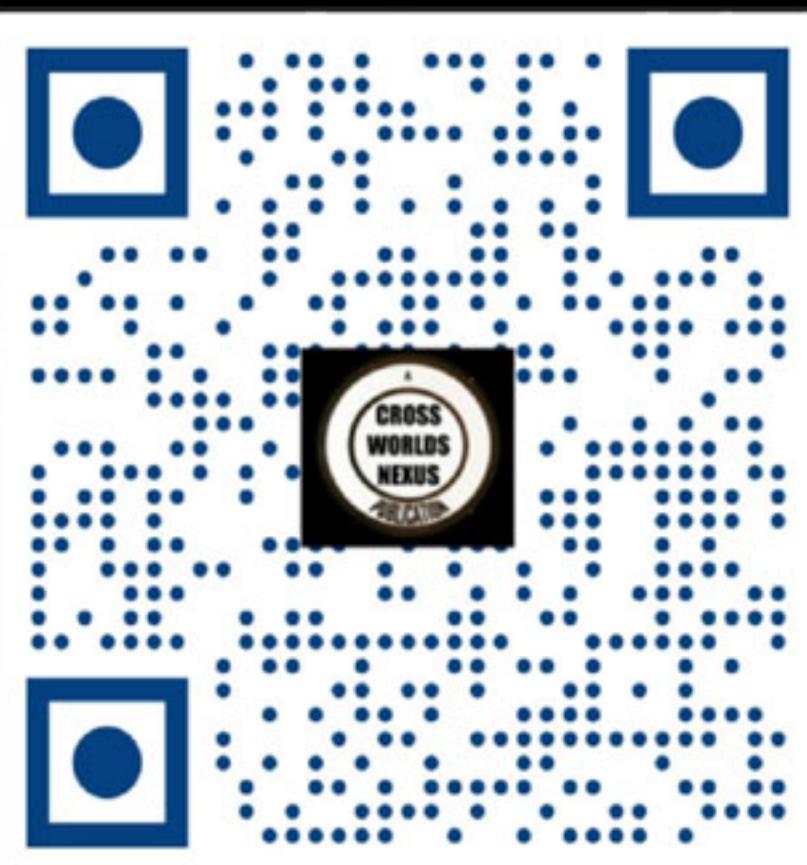


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Ears ringing

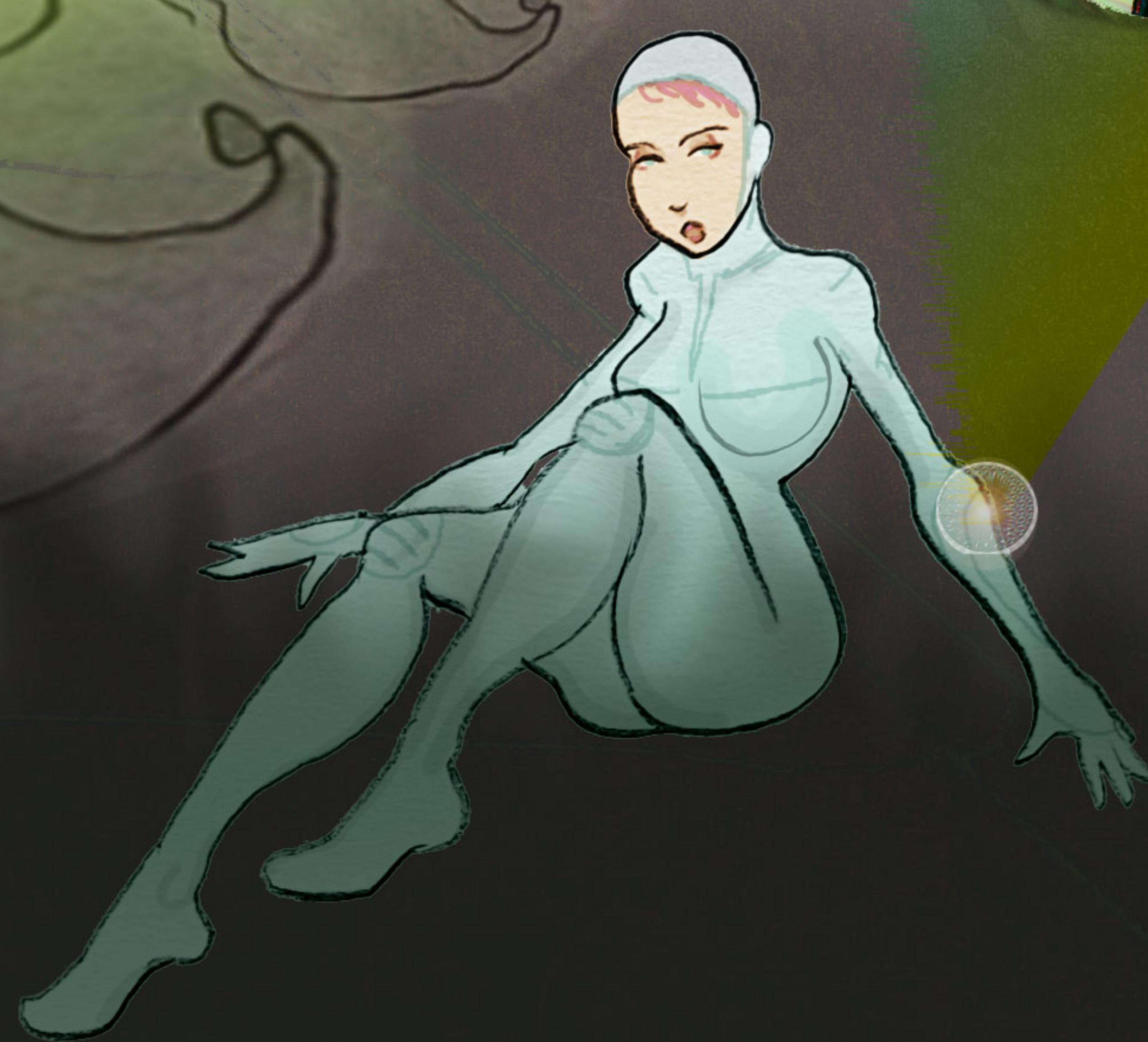
There was an Explosion...  
smoke everywhere...

Can't see  
where I am?

Everything  
is dark.



**LOOK LIVELY, GRAD  
NO TIME TO WASTE  
THERE'S BEEN  
AN ATTACK!**



**NEED    ESCAPE    HURRY.**



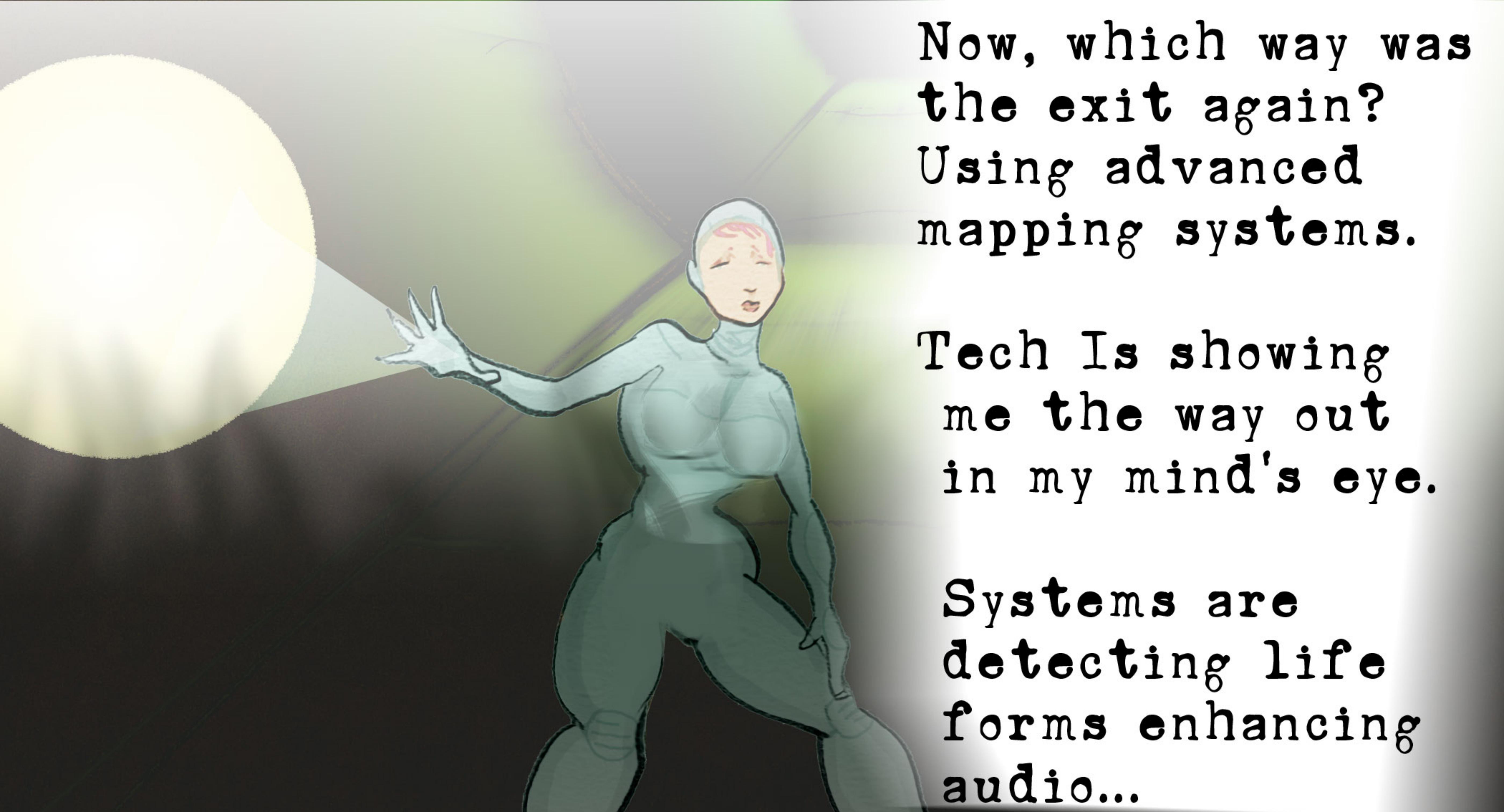
Need to get up...  
activating...  
emergency...  
life  
support  
systems.

Initiating sensor array.



Okay?  
I am in  
the  
emergency  
tunnels

under  
the  
Sand  
Castle  
Base.



Now, which way was  
the exit again?  
Using advanced  
mapping systems.

Tech Is showing  
me the way out  
in my mind's eye.

Systems are  
detecting life  
forms enhancing  
audio...

Those aren't Cross Worlds Nexus Agents.  
Too advanced For Wyzlund soldiers.

## **THERE IS NO SIGN OF HER.**

**SHE WILL BE  
VULNERABLE  
AFTER THE  
ATTACK  
THIS WILL  
BE EASY.**



**SHE IS  
SUPPOSEDLY  
FRESH OUT OF  
THE INSTITUTE.  
A ROOKIE,  
BIG BOUNTY  
IF WE PULL  
THIS OFF.**



Those are Industrium Hit Soldiers.

They are Looking for ME.

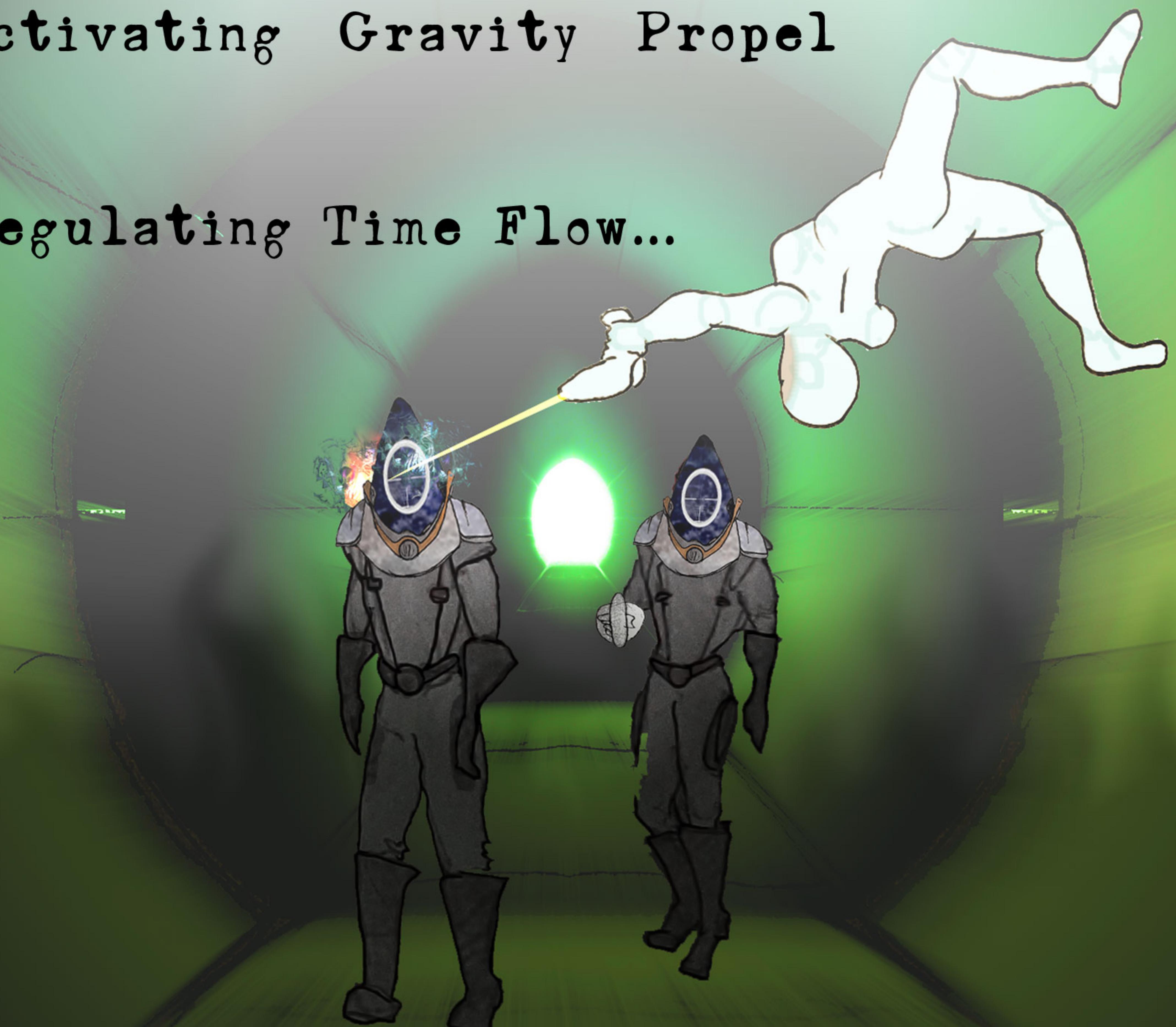
**WE NEED TO  
TAKE OUT THAT  
GIRL AND  
RETURN AS  
SOON AS  
POSSIBLE.**

**SHE IS SUPPOSED  
TO BE HERE  
SOMEWHERE...**



**Activating Gravity Propel**

**Regulating Time Flow...**





Those guys weren't wizards.



**PROCEED TO  
THE SURFACE.  
WE HAVE  
ARRANGED  
FOR AN  
EMERGENCY  
EXTRACTION.**

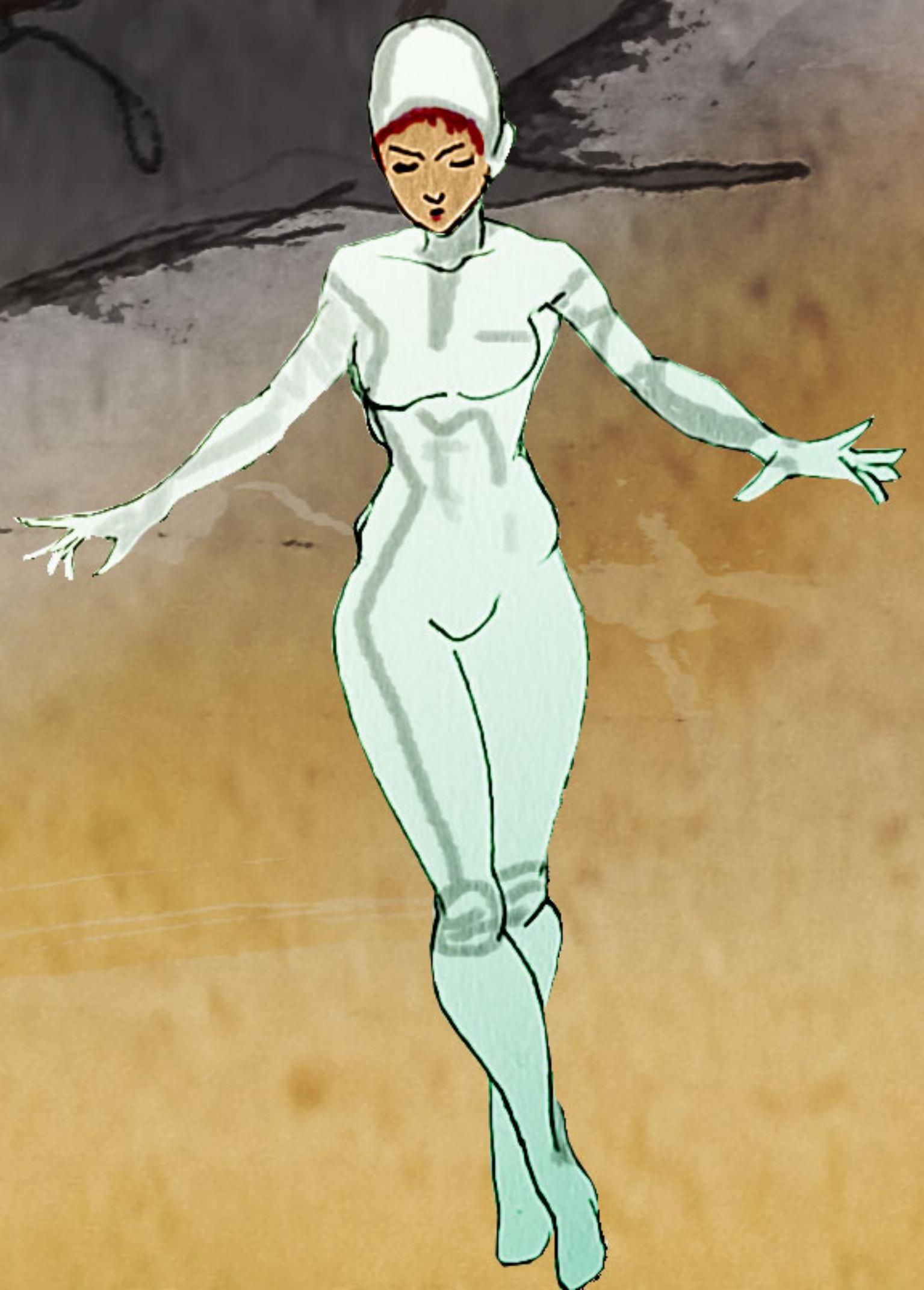


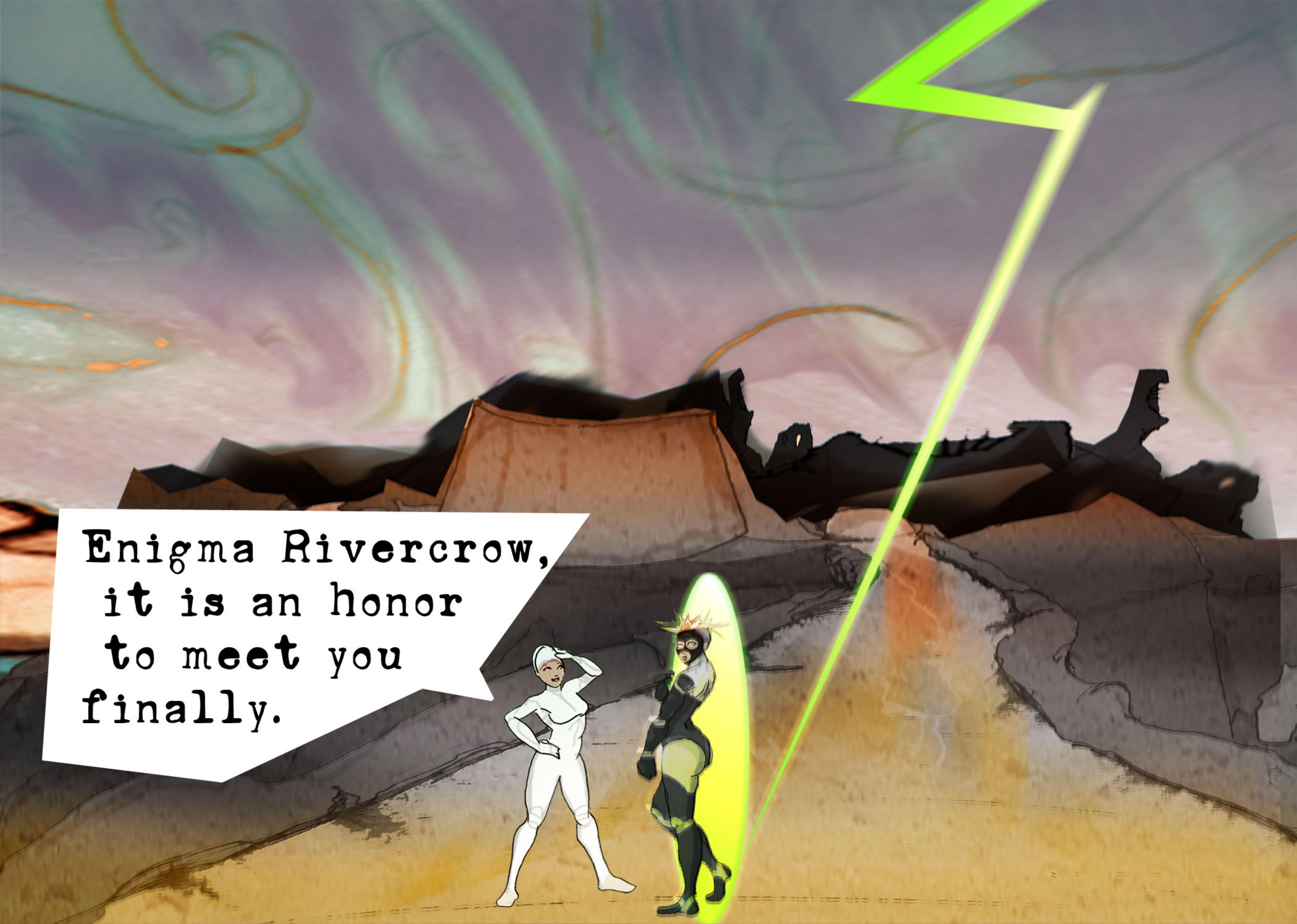


What a messed Up day...

first Wyzardlund goes  
completely mental...

Then the base gets Demolished  
and now I have just escaped  
being taken out by a couple  
of intergalactic hitmen.





Enigma Rivercrow,  
it is an honor  
to meet you  
finally.

**LISTEN UP, GRAD, WE  
NEED TO MOVE FAST  
OPENING UP LIGHTNING  
PORTALS IN THIS  
REALM GOES AGAINST  
THE TREATY.  
THEN AGAIN... SO DOES  
OPEN ACTS OF WAR...  
LIKE DECIMATING OUR  
BASE.  
WE NEED TO EXIT...  
NOW.**



**HANG ON, RIDING ACROSS  
TIME AND SPACE ON A  
LIGHTNING BOLT ISN'T  
EXACTLY A WALK  
IN THE PARK!**



**WHAT A MONUMENTAL WASTE, ALL OF THE  
PURSUIT OF THE ZARTACLA PRISONERS...  
ALL OF THE EFFORTS TO KEEP THIS PLACE.**

**PEACEFUL...**

**FOR WHAT? JUST WHY?**

**SO LONG, WYZARDLUND.**







**make haste!**

**This way,**

**strange lands.**

**With these**

**I am familiar**

**guidance**

**some**

**in need of**

**that you are**

**it appears**

**strangers,**



FORWARD. I CAN HEAR THE LASER BATTLES OVER THE NEXT HORIZON.  
THE PHOTON GRID HAS TARGETED YOU. WE SHOULD BE CAREFUL MOVING

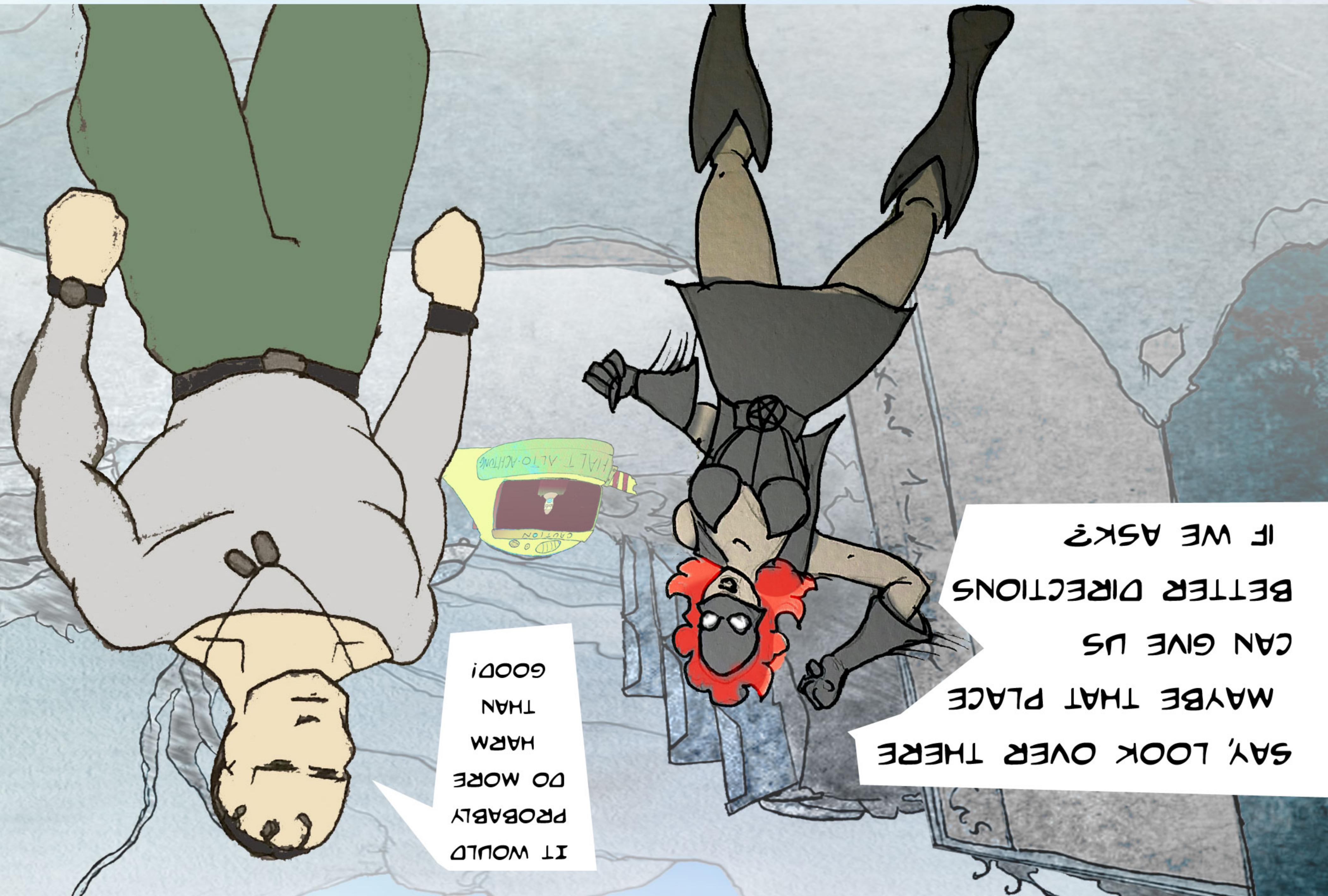


I HAVEN'T FELT  
THE SAME SINCE  
THAT STUNT  
THAT I PULLED  
BACK THERE  
AT THE BRIDGE.

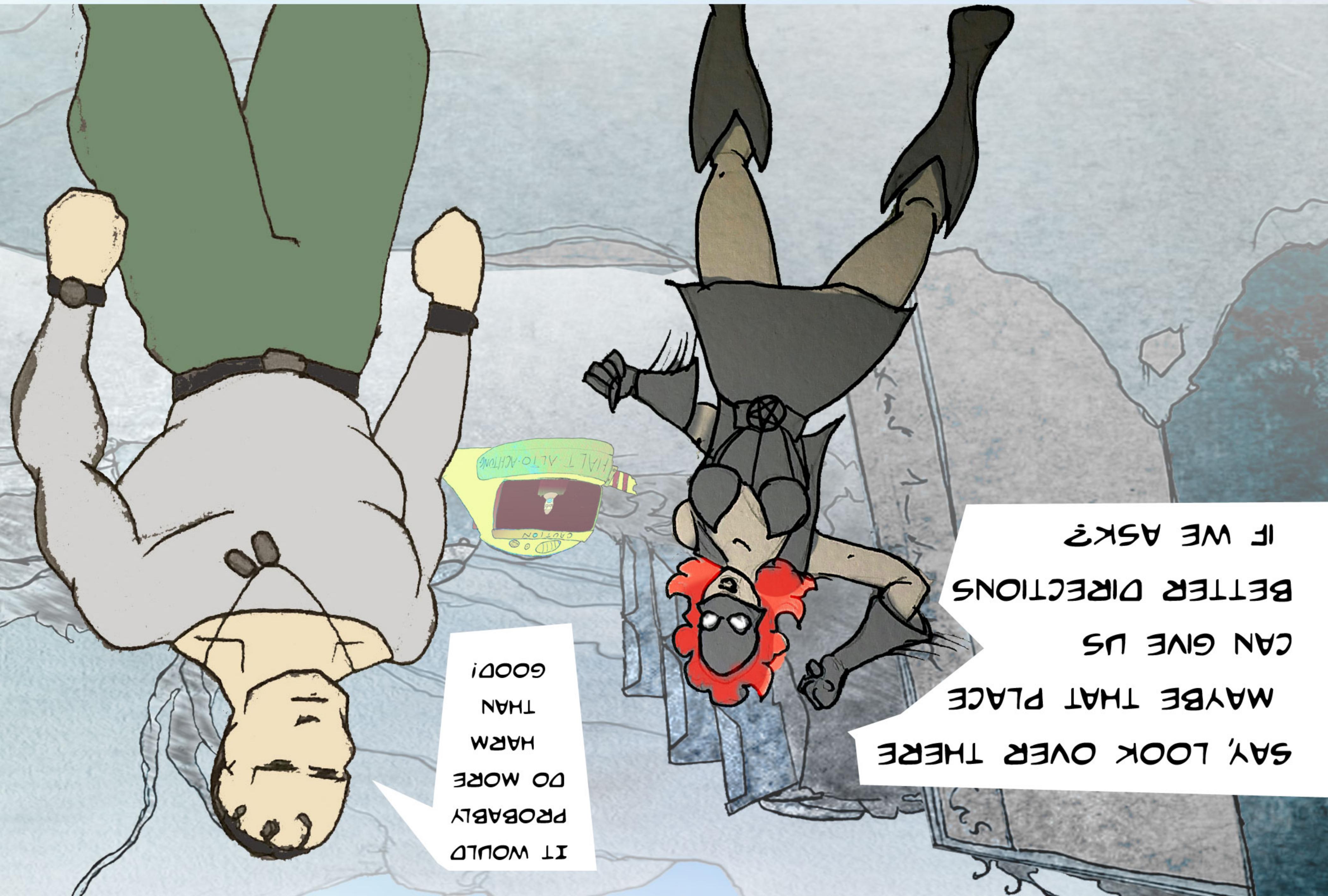




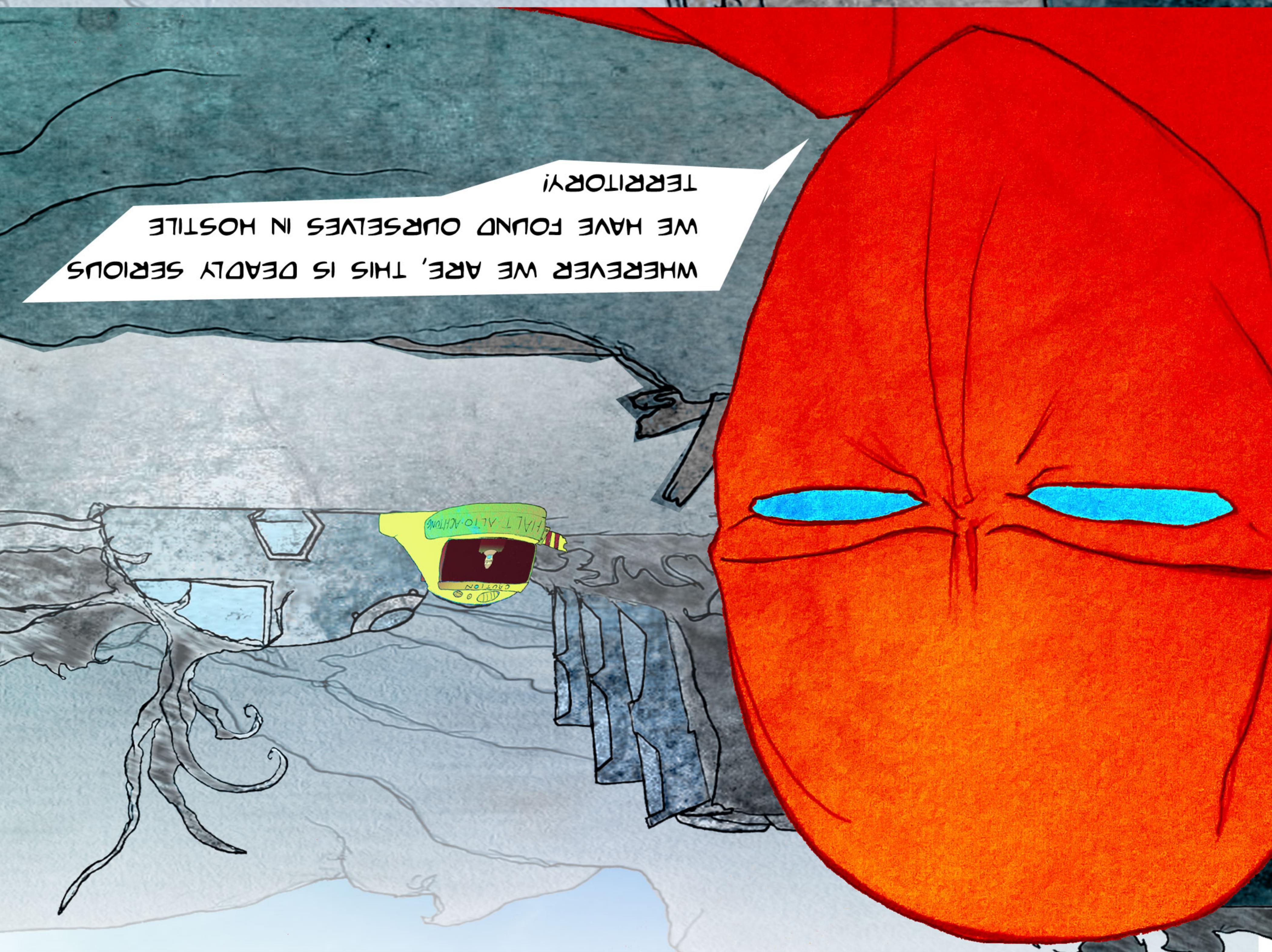
I THINK THAT WE SHOULD  
HESITATE BEFORE DOING  
ANYTHING THAT CAN'T  
BE UNDONE.



IT WOULD  
PROBABLY  
DO MORE  
HARM  
THAN  
GOOD!



SAY, LOOK OVER THERE  
MAYBE THAT PLACE  
CAN GIVE US  
BETTER DIRECTIONS  
IF WE ASK?



HAPPENS TO BE  
WHEN THIS PLACE  
ON WHERE OR  
EXACT CLARITY  
I CANNOT PROVIDE  
WENT TO, HOWEVER  
THAT GOLD TALON  
IN THE PLACE  
WE ARE IN FACT  
WERE PRECISE.  
MY CALCULATIONS

ANY ANSWERS?

DO YOU HAVE

PROFESSOR,



NO KIDDING, THOSE THINGS LOOK LIKE THEY NEED SPRAYED WITH SOME DDT.

WITH US  
QUARREL  
HAVE NO  
WARRIORS  
THESE  
LUCKILY

PASS A STATE HIGHWAY INSPECTION!

THAT THEY WOULD  
I DOUBT  
VEHICLES.  
STRANGE LOOKING

THEY GOT SOME

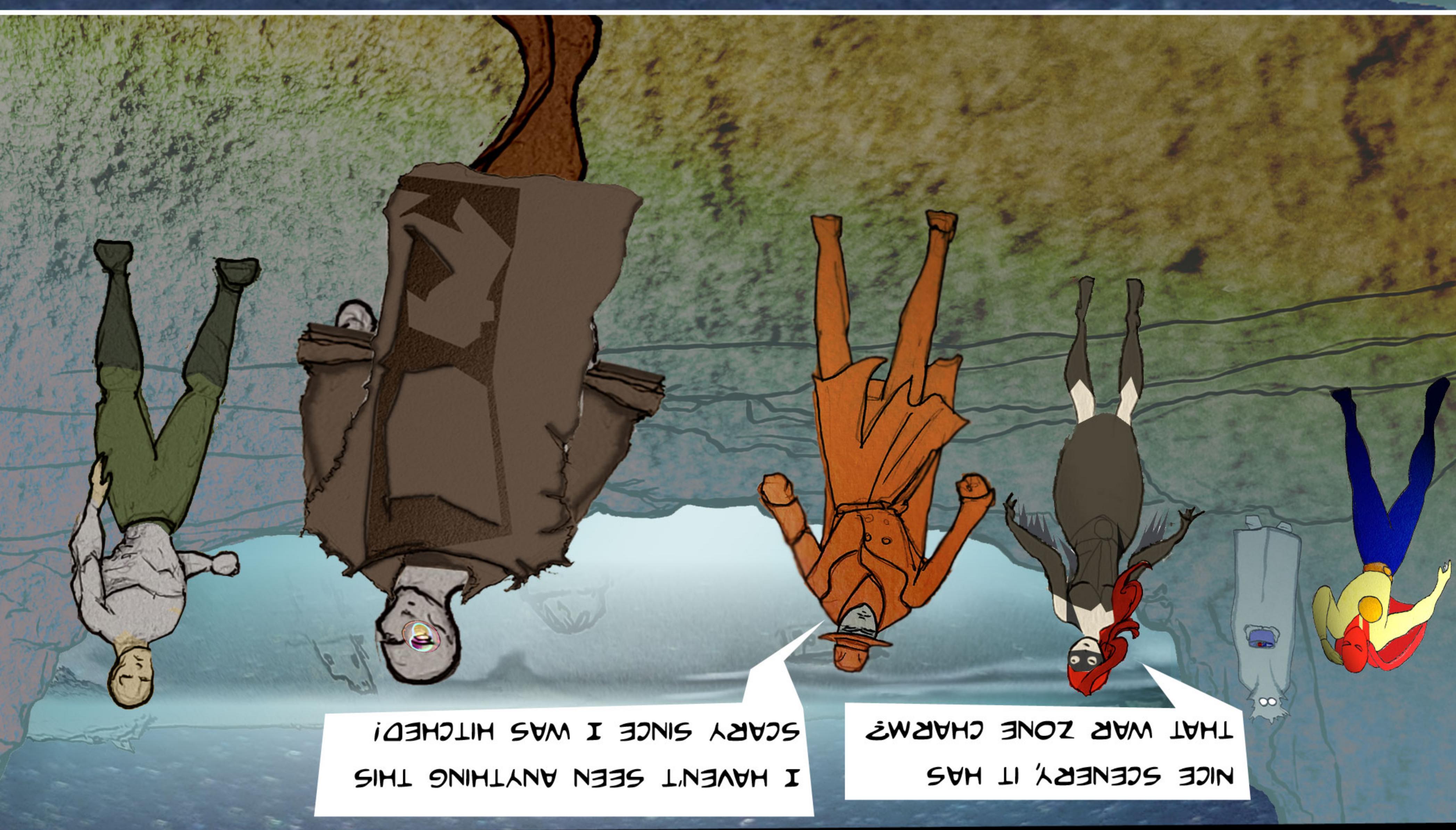
THESE CRAZY DIGS.

ISN'T HANGING AROUND

GOLD TALON SURE







After a disappointing detour, the Heroes of Liberty find themselves following their mysterious guide into ...

The Battle Lands.



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