

POP & FRIENDS



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TARGET: AGES 5 TO 10

GENESIS OF THE PROJECT.

THE **POPO** CHARACTER WAS BORN IN 2014 AS A COMIC BOOK FOR PRESCHOOLERS (AGES 4-5). IT RAN FOR FOUR YEARS IN THE MONTHLY MAGAZINE **G-BABY PUBLISHED BY EDITORE SAN PAOLO**, WHICH PUBLISHED SINGLE-PAGE STANDALONE STORIES WHERE SEQUENTIAL IMAGES TELL SHORT STORIES WITHOUT THE USE OF TEXT BALLOONS.

OVER THE YEARS, THANKS TO NUMEROUS EDUCATIONAL WORKSHOPS HELD AT COMIC FAIRS SUCH AS **LUCCA COMICS & GAMES** AND IN CHILDREN'S LIBRARIES, WE WERE ABLE TO SEE HOW THE CHARACTER WAS "WELCOMED" AND FOLLOWED EVEN BY OLDER CHILDREN.

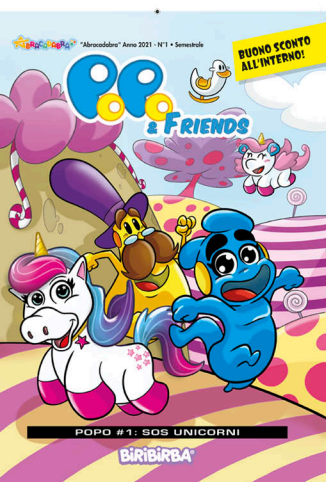


THUS, IT WAS DECIDED TO CREATE LONG STORIES THAT WOULD ALLOW FOR AN IN-DEPTH EXPLORATION OF THE FANTASTIC WORLD IN WHICH POPO LIVES, PAIRING HIM WITH CHARACTERS WHO SOMETIMES FUNCTION AS SIDEKICKS, SOMETIMES AS TRUE PROTAGONISTS, STEALING THE SHOW FROM THE LITTLE BLUE BEING: HENCE THE ADDITION "& FRIENDS." THE POPO & FRIENDS BRAND WAS BORN, CURRENTLY DIVIDED INTO TWO SERIES, THE FIRST SELF-PRODUCED, THE SECOND PUBLISHED BY THE TOY AND COMICS PUBLISHER **CICABOOM**.

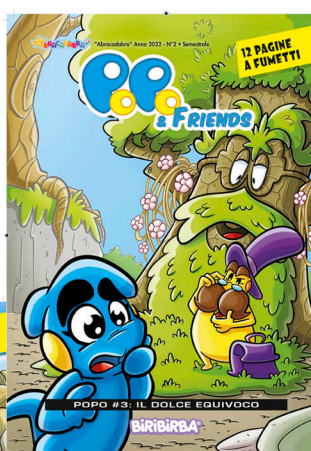
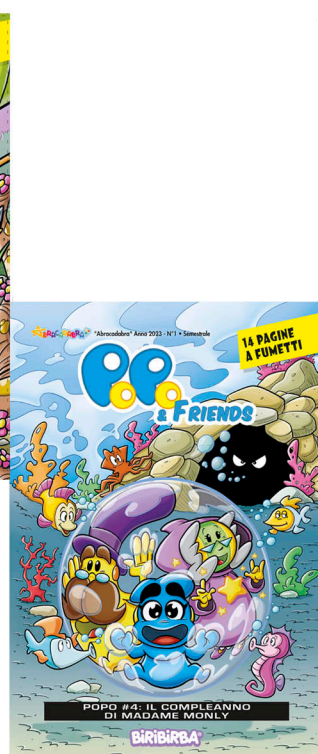
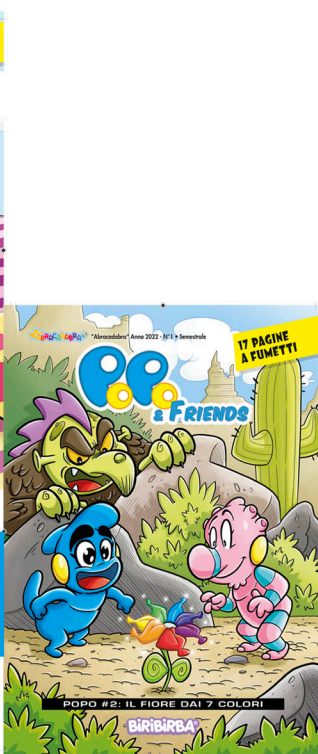
THE SERIES DIFFER IN STORY LENGTH AND THE TYPE OF STORY TOLD.

SELF-PUBLISHED: 3 BOOKS OF 50-PAGE STORIES, FORMING AN ADVENTUROUS AND "EPIC" TRILOGY WITH A SIGNIFICANT ARRAY OF CHARACTERS AND ACTIONS.

STORIES FOR CICABOOM PUBLISHER: SHORT STORIES (ABOUT 15 PAGES) IN WHICH POPO COLLABORATES WITH 1-2 CHARACTERS IN ADVENTURES DESIGNED TO INTRODUCE THE READER TO THEIR CO-PROTAGONISTS IN MORE DEPTH.



**COMIC BOOK COVERS
PUBLISHED BY
CICABOOM**



THE THREE SELF-PUBLISHED BOOKS ARE OUR MOST AMBITIOUS PROJECT, DEVELOPED ALONG THREE THEMES: FRIENDSHIP, CHORALITY, ADVENTURE.

SYNOPSIS

POPO AND HIS FRIENDS LIVE IN A WORLD CALLED **FANTASY WORLD**.

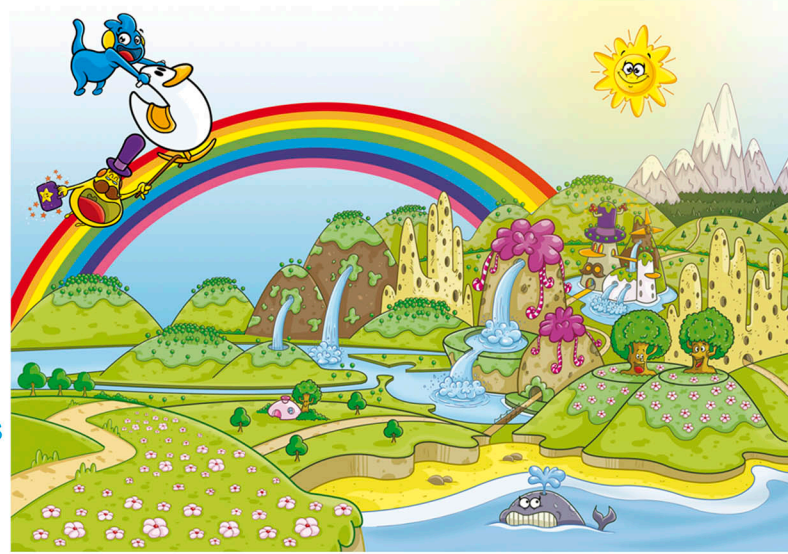
HERE, EVERYONE LIVES TOGETHER IN HARMONY AND FRIENDSHIP, THANKS ALSO TO THE MAGICAL STARS THAT ENVELOP THE ENTIRE KINGDOM. THEY ARE CREATED AND DISTRIBUTED TO THE MOST DESERVING BY **LORD PIXIE**, THE SUPREME WIZARD WHO LIVES ON A STAR-SHAPED FLYING ISLAND WHERE HIS EGG-LIKE HOME FLOATS. THE MAIN USERS OF THESE POWERS ARE THE FOUR **CARDINAL WIZARDS**, TO WHOM THE STARS GRANT DIFFERENT POWERS. TO DATE, WE ONLY KNOW TWO WIZARDS: COUSINS **DR. MAMBUSO** (NORTH) AND **MADAME MONLY** (SOUTH).

POPO IS A DEAR FRIEND OF DR. MAMBUSO, WHO GAVE OUR LITTLE PROTAGONIST THE **ASTRODONDOLO**, A FLYING ROCKING SHAPED LIKE A SENTIENT DUCK THAT CAN TAKE HIM ANYWHERE IN THE BLINK OF AN EYE.

DURING HIS ADVENTURES, POPO WILL MEET **BOBORON**, A NEW, FAITHFUL FRIEND WITH THE ABILITY TO SHAPESHIFT, WITH WHOM HE WILL FORM A STRONG FRIENDSHIP AFTER THE EVENTS OF THE FIRST BOOK.

BUT NOT EVERYTHING IS GOOD IN THIS MAGICAL WORLD. IN FACT, AMONG STRANGE CREATURES LIKE THE **BURUBÙ** AND **MORDIGNAM**, WE ALSO FIND A SUPER VILLAIN... **BARON BAVUSO**, WHO IS ALSO THE TWIN BROTHER OF DR. MAMBUSO! THE BARON POSSESSES DARK POWERS THAT DON'T COME FROM THE MAGIC STARS.

BUT WHERE DID HE GET THEM FROM?



SKYLINE
FANTASYWORLD



CHARACTERS



POPO AND
ASTRODONDOLO



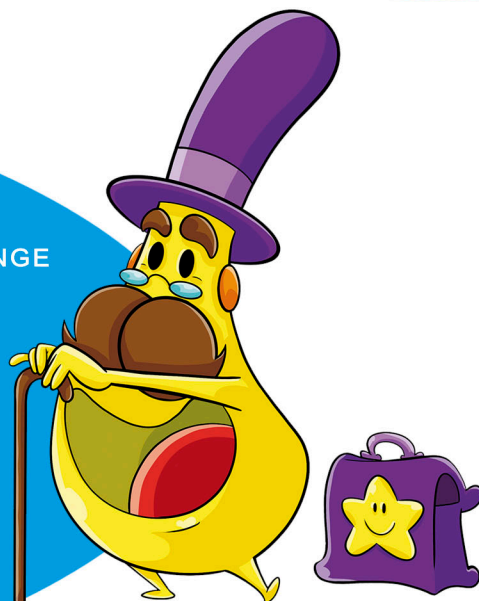
POPO

HE'S A LITTLE FRIEND BLUE.
HIS FAITHFUL COMPANION IS A DUCK-SHAPED SWING
CALLED ASTRODONDOLO!
IT WAS GIVEN TO HIM BY DR. MAMBUSO, HIS FRIEND AND
MENTOR.

POPO IS CURIOUS AND ALTRUISTIC: ALWAYS READY
TO HELP HIS FRIENDS, HE DOESN'T HAVE MAGICAL
ABILITIES BUT STILL TRIES TO FIND IMAGINATIVE
SOLUTIONS TO PROBLEMS, EVEN IF SOMETIMES...
HE GETS IN TROUBLE!
Pooop! POPO!!!

DR. MAMBUSO

ONE OF THE 4 CARDINAL WIZARDS,
HE WIELDS THE POWER OF THE MAGIC STARS!
A WIZARD AND INVENTOR, HE CREATES HIS WORKS IN A STRANGE
FACTORY.
HE SAYS HIS BEST CREATION ARE THE ASTRODONDOI!
ASTROPONY IS THE FIRST AND ALSO HIS BELOVED STEED
THAT MOVES BY JUMPING!
AN ADULT FIGURE, DR. MAMBUSO IS A
BRILLIANT CHARACTER. AT TIMES GRUFF, HE SWITCHES FROM
AUTHORITATIVE
TO AUTHORITY, CREATING COMICAL AND
PARADOXICAL SITUATIONS.



THE FACTORY



ASTROPONY

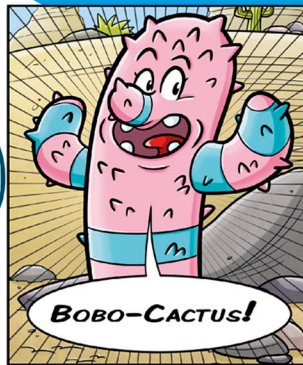
CHARACTERS



BOBORON

BIGGER THAN POPO, HE'S OFTEN HIS COMPANION IN ADVENTURES. HE IS A TROUBLEMAKER, BUT LUCKILY, WHEN NEEDED, HE ALWAYS PROVES TO BE A GREAT HELP THANKS TO HIS ABILITY TO MUTAFORM! IN FACT, HE CAN TAKE THE FORM OF ANYTHING HE WANTS: INANIMATE OBJECTS, ANIMALS, OR CREATURES! HE HAS JUST ONE PROBLEM...HE CAN CHANGE HIS SHAPE, BUT NOT HIS COLOR!

HE IS A PREADOLESCENT CHARACTER, HE'S A BOLD GUY BUT DEEP DOWN A LITTLE FEARFUL. HOWEVER, HE ALWAYS FINDS THE COURAGE IN TIMES OF TRUE NEED!



ZU

A YOUNG LIZARD WARRIOR GUARDS THE SECRETS OF THE SOUTHERN JUNGLE, SUCH AS THE MAGIC TOTEM OR THE MUDMASK SWAMP!

THE CUNNING AND RECKLESSNESS ARE HIS STRENGTHS IN FACING THE DANGERS HE FACES.

SHE IS A ADOLESCENT CHARACTER: GENEROUS AND LOYAL LIKE ANY RESPECTING FIGHTER!

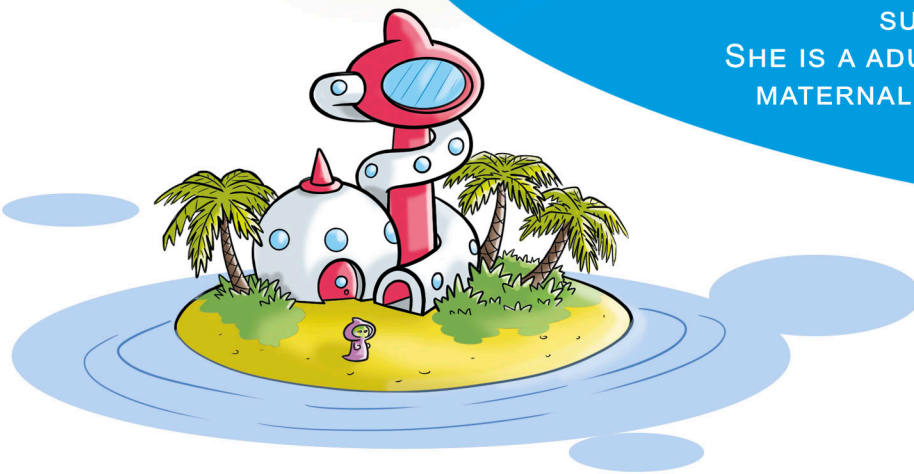


CHARACTERS



MADAME MONLY

SHE IS DR. MAMBUSO'S COUSIN AND LIVES IN THE SOUTH OF FANTASY WORLD ON A SMALL ISLAND NEAR THE SOUTHERN JUNGLE OF THE FANTASY WORLD. SHE LOVES TEA AND, INSTEAD OF A CRYSTAL BALL, SHE OWNS A BOOK WITH WHICH SHE CAN DISCOVER MANY THINGS. SHE'S VERY PLAYFUL AND LOVES TO TEASE HER COUSIN AFFECTIONATELY. ON HER CHEST SHE WEARS A MAGICAL STAR PENDANT THAT SHE USES TO CAST SPELLS, SUCH AS FLYING AND MOVING THINGS. SHE IS A ADULT CHARACTER, WITH A SWEET AND MATERNAL NATURE, SHE'S THE GRANDMOTHER EVERYONE WOULD LOVE.



MADAME MONLY'S ISLAND

LORD PIXIE

THE SUPREME MAGICIAN LIVES ON A FLOATING ISLAND IN THE HOUSE CALLED STELLA REGGIA, WHERE, WITH HIS MAGICAL ENERGY, HE CREATES LITTLE STARS FULL OF MAGIC.

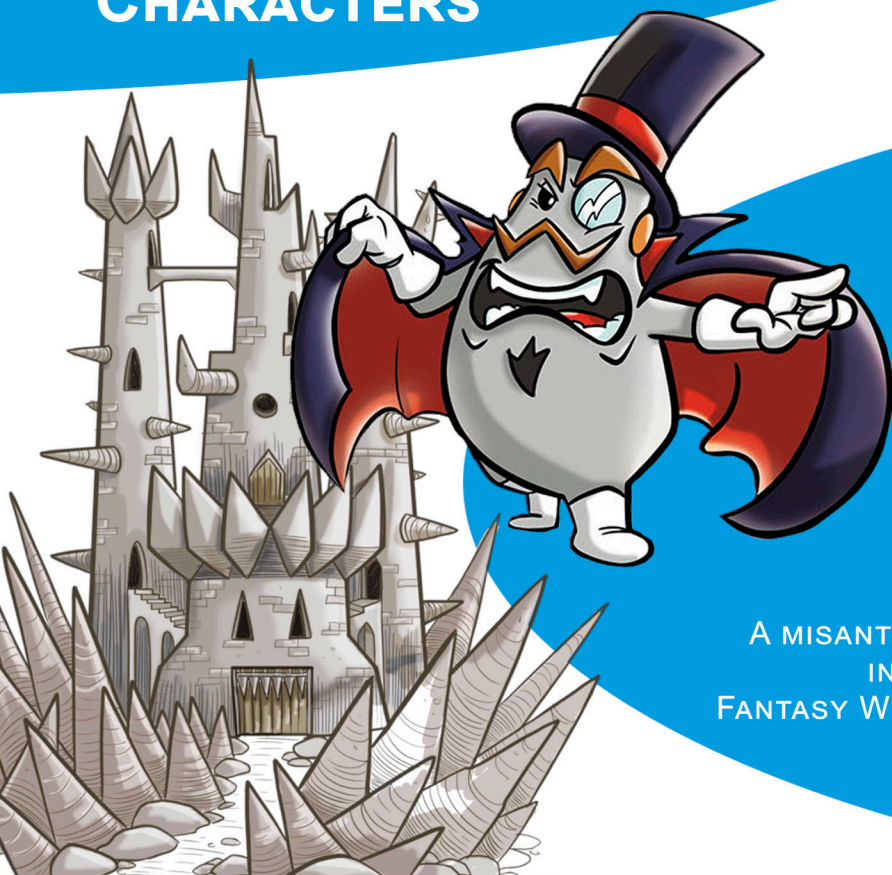
HE LIVES UNDISTURBED, NEVER DESCENDING INTO FANTASY WORLD. FEW HAVE THE PRIVILEGE OF BEING WELCOMED INTO HIS HOME, AND WHEN THIS HAPPENS, IT MEANS PROBLEMS THAT NEED TO BE SOLVED...
RIGHT, DR. MAMBUSO?

AN AGELESS FIGURE, HE EXUDES A DIVINE AURA THAT MAKES EVEN THE FOUR CARDINAL WIZARDS FEEL SMALL!



STELLA REGGIA

CHARACTERS



BARON BAVUSO

HE IS DR. MAMBUSO'S TWIN BROTHER. SINCE HE WAS LITTLE, HAS ALWAYS BEEN MISCHIEVOUS AND ENVIOUS OF OTHERS SINCE HE WAS LITTLE.

AFTER EVENTS NOT YET TOLD, THE TWO BROTHERS WENT THEIR SEPARATE WAYS, EMBRACING VERY DIFFERENT LIFESTYLES...

A MISANTHROPIC AND EVIL CHARACTER, HE LIVES IN A CASTLE IN THE WASTELANDS OF THE FANTASY WORLD THAT HE HAS DECLARED HIS OWN! WHOEVER APPROACHES IS DOOMED!!!

BARON'S CASTLE



SELF-PUBLISHED BOOKS

No. 1 THE MYSTERY OF THE MISSING NANNA!

No. 2 THE SEARCH FOR DR. MAMBUSO!

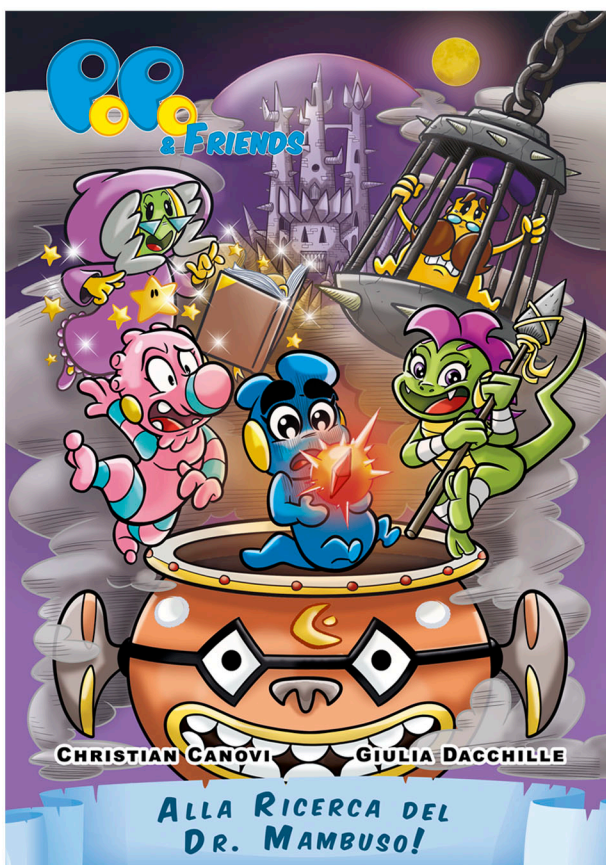


SYNOPSIS

LORD PIXIE, THE SUPREME WIZARD OF THE FANTASY WORLD, ASKS **DR. MAMBUSO** TO INVESTIGATE BECAUSE THE MYTHICAL **ARCODRALENO**, FROM THE TOP OF THE **INFINITE MOUNTAIN**, HAS STOPPED CREATING RAINBOWS, ESSENTIAL FOR MAINTAINING THE COLORS OF ALL NATURE IN THEIR WORLD.

FOR THE **DOCTOR** AND **POPO** BEGINS A LONG ADVENTURE WHICH WILL SEE THEM CROSS EXTRAVAGANT LANDSCAPES SUCH AS THE CRYSTAL FOREST, THE DESERT OF LAUGHING DUNES, THE **FORESTA FITTA**, ENCOUNTER CREATURES EVEN STRANGER THAN THEMSELVES, SUCH AS THE **WISE TREE**, THE **NIPPA PEOPLE**, AND THE ANGRY **BURUBU**!

A JOURNEY OF ADVENTURE AND INVESTIGATION WITH A FINALE THAT OFFERS NEW FRIENDSHIPS AND A MAJOR TWIST!



SYNOPSIS

BARON BAVUSO HAS CAPTURED HIS BROTHER, **DR. MAMBUSO**!

POPO AND HIS NEW MUTAFORM FRIEND **BOBORON** TO TRY AND SAVE HIM.

BUT BARONE'S CASTLE IS NO EASY PLACETO REACH... OUR FRIENDS WILL MEET NEW, HOSTILE HAMBIENT LIKE THE SOUTHERN JUNGLE, THE MUD MASK SWAMP AND THE MAGICAL TOTEM!

TO ADVANCE, THEY WILL HAVE TO LEARN TO WORK TOGETHER WITHOUT **DR. MAMBUSO**, TRUSTING IN THEIR OWN ABILITIES AND AIDED BY NEW, BRAVE FRIENDS: THE SOUTHERN SORCERESS **MADAME MONLY** AND THE LIZARD WARRIOR **ZU**!

SELF-PUBLISHED BOOKS

NO. 3 IN THE CLAWS OF BARON BAVUSO!



SYNOPSIS

IN THE FINAL VOLUME, **POPO** AND **BOBORON** HAVE FINALLY ARRIVED IN THE DESOLATE LANDS OF BARON BAVUSO'S CASTLE WHERE, THANKS TO THE GEM GRANTED BY THE MAGICAL TOTEM, THEY MANAGE TO ENTER THE GLOOMY CASTLE.

IT'S NOT WILL SO EASY TO FREE **DR. MAMBUSO** AND HIS **ASTROPONY** WITHOUT BEING DISCOVERED BY THE BARON'S HENCHMEN, THE RAVENOUS **MORDIGNAM!**

AND HOW MANY TRAPS WILL THE ROOMS OF THE CASTLE HIDE?

FOR POPO AND BOBORON, IT WILL BE THE MOST DIFFICULT ADVENTURE OF THEIR LIVES. BUT EVEN FOR DR. MAMBUSO, ONCE FREED, IT WON'T BE EASY TO DEAL WITH HIS BROTHER AND THEIR CONFLICTING FEELINGS.

WHO WILL WIN?

MAYBE, NOT EVEN **LORD PIXIE** CAN KNOW...



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**IL MISTERO DEL NANNA
SCOMPARSO**

LONTANO, LONTANO, SULL' ORBITA DEL MAGICO MONDO CHIAMATO
FANTASY WORLD, C'È UNA STRANA ISOLA VOLANTE CHIAMATA
STELLA REGGIA CHE OSPITA UN GIGANTESCO UOVO ROSA
EMH... UN GIGANTESCO EDIFICIO OVALE...



FANTASY
WORLD

STELLA
REGGIA



GLOBO
STELLARE
CONTIENE LE
STELLINE
CREATE DALLA
MAGIA DI SUA
ECCELLENZA!



... DIMORA DEL GRANDE
E LEGGENDARIO, NONCHÉ
SUA ECCELLENZA,
LORD PIXIE!
IL MAGO SUPREMO DI
FANTASY WORLD E
CREATORE DELLE
STELLINE MAGICHE!

BASTONE STELLARE
CONSENTE A SUA ECCELLENZA
DI DIRIGERE LA MAGIA DELLE
STELLINE DOVE VUOLE!

E' QUI CHE STA AVENDO LUOGO UN
IMPORTANTISSIMO INCONTRO TRA LORD PIXIE
ED IL GENIALE DOTTOR MAMBUSO !

CARO DR MAMBUSO,
L'HO CONVOCATA IN QUANTO
SU FANTASY WORLD STA
SUCCEDENDO QUALCOSA DI
MOLTO GRAVE!

GUARDA-SFERA

GRAZIE AD ESSA
SI PUÒ OSSERVARE
IL FANTASY WORLD!

IMMAGINO SUA
ECCELLENZA! SE MI HA
TELETRASPORTATO
FIN QUI TEMO CHE IL PROBLEMA
SIA...MOLTO SERIO!

"MOLTO SERIO"
È DIR POCA COSA
CARO DOTTORE.

TEMO CHE IL
NOSTRO AMICO
ARCODRALENO
NON STIA
BENE!

**BORSA
MAGICA**

CONTIENE INFINITI
OGGETTI STRAMBI E
LE STELLINE MAGICHE
DATE AL DOTTORE
DA LORD PIXIE!

MA
QUESTO SAREBBE UN
GRANDISSIMO PROBLEMA
SUA ECCELLENZA
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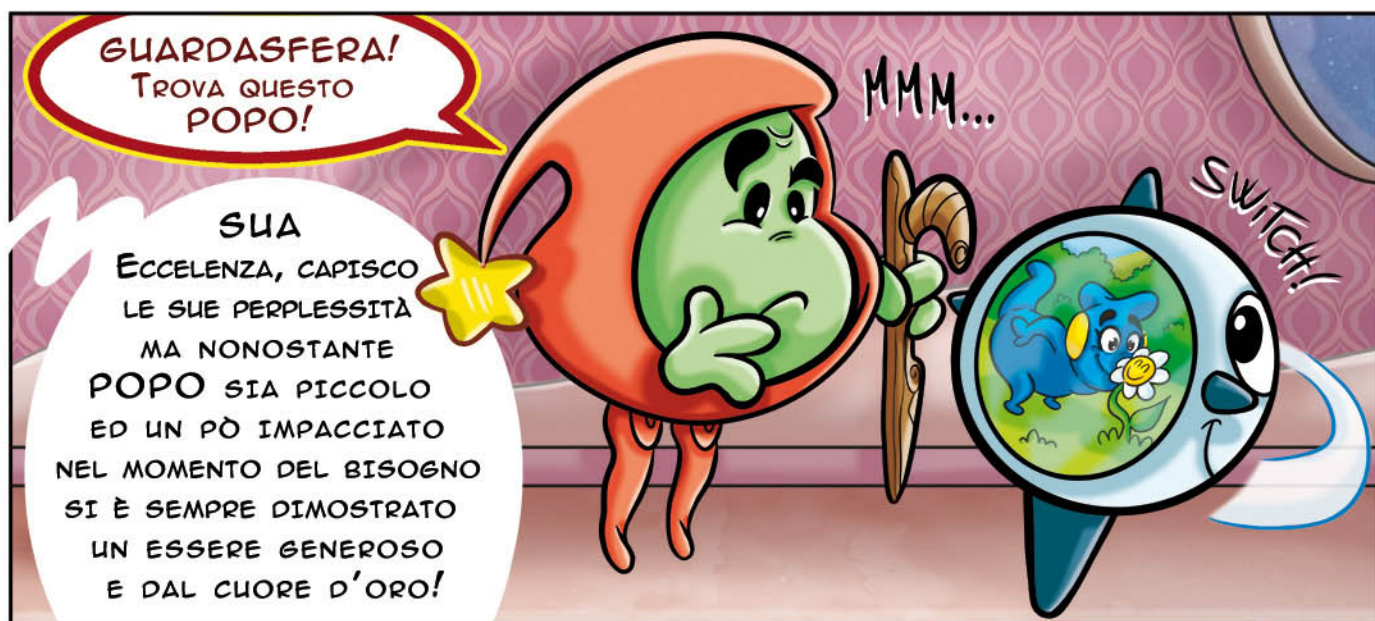
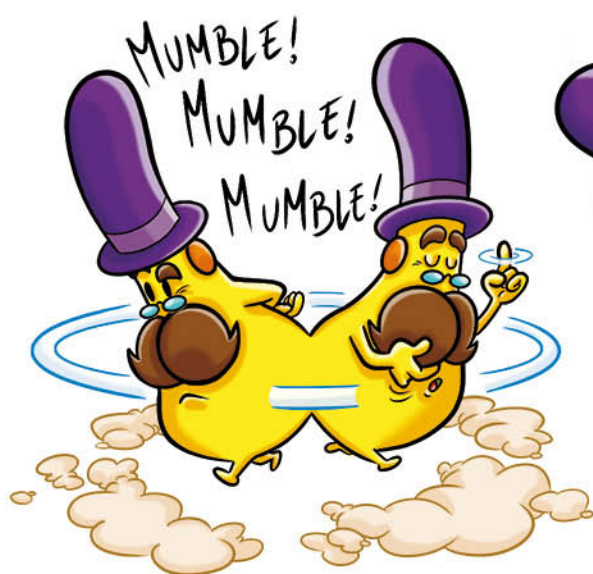
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ESSENDO LEI UNO DEI
4 CUSTODI CARDINALI
DI FANTASY WORLD
SA QUANTO SIA IMPORTANTE
LA MAGIA DI
ARCODRALENO!

OGNI MATTINA,
DALL'ALTO DELLA
MONTAGNA INFINITA,
EGLI CREA UN ARCOBALENO
CHE È LA FONTE DEI
COLORI DEL NOSTRO
MONDO!

SE GLI
ARCOBALENI CESSASSERO
DI ESSERE PRODOTTI
QUOTIDIANAMENTE, DOPO
SETTE GIORNI
LA NATURA COMINCEREBBEA
A PERDERE TUTTI I
COLORI!





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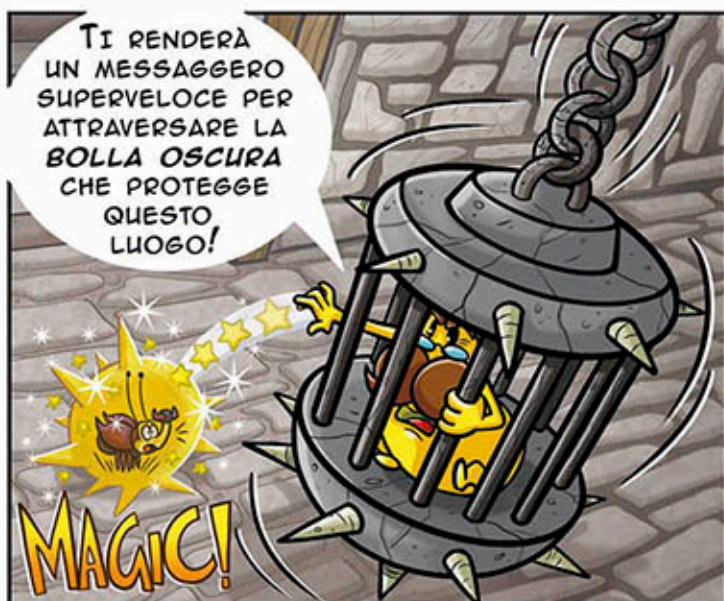
GIULIA DACCHILLE

ALLA RICERCA DEL
DR. MAMBUSO!

IN UN LUOGO A NOI IGNOTO E
POCO ACCOGLIENTE...



PRIMA DI TUTTO
DEVO USCIRE DA QUI!
DIFFICILE MA NON IMPOSSIBILE
E TU MI AIUTERAI!



NEL FRATTEMPO, IN UN LUOGO A NOI NOTO E ACCOGLIENTE...

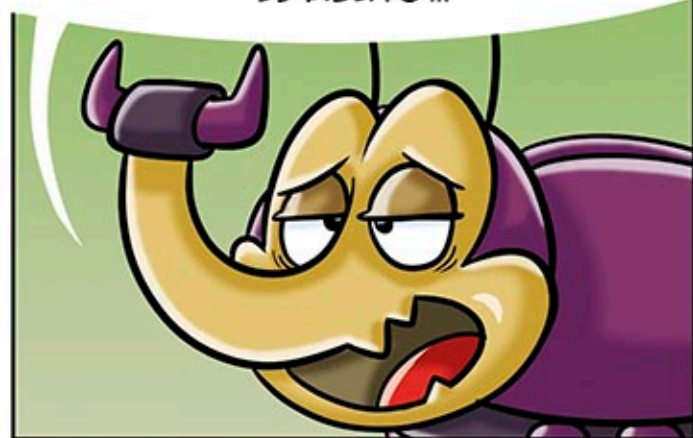








MA CHE DOTTORE E DOTTORE IO SONO
SOLAMENTE UN SUO UMILE AIUTANTE...
INVIATO PER PORTARVI LA SUA RICHIESTA
DI AIUTO...



*VEDI POPO & FRIENDS - IL MISTERO DEL NANNA SCOMPARSO.

...VENNE
IMPRIGIONATO
NEL CASTELLO
DEL
BARON BAVUSO

...

IL SUO MALVAGIO
GEMELLO
!!!



IL DR MAMBUSO
HA UN GEMELLO?

EBBENE SÌ!
ANCHE SE I DUE
NON LO SEMBRANO
AFFATTO!



FIN DA
BAMBINI SONO
IL GIORNO E LA
NOTTE...



...TANTO
BUONO E GENEROSO
MAMBUSO...



...QUANTO
CATTIVO E DISPETTOSO
BAVUSO!



POP
& FRIENDS



CHRISTIAN CANOVI

GIULIA DACCHILLE

**NELLE GRINFIE DEL
BARON BAVUSO!**

AVVISATI
DA UN PICCOLO
MESSAGGERO CHE
IL **DR. MAMBUSO**
È PRIGIONIERO NEL
CASTELLO DEL
BARON BAVUSO,
POPO E BOBORON
HANNO INTRAPRESO
UN LUNGO E
AVVENTUROSO VIAGGIO
CHE LI HA CONDOTTI
NEI PRESSI DEL
LUGUBRE MANIERO...

LO SO,
IL PAESAGGIO NON È
DEI PIÙ INVITANTI MA
NON POSSIAMO
MOLLARE PROPRIO
ORA!

No,
BEH, PERÒ,
ALMENO
POTREMMO...

POTREMMO
NIENTE!

DOBBIAMO
ARRIVARE DAL DR.
MAMBUSO IL PRIMA
POSSIBILE!

E TU NON MI
DIRAI CHE HAI
PAURA?

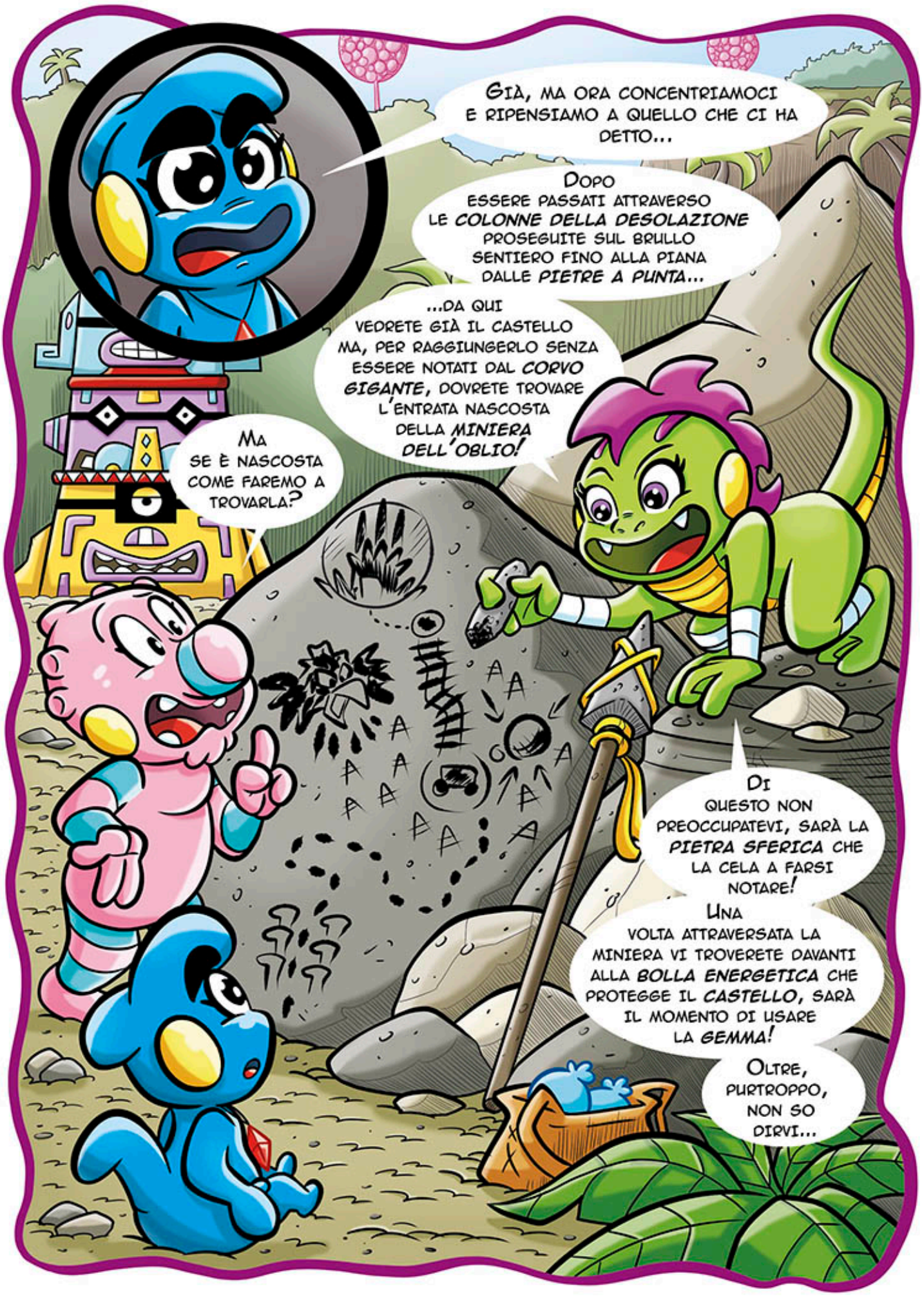
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VOLEVO
SOLO DIRE CHE
POTREMMO FERMARCI
E...

...RAGIONARE SULLE
INDICAZIONI CHE CI HA DATO
ZU PER RAGGIUNGERE IL
CASTELLO!

SE FOSSE QUI
SAREBBE TUTTO PIÙ
SEMPLICE. LEI SÌ CHE
È TOSTA!

UNA VERA
GUERRIERA!



GIÀ, MA ORA CONCENTRIAMOCI
E RIPENSIAMO A QUELLO CHE CI HA
DETTO...

DOPO
ESSERE PASSATI ATTRAVERSO
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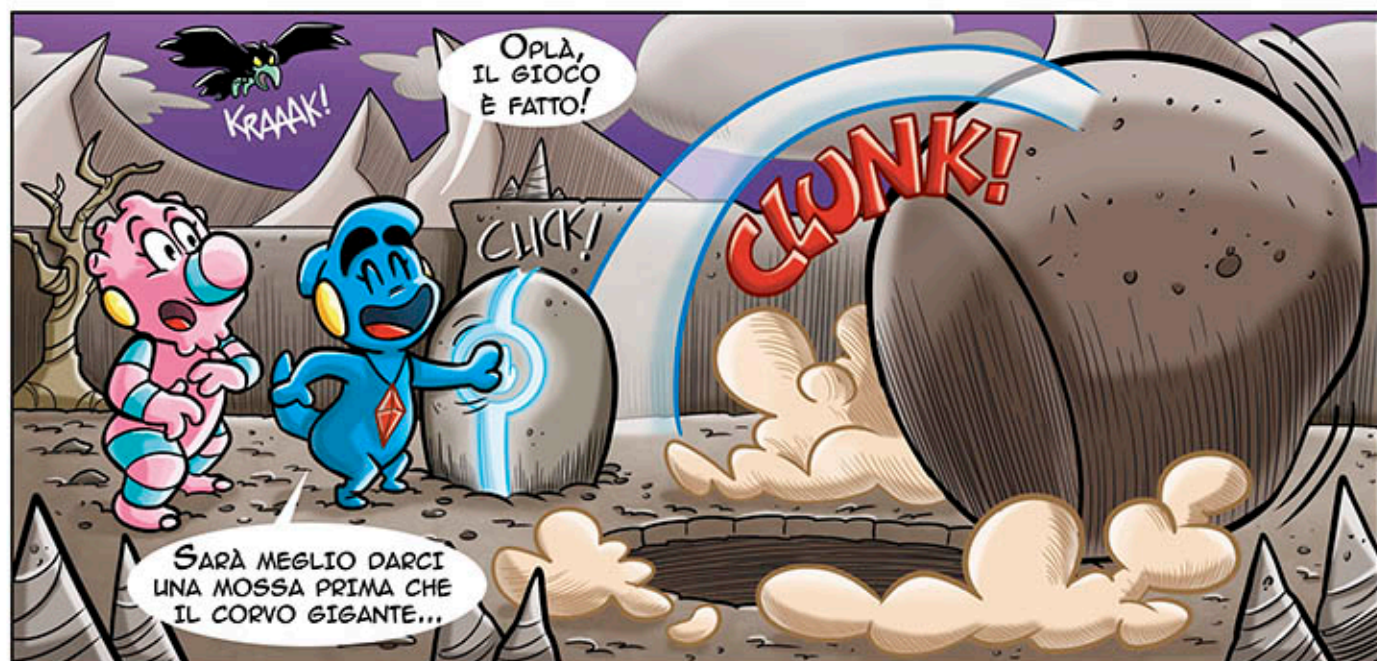
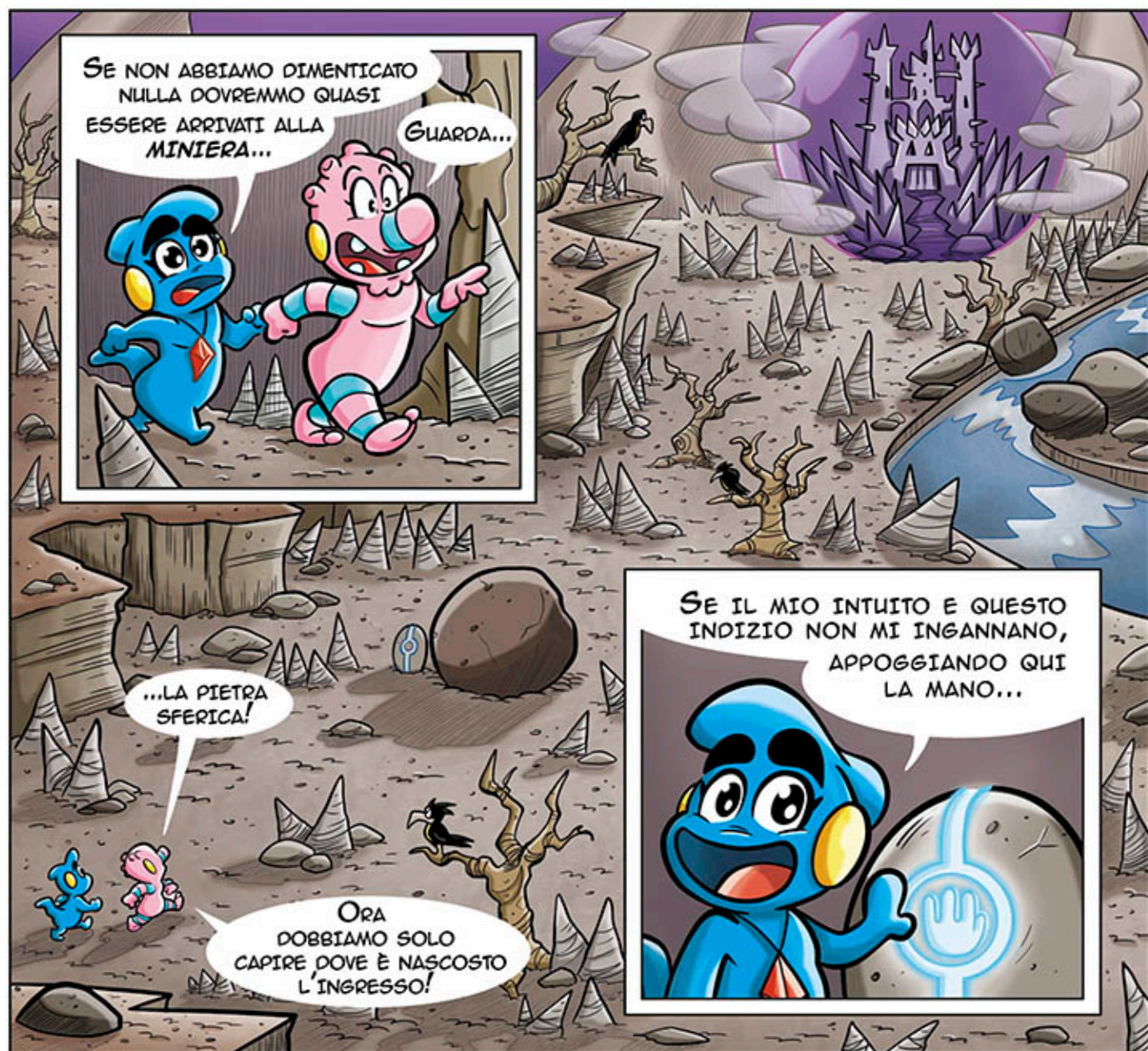
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DELLA MINIERA
DELL'OBLIO!

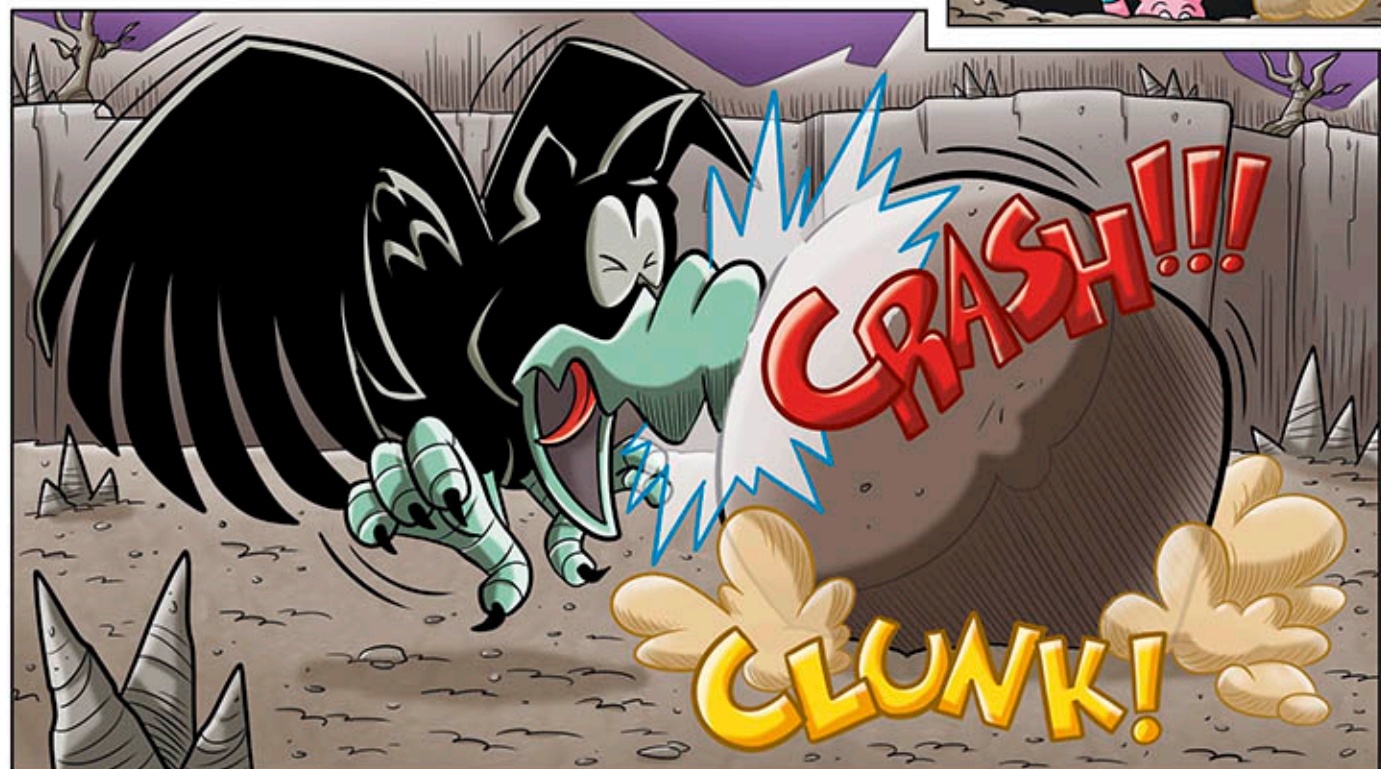
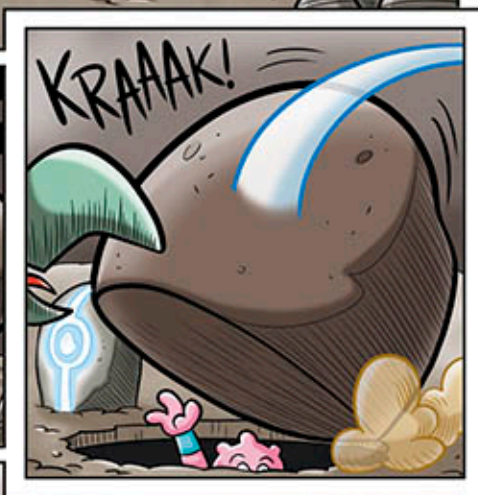
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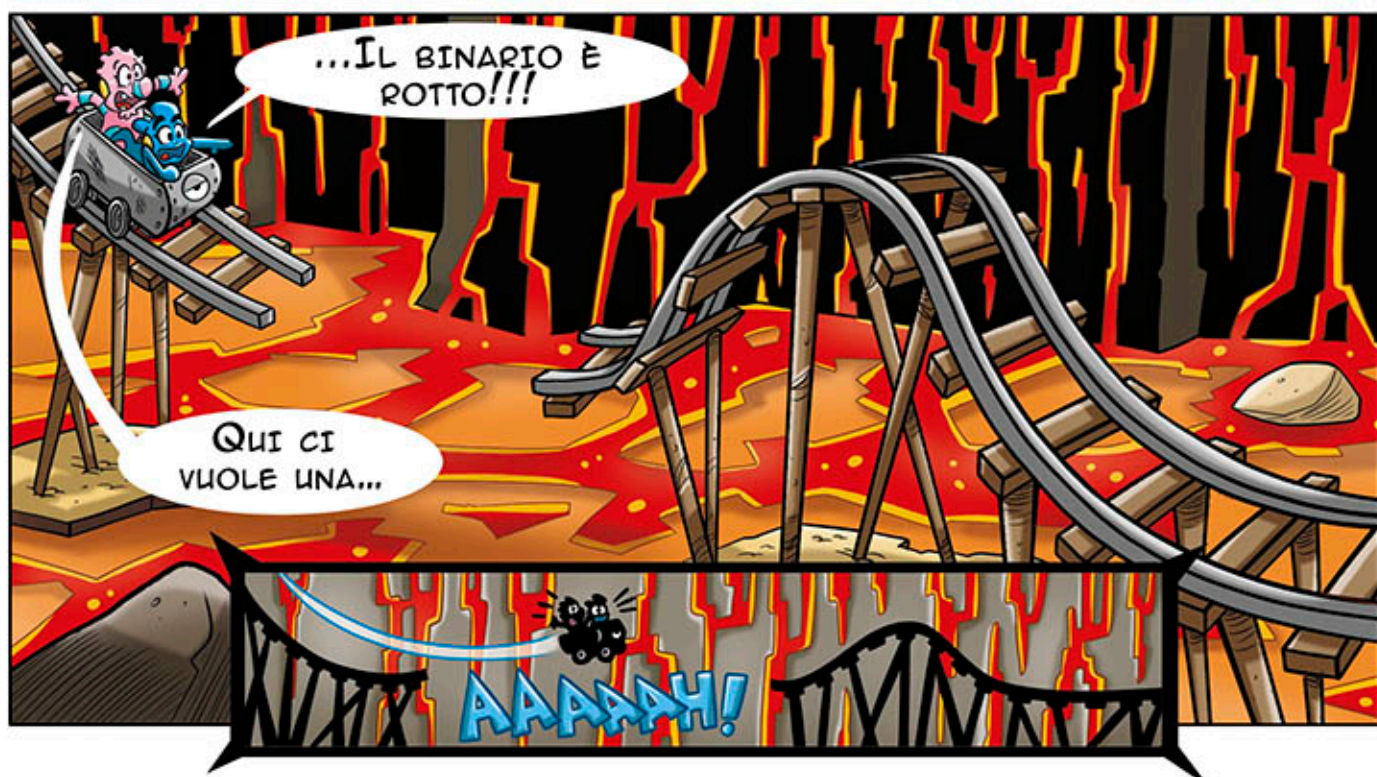
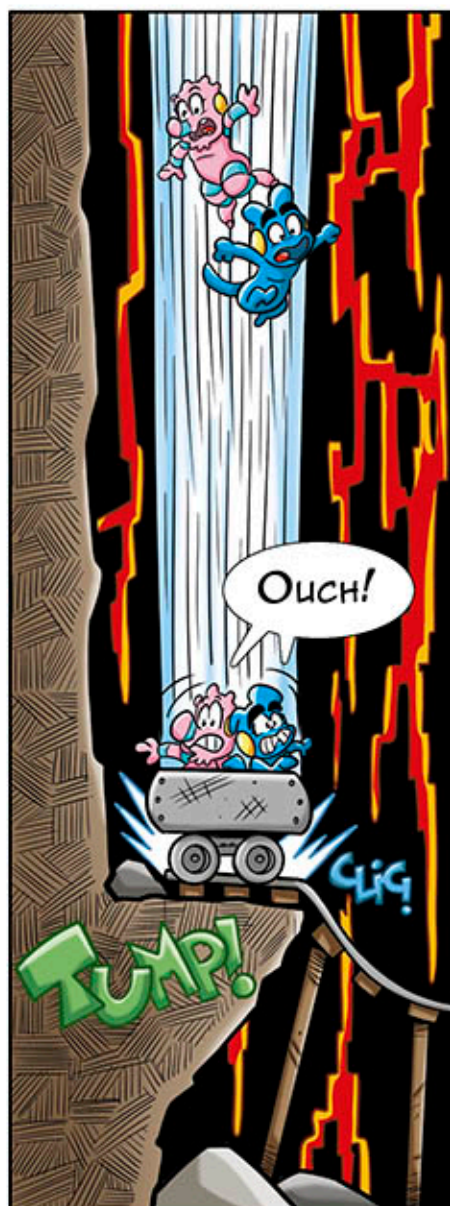
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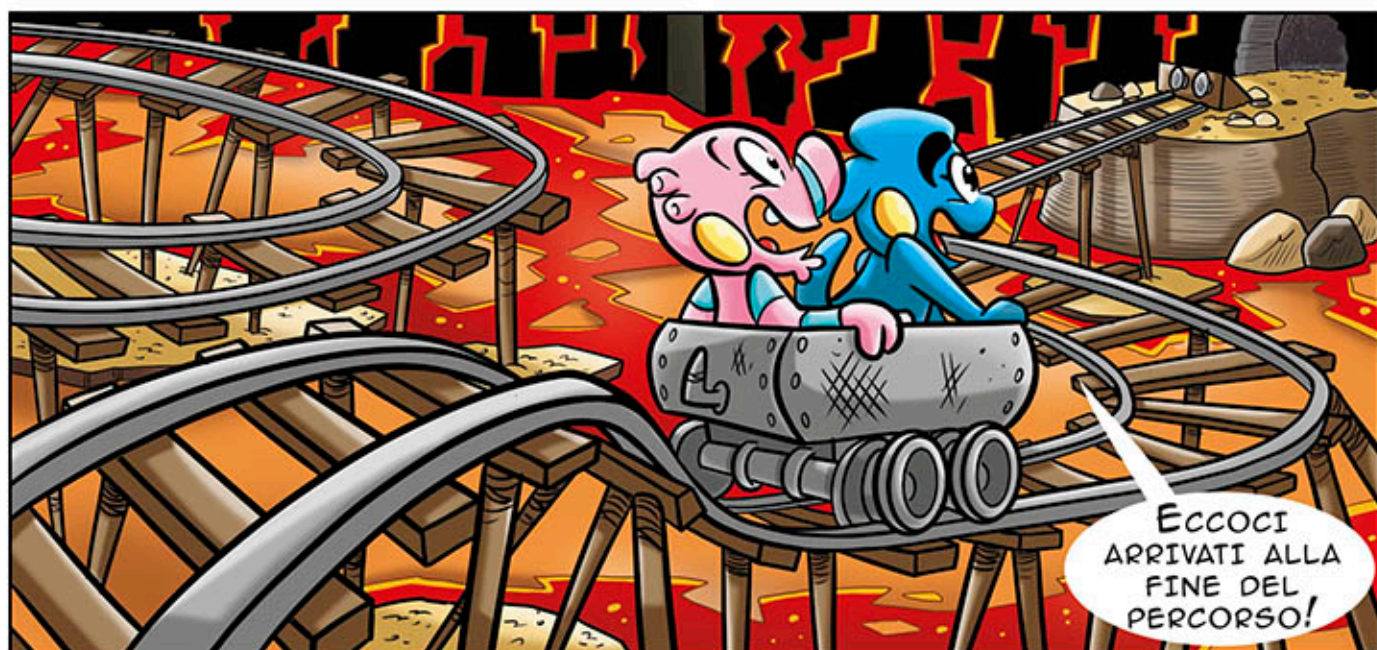
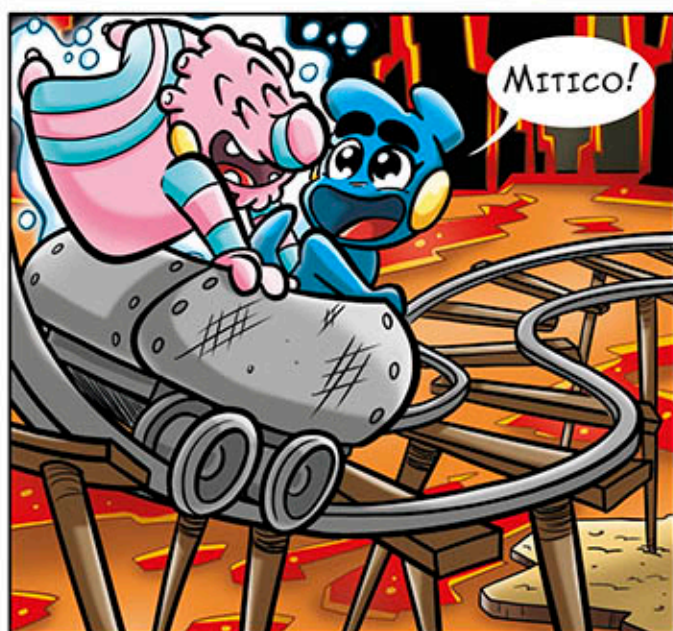
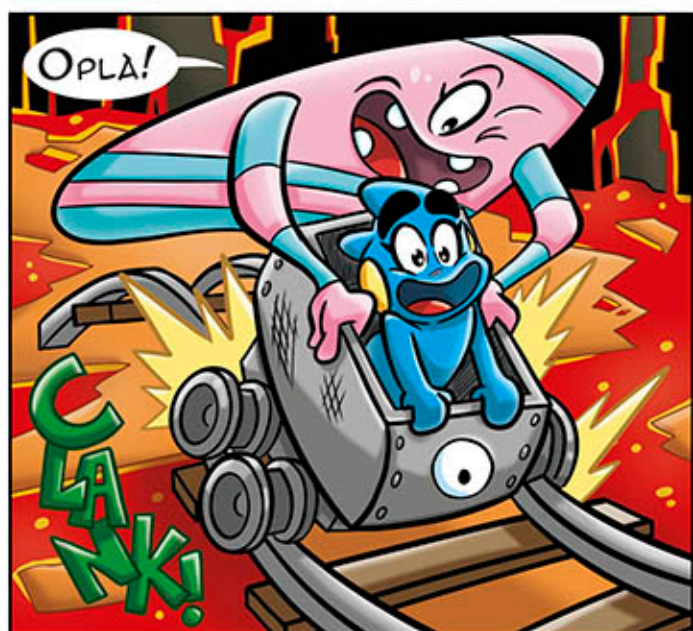
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VOLTA ATTRAVERSATA LA
MINIERA VI TROVERETE DAVANTI
ALLA BOLLA ENERGETICA CHE
PROTEGGE IL CASTELLO, SARÀ
IL MOMENTO DI USARE
LA GEMMA!

OLTRE,
PURTROPPO,
NON SO
DIRVI...











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