

BUBBLING UP FROM THE ABYSS VIII

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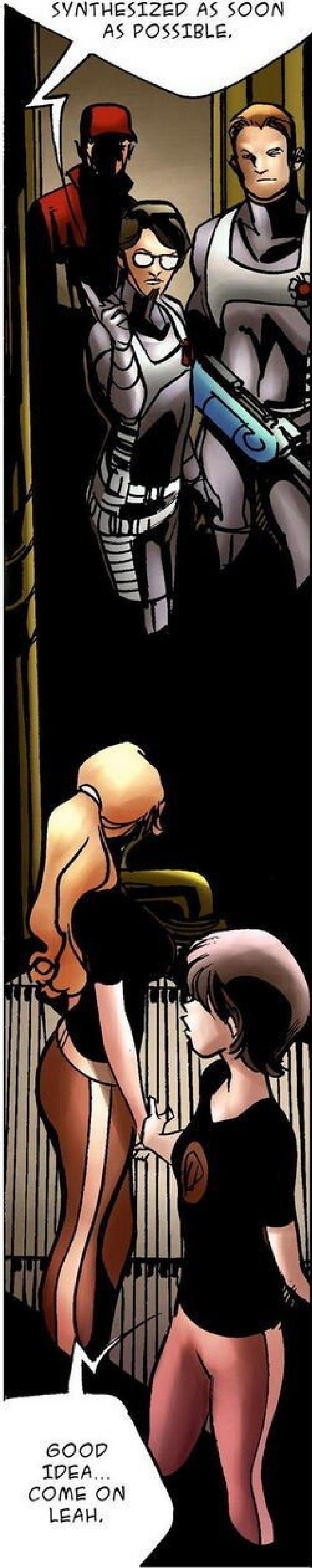
EARTH, PRE-DOMINATELY WATER, A PLACE TEEMING WITH LIFE.



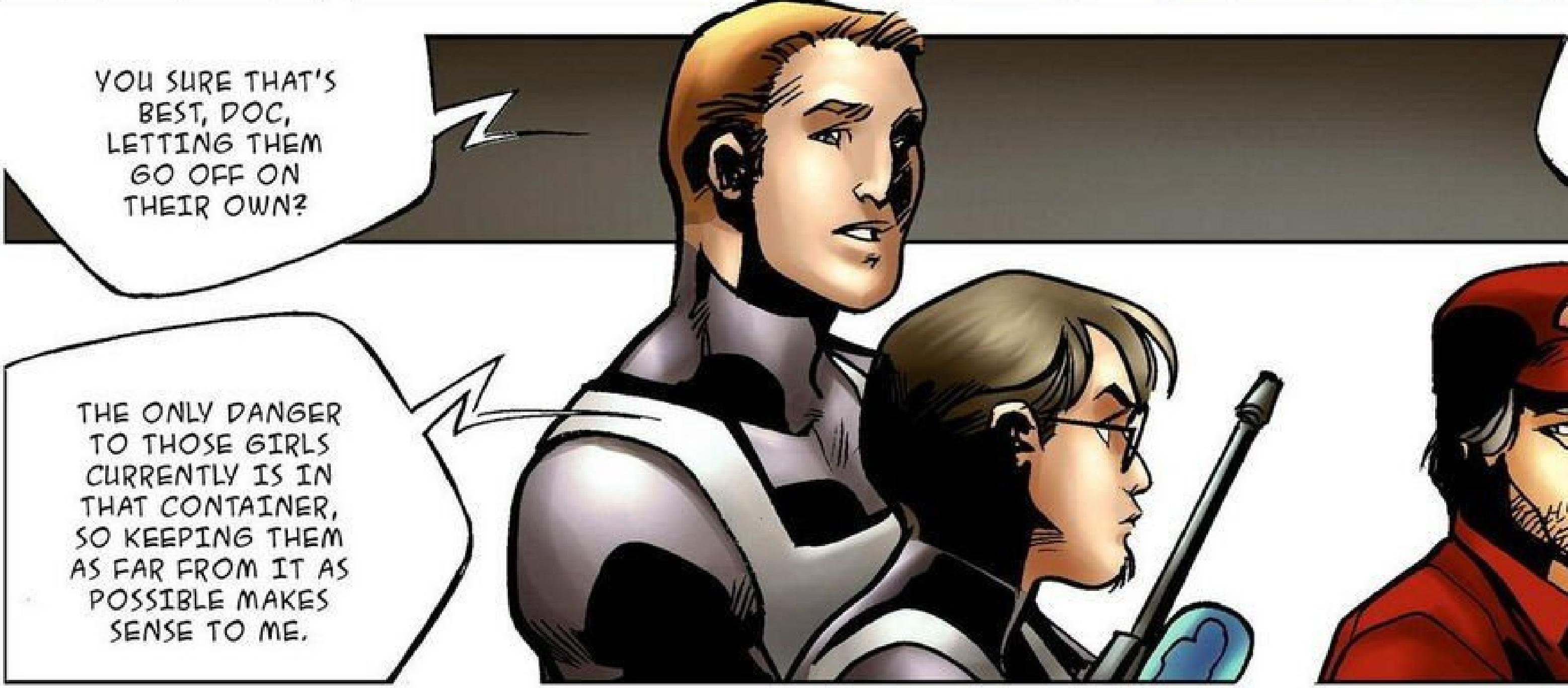
THE STORIES OF EARTH'S OCEANS HAVE ALWAYS INCLUDED TALES OF SEA MONSTERS...

THOSE TALES OF SEA MONSTERS BUBBLING UP FROM THE ABYSS COULD NEVER HAVE MATCHED THE REALITY OF WHAT ONE CORNER OF THE OCEAN IS CURRENTLY FACING.

WHY DON'T YOU GIRLS HEAD UP TO THE CONTROL ROOM, SEE IF YOU CAN RE-ESTABLISH CONTACT WITH YOUR FATHER UP ABOVE. WE SHOULD GET THE ANTI-VENOM SYNTHESIZED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.



GOOD IDEA... COME ON LEAH.

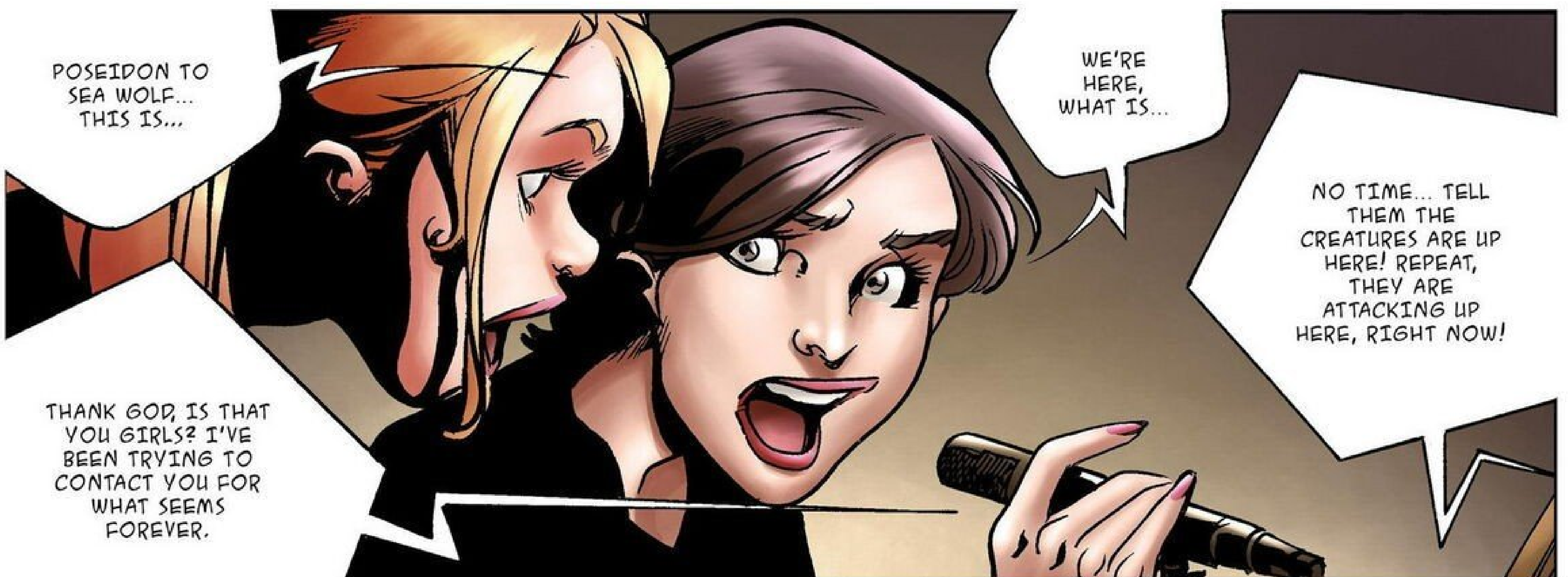


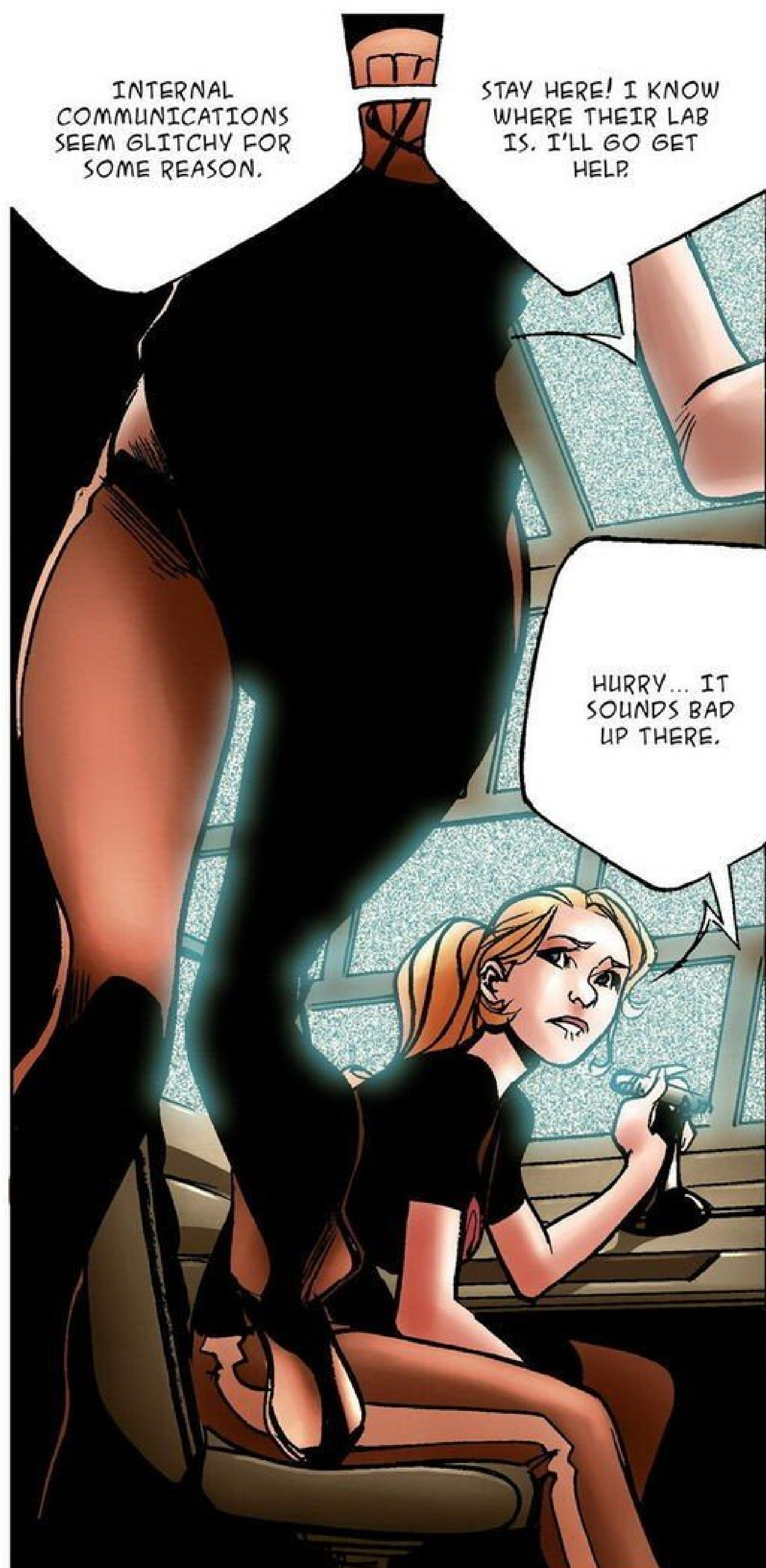
YOU SURE THAT'S BEST, DOC, LETTING THEM GO OFF ON THEIR OWN?

LET'S JUST GET THIS PROCESSED.

THE ONLY DANGER TO THOSE GIRLS CURRENTLY IS IN THAT CONTAINER, SO KEEPING THEM AS FAR FROM IT AS POSSIBLE MAKES SENSE TO ME.

I HAVE A BAD FEELING FOR SOME REASON.





INTERNAL COMMUNICATIONS SEEM GLITCHY FOR SOME REASON.

STAY HERE! I KNOW WHERE THEIR LAB IS. I'LL GO GET HELP.

HURRY... IT SOUNDS BAD UP THERE.

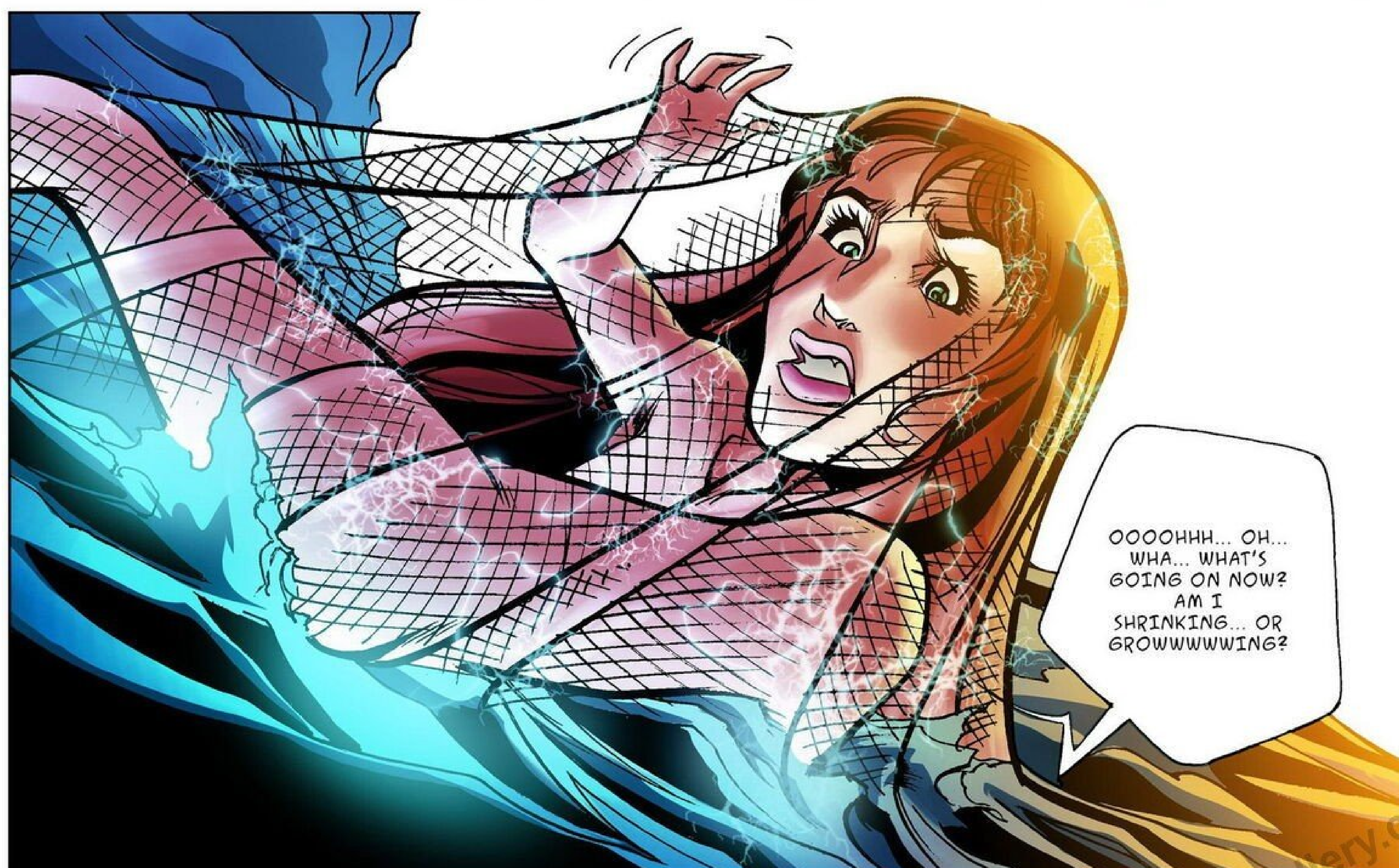


THERE, PERFECT. NOW TO BEGIN THE SYNTHESIZING AND FINALLY EVERYTHING WILL BE RUNNING SMOOTHLY AROUND HERE...

THINK AGAIN... GASP... ON THE SMOOTHLY PART... WHEEZE... WE HAVE A SERIOUS... SITUATION... UP TOP!

YOUR SISTER?

NO... GASP... FURTHER UP... MY FATHER AND... THE NAVY...



OOOOHHH... OH... WHA... WHAT'S GOING ON NOW? AM I SHRINKING... OR GROWWWWING?



GIVE THE ORDER, ALL SHIPS ARE TO PULL BACK. I AM GOING TO END THIS FOR GOOD.

AMAZING... THEY JUST KEEP GETTING BIGGER.



I WANT THE CODES FOR THE NETTING.

SIR, ARE YOU SURE?

THE NETTING, THE ELECTRICAL PULSES. THEY HAVE A REMOTE COMMAND CODE.

AND CONNECT ME TO THAT SHIP, THE SEA WOLF



MEANWHILE BELOW, A RUSH FOR A DIFFERENT SOLUTION IS UNDERWAY.

THIS REALLY GONNA WORK, DOC?

OF COURSE IT IS, WE JUST HAVE TO COUNT ON STEPHEN HANDLING THE SITUATION UP ABOVE UNTIL WE'RE READY.



THAT'S RIGHT, I SAID THEY HAVE A NETTING OVER DEBRA, SOME ADVANCED LOOKING MATERIAL. I THINK IT'S ELECTRIFIED.

IT SOUNDS FAMILIAR. ELECTRICAL FREQUENCIES OFTEN AFFECT CERTAIN OCEAN LIFE, KEEPING THEM DOCILE. YOU SAY THE CREATURES ARE SWARMING THE AREA AROUND IT?

YES, THEY SEEM... HOLD ON, I'M GETTING ANOTHER RADIO CONTACT UP HERE.

HELLO, THIS IS SEA WOLF REPEAT, I READ YOU BUT PLEASE CHANGE OVER TO CHANNEL 2.

SEA WOLF, THIS IS COMMANDER LEONARD JESSUP, US NAVY. WE ARE PREPARING TO TAKE ACTION, PLEASE BE ADVISED. REPEAT, BRACE FOR IMPACT.

IMPACT? YOU CAN'T MEAN TO USE WEAPONS, CAN YOU?

THAT'S A NEGATIVE ON THE WEAPONS; I'M PLANNING ON REVERSING THE CHARGE AND USING THE ELECTRICAL NETTING CURRENTLY SURROUNDING YOUR VESSEL TO BLAST THOSE THINGS OUT OF THE WATER.

REVERSING THE CHARGE?

COMMANDER, PLEASE DON'T BE HASTY LIKE THAT... THIS IS DOCTOR STEPHEN FISHEL, POSEIDON DEEP SEA RESEARCH FACILITY.

DOCTOR FISHEL? THE POSEIDON? SO YOU'RE BEHIND THIS MESS. I'M SURE WASHINGTON WILL BE INTERESTED TO HAVE SOME NAMES TO PUT ON THE REPORT.

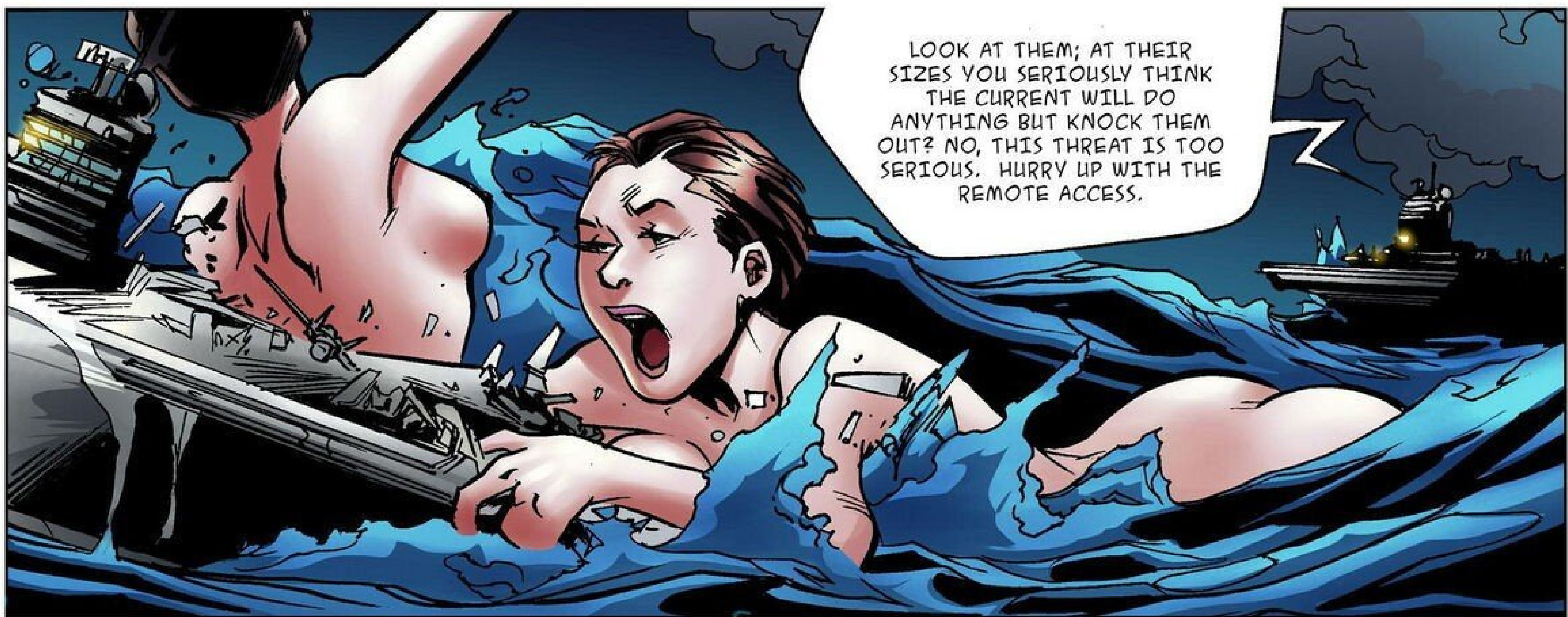
I'M NOT BEHIND ANYTHING; WE'VE BEEN TRYING TO HANDLE THE SAME MESS.

AND IF YOU REVERSE THE CHARGE YOU'RE GOING TO MAKE THINGS MUCH WORSE! JESSUP? DO YOU READ? DAMMIT...

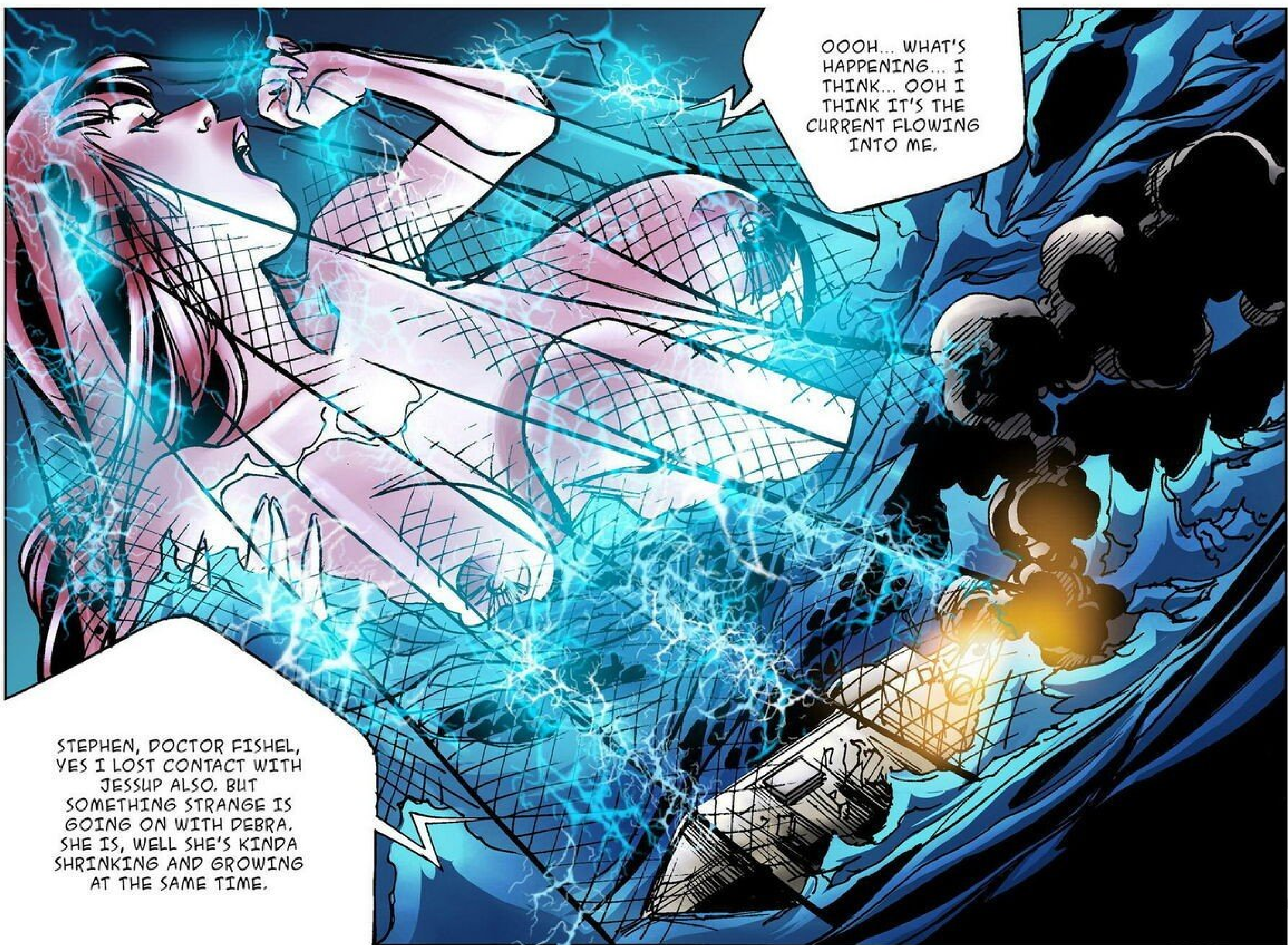


SHIT... I ORDERED ALL THE SHIPS TO PULL BACK. DAMMIT, HURRY UP WITH THAT REMOTE ACCESS CODE. I WANT THE NETTING SENDING OUT A PULSE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

SIR... WON'T THAT UM... HURT THE ONES WHO HAVE... THE WOMEN?

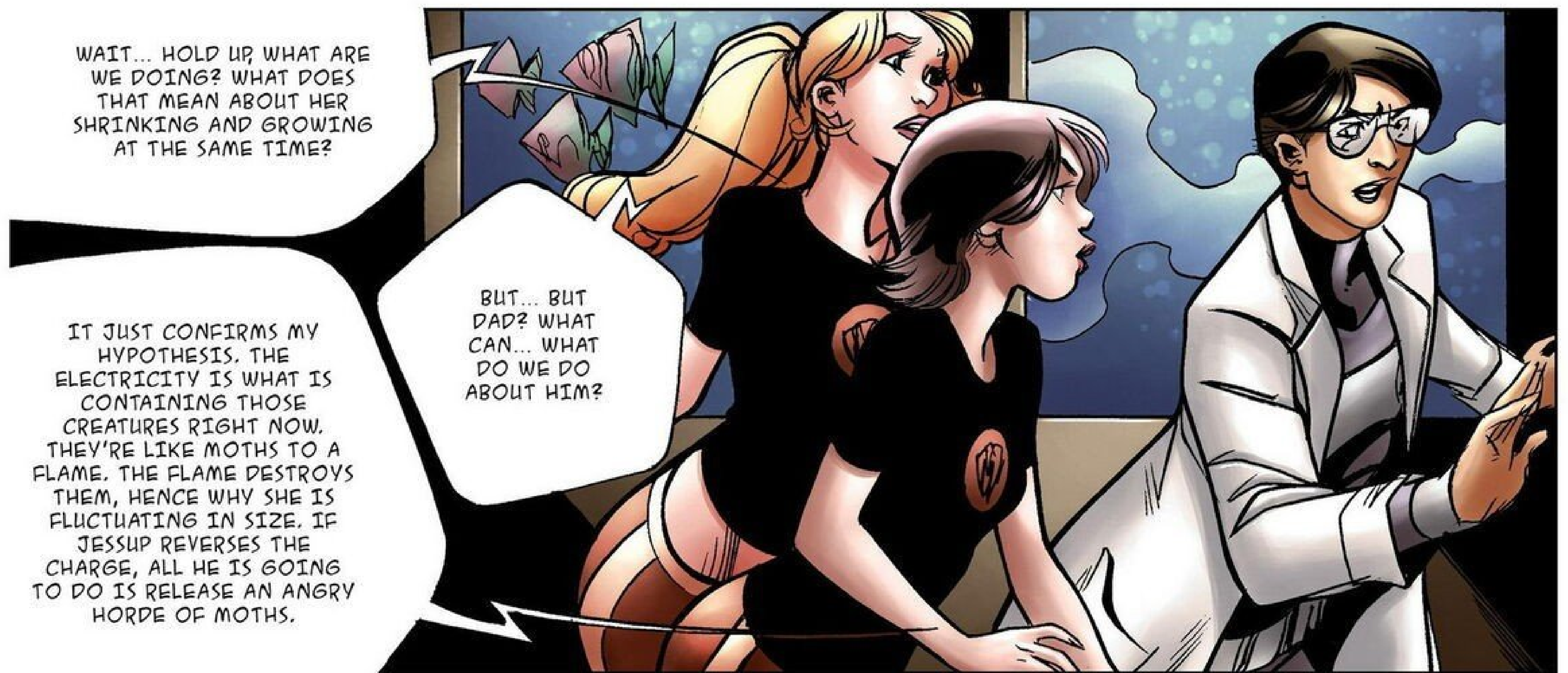


LOOK AT THEM; AT THEIR SIZES YOU SERIOUSLY THINK THE CURRENT WILL DO ANYTHING BUT KNOCK THEM OUT? NO, THIS THREAT IS TOO SERIOUS. HURRY UP WITH THE REMOTE ACCESS.



OOOH... WHAT'S HAPPENING... I THINK... OOH I THINK IT'S THE CURRENT FLOWING INTO ME.

STEPHEN, DOCTOR FISHEL, YES I LOST CONTACT WITH JESSUP ALSO. BUT SOMETHING STRANGE IS GOING ON WITH DEBRA. SHE IS, WELL SHE'S KINDA SHRINKING AND GROWING AT THE SAME TIME.

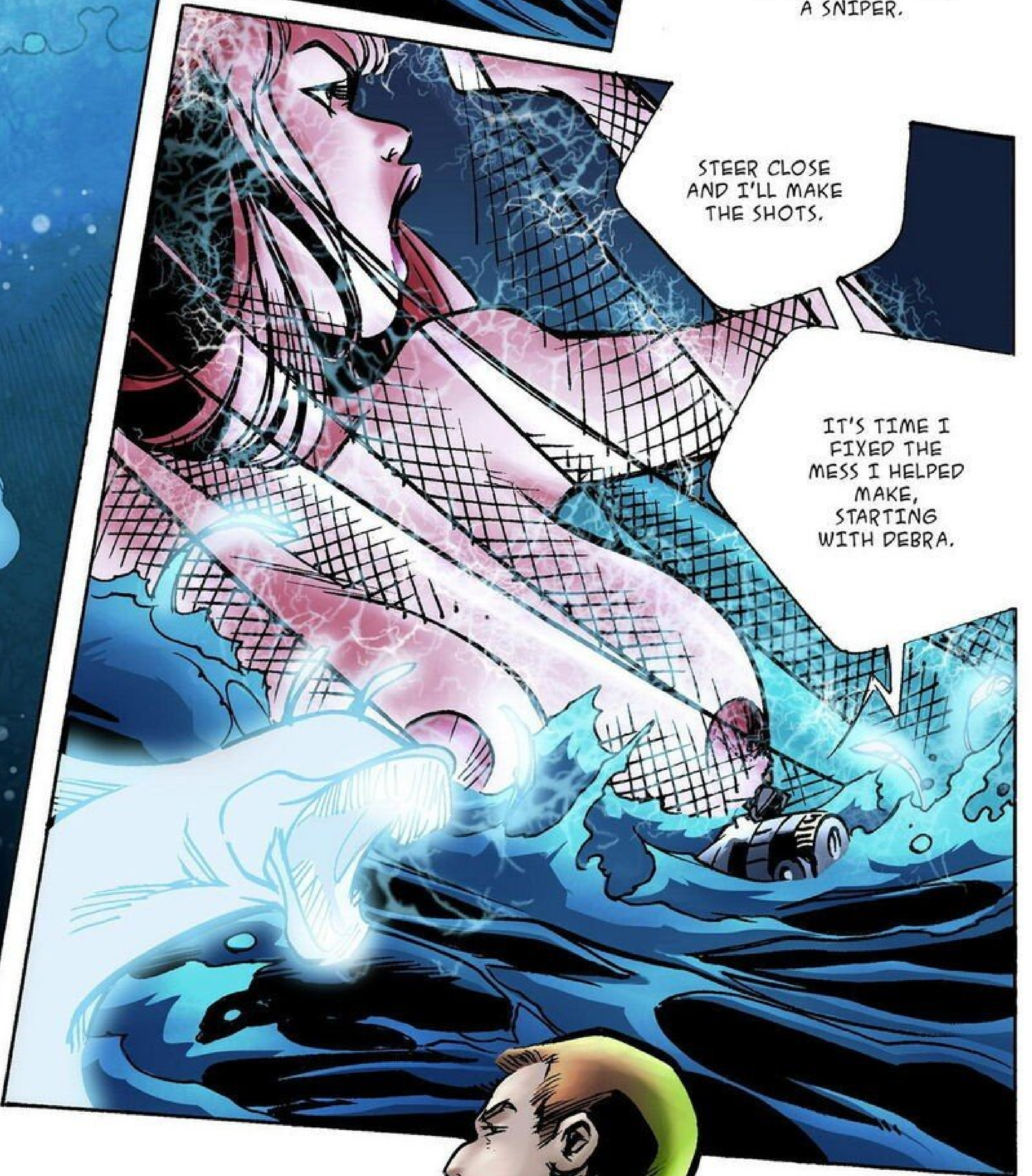




I'D SAY WE'RE
GONNA NEED
SOME LUCK TO
HIT THAT MANY
TARGETS WITH
ANTI-VENOM.



LEAVE
THAT TO
ME, DOC.

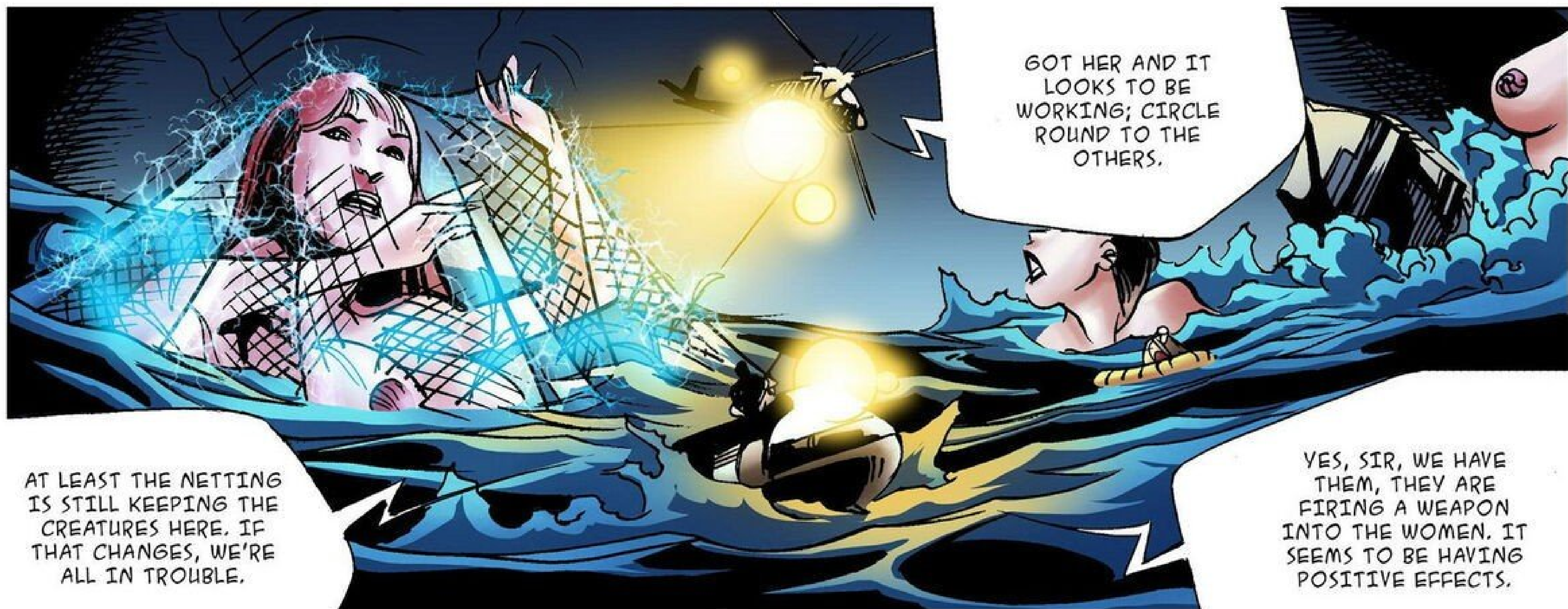


STEER CLOSE
AND I'LL MAKE
THE SHOTS.

IT'S TIME I
FIXED THE
MESS I HELPED
MAKE,
STARTING
WITH DEBRA.



DICE, YOU
PULL ANY OF
THIS OFF AND
MAYBE I WAS
WRONG ABOUT
YOU.



GOT HER AND IT LOOKS TO BE WORKING; CIRCLE ROUND TO THE OTHERS.

AT LEAST THE NETTING IS STILL KEEPING THE CREATURES HERE. IF THAT CHANGES, WE'RE ALL IN TROUBLE.

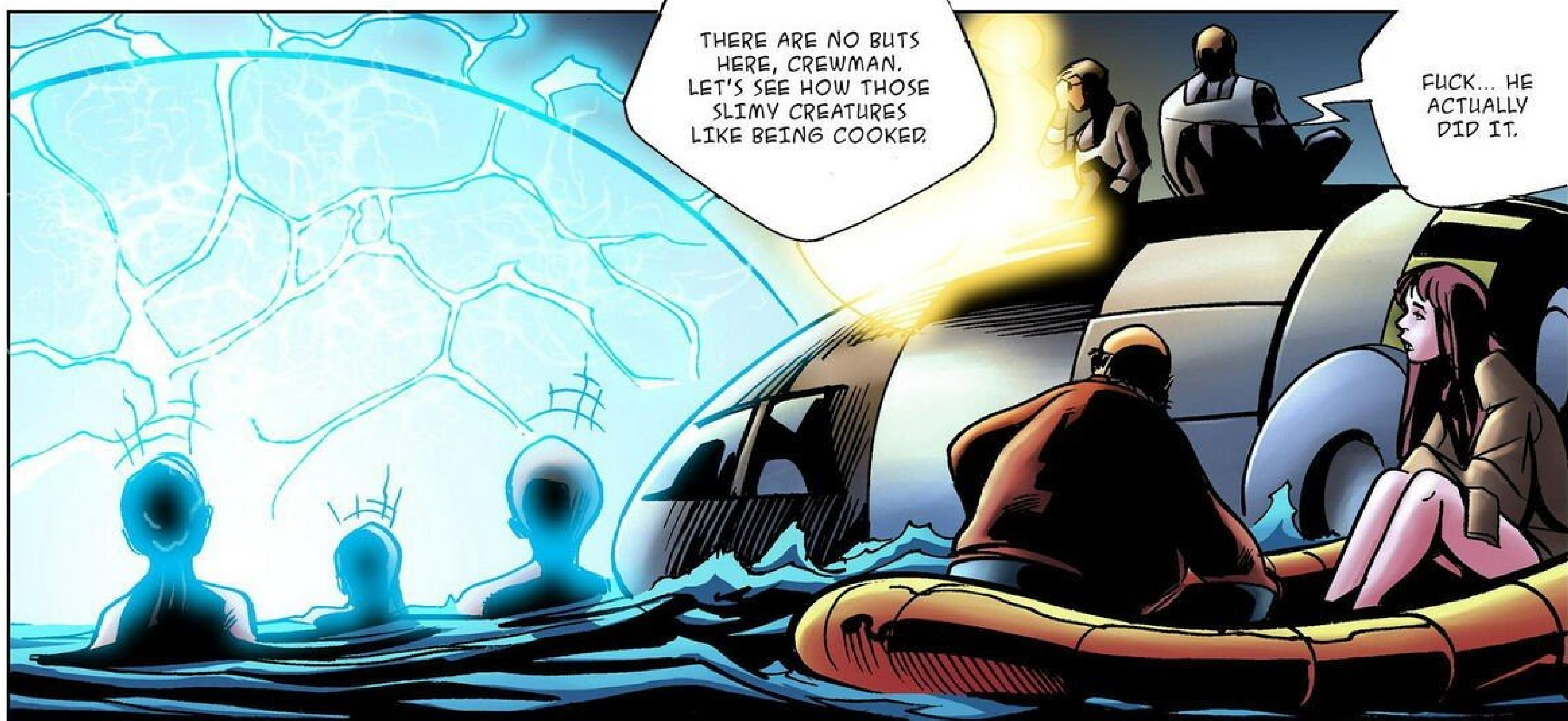
YES, SIR, WE HAVE THEM, THEY ARE FIRING A WEAPON INTO THE WOMEN. IT SEEMS TO BE HAVING POSITIVE EFFECTS.



I KNEW THEY WERE MORE INVOLVED IN THIS.

IF THEY HAVE THE MEANS TO REVERSE THE GROWTH, THEN I HAVE THE MEANS TO STOP THOSE SEA SNAKES ONCE AND FOR ALL. THIS'LL REVERSE THE CURRENT, RIGHT, SEND A PULSE OUTWARD FROM THE NETTING?

IT'LL DO THAT ALL RIGHT... BUT...



THERE ARE NO BUTS HERE, CREWMAN. LET'S SEE HOW THOSE SLIMY CREATURES LIKE BEING COOKED.

FUCK... HE ACTUALLY DID IT.



"HE JUST RELEASED THOSE THINGS TO ALL CORNERS OF THE WORLD."

OH, HELL... WHAT HAVE I DONE?

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