

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG'S BUDDY

TAILS

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EXTERIOR HEAT BY SPRAY AS WITHOUT DOOR OPENING REQUIRED

WEAPONS LOADING

SPRZ HARVO

SONIC

THE HEDGEHOG'S

FAVORITE
FOX, *TAILS*, IS HIP DEEP
IN HIS OWN ADVENTURE--
ALONG WITH A HIP GROUP
OF FREEDOM FIGHTERS
FROM *DOWNUNDA!*
CAN THEY STOP
ROBOTNIK'S NEW
HENCHMAN, *CROCBOT?*
READ ON...



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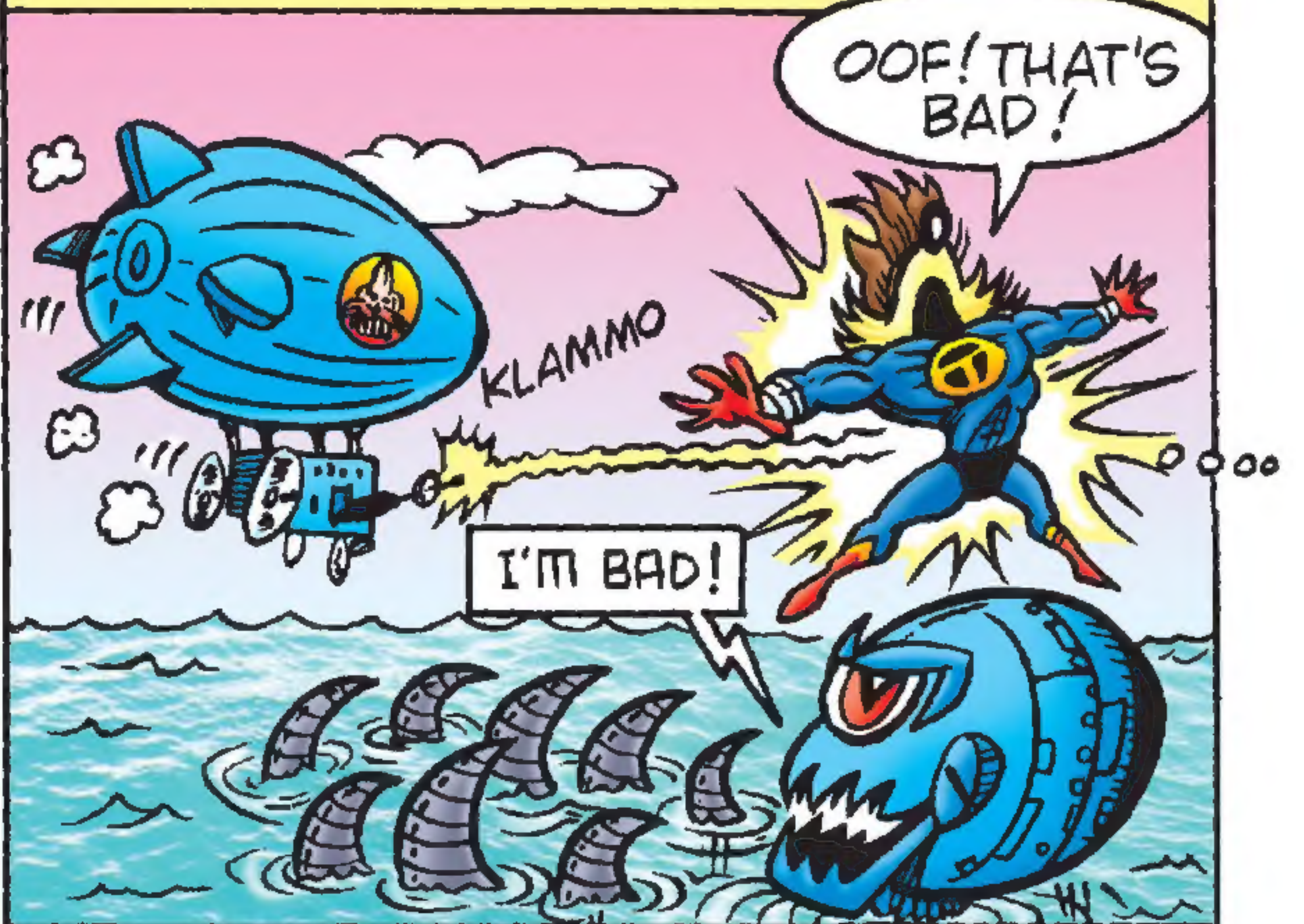
FEATURING CAPTAIN SUPER FOX-MAN
* THE MUTANT CYBORG CLONE

OUR HERO FOUND OUT THAT ROBOTNIK WAS ABOUT TO SUPPLY AN UNDERBOSS IN THE LAND OF DOWNUNDA!!! CAPT. SFXMCC* DECIDED TO PUT A STOP TO THIS NEFARIOUS PLAN!



THAT'S GOOD!

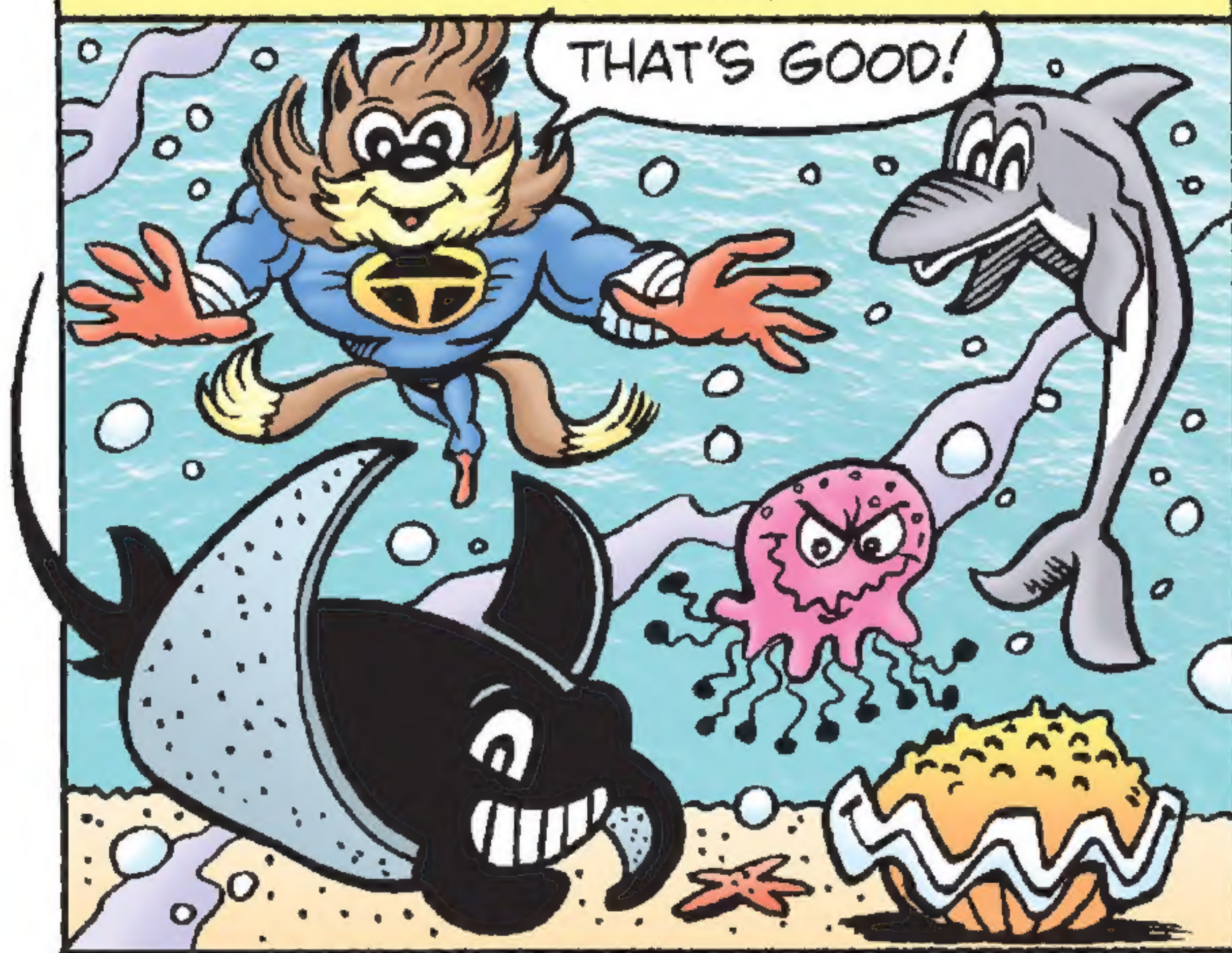
BUT, HE WAS DISCOVERED BY SWAT-BOTS PILOTING THE SUPPLY BLIMP AND SHOT DOWN, INTO THE EIGHT WAITING ARMS OF OCTOBOT!



OOF! THAT'S BAD!

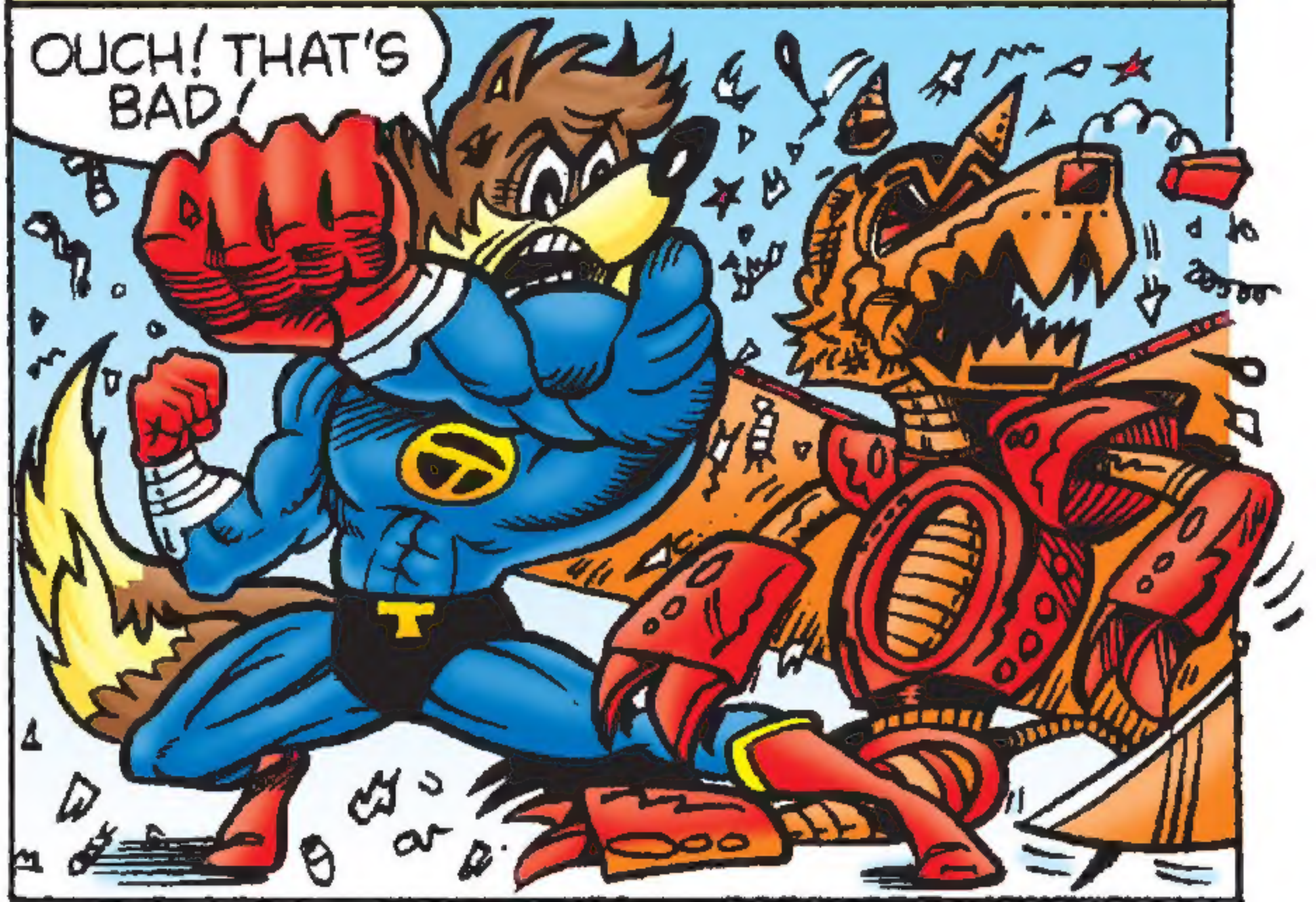
I'M BAD!

HOWEVER, BENEATH THE WAVES LIVE THE FORTY FATHOMS FREEDOM FIGHTERS WHO SAVED HIM!



THAT'S GOOD!

UPON ARRIVING IN DOWNUNDA, HE WAS SET UPON BY CROCBOT'S PACK OF FEROCIOUS MECHANICAL CANINES, THE WING-DINGOES!



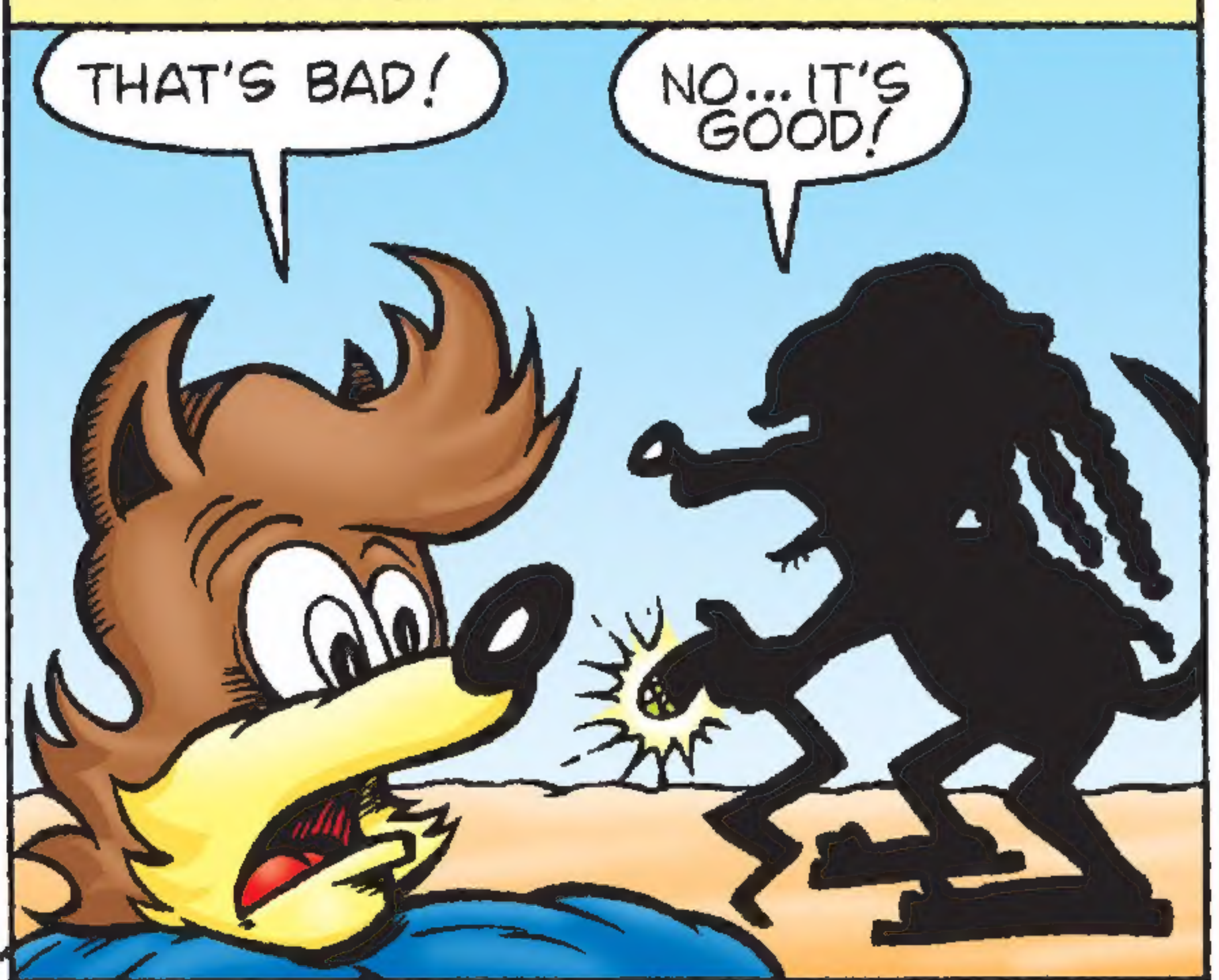
OUCH! THAT'S BAD!

JUST IN THE NICK OF TIME, HE WAS RESCUED BY ANOTHER BAND OF FREEDOM FIGHTERS LED BY LOCAL MARSUPIAL WALT WALLABEE!



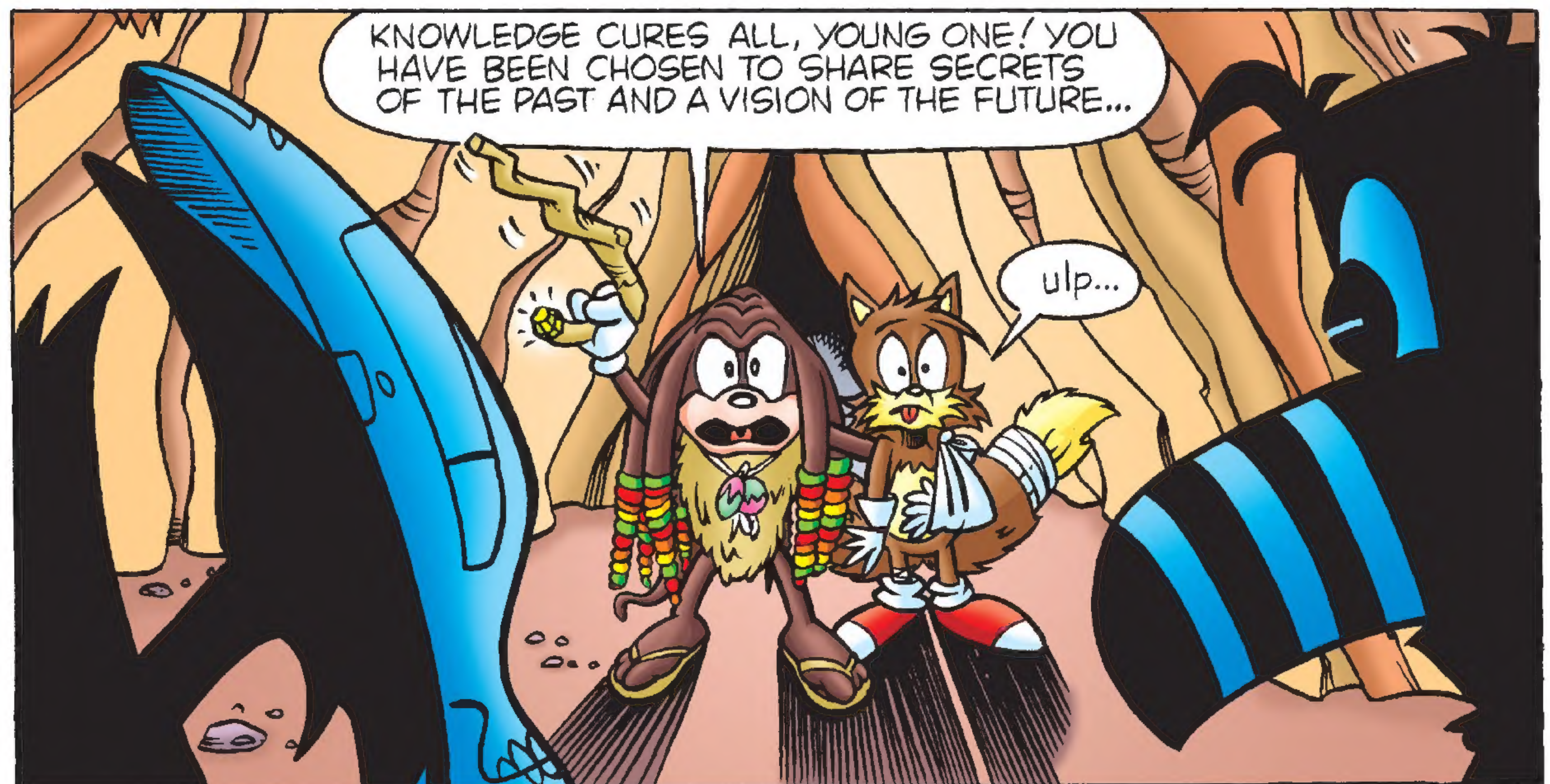
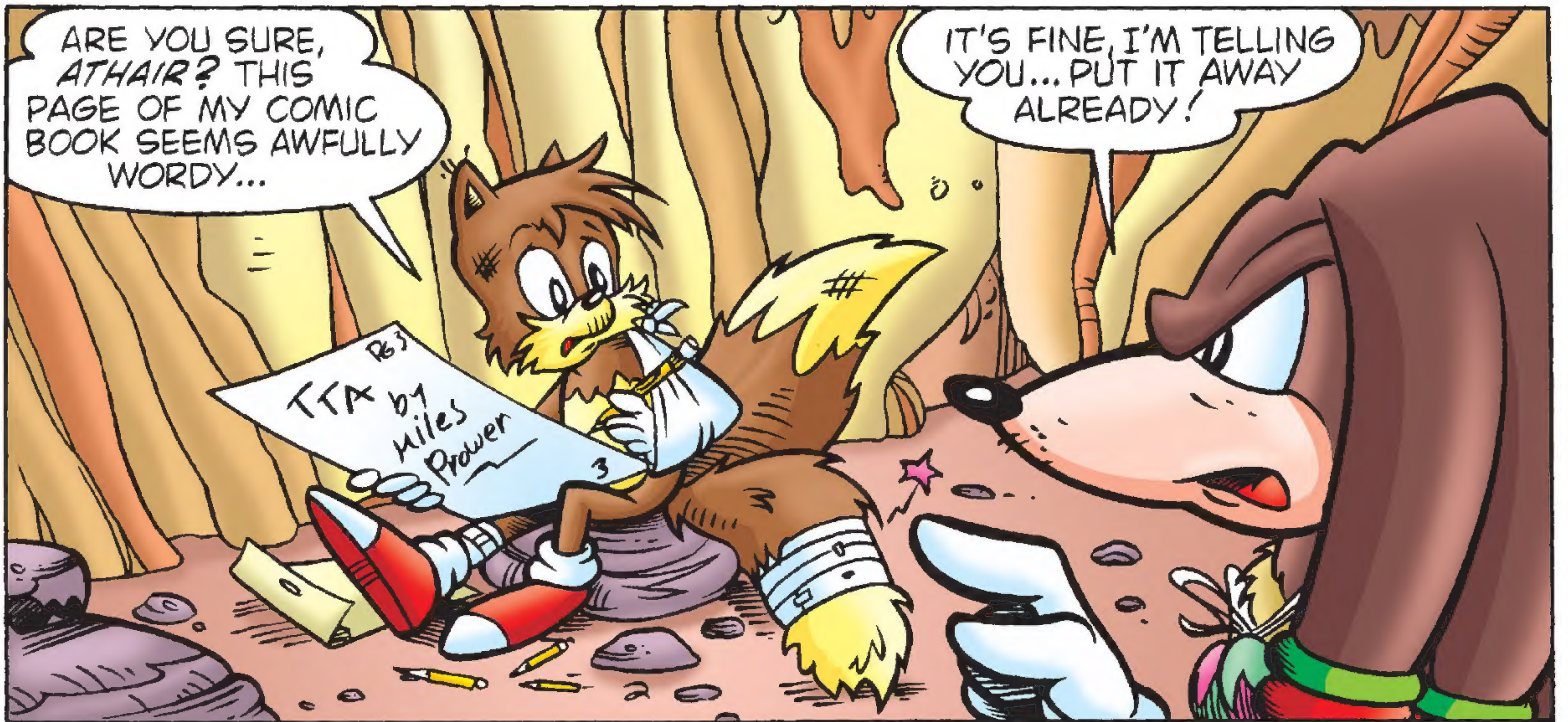
THAT'S GOOD!

BADLY BRUISED, HE WAS TAKEN TO A DEEP, DARK CRATER WHERE A MYSTERIOUS STRANGER LIVED...



THAT'S BAD!

NO... IT'S GOOD!



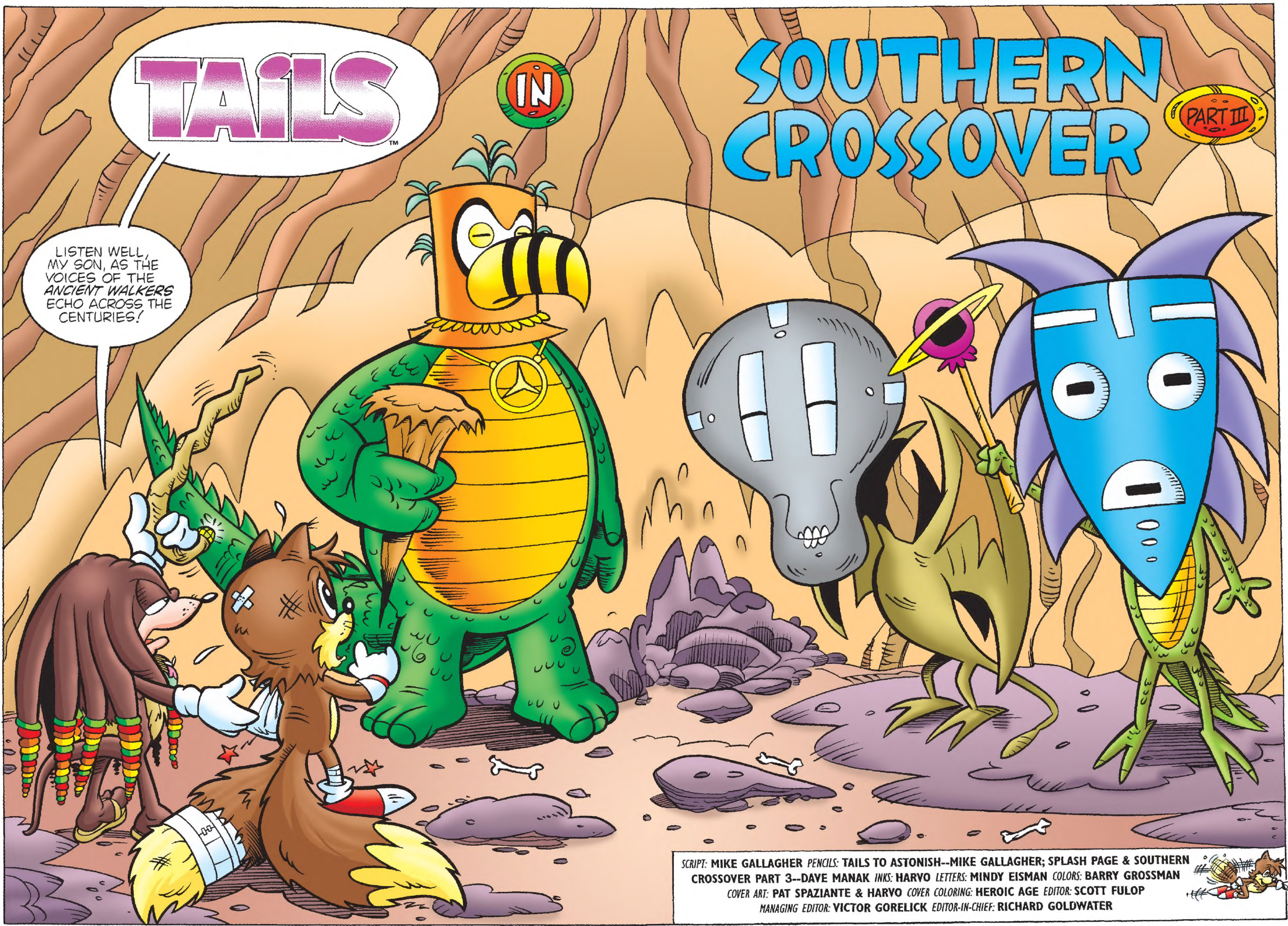
TAILS

IN

SOUTHERN CROSSOVER

PART III

LISTEN WELL, MY SON, AS THE VOICES OF THE ANCIENT WALKERS ECHO ACROSS THE CENTURIES!



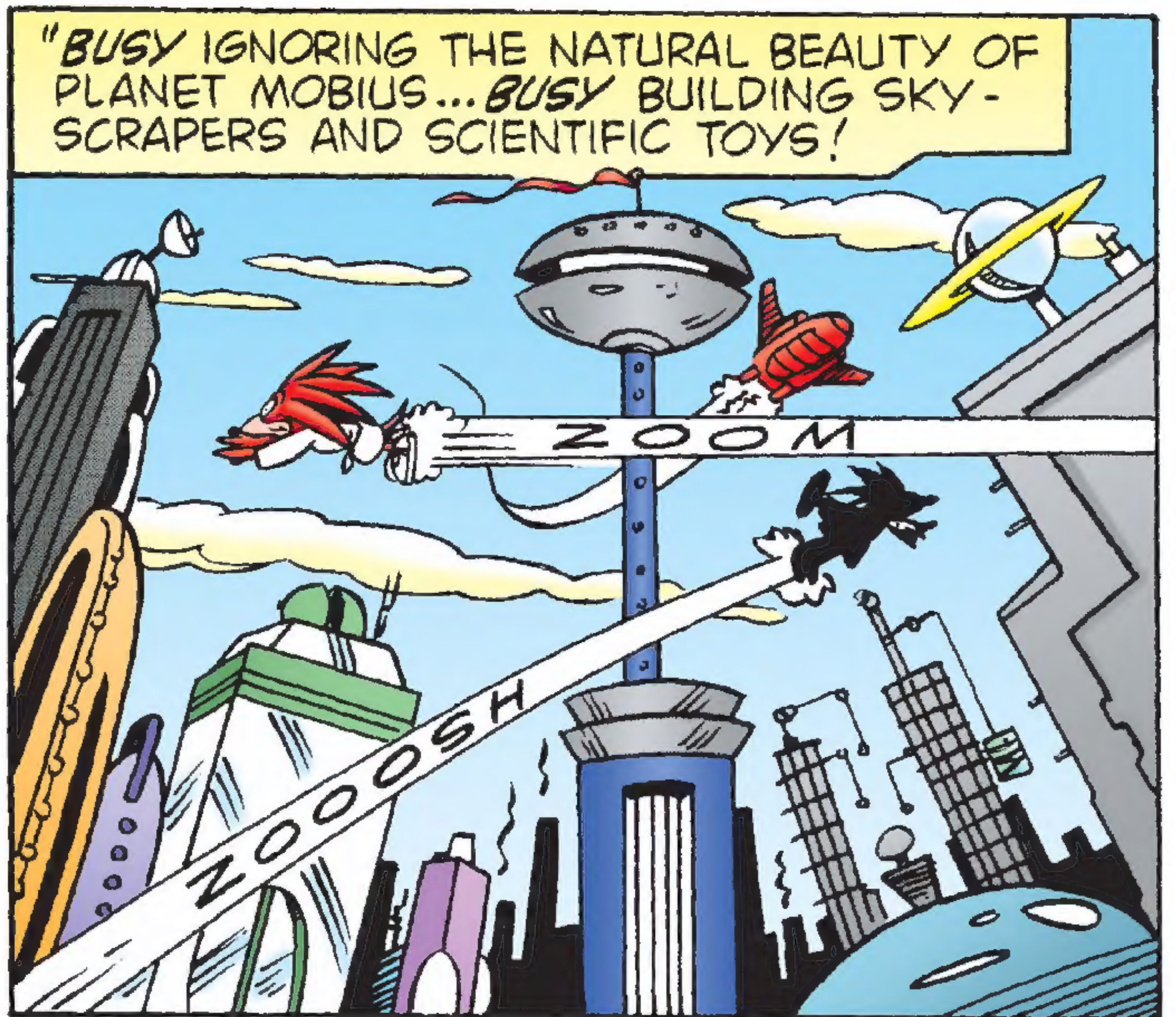
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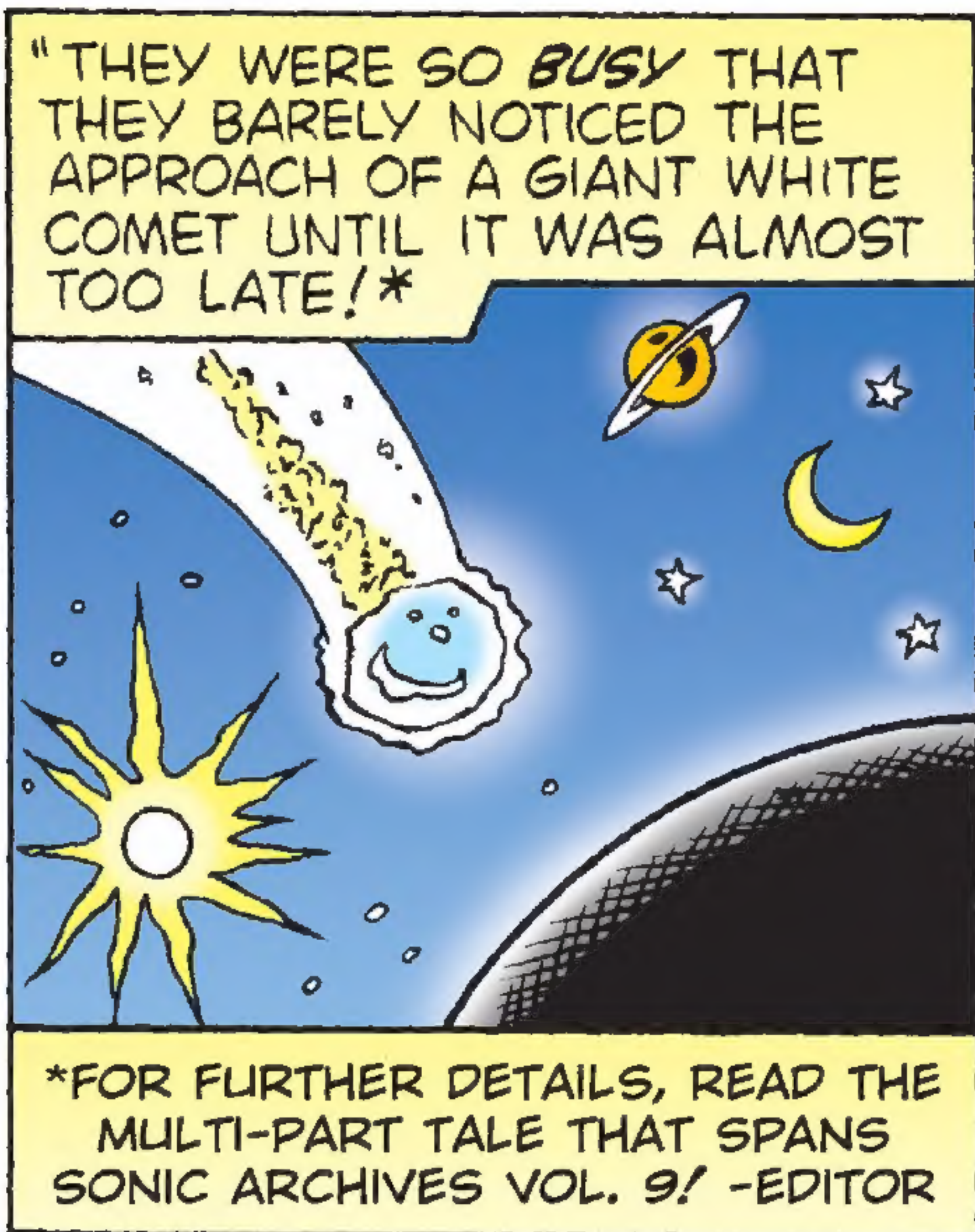


UMM...LOOK I'D LOVE TO STAY, BUT I'M REALLY BUSY...

AHH..."BUSY!" MY ECHIDNA ANCESTORS WERE "BUSY," TOO...

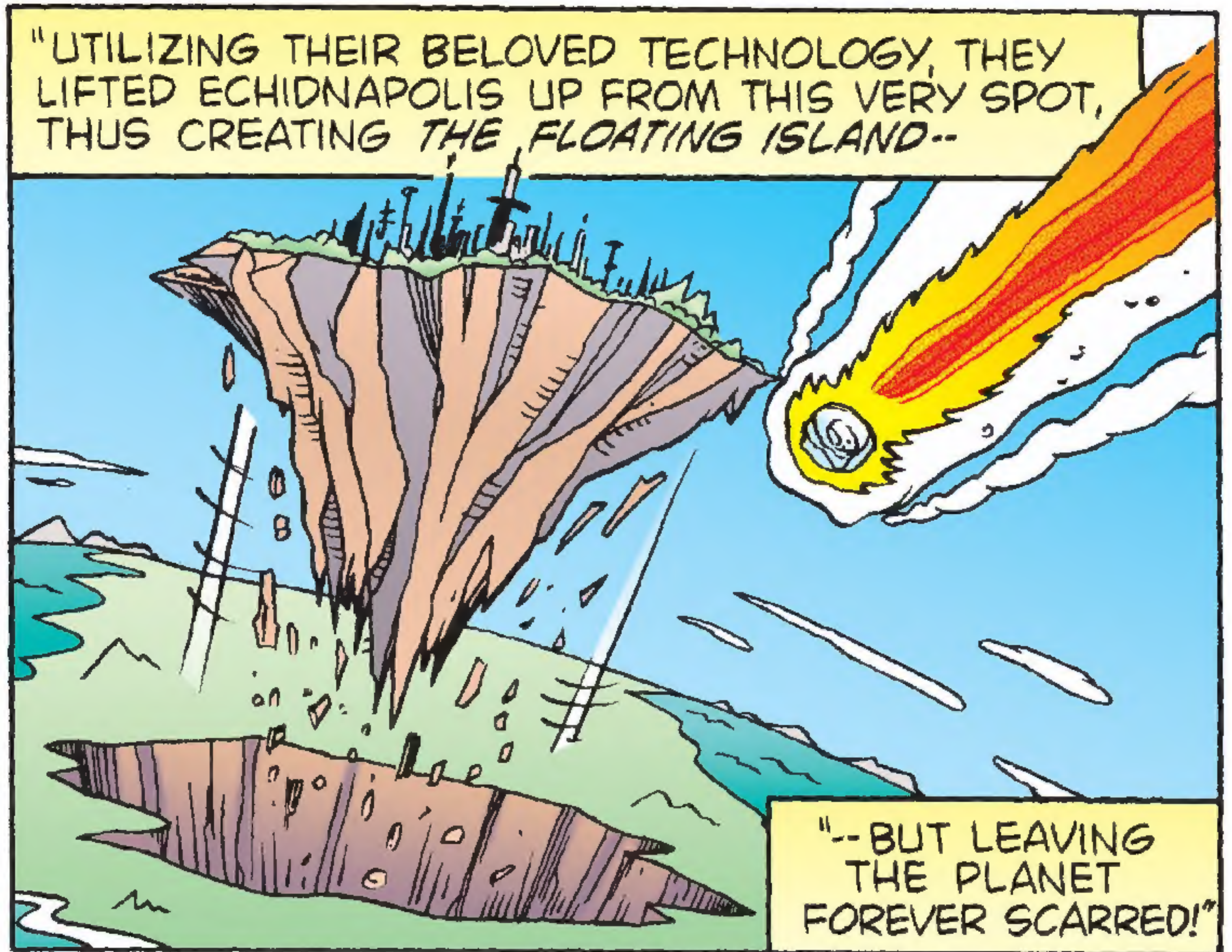


"BUSY IGNORING THE NATURAL BEAUTY OF PLANET MOBIUS...BUSY BUILDING SKY-SCRAPERS AND SCIENTIFIC TOYS!"



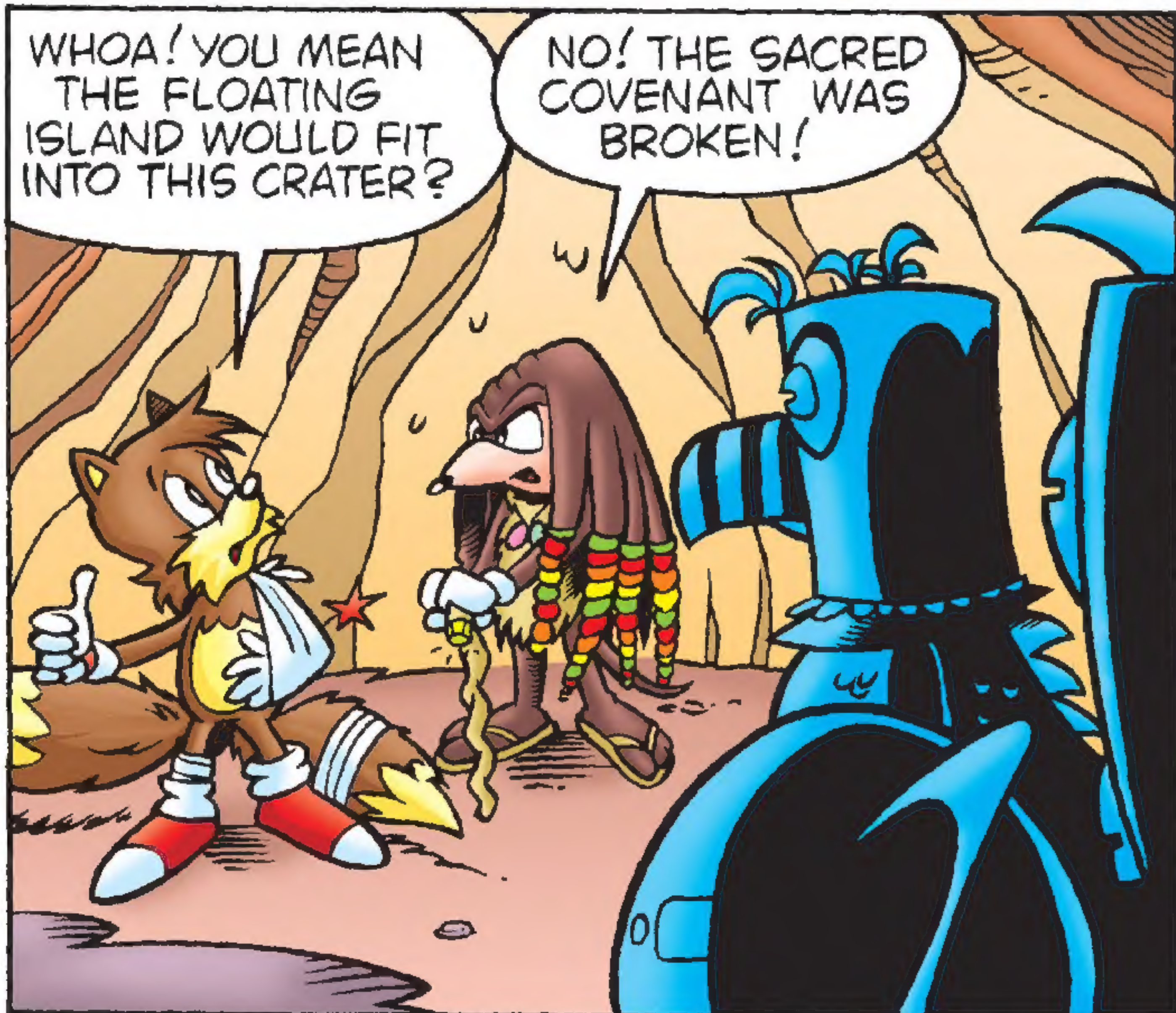
"THEY WERE SO BUSY THAT THEY BARELY NOTICED THE APPROACH OF A GIANT WHITE COMET UNTIL IT WAS ALMOST TOO LATE!*

*FOR FURTHER DETAILS, READ THE MULTI-PART TALE THAT SPANS SONIC ARCHIVES VOL. 9! -EDITOR



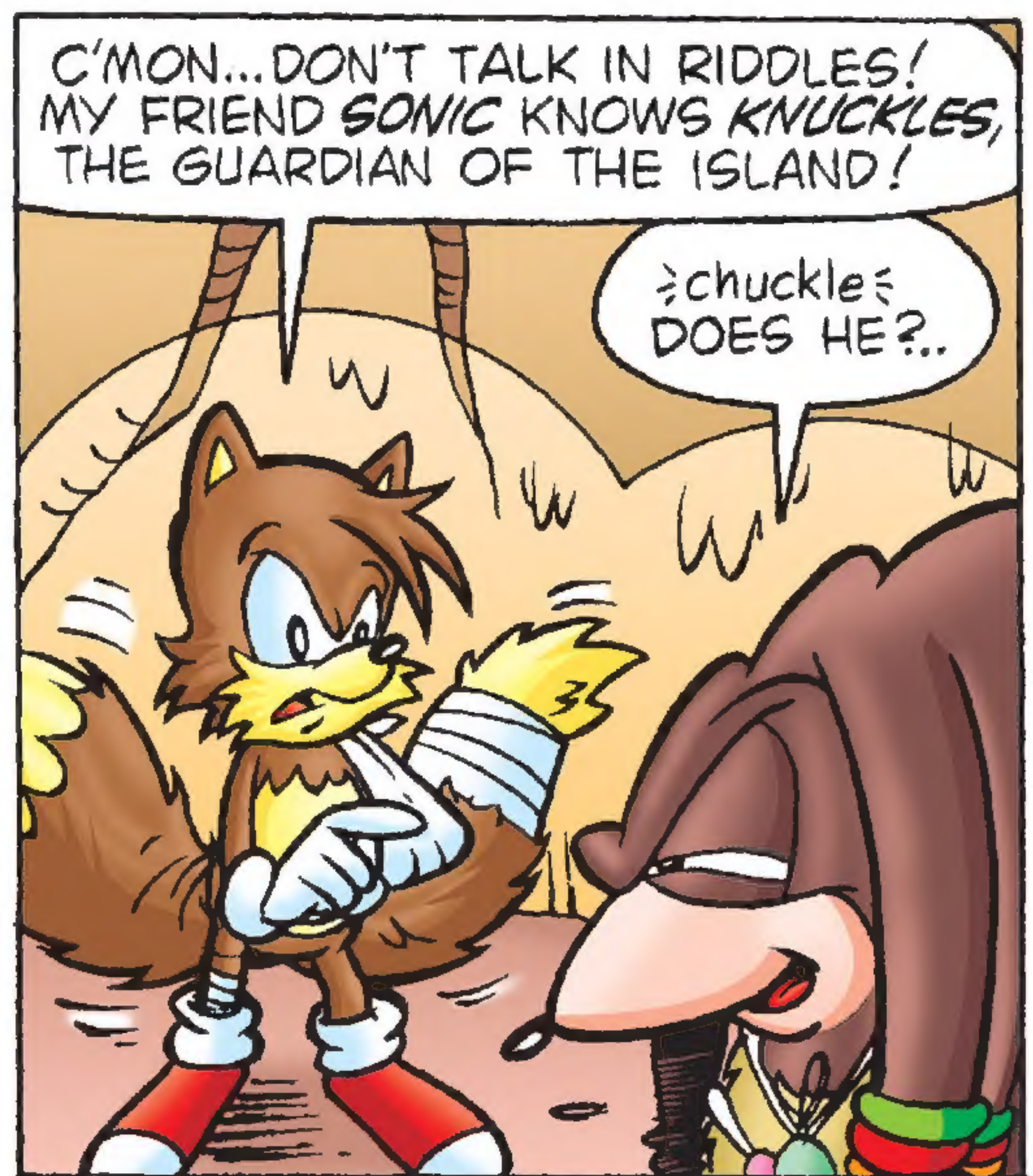
"UTILIZING THEIR BELOVED TECHNOLOGY, THEY LIFTED ECHIDNAPOLIS UP FROM THIS VERY SPOT, THUS CREATING THE FLOATING ISLAND--

-- BUT LEAVING THE PLANET FOREVER SCARRED!"



WHOA! YOU MEAN THE FLOATING ISLAND WOULD FIT INTO THIS CRATER?

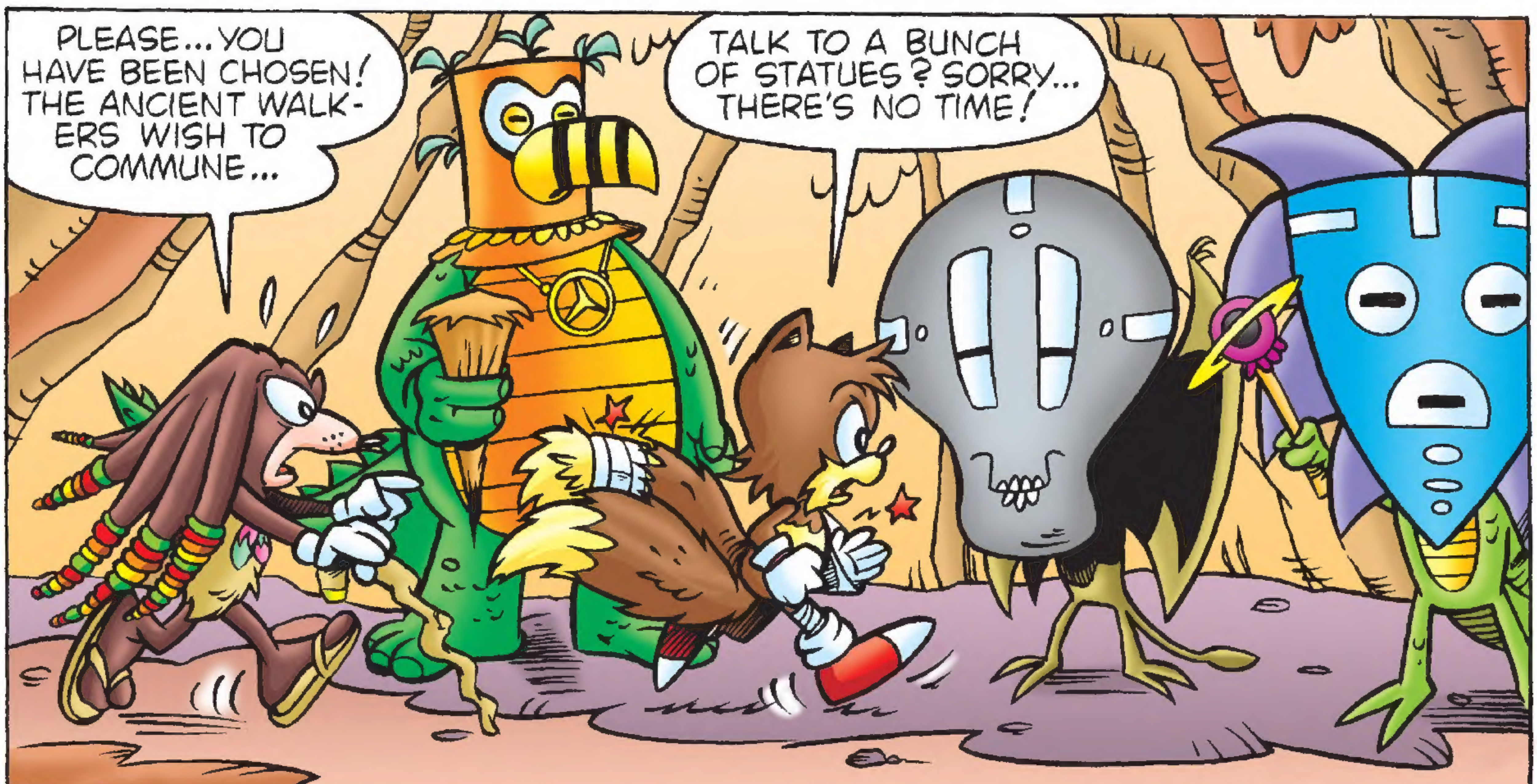
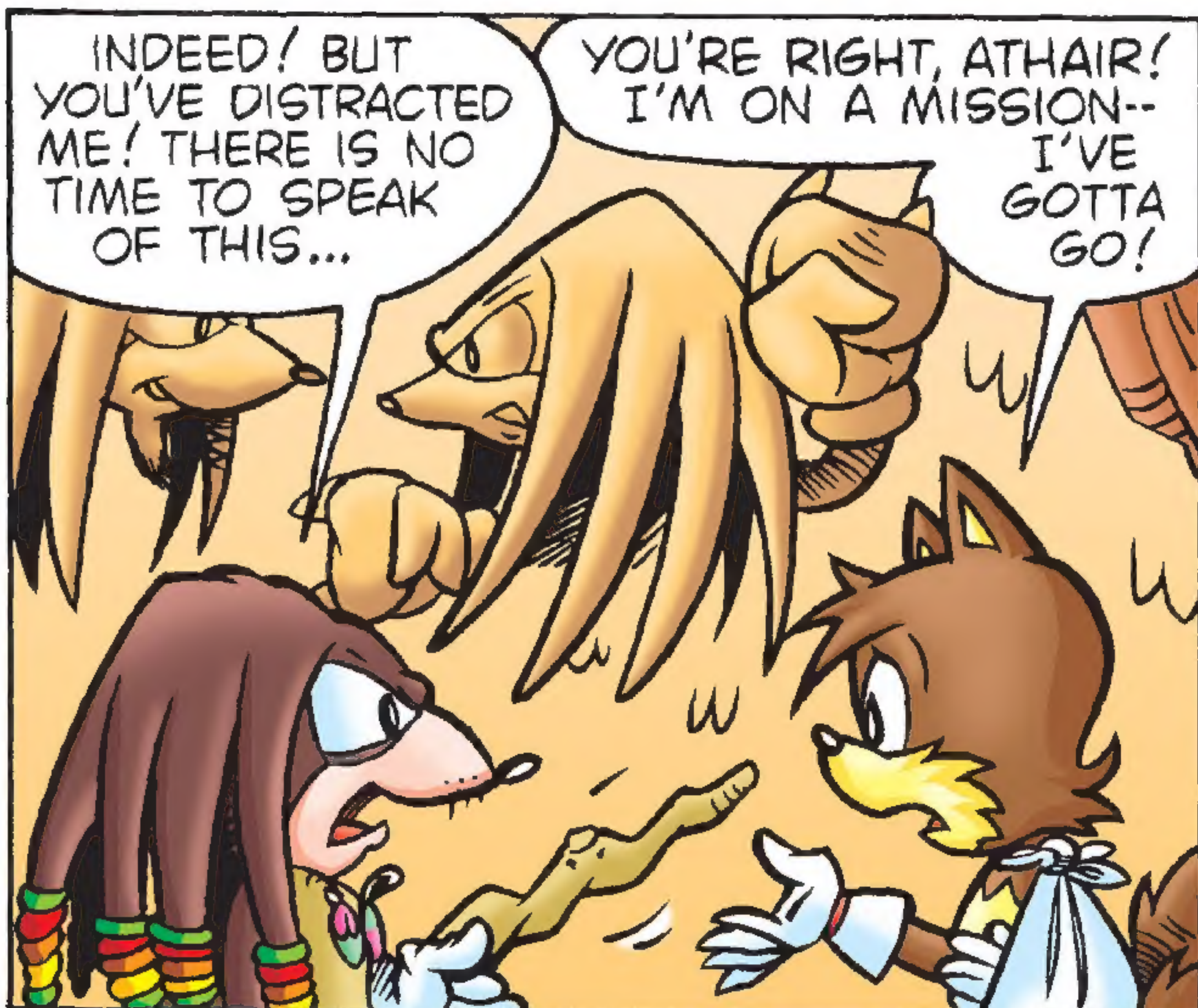
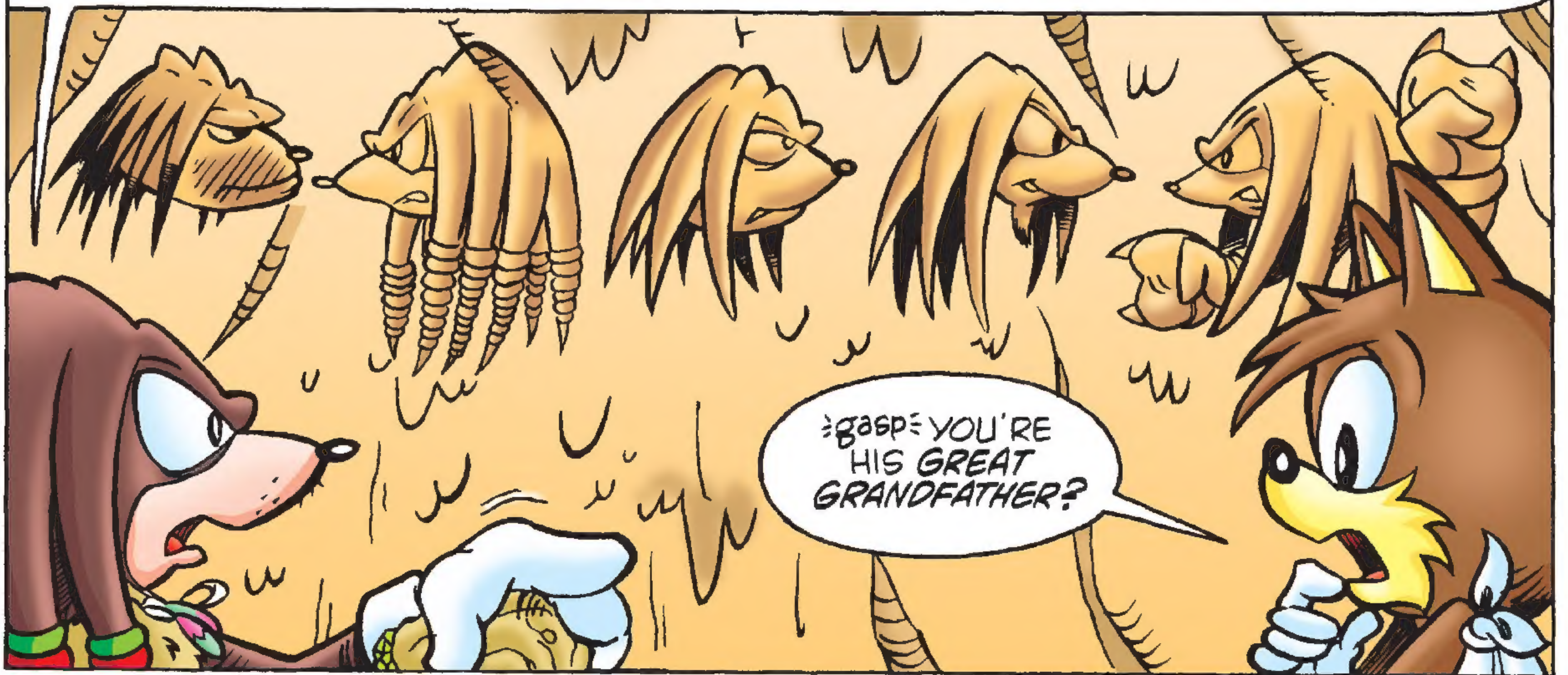
NO! THE SACRED COVENANT WAS BROKEN!



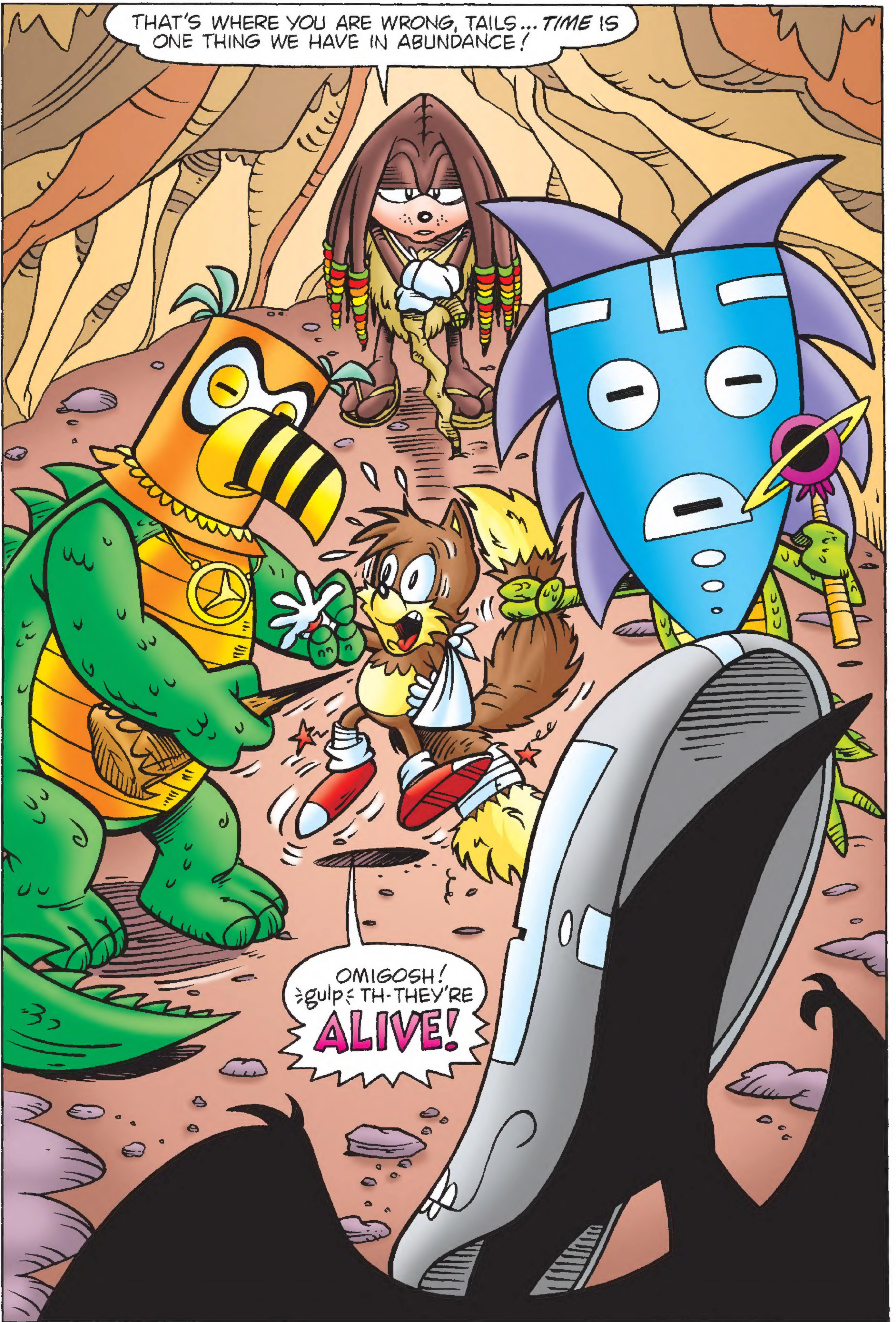
C'MON...DON'T TALK IN RIDDLES! MY FRIEND SONIC KNOWS KNUCKLES, THE GUARDIAN OF THE ISLAND!

~chuckle~ DOES HE?..

I KNOW HIM, TOO! FOR CENTURIES, OUR FAMILY WAS CHARGED WITH PROTECTING THE FLOATING ISLAND! MY SON SUCCEEDED ME-- THEN HIS SON-- AND NOW... KNUCKLES!

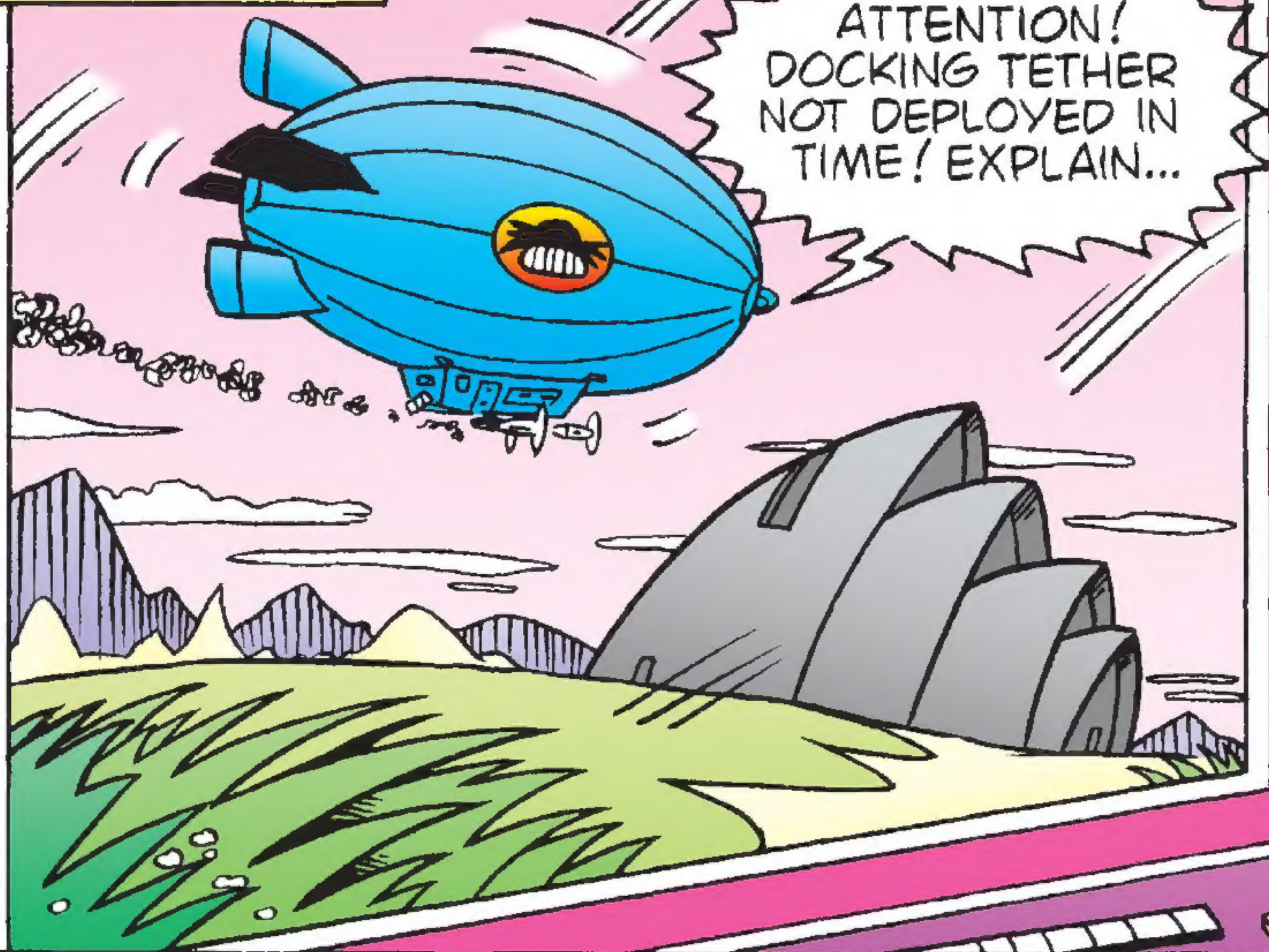


THAT'S WHERE YOU ARE WRONG, TAILS... TIME IS ONE THING WE HAVE IN ABUNDANCE!

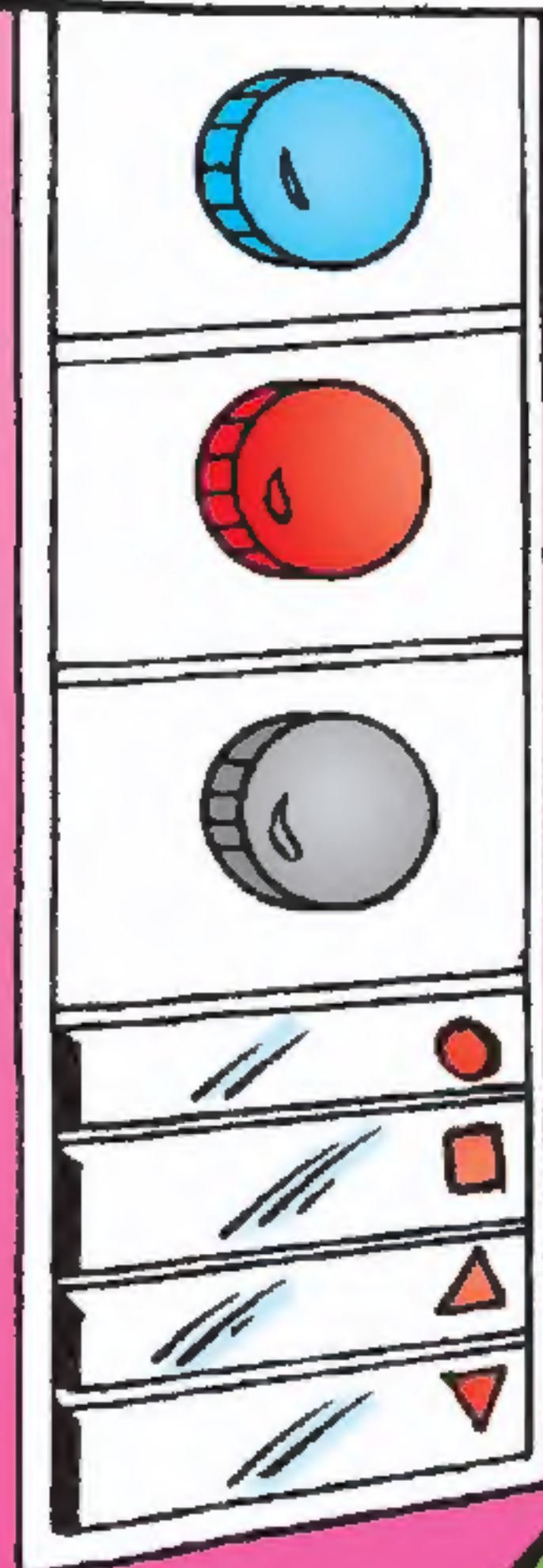


OMIGOSH!
>gulp< TH-THEY'RE
ALIVE!

MEANWHILE...

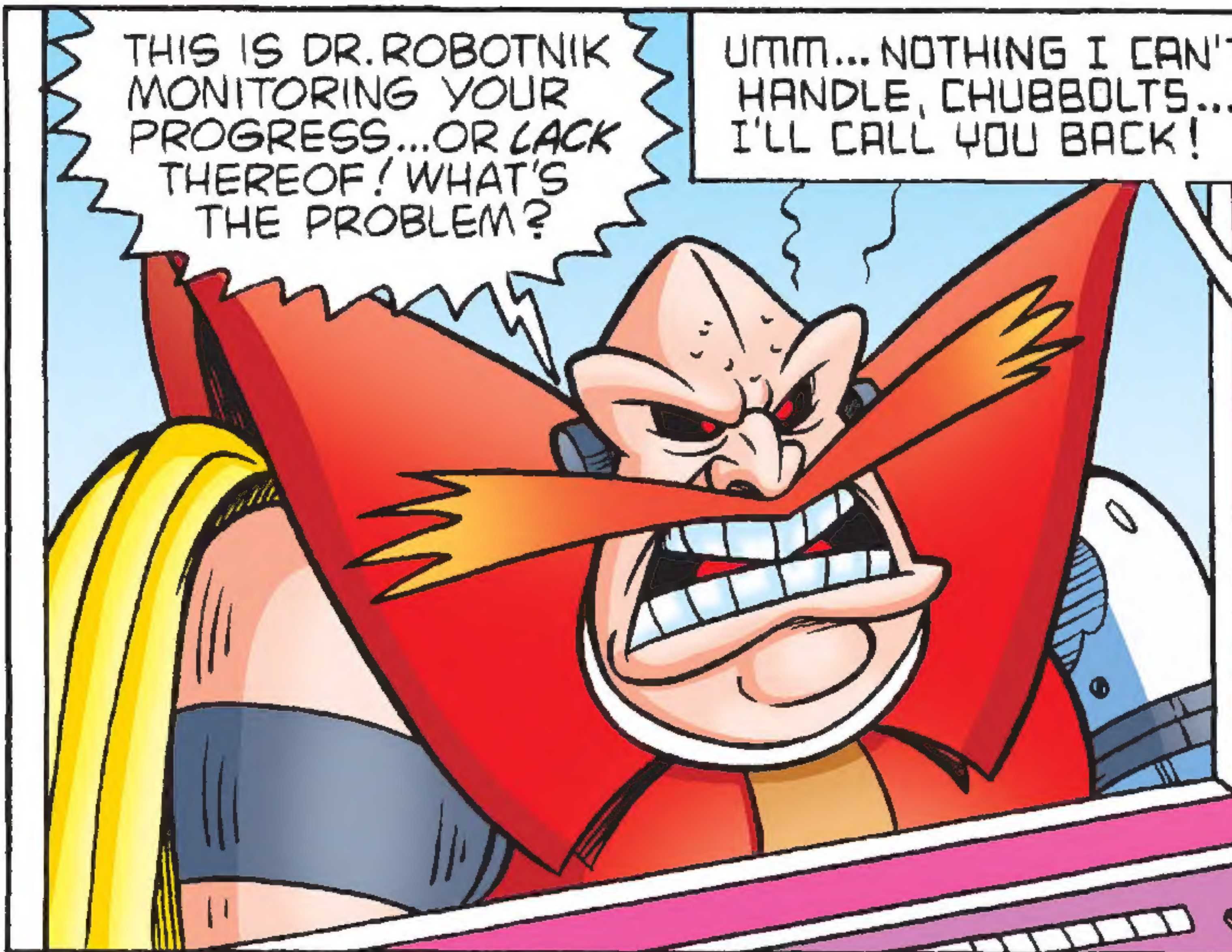


ATTENTION!
DOCKING TETHER
NOT DEPLOYED IN
TIME! EXPLAIN...



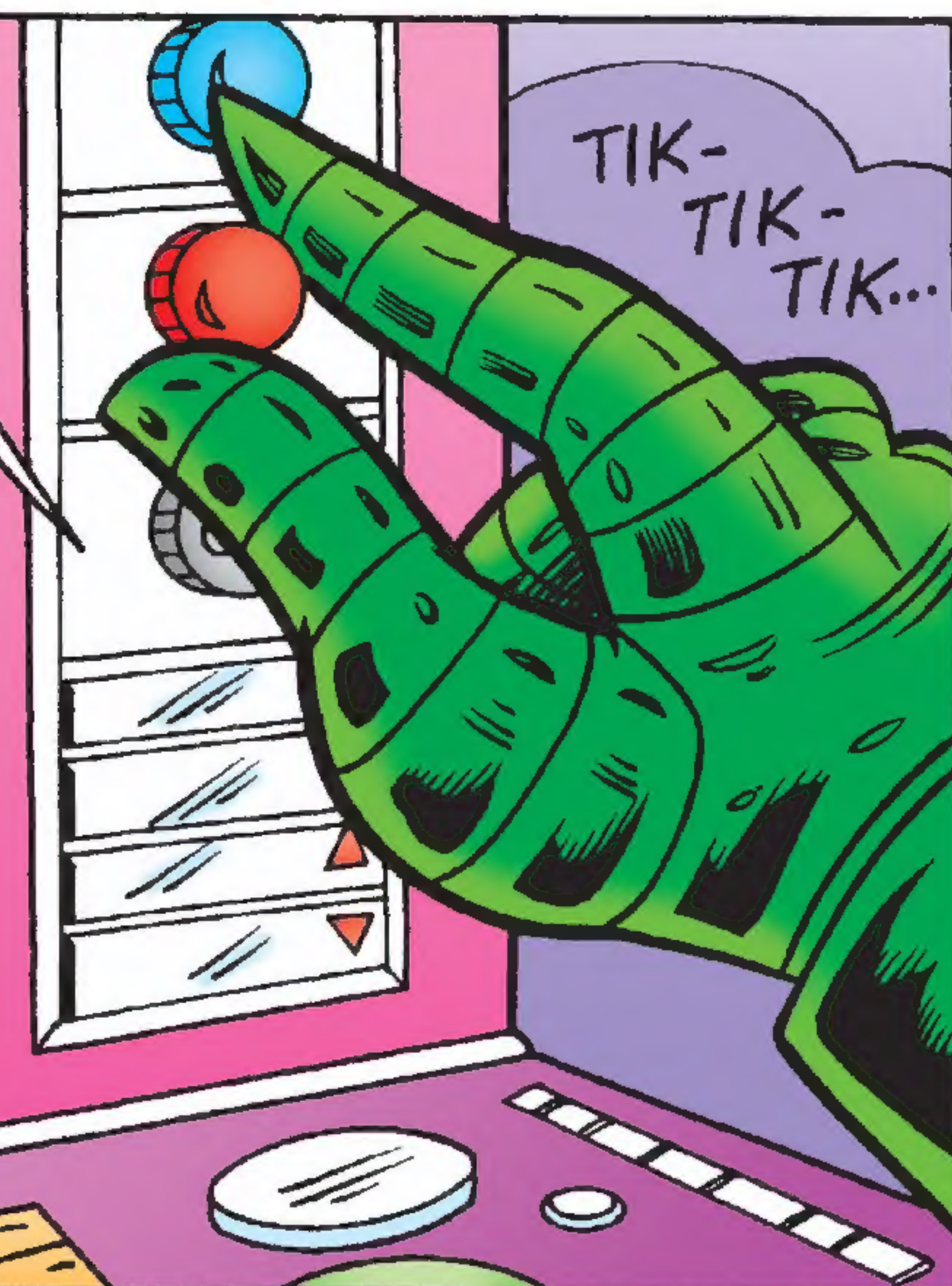
ERR...TECHNICAL
GLITCH...SWING
AROUND AGAIN!

KLIK!

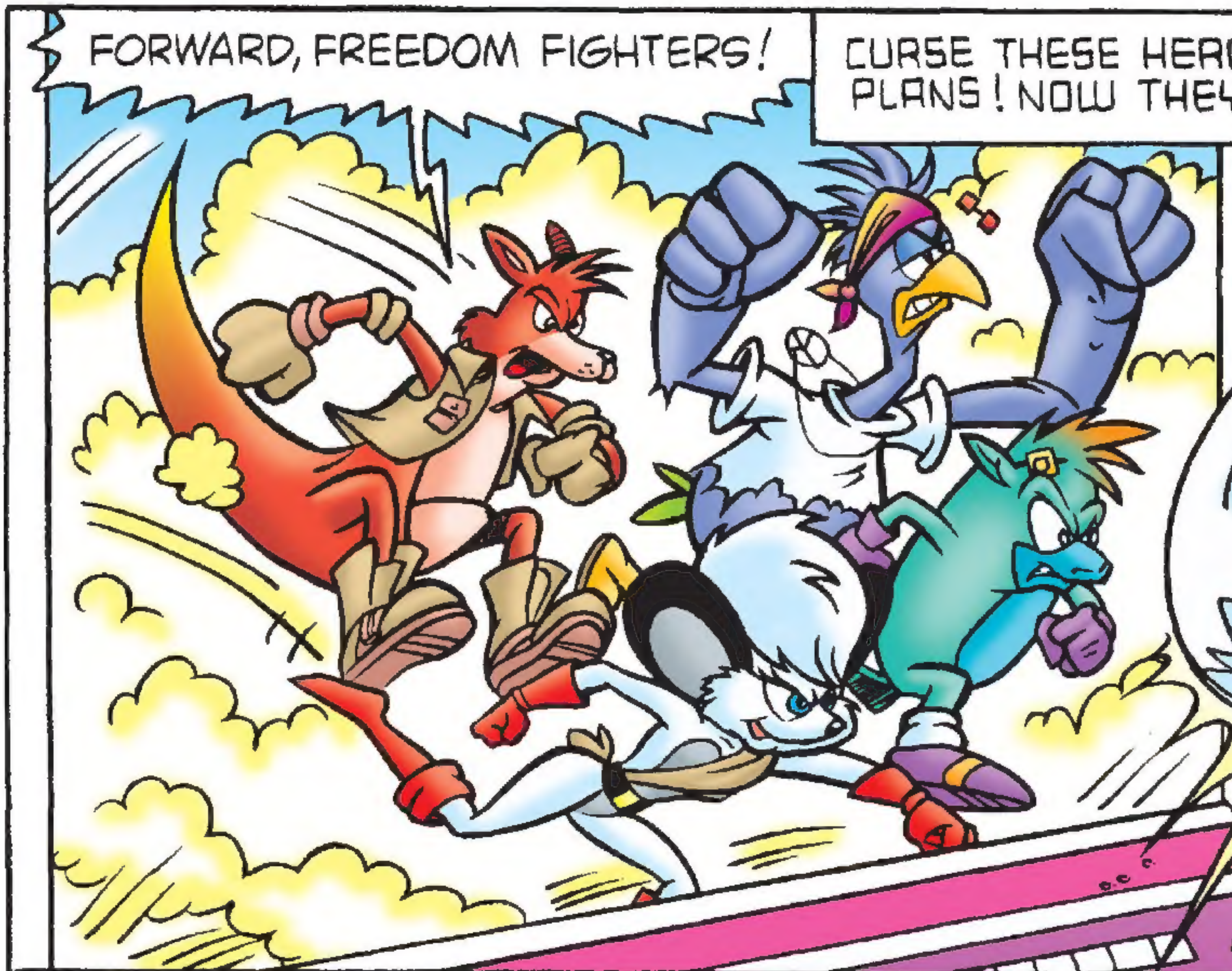


THIS IS DR.ROBOTNIK
MONITORING YOUR
PROGRESS...OR LACK
THEREOF! WHAT'S
THE PROBLEM?

UTTM...NOTHING I CAN'T
HANDLE, CHUBBOLTS...
I'LL CALL YOU BACK!



TIK-
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TIK...

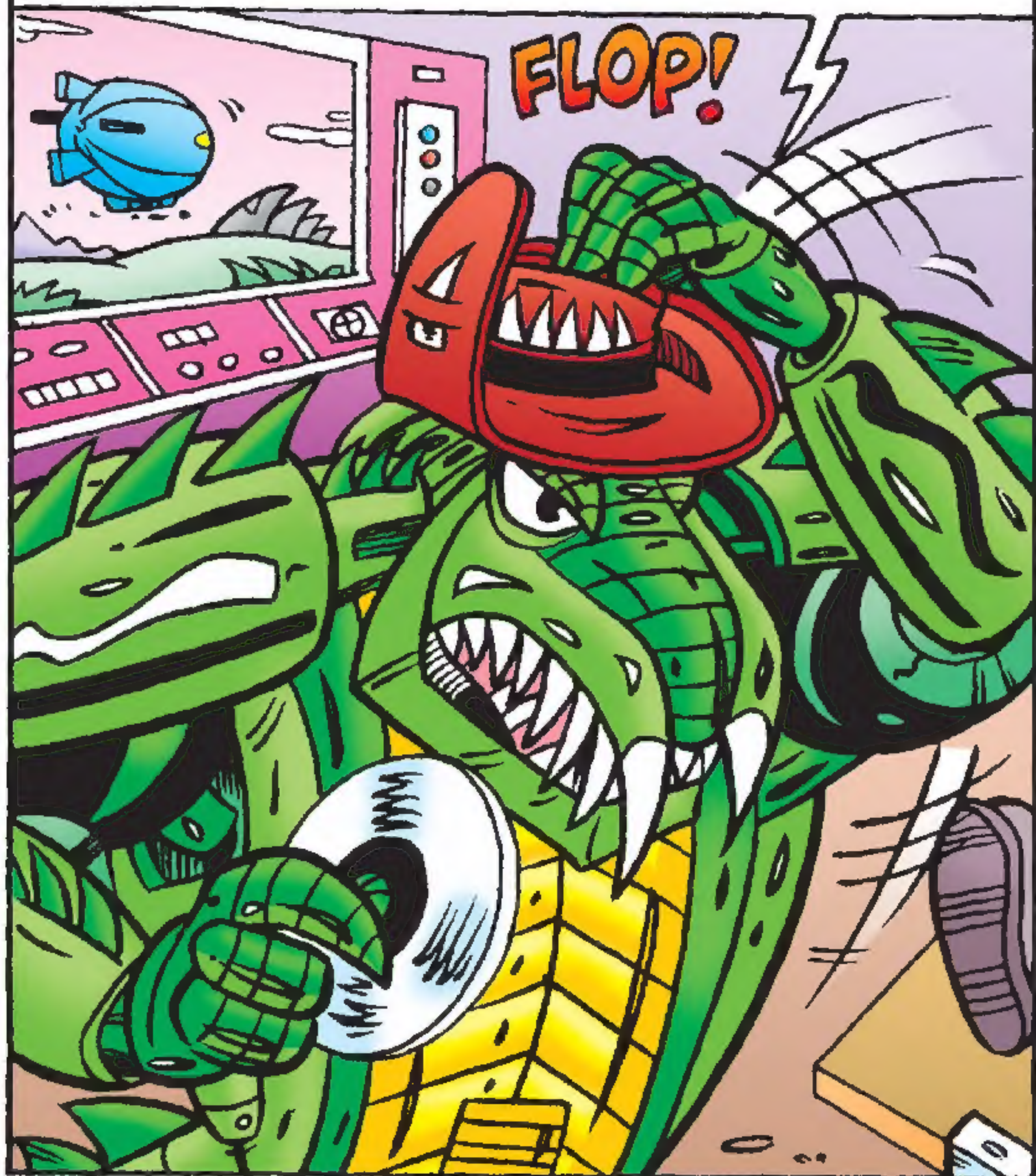


FORWARD, FREEDOM FIGHTERS!

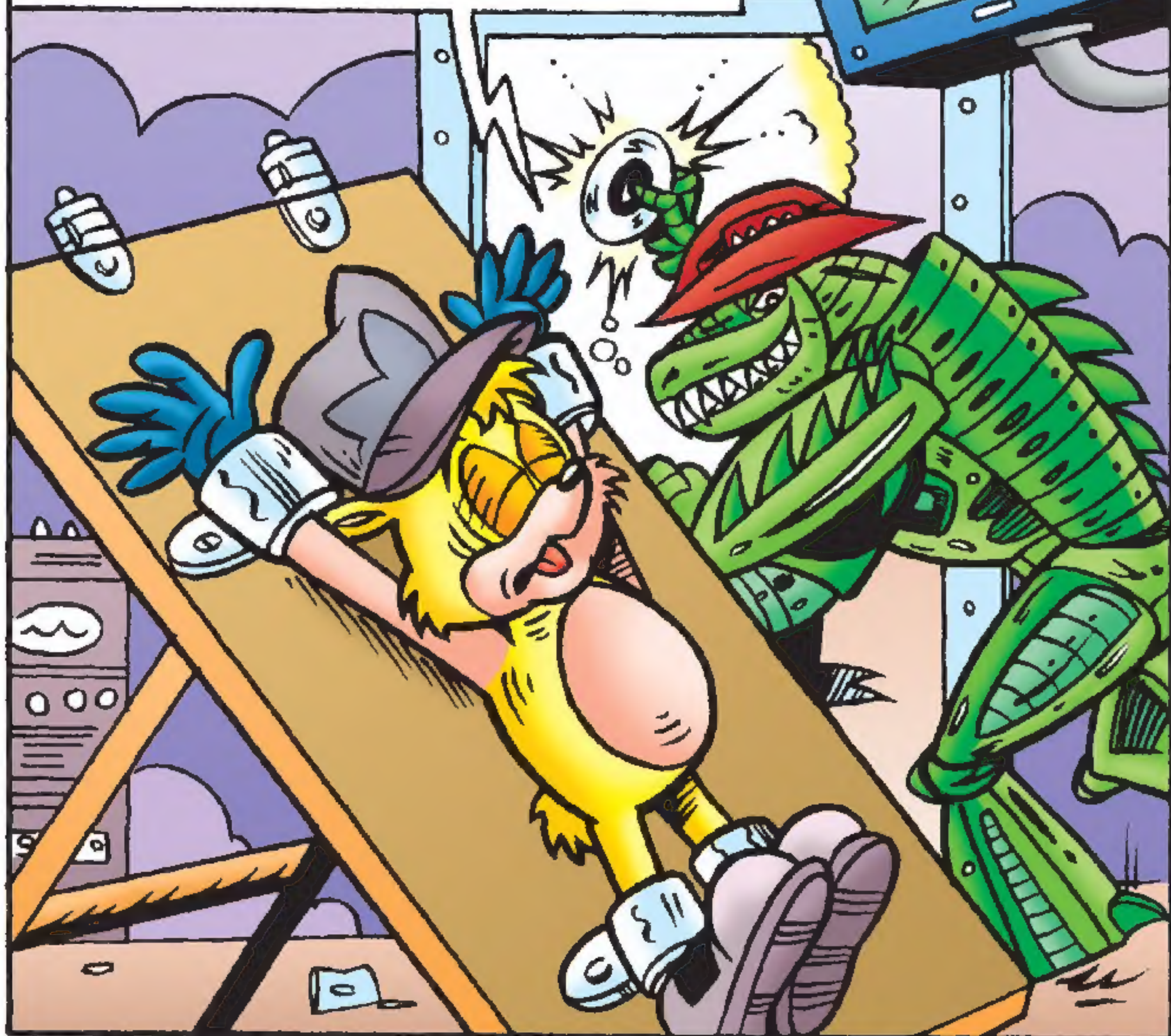
CURSE THESE HEROES! THEY'RE FOULING UP MY
PLANS! NOW THEY'LL PAY THE PRICE...SO SAYS...



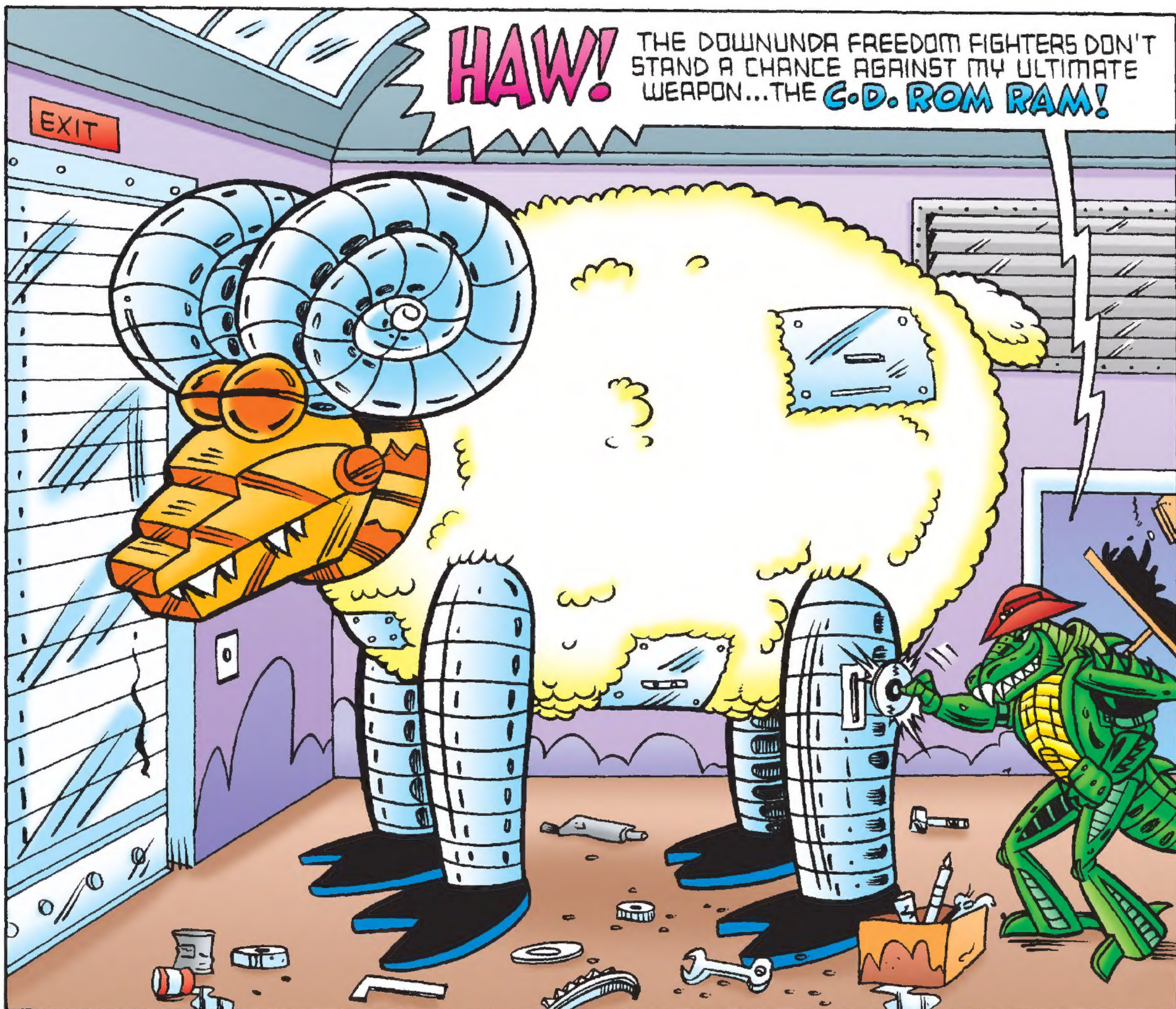
...**CROCBOT!** ONCE I'VE UN-LOADED THAT BLIMP AND RE-PROGRAMMED THE SWATBOT CREW, I'LL RULE DOWNUNDA... AND EVENTUALLY, *MOBIUS!*

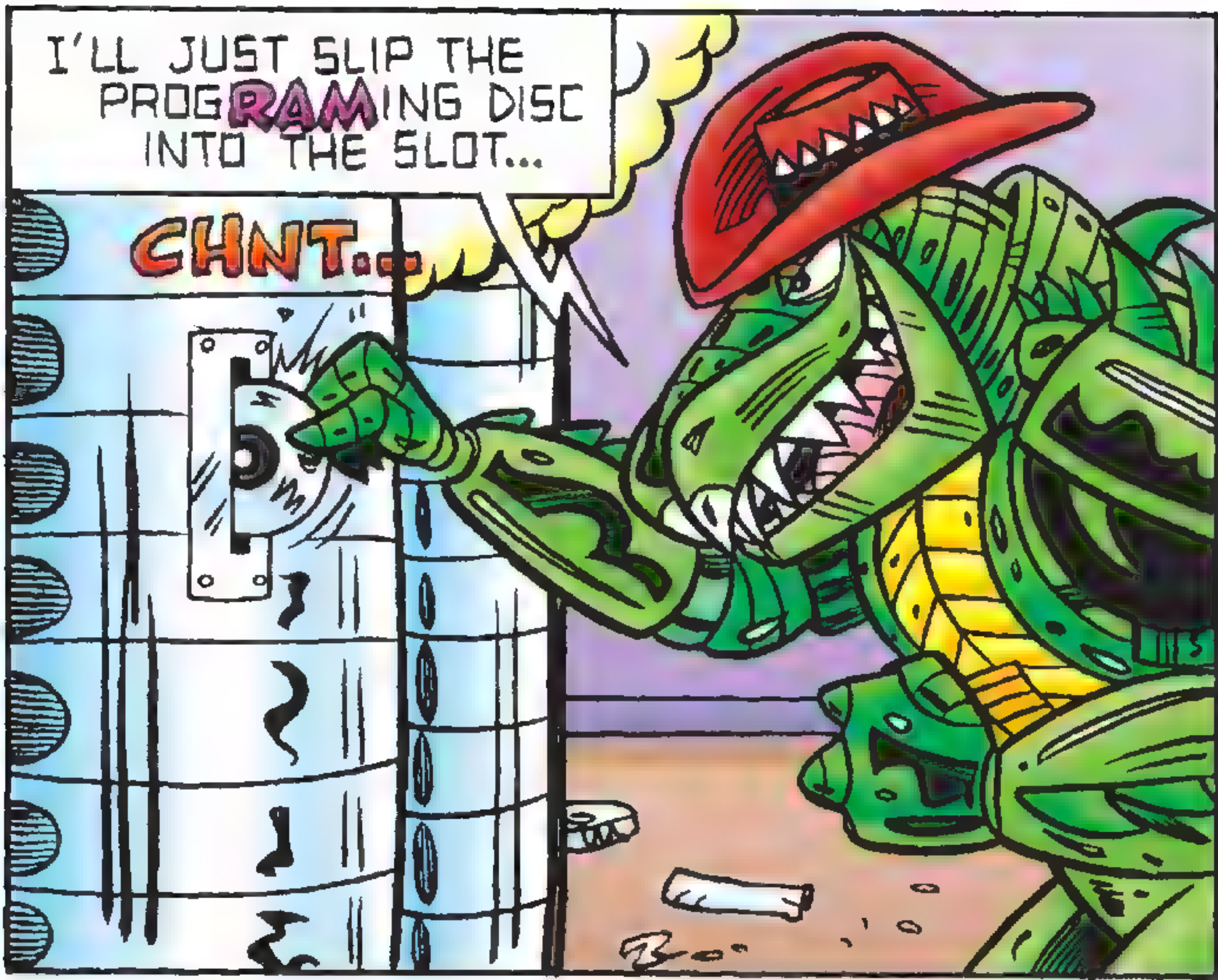


BUT IT CAN'T HAPPEN UNTIL I DISPOSE OF YOUR TEAM-MATES *WOMBAT STU!* FEEL FREE TO WATCH THEM PERISH IF YOU EVER REGAIN CONSCIOUSNESS!



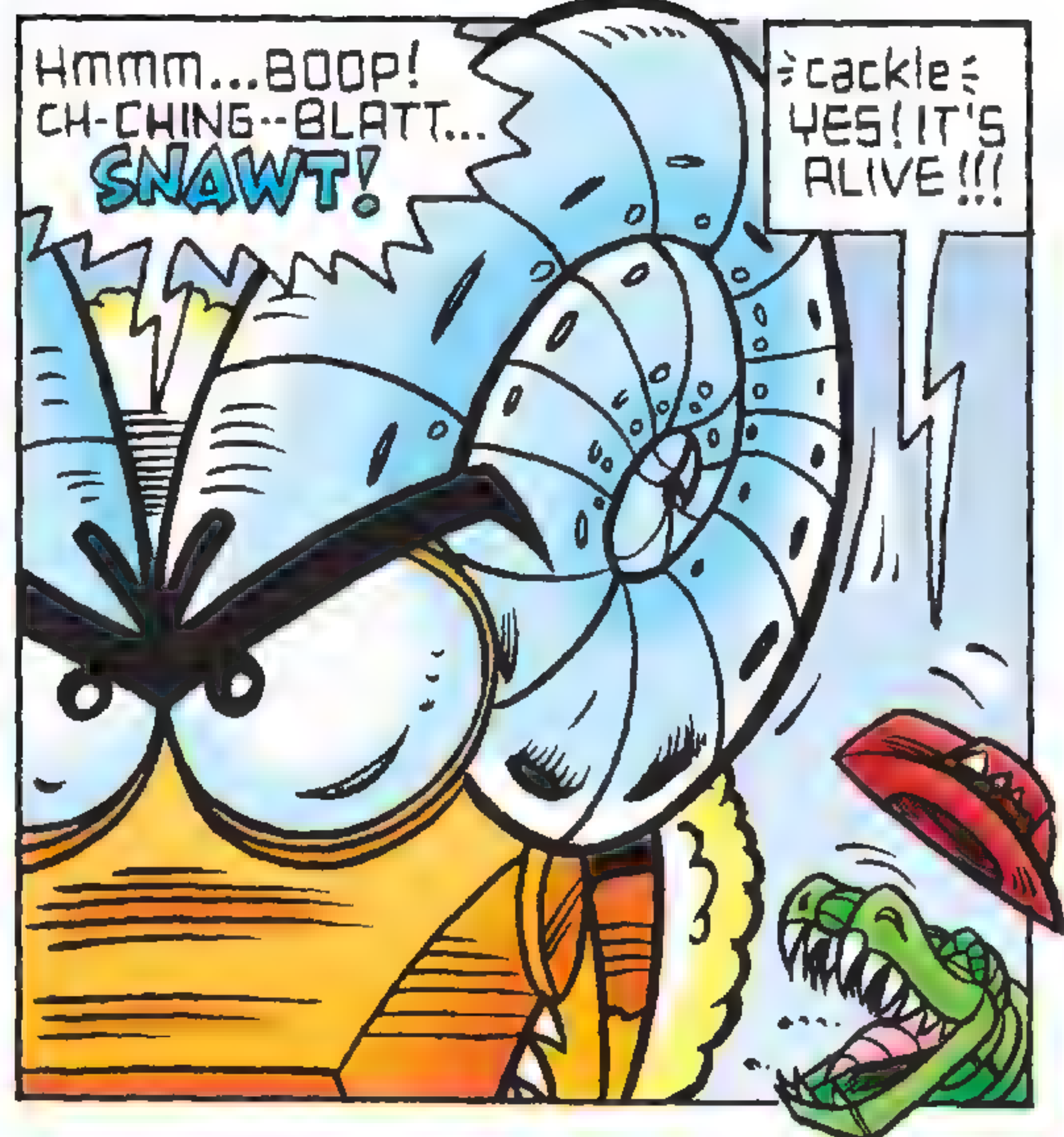
HAW! THE DOWNUNDA FREEDOM FIGHTERS DON'T STAND A CHANCE AGAINST MY ULTIMATE WEAPON... THE **G.O.D. ROM RAM!**





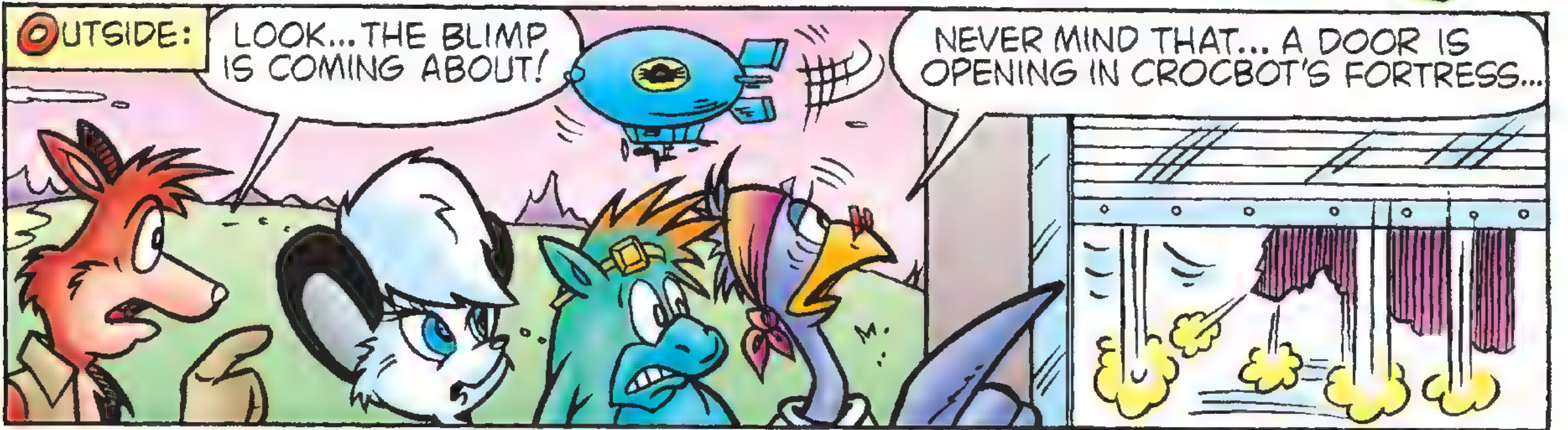
I'LL JUST SLIP THE PROGRAMING DISC INTO THE SLOT...

CHNT...



Hmmm...BOOP!
CH-CHING--BLATT...
SNAWT!

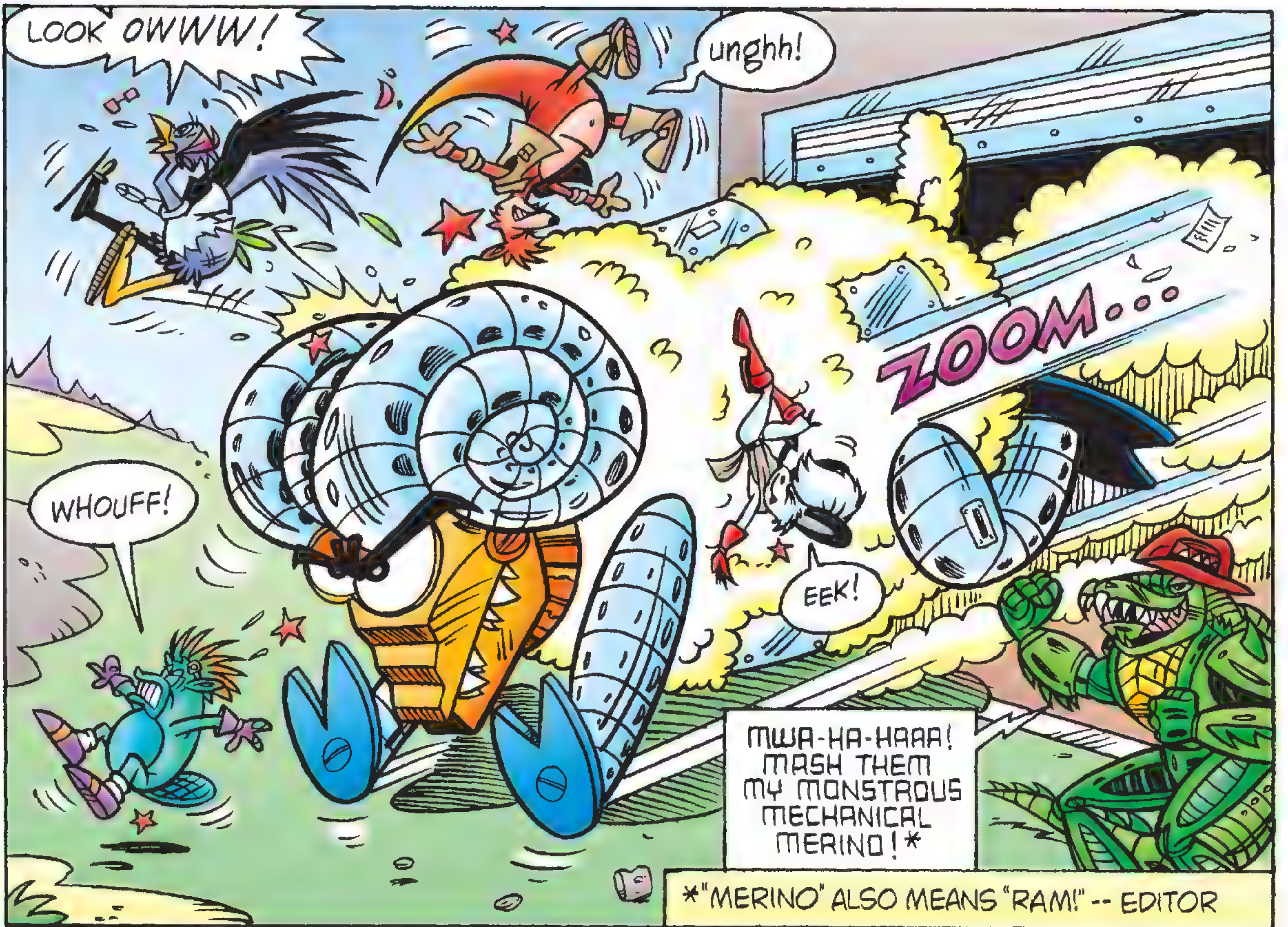
cackle
YES! IT'S ALIVE!!!



OUTSIDE:

LOOK...THE BLIMP IS COMING ABOUT!

NEVER MIND THAT... A DOOR IS OPENING IN CROCBOT'S FORTRESS...



LOOK OWWW!

unghh!

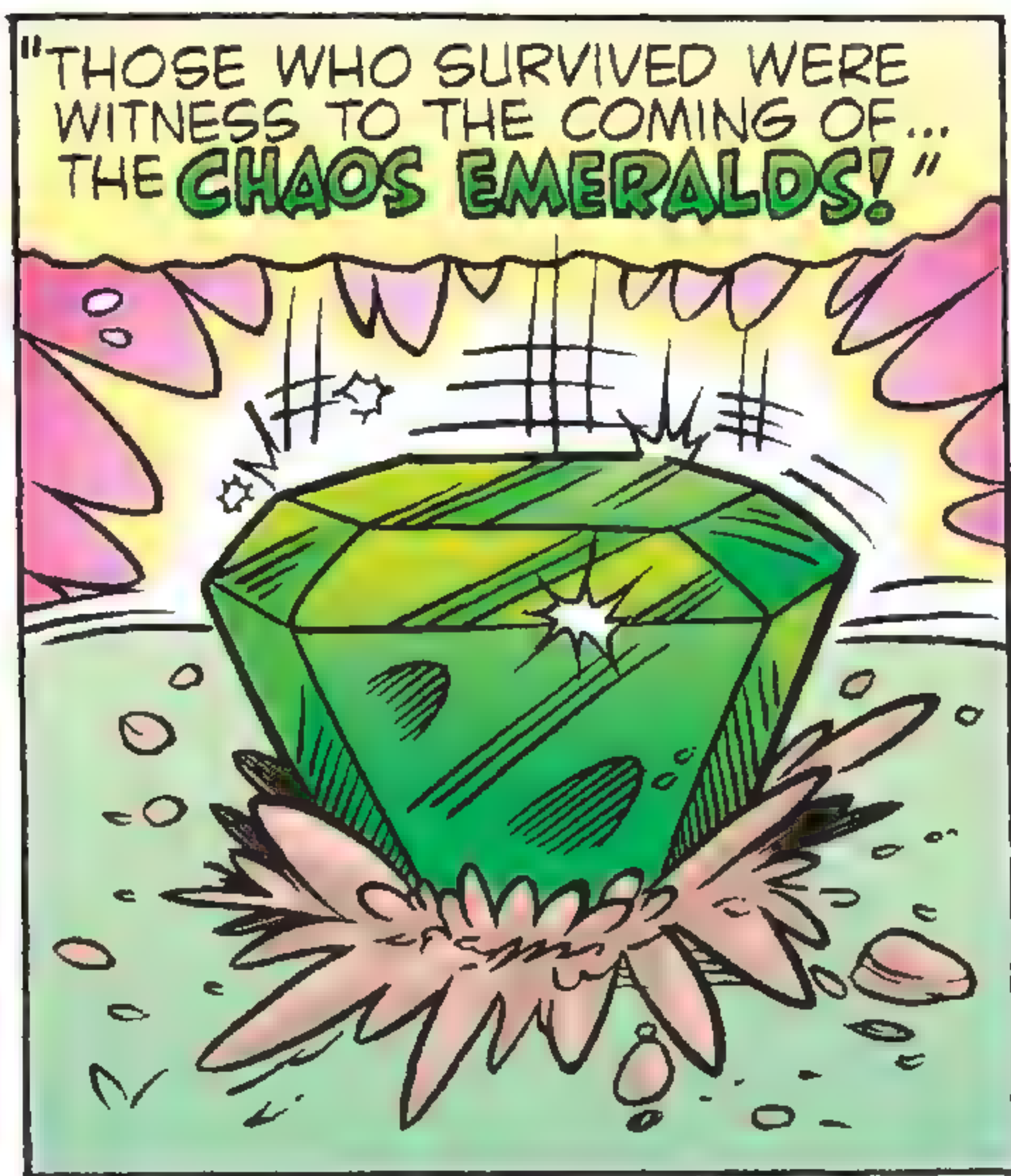
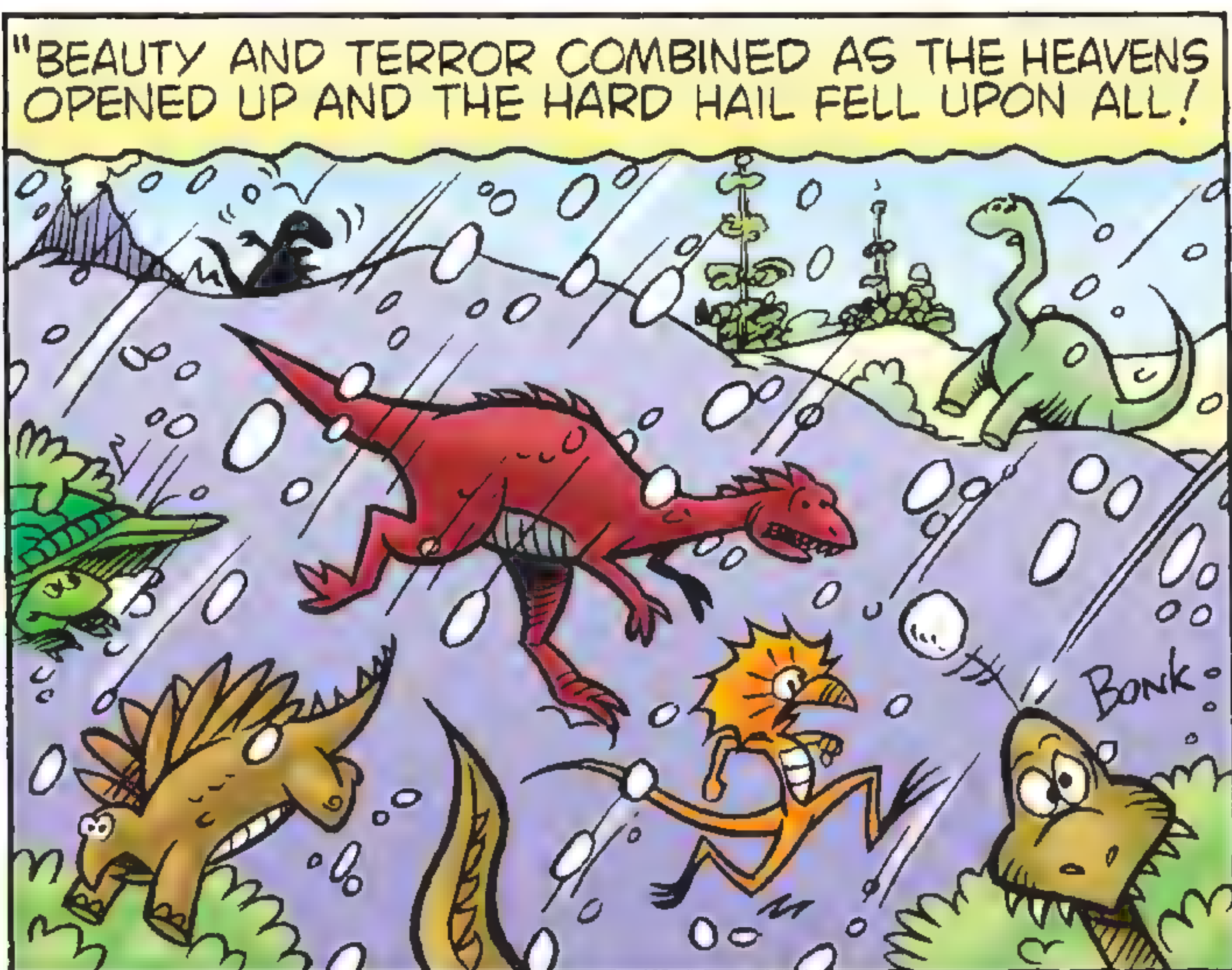
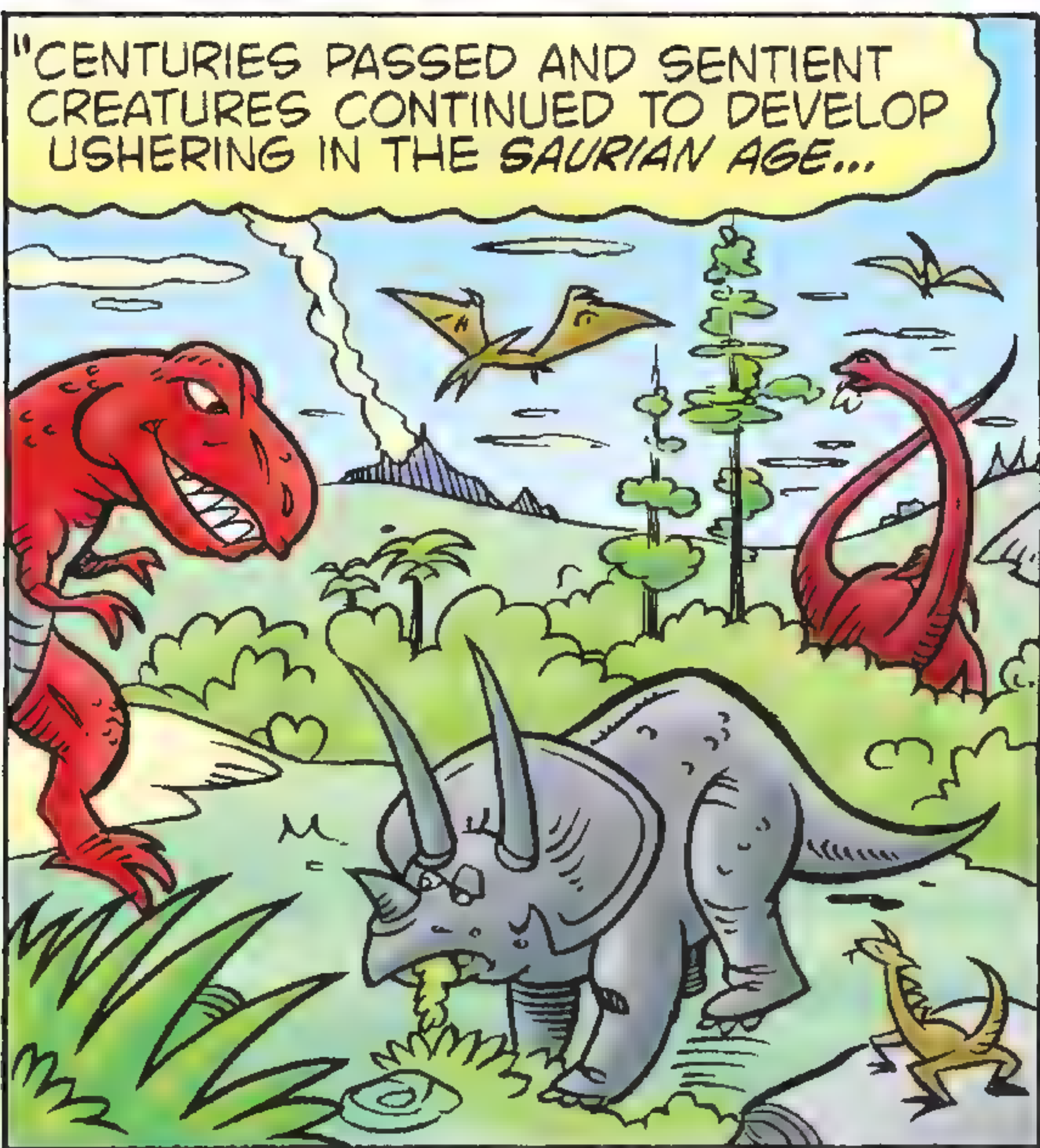
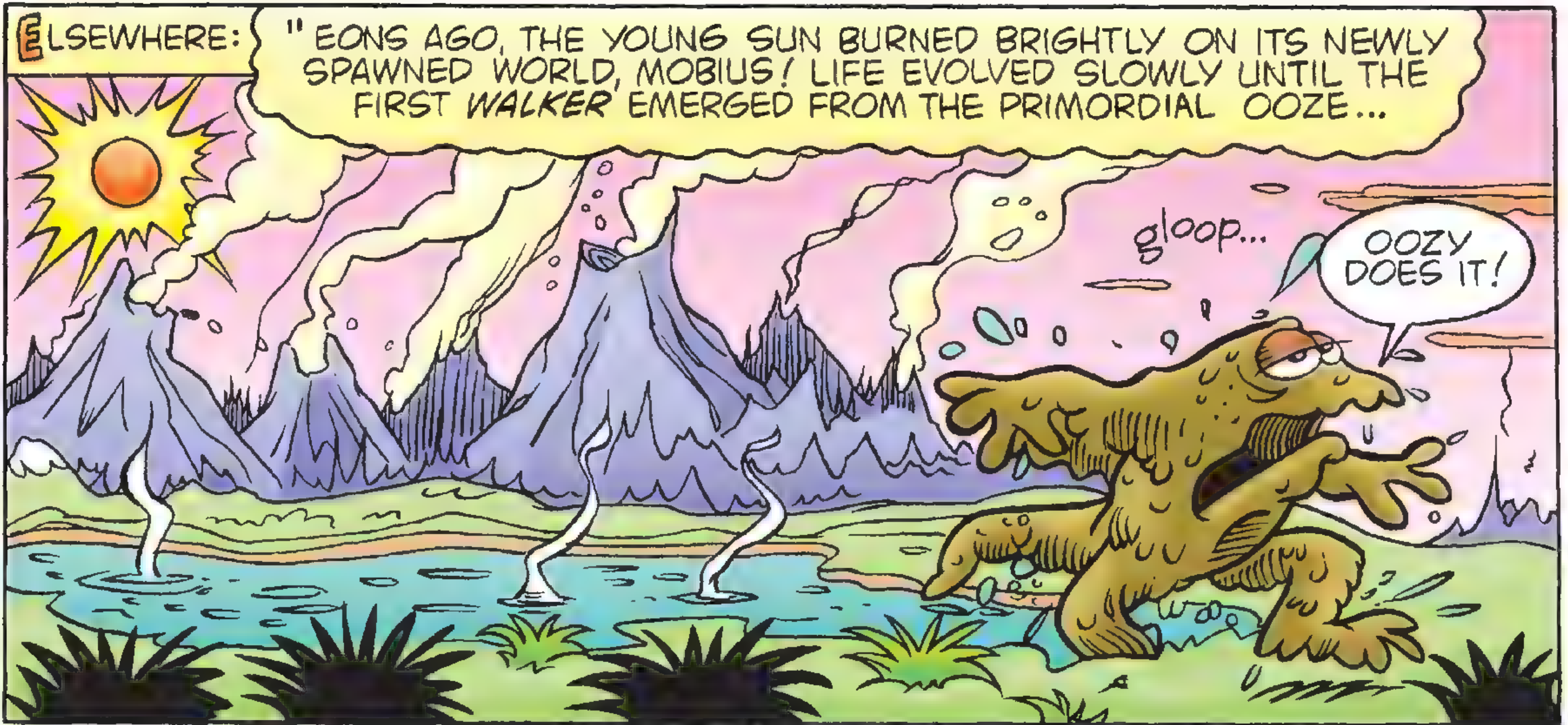
ZOOM...

WHOUFF!

EEK!

MWA-HA-HAAA!
MASH THEM
MY MONSTROUS
MECHANICAL
MERINO!*

*"MERINO" ALSO MEANS "RAM!" -- EDITOR



"OVER CENTURIES, THESE CRYSTALS HAVE INSPIRED MANY CULTURAL WONDERS:

"PAGAN WORSHIP..."

"...TECHNOLOGICAL ADVANCES CAPABLE OF DRIVING THOSE WHO HARNESS IT MAD...*

*AS MENTIONED IN SONIC ARCHIVES VOL.9! --EDITOR

"... AND IN HANDS OF PURE EVIL, THEY CAN BE CORRUPTED INTO WEAPONS OF DESTRUCTION!"

"BUT, ABSOLUTE ENERGY CANNOT BE CREATED OR DESTROYED--

--THE INFINITE POWER OF THE CHAOS EMERALDS SHALL REALIGN FOR A HIGHER PURPOSE!"

"THE CHOSEN ONE WHO SHALL GATHER THEM WILL WALK AMONGST YOU..."

"... AND THE GREAT HARMONY SHALL BEGIN!"

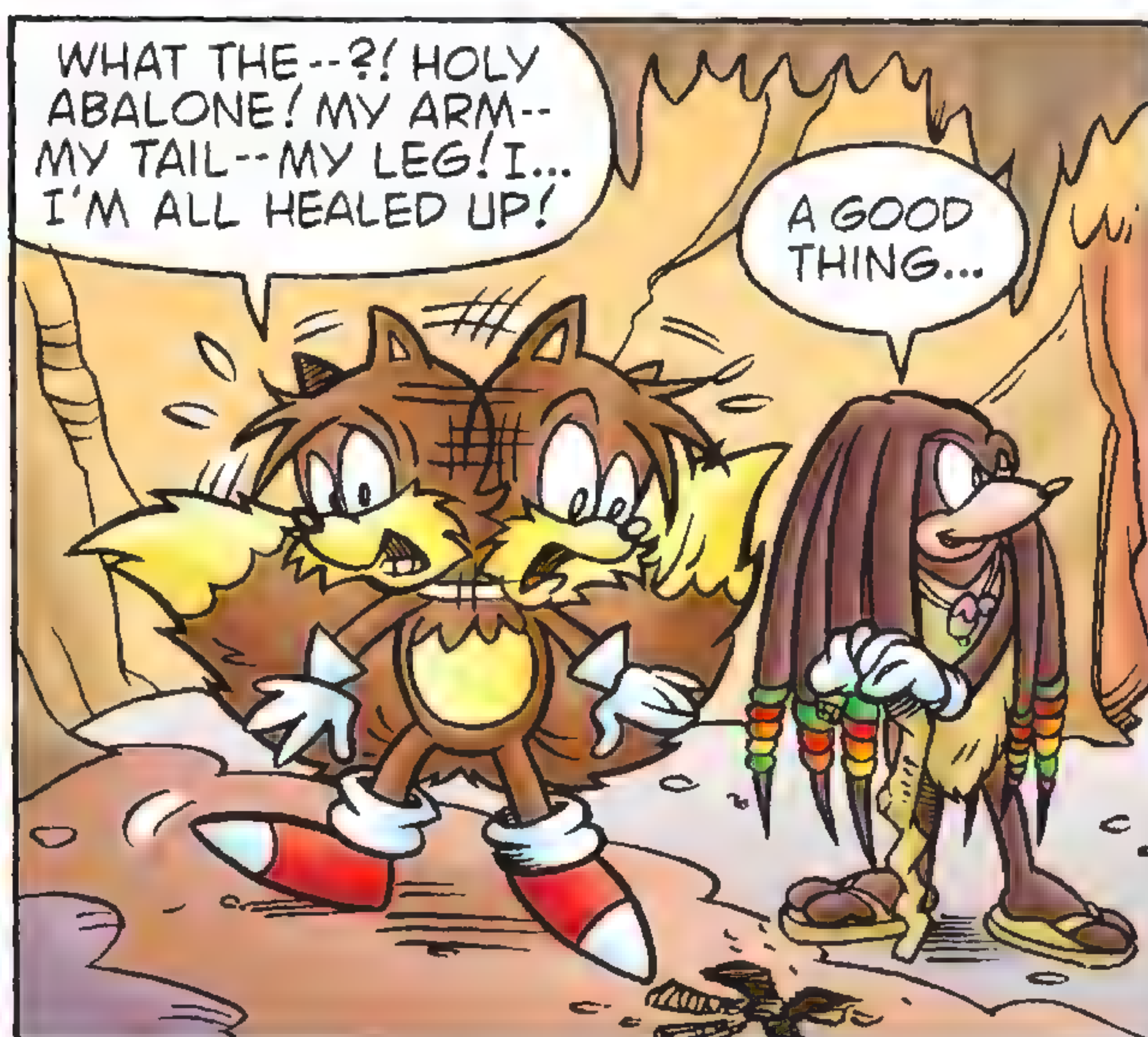
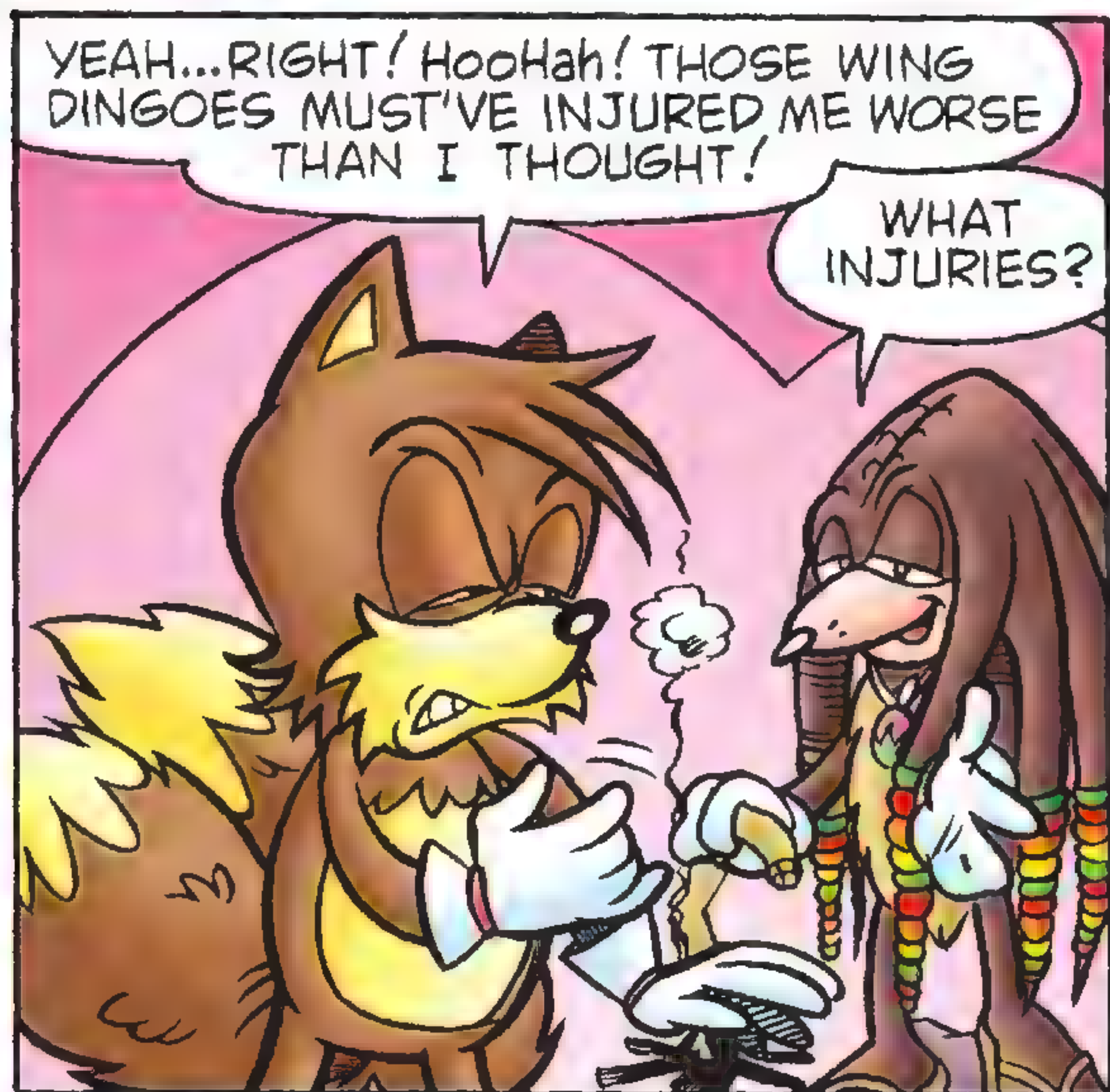
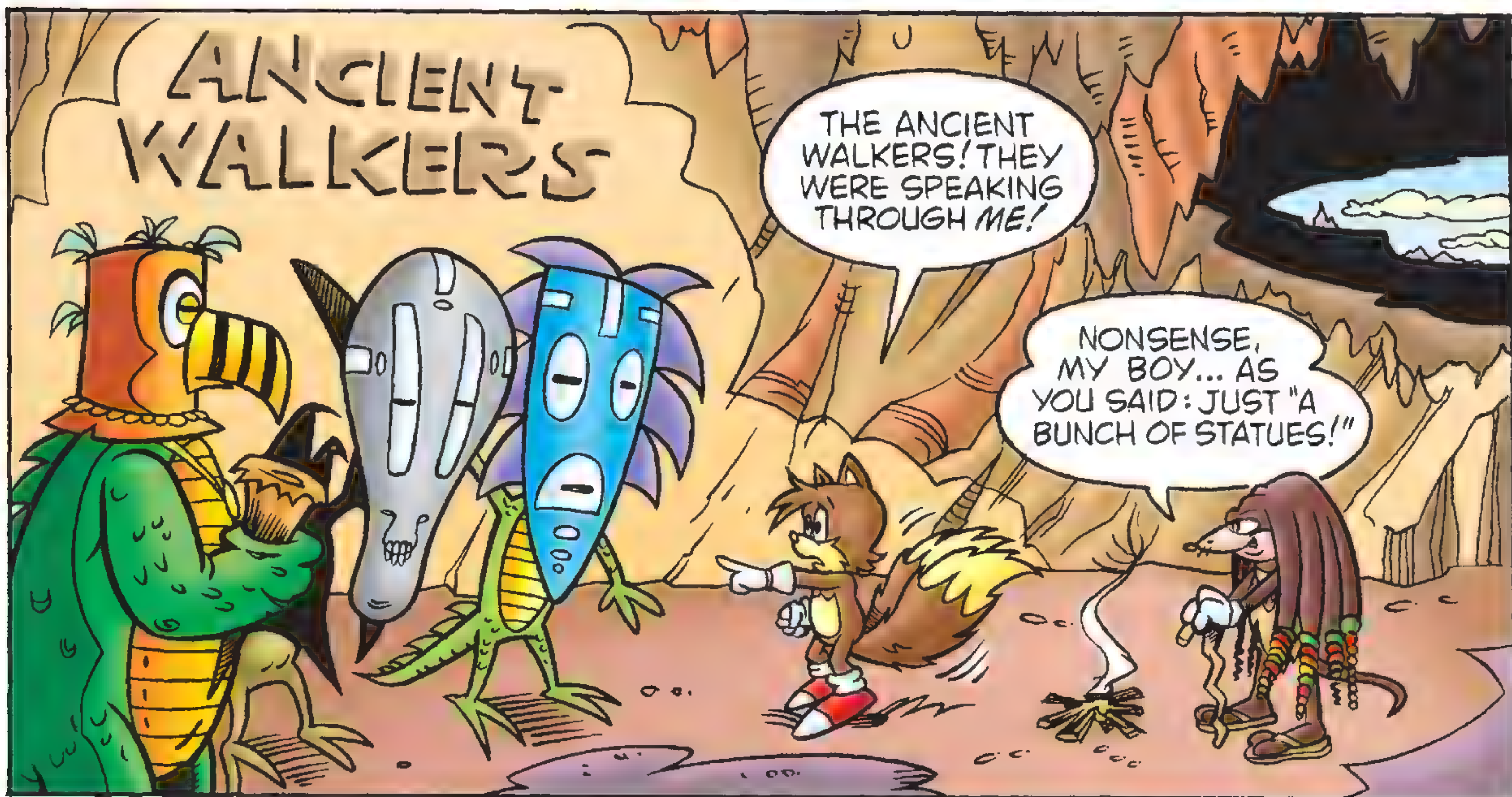
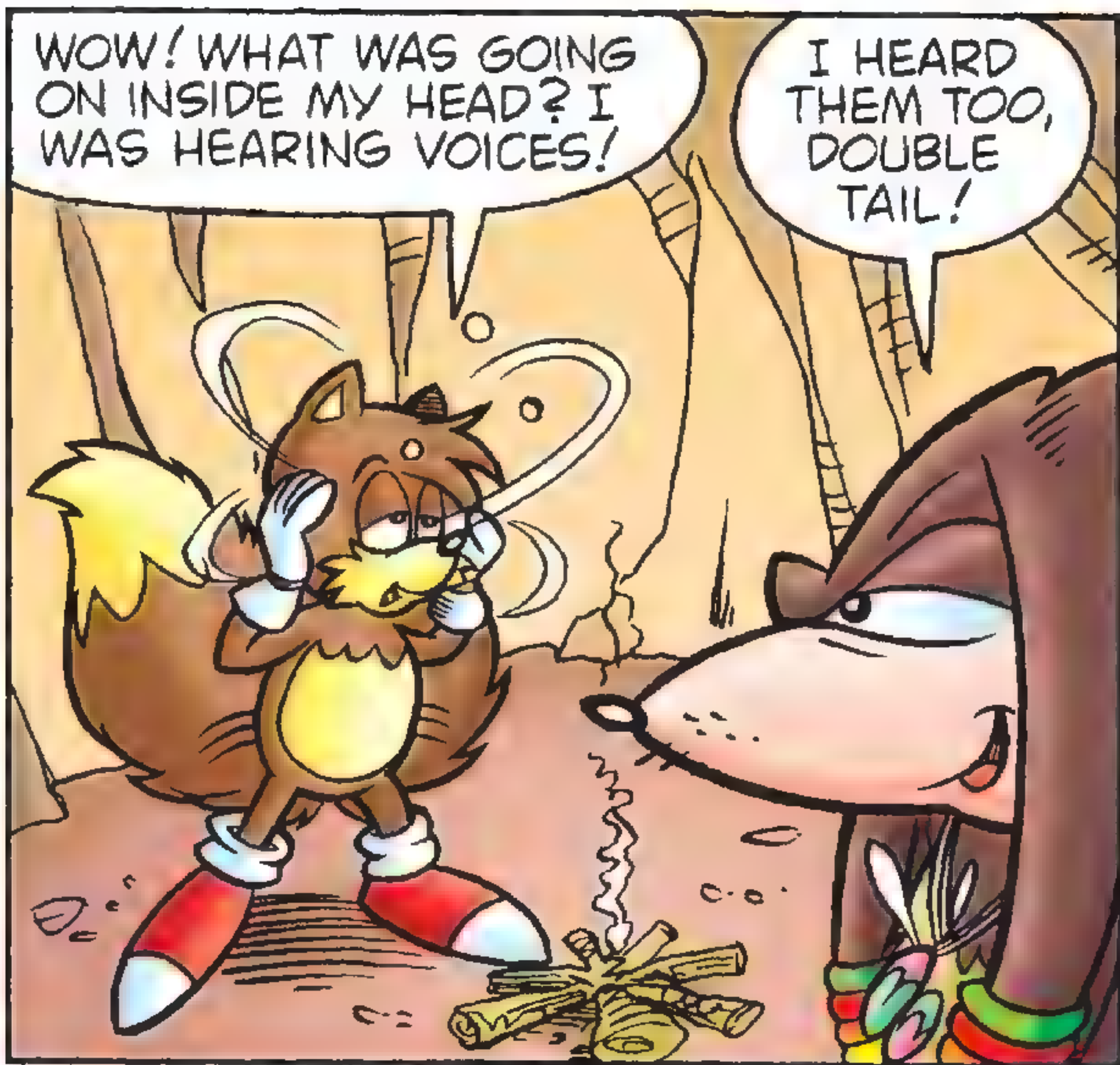
SO IT IS WRITTEN AND THEREFORE, SO IT MUST COME TO BE...

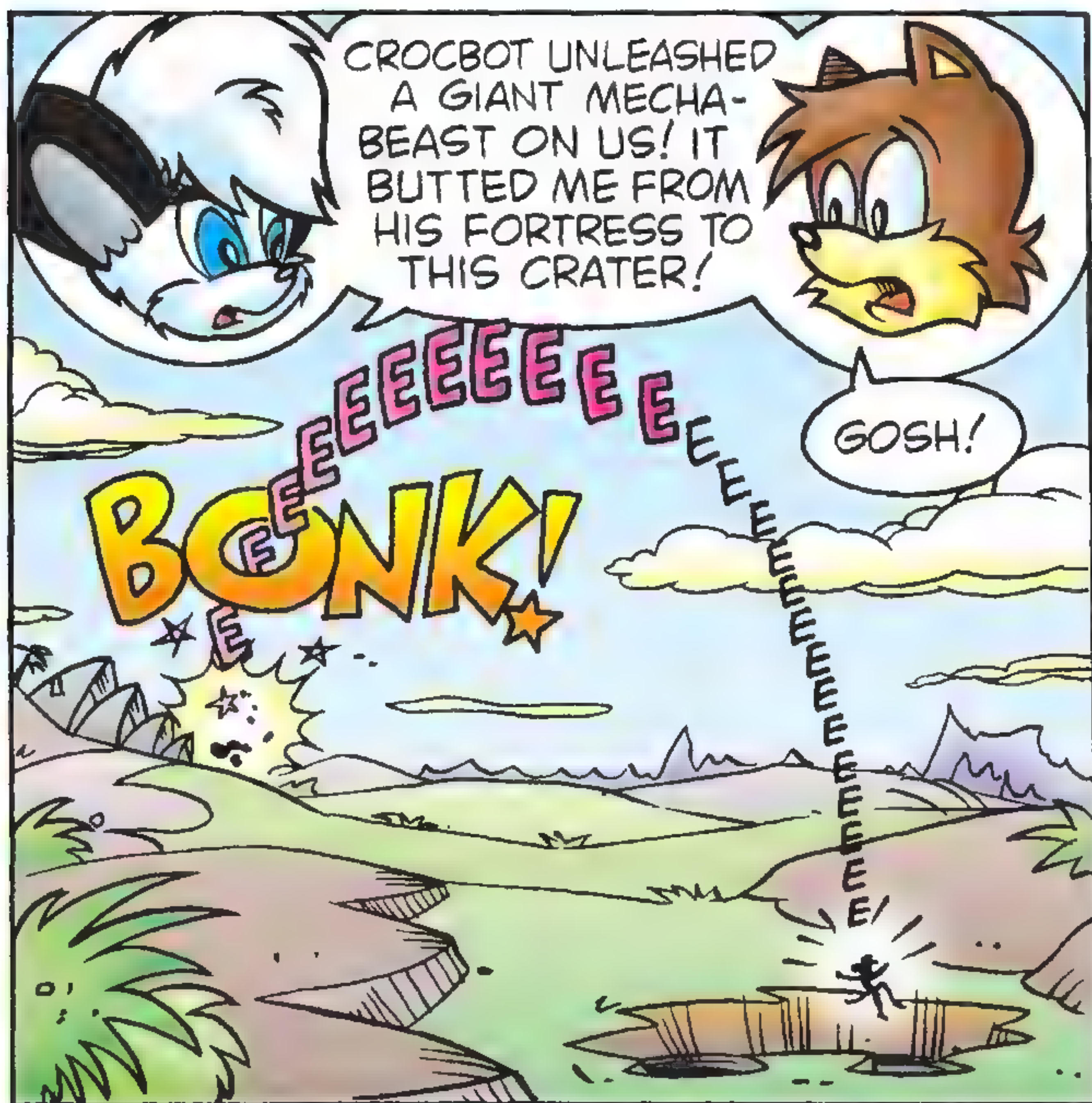
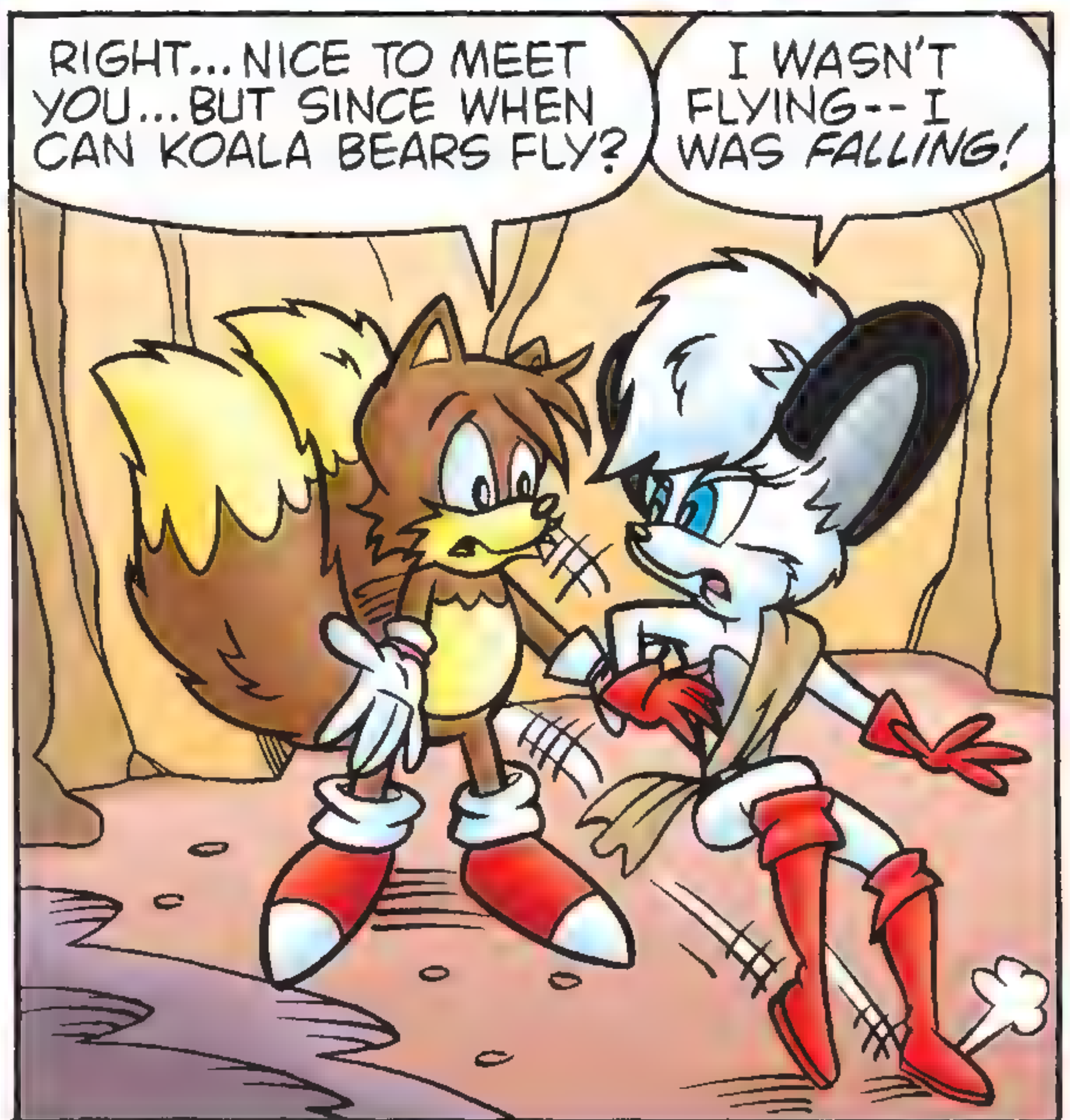
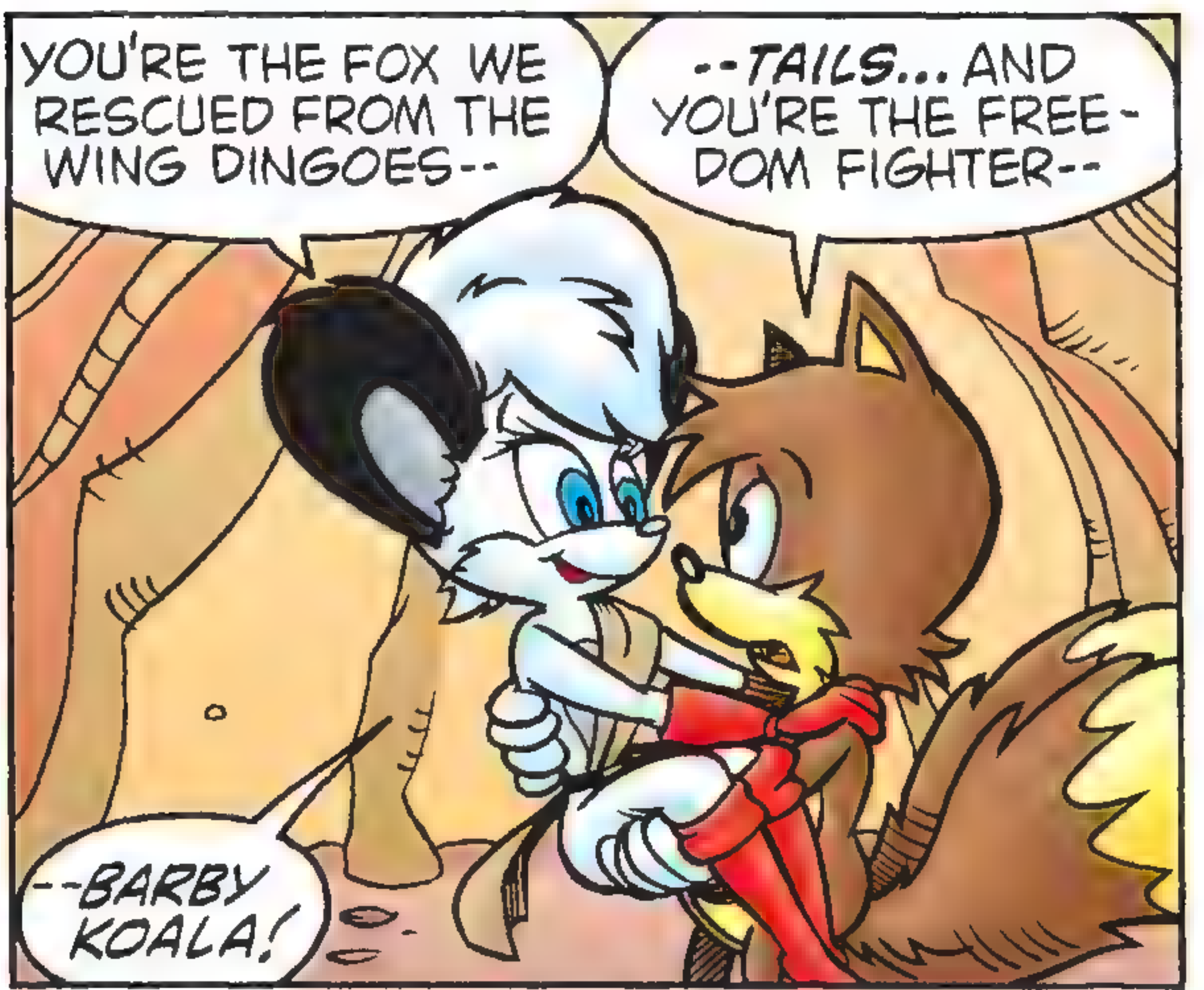
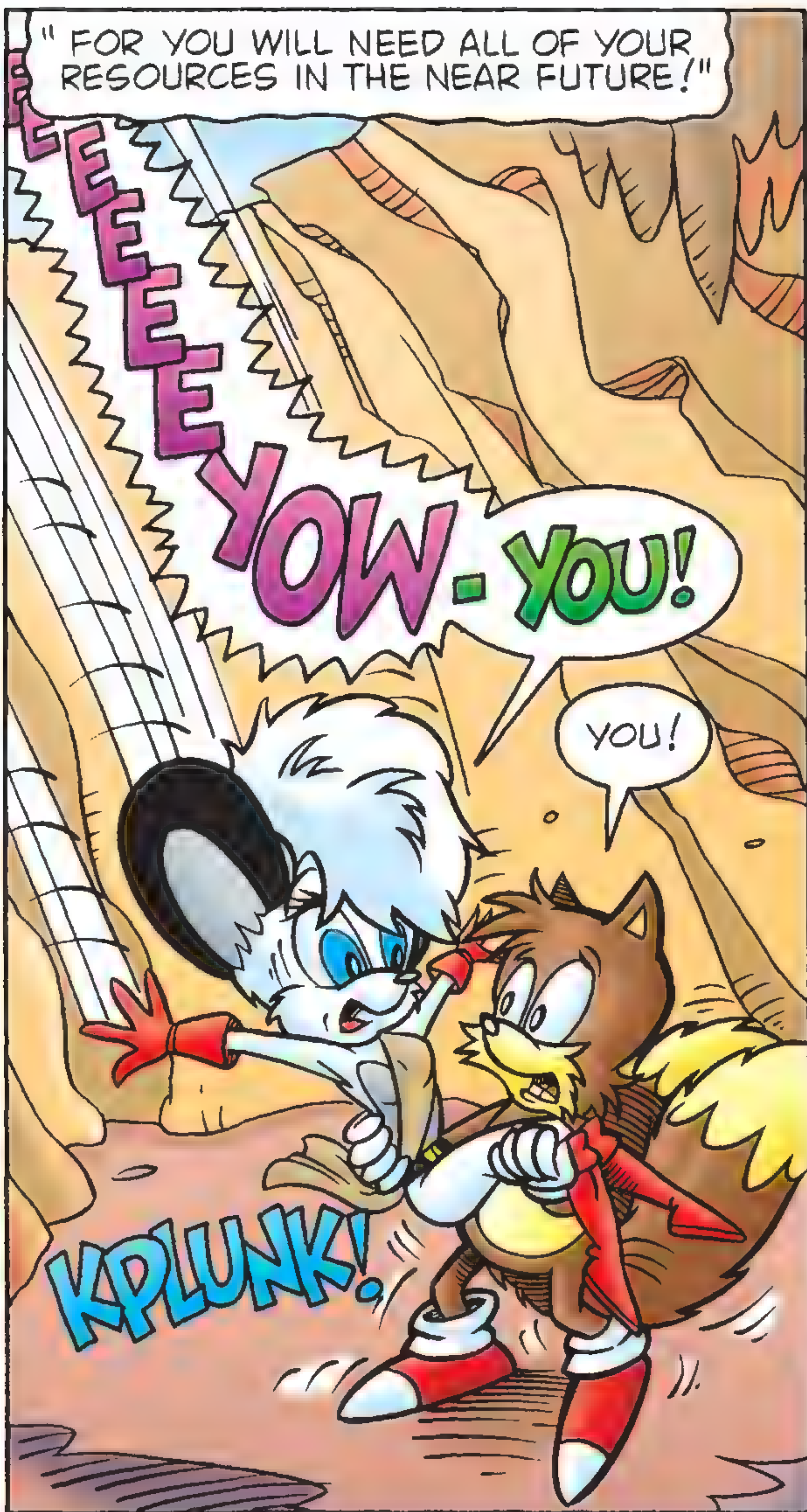
WELL, WELL! THAT WAS A VERY INTERESTING STORY...

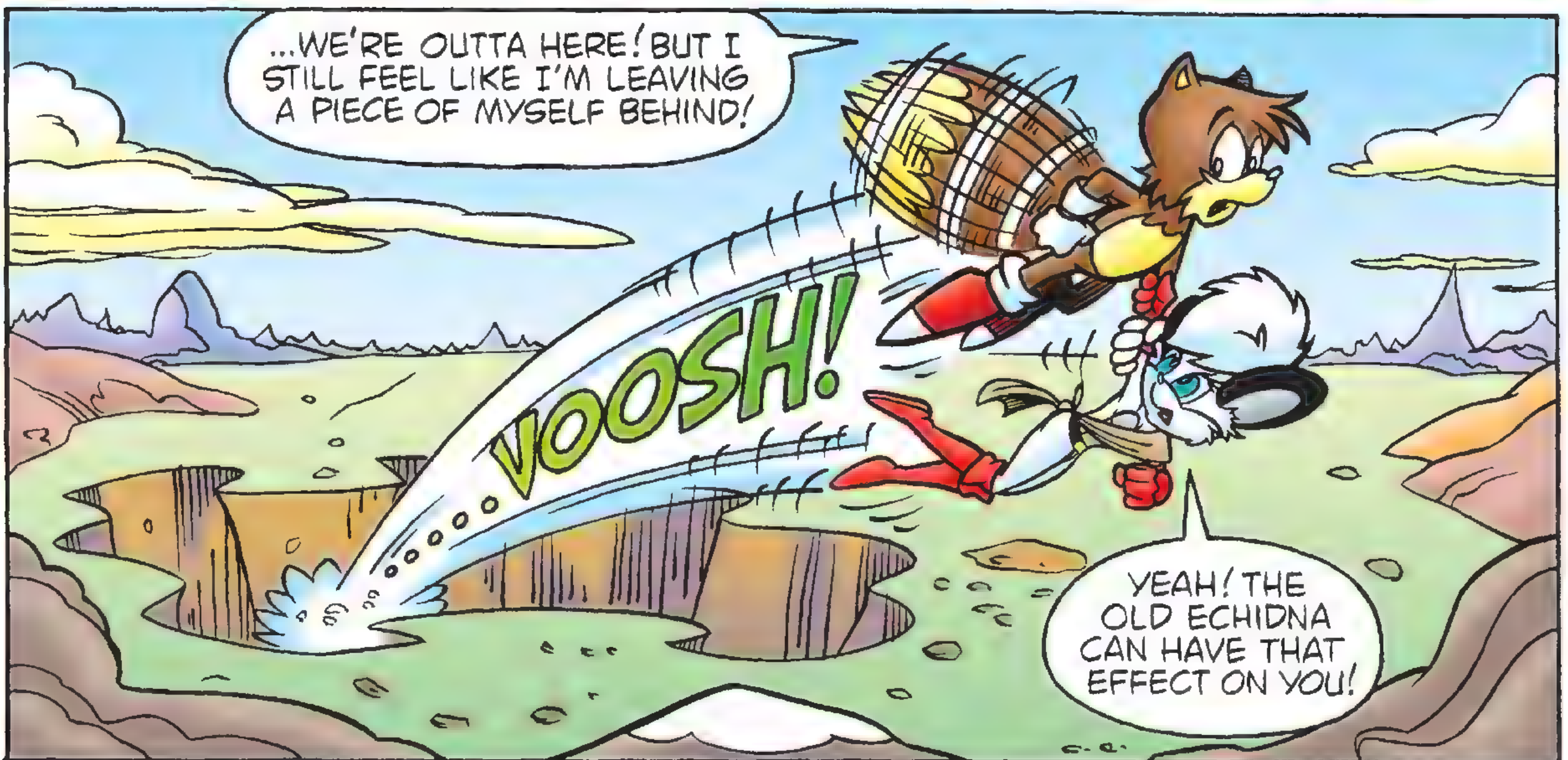
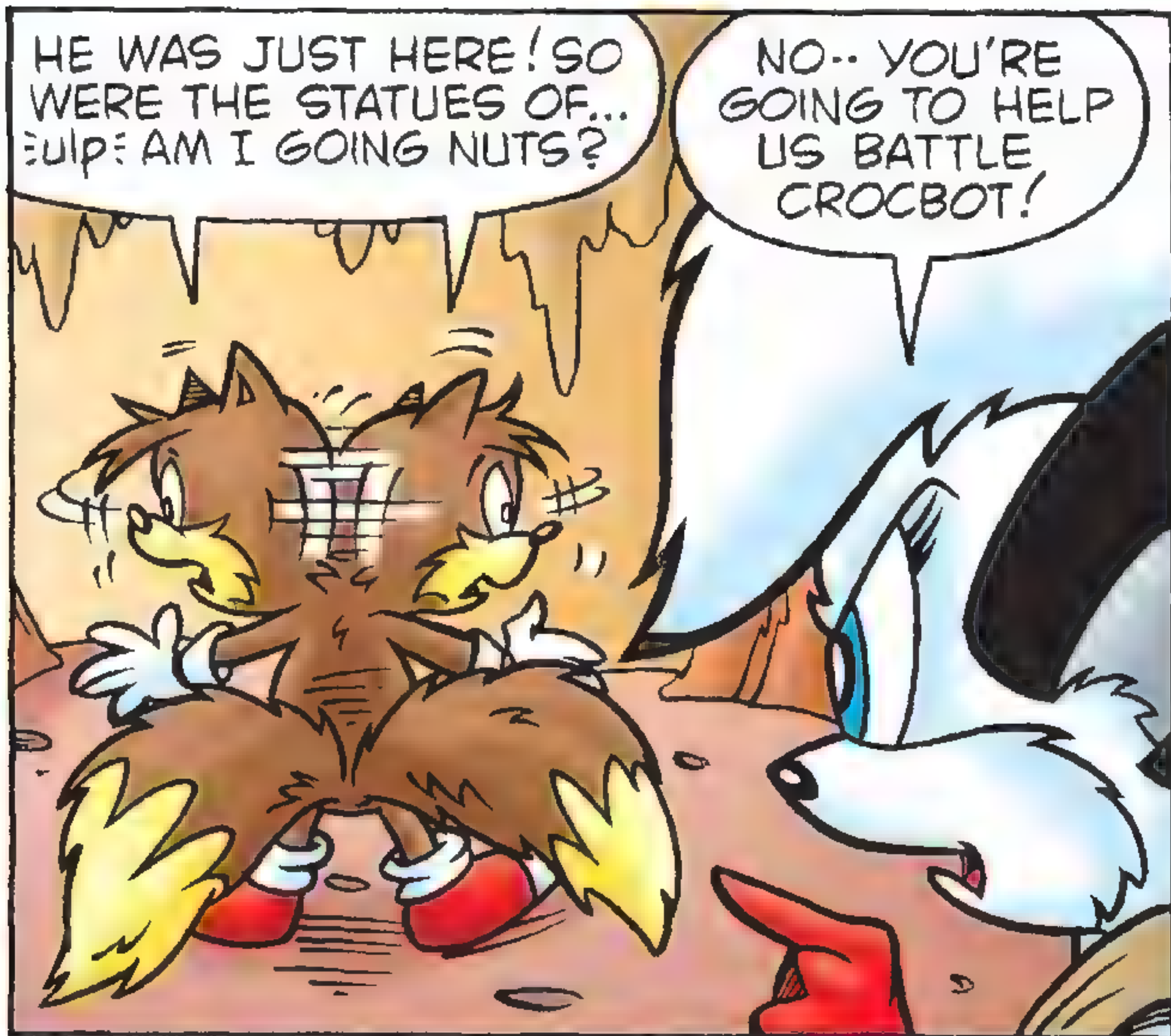
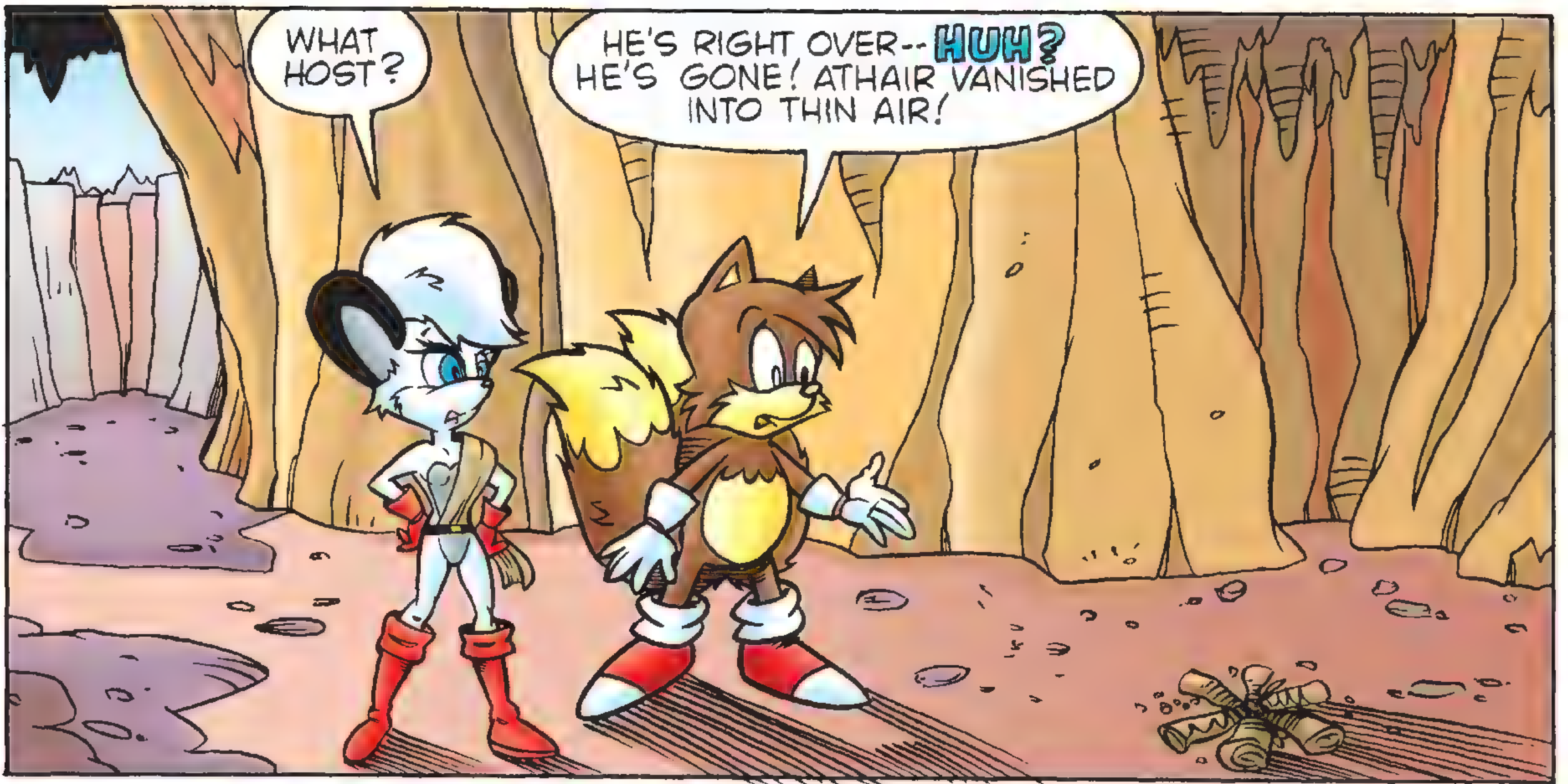
...TAILS!

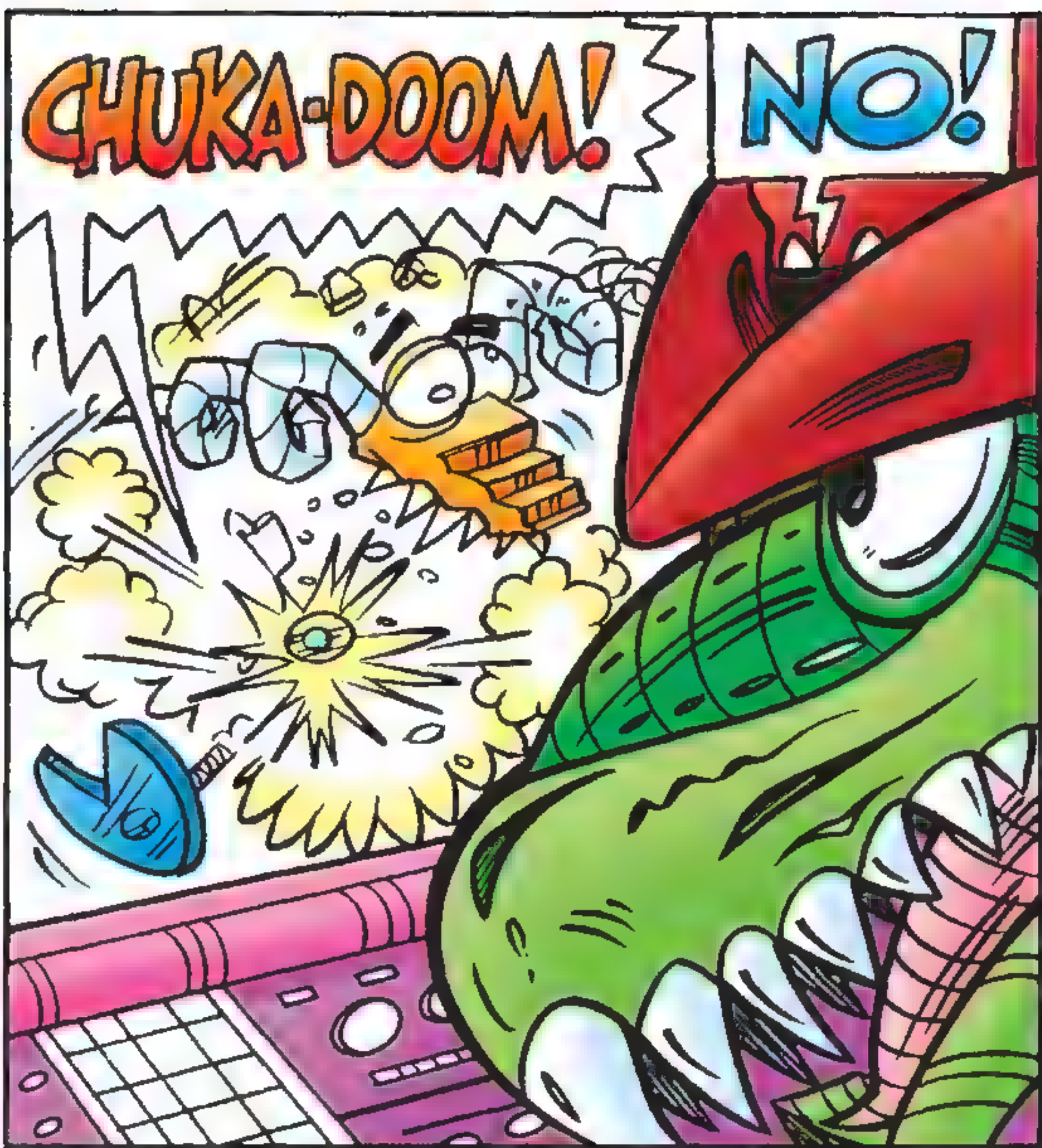
HUH? WHA--WHO?.. WH-WHERE AM I?!

fizzle...



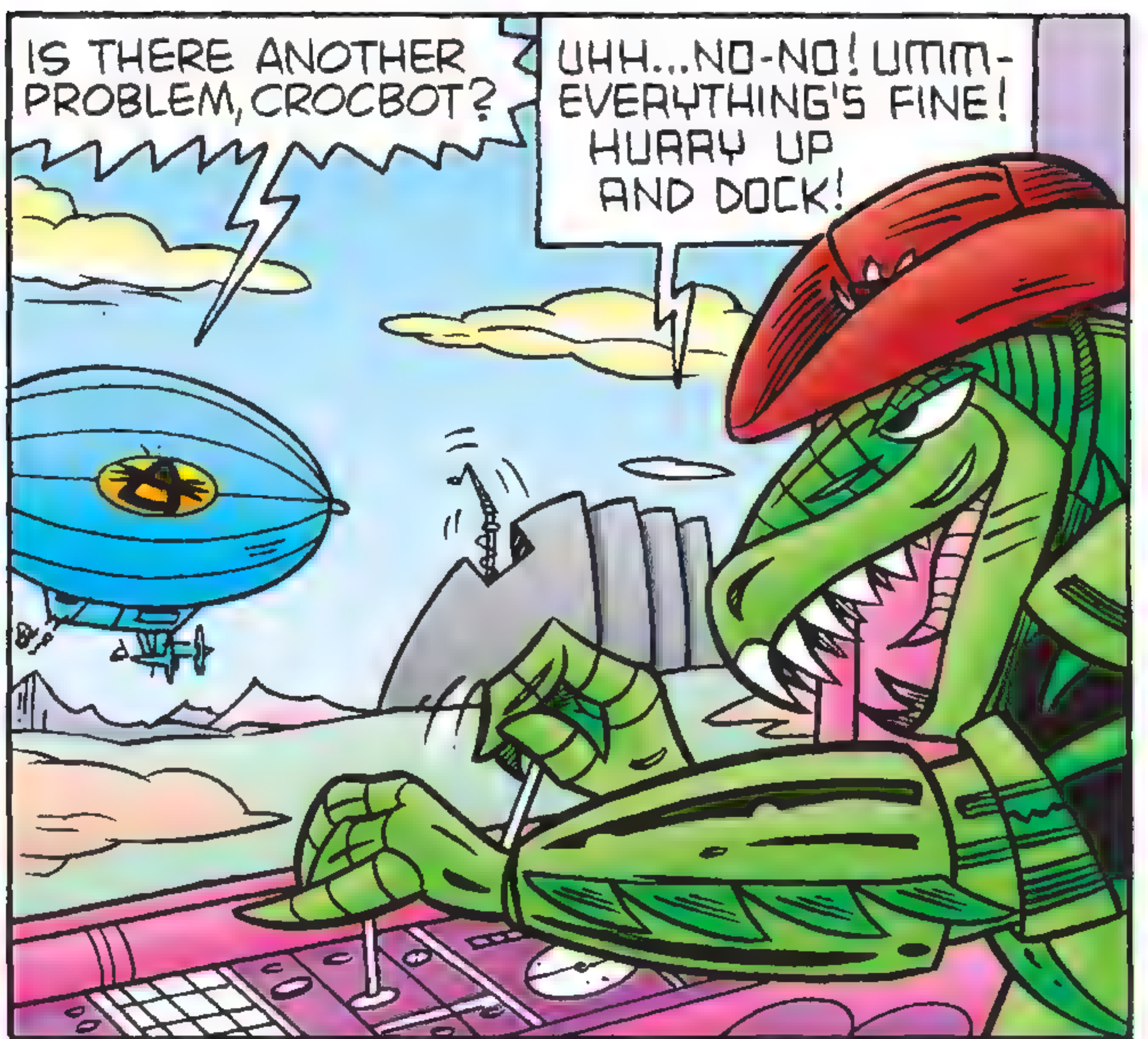






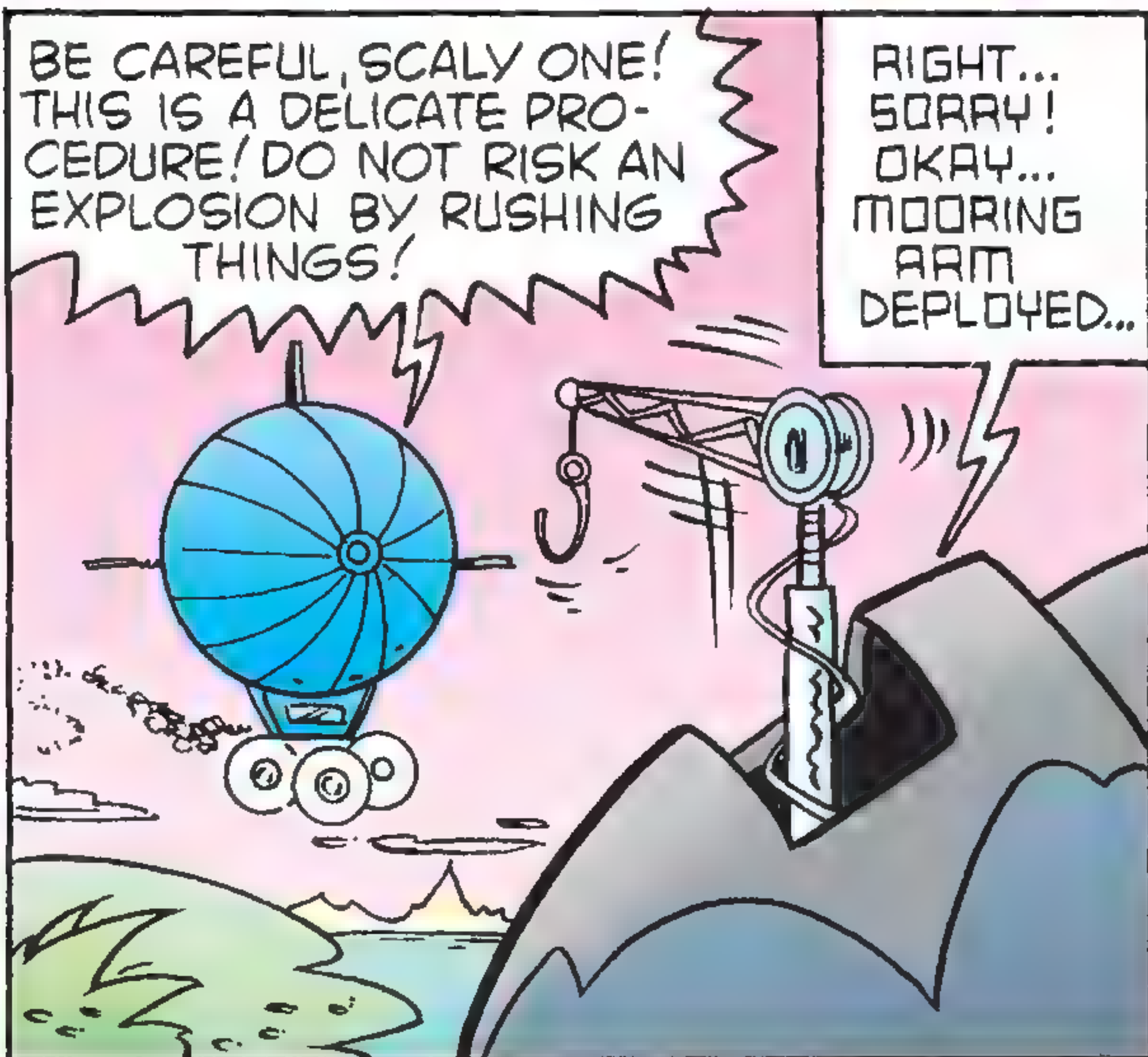
CHUKA-DOOM!

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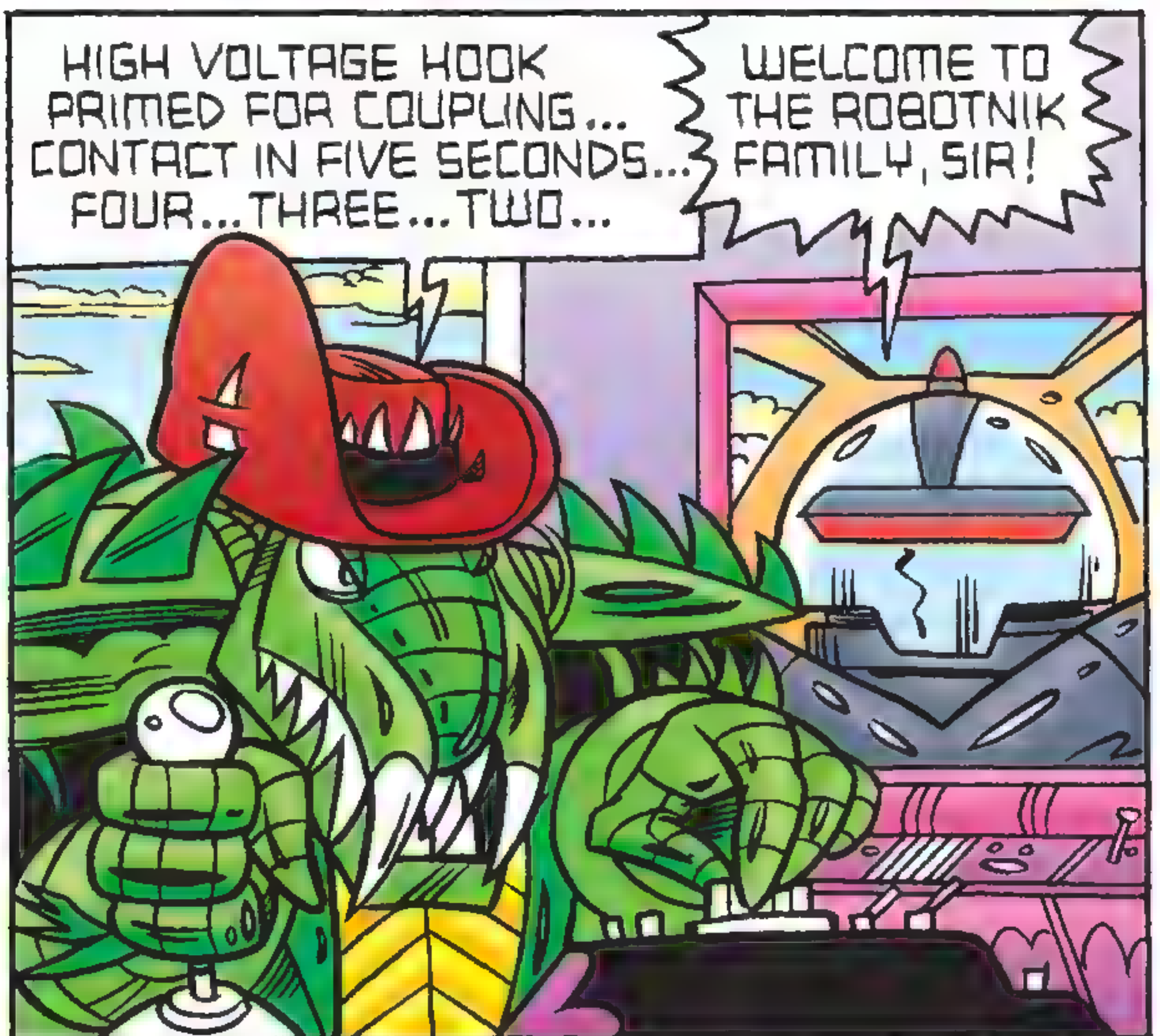
IS THERE ANOTHER PROBLEM, CROCBOT?

UHH...NO-NO! UMM- EVERYTHING'S FINE! HURRY UP AND DOCK!



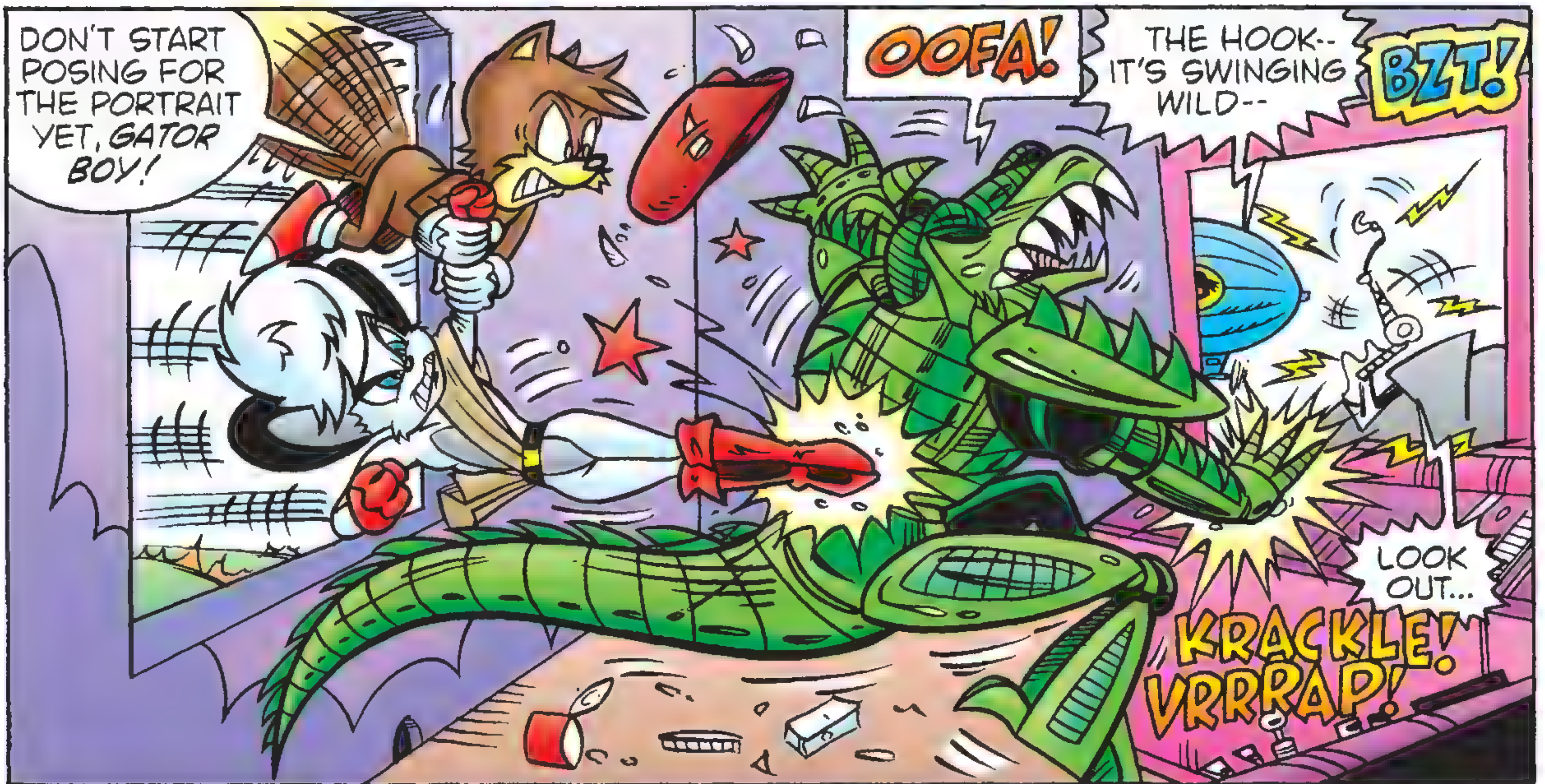
BE CAREFUL, SCALY ONE! THIS IS A DELICATE PROCEDURE! DO NOT RISK AN EXPLOSION BY RUSHING THINGS!

RIGHT... SORRY! OKAY... MOORING ARM DEPLOYED...



HIGH VOLTAGE HOOK PRIMED FOR COUPLING... CONTACT IN FIVE SECONDS... FOUR... THREE... TWO...

WELCOME TO THE ROBOTNIK FAMILY, SIR!



DON'T START POSING FOR THE PORTRAIT YET, GATOR BOY!

OOF!

THE HOOK-- IT'S SWINGING WILD--

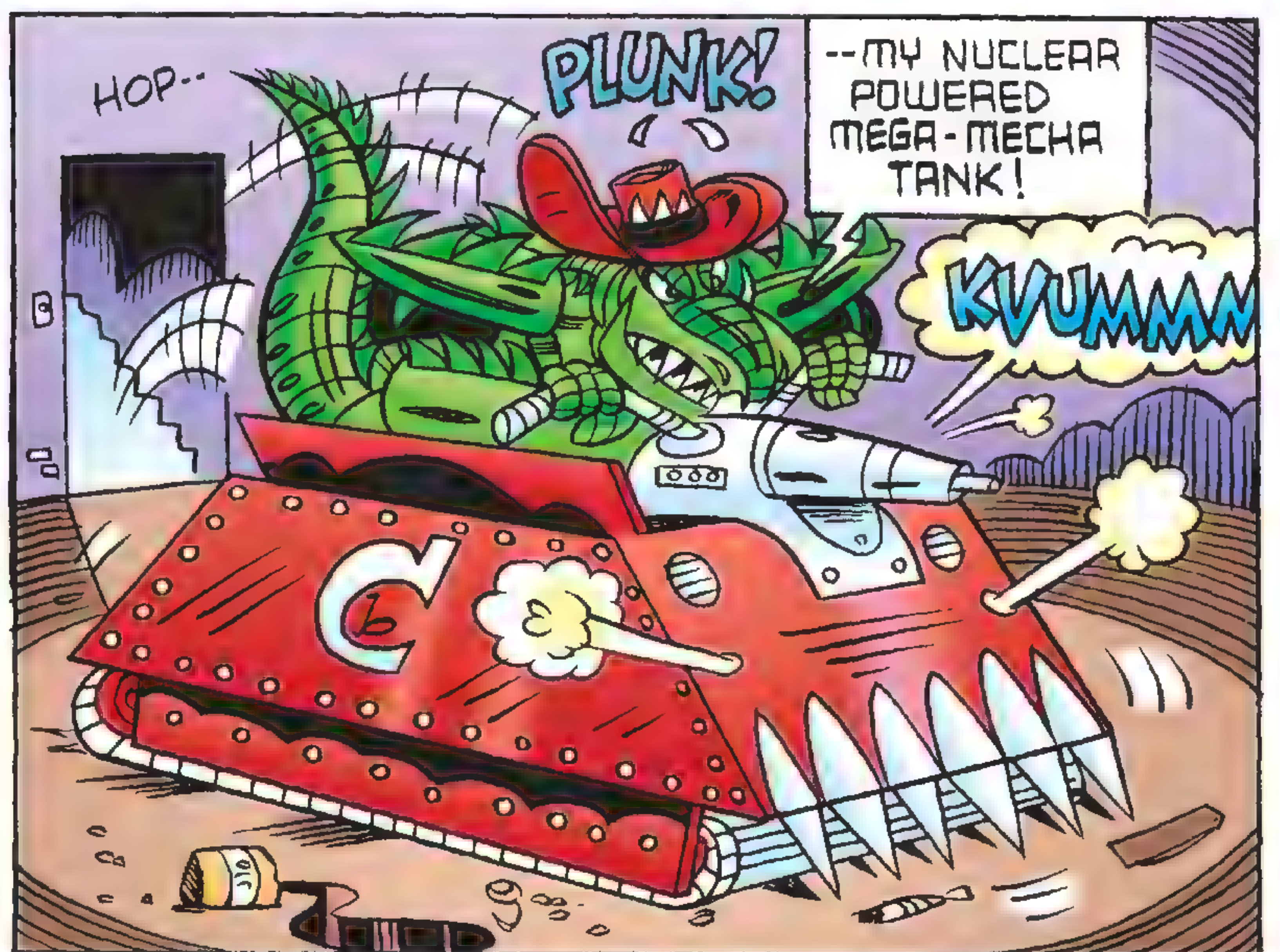
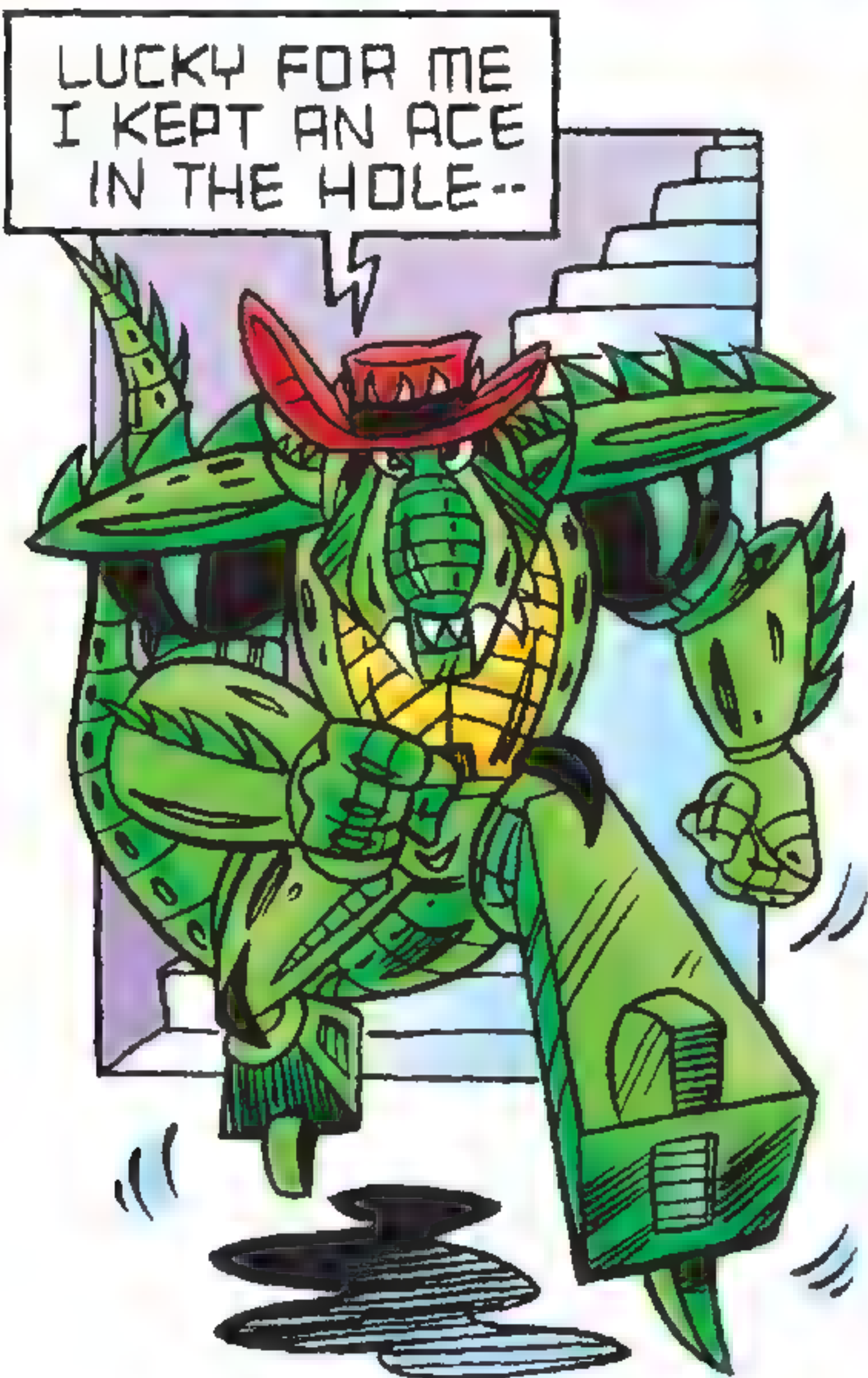
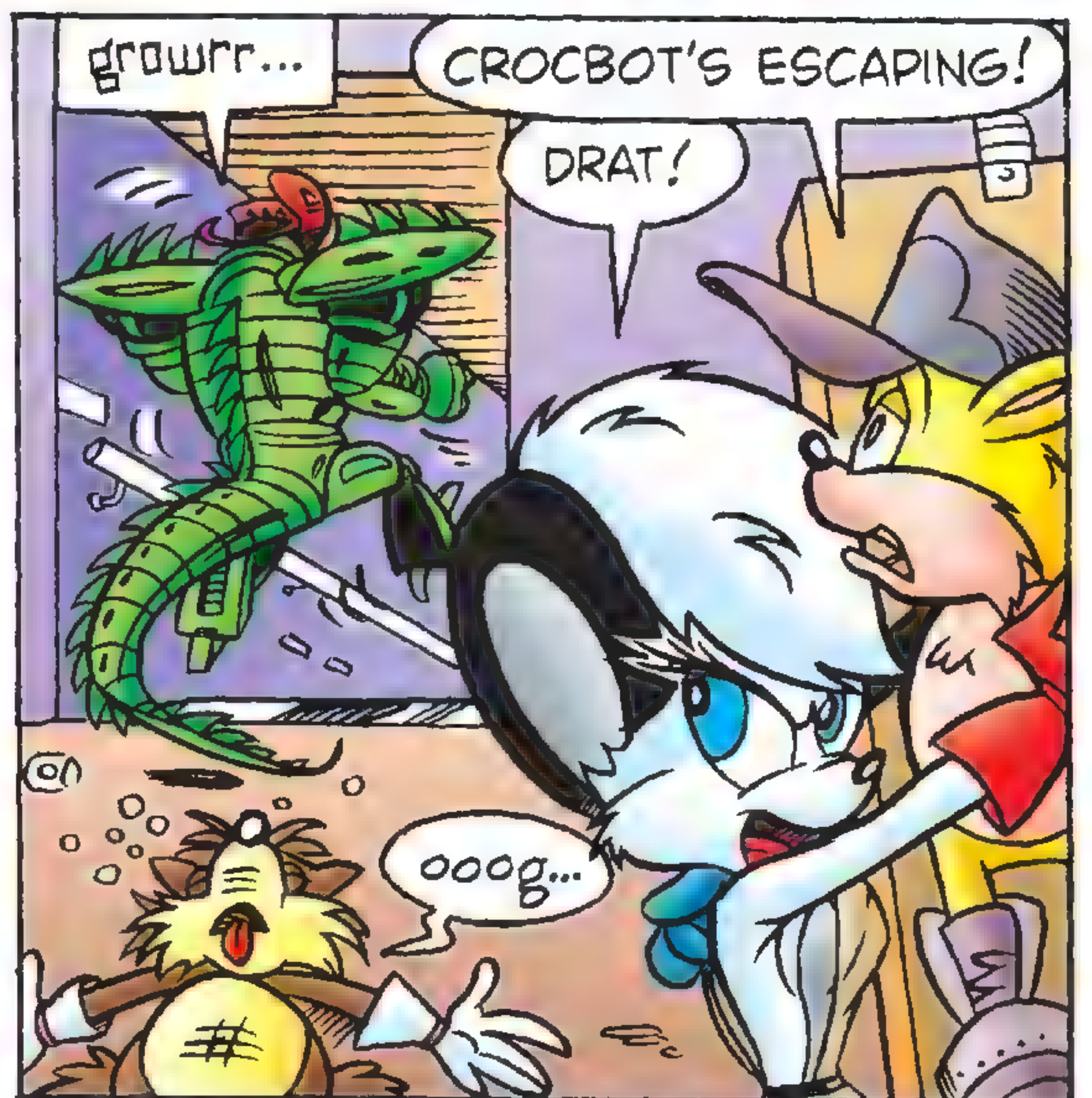
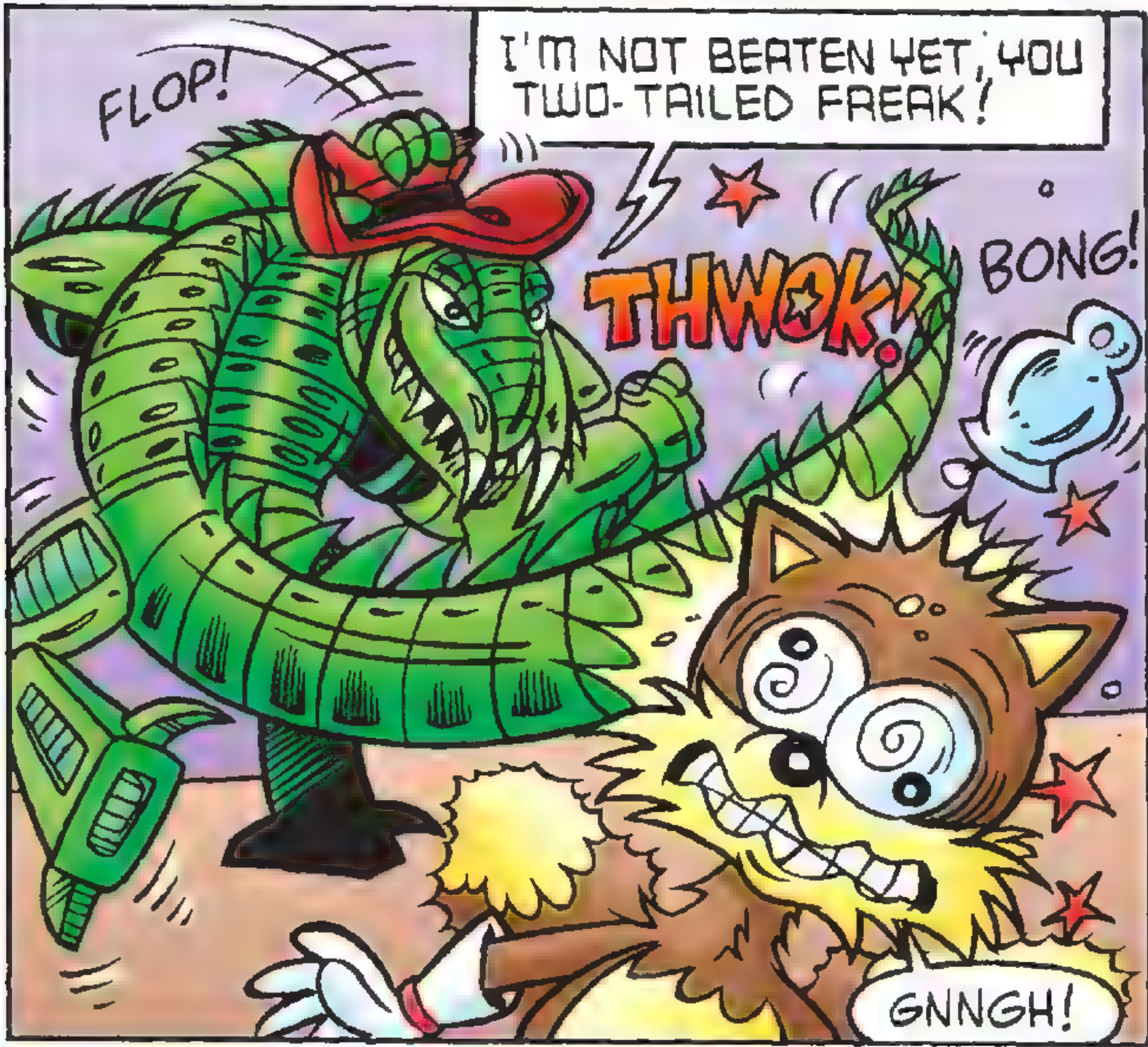
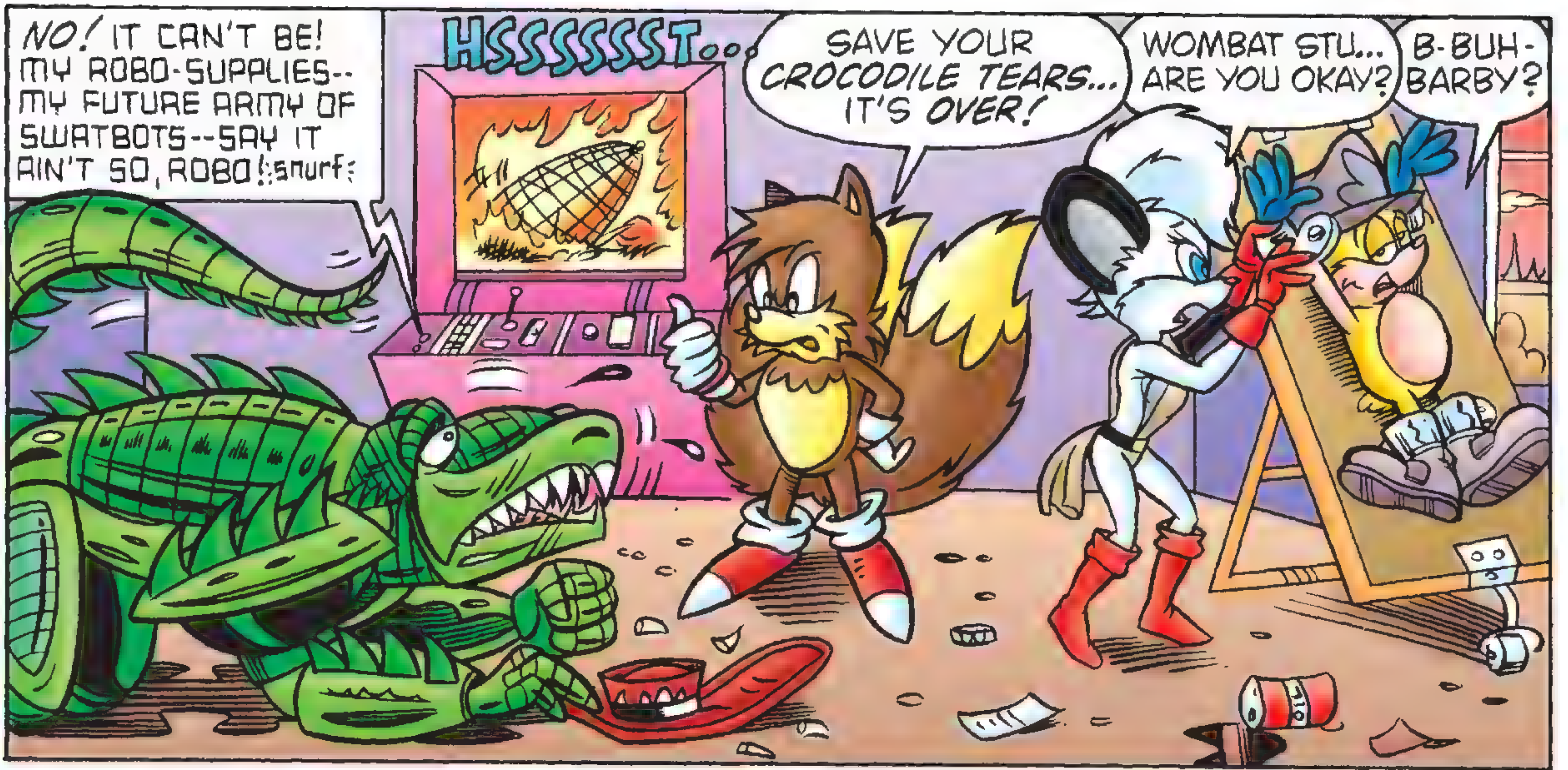
BZT!

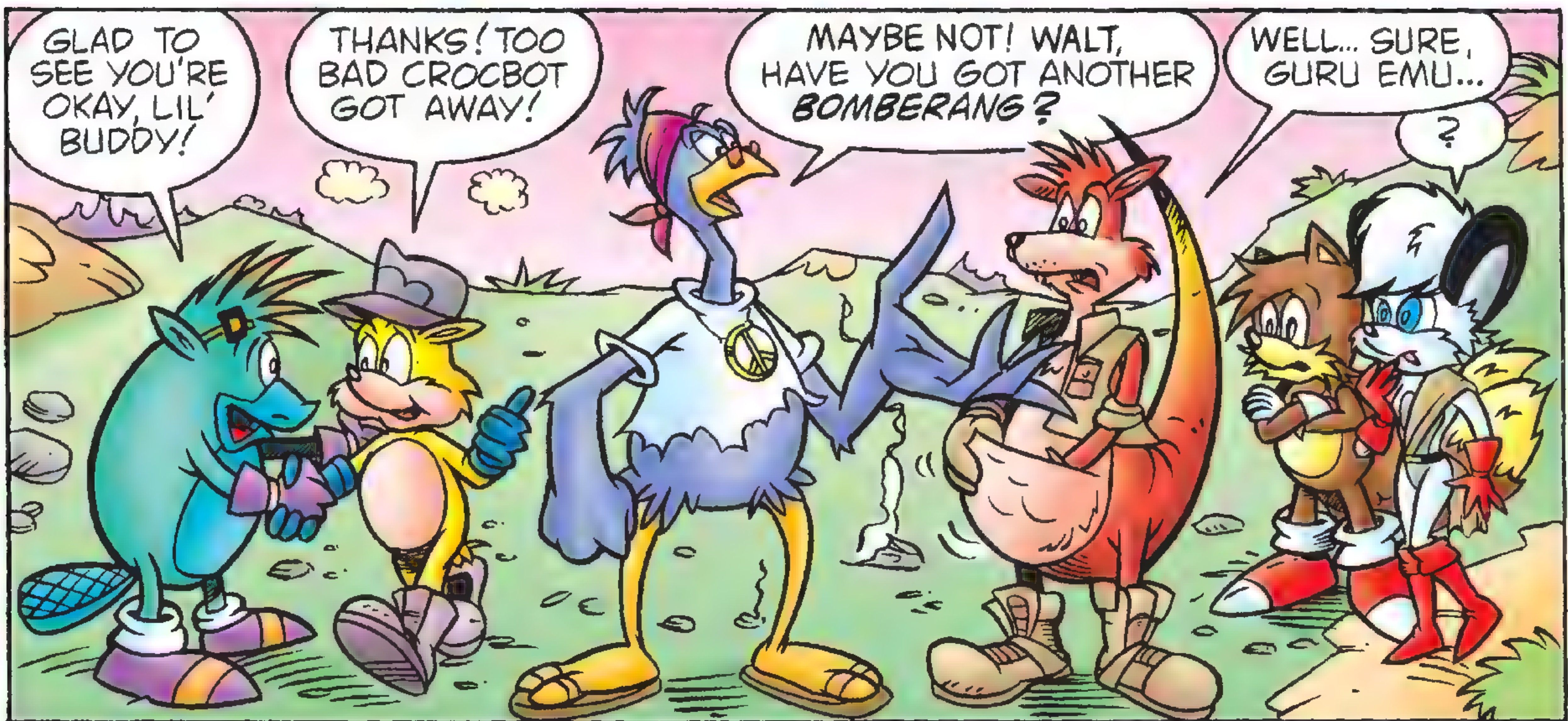
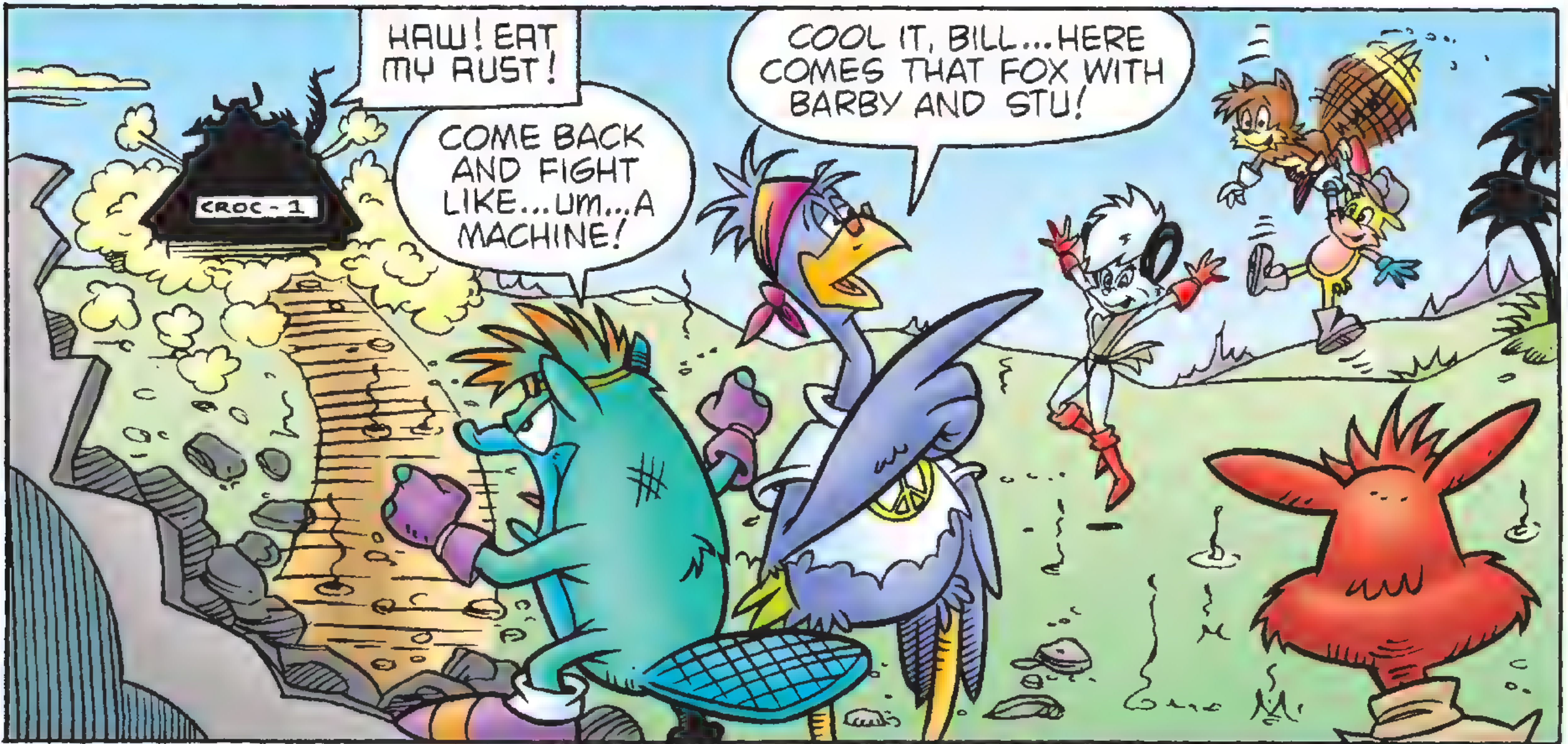
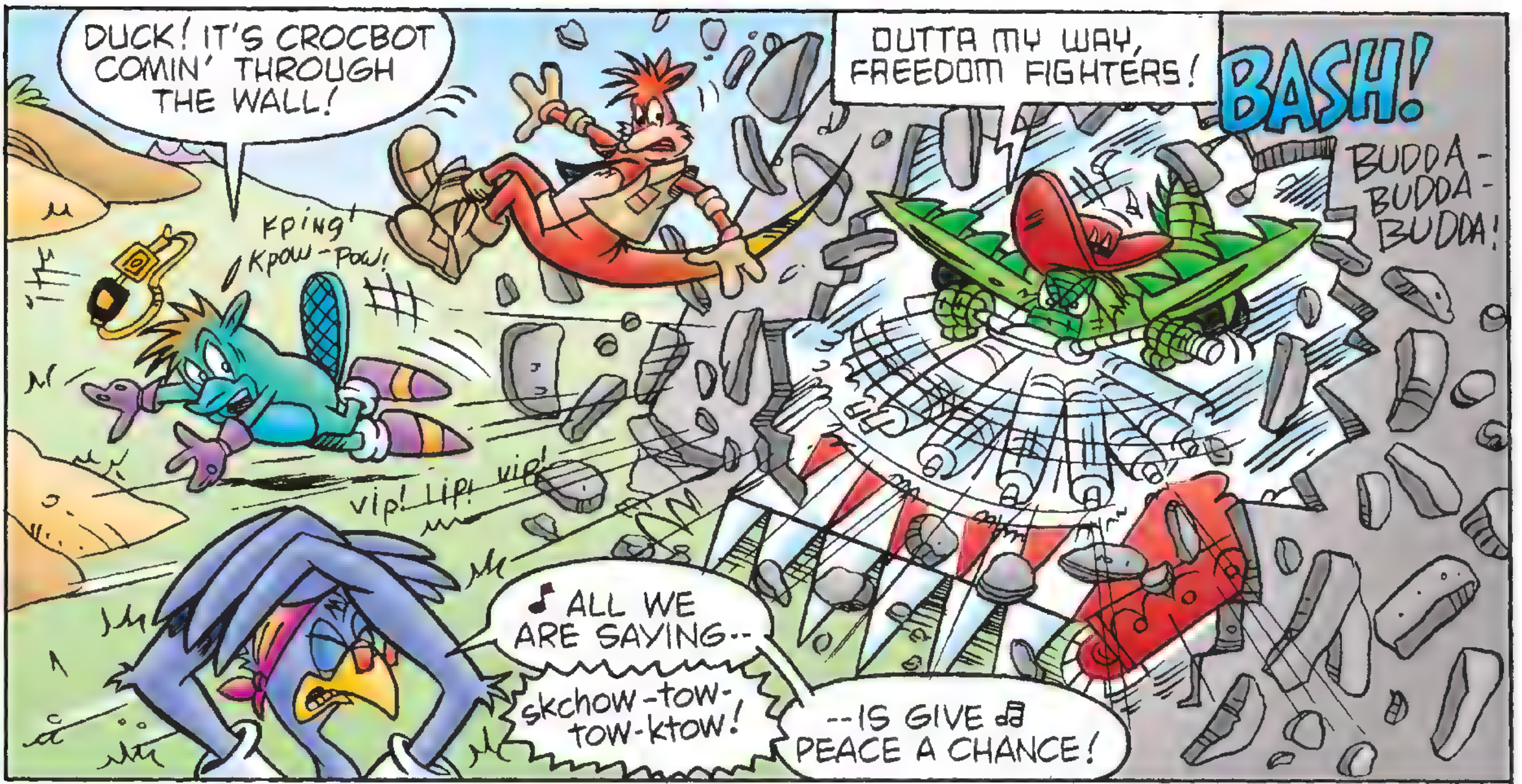
LOOK OUT...

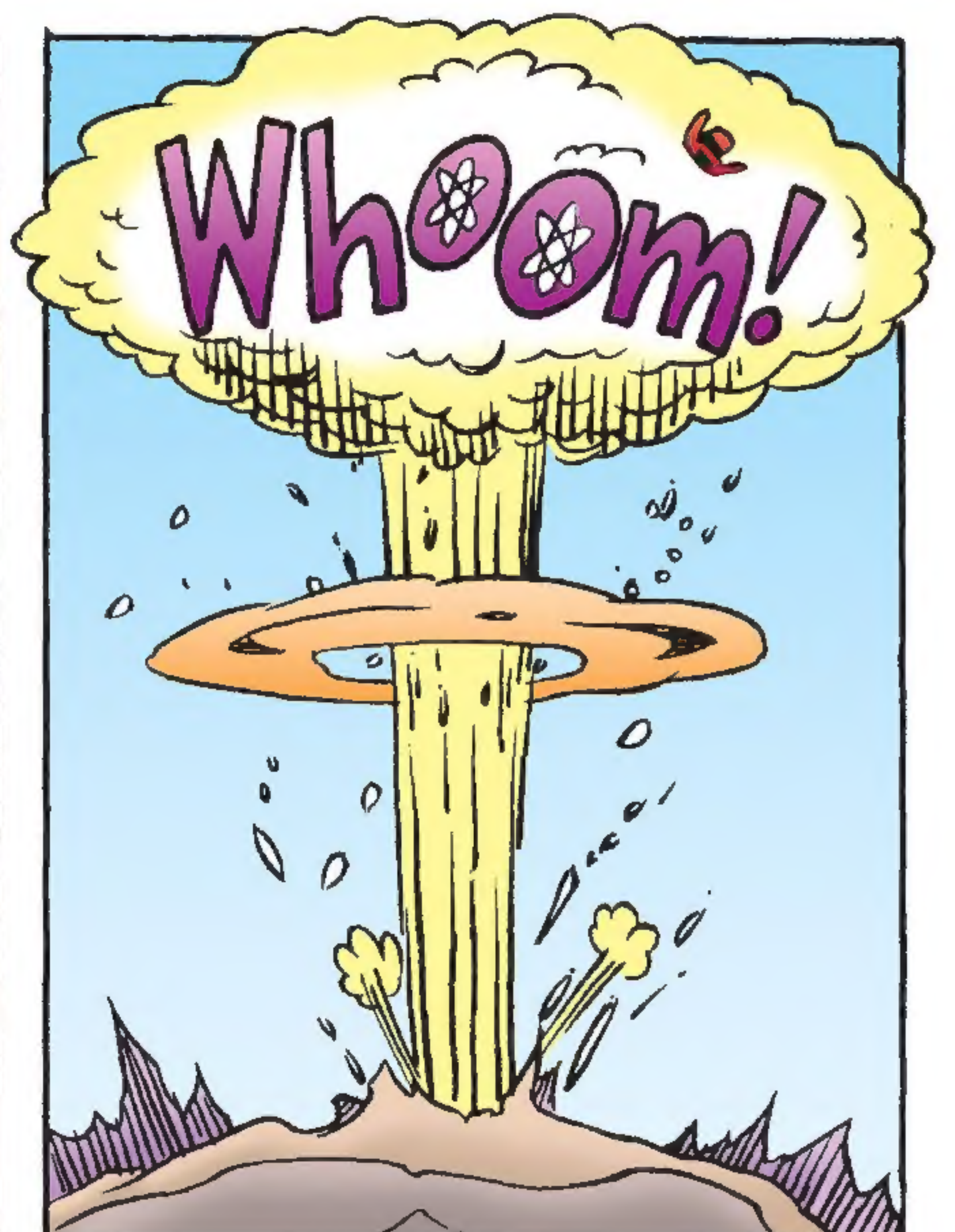
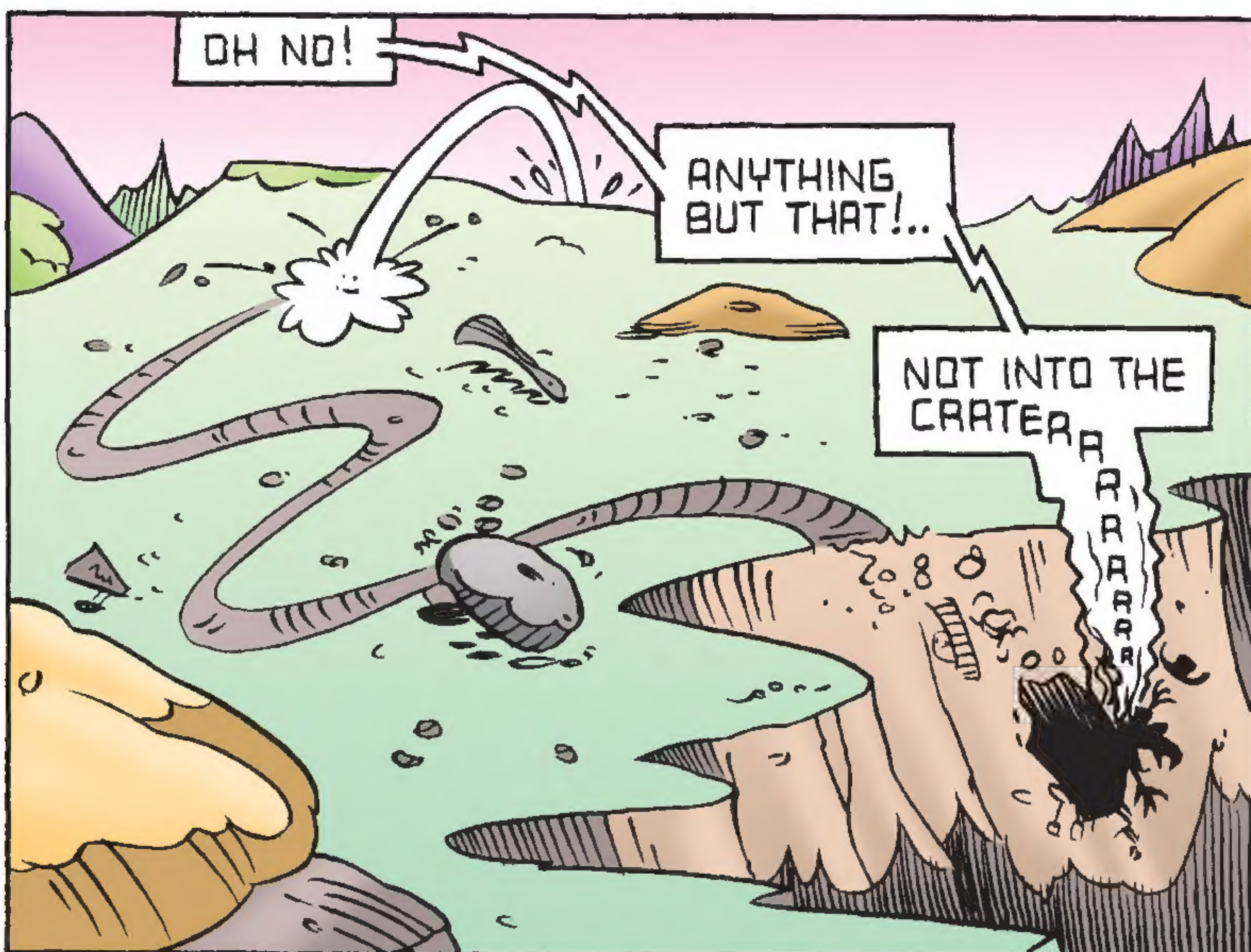
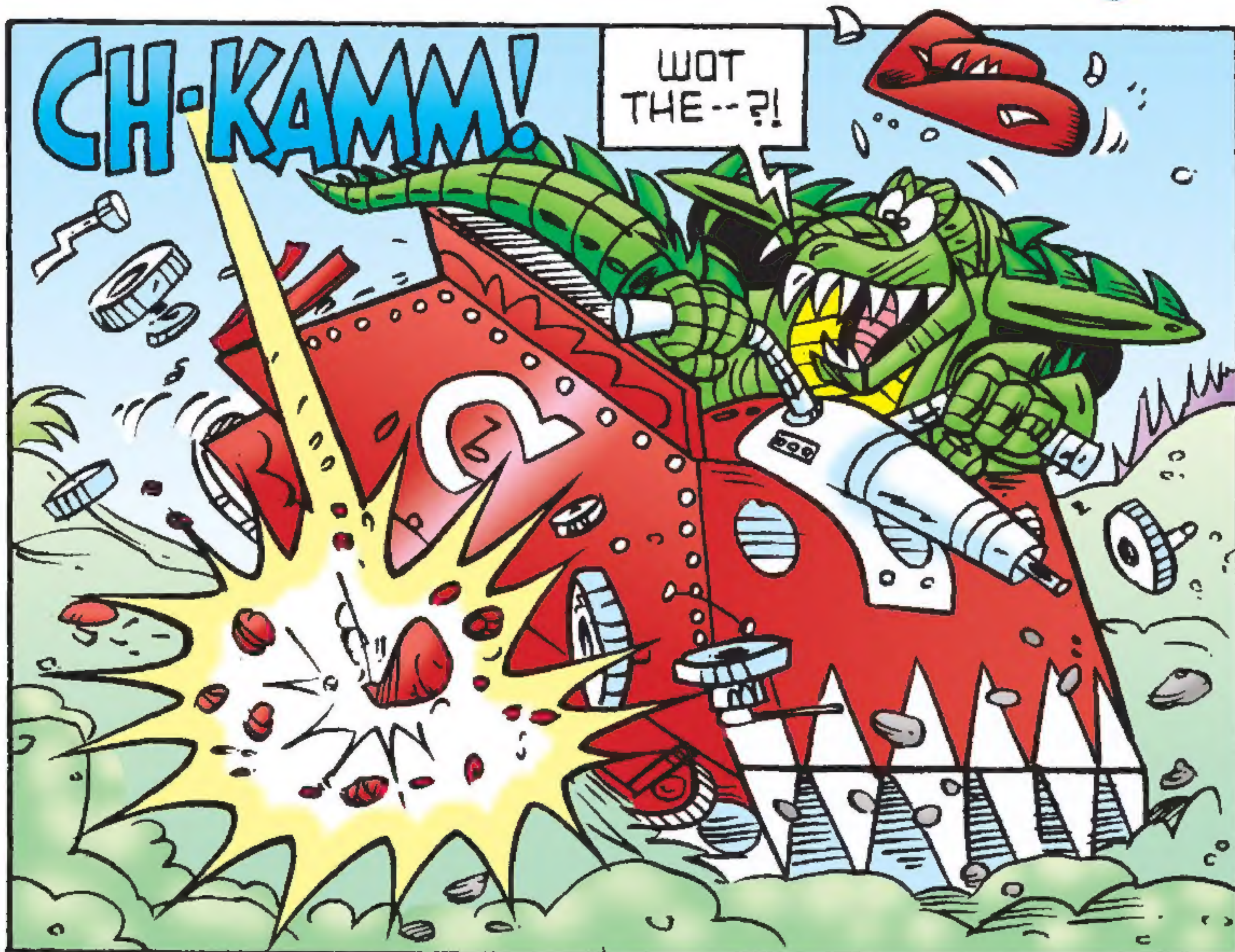
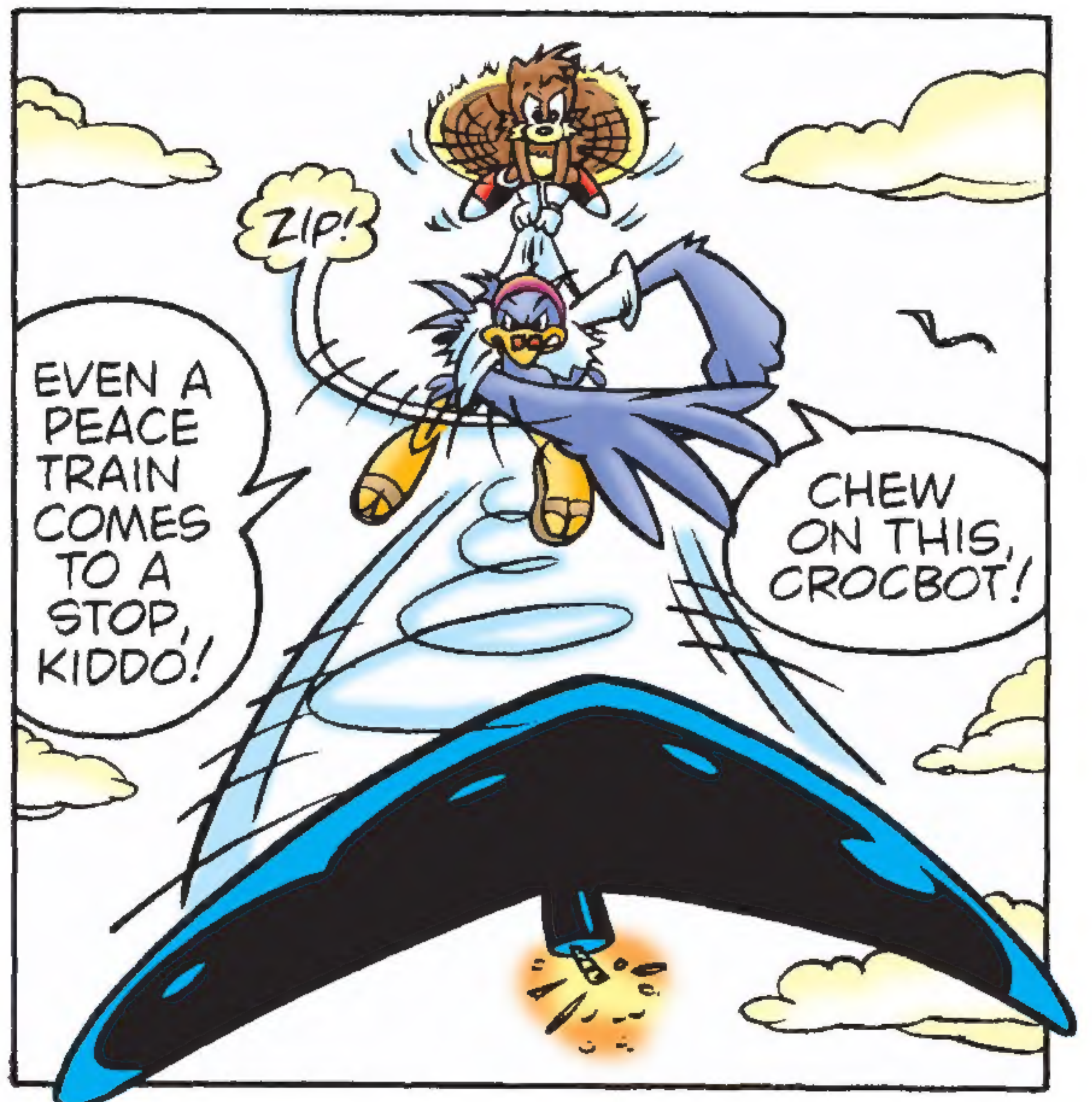
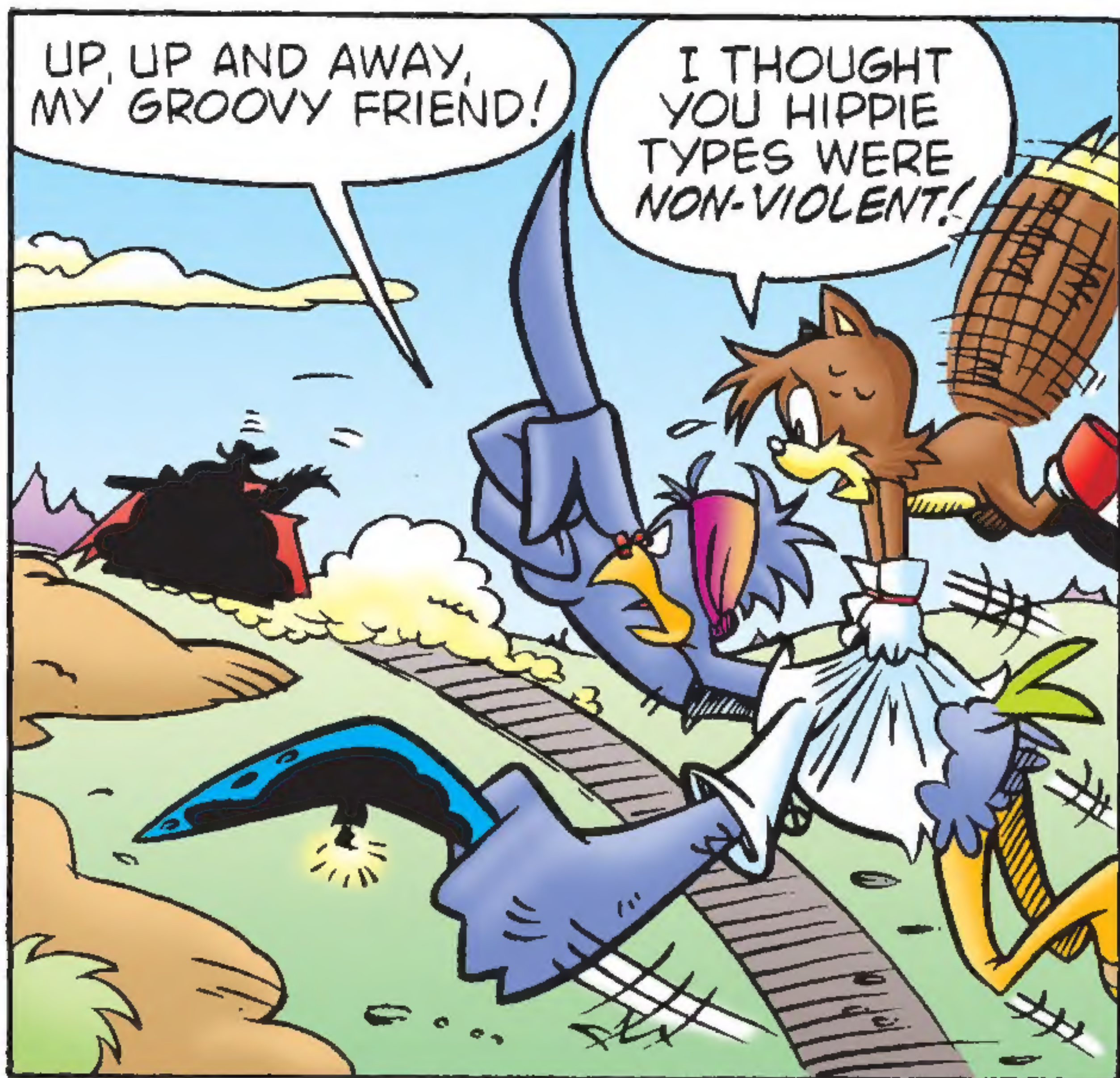
KRACKLE! VRRRAP!

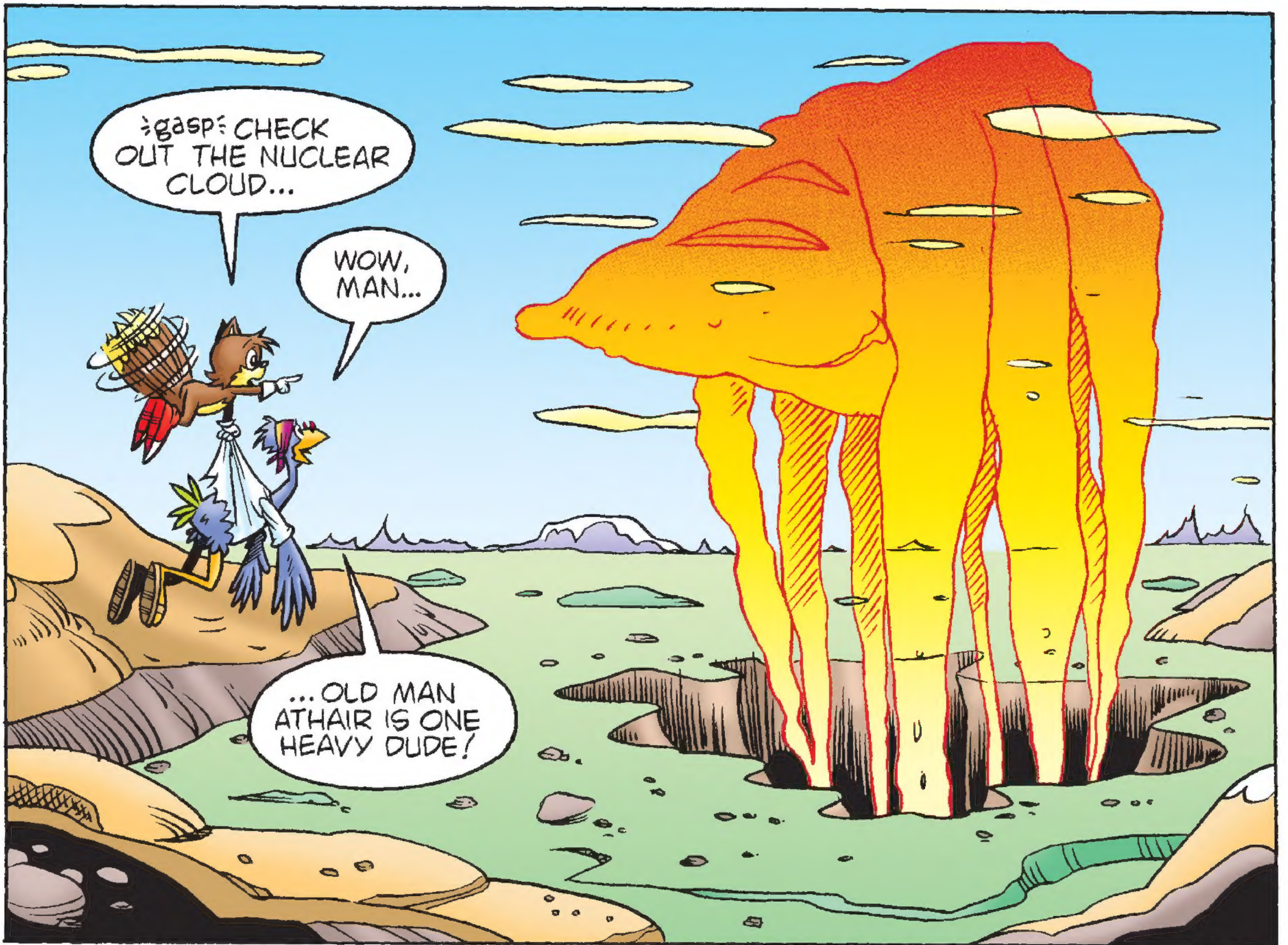
SKRAKA-BOOOOOM!











⚡gasp⚡ CHECK OUT THE NUCLEAR CLOUD...

WOW, MAN...

... OLD MAN ATHAIR IS ONE HEAVY DUDE!

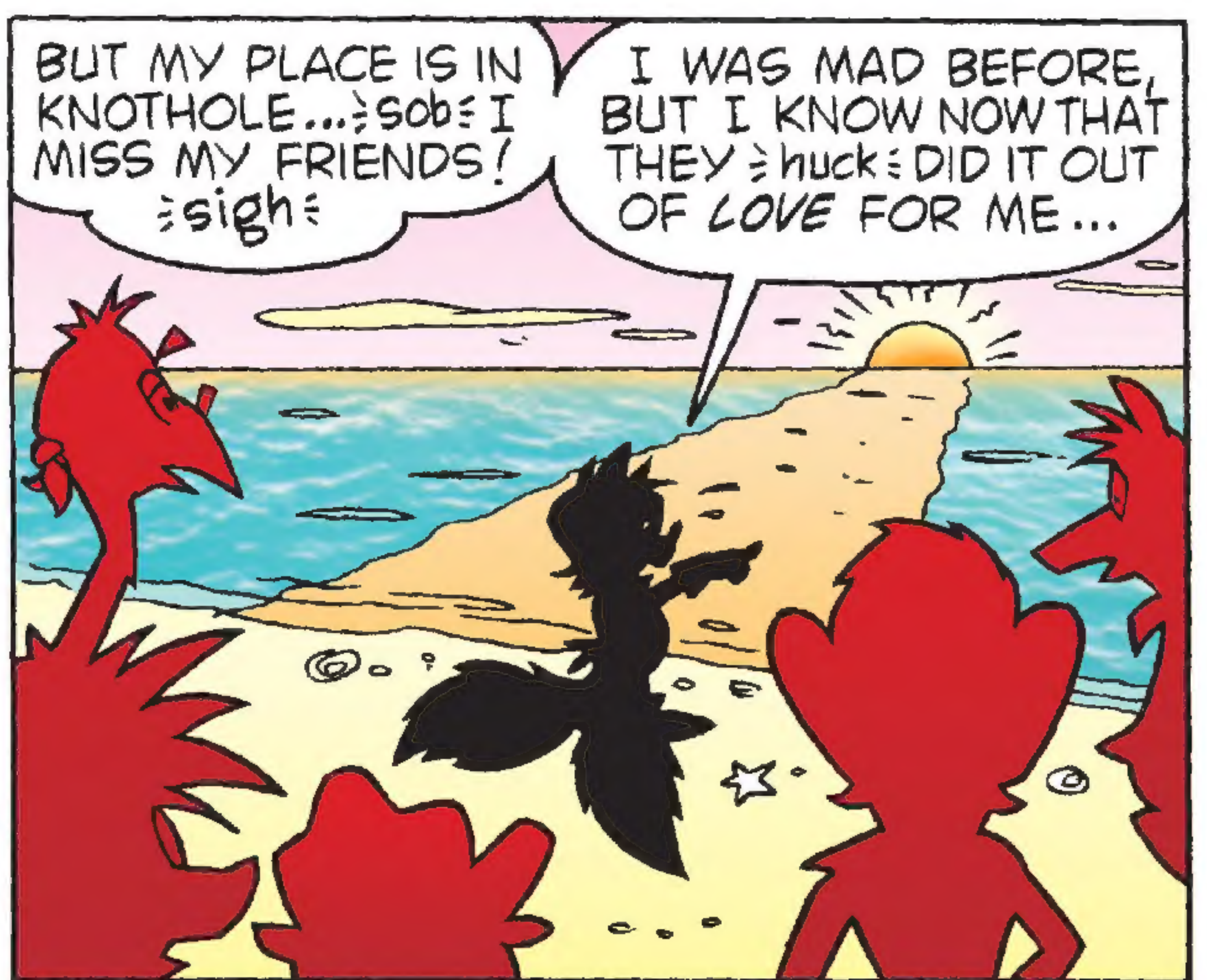


SOME TIME LATER, BACK AT THE BEACH...

ARE YOU SURE YOU WON'T RECONSIDER, MATE? WE'D BE PROUD TO HAVE YOU JOIN THE DOWNUNDA FREEDOM FIGHTERS!

YOU'D LEARN TO LOVE IT HERE, TAILS!

I... I REALLY APPRECIATE THE OFFER... ⚡choke⚡



BUT MY PLACE IS IN KNOTHOLE... ⚡sob⚡ I MISS MY FRIENDS! ⚡sigh⚡

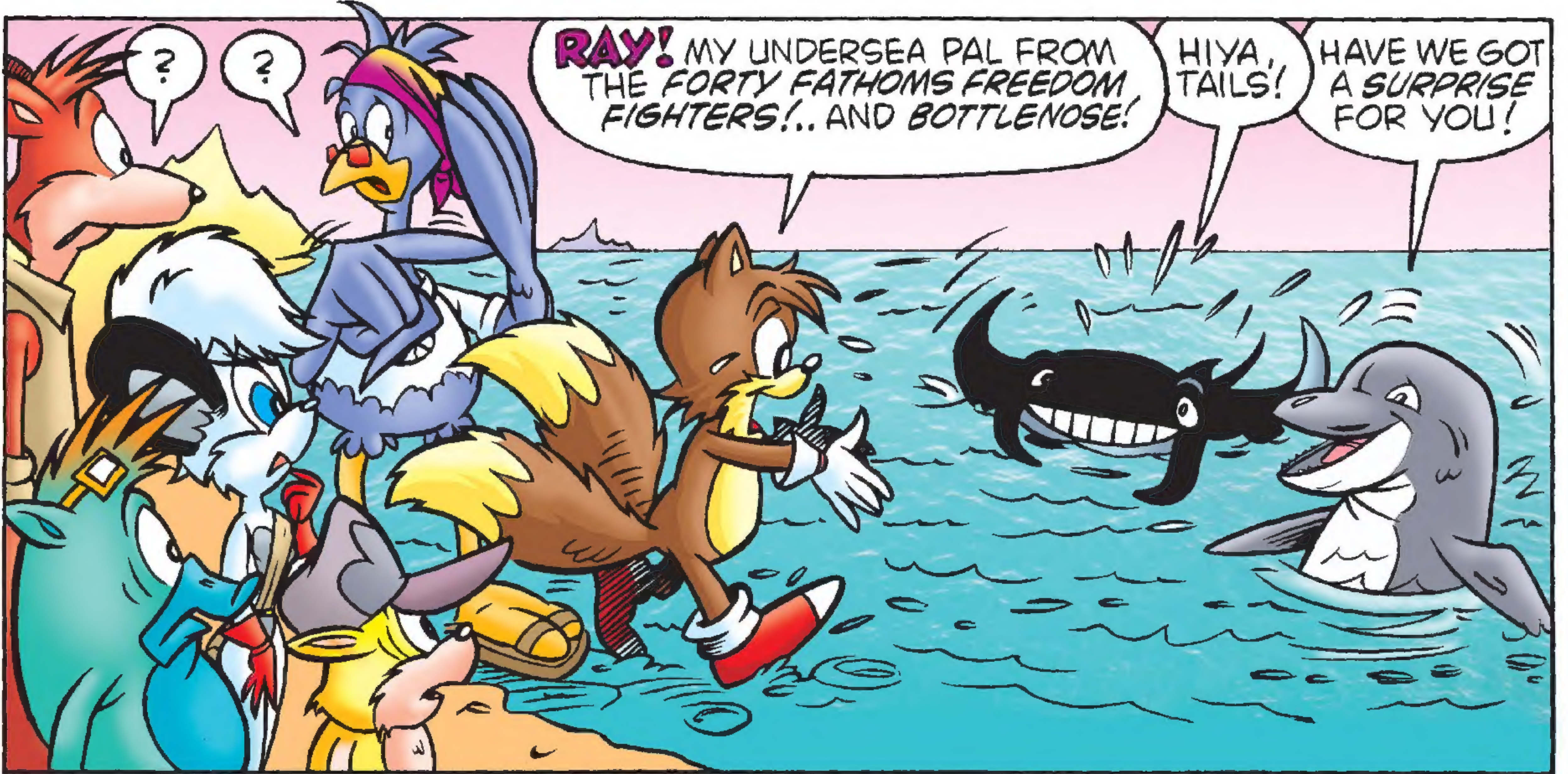
I WAS MAD BEFORE, BUT I KNOW NOW THAT THEY ⚡huck⚡ DID IT OUT OF LOVE FOR ME...



THE TROUBLE IS, NOW THAT I WANT TO GO HOME, I CAN'T GET THERE... ⚡sniffle⚡

HEY, C'MON! IT'S ALREADY SALTY DOWN HERE!

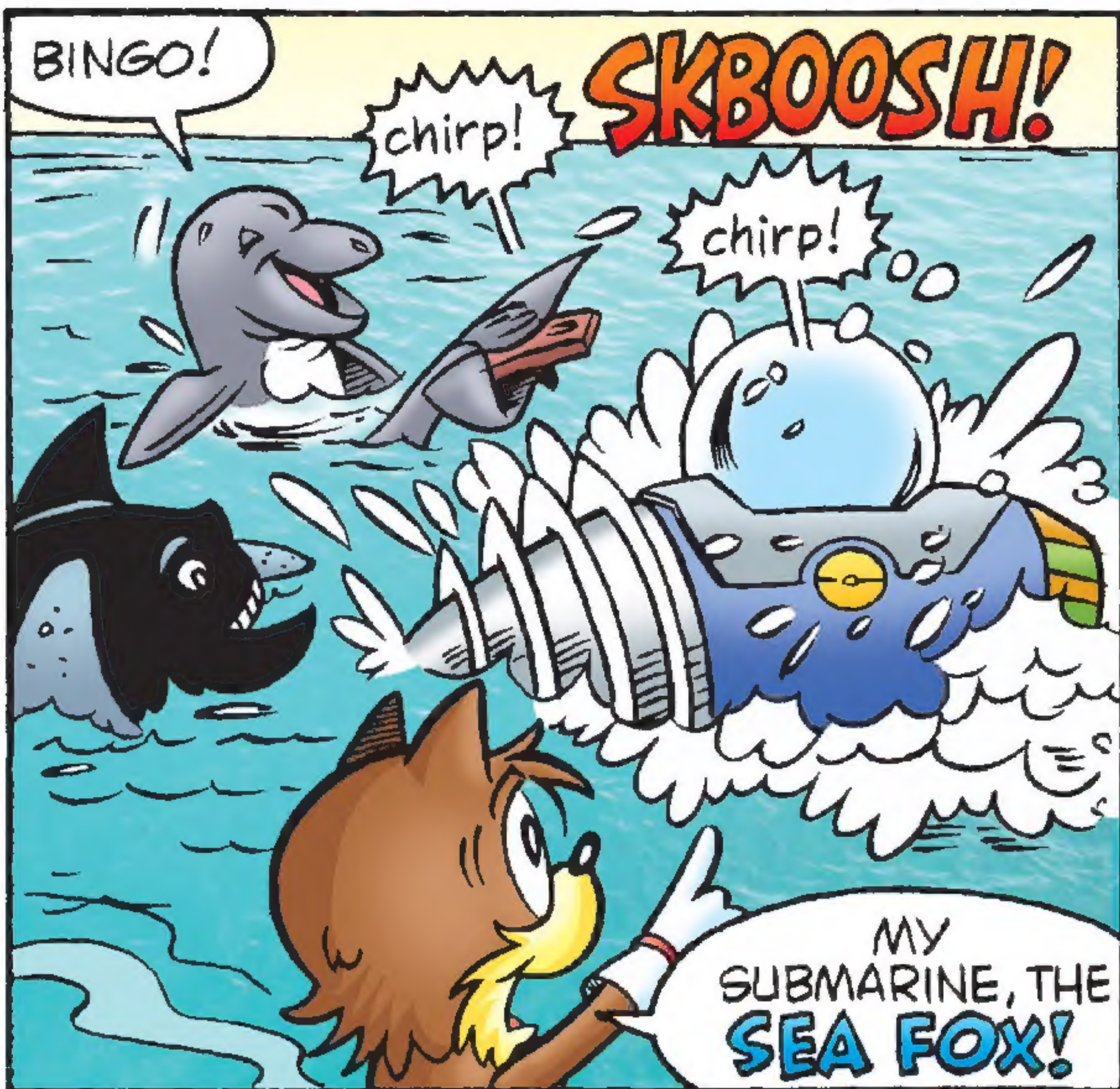
sploot!



RAY! MY UNDERSEA PAL FROM THE FORTY FATHOMS FREEDOM FIGHTERS!.. AND BOTTLENOSE!

HIYA, TAILS!

HAVE WE GOT A SURPRISE FOR YOU!



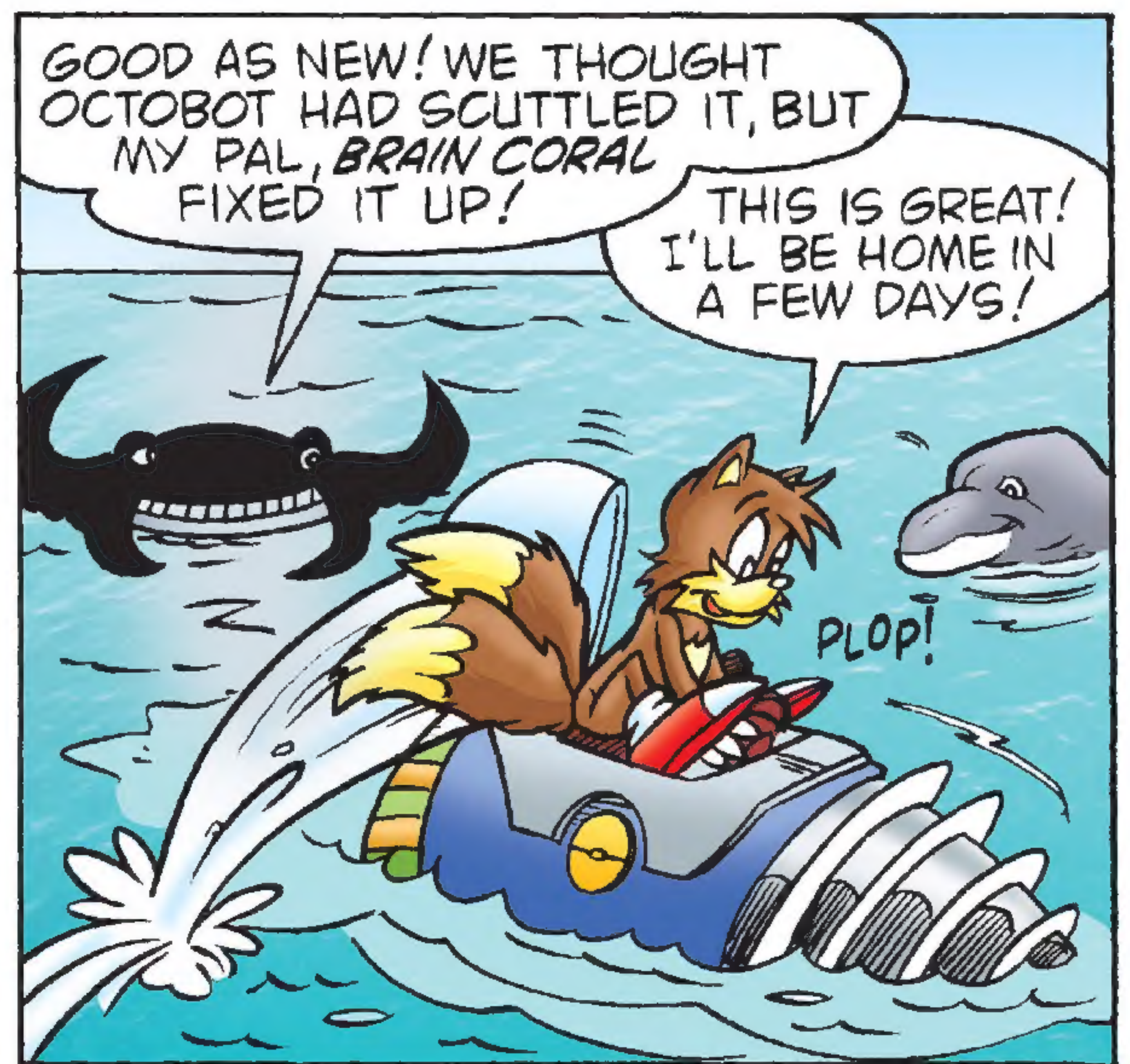
BINGO!

chirp!

SKBOOSH!

chirp!

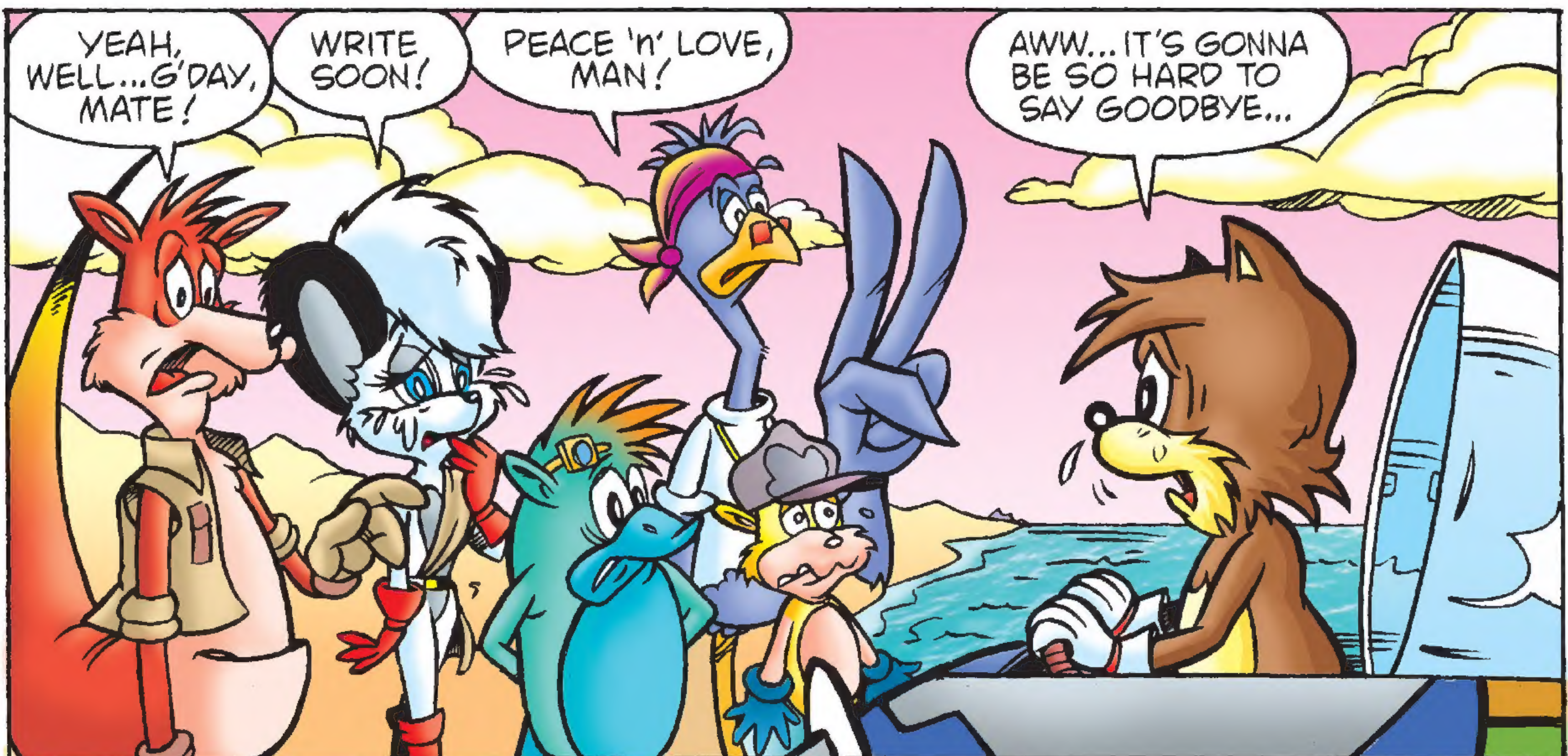
MY SUBMARINE, THE **SEA FOX!**



GOOD AS NEW! WE THOUGHT OCTOBOT HAD SCUTTLED IT, BUT MY PAL, BRAIN CORAL FIXED IT UP!

THIS IS GREAT! I'LL BE HOME IN A FEW DAYS!

PLOP!



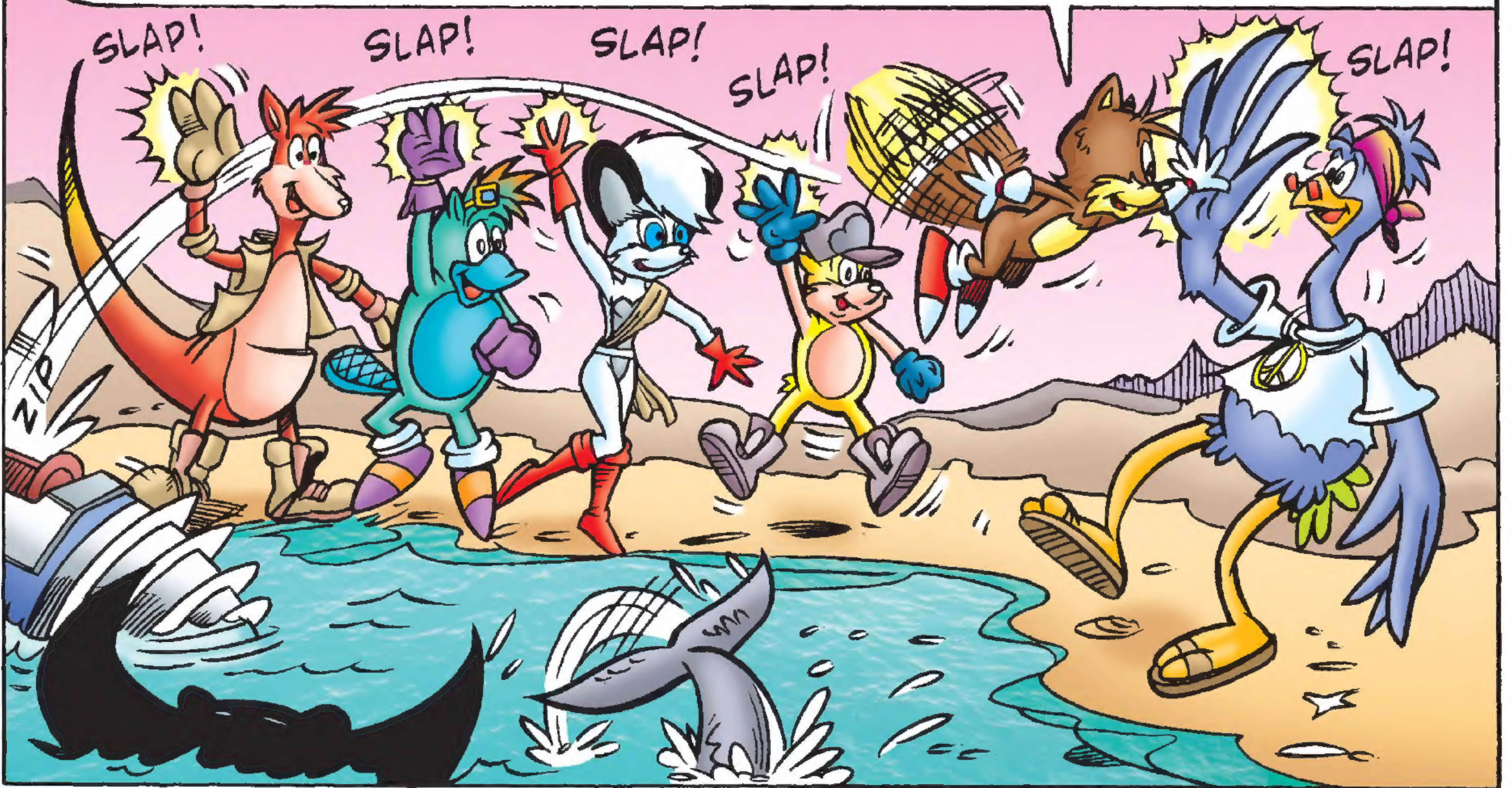
YEAH, WELL...G'DAY, MATE!

WRITE SOON!

PEACE 'n' LOVE, MAN!

AWW...IT'S GONNA BE SO HARD TO SAY GOODBYE...

SO I'LL JUST SAY "SO LONG!" THANKS, EVERYONE...LET'S DO IT AGAIN SOMETIME!



I'LL TELL SONIC THE HEDGEHOG, PRINCESS SALLY AND THE OTHERS ALL ABOUT YOU GUYS...

THEY'LL BE GLAD TO KNOW THERE ARE FREEDOM FIGHTERS ALL OVER PLANET MOBIUS!

UNITED, WE SHALL NEVER BE DEFEATED!

