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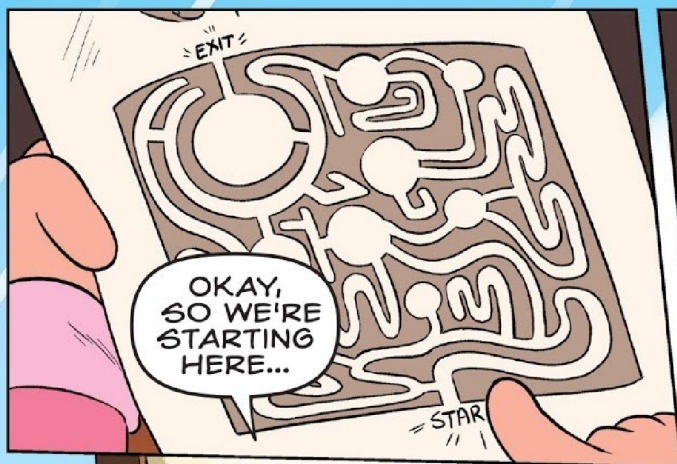
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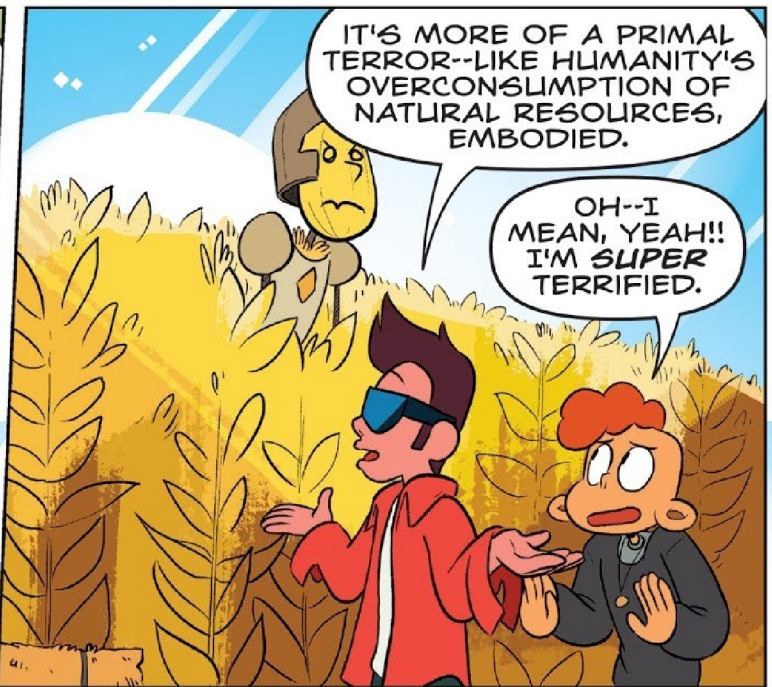


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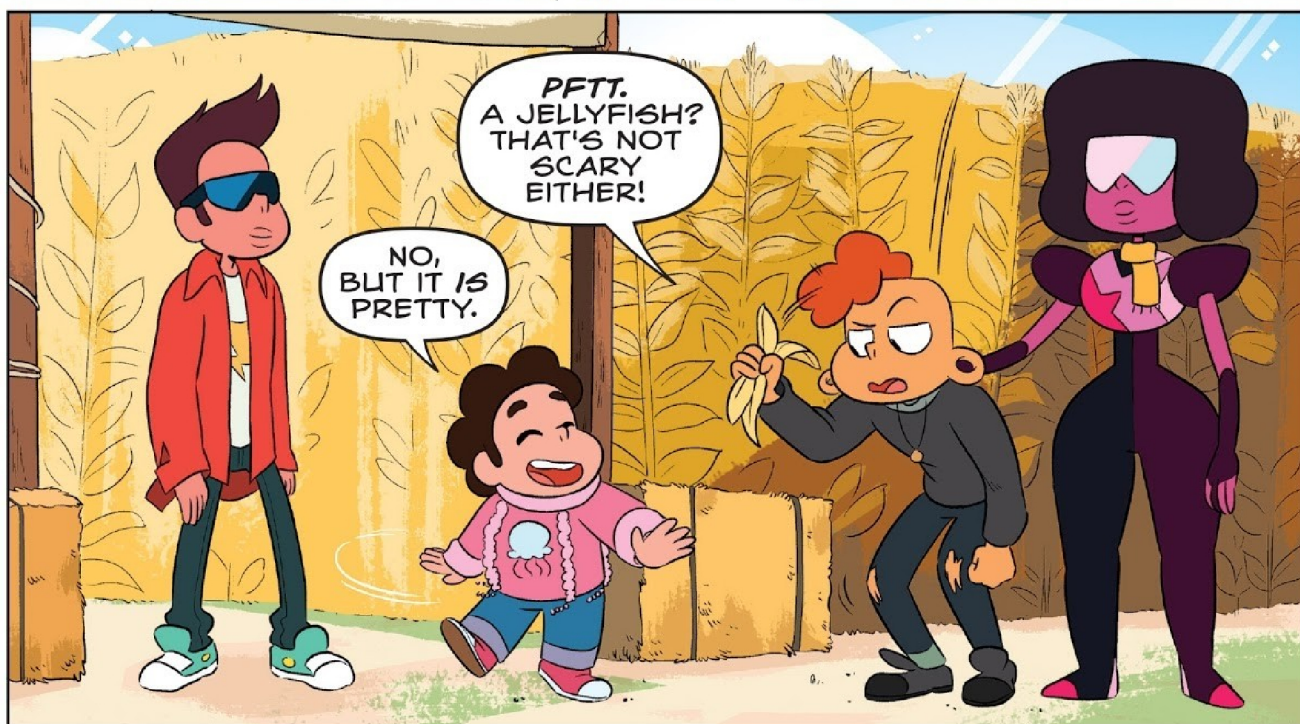












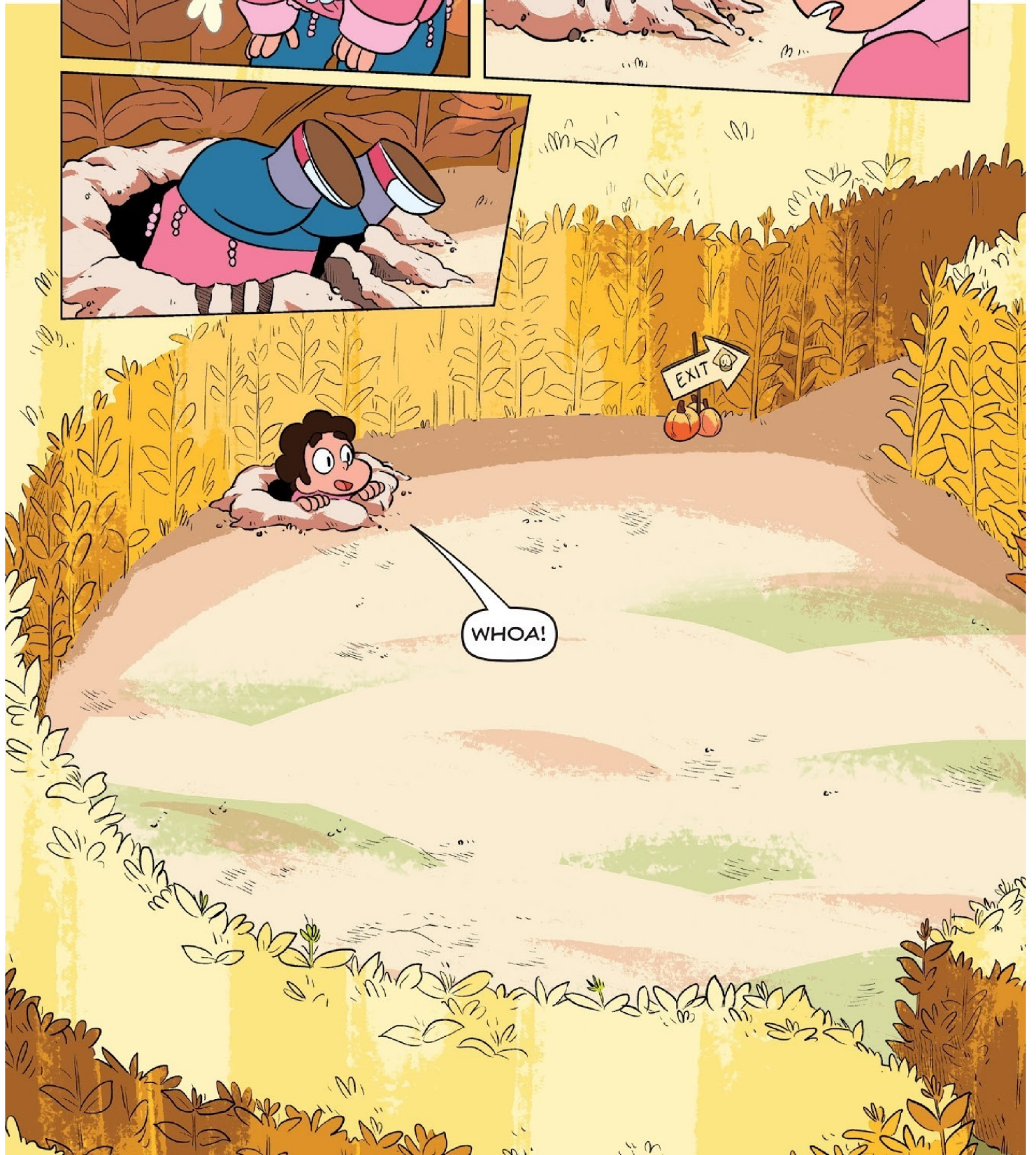
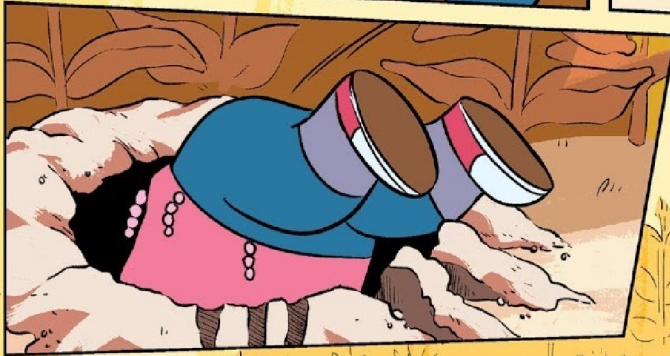












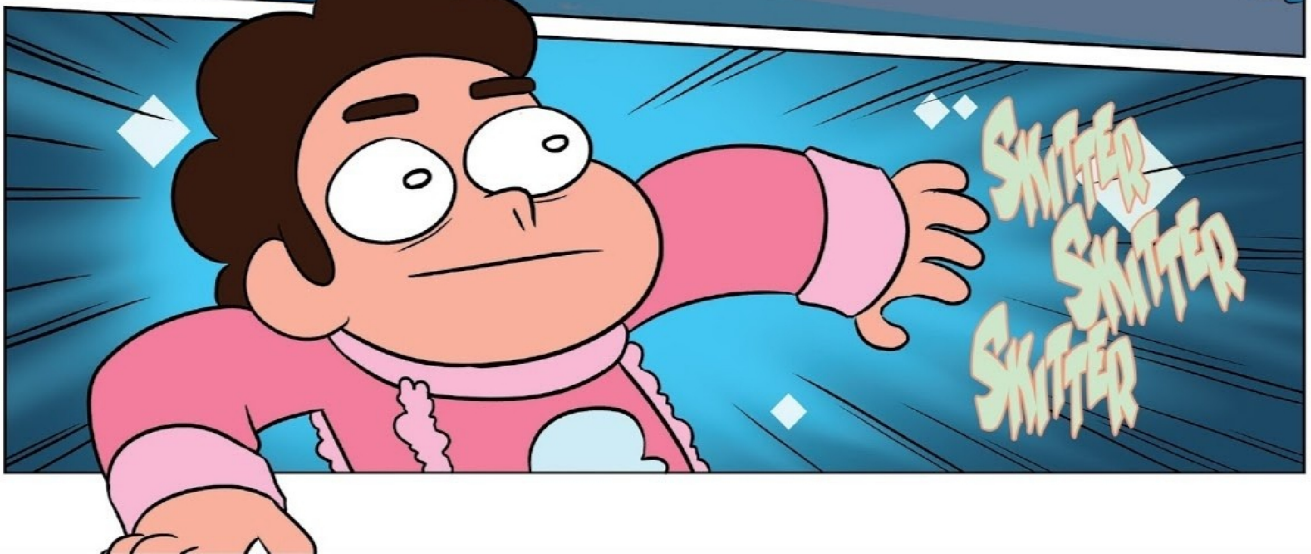












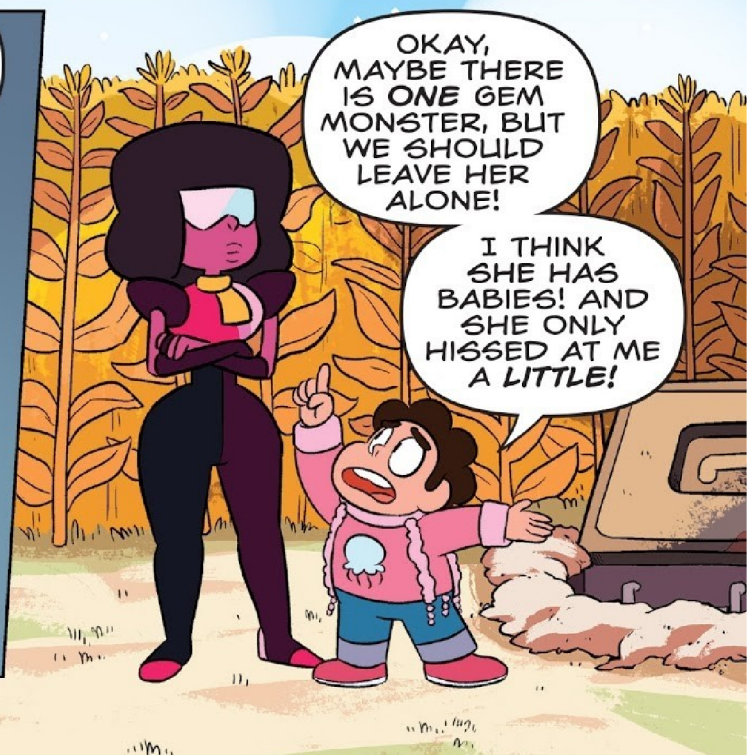




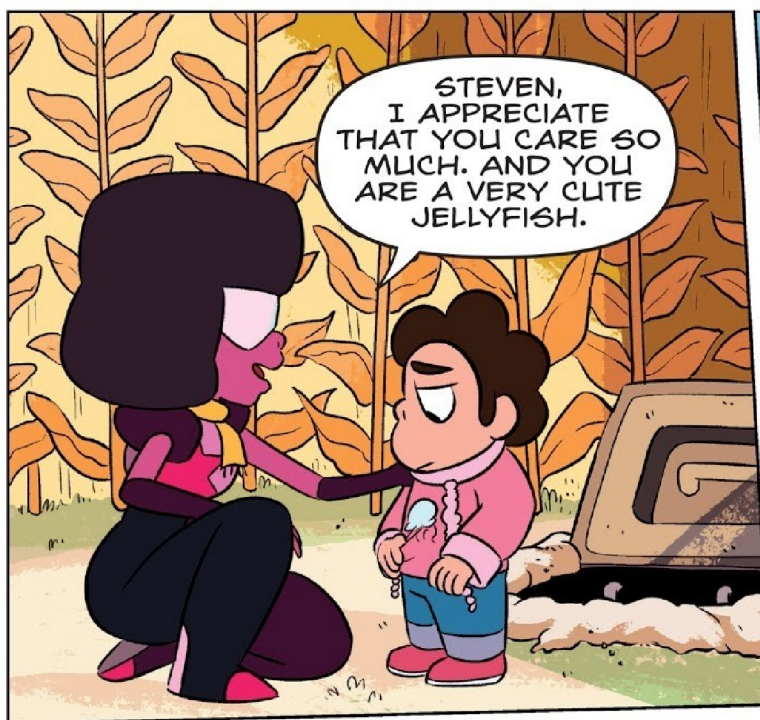




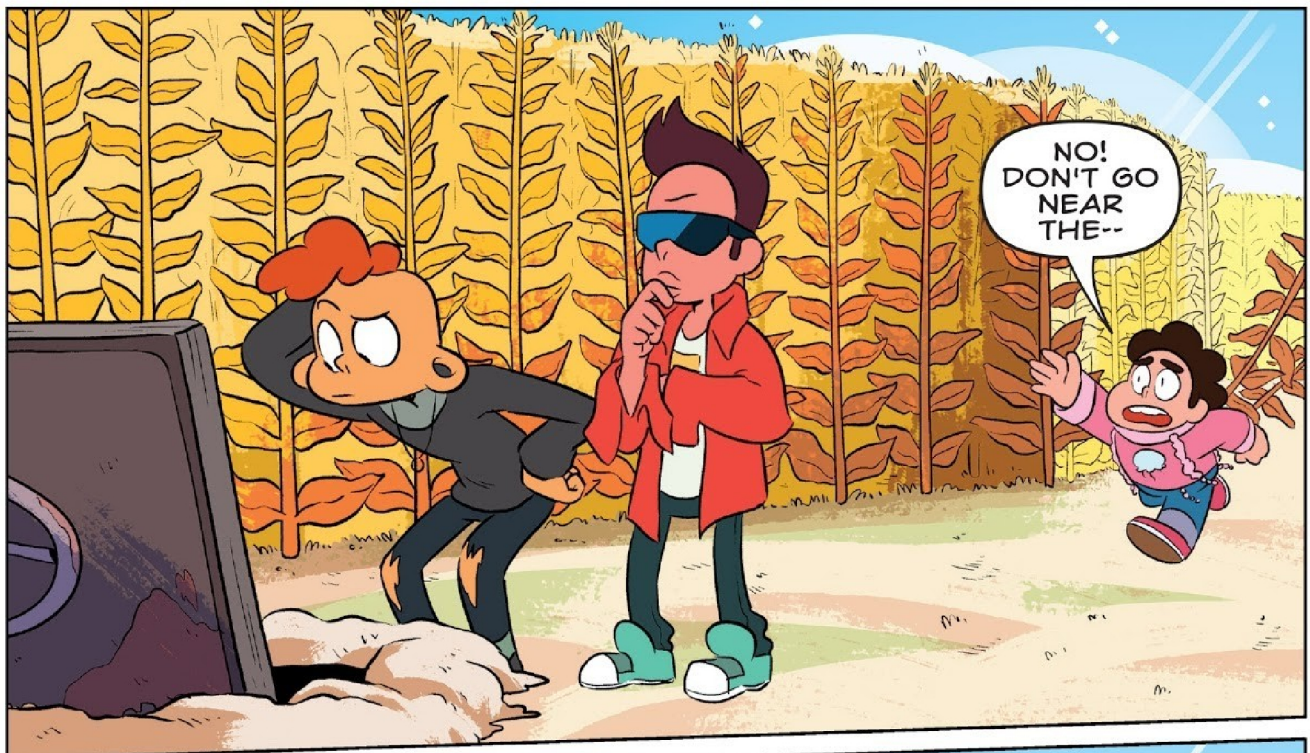




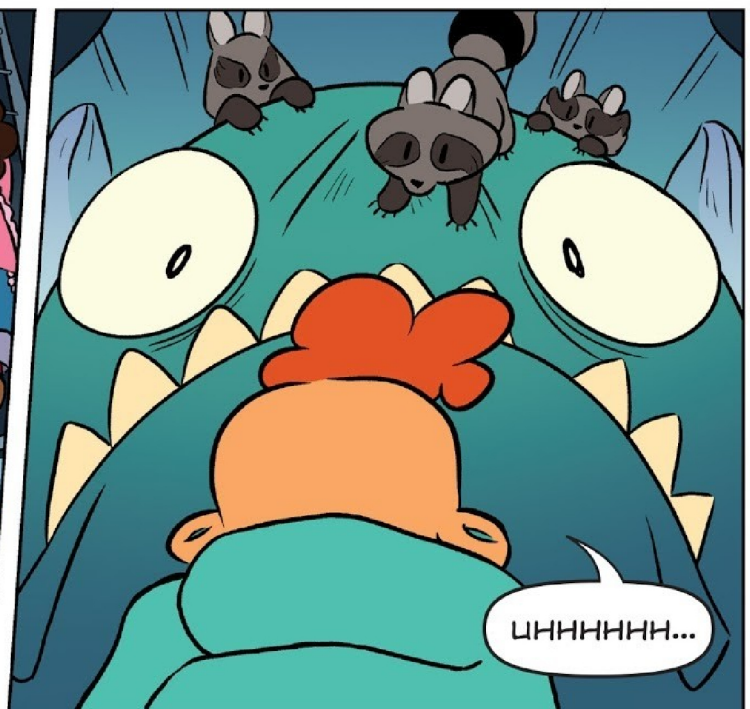
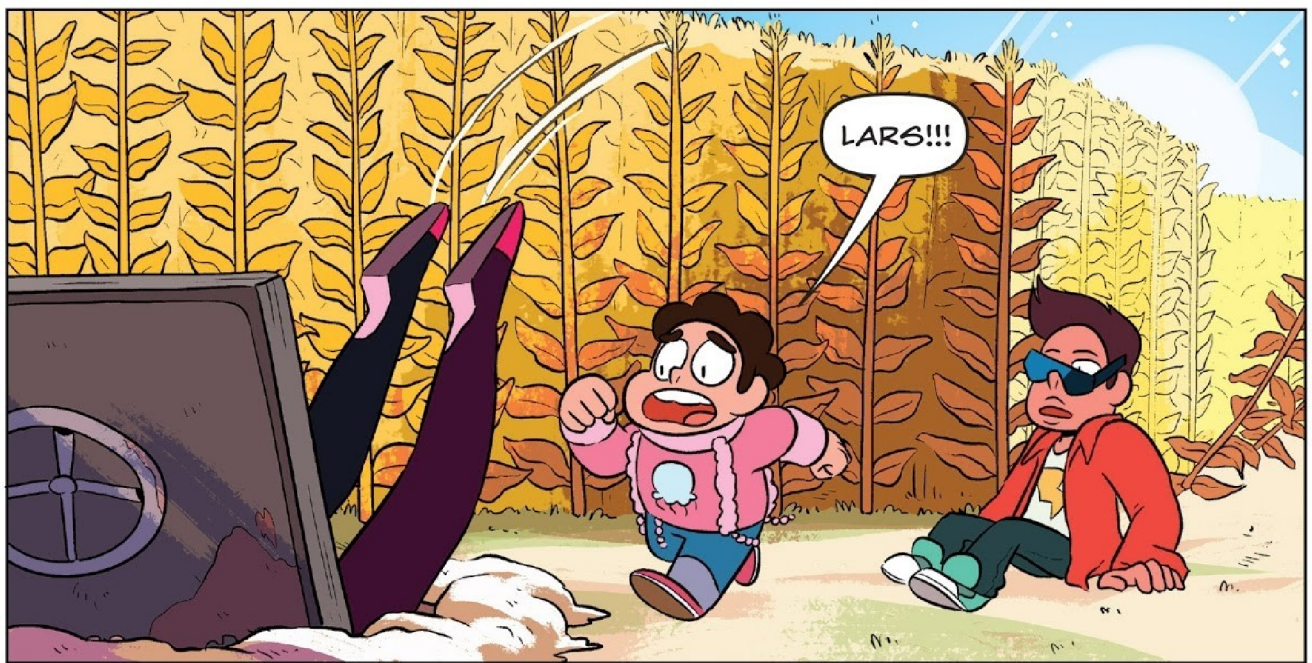










































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## PIVOT AND PUSH BACK SLAM! THE NEXT JAM

In roller derby you take your hits, get back up, and learn how to be a better jammer, a better blocker, and a better friend—if the competition doesn't tear you apart! After breaking one of the biggest rules in derby (not to mention an actual collarbone), Knockout and CanCan have a lot of work to do to rehabilitate their bodies and improve their standings in the league. We got the scoop on all things derby from writer Pamela Ribon (screenwriter for *Moana*, *Wreck-It Ralph 2*) and artist Mar Julia.



**Pamela Ribon**  
Writer



**Mar Julia**  
Artist

Let's talk about Jennifer Chu and Maisie Huff, AKA Knockout and CanCan. How has derby changed these gals and what challenges await them in *The Next Jam*?

**Ribon:** Maisie and Knockout are both dealing with the fall-out of their last bout—where Knockout left her team behind in order to hand-deliver her best friend to the hospital. Maisie's got a busted collarbone, and Knockout's got an entire league talking about whether or not there should be consequences.

**Pam, you've skated with the L.A. Derby Dolls. What does derby mean to you, and what's it like translating the sport to comics?**

**Ribon:** When I have felt lost and broken, roller derby has built me back up, time and time again. It's a challenging, all-consuming, heartfelt spectacle of a sport. Translating it into comics has been both an honor and a pleasure. The hardest part is trying to fit it all in! There's just so much to say about it, so

many things I've learned about life, friendship, and endurance.

**Mar, what do you most look forward to drawing in this series? What inspirations are you pulling from?**

**Julia:** I love making work about girls doing cool things and kicking butt, and that's basically roller derby, right? I'm excited to learn a lot (hopefully) about derby through *SLAM!* I've always been a little interested in it, so now I have an excuse to learn more about it.

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**Which characters are your favorites?**

**Ribon:** I love all these beautiful weirdos.

**Julia:** I like all of them, but especially Knockout and Velvet.

**What are your derby names?**

**Ribon:** I proudly skated for the L.A. Derby Dolls as May Q. Holla. (Shout-out to the Varsity Brawlers. *We are One! VBI*!)

**Julia:** I'm not sure, but my friend suggested 'Marimo' because it's Mar plus I joke about being like a mossball. ■



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