CHAPTER 2: ROMANTIPOCALYPSE AT THE SECRET SHIELD

WHY WON'T ANYBODY LISTEN TO ME?

THIS IS CRAZY--!

AND NOT IN A CALL ME MAYBE KIND OF WAY, EITHER.

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Let's get our group sext on, babies

All I can think about is your COMPLETE HOTNESS, Stiggy!!!!!!!!

WELL, I'M LISTENING TO YOU, EMP.

UM, OF COURSE YOU ARE, SIR!

THAT'S 'CAUSE YOU'RE A RESPONSIBLE GROWN-UP AND NOT SEXED-UP TO THE POINT OF INCAPACITATION LIKE EVERY OTHER CAPE IN THIS STUPID CITY!

=GIGGLE=

YOU KNOW WHAT I WANNA DO TO YOU, DADDY...!

I MEAN, JUST LOOK AT THESE GOOGOO-EYED DUMBASSES, SIR!

THEY'RE ALL FUNCTIONALLY LOBOTOMIZED BY CRIPPLING SUDDEN-ONSET INFATUATION!

=TEE HEE=

Glad I'm a pseudopodder, so I can do you both at the same time

Imagining you wearing nothing but a smile and your magical blood, Stiggy!!!!!!!

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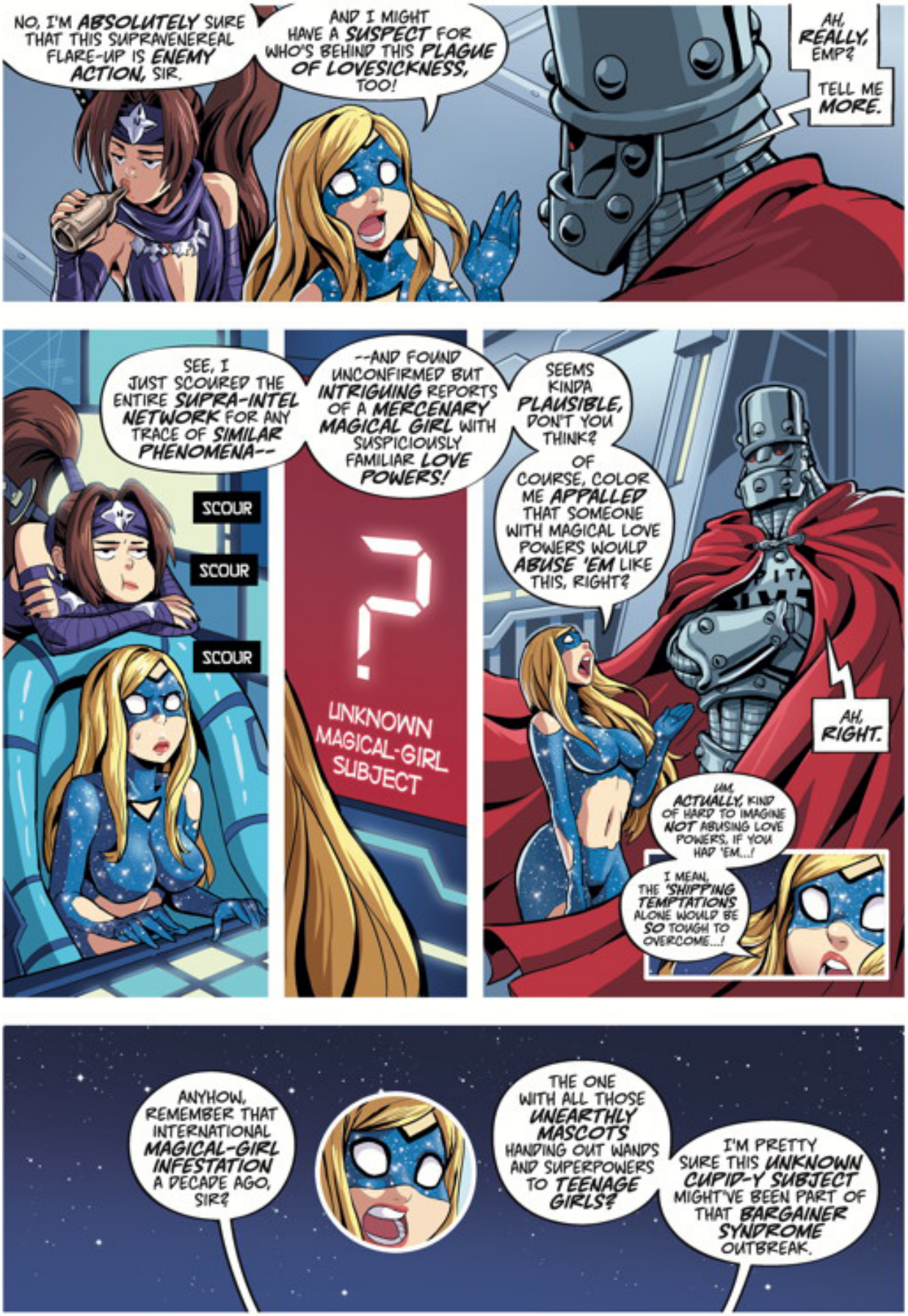
IF THE CITY WERE TO FACE ANY KIND OF SUPRA-THREAT RIGHT NOW--

--LET ALONE AN URBAN EXTINCTION EVENT OR WHATEVER--

--MOST OF THE LOVE-ADDLED SUPRACOMMMUNITY WOULD BE TOO BUSY BONING EACH OTHER TO EVEN LIFT A FINGER TO HELP--!

CHEERS.


NO, I'M ABSOLUTELY SURE THAT THIS SUPRAVENEREAL FLARE-UP IS ENEMY ACTION, SIR.
AND I MIGHT HAVE A SUSPECT FOR WHO'S BEHIND THIS PLAGUE OF LOVESICKNESS, TOO!
AH, REALLY, EMP?
TELL ME MORE.
SEE, I JUST SCOURED THE ENTIRE SUPRA-INTEL NETWORK FOR ANY TRACE OF SIMILAR PHENOMENA--
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--AND FOUND UNCONFIRMED BUT INTRIGUING REPORTS OF A MERCENARY MAGICAL GIRL WITH SUSPICIOUSLY FAMILIAR LOVE POWERS!
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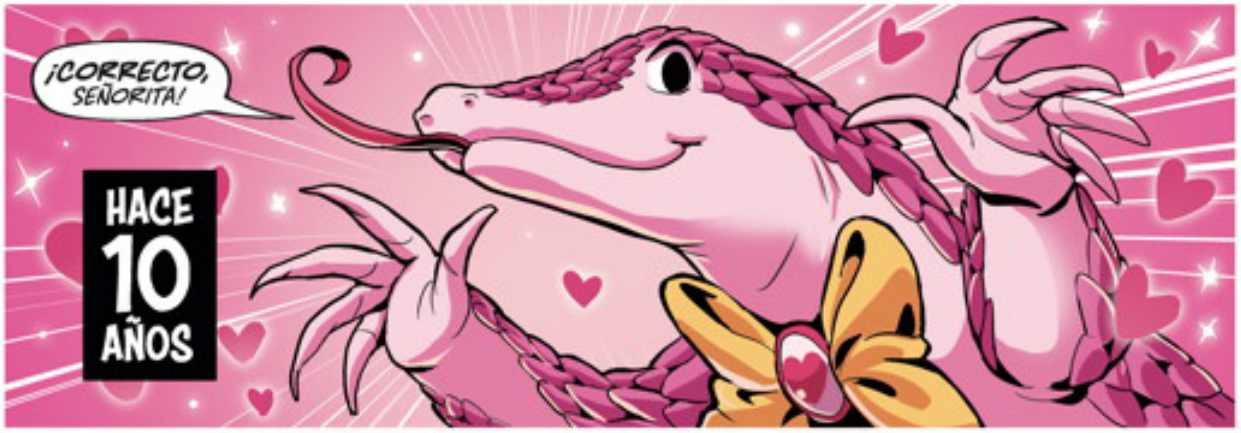
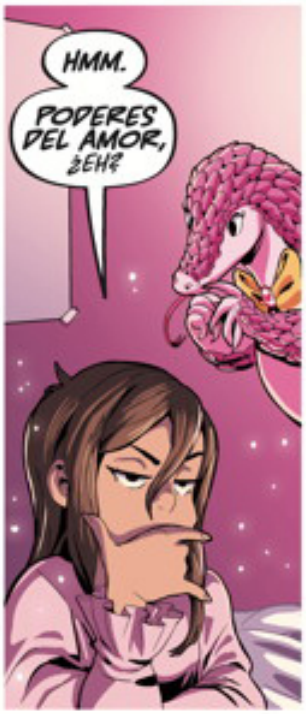
UNKNOWN MAGICAL-GIRL SUBJECT
SEEMS KINDA PLAUSIBLE, DON'T YOU THINK?
OF COURSE, COLOR ME APPALLED THAT SOMEONE WITH MAGICAL LOVE POWERS WOULD ABUSE 'EM LIKE THIS, RIGHT?
AH, RIGHT.
UM, ACTUALLY, KIND OF HARD TO IMAGINE NOT ABUSING LOVE POWERS, IF YOU HAD 'EM...!
I MEAN, THE 'SHIPPING TEMPTATIONS ALONE WOULD BE SO TOUGH TO OVERCOME...!
ANYHOW, REMEMBER THAT INTERNATIONAL MAGICAL-GIRL INFESTATION A DECADE AGO, SIR?
THE ONE WITH ALL THOSE UNEARTHLY MASCOTS HANDING OUT WANDS AND SUPERPOWERS TO TEENAGE GIRLS?
I'M PRETTY SURE THIS UNKNOWN CUPID-Y SUBJECT MIGHT'VE BEEN PART OF THAT BARGAINER SYNDROME OUTBREAK.


¡CORRECTO, SEÑORITA!
HACE 10 AÑOS

¡EL SEÑOR PANGOLIN ESTÁ AQUÍ PARA OFRECERLE PODERES MÁGICOS, OH PRINCESA SECRETA!
¡AL IGUAL QUE EN SAILOR MOON...!
SIEMPRE SUPE QUE ERA UNA PRINCESA SECRETA...

¡POR SUPUESTO QUE QUIERO SER UNA CHICA MÁGICA!
¿QUIÉN NO QUERRÍA?

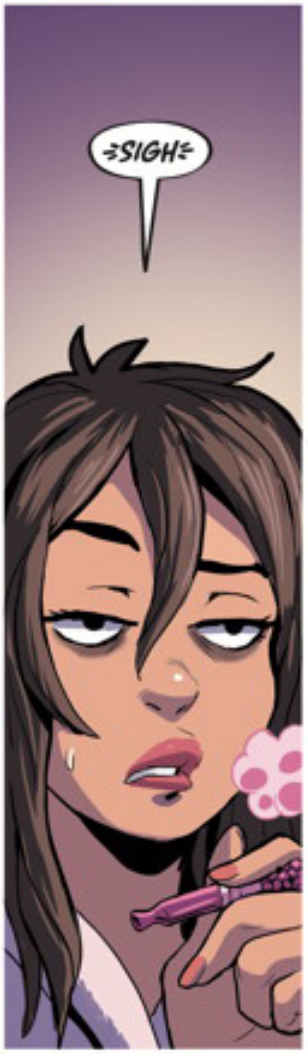
LOS PODERES MÁGICOS DEL AMOR SON MUY POPULARES ENTRE LAS CHICAS COMO USTED.
¿QUÉ LE PARECE?
UM, ¿QUÉ TIPO DE PODERES MÁGICOS PUEDO TENER...?


HMM.
PODERES DEL AMOR, ¿EH?

¡ESO SERÍA PERFECTO!
¡ASÍ TODO EL MUNDO ME ADORARÍA!

¡ESTO SERÁ INCREÍBLE!
¡YAY!

10 AÑOS DESPUÉS
...YAY.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MUY BIEN.
VAMOS A TERMINAR EL TRABAJO, SEÑOR PANGOLIN.
¡SÍ, SEÑORA!

UM, POR FAVOR...
...DIGA SU FRASE DE TRANSFORMACIÓN, SEÑORA.

"LOVE PRISM POWER"...
...."MAKE-UP."
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BACKGROUND MUSIC: "DRESS YOU UP (IN MY LOVE)" (MADONNA)
CAN WE SPEED THIS UP, PLEASE?*
*SPOKEN IN THE UNIVERSAL LANGUAGE OF LOVE.