

BEN 10 OMNIVERSE™ MC



PARALLEL PARADOX

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THE OMNIVERSE

WHEN HE WAS TEN YEARS OLD, BEN TENNYSON DISCOVERED THE **OMNITRIX**, A DEVICE THAT SAVES AND CATALOGS DNA AND THEN CAN DISTRIBUTE THOSE POWERS AND ATTRIBUTES TO ITS OWNER IN TIMES OF NEED. BEN BECOMES A SUPERHERO, BATTLING THE FORCES OF EVIL FOR THE NEXT SIX YEARS. NOW LIVING IN THE HIDDEN ALIEN COMMUNITY ON EARTH, UNDERTOWN, SIXTEEN-YEAR-OLD BEN IS SADDLED WITH A NEW PARTNER, ROOK, A BY-THE-BOOK PLUMBER (AN ELITE TEAM OF SPACE-COPS), AND IS TASKED WITH PATROLLING UNDERTOWN TO KEEP IT SAFE AND, YOU KNOW, SAVING THE UNIVERSE WHEN IT NEEDS IT!



BEN TENNYSON AGE 11

WHEN HE WAS 11 YEARS OLD, BEN WAS JUST LEARNING HOW TO USE THE POWERS OF THE OMNITRIX TO BATTLE THE EVILS OF THE UNIVERSE.



BEN TENNYSON AGE 16

NOW BEN IS A SOLO SUPERHERO, OR AT LEAST HE WANTS TO BE. LIVING IN UNDERTOWN, HE'S WORKING WITH A STICK-IN-THE-MUD NEWBIE PLUMBER PARTNER, ROOK.



ROOK BLONKO

ROOK JUST GRADUATED FROM THE ACADEMY AND KNOWS ALL THE RULES BUT HAS NONE OF BEN'S EXPERIENCE. PLUS, HE'S KIND OF CONFUSED BY EARTHLINGS AND THEIR WEIRD WAYS...ESPECIALLY BEN'S.

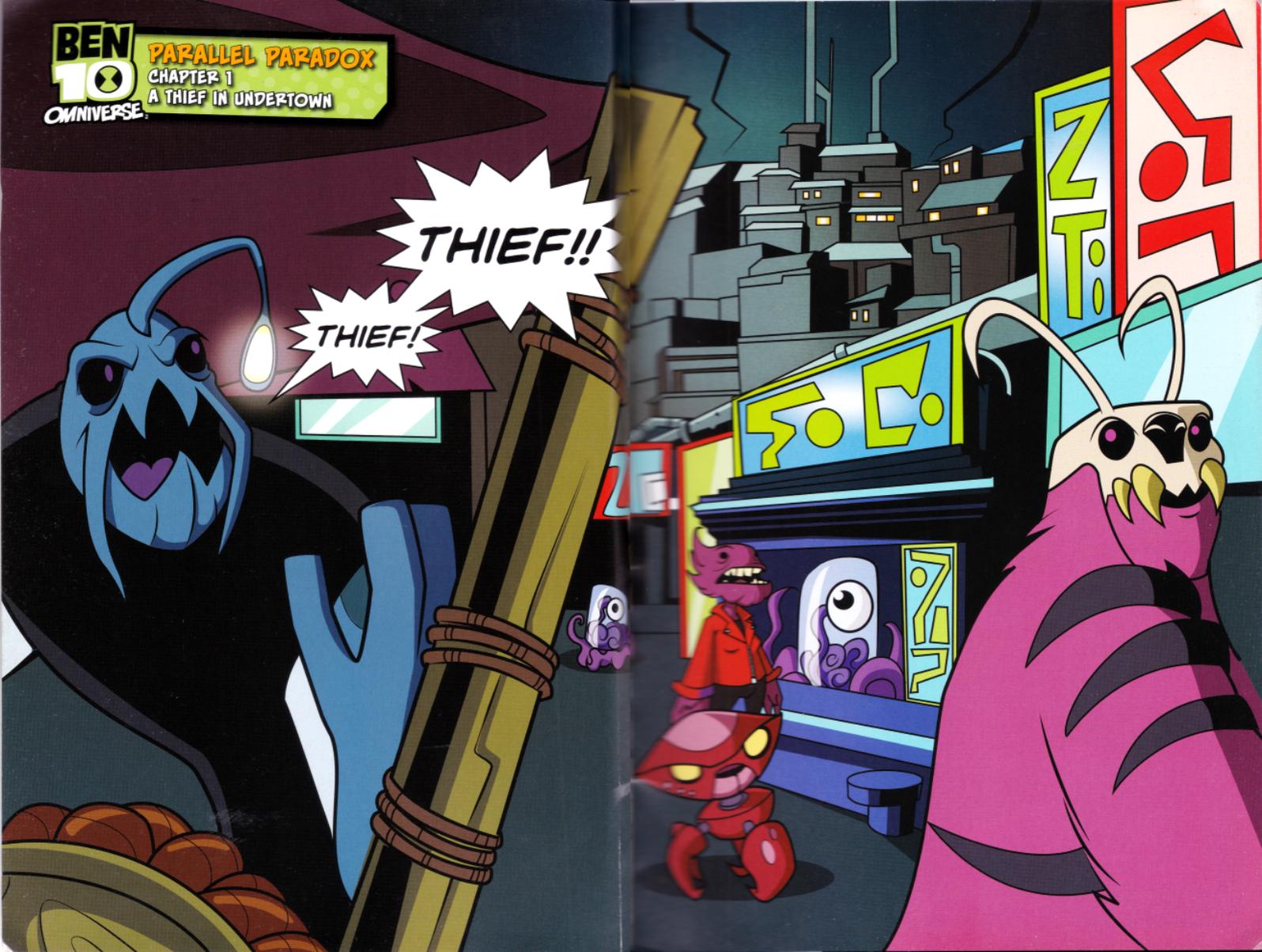


MAX TENNYSON

BEN'S GRANDPA MAX IS A RETIRED PLUMBER HIMSELF WHO HAS TAKEN IT UPON HIMSELF TO TRAIN BEN AND HIS COUSIN GWEN IN THE WAYS OF SAVING THE UNIVERSE. IT'S HIS IDEA THAT BEN AND ROOK WORK TOGETHER SO EACH CAN LEARN FROM THE OTHER.

THIEF!!

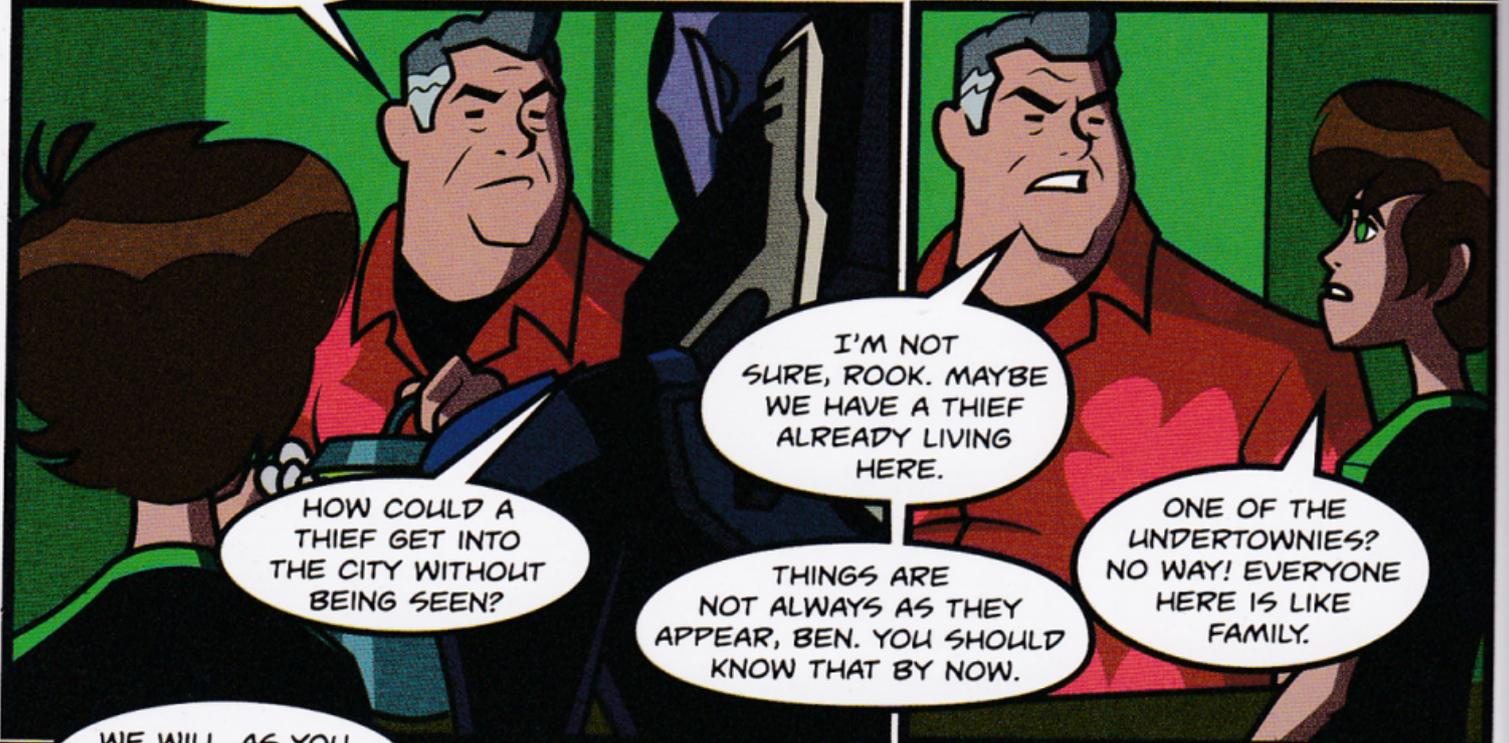
THIEF!





WE'VE GOT A THIEF IN UNDERTOWN, BEN.

WHAT'S UP, GRANDPA MAX?

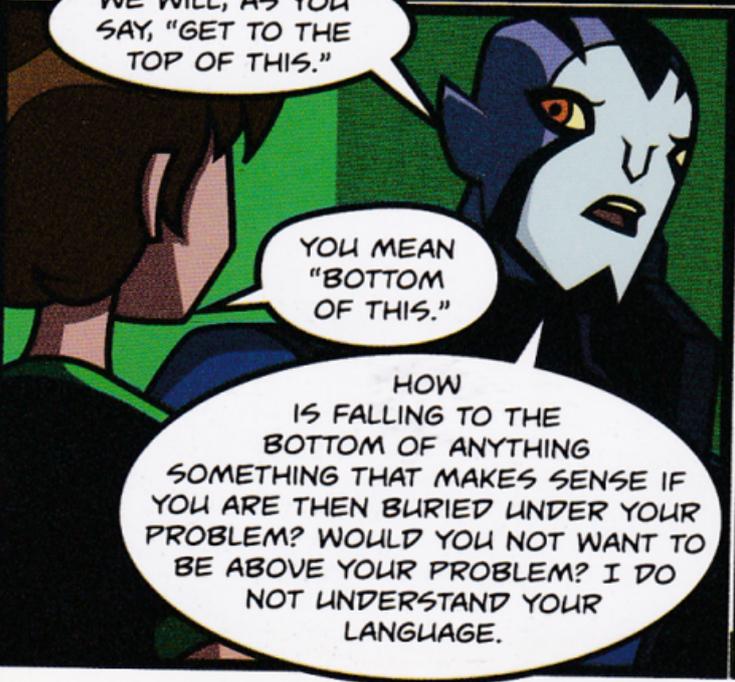


HOW COULD A THIEF GET INTO THE CITY WITHOUT BEING SEEN?

I'M NOT SURE, ROOK. MAYBE WE HAVE A THIEF ALREADY LIVING HERE.

THINGS ARE NOT ALWAYS AS THEY APPEAR, BEN. YOU SHOULD KNOW THAT BY NOW.

ONE OF THE UNDERTOWNIES? NO WAY! EVERYONE HERE IS LIKE FAMILY.



WE WILL, AS YOU SAY, "GET TO THE TOP OF THIS."

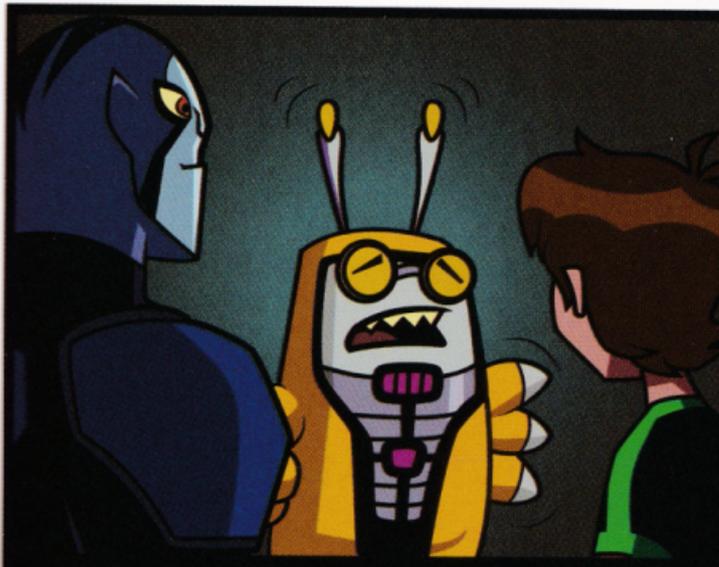
YOU MEAN "BOTTOM OF THIS."

HOW IS FALLING TO THE BOTTOM OF ANYTHING SOMETHING THAT MAKES SENSE IF YOU ARE THEN BURIED UNDER YOUR PROBLEM? WOULD YOU NOT WANT TO BE ABOVE YOUR PROBLEM? I DO NOT UNDERSTAND YOUR LANGUAGE.



BOYS, YOU'VE GOT A THIEF TO CATCH. YOU CAN HAVE A GRAMMAR LESSON LATER. RIGHT NOW, I SUGGEST YOU START DETECTIVING. WE NEED OUR TOWN TO STAY A SAFE HAVEN FOR ALL ITS CITIZENS.

RIGHT! C'MON, ROOK! LET'S CATCH A THIEF!



YOU NOTICE THAT A LOT OF WHAT'S BEING STOLEN IS TECH? AND NOT QUITE, UH, LEGAL TECH?

IT DOES SEEM THAT THE UNDERTOWN DWELLERS AFFECTED HAVE BEEN RELIEVED OF SOMEWHAT CONTRABAND ALIEN DEVICES. K...

WELL, IN THEIR DEFENSE, EVERYONE HERE IS AN ALIEN. THE TECH IS FROM THEIR OWN GALAXIES. BUT STILL...

LET US LOOK AT OUR EVIDENCE.

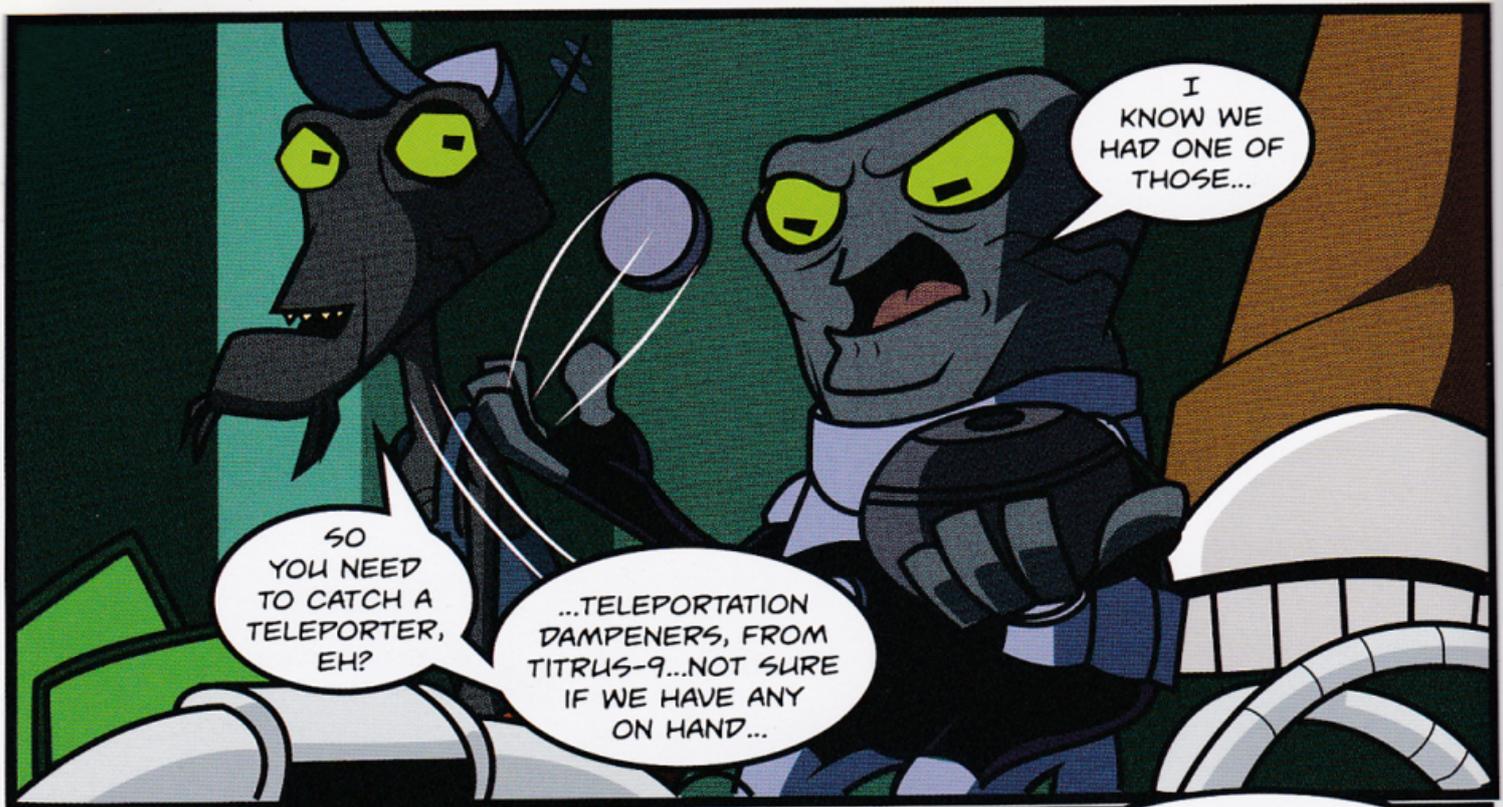
IN AND OUT WITHOUT TRIPPING ALARMS...AND NO ONE SEES THEM AND IT'S ALL INSTANTANEOUS! THAT ONE GUY SAID HE WAS ONLY GONE A MINUTE!

OKAY. NO ONE SEES THE THIEF COME IN OR OUT. THERE ARE NO ALARMS GOING OFF--AND SOME OF THESE GUYS HAVE SOME SERIOUSLY FANCY SYSTEMS AROUND THEIR SECRET TECH, SO THAT'S WEIRD.

YES, AND...

YES.

WE'VE GOT A TELEPORTER THIEF!



SO YOU NEED TO CATCH A TELEPORTER, EH?

...TELEPORTATION DAMPENERS, FROM TITRUS-9...NOT SURE IF WE HAVE ANY ON HAND...

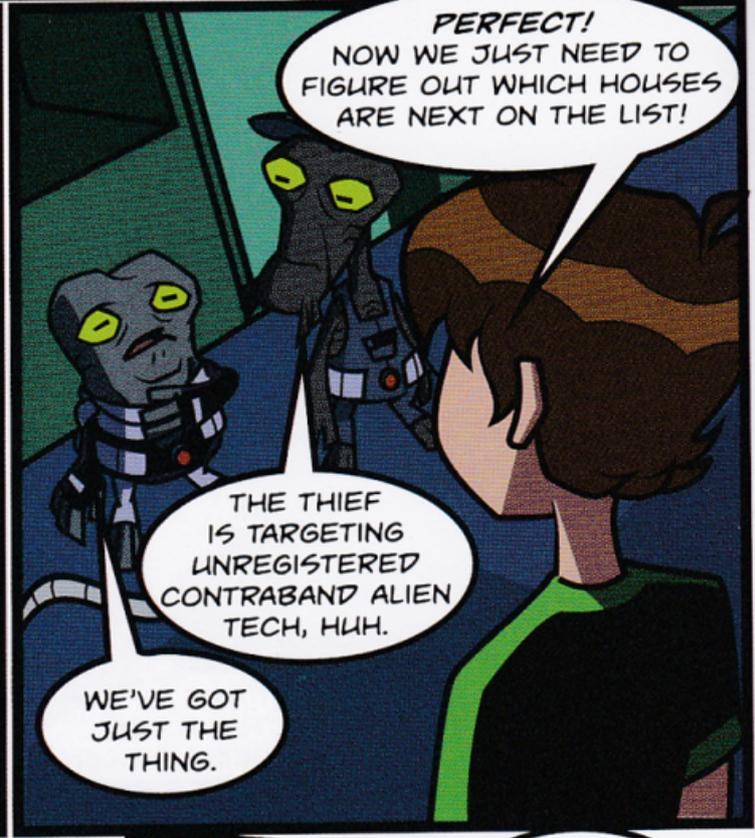
I KNOW WE HAD ONE OF THOSE...



HERE!

IT'S WHAT THEY USED TO CATCH HIGHBREED BANDITS. IT CAN EVEN SHUT DOWN A TELEPORTER POD...

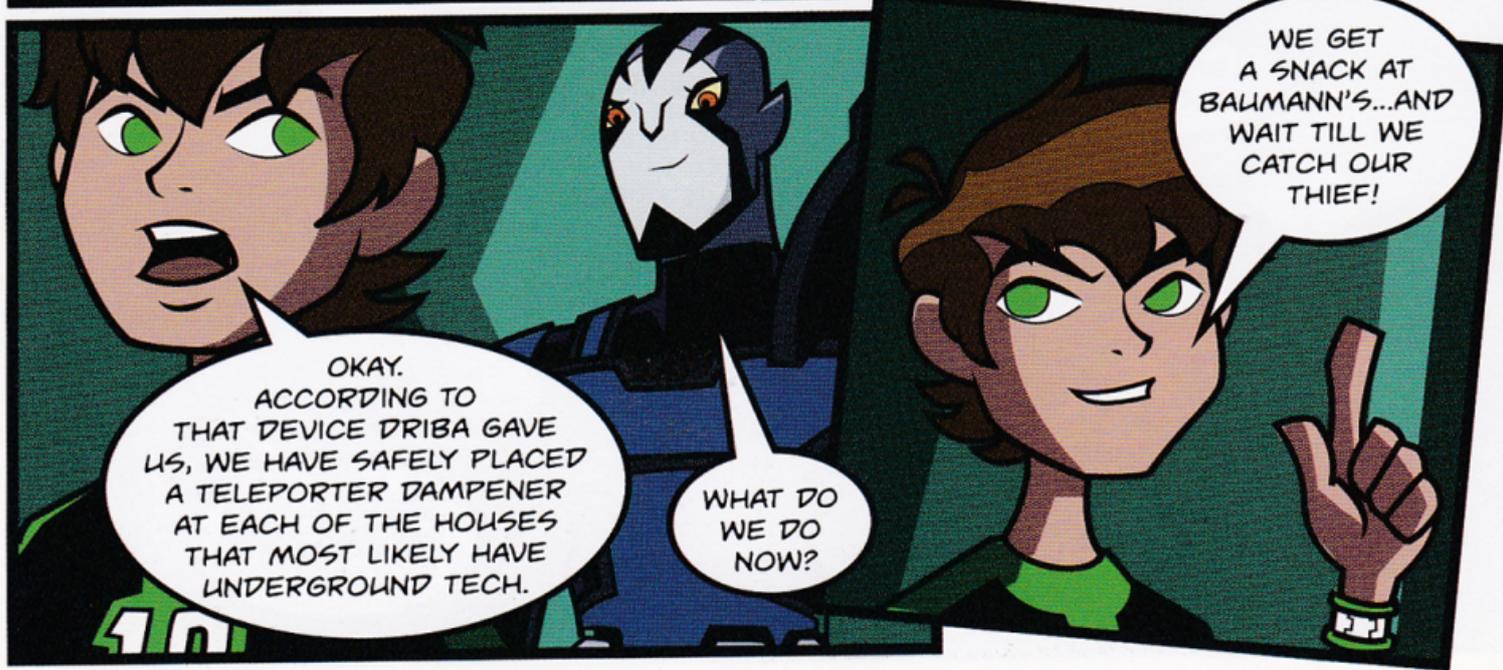
SO YOU SAY!



PERFECT! NOW WE JUST NEED TO FIGURE OUT WHICH HOUSES ARE NEXT ON THE LIST!

THE THIEF IS TARGETING UNREGISTERED CONTRABAND ALIEN TECH, HUH.

WE'VE GOT JUST THE THING.



OKAY. ACCORDING TO THAT DEVICE DRIBA GAVE US, WE HAVE SAFELY PLACED A TELEPORTER DAMPENER AT EACH OF THE HOUSES THAT MOST LIKELY HAVE UNDERGROUND TECH.

WHAT DO WE DO NOW?

WE GET A SNACK AT BALMANN'S...AND WAIT TILL WE CATCH OUR THIEF!



WAIT, ALL OF THE HOUSES THAT WE PUT THE TELEPORTER DAMPENERS IN GOT ROBBED?!



I'M AFRAID SO, BEN. AND THIS TIME THE THIEF GOT AHOLD OF A PIECE THAT UNFORTUNATELY PROVES WHAT I WAS AFRAID OF BEFORE. HE'S ASSEMBLING A VERY SPECIFIC DEVICE.

THAT IS TROUBLING.

BUT HOW? AND WAIT...HOW DO YOU KNOW THAT IF THE TECH ISN'T REGISTERED?



REMEMBER THAT NOT EVERYTHING IS "ON RECORD," BEN.

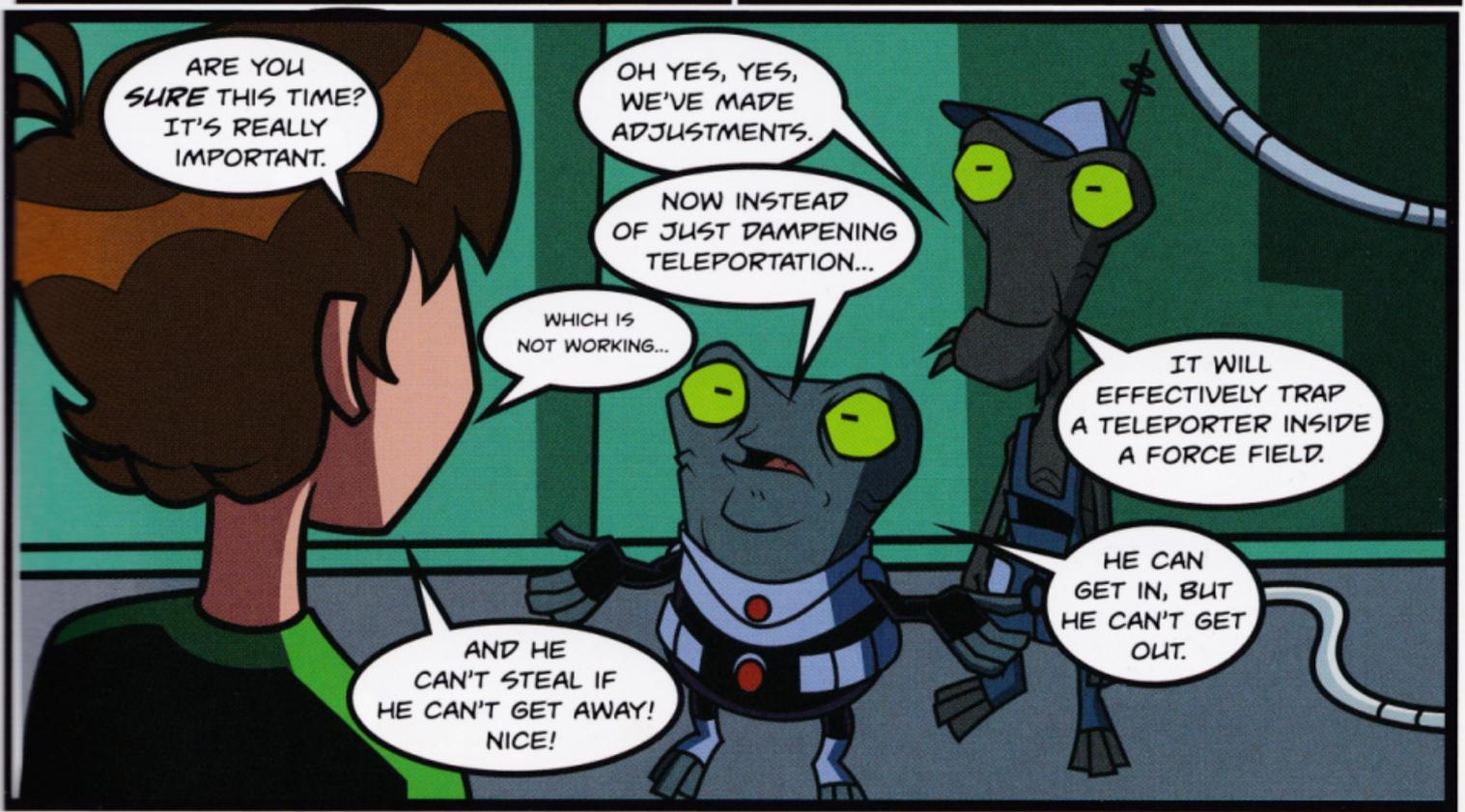
IT LOOKS LIKE THIS THIEF IS ONLY TARGETING CERTAIN PIECES OF TECH. WHEN THE DEVICES THEY HAVE STOLEN ARE COMBINED, THEY WILL BECOME A VERY POWERFUL WEAPON. THIS WEAPON IS SOMETHING YOU COULD USE TO START A WAR. IT'S THAT BIG.

THAT IS A VIOLATION.

HUSH! WHAT'S GOING ON, GRANDPA MAX?



IN OTHER WORDS, WE NEED TO STOP THIS TELEPORTING LUNATIC RIGHT NOW.



ARE YOU SURE THIS TIME? IT'S REALLY IMPORTANT.

OH YES, YES, WE'VE MADE ADJUSTMENTS.

NOW INSTEAD OF JUST DAMPENING TELEPORTATION...

WHICH IS NOT WORKING...

IT WILL EFFECTIVELY TRAP A TELEPORTER INSIDE A FORCE FIELD.

AND HE CAN'T STEAL IF HE CAN'T GET AWAY! NICE!

HE CAN GET IN, BUT HE CAN'T GET OUT.

NO WAY!
THE THIEF STILL
GOT IN?!

AFRAID SO, BEN. EVEN THE WOMAN
WHO LIVES HERE COULDN'T GET OUT.
IN FACT, THE FORCE FIELD TRAPPED
EVERYONE IN THEIR HOMES ALL NIGHT,
BUT THIS PARTICULAR HOUSE STILL
WAS ROBBED.

SO MISS,
UH...

IMINA.

MISS IMINA,
YOU WERE HERE
ALL NIGHT AND
YOU DIDN'T SEE
ANYONE?

WHY, MAY
I ASK, DO YOU HAVE
A SOTORAGGIAN
DRILL BIT?

THANK YOU,
MISS. WE WILL BE
IN TOUCH IF WE FIND
YOUR ITEM.

NO, NOT AT ALL.
I COULDN'T EVEN STEP
OUT TO GET SOMETHING TO EAT.
I'M SO HUNGRY, BUT MY
SOTORAGGIAN DRILL BIT IS VERY
MUCH MISSING.

WELL, THAT'S
A BIT PERSONAL,
ISN'T IT?

OF COURSE,
OF COURSE.

THANK YOU.
AND DO YOU MIND,
I STILL CAN'T LEAVE.
CAN YOU PLEASE LET
ME OUT SO I CAN
GO SHOPPING?

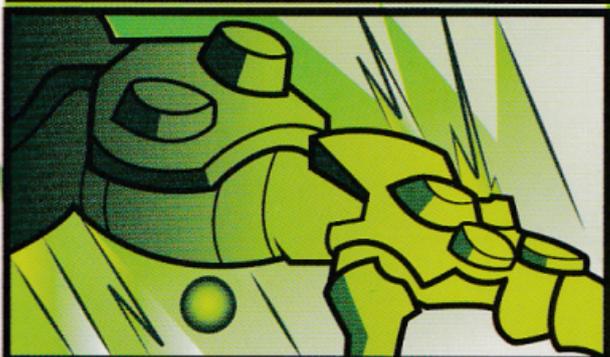
SHE WAS
IN A HURRY.

WELL, SHE
WAS LOCKED IN HER
HOUSE ALL NIGHT
WITH NO FOOD.

THERE ARE
TWENTY-TWO MORE
DOMICILES TO
INVESTIGATE...

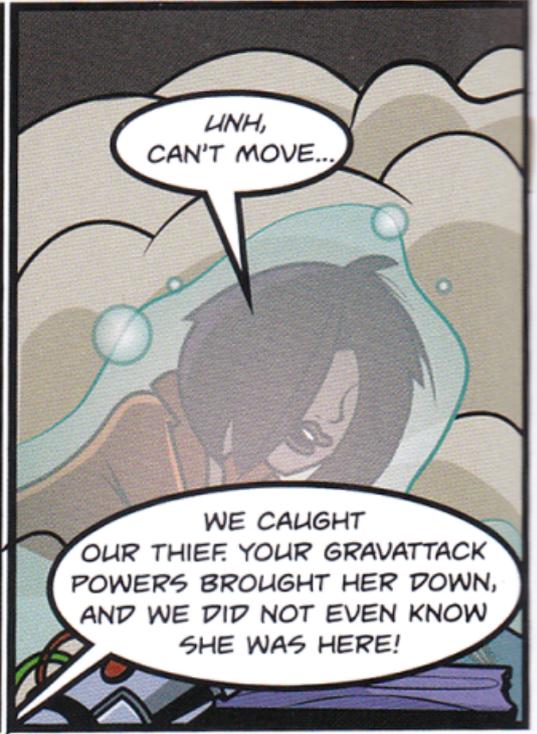
SIGH.
I GUESS BLUKIC
AND DRIBA'S DEVICE
ONLY WORKS ON EVERYONE
BUT THE GUY WE WERE TRYING
TO CATCH. BACK TO
SQUARE ONE.

SIGH!





WHO?



LINH, CAN'T MOVE...

WE CAUGHT OUR THIEF YOUR GRAVATTACK POWERS BROUGHT HER DOWN, AND WE DID NOT EVEN KNOW SHE WAS HERE!



WELL, BEN... LOOKS LIKE YOUR THIEF...

IS
ELENA VALIDUS!



SERIOUSLY?
I GET ALL THE PIECES AND ALMOST FINISH MY JOB AND THEN YOU CATCH ME BY ACCIDENT? FIGURES. YOU GOT A KNACK, BEN TENNYSON.



ELENA, WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?!



WHAT DO YOU CARE? WHY DON'T YOU JUST LET ME GET UP AND GO. YOU DON'T WANT ME HERE ANYWAY. YOU MADE THAT PERFECTLY CLEAR LAST TIME I SAW YOU.

REALLY, ELENA, WHAT'RE YOU DOING HERE? I NEVER SAID I DIDN'T WANT TO SEE YOU AGAIN. I THOUGHT YOU DIDN'T WANT TO SEE ME AGAIN.



WAIT, YOU THINK I'M HERE TO SEE YOU? AFTER HOW RUDE YOU WERE TO ME LAST TIME I SAW YOU? PLEASE. I'M HERE FOR THE TECH. I'M ON A JOB.

YOU MAY STILL NOT GET UP.



BEN, LET HER UP. BUT YOU, YOUNG LADY, ARE STILL NOT GOING ANYWHERE TILL WE FIND OUT WHAT YOU ARE UP TO. WHO ARE YOU STEALING THESE PIECES FOR?

LIKE I KNOW. I'M ON A JOB. I'M GETTING TECH FROM A LIST. I DON'T KNOW WHO IT'S FOR. I DON'T CARE. I'M GETTING PAID A LOT OF MONEY. END OF STORY. NOT EVERYTHING IS A MYSTERY, MR. TENNYSON.

YOU MAY GET UP, BUT YOU MAY NOT LEAVE.



MAN, WHO'S THE NEW SIDEKICK?

I AM ROOK BLONKO. I AM NOT A SIDEWALK. I AM A PLUMBER. I AM BEN TENNYSON'S PARTNER. AND YOU ARE UNDER ARREST FOR BREAKING AND ENTERING AND...

ME TOO. BUT AT LEAST WE CAUGHT HER BEFORE SHE GAVE THE TECH TO HER EMPLOYER. NO MORE THIEVERY. IT'S ELENA. WHAT DO YOU EXPECT? SHE'S ALWAYS INVOLVED IN SOMETHING SHADY.



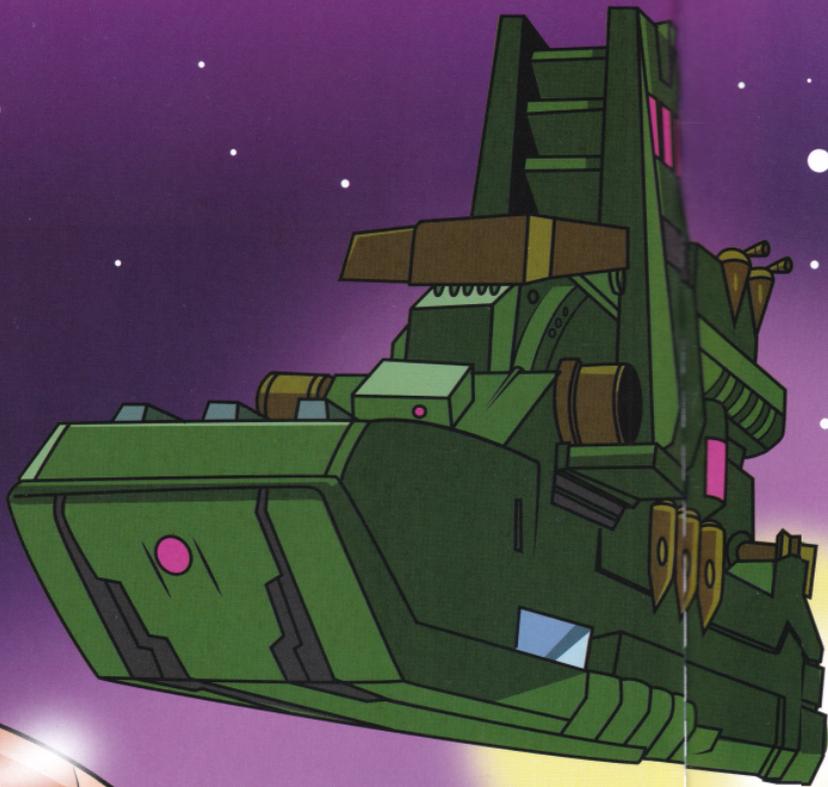
ROOK, USE THE SETTING THAT NULLS NANOS. SHE'S TRICKY. AND ELENA, I THOUGHT YOU HAD LEARNED YOUR LESSON ABOUT GETTING INVOLVED IN CRIME, BUT I GUESS NOT.

I'M VERY CONCERNED ABOUT THIS, BEN.



BUT THAT STILL DOESN'T EXPLAIN WHO WANTS THIS TECH. AND WHAT THEY WANT IT FOR.

DEEP SPACE,
AN INCURSEAN SHIP.



THE PAWN HAS
BEEN COMPROMISED,
MY LEADER.



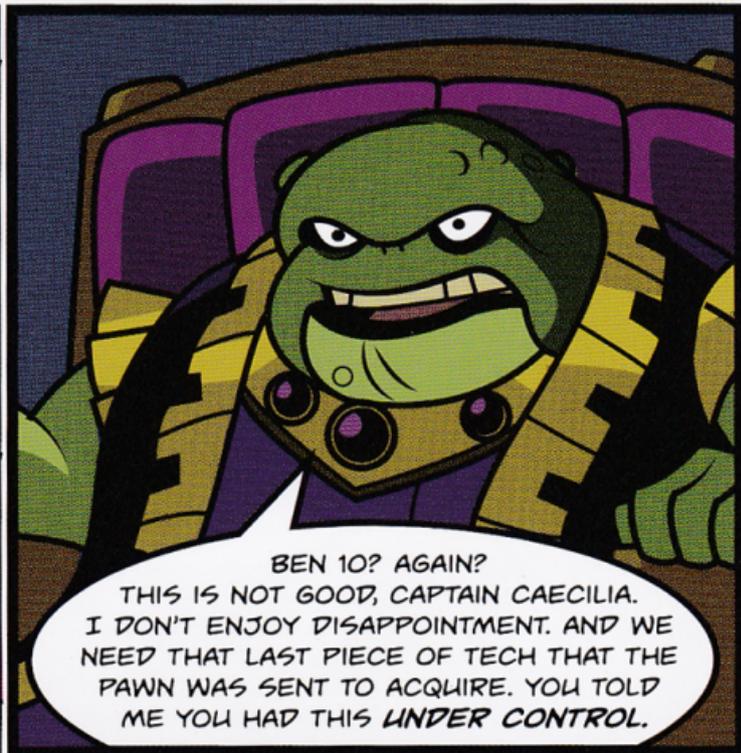
I TRUSTED
YOU WITH THIS,
CAECILIA. COMPROMISED
HOW?



COMPROMISED
AS IN CAPTURED, SIR...
BY...

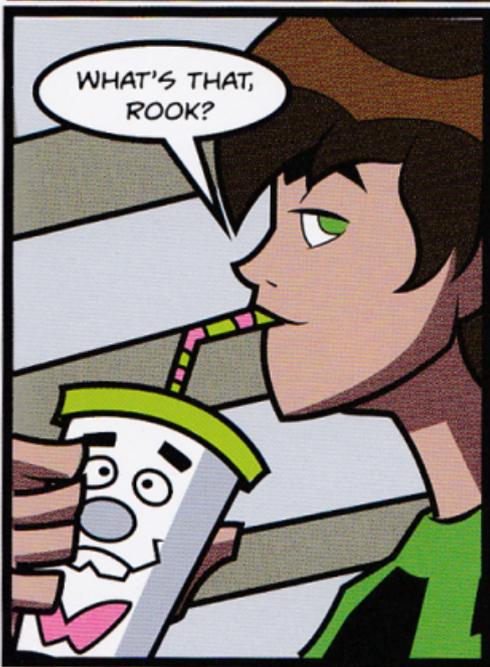


**CAPTURED
BY WHOM?!**





I AM NOT SURE OF SOMETHING, BEN.



WHAT'S THAT, ROOK?



WELL, THIS ELENA VALIDUS GIRL THAT WE CAUGHT STEALING TECH FROM THE UNDERTOWNIES.



WHAT ABOUT HER?



SHE IS A THIEF. YET YOU HAVE SYMPATHY FOR HER.



WELL, SHE WAS MY FRIEND. AND SHE'S HELPED ME IN THE PAST.



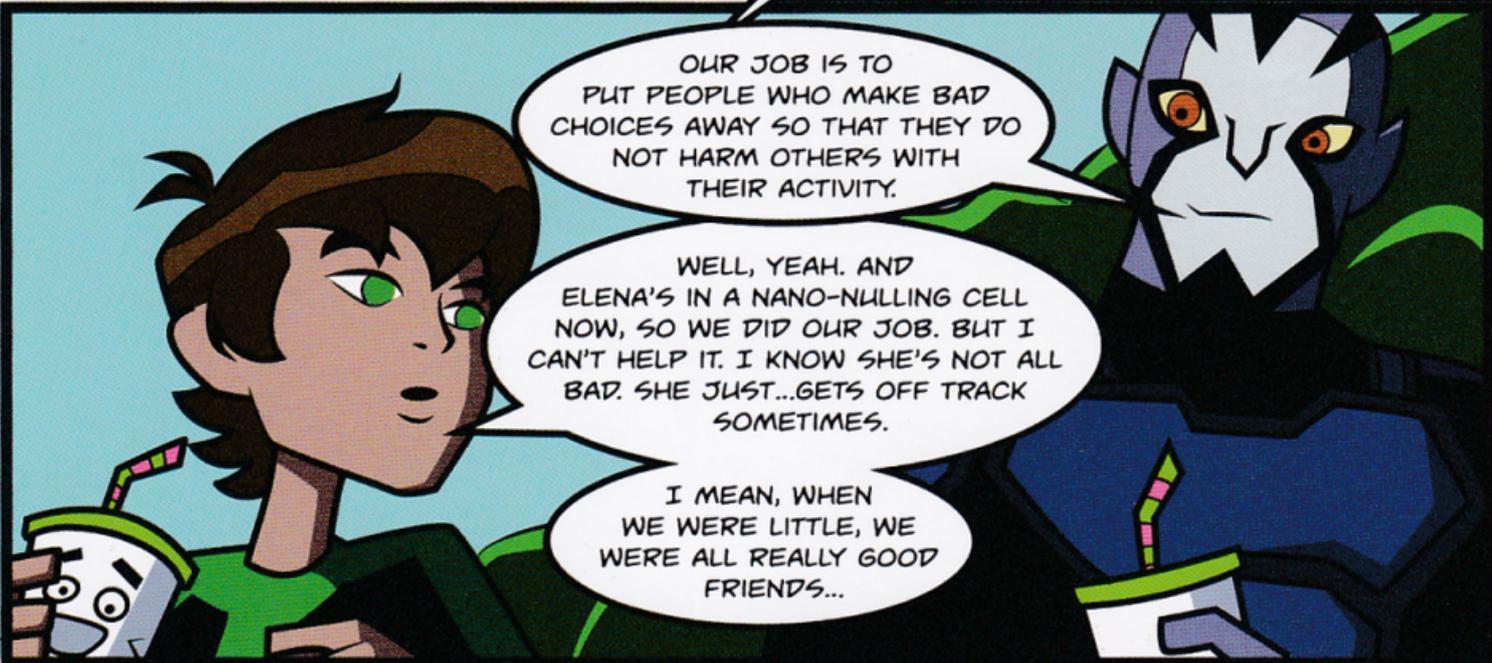
I DO NOT UNDERSTAND.



HOW CAN SOMEONE BE YOUR FRIEND BUT ALSO BE A CRIMINAL?



OH, ELENA'S NOT ALL BAD. SHE JUST MAKES A LOT OF BAD MISTAKES. AND REALLY BAD CHOICES... LIKE THIS ONE.



OUR JOB IS TO PUT PEOPLE WHO MAKE BAD CHOICES AWAY SO THAT THEY DO NOT HARM OTHERS WITH THEIR ACTIVITY.

WELL, YEAH. AND ELENA'S IN A NANO-NULLING CELL NOW, SO WE DID OUR JOB. BUT I CAN'T HELP IT. I KNOW SHE'S NOT ALL BAD. SHE JUST...GETS OFF TRACK SOMETIMES.

I MEAN, WHEN WE WERE LITTLE, WE WERE ALL REALLY GOOD FRIENDS...



YOU WERE GOOD FRIENDS WITH THIS PERSON?! I DO NOT UNDERSTAND HOW.

SHE EVEN SAVED ME AND GWEN A FEW TIMES. BUT THINGS ALWAYS WERE HARD FOR ELENA...

YEARS EARLIER.

I'VE HAD ENOUGH OF YOU MEDDLING TENNYSONS. IT'S TIME TO TAKE CARE OF YOU ONCE AND FOR ALL.

BEN 10
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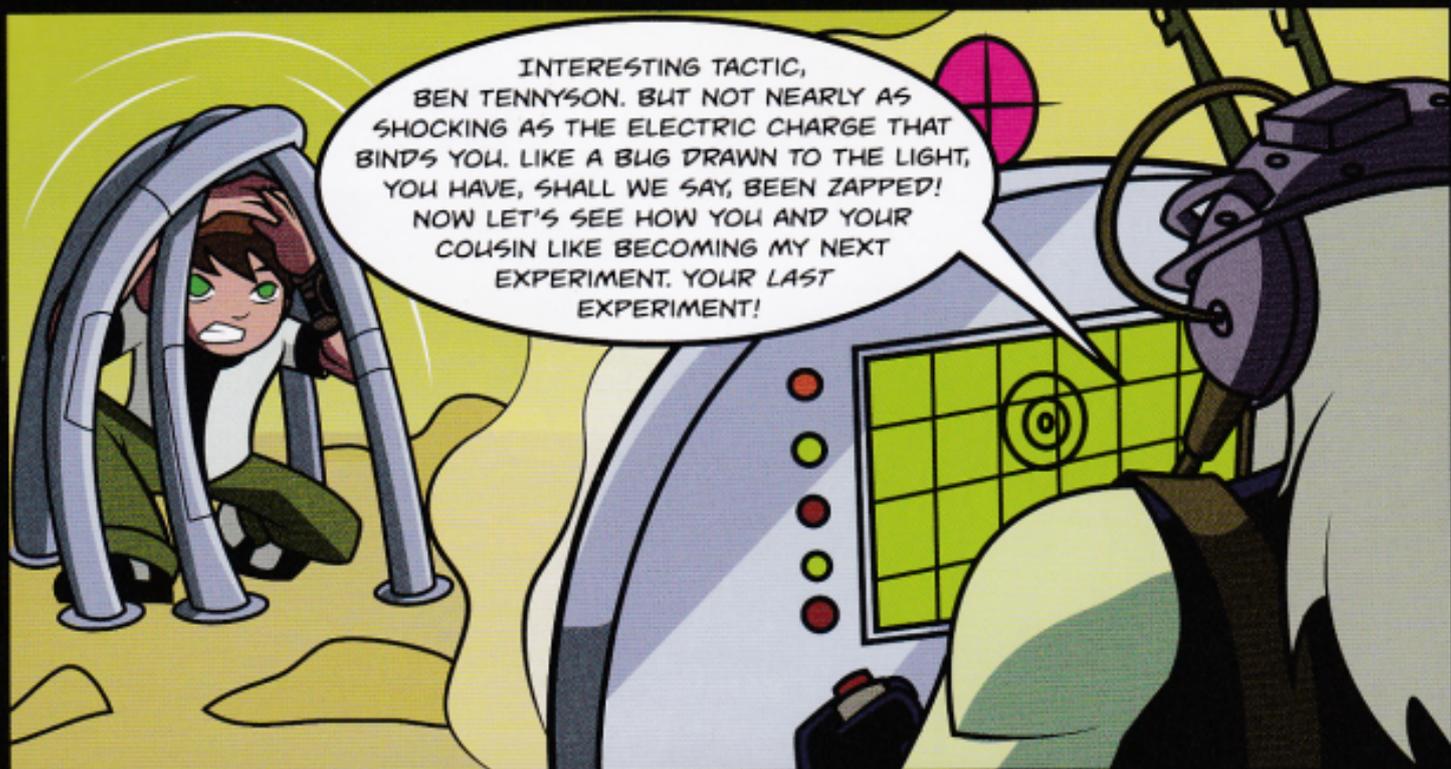
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CHAPTER 2
ELENA'S FIRST MISTAKE

LET'S SEE HOW YOU HANDLE...

STINKFLY!

LIRRRGAH!

OKAY, SO I'LL JUST CUT MYSELF OUT... SO...

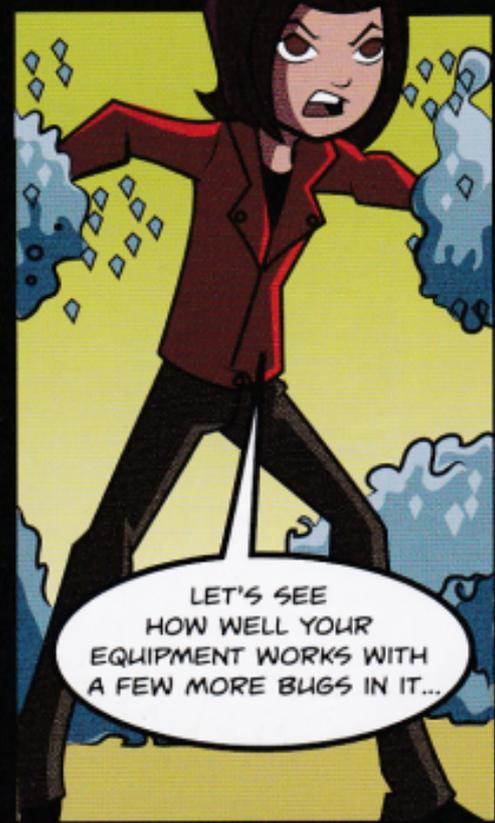


INTERESTING TACTIC, BEN TENNYSON. BUT NOT NEARLY AS SHOCKING AS THE ELECTRIC CHARGE THAT BINDS YOU. LIKE A BUG DRAWN TO THE LIGHT, YOU HAVE, SHALL WE SAY, BEEN ZAPPED! NOW LET'S SEE HOW YOU AND YOUR COUSIN LIKE BECOMING MY NEXT EXPERIMENT. YOUR LAST EXPERIMENT!



HEY, DR. FRANKENSTEIN.

HOW MANY TIMES HAVE I TOLD YOU KIDS NOT TO CALL ME...?!



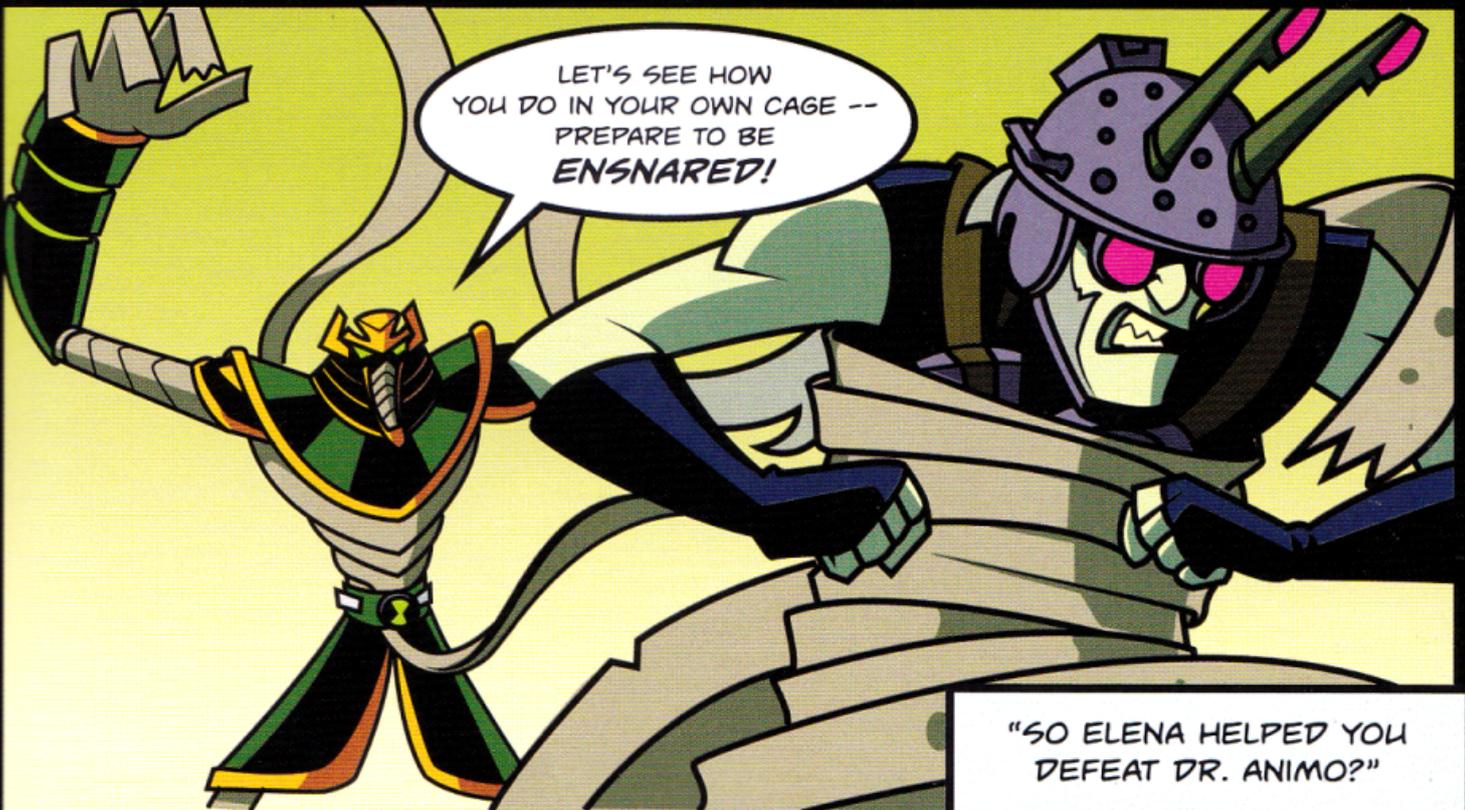
LET'S SEE HOW WELL YOUR EQUIPMENT WORKS WITH A FEW MORE BUGS IN IT...



A LITTLE HELP HERE BEFORE I TURN INTO SOMETHING I'M NOT THAT HAPPY ABOUT?!

COMING UP!







SHE DID. AND IF ELENA HADN'T SHOWN UP AND HELPED US, GWEN AND I WOULD PROBABLY BE JUST TWO MORE OF DR. ANIMO'S MUTANTS.



SO HOW DID SHE GO FROM FIGHTING CRIMINALS WITH YOU TO BECOMING ONE HERSELF?



"WELL, WE WEREN'T HER ONLY FRIENDS, AND SOMETIMES SHE DIDN'T CHOOSE THE BEST PEOPLE TO HANG OUT WITH."



HER DAD WAS STEALING TECH, BEN!

BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN SHE WAS.



C'MON, IF HER DAD'S A THIEF, WHAT MAKES YOU THINK SHE'S OKAY?

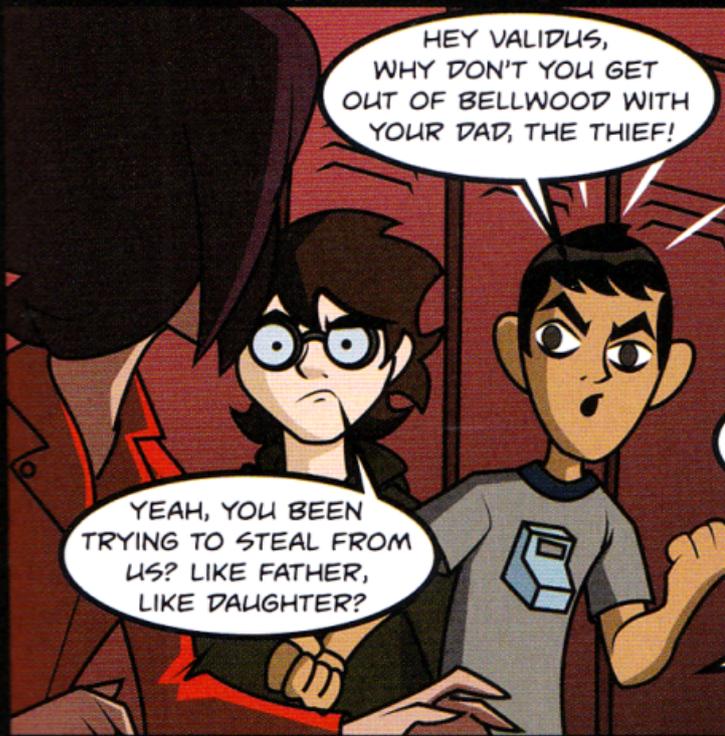
WHAT MAKES YOU THINK SHE'S NOT?

BEN! FOR ONE THING, SHE HANGS OUT WITH THE MARLEYS. YOU KNOW WHAT THEY'RE LIKE.



SHE'S A VIP ON YOUR SOCCER TEAM. WE SUPPORT EACH OTHER.

SHE'S A VIP BECAUSE YOU AND YOUR COUSIN, GWEN, ALWAYS STICK UP FOR HER AND LET HER PLAY. BUT SHE'S A BAD KID, BEN. YOU KNOW IT.





LOOK WHAT I HAVE!



COACH'S MASTER KEY? WHAT IF WE GET CAUGHT?!

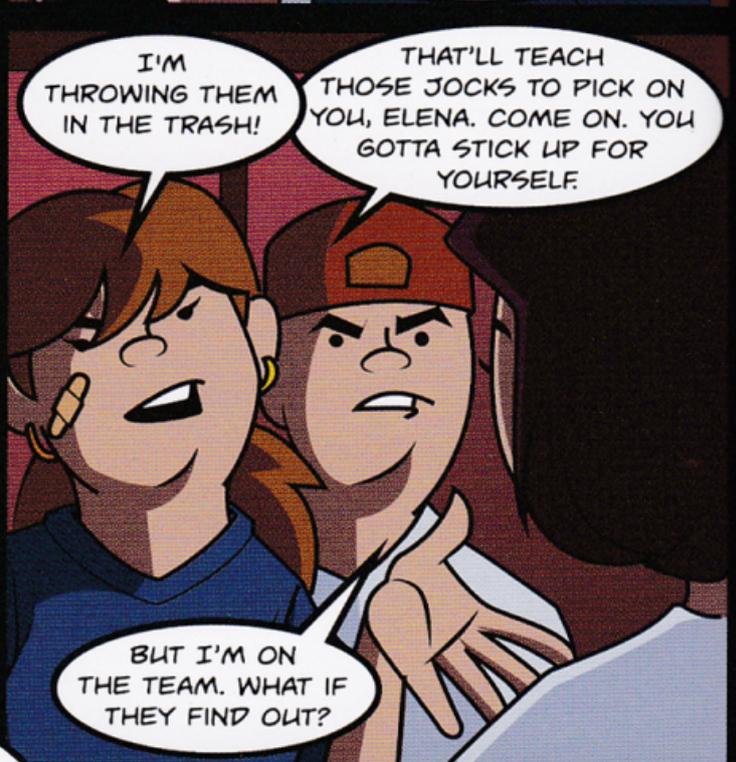
EVERYONE'S GETTING READY FOR THE GAME. NO ONE WILL BE IN HERE FOR HOURS.



WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO WITH EVERYONE'S CLOTHES?

WHAT DO YOU THINK I'M GOING TO DO?

UM, YOU'RE ONLY ABLE TO DO THIS RIGHT NOW BECAUSE THEY WON'T EVEN LET YOU OFF THE BENCH TO PLAY, RIGHT? C'MON. TEACH 'EM A LESSON! SEE HOW THEY LIKE IT WHEN THEY DON'T HAVE ALL THEIR FANCY CLOTHES.



I'M THROWING THEM IN THE TRASH!

THAT'LL TEACH THOSE JOCKS TO PICK ON YOU, ELENA. COME ON. YOU GOTTA STICK UP FOR YOURSELF.

BUT I'M ON THE TEAM. WHAT IF THEY FIND OUT?



BUT...



DON'T BE A LOSER! IT'LL BE FUNNY!

FWUMP!



I PRETENDED TO GO ALONG WITH THE MARLEYS SO THEY'D THINK I WAS COOL, BUT I SNUCK BACK AND GOT ALL THE CLOTHES OUT OF THE TRASH. I CAN'T LET MY TEAMMATES HAVE THEIR STUFF STOLEN.

I'LL JUST STASH THEM HERE AND THEN MAKE SURE EVERYONE GETS THEM BACK BEFORE ANYONE KNOWS...



HEY VALIDUS, WE NEED YOU ON THE FIELD!



OH, WOW, I GET TO PLAY. I'LL JUST HAVE TO GET ALL THIS STUFF OUT LATER AND GET IT BACK TO EVERYONE.



LATER, AFTER THE GAME.

GOOD JOB, ELENA!

THANKS, BEN, I...

HEY, ELENA...

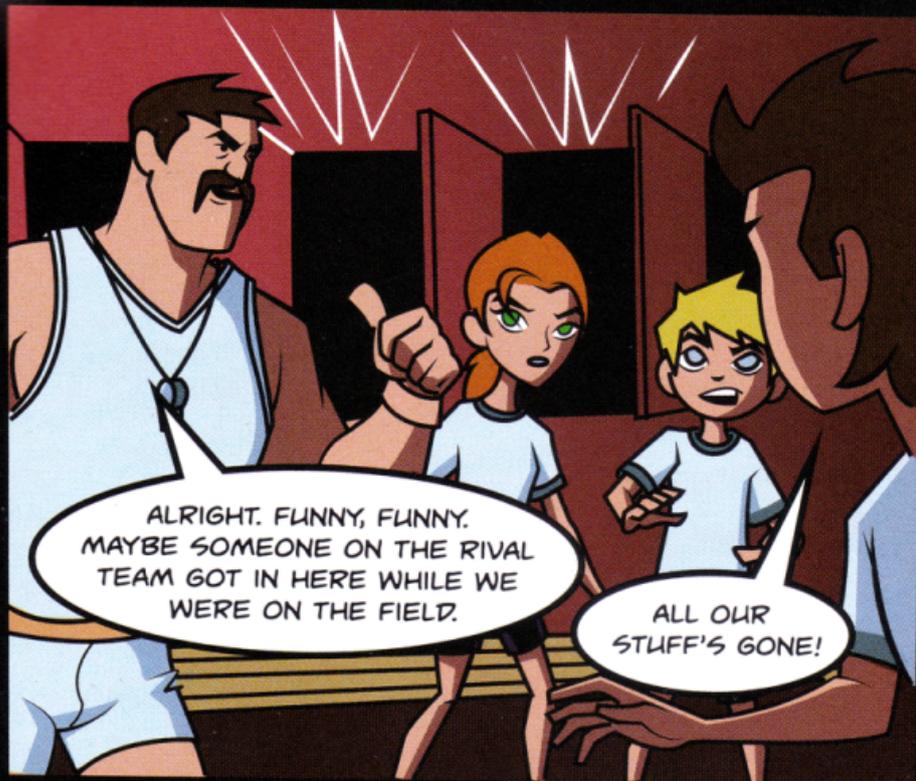


THAT WAS A GREAT KICK, ELENA. YOU'RE A REALLY GOOD SOCCER PLAYER. SORRY... ABOUT EARLIER... YOUR DAD AND STUFF.



OH, IT'S OKAY, I...

HEY, WHERE ARE MY CLOTHES?



ALRIGHT. FUNNY, FUNNY. MAYBE SOMEONE ON THE RIVAL TEAM GOT IN HERE WHILE WE WERE ON THE FIELD.

ALL OUR STUFF'S GONE!



HEY, ELENA'S LOCKER IS STILL SHUT THOUGH.



I'M SURE MY STUFF'S GONE TOO, OR MAYBE THEY JUST DIDN'T HAVE TIME TO...



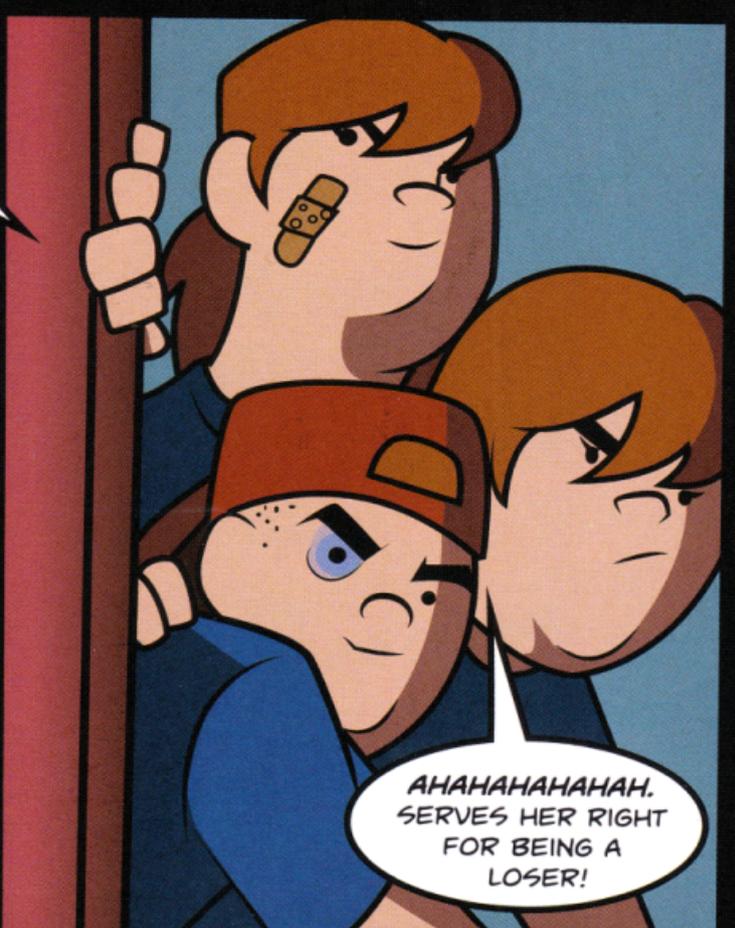
CLICK!



OUR STUFF!

OH NO.

ELENA TOOK ALL OUR STUFF!



AHAHAHAHAHAH. SERVES HER RIGHT FOR BEING A LOSER!



I CAN'T BELIEVE ELENA WAS TRYING TO STEAL FROM HER OWN TEAM, BEN.



I KNOW, GWEN, I CAN'T EITHER. IT DOESN'T SEEM RIGHT.



BEN, GWEN, HONESTLY, I WAS TRYING TO STOP...



ENOUGH, ELENA. I CAN'T KEEP STICKING UP FOR YOU IF YOU KEEP DOING THINGS LIKE THIS.

YOUR OWN TEAM, ELENA. HOW COULD YOU?



BUT I DIDN'T...



AHAHAHAHAHA

SERIOUSLY, ELENA. WE CAN'T HELP YOU IF YOU DON'T HELP YOURSELF.

BUT...

"IT TURNED OUT THAT ELENA HAD BEEN TRYING TO HELP AND WASN'T REALLY THE CULPRIT BEHIND THE STOLEN CLOTHES."

"BUT BY THEN IT DIDN'T MATTER."

"THE DAMAGE WAS DONE TO HER REPUTATION AND TO HER EMOTIONS. THOUGH GWEN AND I DID APOLOGIZE, BUT ELENA WAS SO MAD AT US BY THEN THAT SHE STARTED HANGING OUT WITH JANE MARLEY JUST TO GET BACK AT US."

"IT SOUNDS LIKE YOU GAVE HER A LOT OF CHANCES. SHE STILL FLEW IN WITH A BAD APPLE."

"FELL IN, I THINK. BUT I KNOW WHAT YOU MEAN. STILL, IT WASN'T JUST THAT."

"WHEN ELENA FIRST LEFT BELLWOOD, GWEN AND I DIDN'T REALLY KNOW WHY SHE OR HER DAD LEFT..."

"BUT HE'D BEEN STEALING TECH. WE SAW HER AGAIN A LONG TIME LATER WHEN HER DAD, VICTOR VALIPLUS, WHO USED TO BE A PLUMBER TOO, WAS POSSESSED BY THE HIVE QUEEN."

"SO EVEN THOUGH SHE WAS ATTACKING JULIE, YOU STILL THOUGHT ELENA WAS YOUR FRIEND?"

"WELL, THINGS GOT BAD AGAIN. NEXT TIME WE SAW HER, SHE ACTUALLY KIDNAPPED JULIE, MY GIRLFRIEND."

"A PLUMBER WOULD NEVER DO SUCH A THING, BEN."

"WELL, SHE WAS, SHE WAS JUST, YOU KNOW, UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF THE EVIL NANOCHIPS."

"WELL, THAT TIME IT TURNED OUT THAT ELENA WAS ACTUALLY POSSESSED BY THE NANOCHIPS. IN FACT, THE QUEEN WE THOUGHT WE DEFEATED BEFORE WAS JUST A DECOY. ELENA WAS THE QUEEN."

"WE ENDED UP SAVING ELENA'S DAD, BUT ELENA AND GWEN WERE STILL ARGUING."

"IT DOESN'T SOUND LIKE SHE WAS BAD IN THAT STORY."

"NO, SHE WASN'T, AND SHE WAS EVEN GOING TO BECOME A PLUMBER... OR SO SHE SAID."

"WHAT HAPPENED TO THAT PLAN?"

"MAYBE I DON'T KNOW WHAT LOVE IS, BUT NOW I KNOW WHAT HATE IS. YOU'LL SEE ME AGAIN."

"I THINK THAT'S WHEN THINGS REALLY CHANGED."

"IT DOES NOT SOUND LIKE ELENA HAS EVER BEEN VERY GOOD, OR A GOOD FRIEND, BEN."

"SHE WAS JUST MAD. SHE'S VERY SENSITIVE. BUT HEY, WE SAW HER JUST NOW AND SHE WASN'T TRYING TO ATTACK ME OR ANYTHING, SO THERE'S THAT."

"SHE WAS STEALING WEAPON TECH FROM UNPERTOWN. I AM NOT CONVINCED THAT THIS GIRL CAN BE FIXED, BEN. SHE CERTAINLY WILL NEVER BE A PLUMBER."

"YOU MIGHT BE WRONG. I WAS WRONG BEFORE. REMEMBER, SHE DIDN'T STEAL THOSE CLOTHES."

"WELL, UR, NOT EXACTLY. NEXT TIME WE SAW HER SHE KIND OF ATTACKED EVERYBODY AND DISGUISED HERSELF AS JULIE AND PRETENDED TO BE MY GIRLFRIEND."

"THAT TIME JULIE SAVED ME BY CONVINCING ELENA TO LET ME LIVE."

"YOU CAN'T GIVE UP ON YOUR FRIENDS, ROOK. EVERYONE ALWAYS HAS THE CHANCE TO CHANGE."

"ACTUALLY, SHE DID. SHE JUST TRIED TO FIX IT LATER... AND FAILED."

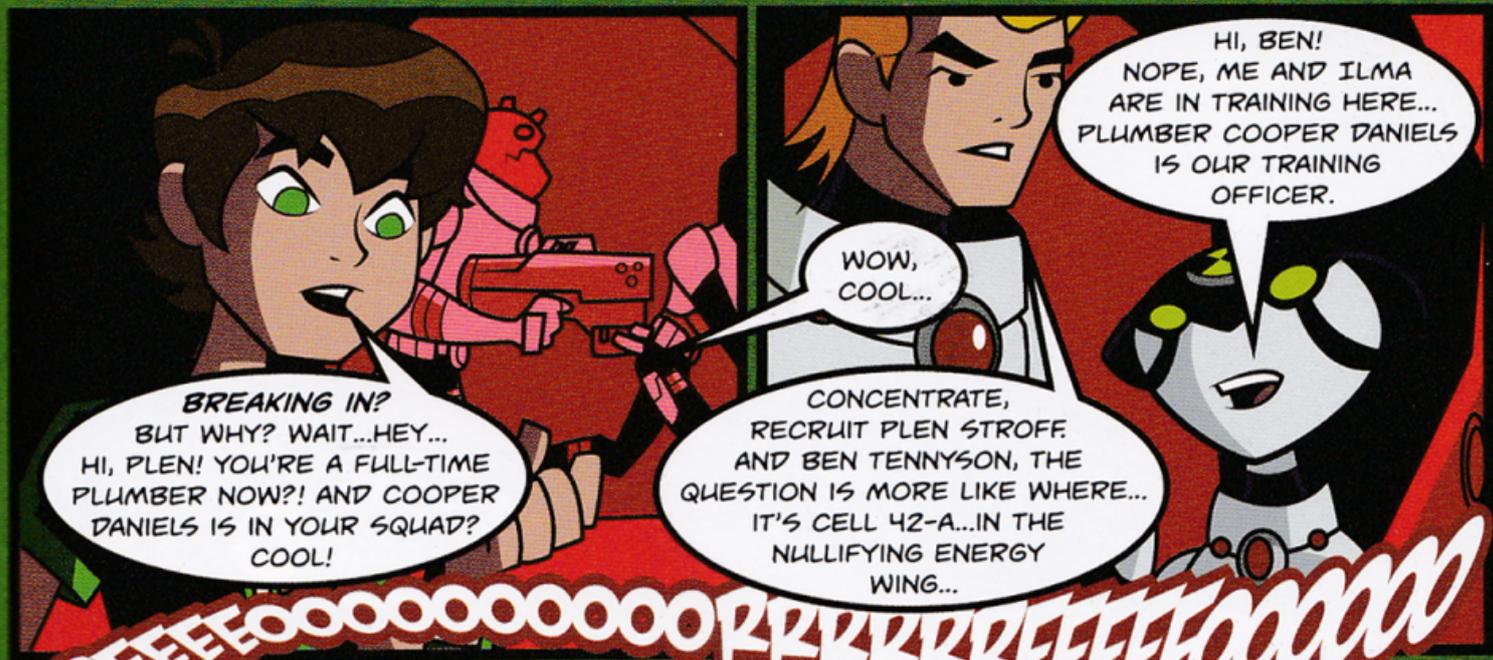
WHAT
IS THAT?

SOMEONE'S
BREAKING OUT!

NO, RECRUIT
TRAINEE PLEN
STROFF, SOMEONE'S
BREAKING

JEN!

REEEEOOOOOOOOOOO RRRRRREEEEEOOOOOO



BREAKING IN?
BUT WHY? WAIT...HEY...
HI, PLEN! YOU'RE A FULL-TIME
PLUMBER NOW?! AND COOPER
DANIELS IS IN YOUR SQUAD?
COOL!

HI, BEN!
NOPE, ME AND ILMA
ARE IN TRAINING HERE...
PLUMBER COOPER DANIELS
IS OUR TRAINING
OFFICER.

WOW,
COOL...

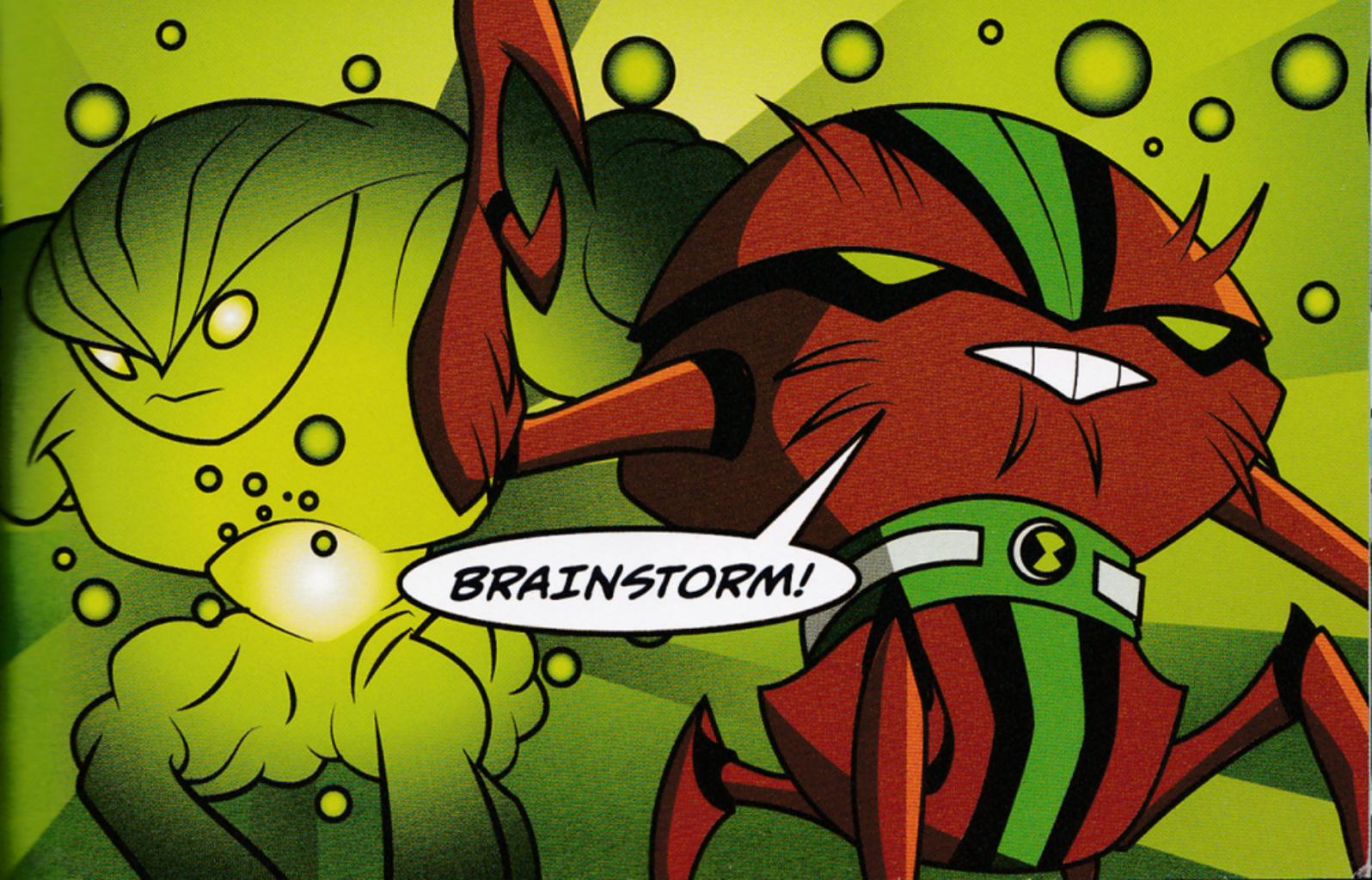
CONCENTRATE,
RECRUIT PLEN STROFF
AND BEN TENNYSON, THE
QUESTION IS MORE LIKE WHERE...
IT'S CELL 42-A...IN THE
NULLIFYING ENERGY
WING...

REEEE



BEN, THAT
IS WHERE THEY
ARE HOLDING
ELENA VALIDUS!

SOMEONE'S
TRYING TO BREAK
HER OUT. HURRY!



BRAINSTORM!

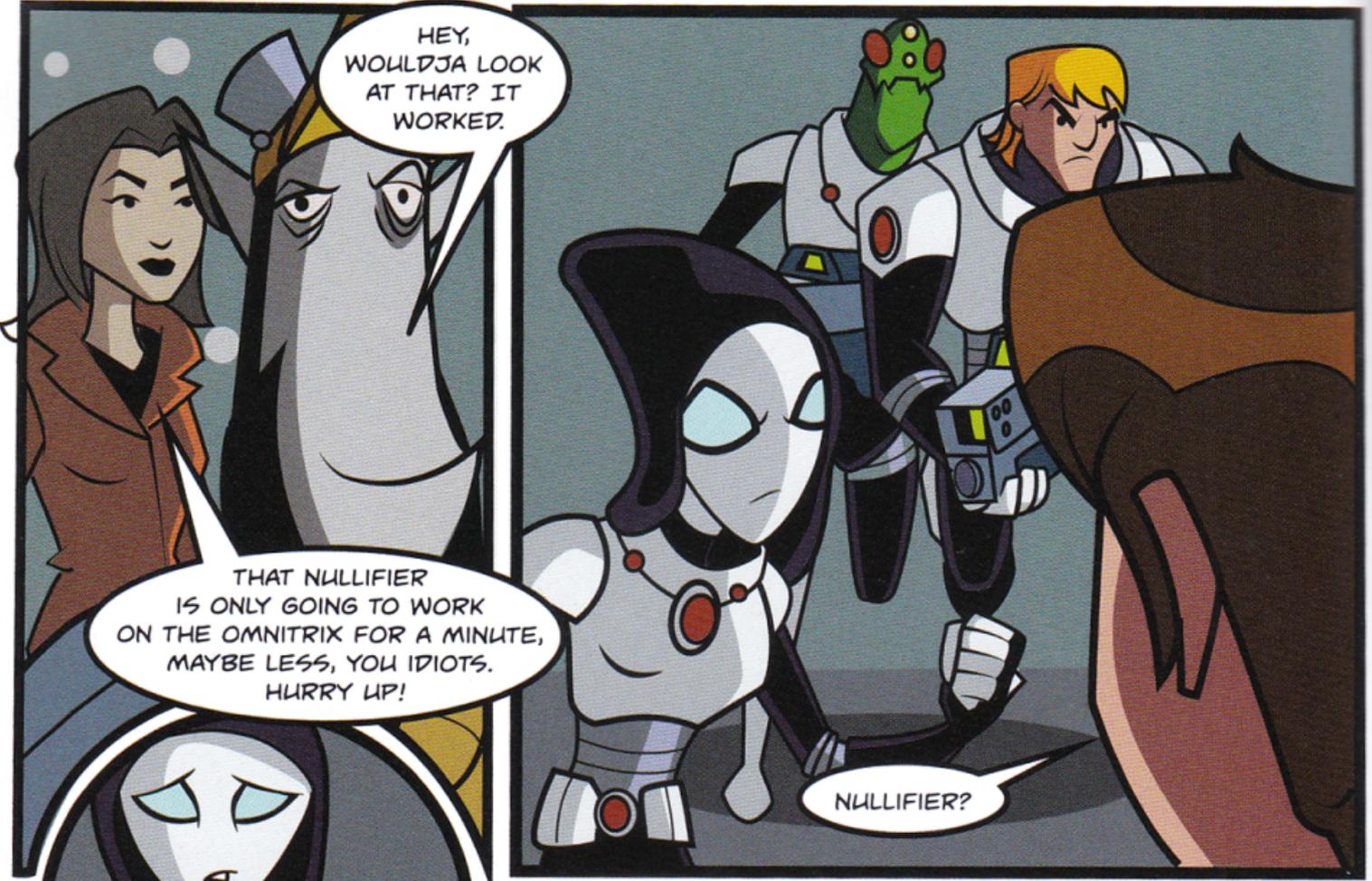
**THE
VREEDLE BROTHERS!**

**BEN TENNYSON.
THEY SAID YOU'D TRY
TO STOP US.**

**BUT WE'VE
GOT SOMETHING
FOR YOU!**

**BEN,
IT IS A
TRAP!**

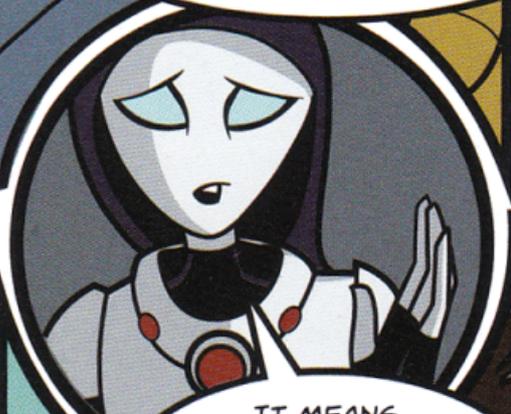




HEY, WOULDJA LOOK AT THAT? IT WORKED.

THAT NULLIFIER IS ONLY GOING TO WORK ON THE OMNITRIX FOR A MINUTE, MAYBE LESS, YOU IDIOTS. HURRY UP!

NULLIFIER?



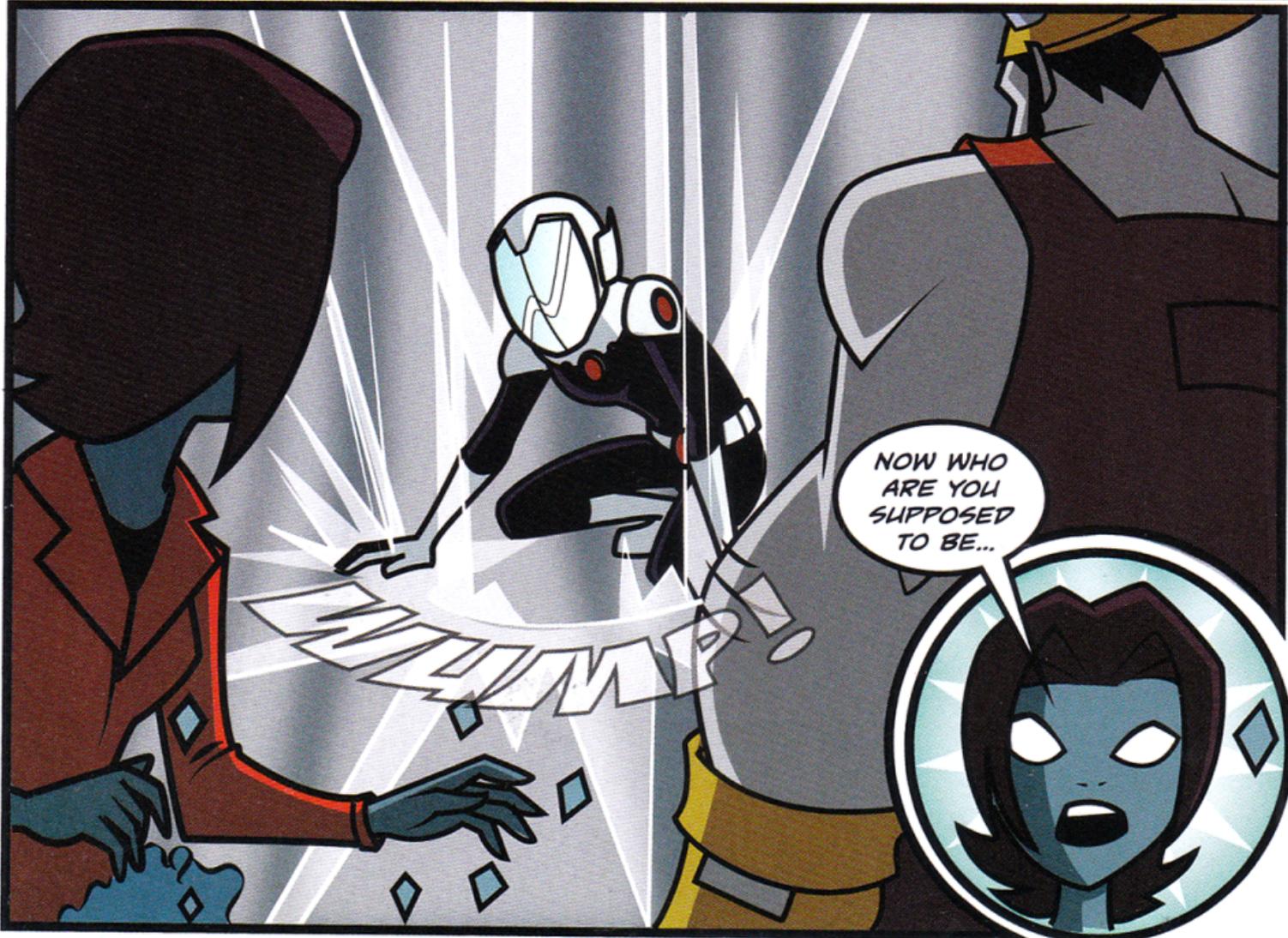
IT MEANS YOU CAN'T CHANGE INTO ANY OF YOUR ALIENS, BEN! YOU DON'T HAVE ANY POWERS!



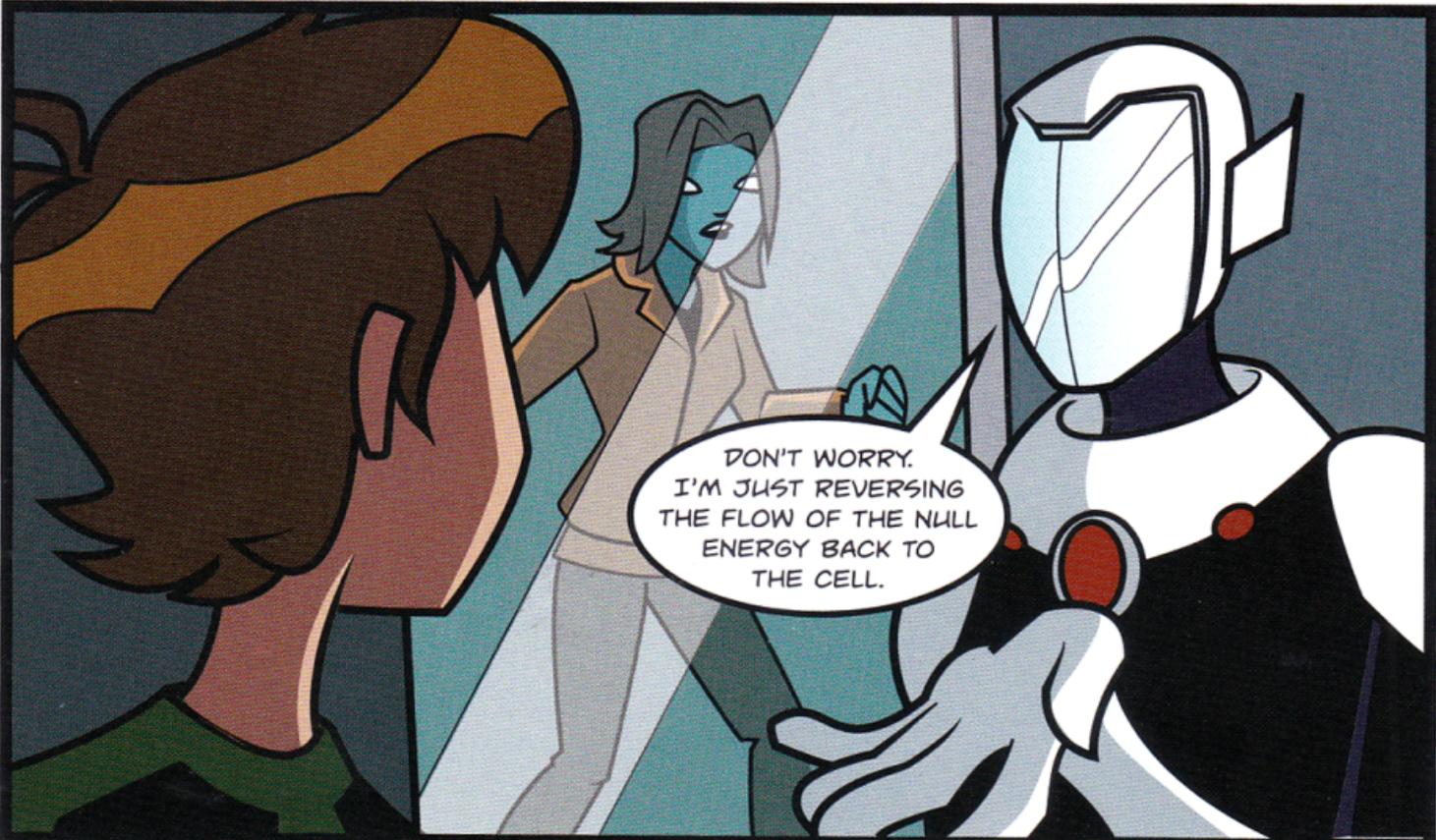
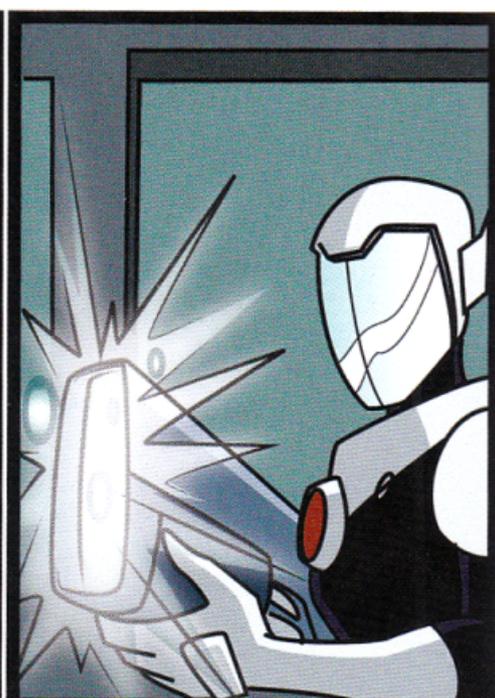
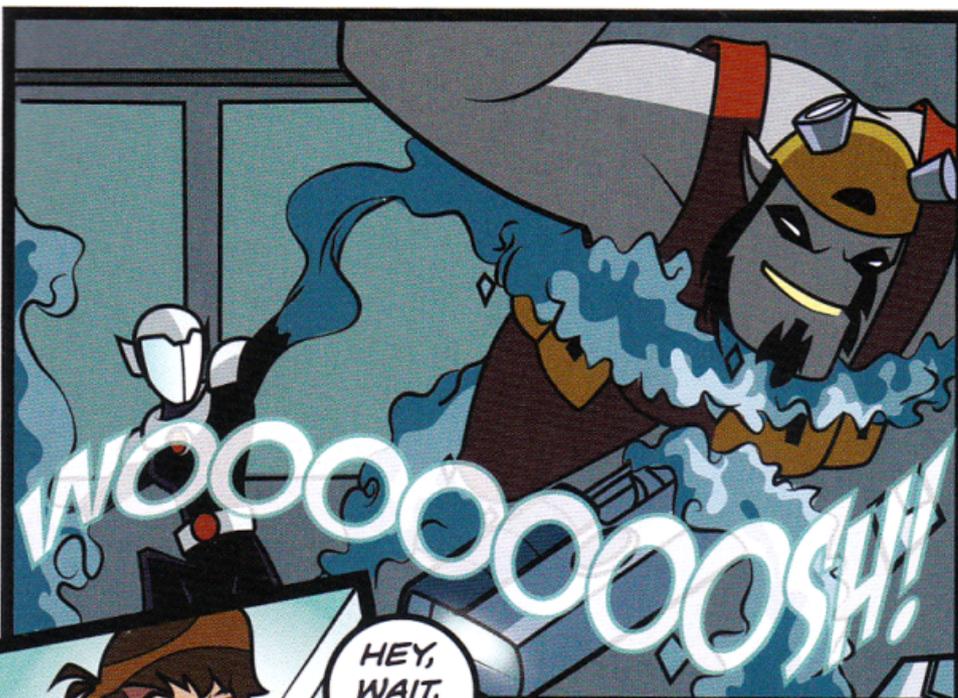
LOOK OUT!

YEP AND THE ENERGY THAT THE VREEDLE BROTHERS JUST SIPHONED FROM MY CAGE IS NOW HOLDING YOU HOSTAGE AND SOON WON'T BE HOLDING ME!



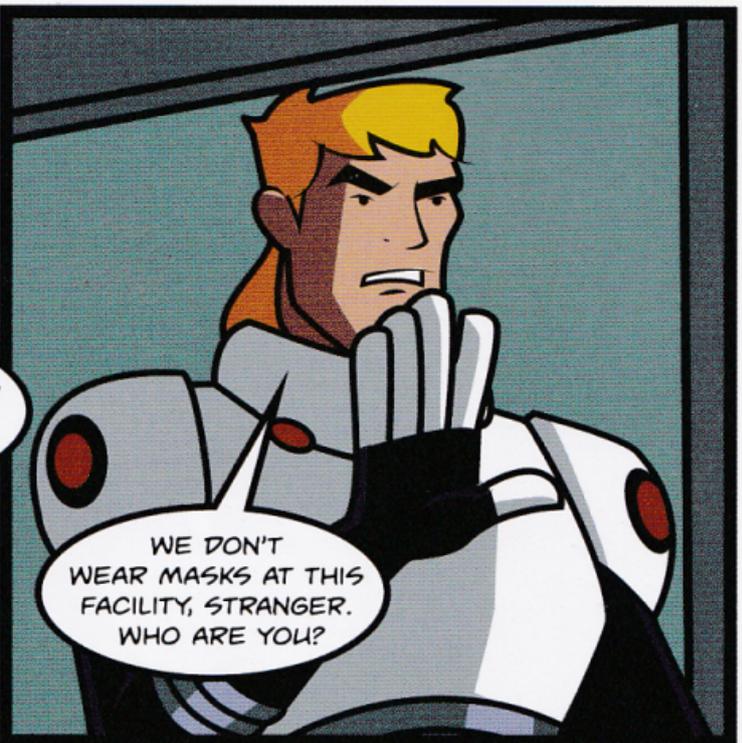




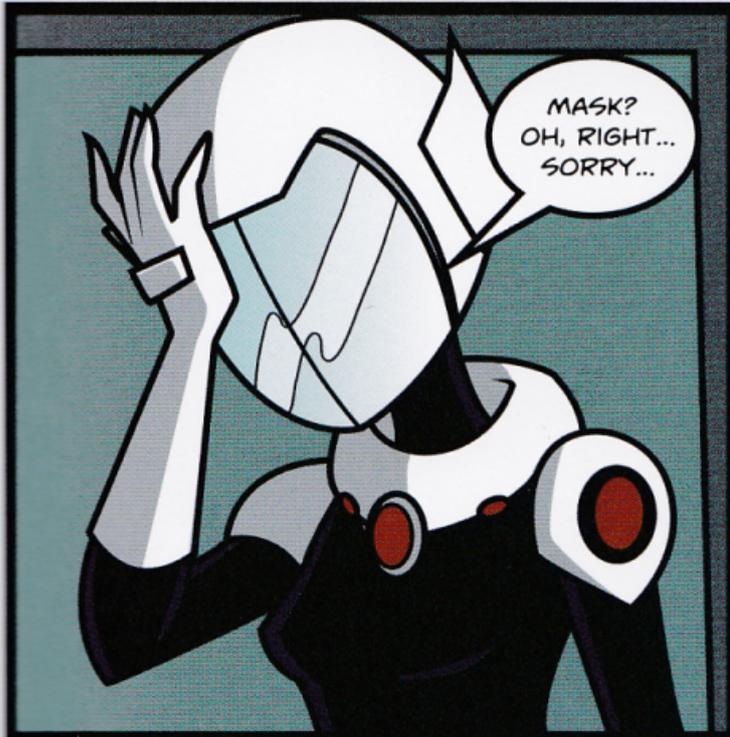




WOW, THANKS. YOU STOPPED ELENA AND THE VREEDLE BROTHERS AND SAVED US.



WE DON'T WEAR MASKS AT THIS FACILITY, STRANGER. WHO ARE YOU?



MASK? OH, RIGHT... SORRY...



I FORGOT I STILL HAD THIS ON...



MY NAME IS...



ELENA?!



HOW ARE YOU ELENA IF ELENA'S STILL IN THERE?



DON'T FALL FOR IT, BEN! SHE'S NOT ME. I'M ME!



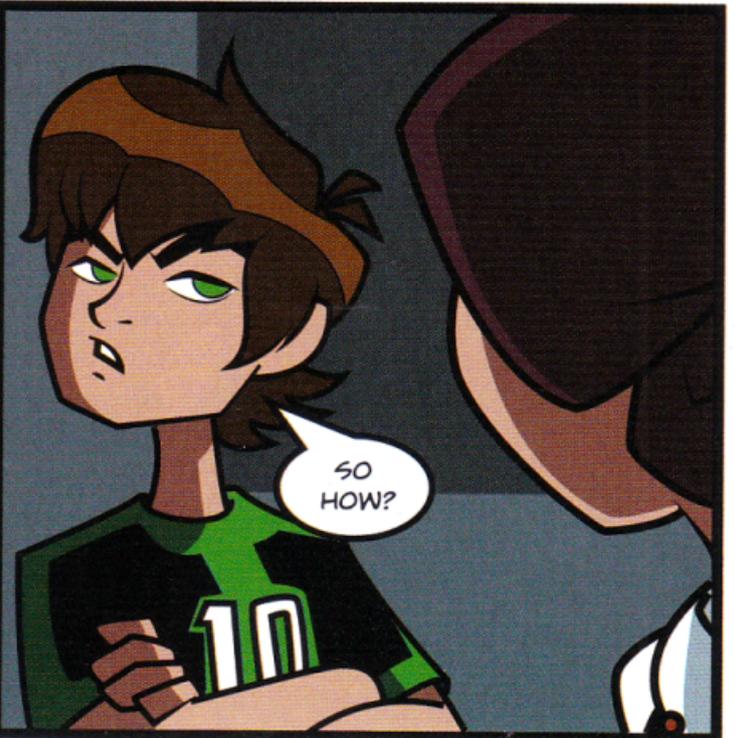
OH, I'M ELENA, ALL RIGHT. I'M JUST NOT YOUR ELENA.



YOU LET ME OUT OF HERE AND I'LL SHOW YOU WHO'S ELENA, YOU IMPOSTER!



I ASSURE YOU, I'M NO IMPOSTER.



SO HOW?



ACTUALLY,
BEN, I THINK I'M
HERE BECAUSE
OF YOU.

"I DON'T GET IT."

"WELL, BEN, FIRST I DIDN'T GET IT EITHER. IN FACT...I DIDN'T EVEN KNOW WHERE I WAS. I JUST WOKE UP LIKE ANY OTHER MORNING."

"I THOUGHT I WAS HOME, JUST LIKE NORMAL."

"BUT PRETTY SOON, I REALIZED SOMETHING WAS NOT QUITE RIGHT. FOR ONE, I WENT TO WORK AND I DIDN'T WORK THERE ANMORE. AND NO ONE THERE EVEN KNEW WHO I WAS."

"I WENT TO MY REGULAR HANGOUT LATER TO FIND MY FRIENDS, NONE OF WHOM WOULD RETURN MY CALLS, AND NO ONE KNEW WHO I WAS THERE EITHER..."

EXCEPT FOR ONE GIRL... WHO YELLED AT ME AND TOLD ME TO GET OUT!

"I FOLLOWED HER AS SHE WENT INTO HOUSES THAT WEREN'T HERS AND STOLE THINGS...AFTER THE FIRST FEW I REALIZED I HAD TO STOP HER, SO..."

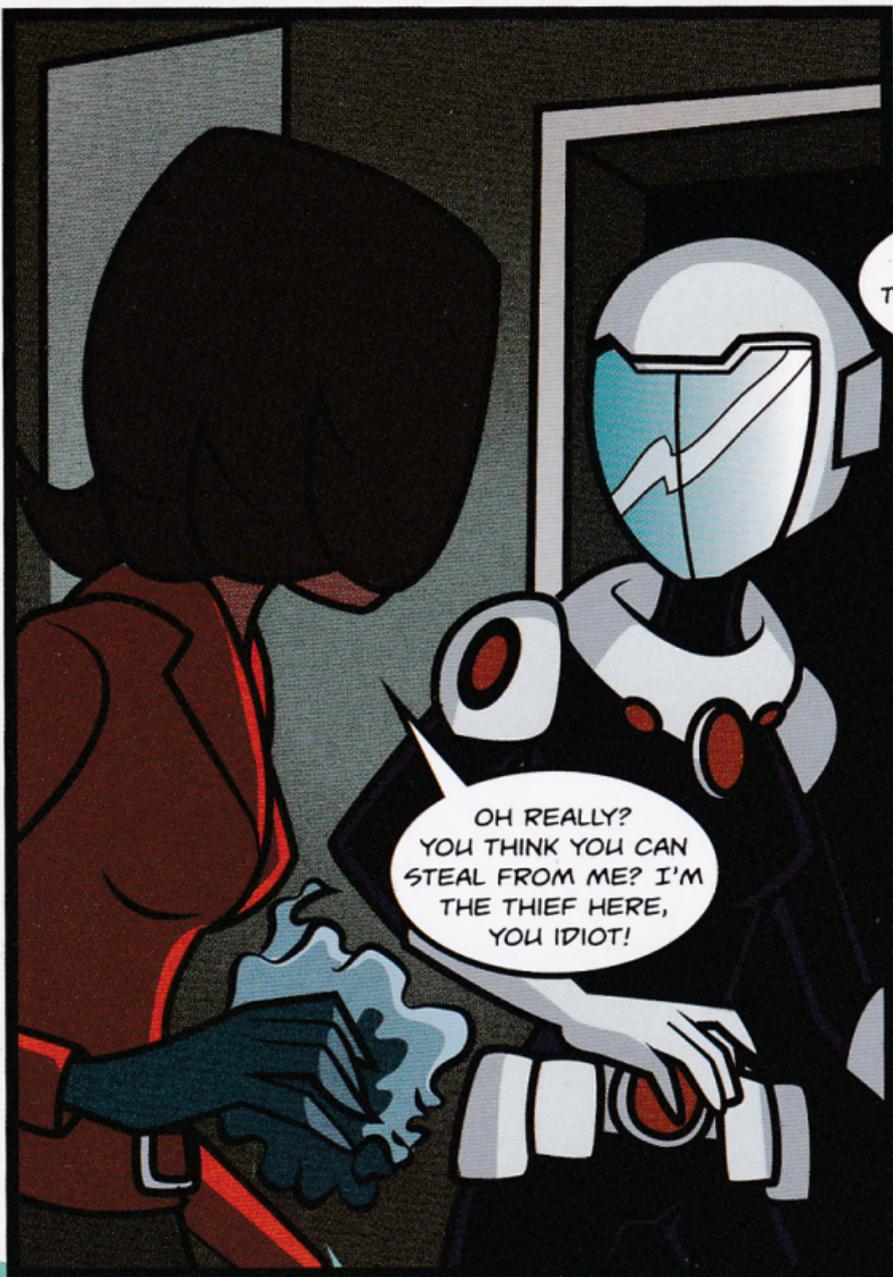
"I PUT ON A MASK AND I CONFRONTED HER IN MY APARTMENT...IN HER APARTMENT."

"IT WAS ANOTHER ME! BUT SHE LOOKED DIFFERENT. HARDER. MEANER, REALLY."

"I COULDN'T BELIEVE IT. BUT THEN, AS I WAS WALKING HOME IN TEARS... I SAW SOMETHING ELSE I COULDN'T BELIEVE...SOMEONE ELSE..."

"IT DIDN'T TAKE ME VERY LONG TO FIGURE OUT THAT NOT ONLY WAS THIS PERSON PRETENDING TO BE ME, OR SO I THOUGHT, BUT SHE WAS NOT A GOOD GUY."





OH REALLY? YOU THINK YOU CAN STEAL FROM ME? I'M THE THIEF HERE, YOU IDIOT!



YOU'LL WISH YOU HADN'T EVEN THOUGHT OF ROBBING THIS HOUSE!



I'M NOT A THIEF.



YEAH, WELL, THE MASK DOESN'T REALLY HELP YOUR ARGUMENT. GET OUT OF MY HOUSE!



"APPARENTLY NOT ONLY WAS I NOT A THIEF LIKE YOUR ELENA, BUT I WASN'T A FIGHTER LIKE HER EITHER."



"LUCKILY, SOMEONE WAS WATCHING OUT FOR ME, AND WHILE I'D BEEN FOLLOWING YOUR ELENA, THEY'D BEEN FOLLOWING ME."



"PROFESSOR PARADOX GOT ME OUT OF THERE BEFORE YOUR ELENA GOT TO ME TO FIND OUT WHO I REALLY WAS... AND HE EXPLAINED TO ME WHAT HAD HAPPENED."



THAT'S WHEN PROFESSOR PARADOX TOLD ME WHAT YOU DID, BEN...



WHAT DID BEN DO?

YEAH, WHAT WAS IT?!

YEAH, WHAT DID I DO EXACTLY?



REMEMBER WHEN THE VREEDLE BROTHERS TRIED TO STEAL THE ANIHILAARG DEVICE AND IT ACCIDENTALLY WENT OFF? YOU TOLD EVERYONE YOU REMADE THE UNIVERSE WHEN YOU WERE ALIEN X, SAVING EVERYONE.

YEAH, BUT NO ONE BELIEVED THAT I DID BECAUSE EVERYTHING I REMADE WAS EXACTLY THE SAME! EVEN ARGIT DIDN'T BELIEVE ME!

WELL, YOU REALLY DID MAKE THE WHOLE UNIVERSE OVER AGAIN. BUT YOU DIDN'T QUITE MAKE EVERYTHING EXACTLY THE SAME...I GUESS YOU REMADE ME THE WAY YOU WANTED ME TO BE, NOT AS I WAS...



THAT'S RIDICULOUS. BEN DIDN'T "MAKE" US ALL.

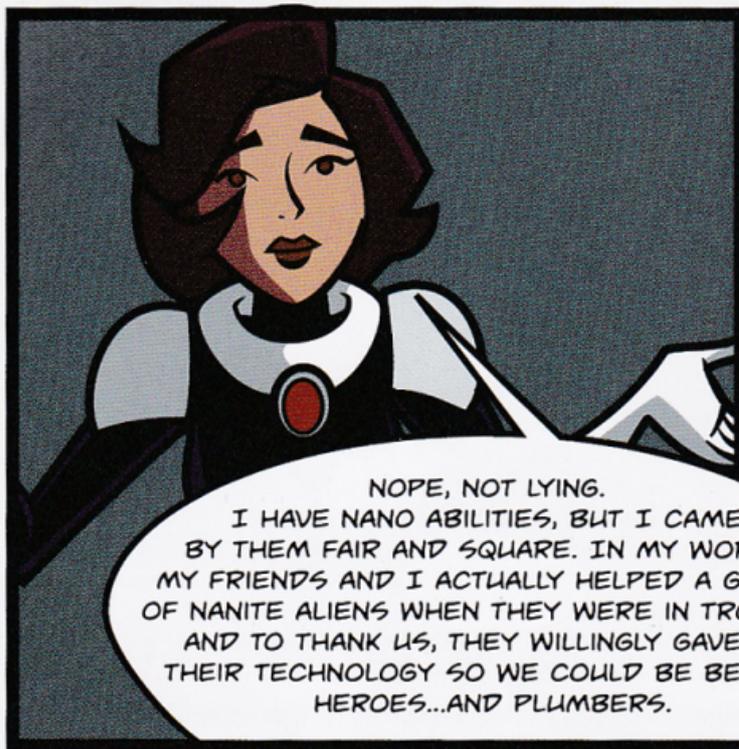


I COULD HARDLY BELIEVE IT EITHER, BUT I GUESS WHEN YOU WERE ALIEN X AND YOU PUT EVERYTHING BACK TO NORMAL AFTER THE ANIHILAARG WENT OFF AND DESTROYED EVERYTHING, SOMEHOW YOU GOT YOUR ELENA BACK, THAT ONE OVER THERE, BUT YOU ALSO GOT ME, AN ELENA WHO NEVER HAD A CRIMINAL PAST OR A BAD FAMILY, OR WAS EVER THE QUEEN OF THE NANITES...I WAS JUST A REGULAR KID WITH A BUNCH OF FRIENDS AND A NORMAL LIFE WHO ENDED UP...WELL...OUT OF TIME, AND HERE I AM.



OH, BUT WE SAW YOU USE NANITES WHEN YOU STOPPED THE VREEDLE BROTHERS.

YEAH, I SAW THAT TOO. YOU'RE LYING, FAKE!



NOPE, NOT LYING.
I HAVE NANO ABILITIES, BUT I CAME BY THEM FAIR AND SQUARE. IN MY WORLD, MY FRIENDS AND I ACTUALLY HELPED A GROUP OF NANITE ALIENS WHEN THEY WERE IN TROUBLE, AND TO THANK US, THEY WILLINGLY GAVE US THEIR TECHNOLOGY SO WE COULD BE BETTER HEROES...AND PLUMBERS.



YOU'RE A PLUMBER?
AWESOME!



NOT YET.
BUT I'D LIKE TO BE.
BUT FIRST I HAVE TO GET USED TO MY NEW WORLD. I HAVE A WHOLE LIFE, A WHOLE SET OF MEMORIES THAT DON'T EXIST IN THIS NEW TIMELINE.



BUT THAT'S GREAT.
I'VE ALWAYS WONDERED WHAT IT'D BE LIKE IF ELENA WAS GOOD ALL THE TIME. AND NOW I HAVE YOU HERE, SO I CAN FIND OUT! AND I'LL HELP THE WORLD ACCEPT YOU! YOU'LL LOVE IT HERE!

I DIDN'T JUST GET CREATED WHEN ALIEN X RESET THE UNIVERSE, I GOT PULLED FROM MY WORLD INTO YOURS. AND ACCORDING TO PROFESSOR PARADOX, MY TIMELINE DOESN'T EXIST ANYMORE. I'M JUST TRYING TO LIVE IN YOURS NOW. BUT I DON'T REALLY LIKE YOUR WORLD VERY MUCH. IT'S NOT SET UP TO BE NICE TO ELENAS, SO FAR.



BEN...WE SHOULD TAKE OUR CONVERSATION ELSEWHERE.



LET'S GO TO MR. SMOOTHY! THERE'S SO MUCH I WANT TO KNOW! SO MUCH TO SHOW YOU!

GGGRRRRRR!

TWO MONTHS LATER

I STILL CAN'T BELIEVE IT, ROOK. A TRULY GOOD ELENA. EVERYTHING ABOUT HER IS THE OPPOSITE OF WHAT HAPPENED TO OUR ELENA.

SO NOW THAT YOU HAVE A NEW ELENA WHO IS LIKE YOU ALWAYS WANTED, ARE YOU NOT GOING TO TRY TO HELP THE OLD ONE?

NO, ROOK, IT'S NOT LIKE THAT. I WILL ALWAYS WANT TO HELP MY ELENA. BUT THE NEW ELENA SHOWS ME HOW FAR WE HAVE TO GO.

SHE EVEN TOLD ME THAT THERE WERE SOME BAD KIDS AT HER SCHOOL TOO, JUST LIKE THE MARLEYS.

BUT INSTEAD OF HELPING STEAL THE CLOTHES, IT WAS ELENA WHO STOPPED THEM ON HER OWN. SHE NEVER EVEN HAD TO TRY TO HIDE THE CLOTHES FROM THE MARLEYS, SO THERE WAS NEVER EVEN A MISUNDERSTANDING.

HER LIFE HAS NO LIES IN IT, SO SHE'S HAD IT SO MUCH EASIER!

THAT IS VERY NICE, BEN. NOW WHERE IS MR. BAUMANN.

MISTER BAUMANN?

NOW THERE'S A PHRASE I HAVEN'T HEARD IN A WHILE. SO BOYS, WHAT'LL IT BE?



WHO ARE YOU?

BEN, MAYBE THIS IS MR. BAUMANN'S WIFE. DON'T BE RUDE.



OH, IS HE SICK?

AREN'T YOU BOYS SWEET. THERE HASN'T BEEN A MR. BAUMANN IN A LONG TIME!

HUNH? I JUST SAW HIM LAST WEEK!



ALRIGHT. FUN'S OVER. WHAT'LL IT BE BEFORE I GET IRRITATED AND CLOSE THE SHOP ON YOU!

I'VE BEEN RUNNING THIS PLACE BY MYSELF FOR FORTY YEARS, SON. NO TIME TO JOKE AROUND!

BY... YOURSELF...?



WE HAVE TO TELL GRANDPA MAX! SOME OLD LADY IS PRETENDING MR. BAUMANN NEVER EXISTED. WE HAVE TO FIND HIM BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE!

IS THIS NOT SEEMING A LITTLE FAMILIAR?



FAMILIAR? HOW?

WHAT IF MRS. BAUMANN IS AN ALTERNATE VERSION OF MR. BAUMANN, JUST LIKE OUR ELENA AND THE ALTERNATE GOOD ELENA?



BUT HOW...
OOF...



WHAT?

WHUSSUP, BEN-BUD?



GRANDPA...
MAX?



WHO ELSE?
NOW WHAT ARE
YOU DOING IN THAT
CLOSET?

YOU KNOW
THAT'S JUST WHERE
I KEEP THE JUNK.

SIR...

WE WERE
LOOKING FOR
THE LAB.



LAB?

AHAHAHAHAH.
LAB? I HAVEN'T
HAD ONE OF THOSE
IN YEARS.

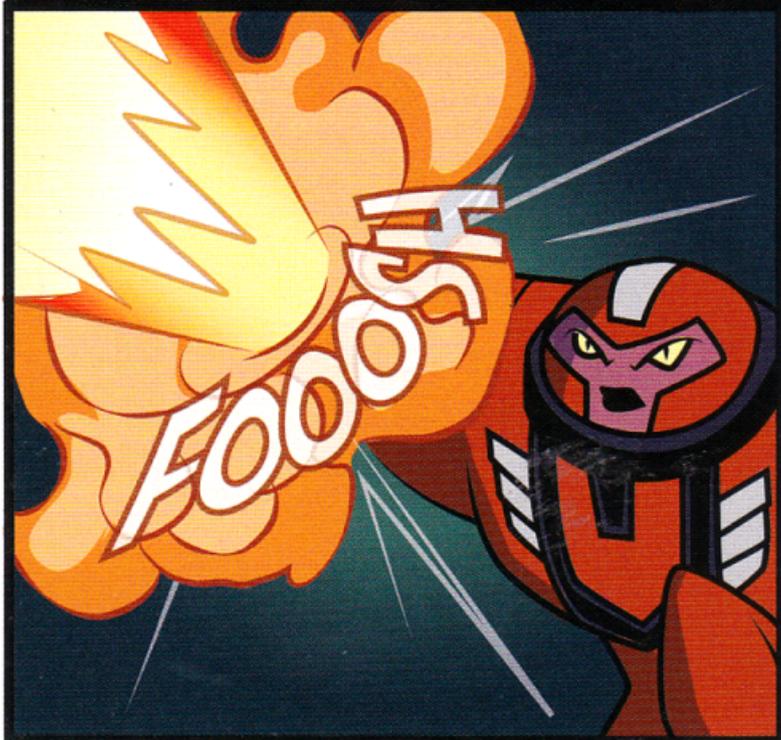
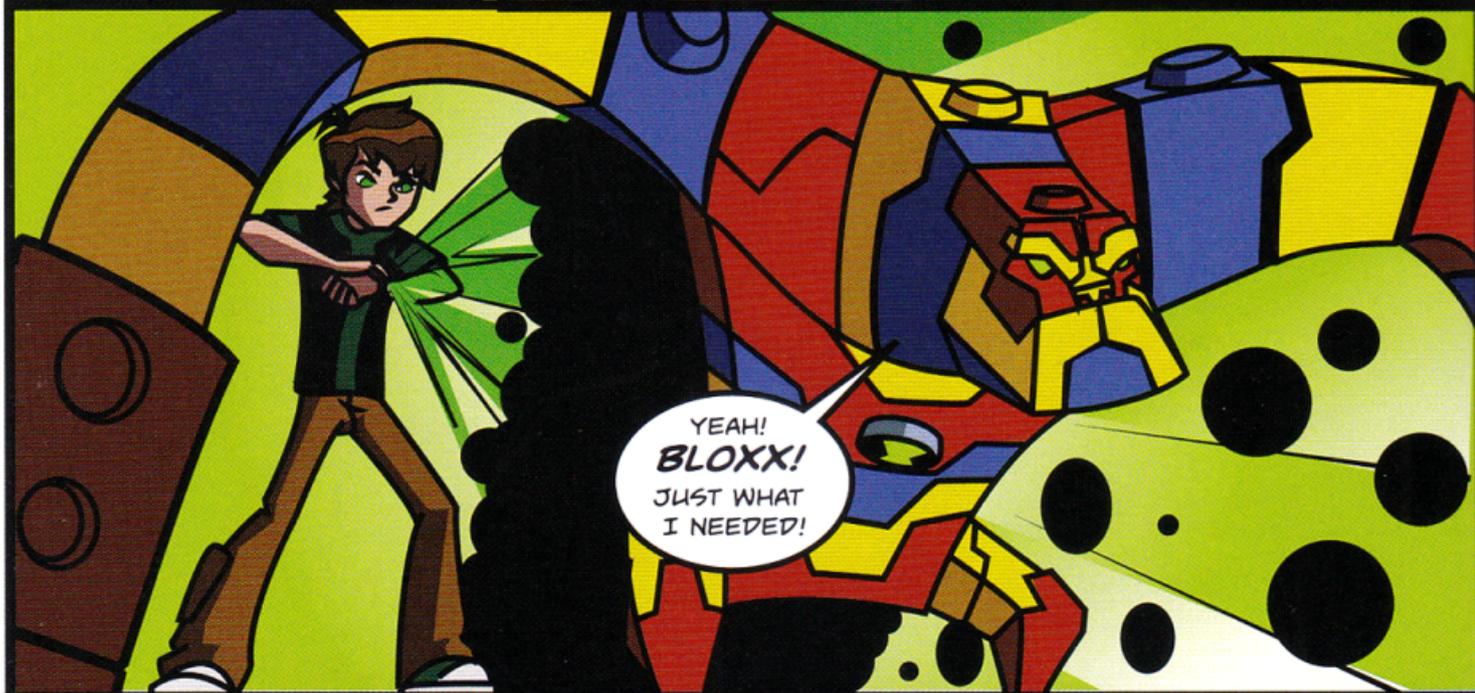
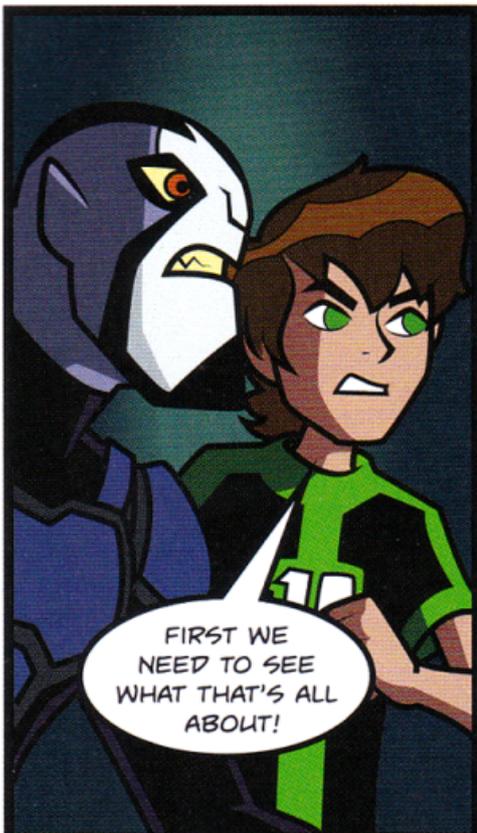


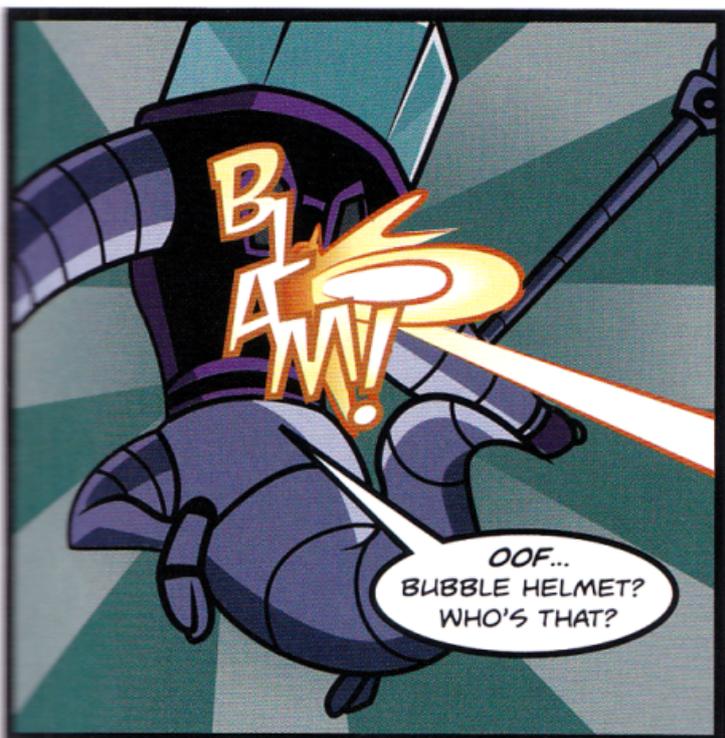
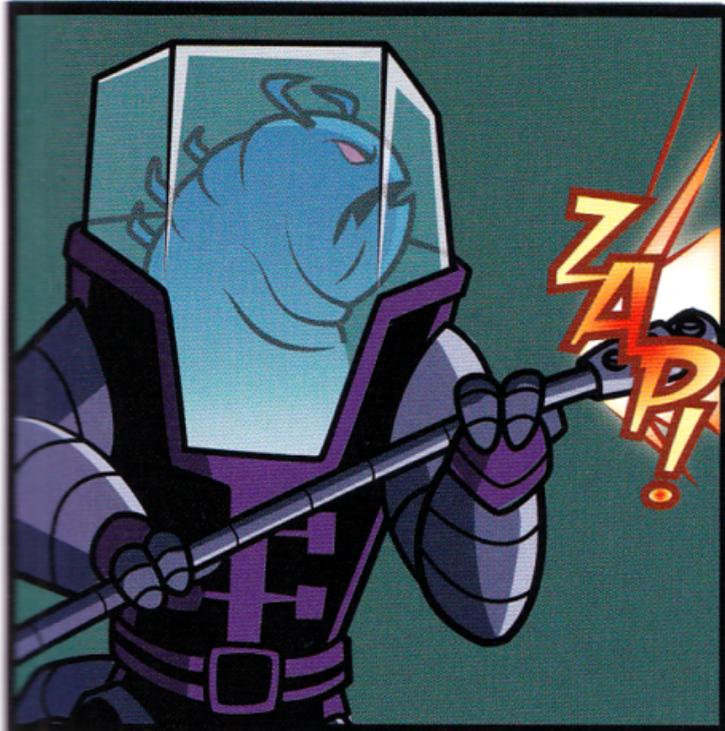
WHAT
IS GOING
ON?



I DO NOT
KNOW, BUT WE
BETTER FIND
OUT.

HELP!
HELP!







I DON'T KNOW, BEN. LOOK AT BUBBLE HELMET'S HELMET.

BOOM!

YEAH SO... OH...

IT'S NOT A BUBBLE.

NO, IT IS NOT.



THAT'S BECAUSE I'M CUBE HELMET, YOU MORONS! BUBBLE, WHO EVER HEARD OF SUCH A THING!

UH-OH.



AND LOOK AT FISTINA. SHE IS...

...THE WRONG COLOR. SHE'S SUPPOSED TO BE PINK AND HER EYES ARE YELLOW, BUT SHE'S YELLOW AND HER EYES ARE PINK!



ALIENS WHO ARE DIFFERENT VERSIONS OF THOSE WE KNOW? MR. BAUMANN IS MRS. BAUMANN? I THINK WE NEED TO FIND GOOD ELENA.



I THINK YOU MAY BE RIGHT.



ELENA?
ARE YOU
THERE?

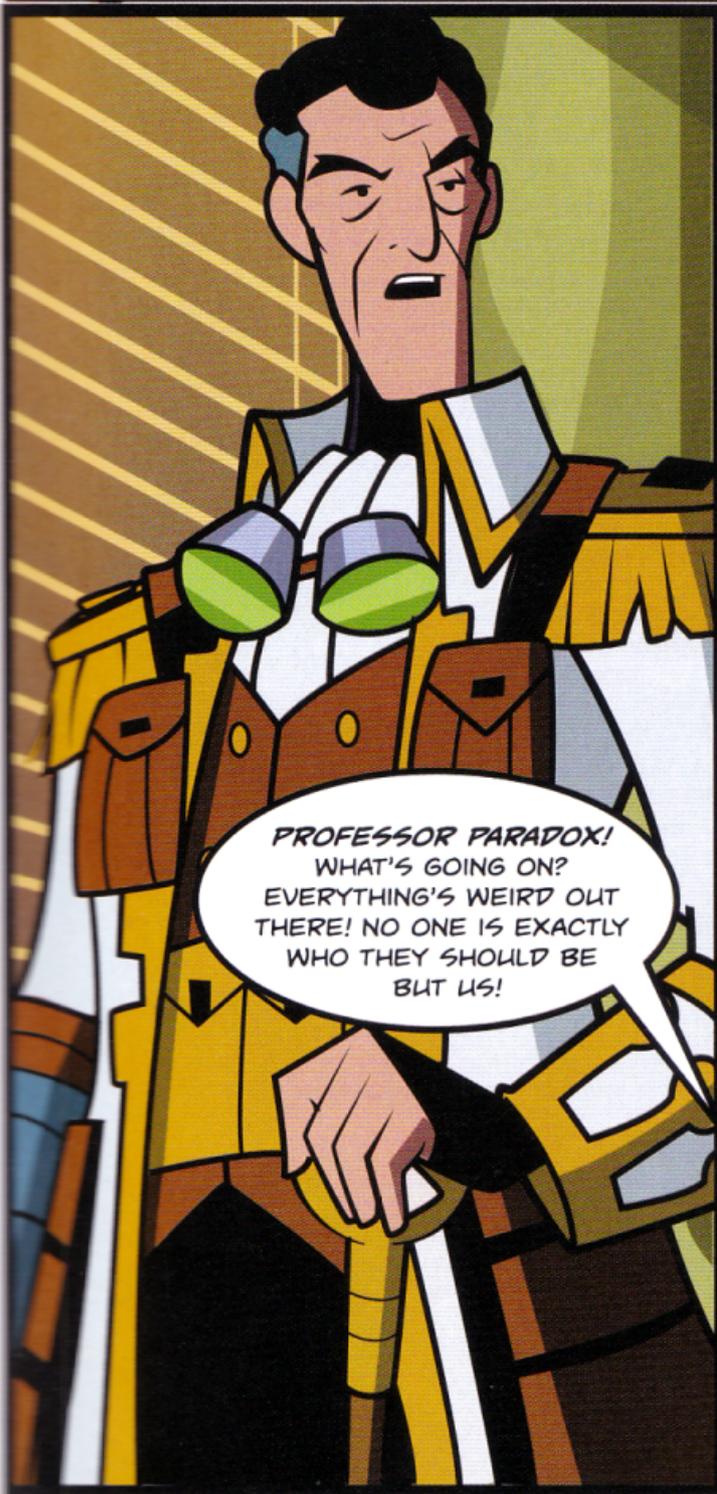
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NOK NOK

BEN?
COME IN!

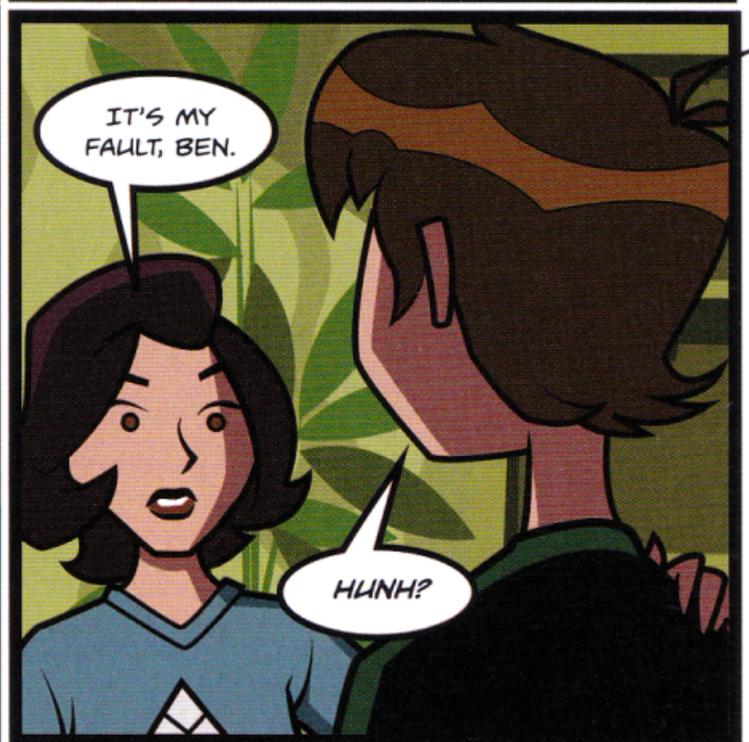


BEN,
ROOK, I...

HELLO,
BEN, PLUMBER
BLONKO...



PROFESSOR PARADOX!
WHAT'S GOING ON?
EVERYTHING'S WEIRD OUT
THERE! NO ONE IS EXACTLY
WHO THEY SHOULD BE
BUT US!



IT'S MY
FAULT, BEN.

HUHN?



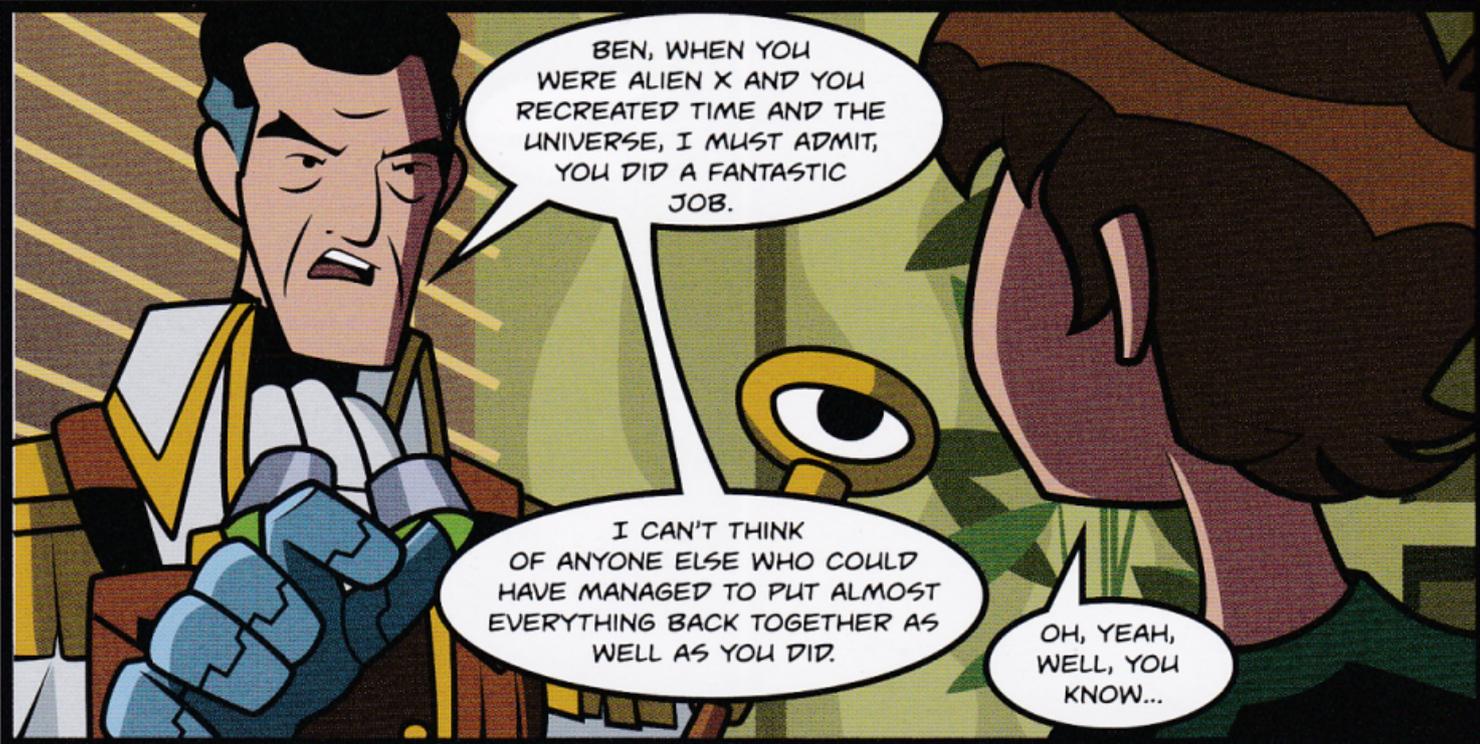
NO, ACTUALLY,
ELENA, LIKE I ALREADY
SAID, THIS IS ALL
BEN'S FAULT.



AGAIN?!
WHY IS IT
ALWAYS MY
FAULT?



PROFESSOR PARADOX
WAS JUST EXPLAINING
IT TO ME.



BEN, WHEN YOU
WERE ALIEN X AND YOU
RECREATED TIME AND THE
UNIVERSE, I MUST ADMIT,
YOU DID A FANTASTIC
JOB.

I CAN'T THINK
OF ANYONE ELSE WHO COULD
HAVE MANAGED TO PUT ALMOST
EVERYTHING BACK TOGETHER AS
WELL AS YOU DID.

OH, YEAH,
WELL, YOU
KNOW...

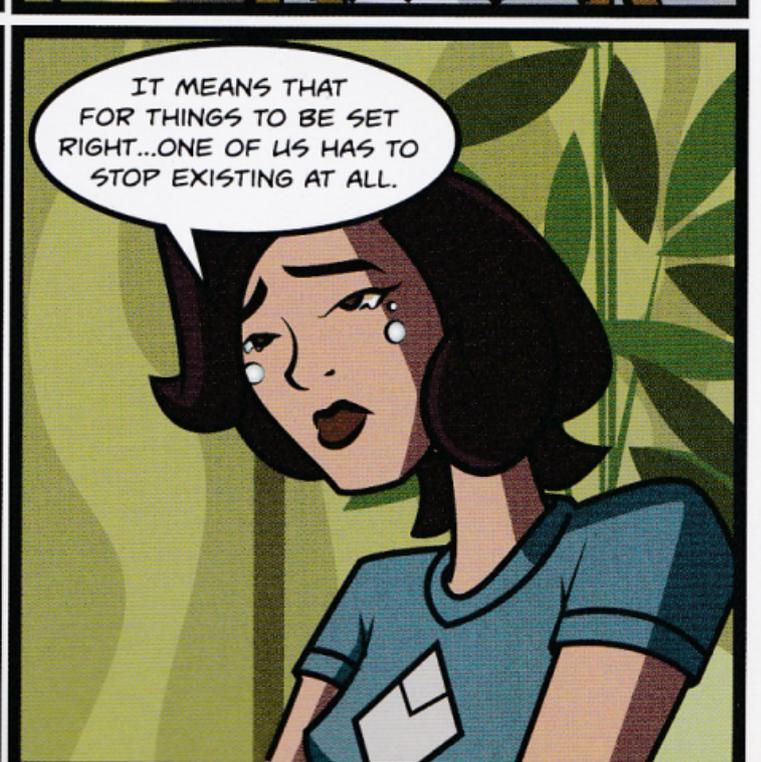


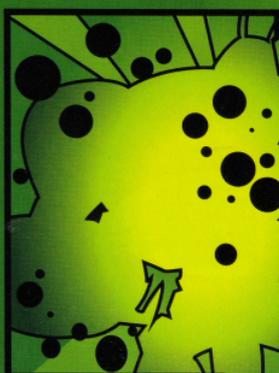
BUT YOUR
BRINGING THIS ELENA
INTO YOUR TIMELINE, AND
KEEPING HER HERE,
IS CREATING...

LET ME GUESS,
YOU'RE GOING TO SAY
IT'S CREATING A
PARADOX!

EXACTLY.

OKAY...BUT...
SO...OKAY. I STILL
DON'T QUITE GET WHAT
THAT MEANS OR WHAT
A PARADOX IS.





...YOU ARE NOT, AND

ARMODRILLO

WILL MAKE SURE OF IT!



WAIT, BEN!
HOLD ON!
PROFESSOR PARADOX
DOESN'T MEAN WIPE
OUT! HE MEANS
REMOVE!



UM, HOW IS
THAT BETTER?
I'M SO GONNA...



BEN. HAVING
TWO PARALLEL PERSONS FROM
DIFFERENT TIMELINES TRYING TO
EXIST IN YOUR SAME DIMENSION
WITH TWO COMPLETELY DIFFERENT
BACKGROUNDS AND PERSONALITIES
CAN DISRUPT TIME
COMPLETELY.



YOU ARE
NOT GETTING RID
OF AN ELENA, GOOD
OR BAD!



BEN, WAIT.
LET'S HEAR WHAT
HE HAS TO SAY.

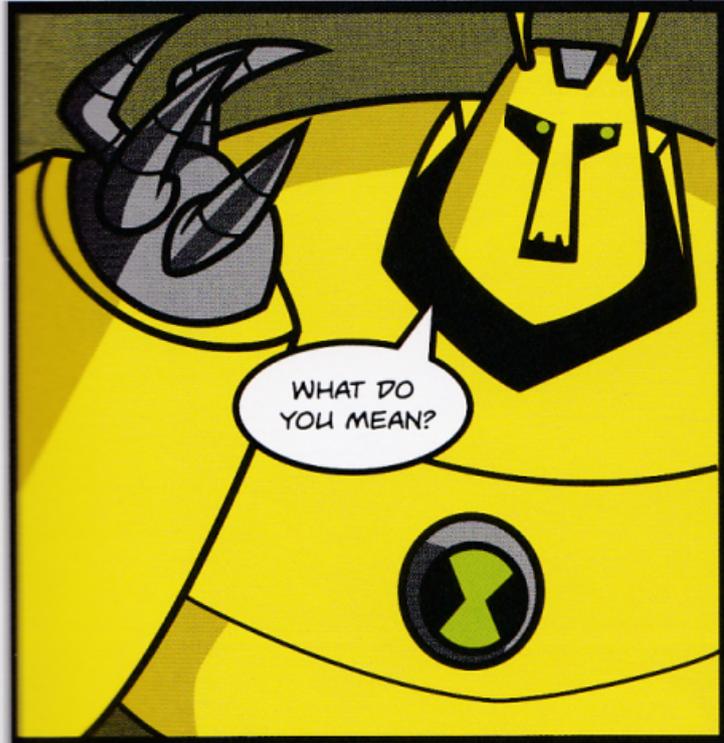


I WILL TAKE AN ELENA WITH ME. SHE WILL LIVE IN MY PLANE OF EXISTENCE, BUT AS FAR AS YOU AND YOUR TIMELINE ARE CONCERNED, SHE WILL SEEM TO HAVE SIMPLY CEASED TO EXIST. BUT SHE WILL STILL EXIST IN MY PLANE.

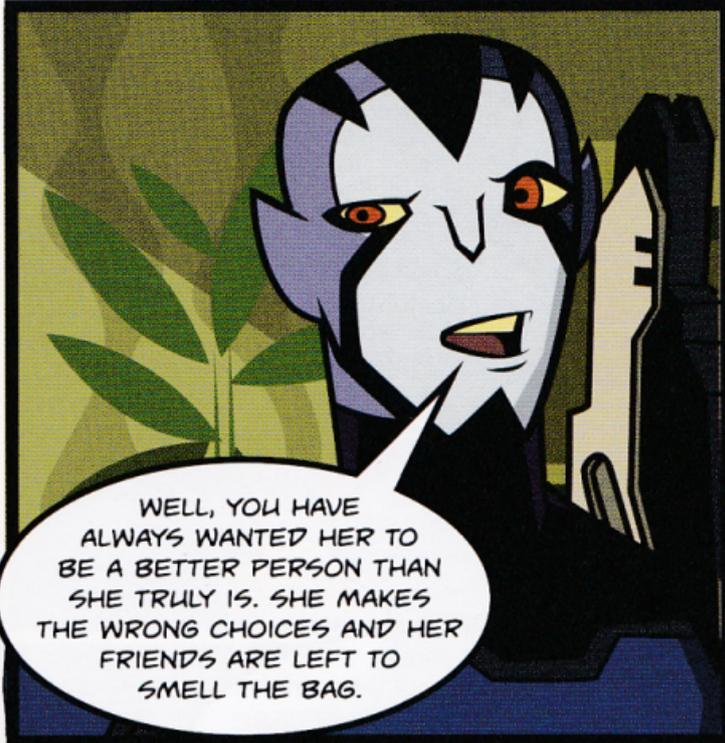
BUT HOW WILL I EVER GET TO SEE HER AGAIN?



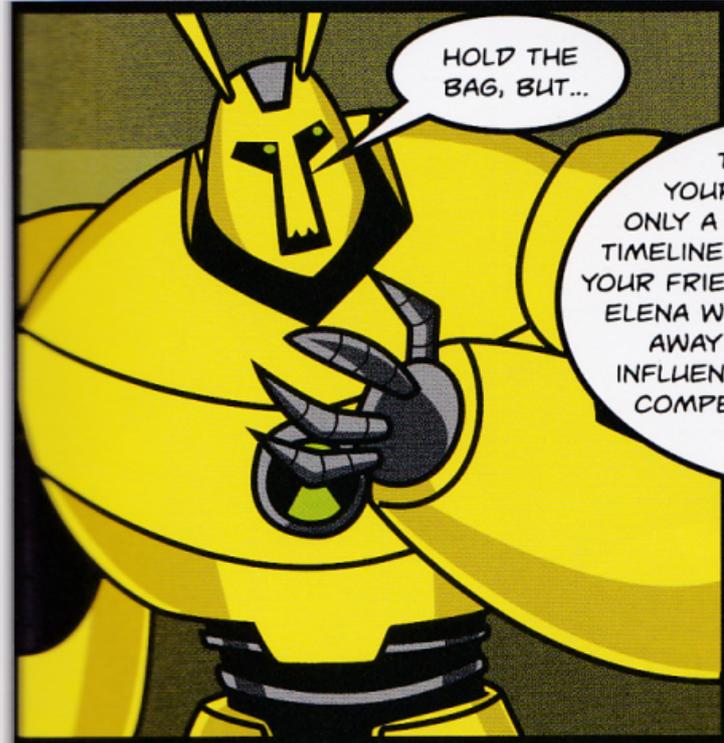
BEN, THINK ABOUT WHAT YOU HAVE TOLD ME ABOUT YOUR ELENA.



WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

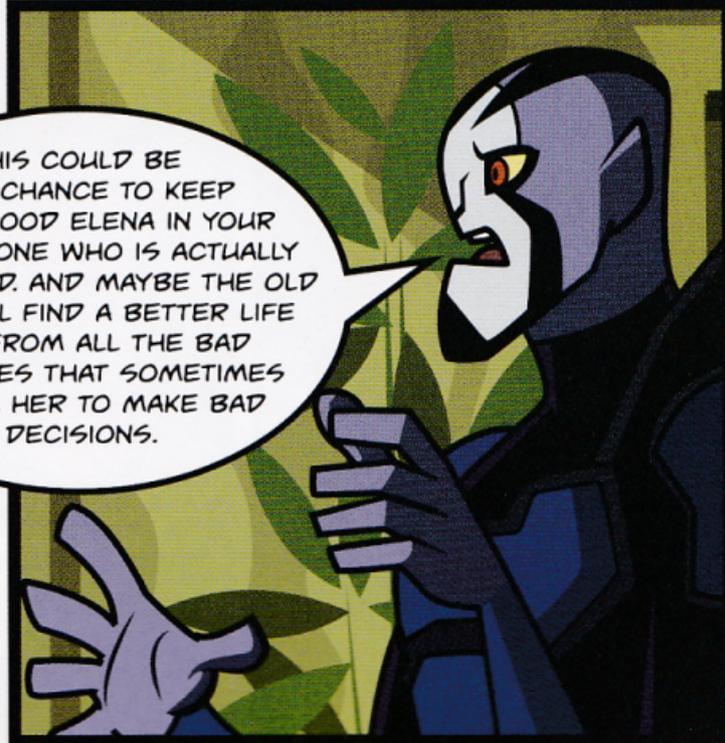


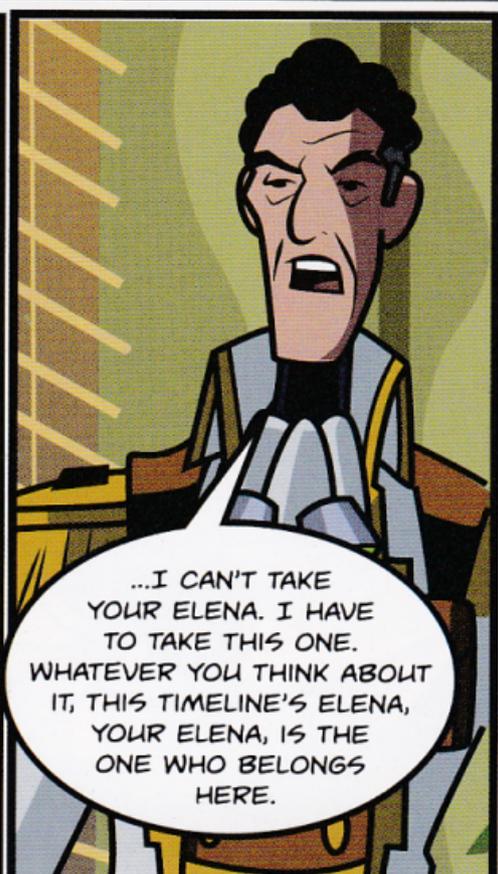
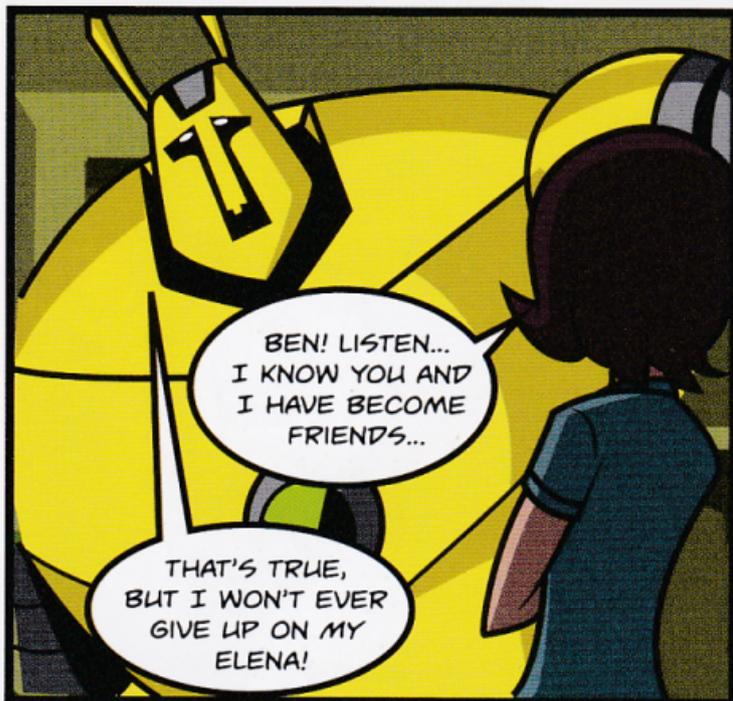
WELL, YOU HAVE ALWAYS WANTED HER TO BE A BETTER PERSON THAN SHE TRULY IS. SHE MAKES THE WRONG CHOICES AND HER FRIENDS ARE LEFT TO SMELL THE BAG.

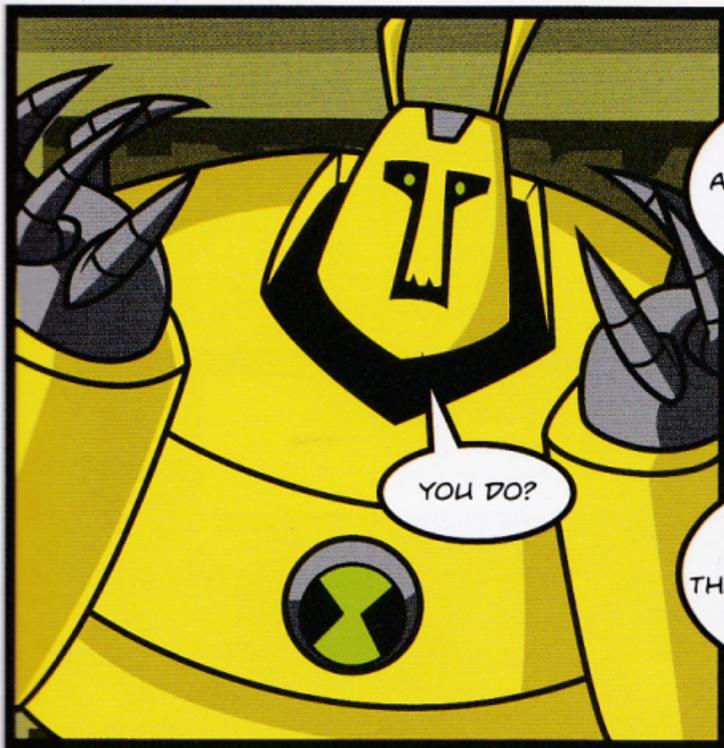


HOLD THE BAG, BUT...

THIS COULD BE YOUR CHANCE TO KEEP ONLY A GOOD ELENA IN YOUR TIMELINE. ONE WHO IS ACTUALLY YOUR FRIEND. AND MAYBE THE OLD ELENA WILL FIND A BETTER LIFE AWAY FROM ALL THE BAD INFLUENCES THAT SOMETIMES COMPEL HER TO MAKE BAD DECISIONS.







YOU DO?



IT'S TRUE.
IT HAS TO BE ME.
AS MUCH FUN AS I'VE
HAD HERE, I'M NOT
REALLY FROM
HERE.

AND I'M NOT
YOUR ELENA. AND I
NEED TO BE WHERE
THERE ARE OTHER PEOPLE
LIKE ME. I DON'T FIT
IN HERE, BEN.



BUT I DON'T
WANT TO GIVE UP EITHER
OF YOU. I STILL WANT
TO HELP MY ELENA, BUT I
HAVE SO MUCH FUN
WITH YOU.

AND YOU'RE
SUCH A ROLE MODEL
FOR WHO ELENA CAN
MAYBE BE
SOMEDAY!



BUT I DON'T
BELONG HERE, BEN. AND
THE LONGER I STAY, THE
MORE YOU WON'T BELONG
EITHER. NO ONE WILL.



WHERE
WILL YOU
GO?



SHE'LL GO WITH
ME...TO WHERE I LIVE...
WHERE ALL THOSE WHO
ARE LOST IN THE TIMELINE
GO...TO VACUITY VILLAGE...
IN THE NULL VOID.

"YOU THINK THE NEW ELENA
WILL BE OKAY, ROOK?"

"WELL, PROFESSOR PARADOX EXPLAINED IT. THE DEPOSITORY IS
WHERE ALL WHO NO LONGER FIT INTO ANY TIMELINE GO TO LIVE. THEY
LIVE IN PEACE AND HARMONY IN THEIR OWN WORLD NOW, OUTSIDE
OF THE TIMELINES, AND WHERE NO ONE CAN BOTHER THEM
AND THEY CAN'T DISRUPT THE OUTSIDE WORLD. SHE WILL BE FINE."

"YOU THINK WE'LL EVER SEE
THAT ELENA AGAIN?"

"I THINK THERE'S A VERY GOOD CHANCE THAT YOU WILL.
BUT FOR NOW, SHE HAS FOUND A PLACE SHE BELONGS.
AND THAT IS IMPORTANT FOR EVERYONE TO DO."



"HM."

"WHAT IS IT?"

"SOUNDS LIKE THE DEPOSITORY IS
KIND OF LIKE UNDERTOWN!"

"IT DOES INDEED, BEN."



YOU LEARNED SOME IMPORTANT LESSONS FROM THIS, BEN.

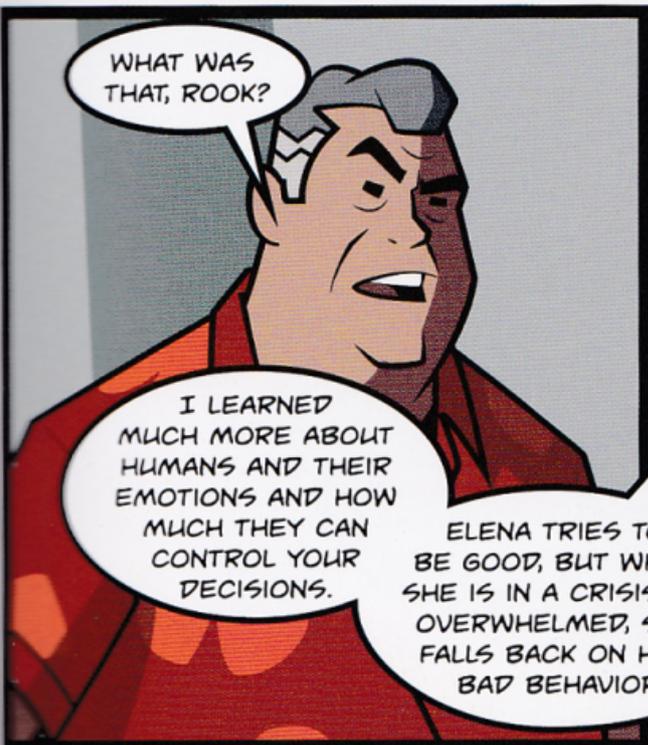
I GUESS. I CAN'T STOP THINKING ABOUT ELENA THOUGH...OUR ELENA. WE HAVE TO FIGURE OUT HOW TO HELP HER.



I THINK YOU'LL FIND A WAY.



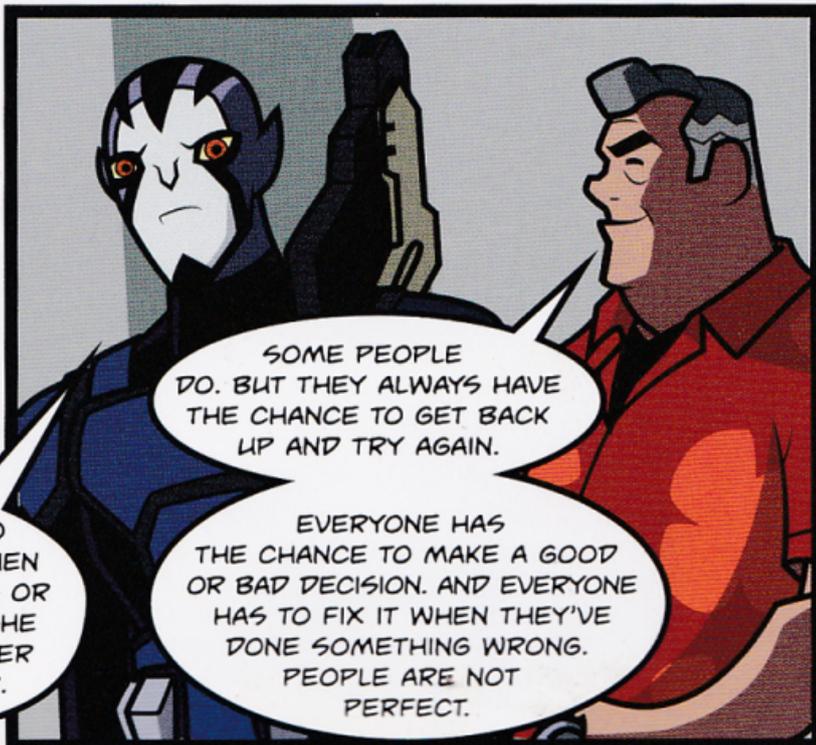
I LEARNED SOMETHING.



WHAT WAS THAT, ROOK?

I LEARNED MUCH MORE ABOUT HUMANS AND THEIR EMOTIONS AND HOW MUCH THEY CAN CONTROL YOUR DECISIONS.

ELENA TRIES TO BE GOOD, BUT WHEN SHE IS IN A CRISIS OR OVERWHELMED, SHE FALLS BACK ON HER BAD BEHAVIOR.



SOME PEOPLE DO. BUT THEY ALWAYS HAVE THE CHANCE TO GET BACK UP AND TRY AGAIN.

EVERYONE HAS THE CHANCE TO MAKE A GOOD OR BAD DECISION. AND EVERYONE HAS TO FIX IT WHEN THEY'VE DONE SOMETHING WRONG. PEOPLE ARE NOT PERFECT.



HUMANS...PEOPLE...
ARE COMPLICATED. BUT
NO BEING IS PERFECT.

THAT IS
VERY TRUE,
ROOK!



I JUST
WISH ELENA DIDN'T
HATE ME SO MUCH.



ELENA IS A
PLUMBER'S KID. I
THINK SOMEDAY SHE'LL
COME AROUND.



THERE IS ONE
THING WE NEVER
FIGURED OUT ABOUT
ALL THIS.



UM, THERE'S
A LOT I HAVEN'T
FIGURED OUT
ABOUT THIS.

ALTERNATE TIMELINES,
WEIRD VERSIONS OF PEOPLE
WE KNOW, SPLINTERED TIMELINES,
A SECRET SOCIETY IN THE NULL
VOID MADE UP OF LOST-IN-TIME PEOPLE,
FRIENDS WHO GET MAD AT YOU
FOR NO REASON! I MEAN...

"WE NEVER FIGURED OUT WHO ELENA
WAS WORKING FOR AND WHAT THE WEAPON
THEY WERE BUILDING WAS FOR."



I AM SORRY TO HAVE DISAPPOINTED YOU, SIR. BUT I WAS UNABLE TO RETRIEVE EITHER THE PAWN OR THE PIECE OF TECH.

SIGH.

NO MATTER, CAECILIA. I WILL DEAL WITH YOUR USELESSNESS LATER. FOR NOW, I NEED YOU...AND ALL THE INCURSEANS. WE MAY NOT HAVE THE WEAPON I WANTED...BUT...

THE INVASION WILL MOVE AHEAD ON SCHEDULE!

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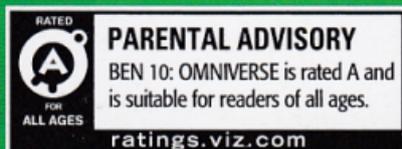
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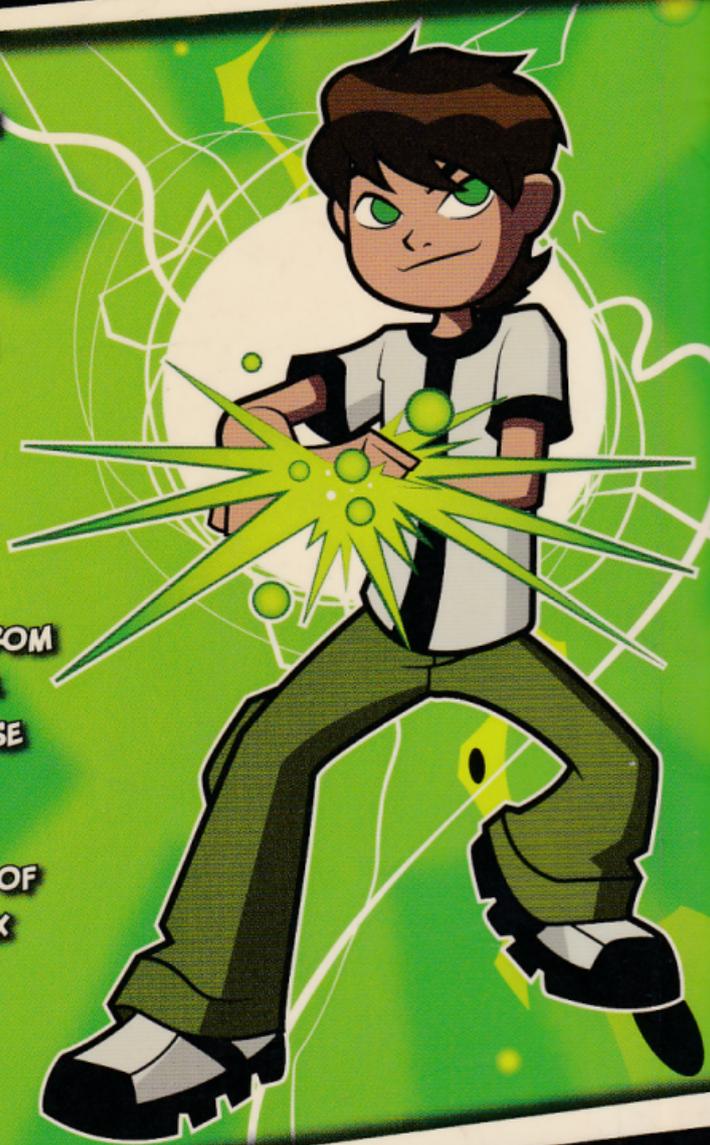


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