

Tales from Tikibar #1



Gravity After Hours



„God, Victoria again? Everyone is starving for the real dirt tonight.“



„Is she always this... intense? Like an orbit you can't escape.“



„I heard her reach goes way beyond the boardroom.“

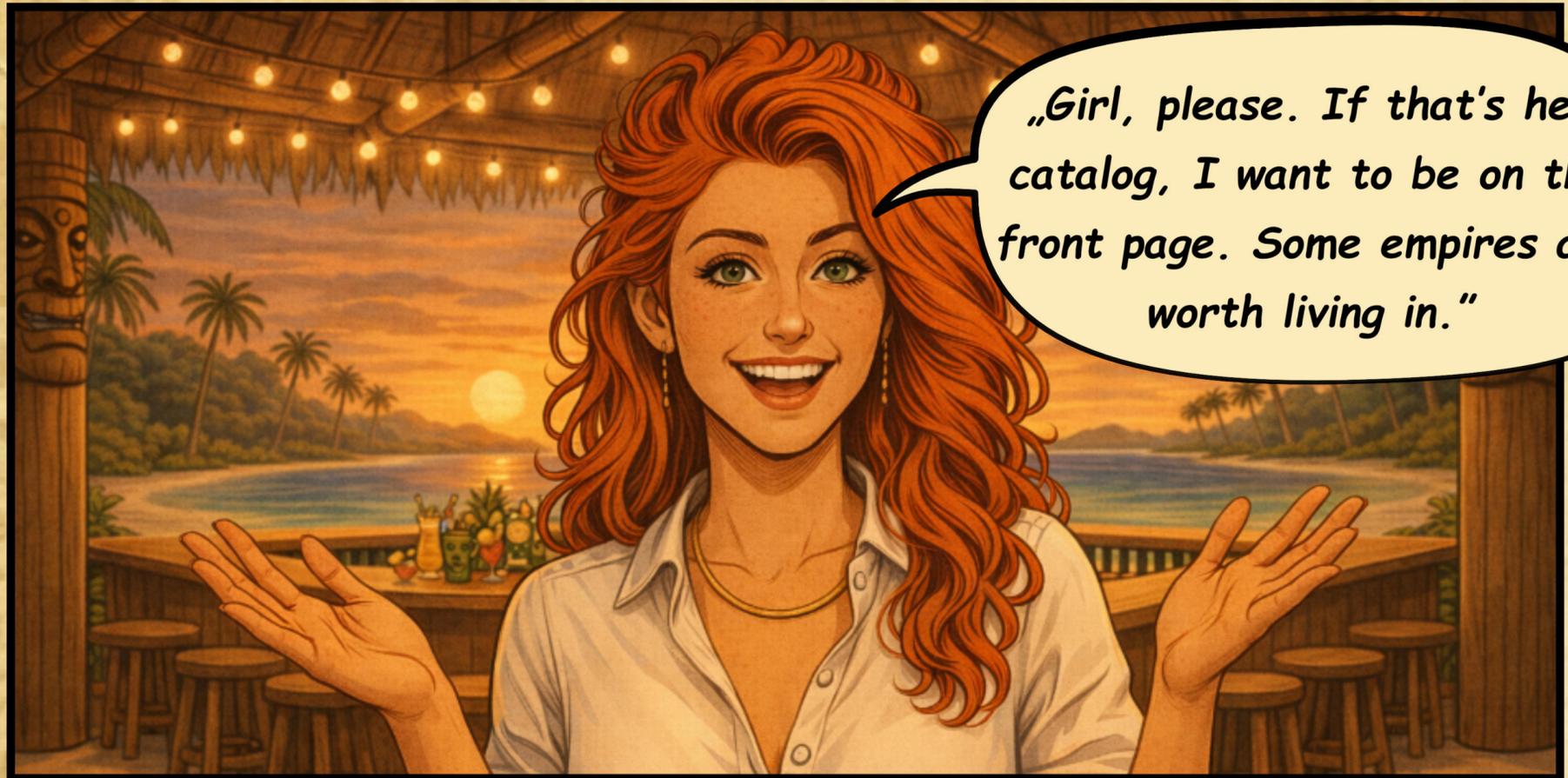
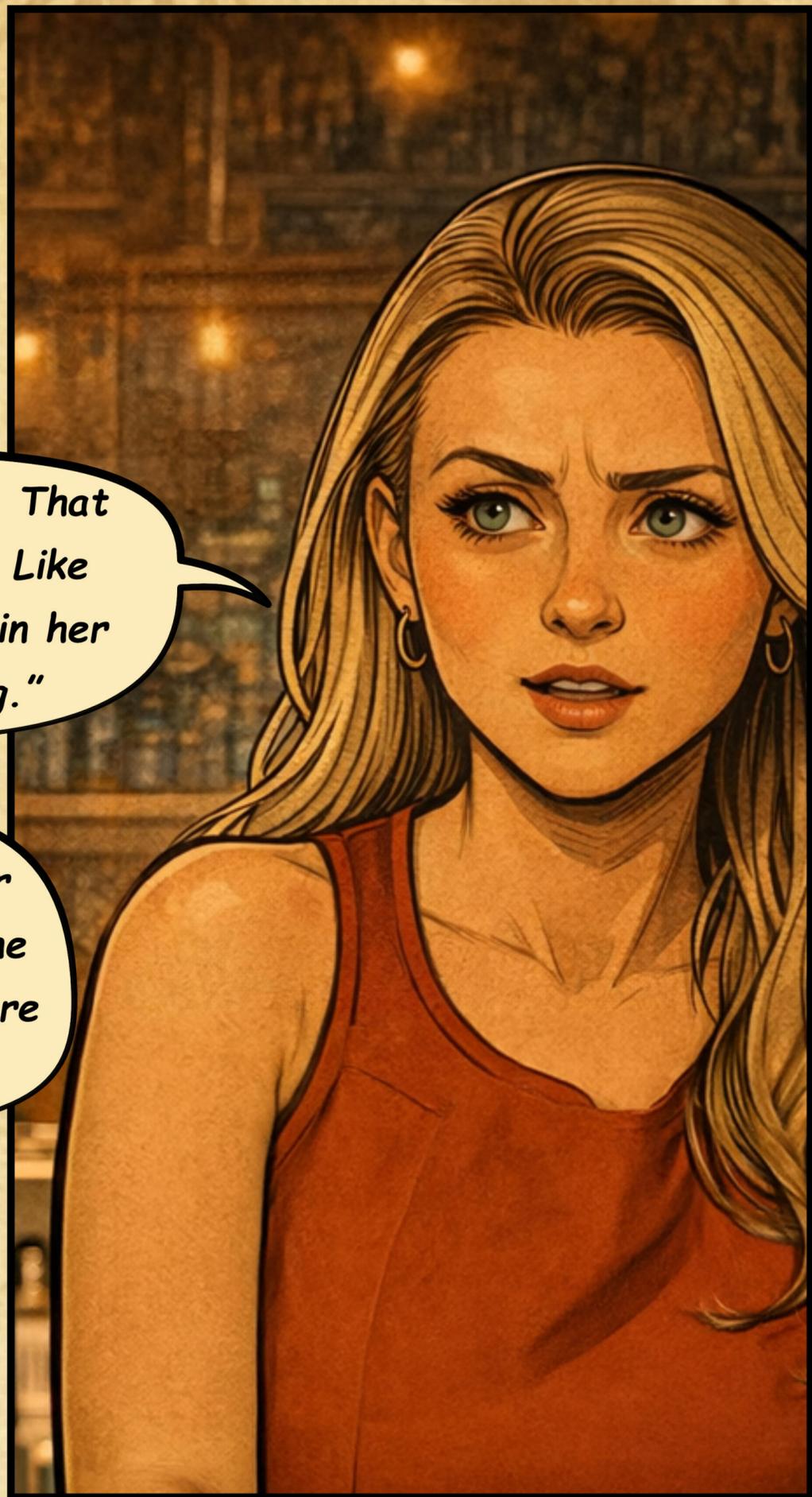


„Stop. It's not reach—it's a goddamn gravitational pull. Even Tracy, the lead mechanic, was at her office three times this week. Alone. She looks different, don't you think?“



„Seriously? Victoria values competence. She doesn't just flirt—she recruits.”

„Recruits? No way. That sounds predatory. Like we're just entries in her personal catalog.”



„Girl, please. If that's her catalog, I want to be on the front page. Some empires are worth living in.”



„Exactly. Near her, you feel the pull even when you're standing still. It's addictive.“



„If she notices you, don't fight it. It's easier to just fall into orbit than to struggle.“



„So your advice is... what? Just let the gravity take me?“



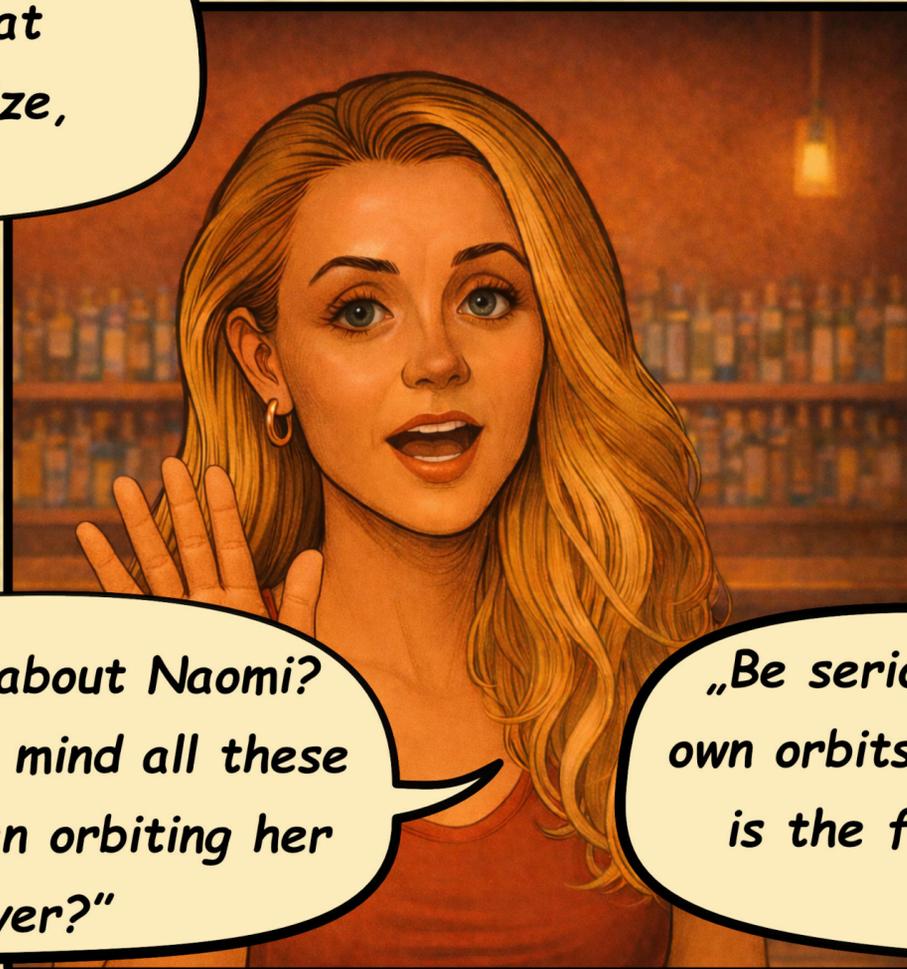
„Sync up or disappear, Lu. Heartmere isn't the place for shame.“



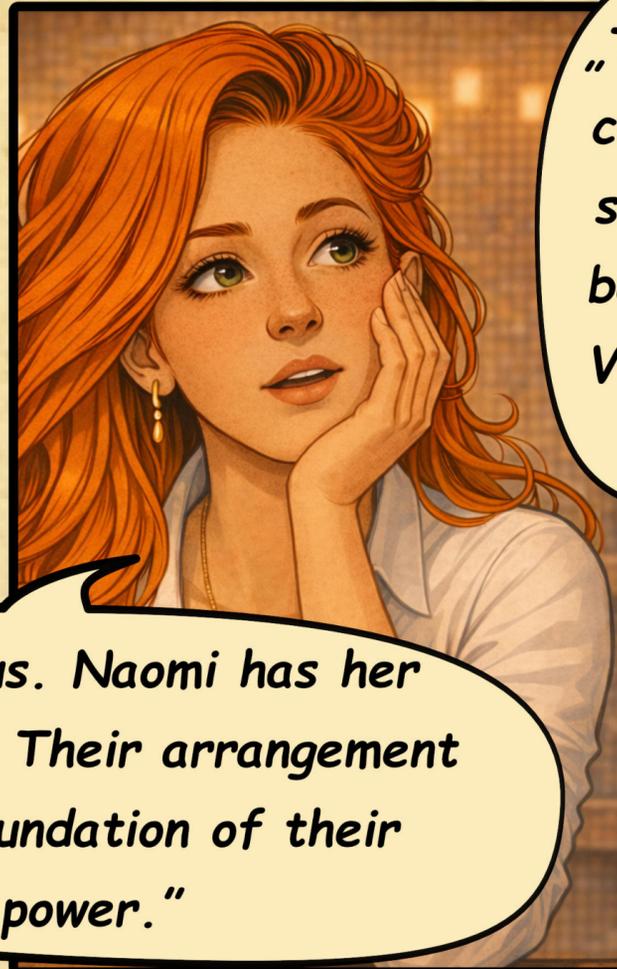
„When she focuses on you, you're the only person on Earth. At least until the next moon pulls her away.“



„She isn't hunting. She's inviting. And that invitation is a prize, believe me.“



„But what about Naomi? Doesn't she mind all these other women orbiting her lover?“



„They are the center of the system. That balance allows Victoria to be fearless.“

„Be serious. Naomi has her own orbits. Their arrangement is the foundation of their power.“

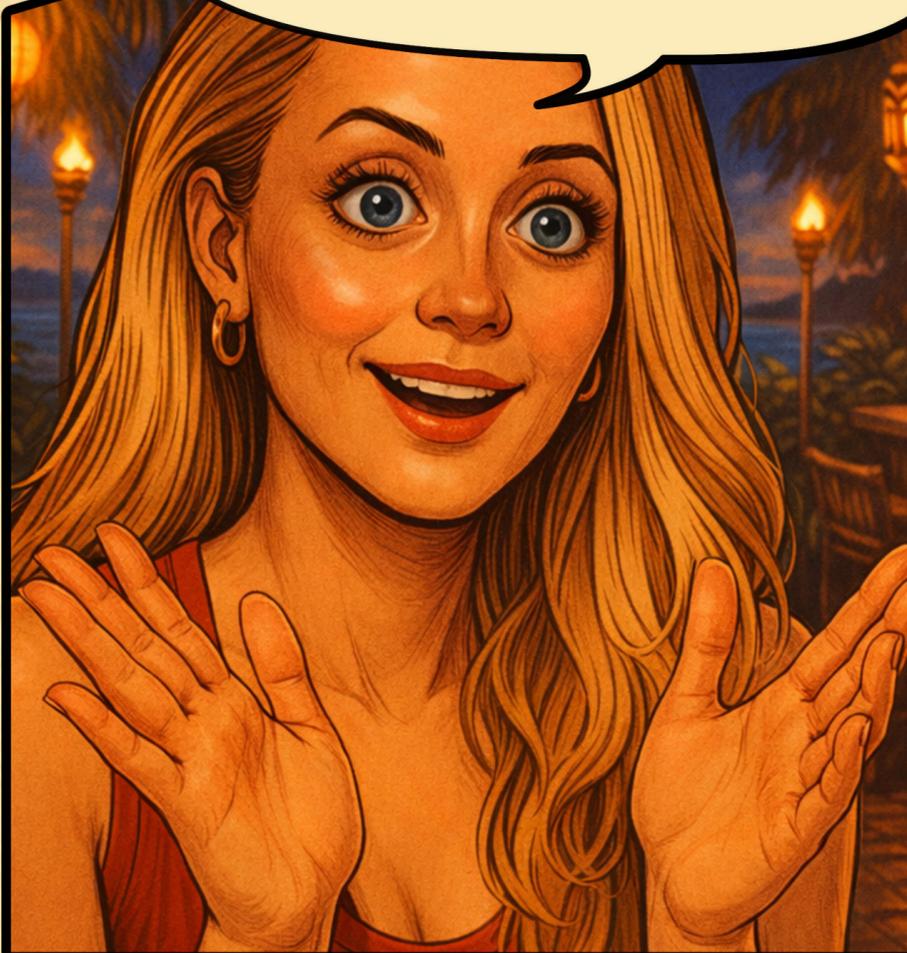


„Look at Tracy. She used to be a mouse. Now she walks around like she owns the dock.“



„I want that. If Victoria looks my way, I'm not playing statue. I didn't come here to be a background character.“

„So it's not predatory. It's an exchange. A total transformation.“



„That's the spirit. Here, loyalty is a choice, not a cage. But it's a choice with a high price.“

„I'm ready. I'm going to be the potential she never forgets.“

„She called us 'interesting potential.' I'm starting to see why we survived the boat ride.“

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