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# **CHAPTER 1**

Einfallgängers





And so it was, a long time ago, that man began to forsake his stories. Little by little at first, and then rapidly, great scores of tales became ill and perished. Wiped from memory. And the fairies and the people and the beasts that called those stories their home, were cast into oblivion.

**Einfallgänger** [abstract, thought-form beings] erased from our reality forever.

Because of this, great wars and great discord man did bring, in his ignorance, upon himself and the world. Then, some time after, some harkened to whispers and ghosts of those long forgotten legends. And they understood that this curse ought to be forestalled and ended.

Small groups of **Alchemists**, **Indwellers**, **Apparitors** and other brave souls banded together and took terrible oaths to save the remaining stories.

And for a brief time there was relative harmony and peace. Then a terrible woe befell these Paragons. One which shall not be uttered here. So it was that the age of the Paragon ceased.





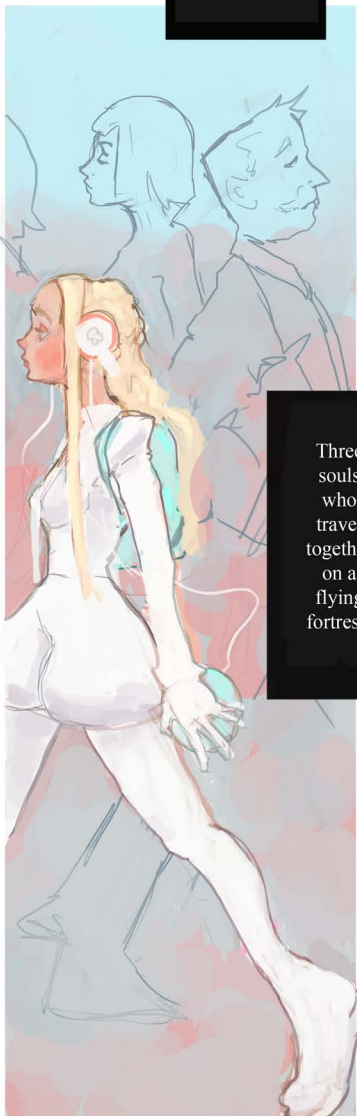
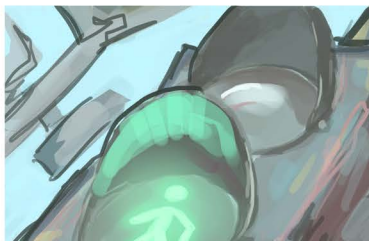
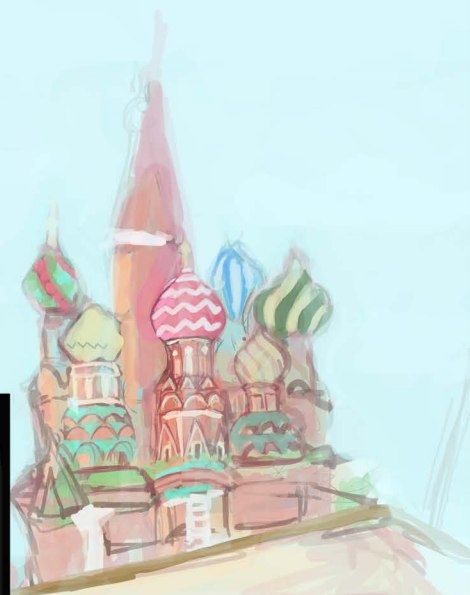
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Now there  
exists only  
one band  
known,  
willing to  
take those  
terrible oaths  
again.

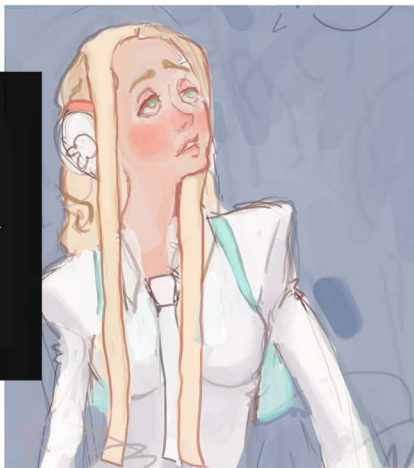
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Simulacrum

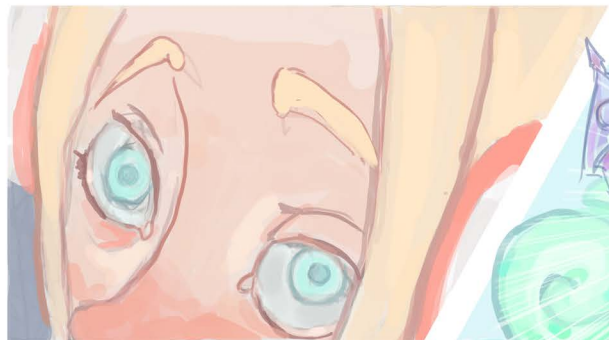
A Polyglot

And a boy  
with  
pistachio  
hair.

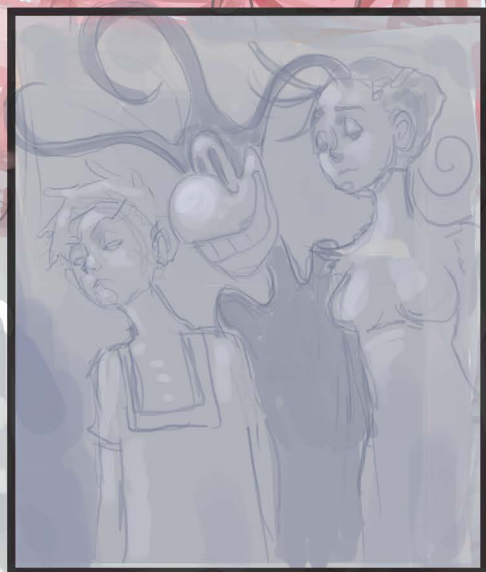


Three  
souls  
who  
travel  
together  
on a  
flying  
fortress.



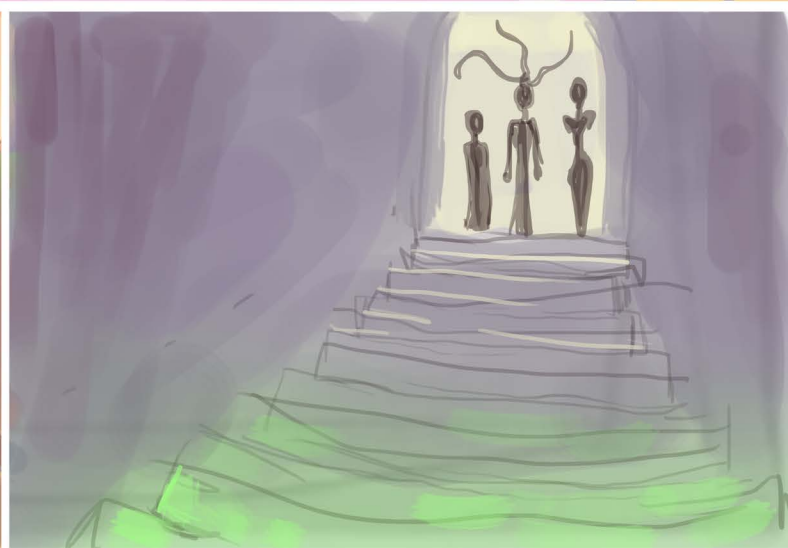
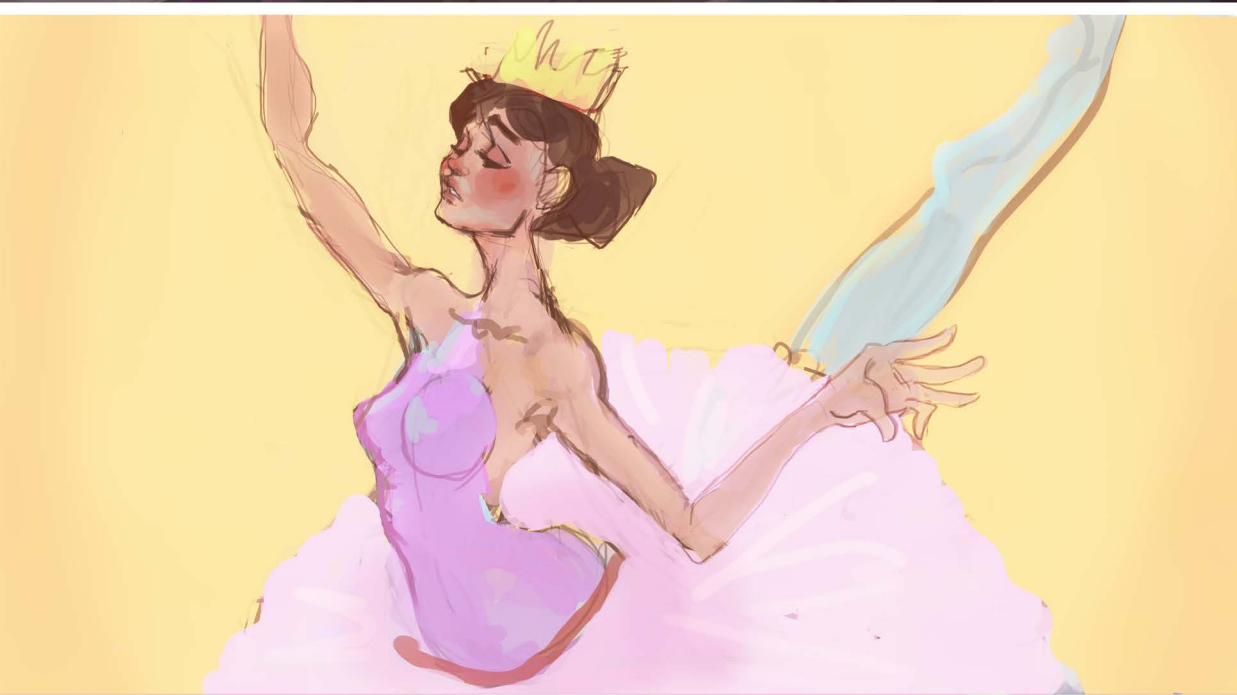


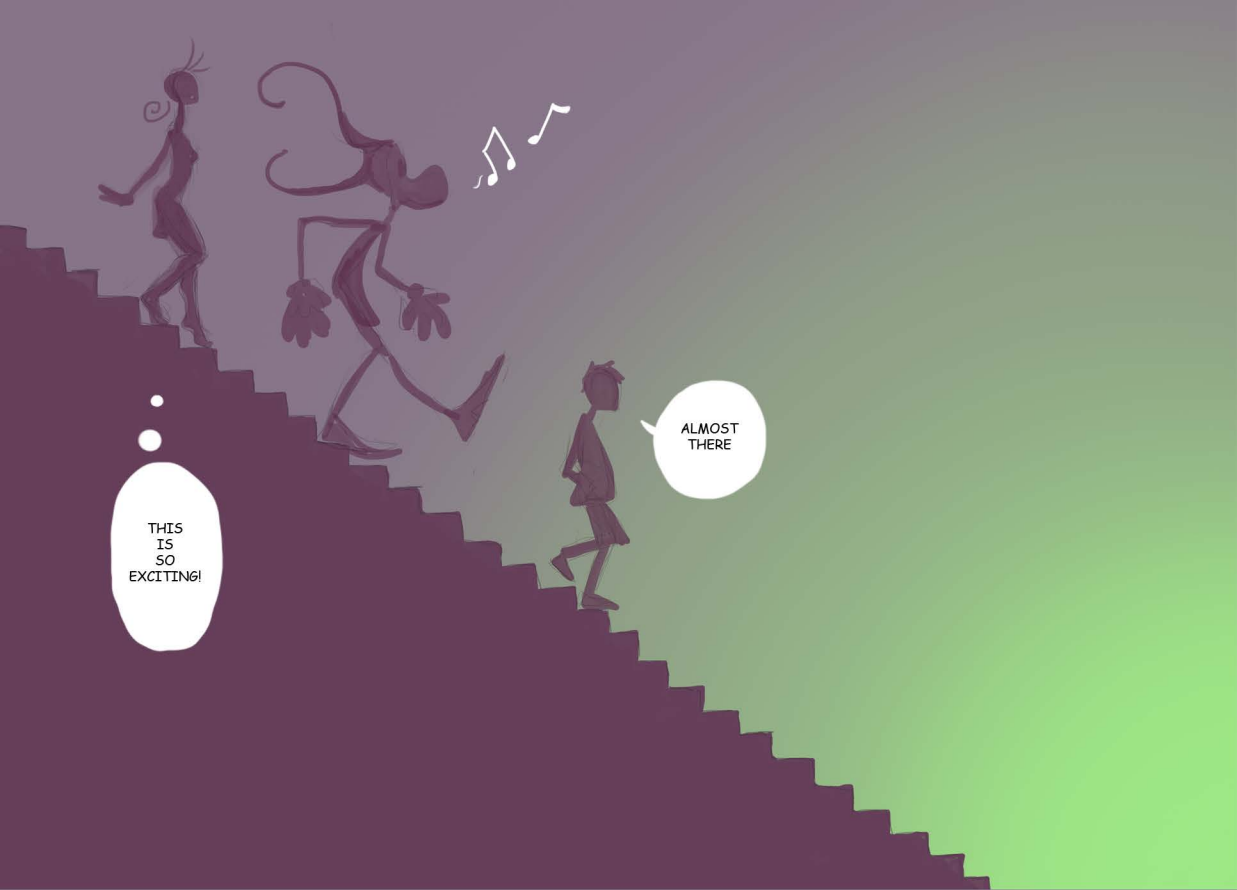
The  
Fata  
Morgana.





LATER THAT DAY...





THIS  
IS  
SO  
EXCITING!

ALMOST  
THERE



OI,  
ARE YOU SURE  
THIS IS  
ABSOLUTELY  
SAFE TO  
TOUCH?  
LOOKS LIKE  
IT'S SEEN  
BETTER DAYS.

YEAH—DON'T  
WORRY. ME  
AND THE BIG  
GUY HAVE  
GONE INTO  
COUNTLESS  
OF THESE. IT'S  
USUALLY NOT  
AS SCARY  
WHEN YOU GO  
INTO THE  
BOOK.

OK LET'S GO.



**ENTER:  
THE NUTCRACKER**



TA DA!  
WE MADE IT!

**Name:**  
'Oli' [Oli Oxen  
Free]  
a.k.a. Vellum  
a.k.a. Helter Skelter  
**Role:** Alchemist  
**Age:** [?]  
**Nationality:** [?]

**Name:** Fossil  
**Role:** Apparitor  
**Age:** [?]  
**Nationality:** [?]

**Name:**  
Rooney M.  
Oxford  
**Role:** Indweller  
**Age:** 19  
**Nationality:**  
ENG



BLOODY HELL, WE REALLY ARE  
INSIDE THE NUTCRACKER  
STORY. SO THIS IS WHAT IT'S  
LIKE TO BE IN A 'MAGNA CODEX'.

FOSSIL, SHOULDN'T YOU  
SUMMON SOMEONE FROM  
THIS BOOK. MAYBE WE  
CAN ASK THEM WHAT'S  
CAUSING THIS WORLD TO  
DECAY.

OH YEAH!  
RIGHT, GOOD  
IDEA!

LESSON 1

2 3 4 5 6

Though, there are some  
limitations. For instance, an  
**Apparitor** can only summon as  
many beings as the amount of  
fingers he charged before entering  
a story. Some 'gängers' need more  
digits to summon. A dragon, for  
example, may require 5 fingers.

An **Apparitor** is a bit like a  
magician in the world of stories.  
He may summon, at will,  
**Einfallgängers** to this realm, from  
this or any other story.  
He simply points and POOF.

Rooney's Notes <3

COME  
FORTH!

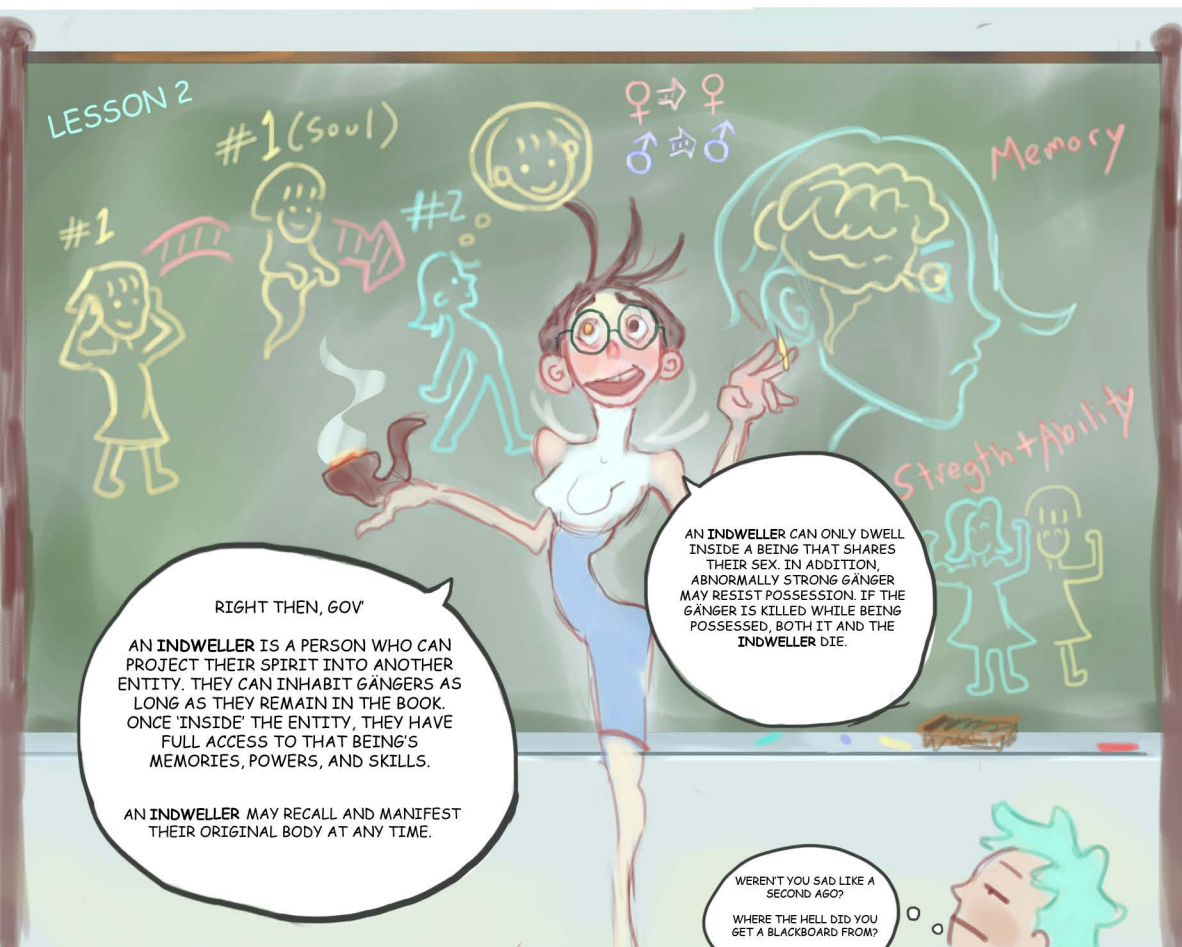
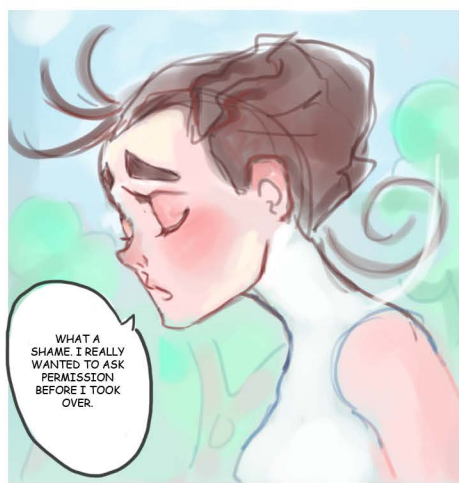
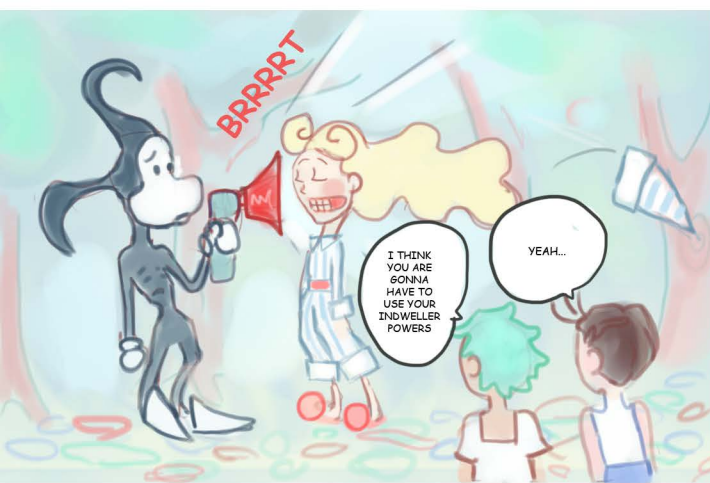
CLARA  
STAHLBAUM!



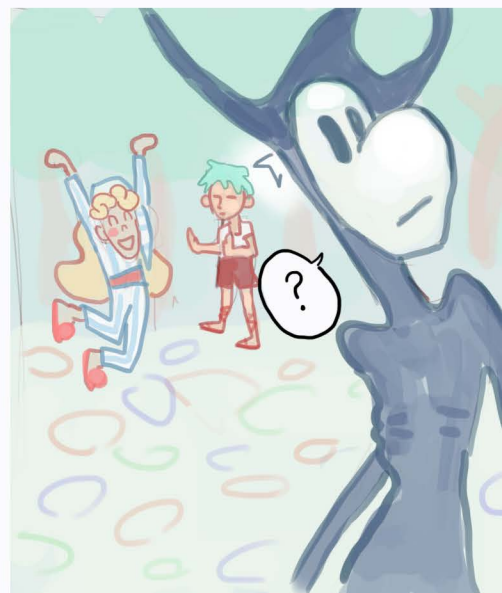




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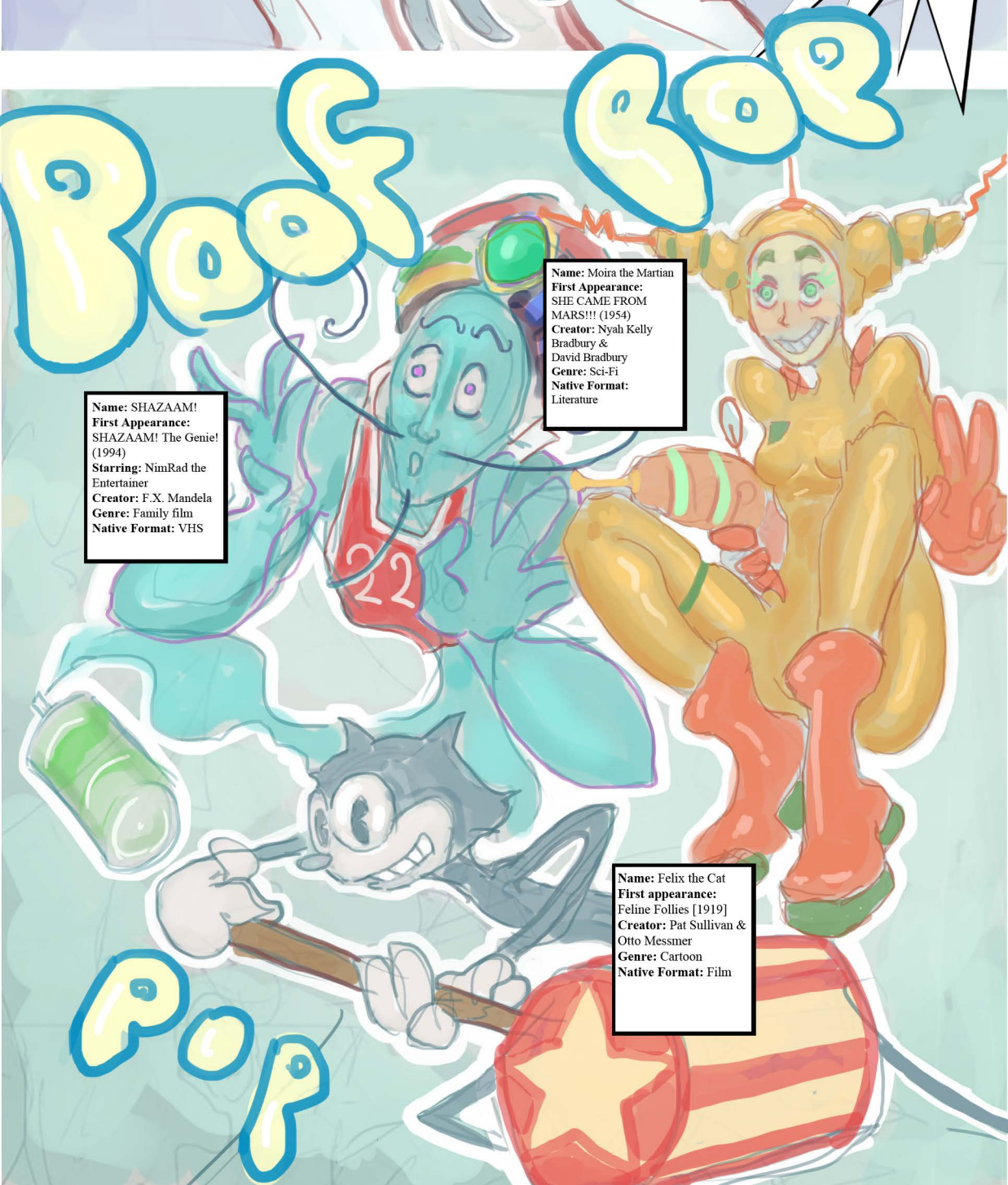








HELL.  
TO.  
THE.  
NO!  
I AM NOT  
GONNA DIE  
VIA RAT!!



**Name:** SHAZAAM!  
**First Appearance:**  
SHAZAAM! The Genie!  
(1994)  
**Starring:** NimRad the  
Entertainer  
**Creator:** F.X. Mandela  
**Genre:** Family film  
**Native Format:** VHS

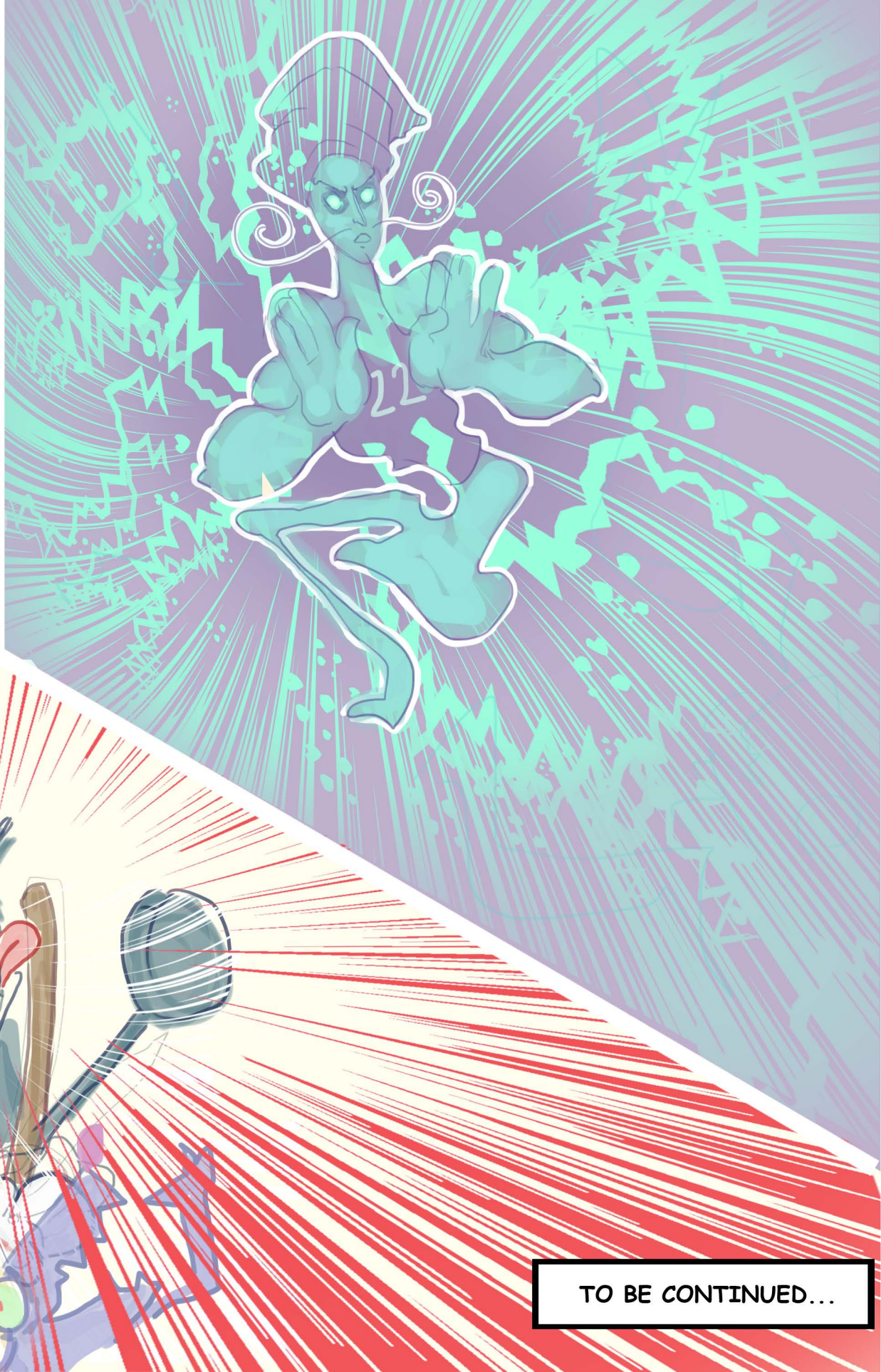
**Name:** Moira the Martian  
**First Appearance:**  
SHE CAME FROM  
MARS!!! (1954)  
**Creator:** Nyah Kelly  
Bradbury &  
David Bradbury  
**Genre:** Sci-Fi  
**Native Format:**  
Literature

**Name:** Felix the Cat  
**First appearance:**  
Feline Follies [1919]  
**Creator:** Pat Sullivan &  
Otto Messner  
**Genre:** Cartoon  
**Native Format:** Film



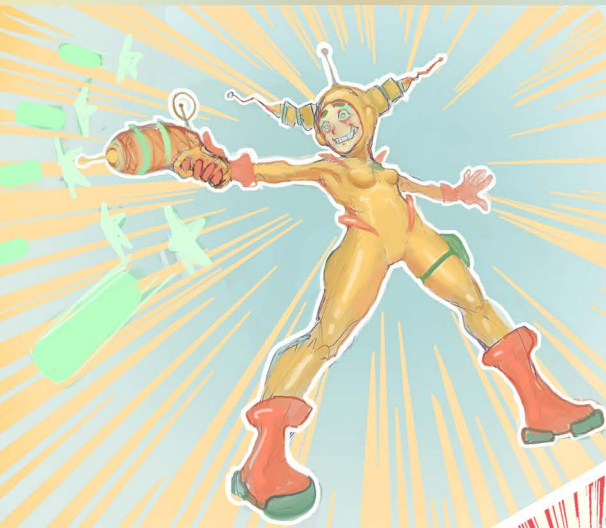






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