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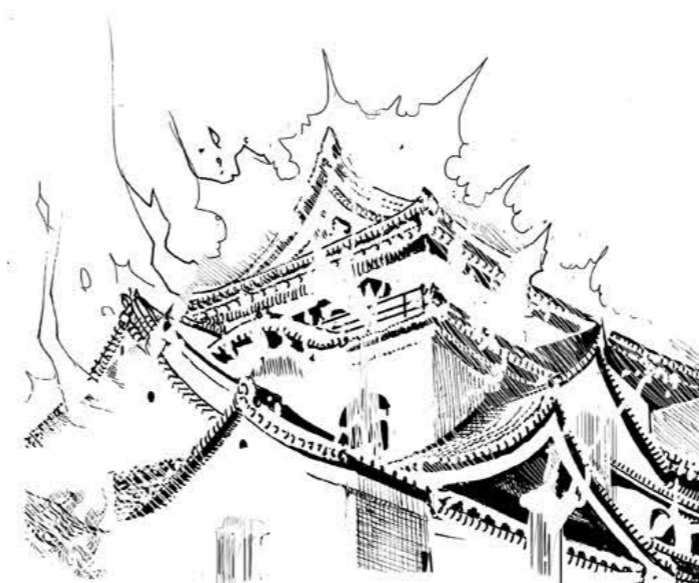
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WHO ARE YOU? WHY IS A FLOODED HOUSE BURNING?







FUCK.

ADAM!

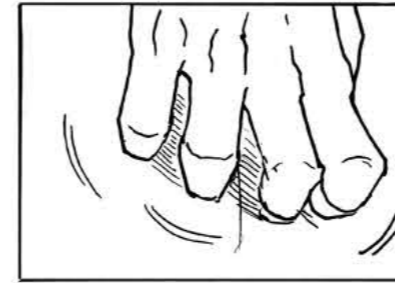
SINCE WHEN IS IT SO HARD TO CONTACT YOU IN YOUR SLEEP? THIS LINK IS THE ONLY WAY I CAN TALK SAFELY, GOD-DAMMIT!



WHY ARE YOU SO DISTRACTED? EVERYTHING'S FUCKING BURNING!

YOU HAVE TO COME HOME, ADAM! YOUR OTHER HOME, IN ANDALUSIA!

LISTEN.



DAMN, YOU'RE GONNA CUT YOURSELF.



HMM?



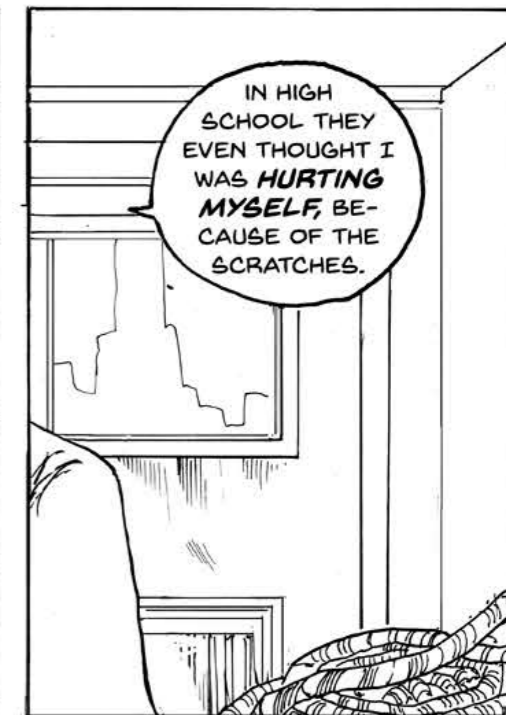
SCRATCHING LIKE THAT.

YOU'RE GON' BREAK SKIN.



OOH. YES.

IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME SINCE I'VE HAD AN ALLERGY ATTACK LIKE THIS.

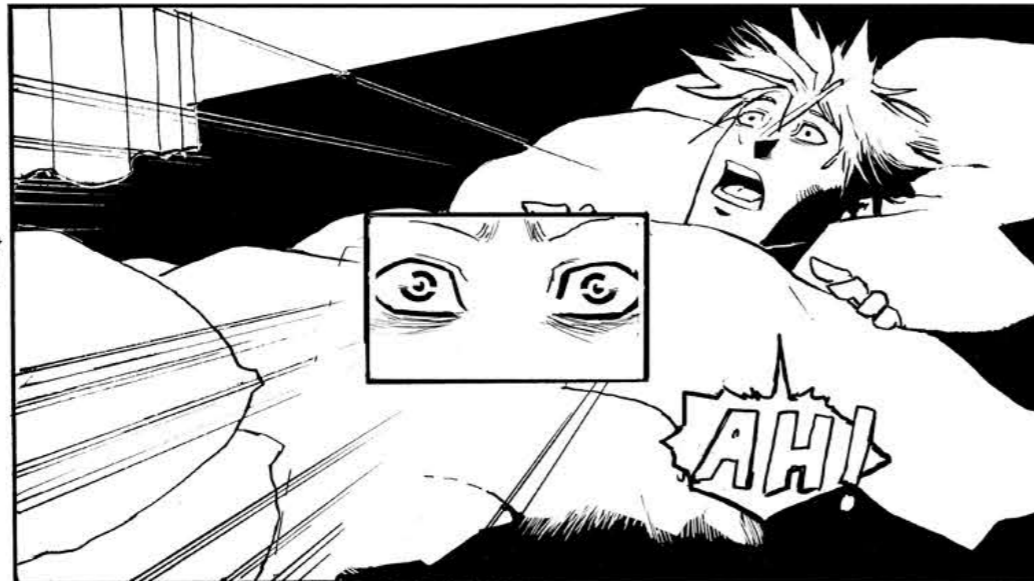


IN HIGH SCHOOL THEY EVEN THOUGHT I WAS HURTING MYSELF, BECAUSE OF THE SCRATCHES.



YOU HEAR ME? AHG, FUCKIN' SHIT.

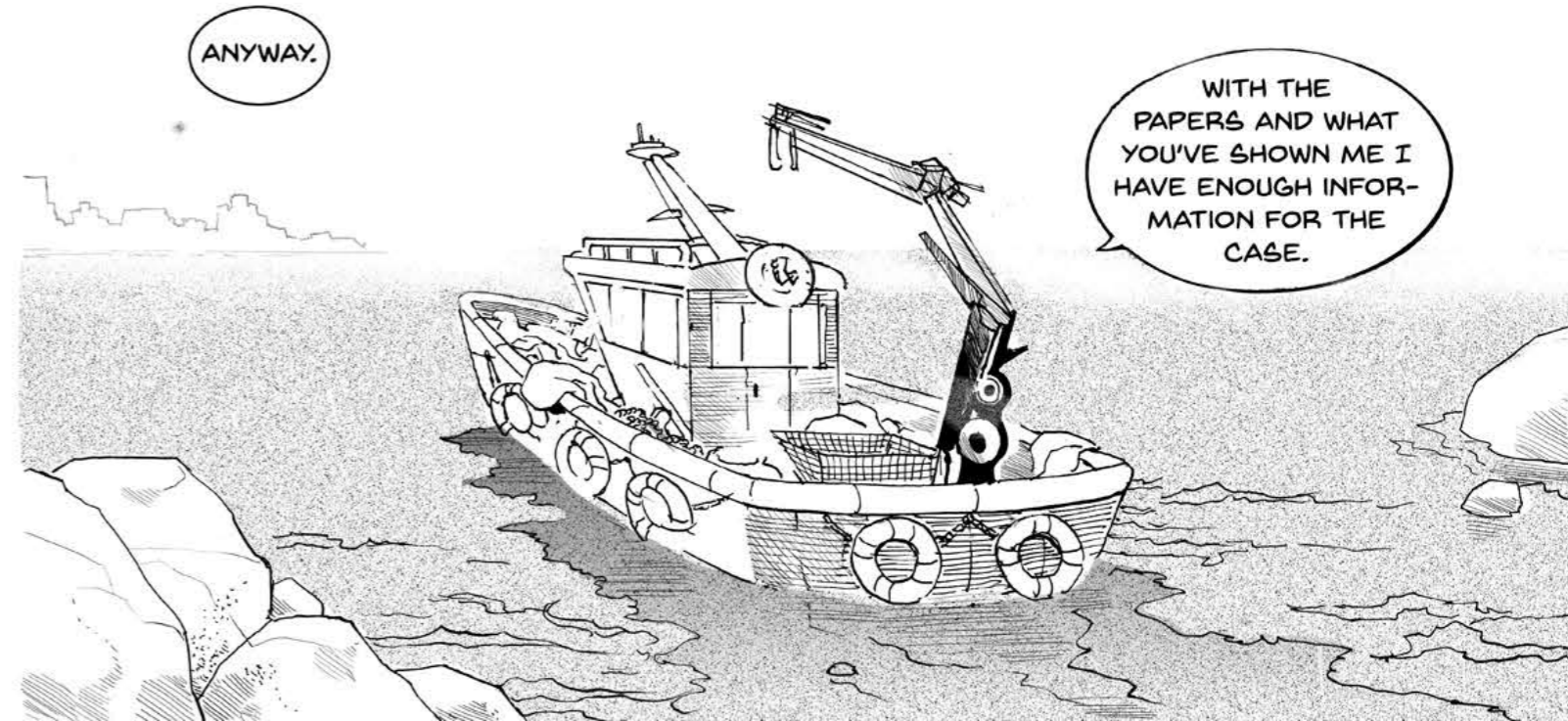
COME!



AHI!



ANYWAY.



WITH THE PAPERS AND WHAT YOU'VE SHOWN ME I HAVE ENOUGH INFORMATION FOR THE CASE.



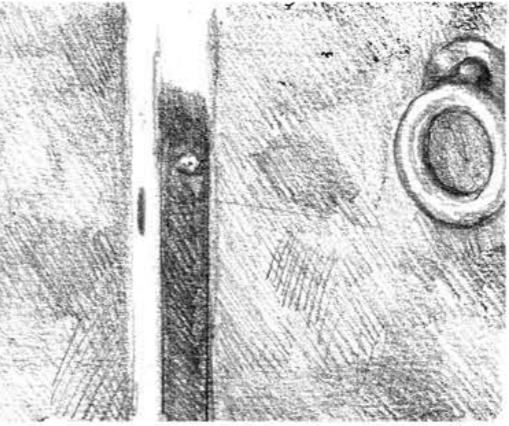
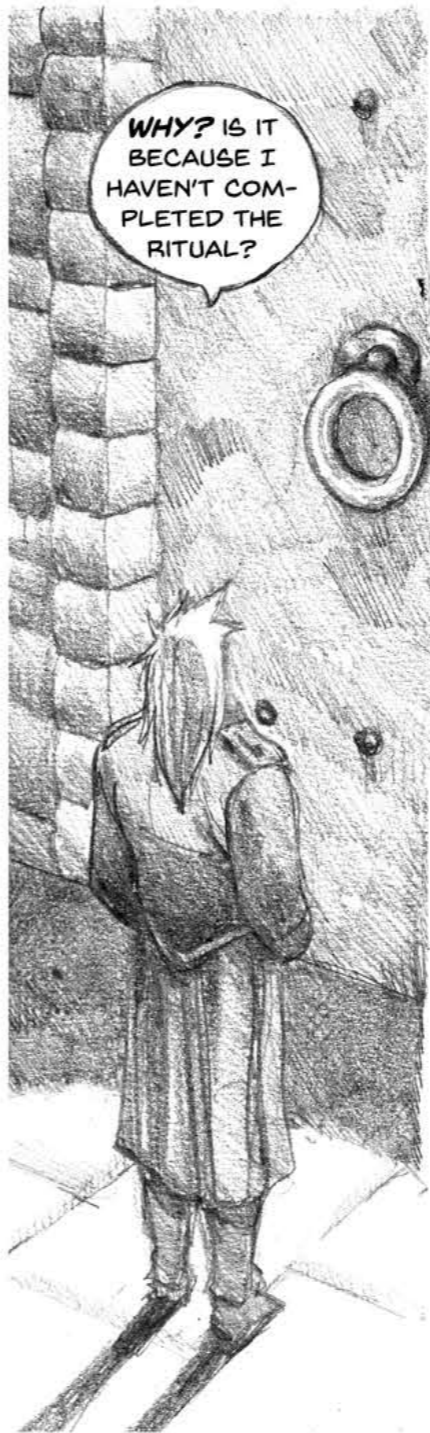
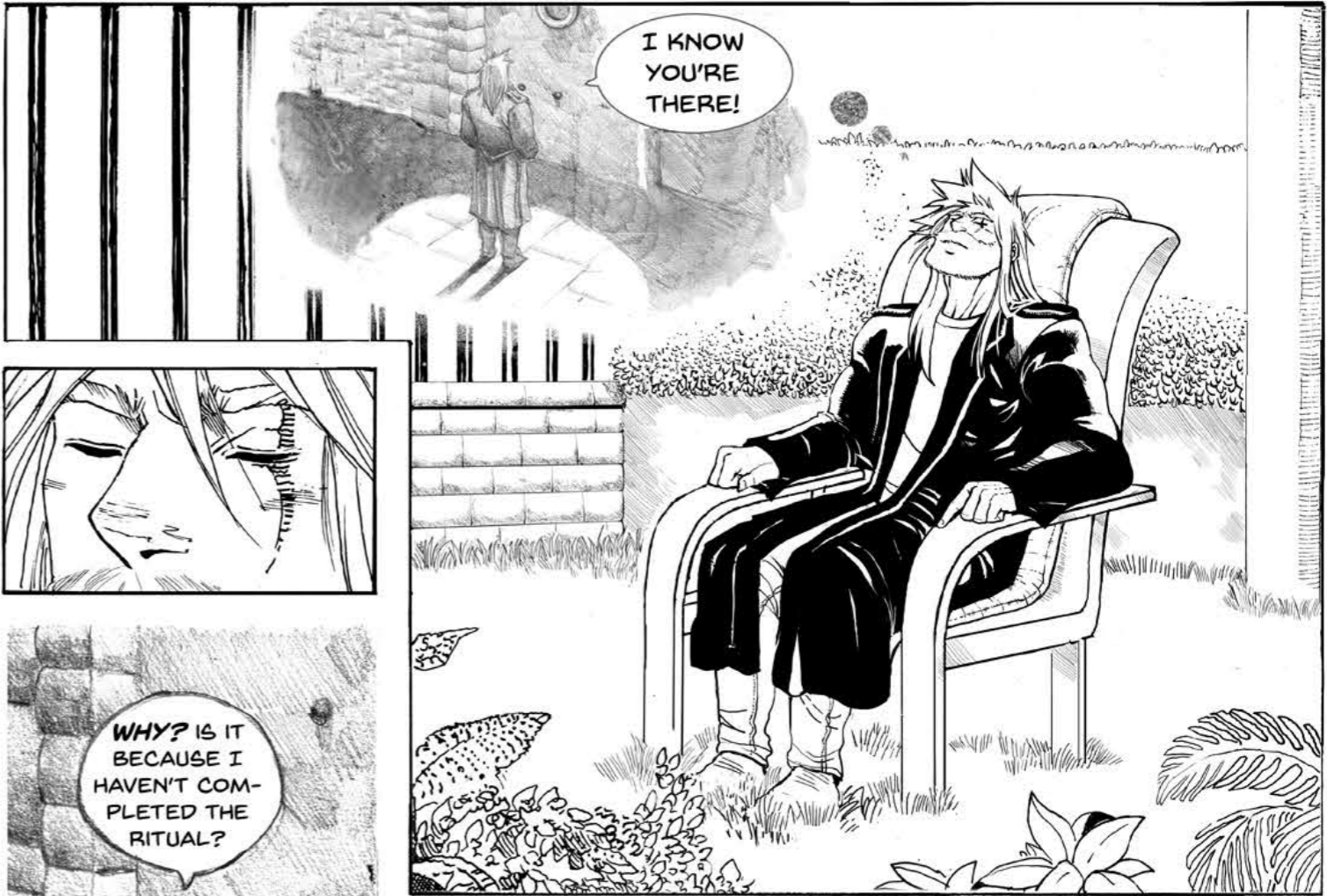
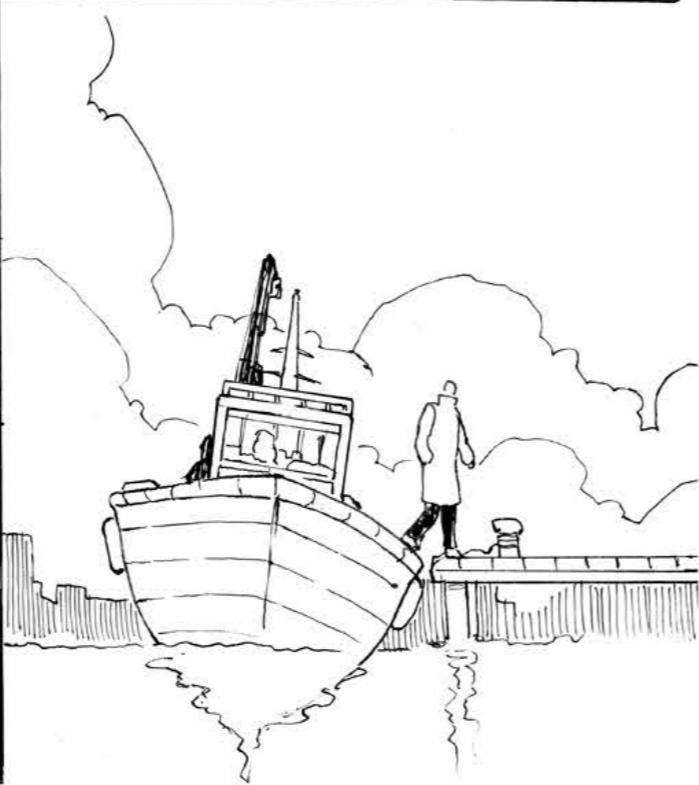
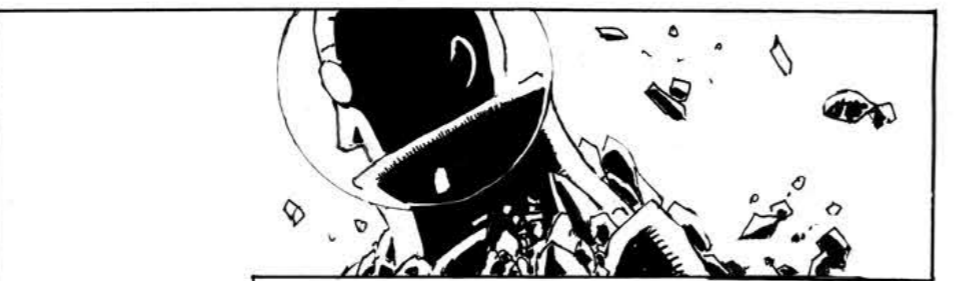
YOU THINK THE MULTINATIONALS ARE BEHIND THESE PURCHASES? THE MACHINES THEY'RE USING, NO ONE IN THE RIAS BAIXAS\* COULD...

WOULDN'T SURPRISE ME.

IN BARCELONA, WE GAVE PUBLIC SPACE TO CORPORATIONS...

THESE ARE BAD TIMES.

IT'S A TIME OF **MATERIALIZM...** THE BIG FISH EATS THE LITTLE FISH.

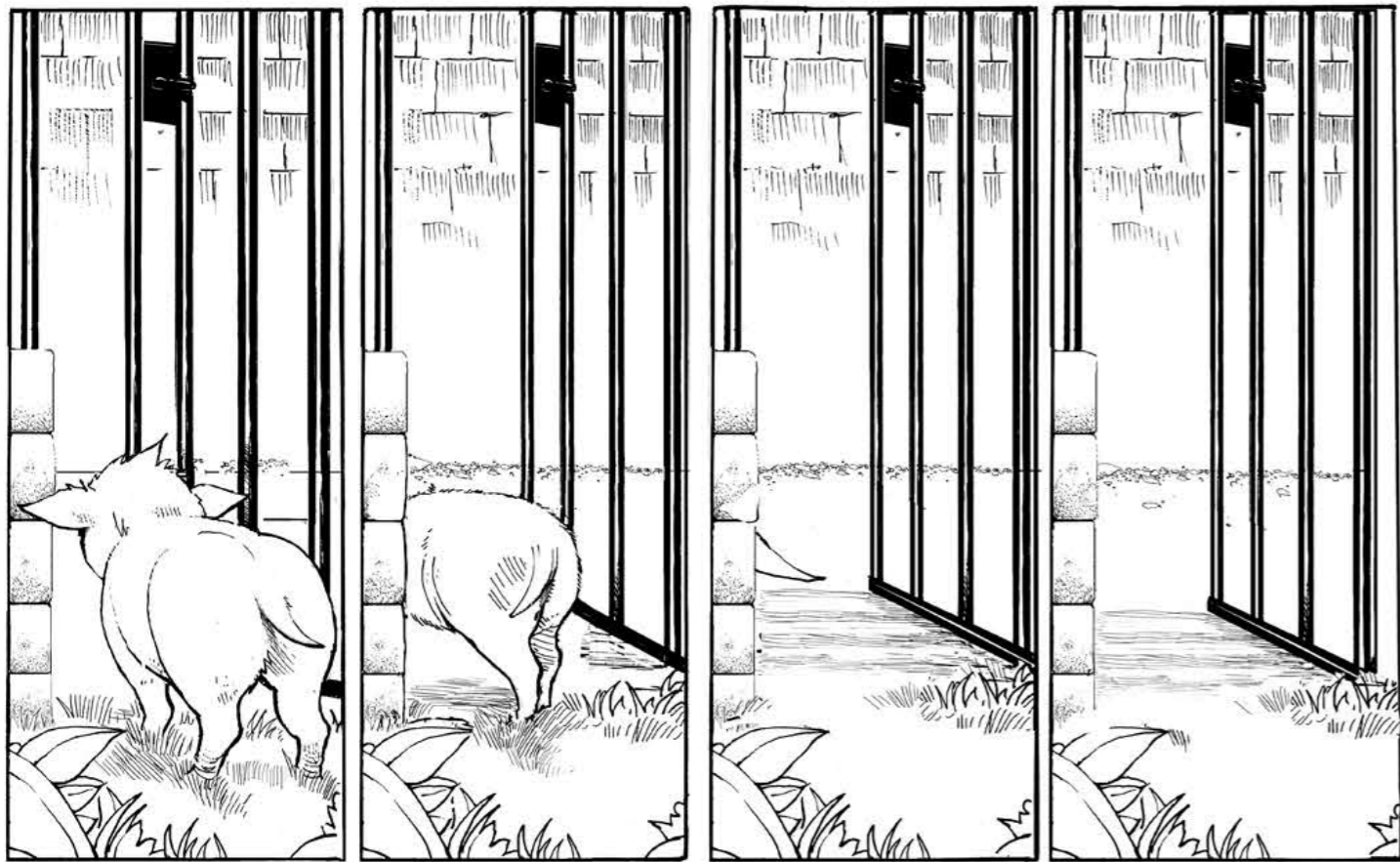


BECAUSE I HAVEN'T ANSWERED WHY I'M PRONE TO LEAPS OF FAITH?

I ALREADY GOT THE **POWER**, THANKS TO THE BITE!







AREN'T YOU THE ONE WITH THE **FICTIONAL** PANTHEON? WHAT ARE YOU DOING, CALLING A TRUE GOD WHEN YOU HAVE YOUR LIES?

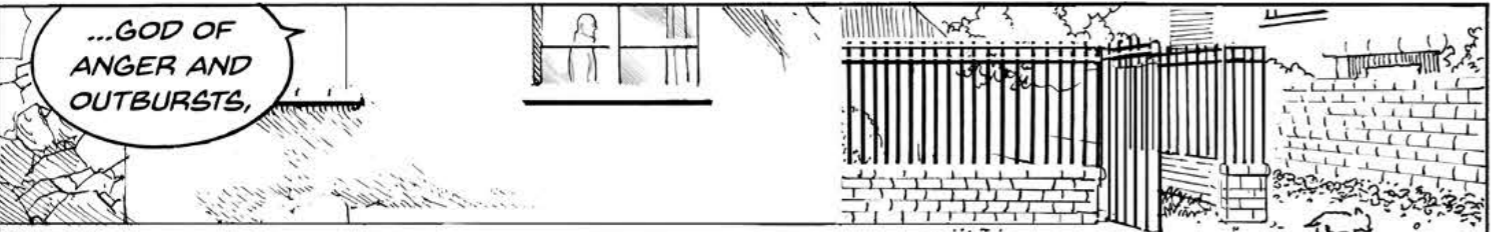
WE ARE SURROUNDED BY TECHNOLOGY. IT MADE **SENSE** TO MAKE GODS OUT OF THOSE CONCEPTS. GODS ARE NOTHING BUT...



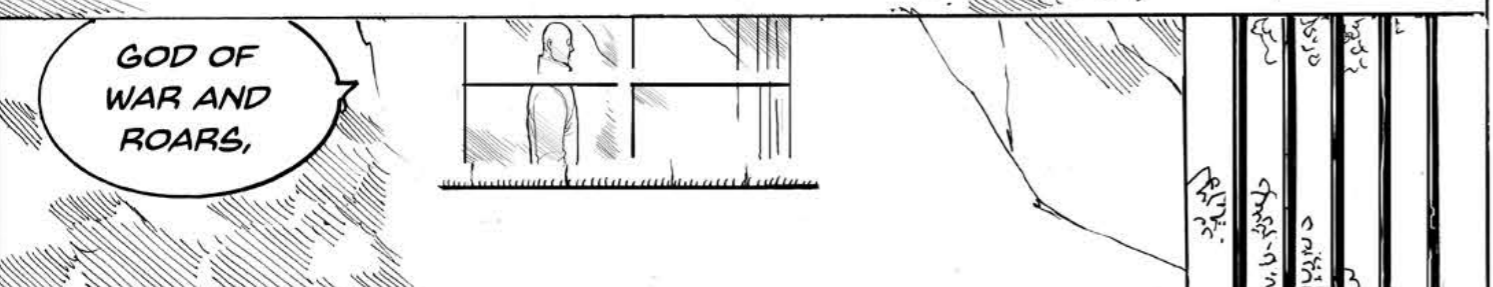
YOU HAVE NO IDEA WHAT WE TRULY ARE. WHAT YOU PERCEIVE IS THE **TANGENT** BETWEEN OUR DIMENSION AND YOURS, THAT'S ALL.



I'VE TRIED TO SUMMON HERMES AND APHRODITE... EVEN HEPHAESTUS.



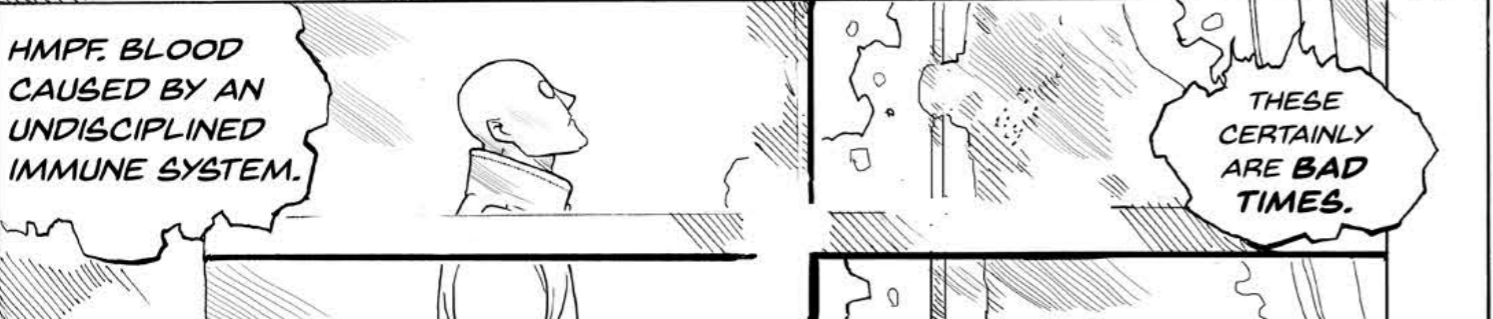
...GOD OF ANGER AND OUTBURSTS,



GOD OF WAR AND ROARS,



ACCEPT THE BLOOD OF MY CUTS AS AN OFFERING AND HEED MY CALL!



HMPF. BLOOD CAUSED BY AN UNDISCIPLINED IMMUNE SYSTEM.

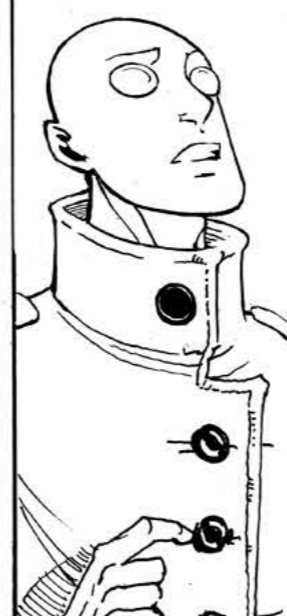
THESE CERTAINLY ARE **BAD** TIMES.

I FELT STRANGE REVERBERATIONS BUT THEY...



...DIDN'T APPEAR.

ARE THEY DEAD? WHY DID I FEEL THOSE REVERBERATIONS? **WHAT'S GOING ON?**



THERE IS NO EASY EXPLANATION. DEATH IS A DIFFERENT MATTER FOR US.

IS IT THAT BAD?



YOU SAID YOUR SISTER REIGNS... HOW CAN SHE RULE OVER THIS WORLD IF YOU'RE DOING SO **BADLY?**



BECAUSE IT IS ERIS, WHO SINCE SHE **DIED** DOES NOT REQUIRE FAITH FOR HER SUSTENANCE, CHAOS IS ENOUGH FOR HER!



WHAT? I... I DON'T UNDERSTAND... HOW CAN SOMETHING BE... HOW CAN YOU EVEN DIE? IS SOMEONE CAUSING IT? I...



SOMEONE? I DO NOT KNOW IF THIS PROCESS HAS AUTHORITY. MY EYES DON'T HAVE THE REACH OF YESTERYEAR, AS TO OUR "DEATHS"... IT'S HARD TO EXPLAIN. YOUR PSYCHE... SUSTAINS AND CATALYZES OUR BIOLOGY.

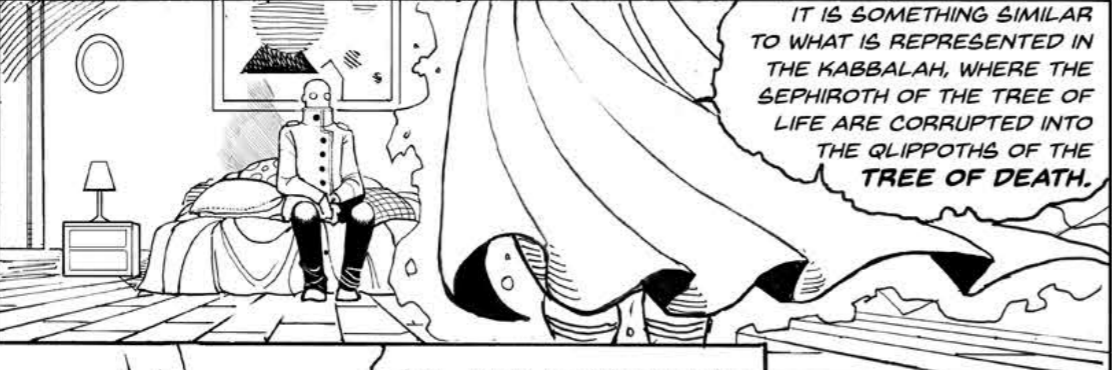


YOU ARE MORE THAN EVER, BUT YOU DREAM LESS THAN EVER. WE LOSE THE MEANING OF EXISTENCE.

THIS NIHILISTIC DISTORTION CAUSES IN US WHAT YOU COULD CONSIDER "DEATH".



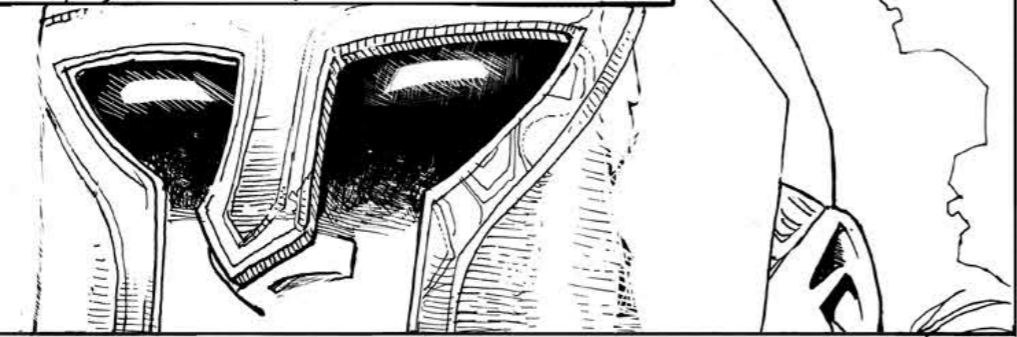
IT IS SOMETHING SIMILAR TO WHAT IS REPRESENTED IN THE KABBALAH, WHERE THE SEPHIROTH OF THE TREE OF LIFE ARE CORRUPTED INTO THE QLIPTOHS OF THE TREE OF DEATH.



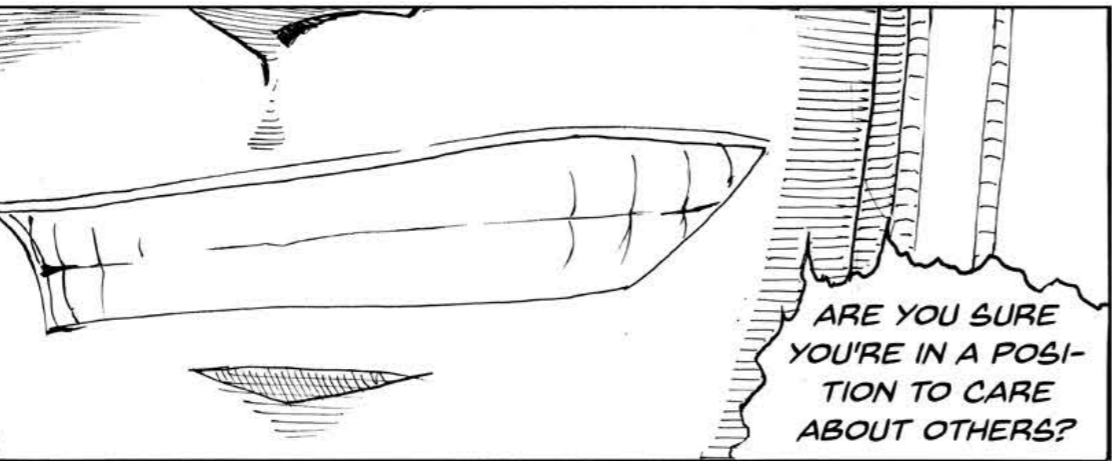
SO... YOU DON'T CEASE TO EXIST, YOU BECOME EMPTY SHELLS. HOW CAN WE STOP IT?



HEH... YOU'RE A FUNNY HUMAN BEING, JACOB. I HAD NEVER SEEN SOMEONE WHO, WHEN UPSET, SOUGHT REFUGE IN ASKING SUCH DENSE QUESTIONS.



I SEE IN YOU THE DEEP FATIGUE OF SOLDIERS WHILE IN WAR.



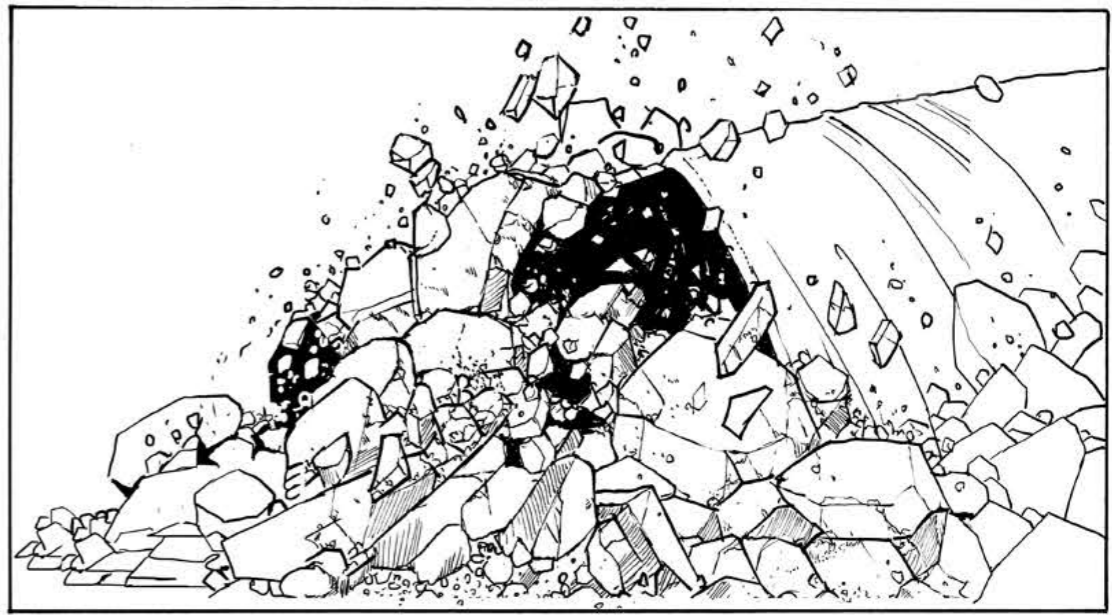
ARE YOU SURE YOU'RE IN A POSITION TO CARE ABOUT OTHERS?

YOUR IMMUNE SYSTEM IS ATTACKING THE BODY IT'S SWORN TO DEFEND. DON'T YOU THINK YOU SHOULD EXAMINE THAT SITUATION?

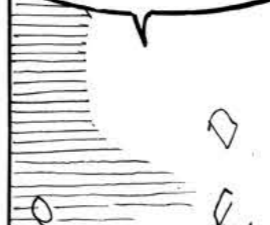


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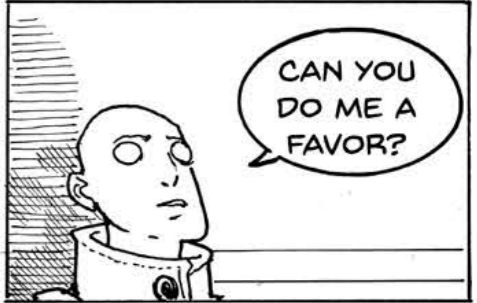
DO YOU HOLD SO MUCH RESENTMENT THAT YOU'VE STARTED TO DEVOUR YOURSELF?



I ALMOST DIED BURIED IN STONE.



...IF I'M GOING TO EXPOSE MYSELF TO THESE THINGS, SHOULDN'T LIFE BE BETTER?



CAN YOU DO ME A FAVOR?



SHOW ME THE WORLD AS YOU PERCEIVE IT.



THAT'S ...



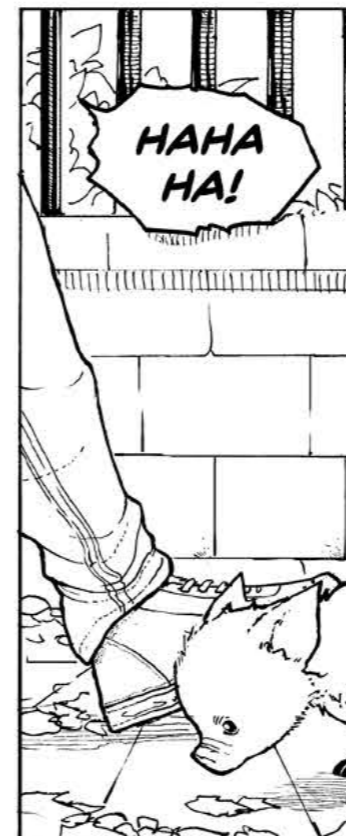
VERY WELL.



MAKES YOU THINK. I MEAN...



BUT KNOW THAT JUST LIKE THE ANT DOES NOT PERCEIVE THE ARM THROUGH WHICH IT CLIMBS AS ANYTHING OTHER THAN LAND, YOU WILL PERCEIVE NOTHING BUT GHOSTLY ECHOES OF MY HOME.



HAHA HA!



HAHA! YOU CAN'T CATCH ME!



LOOK, A PIGGY!



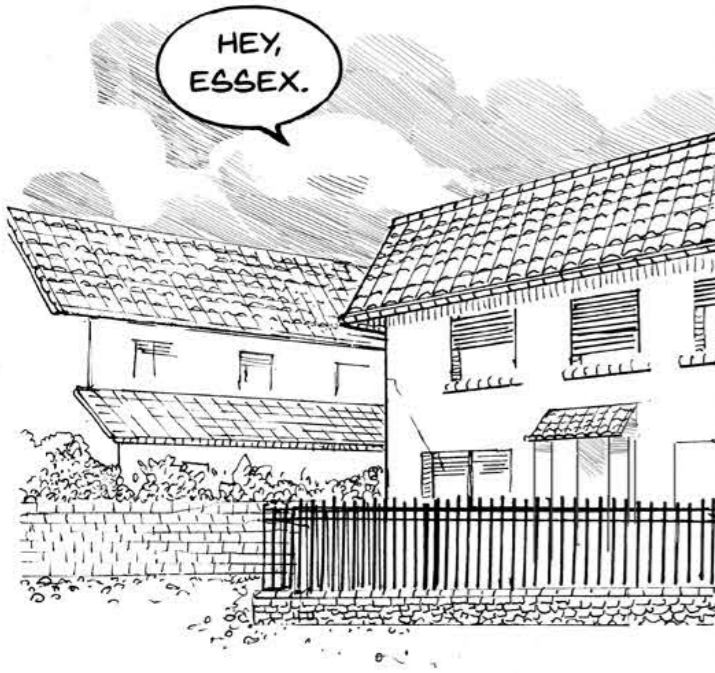
DON'T TOUCH IT! PEDRO TOLD ME THE OWNER IS A BAD MAN!

PEDRO? THE ONE WITH THE CRAZY DOG?

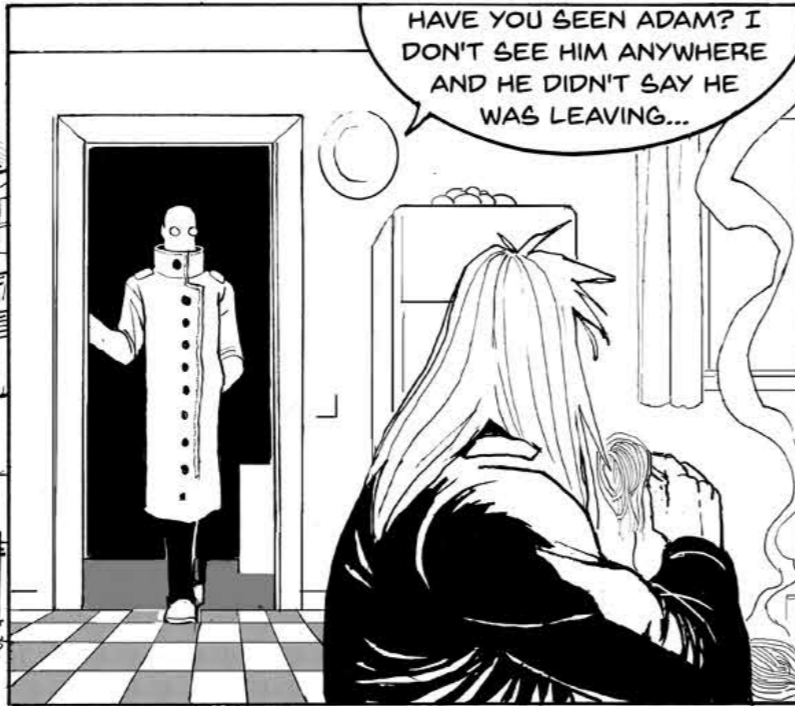


ALL RIGHT. LET'S SEE IF I CAN WRITE A **MAGIC SIGIL** INSIDE HIM TO REPLACE SOME OF HIS COMPUTER CODE...





HEY, ESSEX.



HAVE YOU SEEN ADAM? I DON'T SEE HIM ANYWHERE AND HE DIDN'T SAY HE WAS LEAVING...



BESIDES, YOUR DREAMS ARE GETTING SO DENSE IT'S LIKE STICKING MY HAND IN A SEPTIC TANK!



HEY!

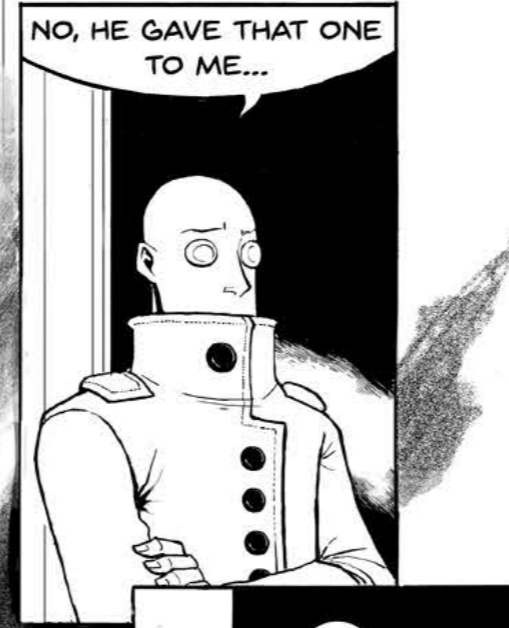
FINE.

FINE, JESUS CHRIST.

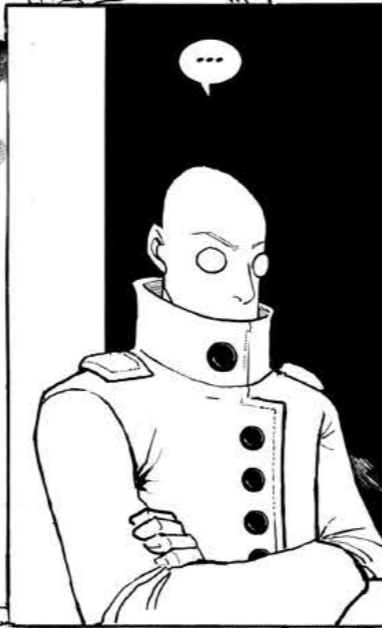


NOPE. DIDN'T HE HAVE TO PREPARE A CASE?

A WOMAN LOOKING TO KNOW IF HER HUSBAND...

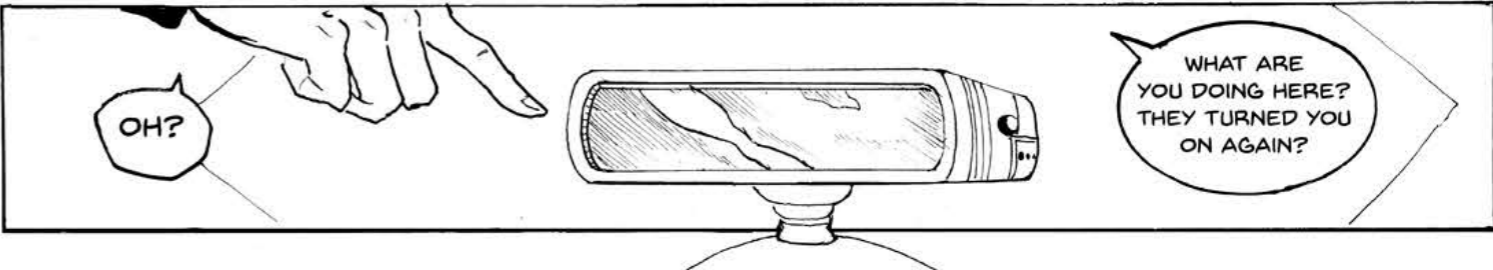
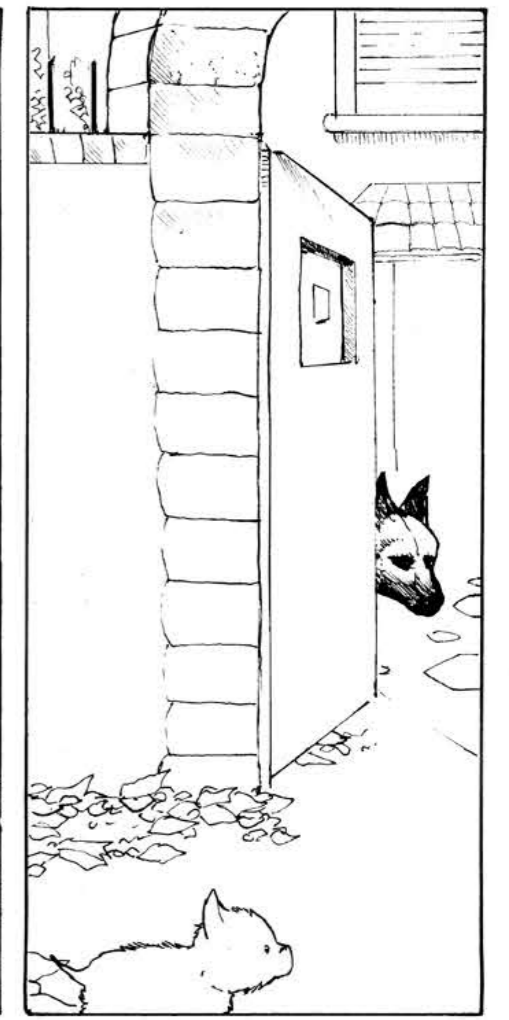
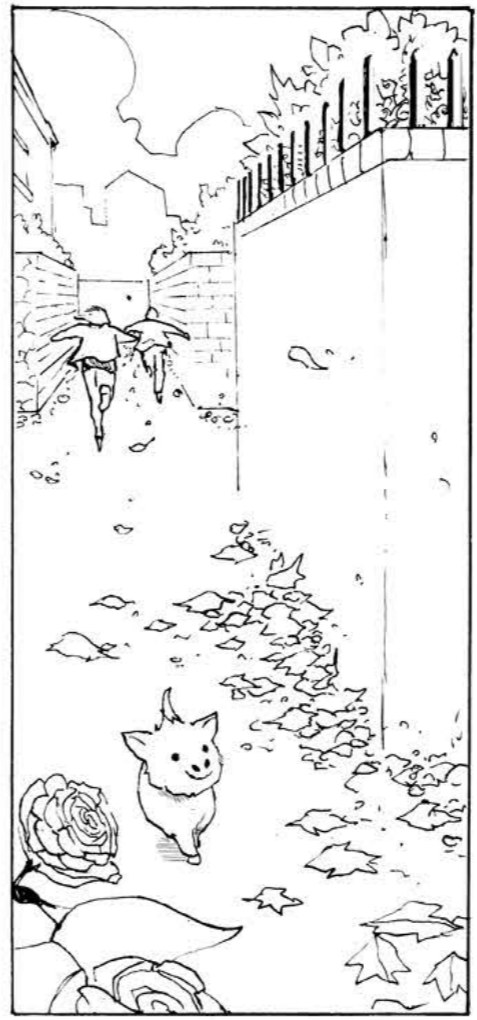


NO, HE GAVE THAT ONE TO ME...



OPEN THE DOOR NOW! I HAVE ENOUGH TROUBLE HIDING THIS FROM THE TELEPATHS FOR YOU TO BE FUCKING AROUND!

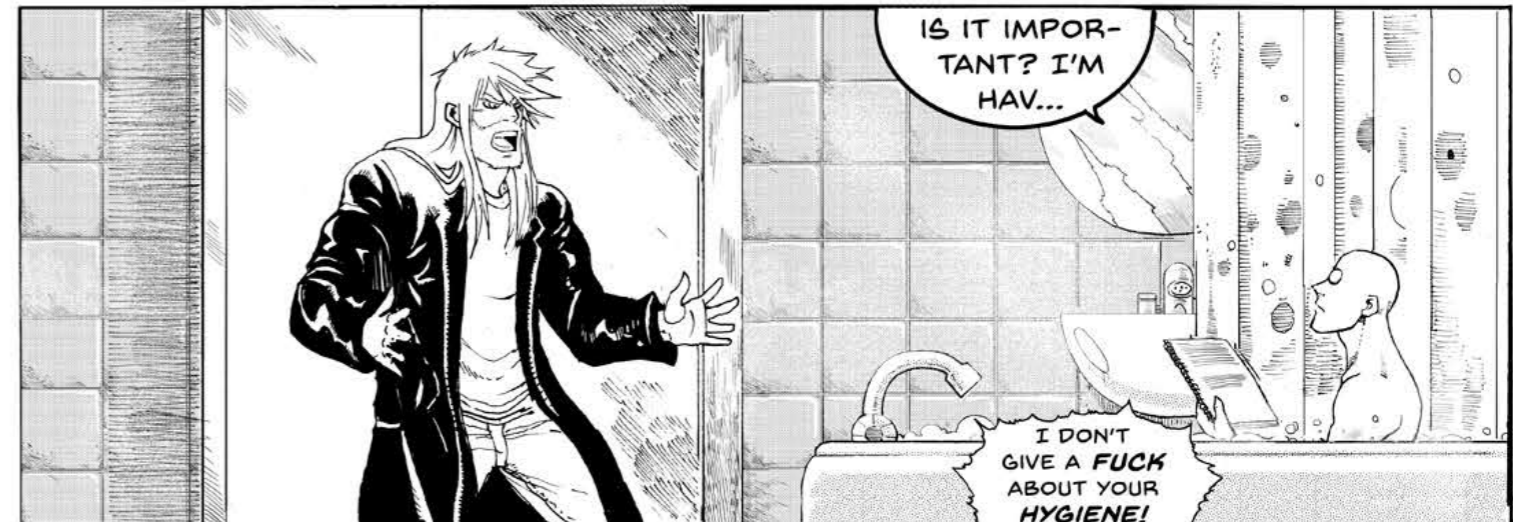
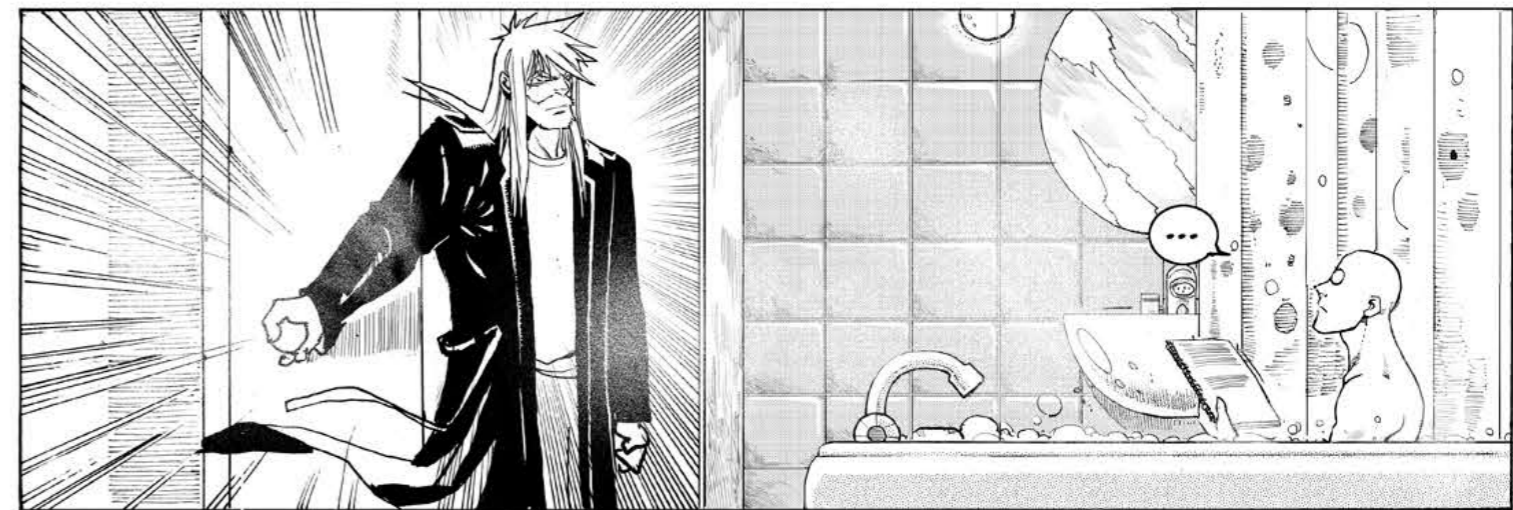
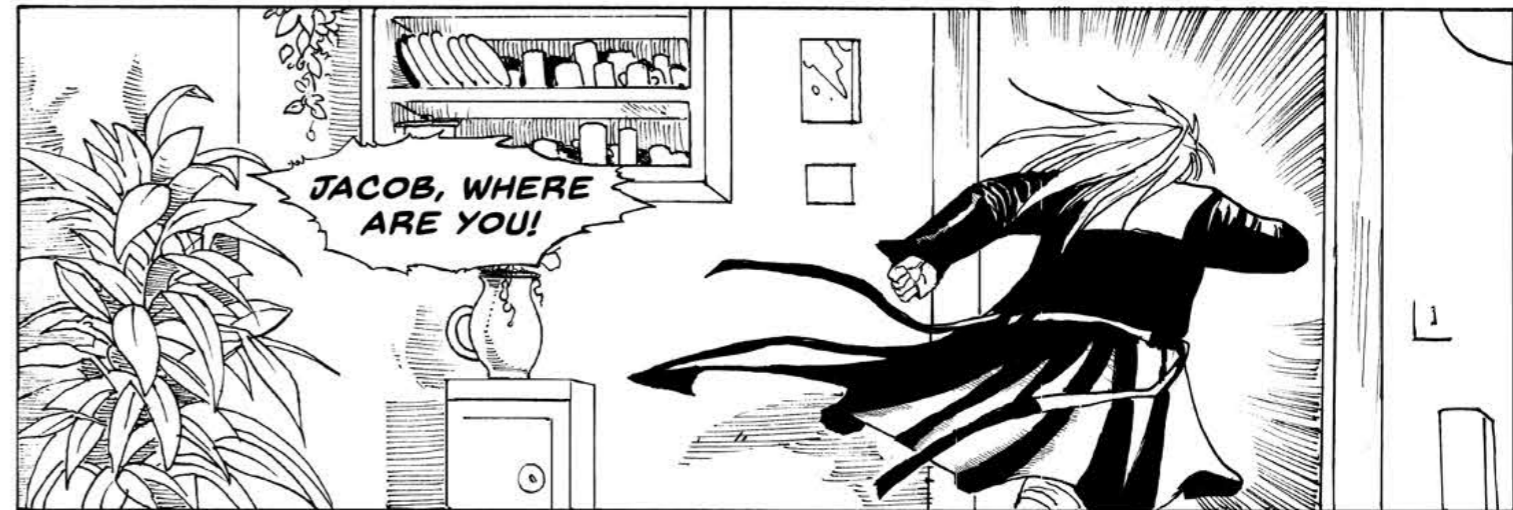
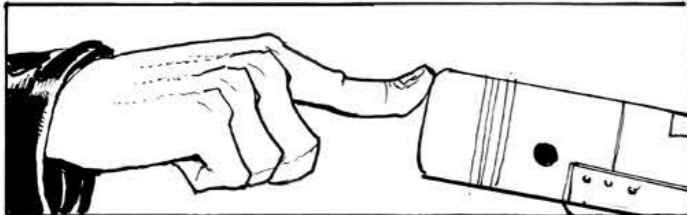
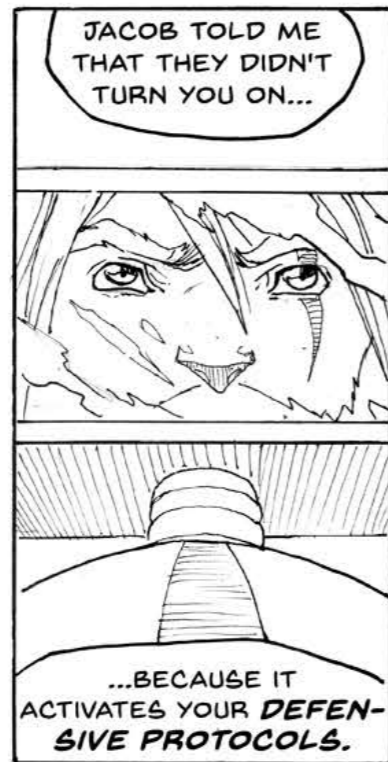
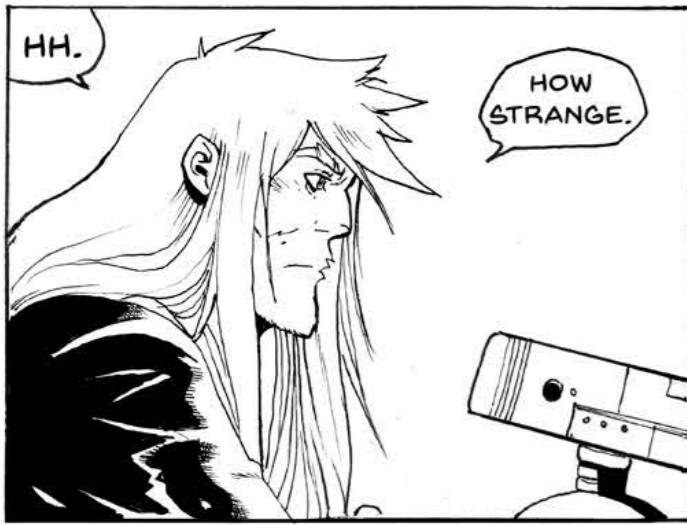
ADAM, MOTHER-FUCKER!



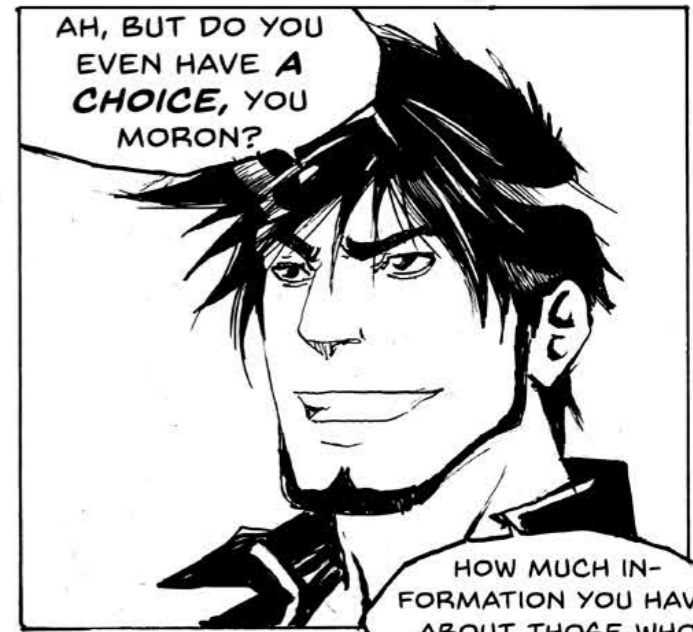
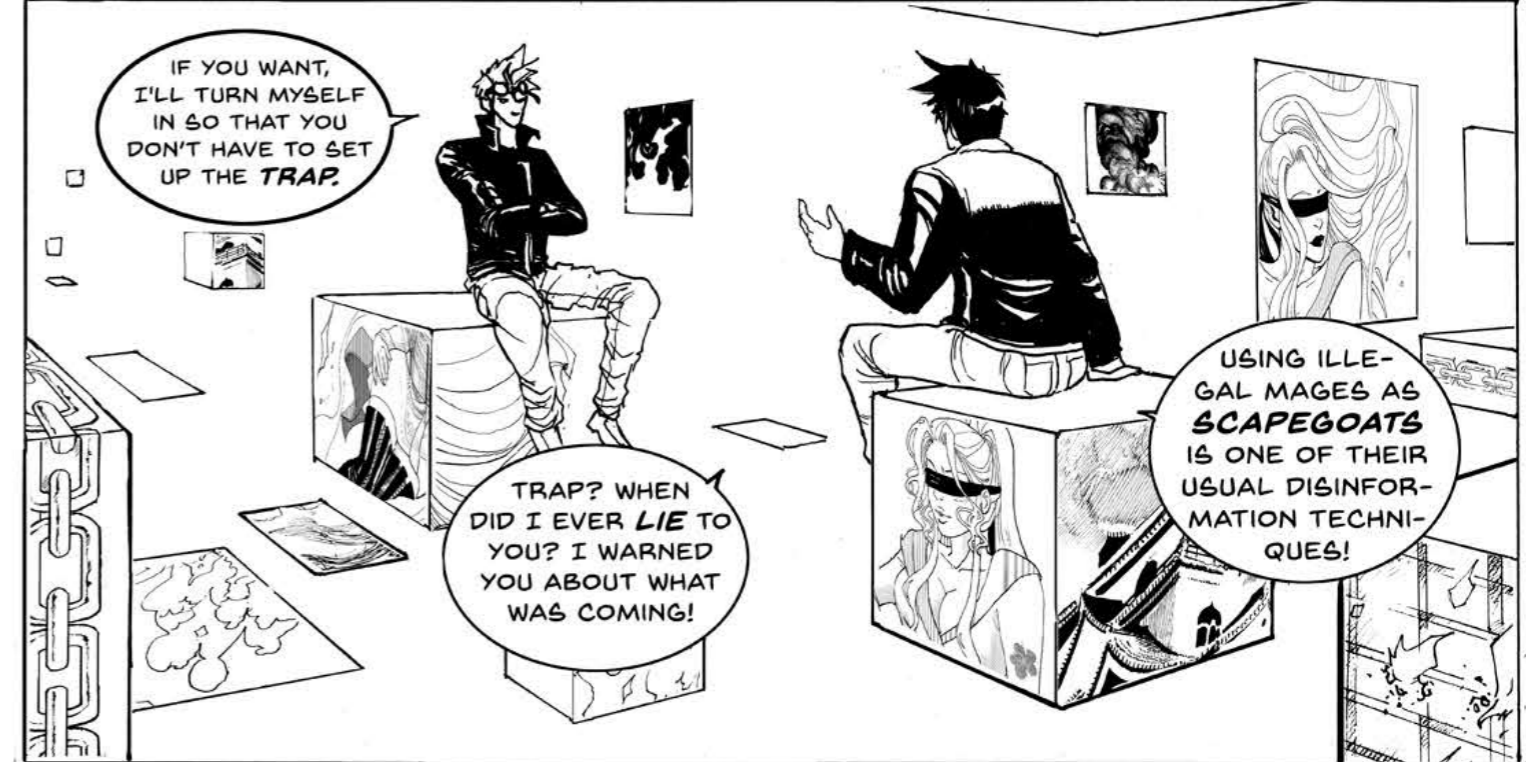
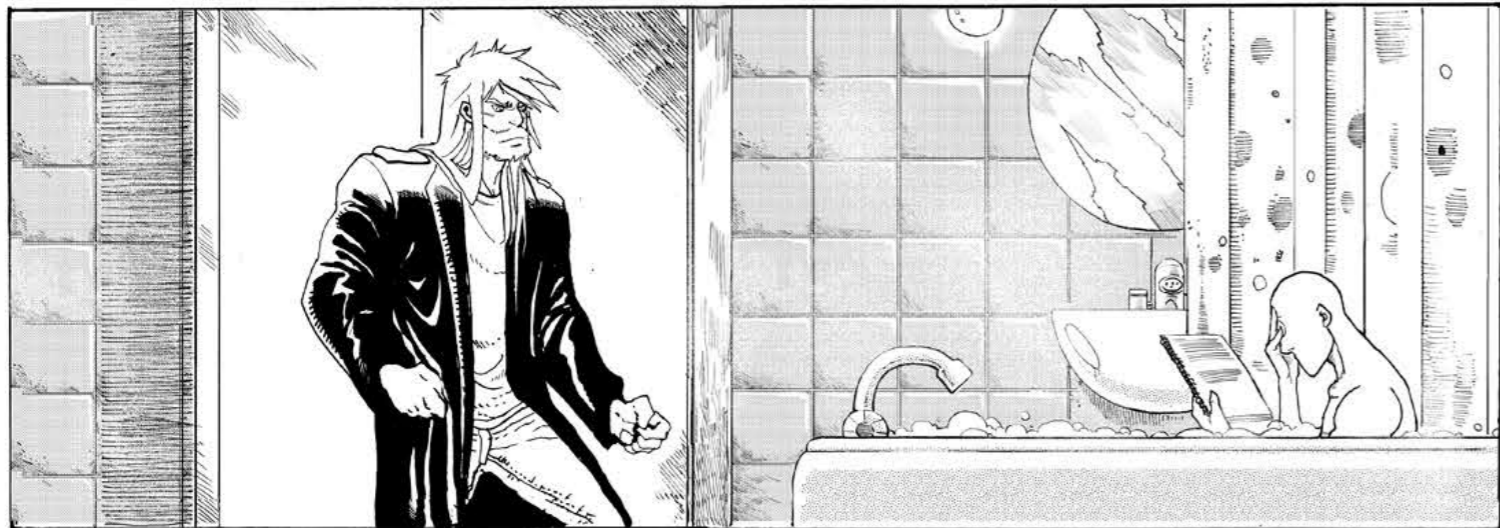
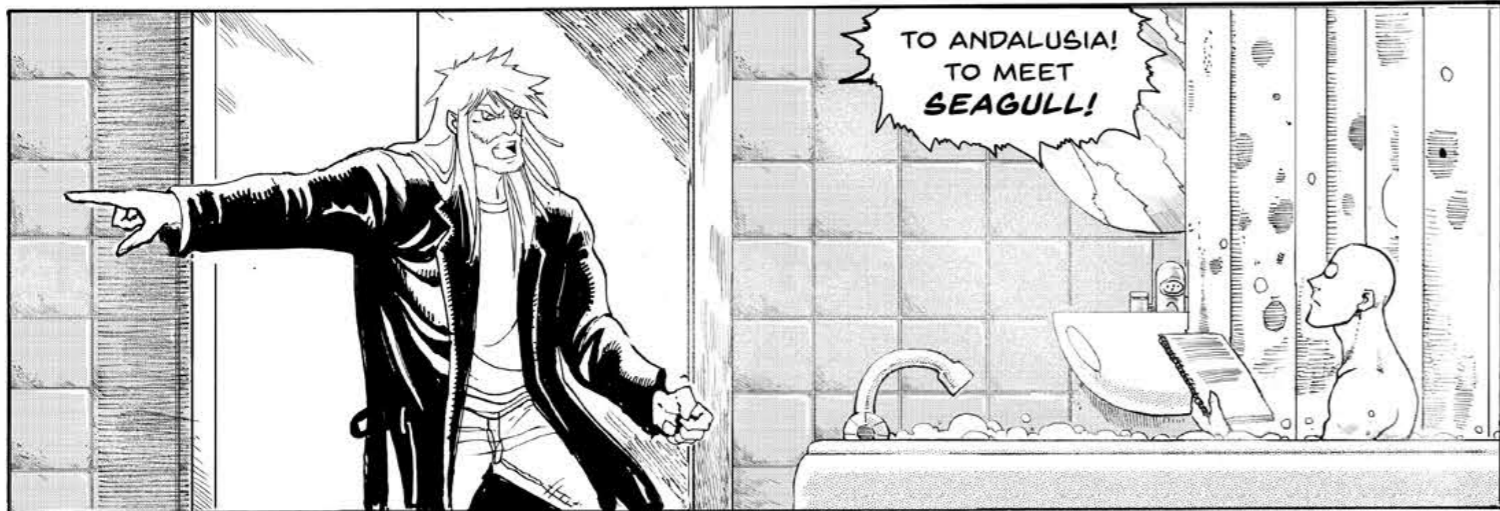
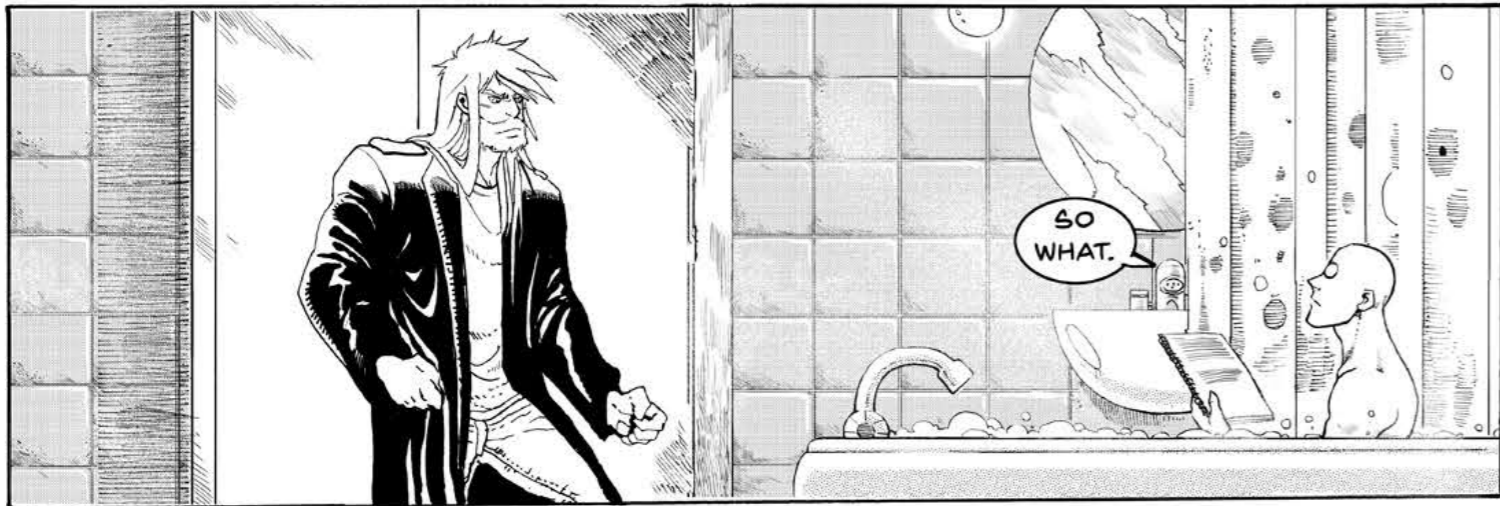
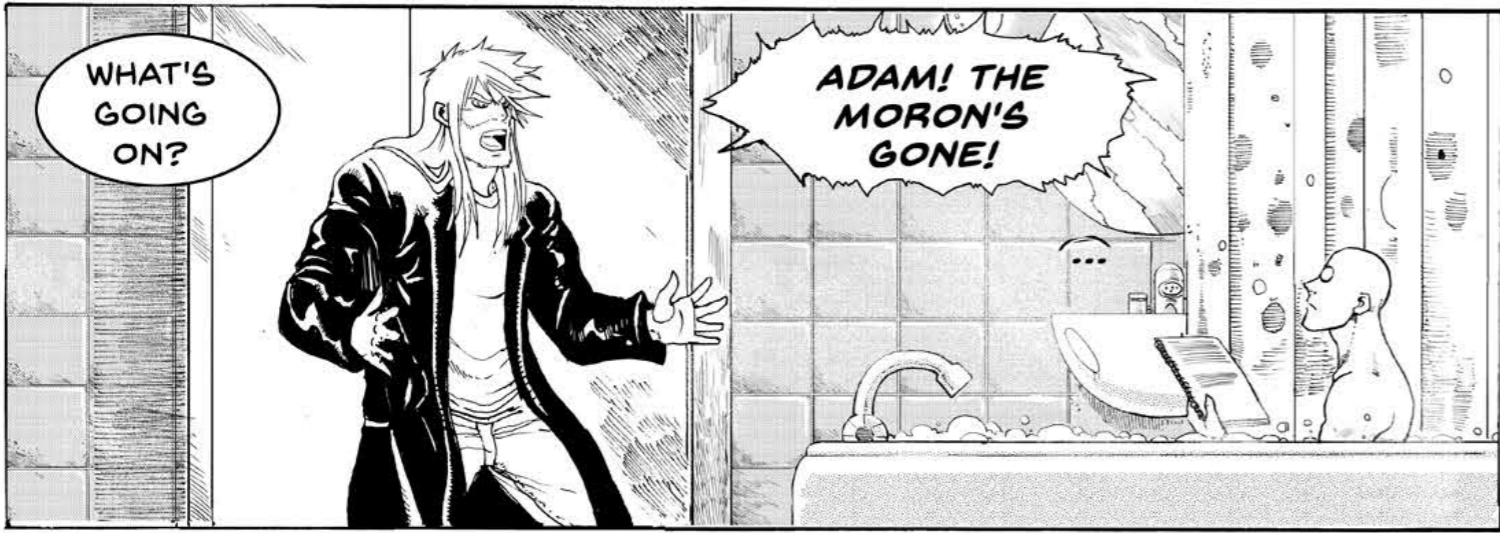
OH?

WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE? THEY TURNED YOU ON AGAIN?

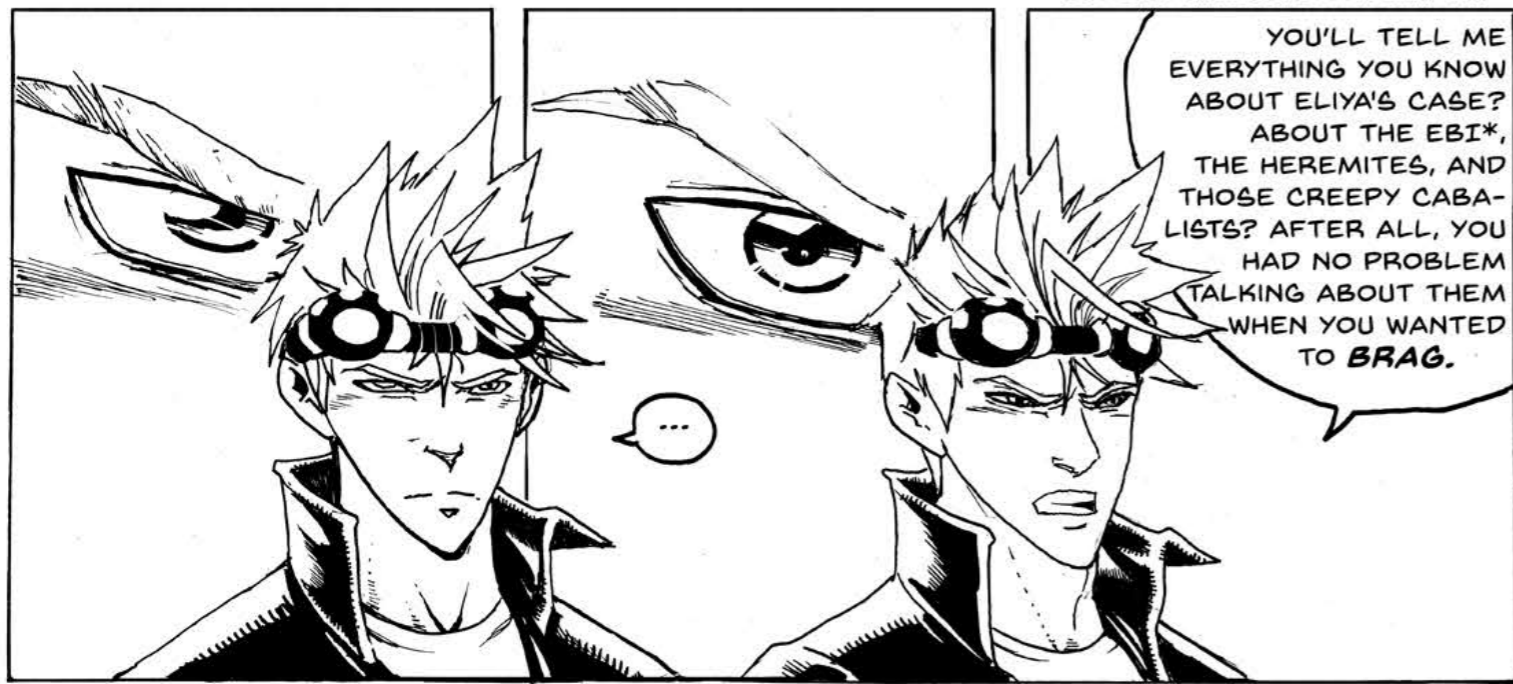












YOU'LL TELL ME EVERYTHING YOU KNOW ABOUT ELIYA'S CASE? ABOUT THE EBI\*, THE HEREMITES, AND THOSE CREEPY CABALISTS? AFTER ALL, YOU HAD NO PROBLEM TALKING ABOUT THEM WHEN YOU WANTED TO BRAG.



"I'M GONE. DON'T WORRY, I'LL BE BACK SOON, AND I'LL HAVE INFORMATION".



"I'LL HAVE INFORMATION", HE SAYS.

WHAT DO WE DO? GO GET HIM?

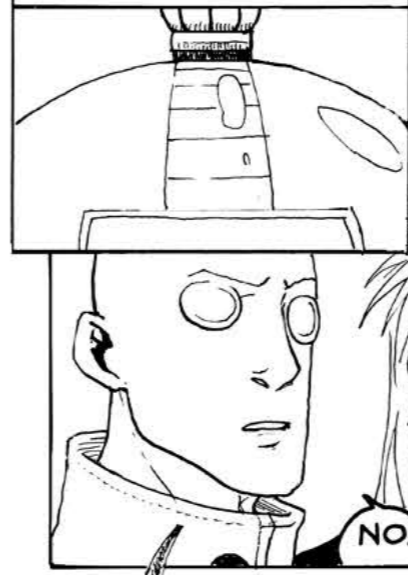


I ALREADY HELPED YOU! JUDGEMENTAL PRICK...

YOU'RE LYING. I'M STILL WAITING FOR YOUR EXPLANATION OF WHAT HAPPENED THAT NIGHT!

JUST BECAUSE I CAN'T EXPLAIN EVERYTHING DOESN'T MEAN...!

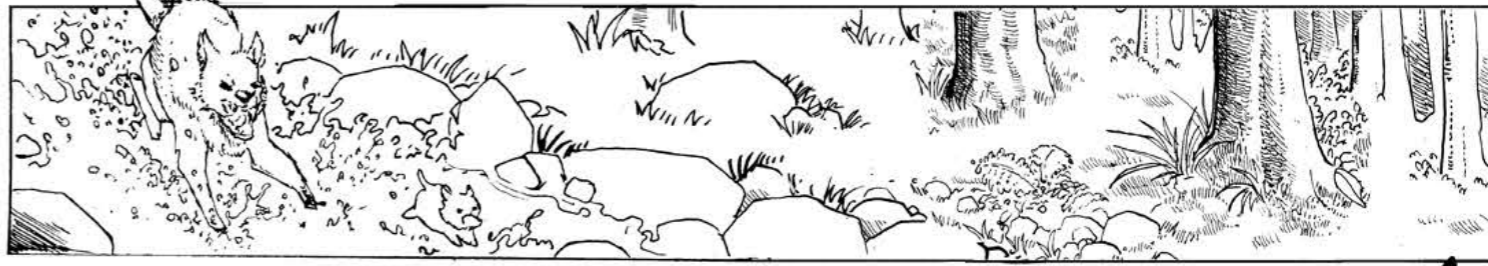
...I DON'T KNOW HOW YOU CAN SLEEP PEACEFULLY.



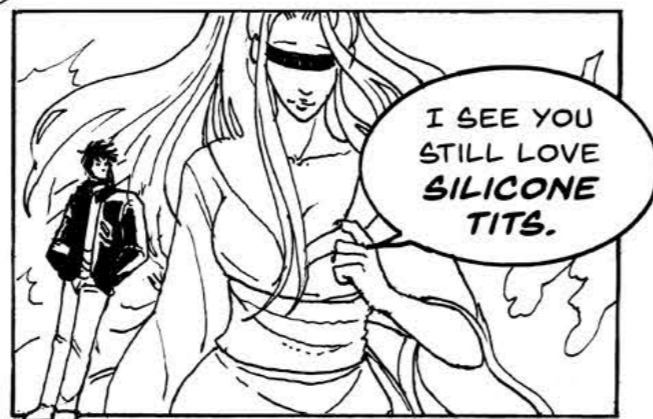
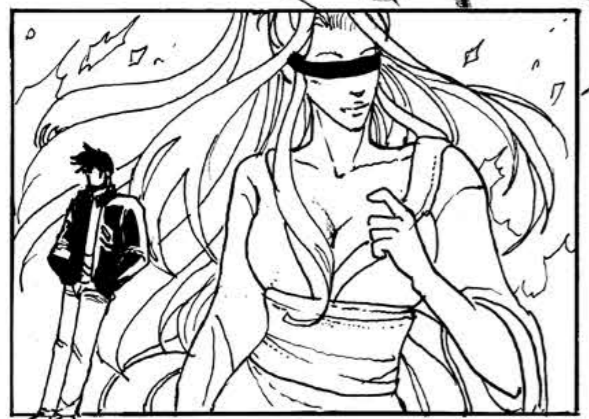
NO.

ALTHOUGH IT'S AN OBVIOUS RISK... ADAM'S RIGHT...

...SIGURD IS OUR ONLY SOURCE OF INFORMATION...

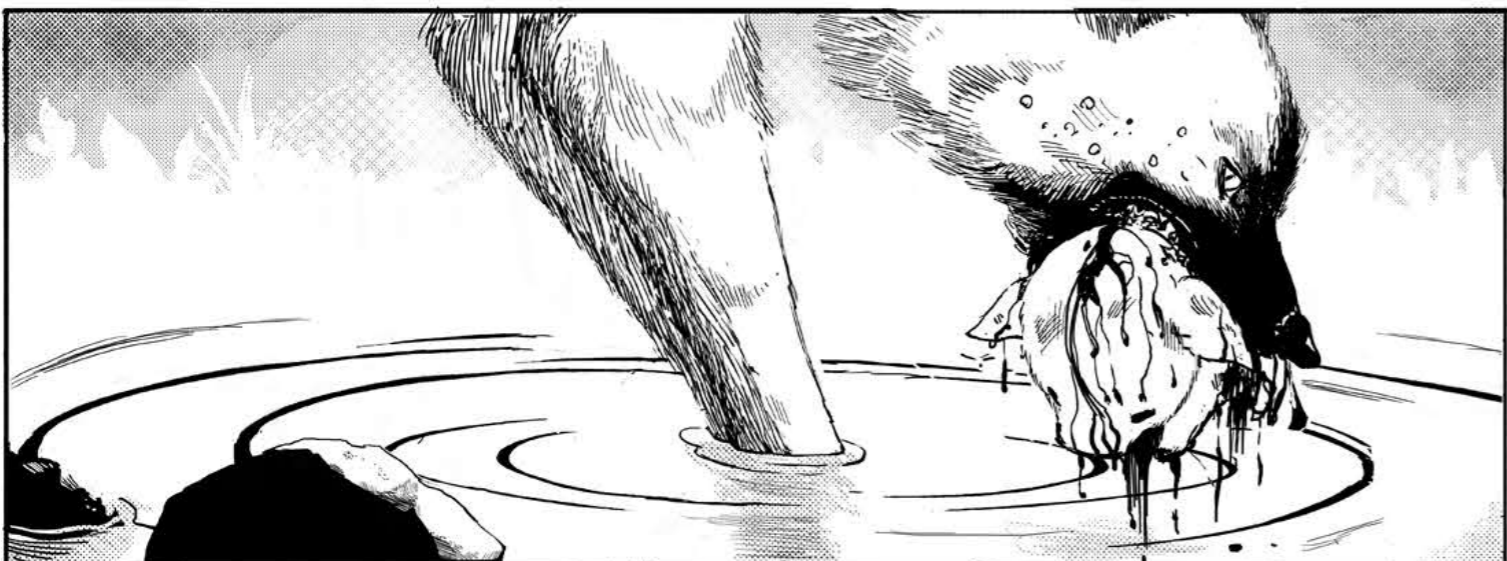
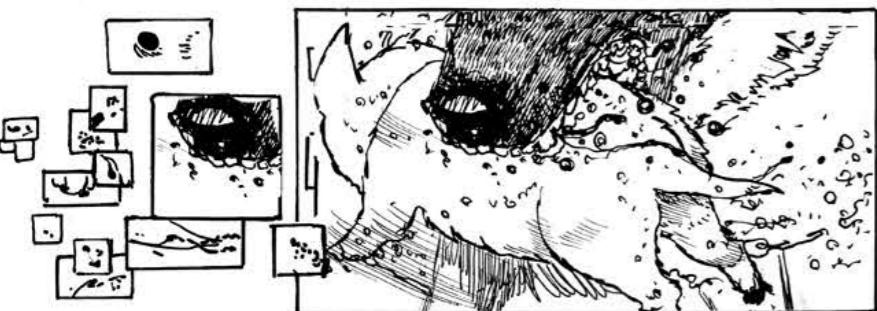


"...AND I SUSPECT HE WOULDN'T BE SO OPEN IF WE'RE PRESENT TOO".



I SEE YOU STILL LOVE SILICONE TITS.





# ...TO BE CONTINUED

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