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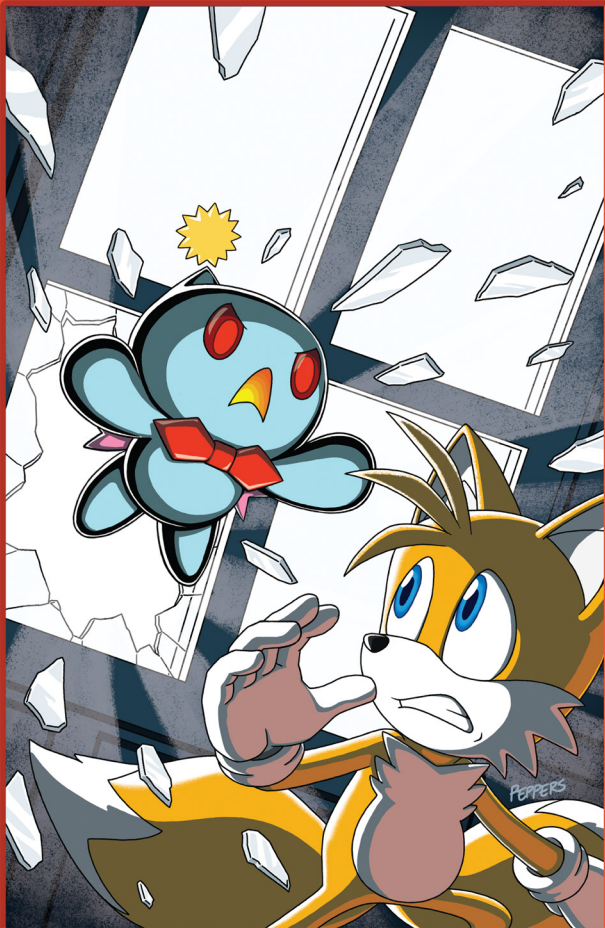
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TAILS'S WORKSHOP,
CENTRAL CITY.

ONE HOUR
AGO.

WHY HERE?
WHY NOW?!

LET'S CURE
THAT RUSH HOUR
GRIDLOCK WITH
DR. EGGMAN'S
PATENTED METAL
VIRUS!

HA HA
HA HA!

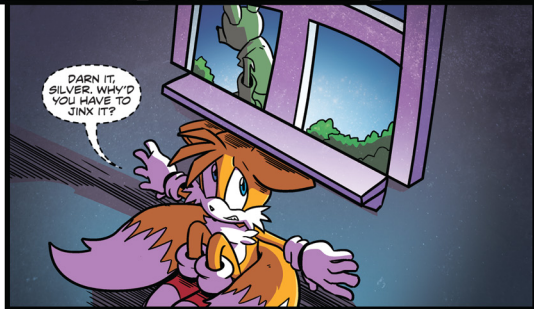
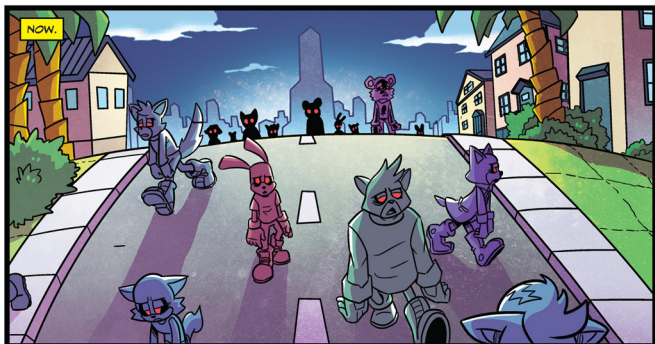
CHANGE
OF PLANS!
WE'LL GET
DOWNTOWN
AND—

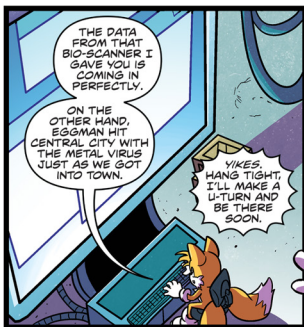
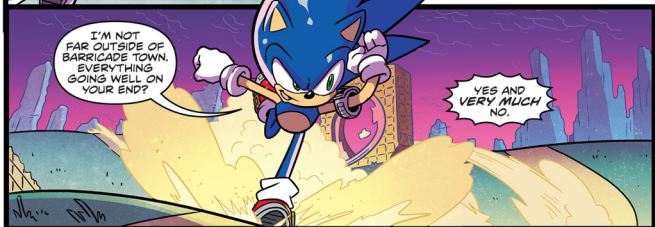
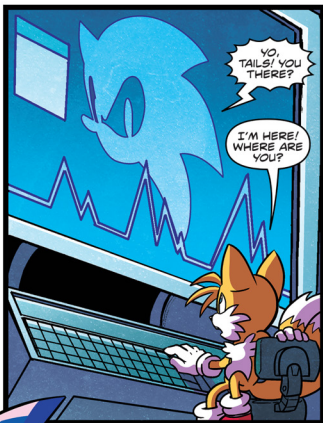
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STAY.

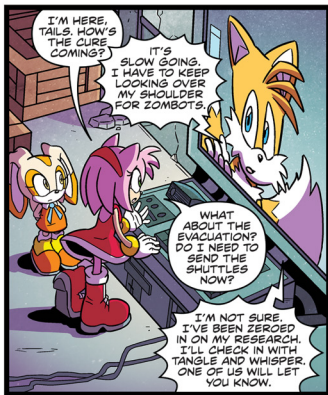
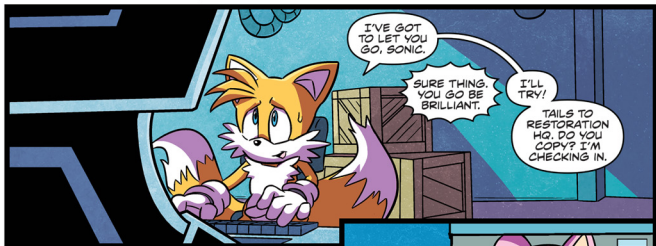
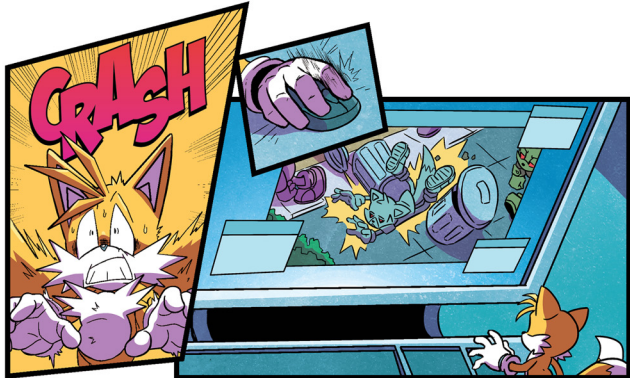
SHE'S
RIGHT. YOU'VE
GOT THE
IMPORTANT JOB
OF RESEARCHING
A CURE. WE'LL
HANDLE THE
EVACUATION.

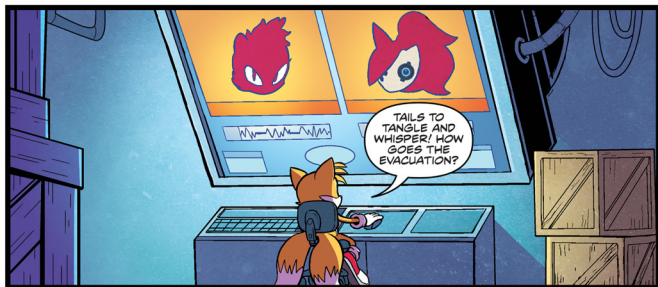
WE'VE
BECOME A
PRETTY GOOD
TEAM, AFTER
ALL!*

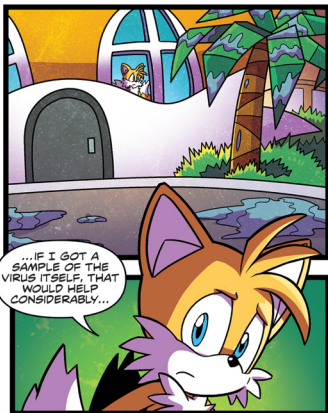
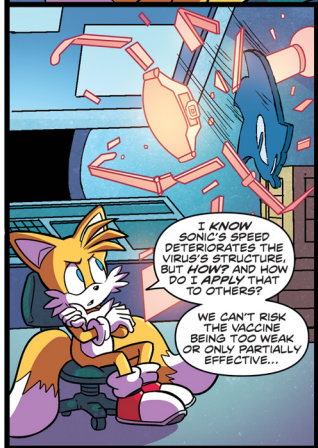
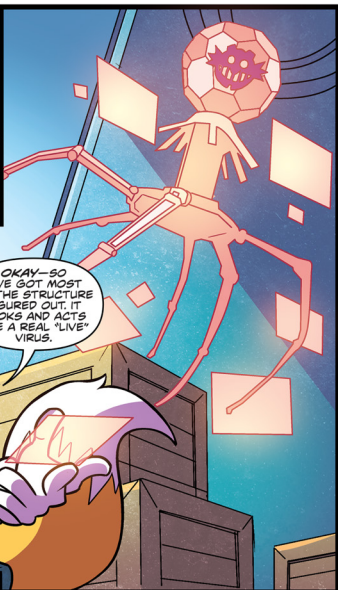
*TANGLE &
WHISPER
MINI-SERIES

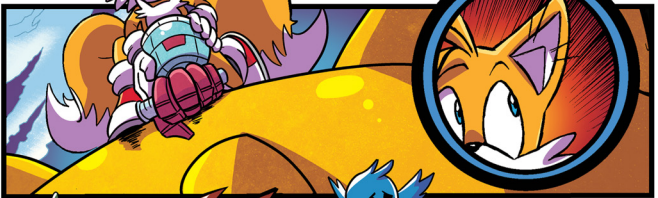
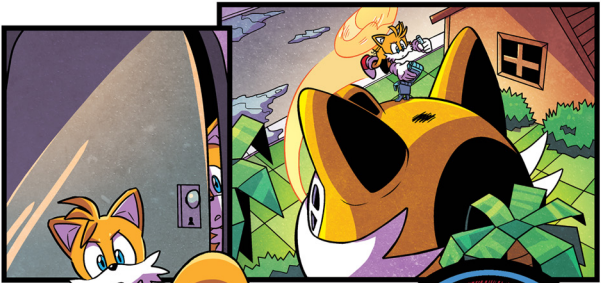








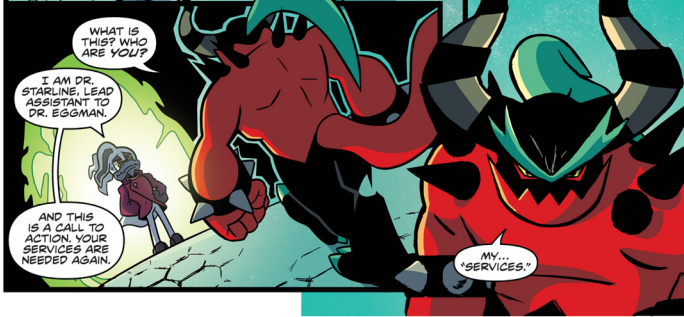
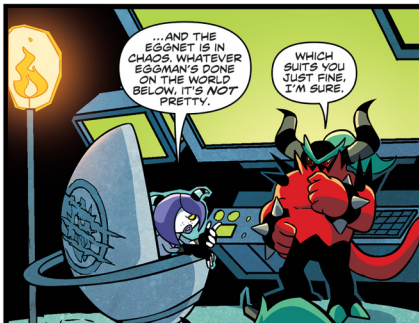
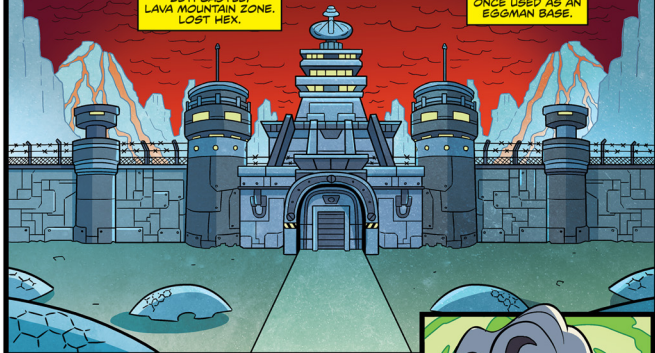




MEANWHILE...

ZETI CASTLE,
LAVA MOUNTAIN ZONE.
LOST HEX.

A HIDDEN WORLD
ONCE USED AS AN
EGGMAN BASE.









OKAY! NOW
WHAT?

HELP?

GOOD
IDEA!

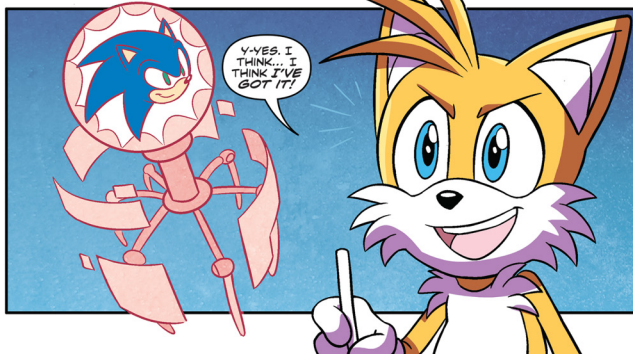
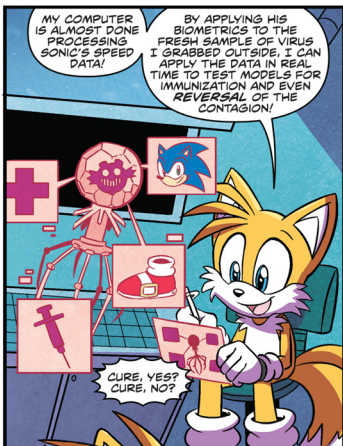
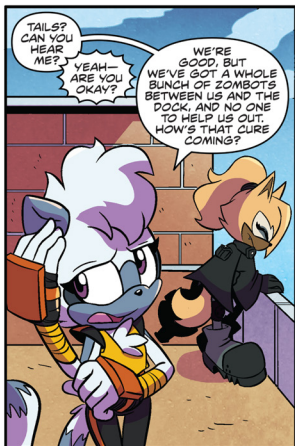
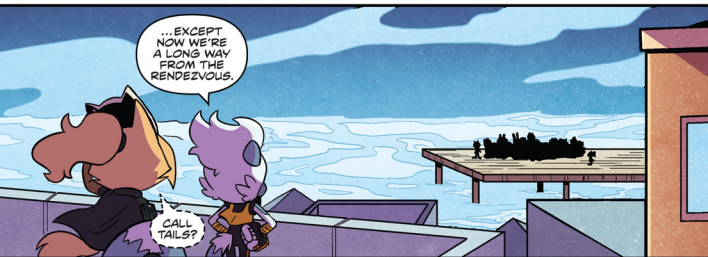
AMY!
IT'S TANGLE!
WHAT'S THE
E.T.A. ON SOME
BACK-UP?

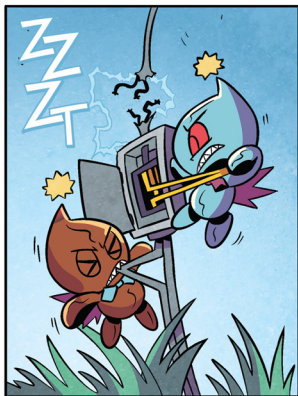
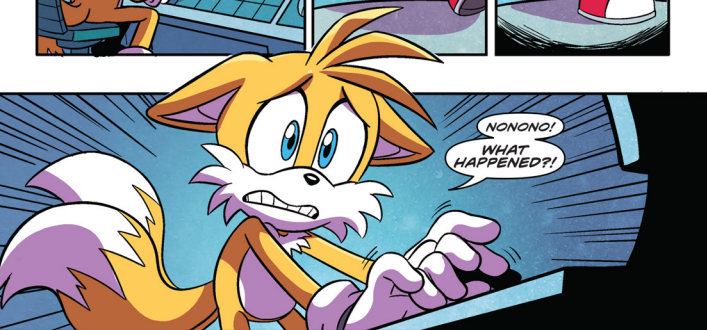
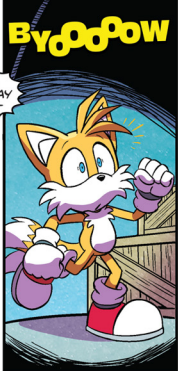
AMY? CREAM?
VECTOR?
ANYBODY?

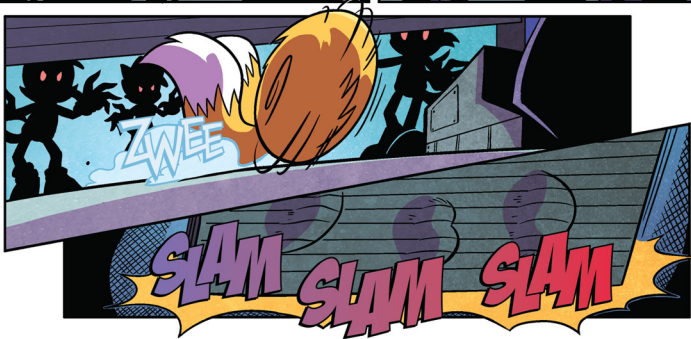
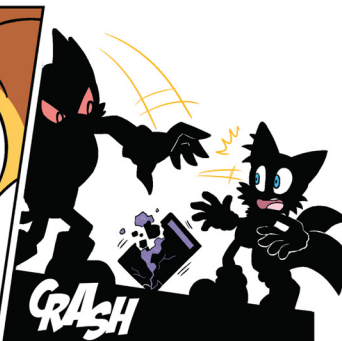
THAT'S...
OMINOUS.
U'M... SILVER?
DO YOU COPY?
CAN YOU LEND
US A HAND?

ICE
PARADISE IS
ON FIRE!
I'VE GOT MY
HANDS FULL!





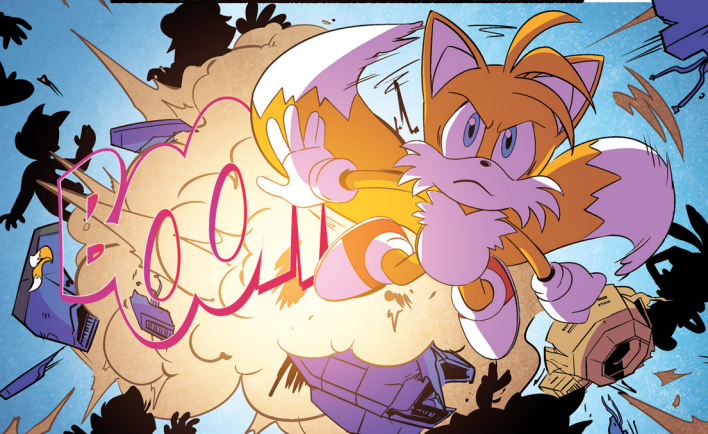


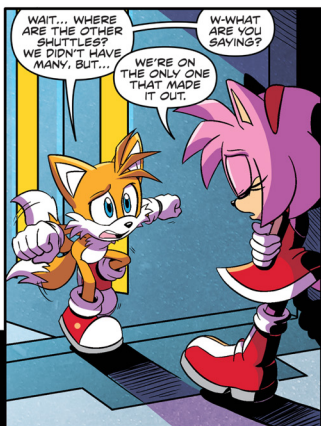
















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HOO-BOY...
LET'S SEE
WHERE WE
ARE...

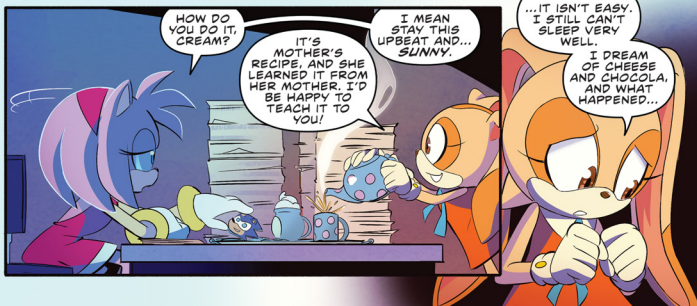
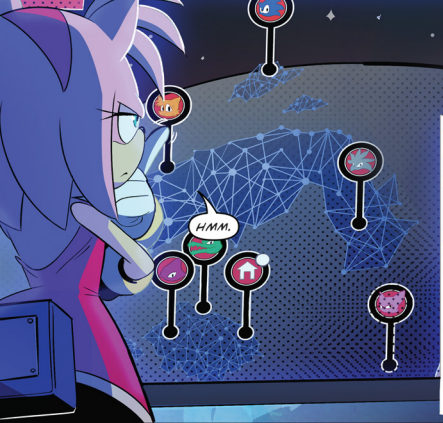
SONIC'S
RUNNING AROUND
GETTING DATA FOR
TAILS. HE SHOULD BE
NEAR BARRICADE
TOWN BY NOW, I
THINK.*

TAILS IS DOING
HIS RESEARCH
IN CENTRAL CITY
WHILE TANGLE AND
WHISPER COVER
SUPPORT AND
EVACUATION.**

SILVER IS
HANDLING THE
EVACUATION OF
ICE PARADISE
ON HIS OWN.

LOOKS LIKE
VECTOR AND
ESPIO JUST GOT
BACK WITH THE
REFUGEES FROM
PINE GROVE
VILLAGE.

==SIGH==
ROUGE IS
STILL MISSING
IN ACTION.





MEANWHILE,
ON LOST HEX...

WE'VE BEEN
GRANTED A
GOLDEN
OPPORTUNITY.

EGGMAN'S
NEWEST PATSY
HAS INVITED US
INTO HIS BASE. HE
EXPECTS US TO FIX
THE CRISIS ON THE
WORLD BELOW.



WE
WILL ACCEPT
HIS HOSPITALITY
AND THEN
PUNISH HIM
FOR IT.

UNLESS,
Y'KNOW, THIS
IS ANOTHER TRAP.
I'D RATHER NOT
BE EGGMAN'S SLAVE
AGAIN, KAY? THANKS.

YOU
DARE?

WE UNDERESTIMATED
THE DOCTOR THE FIRST
TIME. THIS TIME WE ARE
PREPARED. WE WILL
PUNISH HIM FOR OUR
HUMILIATION.

WE WILL DESTROY
SONIC FOR DEFEATING
US. AND WE WILL GRIND
THEIR WORLD TO DUST
IN RETRIBUTION.

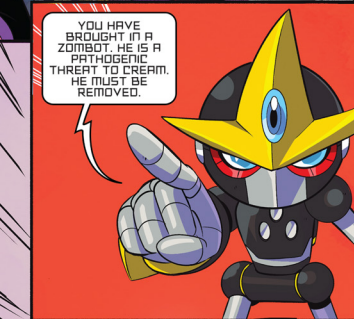






UNIT'S
DESIGNATION
IS NOT "MACK."
IT IS GEMERL.

I DON'T
CARE IF IT
WERE "KING OF
EVERYTHING!"
YOU AIN'T
THROWIN'
CHARMY
OUT!



YOU HAVE
BROUGHT IN A
ZOMBOT. HE IS A
PATHOGENIC
THREAT TO CREAM.
HE MUST BE
REMOVED.



HE GOT
INFECTED
BY BEIN' A
HERO!

I DIDN'T
CARRY THIS
CONTAINMENT
BUBBLE EVERY-
WHERE AND
TRACK HIM DOWN
JUST FOR YOU TO
THROW HIM OUT!



THE CHAOTIX DON'T
ABANDON THEIR OWN!
I'LL LOOK AFTER HIM! AND
I'LL HAVE AN EASIER
TIME WITHOUT YOU
BREATHING DOWN
MY NECK!

THIS UNIT
DOES NOT
BREATHE.

YOU
KNOW
WHAT I
MEAN!





SHEESH, NOT MUCH ROOM TO MOVE, HUH? IS THIS INCH TAKEN?

IT'S FINE.



I'VE BEEN HERE FOR A WHILE. YOU?

J-JUST GOT IN FROM PINE GROVE VILLAGE.

NEVER BEEN.



I-IT WAS N-NICE...

I'M SURE IT WAS.

I'M FROM GLASS HILL. EGGMAN DIDN'T COME ANYWHERE NEAR US. IT WAS ALL ZOMBOTS FROM OTHER PLACES THAT JUST WANDERED INTO TOWN AND...

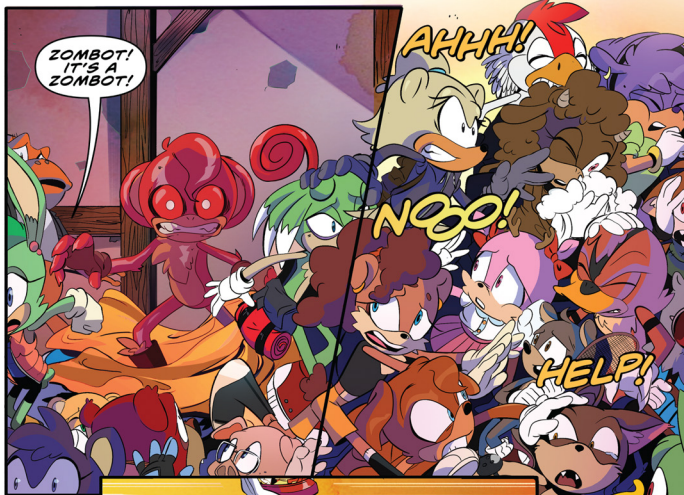


HEY! ARE YOU OKAY?

I-I'M S-S-SORRY...



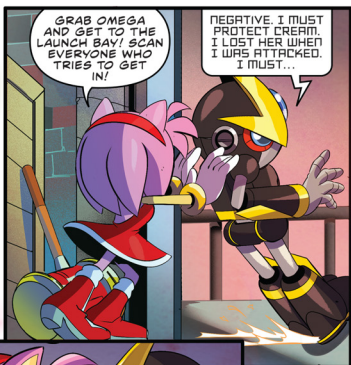
...I... I JUST... D-DIDN'T WANT TO BE ALONE...





WUOOOGAAWUOOOGAAWUOOOGA









MUH...
MUH...
MUH...



...MOTHER!

MS. ROSE!
PLEASE! GET
MY LITTLE GIRL
TO SAFETY!



PIKO

THANK
YOU.

NO!
MOTHER!
NO!

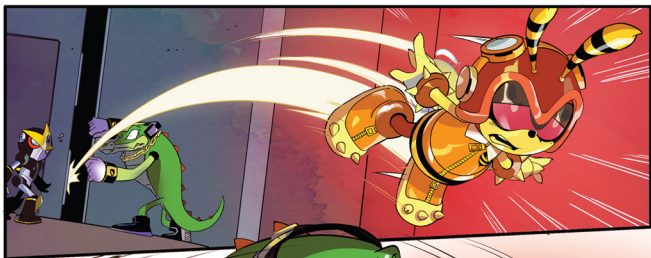




SCAN COMPLETE.
EVERYONE
WITHIN IS
INFECTED TO
SOME DEGREE.



ALL
RIGHT. LET'S
CLOSE IT UP
BEFORE...



OH,
NO, YOU
DON'T!



I
SWEAR,
KID, YOU'RE
SUCH A PAIN
IN MY TAIL.

VECTOR—!

VECTOR IS
COMPROMISED.
IMMEDIATE
QUARANTINE
REQUIRED.



YEAH-
YEAH-YEAH.
I GUESS THIS
IS WHAT I GET
FOR LOOKIN'
AFTER MY
OWN.



I'LL BEAT 'EM
BACK! CLOSE
UP THE DOOR
BEHIND ME!

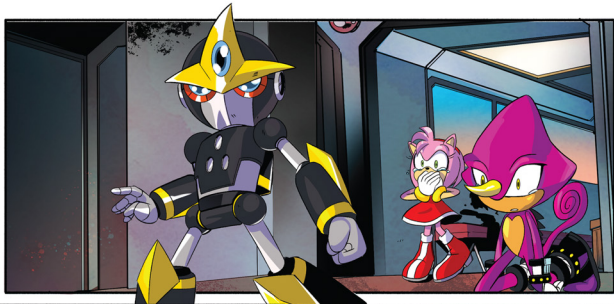


HEY,
ESPIO.
YOU'RE LEAD
DETECTIVE
NOW.

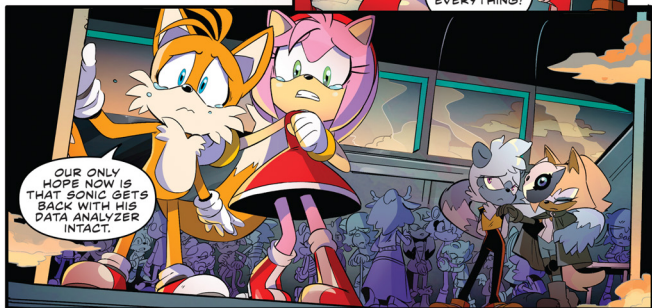
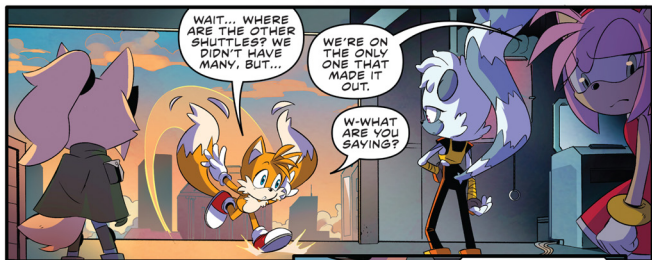


CLANG











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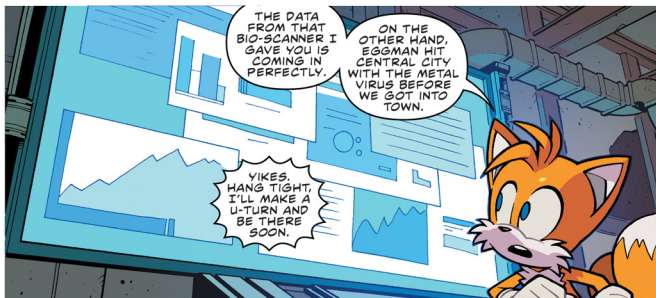
YO,
TAILS! YOU
THERE?

I'M HERE!
WHERE ARE
YOU?

I'M NOT
FAR OUTSIDE
OF BARRICADE
TOWN.

EVERYTHING
GOING WELL
ON YOUR
END?

YES
AND VERY
MUCH
NO.



THE DATA
FROM THAT
BIO-SCANNER I
GAVE YOU IS
COMING IN
PERFECTLY.

ON THE
OTHER HAND,
EGGMAN HIT
CENTRAL CITY
WITH THE METAL
VIRUS BEFORE
WE GOT INTO
TOWN.

YIKES.
HANG TIGHT,
I'LL MAKE A
U-TURN AND
BE THERE
SOON.

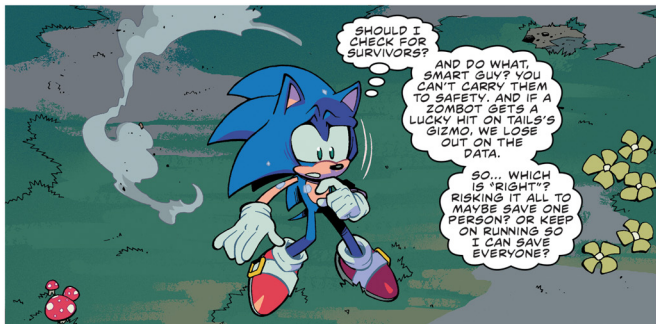


NO-NO-NO!
YOU KEEP
RUNNING!

WE NEED
YOUR SPEED
DATA. IT MAY BE
THE ONLY KEY TO
FINDING A CURE! PLUS,
IT'LL BE A BACKUP IN
CASE SOMETHING
HAPPENS ON
MY END.

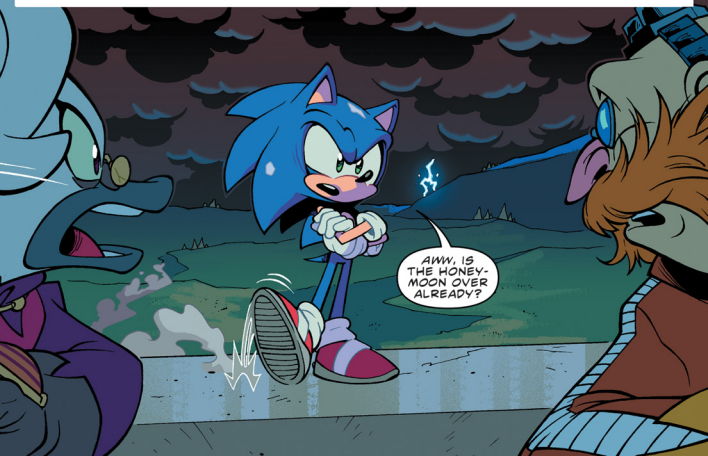
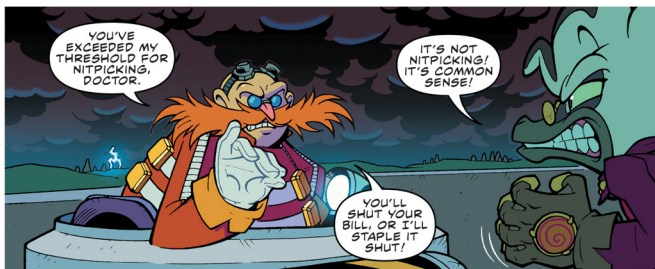
GOTCHA.
STILL, STAY
SAFE.

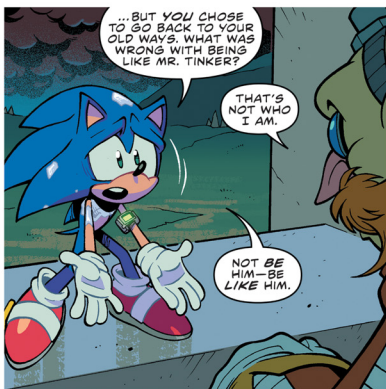
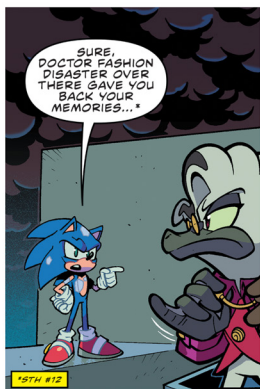
THANKS.
I SHOULD
BE FINE.

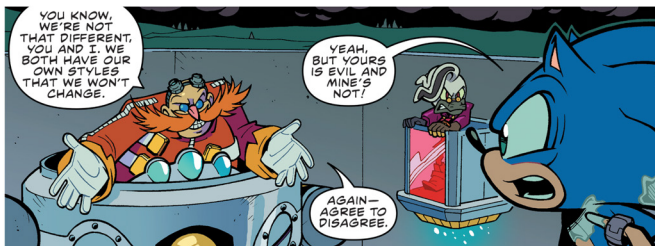
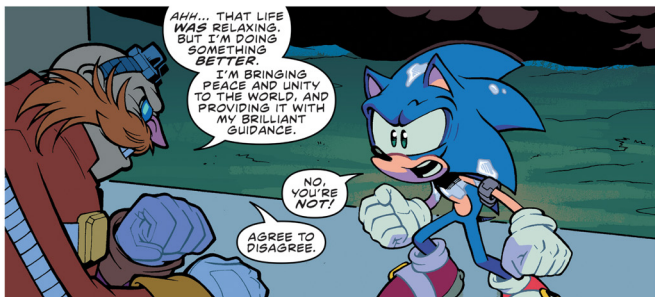


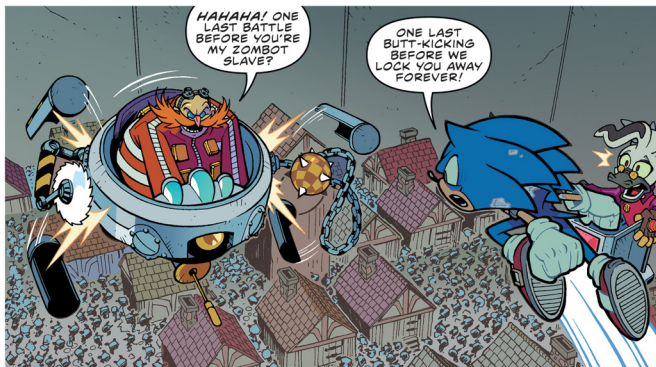


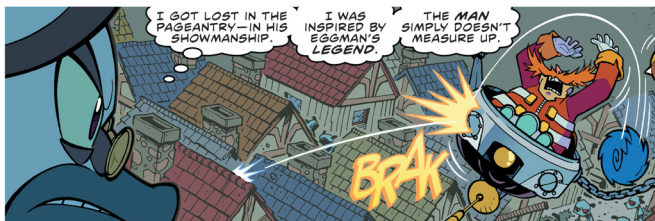
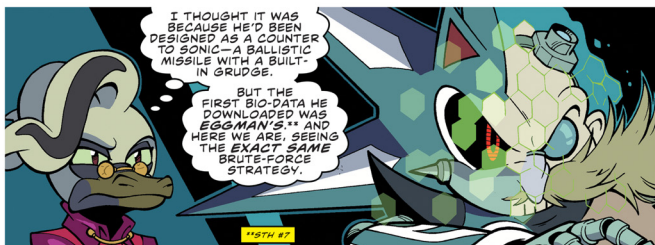
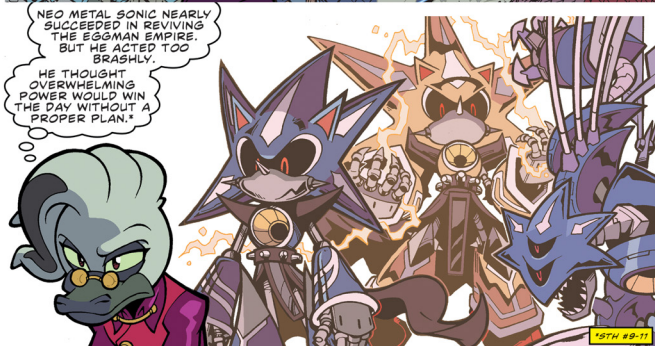
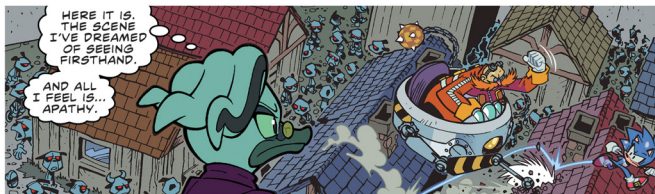
















...THAT
WORKED...?



NO. I FOUND
AN EFFECTIVE
COMMAND
SIGNAL.



MAYBE I
WON'T HAVE TO
USE MY OWN
PLANS AFTER
ALL.

BUT THEN,
WHAT WILL
YOU LEARN
FROM THIS?

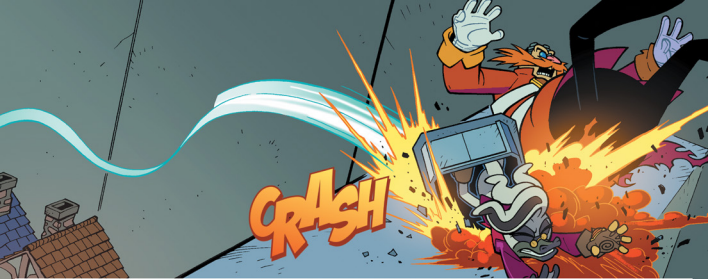


EXCELLENT
WORK! NOW
UPLOAD THAT
FREQUENCY TO
THE FACESHIP SO
I CAN COMMAND
THE ZOMBOTS OF
THE WORLD!

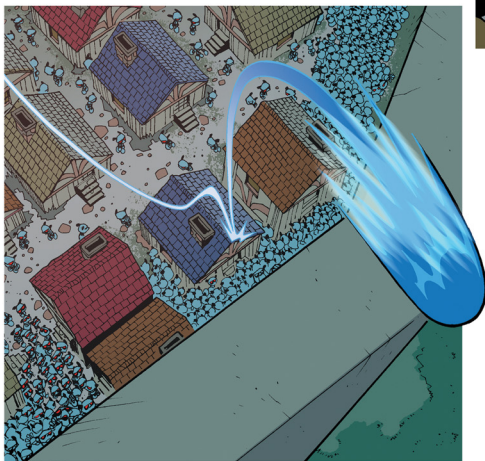


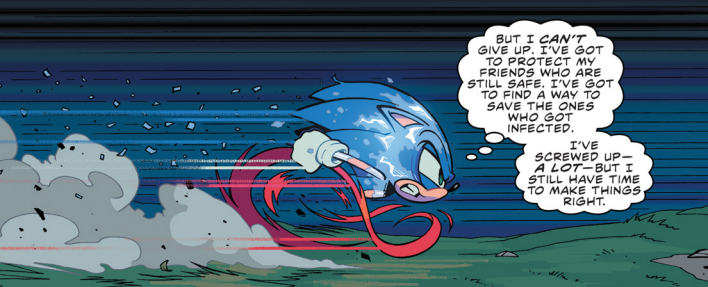
NO!











BUT I CAN'T GIVE UP. I'VE GOT TO PROTECT MY FRIENDS WHO ARE STILL SAFE. I'VE GOT TO FIND A WAY TO SAVE THE ONES WHO GOT INFECTED.

I'VE SCREWED UP— A LOT—BUT I STILL HAVE TIME TO MAKE THINGS RIGHT.



I FEEL LIKE I'M GOING TO COLLAPSE, THOUGH. IS THIS WHAT EVERYONE FEELS LIKE AFTER A RUN...?

SONIC, IT'S AMY. ARE YOU THERE?



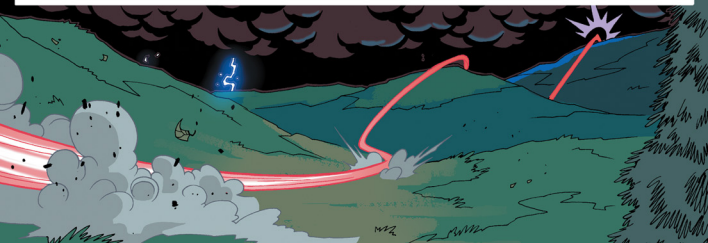
I'M HERE! ON THE RUN. WHAT'S UP?

LISTEN, I... SONIC, IT'S BAD. RESTORATION BASE HAS FALLEN. ZOMBOTS DESTROYED TAILS'S LAB.

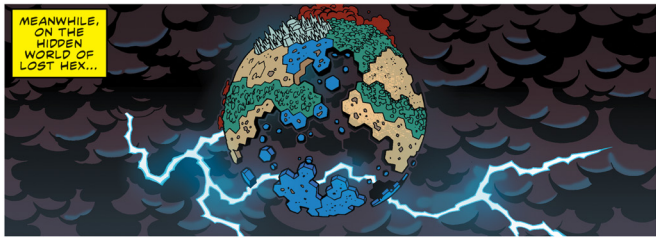
WE'RE ON OUR WAY TO TANGLE'S HOMETOWN TO EVACUATE IT. CAN YOU HELP?

I... YEAH, OF COURSE. I'M ON MY WAY.

HEH... MAN-O-MAN. I GUESS THE GOOD NEWS IS THINGS OFFICIALLY CAN'T GET ANY WORSE!



MEANWHILE,
ON THE
HIDDEN
WORLD OF
LOST HEX...



WE HAVE
BEEN TESTED,
MASTER ZIK.
EGGMAN USED US
AS HIS ENFORCERS.
SONIC HUMILIATED
US IN BATTLE.

THIS WILL
NOT GO
UNANSWERED.

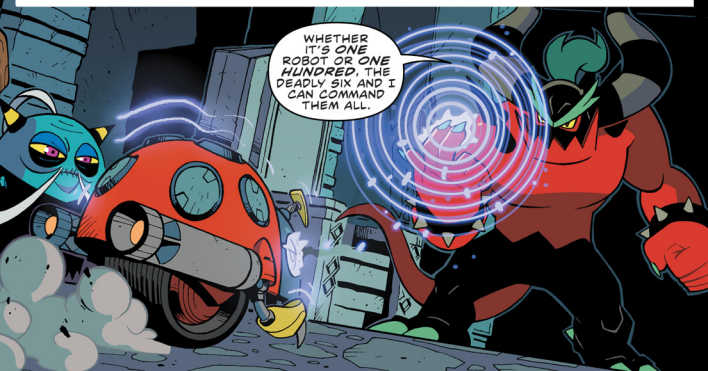


BUT VENGEANCE MUST BE
EXACT. IT WAS WISE OF
YOU TO HAVE US BIDE OUR
TIME, LETTING OUR
HATRED AND ANGER
FESTER.

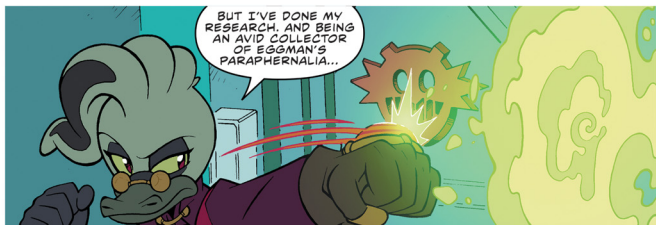


AND
NOW OUR
PATIENCE
HAS PAID
OFF.







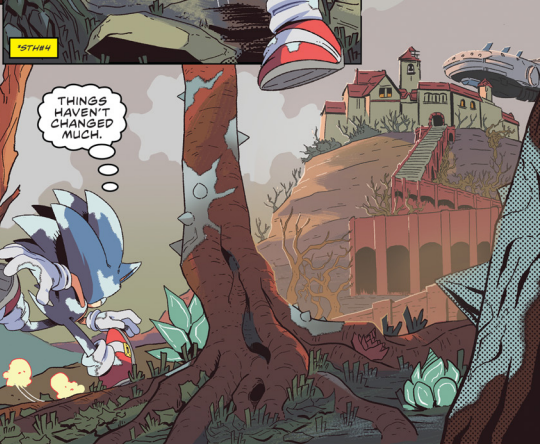




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LOOKS LIKE THE RESTORATION CREW IS ALREADY HANDLING THE EVACUATION.



I BETTER CHECK IN WITH AMY AND SEE WHAT I CAN DO.



ON SECOND THOUGHT—
ESPION NEEDS
BACK-UP!



YO. THEY HAVE YOU FIGHTING THE WHOLE TOWN BY YOURSELF?

HEH. OUR NUMBERS HAVE GROWN THIN.



AMY AND GEMERL ARE WATCHING THE ESCAPE SHUTTLE. GEMERL IS SCANNING EVERYONE TO MAKE SURE THEY AREN'T INFECTED.

TAILS AND CREAM ARE AIRLIFTING ANYONE THEY CAN FIND.

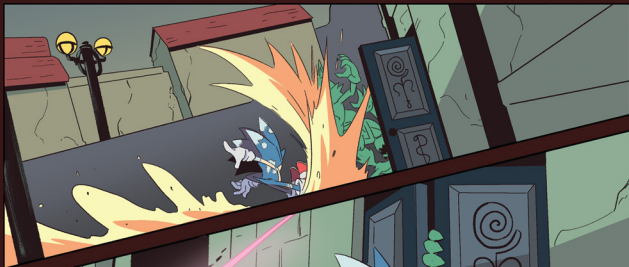
LAST I HEARD, SILVER WAS MANAGING ICE PARADISE ON HIS OWN.

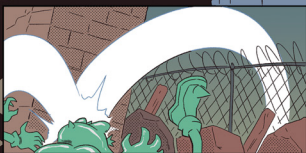


THAT LEAVES ME, TANGLE, AND WHISPER TO CONTAIN THE ZOMBOTS.

YIKES. WHERE'S VECTOR?







HEY
AMY!

SONIC!
FASHIONABLY
LATE, AS
USUAL.



YOU KNOW
HOW I LOVE
TO MAKE AN
ENTRANCE.

WHAT DO
YOU NEED
ME TO DO?

ESPIO, TANGLE, AND
WHISPER ARE KEEPING
THE ZOMBOTS
DISTRACTED WHILE
TAILS AND CREAM
FIND PEOPLE.

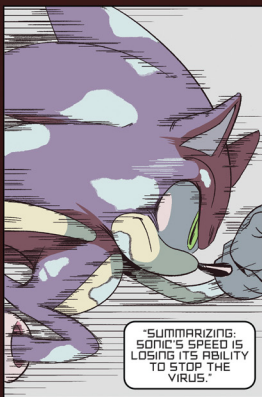
WE'VE MADE
A CHOKE POINT
SO GEMERL AND I
CAN HANDLE THE
ZOMBOTS THAT
DO FIND US.

WE'RE
NEARLY DONE,
BUT ONCE WE PULL
BACK TO RETREAT,
THE ZOMBOTS
ARE GOING TO
SWARM US.

SO COVER THE
ESCAPE. GOTCHA.
I'LL FIND TANGLE AND
SEE IF SHE'S GOT ANY
IDEAS. IT'S HER TOWN
AFTER ALL.

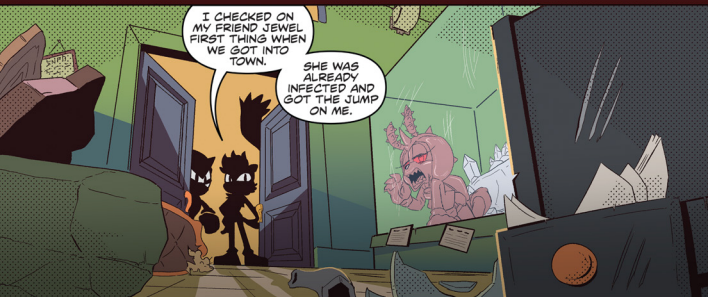


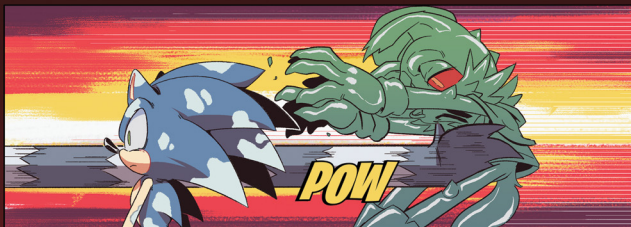












YOU DIDN'T BRING EGGMAN BACK. THAT WAS STARLINE. YOU MADE SURE METAL WAS HARMLESS. EGGMAN WEAPONIZED HIM AGAIN.

YEAH, AND I HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO PROTECT MY FRIENDS, OR ANYONE ELSE.

YEAH? THEN I GUESS NOBODY'S GUARDING THAT SHUTTLE FULL OF NOTHING?

TANGLE, YOU... HEH. YOU'RE NOT GOING TO LET THIS GET TO YOU, ARE YOU?



NEVER!

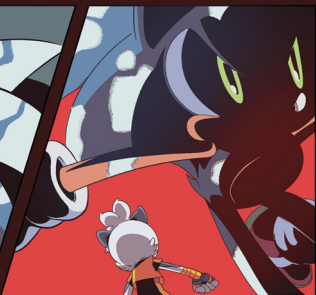
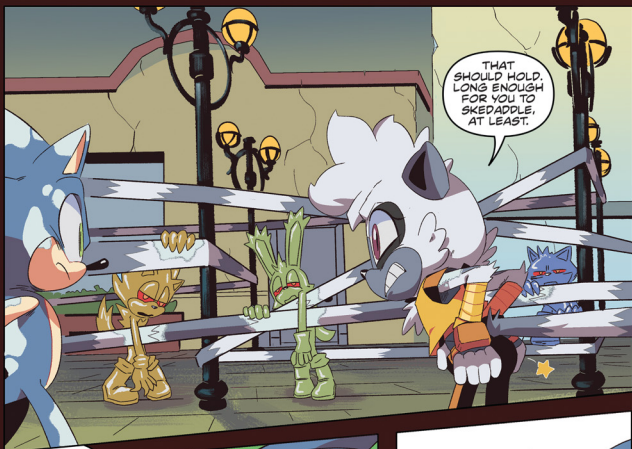


BECAUSE YOU'RE SONIC THE HEDGEHOG. YOU'LL SET THIS RIGHT. I KNOW YOU WILL.

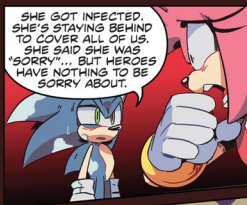
NOW, LESS MOPING AND MORE MOVING!

YES, MA'AM!











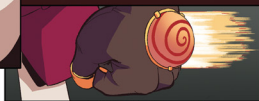




LATER—
ABOARD THE
FACESHIP.

DOCTOR, I HAVE
FOUND A SOLUTION TO
THE ONGOING PROBLEM
OF NOT BEING ABLE
TO CONTROL THE
ZOMBOTS.

I TOLD YOU
I'D FIGURE
SOMETHING OUT.
QUIT PESTERING
ME ABOUT IT!



NO,
SIR, I
INSIST.



**NEXT TIME:
FROM
BAD TO
WORSE!**



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