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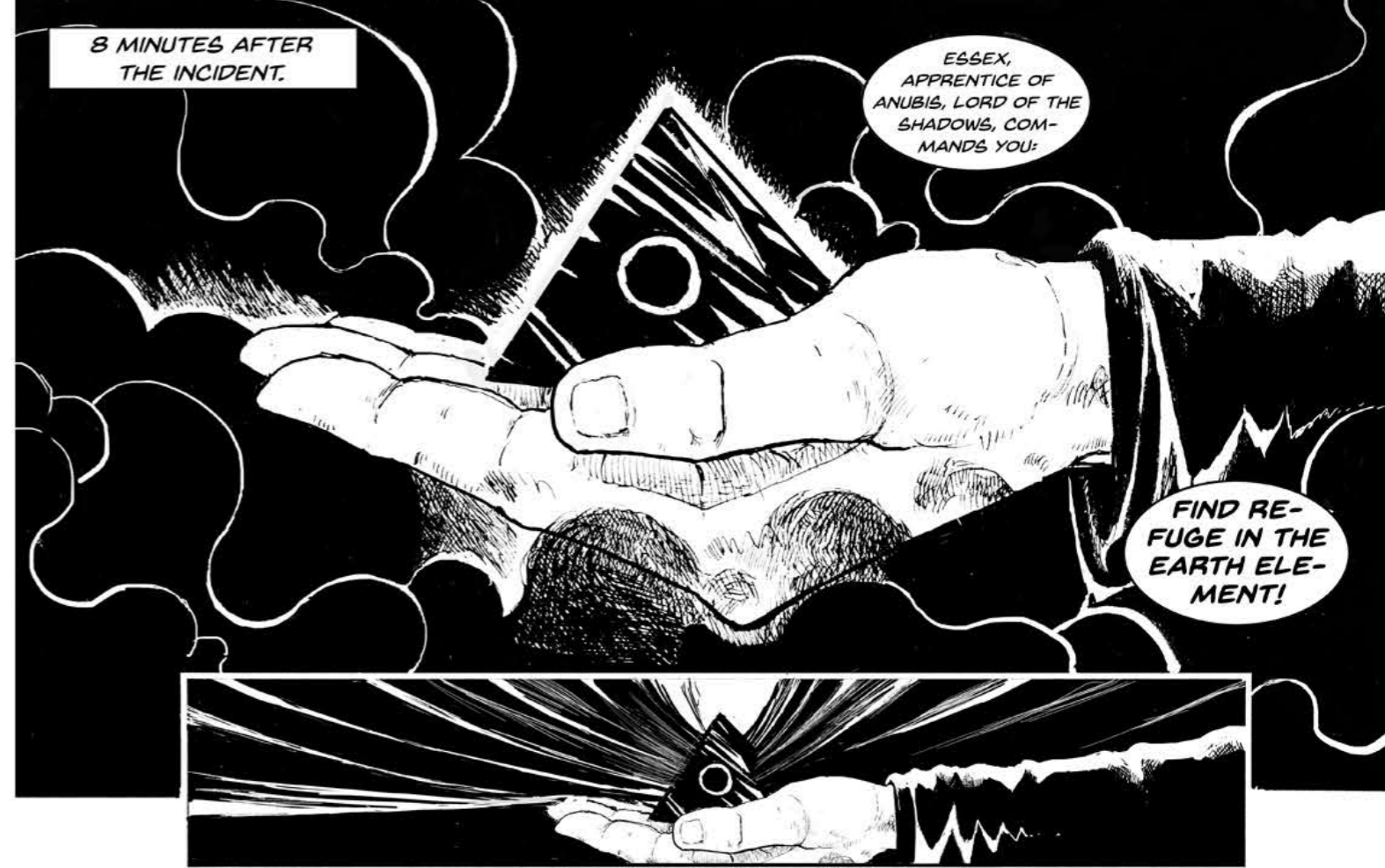
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PANEL LAYOUT
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TRANSLATION
(SORRY, ENGLISH SPEAKERS)

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8 MINUTES AFTER THE INCIDENT.

ESSEX, APPRENTICE OF ANUBIS, LORD OF THE SHADOWS, COMMANDS YOU:

FIND REFUGE IN THE EARTH ELEMENT!

DONE. I AM BEGINNING TO UNDERSTAND WHY ANUBIS DID NOT TEACH ME MORE THAN THE BASICS WHEN IT COMES TO MANIPULATING SHADOWS...



ADAM HAS BEEN GENERATING THEM FOR A FEW MONTHS NOW, AND... ANYWAY NOW WHAT?



THIS MORON IS STILL UNCONSCIOUS... AND ADAM...

...EVEN IF I WENT AFTER HIM, IN THIS STATE... HE KEEPS PUSHING ME AWAY, LIKE ON HIS TRIP TO SEVILLA.

ON TOP OF THAT, THE KID BROKE THE COMMUNICATOR JACOB GAVE ME, SO I CAN'T TALK TO HIM...

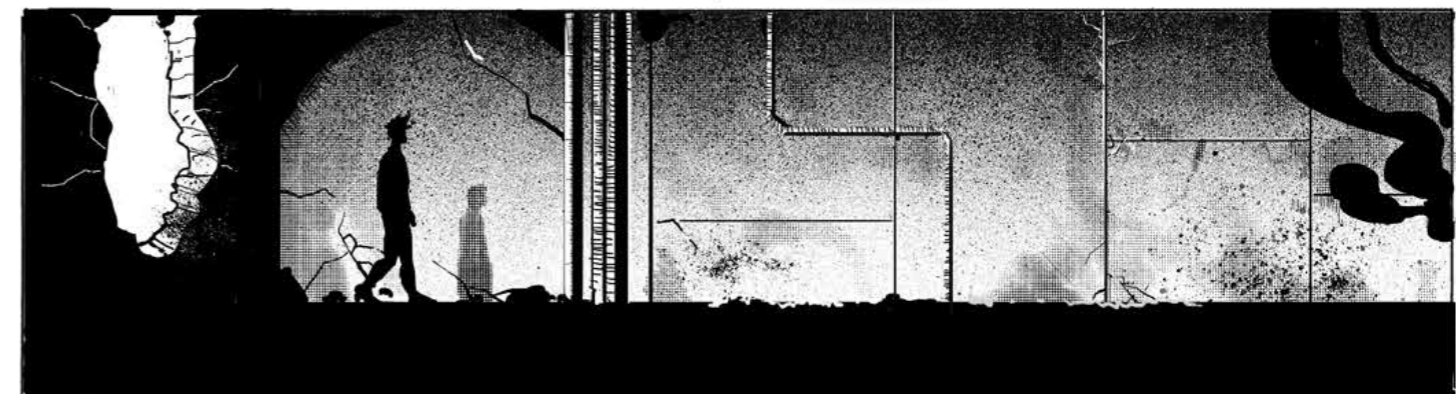
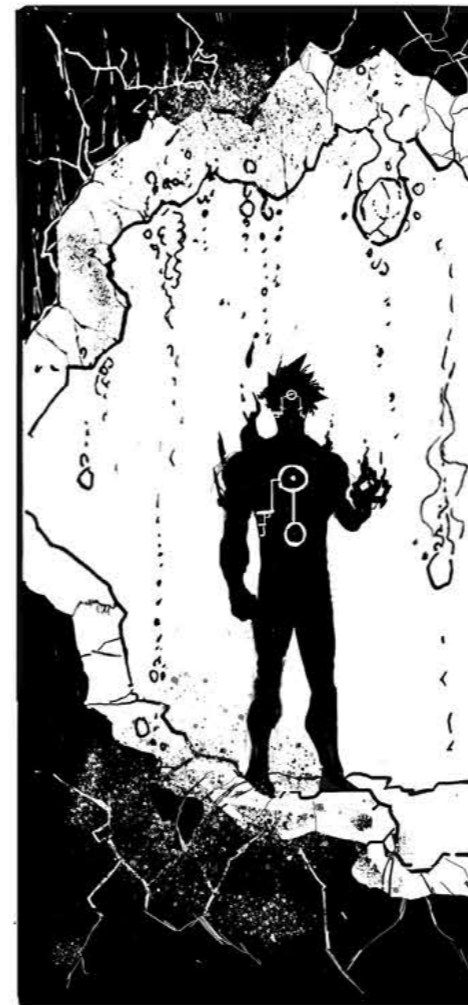


AH... WHY DOES EVERYTHING HAVE TO COME OUT LIKE THIS? AH... I GUESS... IT'S BEST TO GO TO THE NEURAL NETWORK ANYWAY...

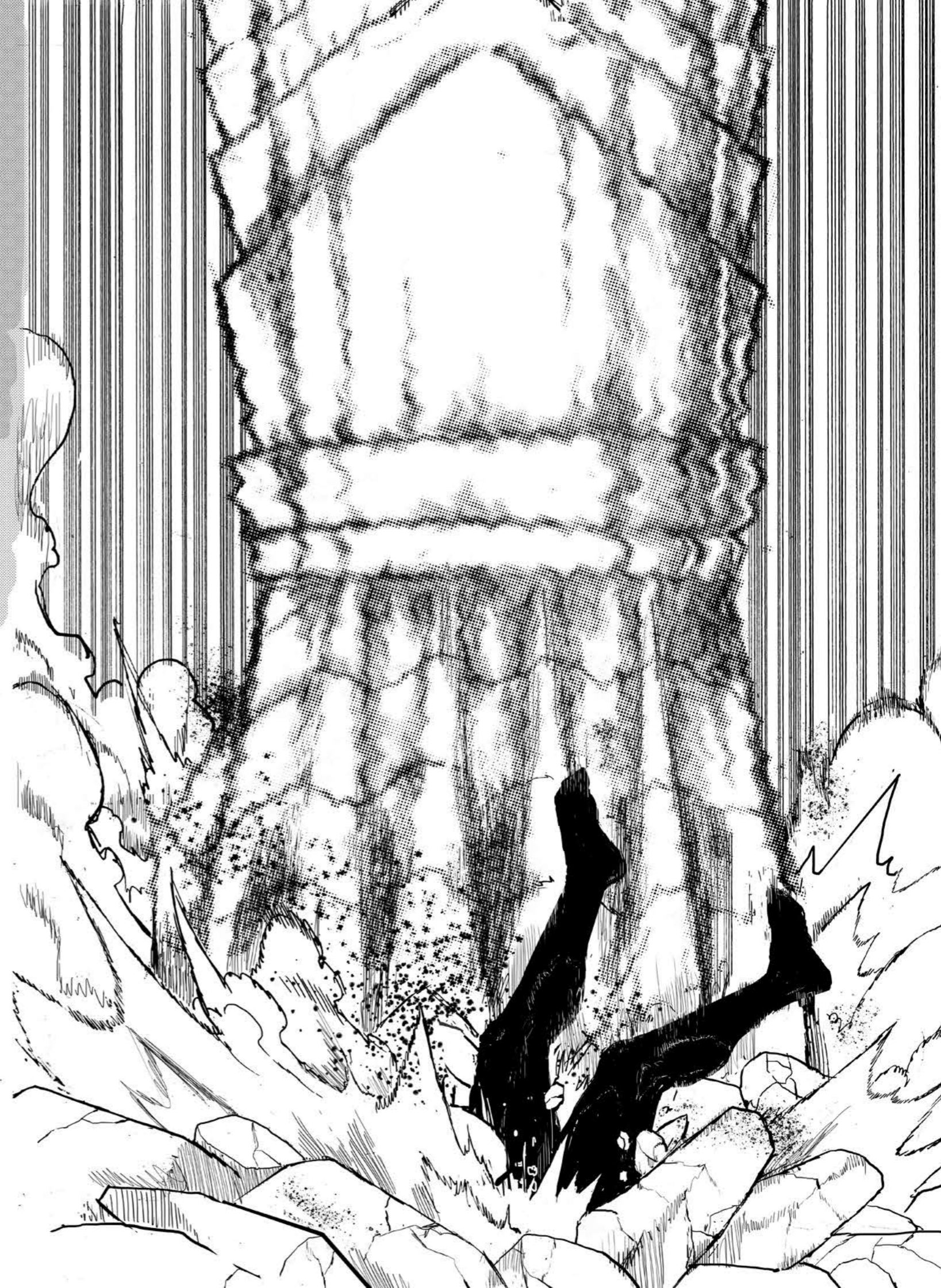


...JACOB IS WAITING FOR ME THERE, AT LEAST THIS WAY WE CAN GET IN TOUCH.

28 MINUTES AFTER THE INCIDENT.



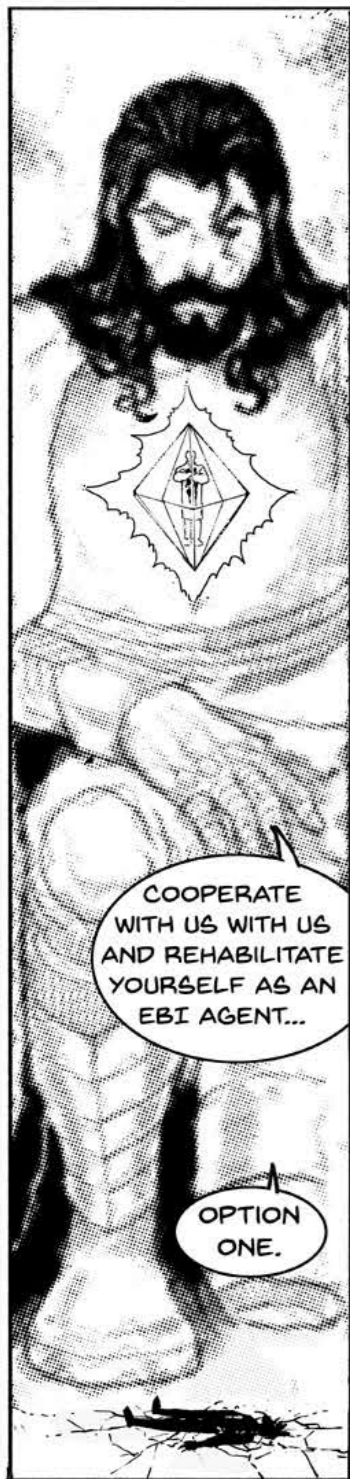
I JUST USED
STEM CELLS TO
RECOVER FROM A
BACK INJURY,
BOY.





UNGH...

YOU HAVE TWO OPTIONS, ADAM.



COOPERATE WITH US WITH US AND REHABILITATE YOURSELF AS AN FBI AGENT...

OPTION ONE.



OPTION TWO.

I RIP THAT FUCKING HAND OFF SO SOMEONE WITH TWO CUBIC MILLI-METERS OF BRAIN CAN USE IT.



SERIOUSLY, WE KIDNAP YOUR DAMN EX-GIRLFRIEND AND YOU DECIDE TO COME!

CAN YOU BE MORE STUPID? I'M ASKING LITERALLY.



GRH

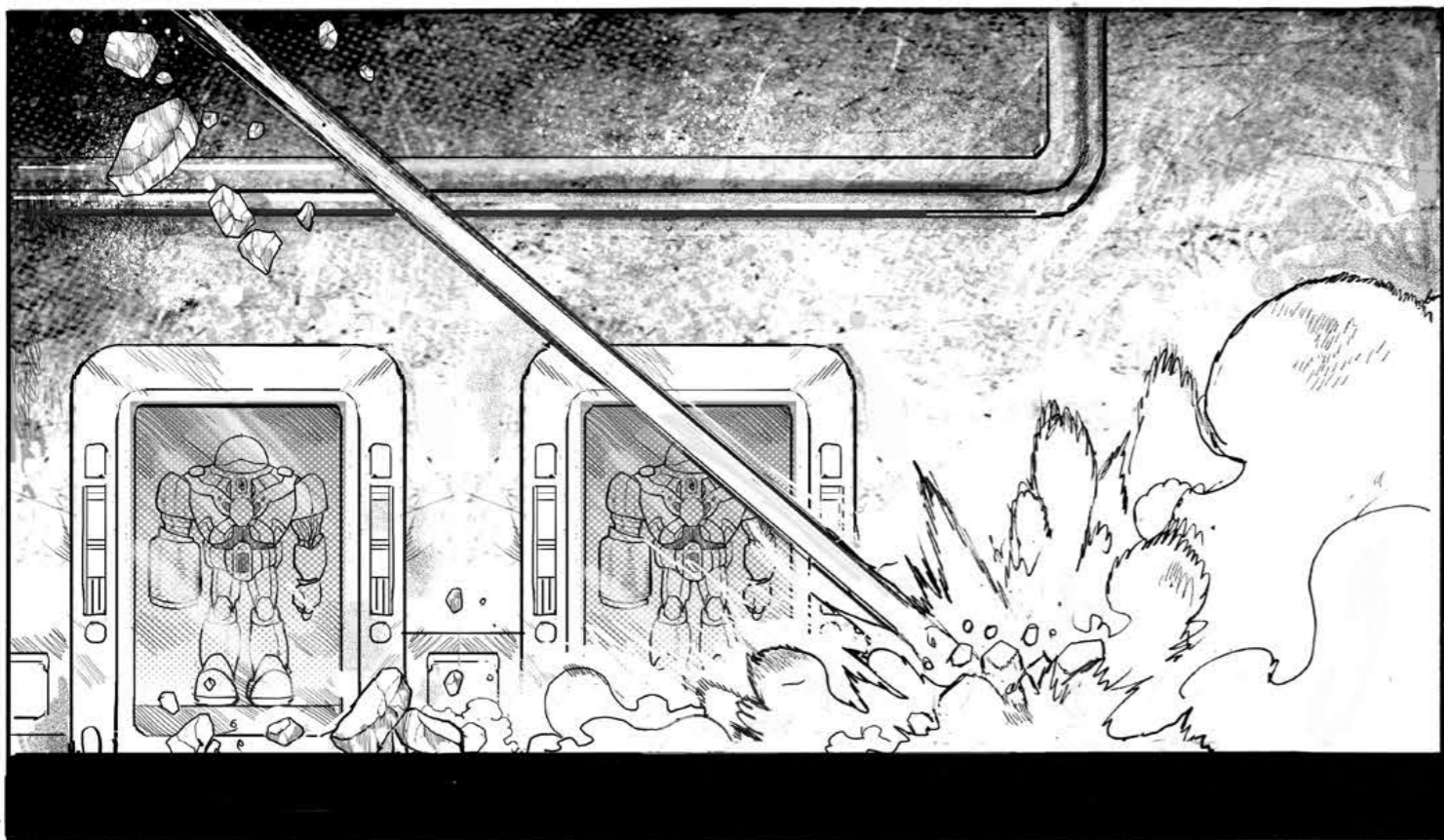
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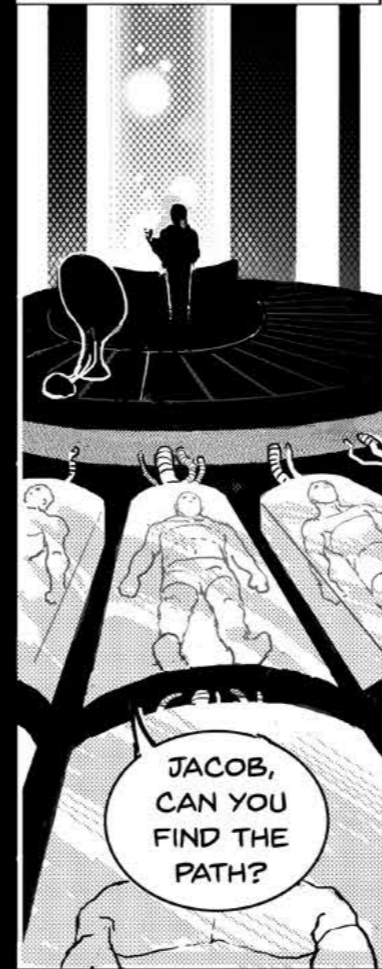
YOU CHOSE.



LEFT PALM.



15 MINUTES AFTER THE INCIDENT.



JACOB, CAN YOU FIND THE PATH?



YES, IT'S AN ACTIVE PROCESS, SO IT WAS SOMEWHAT EASY TO TRACE.



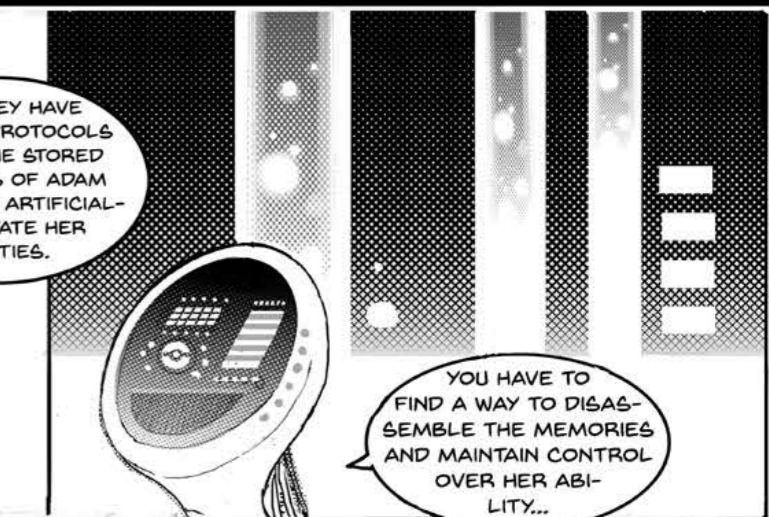
THEN THE REPORTS WERE TRUE.

THE SHADOWGENE HAS GRANTED TELEPATHY TO THE GIRL.



UNDER NORMAL CONDITIONS, SHE TAKES THE MEMORIES AND DESIRES AROUND HER AND TURNS THEM INTO VISIONS. BUT SHE IS COMATOSE...

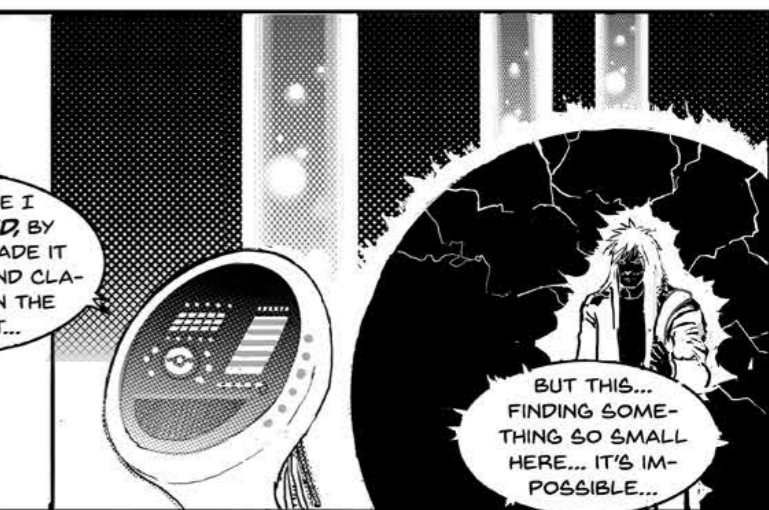
...SO THEY HAVE CREATED PROTOCOLS TO USE THE STORED MEMORIES OF ADAM AND HER TO ARTIFICIALLY ACTIVATE HER ABILITIES.



YOU HAVE TO FIND A WAY TO DISASSEMBLE THE MEMORIES AND MAINTAIN CONTROL OVER HER ABILITY...



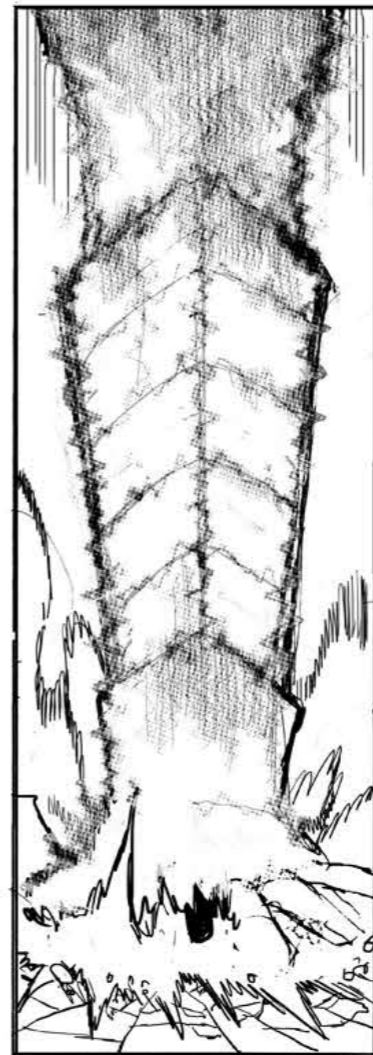
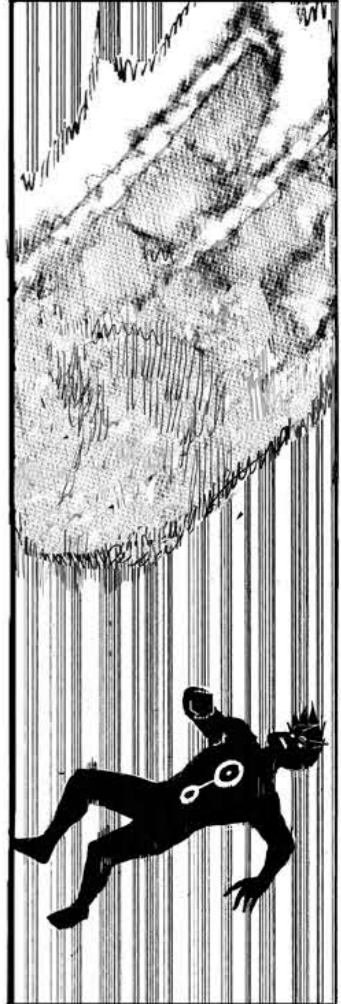
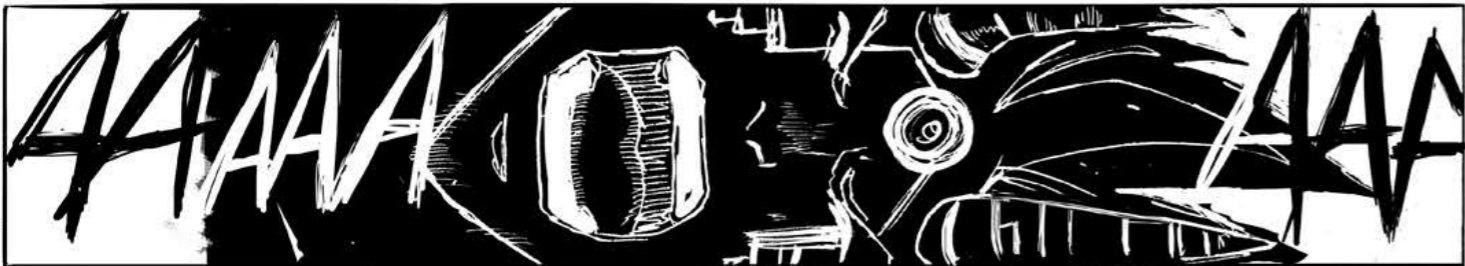
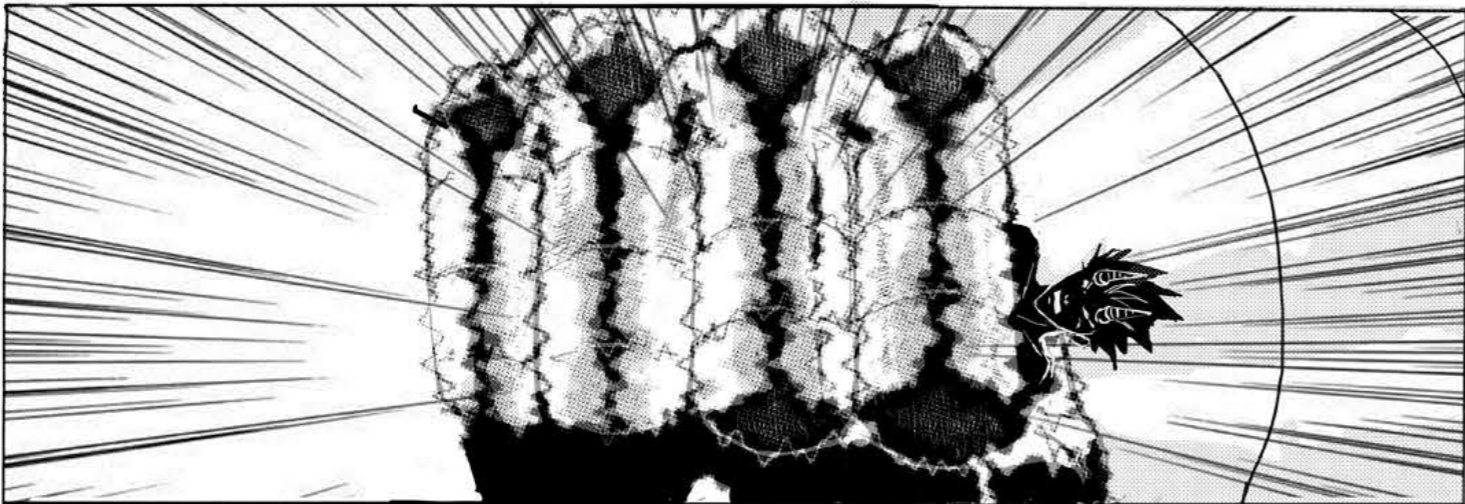
THAT'S WHERE I AM... YOU LIED, BY THE WAY, YOU MADE IT LOOK EASY TO FIND CLARRISSE'S DATA IN THE NEURAL NET...



BUT THIS... FINDING SOMETHING SO SMALL HERE... IT'S IMPOSSIBLE...

34 MINUTES AFTER THE INCIDENT.







WHAT WERE YOU TRYING TO DO?

IS IT THE HAND OF SATAN? MESSES YOUR JUDGMENT?



YOU...



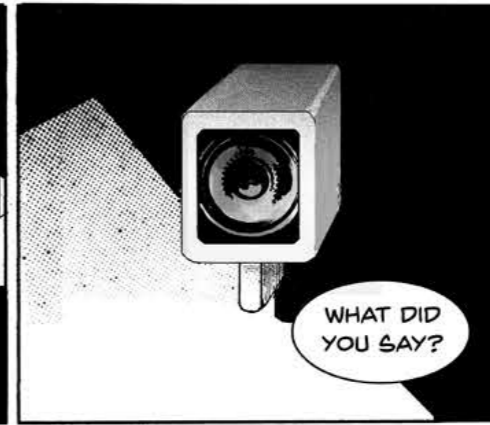
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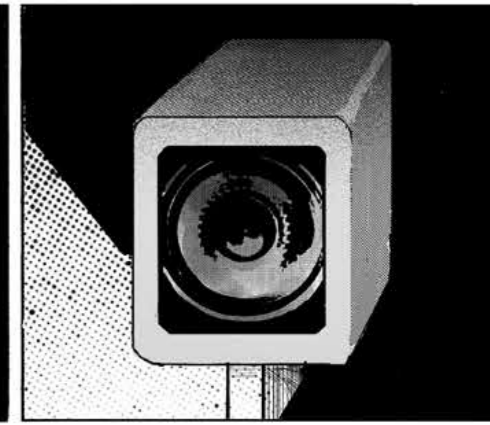
...EVERY-THING'S DYING BECAUSE OF YOU.



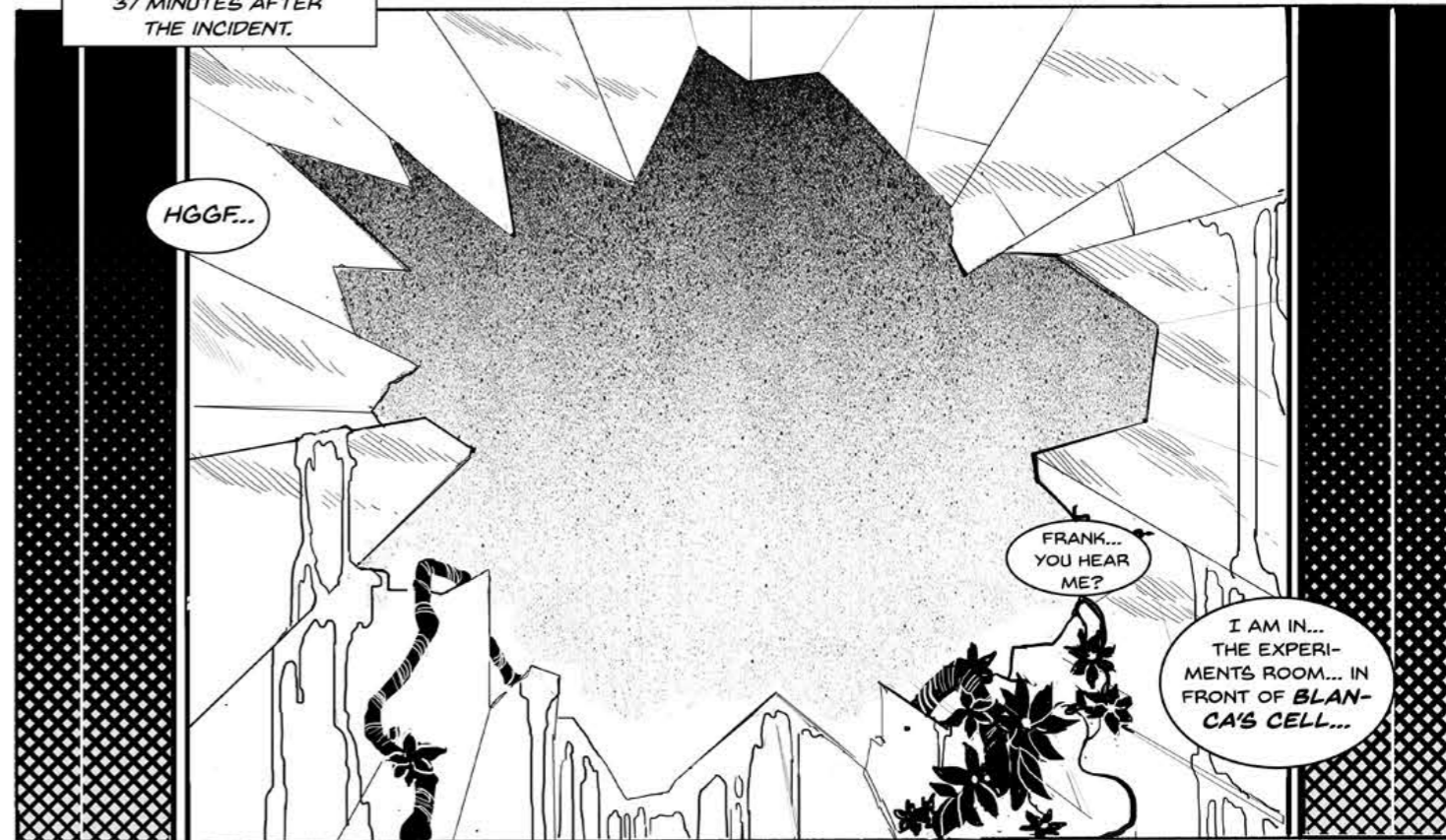
HM?



WHAT DID YOU SAY?



37 MINUTES AFTER THE INCIDENT.



HGGF...

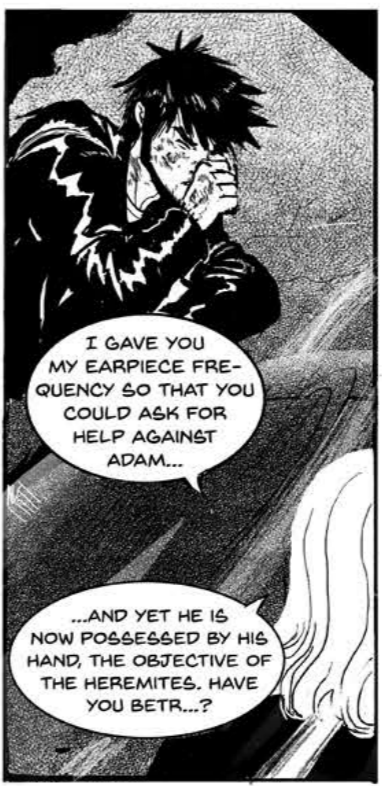
FRANK... YOU HEAR ME?

I AM IN... THE EXPERIMENTS ROOM... IN FRONT OF BLANCA'S CELL...



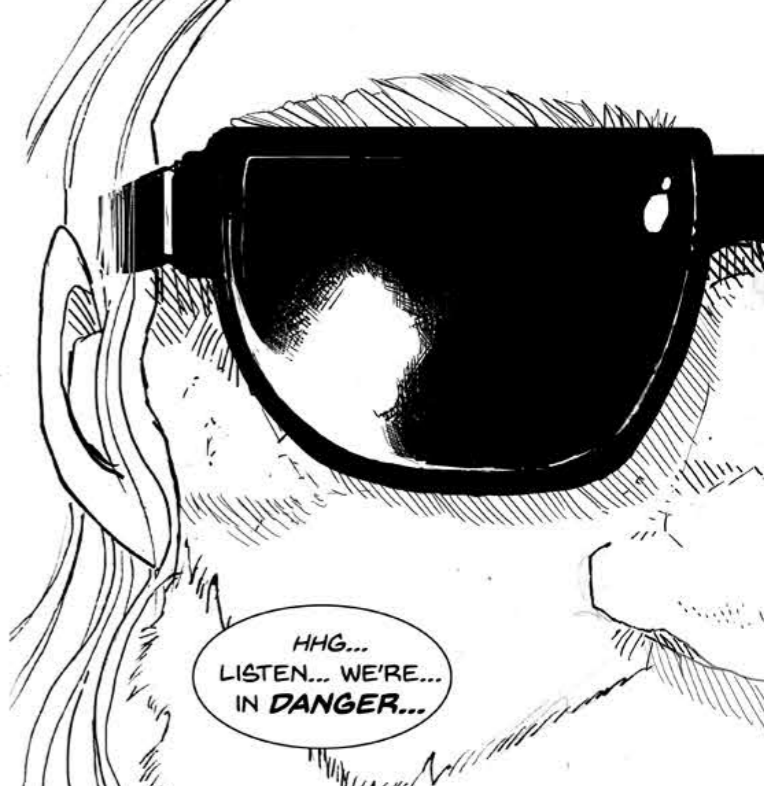
COUGH...

I'M... I'M BLEEDING...



I GAVE YOU MY EARPIECE FREQUENCY SO THAT YOU COULD ASK FOR HELP AGAINST ADAM...

...AND YET HE IS NOW POSSESSED BY HIS HAND, THE OBJECTIVE OF THE HERMITES. HAVE YOU BETR...?



HHG... LISTEN... WE'RE... IN DANGER...

43 MINUTES AFTER THE INCIDENT.



AGH...

GHH...

I'M SORRY, KID. I FIGURED YOU'D GIVE UP. NO ONE RESISTS. THEY SURRENDER, OR THEY DIE.



YOU ARE SO YOUNG. HOW COULD I THINK YOU'D WANT TO RUIN YOUR LIFE?

IF YOU WORKED FOR US, YOU WOULDN'T HAVE...

DAD

?



WHY DON'T YOU LEAVE ME ALONE?



WHAT DO I WANT TO GO OUT FOR? TO SEE HOW THE GIRLS LOOK AT ME LIKE I'M TRASH? THEY'RE ALL WHO...!

HEY! WATCH YOUR MOUTH!



N-NO... MY SON...



AND WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO? PUNISH ME WITHOUT GOING OUT? TAKE THE PC AWAY?

FUCK YOU!



W-W...?



GOING ON...?



WHY...?



DEREK. THE PSYCHOLOGIST... YOUR MOTHER SAYS YOU'RE BACK TO SPENDING ALL DAY IN YOUR ROOM...



...N-NO... IT CAN'T BE...

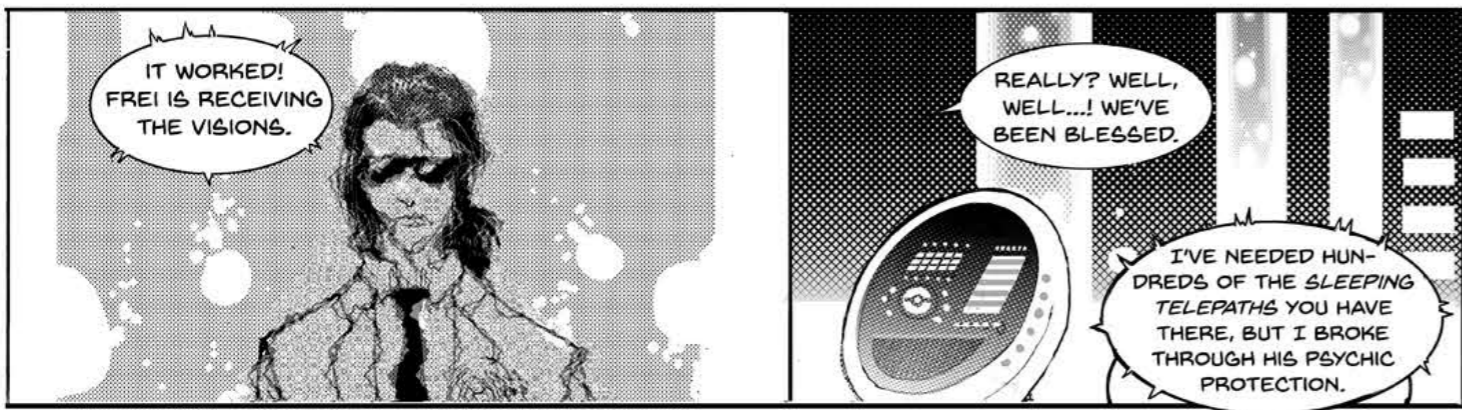


MY BLOK HASN'T TRIGGERED.

MAYBE BECAUSE I'M NOT ATTACKING YOU...

UNGH...

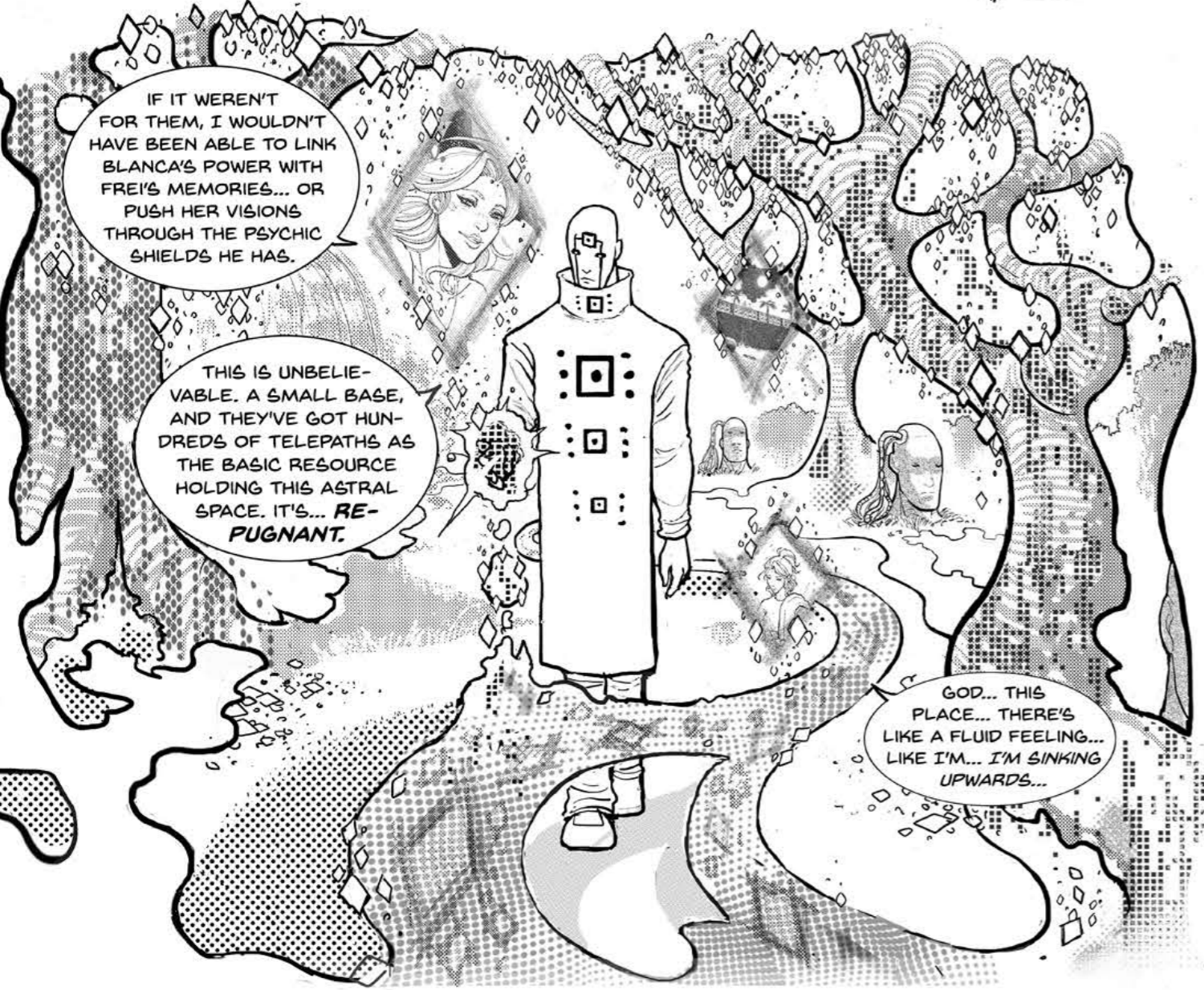
"...AFTER ALL, I'M JUST LIMITING MYSELF TO USING YOUR OWN PLAN SO THAT YOU CAN REMINISCE ABOUT YOUR LIFE..."



IT WORKED! FREI IS RECEIVING THE VISIONS.

REALLY? WELL, WELL...! WE'VE BEEN BLESSED.

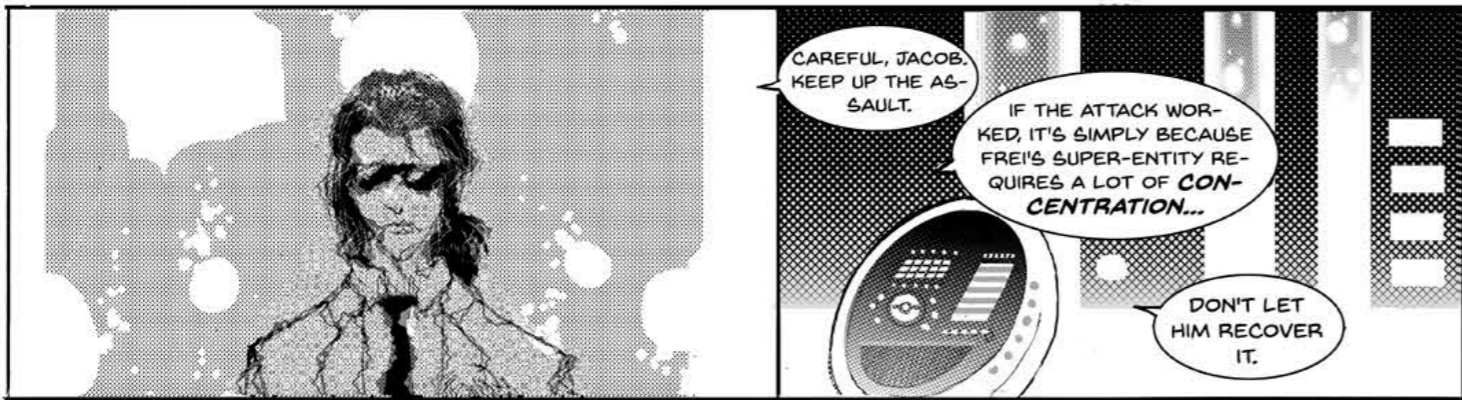
I'VE NEEDED HUNDREDS OF THE SLEEPING TELEPATHS YOU HAVE THERE, BUT I BROKE THROUGH HIS PSYCHIC PROTECTION.



IF IT WEREN'T FOR THEM, I WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN ABLE TO LINK BLANCA'S POWER WITH FREI'S MEMORIES... OR PUSH HER VISIONS THROUGH THE PSYCHIC SHIELDS HE HAS.

THIS IS UNBELIEVABLE. A SMALL BASE, AND THEY'VE GOT HUNDREDS OF TELEPATHS AS THE BASIC RESOURCE HOLDING THIS ASTRAL SPACE. IT'S... **RE-PUGNANT.**

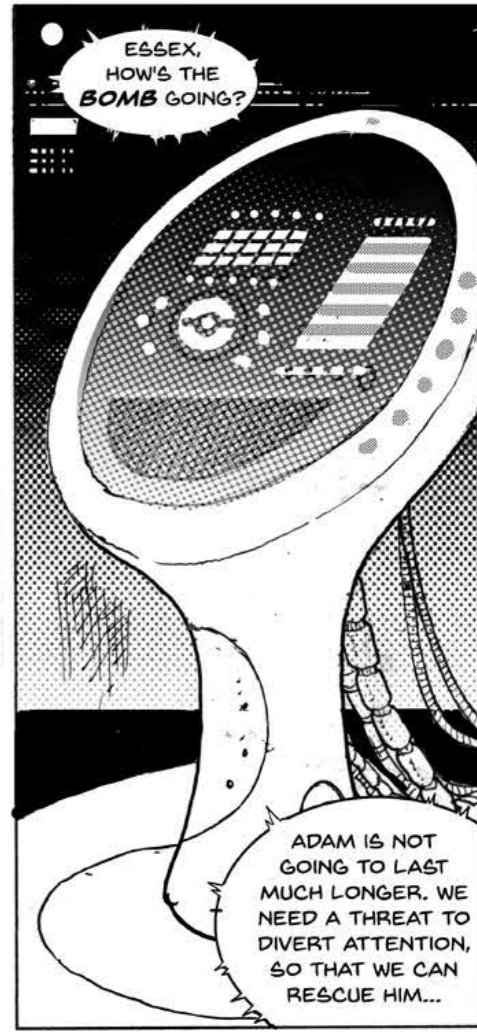
GOD... THIS PLACE... THERE'S LIKE A FLUID FEELING... LIKE I'M... I'M SINKING UPWARDS...



CAREFUL, JACOB. KEEP UP THE ASSAULT.

IF THE ATTACK WORKED, IT'S SIMPLY BECAUSE FREI'S SUPER-ENTITY REQUIRES A LOT OF **CONCENTRATION...**

DON'T LET HIM RECOVER IT.



ESSEX, HOW'S THE BOMB GOING?

ADAM IS NOT GOING TO LAST MUCH LONGER. WE NEED A THREAT TO DIVERT ATTENTION, SO THAT WE CAN RESCUE HIM...



THEY'RE IN THE ACCESS POINT OF THE NEURAL NETWORK. ESSEX... TOOK ADAM'S **SHADOWS** THERE.



IT'S GONNA BE FIVE MORE MINUTES, JACOB.



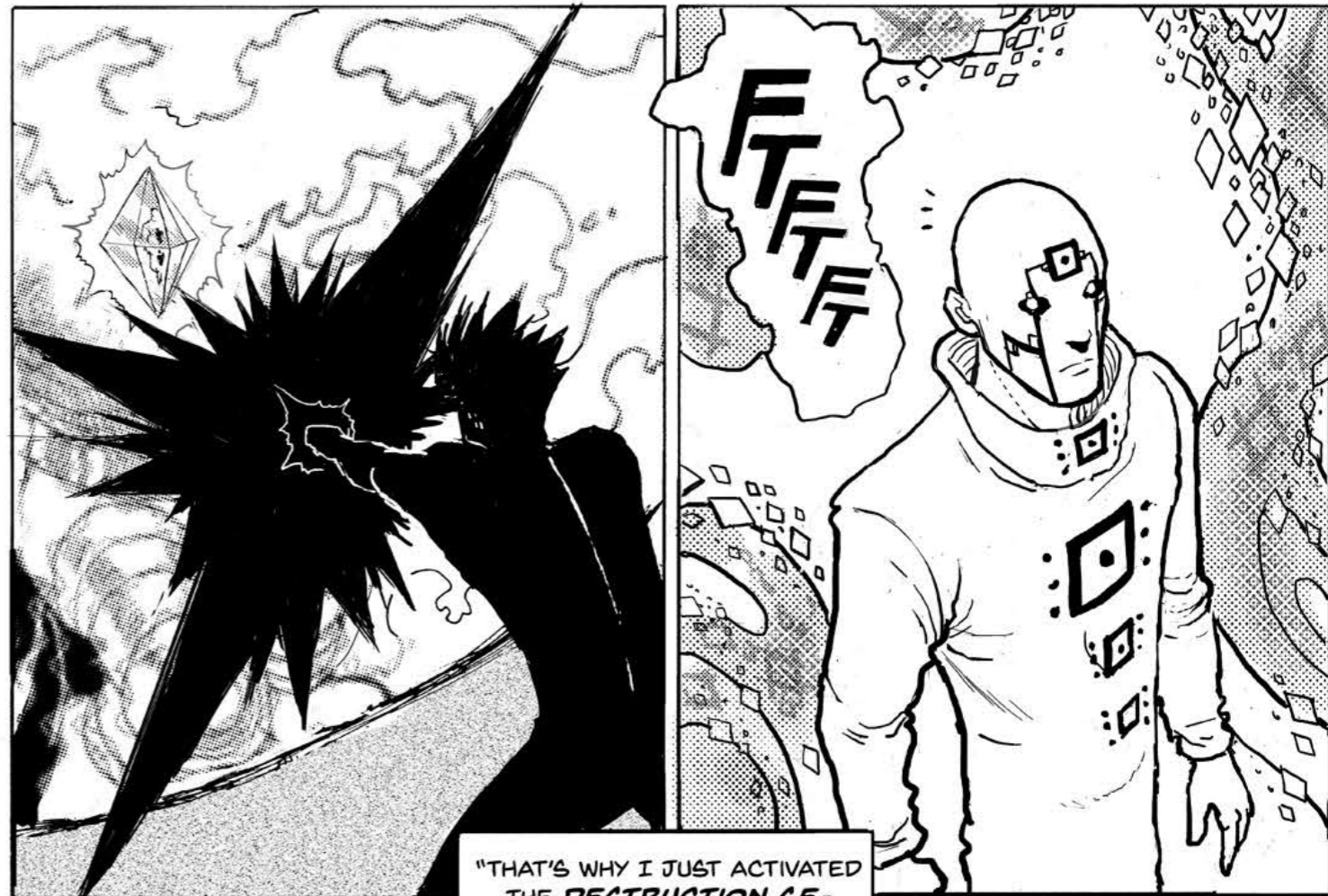
THEY'RE GOING TO COLLAPSE IT, FRANK. HH... THEY TALK LIKE THEY'RE GOING TO **COLLAPSE IT.**



PLAN B,
THEN.



PIP



"THAT'S WHY I JUST ACTIVATED
THE *DESTRUCTION SE-*
QUENCE OF THE BASE".



HUH...
?

THE...
ALARM
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...YOU CAN'T
STAY LIKE THIS
ALL DAY. YOU
HAVE TO...



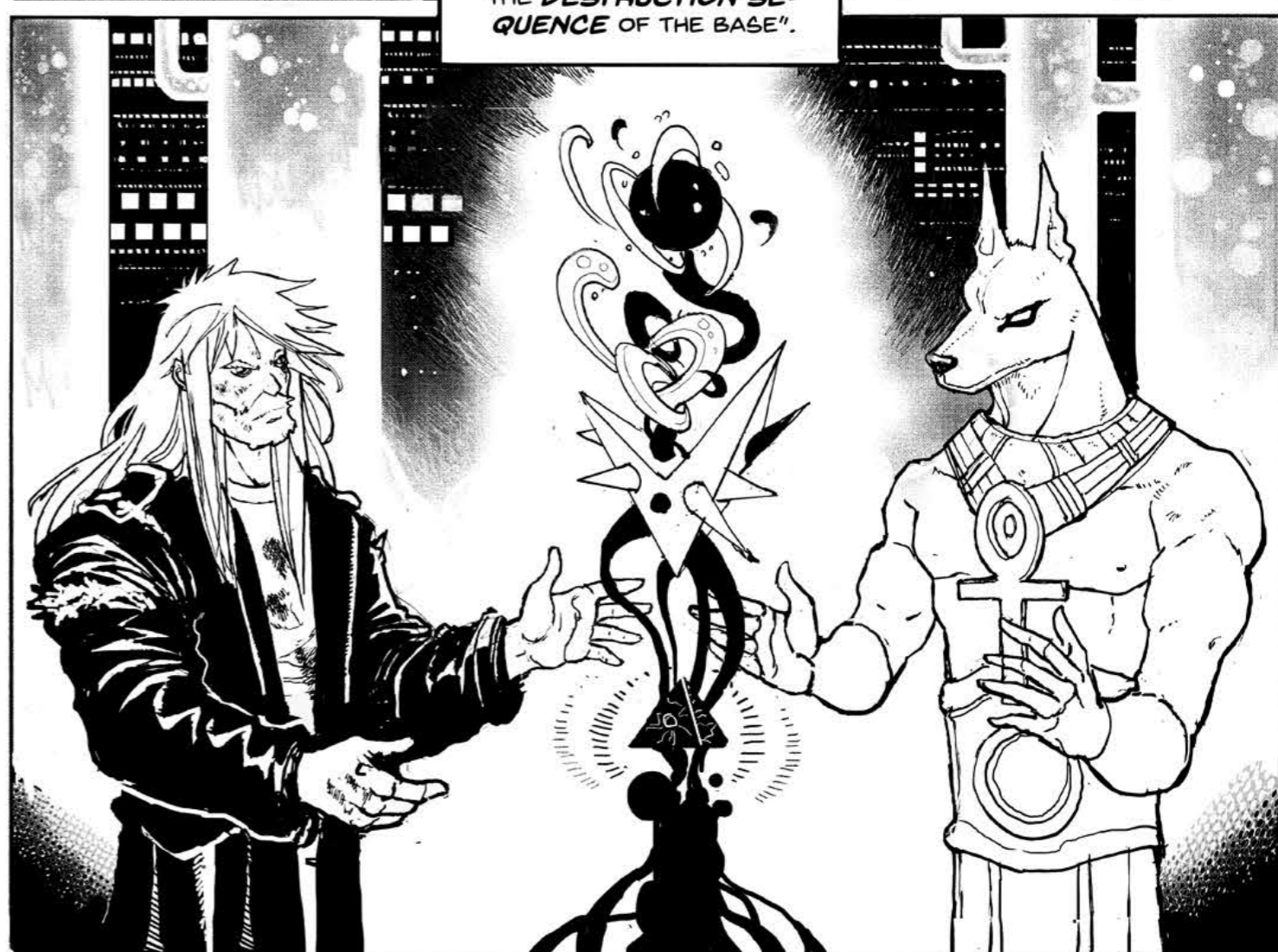
WHAT...?

FRANK...
HGH... WHAT
DID YOU
DO?



FREI'S
PLAN.

ACCESSING THE
NEURAL NETWORK TO
STEAL DATA IS AC-
CEPTABLE. ATTEMPT-
ING TO SABOTAGE
IT... *ISN'T*.



...TO BE CONTINUED

UPSURGE IS AN ALMOST MONTHLY (40 DAYS) SERIES THAT STILL HAS A LONG WAY TO GO TO REACH THE INTENDED ENDING. HOWEVER, WE CAN'T KEEP DOING IT FOR "FREE" INDEFINITELY. IF YOU'RE INTERESTED IN HELPING US WHILE ALSO GETTING **EARLY ACCESS** TO AN ISSUE, **PREVIEWS** OF FUTURE EPISODES, OR **VIDEOS** AND TEXTS ABOUT OUR CREATIVE PROCESS, PLEASE CONSIDER SUPPORTING US THROUGH PATREON AT THE 3\$ PLEDGE LEVEL (LINK BELOW). IF WE HAVE ENOUGH HELP, WE'LL TURN UPSURGE INTO A **MONTHLY** SERIES. THANK YOU!

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