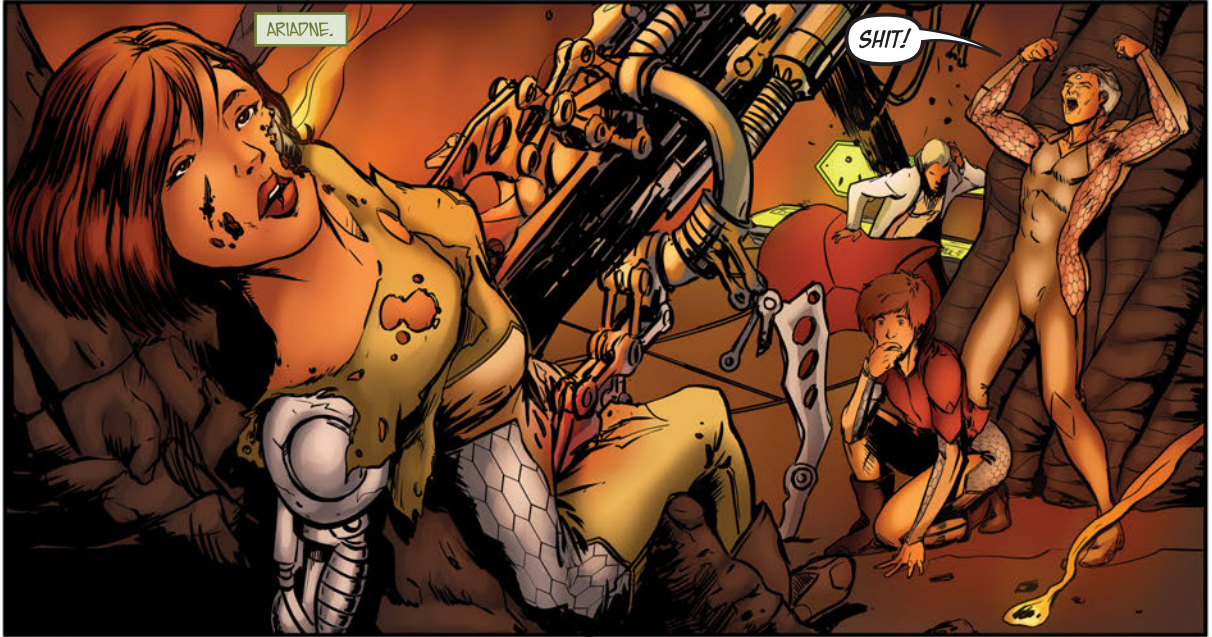




IT WOULD BE PERTINENT FOR EVERYONE TO TAKE COVER IF THEY HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO.



THIS DAY WAS, UNFORTUNATELY, ONLY THE MOST RECENT IN A STRING OF FAILURES.



ARIADNE.

SHIT!

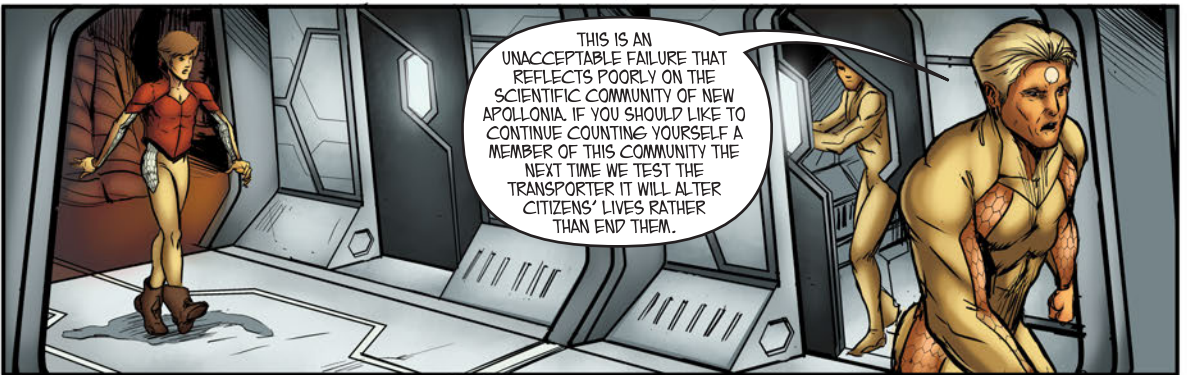


I NEED THREE NEW CANDIDATES IN HERE FOR INTERVIEWS TOMORROW. EVIDENTLY I REQUIRE A NEW HEAD RESEARCHER.

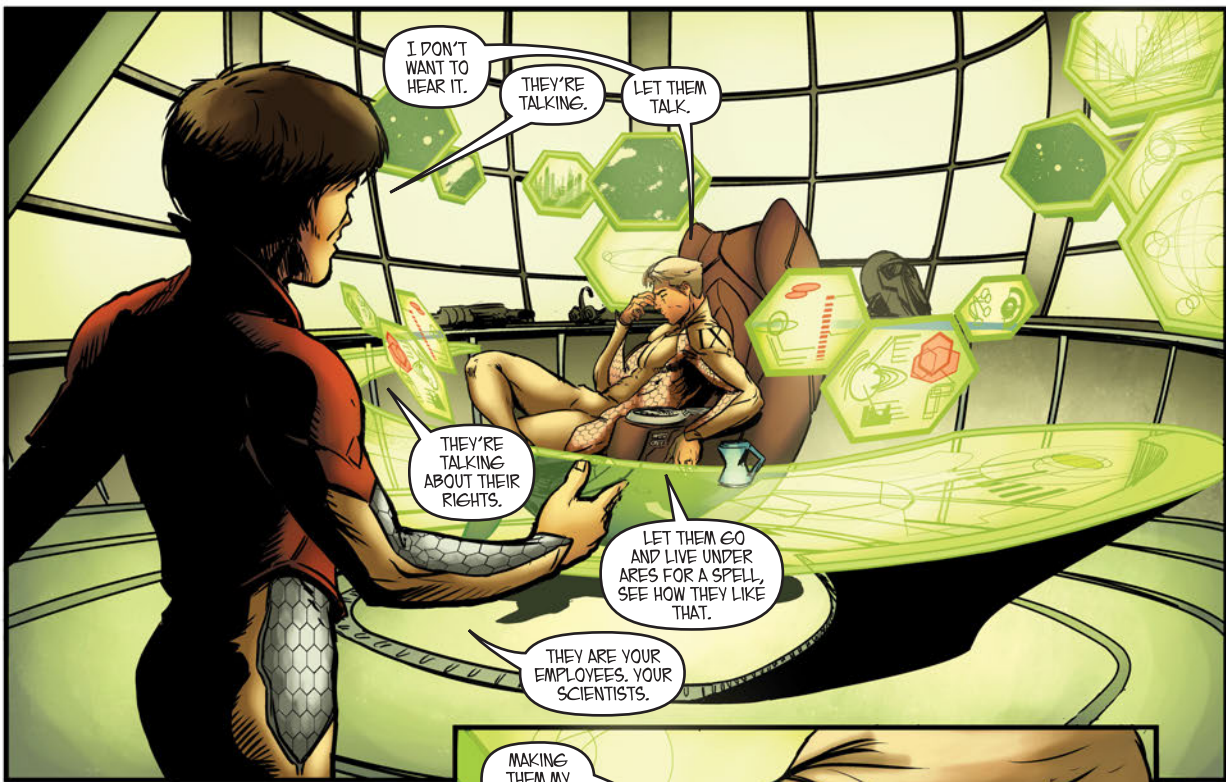
YES, SIR.

WITH ME, EROS.

THE REST OF YOU, CLEAN UP THIS MESS AND BEGIN MODIFICATIONS ON THE TRANSPORTERS.



THIS IS AN UNACCEPTABLE FAILURE THAT REFLECTS POORLY ON THE SCIENTIFIC COMMUNITY OF NEW APOLLONIA. IF YOU SHOULD LIKE TO CONTINUE COUNTING YOURSELF A MEMBER OF THIS COMMUNITY THE NEXT TIME WE TEST THE TRANSPORTER IT WILL ALTER CITIZENS' LIVES RATHER THAN END THEM.



I DON'T WANT TO HEAR IT.

THEY'RE TALKING.

LET THEM TALK.

THEY'RE TALKING ABOUT THEIR RIGHTS.

LET THEM GO AND LIVE UNDER ARES FOR A SPELL, SEE HOW THEY LIKE THAT.

THEY ARE YOUR EMPLOYEES. YOUR SCIENTISTS.



MAKING THEM MY SUBJECTS.



AREN'T YOU THE ONE WHO'S ALWAYS REMINDING US THAT THIS ISN'T A MONARCHY?

DEATH IN THE NAME OF SCIENCE IS NOBLE.

I AGREE.

THEN WHY ARE YOU PESTERING ME WITH THEIR CONCERNS?



I CONSIDER IT MY JOB TO KEEP YOU IN GOOD SPIRITS.

YOUR JOB IS TO AID IN MY RESEARCH AND FROM TIME TO TIME, SHOULD I INVOKE THE NEED FOR SACRIFICE IT BECOMES YOUR JOB TO DIE WITH HONOUR.



CAREFUL, YOU'LL FRIGHTEN ALL YOUR WORKERS AWAY.

THEY LOVE ME.

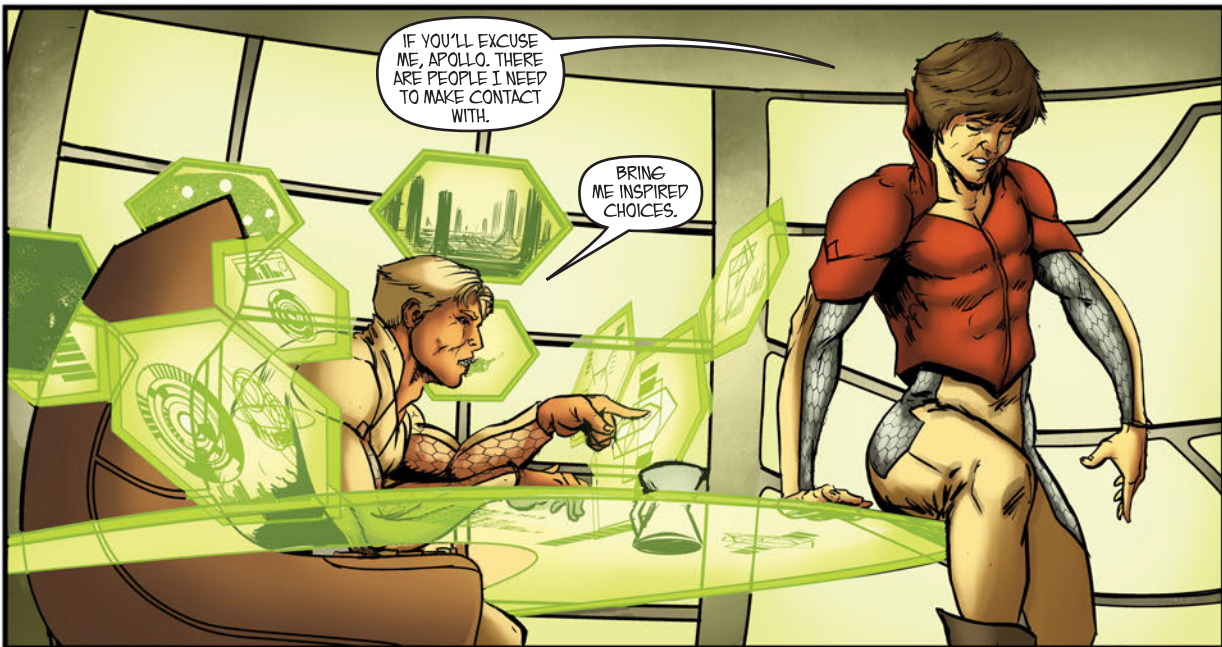
I LOVE YOU.



I'M NOT MAKING YOU HEAD RESEARCHER, EROS.

...BUT, WE WORK SO WELL TOGETHER.

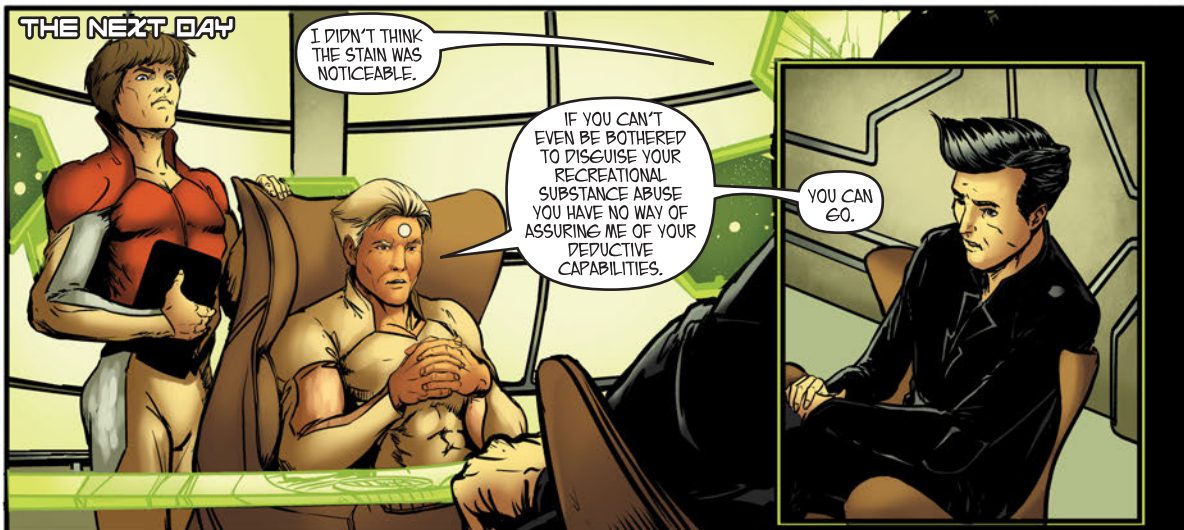
SANCTUARY II IS A RESEARCH FACILITY, NOT A MONARCHY. YOU ARE NOT MY PROTEGE REGARDLESS OF YOUR MYRIAD OF TALENTS.



IF YOU'LL EXCUSE ME, APOLLO. THERE ARE PEOPLE I NEED TO MAKE CONTACT WITH.

BRING ME INSPIRED CHOICES.

THE NEXT DAY

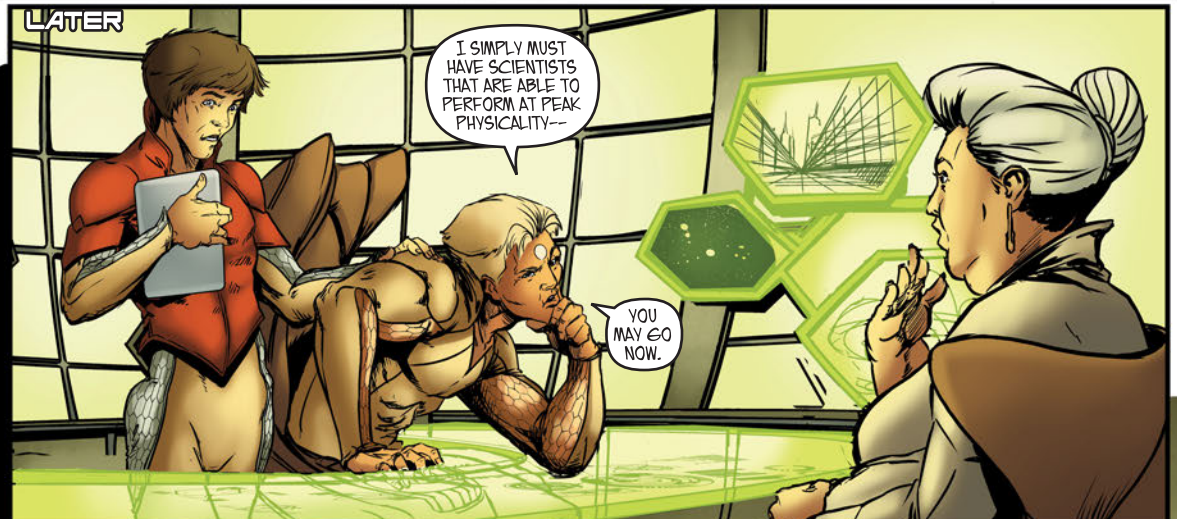


I DIDN'T THINK THE STAIN WAS NOTICEABLE.

IF YOU CAN'T EVEN BE BOTHERED TO DISGUISE YOUR RECREATIONAL SUBSTANCE ABUSE YOU HAVE NO WAY OF ASSURING ME OF YOUR DEDUCTIVE CAPABILITIES.

YOU CAN GO.

LATER



I SIMPLY MUST HAVE SCIENTISTS THAT ARE ABLE TO PERFORM AT PEAK PHYSICALITY--

YOU MAY GO NOW.

EVEN LATER



A POOR SHOWING, WOULDN'T YOU SAY?

THE DAY IS NOT OVER YET.

YOUR CONFIDENCE IS CERTAINLY YOUR BEST QUALITY.

BEHIND EVERY GREAT MAN IS--

DO YOU BOYS NEED ME TO COME BACK?

I TOOK A BUNCH OF TUBES TO GET HERE AND I'M NOT LOOKING FORWARD TO DOING IT AGAIN.