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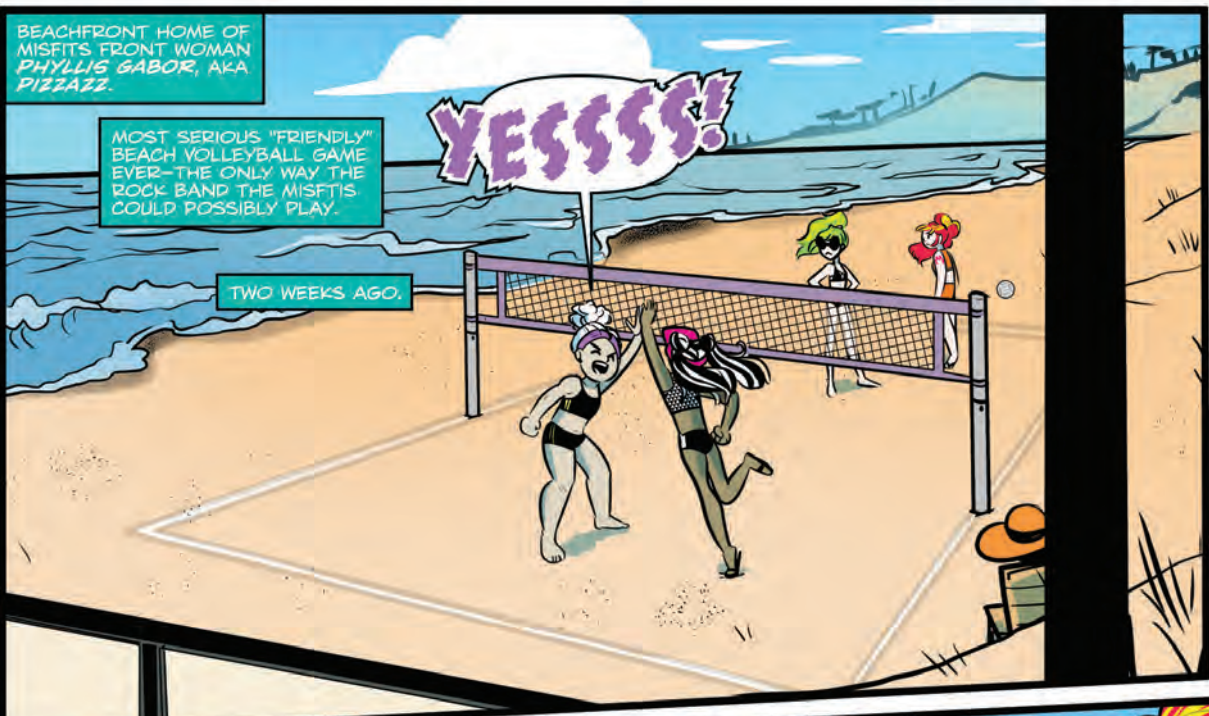
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BEACHFRONT HOME OF MISFITS FRONT WOMAN PHYLLIS GABOR, AKA PIZZAZZ.

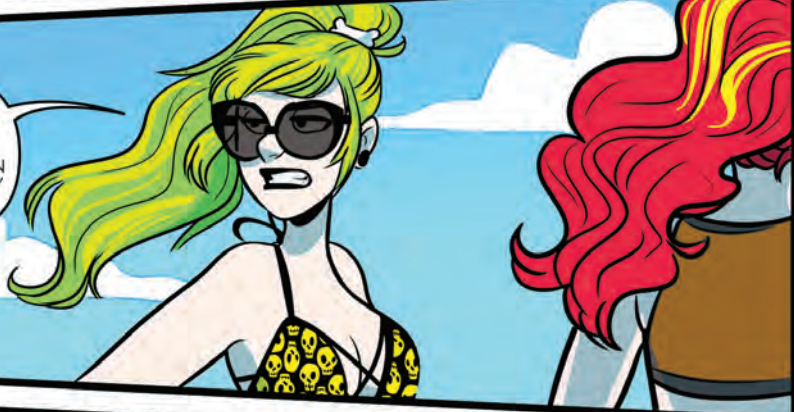
MOST SERIOUS "FRIENDLY" BEACH VOLLEYBALL GAME EVER—THE ONLY WAY THE MISFITS COULD POSSIBLY PLAY.

TWO WEEKS AGO.

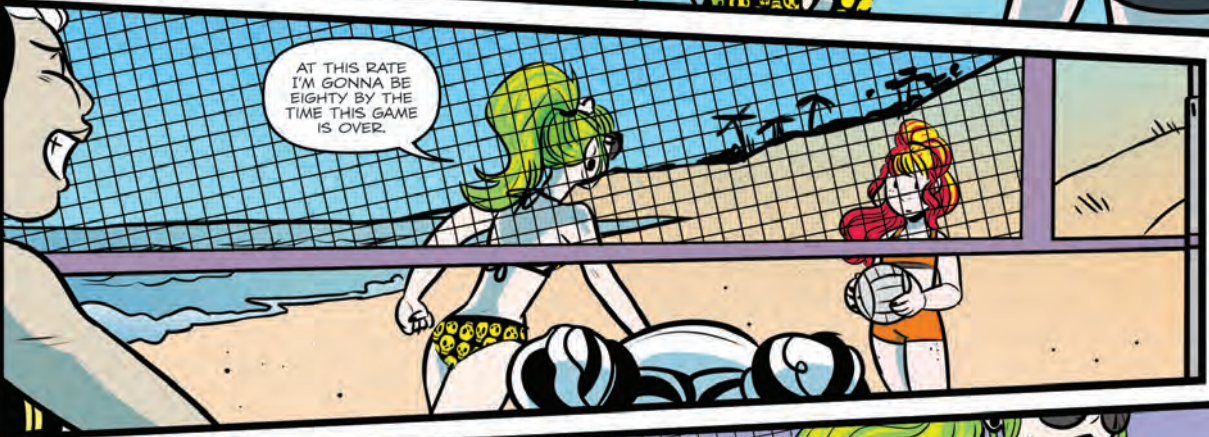
YESSSS!



IT WOULD BE GREAT IF YOU GUYS COULD CUT THE CELEBRATING BACK TO LESS THAN FIVE MINUTES EVERY TIME YOU SCORE A POINT.

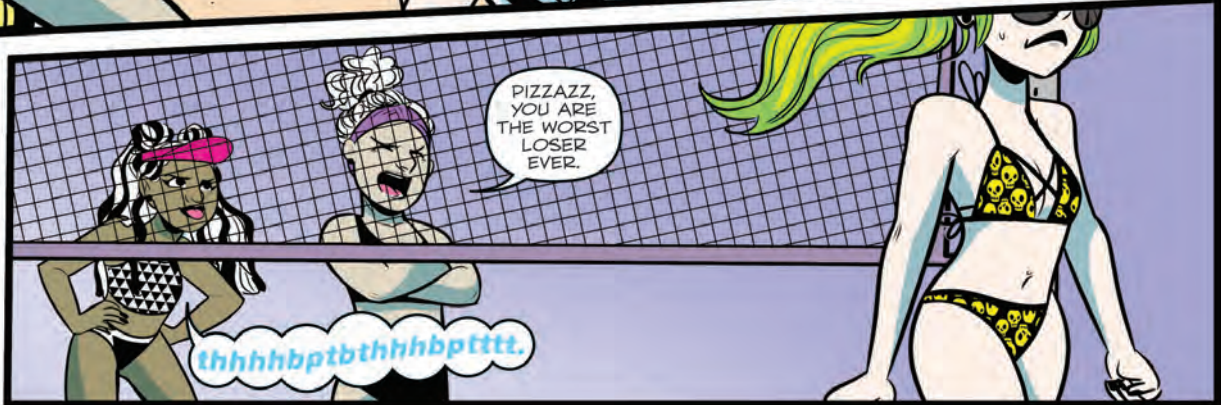


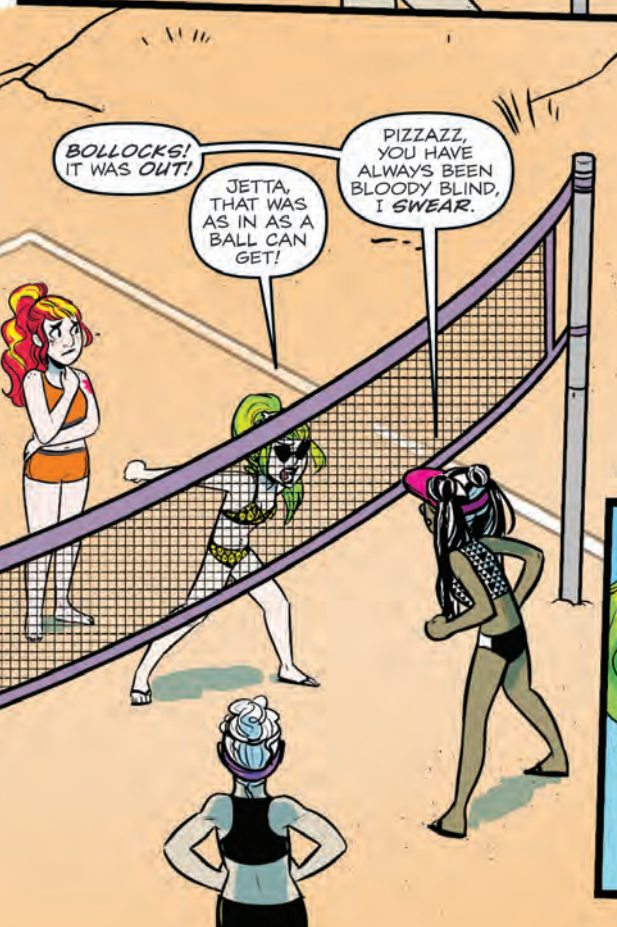
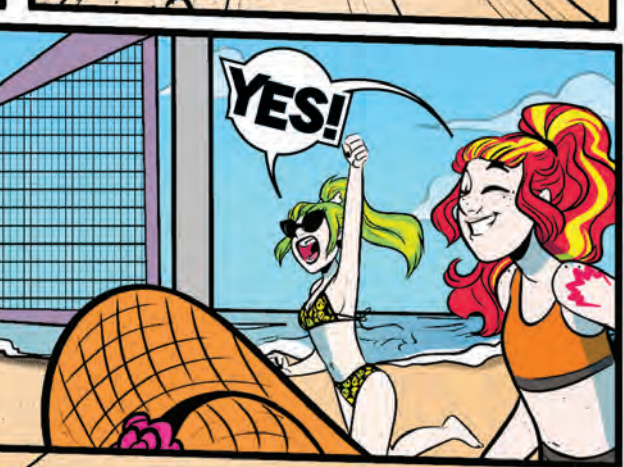
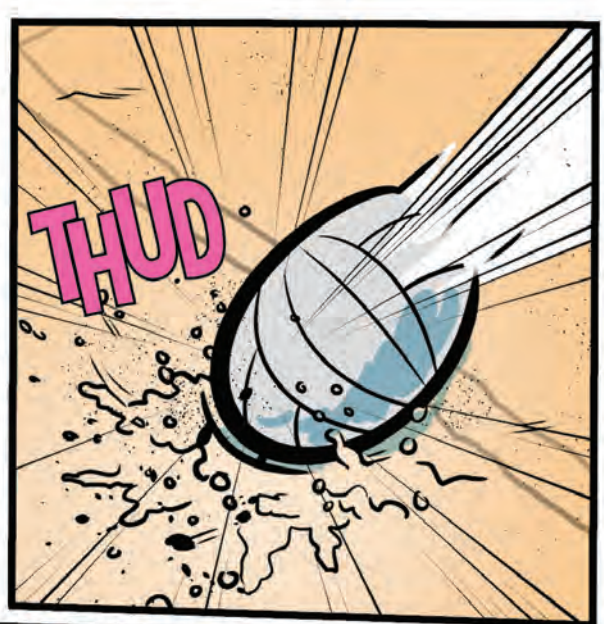
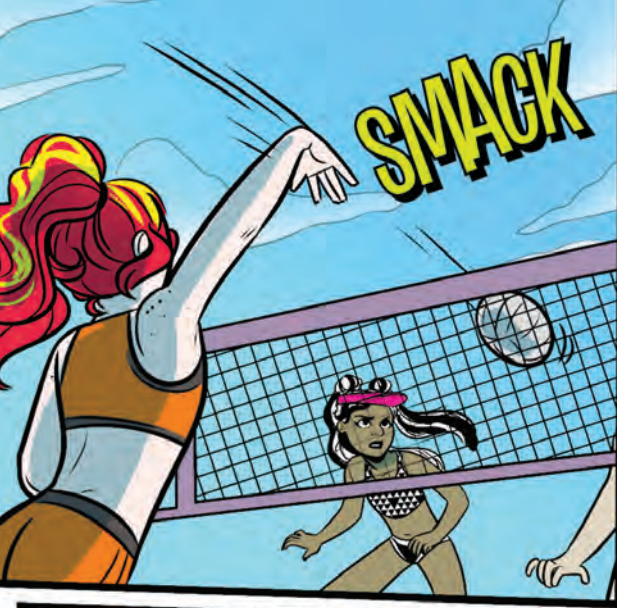
AT THIS RATE I'M GONNA BE EIGHTY BY THE TIME THIS GAME IS OVER.



PIZZAZZ, YOU ARE THE WORST LOSER EVER.

thhhhbptbthhhbpttt.







UM...



OHMIGOD. YOU WEREN'T EVEN WATCHING!

YOU'RE NOT EVEN HOLDING THE FLAG!

WHY DID I EVEN BOTHER TO BUY THE FLAG?!



I WAS. I DEFINITELY WAS WATCHING. IT WAS... IN?



TOTAL RIPOFF! I DEMAND A NEW REF!

THAT WOULD ACTUALLY BE GREAT. YOU GUYS KNOW I HATE REFFING.

YES!

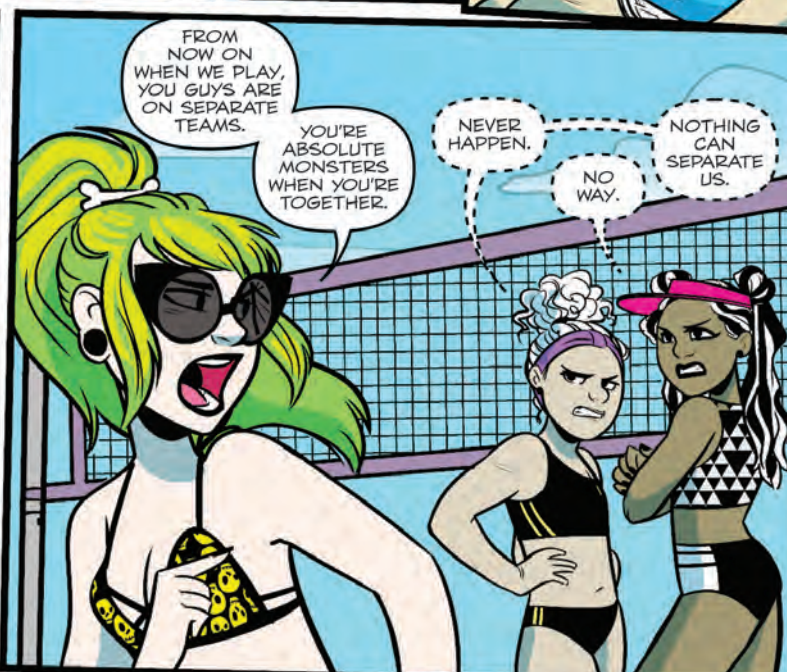
WBO!

YOU ARE THE LITERAL WORST, STORMER, NEVER AGAIN!

WHATEVER, JETTA. SO LONG AS I DON'T HAVE TO REF ANYMORE, I'M GOOD.



PIZZAZZ! ERIC'S HERE!



FROM NOW ON WHEN WE PLAY, YOU GUYS ARE ON SEPARATE TEAMS.

YOU'RE ABSOLUTE MONSTERS WHEN YOU'RE TOGETHER.

NEVER HAPPEN.

NO WAY.

NOTHING CAN SEPARATE US.



THANKS, CLASH.

YOU SHOULD GO DOWN AND SUB FOR ME.

REALLY?

YEAH, KNOCK YOURSELF OUT.



GOOD GAME?

UGH. ROXY AND JETTA ARE A NIGHTMARE TO PLAY SPORTS WITH. SO COMPETITIVE.

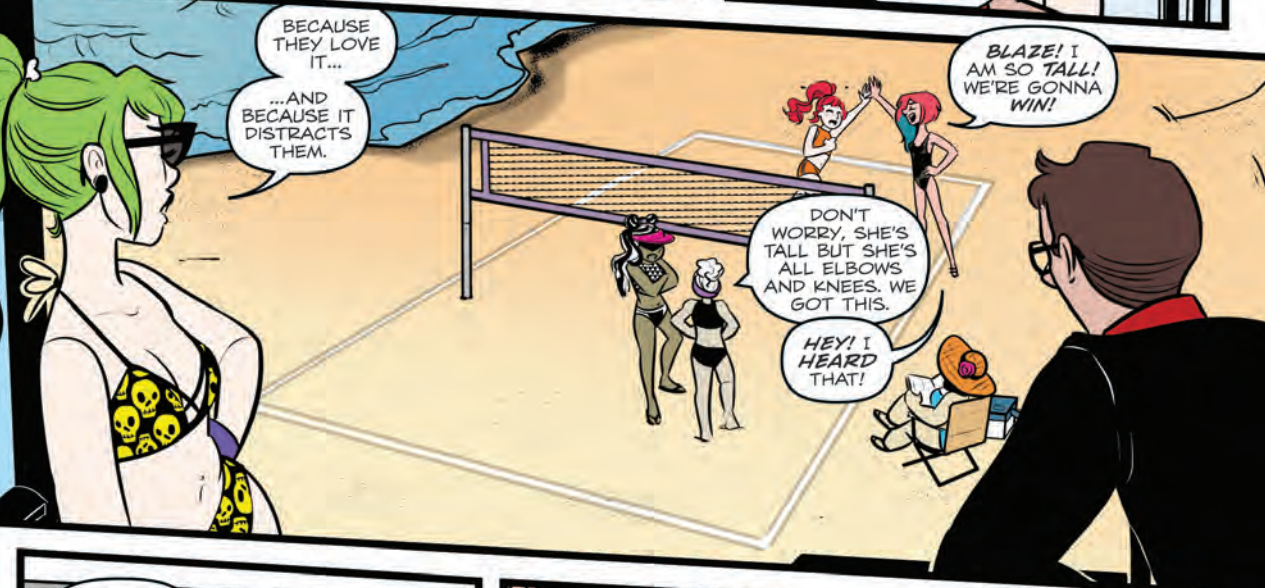


OH, BECAUSE YOU'RE THE PICTURE OF NON-COMPETITIVE.

COMPARED TO THEIR TRASH FIRE SITUATION, I'M A SAINT.

IT'S ALMOST ENOUGH TO MAKE YOU WANT TO JUST LET THEM WIN. BUT THEY'RE SUCH SORE WINNERS, TOO. DEFINITION OF A NO-WIN FOR ME.

THEN WHY DO YOU PLAY?



BECAUSE THEY LOVE IT...

...AND BECAUSE IT DISTRACTS THEM.

BLAZE! I AM SO TALL! WE'RE GONNA WIN!

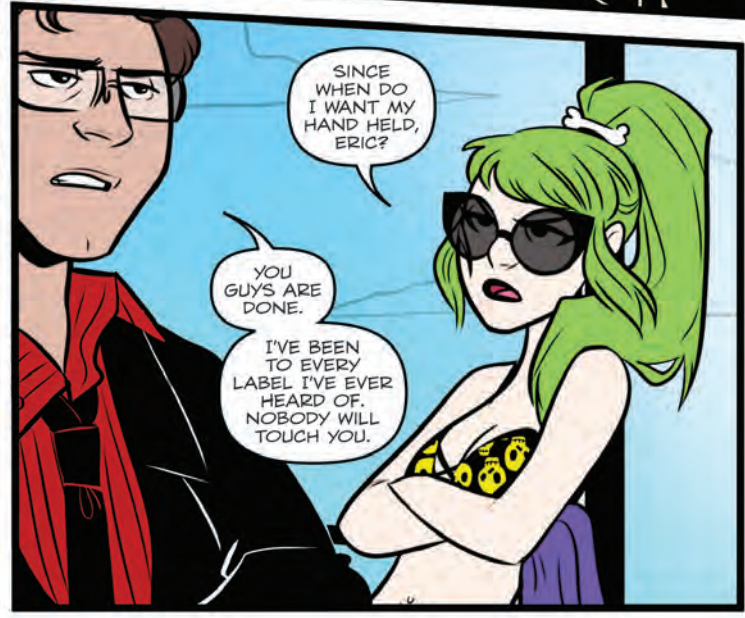
DON'T WORRY, SHE'S TALL BUT SHE'S ALL ELBOWS AND KNEES. WE GOT THIS.

HEY! I HEARD THAT!



SO WHAT'S THE DEAL?

YOU WANT ME TO SOFTEN IT, OR GIVE IT TO YOU STRAIGHT?



SINCE WHEN DO I WANT MY HAND HELD, ERIC?

YOU GUYS ARE DONE.

I'VE BEEN TO EVERY LABEL I'VE EVER HEARD OF. NOBODY WILL TOUCH YOU.

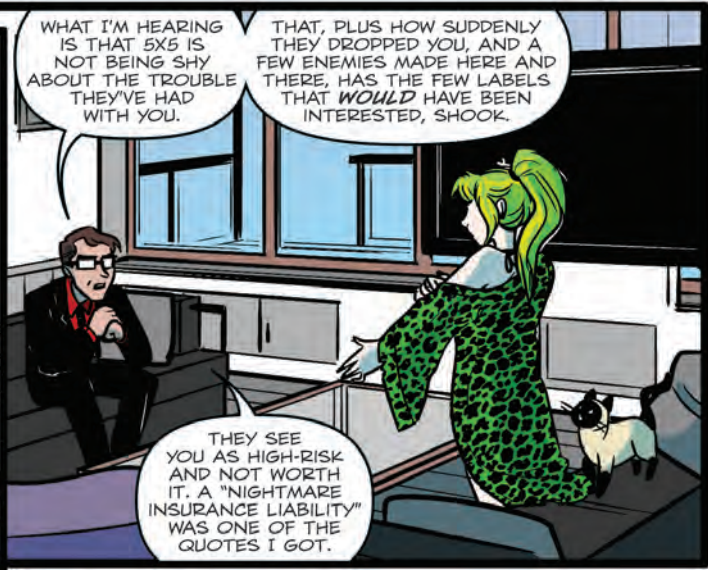


I TAKE IT BACK. I WANT YOU TO SOFTEN IT.

SORRY.

HOW IS THIS POSSIBLE? LABELS DROP BANDS ALL THE TIME. BANDS LEAVE LABELS ALL THE TIME.

WE'RE NOT, LIKE... RE-INVENTING THE WHEEL HERE.



WHAT I'M HEARING IS THAT 5X5 IS NOT BEING SHY ABOUT THE TROUBLE THEY'VE HAD WITH YOU.

THAT, PLUS HOW SUDDENLY THEY DROPPED YOU, AND A FEW ENEMIES MADE HERE AND THERE, HAS THE FEW LABELS THAT WOULD HAVE BEEN INTERESTED, SHOCK.

THEY SEE YOU AS HIGH-RISK AND NOT WORTH IT. A "NIGHTMARE INSURANCE LIABILITY" WAS ONE OF THE QUOTES I GOT.



IT'S NOT FAIR. I MEAN, I KNOW WE HAVEN'T BEEN ANGELS, BUT WE'RE NOT SUPPOSED TO BE ANGELS. WE'RE **ROCK STARS!**

YOU KNOW I AGREE, PIZZAZZ. I WOULDN'T BE HERE IF I DIDN'T. YOU GUYS ARE A PHENOMENAL BAND.

AND THINGS HAVE JUST NOT BEEN BREAKING YOUR WAY LATELY.

WHAT AM I GOING TO TELL THEM?

THIS IS **MY** FAULT, YOU REALIZE.



I MAY HAVE BROUGHT US TOGETHER, BUT I'M ALSO THE ONE THAT'S RUINED US!

I MEAN, I'M THE ONE THAT SCREAMS AT DUMB RICK TANNENBAUM ON LIVE TELEVISION, THAT BREAKS MY GUITAR IN FRONT OF THE VIDEO CREW, THAT TURNS OUR CONTEST INTO A DISASTER BY LETTING KIMBER BENTON-OF ALL PEOPLE-BAIT ME!

AND I'M THE ONE THAT PUSHED JEM AND THE HOLOGRAMS AS OUR ENEMIES IN THE FIRST PLACE.

I MEAN, SURE, NONE OF US LIKES THEM, EXCEPT STORMER, BUT EVERYONE EXCEPT ME WOULD HAVE LET IT GO.

AND NOW, BECAUSE OF JEM AND THE HOLOGRAMS AND THE STINGERS, WE'RE A BAND WITHOUT A HOME!

WAIT, SO NOW IT'S JEM AND THE STINGERS' FAULTS? I THOUGHT IT WAS **YOURS.**



IT'S BOTH!



I DO HAVE A WAY TO GET YOU BACK IN, BUT YOU'RE NOT GOING TO LIKE IT.