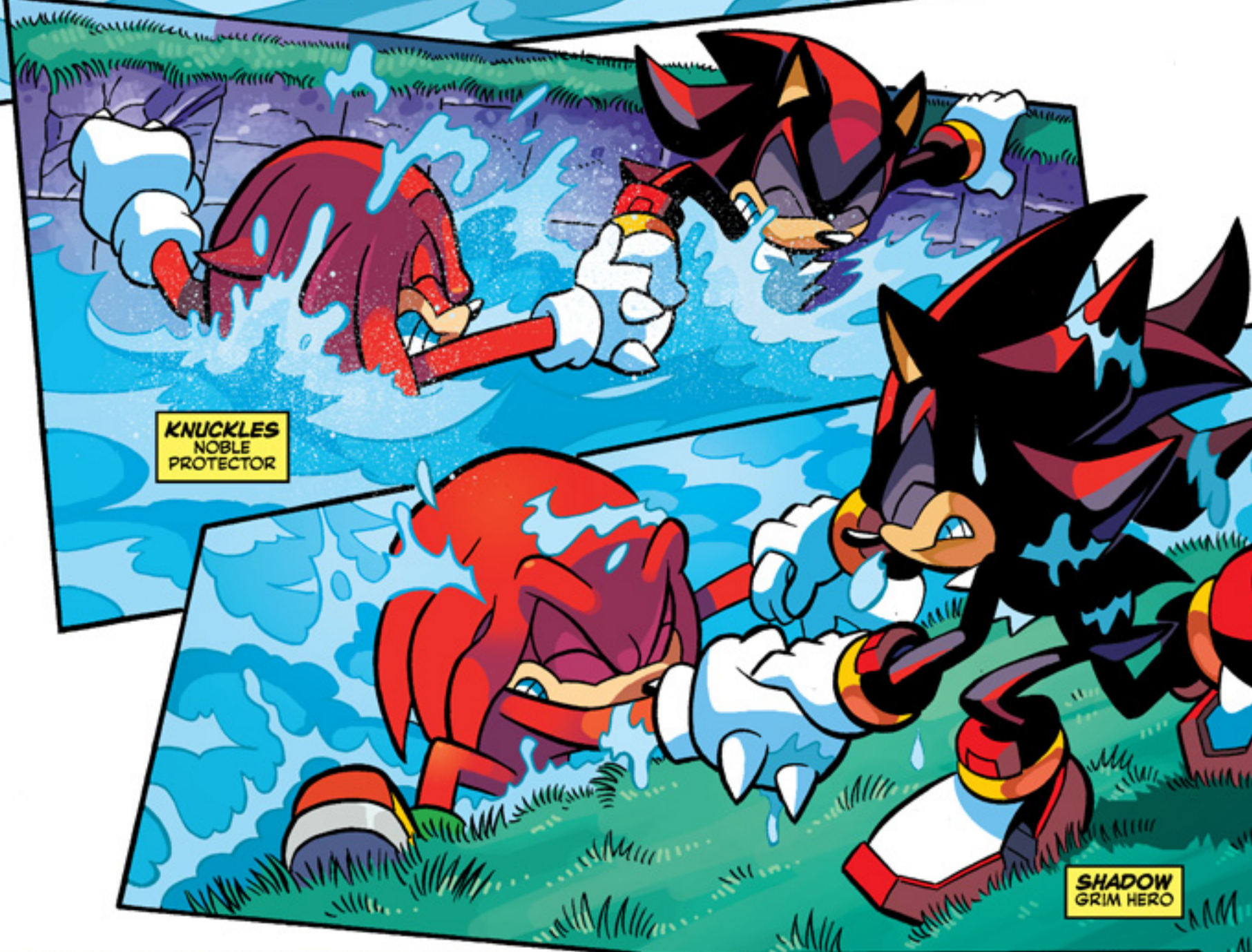


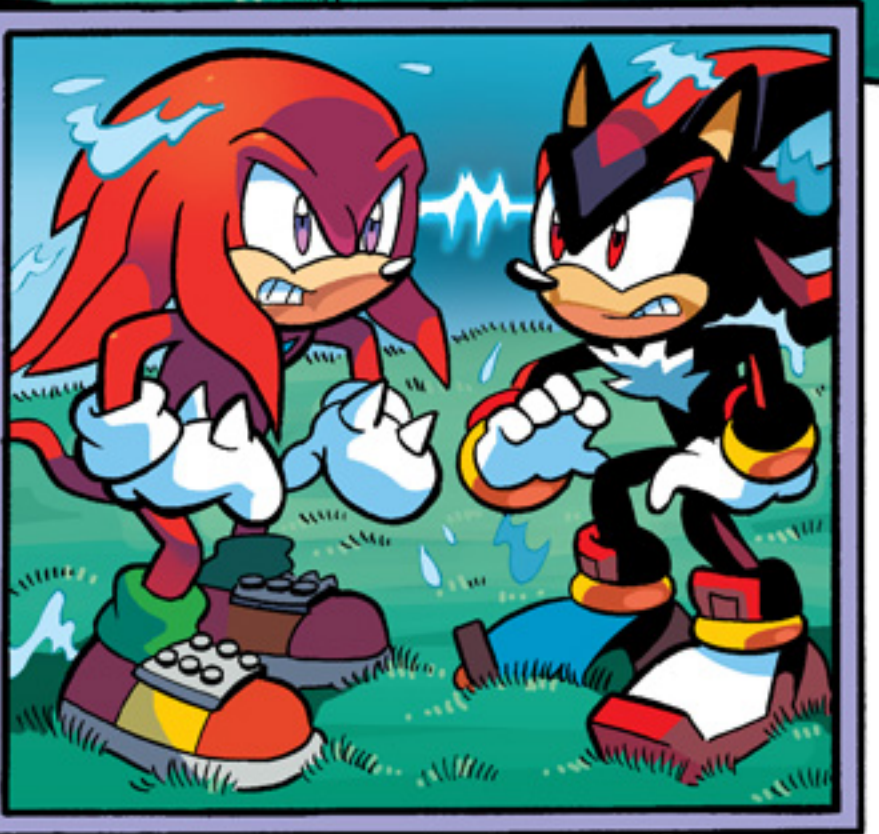
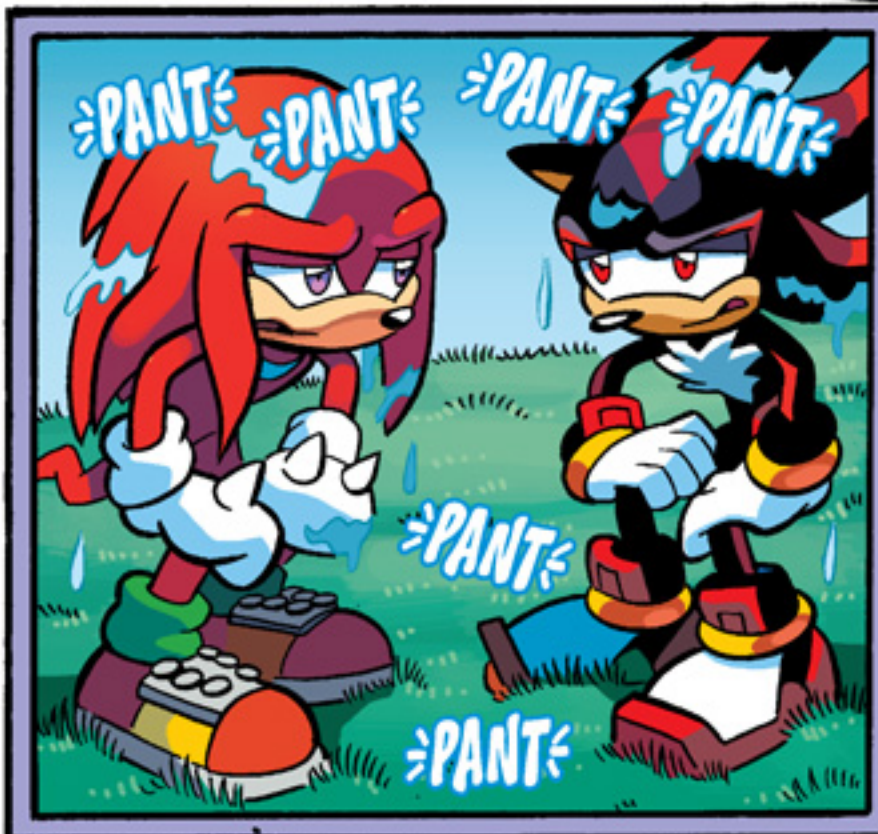


MARBLE GARDEN ZONE,  
ANGEL ISLAND



KNUCKLES  
NOBLE  
PROTECTOR

SHADOW  
GRIM HERO





**KNUCKLES & SHADOW**  
STUBBORN AS BRICK WALLS



# BRUMBLE

--ISLAND.  
I KNOW THAT KIND  
OF TREMOR...

THE MASTER  
EMERALD'S BEEN  
MOVED!

ECLIPSE!

IF YOU  
HADN'T BEEN  
DISTRACTING  
ME--!!

QUIET.  
ROUGE? OMEGA?  
DR. SNIVELY? DOES  
ANYONE COPY?

SHRINE ISLE--MILES AWAY

SHADOW IS CALLING  
FOR YOU, MADAM.

JUST A  
MINUTE. C'MON,  
OMEGA, MY  
SHOULDER ISN'T  
GOING TO SET  
ITSELF.

THIS WILL  
HURT.

YOU OF  
ALL PEOPLE  
DON'T GET  
TO BE  
SQUEAMISH.  
DO IT!

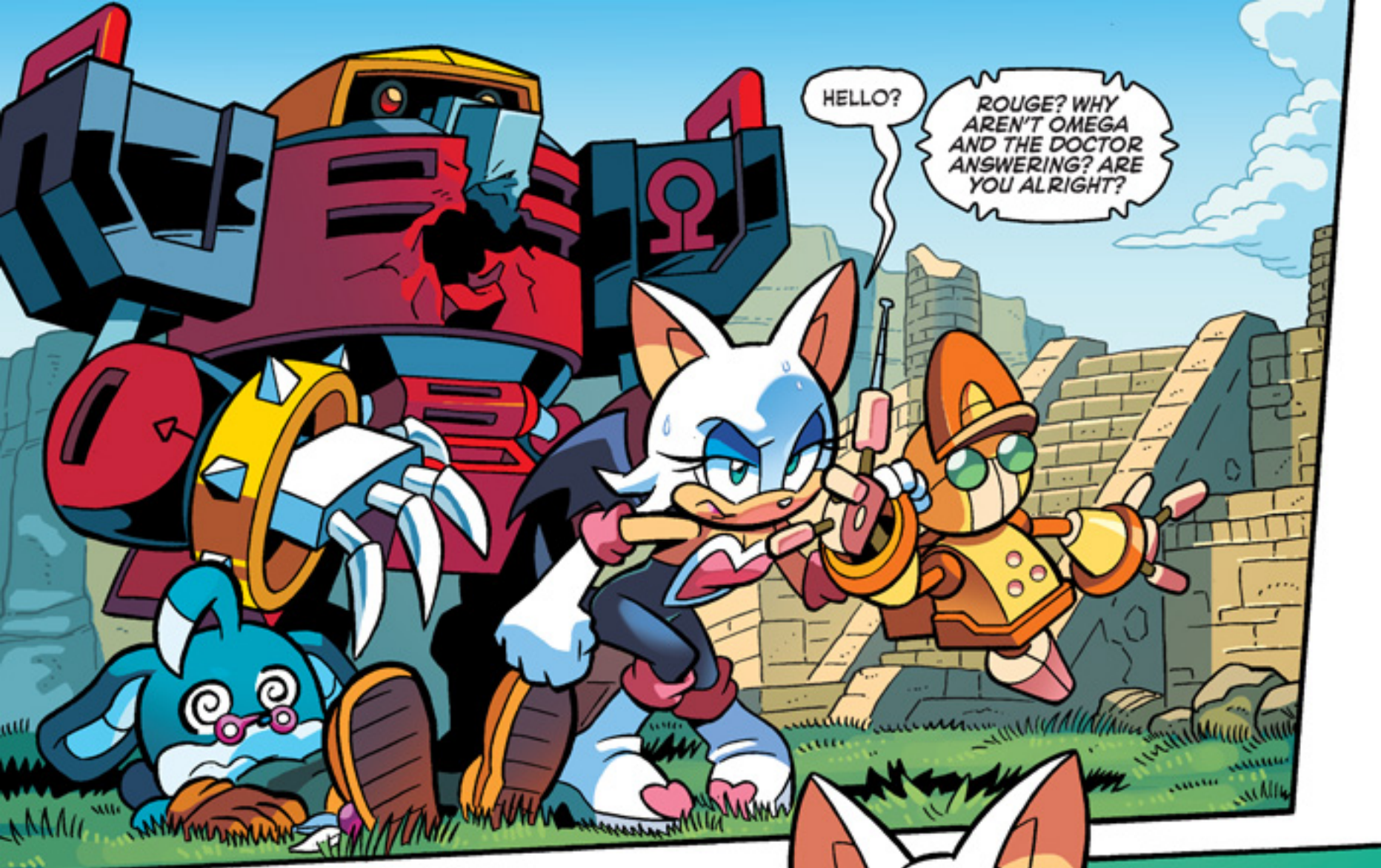
ROUGE  
G.U.N. SPY

FIXIT  
ANCIENT  
ROBOT

RELIC  
ARCHAEOLOGIST

OMEGA  
"REFORMED"  
BADNIK

KRIK



HELLO?

ROUGE? WHY AREN'T OMEGA AND THE DOCTOR ANSWERING? ARE YOU ALRIGHT?



OMEGA'S CONSERVING POWER SINCE ECLIPSE RIPPED OUT HIS CHAOS DRIVE. JULIAN'S TELE-POD WAS BLOWN UP. AND I'M ABOUT A SECOND AWAY FROM BARFING, Y'KNOW WHY?



BECAUSE ALL OF THIS WOULD'VE BEEN AVOIDED IF YOU TWO MUSCLE-BRAINS HAD JUST TALKED INSTEAD OF FIGHTING LIKE CHILDREN!

NOW WE'RE ALL WEAKENED AND ECLIPSE IS ESCAPING WITH THE MASTER EMERALD! WAY TO GO, BOYS!!

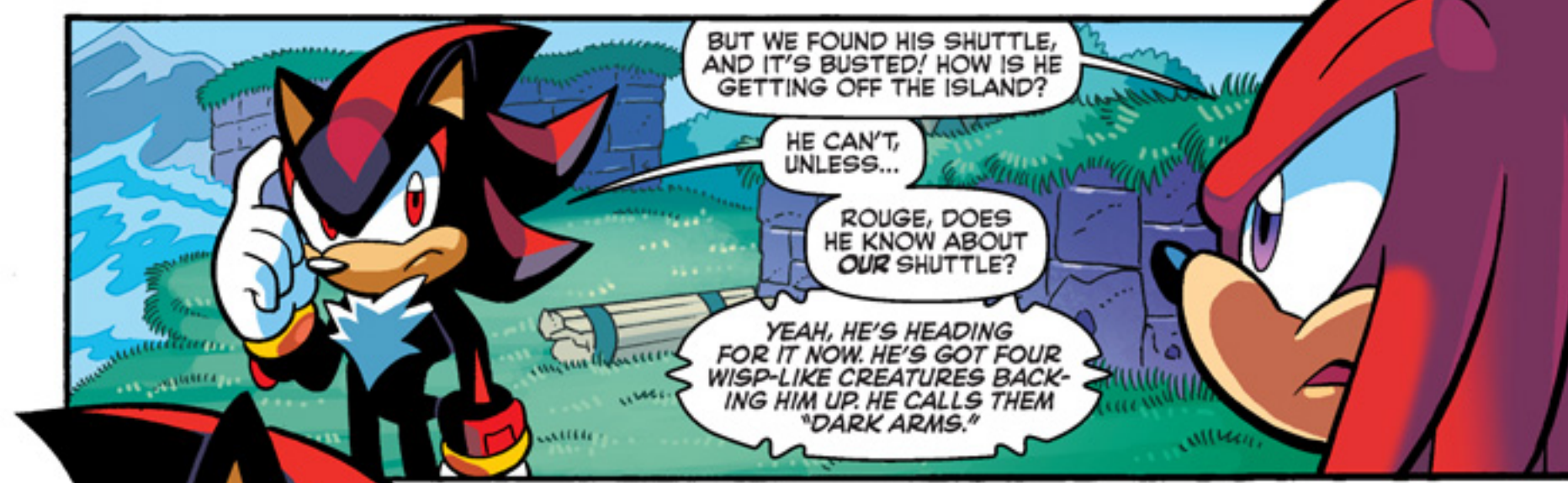




...SHE'S RIGHT.

I KNOW. THAT'S WHAT'S SO INFURIATING.

YES, WELL, SHE WASN'T SHOUTING INTO YOUR MINI EARPIECE.



BUT WE FOUND HIS SHUTTLE, AND IT'S BUSTED! HOW IS HE GETTING OFF THE ISLAND?

HE CAN'T, UNLESS...

ROUGE, DOES HE KNOW ABOUT OUR SHUTTLE?

YEAH, HE'S HEADING FOR IT NOW. HE'S GOT FOUR WISP-LIKE CREATURES BACKING HIM UP. HE CALLS THEM "DARK ARMS."



YOU GUYS LANDED IN THE LAUNCH BASE ZONE, RIGHT? I KNOW EVERY SHORTCUT ON THE ISLAND! WE CAN CUT HIM OFF!

WE DON'T KNOW HOW MUCH OF A LEAD HE HAS ON US. WE NEED A WAY TO SLOW HIM DOWN.



WE'LL DON'T LOOK AT US. WE'RE IN NO POSITION TO CHASE HIM, LET ALONE FIGHT HIM.



PARDON THE INTERRUPTION, BUT--KNUCKLES? WHEN WE FIRST MET, YOU WARNED ME TO BEWARE OF ALL THE TRAPS ON THE ISLAND.

IS THERE SOME WAY WE CAN USE THOSE AGAINST ECLIPSE?