

Sonic





YOU SAID THERE WOULDN'T BE ANY MONSTERS.

THE NAUGUS TWINS HAVE ACCESS TO THE DARK GAIA ENERGY. THEY MUST BE CONJURING THE BEASTS TO BOOST THEIR FORCES...

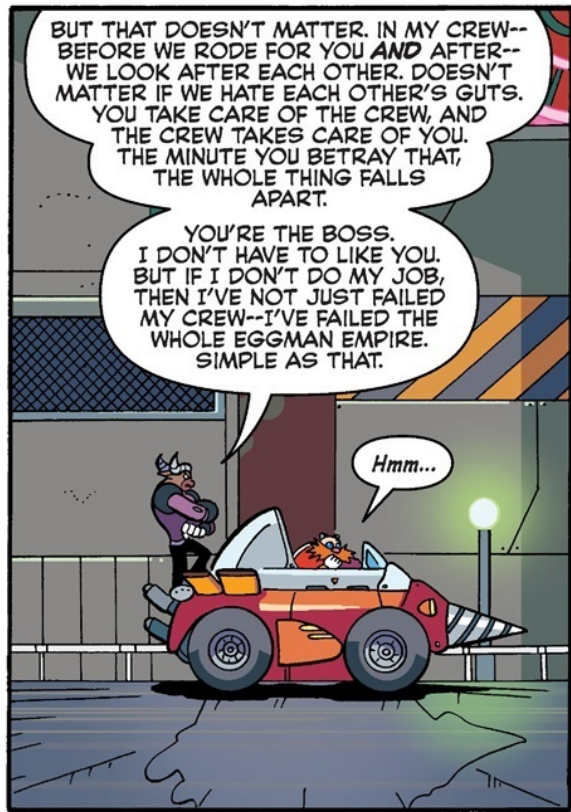


YOU WENT OUT OF YOUR WAY TO SAVE ME.

YES, SIR.

DON'T PLAY COY. I KNOW MOST OF MY EGG BOSSES HATE ME.

SOME MORE THAN OTHERS.



BUT THAT DOESN'T MATTER. IN MY CREW-- BEFORE WE RODE FOR YOU **AND** AFTER-- WE LOOK AFTER EACH OTHER. DOESN'T MATTER IF WE HATE EACH OTHER'S GUTS. YOU TAKE CARE OF THE CREW, AND THE CREW TAKES CARE OF YOU. THE MINUTE YOU BETRAY THAT, THE WHOLE THING FALLS APART.

YOU'RE THE BOSS. I DON'T HAVE TO LIKE YOU. BUT IF I DON'T DO MY JOB, THEN I'VE NOT JUST FAILED MY CREW--I'VE FAILED THE WHOLE EGGMAN EMPIRE. SIMPLE AS THAT.

Hmm...

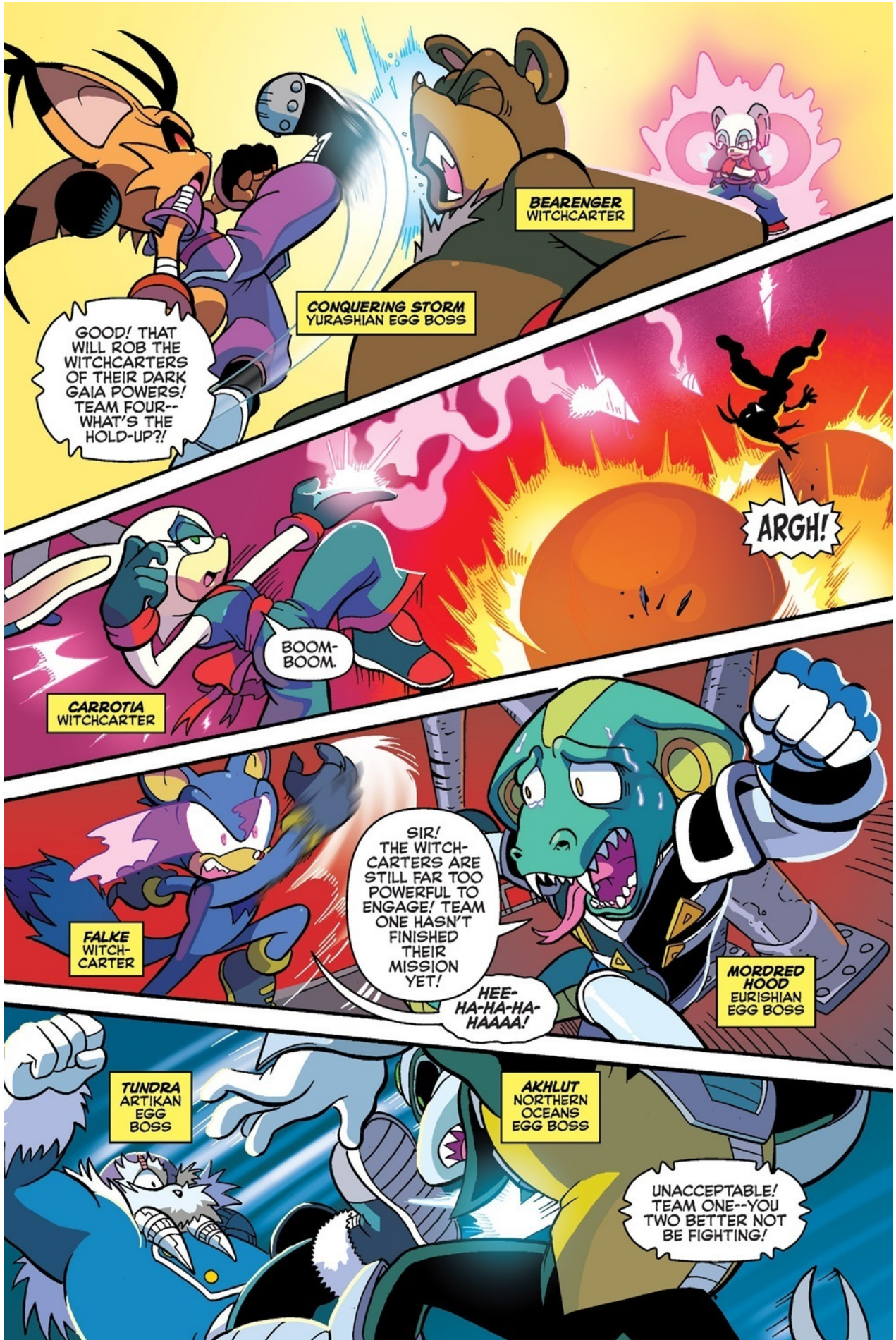


SOMETHING TO PONDER LATER. IF WE'VE HIT TROUBLE, THE OTHERS MAY AS WELL.

TEAMS! REPORT!







**BEARENGER**  
WITCHCARTER

**CONQUERING STORM**  
YURASHIAN EGG BOSS

GOOD! THAT WILL ROB THE WITCHCARTERS OF THEIR DARK GAIA POWERS! TEAM FOUR--WHAT'S THE HOLD-UP?!

ARGH!

BOOM-BOOM.

**CARROTIA**  
WITCHCARTER

**FALKE**  
WITCHCARTER

SIR! THE WITCHCARTERS ARE STILL FAR TOO POWERFUL TO ENGAGE! TEAM ONE HASN'T FINISHED THEIR MISSION YET!

HEE-HA-HA-HAAAA!

**MORDRED HOOD**  
EURISHIAN EGG BOSS

**TUNDRA ARTIKAN**  
EGG BOSS

**AKHLUT**  
NORTHERN OCEANS EGG BOSS

UNACCEPTABLE! TEAM ONE--YOU TWO BETTER NOT BE FIGHTING!





IT DOESN'T MATTER IF YOU TWO HATE EACH OTHER'S GUTS. YOU'RE BOTH PART OF THE EGG ARMY! YOU TAKE CARE OF THAT ARMY, AND IT WILL TAKE CARE OF YOU. THE MINUTE YOU BETRAY THAT, THE WHOLE THING FALLS APART.

AND IN THAT CASE, YOU'RE NOT JUST FAILING ME--YOU'RE FAILING THE WHOLE EGGMAN EMPIRE. SIMPLE AS THAT.



AND IF YOU FAIL THAT COLOSSALLY, I'LL LOCK YOUR CYBERNETICS FOREVER! AND THOSE OF YOUR UNITS! AND I WILL SEAL YOU ALL IN THE SAME ROOM SO THEY CAN STARE AT YOU UNTIL THE END OF TIME!

SO BURY THE HATCHET AND GET TO WORK!



KRASH



I WON'T LET THAT HAPPEN TO MY WARRIORS. WE'RE SHUTTING DOWN THE GENERATOR NOW.

SO--YOU HAVE A SHRED OF HONOR AFTER ALL. BUT THIS ISN'T OVER.

Oh-- NOT BY A LONG SHOT.



I'M GONNA--!







THE WIZARDS CAN DO THAT?

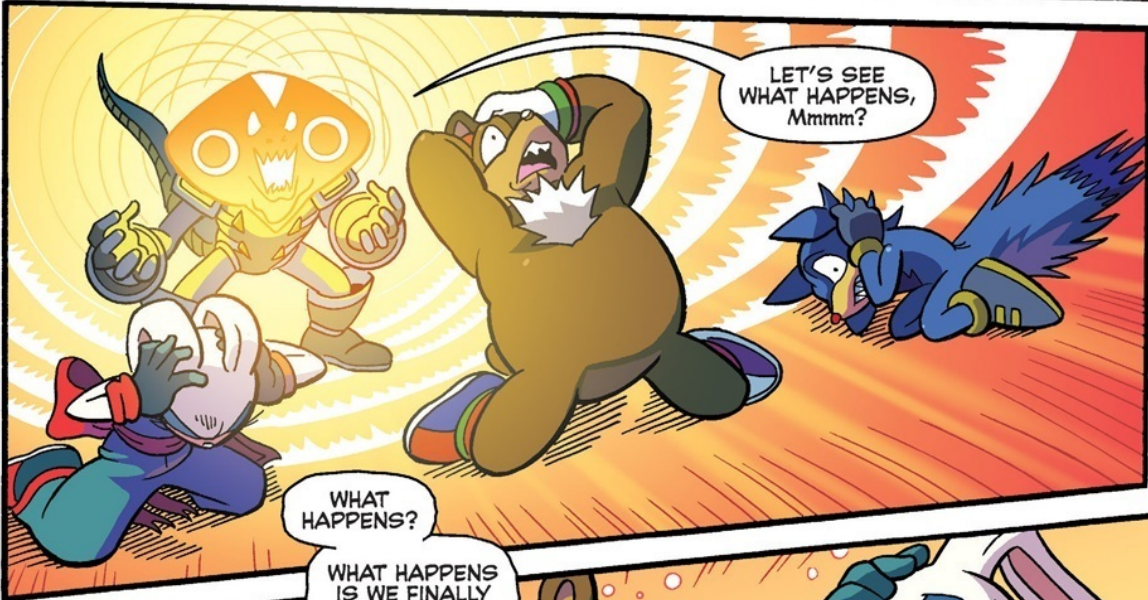
Oh, YES, ALONG WITH CRYSTALMANCY AND SHAPE-SHIFTING.

FOR IT TO WORK, THEY NEED A WEAK-WILLED TARGET-- OR A WEAKENED MIND. DIDN'T YOU READ THE DOSSIER?



I SKIMMED IT.

YOU KNOW...I'M WILLING TO BET MY VERTIGO-INDUCERS WOULD BREAK WENDY'S HOLD OVER THE WITCH-CARTERS, GIVEN THEIR PRESENT CONDITION.



LET'S SEE WHAT HAPPENS, Mmmm?

WHAT HAPPENS?



WHAT HAPPENS IS WE FINALLY GET REVENGE ON WENDY.

FREE... FREE...





AS I WAS SAYING: YOU DO NOT GET TO JUDGE MY SISTER. SHE DID NOT CHOOSE OUR WAY OF LIFE. I CHOSE IT FOR HER.

BECAUSE I COULDN'T BEAR TO LET HER GO...



THAT STILL DOESN'T EXCUSE YOUR BEHAVIOR IN FRONT OF LORD EGGMAN! YOU SHOULD BE WORSHIPING HIM EVERY WAKING MOMENT!

IT'S... YOU SEE...



... SOME OF US ARE TOO SHY TO EXPRESS OURSELVES. BESIDES, IT'S CLEAR YOU ARE THE **MOST** WORTHY OF HIS ATTENTION.

I WOULDN'T WANT TO COMPETE AGAINST YOU.

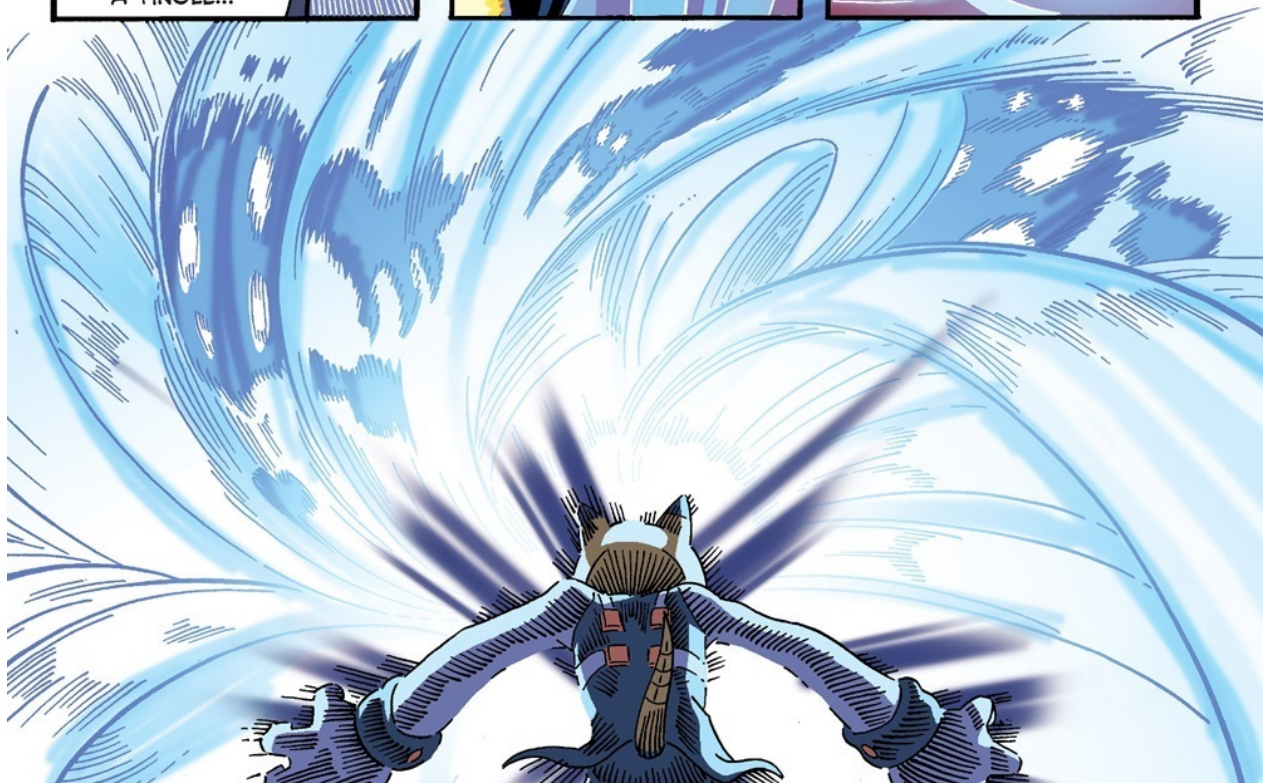
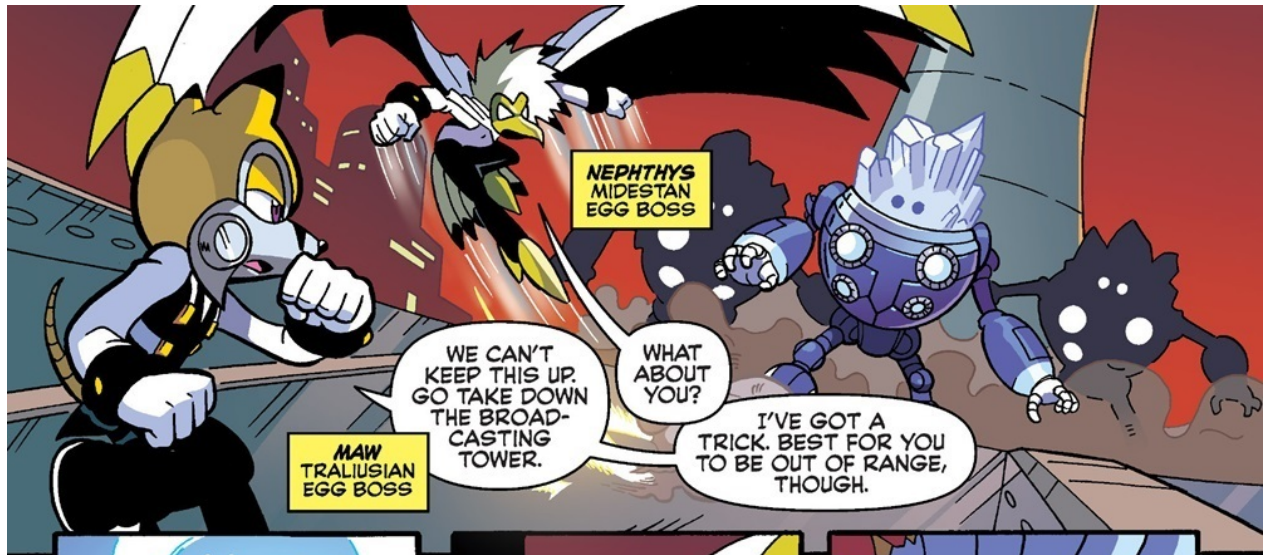


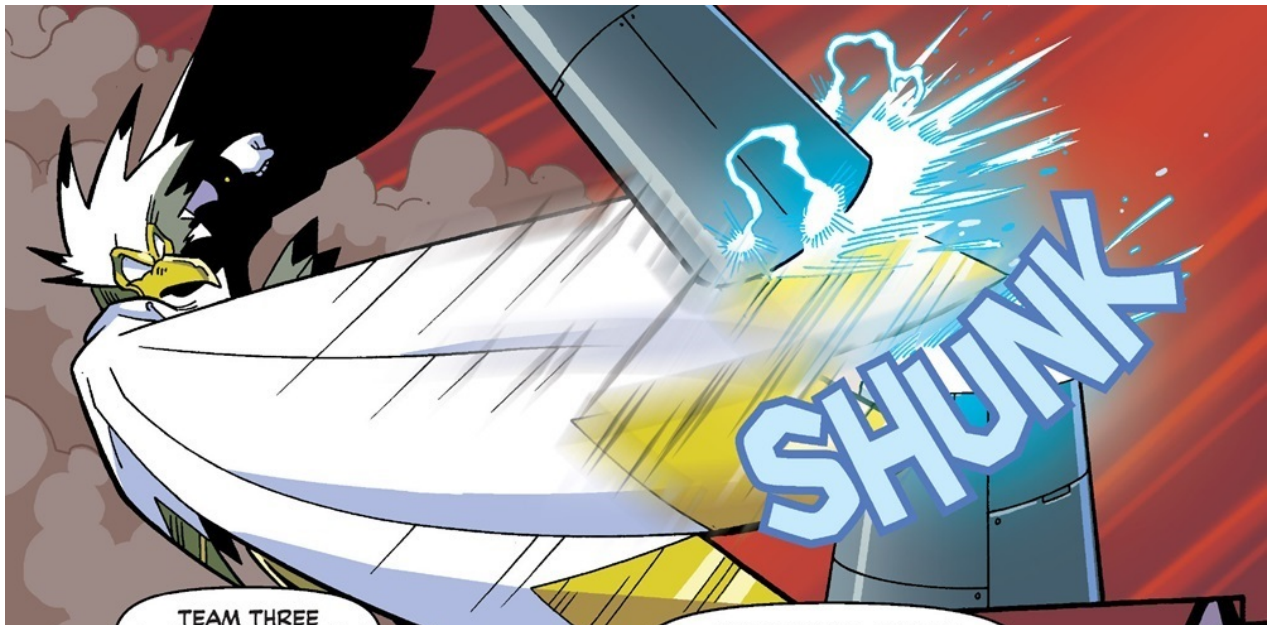
Oh! WELL IN THAT CASE, I APOLOGIZE FOR THE CONFUSION. AND I THANK YOU FOR STAYING OUT OF MY WAY--NOT LIKE YOU HAD A CHANCE! **HAHA!**

HA. YES. HA-HA.

TEAM TWO REPORTING IN! SORRY FOR THE DELAY, MY LORD! THE REFINERY'S DEFENSES ARE GOING DOWN NOW!







TEAM THREE REPORTING. BADNIK CONTROL TOWER IS OFFLINE.

MAW... WHAT DID YOU DO?

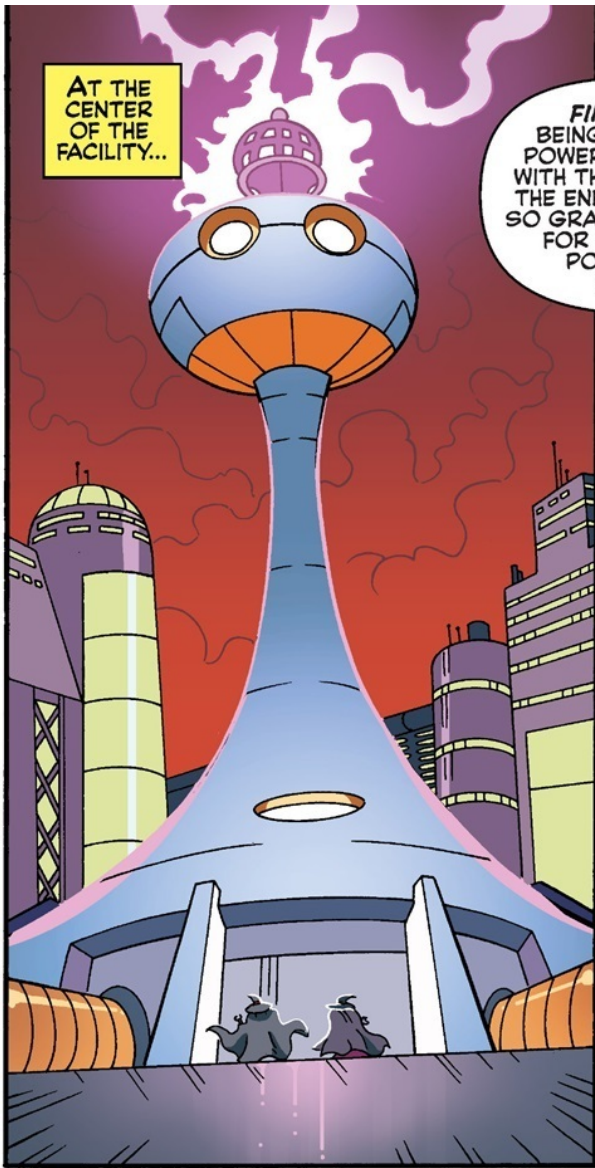
I TOOK CARE OF OUR BADNIK PROBLEM. EVEN DIS-ORGANIZED, WE WOULD'VE HAD A HARD TIME RENDEZVOUSING WITH THE OTHERS.

NOW, WE'RE CLEAR.

YES, BUT...HOW? WHERE ARE THE BADNIKS? WHAT ABOUT THE ANIMALS INSIDE THEM?

I'M AFRAID MY MODIFICATIONS ARE EXPERIMENTAL AND CONFIDENTIAL. BUT DON'T WORRY-- THE BEAUTY OF THOSE ROBOTS IS THAT THE LITTLE ANIMALS WILL LIVE FOREVER. THAT'S ALL THAT MATTERS.





AT THE CENTER OF THE FACILITY...

FINALLY! AFTER BEING ROBBED OF MY POWERS FOR SO LONG! WITH THESE SHARDS, AND THE ENERGY THE DOCTOR SO GRACIOUSLY GATHERED FOR US--HA-HA!--MY POWERS WILL BE RESTORED!

AND YOU'LL FINALLY STOP WHINING ABOUT IT AND BEING A DEAD WEIGHT!

WENDY NAUGUS  
TROLL  
WITCH

WALTER NAUGUS  
TROLL  
WARLOCK



NOW! HEED ME, O DARK GOD! THE ANCIENT WAYS ARE NOT FORGOTTEN! YOUR LOYAL SERVANTS ASK FOR YOUR BLESSING! REKINDLE THE FIRE WITHIN ME--  
**IXIS!**

...WAIT, IXIS?  
THIS IS DARK GAIA.



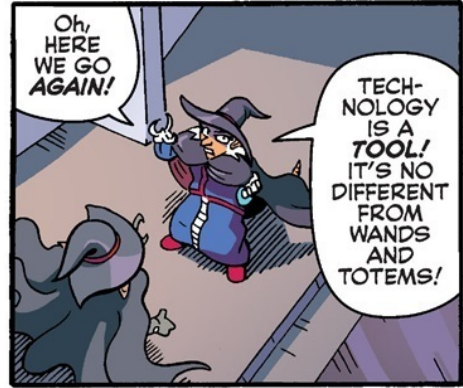
...WHAT?

Oh, WALLY!  
YOU THOUGHT THIS WAS IXIS?!  
REE-HEE-HEE-HEE!



B-BUT THE MUTATIONS!  
THE POWER-BOOSTS!  
IT'S DARK AND OMINOUS FOR PITY'S SAKE!

DID YOU MISS THE PART WHERE THE PLANET SPLIT APART?! THESE ARE ALL HALLMARKS OF DARK GAIA REAWAKENING, YOU GOOBER! AND YOU CALL YOURSELF A TROLL! REE-HEE-HEE-HEE!







DO YOU SEE WHY I HATE MODERN TECHNOLOGY NOW? ~~SIGH~~ SEND SOME BADNIKS TO CHECK IT OUT AND MAYBE--

THEIR COMMAND SIGNAL IS DOWN. I CAN SCRY TO THEM INDIVIDUALLY, BUT...

WE MUST BE UNDER ATTACK! QUICK! SUMMON YOUR IDIOTS!

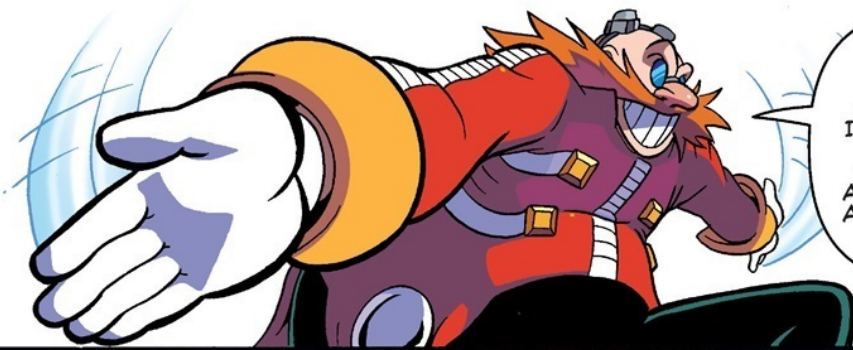
I...I CAN'T! SOMETHING'S SEVERED MY LINK TO THE WITCH-CARTERS!



**Oh-Ho-Ho-Ho!**



DON'T BOTHER TRYING TO ACTIVATE THE DEFENSIVE TURRETS. THEY'RE ALL OFFLINE.



I'VE CUT OFF THE POWER YOU'D NEED TO SUMMON MORE MONSTERS! I'VE MADE CONTROLLING THE BADNIKS YOU CRYSTALLIZED ALL BUT IMPOSSIBLE! AND IT'S ALL THANKS TO MY EGG BOSSES!



SOME OF THEM ARE EAGER TO PLEASE ME.



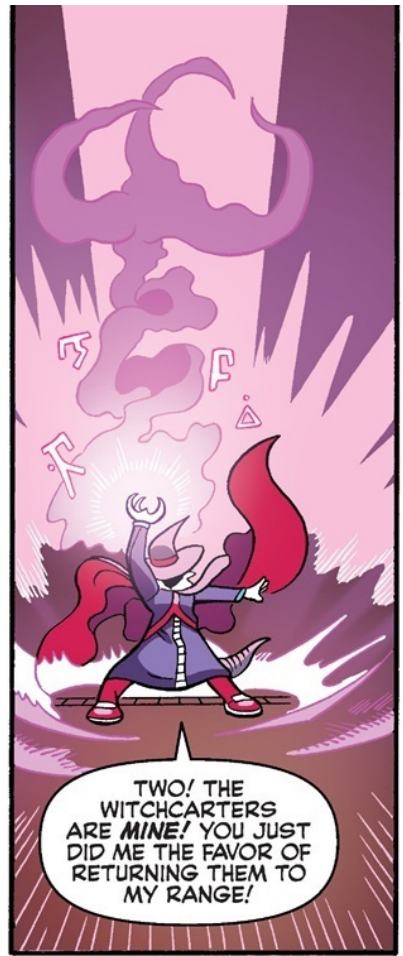
SOME OF THEM DON'T WANT TO BE HERE.



BUT ALL OF THEM ARE UNITED WITH ME IN WANTING TO PUNISH YOU FOR MAKING IT COME TO THIS! AND THAT'S NOT ALL!



I'VE GOT NEW RECRUITS! AND I THINK THEY WANT TO SQUASH YOU WORSE THAN EVEN I DO!





METAL SONIC?!

REE-HEE-HEE!  
NO!  
THAT'S MY--

**CRYSTAL SONIC!!**

**THIS IS IT!!**

THE **SHOWDOWN** FOR THE **REFINERY!**  
BUT CAN THE **EGG BOSSES** MATCH THE **FURY** OF  
THE **WITCHCARTERS** AND THE NEW **CRYSTAL SONIC?!**  
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