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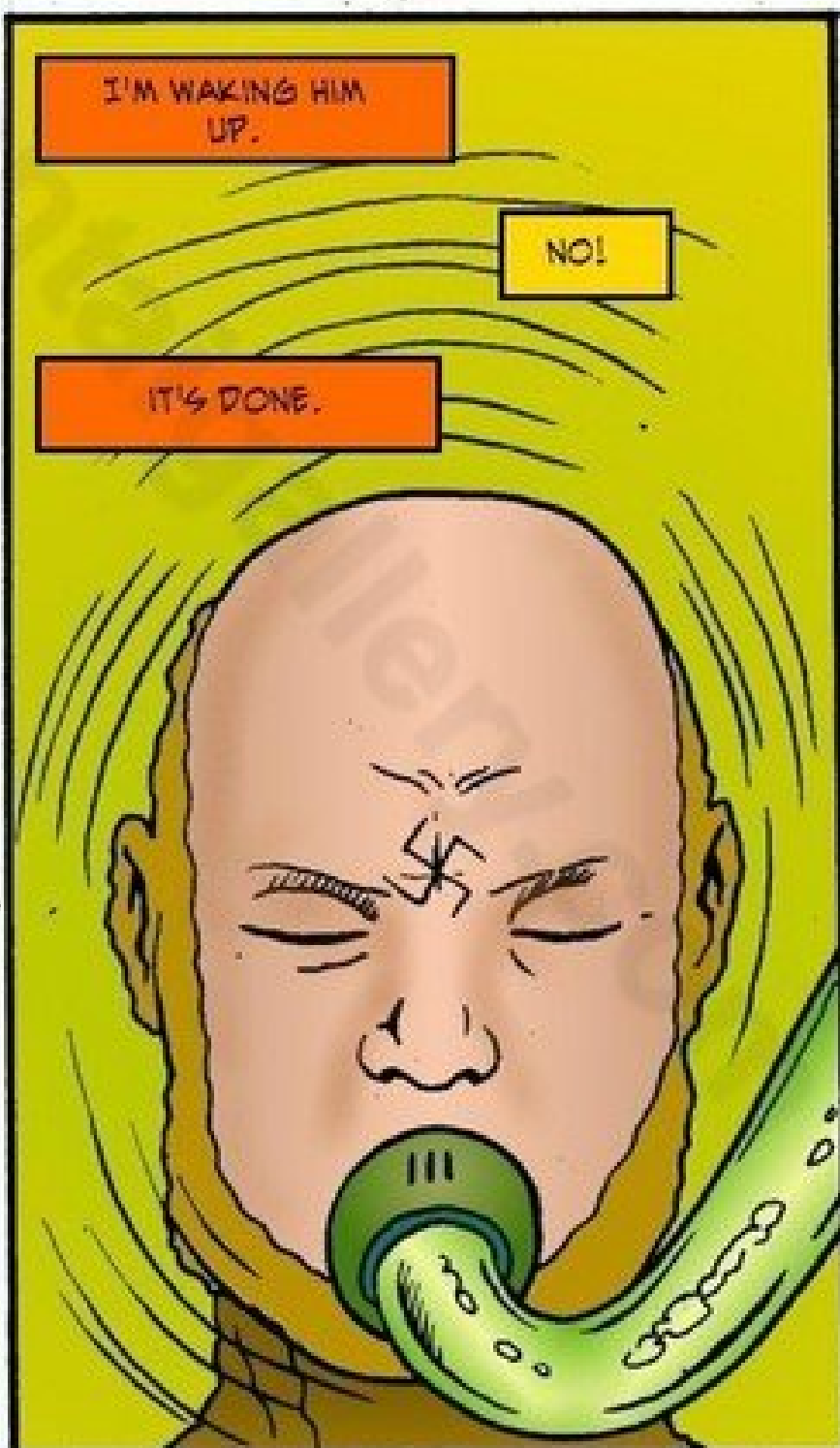
THE SHE BRUTE

I CAN'T
FIGHT HER
ANYMORE-- THE
SHE BRUTE IS
TAKING OVER!



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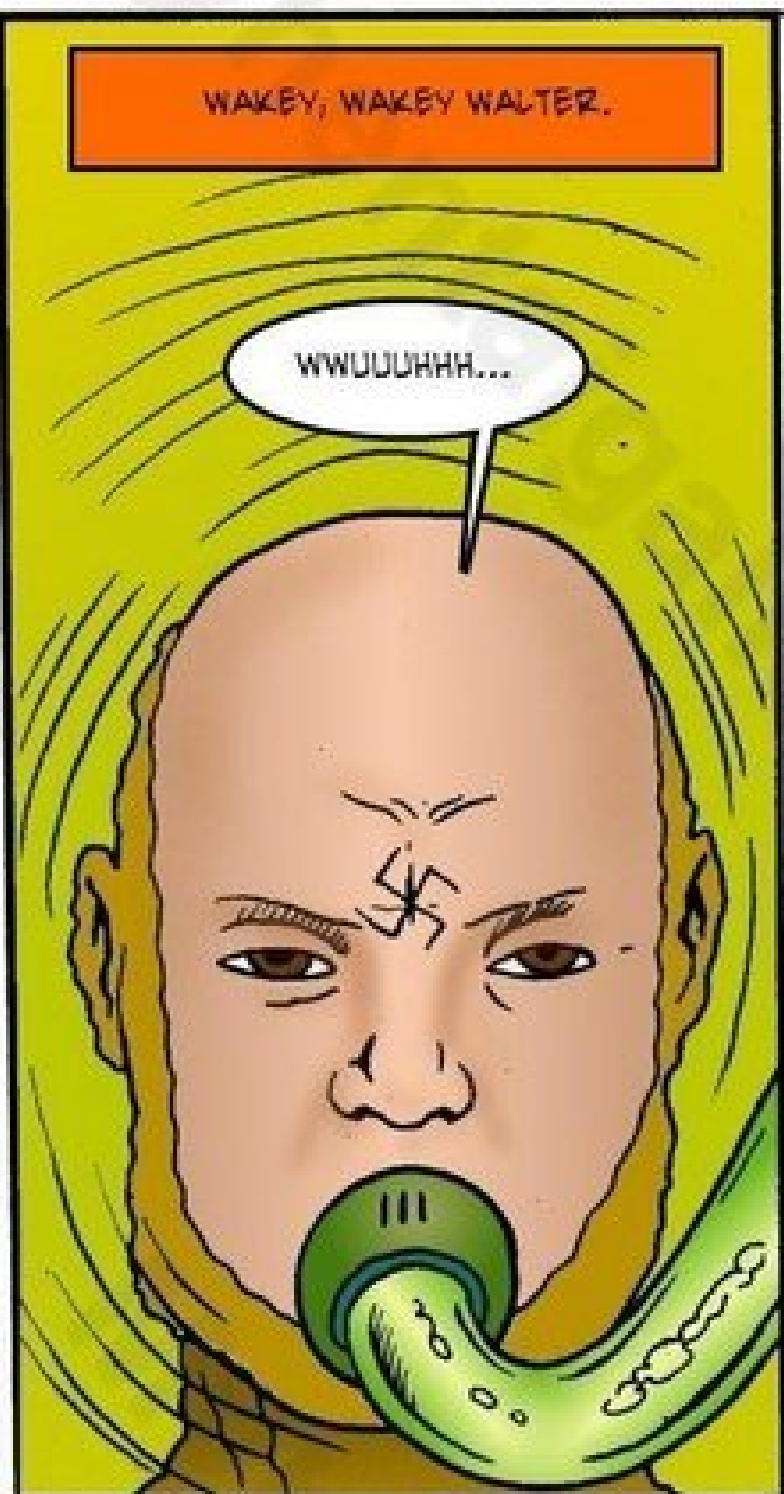
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I'M WAKING HIM UP.

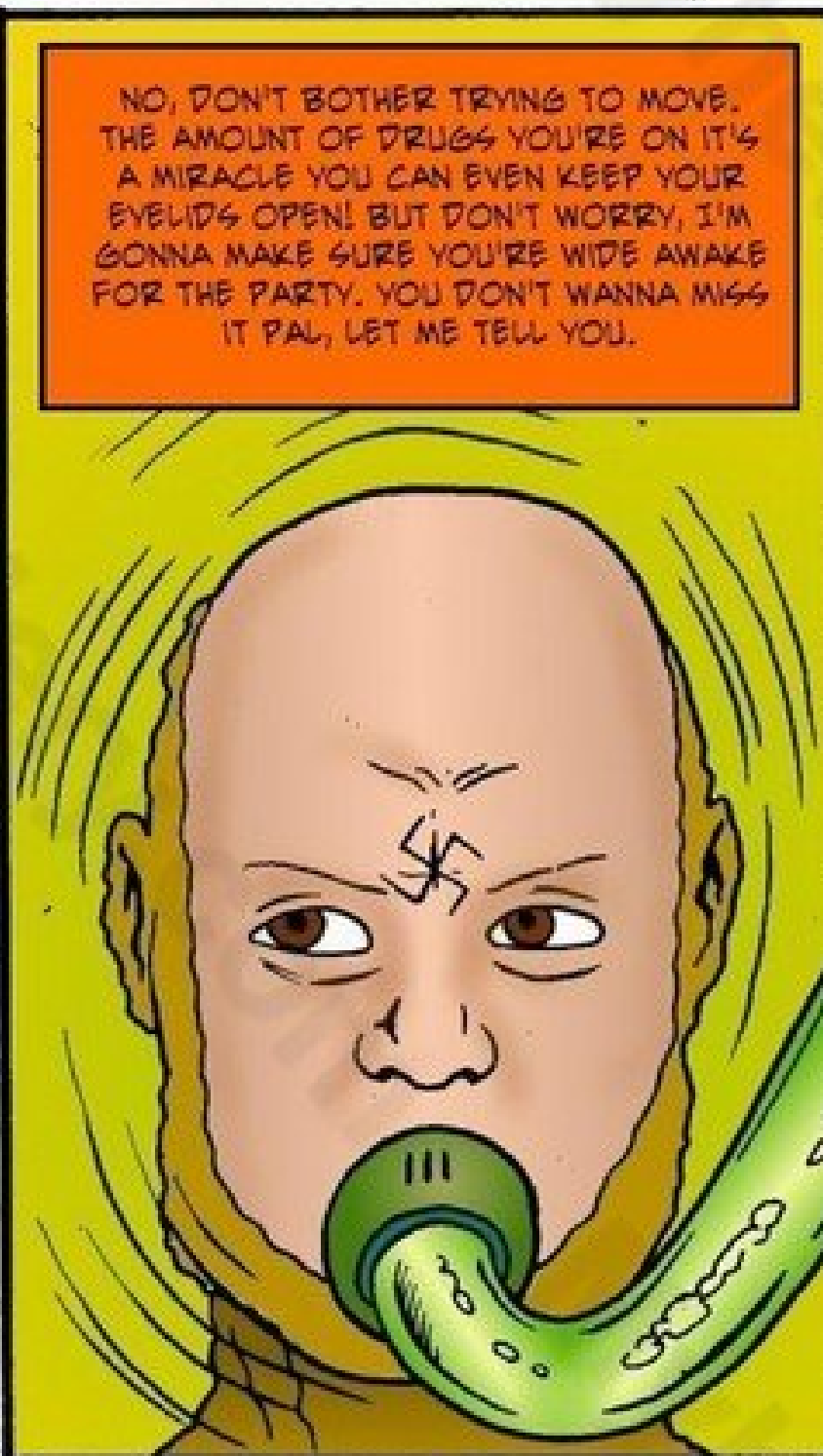
NO!

IT'S DONE.

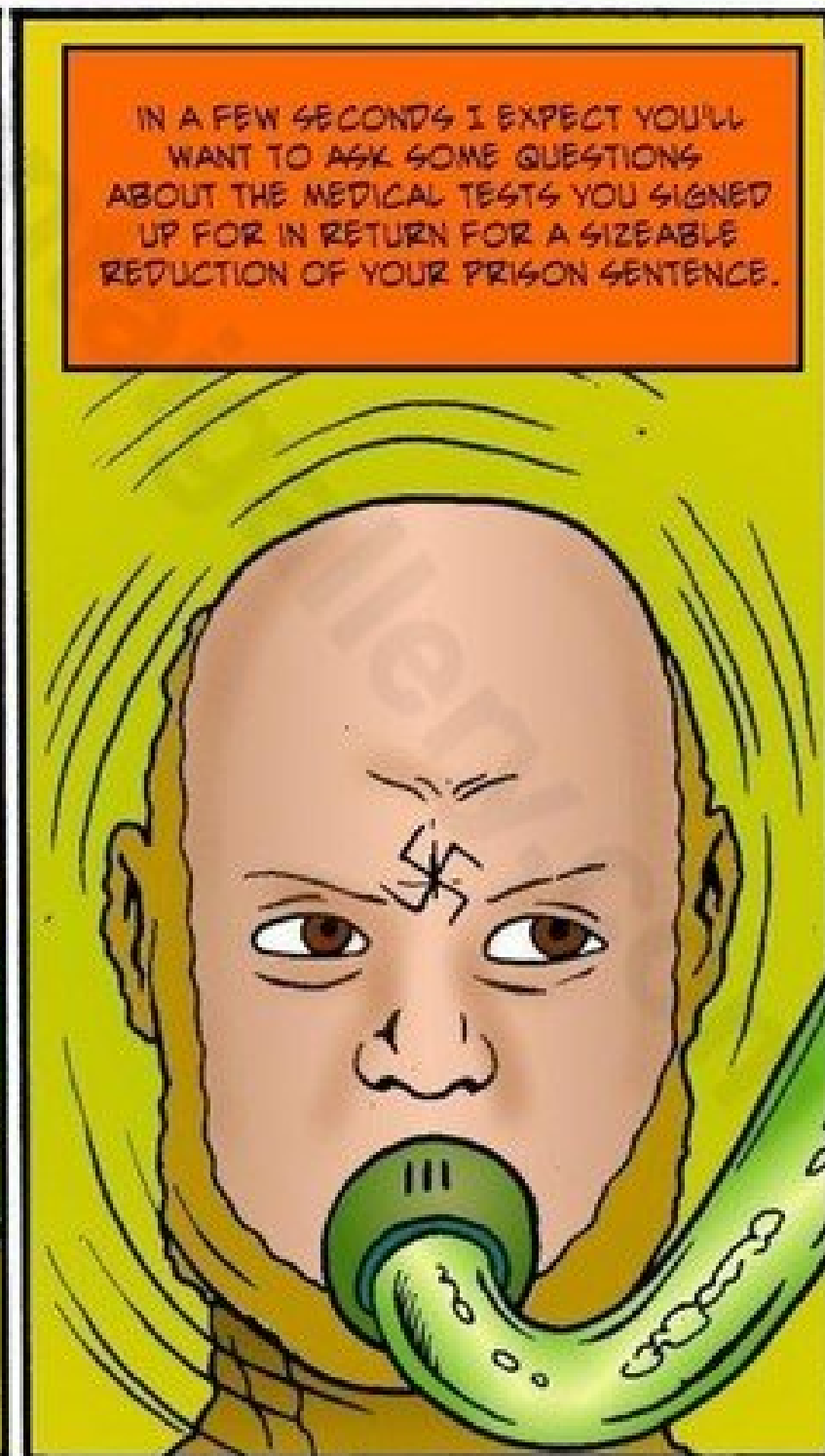


WAKY, WAKY WALTER.

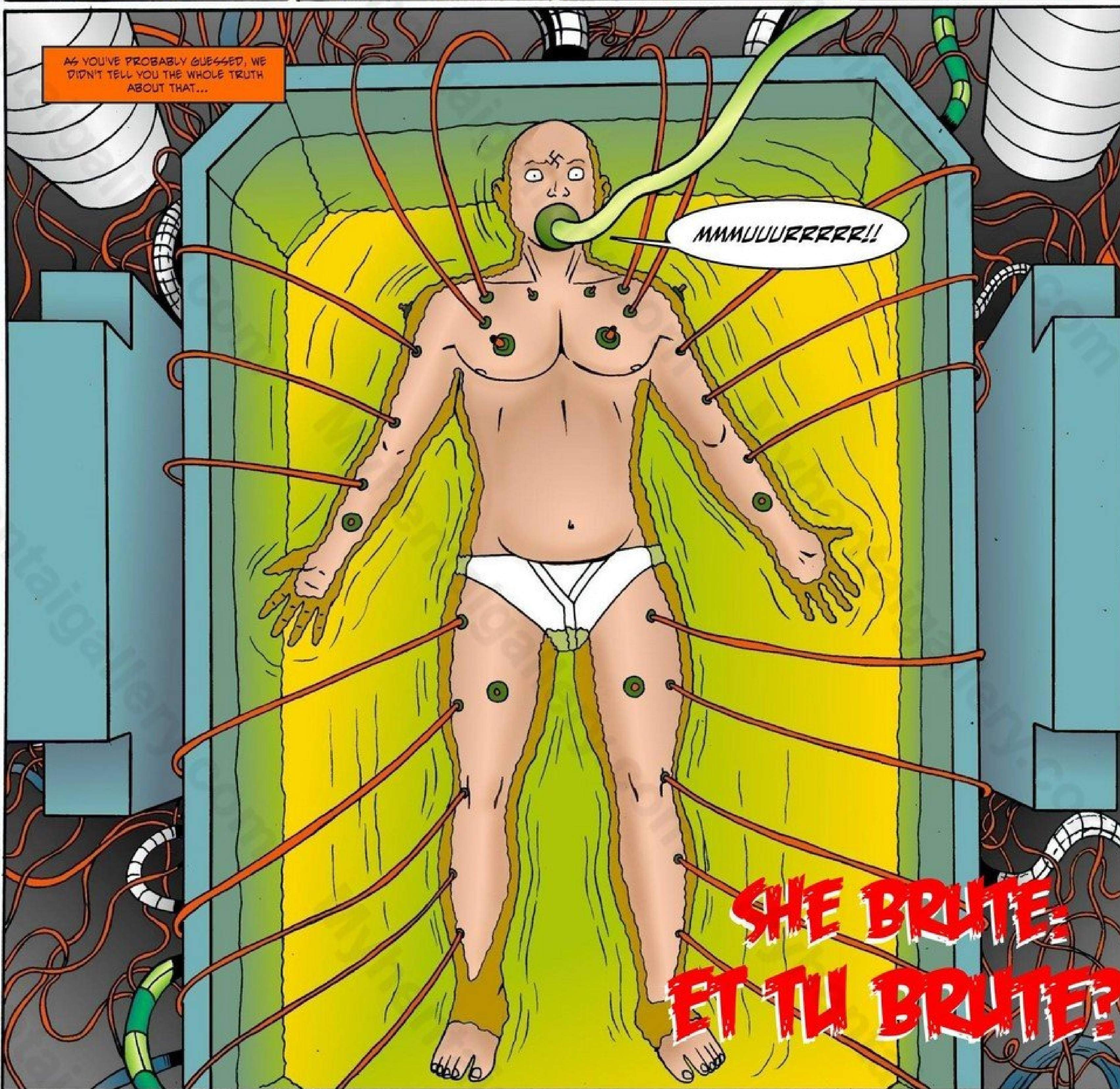
WWWUUHHH...



NO, DON'T BOTHER TRYING TO MOVE. THE AMOUNT OF DRUGS YOU'RE ON IT'S A MIRACLE YOU CAN EVEN KEEP YOUR EYELIDS OPEN! BUT DON'T WORRY, I'M GONNA MAKE SURE YOU'RE WIDE AWAKE FOR THE PARTY. YOU DON'T WANNA MISS IT PAL, LET ME TELL YOU.



IN A FEW SECONDS I EXPECT YOU'LL WANT TO ASK SOME QUESTIONS ABOUT THE MEDICAL TESTS YOU SIGNED UP FOR IN RETURN FOR A SIZEABLE REDUCTION OF YOUR PRISON SENTENCE.



AS YOU'VE PROBABLY GUESSED, WE DIDN'T TELL YOU THE WHOLE TRUTH ABOUT THAT...

MMUUURRRRR!!

**SHE BRUTE:
ET TU BRUTE?**

Now: Los Alamos.

WELL, THAT'S SOME
MAKEOVER YOU'VE HAD THERE
DOCTOR. NOT AS RADICAL AS
MINE I SAY, BUT ANGRY AND
AUGMENTED IS DEFINITELY A
GOOD LOOK FOR YOU.

OHhhh...
NOT GOOD!

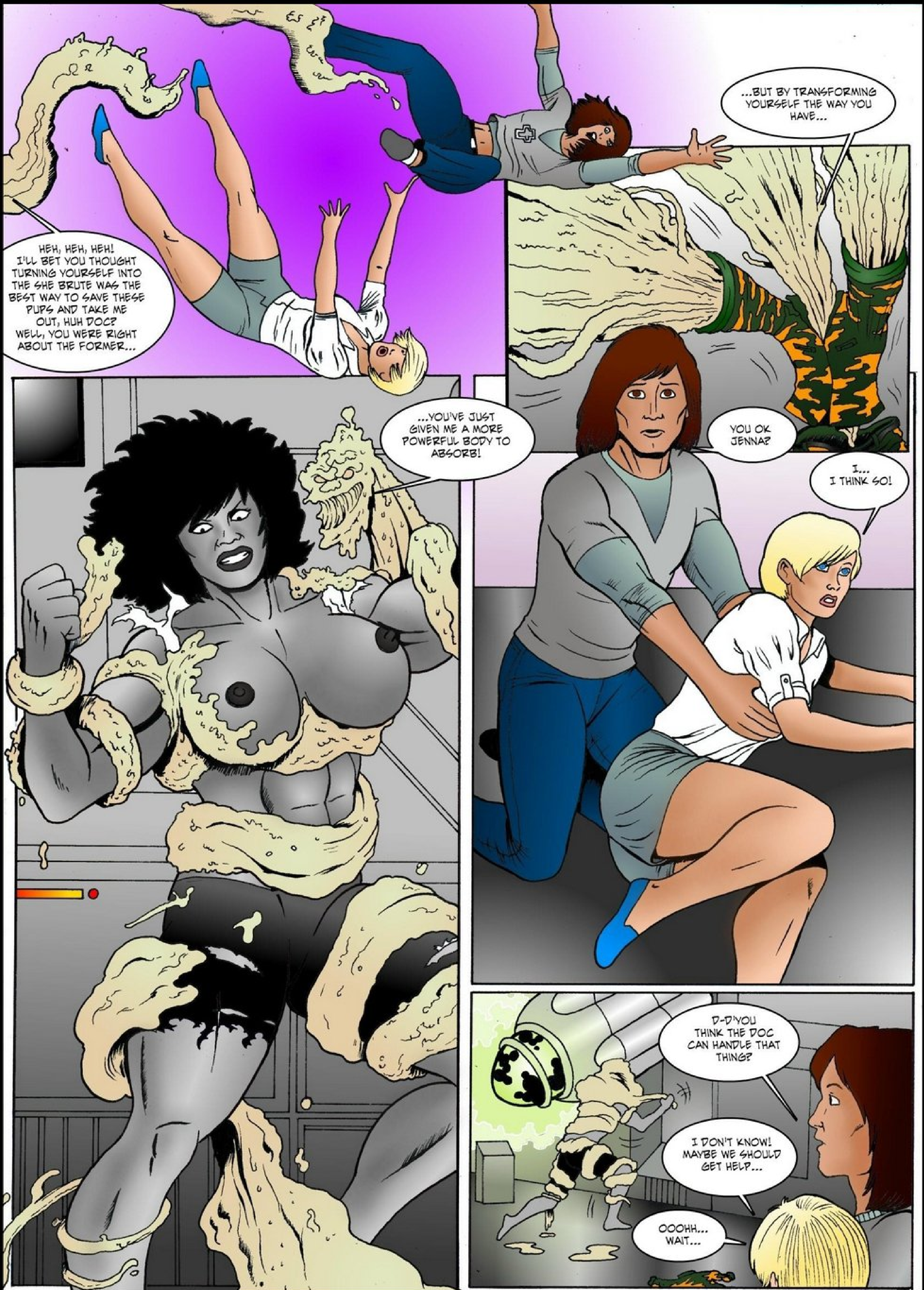


OH, AND FYI
SWEET THING...
IT AIN'T MUCH GOOD
CRUSHING A MAN'S HEAD...

WHEN HE CAN
JUST GO AN' MAKE
A NEW ONE...

...OUT OF ANY
DAMN PART OF HIS
BODY HE PLEASES!





HEH, HEH, HEH!
I'LL BET YOU THOUGHT
TURNING YOURSELF INTO
THE SHE BRUTE WAS THE
BEST WAY TO SAVE THESE
PUPS AND TAKE ME
OUT, HUH DOC?
WELL, YOU WERE RIGHT
ABOUT THE FORMER...

...BUT BY TRANSFORMING
YOURSELF THE WAY YOU
HAVE...

...YOU'VE JUST
GIVEN ME A MORE
POWERFUL BODY TO
ABSORB!

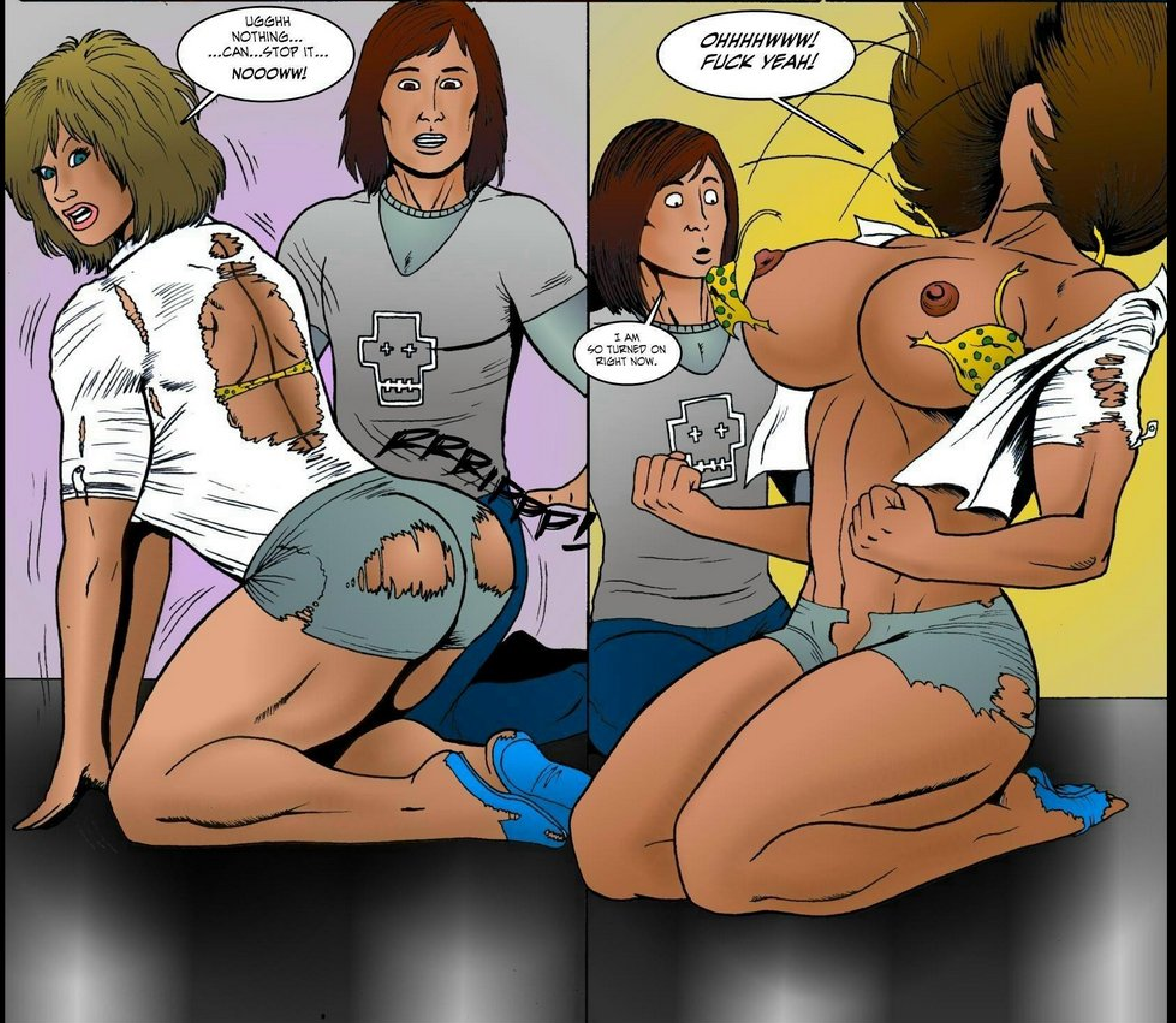
YOU OK
JENNA?

I...
I THINK SO!

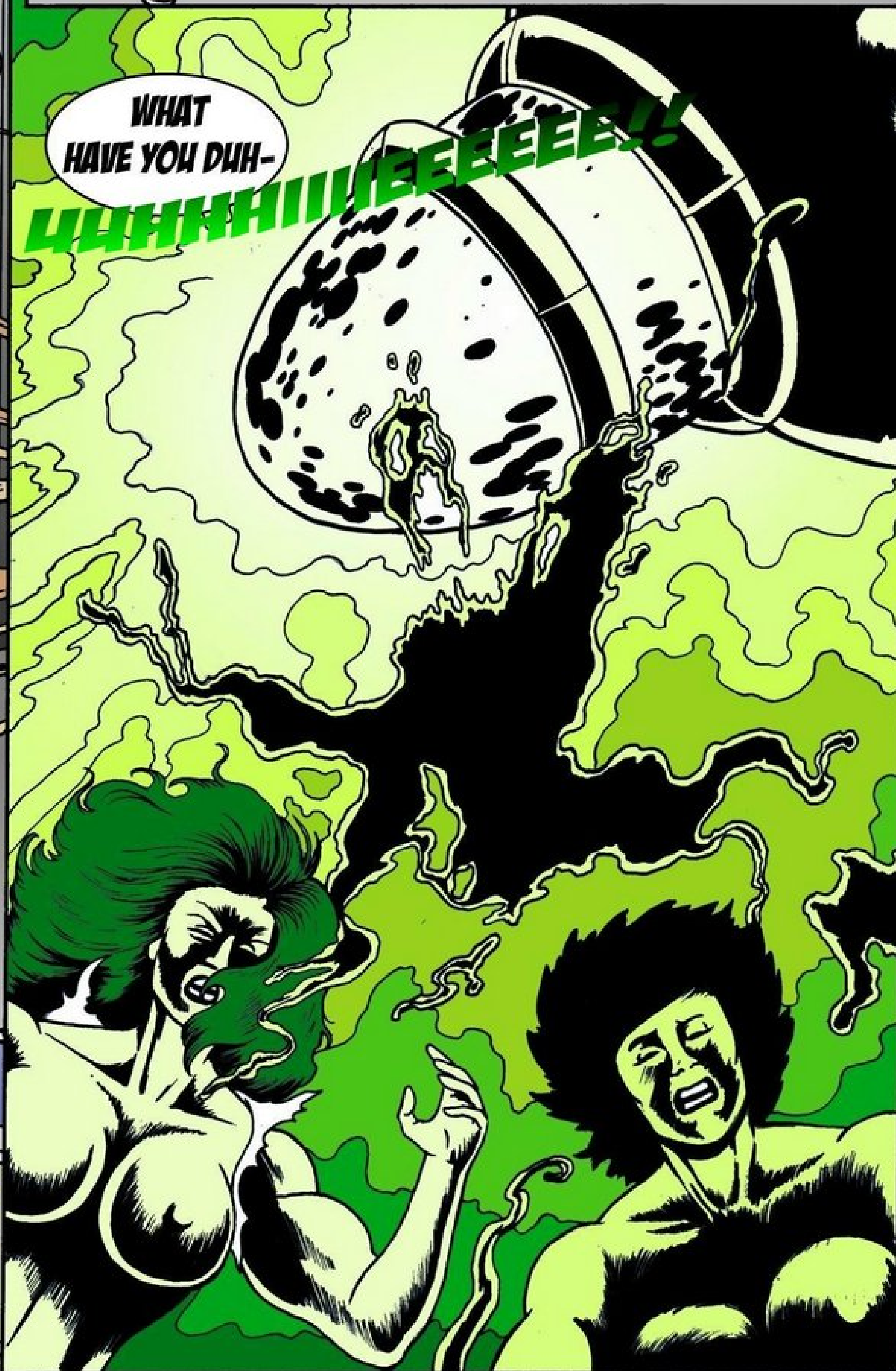
D-D'YOU
THINK THE DOC
CAN HANDLE THAT
THING?

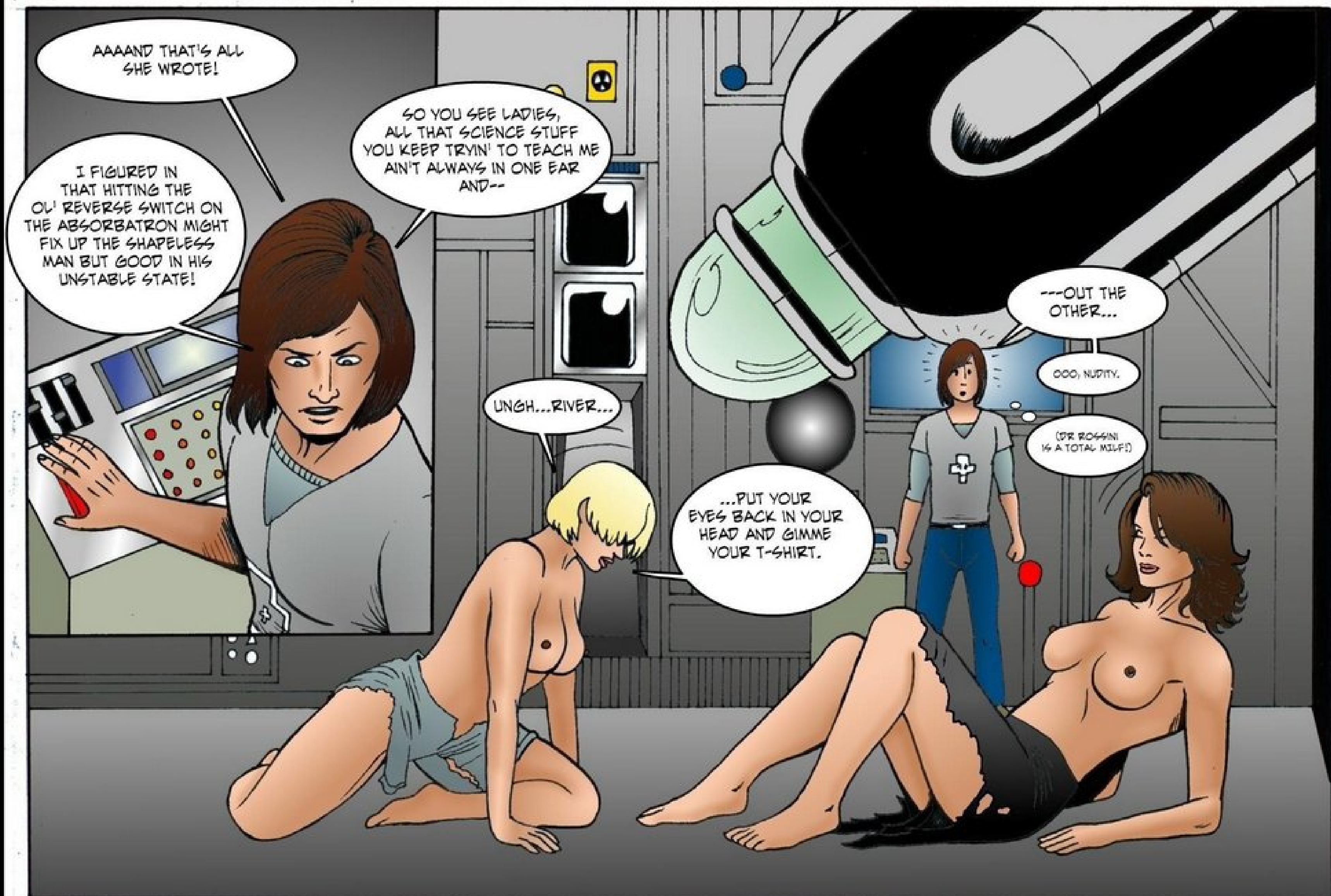
I DON'T KNOW!
MAYBE WE SHOULD
GET HELP...

OOHH...
WAIT...









AND SO, TO BYPASS YET MORE POINTLESS EXPOSITION...

THANK GOD YOU'RE SAFE LIZZIE... I KNOW THINGS HAVEN'T BEEN TOO TIGHT BETWEEN US LATELY, BUT I... I'D DIE IF ANYTHING HAPPENED TO YOU.

YOU'VE GOT RIVER TO THANK FOR THAT, TOBY. WHILE THAT THING WAS BUSY TRYING TO EAT ME AND JENNA... HE WAS JUST AMAZING.

HE MADE SURE THE ABORBATRON DISSIPATED THAT SHAPELESS MONSTER'S ATOMS COMPLETELY.

HE WON'T BE TROUBLING US AGAIN!

WELL, I'D SAY THAT'LL EARN YOU SOME KUDOS WITH JENNA'S OLD MAN, KID. I GUESS HE WON'T BE LOOKIN' FOR YOU WITH A SHOTGUN AGAIN ANY TIME SOON!

TOBY... ABOUT US...

I WASN'T FEELING MYSELF WHEN... I MEAN, WHAT I SAID TO YOU YESTERDAY? I DON'T THINK I REALLY MEANT IT. I STILL NEED YOU.

OK LIZZIE... OK.

A LITTLE LATER ON
(AND AFTER THE CORNY MELODRAMA)...

WELL, ALL'S WELL THAT ENDS WELL FOR YOU AND YOUR BOYFRIEND, I GUESS. NOW WOULD YOU MIND EXPLAINING WHY WE NEARLY GOT ABSORBED BY "GOD"?

YES... YES, YOU SHOULD KNOW THE TRUTH JENNA. AFTER ALL YOU'VE DONE FOR ME... AFTER ALL I'VE PUT YOU THROUGH, I OWE YOU THAT MUCH, AT LEAST. THE SHAPELESS MAN HAD A NAME. IT WAS WALTER BANASEWSKI.

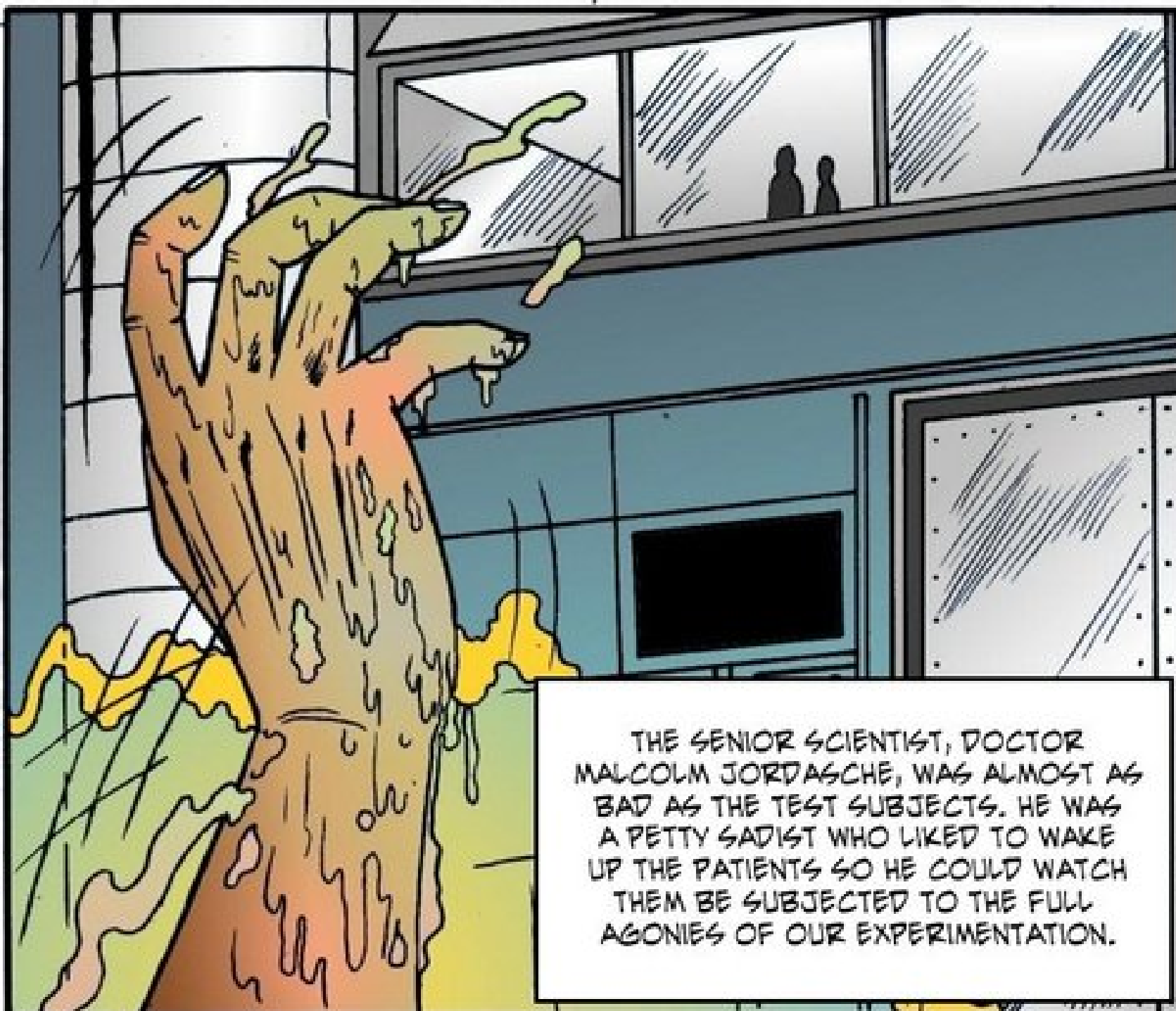
"FOUR YEARS AGO, TO MY SHAME, I WAS PART OF AN EXPERIMENT THAT TESTED ON LIVE HUMAN SUBJECTS. WE TRICKED VIOLENT PRISONERS INTO BELIEVING THAT THEIR PARTICIPATION WOULD EARN THEM PAROLE. BANASEWSKI WAS THE LAST PERSON WHOSE TESTING I PARTICIPATED IN..."

-PROBABLY GUESSED, WE DIDN'T TELL YOU THE WHOLE TRUTH ABOUT THAT...

WALTER BANASEWSKI... WAIT. I'VE HEARD THAT NAME.

YOU SHOULD. HE WAS ON DEATH ROW FOR MURDERING SEVENTEEN CHILDREN BACK IN THE NINETIES.

OK, I'M STARTING THE CHEMICAL FEED NOW DOCTOR JORDASCHE.



THE SENIOR SCIENTIST, DOCTOR MALCOLM JORDASCHE, WAS ALMOST AS BAD AS THE TEST SUBJECTS. HE WAS A PETTY SADIST WHO LIKED TO WAKE UP THE PATIENTS SO HE COULD WATCH THEM BE SUBJECTED TO THE FULL AGONIES OF OUR EXPERIMENTATION.



HEH. THAT'S RIGHT PIGGIE.

SQUEAL AAAALL YOU WANT.

JORDASCHE... THIS IS SICK. WE CAN'T JUST TORTURE HIM LIKE THIS.



OH, FUCK YOUR LIBERAL CONSCIENCE ROSSINI. YOU THINK THIS ANIMAL WOULD DO ANY LESS TO US? HE WAS ON THREE SQUARE MEALS A DAY IN PRISON.

A PIECE OF SHIT LIKE THAT, BEIN' FED AND SHELTERED WHILE HIS VICTIMS ARE DEAD AND THEIR FAMILIES SUFFERING. BANASEWSKI ISN'T WORTH YOUR COMPASSION! IT'S RIGHT HE SHOULD SUFFER.

YOU SIGNED UP FOR LIVE HUMAN TRIALS WITH THE REST OF US.

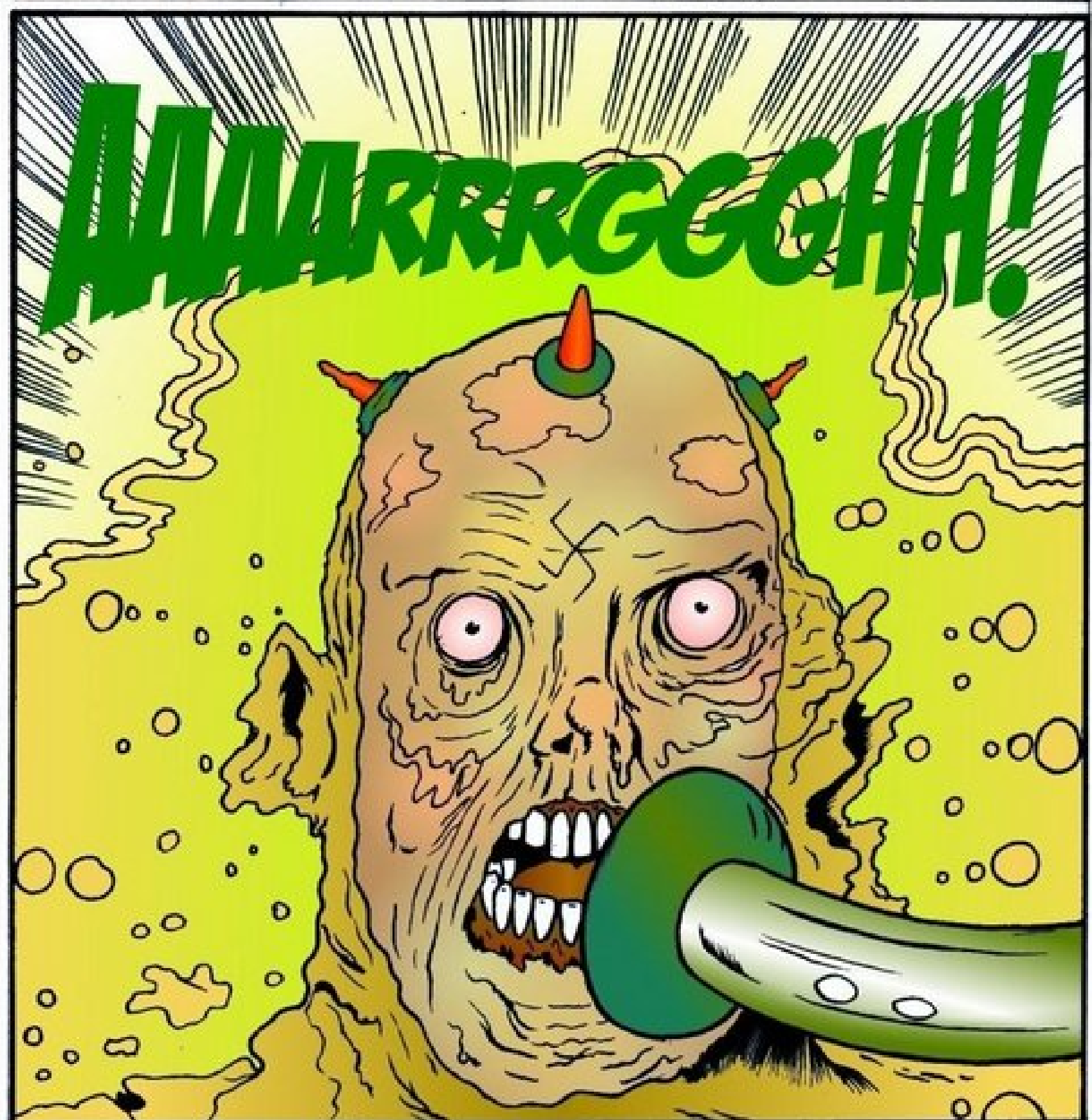


I WAS TOLD WE'D BE EXPERIMENTING ON THE TERMINALLY ILL! CANCER PATIENTS, OR THOSE IN A COMATOSE AND VEGATATIVE STATE-- NOT CRIMINALS! WHAT THIS MAN DID WAS AN ABOMINATION, BUT WHAT WE'RE DOING MAKES US NO BETTER THAN HIM JORDASCHE. WHEN SOMEBODY COMMITS FIRST DEGREE MURDER WE TRY HIM FAIRLY...WE TAKE AWAY HIS LIBERTY -- AND YES! WE EXECUTE, BUT WE DO IT HUMANELY...FAIRLY! WE DEMONSTRATE THAT WE HAVE THE BETTER WAY...WE NEVER TORTURE! WE NEVER DEGRADE! WE HAVE HUMAN RIGHTS LAWS TO PROTECT OUR DIGNITY MORE THAN TO PROTECT THOSE OF CRIMINALS. I'M TELLING YOU THAT WHAT WE'RE DOING HERE RIGHT NOW... WE'RE TURNING OURSELVES INTO MONSTERS.



YEAH, WELL, THANKS FOR THAT RALPH NADER. HEY! STOP!

NO! I WON'T BE A MONSTER! I'M ENDING THIS RIGHT NOW!



AAAAARRRGGGHHH!



"YOU...YOU FUCKING IDIOT!"

HIS CELLS ARE IN CONSTANT META CRISIS. IT'LL BE LIKE A LIVING DEATH FOR HIM!



HE WAS GONNA DIE ANYWAY...HE WAS ON DEATH ROW. BUT NOW...



NO... OH NO...

YOOHHUUU DID THIS TO MEE--EAGGH!



I...WAS TOLD BY MY SUPERIORS THAT THE THING BANASEWSKI BECAME HAD BEEN DESTROYED. IT--HE MUST HAVE SURVIVED SOMEHOW.

I DIDN'T WANT TO GET INVOLVED IN THIS KIND OF THING-- THE SUPERHUMAN ARMS RACE-- I JUST WANTED TO HELP HUMANKIND, NOT PERVERT IT. WHO KNOWS HOW MANY MORE PEOPLE BANASEWSKI KILLED BECAUSE OF ME?



I... I'M SO SORRY DOC... I DIDN'T KNOW. IT WASN'T YOUR FAULT.

THANKS, JENNA.

YES, THANKS JENNA-- FOR TRYING TO COMFORT ME. BUT YOU KNOW AS WELL AS I THE TERRIBLE PRICE I'VE PAID FOR MY EXPERIMENTS...

IT'S THE REASON WHY WE MET, AFTER ALL. AFTER THE BANASEWSKI AFFAIR I WAS SENT OUT HERE TO WORK ON MILITARY HARDWARE. DEMOTED TO A GLORIFIED WEAPONS TECHNICIAN.



STILL, I WANTED TO HAVE MY CAKE AND EAT IT. IN MY SPARE TIME I WORKED ON A MUSCLE ENHANCING IRRADIATION CHAMBER-- SOMETHING THAT COULD AID THE SICK AND ELDERLY AS WELL AS SOLDIERS ON THE BATTLEFIELD.

I EXPERIMENTED ON THE ONLY PERSON I HAD ANY REASONABLE RIGHT TO EXPERIMENT ON--- MYSELF.



Continued in part IV!!!