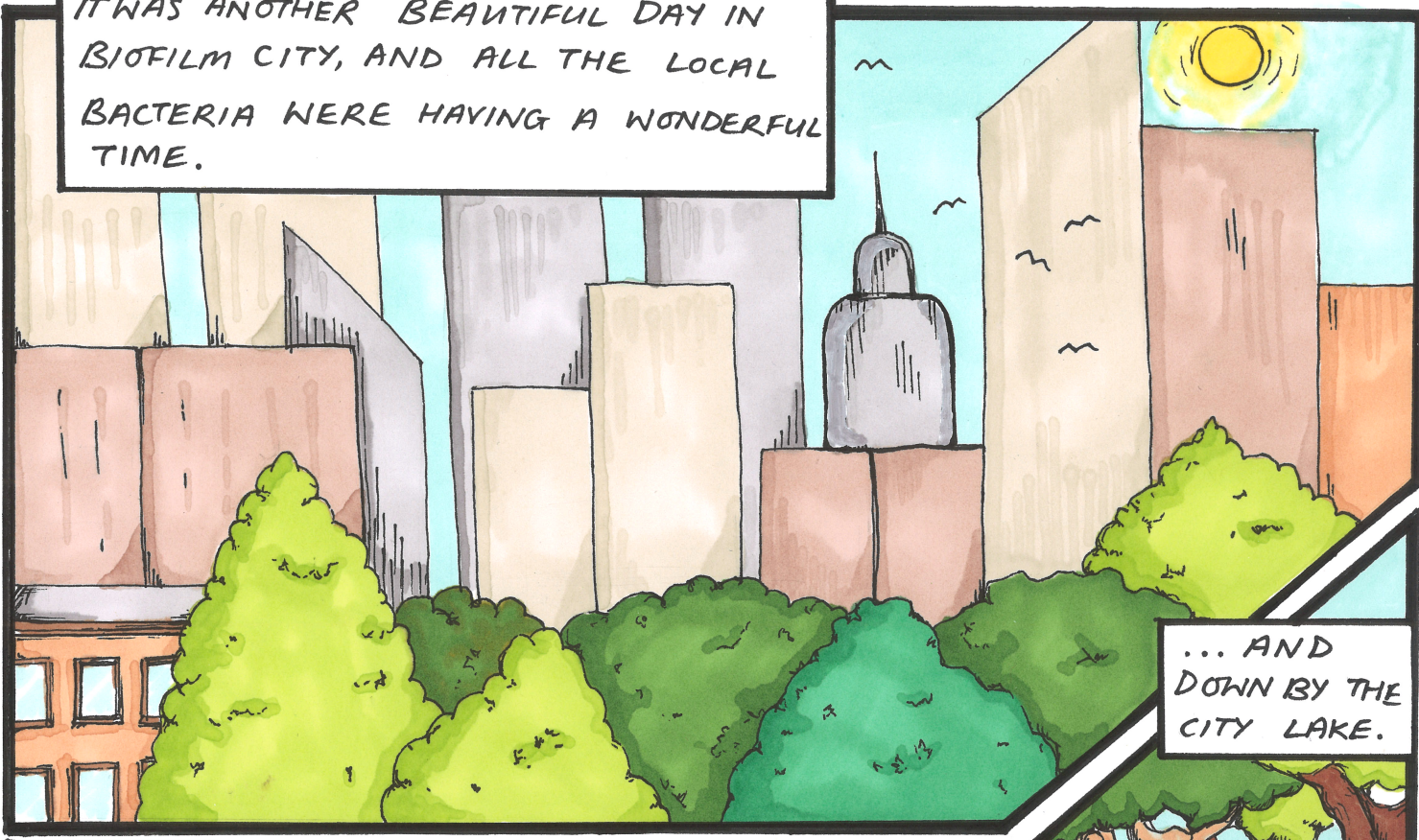
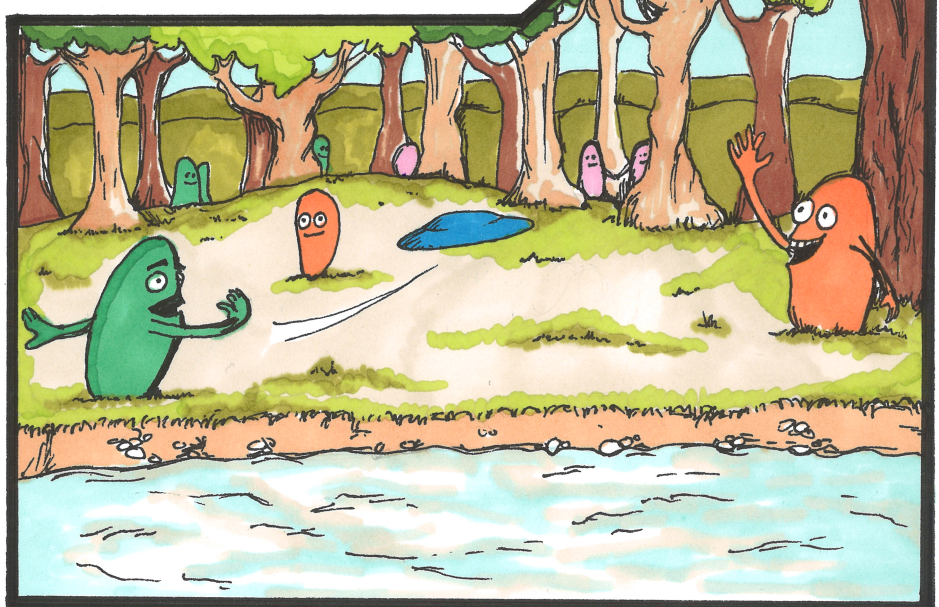
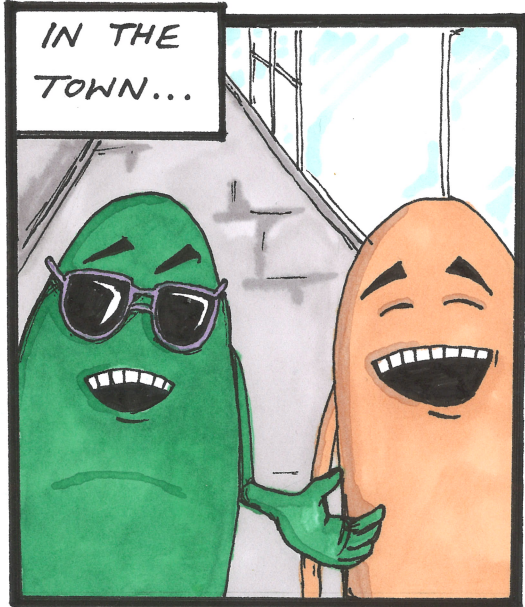


IT WAS ANOTHER BEAUTIFUL DAY IN BIOFILM CITY, AND ALL THE LOCAL BACTERIA WERE HAVING A WONDERFUL TIME.



... AND DOWN BY THE CITY LAKE.

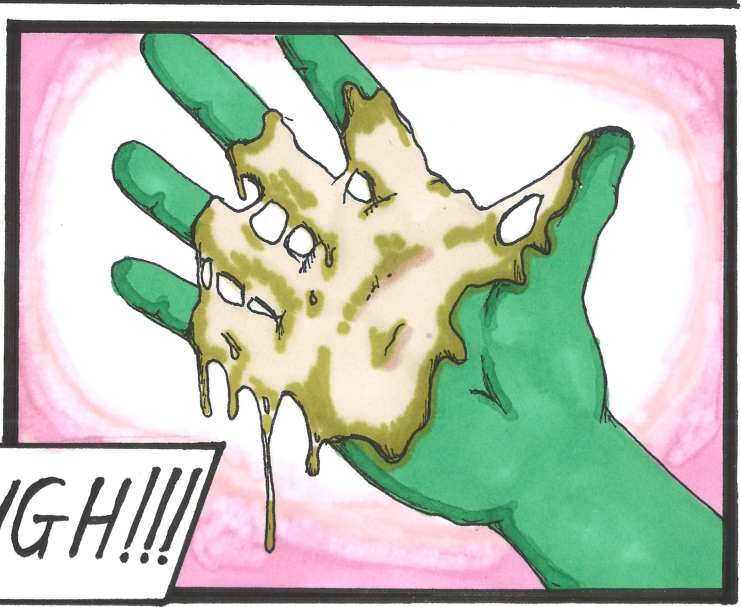
IN THE TOWN...



HOT AND THIRSTY, ONE E. COLI DECIDED TO TAKE A DRINK. BUT WAIT...



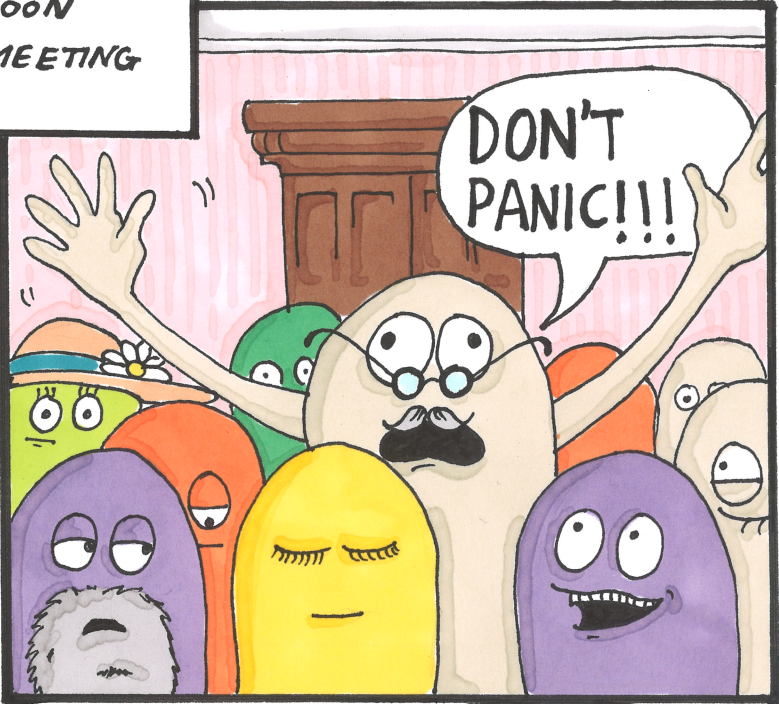
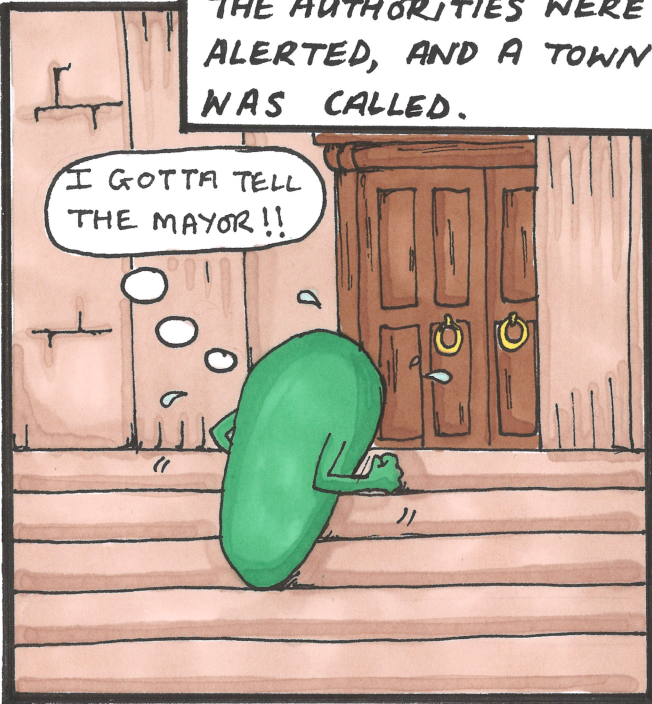
UUGH!!!



THE AUTHORITIES WERE SOON ALERTED, AND A TOWN MEETING WAS CALLED.

I GOTTA TELL THE MAYOR!!

DON'T PANIC!!!



DIVIDE ET IMPERA

THE CITY LAKE IS OF CRITICAL IMPORTANCE TO BIOFILM CITY. MARK MY WORDS, WE WILL GET TO THE BOTTOM OF THIS!

YAAAY!!

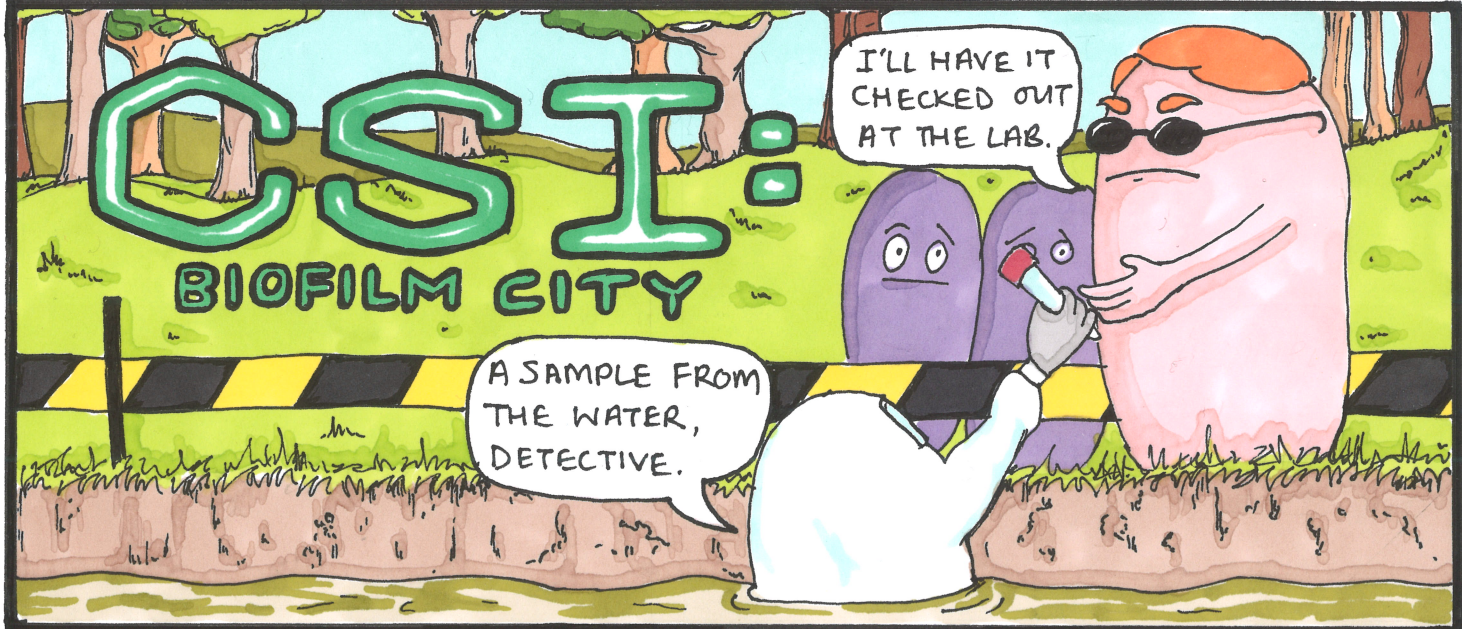
HOORAY!



OCSI: BIOFILM CITY

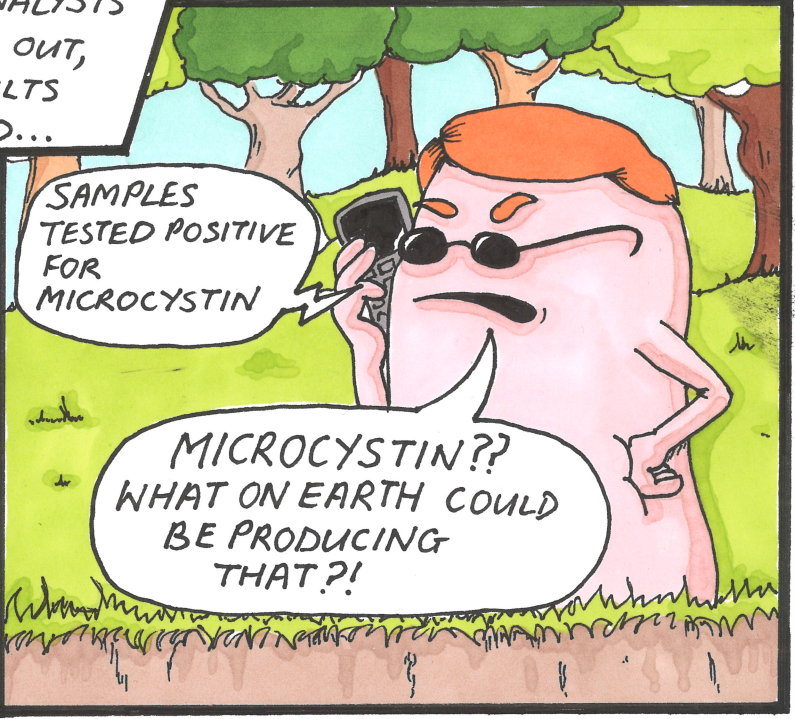
I'LL HAVE IT CHECKED OUT AT THE LAB.

A SAMPLE FROM THE WATER, DETECTIVE.



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EXTENSIVE ANALYSIS WAS CARRIED OUT, AND THE RESULTS WERE NOT GOOD...



SAMPLES TESTED POSITIVE FOR MICROCYSTIN

MICROCYSTIN?? WHAT ON EARTH COULD BE PRODUCING THAT?!

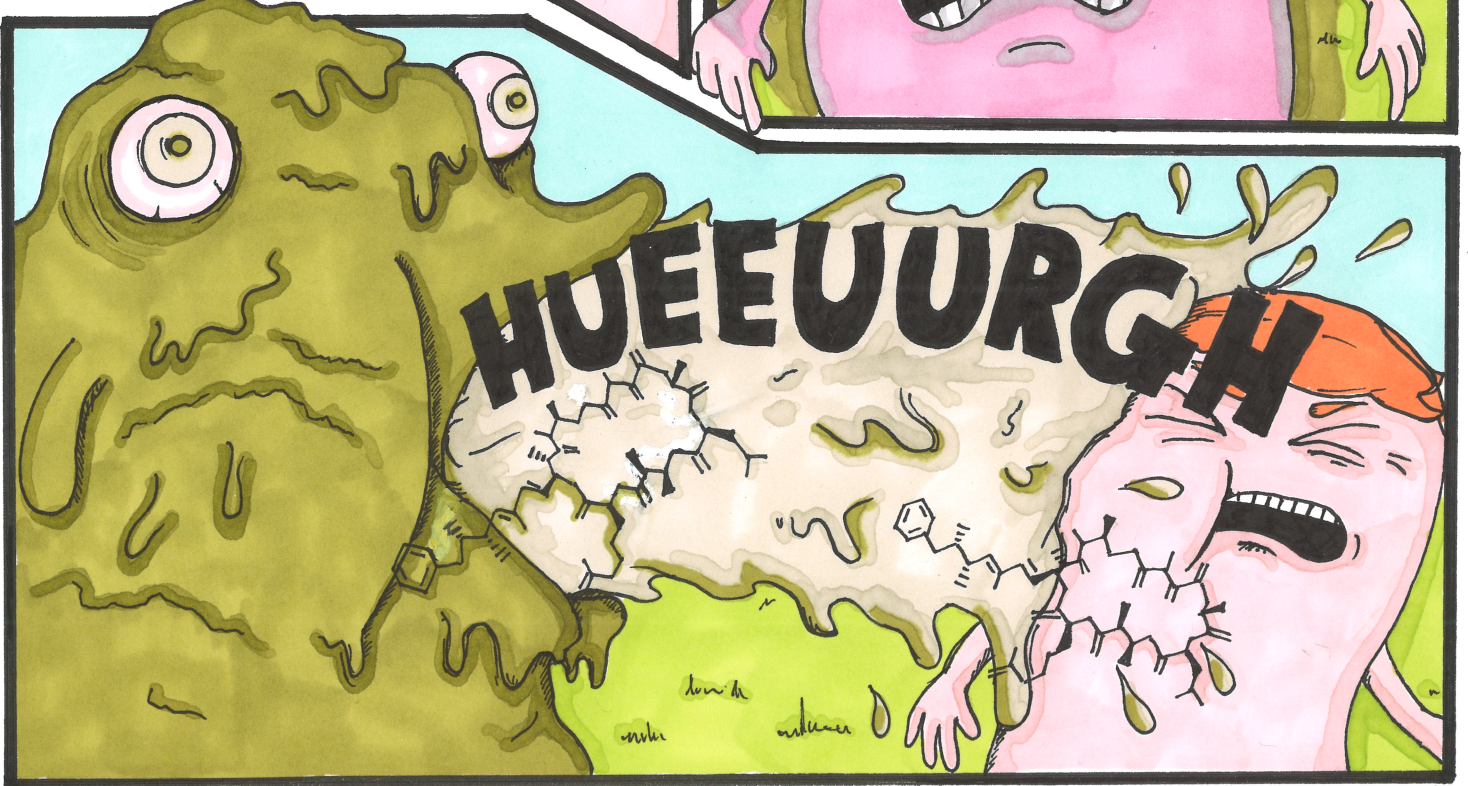


I DUNNO, BUT THERE SURE IS A LOT OF IT, DETECTIVE.

HMMM...

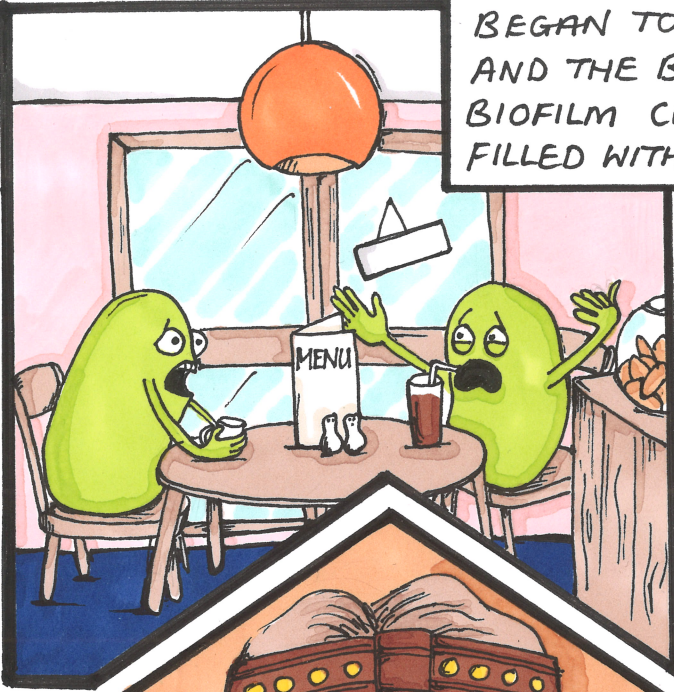


DETECTIVE?!!

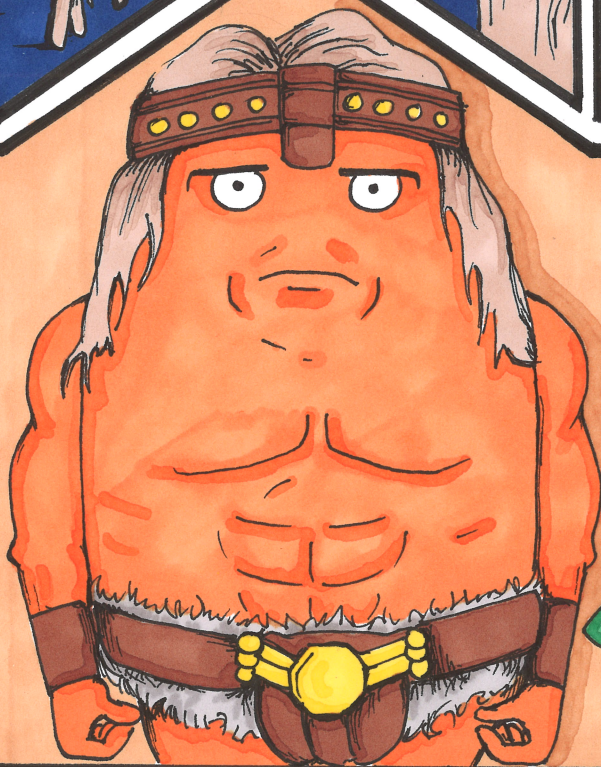


HUEEUURGH

NEWS OF THE MONSTER
BEGAN TO SPREAD,
AND THE BACTERIA OF
BIOFILM CITY WERE SOON
FILLED WITH FEAR.

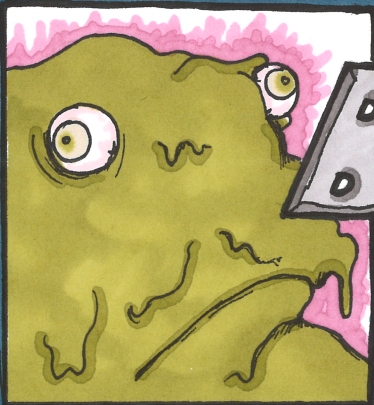


OUR CITY IS
IN DANGER.
I HAVE NOW
CALLED UPON
OUR ALLY,
CONAN THE
BACTERIUM,
TO FIGHT THIS
MONSTER...



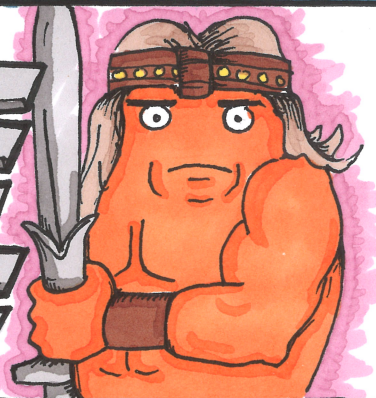
MY FELLOW CITIZENS,

**THIS
MEANS
WAR!**



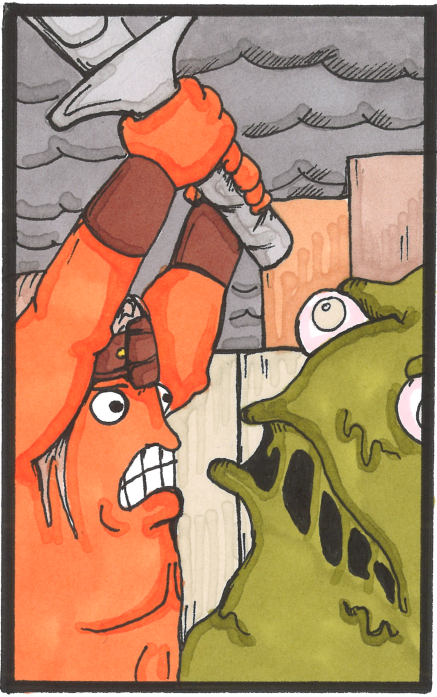
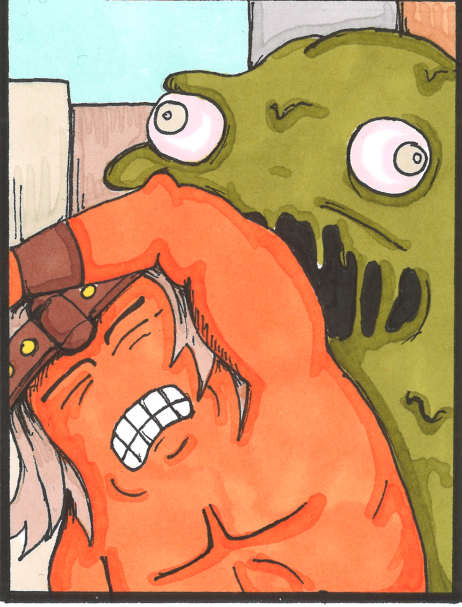
MICROCYSTIS AERUGINOSA
A.K.A.: BLUE-GREEN ALGAE
SPECIAL. TOXIC MICROCYSTIN
ABILITY. RELEASE

BATTLE ONE



DEINOCOCCUS RADIODURANS
A.K.A.: CONAN THE BACTERIUM
SPECIAL. WORLD'S TOUGHEST
ABILITY. BACTERIAL SPECIES

THE BATTLE WAS LONG AND HARD...

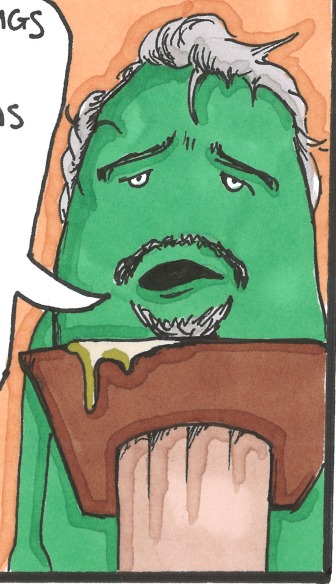


... AND DESPITE HIS GREATEST EFFORTS, CONAN WAS DEFEATED.

BIOFILM CITY WAS LEFT IN RUINS.



WITH OUR SUPERBUGS CURRENTLY OUT OF TOWN, CONAN WAS OUR ONLY HOPE. ALL WE CAN DO NOW IS CLEAN THIS PLACE UP, AND STAY AWAY FROM THE LAKE.



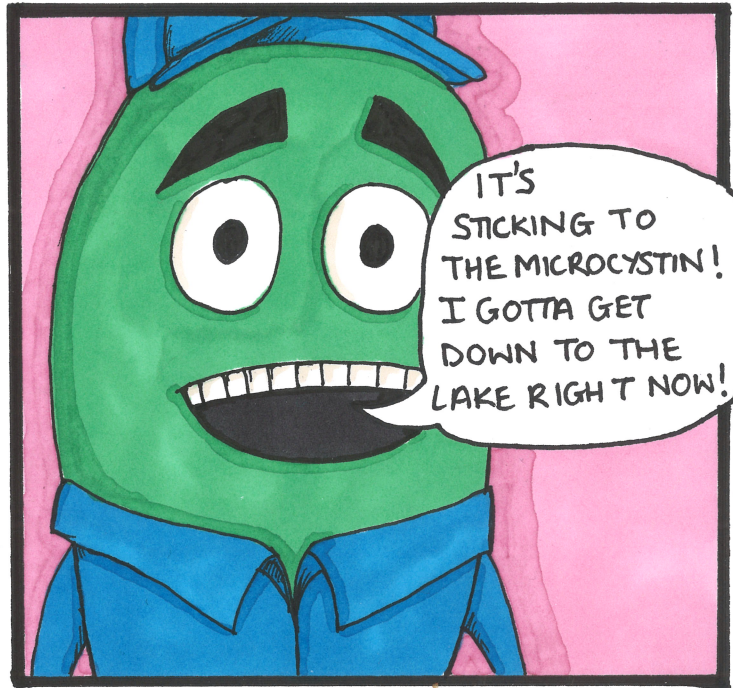
THE SITUATION FELT HOPELESS, BUT THE BACTERIA ALL PULLED TOGETHER AND BEGAN THE HUGE TASK OF CLEANING UP THE CITY.





AND THEN SOMETHING AMAZING HAPPENED.

MY MOP...



IT'S STICKING TO THE MICROCYSTIN! I GOTTA GET DOWN TO THE LAKE RIGHT NOW!

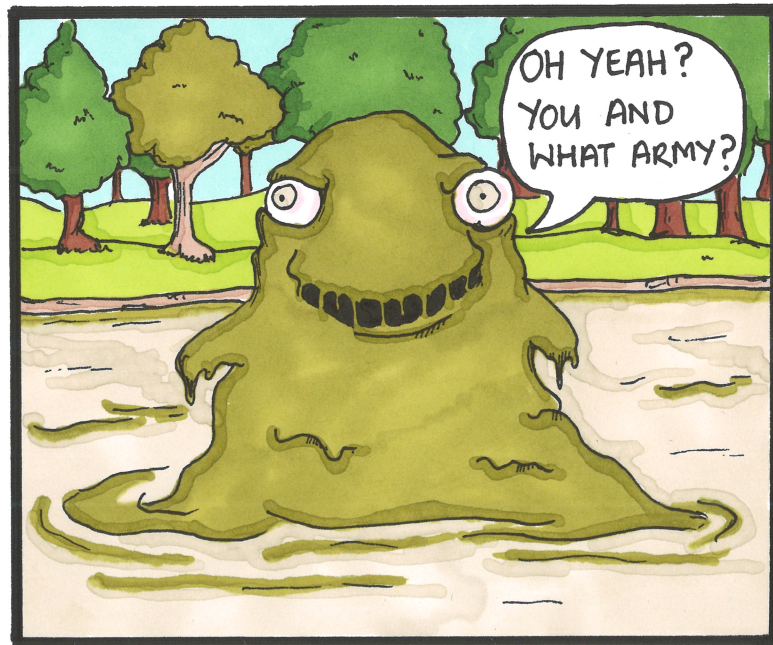


AT THE LAKE...

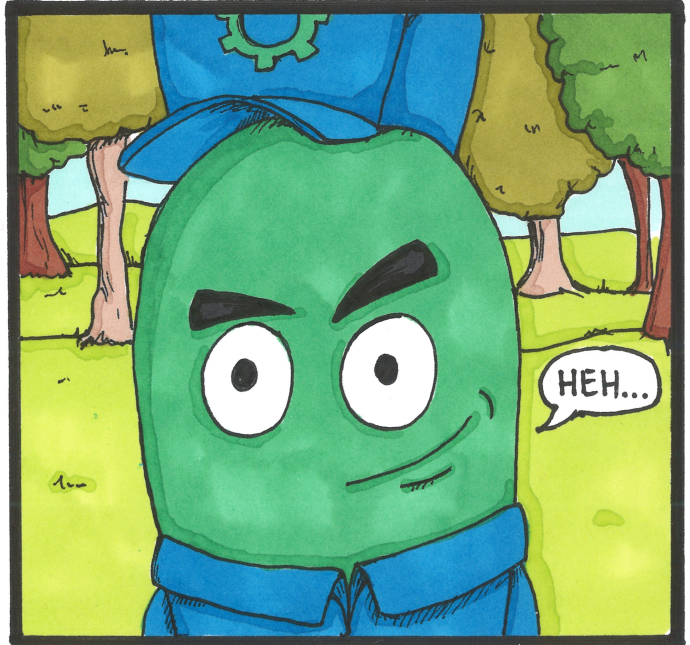
I HAVE THE POWER!!



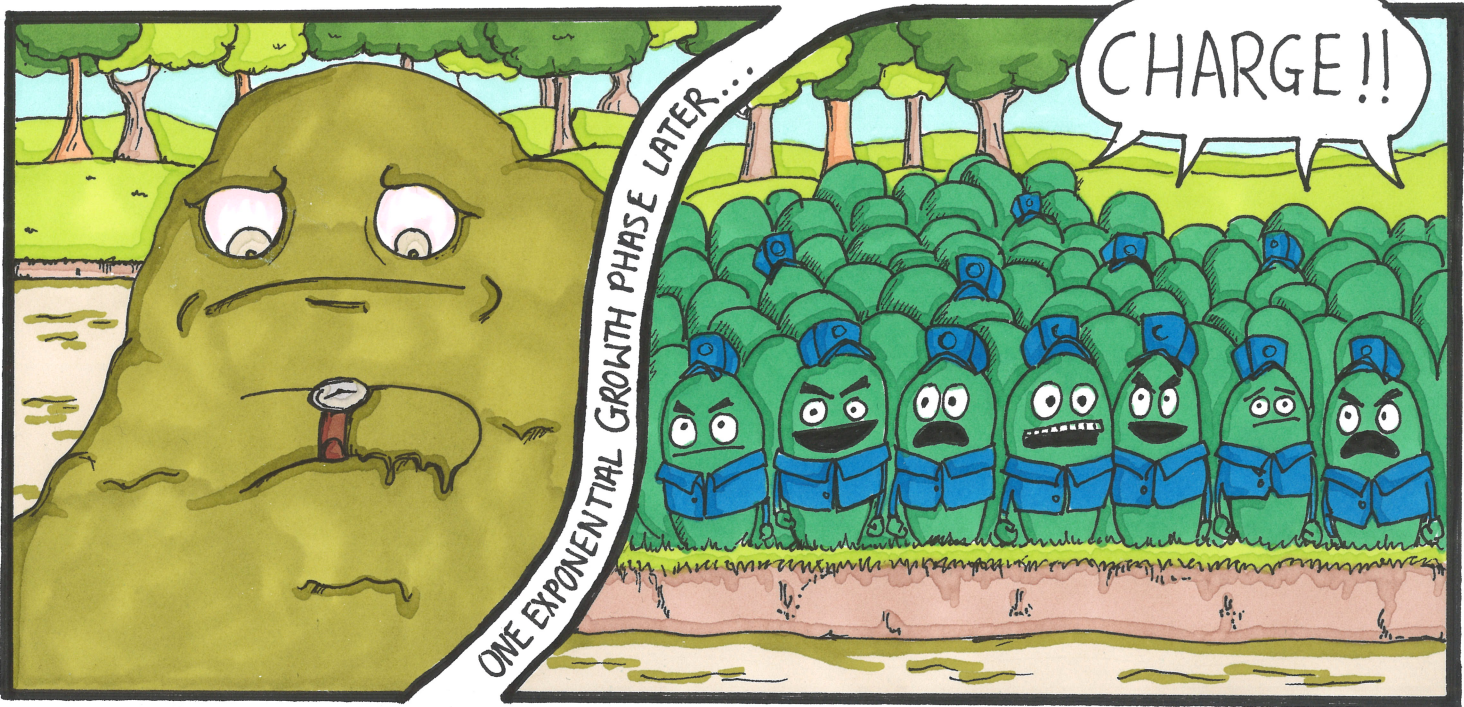
HEY, MONSTER! I'M GONNA MOP THE FLOOR WITH YOU!




OH YEAH? YOU AND WHAT ARMY?



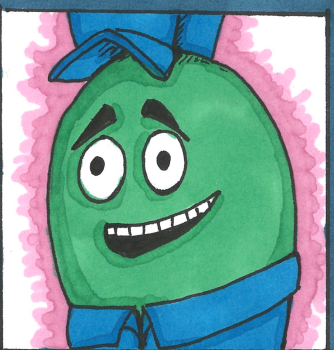
HEH...



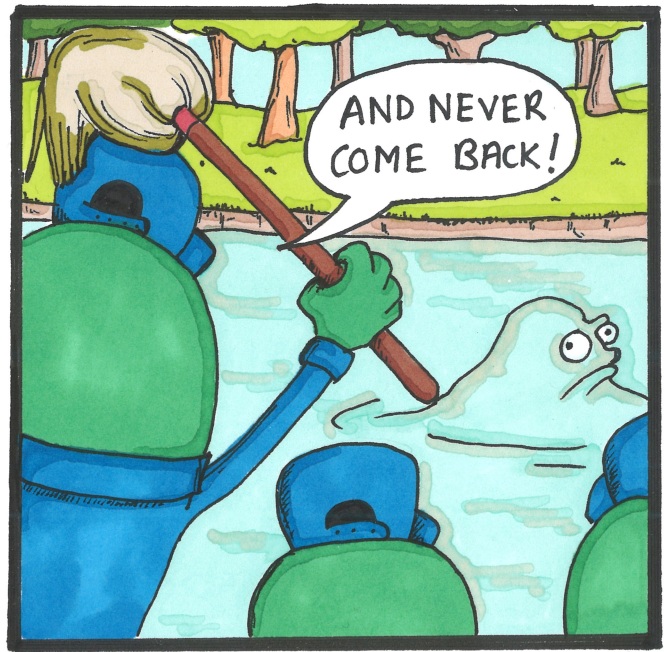
BATTLE TWO



MICROCYSTIS AERUGINOSA
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 SPECIAL: TOXIC MICROCYSTIN
 ABILITY: RELEASE



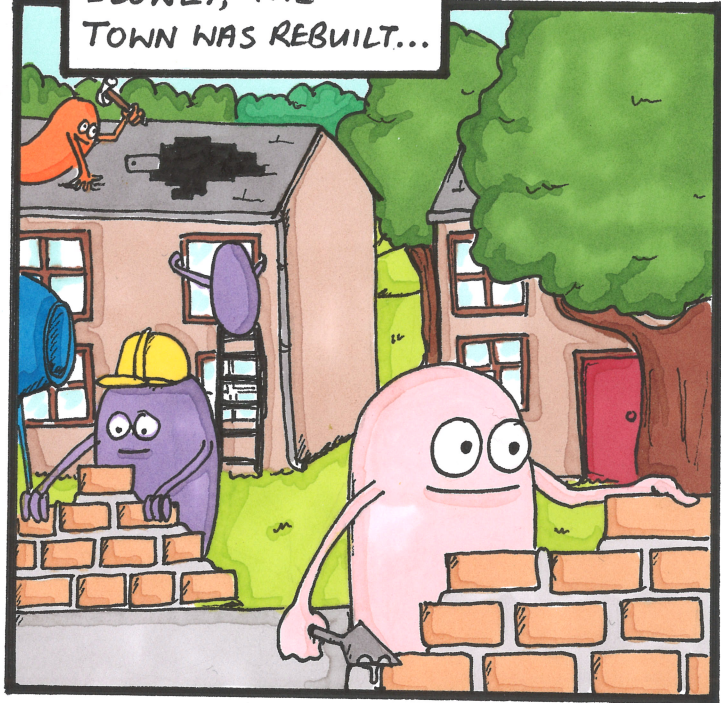
ESCHERICHIA COLI
 A.K.A.: THE JANITOR
 SPECIAL: TOXIMOP - BINDS
 ABILITY: TOXIC MICROCYSTIN



THE MONSTER HAD FINALLY BEEN BEATEN, AND ALL OF THE BACTERIA JOINED IN CELEBRATION.



SLOWLY, THE TOWN WAS REBUILT...



... AND ONCE AGAIN, ALL WAS WELL IN BIOFILM CITY.

