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SAN FERNANDO VALLEY, CALIFORNIA
POPULATION 1.8 Million
RESOURCES: PORNOGRAPHIC ENTERTAINMENT, AUTOMOBILE REPAIR, VIETNAMESE FOOD

WHY MUST WE PUT ON THIS CHARADE, SIR?

CHARADE OR NOT, IT MUST BE DONE.

CAN'T JUST RAPE AND PILLAGE, HAVE TO GIVE THE UNEVOLVED A CHANCE TO DEFEND THEMSELVES FIRST.

NEW ZEALAND
POPULATION 4.5 Million
RESOURCES: SHEEP, WHIMSY, WHIMSICAL SHEEP

CHAPTER 6: THE DAY AFTER TOMORROW

THAT BEING SAID... I THINK THIS BIT WILL BE MINE.

ESPECIALLY THE PART THEY CALL THE "SAN FERNANDO VALLEY."

WHERE WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE KING?

JAPAN
POPULATION 127 Million
RESOURCES: VENDING MACHINES SELLING USED PANTIES, MATH

I HAVE A FEW IDEAS...

UH-OH.

CLEOMPA, HIS TRAINING IS COMPLETE?

TIG

ANTARCTICA
POPULATION: 200
RESOURCES: FISH



I'VE TAUGHT HIM ENOUGH--

WHAT WERE YOU JUST LOOKING AT?



OH, NOTHING, JUST, Y'KNOW, STAR CHARTS.

PLOTTING... UM... JUST PLOTTING A COURSE.



SMACK!



YOU BASTARDS. HE HASN'T FOUGHT YET, AND YOU'RE CLAIMING THE SPOILS--

CLEOMPA, THERE'S NOTHING WRONG WITH THINKING AHEAD.



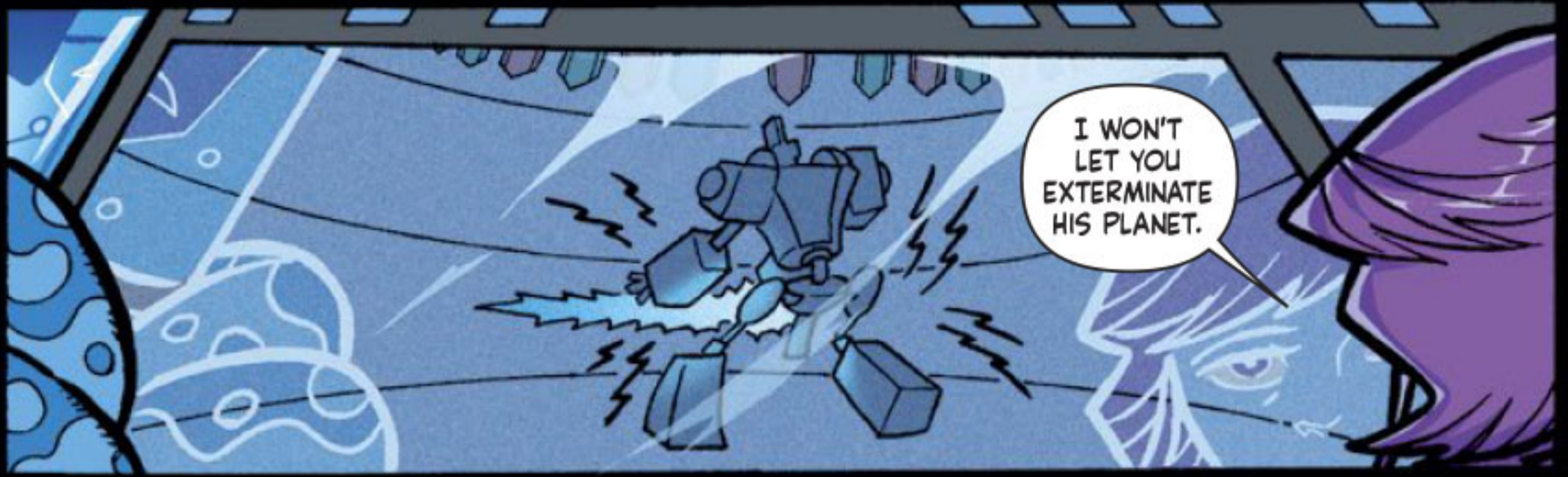
YOU PROMISED ME IF I TRAINED HIM, YOU'D GIVE HIM A CHANCE, AND IF HE FAILS...

WHEN HE FAILS.

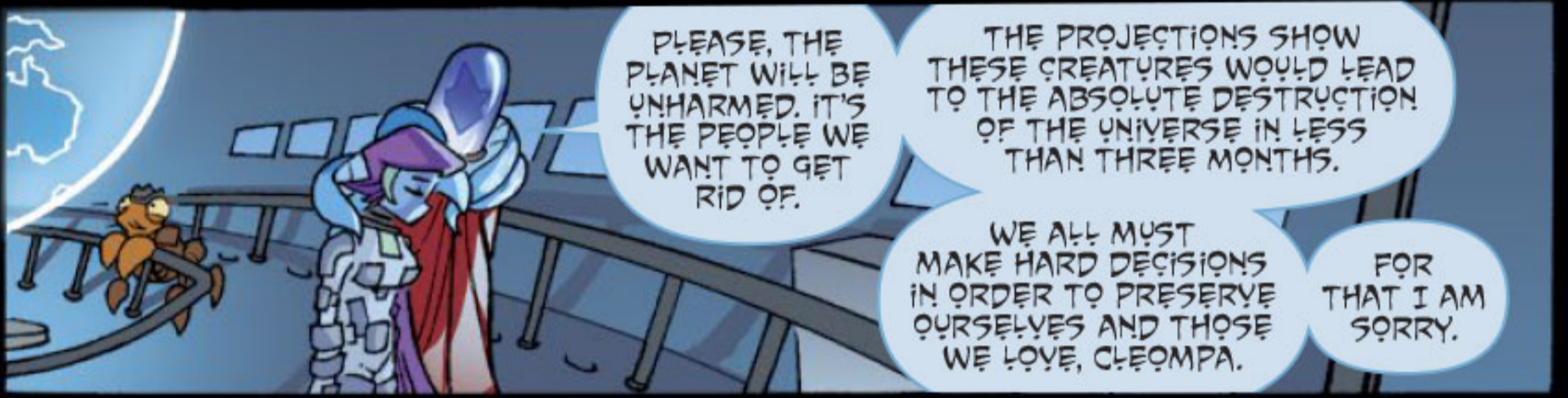
THEN YOU CLAIM THE PRIZE.

THESE BARBARIANS MUST NOT BE ALLOWED INTO THE BROTHERHOOD OF PLANETS.

YOU KNOW WHAT HAPPENS WHEN MONSTERS LIKE THEM ARE GIVEN POWER.



I WON'T LET YOU EXTERMINATE HIS PLANET.



PLEASE, THE PLANET WILL BE UNHARMED. IT'S THE PEOPLE WE WANT TO GET RID OF.

THE PROJECTIONS SHOW THESE CREATURES WOULD LEAD TO THE ABSOLUTE DESTRUCTION OF THE UNIVERSE IN LESS THAN THREE MONTHS.

WE ALL MUST MAKE HARD DECISIONS IN ORDER TO PRESERVE OURSELVES AND THOSE WE LOVE, CLEOMPA.

FOR THAT I AM SORRY.



THEN I'VE DONE ALL THAT I CAN.

STEINBERG WILL DECIDE THEIR DESTINY.



YOUR LOYALTY WILL BE REMEMBERED.



IT IS IMPORTANT WE REMEMBER THE SCOPE AND SCALE OF WHAT'S AT HAND.

INDEED. MANY LIVES.



YOU SABOTAGED HIS SUIT, RIGHT?

OH, ABSOLUTELY.



THIS IS ABOUT FINESSE. IT'S NOT ABOUT POWER OR SPEED, YOU GOT TO TAKE IT SLOW, ONE STEP AT A TIME...



YOU HAVE TO WALK BEFORE YOU RUN, Y'KNOW? YOU GET LULLED INTO THIS FEELING OF FAMILIARITY, LIKE YOU'VE DONE THIS A MILLION TIMES BEFORE.



BUT YOU HAVE TO HAVE A DELICATE TOUCH AND THE CONFIDENCE TO FIGHT LIKE YOU'VE NEVER FOUGHT BEFORE.



STEINBERG-JEFF, YOU'VE LEARNED SO MUCH, TRULY, PERHAPS YOU DO UNDERSTAND THE WAY OF--

I'M ON THE PHONE.



SO, YEAH, THAT'S HOW YOU PLAY JAPANESE SUPER MARIO 2. COOL?

I'M JUST HANGING OUT. YOU?





NAH MAN, I'M DOING INVENTORY.

I KNOW, RIGHT?

BUT THE STORE WAS DESTROYED.



ROLO! ARE YOU ON THE PHONE? WHAT DID I TELL YOU?



OH SHIT, IT'S THE FUZZ...

IS THAT SHELLEY? LET ME TALK TO HER.



SHELLEY? IT'S ME! I'VE LEARNED HOW TO USE THE GIANT ROBOT, AND I'M TOTALLY GOING TO SAVE THE EARTH.

WHO IS THIS?



IT'S ME. JEFF.

JEFF STEINBERG.

STEINBERG-JEFF, IT IS TIME.

OH RIGHT. LISTEN JEFF, YOU SHOULD KNOW BETTER THAN ANYONE THAT THERE ARE NO PERSONAL CALLS DURING WORK HOURS.



YOU KNOW WHAT, SHELLEY? FINE. I'M GONNA DO THIS ON MY OWN, AND I'LL PROVE TO YOU THAT I'M NOT JUST SOME BIG DUMB JERK... GUY.

DAMMIT.

I'LL PROVE IT TO EVERYONE! I'M GONNA GO SAVE THE WHOLE **GODDAMN** WORLD! YOU HEAR ME?!



IT'S GO TIME!



CAN YOU PUT ROLO BACK ON?

NO PERSONAL PHONE CALLS!

KLIK



WHO AM I FIGHTING?



REPSOLOM. HE'S THE COUNSEL'S CHAMPION.

I'LL BE HELPING YOU OUT FROM HERE. MONITORING YOUR VITALS, AND KEEPING YOUR SYSTEMS IN CHECK.



SO THIS'LL BE JUST LIKE PRACTICE, EXCEPT, Y'KNOW... DEADLIER?

PRETTY MUCH, YEAH. JUST STAY FOCUSED AND YOU CAN DO THIS.



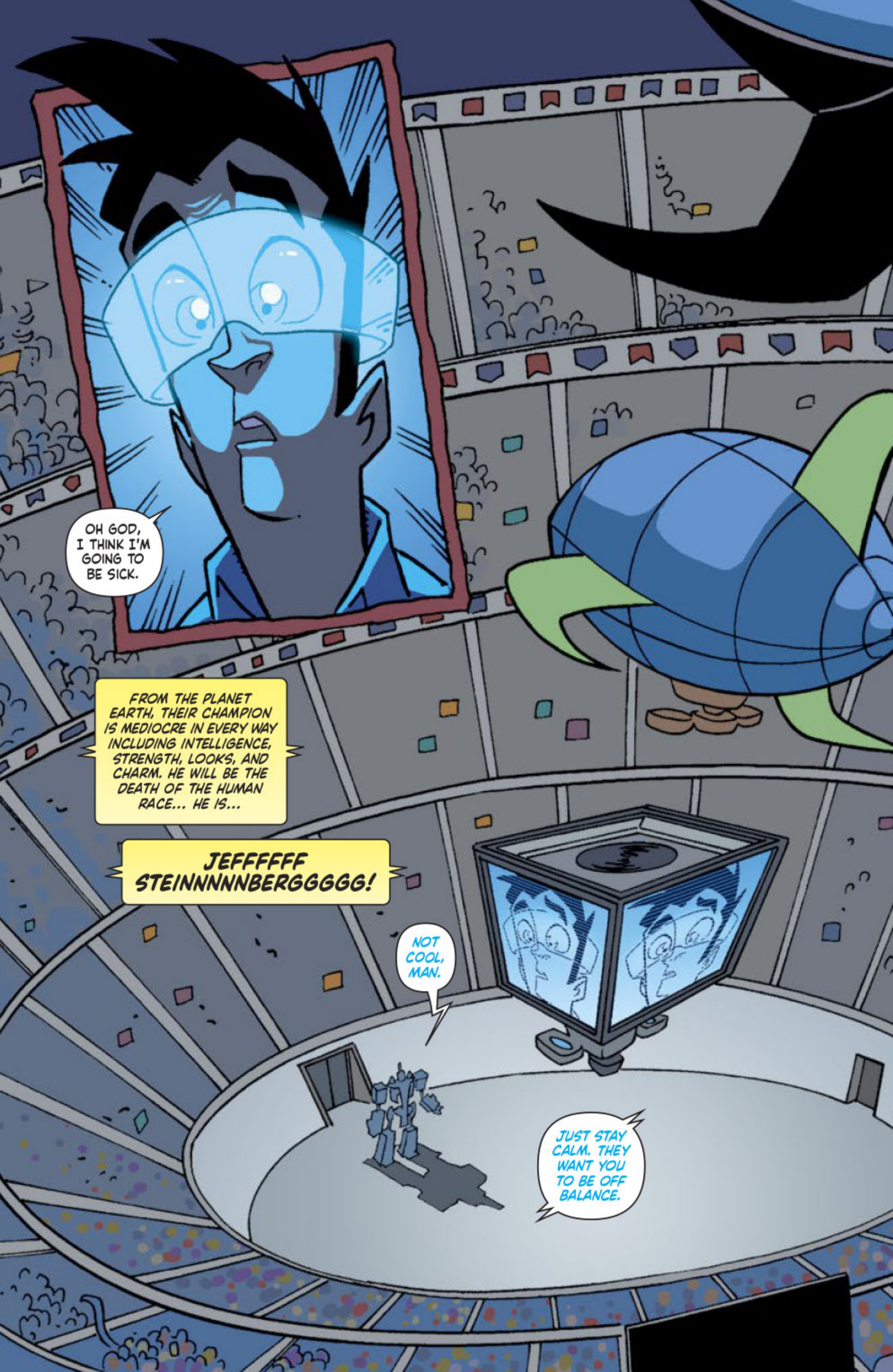
FOCUSED, GOT IT.

JUST ME AND HIM, MANO A MANO.

ONE WINS, ONE LOSES.

ONE LIVES, ONE... DOESN'T LIVE.

I THINK I'M HAVING A PANIC ATTACK.



OH GOD,
I THINK I'M
GOING TO
BE SICK.

FROM THE PLANET
EARTH, THEIR CHAMPION
IS MEDIOCRE IN EVERY WAY
INCLUDING INTELLIGENCE,
STRENGTH, LOOKS, AND
CHARM. HE WILL BE THE
DEATH OF THE HUMAN
RACE... HE IS...

**JEFFFFFFF
STEINNNNNBERGGGGG!**

NOT
COOL,
MAN.

JUST STAY
CALM. THEY
WANT YOU
TO BE OFF
BALANCE.