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SUPER SCIENCE

CHAPTER ZERO



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HELLO. MY NAME IS FELICIA BARI. I'M THE ASSISTANT HEAD OF ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING FOR THE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT DIVISION HERE AT MONTAGUE INDUSTRIES.

IN CASE YOU DON'T REMEMBER, MONTAGUE INDUSTRIES IS ONE OF THE LARGEST ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY COMPANIES IN THE WORLD, WITH CLIENTS INCLUDING AMAZON, SPACEX, RAYTHEON, AND THE US GOVERNMENT, INCLUDING ALL FOUR BRANCHES OF THE ARMED SERVICES.

BUT ENOUGH ABOUT THAT. YOU'RE PROBABLY WONDERING WHAT YOU MISSED.

WELL, IT STARTED ABOUT TWO YEARS AGO.

"OVER LOS ANGELES COUNTY, AND 11 OTHER PLACES ON EARTH, FOR THREE DAYS THE SKY TURNED A BEAUTIFUL AMETHYST PURPLE. THE AMERICAN MEDIA CALLED IT 'THE AMETHYST INCIDENT.'"

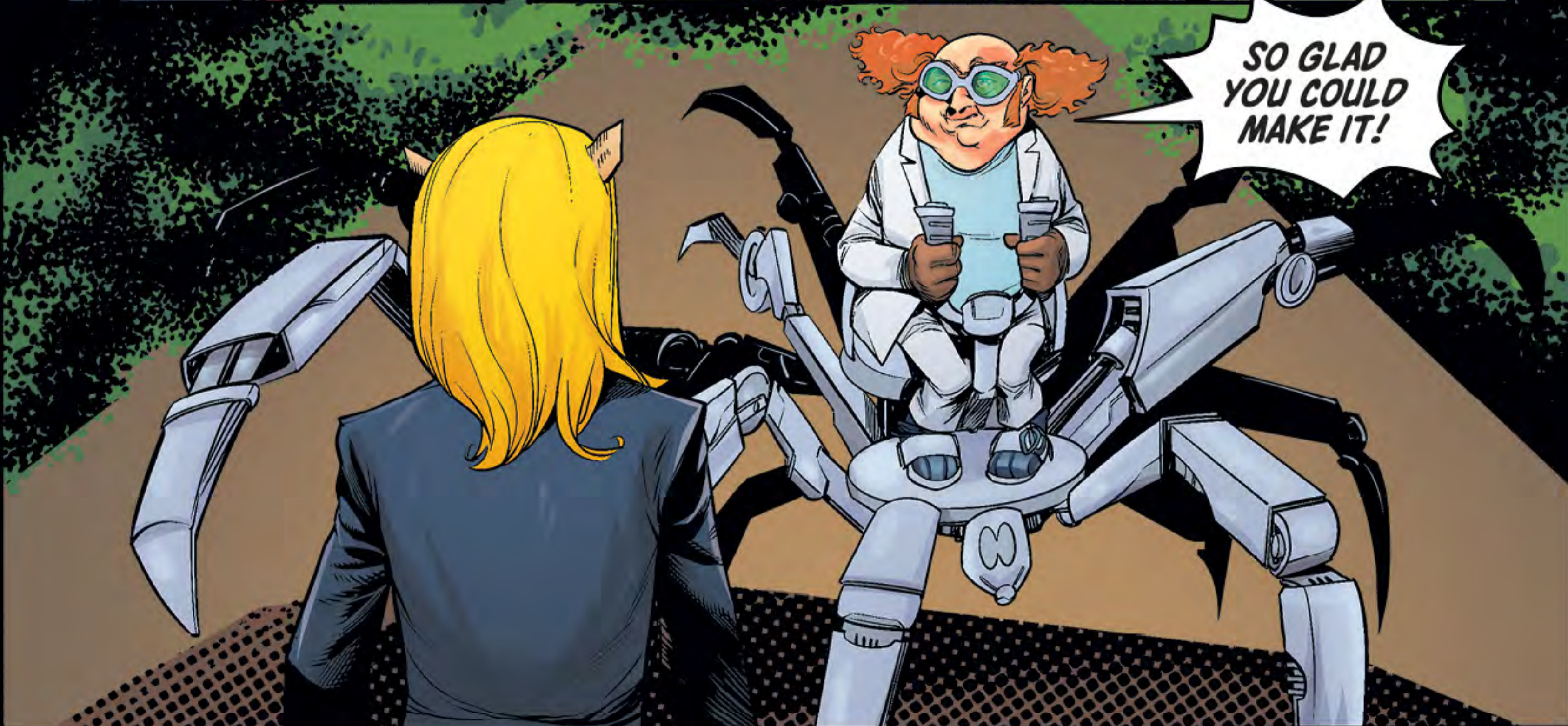
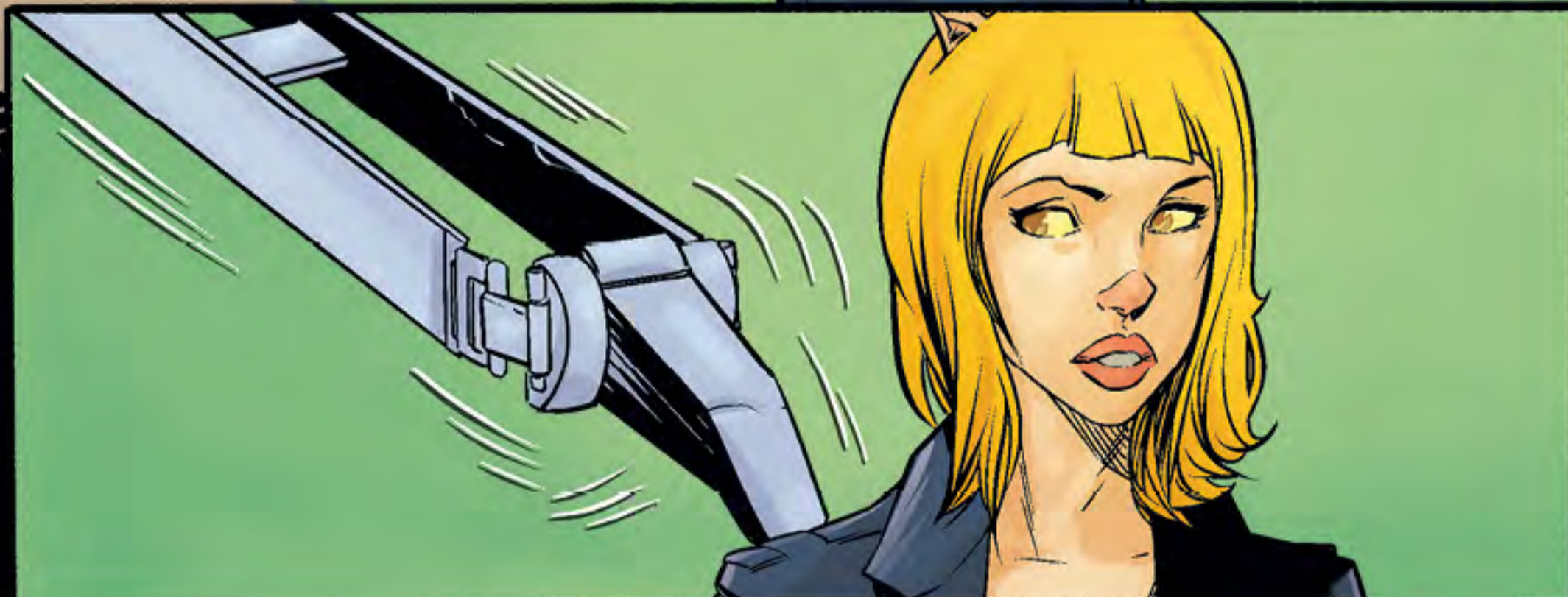
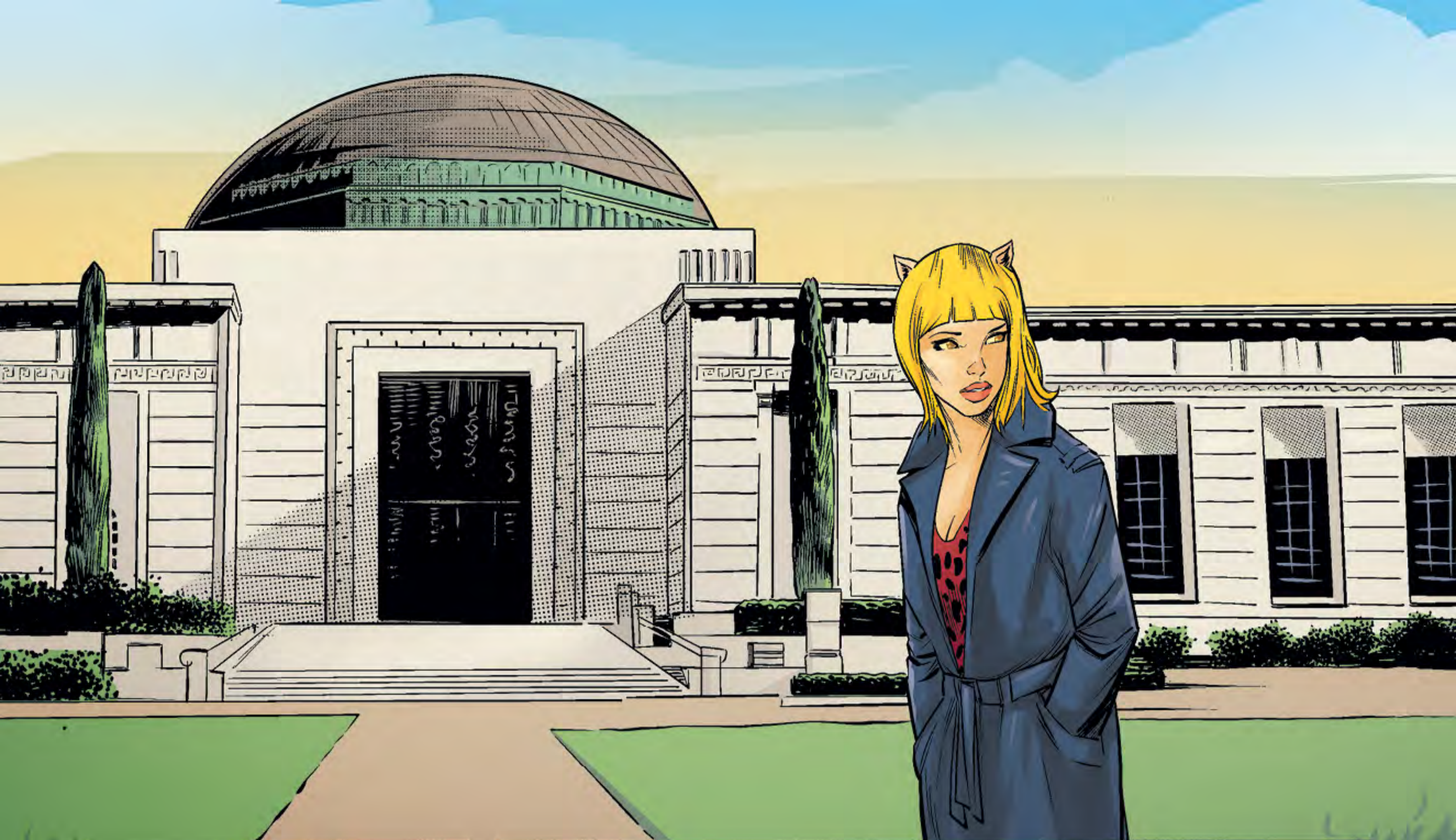
"THE EVENT IS CONSIDERED INEXPLICABLE. THE RESULTS, UNEXPLAINABLE."

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

"SCIENCE THAT HAD SEEMED IMPOSSIBLE BEFORE BECAME REAL OVERNIGHT."

"OUT OF NOWHERE, TINKERS, HIGH SCHOOL TEACHERS, TECH ENTHUSIASTS, AND PROFESSIONAL SCIENTISTS SUDDENLY HAD THE KNOWLEDGE AND DRIVE TO BUILD DEVICES AND MAKE INCREDIBLE SCIENTIFIC BREAKTHROUGHS. AND MANY OF THEM DID IT IN THEIR OWN HOME LABORATORIES."

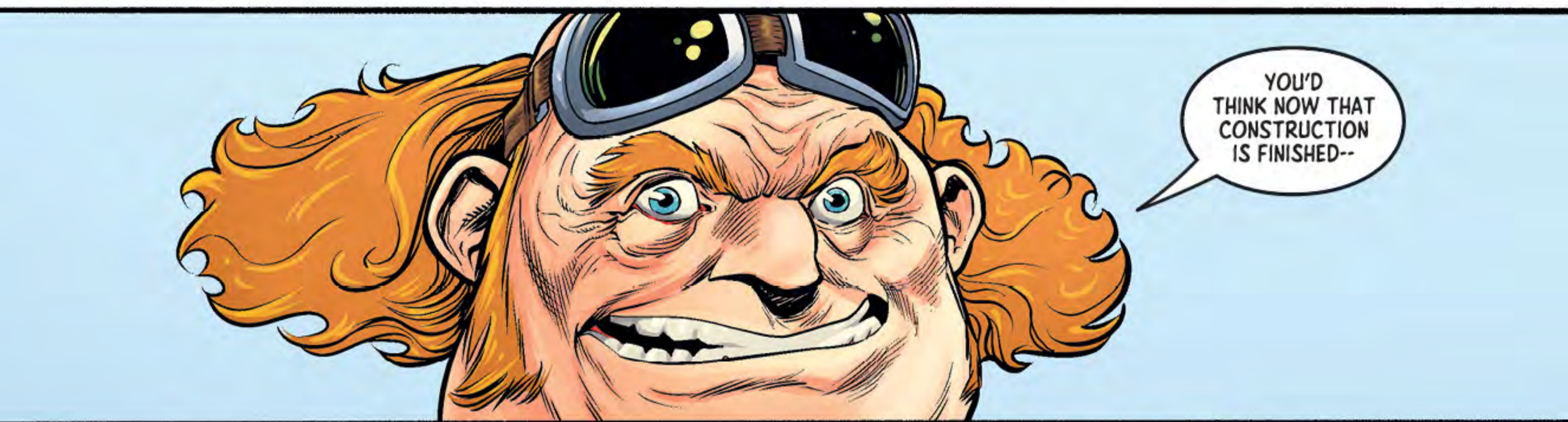
"THE NAME THAT WAS QUICKLY ADOPTED FOR THESE INDIVIDUALS WAS *VISIONEERS*. AND THEY CREATED WHAT MANY CONSIDERED MIRACLES."



SO GLAD YOU COULD MAKE IT!



NO, I'M SERIOUS. I'M GLAD YOU COULD MAKE IT. SORRY I'M LATE--YOU KNOW LA TRAFFIC. THE 101 WAS A MESS.



YOU'D THINK NOW THAT CONSTRUCTION IS FINISHED--



I GOT YOUR MESSAGE. WHY DID YOU WANT TO MEET WITH ME?



I'D LIKE TO HIRE YOU AS A **PROFESSIONAL**.

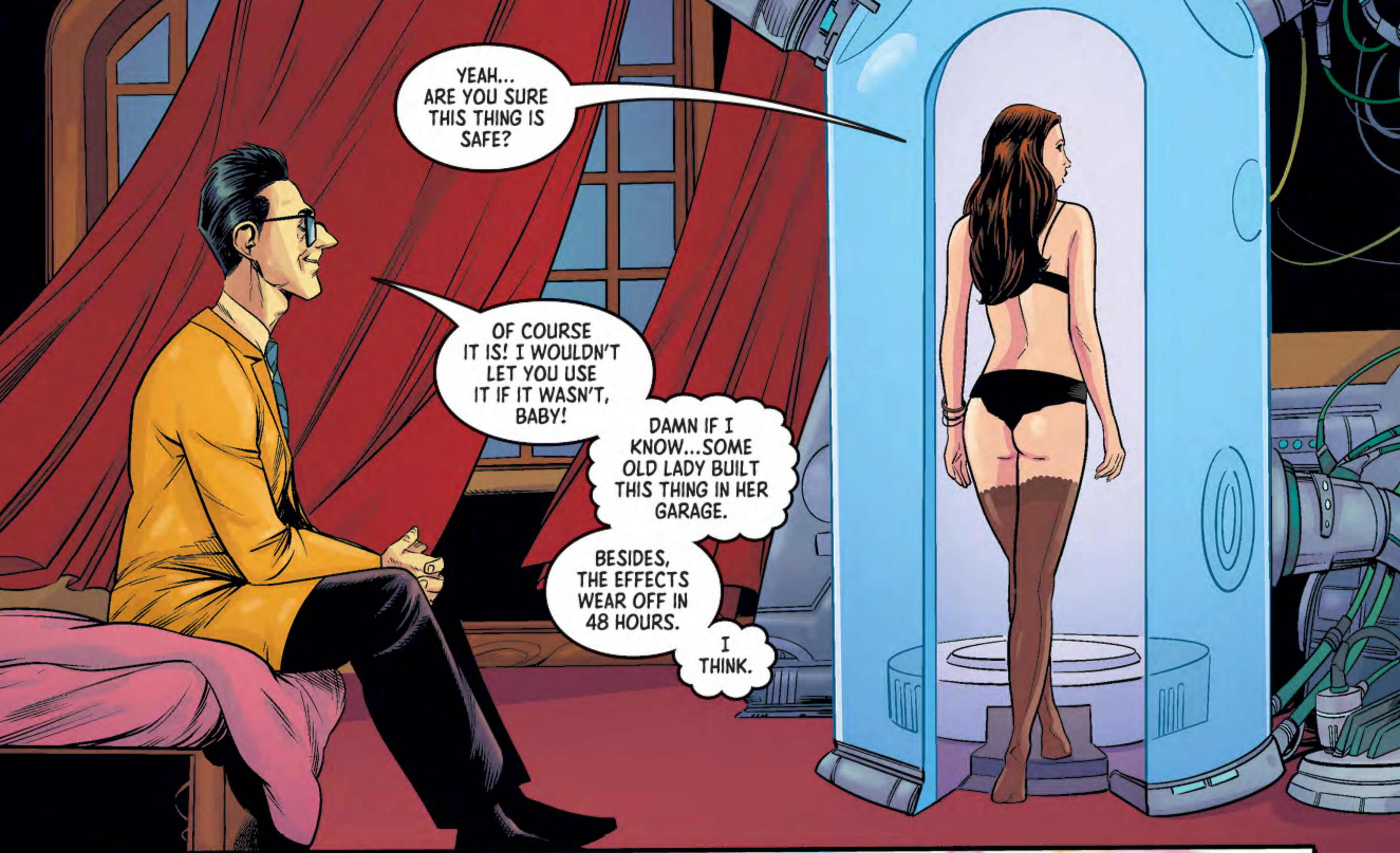
I'M SORRY, JUST BECAUSE I USED TO BE A CAM GIRL DOESN'T MEAN I'M A SEX WORKER. NO OFFENSE TO SEX WORKERS, BUT--



NO, NO, I'D LIKE TO HIRE YOU AS A **CAT BURGLAR**.



...IS THIS A STING OPERATION?



YEAH...
ARE YOU SURE
THIS THING IS
SAFE?

OF COURSE
IT IS! I WOULDN'T
LET YOU USE
IT IF IT WASN'T,
BABY!

DAMN IF I
KNOW...SOME
OLD LADY BUILT
THIS THING IN HER
GARAGE.

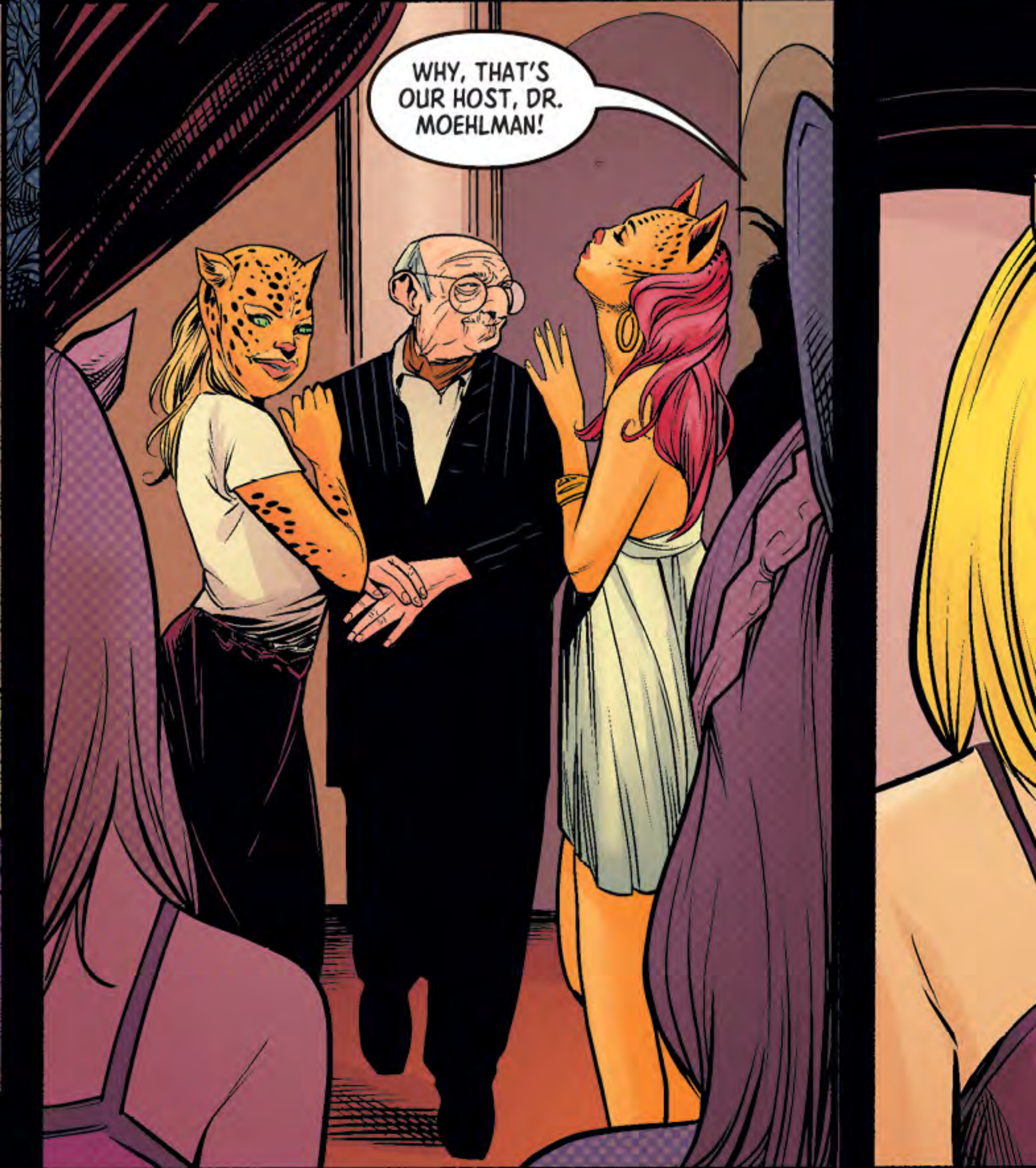
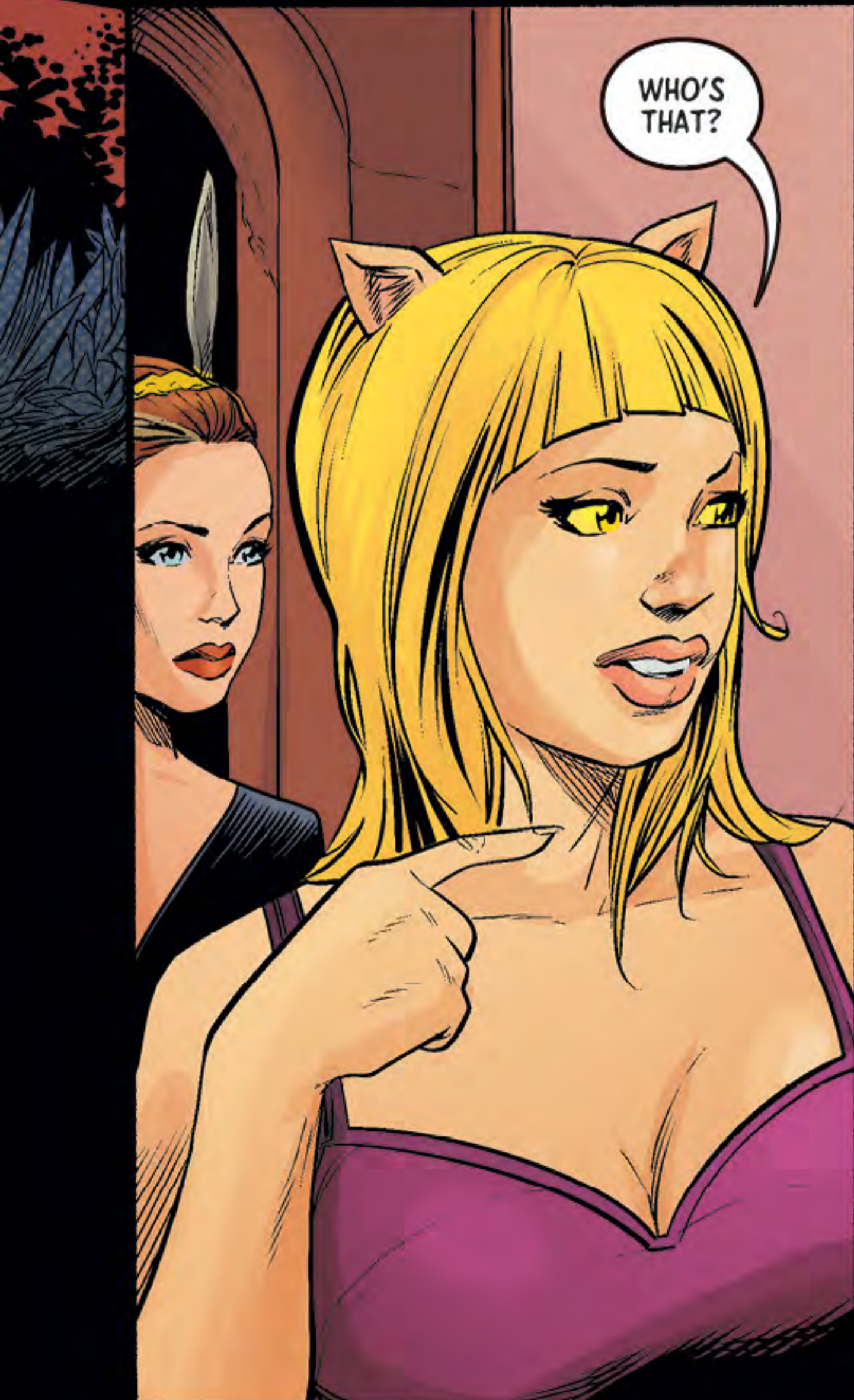
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THE EFFECTS
WEAR OFF IN
48 HOURS.

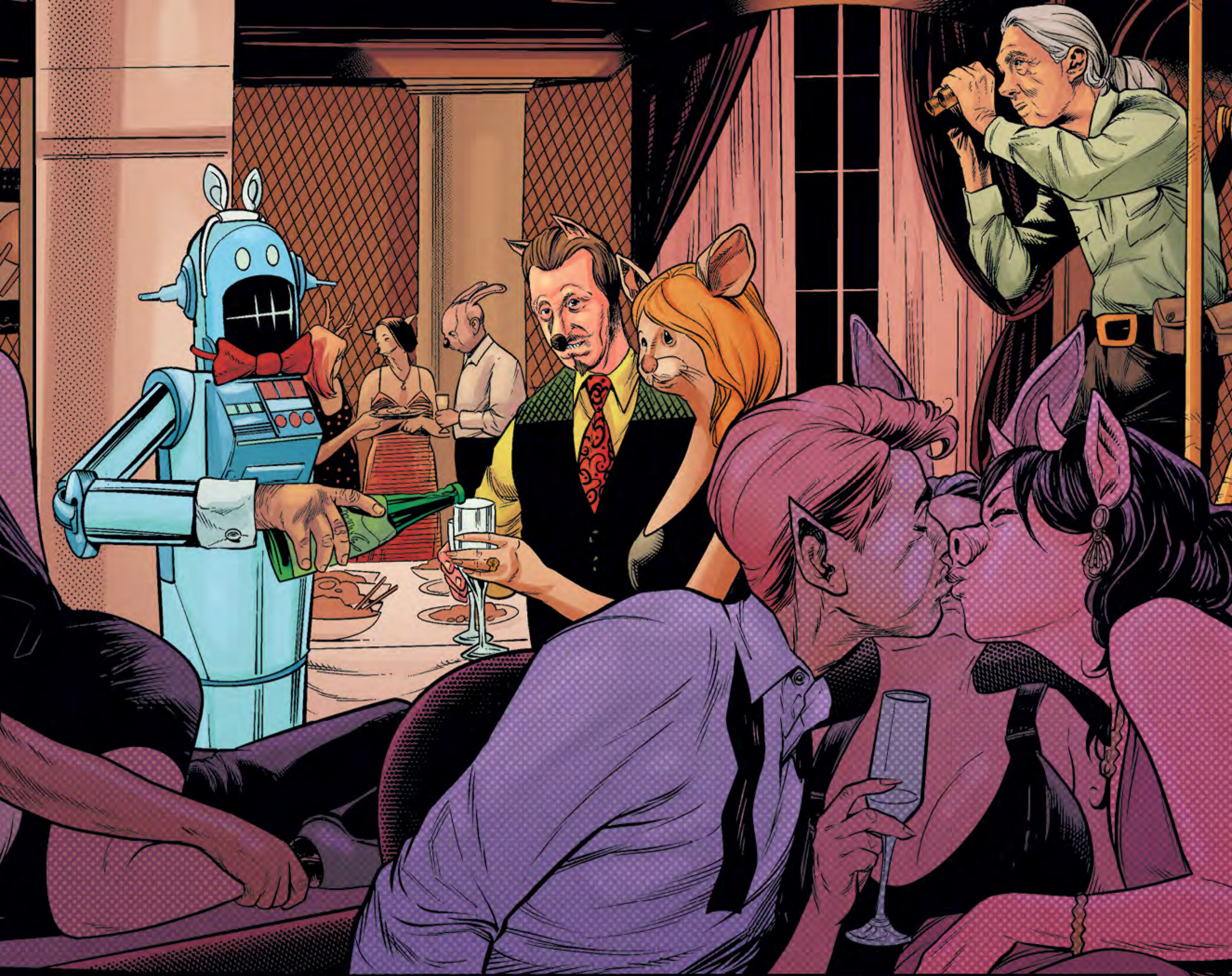
I
THINK.



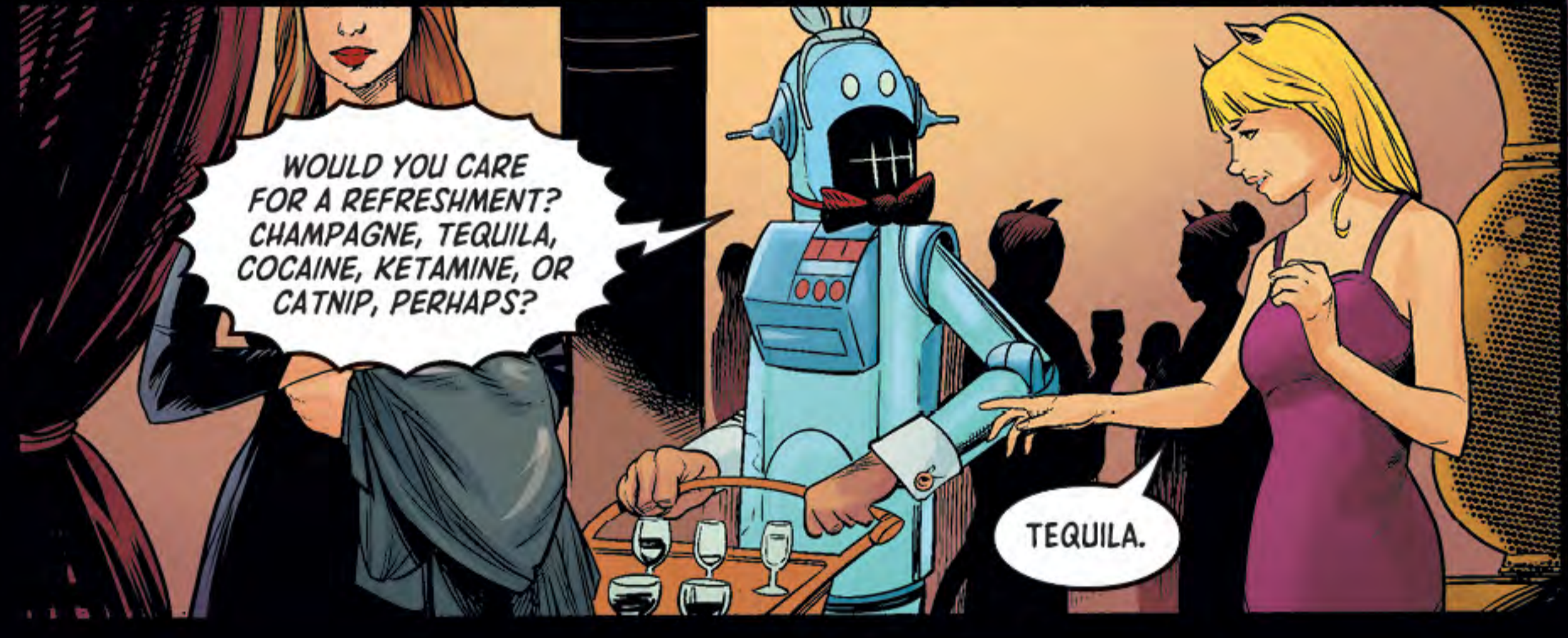
HOW DO
I LOOK?

SAY THE
LINE.





I ASSUMED HE WAS A MOLE... MAN.



WOULD YOU CARE FOR A REFRESHMENT? CHAMPAGNE, TEQUILA, COCAINE, KETAMINE, OR CATNIP, PERHAPS?

TEQUILA.



I'M NOT PAYING YOU TO SOCIALIZE. MAKE YOUR WAY TO HIS STUDY.

WHERE IS IT?

WHAT AM I, GOOGLE? ASK SOMEONE.