

A comic book panel showing two characters in a futuristic, dimly lit room. On the left, a woman with short red hair, wearing a purple and black high-tech suit and purple goggles, looks surprised. On the right, a slender alien with large red eyes and a red bikini stands with hands raised in a placating gesture. Three speech bubbles are present: a large one from the alien at the top, a medium one from the woman in the middle, and a smaller one from the alien at the bottom. The background features a large screen displaying green code and a yellow floor with black markings.

*TERRAN, BE
REASONABLE -THERE
IS NO CAUSE FOR ALARM!
RELATIONS BETWEEN
OUR PLANETS ARE
FRIENDLY!*

*JUST...GIVE
ME A MOMENT...
THIS IS ALL A LOT FOR
ME TO TAKE IN
RIGHT NOW!*

*OH, KRISS,
I'M SORRY...I WAS
TRYING TO MAKE A
DUMB JOKE...*

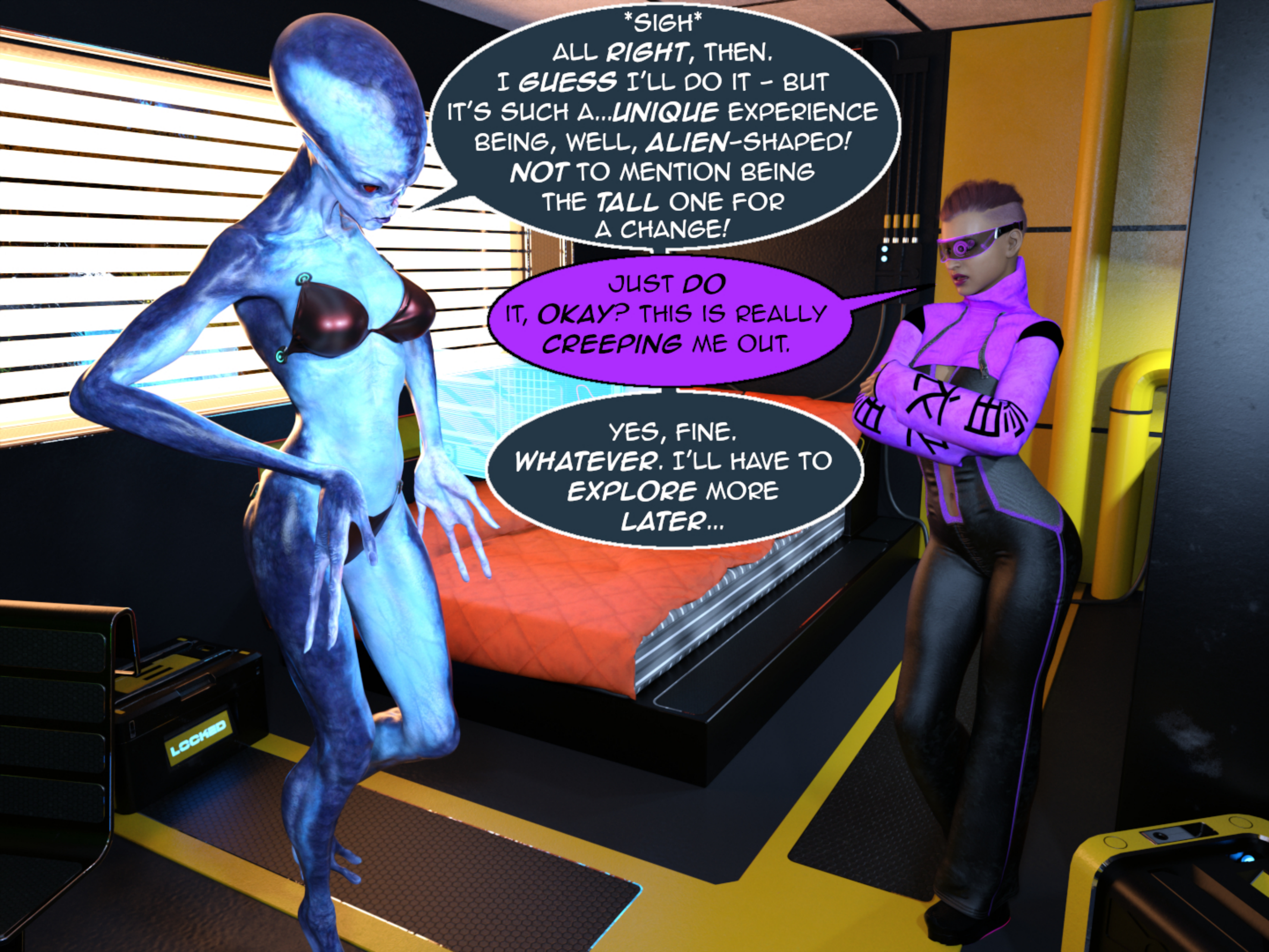


BESIDES, I
DON'T THINK I *REALLY*
TURNED INTO A *XENTRONIAN*...
I *JUST* MADE MYSELF
LOOK LIKE ONE!

UH, OKAY,
SURE, BUT...*WHY*?
WHY WOULD YOU WANT
TO *DO* SOMETHING
LIKE *THAT*?

CURIOSITY,
I GUESS...IF I COULD
MAKE MYSELF LOOK LIKE A
WHOLE OTHER PERSON, THEN
MAYBE I COULD LOOK LIKE
ANOTHER KIND OF
BEING?

YEAH, WELL,
I WISH YOU'D *CHANGE*
BACK RIGHT
NOW.



SIGH
ALL RIGHT, THEN.
I *GUESS* I'LL DO IT - BUT
IT'S SUCH A...*UNIQUE* EXPERIENCE
BEING, WELL, *ALIEN-SHAPED*!
NOT TO MENTION BEING
THE *TALL* ONE FOR
A CHANGE!

JUST DO
IT, OKAY? THIS IS REALLY
CREEPING ME OUT.

YES, FINE.
WHATEVER. I'LL HAVE TO
EXPLORE MORE
LATER...



OHhhh...YOU
KNOW, THIS IS JUST
ABOUT THE *STRANGEST*
FEELING EVER...

MMMMM?

LOCKED

HOW TO EVEN
DESCRIBE IT ... WELL, I
WOULD ALMOST SAY IT'S LIKE
EVERY *CELL* IN MY BODY IS *CHARGED*
WITH *ENERGY* AND *POWER*! AND I
CAN...*SENSE* THE 'NET AND
ITS *INFORMATION* ALL
AROUND ME!

HMMMMM....

LOCKED

JAE, ARE
YOU ... YOU AGAIN?
EVERYTHING
OKAY?

WHEW
....





YEAH...
I *FEEL* LIKE
MYSELF AGAIN,
ANWAY.

HMMPH
I THINK THIS
BIKINI WAS A LOT MORE
FLATTERING ON ME
WHEN I WAS
DEANDRA!

FORGET ABOUT
THAT FOR NOW...YOU CAN
DO STUPID *CELEBRITY*
DRESS-UP LATER.

I NEED
TO *INVESTIGATE*
SOMETHING...

HEY!
IT'S NOT *STUPID*
TO TRY TO *FIGURE OUT*
FOR *MYSELF* WHAT
MY *NANOBOTS*
CAN DO...

UH, WAIT...
WHAT ARE YOU
GOING TO *INVESTIGATE*
NOW, KRISS?

HMMM...OKAY....
HMMMM...OH, THAT'S...
OKAY, YEAH...

UH, KRISS,
TALK TO ME PLEASE!
WHAT ARE YOU
SEEING?

WELL, IT'S...
I MEAN, I'M NOT
ENTIRELY SURE,
BUT...

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I ASSEMBLED
YOUR NANOBOTS WITH
COMPONENTS I GOT FROM
THE *NORDIC CHICK*. SHE
SAID THEY WERE A
"*LOST*" BATCH....

HEY, I *TESTED*
THEM FIRST! BUT, WELL,
IT LOOKS LIKE I *MISSED* ONE
OR TWO THINGS...LIKE THAT THEY *WEREN'T*
YOUR AVERAGE *COMMERCIAL* MEDBOTS, FOR A
START...MY TRACER PROGRAM THINKS THEY
MIGHT BE MILITARY - *EXPERIMENTAL*,
EVEN - FROM A SHOP RUN BY A
TRANS-NAT...LIKE THE *PARENT*
COMPANY OF THE LAB
THAT WE USED.

IT MEANS THAT
YOUR '*BOTS* MAY LET
YOU DO A *WHOLE LOT MORE*
THAN JUST CHANGE YOUR *LOOK*...
AND THAT IF *ANYONE* FINDS US
WE'RE *SCREWED*!

ONE OF THOSE
"*FELL OFF A TRUCK*"
DEALS, YEAH? *FLUCK*,
KRISS...I CAN'T *BELIEVE*
I LET YOU PUT THOSE
IN ME!

...AND
THAT MEANS
WHAT?

GREAT.
THAT SOUNDS...
JUST GREAT.
...SHIT...