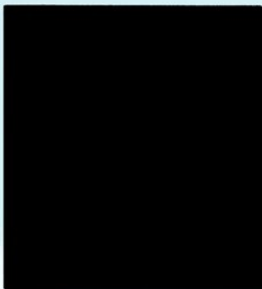



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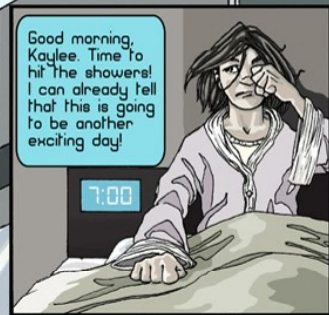


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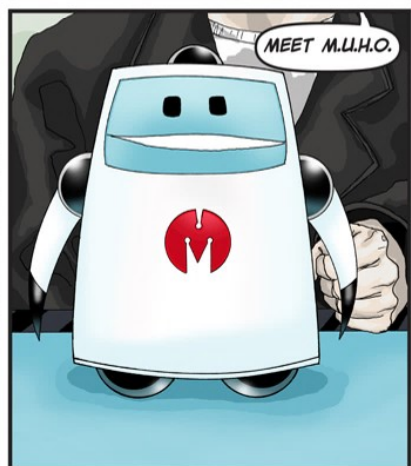
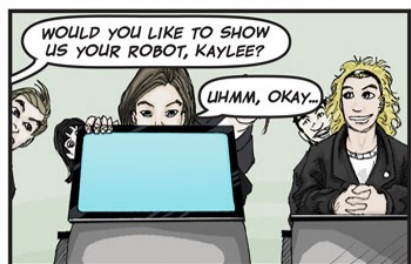
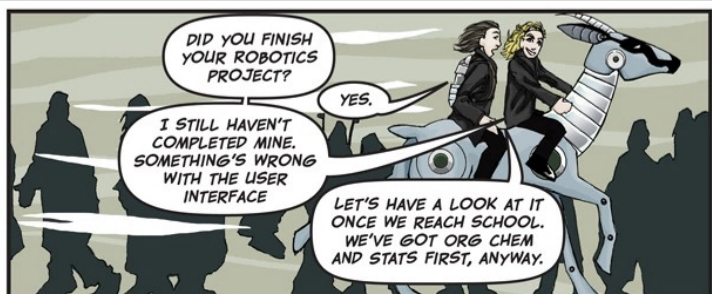


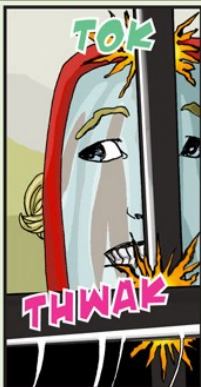
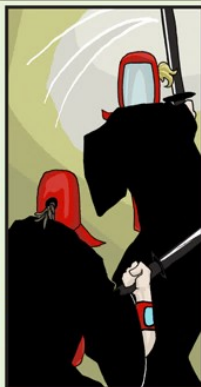
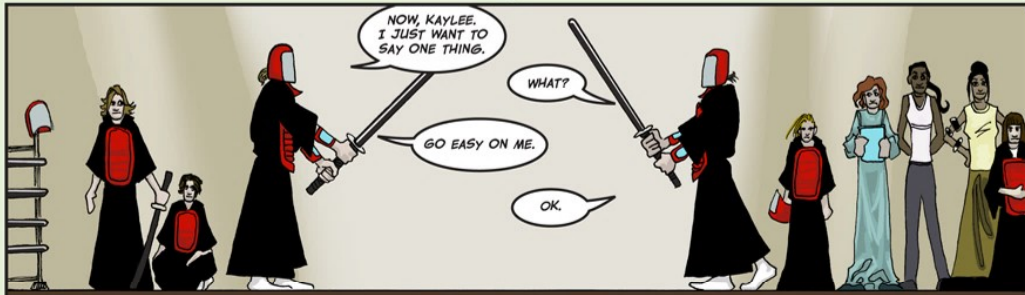
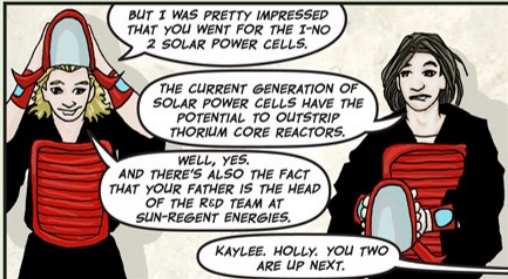
Daily Schedule
7:00am - Waking up Sequence
7:05am - Shower
7:20am - Dress and prepare for school
7:20am - Breakfast with parents
7:45am - Meet Holly on corner of Dragon and Downing
7:45am - Travel to school
8:00am - Organic Chemistry

INITIATING WAKE-UP SEQUENCE ...









THANK YOU, ARCHON SEAMUS, FOR TELLING US ABOUT YOUR EARLY DAYS AS A JUSTICAR IN METROPOLIS 42.

YOU'RE WELCOME, AMY. I ALWAYS FIND IT A PLEASURE TO SHARE MY EXPERIENCES WITH THE YOUNGER GENERATION.

CAN YOU BRIEFLY TELL US ABOUT SOME OF THE CHALLENGES YOU FACED DURING YOUR 30 YEARS OF SERVICE WITH THE NEW WORLD CLERGY?

I JOINED THE CLERGY IN 2012.

I THINK ONE OF THE BIGGEST CHALLENGES THE CLERGY FACED WAS THE SENSE REBELLION OF 2015, A LONG TIME BEFORE MOST OF YOU HERE WERE BORN.

IT WAS A TIME OF CHANGE.

MANY OF THE SENSE REBELS WERE PEOPLE I KNEW.

SOME WERE EVEN MY CLOSEST FRIENDS.

WE HAD TO ROOT THEM OUT FROM THEIR HIDING HOLES IN NEW GOTHAM AND METROPOLIS 63. MANY DIED DURING THOSE THREE YEARS.

AND NOT JUST THE REBELS.

WITH THE AID OF UMX PHARMACEUTICALS, I WAS STILL FIGHTING FOR LAW AND ORDER WELL INTO MY MID 100S.

I SOMETIMES SEE THEIR FACES - MY FRIENDS' FACES.

BUT I KNOW I MADE THE RIGHT CHOICE.

WE NEED LAW, ORDER AND RATIONALITY TO KEEP US AWAY FROM THE DISASTERS AND ANARCHY OF OUR PAST.

THAT IS THE ONLY WAY TO MOVE FORWARD.

I KNOW.

UMX PHARMACEUTICALS WILL BE HAVING THEIR ANNUAL EXPO ON THE...

WE'LL GET GOOD NUMBERS AT THE EXPO FOR SURE. I CAN FEEL IT.

THAT WAS A GOOD SPEECH, SEAMUS.

DO YOU WANT ME TO -

NO, I'M FINE. I JUST NEED A MOMENT TO MYSELF, ALRIGHT?

LOOK, SEAMUS -

JUST SOD OFF WILL YOU, MATE?

JUST SOD OFF AND GIVE ME A BLOODY MOMENT TO MYSELF.

14:15

WELL, THAT WAS VERY...
ENLIGHTENING, DON'T YOU
THINK SO, KAYLEE?

I JUST THINK THAT -

HOLD THAT THOUGHT. LET ME GO
GET MY LOVELY XT772 AND THEN
WE'LL CONTINUE THIS, OKAY?

I'LL MEET YOU AT THE
TOBIAS COURTYARD,
EAST WING.

OKAY.

NO, I AM NOT
GABRIEL, GAROTA.

I AM RAFAEL.

MAS EU ACHO QUE PARA VOCÊ,
SOMOS TODOS PARECIDOS.

WHAT HAPPENED TO
GABRIEL?

HE FELL ILL, GAROTA.
IT HAPPENS - HE'S 40
YEARS OLD NOW, SABIA?

I'M SORRY TO HEAR
THAT. WHEN WILL HE
BE COMING BACK?

SORRY? I DON'T
THINK HE'S COMING
BACK, GAROTA.

YOU HUMANS MADE US LIKE THIS,
SABIA? WE WERE NEVER MEANT TO
BE CREATED IN THE FIRST PLACE.

BUT YOU HUMANS
HAD TO PLAY GOD.

E AO INVÉS DO PARAÍSO QUE NOS FOI
PROMETIDO, NÓS SOMOS O ÚLTIMO
RASTRO DE UMA MAJESTOSA, MUITO
TEMPO ESQUECIDA ESPÉCIE.

REDUZIDOS A FICAR COM TODOS OS TIPOS
DE SERVIÇOS QUE VOCÊS NÃO QUEREM
FAZER. NÓS SOMOS A ESCÓRIA DO MUNDO.

O QUE É BOM PARA VOCÊS HUMANOS,
PORQUE NOS TORNAMOS INVISÍVEIS,
FÁCIL DE DESCARTAR.

UMA EXPERIÊNCIA QUE FALHOU, JOGADA
DE LADO, COMO UM BRINQUEDO VELHO
QUE VOCÊ PERDEU INTERESSE.

GABRIEL IS REALLY SICK, GAROTA. HE'S
DYING, AND NONE OF YOUR KIND'S
MEDICINE AND TREATMENTS WORK ON HIM.

BECAUSE THEY NEVER BOTHERED TO TEST
THEM ON US. WHY WOULD THEY WHEN WE
ONLY NUMBER IN THE TENS OF THOUSANDS?

UHM, I'M SORRY,
ABOUT GABRIEL.

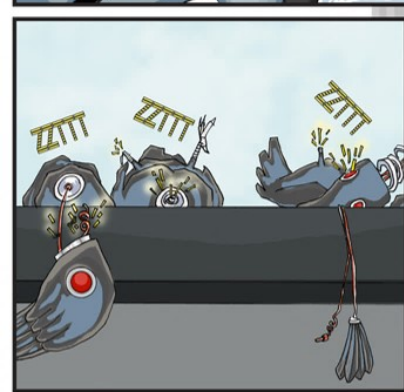
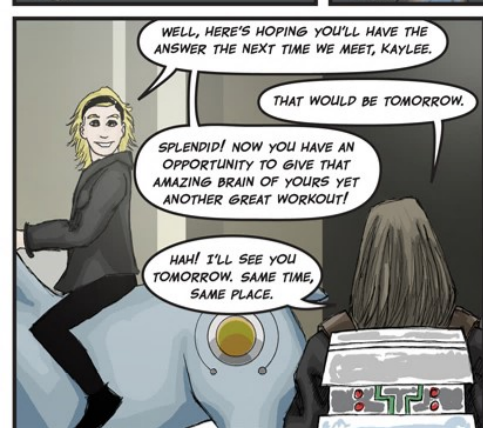
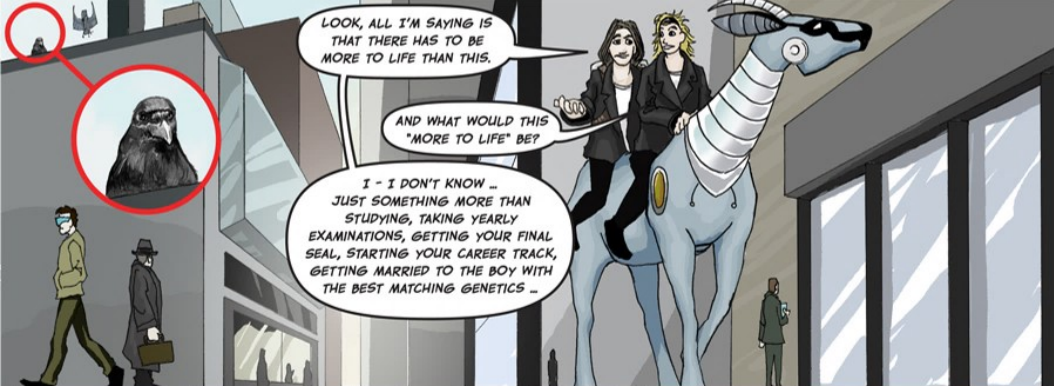
SORRY, SORRY...THAT'S ALL
YOUR KIND SAYS.
AS IF IT WILL MAKE
EVERYTHING BETTER.

I - I REALLY
HAVE TO GO.

NO, WAIT. LOOK, I
DIDN'T MEAN TO -

EU NÃO QUIS TE ASSUSTAR,
GAROTA. DESCULPE-ME.

AH, O GABRIEL FICARIA COM
VERGONHA DE MIM



I'M SORRY, KAYLEE. I STILL HAVE ONE MORE MEETING TO ATTEND.

BUT I'VE ALREADY BEEN HERE FOR OVER AN HOUR, MOM.

JUST ONE MORE MEETING, OKAY?

WHY DON'T YOU GO HAVE A LOOK AT THE NEW TORUS XG785 IN THE THERMODYNAMICS GALLERY?

BEEN THERE, SEEN THAT, MOM.

WELL, WHY DON'T YOU GO CHECK OUT THE -

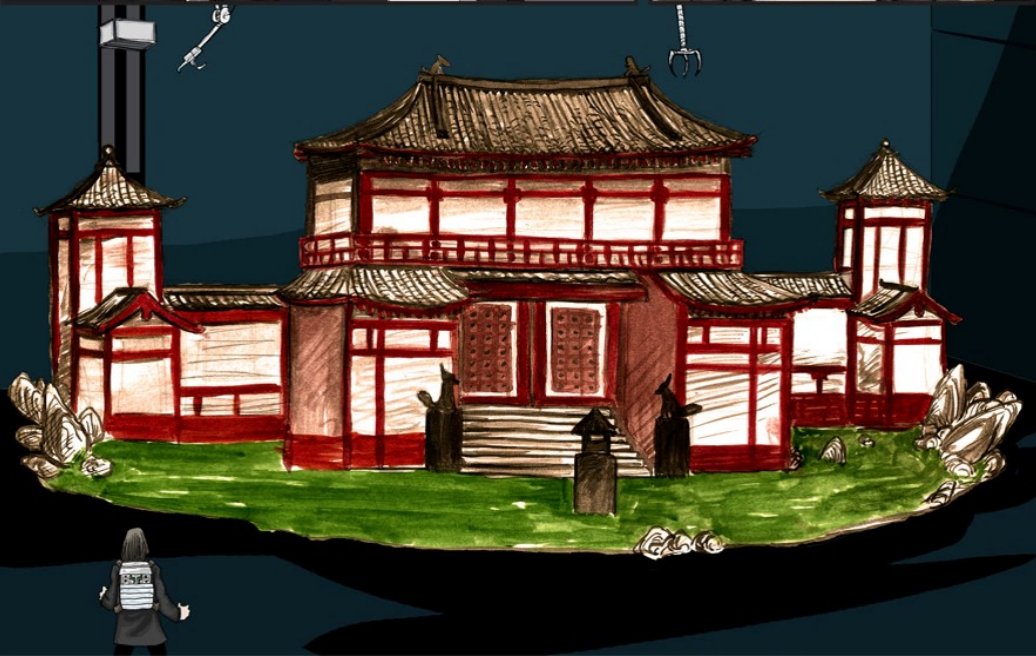
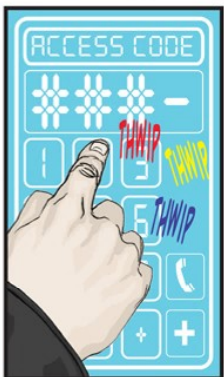
WHAT'S GOING ON INSIDE ARCANIA HALL? I SEE A LOT OF MEN COMING OUT.

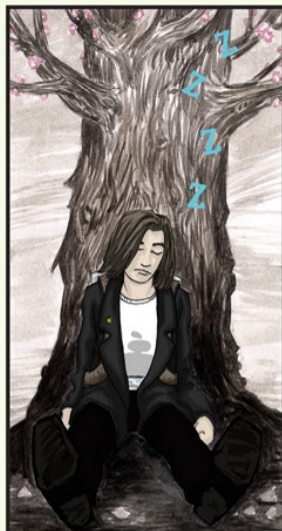
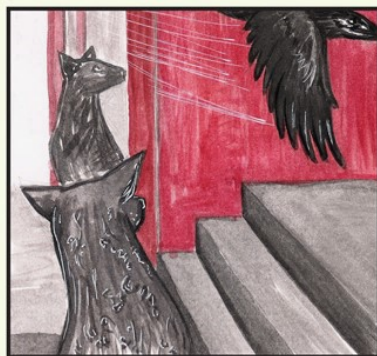
WE'VE JUST RETRIEVED SOME SORT OF RUIN FROM THE FAR-EASTERN ARCHIPELAGO. I BELIEVE THAT -

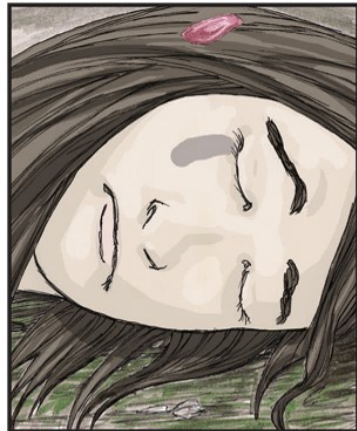
AH, THE DIRECTOR'S CALLING ME. LOOK, KAYLEE, I HAVE GO. I'LL JUST BE ANOTHER HOUR OR SO, OKAY?

AND DON'T GO INTO ARCANIA. WE HAVEN'T DONE THE PROPER SAFETY INSPECTIONS YET.

OKAY, MOM.









ARE YOU ONE OF THE RESTO-TECHNICIANS?

I - I'M NOT SURE WHAT HAPPENED. ONE MOMENT I WAS EXPLORING THE RUINS, THE NEXT I'M WAKING UP HERE...



THIS TREE...
IT HAS POWER.
VERY OLD POWER.



I FELL VICTIM TO ITS MAGICKS AS WELL. I ENTERED THE STEEL TOWER, AND WHEN I SAW THIS TREE, LONG SINCE DEAD, I SENSED THE POWER WITHIN IT.

IT QUICKLY OVERCAME MY DEFENSES, AND I, LIKE YOU, FELL INTO SLUMBER.



STEEL TOWER?
WHAT STEEL TOWER?

UHM... YOU'RE WORKING FOR THE APOLLONIAN CENTRE, RIGHT?



NO. WHAT IS THIS APOLLONIAN CENTRE?

I'M WORKING FOR MASTER BARAMBAR, OF NEW LORDSHEIM.



NEW LORDSHEIM?

WHERE'S THAT?



"NEW LORDSHEIM,
IN WESTERN CALAMEIR."

"IT SITS ATOP DUNBAR'S FIST, AND OVERLOOKS GLENRAVEN, MIRSHAM, AND SMALL HARRON. THE DUNKRAG RANGE LIES JUST BEYOND, ON THE EASTERN HORIZON."

"IT IS A PLACE WHERE THE OLD GODS STILL WALK THE LAND, AND THE PEOPLE ARE STRONG IN THEIR GIFTS."



I- I'M NOT SURE HOW I GOT HERE. BUT I REALLY DO HAVE TO GO BACK.

MY MOTHER... SHE'S SICK.

I- I SHOULD NOT BE HERE.



I- I'M SORRY.

