

HERO DEFEAT SITUATIONS

DEVELOP WEAPONS AGAINST FIRE SLUGGERS

SECRET SOCIETY
ETERNAL REEF!

THEIR RESEARCH IS
DIVERSE,

BUT LATELY THEY'VE
BEEN FOCUSING ON
MASS-PRODUCING
ENHANCED ORGANISMS
THROUGH EXPERIMENTS
USING -

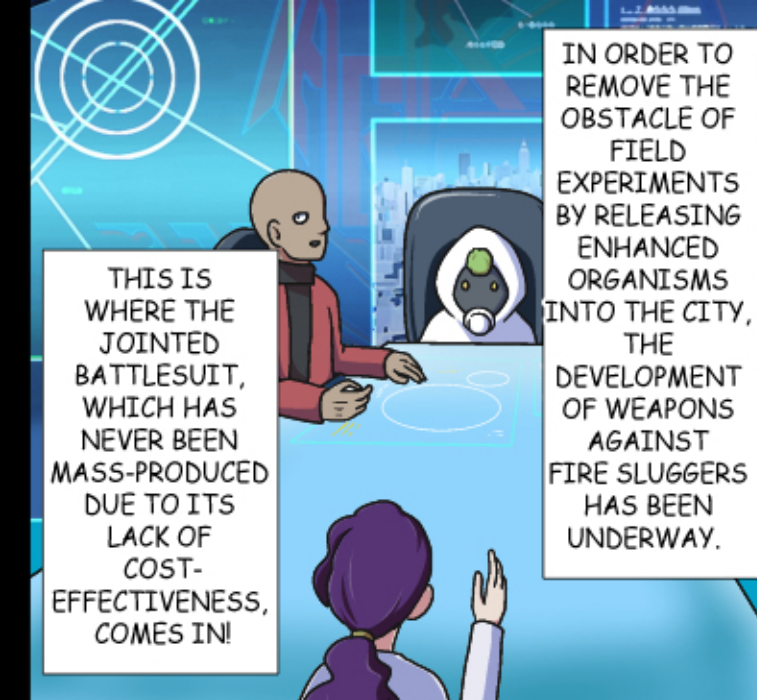
THE MYSTERIOUS
MY SUBSTANCE
(TENTATIVE NAME)
DISCOVERED
UNDERGROUND
IN MIDORIYAMA
CITY.

ONE THING IN
PARTICULAR
THAT COULD BE
CALLED A NATURAL
ENEMY WAS THE
FIRE SLUGGER'S
FLAME!

ROOAR

THESE ENHANCED
CREATURES,
KNOWN AS
"MONSTERS,"
WERE IMPERVIOUS
TO FIREARMS AND
OTHER LETHAL
WEAPONS,
BUT THEY WERE
EXTREMELY
VULNERABLE TO
THE SPECIAL
ABILITIES
OF HEROES.





THIS IS WHERE THE JOINTED BATTLESUIT, WHICH HAS NEVER BEEN MASS-PRODUCED DUE TO ITS LACK OF COST-EFFECTIVENESS, COMES IN!

IN ORDER TO REMOVE THE OBSTACLE OF FIELD EXPERIMENTS BY RELEASING ENHANCED ORGANISMS INTO THE CITY, THE DEVELOPMENT OF WEAPONS AGAINST FIRE SLUGGERS HAS BEEN UNDERWAY.


ENHANCED LIFE FORMS BURN.



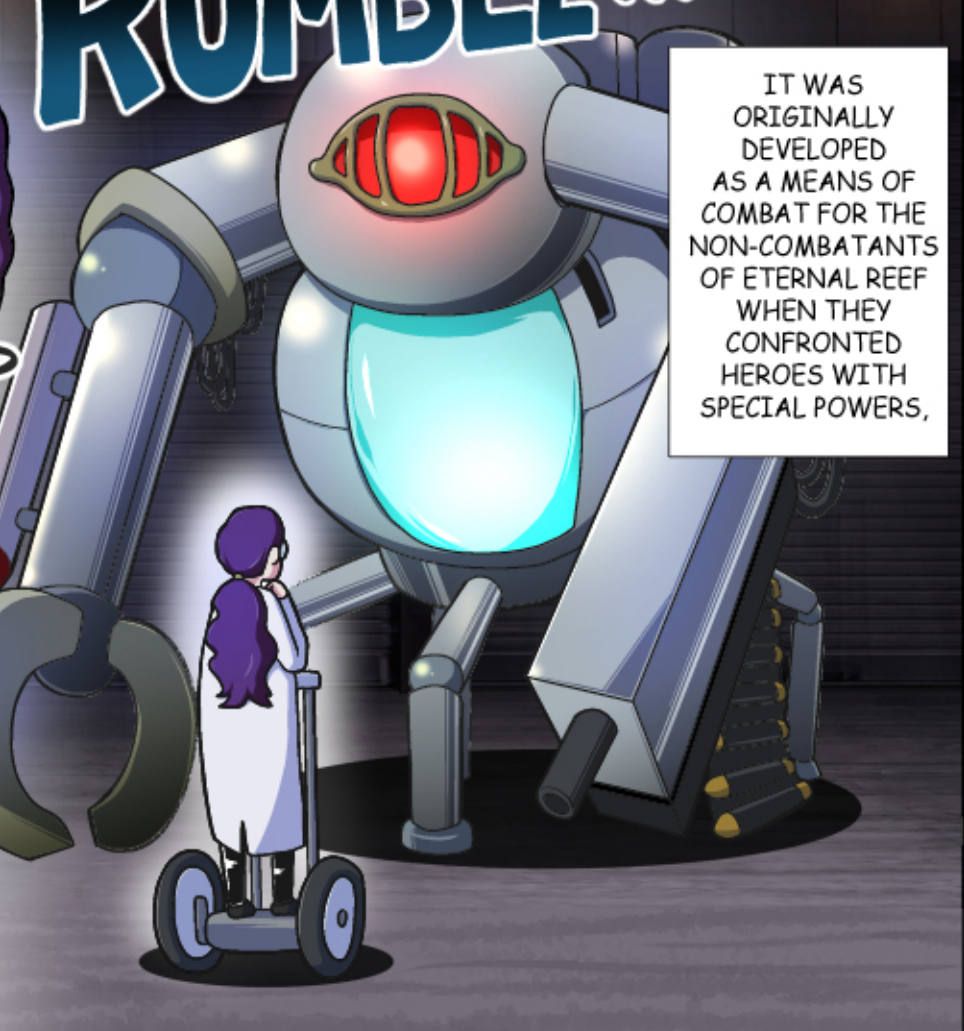
ANYTHING ELSE WON'T BURN.

I DON'T KNOW IF IT IS A FLAME THAT REACTS TO MY SUBSTANCE OF THE ENHANCED ORGANISM OR IF IT IS A FLAMMABLE FLAME THAT THE FIRE SLUGGER PERCEIVES AS EVIL, BUT IT IS DEFINITELY A NATURAL ENEMY OF THE ENHANCED ORGANISM.

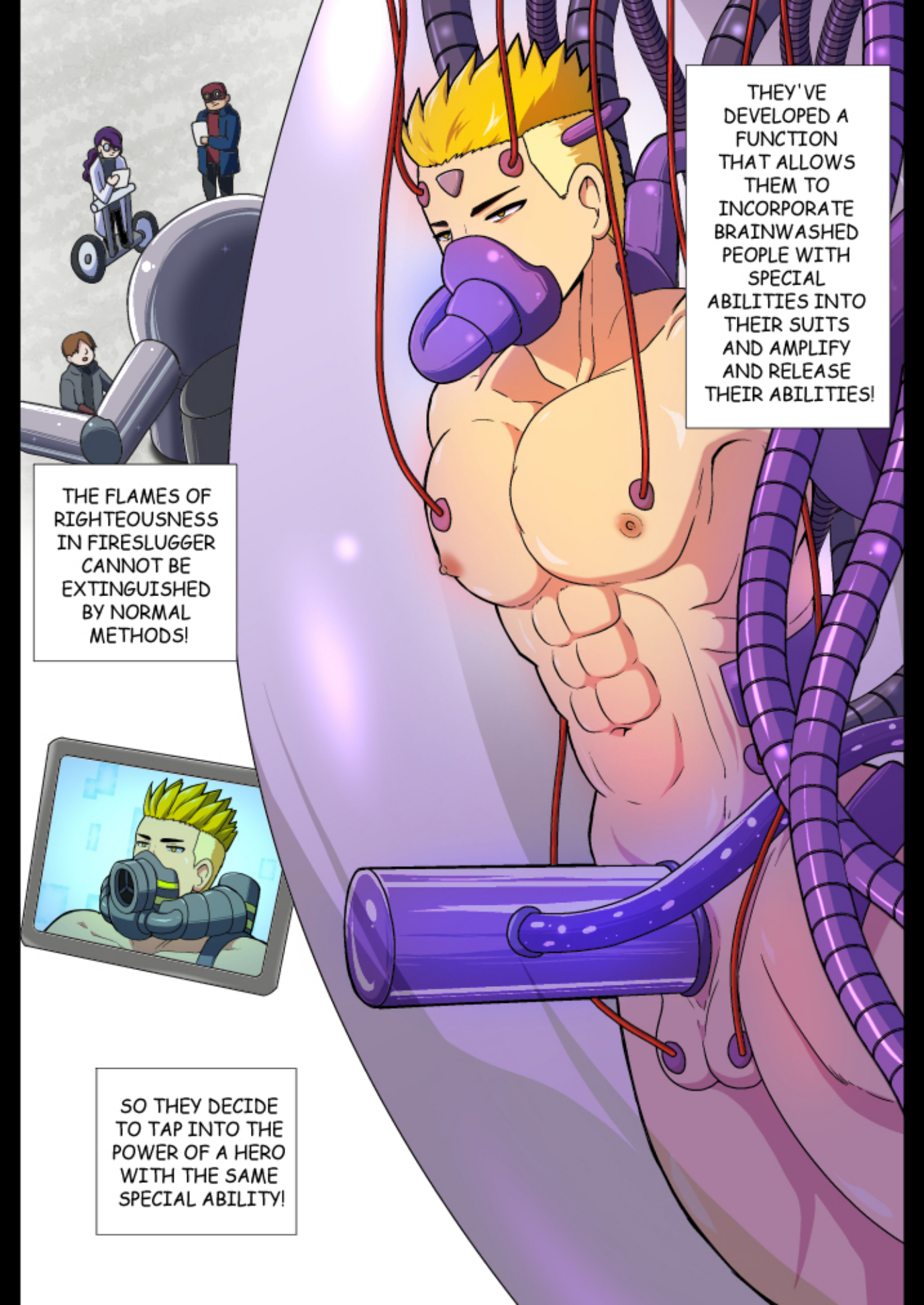
RUMBLE...



BUT DR. MADARAME, A BIOENGINEER AFFILIATED WITH ETHERAL REEF, CAME UP WITH A DEVILISH IMPROVEMENT.




IT WAS ORIGINALLY DEVELOPED AS A MEANS OF COMBAT FOR THE NON-COMBATANTS OF ETHERAL REEF WHEN THEY CONFRONTED HEROES WITH SPECIAL POWERS,



THEY'VE DEVELOPED A FUNCTION THAT ALLOWS THEM TO INCORPORATE BRAINWASHED PEOPLE WITH SPECIAL ABILITIES INTO THEIR SUITS AND AMPLIFY AND RELEASE THEIR ABILITIES!

THE FLAMES OF RIGHTEOUSNESS IN FIRESLUGGER CANNOT BE EXTINGUISHED BY NORMAL METHODS!




SO THEY DECIDE TO TAP INTO THE POWER OF A HERO WITH THE SAME SPECIAL ABILITY!



THE
FIREFIGHTING
HEROES
RESCUE HEARTS!

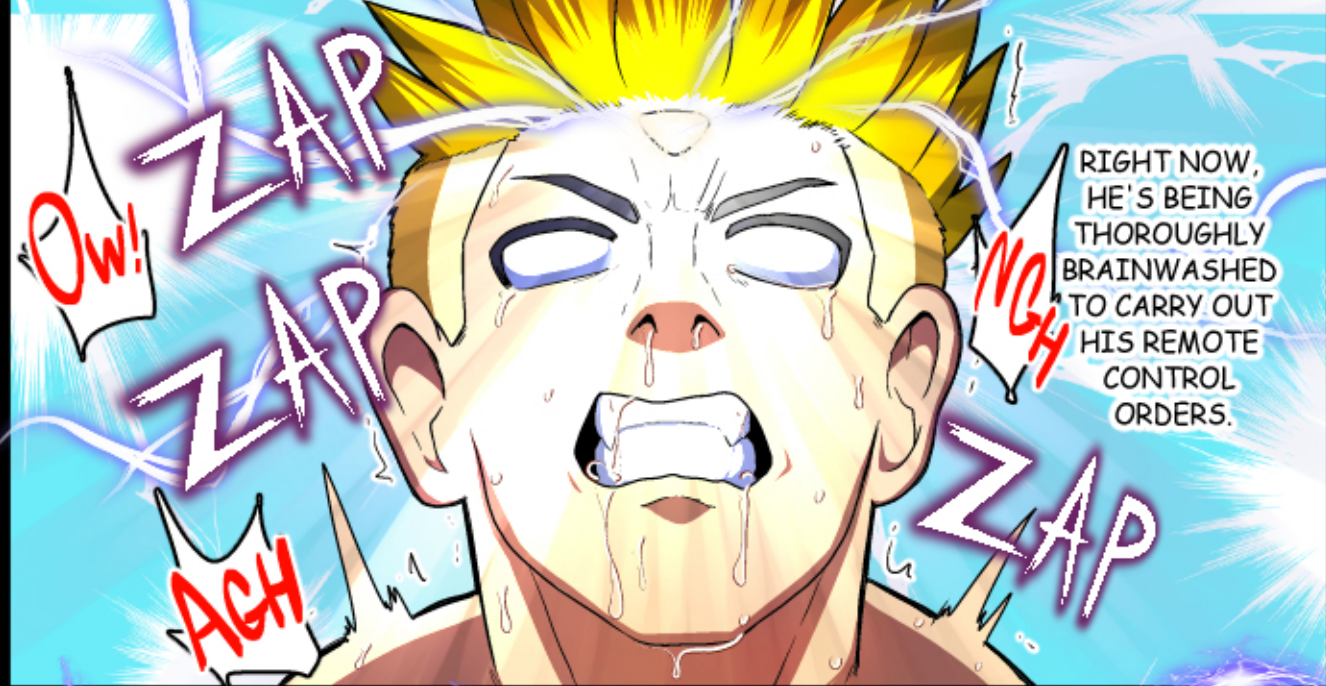
THIS HERO WAS
TARGETED AS A
CARTRIDGE FOR
USE AGAINST
FIRE SLUGGERS.

A LIFE-SAVING
HERO WHO
CONTROLS THE
WATER THAT
CURES THE FIRE!



AS A MEMBER
OF THE
MIDORIYAMA
CITY FIRE
DEPARTMENT,
HE'S
AUTHORIZED
TO ACT AS A
HERO IN
TIMES OF
EMERGENCY!

THE POWER
TO PROTECT
THE CITIZENS
IS NOW BEING
USED BY THE
EVIL ONE!



RIGHT NOW,
HE'S BEING
THOROUGHLY
BRAINWASHED
TO CARRY OUT
HIS REMOTE
CONTROL
ORDERS.



PLEASURE!

OGH

PAIN!

GYA

REFLEX
RESPONSE!

GYAAA
AAA

SLUURP



AHHHH

USE EVERY
STIMULUS TO
BRAINWASH
AND TURN
THE HERO OF
JUSTICE INTO
AN OBEDIENT
SERVANT!

JOLT
JOLT

AH!

Ow!

RIP
RIP

BRAP
BRAP

BRAP

JOLT

SHOCK

NGH!!

SHOCK

SHOCK

STAB

AHH!
GYAAA

AH!

AGAAA
AAAA

Saw
SAULCH

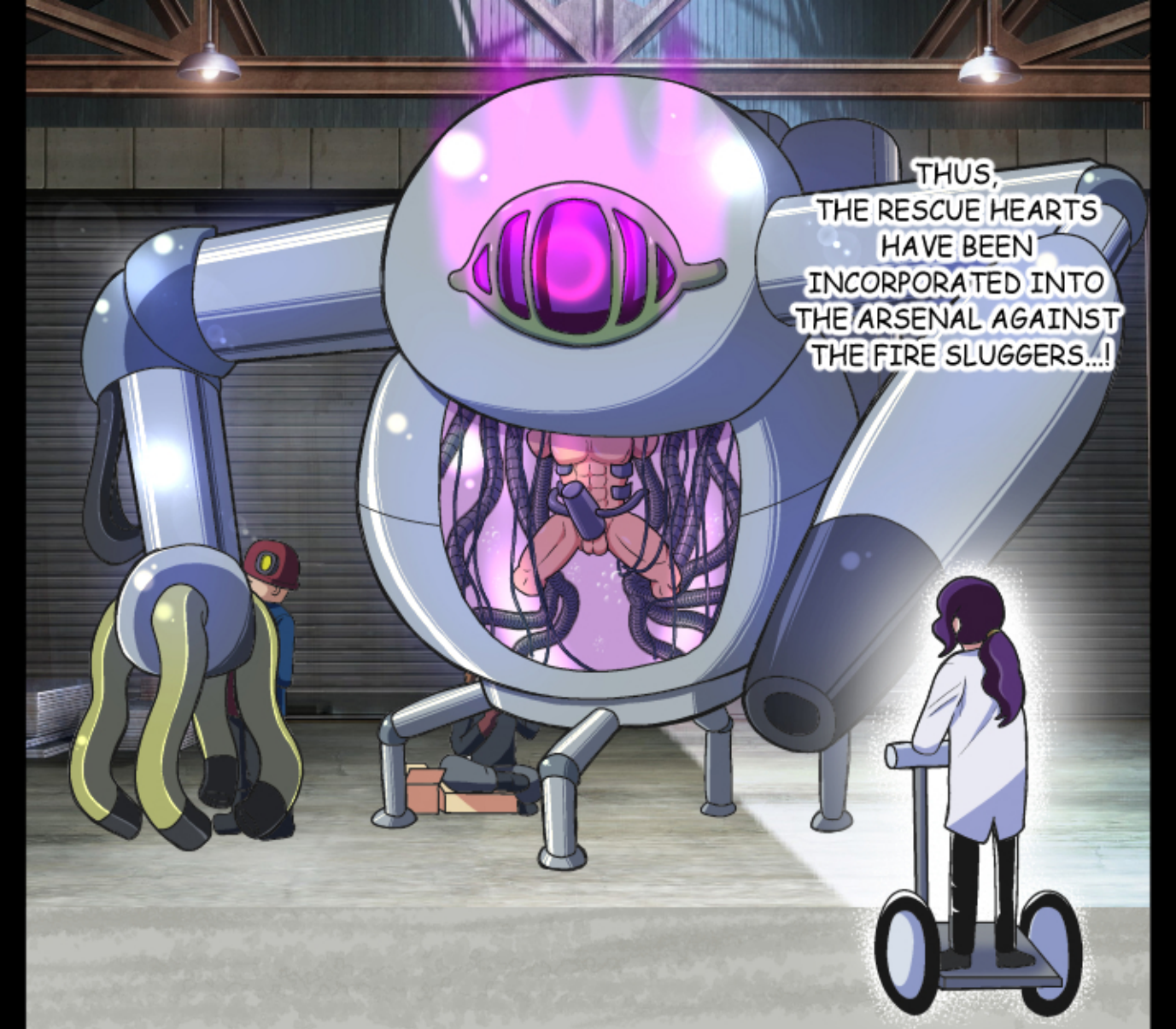
POK
POK
POK

POK
POK


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BRAIN
WASHING...
FINISHED...
CONNECTED...
FINISHED...





THUS,
THE RESCUE HEARTS
HAVE BEEN
INCORPORATED INTO
THE ARSENAL AGAINST
THE FIRE SLUGGERS...!



DR. MADARAME
BEGAN TO
SECRETLY DREAM
OF INCORPORATING
THE FIRE SLUGGER
INTO THE WEAPON
AS WELL...

END



BLUP
BLUP