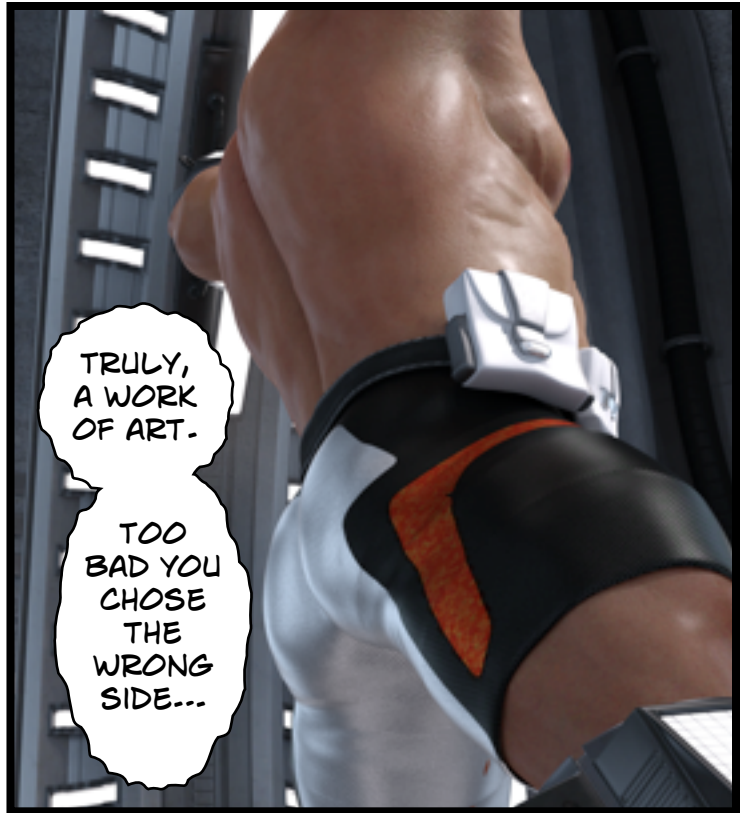




WHAT A SPECIMEN.

MASCULINITY PERSONIFIED.



TRULY, A WORK OF ART.

TOO BAD YOU CHOSE THE WRONG SIDE...

BULLY PROOF



...I WOULD HAVE WELCOMED YOU WARMLY.

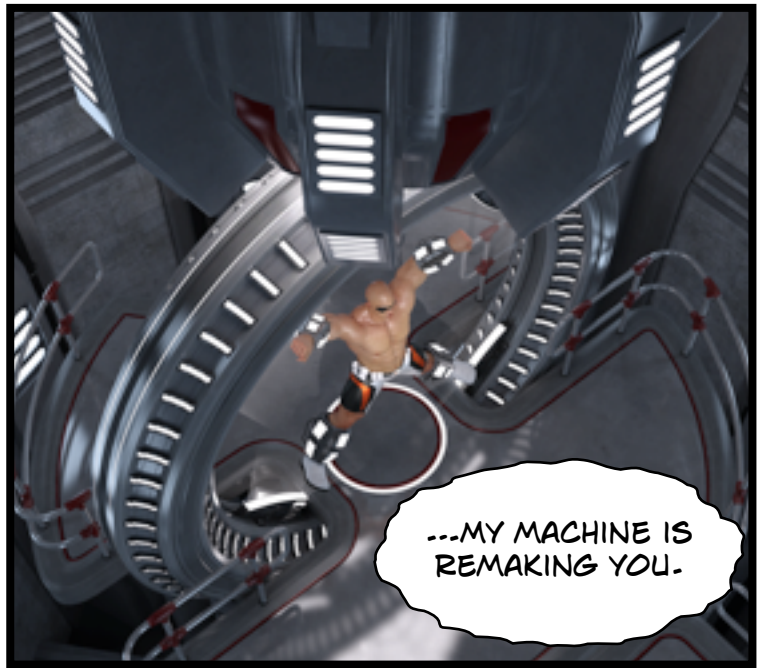
BUT NOW I HAVE TO RECLAIM WHAT WAS GIVEN TO YOU.

YOU'LL NEVER GET AWAY WITH THIS!

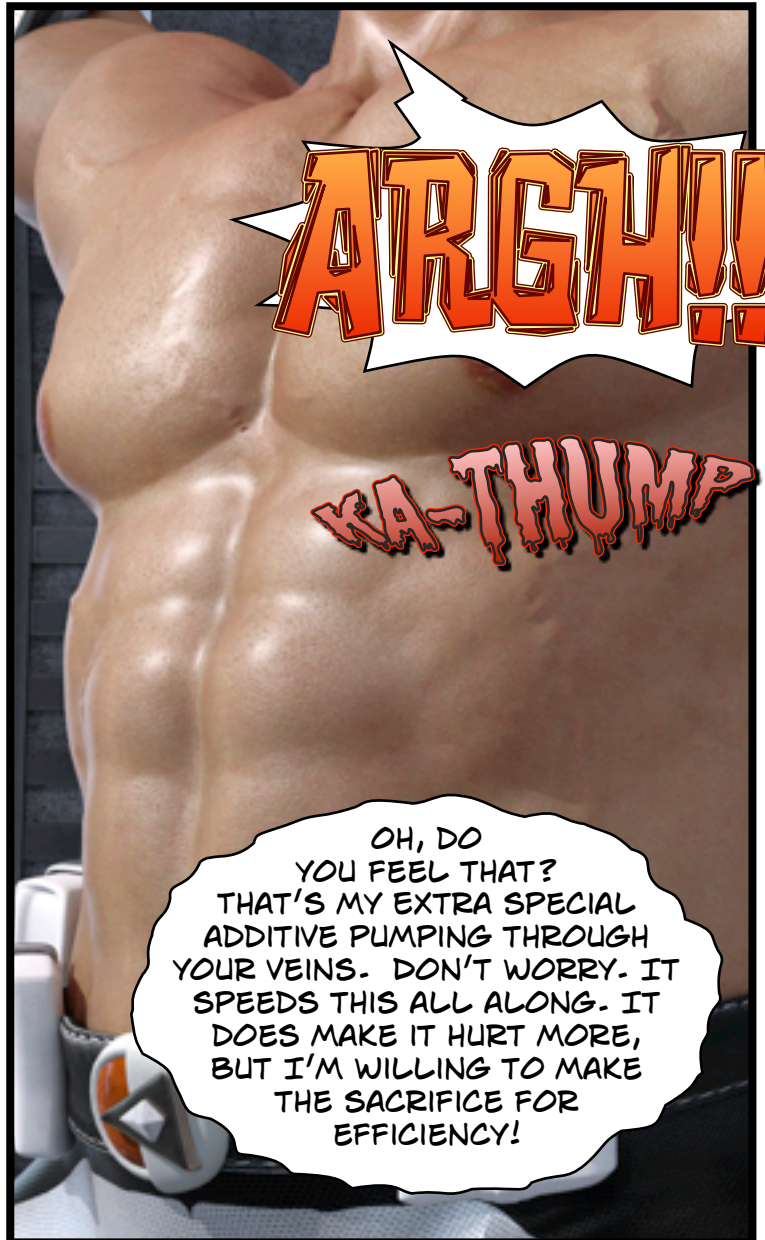


I ALREADY HAVE,
THOUGH.

AS WE
SPEAK...



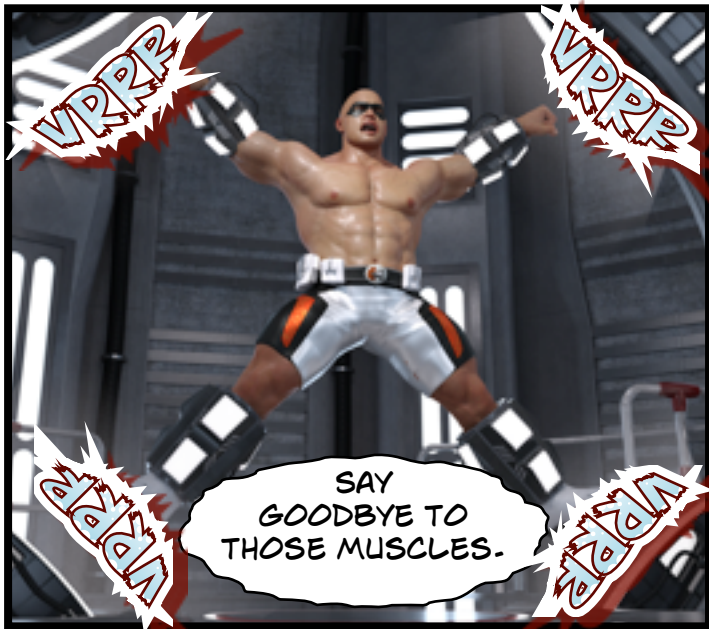
...MY MACHINE IS
REMAKING YOU.



ARGH!!!

KA-THUMP

OH, DO
YOU FEEL THAT?
THAT'S MY EXTRA SPECIAL
ADDITIVE PUMPING THROUGH
YOUR VEINS. DON'T WORRY. IT
SPEEDS THIS ALL ALONG. IT
DOES MAKE IT HURT MORE,
BUT I'M WILLING TO MAKE
THE SACRIFICE FOR
EFFICIENCY!



SAY
GOODBYE TO
THOSE MUSCLES.

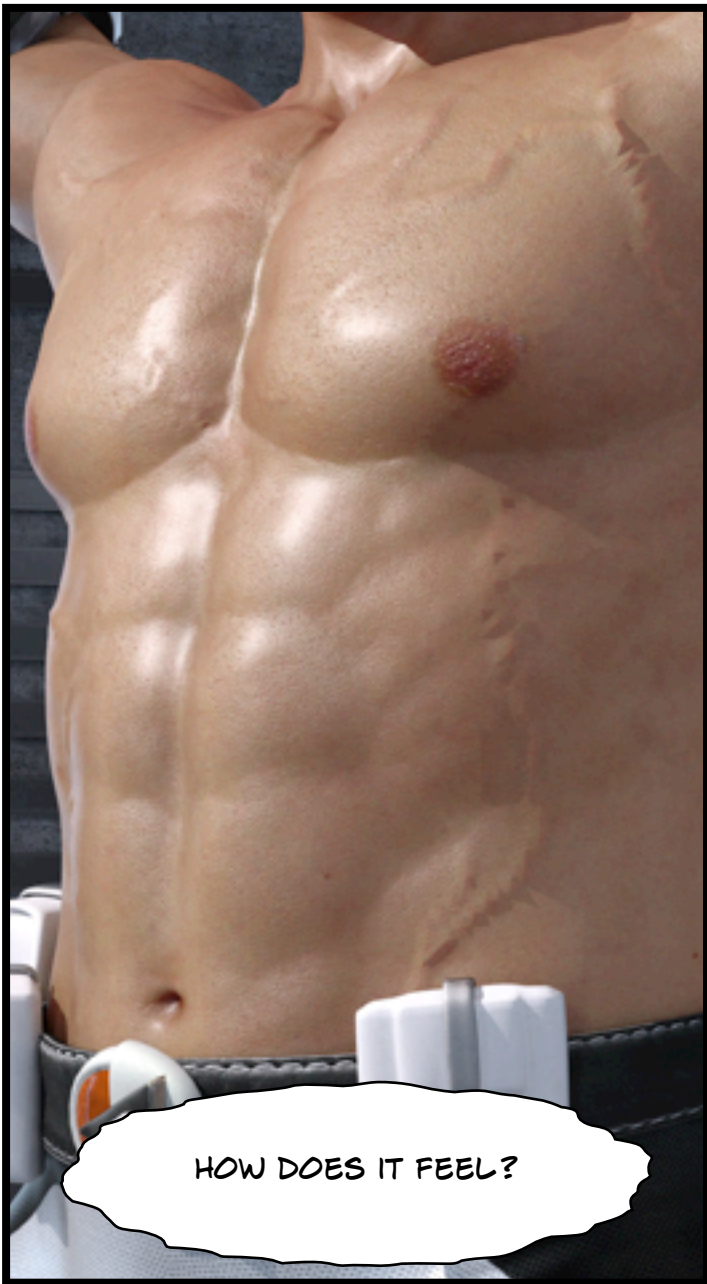
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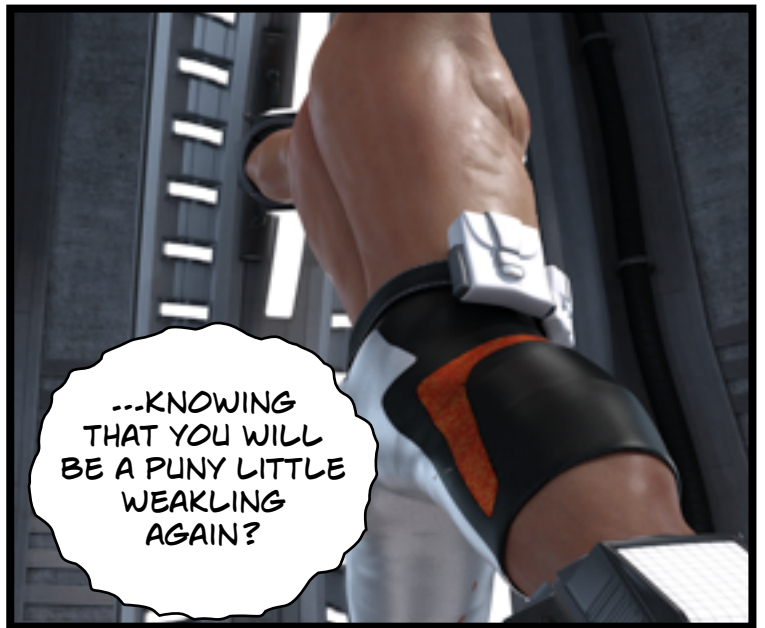




HOW DOES IT FEEL?



HUFF



...KNOWING
THAT YOU WILL
BE A PUNY LITTLE
WEAKLING
AGAIN?



啊啊啊啊

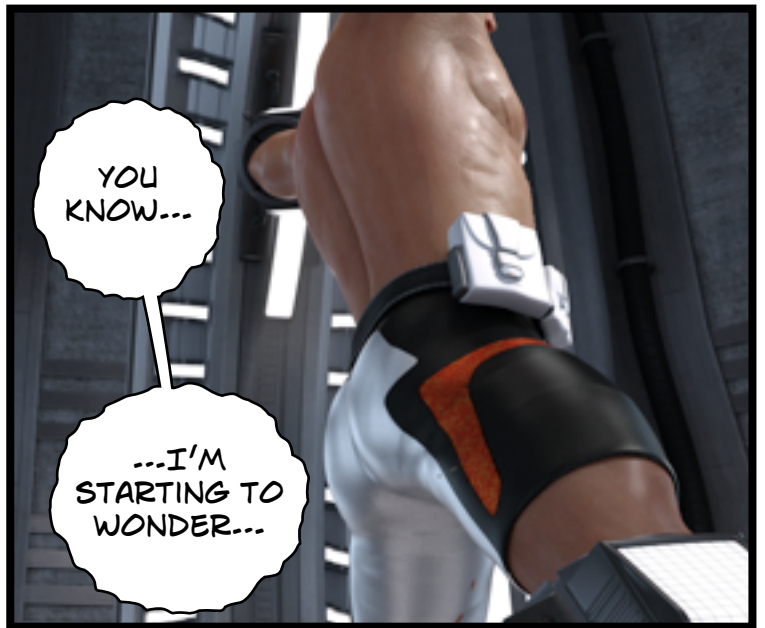


I
KNEW MY FORMULA
WOULD WORK QUICKLY... BUT
THIS IS BEYOND MY WILDEST
DREAMS!



HURTS,
HUH?

GRRRR

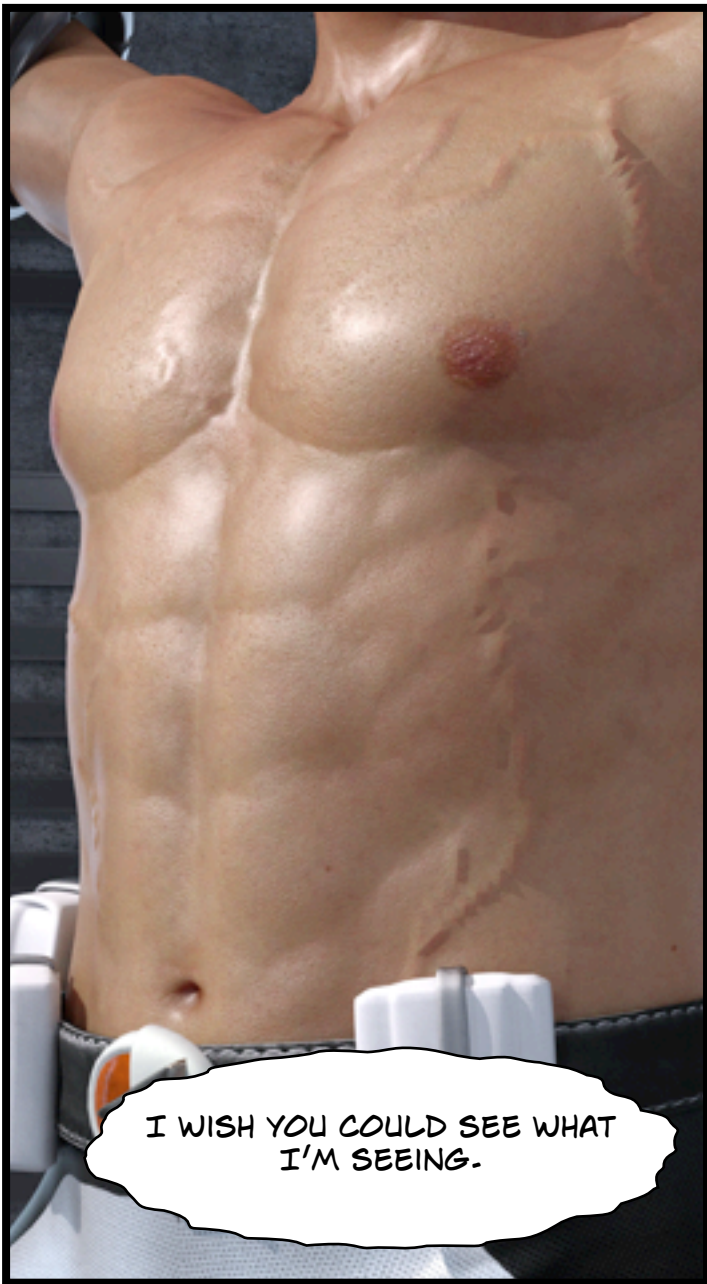


YOU
KNOW...

...I'M
STARTING TO
WONDER...



...IS YOUR
STRENGTH REALLY
ALL THAT SPECIAL?



I WISH YOU COULD SEE WHAT I'M SEEING.



THAT'S THE SPIRIT!

UNGH!



GIVING YOUR GIFT AWAY TO MORE DESERVING MEN...



...THAT'S SOMETHING YOU CAN BE PROUD OF. IT CAN BE A LEGACY YOU CAN THINK BACK ON WHEN THIS IS ALL OVER.



NOT TOO MUCH LONGER
NOW...



...GO
AHEAD...

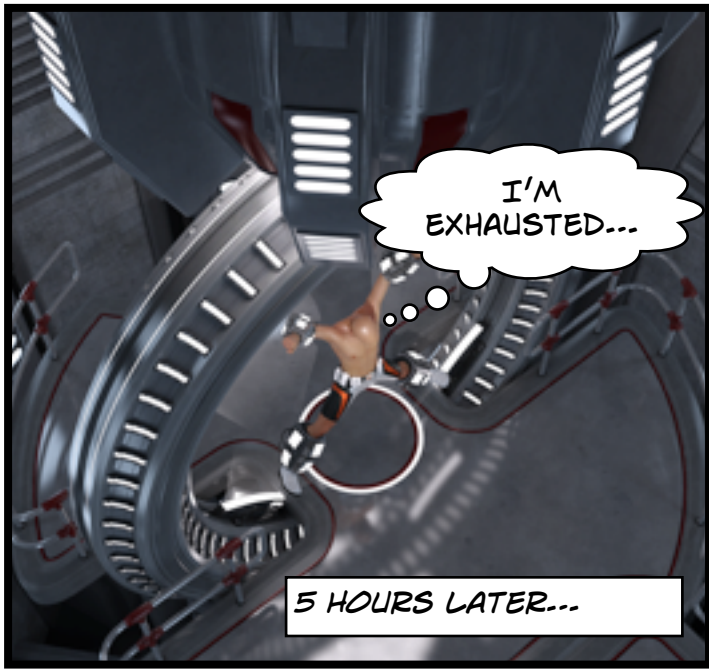


...SUBMIT.



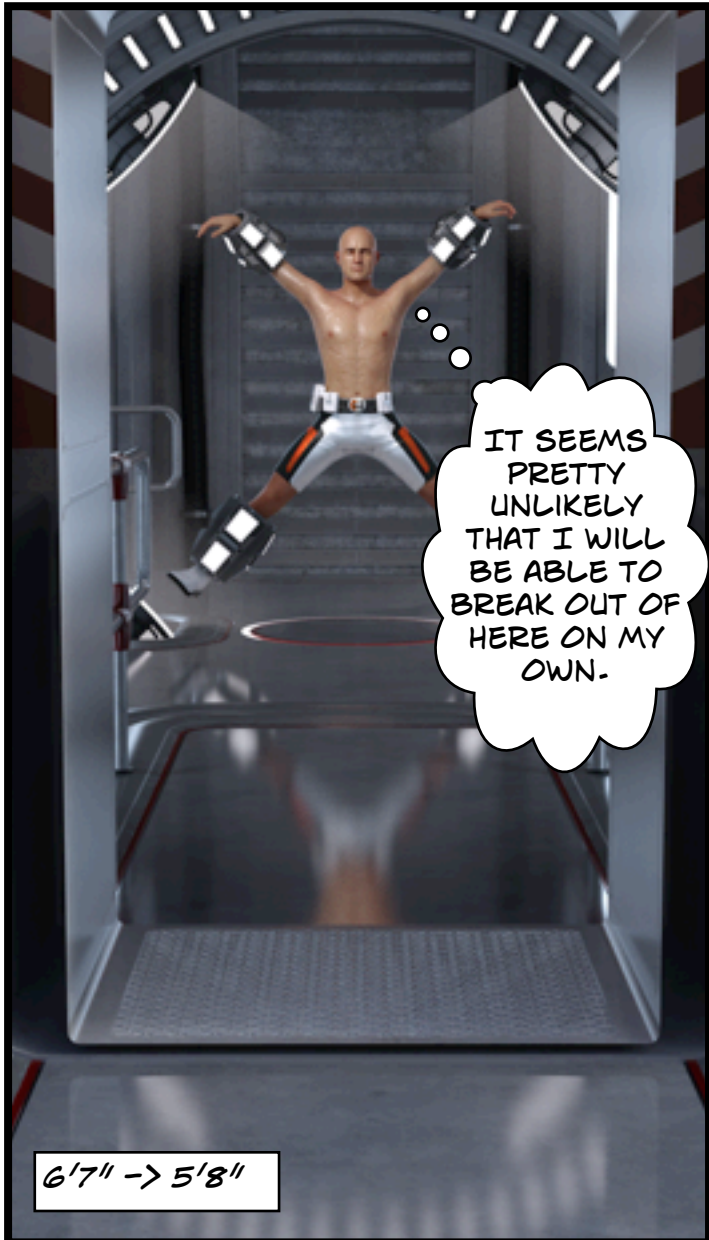
YOU'RE
BARELY A
SHADOW OF YOUR
FORMER SELF AT
THIS POINT. BUT
YOU AREN'T DONE
GIVING YET...





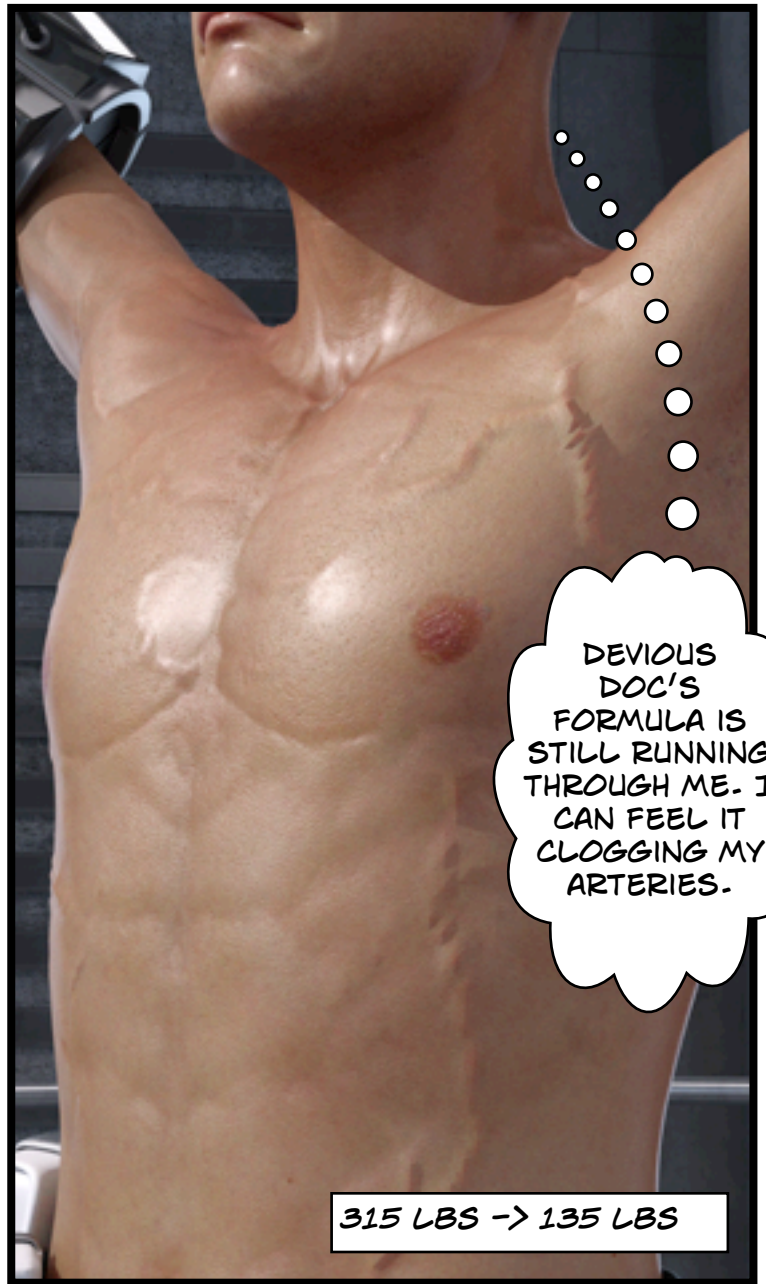
I'M EXHAUSTED...

5 HOURS LATER...



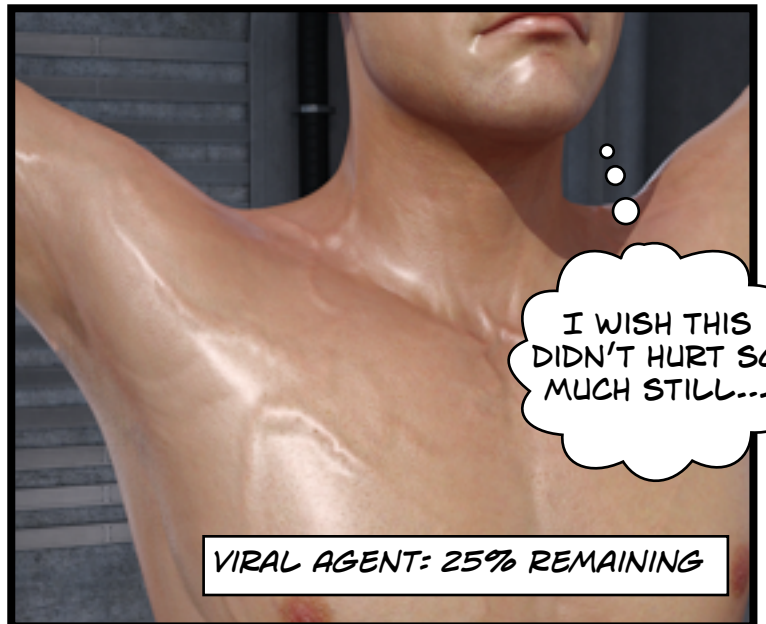
IT SEEMS PRETTY UNLIKELY THAT I WILL BE ABLE TO BREAK OUT OF HERE ON MY OWN.

6'7" -> 5'8"



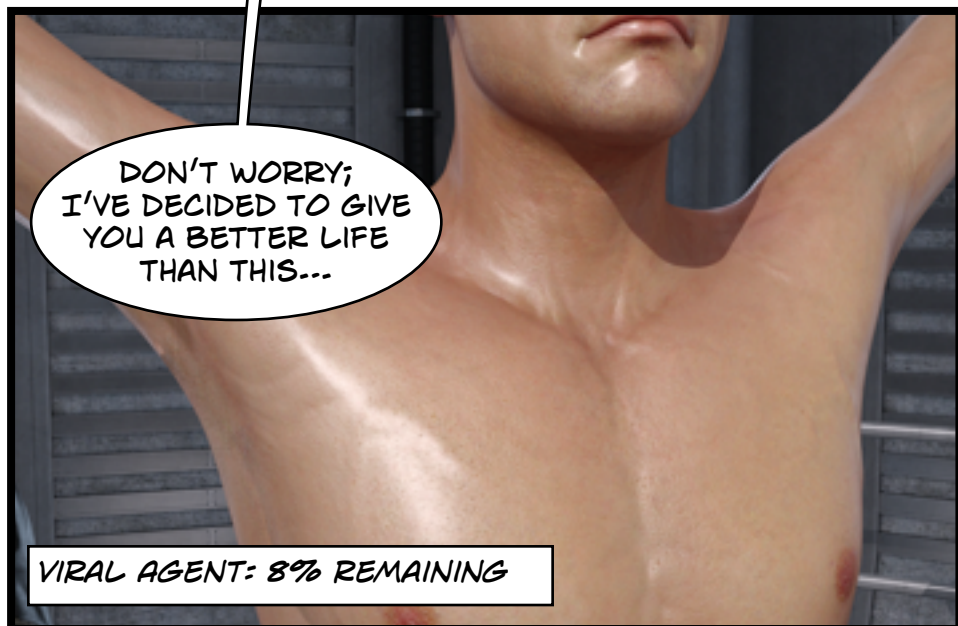
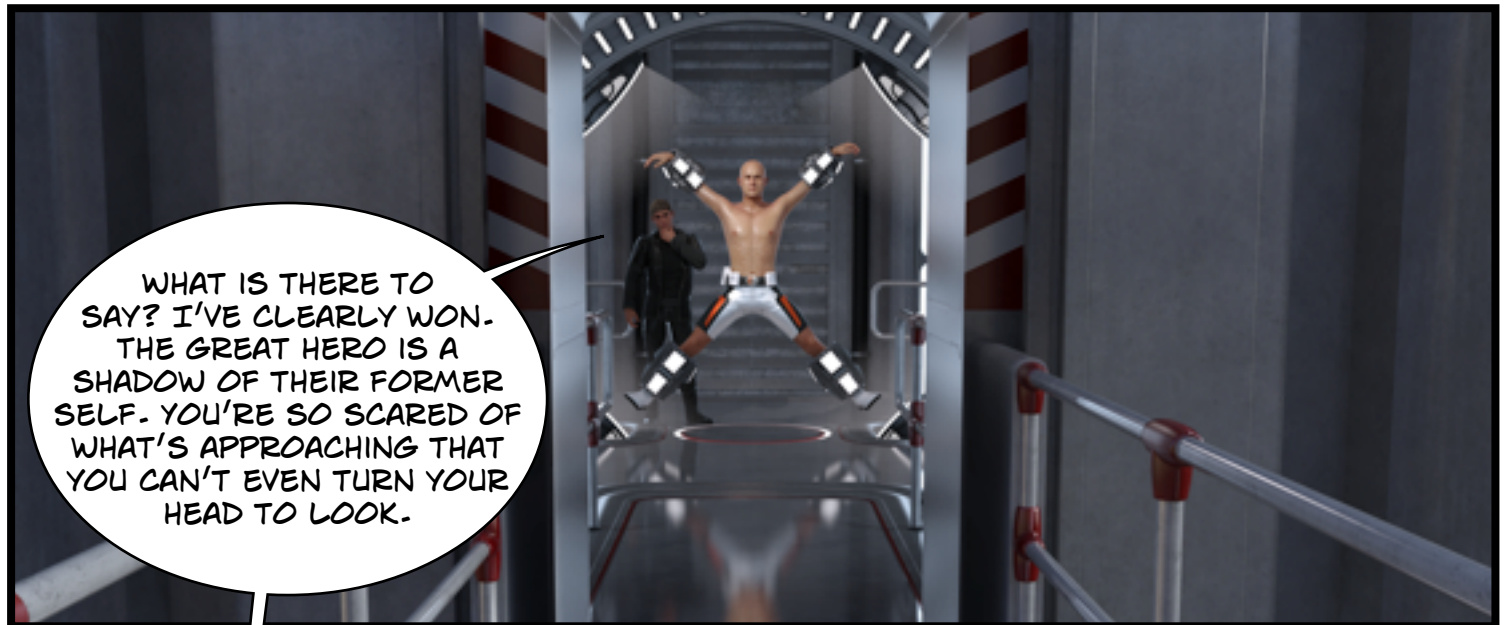
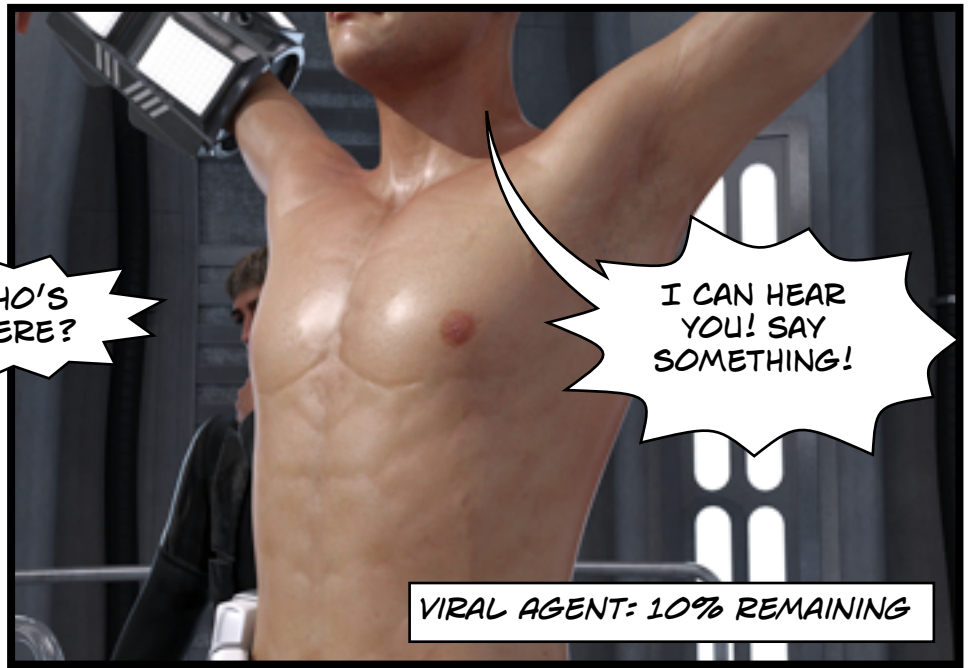
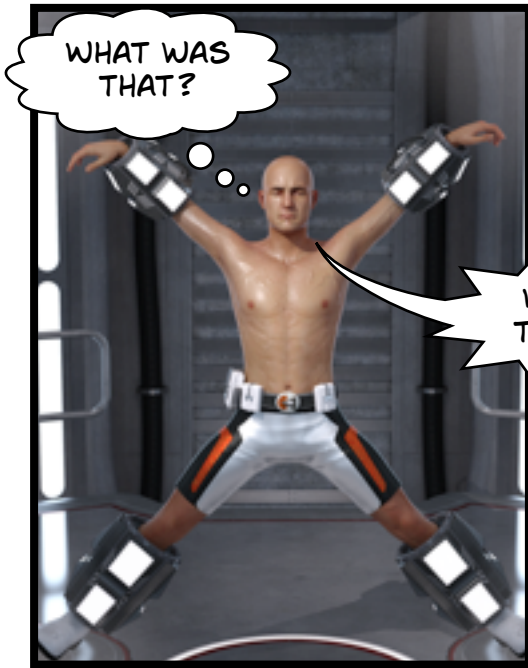
DEVIOUS DOC'S FORMULA IS STILL RUNNING THROUGH ME. I CAN FEEL IT CLOGGING MY ARTERIES.

315 LBS -> 135 LBS



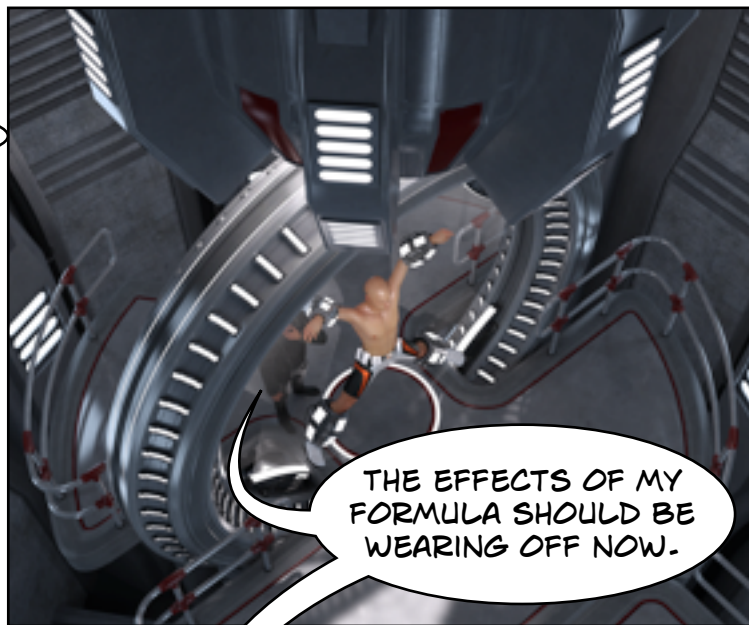
I WISH THIS DIDN'T HURT SO MUCH STILL...

VIRAL AGENT: 25% REMAINING





ALL THOSE YEARS OF BEING STOPPED BY THIS MAN. NOW THE ROLES HAVE BEEN REVERSED...



THE EFFECTS OF MY FORMULA SHOULD BE WEARING OFF NOW.



THE WORST IS OVER....

VIRAL AGENT: 49% REMAINING

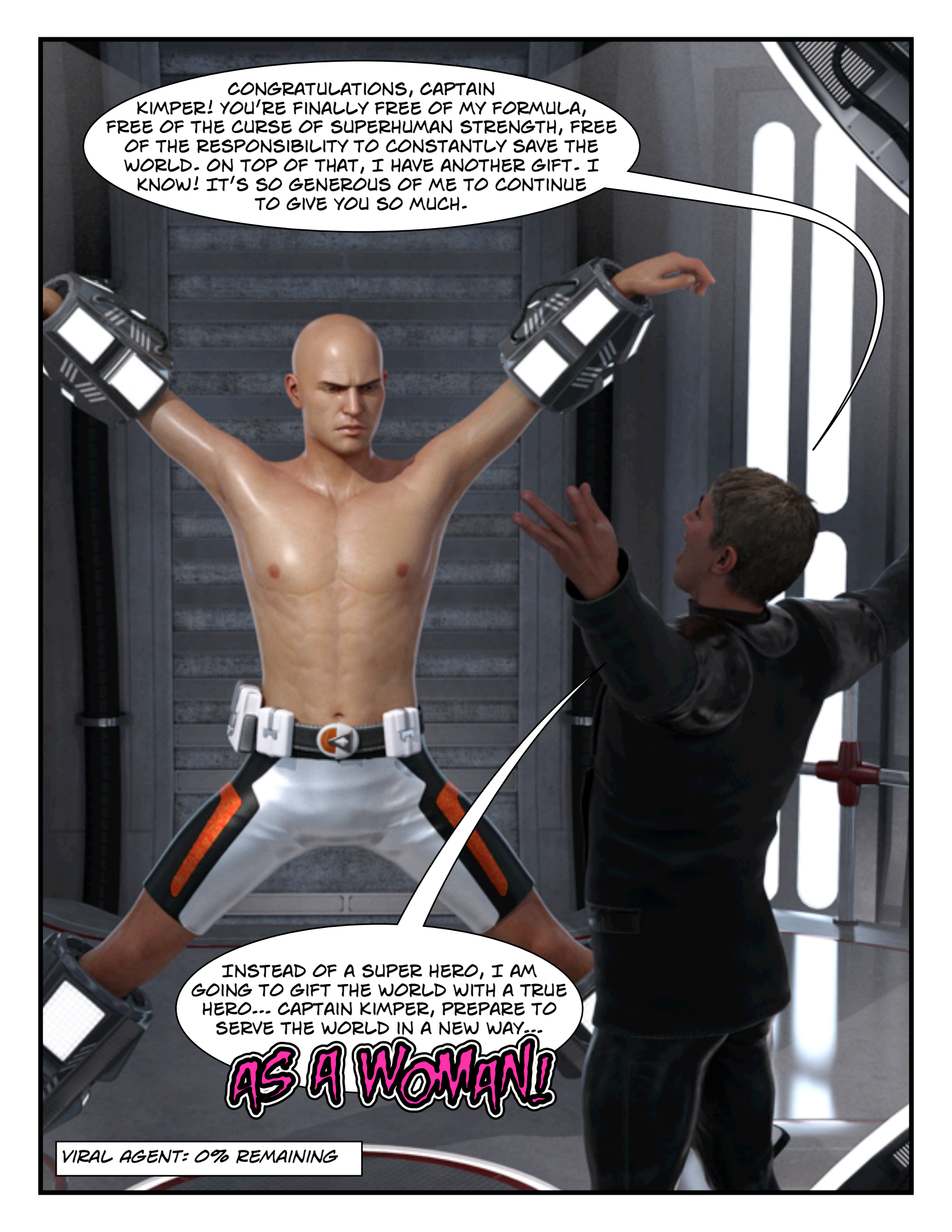


NOW WE CAN TALK ABOUT WHAT COMES NEXT.

VIRAL AGENT: 19% REMAINING



ARE YOU READY FOR THE BIG REVEAL?



CONGRATULATIONS, CAPTAIN
KIMPER! YOU'RE FINALLY FREE OF MY FORMULA,
FREE OF THE CURSE OF SUPERHUMAN STRENGTH, FREE
OF THE RESPONSIBILITY TO CONSTANTLY SAVE THE
WORLD. ON TOP OF THAT, I HAVE ANOTHER GIFT. I
KNOW! IT'S SO GENEROUS OF ME TO CONTINUE
TO GIVE YOU SO MUCH.

INSTEAD OF A SUPER HERO, I AM
GOING TO GIFT THE WORLD WITH A TRUE
HERO... CAPTAIN KIMPER, PREPARE TO
SERVE THE WORLD IN A NEW WAY...

AS A WOMAN!

VIRAL AGENT: 0% REMAINING

FIVE DAYS LATER...



IT WILL ALL BE HANDLED. SEND THE INVOICE--

NO SCHEMES THIS TIME, DEVIUS...

I'D NEVER... THIS IS TOO MOMENTOUS A MOMENT



DEVIUS!
HOW LONG ARE YOU GOING TO HOLD ME HERE? YOU'VE GOTTEN WHAT YOU WANTED. IT'S TIME TO LET ME GO...

PLEASE...

...I HAVE A FAMILY...



A FAMILY? HA!

YOU'LL BE ABLE TO GO BACK TO YOUR FAMILY SOON ENOUGH. YOU'LL BE EVEN BETTER FIT TO SERVE THAT FAMILY TOO!


WOMEN MAKE THE HOME WORK AFTER ALL. WHERE WOULD THE WORLD BE IF IT WEREN'T FOR THE WOMEN?



YOU MONSTER!

MONSTER, YOU SAY? I DON'T KNOW. WHAT DO YOU THINK, SORCERESS?

OH, DEFINITELY. C.K., IF YOU'D SEEN HIM LIKE I DID LAST NIGHT, YOU'D KNOW HOW HUMBLE OUR GREAT DOCTOR IS BEING RIGHT NOW.



WHAT CAN I SAY? I HAVE A WAY WITH WOMEN. DON'T WORRY, C.K., YOU'RE NOT MY TYPE. OR AT LEAST I DON'T THINK YOU WILL BE. SORCERESS HERE IS READY TO GET THIS WHOLE TRANSFORMATION ROLLING...

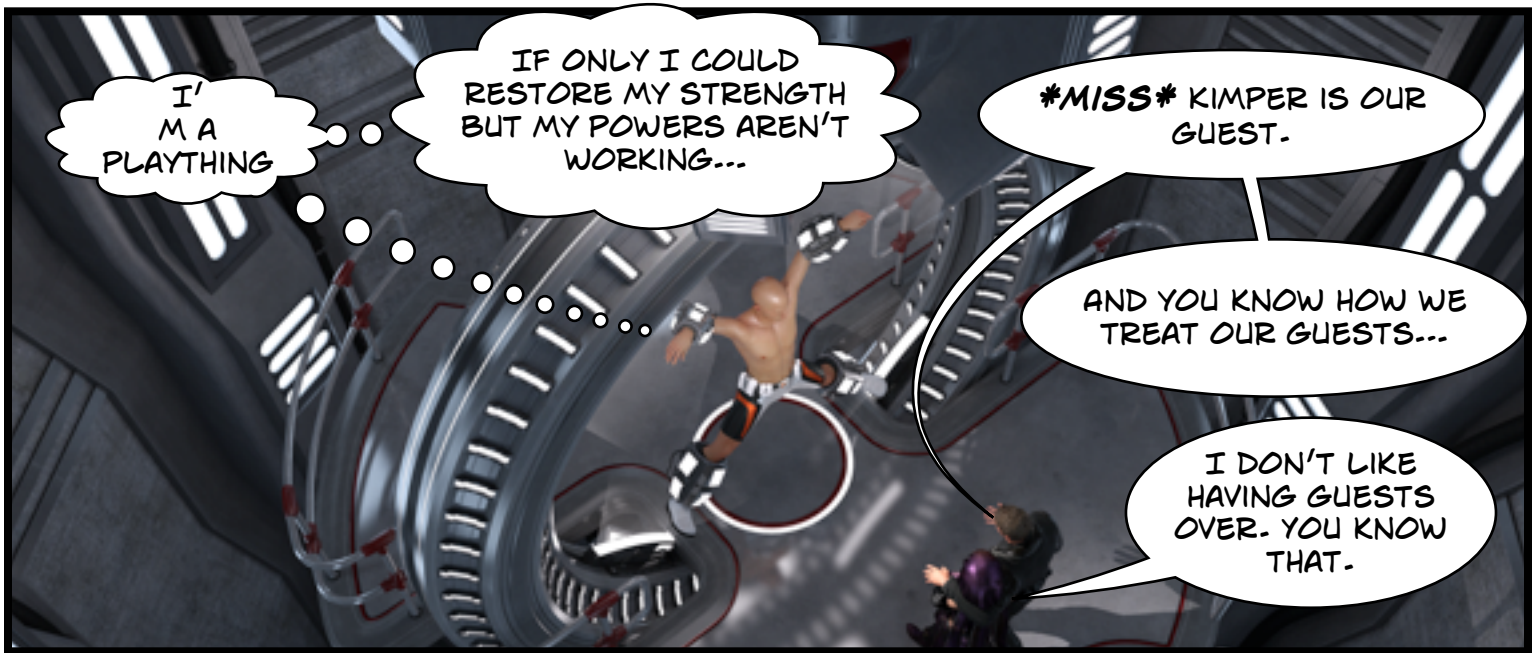


LOOK AT HIS EXPRESSION!

SO GRUFF... GRR!

I BET HIS ATTITUDE CHANGES REALLY QUICKLY ONCE HE SEES WHAT I HAVE IN STORE FOR HIM.

TSK TSK
SORCERESS, CAN'T YOU SEE YOU'RE UPSETTING HIM?



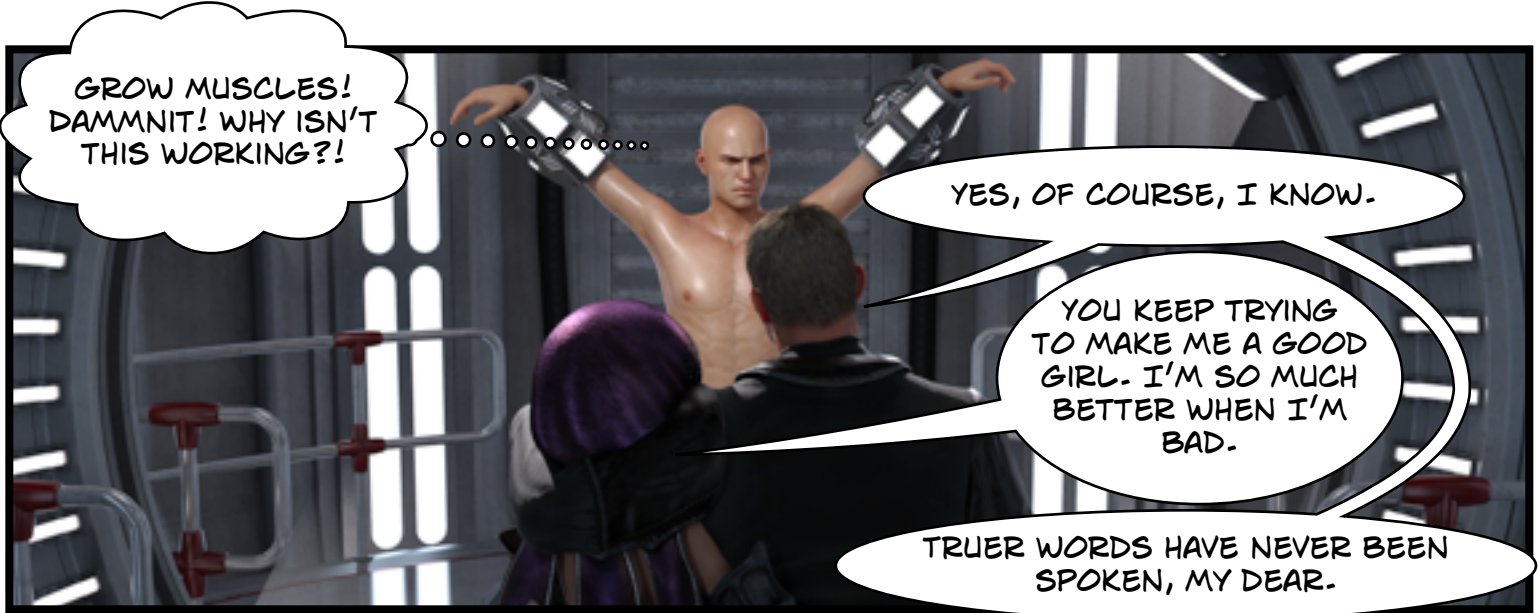
I'M A PLAYTHING

IF ONLY I COULD RESTORE MY STRENGTH BUT MY POWERS AREN'T WORKING...

MISS KIMPER IS OUR GUEST.

AND YOU KNOW HOW WE TREAT OUR GUESTS...

I DON'T LIKE HAVING GUESTS OVER. YOU KNOW THAT.



GROW MUSCLES! DAMMNIT! WHY ISN'T THIS WORKING?!

YES, OF COURSE, I KNOW.

YOU KEEP TRYING TO MAKE ME A GOOD GIRL. I'M SO MUCH BETTER WHEN I'M BAD.

TRUER WORDS HAVE NEVER BEEN SPOKEN, MY DEAR.



WELL, C.K. IT LOOKS LIKE YOU'LL HAVE TO BE THE GOOD GIRL OF THE BUNCH.

CAN I CHANGE HIM YET?

I'M TIRED OF WAITING!

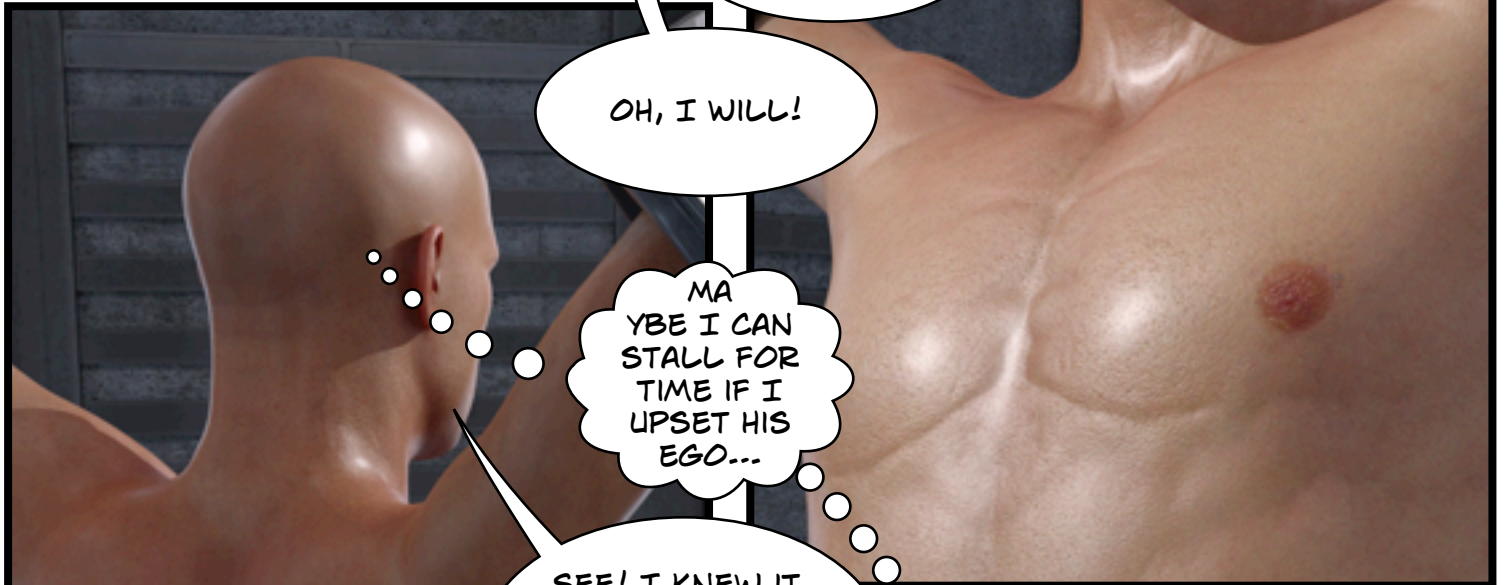


SHE'S GOING TO TURN OUT GREAT.

NOW LET ME AT HER!

GIVE ME YOUR WORST, WITCH!

GRRR



OH, I WILL!

MAYBE I CAN STALL FOR TIME IF I UPSET HIS EGO...

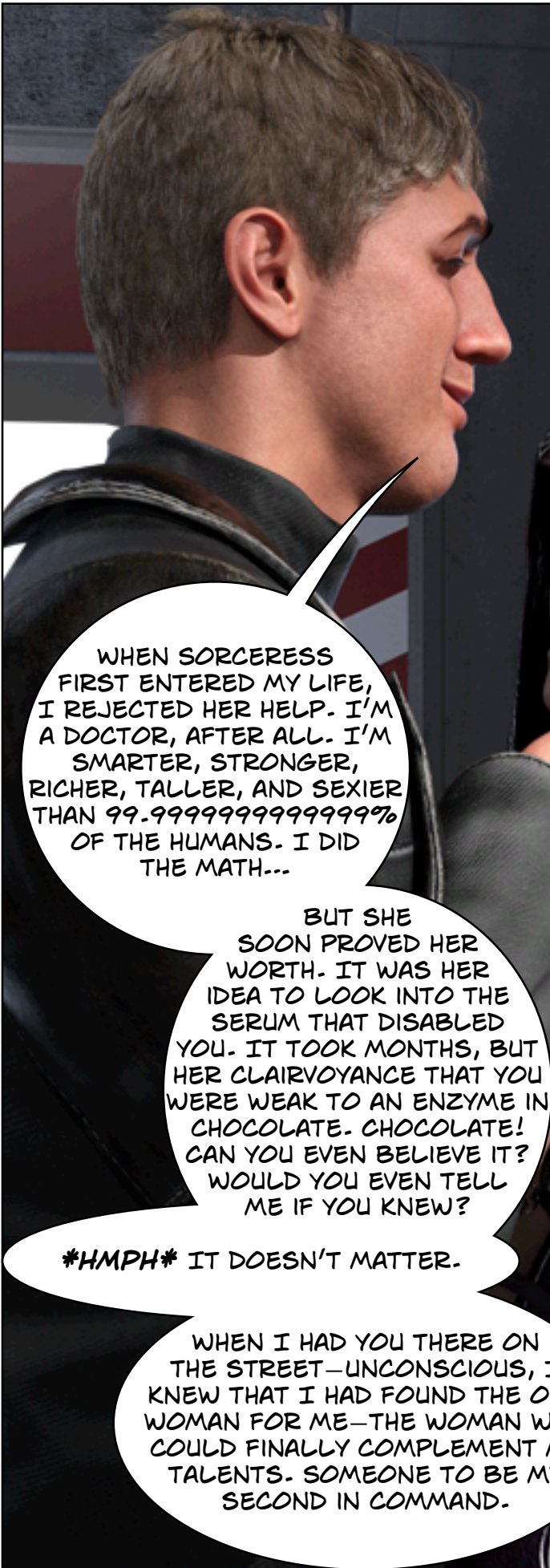
SEE! I KNEW IT. DEVIIOUS DOCTOR CAN'T GET THE JOB DONE, SO HE HAS TO BRING IN HELP.



STRAIN

...PLEASE GROW MUSCLES. DON'T FAIL ME NOW!

C.K., YOU COULDN'T BE MORE RIGHT.



WHEN SORCERESS FIRST ENTERED MY LIFE, I REJECTED HER HELP. I'M A DOCTOR, AFTER ALL. I'M SMARTER, STRONGER, RICHER, TALLER, AND SEXIER THAN 99.99999999999999% OF THE HUMANS. I DID THE MATH---


BUT SHE SOON PROVED HER WORTH. IT WAS HER IDEA TO LOOK INTO THE SERUM THAT DISABLED YOU. IT TOOK MONTHS, BUT HER CLAIRVOYANCE THAT YOU WERE WEAK TO AN ENZYME IN CHOCOLATE. CHOCOLATE! CAN YOU EVEN BELIEVE IT? WOULD YOU EVEN TELL ME IF YOU KNEW?

HMPH IT DOESN'T MATTER.

WHEN I HAD YOU THERE ON THE STREET—UNCONSCIOUS, I KNEW THAT I HAD FOUND THE ONE WOMAN FOR ME—THE WOMAN WHO COULD FINALLY COMPLEMENT MY TALENTS. SOMEONE TO BE MY SECOND IN COMMAND.



HE THINKS OF ME AS HIS SECOND IN COMMAND? YAY!



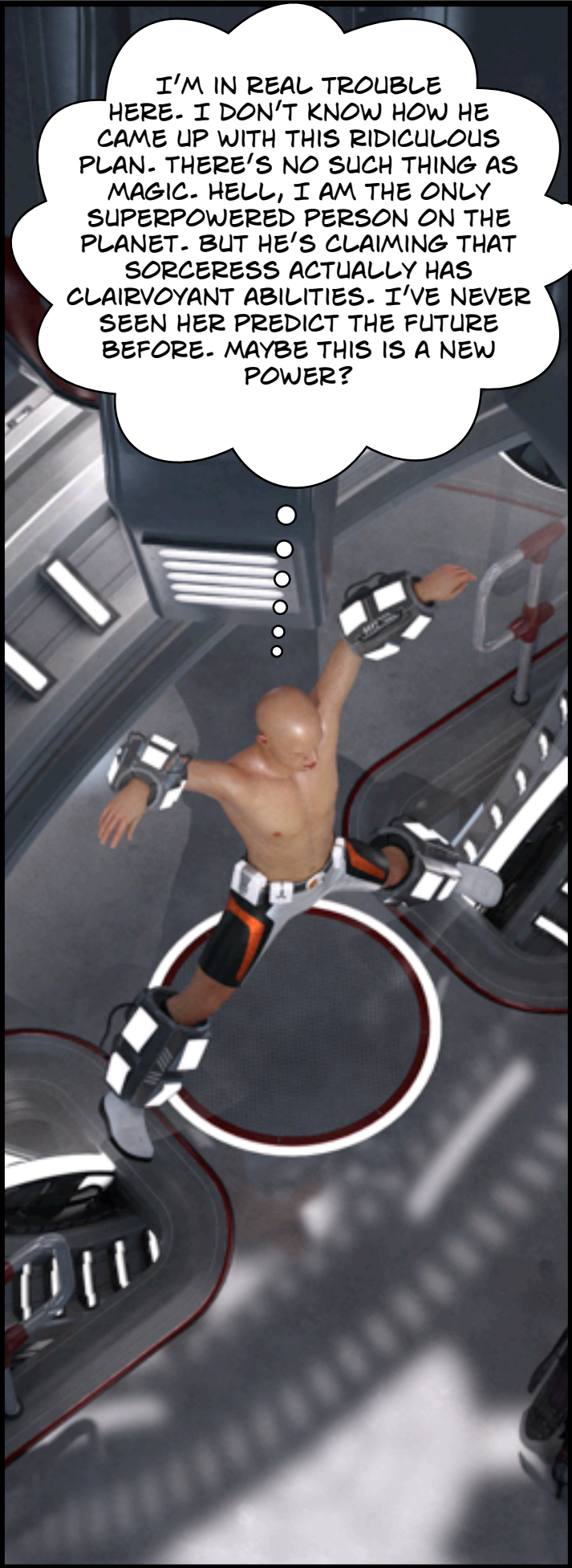
SHIT, I DIDN'T THINK HE COULD FEEL THAT WAY ABOUT ANOTHER PERSON... SHALLOW AS HIS SENTIMENT ACTUALLY WAS.

WHATEVER THEY DID TO ME IS SEEMINGLY PERMANENT. I SHOULD BE THE SIZE OF A SMALL CAR BY NOW, WITH HOW AMPED UP I AM.

SO, YOUR PLAN IS TO EXILE ME TO A LIFE OF PETTICOATS AND PETUNIAS?

SEEMS A LITTLE...

...ARBITRARY. THEN AGAIN, I'M SURE YOU THOUGHT IT ALL THROUGH, RIGHT?



I'M IN REAL TROUBLE
HERE. I DON'T KNOW HOW HE
CAME UP WITH THIS RIDICULOUS
PLAN. THERE'S NO SUCH THING AS
MAGIC. HELL, I AM THE ONLY
SUPERPOWERED PERSON ON THE
PLANET. BUT HE'S CLAIMING THAT
SORCERESS ACTUALLY HAS
CLAIRVOYANT ABILITIES. I'VE NEVER
SEEN HER PREDICT THE FUTURE
BEFORE. MAYBE THIS IS A NEW
POWER?



MAYBE MORE PEOPLE ARE
DEVELOPING POWERS IN THE WORLD?



IT'S TIME TO GET
STARTED, K.C.

DON'T WORRY...

...THIS WON'T
HURT...



...FOREVER

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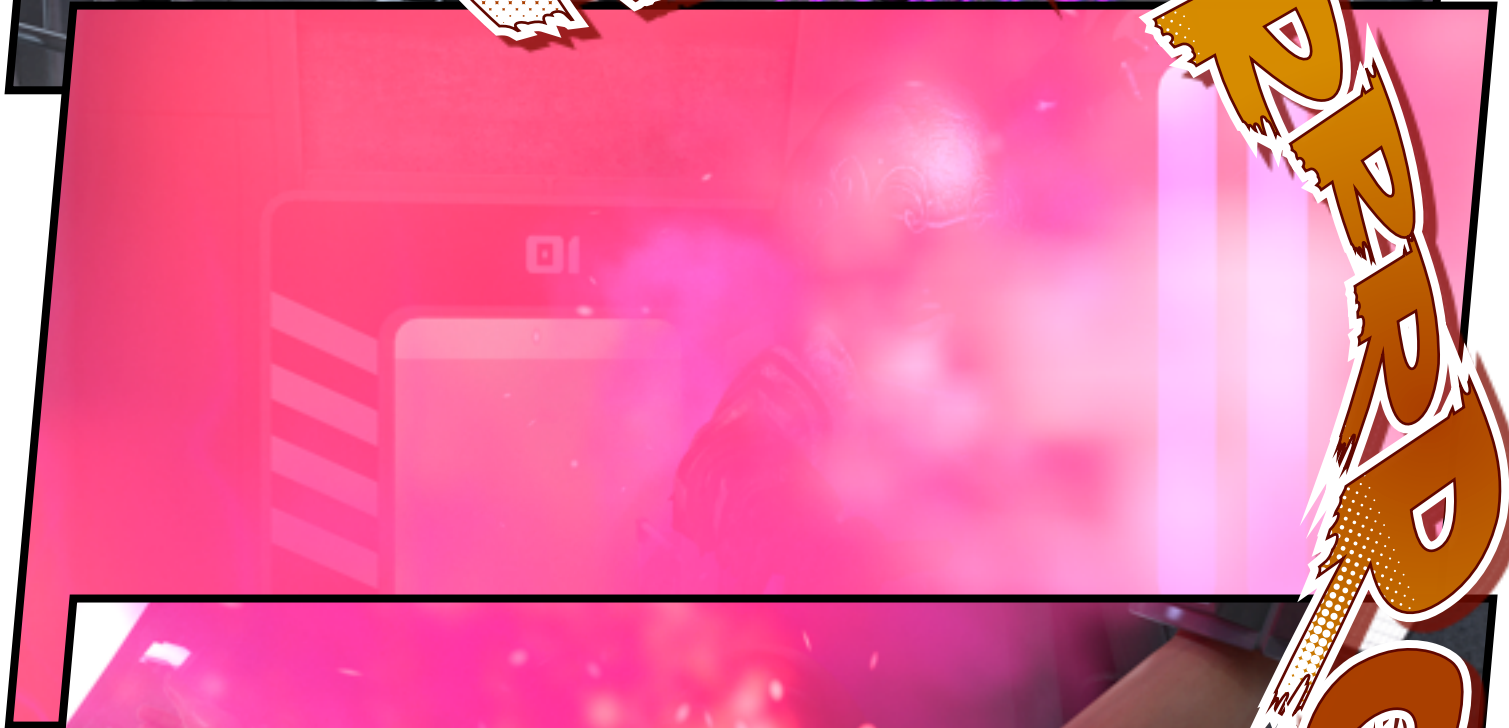
HOLY SHIT!

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OKAY,
MAGIC IS
DEFINITELY
REAL.

THINK FASTER
C-K.

YOUR LAST
TRACES OF
MASCULINITY
DEPEND ON IT!



OH,
PLEASE, NO.
I DON'T WANT
TO BE A
WOMAN!

POOF!

WHY DID I
TAUNT
SORCERESS?

WILL I EVER
SEE MY FAMILY
AGAIN?