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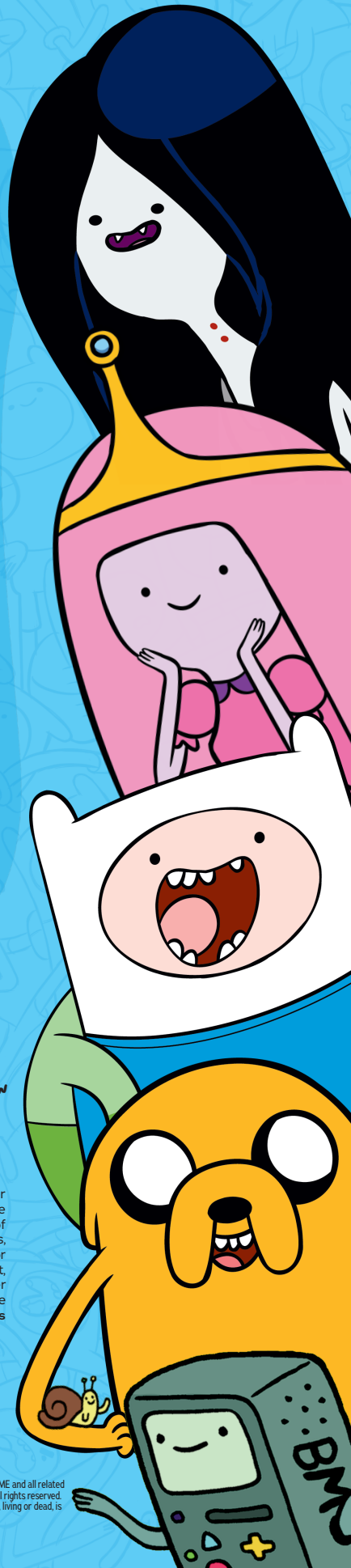
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BANG! BANG! BANG!

WOW! THE BANGING IS GETTING WAY LOUDER!

YES!

SO YOU WANNA TELL ME HOW YOU KNEW WHAT THIS GUM'S GONNA DO? AND ALSO, ITS GENDER?

NO!

DUDE WE'RE TRAPPED HERE FOREVER, YOU MIGHT AS WELL FILL THE TIME!

OKAY, FINE, WHATEVER!

BANG! BANG! BANG!

BUT I WARN YOU, THIS STORY STARTS WITH A...

BANG!

HAH HAH, THAT WAS SUPER WELL-TIMED!

BANG! BANG! BANG!

OKAY, WELL-- THIS STORY STARTS SEVERAL YEARS AGO, WITH A LITTLE OBSESSION / FIELD OF STUDY CALLED--

BANG! BANG!

PLEASE SAY ROCK MUSIC PLEASE SAY ROCK MUSIC

--SCIENCE.

YOU KNOW, IF YOU PUT HALF AS MUCH EFFORT INTO YOUR MUSIC AS YOU DID INTO BREAKING ALL THE LAWS OF GLOB AND MAN, WE'D BE LISTENING TO SOME INSANELY FRESH BEATS RIGHT NOW INSTEAD.

MAN, I KNOW IT!

BANG! BANG! BANG!

**I REMEMBER IT WELL...IT WAS A QUIET NIGHT IN THE CANDY KINGDOM!**

It is a quiet night in the candy kingdom!

**WAIT NO, ACTUALLY, I NEED TO START THIS STORY EARLIER THAN THAT. IT WAS A BUSY MORNING IN THE CANDY KINGDOM!**

It is a busy morning in the candy kingdom!

**AT THE MOMENT, I WAS GETTING OUT OF BED AND PREPARING TO START MY DAY.**

I must say that, at present, I certainly am getting out of bed and preparing to start my day!

**DUDE, YOUR STORY-TELLING STYLE IS MEGA-JACKED.**

**YOU NEED TO SHOW, NOT TELL! HERE, LET ME TELL THE STORY.**

**BUT YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT HAPPENS!**

**JUST-- YOU SAY THE EVENTS, AND I'LL HANDLE THE DIALOGUE. OKAY?**

**OKAY, BUT DON'T MAKE ME SAY EMBARRASSING STUFF, OKAY MARCELINE?**

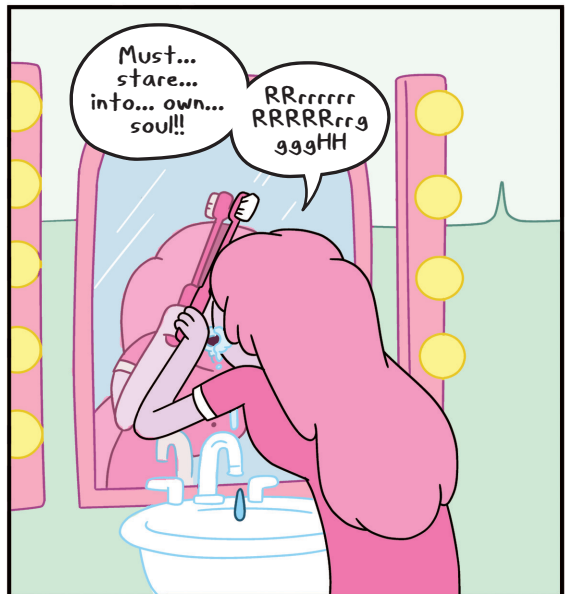
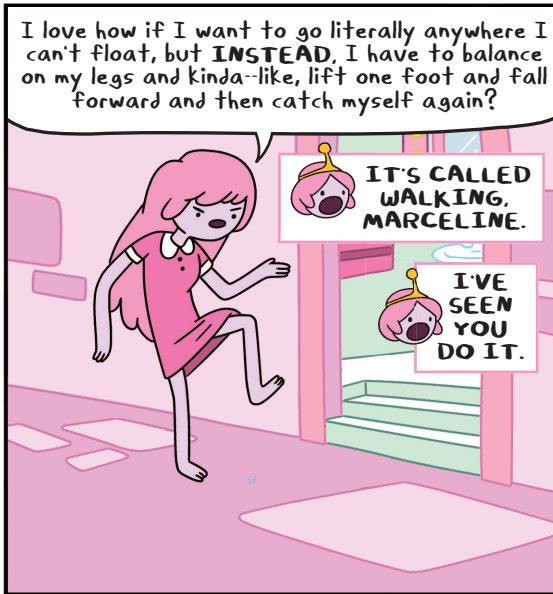
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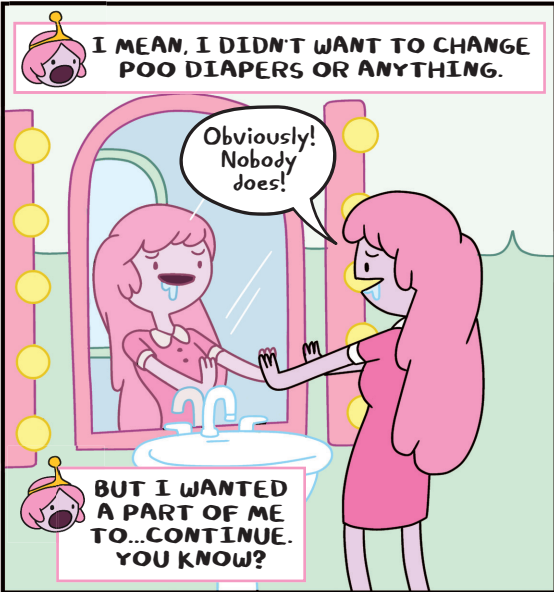
**OKAY.**

**AS I WAS SAYING, I WAS GETTING OUT OF BED TO START MY DAY.**

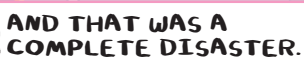
**OH SNAP, PB in the house! Whatcha want?! Can I get a HECK YES??**









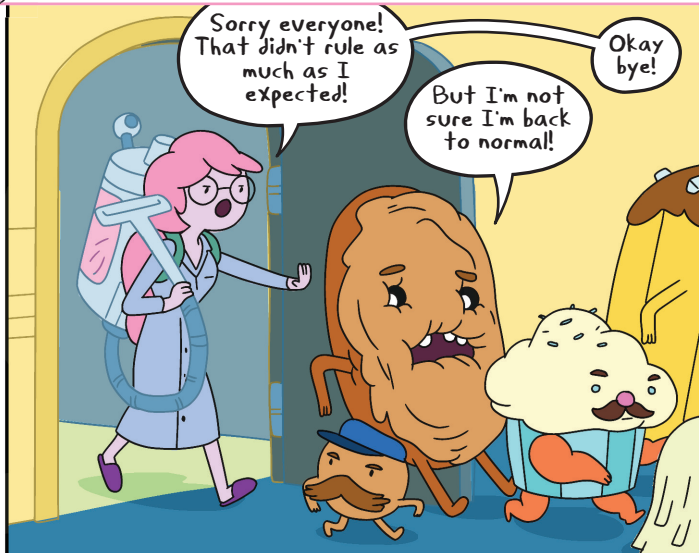


I hear  
that,  
yo.

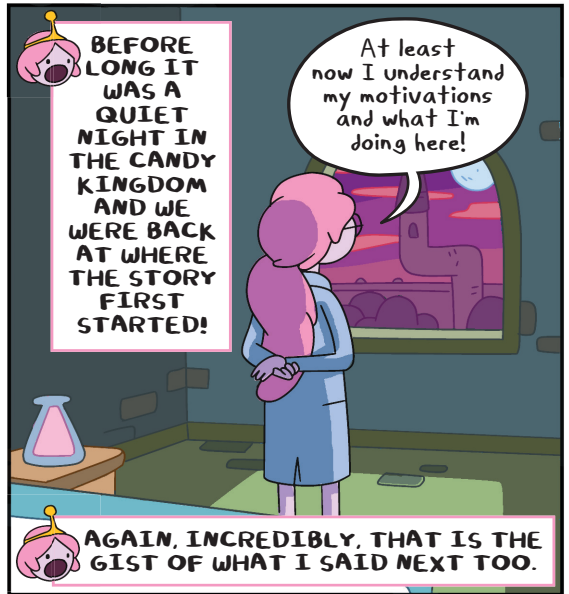
IT'S TOO STICKY



**SO AFTER I SUCKED IT ALL OUT AGAIN I FIGURED I'D HAVE TO TAKE A DIFFERENT APPROACH.**

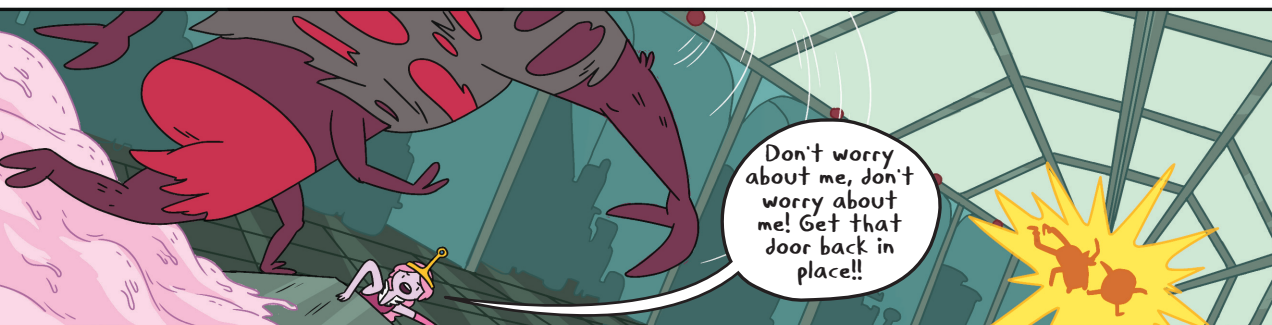




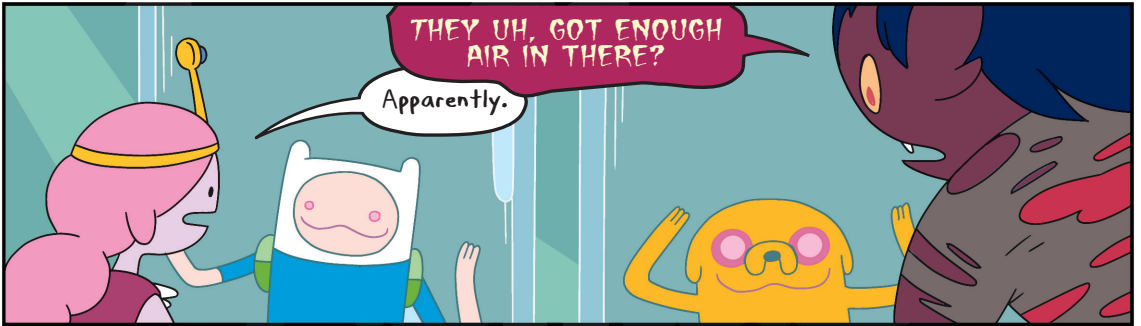




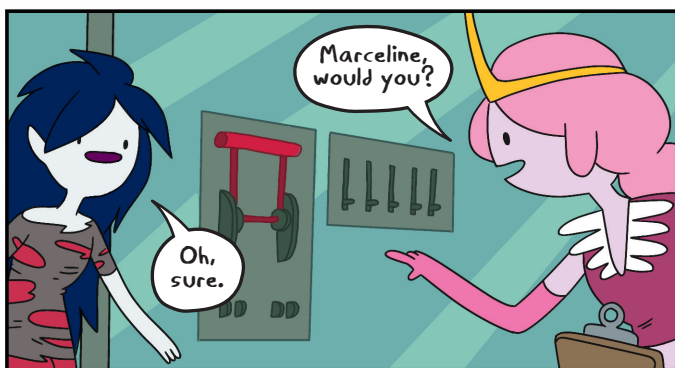




Take another step closer and you're gonna wish I'd been distracted and, during that distraction, not noticed you taking that step closer.



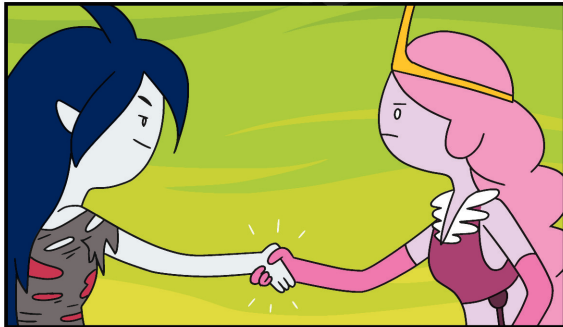
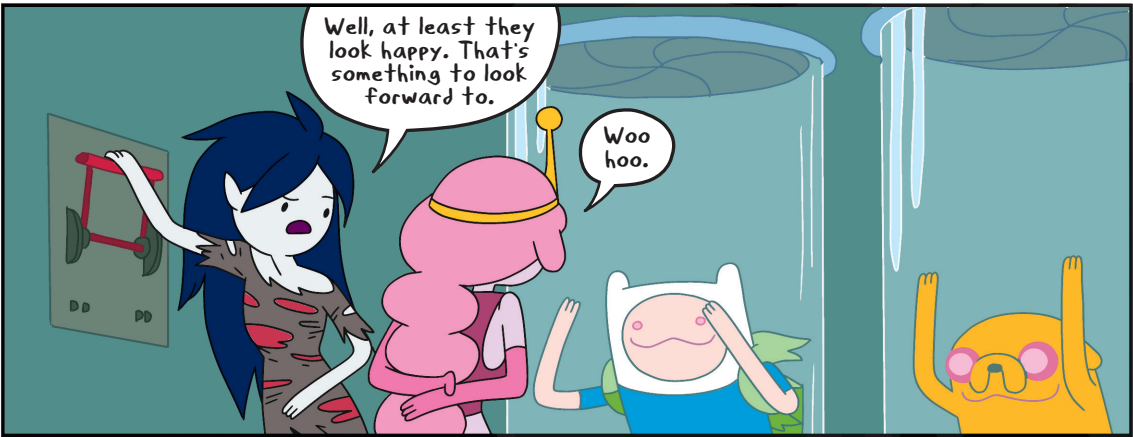
Several of those are legitimate rays! At least one of those is a legitimate ray!

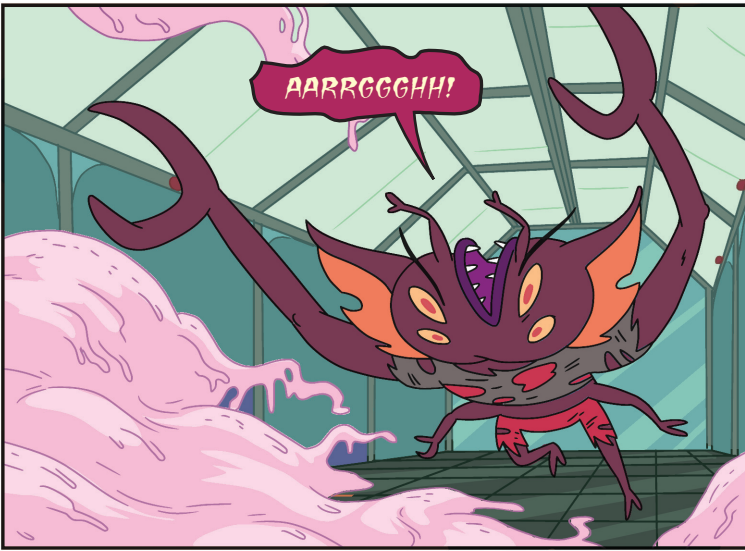






The first step is admitting that you don't know nothin' 'bout brain surgery. I think next step is to not do brain surgery after all?

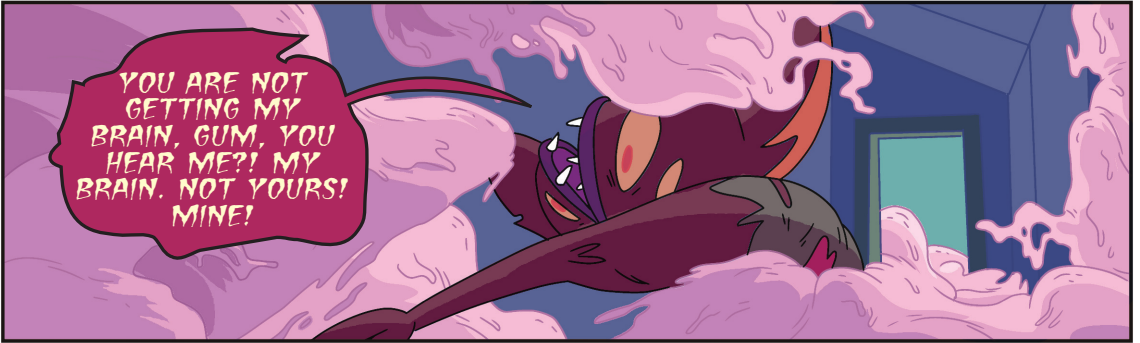




AARRGGGHH!



MOVE IT!  
GET OUT OF MY  
WAY! LET ME  
THROUGH!



YOU ARE NOT  
GETTING MY  
BRAIN, GUM, YOU  
HEAR ME?! MY  
BRAIN. NOT YOURS!  
MINE!



NOT  
YOURS!



NOT  
YOURS!!



YEAH, THAT'S  
WHAT I'M TALKING  
ABOUT!

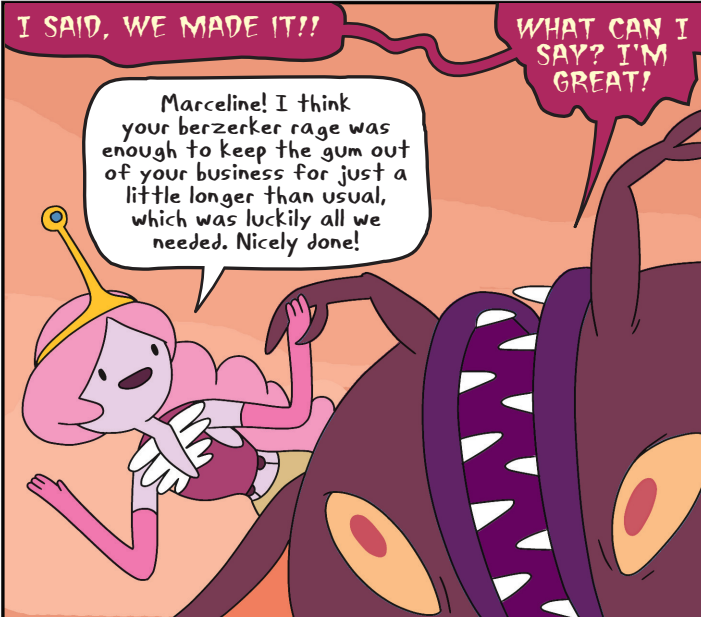




FE MAWE ET!

Oh my gosh let's not do that again for a long time okay?

Also, what?



I SAID, WE MADE IT!!

WHAT CAN I SAY? I'M GREAT!

Marceline! I think your berzerker rage was enough to keep the gum out of your business for just a little longer than usual, which was luckily all we needed. Nicely done!



Wow. ...the Candy Kingdom really is gone, isn't it?



And it's not just the Candy Kingdom. Gum's everything, far as the eye can see...

My glob.



...wait.

What's that?





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CAKE, ARE YOU  
SURE THE CONCERT'S  
IN HERE?

YEAH, I'M GETTING  
CRAZY-EVIL VIBES  
FROM THIS FOREST.

NOT EVIL!  
"CREEPY." SAYS SO  
ON THE FLIER.  
"NO CARES OR DUTIES,  
COME FOR WILD  
SONGS AND  
BOOTIES!"

GEE, I WONDER  
WHICH ONE YOU'RE  
EXCITED ABOUT?

I'VE NEVER  
MADE SECRET MY  
APPRECIATION FOR  
THE SUPERIOR  
POSTERIOR.

RIGHT, BABY?

::SNORT::

IS THAT MUSIC?

IT SOUNDS  
ANNOYING.

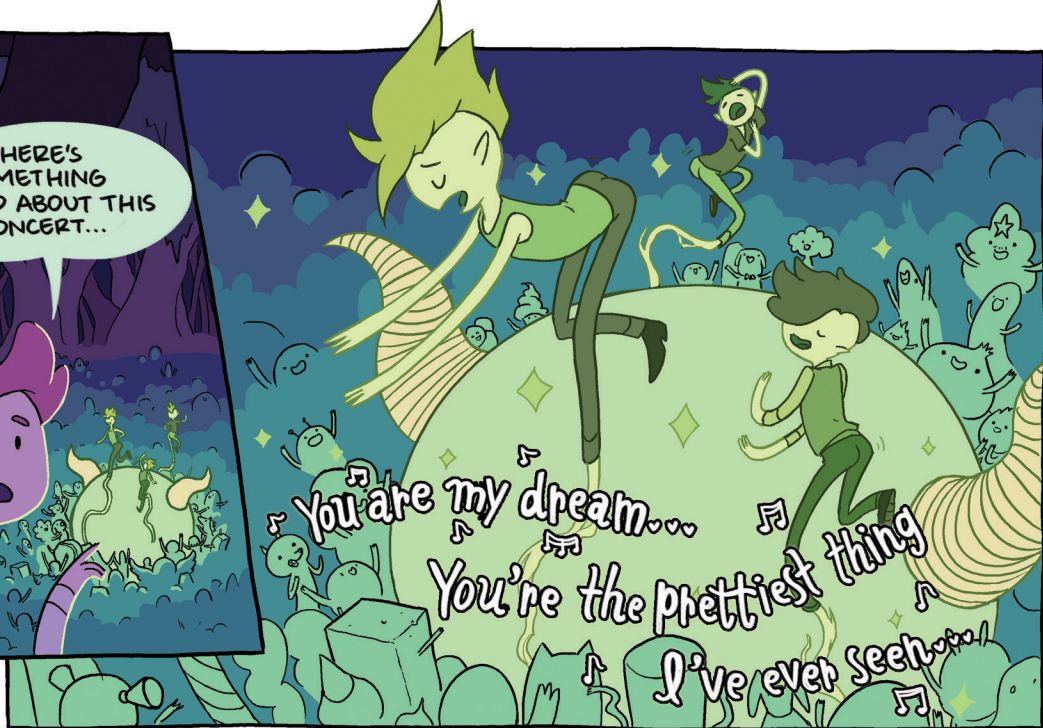
UGH, POP MUSIC.

MORE LIKE  
POOP MUSIC,  
HEHEH... HEH.

WHOA.

UH... GUYS?









ALL THOSE "I LOVE YOU'S"  
I WISH I'D SAID  
RED LIKE MY HEART,  
RED LIKE A ROSE—  
RED LIKE THE CURTAINS  
WAITING TO CLOSE—

OH HEY, YOU  
KNOW THE SONG?!

OH HH.  
UH-OH...

RED LIKE THIS WOUND  
THAT KEEPS BLEEDING

DESPITE ALL OF MY  
DEMON HEALING—

IT'S NOT JUST SONG,  
IT'S EMOTION! A  
SONG WITH EMOTION  
IS THE KEY TO THE SPELL!

DO YOU HAVE  
ANY BUG MILK?

THAT'S WHY I'M OKAY!  
BUTTS ARE NICE BUT  
FEELINGS MAKE ME  
SUPER UNCOMFORTABLE!

HUH?

YOU TOOK MY RED,  
STRETCHED IT OUTTA SHAPE  
UNTIL ALL THAT'S LEFT  
IN MY HEART WAS HATE!

TELL ME MOM,  
WHY'D YOU TAKE  
MY CHUCKS—

WOKE THEM WITH  
YOUR MOM FEET  
UNTIL THEY WERE  
BITTER HUSKS—

TELL ME  
WHYYYYYYYY~



