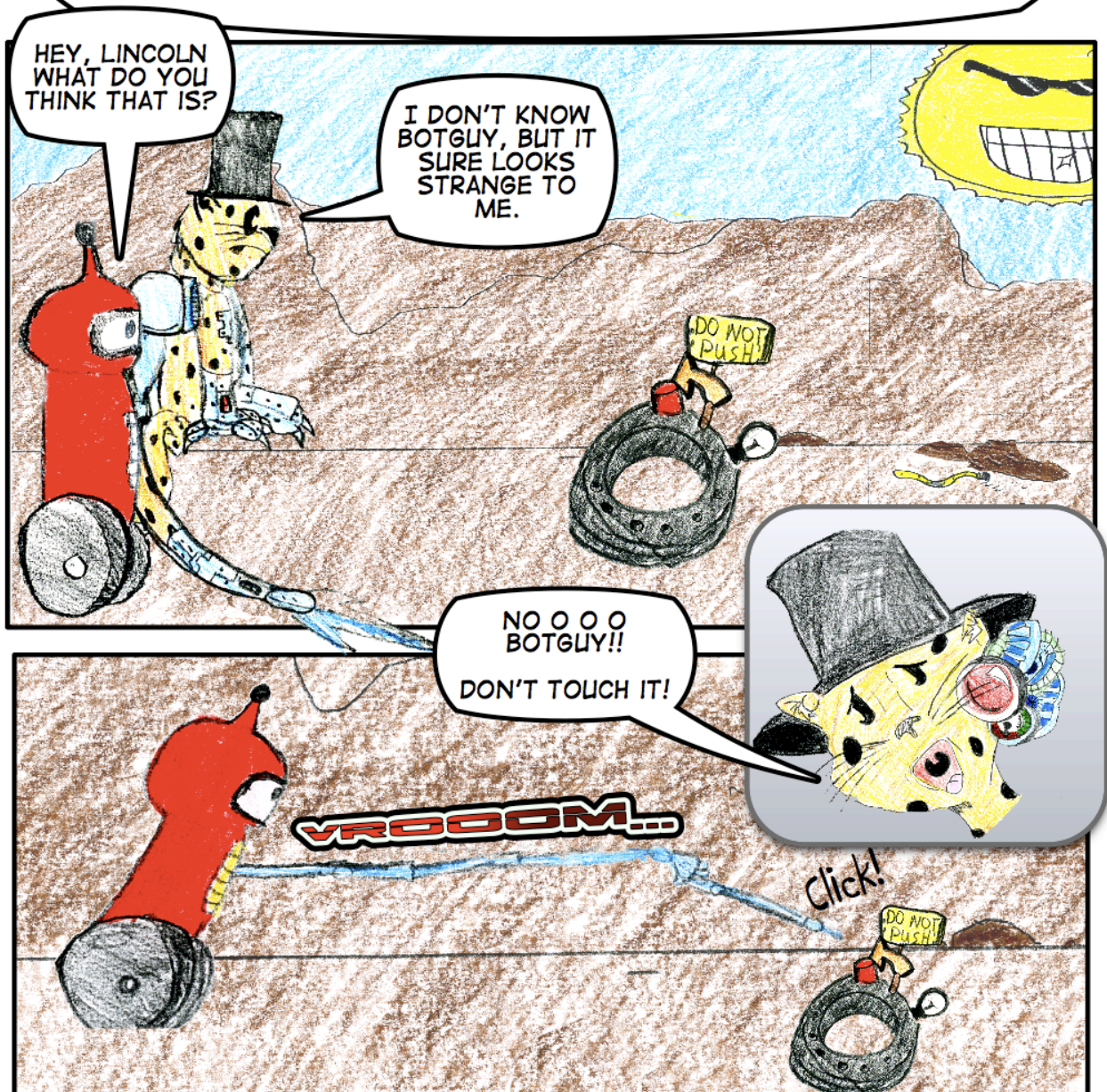
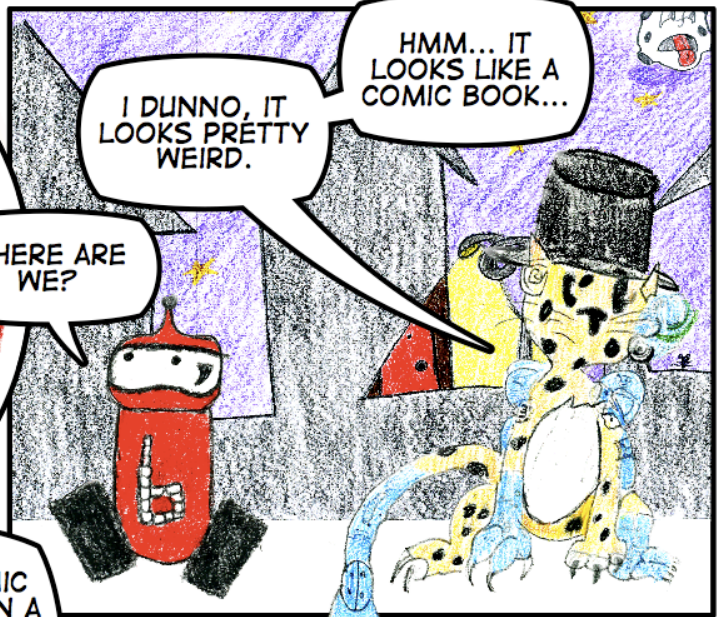


The Chronicles of Lincoln + Botguy in Graphic Metropolis

Did you know that robots have been in graphic novels for a very long time? The Manga comic series featured the robot "Astro Boy" by Osamu Tezuda as early as 1951. The purpose of the following document is to entertain comic lovers and educate robot scholars to some of the highlights of robots' presence in cartooning. [4]



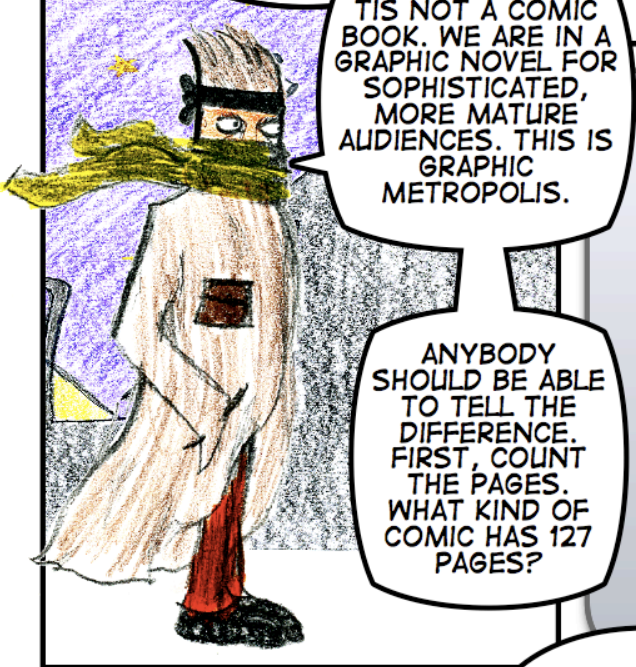
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WHERE ARE WE?

I DUNNO, IT LOOKS PRETTY WEIRD.

HMM... IT LOOKS LIKE A COMIC BOOK...



TIS NOT A COMIC BOOK. WE ARE IN A GRAPHIC NOVEL FOR SOPHISTICATED, MORE MATURE AUDIENCES. THIS IS GRAPHIC METROPOLIS.

ANYBODY SHOULD BE ABLE TO TELL THE DIFFERENCE. FIRST, COUNT THE PAGES. WHAT KIND OF COMIC HAS 127 PAGES?

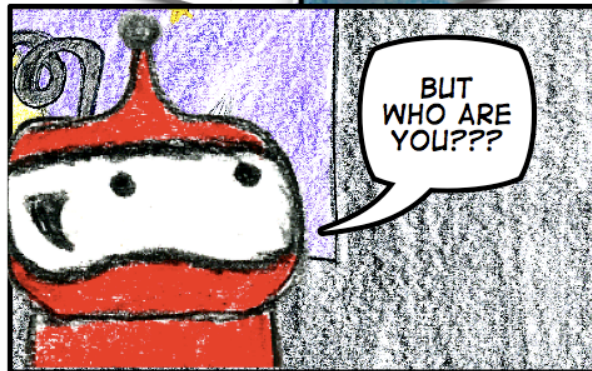
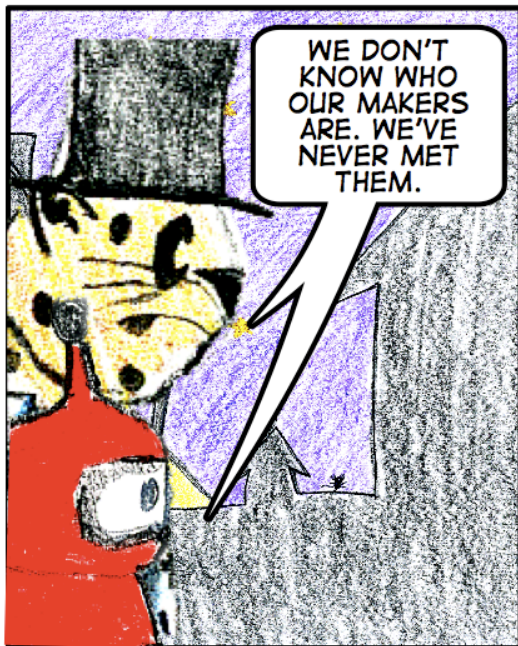
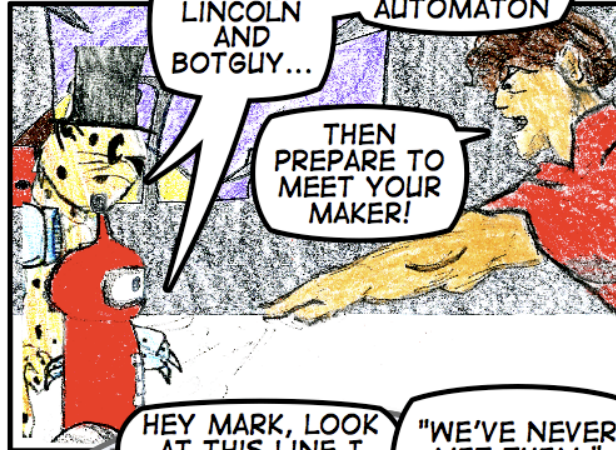
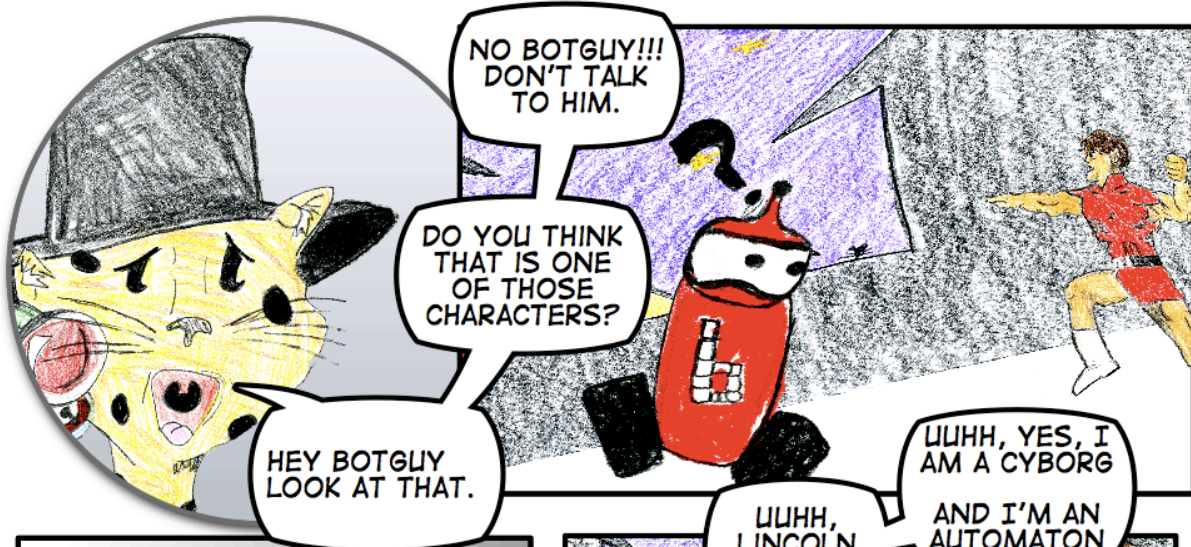


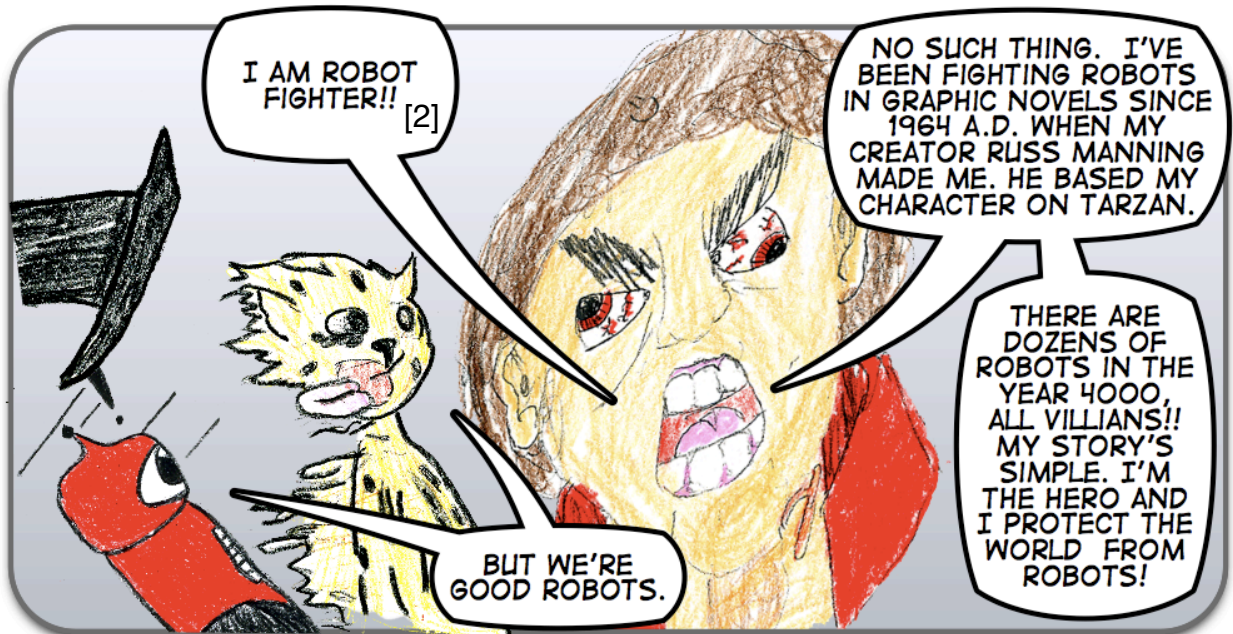
SO FINE, BUT WE WANT TO GO HOME. HOW DO WE GET OUT OF THIS GRAPHIC NOVEL?



WELL, THERE IS A STORY, A PLOT. YOU WILL PROBABLY GET BACK TO YOUR OWN WORLD IN CHAPTER 3. THERE IS A PORTAL ON PAGE 127 THAT TAKES YOU TO DIFFERENT WORLDS.

JUST KEEP READING YOU MIGHT SEE SOME INTERESTING CHARACTERS. BE CAREFUL THERE ARE A LOT OF WEIRD THINGS THAT HAPPEN IN GRAPHIC NOVELS.





I AM ROBOT FIGHTER!! [2]

NO SUCH THING. I'VE BEEN FIGHTING ROBOTS IN GRAPHIC NOVELS SINCE 1964 A.D. WHEN MY CREATOR RUSS MANNING MADE ME. HE BASED MY CHARACTER ON TARZAN.

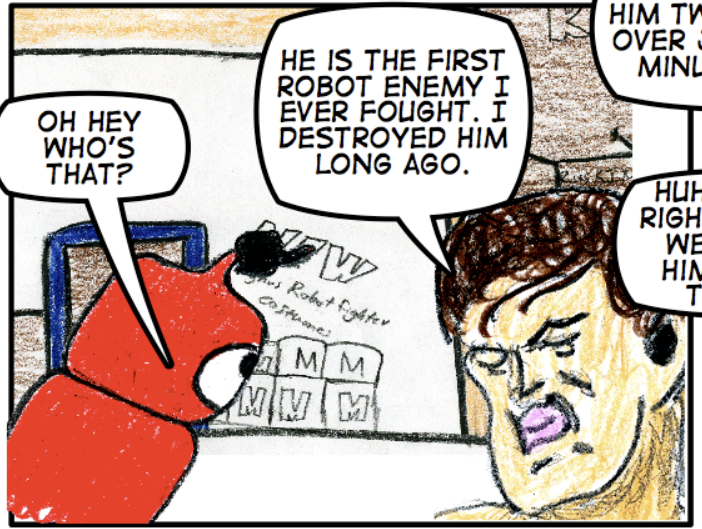
THERE ARE DOZENS OF ROBOTS IN THE YEAR 4000, ALL VILLIANS!! MY STORY'S SIMPLE. I'M THE HERO AND I PROTECT THE WORLD FROM ROBOTS!

BUT WE'RE GOOD ROBOTS.



LOOK OVER THERE AT MY COVERS IN THAT COMIC BOOK STORE.

IN THE FIRST GRAPHIC NOVELS ROBOTS ARE MOSTLY THE BAD GUYS.



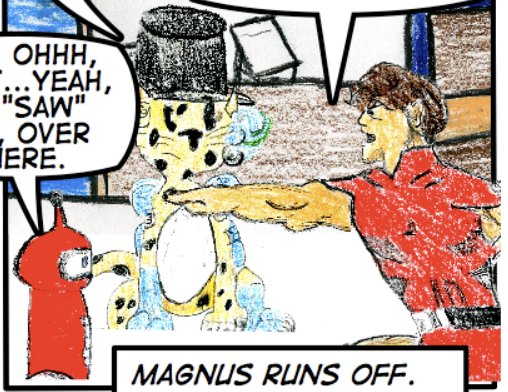
OH HEY WHO'S THAT?

HE IS THE FIRST ROBOT ENEMY I EVER FOUGHT. I DESTROYED HIM LONG AGO.

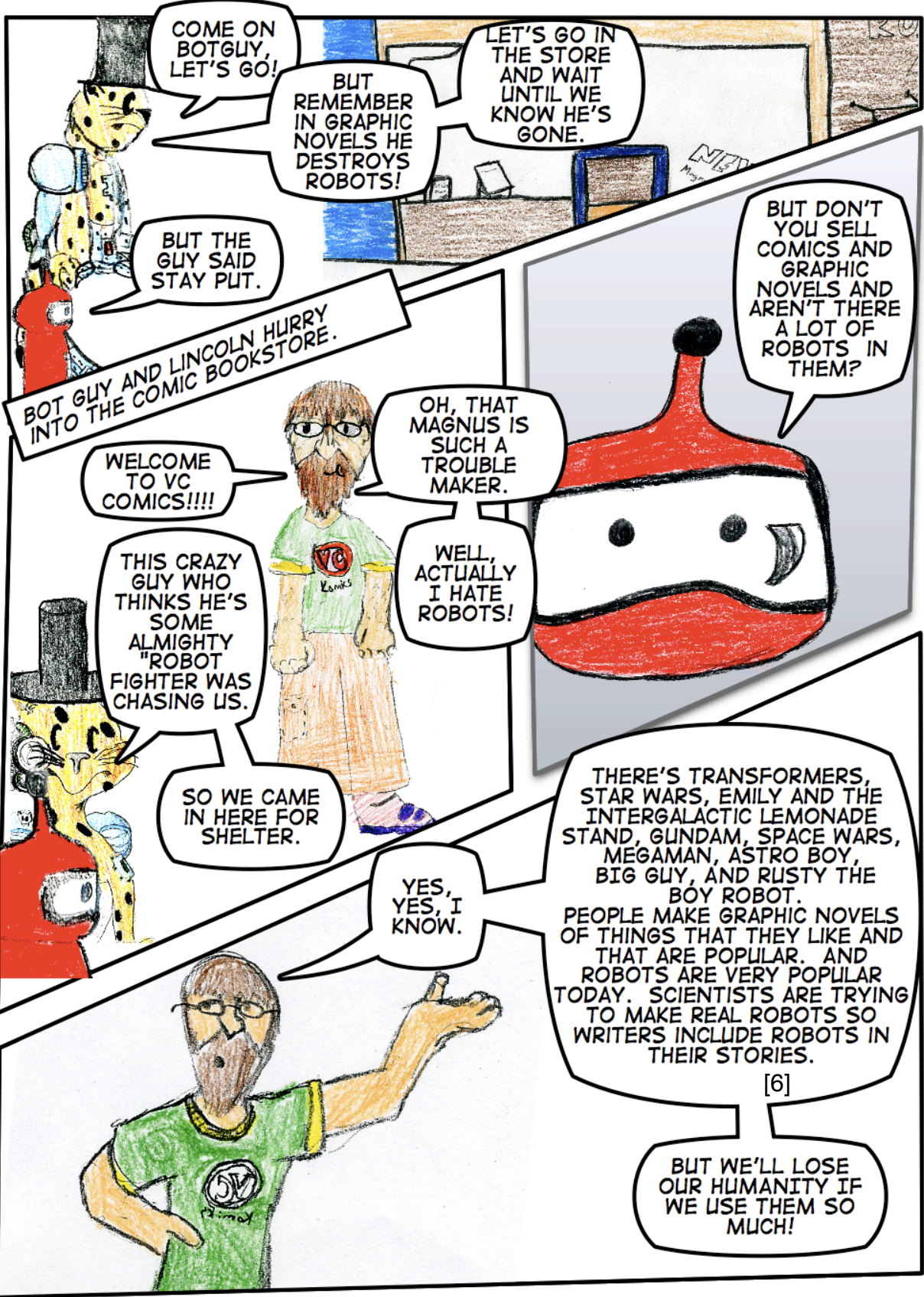
I THINK WE SAW HIM TWO STREETS OVER JUST A FEW MINUTES AGO.

HUH, OHHH, RIGHT... YEAH, WE "SAW" HIM, OVER THERE.

THEN HE SHALL MEET HIS MAKER! I MUST GO. I WILL DESTROY YOU TWO LATER SO DO NOT GO ANYWHERE!



MAGNUS RUNS OFF.



COME ON BOTGUY, LET'S GO!

BUT REMEMBER IN GRAPHIC NOVELS HE DESTROYS ROBOTS!

LET'S GO IN THE STORE AND WAIT UNTIL WE KNOW HE'S GONE.

BUT THE GUY SAID STAY PUT.

BOT GUY AND LINCOLN HURRY INTO THE COMIC BOOKSTORE.

BUT DON'T YOU SELL COMICS AND GRAPHIC NOVELS AND AREN'T THERE A LOT OF ROBOTS IN THEM?

WELCOME TO VC COMICS!!!!

OH, THAT MAGNUS IS SUCH A TROUBLE MAKER.

THIS CRAZY GUY WHO THINKS HE'S SOME ALMIGHTY "ROBOT FIGHTER WAS CHASING US.

WELL, ACTUALLY I HATE ROBOTS!

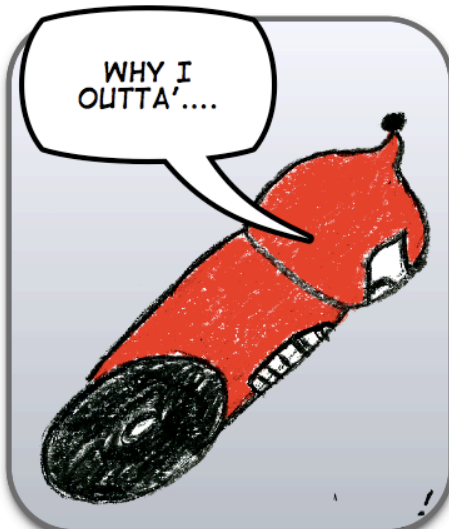
SO WE CAME IN HERE FOR SHELTER.

YES, YES, I KNOW.

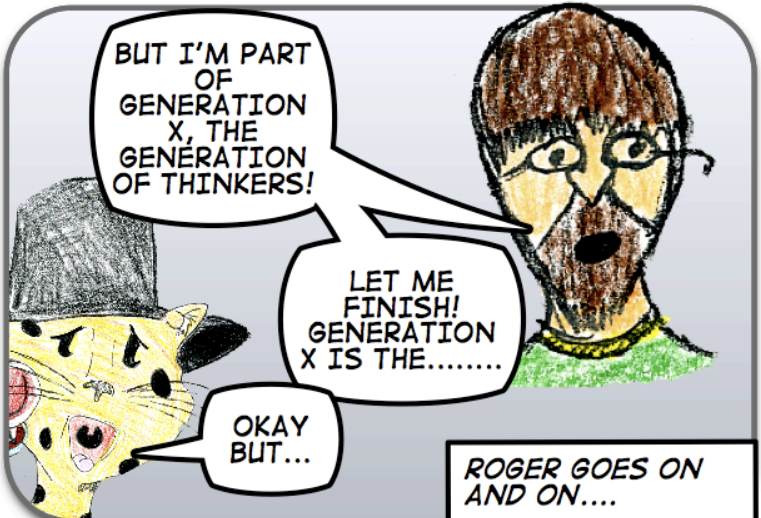
THERE'S TRANSFORMERS, STAR WARS, EMILY AND THE INTERGALACTIC LEMONADE STAND, GUNDAM, SPACE WARS, MEGAMAN, ASTRO BOY, BIG GUY, AND RUSTY THE BOY ROBOT. PEOPLE MAKE GRAPHIC NOVELS OF THINGS THAT THEY LIKE AND THAT ARE POPULAR. AND ROBOTS ARE VERY POPULAR TODAY. SCIENTISTS ARE TRYING TO MAKE REAL ROBOTS SO WRITERS INCLUDE ROBOTS IN THEIR STORIES.

[6]

BUT WE'LL LOSE OUR HUMANITY IF WE USE THEM SO MUCH!



WHY I
OUTTA'....



BUT I'M PART
OF
GENERATION
X, THE
GENERATION
OF THINKERS!

LET ME
FINISH!
GENERATION
X IS THE.....

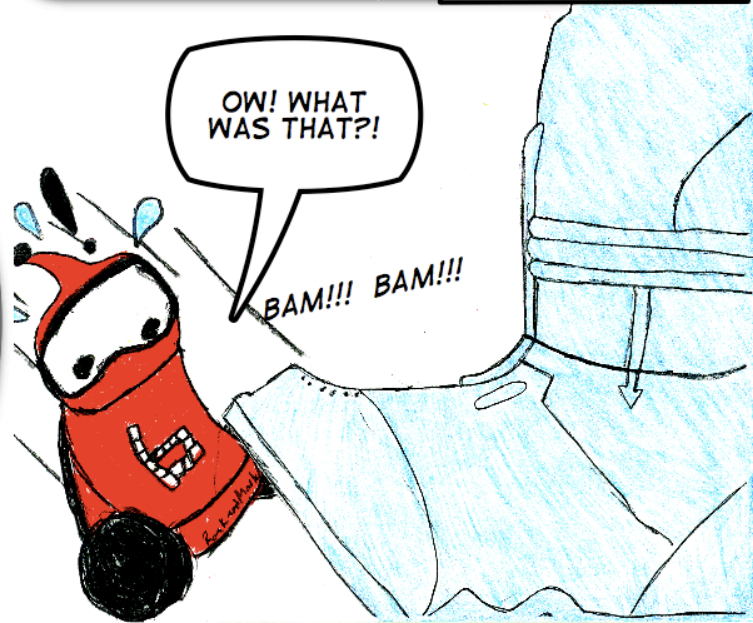
OKAY
BUT...

ROGER GOES ON
AND ON....

LINCOLN AND
BOTGLY RUN OFF.

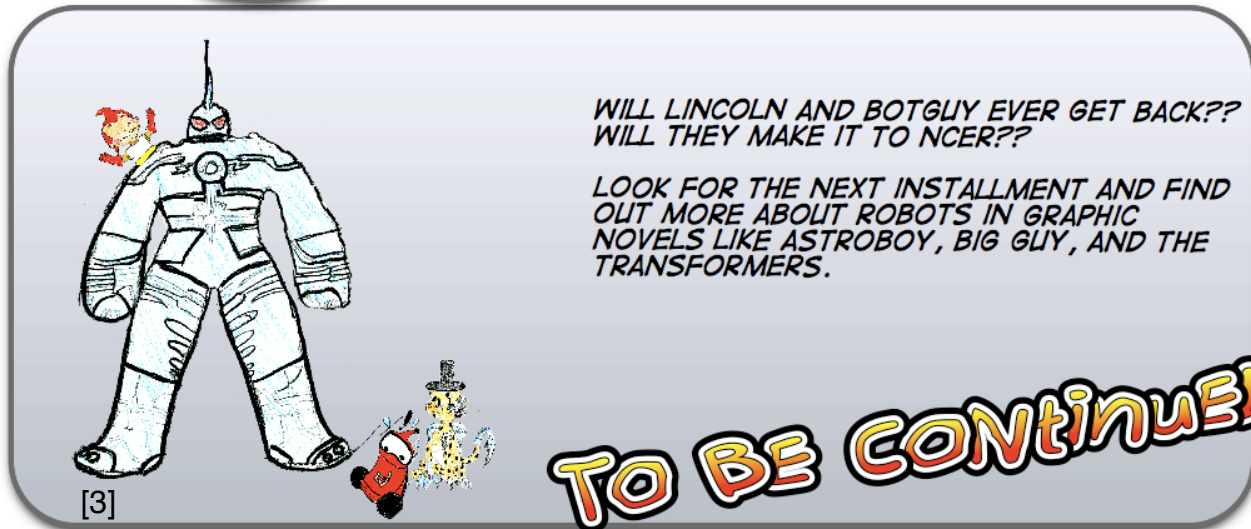


WATCH
OUT
BOTGLY!!!



OW! WHAT
WAS THAT?!

BAM!!! BAM!!!




WILL LINCOLN AND BOTGLY EVER GET BACK??
WILL THEY MAKE IT TO NCER??


LOOK FOR THE NEXT INSTALLMENT AND FIND
OUT MORE ABOUT ROBOTS IN GRAPHIC
NOVELS LIKE ASTROBOY, BIG GLY, AND THE
TRANSFORMERS.

TO BE CONTINUED

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