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Van
Starr
"YEET!"

The year 3XXX the planet Earth was no longer a sustainable habitat for the human race. Earth was made inhabitable by the abhorrent miss-use of nuclear technologies, plastic, cellophane and other types of man-made trash. Of course, not every species on the once beautiful planet were destroyed by the pollution on Earth. One species in particular the Cockroach was able to thrive in the trash-heap of a planet. This is their story.

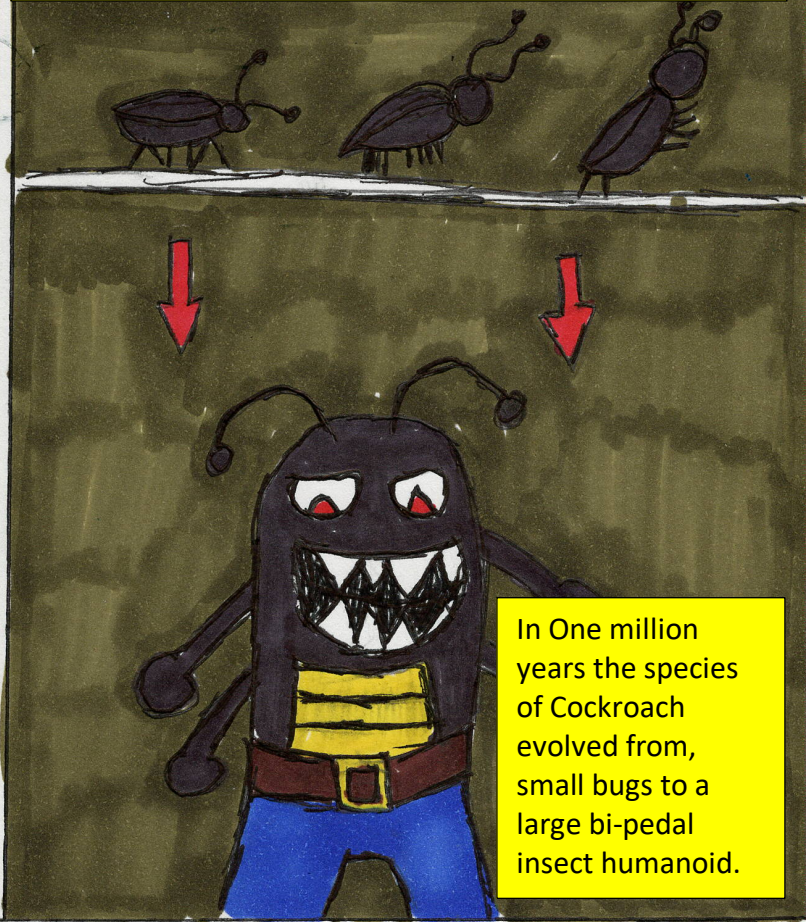
Van Starr Productions Presents: **CAPTAIN COCKROACH**



For a time, life for the empire of Cockroaches was idyllic. There was trash enough for all.



The cockroaches had no natural predators. This fact coupled with the constant and intense exposure to nuclear energy, and a vast supply of trash, let cockroaches evolve at rapid speeds.

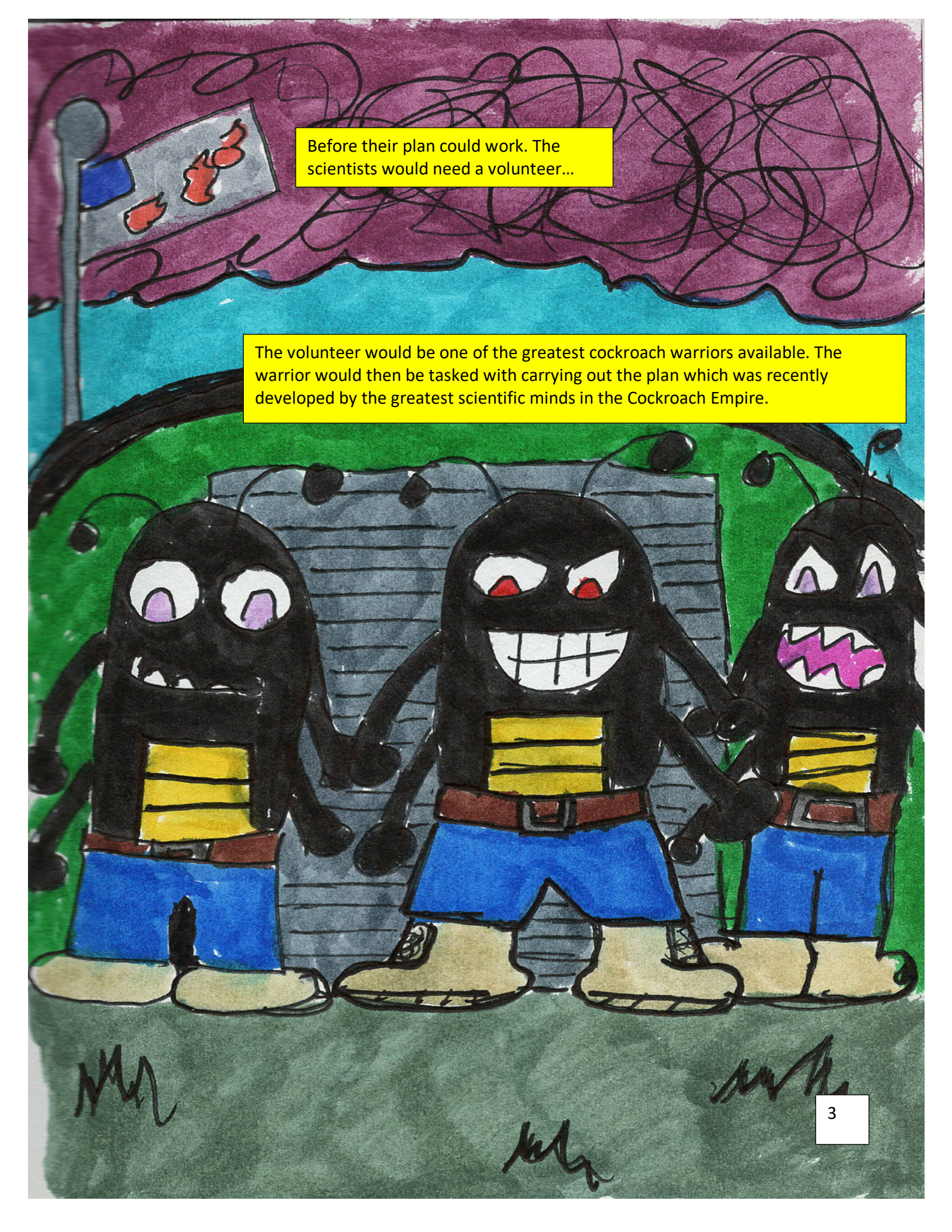


In One million years the species of Cockroach evolved from, small bugs to a large bi-pedal insect humanoid.

The expression goes; that one man's trash is another man's treasure. This statement was truly accurate in this story of the great Cockroach empire. After only three hundred thousand years of civilization on Earth. The Roach civilization was running out of their most precious resource. The greatest resource that helped their society thrive. The lifeblood of the cockroach empire **garbage**.




Not all hope was lost however, as a special group of Cockroach scientists gathered in order to develop a plan. A plan to generate an ever-flowing supply of trash to save the struggling cockroach empire.



Before their plan could work. The scientists would need a volunteer...

The volunteer would be one of the greatest cockroach warriors available. The warrior would then be tasked with carrying out the plan which was recently developed by the greatest scientific minds in the Cockroach Empire.



Soldier, the great
counsel of Roaches is
looking for a suitable
volunteer to undergo
a special experiment.
Would you be willing
to undergo that
experiment for your
people?

Yes sir, I
would be
deeply
honored.

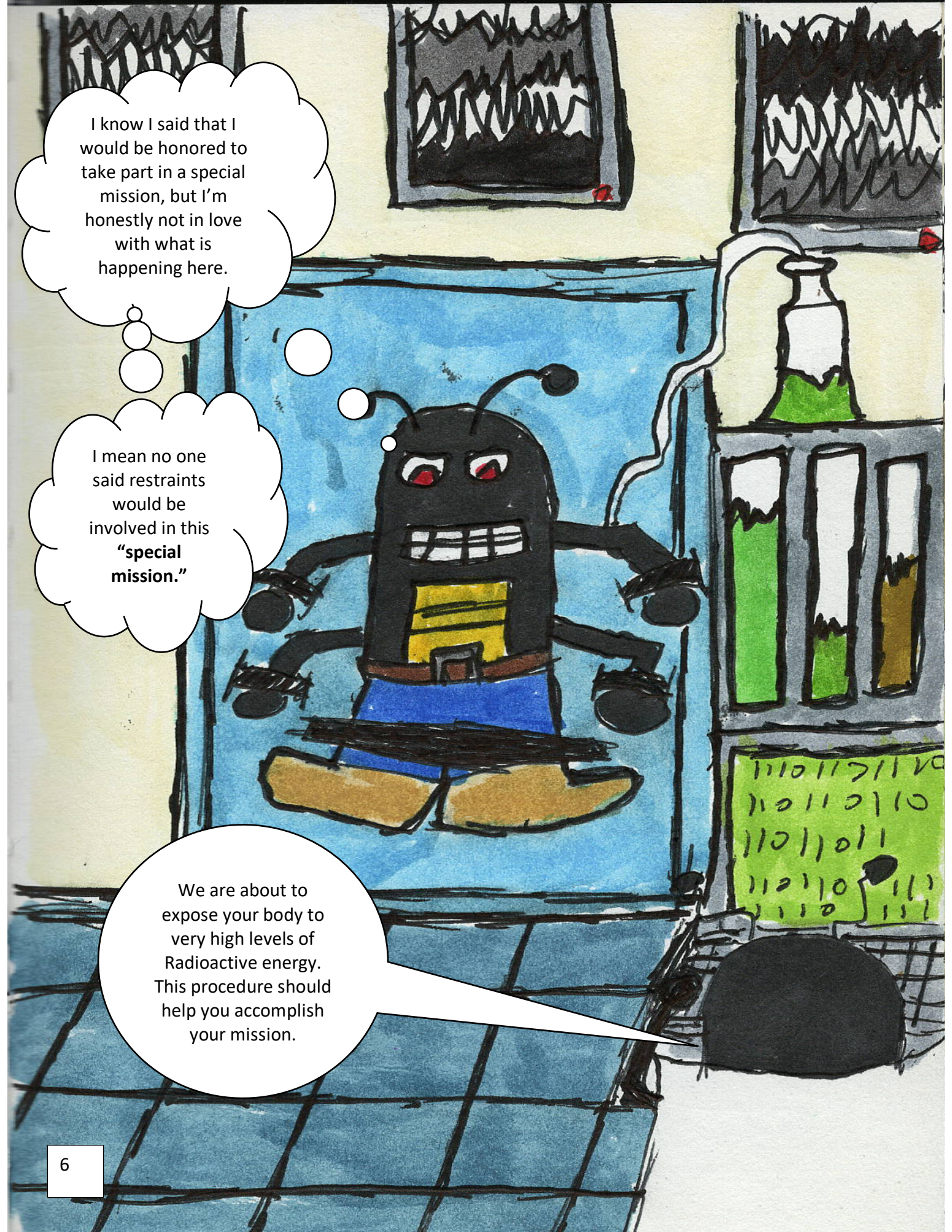
After finding a suitable great warrior roach. The scientist took him to a special lab in order to enhance his natural abilities.

You may experience a slight pinch when you are injected with the serum.

This is completely normal, try not to worry about any complications with the procedure.

There's really nothing to worry about you see. This procedure works about eighty percent of the time.

Eighty Percent. That's a pretty high percentage I guess.



I know I said that I would be honored to take part in a special mission, but I'm honestly not in love with what is happening here.

I mean no one said restraints would be involved in this "special mission."

We are about to expose your body to very high levels of Radioactive energy. This procedure should help you accomplish your mission.

High levels of radiation coursed through the young warrior's thorax. The nuclear waste began to change the roach in many fantastic ways.

Woah, what's
happening to
me!

This radioactive
energy is so
intense. I don't
know how
much more my
body can
handle!

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This physical transformation brought to you by Yucky Harms Cereal! A part of every cockroach's balanced breakfast.

YUCKY HARMS'S

They're always
after me Yucky
Harms!

Candy wrappers,
receipts, and soda
cans! Plastic
bottles, with some
rusty-screws, plus
introducing
extremely toxic
ooze!

The nuclear energy surged through the roach's thorax.



Woah this
is
incredible.

The nuclear energy made the Roach's Antenna become much more sensitive to their surroundings.



My
antenna
seem to
be able
to sense
things
that are
going on
out of
the
facility.

The roach's teeth which were once square became sharp as razor blades.



I could really do some
damage with these new
teeth.



In addition to his new abilities the roach's physical strength increased nearly three times what they were before being exposed to the nuclear energy.

The Roach who was once known as Scurrilous Four Eyed Roach the fifth, from that day forward be known simply as **Captain Cockroach**.

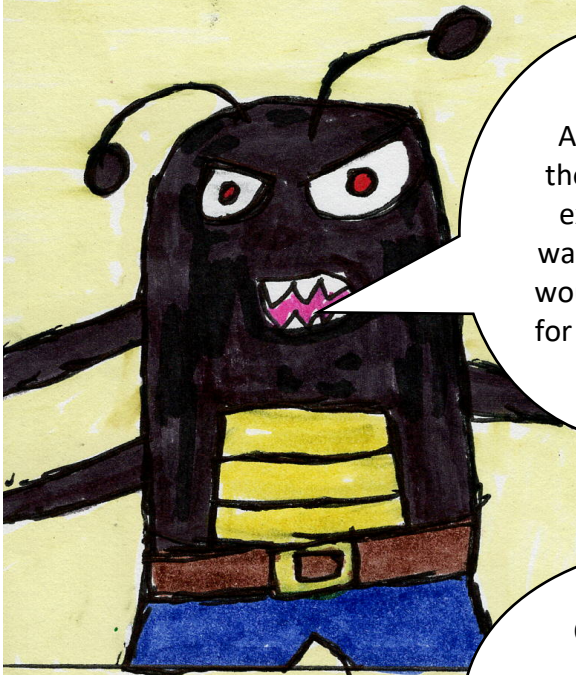
Woah, I'm feeling invincible now.



Ok professor, I am ready to save our society.



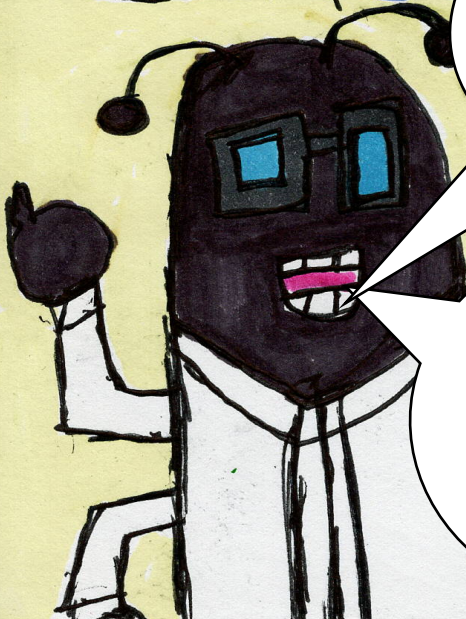
Well we have a trial for you before we send you on your mission.



A trial!?!?! I thought if the experiment was a success I would be ready for my mission.



You see you're not the first roach that we have sent on this assignment.

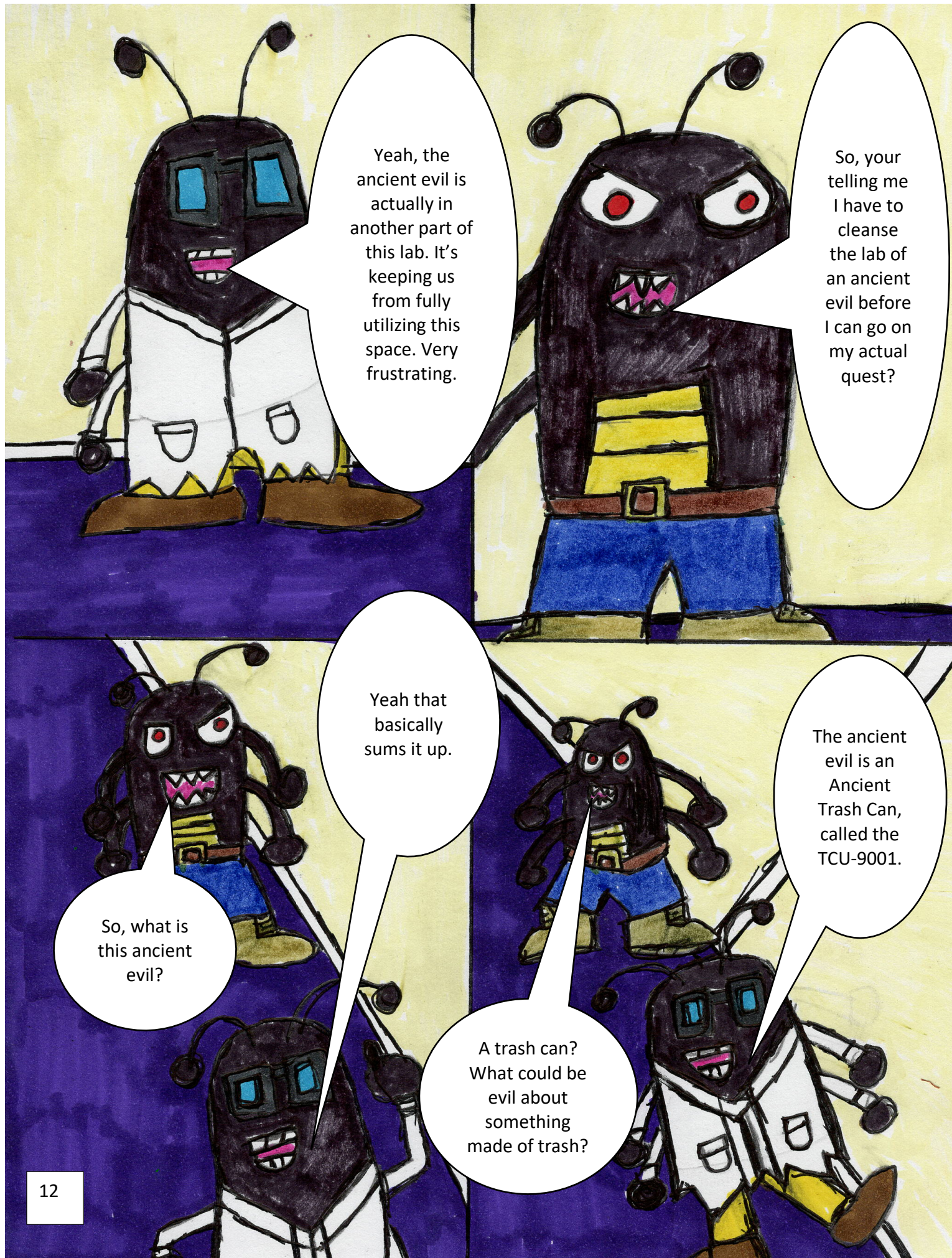


Our last hero was sadly unsuccessful...quite embarrassing for the counsel of roaches.



An ancient evil?

So, we decided to test your skills against an ancient evil, before we send you on your assignment.



Yeah, the ancient evil is actually in another part of this lab. It's keeping us from fully utilizing this space. Very frustrating.

So, your telling me I have to cleanse the lab of an ancient evil before I can go on my actual quest?

Yeah that basically sums it up.

So, what is this ancient evil?


The ancient evil is an Ancient Trash Can, called the TCU-9001.

A trash can? What could be evil about something made of trash?



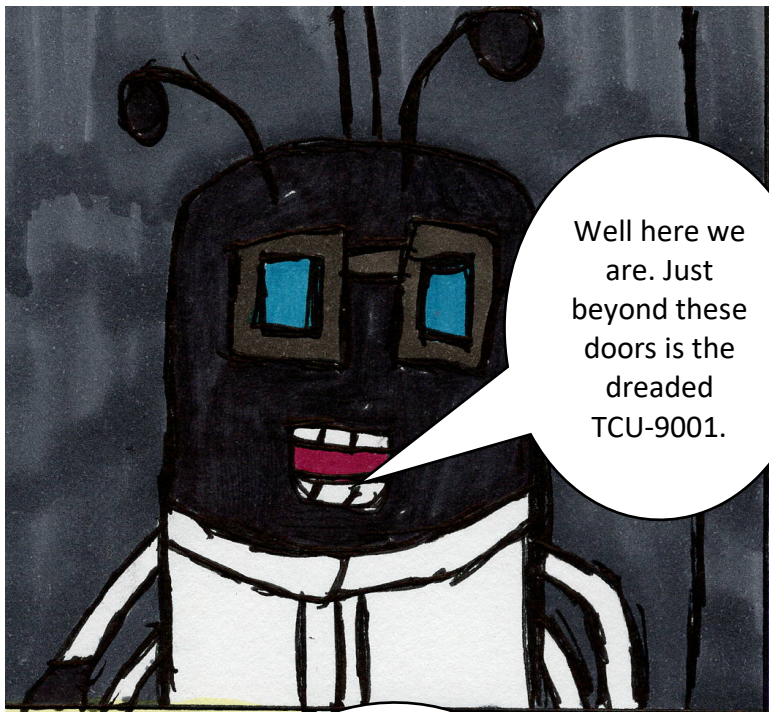
What have I
signed
myself up
for?

You see Trash-Can's pick up
and dispose of trash. As you
can probably infer this is quite
frustrating since the
Cockroach as a species are
running out of trash. The real
problem is that this Trash-Can
is intelligent, and won't let us
access that part of the lab.
The machine thinks we are
vermin which need to be
eliminated.



So, what your telling me is that
you want me to destroy this
ancient trash can, and only
then I will be able to start my
real mission.

Yeah that about sums up the scenario.
Who knows what evils will await you once
you begin your mission. If you are not able
to defeat this machine then you will likely
not be able to complete the top-secret
mission.



Well here we are. Just beyond these doors is the dreaded TCU-9001.



Ok, do you have any advice before I go in there.

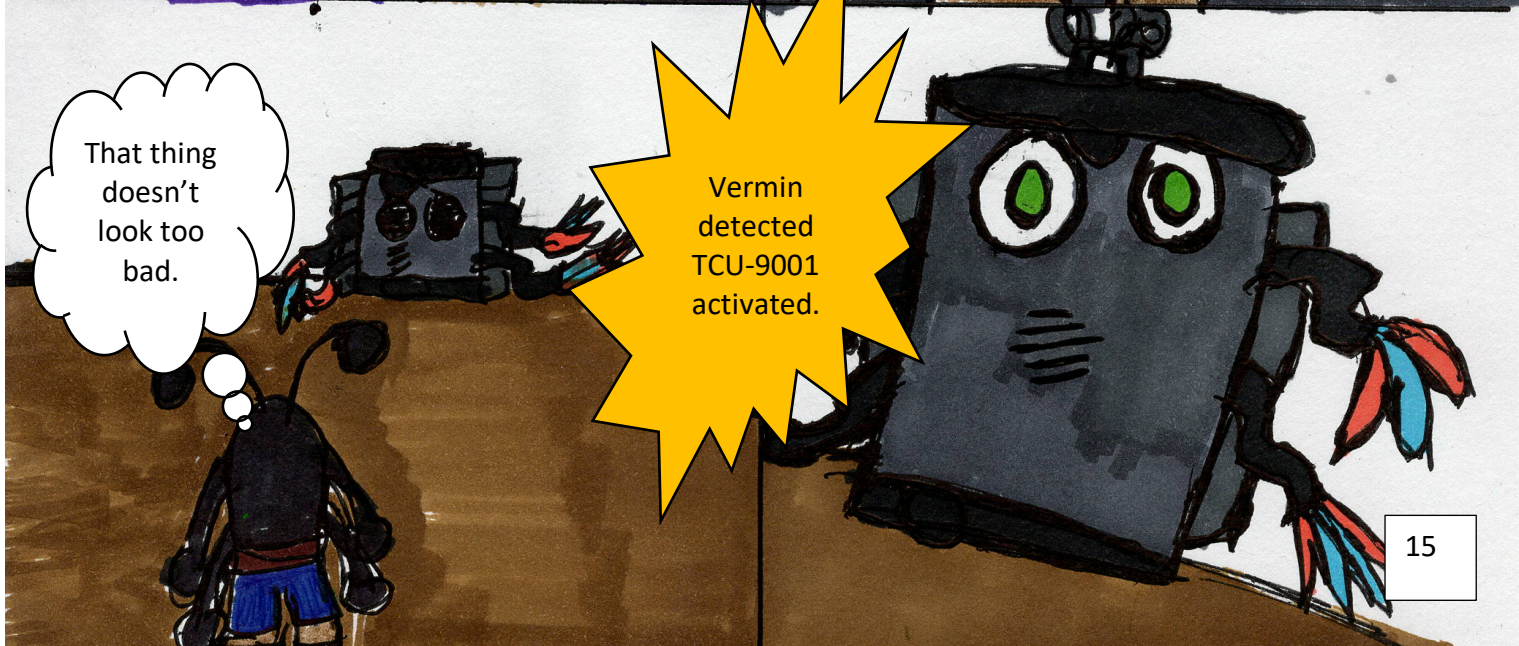


Yeah don't get terminated.

Very helpful...



All right I can do this.



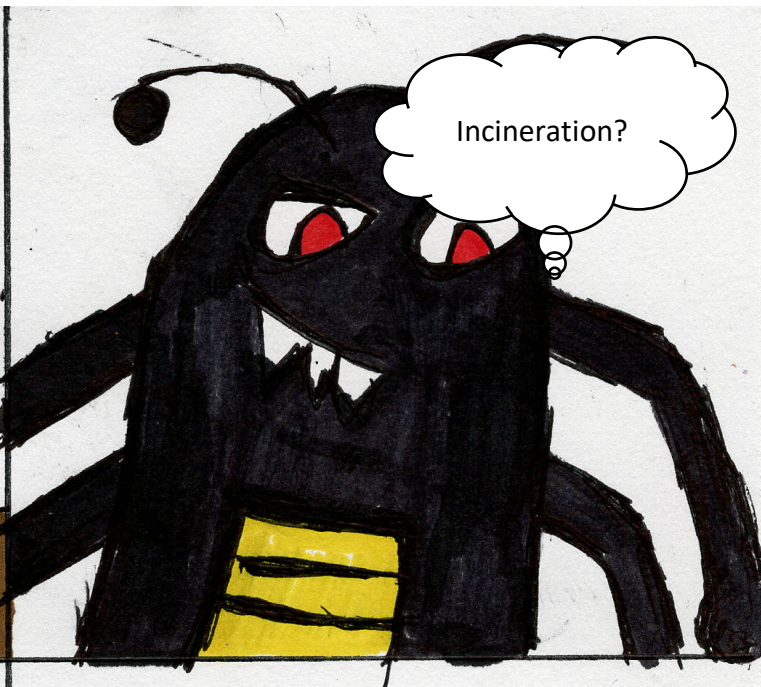
That thing doesn't look too bad.

Vermin detected
TCU-9001
activated.





Vermin is no match for incineration.



Incineration?



POW!



JET PACKED!

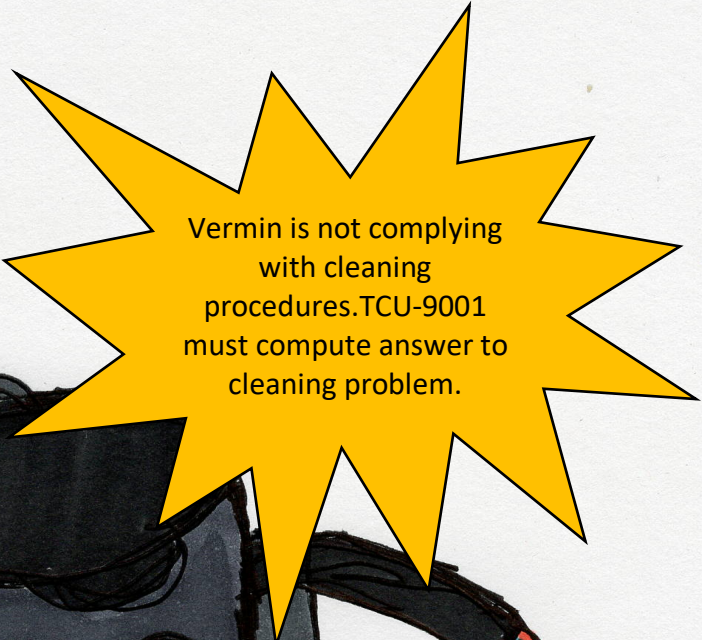


That burns!

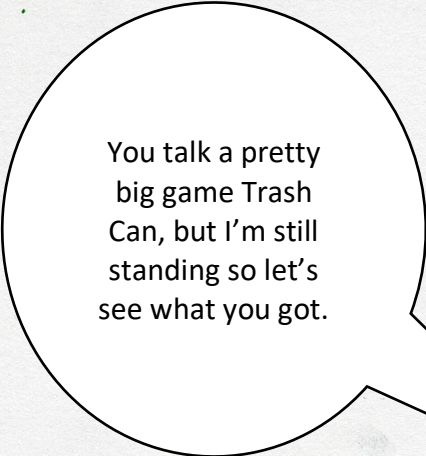
This thing is tougher than it looks.



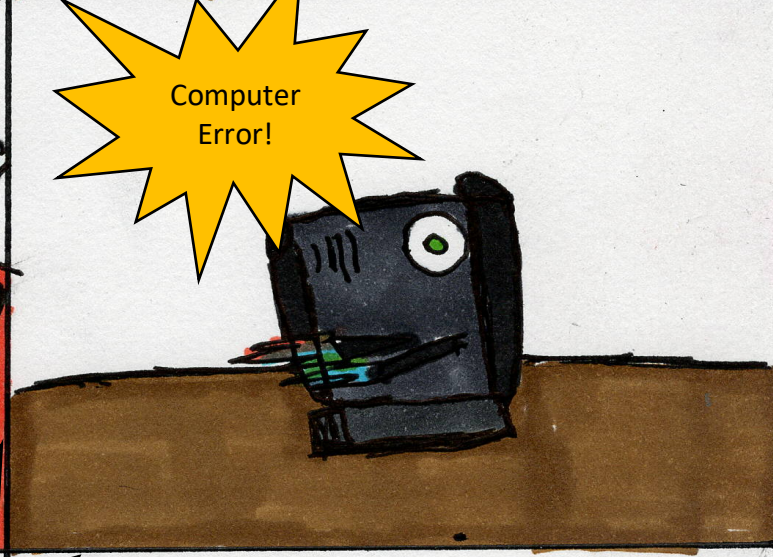
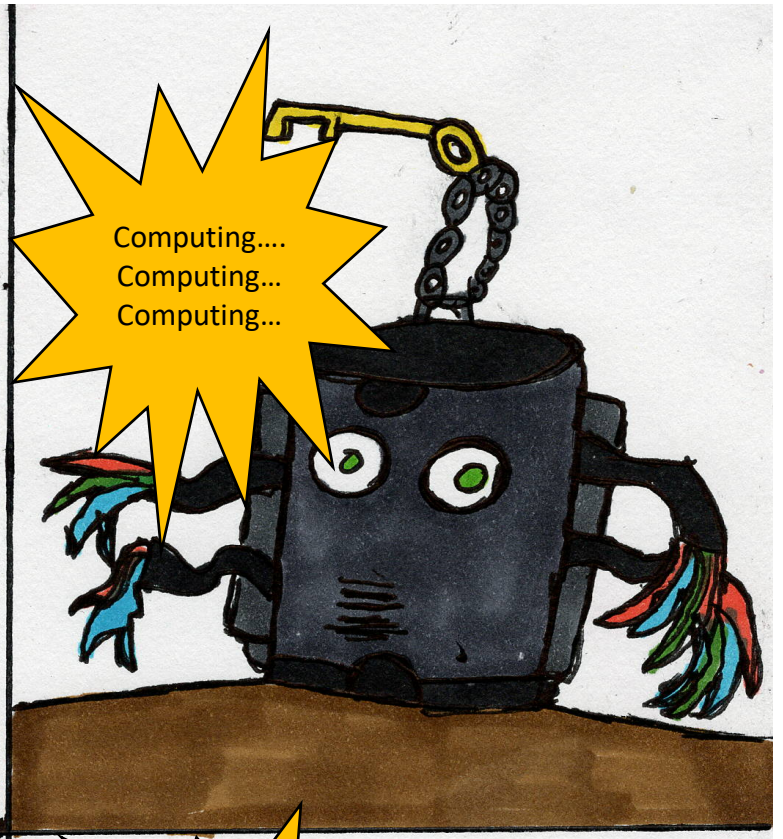
What is he doing now?



Vermin is not complying
with cleaning
procedures.TCU-9001
must compute answer to
cleaning problem.



You talk a pretty
big game Trash
Can, but I'm still
standing so let's
see what you got.





This is a real let down. I thought I would get to test my abilities against this titanium trash can.

Instead it's just flying around up there "computing." BORING!

I could have defeated this metallic-monstrosity before I was injected with that radiation.





Dimensional
key activated.

The key on top of the ancient trash-can began to resonate, and suddenly a tiny key-hole appeared.




A great force began to propel Captain Cockroach in the direction of the giant key-hole.



I really
don't like
the looks
of this.




What's
happening to
me?



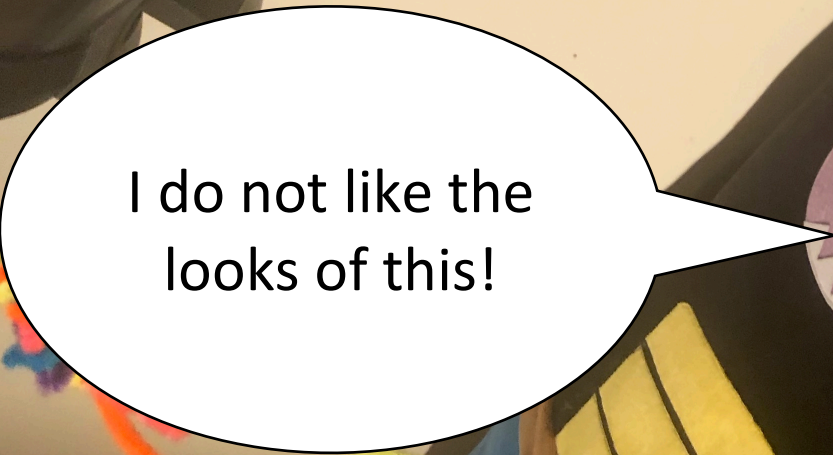
Captain Cockroach was brought to the Reel World* by a very ancient dimensional key. The TCU-9001 used its dimensional key in order to eradicate the pest in a dimension that he was less powerful in.

Woah, what's happening here. I feel strange...

*The Reel World, was first introduced in Callow Corvus issue #5 go check it out for more details.- Bob



TCU-9001
must
terminate
pesky roach.



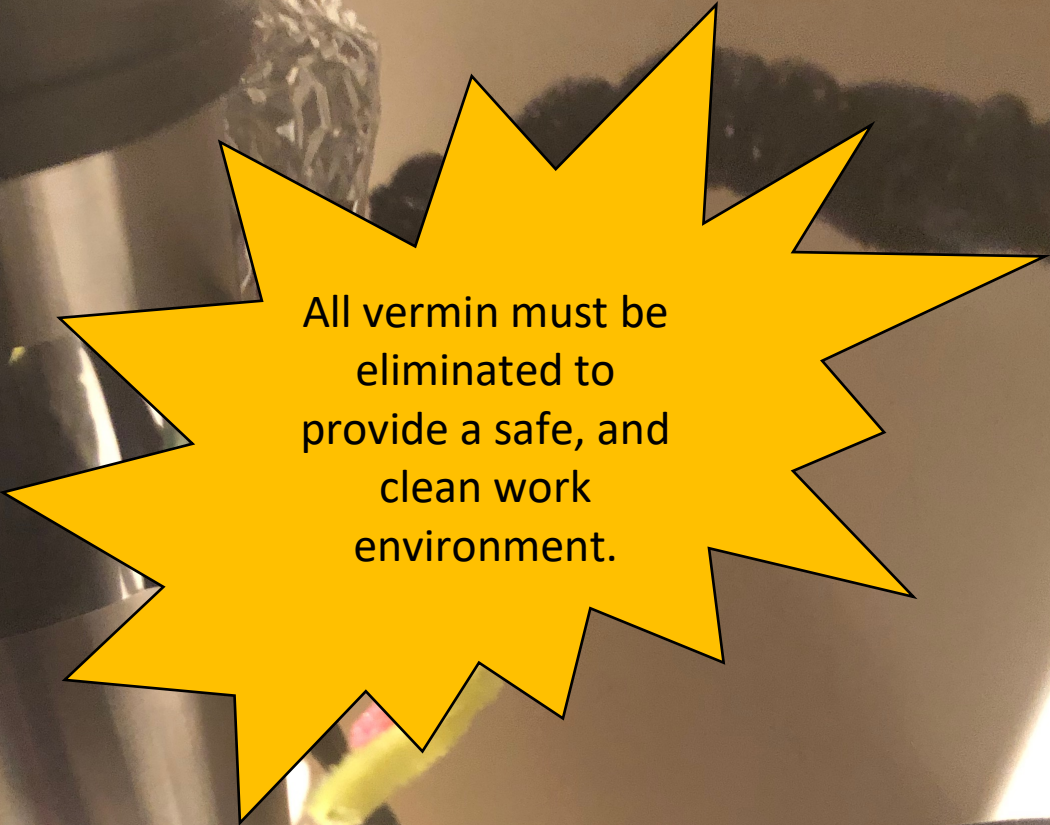
I do not like the
looks of this!

The ancient trash can, and the futuristic humanoid cockroach began to battle. Not only was Captain Cockroach's life on the line, but the fight for the future of society as cockroaches knew it was also at stake.

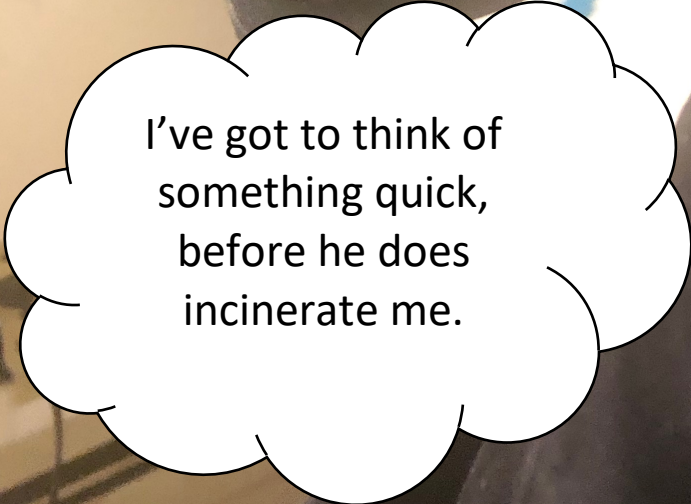


BANG!






All vermin must be eliminated to provide a safe, and clean work environment.




I've got to think of something quick, before he does incinerate me.

A cartoon character with a large red starburst on its chest and a speech bubble above its head. The character is dark-colored with a white starburst on its chest. The background is a plain, light-colored wall.

Now that's some
quick thinking. A
good old' pow
punch to the face.

POW!

A person is wearing a costume that resembles a cockroach. The costume includes a black mask with two long, black, segmented antennae. The mask has large, white, almond-shaped eyes with red pupils and a wide, purple, jagged mouth. The person is wearing a black long-sleeved shirt with a yellow utility belt featuring three horizontal black stripes and a large yellow buckle. They are also wearing blue pants and tan boots. The background is a plain, light-colored wall.

Hey I think I got
him!

That's what that
tacky-trash-can
gets for messing
with Captain
Cockroach!


A black cat is shown from the chest up, looking towards the left. It has a yellow starburst speech bubble above its head and a white speech bubble below its head. The background is a plain, light-colored wall. The cat's fur is black, and it has a yellow starburst speech bubble above its head and a white speech bubble below its head. The starburst bubble contains the text "Activating Flex-Seal trash bag." and the white bubble contains the text "What the!?!?".

Activating Flex-Seal trash bag.

What the!?!?


A photograph of a person in a costume, possibly a character with long dark hair and a white mask. A large red starburst graphic is overlaid on the image, containing the text "Flex-Sealed!". The background is a plain, light-colored wall.

Flex-Sealed!




What's
going on, I
can't move!

Flex-Seal activated. TCU-9001
will now take the vermin to the
incinerator.


A small, colorful bird is trapped inside a metal can with a black lid. The can is surrounded by various toys, including colorful string toys and a large stuffed animal. The bird is looking out from the opening of the can, and a speech bubble indicates its desire to escape.

I have to find a way out of here somehow.


A photograph showing a person's legs from the knees down, encased in a clear plastic bag labeled 'Flex-Seal'. The legs are wearing blue socks and brown shoes. The bag is secured with a black strap and a black cap. A speech bubble is overlaid on the right side of the image, containing text. The background is a plain, light-colored wall.

My legs are
still free.
Maybe if I kick
hard enough
he will drop
his guard long
enough for
me to escape
from this Flex-
Seal bag.






Now's my
chance! I can do
this! I am strong
enough!



I got an opening,
all I have
to do now
is keep
ripping this
hole.

TEAR


A photograph of a person lying on a white sheet, possibly a hospital bed. Their limbs are secured with bright orange and green ropes. A large, white, cloud-shaped thought bubble is positioned above the person's head, containing text. Three small white circles lead from the person's head area up to the thought bubble. The background is a plain, light-colored wall.

Ok, now that I have
some mobility I just
have to wait for the
right moment to
strike. That trash
can will never see
me coming.



Error... Cockroach is not
powerful enough to
escape from flex-seal
trash bag!

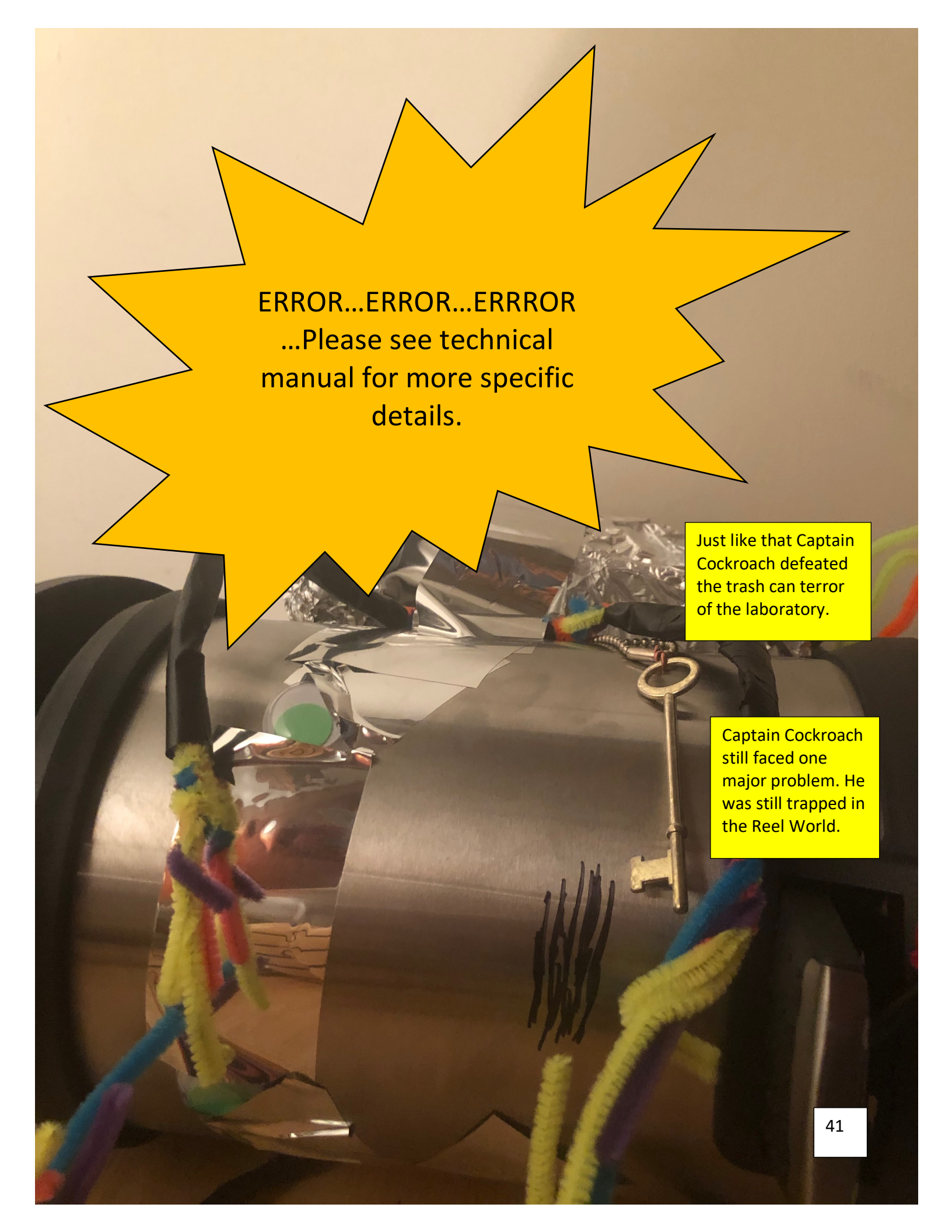
Luckily, I am not
your average
cockroach.



I AM CAPTAIN
COCKROACH!




ROUNDHOUSE
KICK!

A photograph of a bird's nest, likely a cockroach's nest, constructed from crumpled aluminum foil and lined with dark material. Several colorful, fuzzy sticks (yellow, blue, purple, red) are placed around the nest. A large, bright yellow starburst shape is superimposed over the upper half of the image, containing text. A metal key is visible on the right side of the nest.

ERROR...ERROR...ERROR
...Please see technical
manual for more specific
details.

Just like that Captain
Cockroach defeated
the trash can terror
of the laboratory.

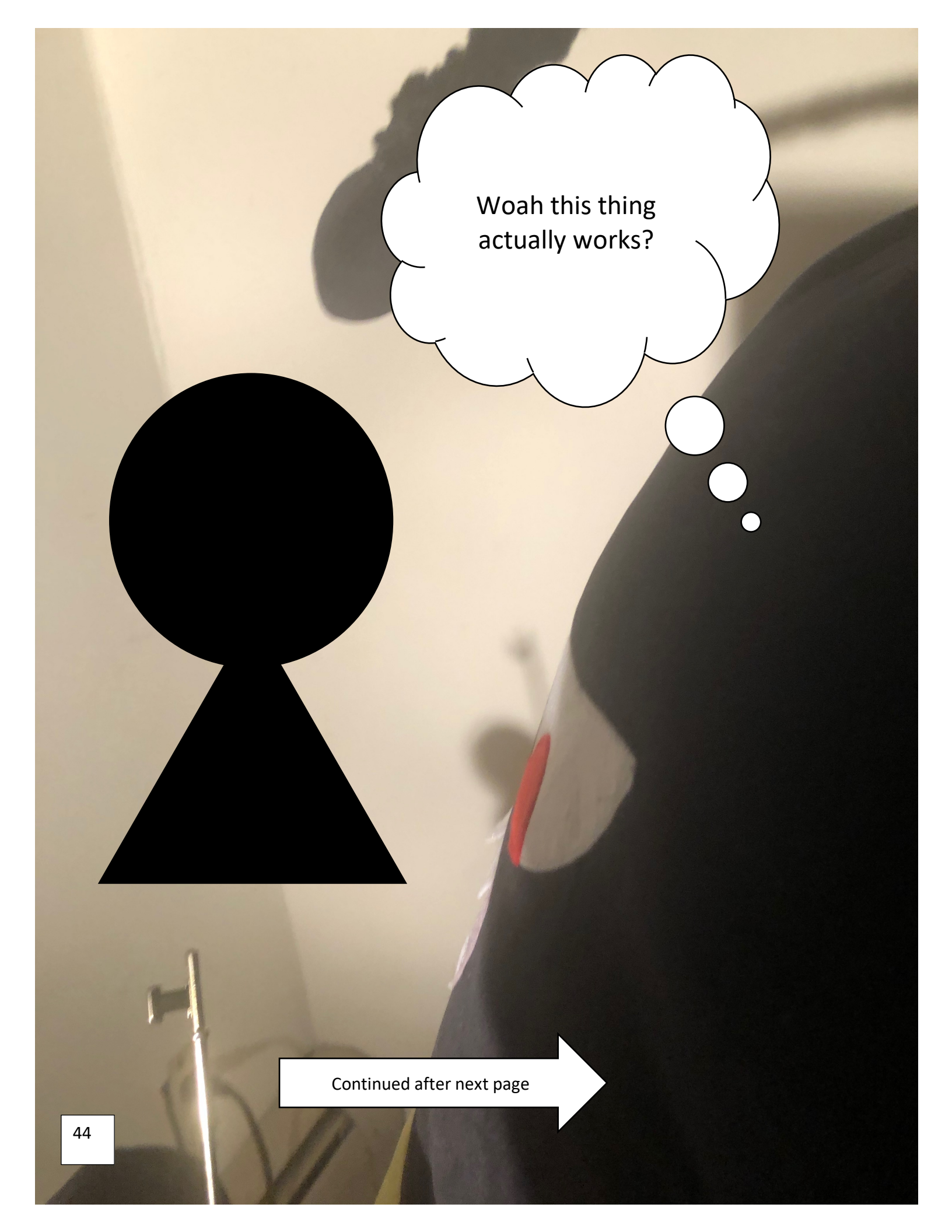
Captain Cockroach
still faced one
major problem. He
was still trapped in
the Reel World.

A photograph of a key lying on a dark, reflective surface. The key is attached to a chain of small metal beads. In the background, there are some crumpled pieces of aluminum foil and a colorful, fuzzy object. A large white speech bubble with a black outline is positioned over the key, containing text.

I think this key is what he
used to bring me to this
place. I wonder if I can use
it to go back to the science
lab in my own world?




Well I guess anything is
worth a try.

A person's head and shoulders are shown in silhouette on the right side of the frame. They are looking towards a device on the left, which has a prominent red light. The background is a warm, yellowish-brown color.

Woah this thing
actually works?

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Carl The Crow starring in
Vocabulary-Vice print add

Are you **low-key** trying
to figure out your kid's
tea?

Or maybe you just
want to understand
what those **fire**
memes are actually
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salty later.

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very important message brought to you by
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**Vocabulary Vice: Generation-Z vocabulary
enhancement**. Don't be isolated by teens at
the dinner table any longer. Go check out a
free copy only on:

www.Vanstarrproductions.com

Captain Cockroach used the dimensional key to return to the science lab in his own dimension.



Here we go!



I feel so much better in my own dimension. I felt really stuffed and bloated on those last few pages.



So much for being vermin. I guess that will teach a trash can who the real top of the trash is.



There is nothing more powerful than Captain Cockroach!

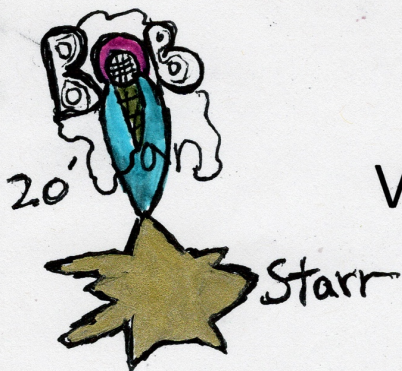
A few moments later, outside of the recently cleared lab.

Great job Captain. We can finally access that part of the lab. Now that you have proven your prowess in combat, you are ready to go on the mission to save our society.

What are the details of this mission anyways? You've been very secretive about the objective of this mission.

Now that Captain Cockroach has defeated the dreaded TCU-9001 he is ready to begin his next mission. Will Captain Cockroach be able to save his species from running out of trash? Find-out the details of the next mildly entertaining issue of Captain Cockroach. Where Captain Cockroach goes back in time!

Please follow me, and I'll fill you in the details...



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