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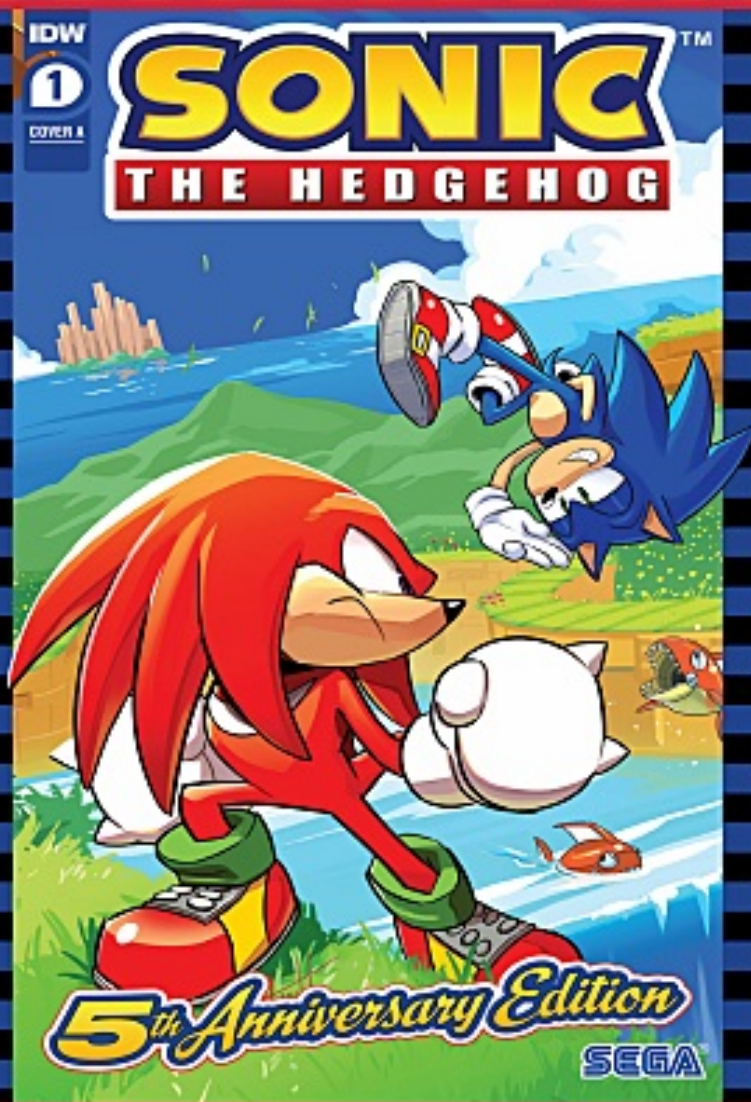
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SONIC THE HEDGEHOG HAS SPENT YEARS FIGHTING THE FORCES OF DR. EGGMAN.

TIME AND AGAIN THE MAD DOCTOR ATTACKS, SONIC STRIKES BACK, THEN RELAXES UNTIL EGGMAN RETURNS.

BUT AFTER THEIR LAST BATTLE...

...DR. EGGMAN VANISHED...





...BUT HIS
ROBOT ARMY
DID NOT!

WHUH-OH—
THAT DOESN'T
LOOK GOOD.



SOUNDS
LIKE THE
LOCALS ARE
PUTTING UP
A FIGHT.

I HOPE
THEY DON'T
MIND ME
LENDING A
HAND!





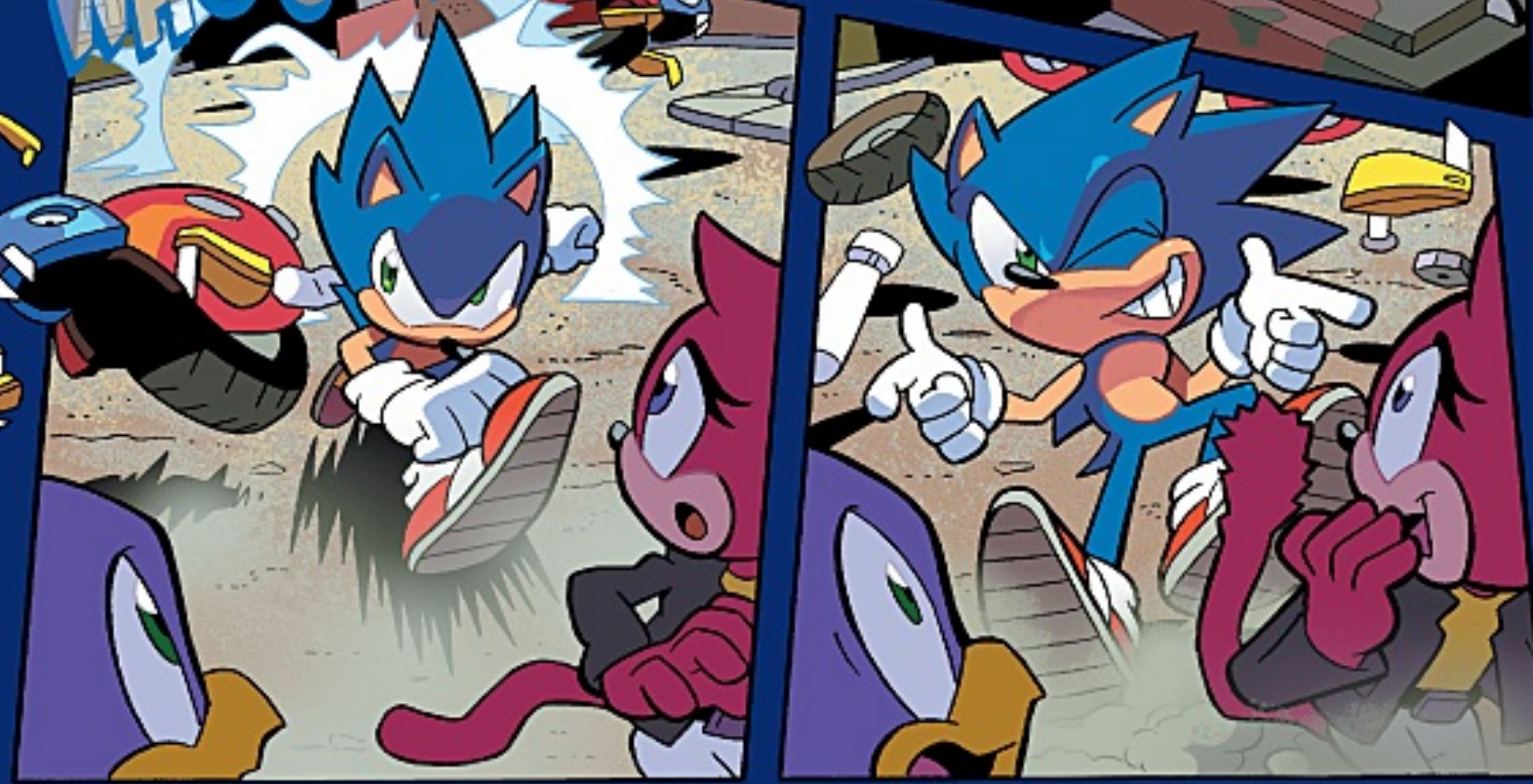




HURRY UP! THEY'RE CLOSING IN!

I'M TRYING! IT'S STUCK!

WHOOSH



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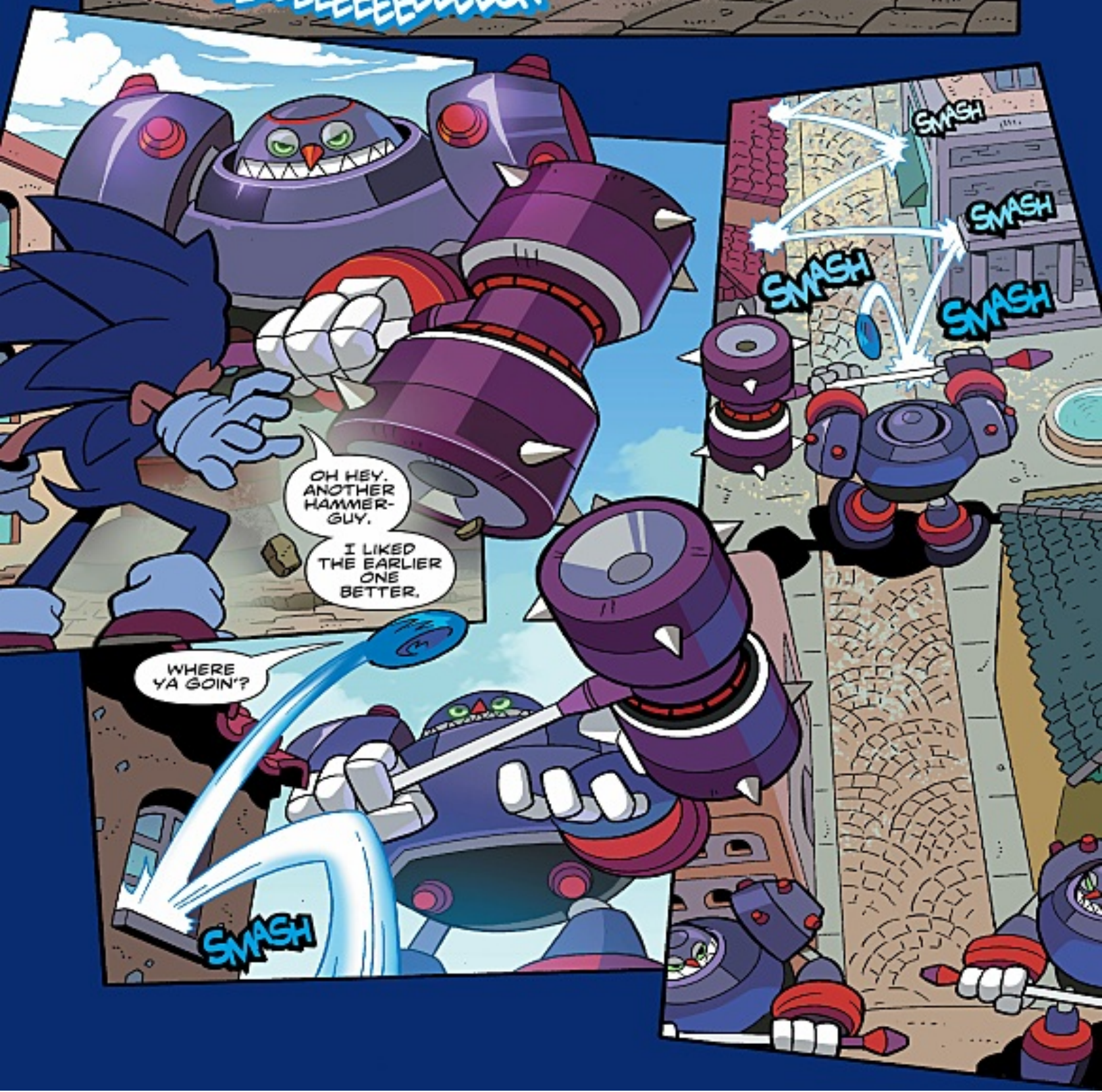


...ALL THIS TERROR MIGHT BE WORTH IT IF I GET TO SAY SONIC WINKED AT ME!

I HOPE WE SURVIVE LONG ENOUGH TO GET HIS AUTOGRAPH!



REEEEEEEEEEEEEEEECH

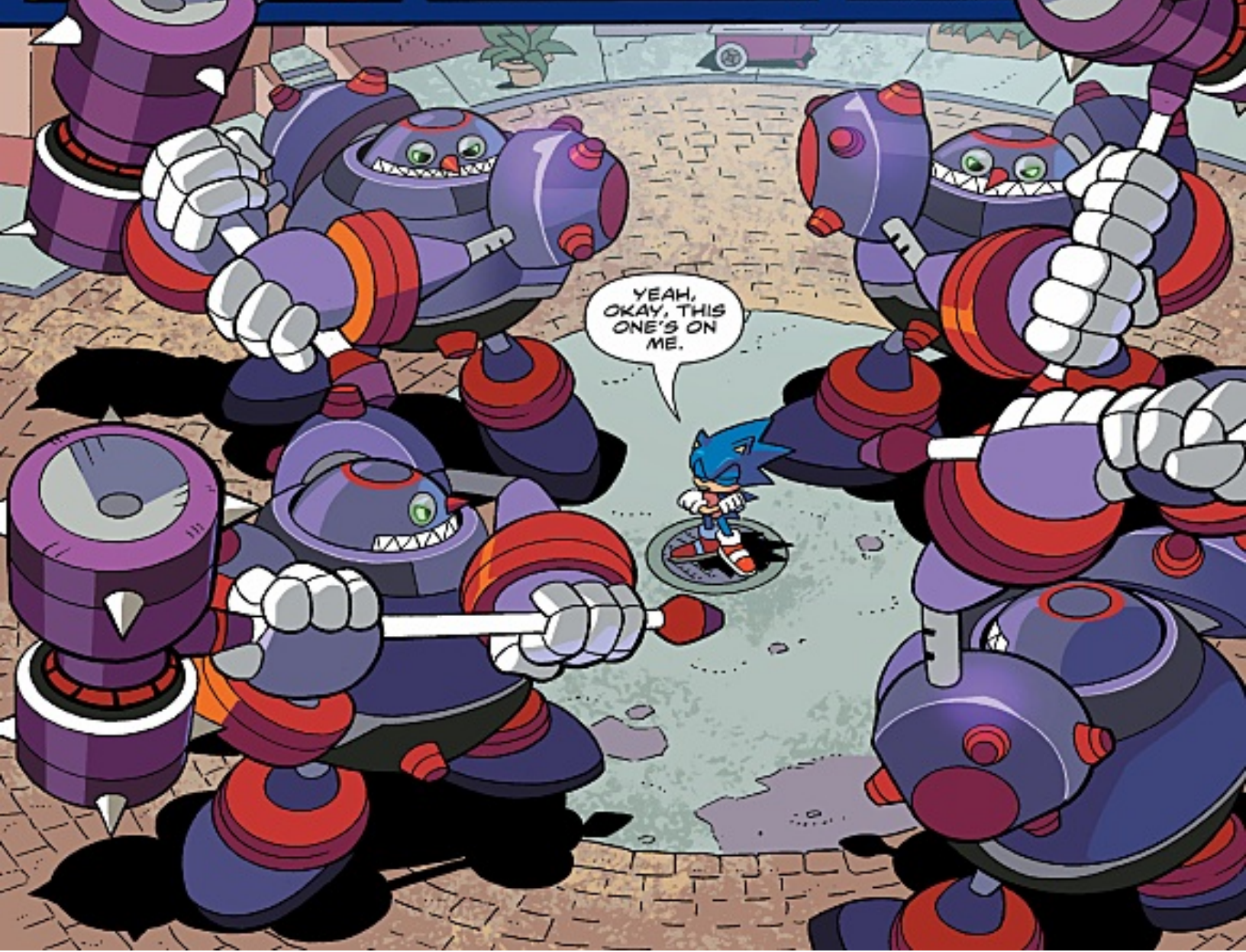
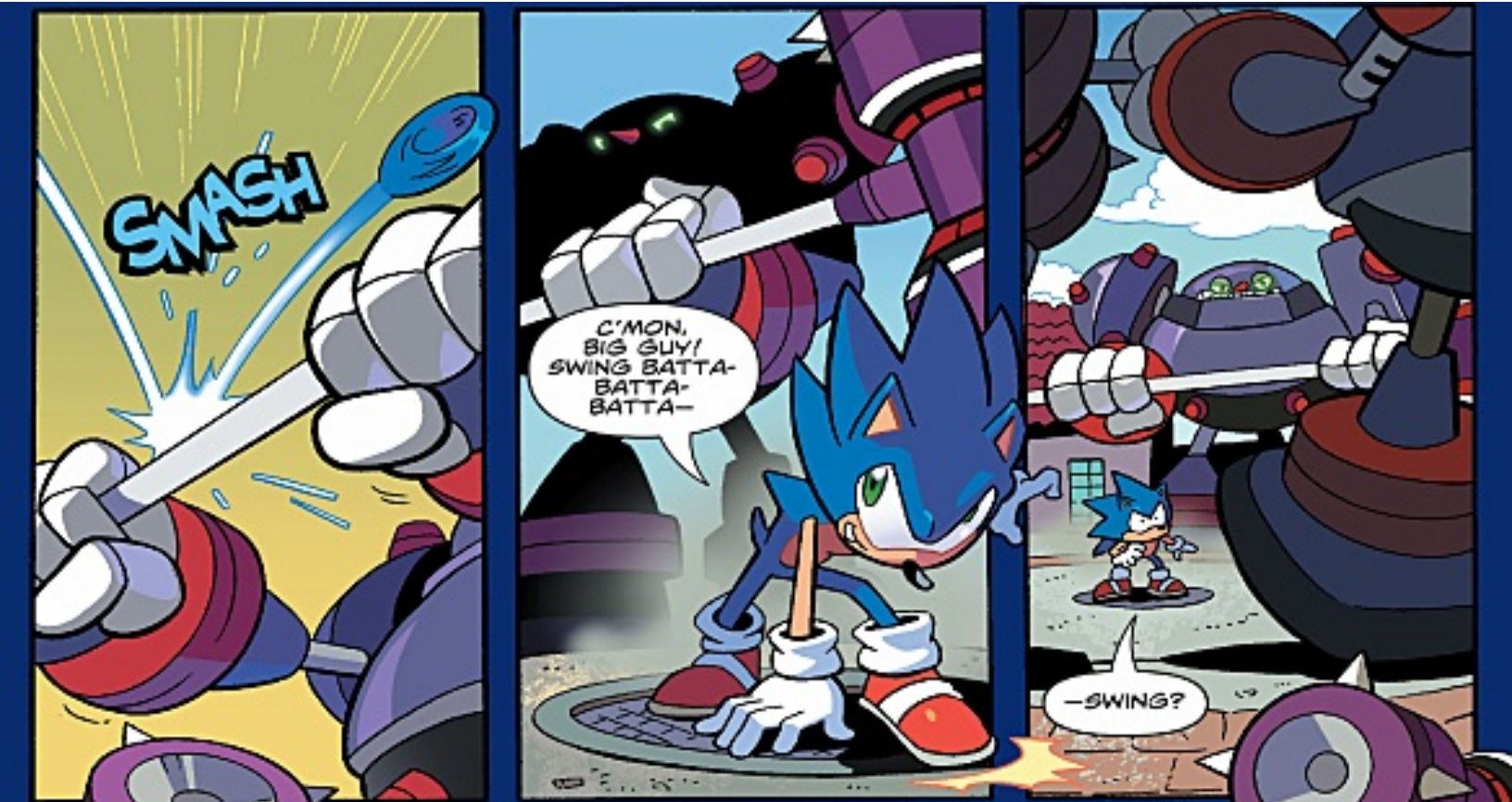


OH HEY.
ANOTHER
HAMMER-
GUY.
I LIKED
THE EARLIER
ONE
BETTER.

WHERE
YA GOIN'?

SMASH

SMASH
SMASH
SMASH
SMASH





TAILS!

COULD YOU NOT RISK YOUR LIFE FOR FIVE MINUTES?

SURE, BUT WHERE'S THE FUN IN THAT?



SERIOUSLY THOUGH, THANKS FOR THE SAVE.

MY PLEASURE!



WHAT'S THE STATUS OF THE TOWN?

A BUNCH OF SMALL-FRY BADNIKS. I TOOK CARE OF MOST OF THEM, AND THE TOWN'S MILITIA CAN HANDLE THE REST.

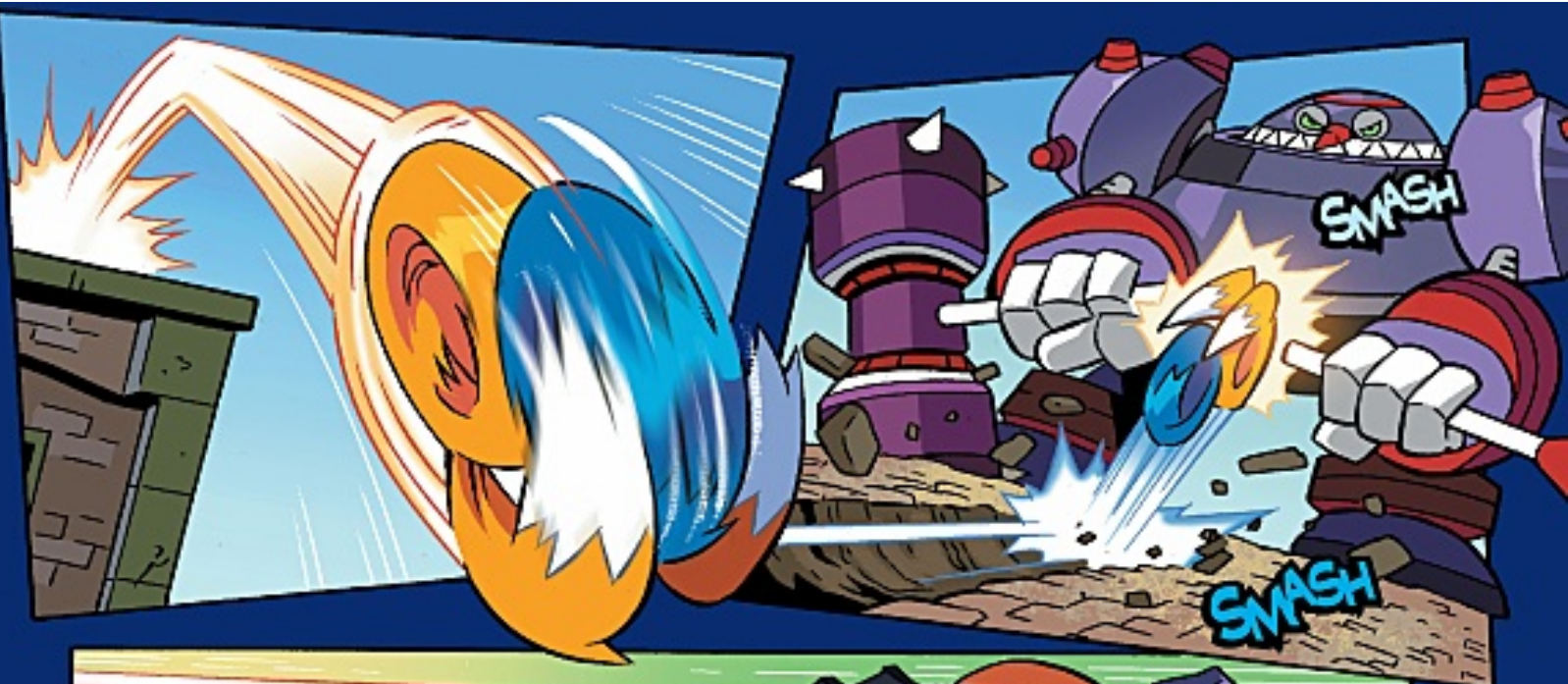


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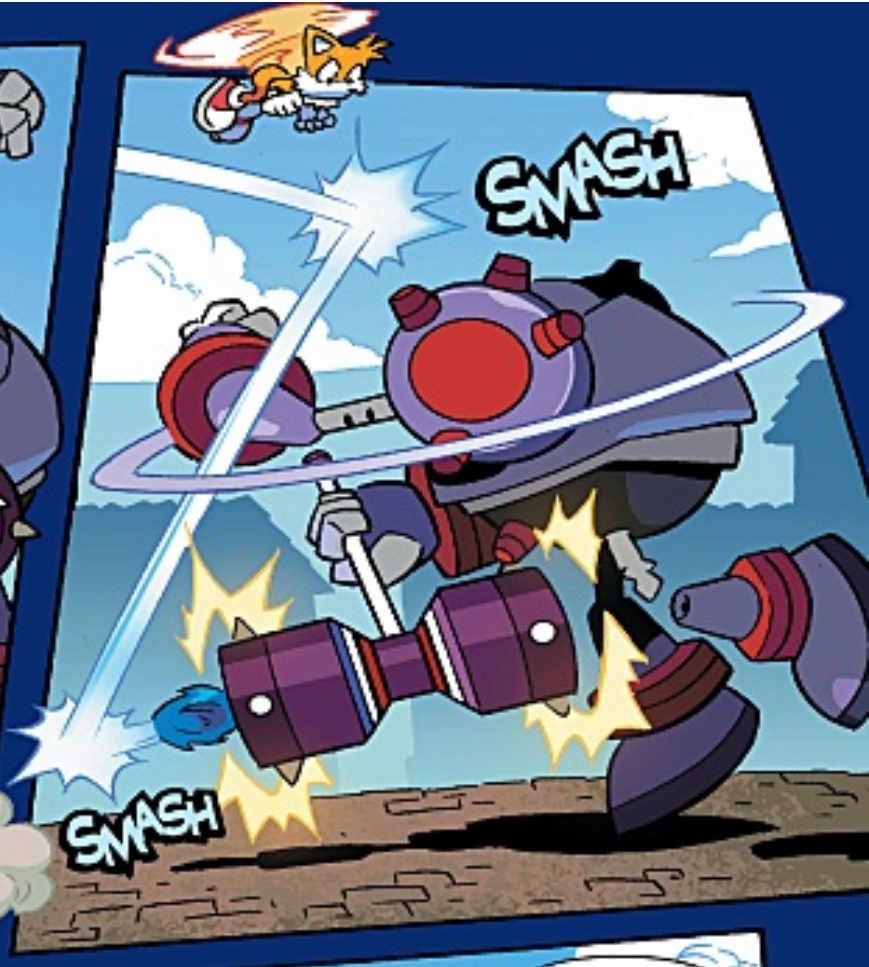
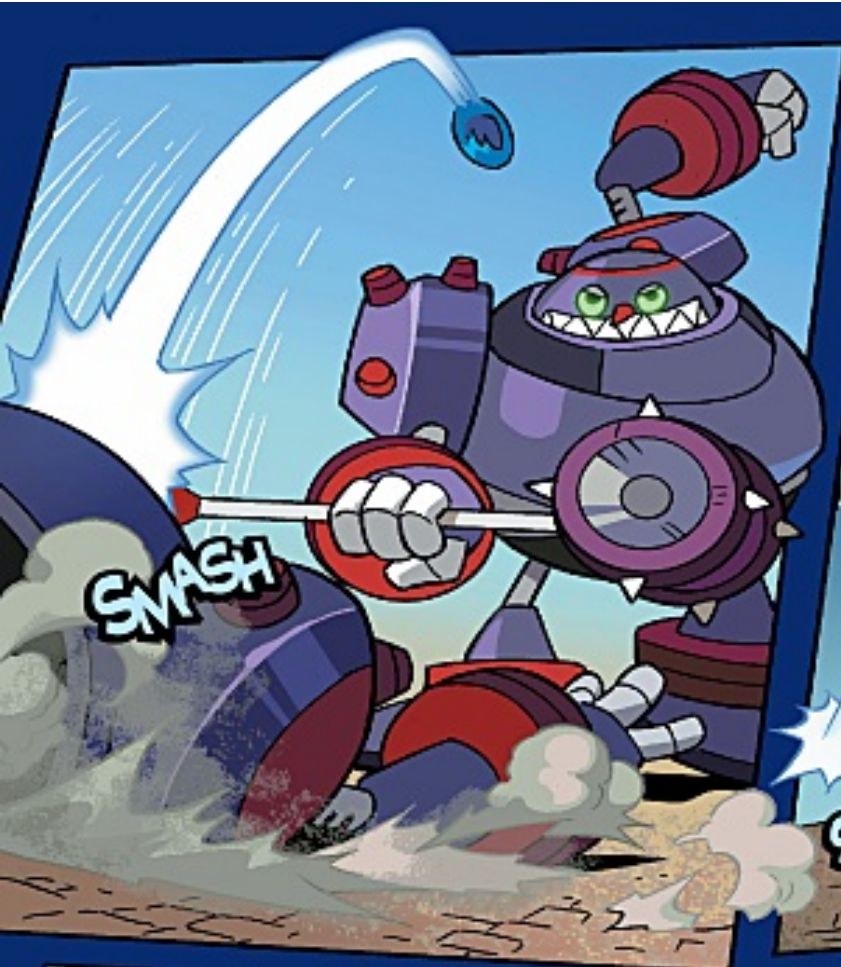


THOSE ARE BETTER LEFT TO THE PROFESSIONALS!

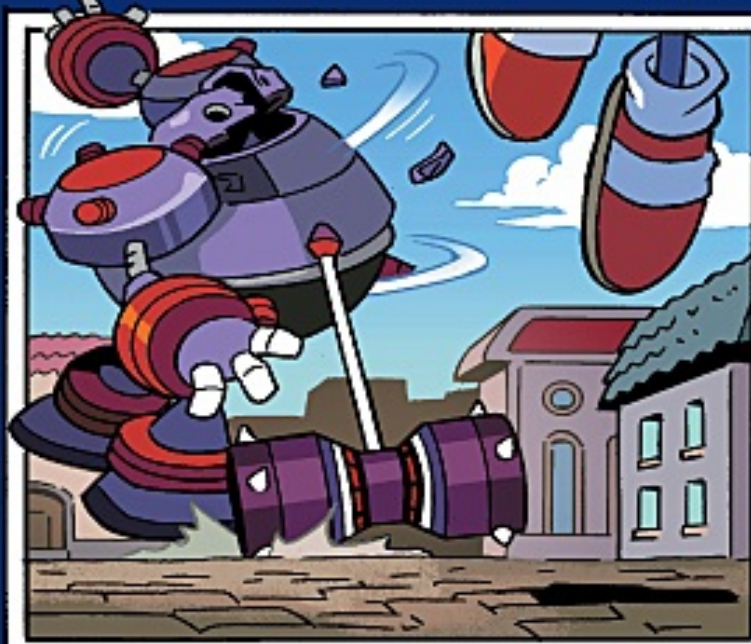
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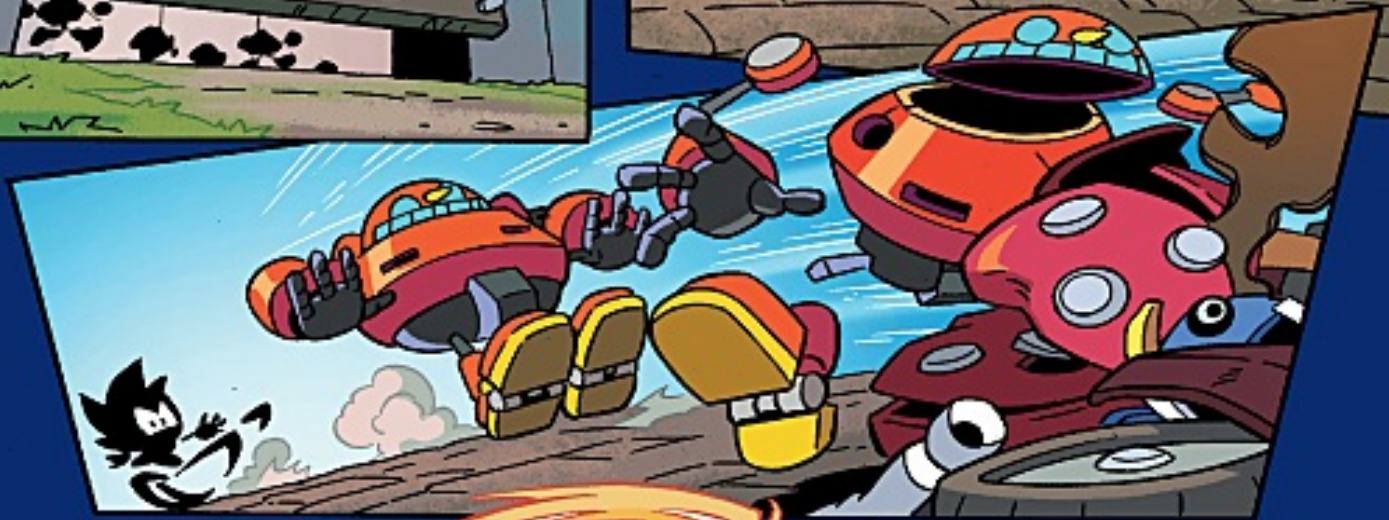
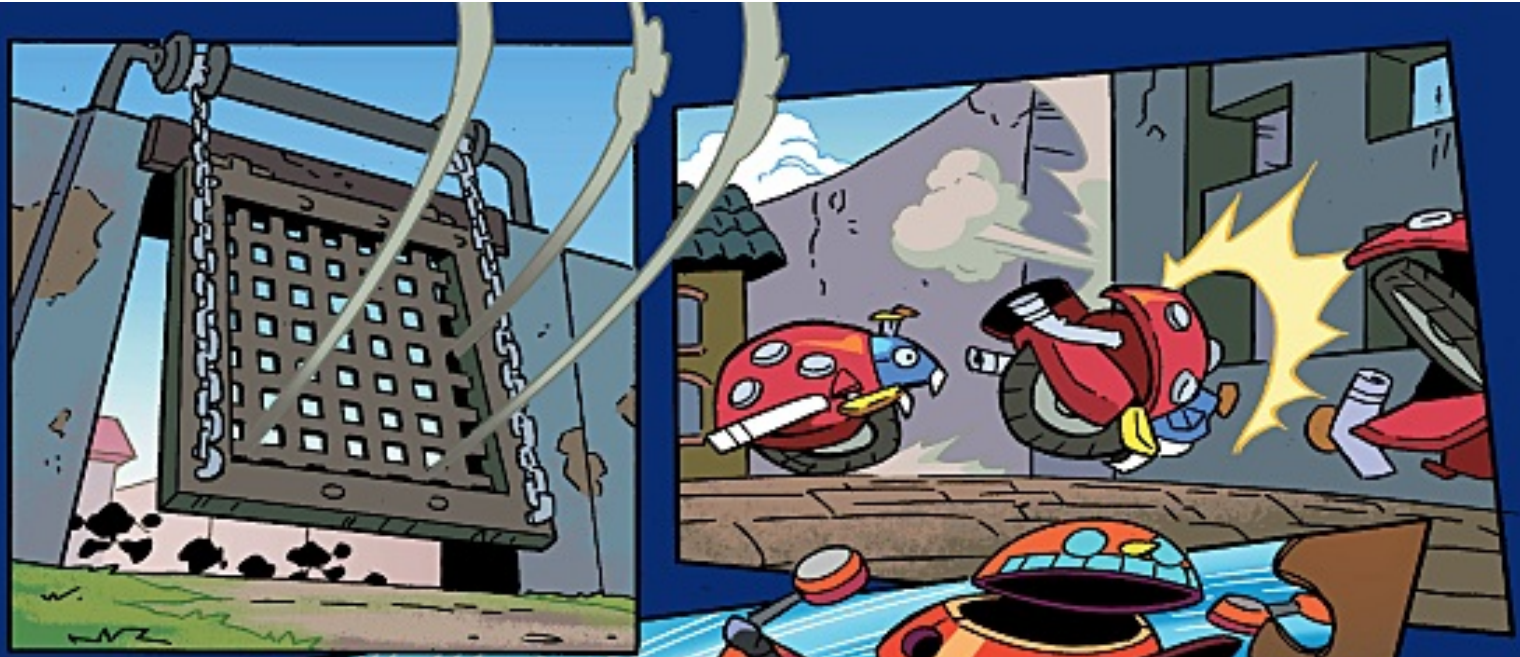












ANOTHER DAY SAVED THANKS TO SONIC AND TAILS! THESE ROGUE ROBOTS ARE MORE LIKE PESTS THAN ANYTHING.

NORMALLY I'D AGREE...



...BUT THIS WAS A MUCH MORE COORDINATED ATTACK. AT LEAST COMPARED TO ANYTHING WE'VE SEEN LATELY.



REALLY? I HADN'T NOTICED.




OKAY— FINE—THE EGG HAMMERS WERE NEW TO THE MIX.

THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEAN.





AFTER WE BEAT DR. EGGMAN AND HIS FORCES, WE BROKE THE EGGMAN EMPIRE'S CONTROL OVER OUR WORLD.




"THE BADNIK ARMY REMAINED, BUT NOT AS A UNIFIED THREAT. ANY ATTACKS SEEMED MORE LIKE ACCIDENTS THAN AGGRESSION."



BUT TODAY— UNIFIED TROOP MOVEMENTS? SUPER BADNIKS BEING DEPLOYED? SETTING UP AMBUSHES?

SOMETHING IS MAKING EGGMAN'S ARMY MORE COHESIVE.



POINTS TAKEN, DO YOU THINK EGGMAN IS BACK?

WITHOUT SO MUCH AS AN ANGRY VLOG? NO WAY. AFTER THAT LAST DEFEAT, HE'D MAKE SURE WE KNEW HE WAS BACK.

THE LACK OF FANFARE IS SPOOKY.

IN THAT CASE, I'LL JUST KEEP DOING WHAT I'VE BEEN DOING.

THOSE BADNIKS ARE A THREAT TO EVERYONE, ORGANIZED OR NOT. I'LL KEEP TRAVELING AROUND, SMASHING EVERY ONE I SEE.



YEAH, BUT IF THEY ARE GETTING ORDERS FROM SOMEONE...

THEN IT'LL MAKE IT MORE FUN!

J-JUST... BE CAREFUL, OKAY?



IF YOU GET CAUGHT OFF-GUARD AGAIN... GET HURT...



HEY, SURE, WE'VE HAD SOME CLOSE CALLS. BUT WE'VE COME OUT OF IT FINE IN THE END, RIGHT?

YEAH, I GUESS.

I'LL BE CAREFUL. I PROMISE.

...OKAY, THANKS, SONIC.



IF YOU'RE SO WORRIED, YOU CAN ALWAYS COME WITH ME.

YEAH! JUST LIKE OLD TIMES AND—!



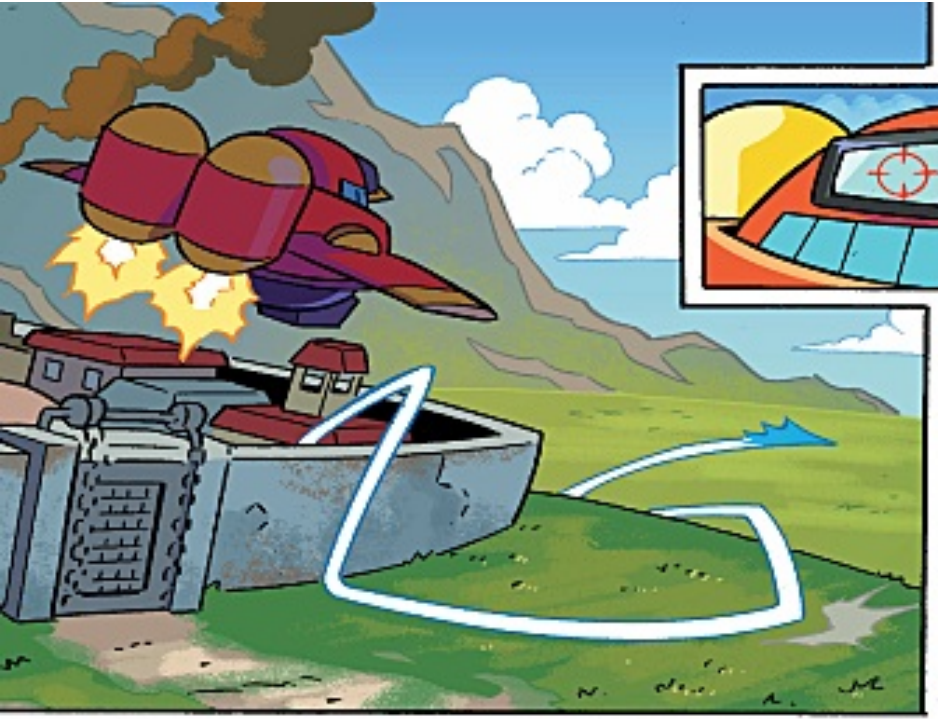
THERE'S TOO MANY BADNIK GANGS OUT THERE. YOU'LL FIND THEM FASTER ON YOUR OWN.

I'LL STAY HERE AND HELP THE LOCALS REBUILD THEIR TOWN.

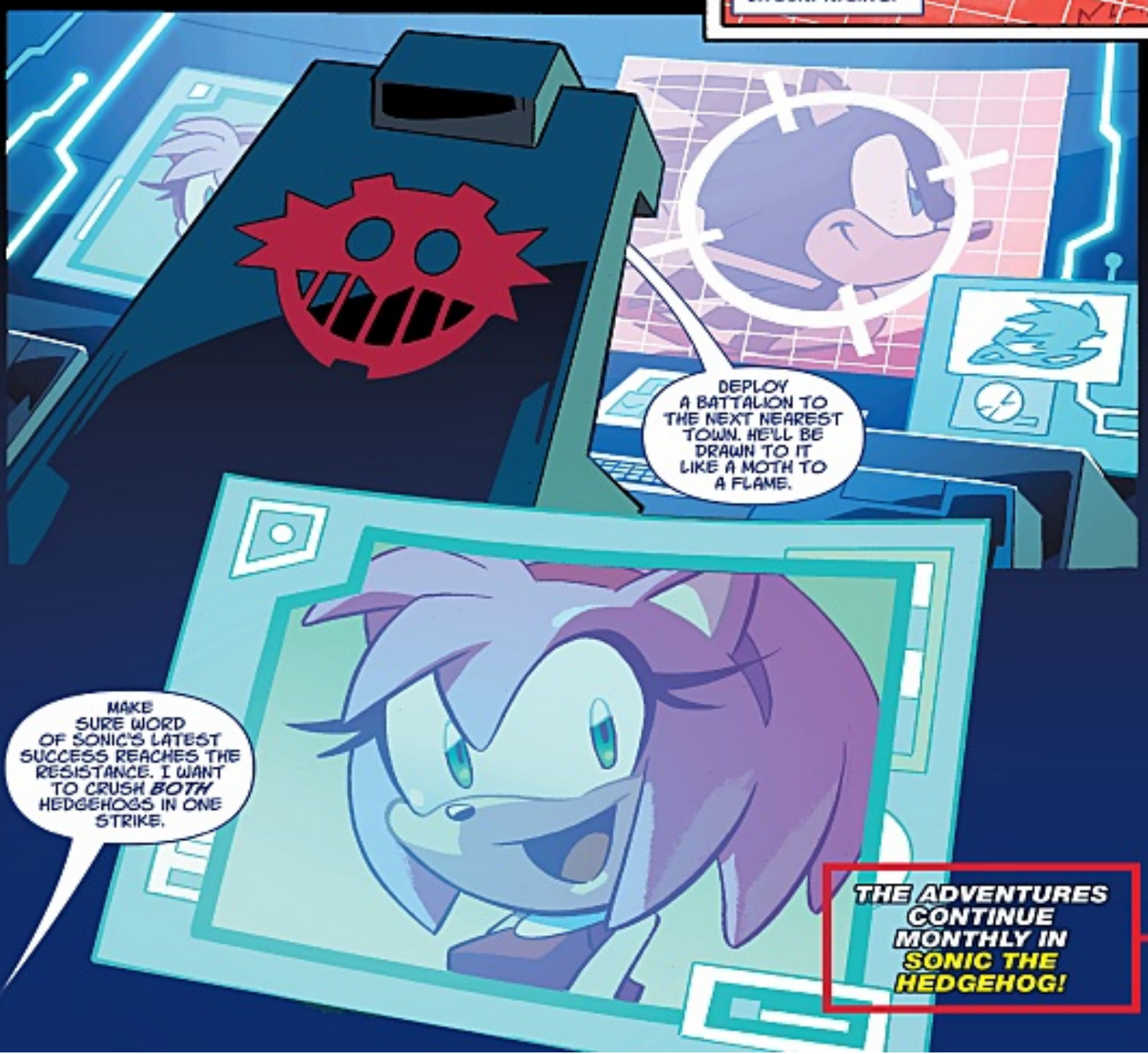
YOU'RE A CLASS ACT, BUDDY. WE'LL BASH BOTS SOME OTHER TIME.

DEAL!





"SO... HE SURVIVED THE FIRST TRIAL UNSURPRISING."



MAKE SURE WORD OF SONIC'S LATEST SUCCESS REACHES THE RESISTANCE. I WANT TO CRUSH **BOTH** HEDGEHOGS IN ONE STRIKE.

DEPLOY A BATTALION TO THE NEXT NEAREST TOWN. HE'LL BE DRAWN TO IT LIKE A MOTH TO A FLAME.

THE ADVENTURES CONTINUE MONTHLY IN SONIC THE HEDGEHOG!



VISTA VIEW IS UNDER ATTACK AGAIN? THOSE POOR FOLKS JUST CAN'T CATCH A BREAK!

Familiar Territory



TIME TO DO THAT HERO THING AGAIN!



POW



BAM

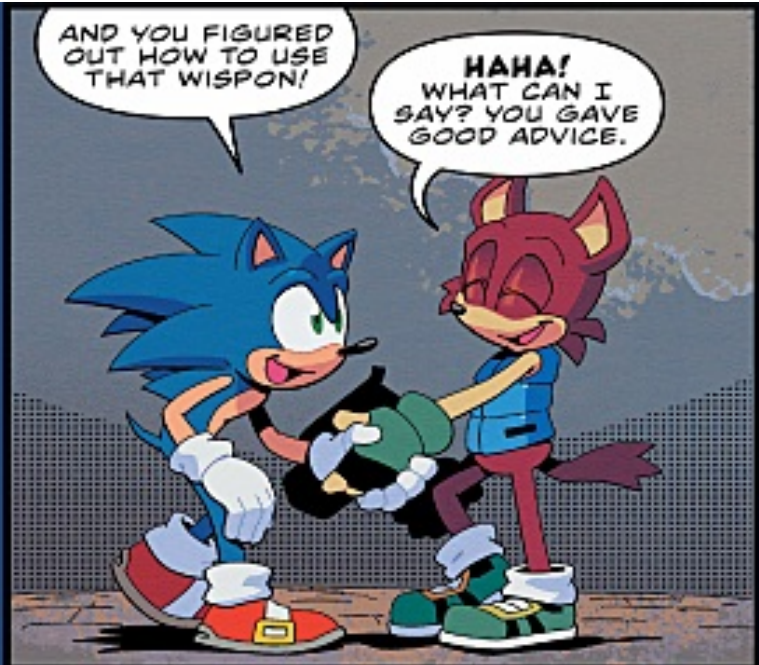
HEY THERE!
ARE YOU
OKAY?



I
REMEMBER
YOU!

AND YOU FIGURED
OUT HOW TO USE
THAT WISPON!

HAHA!
WHAT CAN I
SAY? YOU GAVE
GOOD ADVICE.



MORE THAN THAT!
YOU WERE AN
INSPIRATION!

I NEVER
THOUGHT OF
MYSELF AS
A HERO.

WHEN DR. EGGMAN'S
ROBOTS INVADED, I ONLY PICKED
UP A WISPON OUT OF DESPERATION.



BUT YOU BELIEVED
IN ME. YOU SAVED ME,
TRUSTED MY WISPON IN MY
HANDS, AND RUSHED AHEAD
WITHOUT A SECOND
LOOK.

I HAD TO BECOME
STRONGER AFTER THAT!



"WHEN THE METAL VIRUS REACHED
OUR TOWN, I DID EVERYTHING I
COULD TO PROTECT MY NEIGHBORS.



"I KNEW YOU WOULDN'T HAVE BACKED
DOWN, SO I STOOD MY GROUND.

"I... DON'T REMEMBER EXACTLY
WHAT HAPPENED AFTER THAT...



"WHAT I DO
REMEMBER IS
WAKING UP
ONE DAY
COMPLETELY
CURED..."



"...AND IT WAS ALL THANKS TO
YOU! YOU SAVED ME AGAIN!



"AND I KNEW IT WAS MY CHANCE TO
DO EVEN BETTER THAN BEFORE."





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SONIC THE HEDGEHOG #59!**



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Noun. A
burrowing
animal.

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ART NATHALIE FOURDRINE

SONIC

LETTERS SQUAD



ART BY
BILLY



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DAVESEMPAI

Hello to all the Sonic fans new and old, and welcome to the first issue of Sonic the Hedgehog from IDW Publishing...again! If you were here the first time, for

any of the adventures along the way, or if this is your first issue, welcome to the Sonic Squad and thanks for being a part of it!

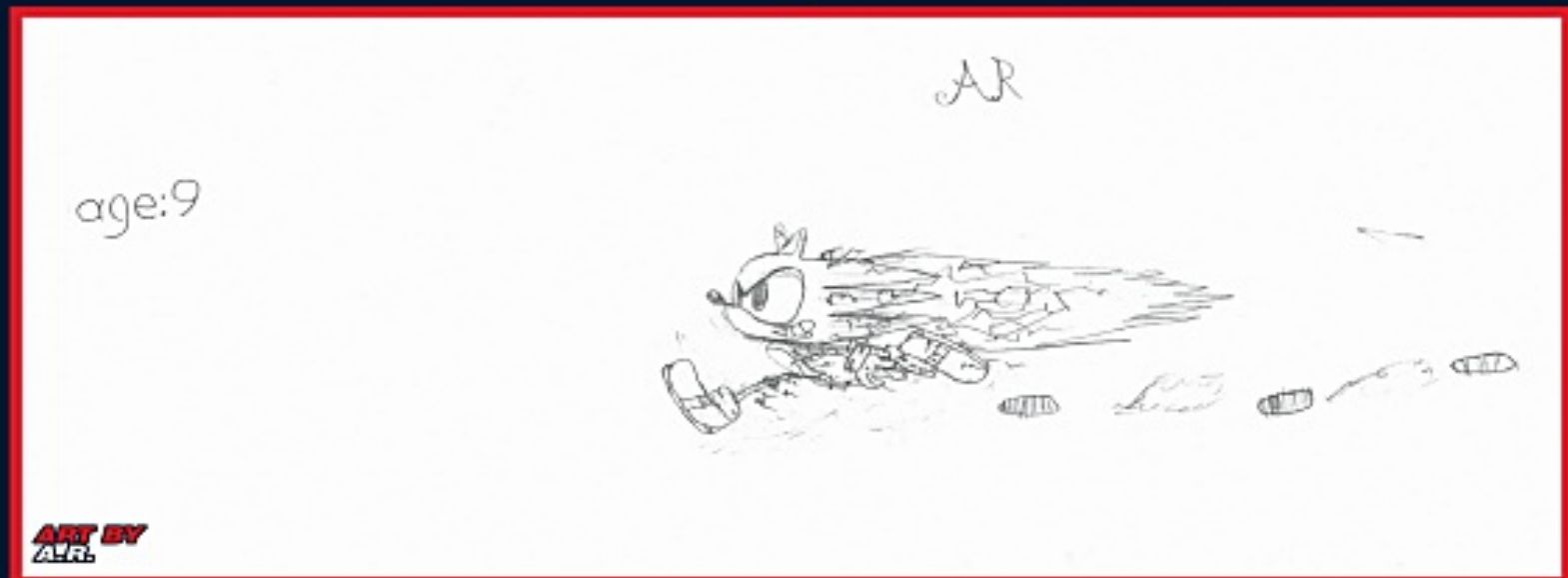
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We hope you enjoyed this special representation of the spectacular first issue by Ian Flynn, Tracy Yardley, Jim Amash, Bob Smith, Matt Herms, and Corey Breen, as well as our new story by Ian, Tracy, Matt, and Shawn Lee! Now, on to your fan art!



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FIVE YEARS LATER

Thanks for joining us in celebrating five years of *Sonic the Hedgehog* at IDW! And thanks to Ian Flynn, Tracy Yardley, Matt Herms, Shawn Lee, and the whole team—from those with us on issue #1 to those who've joined along the way—for putting together this special representation of that now classic issue! Now, get ready to learn more about how this special was made!

One of our goals of this special was celebrating not just the first issue, not just the first four issues that were released weekly back in April 2018, but the series as a whole!

If you look at our cover program, you'll see that it features contributors to the original #1, Tracy Yardley, Matt Herms, and Jonathan Gray, as well as the artists from issues #2 (Adam Bryce Thomas), #3 (Jennifer Hernandez), and #4 (Evan Stanley)! The latter three used their covers to provide little bits of follow-up to the original issues.

We also finally have Tyson Hesse's amazing covers for the first four issues available as a single poster image!



Meanwhile, the new story, "Familiar Territory," finds a familiar face in Sonic's new friend out in Vista View! It's a special story that gives us more insight to what it's like living in Sonic's world, seeing some of the big events from the comic from outside the main cast! It's also a great reminder that everyone can step up and be a hero!

Like Sonic and his friend, we're stronger when we work together! This story was written by Ian Flynn; he put together a script, like a movie, that laid out the action and the dialogue. Then it was drawn by Tracy Yardley, who did the "line art", seen here in black and white. It was passed to Matt Herms, who colored it all. And then Shawn Lee added the letters and did the work of assembling the book! Plus, the editorial team at IDW and the cool people at SEGA helped out, too!

Thanks for hanging out with us and celebrating five years of the world's most way-past-cool comic! Here's to many more years of fun and adventure with Sonic and IDW!

*—David Mariotte,
Riley Farmer
& the IDW
Sonic team!*





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