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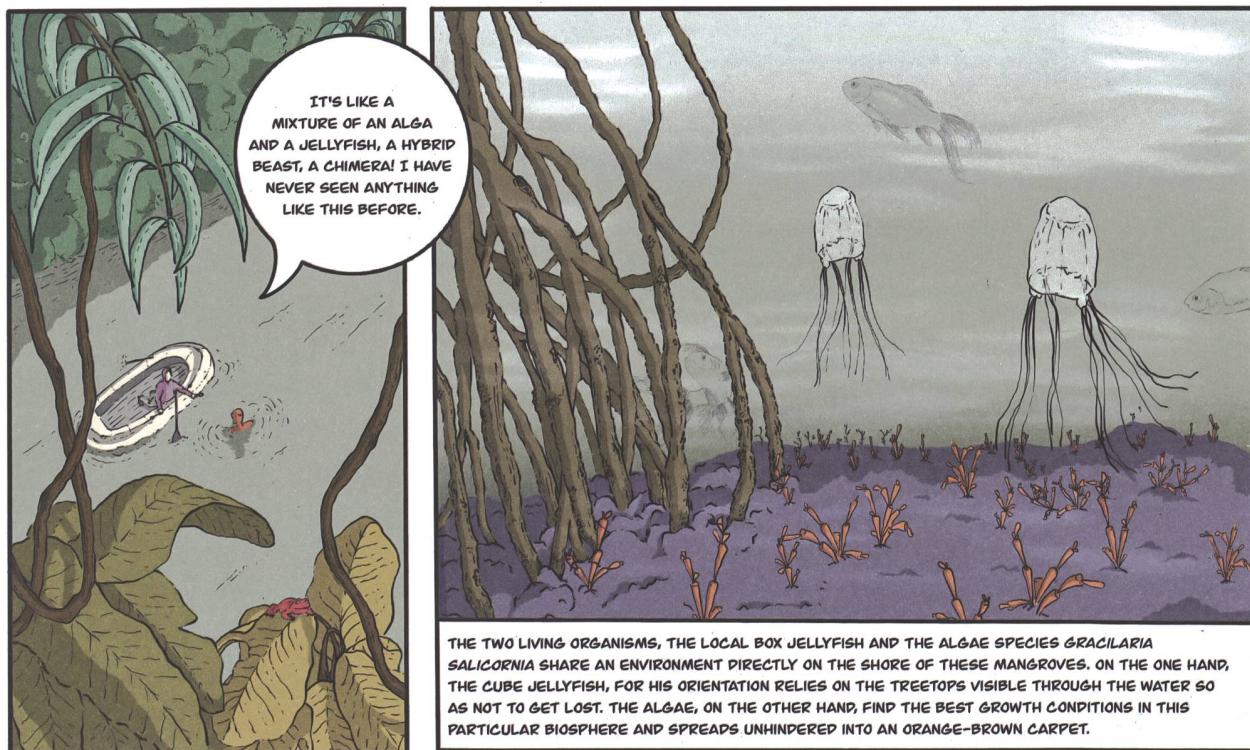
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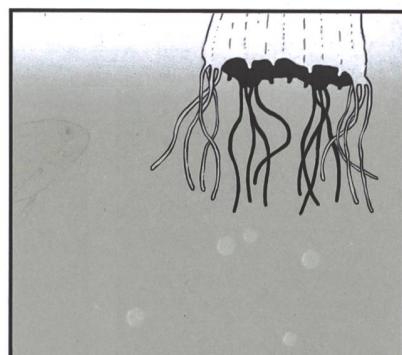
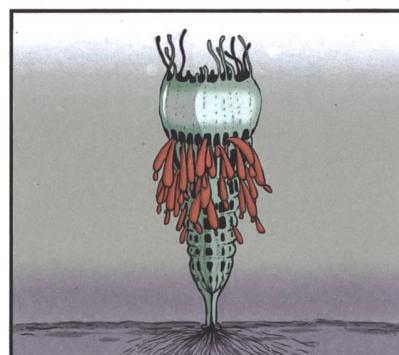
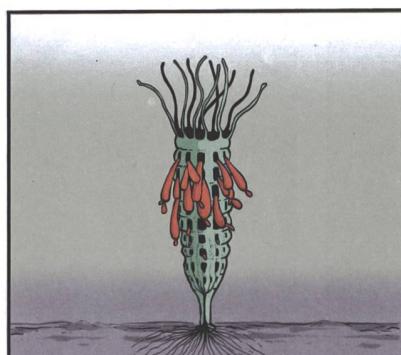
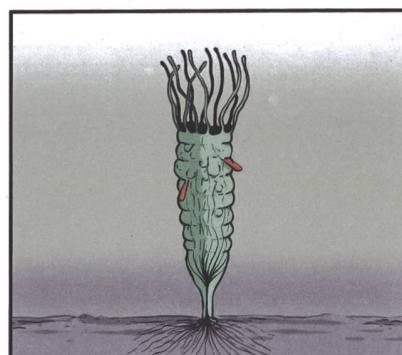
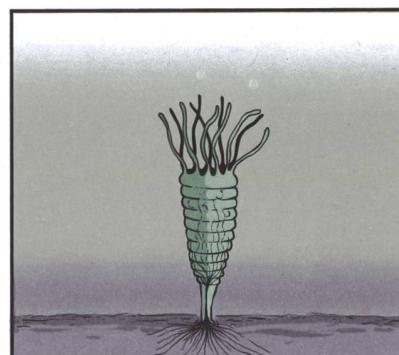
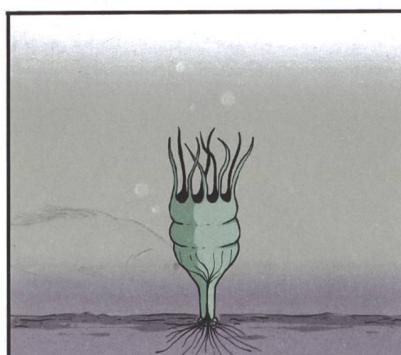
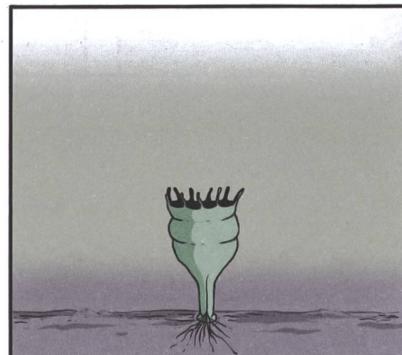
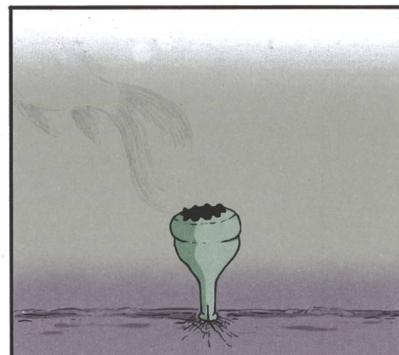
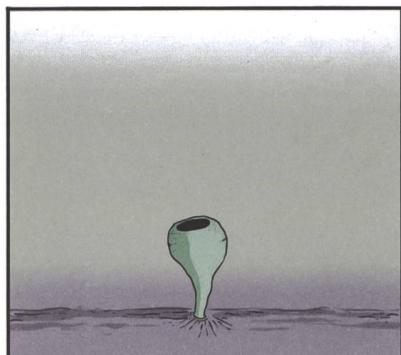
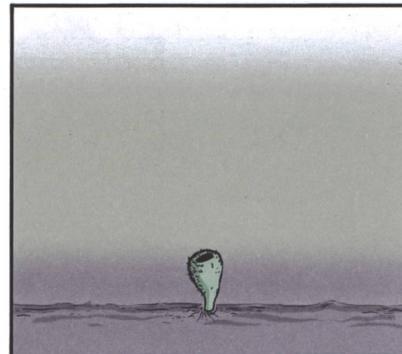
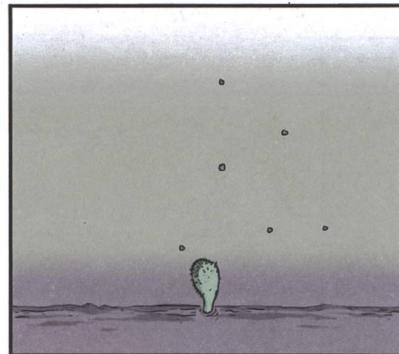
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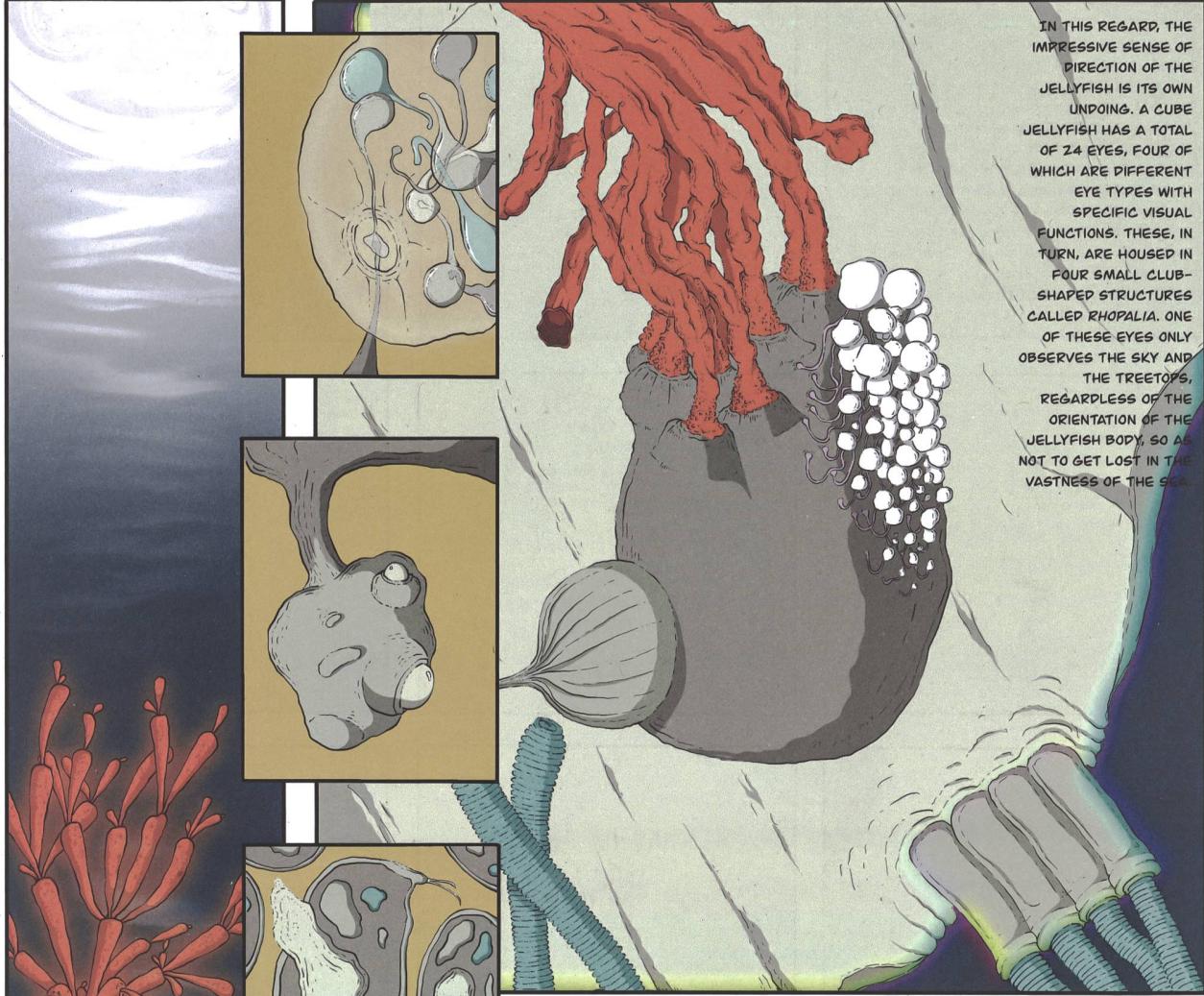
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PART TWO:
ONCE JELLYFISH STARTED TO
BLOSSOM AND GROW HAIR
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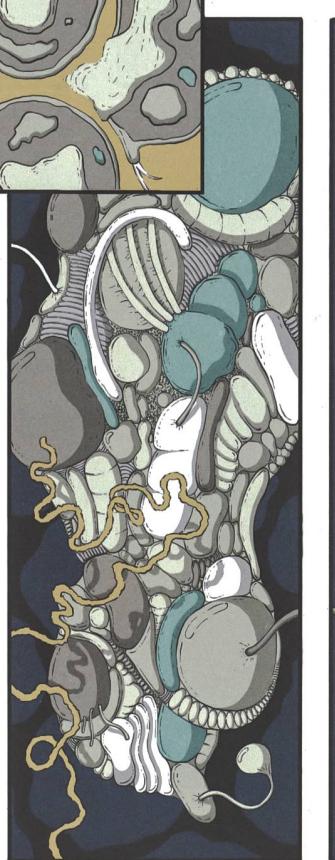


TO REPRODUCE, THE CUBE JELLYFISH RELEASES FERTILISED EGGS INTO THE WATER, WHICH SLOWLY SINK AND STICK TO THE SEABED. THE POLYP, GROWING OUT OF THE BOTTOM LIKE A PLANT, GRADUALLY MORPHS INTO THE NEXT STAGE OF GROWTH, THE EPHYRA. STROBLATION OF THE EPHYRA FINALLY FORMS THE JELLYFISH WITH A MEDUSA AND TENTACLES AS WE ARE USED TO PERCEIVE THEM. HOWEVER, SOMETHING EXTRAORDINARY HAPPENS IN THIS LIFECYCLE: THE ALIEN ALGA, WHICH SHARES THE SAME SOIL, SNEAKILY AND INSIDIOUSLY NESTS IN THE INTERNAL ORGANISM OF THE JELLYFISH. A PARASITIC RELATIONSHIP DEVELOPS.

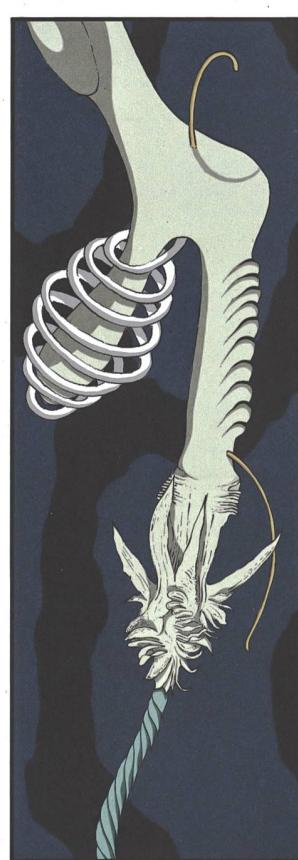




IN THIS REGARD, THE IMPRESSIVE SENSE OF DIRECTION OF THE JELLYFISH IS ITS OWN UNDOING. A CUBE JELLYFISH HAS A TOTAL OF 24 EYES, FOUR OF WHICH ARE DIFFERENT EYE TYPES WITH SPECIFIC VISUAL FUNCTIONS. THESE, IN TURN, ARE HOUSED IN FOUR SMALL CLUB-SHAPED STRUCTURES CALLED RHOPALIA. ONE OF THESE EYES ONLY OBSERVES THE SKY AND THE TREETOPS, REGARDLESS OF THE ORIENTATION OF THE JELLYFISH BODY, SO AS NOT TO GET LOST IN THE VASTNESS OF THE SEA.



THE ALGA EXPLOITS THIS ASPECT DIABOLICALLY BY GROWING OUT OF THE JELLYFISH HEAD, THUS FORMING A SMALL, CONSTANTLY PRESENT TREETOP IN THE ANIMAL'S FIELD OF VISION. THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE TWO CREATURES IS ONE-SIDED. THE ALGA HAS GROWN UP WITH THE JELLYFISH AND FORMS AN INNER WORLD ENTIRELY ACCORDING TO ITS WILL. THE ALGA DEPRIVES THE JELLYFISH OF IMPORTANT NUTRIENTS AND DISTURBS PROCESSES OF THE NERVOUS SYSTEM, WHICH ON THE ONE HAND LEADS TO THE ALGA GAINING CONTROL OVER THE JELLYFISH, AND ON THE OTHER HAND THE JELLYFISH CONTINUES A LIFE IN A HALF DEAD STATE, AT SUBSISTENCE LEVEL. THE JELLYFISH TRANSFORMS INTO A NEW CREATURE THAT SEEMS TO SERVE THE ALGAE ABOVE ALL. THE CREATURE LEAVES ITS NATURAL HABITAT AND DISTURBS THE BALANCE OF NATURE.

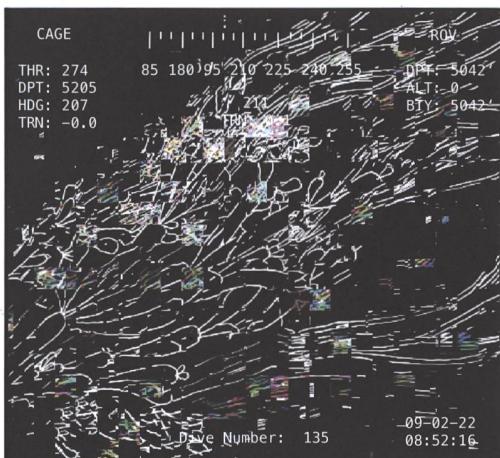
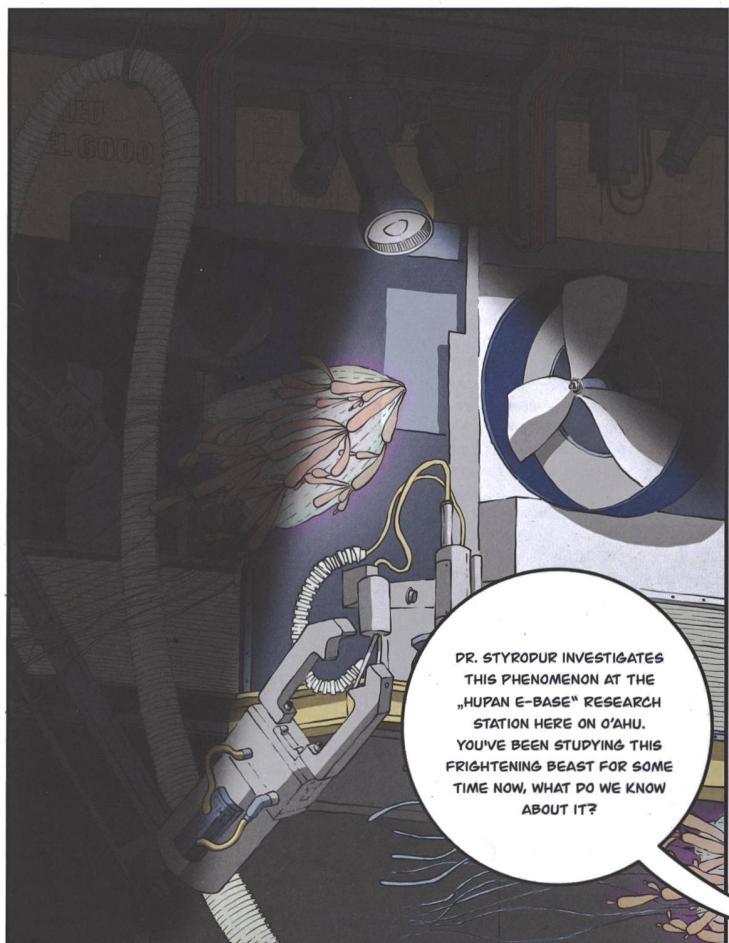


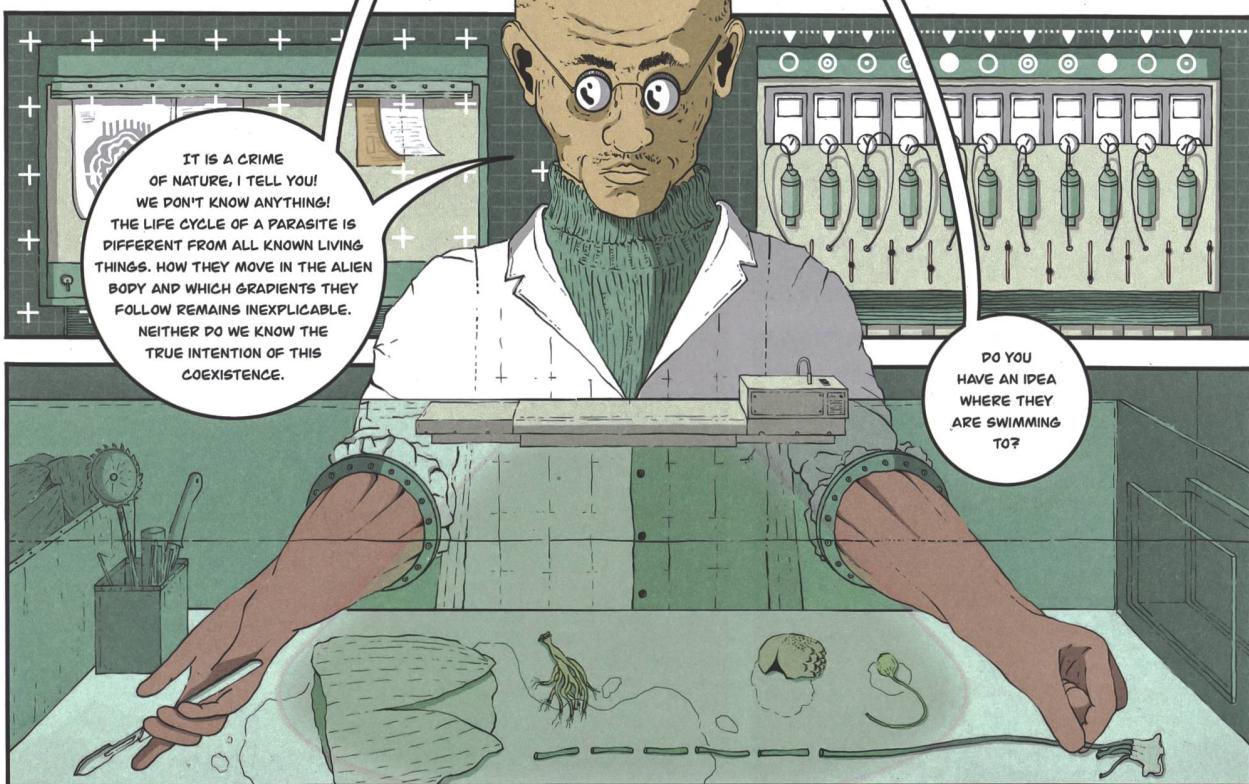
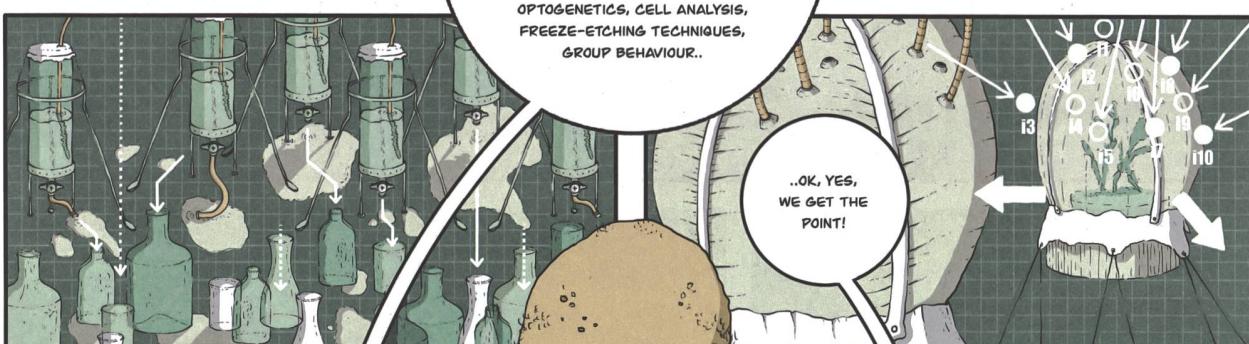
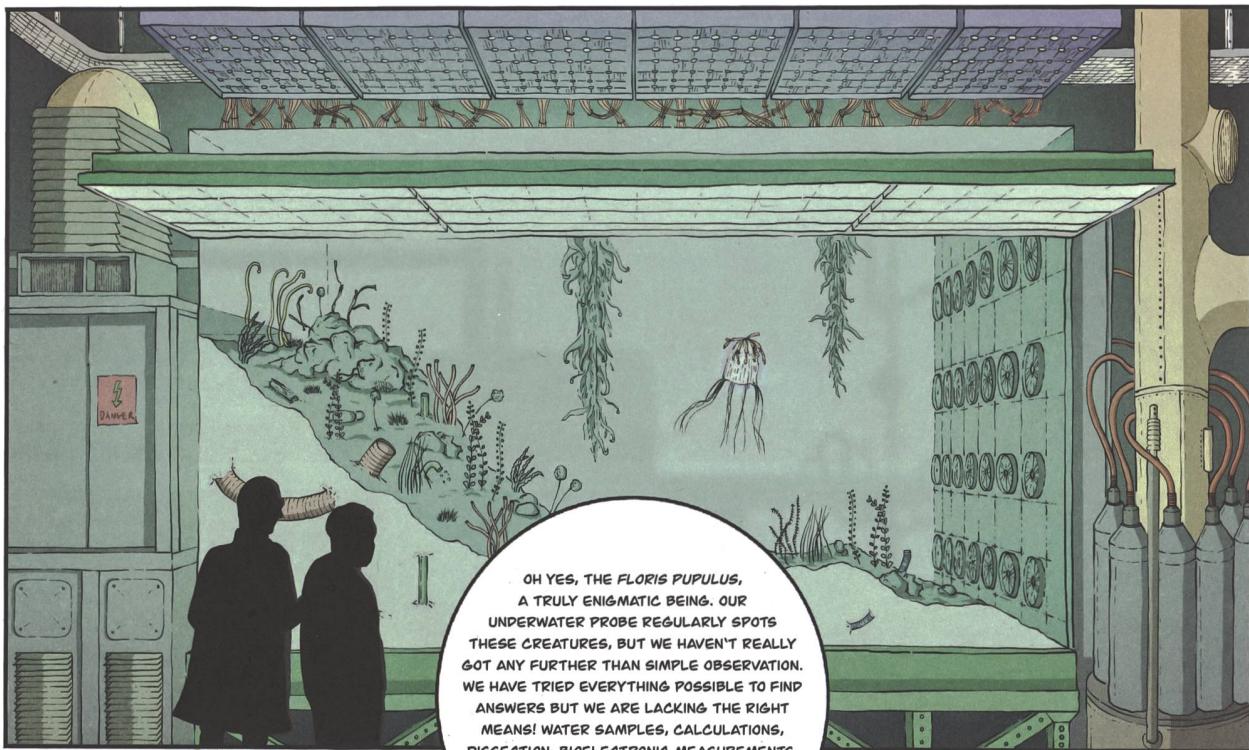


THE ALGA PROVOKES THE MOVEMENT OF THE BODY AND STEERS THE JELLYFISH FURTHER INTO THE UNKNOWN DEPTHS OF THE SEA.



LIKE MARIONETTES THE POSSESSED ANIMALS PULSATE THROUGH THE WATER IN UNMANAGEABLE NUMBERS AND DISTURB THE CALM OF THE SEA. THE JELLYFISH CAN SWIM RAPIDLY BY DEFORMING AND PUSHING ITSELF FORWARD THROUGH A FULL-BODY CONTRACTION.







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