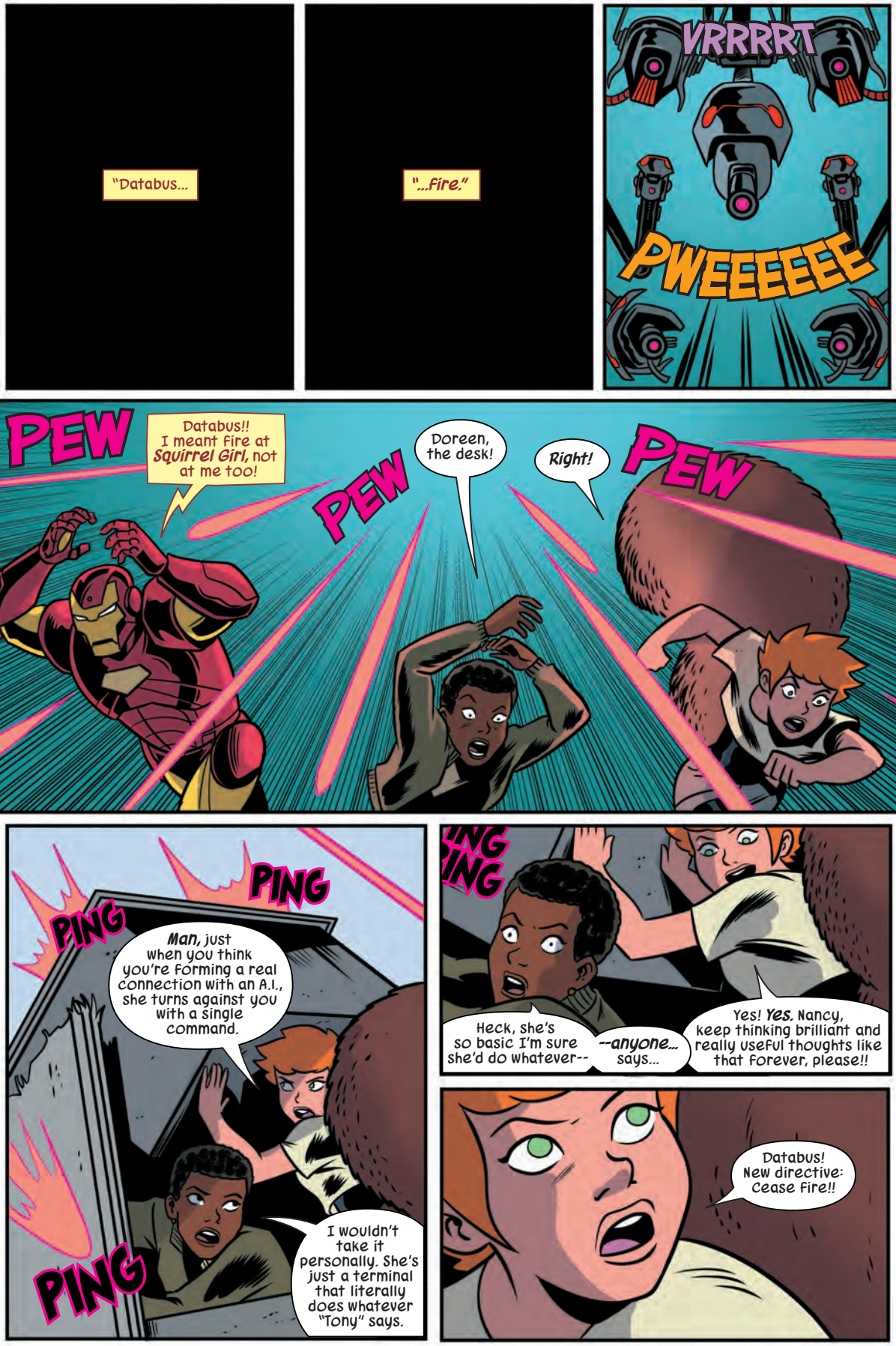
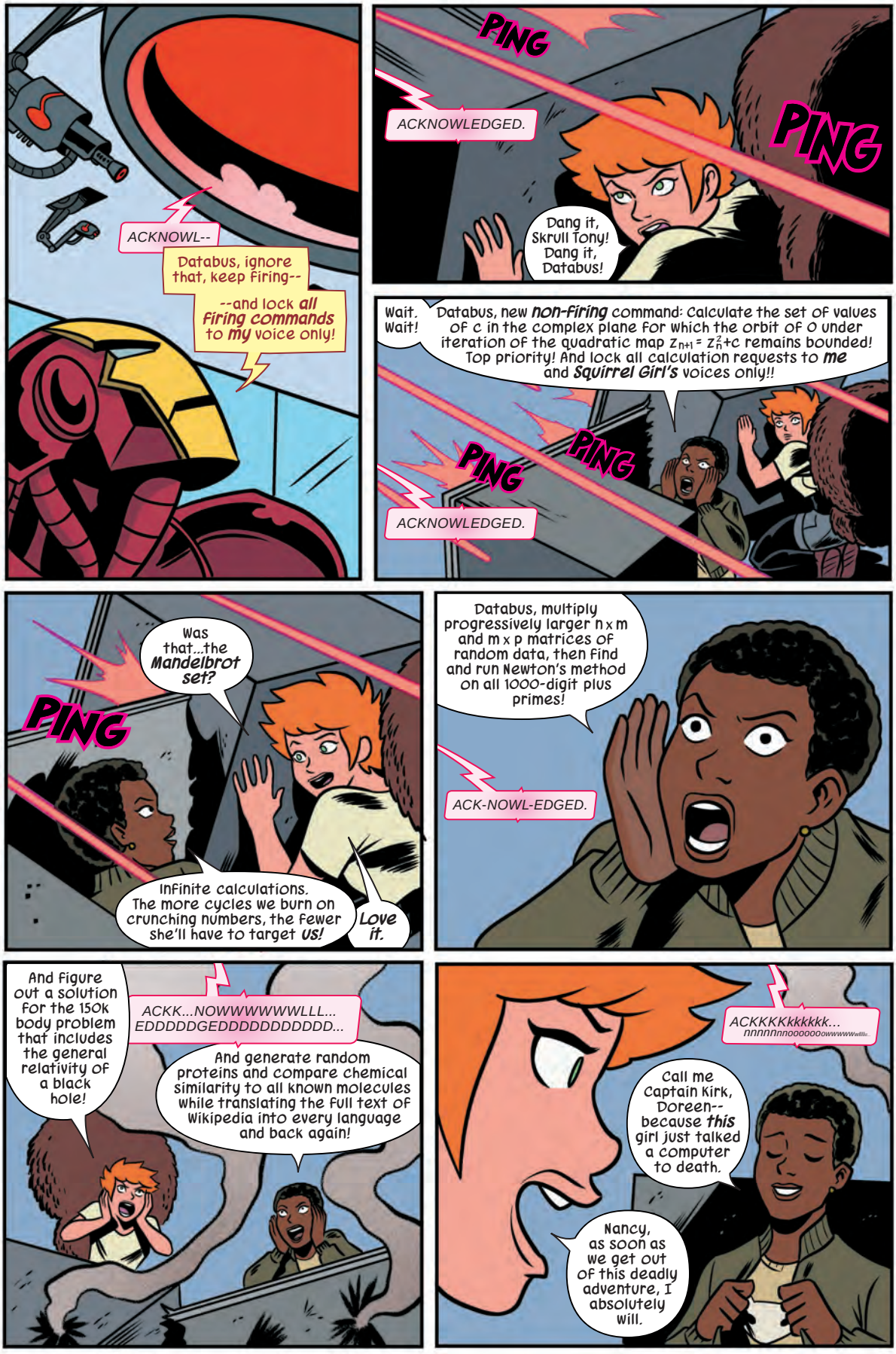


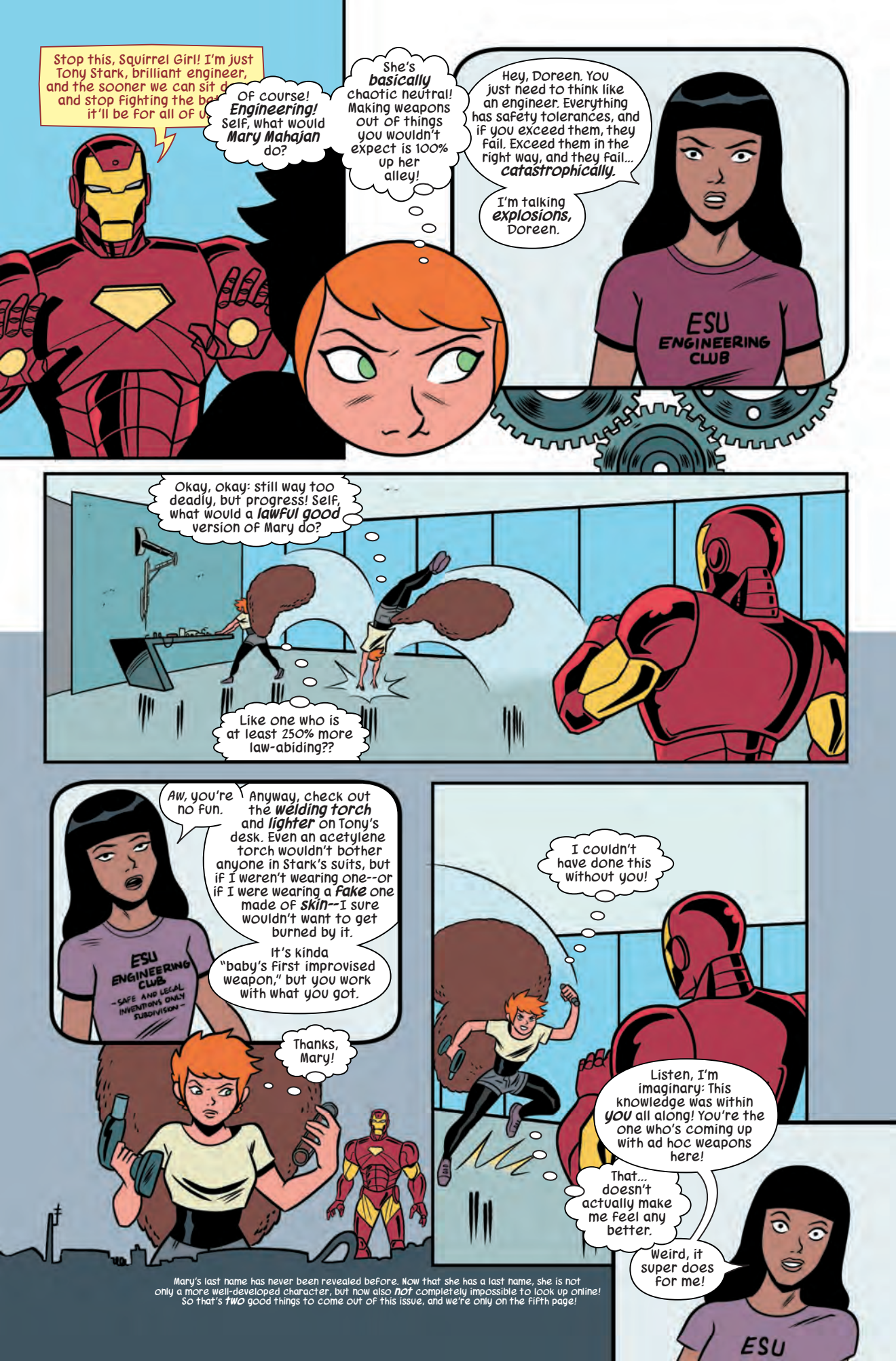
She's so basic she's probably ***programmed in Basic***. Fun Fact: That is the sickest burn you can make against an A.I., because ***Basic*** is an old language that lacks many modern features!! Now you're ready to hurt an A.I.'s feelings, once we invent A.I. that are programmed to feel emotional pain.



Call me Captain Picard, Doreen--because *this* girl secretly plays the flute, but only when she's alone or in the presence of dear friends that she really trusts.

Give up, "Tony"! There's no--
PWWWEEEEE
Stop attacking me, Squirrel Girl! Just--just let me go and we can all forget this happened!
Can't do that, Fake Tony!!
OOF!
I'm Real Tony!
And I think you can, Doreen!
Got a fun new theory about Fake Tony, if you're interested.
I'm all ears, Nancy!
Okay--he's a Skrull shape-shifter, yeah? But I'm betting there's a world of difference between "just look like Iron Man" and "actually generate repulsor blasts out of your hands through an organic process."
Oh snap. Of course!
Right? We never actually saw him "suit up," and the only thing he's hit us with is either Databus' defenses or shots from that one glove we saw him put on. I'd wager the rest of his suit isn't iron, but just shape-shifted skin.
And if we could tag him with something he's not expecting...
Exactly. Hit him with something that iron protects against but Skrull skin doesn't!
You got this, Doreen!!

All right, Doreen, you're going to need to improvise a weapon here. Not really your thing, but no problem: You've got friends who do that all the time.
Self... what would Kraven do??
The shaft of any metal lamp can form an improvised spear, Belka.
Pierce the heart... and you pierce the man.
Kiiiiinda looking for a less-deadly approach. Maybe Kraven's not the right person to summon in my imagination...
Hm. Self, what would Koi Boi do?
If you can trick him into drinking salt water, he'll eventually dehydrate, assuming Skrulls have the same weakness to salt water that humans do, which is not at all guaranteed!
But it's quite interesting, actually: Human pee can only get so salty, and even at its max, it's at a level slightly less than the salinity of salt water--so no matter how much salt water you drink, you'll always pee out more water than what you took in!
Of course, this doesn't apply to Fish, who--
Right. Apparently I internalized a lot more of his fish lectures than I expected.
Not useful right now, but good to know.
FISH CAN PEE OUT OF THEIR GILLLLSSSS
I know it, and now you get to know it too.


Stop this, Squirrel Girl! I'm just Tony Stark, brilliant engineer, and the sooner we can sit d and stop fighting the ba it'll be for all of u
Of course! Engineering! Self, what would Mary Mahajan do?
She's basically chaotic neutral! Making weapons out of things you wouldn't expect is 100% up her alley!
Hey, Doreen. You just need to think like an engineer. Everything has safety tolerances, and if you exceed them, they fail. Exceed them in the right way, and they fail... catastrophically.
I'm talking explosions, Doreen.
ESU ENGINEERING CLUB
Okay, okay: still way too deadly, but progress! Self, what would a lawful good version of Mary do?
Like one who is at least 250% more law-abiding??
Aw, you're no fun.
Anyway, check out the welding torch and lighter on Tony's desk. Even an acetylene torch wouldn't bother anyone in Stark's suits, but if I weren't wearing one--or if I were wearing a fake one made of skin--I sure wouldn't want to get burned by it.
It's kinda "baby's first improvised weapon," but you work with what you got.
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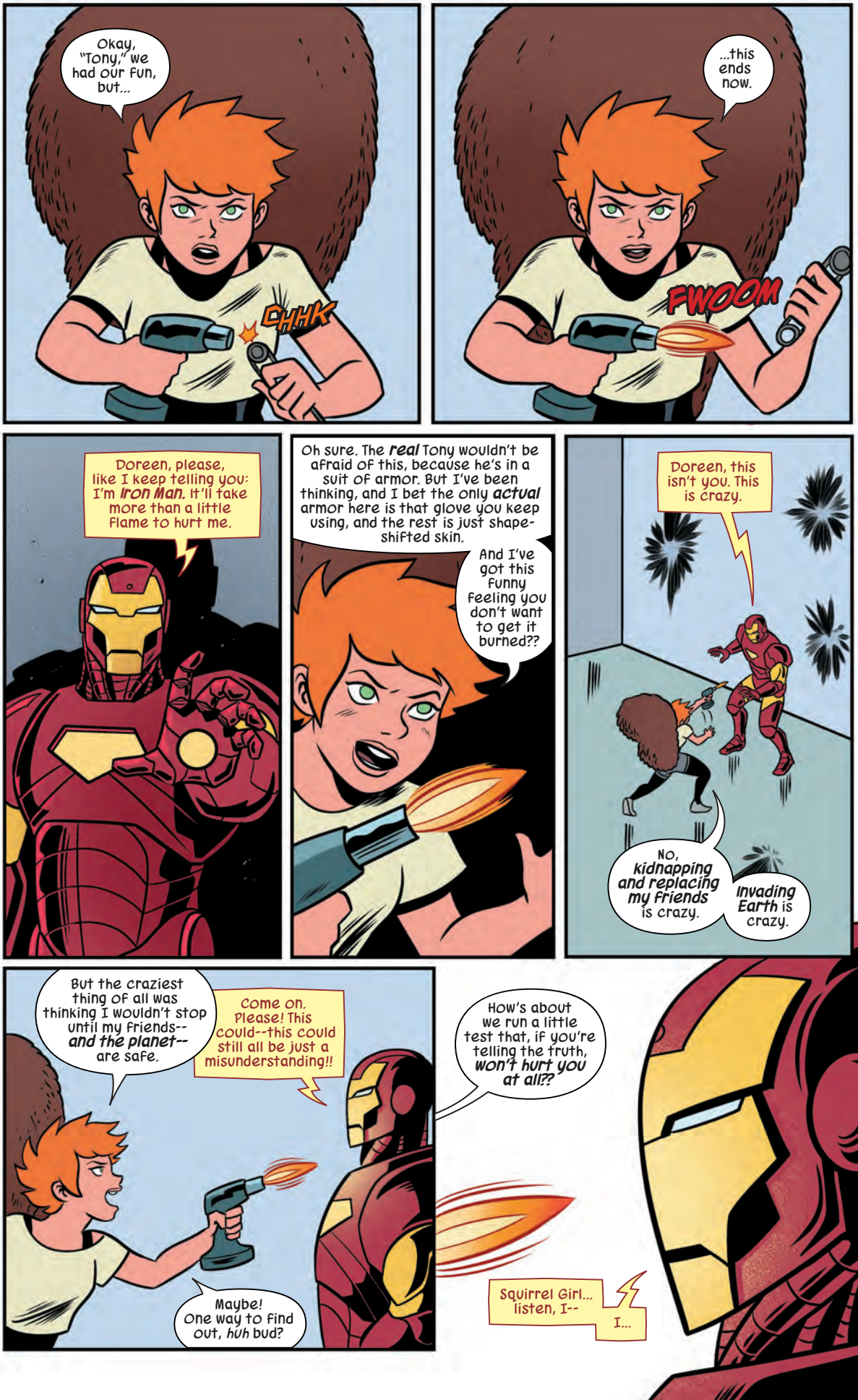
Thanks, Mary!
I couldn't have done this without you!
Listen, I'm imaginary: This knowledge was within you all along! You're the one who's coming up with ad hoc weapons here!
That... doesn't actually make me feel any better.
Weird, it super does for me!
ESU
Mary's last name has never been revealed before. Now that she has a last name, she is not only a more well-developed character, but now also not completely impossible to look up online! So that's two good things to come out of this issue, and we're only on the fifth page!


Okay, "Tony," we had our fun, but...
CHHK
...this ends now.
FWOOM
Doreen, please, like I keep telling you: I'm Iron Man. It'll take more than a little flame to hurt me.
Oh sure. The real Tony wouldn't be afraid of this, because he's in a suit of armor. But I've been thinking, and I bet the only actual armor here is that glove you keep using, and the rest is just shape-shifted skin.
And I've got this funny feeling you don't want to get it burned??
Doreen, this isn't you. This is crazy.
No, kidnapping and replacing my friends is crazy.
Invading Earth is crazy.
But the craziest thing of all was thinking I wouldn't stop until my friends-- and the planet-- are safe.
Come on. Please! This could--this could still all be just a misunderstanding!!
How's about we run a little test that, if you're telling the truth, won't hurt you at all??
Maybe! One way to find out, huh bud?
Squirrel Girl... listen, I--
I...