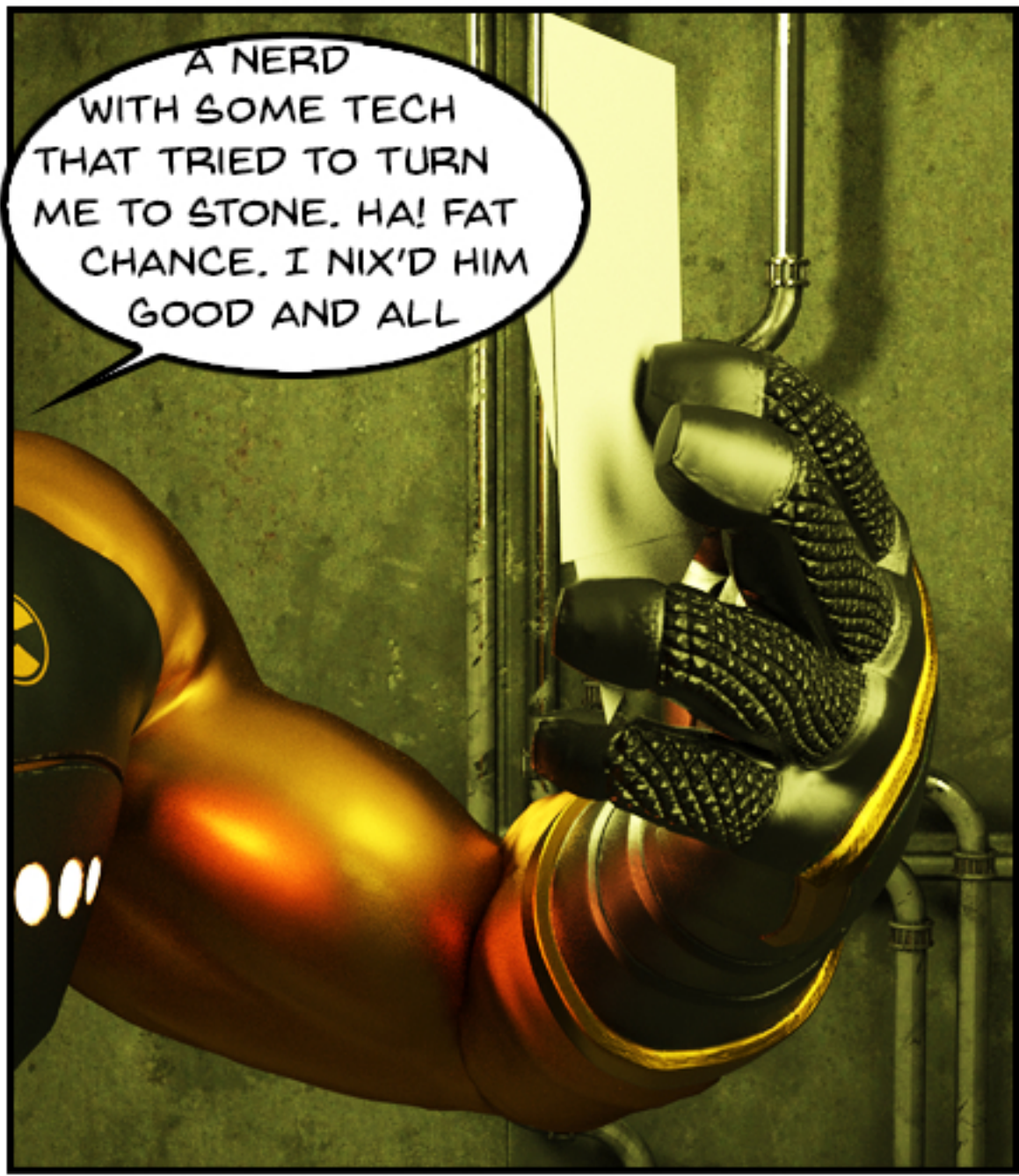


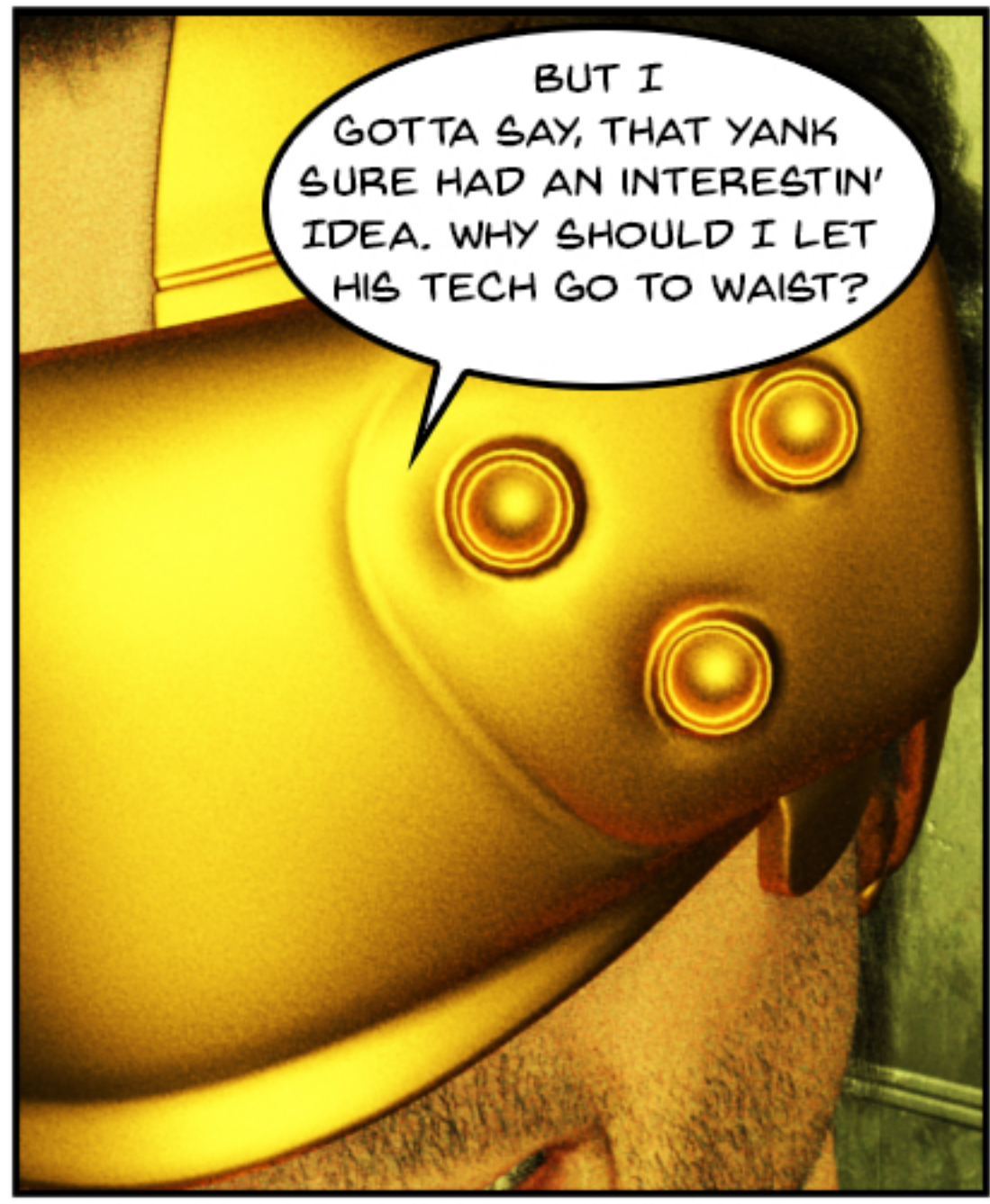
I WEREN'T ALWAYS A COLLECTOR. I USED TO BE JUST ANOTHER ASSASSIN IN THE WORLD. NOW, I WAS DAMN GOOD AT MY JOB, BUT I WEREN'T ANYTHIN' FANCY OR NUTTIN'

IN OUR WORLD, IF YOU WANT TO MAKE A NAME FOR YOURSELF, YOU GOTTA DO SOMETHING TO STAND OUT.

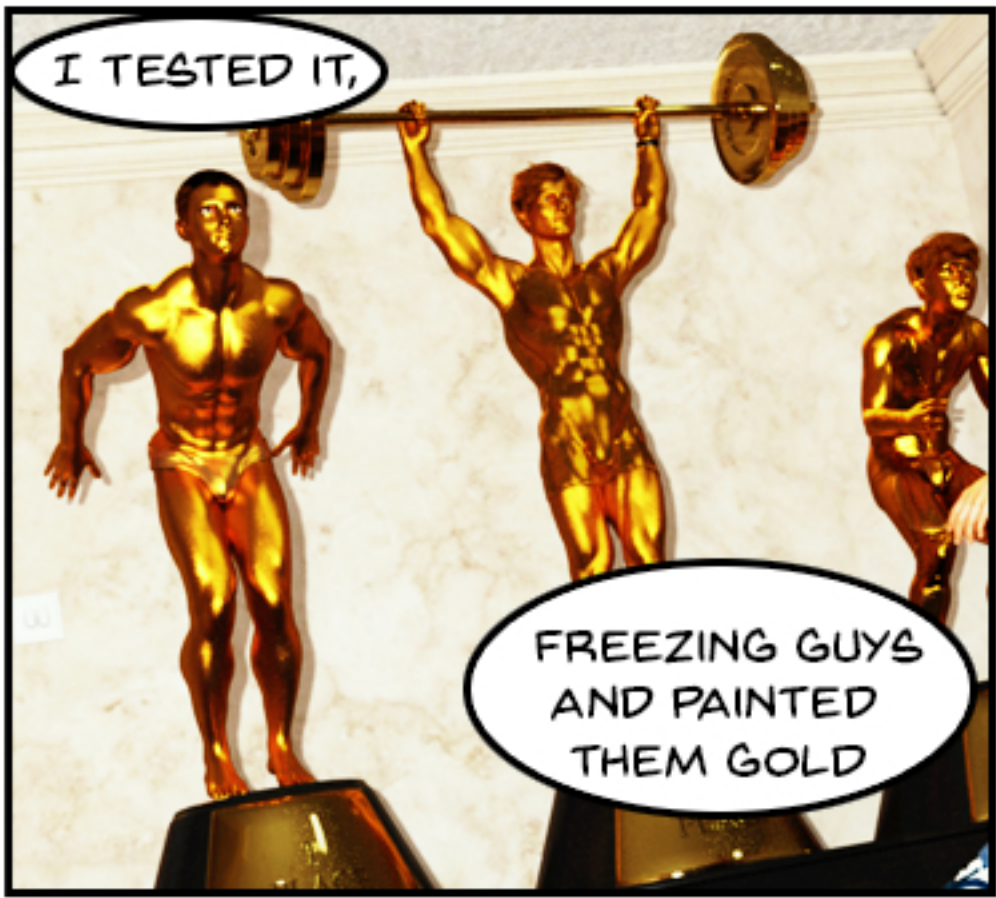
SO I STARTED SMALL. PAYMENT IN GOLD. IT WORKED FOR A TIME, BUT THEN I HAD ALL THIS GOLD JUST SITTING THERE. THEN I MET HIM.



A NERD WITH SOME TECH THAT TRIED TO TURN ME TO STONE. HA! FAT CHANCE. I NIX'D HIM GOOD AND ALL



BUT I GOTTA SAY, THAT YANK SURE HAD AN INTERESTIN' IDEA. WHY SHOULD I LET HIS TECH GO TO WAST?



I TESTED IT,

FREEZING GUYS
AND PAINTED
THEM GOLD



THEM BOYS
WERE ALIVE BUT
FROZEN. NOT FER
LONG, BUT HEY
DIDN'T MATTER

ONCE
THE GOLD
HARDENED,
THAT WAS
IT.

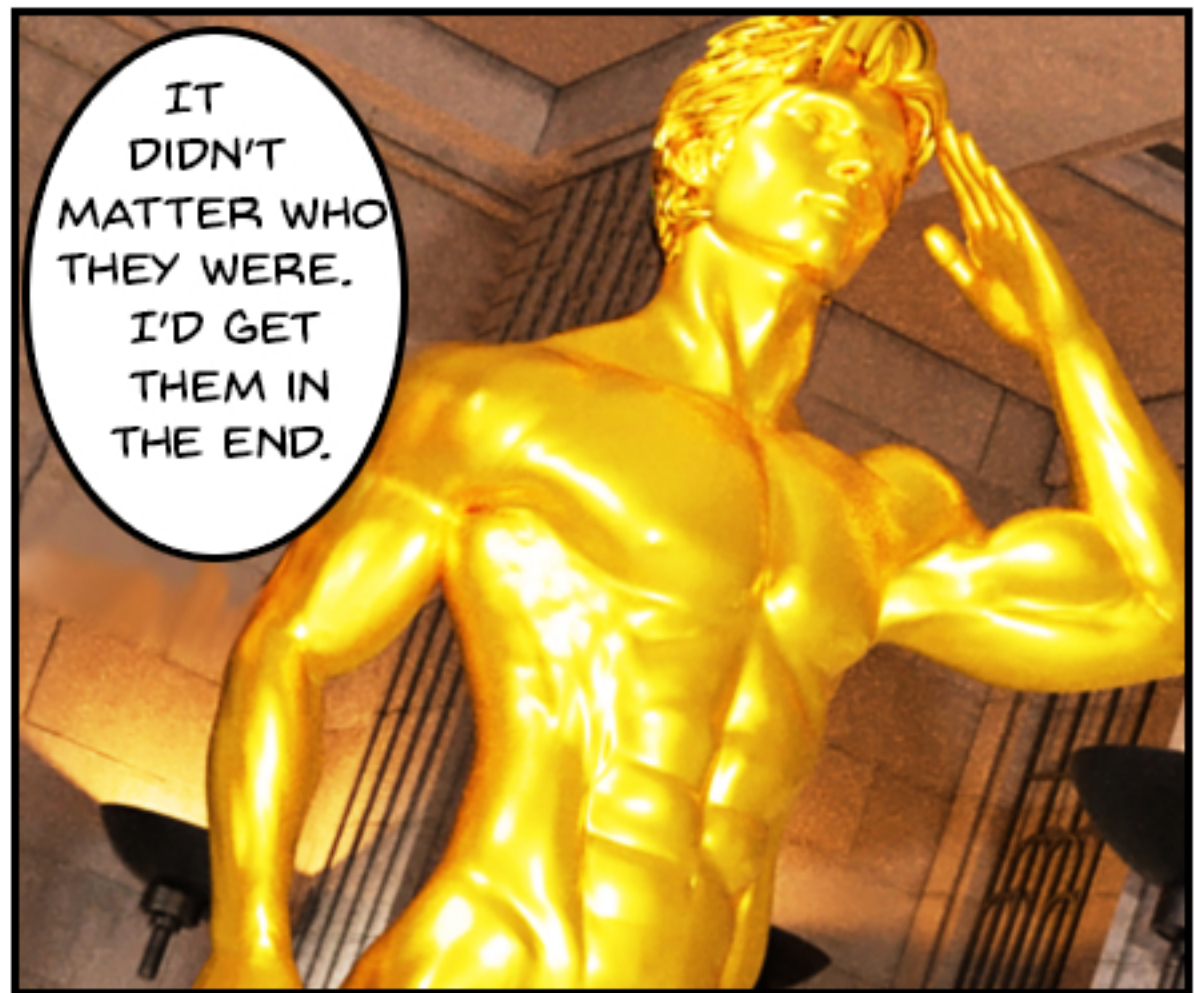
I STARTED
TO ENJOY
THE WHOLE
PROCESS.



IT
BECAME
MY CALLING
CARD.



LEAVING
BEHIND GOLD
STATUES OF
ANYONE YOU
PAID ME TO
GO AFTER.



IT
DIDN'T
MATTER WHO
THEY WERE.
I'D GET
THEM IN
THE END.



SOON THOUGH,
I GOT GREEDY

WHY SHOULDN'T
I KEEP MY WORK?
HAVE A LIVIN'
PORTFOLIO.



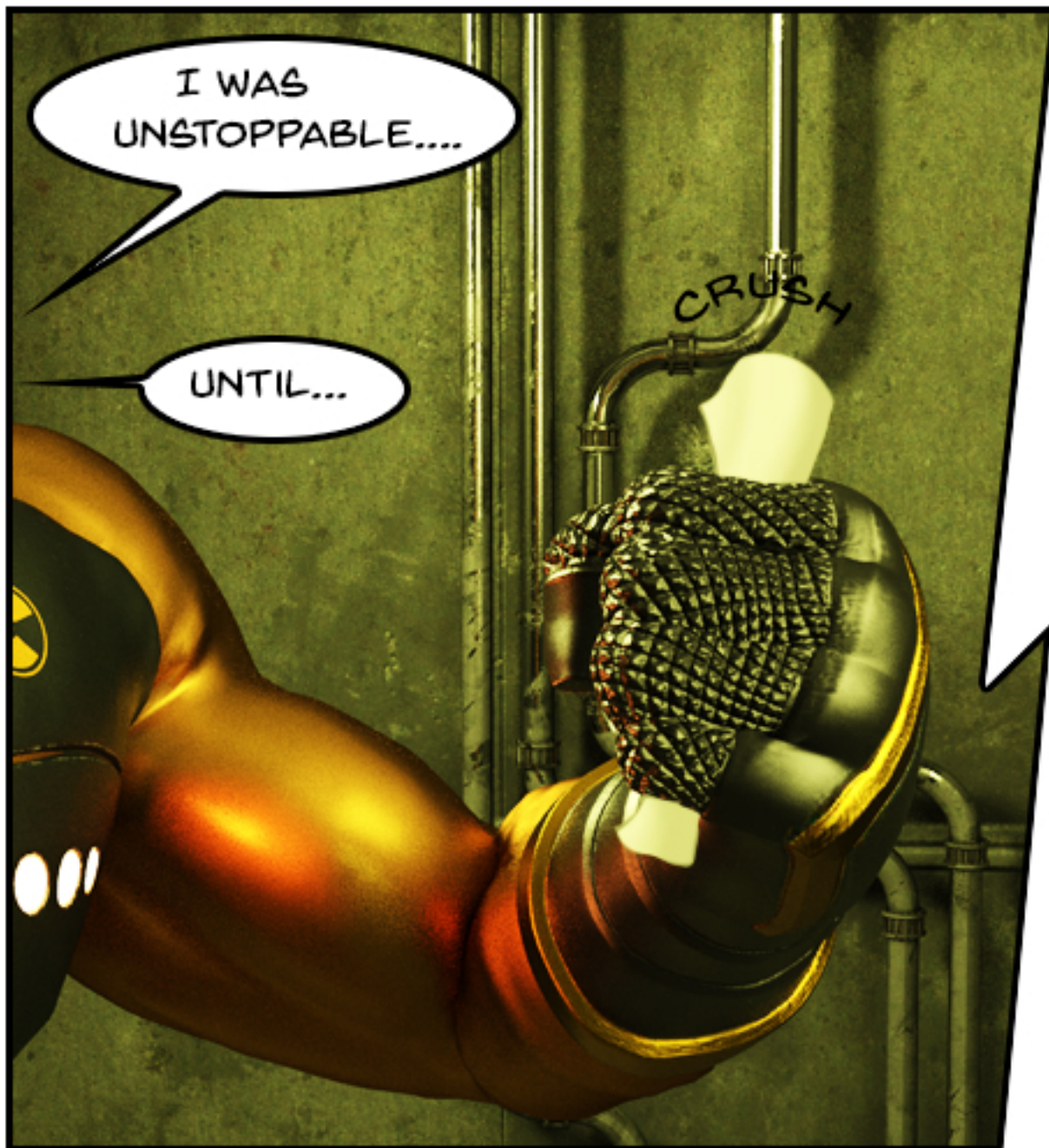
ONCE I PROVED
THE MISSION WAS
ACCOMPLISHED, I BROUGHT
'EM HOME. ADDED THEM TO
MY OWN PERSONAL
GALLERY.



THERE WERE
THOSE WHO TRIED
TO STOP ME...
HEHEHE



BUT I DEALT
WITH THEM
TOO



I WAS UNSTOPPABLE....

UNTIL...



THEM.....



THOSE TWO....

I HAD IT ALL DAMMIT! THE MONEY! THE REPUTATION!


I HAD AN UNBEATABLE RECORD THAT NO ONE COULD BEAT!

BUT BECAUSE OF THEM, MY REPUTATION AS THE WORLD'S GREATEST ASSASIN WAS RUINED!!!



MITCH
TRAPP

AND
PERCY
JACKSON



I
REMEMBER IT
VIVIDLY. I COULDN'T
BELIEVE MY DAMN
LUCK.

I WAS
JUST SUPPOSEDA
GET PERCY, BUT THAT
SPY, TRAPP, STUMBLED
IN AND OH BOY IT
WAS A TWO-FER-ONE
SPECIAL!



FIRST, TRAPP.
HE WAS SENT TO
TAKE ME OUT, BUT
I AMBUSHED
HIM INSTEAD.



THEN THE TARGET.
JACKSON



UGH...WHAT....

I GAVE THEM A GOOD DOSE OF MY PARALYTIC GAS.




CAN'T TELL YOU HOW MUCH FUN IT IS TO WATCH THE REALIZATION DAWN IN THEIR EYES.

CAN'T.... MOVE








THERE AIN'T
NOTHIN' MORE FUN
THAN WATCHIN' MEN
FUTILELY FIGHT.

ESPECIALLY WHEN
ONE OF THEM IS A NOSY
YANK WHO'S BEEN TAILIN'
YOU FOR YEARS.

I HAD MY ENEMY AND
MY TARGET IN ONE GO. I
I MADE SURE TO TAKE MY
TIME.



WELL LOOK AT YA.
YA GOT SOME MUSCLE. NO
WONDER THAT OTHER SWIM TEAM
WANTED ME TO TAKE YA
OUT, JACKSON.

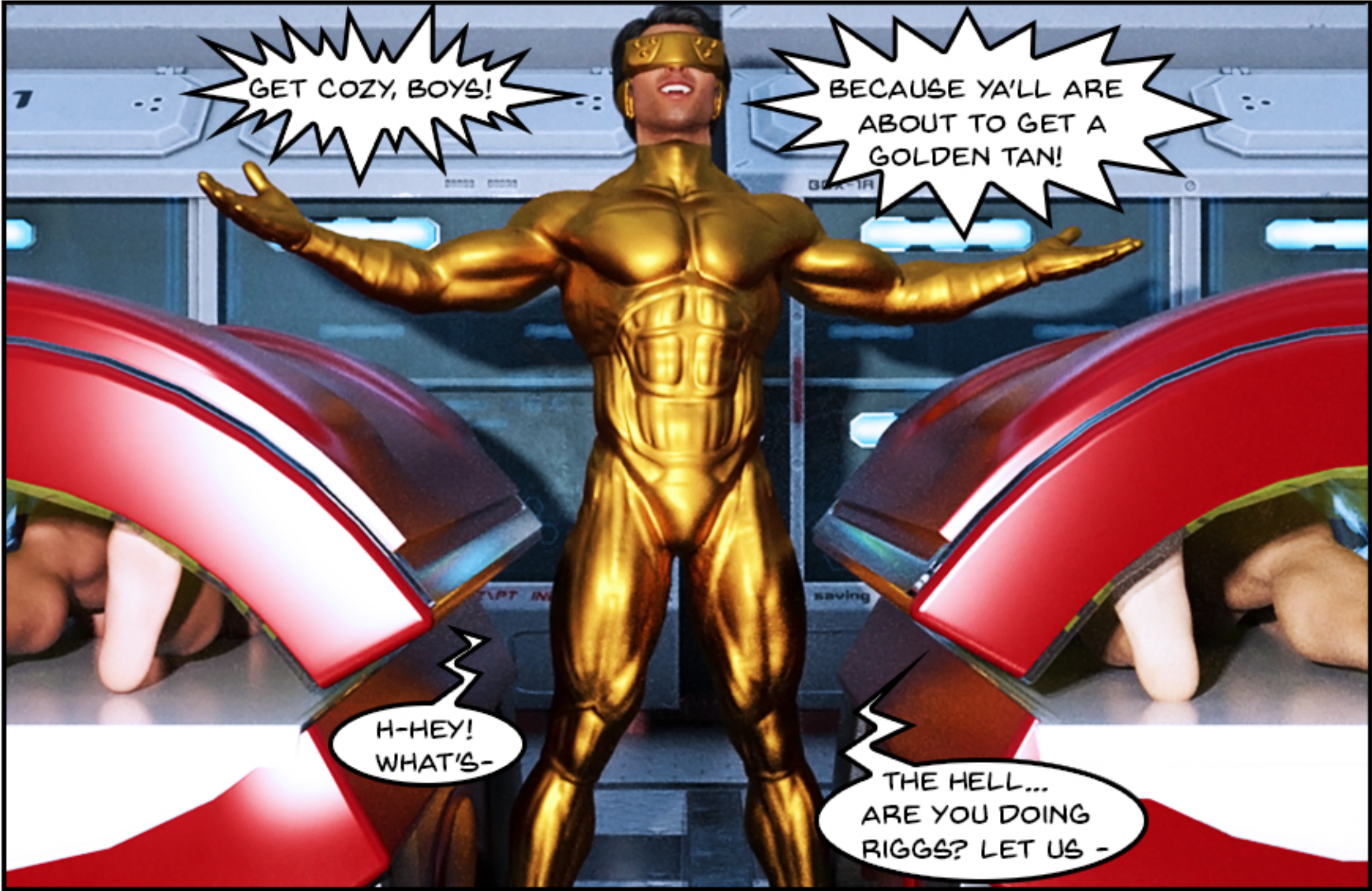
DON'T...
TOUCH ME!

LEAVE...HIM..
ALONE, RIGGS...

SHUT YER TRAP, TRAPP.
I'LL DEAL WITH YA IN
A SECOND.

I WANT
TO ENJOY THIS. YA'LL
TWO ARE IN FOR A
TREAT TODAY.

THESE TABLES ARE
SOME SPECIAL TANNIN'
BEDS I SUPED UP.



GET COZY, BOYS!

BECAUSE YA'LL ARE ABOUT TO GET A GOLDEN TAN!

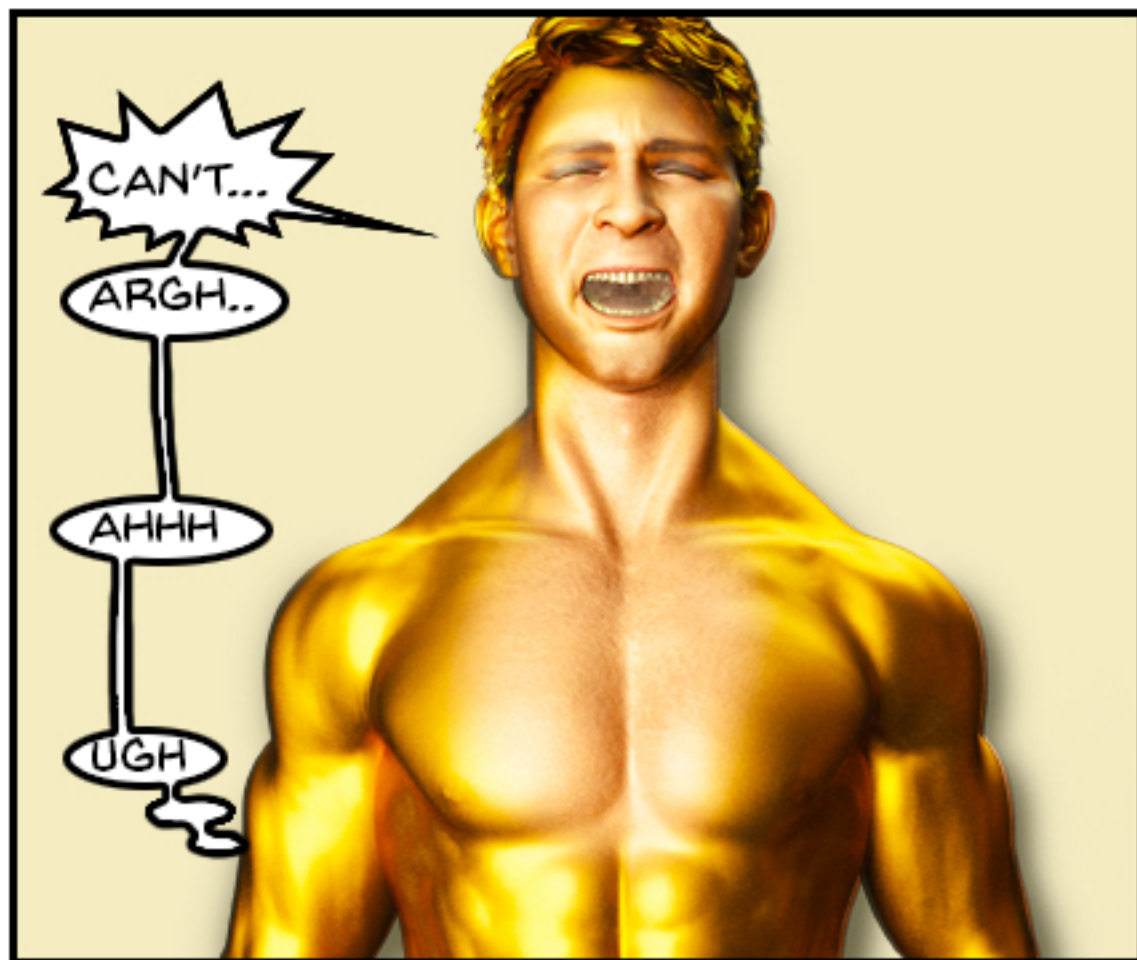
H-HEY! WHAT'S-

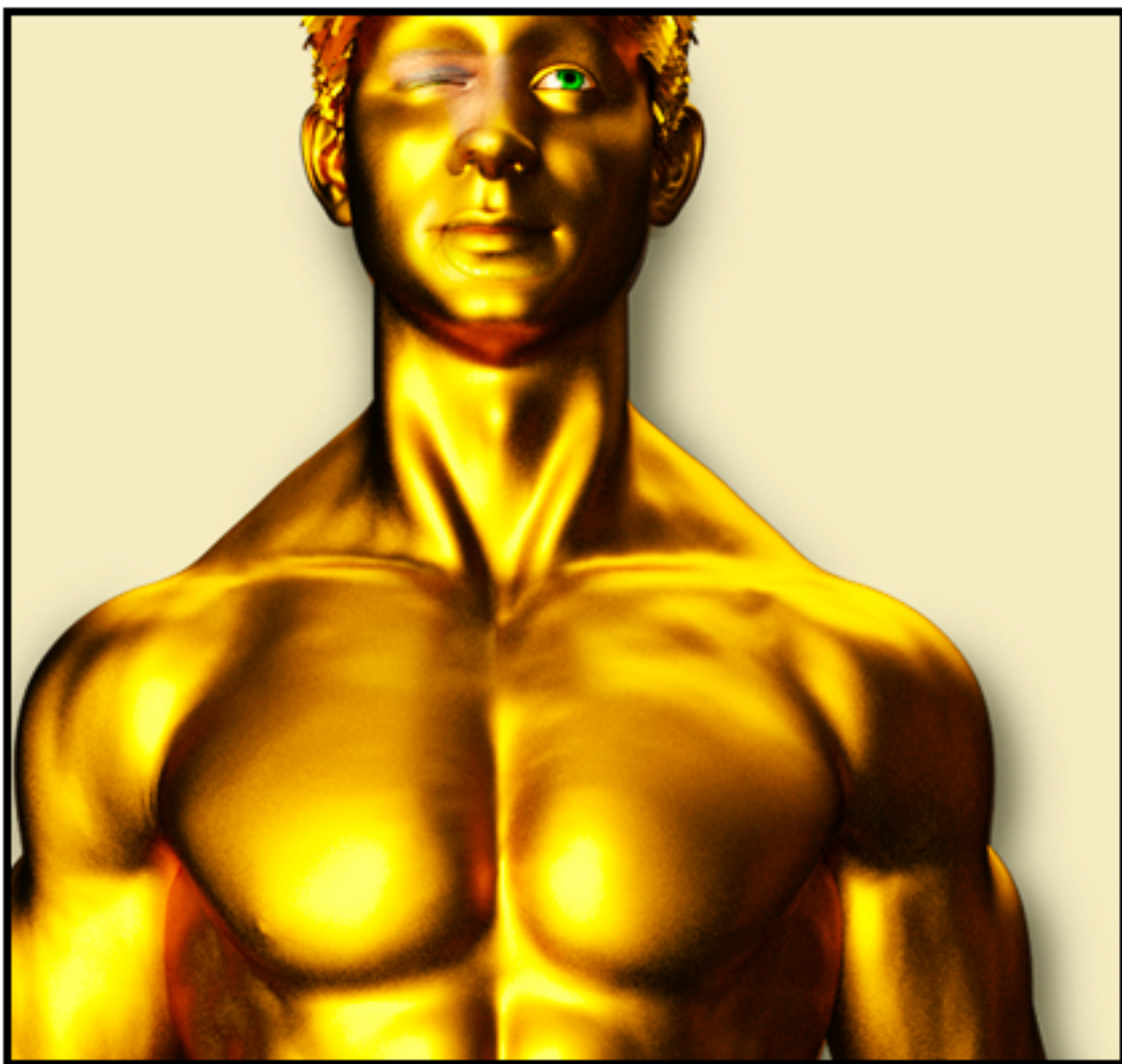
THE HELL... ARE YOU DOING RIGGS? LET US -



ARGGHHH!!!!

AURGH!!! DAMN...YOU!!!





MPHM...



YES...

YES!

IT WORKED! IT REALLY WORKED!

OH LOOK A YA'LL!



MMRPMH!!



YOUR ABS...



THEM ASSES.



SUCH BEAUTIFUL MUSCLES



MY TANNIN' BEDS HAVE TURNED YA'LL INTO PERFECT GOLD STATUES FROM THE INSIDE OUT!

HMM?

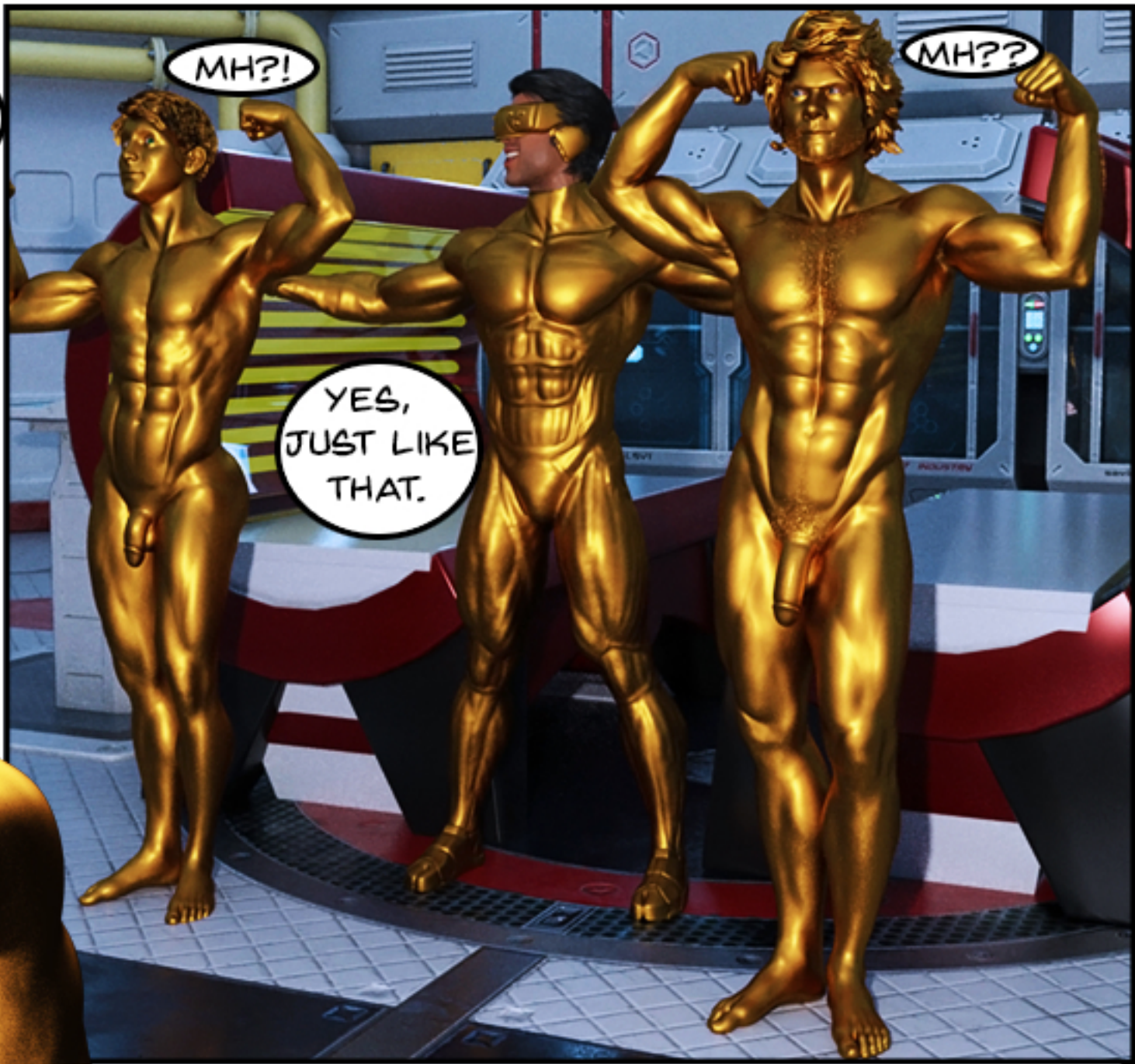
MMRRGH...

WHAT'S WRONG MITCHIE? CAN'T LIVE LIKE THIS? THAT IT? DUN WORRY.

IMMA TREAT YA RIGHT, PUNK.

YA SEE, BOYS,
I DIDN'T JUST TURN YER
SKIN TO GOLD. I INFUSED YA
WITH NANITES!

FLEX!



MH?!

MH??

YES,
JUST LIKE
THAT.



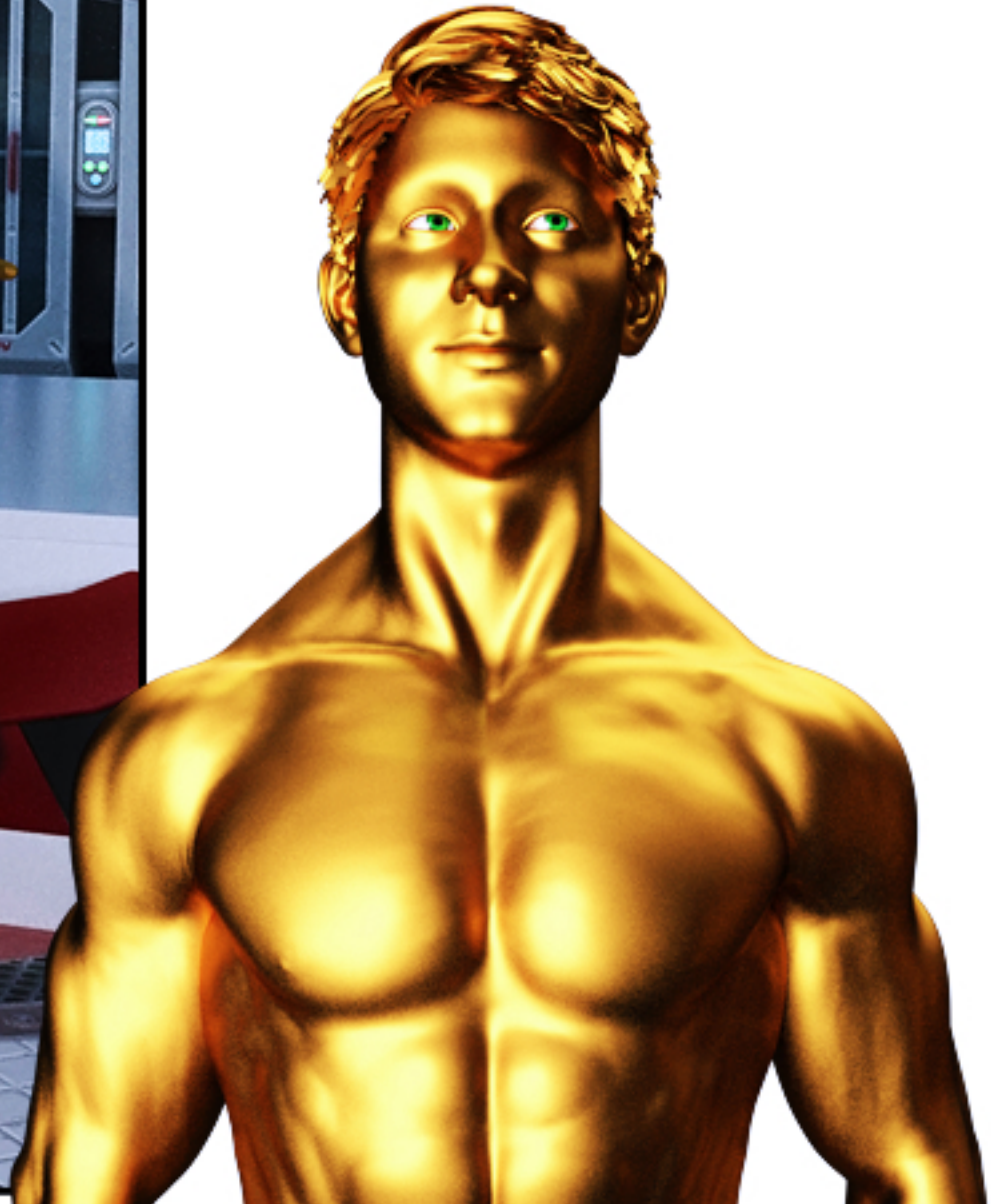
OH YEAH, SHOW
OFF THOSE BODS!

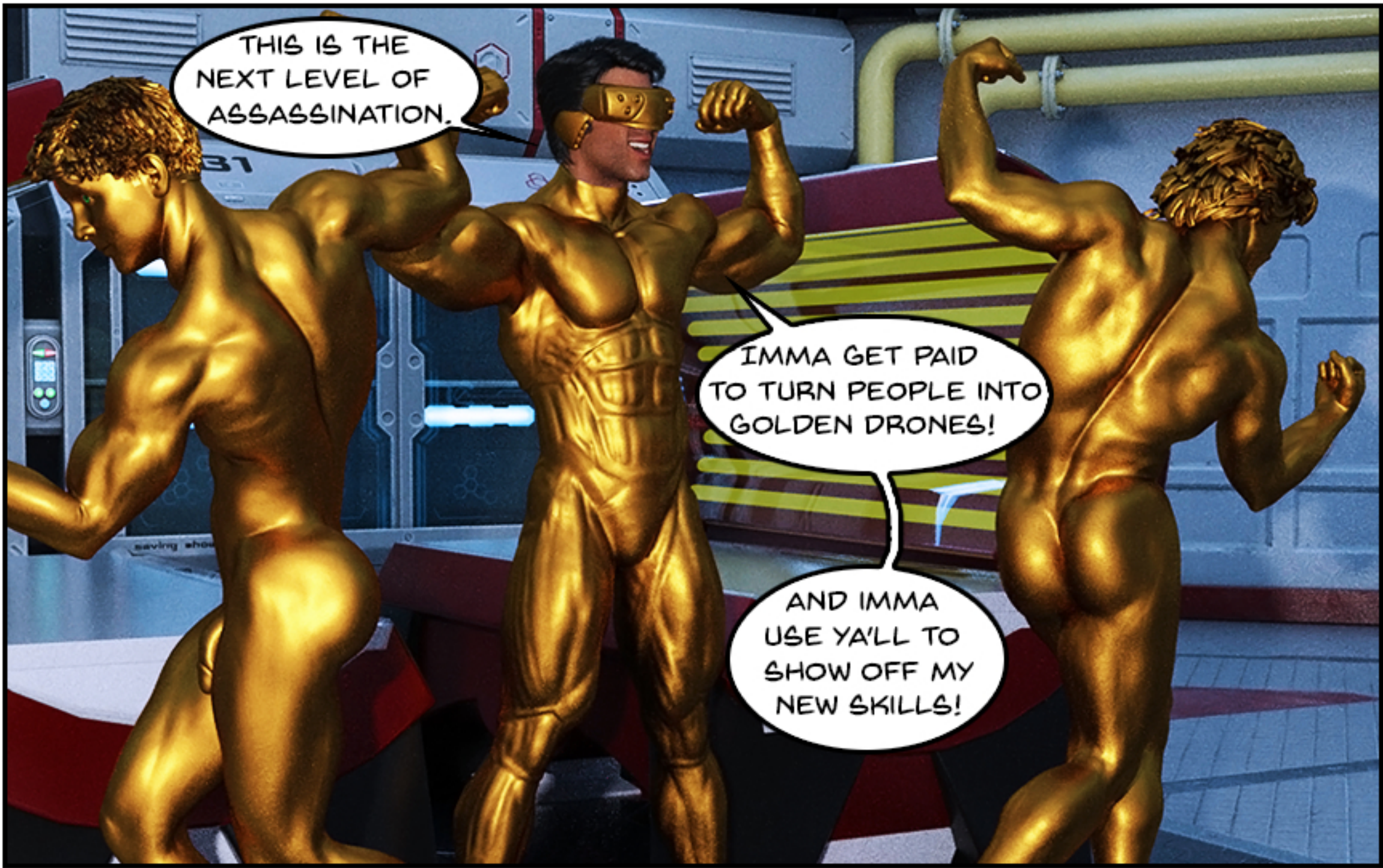
MMRGH!!!
MMGH!!

HAHA!
WHAT?
DUN LIKE?
WHY? YA'LL
GOT SOME
BODS.

BODS
THAT NOW OBEY
ME! HAHA!

I CAN MOVE AND
CONTROL GOLD WITH THIS
NEW TECH. THAT MAKES
YA'LL MY FIRST GOLD
PUPPETS!





THIS IS THE NEXT LEVEL OF ASSASSINATION.

IMMA GET PAID TO TURN PEOPLE INTO GOLDEN DRONES!

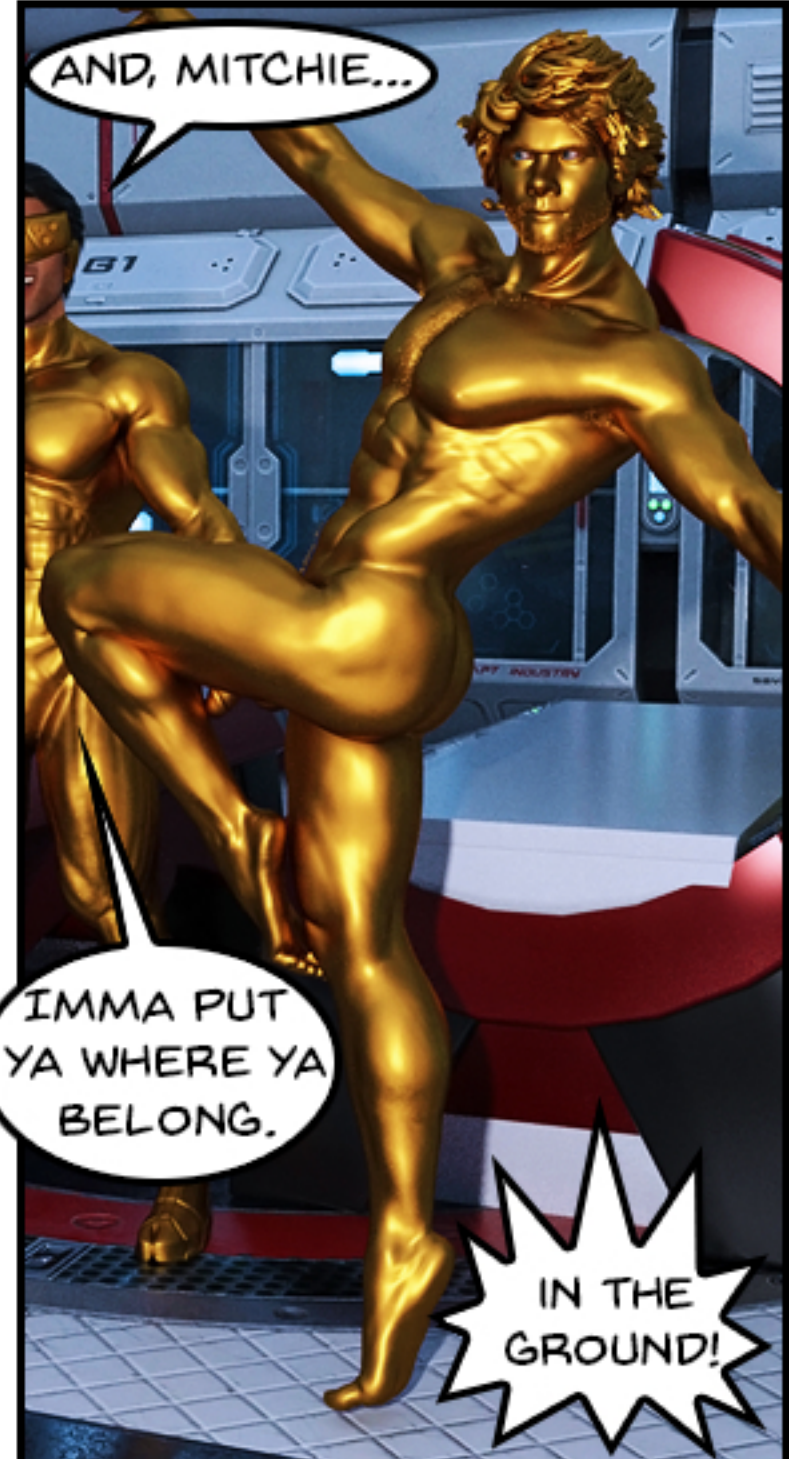
AND IMMA USE YA'LL TO SHOW OFF MY NEW SKILLS!



AFTER I'M DONE WITH THAT, I'LL SHIP YA, JACKSON, TO YER RIVAL SWIM CAPTAIN.

THEY WANT YA TO DECORATE THEIR FRAT HOUSE OR SOMETHING.

CAN'T BLAME THEM



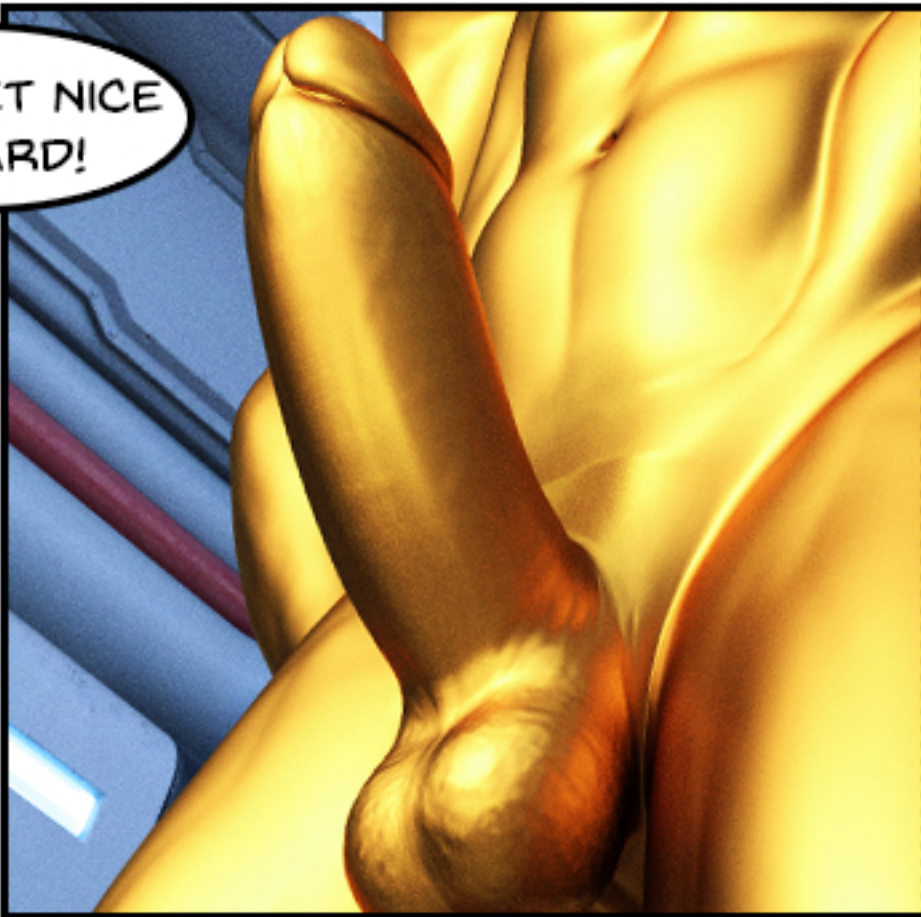
AND, MITCHIE...

IMMA PUT YA WHERE YA BELONG.

IN THE GROUND!



NOW...GET NICE AND HARD!



MGH... MRPH?!

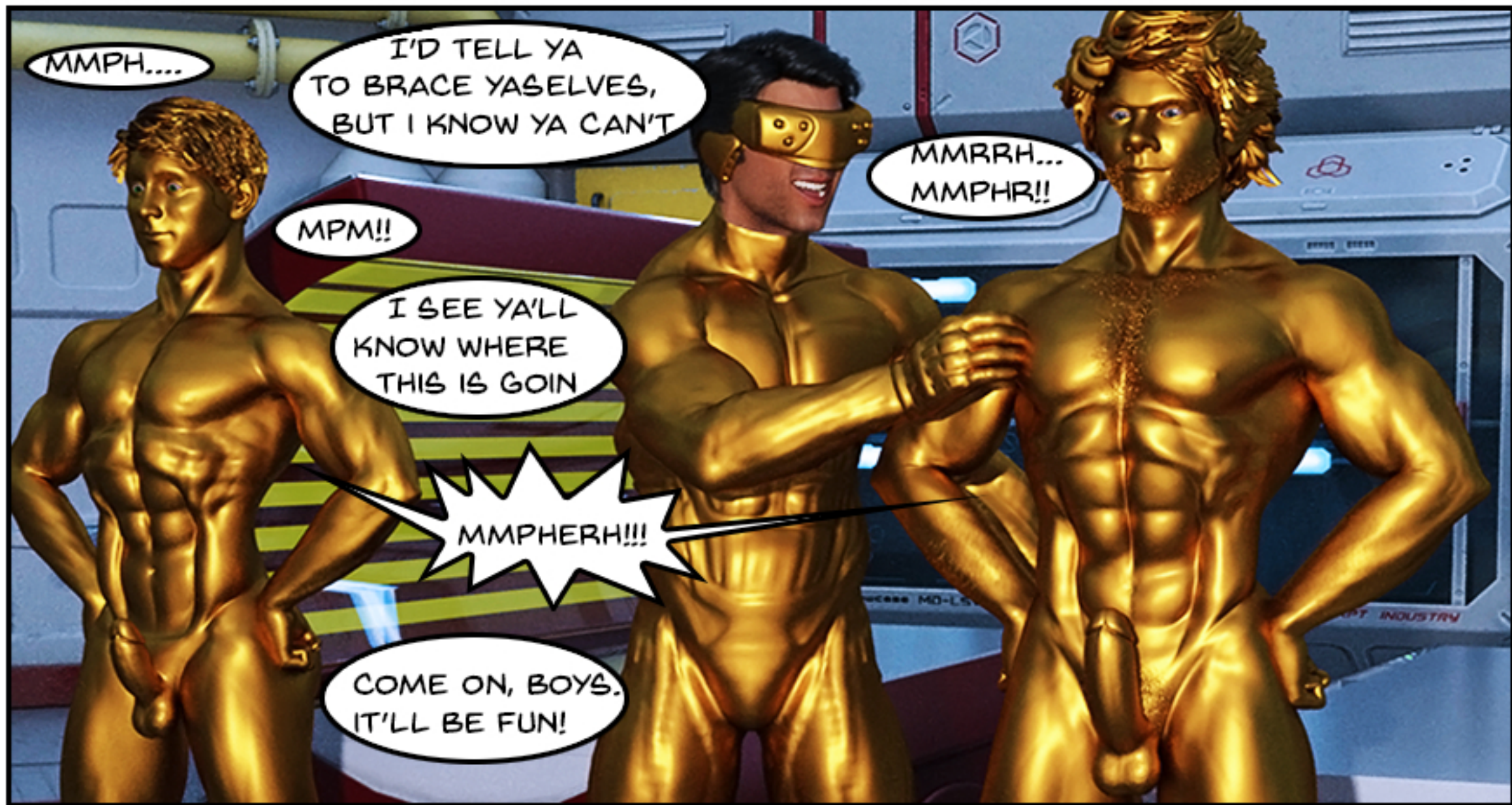
I TOLD YA'LL. YER BODIES ARE MINE NOW!



MHPH? MMMPH!!

I CAN MAKE THEM DO ANYTHING!





MMPH....

I'D TELL YA TO BRACE YASELVES, BUT I KNOW YA CAN'T

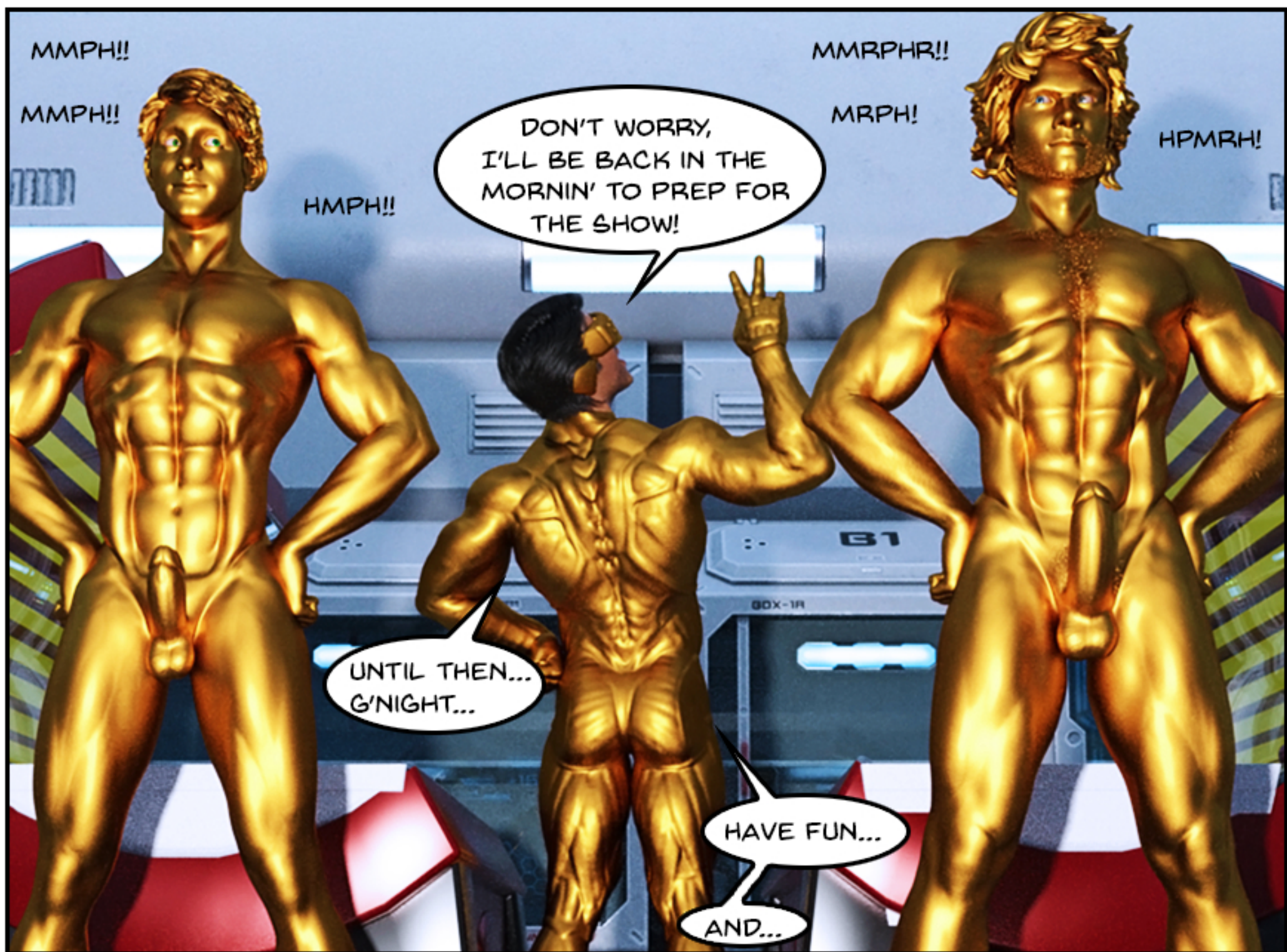
MMRRH... MMPHR!!

MPM!!

I SEE YA'LL KNOW WHERE THIS IS GOIN

MMPHERH!!!

COME ON, BOYS. IT'LL BE FUN!



MMPH!!

MMPH!!

MMRPHR!!

MRPH!

HPMRH!

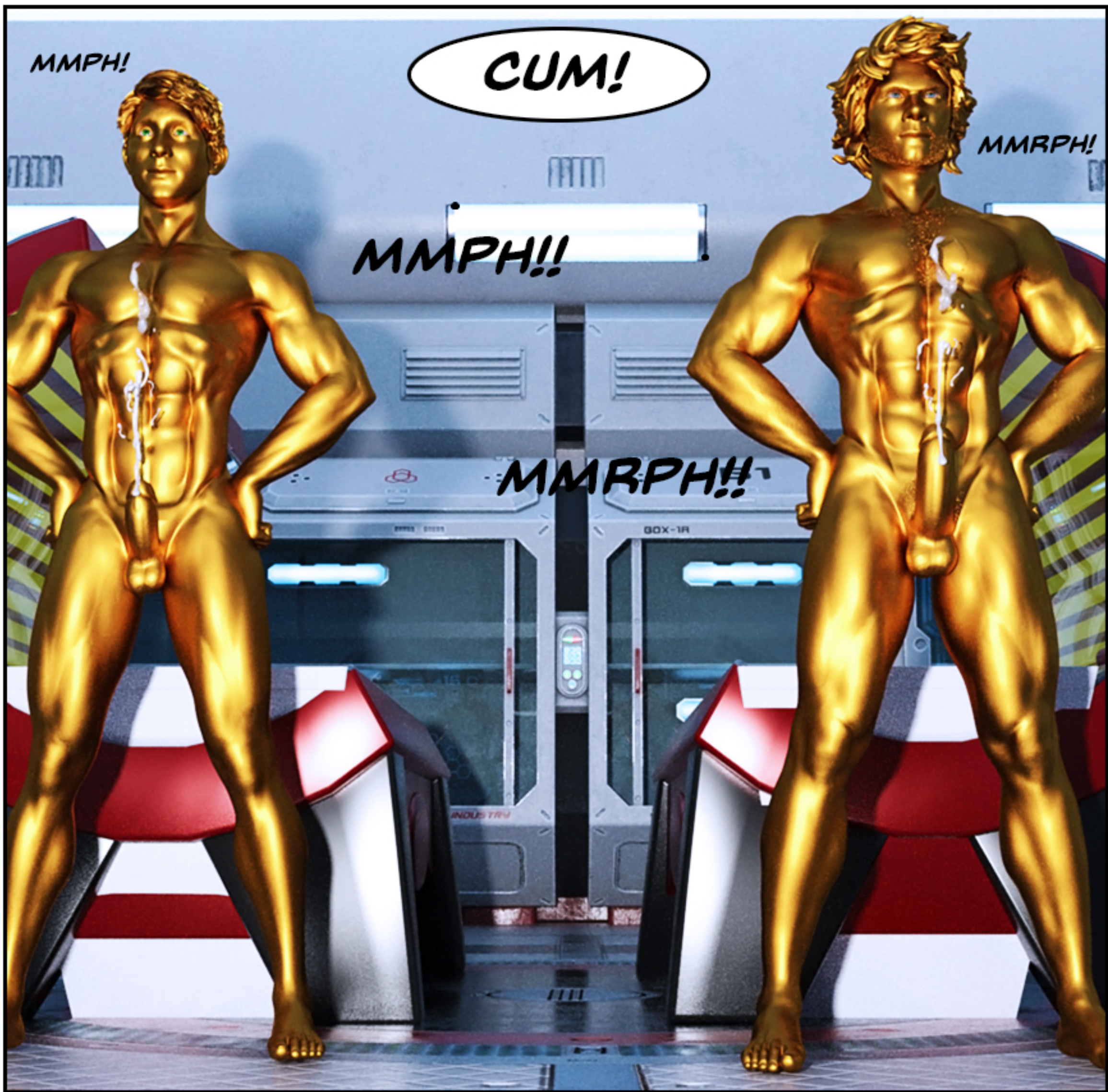
DON'T WORRY, I'LL BE BACK IN THE MORNIN' TO PREP FOR THE SHOW!

HMPH!!

UNTIL THEN... G'NIGHT...

HAVE FUN...

AND...



I CAN STILL HEAR THEIR
MOANS TO THIS DAY. I
DREAM OF IT. TO HEAR IT
AGAIN. OH I'D DO ANYTHIN'.

MITCHIE'S ANGRY GRUNTS.
PERCY'S BREATHY MOANS.

BEAUTIFUL MUSIC TO MY
EARS. IF ONLY IT LASTED.



IF ONLY THAT WERE THE END

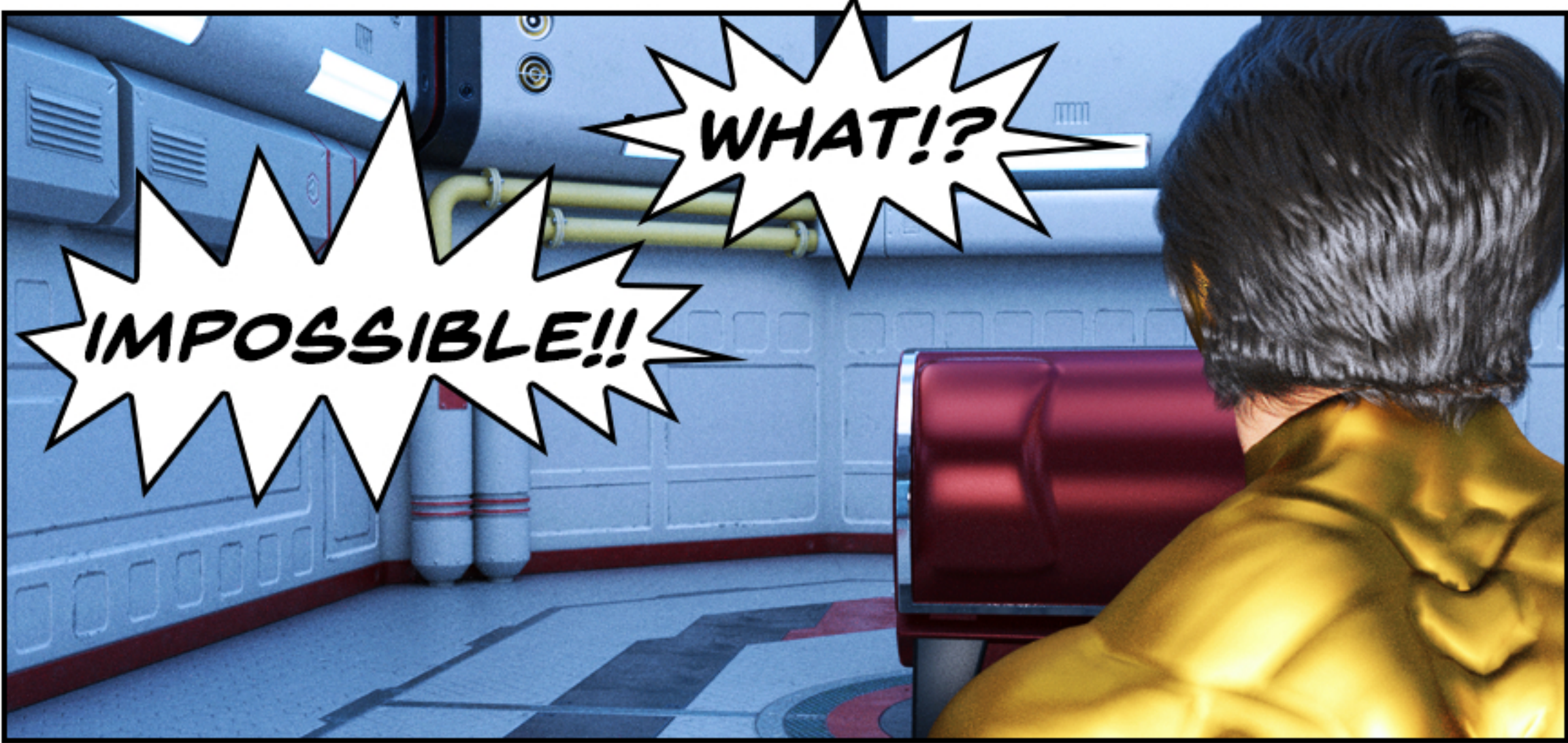


BUT NO. NO, I'M NOT ALLOWED TO HAVE NICE THINGS AM I?



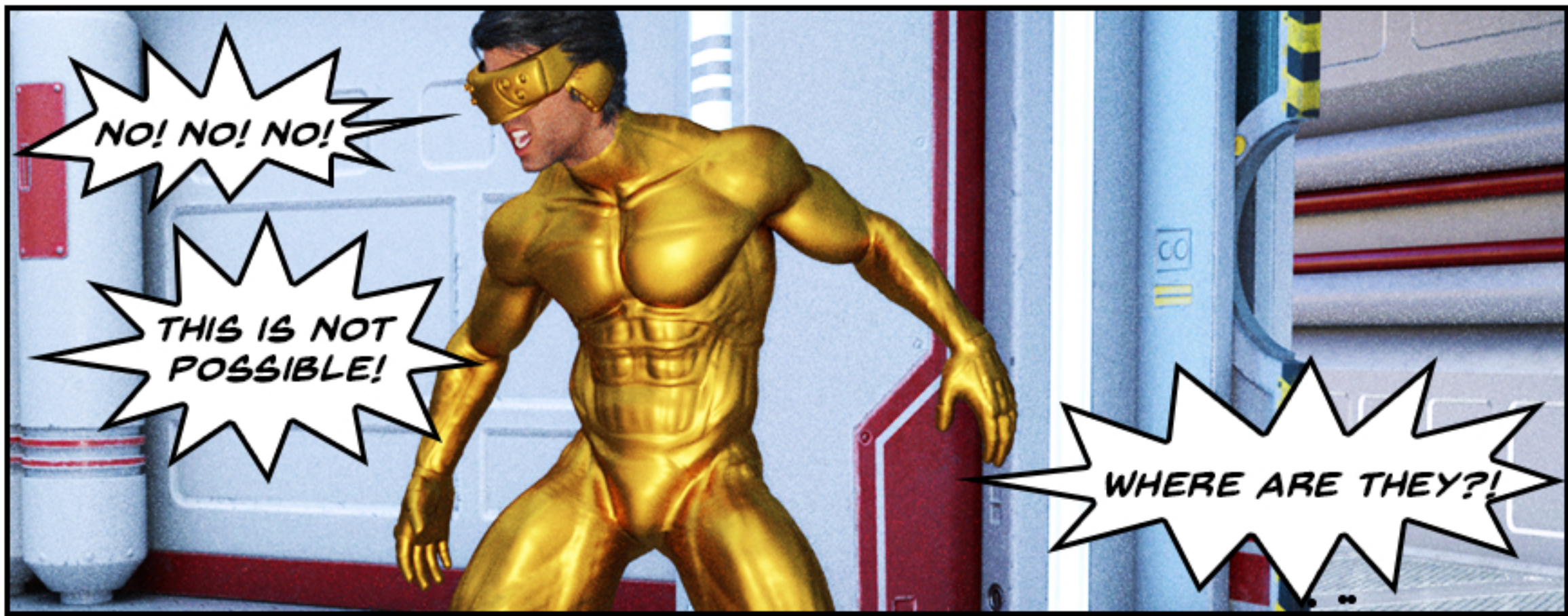
I SHOULD'VE INSTALLED CAMERAS. SECURITY. SOMETHIN'! I GOT TOO COCKY AND THAT COST ME MY PRIZE.

MORNIN', BOYS. I HOPE YA'LL ARE READY TO START FILMIN', NOT THAT YOU HAVE ANY-



WHAT!?

IMPOSSIBLE!!







H-HOW?
HOW'RE YA'LL
NORMAL AGAIN!?



YA'LL SHOULD
BE SOLID
GOLD STATUE!



YEAH, WELL IF
YOU HAVEN'T
NOTICED, IT
DIDN'T TAKE.

WE STARTED
TURNING BACK
TO NORMAL
AFTER.

YOUR LITTLE MACHINE
WAS FAULTY. WE WERE
ONLY GOLD FOR AN
HOUR.

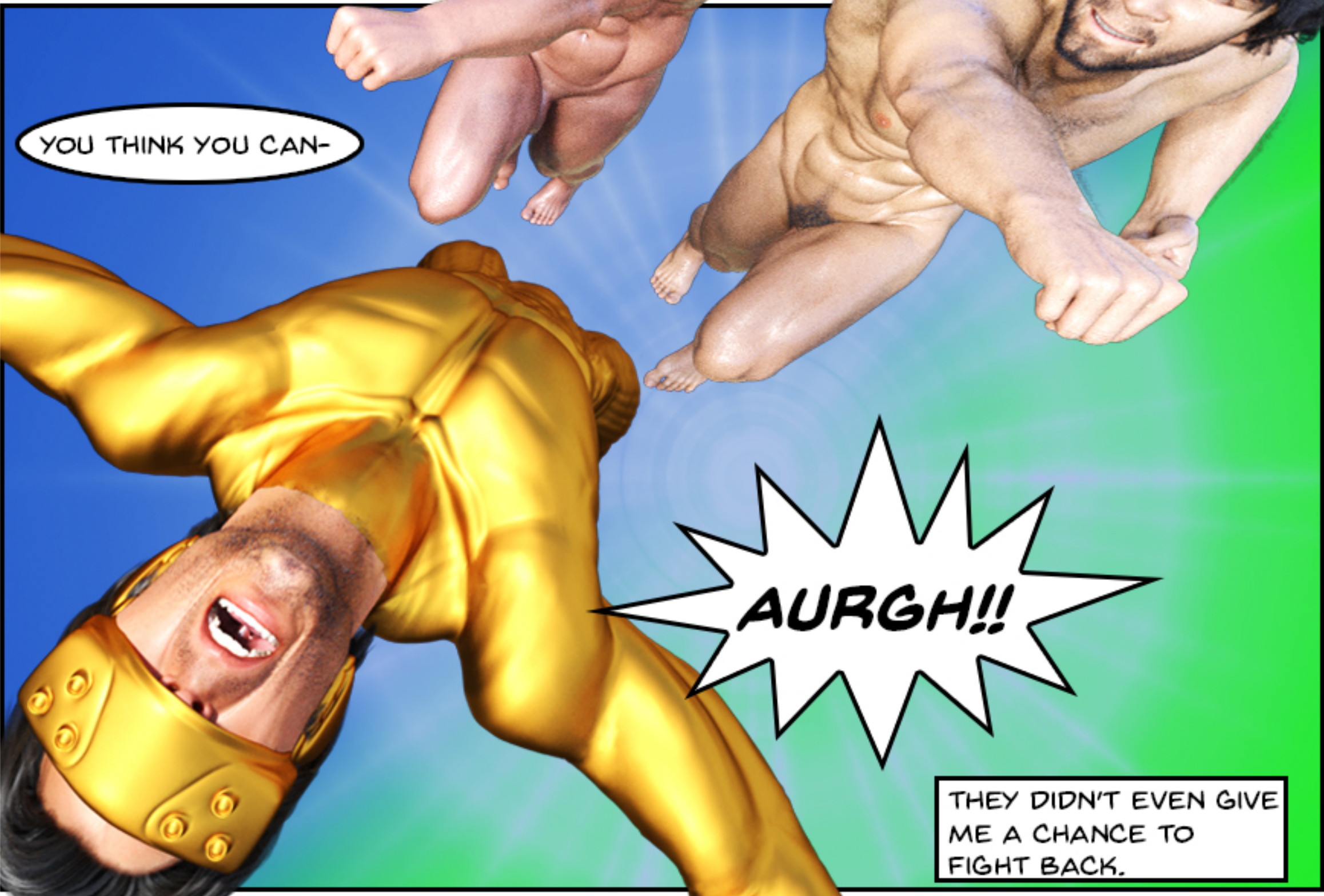
SO LOOKS
LIKE INSTEAD
OF TWO STATUES,
YOU GOT TWO
ANGRY GUYS WHO
ARE GOING TO
KICK YOUR
ASS.



TOGETHER?



AFTER YOU.



YOU THINK YOU CAN-

AURGH!!

THEY DIDN'T EVEN GIVE ME A CHANCE TO FIGHT BACK.



I WAS BEATEN.
THEN ARRESTED.



THEY DESTROYED
MY LAB, MY
COLLECTION.

NOW I HAVE
TO START
OVER.



BUT THIS
TIME.

THIS TIME



I'M PREPARED!
I'VE GONE AND
UPGRADED MYSELF
AND THIS TIME
I'LL GET ME MY
DRONES!

MITCH. PERCY,
I'MMA COME FOR
YA'LL SOON. AND
THIS TIME, YA'LL
AREN'T GETTIN'
AWAY!

BUT FIRST, I
GOT A JOB
TO DO.

TO BE CONTINUED?