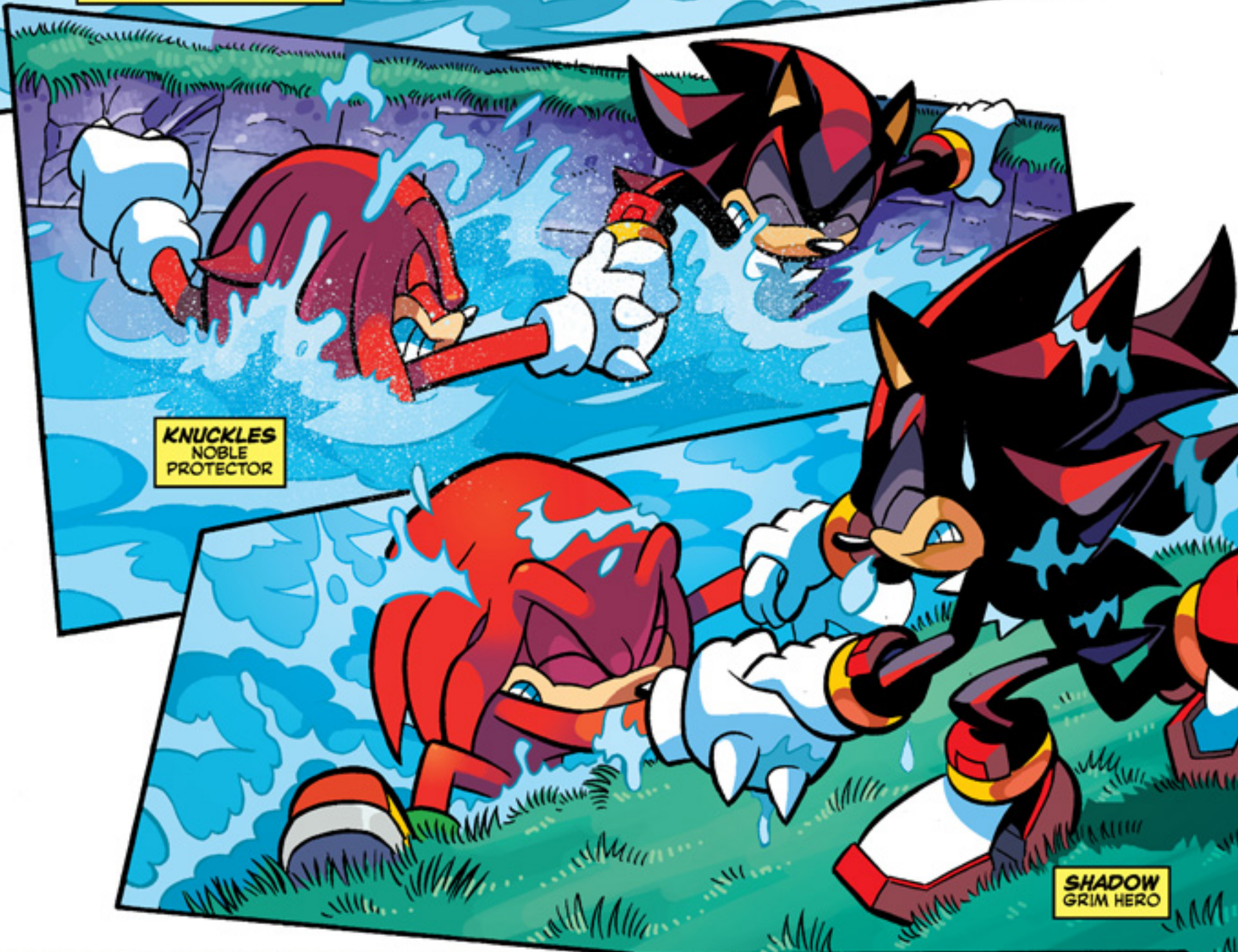


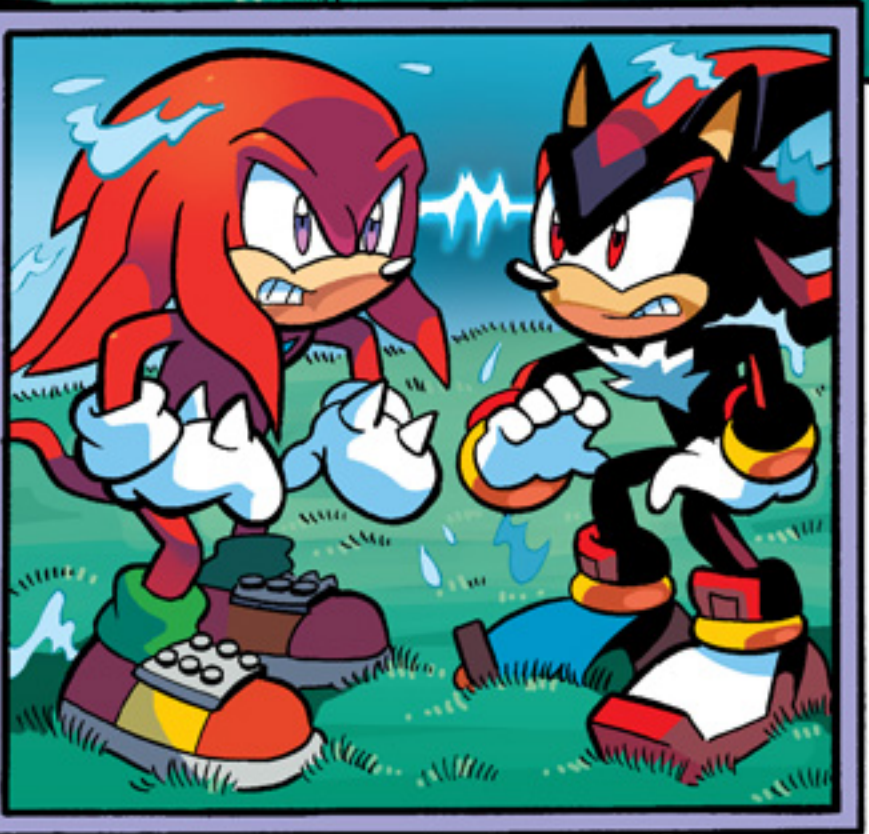
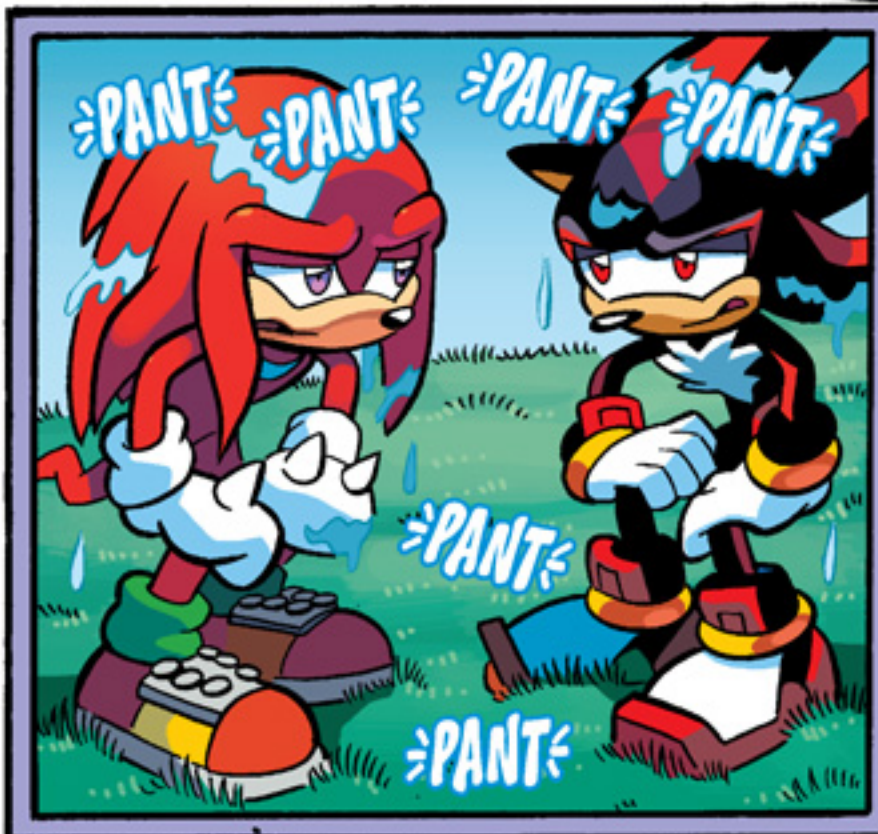


MARBLE GARDEN ZONE,
ANGEL ISLAND



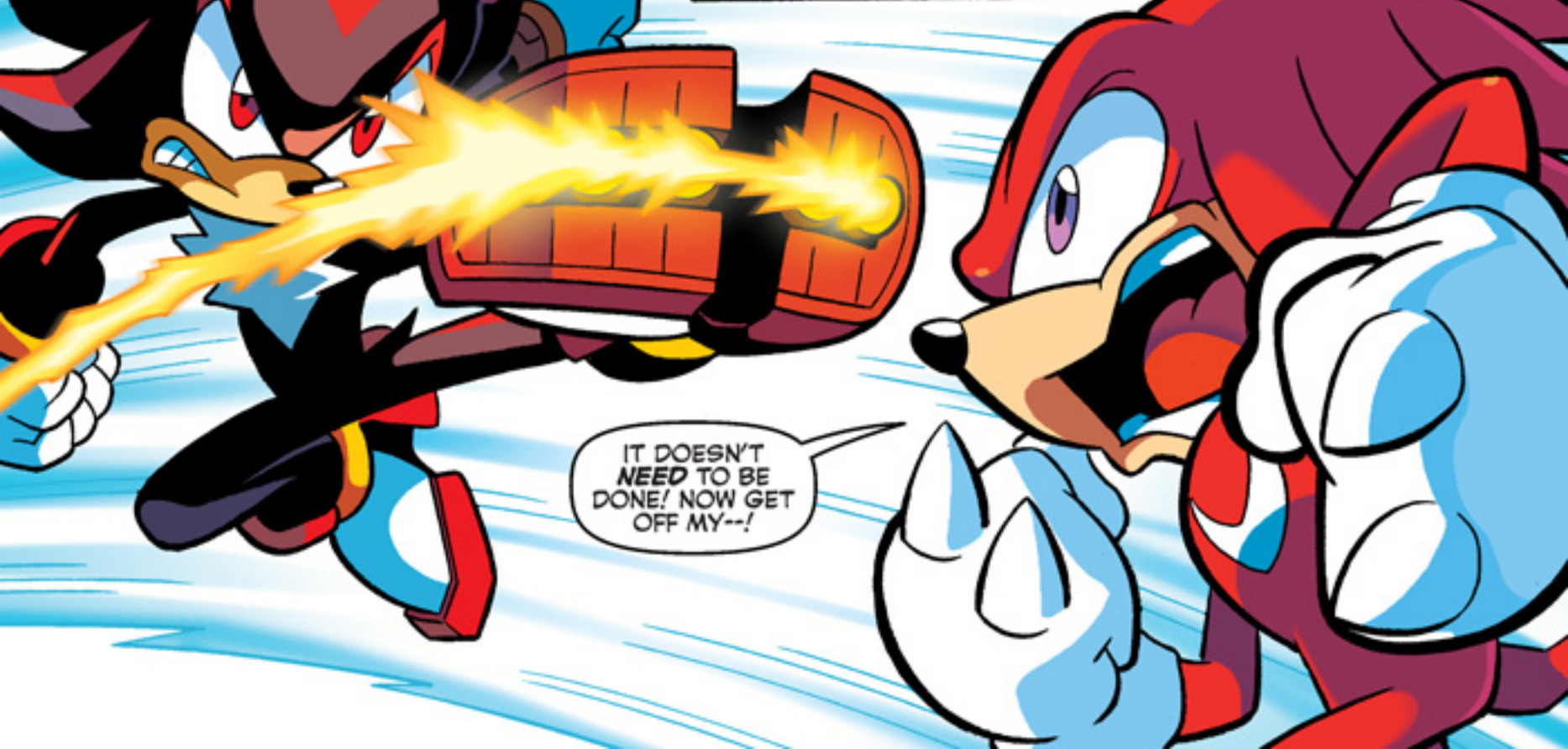
KNUCKLES
NOBLE
PROTECTOR

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!

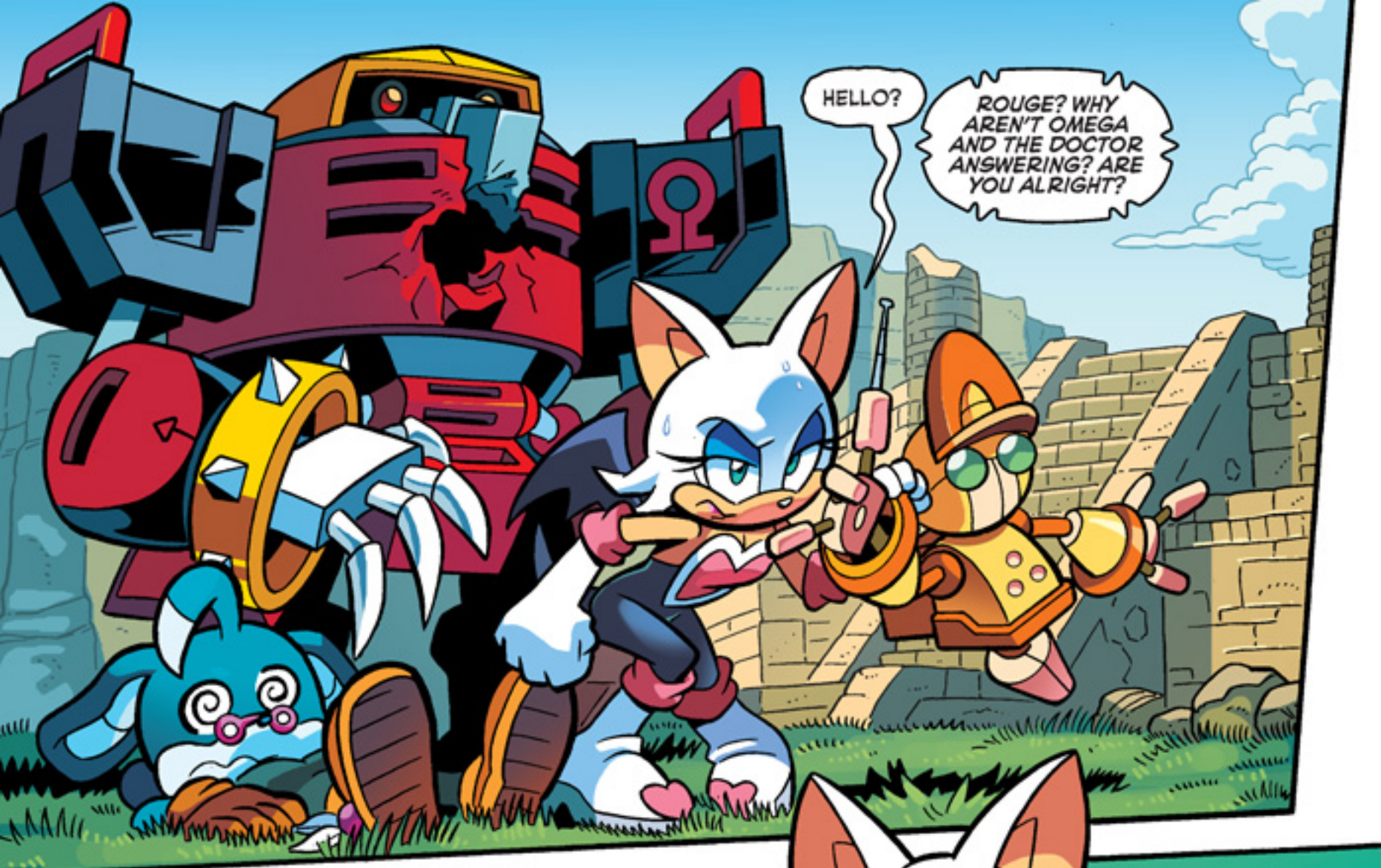
ROUGE
G.U.N. SPY

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!!

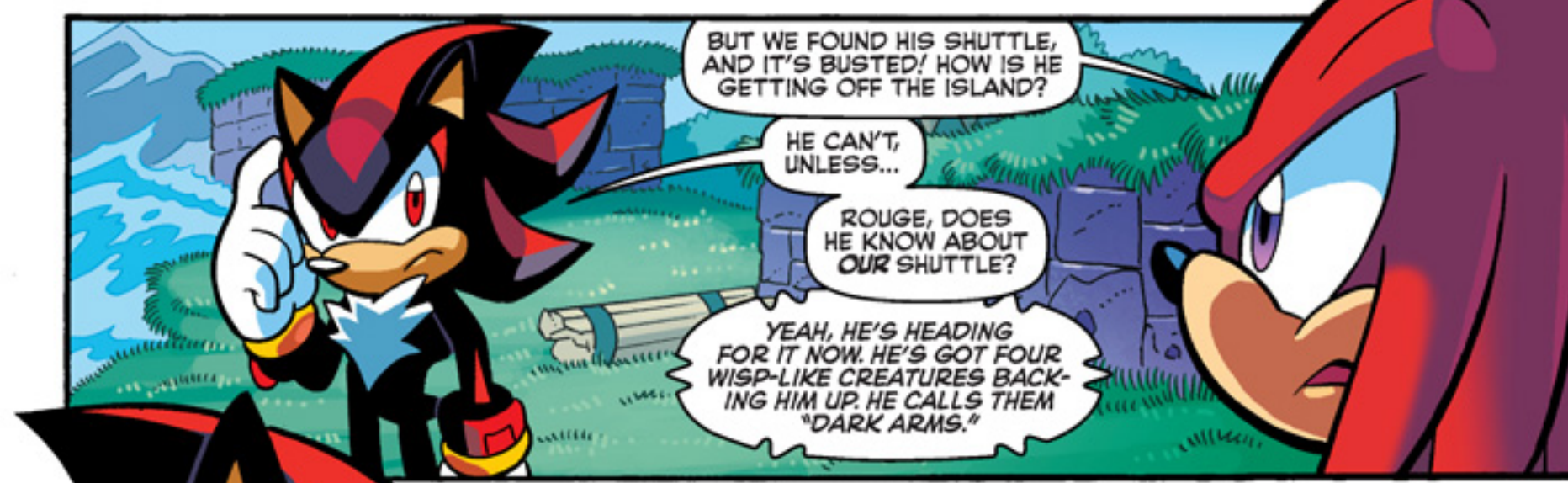




...SHE'S RIGHT.

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?