

MOON MALL: ALIEN ACNE

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Storeowners and mall employees must find a way to defeat zit slugs that infest the mall before they take over Moon Base Alpha.

Moon Mall is a one-story, underground mall located within Moon Base Alpha. Moon Base is a series of domed entrances connected by tube hallways.

New characters:

Winnie Garret: 13, pretty, brainiac, starting to get pimples.

Kyle Atticus: 13, jock, son of mall manager Lionel Atticus (black)

Hanna Atticus: 14, cheerleader, daughter of Lionel Atticus (black)

Zac Dix: 15, uberjock, boyfriend of Hanna, white

Nana Winstone: 45, owner of Cosmic Cosmetics, so beautiful skin and makeup

Medics: 3, vary ages, sex, ethnics, all same uniform like scubs

Press: 4, vary ages, sex, ethnics, small video recorders

Security Officers: 5, vary ages, sex, ethnics, same uniform as Sarah

Harlan Hanson: 35, custodian, scruffy and slightly greasy, always angry looking

PAGE ONEPanel 1 (long top panel):

Galactic Gadgets (think RadioShack on steroids) and Stellar Stiches (clothing) are on opposite ends of the Moon Mall corridor and are the biggest stores. Sweet Tooth (candies and pastries), Port Sports (sporting goods), Cosmic Cosmetics, Moon Stride Shoes, Nu Nebula (teen clothing), Nova Novelties (think gag-gifts), Big Bang Eatery, Saturn Sounds (music store), and Rocket Toys line either side. An escalator bisects the corridor and the courtyard, where tables and chairs are scattered. There are only a few people in the mall at this time.

1 Caption: Moon Mall, 2114

Panel 2:

Teens with school backpacks stream down the escalator into the courtyard of Moon Mall. Include WINNIE GARRET, KYLE ATTICUS, HANNA ATTICUS, and ZAC DIX.

2 Caption: 3:30 p.m.

Panel 3:

In the Sweet Tooth, CANDY KANE stands behind her counter. The shelves are full of all types of candies and pastries. There is a bowl with "SAMPLES" next to Candy. Winnie enters with Kyle, Hanna, and Zac following close behind.

3 Candy: Hey Winnie, my favorite customer!

4 Winnie: Hi Candy!

5 Winnie: What's new?

Panel 4 (small panel):

Close up on the sample bowl's contents, curly candies in bright colors.

6 Candy (off panel): I just made this new recipe last night.

Panel 5 (small panel):

Close up on sample bowl with the teen's hands grabbing all the candy.

Panel 6:

Candy and Winnie are leaning toward each other, talking across the counter.

7 Candy: Winnie, sweetie. Your acne is getting worse.

8 Winnie: I know. I've tried everything.

9 Winnie: What can I do?

10 Candy: Try that new cosmetics place across the mall.

PAGE TWOPanel 1:

Inside Cosmic Cosmetics, tables filled with cosmetics line the front part of the store. Shelves dominate the back part. NANA WINSTONE stands among the tables to greet customers as they enter. Winnie and Hanna look at samples on a nearby table. Kyle and Zac hover by the entrance.

1 Nana: Hi! My name is Nana. Can I help you find anything?

2 Winnie: Yeah. I'm looking for an acne cream.

3 Winnie: I've tried everything else, but nothing seems to work.

4 Nana: I have just the thing. It's new, but it's the best acne cream out there.

Panel 2:

Closer view, Nana and Winnie stand at a table with small, medium, and large bottles of the same product. At least one bottle should say "Plasma Pore."

5 Winnie (burst): Wow!

6 Winnie: I can't afford that.

7 Nana: I know it's expensive, but it's worth every cent.

8 Winnie: Thanks, but no thanks.

Panel 3:

Back to wide view with all characters. Winnie and Hanna have moved to a different table.

9 Nana: Wait. I have free samples.

10 Nana: Just try it. I know it will work.

11 Winnie: Okay.

12 Kyle: Me, too!

13 Hanna: Count me in!

14 Zac: I'm not putting that girly goop on **my** face!

Panel 4:

Outside Port Sports, Zac has his arms raised in worship.

15 Zac: Now this is my kind of store!

Panel 5:

Inside Port Sports, Zac and owner BUCK GORDON wrestle on a wrestling mat he has set up in the middle of the store. Zac is on top, winning. Buck, straining, is almost pinned. Kyle crouches, hand in the air, watching Buck's shoulders, ready to call the pin. Hanna has her hands clenched, cheering Zac on. Winnie rolls her eyes.

16 Buck (burst): GRRRUNT!

17 Hanna (burst): Come on, Zac!

PAGE THREEPanel 1:

Inside Candy's shop, two tables with chairs are by the front window. Winnie is at the doorway and is a sick color of green and her pimples are bigger. Candy, standing by the tables looks concerned.

1 Caption: The next day.

2 Candy: Winnie! You don't look so well.

3 Winnie (burst): Groan.

4 Candy: Here, sit down.

Panel 2:

Candy and Winnie sit at a table. In the background, through the window, hazy figures can be seen. Some are the same green as Winnie.

5 Candy: You look terrible!

6 Winnie (burst, bigger letters): Groan!

7 Candy: And your acne is worse!

Panel 3:

Close up on Winnie's face. A pimple has burst and a slug-like worm crawls out of her pimple. (There should be slime and ooze, make this as gross as you want.)

SFX: Splugde!

Panel 4:

The slug-worm falls to the floor. Winnie is terrified and another pimple has burst. The second slug plops on the table. Candy is standing and looks horrified.

8 Candy (burst): WINNIE!

9 Winnie: Help me!

Panel 5:

Close up of Candy's shoe stomping on the first slug-worm. It is flattened under her shoe, with slime and ooze spread around.

10 Candy (burst): TAKE THAT!

SFX: SPURLAT!

Panel 6:

Close up of Candy's shoe raised up. Slime and ooze trailing from the slug-worm that is now twice the size.

11 Candy (burst): WHAT THE ...

12 Winnie (off panel): SCREAM!

PAGES FOUR AND FIVEPanel 1:

A double page large panel shows the mall courtyard with various teens grabbing their own faces, slug-worms flopping to the floor and on tables in various splat stages. Other teens scream, some run out of stores, and some vomit. Adults run away, while other adults try to help. Kyle and Hanna are part of the victims. Zac is not a victim, but stands with a look of horror. This should be chaos and gross. Use some of the same teens in upcoming panels.

1 Hanna: HELP ME!

2 Teen 1: SCREAM!

3 Kyle: URP!

4 Teen 2: MOMMY!

5 Adult 1: MY BABY!

6 Zac (burst): HANNA!

SFX: Splop!

SFX: Bludge!

Panel 2:

Outside Port Sports, Buck stands, looking down at Teen 1 crumpled on the floor, holding his face.

7 Buck: What the **hell**?

8 Teen 1: Help me!

Panel 3:

A Kyle is vomiting in the trashcan as a slug-worm flops to the floor. OLMAN REAVER peeks around a pillar and sees a slug crawling up a trashcan.

9 Kyle: URRRRUP!

10 Olman: **Uck!**

Panel 4:

Outside Cosmic Cosmetics, Nana, with a surprised and horrified look, stands in the doorway of her store. Teen 2 and Adult 1 are running past.

11 Teen 3: What's going on?

12 Teen 4: I don't know!

13 Teen 4: **RUN FASTER!**

Panel 5:

Outside Galactic Gadgets, FARNEY BIFE is running and calling on his radio. Chaos surrounds him.

14 Bife: ATTICUS!

15 Bife: We have a situation here!

PAGE SIX

These panels can have a much or as little background as you want. Go nuts!

Panel 1:

Buck has a machete and hacks slugs-worms in half.

1 Buck: HA!

SFX: Chop!

SFX: Slice!

Panel 2:

Olman, near his pillar, stomps on slugs-worms, squashing them flat.

2 Olman: Oh, no you don't!

SFX: Stomp!

SFX: Splat!

Panel 3:

Bife fires his Taser at the slugs-worms, exploding them into pieces.

3 Bife: Take that!

SFX: Sizzle!

SFX: Pop!

Panel 4:

Nana pours a face cream from a large mouth jug over slugs-worms, turning them into wiggling piles.

4 Nana: Uck!

SFX: Glug Glug

Panel 5:

Candy dumps Martian Sugar on the slug-worms.

PAGE SEVEN

These panels should have the same type of background you chose for page six.

Panel 1:

The slugs Buck chopped wiggle back together and reform.

SFX: Wriggle Wriggle

Panel 2:

Olman's squashed slugs inflate and double in size.

SFX: Ffffup

Panel 3:

The pieces of the slugs Bife zapped each become a new slug.

SFX: Bink Bink Bink

Panel 4:

Nana's face cream covered slugs absorb the cream and get bigger.

SFX: Glurp

Panel 5:

The Marian Sugar Candy covered the slugs with is also absorbed and the slugs double in size.

SFX: Shurp

PAGE EIGHTPanel 1:

LIONEL ATTICUS, from halfway down the escalator, sees the madness and mess below him.

1 Atticus: Holy Mother!

Panel 2:

In the Security Office, Atticus pants in the doorway. SARAH SHEIF looks at Atticus, eyebrows raised. There are several books on the desk. One titled “Bad Bugs of the Universe”

2 Atticus: Lock down the mall! We got a problem!

3 Sheif: What is it this time?

Panel 3:

Split panel - Atticus is on the phone and looks panicked. A MEDIC is on the phone, and looks unconcerned.

4 Atticus: We need medical personnel at the mall right away!

5 Medic: What ya got?

Panel 4:

Split panel – same, but Atticus is yelling, and medic looks concerned.

6 Atticus: Kids falling sick everywhere!

7 Medic: On our way!

Panel 5:

In the entrance dome, looking down a tube-way, Atticus watches Medics with floating stretchers approach. The PRESS follows close behind.

8 Atticus: SHIT!

9 Atticus: Sheif! We got a problem!

Panel 6:

Atticus and Sheif block the press from entering the mall. Atticus has his arms spread. Sheif stands, towering and scowling.

10 Atticus: Nothing to see here, people.

11 Press 1: That's what you always say.

12 Press 2: And there always is.

PAGE NINEPanel 1:

In the entrance dome, floating stretchers with crying and writhing teens float by Atticus, Sheif and the press. Sheif stands ready to fight.

1 Press 2: Like I said.

2 Sheif: You are not getting down there.

Panel 2:

Two more stretchers float by, one with Hanna and one with Kyle. Atticus has a look of terror and concern.

3 Atticus: THOSE ARE MY KIDS!

Panel 3:

Atticus, forgetting about the press, follows his children. Sheif watches him leave with a look of surprise and a questioning posture.

4 Sheif: What the hell?

5 Sheif (thought) I can't hold all these people by myself.

Panel 4:

The press shoves past Sheif and storms the mall entrance, eager to get details of what is going on.

6 Press 1: Let's go, boys!

7 Sheif (burst): Stop!

8 Press 2: Try and stop us!

Panel 5:

Looking up from the floor, Sheif stands halfway down the escalator, eyes wide in horror. The press is at the bottom of the escalator, flashing pictures and taking video.

9 Sheif: Oh.

10 Sheif: My.

11 Sheif: God.

Panel 6:

From Sheif's point of view, she sees the mess and chaos. Most of the slugs are the size of children now, wriggling and sliming everything. Goo and slime cover almost everything, including people.

PAGE TENPanel 1:

Sheif bolts back up the escalator, talking on her radio.

1 Sheif: All Units! All Units!

2 Sheif: Meet me in the Security Office!

3 Sheif: Stat!

Panel 2:

Sheif comes back down the escalator with other SECURITY OFFICERS, all carrying white boxes. One officer pulling a floating cart with more boxes.

Panel 3:

At the bottom of the escalator, Sarah and her officers shove past the press, knocking them into the slime and goo.

4 Sheif: Oopps.

5 Sheif: Sorry ... NOT.

6 Sheif: Ok, Officers!

7 Sheif: Coat these bugs!

Panel 4:

Close up. In a cloud, white crystals land on a giant slug and the smaller slug-worms around it.

Panel 5:

As a giant slug-worm towers over her, Sheif stands her ground. She glares at the slug-worm as she talks in her radio.

8 Sheif: Activate the sprinkler system!

Panel 6:

Close up. A white box lies on its side in a puddle of water, goo, and slime. "SALT" is written on the side of the box.

PAGE ELEVENPanel 1:

Buck stands, victorious, with his machete like a warrior, face turned up into the water, a slug-worm melting at his feet.

1 Buck (burst): Aaaarrrr!

Panel 2:

Bife has holstered his Taser, but his hand is still on it, like a cop with his hand on his gun. He has a look of satisfaction for a job well done. The tiny slug-worms that covered him ooze down his body.

2 Bife: Humph.

Panel 3:

Nana and Candy are slipping and falling in melted slug goo.

3 Nana: Get off me!

4 Candy: Look out!

Panel 4:

Olman had produced an umbrella and remains dry and slime-free. He stomps a last small wriggling slug-worm into a puddle.

5 Olman: Oh no you don't!

PAGE TWELVEPanel 1:

Covered in slime, Candy and Nana fight over who's fault this mess is. Bife and Buck watch the argument.

1 Candy: This is all your fault!

2 Nana: Not my fault! Your fault!

3 Buck: Care to place a bet on who wins, Bife?

4 Bife: Oh, No! I know better than!

Panel 2:

Atticus walks up on the fight. Everyone has paused to look at him from where they were standing.

5 Atticus: It's **both** your faults!

6 Candy: What?

7 Nana: No!

8 Atticus: The doctors said the slug-worms developed from a chemical reaction.

9 Atticus: When the teens ate your Martian sugar ...

10 Nana: See!

11 Atticus: AND used the face cream ...

12 Candy: HA!

13 Atticus: they developed the Alien Acne.

Panel 3:

Wide view. The mall is empty except for Custodian Harland Hanson and puddles of slime. The mall looks like a battlefield. With a sour face, he cleans up slime with a mop and bucket.

14 Hanson: One day ...

15 Hanson: I can't take much more of this.