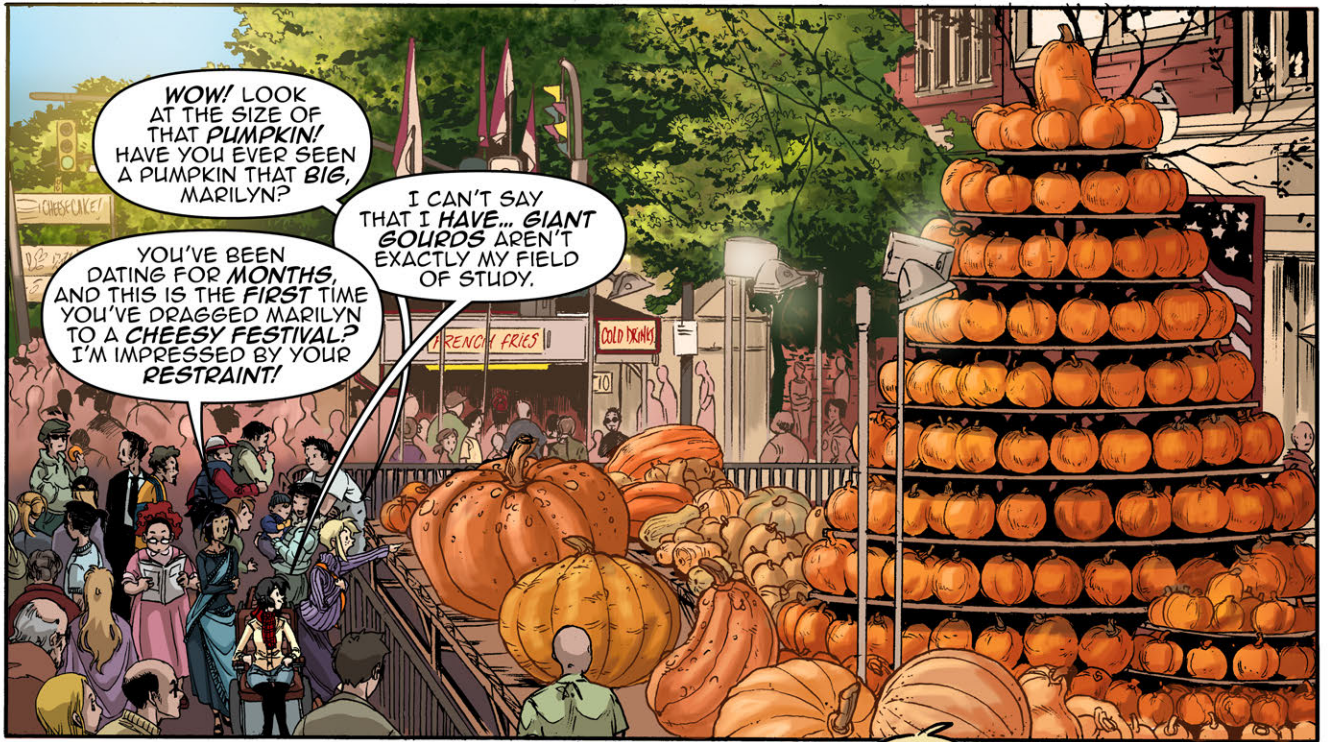


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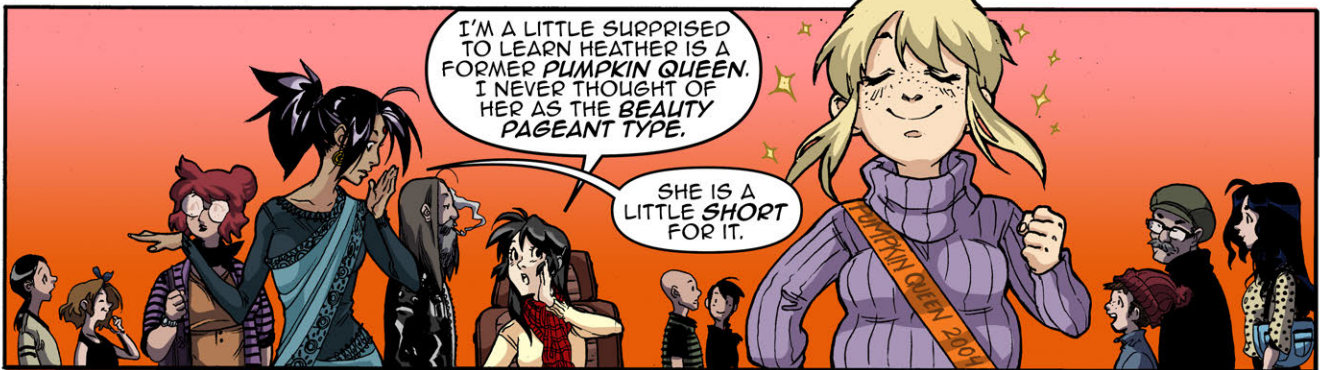




WOW! LOOK AT THE SIZE OF THAT PUMPKIN! HAVE YOU EVER SEEN A PUMPKIN THAT BIG, MARILYN?

I CAN'T SAY THAT I HAVE... GIANT SOURDS AREN'T EXACTLY MY FIELD OF STUDY.

YOU'VE BEEN DATING FOR MONTHS, AND THIS IS THE FIRST TIME YOU'VE DRAGGED MARILYN TO A CHEESY FESTIVAL? I'M IMPRESSED BY YOUR RESTRAINT!



I'M A LITTLE SURPRISED TO LEARN HEATHER IS A FORMER PUMPKIN QUEEN. I NEVER THOUGHT OF HER AS THE BEAUTY PAGEANT TYPE.

SHE IS A LITTLE SHORT FOR IT.

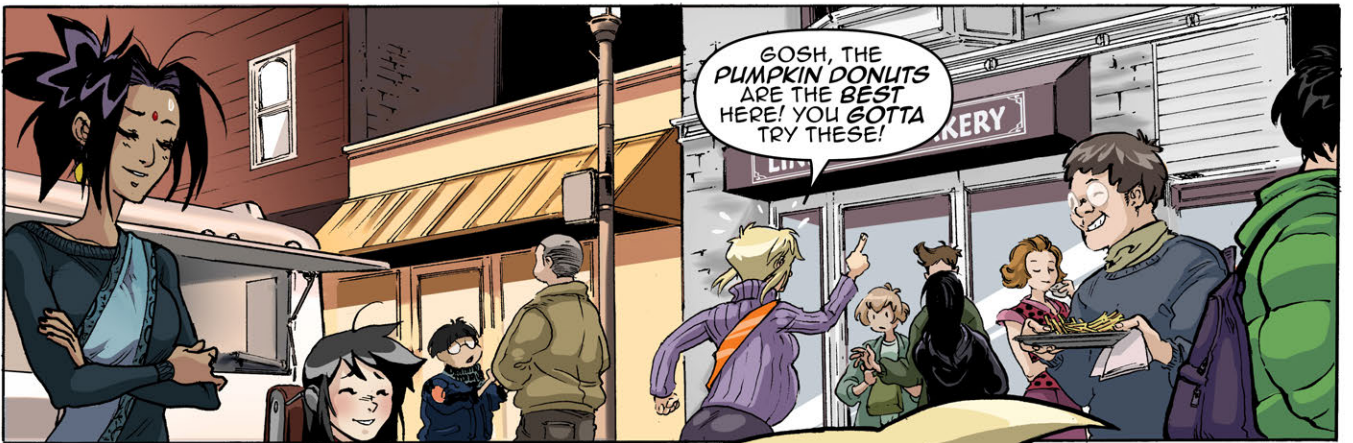
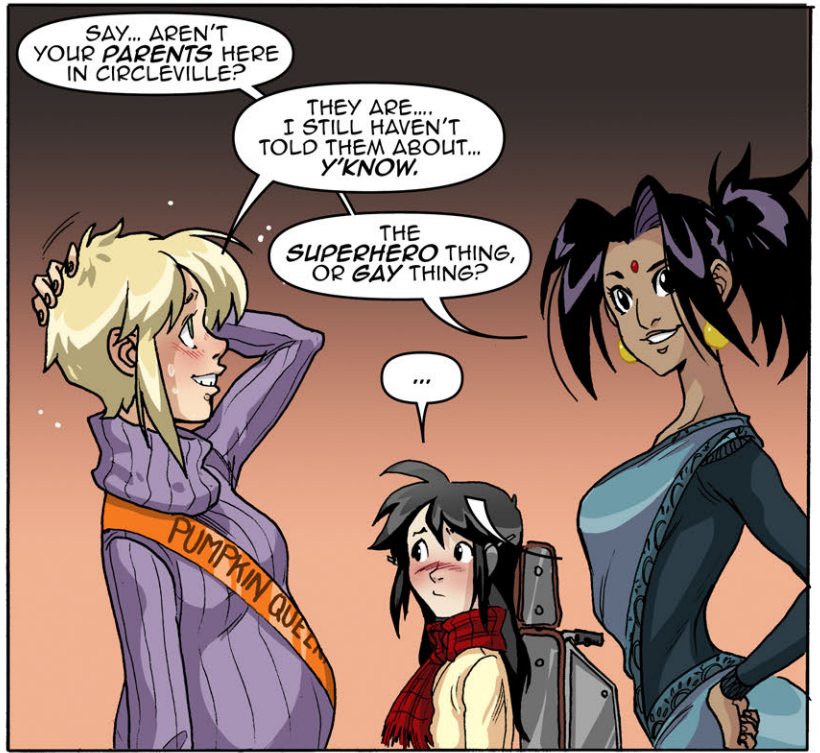
AHEM! MISS PUMPKIN QUEEN IS AN HONOR BESTOWED ON JUST ONE PICKAWAY COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT EACH YEAR! I WAS CHOSEN FOR MY CHARACTER AND GRACE, AS WELL AS BEAUTY!

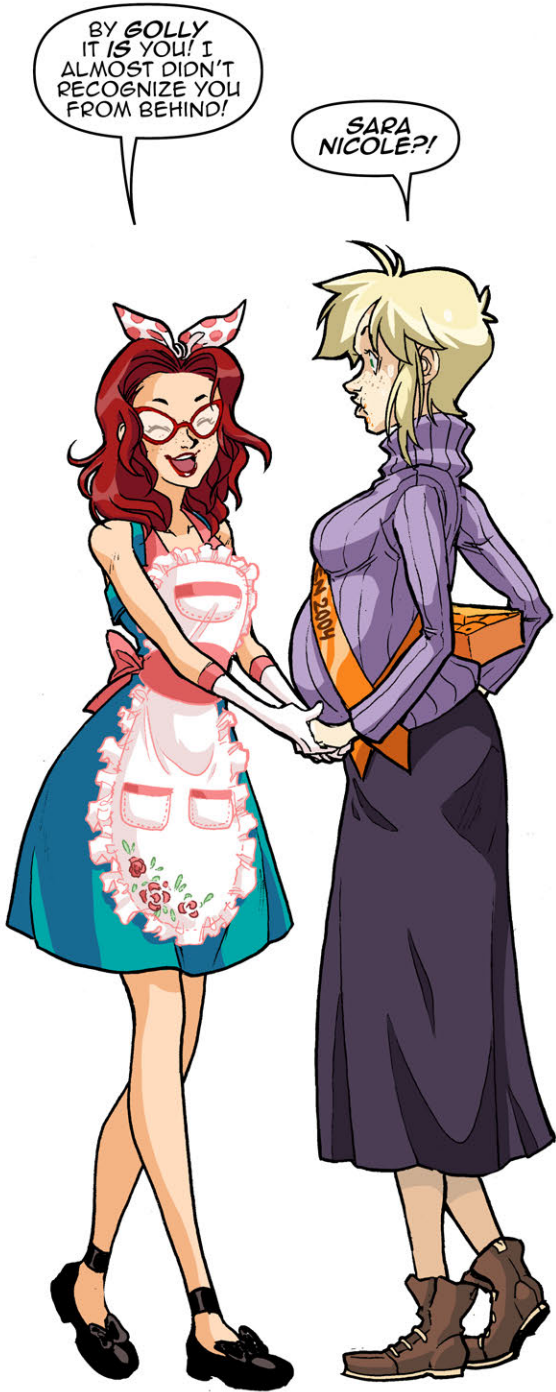
IT'S NOT LIKE I WAS TRYING OUT FOR THE VOLLEYBALL TEAM!



GRACE? I'VE SEEN YOU IN HIGH HEELS...

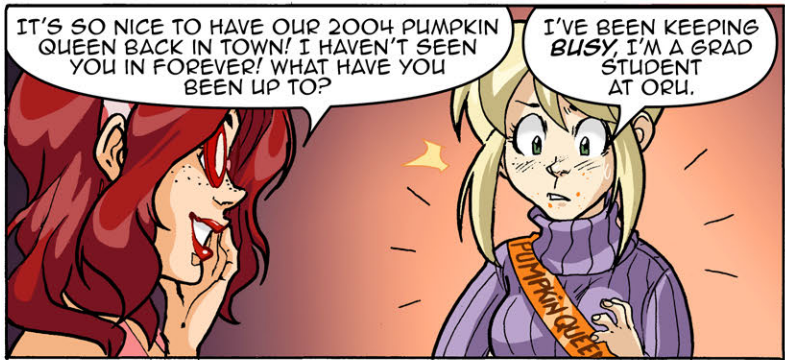
I MAY NOT BE PERFECT, BUT I CAN BE GRACEFUL WHEN MY ROYAL PUMPKIN DUTIES REQUIRE IT!





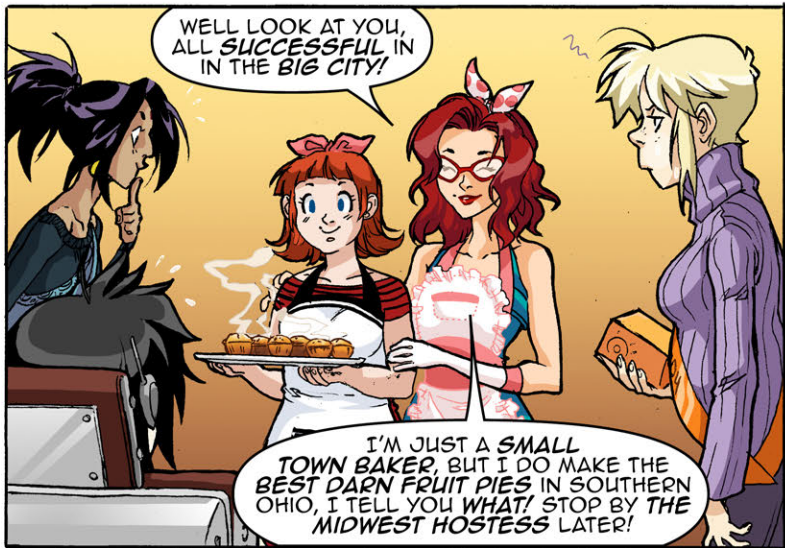
BY SOLLY IT IS YOU! I ALMOST DIDN'T RECOGNIZE YOU FROM BEHIND!

SARA NICOLE?!



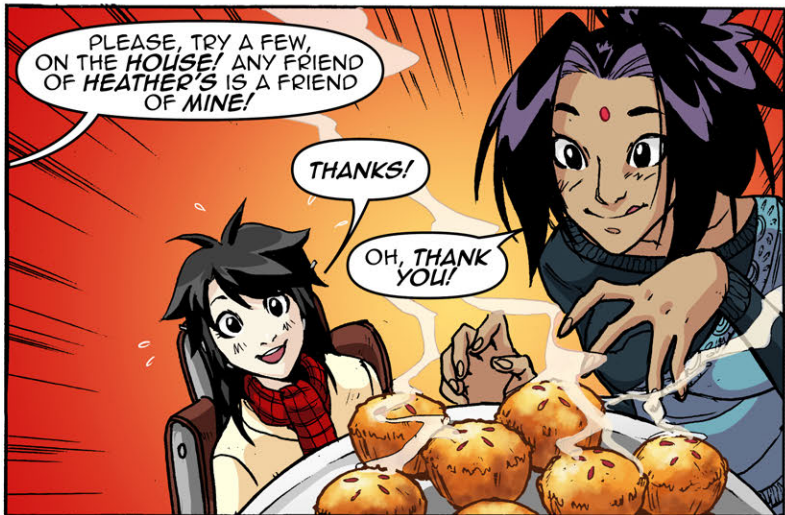
IT'S SO NICE TO HAVE OUR 2004 PUMPKIN QUEEN BACK IN TOWN! I HAVEN'T SEEN YOU IN FOREVER! WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN UP TO?

I'VE BEEN KEEPING BUSY, I'M A GRAD STUDENT AT ORU.



WE'LL LOOK AT YOU, ALL SUCCESSFUL IN THE BIG CITY!

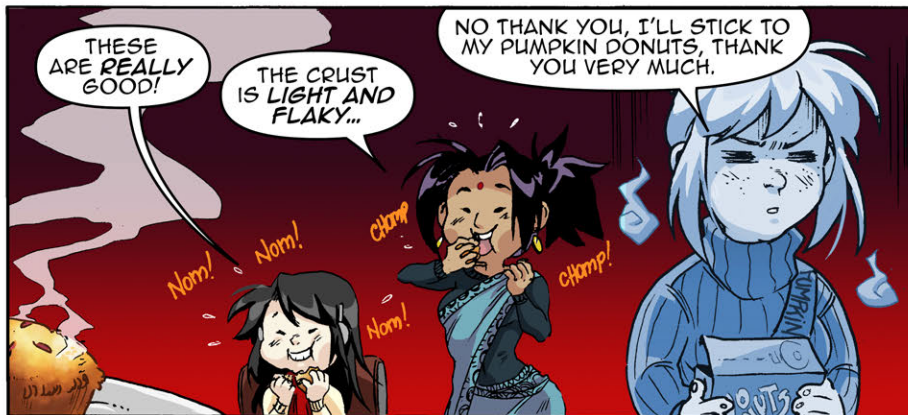
I'M JUST A SMALL TOWN BAKER, BUT I DO MAKE THE BEST DARN FRUIT PIES IN SOUTHERN OHIO, I TELL YOU WHAT! STOP BY THE MIDWEST HOSTESS LATER!



PLEASE, TRY A FEW, ON THE HOUSE! ANY FRIEND OF HEATHER'S IS A FRIEND OF MINE!

THANKS!

OH, THANK YOU!



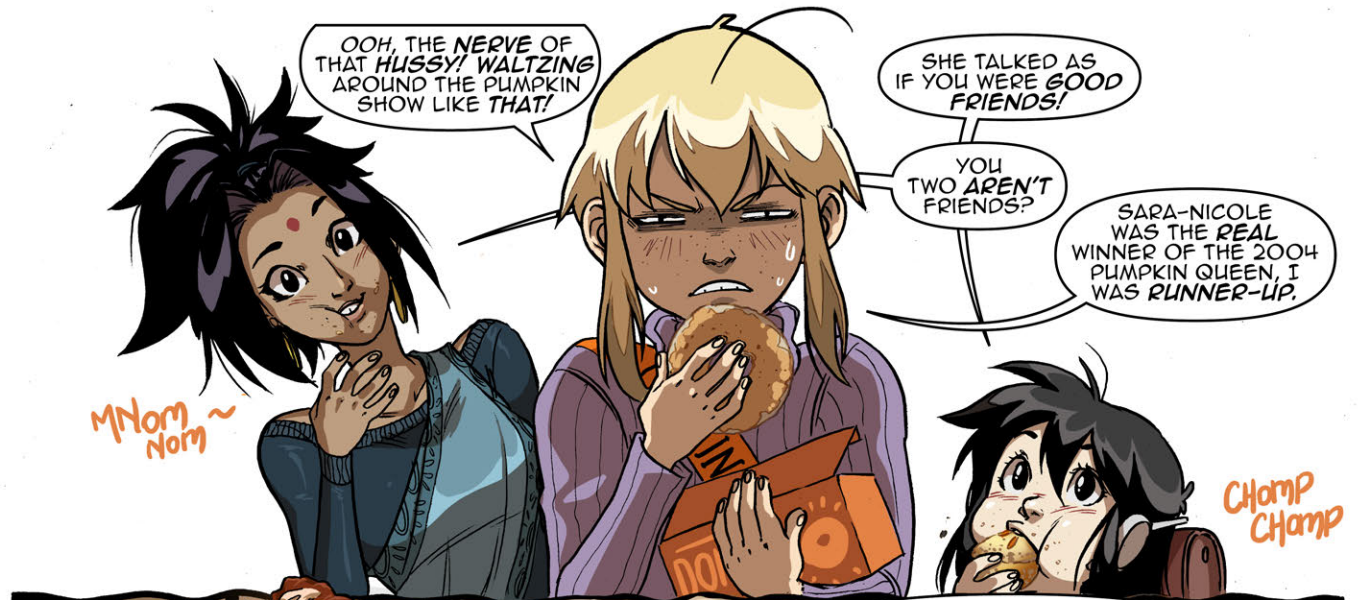
THESE ARE REALLY GOOD!

THE CRUST IS LIGHT AND FLAKY...

NO THANK YOU, I'LL STICK TO MY PUMPKIN DONUTS, THANK YOU VERY MUCH.



I HOPE YOU GIRLS WILL LET BYGONES BE BYGONES! HELP KEEP CIRCLEVILLE PERFECT!



OOH, THE NERVE OF THAT HUSSY! WALTZING AROUND THE PUMPKIN SHOW LIKE THAT!

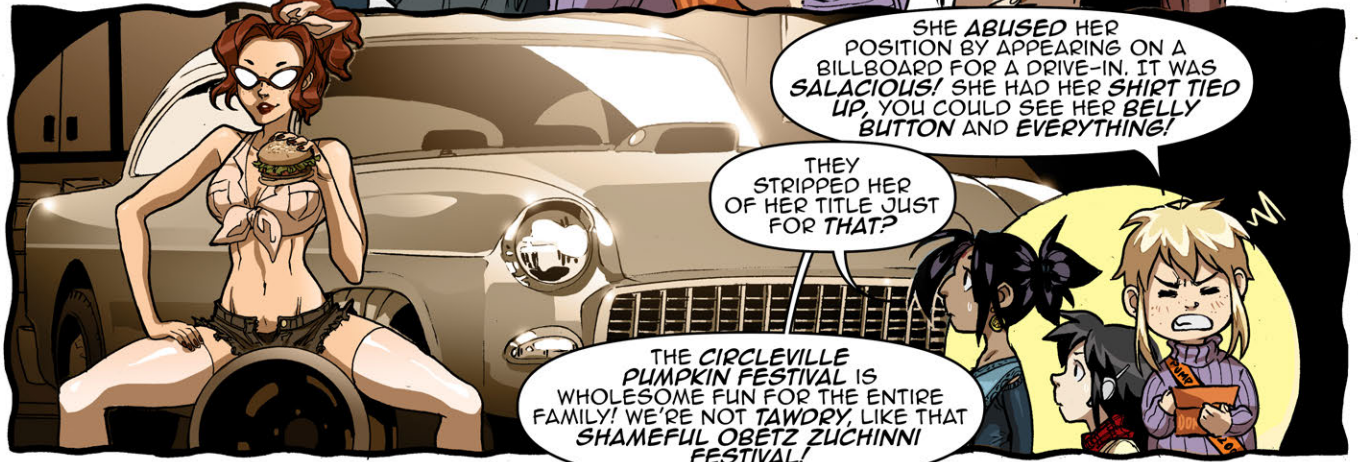
SHE TALKED AS IF YOU WERE GOOD FRIENDS!

YOU TWO AREN'T FRIENDS?

SARA-NICOLE WAS THE REAL WINNER OF THE 2004 PUMPKIN QUEEN, I WAS RUNNER-UP.

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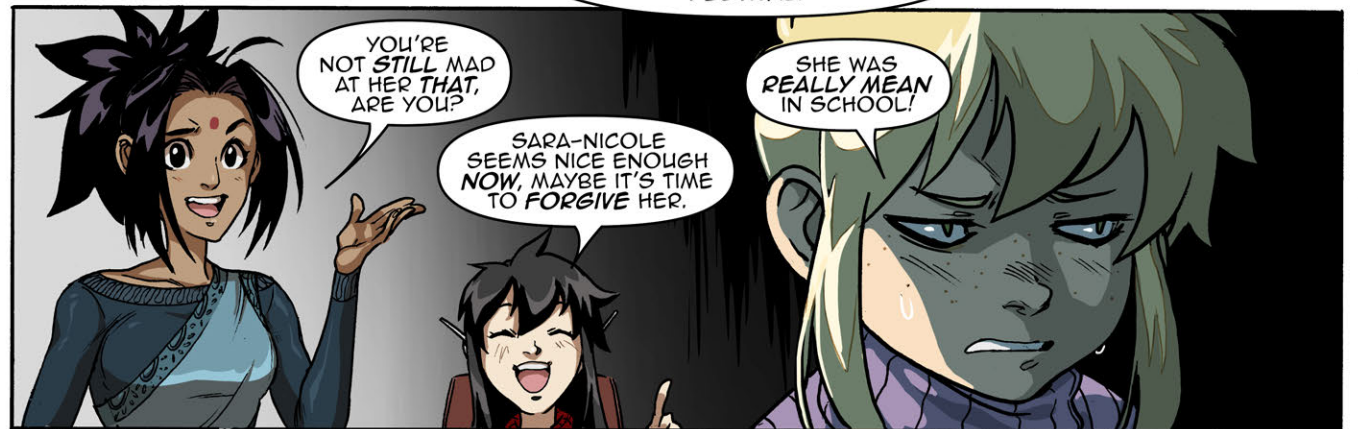
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SHE ABUSED HER POSITION BY APPEARING ON A BILLBOARD FOR A DRIVE-IN. IT WAS SALACIOUS! SHE HAD HER SHIRT TIED UP, YOU COULD SEE HER BELLY BUTTON AND EVERYTHING!

THEY STRIPPED HER OF HER TITLE JUST FOR THAT?

THE CIRCLEVILLE PUMPKIN FESTIVAL IS WHOLESOME FUN FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY! WE'RE NOT TAWDRY, LIKE THAT SHAMEFUL OBETZ ZUCHINNI FESTIVAL!



YOU'RE NOT STILL MAD AT HER THAT, ARE YOU?

SARA-NICOLE SEEMS NICE ENOUGH NOW, MAYBE IT'S TIME TO FORGIVE HER.

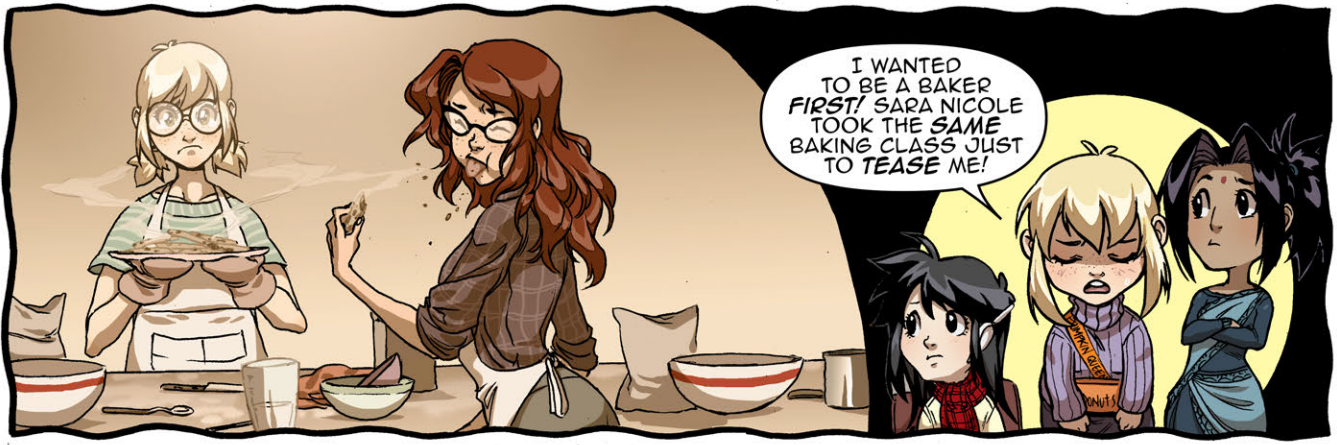
SHE WAS REALLY MEAN IN SCHOOL!



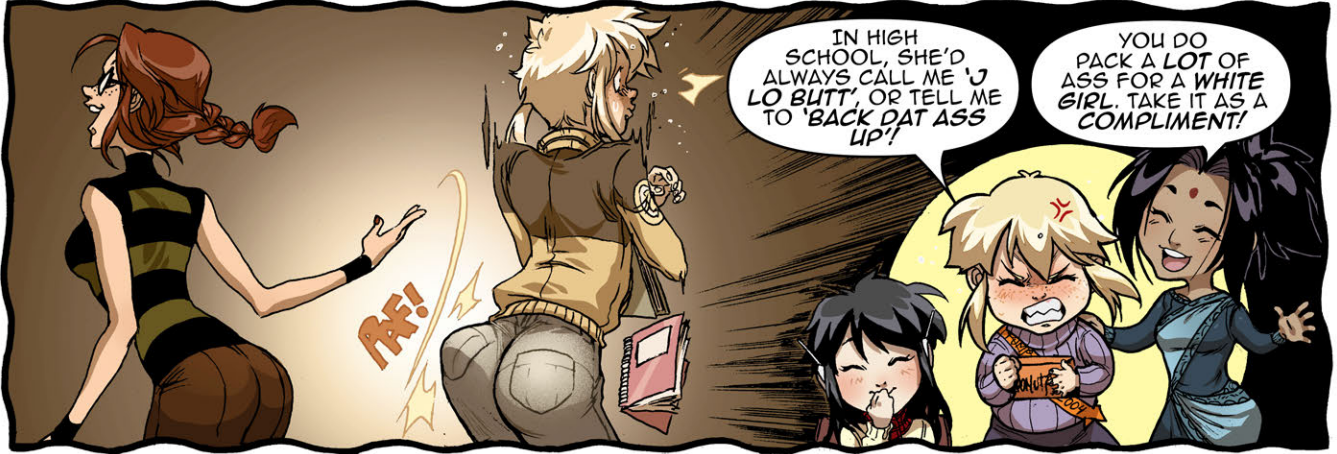
WE WERE RIVAL SINCE WE WERE KIDS, SHE PULLED MY HAIR WHEN WE WERE MUTTON BUSTING!

SHE WAS RIDING SHEEP. DON'T ASK.

ER, YOU WERE WHAT?

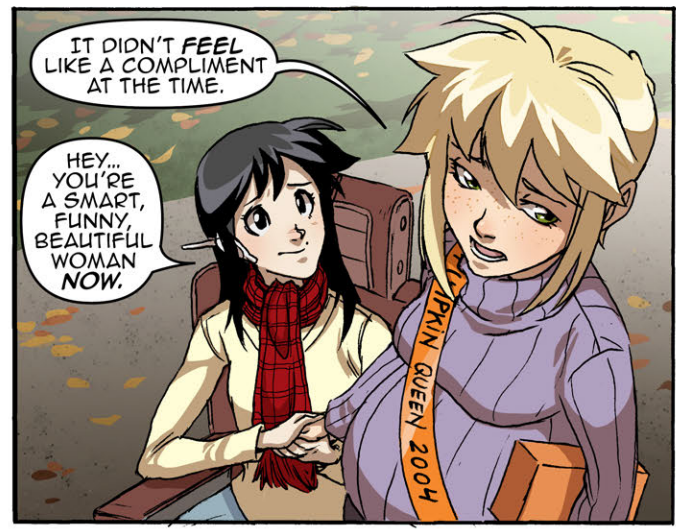


I WANTED TO BE A BAKER FIRST! SARA NICOLE TOOK THE SAME BAKING CLASS JUST TO TEASE ME!



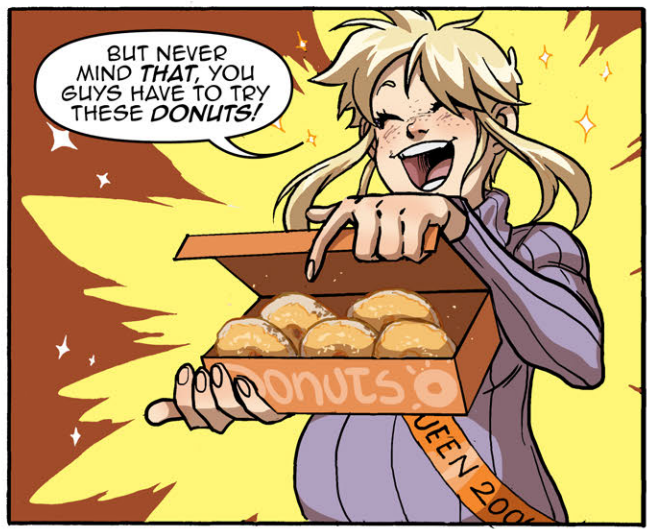
IN HIGH SCHOOL, SHE'D ALWAYS CALL ME 'J LO BUTT', OR TELL ME TO 'BACK DAT ASS UP'!

YOU DO PACK A LOT OF ASS FOR A WHITE GIRL. TAKE IT AS A COMPLIMENT!



IT DIDN'T FEEL LIKE A COMPLIMENT AT THE TIME.

HEY... YOU'RE A SMART, FUNNY, BEAUTIFUL WOMAN NOW.



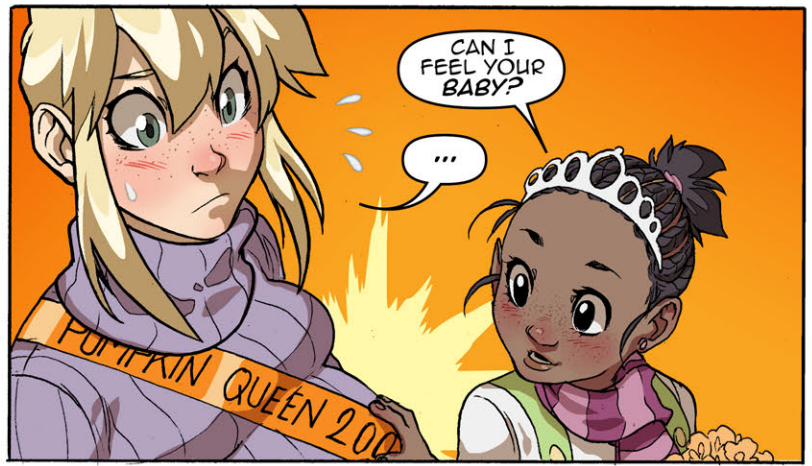
BUT NEVER MIND THAT, YOU GUYS HAVE TO TRY THESE DONUTS!



ACTUALLY, I'M KINDA FULL FROM THAT FRUIT PIE. MAYBE LATER?

I'LL TAKE A RAIN CHECK AS WELL.

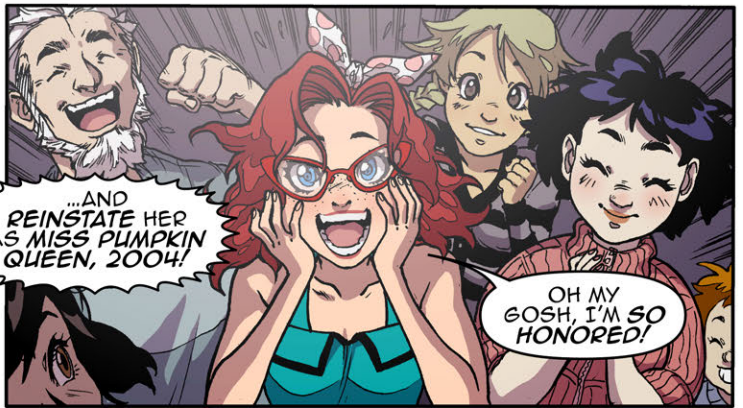
OH... OK.





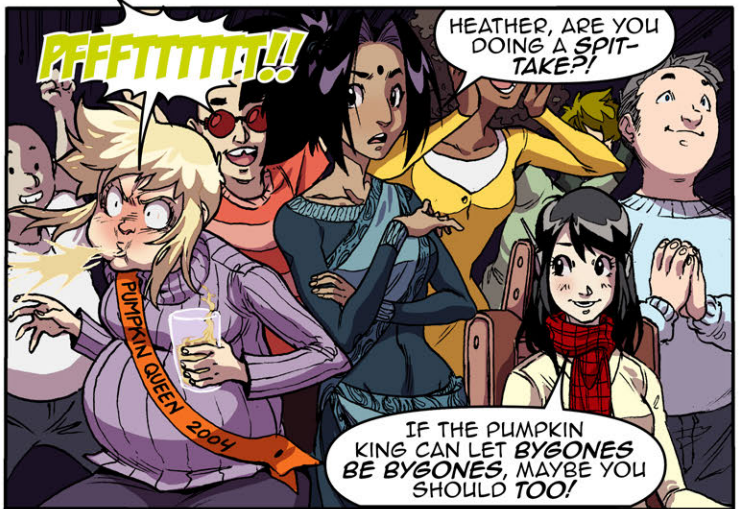
LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, MAY I HAVE YOUR ATTENTION PLEASE. THE TOWN OF CIRCLEVILLE IS EXTREMELY GRATEFUL FOR THE MIDWEST HOSTESS'S GENEROUS DONATION OF FRUIT PIES FOR OUR SCHOOL'S LUNCHES.

AS PUMPKIN KING, I'D LIKE TO HONOR SARA NICOLE MEGAN IN THE BEST WAY I CAN...



...AND REINSTATE HER AS MISS PUMPKIN QUEEN, 2004!

OH MY GOSH, I'M SO HONORED!



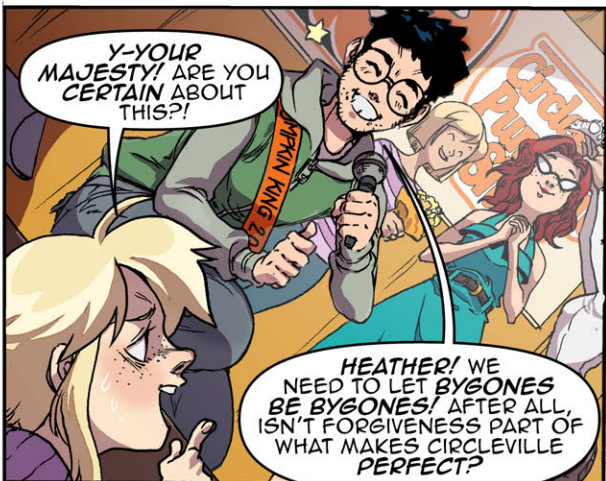
PPFFTTTTT!!

HEATHER, ARE YOU DOING A SPIT-TAKE?!

IF THE PUMPKIN KING CAN LET BYGONES BE BYGONES, MAYBE YOU SHOULD TOO!

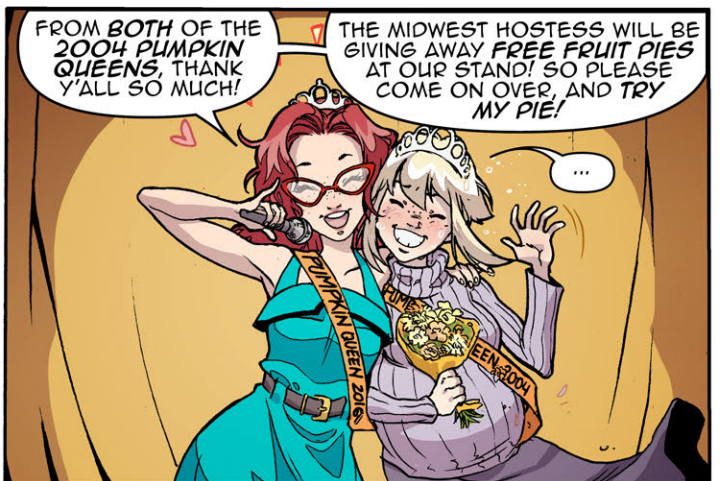


I'M SO OVERJOYED, THANK YOU! I SEE YOU, HEATHER BROWN, COME UP HERE TOO!



Y-YOUR MAJESTY! ARE YOU CERTAIN ABOUT THIS?!

HEATHER! WE NEED TO LET BYGONES BE BYGONES! AFTER ALL, ISN'T FORGIVENESS PART OF WHAT MAKES CIRCLEVILLE PERFECT?



FROM BOTH OF THE 2004 PUMPKIN QUEENS, THANK Y'ALL SO MUCH!

THE MIDWEST HOSTESS WILL BE GIVING AWAY FREE FRUIT PIES AT OUR STAND! SO PLEASE COME ON OVER, AND TRY MY PIE!

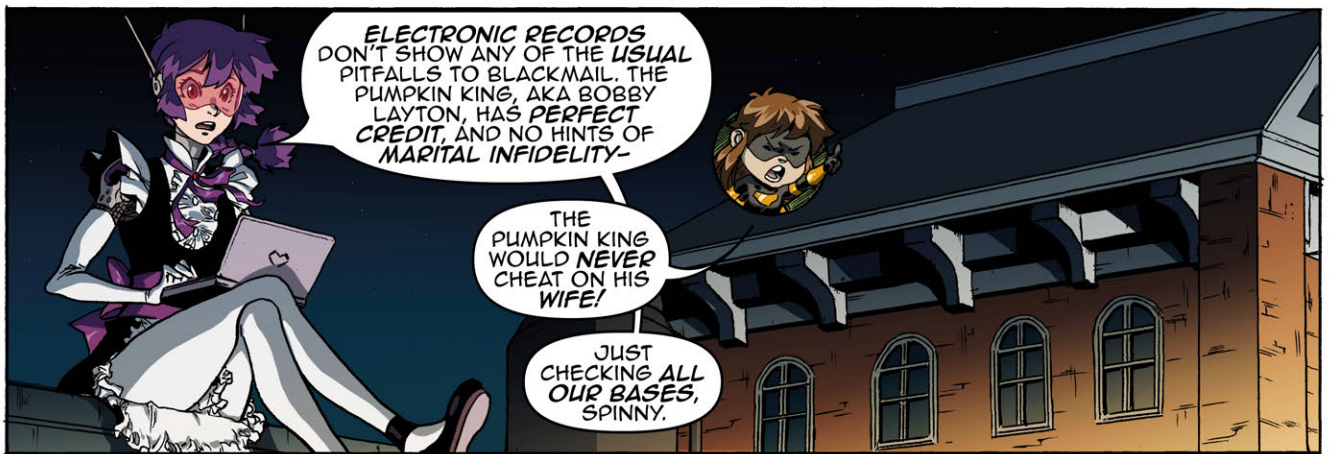




I'M IN POSITION. SAHIRA, I SEE YOU!



This line is massive. It's like the entire festival is in line for a free pie. It'll be half an hour at least until I can get a fruit pie!



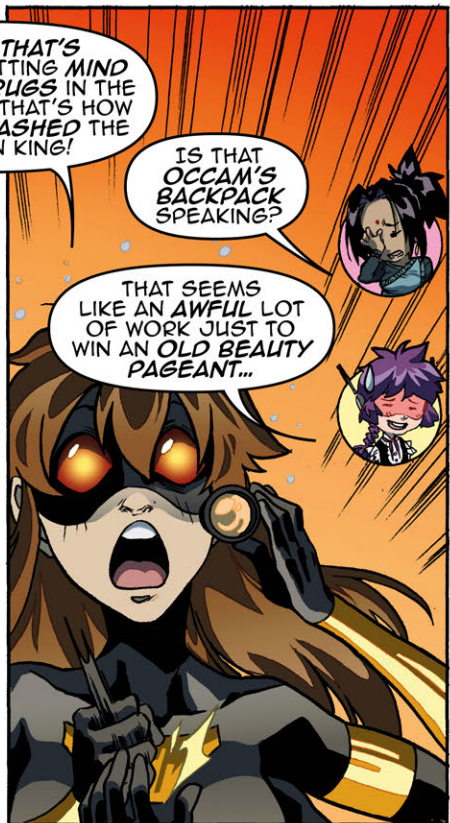
ELECTRONIC RECORDS DON'T SHOW ANY OF THE USUAL PITFALLS TO BLACKMAIL. THE PUMPKIN KING, AKA BOBBY LAYTON, HAS PERFECT CREDIT, AND NO HINTS OF MARITAL INFIDELITY-

THE PUMPKIN KING WOULD NEVER CHEAT ON HIS WIFE!

JUST CHECKING ALL OUR BASES, SPINNY.



SARA'S FOOD TRUCK IS DRAWING AN AWFUL LOT OF POWER FOR A SIMPLE BAKERY...



>GASP< THAT'S IT! SHE'S PUTTING MIND CONTROL DRUGS IN THE FRUIT PIES! THAT'S HOW SHE BRAINWASHED THE PUMPKIN KING!

IS THAT OCCAM'S BACKPACK SPEAKING?

THAT SEEMS LIKE AN AWFUL LOT OF WORK JUST TO WIN AN OLD BEAUTY PAGEANT...



SARA NICOLE MEGAN GRADUATED WITH A DEGREE IN **CULINARY STUDIES** FROM COLUMBUS STATE... SHE DOESN'T EXACTLY FIT THE PROFILE OF A **BIOCHEMICAL SUPERVILLAIN.**

WELL... MAYBE SHE TOOK **NIGHT CLASSES!** SHE MIGHT BE A **PHOENIX!**



THAT TENDER FLAKY PASTRY... THAT REAL FRUIT FILLING... I NEED PIES NOW!



I got a big guy acting weird here...



GET OUTTA MY WAY!

SIR, JUST CALM DOWN!

EVERYONE IN LINE WILL GET A FREE PIE, IF YOU JUST WAIT-

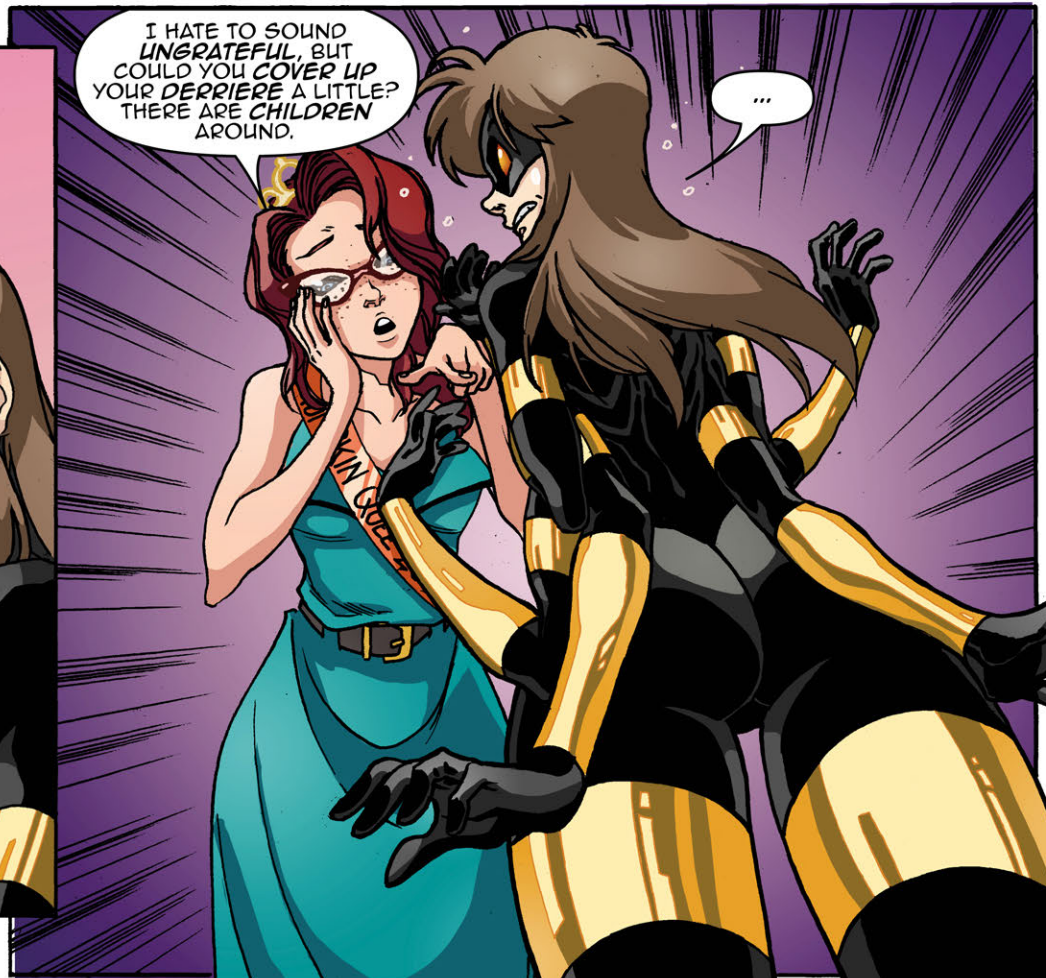
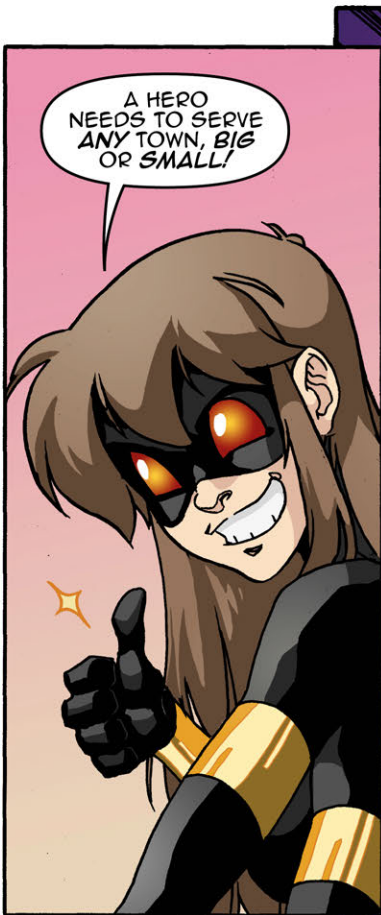
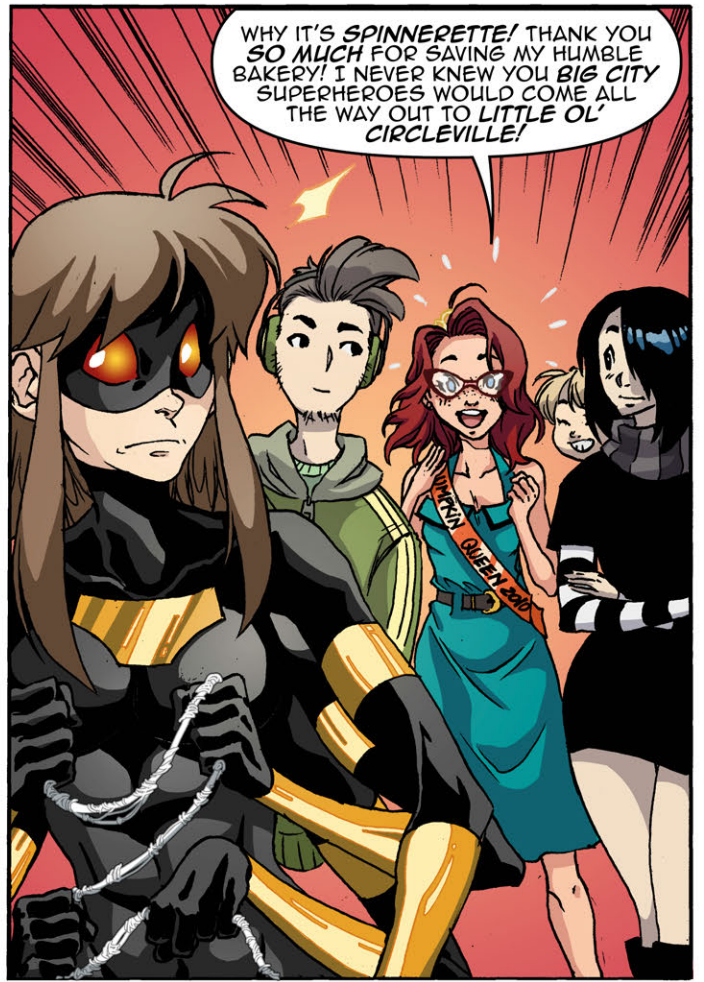
...ENJOY MY DELICIOUS FRUIT PIE!

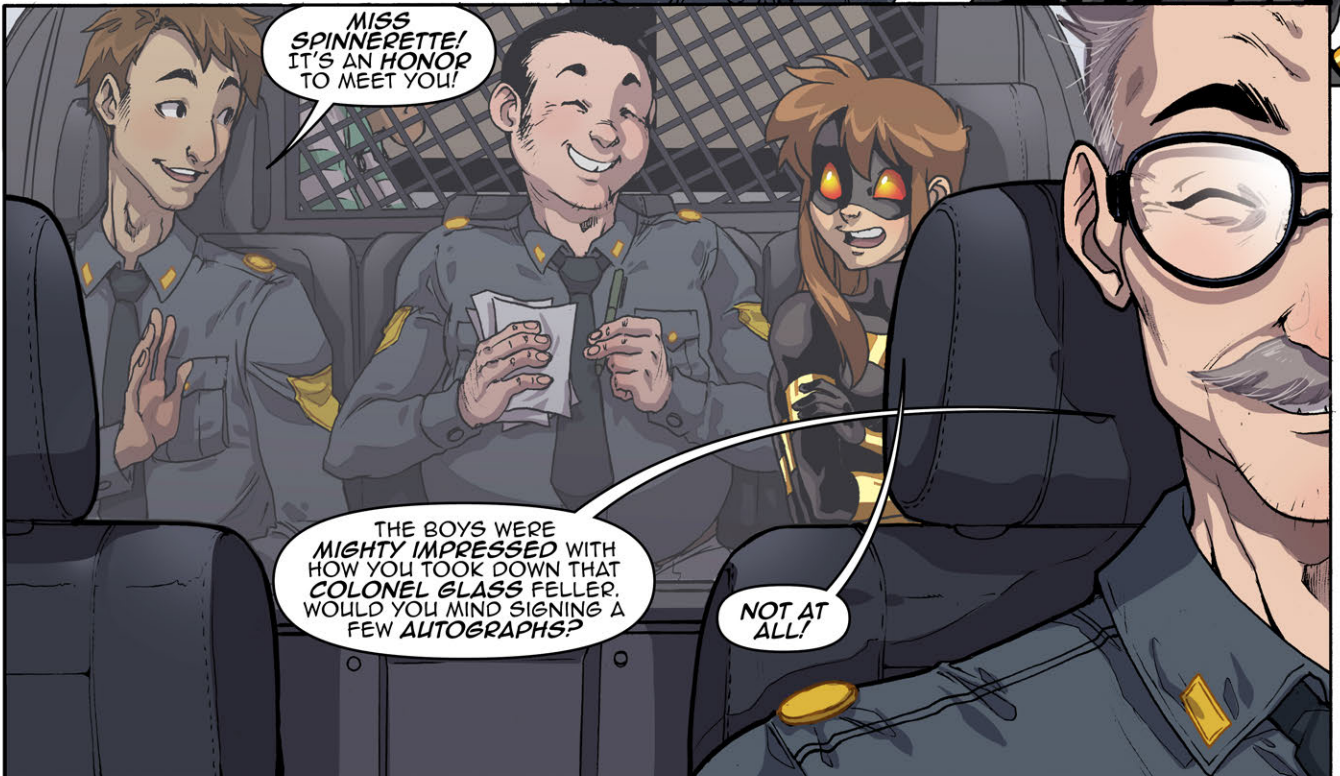
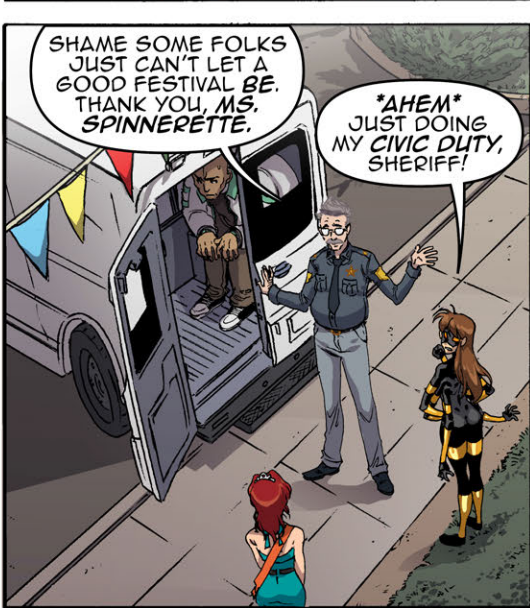
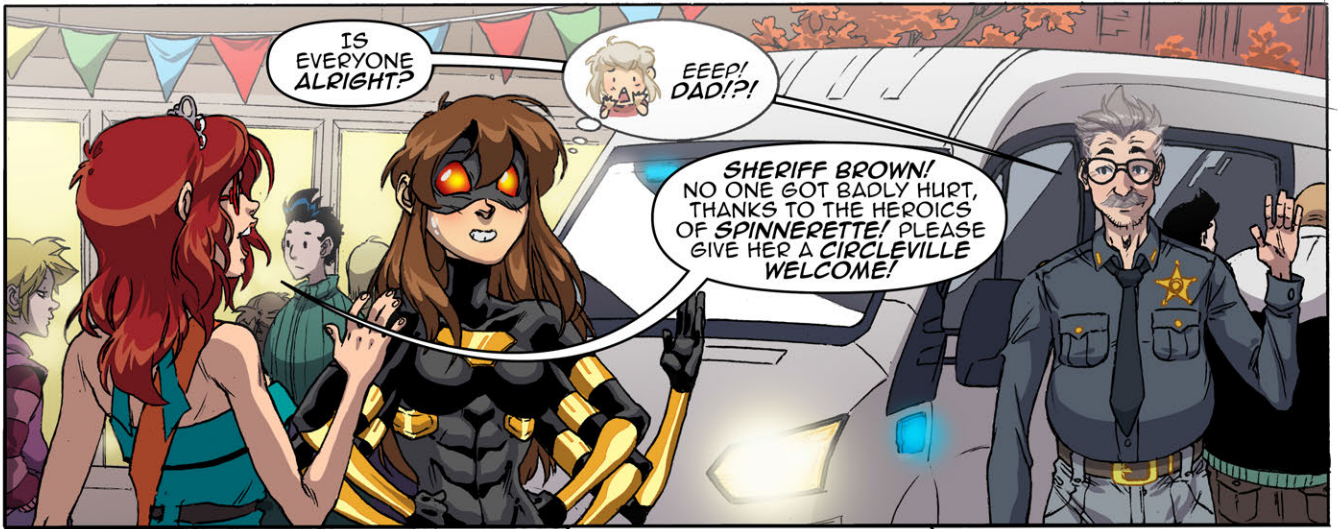


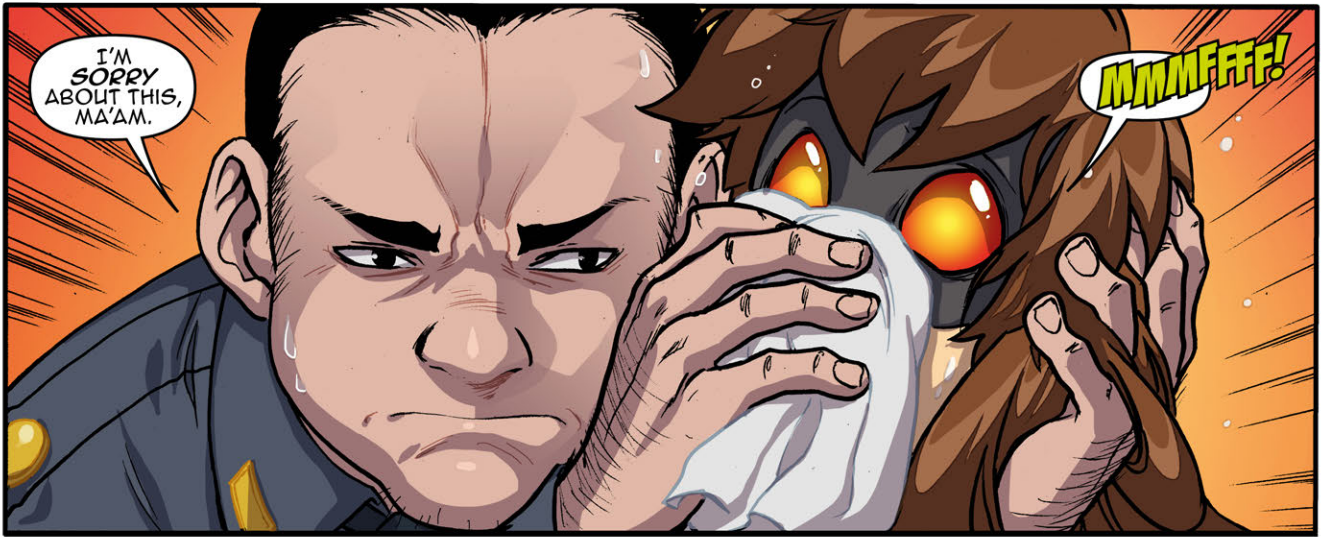
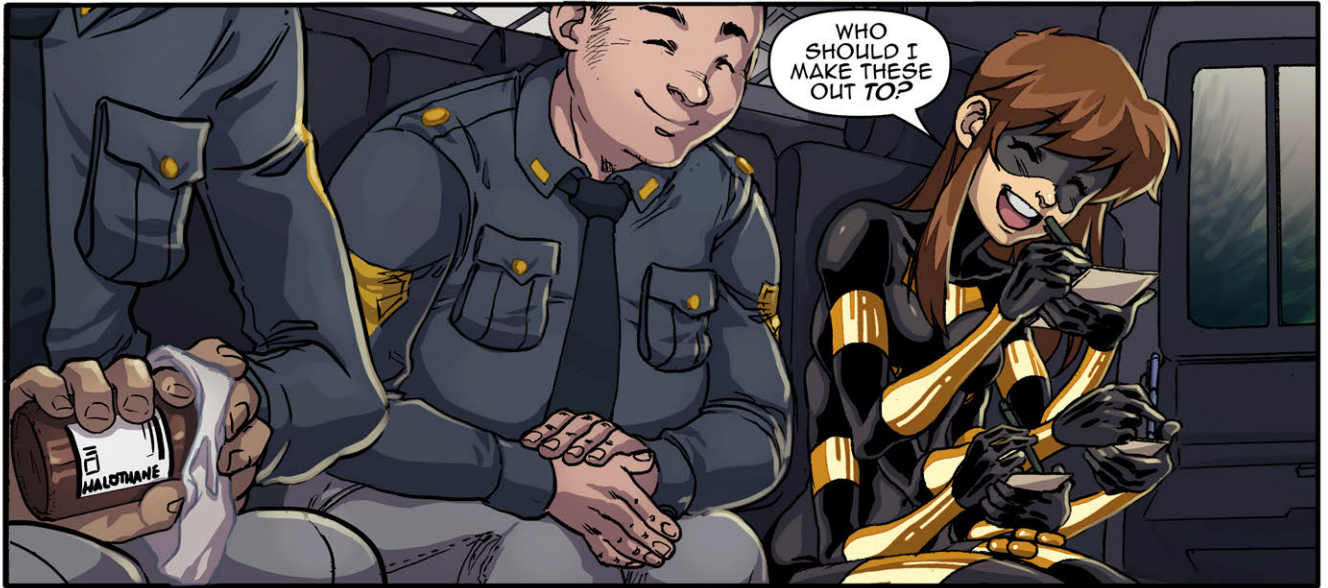
NO MORE WAITING! PIE NOW!

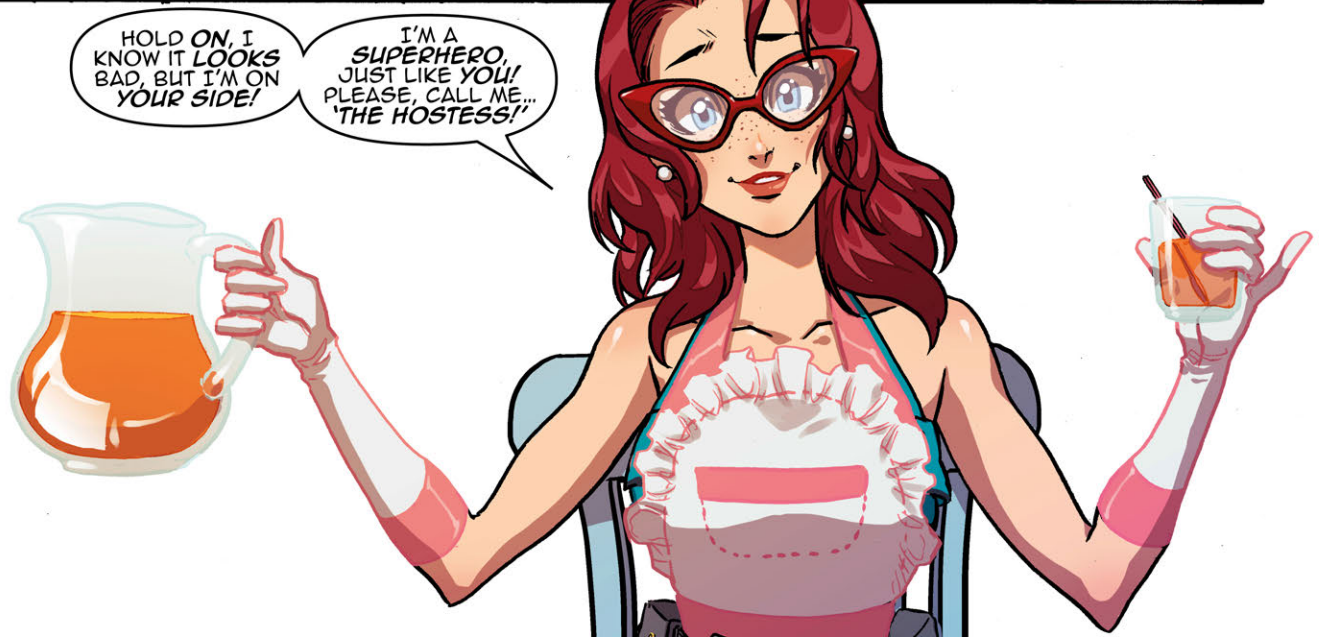
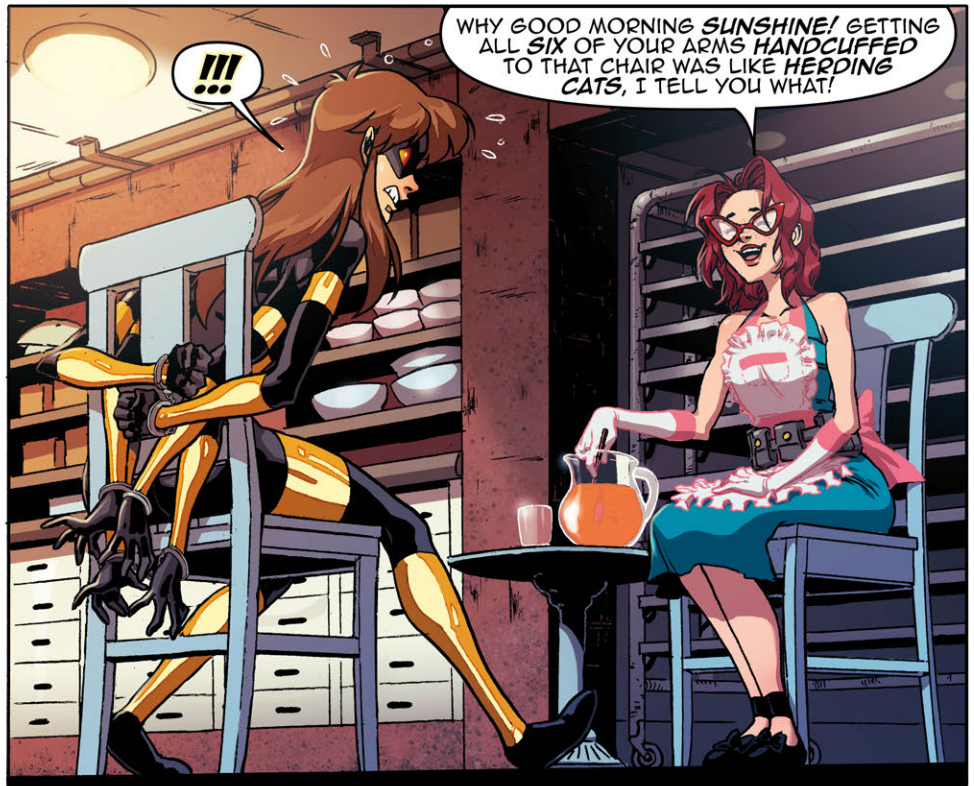
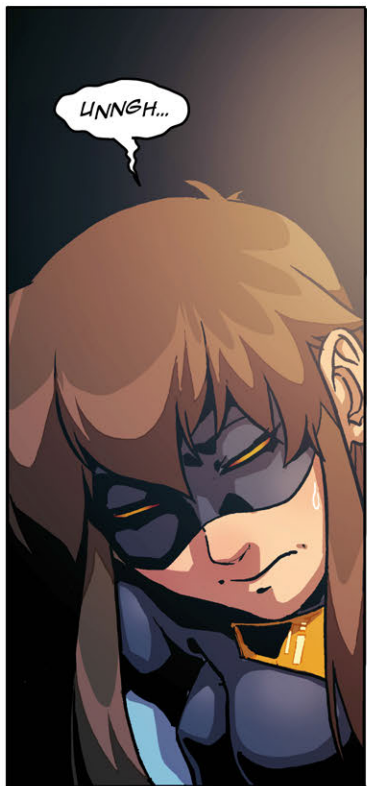
DO YOUR PART TO KEEP CIRCLEVILLE PERFECT!

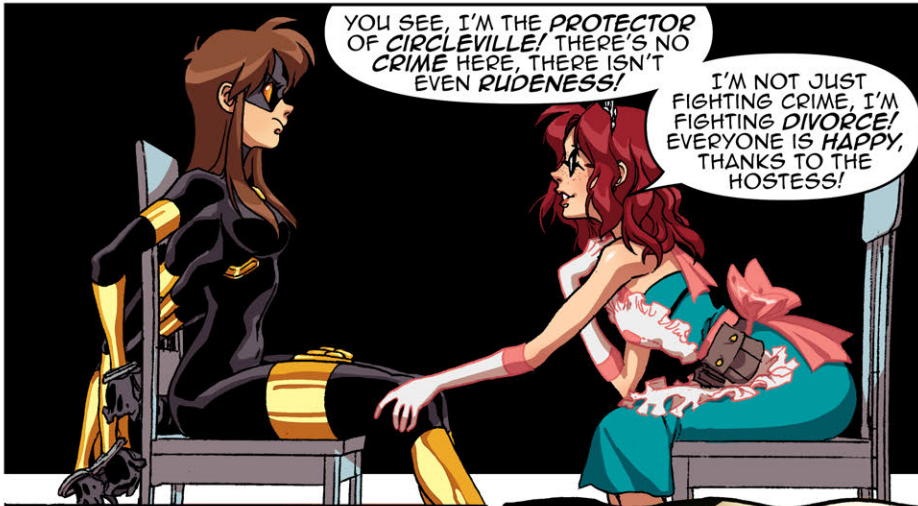






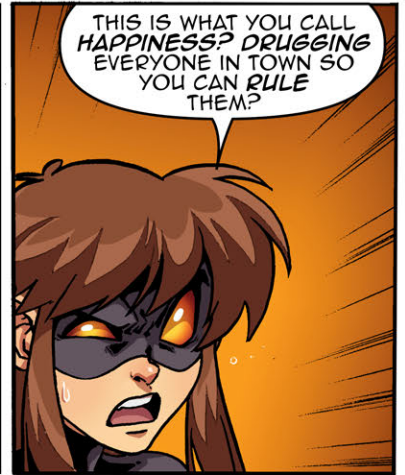




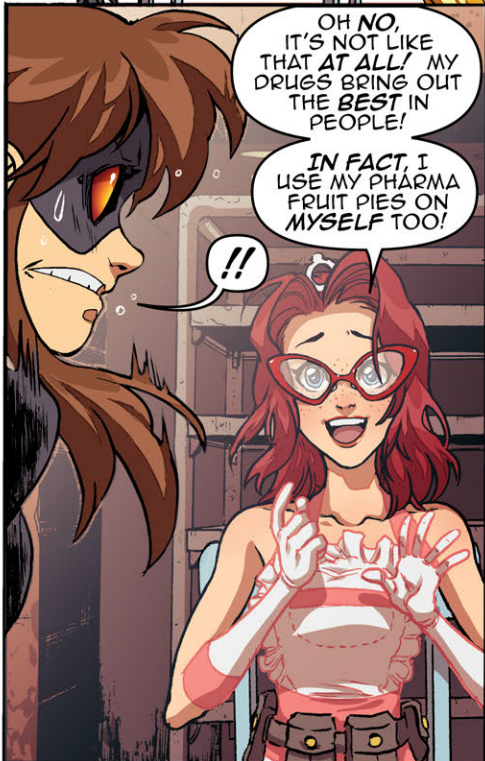


YOU SEE, I'M THE PROTECTOR OF CIRCLEVILLE! THERE'S NO CRIME HERE, THERE ISN'T EVEN RUDENESS!

I'M NOT JUST FIGHTING CRIME, I'M FIGHTING DIVORCE! EVERYONE IS HAPPY, THANKS TO THE HOSTESS!



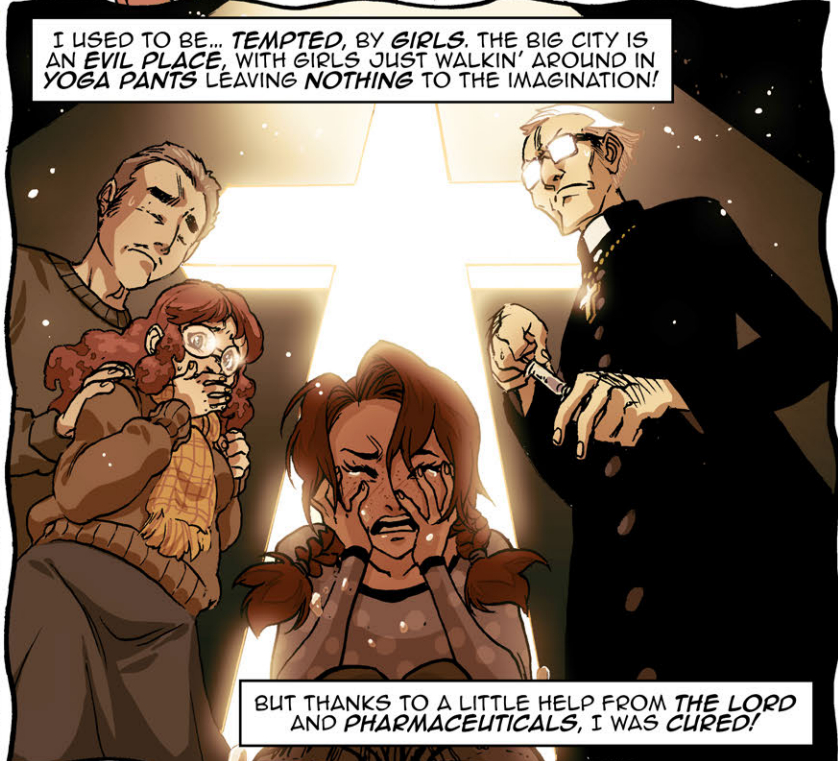
THIS IS WHAT YOU CALL HAPPINESS? DRUGGING EVERYONE IN TOWN SO YOU CAN RULE THEM?



OH NO, IT'S NOT LIKE THAT AT ALL! MY DRUGS BRING OUT THE BEST IN PEOPLE!

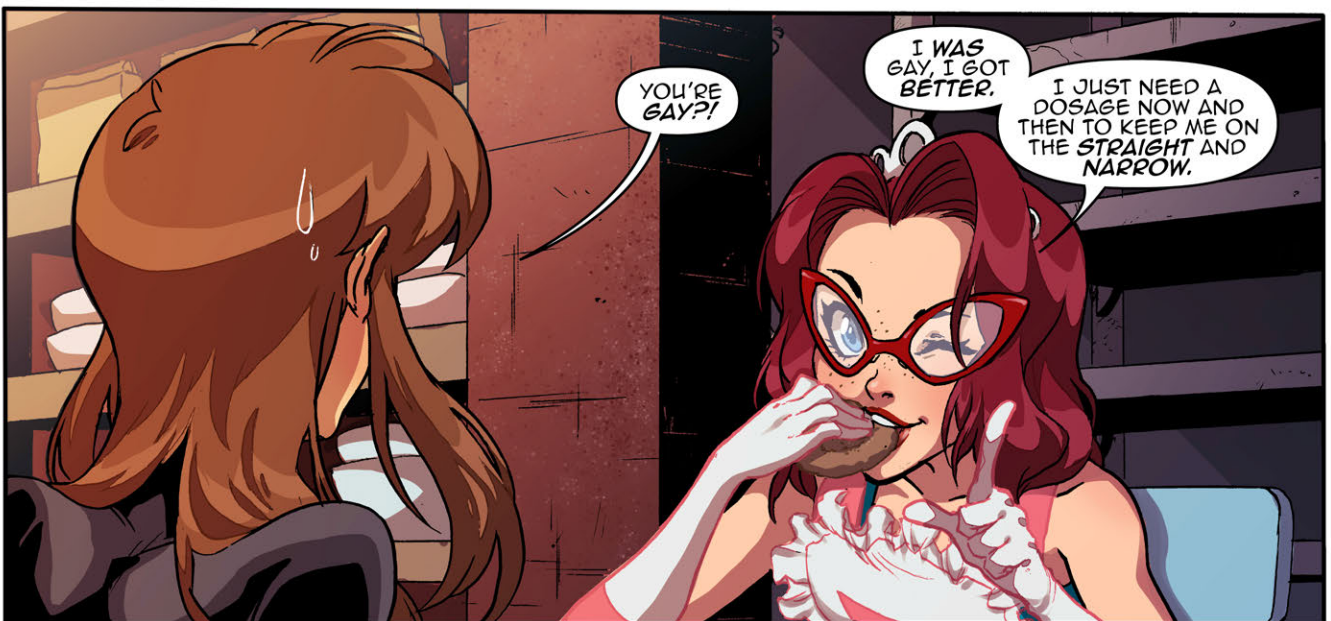
IN FACT, I USE MY PHARMA FRUIT PIES ON MYSELF TOO!

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I USED TO BE... TEMPTED, BY GIRLS. THE BIG CITY IS AN EVIL PLACE, WITH GIRLS JUST WALKIN' AROUND IN YOGA PANTS LEAVING NOTHING TO THE IMAGINATION!

BUT THANKS TO A LITTLE HELP FROM THE LORD AND PHARMACEUTICALS, I WAS CURED!

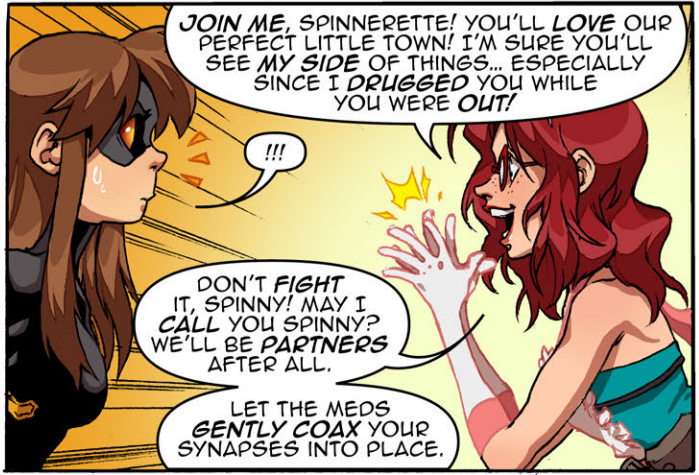


YOU'RE GAY?!

I WAS GAY, I GOT BETTER.

I JUST NEED A DOSAGE NOW AND THEN TO KEEP ME ON THE STRAIGHT AND NARROW.

THE FATHER AND I HAD A DISAGREEMENT ON MY 'OFF LABEL' USES FOR HIS MEDICINE. BUT I COULDN'T LET CIRCLEVILLE DOWN, I DID WHAT HAD TO BE DONE.



JOIN ME, SPINNERETTE! YOU'LL LOVE OUR PERFECT LITTLE TOWN! I'M SURE YOU'LL SEE MY SIDE OF THINGS... ESPECIALLY SINCE I DRUGGED YOU WHILE YOU WERE OUT!

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DON'T FIGHT IT, SPINNY! MAY I CALL YOU SPINNY? WE'LL BE PARTNERS AFTER ALL.

LET THE MEDS GENTLY COAX YOUR SYNAPSES INTO PLACE.



HOSTESS... THERE'S JUST ONE PROBLEM WITH YOUR PLAN.

OH?



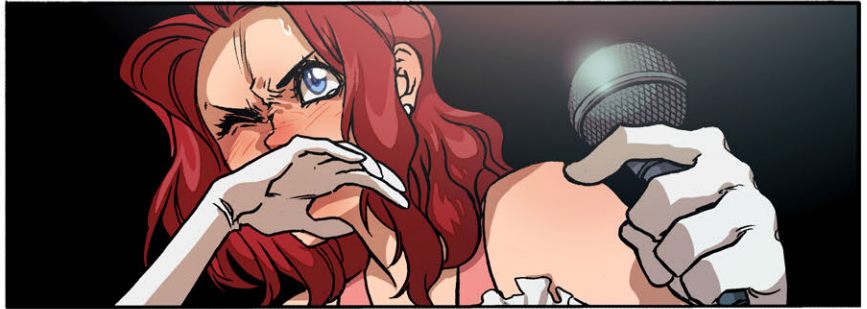
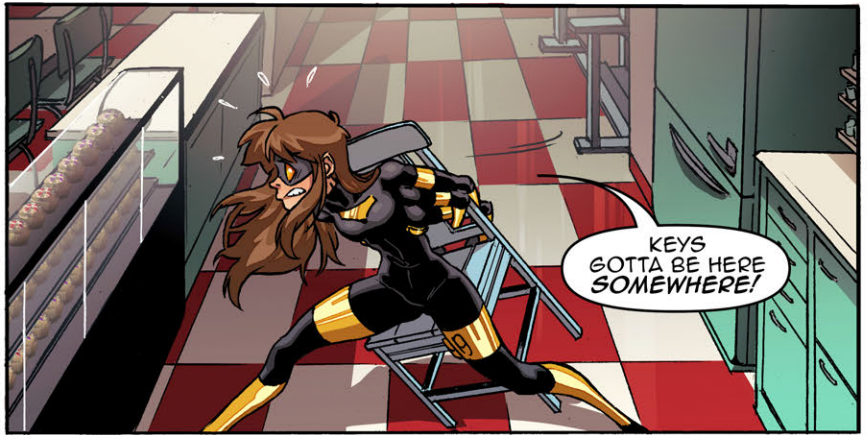
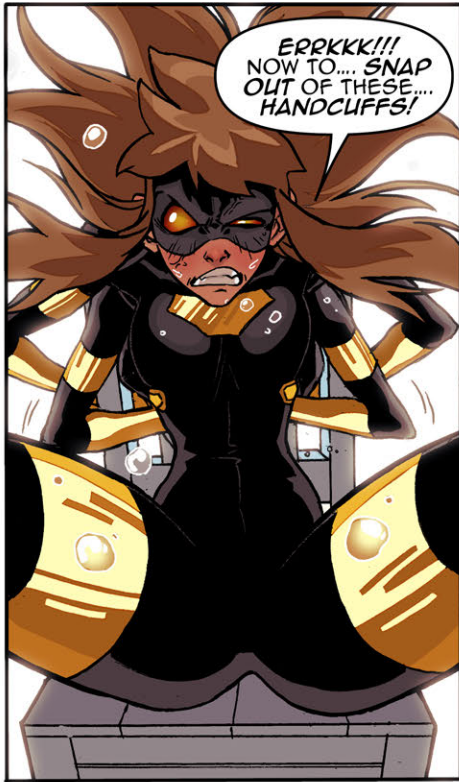
MY SPIDER BIOLOGY IS RESISTANT TO DRUGS!

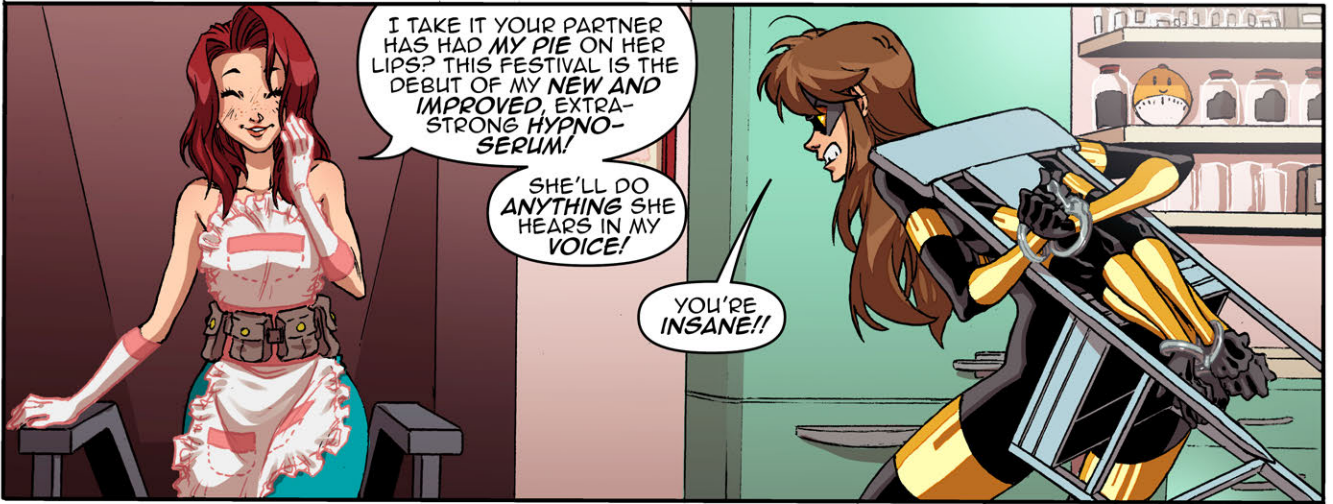


SURE IT'S A PAIN WHEN BENADRYL WON'T STOP MY SNEEZING, BUT IT KEEPS ME SAFE FROM LOONIES LIKE YOU!

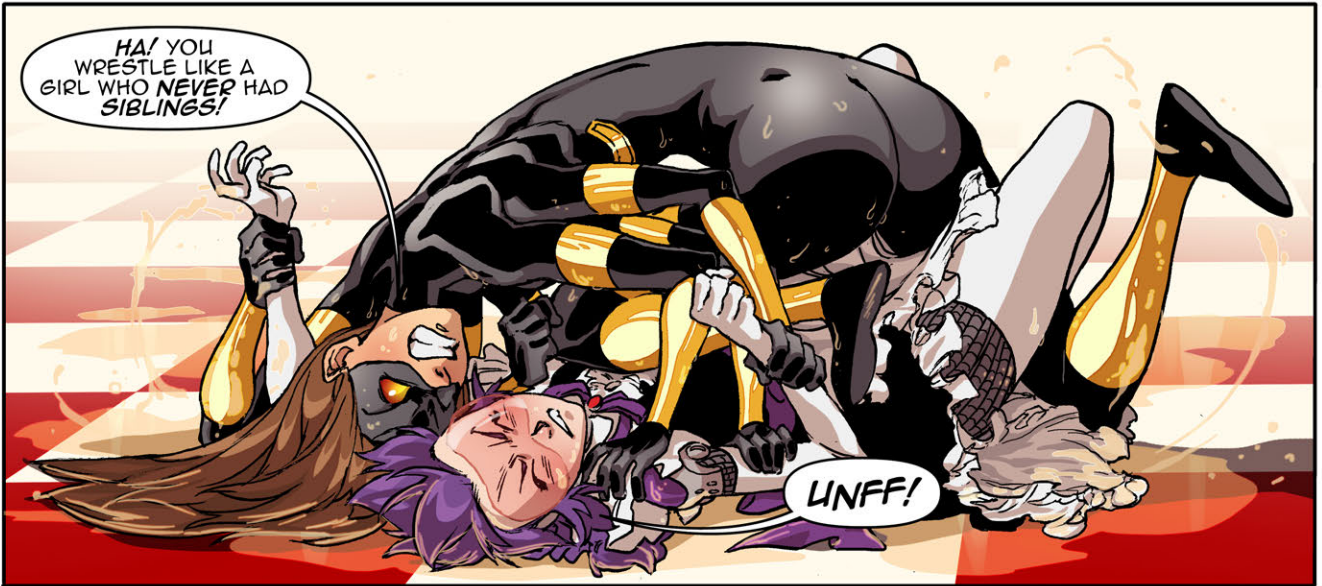
NOW TO SNAP OUT OF THE HANDCUFFS WITH MY SPIDER STRENGTH!

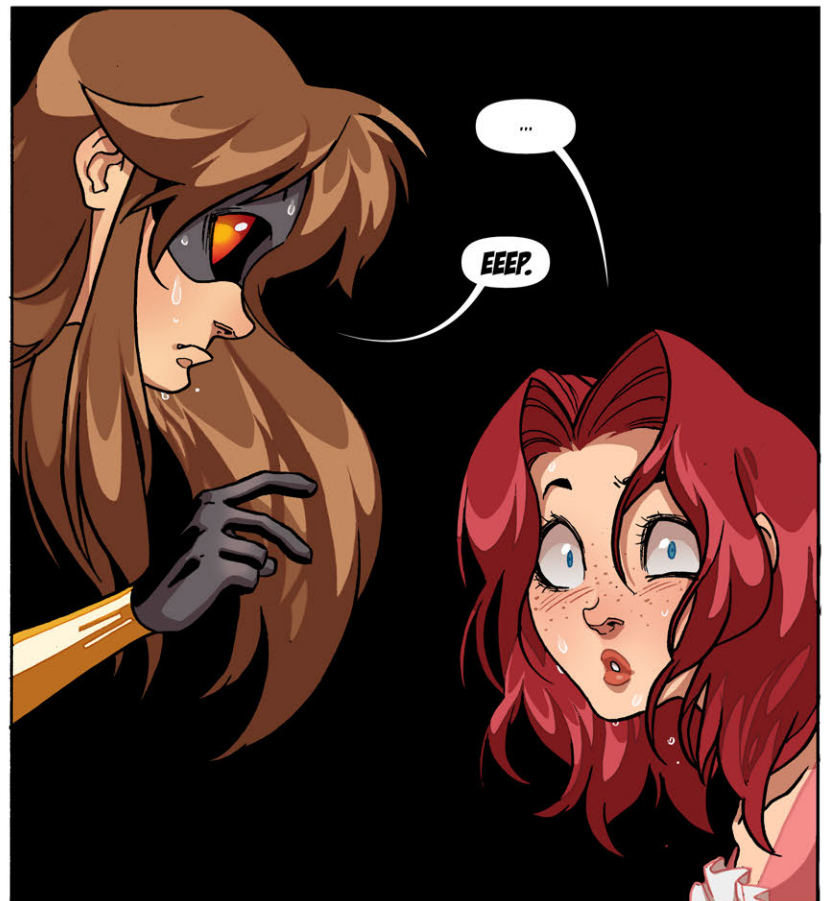
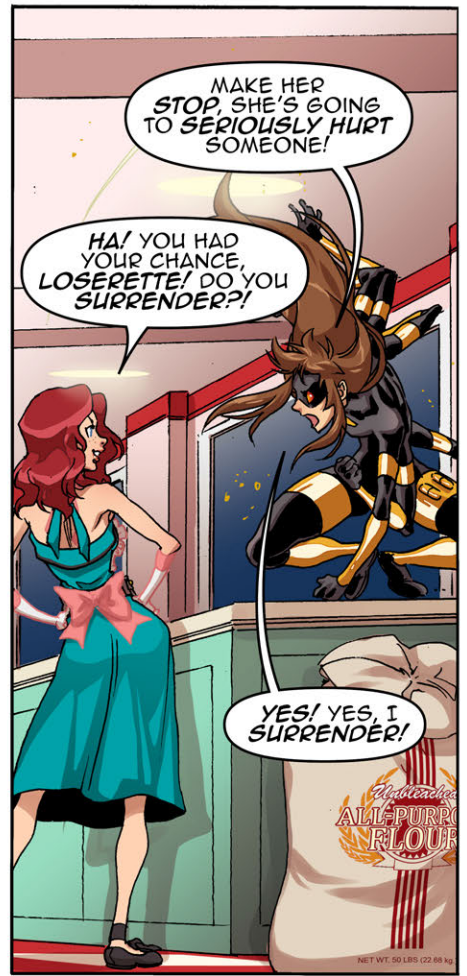
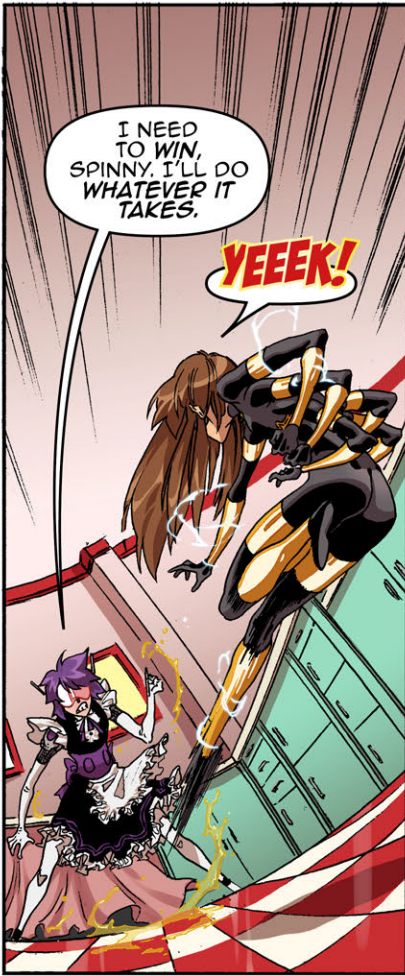
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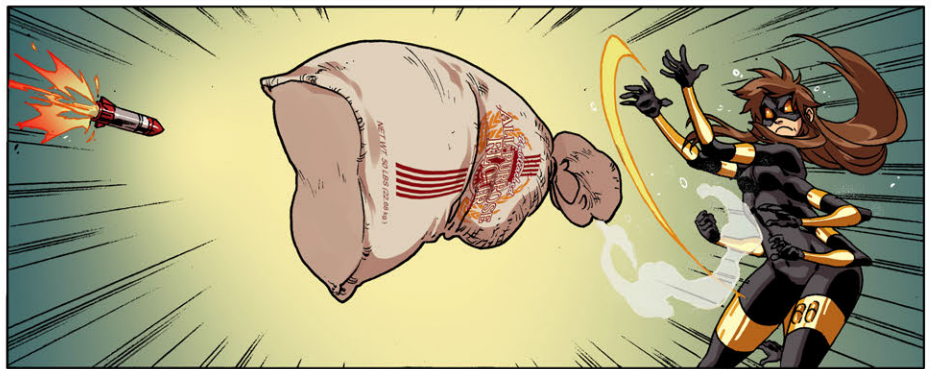
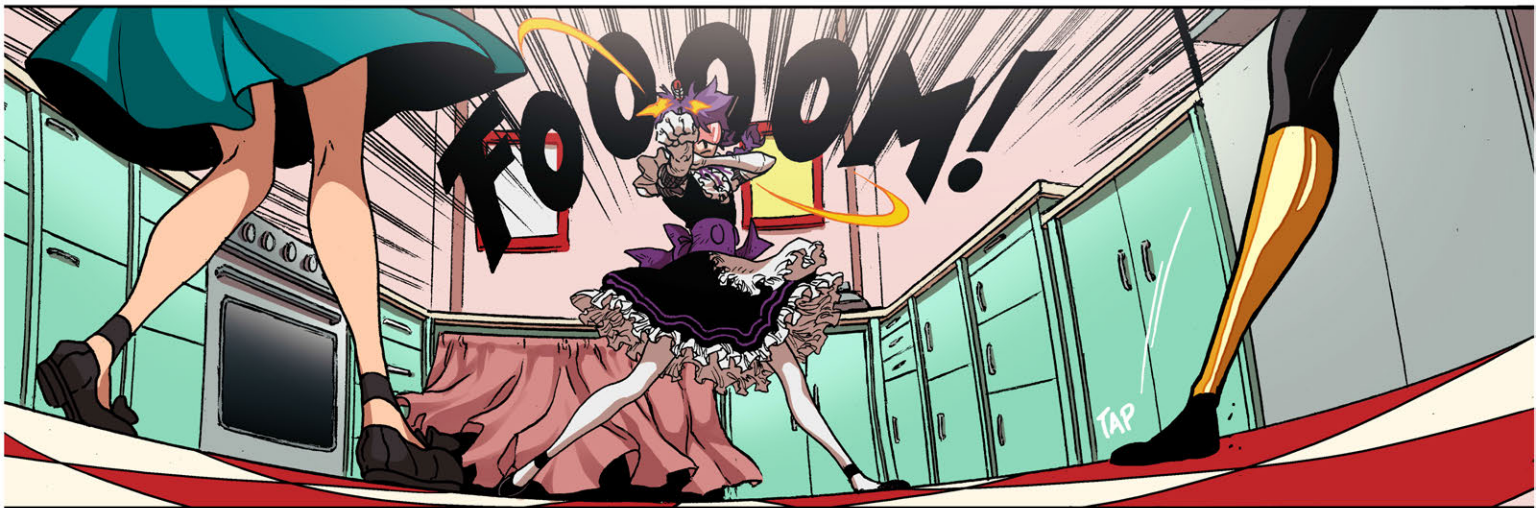


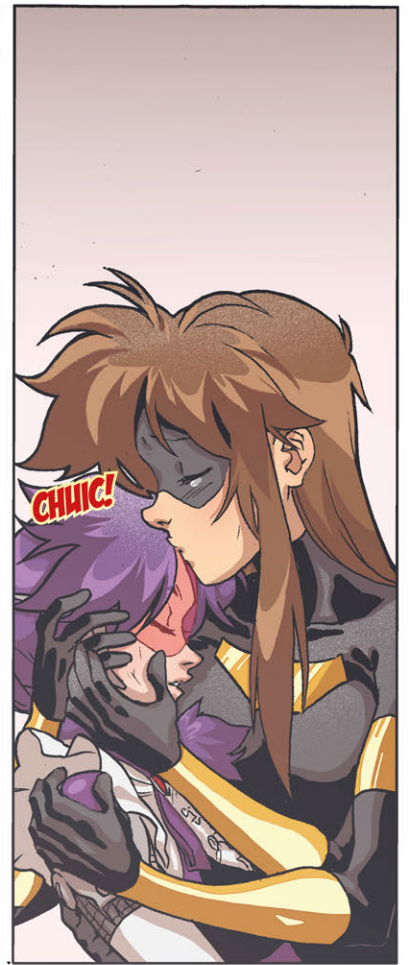
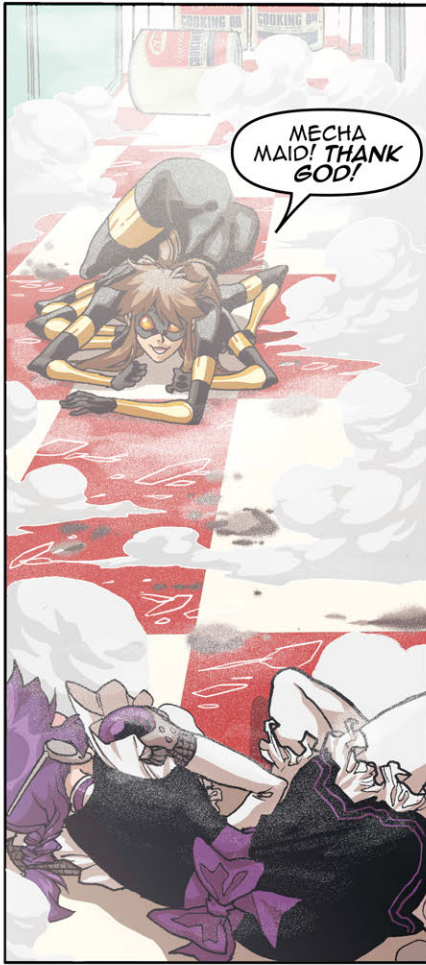














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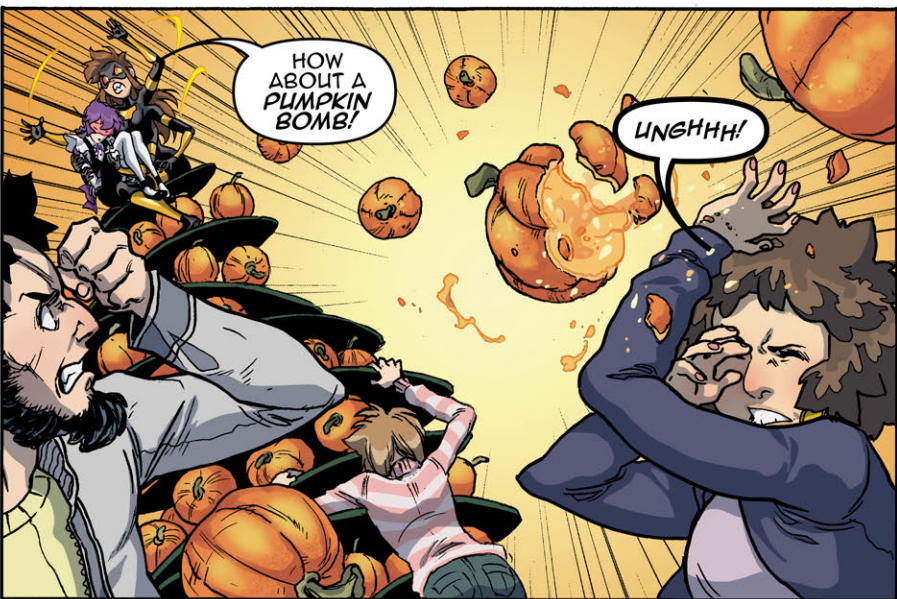
STOP HER!

SHE THREATENS OUR VERY WAY OF LIFE!

WE GOTTA GET OUT OF HERE!

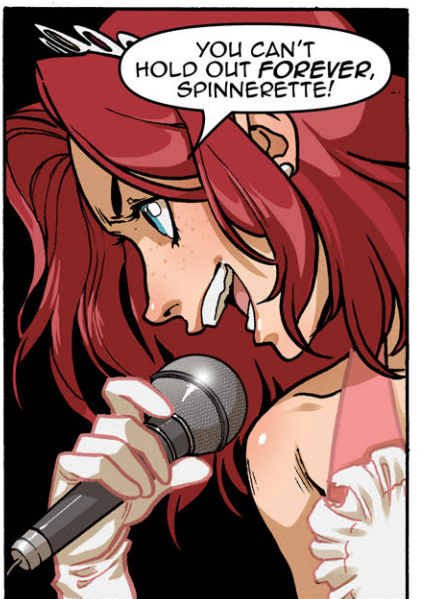


THERE ISN'T A SINGLE TALL BUILDING IN CIRCLEVILLE, THERE'S NOWHERE TO SWING A WEB FROM!

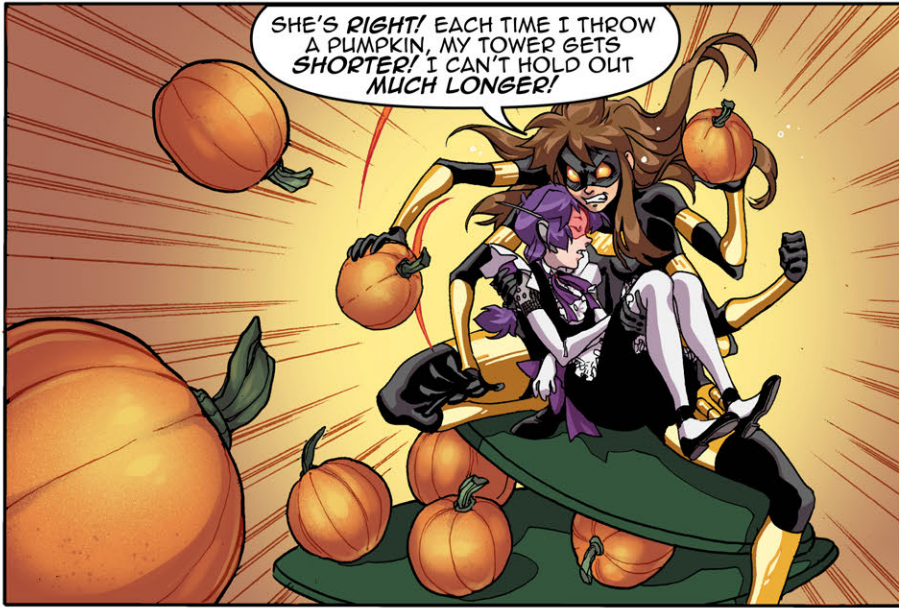


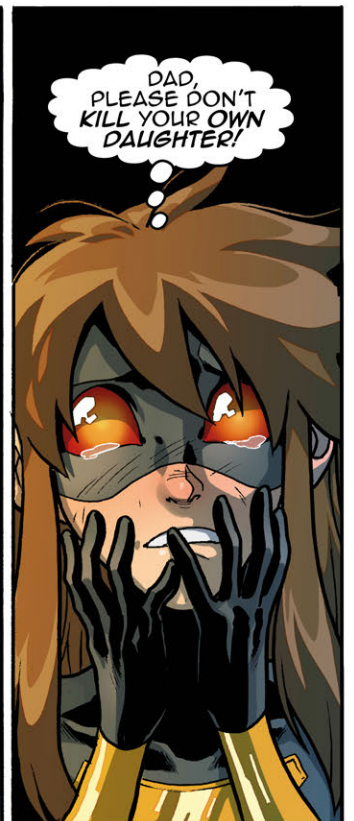
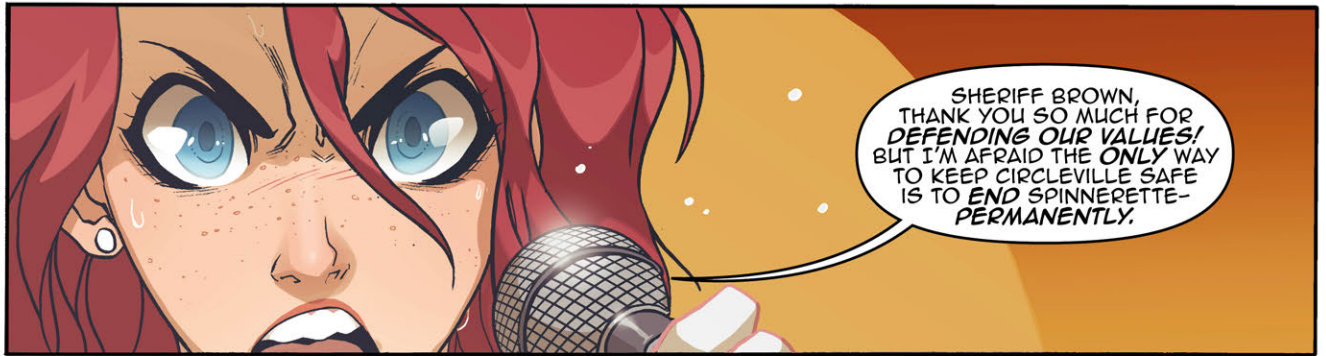
HOW ABOUT A PUMPKIN BOMB!

LNGHHH!



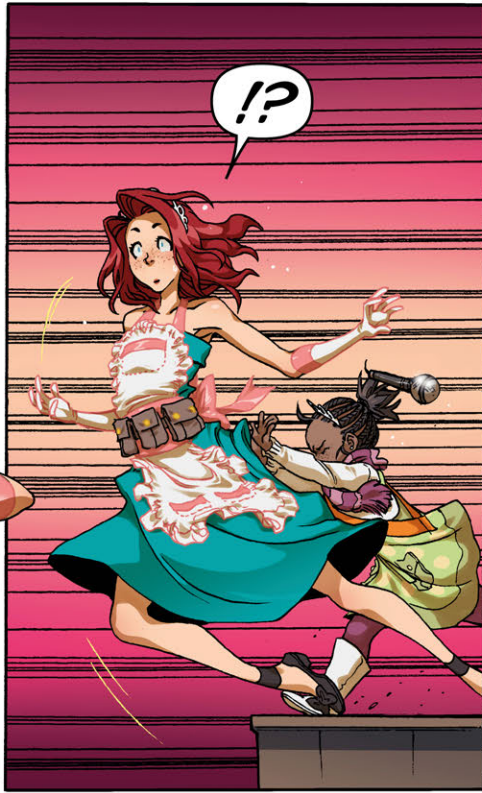
YOU CAN'T HOLD OUT FOREVER, SPINNERETTE!







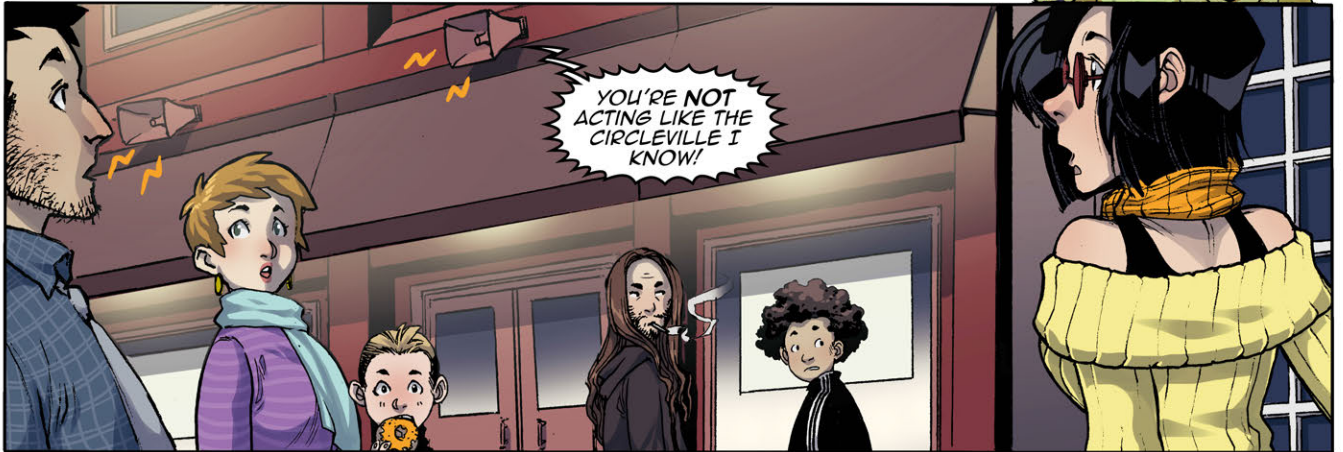
DO IT!
PULL THE-



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DON'T
SHOOT! THIS IS
A MISTAKE, YOU'RE
ALL BEING SUPER
MEAN!

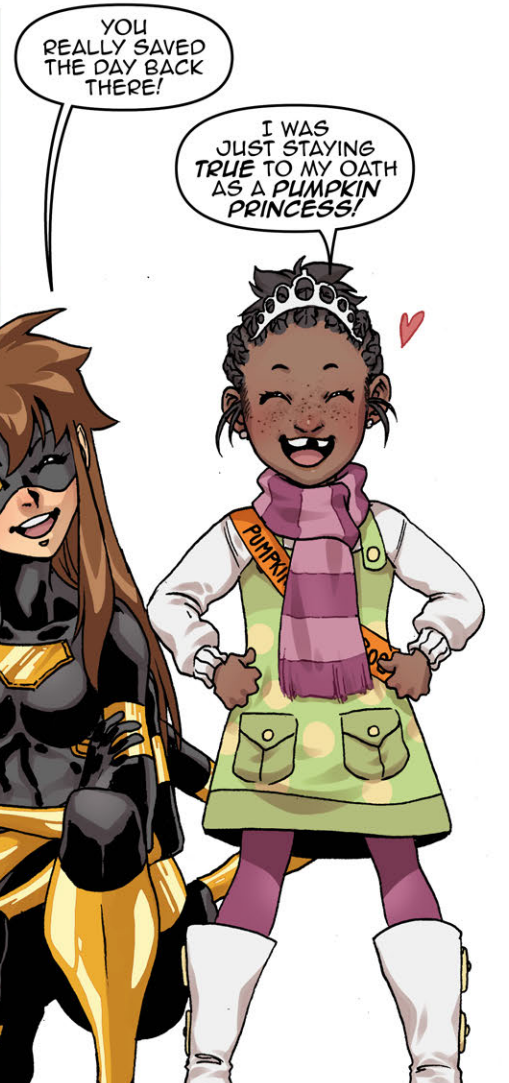
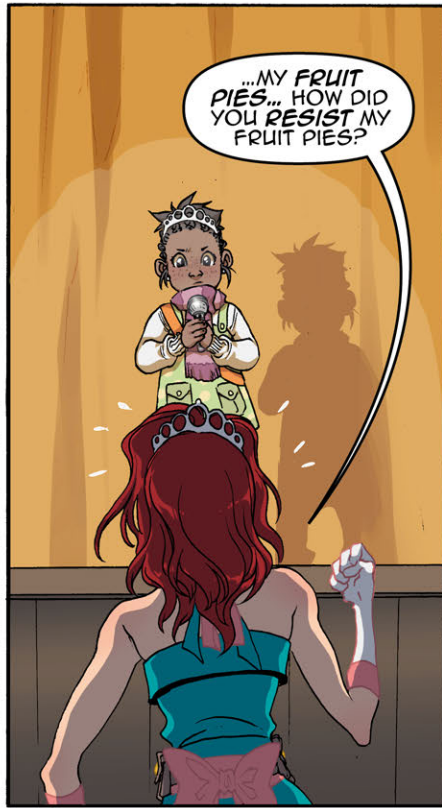
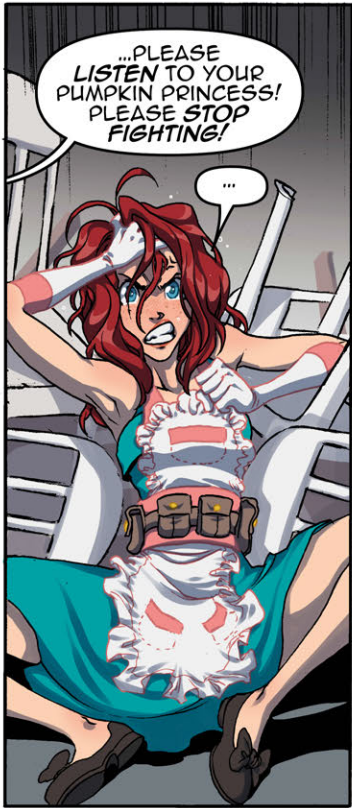


YOU'RE NOT
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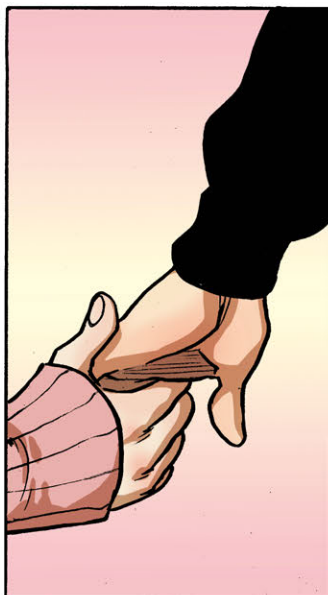
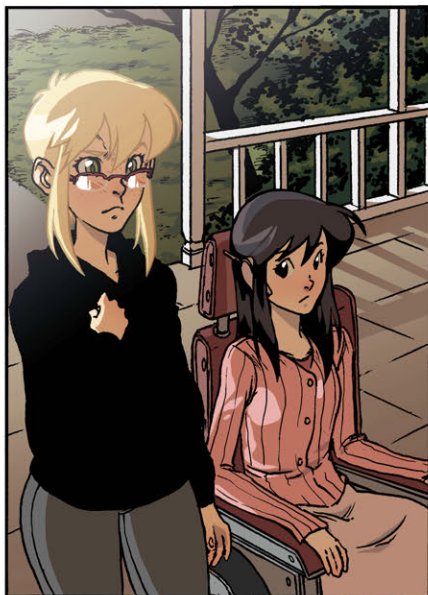


WE'RE
SUPPOSED TO
BE FRIENDLY, AND
UNDERSTANDING TO
ONE ANOTHER!

OH MY
GOD... WHAT
DID I ALMOST
DO?

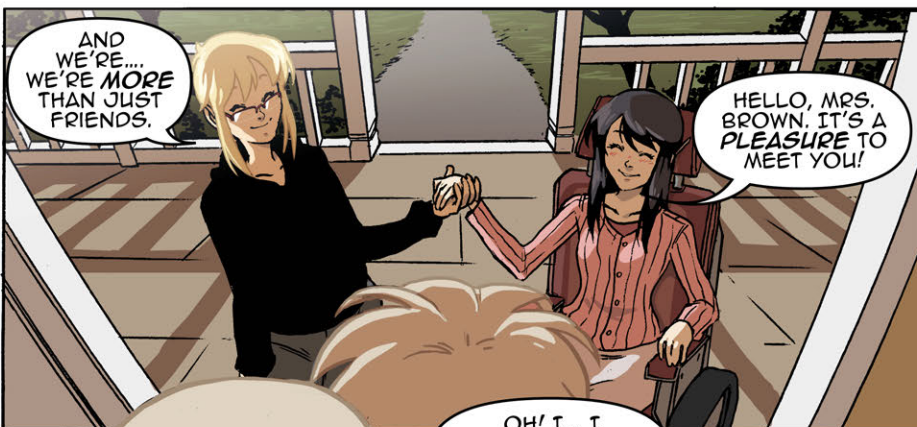


THE NEXT DAY...



HEATHER? I HAD NO IDEA YOU WERE VISITING! IS THIS A FRIEND OF YOURS?

HI MOM. THIS IS MARILYN.



AND WE'RE... WE'RE MORE THAN JUST FRIENDS.

HELLO, MRS. BROWN. IT'S A PLEASURE TO MEET YOU!



OH! I... I GUESS I SHOULD CALL YOUR FATHER. PLEASE, COME IN.

YES, I'D LIKE YOU BOTH TO MEET MY GIRLFRIEND.

THE END