

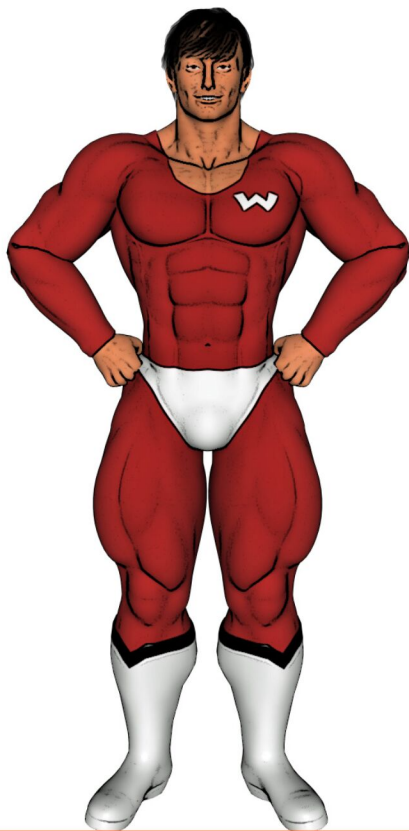
# WILDCARDS

ISSUE #2

THE WORLD BELONGS TO ME NOW



UNAPPROVED  
BY THE  
COMICS  
CODE  
AUTHORITY



NAME: MICHAEL O'NEAL  
CODENAME: POWERHOUSE

AGE: 23  
HEIGHT: 6'4"  
ABILITY: SUPER STRENGTH, SOME DURABILITY

LIKES: STEPHANIE, MODEL RAILROADS, ACTION MOVIES  
DISLIKES: SPINACH, POP MUSIC, POLITICS

MIKE'S POWERS CAME FROM BIRTH. HIS GENES LACKED SOMETHING CALLED MYOSTATIN WHICH INHIBITS MUSCULAR GROWTH. HIS MUSCULAR DENSITY IS MUCH MORE THAN THE AVERAGE MAN AND THUS HE IS STRONGER THAN HE LOOKS AND CAN TAKE A FEW PUNCHES WITHOUT FEELING IT.

PERSONALITY: BORN LEADER, THINKS BEFORE ACTING, LEVEL HEADED.



NAME: STEPHANIE POWERS  
CODENAME: TRANSPARENCY

AGE: 21  
HEIGHT: 5'7"  
ABILITY: COMPLETE INVISIBILITY TO ALL ELECTROMAGNETIC WAVE LENGTHS.

LIKES: MICHAEL, ROMANCE NOVELS, RED WINE  
DISLIKES: NOISY AREAS, HER FORMER BOSS, RAP

STEPHANIE HAS NO IDEA WHERE HER POWERS CAME FROM. SHE WAS MUGGED ONE EVENING ON THE WAY HOME FROM WORK AND LANDED IN THE HOSPITAL. SHE REMAINED IN A COMA FOR THREE WEEKS ONLY TO DISCOVER HER INVISIBILITY. EITHER THE DOCTOR'S DON'T KNOW OR NO ONE IS TELLING HER HOW THIS CAME ABOUT AND THUS REMAINS A MYSTERY.

PERSONALITY: SHY, NICE, THOUGHTFUL, LOYAL.



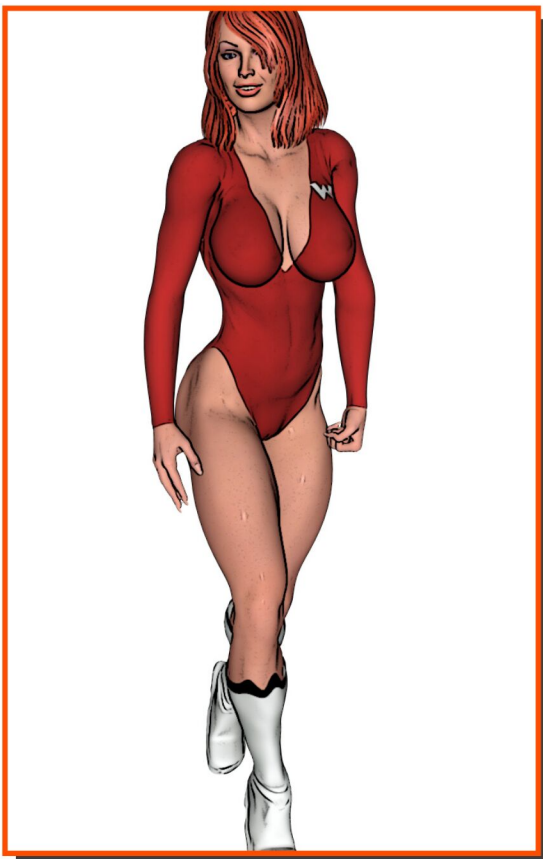
NAME: DAVID SPEERS  
CODENAME: BOLT

AGE: 22  
HEIGHT: 5'8"  
ABILITY: SUPER SPEED

LIKES: COMIC BOOKS, AUTO MECHANICS, ACTION MOVIES  
DISLIKES: SLOW LINES, TOFU, COUNTRY MUSIC

DAVID WAS ONCE OBESE. THE UNIVERSITY HE WAS ATTENDING NEEDED VOLUNTEERS FOR A WEIGHT LOSS EXPERIMENT BY INCREASING THE METABOLISM. WHILE THE OVERALL RESULTS WERE INEFFECTIVE AND UNRELIABLE, DAVID FOUND THAT HE COULD MOVE FAST, REALLY FAST. HIS REFLEXES WERE UNBELIEVABLY OFF THE CHARTS.

PERSONALITY: FUN, HUMOROUS, OFFBEAT, AND READY FOR ANYTHING.



NAME: VICTORIA DUPAGE  
CODENAME: PLASMA

AGE: 23  
HEIGHT: 5'10"  
ABILITY: CAN SHOOT PLASMA BALLS FROM HER HANDS AND MAKE PLASMA BARRIERS FOR DEFENSE.

LIKES: FASHION, CLASSICAL MUSIC, FENCING  
DISLIKES: BOREDOM, CHEAP WINE, WORKING

VICTORIA WAS TWELVE YEARS OLD WHEN SHE WENT TO VISIT HER GRANDFATHER IN ENGLAND. HE RAN AN ANTIQUE STORE THAT HAD BEEN THERE FOR SEVERAL CENTURIES. WHILE THERE, SHE EXPLORED UNDER THE STAIRS AND FOUND A SECRET ROOM FULL OF BOOKS. MOST OF THE BOOKS DECAYED AND WOULD CRUMBLE BUT ONE BOOK HAD A PAGE THAT FELL OUT OF IT. IT WAS FROM MERLIN THE MAGICIAN. IT TAUGHT THE POWER OF PLASMA AND WITH IT, SHE RECITED THE INCANTATION. INSTANTLY HER BODY GLOWED AND MERLIN THE MAGICIAN APPEARED. HE WOULD TEACH HER HOW TO USE THIS POWER OVER TIME.

PERSONALITY: DEBUTANTE, LADY LIKE, ADVENTUROUS

# PART ONE

# TROUBLE BREWING



A NICE QUIET SATURDAY. EVERYONE IS SPENDING THEIR HARD EARNED MONEY ON SOMETHING, MAINLY BECAUSE THE WOMEN LOVE SHOPPING AND THE MEN LOVE WOMEN.



EVERYONE IS HAVING A GOOD TIME IT SEEMS.



INCLUDING OUR HEROES. LET'S TUNE IN. SHALL WE?

COME ON, HOW ABOUT A HINT AT LEAST?

I'M NOT TELLING. IT'S A SECRET.

STEPHANIE AND MICHAEL HAVE BEEN DATING FOR ABOUT THREE MONTHS.



SUDDENLY, THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED INFOCOMMERCIAL IS RUDELY INTERRUPTED.

I AM DOCTOR SILICON.



OUR FOURSOME HEAR THE CHATTER AND GO TO SEE WHAT IS GOING ON.

EVERY COMPUTER IN THE WORLD IS NOW UNDER MY CONTROL.



WHAT DO WE DO?

I'VE GOT A FEELING HQ IS ABOUT TO CONTACT US.



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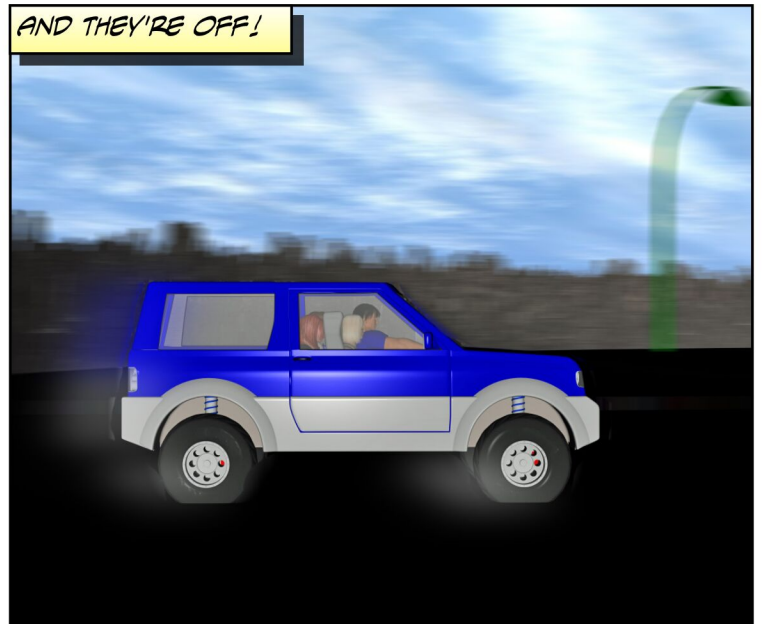
RIGHT ON CUE.



OUR HEROES RACE TO THE CAR. AFTER ALL, HQ DOESN'T CALL FOR JUST ANY OLD THING.



AND THEY'RE OFF!

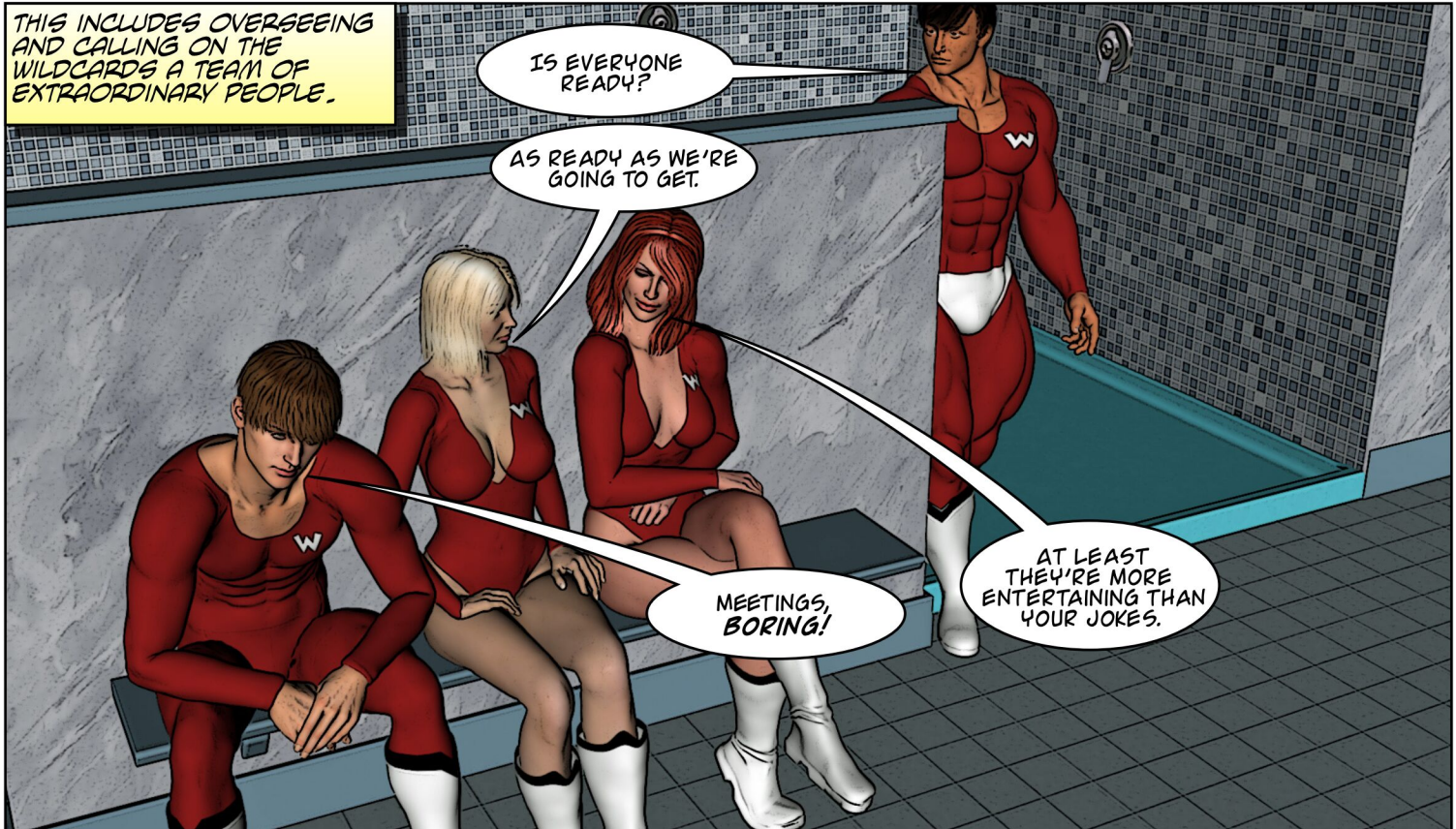


SOON THEY ARRIVE AT HEADQUARTERS.

I.I.C. INTERNATIONAL INTELLIGENCE CENTER. THEY KEEP TRACK OF EVERYTHING GOING ON IN THE WORLD AND HANDLE ITS PROBLEMS WHEN A SINGLE NATION CANNOT.



THIS INCLUDES OVERSEEING AND CALLING ON THE WILDCARDS A TEAM OF EXTRAORDINARY PEOPLE.

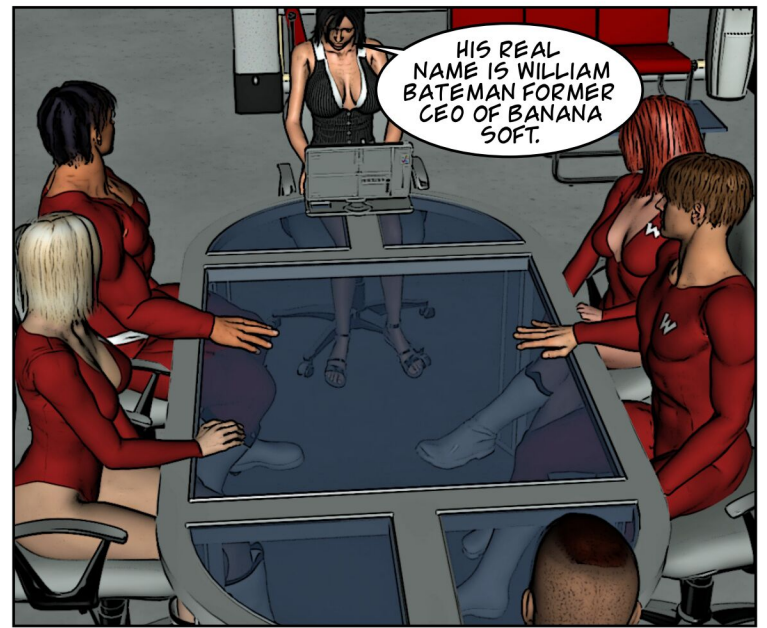


IS EVERYONE READY?

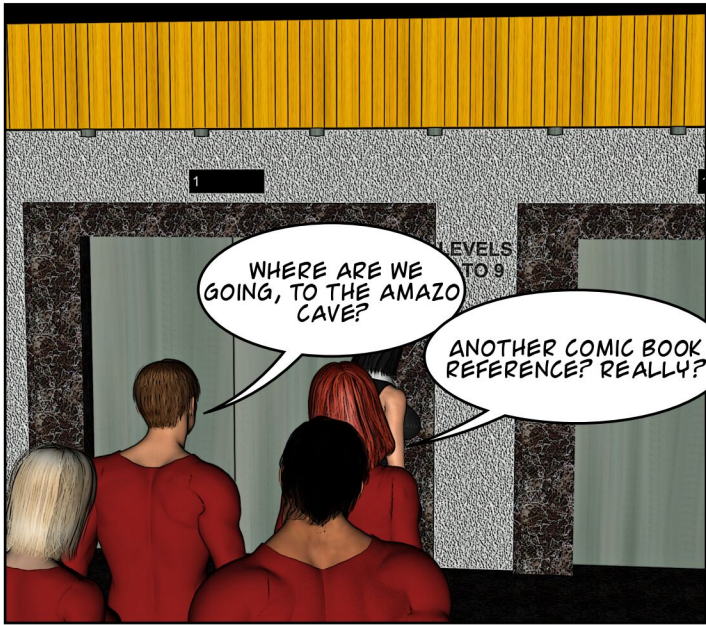
AS READY AS WE'RE GOING TO GET.

MEETINGS, BORING!

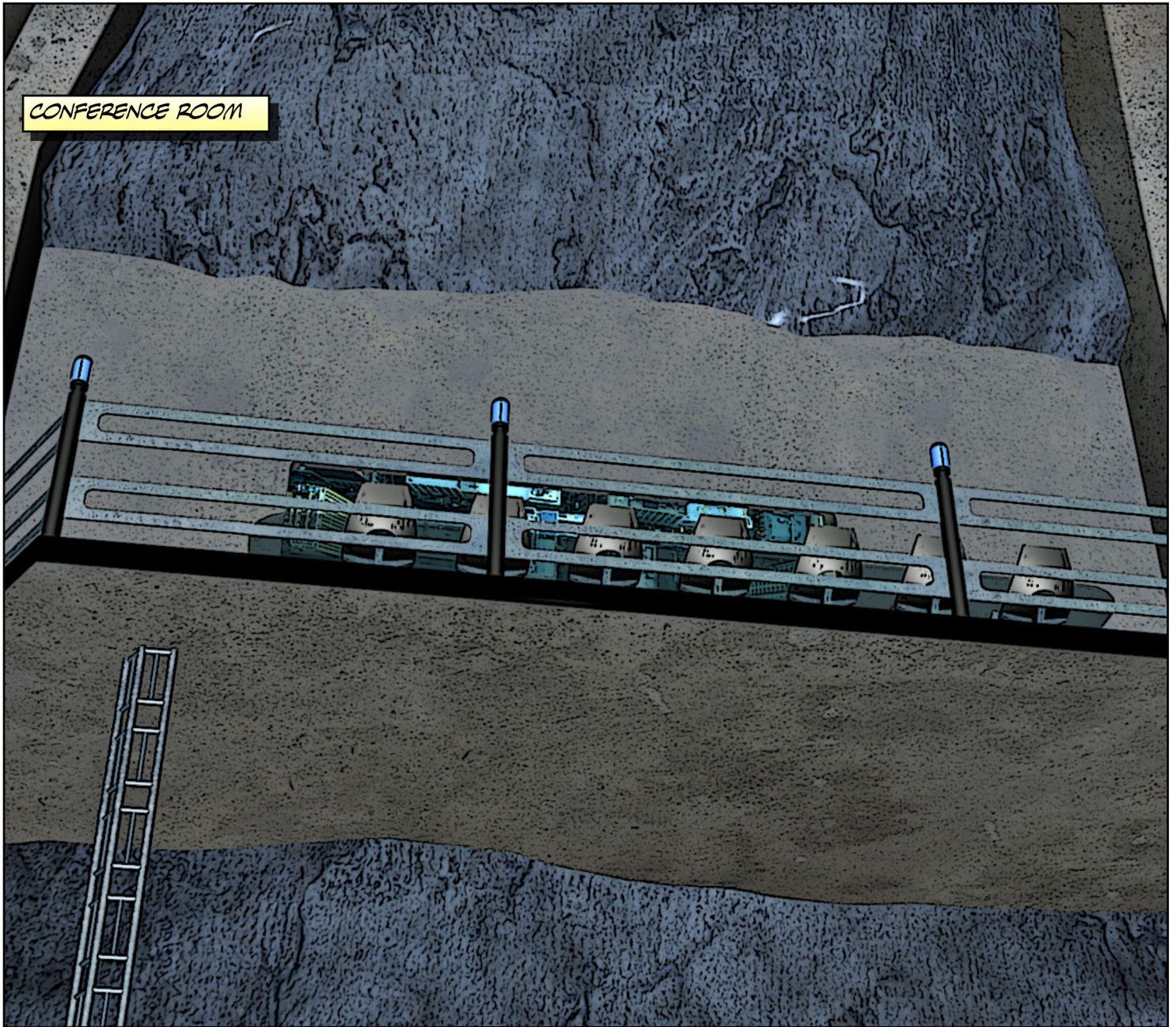
AT LEAST THEY'RE MORE ENTERTAINING THAN YOUR JOKES.







CONFERENCE ROOM



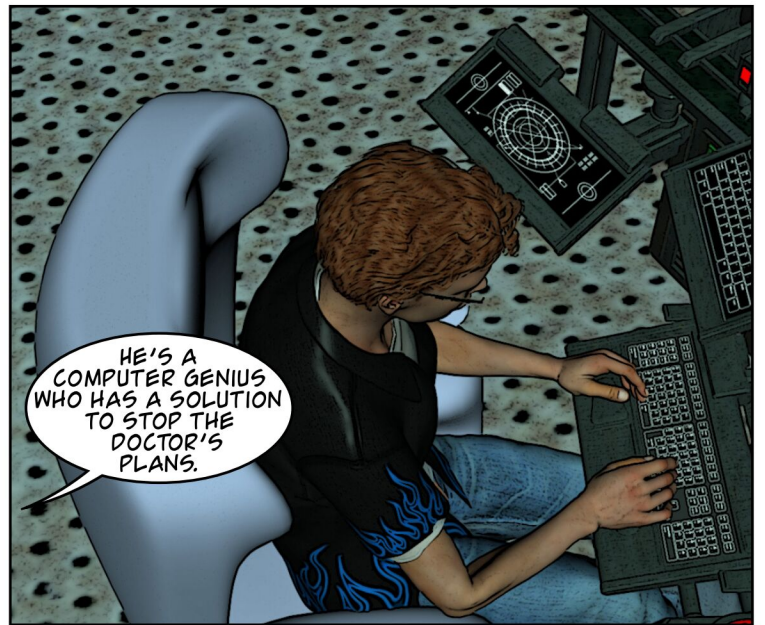
MONITORING STATIONS



PERSONALIZED VEHICLE



UP HERE WE HAVE OUR SECRET WEAPON. HE'S MANAGED TO KEEP OUR COMPUTER SYSTEM OFF SILICON'S RADAR, FOR NOW ANYWAY.



HE'S A COMPUTER GENIUS WHO HAS A SOLUTION TO STOP THE DOCTOR'S PLANS.

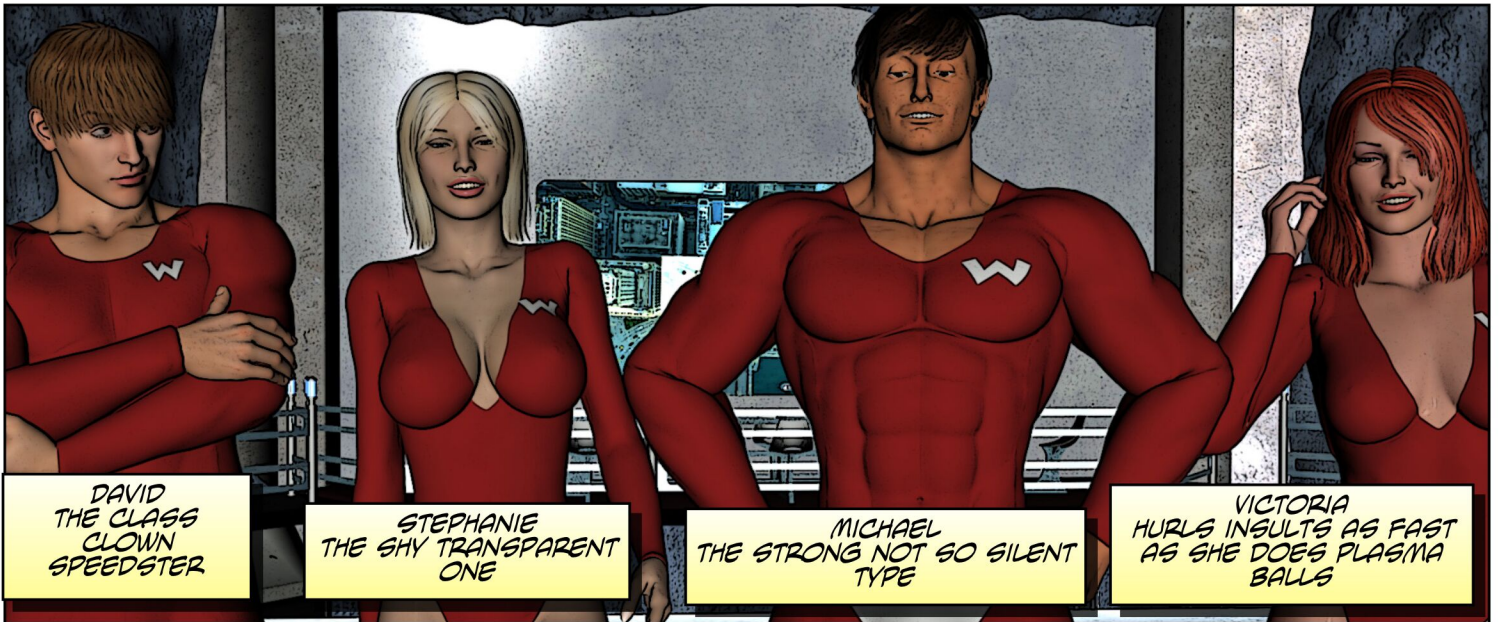


EVERYONE, I'D LIKE YOU TO MEET RANDY THOMPSON.



RANDY, THESE ARE THE WILDCARDS.

GOSH, YOU'RE RIGHT HERE! IN PERSON!



DAVID  
THE CLASS  
CLOWN  
SPEEDSTER

STEPHANIE  
THE SHY TRANSPARENT  
ONE

MICHAEL  
THE STRONG NOT SO SILENT  
TYPE

VICTORIA  
HURLS INSULTS AS FAST  
AS SHE DOES PLASMA  
BALLS



WOW, SHE'S EVEN MORE BEAUTIFUL IN PERSON!

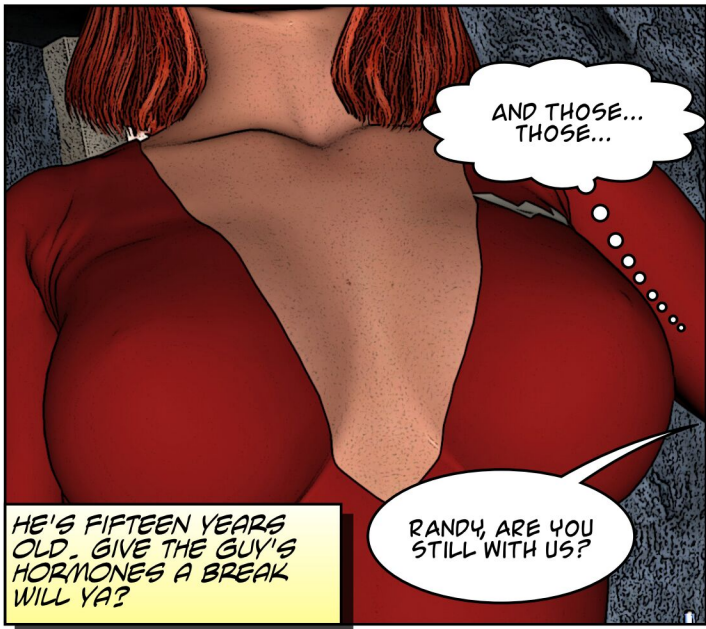
RANDY'S MIND WANDERS OFF AS HE FOCUSES ON HIS CRUSH.



SUCH BEAUTIFUL EYES, A WONDERFUL SMILE...



THAT GORGEOUS FIGURE. SHE'S GOT IT ALL!



AND THOSE... THOSE...

HE'S FIFTEEN YEARS OLD. GIVE THE GUY'S HORMONES A BREAK WILL YA?

RANDY, ARE YOU STILL WITH US?



I'M SORRY I WAS JUST... UH...

RANDY IS OUR TOP NOTCH RESIDENT COMPUTER HACKER.

WE ADOPTED HIM A FEW WEEKS AGO TO GIVE HIM A BETTER LIFE. HE HAS PROVEN HIMSELF TIME AND AGAIN.





OUR NEXT STEP IS TO FLY TO WOLDOVIA AS TOURISTS.

GREAT! I'VE GOT JUST THE WARDROBE!

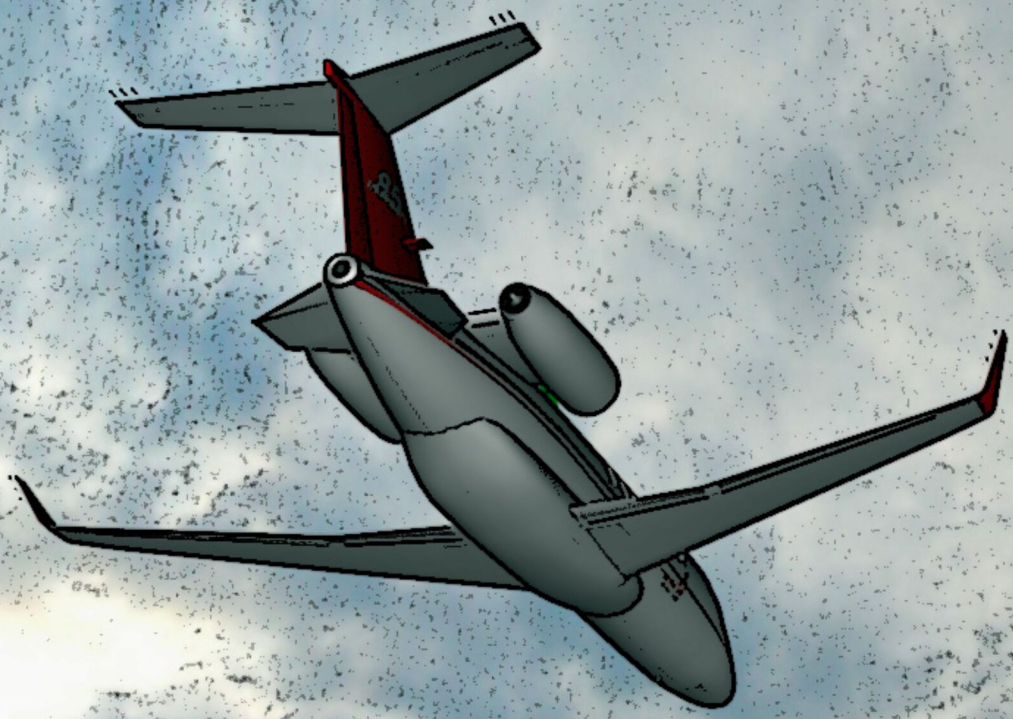
WHEN YOU OWN EVERYTHING THAT IS SOLD AT STACY'S DEPARTMENT STORE I CAN SEE WHY.

IS THERE ANYTHING HE DOESN'T OWN?

MY FATHER OWNS THE CHAIN.

THAT'S A TOUGH QUESTION.

AND SOON THEY ARE ON THEIR WAY.



# PART TWO

# JUST VISITING





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I DON'T MIND FLYING, IT'S THE AIRPORTS I HATE.

THEY'RE NOT TOO BAD ONCE YOU GET PAST TWO HOURS OF SECURITY AND CUSTOMS.



BAGGAGE CLAIM

HE SEEMED LIKE A NICE CHAR.

LET'S GO PICK UP OUR RENTAL.

THIS TOWN HAS THE LATEST FASHIONS! I'M SO EXCITED!

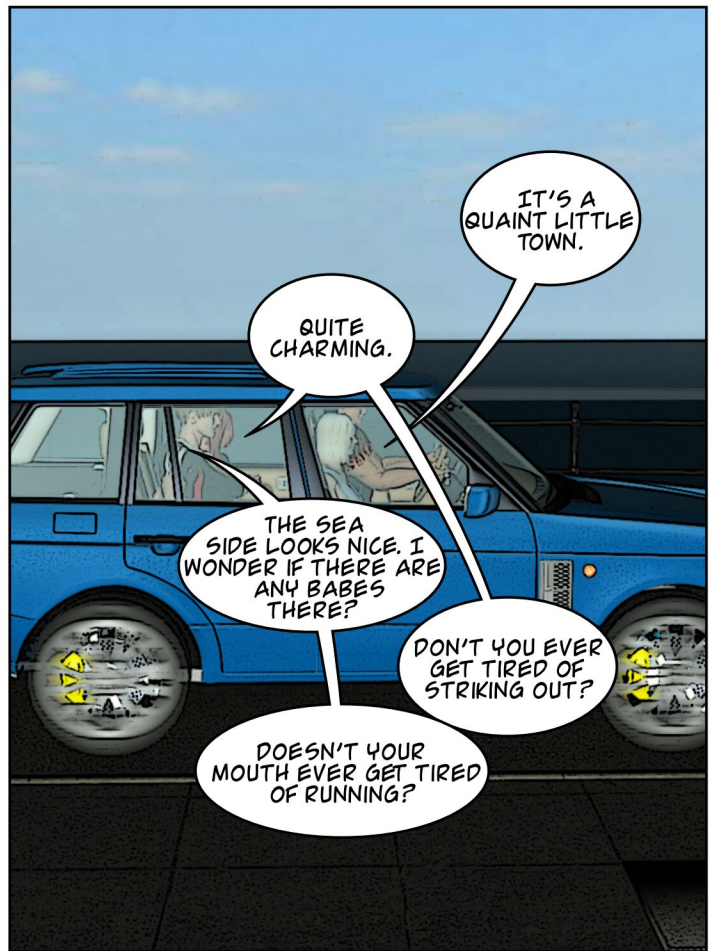
I DON'T CARE IF THE MECHANIC IS ON BREAK. I WANT THAT POTATO CHIP MACHINE WORKING!



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YOUR LUGGAGE IS ALREADY IN THE TRUNK.

THANK YOU FOR CHOOSING NERTZ RENTAL HAVE A GOOD DAY!



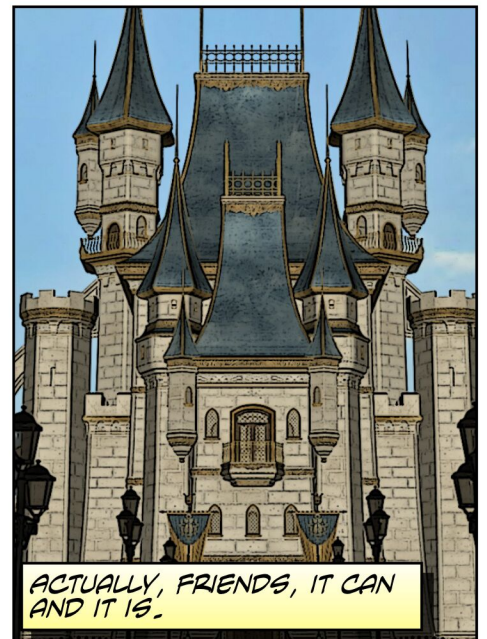
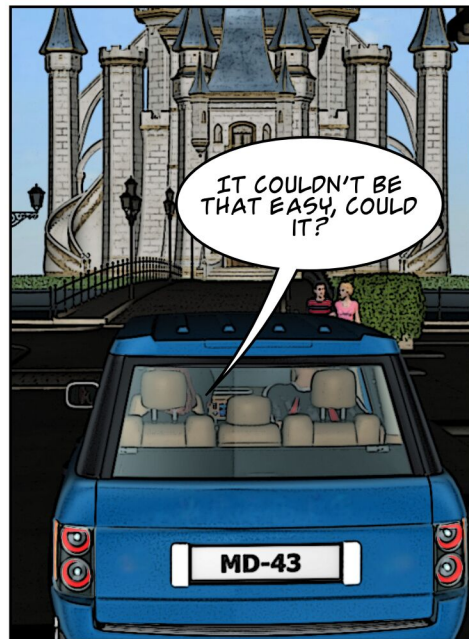
QUITE CHARMING.

IT'S A QUAINT LITTLE TOWN.

THE SEA SIDE LOOKS NICE. I WONDER IF THERE ARE ANY BABES THERE?

DON'T YOU EVER GET TIRED OF STRIKING OUT?

DOESN'T YOUR MOUTH EVER GET TIRED OF RUNNING?





SO HOW DO WE GET IN? THAT PLACE IS PRETTY WELL GUARDED

I COULD SNEAK PAST THE GUARDS BUT THEN WHAT?



TONIGHT, AS THE SUN SETS, WE'LL MAKE OUR WAY UP THE MOUNTAIN.

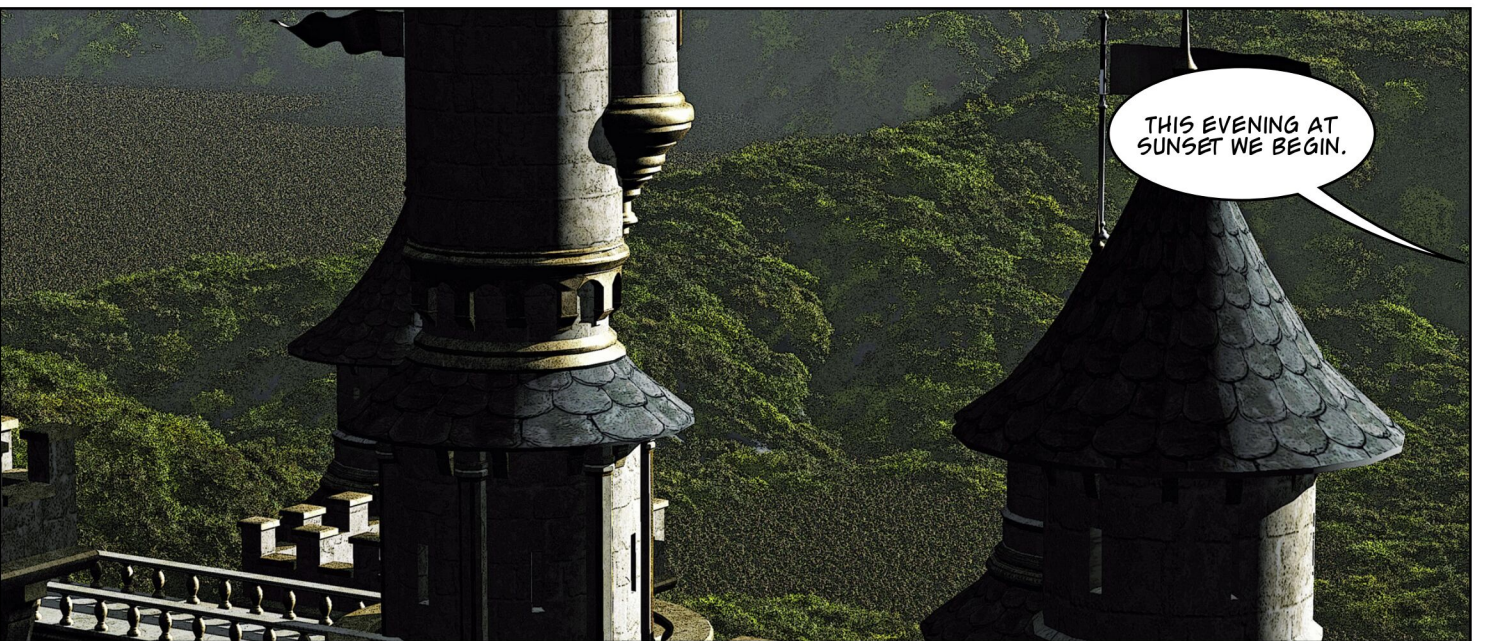
DAVID YOU'LL RUN AHEAD AND QUICKLY SCOUT THE AREA, SEE WHAT WE'RE UP AGAINST.



AND WE RUSH IN SHOULD PROBLEMS ARISE?

WHEN WE CATCH UP STEPHANIE, DO A LITTLE SCOUTING AROUND THE FRONT GATE.

I THINK IT'S A GOOD PLAN. WE'LL KNOW WHAT TO EXPECT AT LEAST.



THIS EVENING AT SUNSET WE BEGIN.

# PART THREE

# THE DOCTOR IS IN



JUST OUTSIDE THE CASTLE, TWO ROBOTS ARE GUARDING THE FRONT ENTRANCE WHILE THEIR SERGEANT WALKS BY.

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**CLANK!** **CLANK!**

STEPHANIE, YOU'RE UP. BE CAREFUL.

DON'T WORRY. I'LL BE FINE. I'LL BE READY!

DOESN'T IT EVER BOTHER YOU THAT SHE CAN SNEAK UP ON YOU AT ANY TIME?

TRUST, DAVID. WITHOUT IT THERE IS NO RELATIONSHIP.

OBVIOUSLY WE CAN'T GO THROUGH THE FRONT DOOR.

A DRAIN PIPE!

A FEW MOMENTS LATER...



I'll rip these bars out real quick.

CREAK



UM, LADIES FIRST!?!?

WILL YOU GET IN THERE?!?

I BETTER GO FIRST IN CASE THERE ARE MORE GRATES.



UPSIDAISH!

A SHORT WHILE LATER...



SHOULD WE KNOCK?

LET'S SURPRISE THEM INSTEAD.



AT LEAST HE HAS A NICE DECORUM.







SOON, YOU WILL SEE MY GENIUS IN ACTION AS I TAKE OVER ALL THE COMPUTERS IN THE WORLD!



AND THEN DOWNLOAD THE WORLD'S INFORMATION INTO MY BRAIN.

I'LL BE A GOD AND THE WORLD SHALL BOW BEFORE ME.



SILICATE, I THINK YOU'VE BEEN PLAYING VIDEO GAMES TOO LONG.

THAT'S SILICON! DOCTOR SILICON!



LOOK, SILLY PUTTY, WE'LL STOP YOU BEFORE YOU CAN TURN ON YOUR COMPUTERIZED TOASTER.

NOW YOU'RE JUST BEING MEAN.



BUT NO MATTER. SOON, WITH MY MIND, THE WORLD WILL SUCCUMB TO THE AWESOMENESS THAT IS DOCTOR SILICON!











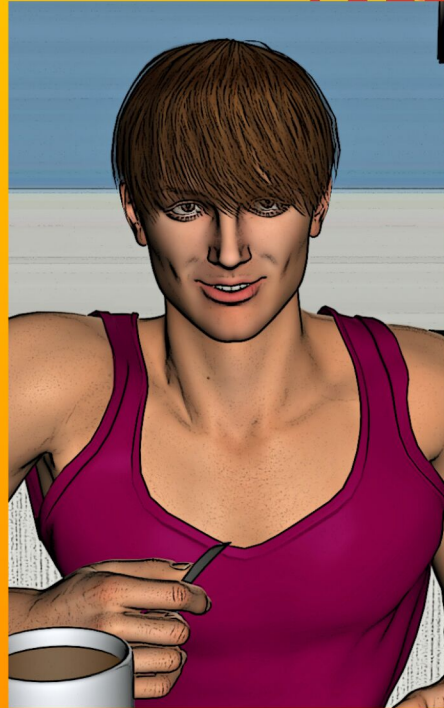


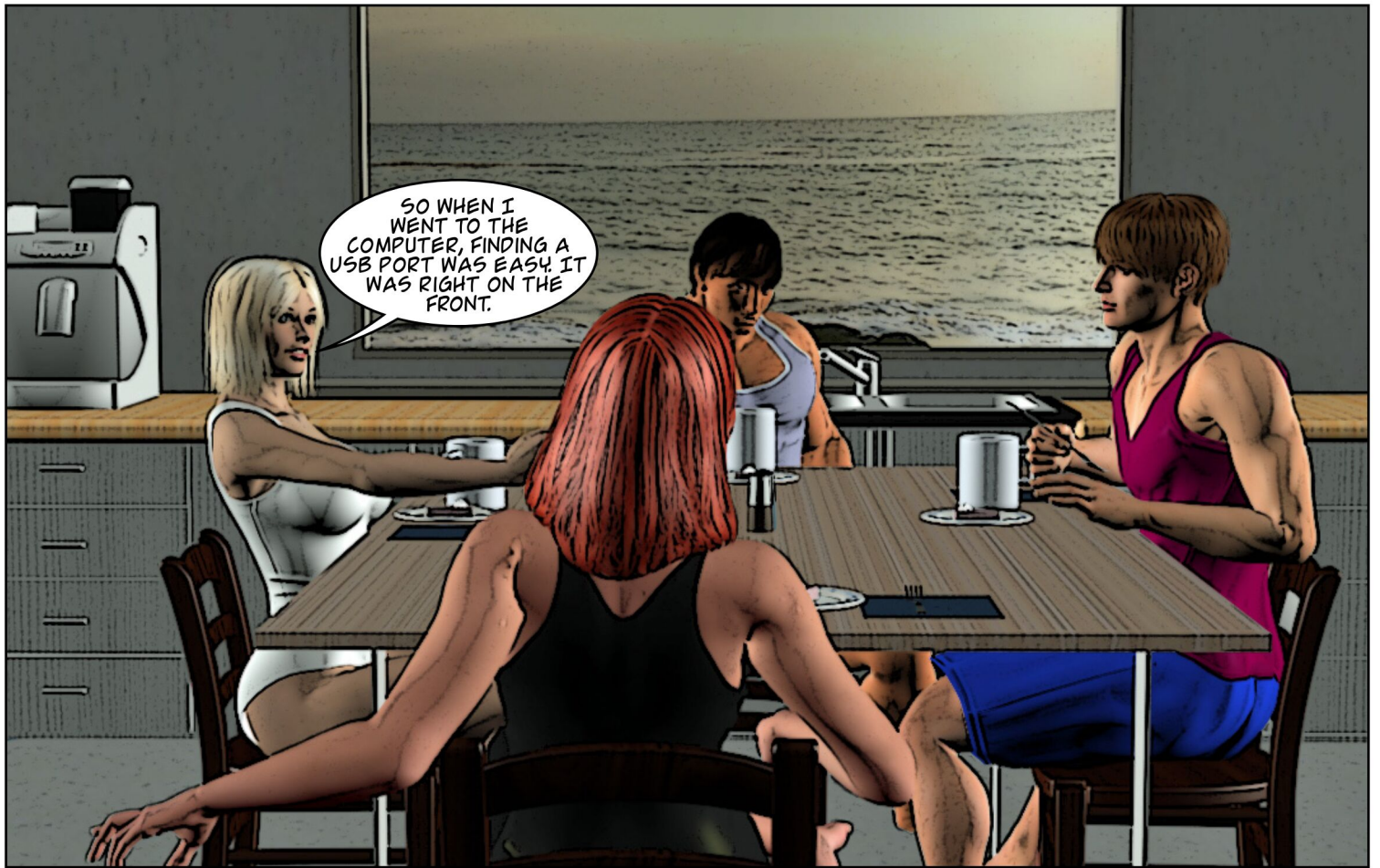




# EPILOG

## HOME SWEET HOME









WHAT *DID* YOU BUY?



I'LL SHOW YOU.  
MEET ME IN THE  
LIVING ROOM.



A LITTLE WHILE LATER THEY  
GATHER IN THE LIVING ROOM  
WHEN STEPHANIE COMES  
DOWN THE STAIRS.

WELL, WHAT DO YOU  
THINK?

THEN I SUGGEST  
YOU COME TO BED  
SWEETHEART.

NO FAIR! I CAN'T  
SEE YOU.

LET'S SEE WHAT'S ON TV.

WAY AHEAD OF YOU.

...WOLDOVIA HAS BECOME THE CULINARY CAPITAL OF THE WORLD. IT IS SAID THAT THEIR PORK CHOPS ARE SIMPLY TO DIE FOR.

AND NOW WE RETURN YOU TO THE LATE, LATE, LATE MOVIE, "THE THING THAT ATE PLANET X".

**THE END**