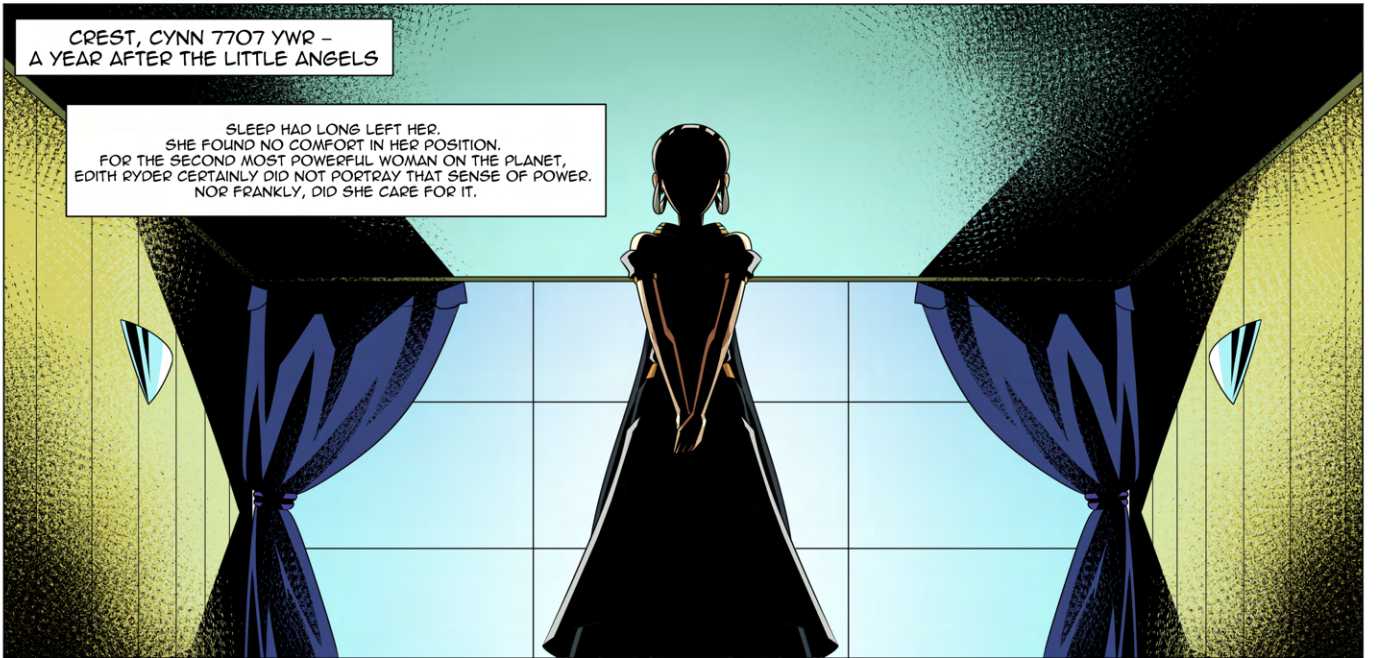


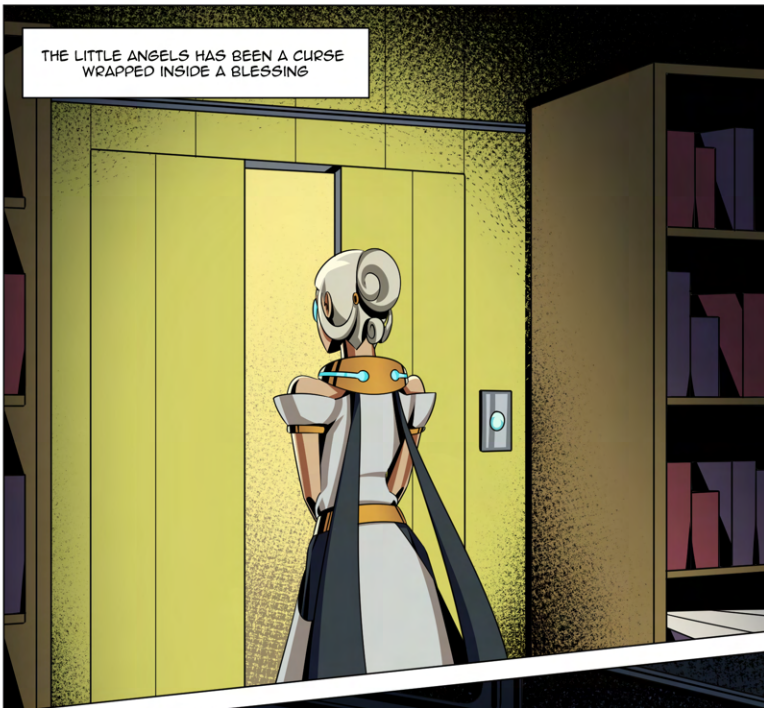


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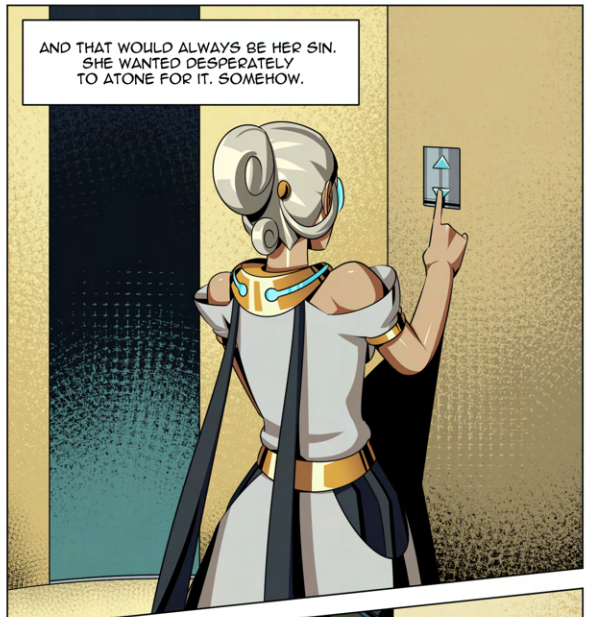
SLEEP HAD LONG LEFT HER.
SHE FOUND NO COMFORT IN HER POSITION.
FOR THE SECOND MOST POWERFUL WOMAN ON THE PLANET,
EDITH RYDER CERTAINLY DID NOT PORTRAY THAT SENSE OF POWER.
NOR FRANKLY, DID SHE CARE FOR IT.



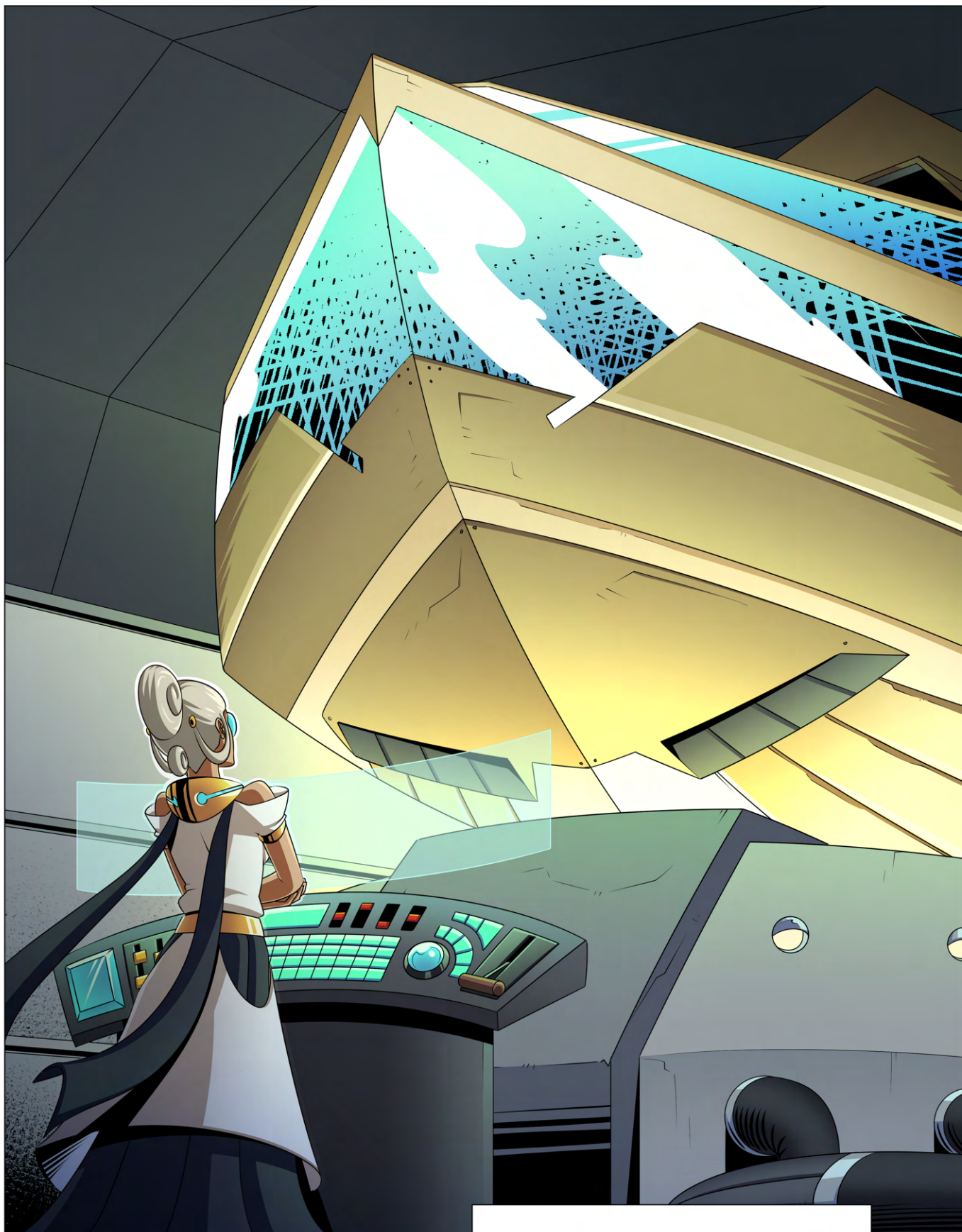
THE LITTLE ANGELS HAS BEEN A CURSE
WRAPPED INSIDE A BLESSING



AND THAT WOULD ALWAYS BE HER SIN.
SHE WANTED DESPERATELY
TO ATONE FOR IT. SOMEHOW.



MAYBE SHE WOULD FINALLY BE ABLE TO.



EDITH STOOD IN FRONT OF THE DREAMBOAT,
HER SON'S EXPERIMENTAL HYPER SPEED SPACESHIP.
ADRIAN HAD ALWAYS WANTED TO TRAVEL THE STARS.
HE HAD WANTED TO KNOW WHO ELSE WAS OUT THERE,
IN THE VASTNESS OF SPACE.

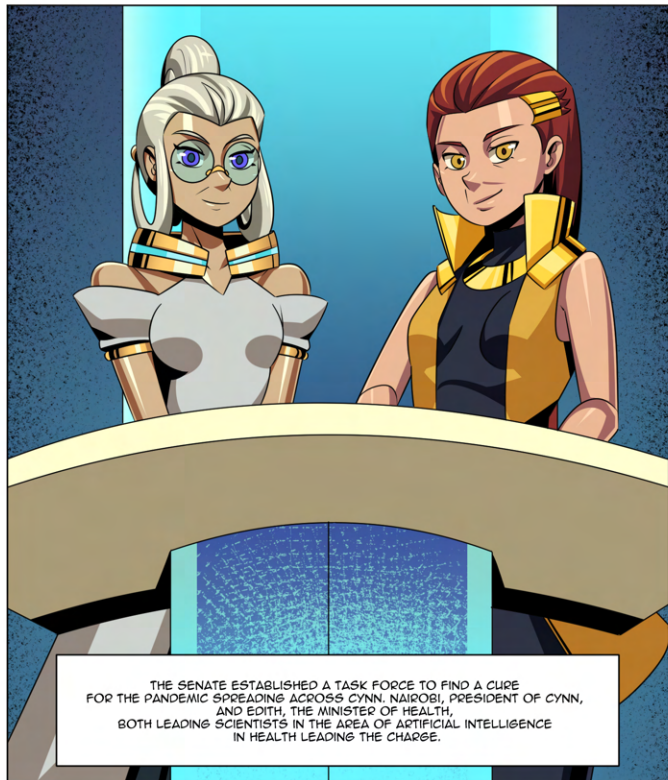
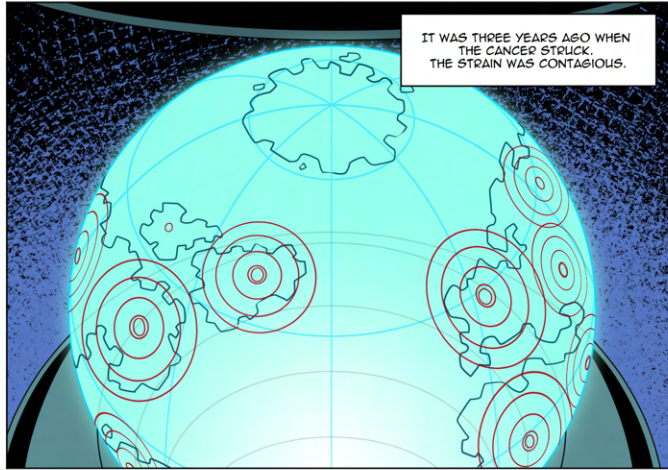
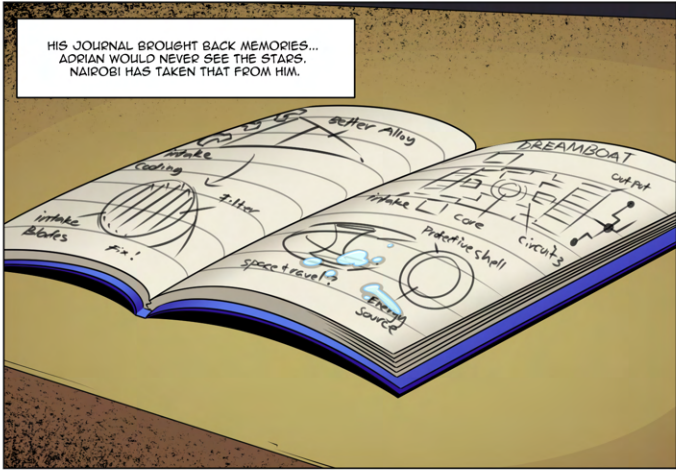
SHE REMEMBERED IT VIVIDLY. HIS CONTAGIOUS PASSION.
THE WONDER. HE HAD BEEN SO SURE!

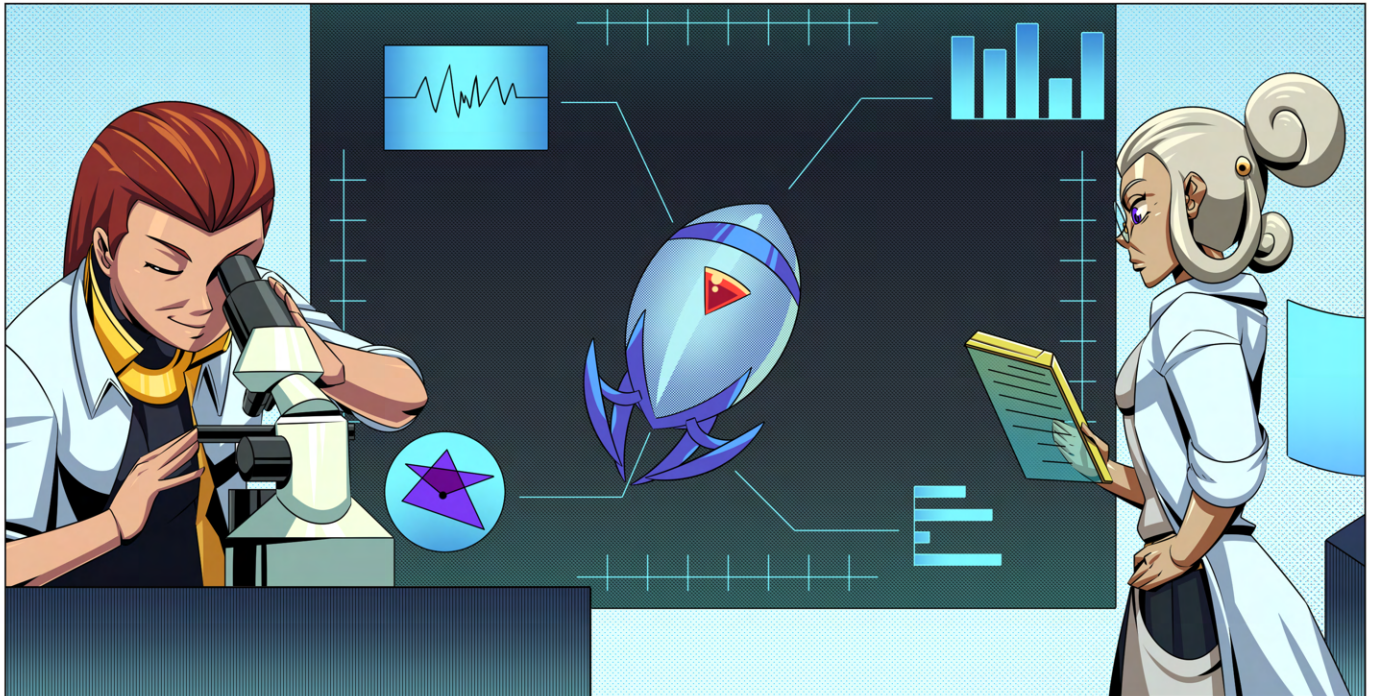
SMILE~

I CAN'T WAIT FOR THE 'BOAT TO GET DONE.
I'VE BEEN FIDDLING AROUND
WITH THE HYPERSPACE MODULE
THAT SHOULD WORK.
I'D LOVE TO SHOW IT TO YOU MOM!

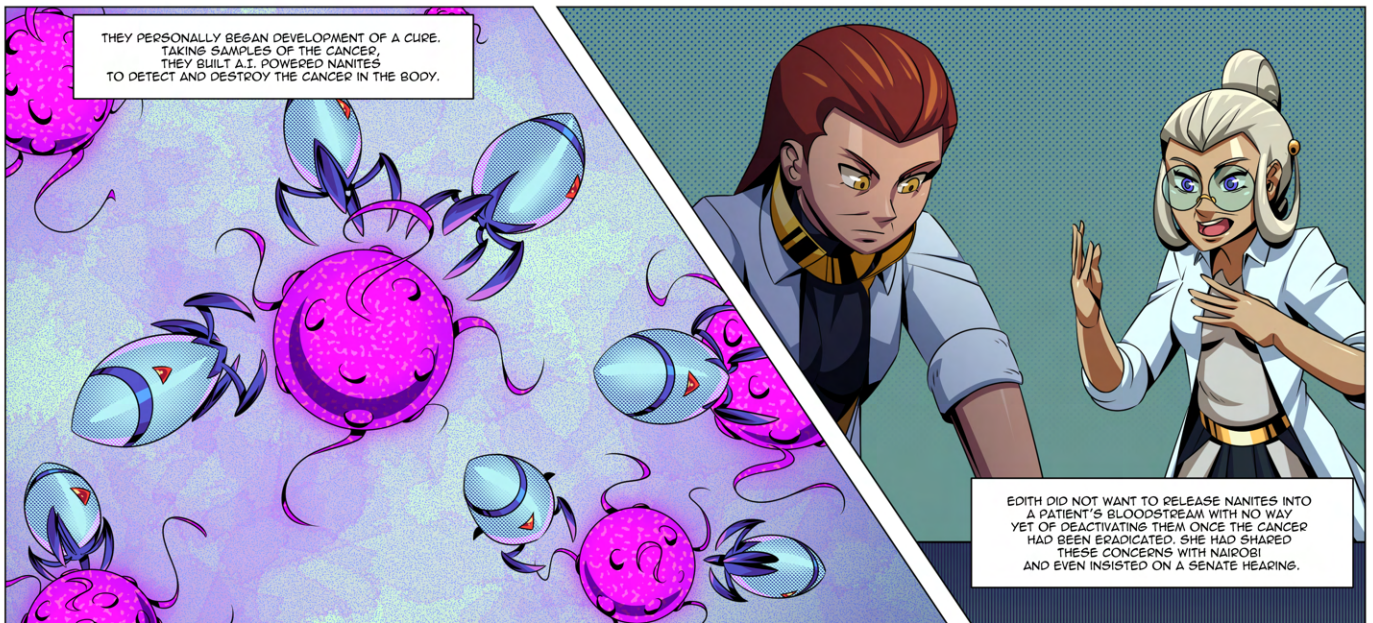
AND THEN WHAT?
WHAT WILL YOU
GO LOOKING FOR?
THE CYNN INSTITUTE
OF SPACE EXPLORATION
HAS SENT OUT
SO MANY PROBES.
THERE IS NOWHERE
TO GO TO RIGHT NOW!
THERE ARE PROBLEMS TO
BE SOLVED HERE, ON CYNN!

BECAUSE THEY HAVEN'T GONE FAR ENOUGH!
THERE'S OBVIOUSLY OTHER INTELLIGENT LIFE OUT THERE.
IT'S SO BIG! AND WE CAN'T BE ALL...
THE UNIVERSE WOULDN'T LET US TO BE THE ONLY ONES.





THEY PERSONALLY BEGAN DEVELOPMENT OF A CURE. TAKING SAMPLES OF THE CANCER, THEY BUILT A.I. POWERED NANITES TO DETECT AND DESTROY THE CANCER IN THE BODY.



EDITH DID NOT WANT TO RELEASE NANITES INTO A PATIENT'S BLOODSTREAM WITH NO WAY YET OF DEACTIVATING THEM ONCE THE CANCER HAD BEEN ERADICATED. SHE HAD SHARED THESE CONCERNS WITH NAIROBI AND EVEN INSISTED ON A SENATE HEARING.

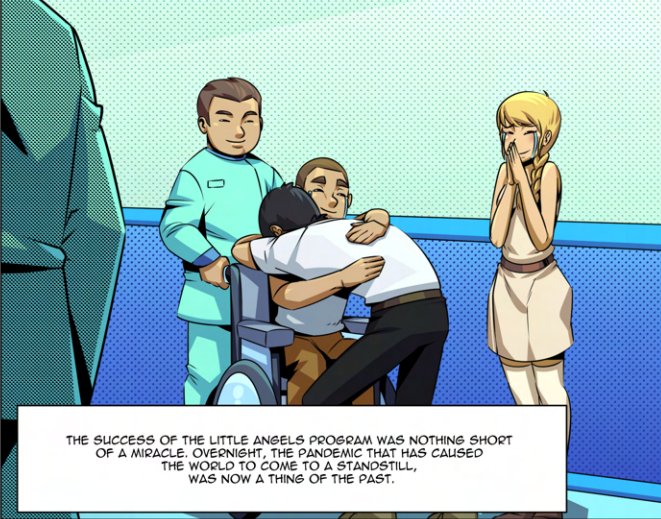


IT WAS ALL FOR NAUGHT AS EDITH'S PLEAS FELL ON DEAF EARS.

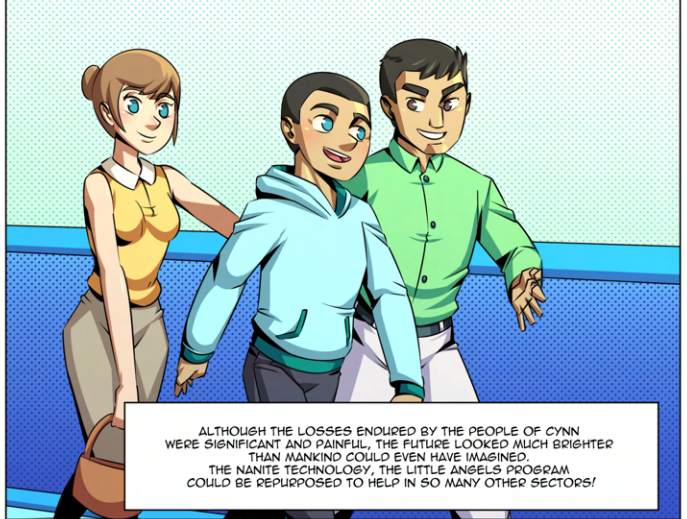
DESPERATION AND PANIC MADE QUICK WORK OF LOGIC, AND THE NANITES WERE DISTRIBUTED TO THE ENTIRE POPULATION THROUGH THE WATER SUPPLY



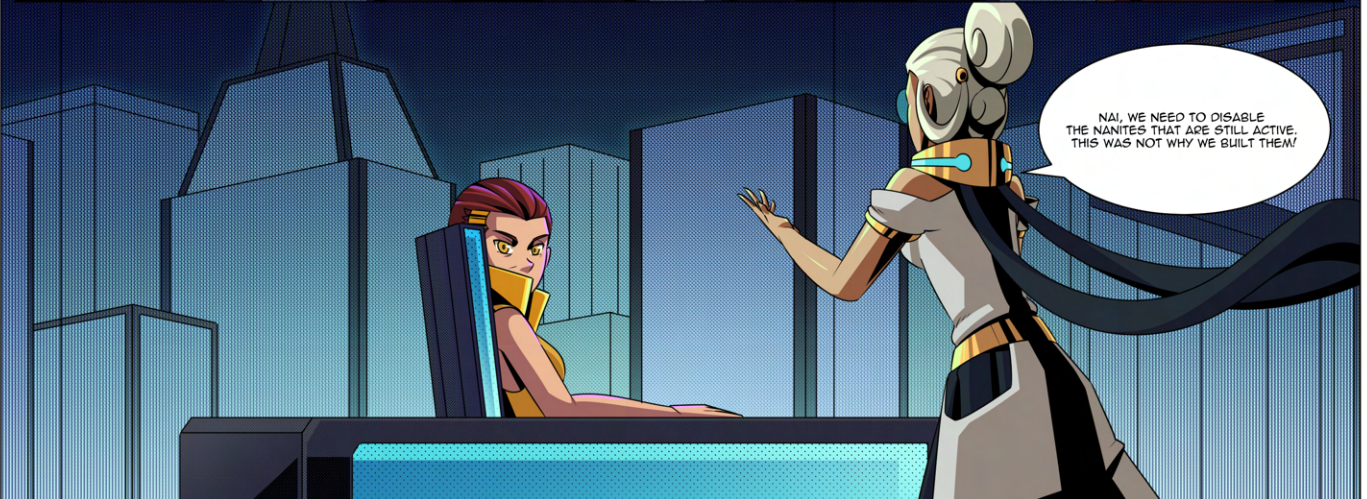
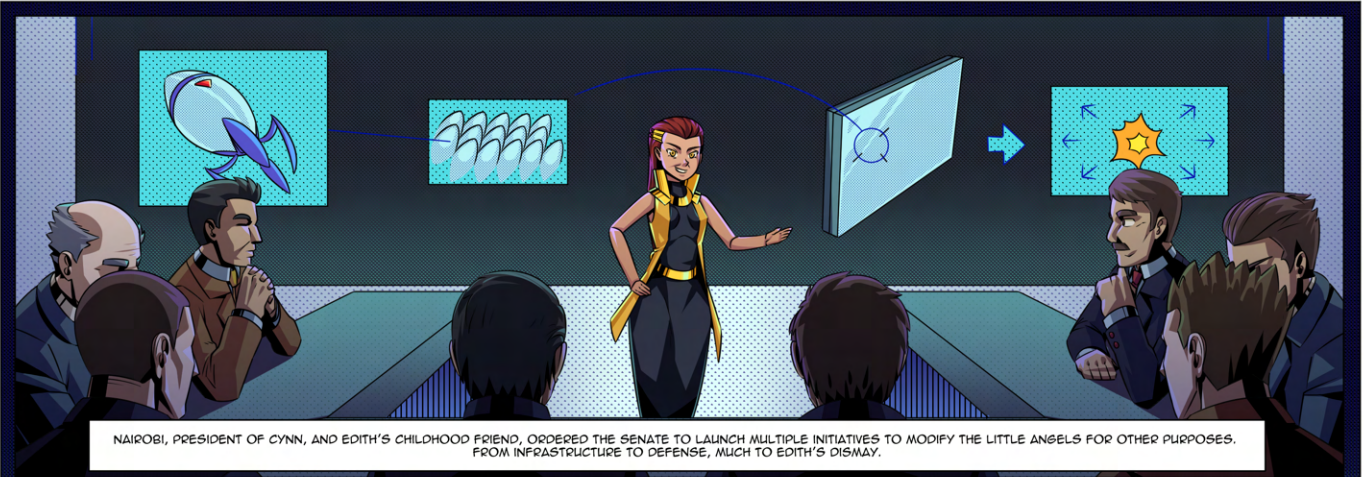
THE SUCCESS OF THE LITTLE ANGELS PROGRAM WAS NOTHING SHORT OF A MIRACLE. OVERNIGHT, THE PANDEMIC THAT HAS CAUSED THE WORLD TO COME TO A STANDSTILL, WAS NOW A THING OF THE PAST.



ALTHOUGH THE LOSSES ENDURED BY THE PEOPLE OF CYNN WERE SIGNIFICANT AND PAINFUL, THE FUTURE LOOKED MUCH BRIGHTER THAN MANKIND COULD EVEN HAVE IMAGINED. THE NANITE TECHNOLOGY, THE LITTLE ANGELS PROGRAM COULD BE REPURPOSED TO HELP IN SO MANY OTHER SECTORS!



NAIROBI, PRESIDENT OF CYNN, AND EDITH'S CHILDHOOD FRIEND, ORDERED THE SENATE TO LAUNCH MULTIPLE INITIATIVES TO MODIFY THE LITTLE ANGELS FOR OTHER PURPOSES, FROM INFRASTRUCTURE TO DEFENSE, MUCH TO EDITH'S DISMAY.



NAI, WE NEED TO DISABLE THE NANITES THAT ARE STILL ACTIVE. THIS WAS NOT WHY WE BUILT THEM!