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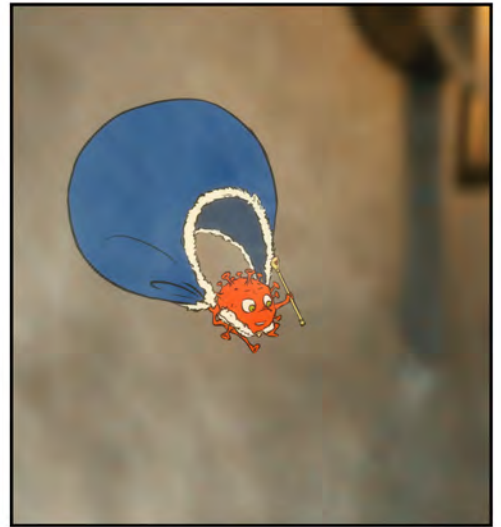
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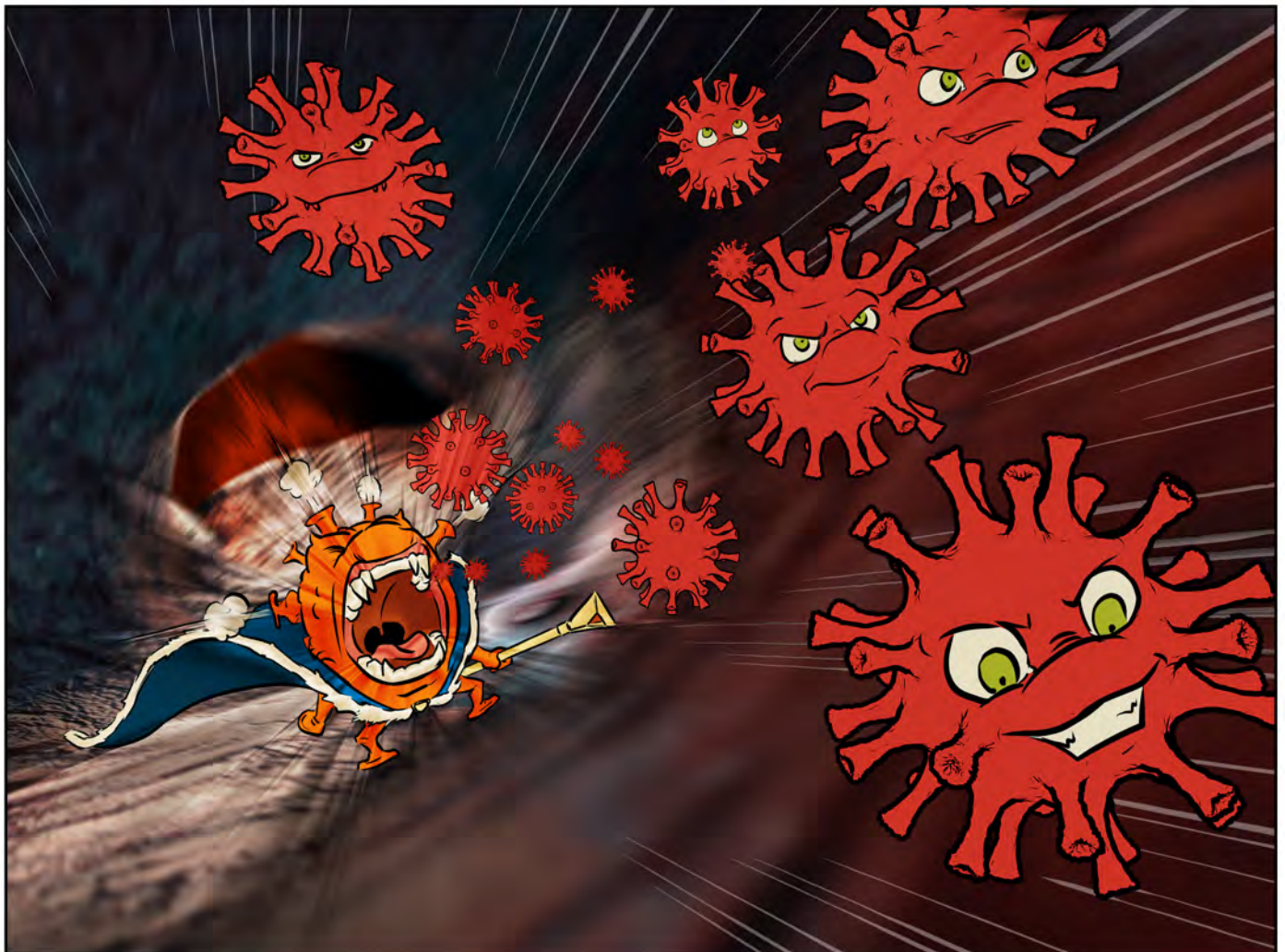
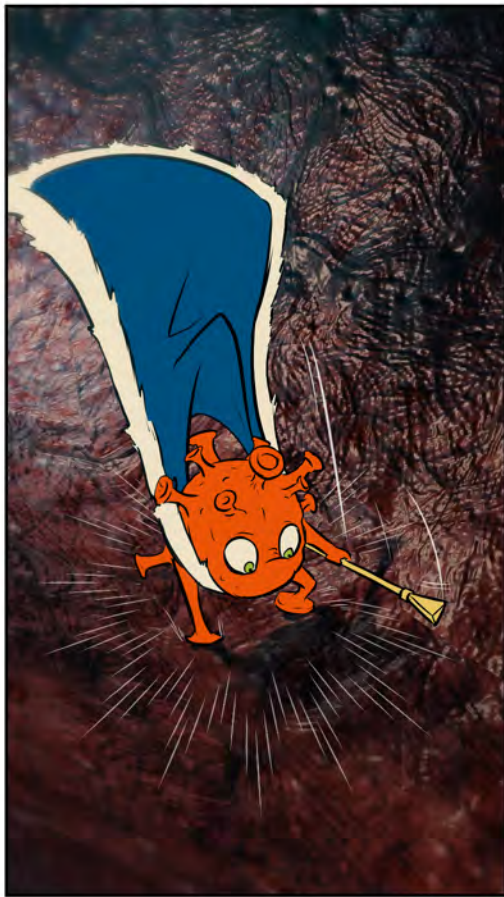
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## GENERAL LOCKDOWN IN JERUSALEM

## NEW WORLDWIDE PANDEMIC



## HA-MN1 VIRUS TESTING SITES OPEN ACROSS ISRAEL



## ISRAEL ON RED ALERT: HOSPITALS ARE OVERWHELMED

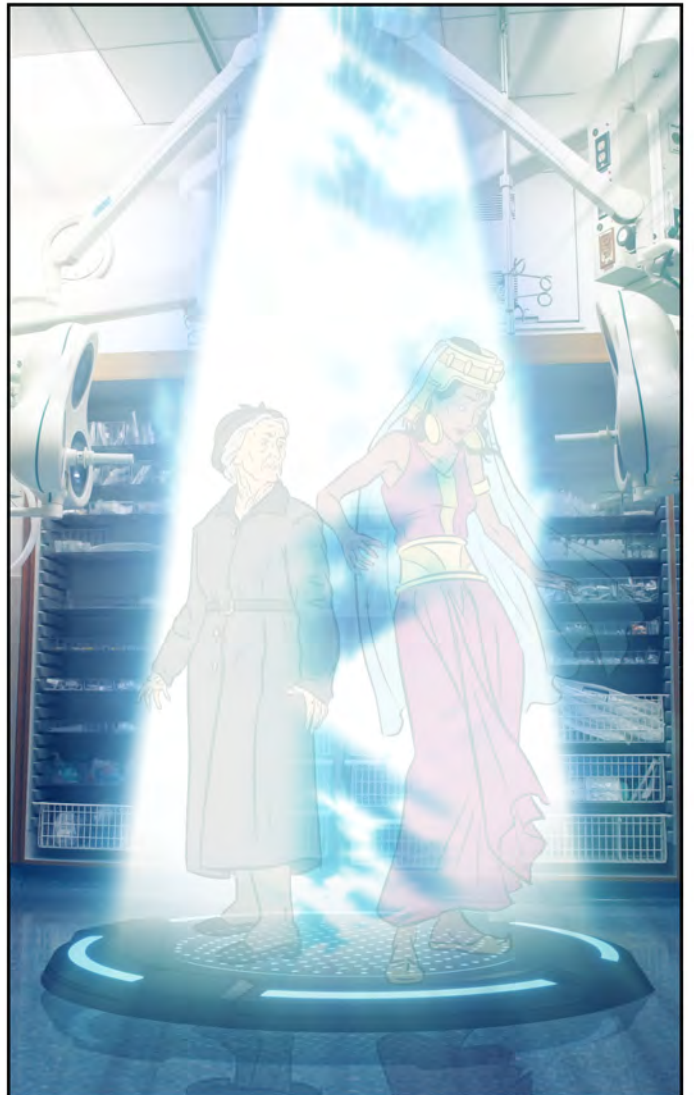




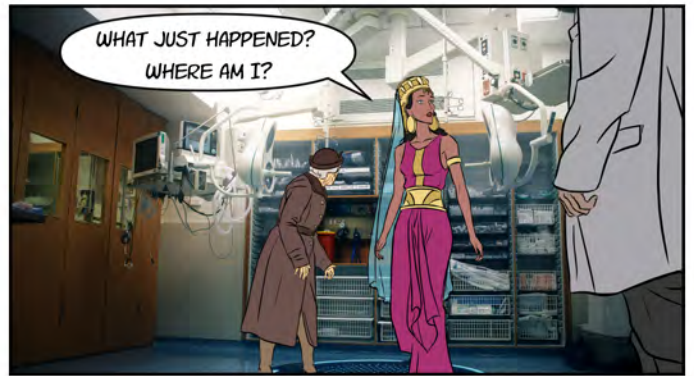
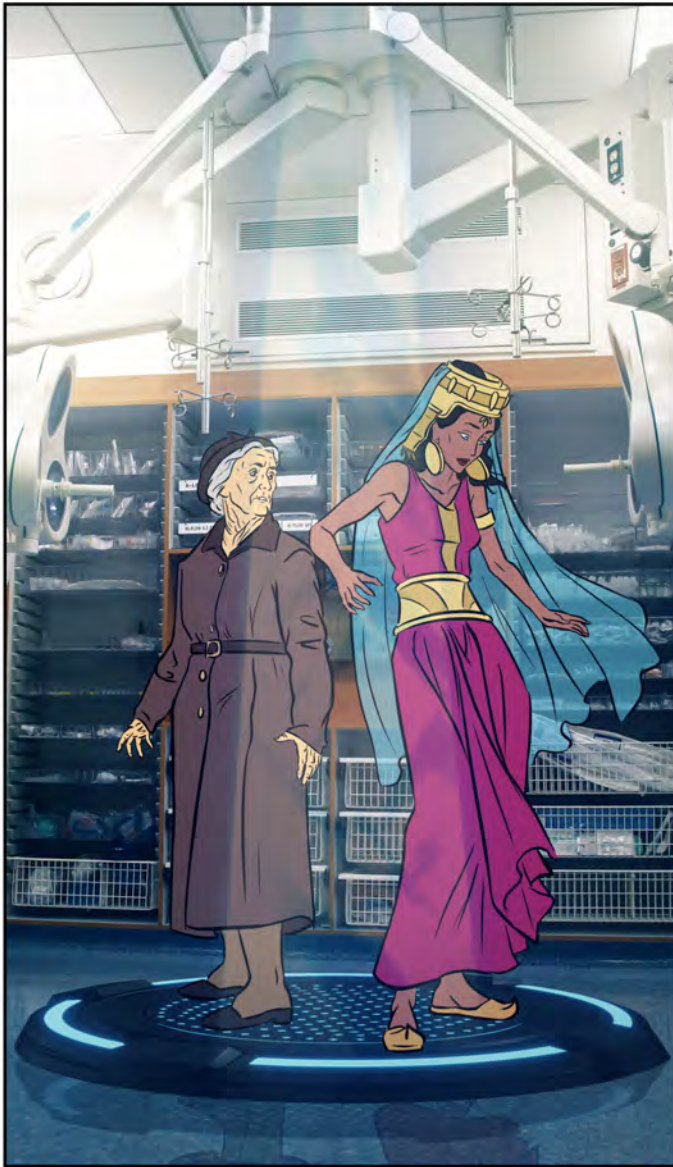




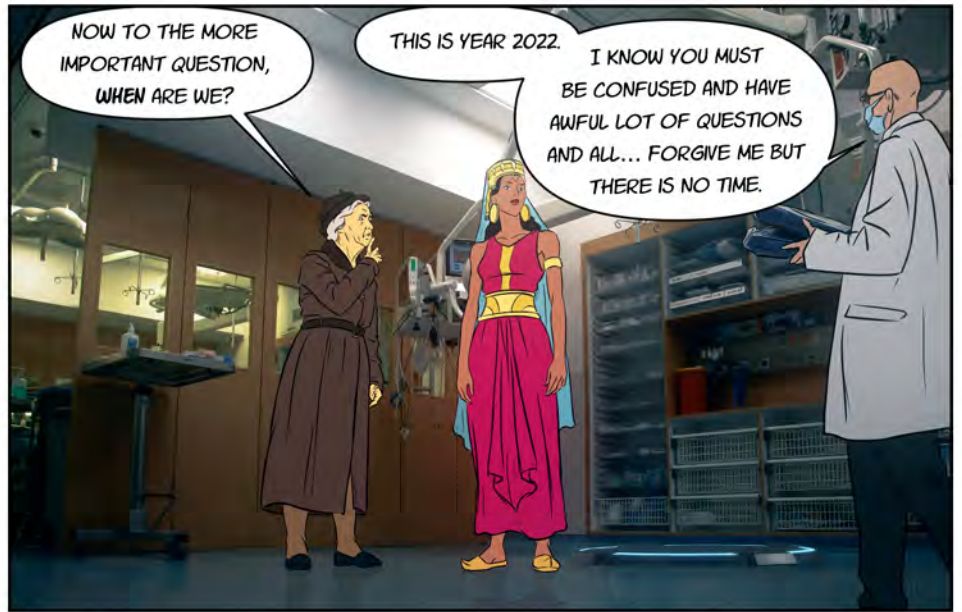












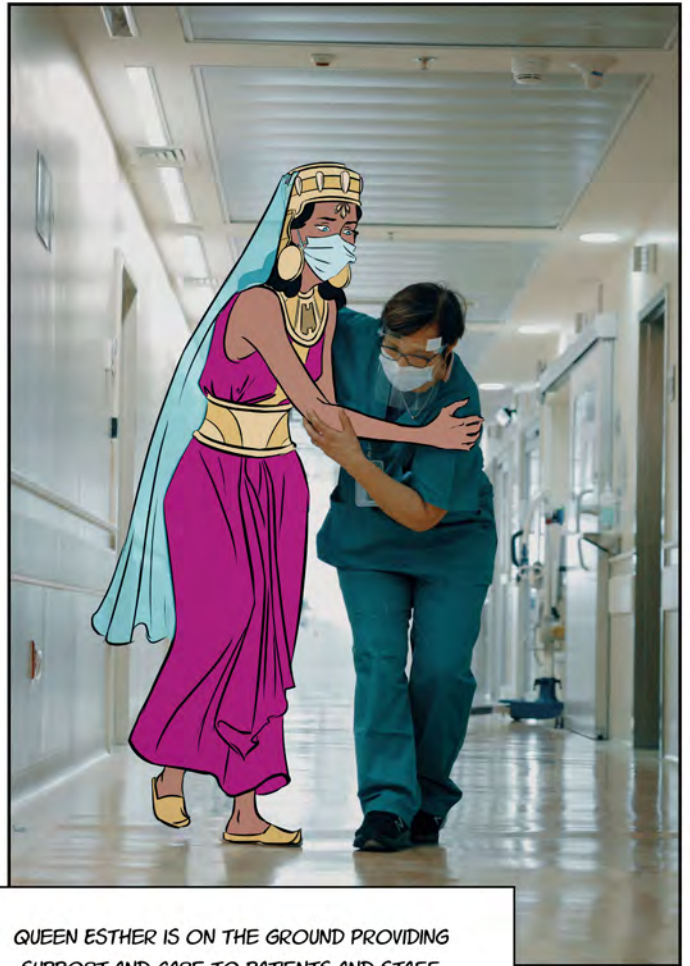








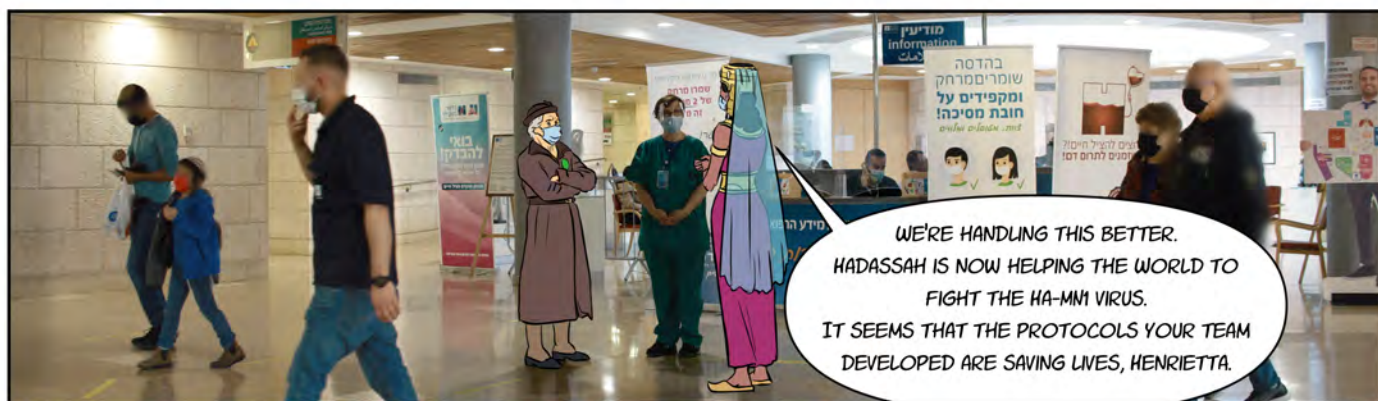




QUEEN ESTHER IS ON THE GROUND PROVIDING SUPPORT AND CARE TO PATIENTS AND STAFF.







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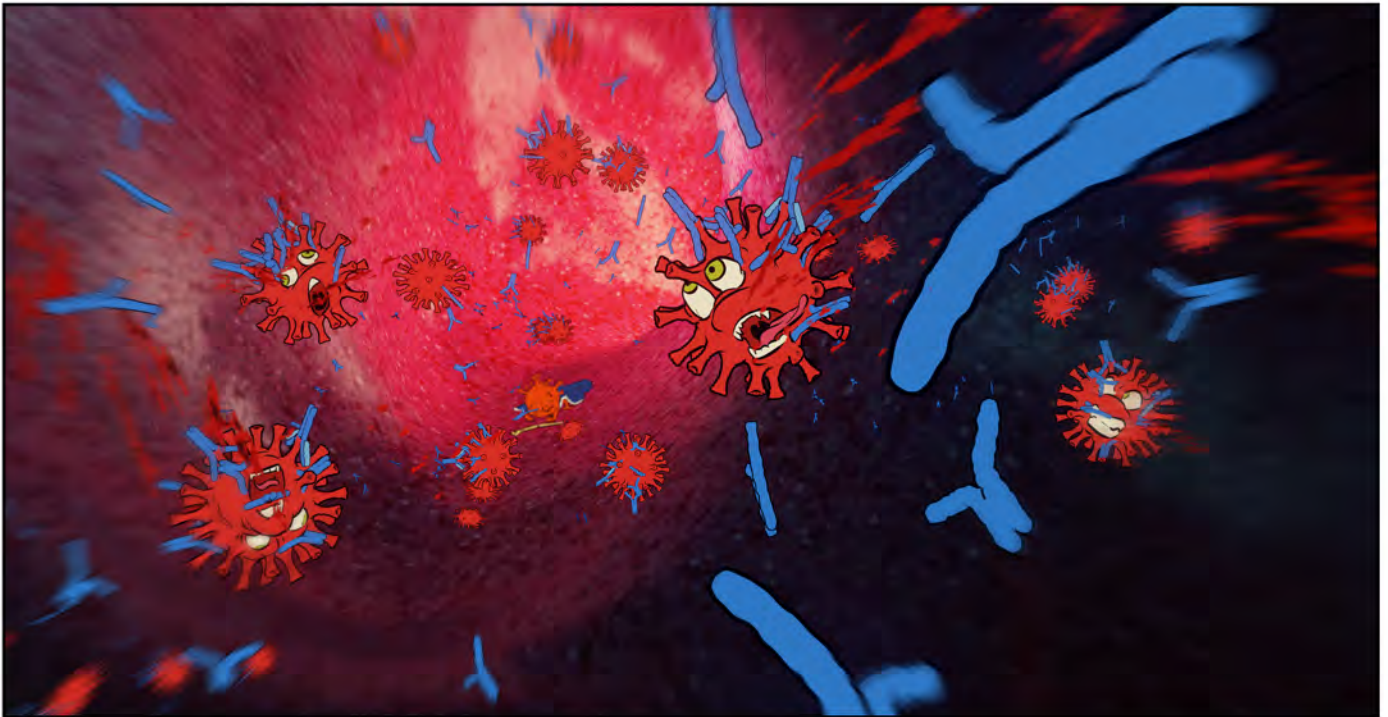
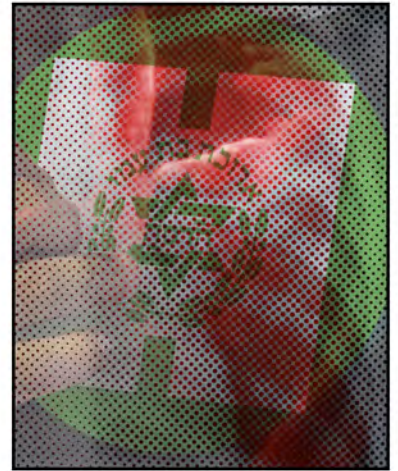
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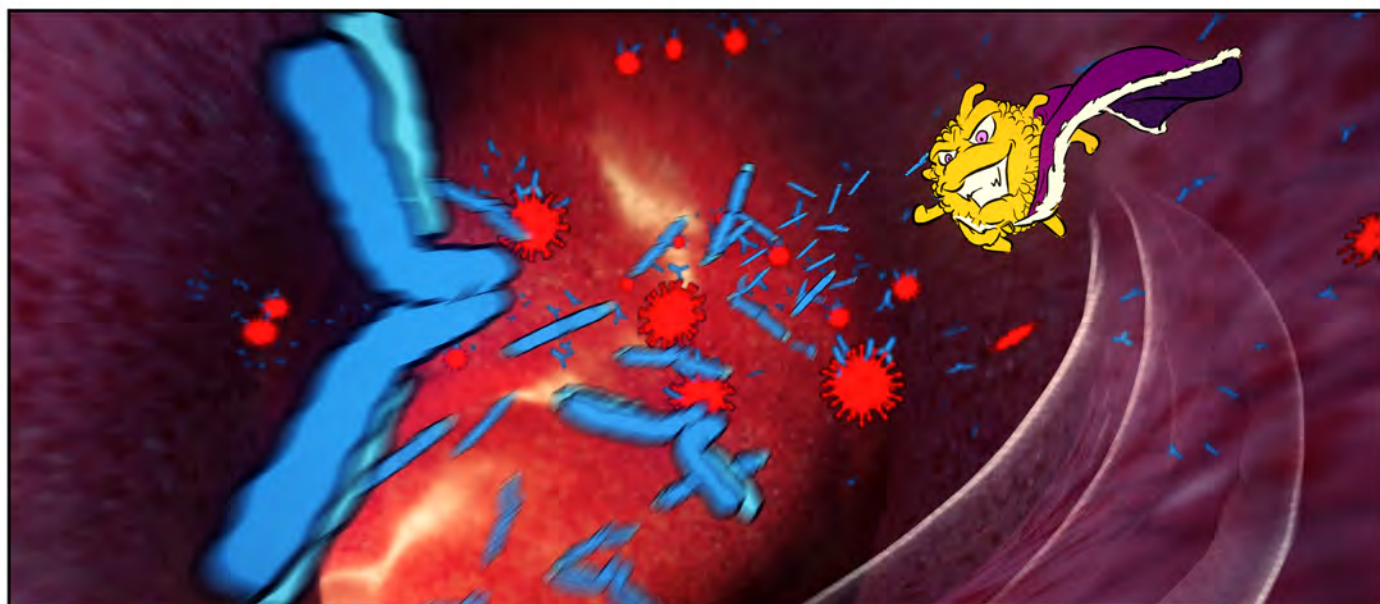
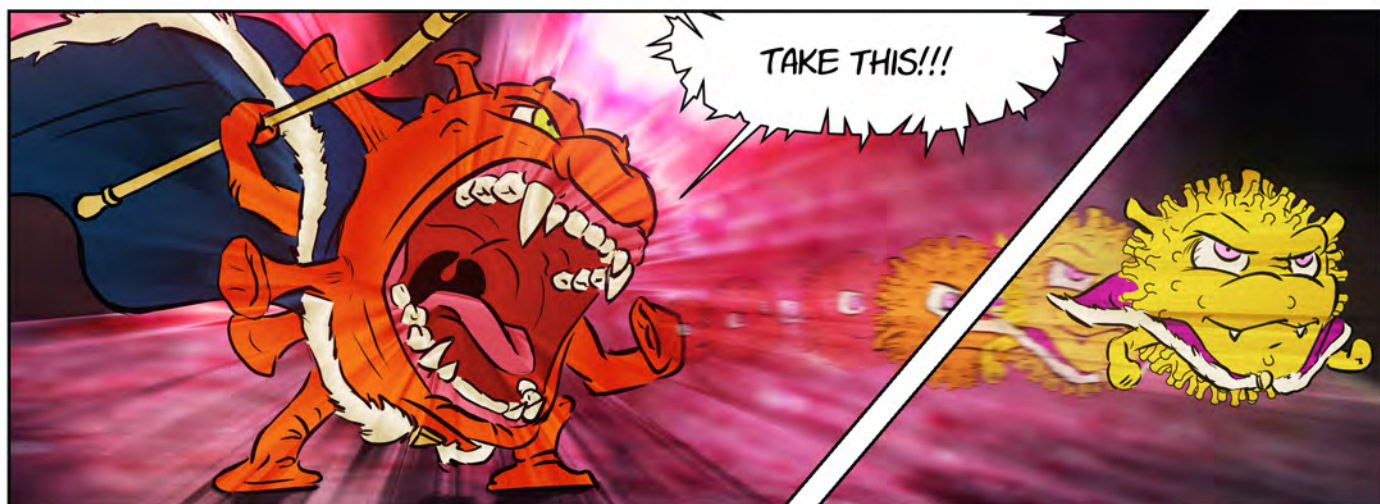
OUR TWO HEROES TRAVEL AROUND THE GLOBE, SHARING KNOWLEDGE, PROTOCOLS AND TOOLS WITH THE STAFF AND LOCAL COMMUNITIES.



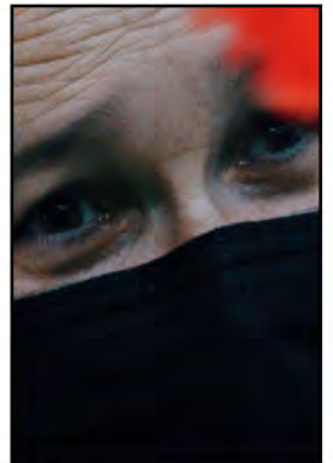
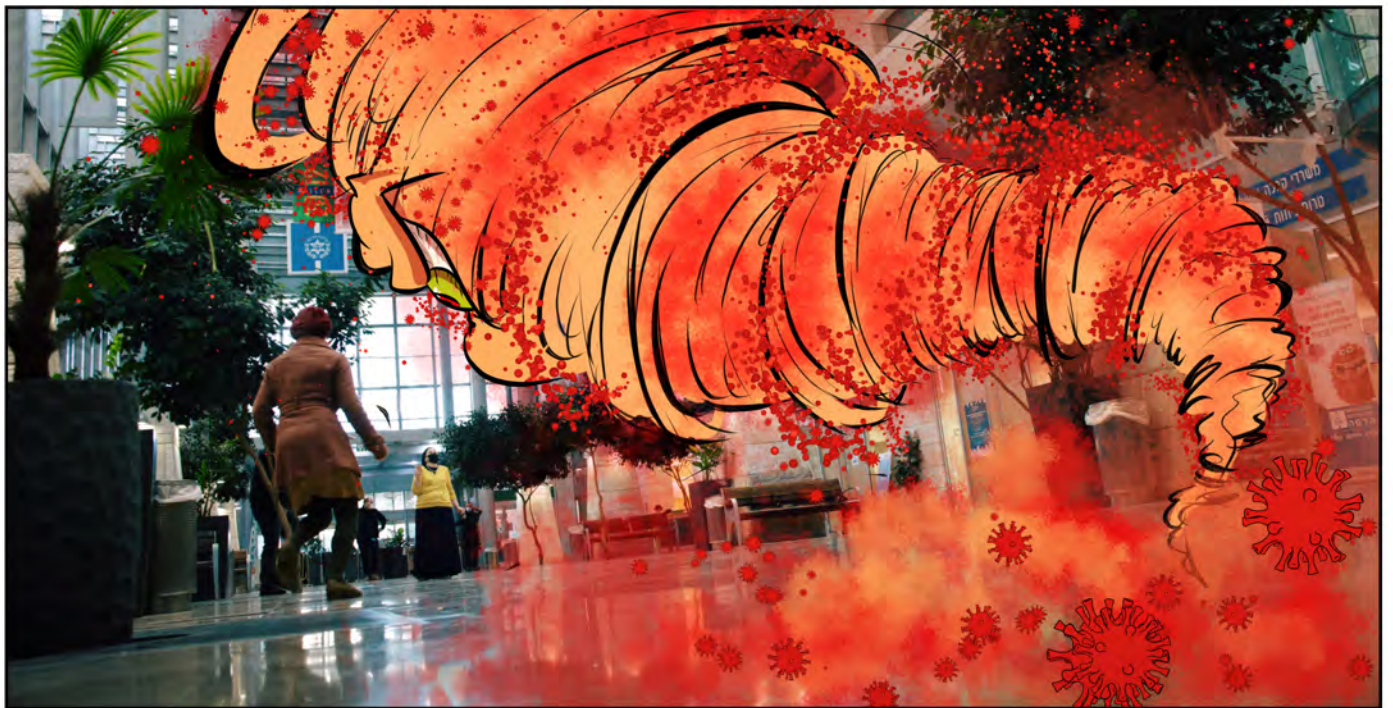








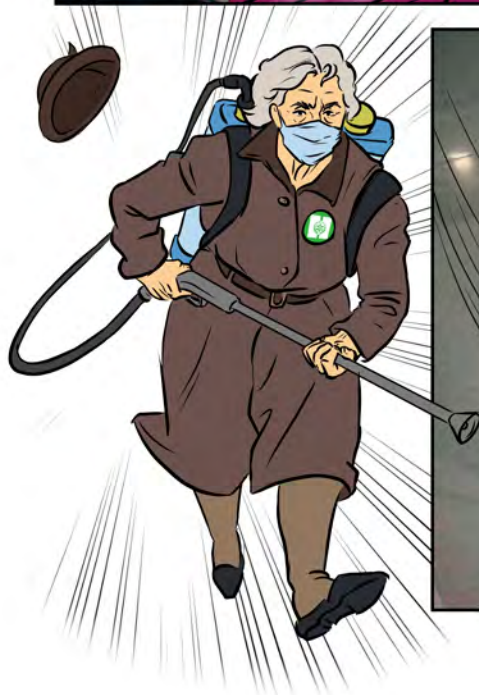
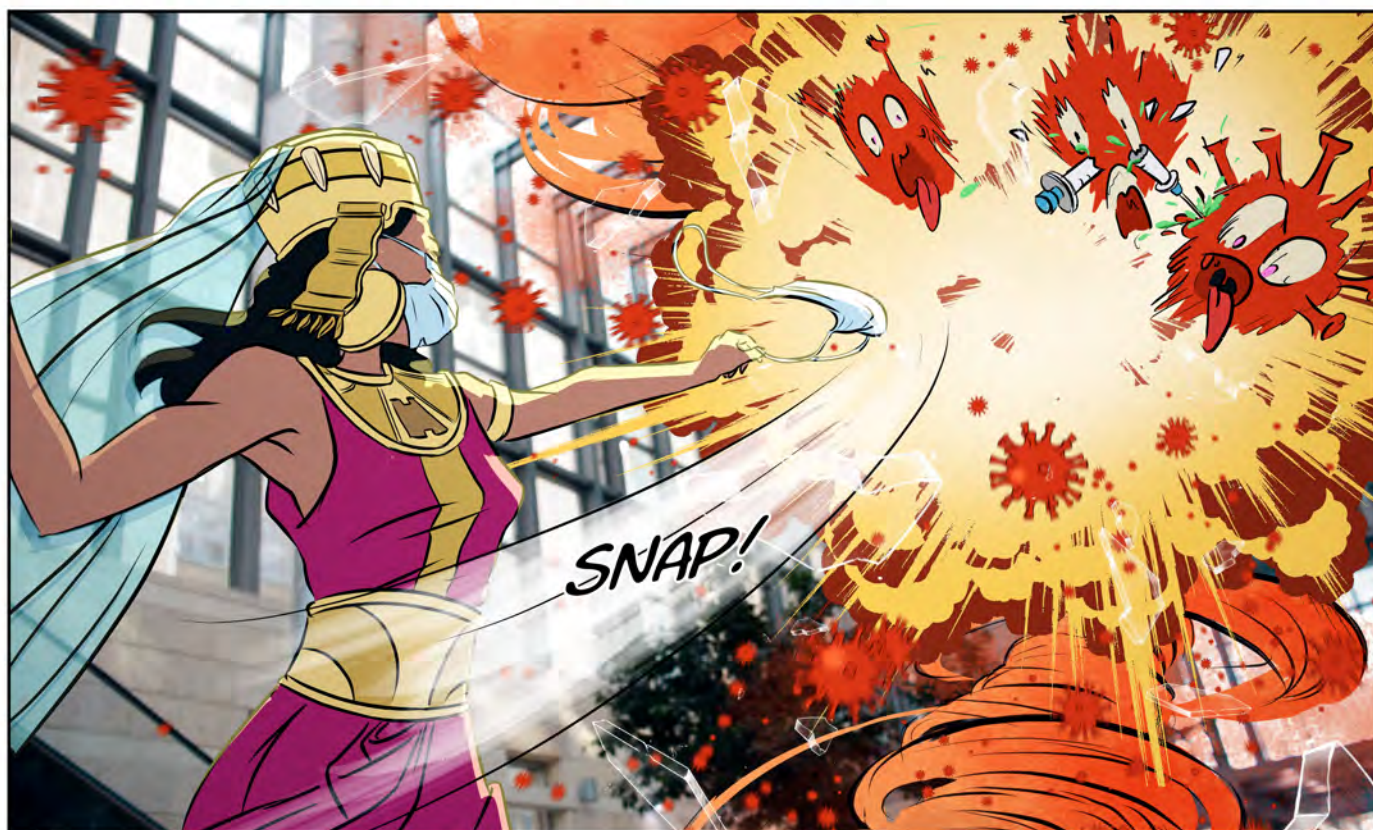


















... AS THE DAYS ON WHICH THE JEWS GAINED RELIEF FROM THEIR ENEMIES,



... AND THE MONTH WHICH HAD BEEN TURNED ABOUT FOR THEM FROM ONE OF SORROW TO GLADNESS,  
AND FROM MOURNING TO FESTIVAL;



... TO OBSERVE THEM AS DAYS OF FEASTING AND GLADNESS, AND SENDING DELICACIES TO EACH OTHER,  
AND GIFTS TO THE POOR.









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## HADASSAH, THE WOMEN'S ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA – HWZOA

HADASSAH



Hadassah, The Women's Zionist Organization of America, Inc., was founded over a century ago, before Israel was a state, and before women could vote. Since that time, the organization has remained unwavering in its commitment to women's health and well-being, to Israel, and to Jewish values and continuity. But while Hadassah's heritage and mission remain as strong as ever, the role of women and Jewish culture here and in Israel, has evolved over time. The organization, too, has evolved, taking on new challenges and developing new programs. Hadassah believes in building a world where our Jewish values in action create strong community and an enduring Israel. That's why our entire focus is on connecting and empowering Jewish women to effect change. We've done this for over 110 years and we will do it for the next 100—advancing health and well-being, advocating for women, and building community in the US and Israel.

[www.hadassah.org](http://www.hadassah.org)

## HADASSAH INTERNATIONAL – HIL



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Founded in 1983, Hadassah International unites people of all faiths and nationalities in their mission to improve lives around the globe through their financial support of the pioneering medical healing, teaching, and research at the Hadassah Medical Center in Jerusalem. Hadassah International spans five continents and is made up of volunteer men and women who believe that advancement and cooperation in medicine transcend politics, religion, and national boundaries. The universal language of medicine allows Hadassah International to build bridges between nations and help to establish research and clinical ventures between the Hadassah Medical Center and medical institutions around the world.

[www.hadassahinternational.com](http://www.hadassahinternational.com)

## HADASSAH MEDICAL ORGANIZATION – HMO



Since the establishment of Hadassah's first hospital on Jerusalem's Street of the Prophets in 1918, the Hadassah University Medical Center has expanded to include two University hospitals in Jerusalem – located on Mt. Scopus and in Ein Karem. Its two hospitals serve annually over 1,000,000 patients, having over 1,300 beds, 45 operating theaters, nine specially oriented intensive care units, and five schools of allied medical professions, owned and operated in collaboration with the Hebrew University. With its 45,000 operations/procedures annually, its Nobel Peace Prize nomination, its 12 Israel Prize wins, the over 2,000 scientific publications in the past 5 years, the 40-50% of bio-medical research done in Israel at Hadassah, over 200 patents, 150 clinical trials, and 15 start-ups, Hadassah can be considered one of a kind!

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# CASTING



## **Queen Esther, Jewish queen of Persia and hero of the story of Purim.**

Achashverosh seeks a new wife after his queen, Vashti, refuses to obey him, and Esther is chosen for her beauty. The king's chief adviser, Haman, is offended by Esther's cousin and guardian, Mordechai, and gets permission from the king to have all the Jews in the kingdom killed. Esther foils the plan and wins permission from the king for the Jews to kill their enemies, and they do so.



## **Henrietta Szold, Founder of HWZOA**

Born in 1860, Henrietta Szold was raised in Baltimore, MD, by parents who encouraged education — even for a daughter. Henrietta was the first female editor of the Jewish Publication Society — then the premiere publisher of Jewish liturgical and secular texts. She defied convention and studied at the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, although female rabbis were unheard of in the early 1900s. On a trip to pre-state Israel, Henrietta Szold's view of the world changed. Horrified by the impact starvation and disease had on her people, she took action and created the organization that will become later HWZOA.



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The virus HaMN-1 has been attacking Planet Earth for 2 years. There is chaos everywhere.

Until one day two legends from Jewish history, Queen Esther and Henrietta Szold, travel through time to become HEALTH DEFENDERS: SPACETIME HEROES.

