

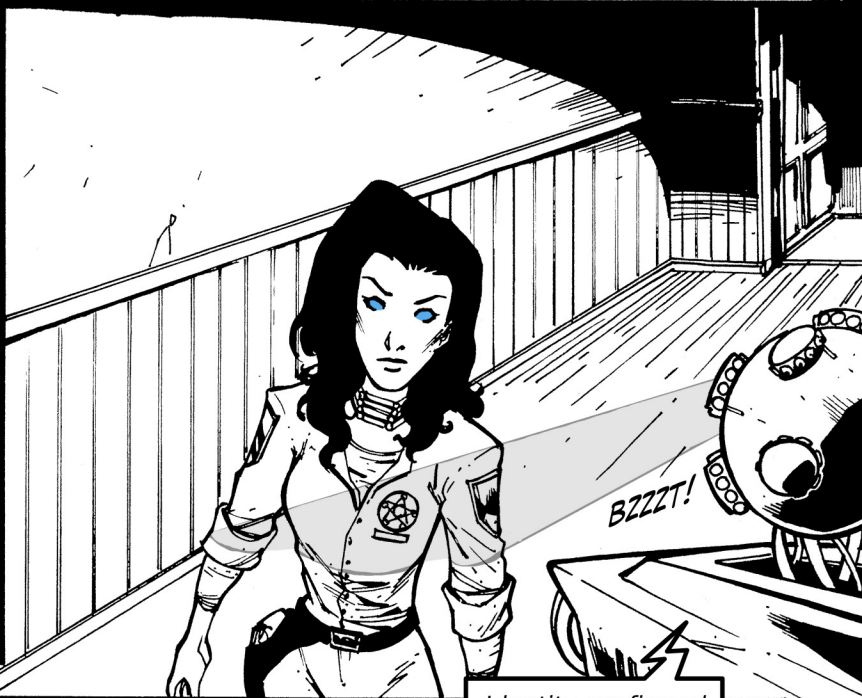
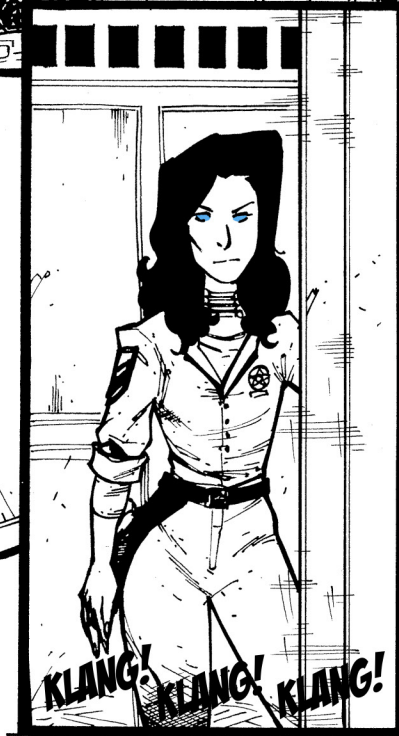
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VENGEANCE, NEVADA



"All Will Be Judged"

NOW. LOS ANGELES.



Identity confirmed.



Helloooooo bestie!
I'm away on an awesome adventure with my team,
but I should be back soon. Make yourself at home.



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BRAINS! ... and Feelings



THEN. THE CALIFORNIA-NEVADA BORDER.



TAKE A LOOK AT THE LAWMAN ... BEATING UP THE WRONG GUY ...



OH MAN! WONDER IF HE'LL EVER KNOW ...



HE'S IN THE BEST SELLING SHOW ... IS THERE LIFE ON MARS?

Honey badger don't care. Honey badger don't give a shit. It just takes what it wants!



ALL WINGS REPORT IN

RED FIVE,
STANDING BY.

HOW'S IT LOOKING
OUT THERE?

LIKE I JUST MISSED
THE RAPTURE.

SARCASM, JACOBS?
ISN'T THIS WHAT
YOU WANTED?

IT IS, GLENN,
AND I'M LOVING
EVERY MINUTE
OF IT.



SURE YOU ARE.

HEY, BEFORE I FORGET,
THE SHERIFF WANTED TO
PASS ON HIS
CONGRATULATIONS.

FOR WHAT?

IT'S BEEN A YEAR
SINCE YOU JOINED US.

AH. I'LL HAVE TO THANK HIM IN THE MORNING.
YOU'VE ALL BEEN SO KIND.



MOST OF US ANYWAY

HOW'S BEN?

GOOD. EXCITED ABOUT HIS BIRTHDAY PARTY ...
ARE YOU COMING WITH STEVEN?

BZZT!

WE ARE.
STEVEN AND I TOOK ROBBIE
TO TARGET THE OTHER DAY
TO FIND A GIFT FOR BEN.
YOU'D APPROVE.
IT'S STAR WARS-RELATED.

WELL THAT DEPENDS.
IS IT FROM THE ORIGINAL TRILOGY?

BZZT!

HAHA. NO. NO. THE CARTOON.

WELL ...
BEN WILL LOVE IT,
AND THAT'S WHAT MATTERS.
YOU KNOW HOW HE
ADORES ROBBIE.

BZZT!

YOUR SON
HAS GOOD TASTE.
OUR KID IS AWESOME.

HA!

HOW ABOUT JAKE?
WHAT'S HE UP TO?

HE'S AT THE
ALLIANCE CONVENTION
& EXPO
THIS WEEKEND.

BZZT!

THE WHAT?

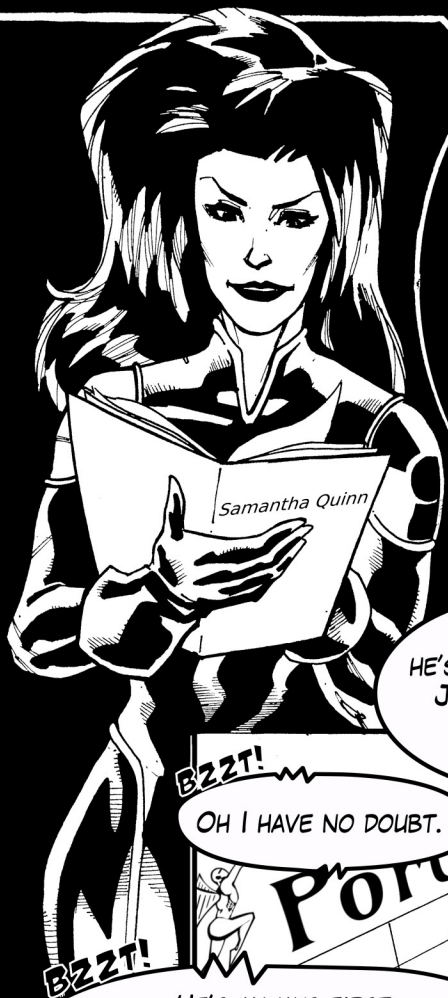
IT'S AN INSURANCE
INDUSTRY CONFERENCE.

BZZT!

AND YOU THOUGHT
YOUR JOB WAS EXCITING.

THAT'S WHY I MARRIED HIM.
JAKE'S IDEA OF A CRAZY
SATURDAY NIGHT IS STAYING IN
AND READING A BOOK.





YOU KNOW, HE'S GREAT WITH BEN. JAKE TREATS HIM AS IF BEN WAS HIS OWN SON.

BZZT!
OH I HAVE NO DOUBT.

Porter Industries

BZZT!
I BET HE LIKES TO GET WILD BY HAVING A WARM GLASS OF MILK EVERY NOW AND AGAIN.

BZZT!
HAHA. HE'D LIKE THAT ONE.

BZZT!
I'LL BE SURE TO SHARE IT WITH HIM AT THE BIRTHDAY PARTY.

BZZT!
HE'S ALWAYS FIRST IN THE PICK-UP LANE TO GET BEN. YOU KNOW EVERY DAY I THINK "TODAY'S THE DAY I'M GOING TO BEAT HIM" AND GET TO THE SCHOOL FIRST ...

BUT HE'S ALWAYS THERE! THE SECOND THE LANE OPENS. I DON'T KNOW HOW HE DOES IT.

I'M CONVINCED HE HAS CAMERAS EVERYWHERE. JAKE SEEMS TO HAVE AN UNCANNY ABILITY TO BE EXACTLY WHERE HE NEEDS TO BE. THAT'S HOW WE MET IN THE FIRST PLACE.



BZZT!

HOW DID YOU MEET?
I DON'T THINK HE'S EVER SAID.

JAKE HAD
COURTSIDE SEATS
TO EVERY
SPARX GAME.

BLAM!
BLAM!

SO HE MUST HAVE FLIRTED WITH YOU
WHEN YOU WERE ON THE BENCH, HUH?

HAHAH.
NO, DURING THE GAMES
HE WAS ON HIS
BEST BEHAVIOR.

BZZT!

PROBABLY DIDN'T WANT
TO LOSE HIS SEAT.

BLAM!

BLAM!

BLAM!

EXACTLY.
IT WAS MY TEAMMATES WHO SAW
THE WAY HE LOOKED AT ME.
THEY SET US UP ON A DATE AND ...
I WAS HOOKED.
HE WAS JUST SO FUNNY.

BZZT!

REALLY?
CAPTAIN EXCITEMENT?

HE'S SHY
AROUND EVERYONE ELSE,
BUT AROUND BEN AND I,
IT'S LIKE HE JUST LIGHTS UP
AND HIS PERSONALITY
COMES OUT.




HE KEPT SAYING
HE JUST HAD TO BE IN MY LIFE ...
AND NOW HE IS.



NOW WHENEVER JAKE LEAVES FOR WORK,
I CAN'T WAIT FOR HIM TO COME HOME.

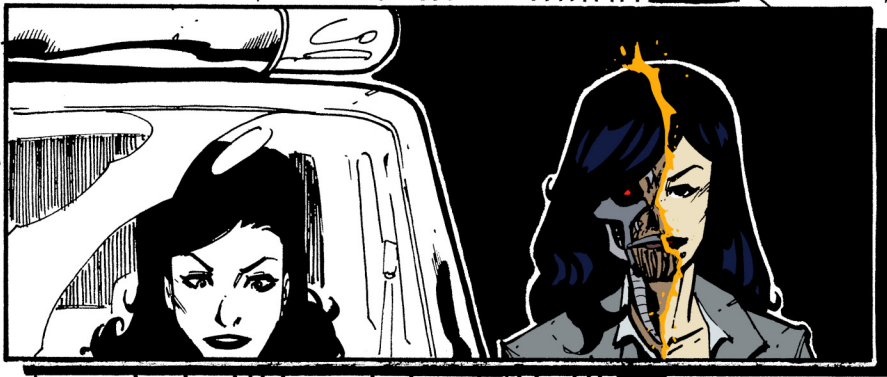


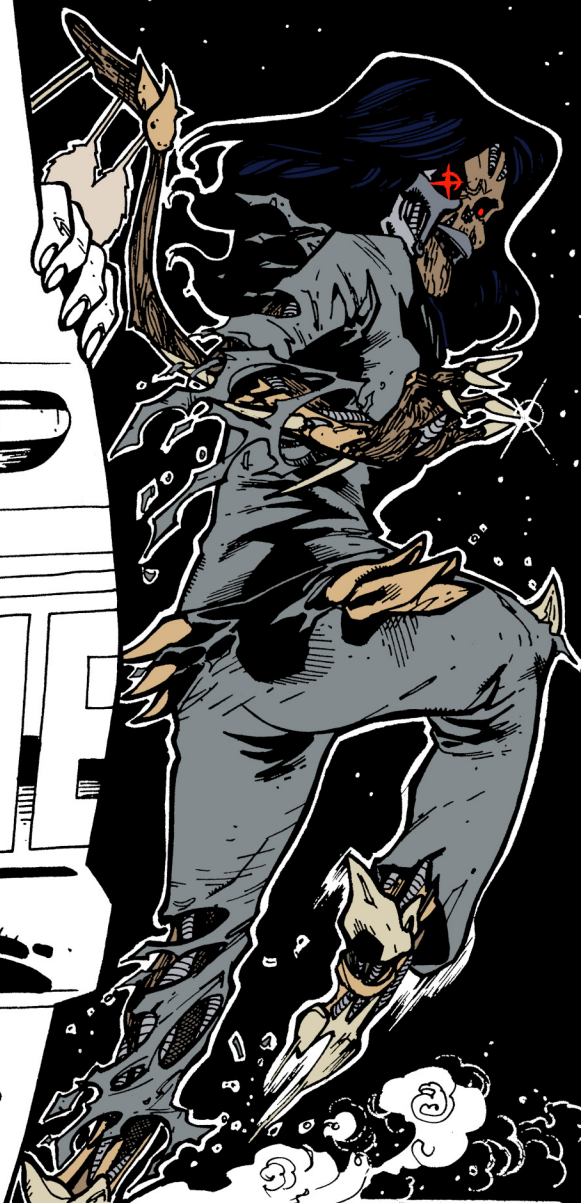
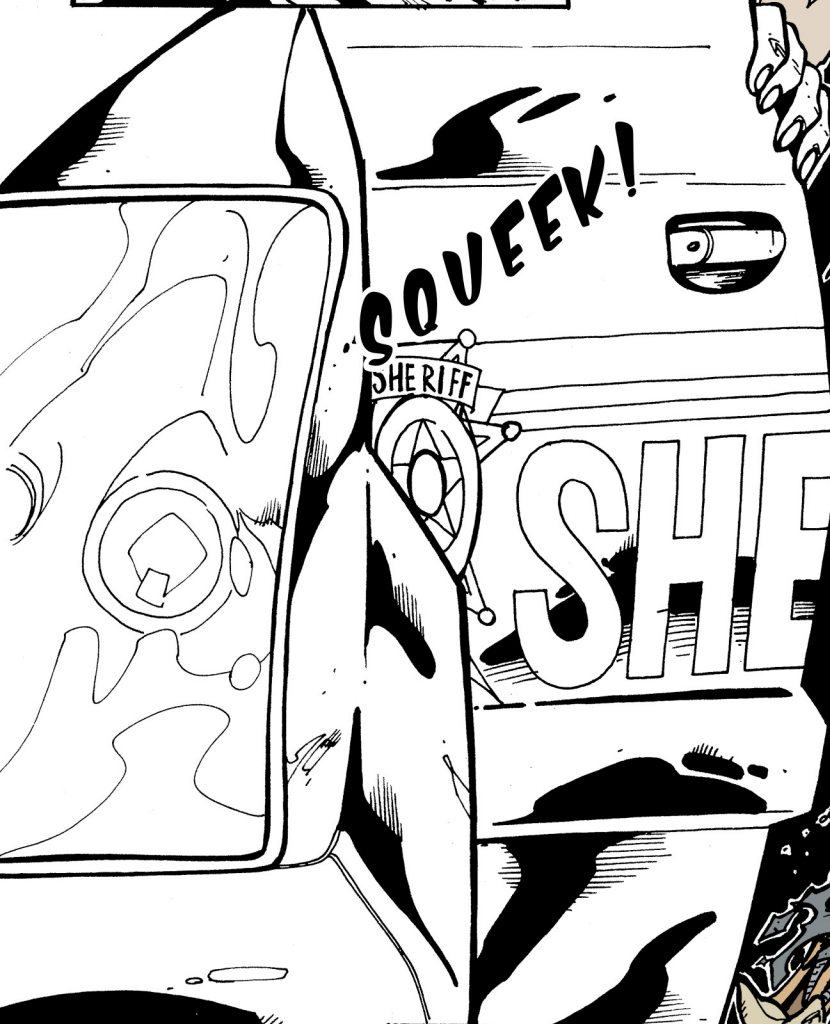
BZZT!  I BET.
IT'S NOT OFTEN
I SEE YOU GUYS APART.



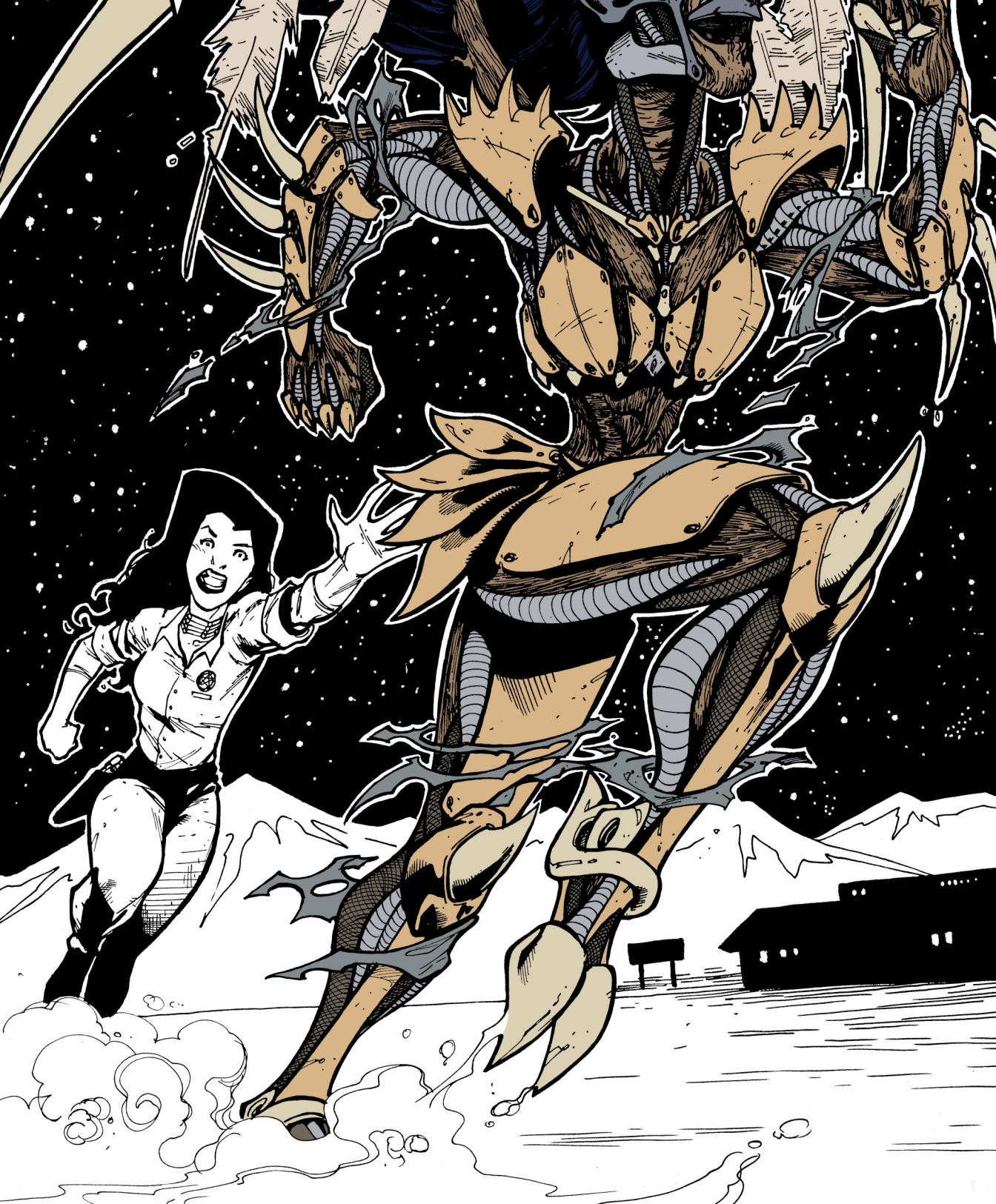
WE WOULDN'T HAVE IT
ANY OTHER WAY.



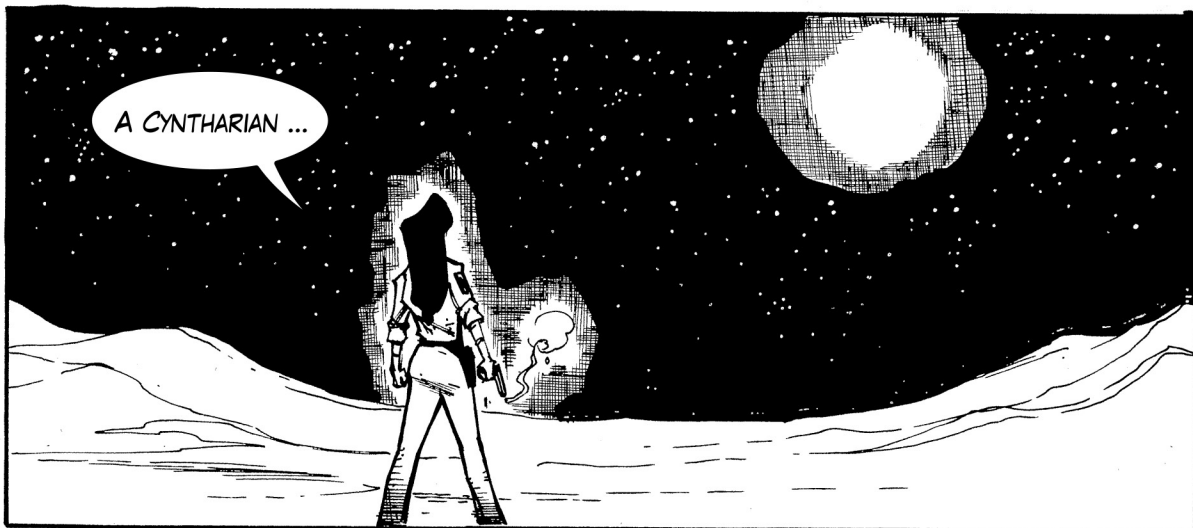




HAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHA!







*TRANSLATED FROM PASHTO.





WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO WITHOUT A WAR TO FIGHT, KRISTEN? GO CRAZY I'D BET.



IF YOU DON'T MAKE IT, YOU KNOW, BECAUSE YOU DON'T HAVE ANY POWERS... CAN I HAVE ALL YOUR STUFF?



WHAT DID I EVER DO TO DESERVE THE HATE YOU HAVE FOR ME?

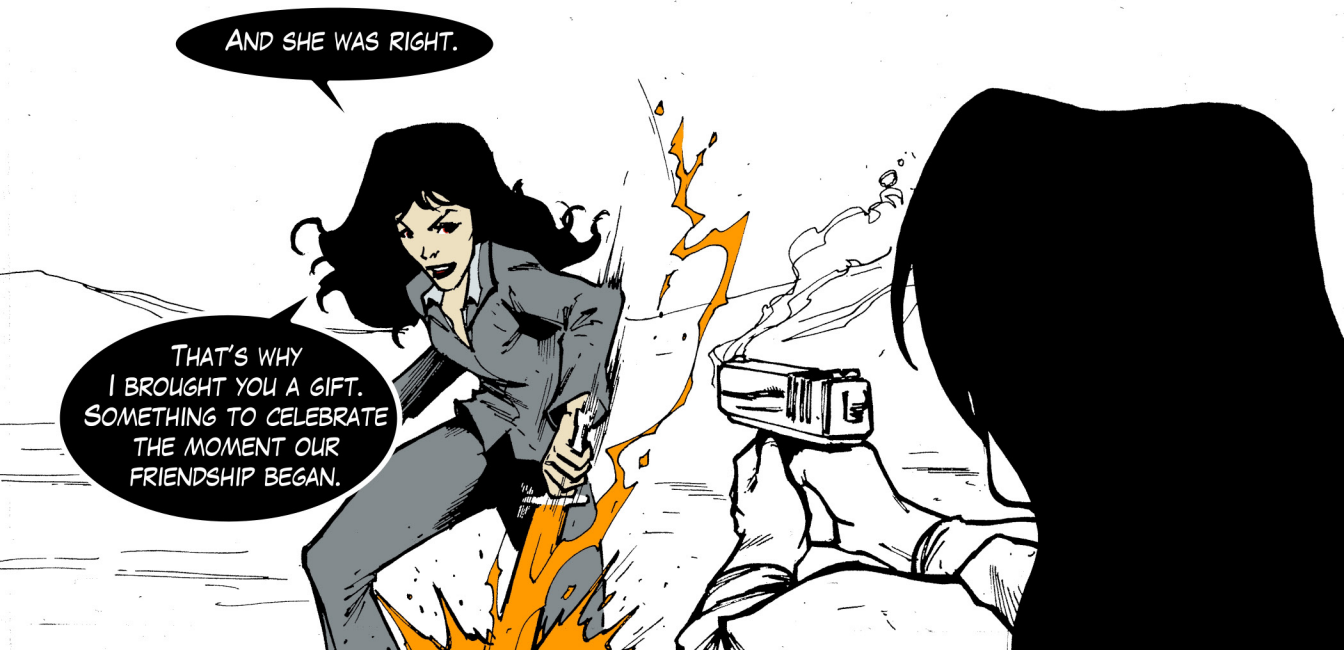
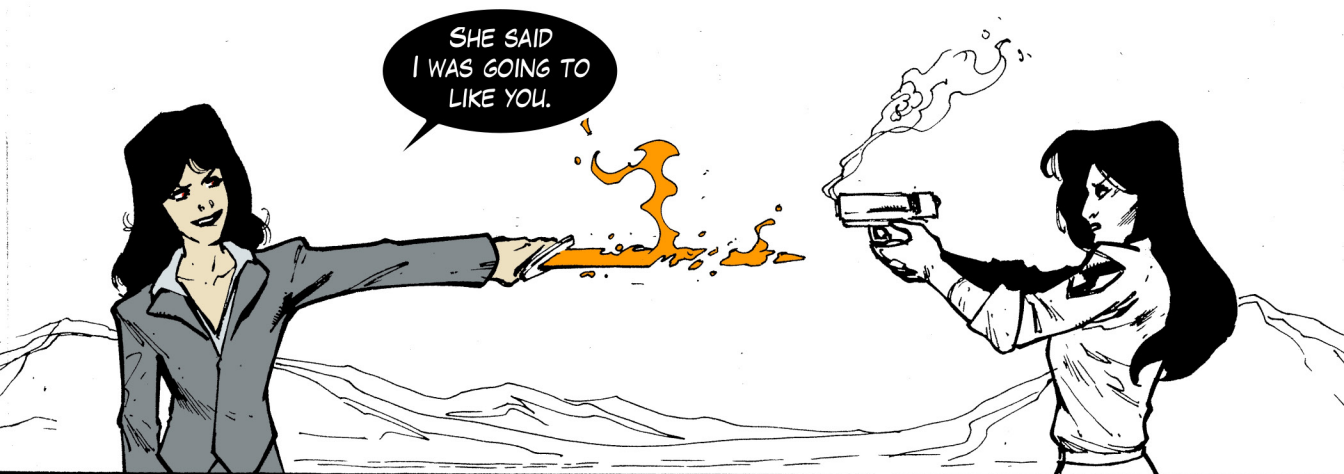
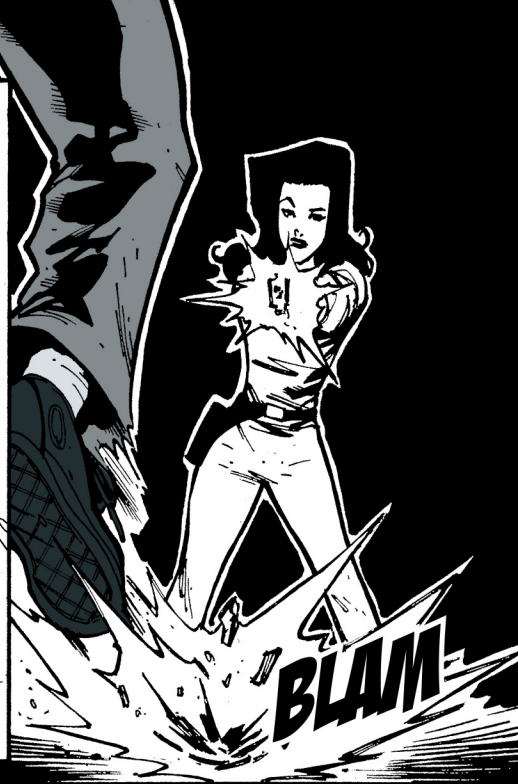


THIS WORLD BELONGS TO ME NOW, KRISTEN.

THANK YOU, FOR MAKING ALL OF THIS POSSIBLE.



I'M SOMEONE WHO KNOWS EVERYTHING.





A GIFT?

YES.

I DON'T TAKE GIFTS FROM SHAPESHIFTERS.

WHO SAID I WAS A SHAPESHIFTER?

"The woods are lovely,
dark and deep,
but I have promises to keep,
and miles to go before I sleep."

I WATCHED YOU
READ THAT POEM
TO YOUR MOTHER.



JUST BEFORE I TOOK HER FROM YOU.



35. SHE WAS SO YOUNG,
BUT THIS WORLD ISN'T VERY FAIR,
IS IT?

JUST ASK THE CYNTHARIANS.

THIS BLADE BELONGED TO A PRIESTESS.
ONE WHO SHARED YOUR DESIRE
FOR A JUST AND FAIR WORLD.



WHEN SHE DIED, HER SOUL FUSED WITH THIS WEAPON;
GIVING IT IMMENSE POWER IN THE PROCESS.
MAGIC, YOU HUMANS, MIGHT CALL IT.

IT WAS HER DUTY TO PROTECT THE CYNTHARIAN SETTLEMENTS.
THEY WERE REFUGEES, RUNNING FROM A LONG FORGOTTEN EVIL.
EARTH WAS SUPPOSED TO BE THEIR SANCTUARY.




BUT THEIR TIMING WAS TERRIBLE.



WHAT YOU FOUGHT IN AFGHANISTAN WAS THEIR DEAD,
THE LAST REMNANTS OF THE CYNTHARIAN EMPIRE.

THE FACT THAT YOU WERE SO WILLING TO FACE THEM IS ASTONISHING.



SUCH BRAVERY
SHOULD BE REWARDED,
DON'T YOU THINK?



TAKE THIS SWORD,
KRISTEN.




MAKE THE WORLD
FAIR AGAIN.

THERE HAS
TO BE A CATCH.

DOES IT MATTER?

YOU'VE ALREADY MADE UP YOUR MIND.



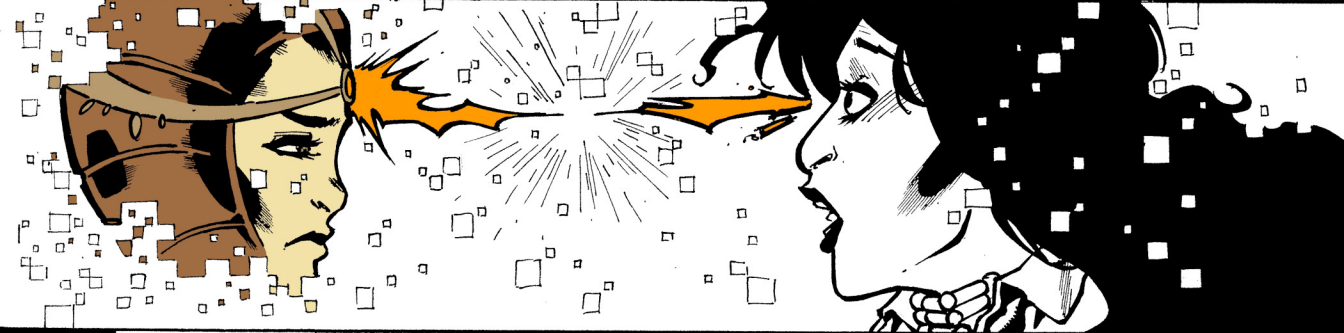
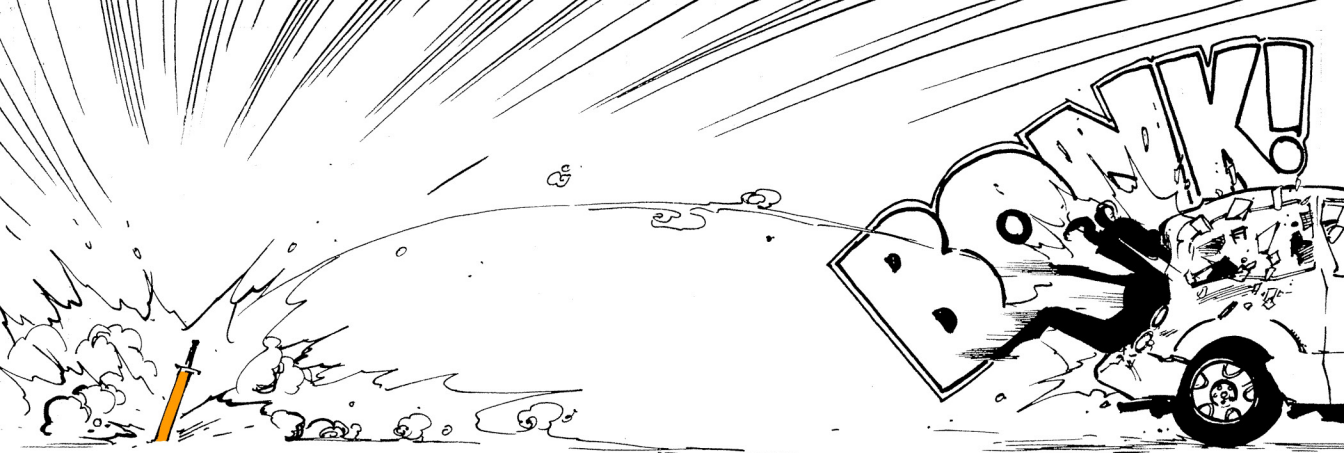
HOW CAN YOU BE SO SURE?



YOU CAN SAY
I'M AN EXPERT
IN THE INEVITABLE.

Stop!

FWOOSH





NOW. CHICAGO.

Good morning, Liberty.

GOOD MORNING, XO.
WHAT'S THE HAPS?

The haps?

DON'T BE SNARKY.
YOU ALREADY MADE ME
FEEL WEIRD ABOUT
"CONFUZZLED".

That's because
"confuzzled"
is not a word.

IT SO IS!

I'll schedule
an appointment
with the people at
Merriam-Webster
if you'd like.

PASS. WHAT ELSE YOU GOT?

You have a meeting
starting in two minutes.

I DO? WHERE?

RIGHT HERE IS FINE.



MORENIKE!

HELLO, SARA.
IT'S GOOD TO SEE YOU.



WHO ARE
YOUR FRIENDS?

OH. RIGHT.

היא מדריכה בצופים, לא מעשנת סביבה.
אנחנו אף פעם לא נשמע את סוף הסיפור.

TRANSLATED FROM HEBREW:
"SHE'S A GIRL SCOUT, DON'T SMOKE AROUND HER.
WE'LL NEVER HEAR THE END OF IT."



ABOUT A YEAR AGO, I LEARNED FROM A SOURCE
INSIDE THE KINGDOM THAT REIKO'S TEAM
HAD BEEN COMPROMISED.

THEY COULDN'T
GIVE ME SPECIFICS.

WHAT THEY DID KNOW WAS THAT
SOME OF QUEENBREAKER HAD JOINED
THE KINGDOM AND WERE QUIETLY
SABOTAGING REIKO'S MISSIONS
BEHIND HER BACK.

ONLY GAMMA RAY KNEW
WHO THE TRAITORS WERE.

THAT IS ...
UNTIL LAST NIGHT.



WE'RE HERE TO MAKE THINGS RIGHT.



TO BE CONTINUED.