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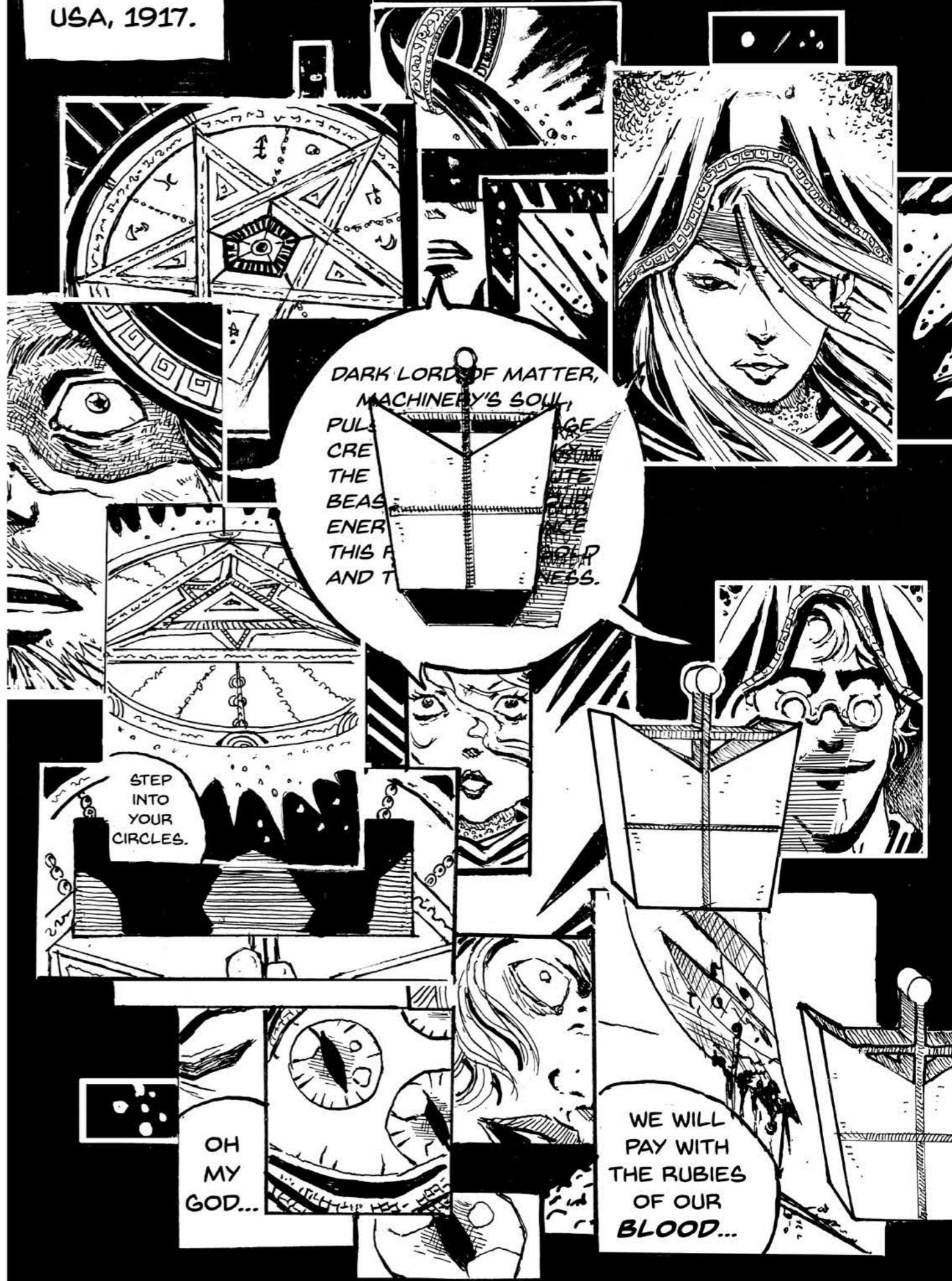
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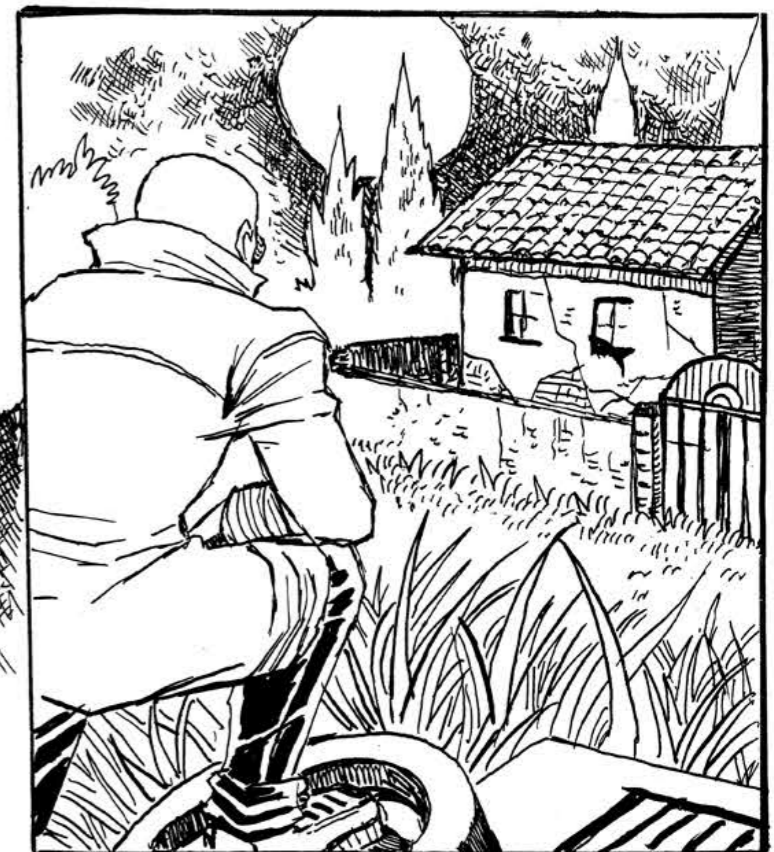
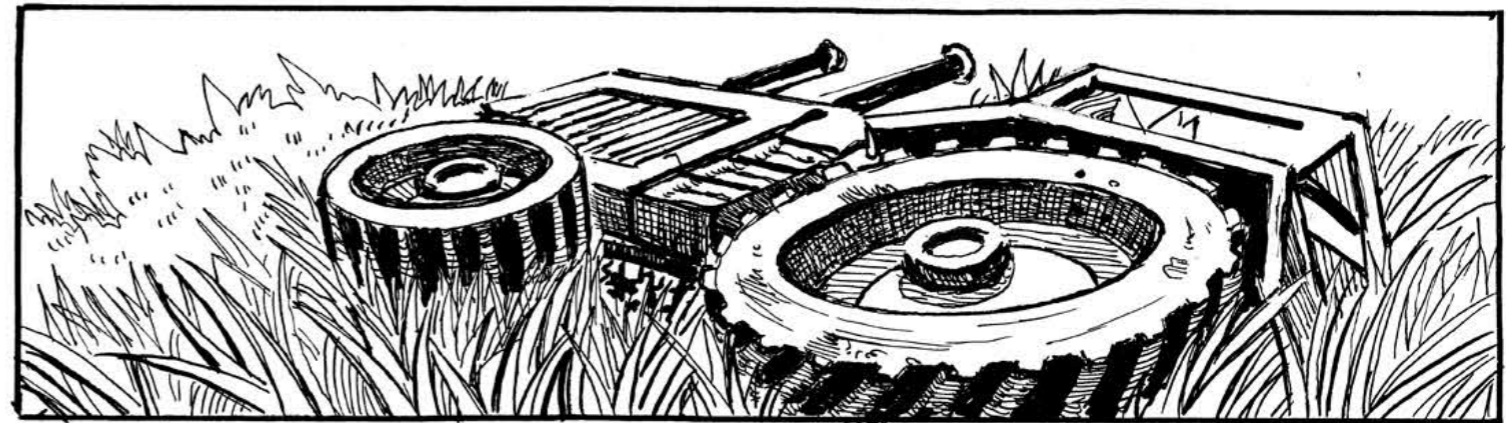
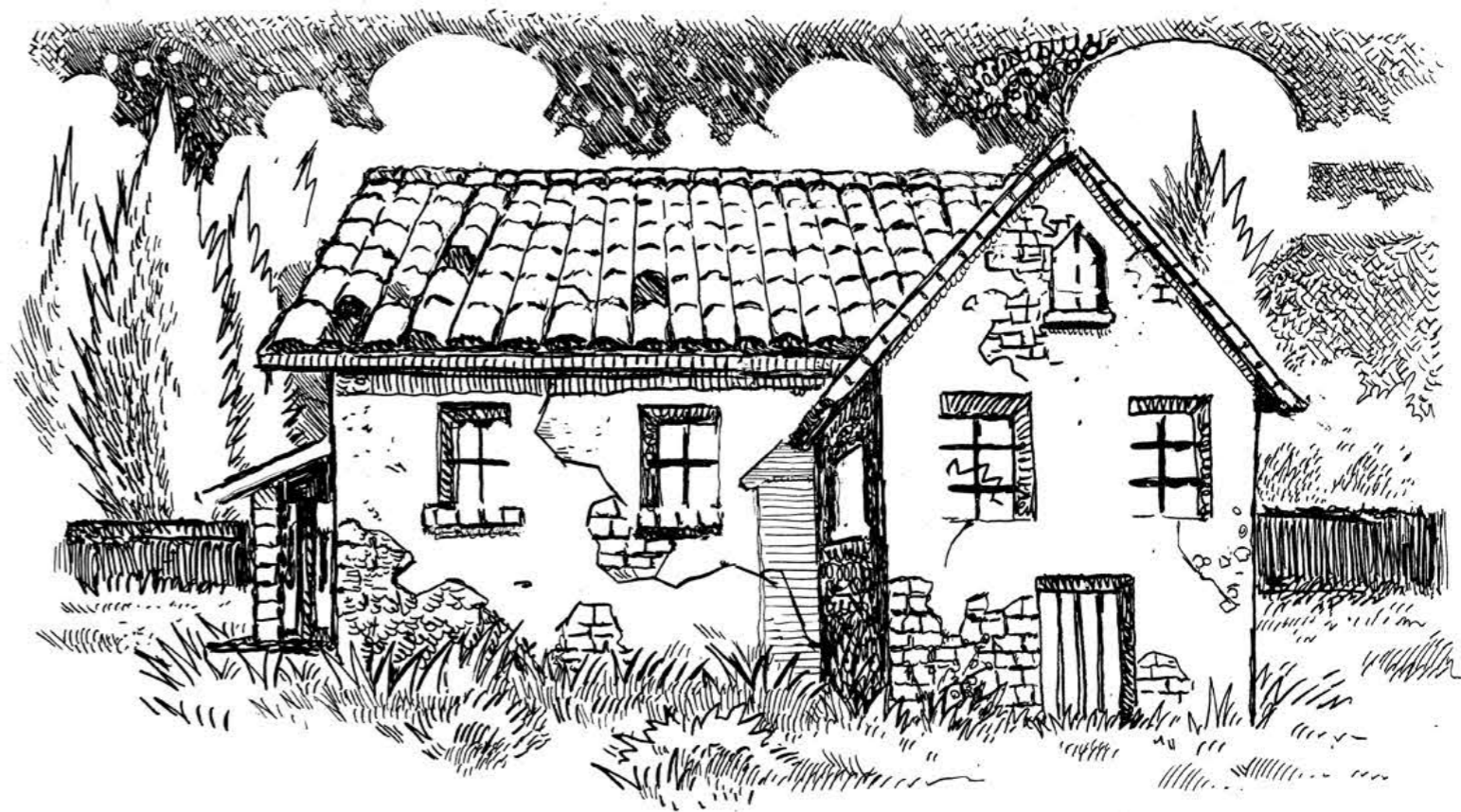
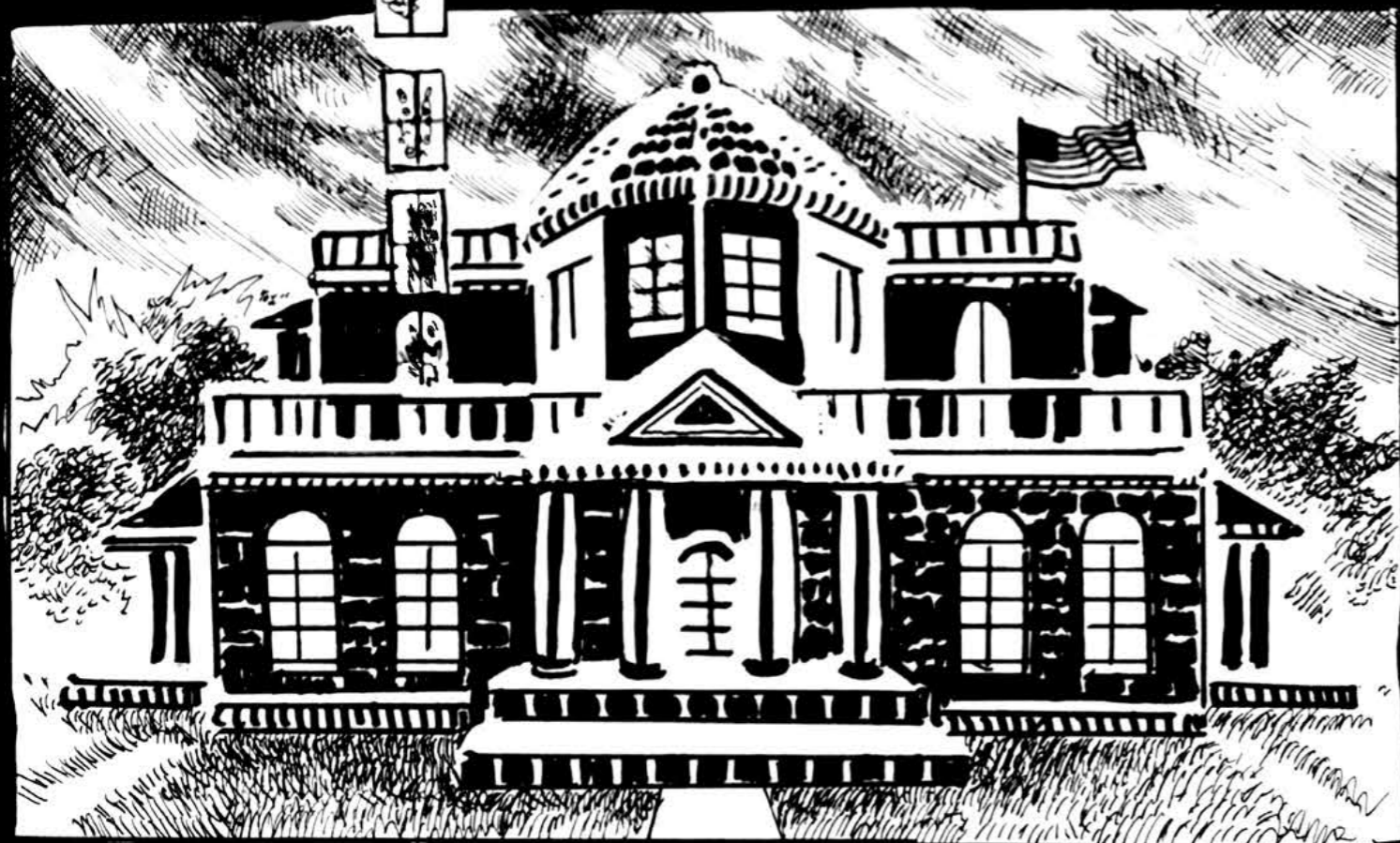
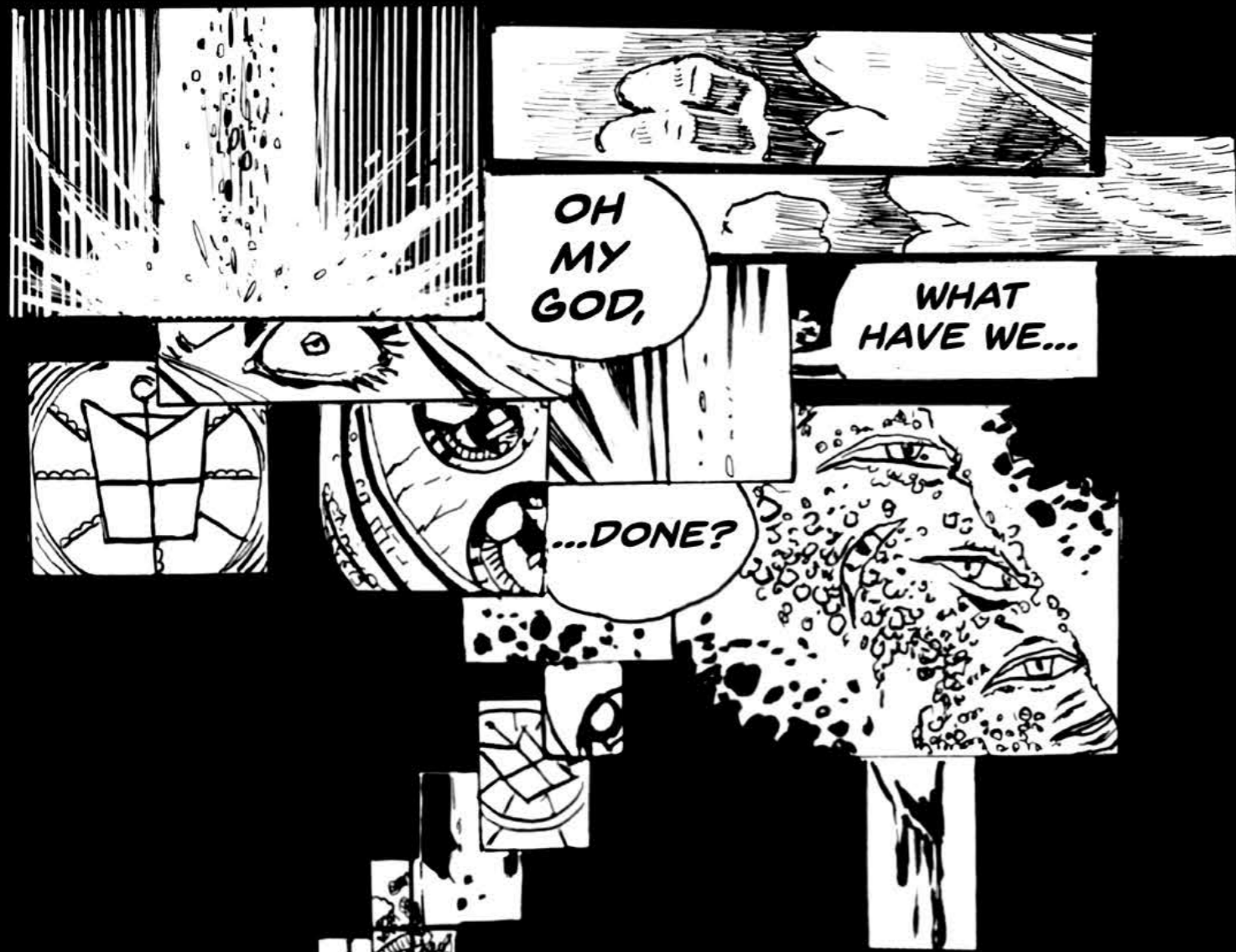


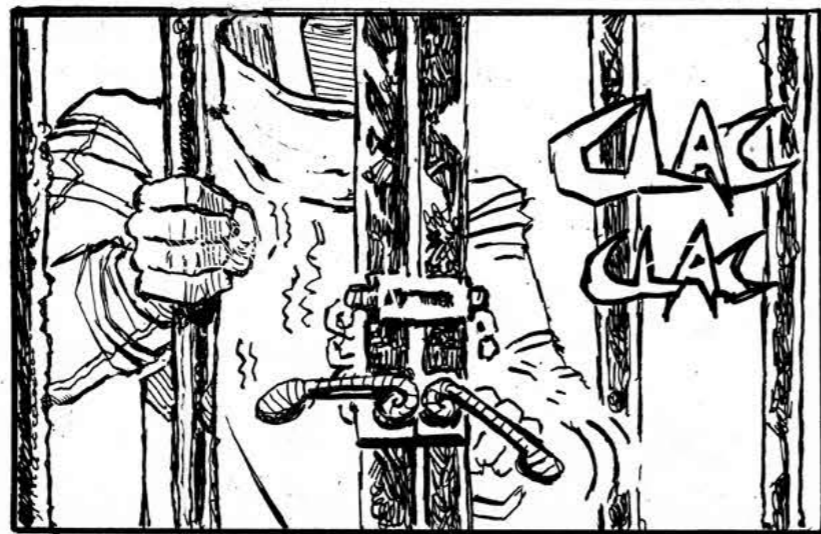
DARK LORD OF MATTER,
MACHINERY'S SOUL,
PULSING WITH LIFE
CREATING THE
THE BEASTS
ENERGY
THIS A
AND T

STEP
INTO
YOUR
CIRCLES.

OH
MY
GOD...

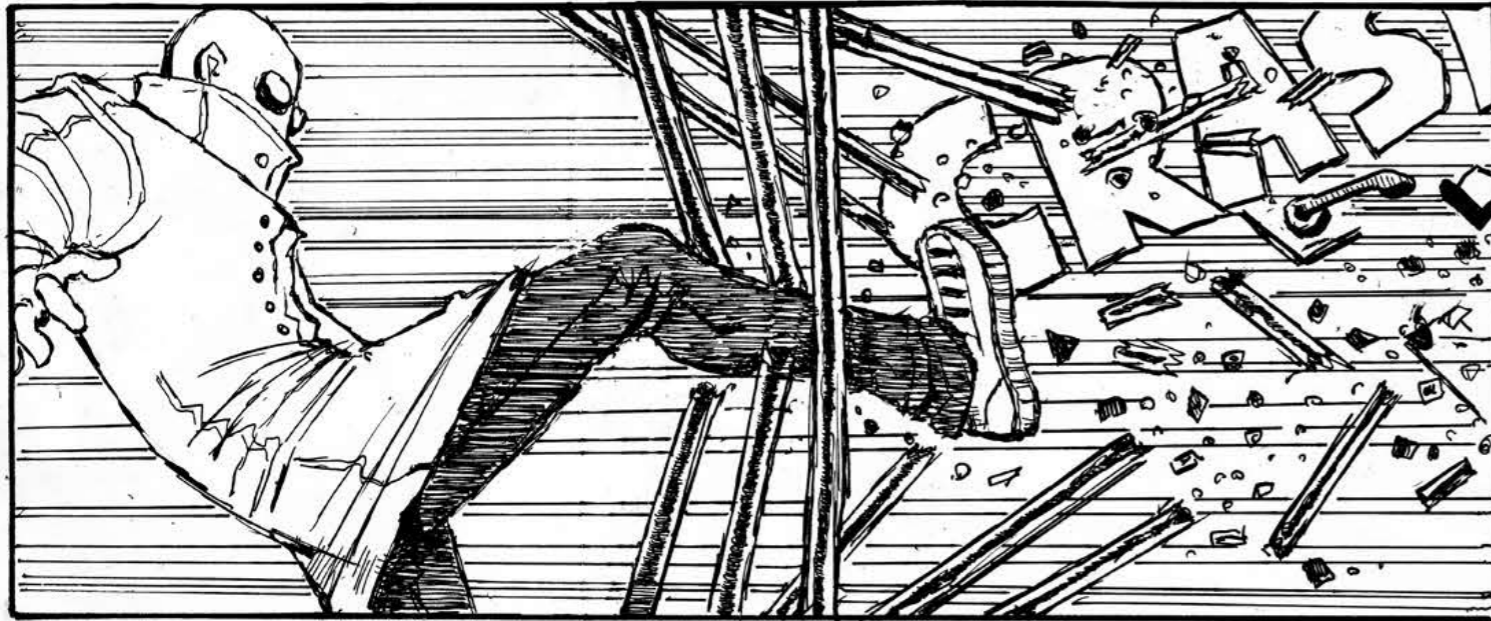
WE WILL
PAY WITH
THE RUBIES
OF OUR
BLOOD...





OH... HELLO.

I THOUGHT THIS WAS AN ABANDONED HOUSE.



MY NAME IS JACOB. I'M IN SEARCH OF A... A **BAD MAN**.

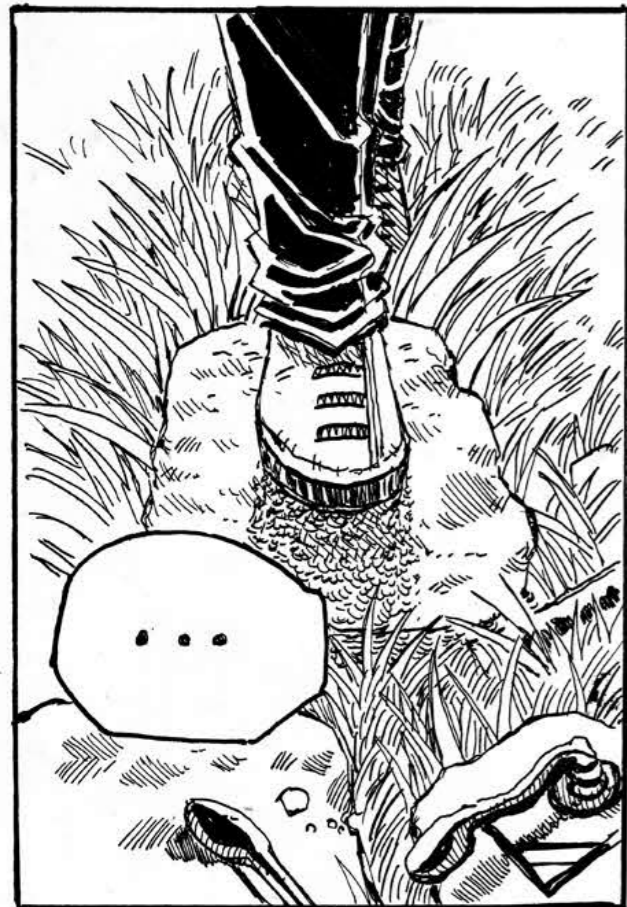


HAVE YOU SEEN SOMEONE SUSPICIOUS AROUND HERE?

YES.

WHERE?

YOU, HERE.



HI! WHO ARE YOU?

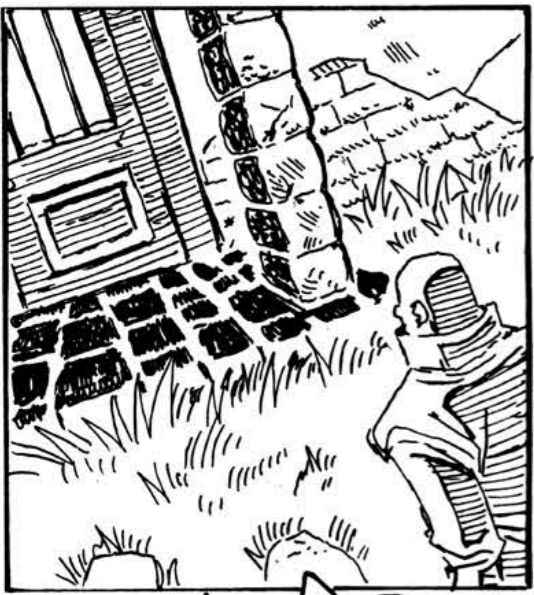


VERY FUNNY.

"HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA"



I USED TO MAKE MY DADDY LAUGH WITH MY JOKES.



I'M... GOING TO THE HOUSE.



ISN'T A BIT LATE TO BE PLAYING OUTSIDE?



A HOME IS FULL OF **PSYCHIC CORNERS**, A DEMON COULD ATTACH TO THEM TO SOLIDIFY AND TAKE A MATERIAL FORM IN THIS PLANE...
EVEN IF YOU ARE NOT ABLE TO SEE IT, THE HOUSE ALREADY APPEARS TO BE **CORRUPTED**...

I DO NOT DOUBT THAT. MY HUSBAND GOT AN ERECTION, PRECISELY TODAY.
A CLEAR SIGN OF THE APOCALYPSE.

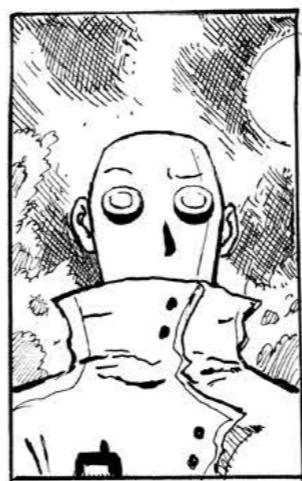


WHO...?

HELLO. MY NAME IS JACOB ASON, I'M FROM PARANORMAL AFFAIRS.
I'M... LOOKING FOR AN INTERDIMENSIONAL BEING.

A... DEMON.
I KNOW IT SOUNDS STRANGE, MS...
MATHERS. ELLEN...

OH, FROM THE USA, PERHAPS? I APOLOGIZE FOR INTERRUPTING YOUR VACATION, BUT...
A DEMON IS ON THE LOOSE, WITH NO DEFINITE FORM, AND HIS TRAIL ENDS HERE...



HA HA HA HA HA HA
VERY FUNNY! THAT'S THE SPIRIT TO FIGHT DEMONS! WOULD YOU MIND MAKING SOME TEA WHILE I INVESTIGATE?

STUPID WOMAN.
ONE MORE MINUTE AND SHE WOULD HAVE SHUT THE DOOR IN MY FACE.
WHAT HAVE WE MAGES DONE TO HAVE SUCH BAD PRESS?



SHE CANNOT SEE IT AS I DO, BUT SHE SHOULD BE ABLE TO FEEL IT SOMEHOW...

THE ENTROPY CHIPPING THE STRUCTURE.

WALLS PULSATING LIKE A PUTREFIED UTERUS.



YOU SHOULD LEARN MORE ABOUT **DEMONS**.

LOOK, WE'VE ARRIVED.

WHAT FOR? IT'S BEEN DECADES SINCE THE LAST ONE MATERIALIZED IN OUR PLANE.

THEY STILL AFFECT THE ASTRAL PLANE.

AND THE ASTRAL AFFECTS THE PHYSICAL.

OR DO YOU WANT TO BECOME A PHILOSOPHER?

OH, YOU KNOW, ONE OF THOSE PUSSIES WHO HAS THEORIES...

WHAT?

...THAT HE NEVER PUTS INTO PRACTICE LEST HE GETS HURT.

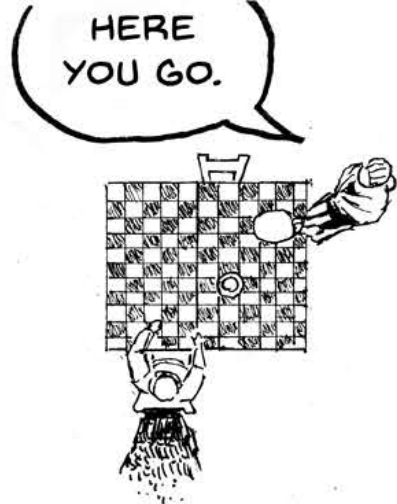
IF YOU WANT TO UNDERSTAND **EVIL** YOU HAVE TO MEET **SATAN**.

THIS IS OUR AGE, JACOB.

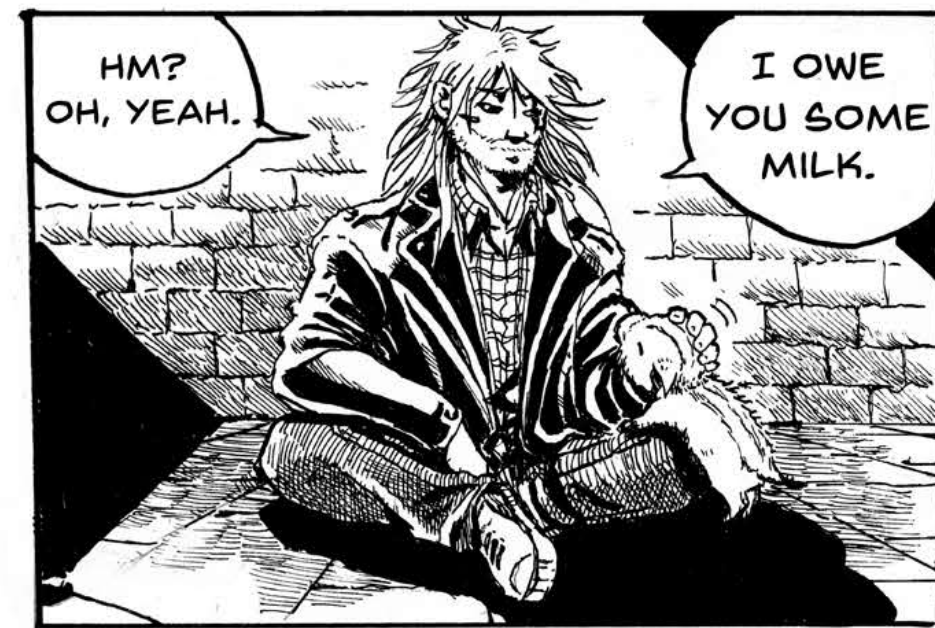
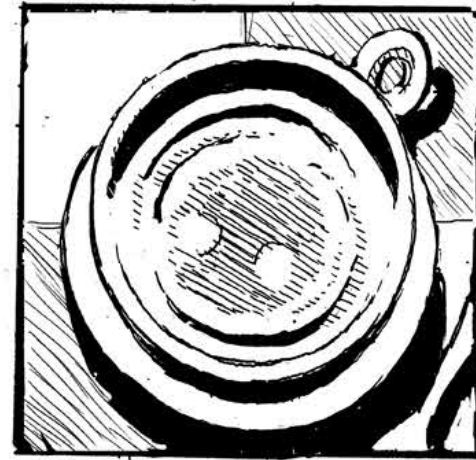
NEVER FORGET IT.

IF YOU WANT TO STOP FEARING DEATH YOU HAVE TO **DIE!**

HEH, ESSEX... IF **TALKING** WAS ALL IT TOOK...



HERE YOU GO.



HM?
OH, YEAH.

I OWE
YOU SOME
MILK.



DO YOU FEEL
BETTER?



HM, YES.
WHAT HAP-
PENED?

YOU
WERE DE-
LIRIOUS.



YOU WERE
TALKING
ABOUT YOUR
FATHER.



MY FATHER?
UNLIKELY. I
DON'T OFTEN
TALK ABOUT
HIM.



SIR, CAN YOU
GIVE ME A
COOKIE?



RUTH!
WHAT IM-
PERTINENCE
IS THAT?

IT'S
OKAY.



YOU SPEAK
SPANISH VERY
WELL FOR A
FOREIGNER.*



WELL, THAT'S
WHY THEY SENT
US HERE. WE
ARE INVESTIGA-
TORS TOO, YOU
KNOW?

*AS JACOB SAYS, THEY'RE SPEAKING IN SPANISH.



SO WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FOR?



OH, RELICS FROM HERE AND THERE.

THINGS THAT THE OFFICIAL HISTORIOGRAPHY OMITTS.



BY THE WAY, ARE YOU A RELATIVE OF HERS?

SURELY SHE IS NOT YOUR...



...CHILD.



MMM... MOMMY?

NO...



SHE IS IN LOS ANGELES.

NO, MY DEAR.



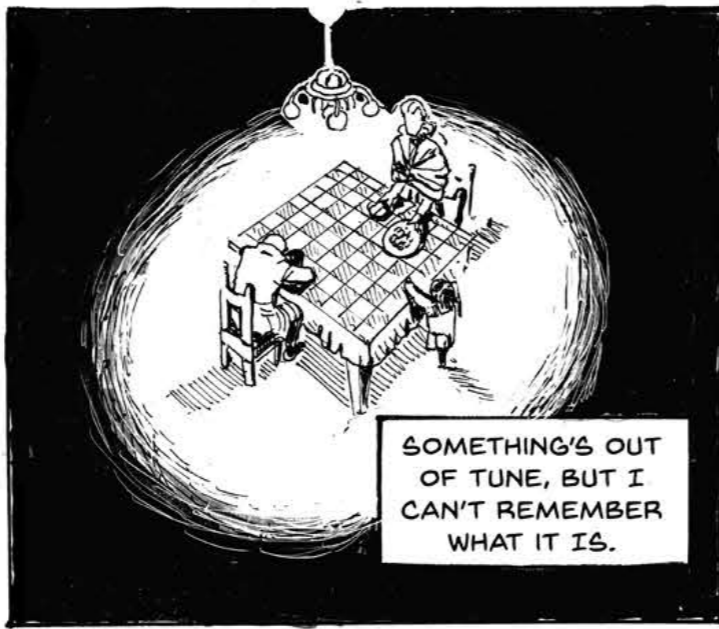
WE CAME HERE. DADDY, RUTH, YOU AND ME.

WORK STUFF.



MY MOM'S A WITCH, DID YOU KNOW THAT?

SHE HAS POWER.



SOMETHING'S OUT OF TUNE, BUT I CAN'T REMEMBER WHAT IT IS.



HAHAHA... WORK, MOM? HERE?

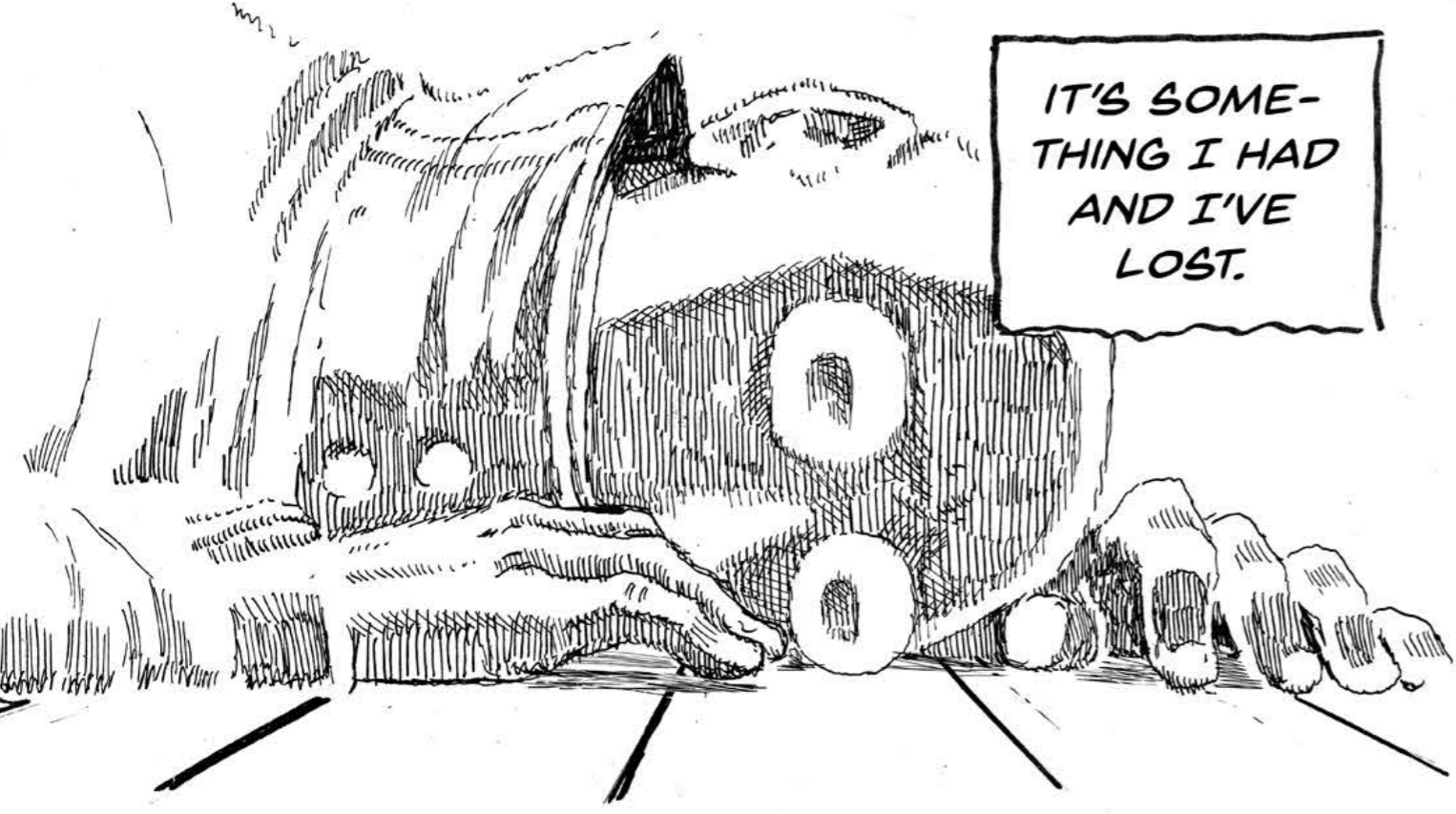
IS THERE NOT ENOUGH WORK IN CALIFORNIA?

GET WELL, BROTHER.

RUTH.



LET YOUR BROTHER REST.



IT'S SOMETHING I HAD AND I'VE LOST.

REST? SINCE WHEN DO MY PARENTS WORRY ABOUT BEING ABLE TO REST?

THEY WERE QUITE THE WORKAHOLICS.

THAT'S IT, RIGHT? SHE IS NOT MY MOTHER.

RIGHT?

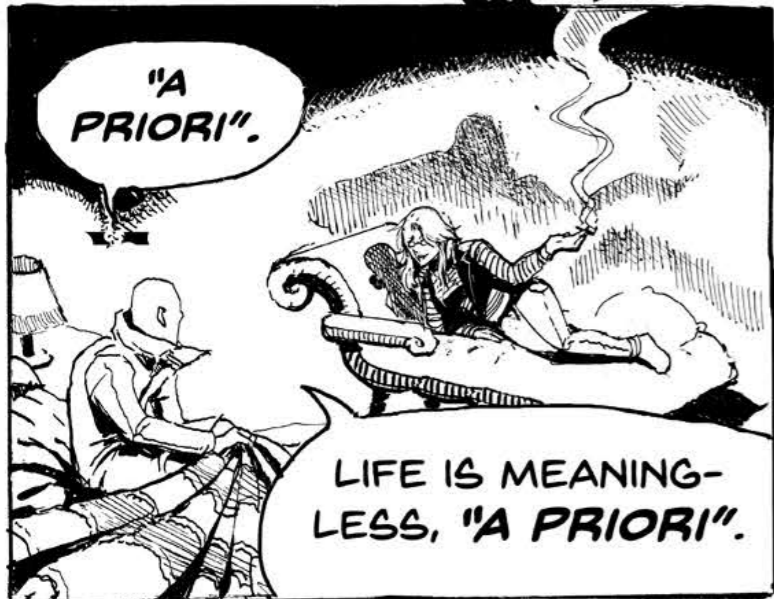
WHY AM I HERE?





WHAT KIND OF QUESTION IS THAT?

LIFE IS MEANINGLESS. **SARTRE** ALREADY SAID SO.



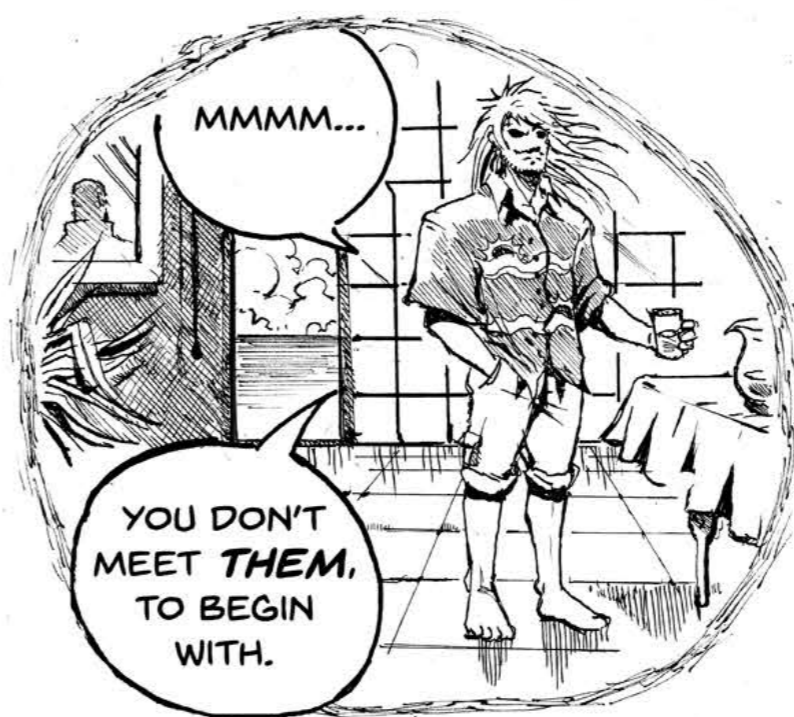
"A **PRIORI**".

LIFE IS MEANINGLESS, "A **PRIORI**".



ELLE? WHAT ARE YOU DOING HE...?

YOU ARE NOT HERE, RIGHT?

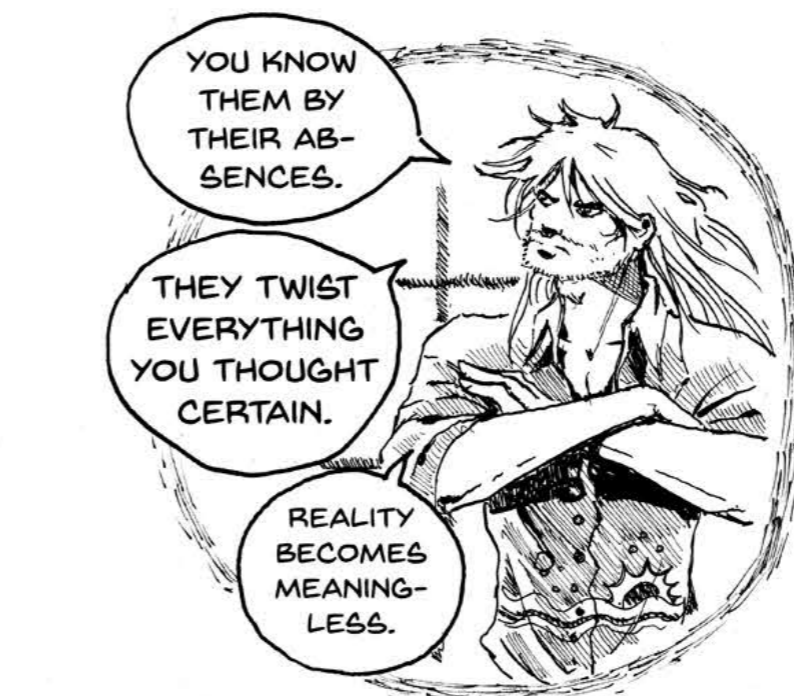


MMMMM...

YOU DON'T MEET **THEM**, TO BEGIN WITH.



THEY MEET YOU.



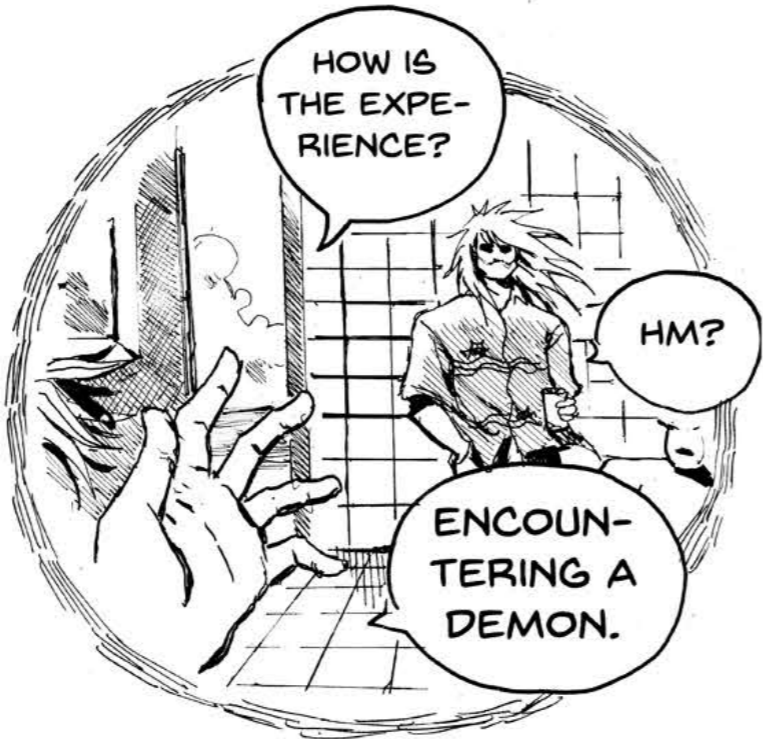
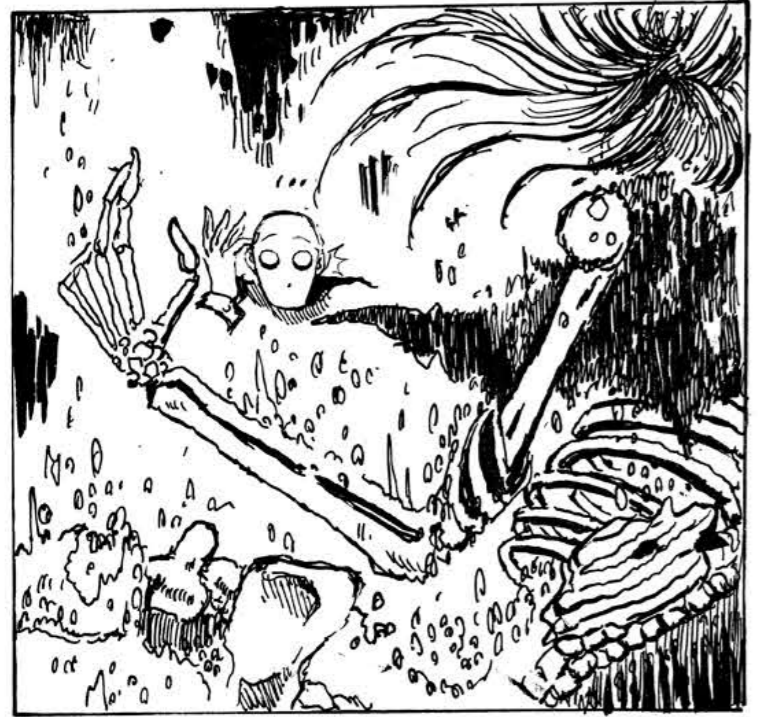
YOU KNOW THEM BY THEIR ABSENCES.

THEY TWIST EVERYTHING YOU THOUGHT CERTAIN.

REALITY BECOMES MEANINGLESS.



AND WHAT'S THAT GOOD FOR?



HOW IS THE EXPERIENCE?

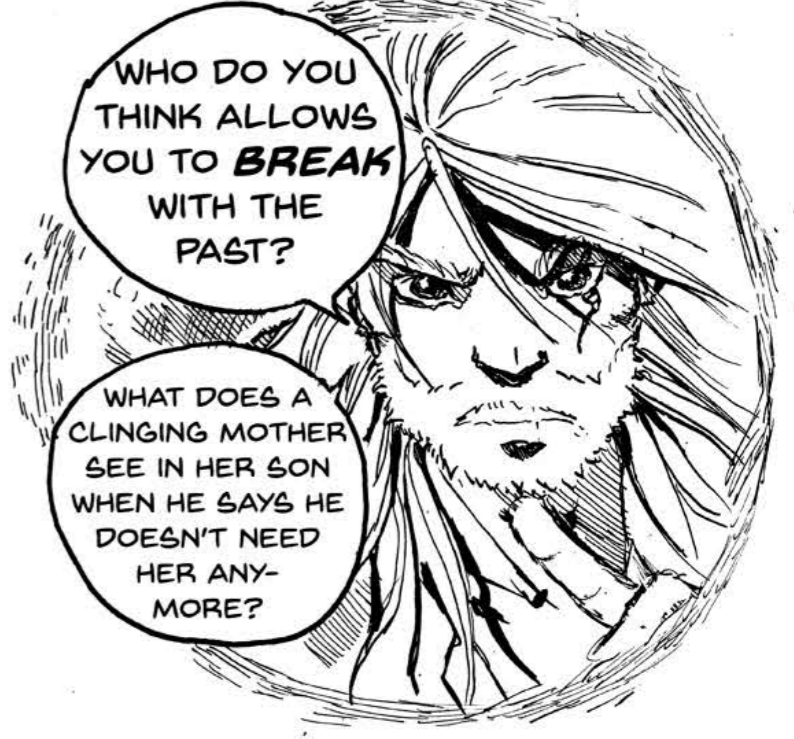
HM?

ENCOUNTERING A DEMON.



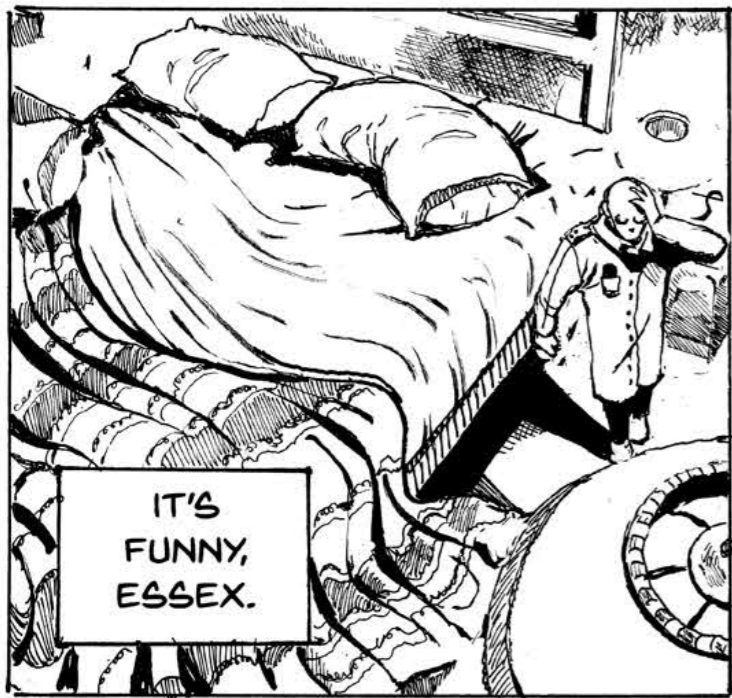
WHAT DO YOU MEAN, "GOOD FOR"?

THE MAGE IS HE WHO FREES HIMSELF FROM THE SOCIAL CONVENTIONS THAT LIMIT HIS POWER.

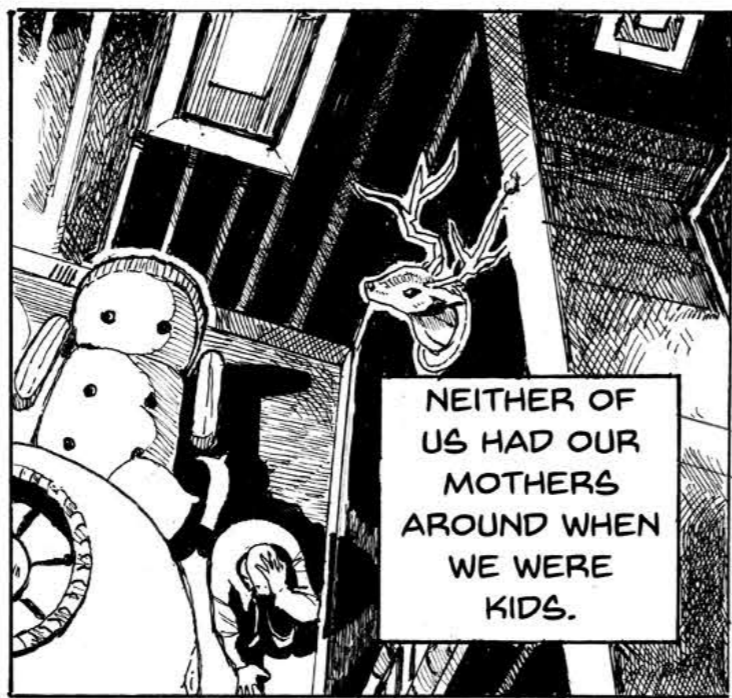


WHO DO YOU THINK ALLOWS YOU TO **BREAK** WITH THE PAST?

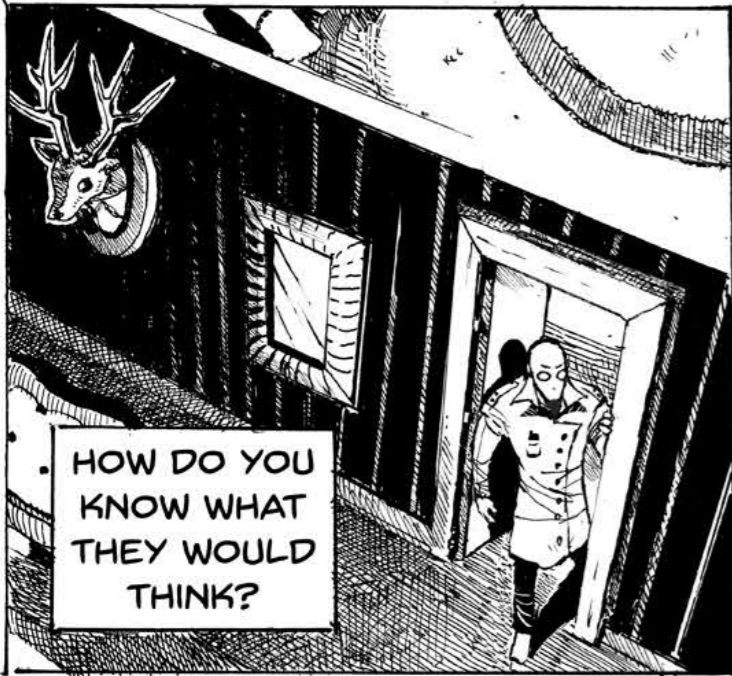
WHAT DOES A CLINGING MOTHER SEE IN HER SON WHEN HE SAYS HE DOESN'T NEED HER ANYMORE?



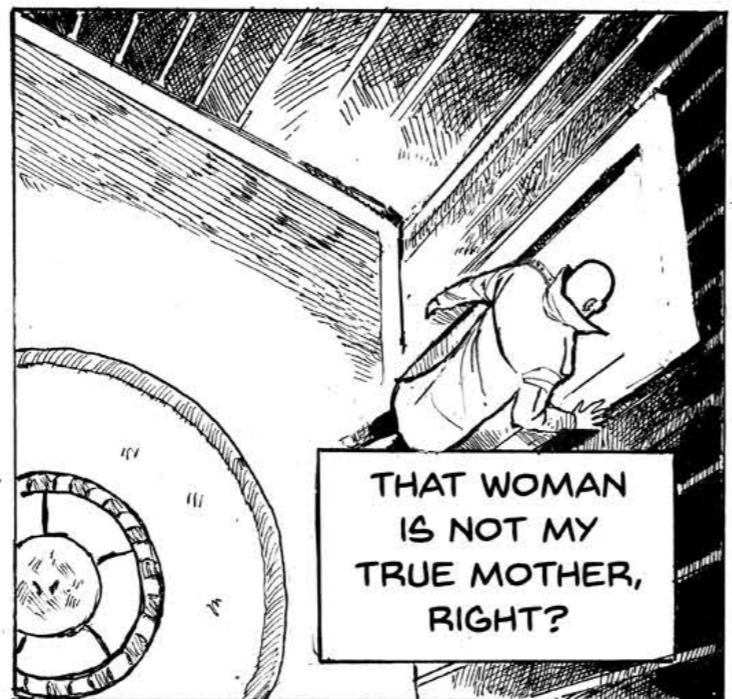
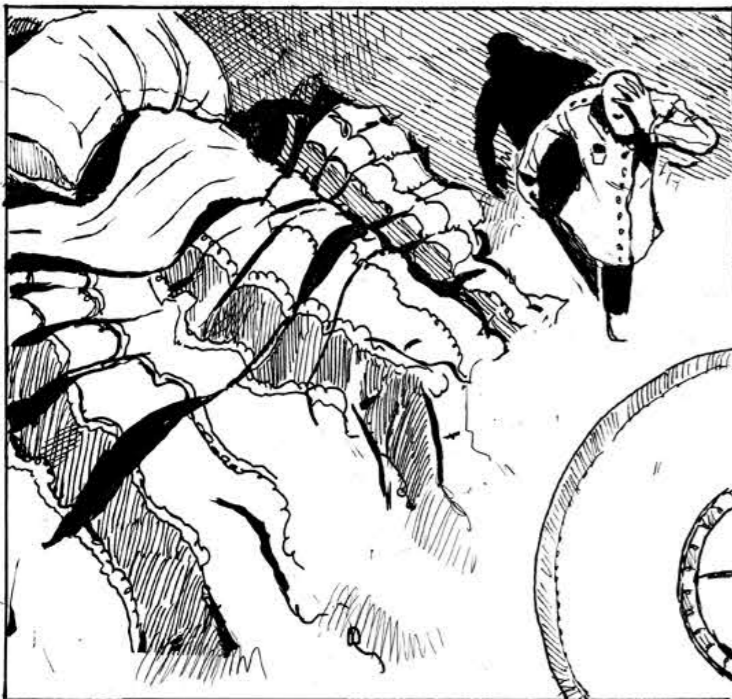
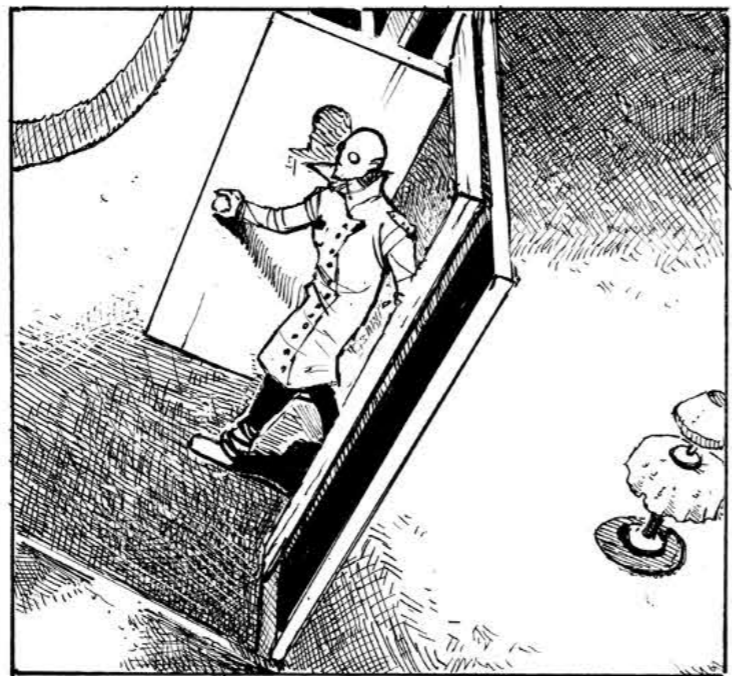
IT'S FUNNY, ESSEX.



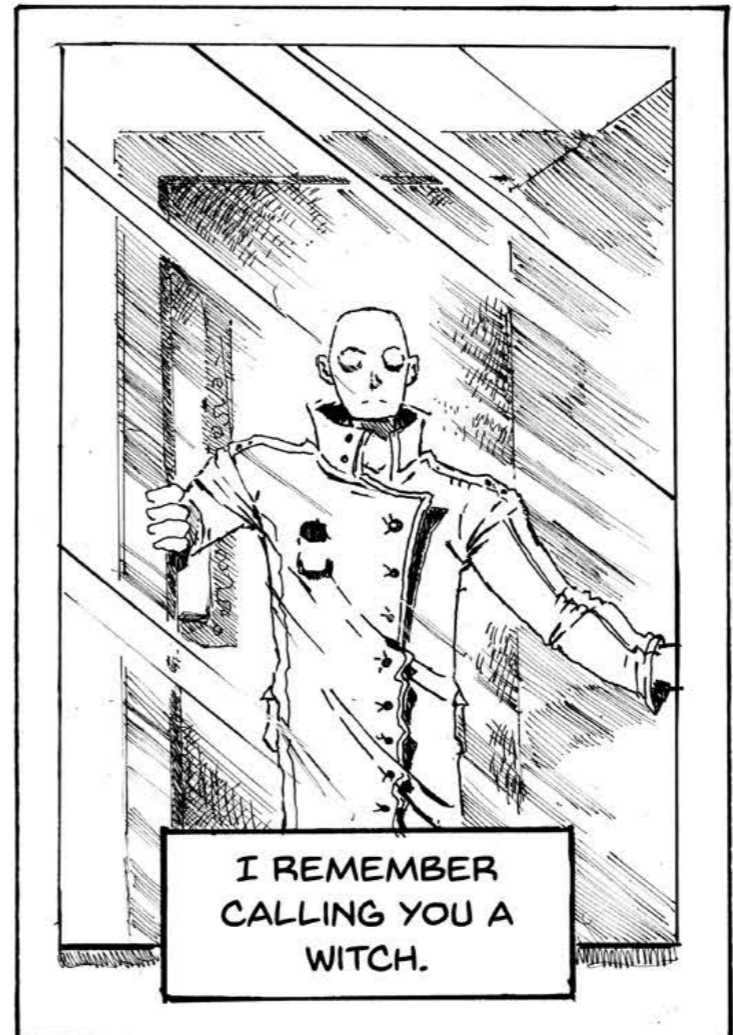
NEITHER OF US HAD OUR MOTHERS AROUND WHEN WE WERE KIDS.



HOW DO YOU KNOW WHAT THEY WOULD THINK?



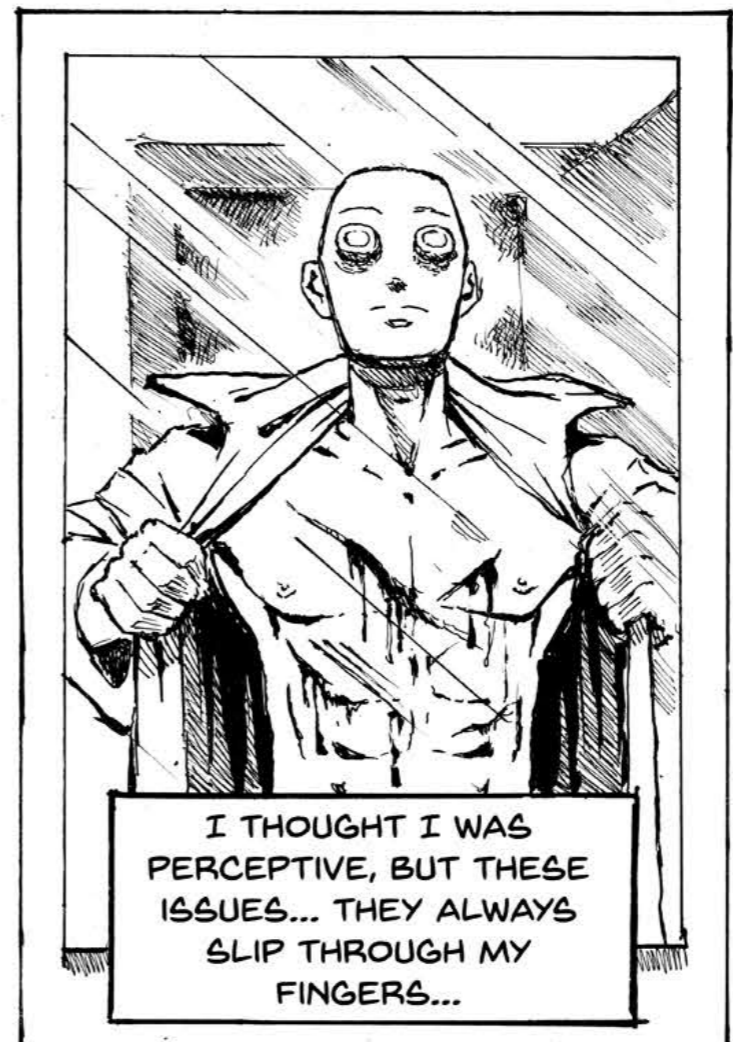
THAT WOMAN IS NOT MY TRUE MOTHER, RIGHT?



I REMEMBER CALLING YOU A WITCH.



"AREN'T YOU SORRY?" SHE SAID TO ME. "DON'T YOU SEE THE PAIN YOU ARE CAUSING ME?"

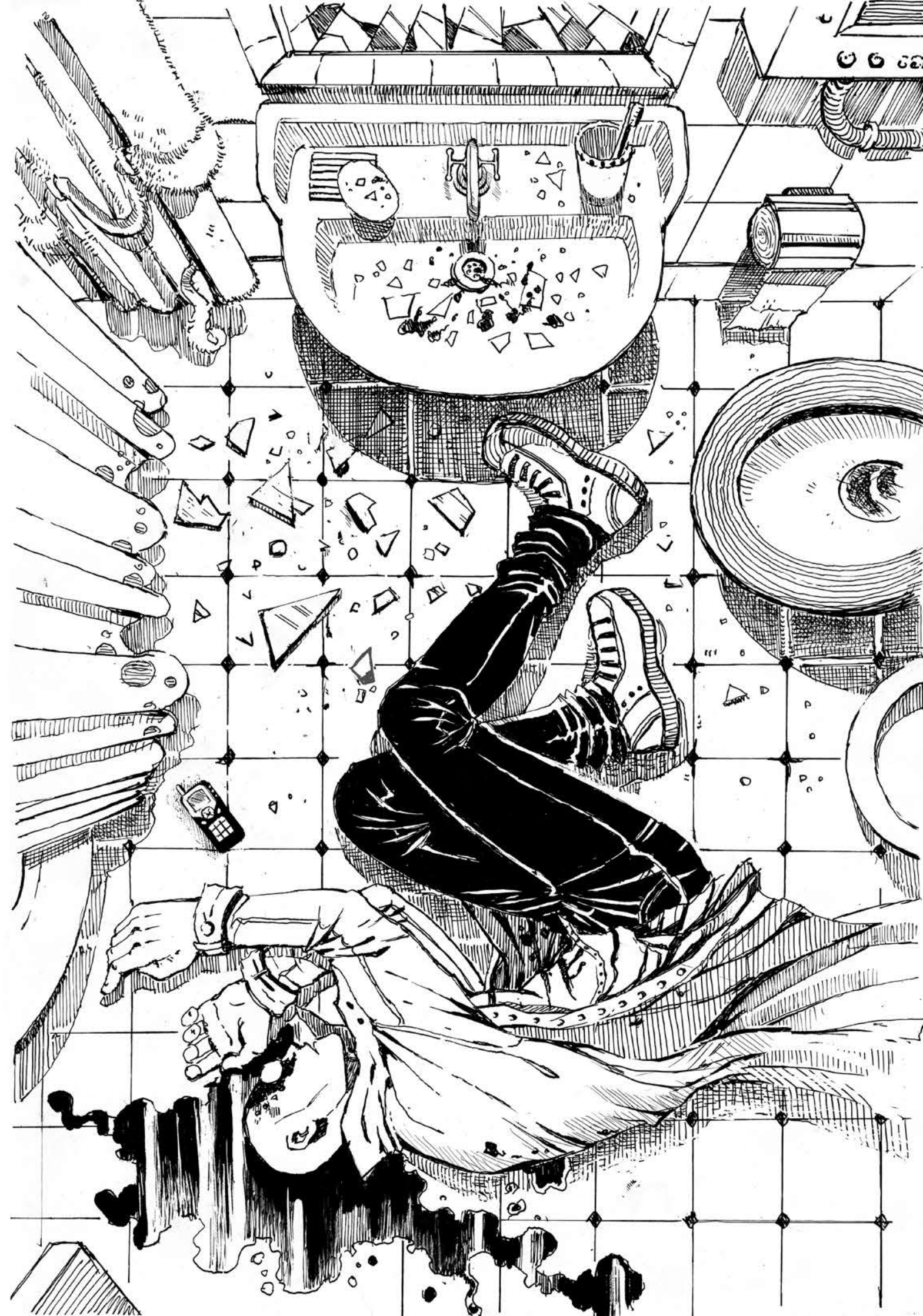
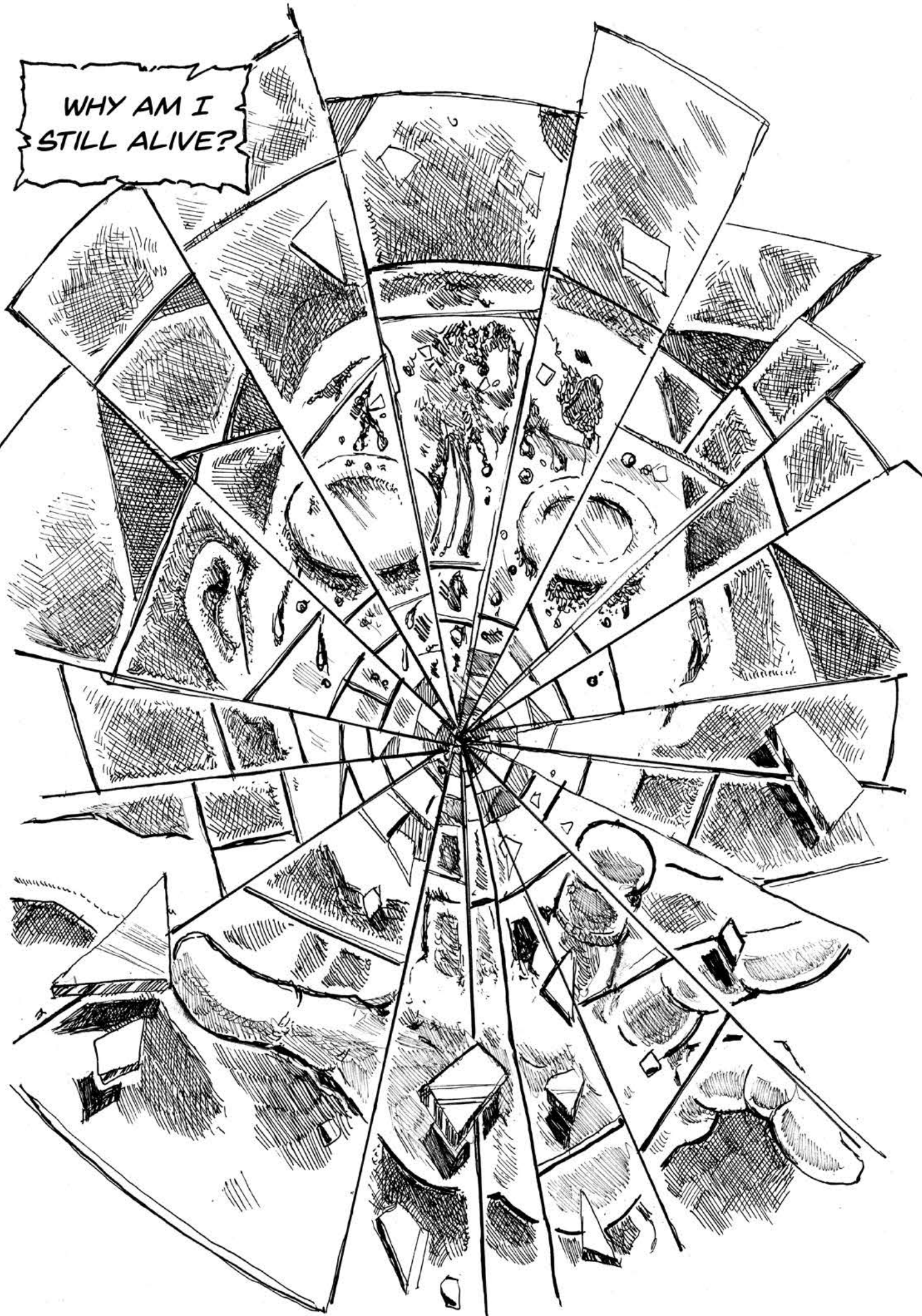


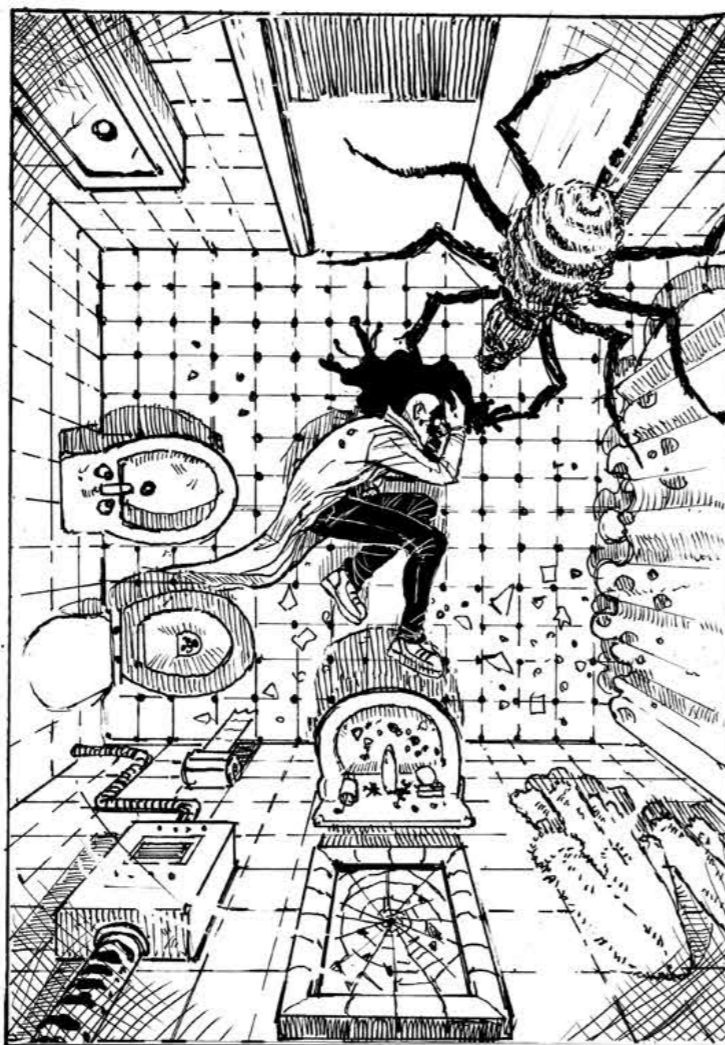
I THOUGHT I WAS PERCEPTIVE, BUT THESE ISSUES... THEY ALWAYS SLIP THROUGH MY FINGERS...



AS IF I NEVER GET THE **FULL PICTURE.**

WHY AM I
STILL ALIVE?





...TO BE CONTINUED

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