



DISCOUNT HOSPITAL.

HEY!  
CORNDOG  
GIRL!

Corndog Girl!  
Seeking related  
searches.

For an ad-free  
hospital experience,  
deposit fifty  
dollars now.

COUNTY HOSPITAL  
ROOMS 48-62  
ROOMS 63-66  
NURSE STATION  
PRESENTED BY THE  
WALTON FOUNDATION



YOUR  
FATHER  
HAS BEEN  
DIAGNOSED  
WITH CAT  
FLU.

CAT FLU  
HUNDREDS DEAD  
MEE-OUCH!

The epidemic,  
spread by  
housecats,  
has claimed  
hundreds  
of lives.



ISN'T THERE  
SOME WAY TO PAY FOR  
DAD'S TREATMENT?  
WORK BENEFITS OR  
SOMETHING?

WHAT  
DID HE  
DO?

HE WAS  
AN ADJUNCT  
PROFESSOR.

THEN THERE  
TRULY IS NO  
HOPE.

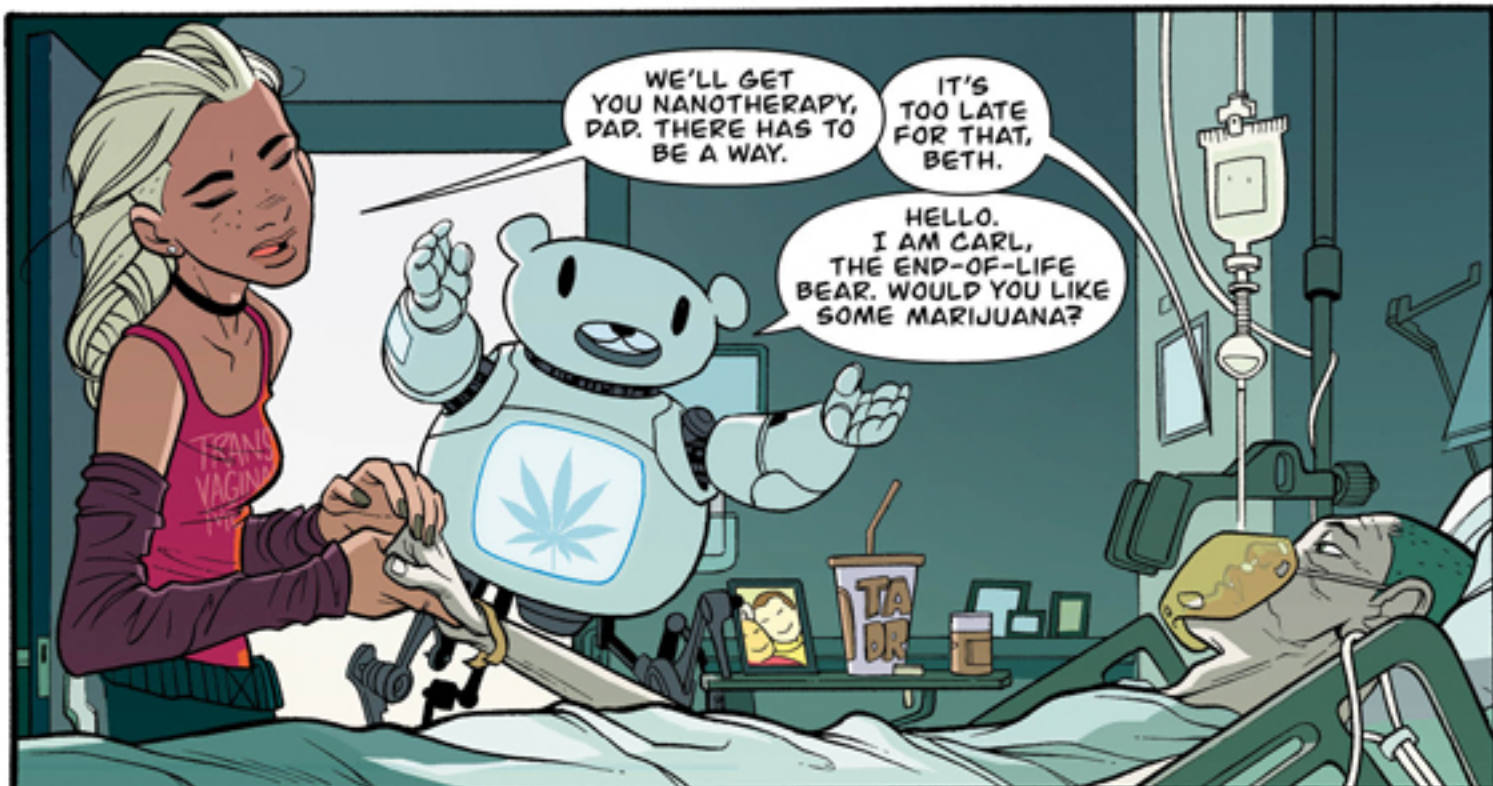
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DETAILS!



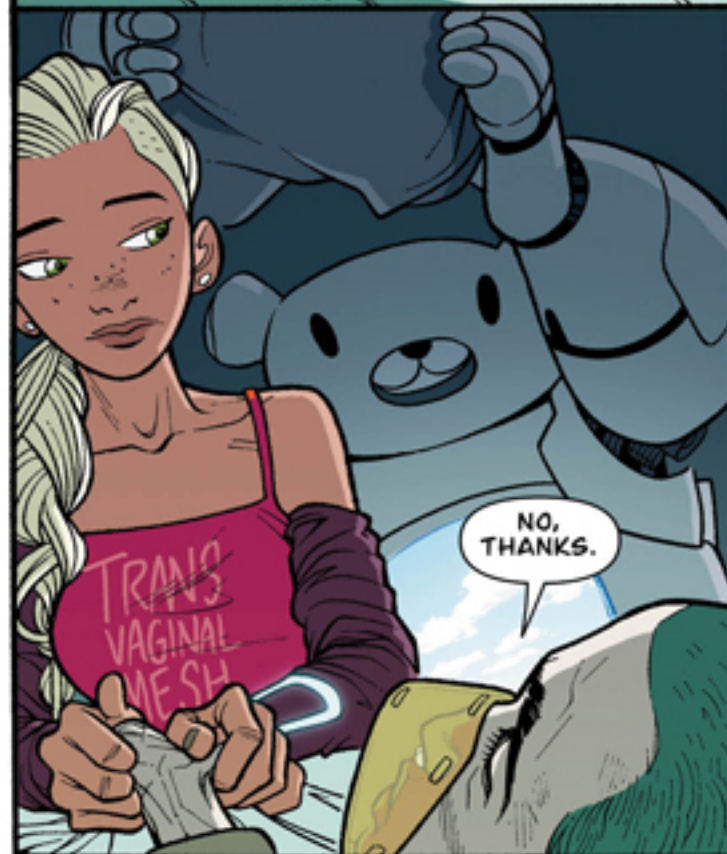




WE'LL GET YOU NANOTHERAPY, DAD. THERE HAS TO BE A WAY.

IT'S TOO LATE FOR THAT, BETH.

HELLO. I AM CARL, THE END-OF-LIFE BEAR. WOULD YOU LIKE SOME MARIJUANA?



NO, THANKS.



CARL, NO!



IT'S OKAY, BETH. I'VE HAD MY SWING AT THE PIÑATA. DIDN'T GET A LOT OF CANDY. BUT I GOT YOU.

DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THE ELECTION? I WON OHIO.

DO YOU GET TO KEEP IT?





I CAN'T WAIT FOR THIS WHOLE ELECTION THING TO BLOW OVER. TO BECOME NOBODY AGAIN.



NOBODY?



THE IDEA THAT SOMEONE WOULD EVEN JOKE ABOUT ME BEING PRESIDENT...



BETH...

...CAN I TELL YOU SOMETHING AMAZING ABOUT YOURSELF?



EVERY SECOND, YOUR BRAIN ABSORBS TWENTY QUADRILLION BITS OF DATA.

IT USES THEM TO MAKE COMPLEX DECISIONS ABOUT EVERYTHING FROM MORALITY TO TOOTHPASTE. IT CAN CHECK ITSELF FOR ERRORS, AND WHEN IT FINDS THEM, REWRITE ITS OWN PROGRAMMING.

THAT'S MORE THAN FRED WAYNE'S SUPERCOMPUTER CAN DO, AND IT'S THE MOST HEAVILY GUARDED OBJECT IN THE WORLD.

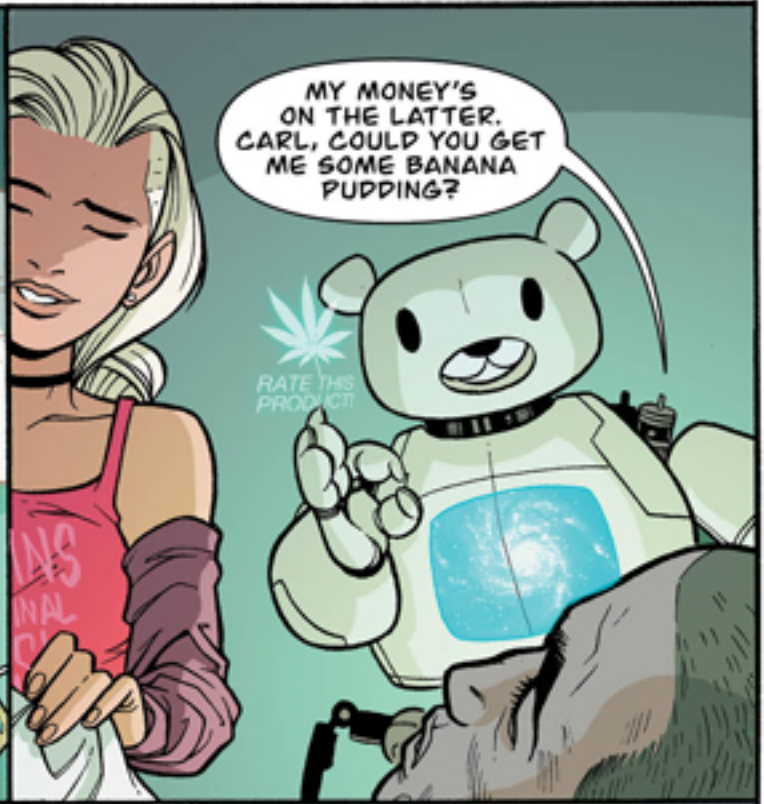
YOU HAVE ONE OF ONLY EIGHT BILLION OF THESE BRAINS IN THE KNOWN UNIVERSE, WHICH SEEMS LIKE A LOT UNTIL YOU CONSIDER THE UNIVERSE HOLDS A HUNDRED BILLION GALAXIES. THAT MEANS THERE'S ONLY ONE HUMAN BRAIN FOR EVERY TWELVE GALAXIES.



BETH, YOU ARE THE RAREST, MOST PRECIOUS SUBSTANCE IN THE UNIVERSE. IF ANYONE MAKES YOU FEEL LIKE THAT'S *NOTHING*...EITHER THEY DON'T KNOW ANY BETTER, OR THEY'RE AFRAID OF WHAT YOU MIGHT ACCOMPLISH.



MY MONEY'S ON THE LATTER. CARL, COULD YOU GET ME SOME BANANA PUDDING?



IF THE SOLE PURPOSE OF HUMAN EVOLUTION WAS TO CREATE SOMETHING AS LOVELY AS BANANA PUDDING, THEN I SAY IT WAS WORTH IT.



DAD...  
...DAD?

