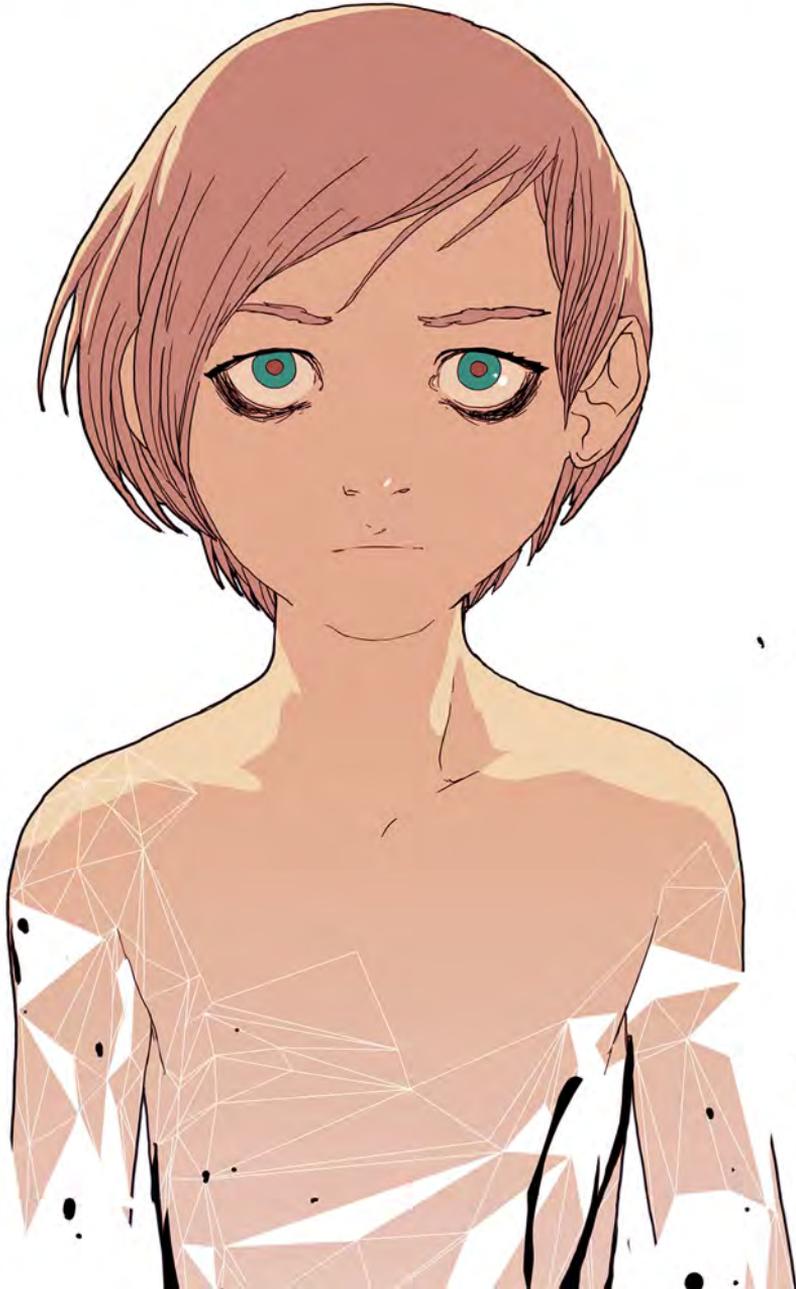




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For Emanuele





OUR CONSTITUTION DECLARES  
ITALY TO BE A DEMOCRATIC  
REPUBLIC FOUNDED ON HARD  
WORK.

AFTER YEARS OF  
FINANCIAL STRUGGLE,  
WAR, AND SOCIAL UNREST,  
WE HAVE PROVEN OUR  
RESILIENCE TO THE REST  
OF THE WORLD.

# PRESIDENT

LIVE SIMULCAST

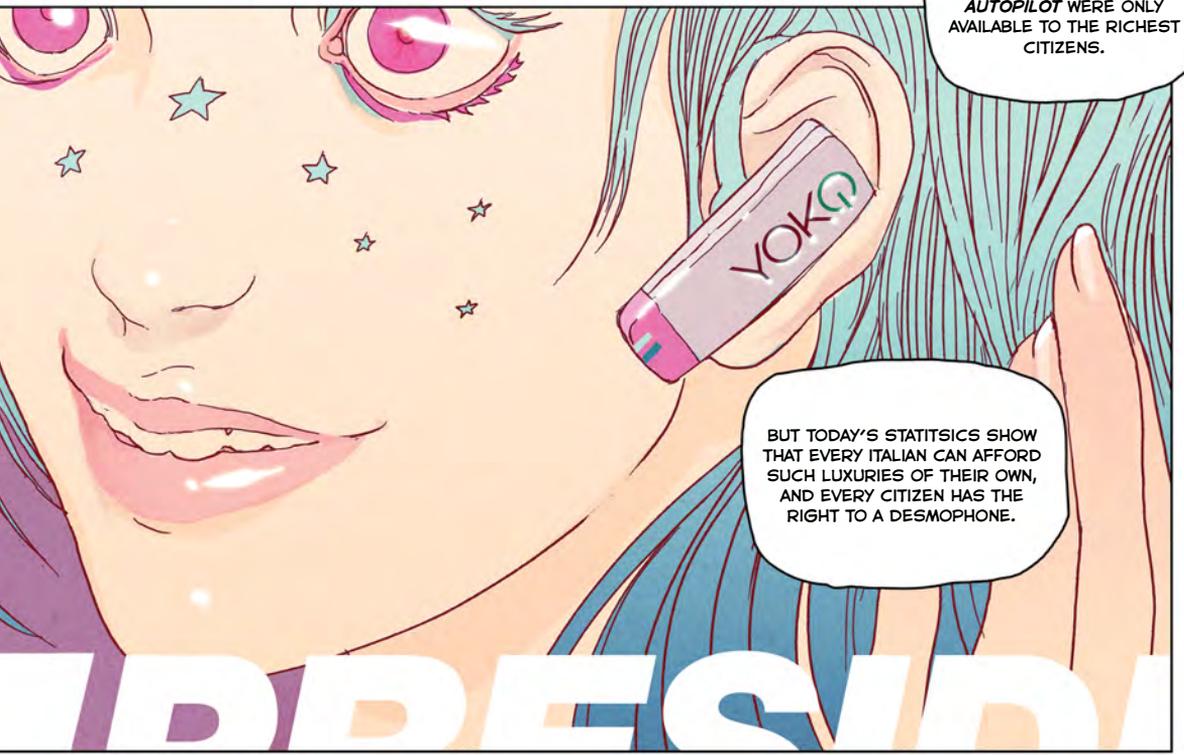
YOKO



WE'VE BECOME A WEALTHY, PEACEFUL SOCIETY WHERE EVERYONE CAN AFFORD THEIR EVERY DESIRE.

BEFORE, SUCH LUXURIES AS THE *DESMOPHONE* *YOKO* AND THE *SERINUS* *AUTOPILOT* WERE ONLY AVAILABLE TO THE RICHEST CITIZENS.

**PRESIDENT**



BUT TODAY'S STATISTICS SHOW THAT EVERY ITALIAN CAN AFFORD SUCH LUXURIES OF THEIR OWN, AND EVERY CITIZEN HAS THE RIGHT TO A *DESMOPHONE*.

**ADDRESIDA**



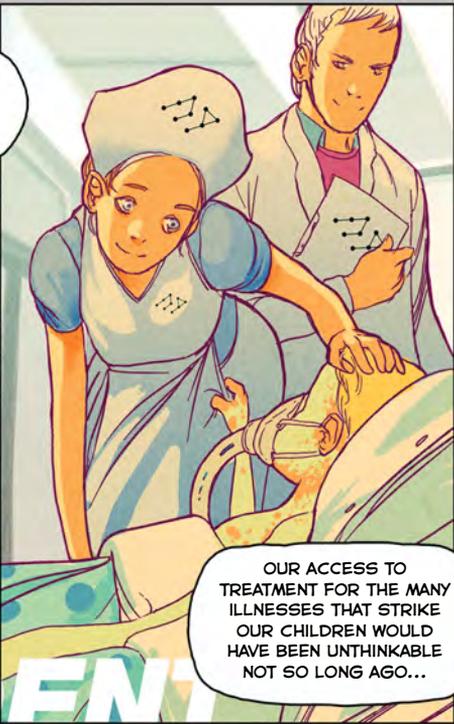
THE ITALIAN ECONOMY HAS EXCEEDED GLOBAL STANDARDS, ABANDONING THE EURO IN FAVOR OF THE *PSEUDO*, EURASIA'S SINGLE CURRENCY STANDARD, INSURING A FUTURE OF INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND STABILITY.



NOW, BASIC NEEDS, SUCH AS FOOD AND HEALTHCARE, ARE A GIVEN.

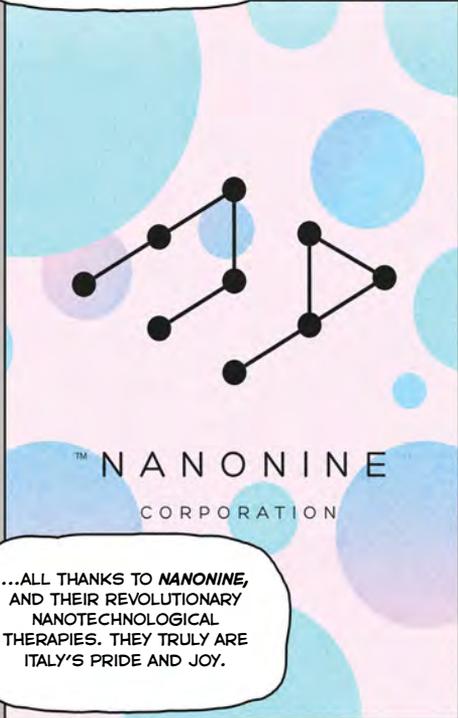


EVERYONE CAN AFFORD A ZIBO TREAT.



OUR ACCESS TO TREATMENT FOR THE MANY ILLNESSES THAT STRIKE OUR CHILDREN WOULD HAVE BEEN UNTHINKABLE NOT SO LONG AGO...

HUNGER IS A THING OF THE PAST. EVEN THE TASK OF COOKING, WITH ITS MANY DANGERS AND EXPENSIVE REQUIREMENTS, IS A DISTANT MEMORY, THANKS TO THE EVOLUTION OF OUR NATIONAL CATERING SERVICES.



™ NANONINE CORPORATION

...ALL THANKS TO NANONINE, AND THEIR REVOLUTIONARY NANOTECHNOLOGICAL THERAPIES. THEY TRULY ARE ITALY'S PRIDE AND JOY.



HOW WAS ALL OF THIS POSSIBLE?

THROUGH LOVE. THE NATURAL, PATERNAL LOVE OF A FATHER WHO WANTS WHAT'S BEST FOR HIS SON

DDESI



AND IN THAT SENSE, IT IS  
FAIR AND ACCURATE TO SAY  
THAT ITALY IS, ABOVE ALL,  
A DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC  
FOUNDED ON LOVE.

TO EVERYONE,  
HAPPY NEW  
YEAR.



Golfen







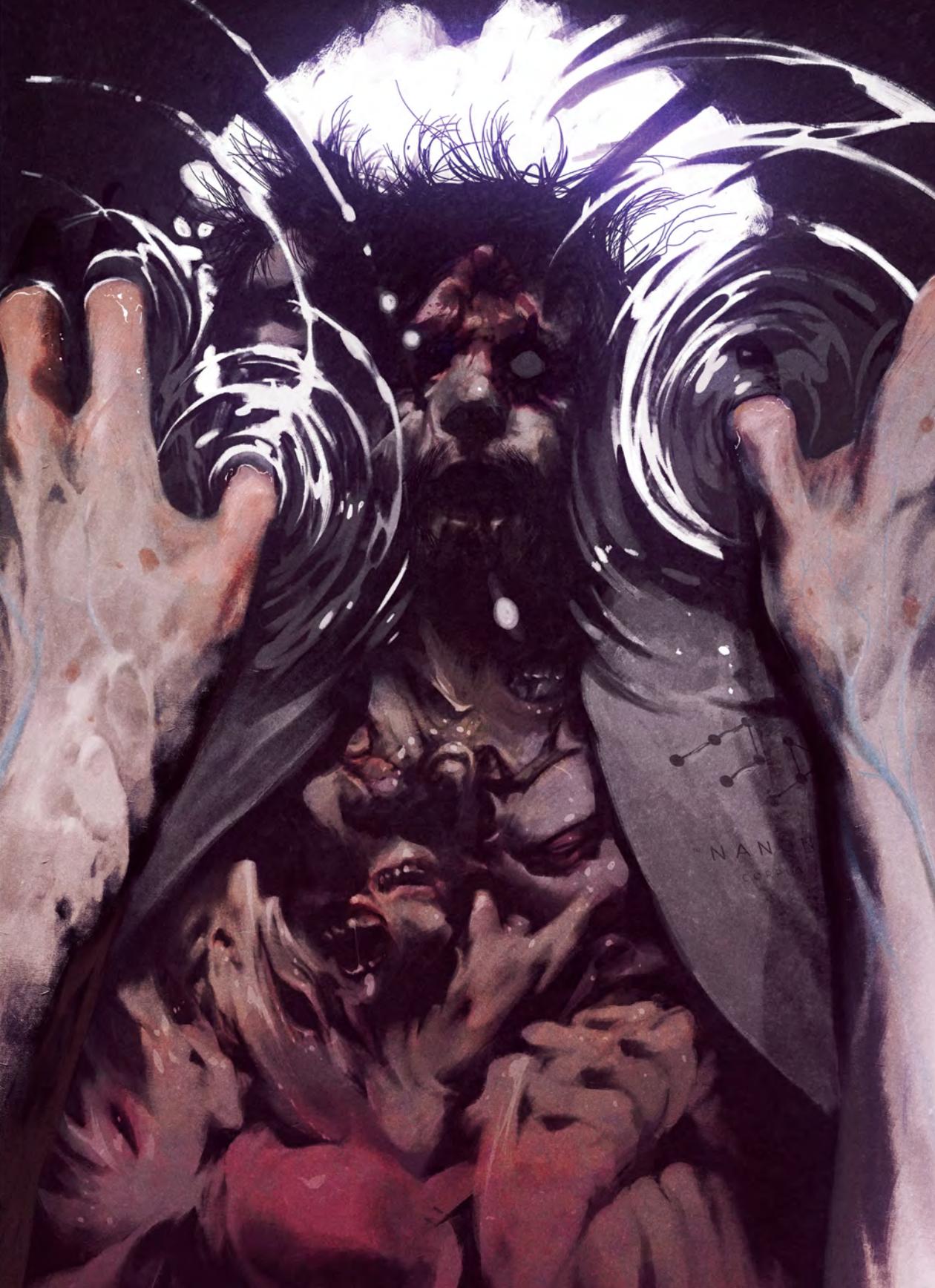
THE  
TRUTH?

The image is a high-contrast, abstract composition. The background is a bright, almost white, textured surface that appears to be illuminated from above, creating a strong sense of depth and light. In the upper portion, there are dark, angular shapes that resemble the edges of a book or a stack of papers, rendered in deep red and black tones. A prominent feature is a solid black circle located in the upper-middle section of the frame. Inside this circle, the word "BANG" is written in a clean, white, sans-serif font. The overall aesthetic is graphic and minimalist, with a focus on light, shadow, and geometric forms.









NAN  
CO



A character with long, dark hair and a purple cape is running through a field of tall grass. The character is seen from behind, with their hair blowing in the wind. The background is a bright, hazy sky with soft clouds. The overall color palette is dominated by purples, blues, and greens.

STENO,  
IT'S TIME TO  
WAKE UP!



GOOD MORNING, STENO!

IT'S 7:15 AM ON THURSDAY, MARCH 21ST 2030!

YOU ONLY SLEPT FOR 49 MINUTES, BUT YOU CAN START THE DAY WITH A REFRESHING WASH WITH *PERMASKIN*, THE BIOLOGICAL SOAP THAT KEEPS YOUR FACE PERFECTLY BALANCED AND OIL-FREE!

PANT!  
PANT!



PERMASKIN -- IT MAKES YOUR SKIN SOFT AND HEALTHY, JUST THE WAY THE LADIES LOVE IT!



PERMASKIN -- A PRODUCT OF ZIBO CARE!



5 MESSAGES

YOKO™

A NEW WAVE OF TERRORISM HITS ROME!

SEVERAL BUILDINGS IN THE PALATINE DISTRICT WERE DEFACTED WITH SUBVERSIVE SLOGANS AND STRUCTURAL DAMAGE DURING A TERRORIST RAID CLAIMED BY THE GROUP CALLING THEMSELVES "SHORAI".

TWO POLICEMEN WERE KILLED IN AN ATTEMPT TO STOP THE ARMED TERRORISTS' ESCAPE. SEVERAL CIVILIANS WERE INJURED IN THE ATTACK.



YAWN!

POLICE HAVE ASSURED RESIDENTS THAT SUCH THREATS TO OUR COLLECTIVE FREEDOM WILL BE STOPPED.

REPUBLIC PRESIDENT **OUDEIS** COMMENDED **PRIME MINISTER FILAGONE** IN TODAY'S ADDRESS.

YAAAWN!

POLLS SHOW THE PEOPLE OF MONTECTORIO SHARE AN OVERWHELMING SATISFACTION WITH THE PRESIDENT AS HE ENTERS WHAT WILL BE HIS SEVENTH YEAR IN OFFICE...

MONTEC...

STENO!

VISIBLY MOVED BY THE PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS, PRIME MINISTER **CLEO FILAGONE** HAS NOT YET ISSUED A STATEMENT --

WHAT ARE YOU DOING UP THIS EARLY? DID YOU FORGET TO TAKE YOUR PILLS AGAIN LAST NIGHT??

YOKO™  
OLED PAPER  
SYNCHRONIZING DATA

YOKO™  
OLED PAPER  
SYNCHRONIZING DATA



BUT MOM, I TOLD YOU, I DON'T WANNA SLEEP! I HAD THAT NIGHTMARE AGAIN... I SAW HIM...



I'M SCARED TO SLEEP...





STENO, YOU'RE ALMOST OUT OF LEUKODENT TOOTHPASTE. SHOULD I ORDER ANOTHER TUBE?

REMEMBER: ONLY LEUKODENT BRAND DENTAL FLOSS INSURES MAXIMUM PROTECTION AGAINST PLAQUE!

LEUKODENT

FOR THAT ALWAYS-PERFECT SMILE!

USED TOOTHBRUSH??

GET YOURSELF A NEW LASERDENT, THE TOOTHBRUSH WITH 12 COUNTER-POSED BRISTLES FOR AN EVEN DEEPER CLEAN!

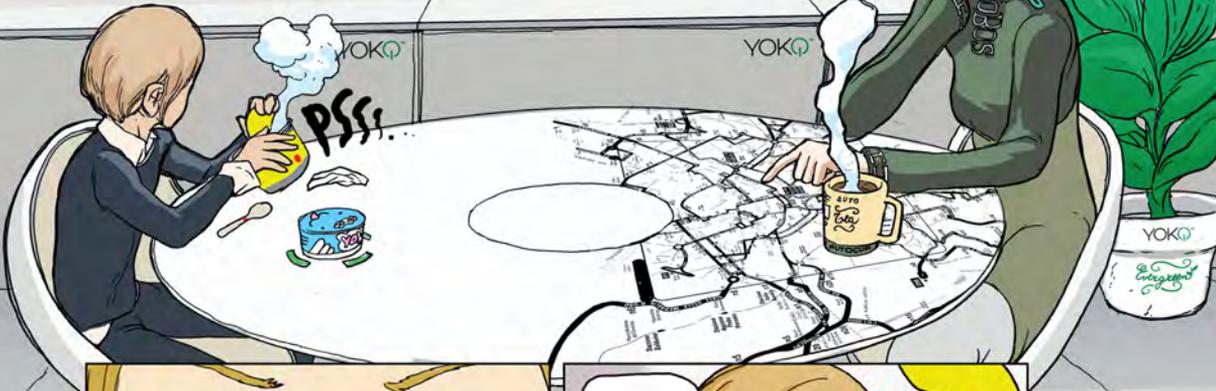
YOUR SMILE IS SAFE WITH LASERDENT! PRESS HERE TO ORDER NOW!

BUY NOW  
PS 5,00  
HOME DELIVER





Pasta  
12 Pseudo!  
ACQUISTA ORA





WHO'S THAT GIRL WHO BROUGHT YOU HOME THE OTHER DAY? SHE SEEMS NICE!



ROSABELLA? YEAH, SHE'S COOL, BUT SHE COMES FROM A RICH FAMILY...

...KINDA OUT OF MY LEAGUE.



HAHAHAH!







**SERINUS TOURS™**

Rome Yamoussoukro

1 week  
700 pseudo

TODAY  
*Cote d'Ivoire*  
JUST SAY YES

The advertisement is framed by a window with a view of a beach. A red dashed line connects the cities 'Rome' and 'Yamoussoukro'. An airplane icon is shown flying over the ocean. A man in a suit and a shirtless man are walking on the beach. The text '1 week 700 pseudo' is next to a red sunburst icon. The word 'TODAY' is above the stylized text 'Cote d'Ivoire', with 'JUST SAY YES' below it. The Serinus Tours logo is at the top.

latte

latte

COW

zibo

The illustration shows a coffee shop counter. A person in a blue hoodie is at the counter. A person in a green shirt and orange pants is standing in line. A person in a brown coat is sitting on the floor. A person in a brown coat and a person in a blue coat are standing near a yellow car. The counter has a 'latte' sign and a 'zibo' logo. A 'COW' logo is on the wall. There are coffee machines and a sink.





VATICAN

zibo

YO!  
YO!

Pet Chic? Tres Chici

Healthy food for a Healthy life.

SERINIUS  
STYLE STORE

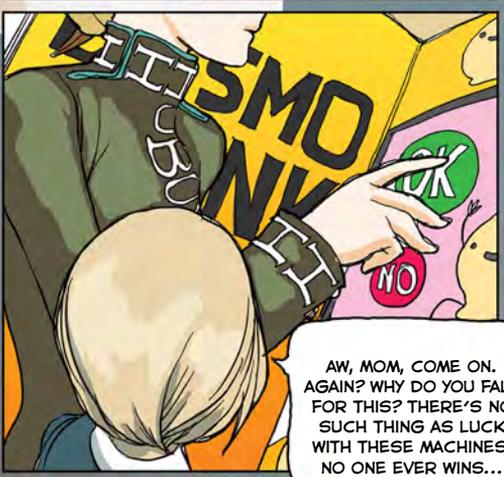
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YOKO

I HAVE TO STOP  
IN THE BANK  
FOR A MINUTE,  
STENO.

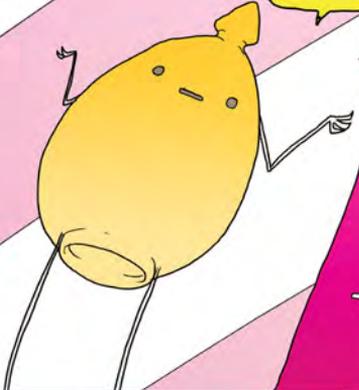
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# DESMO BANK

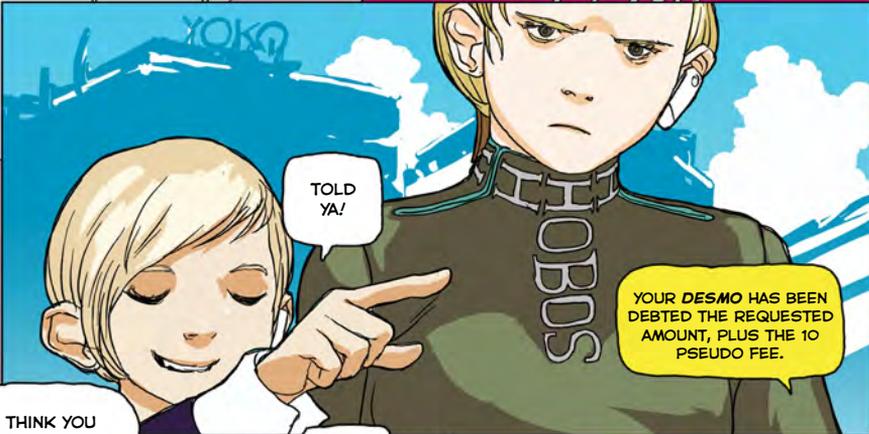


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SORRY, EDEA, YOU DIDN'T WIN. BETTER LUCK NEXT TIME!



SORRY BETTER LUCK NEXT TIME



TOLD YA!

YOUR DESMO HAS BEEN DEBTD THE REQUESTED AMOUNT, PLUS THE 10 PSEUDO FEE.

I THINK YOU SHOULD BUY ME A HAM SANDWICH FOR LUNCH. THINK OF IT AS A LESSON NOT TO GAMBLE.

ALL RIGHT, SMART GUY...



SIR, IS EVERYTHING OKAY?

YOU CAN'T DIE HERE, SIR.

WOAH,  
LOOK AT  
THOSE!

YOU WERE FLAT AS A  
BOARD YESTERDAY!  
THEY DID A KICKASS  
JOB ON YOUR FRAME,  
RED! WHEN CAN I  
TAKE A SPIN?

OOH, STOP!  
YOU'RE  
MAKING  
ME BLUSH!  
TEEHEE!

LOOK  
AT THAT!  
THEY'RE  
HUGE!

MY GOD, YOU'RE  
A KNOCKOUT!  
SO WHO'S THE  
DORK GETTING  
DITCHED...?

EXCUSE  
ME... CAN  
I SQUEEZE  
THROUGH?

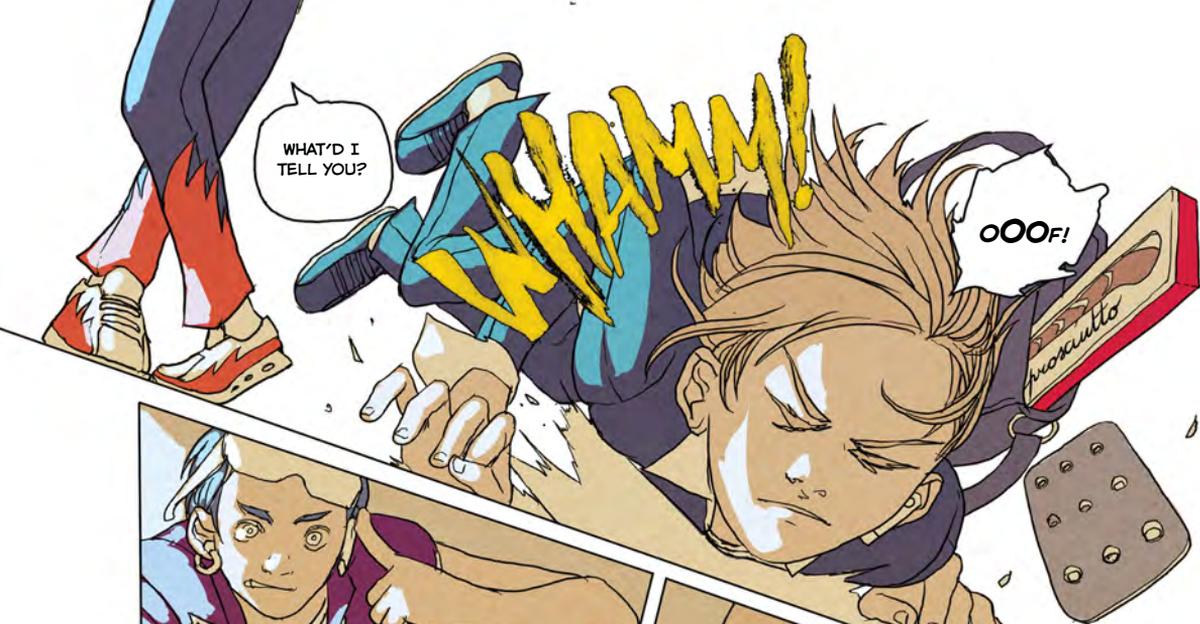
THEY'RE EVEN  
BIGGER THAN  
YOURS NOW, MARTA!  
BETTER GET  
BACK TO MIRROR-MIRROR,  
STAT!

YOU  
MIGHT HURT  
YOURSELF!

EXCUSE ME...

HEY, CRITONE  
-- WATCH WHERE  
YOU'RE GOING!

**WHACK!!**



WHAT'D I TELL YOU?

OOOF!



WAOH, FORGET TO TAKE YOUR **BRAIN-PILLS**, CRITONE? YOU KNOW WHAT HAPPENS IF YOU DON'T SLEEP!



I DON'T NEED THOSE PILLS, ASSHOLE!



HAHAHAH!

AW, YOU STUPID GOOF... WHAT'S WRONG? ARE YOU CRYING? ARE YOU CRYING? CRYBABY?

HEE HEE!



LOOK WHO'S TALKING...



...AT LEAST HE HAS A  
BRAIN!

WHAT'S THE MATTER? DID  
YOUR DADDY BUY YOU TOO  
MANY SILICONE MUSCLES?  
NO ROOM LEFT FOR YOUR  
OWN BRAIN, RIGHT?



ROSABELLA!



CAREFUL, FILAGONE! YOUR OWN FATHER'S JUST THE PRESIDENT'S LACKEY!

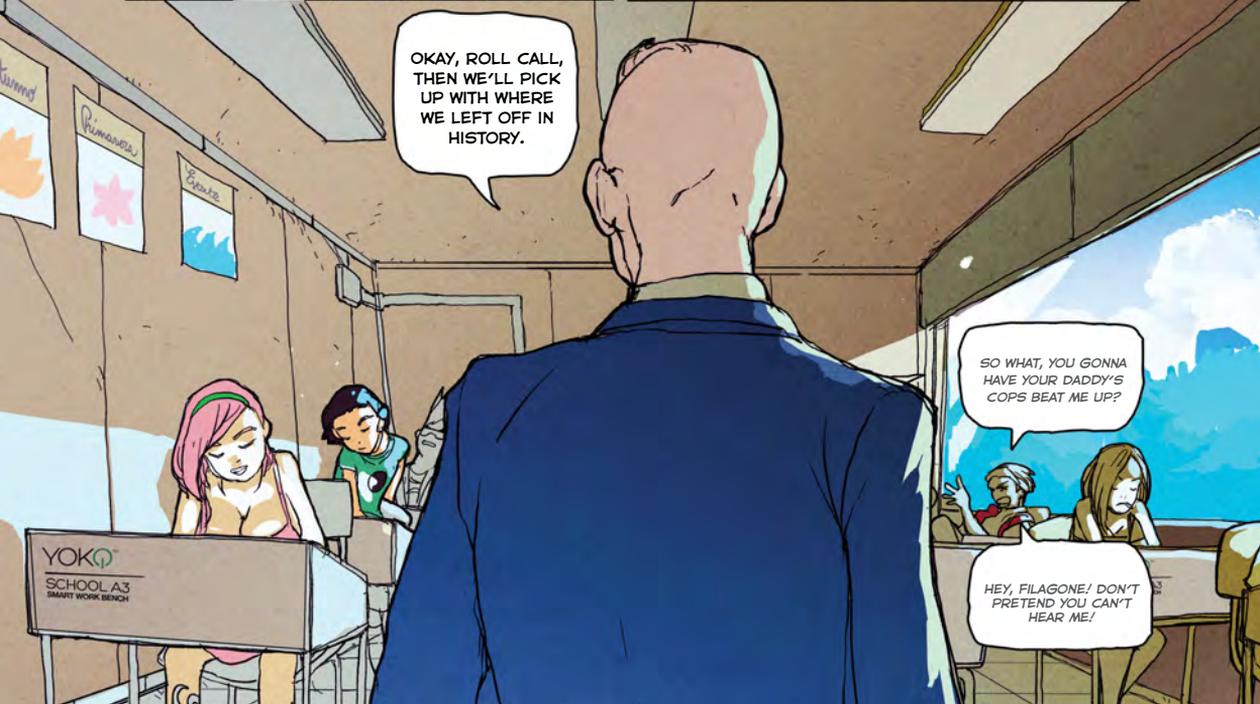
YOU BETTER WATCH WHAT YOU SAY ABOUT MY FATHER!!



WHAT'S GOING ON IN HERE? YOU KIDS GET TO YOUR SEATS. WE'VE GOT A CLASS TO START.

YOU'RE LUCKY HE SHOWED UP, FILAGONE... YOU WON'T BE SO LUCKY NEXT TIME.

YEAH, WHATEVER, WE'LL SEE.

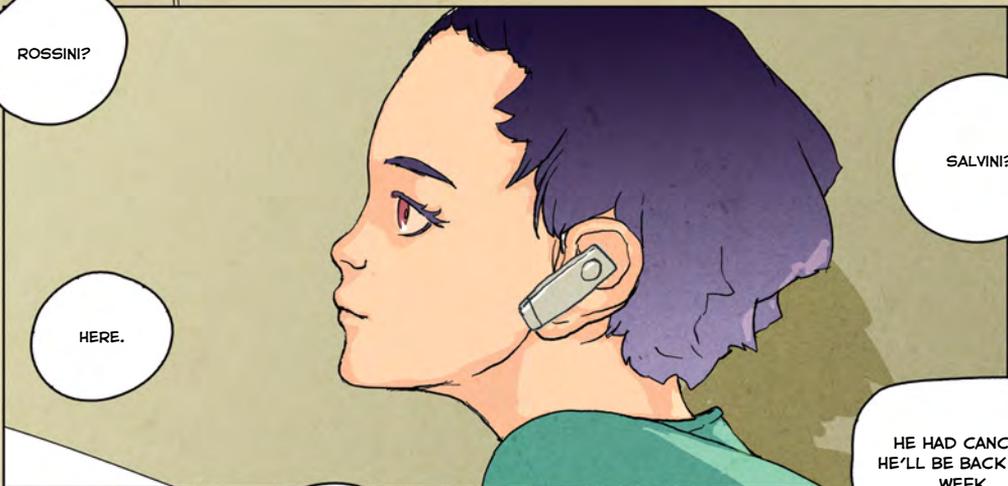


OKAY, ROLL CALL, THEN WE'LL PICK UP WITH WHERE WE LEFT OFF IN HISTORY.

SO WHAT, YOU GONNA HAVE YOUR DADDY'S COPS BEAT ME UP?

HEY, FILAGONE! DON'T PRETEND YOU CAN'T HEAR ME!

YOKO  
SCHOOL A3  
SMART WORK BENCH

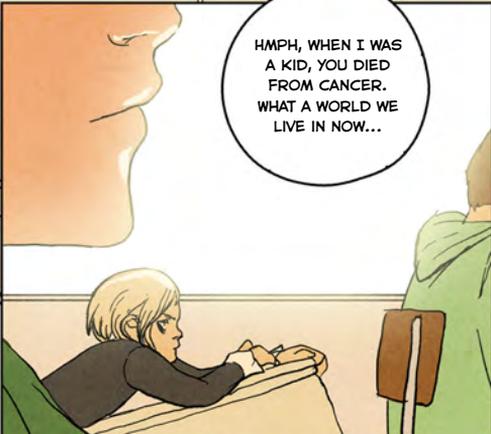


ROSSINI?

SALVINI?

HERE.

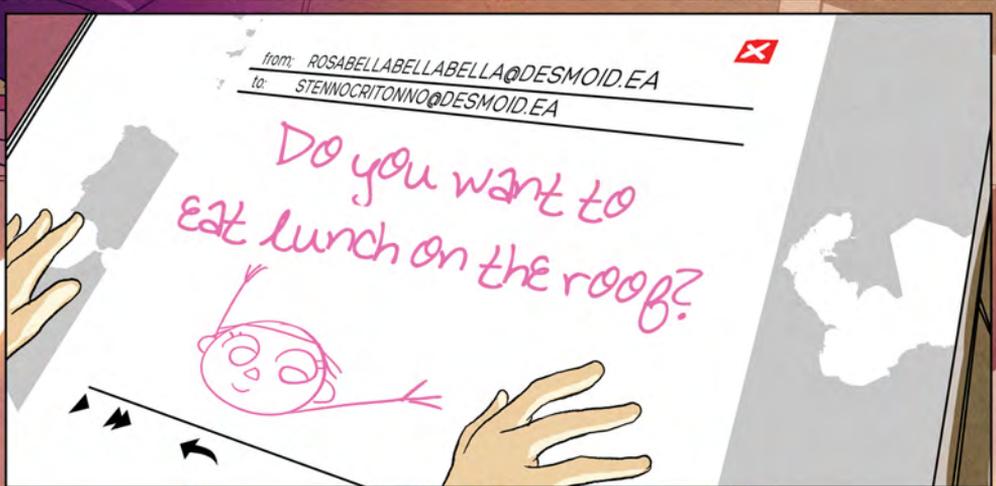
HE HAD CANCER.  
HE'LL BE BACK NEXT  
WEEK.



HMPH, WHEN I WAS  
A KID, YOU DIED  
FROM CANCER.  
WHAT A WORLD WE  
LIVE IN NOW...



...OKAY, LET'S BEGIN. I'M  
SENDING TODAY'S LESSON TO  
YOUR WORKBENCH. EVERYONE  
LOG IN...





YOU SHOULDN'T  
TAKE THOSE PILLS,  
STENO.  
  
DREAMS ARE  
EVERYTHING!

BUT I...



IF YOU GIVE UP  
YOUR DREAMS,  
THAT'S THE  
FIRST STEP TO  
BECOMING A PAWN  
LIKE MY FATHER.





WHEN MY MOM DIED  
YEARS AGO, HE  
STOPPED BELIEVING  
IN HIS OWN DREAMS  
AND HE LET SOMEONE  
ELSE'S BECOME MORE  
IMPORTANT.

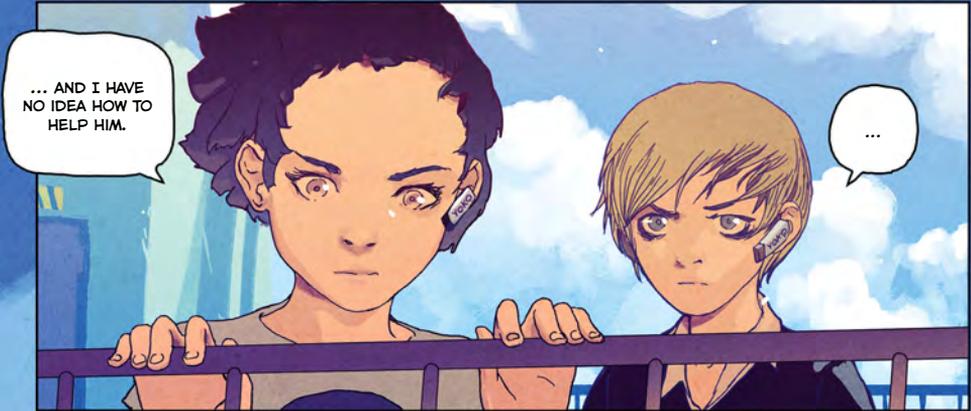
WE LIVE UNDER  
CONSTANT ESCORT,  
BUT I GET IT NOW  
-- THEY'RE NOT  
PROTECTING HIM...



...THEY'RE  
KEEPING AN  
EYE ON HIM, TO  
MAKE SURE HE  
DOESN'T FOLLOW  
HIS DREAMS.

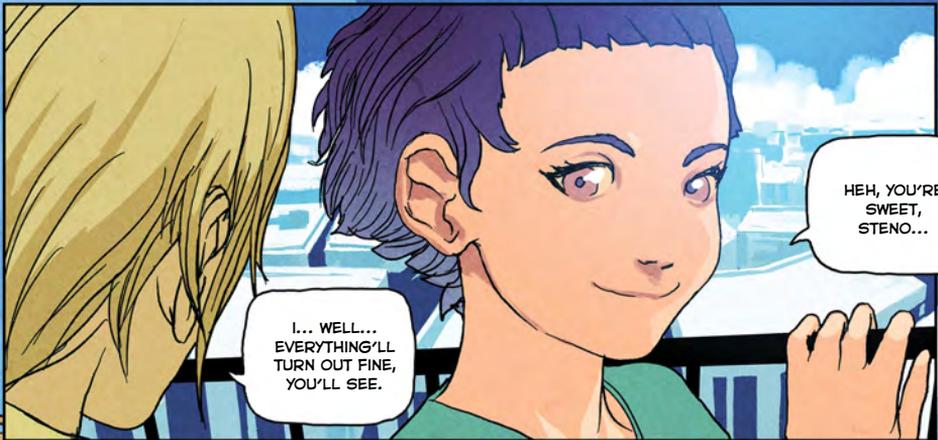
THEY MIGHT EVEN BE  
BLACKMAILING HIM, I  
DON'T KNOW.

THE MOST POWERFUL  
MAN IN ITALY, AND A  
PRISONER OF HIS OWN  
ESCORT...



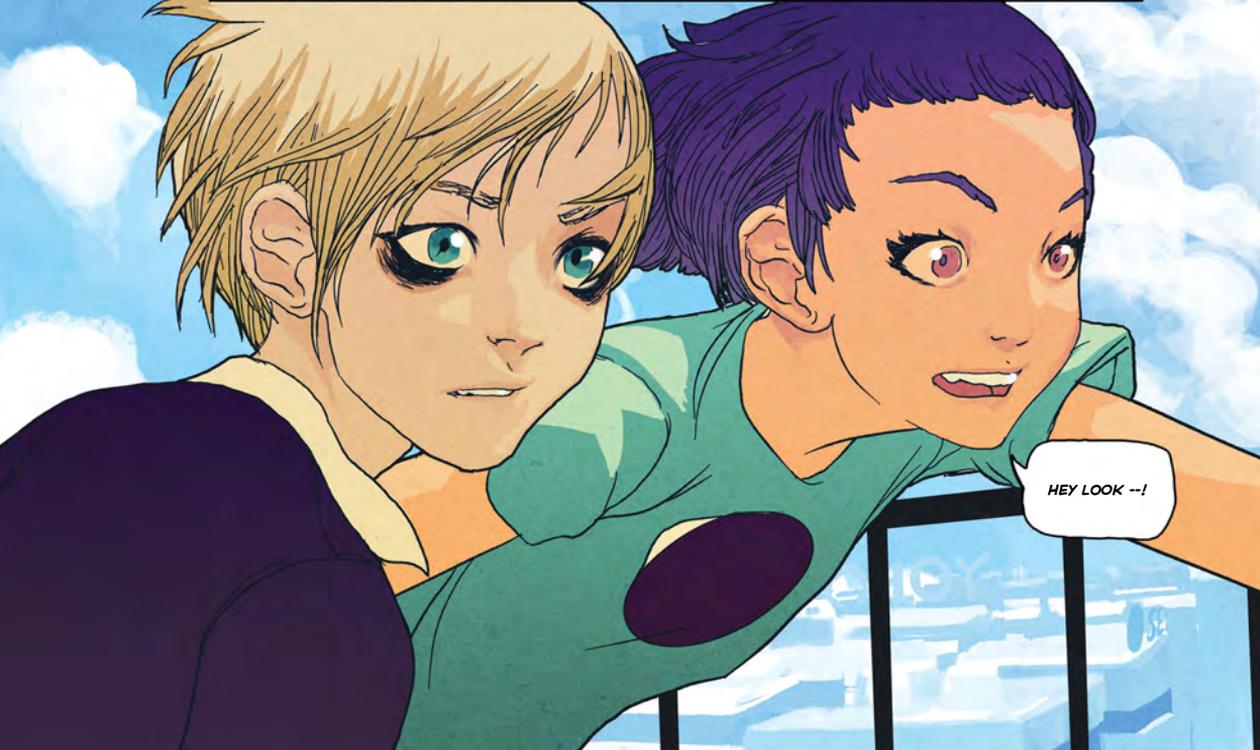
... AND I HAVE NO IDEA HOW TO HELP HIM.

...



I... WELL... EVERYTHING'LL TURN OUT FINE, YOU'LL SEE.

HEH, YOU'RE SWEET, STENO...



HEY LOOK --!



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# Golden



**NEXT ISSUE!**