

AND THEN, JUST AS IT'S ABOUT TO BITE HER AND I'VE GOT ITS HEAD IN THE CROSSHAIRS AND I PULL THE TRIGGER... I MEAN, LITERALLY, JUST AS THE BULLET IS LEAVING THE BARREL... THIS POPS INTO MY HEAD:

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FRPFRPFRP

"DAMN, DID I RECALIBRATE THE SCOPE AFTER I CLEANED THE RIFLE THIS MORNING, AND WHAT IF I HIT HER INSTEAD?"

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AND OF COURSE I'D RECALIBRATED IT, AND THEN BAM, THE BULLET HITS DEAD CENTER, SPLAT ALL OVER THE WALL, AND IT KEELS OVER, AND HAAAAAAH, I GET SO RELIEVED I ALMOST KEEL OVER MYSELF, MY KNEES ARE ALL LIKE, YOU KNOW? PHEW!

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DID YOU SAY TIME TRAVEL?!

THAT'S WHAT HE SAID.

HE SAID TIME TRAVEL?! I MEAN, IN THOSE WORDS, "TIME TRAVEL"? YOU HEARD HIM?

I HEARD HIM.

Whelfrin Arcade

BUT THE FOUR TIMES I'VE SHOT ONE SINCE, I HAVEN'T HAD THE SLIGHTEST DOUBT. I'VE JUST KNOWN THAT...

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DEPLOYMENT IN THIRTY SECONDS! LINE UP BY THE RAMP IN PAIRS AS PER THE MISSION BRIEFING, AND NO FUCKUPS! WE'RE RUNNING A GODDAMN TIGHT SHIP HERE, AND DON'T YOU FORGET IT!

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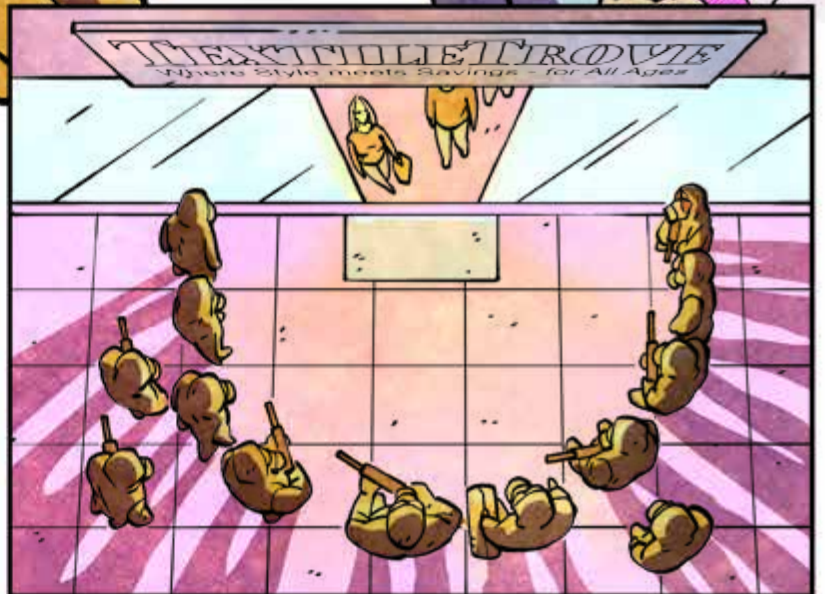
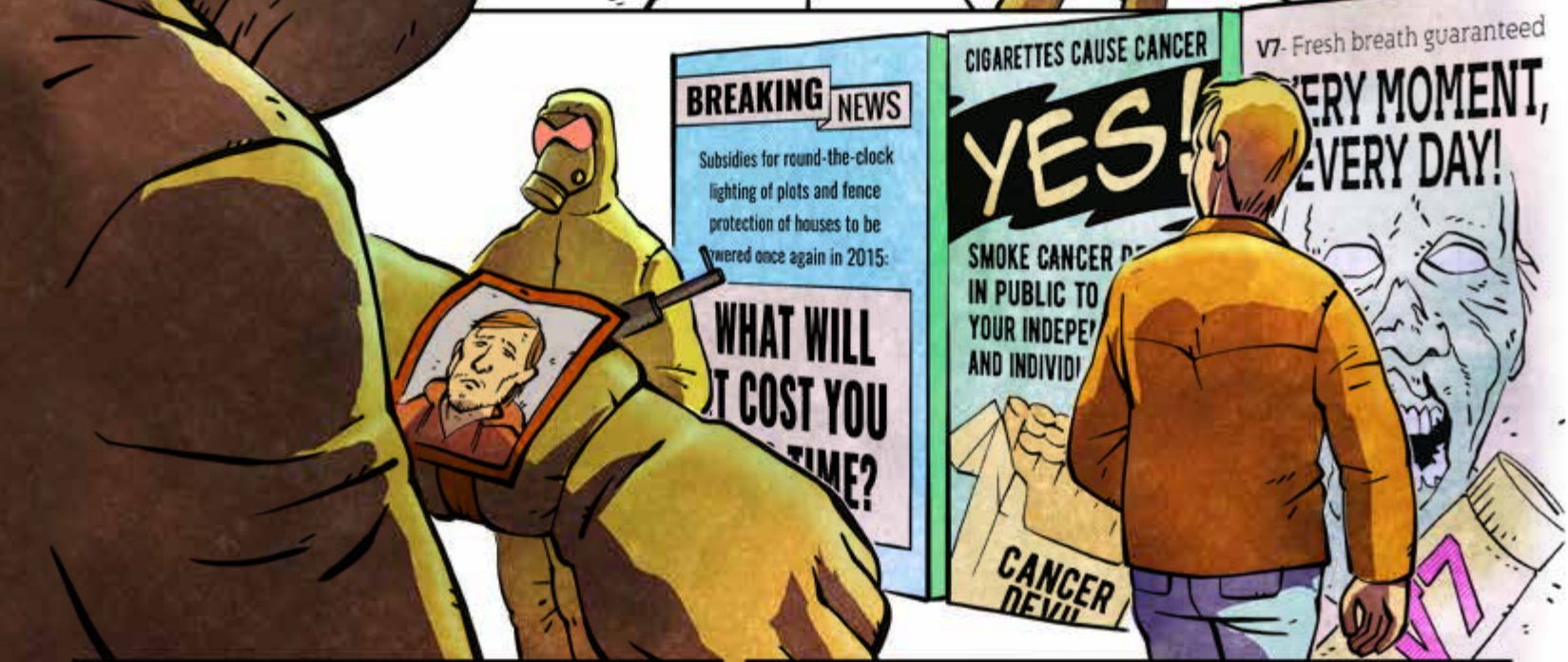
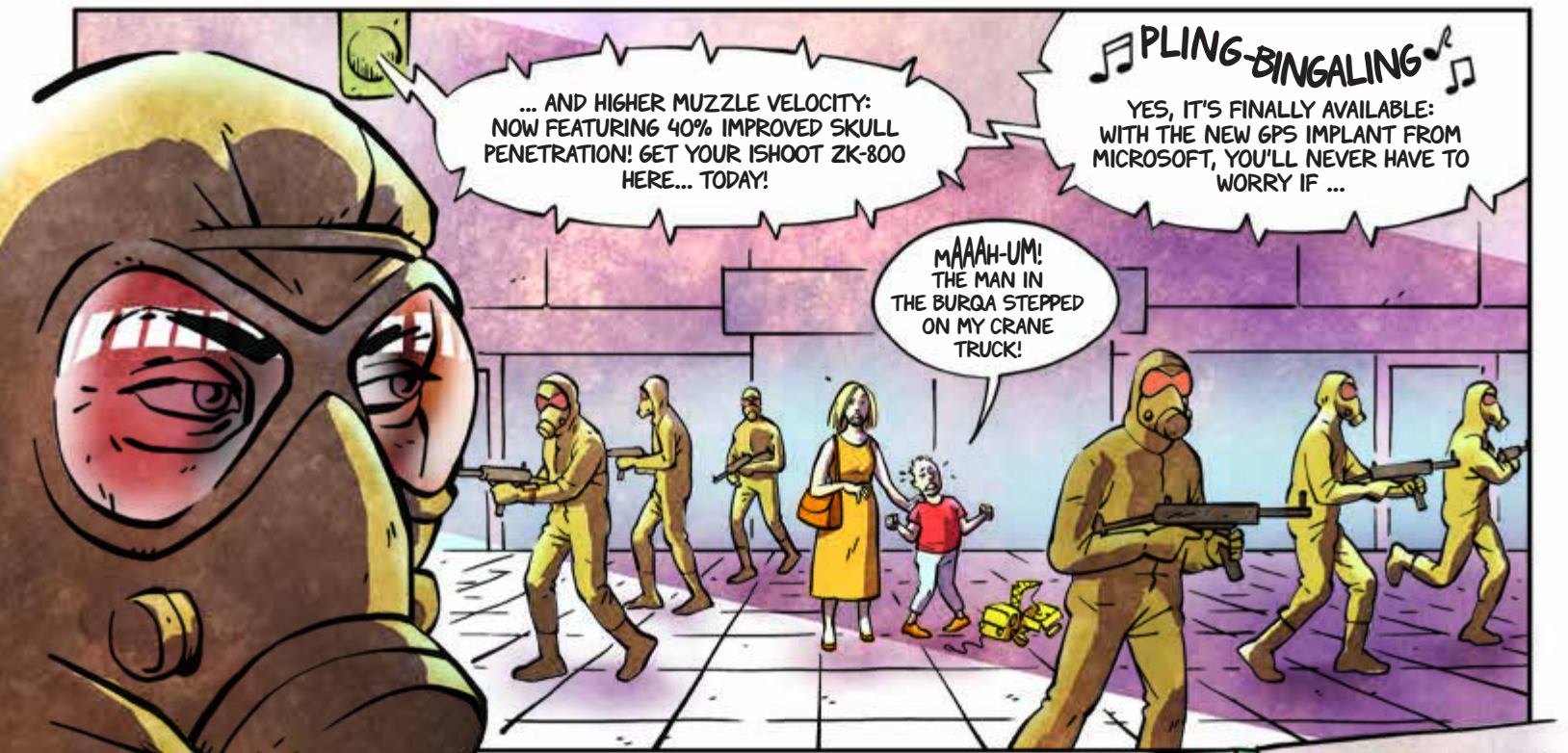
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OUCH!
THERE WAS...
A SPIDER BIT
ME!

WHAT?
SPIDERS DON'T BITE.
NONSENSE. MIGHT
HAVE BEEN A TICK,
THOUGH.



A TICK?
TICKS LIVE IN
THE WOODS, NOT
AT THE SHOPPING
CENTRE!

MAYBE IT
CAME FROM ONE
OF THE PLANTERS
AT THE FOOD COURT?
I'M SURE THEY
COULD HAVE...



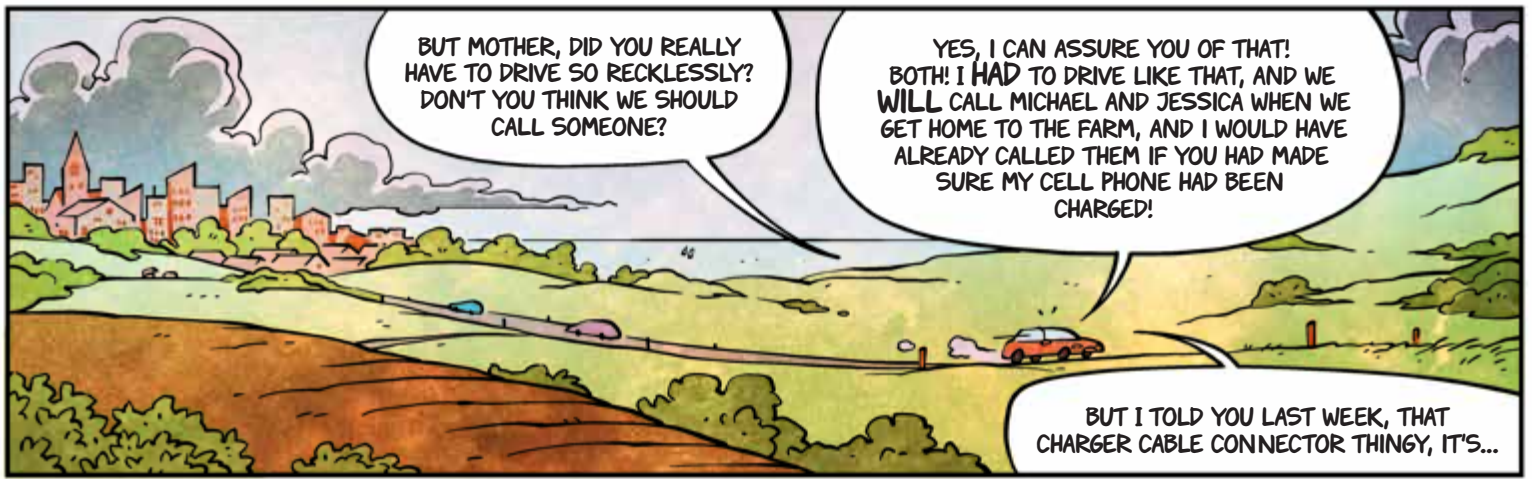
WILL YOU STOP
BABBLING ON?
IT'S ACTUALLY QUITE
PAINF...

OUCH!
WHAT THE HELL?!
SOMETHING BIT
ME TOO!



IT'S A DISGRACE, IS WHAT IT IS!
IF I WANTED INSECT BITES, I WOULD HAVE
GONE PICNICKING, NOT SHOPPING.





BUT MOTHER, DID YOU REALLY HAVE TO DRIVE SO RECKLESSLY? DON'T YOU THINK WE SHOULD CALL SOMEONE?

YES, I CAN ASSURE YOU OF THAT! BOTH! I HAD TO DRIVE LIKE THAT, AND WE WILL CALL MICHAEL AND JESSICA WHEN WE GET HOME TO THE FARM, AND I WOULD HAVE ALREADY CALLED THEM IF YOU HAD MADE SURE MY CELL PHONE HAD BEEN CHARGED!

BUT I TOLD YOU LAST WEEK, THAT CHARGER CABLE CONNECTOR THINGY, IT'S...



YES, AND THAT'S WHY WE'RE GOING STRAIGHT HOME. AND THEN YOU CAN MAKE THOSE CALLS... FIRST TO MICHAEL AND JESSICA, AND THEN TO THE GAZETTE. SOMEONE NEEDS TO TELL THEM TO KEEP PEOPLE AWAY FROM THE SHOPPING CENTRE FOR A COUPLE OF DAYS. I CERTAINLY HOPE THE COUNCIL CAN TAKE CARE OF THAT PEST PROBLEM QUICKLY.

YES, MY ANKLE IS... OH DEAR! MY LEG IS ALL BLACK AND BLUE, AND THE WOUND LOOKS QUITE INFLAMED!

WELL, YOU'D BETTER PUT SOME IODINE AND A BAND-AID ON FIRST BEFORE MAKING THOSE CALLS THEN.



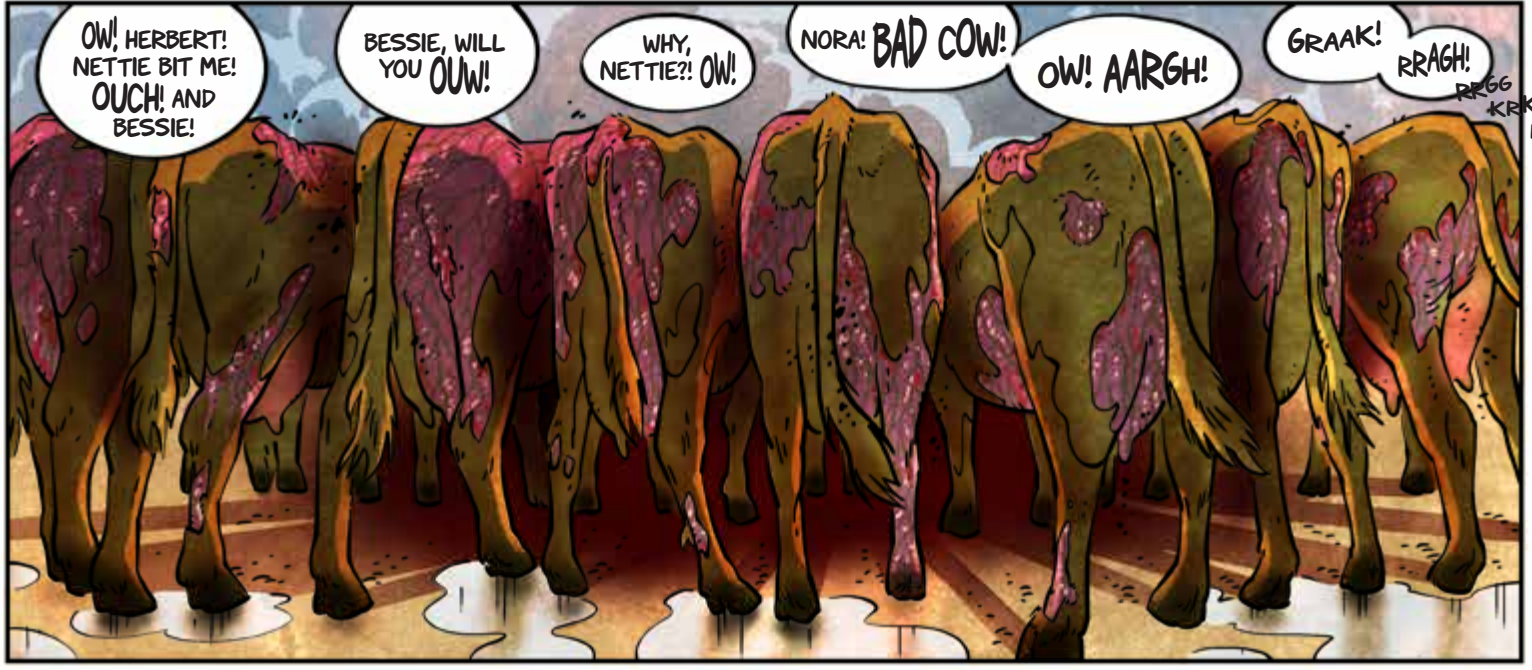
NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT, MY LEG IS ALSO...

WILL YOU LOOK AT THAT! BESSIE HAS GONE INTO THE FRONT YARD! WHY ISN'T SHE OUT IN THE FIELD?



AND ALL THE OTHERS AS WELL. WHAT IN THE WORLD'S GOING ON?

WELL, I MILKED THEM THIS MORNING AS USUAL...



OW! HERBERT! NETTIE BIT ME! OUCH! AND BESSIE!

BESSIE, WILL YOU OW!

WHY, NETTIE?! OW!

NORA! BAD COW!

OW! AARGH!

GRAAK! RRAGH!

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