



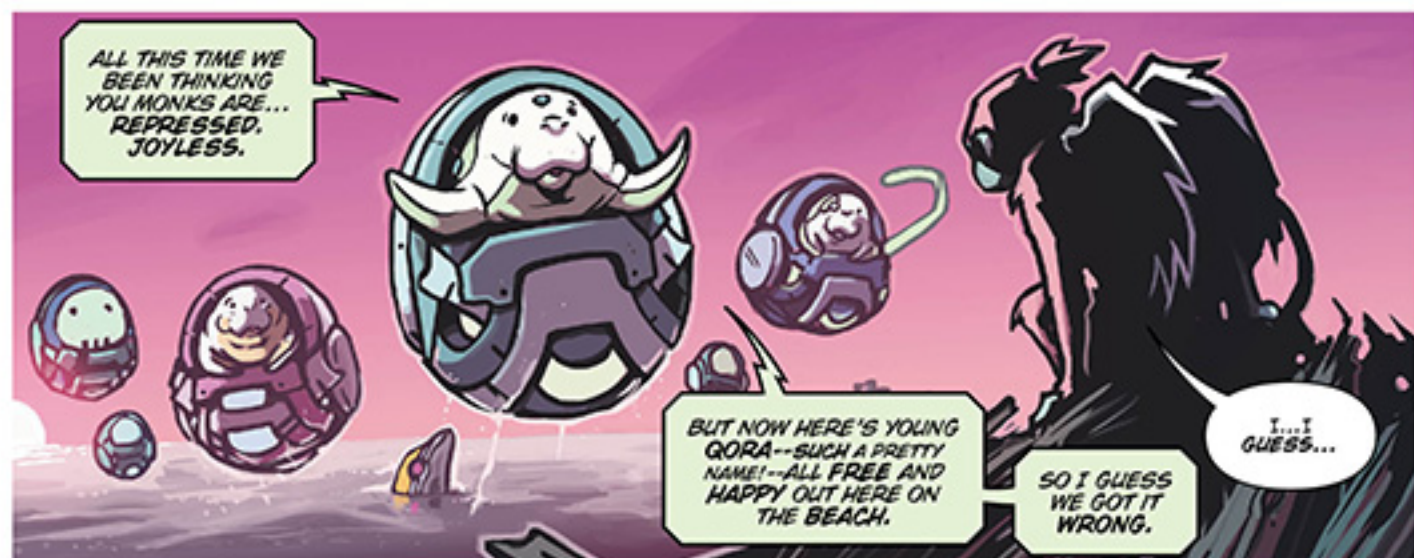
WE KNOW SO LITTLE ABOUT EACH OTHER...



LIKE--WHAT'S YOUR NAME, HONEY?

Q...QORA...

SEE? PRETTY NAME.



ALL THIS TIME WE BEEN THINKING YOU MONKS ARE... REPRESSED. JOYLESS.

BUT NOW HERE'S YOUNG QORA--SUCH A PRETTY NAME!--ALL FREE AND HAPPY OUT HERE ON THE BEACH.

SO I GUESS WE GOT IT WRONG.

I...I GUESS...



BUT THEN, ISN'T IT POSSIBLE YOU GUYS COULD BE WRONG ABOUT US TOO?

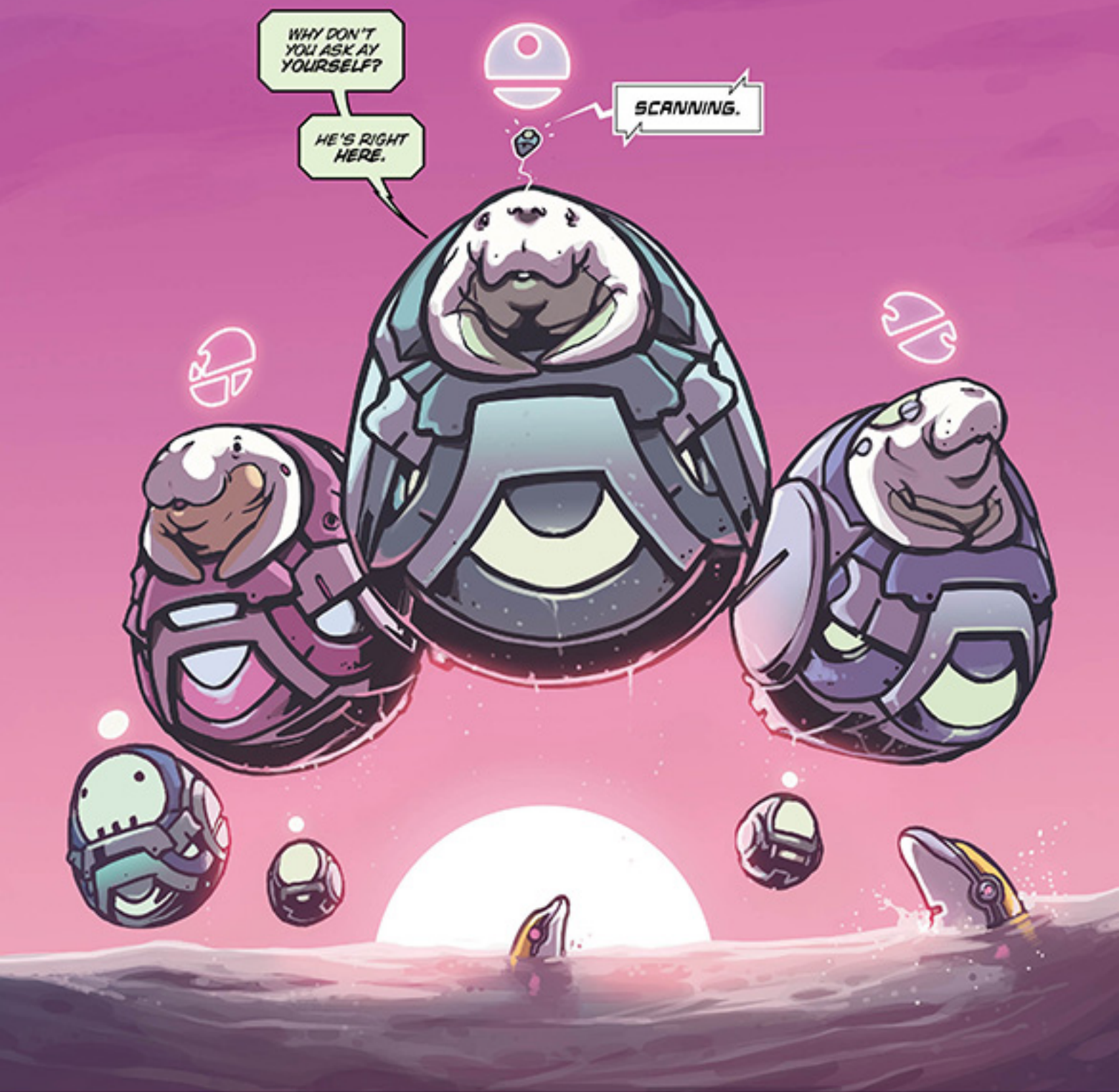
SHE THINKS OUR GOD'S SOME...SCARY DEVIL, I BET. SOME MEAN OLD STINKER WHO CRAVES DESTRUCTION.



Y-YOU ATTACK US. THE DEVIL AY IS THE POOPEST! HE HATES THE MAKERS AND HE HATES THE MONKS!

Uh-huh, WELL-- I REST MY CASE. THAT'S ALL STUFF AND NONSENSE, SWEETIE.

BUT DON'T TAKE IT FROM US.



WHY DON'T
YOU ASK AY
YOURSELF?

HE'S RIGHT
HERE.

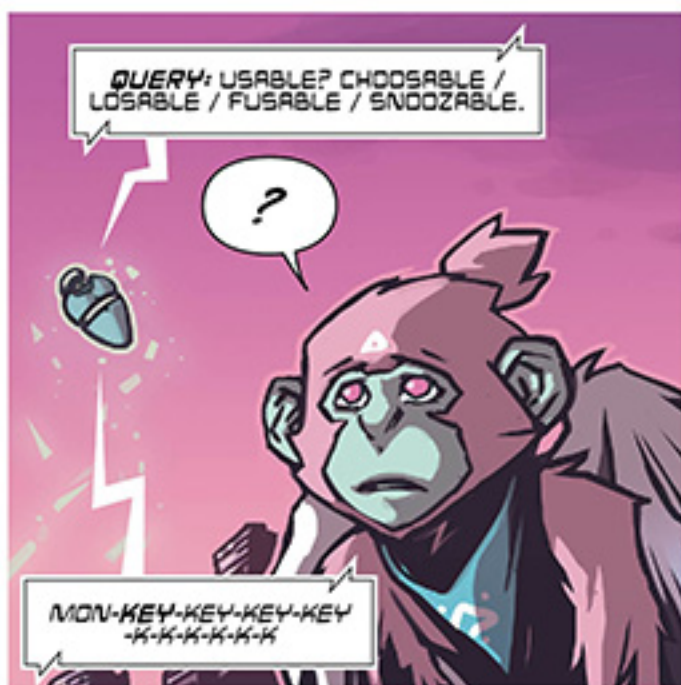
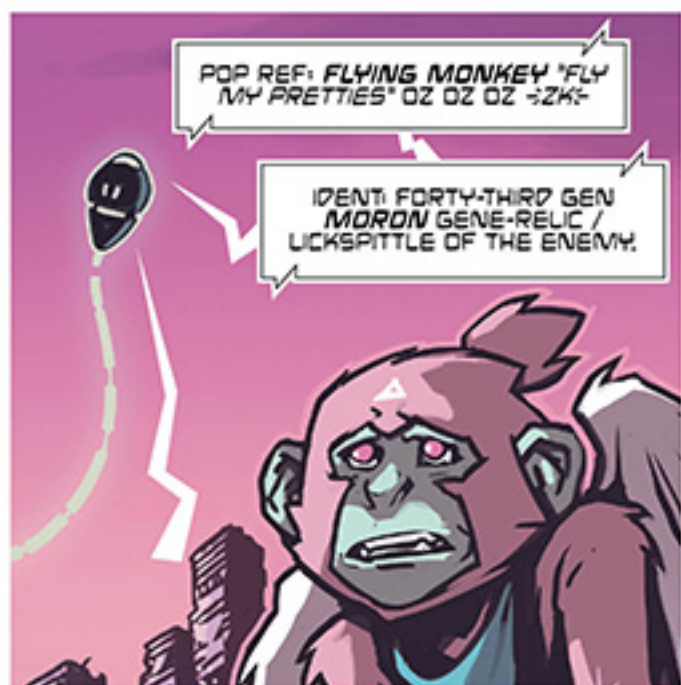
SCANNING.



...p-promised
they'd return some day,
and begged their
lovestom monks
to stay--

SCANNYIELD
RIBOSOME-GRAFT
CHIMERA / CORE
SPEC CEBUS
CAPUCINUS /
DECLARATION:
Ah. EXQUISITE.

-KLT- BORED
NOW.





SEE...THE MIGHTY
AY'S KINDA...
BROKEN.

NOW, IN A LOT
OF WAYS THAT'S SORTA
HELPFUL. THINGS GET
TOO INTENSE, WE CAN
JUST--Y'KNOW--SWITCH
GOD OFF A WHILE--

BLASPHEMY
BLASPHEMY
BLASPHEMY

--BUT IT SURE
WOULD BE GOOD
TO PATCH THE OLD
GUY UP.



FACT IS, SWEETIE, YOU'VE GOT US
ALL WRONG. WHEN WE SEND OUT
THE DOLTS WE AIN'T LOOKING FOR
A FIGHT--WE'RE LOOKING FOR A
HOLY RELIC.

A LITTLE PIECE OF GOD,
TO MAKE HIM WHOLE AND
HAPPY. SOMETHING THAT
GOT BROKE OFFA HIM,
LONG AGO.

TELL HER WHAT
HAPPENED, KID.



...

AY LOST
HIS EYE.



NOT A REAL EYE--THAT'S WHAT WE
CALL FIGURATIVE SPEAKIN'--BUT IT'S
SMALL AND ROUND SIMILAR-LIKE. WE
BEEN HUNTING IT YEARS.

SAAAY--MAYBE
IT'S TIME WE ASKED
FOR SOME HELP?

HELP? Huh.
IIIIINTERESTING.



I MEAN...IT'D HAVE TO BE
SOMEONE SMART, SOMEONE...
BRAVE AND CURIOUS.

(THAT MEANS SOMEONE
WITH A LOT OF ASKS)

SOMEONE WHO DIDN'T
MIND LEAVING HOME
FOR A WHILE--
TO EXPLORE.



-Hmp- I DOUBT THAT'S
GORA. I HEARD MONKS HATE
TO FIND OUT NEW THINGS.

IS THAT RIGHT,
SWEETIE? IS THAT
THE TRUTH OF
THE MONKS?