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A showcase of comics creators and other like-minded artists in and around the Triangle.

Two Sided Tales
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### Introduction

The Triangle Comics Creator Network, or TCCN, is a community of comics makers and artists of all ages. It was created by Durham County Library in 2018 as an offshoot of Amy Godfrey's Durham Comics Fest.

Two-Sided Tales is the third anthology by TCCN. It features 18 comics from 19 North Carolina artists with a variety of art and storytelling styles. The theme for this anthology is opposites and duality.

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### Contributors

A is 27 and enjoys making art across various mediums, this is her first time creating a comic. She enjoys reading, gaming, making art, and being in nature.

Instagram: @A\_MakesArt

Andrea C. (she/her) is a local hobby artist who is out to prove that to herself that making art for fun is just as valuable as making art for money. Originally from upstate New York, Andrea enjoys animation, making stories without a plan, and her lizards and cat.

Instagram: @fattieyuca

Chaz is a NCCU graduate. He has had a passion for creating stories since he was young. Chaz is the creator of the webcomic and book series Apple and Grape.

Instagram: @cee.dee.three | @apple.and.grape Webcomic: tapas.io/series/apple-and-grape

**Mirelys Colón** is a queer Latina illustrator and comic artist based in Apex, NC. She likes drawing diverse characters going on fantasy adventures. She also really likes sharks.

BlueSky: @elysdraws Website: elysdraws.com

Dillasmo is the creator behind the original comic series Love Game: Beyond the Gates of Heaven. With three years of experience in the comic book world, Dillasmo combines storytelling with a heavy emphasis on unique character design.

Website: dillasmo.com

**Dean Garris** is a self-taught NC cartoonist that loves comics. His brain is a bubbling stew of stories just waiting to escape onto the page. He draws fantasy comics, kids comics, humor comics and more!

Instagram: @dean.garris Website: deangarris.com/launch

Adam Kaynan is a product designer in Raleigh, NC with experience producing socially engaged public art and interactive exhibits. Trained in studio art and industrial design, his style is inspired by non-linear narrative painting, street art and UX/UI.

Instagram: @adamkaynan

**Reshaun Lyles** is just a guy that animates for fun. Despite that, he still likes to make comics in his downtime and plans to make a web series soon.

YouTube: Animator Rex

Andrew Middleton has been making comics for over 30 years and someday he'll get one right.

Stephen Minervino is an animator, illustrator, writer, graphic designer, and general art person working in the greater Raleigh Durham area. Given the choice between relaxing and starting an overly ambitious new creative project, Stephen inevitably chooses the latter. Stephen would like to thank his wife, rambunctious child, and lazy dog for making life worth living.

Website: siminervino.com

Gabriel Peragine is a queer artist based in Garner, NC. He is passionate about creating vibrant fantasy worlds that showcase LGBT representation. When Gabriel is not drawing, he enjoys watching cheesy horror films, playing video games, and baking sweet treats.

Instagram: @pairojeanart

**Darren Roche** is a graduate of the 2012 class at the Kubert School. He is a schooled and self-taught traditional comic artist. Darren loves his wife, cats, crazy stories of the occult, and DND 5e.

DeviantArt: deviantart.com/cerebraleye Facebook: facebook.com/cerebraleye/ LinkedIn: linkedin.com/in/darren-roche-8888b167

David Schieber is back in NC after living in the Netherlands for 15 years. While there he cocreated the graphic novel weekend project. In his spare time, he enjoys breathing, staring straight ahead, and contemplating.

**J.B. Shear** is a cartoonist from Durham, North Carolina. She likes to craft stories about lost time, obsession, and the wonders of everyday life.

Website: jbshear.art

Wayne C. Spencer is a dad, a cartoonist, and a weirdo from the distant past. He has two little girls, two little dogs, and wants to be a dinosaur when he grows up.

Website: spencerranch.net

Hayden Taylor recently moved to the Triangle area, where he works as a nurse. He first became involved in comic-making and graphic art in grade school. In his free time, he is an avid reader of manga and comics, enjoys all types of gaming, and loves creating interesting stories.

Megan Van Voorhies is a queer artist known for their appreciation of color, food, and silly little guys. They dabble in just about anything creative and channel that creativity into their experimental webcomic project, Prismatic.

Tumblr: ohnoitspheo.tumblr.com

**Courtney Vien** is a journalist living in Durham, NC. She enjoys cats (obviously!), baking, reading, foraging, and taking naps.

**Jateya Winston** is a Durham native who has been drawing for 14 years, and her hopes are to reach people through her art and stories. Check out her YouTube channel to see speed paints of her art process and awesome animations!

Instagram: @kingcosmo618 YouTube: kingcosmo618

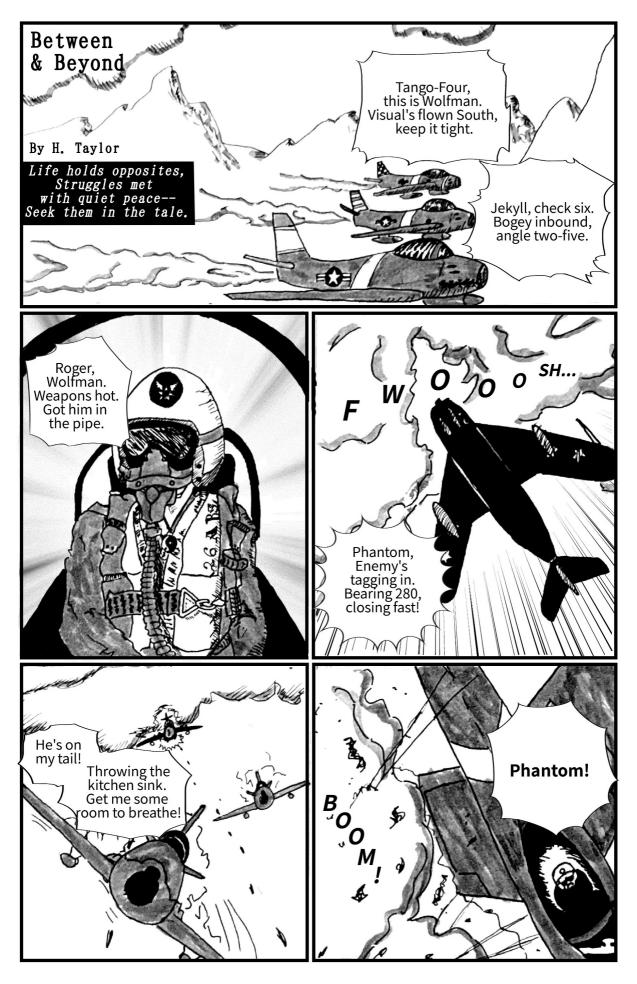




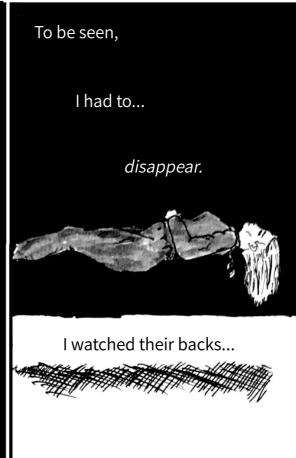


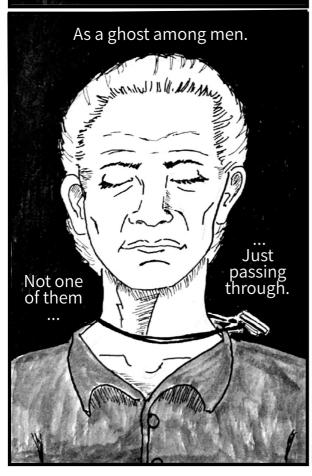








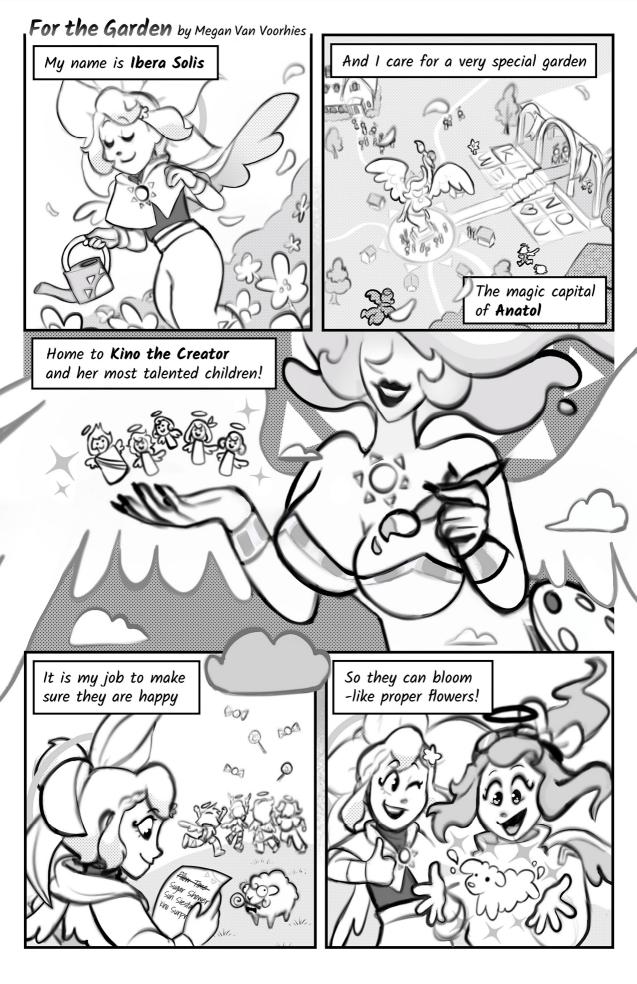








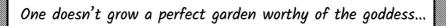


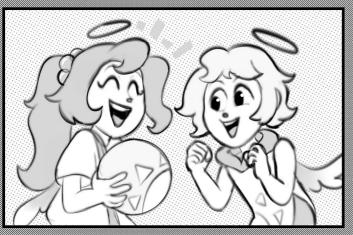




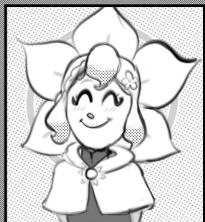


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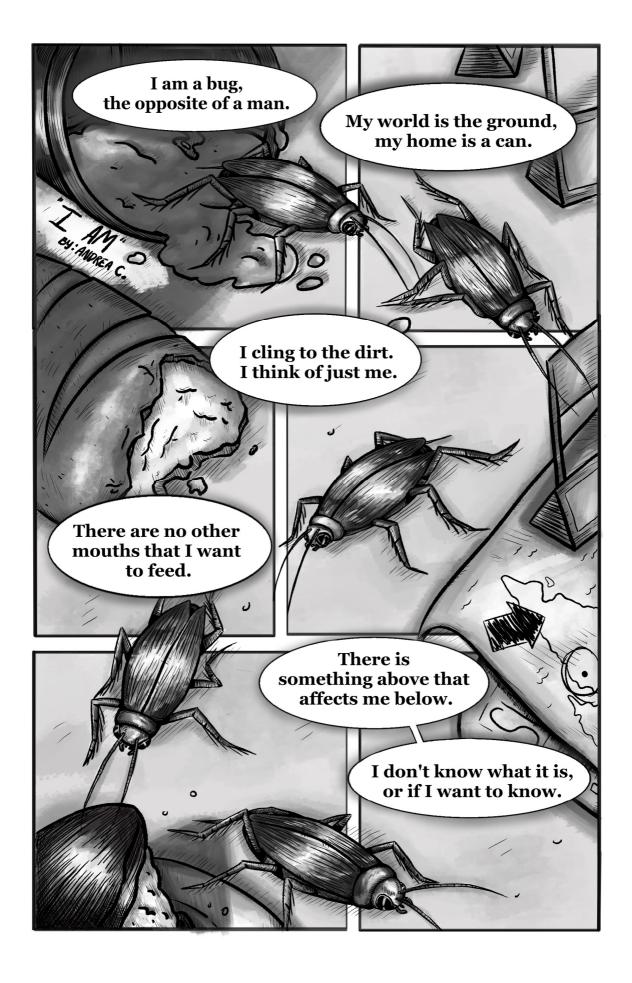


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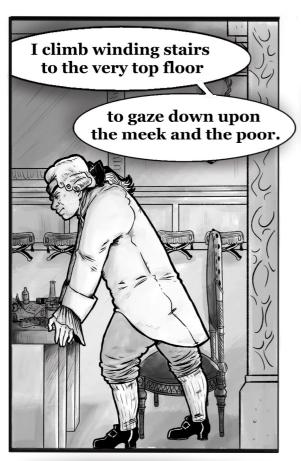


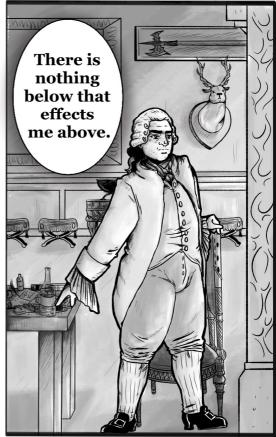
...without a bit of **pruning**.

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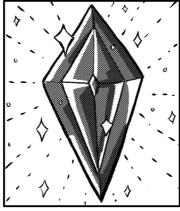


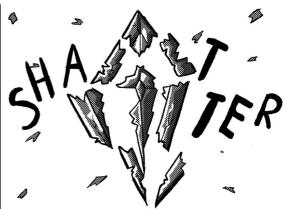


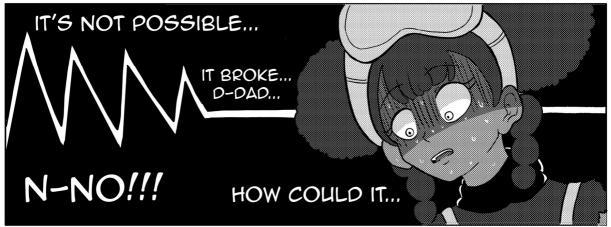




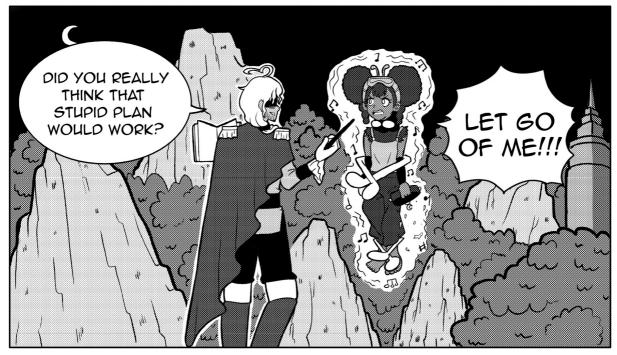




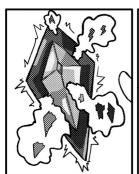




















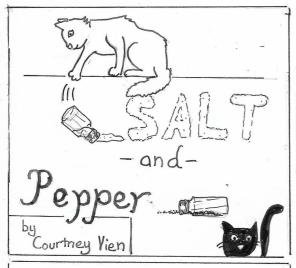


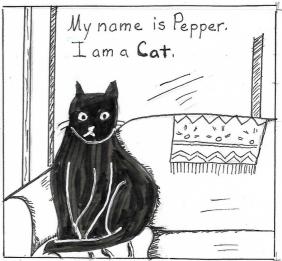


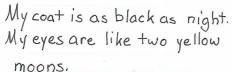
















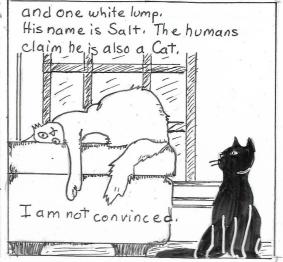




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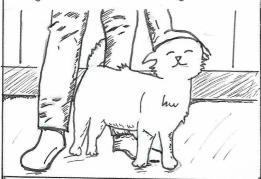






Salt is a glutton for attention.

If a human so much as looks his way, he comes running.



He purrs when they open the door for him.

He purrs when they serve us our dinner.

He purrs when they trim our nails ...



... or when they put stupid things on our heads.



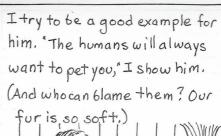
He even purrs for



At night, when the humans stare at the noisy box, Salt is right there, purring and begging for pets and making biscuits on them. Sometimes he even drools.











"Then, when they're not expecting it, surprise them with your beauty,"



"Move lightly as a breeze. Be heard only when you want to."



But most of the time,













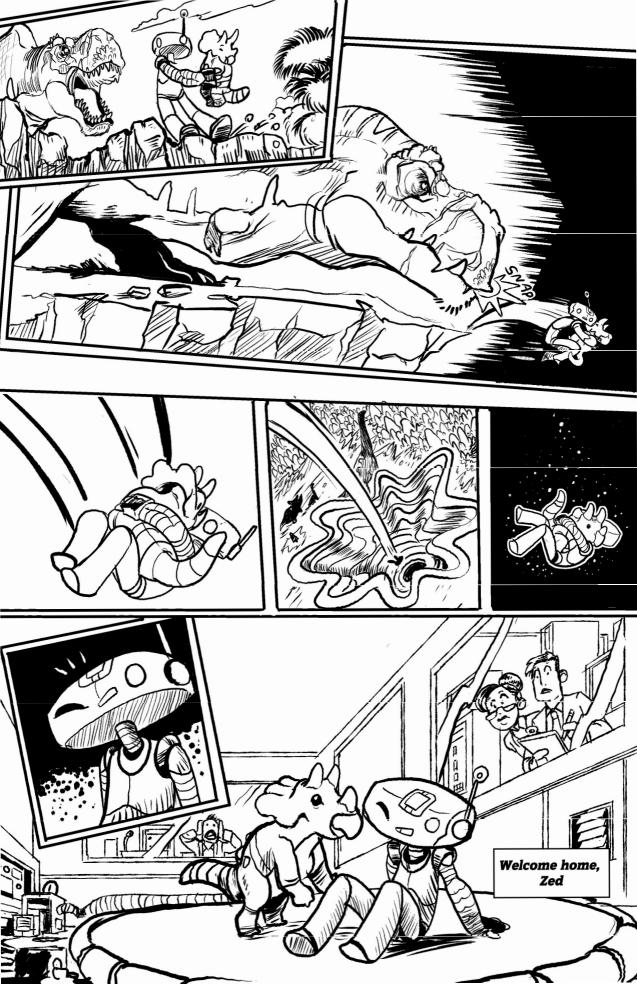


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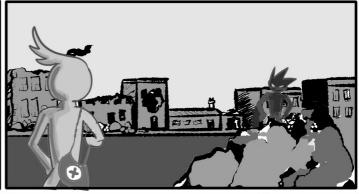








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80% OF THE POPULATION IS GONE, AND YOU'RE STILL SMILING.











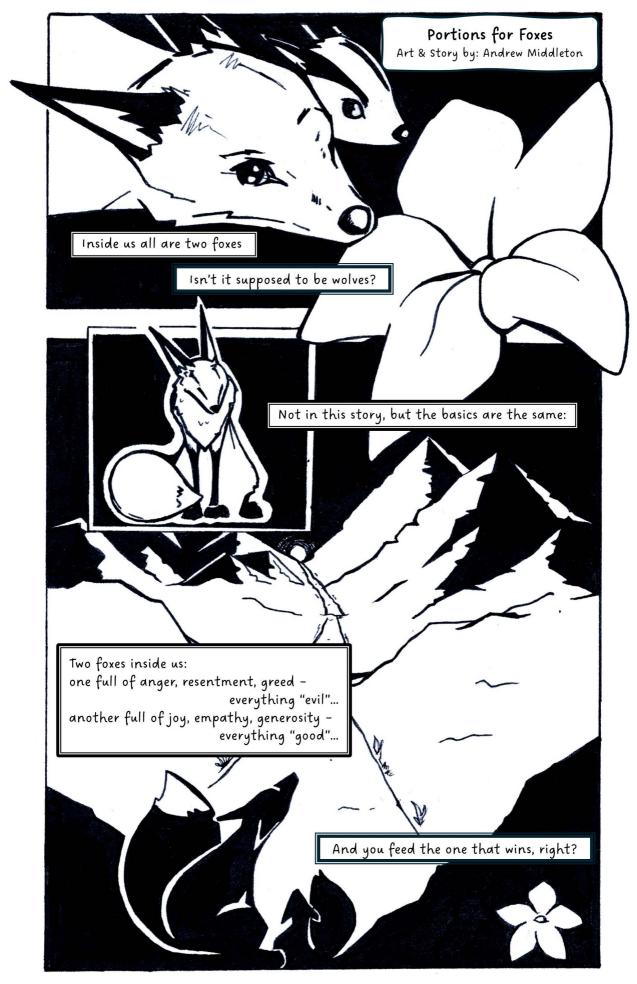




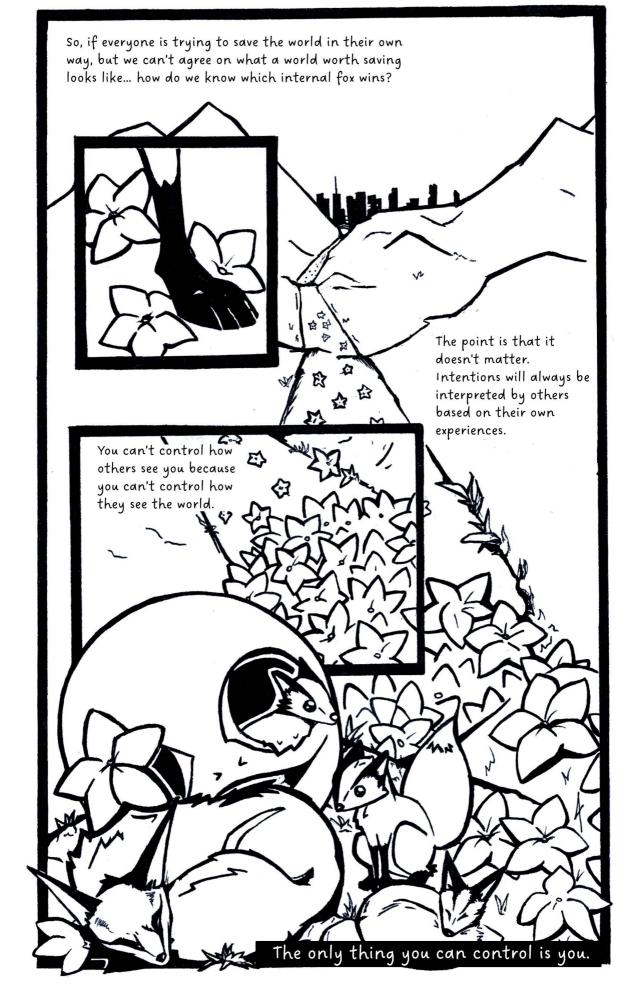




















































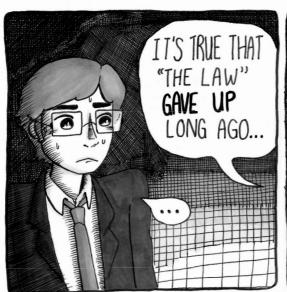














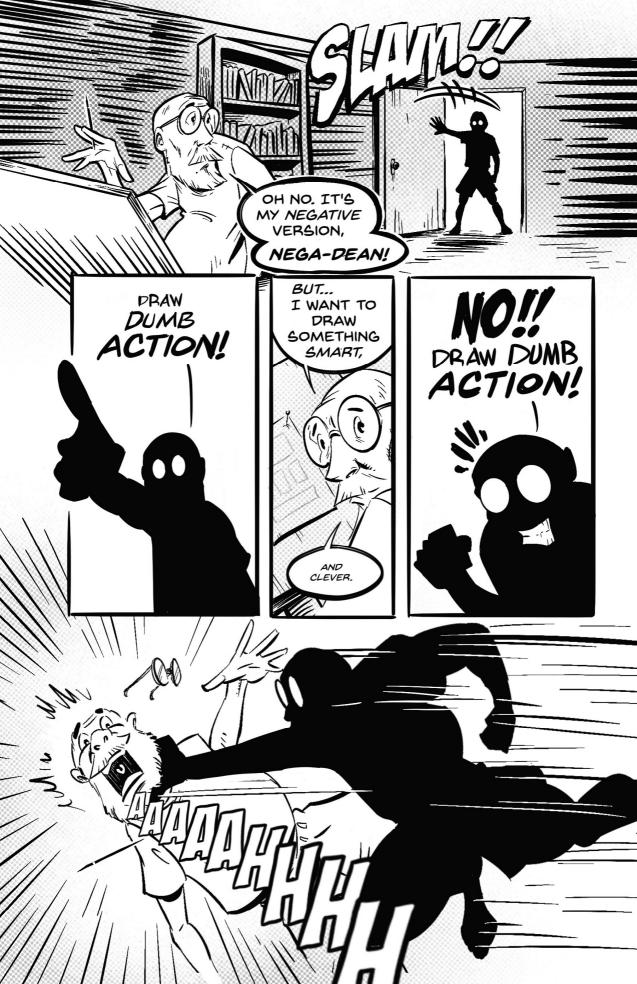






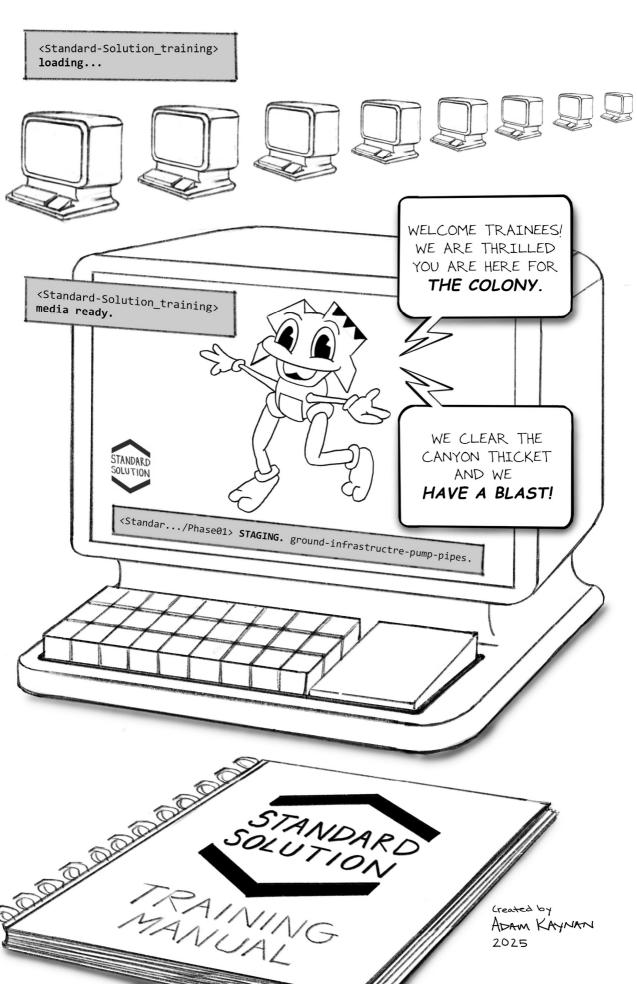


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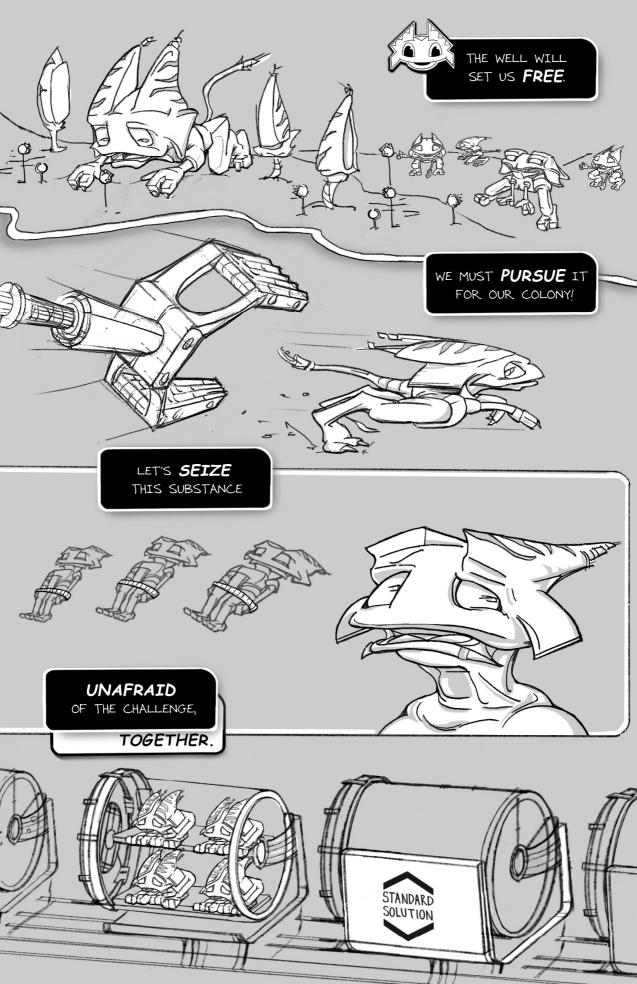


















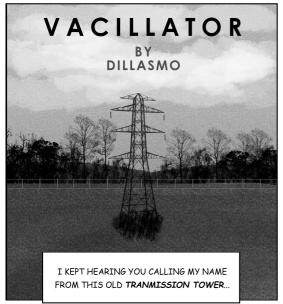








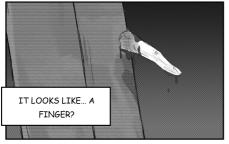




























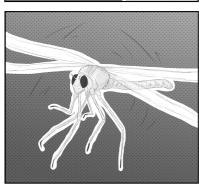




















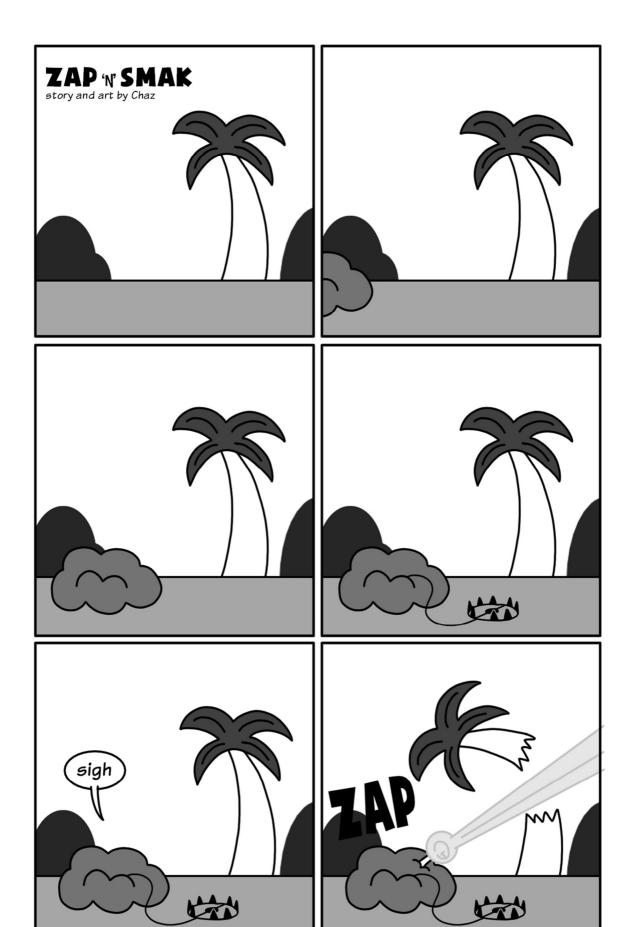


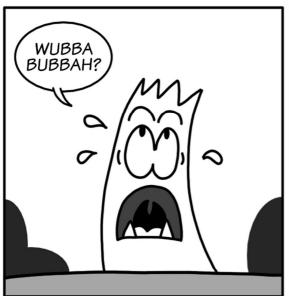












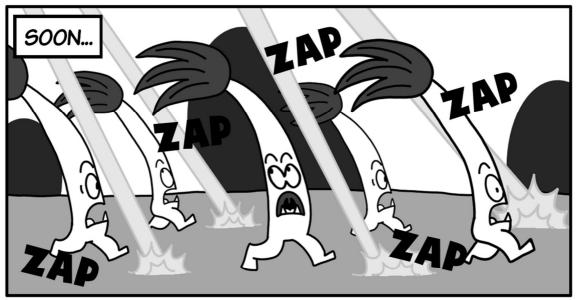






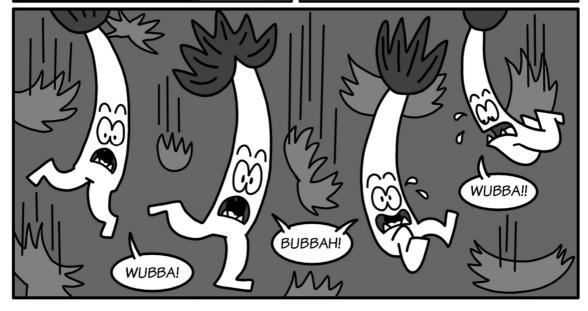


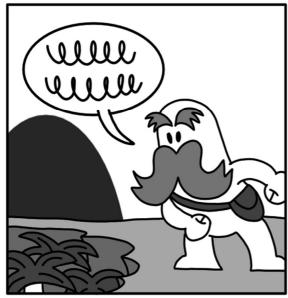








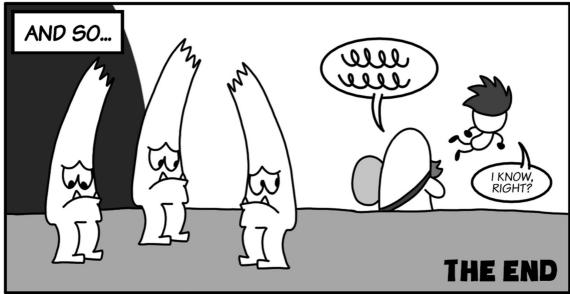


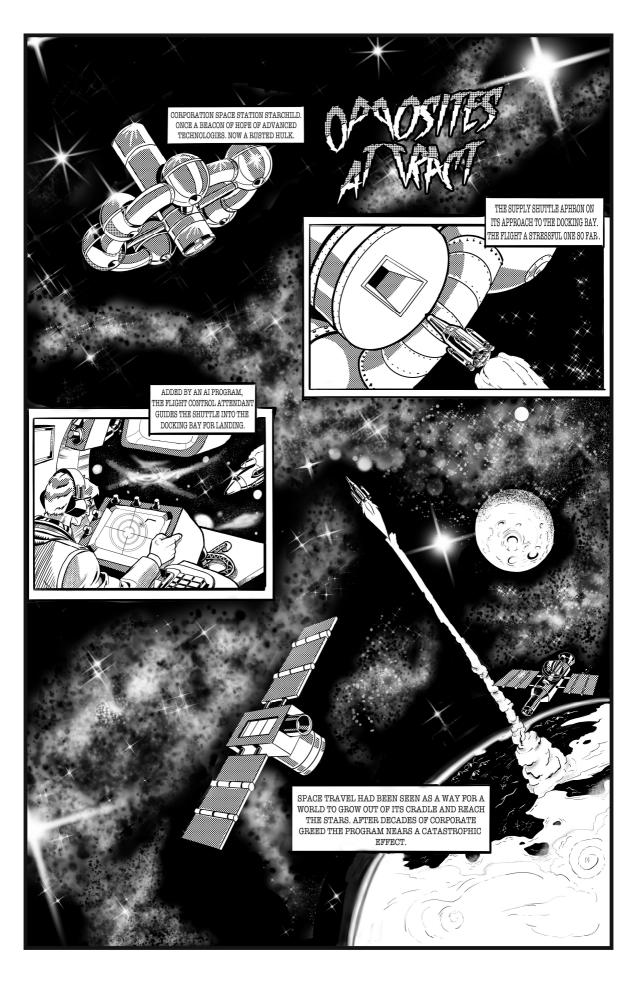


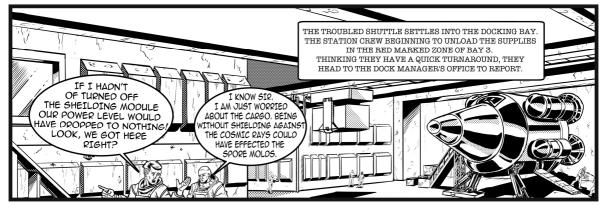




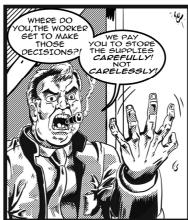










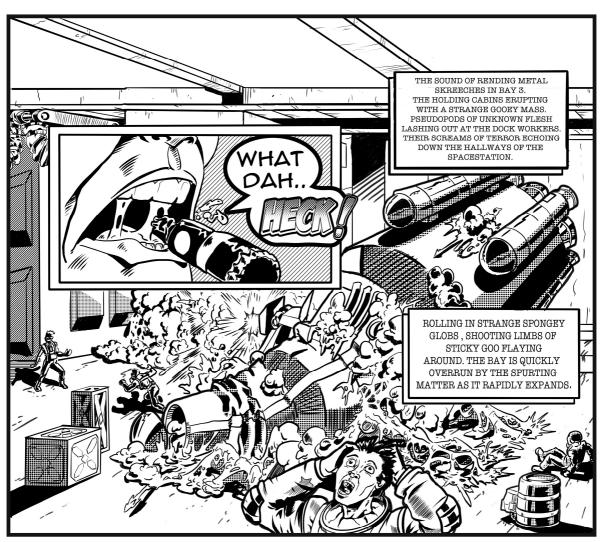








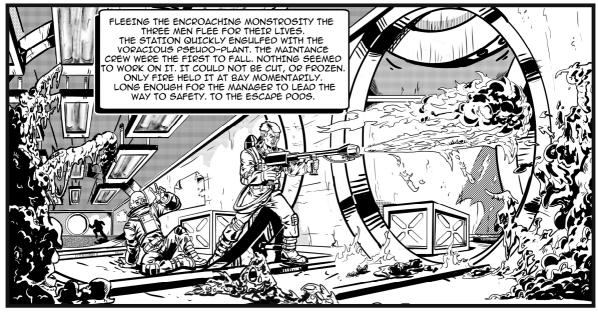






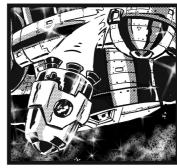






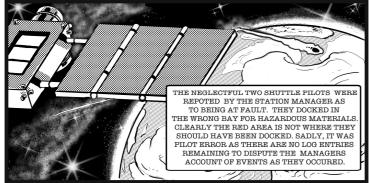


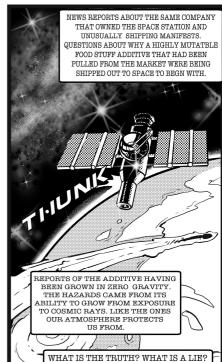












DOES IT MATTER WHO TELLS IT

OR WHAT IT IS ABOUT?

WHO REALLY GETS HURT WHEN THE

LIE BECOMES THE TRUTH?
WHO REALLY?



## AWAY FROM PRYING EYE

