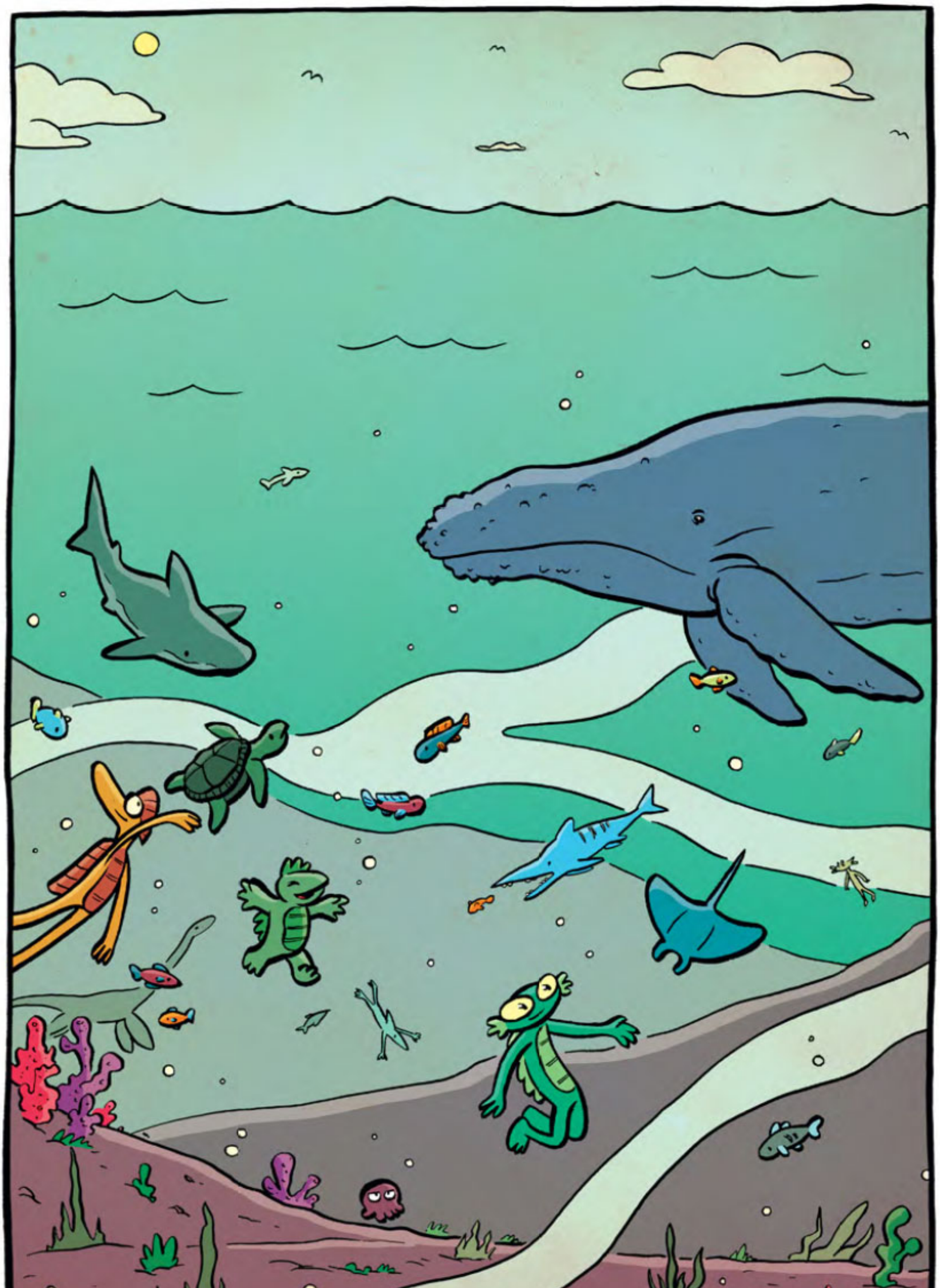
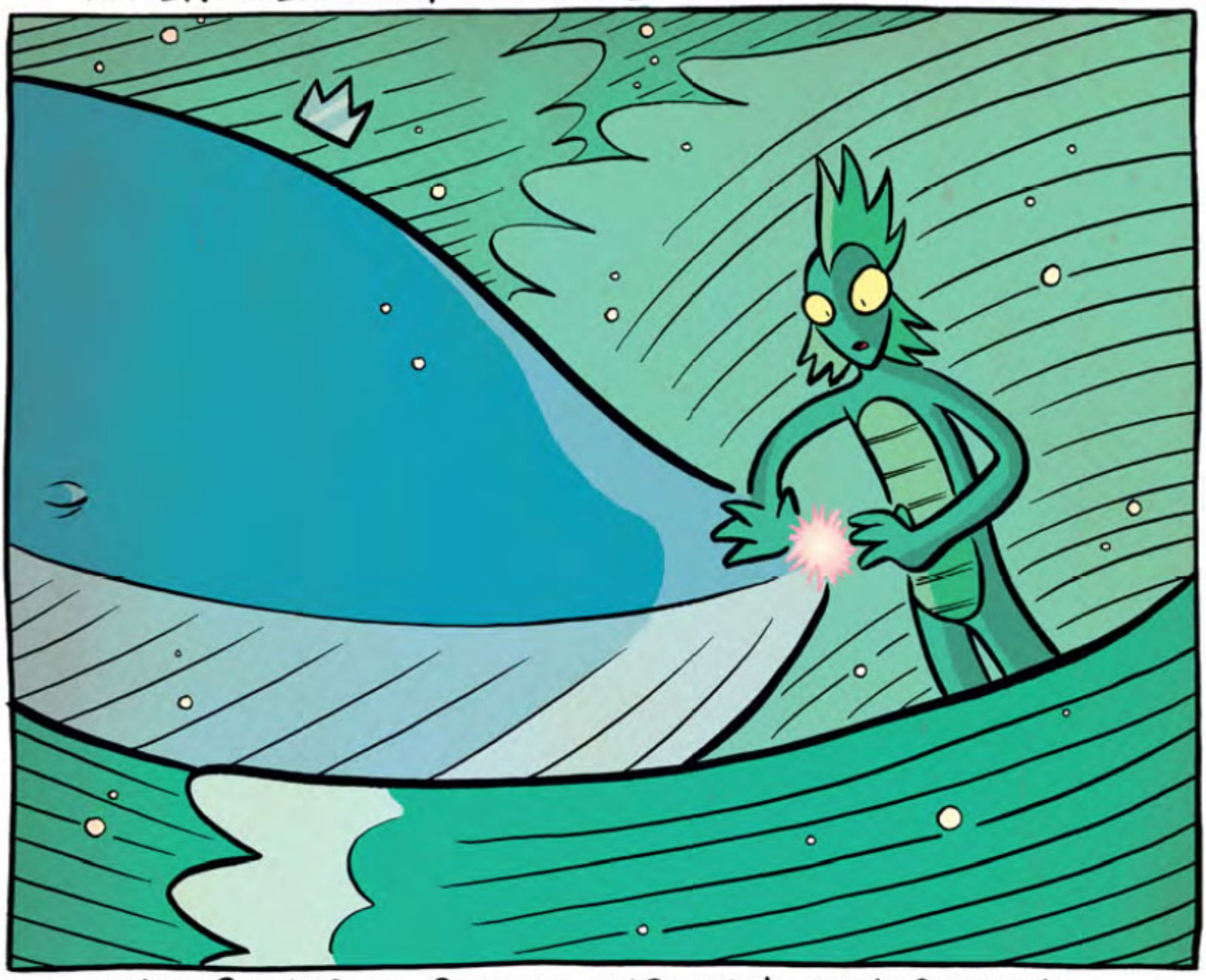


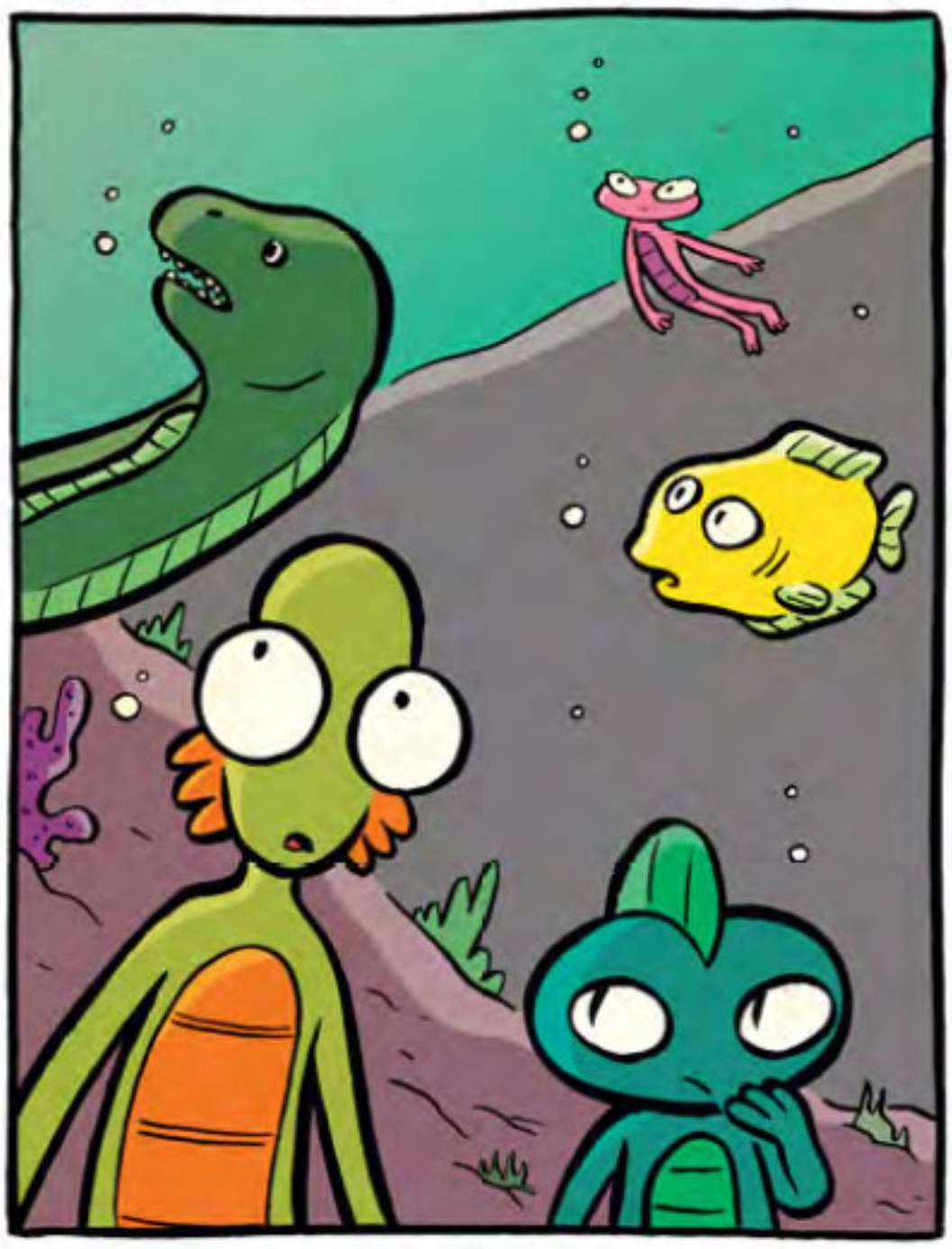
MANY TIDES AGO, THE PEOPLE OF THE SEA LIVED AMONGST THE OTHER CREATURES AT THE OCEAN'S FLOOR.

THE SEA GRANTED ONE OF THE ANCIENT SEA PEOPLE POWER OVER HER, AND HE BECAME THE FIRST KING.

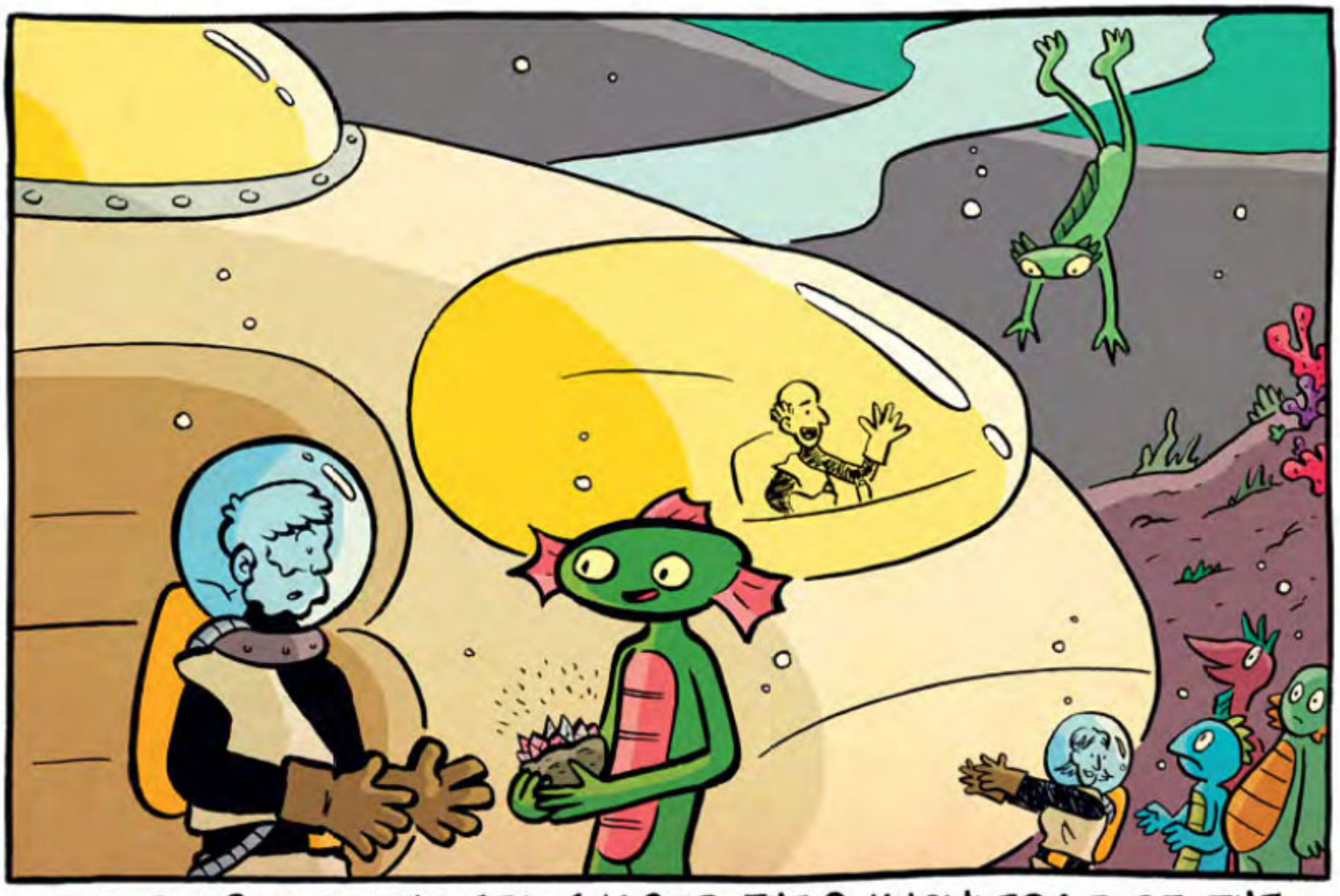


THIS POWER IS PASSED THROUGH GENERATIONS OF THE ROYAL FAMILY, AND WITH IT THEY RULE OVER THE UNDERSEA REALM.

THIS WAS THE WAY FOR AGES, WHEN NEW PEOPLE FROM THE SURFACE ARRIVED.

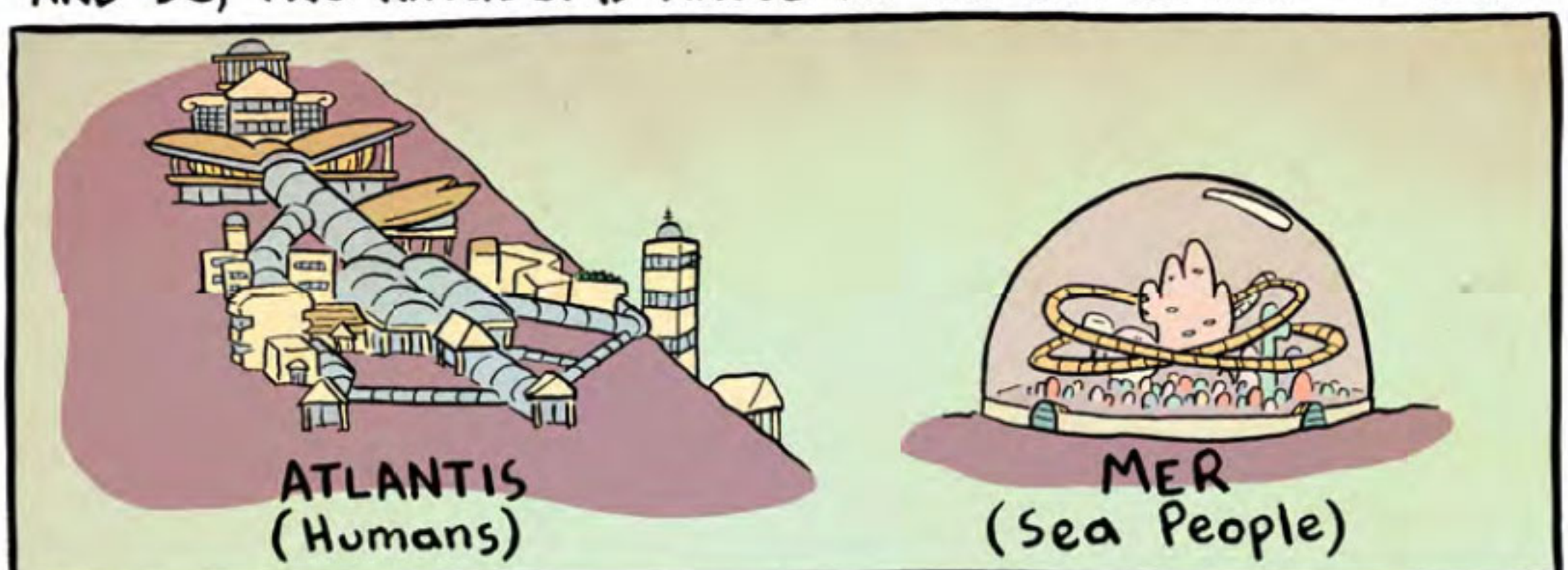


THESE "HUMANS" WERE MORE SCIENTIFICALLY ADVANCED THAN THEIR FELLOW SURFACE-DWELLERS AND CAME TO THE SEA FOR ESCAPE FROM THE BARBARISM ABOVE.

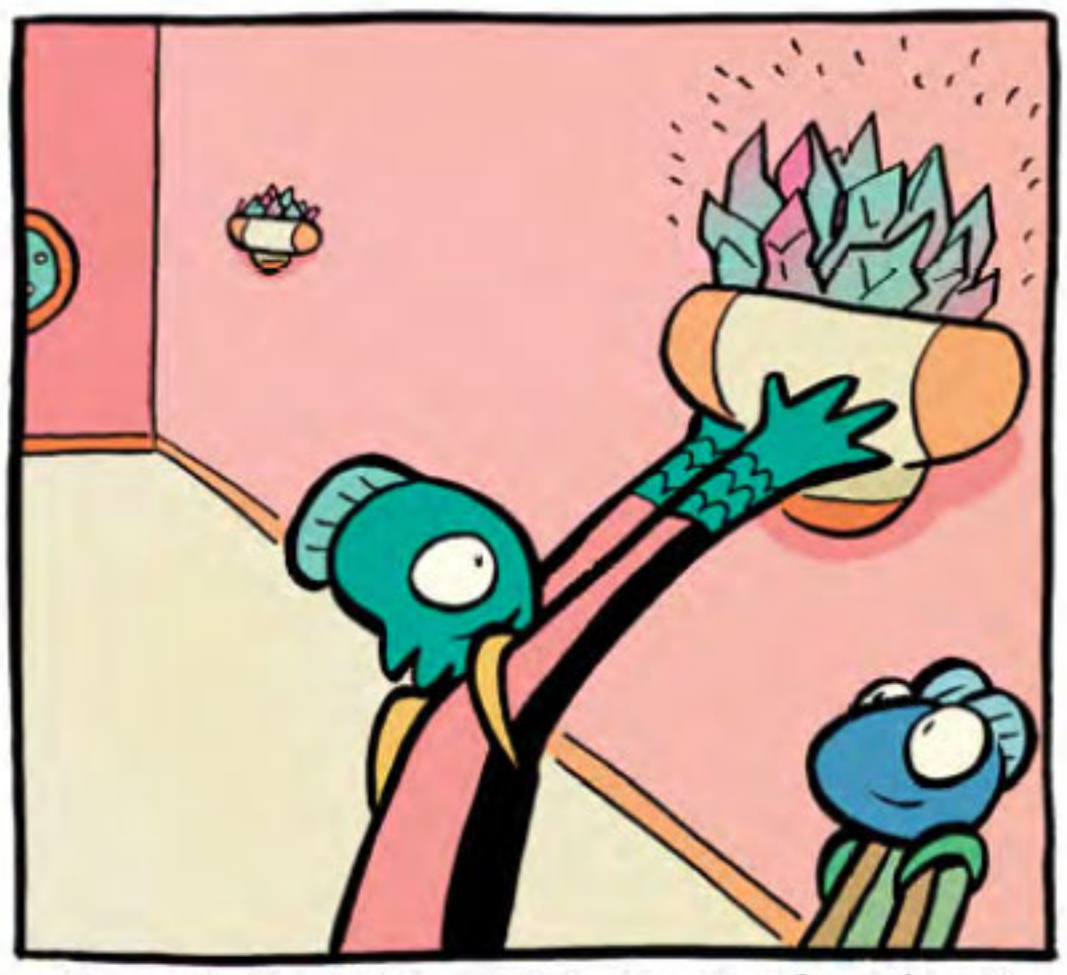


THE PEOPLE OF THE SEA SHARED THEIR KNOWLEDGE OF THE DEPTHS, LIKE THE MYSTERIOUSLY POWERFUL ENERGEODES, AND THE SURFACE HUMANS SHARED THEIR TECHNOLOGY.

AND SO, TWO KINGDOMS AROSE AT THE BOTTOM OF THE SEA.



MER-PEOPLE ADOPTED THE ATLANTEAN WAY OF LIFE, FINDING CONVENIENCE IN LIVING IN DRY SPACES.

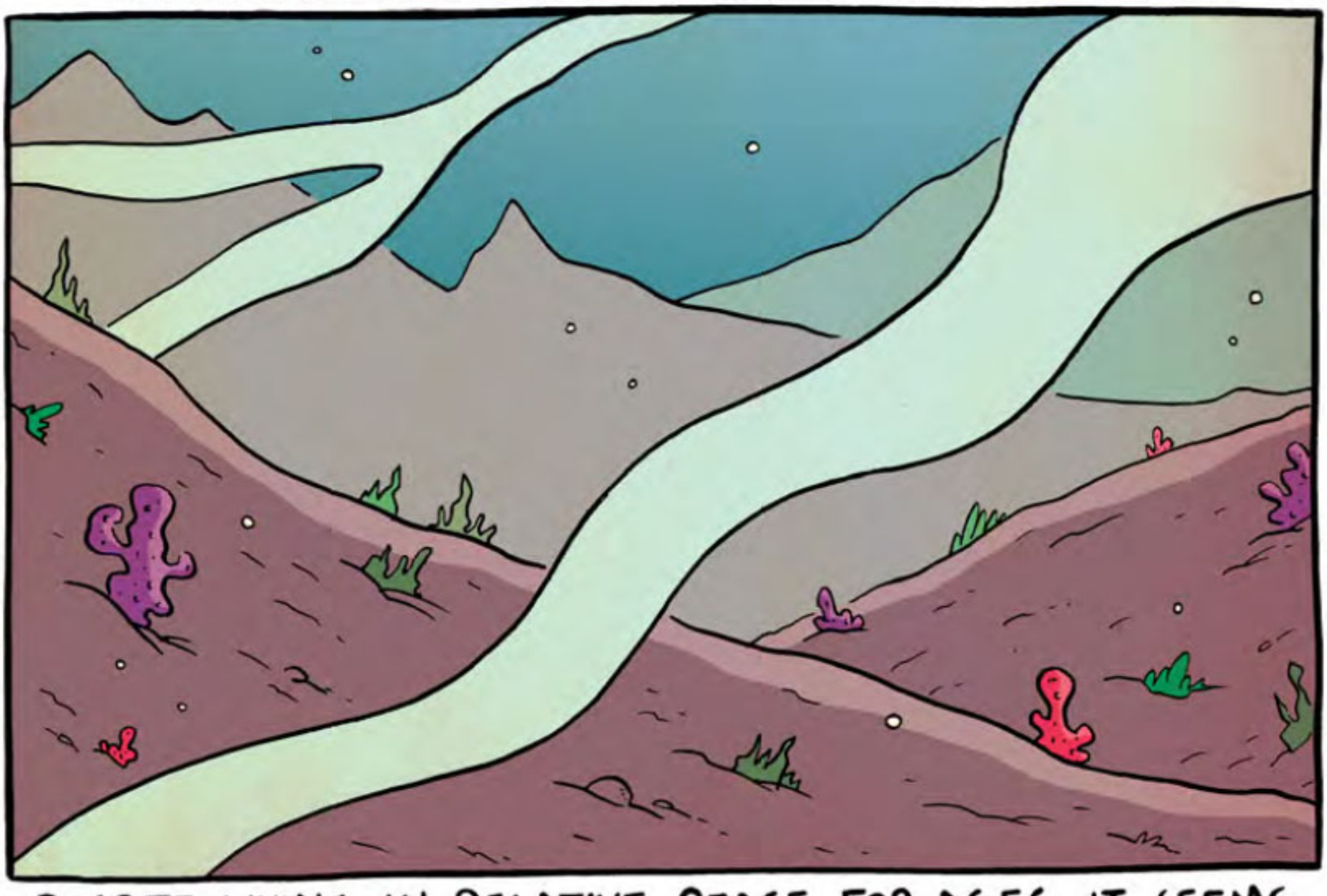


BOTH KINGDOMS FLOURISHED AS THEY LEARNED TO USE ENERGEODES TO POWER THEIR CITIES.

GENERATIONS PASSED AS THEY SHARED THE OCEAN FLOOR.

HOWEVER, ENERGEODES HAVE BECOME MORE SCARCE, AND TENSION OVER MINING TERRITORIES HAS RISEN.

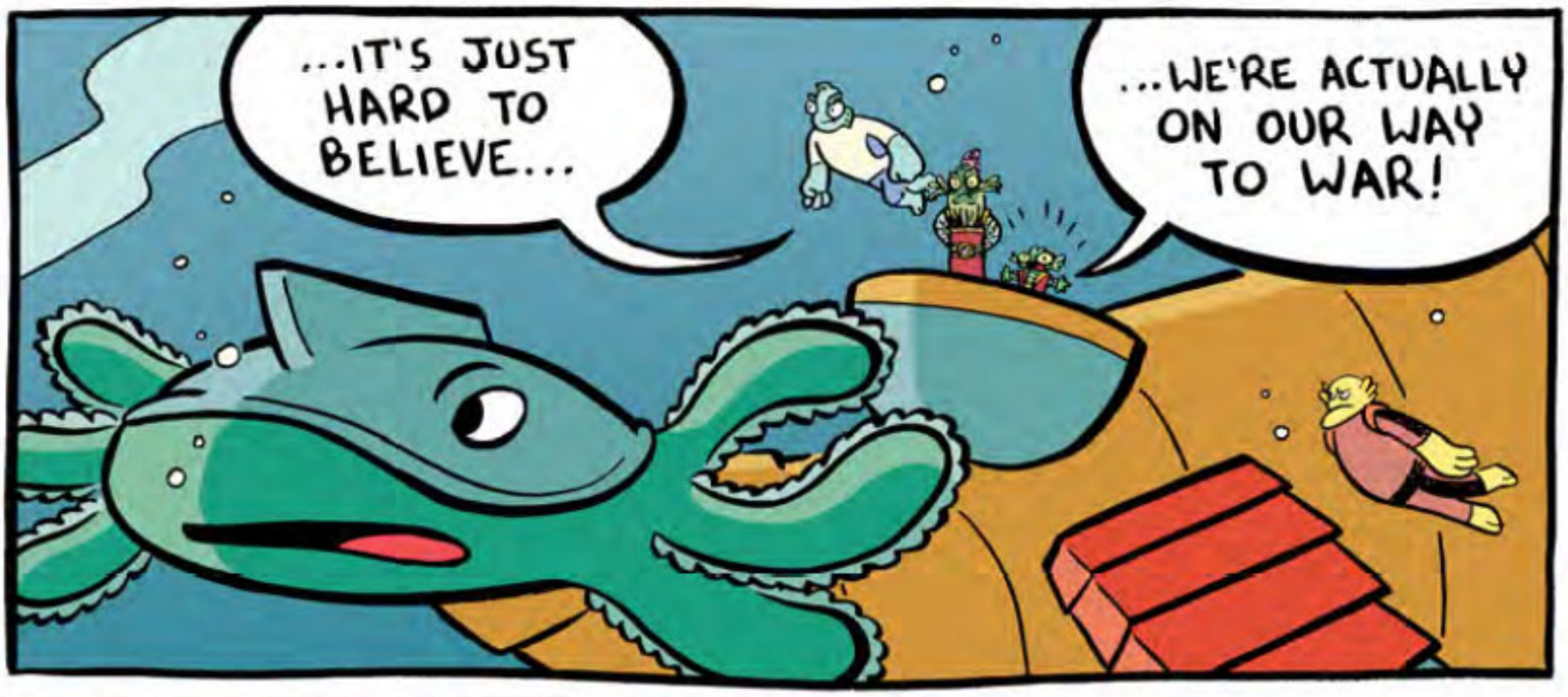
ATLANTIS AND MER EVENTUALLY MADE CLEAR DISTINCTIONS OF WHICH AREAS WITH KNOWN ENERGEODE MINES BELONGED TO EACH KINGDOM. BUT THERE IS STILL MUCH OF THE SEA FLOOR LEFT UNCLEAR WHO HAS CLAIM TO IT!



DESPITE LIVING IN RELATIVE PEACE FOR AGES, IT SEEMS THAT THE WAVE OF WAR IS ABOUT TO CRASH...

...AND SO YOU SEE, MERMIN...
...OUR PEOPLE WERE BESTOWED THE RIGHT TO THE OCEAN BY THE SEA HERSELF!

YEAH, I'VE GONE OVER THIS STUFF WITH MY INSTRUCTOR...


...IT'S JUST HARD TO BELIEVE...
...WE'RE ACTUALLY ON OUR WAY TO WAR!

WE ARE ON OUR WAY TO ATLANTIS TO RESCUE YOUR HUMAN FRIEND!

YEAH, I GUESS...
...I'M NOT SURE A WHOLE WAR PARTY IS NECESSARY...

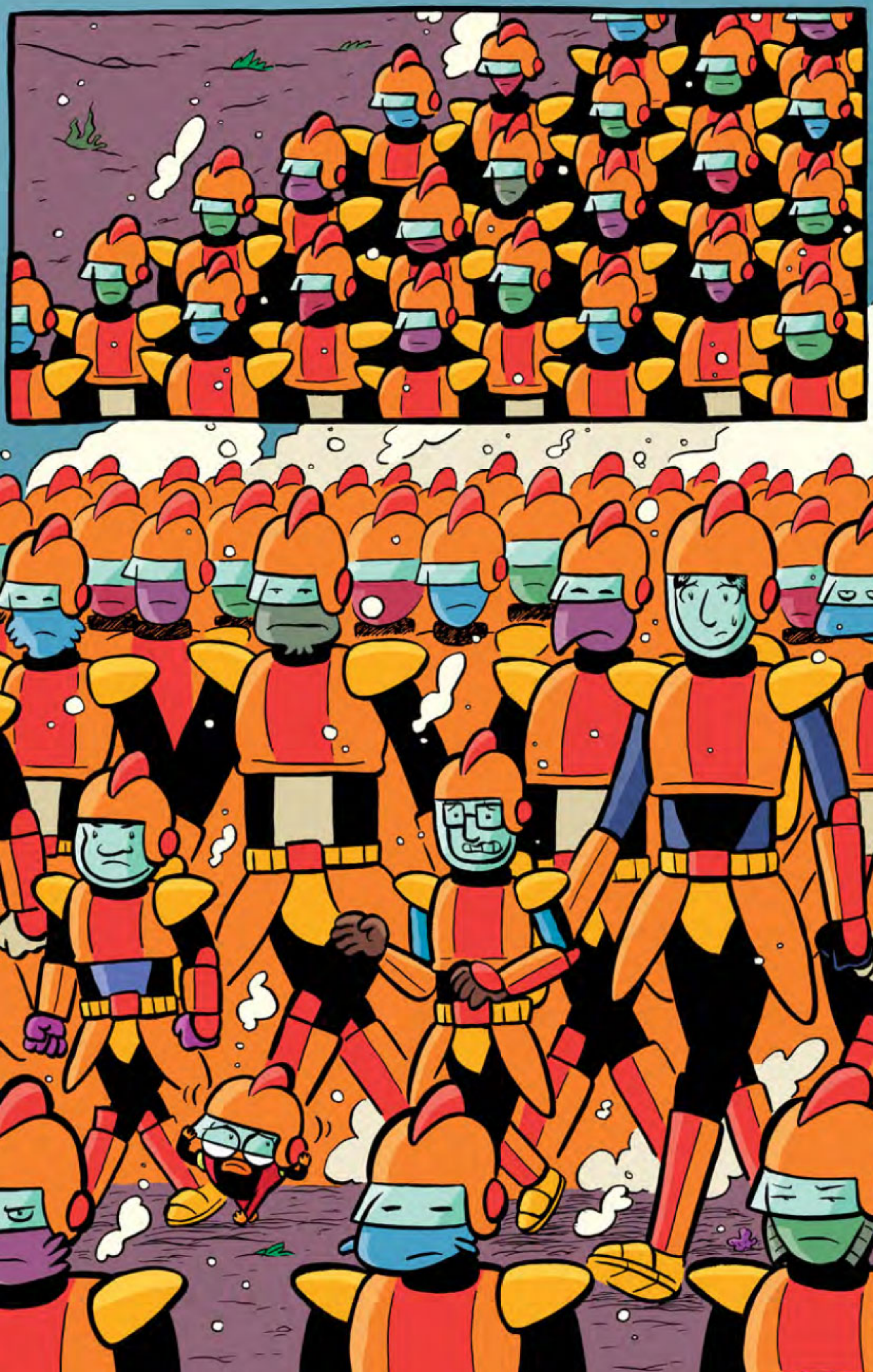
ATLANTIS HAS BEEN PRACTICALLY BEGGING FOR WAR!

THEY'VE BEEN PUSHING THE BOUNDARIES FOR SOME TIME, AND YOUR BROTHER OMER VALIANTLY PERISHED IN BATTLE OVER IT!!!

NOW THIS!?!

MERMIN, YOU WILL BE BY MY SIDE AS WE RECLAIM WHAT IS RIGHTFULLY OURS!

(sigh... now i'm remembering why i ran away...)



HOW'S YOUR HELMET, BENNI?

A-A LITTLE BIG...

B-BUT I'LL, uh, MANAGE... YOUR OXYGEN TANK 1-IS WORKING AND EVERYTHING...?

YUP! SEEMS TO BE!

BOY, I HOPE WE CAN FIND PETE!!

DON'T WORRY, GUYS!

WE GOT THIS!

TOO LATE TO TURN BACK...!

...ALMOST THE ENTIRE ARMY HAS LEFT MER ALREADY!

JUST PUT IT ON, RANDY!!

I DON'T REMEMBER AGREEING TO GO TO WAR WITH YOU FISH-FACES!

YOU TAG ALONG WITH THE KIDS TO MER, YOU DRAG ME INTO THIS LOCKER, YOU COME WITH US TO ATLANTIS! THAT'S THE DEAL!!

I MEAN... I ASSUME THAT'S WHAT'S GOING ON OUT THERE...

MERMIN AND DAD LEADING A WAR PARTY... THE HUMAN KIDS SNEAKING ALONG...

THUNK!

AFTER WE LEAVE THE AIRLOCK, WATER IS GONNA FILL THE LOCKER!

AND YOU ARE GONNA WANT THIS HELMET! OTHERWISE YOU'LL DROWN!

WHY WOULD THEY EVEN MAKE IT LIKE THAT?!

VENTILATION IS VERY IMPORTANT. IT PREVENTS MOLD.

NOW, PUT YOUR HELMET ON!

VRRRMMMMM

SSHHKK!

SOUNDS LIKE WE'RE IN THE AIRLOCK!

...oh no...

WHAT!?
I... I JUST REALIZED! HUMANS ALSO NEED AN AIR TANK TO BREATHE UNDERWATER!
WHAT!?!

ACK! HERE COMES THE WATER!

THAT'S IT! I'M OUTTA HERE!!

LET ME BACK IN!!!
HOLD ON! YOU HAVE SOME TIME BEFORE YOU RUN OUT OF AIR!
BANG! BANG!

uh...
THERE!!

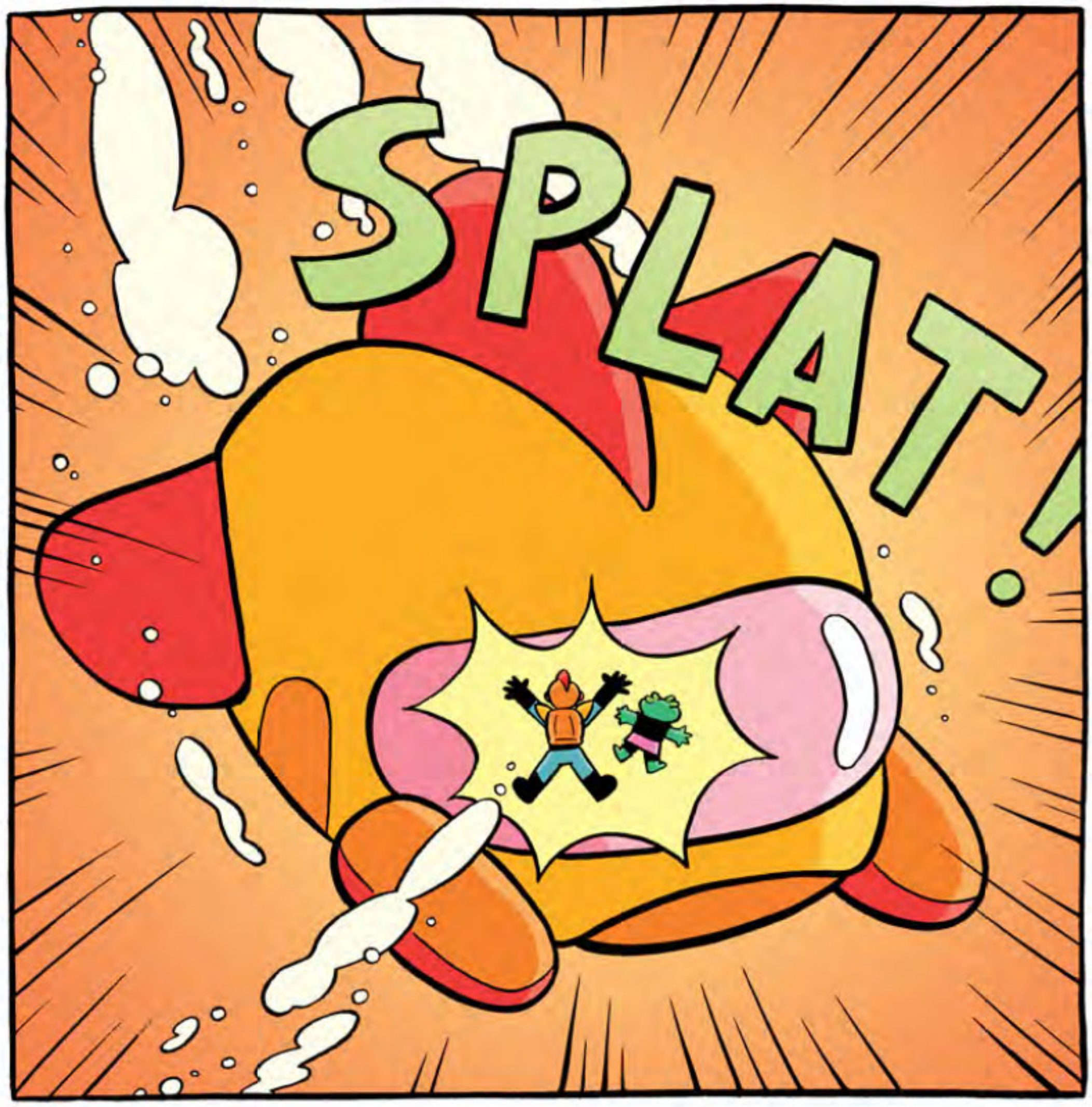
WHA--?

THOSE SHIPS HAVE AIR IN THEM!

COME ON!!

HANG ON, RANDY!!

ALMOST THERE...!


SPLAT!

HUH!?!

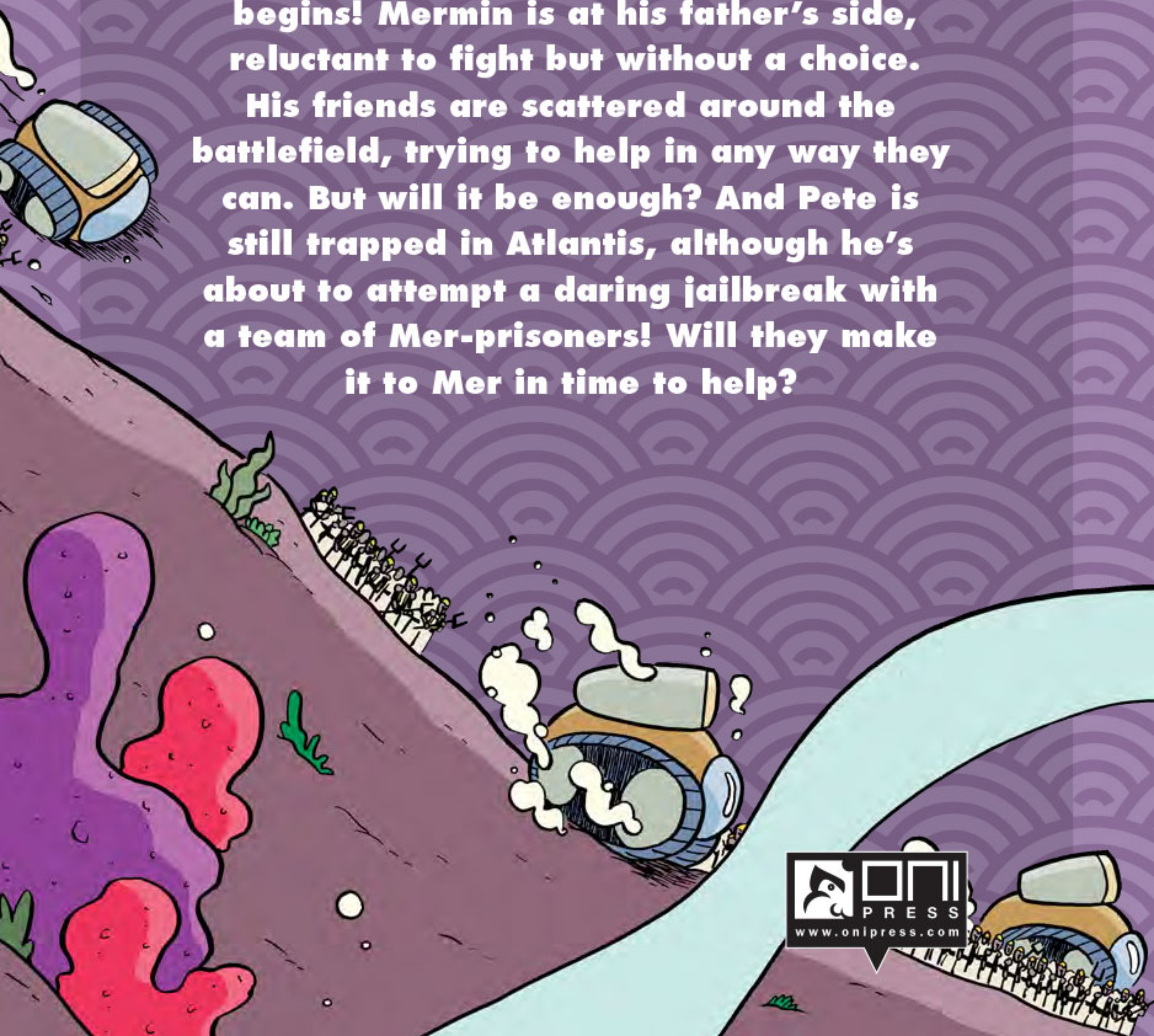
"Mermin is the best thing to come out of the water since Sea Monkeys!"

-Tom Angleberger, author of the *Origami Yoda* series

MERMIN™

BOOK FIVE: MAKING WAVES

The battle between Mer and Atlantis begins! Mermin is at his father's side, reluctant to fight but without a choice. His friends are scattered around the battlefield, trying to help in any way they can. But will it be enough? And Pete is still trapped in Atlantis, although he's about to attempt a daring jailbreak with a team of Mer-prisoners! Will they make it to Mer in time to help?



ONI PRESS
www.onipress.com