

CAPTAIN

# ZERO

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THIS NASTY LITTLE  
**CONNECTIVITY  
CONSTRUCTOR**  
HAS SHUT DOWN NETWERX..  
AND I MIGHT BE NEXT!



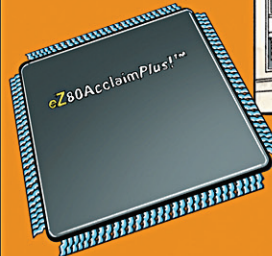


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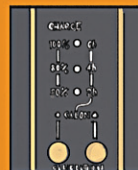
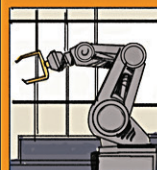
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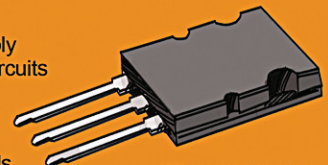
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DON'T START CELEBRATING YET, CAPTAIN ZILOG...OR SHOULD I  
ADDRESS YOU BY YOUR CIVILIAN NAME....

**NICK STACEY?!**



STICK IT IN YOUR **INDEX REGISTER**, TOUGH GUY!  
YOU MAY HAVE A NEW JALOPY  
BUT THAT TACKY PAINT JOB  
GIVES YOU AWAY!\*



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AT [ZILOG.COM](http://ZILOG.COM)  
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**CAPTAIN ZILOG #2:  
ATTACK OF THE  
CONNECTIVITY CONSTRUCTOR**

STORY  
GABE MCINTOSH  
& STEVE DARROUGH

ART, COLORS & LETTERING  
GABE MCINTOSH





YOU ARE AS PREDICTABLE AS YOUR  
BLASTED TECHNOLOGY! WHILE YOU WERE BUSY  
WITH MY LITTLE PETS...

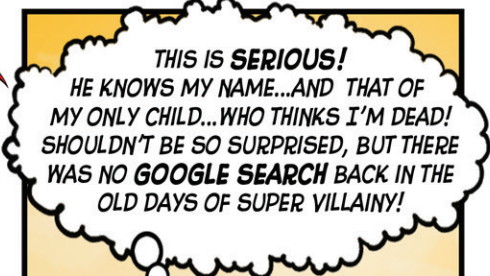


I WAS PAYING A VISIT TO **NETWERX**!  
DOES THAT NAME MEAN ANYTHING  
TO YOU, CAPTAIN?



YOU'RE A REGULAR BOB SAGET,  
CAPTAIN! BUT YOU WON'T BE LAUGHING  
WHEN YOU SEE WHAT I HAVE PLANNED...

FOR JEN STACEY,  
THEIR PROJECT DIRECTOR!

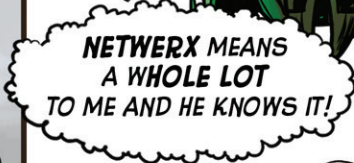


THIS IS **SERIOUS**!  
HE KNOWS MY NAME...AND THAT OF  
MY ONLY CHILD...WHO THINKS I'M DEAD!  
SHOULDN'T BE SO SURPRISED, BUT THERE  
WAS NO **GOOGLE SEARCH** BACK IN THE  
OLD DAYS OF SUPER VILLAINY!

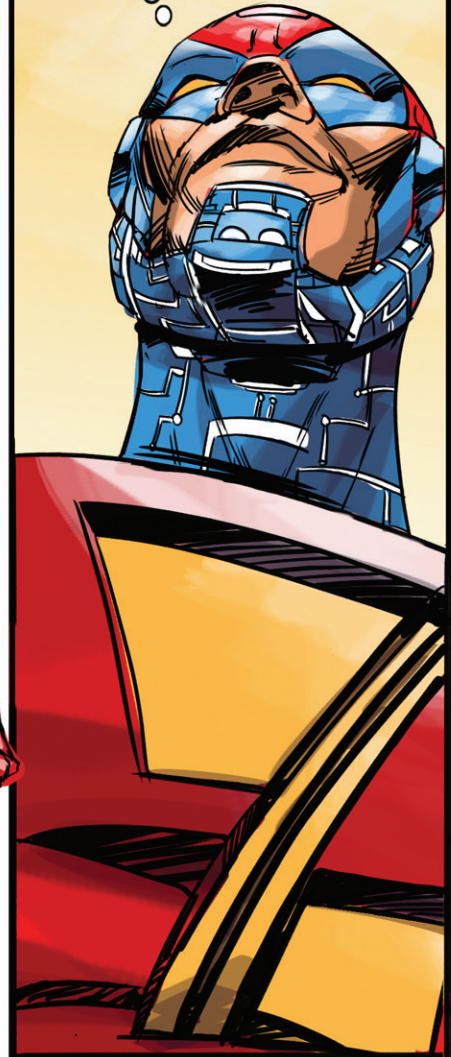


I'LL ASK THE QUESTIONS  
**DR. DIABOLICUS**! HERE'S MY  
FIRST ONE: WHAT MEDICAL  
SCHOOL WAS CRAZY  
ENOUGH TO GIVE YOU  
A DEGREE?

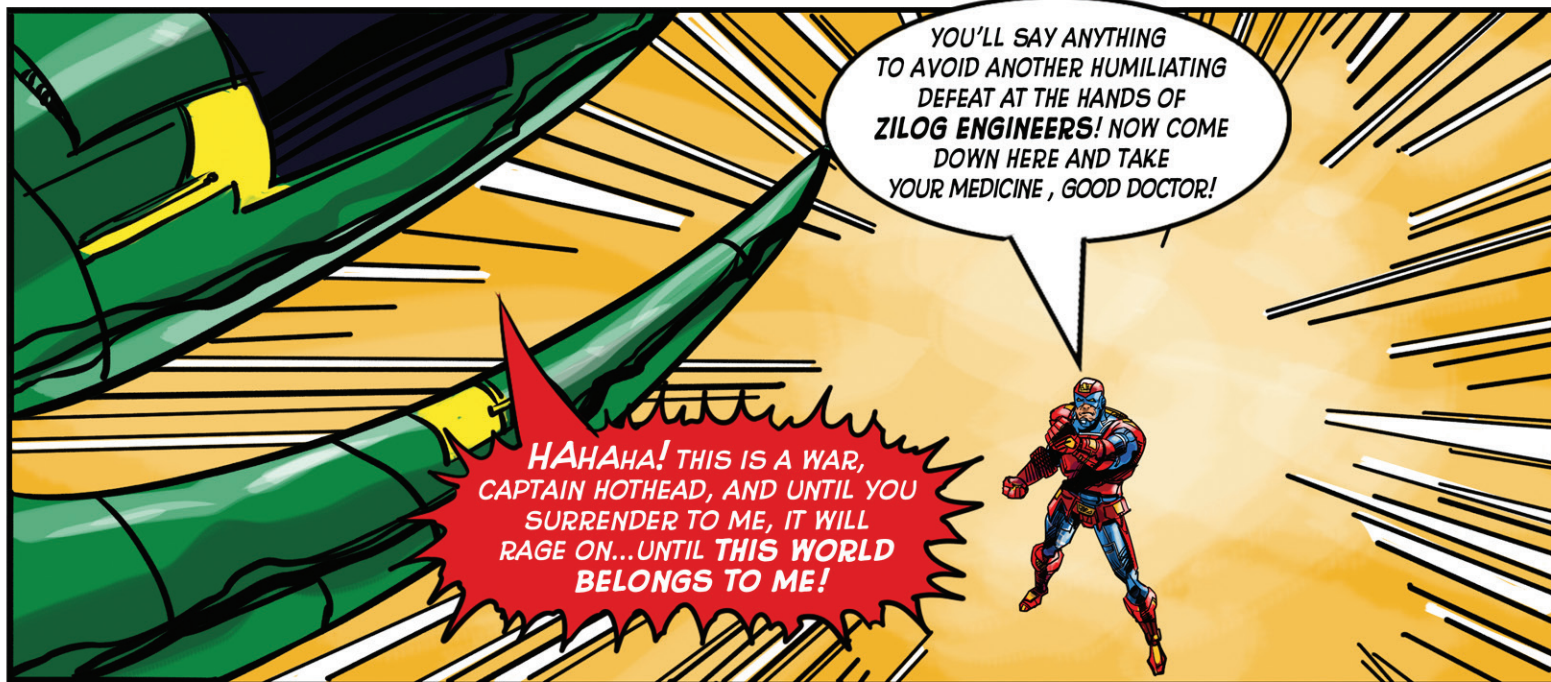
HE KNOWS MY CIVILIAN  
NAME...BUT HOW?  
THAT'S BEEN MY SECRET - AND  
THE CHIEF'S - FOR ALL  
THESE YEARS!



**NETWERX** MEANS  
A WHOLE LOT  
TO ME AND HE KNOWS IT!







YOU'LL SAY ANYTHING  
TO AVOID ANOTHER HUMILIATING  
DEFEAT AT THE HANDS OF  
**ZILOG ENGINEERS!** NOW COME  
DOWN HERE AND TAKE  
YOUR MEDICINE, GOOD DOCTOR!

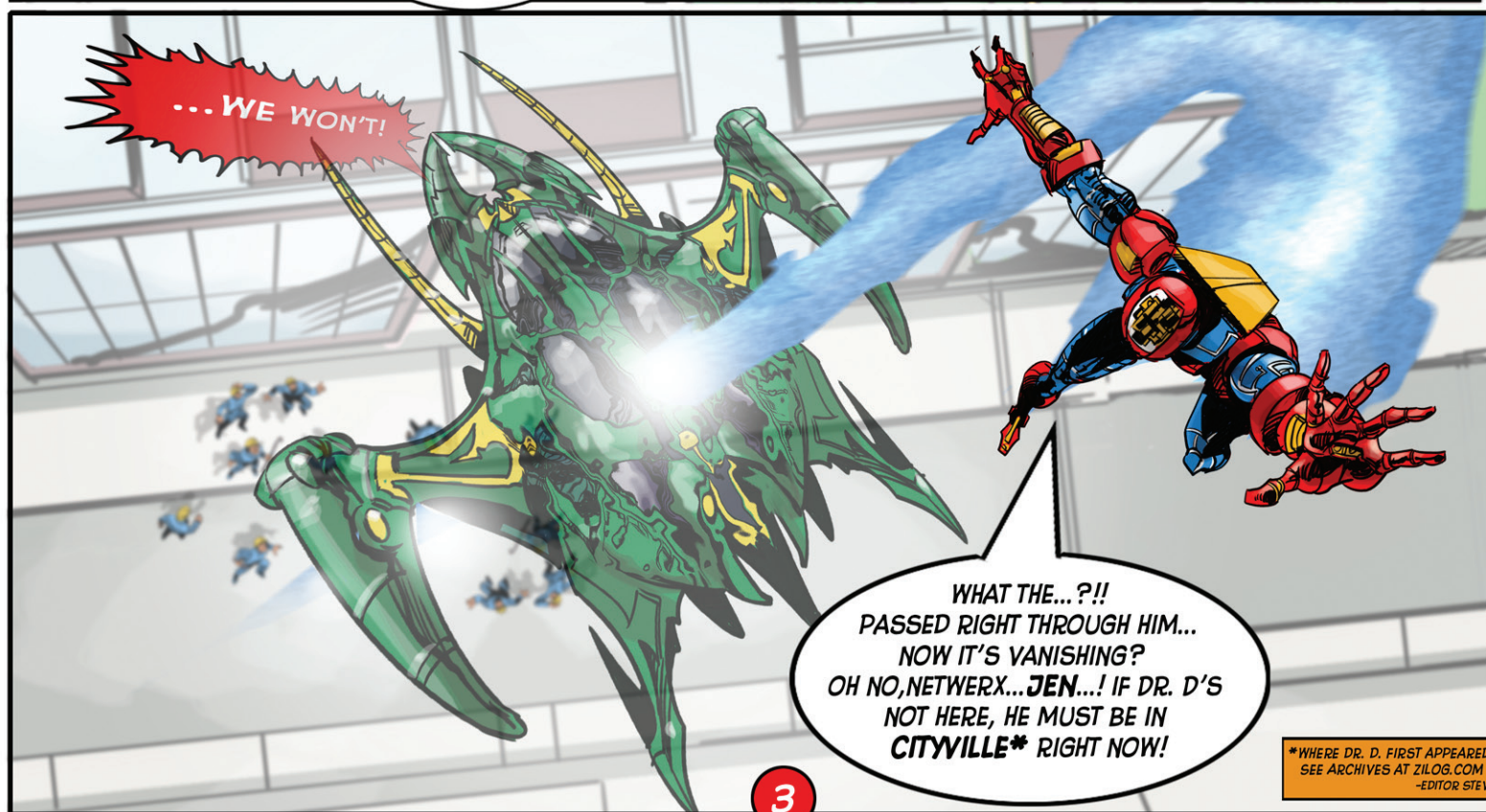
**HAHAHA!** THIS IS A WAR,  
CAPTAIN HOthead, AND UNTIL YOU  
SURRENDER TO ME, IT WILL  
RAGE ON...UNTIL **THIS WORLD**  
BELONGS TO ME!



HAVE IT  
YOUR WAY,  
YOU **QUACK!**  
I'M COMING UP!

WE'LL SEE  
HOW TOUGH YOU ARE  
WITH A **Z8 ENCORE**  
JAMMED IN YOUR  
CPU!

**NO, CAPTAIN,**  
I'M AFRAID...

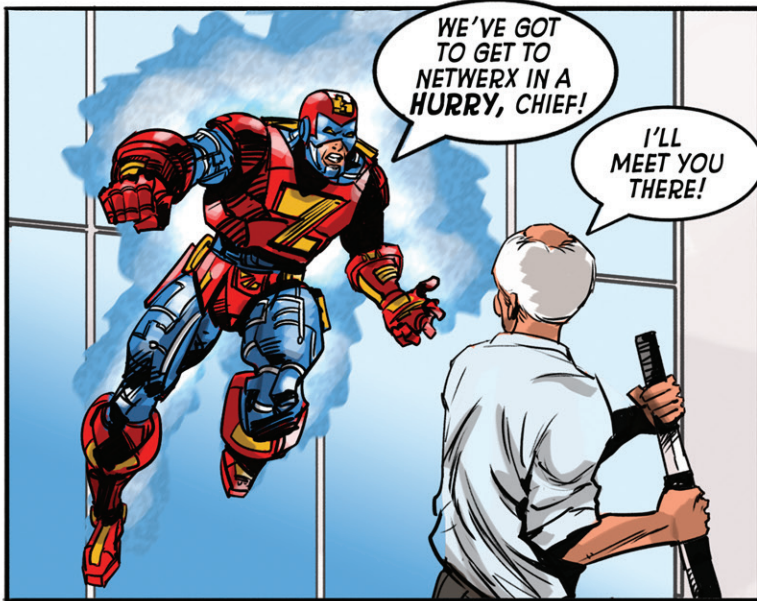


...WE WON'T!

WHAT THE...?!!  
PASSED RIGHT THROUGH HIM...  
NOW IT'S VANISHING?  
OH NO, **NETWERX...** **JEN...**! IF DR. D'S  
NOT HERE, HE MUST BE IN  
**CITYVILLE\*** RIGHT NOW!

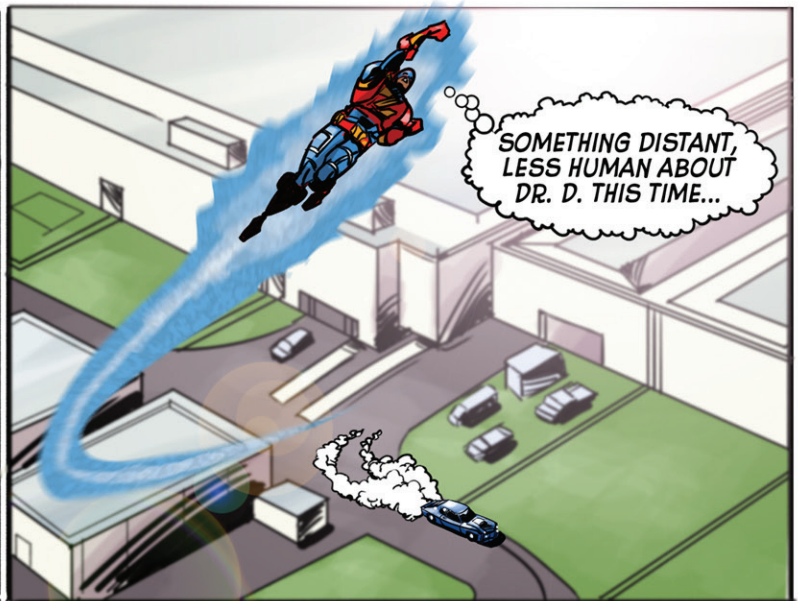
\*WHERE DR. D. FIRST APPEARED!  
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WE'VE GOT TO GET TO NETWERX IN A HURRY, CHIEF!

I'LL MEET YOU THERE!



SOMETHING DISTANT, LESS HUMAN ABOUT DR. D. THIS TIME...



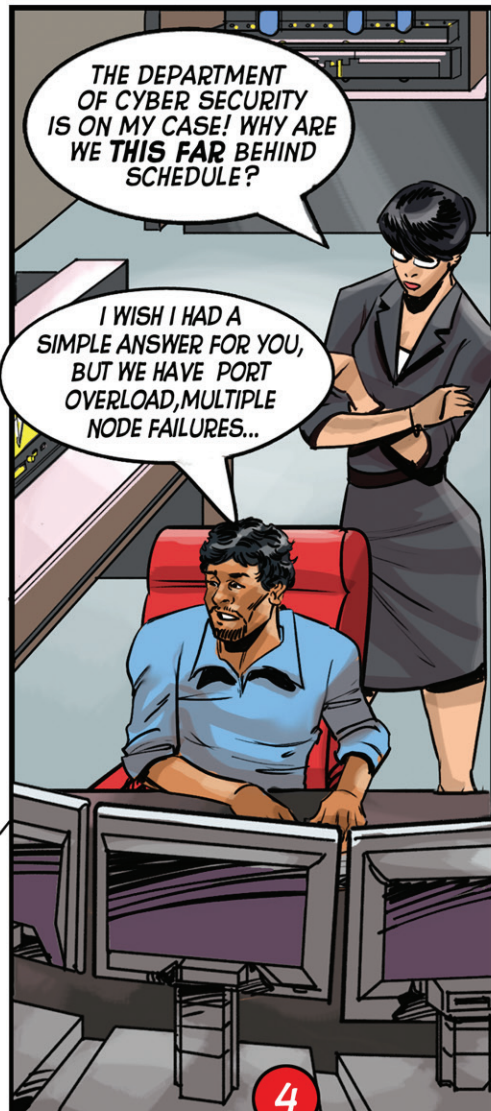
NOW THAT DIABOLICUS KNOWS MY IDENTITY, JEN IS A PRIME TARGET!

I WAS EXILED FROM EARTH AFTER SHE WAS BORN...BUT AS FAR AS SHE KNOWS...

...I ABANDONED HER. BUT THAT HAS TO WAIT... SHE'S IN DANGER NOW!

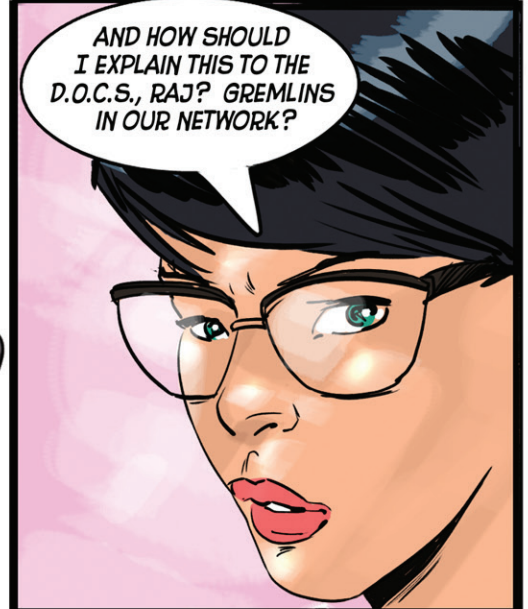


MEANWHILE...NETWERX, GLOBAL LEADER IN NETWORK SECURITY, IS UNAWARE OF THE MAELSTROM ABOUT TO CONVERGE UPON IT!



THE DEPARTMENT OF CYBER SECURITY IS ON MY CASE! WHY ARE WE THIS FAR BEHIND SCHEDULE?

I WISH I HAD A SIMPLE ANSWER FOR YOU, BUT WE HAVE PORT OVERLOAD, MULTIPLE NODE FAILURES...



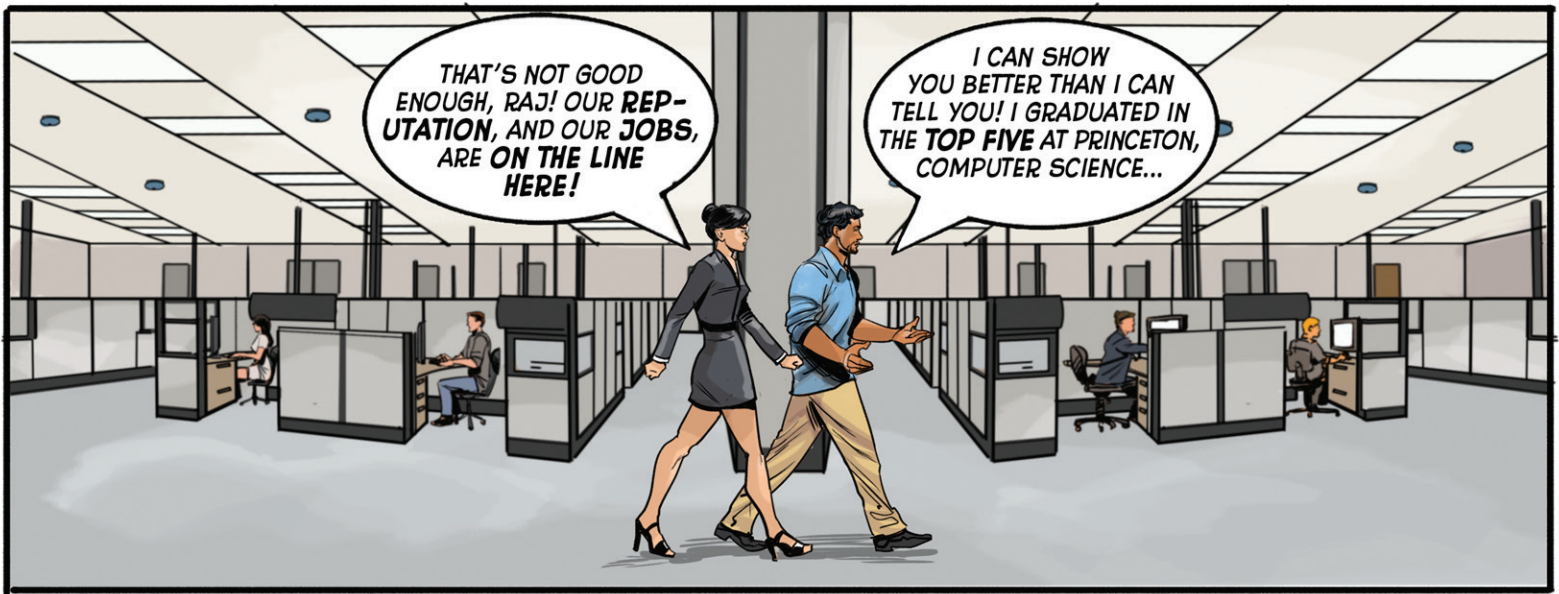
AND HOW SHOULD I EXPLAIN THIS TO THE D.O.C.S., RAJ? GREMLINS IN OUR NETWORK?



I SHARE YOUR FRUSTRATION, JEN... THIS IS A LEVEL 4 SECURITY BREACH...

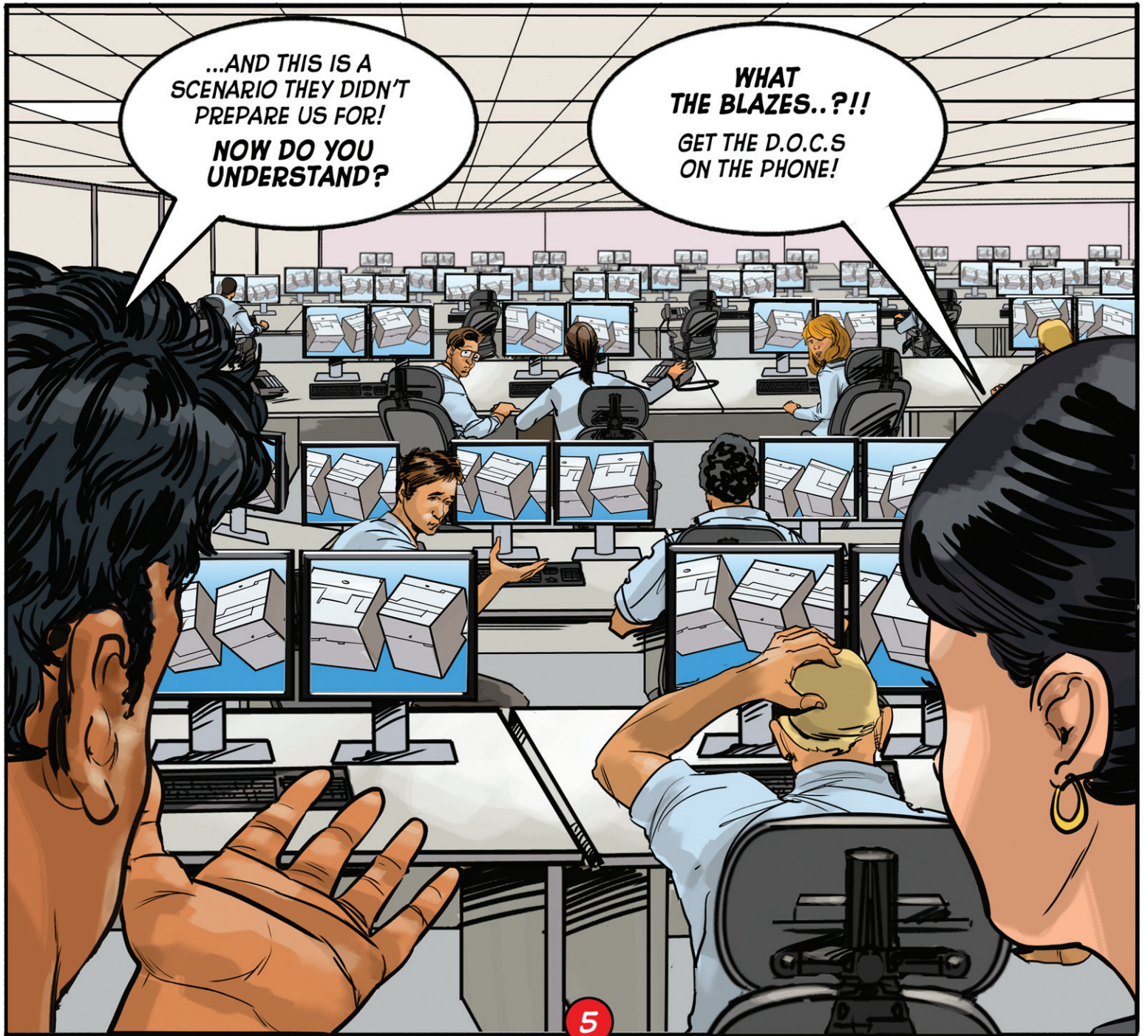
...THE LIKES OF WHICH NETWERX HAS NEVER SEEN!





THAT'S NOT GOOD  
ENOUGH, RAJ! OUR **REP-  
UTATION**, AND OUR **JOBS**,  
ARE **ON THE LINE**  
HERE!

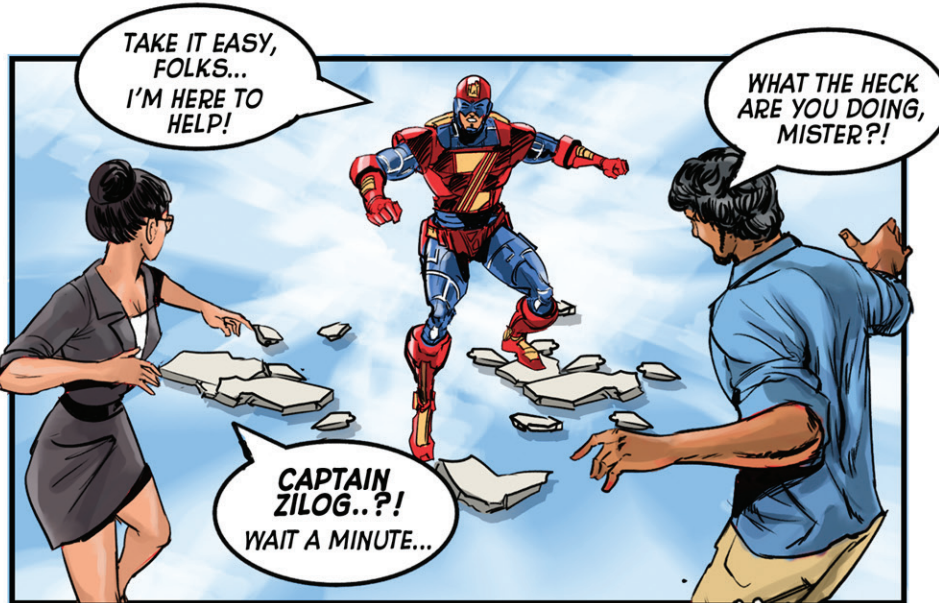
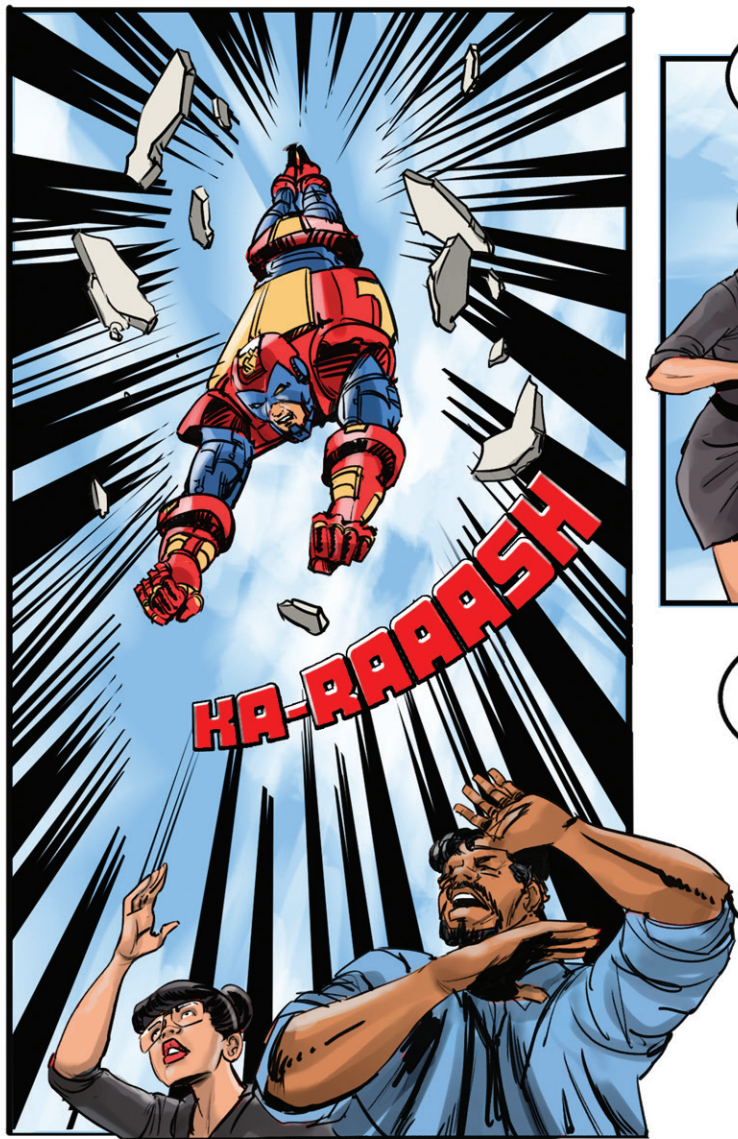
I CAN SHOW  
YOU BETTER THAN I CAN  
TELL YOU! I GRADUATED IN  
THE **TOP FIVE** AT PRINCETON,  
COMPUTER SCIENCE...



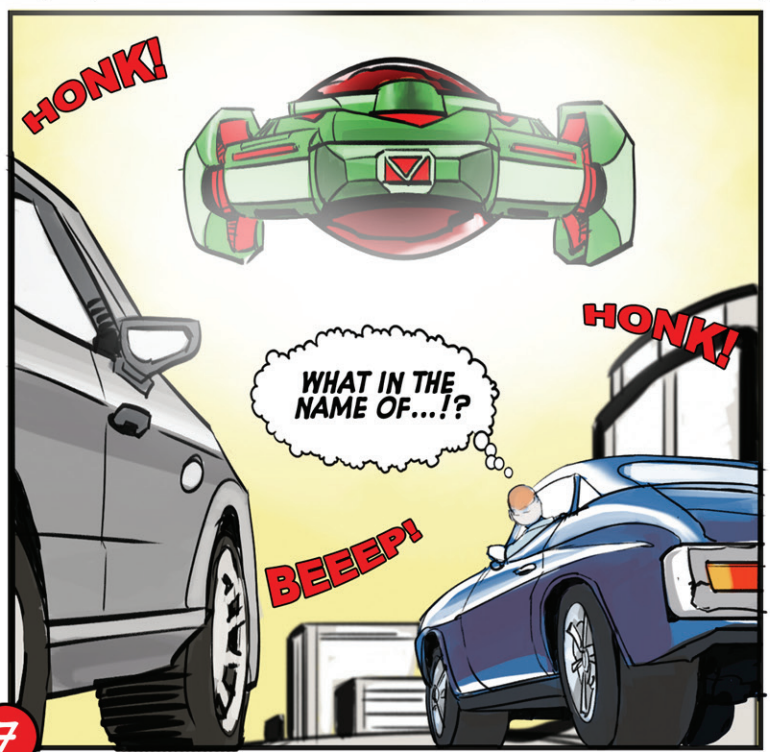
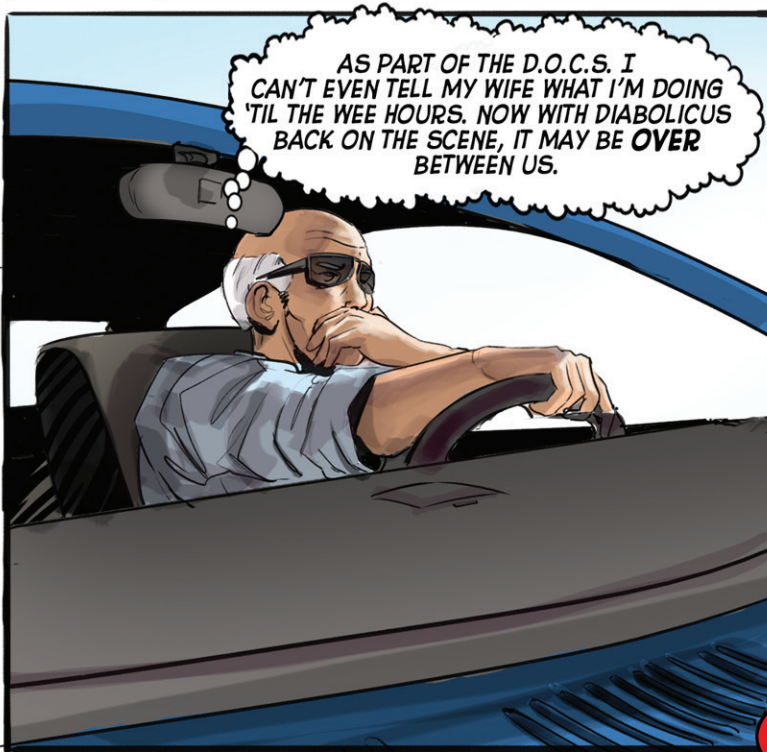
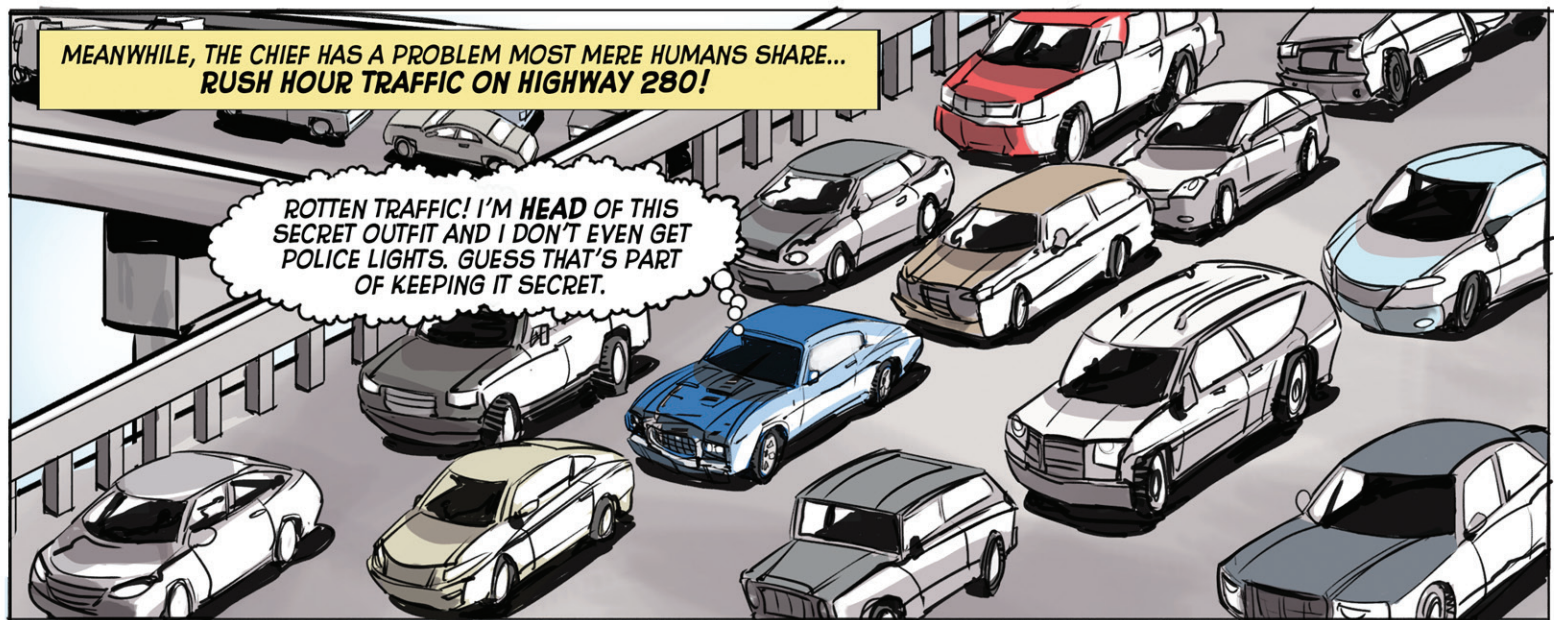
...AND THIS IS A  
SCENARIO THEY DIDN'T  
PREPARE US FOR!  
**NOW DO YOU  
UNDERSTAND?**

**WHAT  
THE BLAZES..?!!**  
GET THE **D.O.C.S**  
ON THE PHONE!













WELL LET'S HAVE A LOOK...

HE'S ABSOLUTELY RIGHT! TELL HIM WHAT HE'S WON, BOTTLENECK!

CAN'T BREAK FREE... GRIP TOO STRONG! YOU GUYS AREN'T HUMAN!



HOW ABOUT THIS LOVELY OVERHAND RIGHT TO THAT HANDSOME FACE OF HIS, CRASHER?! HAHHAH!!

OUCH! DR. DIABOLICUS' YES-MEN\*, DISGUISED AS NETWORKX SECURITY! THEY LOOK DIFFERENT, BUT I'D KNOW THAT CACKLING VOICE ANYWHERE!

KA-POW!

\*BACK IN THE VERY FIRST ISH! SEE FOR YOURSELF AT [WWW.ZILOG.COM/](http://WWW.ZILOG.COM/)!

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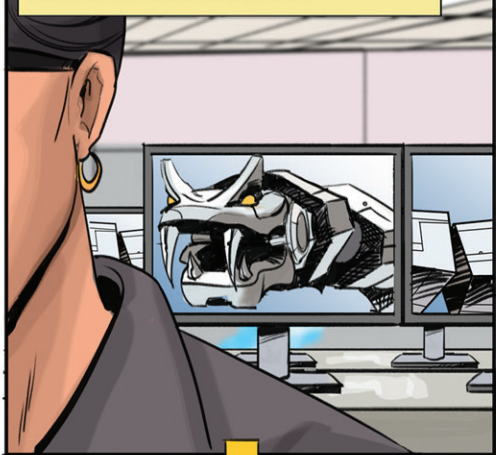
RAJ AND JEN CAN ONLY STARE IN SHOCKED DISBELIEF, UNAWARE OF THE MOVEMENT BEHIND THEM...



THE **CONNECTIVITY CONSTRUCTOR** MAKES ITSELF KNOWN, ITS MISSION: **DESTROY NETWORKX!**



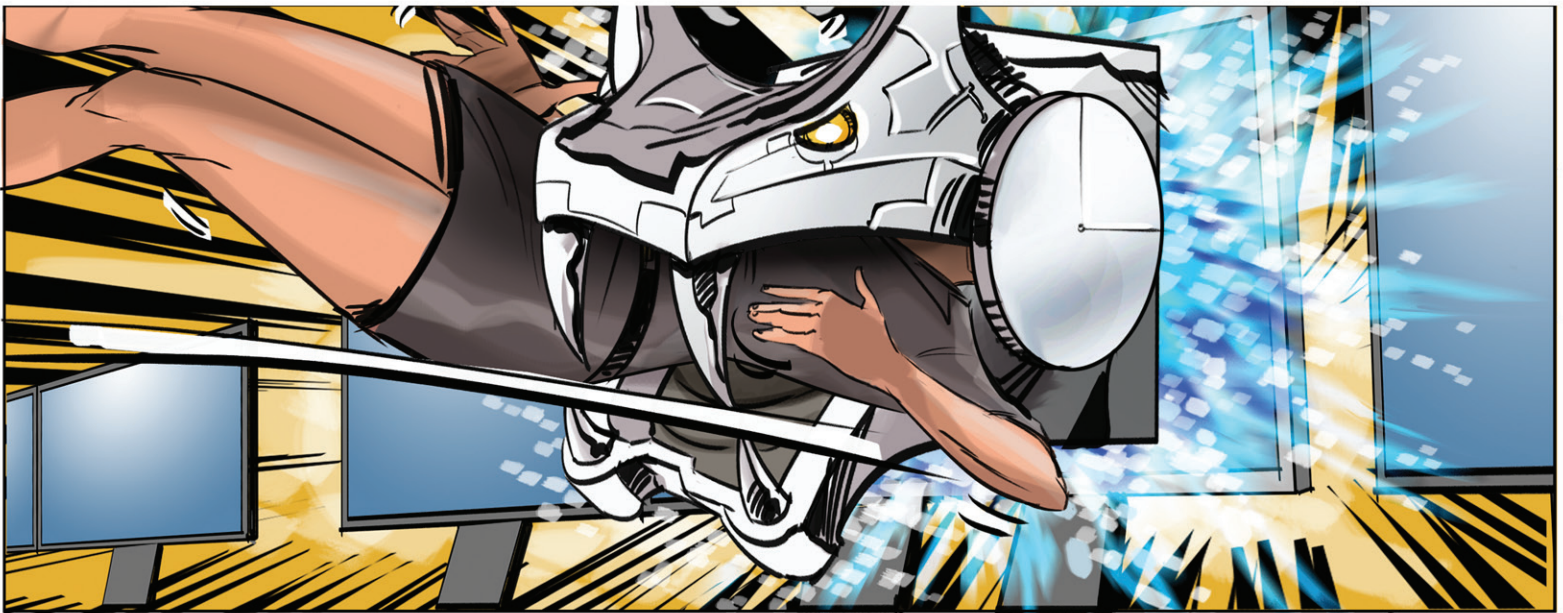
...AS THE STRANGE IMAGE ON THE BESIEGED COMPUTER MONITORS FORMS A SINISTER FACE!



IT SOON EMERGES FROM ITS ELECTRONIC CONFINES AND INTO OUR WORLD, LOOMING OVER THE NETWORKX LEADER!







DR. D'S CONNECTIVITY  
CONSTRUCTOR...FROM THE CHIEF'S  
DATABASE! IT'S TAKEN JEN INTO THE  
NETWORK! GOTTA END THIS...



THEY'RE USING JEN  
TO GET ME...AND THEY'RE  
ABOUT TO GET  
THEIR WISH!



THAT THING DISRUPTS THE ROUTING OF  
DATA PACKETS THROUGH THEIR  
CORRECT CHANNELS...LUCKILY I'M  
ARMED WITH THE eZ80!



I'LL NEED IT WHEN I  
MINIATURIZE AND ENTER  
THE NANOVERSE TO FIND JEN!  
AND IF THESE LINGUINI-SPINED  
JERKS WANT TO TRY AND  
STOP ME...



...THEY MIGHT AS WELL  
KICK WATER UPHILL WHILE  
THEY'RE AT IT, 'CAUSE  
THEY'RE NOT GONNA  
SUCCEED AT EITHER!



SPZAKKK!

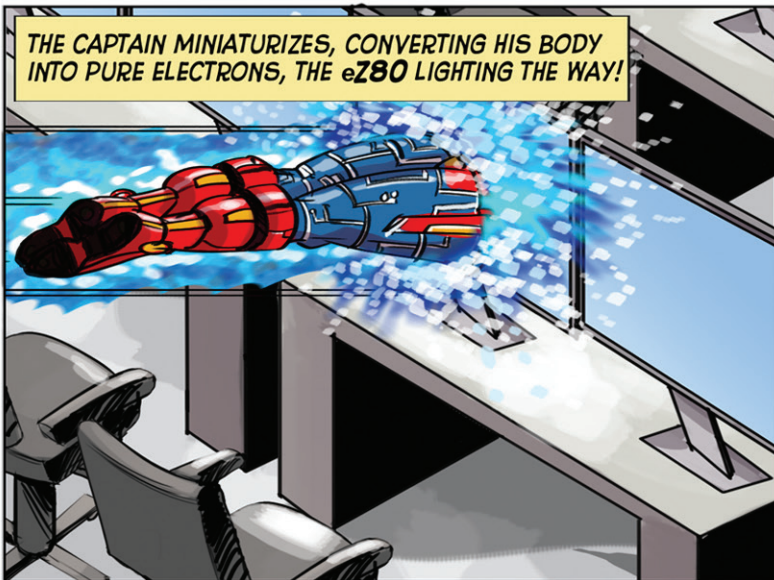
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SKA-BOOM



THE CAPTAIN MINIATURIZES, CONVERTING HIS BODY INTO PURE ELECTRONS, THE eZ80 LIGHTING THE WAY!



I HAVE TO STOP THAT THING BEFORE IT REACHES THE ROUTER, OTHERWISE I MAY NEVER FIND JEN!



WAYWARD DATA PACKETS... REASSEMBLING AND REROUTING THEMSELVES!

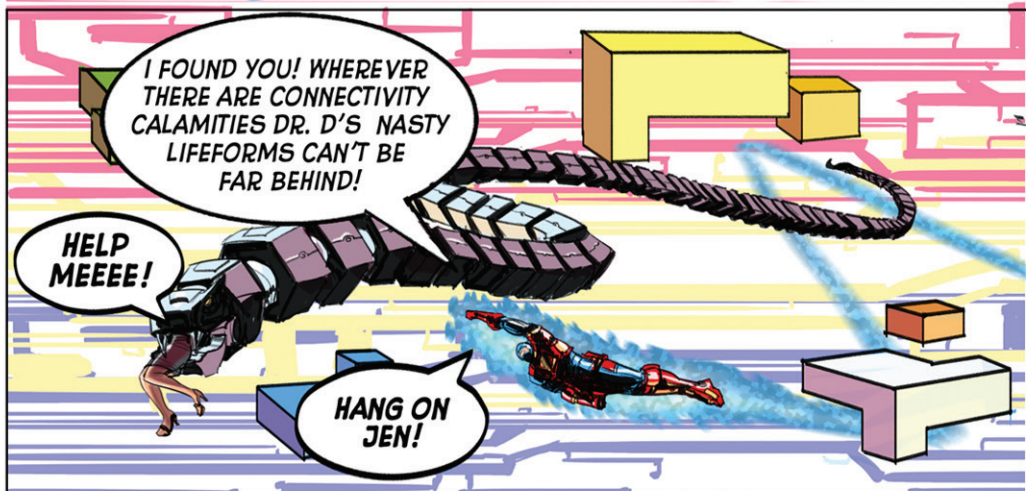


THE eZ80 IS MAKING ME LOOK GOOD!

I FOUND YOU! WHEREVER THERE ARE CONNECTIVITY CALAMITIES DR. D'S NASTY LIFEFORMS CAN'T BE FAR BEHIND!

HELP MEEEE!

HANG ON JEN!

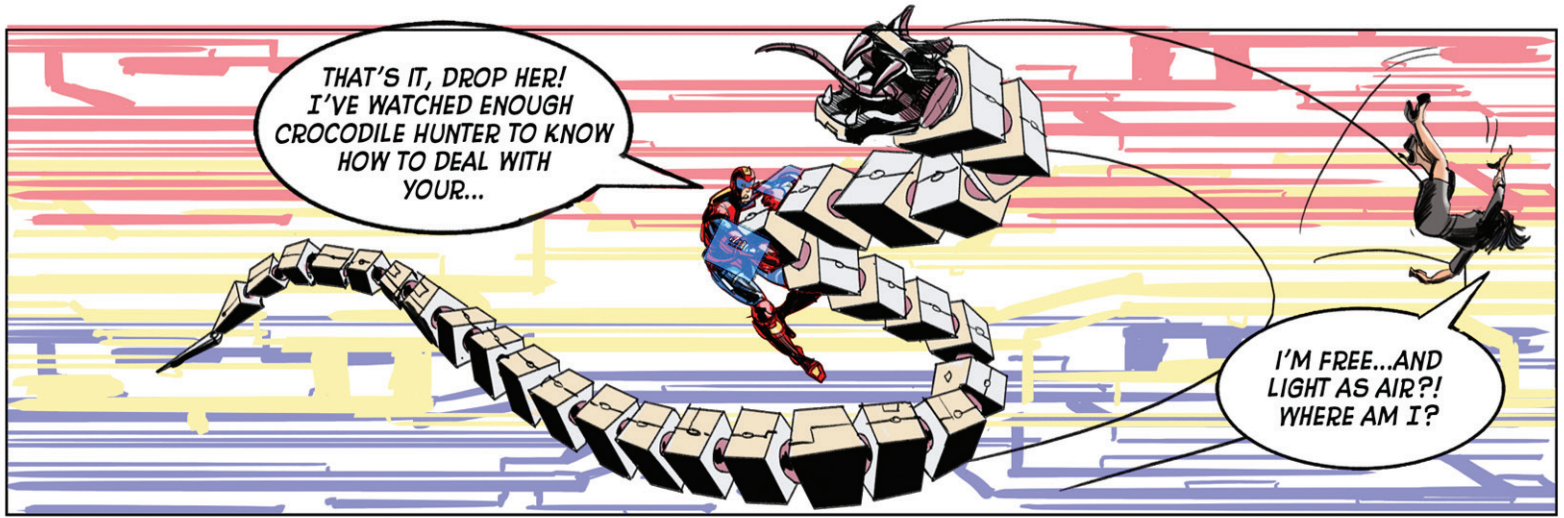


LET HER GO YOU BIG BULLY!

PLEASE HURRY!







THAT'S IT, DROP HER!  
I'VE WATCHED ENOUGH  
CROCODILE HUNTER TO KNOW  
HOW TO DEAL WITH  
YOUR...

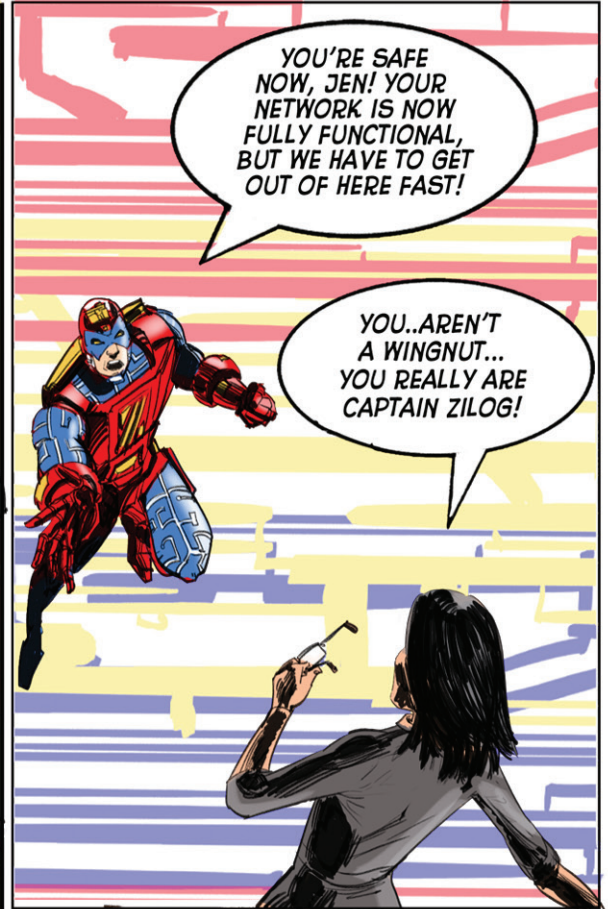
I'M FREE...AND  
LIGHT AS AIR?!  
WHERE AM I?



**JEEPERS!** GOT ME  
IN ITS COILS...THIS  
THING MAY BE DUMB,  
BUT IT'S DEFINITELY  
NOT SLOW!

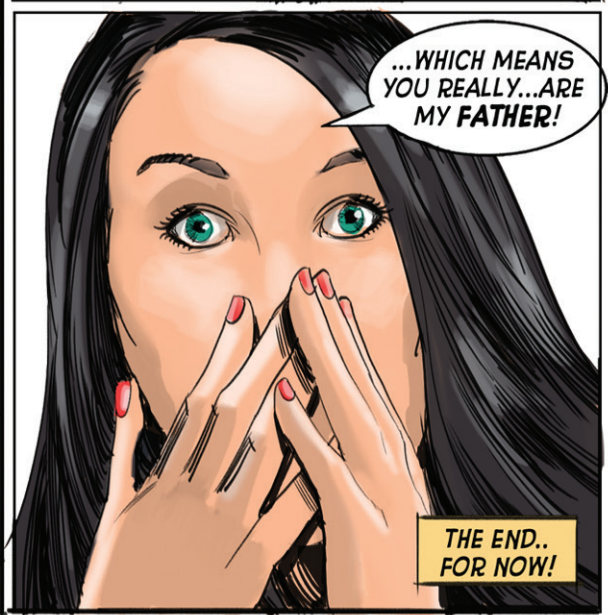


**YES!**  
IT TOOK A FEW  
SECONDS, BUT THE OL '80  
MADE SHORT WORK OF YET  
ANOTHER ONE OF DR. D'S  
ABOMINATIONS!



YOU'RE SAFE  
NOW, JEN! YOUR  
NETWORK IS NOW  
FULLY FUNCTIONAL,  
BUT WE HAVE TO GET  
OUT OF HERE FAST!

YOU..AREN'T  
A WINGNUT...  
YOU REALLY ARE  
CAPTAIN ZILOG!



...WHICH MEANS  
YOU REALLY...ARE  
MY FATHER!

THE END..  
FOR NOW!





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- THE CHIEF HAS A CLOSE ENCOUNTER... OF THE **DIABOLICAL** KIND!
- CAPTAIN ZILOG AND HIS DAUGHTER REUNITED... **WE HOPE!**
- CITYVILLE ENGULFED IN **PITCH BLACK DARKNESS!**
- CAPTAIN ZILOG FALLS DOWN, GOES **BOOM!**

FIND OUT IN  
CAPTAIN ZILOG

# #3

