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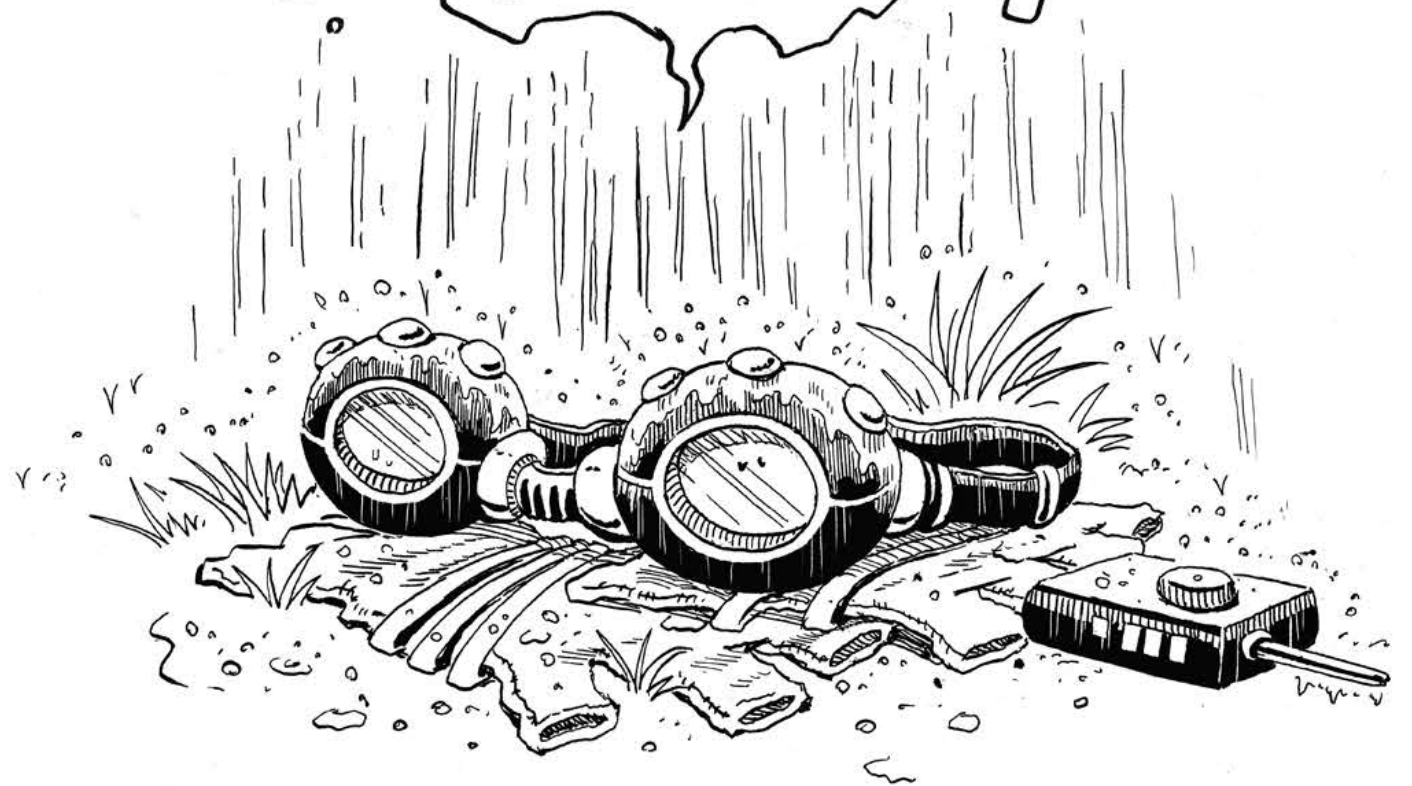
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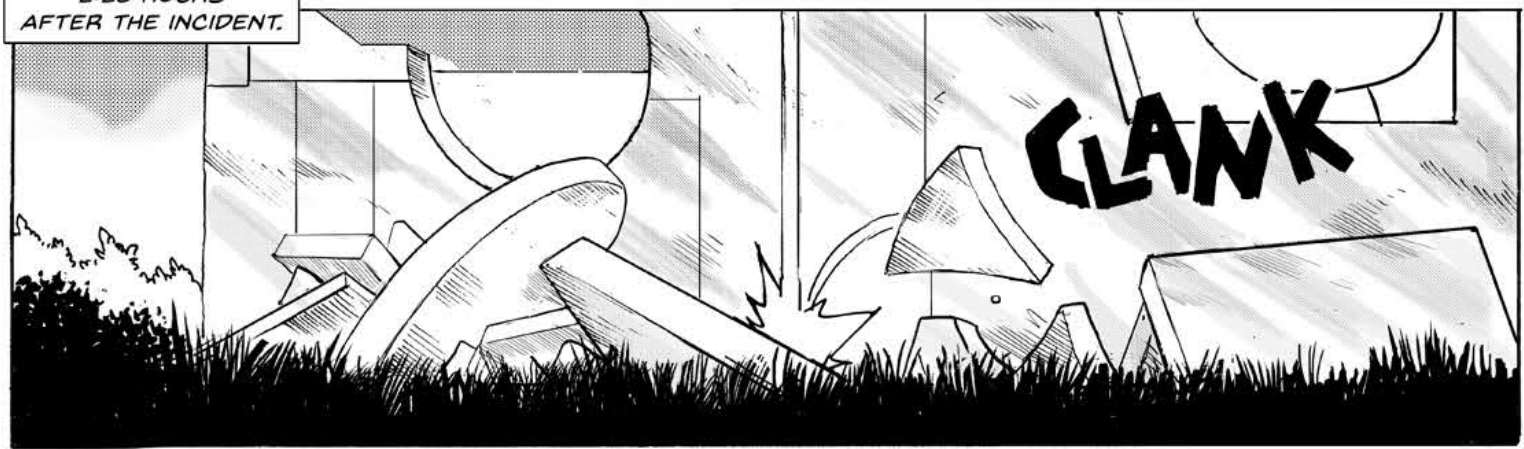
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2:23 HOURS AFTER THE INCIDENT.



3:32 HOURS AFTER THE INCIDENT.



YOU TELEPORTED HIM TO THE NEAREST BASE AS SOON AS WE LEFT THE PRISON, DIDN'T YOU?

YES. HE WAS VERY DISORIENTED.

THE WILL OF SAUNIÈRE, FREI. HEARING HIS VOICE INSIDE YOUR BRAIN, RUMBLING... IT'S HYPNOTIC...

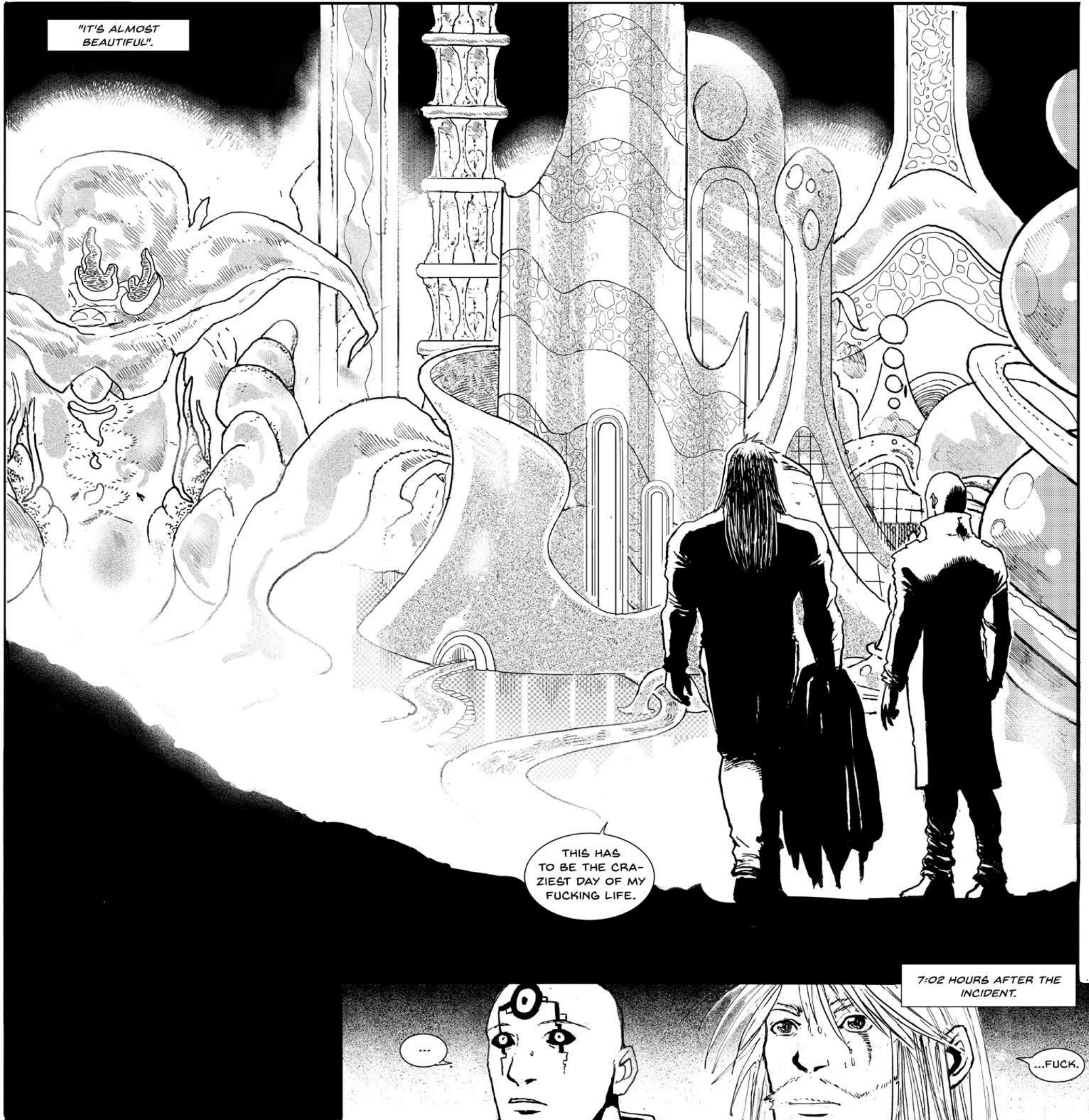
...BUT FOR THE HERMITES IT MEANS CUTTING THE LINK WITH THE ONLY THING THAT GIVES MEANING TO OUR LIVES.

GIVE IT TIME.



LOOK AT ALL THESE SLEEPING TELEPATHS.

WORKING TO MAKE A PEACEFUL AND STABLE WORLD.



"IT'S ALMOST BEAUTIFUL."

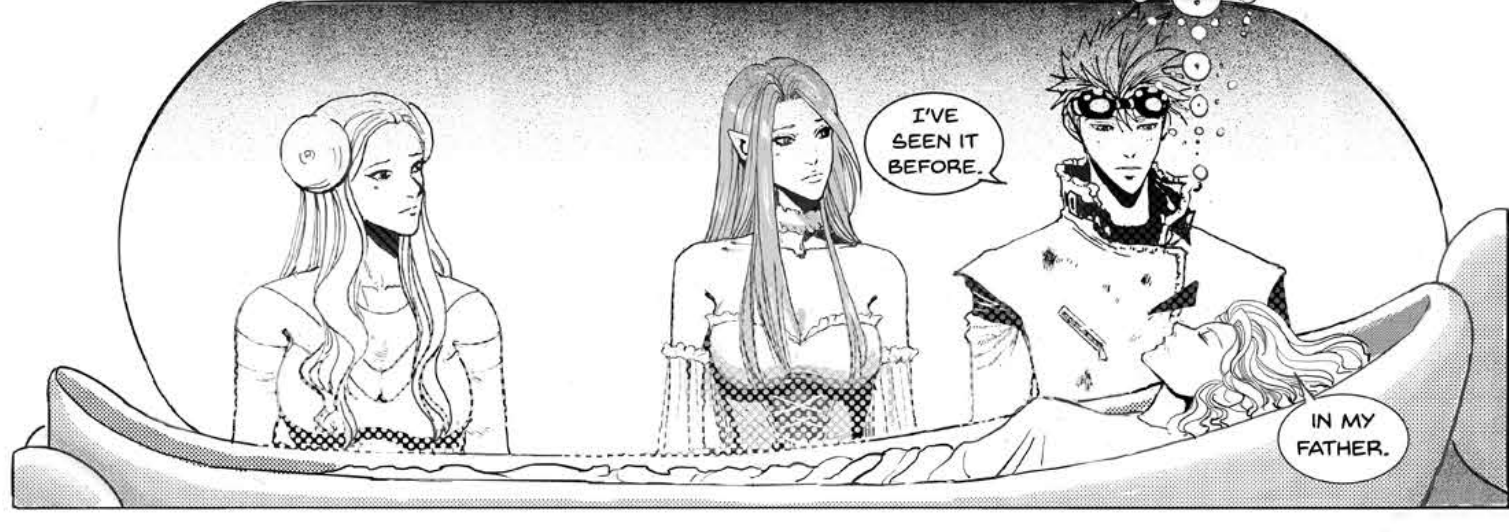
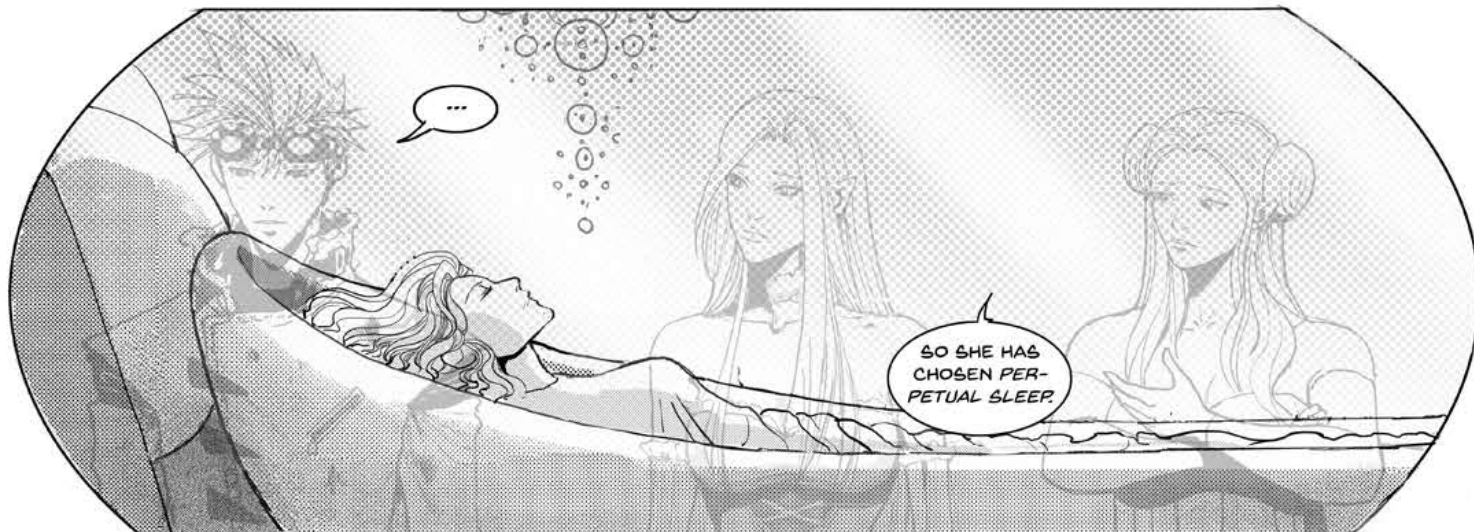
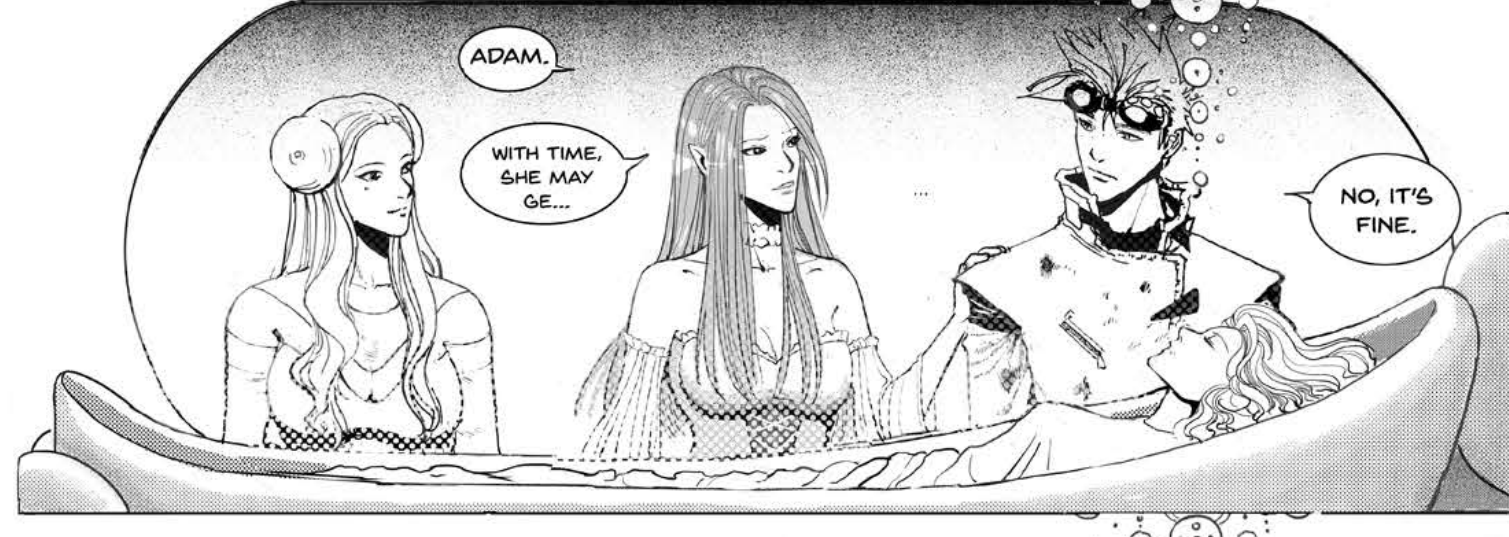
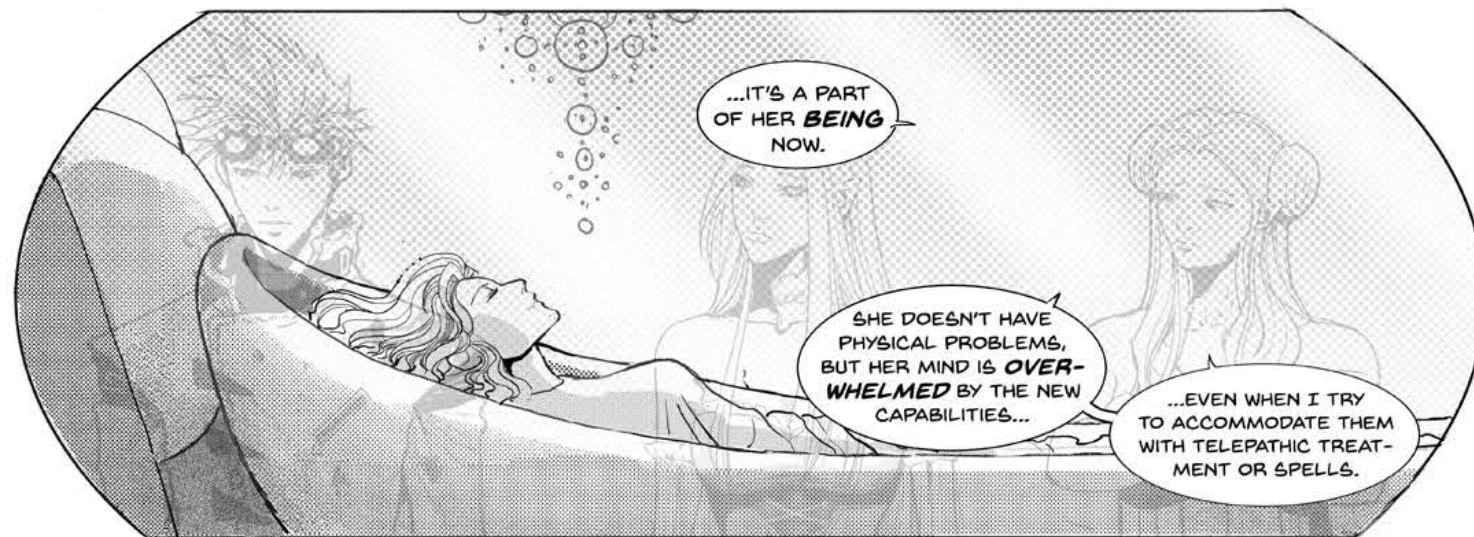
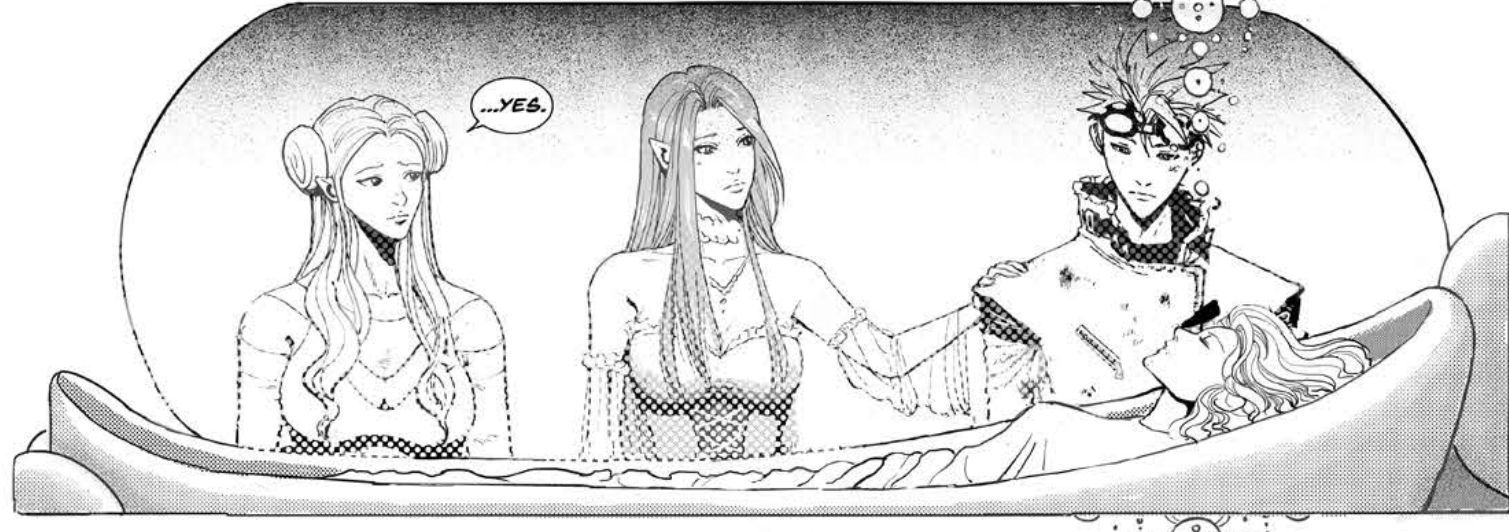
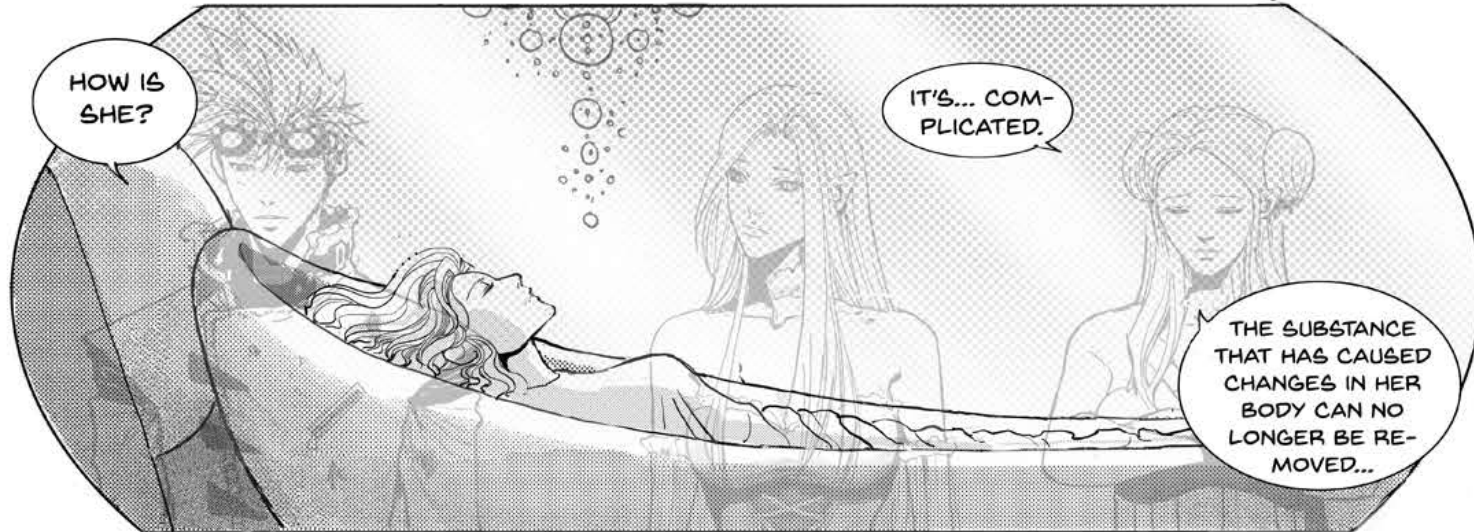
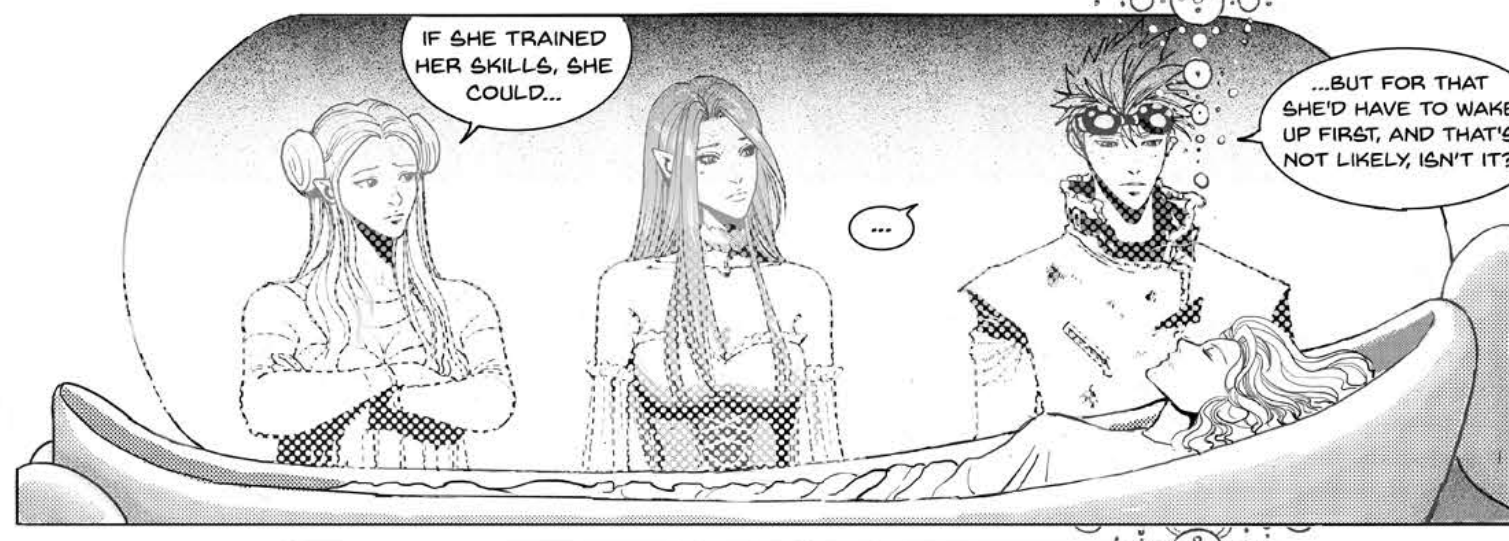
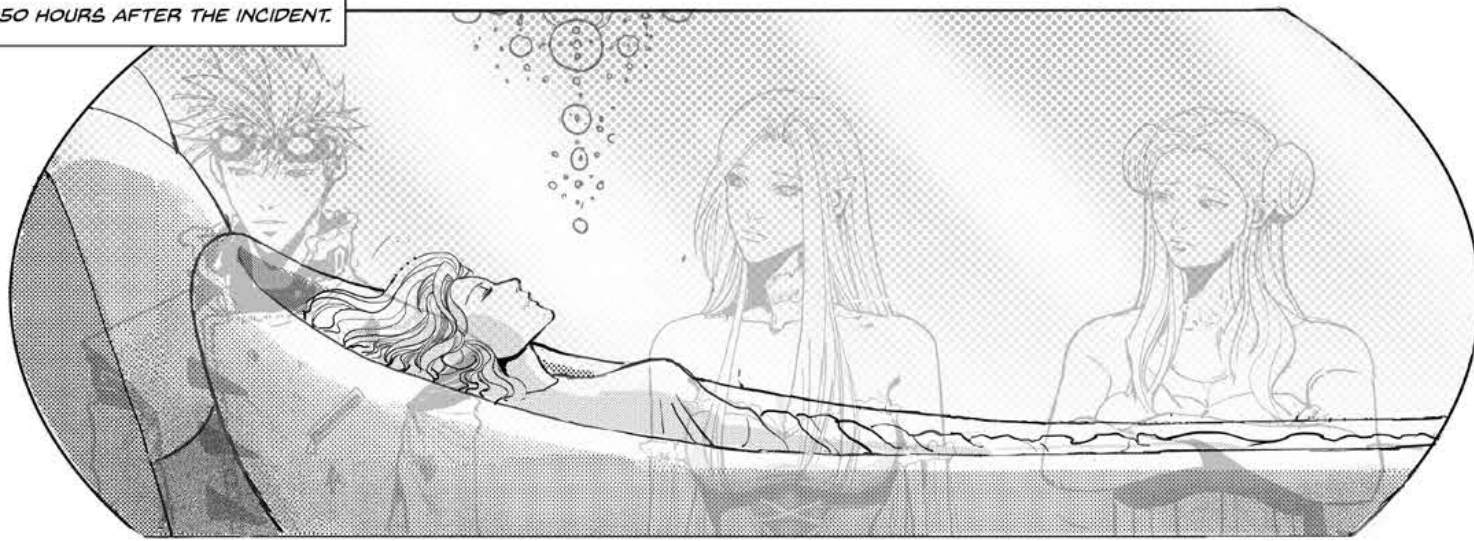
THIS HAS TO BE THE CRAZIEST DAY OF MY FUCKING LIFE.

7:02 HOURS AFTER THE INCIDENT.

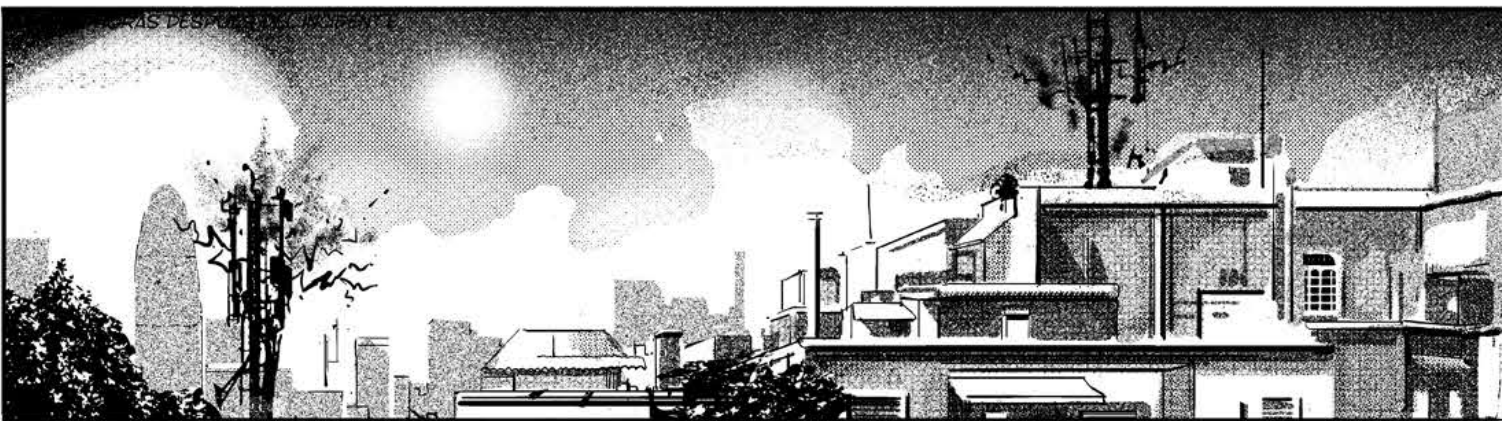
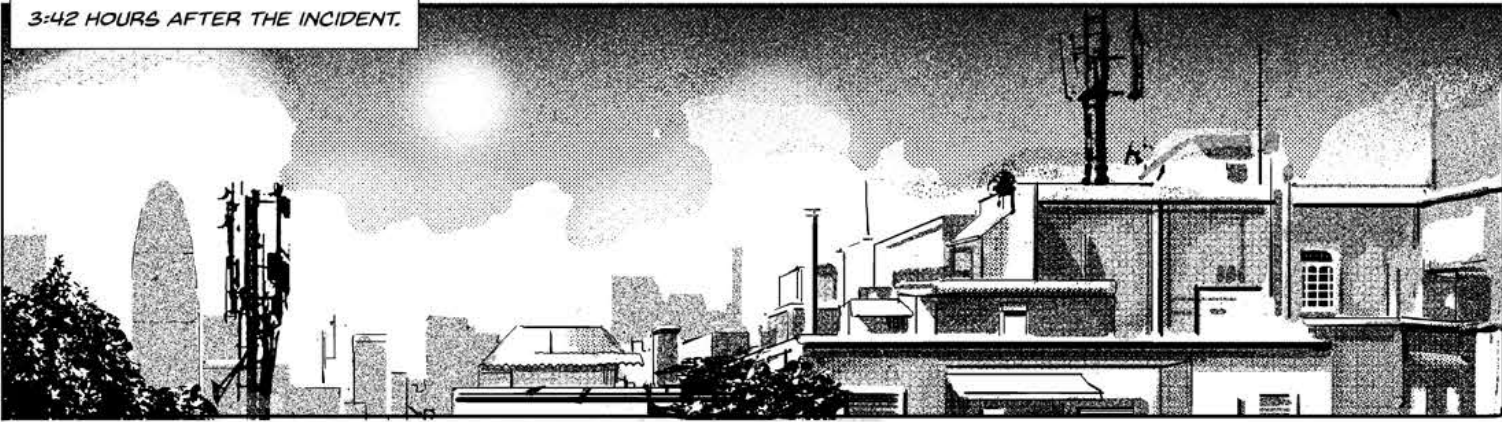


...

...FUCK.



3:42 HOURS AFTER THE INCIDENT.



8:02 HOURS AFTER THE INCIDENT.



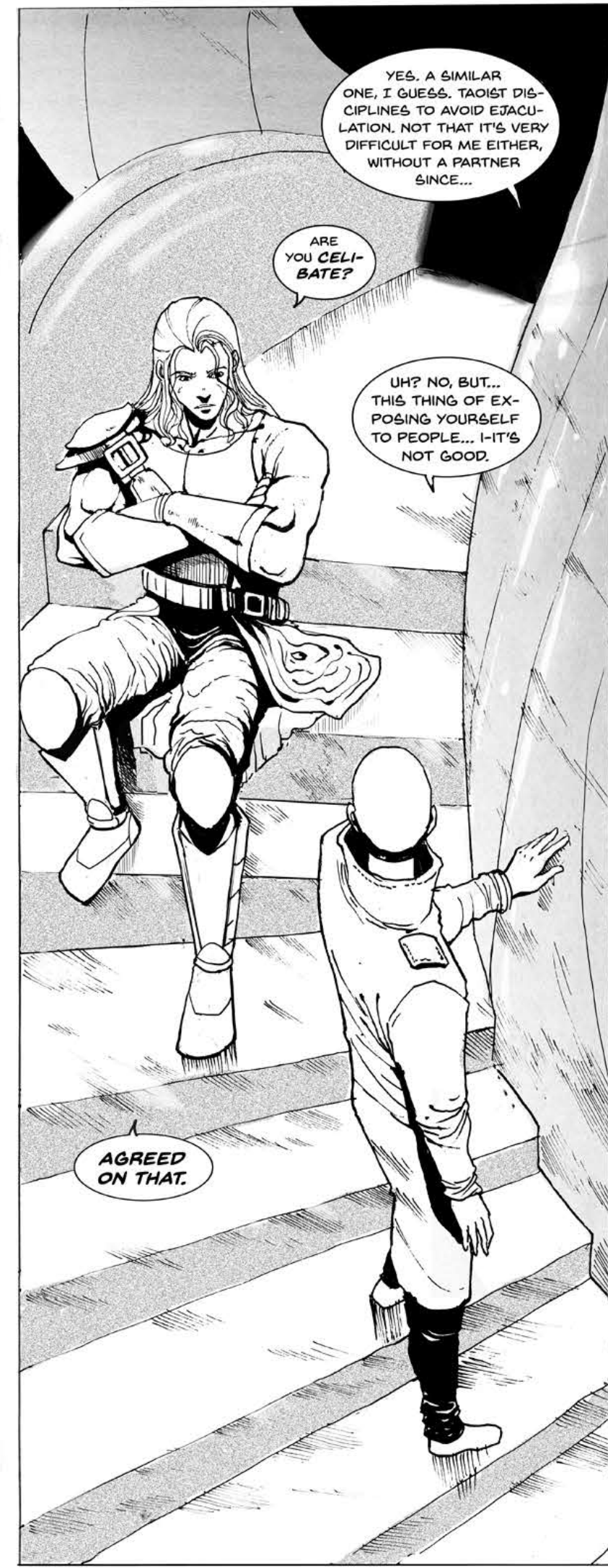
PREVENT THE CLIMAX.

MULTI-ORGASMIC SEX. -HH-. RAISING SPIRITUAL POWER BY INCREASING SEXUAL ENERGY WITHOUT SQUANDERING IT IN THE EJACULATION.

I DIDN'T THINK YOU WOULD USE IT HERE.



AH. SO YOU KNOW THE TECHNIQUE?

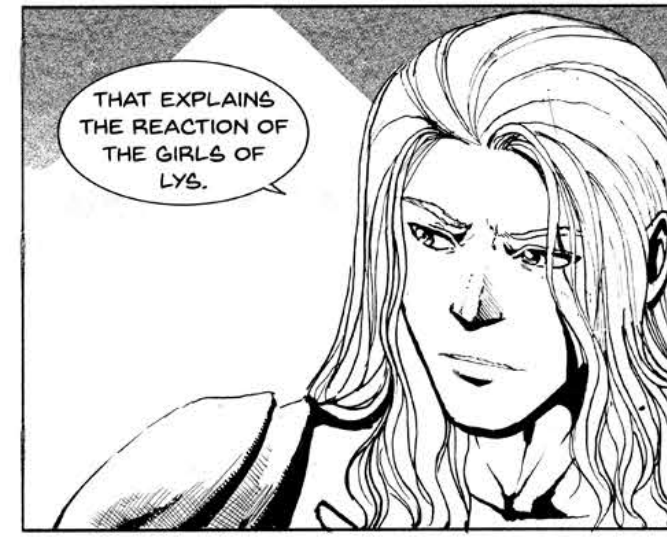


YES. A SIMILAR ONE, I GUESS. TAOIST DISCIPLINES TO AVOID EJACULATION. NOT THAT IT'S VERY DIFFICULT FOR ME EITHER, WITHOUT A PARTNER SINCE...

ARE YOU CELIBATE?

UH? NO, BUT... THIS THING OF EXPOSING YOURSELF TO PEOPLE... I-IT'S NOT GOOD.

AGREED ON THAT.



THAT EXPLAINS THE REACTION OF THE GIRLS OF LYS.



HM?

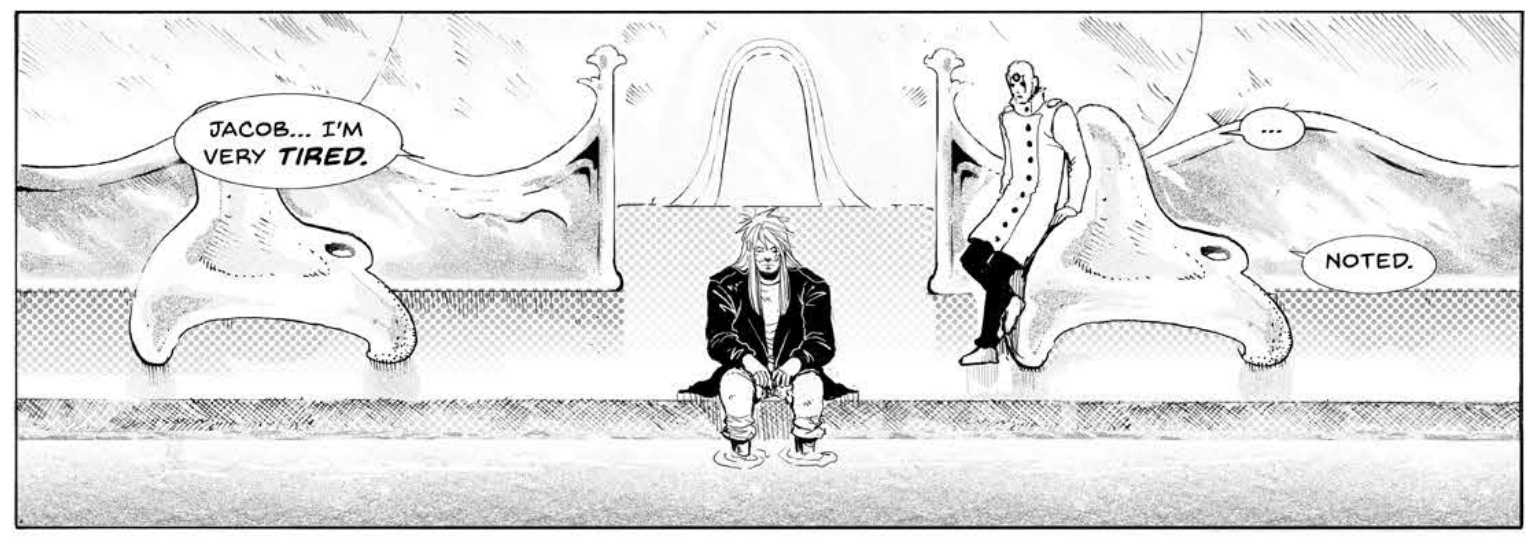
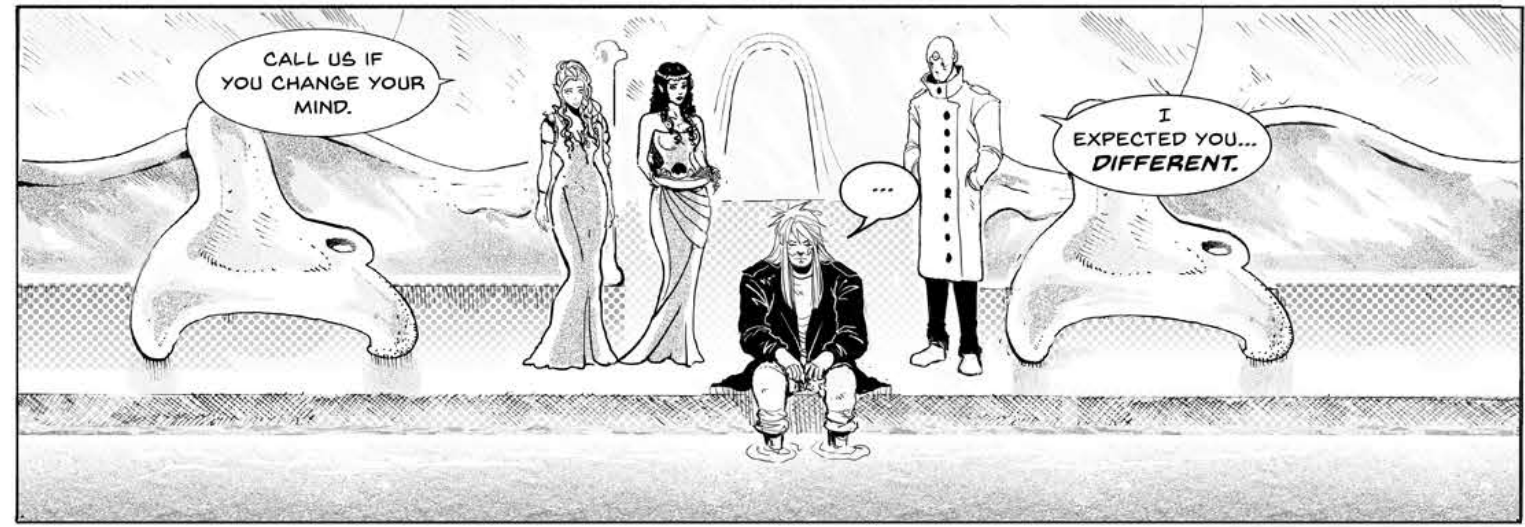
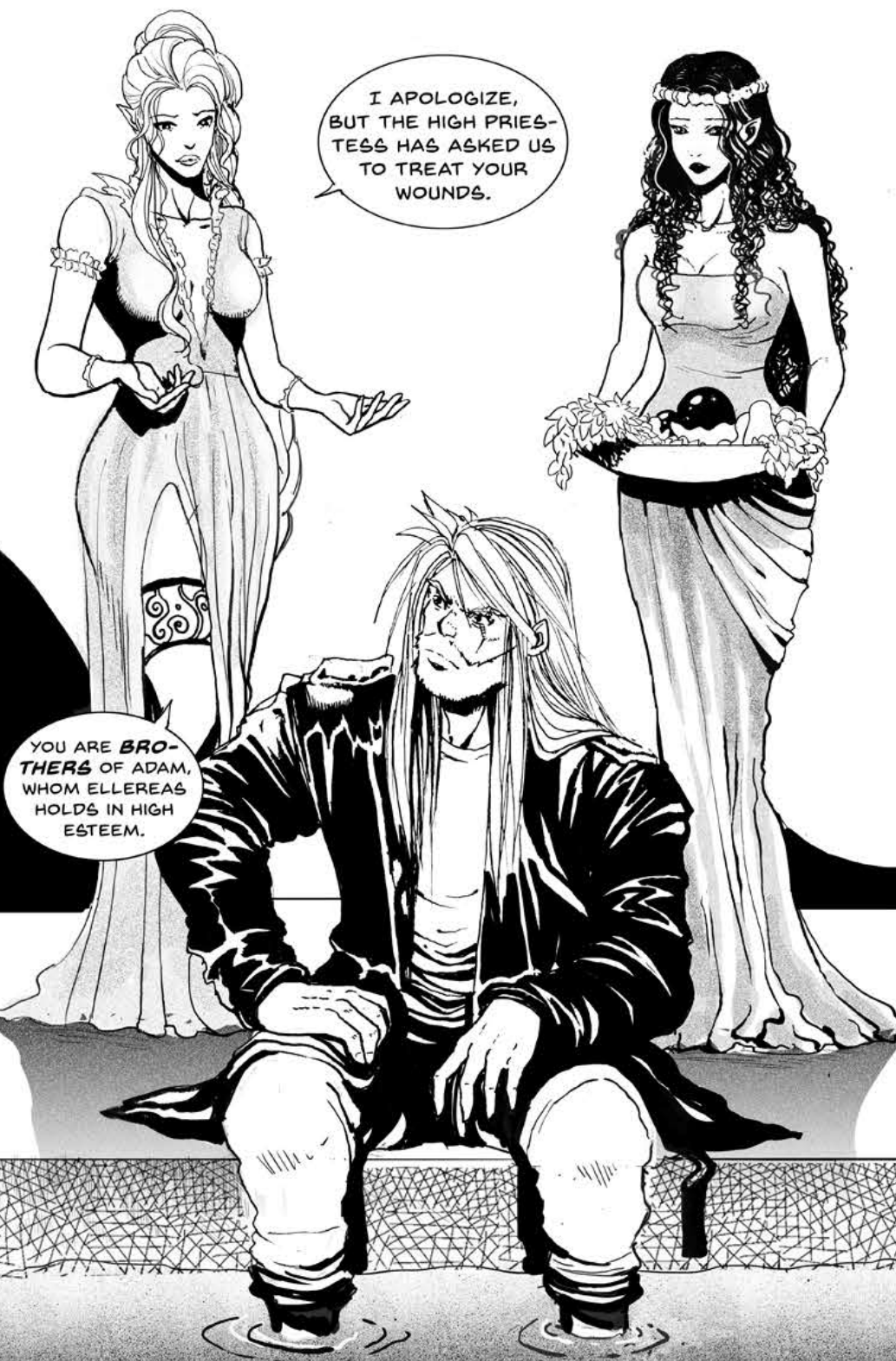
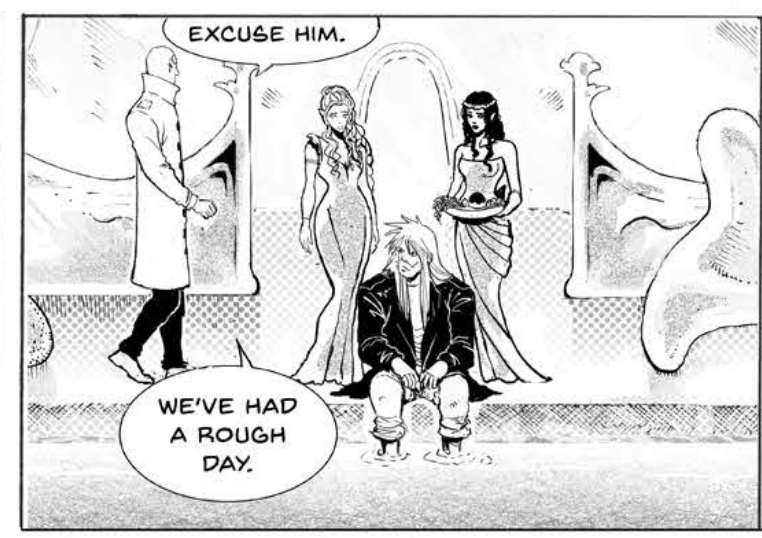
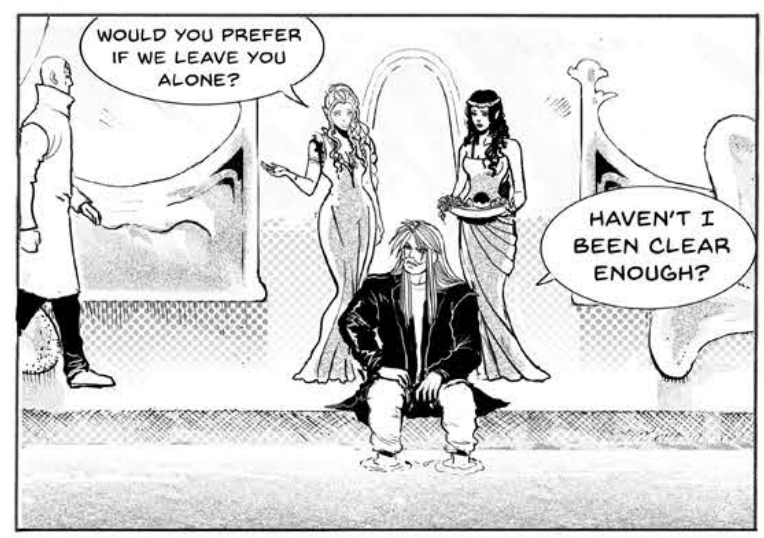


YOU ARE A DISTORTED REFLECTION OF THEIR KNOWLEDGE, THEY DETECT IT IN YOUR AURA.

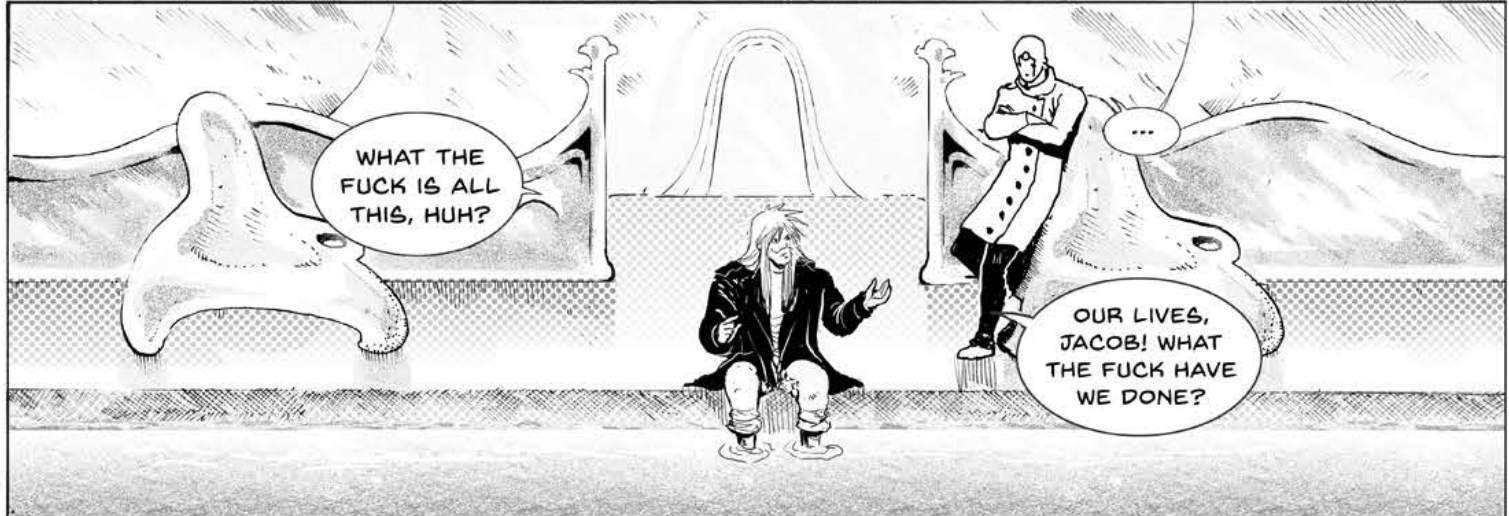
THEY SEE YOU EXOTIC.



...I'M GOING TO LOOK FOR MY PARTNER.



8:13 HOURS AFTER THE INCIDENT.



WHY NOT? I NEED TO GO BACK TO...

ADAM.

...I WANT TO FEEL AGAIN THE SAME AS IN THAT RITUAL...

THAT DAY, I USED MY MAGIC TO HELP MOVE YOUR SPIRIT THROUGH YOUR CHAKRAS... OTHERWISE, YOU WOULDN'T HAVE MADE IT TO THE...

SO?

I... DUNNO.

RIGHT NOW, YOU'RE IN SO MUCH PAIN THAT... THAT WOULD NOT BE **ADVISABLE.**

WHY DO YOU WANT IT AT A TIME LIKE THIS?

I... DON'T KNOW.

IT'S LIKE... YOU MADE ME FEEL... LIKE I COULD **EXIST.**

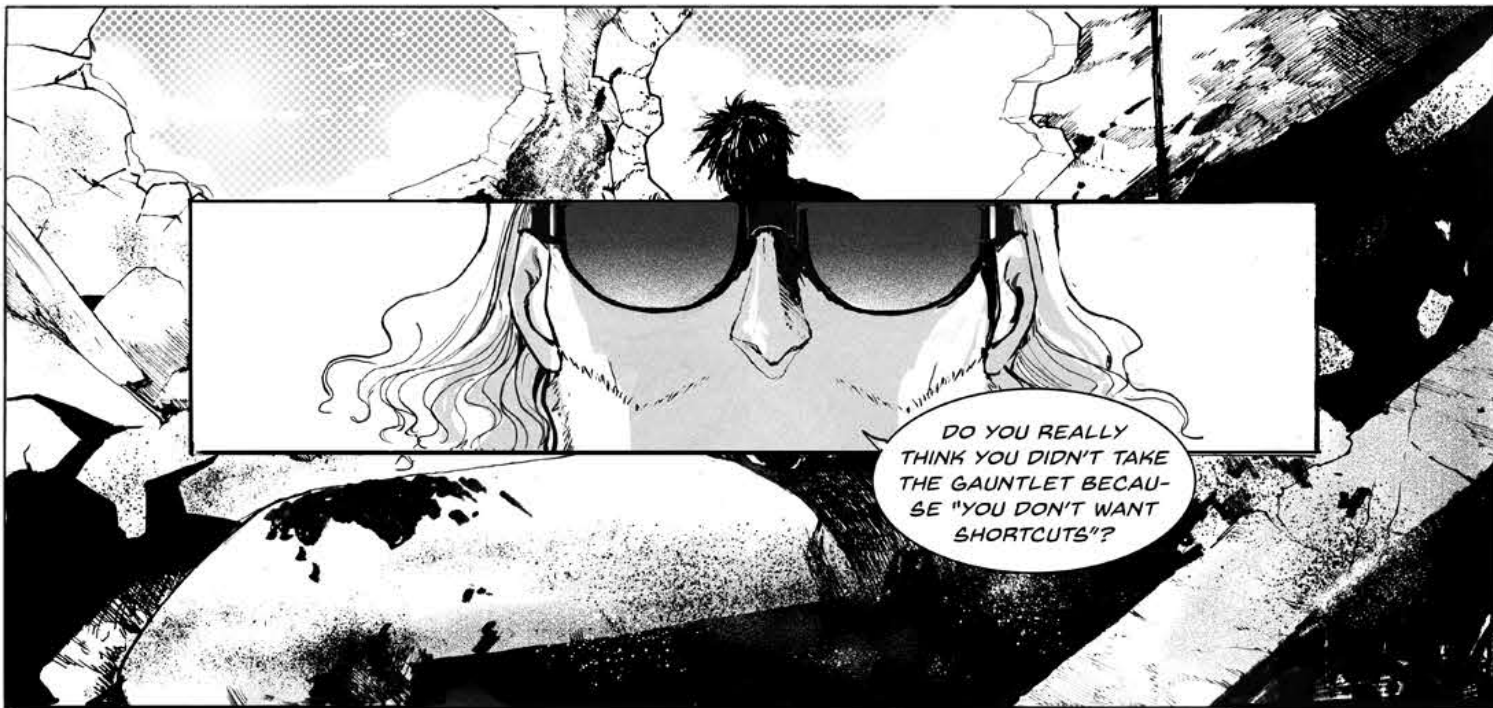
IT COULD OVERLOAD YOU EVEN MORE.

THAT IT'S NOT MY FAULT TO... TO...

WHATEVER I DO, I-I... I SHOULDN'T HAVE... IF I DIDN'T DO THIS, SHE...

I... DON'T KNOW. I JUST DON'T KNOW.

4:13 HOURS AFTER THE INCIDENT.



DO YOU REALLY THINK YOU DIDN'T TAKE THE GAUNTLET BECAUSE "YOU DON'T WANT SHORTCUTS"?



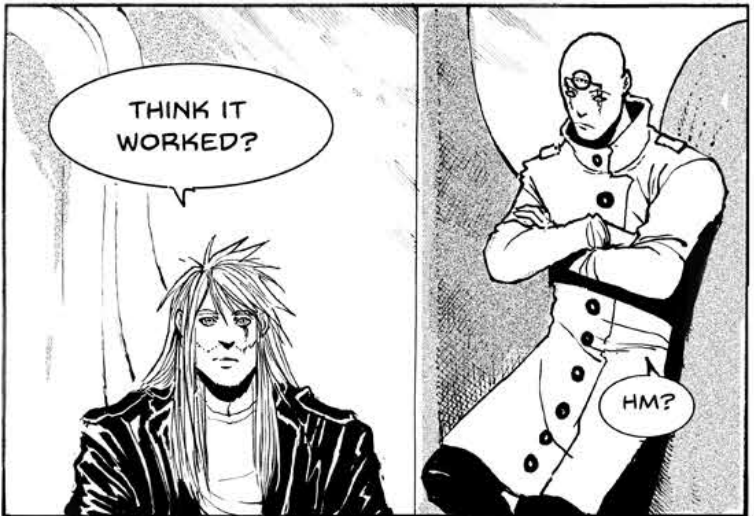
"NO. YOU AVOID IT OUT OF FEAR".

8:18 HOURS AFTER THE INCIDENT.



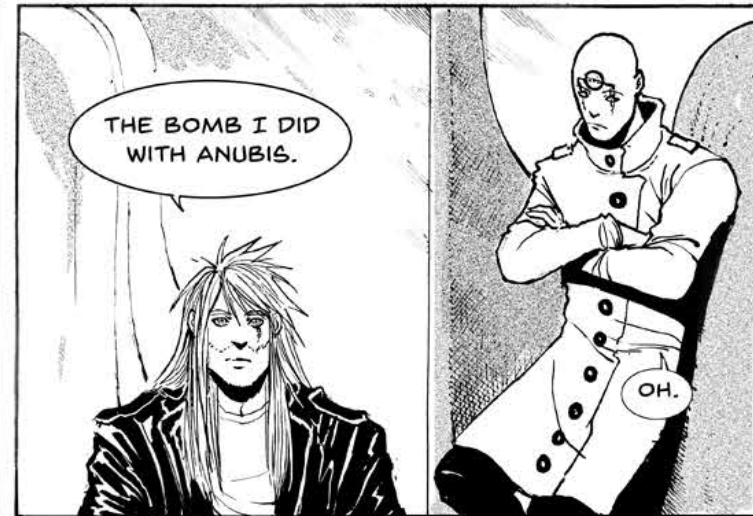
REMEMBER THE STORY OF LYS?

YOU CAN'T SOLVE ANYTHING IF YOU DON'T EVEN PERCEIVE THE PROBLEM, ADAM. I'M SORRY.



THINK IT WORKED?

HM?



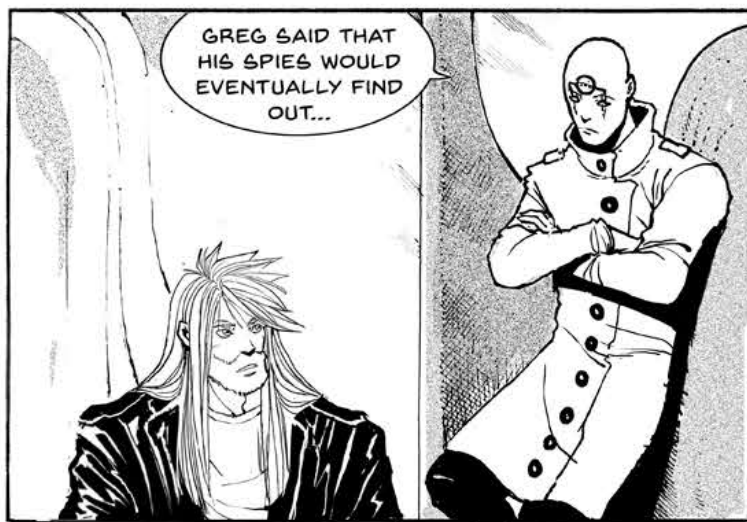
THE BOMB I DID WITH ANUBIS.

OH.

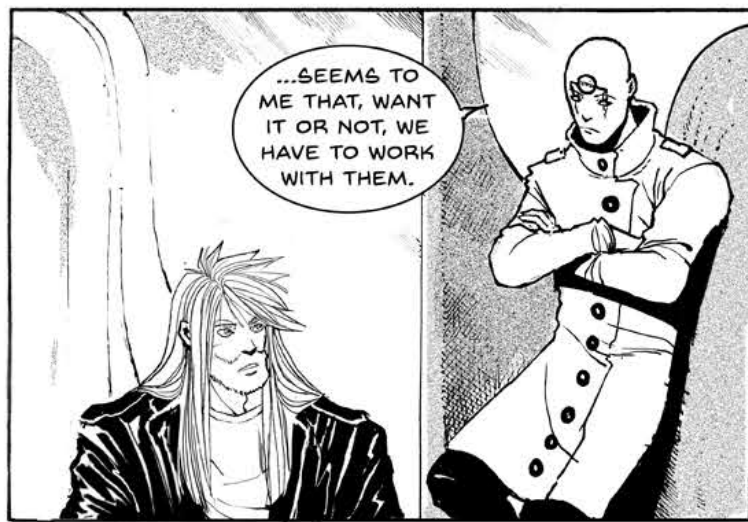


I DON'T KNOW. ACCORDING TO ANUBIS, YOU COULDN'T MAKE A BOMB THAT WOULD DESTROY THE ENTIRE NETWORK, RIGHT?

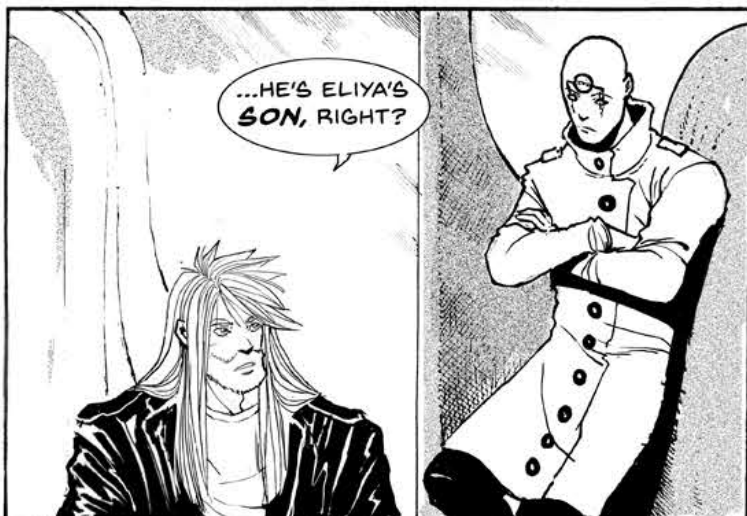
IF WE HAVE DONE SOMETHING... IT'S POSSIBLE WE WON'T BE ABLE TO PERCEIVE IT.



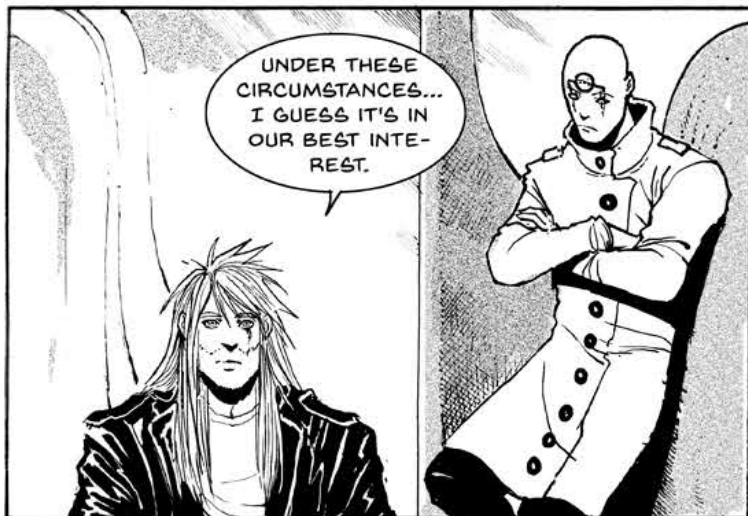
GREG SAID THAT HIS SPIES WOULD EVENTUALLY FIND OUT...



...SEEMS TO ME THAT, WANT IT OR NOT, WE HAVE TO WORK WITH THEM.



...HE'S ELIYA'S SON, RIGHT?



UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES... I GUESS IT'S IN OUR BEST INTEREST.



I ASKED HIM ABOUT HIS FATHER, BUT HE DENIED EVERYTHING. IF WE BECOME ALLIES...

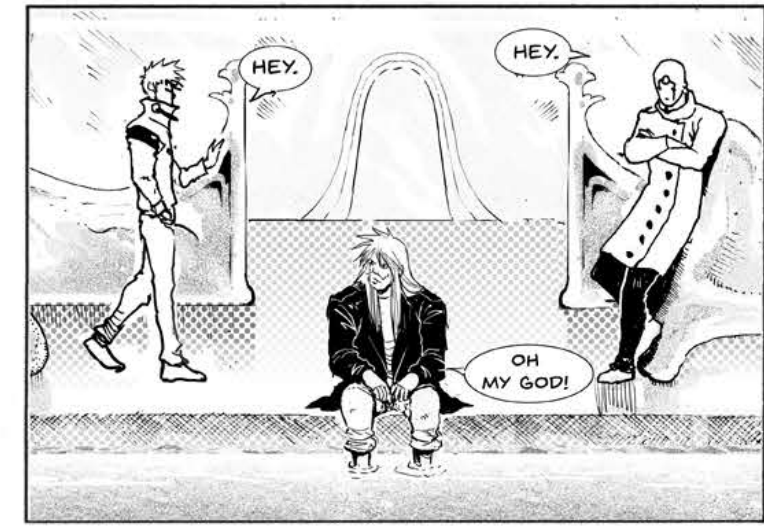
...MAYBE THEN HE'LL TELL THE TRUTH WITHOUT HAVING TO FORCE THINGS.

4:42 HOURS AFTER THE INCIDENT.



FREI, I UNDERSTAND THAT YOU HAVE DETECTED MAGIC, BUT...

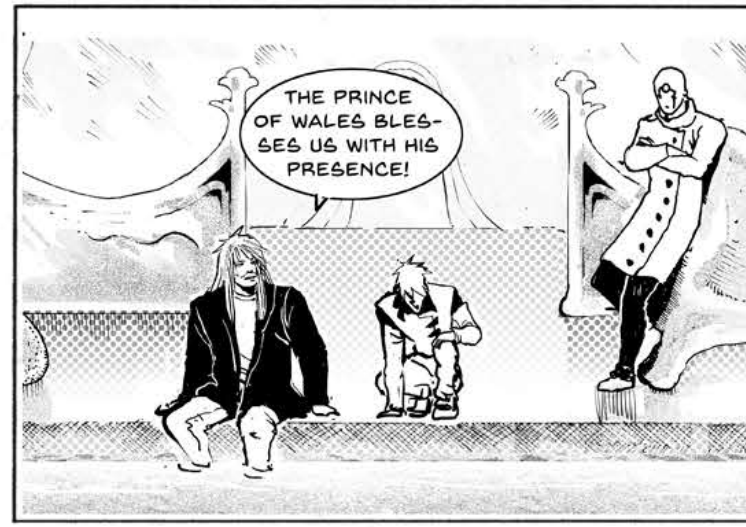
THE NEURAL NETWORK IS STILL INTACT... NO SIGNS OF DANGER.



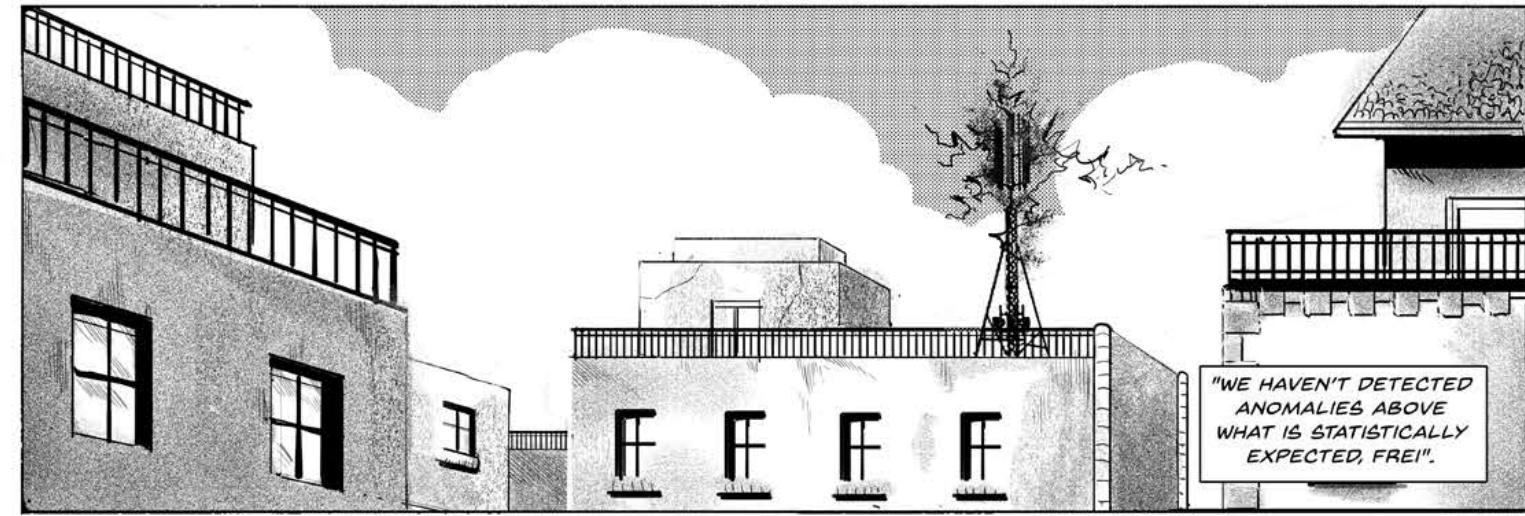
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HEY.

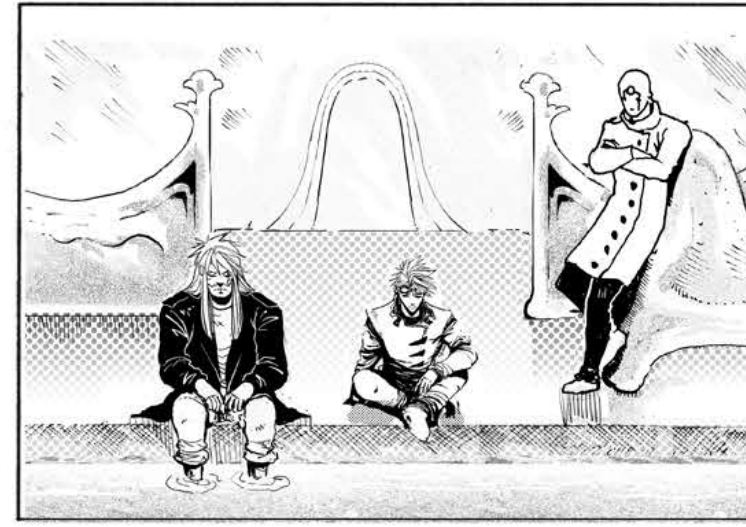
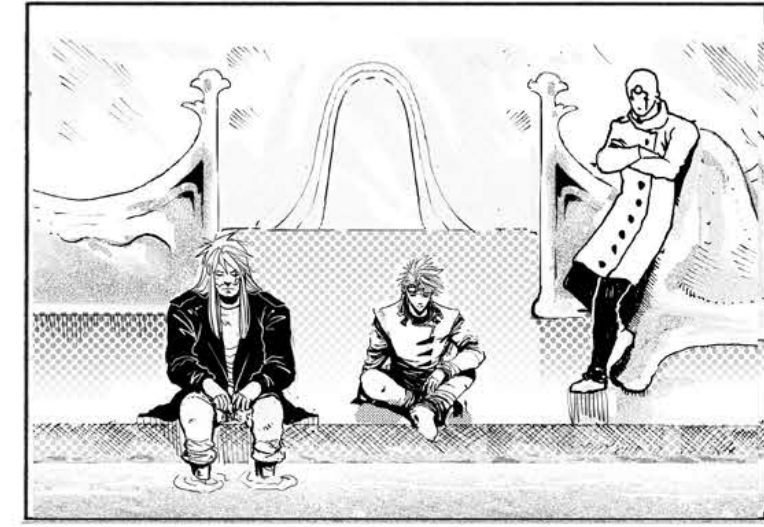
OH MY GOD!

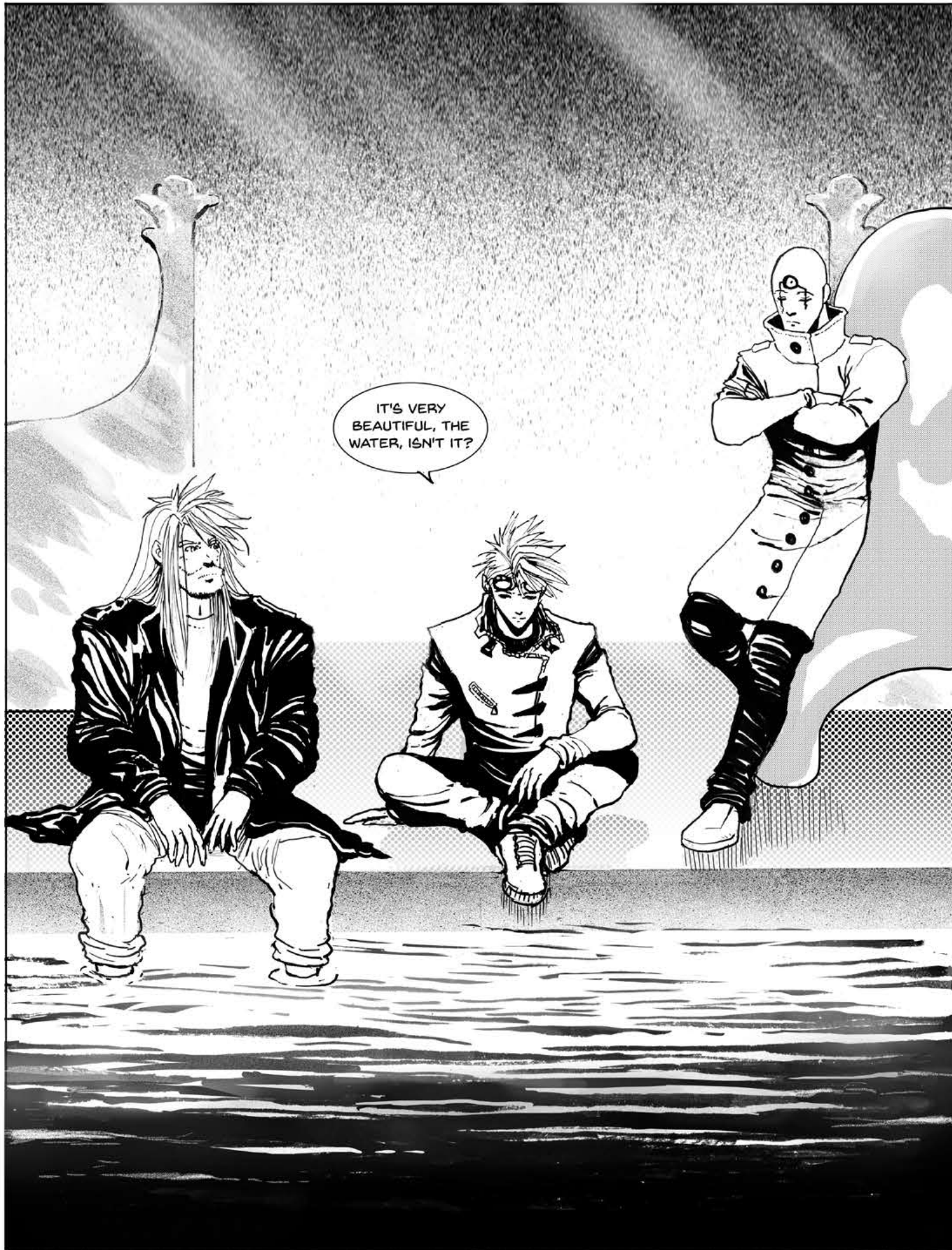


THE PRINCE OF WALES BLESSES US WITH HIS PRESENCE!

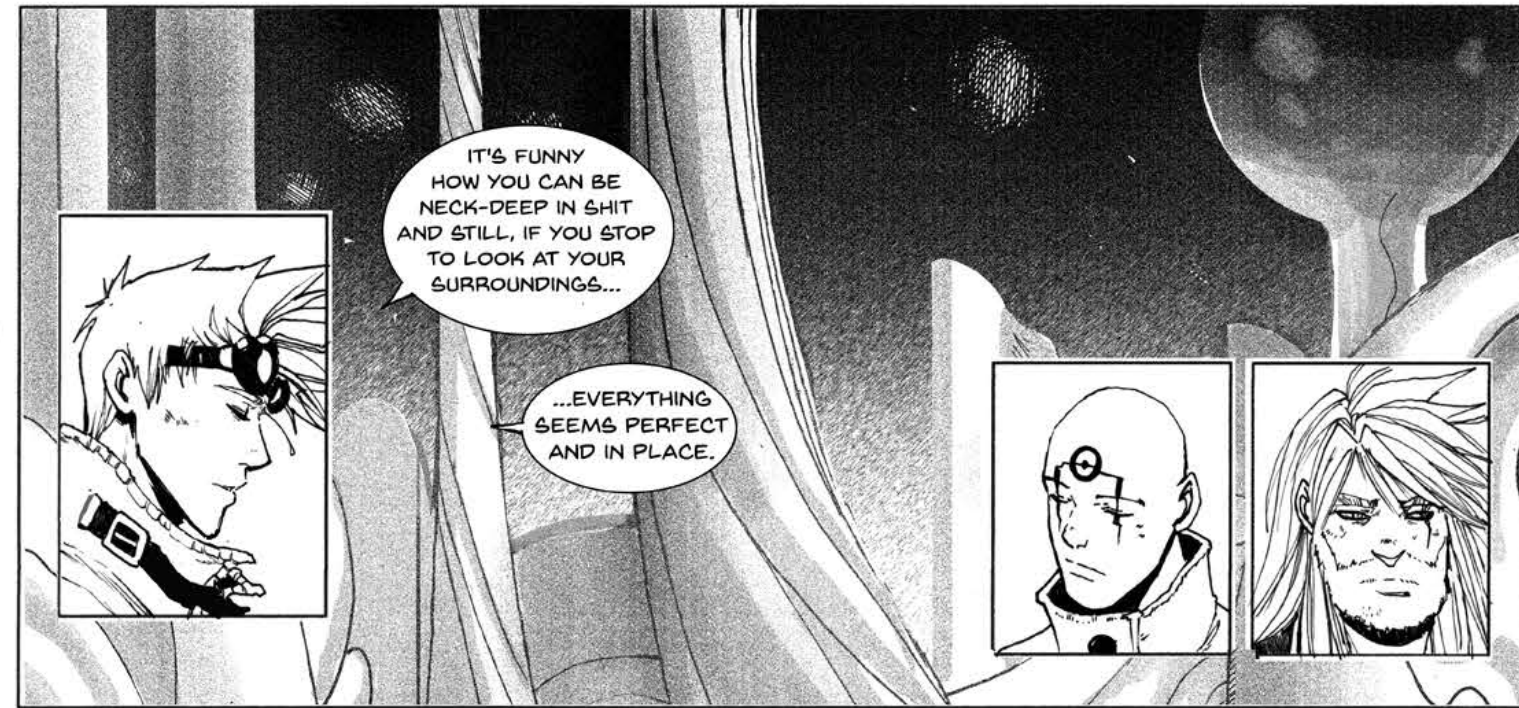


"WE HAVEN'T DETECTED ANOMALIES ABOVE WHAT IS STATISTICALLY EXPECTED, FREI!"



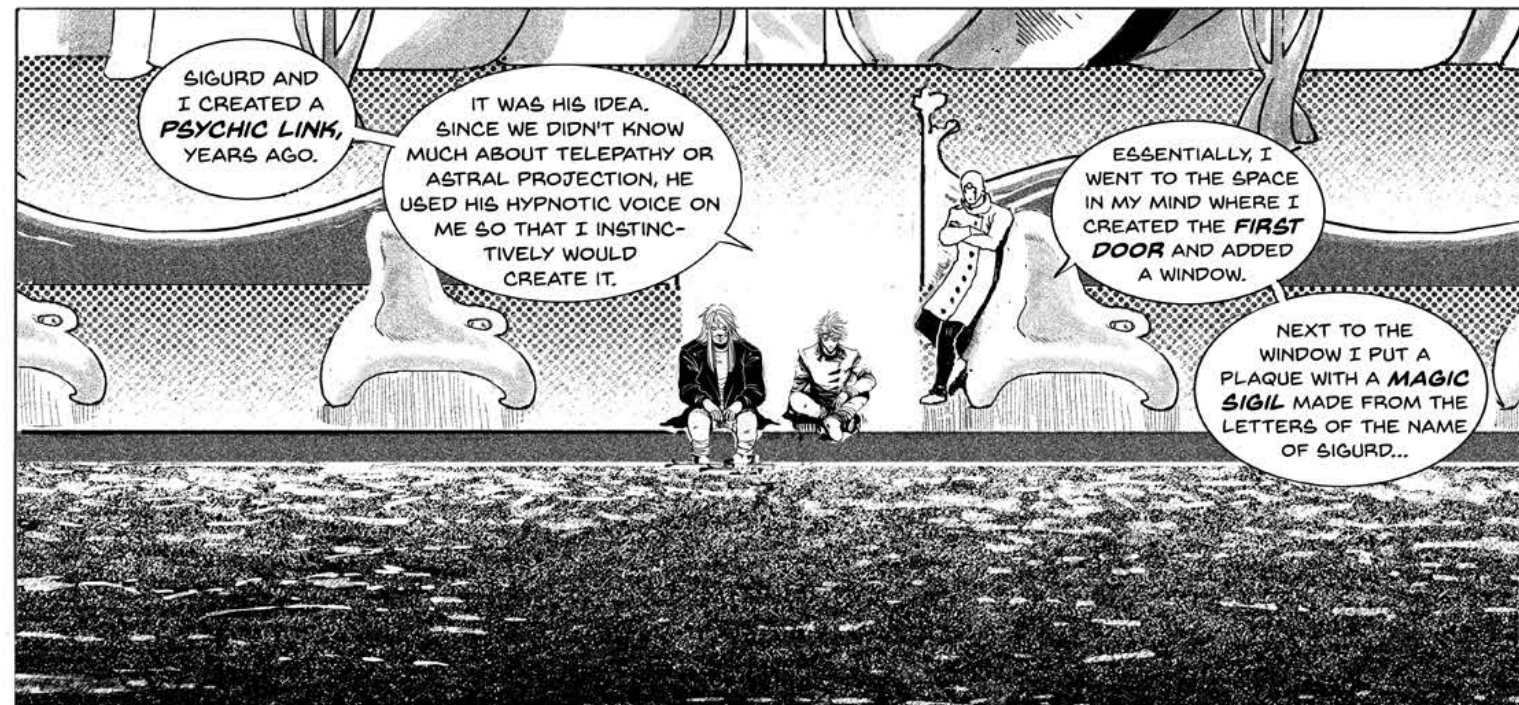


IT'S VERY BEAUTIFUL, THE WATER, ISN'T IT?



IT'S FUNNY HOW YOU CAN BE NECK-DEEP IN SHIT AND STILL, IF YOU STOP TO LOOK AT YOUR SURROUNDINGS...

...EVERYTHING SEEMS PERFECT AND IN PLACE.

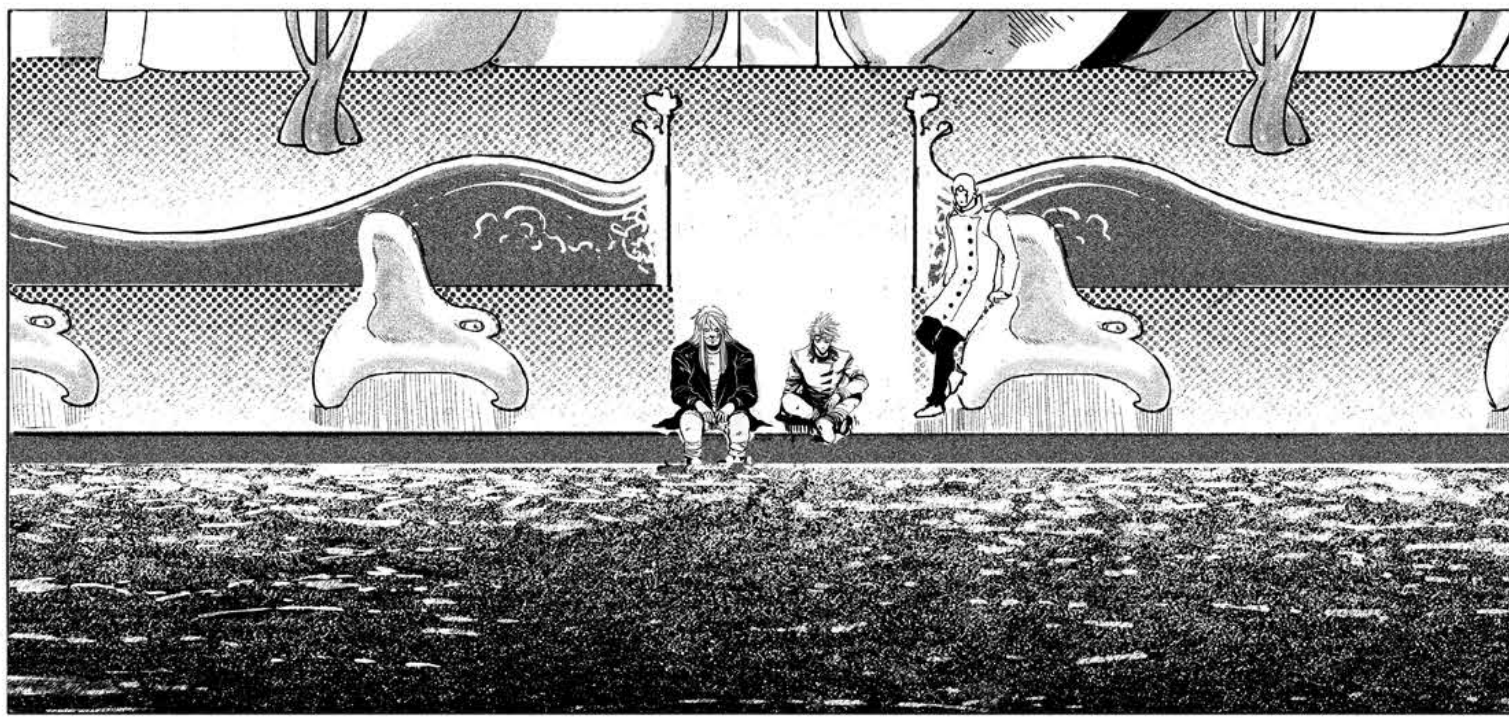


SIGURD AND I CREATED A PSYCHIC LINK, YEARS AGO.

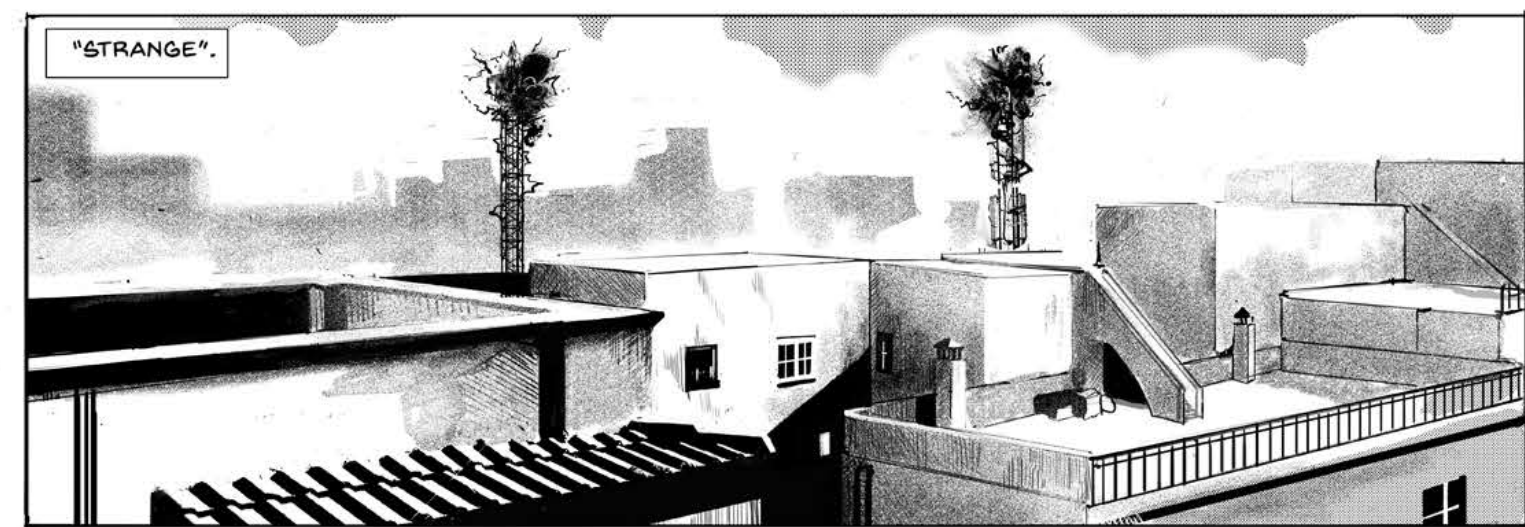
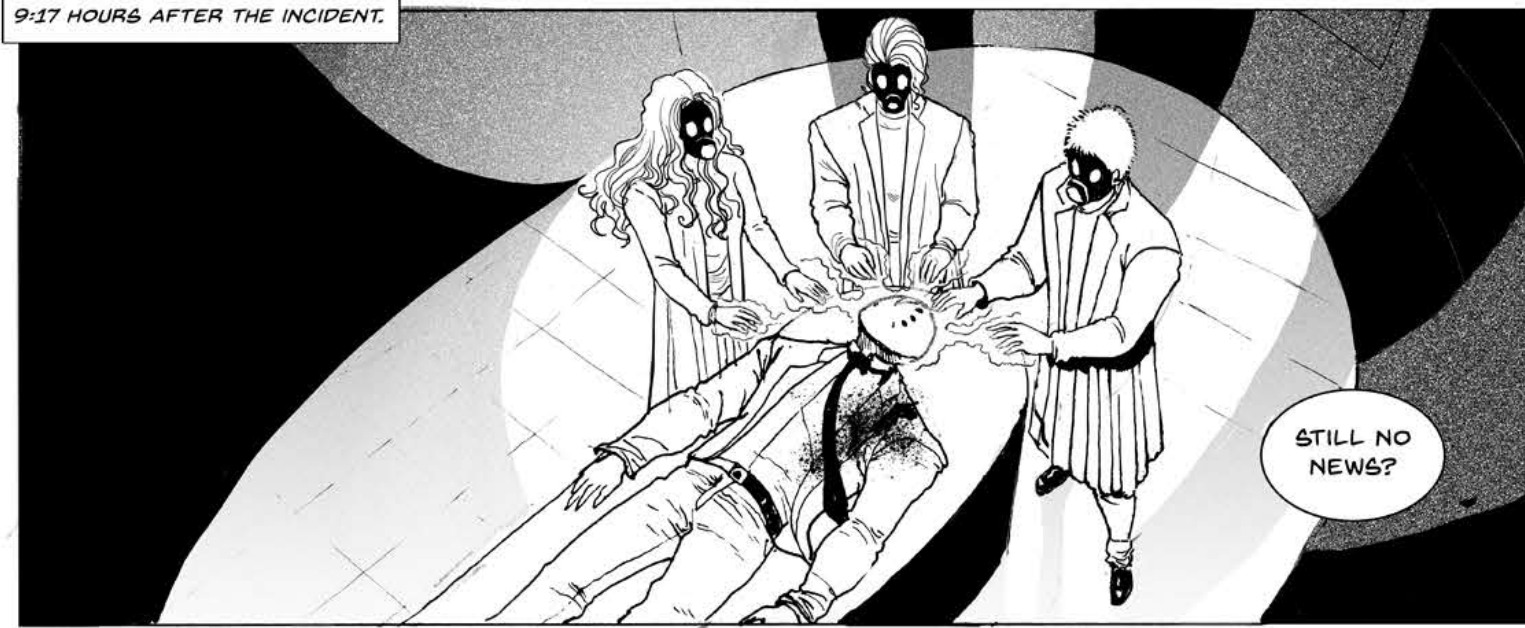
IT WAS HIS IDEA. SINCE WE DIDN'T KNOW MUCH ABOUT TELEPATHY OR ASTRAL PROJECTION, HE USED HIS HYPNOTIC VOICE ON ME SO THAT I INSTINCTIVELY WOULD CREATE IT.

ESSENTIALLY, I WENT TO THE SPACE IN MY MIND WHERE I CREATED THE FIRST DOOR AND ADDED A WINDOW.

NEXT TO THE WINDOW I PUT A PLAQUE WITH A MAGIC SIGIL MADE FROM THE LETTERS OF THE NAME OF SIGURD...



9:17 HOURS AFTER THE INCIDENT.



8:44 HOURS AFTER THE INCIDENT.

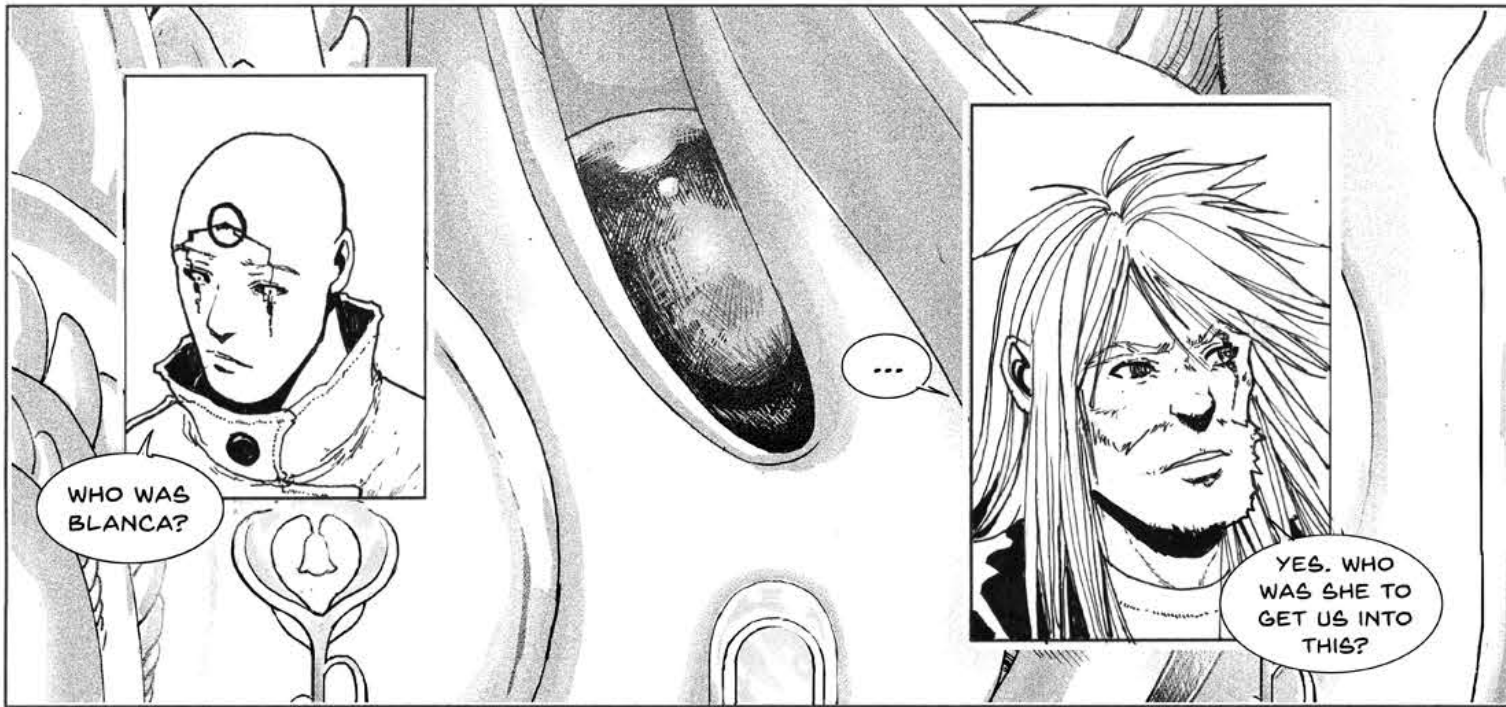


IT WAS ONLY A FEW MONTHS TOGETHER, BUT...

I DON'T KNOW. SHE... IT'S LIKE SHE LIVED...

...IN ANOTHER DIMENSION OR SOMETHING.

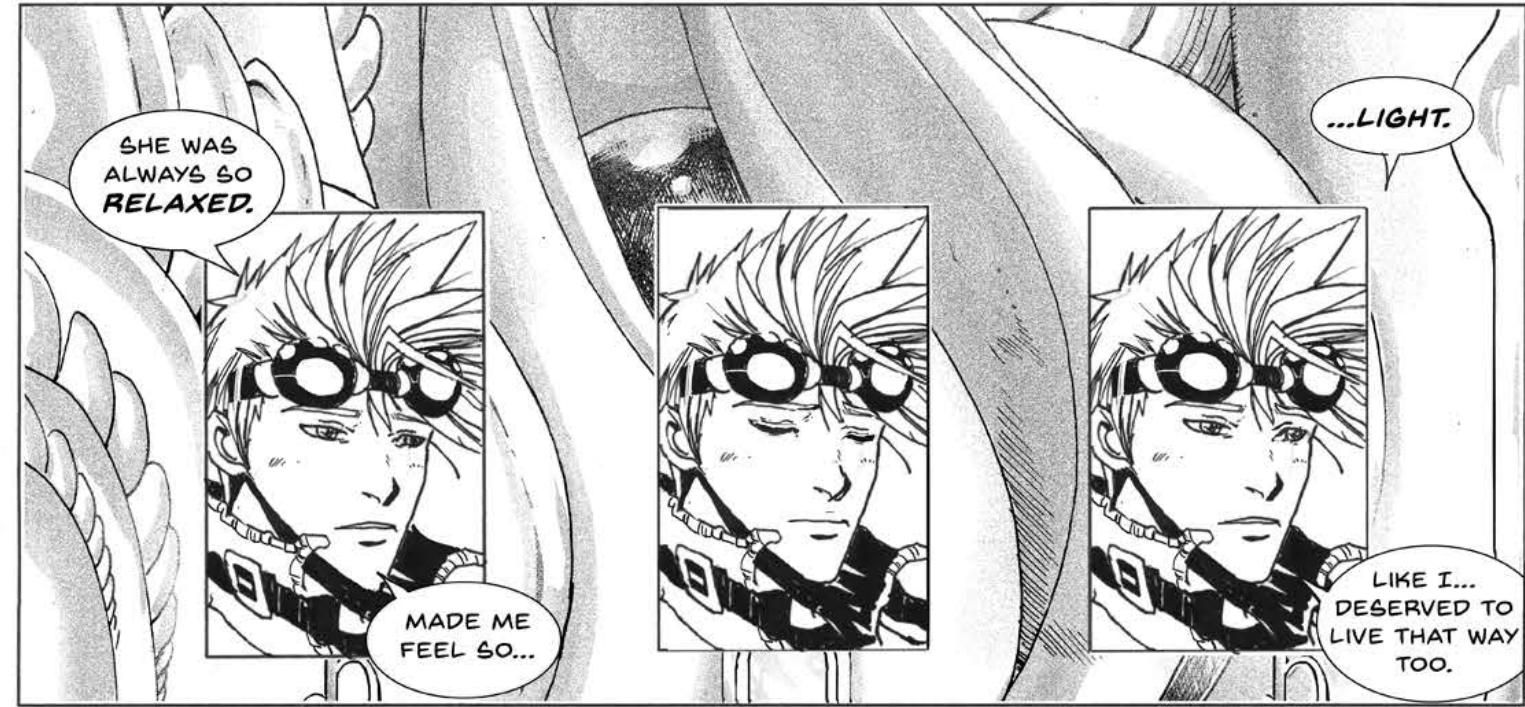
MY HOUSE... EVERYTHING WAS **DENSE** AND DIFFICULT. HERS... THEY HAD MONEY, BUT IT WASN'T JUST THAT...



WHO WAS BLANCA?



YES. WHO WAS SHE TO GET US INTO THIS?



SHE WAS ALWAYS SO **RELAXED**.



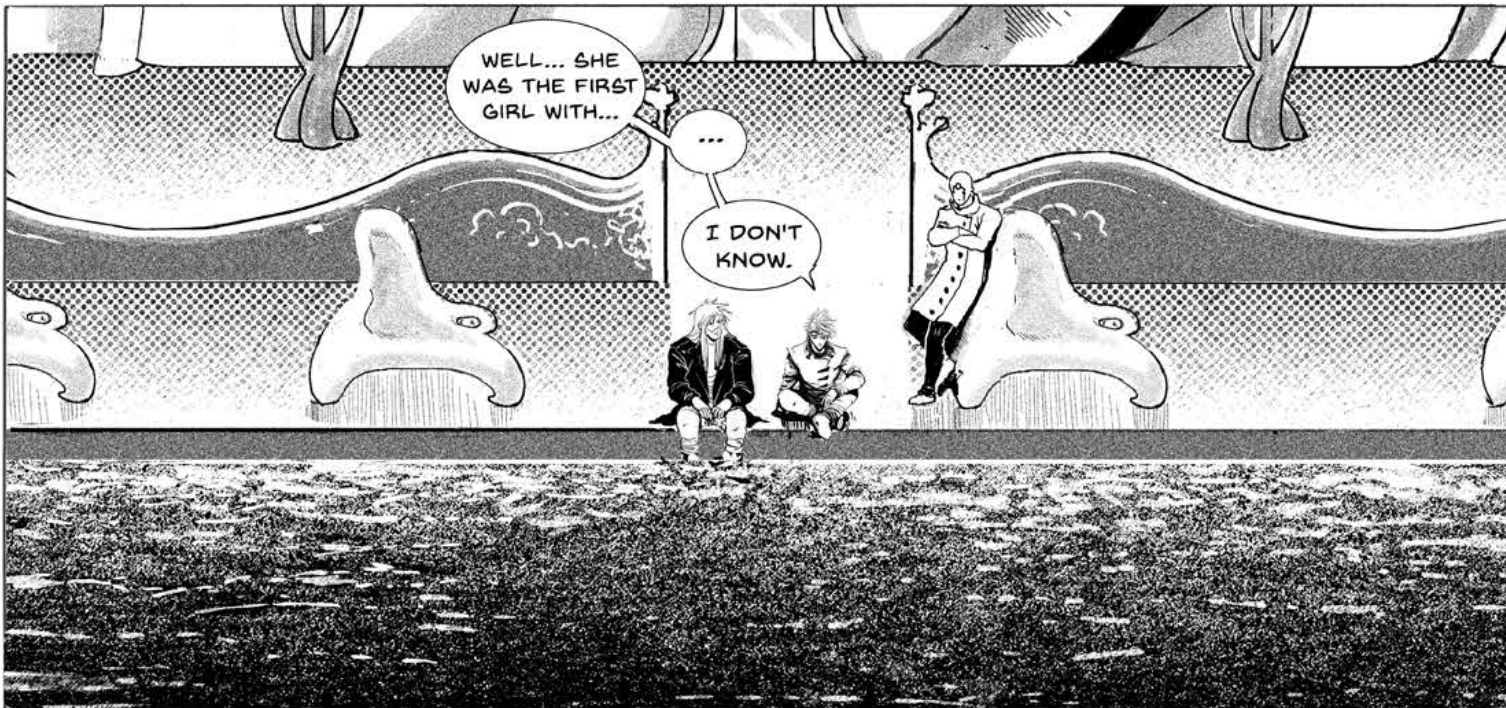
MADE ME FEEL SO...



...LIGHT.

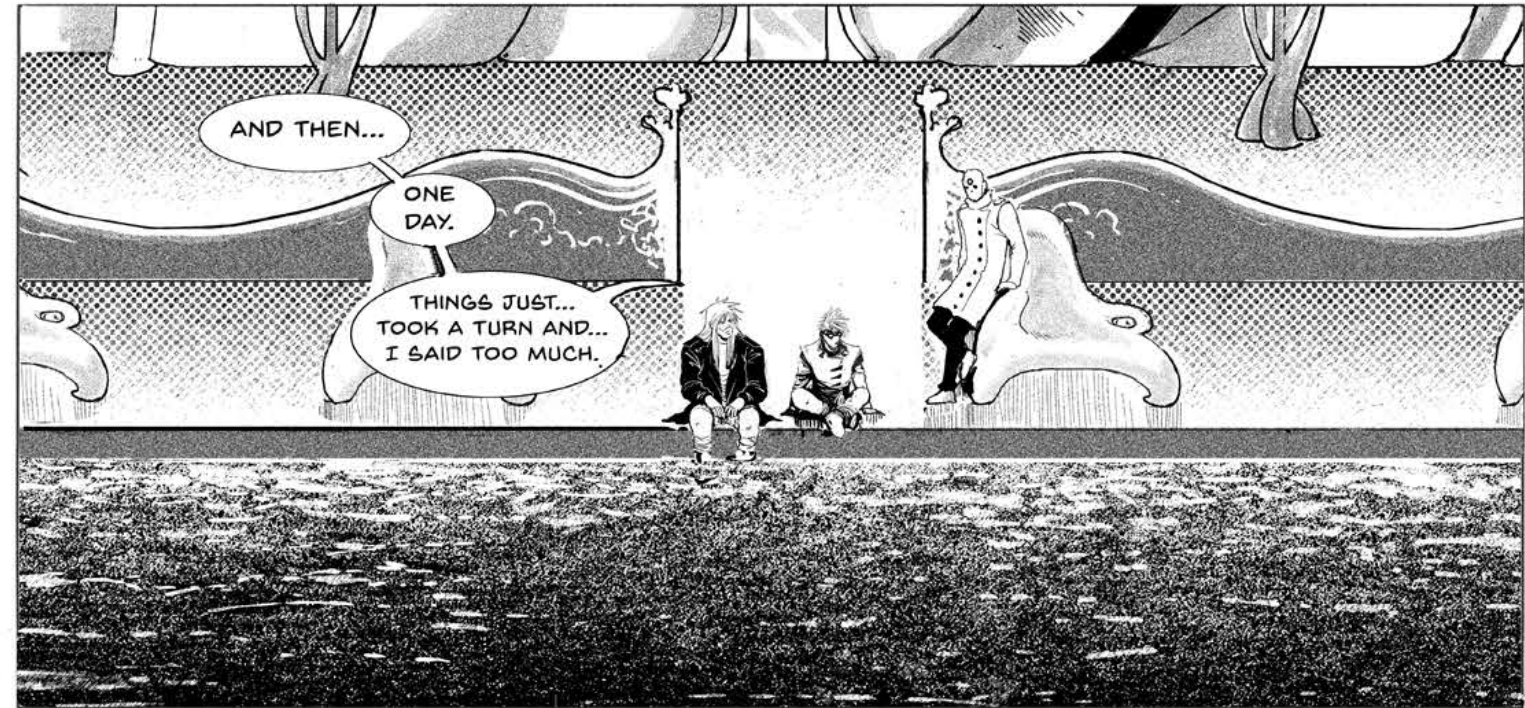


LIKE I... DESERVED TO LIVE THAT WAY TOO.



WELL... SHE WAS THE FIRST GIRL WITH...

I DON'T KNOW.



AND THEN...

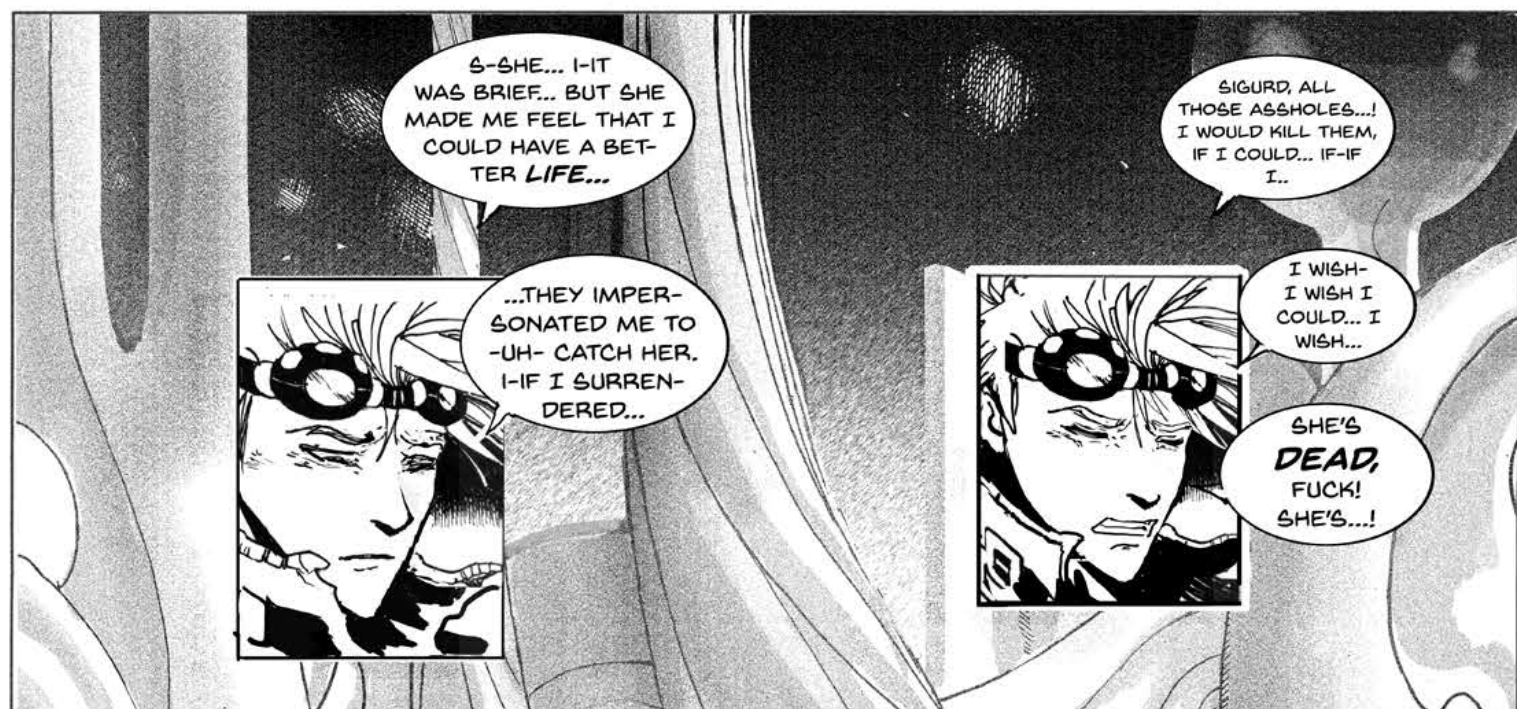
ONE DAY.

THINGS JUST... TOOK A TURN AND... I SAID TOO MUCH.



...WHATEVER. I'VE DRAGGED HER DOWN WITH ME INTO THE SHIT. I-I'VE... I-I'VE... FUCK. I JUST CAN'T...

I CAN'T... I-I CAN'T...



S-SHE... I-HIT WAS BRIEF... BUT SHE MADE ME FEEL THAT I COULD HAVE A BETTER LIFE...

...THEY IMPERSONATED ME TO -UH- CATCH HER. I-IF I SURRENDERED...

SIGURD, ALL THOSE ASSHOLES...! I WOULD KILL THEM, IF I COULD... IF-IF I...

I WISH- I WISH I COULD... I WISH...

SHE'S DEAD, FUCK! SHE'S...!



I-I FUCKING KILLED HER.

AD...

I-IF -UH- I WOULD HAVE GIVEN UP...!

AND WHAT GOOD WOULD YOU DO TO ANYONE BY DOING THAT, YOU IDIOT? THEY DID THIS TO HER, NOT YOU!

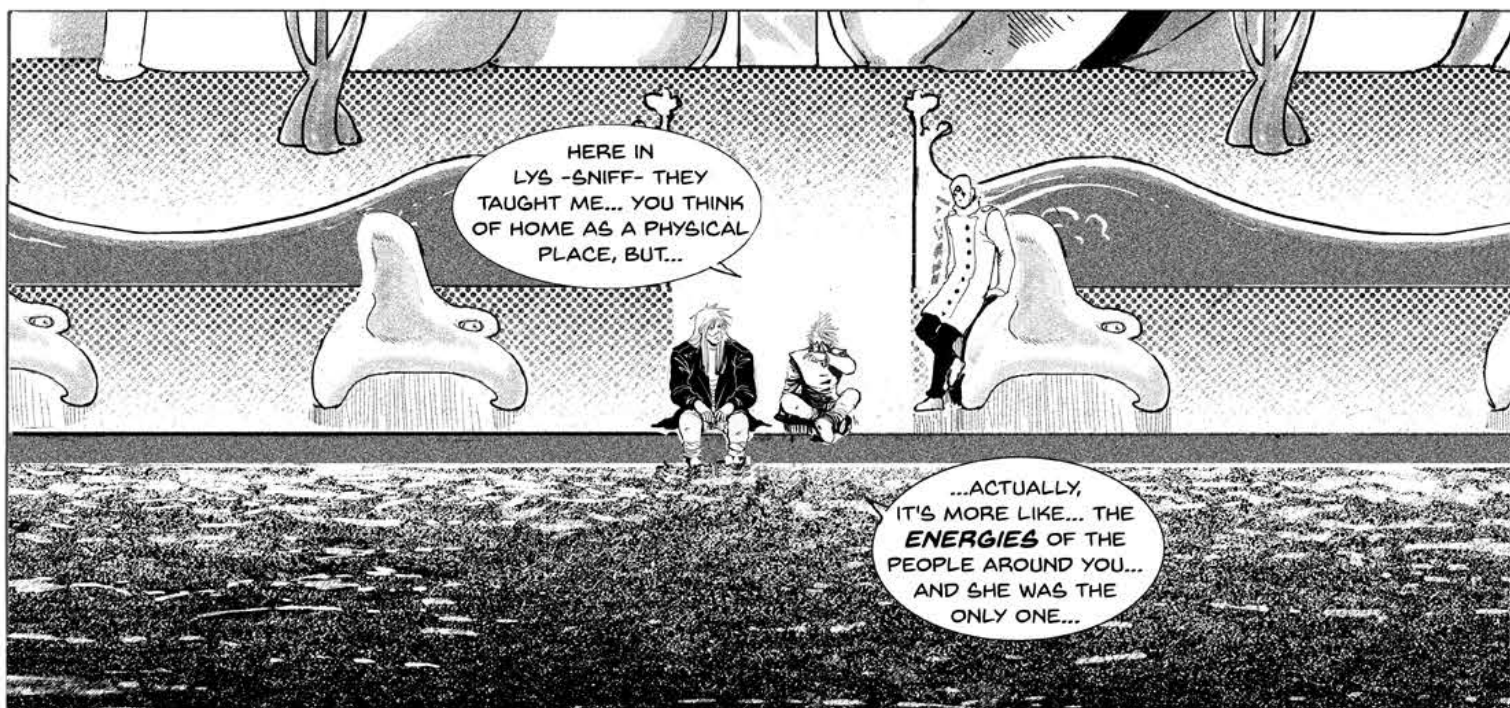
ESSEX. HE KNOWS.



ADAM.

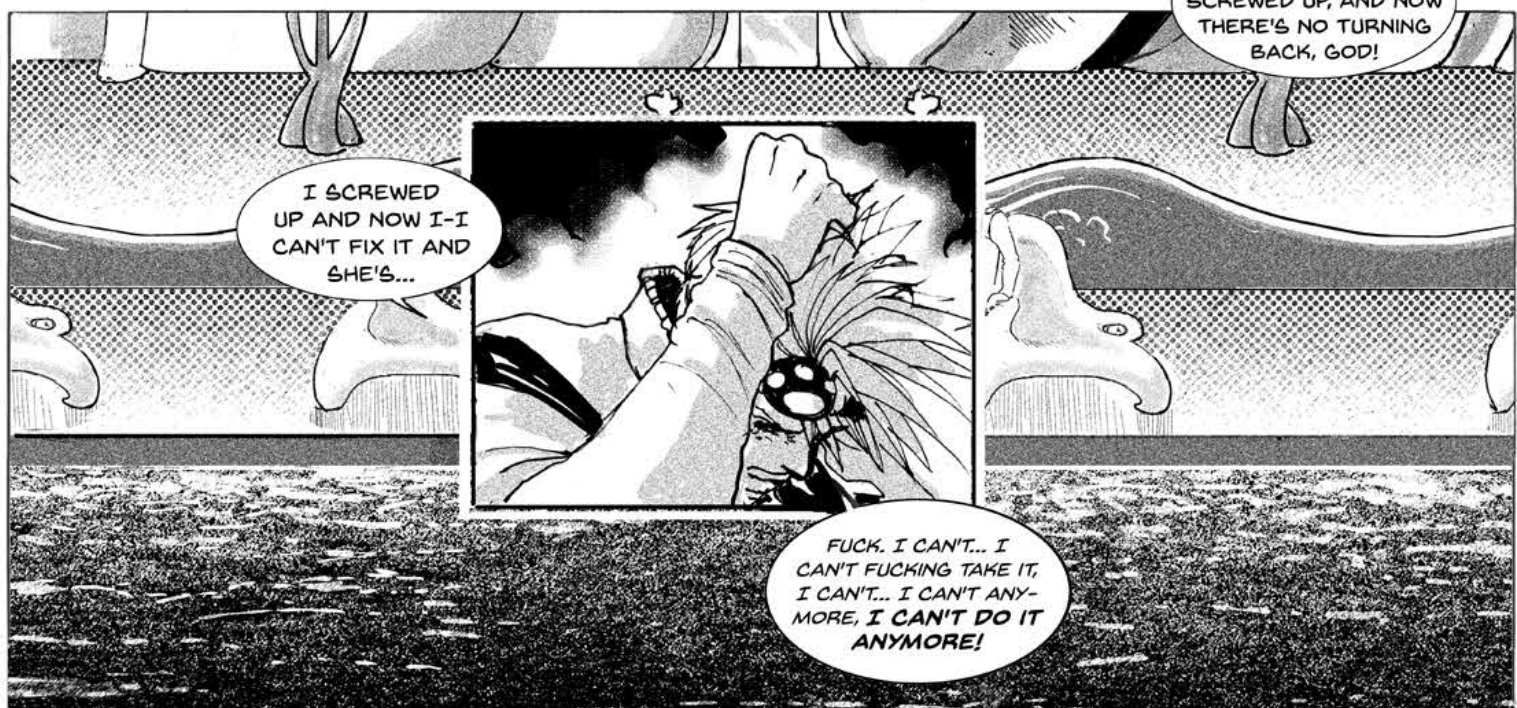
CALM DOWN.

HOW? HOW? I SCREWED UP. I SCREWED UP, AND NOW THERE'S NO TURNING BACK, GOD!



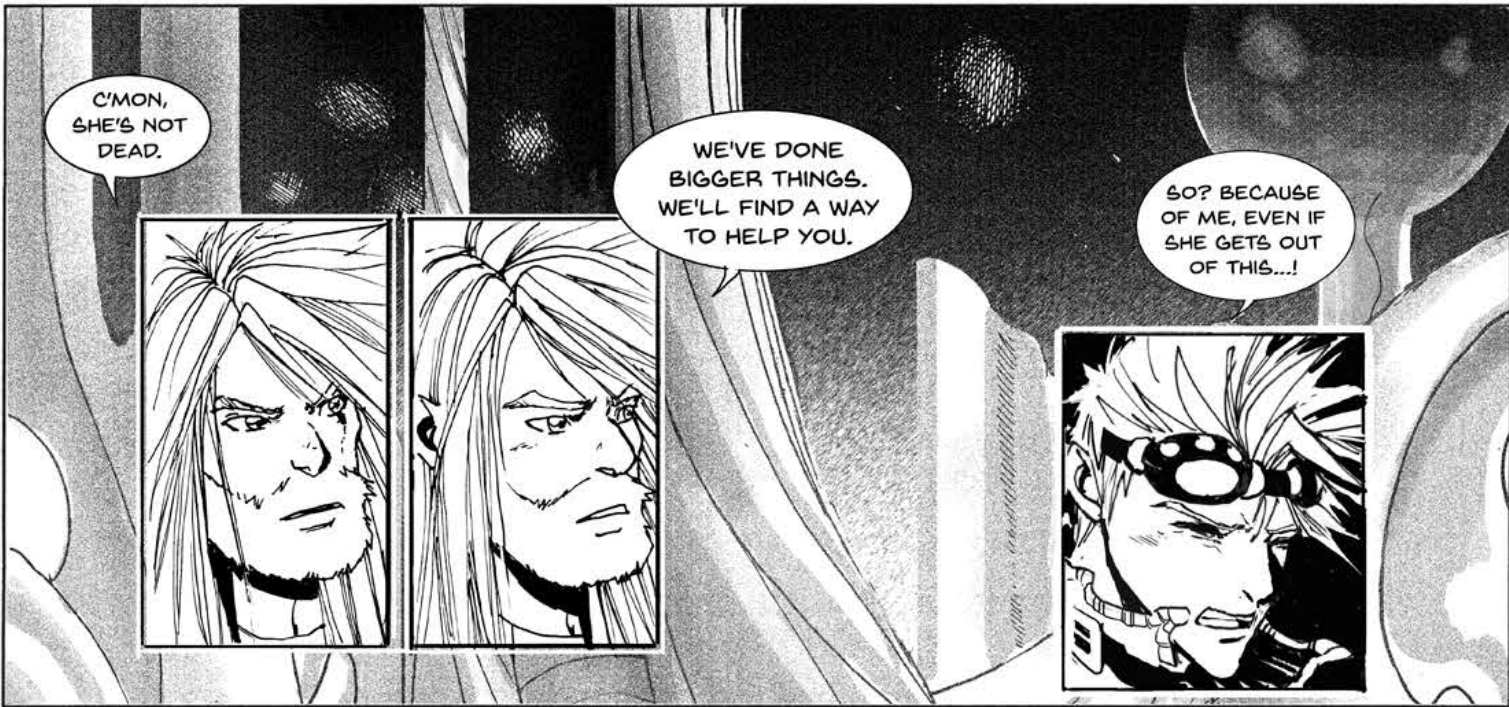
HERE IN LYS -SNIFF- THEY TAUGHT ME... YOU THINK OF HOME AS A PHYSICAL PLACE, BUT...

...ACTUALLY, IT'S MORE LIKE... THE ENERGIES OF THE PEOPLE AROUND YOU... AND SHE WAS THE ONLY ONE...



I SCREWED UP AND NOW I-I CAN'T FIX IT AND SHE'S...

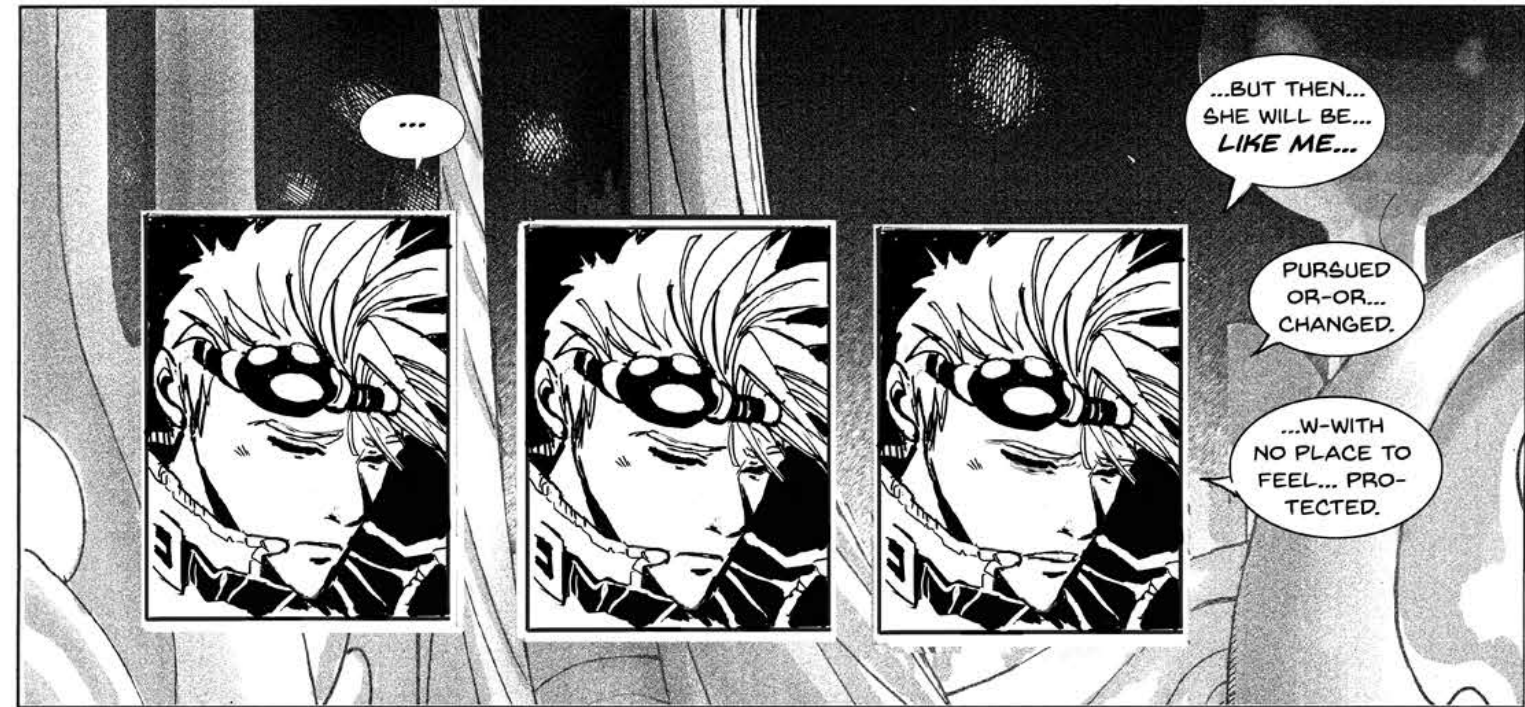
FUCK. I CAN'T... I CAN'T FUCKING TAKE IT, I CAN'T... I CAN'T ANYMORE, I CAN'T DO IT ANYMORE!



C'MON, SHE'S NOT DEAD.

WE'VE DONE BIGGER THINGS. WE'LL FIND A WAY TO HELP YOU.

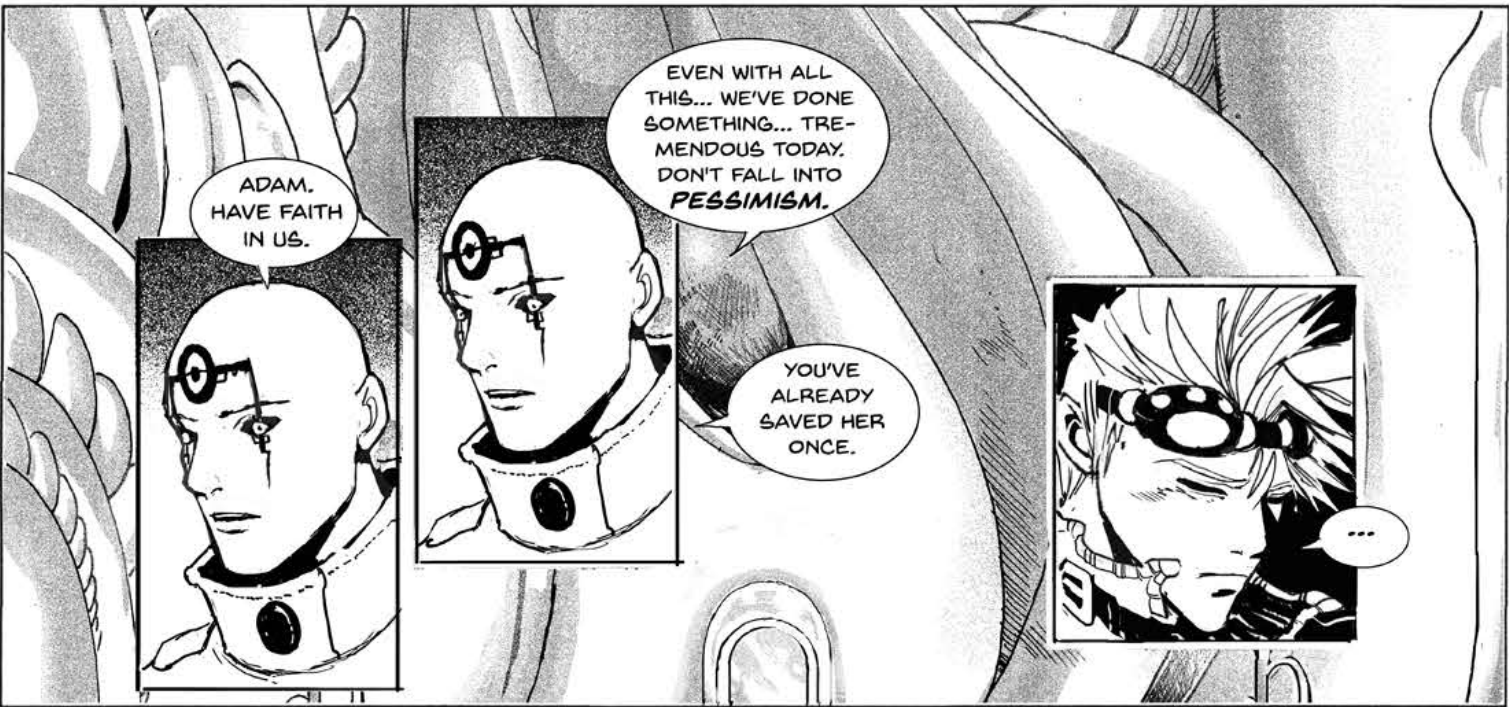
SO? BECAUSE OF ME, EVEN IF SHE GETS OUT OF THIS...!



...BUT THEN... SHE WILL BE... LIKE ME...

PURSUED OR-OR... CHANGED.

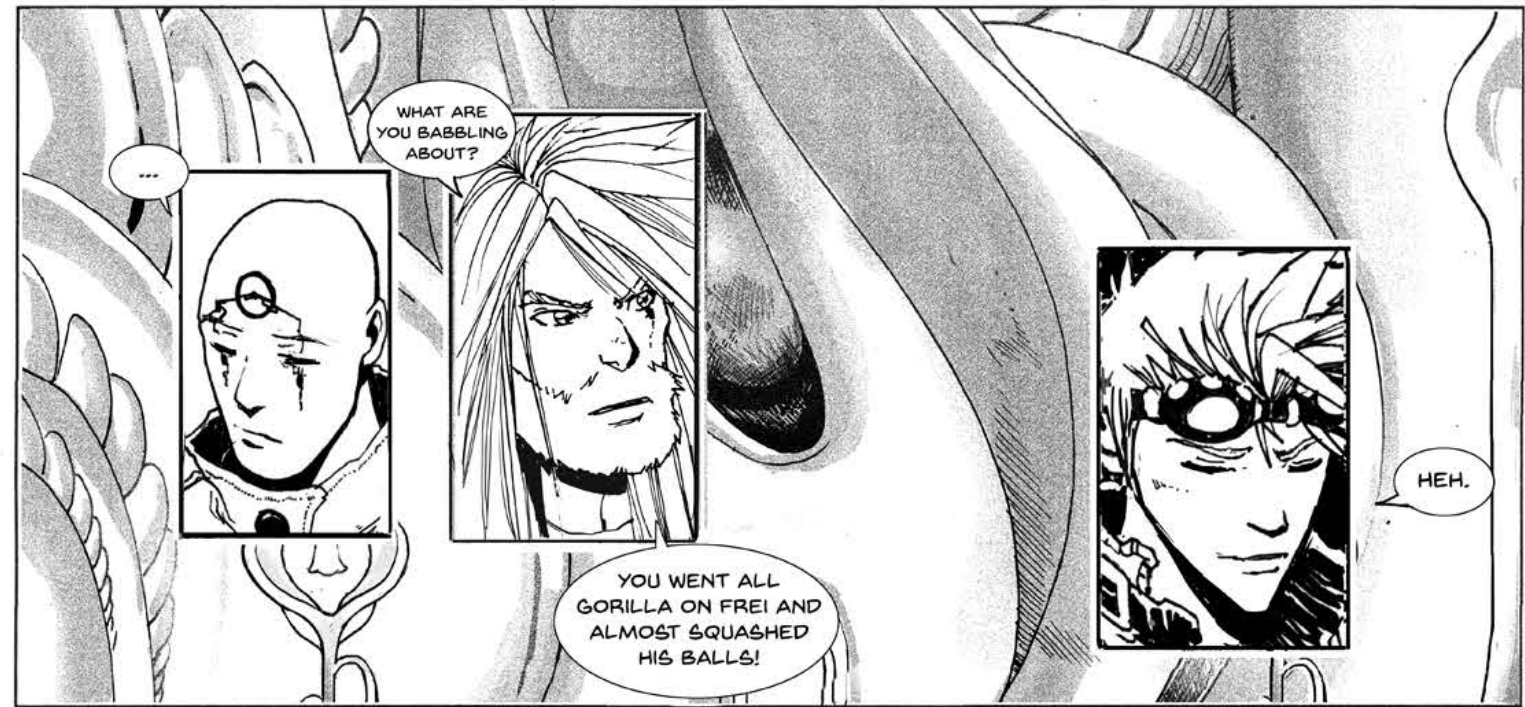
...W-WITH NO PLACE TO FEEL... PROTECTED.



ADAM, HAVE FAITH IN US.

EVEN WITH ALL THIS... WE'VE DONE SOMETHING... TREMENDOUS TODAY. DON'T FALL INTO PESSIMISM.

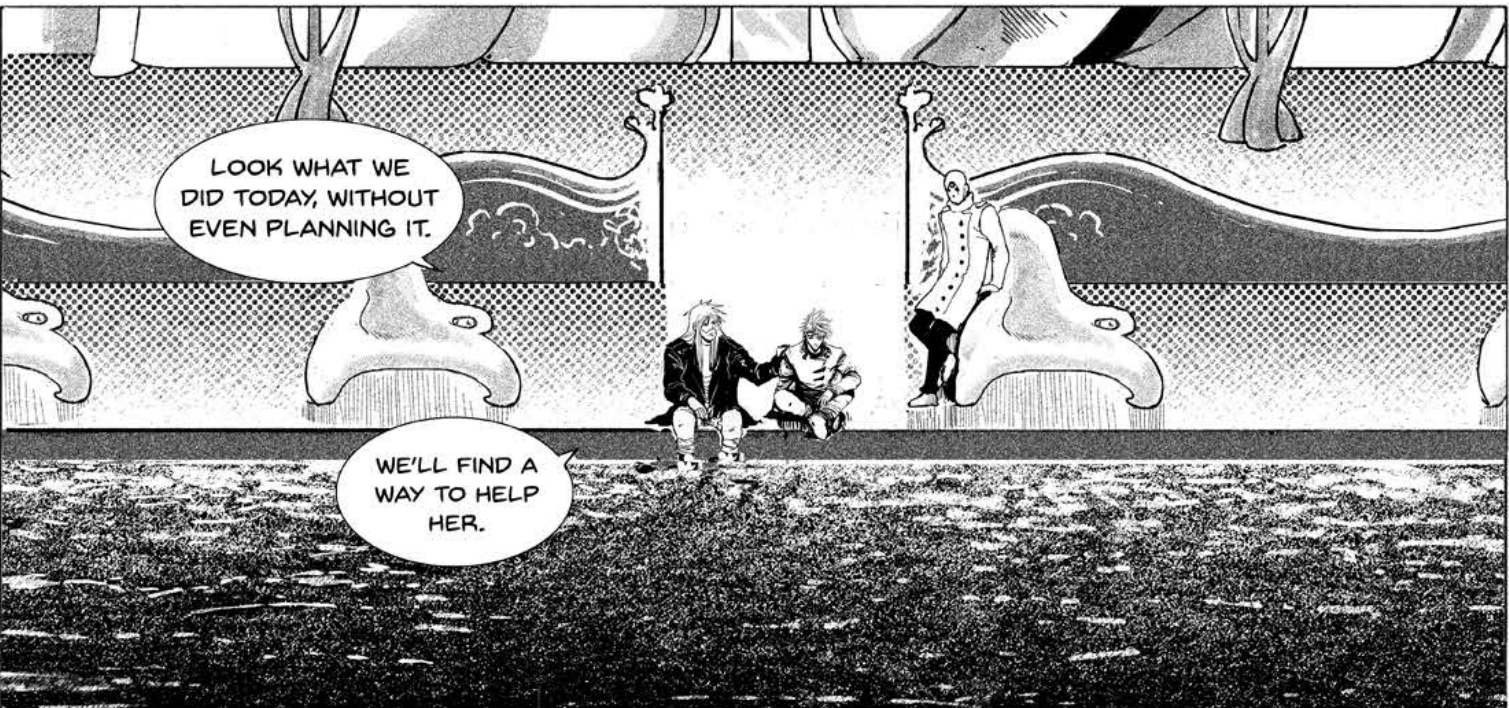
YOU'VE ALREADY SAVED HER ONCE.



WHAT ARE YOU BABBLING ABOUT?

YOU WENT ALL GORILLA ON FREI AND ALMOST SQUASHED HIS BALLS!

HEH.



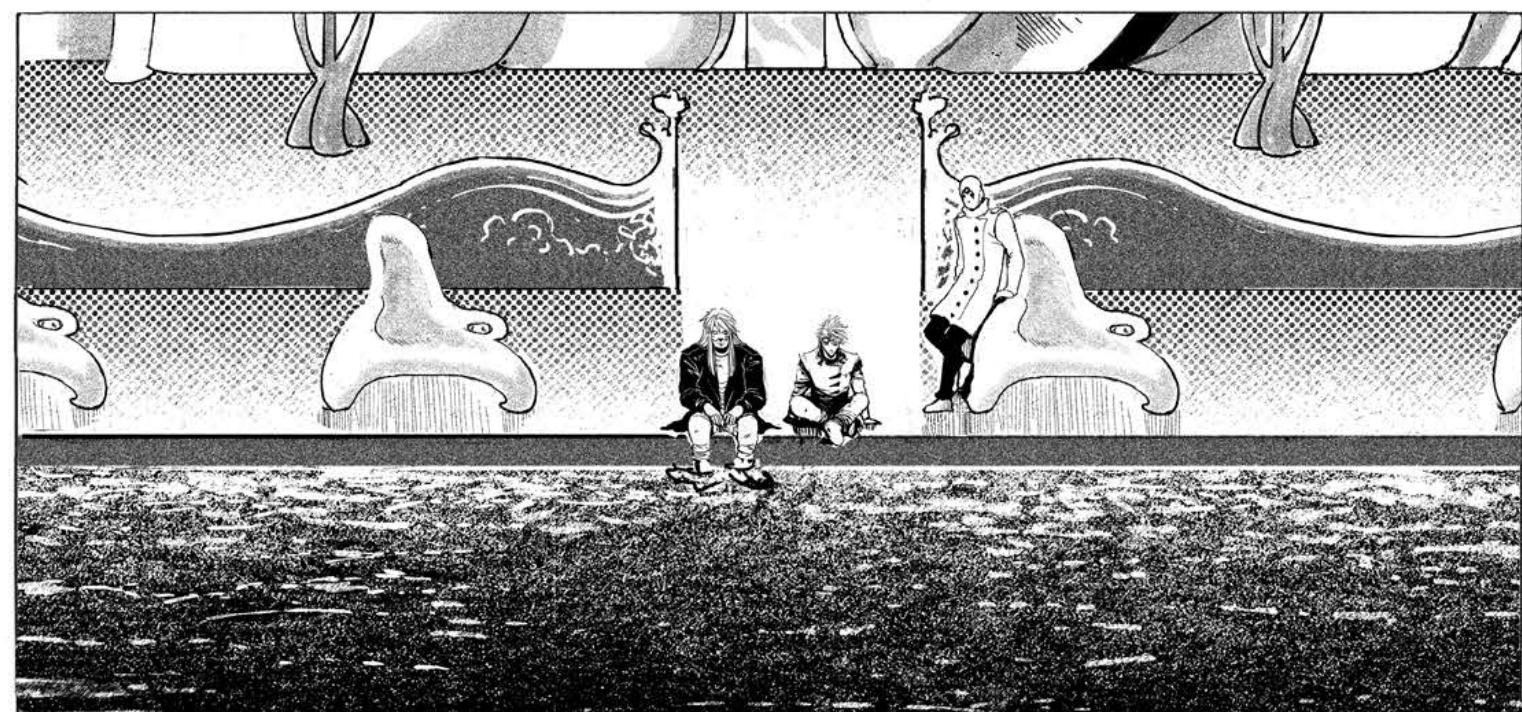
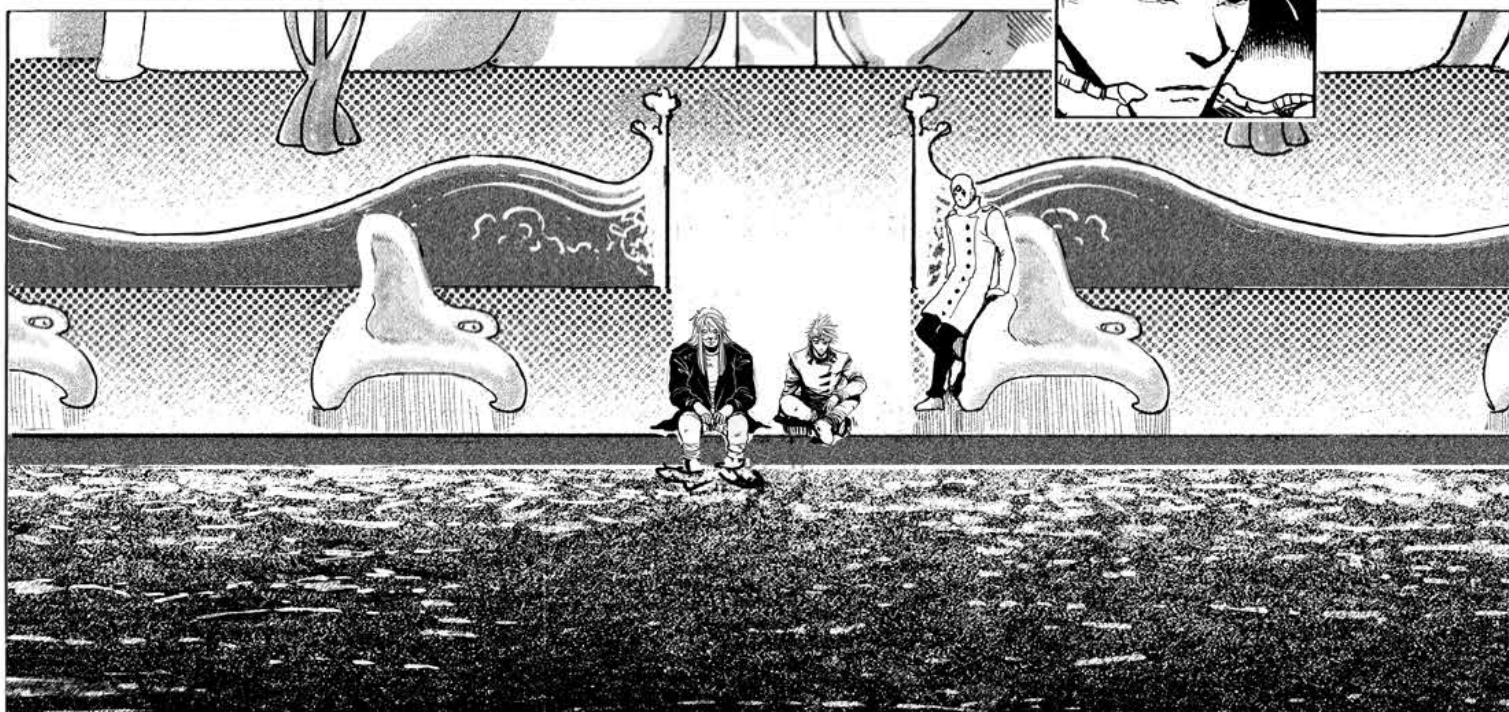
LOOK WHAT WE DID TODAY, WITHOUT EVEN PLANNING IT.

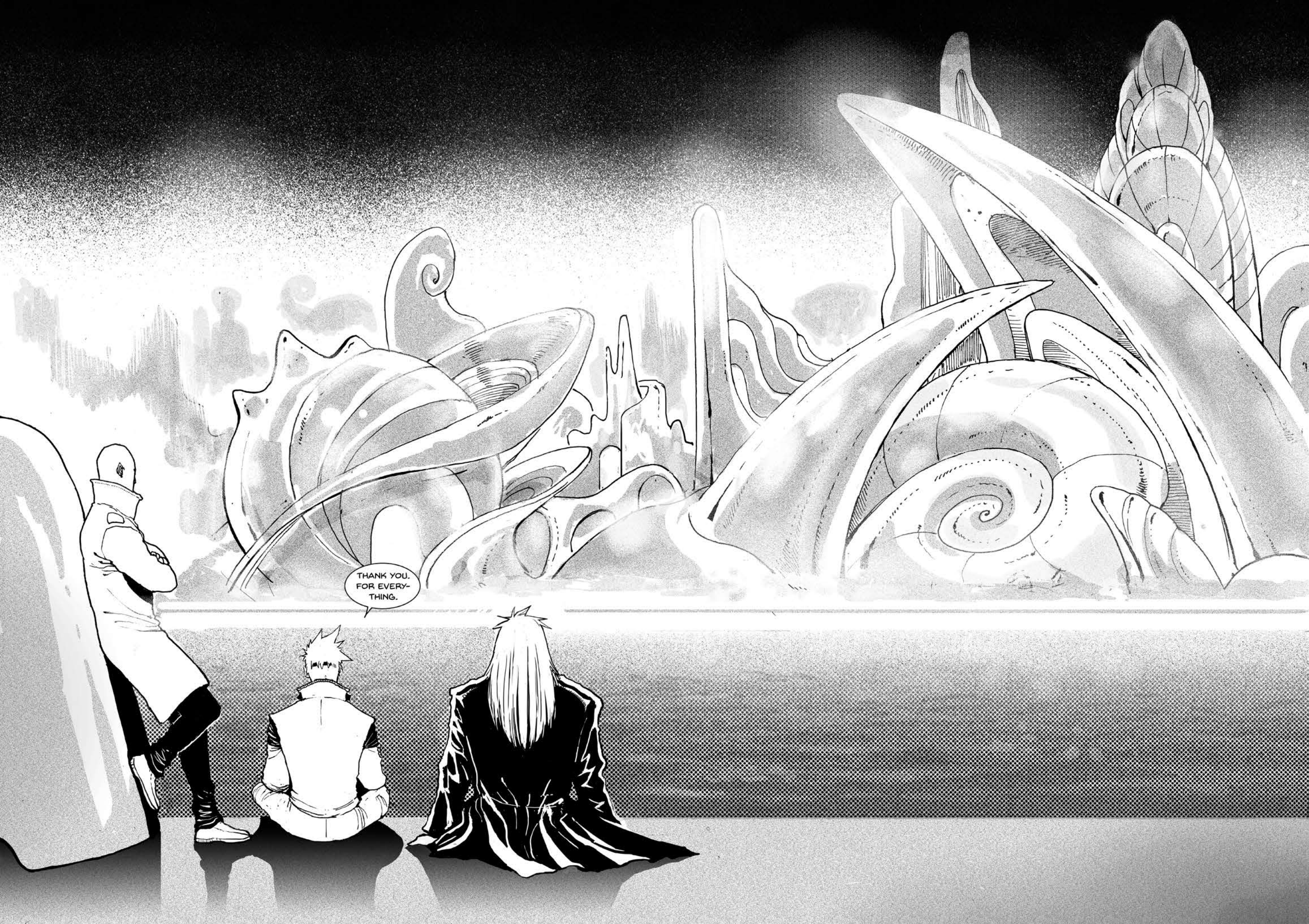
WE'LL FIND A WAY TO HELP HER.



WHY ARE YOU LAUGHING? IT'S TRUE! IF SHE WAKES UP AND WANTS TO FEEL SAFE...

...LET'S TAKE HER WITH US AND WE'LL PROTECT HER. YOU'LL JUST PUT HER IN YOUR FUCKING HAREM OR SOMETHING, AND PRESTO.





THANK YOU.
FOR EVERY-
THING.

8:42 HOURS AFTER THE INCIDENT.



EPILOGUE 1



BASE OF THE PARANORMAL SECTION OF THE EBI.

AT THE WORST MOMENTS, WE HAD LOST 20% OF THE NEURAL NETWORK.

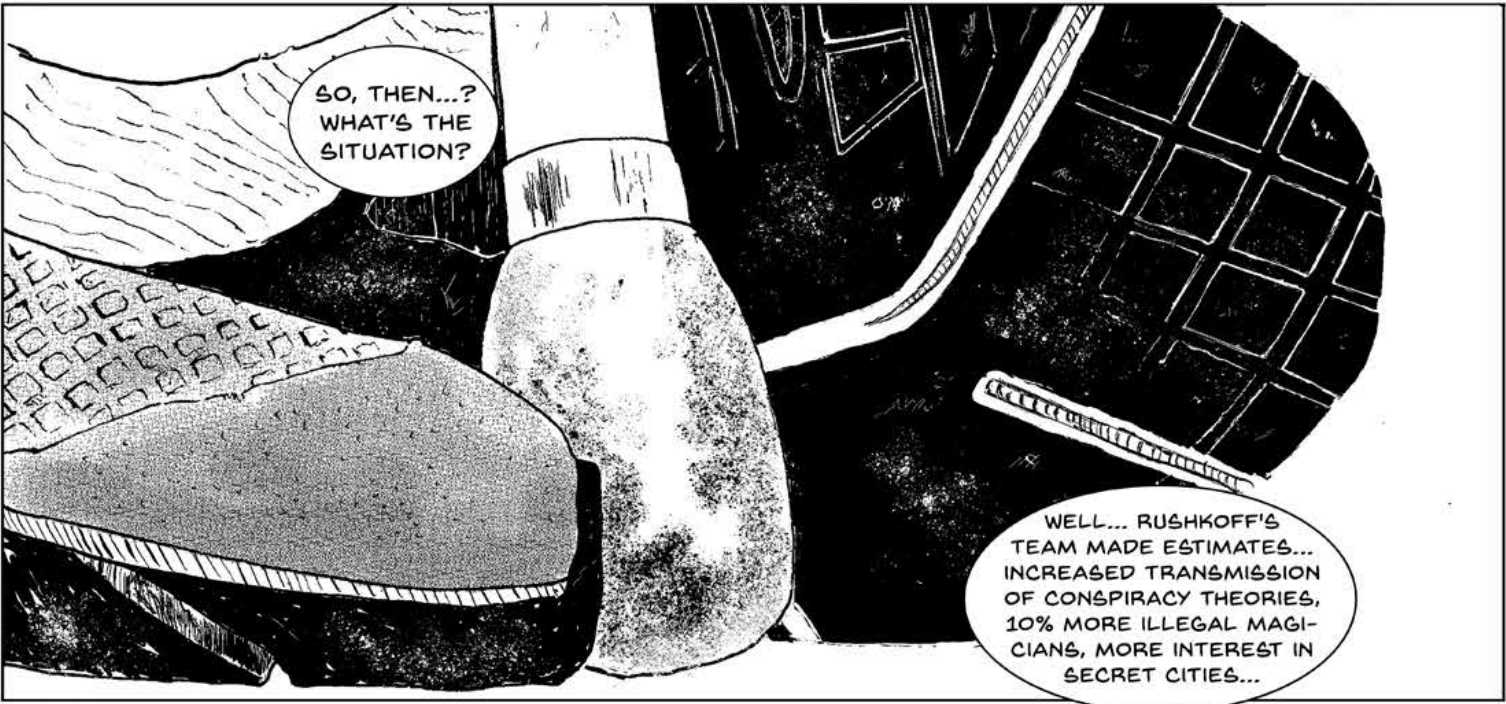
EUROPEAN PHILATELIC MUSEUM

BIGGEST WAVE WAS IN SOUTHERN EUROPE, OF COURSE.



IT STARTED IN FRANCE AND SPREAD TO SPAIN, ITALY... WE ALSO SAW CASES IN THE NETHERLANDS, GERMANY... EVEN THE SOUTH OF THE UNITED KINGDOM.

SHORT-CIRCUITS, EXPLODING ANTENNAS... THE "BOMB" ATTACKED THE TECHNOLOGY THAT RADIATES THE MIND CONTROL PROTOCOLS.



SO, THEN...? WHAT'S THE SITUATION?

WELL... RUSHKOFF'S TEAM MADE ESTIMATES... INCREASED TRANSMISSION OF CONSPIRACY THEORIES, 10% MORE ILLEGAL MAGICIANS, MORE INTEREST IN SECRET CITIES...



WE'LL JUST HAVE TO WORK A LITTLE HARDER THAN USUAL FOR A FEW MONTHS.

AFTER ALL, IF THE PEOPLE WAKING UP NOW WERE REALLY DANGEROUS...

...THEY WOULD'VE WOKE UP ON THEIR OWN, WOULDN'T THEY? IT'S EVEN COMFORTING, THE NETWORK'S RESILIENCE.



BE CAREFUL.

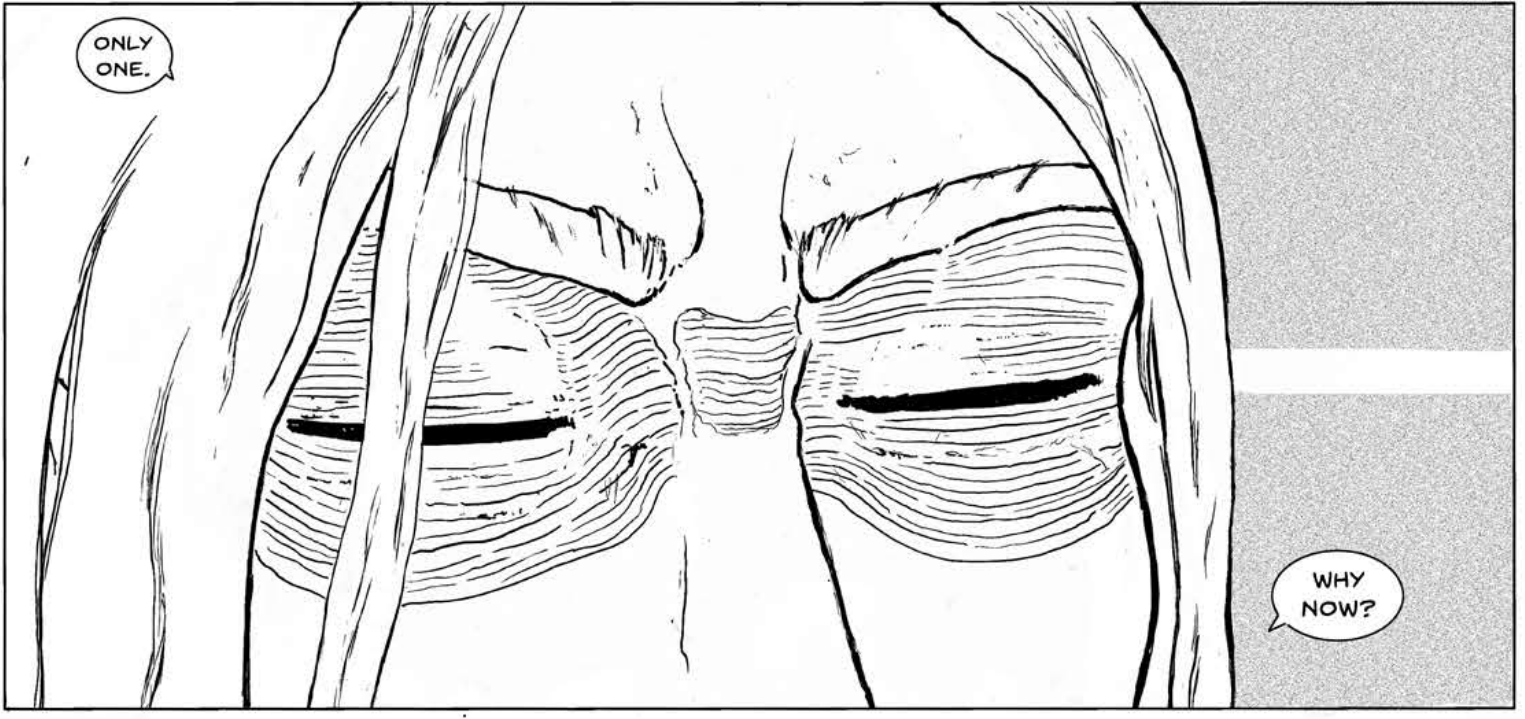
WE HAVEN'T HAD AN ATTACK LIKE THIS SINCE '73... AND WITH THE EUROPEAN GOVERNMENT CUTTING OUR BUDGET...



HAH. REMEMBER WHEN YOU WERE THE CONTACT WITH THE EUROPEAN MINISTRY OF ECONOMY, AND I WAS THE HEAD OF THE UFO DIVISION?

WE THOUGHT THAT WAS SUCCESS.

ANYWAY. ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR MISSION?



ONLY ONE.

WHY NOW?



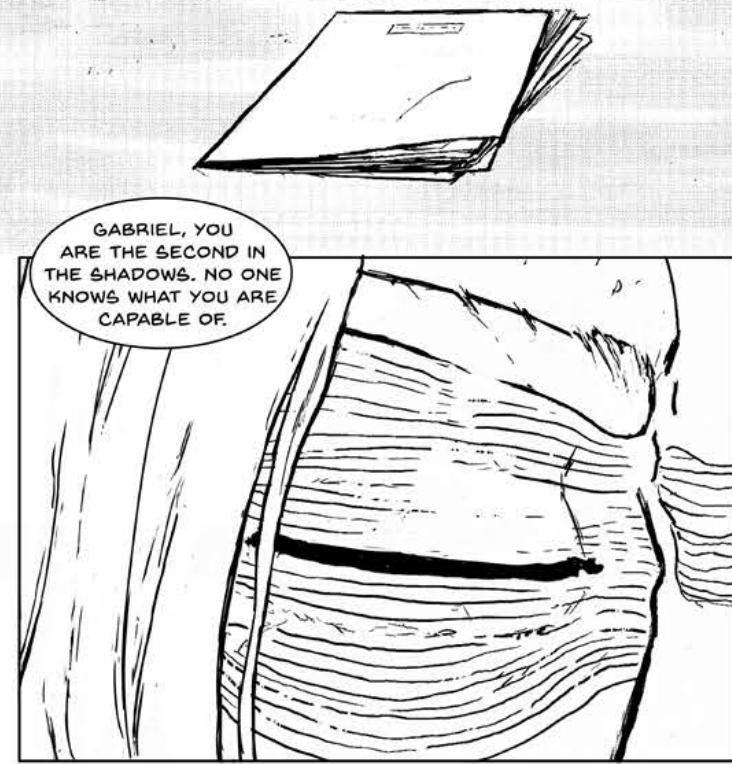
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LOOK. THOSE THREE... THEY'RE NOBODY. MONKEYS WITH A GUN. THE HERMITES ARE THE ONES WHO ARMED THEM, YOU UNDERSTAND?

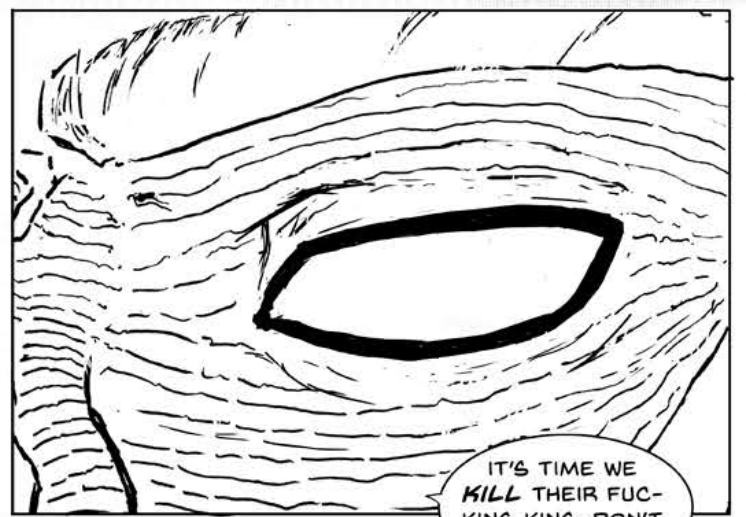
THE HERMITES ARE THE REAL PERPETRATORS OF THE ATTACK. THEY HAVE USED THOSE THREE AS A DISTRACTION, AND IN THE MEANTIME THEY HAVE BEEN LOOKING FOR DATA...

SAUNIÈRE. MAYBE THE H-ROOM. OBVIOUSLY WE DOCTORED THE INFORMATION, BUT...

...IF THEY ARE LOOKING FOR THAT DATA, THEY ARE READY TO ATTACK. RUMOR SAYS EVEN THE PRIESTS ARE COMING OUT OF THEIR "TEMPLES".

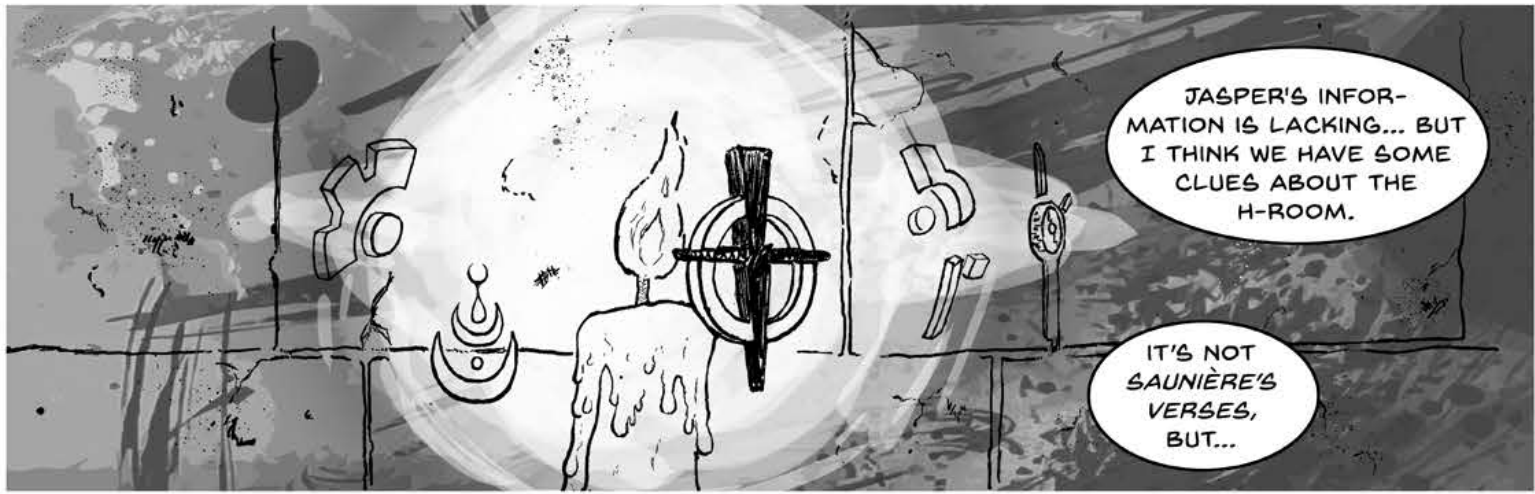


GABRIEL, YOU ARE THE SECOND IN THE SHADOWS. NO ONE KNOWS WHAT YOU ARE CAPABLE OF.



IT'S TIME WE KILL THEIR FUC-KING KING, DON'T YOU THINK?

EPILOGUE 2



THE INCURSION HAD TO BE BRIEF, SO WE WERE NOT ABLE TO ACCESS EVERYTHING WE WOULD HAVE LIKED, SUCH AS THE H-ROOM.

WHATEVER.

WE HAVE LOCATIONS FOR TWO OF SAUNIÈRE'S VERSES.



AND ILYO?

HE'S FALLEN UNDER THE YOKE OF SAUNIÈRE.



YES. A YOUNG EXECUTIONER. MY HEART CRIES FOR HIM.

BUT... ILYO DOESN'T KNOW ABOUT OUR KING, BUT HE KNOWS ABOUT YOU. ABOUT THE TEMPLES. ALL EBI INFORMATION NOW...

IT'S THE PRICE OF GOING TO WAR. DON'T WORRY, CHILD.

THE OLD ONES GUIDE OUR DREAMS.



WE WILL WIN.

...TO BE CONTINUED

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