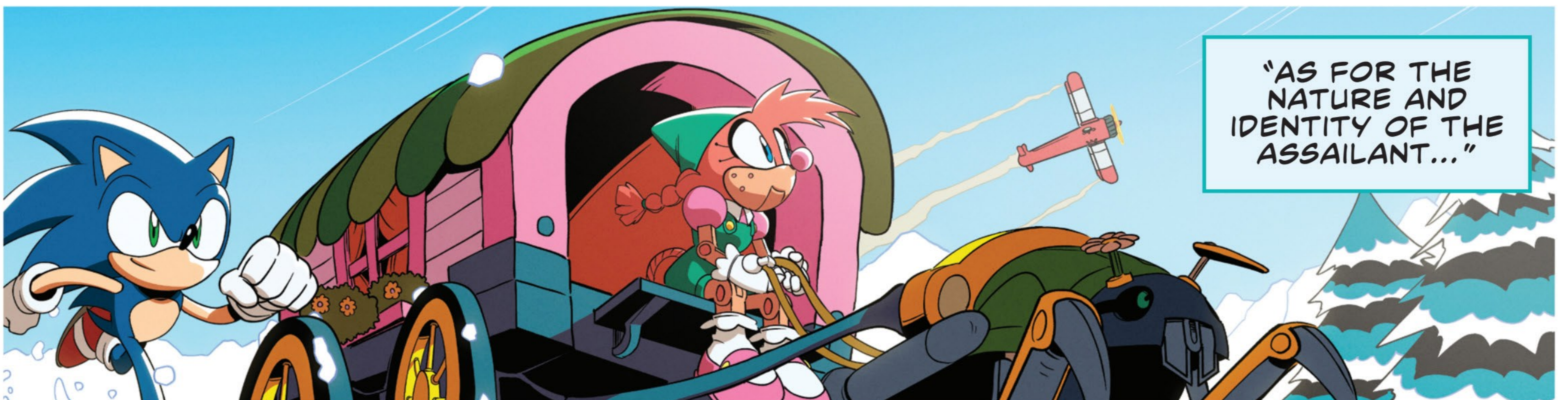
"IN THE END, NO LASTING DAMAGE OR ALTERATIONS WERE MADE TO ME OR METAL SONIC."



"WHILE THE MATERIALS WERE LOST, I HAVE SOME RECORD OF WHAT THEY WERE USED TO CONSTRUCT."



"THE ONLY TRUE LOSS IS BELLE THE TINKERER. GIVEN HER SITUATION, SHE WILL LIKELY TAKE PRECAUTIONS AGAINST FUTURE REMOTE CONTROL."



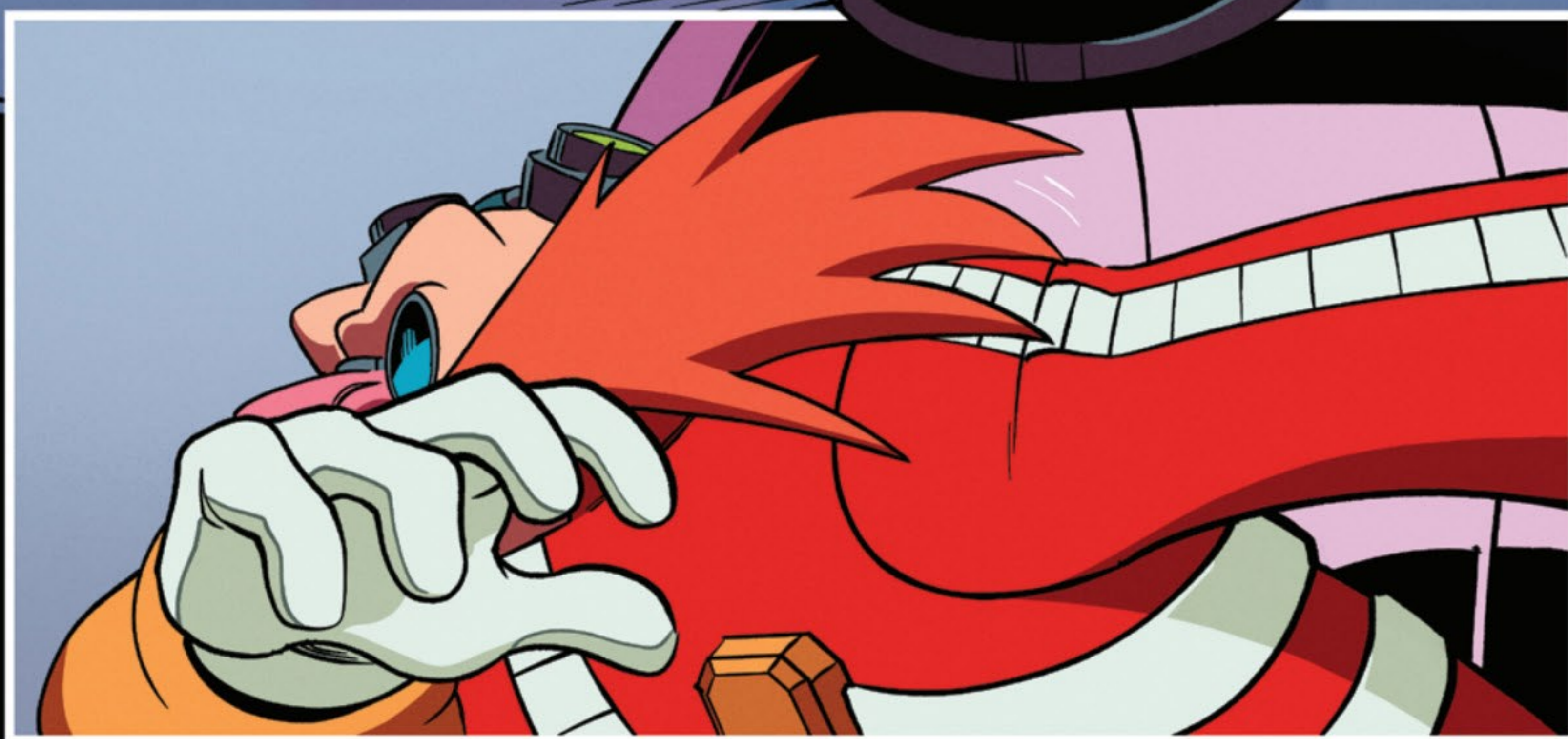
"AS FOR THE NATURE AND IDENTITY OF THE ASSAILANT..."

...I'M AFRAID I HAVE NOTHING CONCRETE TO REPORT.

THE ONLY INDIVIDUAL THAT REMOTELY RESEMBLES THEIR MODUS OPERANDI HAS PERISHED.

AND AS FOR YOU...

MMMYES, THAT'S WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU MESS WITH ME. A HARD LESSON THIS NEW UPSTART WILL LEARN ALL TOO SOON.



...YOU'RE SURE YOU'RE FINE?

I ASSURE YOU, I AM FINE.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONCERN, DOCTOR.

**NEXT TIME: OFF TO ANGEL ISLAND!**

**NEXT MONTH...**



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IASMIN OMAR ATA

# SONIC LETTERS SQUAD

**AND SO THE ADVENTURE CONTINUES...WITH SAGE IN TOW!  
WE ARE SO EXCITED TO HAVE OUR FAVORITE ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE IN THE COMICS!  
HERE'S TO MANY MORE SHENANIGANS!**

**UNTIL THEN, WE WANT TO EXTEND OUR WARMEST THANKS TO THE AMAZING TEAM WHO MADE IT POSSIBLE—  
EVAN STANLEY, IAN FLYNN, ADAM BRYCE THOMAS, LEONARDO ITO DE OLIVEIRA, AND ED DUKESHIRE!  
NOW, LET'S HEAR FROM OUR FANTASTIC SONIC SQUAD!**

Hi, IDW Sonic team. I just want to let you all know how much these comics mean to people. I've been keeping up with this series since it started—I was 9 then, and now I'm 17, so I literally grew up with these comics! When anything scary is happening in the real world, it's easy to find refuge in Sonic and his friends' wacky adventures. I can't wait to read more on the lead up to issue 100, and I already adore the way Sage is being handled. (That's Eggy's kid all right!) —Betty

Hi, Betty! That is a truly magical thing to hear! Everyone here on the Sonic team pours so much love and passion into our books, and it all feels worth it when we receive letters like this! Thank you for trusting us all these years, and here's to many more!

P.S. Yes! Sage is a pretty good egg. (Too corny?)



ART BY EVAN



ART BY TRISTAN



ART BY MULTISKETCH

**WE CAN'T THANK Y'ALL ENOUGH FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT! DON'T FORGET TO SEND YOUR ART AND LETTERS TO [LETTERS@IDWPUBLISHING.COM](mailto:LETTERS@IDWPUBLISHING.COM), AND MAKE SURE TO MARK THEM "OKAY TO PRINT"! AND JOIN THE IDW SONIC COMICS SQUAD ON FACEBOOK! NEXT MONTH, IT'S TIME TO VISIT ANGEL ISLAND! WHERE NOTHING BAD WILL HAPPEN! AND EVERYTHING WILL BE CALM...**

**DID YOU REALLY BELIEVE THAT? WELL, I GUESS WE'LL HAVE TO SEE IN *SONIC THE HEDGEHOG* #87!**



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**ART BY NATHALIE FOURDRAINE**



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# BACK PAGE

## Greetings, Earthlings!

This is a special message from Alien Books HQ beaming directly into your eyeballs!

Now, you might be wondering...who or what is Alien Books and why am I reading about it in the back of this fantastic IDW Publishing comic magazine? Well, for anyone who's not familiar with us, we've gone ahead and broken it all down:

- 1. Alien Books** is a publisher that focuses on offbeat comics and stories from around the world.
- 2. Alien Books** titles include the Valiant Comics superhero line, new and classic manga, licensed properties like Zorro and Tarzan, and creator-owned series!
- 3. Alien Books** has teamed up with IDW Publishing to bring all of our amazing titles to the shelves of your local comic shop and bookstore!

Got it? Good!

You've likely already seen some of our Valiant Beyond titles in the IDW catalog over the past year, and we hope you've checked them out.

And if you haven't yet, there's still time! Valiant Beyond is designed to be ultra-accessible to both new and longtime comic readers, and we've got big plans in store for wrapping up the first year of this new universe. So make sure you jump on board today with new issues of ALL-NEW HARBINGER, TALES OF THE SHADOWMAN, THE X-O MANOWAR, and BLOODSHOT, available monthly at your LCS!

Are superheroes not quite your speed? Starting this summer, you'll see all-new and ultra-exciting series like ZORRO by Howard Chaykin and Jorge Fornés, TARZAN BEYOND by Steve Orlando and Renato Guedes, and ZORRO'S LEGACY by Dan Abnett and Aaron Lopresti arrive in shops.

These amazing creators will each be putting their own unique spin on these classic franchises, and we promise this is only the very beginning of what we have planned for this year. Expect much more from us, including anthology mags featuring stories by legendary Argentine creator Juan Giménez, exciting new manga titles like BADDUCKS, omnibus editions of classic Valiant series, and more!

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Until we meet again, stay well and stay Valiant!

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