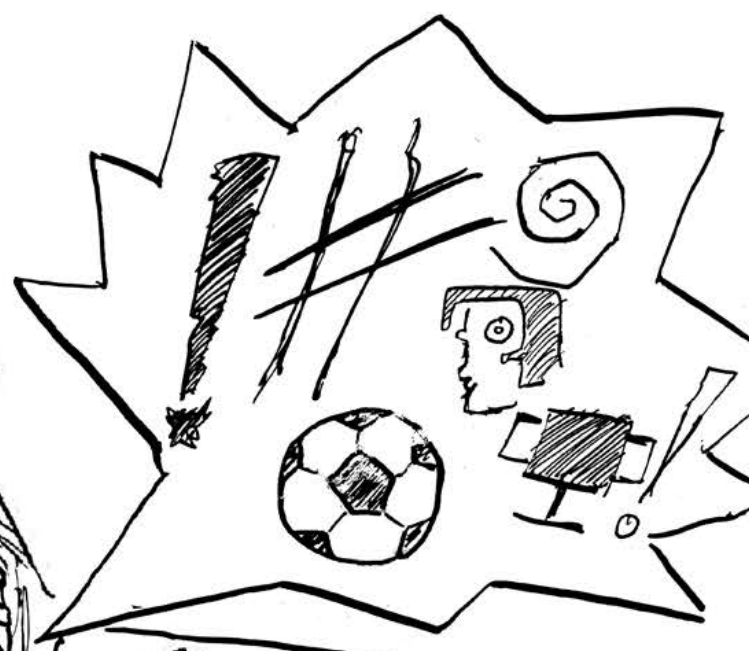


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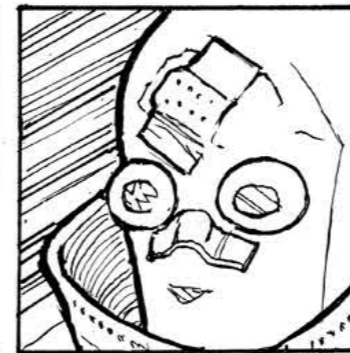
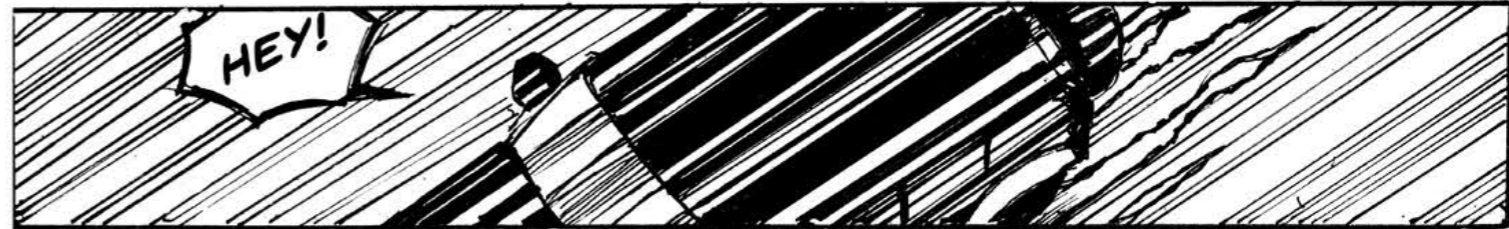
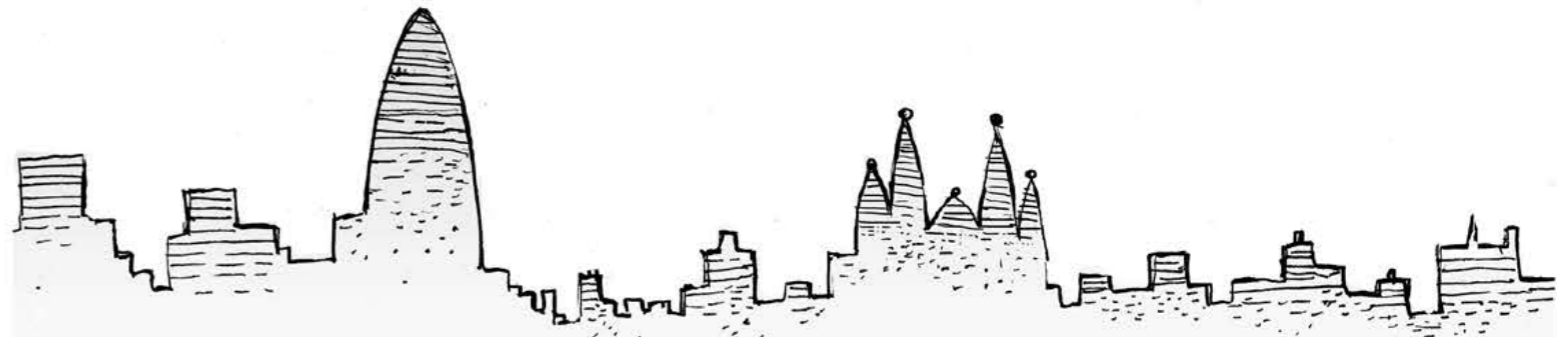
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THEY TRIED TO CALL US, I HAD TO INTERFERE WITH THE RADIO, THROUGH CREEPER, THE GOD I INVENTED, THEY, THE COPS, THEY TRIED... **THE POLICE STATION,** I MEAN. (YES, GOOD EXCUSE)

THEY'VE ALREADY TRIED TO CONTACT US.

WHY SO NERVOUS, JACOB?

THE POLICE STATION, I MEAN. WE HAVE TO ACT FAST.

CALM DOWN



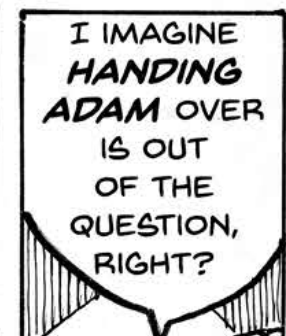
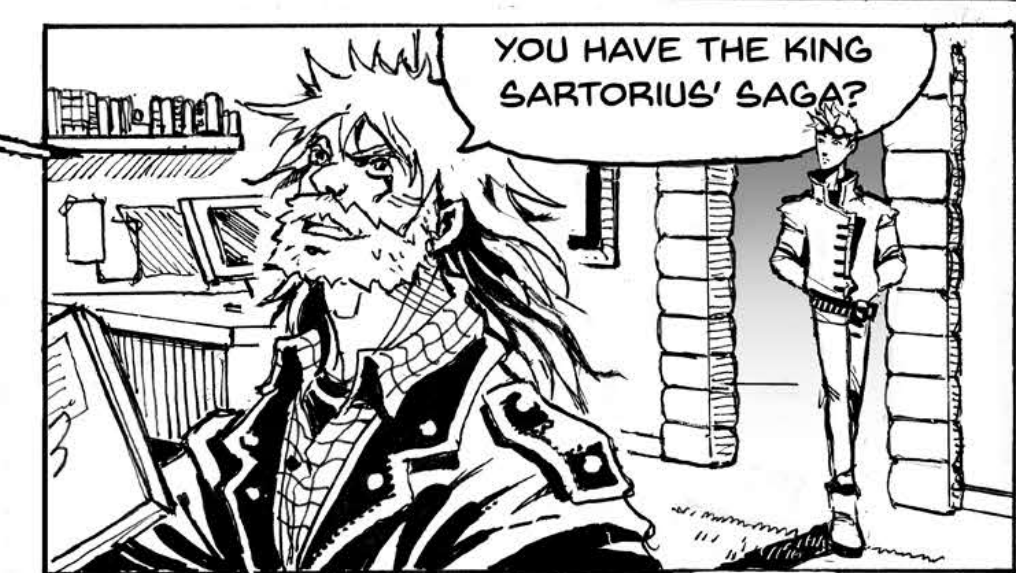
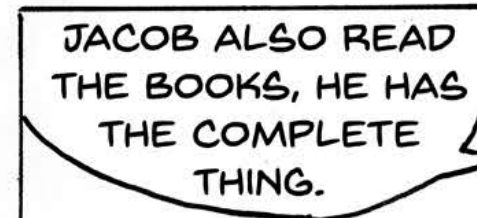
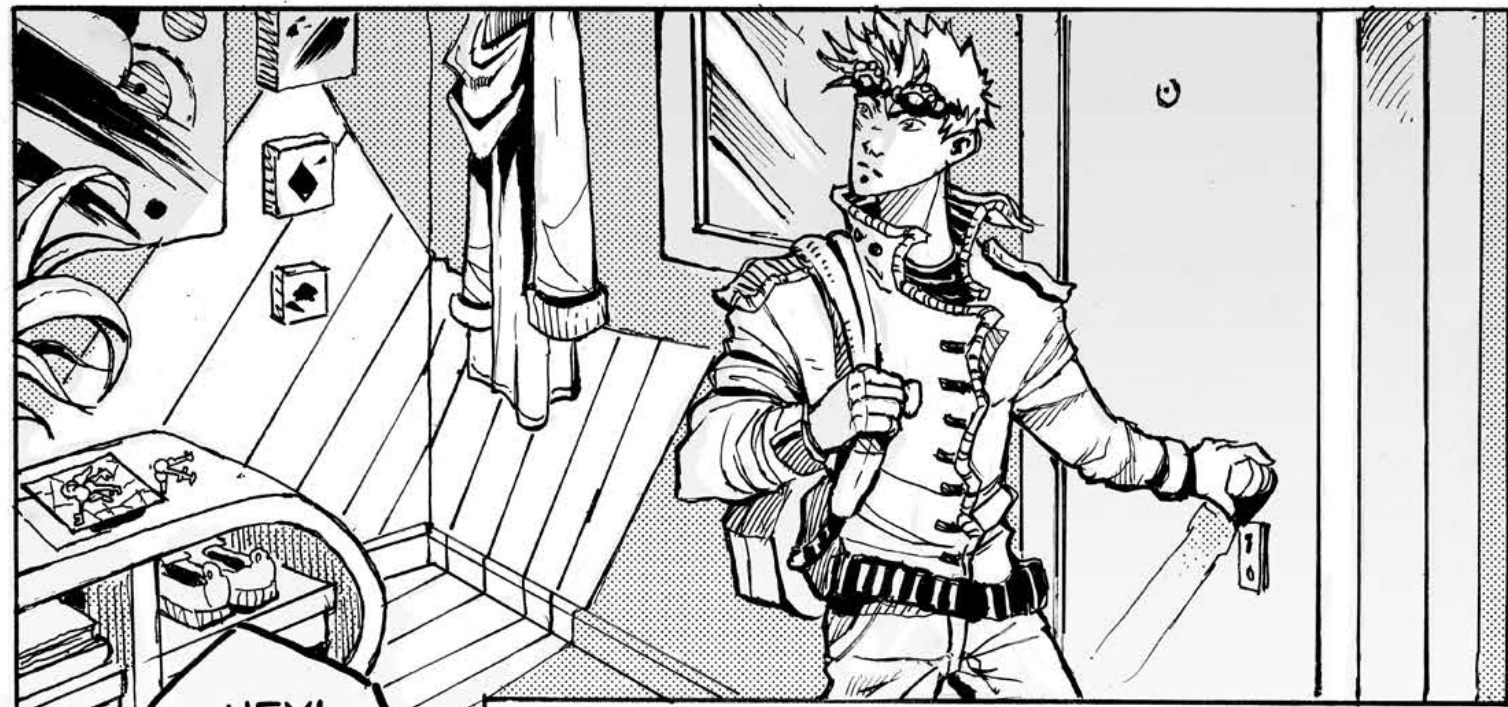
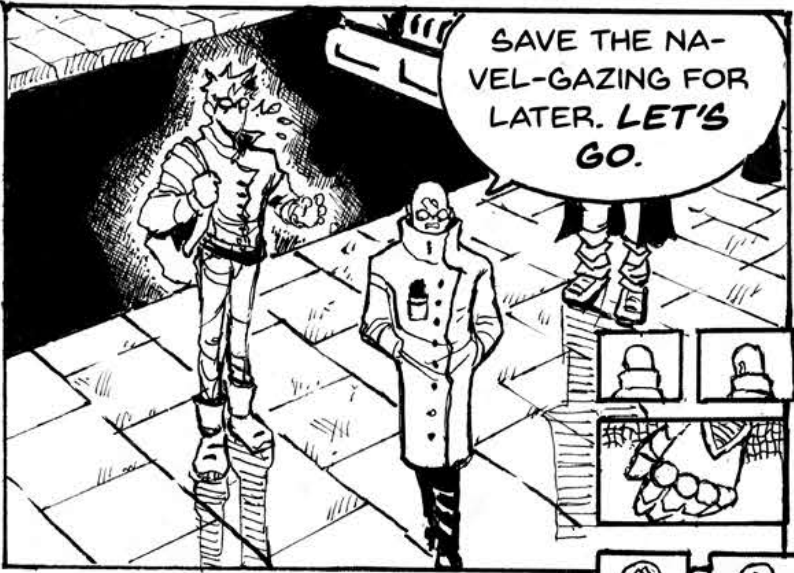
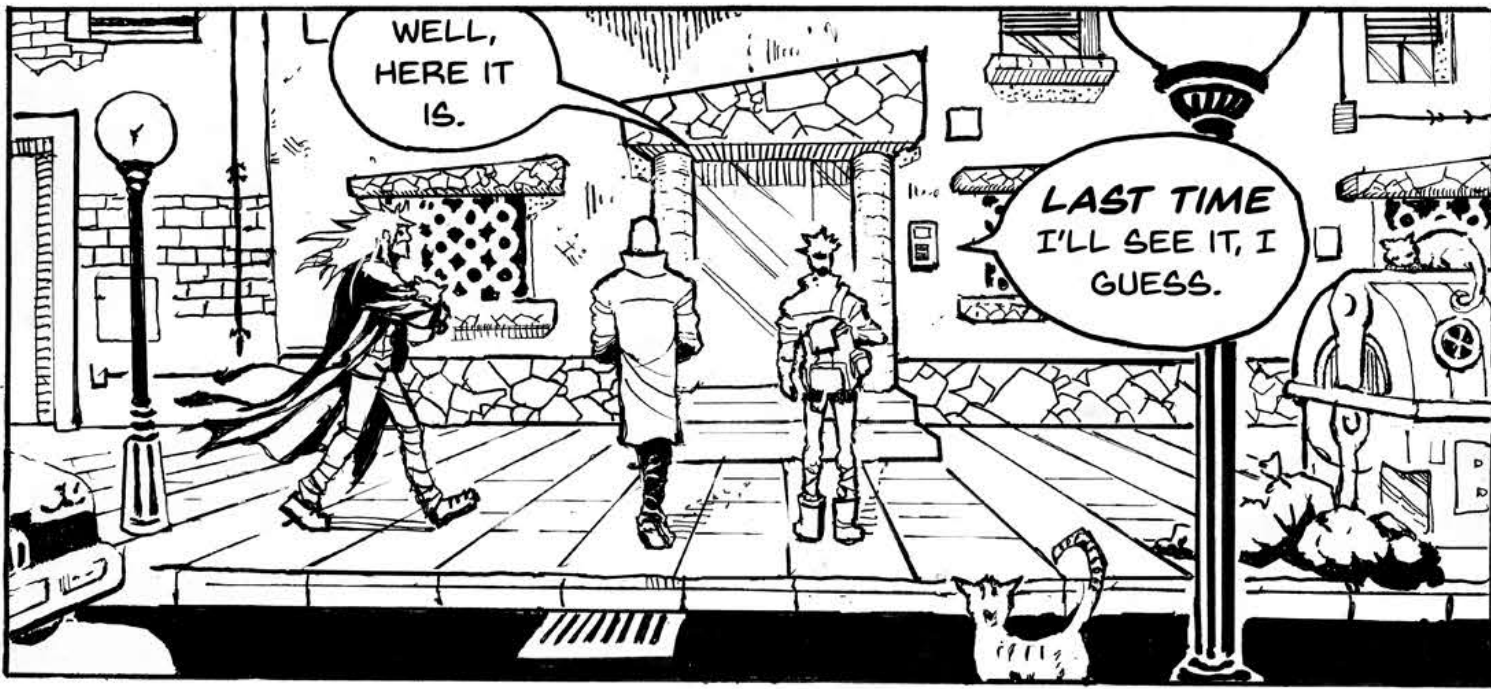
HAAAA
ESSEX SAW MY BLUFF.

HA HEY!

TURN RIGHT.

IT'S THE NEXT ONE.





WHAT? OF COURSE! NOT ONLY HE IS NOT GUILTY, HE'S THE ONLY PROOF WE'VE GOT OF THE HEREMITES!

BUT, OK, LET'S SAY YOUR INTUITION IS RIGHT. EVEN THEN, WE SHOULDN'T TRUST HIM; WHAT IF HE IS A BAIT FROM THE HEREMITES?

HIM? FOOLING ME? HAVE YOU TAKEN A LONG, HARD LOOK AT HIM?

SINCE WHEN MIND-READING IS SO RELIABLE?

HEY!

OH, SORRY, I DIDN'T KNOW I WAS YOUR PUNCHING BAG.

IT'S LIKE WATCHING THREE DAVID LYNCH MOVIES AT ONCE!

FAIR ENOUGH.

GIVE ME A CALL WHEN YOU FINISH, IF YOU FEEL LIKE IT.

STOP PLAYING THE VICTIM, WILL YOU?

AND THAT'S MY FAULT!?

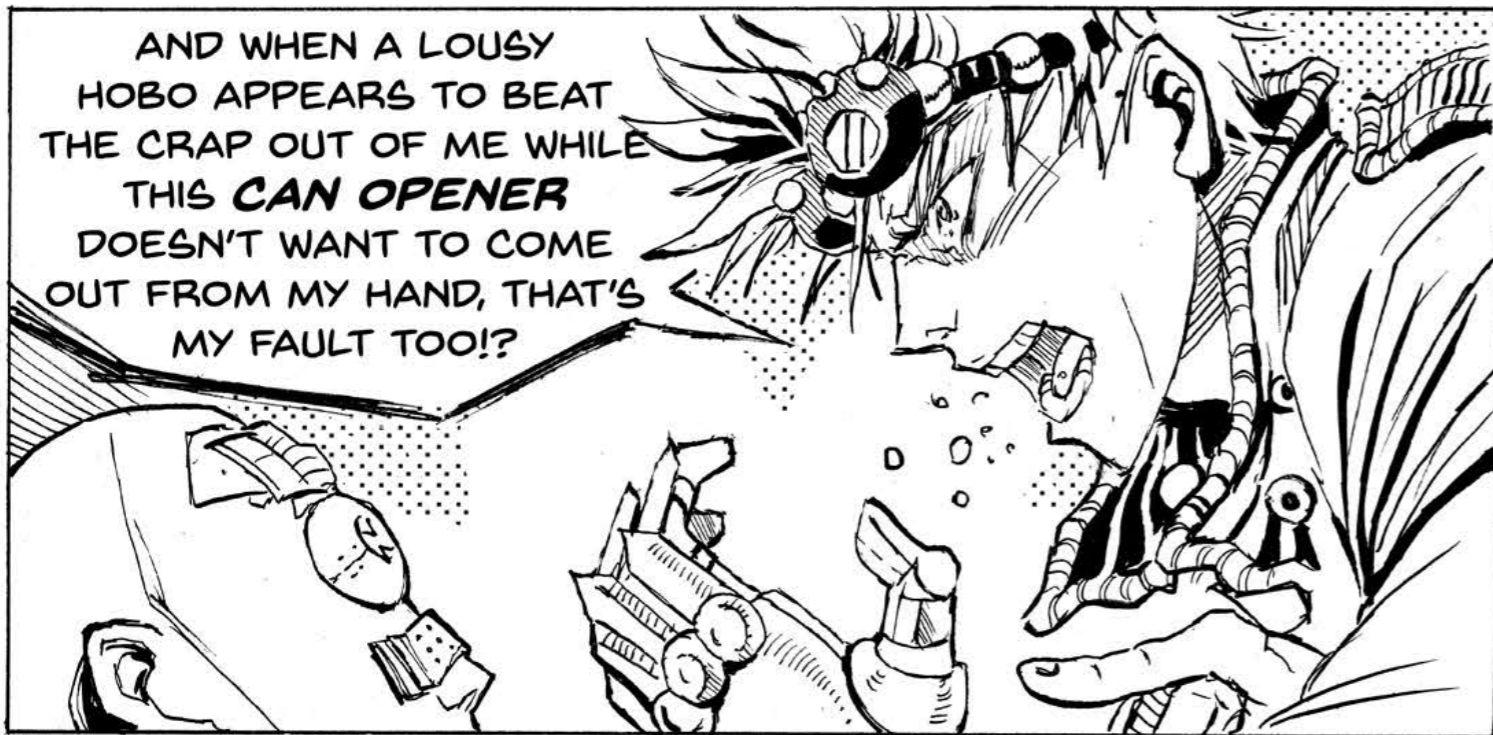
TO BE ACCUSED OF SUMMONING A DEMON I'VE NOT SEEN IN MY ENTIRE LIFE?

THIS BRAT. THIS BRAT SUMMONED ARES.

YOU!

WE ALL HAVE REASONS TO TAKE OFFENCE. YOU THINK THAT PROTECTING YOU WON'T HAVE CONSEQUENCES FOR US?

TO BE CHARGED WITH ELIYA'S MURDER BECAUSE YOUR FUCKING LIST SAYS THAT IN ALL OF BARCELONA, A CITY FULL OF FREAKS AND WEIRDOS, THERE'S JUST ONE ILLEGAL MAGE?! JUST ONE! WHAT WAS YOUR OTHER POTENTIAL SUSPECT, SANTA CLAUS?



AND WHEN A LOUSY HOBO APPEARS TO BEAT THE CRAP OUT OF ME WHILE THIS **CAN OPENER** DOESN'T WANT TO COME OUT FROM MY HAND, THAT'S MY FAULT TOO!?



C'MON, HOW WOULD ARES CAUSE A HEART ATTACK?

THE BOOKS ABOUT MAGIC SAY THAT GODS ARE NOTHING MORE THAN **SUPER-IDEAS!**



HUH, NO ONE FORCED YOU TO PUT IT ON.

SHUT UP!



AND YOU...

...IF YOU ACCUSE ME AGAIN...



WHAT?



IF I ACCUSE YOU AGAIN, WHAT?



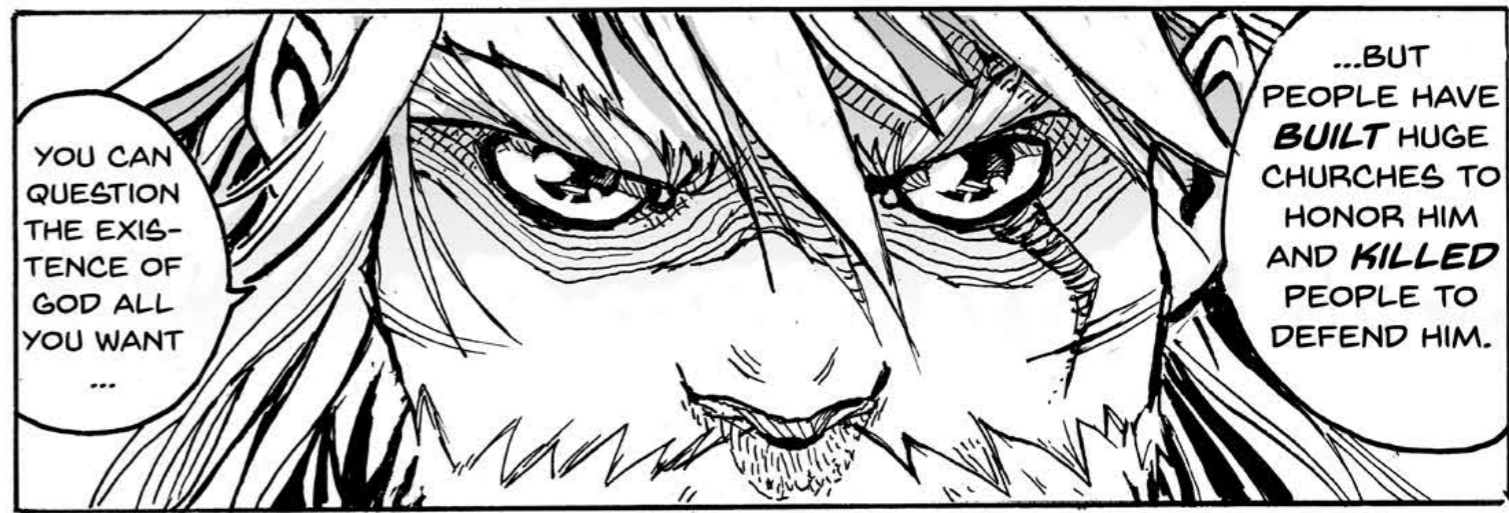
THEY ONLY AFFECT THE ASTRAL PLANE.



OH MY GOD. THIS GUY IS AN IDIOT.



ADAM, WHAT WE PERCEIVE AS "IDEAS" HERE, ON THE ASTRAL PLANE IS SOMETHING **ALIVE** AND VERY POWERFUL.



YOU CAN QUESTION THE EXISTENCE OF GOD ALL YOU WANT ...

...BUT PEOPLE HAVE **BUILT** HUGE CHURCHES TO HONOR HIM AND **KILLED** PEOPLE TO DEFEND HIM.



DO YOU KNOW YOU ALMOST GAVE A HEART ATTACK TO AN INNOCENT?

OF COURSE YOU **DON'T**.

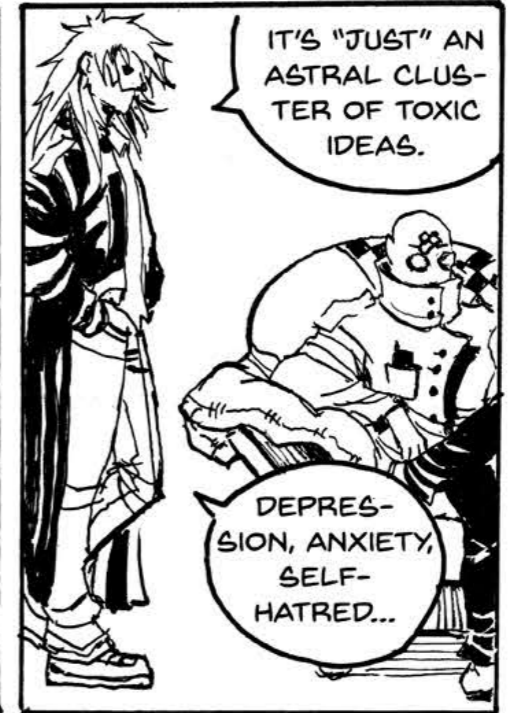


MAYBE YOU DIDN'T SUMMON ABADDON...

BUT YOU DID SUMMON ARES. AND YOU DID IT **WRONG**.

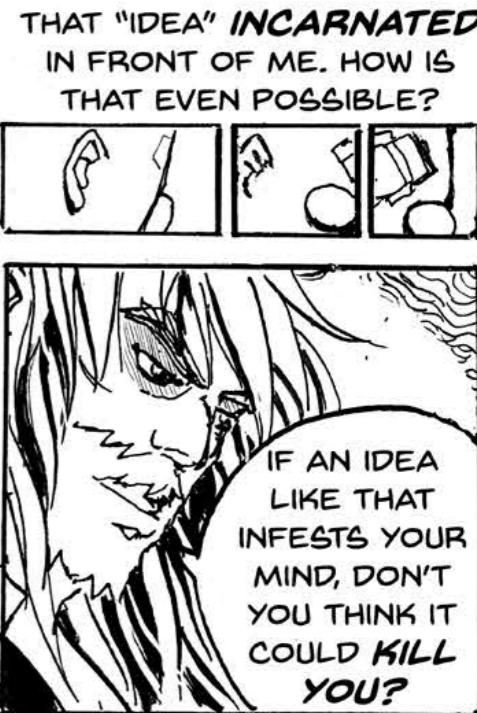


A DEMON, FOR EXAMPLE.



IT'S "JUST" AN ASTRAL CLUSTER OF TOXIC IDEAS.

DEPRESSION, ANXIETY, SELF-HATRED...



THAT "IDEA" **INCARNATED** IN FRONT OF ME. HOW IS THAT EVEN POSSIBLE?

IF AN IDEA LIKE THAT INFESTS YOUR MIND, DON'T YOU THINK IT COULD **KILL YOU?**



YOU TALK LIKE MY MASTER.



YOU DIDN'T RESPECT ARES, ADAM.

YOU GAVE HIM REASONS TO HATE YOU. TO ARES, THE GOD OF WAR.



OKAY, OKAY.



BUT YOU SAVED HIM, RIGHT? THE INNOCENT.

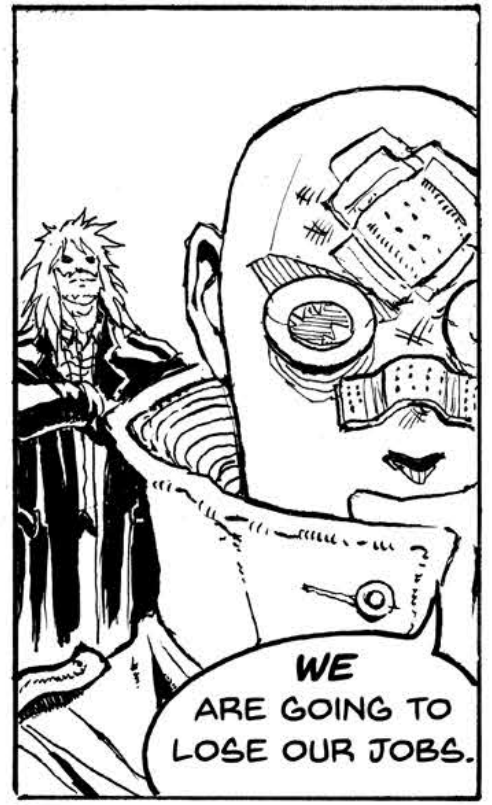
YES, BUT...



DO YOU UNDERSTAND WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN TO US?



"THANK YOU"



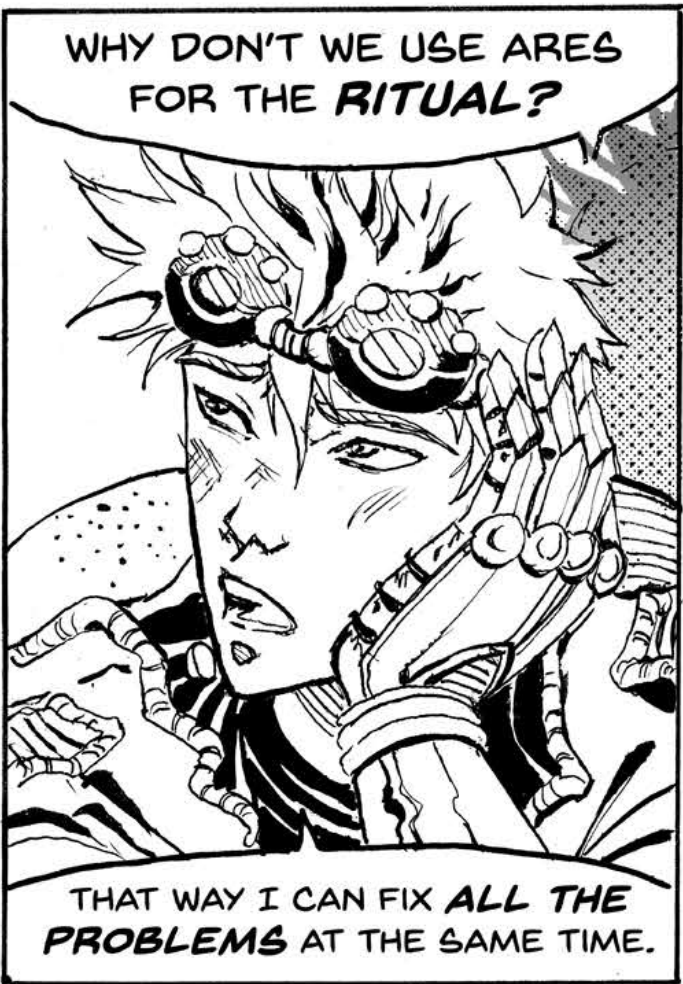
WE ARE GOING TO LOSE OUR JOBS.



"JACOB".

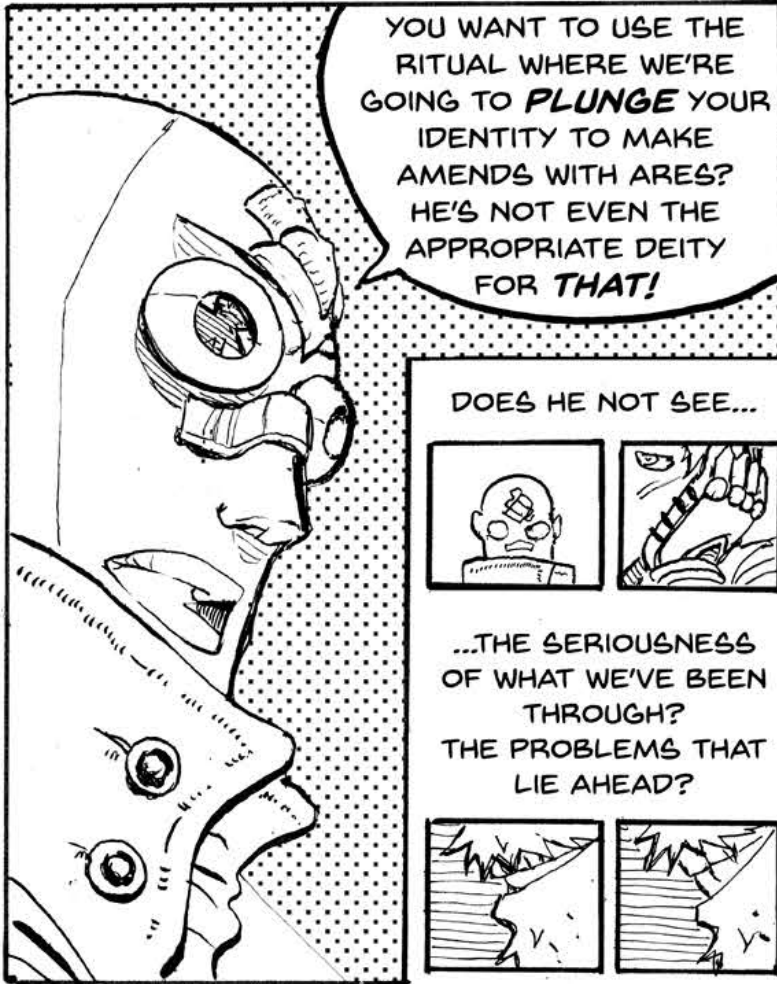


AND YOU ARE GOING TO SACRIFICE YOUR IDENTITY.



WHY DON'T WE USE ARES FOR THE RITUAL?

THAT WAY I CAN FIX ALL THE PROBLEMS AT THE SAME TIME.



YOU WANT TO USE THE RITUAL WHERE WE'RE GOING TO PLUNGE YOUR IDENTITY TO MAKE AMENDS WITH ARES? HE'S NOT EVEN THE APPROPRIATE DEITY FOR THAT!

DOES HE NOT SEE...

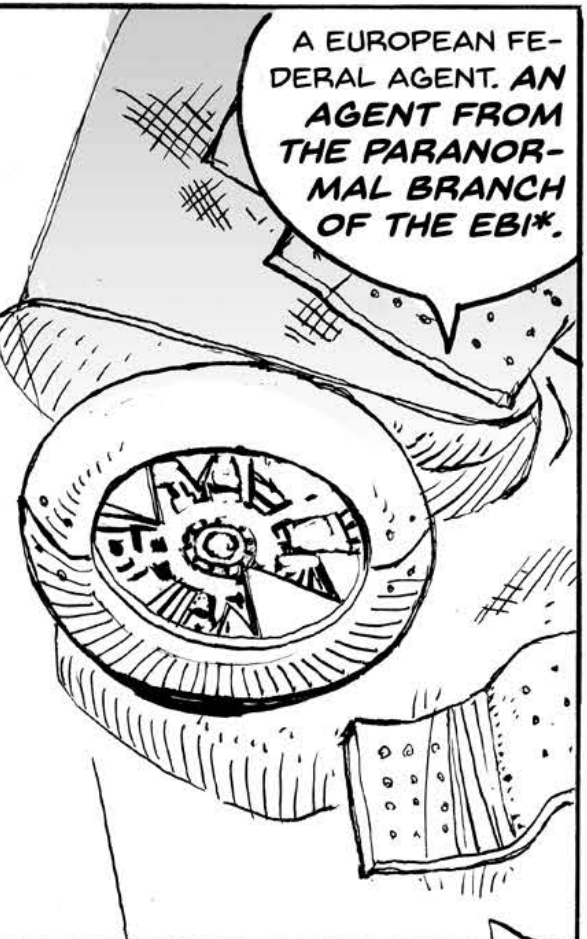


...THE SERIOUSNESS OF WHAT WE'VE BEEN THROUGH? THE PROBLEMS THAT LIE AHEAD?



THE DEMON CONFIRMED THE NAME OF YOUR "FRIEND".

YOU HAVE THAT TYPE OF PEOPLE COMING FOR YOU. ARE YOU SURE YOU WILL BE OKAY?

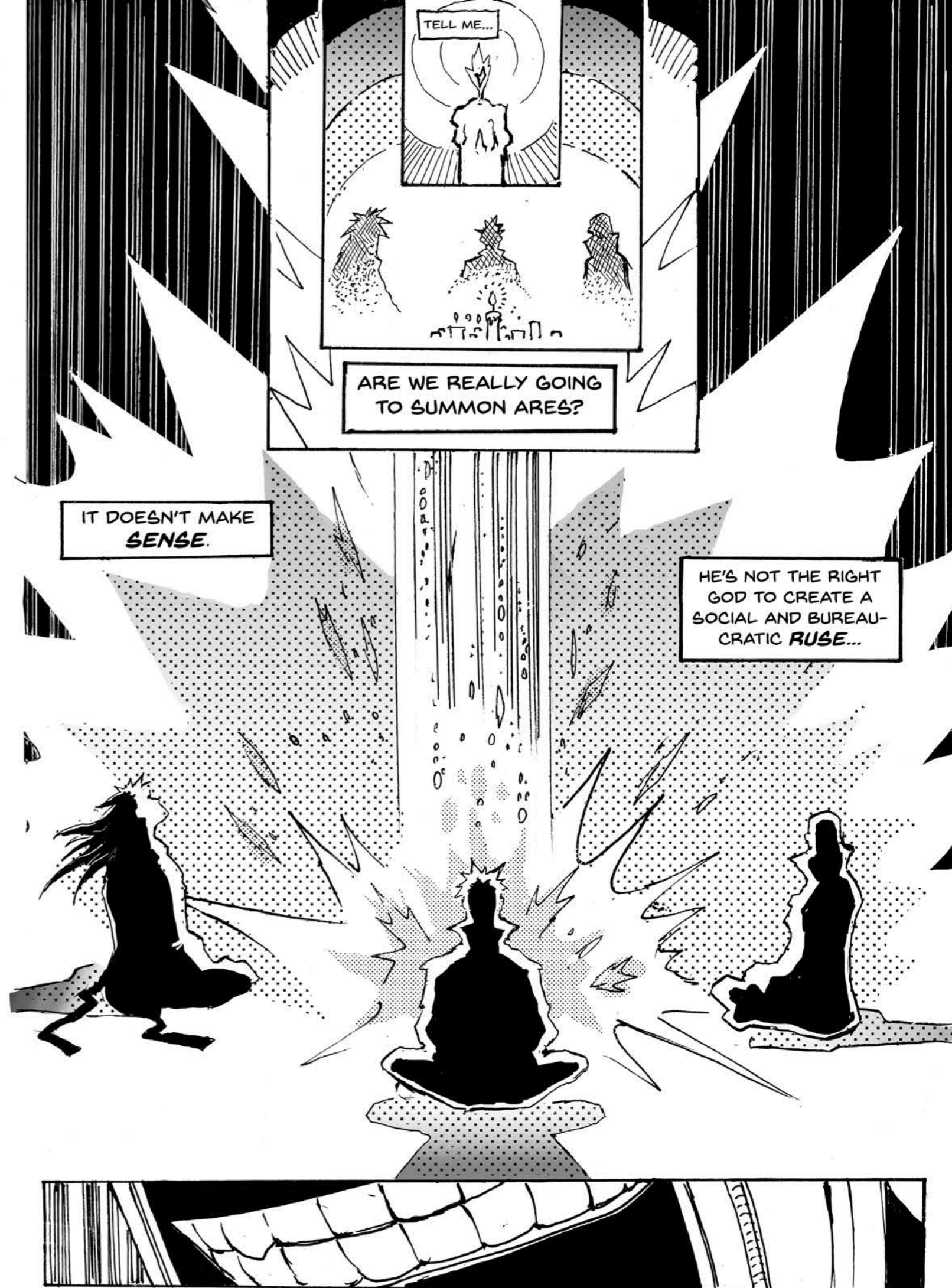
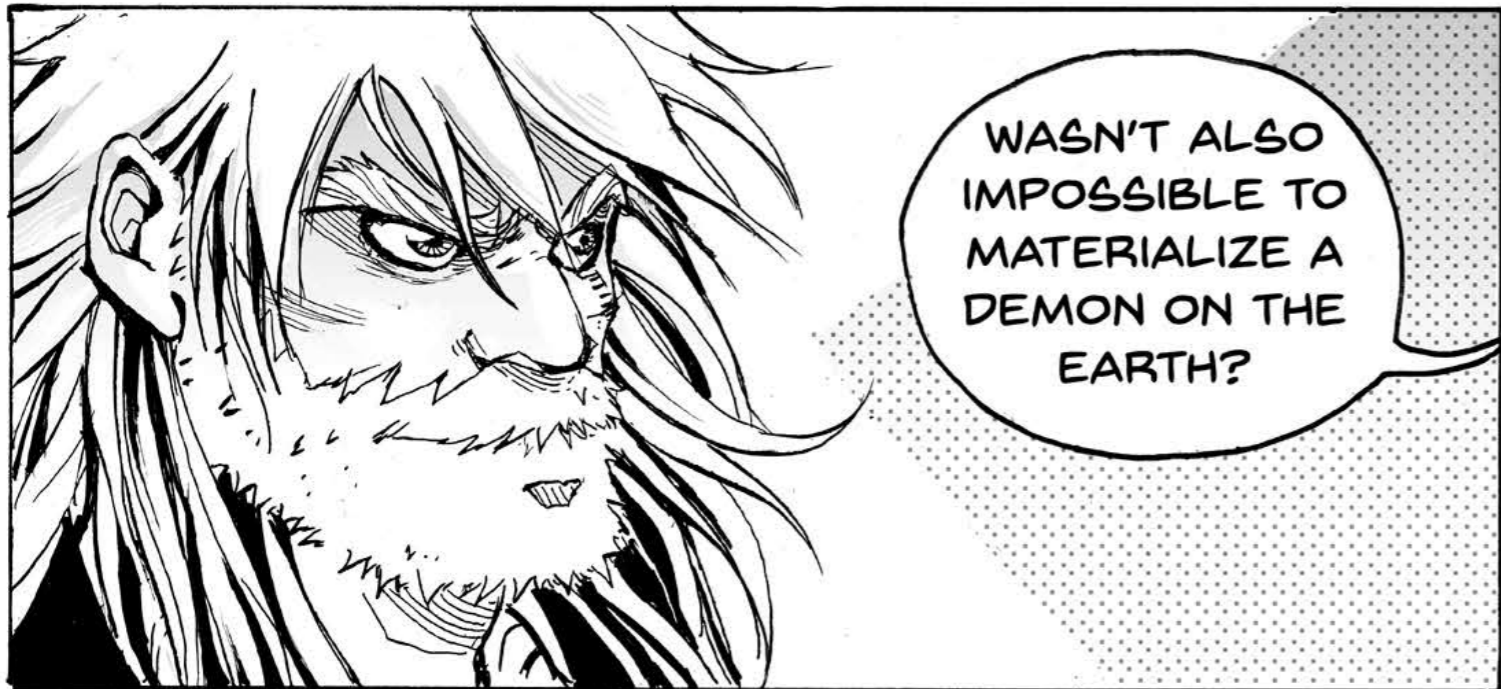
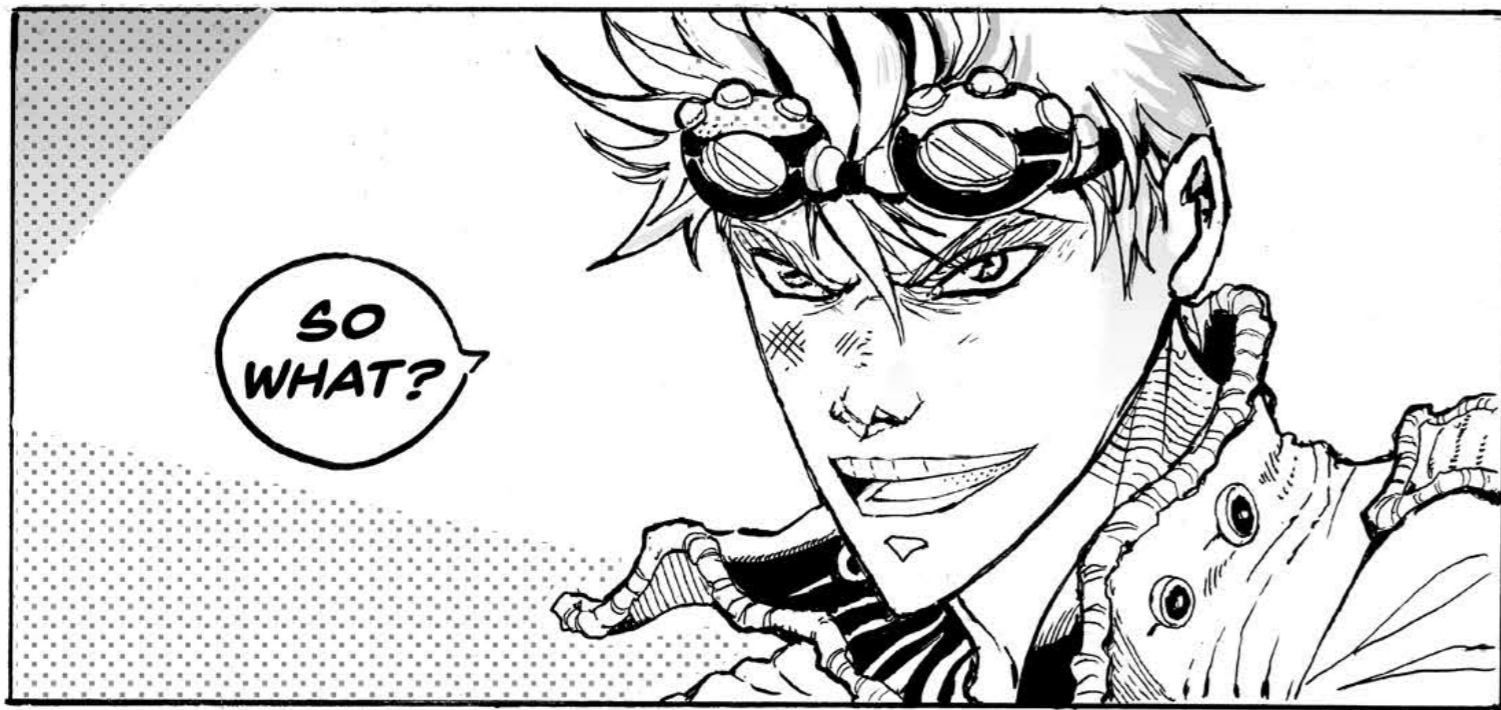


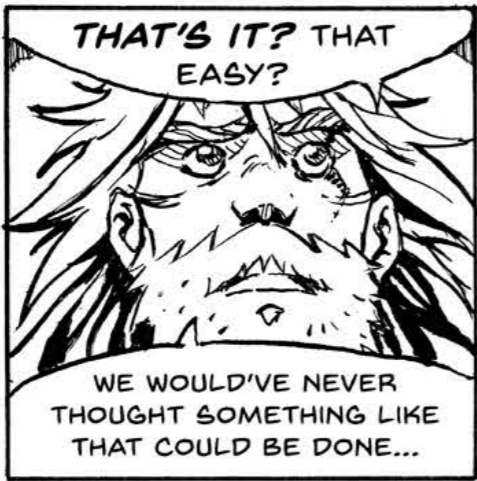
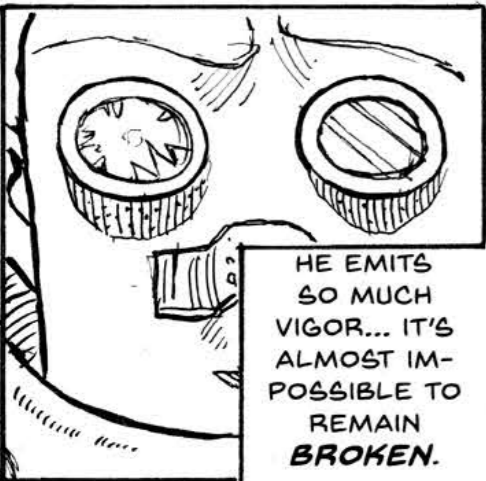
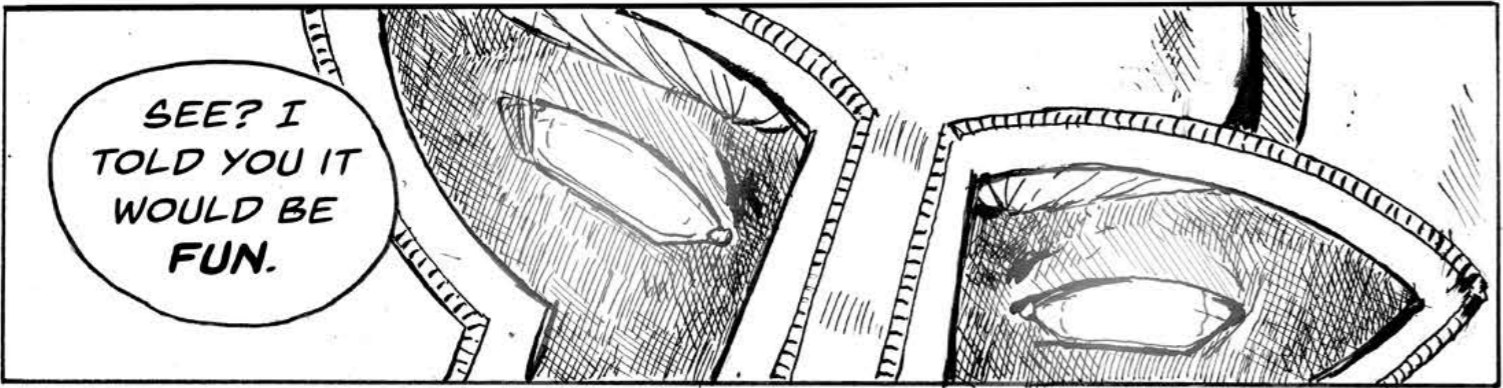
A EUROPEAN FEDERAL AGENT. AN AGENT FROM THE PARANORMAL BRANCH OF THE EBI*.



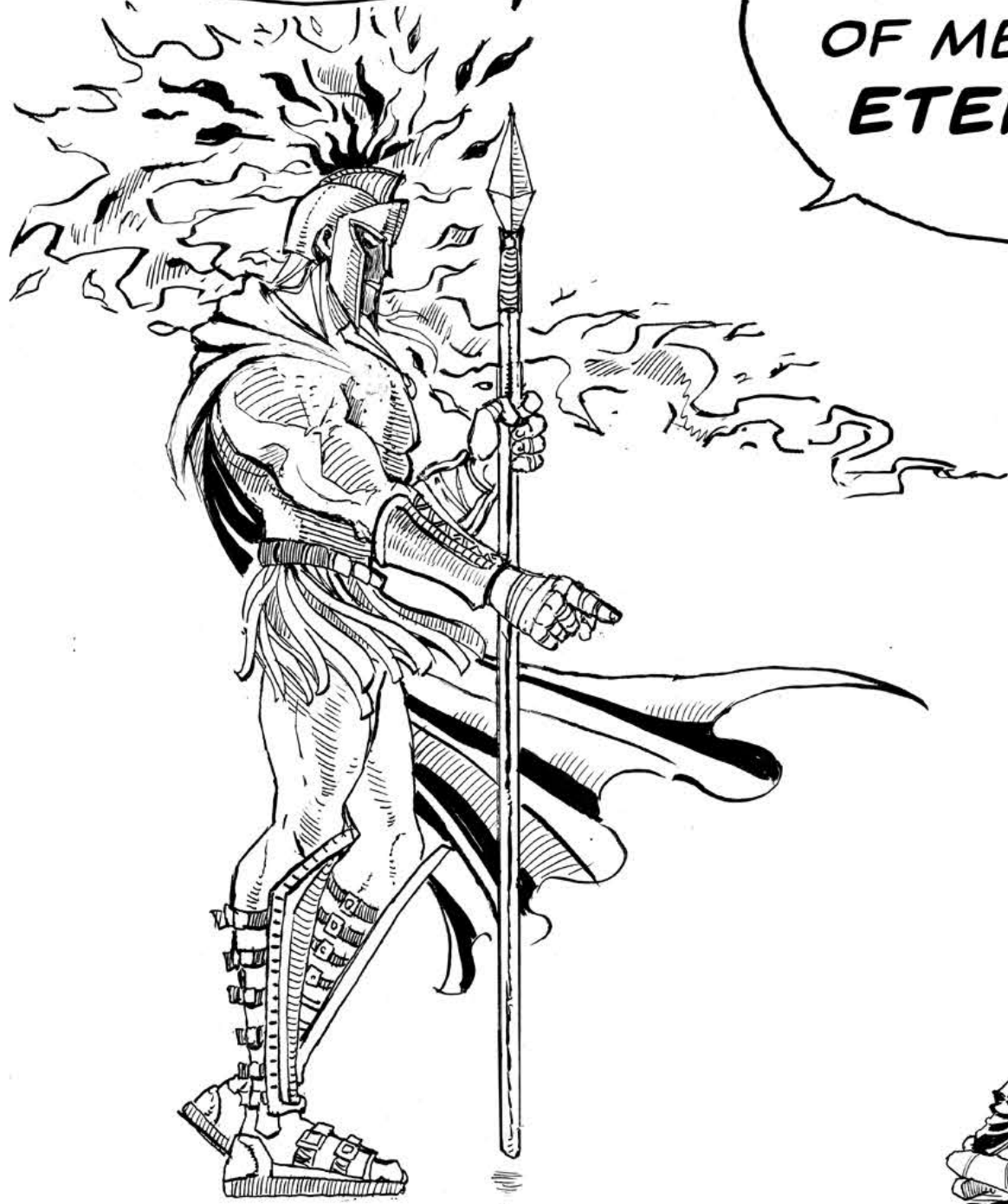
BECAUSE I'M NOT. ESPECIALLY WHEN WE'RE SUPPOSED TO DO A RITUAL THAT JUST TWO DAYS AGO I WOULD HAVE DEEMED IMPOSSIBLE. ERASE YOUR IDENTITY? ARE WE JOKING? WE HAVE TO BE JOKING.

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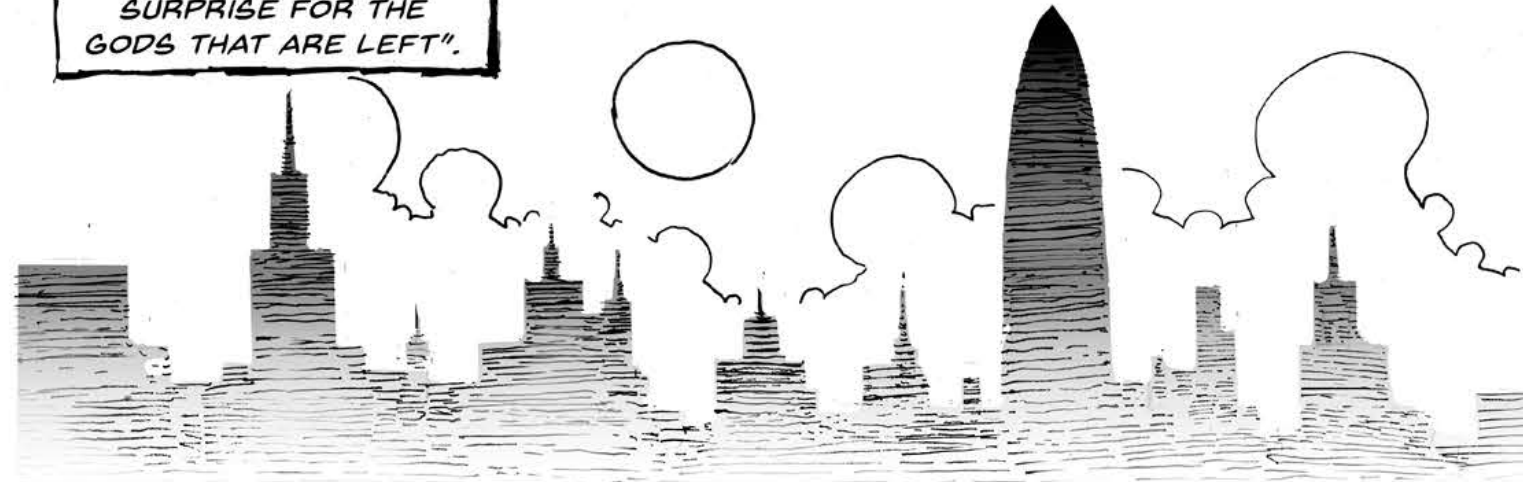
IT IS THE
HAND THAT
WILL REMIND
THE WORLD...



...THAT
THE DREAMS
OF MEN ARE
ETERNAL!



"A HUMAN EMBRACING
THE FORBIDDEN HAND.
IT HAS BEEN QUITE A
SURPRISE FOR THE
GODS THAT ARE LEFT".



"WHAT HAPPENED
YESTERDAY WASN'T
A COINCIDENCE. IT
WASN'T DETERMINISM,
EITHER".



"IT WAS AN ERROR
IN THE MECHANISM
OF REALITY.
A BREACH".



...SO YOU'RE TELLING ME HE **ESCAPED**.



DO YOU KNOW WHAT IT'S LIKE TO HAVE THE PRESIDENT SHOUTING AT YOU THROUGH THE PHONE? FIRST TIME I TALK TO HIM.



STRICTLY SPEAKING, WE'VE CONFIRMED THAT THE KID IS NOT THE KILLER.

OH, YES. THANKS TO THE "DEMON"



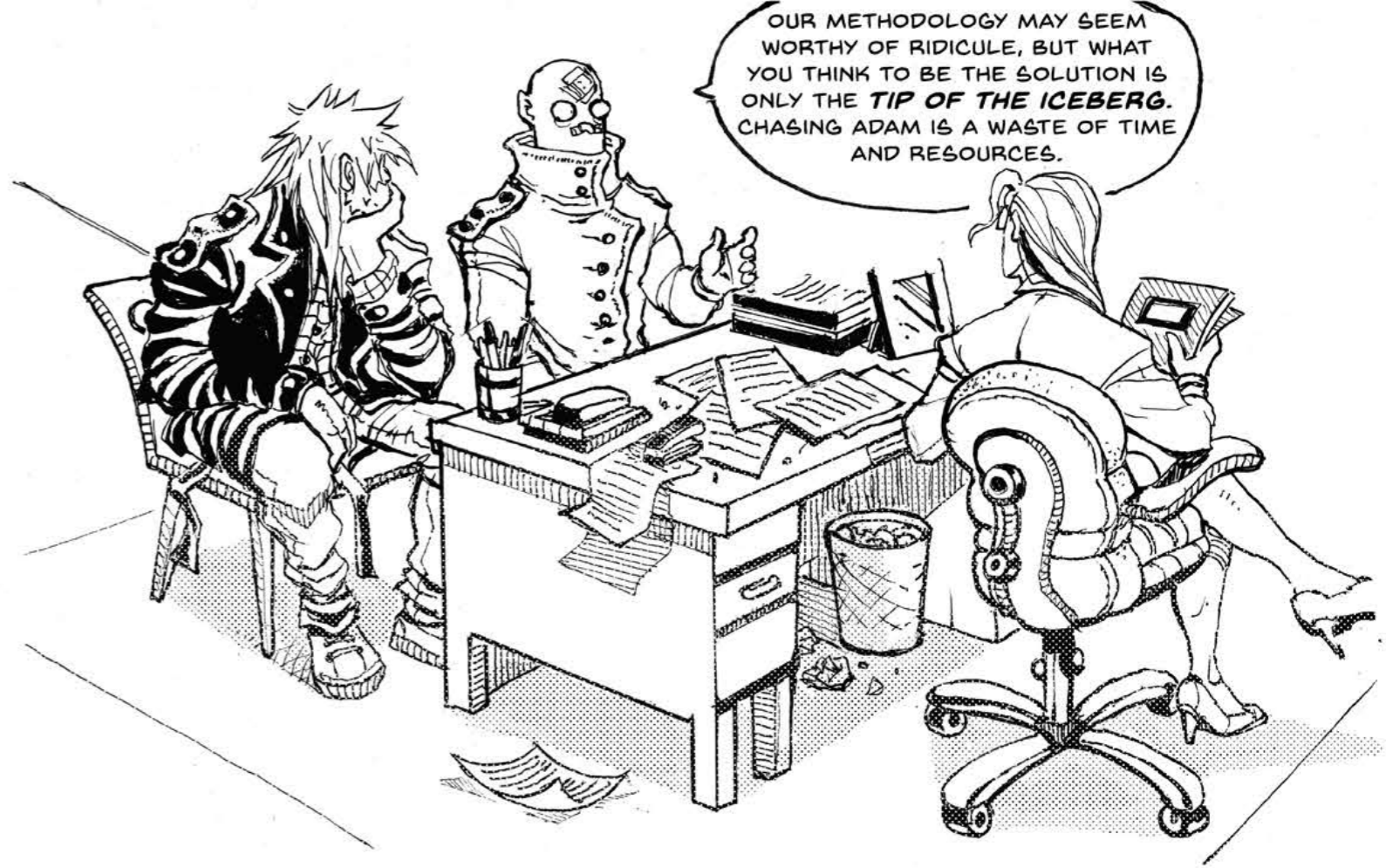
THE SAME "DEMON" -OH, LORD...- THAT SAYS THAT SIGURD HERNÁNDEZ CAUSED THE ATTACK.

SIGURD, A EUROPEAN FEDERAL AGENT CURRENTLY WORKING IN BRUSSELS.

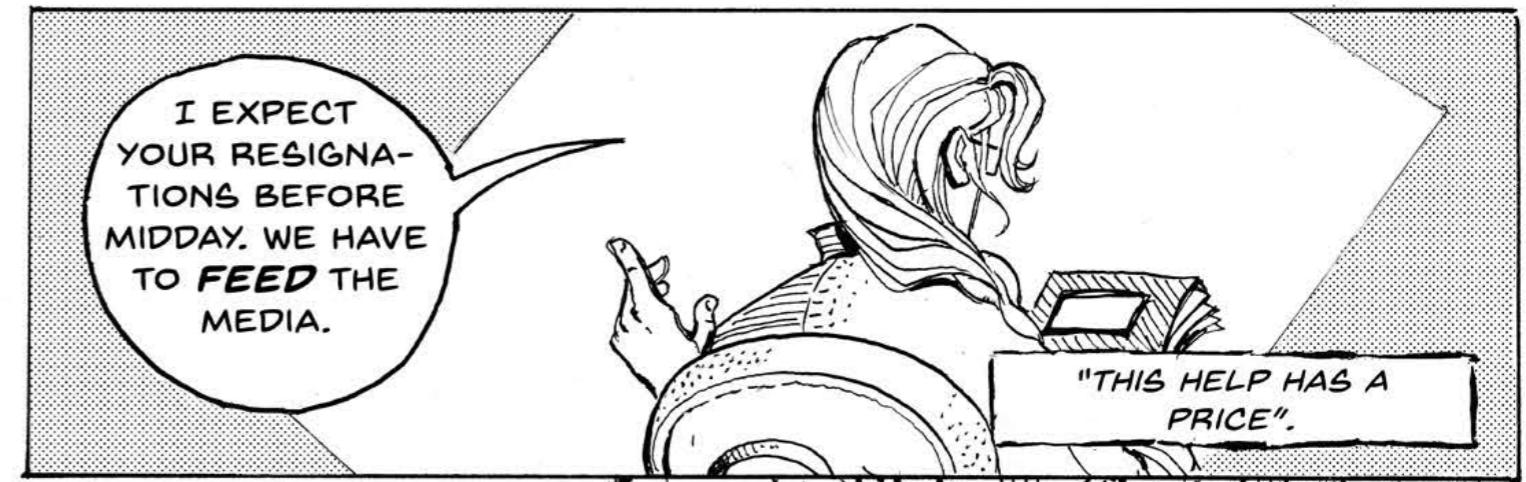


DO I LOOK STUPID? *HMM?* IS THAT IT? ARE YOUR MOTHERS HIPPIES THAT NEVER FORCED YOU TO TELL FACT FROM FICTION?

PLAS



OUR METHODOLOGY MAY SEEM WORTHY OF RIDICULE, BUT WHAT YOU THINK TO BE THE SOLUTION IS ONLY THE **TIP OF THE ICEBERG**. CHASING ADAM IS A WASTE OF TIME AND RESOURCES.



I EXPECT YOUR RESIGNATIONS BEFORE MIDDAY. WE HAVE TO **FEED** THE MEDIA.

"THIS HELP HAS A PRICE".



JACOB, MY FRIEND, WE'LL AGREE THAT SHE'S A MORON... AND ARROGANT.

UH-HUH...

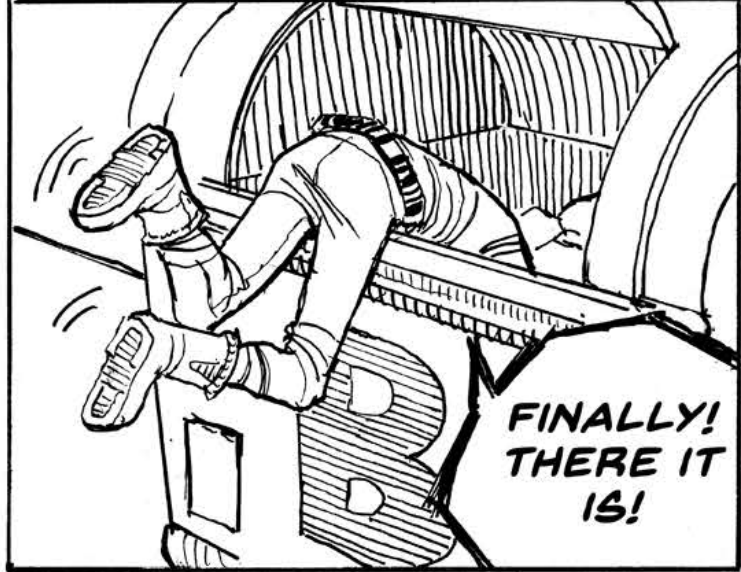
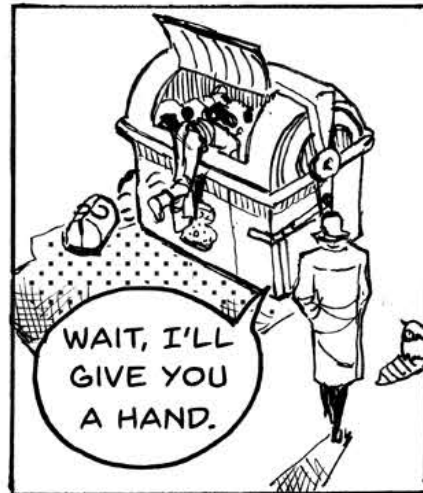
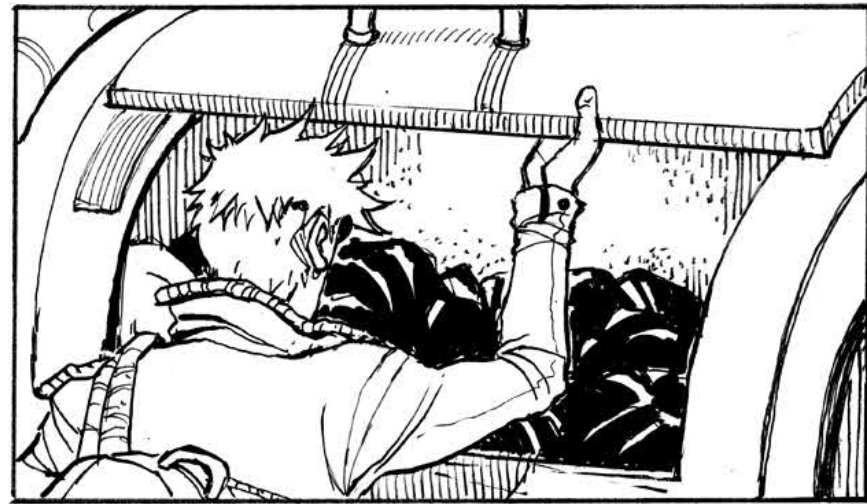
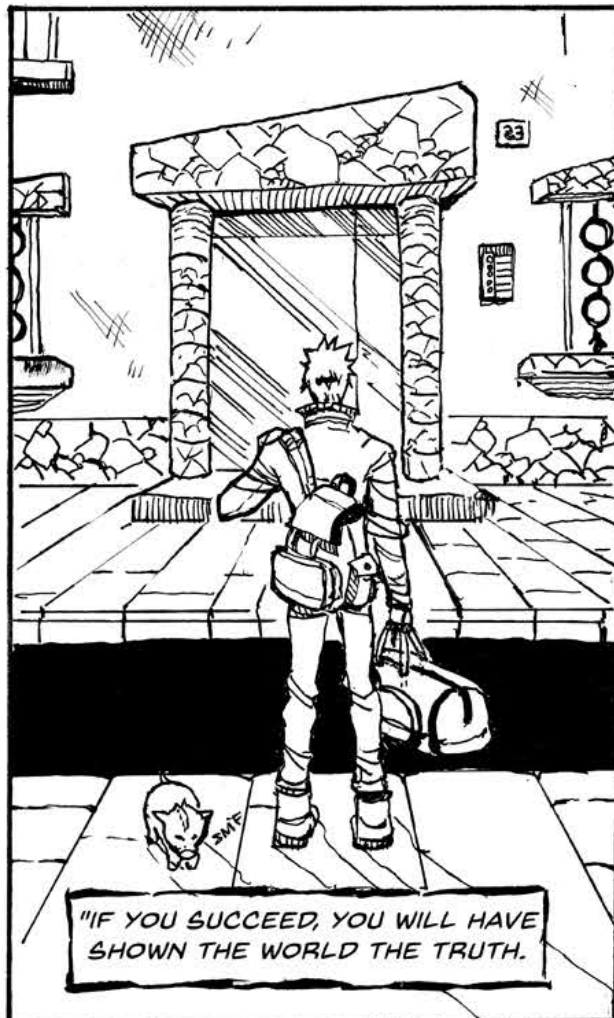
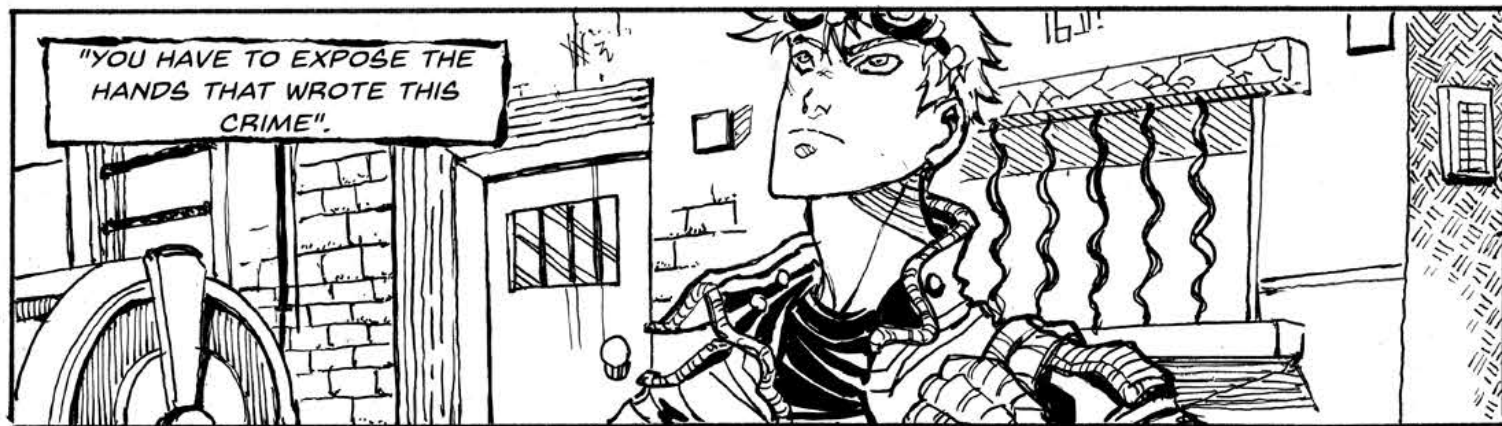
BUT SWEET LORD SHE'S FUCKING HOT WHEN SHE'S ALL DOMINANT AND THROWING INSULTS AT US.

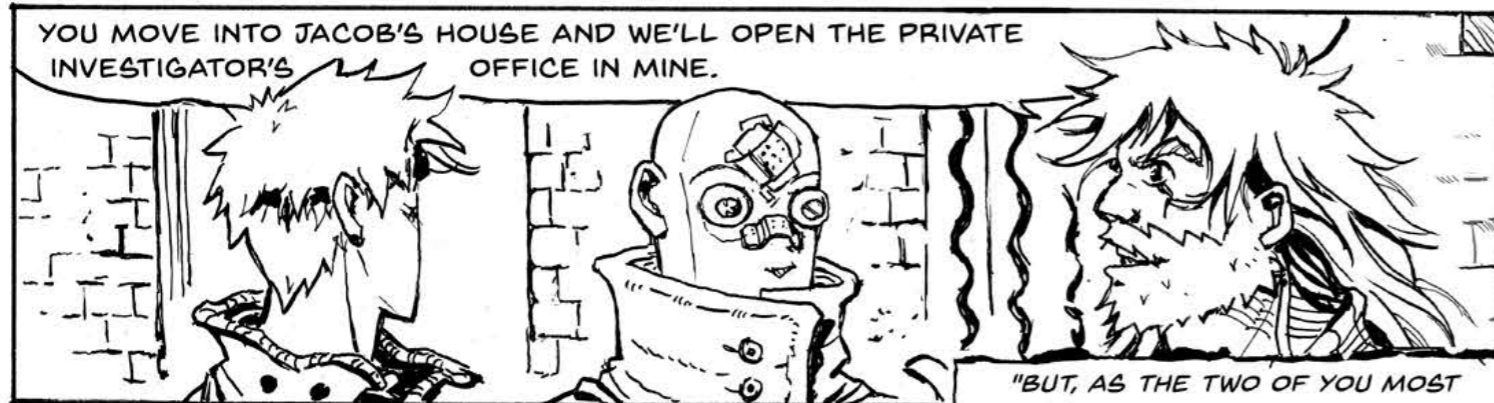
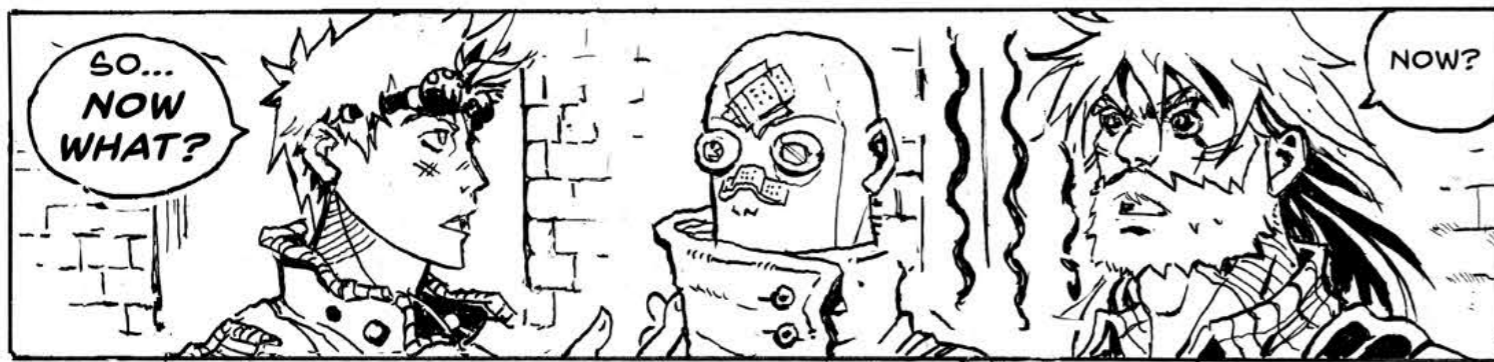
PRETTY SURE SHE WEARS LEATHER AT NIGHT.

YOUR LOVE IS IMPOSSIBLE, ROMEO.

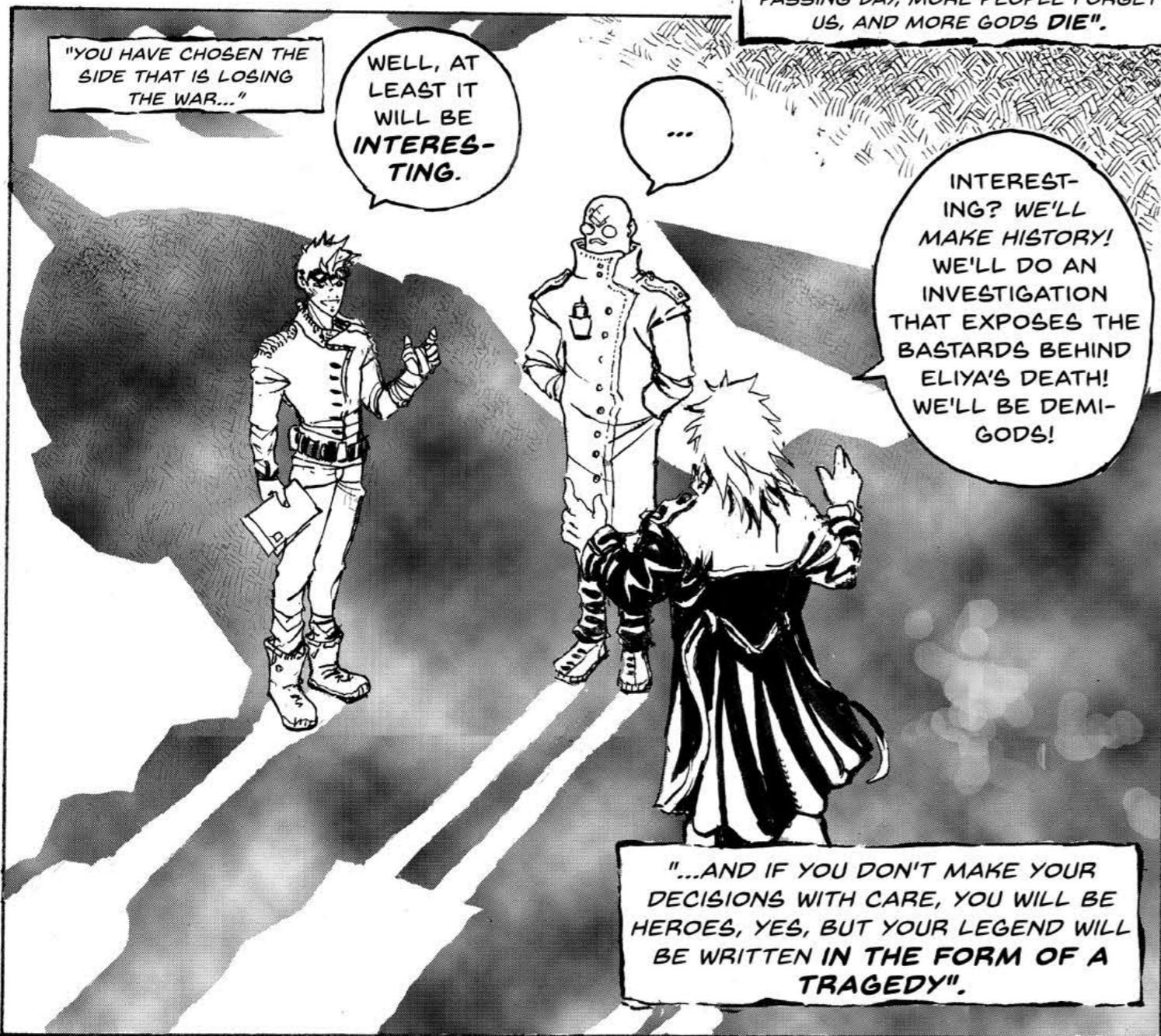
NEVER SAY NEVER, DEAR JACOB.

"FROM THIS DAY FORWARD YOU ARE HEROES WITH A **CAUSE**. EVEN IF YOU WANT TO FORGET IT, IT WILL BE IMPOSSIBLE".





"BUT, AS THE TWO OF YOU MOST VERSED IN MAGIC KNOW, WITH EACH PASSING DAY, MORE PEOPLE FORGET US, AND MORE GODS DIE".



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