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Previously in *Stargazer Volume One*

In Volume One we are introduced to Marni, a young girl struggling to cope with the recent death of her beloved grandmother. Marni has been bequeathed her grandmother's favourite possession, a mysterious and somewhat unearthly artifact. With this treasure as a memento of her grandmother, and with the support of her two best friends, Sophie and Elora, Marni is just beginning to deal with her grief when suddenly her life takes a fantastical turn. While the three girls are examining the artifact on a backyard camping trip, the object suddenly transports the friends and their tent to a faraway place. When they recover from their initial shock, Marni, Sophie, and Elora discover that the artifact has vanished, leaving them all alone.

Once the the friends gather their courage and explore their surroundings, they find an alien and strangely empty world. Eventually, they spot a mysterious tower in the distance and decide to travel to it in the hopes of finding help. However, as they gather their belongings to start the trip, they are startled by a deafening roar from an unseen monster in the nearby woods. Terrified, they run for their lives, abandoning all of their belongings, except for the knapsacks on their backs. They escape the monster but are afraid to return to the area; they decide to leave the tent behind and press on towards the tower.

On this first leg of their adventure, the girls make a number of strange discoveries, including a mysterious robot and a seemingly endless supply of food in an otherwise empty building. The building's inhabitants are nowhere to be found and, since the robot seems friendly, the girls decide to sleep there rather than in the dark woods. That night, Marni has an unsettling night-time encounter with a silent and shadowy child. Marni is convinced the child is trying to communicate with her; however, the next morning, uncertain whether the experience was a dream or not, she decides to keep it to herself.

After leaving the shelter, this time accompanied by the friendly little robot, the girls stumble across an abandoned Viking-like longboat. While exploring its cargo hold, Marni discovers a sword and decides to keep it in case the monster comes back. Feeling safe on the boat, the girls agree that it also seems like a faster way to get to the far-off tower, so they set sail with the help of the robot. That night, Marni has another night-time encounter with a dream-like figure; however, this time it's an older woman and Marni is convinced that this is her grandmother reborn.

As Volume One ended, the longboat was approaching the tower and the three girls were fervently hoping they would find help there...and a way home.



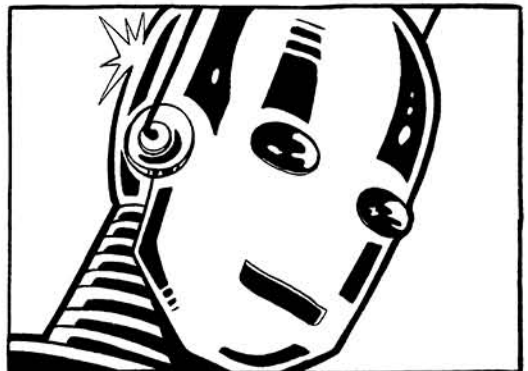
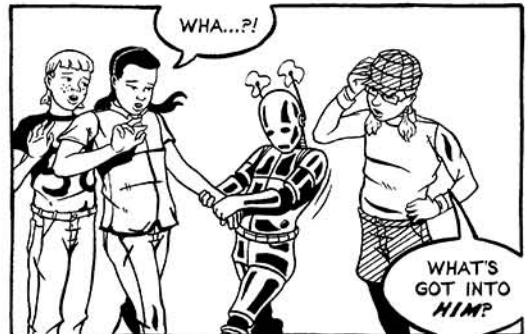
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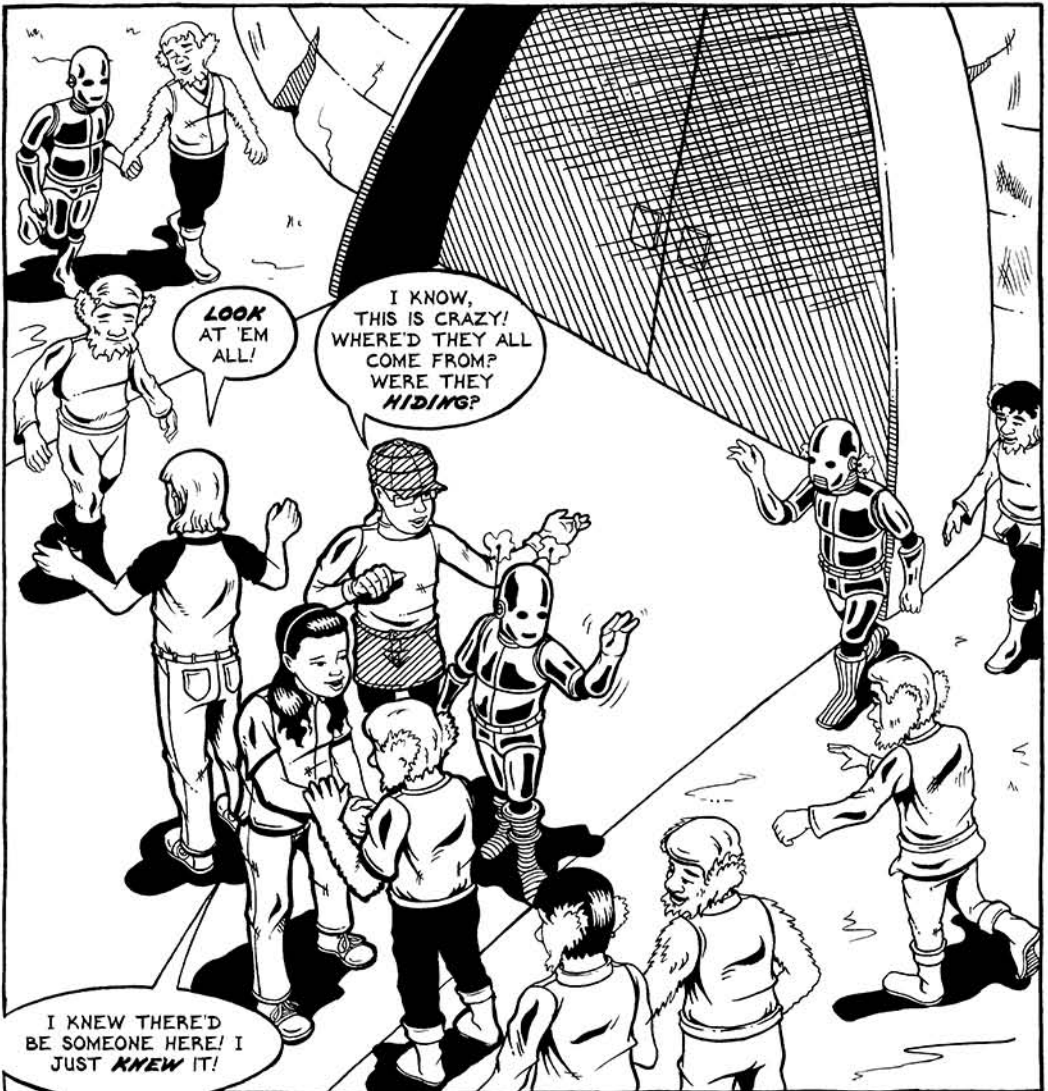
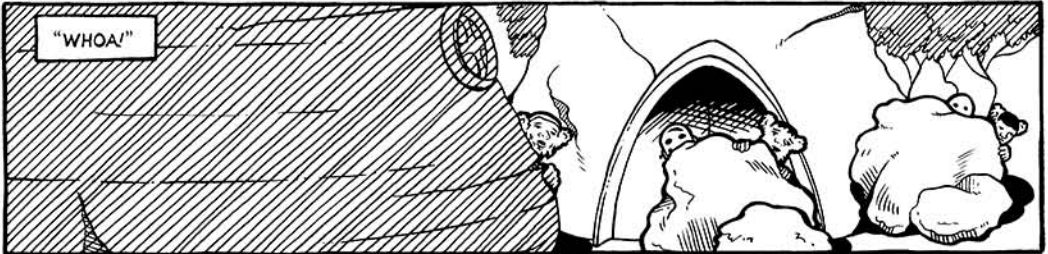
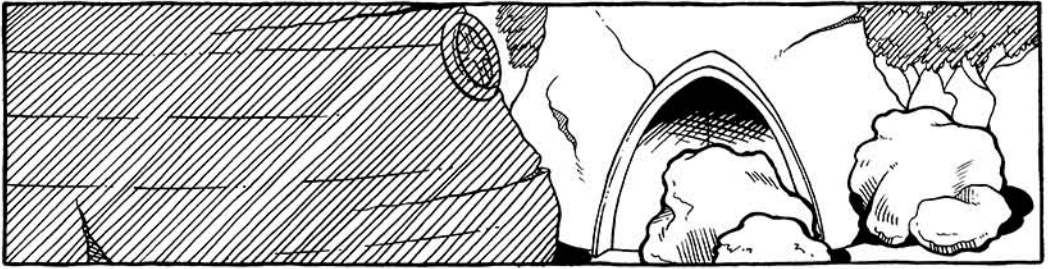
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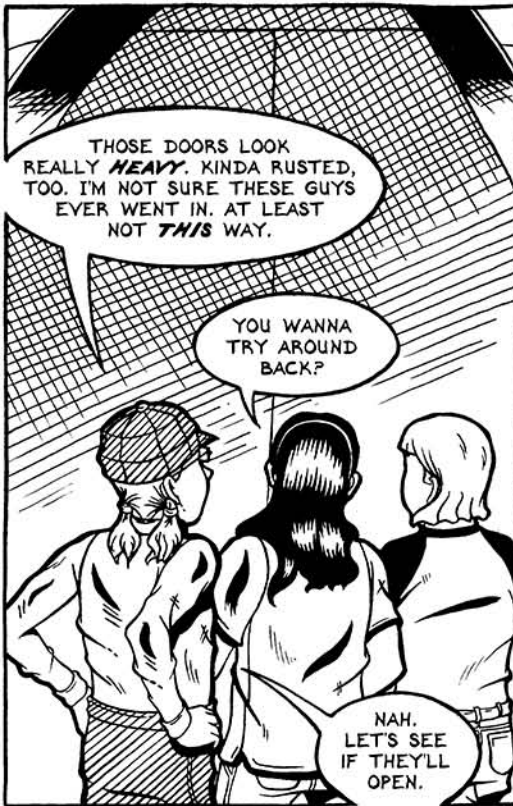
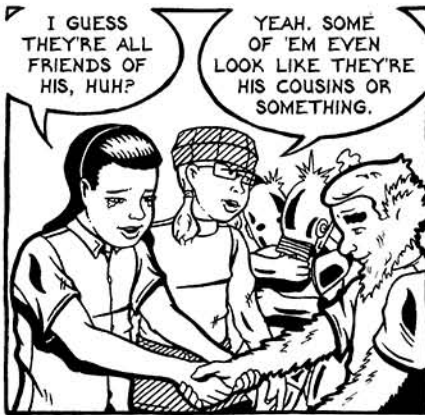


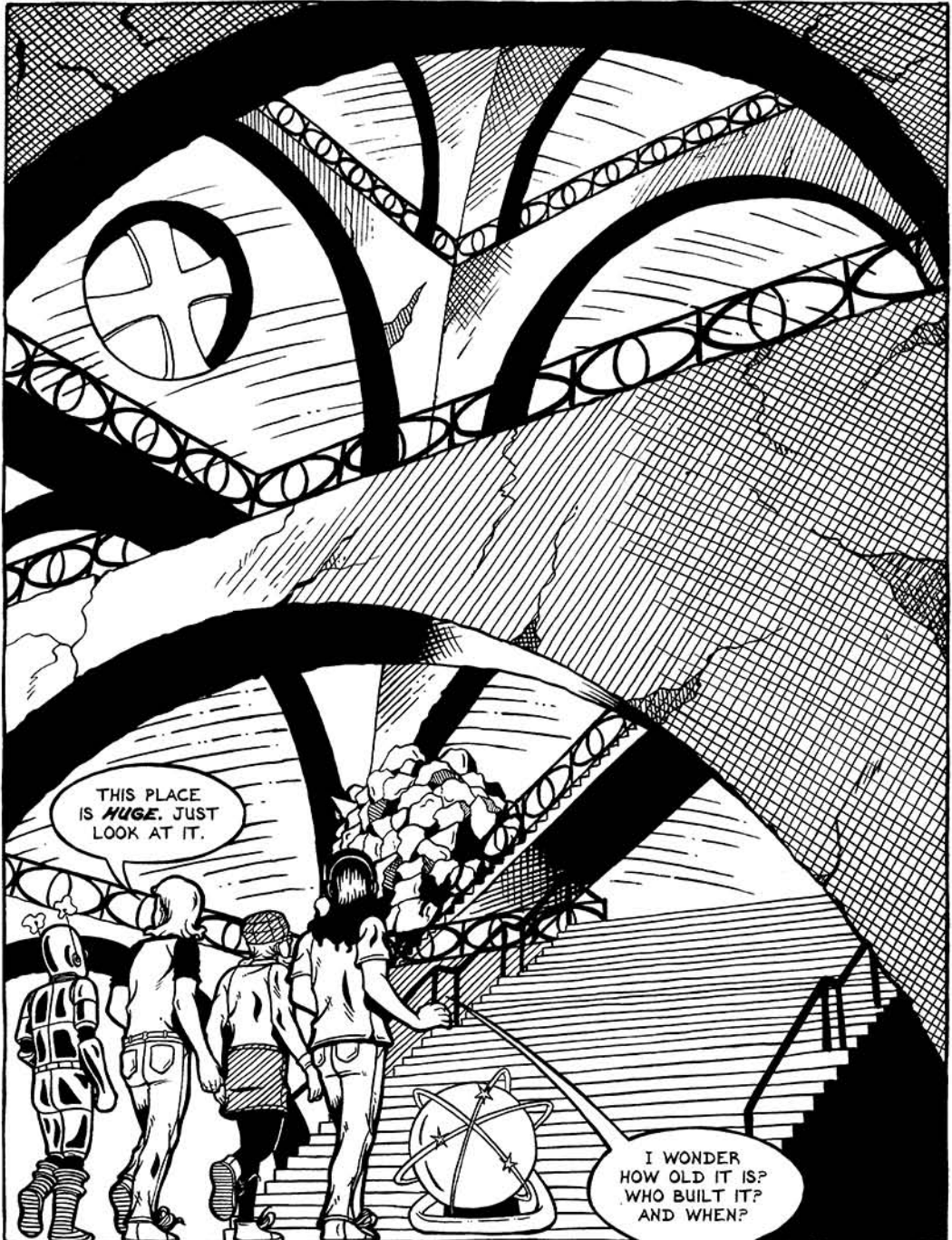




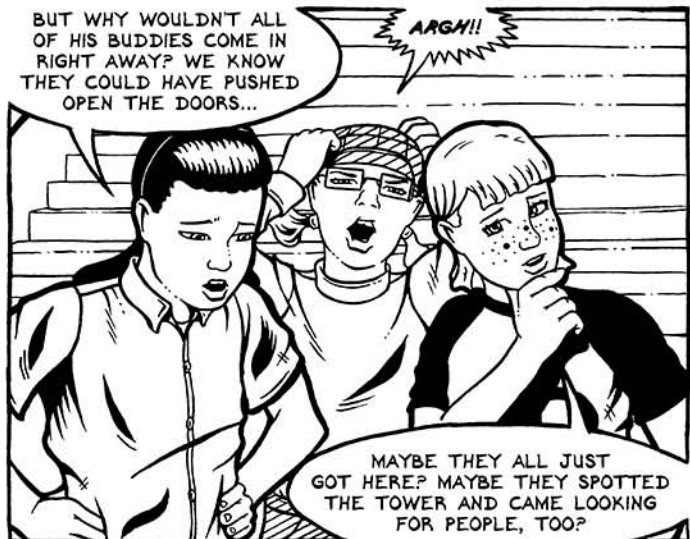
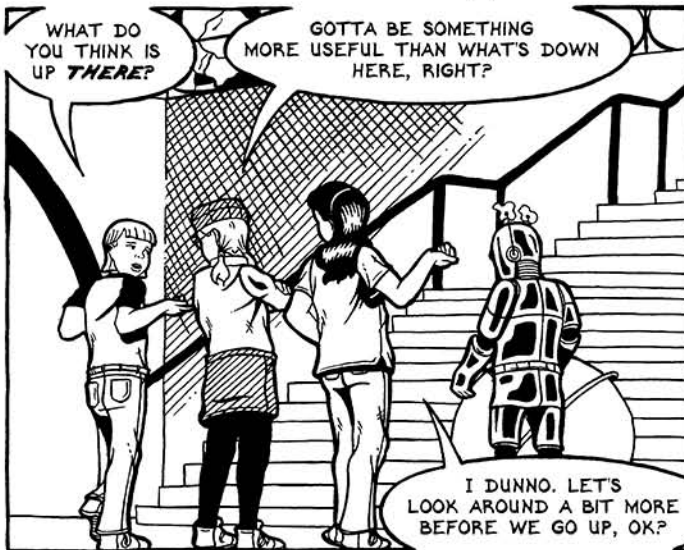


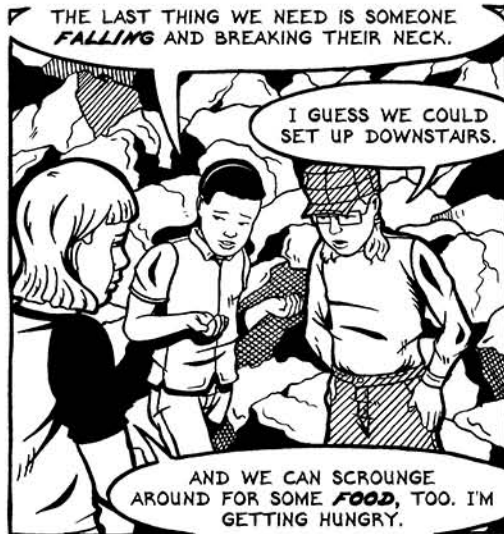
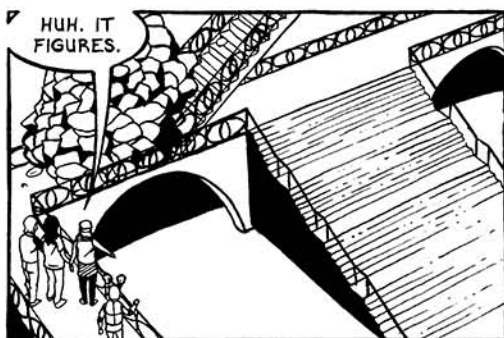
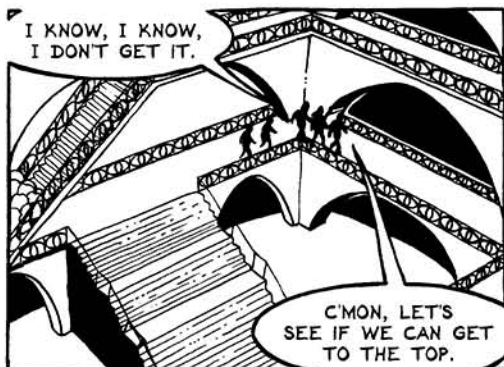






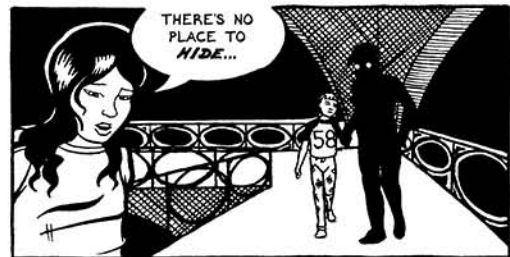




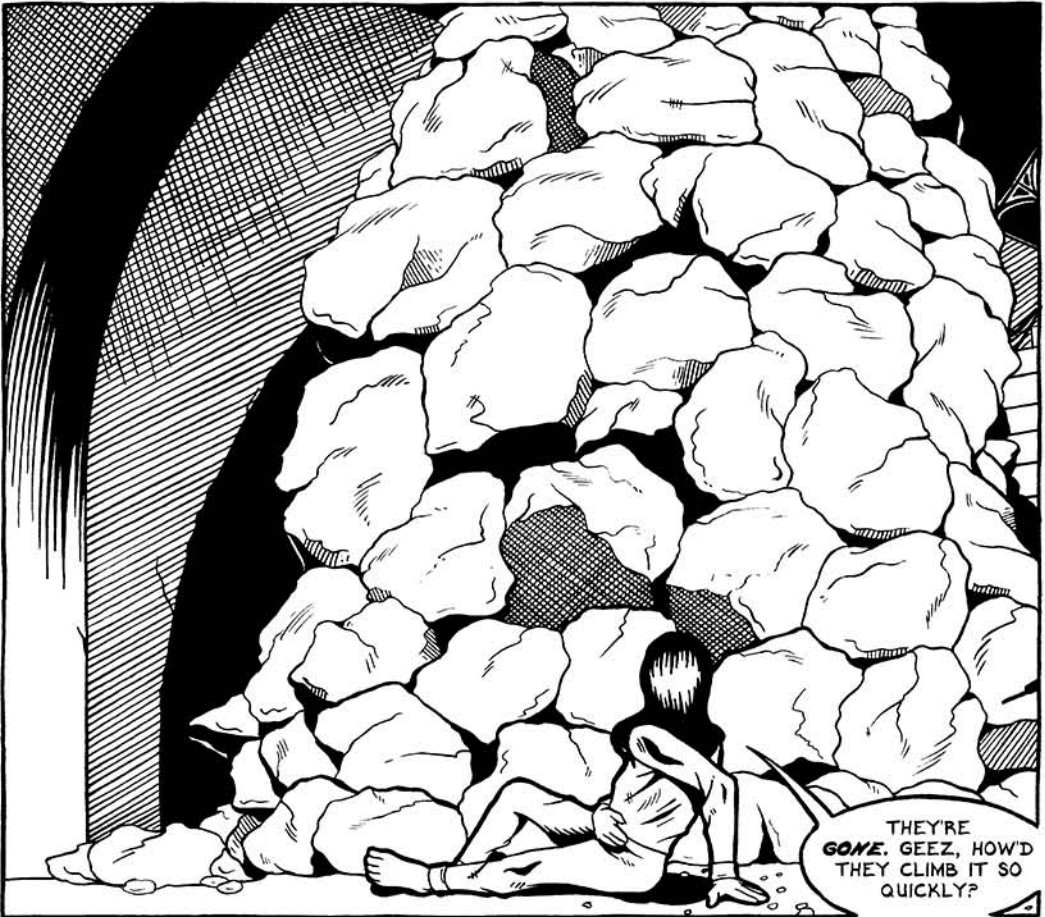




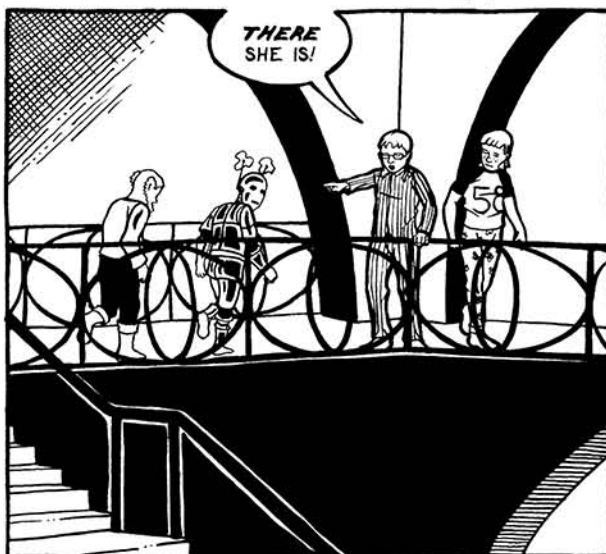


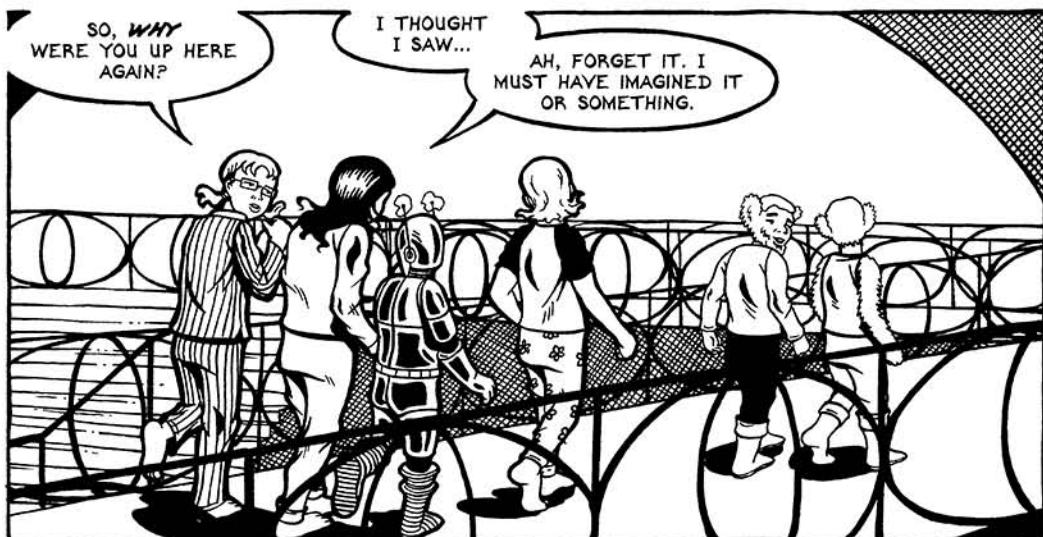








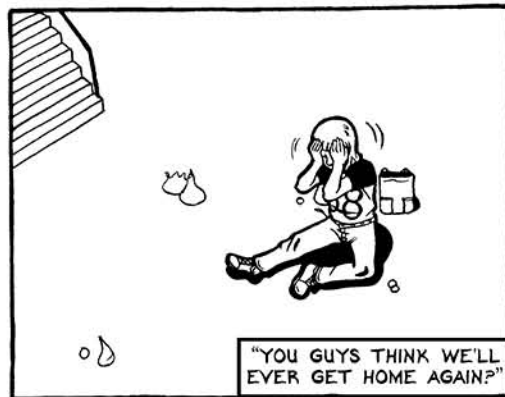
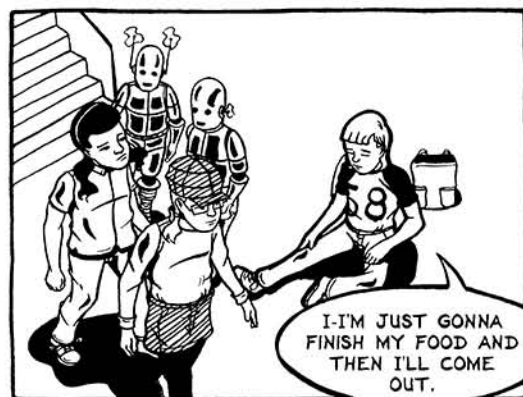


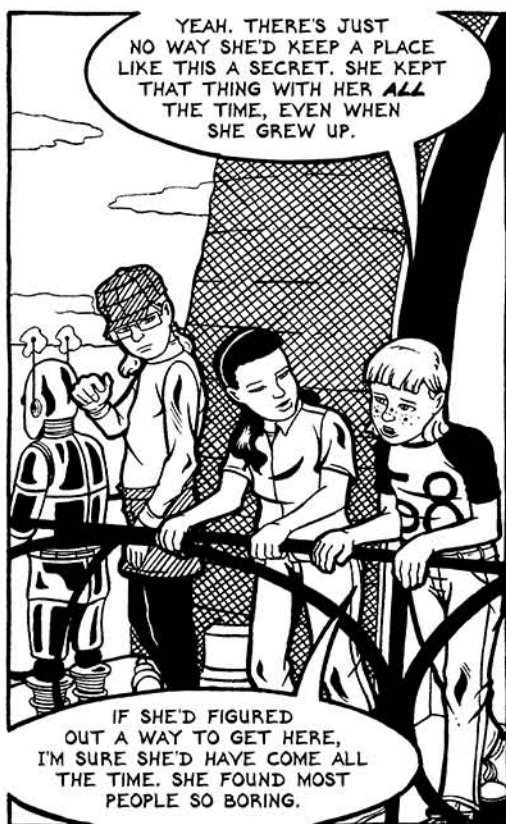


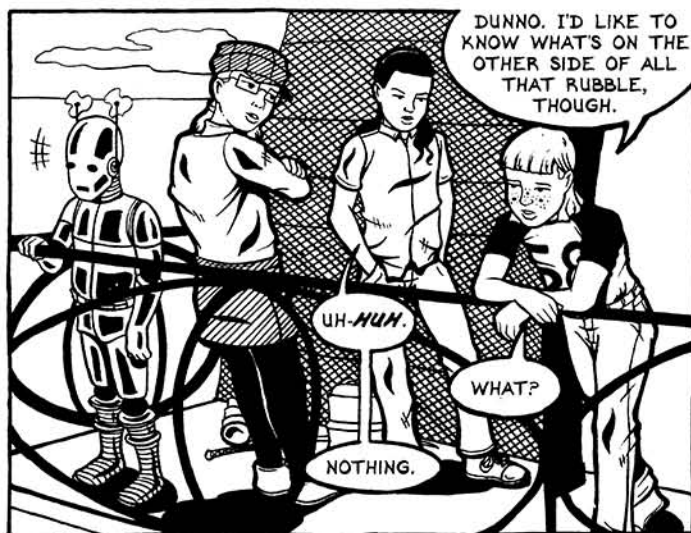


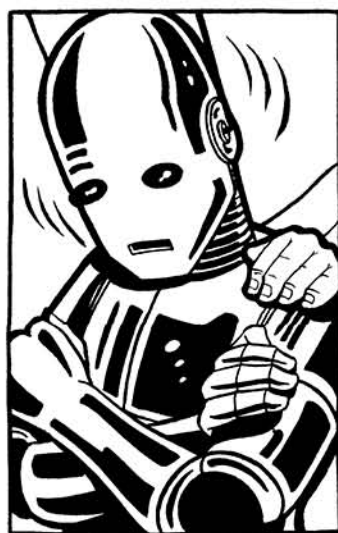
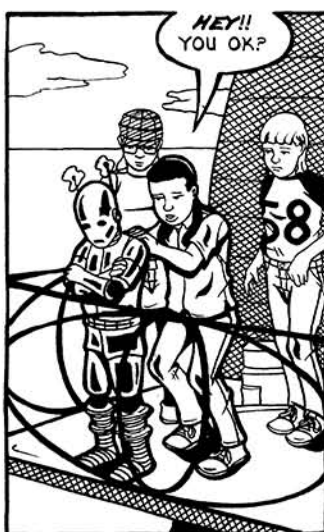
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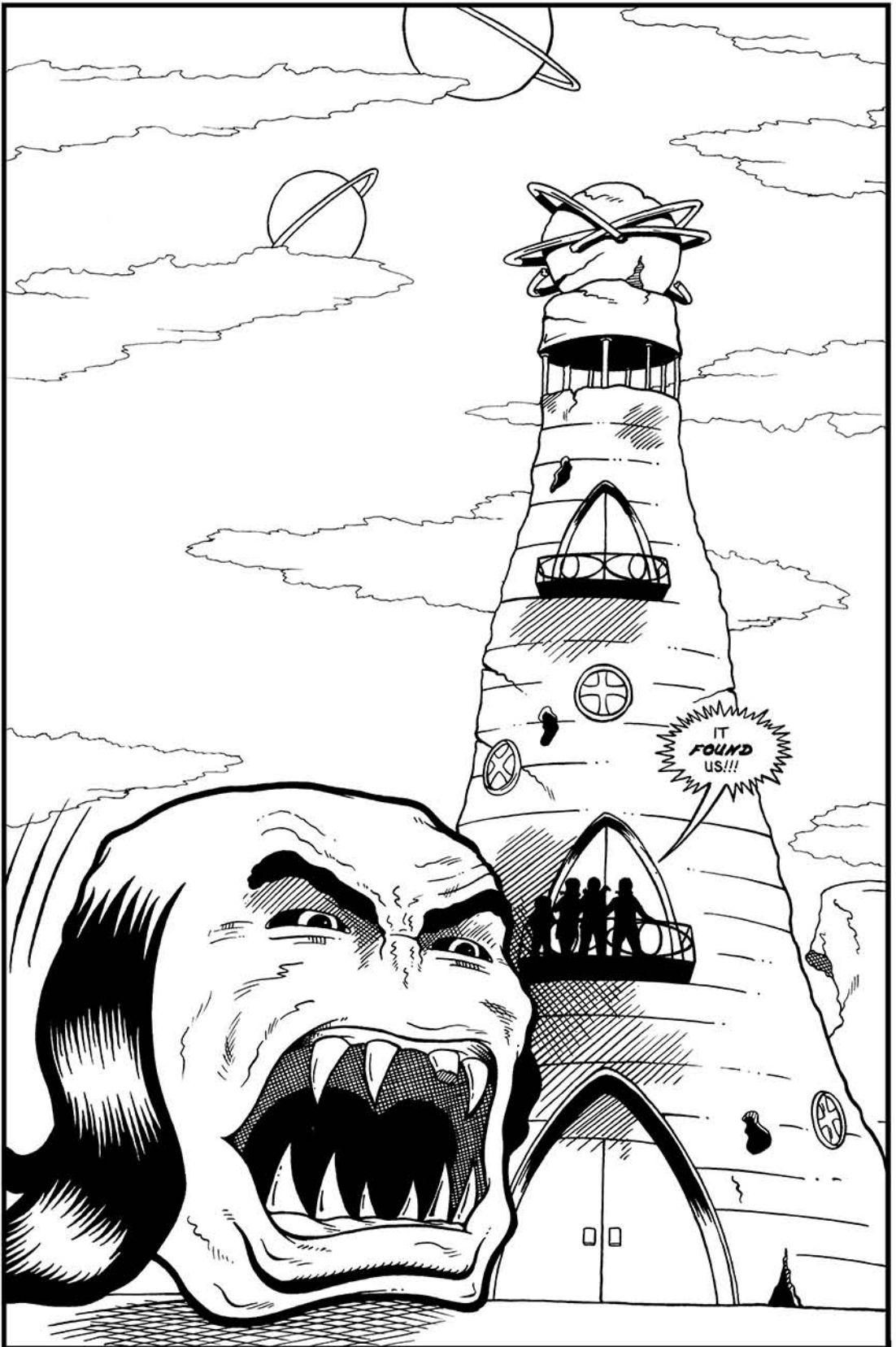


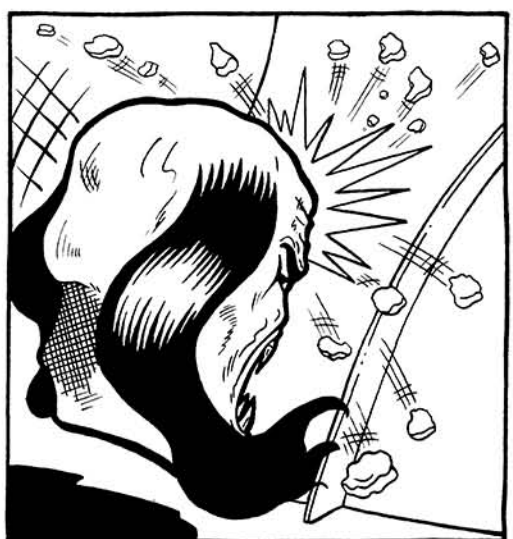
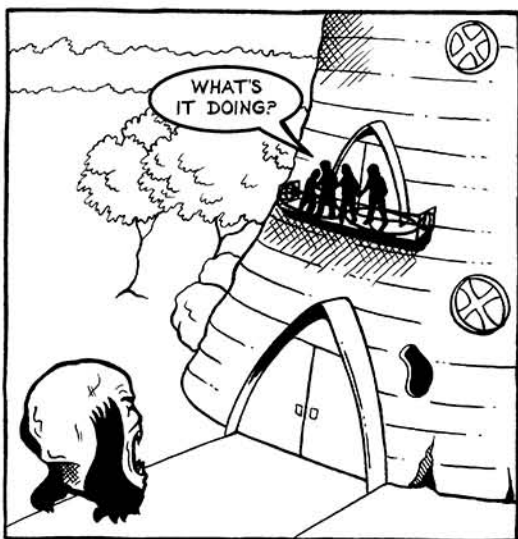


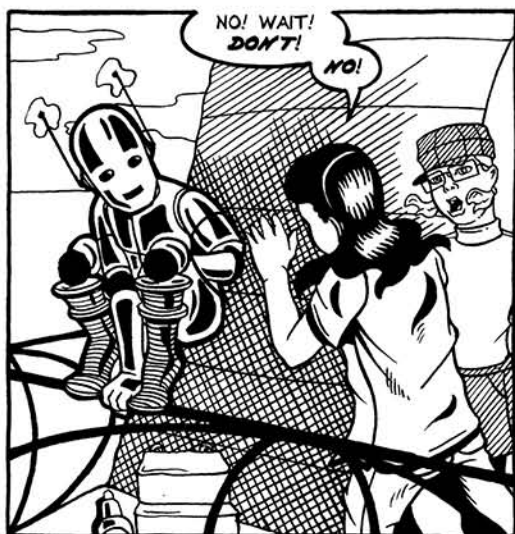
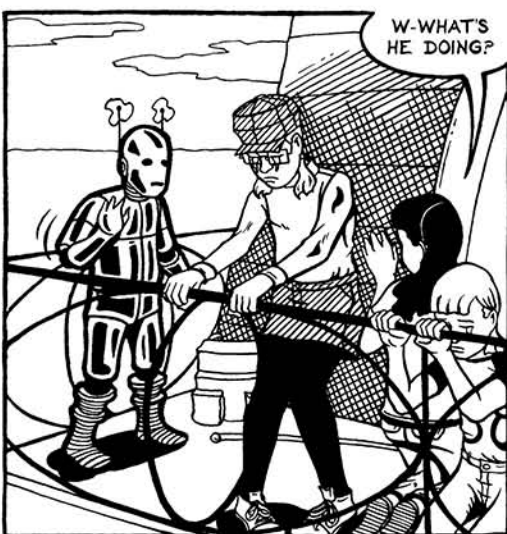
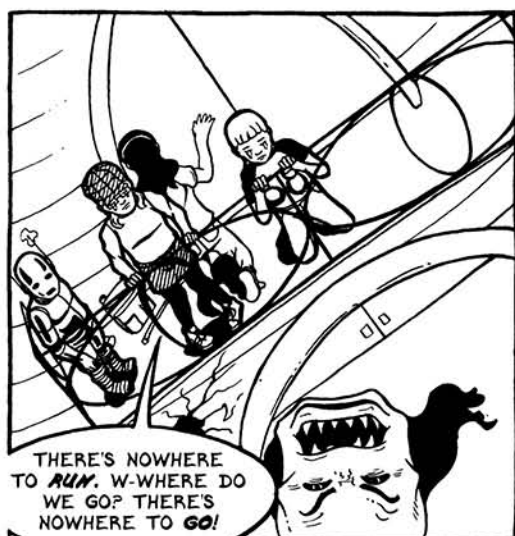
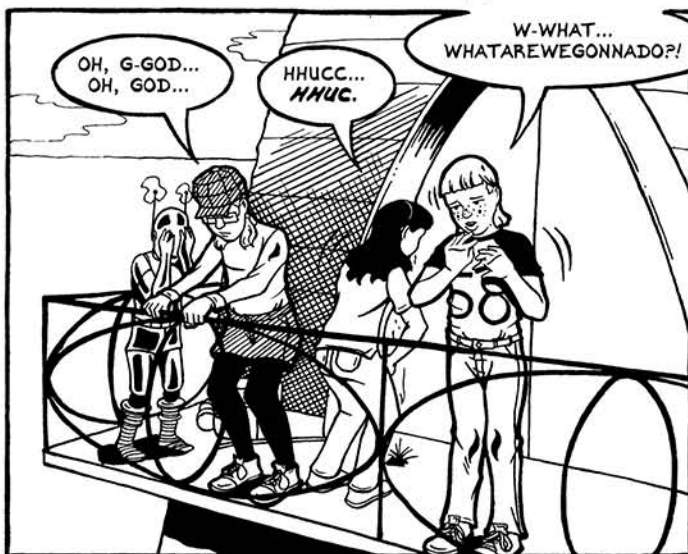


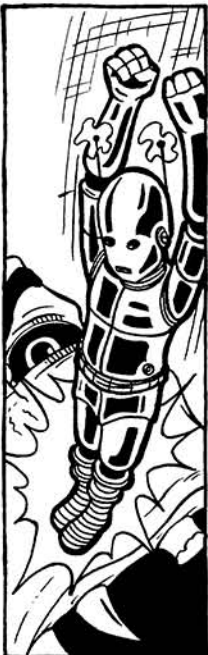
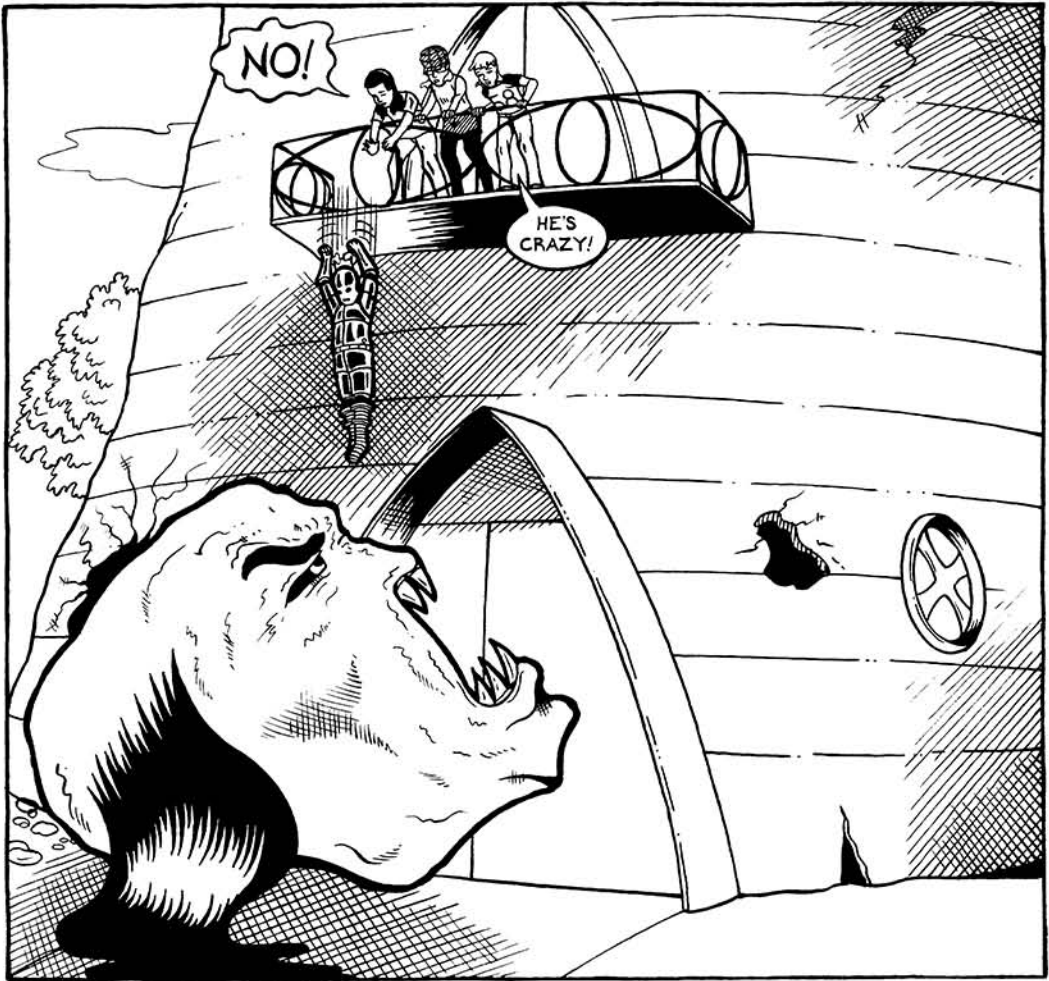
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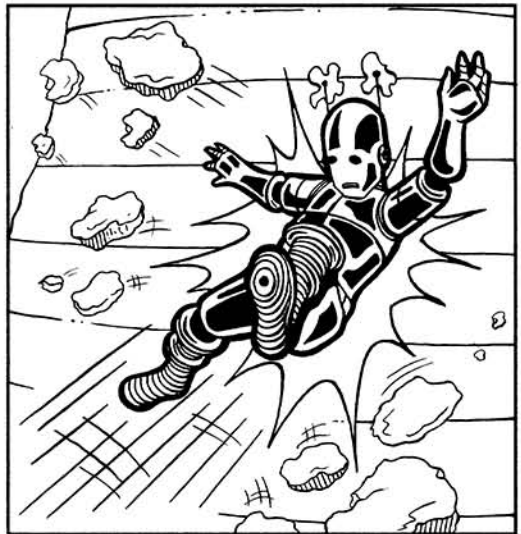
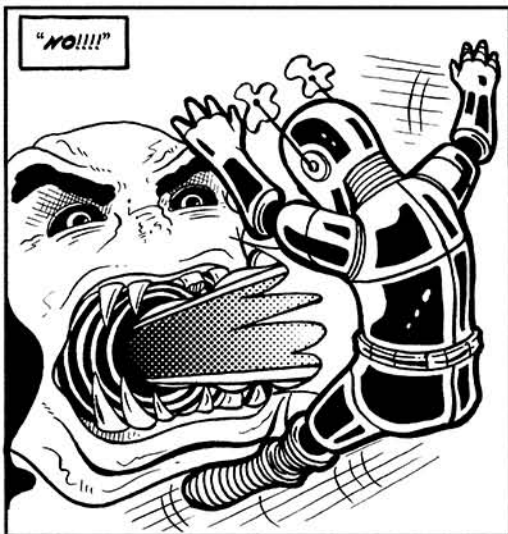


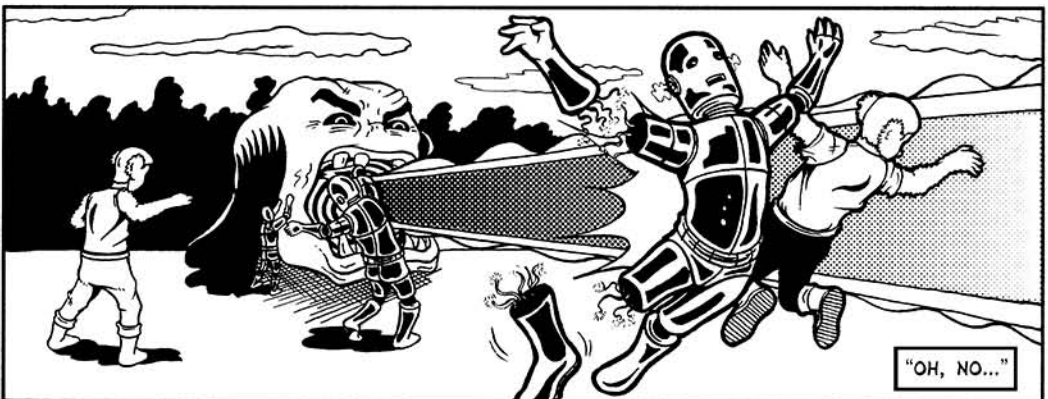
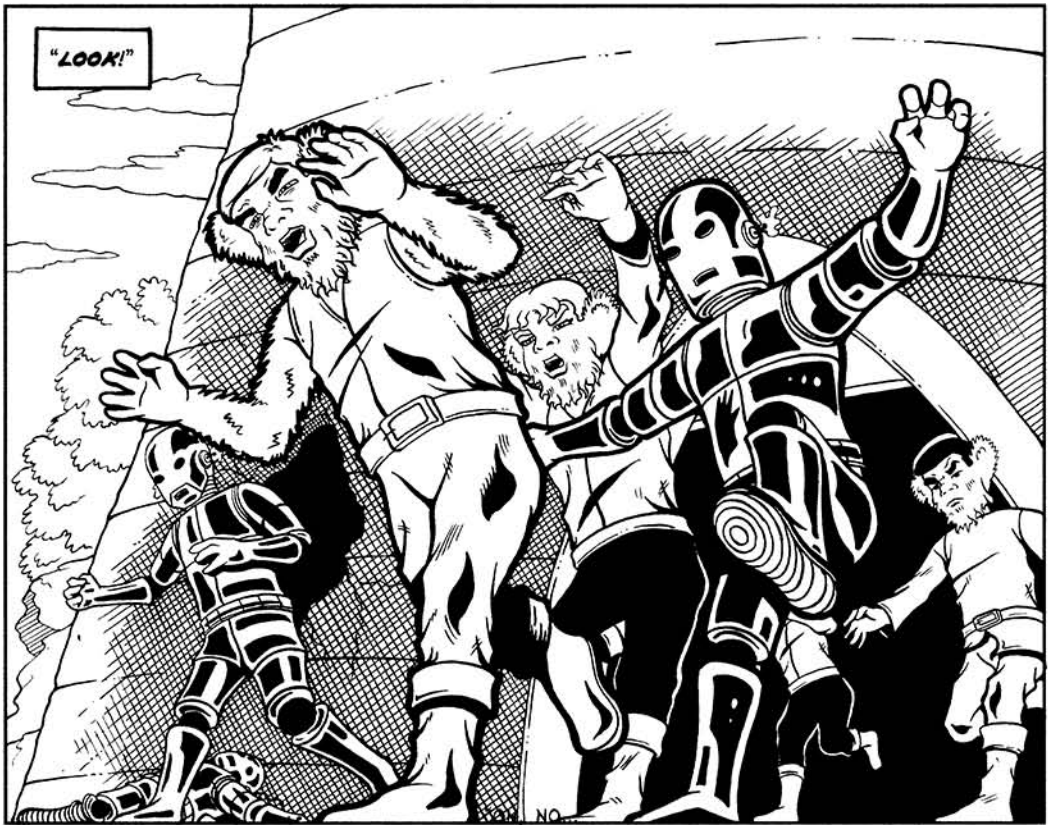


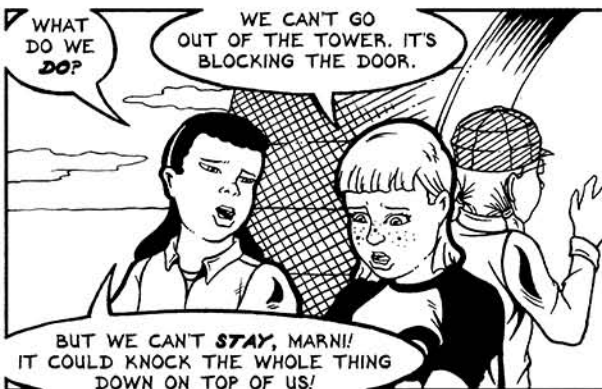
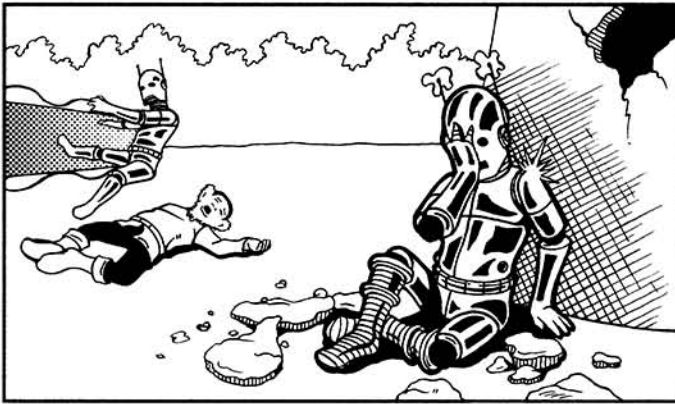






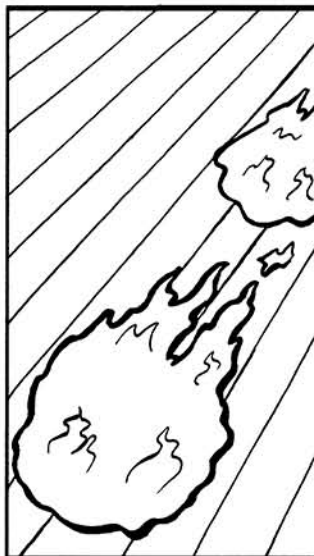
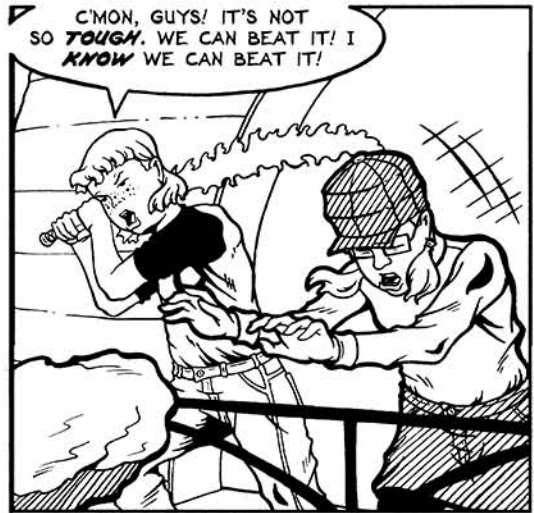




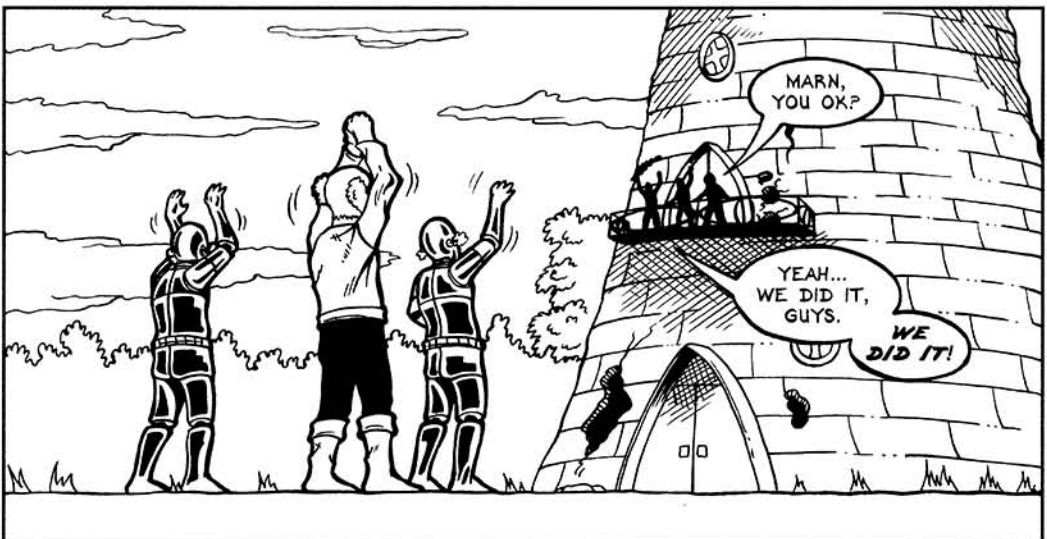
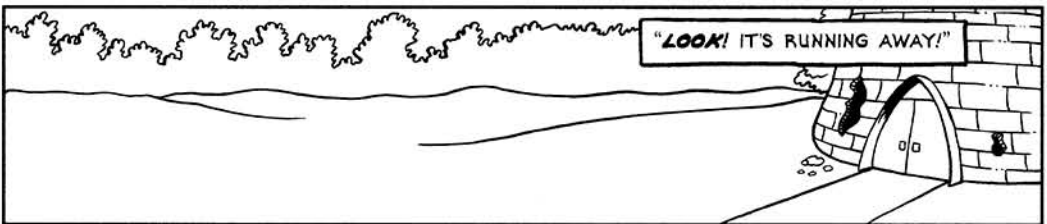
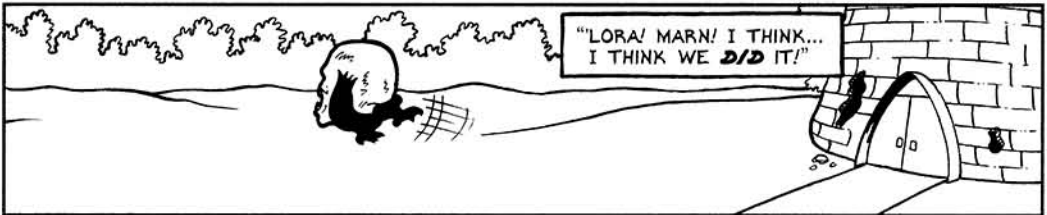
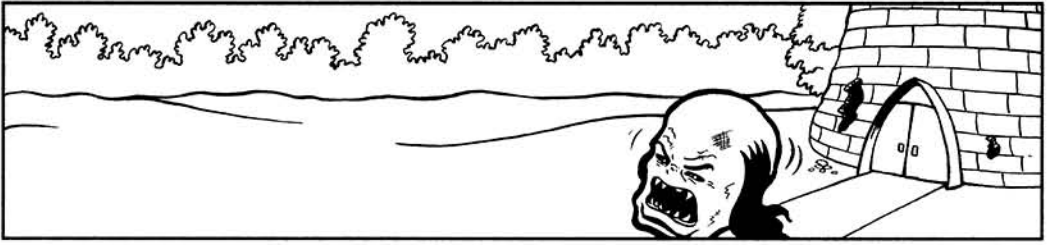
















What To Do Next!

Stargazer Volume Two is a 110-page graphic novel that will be available from better bookstores, comic book stores and online retailers world-wide beginning on October 12, 2011. There are a variety of ways to purchase a copy and I've outlined them below.

Ordering Through Comic Book Stores

You can pre-order *Stargazer Volume Two* through comic book speciality retailers beginning on August 3rd and running through the end of August. If you're not familiar with this process, comic book stores work a little differently than most other retailers: they order comics and graphic novels approximately two months in advance of the on-sale date through a catalogue called [Previews](#) (which is published by [Diamond Comic Distributors](#)). Diamond creates an order code for each and every item and retailers use these codes to order for their shelves. So, *Stargazer Volume Two* is “pre-orderable” in August 2011 with an order code of AUG111259. It then arrives in comic shops in mid-October and is “re-orderable” from that point on.

I've created a simple order sheet on the next page that you can print out, fill in, and then present to your local comic book shop retailer. They will order *Stargazer Volume Two* for you and give you a call when it arrives in stores.

Ordering Through Book Stores

As I mentioned, *Stargazer Volume Two* will be on-sale beginning on October 12th. You can simply go into your local bookstore and see if they have a copy. If they don't, you can easily place a special order through them and they'll get you a copy in a few days (you'll need the ISBN: 978-09-781237-4-1). You can also place a pre-order through your local bookstore beginning right now.

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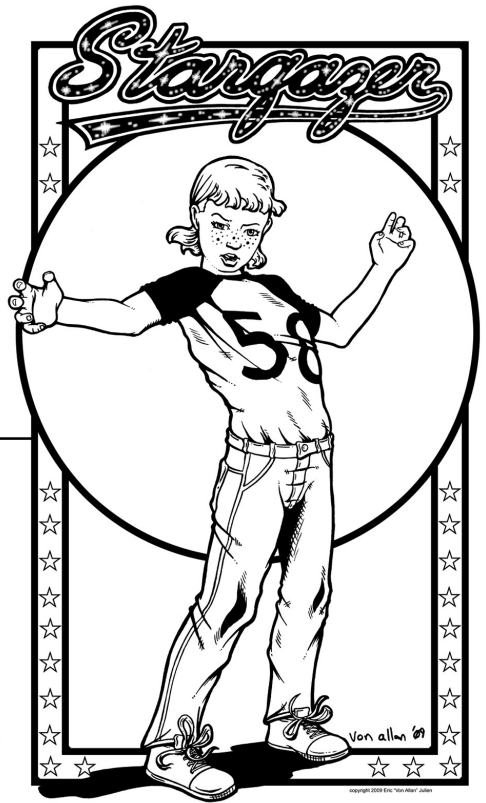
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List of Retailers

The following is a list of retailers who were *known* to be carrying *Stargazer Volume 1* and hopefully will be carrying *Stargazer Volume 2*. Please note that this is not a complete list so if you don't see your local retailer here that doesn't mean they aren't carrying it or, if they've sold out, that they can't order it for you.

To find a comic book store in your area that's not on this list, please use the [Comic Shop Locator](#) service.

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Praise for Von Allan's *Stargazer Volume One*

"*Stargazer Volume One* is a black-and-white graphic novel following three girls stranded on a faraway alien world. Young Marni has recently lost her grandmother, with whom she was very close. Her grandmother had also bequeathed a mysterious "Artifact" upon her - and it is this object that transports Marni and her friends, Sophie and Elora, far away from any home they have ever known. The three girls must pool their courage and resources to learn more about this unreal new world, and the strange things within it - a robot, a faraway tower, and an unknown monster hidden in shadows. *Stargazer* is a story of wonder, exploration, determination, and inward as well as outward challenge, and is highly recommended for readers of all ages."

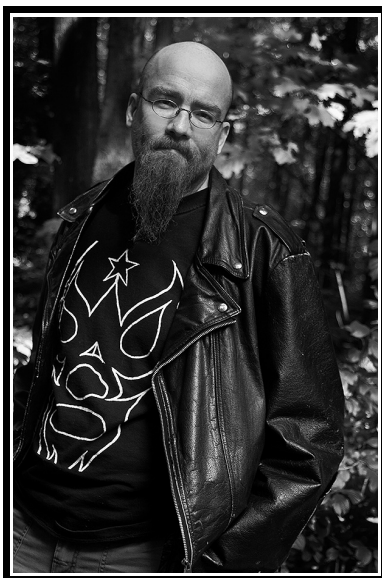
- *The Midwest Book Review*

"This book is definitely something that should be on the radar of parents out there that are looking for something innocuous. The book isn't just for kids, though. When read, it took me back to the days of my youth when everything including life itself was much more simplistic. Definitely give Von Allan's *Stargazer* a look for yourself, or anyone needing a great gift for the holidays! Again, kudos to Von Allan and his smooth style of writing a simple story in a world where it seems everything is interweaving like a spiderweb and sometimes too hard to follow. Let's face it, a story doesn't need to span a lifetime or contain forty different characters to be good."

- *Comic Attack*

"Anyway, this book deals with a young girl who is very distraught about the recent death of her grandmother. The early moments of the book are all about this and the family dynamic that comes from it, but don't worry, that title comes into effect before too long. Marni (the main character) eventually has a sleepover with friends, they end up camping in the backyard and eat too much pizza... then things get weird. Marni has inherited an odd artifact from her grandma, and they're all poking around at it when something flashes and they find themselves in a strange land. Oh, and the artifact is gone. The rest of the book is essentially them trying to get acclimated to this new place, as they find an old statue, a tiny robot guy, a boat and a few other things I probably shouldn't get into...The art is amazing (although I'm thinking future volumes will give Von more of a chance to flex his artistic muscles), the writing was excellent overall and I can't wait to see what happens next, so that sure sounds like a success to me."

- *Optical Sloth*



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