

PLANET-MAN:1

LILY PAD LESSON

A sparring match becomes a warning.



1. Hoppette chose a quiet training room.



2. Another miniature world held the floor.



3. Thank you for training with me.



4. I beat you once.



5. Again should not be hard.



6. Hoppette smiled like she had counted on that.



1. The first strike was not a kick.



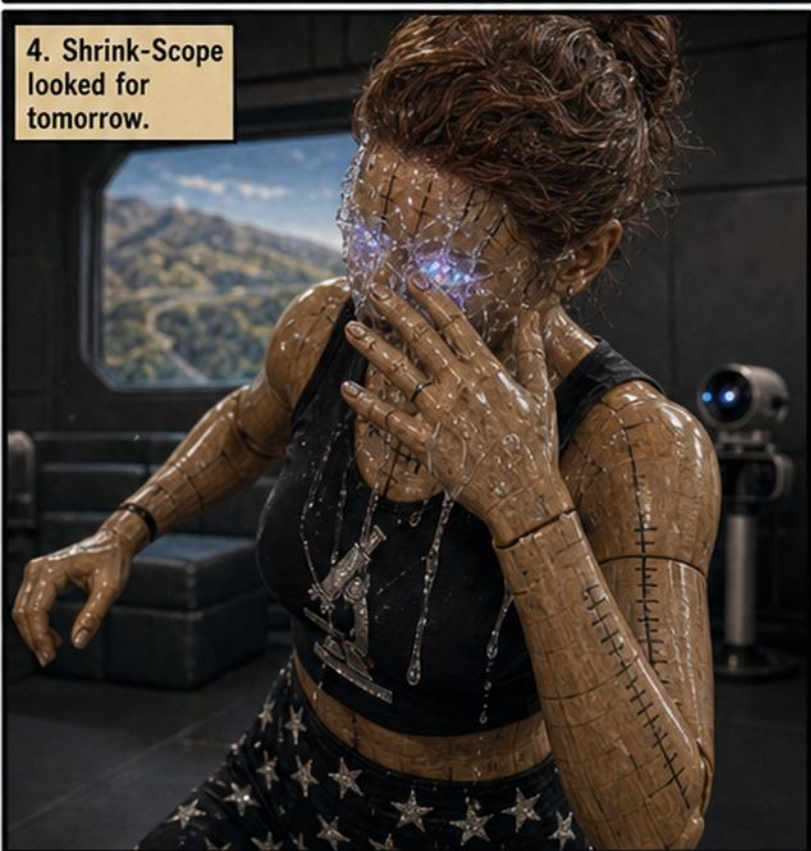
2. It was a tongue.



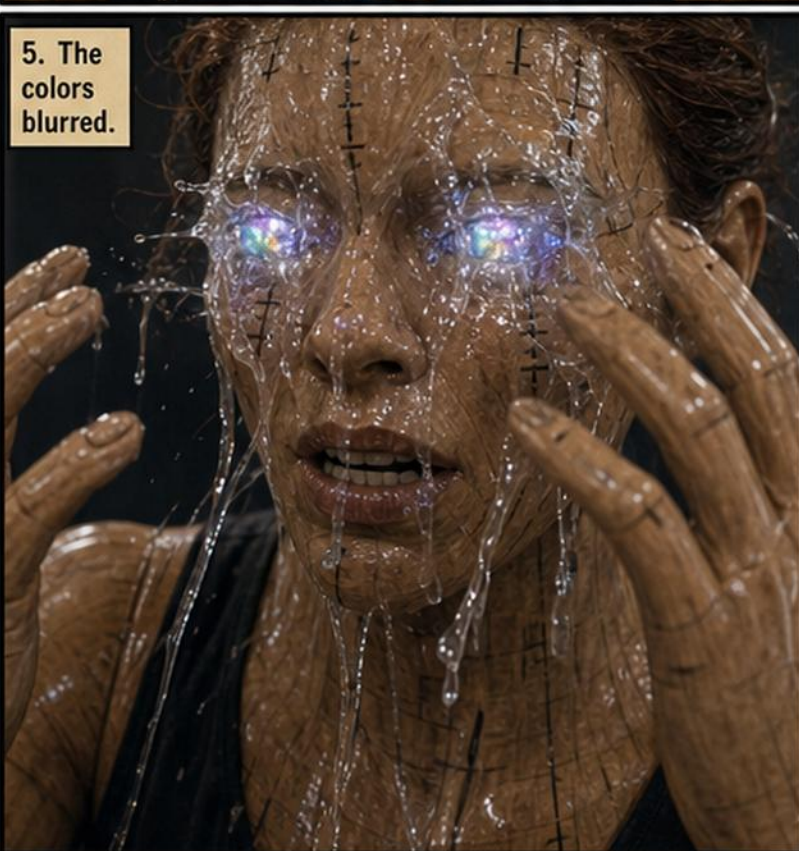
3. Mucus hit the crystal eyes.



4. Shrink-Scope looked for tomorrow.



5. The colors blurred.



6. The future could not get through.



1. Her hand went to her eyes.



2. Her guard left her center.



3. Hoppette crossed the room in one hop.



4. The kick found the gut.



5. Confidence left with the air.



1. Then the room became angles.



2. Ceiling.



3. Kick.



4. Wall.



5. Kick.



6. Another wall.



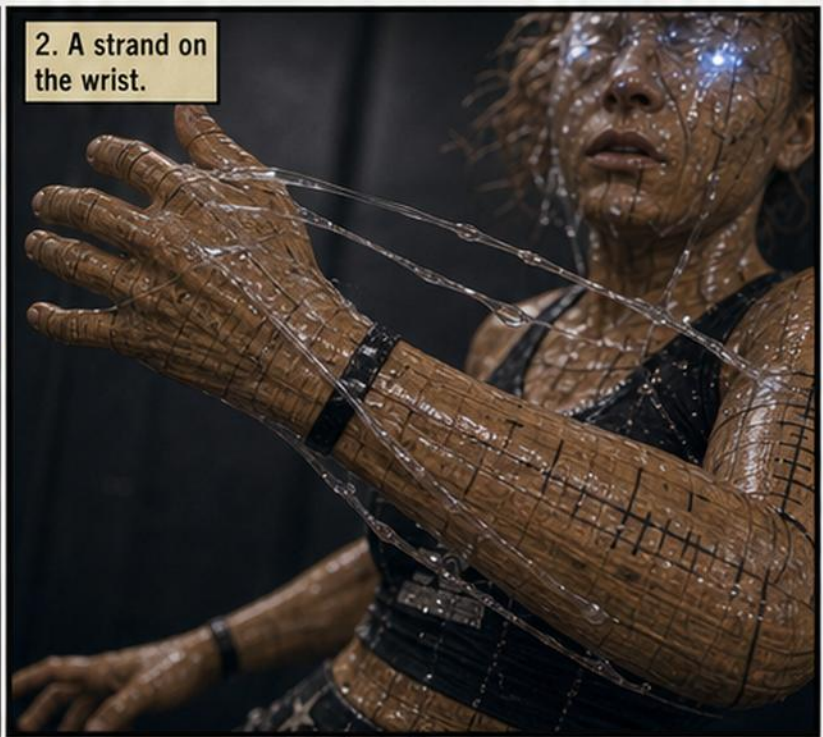
7. Too fast to wipe anything away.



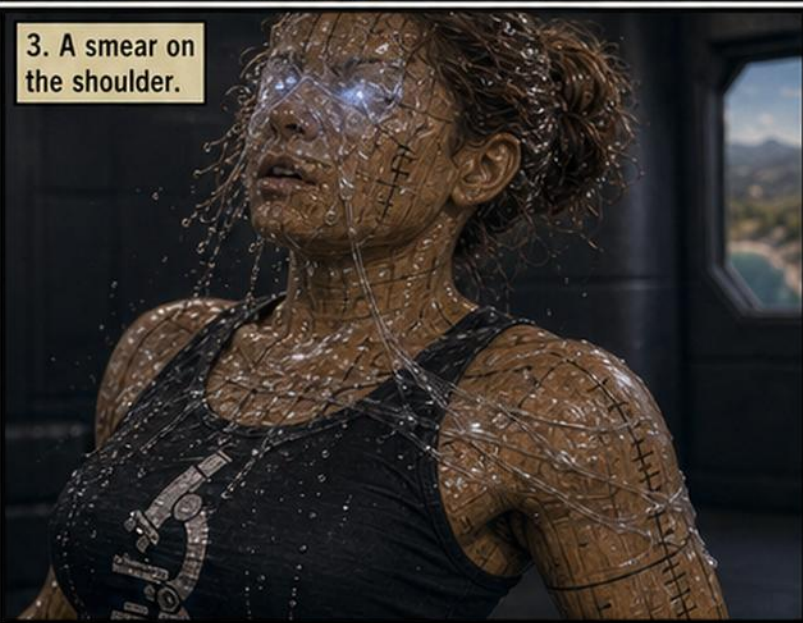
1. Every strike left something behind.



2. A strand on the wrist.



3. A smear on the shoulder.



4. A line across the legs.



5. The next second finally stopped.



6. Shrink-Scope could not move.



1. I needed you to listen.



2. You helped him care.



3. Thank you for that.



4. But your world keeps him.



5. The Golems protect the others.



6. They are not the real thing.

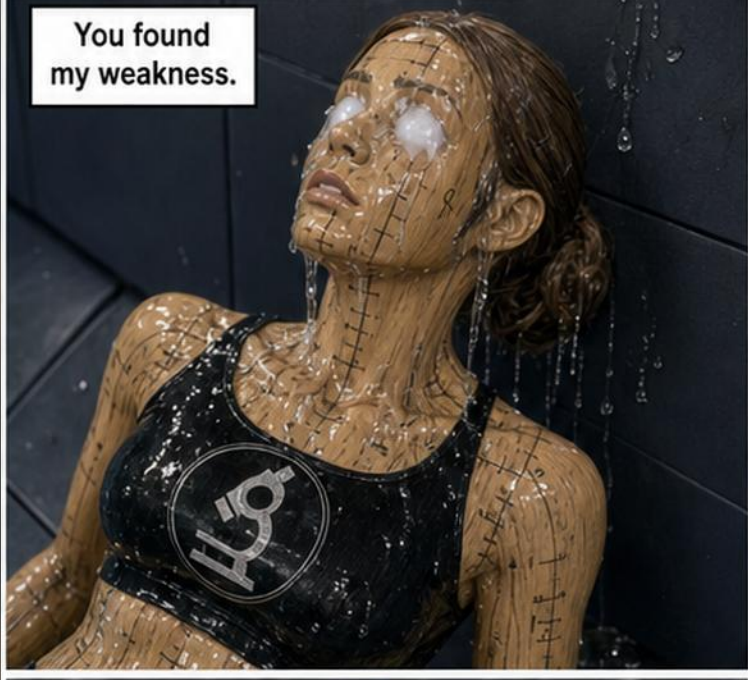




Planet-Man can make any world mid-fight.



A Golem only has what it was built with.



You found my weakness.



Hoppette softened first.



You cannot hold him forever.



Now let me take you home.



Shrink-Scope had no answer yet.