

THE RESCUE LEAGUE ACADEMY



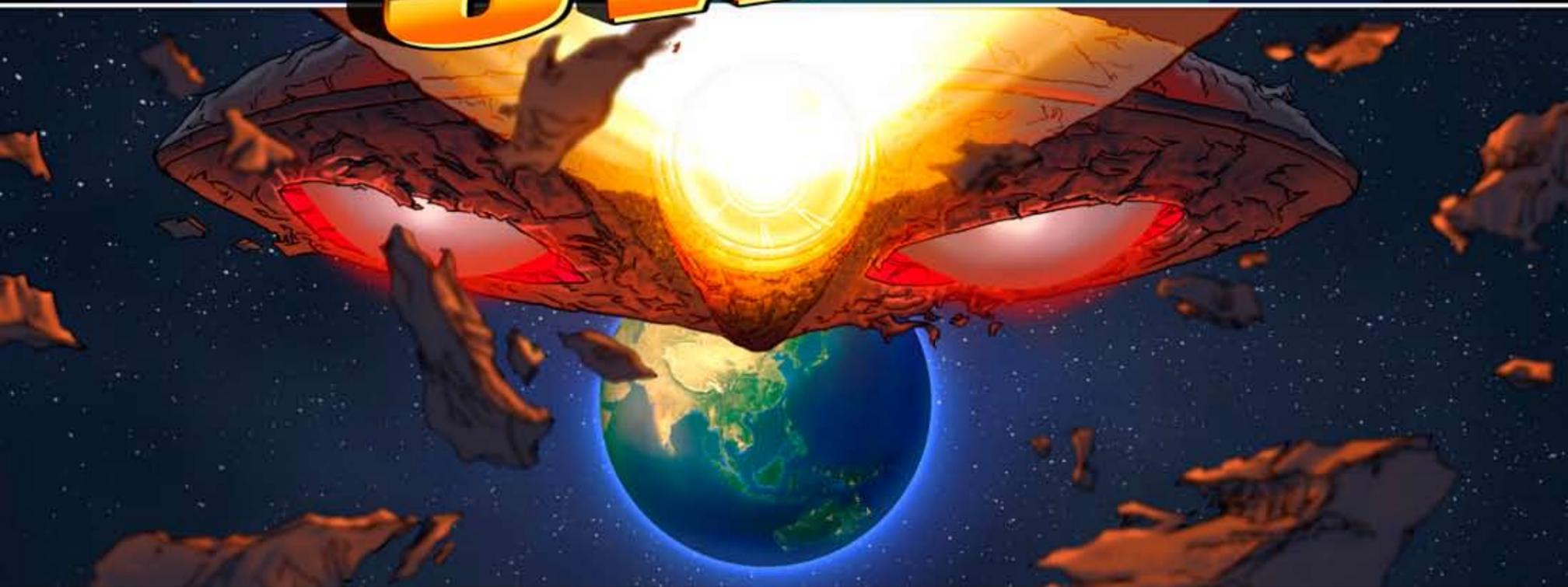
# SINK OR SWIM!



**SPECIAL EDITION WITH  
FLOOD SAFETY INSERT**

THE RESCUE LEAGUE ACADEMY  
IN

# SINK OR SWIM!



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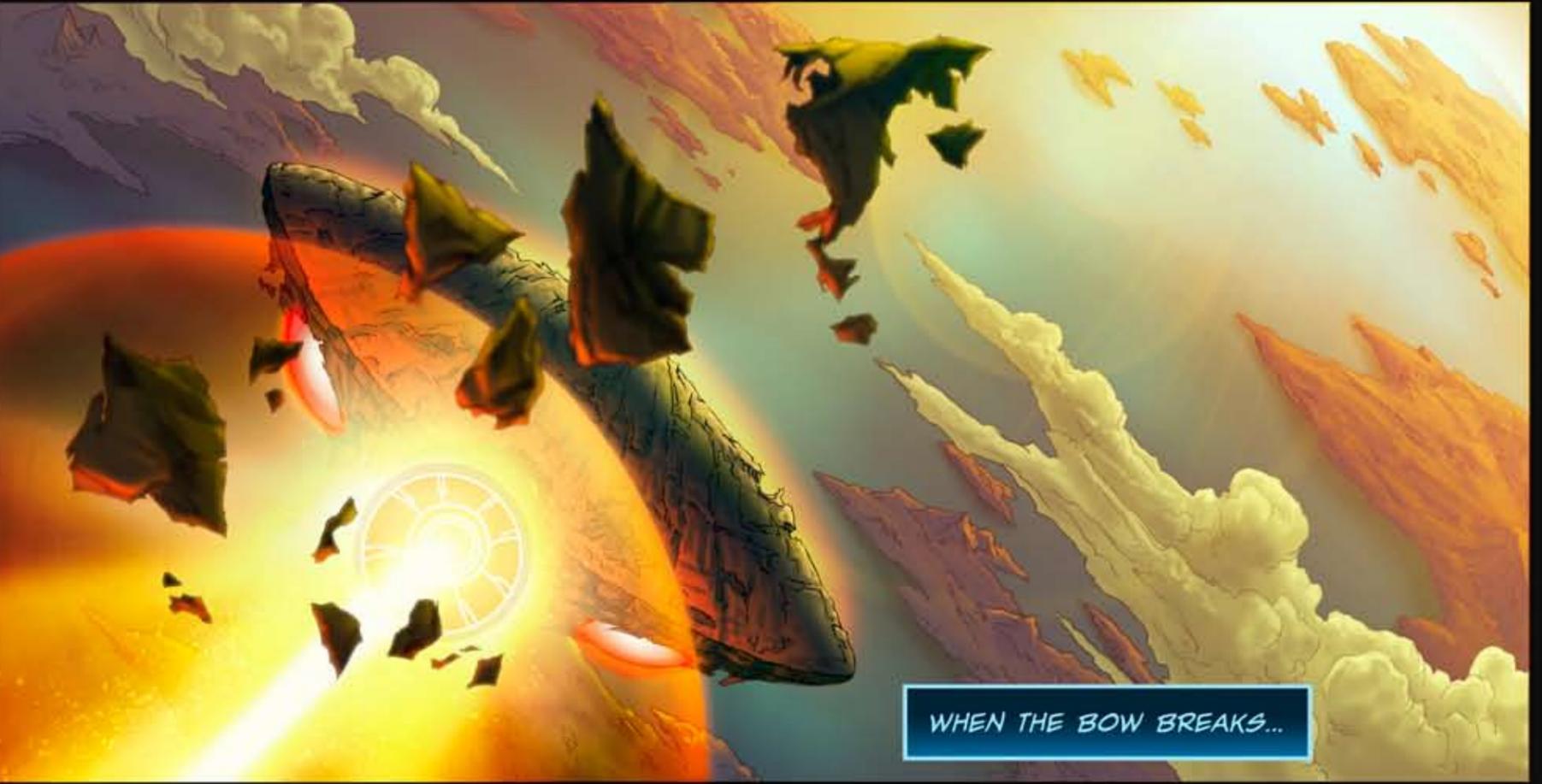
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THERE ARE CERTAIN  
EVENTS...

THAT WILL TAKE YOU  
BY SURPRISE.



WHEN THE BOW BREAKS...



THE CRADLE WILL  
INEVITABLY FALL.





IT'S ABOUT HAVING THE TOOLS TO KEEP THOSE AROUND YOU OUT OF HARMS WAY.



ITS ABOUT HAVING THE TOOLS TO PROTECT THEM.



AND GET THEM TO SAFETY.



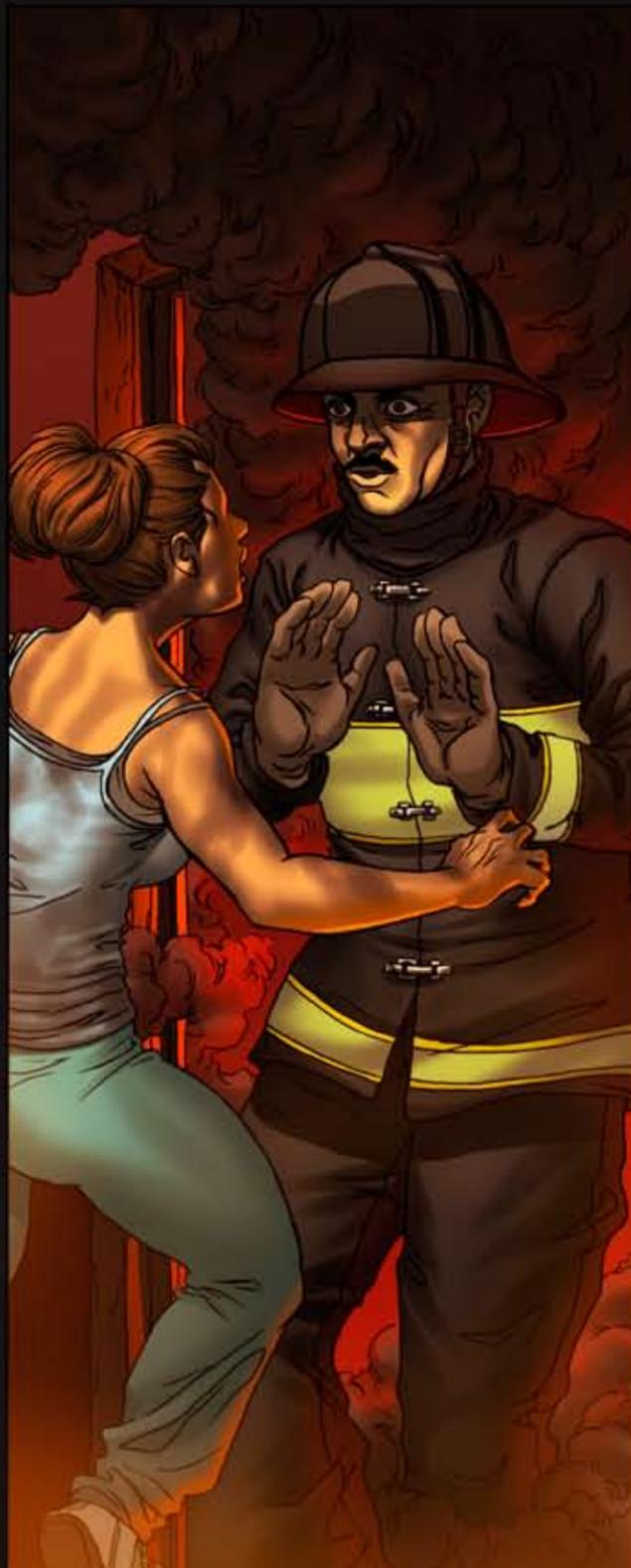
IT'S ABOUT BEING ABLE TO ADAPT TO THE FRANTIC PACE OF AN EMERGENCY SITUATION.



ASSESS IT.



AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION.



AS YOU REVIEW THE FOOTAGE  
HERE, KNOW THAT THIS IS THE  
MAIN PURPOSE OF THE RLA.



THE HEART OF ITS TEACHINGS.



IT IS MY HOPE THAT THE INSTRUCTION  
YOU'VE RECEIVED THESE FOUR YEARS  
HAVE PREPARED YOU FOR EVENTS SUCH  
AS THE ONE YOU SEE BEFORE YOU.

DATE: AUGUST 4TH, 2034. TIME: 5:45PM.  
LOCATION: TEXAS.



THIS WAS THE DAY THE  
RESCUE LEAGUE WAS BORN.

DATE: MAY 23RD, 2077. TIME: 9:15AM.  
LOCATION: THE RESCUE LEAGUE ACADEMY.

IT WAS THE DAY HUMANITY  
CAME TOGETHER WITH A  
GROUP OF REBEL ALIENS...

THE TRILLIONS.



WITH OUR SPECIES'  
SHARED KNOWLEDGE  
AND TECHNOLOGY,

WE COMMITTED TO  
POLICE THE GALAXY.

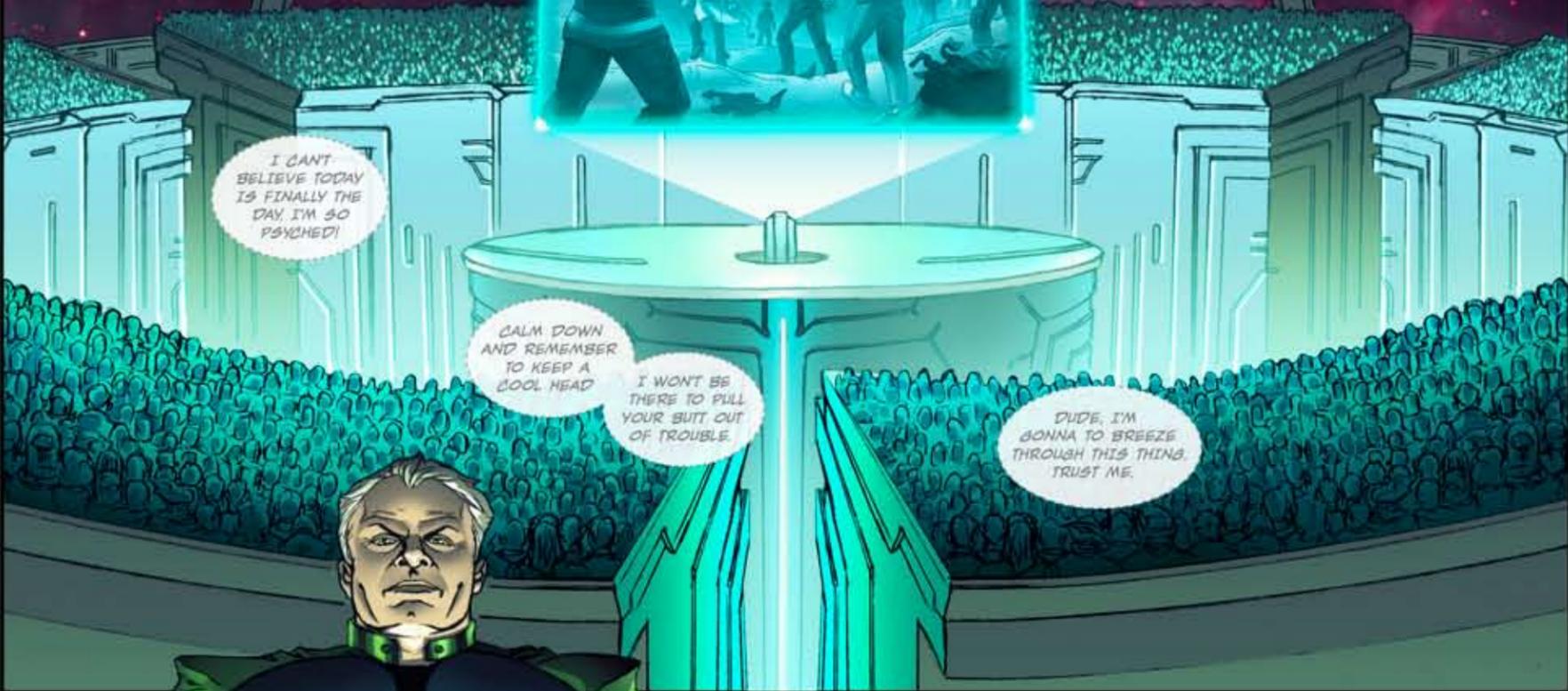
AND PROTECT ALL SPECIES  
FROM DISASTERS SUCH  
AS THIS.

I CANT  
BELIEVE TODAY  
IS FINALLY THE  
DAY. I'M SO  
PSYCHED!

CALM DOWN  
AND REMEMBER  
TO KEEP A  
COOL HEAD

I WONT BE  
THERE TO PULL  
YOUR BUTT OUT  
OF TROUBLE.

DUDE, I'M  
GONNA TO BREEZE  
THROUGH THIS THING.  
TRUST ME.



JUST LIKE  
THE BRAVE MEN  
AND WOMEN WHO  
WERE SELECTED TO  
LEAD THE R.L.A. HAD TO  
PROVE THEMSELVES  
WORTHY,

YOU MUST  
NOW DO THE  
SAME.

YOUR  
'FINAL EXAM'  
BEGINS  
NOW.

YOU ARE  
TO REPORT TO THE  
TRANS-PODS, WHERE  
YOUR ASSIGNMENTS  
AWAIT YOU.



GOOD  
LUCK YOUNG  
HEROES.

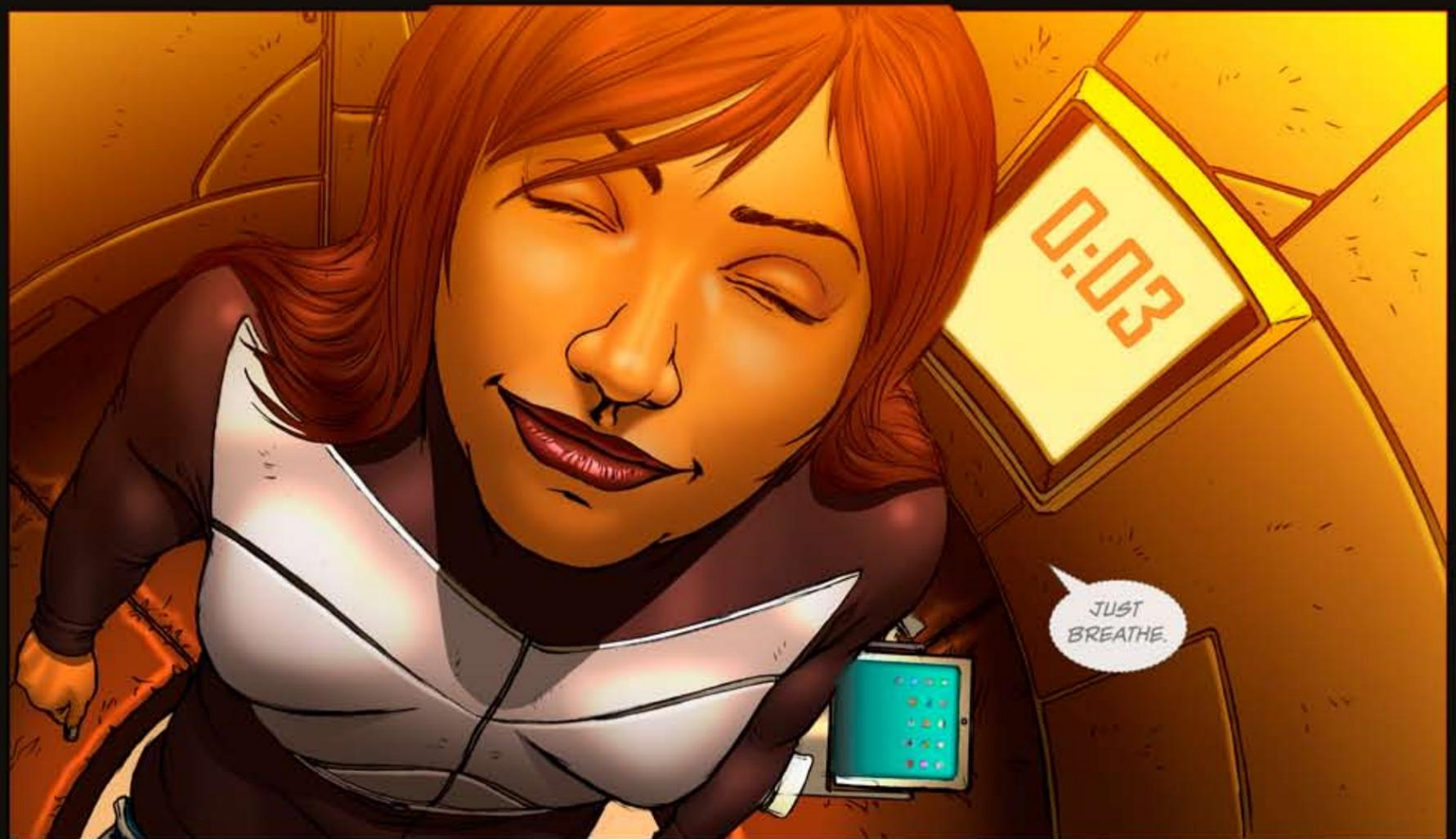


WELL HERE'S  
HOPING I GET SENT  
BACK TO THE 70'S.  
DISCO INFERNO  
BABY!

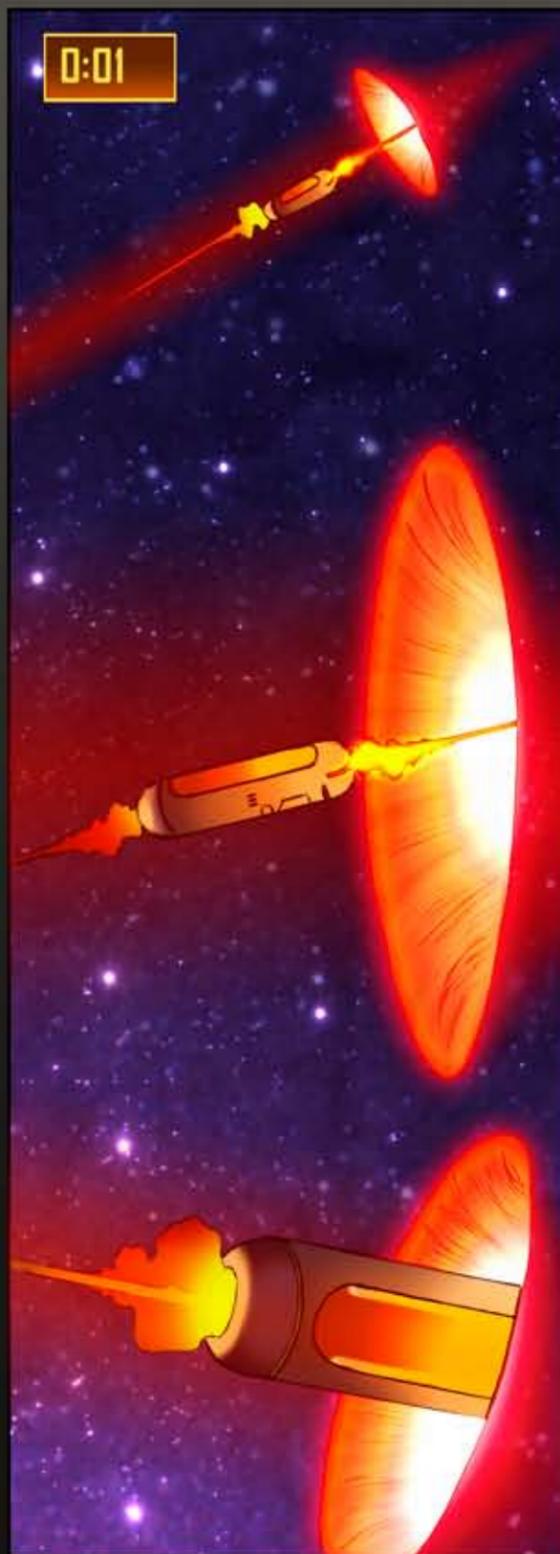


I SHUDDER AT  
THE KIND OF SUPER-  
HERO YOU'RE GONNA  
BECOME.

SEE YOU ON  
THE OTHER SIDE  
MAN, GOOD  
LUCK!



JUST  
BREATHE.



DATE: MAY 23RD, 2012. TIME: 9:37AM.  
LOCATION: EARTH'S ORBIT.

CADET BIANCA JOHNSON  
A.K.A. 'BLUE SCOUT' YOUR FINAL  
EXAM BEGINS NOW.

YOU'VE BEEN SHUNTED TO  
THE PLANET EARTH IN ITS YEAR  
2012. YOUR EXAM TASK IS  
TO SAVE A CERTAIN HUMAN LIFE.

THE IDENTITY OF THE  
HUMAN WILL NOT BE REVEALED  
TO YOU, SINCE A HERO MUST BE  
VIGILANT AT ALL TIMES.

YOU WILL BE  
STRIPPED OF YOUR SUPERHUMAN  
ABILITIES, SINCE A HERO MUST  
BE POWERFUL APART FROM  
THEIR ABILITIES.

YOU WILL BE  
UNDERCOVER, POSING AS  
A LOCAL TEENAGER IN  
YOUR DESIGNATED EARTH  
TOWNSHIP.

YOUR S-PAD HAS  
BEEN UPDATED FOR  
EMERGENCIES. DO YOU  
HAVE ANY QUESTIONS?

NO, I'M  
READY.

GOOD LUCK  
'BLUE SCOUT'.

TIME: 4 MONTHS LATER  
LOCATION: LOCAL PARK.



YEAH!  
NOT IN MY  
HOUSE.

WOW, THAT  
GAME LOOKS  
AWESOME.

I SOOO  
WANT ONE. LOOK  
AT THOSE  
GRAPHICS.



WHAT'S  
GOING ON  
OVER HERE?

WHOA THIS  
IS AWESOME.  
WHOSE IS IT?



JERK  
MUCH?!!

NAH DUDE,  
I ACTUALLY CAME  
OVER TO SEE

IF YOU  
GUYS WANTED  
TO WALK HOME  
TOGETHER,

Y'KNOW SINCE  
THE STORM'S  
COMING IN.

WELL AREN'T  
YOU JUST THE  
GENTLEMAN.

WHENEVER  
I CAN BE.



HEY GUYS, I REALLY GOTTA GO. MY MOM'S BEING WEIRD ABOUT THE WEATHER. SHE HEARD THERE'S A BIG STORM COMING.

HEY SONNY, ARE YOU THE NEW REPORTER FOR 'LATENEWS.COM'? I JUST SAID THAT.



REALLY COMMITTING TO THAT 'JERK' THING HUH?



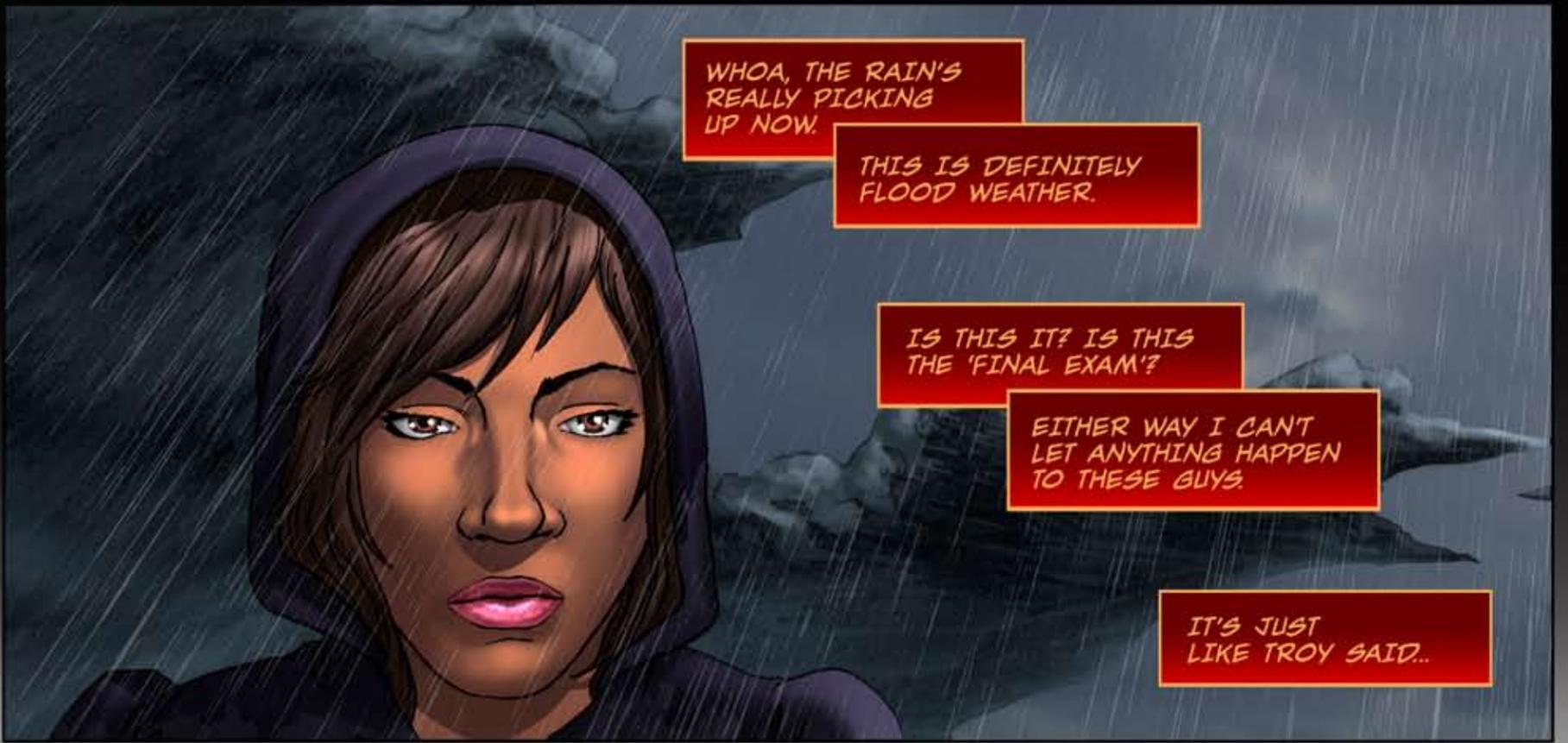
I HATE STORMS.

I'M ONLY A FEW MINUTES AWAY IF YOU GUYS WANT TO HANG AT MY PLACE UNTIL IT PASSES.

OH YEAH!



YOUR PLACE HAS THE BEST JUNK FOOD!



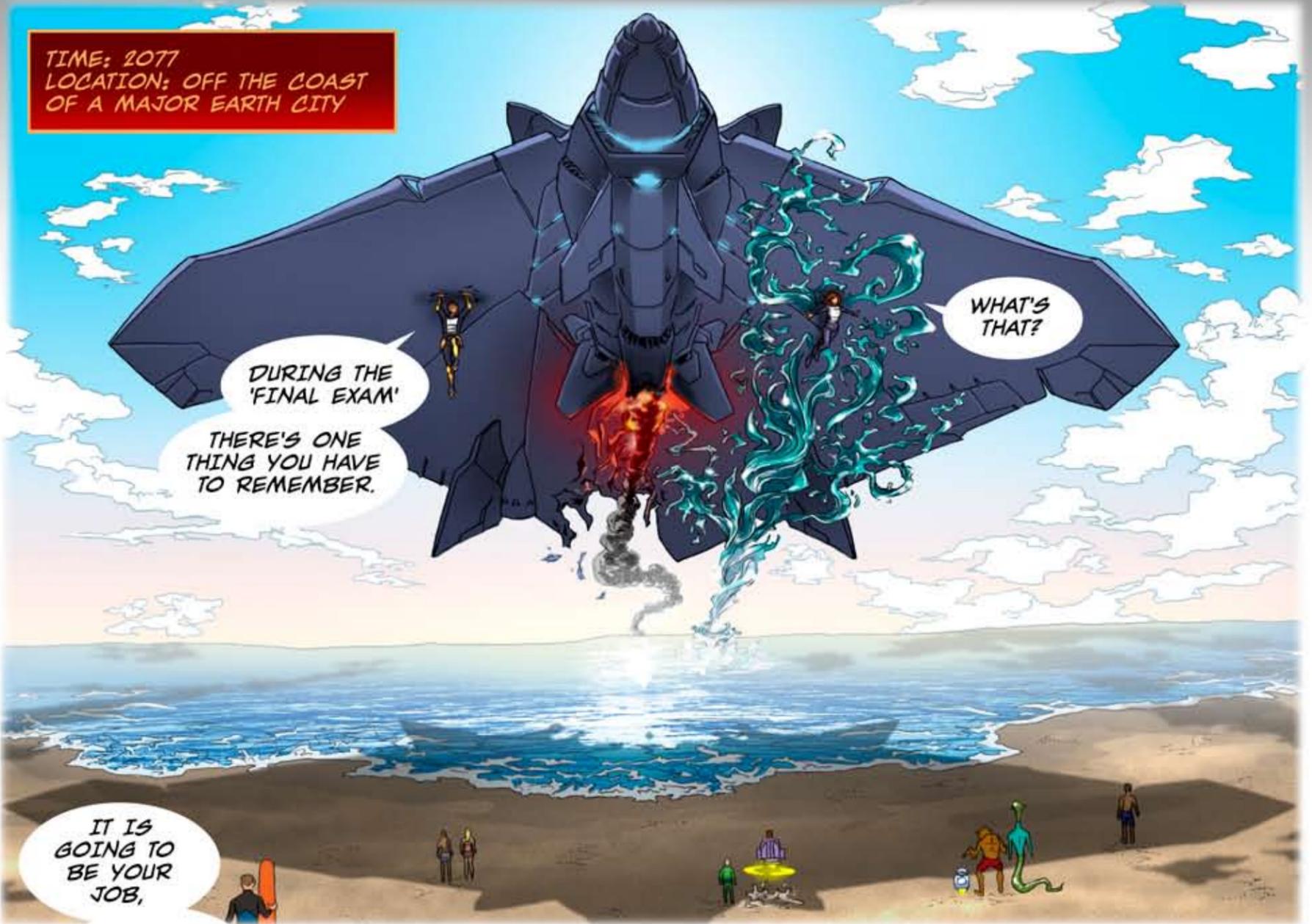
WHOA, THE RAIN'S REALLY PICKING UP NOW.

THIS IS DEFINITELY FLOOD WEATHER.

IS THIS IT? IS THIS THE 'FINAL EXAM'?

EITHER WAY I CANT LET ANYTHING HAPPEN TO THESE GUYS.

IT'S JUST LIKE TROY SAID...



TIME: 2077  
LOCATION: OFF THE COAST OF A MAJOR EARTH CITY

DURING THE 'FINAL EXAM'  
THERE'S ONE THING YOU HAVE TO REMEMBER.

WHAT'S THAT?

IT IS GOING TO BE YOUR JOB,

NOT ONLY TO PROTECT PEOPLE...

BUT ALSO TO ACT AS THEIR GUIDE.



BACK TO 2012...



WHY ARE WE STOPPING?

I DON'T THINK IT'S A GOOD IDEA TO CROSS THROUGH THAT WATER. WE SHOULD GO AROUND IT.

SERIOUSLY?! THAT WATER DOESN'T LOOK MORE THAN A FEW INCHES HIGH.

SHAWN IS RIGHT.

EVEN WATER THAT'S AS LOW AS 6 INCHES CAN KNOCK YOU OFF YOUR FEET.

IT MAY ALSO CAUSE CARS TO HYDROPLANE IF THEY'RE GOING OVER A CERTAIN SPEED.

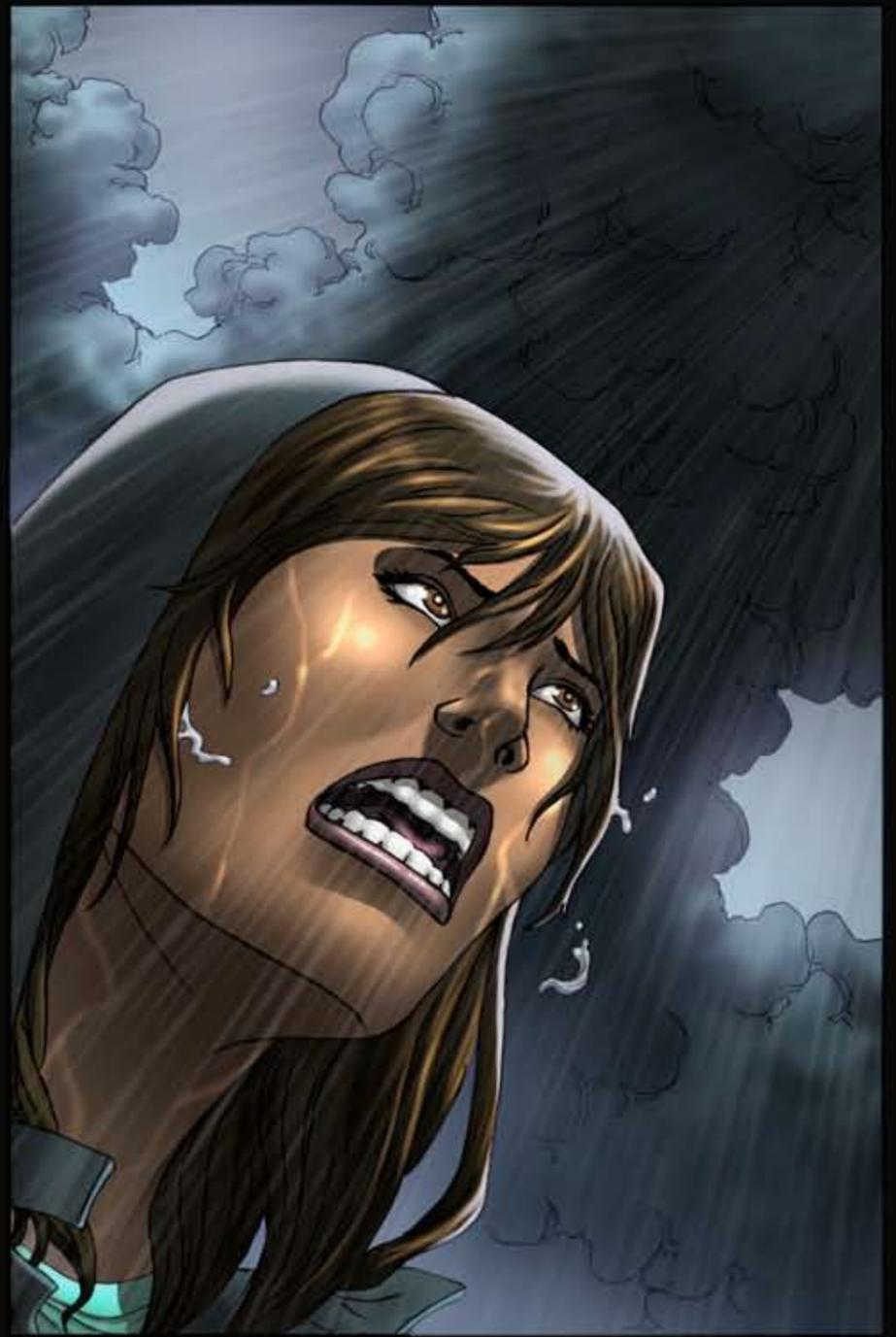


SINCE WHEN DID YOU BECOME THE RENOWNED AUTHORITY ON PUDDLES OF WATER?



I JUST GOOGLED IT SMART GUY.







BIANCA I  
HAVE 911 ON  
THE PHONE!

ARE YOU THERE?  
A CAR JUST LOST  
CONTROL AND IS HANGING  
OFF A BRIDGE!

ARE YOU OK?



YEAH, WE'RE FINE  
BUT DRIVER OF THE CAR  
IS STILL IN THERE.

TELL THE DRIVER  
HE OR SHE NEEDS  
TO GET OUT NOW  
IF POSSIBLE.

EVERYONE  
NEEDS TO GET  
OFF THE BRIDGE.

IF THE WATER  
STARTS FLOWING OVER  
IT, YOU CAN ALL BE  
SERIOUSLY HURT.

BE CAREFUL WHERE  
YOU STEP BECAUSE  
YOU WON'T SEE IT IF  
THE ROAD STARTS TO  
COLLAPSE UNDERWATER.

I'VE DISPATCHED  
THE FIRE DEPARTMENT  
AND THEY WILL BE THERE  
AS SOON AS THEY CAN.  
EVERYONE NEEDS TO  
GET TO A SAFE AREA.







...UNDER A THUNDERSTORM WARNING AND FLASH FLOOD WARNING. SEEK IMMEDIATE SHELTER. DO NOT DRIVE OR WALK IN FLOODED AREAS NO MATTER HOW SHALLOW THE WATER APPEARS. CONSIDER MOVING TO HIGHER GROUND IF YOU LIVE NEAR A CREEK OR OTHER WATER SOURCE.

BE PREPARED. SECURE YOUR HOME. LOCK ALL DOORS AND WINDOWS. GATHER UP FRESH WATER AND NON-PERISHABLE FOOD.



## severe weather

NEXT, GATHER YOUR FLASHLIGHTS, BATTERIES, AND CANDLES IN CASE OF A POWER OUTAGE. MAKE SURE YOU HAVE A FIRST AID KIT, MEDICATIONS, COPIES OF PERSONAL DOCUMENTS, CELL PHONES AND CHARGERS. A COMPLETE LIST OF THESE ITEMS MAY BE FOUND AT [READY.GOV](http://READY.GOV)

PLEASE REMEMBER TO STAY OUT OF FLOODED AREAS, 6 INCHES OF WATER CAN KNOCK YOU OFF YOUR FEET AND 2 FEET OF WATER CAN CAUSE YOUR CAR TO FLOAT OR BE SWEEPED OFF THE ROAD. ALSO, FLOOD WATERS COULD CONTAIN GASOLINE, RAW SEWAGE, DOWNED POWER LINES, SNAKES OR OTHER HAZARDS THAT--

**BREAKING NEWS**

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WE SHOULD HAVE EVACUATED, WE SHOULD HAVE HAD A PLAN TO MEET SOMEWHERE ELSE HIGHER AND AWAY FROM THE CREEK...

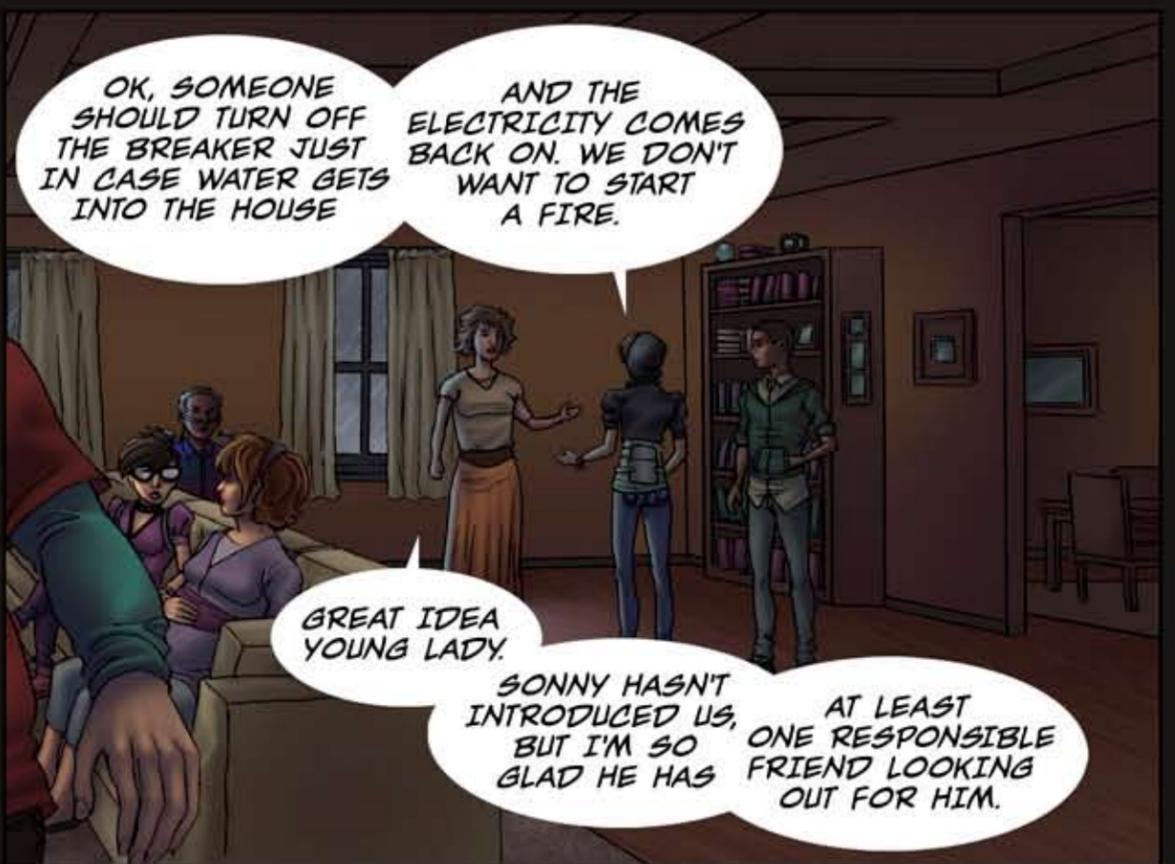


OK GUYS WE SHOULDN'T PANIC. WE JUST NEED TO FIND THE FLASHLIGHTS AND CANDLES.

BIANCA'S RIGHT. MRS. EDWARDS, WHERE DO YOU GUYS KEEP THE BATTERIES AND FLASHLIGHTS?



I GOT IT MOM, I KNOW WHERE THEY ARE.



OK, SOMEONE SHOULD TURN OFF THE BREAKER JUST IN CASE WATER GETS INTO THE HOUSE

AND THE ELECTRICITY COMES BACK ON. WE DON'T WANT TO START A FIRE.

GREAT IDEA YOUNG LADY.

SONNY HASN'T INTRODUCED US, BUT I'M SO GLAD HE HAS

AT LEAST ONE RESPONSIBLE FRIEND LOOKING OUT FOR HIM.



SORRY MA'AM, I'M BLUE--UH BIANCA.

NICE TO MEET YOU, EVEN UNDER THESE CRAZY CIRCUMSTANCES.



IS THERE ANYTHING I CAN HELP WITH?

I THINK WE SHOULD START PICKING SOME OF THIS FURNITURE UP. WATER IS STARTING TO SEEP IN UNDER THE DOOR.

I'LL GIVE YOU A HAND.

DUDE, HOW IS THIS HAPPENING?!!

DON'T PANIC, JUST HELP US MOVE SOME OF THIS FURNITURE.

A FEW HOURS LATER.



IT'S STOPPED RAINING...

BUT THE WATER IS STILL RISING AND WE CAN'T SIT HERE ANY LONGER. WE HAVE TO HEAD UPSTAIRS.



HELLO! HEYYY!  
HELLPPPP US!!!!  
**HELLPPPP!!!!**





OK WE WILL HEAD OVER ONE AT A TIME. I'M GOING TO TAKE THE SICK FIRST. CAN HE WALK?



YES, BUT PLEASE TAKE HER FIRST, SHE'S PREGNANT.

OK, MA'AM NICE AND EASY.



MOMENTS LATER...



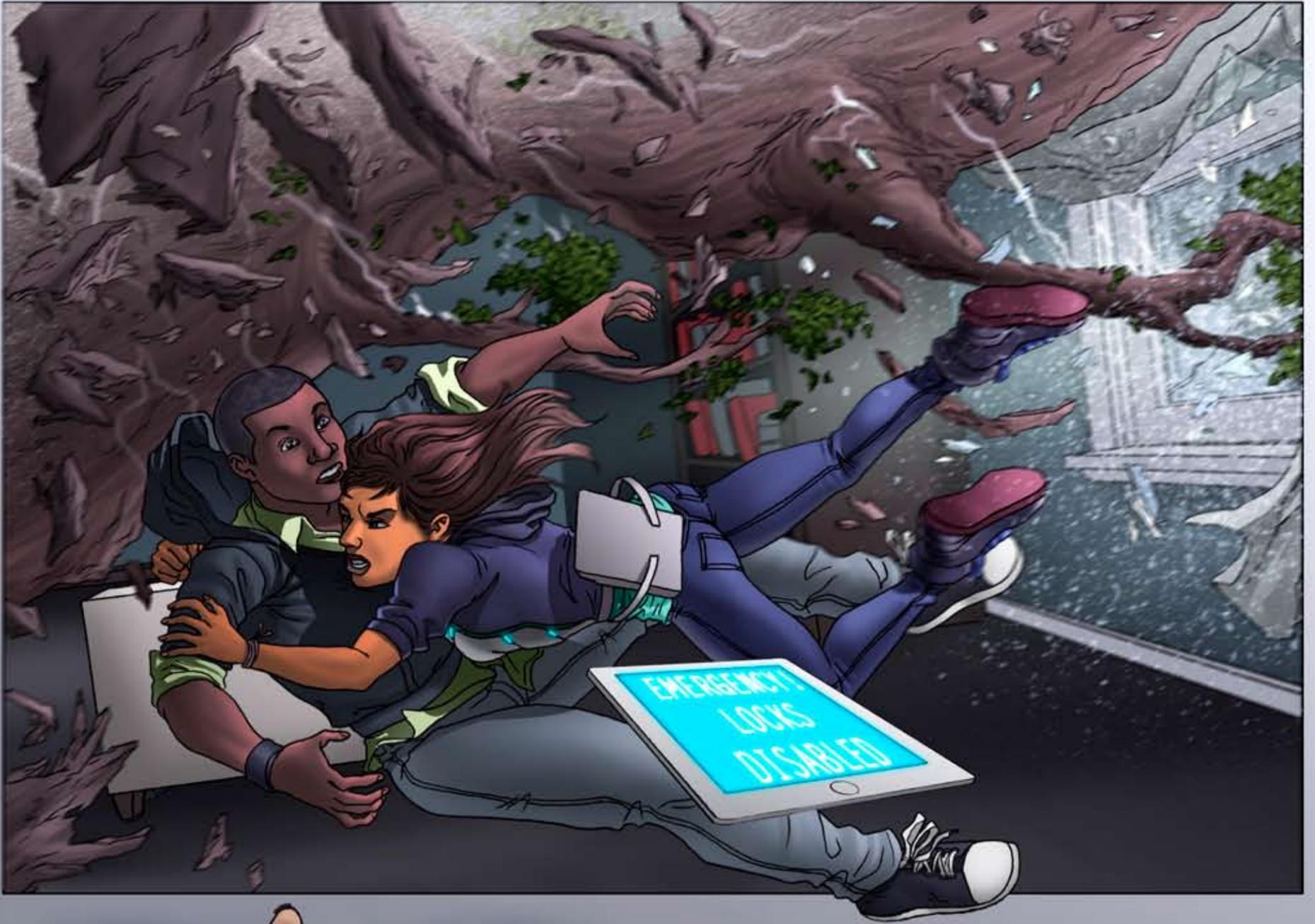
GUYS  
WATCH OUT!

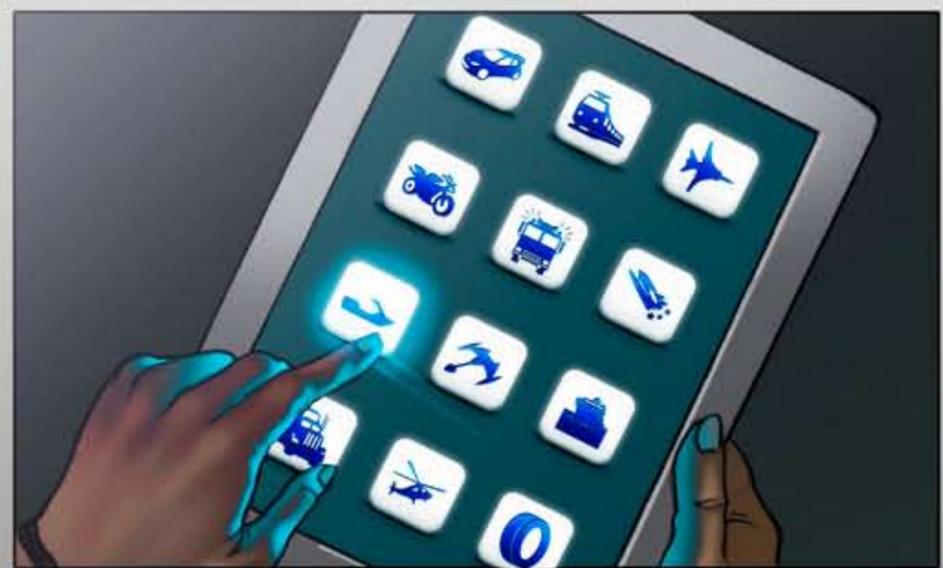


OH NO!

CRASH!!!







WHAT IS THIS!!!!???



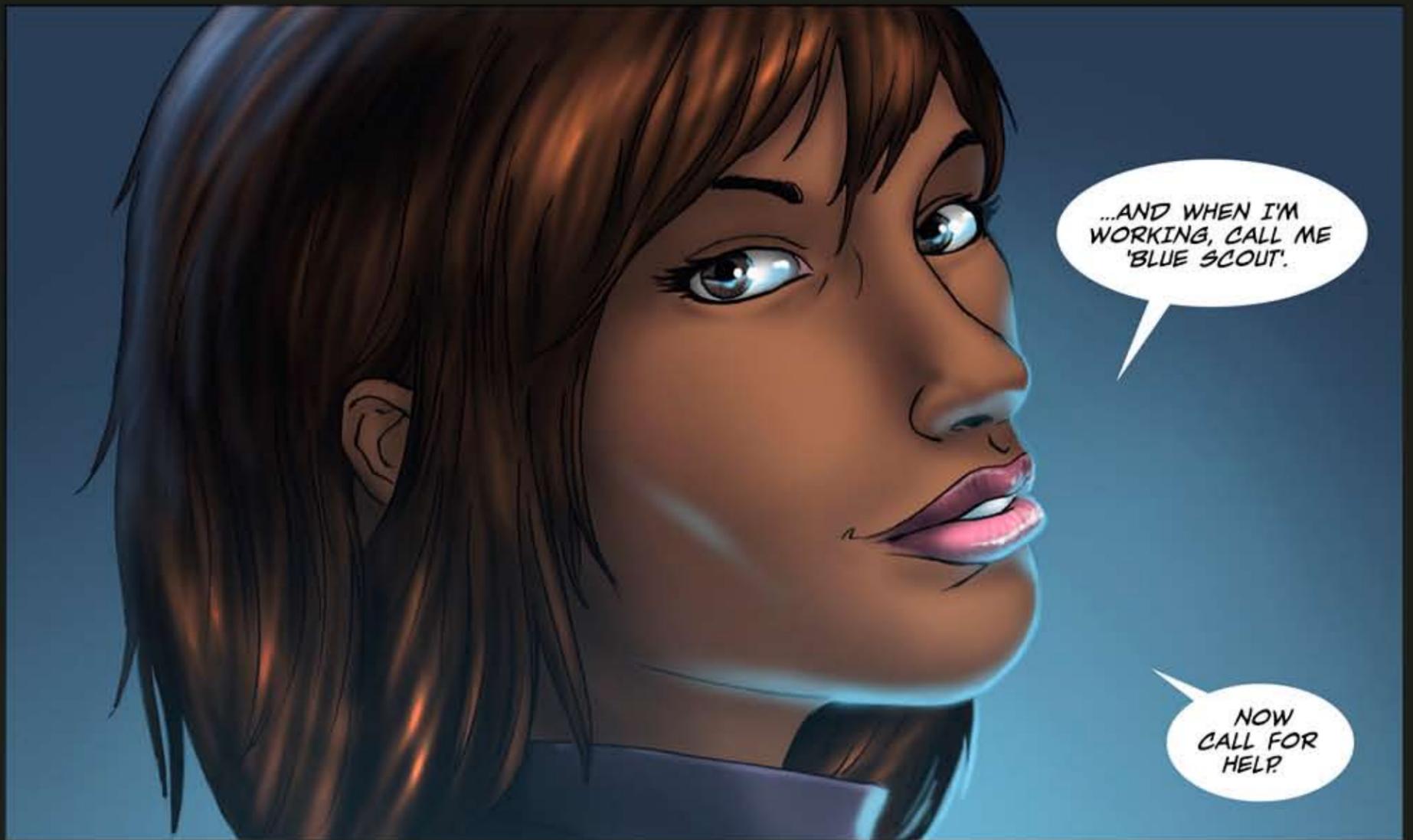
HEY, YOU'RE  
BEING SAVED BY A  
SUPERHERO, ENJOY  
THE RIDE!!!



BIANCA,  
WHAT ARE YOU  
DOING?!

DRIVE US  
TO THE TRUCK  
DUDE!

TRUST ME  
SHAWN,  
WE DON'T  
WANT THOSE GUYS  
KNOWING ABOUT WHAT  
JUST HAPPENED.



...AND WHEN I'M  
WORKING, CALL ME  
'BLUE SCOUT'.

NOW  
CALL FOR  
HELP.



HEY! OVER  
HERE!!  
**HELP!**



WHAT THE  
HECK...?!



YOU OK DUDE?

I THINK SO, BUT WHAT HAPPENED?

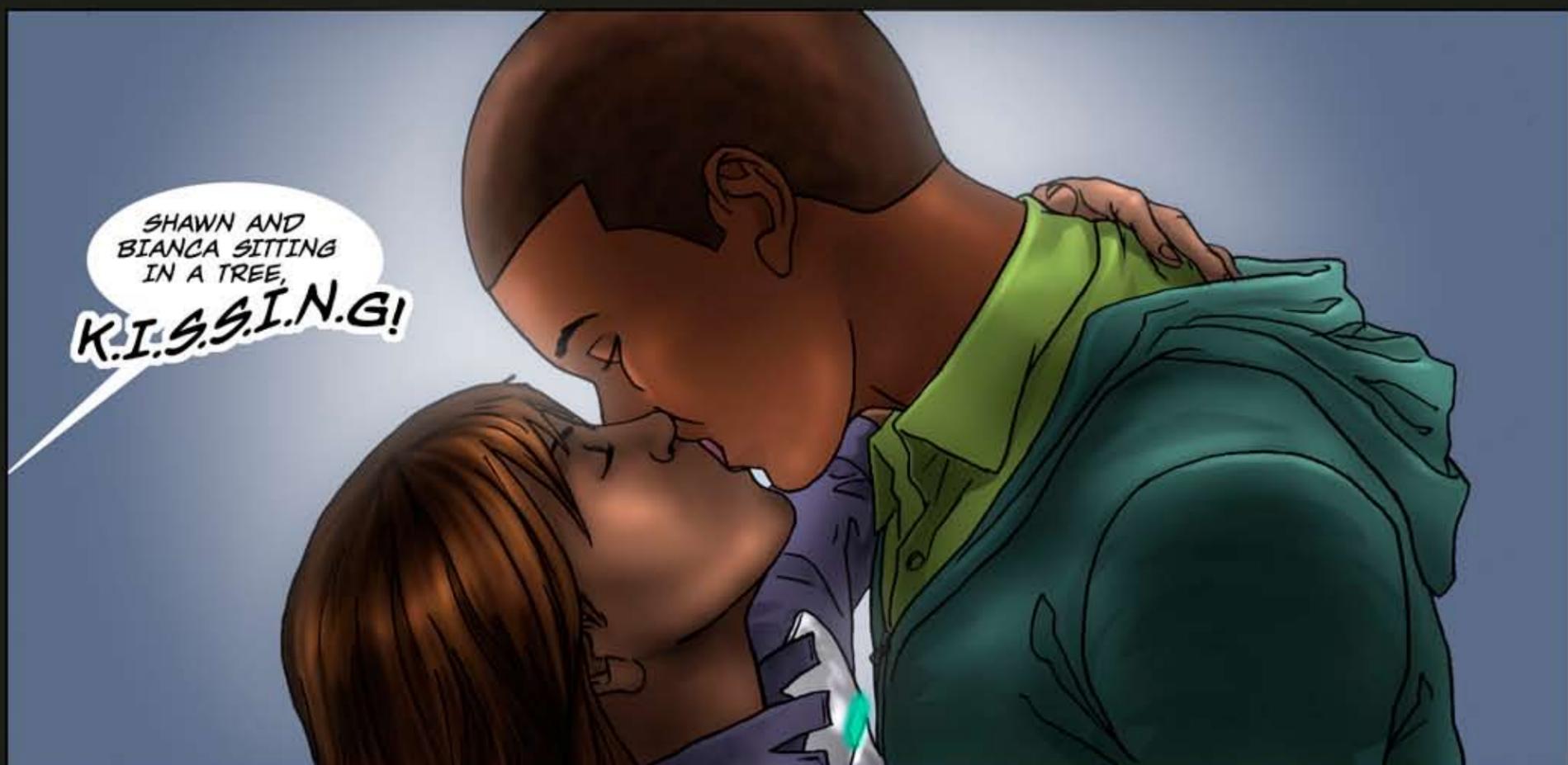
HOW CAN YOU DO ALL OF THOSE THINGS?



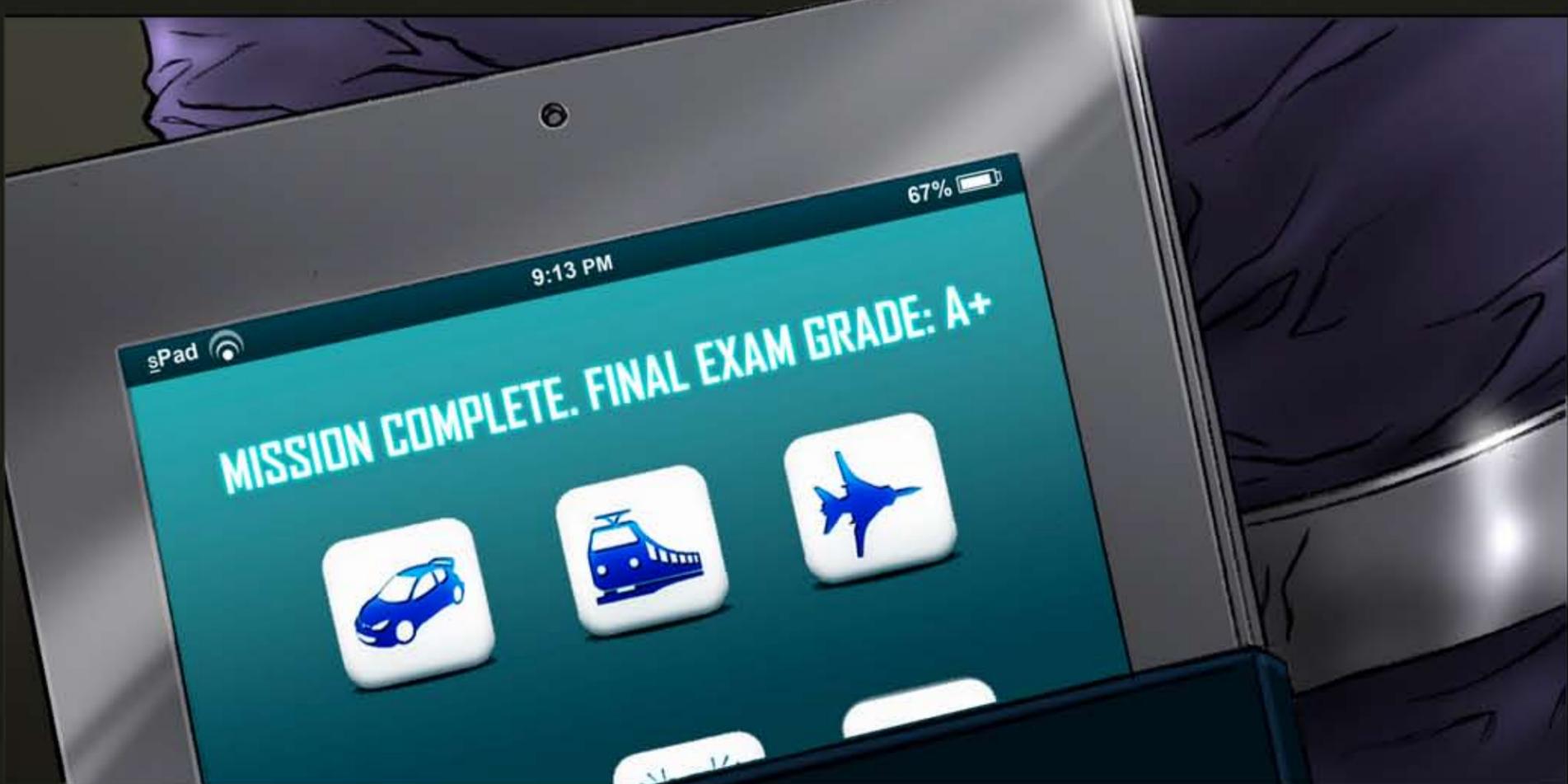
I'M NOT ALLOWED TO TELL, BUT I THINK I WAS SUPPOSED TO SAVE YOU TODAY.



I HAVE THE EERIEST FEELING THAT THIS SHOULD HAVE ENDED DIFFERENTLY.  
THANK YOU.



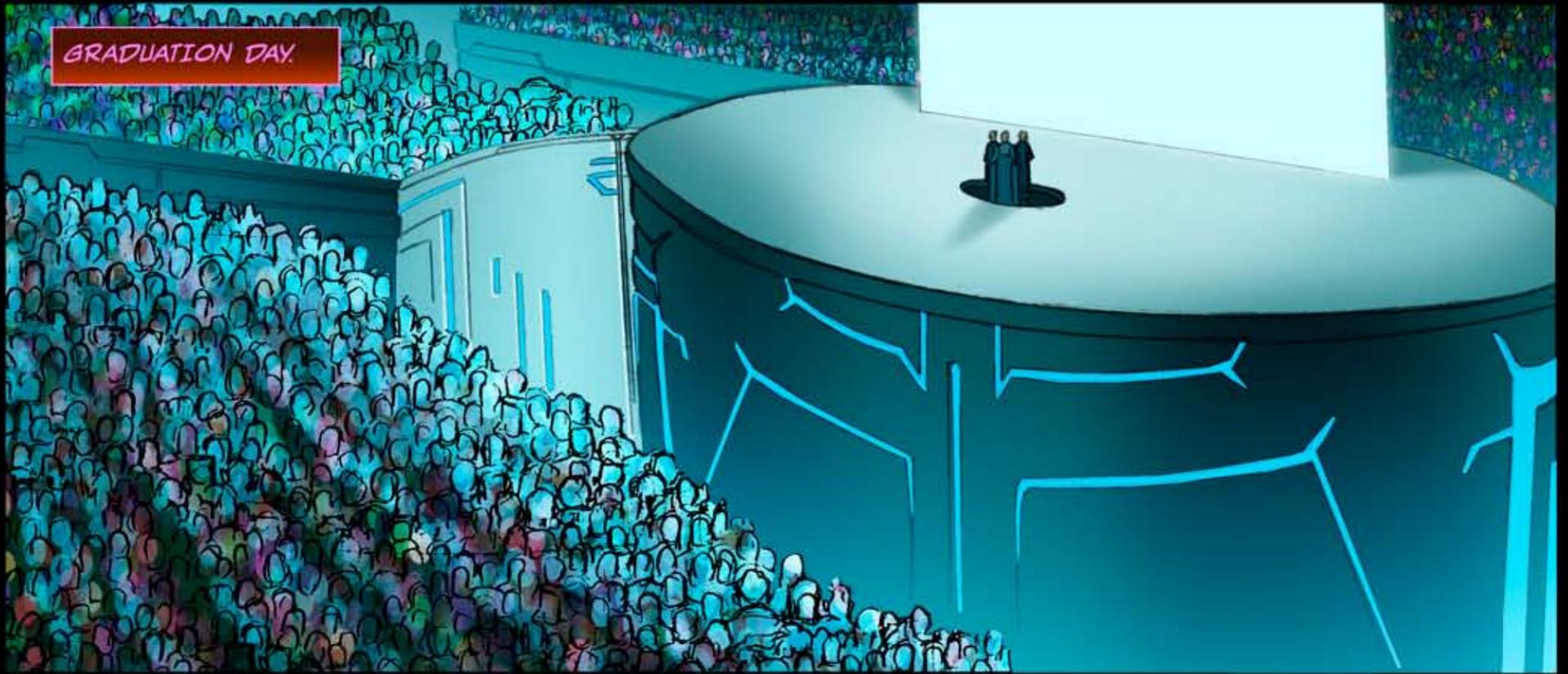
SHAWN AND BIANCA SITTING IN A TREE,  
**K.I.S.S.I.N.G!**



DATE: JUNE 19, 2077. TIME: 10:01 AM.  
LOCATION: THE RESCUE LEAGUE  
ACADEMY CITADEL.

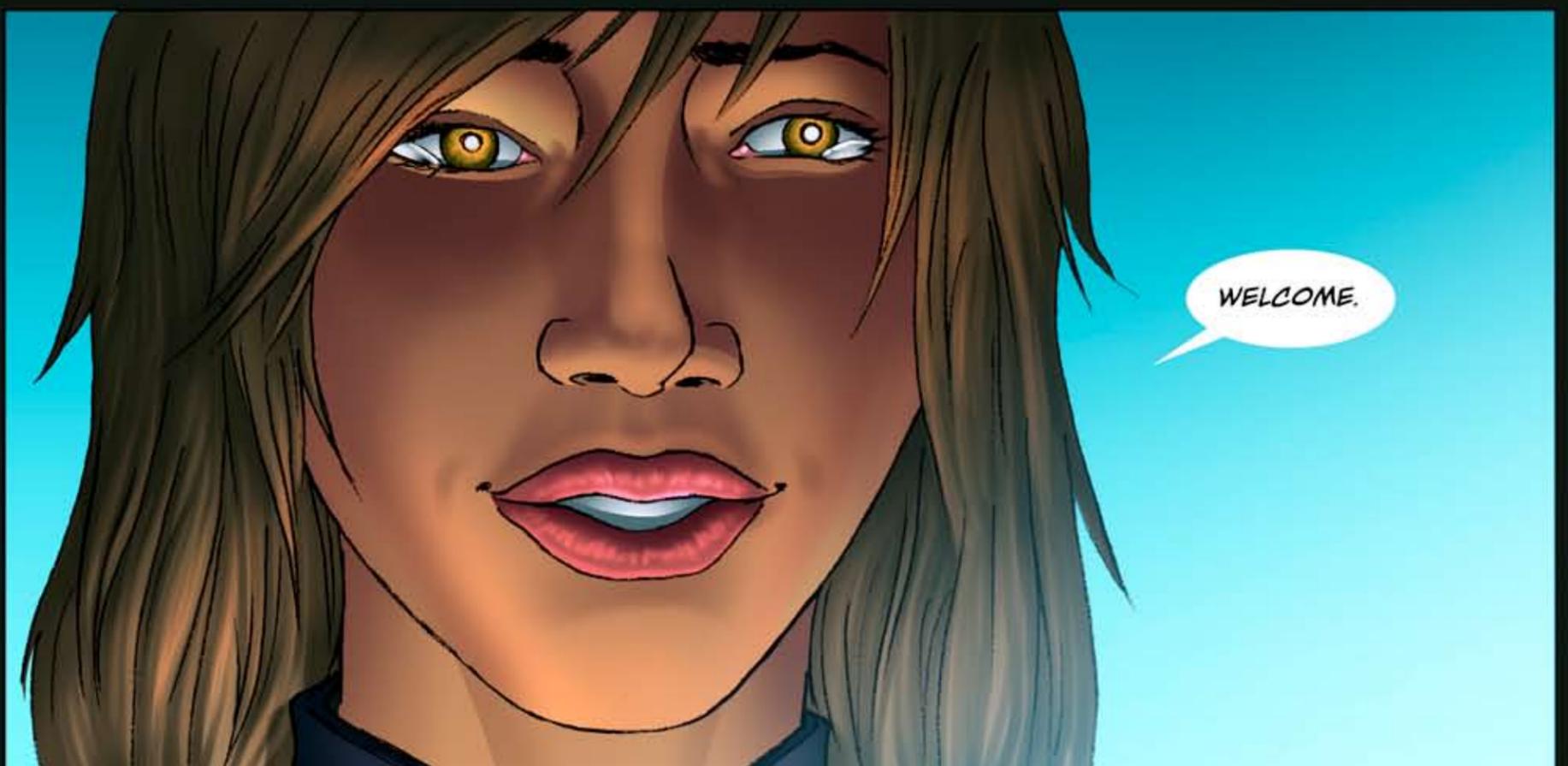
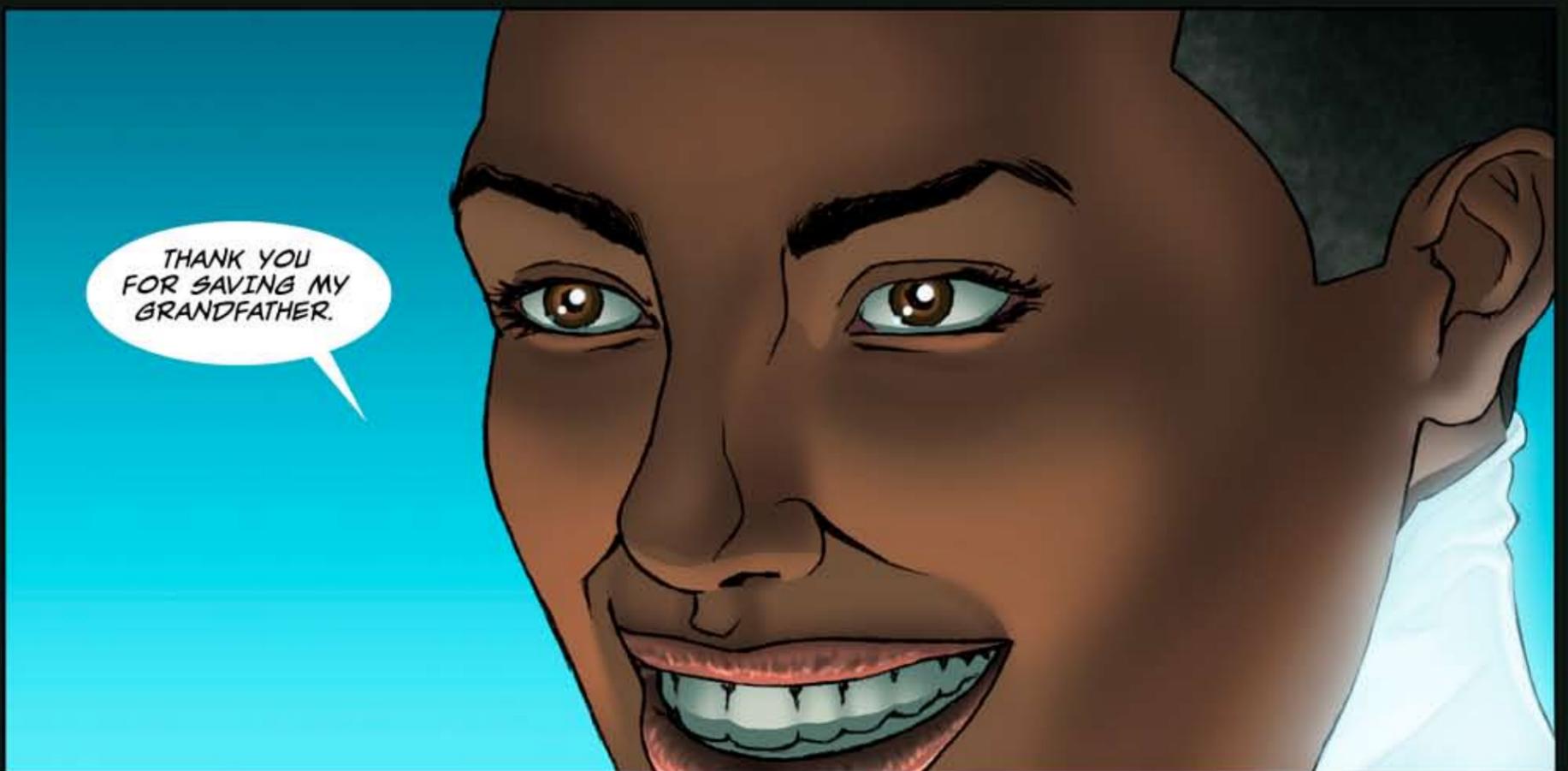


GRADUATION DAY.











FLASSH!

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FLASSH!

## BE FLOOD READY: FLOOD SAFETY CHECKLIST

**FLOOD / FLASH FLOOD WATCH** – FLOODING OR FLASH FLOODING IS POSSIBLE IN YOUR AREA.

**FLOOD / FLASH FLOOD WARNING** – FLOODING OR FLASH FLOODING IS ALREADY OCCURRING OR WILL OCCUR SOON IN YOUR AREA.

### WHAT SHOULD I DO?

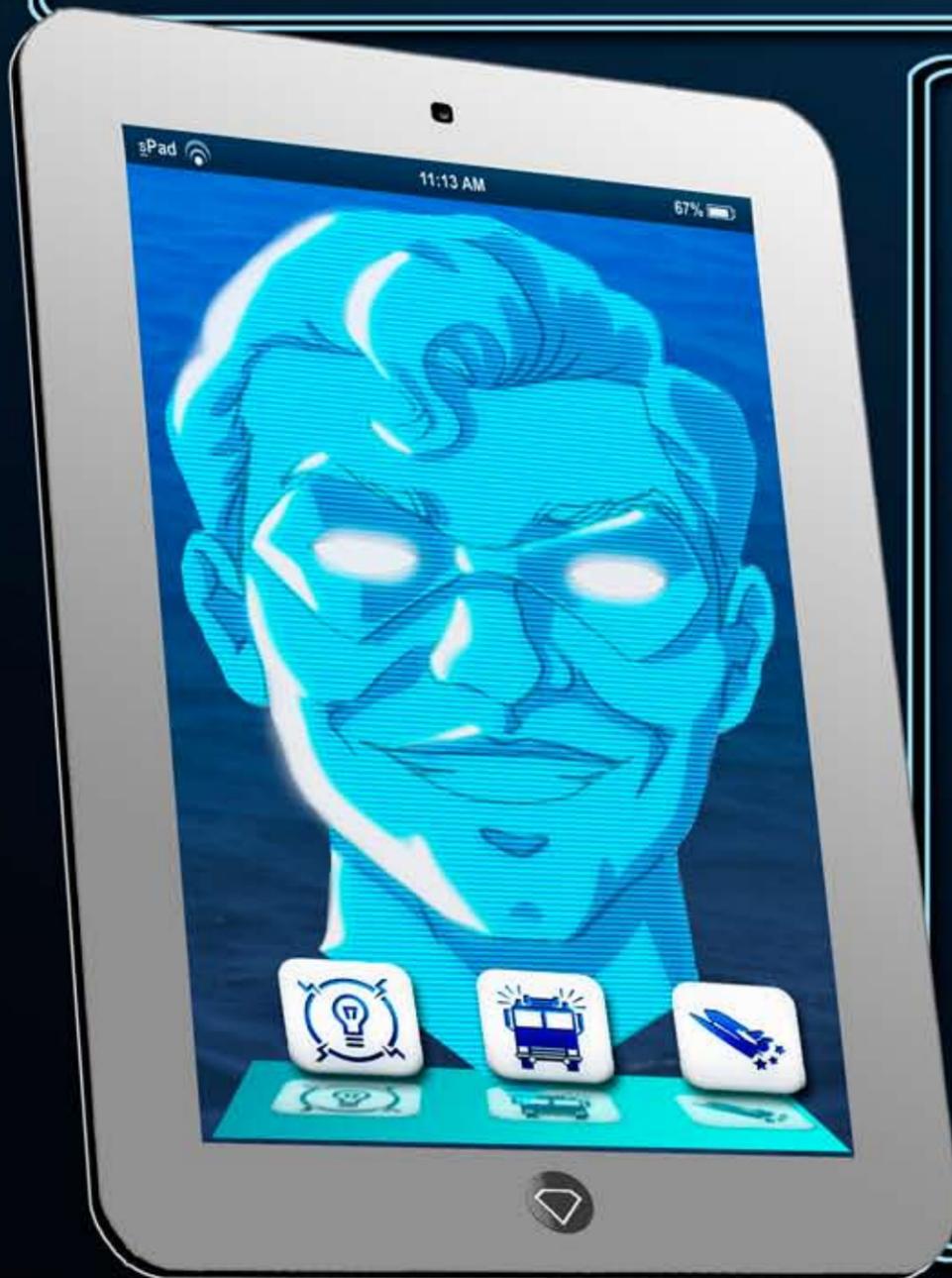
- LISTEN TO AREA RADIO AND TELEVISION STATIONS FOR POSSIBLE FLOOD WARNINGS AND REPORTS OF FLOODING IN PROGRESS OR OTHER CRITICAL INFORMATION FROM THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE.
- BE PREPARED TO EVACUATE AT A MOMENT'S NOTICE.
- WHEN A FLOOD OR FLASH FLOOD WARNING IS ISSUED FOR YOUR AREA, HEAD FOR HIGHER GROUND AND STAY THERE.
- STAY AWAY FROM FLOODWATERS. IF YOU COME UPON A FLOWING STREAM WHERE WATER IS ABOVE YOUR ANKLES, STOP, TURN AROUND AND GO ANOTHER WAY. SIX INCHES OF SWIFTLY MOVING WATER CAN SWEEP YOU OFF YOUR FEET.
- IF YOU COME UPON A FLOOD ROAD WHILE DRIVING, TURN AROUND AND GO ANOTHER WAY. IF YOU ARE CAUGHT ON A FLOODED ROAD AND WATERS ARE RISING RAPIDLY AROUND YOU, GET OUT OF THE CAR QUICKLY AND MOVE TO HIGHER GROUND. MOST CARS CAN BE SWEEPED AWAY BY LESS THAN TWO FEET OF MOVING WATER.
- KEEP CHILDREN OUT OF WATER. THEY ARE CURIOUS AND OFTEN LACK JUDGMENT ABOUT RUNNING OR CONTAMINATED WATER.
- BE ESPECIALLY CAUTIOUS AT NIGHT WHEN IT IS HARDER TO RECOGNIZE FLOOD DANGER.

### WHAT SUPPLIES DO I NEED?

- WATER – AT LEAST A 3 DAY SUPPLY; 1 GALLON PER PERSON PER DAY
- FOOD – AT LEAST A 3 DAY SUPPLY OF NONPERISHABLE, EASY TO PREPARE FOOD ITEMS
- FLASHLIGHT
- BATTERY POWERED OR HAND CRANK RADIO
- EXTRA BATTERIES
- FIRST AID KIT
- MEDICATIONS (7 DAY SUPPLY) AND MEDICAL ITEMS (HEARING AIDS, SYRINGES, GLASSES, ETC)
- MULTI-PURPOSE TOOL
- SANITATION AND PERSONAL HYGIENE ITEMS
- COPIES OF PERSONAL DOCUMENTS (PERTINENT HEALTH INFORMATION, DEED/LEASE TO HOME, BIRTH CERTIFICATES, INSURANCE POLICIES, ETC.)
- CELL PHONE WITH CHARGERS
- EMERGENCY CONTACT(S) LIST
- EXTRA CASH
- EMERGENCY BLANKET
- MAP(S) OF THE AREA
- BABY SUPPLIES
- PET SUPPLIES
- TOOLS/SUPPLIES FOR SECURING YOUR HOME
- EXTRA SET OF CAR KEYS ANDHOUSE KEYS
- EXTRA CLOTHING, HAT, AND STURDY SHOES
- RAIN GEAR
- INSECT REPELLENT AND SUNSCREEN
- CAMERA FOR PHOTOS OF DAMAGE

### WHAT DO I DO AFTER A FLOOD?

- RETURN HOME ONLY WHEN OFFICIALS HAVE DECLARED THE AREA SAFE.
- BEFORE ENTERING YOUR HOME, LOOK OUTSIDE FOR LOOSE POWER LINES, DAMAGED GAS LINES, FOUNDATION CRACKS OR OTHER DAMAGE.
- PART OF YOUR HOME MAY BE STRUCTURALLY UNSOUND. APPROACH ENTRANCES CAREFULLY.
- IF YOU SMELL NATURAL OR PROPANE GAS OR HEAR A HISSING NOISE, LEAVE IMMEDIATELY AND CALL THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.
- IF POWER LINES ARE DOWN OUTSIDE YOUR HOME, DO NOT STEP IN PUDDLES OR STANDING WATER.
- KEEP CHILDREN AND PETS AWAY FROM HAZARDOUS SITES AND FLOODWATER.
- DURING CLEANUP, WEAR PROTECTIVE CLOTHING INCLUDING RUBBER GLOVES AND RUBBER BOOTS.
- MAKE SURE YOUR FOOD AND WATER ARE SAFE. DISCARD ITEMS THAT HAVE COME INTO CONTACT WITH FLOODWATER. **WHEN IN DOUBT, THROW IT OUT.**
- DO NOT USE WATER THAT COULD BE CONTAMINATED TO WASH DISHES, BRUSH TEETH, PREPARE FOOD, WASH HANDS, MAKE ICE OR MAKE BABY FORMULA.
- CONTACT YOUR LOCAL OR STATE OFFICIALS FOR FURTHER INFORMATION.



We hope you enjoyed reading this fictional story.  
It is meant to be both educational and entertaining.  
Now that you've seen the importance of being prepared,  
take the time to put together an emergency kit with the  
items included on the checklist provided; then you'll be  
ready for any kind of disaster! Who knows maybe the  
RLA will call **YOU** in the next flood emergency!

**FOR MORE INFORMATION ON FLOODING IN ARLINGTON, PLEASE CONTACT:**

THE CITY OF ARLINGTON  
PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT  
STORMWATER MANAGEMENT DIVISION  
101 W. ABRAM STREET  
MS 01-0220  
ARLINGTON, TX 76010  
817-459-6550 [MAIN LINE]  
817-459-6585 [FAX]  
[stormwatereducation@arlingtontx.gov](mailto:stormwatereducation@arlingtontx.gov)

OR VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT:  
[www.arlingtontx.gov/stormwater](http://www.arlingtontx.gov/stormwater)

