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CAPTAIN ACTIVATE!

AND THE FUTURE VOTERS

ALL NEW NONPARTISAN ADVENTURE

LOST IN THE MISINFORMATION MAZE

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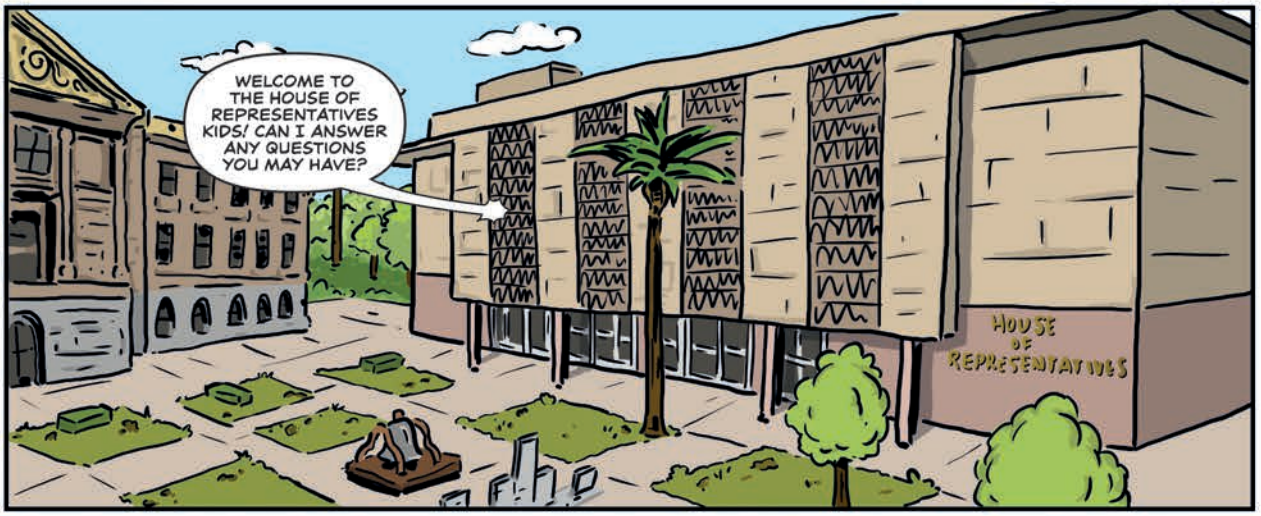
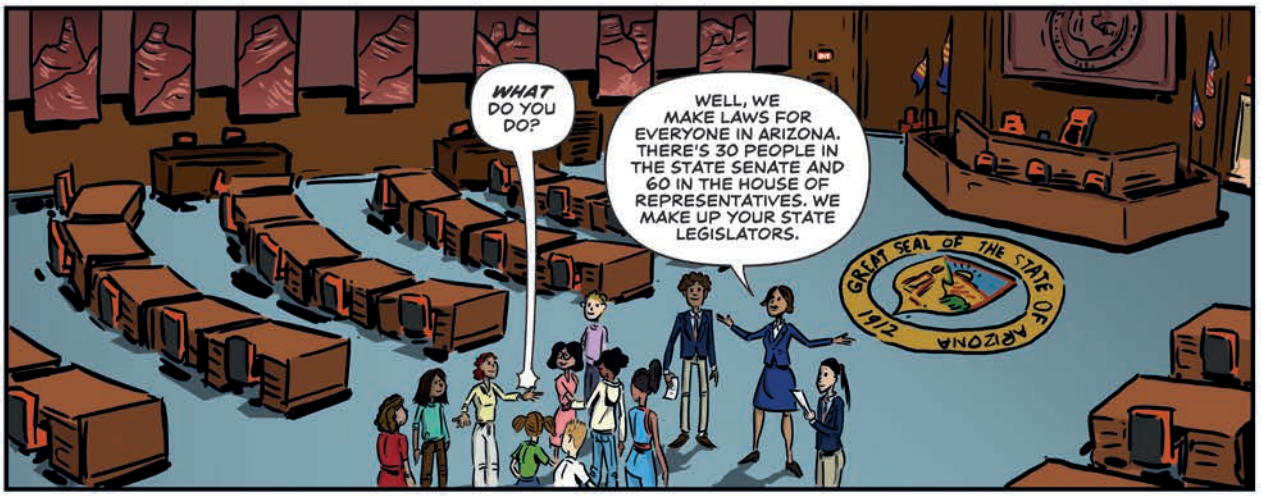
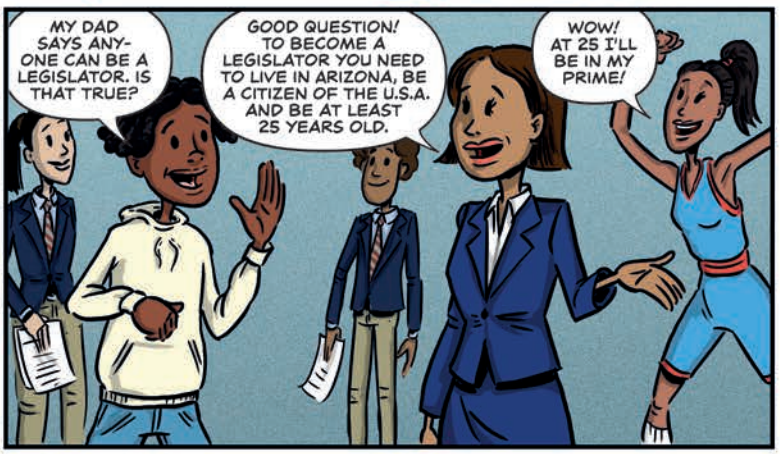

WELCOME TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES KIDS! CAN I ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE?
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES


WHAT DO YOU DO?
WELL, WE MAKE LAWS FOR EVERYONE IN ARIZONA. THERE'S 30 PEOPLE IN THE STATE SENATE AND 60 IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. WE MAKE UP YOUR STATE LEGISLATORS.
GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA 1912

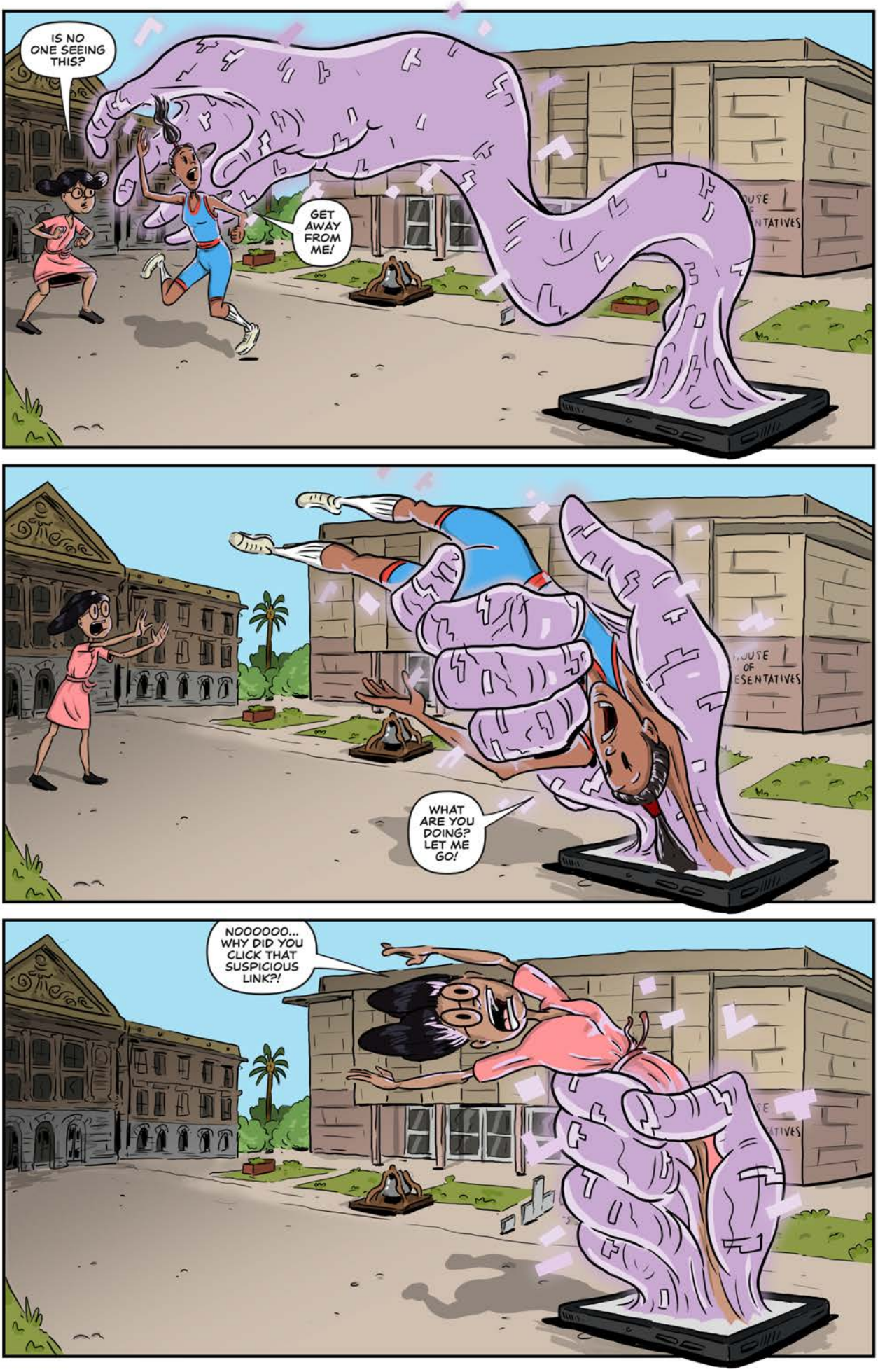

MY DAD SAYS ANY-ONE CAN BE A LEGISLATOR. IS THAT TRUE?
GOOD QUESTION! TO BECOME A LEGISLATOR YOU NEED TO LIVE IN ARIZONA, BE A CITIZEN OF THE U.S.A. AND BE AT LEAST 25 YEARS OLD.
WOW! AT 25 I'LL BE IN MY PRIME!

BZZZZ

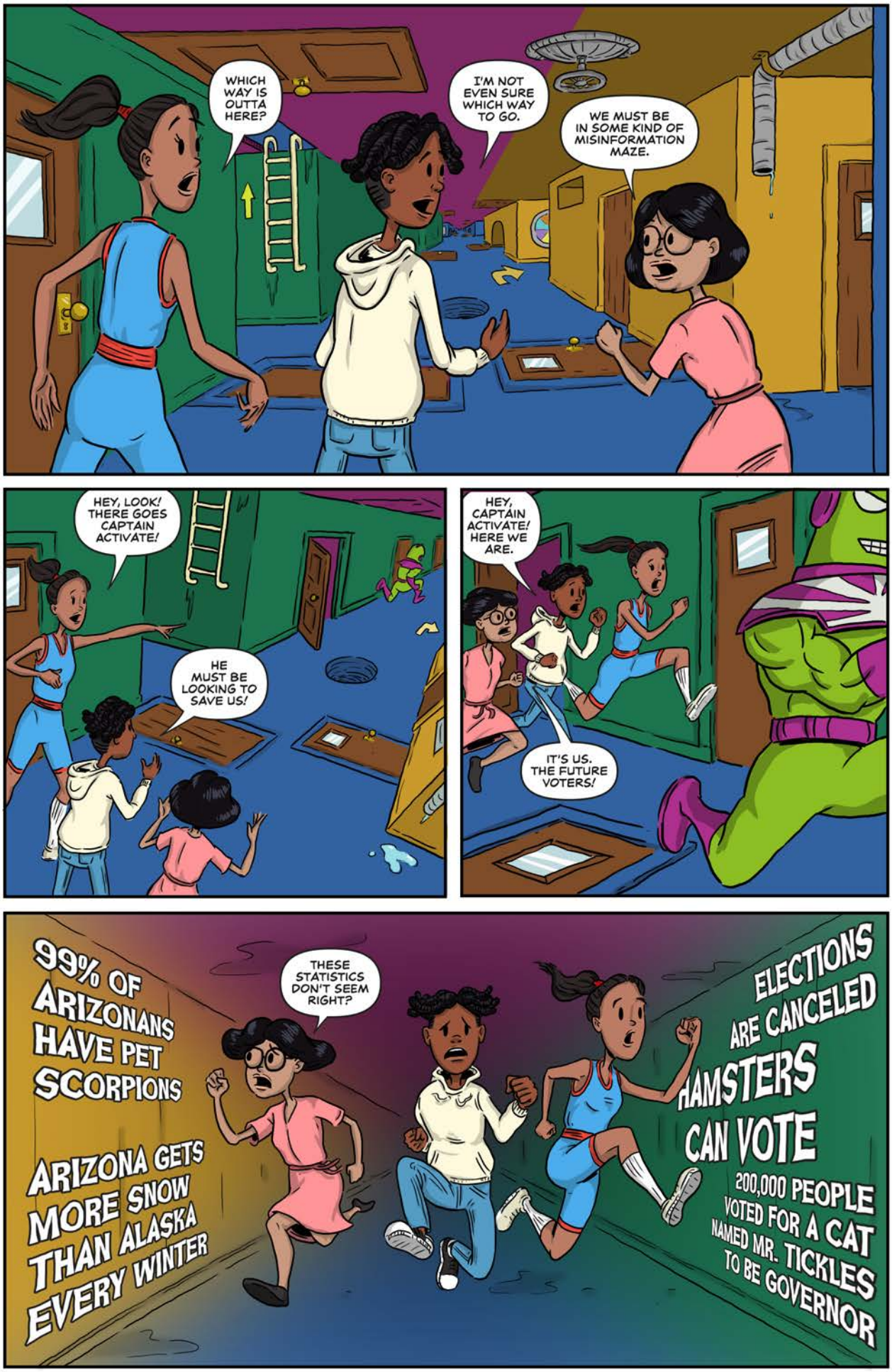
Captain Activate
This is Captain. Click the link to hear urgent election message.
2:43 pm
Click here
2:44 pm

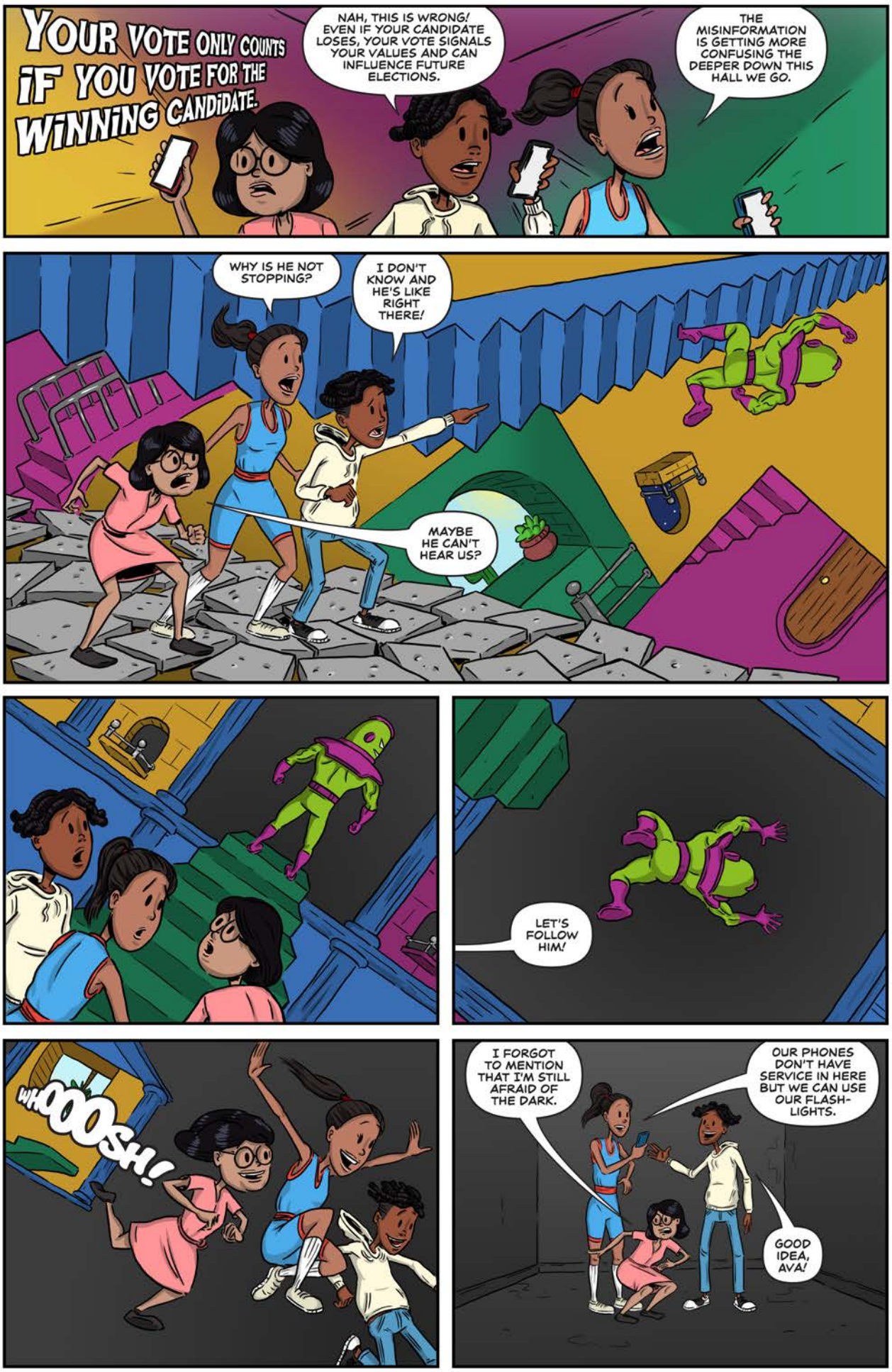
THIS MUST BE IMPORTANT BECAUSE CAPTAIN ACTIVATE! USUALLY DOESN'T CALL DURING SCHOOL HOURS.

YOU GOOD, CALEB? IS THAT SKYLAR OR MATEO? REMEMBER WE WERE SUPPOSED TO MEET THEM AT THE PARK.
YEAH I KNOW BUT I JUST GOT A WEIRD MESSAGE FROM CAPTAIN ACTIVATE!.
YOU SURE IT'S HIM?
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
I MEAN C'MON...HOW MANY CAPTAIN ACTIVATE!'S DO WE KNOW?
ONLY THE ONE.
WAIT...
Captain Activate
This is Captain.
Click the link to hear urgent election messages.
2:43 pm
CLICK!
2:44 pm
HELP ME MOMMA!
AAAAAAAAAHHH-HOOOH!

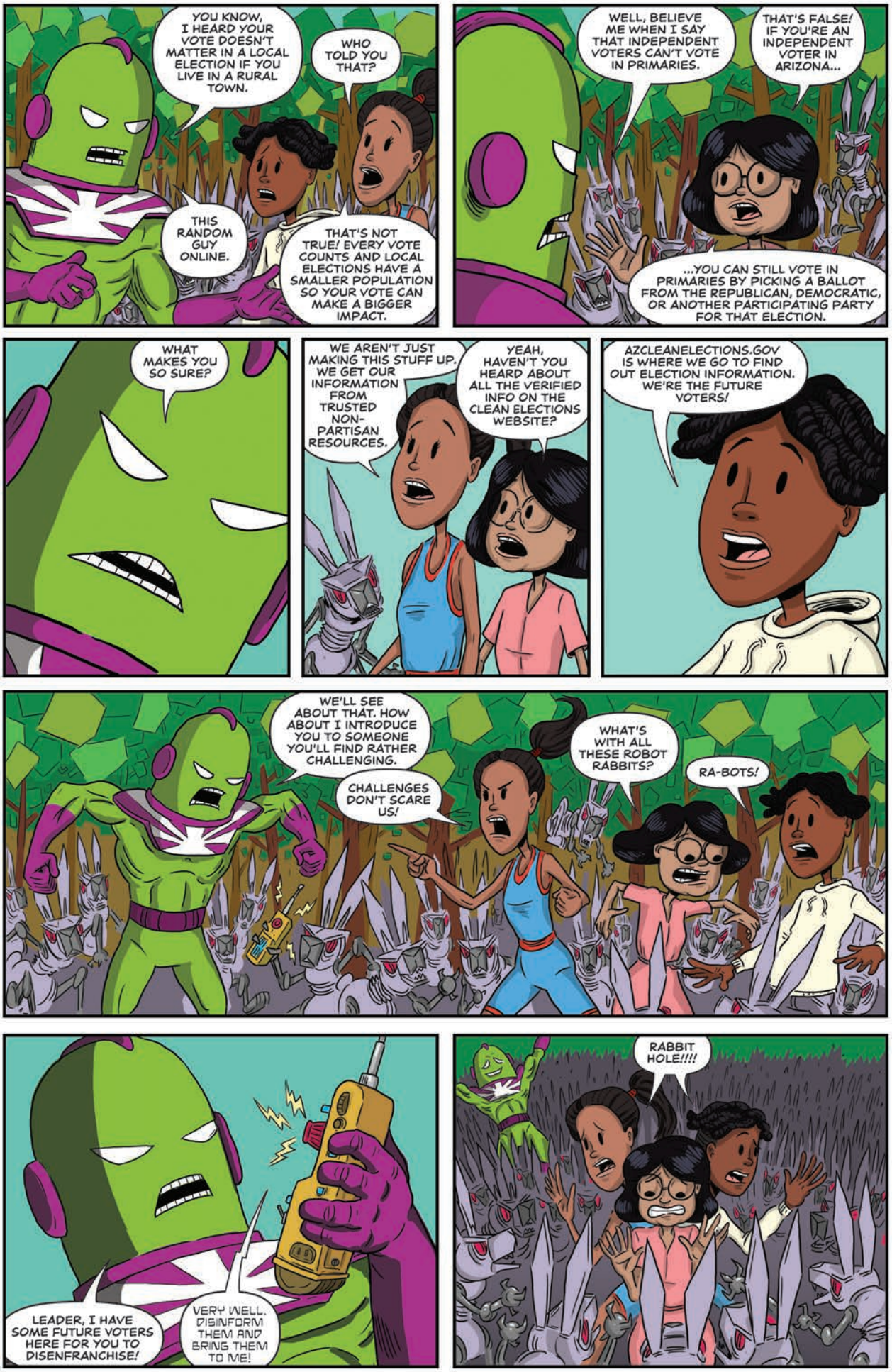

IS NO ONE SEEING THIS?
GET AWAY FROM ME!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING? LET ME GO!
NOOOOOO... WHY DID YOU CLICK THAT SUSPICIOUS LINK?!

EXCLUSIVE
LEAKED
THIS CHANGES EVERYTHING
BREAKING NEWS
TO BE HONEST...I SHOULD NOT HAVE PRESSED THAT LINK.
WHY ARE YOU LIKE THIS?
WE NEVER CLICK A LINK FROM AN UNKNOWN SOURCE, CALEB. YOU SHOULD KNOW THAT.


WHICH WAY IS OUTTA HERE?
I'M NOT EVEN SURE WHICH WAY TO GO.
WE MUST BE IN SOME KIND OF MISINFORMATION MAZE.
HEY, LOOK! THERE GOES CAPTAIN ACTIVATE!
HE MUST BE LOOKING TO SAVE US!
HEY, CAPTAIN ACTIVATE! HERE WE ARE.
IT'S US. THE FUTURE VOTERS!
99% OF ARIZONANS HAVE PET SCORPIONS
ARIZONA GETS MORE SNOW THAN ALASKA EVERY WINTER
THESE STATISTICS DON'T SEEM RIGHT?
ELECTIONS ARE CANCELED
HAMSTERS CAN VOTE
200,000 PEOPLE VOTED FOR A CAT NAMED MR. TICKLES TO BE GOVERNOR


YOUR VOTE ONLY COUNTS IF YOU VOTE FOR THE WINNING CANDIDATE.
NAH, THIS IS WRONG! EVEN IF YOUR CANDIDATE LOSES, YOUR VOTE SIGNALS YOUR VALUES AND CAN INFLUENCE FUTURE ELECTIONS.
THE MISINFORMATION IS GETTING MORE CONFUSING THE DEEPER DOWN THIS HALL WE GO.
WHY IS HE NOT STOPPING?
I DON'T KNOW AND HE'S LIKE RIGHT THERE!
MAYBE HE CAN'T HEAR US?
LET'S FOLLOW HIM!
WHOOOSH!
I FORGOT TO MENTION THAT I'M STILL AFRAID OF THE DARK.
OUR PHONES DON'T HAVE SERVICE IN HERE BUT WE CAN USE OUR FLASH-LIGHTS.
GOOD IDEA, AVA!

I DON'T KNOW ABOUT YOU BOTH BUT I'M CREEPED OUT.
WE'RE COOKED.
LOOK! THIS MIGHT BE OUR WAY OUT OF HERE.
WHEW! WE'RE GLAD TO SEE YOU.
WHY WERE YOU RUNNING FROM US, CAPTAIN ACTIVATE!?
GHH!
AH!
...!
WHO TOLD YOU I WAS CAPTAIN ACTIVATE? I'M CAPTAIN DEACTIVATE.
HE'S A DEEPFAKE OF CAPTAIN ACTIVATE! JUST TO TRICK US.
CALEB, NEVER, EVER, EVER CLICK ON A LINK THAT'S NOT FROM A TRUSTED SOURCE!
I HEAR YOU, AVA BUT YOU'RE THE ONE WHO DIDN'T VERIFY IF WE WERE REALLY FOLLOWING CAPTAIN ACTIVATE! OR IF IT WAS JUST HIS EVIL DEEPFAKE!
GYAAAHAHAHA!


YOU KNOW, I HEARD YOUR VOTE DOESN'T MATTER IN A LOCAL ELECTION IF YOU LIVE IN A RURAL TOWN.
WHO TOLD YOU THAT?
THIS RANDOM GUY ONLINE.
THAT'S NOT TRUE! EVERY VOTE COUNTS AND LOCAL ELECTIONS HAVE A SMALLER POPULATION SO YOUR VOTE CAN MAKE A BIGGER IMPACT.
WELL, BELIEVE ME WHEN I SAY THAT INDEPENDENT VOTERS CAN'T VOTE IN PRIMARIES.
THAT'S FALSE! IF YOU'RE AN INDEPENDENT VOTER IN ARIZONA...
...YOU CAN STILL VOTE IN PRIMARIES BY PICKING A BALLOT FROM THE REPUBLICAN, DEMOCRATIC, OR ANOTHER PARTICIPATING PARTY FOR THAT ELECTION.
WHAT MAKES YOU SO SURE?
WE AREN'T JUST MAKING THIS STUFF UP. WE GET OUR INFORMATION FROM TRUSTED NON-PARTISAN RESOURCES.
YEAH, HAVEN'T YOU HEARD ABOUT ALL THE VERIFIED INFO ON THE CLEAN ELECTIONS WEBSITE?
AZCLEANELECTIONS.GOV IS WHERE WE GO TO FIND OUT ELECTION INFORMATION. WE'RE THE FUTURE VOTERS!
WE'LL SEE ABOUT THAT. HOW ABOUT I INTRODUCE YOU TO SOMEONE YOU'LL FIND RATHER CHALLENGING.
CHALLENGES DON'T SCARE US!
WHAT'S WITH ALL THESE ROBOT RABBITS?
RA-BOTS!
LEADER, I HAVE SOME FUTURE VOTERS HERE FOR YOU TO DISENFRANCHISE!
VERY WELL. DISINFORM THEM AND BRING THEM TO ME!
RABBIT HOLE!!!!

WE FOLLOWED THIS DEEP FAKE CAPTAIN ACTIVATE DOWN A RABBIT HOLE!
WE COULD BE HERE FOREVER.
BE POSITIVE, ZOEY AND JUST STAY FOCUSED ON FINDING A WAY OUT.
HEY, LET'S GO THIS WAY!
ZOEY, WAIT!
EEEEK!
ZOEY! YOU GOOD?
ARE YOU DOWN THERE?

I'M ALRIGHT, YOU TWO!
WE THOUGHT IT WAS A WRAP FOR YOU!
NAH, SHE DIDN'T SCREAM THAT LONG SO I KNEW IT COULDN'T HAVE BEEN THAT FAR DOWN.

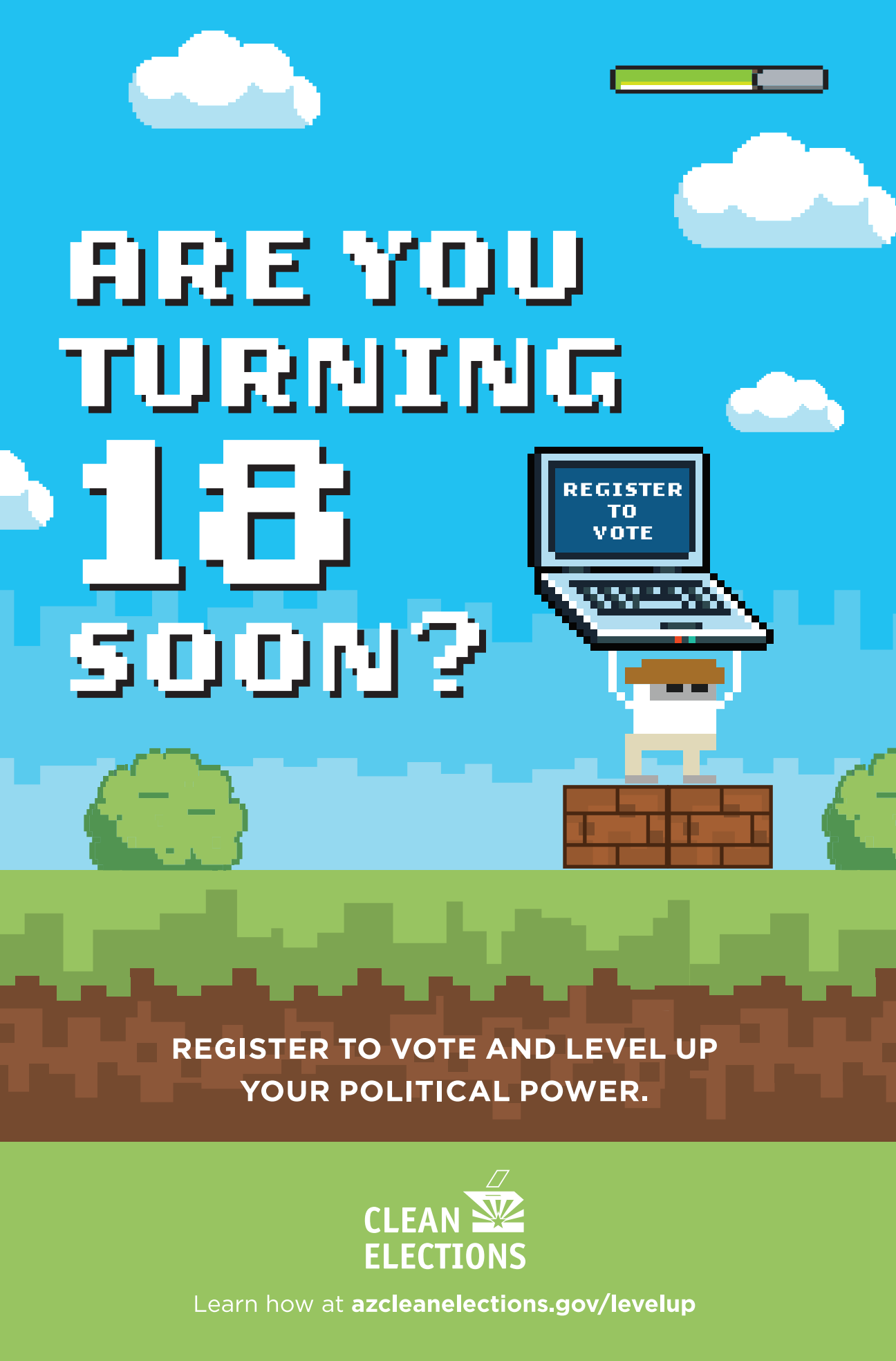
JUMP DOWN HERE. I THINK I FOUND A WAY OUT!
JUMP?!

COME ON, CALEB!
I SHOULD'VE NEVER CLICKED THAT LINK.

SUPERMAN!!!!!

THIS IS WEIRD. WE'RE JUST FLOATING DOWN.
OUR VOICES ARE ECHOING! THAT'S RIGHT WE MUST BE IN AN ECHO CHAMBER.
AN ECHO CHAMBER IS LIKE WHEN YOU ONLY HEAR THE SAME IDEAS OVER AND OVER, SO YOU DON'T THINK ABOUT OTHER WAYS OF THINKING.
WE BETTER GET OUT OF HERE BEFORE WE CONVINCE OURSELVES TO STAY!
AYY! THIS HAS TO BE THE WAY OUT!
THAT'S FAIR BUT WHICH DOOR? THIS PLACE HAS NOT BEEN USER FRIENDLY.
BEHIND EVERY DOOR...IS AN OPPORTUNITY!

WE SHOULD DIVIDE AND CONQUER! LET'S PLAY ROCK, PAPER, SCISSORS TO SEE WHO PICKS THE FIRST DOOR AND THE SECOND DOOR AND THEN THE THIRD.
LET'S GO! I'M THE TWO TIME WORLD CHAMPION OF ROCK, PAPER, SCISSORS.
SINCE I'M A GENTLEMAN, I'LL LET YOU BOTH GO AND THEN I'LL PLAY THE WINNER.
I NEVER LOSE AT ROCK, PAPER, SCISSORS. EXPECT NO MERCY!
PAPER BEATS ROCK!
GOOD GAME.
YEAH, YEAH, YEAH.
AW, C'MON!
I TOLD YOU, CALEB. I NEVER LOSE AT ROCK, PAPER, SCISSORS.


ARE YOU TURNING 18 SOON?
REGISTER TO VOTE
REGISTER TO VOTE AND LEVEL UP YOUR POLITICAL POWER.
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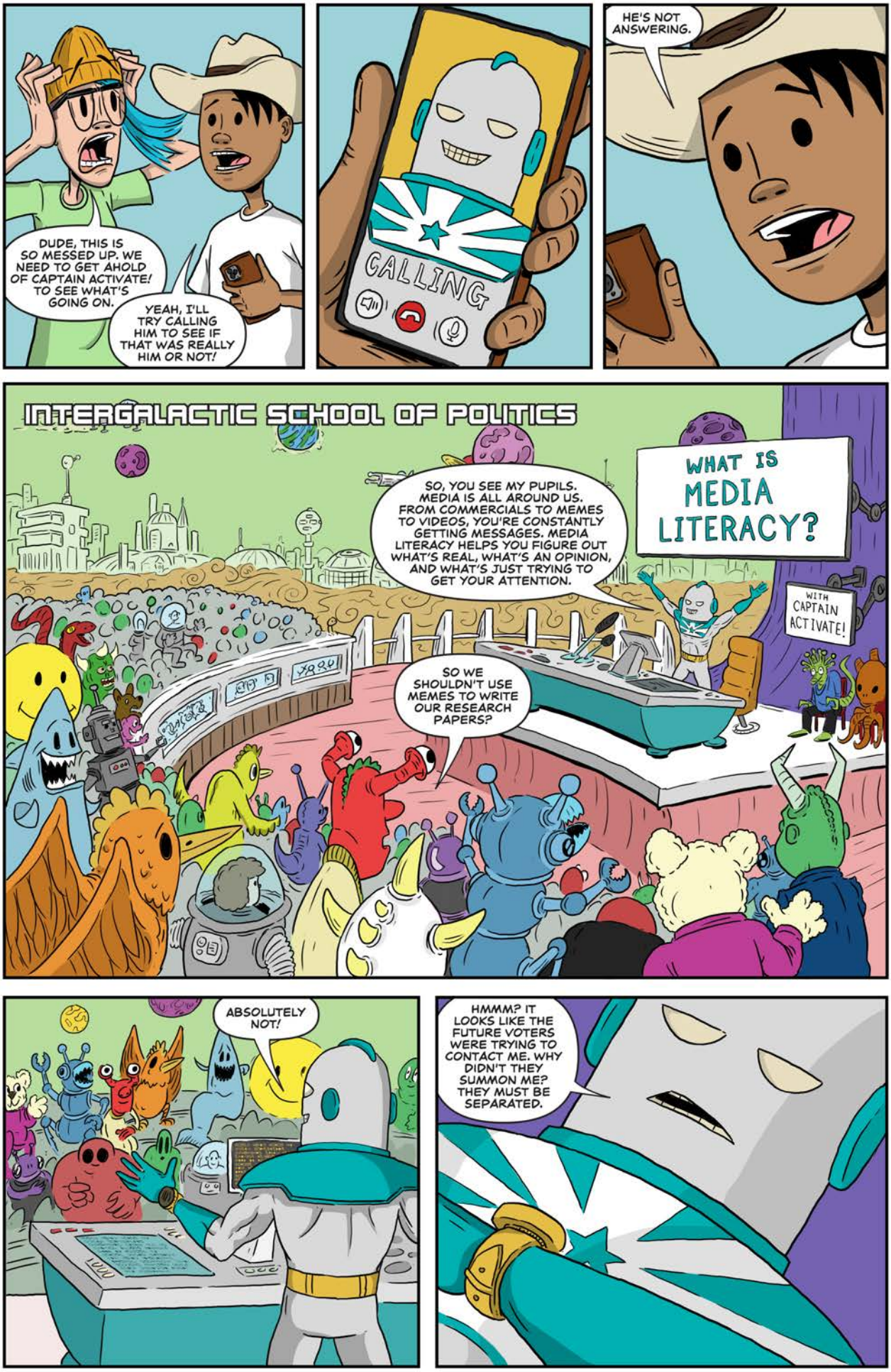
OK, AVA YOU PICK FIRST.
SAY LESS. I'LL TAKE THE MIDDLE DOOR.
YOUR TURN ZOEY! PICK FROM THE LAST TWO DOORS.
YOU THINK WE CAN FIGURE THIS OUT?
FOR SURE!
BYEEEE.
BZZZ
OPEN

WHAT'S THEIR DEAL? THEY WERE SUPPOSED TO MEET US HERE FOR LUNCH.
MAYBE THEY'RE IN DEEP CONVERSATION WITH A LEGISLATOR? CALEB LIKES TO TALK A LOT.
TRUE.
I DON'T HAVE ANY MISSED CALLS.
SAME. NO TEXTS FROM THEM EITHER.
¿QUIÉN LLAMA A MI TELÉFONO?
BRRNNG
UNKNOWN NUMBER
WHO IS IT? IS IT CAPTAIN ACTIVATE!?
I THINK SO.
ASK! PUT HIM ON SPEAKER PHONE.
IS THIS CAPTAIN ACTIVATE!?
YEAH, SURE. CLICK THE LINK I JUST TEXTED YOU.
THAT DOESN'T SOUND LIKE THE CAPTAIN. HANG UP THE PHONE.
END CALL
BLOOP!


DUDE, THIS IS SO MESSED UP. WE NEED TO GET AHOLD OF CAPTAIN ACTIVATE! TO SEE WHAT'S GOING ON.
YEAH, I'LL TRY CALLING HIM TO SEE IF THAT WAS REALLY HIM OR NOT!
CALLING
HE'S NOT ANSWERING.
INTERGALACTIC SCHOOL OF POLITICS
SO, YOU SEE MY PUPILS. MEDIA IS ALL AROUND US. FROM COMMERCIALS TO MEMES TO VIDEOS, YOU'RE CONSTANTLY GETTING MESSAGES. MEDIA LITERACY HELPS YOU FIGURE OUT WHAT'S REAL, WHAT'S AN OPINION, AND WHAT'S JUST TRYING TO GET YOUR ATTENTION.
WHAT IS MEDIA LITERACY?
WITH CAPTAIN ACTIVATE!
SO WE SHOULDN'T USE MEMES TO WRITE OUR RESEARCH PAPERS?
ABSOLUTELY NOT!
HMMM? IT LOOKS LIKE THE FUTURE VOTERS WERE TRYING TO CONTACT ME. WHY DIDN'T THEY SUMMON ME? THEY MUST BE SEPARATED.

CLASS MAY I HAVE YOUR ATTENTION! I'M GOING TO END OUR MEDIA LITERACY LESSON A TAD BIT EARLY. ACTIVATION IS NEEDED ELSEWHERE!
WHERE CAN WE FIND OUT MORE ABOUT AVOIDING MISINFORMATION ON SOCIAL MEDIA?
LITERACY?
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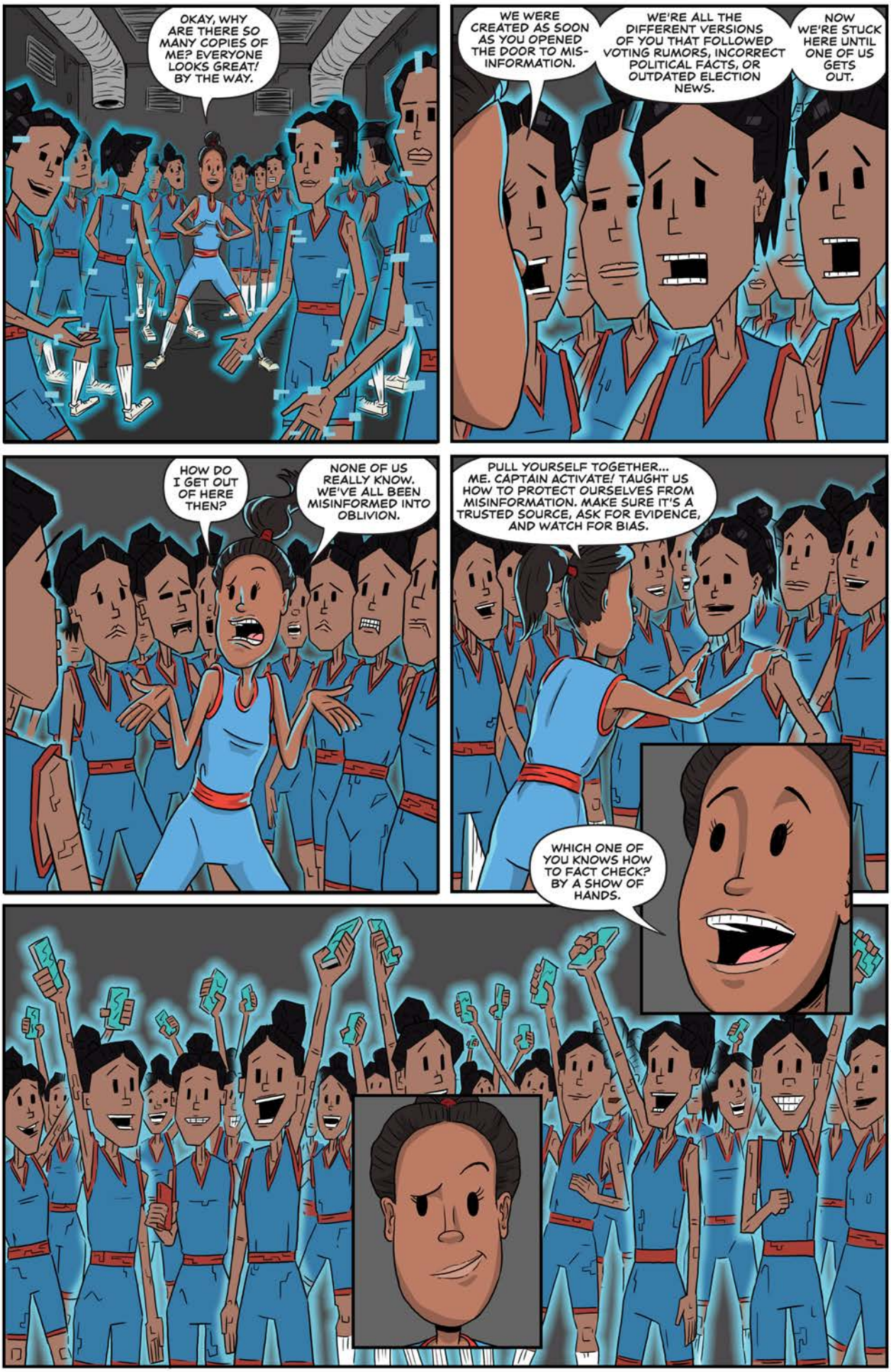
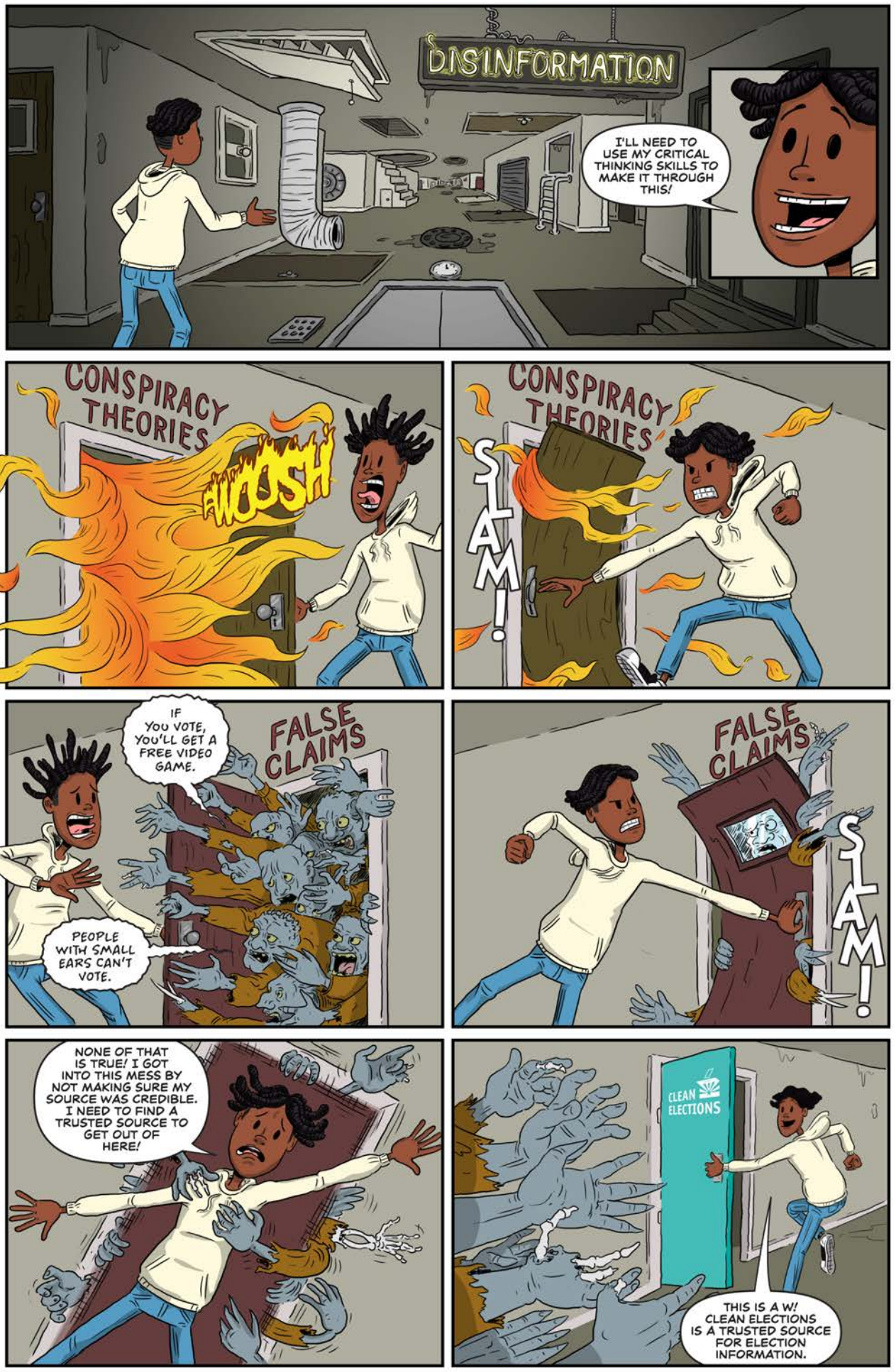
WITH CAPTAIN ACTIVATE!


OKAY, WHY ARE THERE SO MANY COPIES OF ME? EVERYONE LOOKS GREAT! BY THE WAY.
WE WERE CREATED AS SOON AS YOU OPENED THE DOOR TO MIS-INFORMATION.
WE'RE ALL THE DIFFERENT VERSIONS OF YOU THAT FOLLOWED VOTING RUMORS, INCORRECT POLITICAL FACTS, OR OUTDATED ELECTION NEWS.
NOW WE'RE STUCK HERE UNTIL ONE OF US GETS OUT.
HOW DO I GET OUT OF HERE THEN?
NONE OF US REALLY KNOW. WE'VE ALL BEEN MISINFORMED INTO OBLIVION.
PULL YOURSELF TOGETHER... ME. CAPTAIN ACTIVATE! TAUGHT US HOW TO PROTECT OURSELVES FROM MISINFORMATION. MAKE SURE IT'S A TRUSTED SOURCE, ASK FOR EVIDENCE, AND WATCH FOR BIAS.
WHICH ONE OF YOU KNOWS HOW TO FACT CHECK? BY A SHOW OF HANDS.

THIS ISN'T A FAIRYTALE I WANT TO BE IN.
MAL-INFOR MATION
YIKES!
I'M DOXY! I TAKE PRIVATE INFORMATION LIKE ADDRESSES OR PHONE NUMBERS AND SHARE IT WITH THE INTERNET TO CAUSE TROUBLE!
I'M LEAKY. I STEAL EMAILS AND SHARE THEM WITHOUT PERMISSION. I'M A BIT OF A MENACE.
I'M CHERRY. MY JAM IS TO TELL PART OF THE TRUTH BUT LEAVE OUT DETAILS TO MAKE THINGS LOOK BETTER OR WORSE.
WAIT A MINUTE. DOXING, LEAKING EMAILS AND CHERRY PICKING STATISTICS IS ALL MALINFORMATION. YOU'RE BAD FOR DEMOCRACY! JUST KNOW... WHEN I GET OUT OF HERE I'LL BE REPORTING YOU THREE!


DISINFORMATION
I'LL NEED TO USE MY CRITICAL THINKING SKILLS TO MAKE IT THROUGH THIS!
CONSPIRACY THEORIES
WOOSH
CONSPIRACY THEORIES
SLAM!
IF YOU VOTE, YOU'LL GET A FREE VIDEO GAME.
FALSE CLAIMS
PEOPLE WITH SMALL EARS CAN'T VOTE.
FALSE CLAIMS
SLAM!
NONE OF THAT IS TRUE! I GOT INTO THIS MESS BY NOT MAKING SURE MY SOURCE WAS CREDIBLE. I NEED TO FIND A TRUSTED SOURCE TO GET OUT OF HERE!
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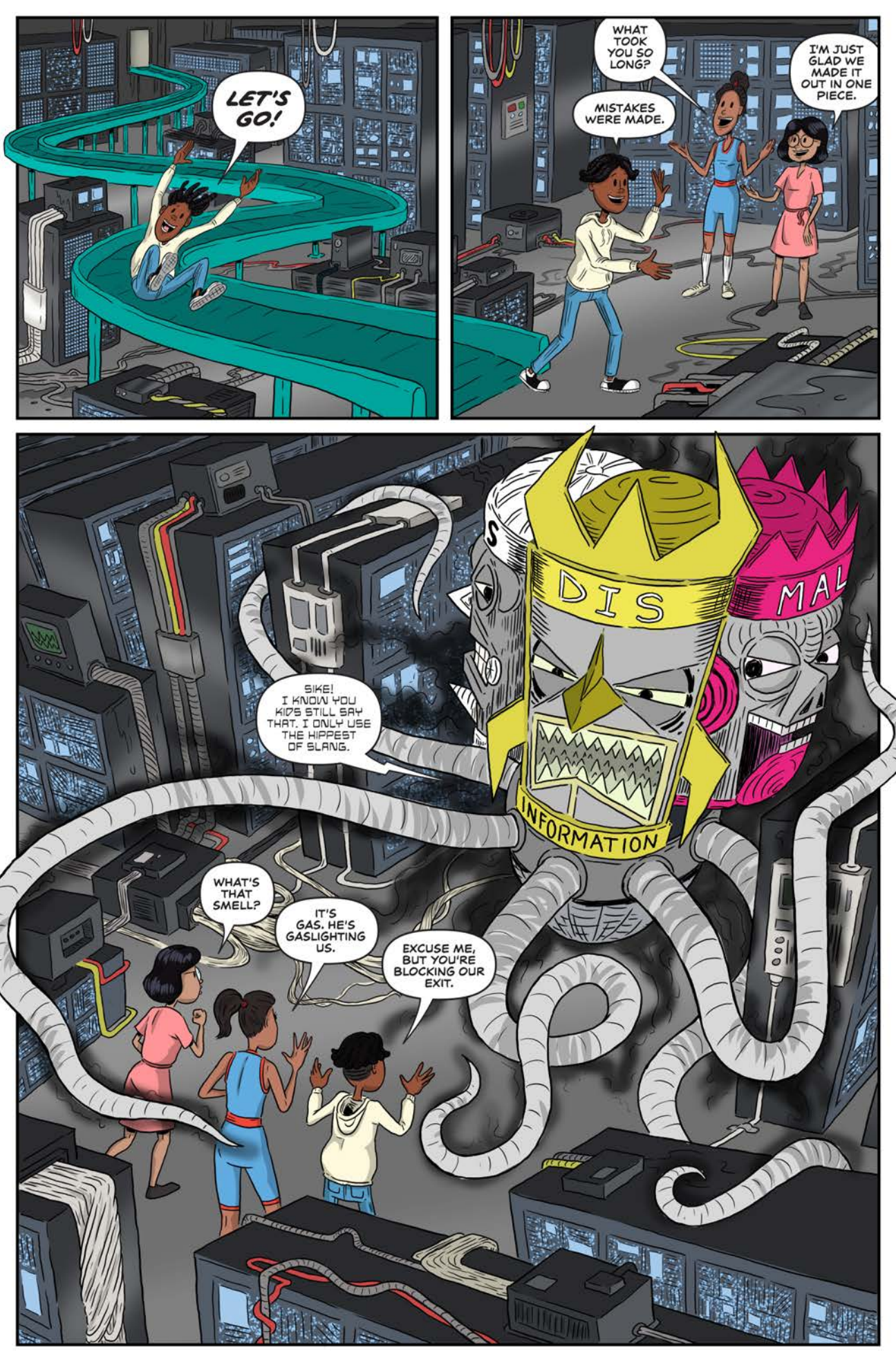
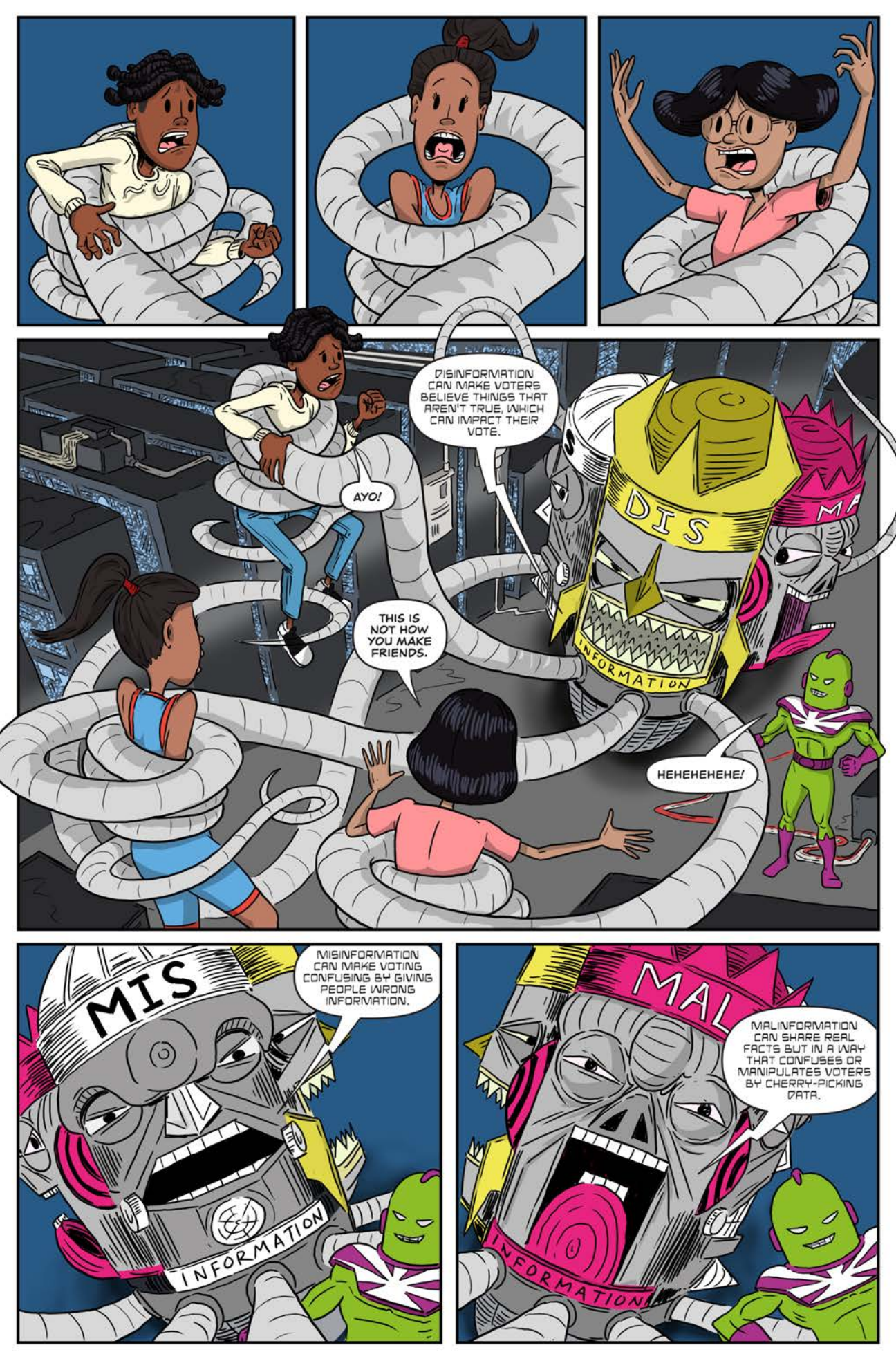
THIS IS A W! CLEAN ELECTIONS IS A TRUSTED SOURCE FOR ELECTION INFORMATION.


LET'S GO!
WHAT TOOK YOU SO LONG?
MISTAKES WERE MADE.
I'M JUST GLAD WE MADE IT OUT IN ONE PIECE.
DIS
MAL
INFORMATION
SIKE! I KNOW YOU KIDS STILL SAY THAT. I ONLY USE THE HIPPEST OF SLANG.
WHAT'S THAT SMELL?
IT'S GAS. HE'S GASLIGHTING US.
EXCUSE ME, BUT YOU'RE BLOCKING OUR EXIT.


AYO!
DISINFORMATION CAN MAKE VOTERS BELIEVE THINGS THAT AREN'T TRUE, WHICH CAN IMPACT THEIR VOTE.
THIS IS NOT HOW YOU MAKE FRIENDS.
DIS
INFORMATION
HEHEHEHEHE!
MIS
INFORMATION
MISINFORMATION CAN MAKE VOTING CONFUSING BY GIVING PEOPLE WRONG INFORMATION.
MAL
INFORMATION
MALINFORMATION CAN SHARE REAL FACTS BUT IN A WAY THAT CONFUSES OR MANIPULATES VOTERS BY CHERRY-PICKING DATA.

FEAR NOT MY FUTURE VOTERS!
THE CAPTAIN MET WITH US AT THE PARK TO HELP LOOK FOR YOU THREE.
UGH! THANK GOODNESS.
MIS
MAL
INFORMATION
I'M GOING TO TAKE BLAME FOR THIS ADVENTURE.
GET US OUT OF HERE, PLEASE!
ZAP!
ZAP!
ZAP!
MAL
INFORMATION
OH, NO!

YOU THINK YOU CAN OUTSMART THE FUTURE VOTERS?
NOT ON YOUR BEST DAY!

MAL
INFORMATION
BAD INFORMATION IS SO MESSY!
HOLD HIM STILL FOR THE CAPTAIN!
CHAOTIC.
I'M PULLING THE PLUG ON YOU BAD INFOTRON!
MAL
MIS
YOU CAN'T DO THIS TO ME!
WAIT, I CAN EXPLAIN...
YOU'RE AN IMPOSTER! NOW WITNESS THE ACCURACY THAT IS THE CLEAN ELECTIONS WEBSITE!
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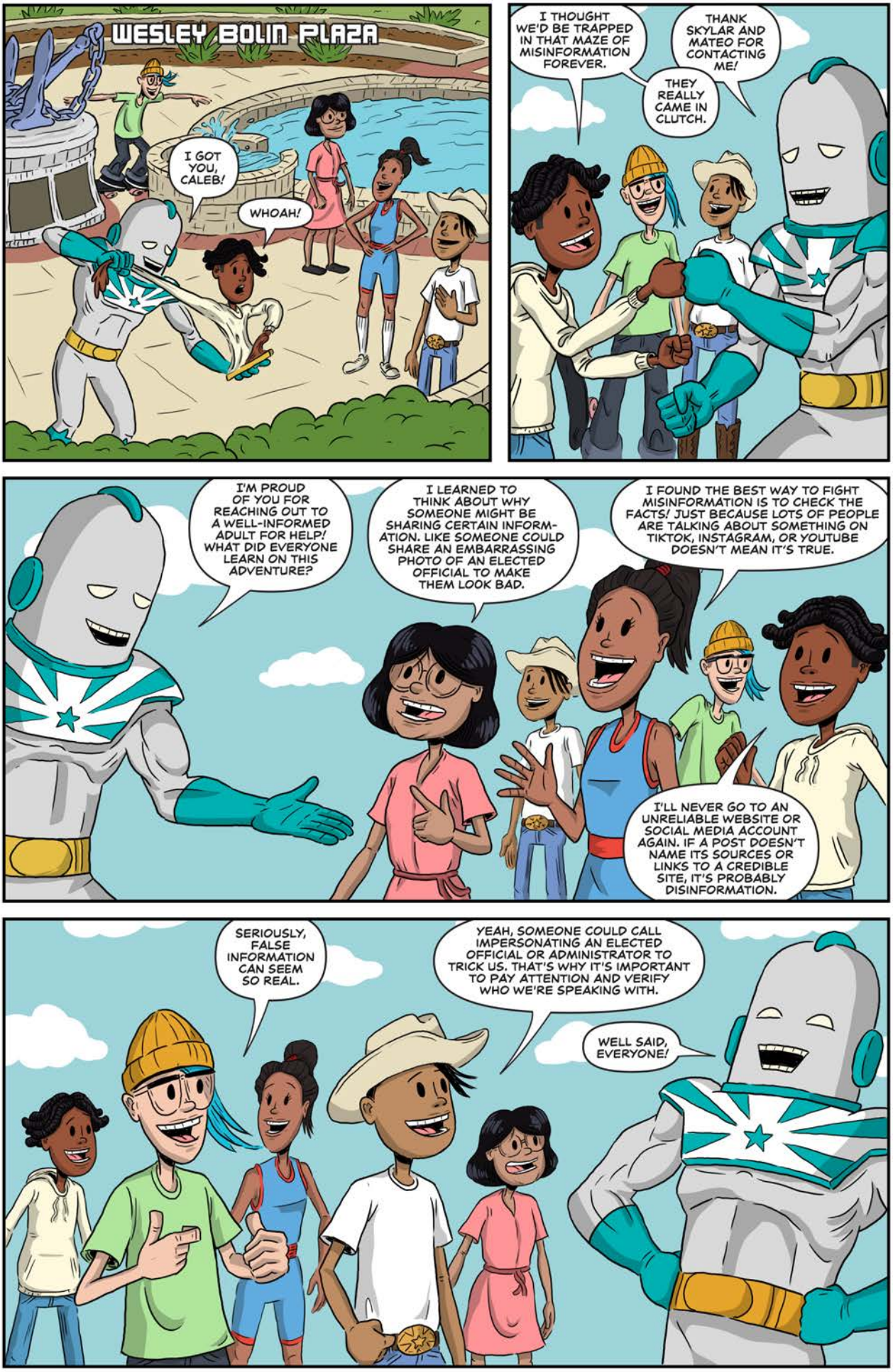
GASP! TRUSTED, NONPARTISAN ELECTION INFORMATION.
AAAAHHHHHOOOOHHH!


WESLEY BOLIN PLAZA
I GOT YOU, CALEB!
WHOAH!
I THOUGHT WE'D BE TRAPPED IN THAT MAZE OF MISINFORMATION FOREVER.
THANK SKYLAR AND MATEO FOR CONTACTING ME!
THEY REALLY CAME IN CLUTCH.
I'M PROUD OF YOU FOR REACHING OUT TO A WELL-INFORMED ADULT FOR HELP! WHAT DID EVERYONE LEARN ON THIS ADVENTURE?
I LEARNED TO THINK ABOUT WHY SOMEONE MIGHT BE SHARING CERTAIN INFORMATION. LIKE SOMEONE COULD SHARE AN EMBARRASSING PHOTO OF AN ELECTED OFFICIAL TO MAKE THEM LOOK BAD.
I FOUND THE BEST WAY TO FIGHT MISINFORMATION IS TO CHECK THE FACTS! JUST BECAUSE LOTS OF PEOPLE ARE TALKING ABOUT SOMETHING ON TIKTOK, INSTAGRAM, OR YOUTUBE DOESN'T MEAN IT'S TRUE.
I'LL NEVER GO TO AN UNRELIABLE WEBSITE OR SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNT AGAIN. IF A POST DOESN'T NAME ITS SOURCES OR LINKS TO A CREDIBLE SITE, IT'S PROBABLY DISINFORMATION.
SERIOUSLY, FALSE INFORMATION CAN SEEM SO REAL.
YEAH, SOMEONE COULD CALL IMPERSONATING AN ELECTED OFFICIAL OR ADMINISTRATOR TO TRICK US. THAT'S WHY IT'S IMPORTANT TO PAY ATTENTION AND VERIFY WHO WE'RE SPEAKING WITH.
WELL SAID, EVERYONE!

LET'S USE OUR THINKING SUPERPOWERS AND GET ACTIVATED!

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KEYWORDS

1. MISINFORMATION

Incorrect or misleading information that is shared by someone who doesn't realize it's wrong. *Example:* A person might accidentally share the wrong date for an election.

2. DISINFORMATION

False information shared on purpose to confuse or trick people, especially to change how they think or vote. *Example:* A fake post saying a candidate dropped out of the race when they didn't.

3. MALINFORMATION

Information that is true but shared in a way that is meant to hurt someone or cause problems. *Example:* Sharing a private email just to embarrass a candidate.

4. STATISTICS

Numbers and facts that are collected and used to explain something. In elections, statistics might show how many people voted or what percent supported each candidate.

5. DEEPFAKE

A fake video, image, or recording made using technology to look real. It can make it seem like someone said or did something they didn't. This can be used to confuse voters.

6. TRUSTED SOURCE

A person or group that shares accurate and honest information, like a government election website or a well-known news outlet that checks its facts.

7. NONPARTISAN

Not supporting any political party or candidate. Nonpartisan groups focus on giving fair and balanced information to help voters make their own choices.

8. DISENFRANCHISE

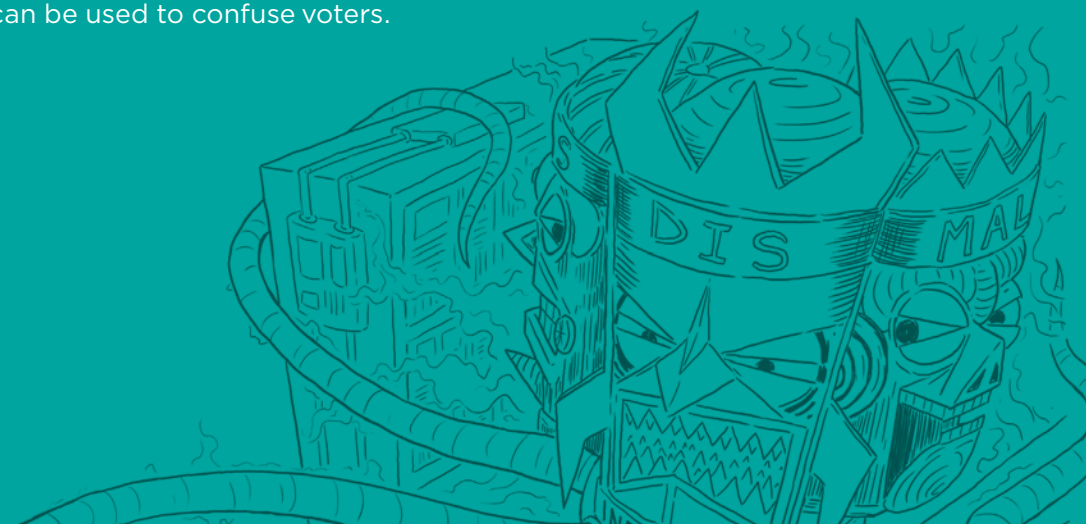
To take away someone's right to vote or make it harder for them to vote. *Example:* If there's misinformation about who can vote.

9. ECHO CHAMBER

A situation where someone only hears opinions and information they already agree with, so they don't learn other points of view. Social media can sometimes create echo chambers.

10. MEDIA LITERACY

The ability to find, understand, and check the information you see, especially online or in the news. It helps people tell what's real and what's false.



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