



Blackfoot Translation By: Sharon Yellowfly (Siksika Nation)

This Blackfoot translation was made by Sharon Yellowfly (daughter of Percy Yellowfly & Cecile Yellowfly [Sleigh] & mother of LIGO Scientific Collaboration (LSC) member, Corey Gray). Sharon grew up in the community of Little Washington of the Siksika Nation in Alberta, Canada. Blackfoot was her first language. She began working on making a Blackfoot Dictionary in the 1970s when she noticed the pool of fluent Blackfoot speakers declining and not many language resources available. Her dictionary (& the Blackfoot Pronunciation Guide below) come from her language work during her life. Her translations for the LIGO-Virgo Scientific Collaboration inspired her to continue work on her Blackfoot dictionary and update it with scientific terms.

She made her dictionary for her children.

In recent decades there has been a revitalization with Indigenous language work, and there is now Blackfoot language curriculum available and used within and outside of the Blackfoot Confederacy of Alberta/Montana. You will notice variations in this current curriculum and Sharon's dictionary. Sharon made her dictionary utilizing her B.A. in Anthropology & background in linguistics. Sharon's dialect & translation come from both "old style" & contemporary Blackfoot; additionally, it will be how it is spoken in a dialect/accent from the Little Washington community of the Siksika Nation. Sharon is very happy to see the resurgence in Blackfoot language and is very proud of all the teachers teaching our language to Blackfoot youth.

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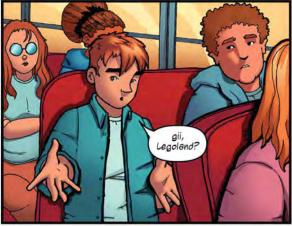
Blackfoot Pronunciation Key For Vowels & Other Symbols:

s - si <u>x</u>	7	- glottal stop
- <u>a</u> corn	-	- as in 'he' but held a little longer
I - <u>i</u> ce	*	 "wh" sound in "who"
		- (not quite a full glottal stop) as in 'cotton'
	[bold & italic letters]	- inflection









































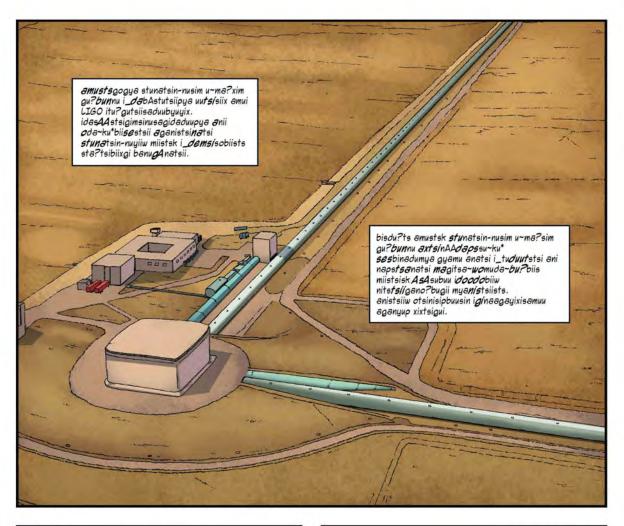








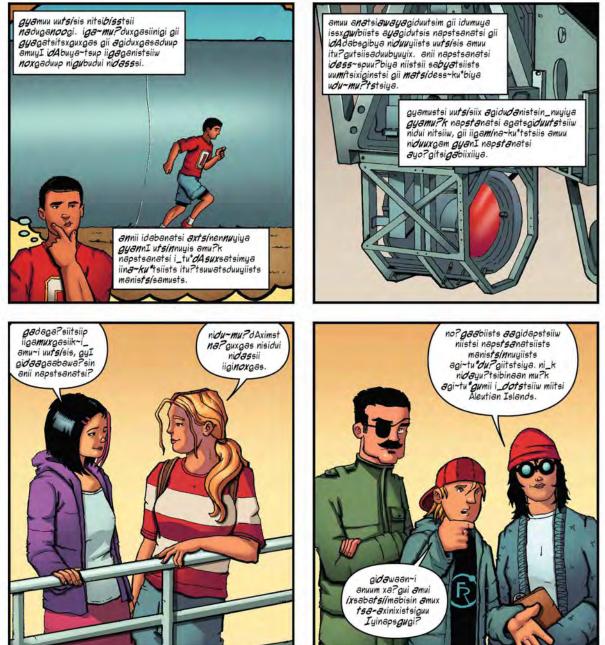


































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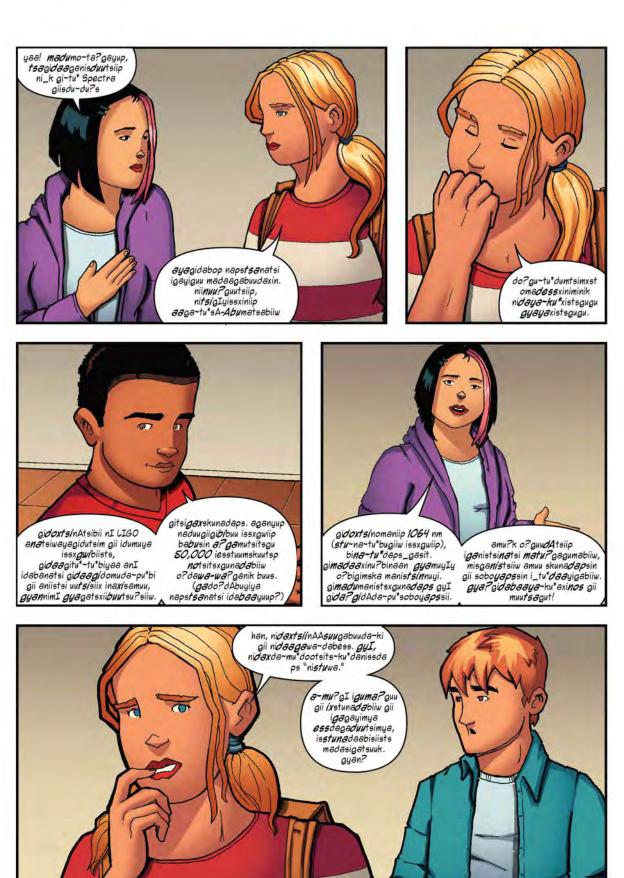








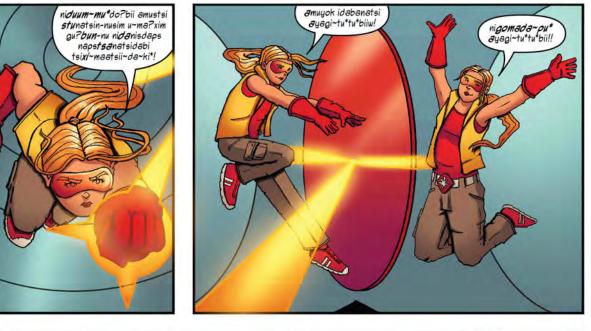








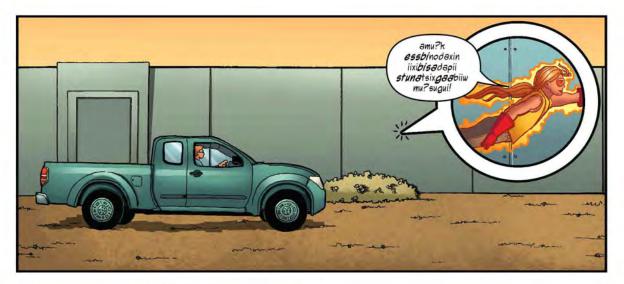






















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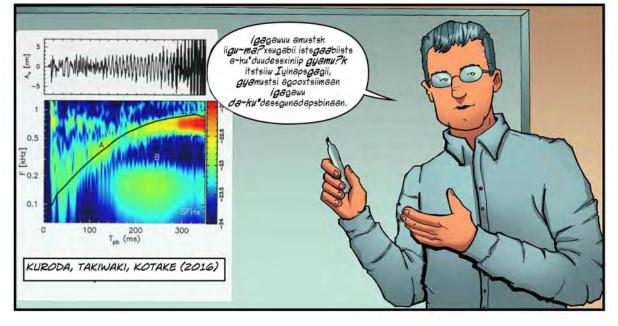




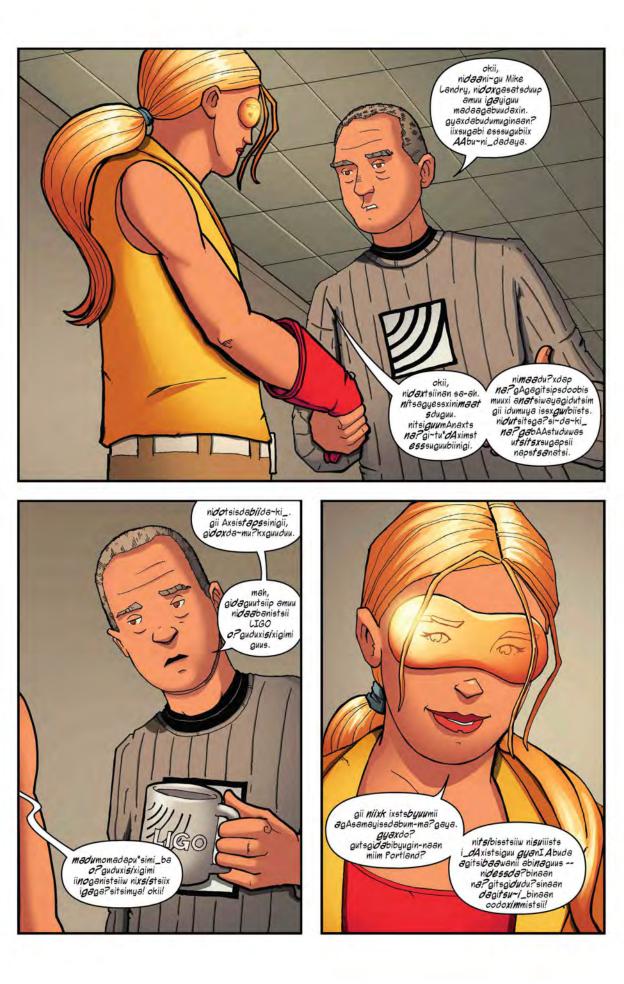














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