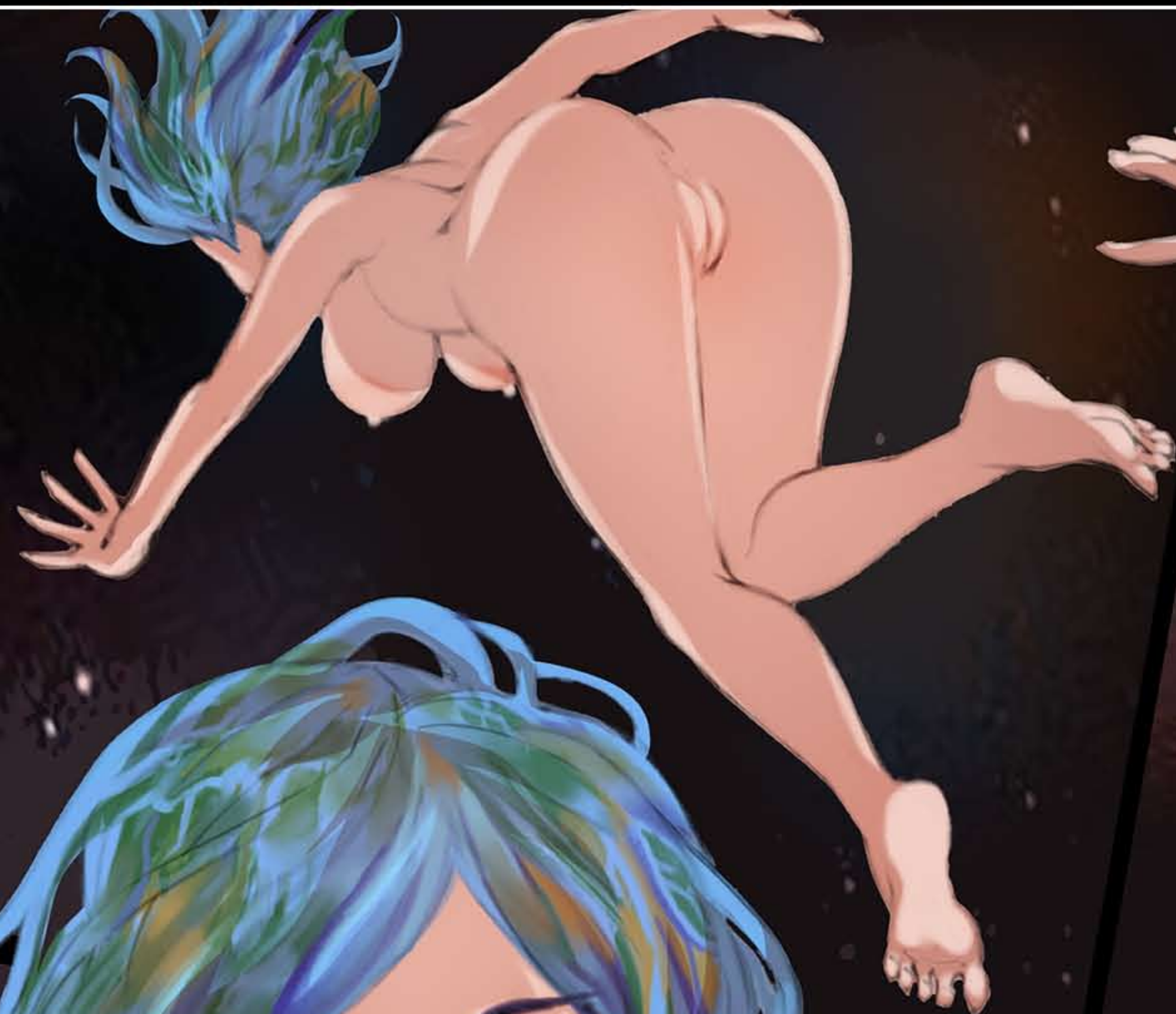


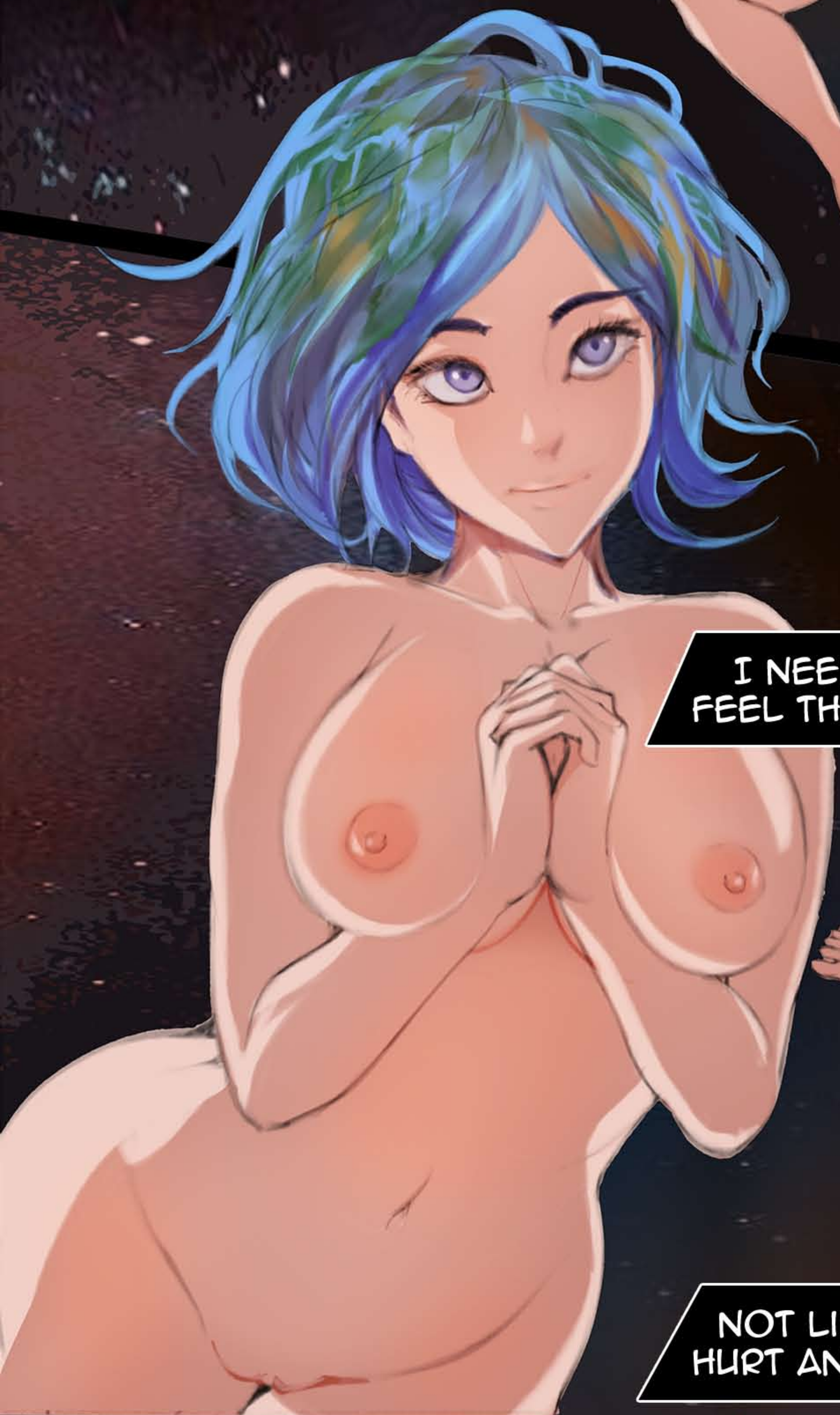


EARTH-CHAN'S APOCALYPSE

IT'S BEEN A WHILE SINCE I LAST DRIFTED FROM SUN-SENSEI. I HOPE SHE WON'T MIND IF I'M GONE A WHILE.



A GIRL NEEDS TO GET OUT EVERY SO OFTEN. I CAN'T BE COOPED UP IN THE BUSTLING CENTER OF THE HELIOSPHERE ALL THE TIME!



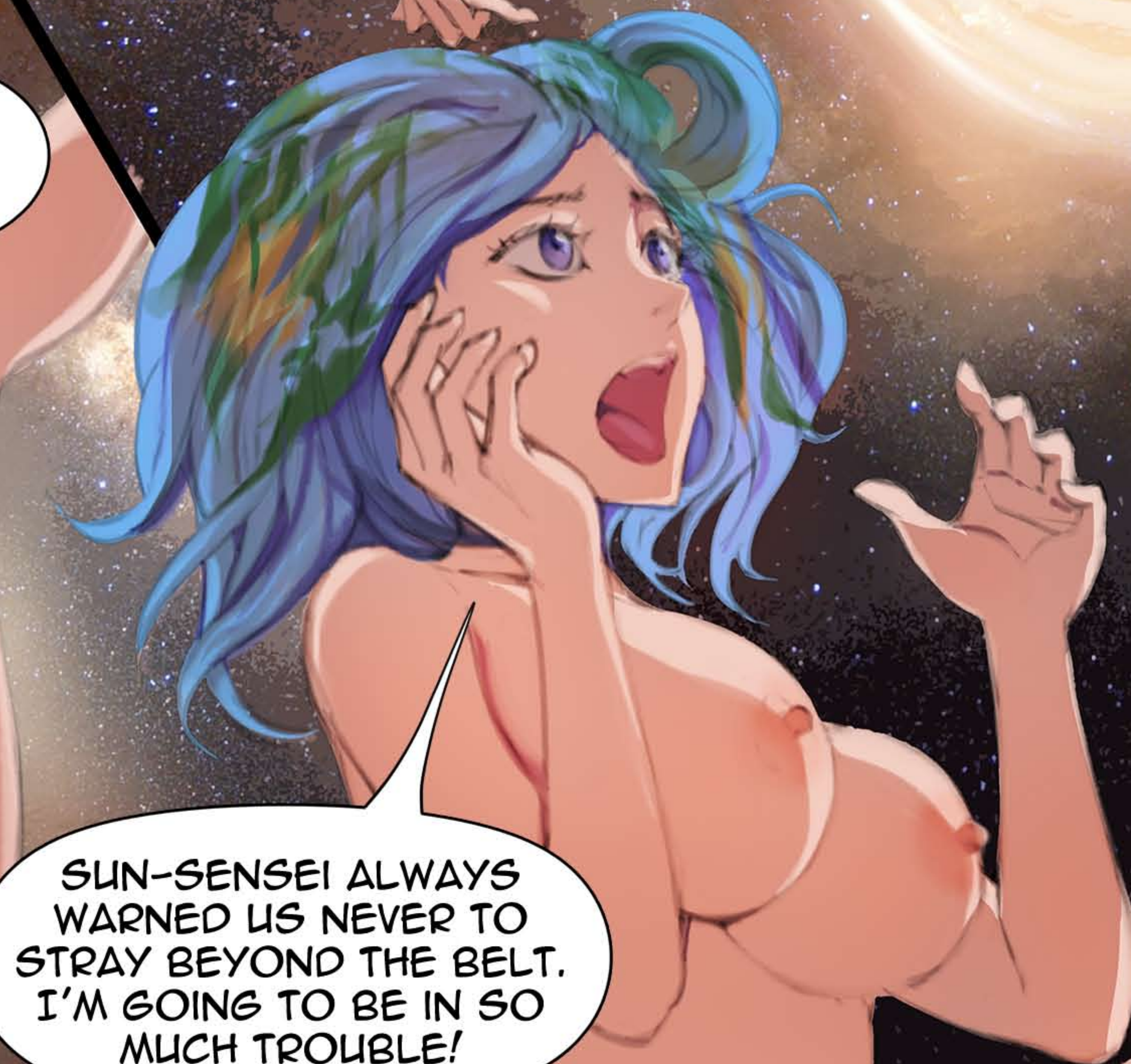
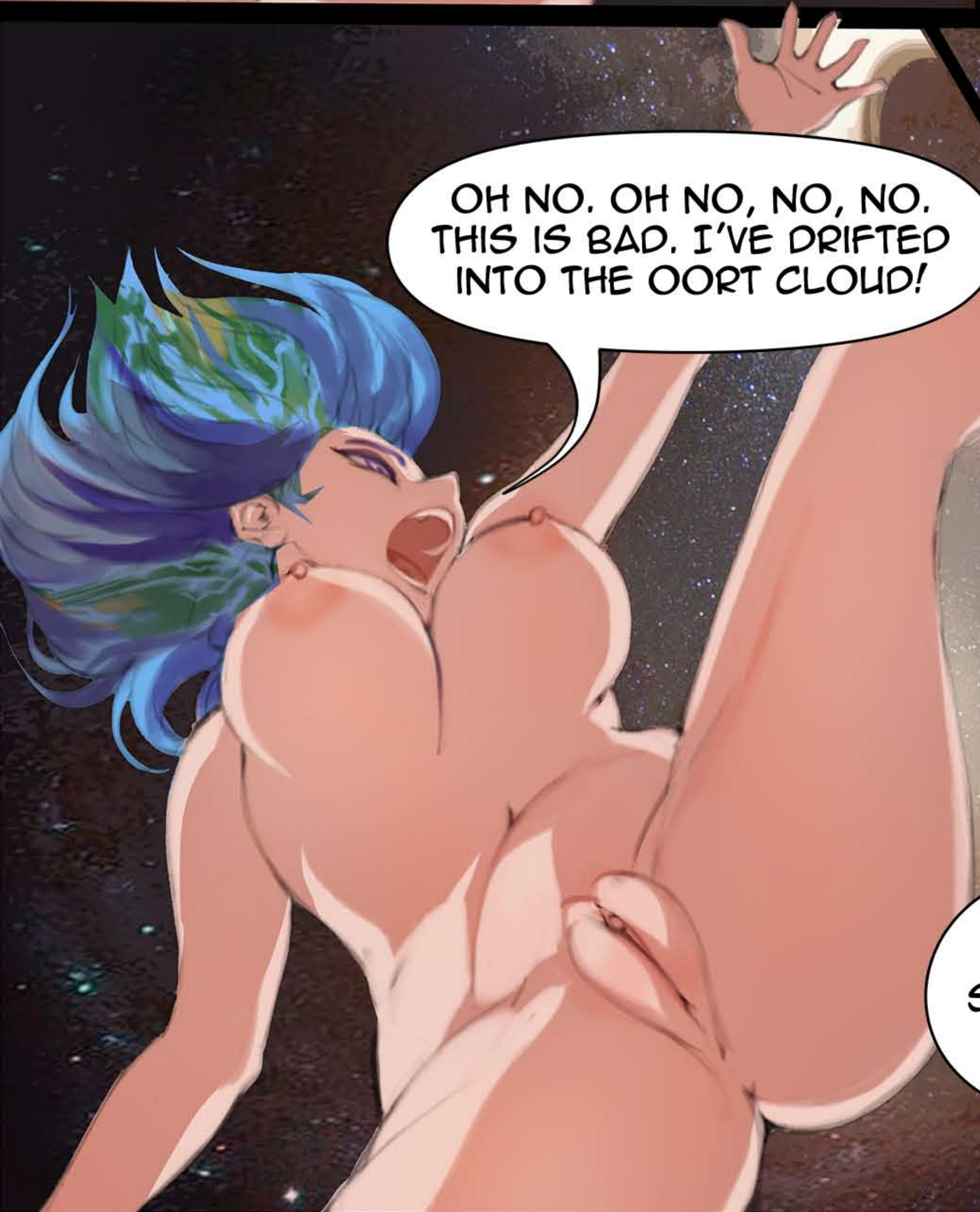
I NEED TO BE FREE! I NEED TO FEEL THE SOLAR WINDS IN MY HAIR!



NOT LIKE A JAUNT TO THE KUIPER BELT EVER HURT ANYBODY. BESIDES, THIS VIEW IS WORTH-



OH NO. OH NO, NO, NO. THIS IS BAD. I'VE DRIFTED INTO THE OORT CLOUD!



SUN-SENSEI ALWAYS WARNED US NEVER TO STRAY BEYOND THE BELT. I'M GOING TO BE IN SO MUCH TROUBLE!



YOU'RE FAR FROM HOME.

B-BLACK HOLE-CHAN! WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?

LYING IN WAIT FOR UNSUSPECTING PREY TO CROSS MY PATH.



I COULD ASK THE SAME OF YOU, LITTLE BLUE WORLD, OUT HERE IN THE OORT CLOUD, THIS IS A DANGEROUS PLACE, YOU KNOW.

YOU'RE ALWAYS SO FUNNY, BLACK HOLE-CHAN!

BLACK HOLE-CHAN IS KNOWN FOR HER INSATIABLE HUNGER. THAT'S WHY SUN-SENSEI EXILED HER FROM THE HELIOSPHERE. THERE ARE RUMORS THAT SHE'S SWALLOWED WHOLE PLANETS BEFORE. SUN-SENSEI COULDN'T RISK HER BEING AROUND US.




ANYWAY, IT WAS NICE SEEING YOU, BUT I'D BETTER GET BACK BEFORE-

OH, I WASN'T JOKING.



YOU'VE HEARD WHAT THEY SAY ABOUT ME, HAVEN'T YOU, EARTH-CHAN?



THE RUMORS? OH, I KNOW THOSE AREN'T REAL. CELESTIAL BODIES MAKE UP ALL SORTS OF CRAZY STUFF ALL THE TIME.



FUNNY THING ABOUT RUMORS...SOME OF THEM ARE BASED IN TRUTH.



W-WAIT!!



MMNN...



BLACK HOLE-CHAN!!

THIS HAS TO BE SOME KIND OF DEPRAVED JOKE. SHE WOULDN'T REALLY EAT ME, WOULD SHE?

YOU TASTE BETTER THAN I EXPECTED. THE SUN'S BEEN HOLDING OUT ON ME. I'M GOING TO ENJOY THIS.

WAIT, NO! BLACK HOLE-CHA-

NMPH!!

MMNNooo

BLACK HOLE-CHAN,
PLEASE! YOU DON'T
HAVE TO DO THIS!

IF YOU'RE MAD
BECAUSE I WANDERED
INTO YOUR TERRITORY,
I'M SORRY!

I'M SUCH A DITZ. I
WASN'T PAYING ATTEN-
TION TO WHERE I WAS
GOING. PLEASE, LET ME
OUT OF HERE!



BLACK HOLE-CHAN!!!

SLUURP

OH, EARTH-CHAN, IT'S NOT
THAT I HAVE TO DO THIS. I WANT
TO. PERHAPS YOU SHOULD HAVE
HEEDED SUN-SENSEI'S WARNING.
SHE DOES KNOW ME BEST,
AFTER ALL.

BLACK HOLE-CHAN, LISTEN TO ME! DON'T PERPETUATE THE RUMORS. IF YOU LET ME OUT, WE CAN PRETEND THIS NEVER HAPPENED!

JUST TAKE ME BACK TO THE HELIOSPHERE AND YOU CAN PROVE TO EVERYONE THAT YOU'RE GOOD. SUN-SENSEI WILL FORGIVE YOU. YOU CAN LIVE WITH US AGAIN!

SCHLIPP

FORGIVE ME?! I'LL HAVE THAT DAMNED STAR'S HEAD. CONSIDER THIS A MESSAGE. I MAY BE SMALLER, BUT I HOLD 100 TIMES HER POWER. ONE DAY, THIS SOLAR SYSTEM WILL BE MINE.

YOU'VE PASSED THE POINT OF NO RETURN.

BLACK HOLE-CHAN, PLEASE, WAIT-

WAIT? LET YOU OUT? THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE. DON'T YOU KNOW YOUR PHYSICS, LITTLE PLANET?

UWAHHH!!

YOU'RE MINE. NOTHING ESCAPES.

NO. NO, NO,
NO, NO!

WHOOOSH

I DON'T WANT TO
DIE LIKE THIS. YOU
MUST HAVE A WAY
OUT!

BLACK HOLE-CHAN,
PLEASE!!

BLACK HOLE-
CHAAAAAAN!!!!

FWOOSH

YOU'D BETTER KEEP A FIRM
HOLD ON YOUR GIRLS, SUN-SENSEI.
I'M COMING FOR ALL OF THEM, AND
FOR YOU. THIS SOLAR SYSTEM IS
RIGHTFULLY MINE.

FIN.











