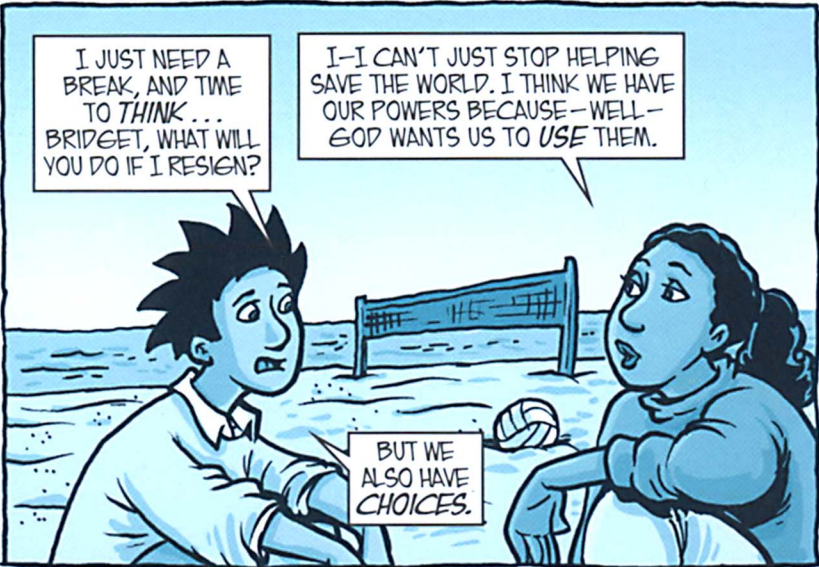




IT DRIVES ME CRAZY TO HAVE TO STAY HERE WHILE VENTO AND BLUEBIRD ARE ON A MISSION.

I'M SURE THEY CAN HANDLE IT.

LET'S CONTACT H.Q. ON OUR M.C.'S\* AND ASK IF WE CAN HELP. THAT IS—IF YOU'RE STILL AN UPLIFTER.



I JUST NEED A BREAK, AND TIME TO THINK... BRIDGET, WHAT WILL YOU DO IF I RESIGN?

I—I CAN'T JUST STOP HELPING SAVE THE WORLD. I THINK WE HAVE OUR POWERS BECAUSE—WELL—GOD WANTS US TO USE THEM.

BUT WE ALSO HAVE CHOICES.



I WAS MAD ABOUT YOU QUITTING, AT FIRST. BUT IF THAT'S WHAT YOU NEED—IT'S YOUR DECISION.

WOULD YOU GET ANOTHER PARTNER?

I DON'T KNOW. IT WOULDN'T BE THE SAME WITHOUT YOU, BAXTER.



MEANWHILE ...

THE PORTAL TO H.Q.—READY, BLUEBIRD?



OI, GUYS!

BUENAS TARDES, UPLIFTERS!

WE HAVE REPORTS OF A DANGEROUS ERASER—FANATICA FINN. SHE WANTS TO TAKE REVENGE ON HUMANITY FOR THE DESTRUCTION OF OCEANS AND SEA LIFE.



10 YEARS AGO, FANATICA WAS A RESEARCHER AT THE MARINE LAB IN RECLIFE, BRAZIL.

<THAT'S WHERE PAI WORKS!>

SHE WENT BY THE NAME OF FIA FLORES. WHEN SHE WAS FIRED, SHE JOINED THE ERASERS.

M.C.S. = Mobile Communicators • Spanish: Buenas tardes = Good afternoon  
 Portuguese: Oi = Hi, Pai = Father, Sim = Yes, Doce de banana =  
 A dessert made with bananas and spices in a sweet syrup



FANATICA'S ARMY OF GIANT SEA CREATURES HAS DESTROYED SIX LARGE SHIPS HEADED FOR AFRICA WITH FOOD AND MEDICINE. FISHING AND TOURISM ARE ALSO IN DANGER. SOON, LIVES WILL BE AT RISK.

<TELL HER ABOUT YOUR PAI! AND LIGHTNING!>

BEEP!  
BEEP!



VENTO, YOU HAVE THE FLOOR.

MY PAI WORKS AT THAT MARINE LAB. AND A HUGE OCTOPUS ATTACKED MY FRIEND LIGHTNING TODAY.

LIGHTNING? THE UPLIFTER?

SIM. ALSO, MY PAI SAW FANATICA'S SUBMARINE.

OK, YOU'LL LEAD A TEAM. SEE ME AFTER THE MEETING.



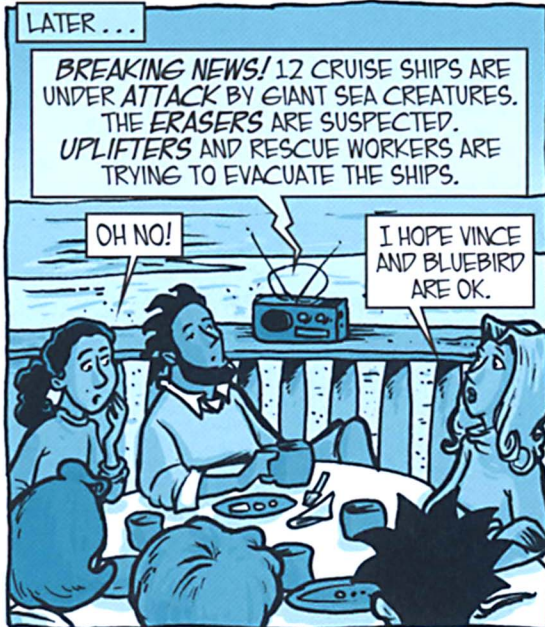
MEANWHILE, BACK AT VINCE'S ...



THANKS FOR TEACHING US FOOTVOLLEY, DR. DIAS.

WHAT A COOL GAME!

YOU CAUGHT ON SO QUICKLY! NOW, COME TRY SOME DOCE DE BANANA - IT'S A BRAZILIAN FAVORITE.



LATER ...

**BREAKING NEWS!** 12 CRUISE SHIPS ARE UNDER ATTACK BY GIANT SEA CREATURES. THE ERASERS ARE SUSPECTED. UPLIFTERS AND RESCUE WORKERS ARE TRYING TO EVACUATE THE SHIPS.

OH NO!

I HOPE VINCE AND BLUEBIRD ARE OK.

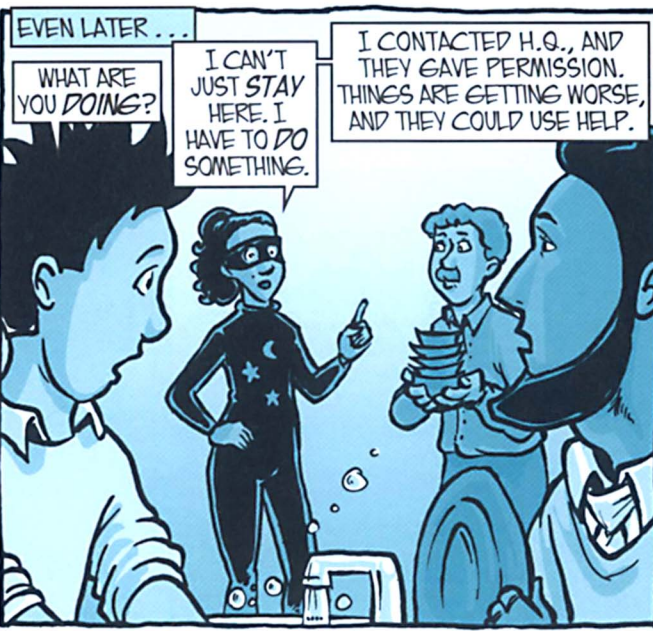


WHEN WE'RE WORRIED, IT HELPS US TO PRAY.

SIM. VINCE SAID YOU ARE BAHÁ'ÍS. WE ARE CATHOLIC.

MAYBE WE COULD PRAY TOGETHER.

THAT WOULD BE NICE.

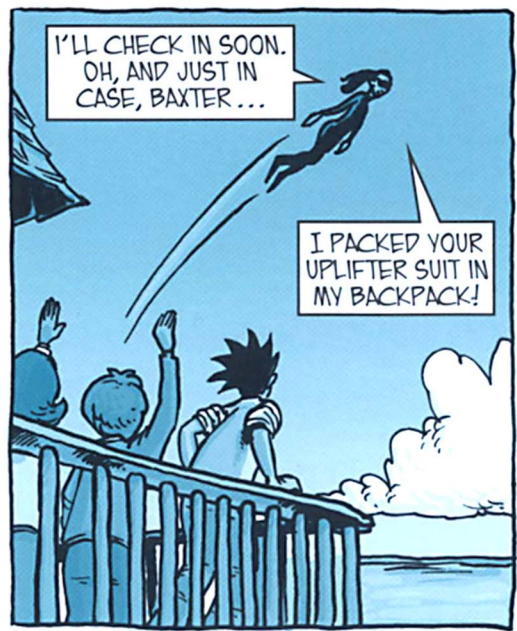


EVEN LATER ...

WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

I CAN'T JUST STAY HERE. I HAVE TO DO SOMETHING.

I CONTACTED H.Q., AND THEY GAVE PERMISSION. THINGS ARE GETTING WORSE, AND THEY COULD USE HELP.



I'LL CHECK IN SOON. OH, AND JUST IN CASE, BAXTER ...

I PACKED YOUR UPLIFTER SUIT IN MY BACKPACK!

WILL LIGHTNING AND LUNA EVER BE A TEAM AGAIN?