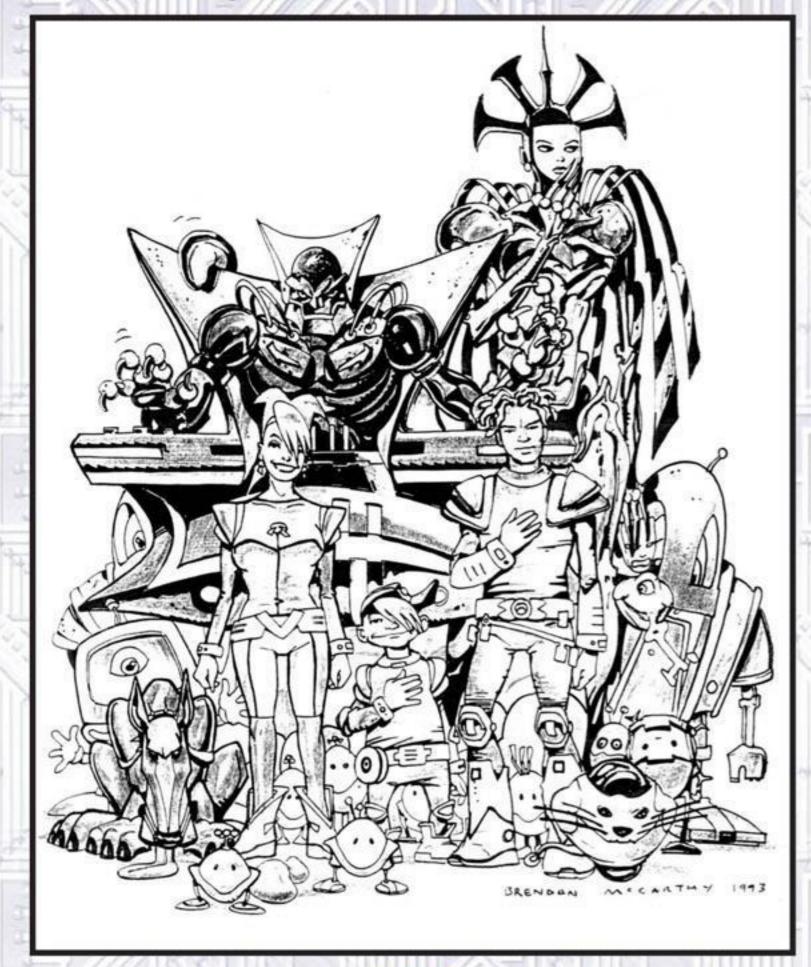




Early ReBoot logo.



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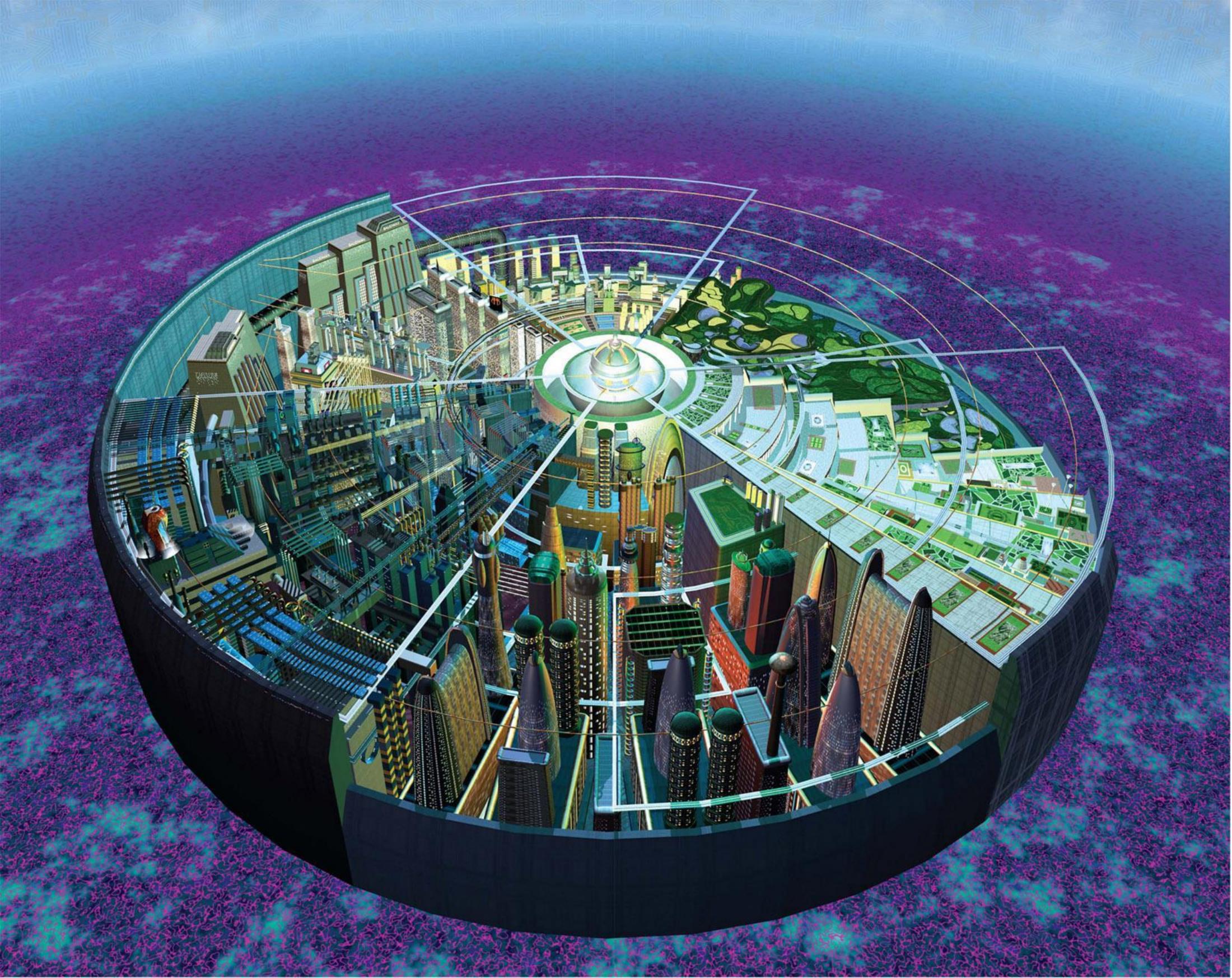
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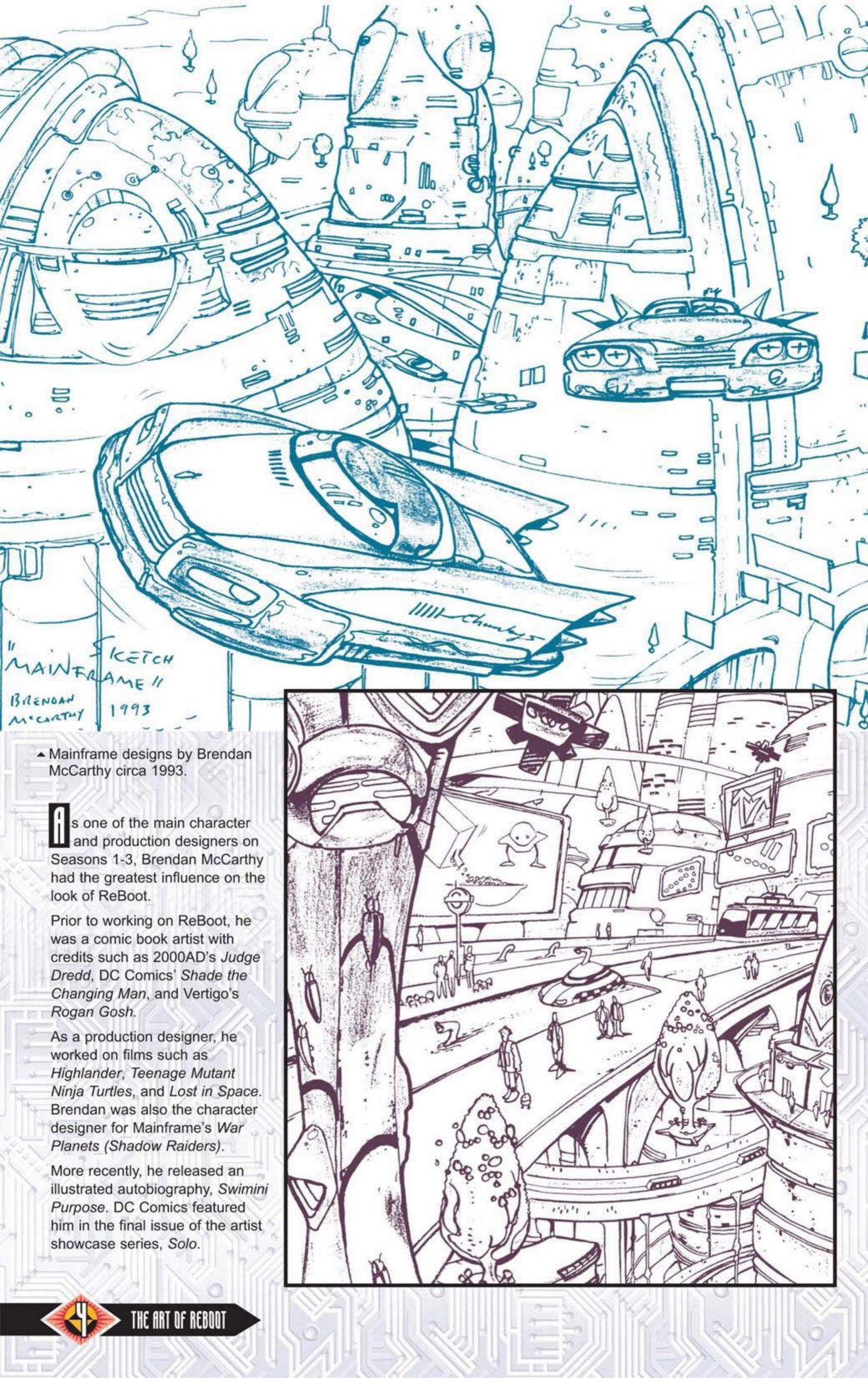
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A long time ago in a Soho pub far, far away, Ian Pearson had a crazy idea.

dmittedly, we were drunk at the time, but it still seemed like a crazy idea to me.

We were drunk because we were "recovering" from three and a half weeks of hell locked together in a small dark room creating (of all things) a computer generated pop promo. It had been three and a half weeks of hell mostly because of things like disc crashes, motherboard meltdowns, self-corrupting files, lightning strikes (I kid you not) and an animation system so vindictive or, perhaps, lonely, that she would crash if you left the room for more than five minutes. (She was smart too - she learned to keep rendering until after you'd sneaked back to check on her one last time before you left.)

Anyway, there we were, recovering, and Ian tells me his crazy idea: we could do an entire TV series in CG, like the pop promo. We'd set it inside a computer, he said, so the audience wouldn't question the stylized look it would have to have to allow us to produce it (on time and on budget) using the systems and software of the day. The hero would be called Chip, he said, and the villain would be called Megabyte.

Well naturally I told him he was mad. You couldn't do a TV series in CG! (Three and a half weeks of hell for a four-minute pop promo, remember?) But he wouldn't let it go, not even when we sobered up. So we kicked this crazy idea around for a couple of years while still working at our day jobs, and it began to grow...

Fast-forward sixteen years or so (It's okay - I'm allowed to do that. And chances are if you picked up this book, you already know what happened during that time: Chip became Bob; Megabyte became, well, Megabyte; the Bosch FGS 4000 animation-system-with-a-mind-of-it's-own partly inspired Hexadecimal, Queen of Chaos and the crazy idea became 'ReBoot', the world's first completely computer-generated television series.)

Down through those years, Ian, John Grace, Phil Mitchell and I were lucky (and smart!) enough to surround ourselves with the very best: a surrogate family of talented, creative, hard-working people who pulled together and frankly, did the impossible. Their hard work, in every department from basement to attic, made ReBoot happen; made it what it is today: A little bit of TV history. Nice.

A relatively small but definitely significant part of the ReBoot family was a diverse bunch of exceptionally gifted artists and designers who supplied our modelers and animators with what they needed to bring the ReBoot universe to life. Through four seasons of the show they patiently turned our fevered ramblings, or 'briefs' as we called them, into extraordinary, stunning and original visuals. They put faces on our heroes and villains, put life and detail into our cities and systems, brought The Games to life and made The Net and The Web real.

Like all "back room boys", these artists and designers are rarely seen, and never spoken of. Frankly, I always thought they preferred it that way. So when Jim Su told me he was putting together some sort of book to celebrate these people, to give them a fair crack and a suitable tribute, I was skeptical. It seemed like a crazy idea to me. But then I thought, 'oh, why not?' After all, I love telling stories about ReBoot, and it'll be a treat for the fans to see some stuff that didn't make it to the screen, or may never have seen the light of day at all. And yeah, okay: I guess it's about time those art guys got some props for their hard work and their unique vision. So then I jumped at the chance to be a part of it!

But seriously, folks...

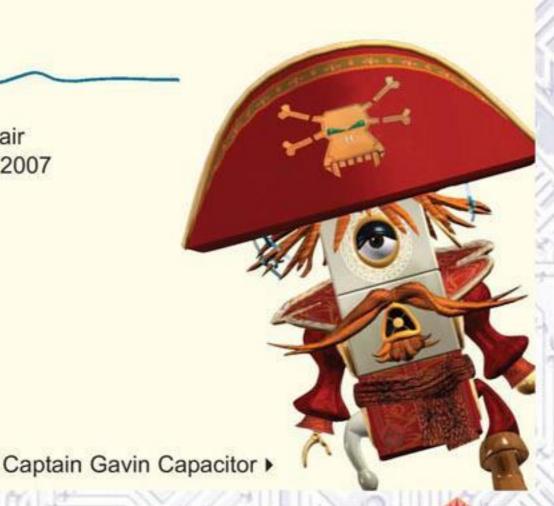
It really is a big thrill to see something like this come together. To see all these great images again, to know what a kick the fans are going to get out of it, and to know that a few of the ReBoot family's unsung heroes are getting a long overdue nod for their bloody hard work. Thanks, guys. You know who you are.

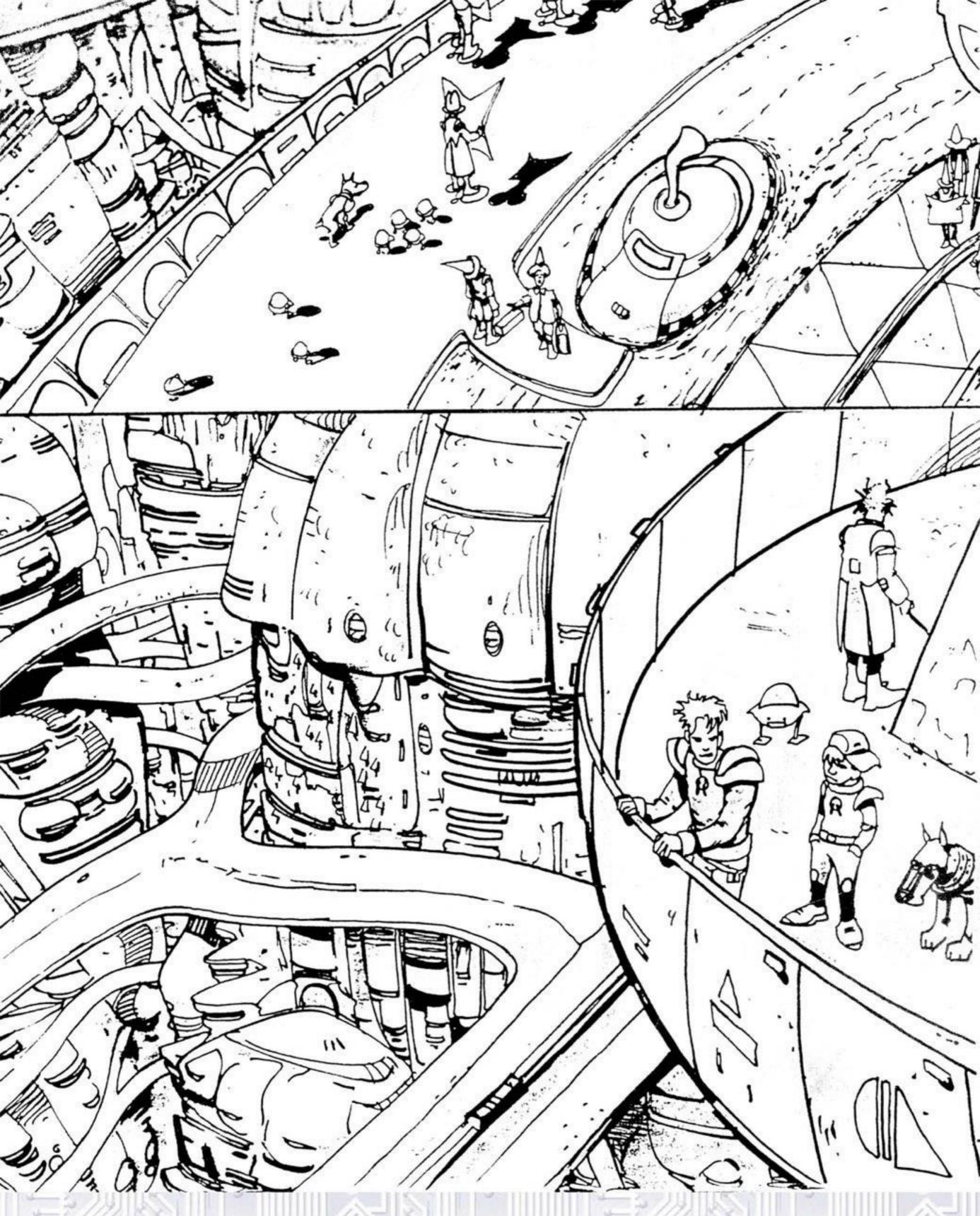
It's also a HUGE thrill, especially after all this time, to see some brand new ReBoot art; just so flippin' cool to see something so personal, so familiar, given the star treatment by some truly amazing top-drawer artists. Kudos, and thank you!

Last, but definitely not least, huge props and big thanks to Jim Su for being dogged and persistent enough to make this book happen. When he first contacted me, Jim told me he wanted this book to be a treat for the fans and a fitting tribute to the artists who helped make Reboot what it was. He also said he wanted to pay his respects and do homage to everyone who ever worked on the show, not just the artists. Well good on yer, Jim. You had a crazy idea of your own, and wouldn't let it go!

Stay Frosty,

Gavin Blair January 2007





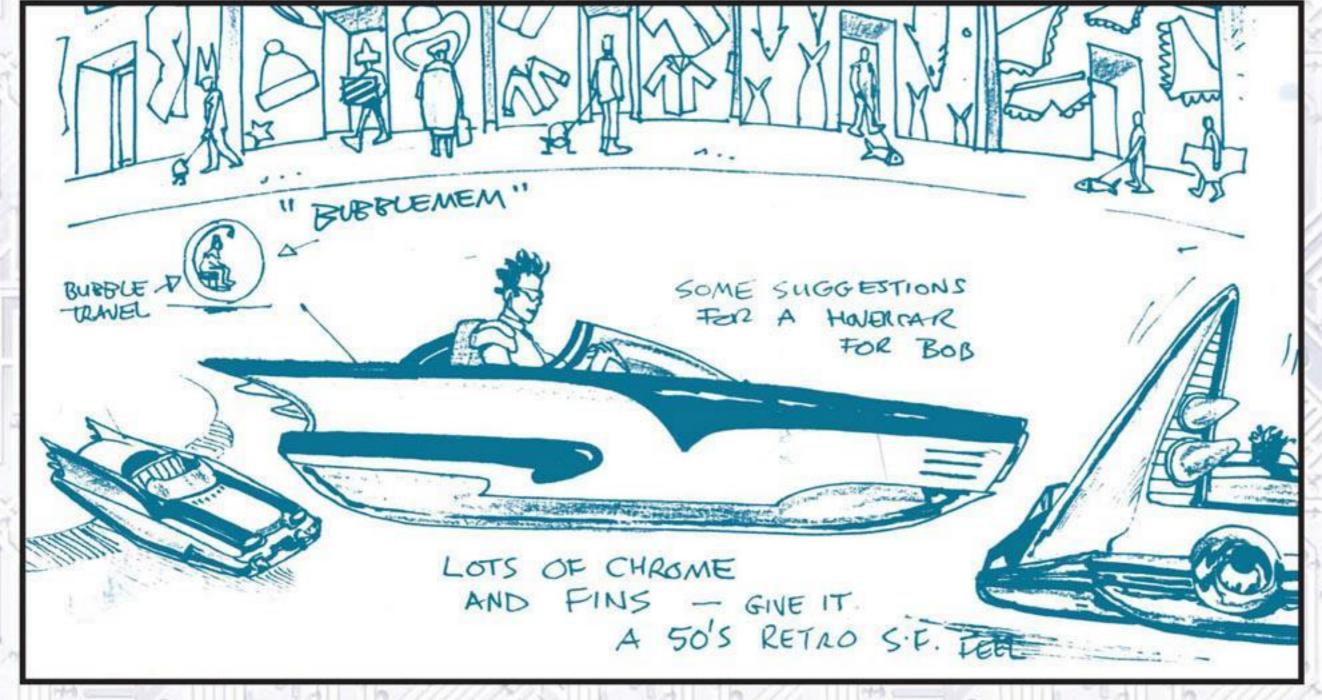
▲ Brendan McCarthy's designs illustrate what was to become Reboot's trademark tongue-in-cheek style.

Brendan McCarthy has to be the most original, creative and prolific crazy person I've ever worked with!

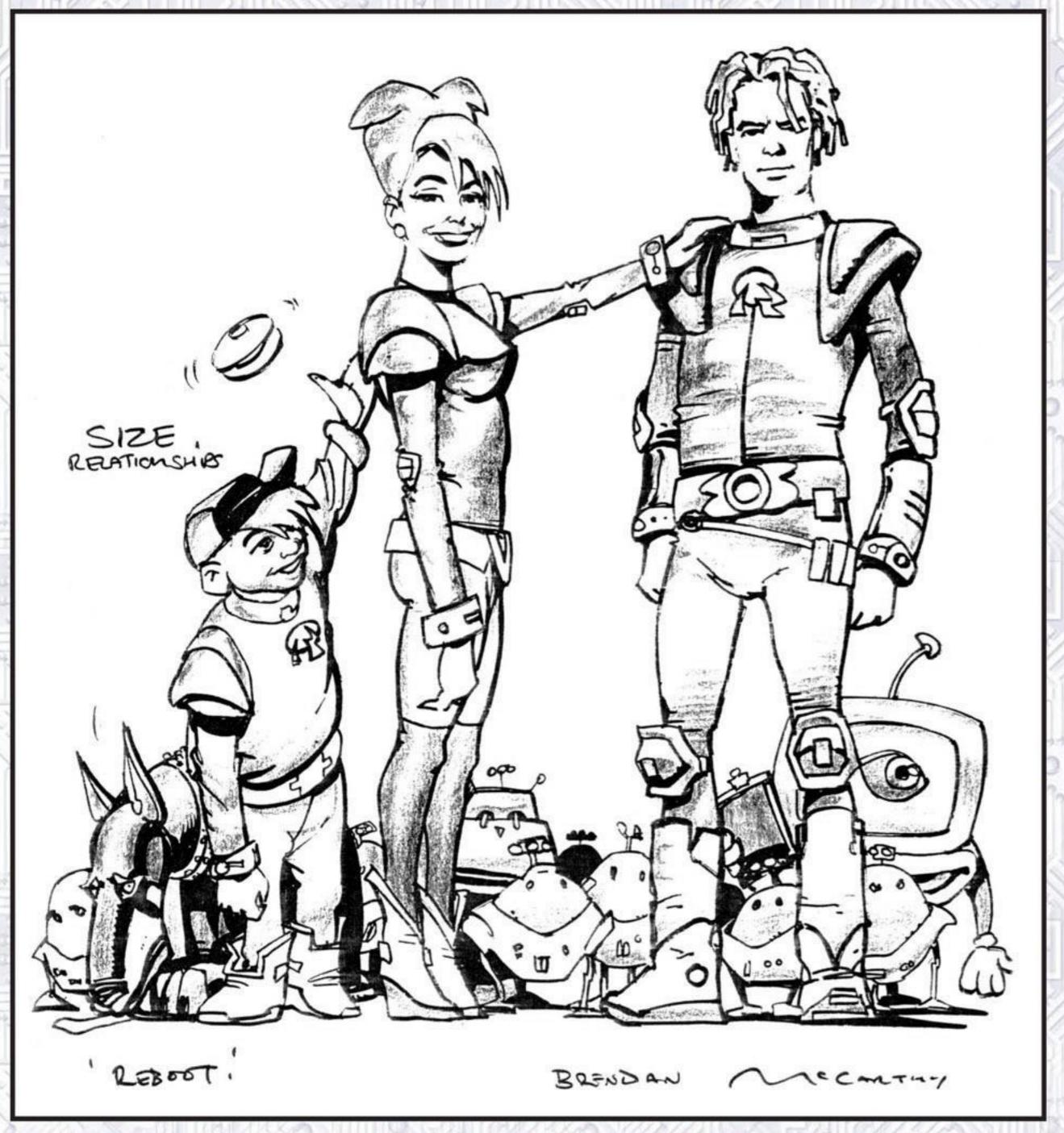
A seemingly inexhaustible fount of brilliant and wacky ideas, you always got more than you expected from Brendan. Ask him for a quick costume design and in minutes you'd get half a dozen variations, plus associated props, sets, environments and, just for fun, some amazing tangential concepts which came from who-knows-where but were impossible to ignore, even if you couldn't work how to cram them into the show! (Bob, Dot, Enzo et al as the characters from 'The Wizard of Oz?' Bob & Dot as James Bond & Modesty Blaise? Man, that was hot! I was always desperate to get that in the show, just to see Dot in that costume!)











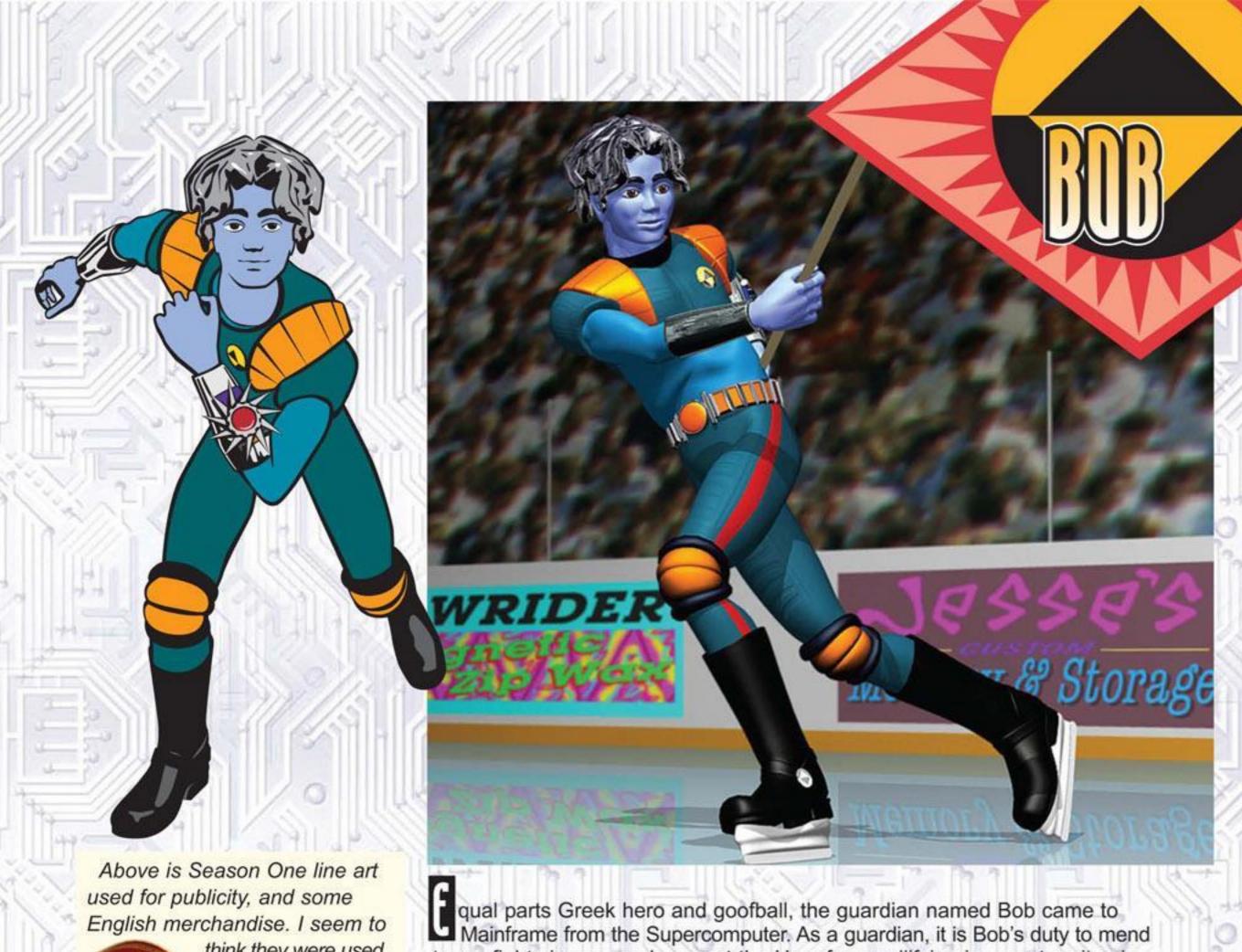
Classic Brendan. Early, early ReBoot! Lovely stuff. (Frisket and Dot really didn't change that much, did they?)

Notice the tiny 'pet' style Zero's and Ones, and the early 'one-eyed' Mike the TV. The folks at ABC never seemed to like him as much as we did, and we couldn't understand why. Then the penny dropped: he was a TV with a rival network's logo on his screen, all the freakin' time!

Yeah. He became two-eyed Mike pretty quick after that.



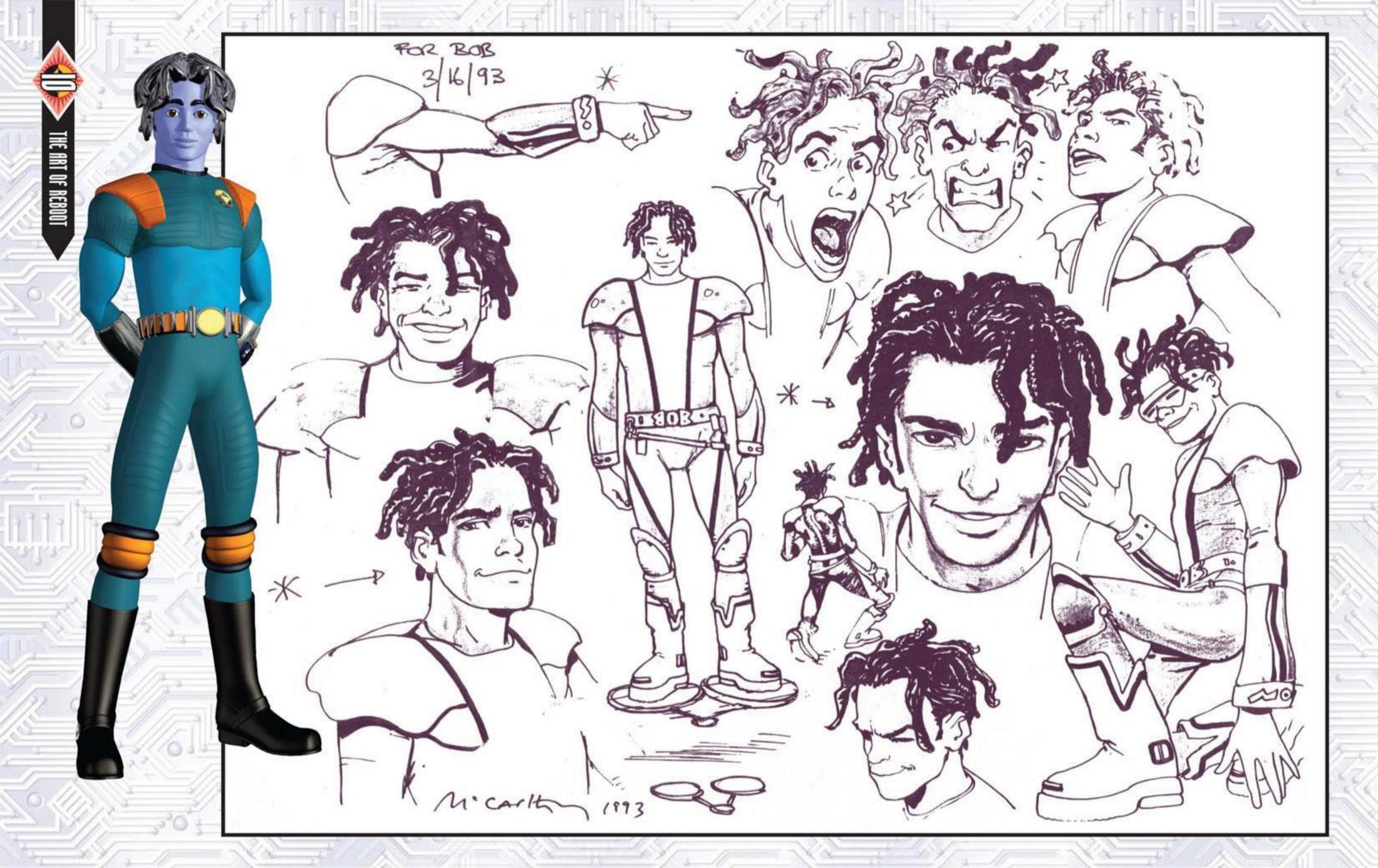




think they were used on some bed linens, slippers, that sort of thing. Very rare items indeed!

qual parts Greek hero and goofball, the guardian named Bob came to Mainframe from the Supercomputer. As a guardian, it is Bob's duty to mend tears, fight viruses, and prevent the User from nullifying innocent sprites in the games. Despite the conviction with which he pursues these goals, Bob has a laid back attitude and prefers playing it by ear to careful planning. Being the good guy and making the right decision in a crisis comes easily to Bob and it is no wonder that the people of Mainframe have accepted him as one of their own.





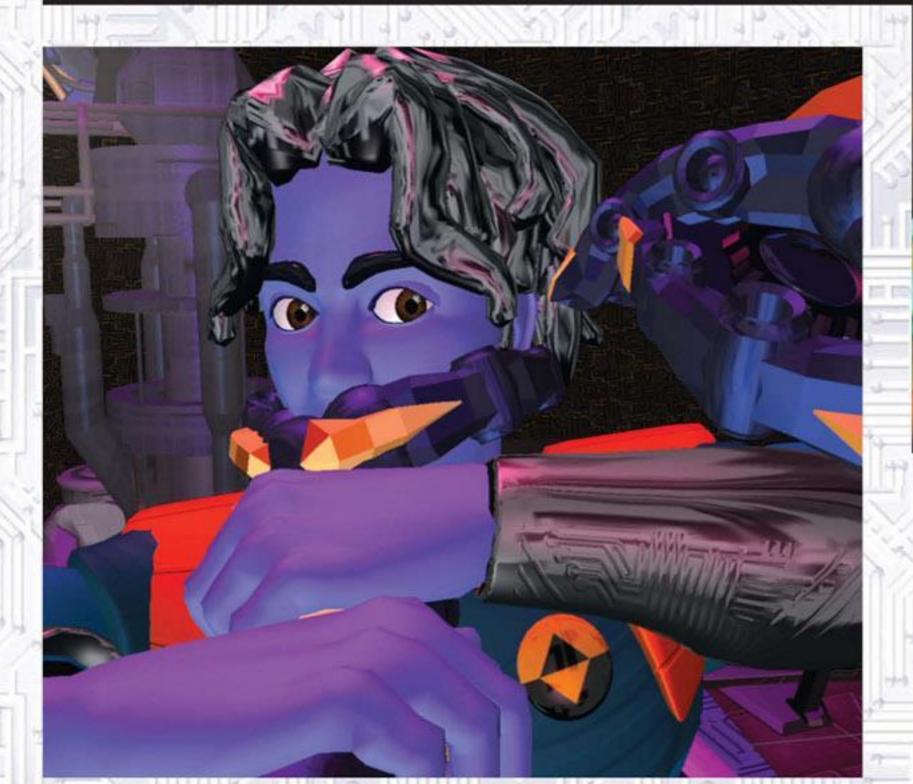


 Bob designs by Brendan McCarthy.



Brendan's 'organic'
Glitch idea was cool, but
a bit of a non-starter!
Simple, mechanical and
easy to animate on tight
deadlines was the order
of the day.





▲ Bob uses a sentient keytool named Glitch that can transform into any weapon or gadget that Bob desires.

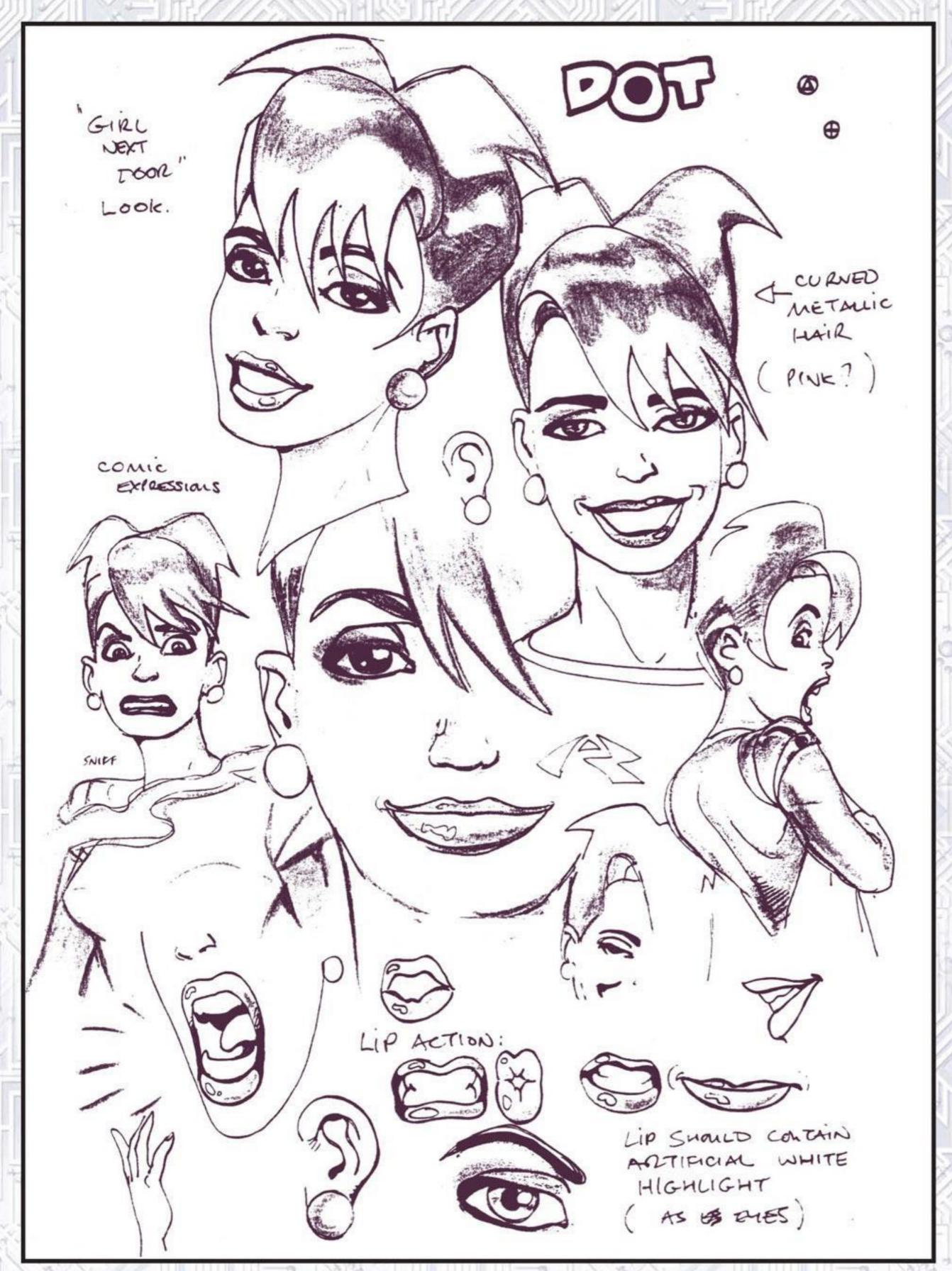






▲ Bob in Websuit designs by Brendan McCarthy.



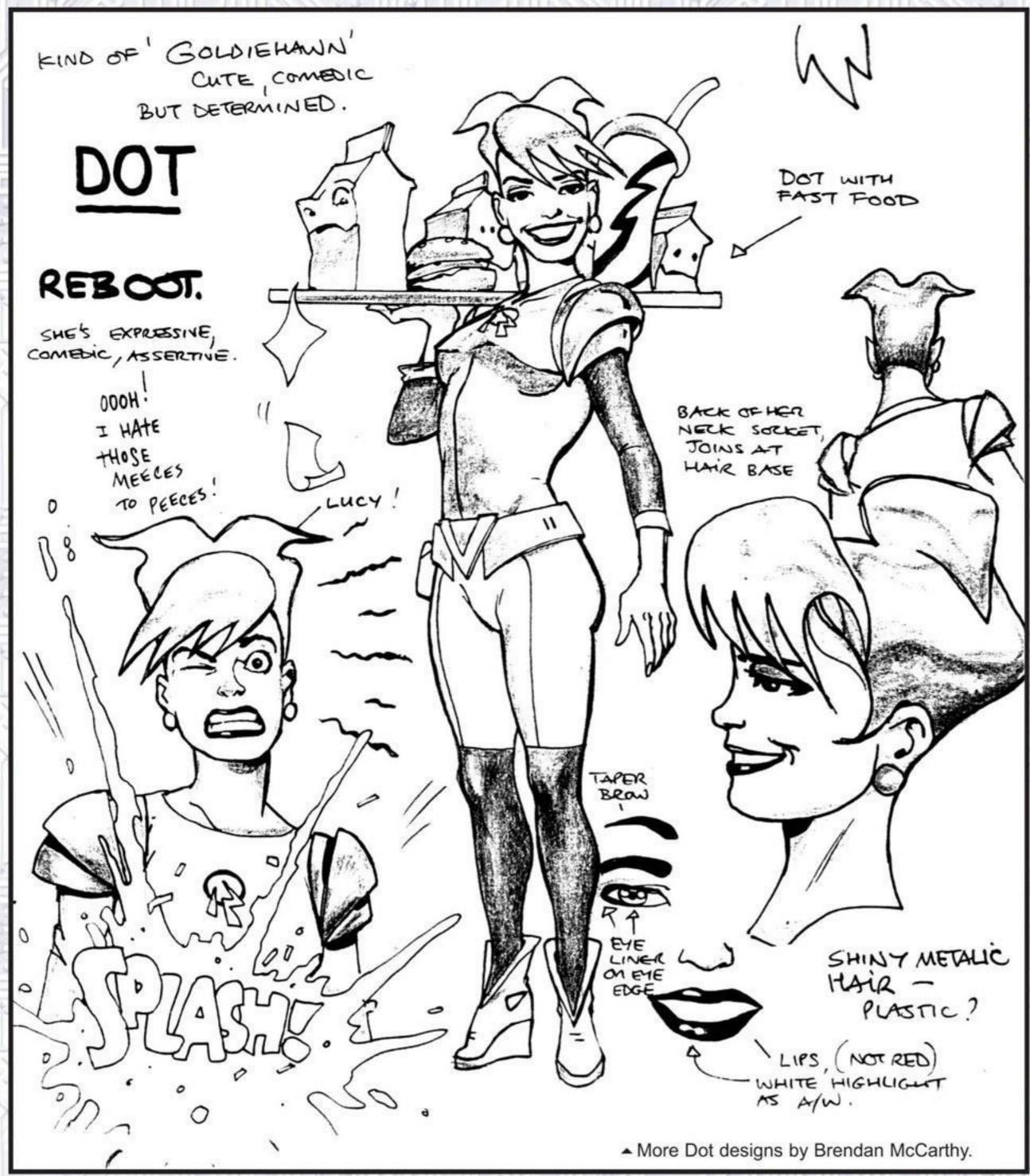


▲ Dot designs by Brendan McCarthy.

I styled her on a classic American sitcom female: Lucille Ball, hence the 50's diner and car vibe in the show.







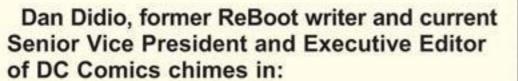
One thing we shouted down as soon as we saw it was the idea of Dot as a tray-toting waitress! That was not something our Ms. Matrix would be caught deleted doing!



The CGI Dot in the very first episode of the program (S1.E1, The Tearing).





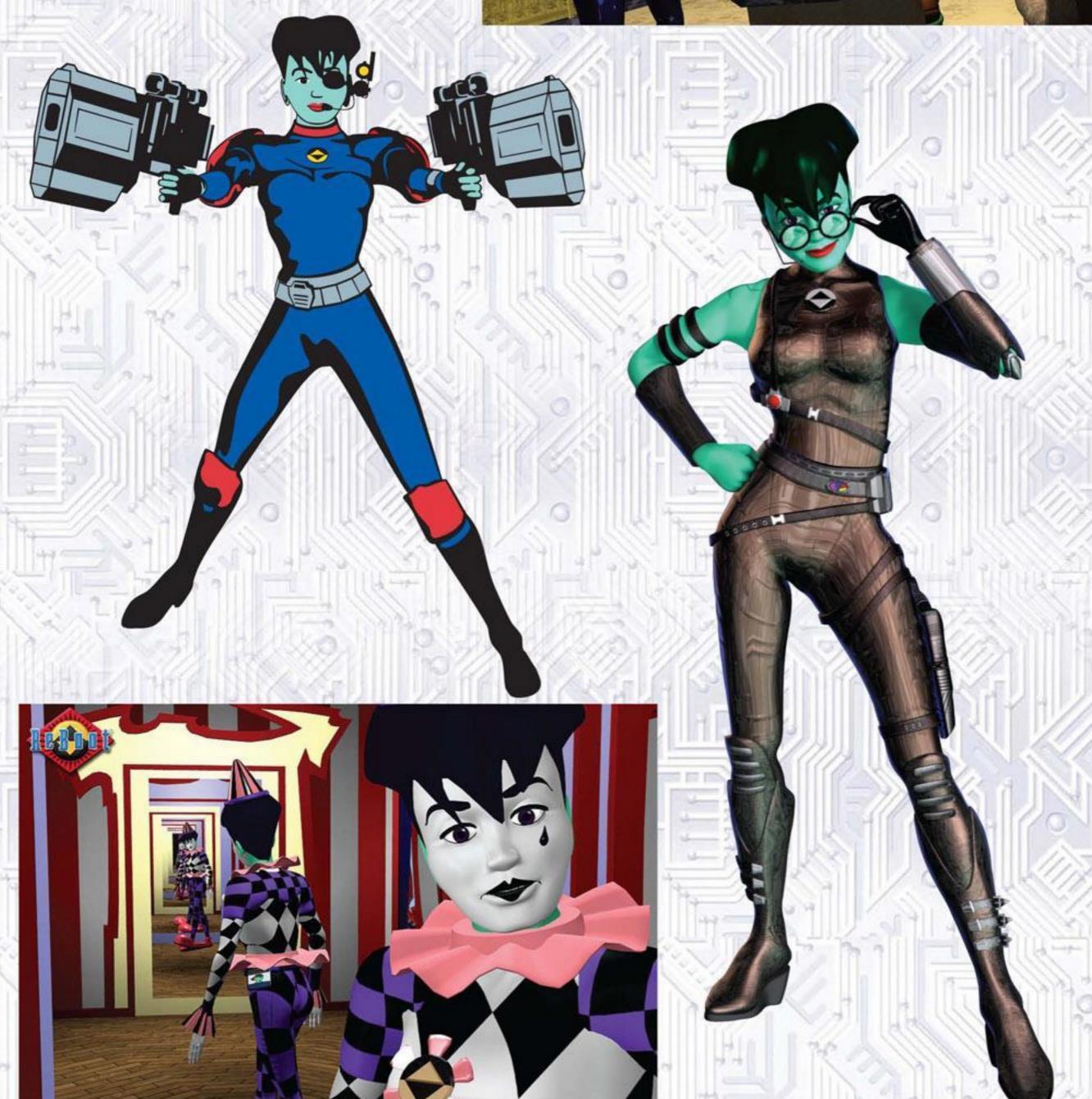


Season 1 Episode 9 really played up to the strengths of the animation by focusing on great action. As scripted originally, Wizards, Warriors and a Word from Our Sponsor had Bob, Dot, Enzo and Mike merely discussing all of the wild levels that had occurred in the Game Dungeon Deep.

It was Ian who insisted that they should show the action instead of simply talking about it. Through the use of a series of rapid cuts, the finished episode's tempo was exhausting and it came together beautifully, defining the action and imagination of ReBoot.



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episodes since they were always intersecting Enzo's arms and body

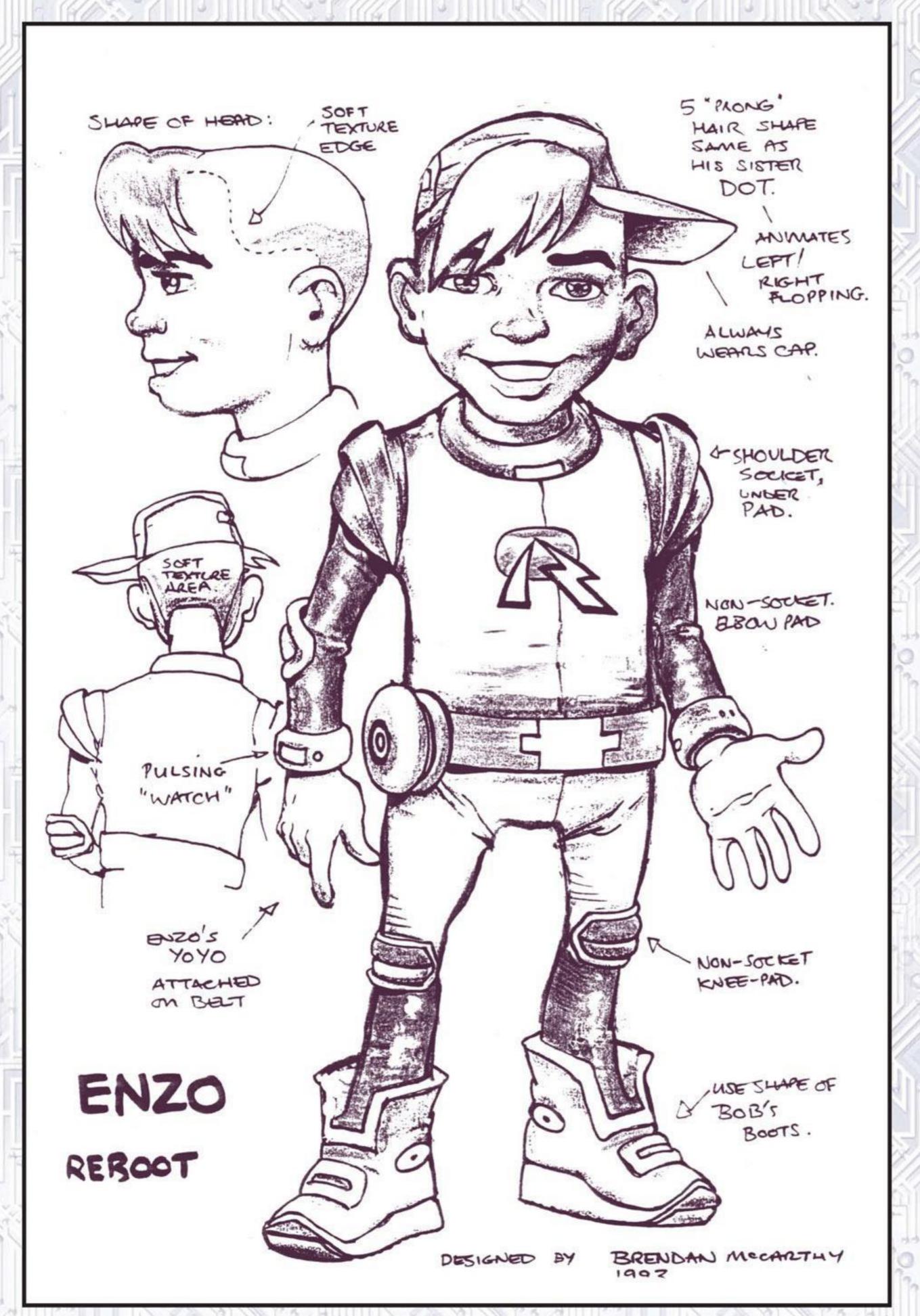
Enzo's model led to its - and his - complete upgrade in the episode

'Talent Night', probably the first example of a production issue leading

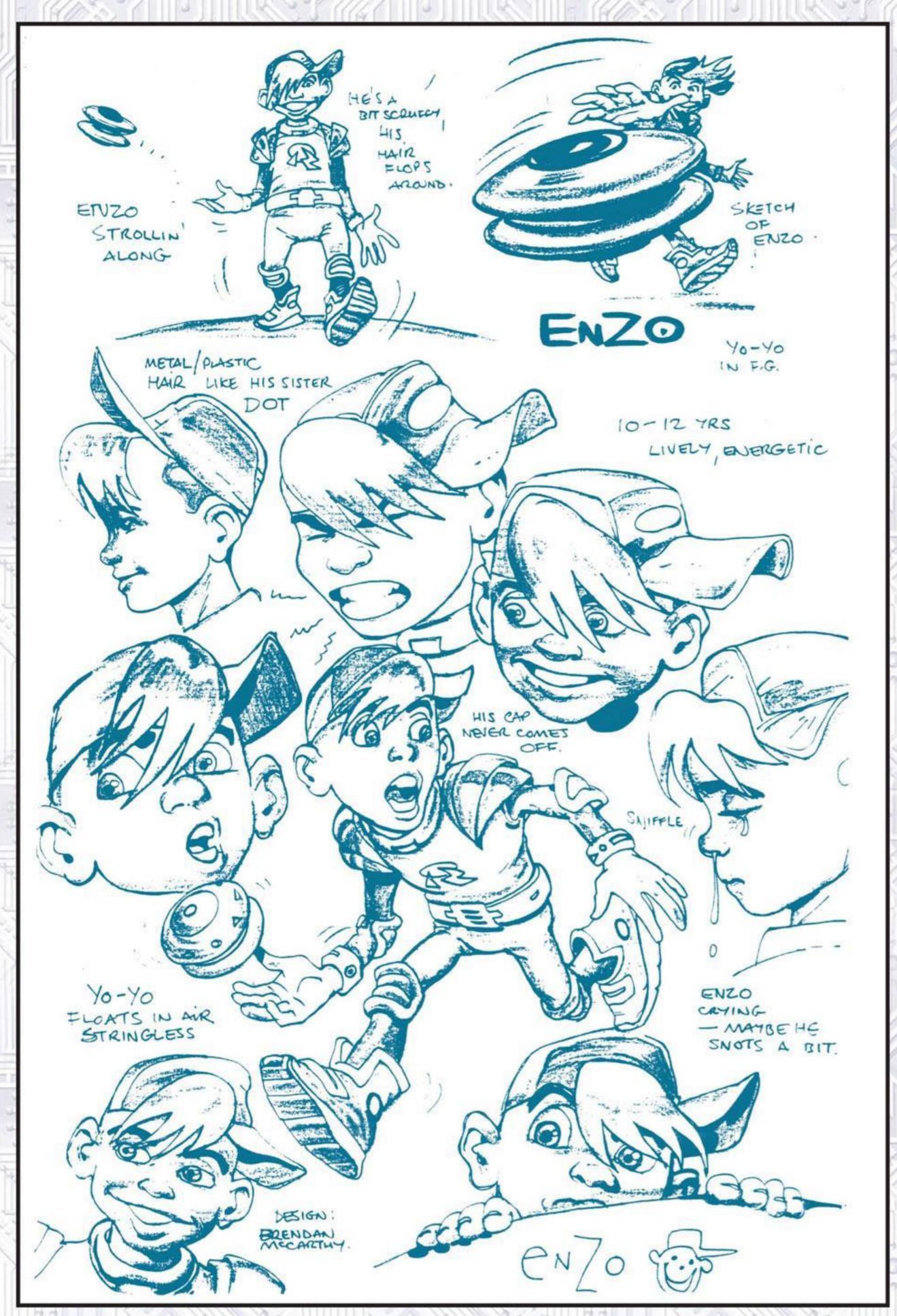
and had to be animated separately. Indeed, the shortcomings of

to a story premise! Our fans notice EVERYTHING, so a model

revamp had to have a reason - we couldn't just sneak it in.



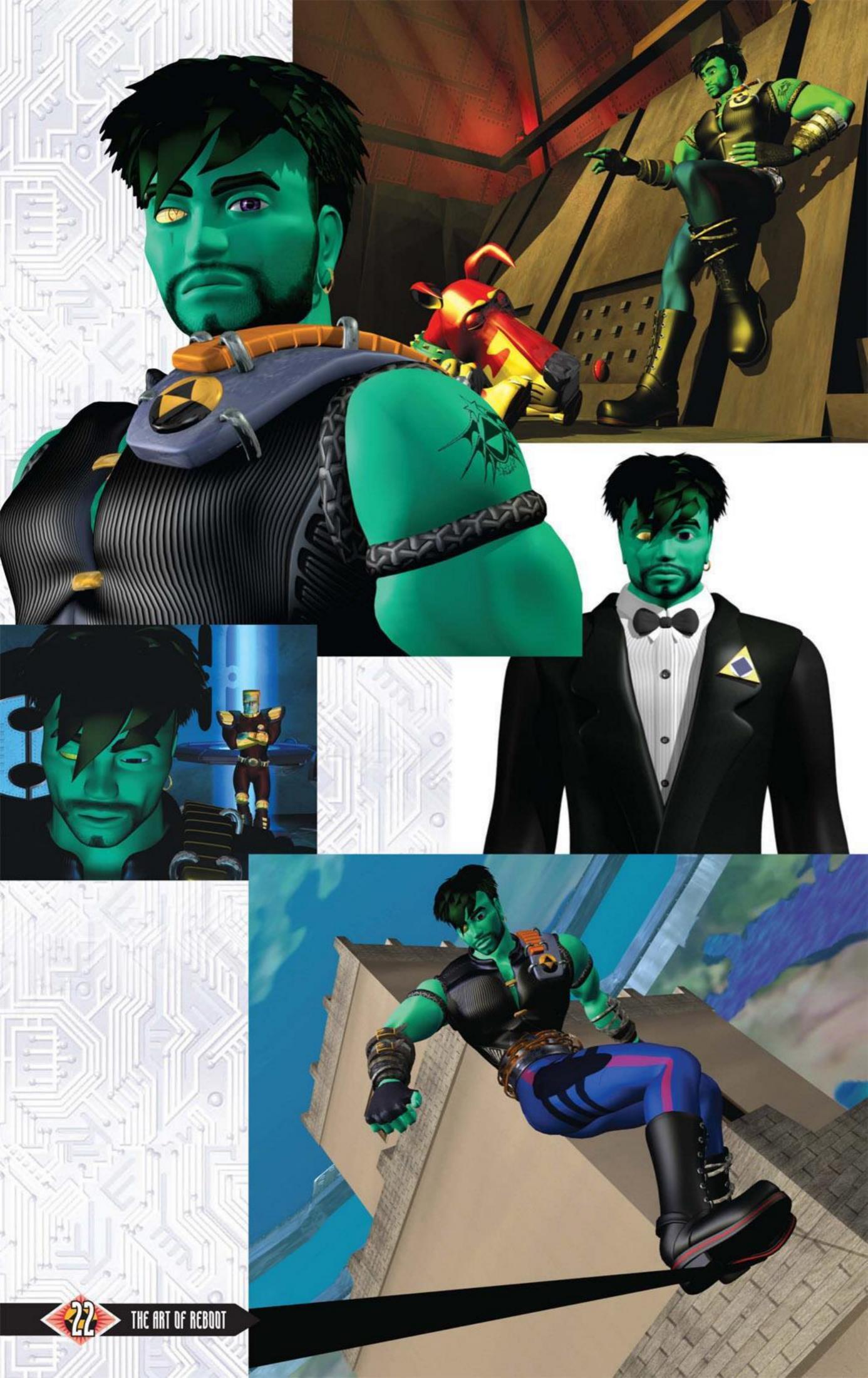
▲ Enzo designs by Brendan McCarthy.



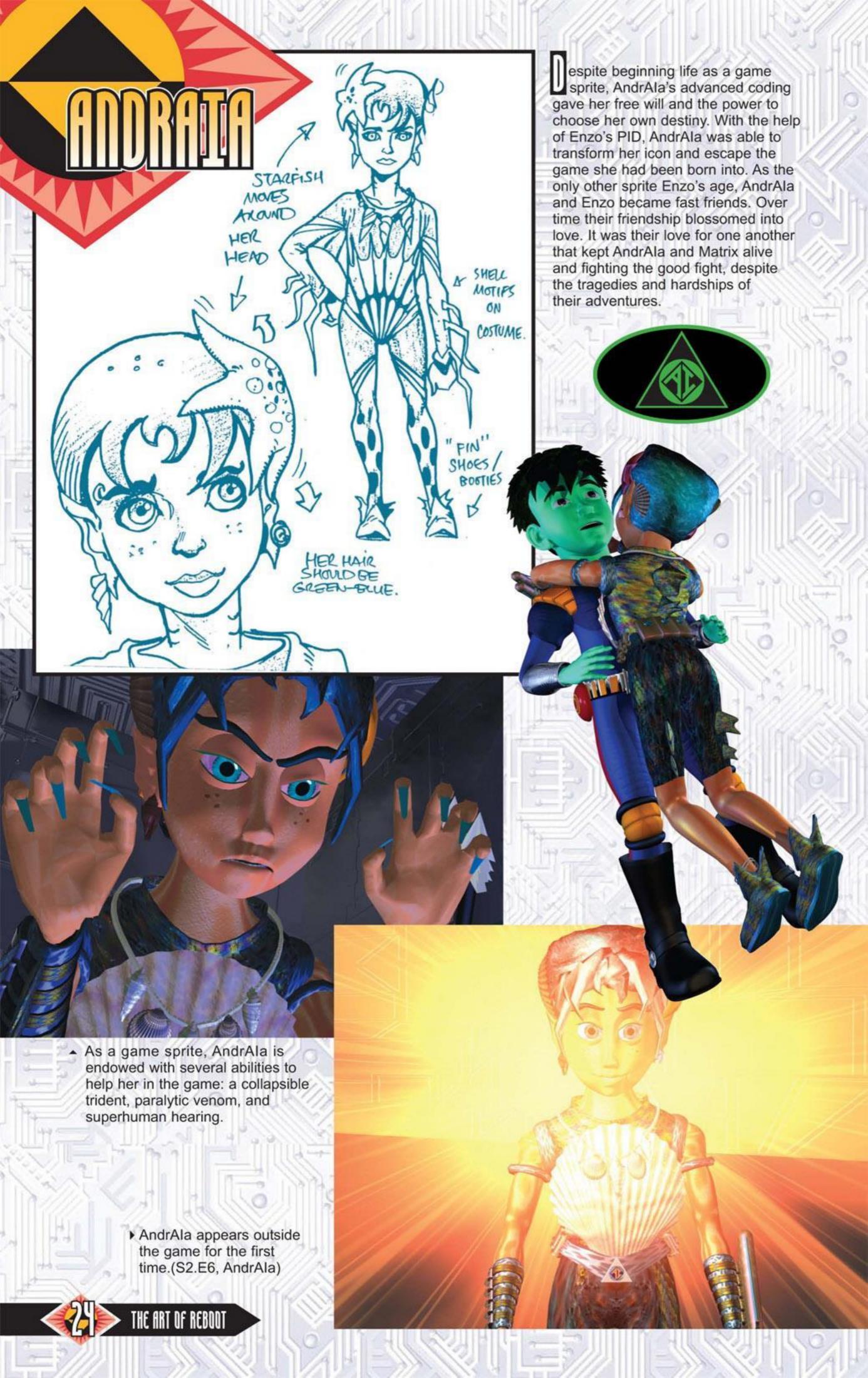
▲ More Enzo designs by Brendan McCarthy.





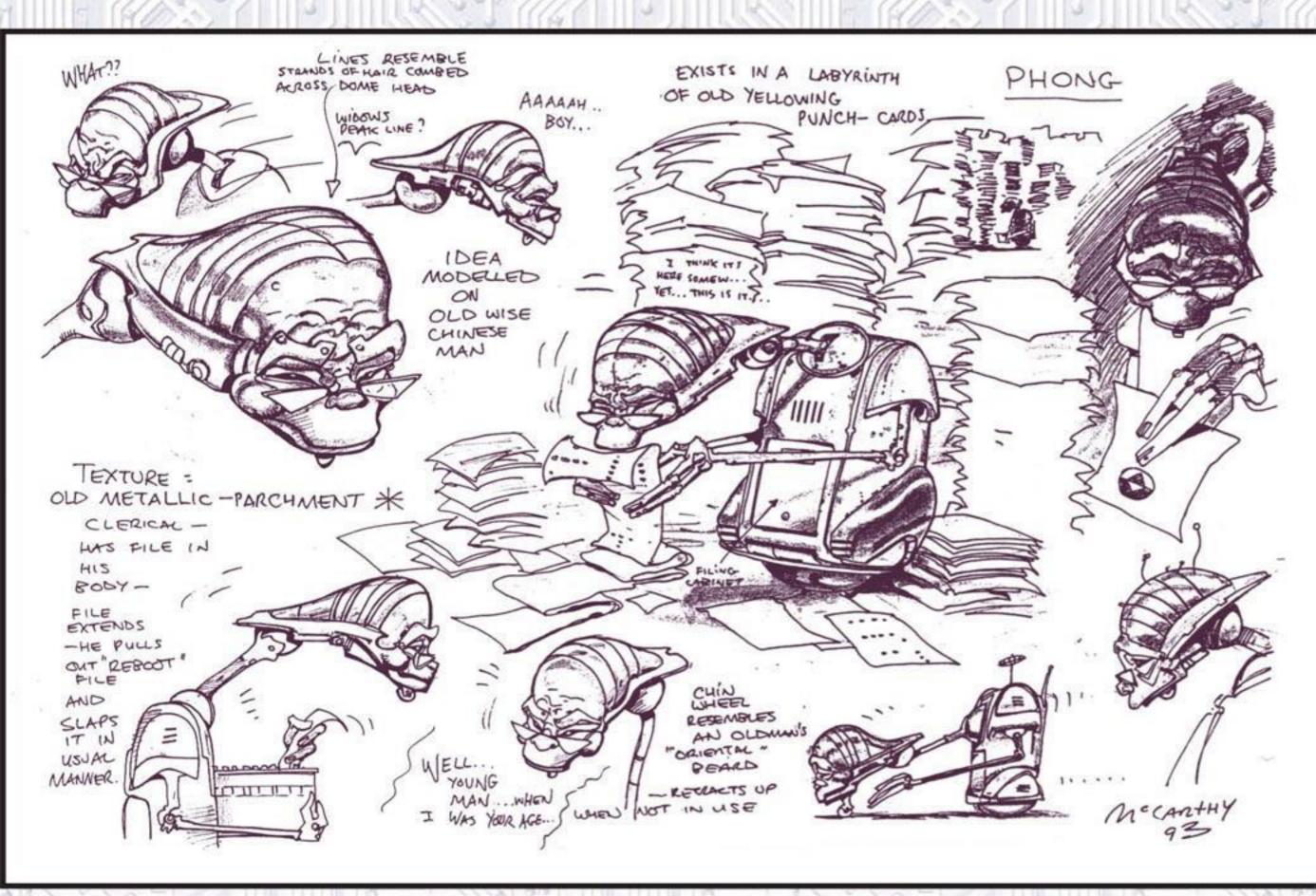




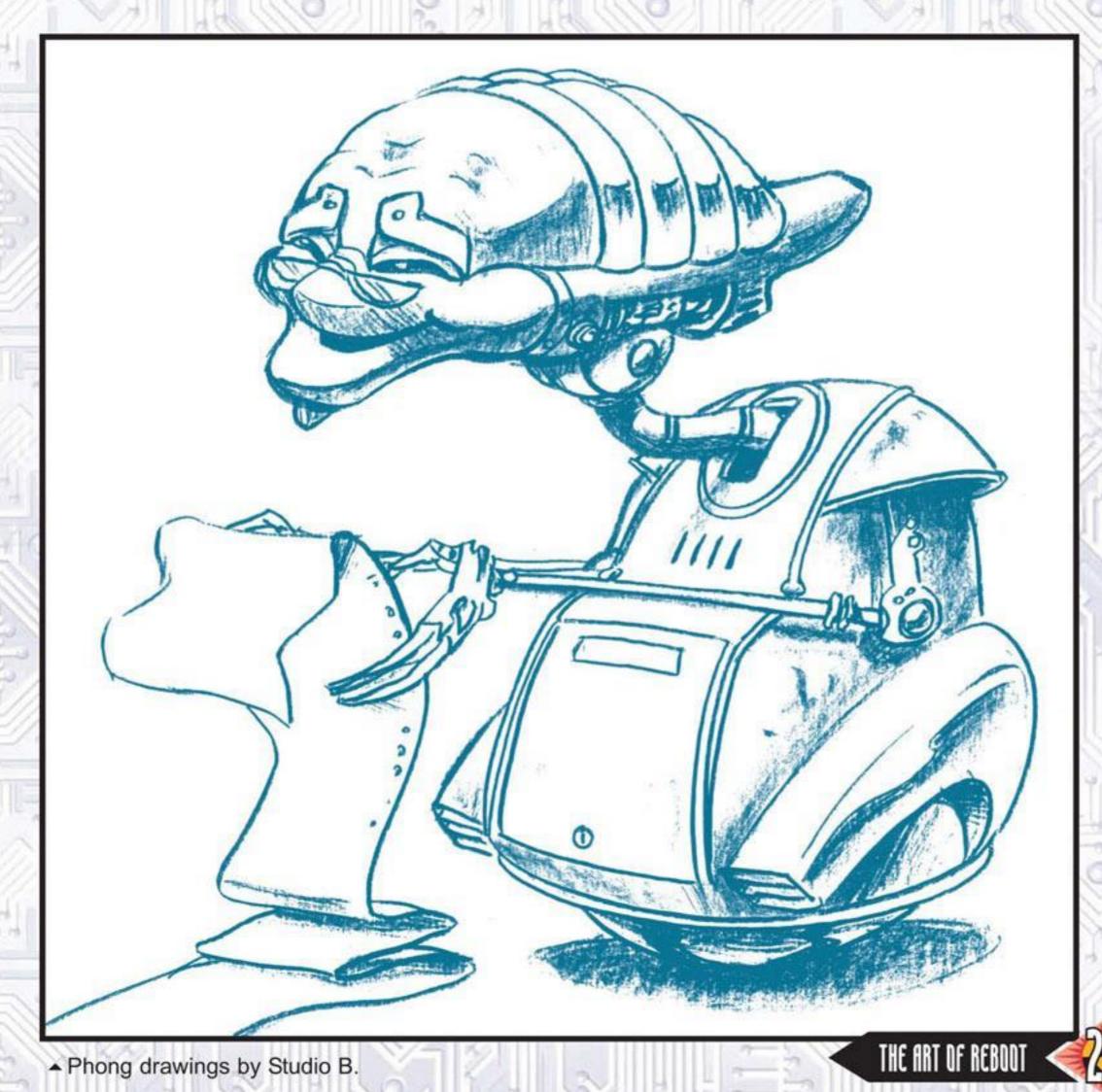








Phong design by Brendan McCarthy.





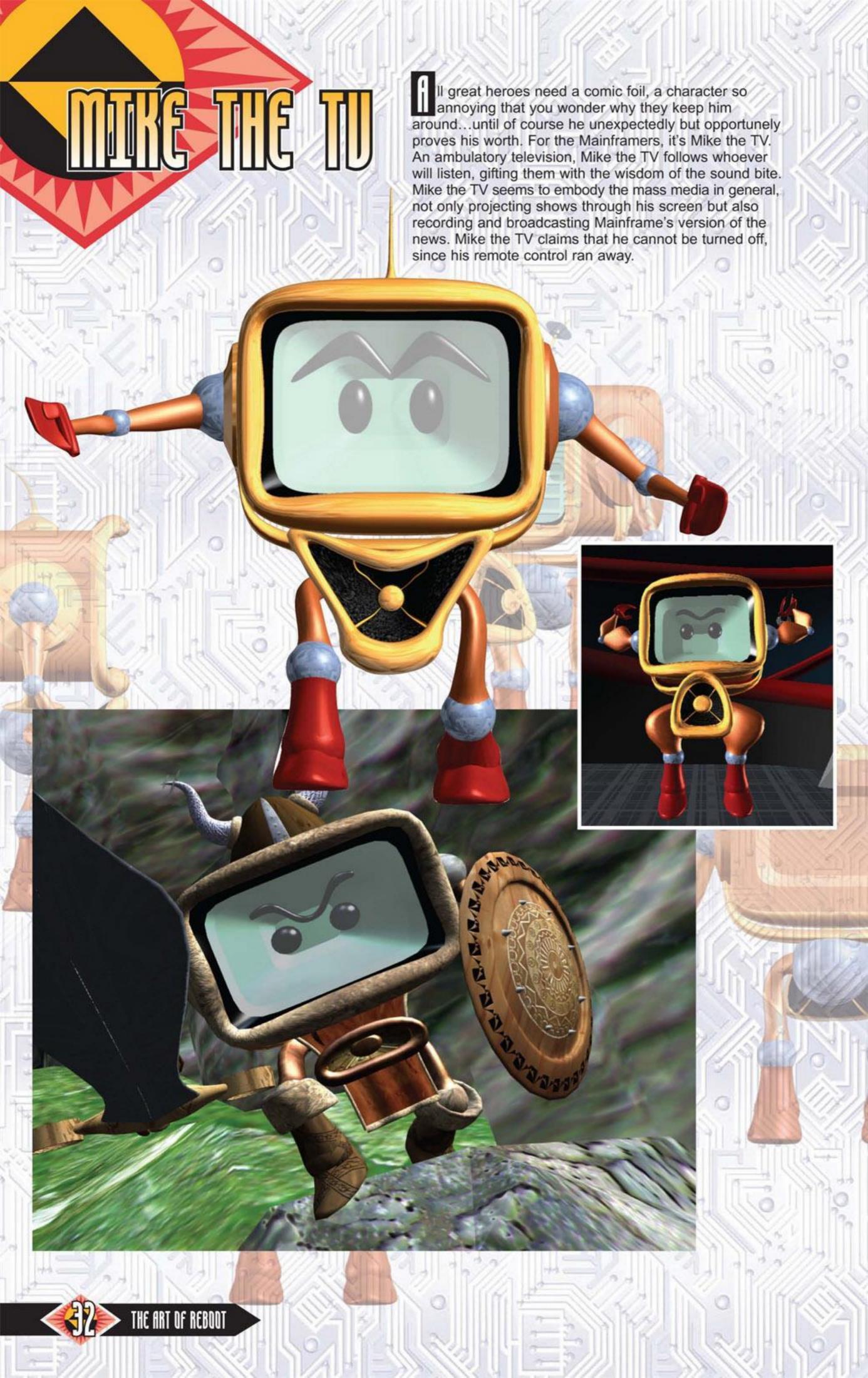


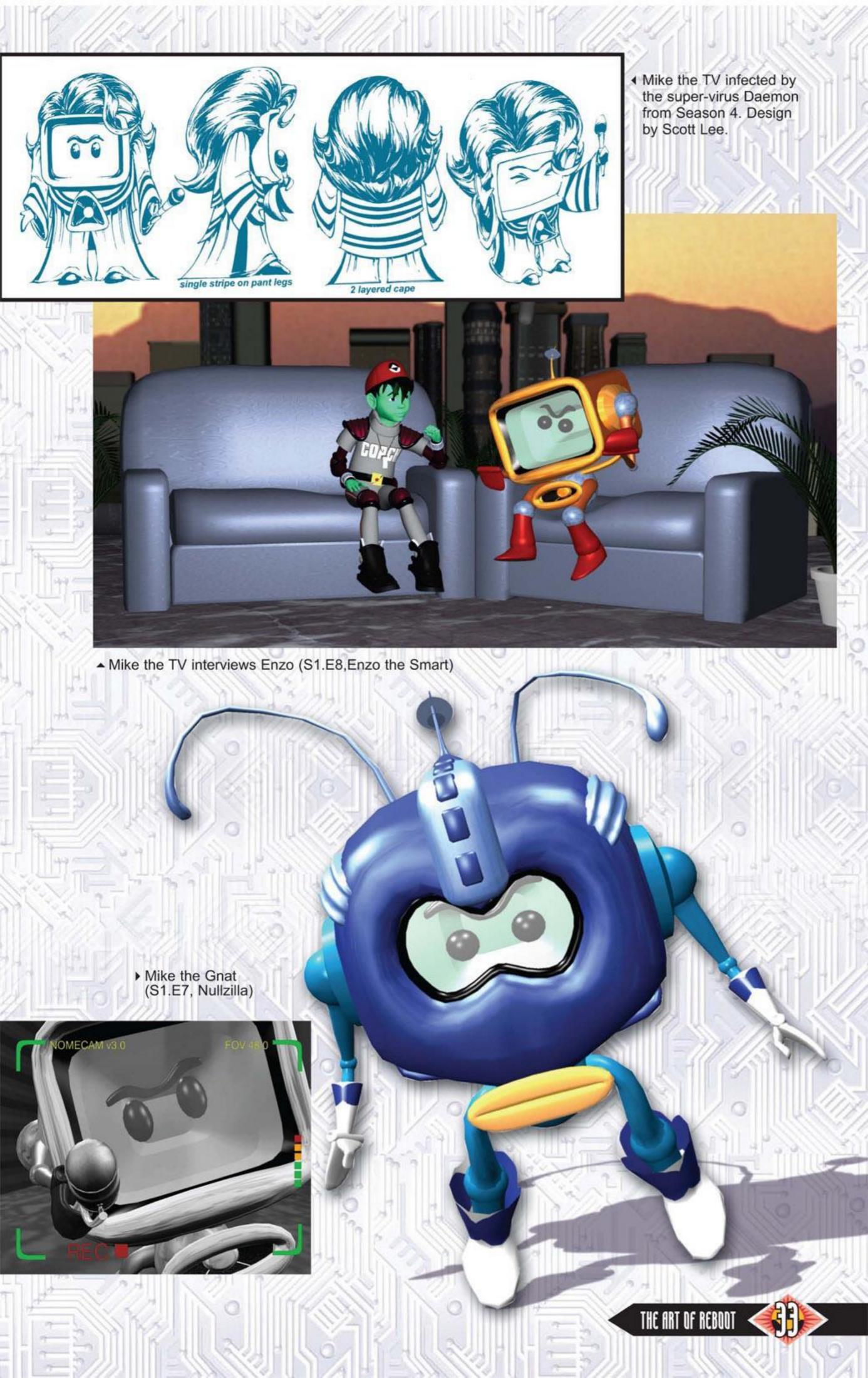


Ah, Mouse. My favorite ReBoot character... with Dot a very, very close second. More like a tie, really. But if I had to pick one of them to take to a virtual desert island, it would be Mouse. Why? Well, in no particular order: she's smart, she's strong, she's sexy and she's a babe, with muscles. And fangs. Babes with fangs are cool. She's saucy, she doesn't take any sh... trash, she kicks ASCII and can generally take care of herself. I love the way she dresses and ah just lurve the way she tawks, shugah. Plus she carries a sword. Or two. What's not to like?

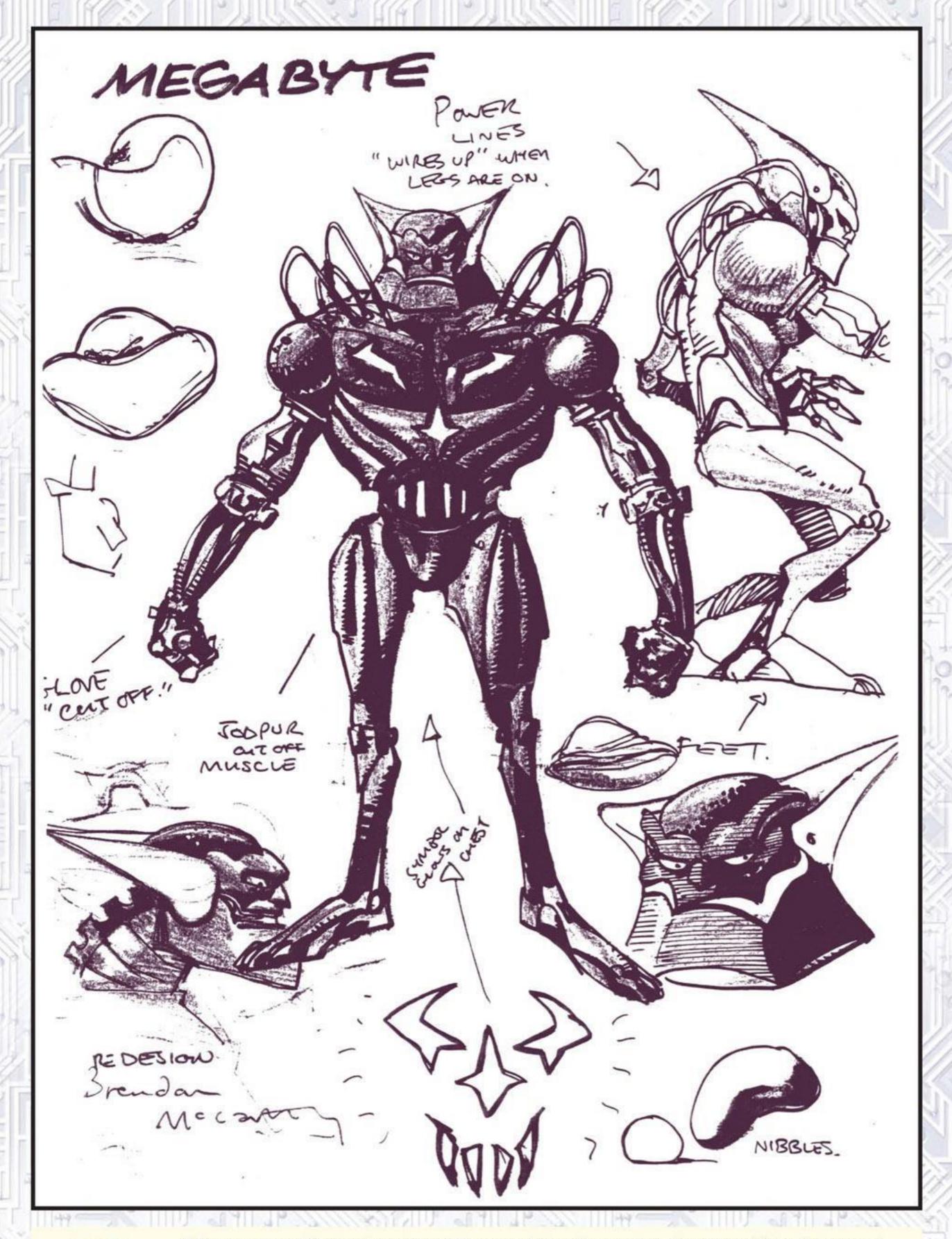
◆ Mouse in her 'casual' outfit.







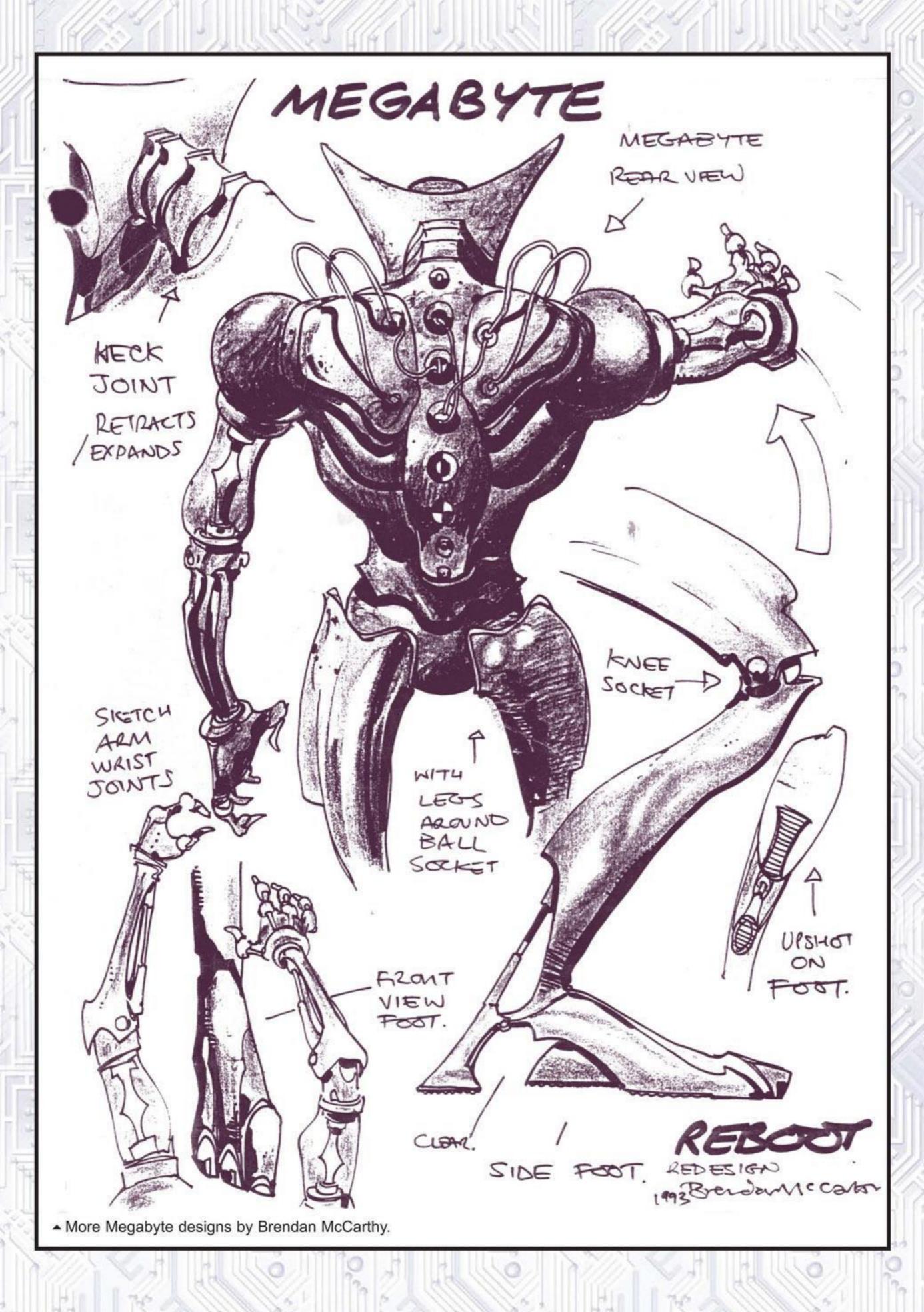






If there was anything lan had strong ideas about from the word go, it was our villains! In terms of design, Megabyte and Hexadecimal were like sharks - pretty much perfect from the start. They barely had to evolve!

The first drawing Brendan did of Hex was, if I recall correctly, the last - she was pretty much built from the first sketch! And Megabyte was only tweaked here and there to make animation simpler: his 'groinal unit' became a ball-joint and the over-the-shoulder tubes were lost because they immediately got in the way of the animation.





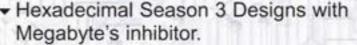




long with her brother Megabyte, Hexadecimal was created when the super-virus Gigabyte was rent in twain when it first invaded Mainframe. While Megabyte was gifted with brains and ambition, Hexadecimal inherited the super virus' raw power.

Seemingly part and parcel of that power is complete and utter insanity. A being of absolute chaos, Hexadecimal boils through intense contradictory emotions, reflected in her ever-changing harlequin masks. Despite her demonic overtones, there is something undeniably naïve about her personality. Hexadecimal lacks the desire to infect systems like other viruses display. She seeks only to disrupt order, a drive that has put her at odds with her brother at least as often as she threatens the Mainframers. The limit of Hexadecimal's power is unknown, but she has demonstrated energy projection, telekinesis, flight, and teleportation.



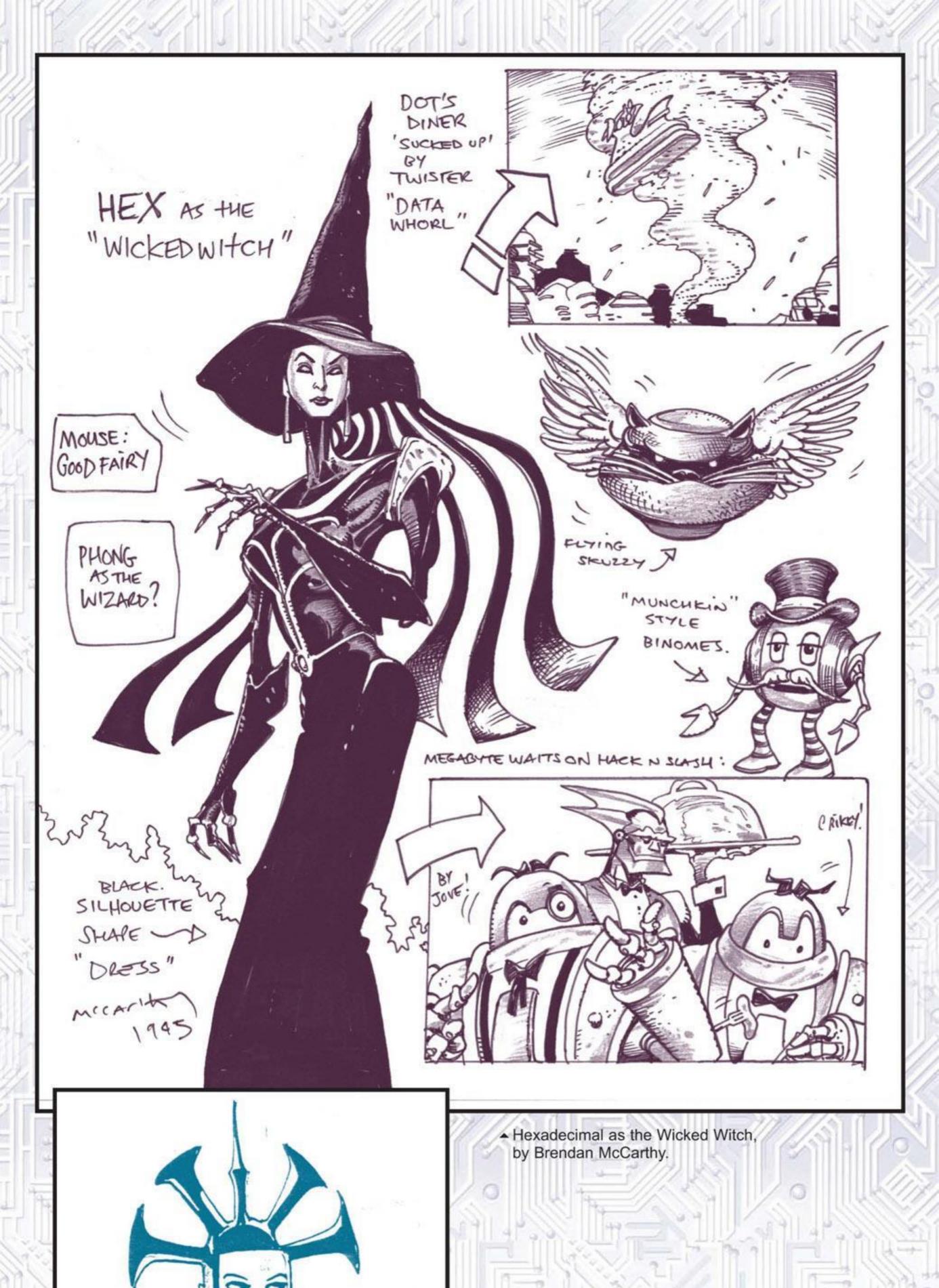






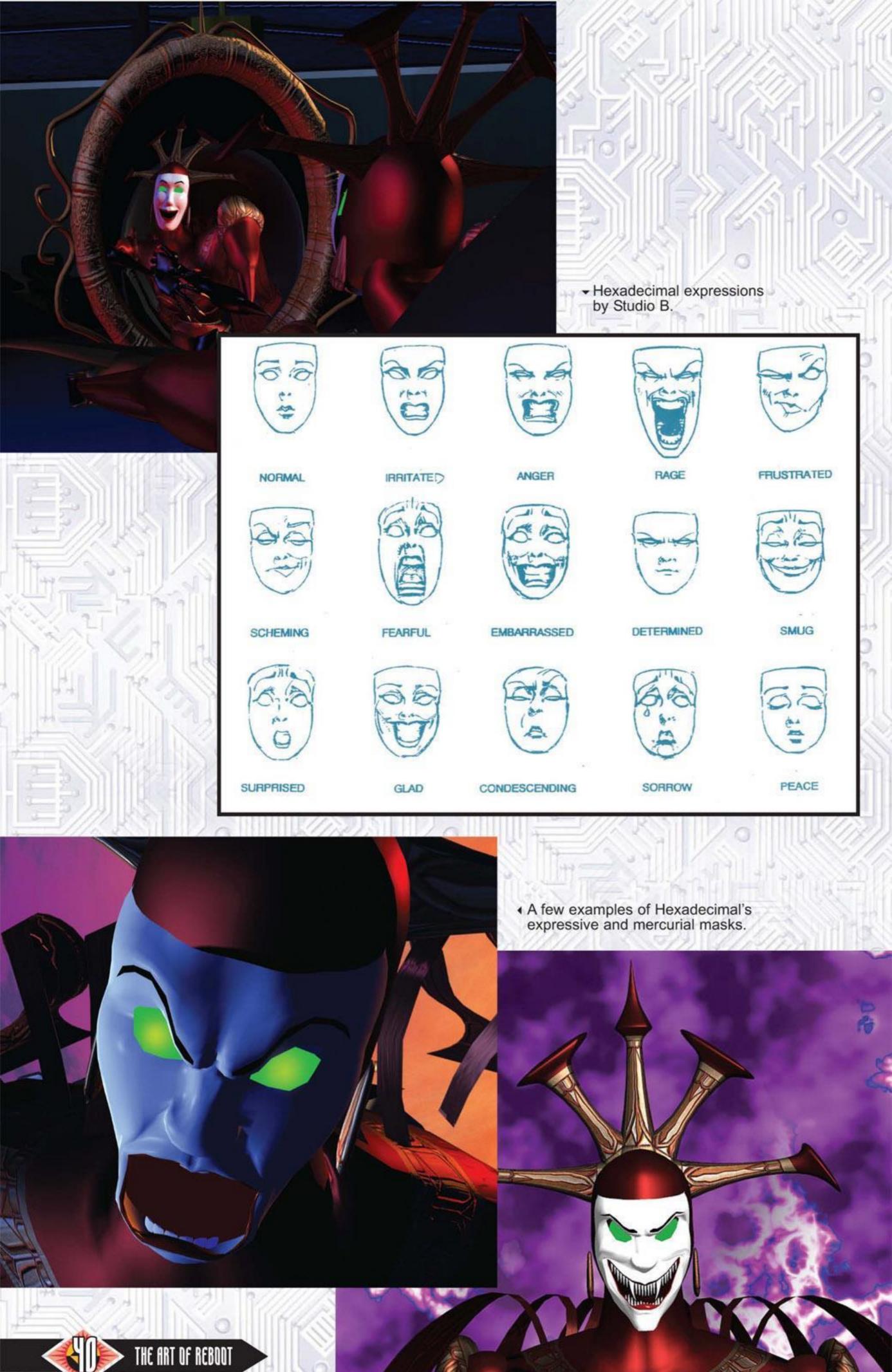






 An early drawing of Hexadecimal, by Brendan McCarthy.







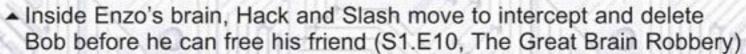
→ Battle Damaged Hack.

very villain needs henchmen with over developed Achilles' heels and Megabyte's goons, Hack and Slash, have them in spades. Easily the most physically powerful sprites in Mainframe, their strength is matched only by the limits of their intellect. Perhaps these twins share a single brain – it would explain both their 'slow clock speed' and the fact that they are always finishing one another's sentences. When Megabyte's plans go awry, it is undoubtedly Hack and Slash that endure the physical repercussions. Luckily, they have the unique ability to generate a seemingly endless array of telescoping weapons, tools, and jetpacks from their mechanical bodies.

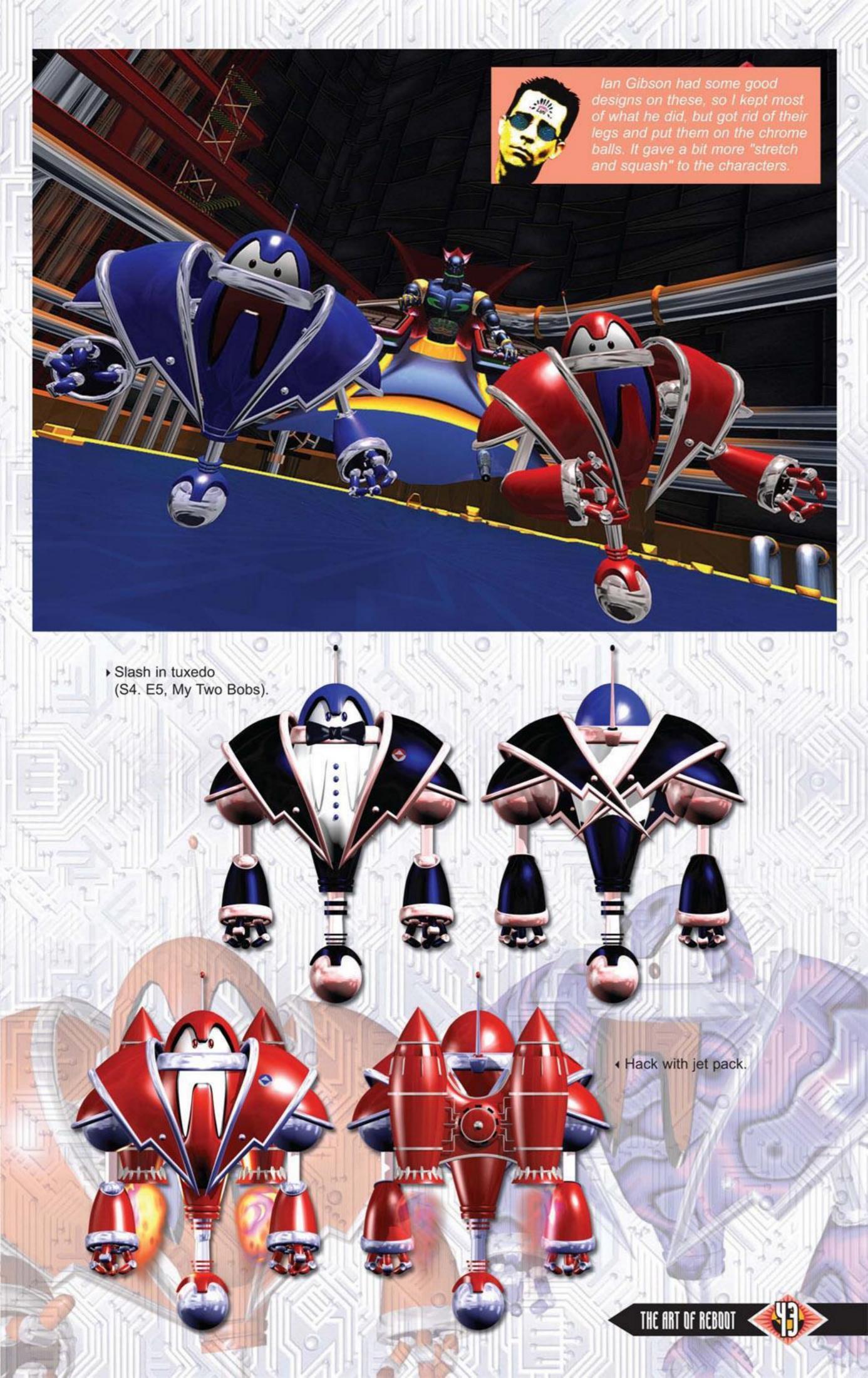


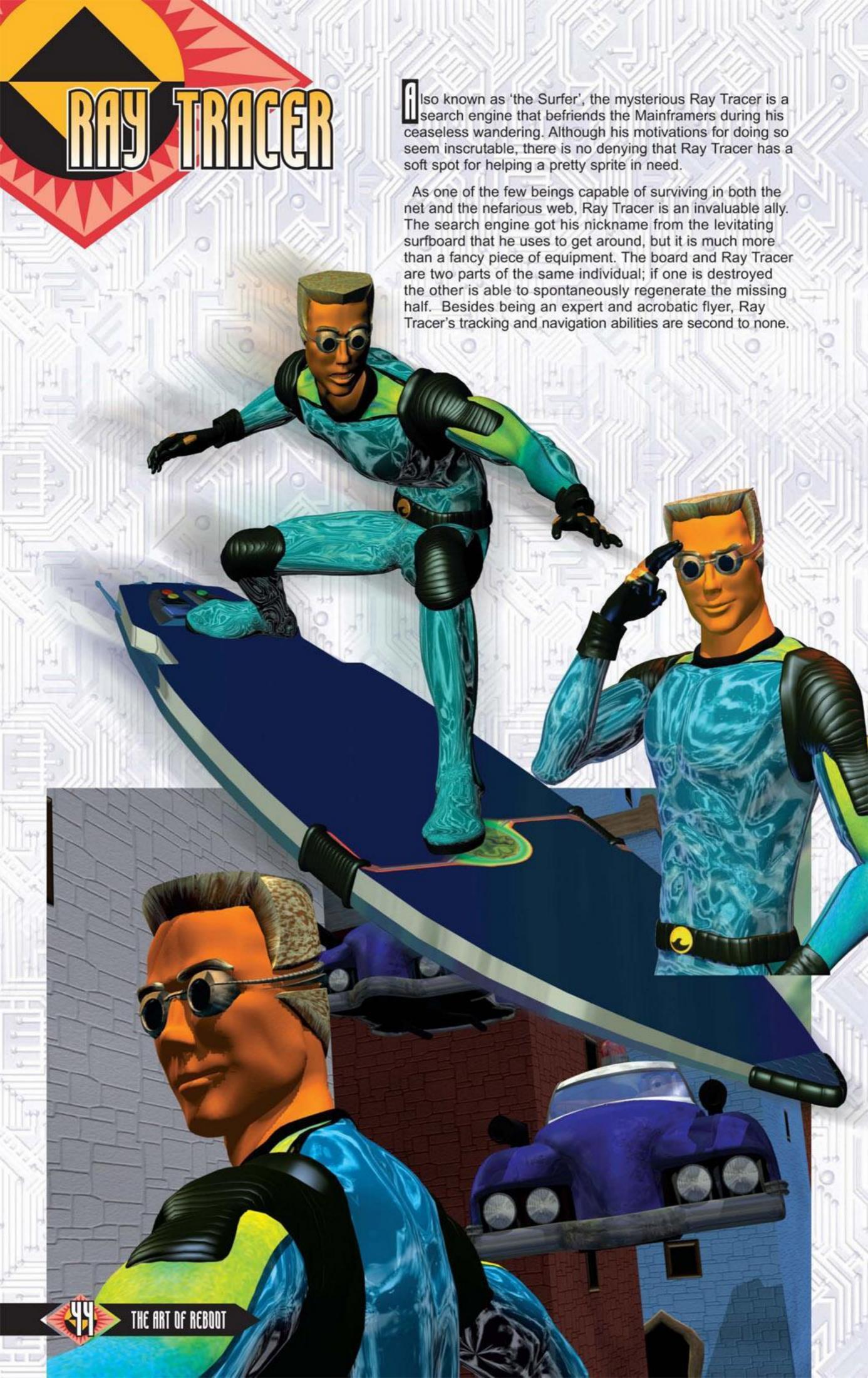
 Hack and Slash attempt to block Enzo's escape from the Tor. (S1.E6, In the Belly of the Beast)

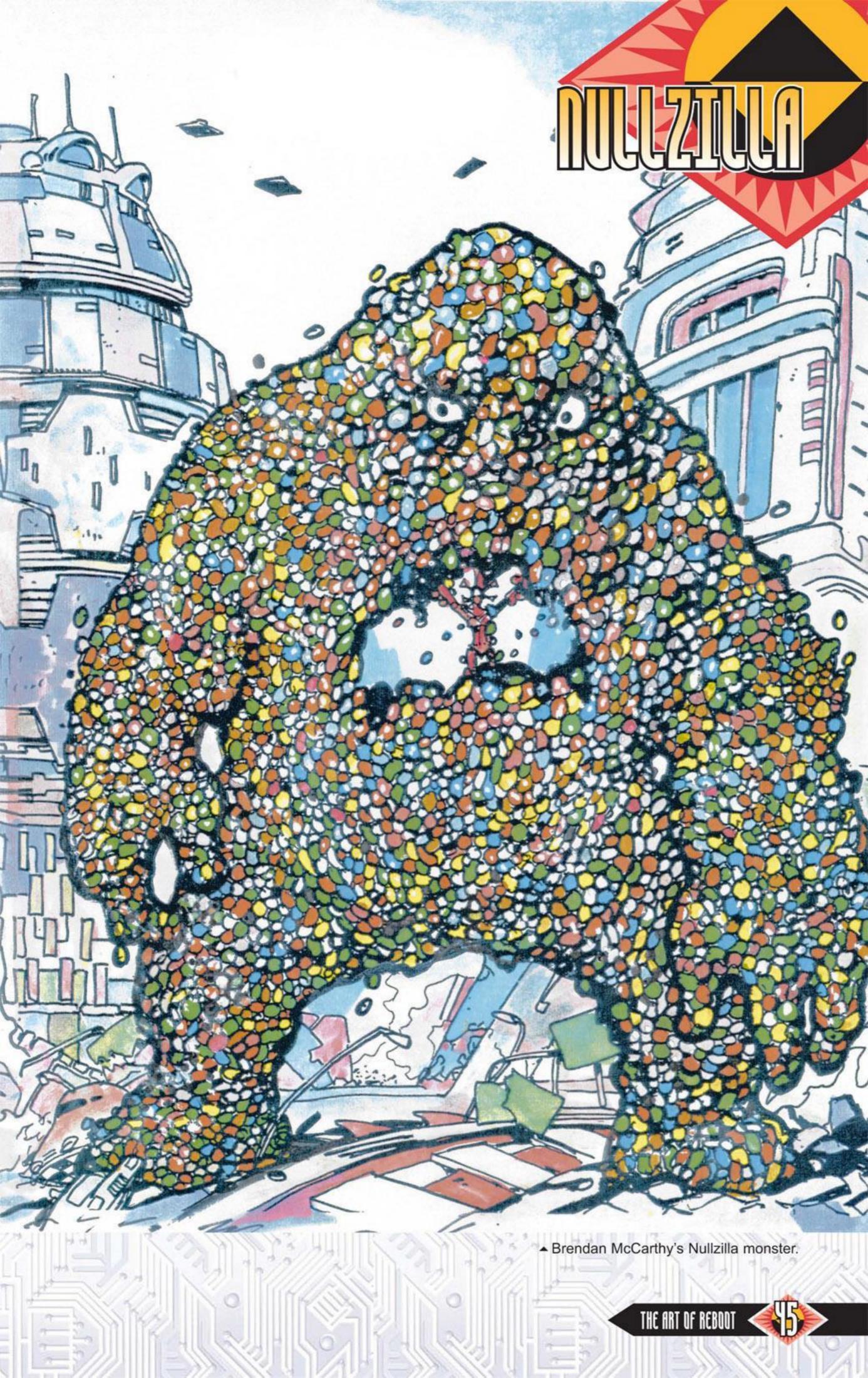


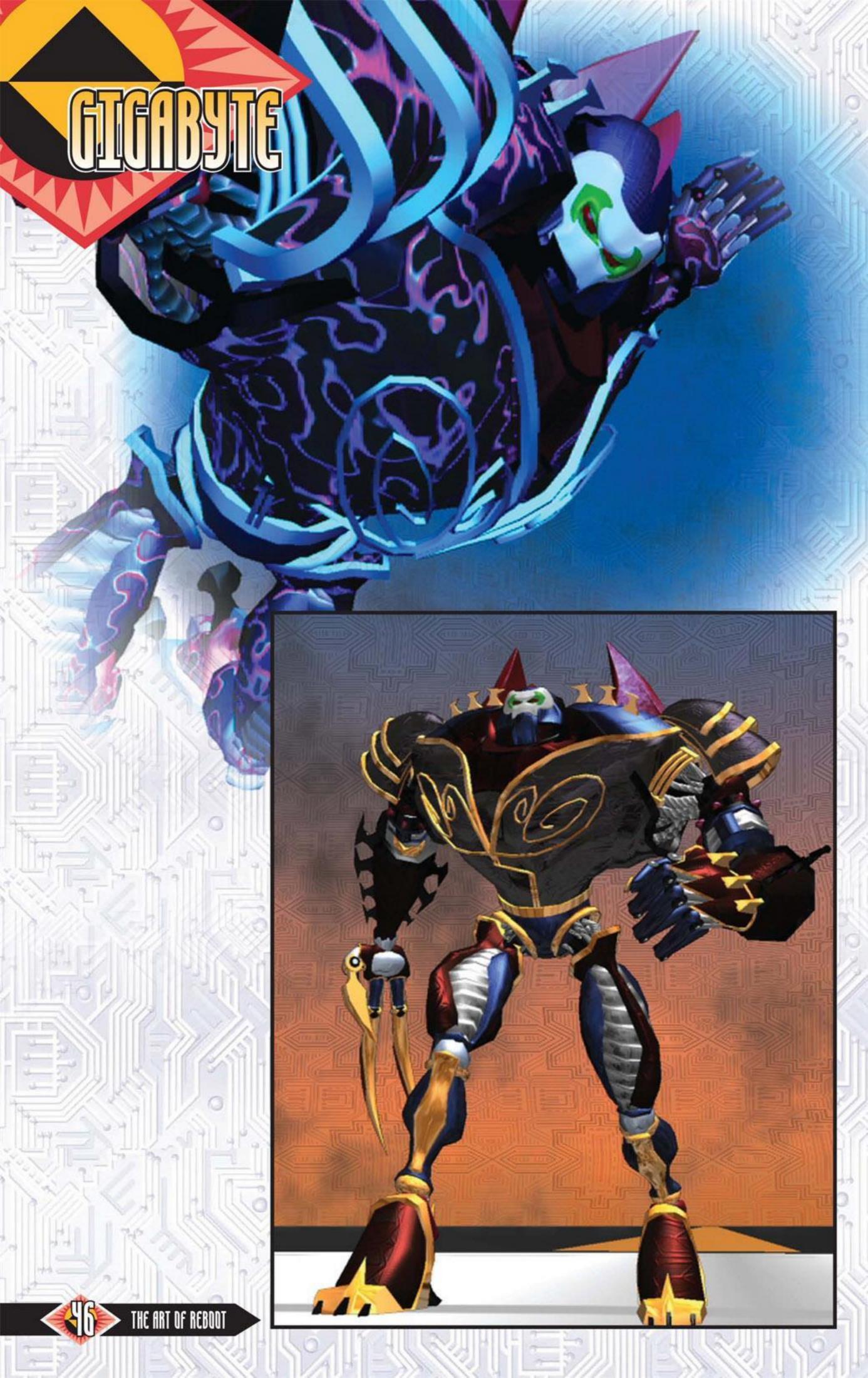


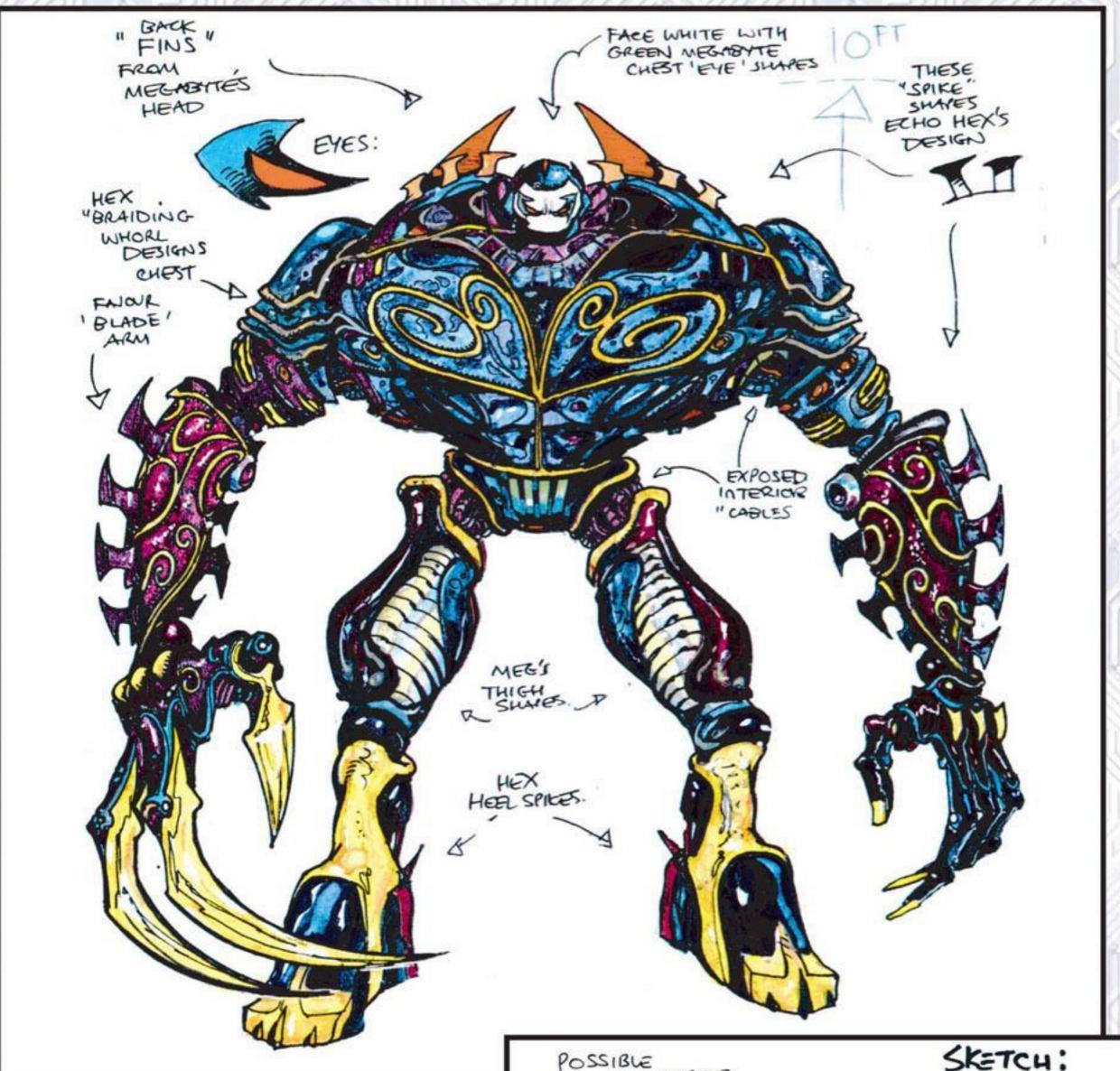












Brendan McCarthy's incredible
 Gigabyte designs.





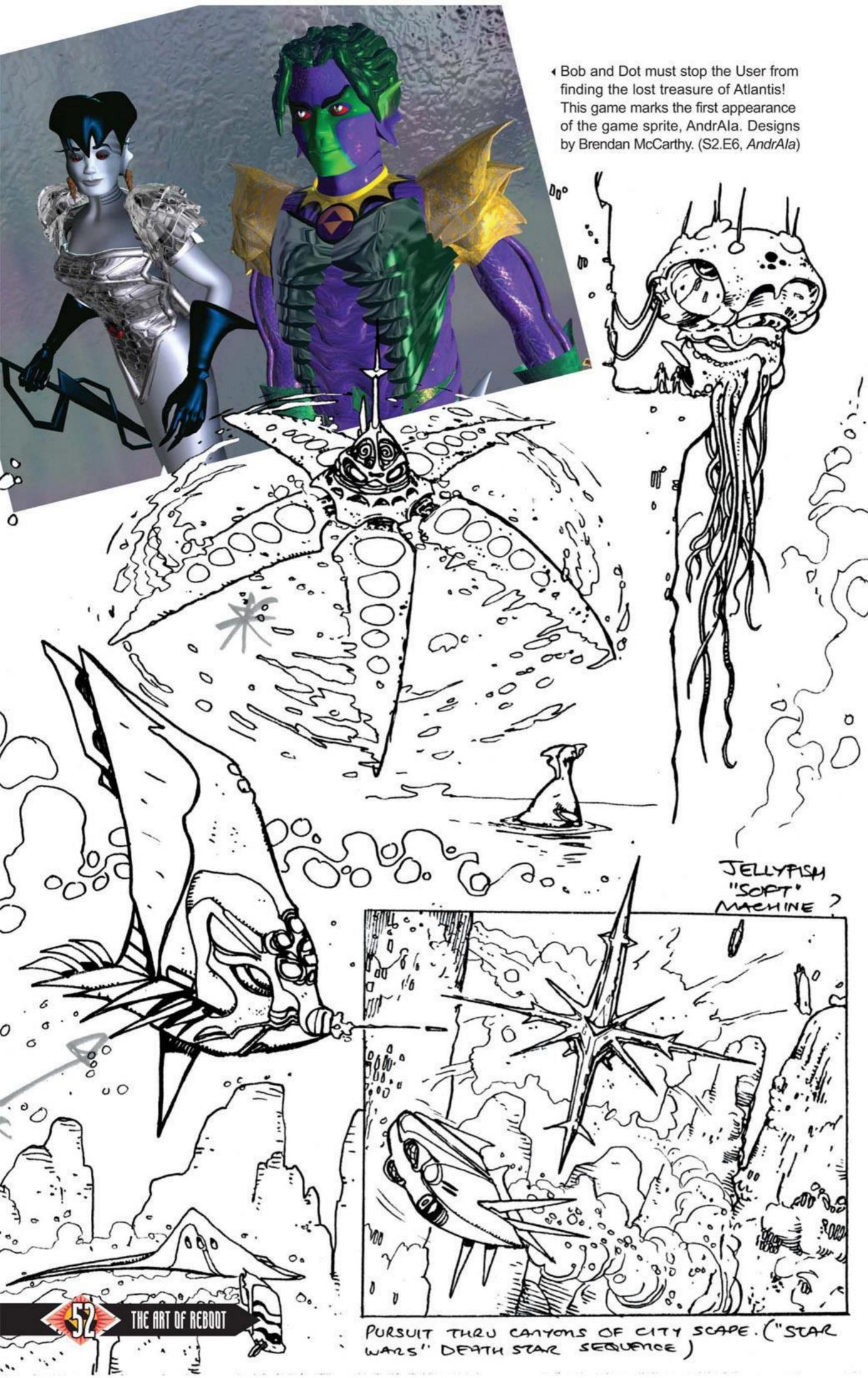


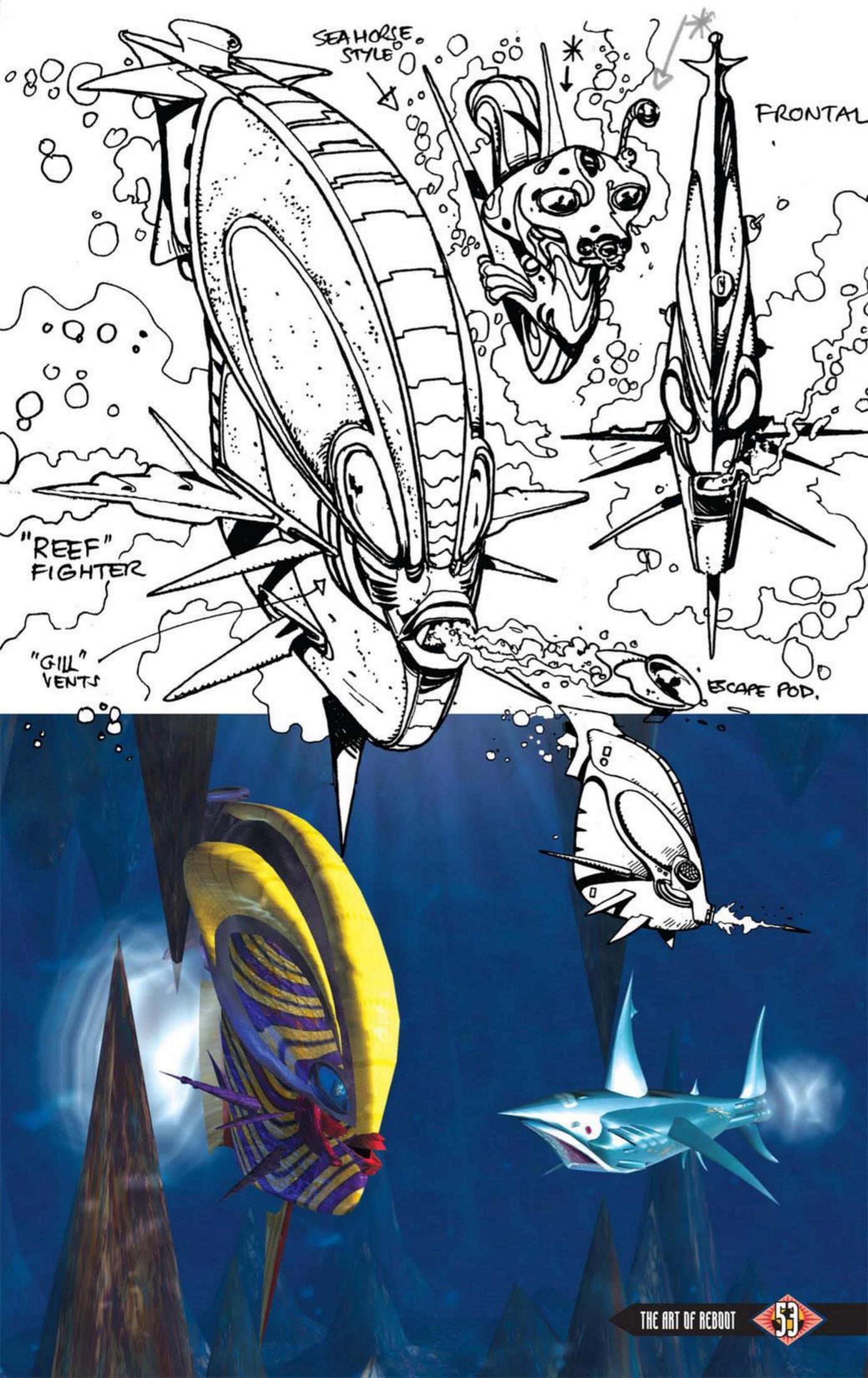


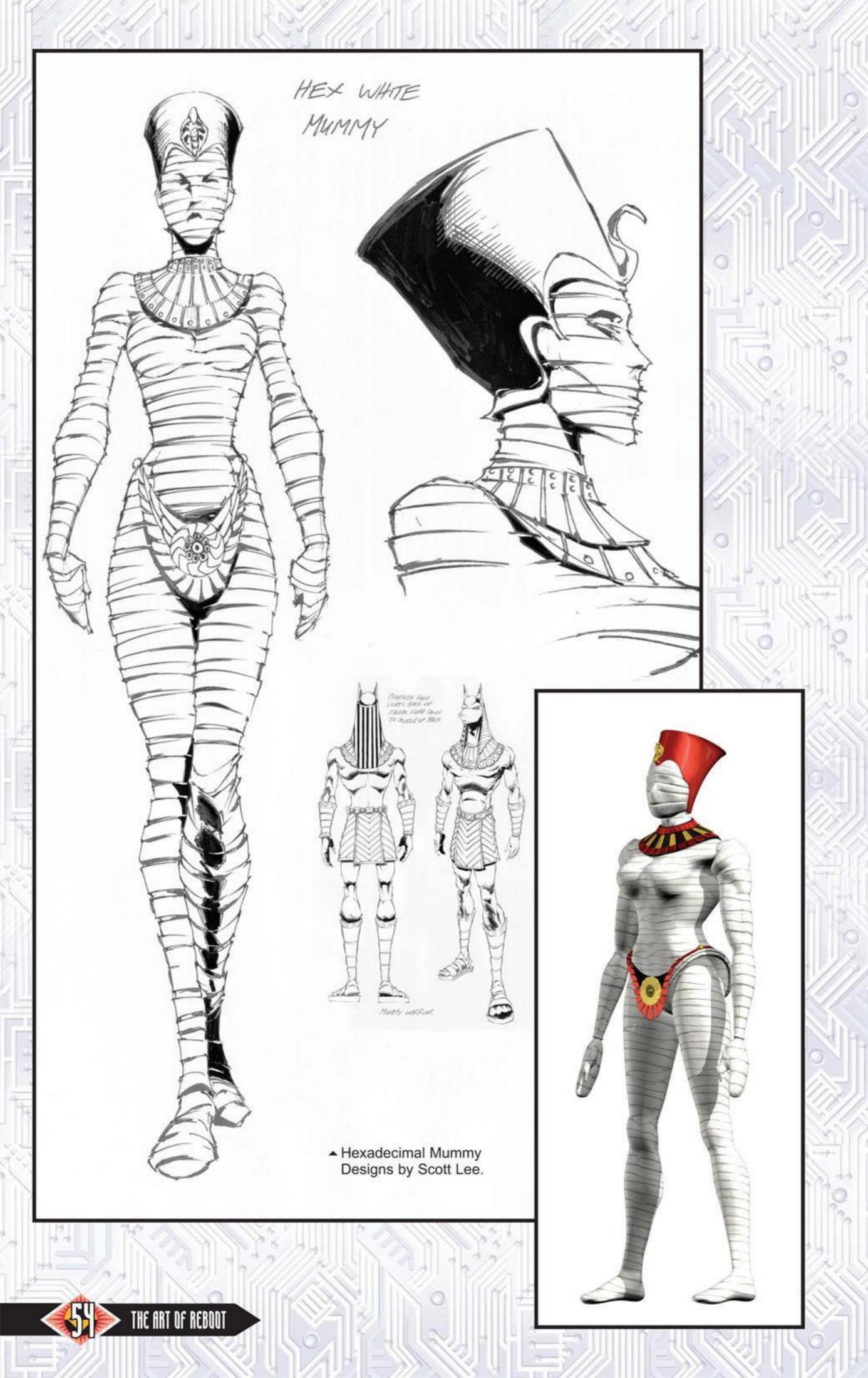
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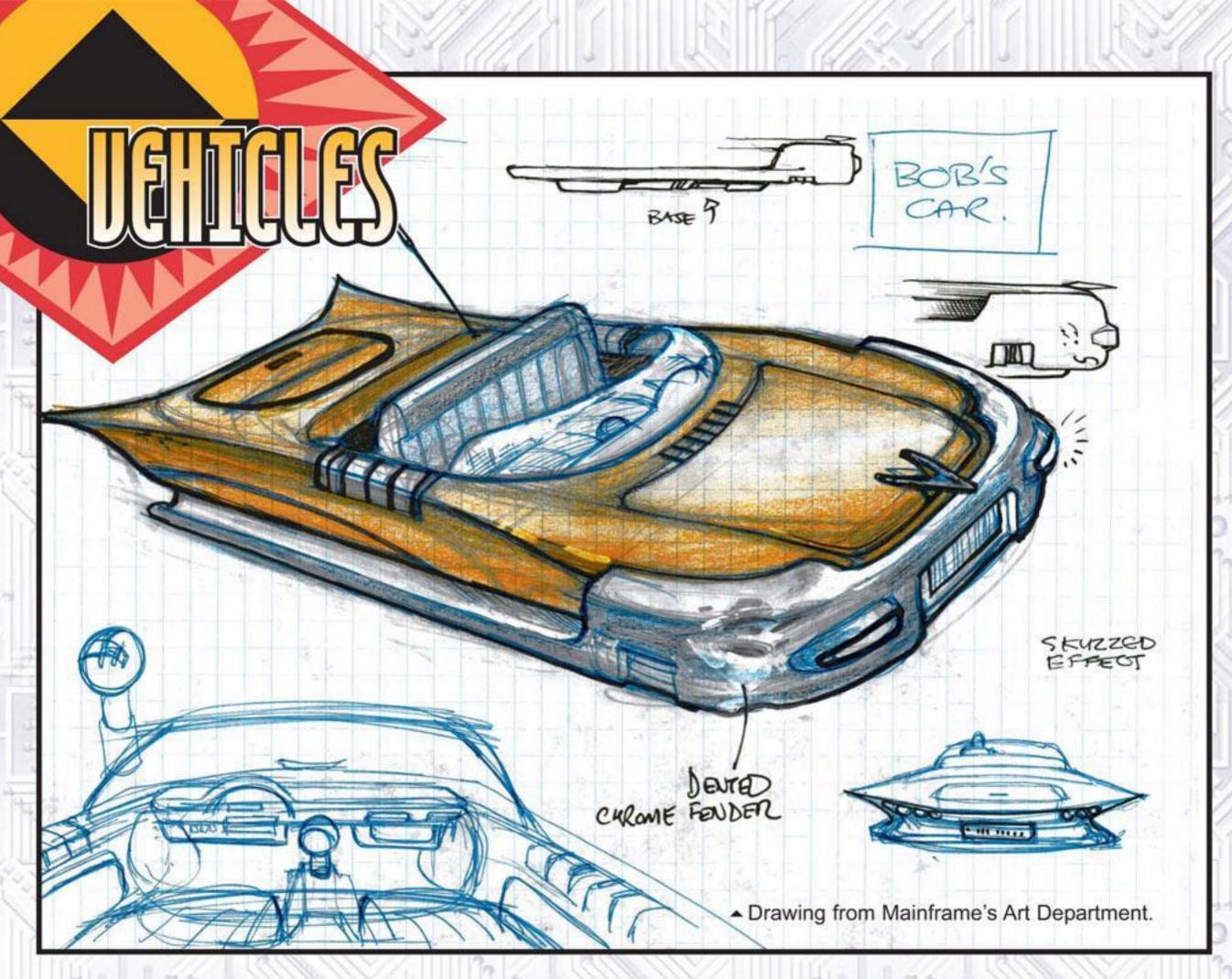


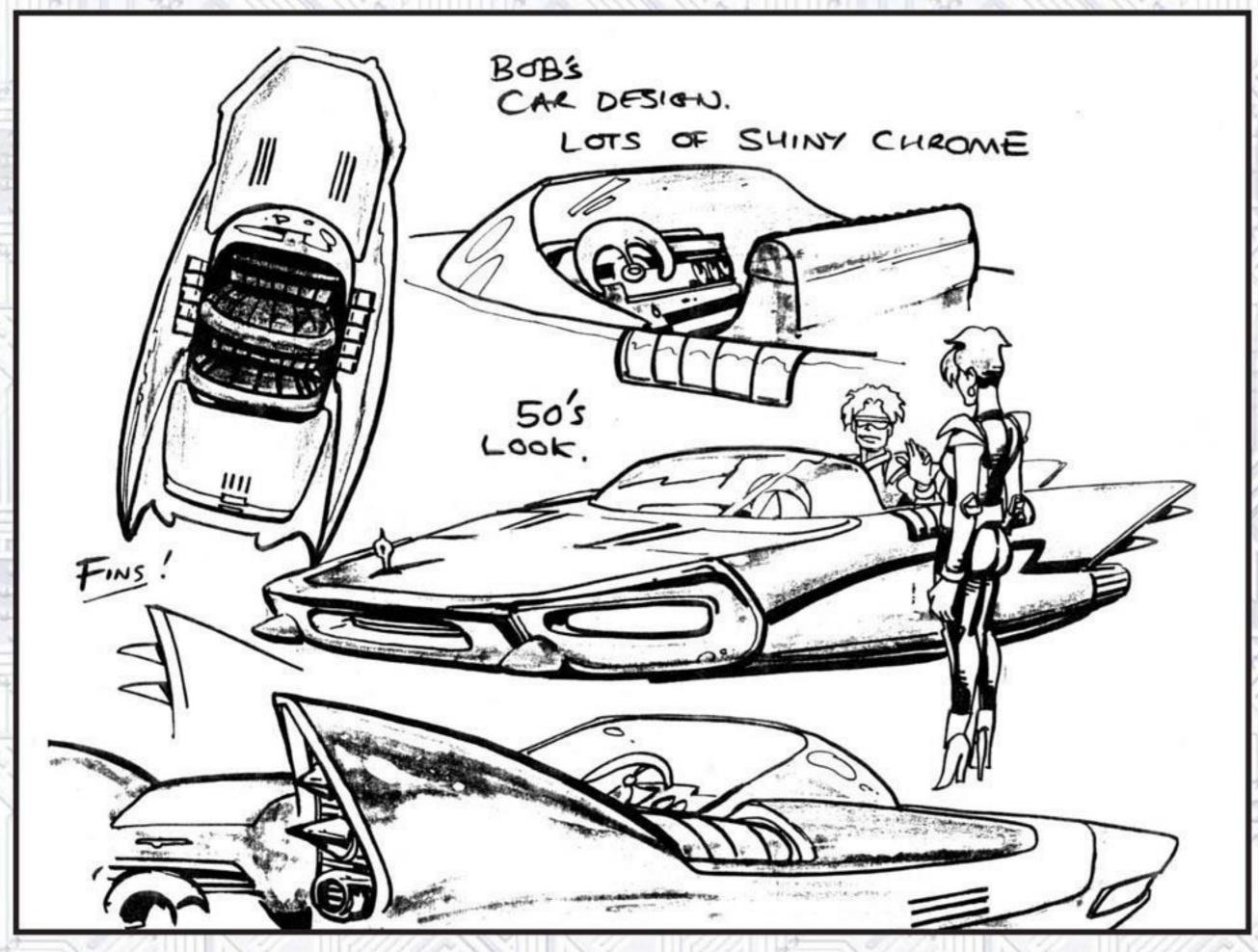






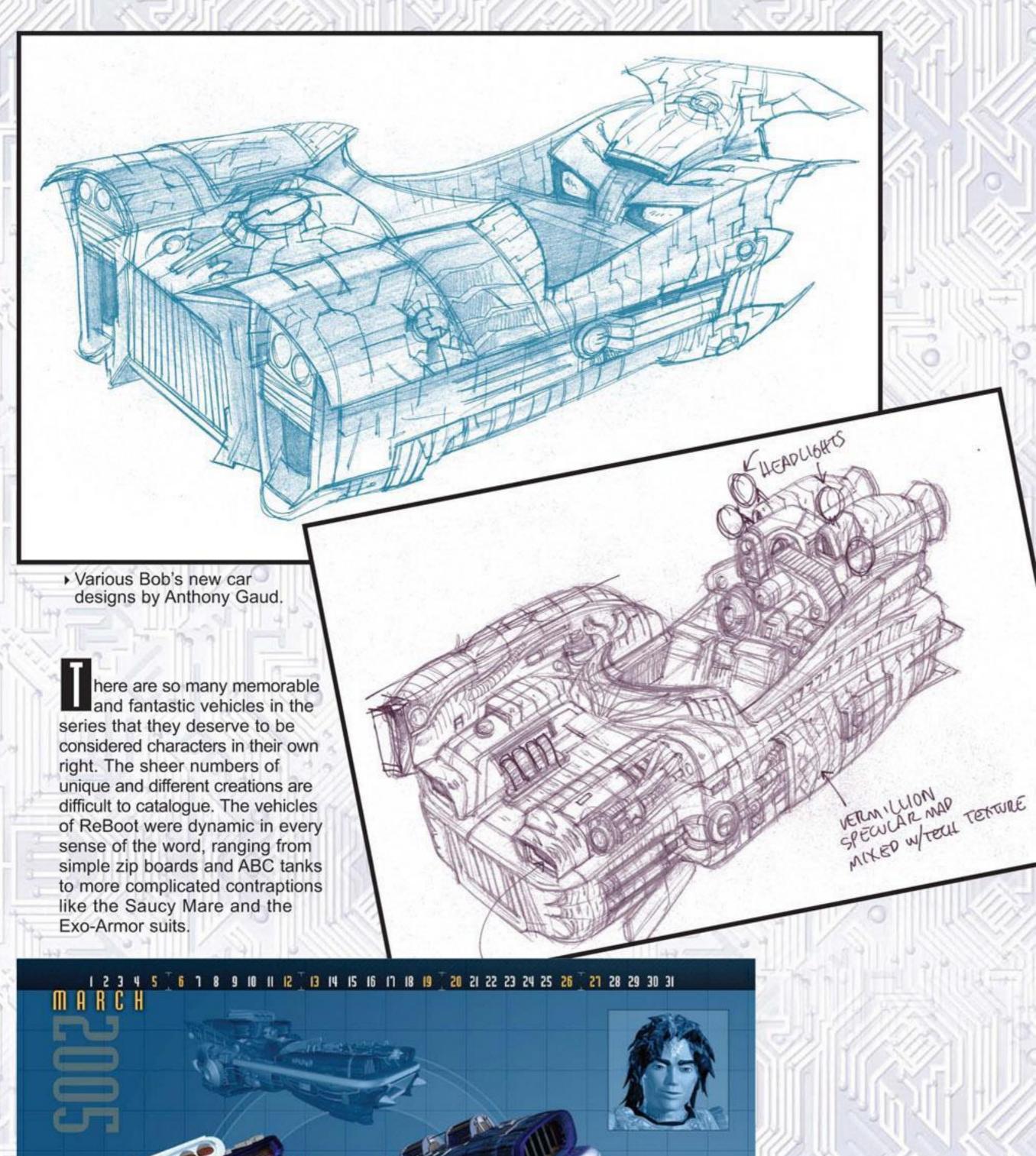








▲ Bob's original car designs by Brendan McCarthy.



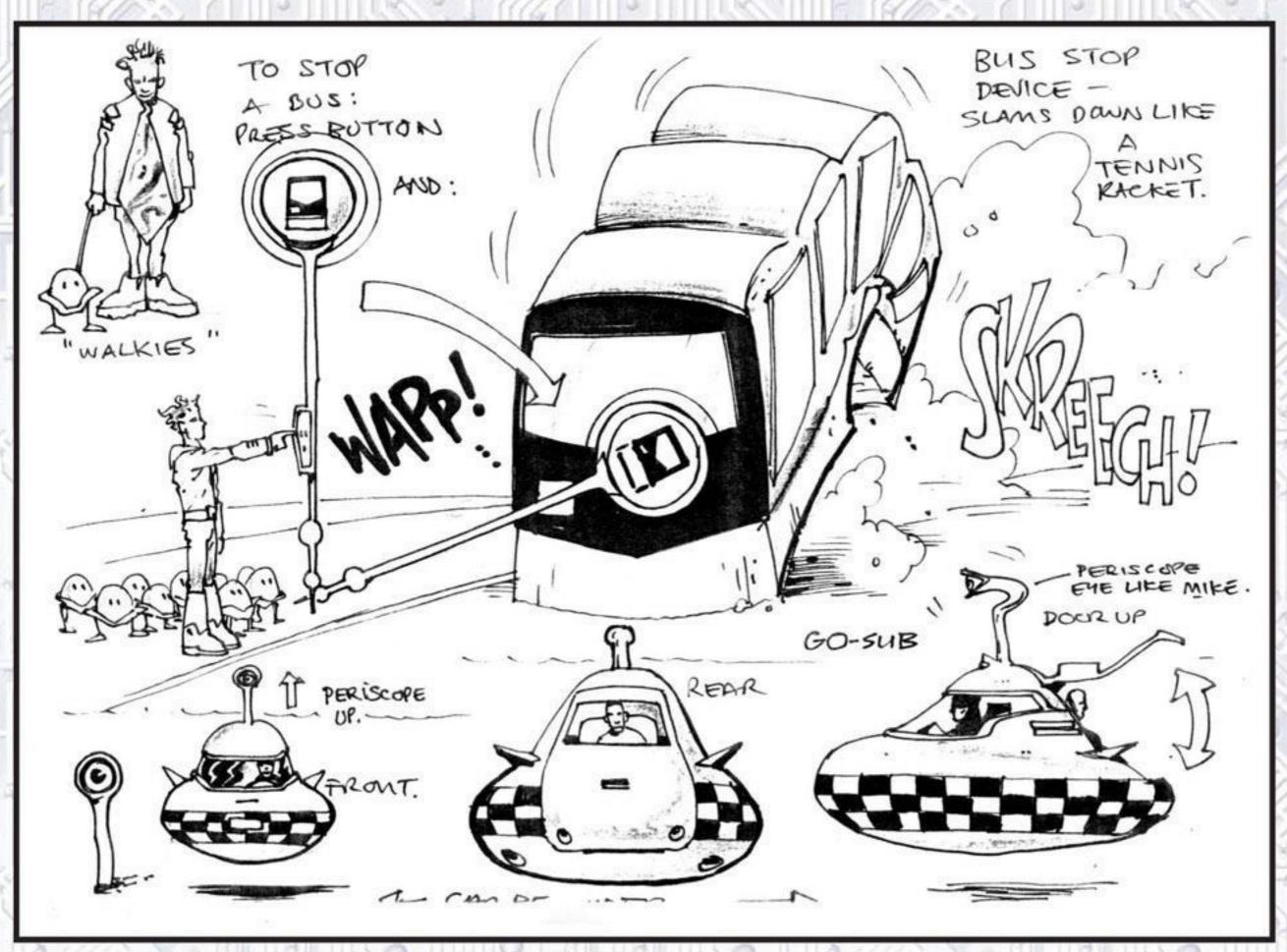




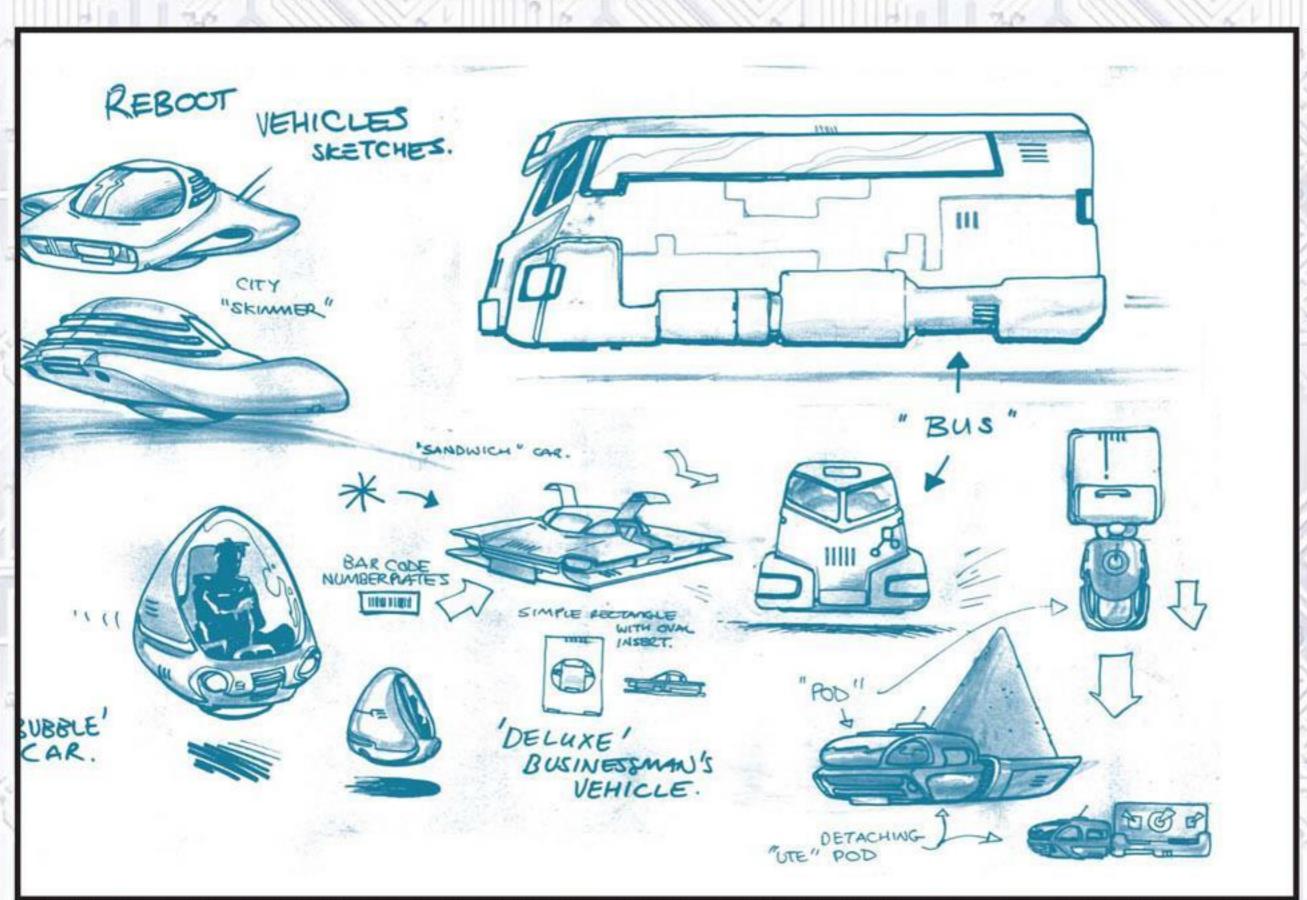




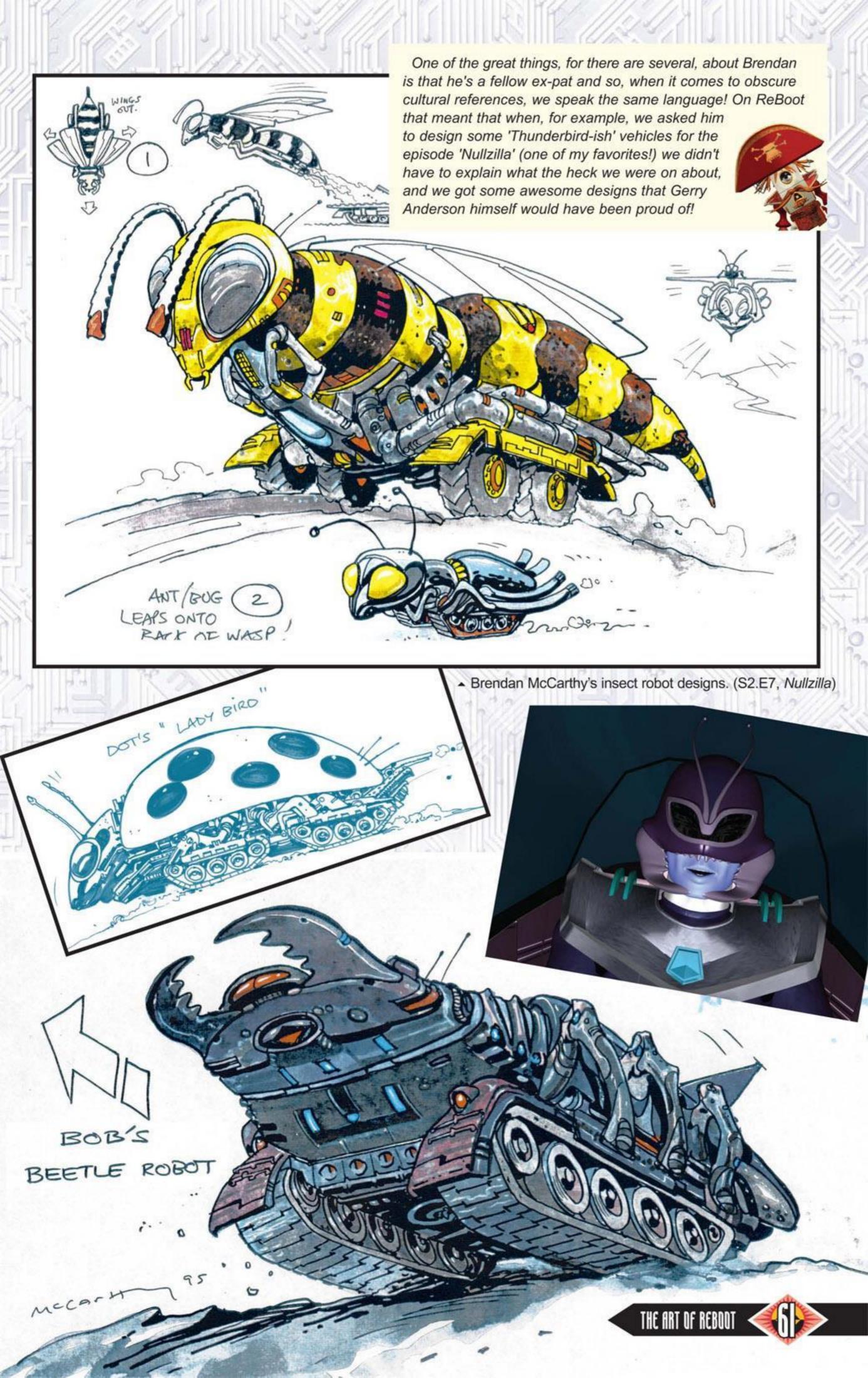




▲ Some whimsical vehicle designs by Brendan McCarthy.









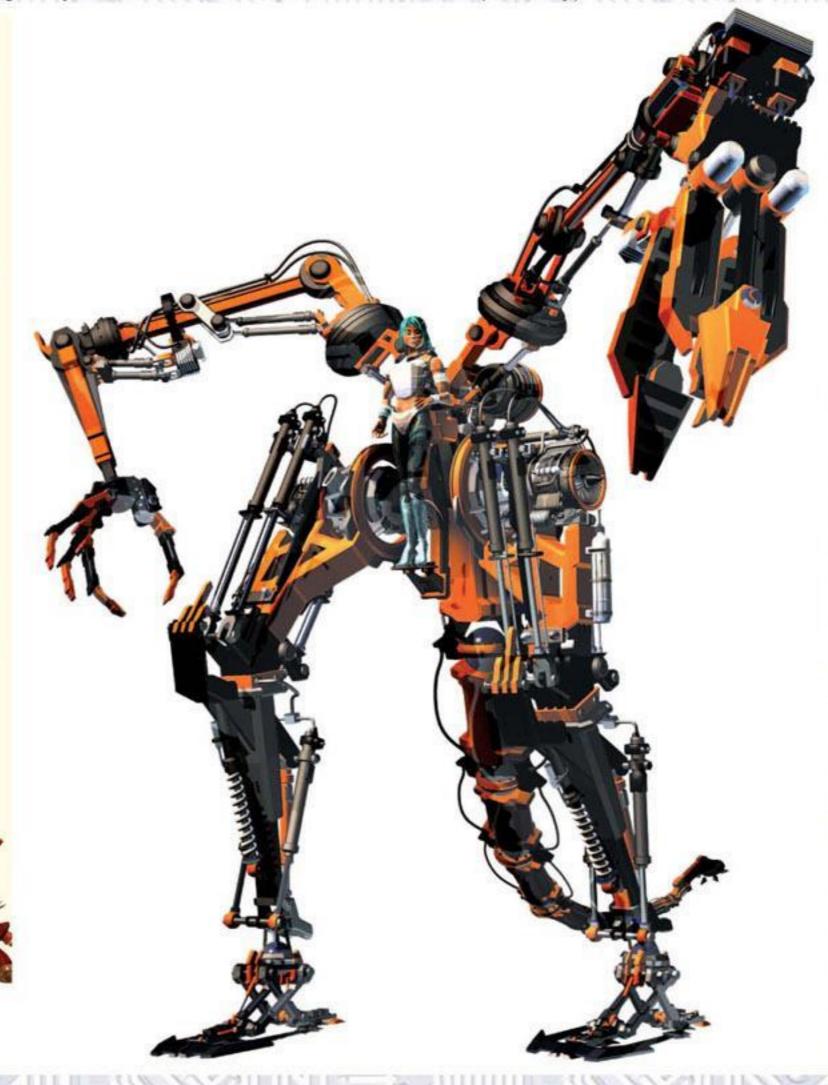
▲ Exo-Skeleton designed, modeled and rigged by resident Mainframe mechanic, Gerald (Car Guy) Lauze.

Ah, Gerald's Exo-Suit! Built for the Season II opener 'Infected', it was one of the most impressive models I'd ever seen. It still is! So complex, so brilliantly made - everything on the CG version worked! The fans, the pistons, the joints, the hinges and spinny bits, were all rigged and constrained to move correctly when the suit moved. It was right up his street, and Gerald did a hell of a job on it. The Toy Guys went nuts when they saw it, and made one of the best toys I've ever seen from it s data.

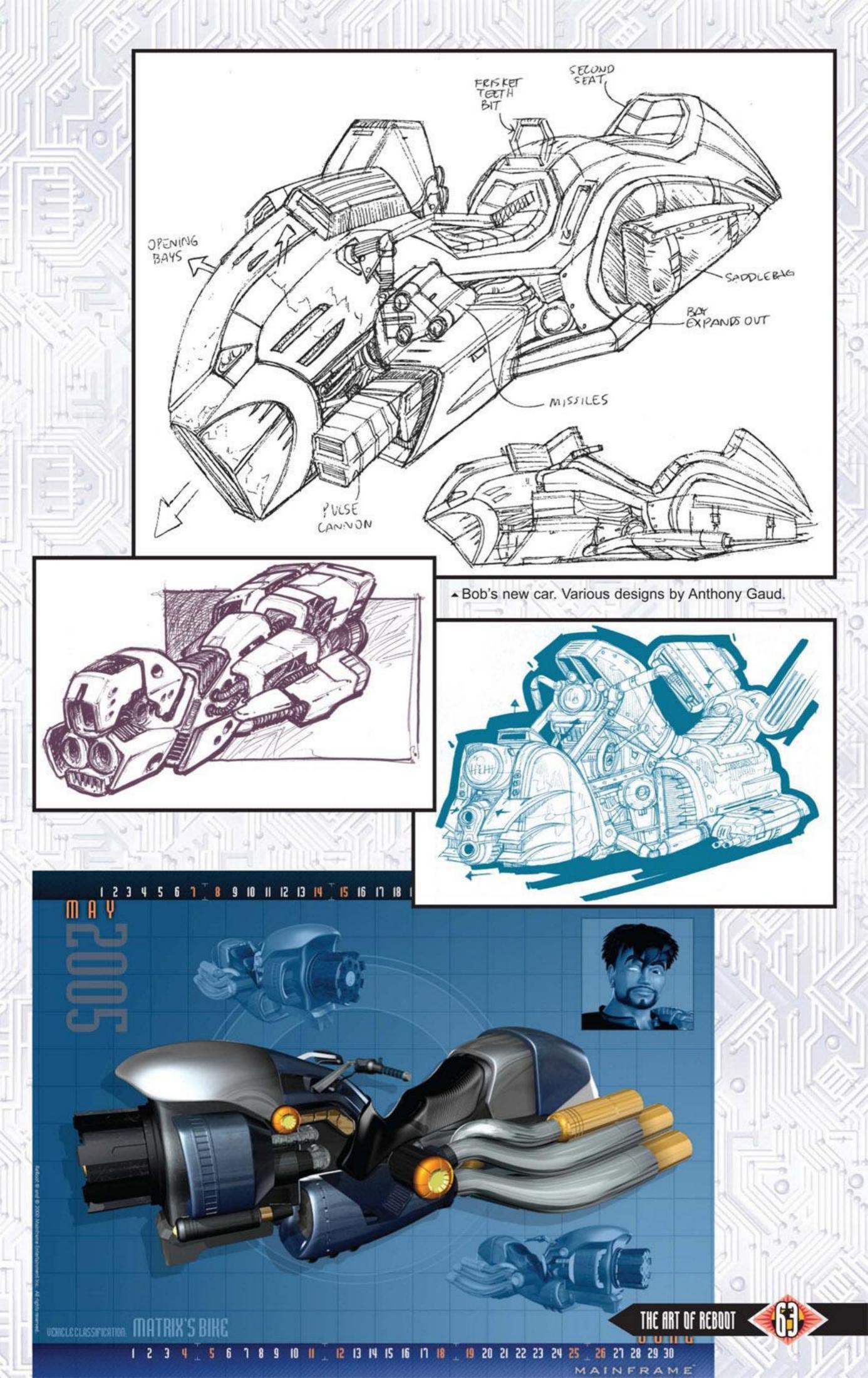
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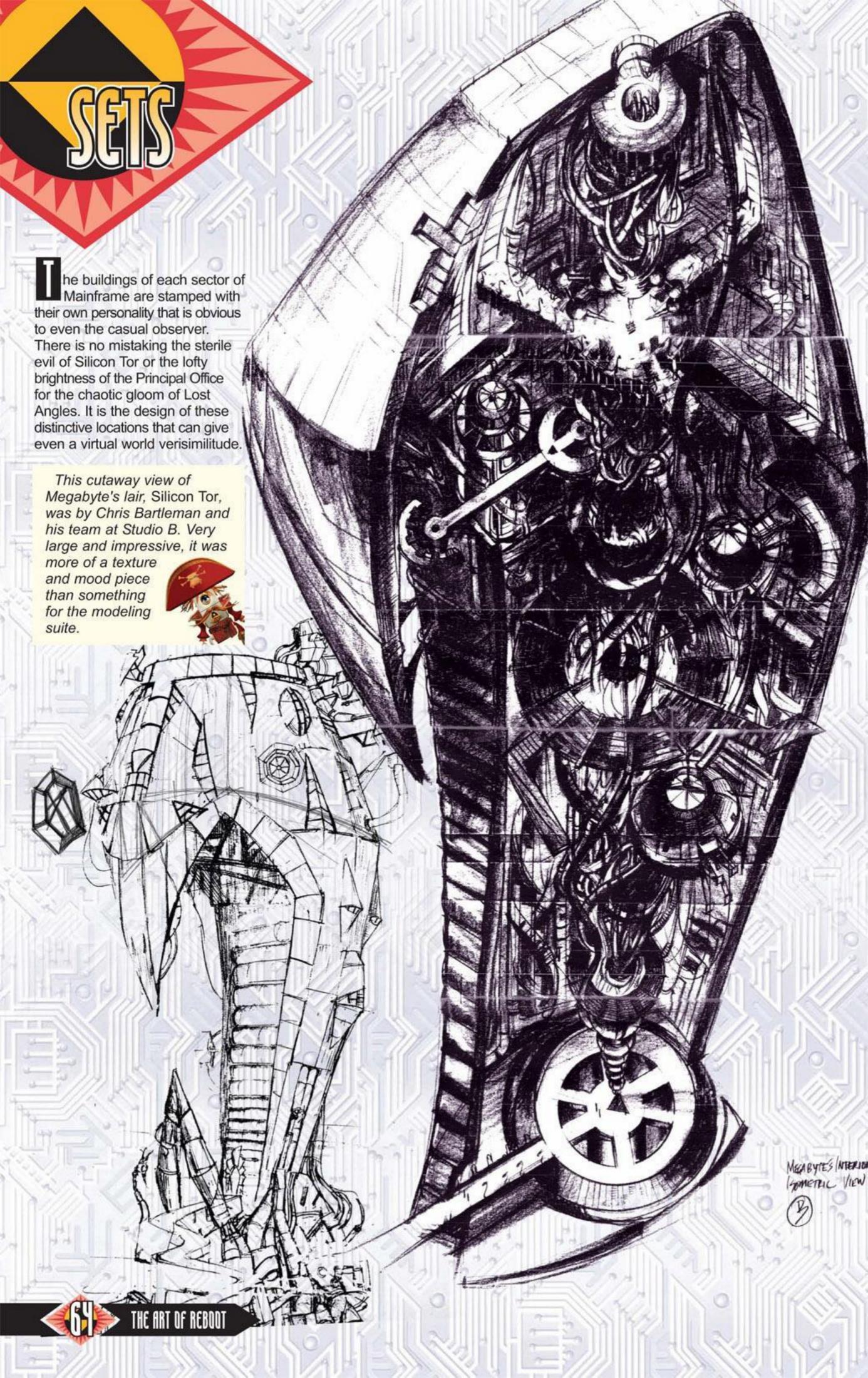
The first version was heavy. REALLY heavy. So incredibly heavy it took about 15 minutes to refresh when you put it in a scene and tried to move it. Poor old Phil nearly had a heart attack when he tried to animate with it, and then he nearly went mad when lan gave him the task of trimming the model down so it looked the same and worked the same but didn't stop production dead!

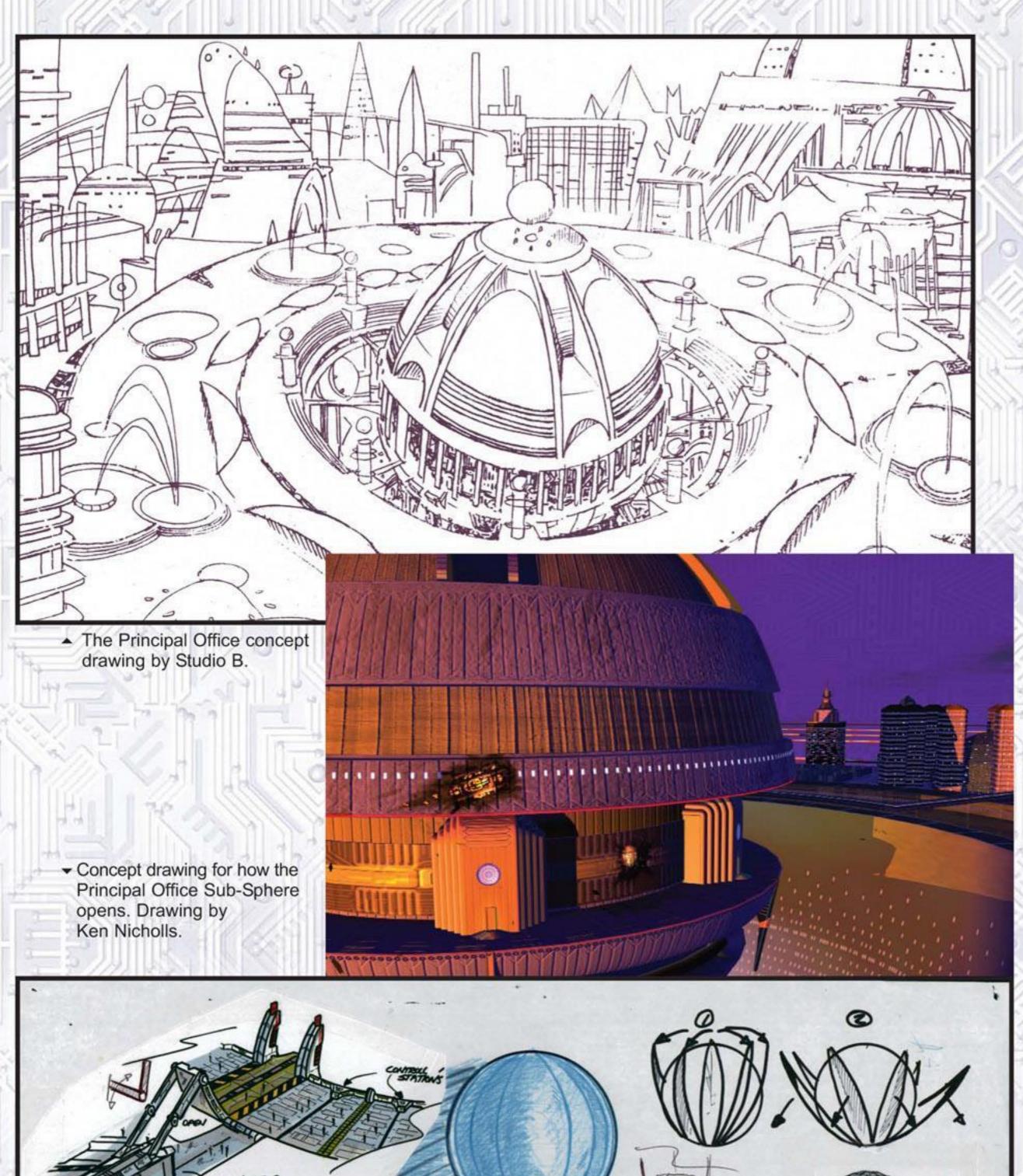
It all turned out okay in the end, of course. Once the animators had a version they could work with, they didn't need to be kept away from Gerald and sharp objects, and the 'Infected' Exo-Suit scenes looked awesome!

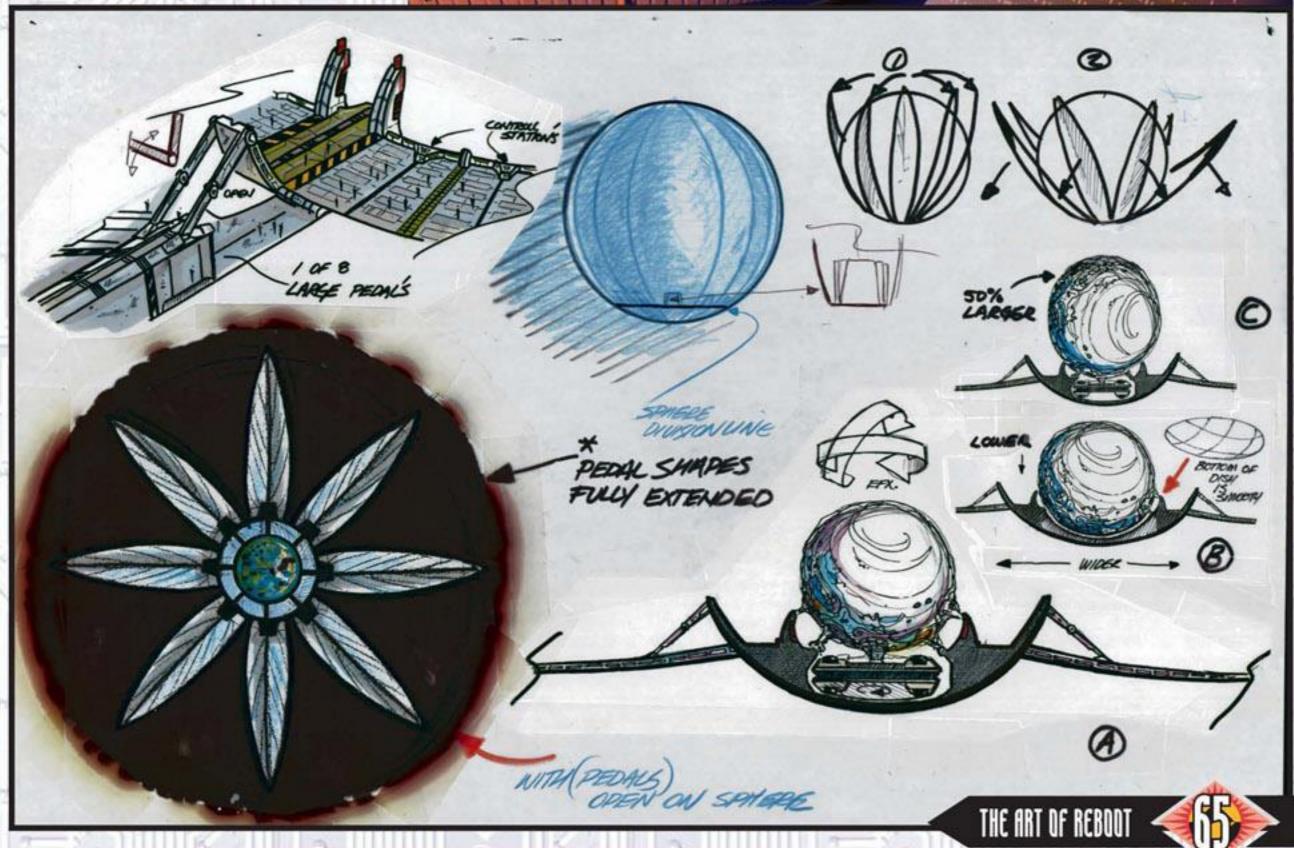


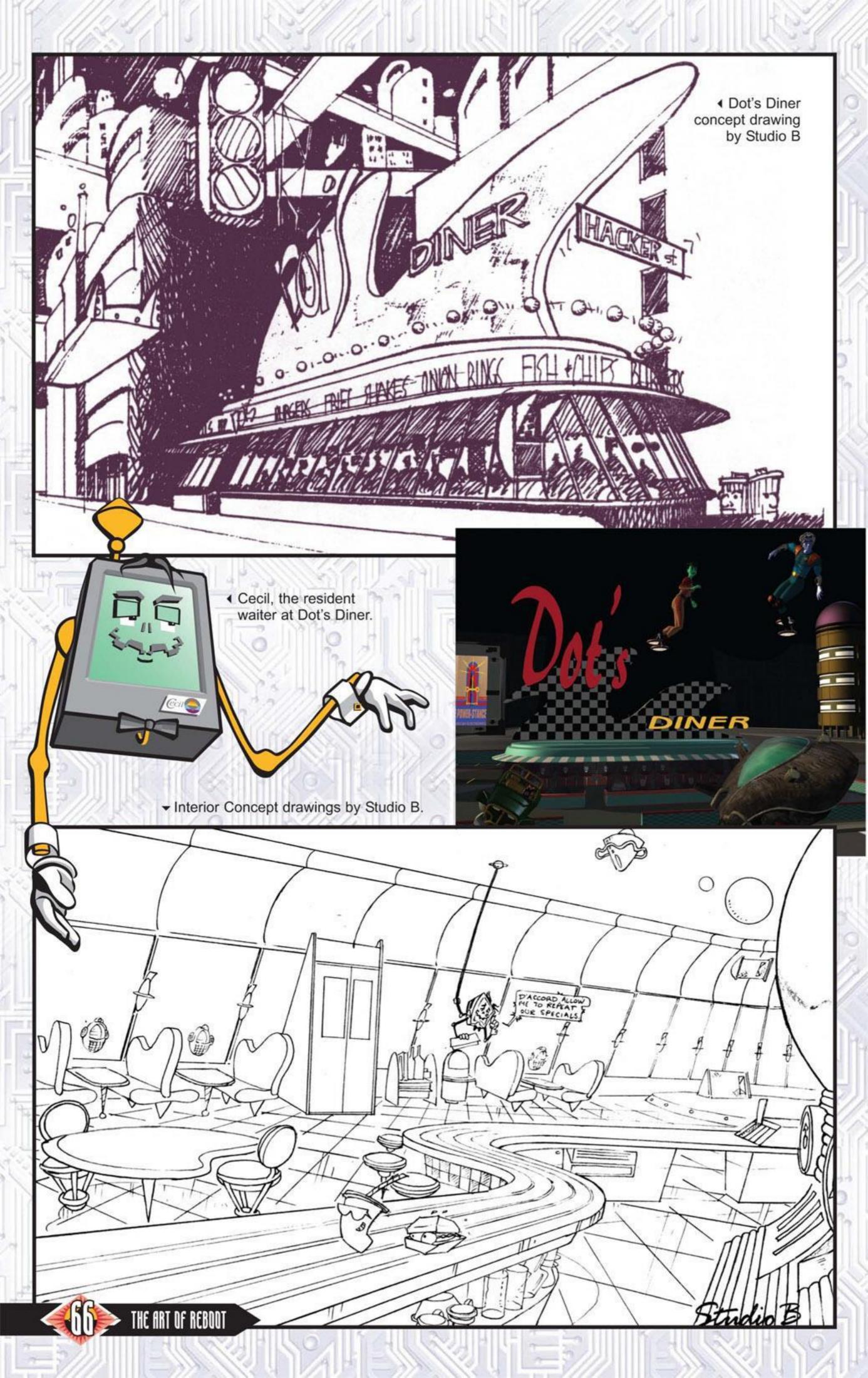


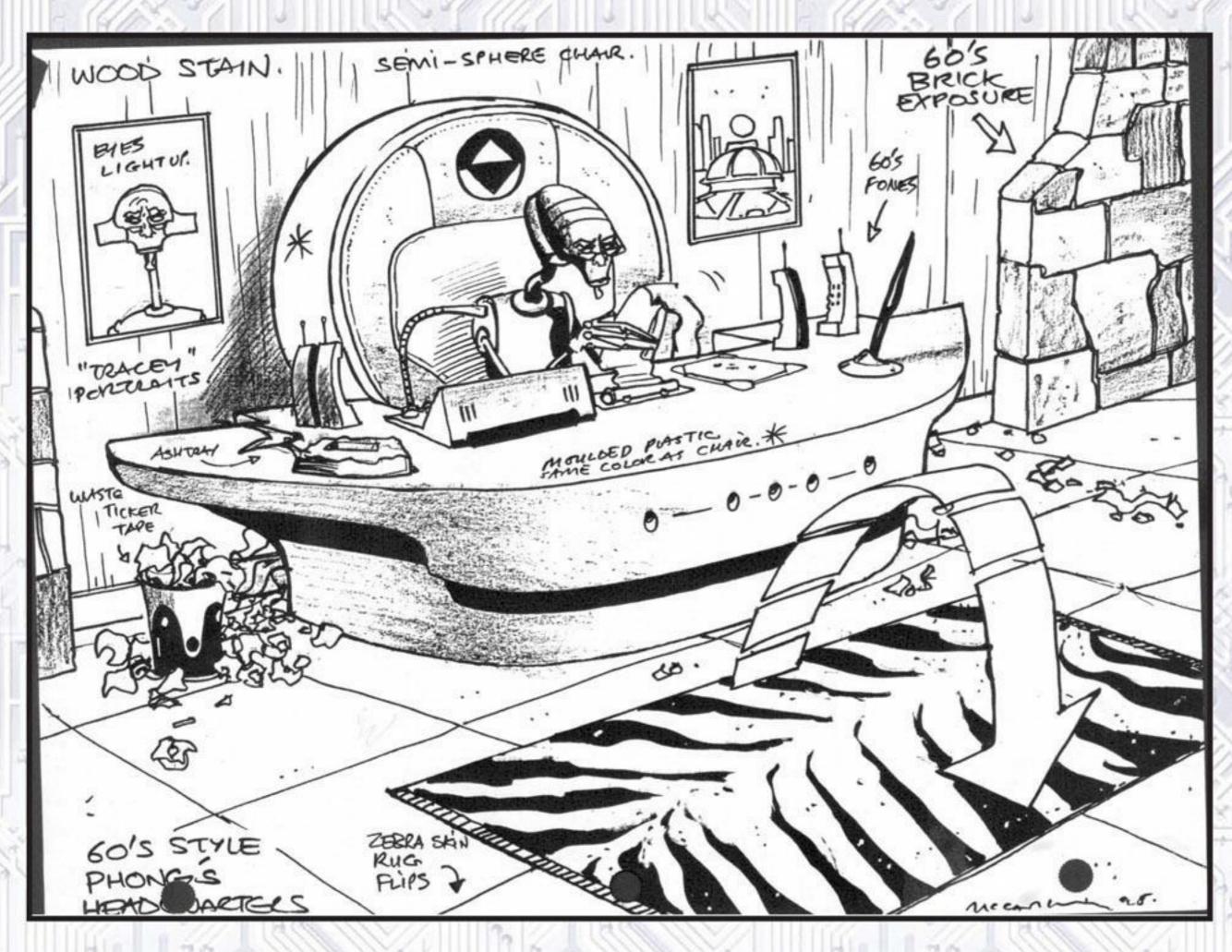


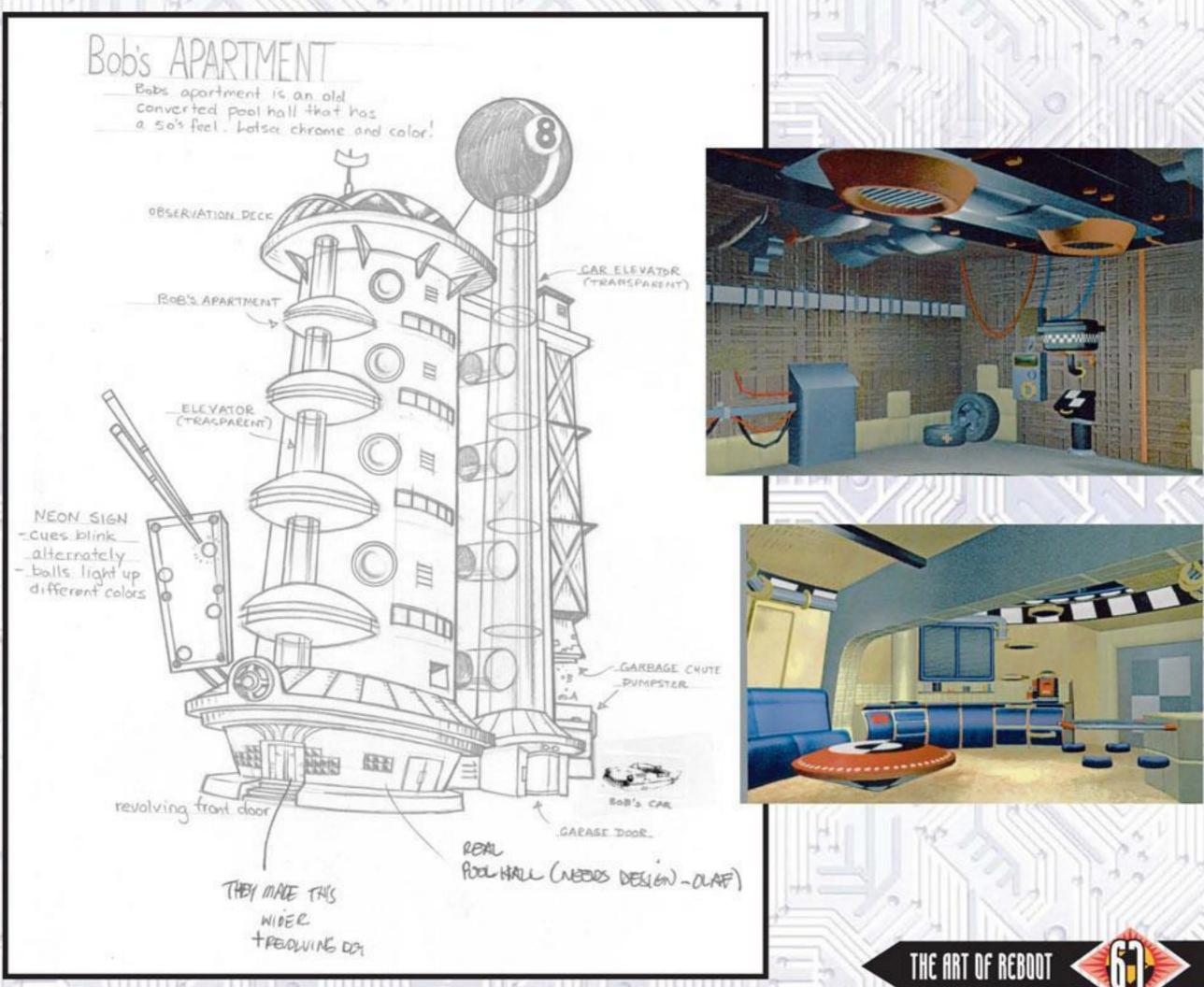


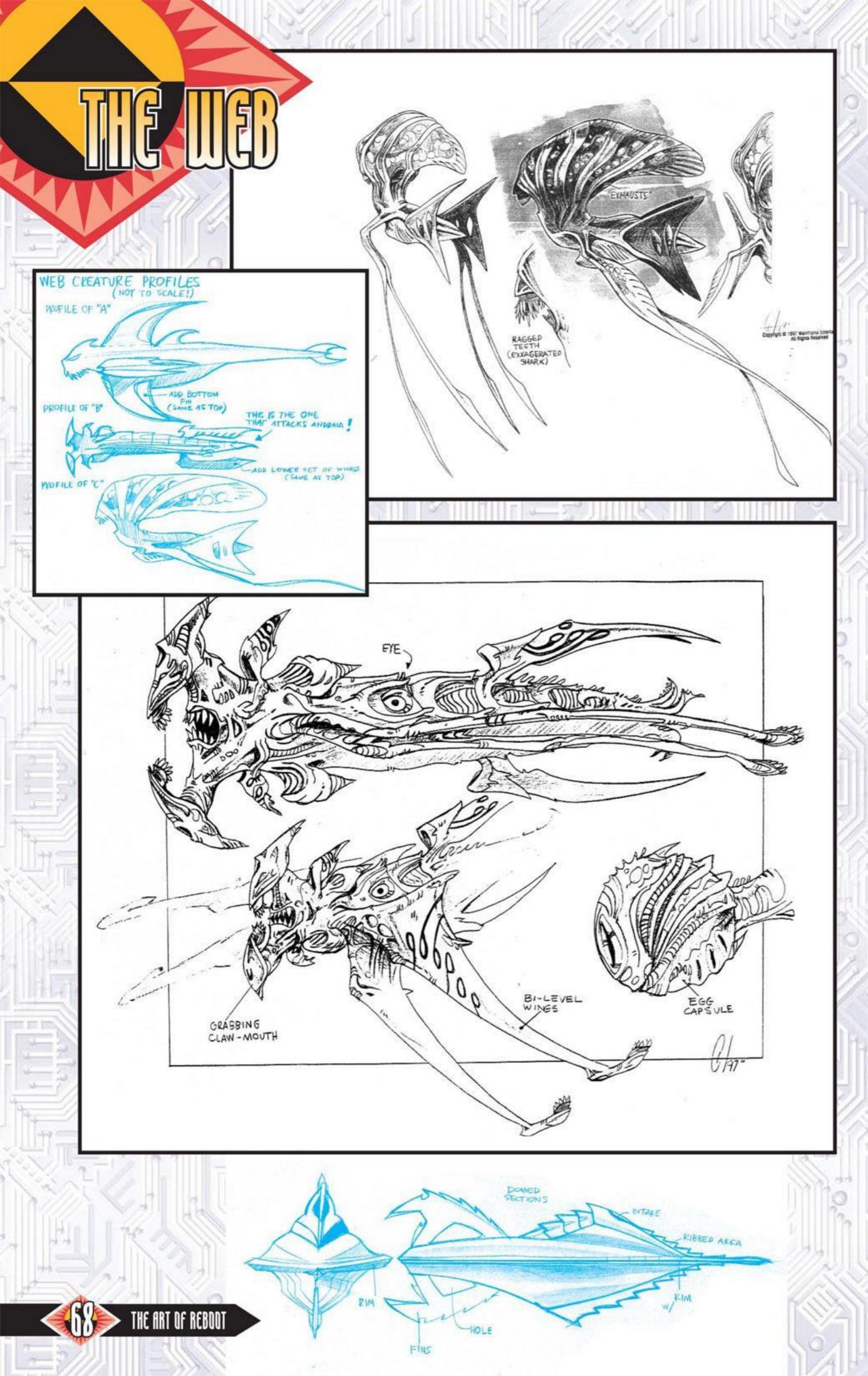




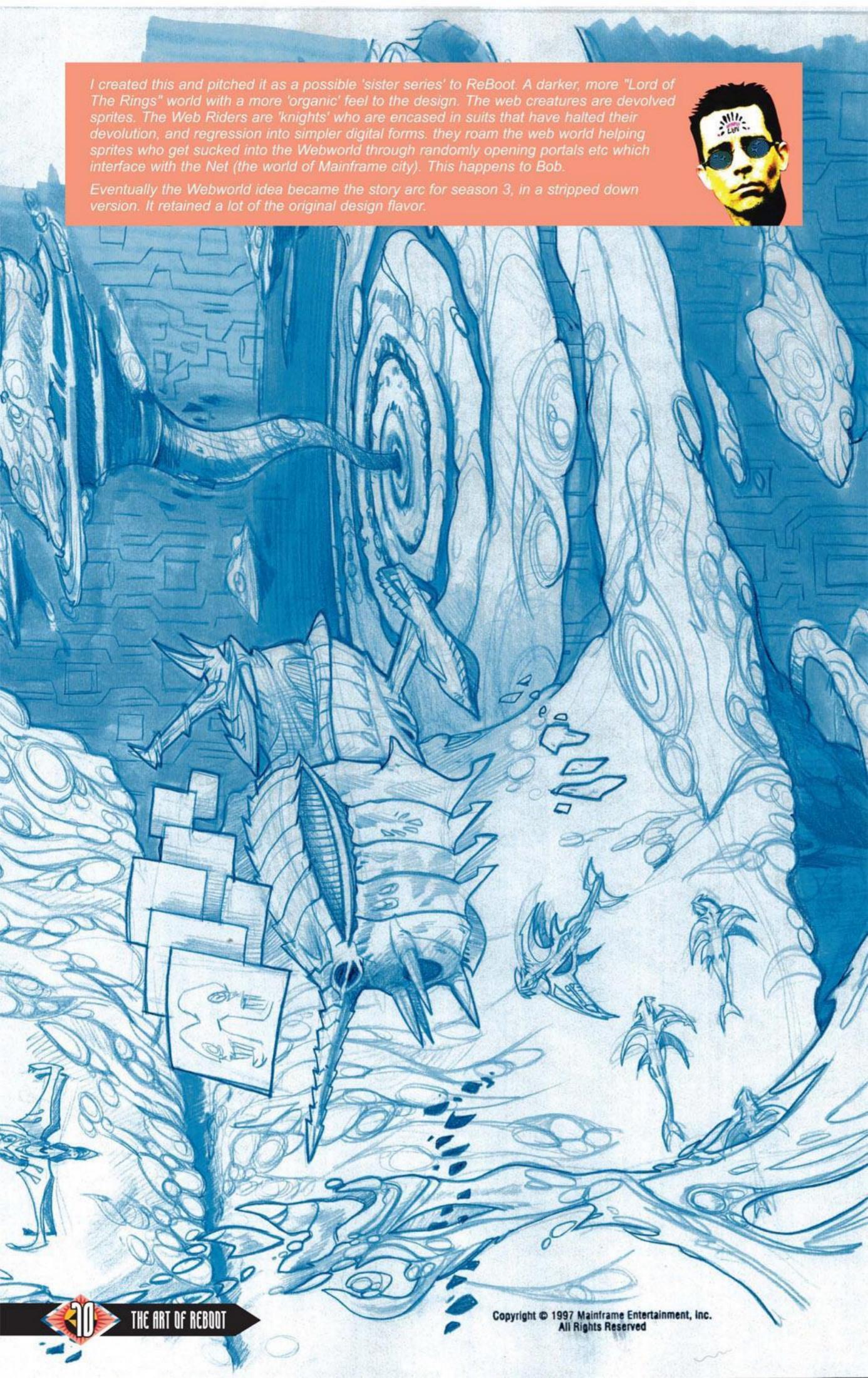


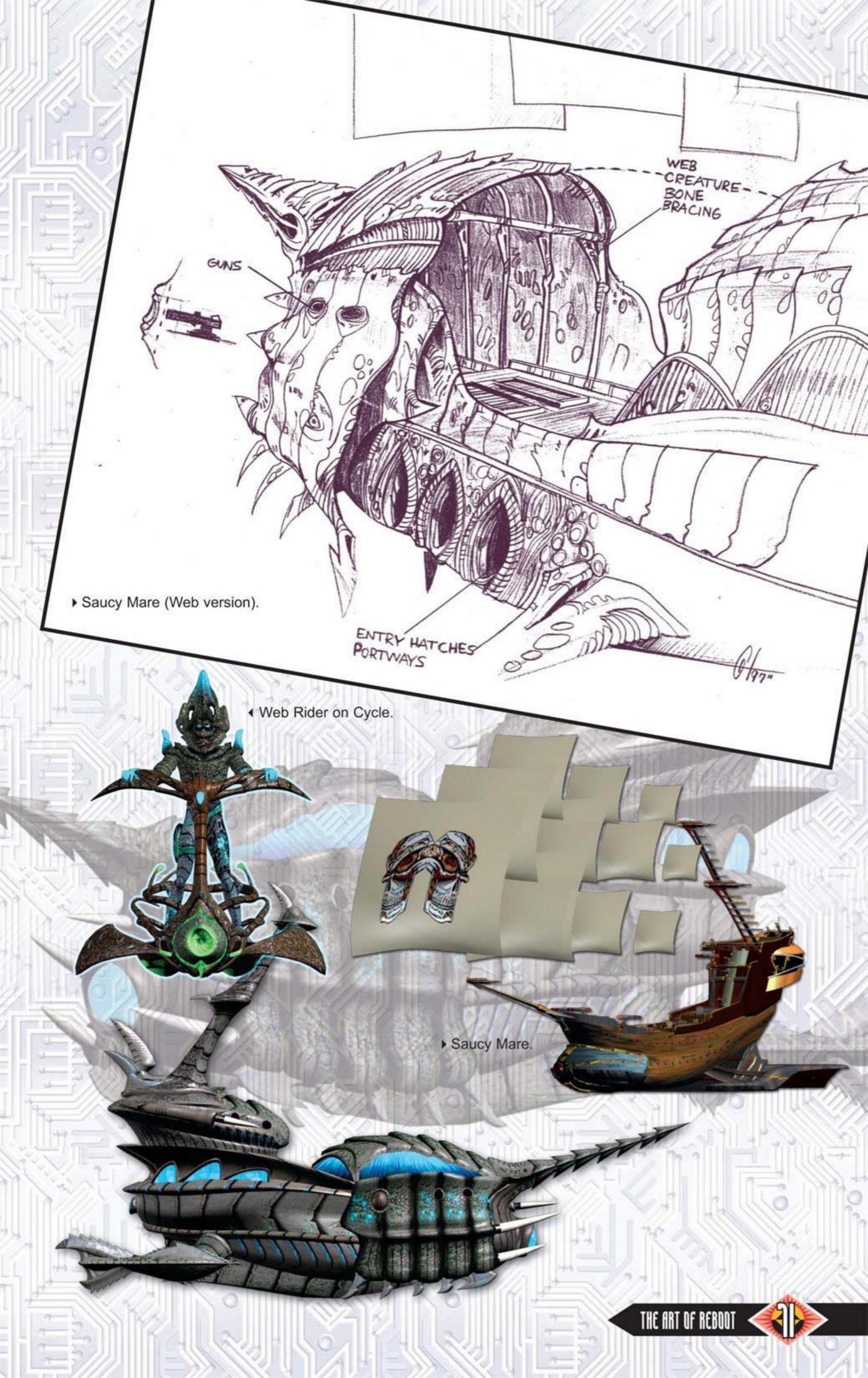














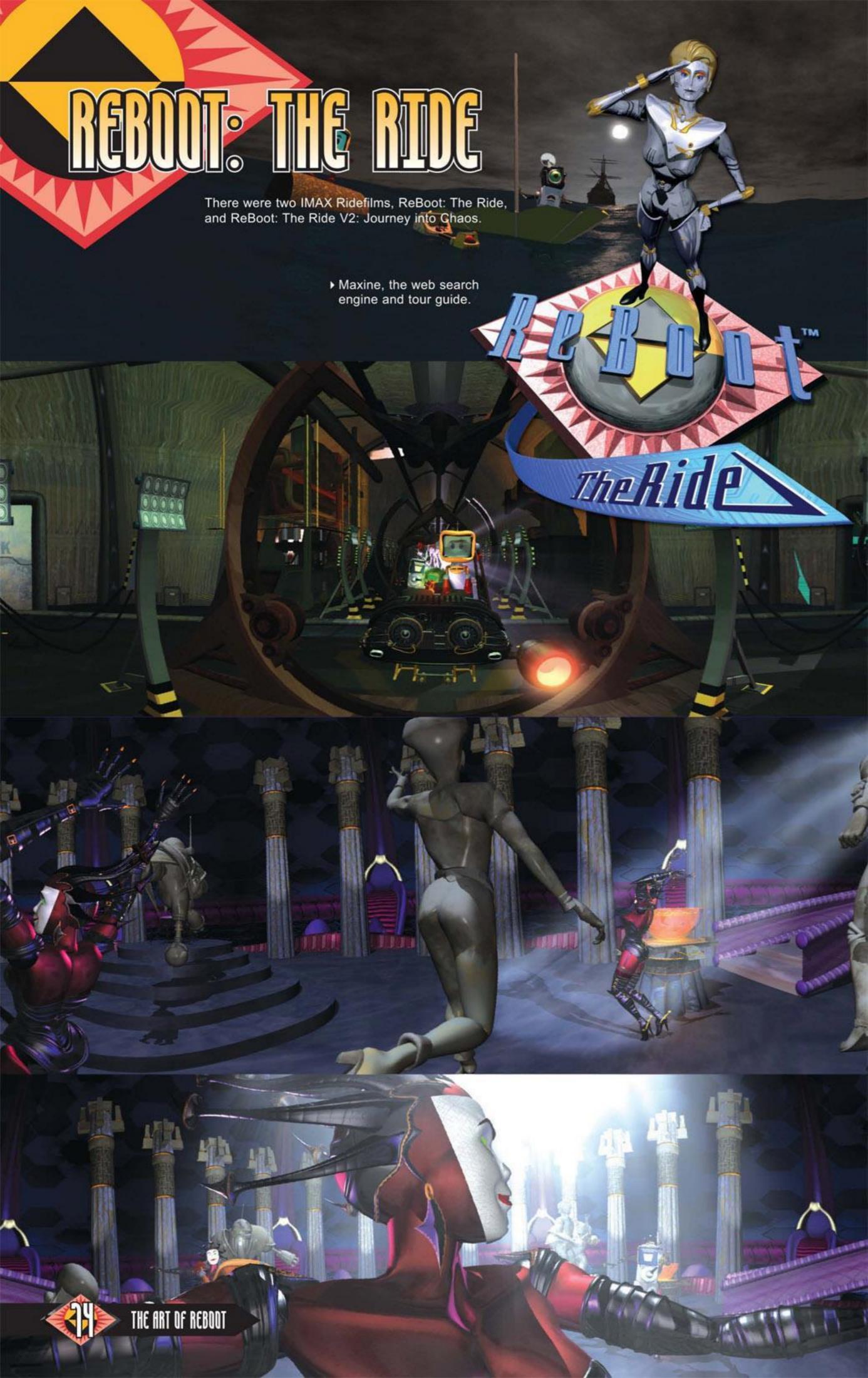
Season 3 saw the arrival of a new story editor for the show, Dan Didio, and he recalled what was the first day of a real turning point.



The story arcs and ideas flowed onto hastily folded paper table covers (the only paper to hand!) during dinner at a Santa Monica steakhouse. The creative momentum was so great, and the ideas were written down so fast, that later on it became quite the task simply trying to fold the 'pages' back into the order they were originally written.















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This toy collection packaging has an interesting mix of characters: Season One Dot, Season III Bondage Hex... and both versions of '01' Enzo! The 'first generation' publicity image on the left features the Enzo with the pain-in-the-animator's-ASCII free-floating shoulder pads, while the Enzo on the right has the tweaked pads, used after the first few shows but before the 'Talent Night' upgrade. The two Dots are also first gen. on the left and Season III on the right. (She has, amongst other things, 'improved definition' in her torso and better shoulder pads.)

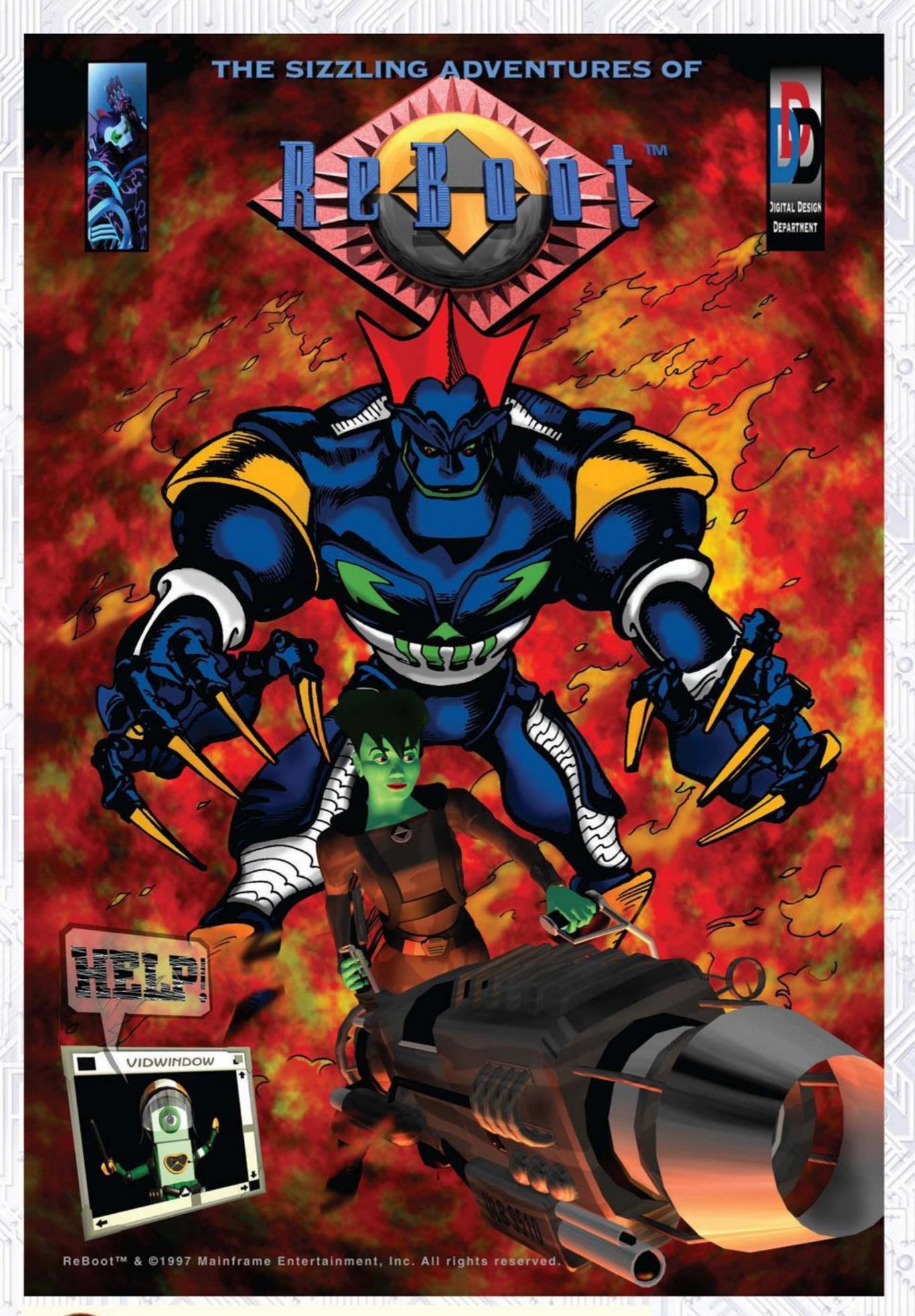








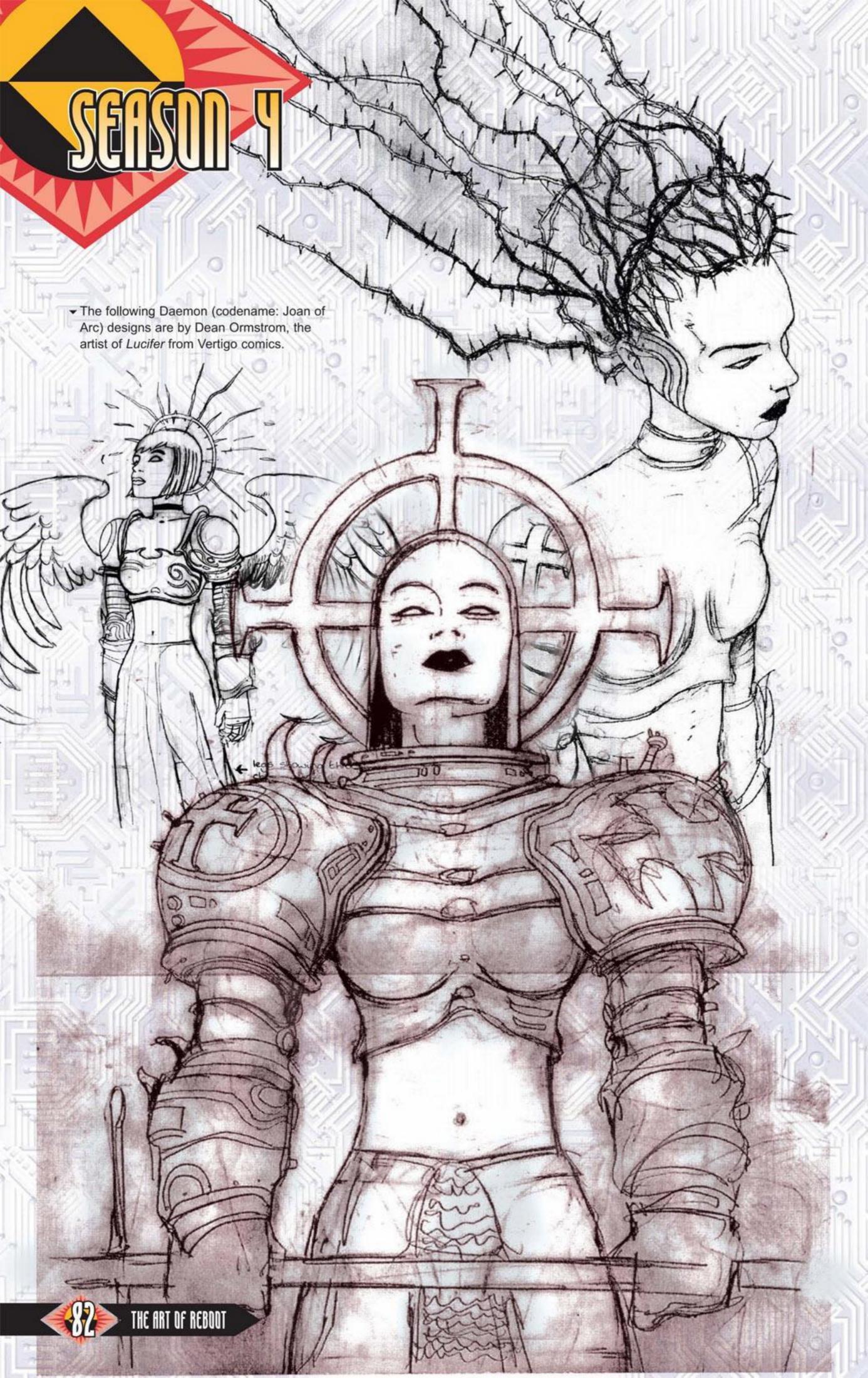




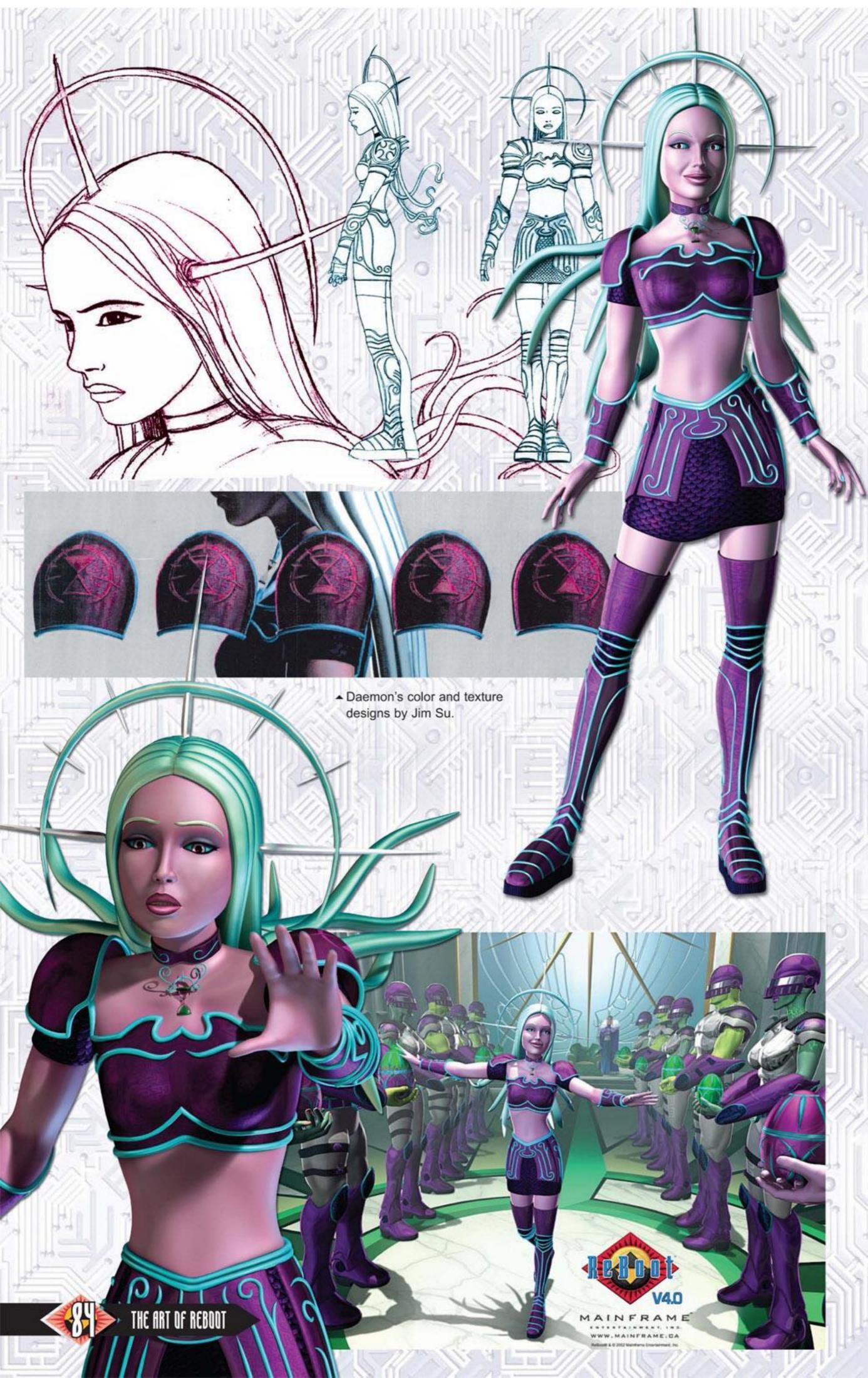


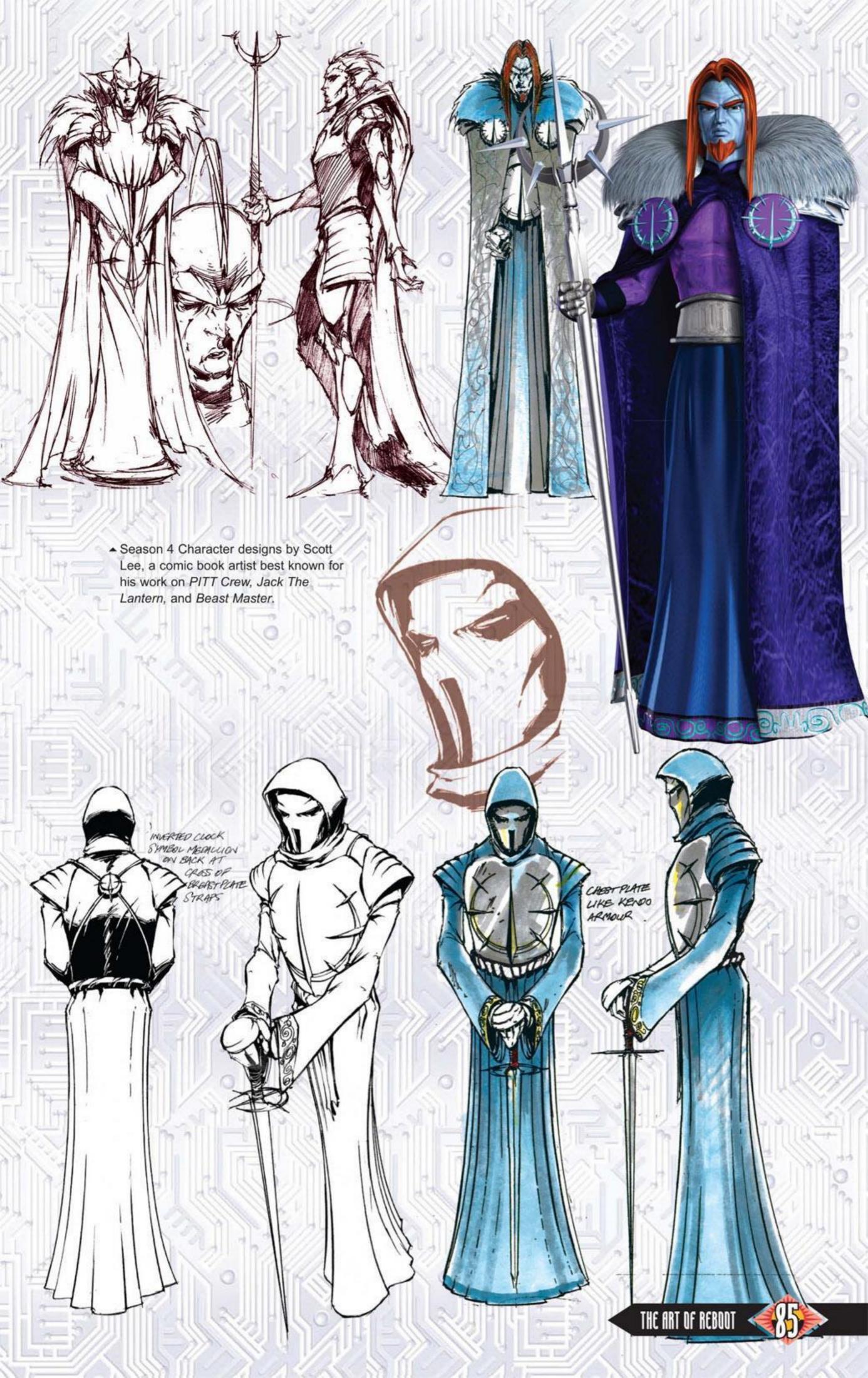
Hmm... I've never seen that before! But if it's something to do with Irwin... while we never did a toy of Dot with the Big Gun, in the haze of my memory I think we talked about having her in the second or third wave of 9" figures, but of course they never came to pass. Why we would do a fake comic cover of it, I have no clue.



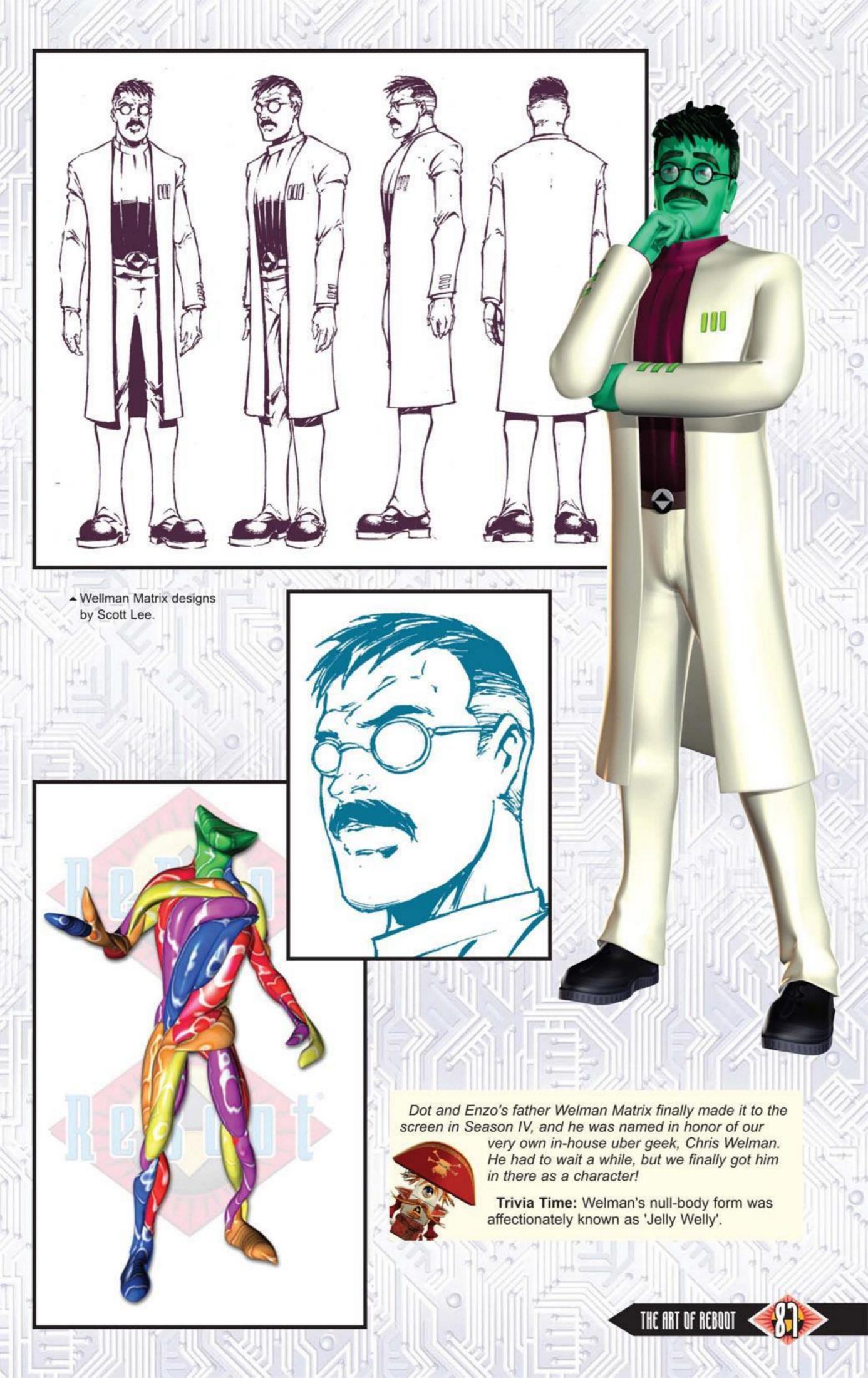


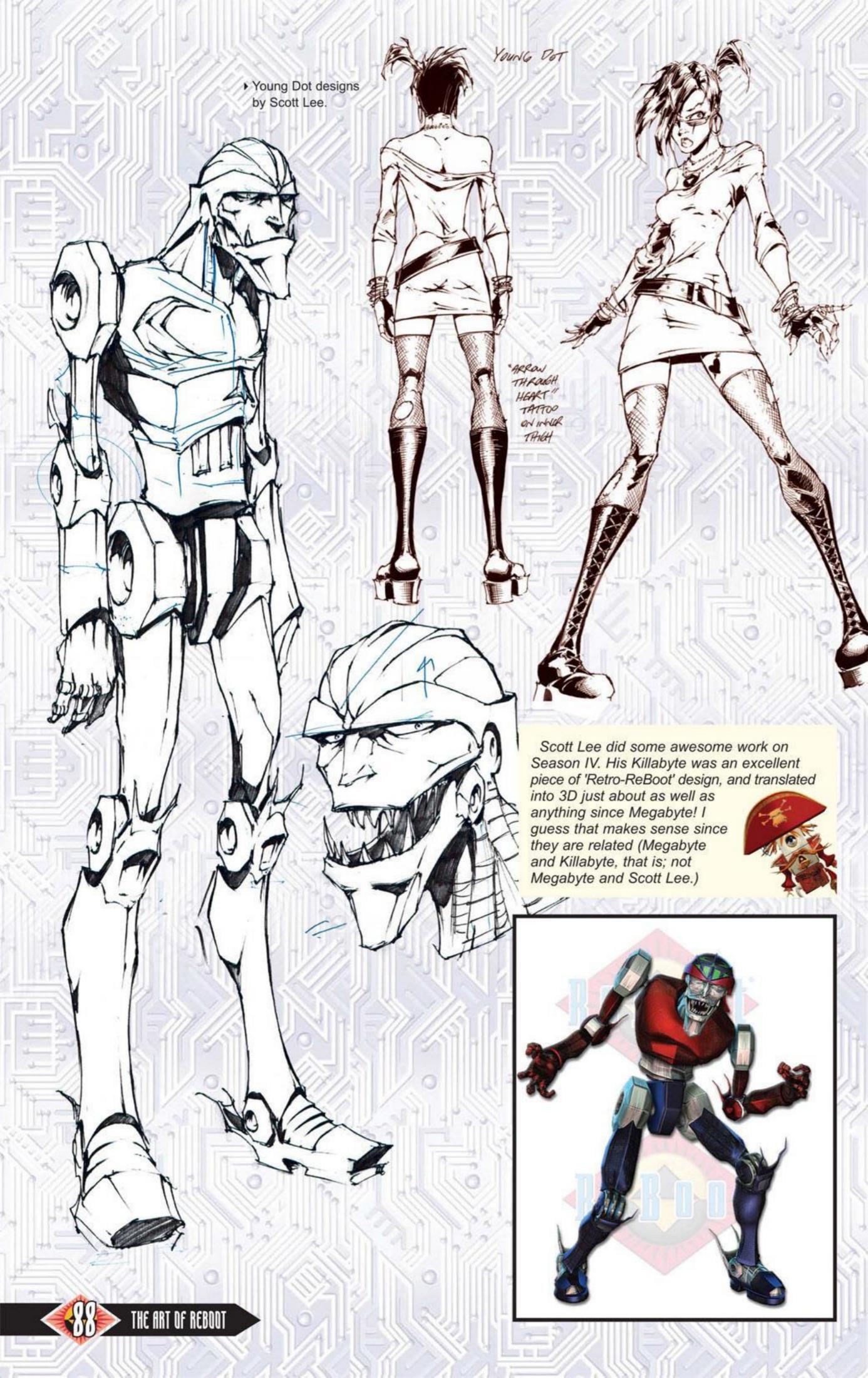




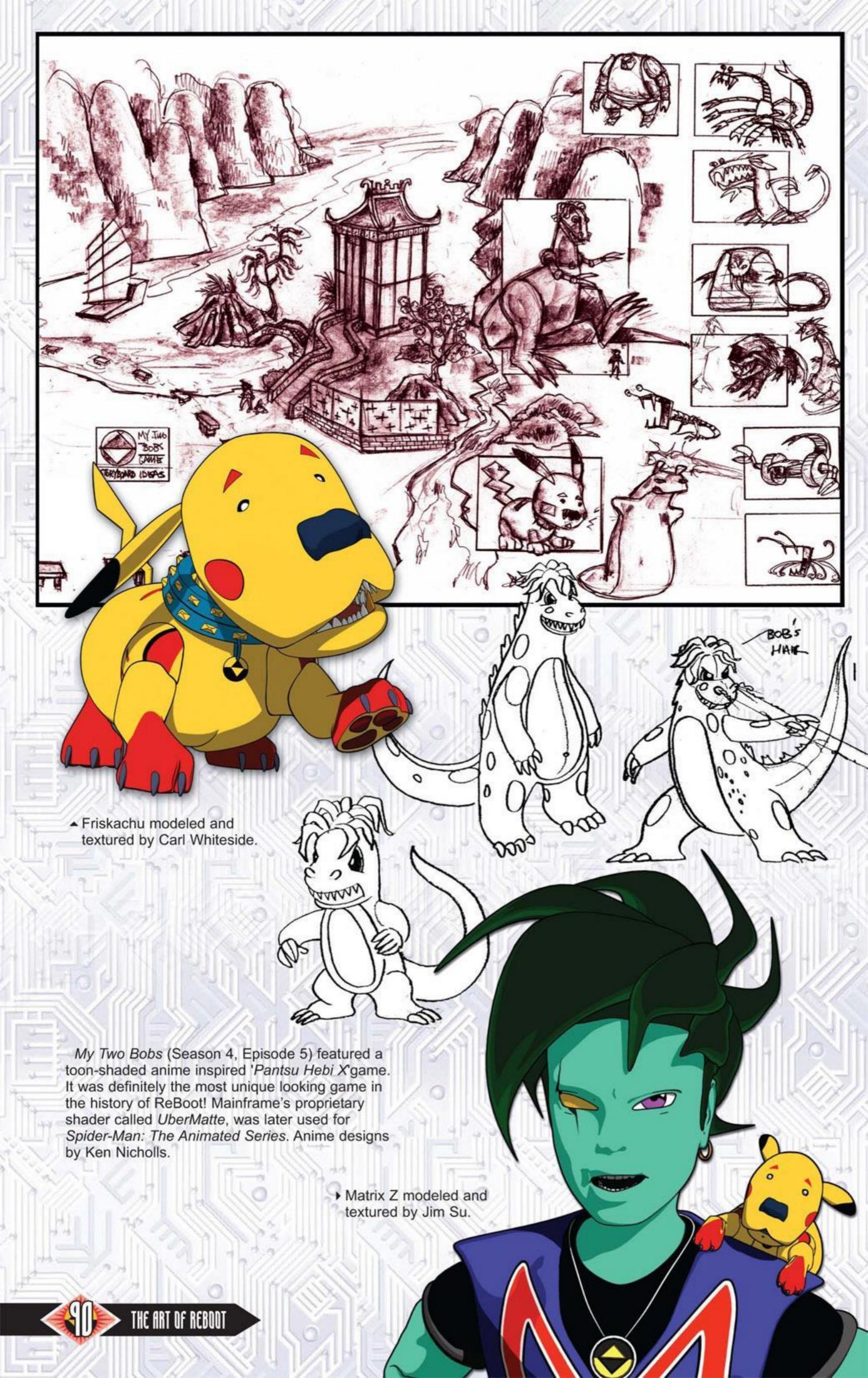
















▲ This image was drawn by Jim Su in 2003 as part of a pitch for a ReBoot comic book. Things didn't work out, but in 2006, Beach Studios turned the image into a poster.





▲ Line art by Jim Su, a CGI artist and comic book illustrator. His CGI credits include: ReBoot Season 4, Spider-Man The Animated Series, Disney's The Wild, Silent Hill and the upcoming Resident Evil 3. Jim is also the illustrator and writer of the comic book, Crozonia. Colored by Dan Rivera, the colorist of Crozonia. www.crozonia.com.





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▲ Illustration by Jenn Lee; one of Arcana's newest artists, Jenn is an incredible talent who is working on some of Arcana's top properties.









Artwork by Jimbing, colored by Peter Kostka. DMF Comics is a Toronto comic book publisher producing graphic novels such as Silent Leaves, Demented: Scorpion Child, Superfuzz, Bear Stories and Mechanika art book. www.dmfcomics.com





- ▲ Artwork by Mark Pinnock, a CGI animator (Disney's The Wild, The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe).
- Craig Yeung works out of Bright Anvil Studios / Rattlebox Entertainment. His credits include Uncanny X-Men, Runaways, and Batman/Superman. www.brightanvil.com

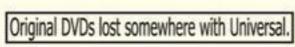




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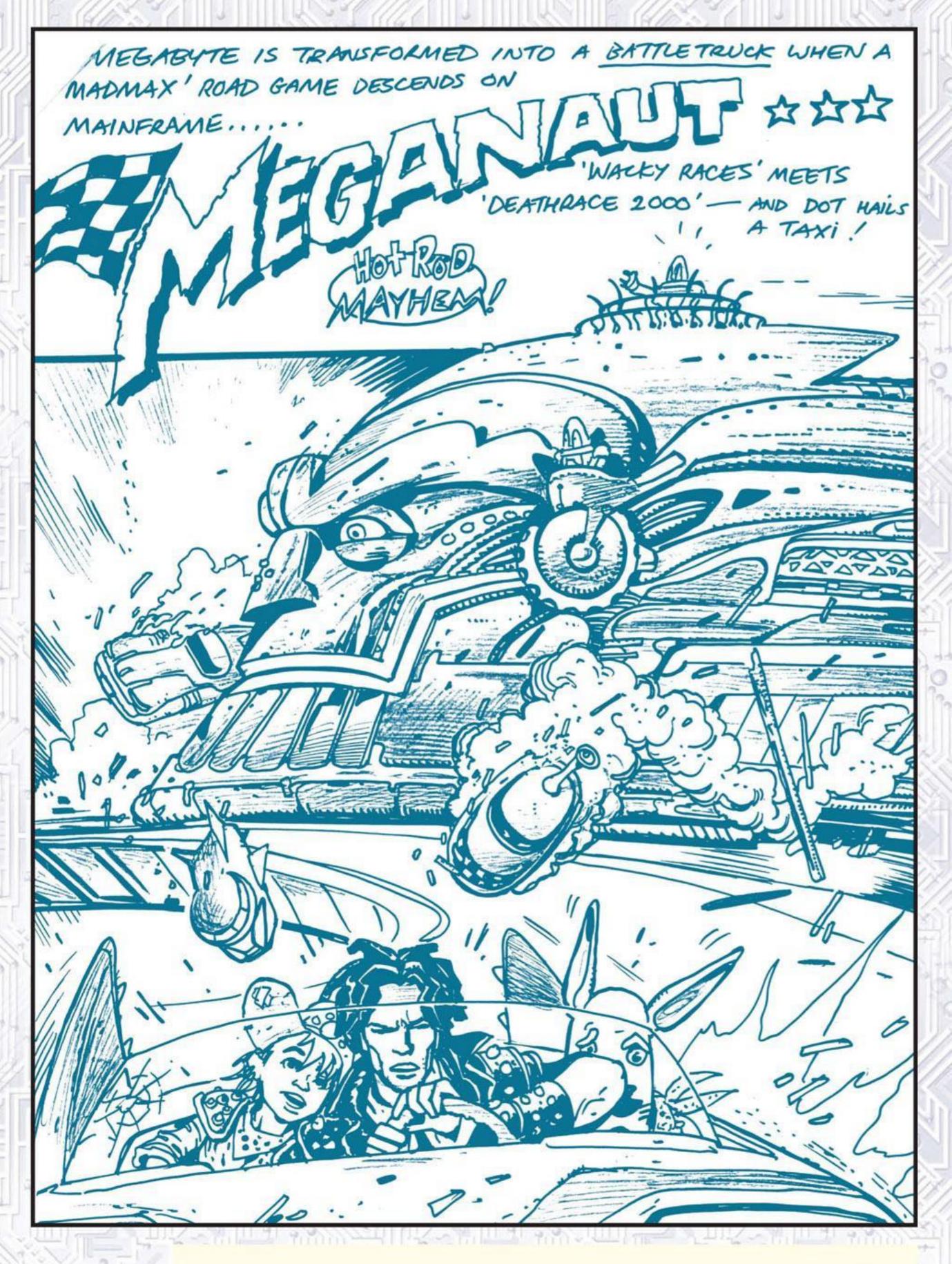
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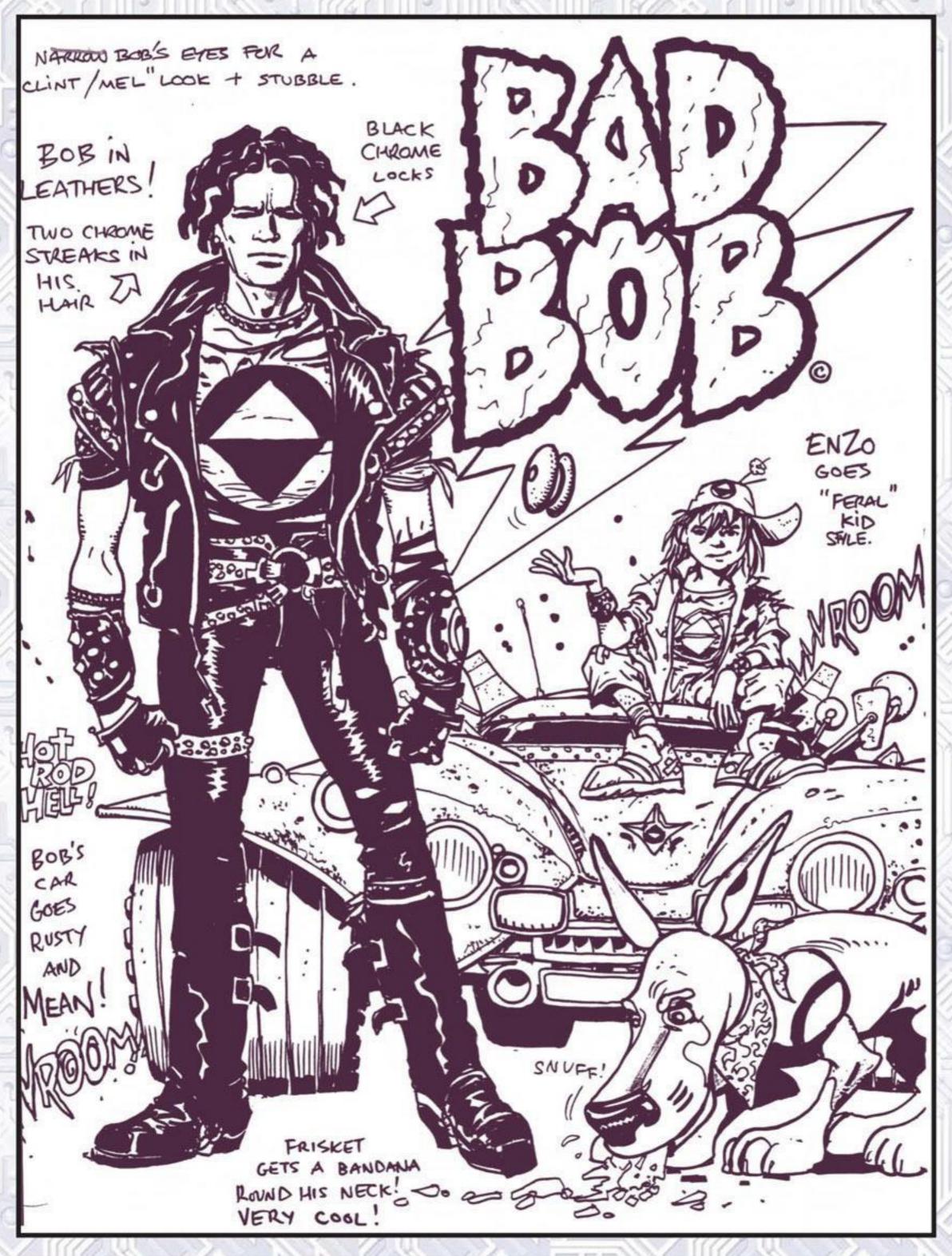


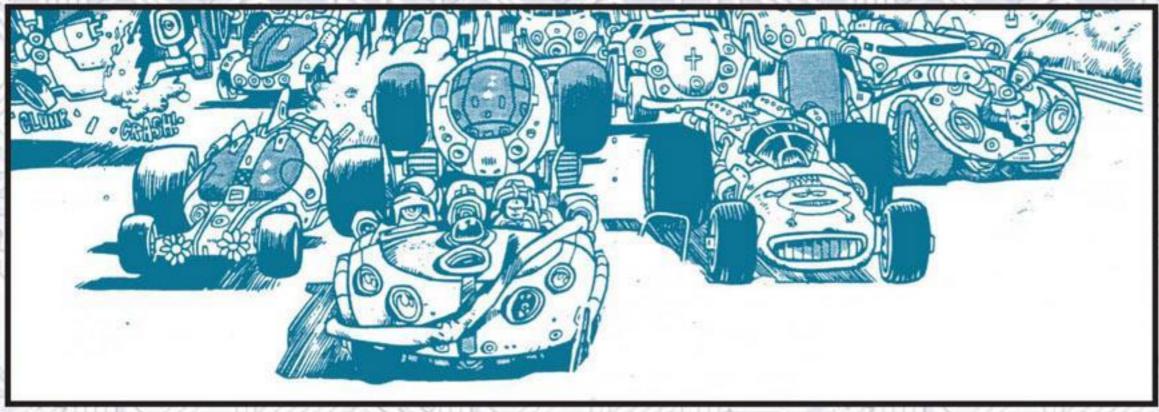


One day Brendan brought us a drawing. It was awesome, but we were puzzled. "What's this?" we say. "It's Megabyte as a truck," says he. "Er... okay. But... what's it for?" "I dunno. But it's really cool, innit?" Well, we couldn't argue with that. It was really cool. So then we had to put our heads together and come up with how on earth we could make it happen in the show... and that's where 'Bad Bob' came from!

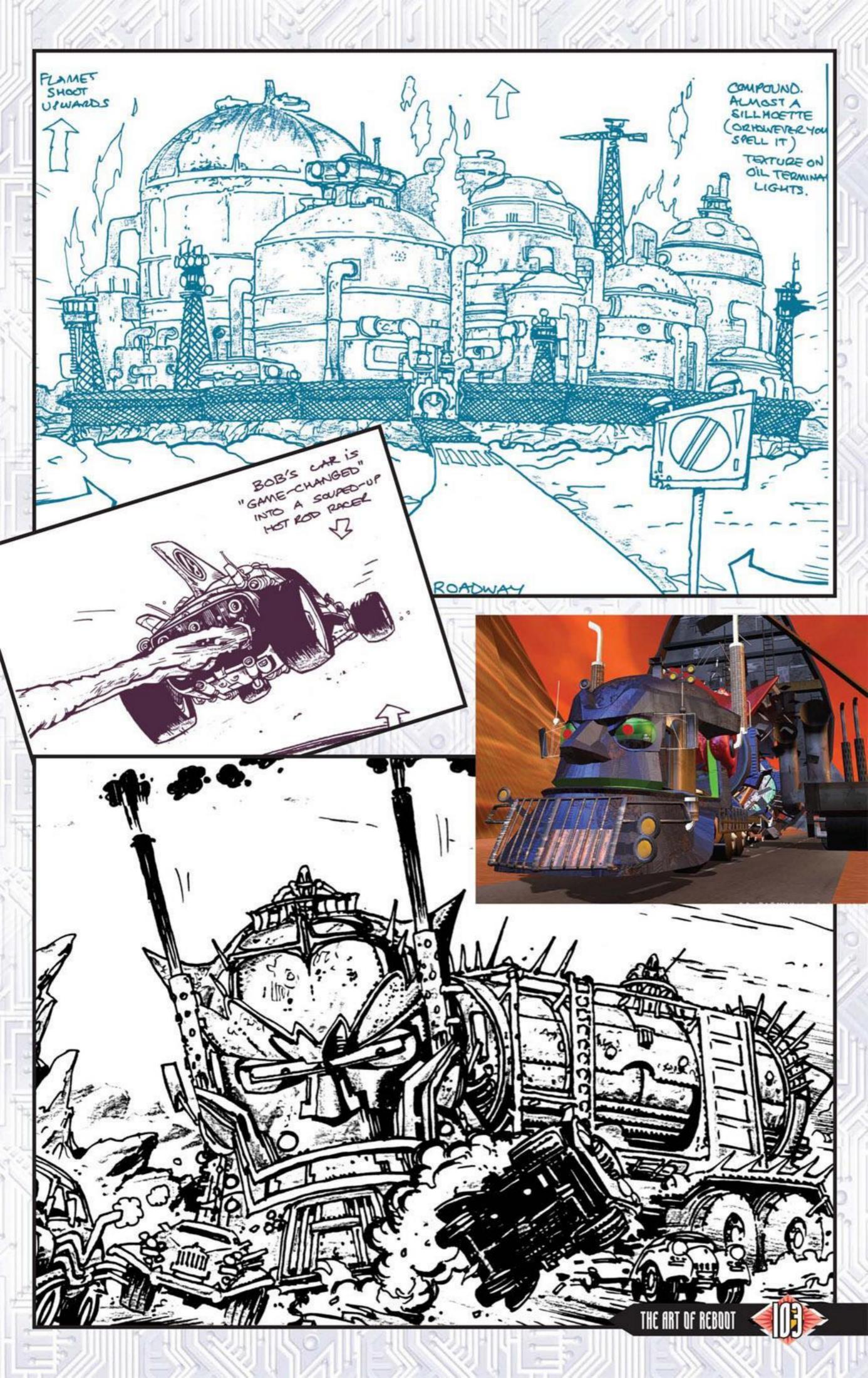
















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