

HEY, BUDDY. YOU CALLED ME FOR ADVICE. LET ME FINISH GIVING IT BEFORE YOU INTERRUPT.

BUT YOU'RE JUST-

FINE. I'LL PUT YOU ON HOLD.

YOU CAN'T PUT ME ON HO--!!

NOW, AS I WAS SAYING: I...

rrrrRRREEEEEEYAAH!

WHAT THE HELL WAS THAT!?

I FOUGHT MY WAY OFF OF HOLD! THAT'S HOW TOUGH I AM!

FINE. I'LL JUST HANG UP ON YOU.

CAN I GET A FREE T-SHIRT AND TICKETS TO--  
CLICK?




NICE SHOW TONIGHT, LUCY.

... OUR TOP STORIES  
TONIGHT...

THANKS!


YOU EVER GOING  
TO GO BACK TO  
REPORTING?



I'M NOT SURE. I'D LIKE TO, BECAUSE  
IT'S WHAT I STUDIED FOR. THE SHOW  
IS FUN... BUT I DON'T  
KNOW IF I WANT  
TO DO IT  
FOREVER...

...AN ARMY OPERATION  
IN MOGADISHU HAS  
RESULTED IN MORE  
THAN ONE DOWNED  
AMERICAN HELICOPTER...

MAYBE THERE'S A  
WAY TO DO BOTH...



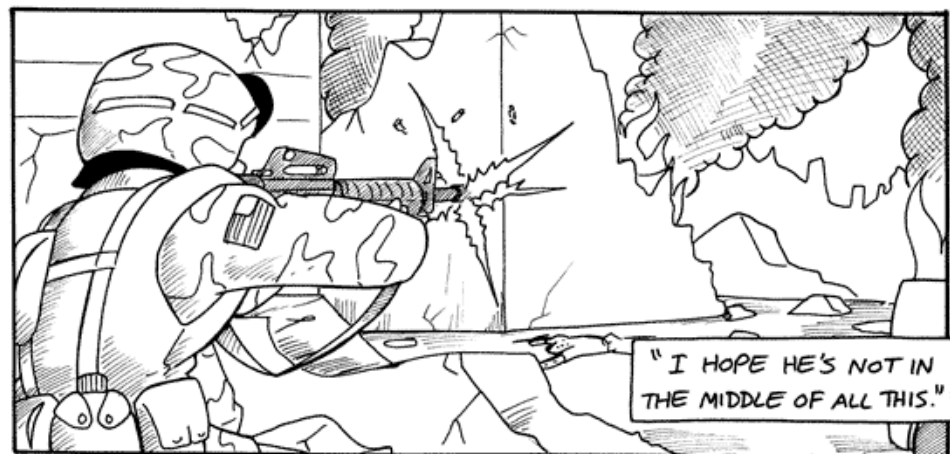
LET'S GO KILL A FEW  
DRINKS SINCE WE'RE  
OFF.

... AND THE DEATH  
OF OVER A DOZEN  
U.S. ARMY RANGERS...


DETAILS  
DEVELOPING...

WOAH!  
WAIT...

OH MY  
GOD.







WE WERE GOING OUT, TONIGHT!  
I DROVE ALL THE WAY FROM  
DULUTH!

THAT WAS  
BEFORE I  
KNEW...

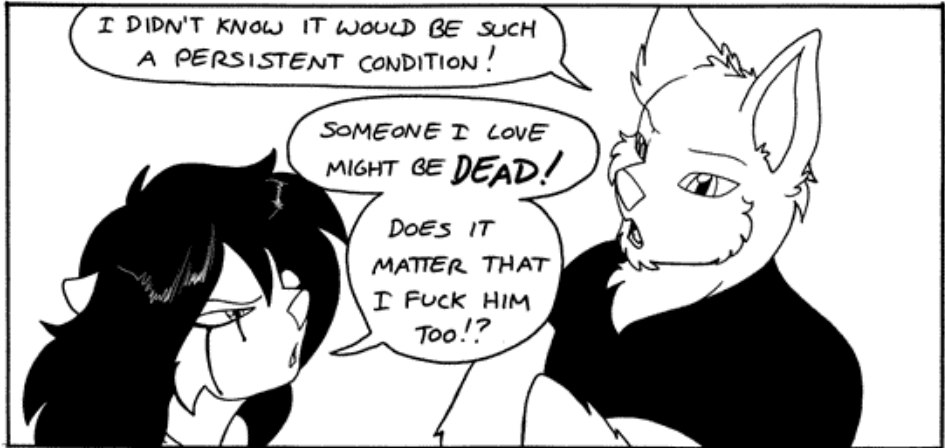
I'M SORRY.



THIS WOULDN'T BE AS BIG OF  
A PROBLEM IF YOU'D SETTLE  
FOR ONE LOVER  
AT A TIME,  
LIKE  
MOST.




WHAT!?! I TOLD YOU WHAT I  
WAS ABOUT WHEN WE FIRST  
MET!



I DIDN'T KNOW IT WOULD BE SUCH  
A PERSISTENT CONDITION!


SOMEONE I LOVE  
MIGHT BE DEAD!

DOES IT  
MATTER THAT  
I FUCK HIM  
TOO!?!?



I DON'T GET YOU, BETH! YOU EVEN SAID I WAS THE BEST LOOKING AND MOST SUCCESSFUL! WHY DO YOU NEED THOSE OTHERS?

JUST GO!



YES, I SHOULD.

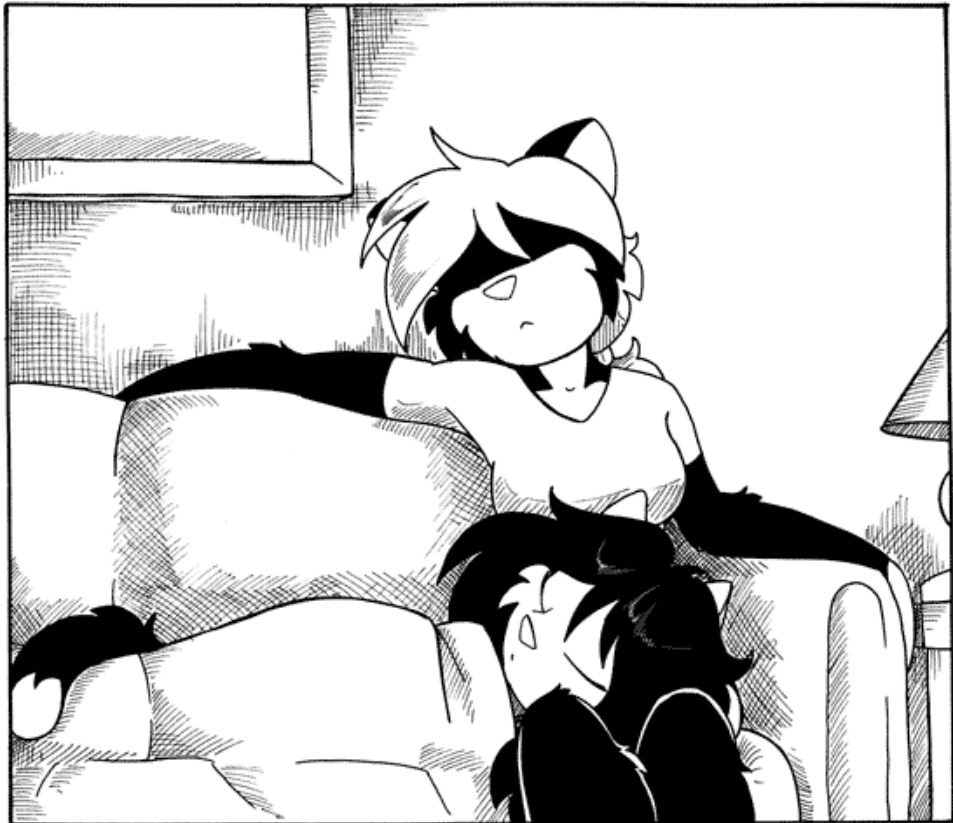
I CAN FIND FAR MORE STABLE WOMEN, AND KNOW I'M NOT JUST GOING TO BE ONE OF SEVERAL SWINGING DICKS FOR HER TO CHOSE FROM IN AN EVENING!

DON'T CALL ME.



SLAM


















A black and white comic panel showing two cats in a clothing store. The cat on the left has dark fur and a choker, while the cat on the right has lighter fur. They are standing in front of a rack of clothes.

NEW CLOTHES?

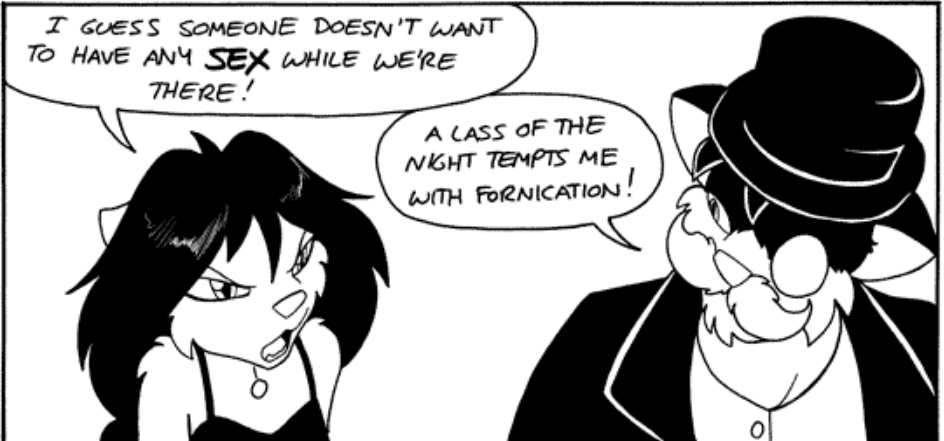
YEAH! IT'S A SOPHISTICATED PLACE. YOU WANT TO LOOK NICE.

THE BOYS SEEM TO HAVE THE IDEA...

A black and white comic panel showing the two cats from the previous panel, now dressed in formal suits and hats. The cat on the left is looking towards the other two cats.


ARE YOU READY FOR OUR BIG EXCURSION INTO CULTURE AND SOPHISTICATION, JULES?

INDEED, THADDEUS!

A black and white comic panel showing a close-up of the two cats. The cat on the left has a determined, slightly angry expression, while the cat on the right is speaking.


I GUESS SOMEONE DOESN'T WANT TO HAVE ANY **SEX** WHILE WE'RE THERE!

A LASS OF THE NIGHT TEMPTS ME WITH FORNICATION!




THIS IS NICE.

FIRST TIME FLYING IN  
FIRST CLASS?



I'VE ONLY EVER  
FLOWN FOR THE ARMY.

NOTHING WAS  
THIS NICE.



LOOKS LIKE TOMMY'S JUST  
GETTING USED TO IT, TOO.



MORE CHAMPAGNE, SIR?

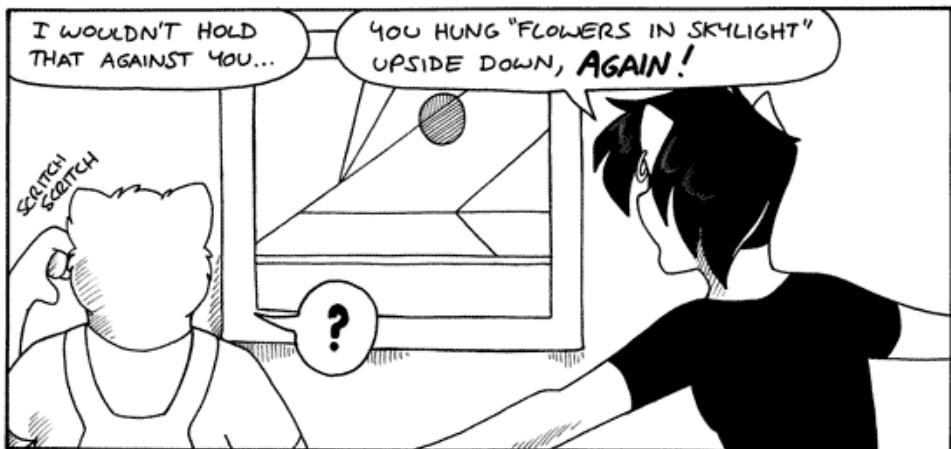
YES.


DON'T STOP UNTIL  
MY PANTS  
DISAPPEAR.











"VIOLENCE IN WARM" IS ONE OF MY FAVORITES. IT SHOWS THE TRUE TURMOIL THAT IS OUR SOUL:

A TORTURED, SCREAMING ANIMAL, CONSTANTLY AT WAR WITH REALITY. IT YERNS TO BREAK THE BONDS OF REASON, AND THE SHELL OF IDENTITY AND CAUSALITY.

THIS IS A TESTAMENT TO MANKIND'S ULTIMATE IMPOTENCE. OUR WEAK, DEFORMED, TWISTED STATE, LASHING OUT BEFORE THE INEVITABLE END...

I RAN THE PAINT THROUGH A JET ENGINE TO GET LEVELS OF VIOLENCE IMPOSSIBLE THROUGH REASONED PLANNING. THE EFFECTS ARE STUNNING.

SO... YOU TOOK A MACHINE SO PRECISELY MACHINED, SO BRILLIANTLY ENGINEERED BY MANKIND, A TESTAMENT TO HIS REASON, HIS ABILITY IN THE FACE OF NATURE ...

... AND MADE A PAINTING TO DEMONSTRATE HIS IMPOTENCE?

BEAUTIFUL, NO?

I'D RATHER HAVE THE ENGINE ON MY WALL.







SO, HOW'S THE GALLERY?  
CLARISSE LOVES YOUR  
WORK, I HEAR.

SHE MAY BE THE  
ONLY ONE.



NOTHING?

A FEW BUYERS CAME BY, BUT THEY  
ONLY SEEMED INTERESTED IN  
PAINTINGS OF NOTHING.



PAINTINGS THAT LOOK LIKE RANDOM  
LINES OR FLASHES OF COLOR.  
PEOPLE INTERPRET WHATEVER  
IT IS FROM WHIMS IN THEIR OWN  
MINDS. THE ARTIST  
HAS NO  
ROLE IN  
DEPICTING  
ANYTHING.



YOU DON'T NEED MONEY.

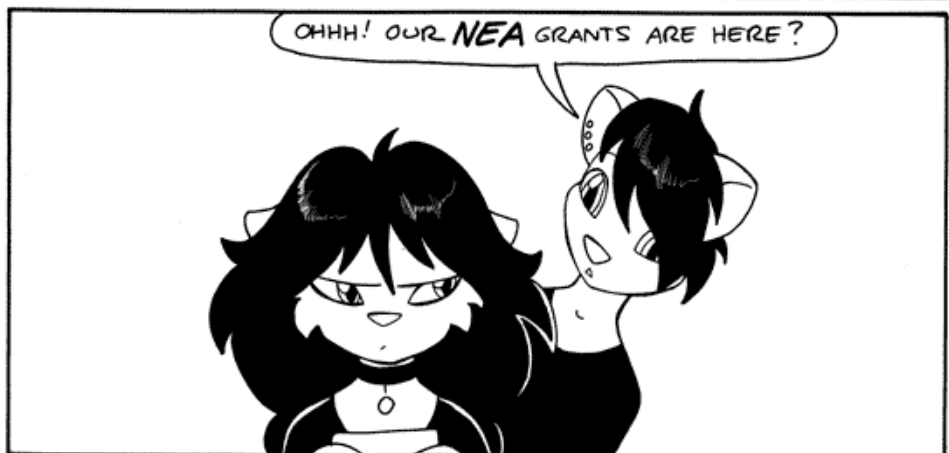
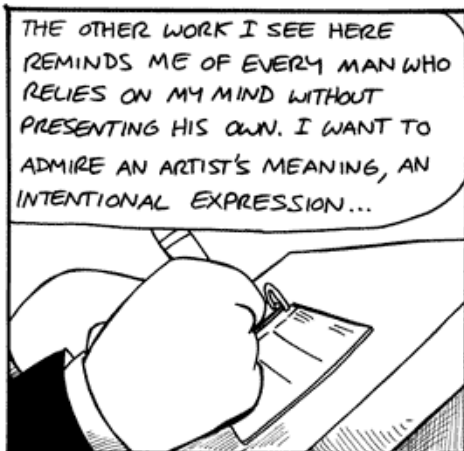
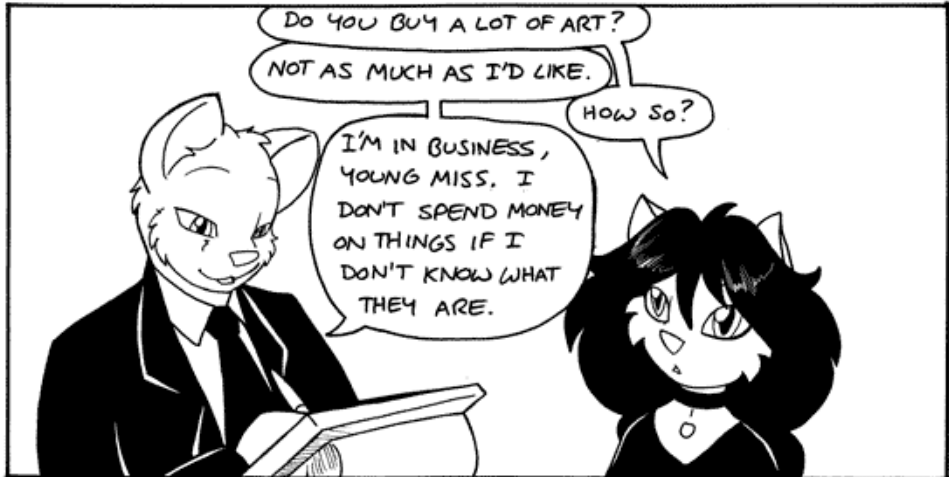
THAT ISN'T  
WHAT YOU'RE  
LOOKING FOR,  
IS IT?

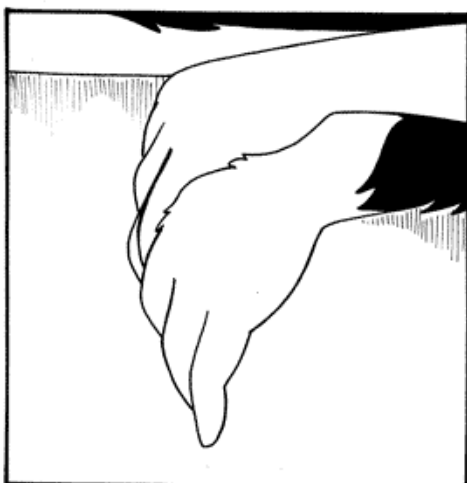
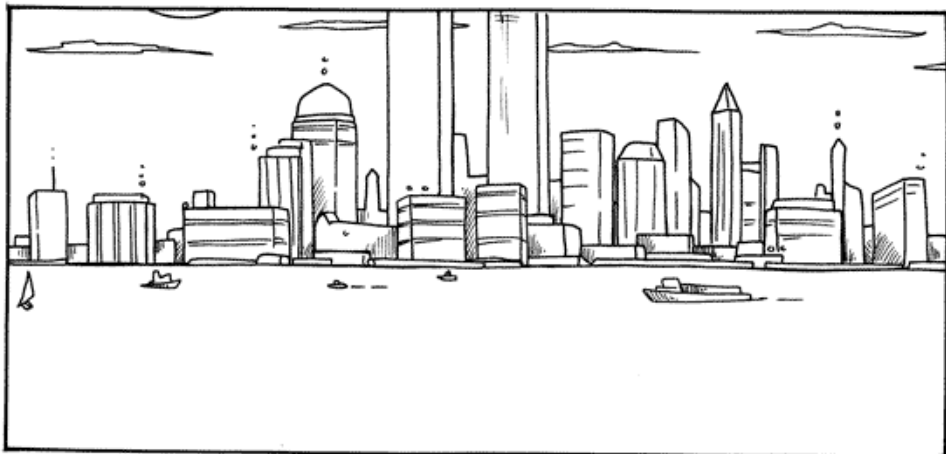
NO. MAYBE NOT MONEY, OR  
VALIDATION. MAYBE... A PEER?
















YOU CAN DO WHAT  
YOU LIKE. WORK WHATEVER  
KIND OF WORK YOU LIKE.

I HAVE ENOUGH MONEY  
FOR LIFE... YOU WON'T HAVE  
TO WORRY ABOUT THAT.

THIS IS WHAT I WANT.  
I DON'T KNOW WHY BEING  
THIS HONEST IS SO HARD.



THERE. YOU DID IT. YOU GOT ME  
TO SAY YOU'RE THE ONE.



I DON'T WANT YOU TO FEEL BOUND  
FOR MY SAKE... BUT I HAD TO  
LET YOU KNOW ...





I DON'T WANT TO FEEL LIKE I'M PULLING YOU AWAY FROM YOUR CAREER. YOUR CONTRACT IS UP IN WHAT... A YEAR?

WELL, I'M HAVING SECOND THOUGHTS ABOUT RENEWING.

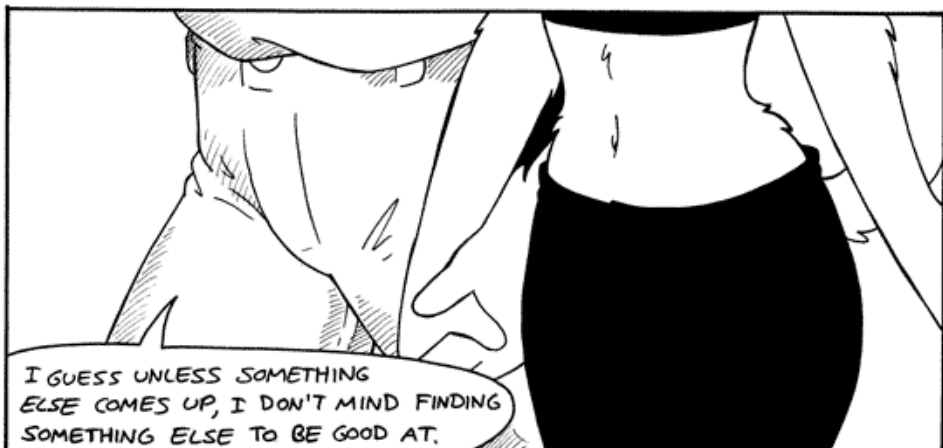
WHY'S THAT?



WELL, BEING A SOLDIER IS SOMETHING I'M GOOD AT, WHICH IS MOSTLY WHY I LIKE IT.

I'LL DO MY DUTY IN A HEARTBEAT, AGAIN. BUT I'M NOT SURE I'VE BEEN DEFENDING THE PEOPLE I CARE ABOUT AT HOME, THE PAST FEW YEARS.

IT'S NOT ABOUT SOMETHING BIGGER THAN MYSELF. IT'S EXACTLY ABOUT MYSELF, AND YOU, AND THOSE I CARE FOR.



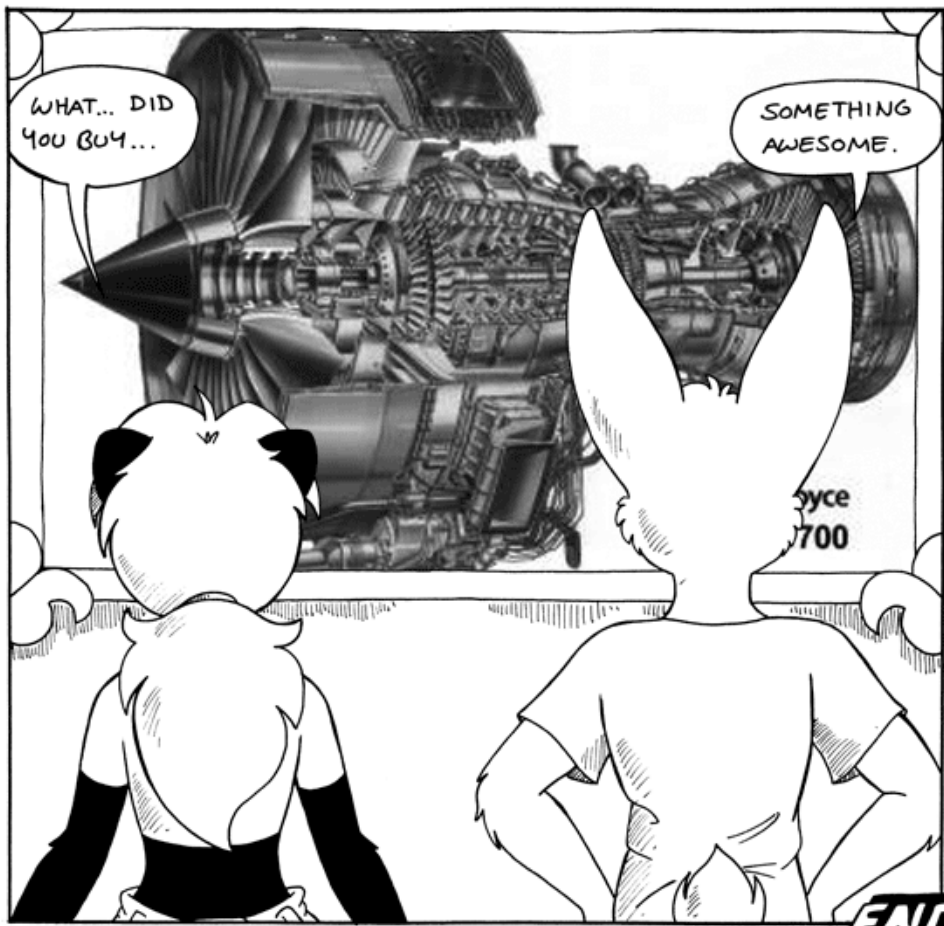
I GUESS UNLESS SOMETHING ELSE COMES UP, I DON'T MIND FINDING SOMETHING ELSE TO BE GOOD AT.



I'M GLAD I BROUGHT EVERYONE ALONG.

EVEN TOMMY BOUGHT SOME ART TO TAKE HOME.

REALLY?  
MR. ENGINEER?



WHAT... DID YOU BUY...

SOMETHING AWESOME.

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