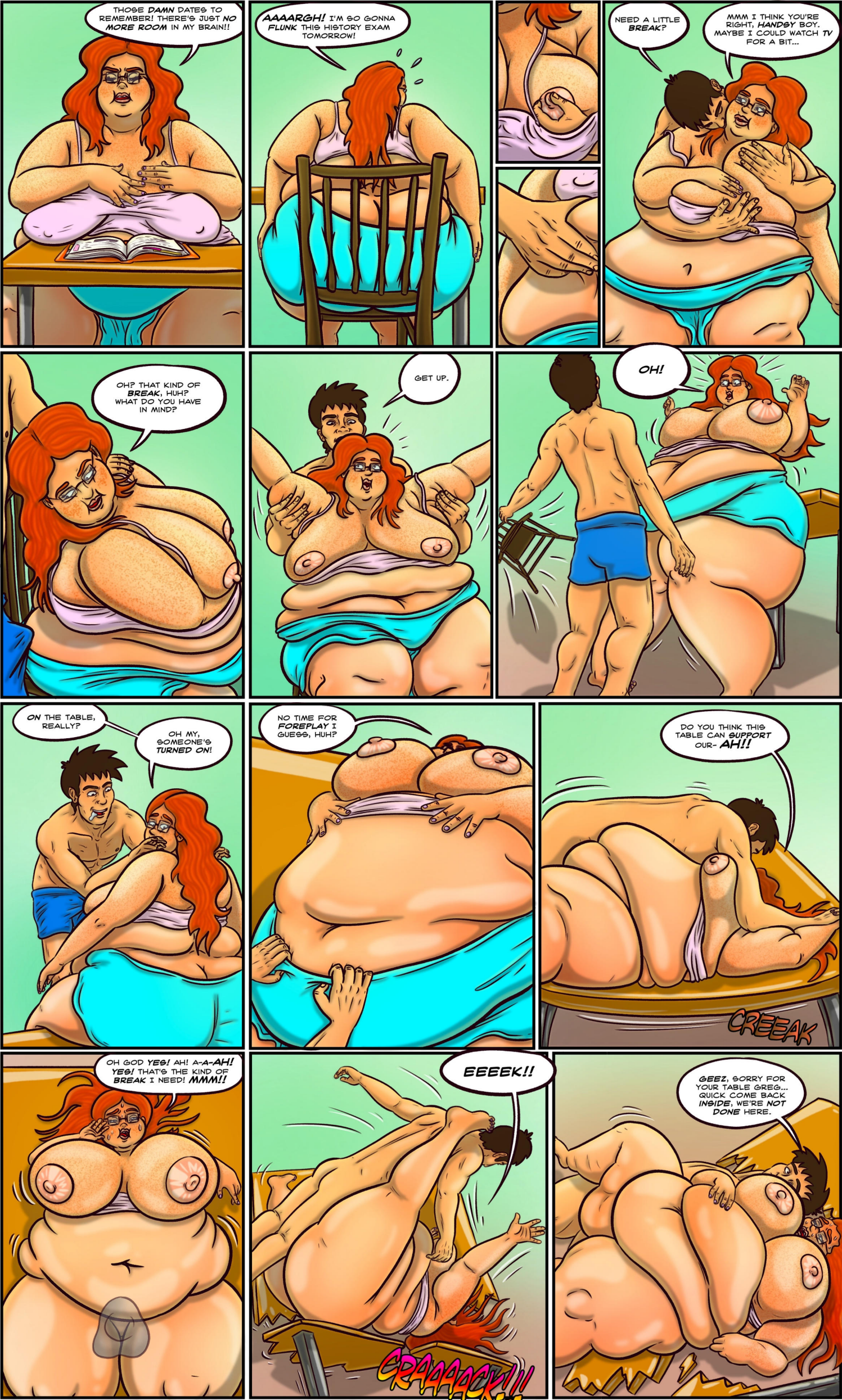
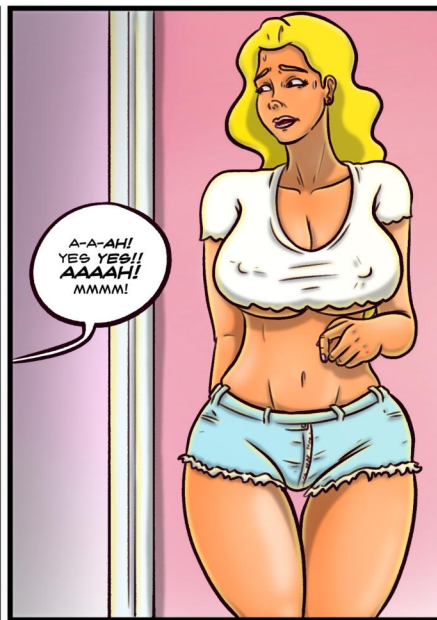
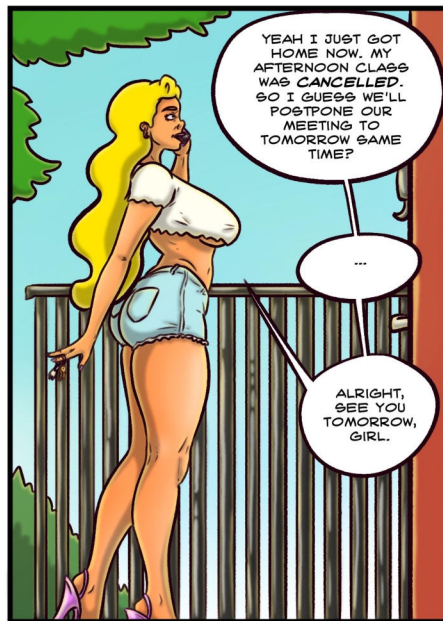
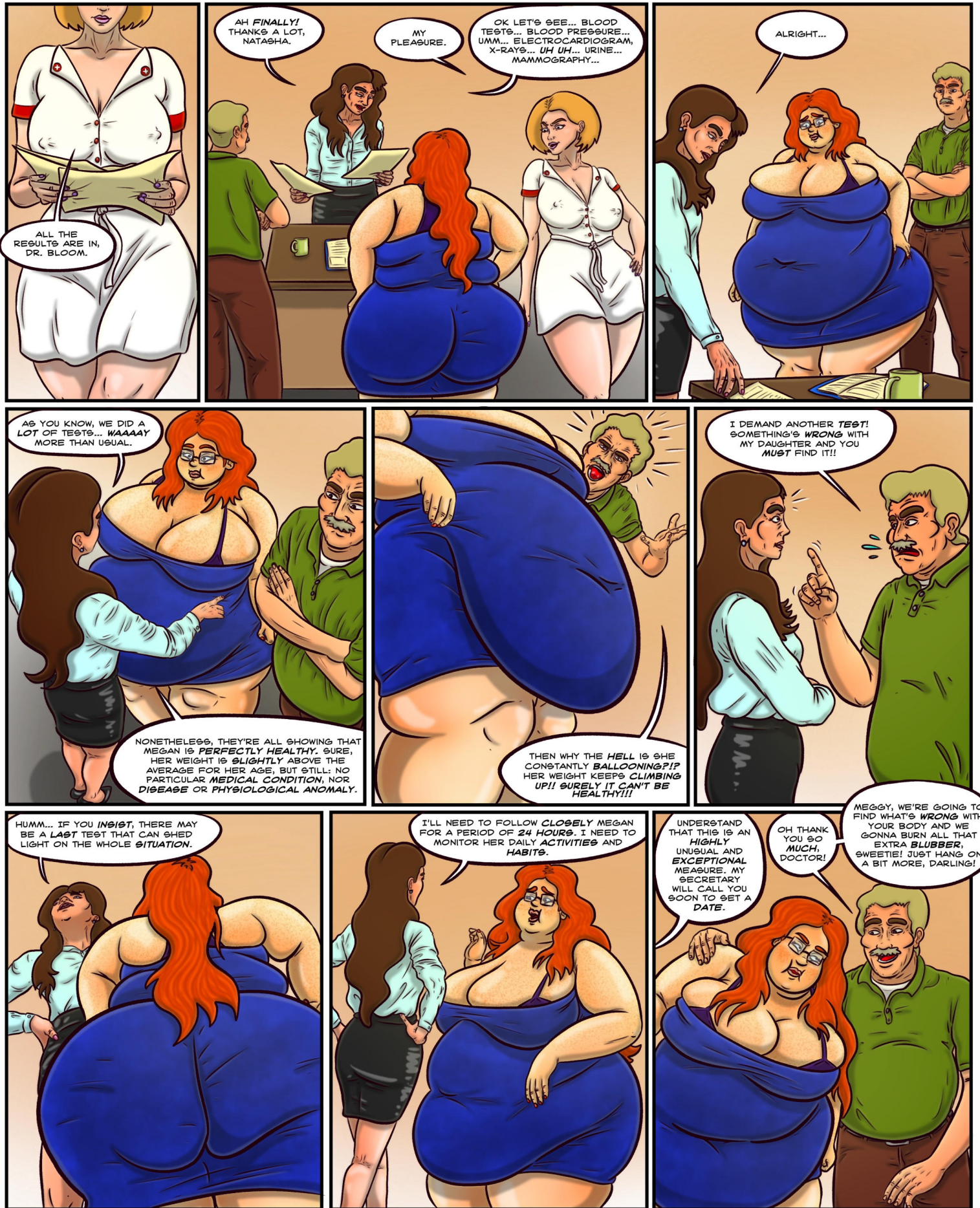
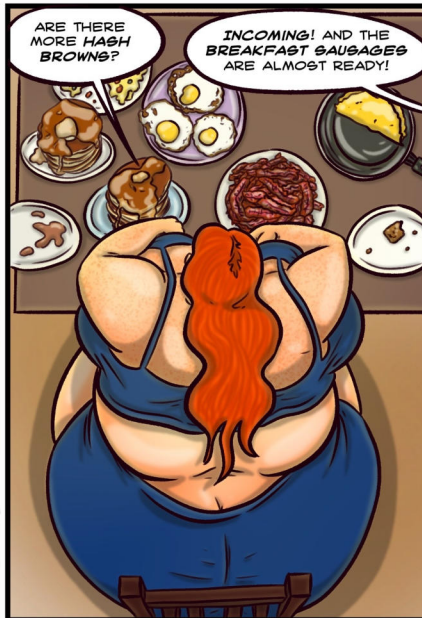
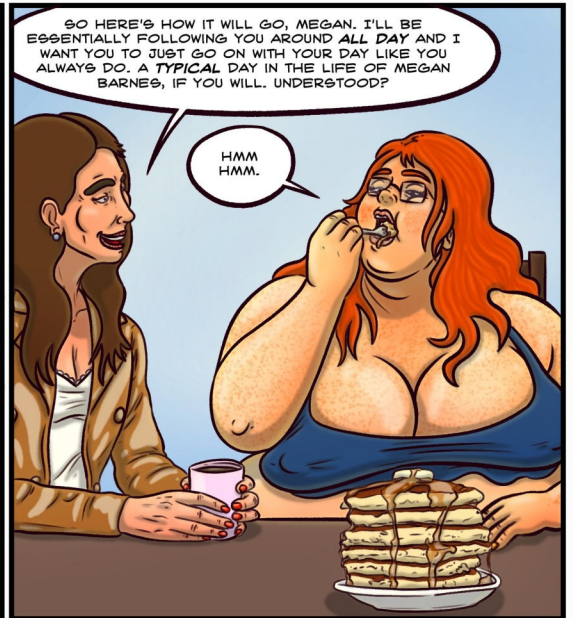


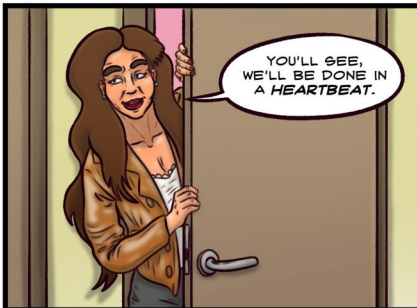
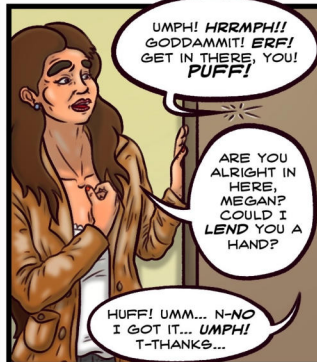
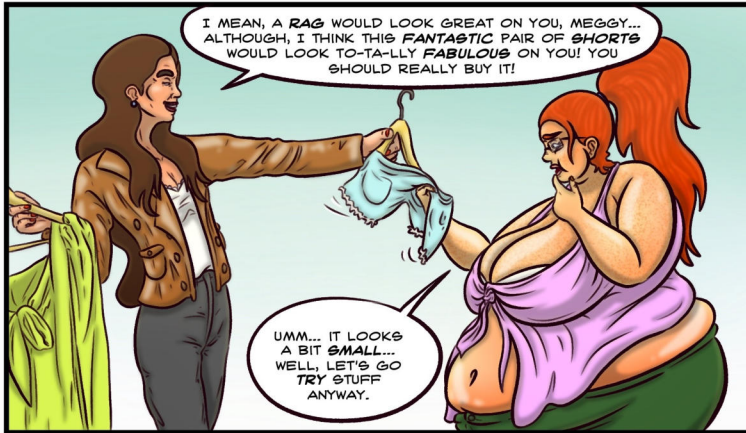












STRANGE FITTING ROOM, FOR A PLUS SIZE STORE...

MOST ITEMS DON'T FIT ME...

BUT I THINK WITH A LITTLE TUG, I COULD FIT IN THE SHORTS YOU PICKED FOR ME.

S-S-SURE... GULP! L-L-LET'S T-T-TRY IT OUT!

DON'T GRAB THAT ASS, DON'T GRAB THAT ASS!!!

I CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU IN THOSE, I BET YOU'LL BE SIMPLY STUNNING!

ALRIGHT TURN AROUND PLEASE.

O-OK... HHHNNH! LIFT... YOUR... LEFT... FOOT... PLEASE!

UMPH!

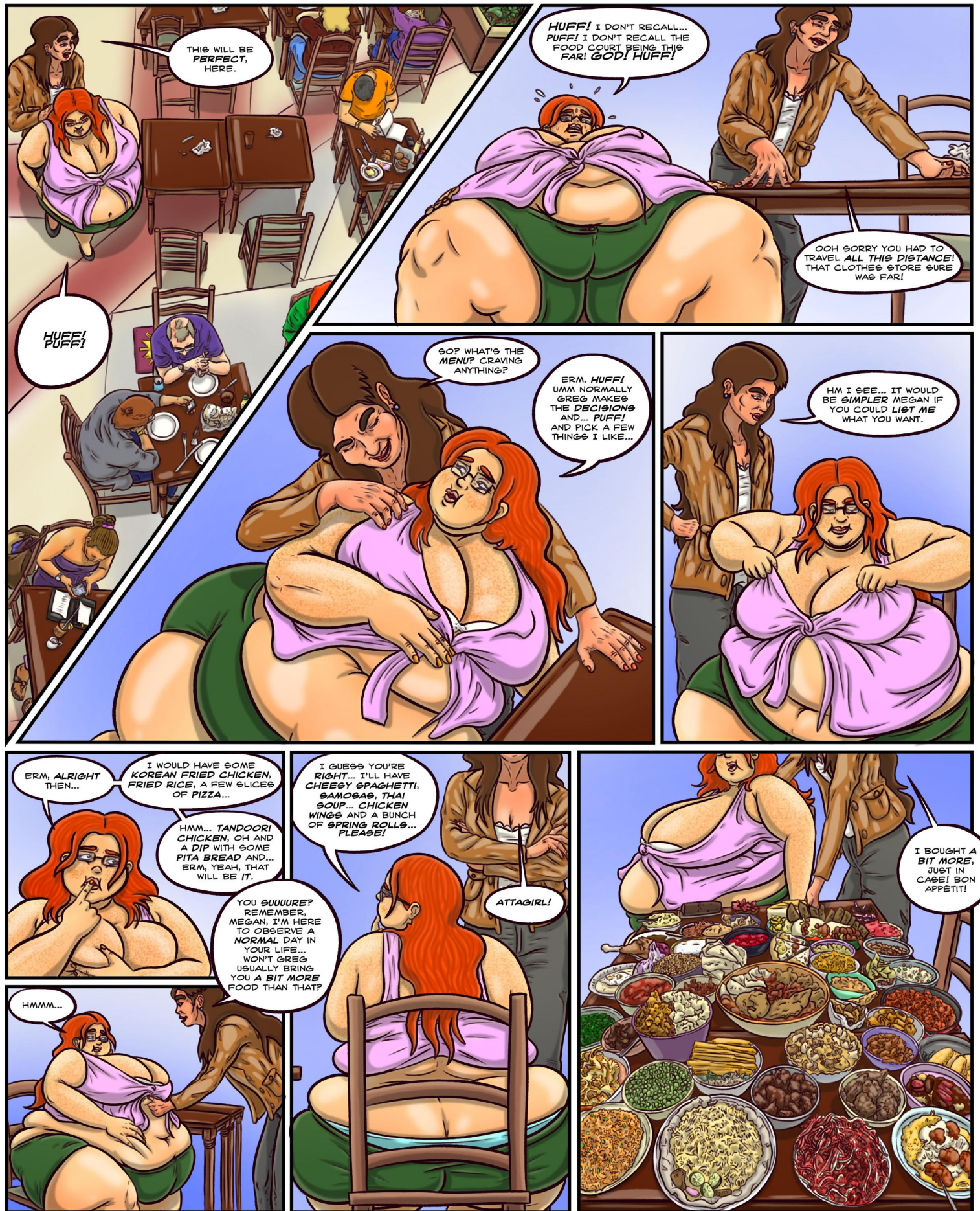
HHMM... HUFF! CAN'T GO HIGHER! SORRY, MEGAN, I'LL GET HANDS FOR A SECOND...

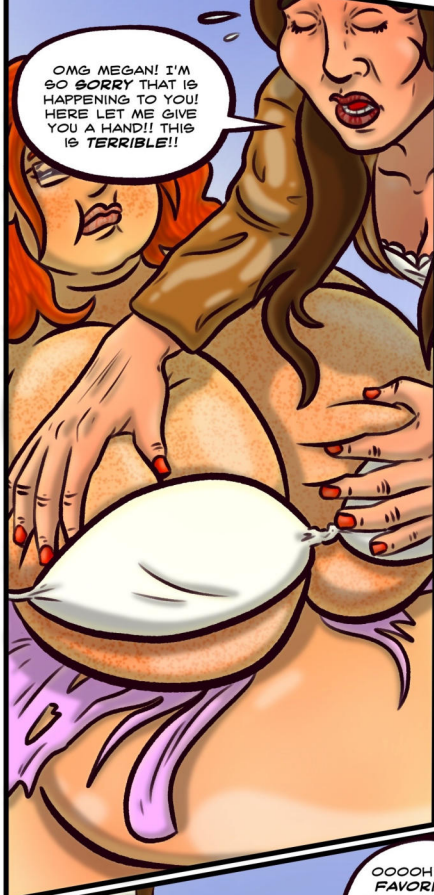
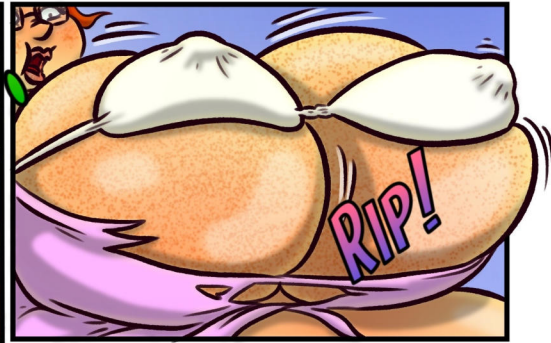
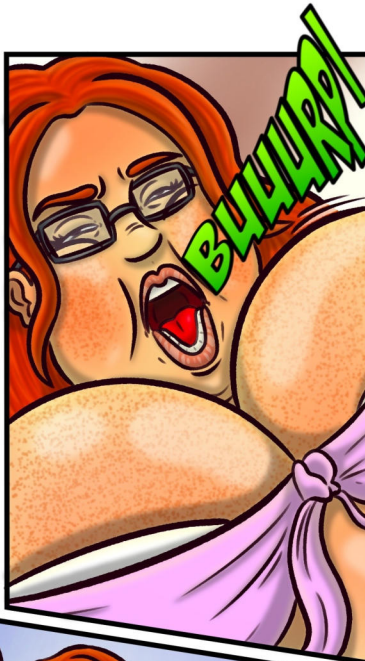
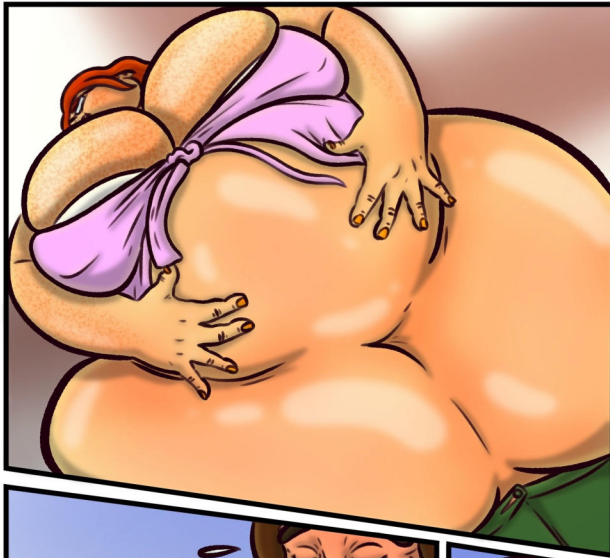
NOW THAT YOU HAVE BRAND NEW FASHIONABLE CLOTHES, WHERE DO YOU USUALLY SHOW THEM OFF NEXT?

THE FOOD COURT!!

OMG MEGAN IT'S WAAAY BETTER THAN EXPECTED! IT GOES SO WELL ON YOU, HIGHLIGHTING YOUR FIGURE... BREATHTAKING!!

WHY DID I WAS EXPECTING SUCH AN ANSWER? YOU HEDONIST!





WHAT TIME IS IT NOW?

IT'S ABOUT 4:30.



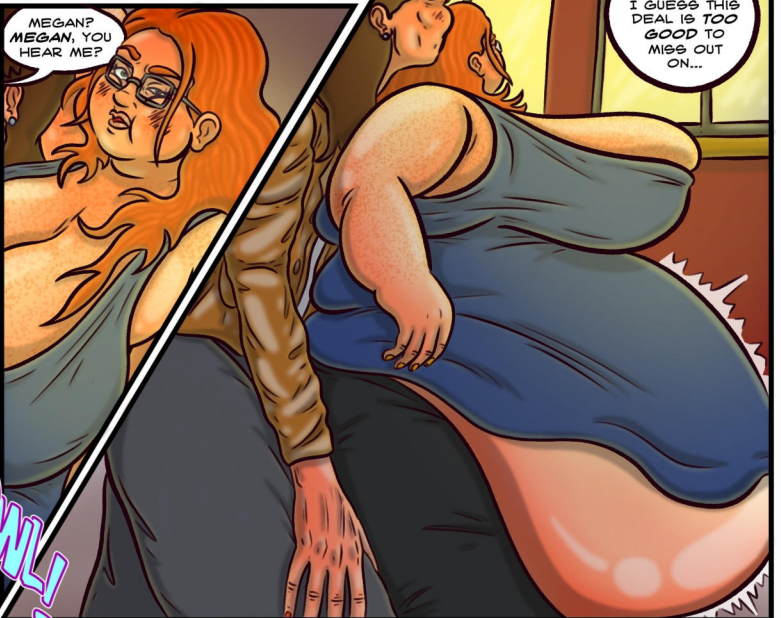
OR WE COULD STOP AT THE BURGER JOINT NOT FAR FROM HERE?

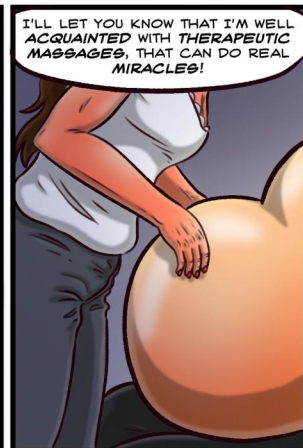
OH!! I KNOW!!!

LET'S JUST GO TO GREG AND I'S FAVORITE PLACE!! I'M SURE HE WOULDN'T MIND ME GOING WITHOUT HIM! YUUUU!!











MMM...

MMM... HFF.

...

OH... GOD...

ZZZZZZ

OH SHIT!!

THIS CAN'T BE HAPPENING!

UHF? MMM WHA-?

DOCTOR? WHA... WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?

SHIT SHIT SHIT!

OH! MY HEAD HURTS! WHAT HAPPENED? I REMEMBER NOTHING... WHY ARE YOU HERE?

OH I JUST GOT HERE, YOUR PARENTS LET ME IN... J-JUST, YOU KNOW, CHECKING ON YOU TO MAKE SURE YOU WERE OK... I THINK YOU MIGHT HAVE DRUNK A BIT TOO MUCH YESTERDAY...

I HAD TO BRING YOU BACK HERE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, YOU WERE BEGINNING TO FEEL SICK...

TAKE IT EASY TODAY, SLEEP A LOT, STAY HYDRATED AND MAKE SURE... WELL... MAKE SURE YOU EAT ENOUGH.

I HAD A BLAST OF A TIME, THANKS A LOT, MEGGY. SEE YOU SOON.

SLEEP TIGHT, MY LITTLE GLUTTON.

OH? WHO GOES THERE?

SHIT!

DOCTOR?! WHEN... HOW DID YOU GET IN?

OOOH, HEY MR. AND MS. BARNES, G-GOOD MORNING.

ERM. WELL, RIGHT... I CAME BY PRETTY EARLY AND MEGAN LET ME IN... ERM... SORRY BUT I HAVE TO GO TO WORK NOW.

RESULTS? OH! Y-YEAH! SURE! SO...

OH, OF COURSE... BUT DOCTOR, PLEASE, DO YOU HAVE ANY RESULTS ABOUT MEGAN'S CONDITION?

WHICH IS TOTALLY AND PERFECTLY NORMAL FOR HER SITUATION. ACCORDING TO MY CALCULATIONS, SHE WILL PLATEAU VERY SOON AND WILL BE ABLE TO START LOSING WEIGHT AFTER THAT.

AFTER BEING AT HER SIDE FOR AN ENTIRE DAY, I CAME TO THE CONCLUSION THAT MEGAN IS STILL A GROWING YOUNG WOMAN, HAS A SLOWER METABOLISM THAN MOST AND LIVES A STRESSFUL LIFE, WHICH IS WHY SHE KEEPS TAKING A BIT OF WEIGHT FROM TIME TO TIME.

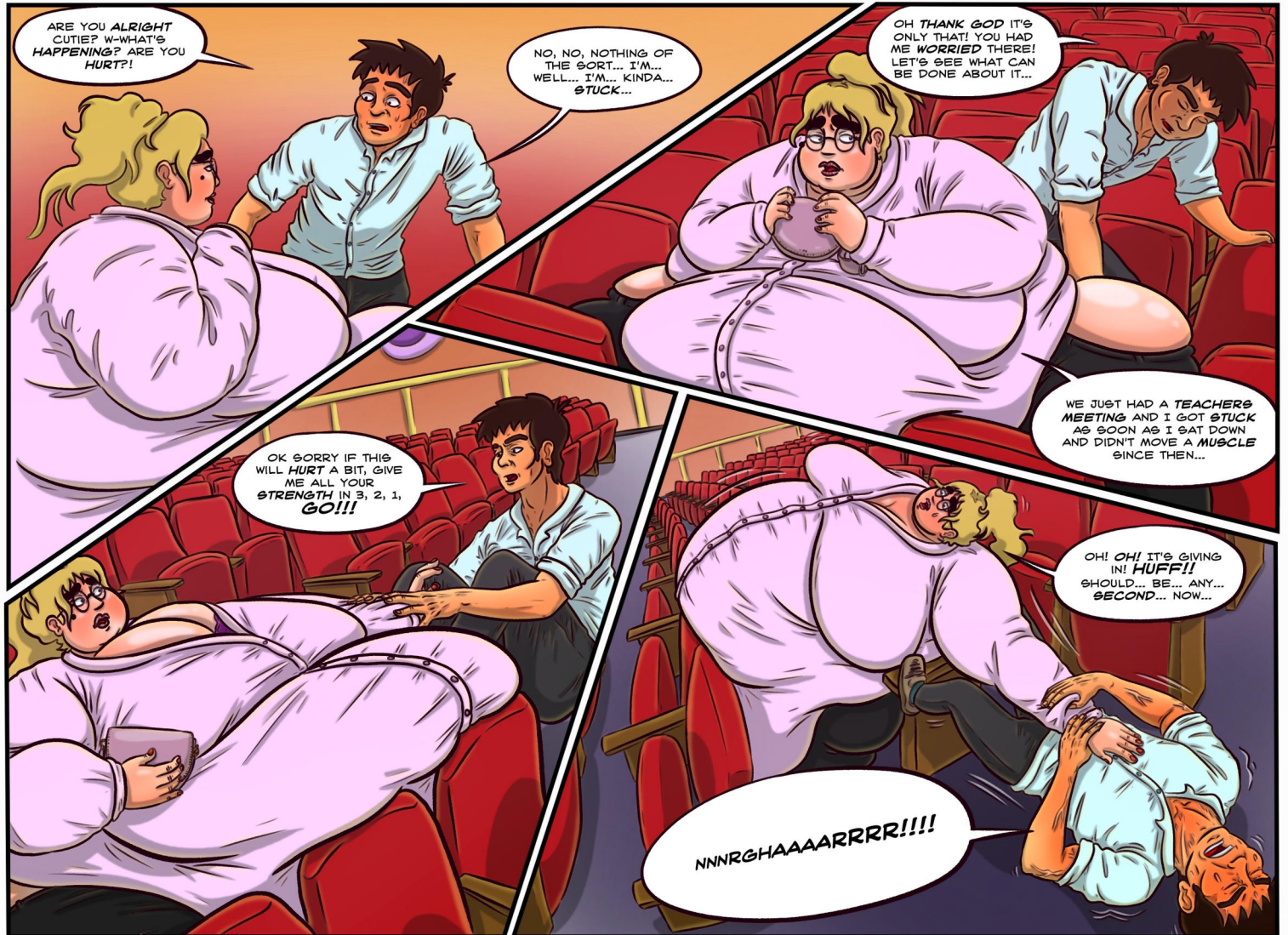
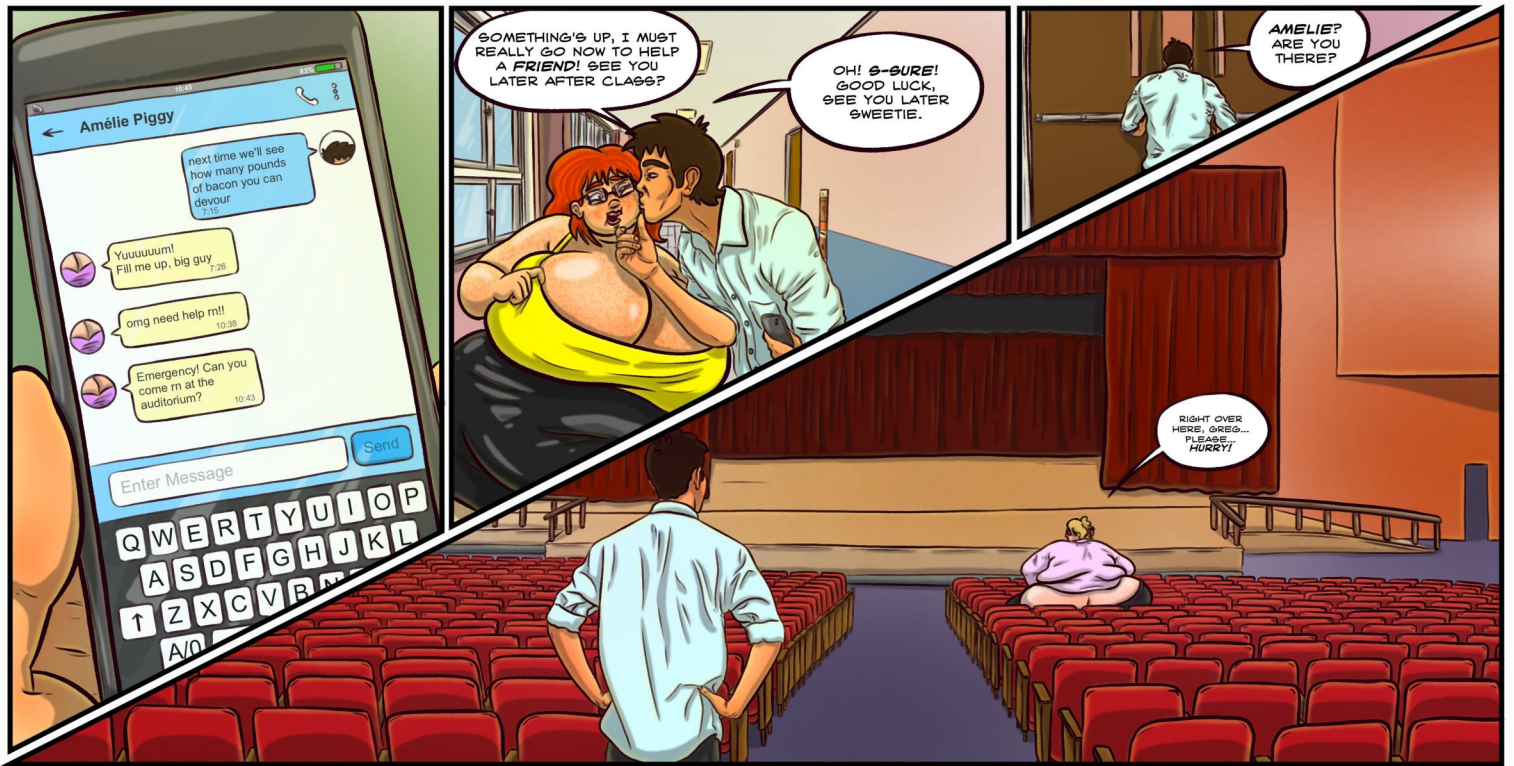
BUT I CAN ASSURE YOU, MEGAN IS HAPPY AND PERFECTLY HEALTHY, SHE JUST HAS A LOT GOING ON RIGHT NOW.

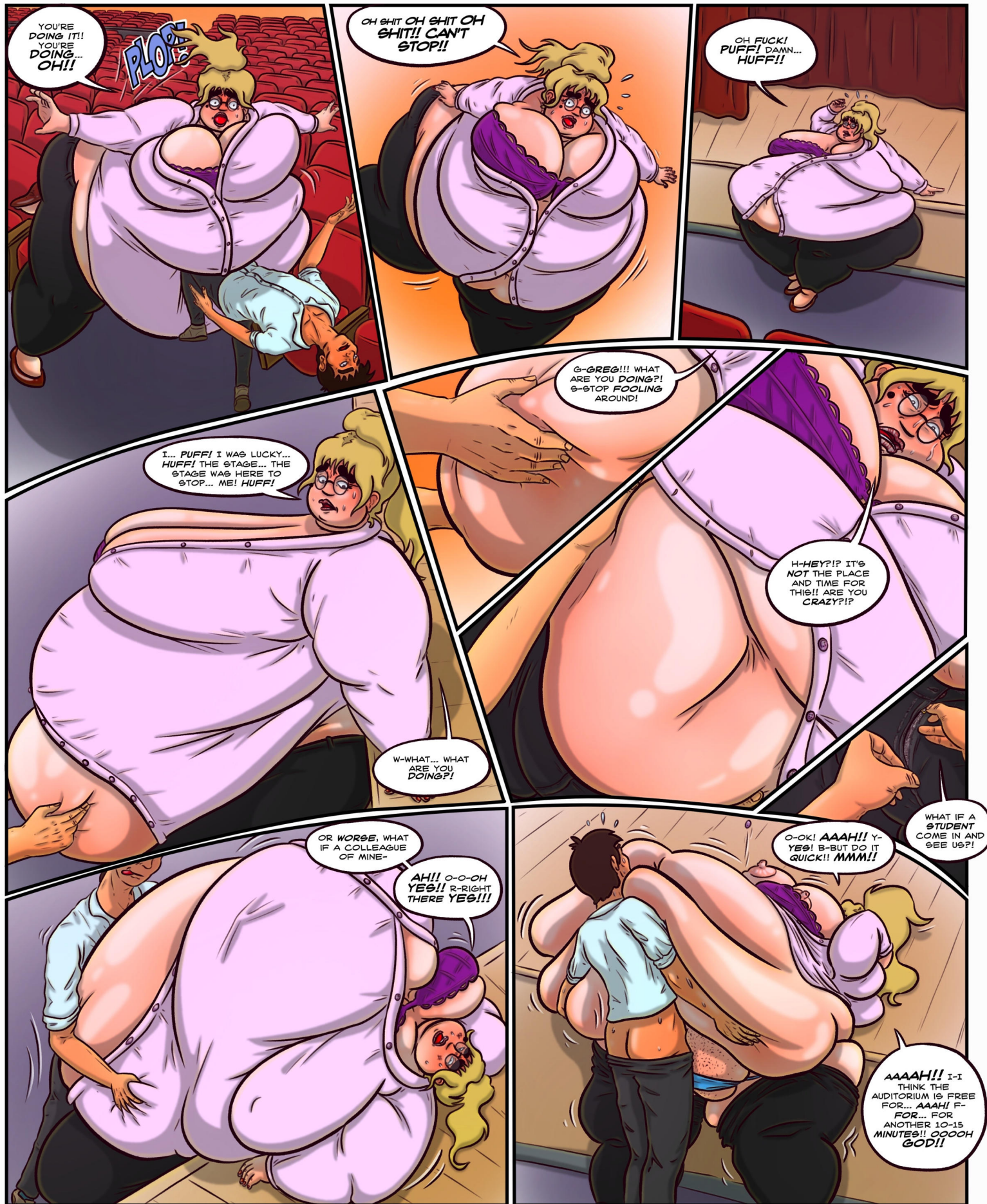
OH! POOR LITTLE THING! WE'VE BEEN SO HARSH WITH HER LATELY, WE OUGHT TO BE MORE FORGIVING WITH HER... THANK YOU SO MUCH DOCTOR FOR YOUR DEDICATION!

IT'S ONLY NATURAL, MY PATIENTS' HEALTH IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN ANYTHING FOR ME. JUST BE EXTRA GENTLE WITH HER TODAY: SHE HAS A HEADACHE THIS MORNING, I THINK IT'S BECAUSE SHE REFRAINED YESTERDAY FROM EATING ENOUGH ALL DAY BECAUSE I WAS AROUND.

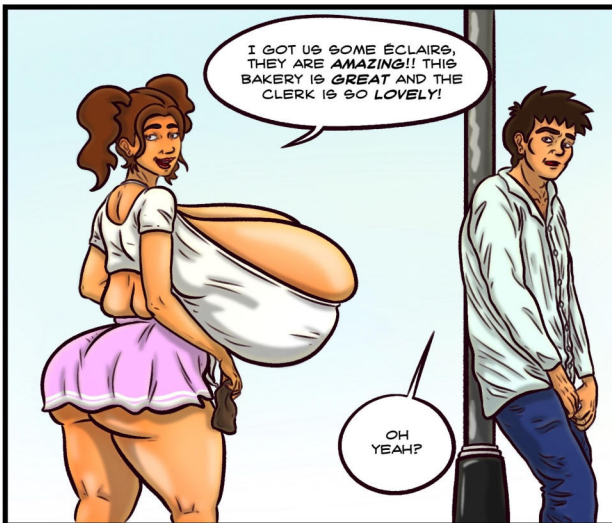
GOOD LORD, LAURA, YOUR PROFESSIONAL INTEGRITY JUST TOOK A MAJOR DIVE...

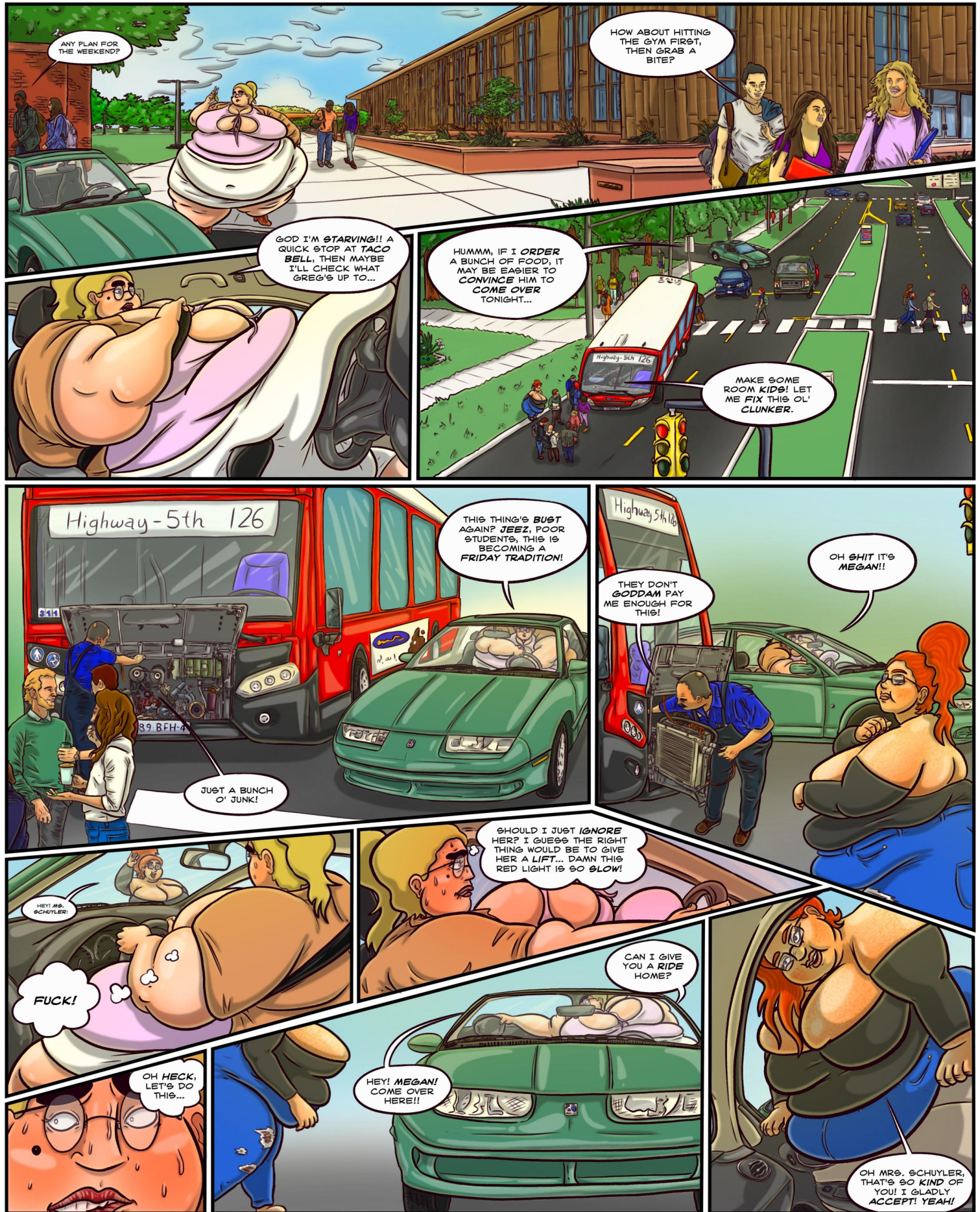
BUT LET'S HOPE THIS "DIAGNOSIS" WILL KEEP MR. BARNES OFF HIS DAUGHTER'S BACK FOR A WHILE...

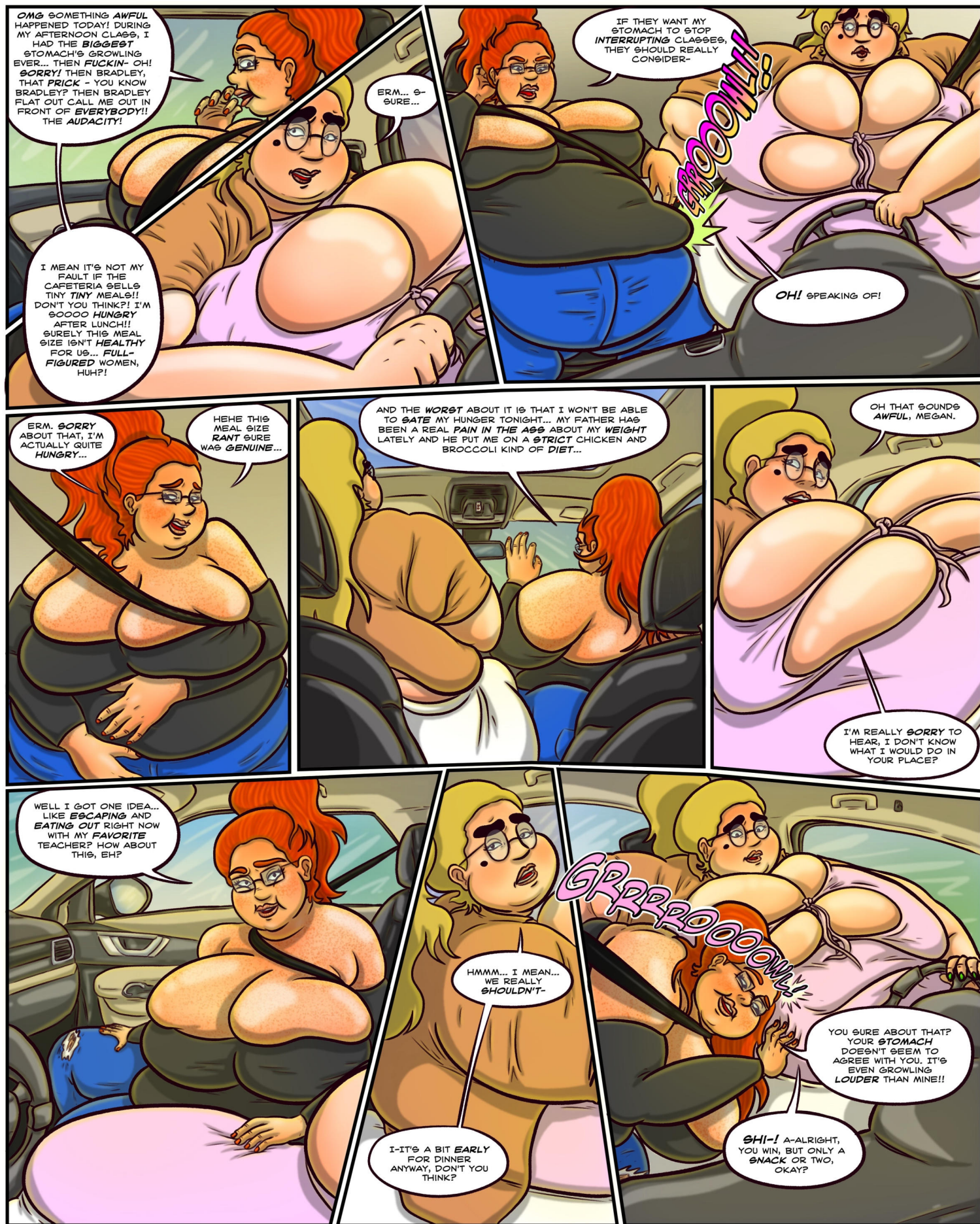


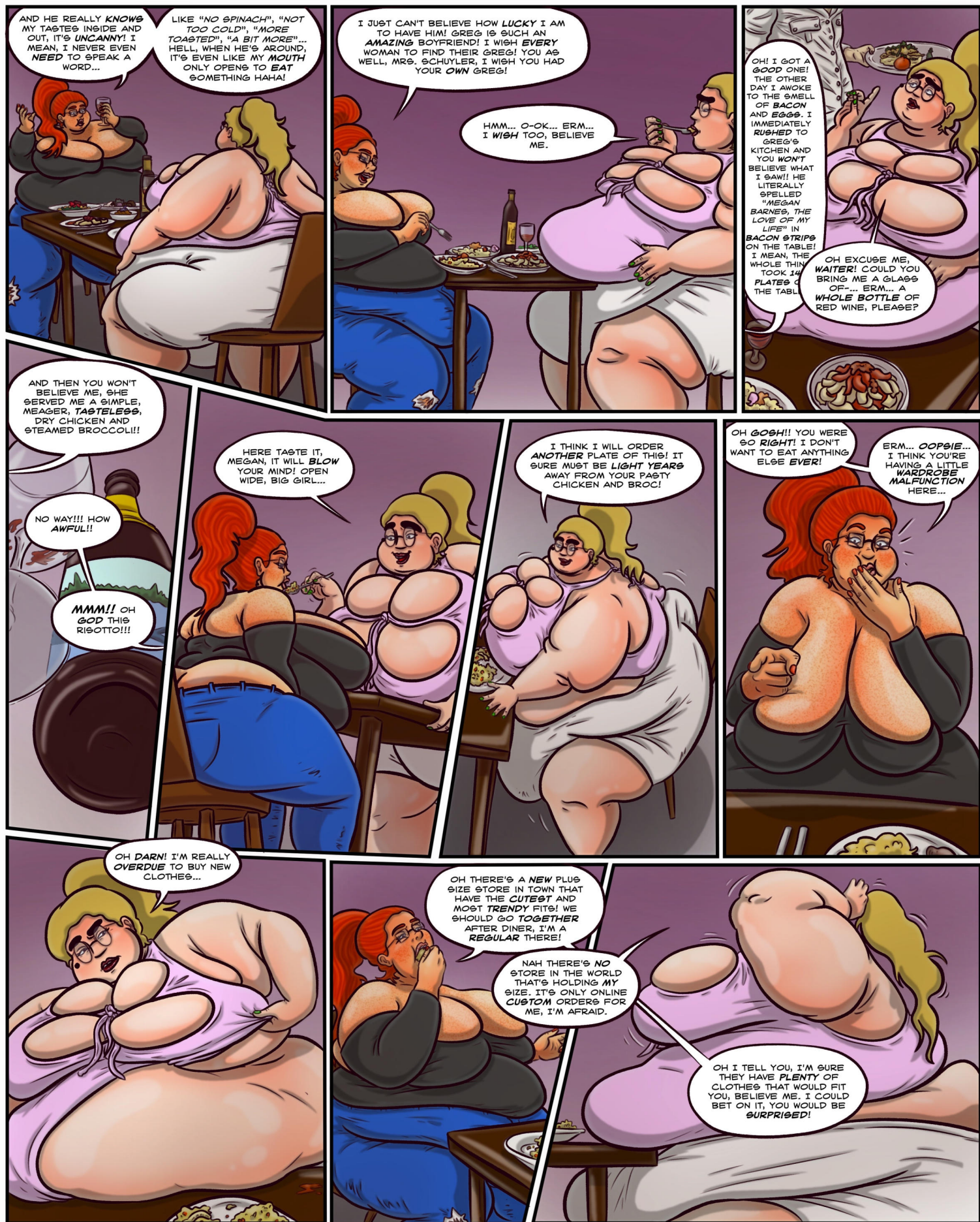


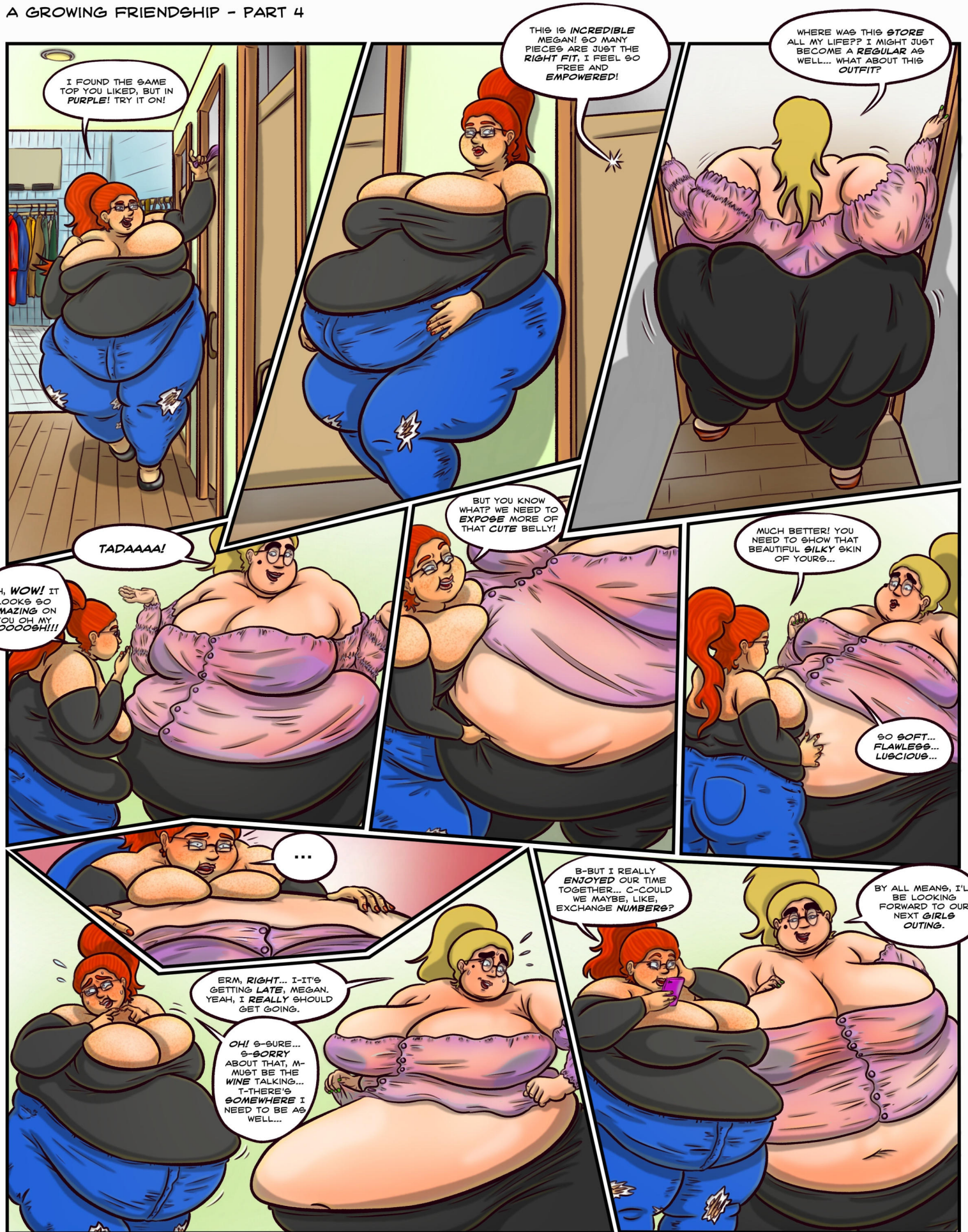












ERM... IS MARY-ANN HOME?

ERM S-SHE LEFT SOME TIME AGO... SHOPPING I THINK...

OH?! UMM WHAT? OH, RIGHT! M-MOM?

HEY JASMINE, HI!

IS YOUR MOTHER AROUND?

THAT'S AN AWFUL LOT OF BOOKS. WHAT ARE YOU STUDYING?

OH! EM, ECONOMICS... I MEAN, I'M DOING A BUSINESS MAJOR.

ARE YOU KIDDING? ME AS WELL! OVER AT EASTBRIDGE.

OH YEAH, STILL AT THE BASICS, EH? "THE LAW OF SUPPLY AND DEMAND".

I HAD THIS OLD LEWD TEACHER, MR. CRAWFORD, WHO WOULD EXPLAIN US THIS CONCEPT BY RELATING IT TO A GAME OF SEDUCTION IN A NIGHTCLUB, IF YOU CAN IMAGINE.

ONE NIGHT AT THE CLUB, LADIES' NIGHT HE WOULD TELL US, LOTS OF WOMEN, PRETTY, UGLY, AVERAGE, ARE HAVING A BLAST ON THE DANCE FLOOR. ONLY A FEW MALE SUITORS ARE THERE: SUPPLY IS HIGH, BUT DEMAND IS LOW. THEREFORE, EACH SUITOR CAN AFFORD A DANCE WITH ONE OF THE LADIES AT A PRETTY LOW AND AFFORDABLE PRICE.

THE NIGHT AFTER, HOWEVER, ONLY A SINGLE WOMAN IS PRESENT IN THE CLUB AND DANCING ON THE DANCE FLOOR. DOZENS OF SINGLE MEN ARE WATCHING HER, INTENTLY, CRAVING TO SPEND EVEN A SINGLE MINUTE WITH HER. THE SUPPLY IS LOW, BUT THE DEMAND IS VERY HIGH. THE PRICE EACH OF THESE MEN IS READY TO SPEND IS THROUGH THE ROOF: THE COVETED COMMODITY IS RARE, THE HEARTS ARE ON FIRE.

SUPPLY AND DEMAND ADJUST TO EACH OTHER LIKE TWO BODIES LEARNING TO DANCE, TO BRUSH AGAINST EACH OTHER, TO UNDERSTAND EACH OTHER WITHOUT A WORD, UNTIL ACHIEVING BALANCE, HARMONY.

JASMINE COME OVER HERE!! YOU WON'T BELIEVE IT, I FINALLY FOUND A SWIMSUIT MY SIZE!

OH! SORRY YOU TWO, I INTERRUPTED SOMETHING, DIDN'T I?

KWAM!!!





The comic strip is divided into several panels showing a dinner party. Gina, a woman with red hair and glasses, is the host. Meggy, a woman with dark hair, is the guest. Greg, a man in a blue shirt, is also present. The party is filled with food, including arancini, meatballs, and macarons. The conversation is lighthearted but ends in embarrassment for Meggy when she is asked to help with the cleanup and is then asked to whip out pancakes.

Panel 1: Gina is standing and talking to Greg and Meggy who are seated at a table. Greg is eating. Gina says, "I COULDN'T *RESIST*, MEGGY, I HAD TO FILL A PLATE. YOU DIDN'T TOLD ME YOUR BOSS WAS SUCH A FANTASTIC COOK! OH MY GOD, THIS IS SO DELICIOUS! YOU NEED TO SHARE WITH ME SOME OF YOUR RECIPES, GINA!" Greg responds, "HAVE YOU FINISH EATING YET, GREG?" and Meggy says, "REALLY GLAD YOU ENJOY IT THIS MUCH, GREG!"

Panel 2: A close-up of Gina looking thoughtful, saying, "FINE, I MAY HAVE SOME ROOM FOR A SECOND PLATE." Another close-up shows her saying, "HRM..."

Panel 3: Gina is serving food to Greg and Meggy. She says, "OH GINA COULD YOU PLEASE GIVE ME SPOONFUL OF THIS OVER THERE? OH AND SOME MEATBALLS AS WELL, PLEASE." Greg responds, "SURE, NO PROBLEM, HERE TAKE A SEAT I'M TAKING CARE OF IT." Meggy says, "MMM! THEY ARE TRULY FANTASTIC INDEED."

Panel 4: Gina is eating a meatball and says, "TOLD YOU! HERE, I'LL GIVE YOU SOME MORE." Greg responds, "AAW STOP IT MEGGY I'M GONNA BLUSH!"

Panel 5: Gina is talking to Greg and Meggy. She says, "... AND THE GUYS AT WORK DIDN'T EVEN REALIZE THAT SHE SWITCHED THE COFFEE MUGS!" Meggy responds, "WHAT?! HAHAHA NO WAY! THAT MUST HAVE TASTED AWFUL! YUK!" Greg says, "HERE MEGGY, I GOT YOU. I SAW HOW YOU PARTICULARLY ENJOYED THESE ONES."

Panel 6: Gina is talking to Greg and Meggy. She says, "OK MEGAN, YOU'RE CLEANING REAL GOOD, LET'S JUST MAKE A FINAL PUSH TO HELP FINISH GINA'S FOOD, YOU'RE ALMOST DONE. IT WILL BE MUCH SIMPLER THAN TO BRING BACK LEFTOVERS WITH US." Greg responds, "C'MON, OPEN UP, C'MON C'MON..."

Panel 7: Gina is talking to Greg and Meggy. She says, "WE'RE ALMOST OUT OF MACARONS, GREG." Greg responds, "THANKS AGAIN FOR THIS SUPERB EVENING, GINA, IT WAS NICE TO FINALLY MEET YOU, WE ATE LIKE KINGS, DIDN'T WE, MEGAN?" Meggy says, "YOU SHOULD COME BY VISIT US SOME TIME!"

Panel 8: Gina is talking to Greg and Meggy. She says, "THANKS SO MUCH TO BOTH OF YOU, IT WAS IN FACT AN AMAZING EVENING! I HAD SO MUCH FUN SPENDING QUALITY TIME WITH MY FAVORITE APPRENTICE EVER, I'LL BE LOOKING FORWARD TO OUR NEXT LITTLE PARTY, MEGGY."

Panel 9: Gina is talking to Greg and Meggy. She says, "DO YOU THINK YOU COULD WHIP OUT SOME PANCAKES OR SOMETHING? I SENSE THERE'S STILL SOME ROOM LEFT, AND THERE'LL BE EVEN MORE AFTER A QUICK DIGESTIVE INTERLUDE."

Panel 10: Gina is talking to Greg and Meggy. She says, "LET ME GIVE YOU A HAND. YOU'LL BE MUCH MORE COMFY WITHOUT THOSE... AND NO NEED TO BE SHY, WE'RE ALL FAMILY IN A WAY..."



