

CHRIS, DO YOU KNOW WHAT THEY CALL HER IN THE BARS AT THE TRADE FAIRS?

ON THE MEDIA FEEDS?
IN THE DEAN'S OFFICE?



THEY CALL HER MONEY SHOT.

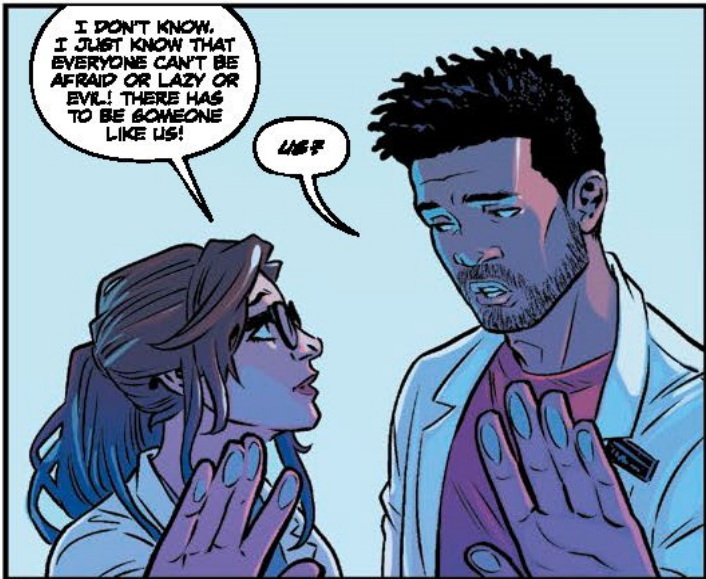
AS IN... SHE'S THE ~~PRO~~ LIKE A PRO.



WHO CARES WHAT THEY CALL HER? SHE WORKS.

THERE'S GOT TO BE MONEY OUT THERE SOMEWHERE FROM INVESTORS WHO DON'T WANT TO USE HER TO KILL FAR AWAY PEOPLE MORE QUICKLY.

PRIVATE INDUSTRY MAYBE, OR SOME ECCENTRIC BILLIONAIRE WITH A HEART OF GOLD.



I DON'T KNOW, I JUST KNOW THAT EVERYONE CAN'T BE AFRAID OR LAZY OR EVIL! THERE HAS TO BE SOMEONE LIKE US!

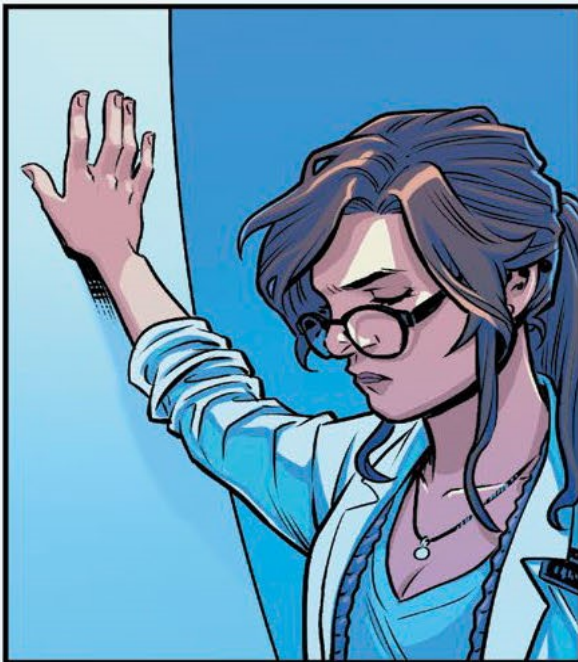
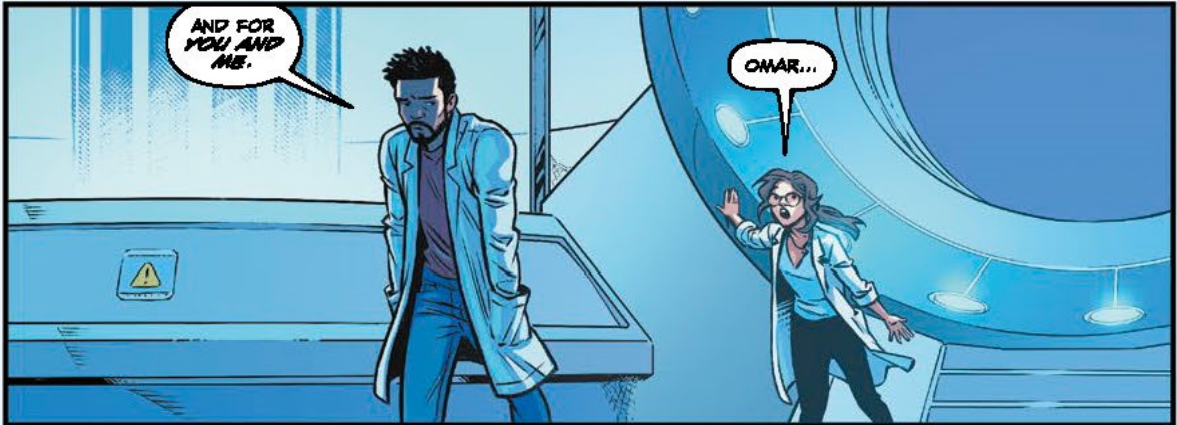
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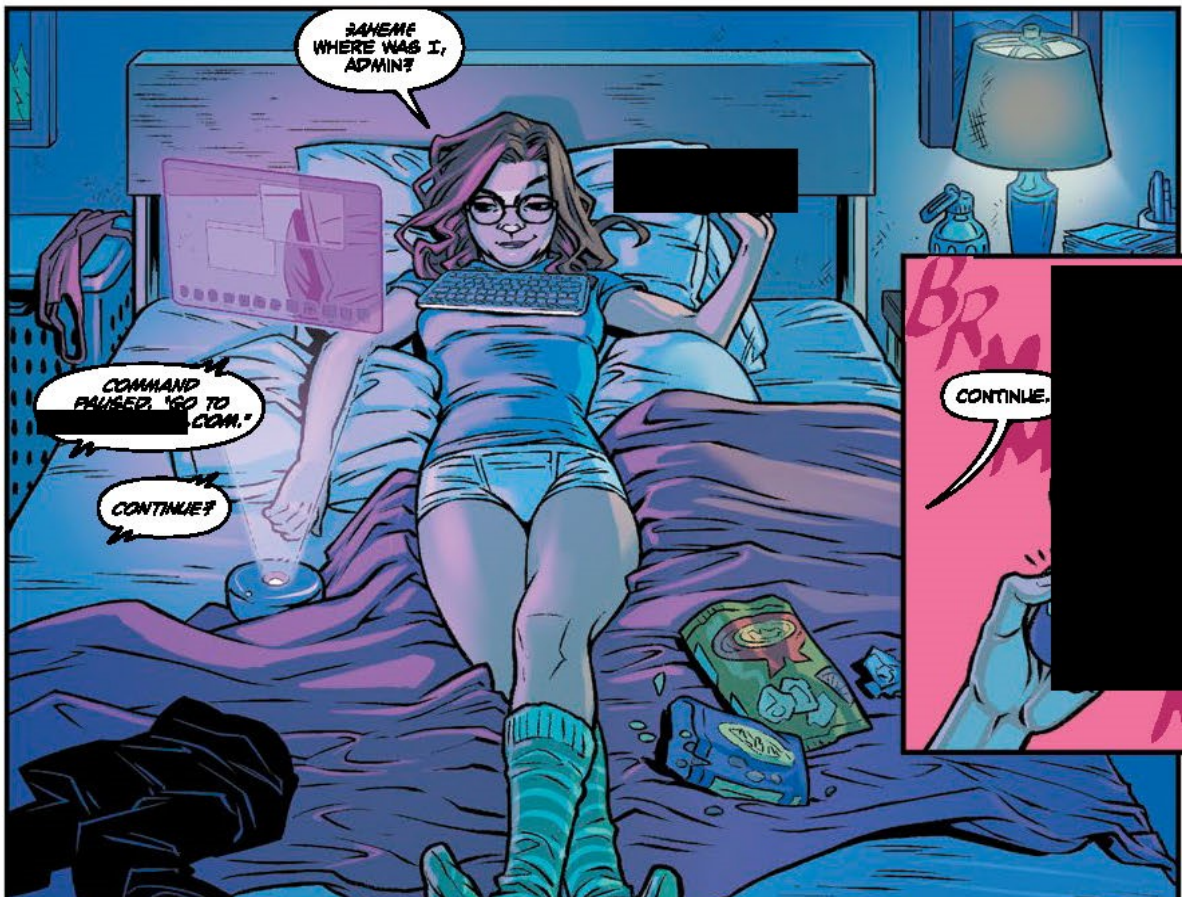
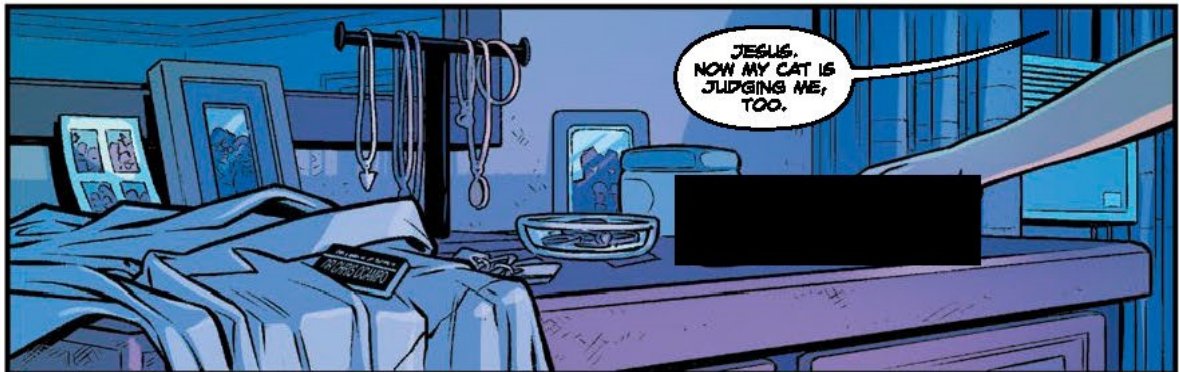


YEAH, US, YOU AND ME.

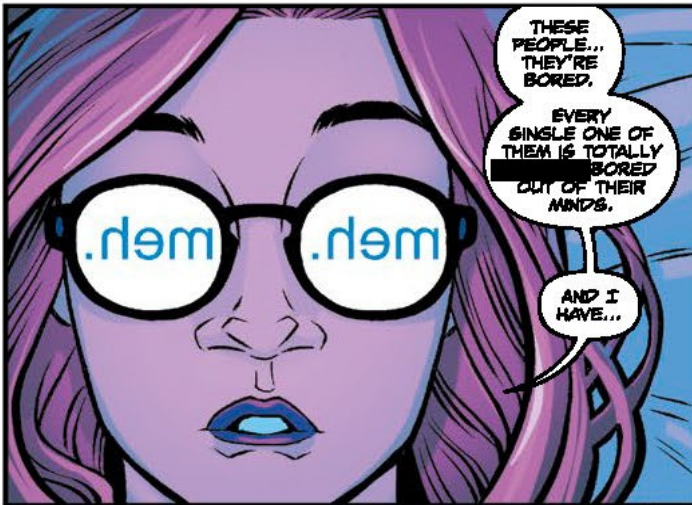
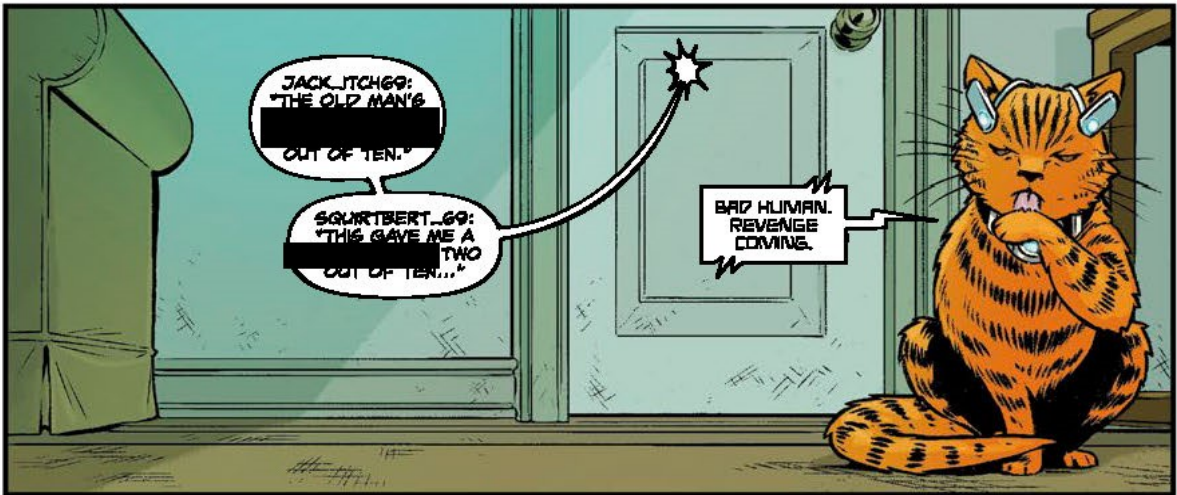
WE COULD DO IT, DR. STENBERG.

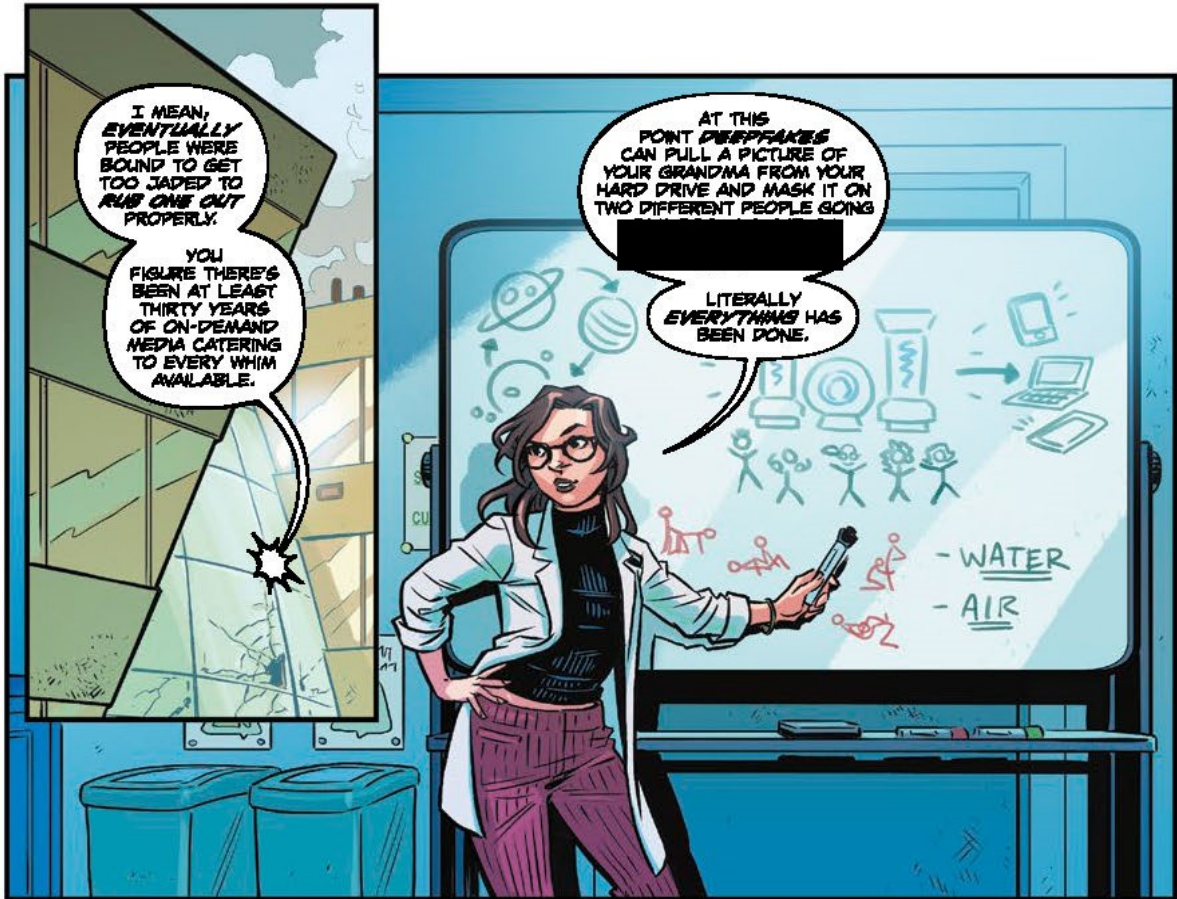
WE COULD GET STAR SHOT MOVING AGAIN TOGETHER.











I MEAN, EVENTUALLY PEOPLE WERE BOUND TO GET TOO JADED TO RUB ONE OUT PROPERLY.

YOU FIGURE THERE'S BEEN AT LEAST THIRTY YEARS OF ON-DEMAND MEDIA CATERING TO EVERY WHIM AVAILABLE.

AT THIS POINT DEEPFAKES CAN PULL A PICTURE OF YOUR GRANDMA FROM YOUR HARD DRIVE AND MASK IT ON TWO DIFFERENT PEOPLE GOING

LITERALLY EVERYTHING HAS BEEN DONE.

- WATER
- AIR



I'M SORRY. DOES ANYONE KNOW WHAT SHE'S TALKING ABOUT? I'M LOSING SENSITIVITY TO HIGHER OCTAVES LATELY. ON PURPOSE.

I GOT LOST [REDACTED] OCTOGENARIAN."

I... GOD, I WISH I DIDN'T UNDERSTAND.

PORN STARS. DR. OCAMPO WANTS US TO BE PORN STARS.

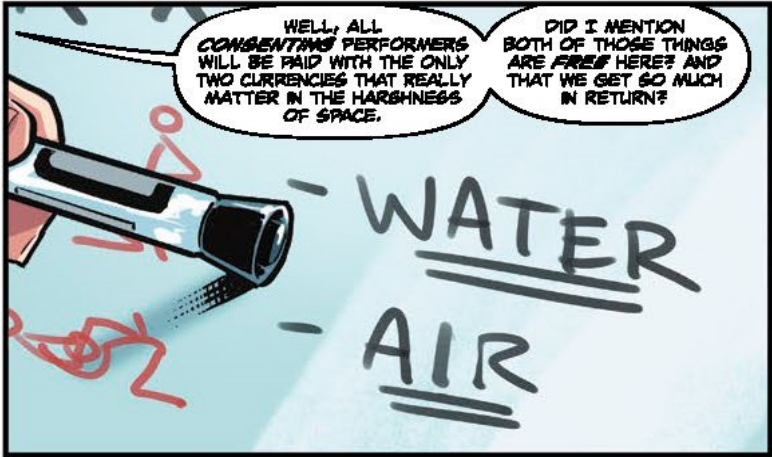


THAT'S NOT THE WAY I WAS THINKING OF IT. SEE, IT'S A CROWDFUNDED PROJECT. MEMBERSHIPS *PAY* FOR STAR SHOT LAUNCHES.

FOR A FEE, MEMBERS CAN WATCH A LIVESTREAM OF A TEAM OF INTREPID EXPLORERS CROSSING INTO NEW AND UNEXPLORED WORLDS, SEARCHING FOR ADVANCED POWER SOURCES, UNTOLD KNOWLEDGE...



AND ALIENS TO



WELL, ALL *CONSENTING* PERFORMERS WILL BE PAID WITH THE ONLY TWO CURRENCIES THAT REALLY MATTER IN THE HARSHNESS OF SPACE.

DID I MENTION BOTH OF THOSE THINGS ARE *FREE* HERE? AND THAT WE GET SO MUCH IN RETURN?



DOUG, YOU CAN GATHER ALIEN BOTANY AND CREATE WHOLE NEW FLAVORS, WHILE HELPING US DECIDE WHAT'S EDIBLE!



BREE, YOU CAN STUDY METHODS OF COMMUNICATION AMONG ALIEN SPECIES, WHILE EXPLAINING OUR... *ATTENTIONS* TO THE LOCALS.



ANNIE, YOU CAN EXPLORE NEW STRAINS OF VIRUSES, WHILE HELPING ENGINEER VACCINES FOR DISEASES WE MIGHT ENCOUNTER.

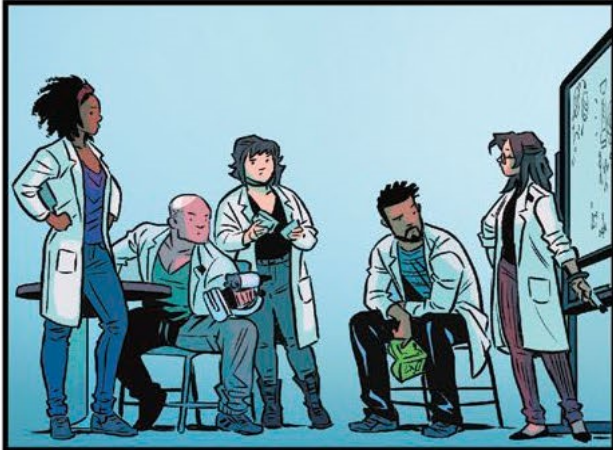
SAHMS IN THE AIR. OF COURSE.



OMAR, YOU CAN SEE THE STARS LIKE WE ALWAYS WANTED, WHILE DEVELOPING A MEANS OF SENDING OUR SIGNAL FROM SPACE TO WAITING LAPTOPS.



WE CAN GET BACK TO DOING WHAT WE'RE SUPPOSED TO BE DOING! COMPETING FOR GLORY, MAKING THE WORLD A BETTER PLACE...
...SCIENTISTS!



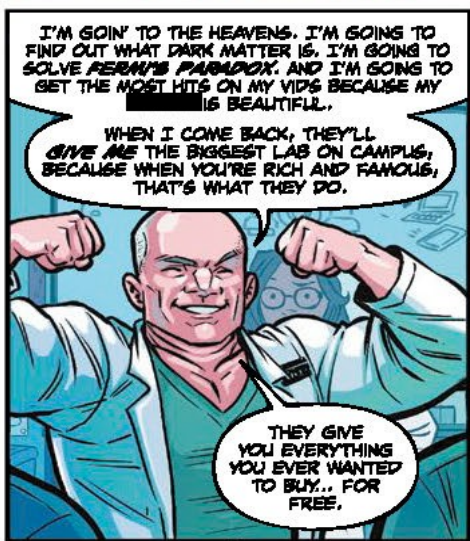
SUPERMASSIVE BLACKHOLE.



WHAT?

MY PORN NAME. I'M IN, BUT ONLY IF EVERYONE CALLS ME SUPERMASSIVE BLACKHOLE.

BUT YOUR REAL NAME IS... DOUG... KOCH.



I'M GOIN' TO THE HEAVENS. I'M GOING TO FIND OUT WHAT DARK MATTER IS. I'M GOING TO SOLVE FERMION'S PARADOX. AND I'M GOING TO GET THE MOST HITS ON MY VIDS BECAUSE MY [REDACTED] IS BEAUTIFUL.

WHEN I COME BACK, THEY'LL GIVE ME THE BIGGEST LAB ON CAMPUS, BECAUSE WHEN YOU'RE RICH AND FAMOUS, THAT'S WHAT THEY DO.

THEY GIVE YOU EVERYTHING YOU EVER WANTED TO BUY... FOR FREE.



SUPERMASSIVE OUT!