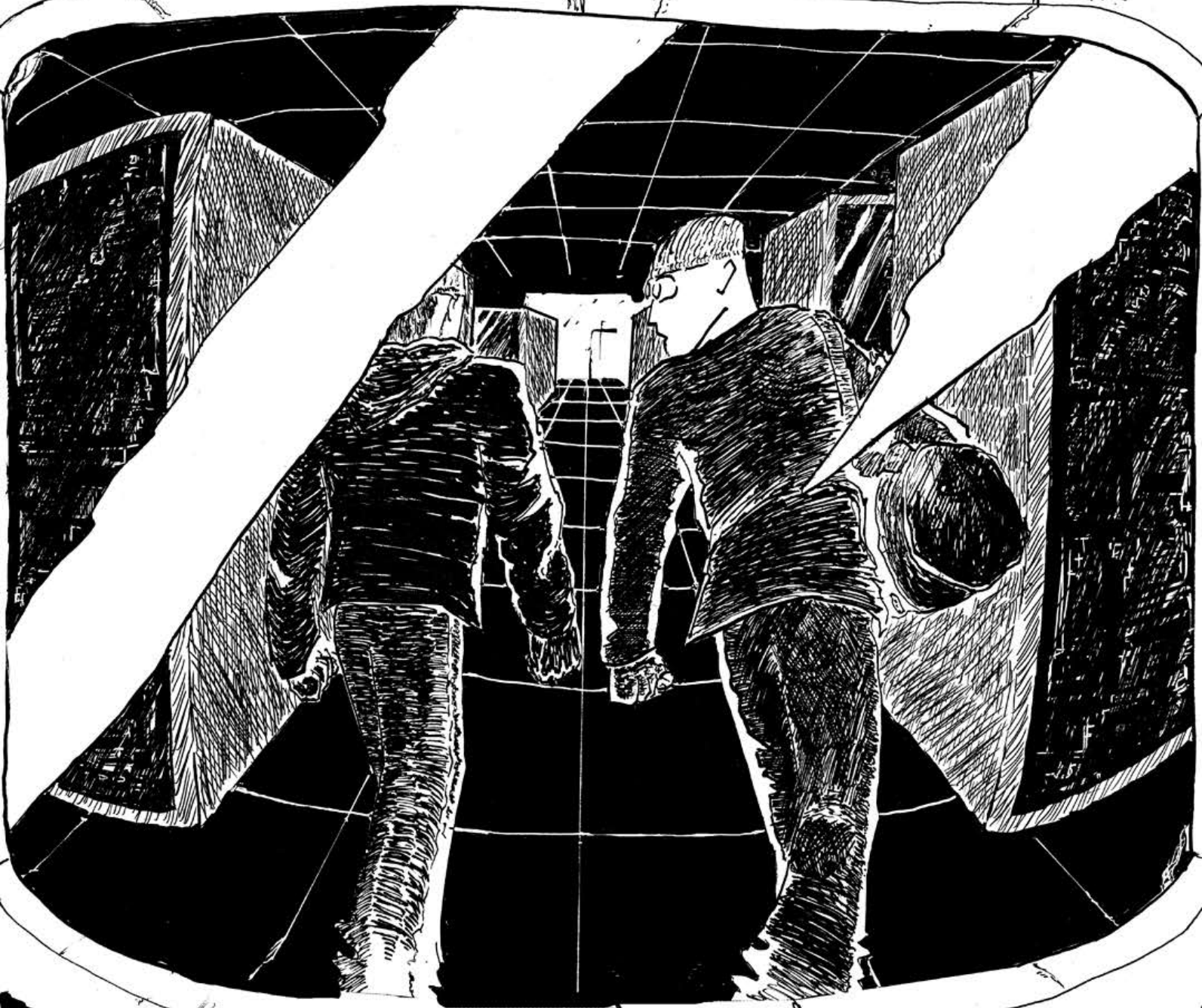


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DON'T SHOOT!

YOU LIED TO US, JULIÁN.

YOU TALKED ABOUT THE SECRET ACCOUNTS.

THAT'S NOT TRUE! I DIDN'T TELL NO ONE ABOUT THE SECRET ACCOUNTS!

YEAH? WHAT THEN, IT'S ALL A BIG COINCIDENCE?

DO YOU BELIEVE IN COINCIDENCES, JULIÁN?



THE RITUAL IS FINISHED. WE CAN GO.

I DON'T GET IT. I THOUGHT YOU WERE THE ONE ADVOCATING TO "STAY IN THE SHADOWS".

YOU WERE RIGHT ABOUT THE TOWERS. I SUSPECT THEY ARE BEING USED FOR SOME KIND OF MIND CONTROL.

NOT SURPRISING, AFTER WHAT HAPPENED TO ME.

IT'S UNSETTLING. IF THEY REALLY HAVE THIS REACH... WHAT'S THEIR OBJECTIVE?

...ANYWAY. WHERE DID YOU FIND THE INFORMATION ABOUT THIS... SUSPICIOUS OFFICE?



I REALLY DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY YOU DO WHAT YOU DO, JACOB.



HRM.



ADAM, REMEMBER WHEN YOU SUMMONED ARES?



UH-HUH.



WHEN I SAW HIM, HE WAS TALKING ABOUT HIS SISTER...



...HE SAID HER SISTER "REIGNED".



WHAT DOES THAT MEAN? WAS HE TALKING LITERALLY OR METAPHORICALLY?



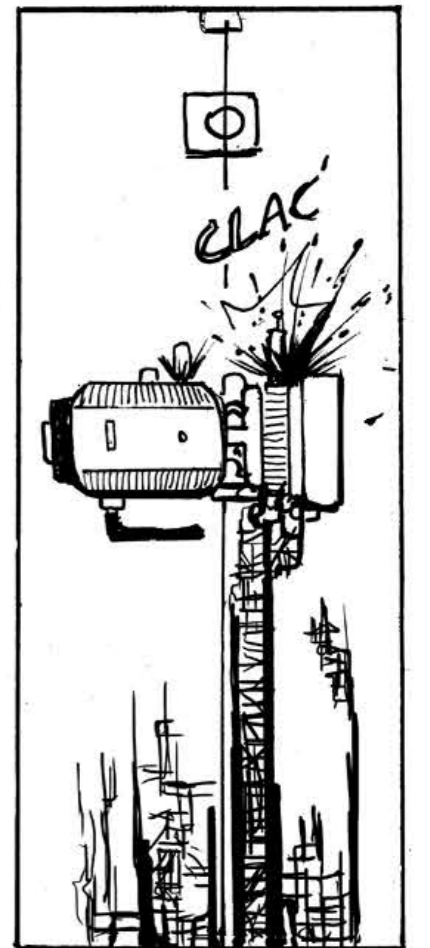
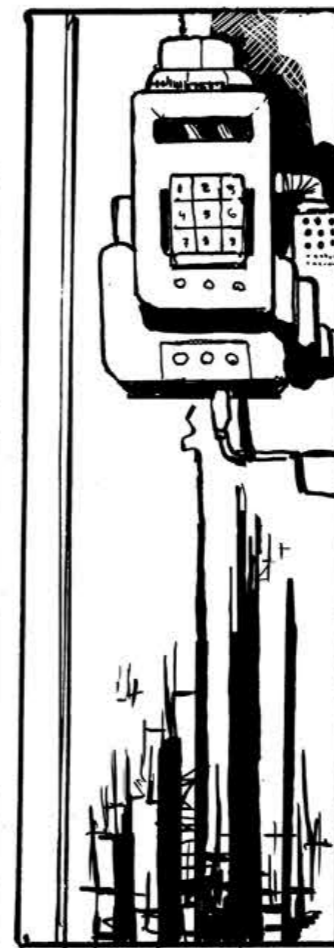
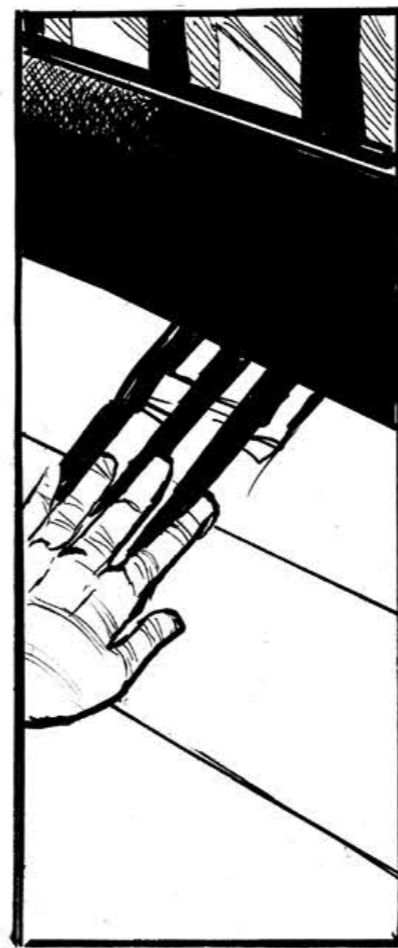
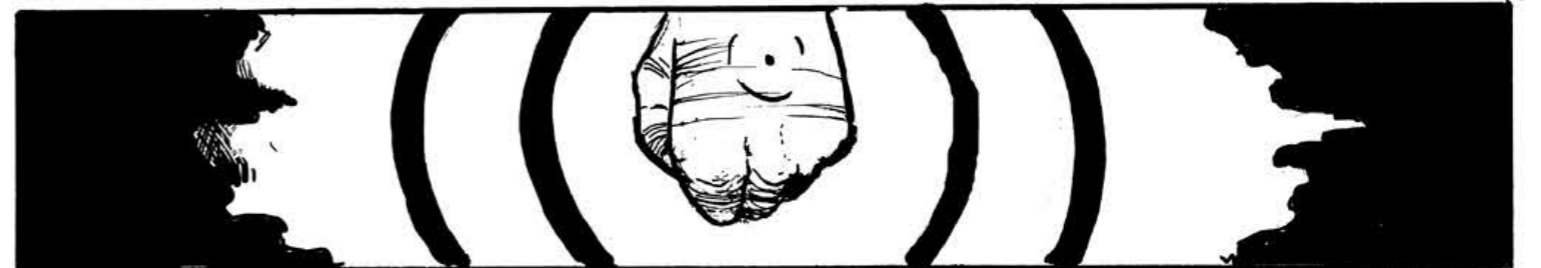
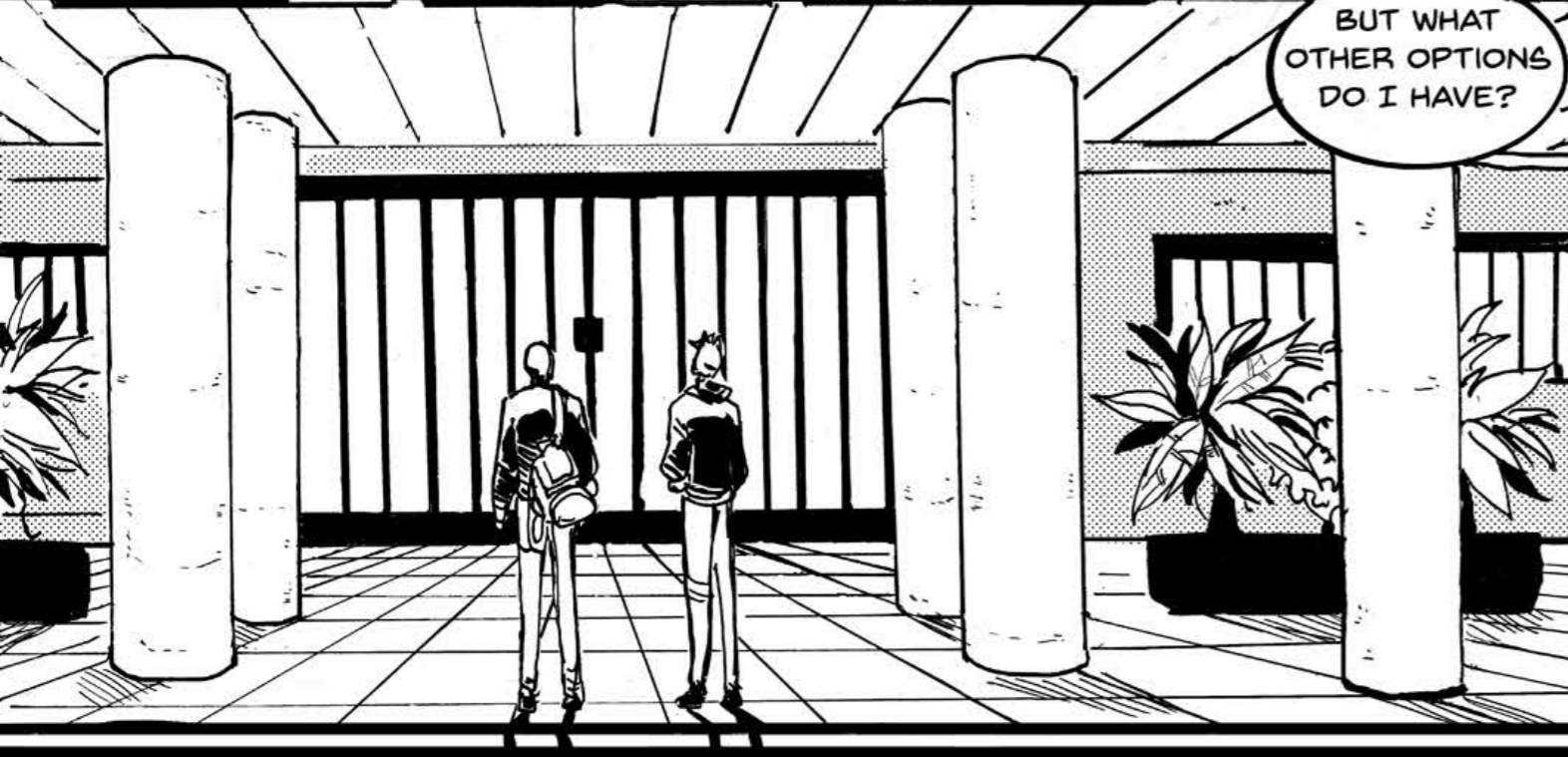
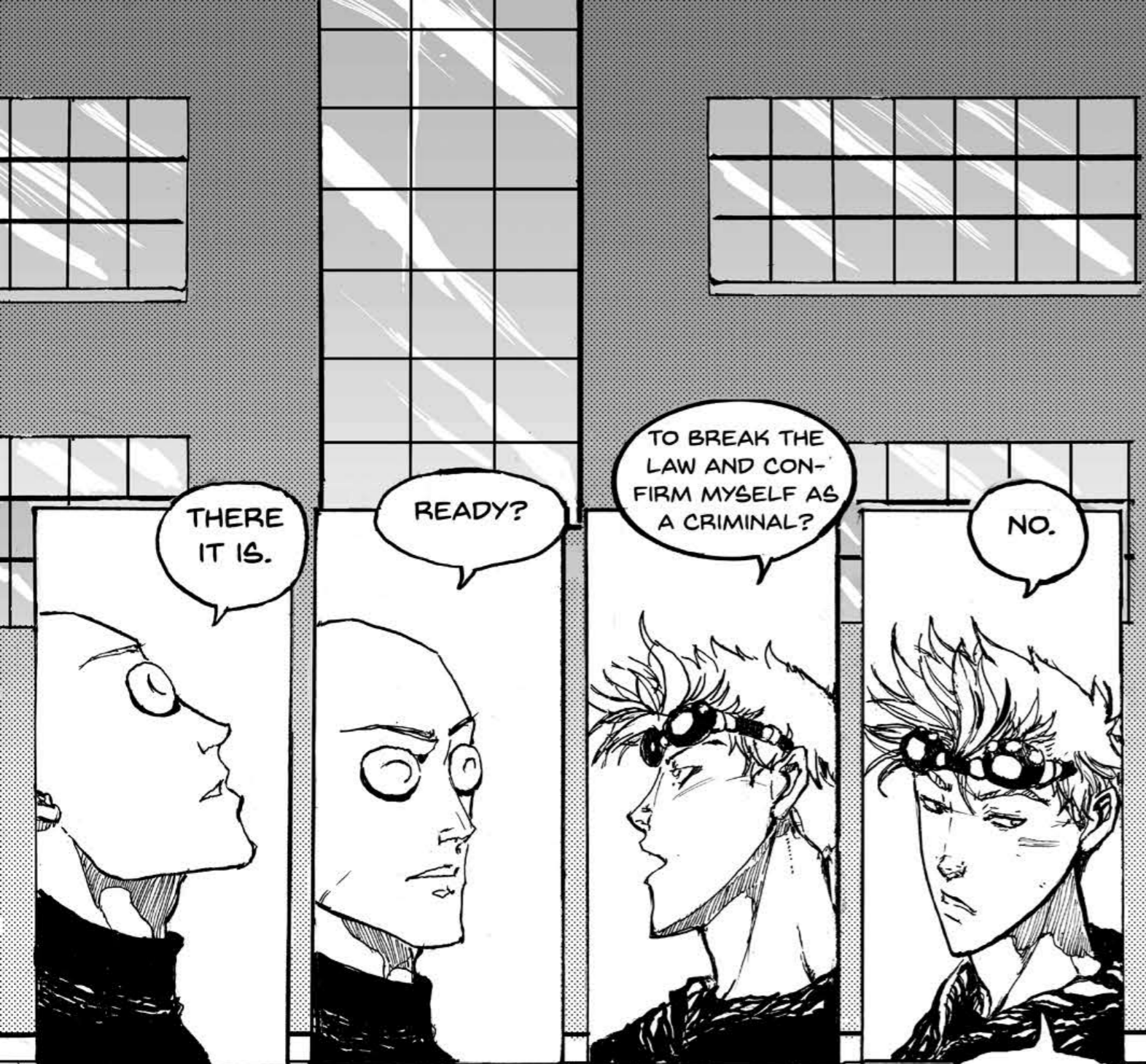
DID HE MEAN HEBE? ENYO? OR ERIS? LET'S SAY IT WAS ERIS, WAS THAT A WAY OF SAYING THE WORLD IS IMMERSSED IN CHAOS?



APPEARING IN THE MEDIA SAVING SNOWFLAKE GREW OUR SOURCES EXPONENTIALLY.

I WANT TO KNOW THOSE THINGS, THE AMOUNT OF TRUTH IT HAS, THE AMOUNT OF LIES IT HAS... I WANT TO KNOW WHAT'S THE... THE TEMPO OF THE WORLD.







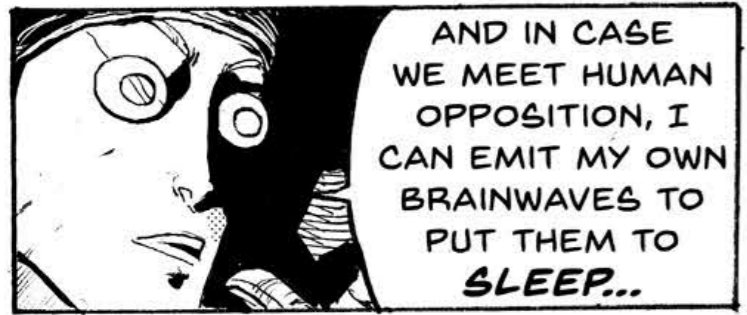
YOU'RE BECOMING QUITE EFFICIENT WITH THE **HAND OF SATAN**.

NOT MUCH ELSE TO DO IN MY SPARE TIME. TRAINING MY HAND AND READING MR. **MAGICK**, THAT'S ABOUT IT.



SHOULDN'T WE BE WORRIED ABOUT THE **CAMERAS**?

THAT'S WHY I SUMMONED **CREEPER**. WE'RE SHIELDED BY HIS ELECTROMAGNETIC DISTORTIONS...



AND IN CASE WE MEET HUMAN OPPOSITION, I CAN EMIT MY OWN BRAINWAVES TO PUT THEM TO **SLEEP...**



TAP TAP TAP TAP



SHOULD I...?



YOUR GOD IS THE SHIT. WHY HAVEN'T YOU TRIED TO INFILTRATE AN IMPORTANT PLACE, LIKE, AN INSTITUTION OF THE GOVERNMENT OR SOMETHING?



MAGIC RUNS ON **CONVICTION**, ADAM.



YOU USE RITUALS, SPELLS... TO CRYSTALLISE A BELIEF SO STRONG THAT IT CAUSES DRASTIC CHANGES IN REALITY. BUT... EVERYONE HAS BELIEFS, YOU SEE?

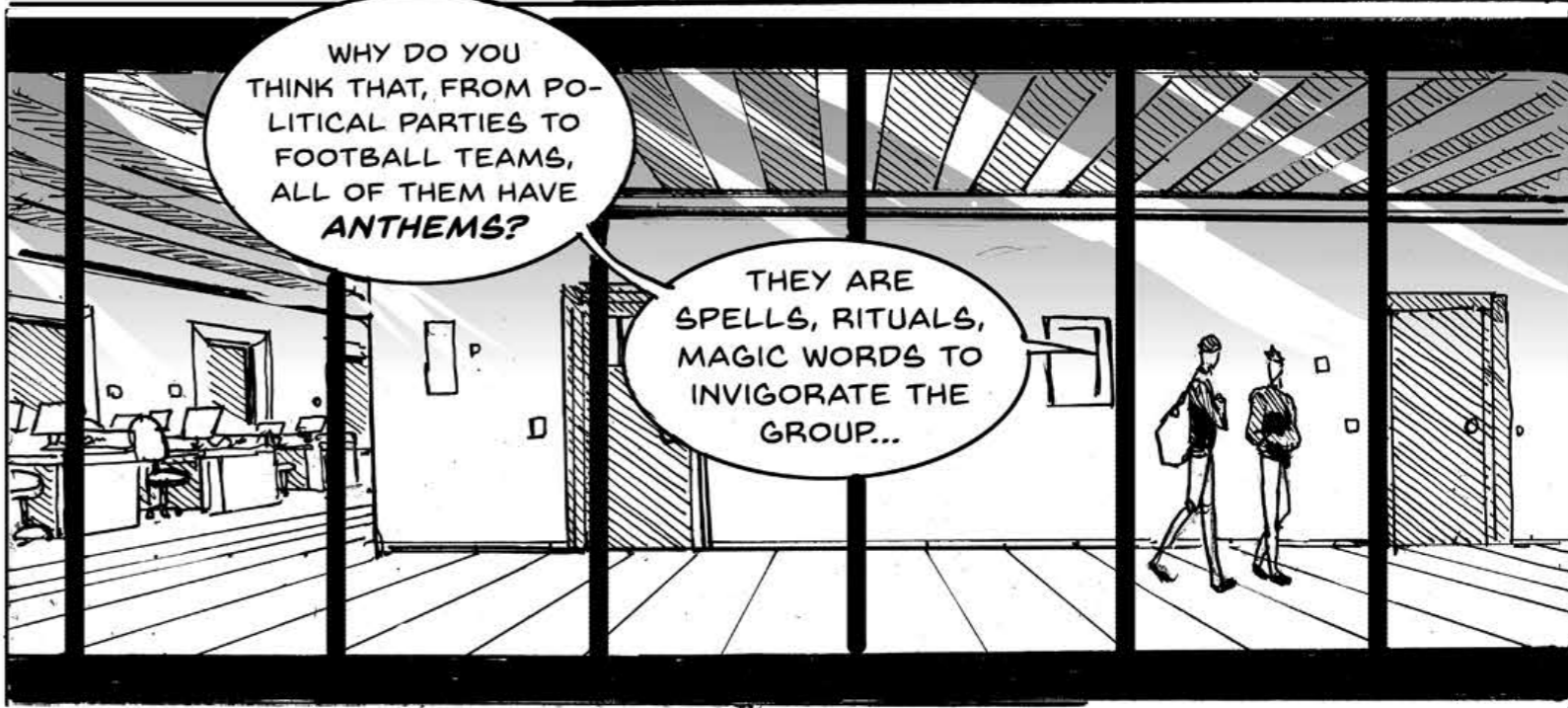
ARE YOU TELLING ME THAT A BUNCH OF PUBLIC WORKERS IS MORE POWERFUL THAN YOU?



DO YOU THINK I HAVE MORE CONVICTION THAN A GOVERNMENT INSTITUTION FULL OF THOUSANDS OF WORKERS? THEY MAY NOT BE TRAINED, BUT THEY ARE MORE NUMEROUS, AND THEY BELIEVE IN VERY POWERFUL SYMBOLS.

EVERY DAY, THEY REIGNITE THEIR **FAITH** IN THE INSTITUTION...

EVEN THOSE WHO **HATE** TO WORK THERE.



WHY DO YOU THINK THAT, FROM POLITICAL PARTIES TO FOOTBALL TEAMS, ALL OF THEM HAVE **ANTHEMS**?

THEY ARE SPELLS, RITUALS, MAGIC WORDS TO INVIGORATE THE GROUP...

ACCORDING TO MY SOURCE...



...THE 23TH FLOOR IS PROTECTED WITH SEVERAL SECURITY CODES. HE GAVE THEM TO US. IF THE SOURCE IS TO BE BELIEVED...

...THERE'S DATA ABOUT THE MYSTERIOUS HERMITES THERE.

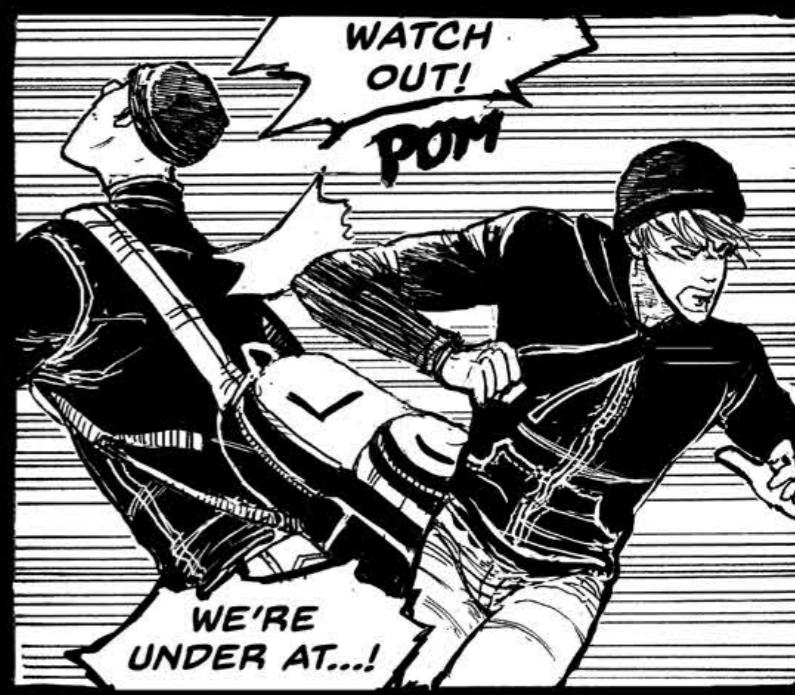
THAT SOURCE DID ALL THE HEAVY LIFTING, HUH.



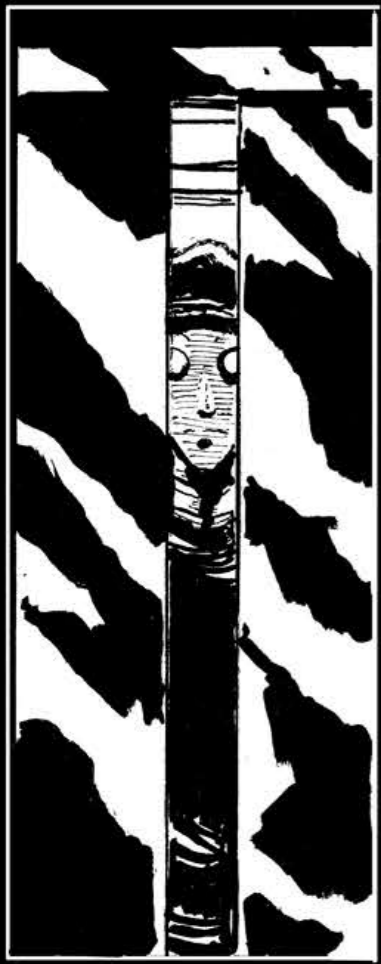
RRRRRRR RRRRRRRR RRRRRR RRRR AH!



JACOB!



WE'RE UNDER AT...!



I DON'T SEE SHIT.

FOLLOW ME.



CAREFUL. I SENSE SECURITY SYSTEMS FAR MORE ADVANCED THAN I EXPECTED.



...TACK



UH... YOUR POWERS WORK JUST FINE, JACOB. THIS GUY IS NOT GAUGING US AS THREATS...

GREAT, I'M VERY HAPPY.

WHICH DATA BANK ARE WE LOOKING FOR?



IT'S IN A SPECIAL ROOM, SUPPOSEDLY.

BESIDES.

ZIP!

WE CAN EXPERIMENT ON IT.

EXPERIMENT?

SURE! THINK ABOUT IT.

USE THIS CONNECTION; WHEN YOU SHORTCIRCUIT THE DATA BANK IT'LL TRY TO LOOK FOR EXTERNAL DISCS THROUGH HERE.

WHERE WAS I... OH, YEAH, THE ROBOT.

THINK ABOUT IT. YOUR POWER IS READING PATTERNS OF INFORMATION, RIGHT? DUDE, THAT'S SOFTWARE. AND I SPEAK WITH THE INORGANIC WORLD... THE HARDWARE.

THERE.

WHY DID YOU GRAB THE ROBOT?

LOOK.

WHY NOT? IT'S ADORABLE!

YOU SAID IT YOURSELF, EVERY ACT IS A MAGIC ACT.

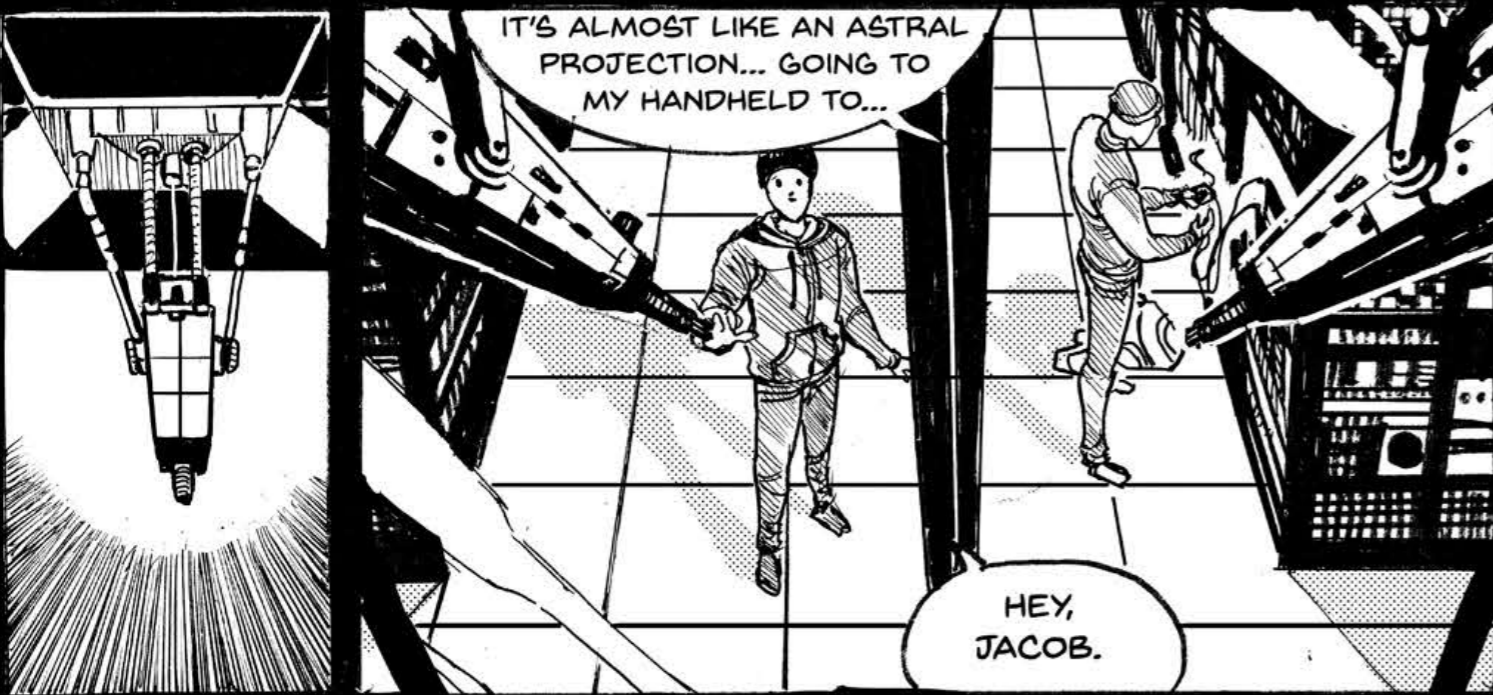
WHY DON'T WE TRY TO FILL THE ROBOT WITH ESOTERIC CODES INSTEAD OF COMPUTER ONES AND SEE WHAT HAPPENS?

YOU HAVE BETTER IDEAS THAN I EXPECTED.



STAY ALERT.

I HAVE TO CONNECT WITH MY HANDHELD TO SPEED THE INTRUSION.



IT'S ALMOST LIKE AN ASTRAL PROJECTION... GOING TO MY HANDHELD TO...

HEY, JACOB.

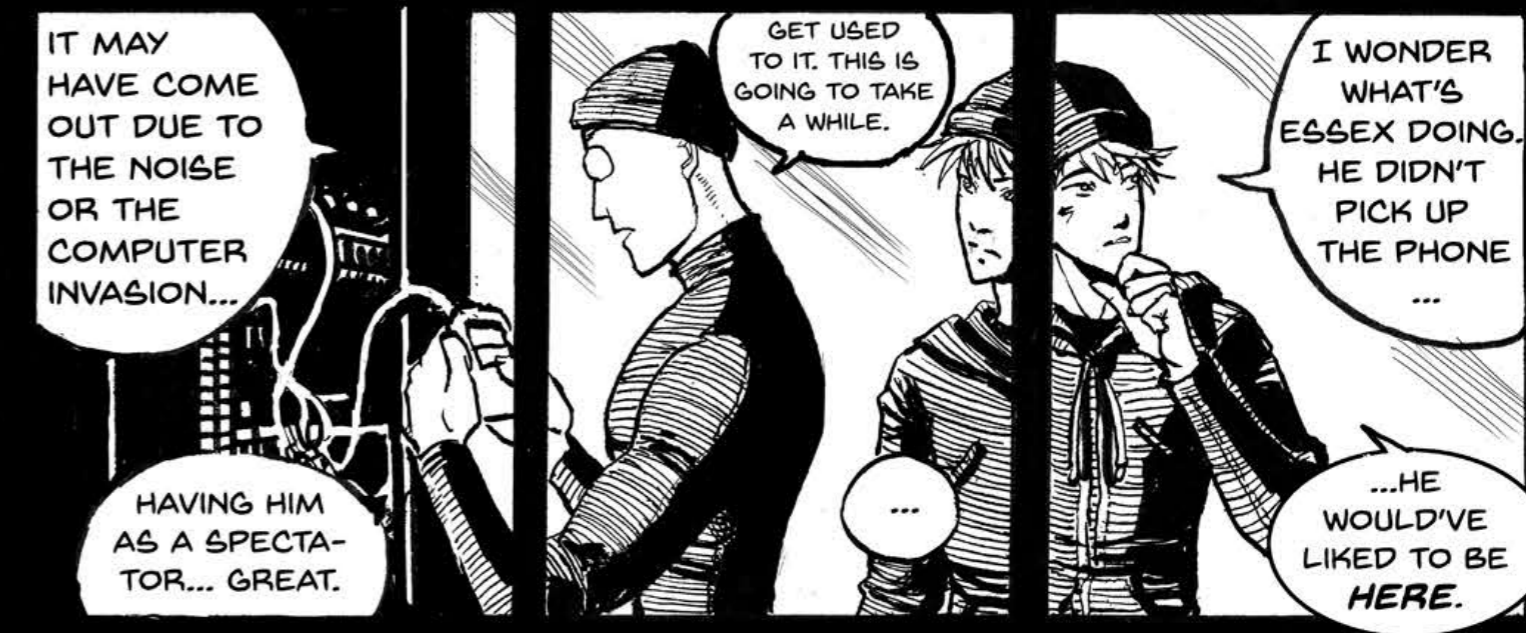


A GUN SPRANG... FROM THE CEILING. THIS TECHNOLOGY...

DON'T WORRY. WE'RE STILL UNDER PROTECTION, IT WON'T DO ANYTHING.



I'VE NEVER SEEN TECH LIKE THIS IN MY WHOLE LIFE. WHO ARE WE FIGHTING?



IT MAY HAVE COME OUT DUE TO THE NOISE OR THE COMPUTER INVASION...

HAVING HIM AS A SPECTATOR... GREAT.

GET USED TO IT. THIS IS GOING TO TAKE A WHILE.

I WONDER WHAT'S ESSEX DOING. HE DIDN'T PICK UP THE PHONE ...

...HE WOULD'VE LIKED TO BE HERE.



OH.

AH!

SEE HOW I WAS RIGHT IN FIRING YOU? OH, YOU'RE SUCH A PERVERTED, DIRTY HIPPIE...

YOUR PLACE IS NOT THE PRECINCT, MORE LIKE THE PRISOOOOOOH!



OOH, YES!





NGG.



NOT SURPRISED THERE'S SO LITTLE SECURITY...



ALL THIS DATA IS PROTECTED WITH QUANTUM CRYPTOGRAPHY... I'M COPYING IT TO MY HARD DRIVE, BUT I DON'T THINK I'LL BE ABLE TO ACCESS IT.



CAN YOU AT LEAST HAVE A GLIMPSE? WITH YOUR POWERS?



WHAT CAN THEY HIDE IN SOME BANK ACCOUNTS, AFTER ALL?



GIVE ME A SECOND.



...



THE PATTERNS I GLIMPSE ...



...THEY'RE GRAMMATICAL, NOT NUMERICAL.



THE SCREEN WON'T...



I'M ON IT!



WHAT?



I CAN'T SAY FOR SURE, BUT...



...IT'S NOT MONEY, IT'S INFORMATION. THE ACCOUNTS HAVE... MESSAGES?



MAYBE I CAN... "SEE" SOME MORE...



HM... JACOB... MAYBE YOU'RE LOSING FOCUS...



THOSE RIFLES SEEM ABOUT TO...



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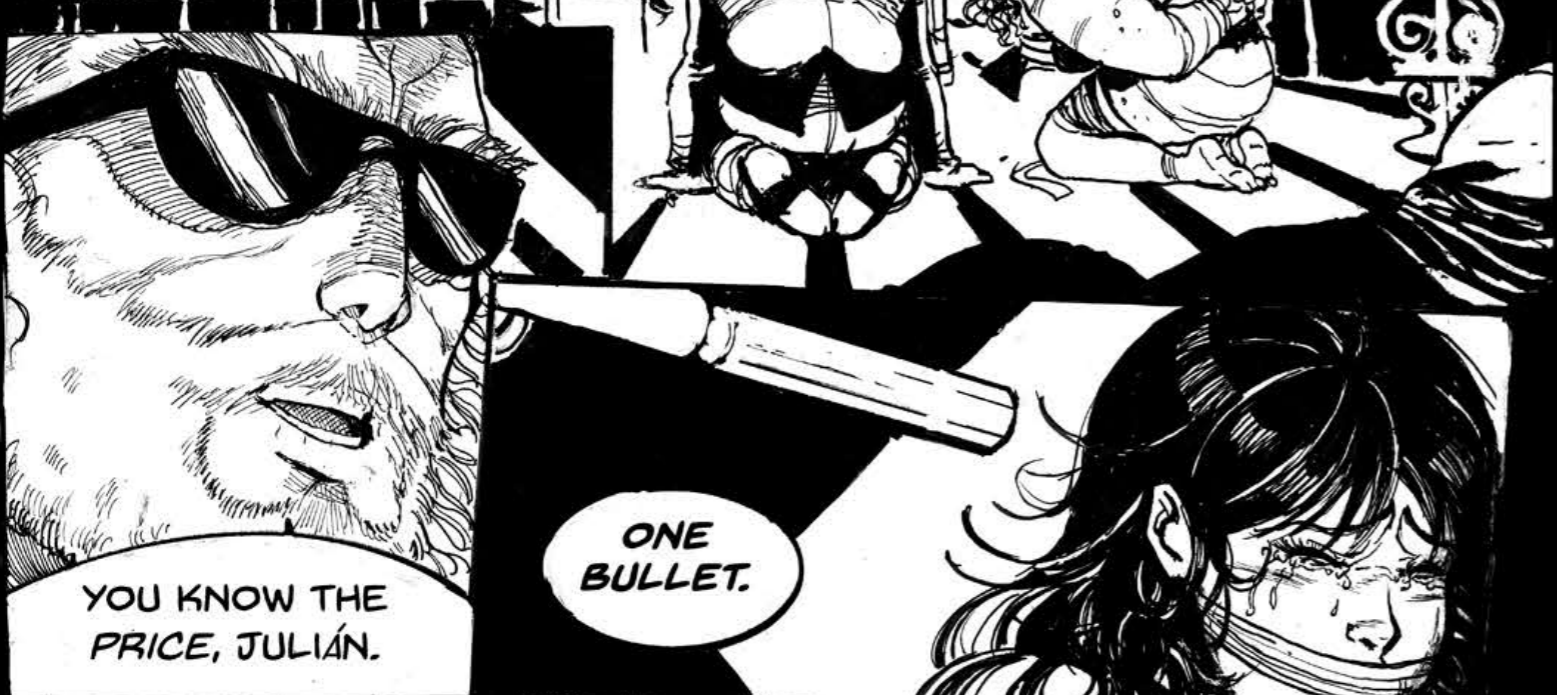
YOU NEED TO TRAIN MORE YOUR HAND.



THERE WAS A MASSIVE DATA THEFT. SENSITIVE INFORMATION. NO SIGNS OF BREAK-IN IN FLOOR 23, THEY GOT IN THERE WITH THE **CODES.**

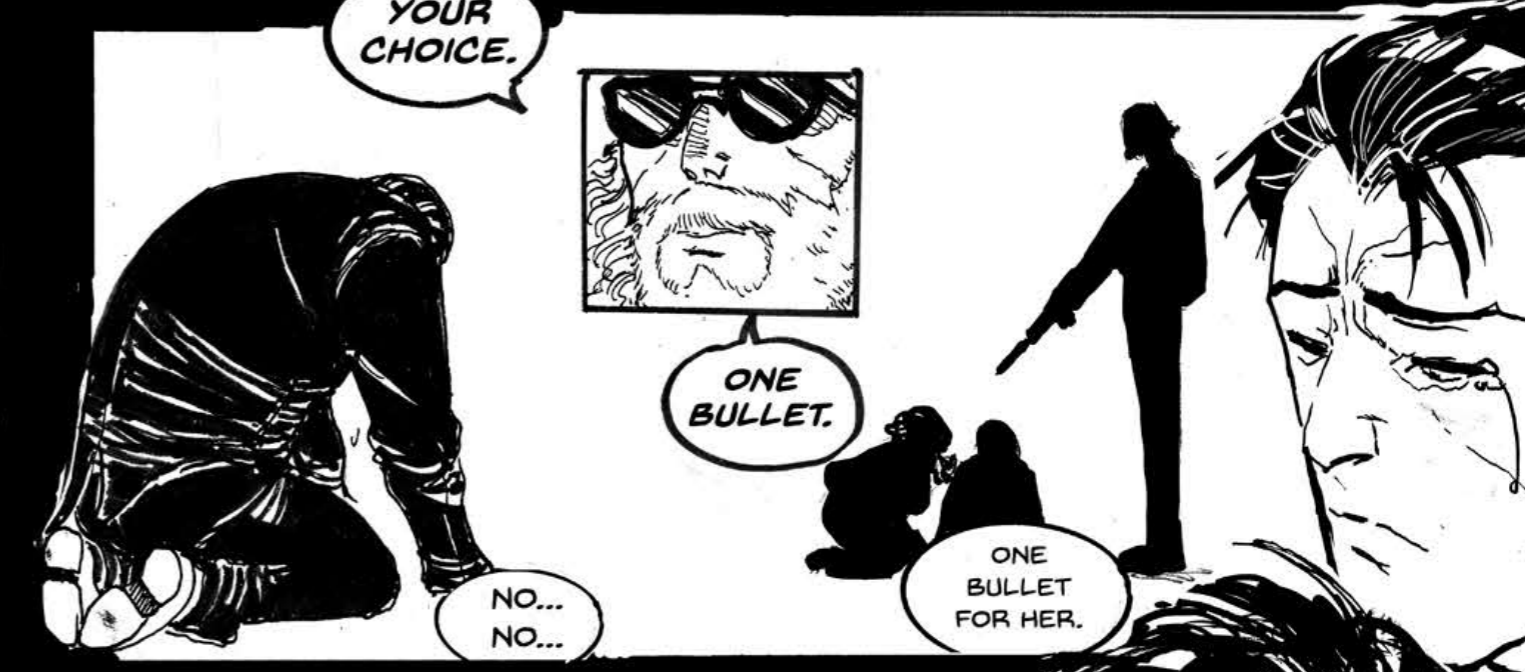


NOT HER. HUM. YOU REALLY ENJOY BEING THE MARTYR, HUH? IS THAT WHY YOU TALKED TO THE PRESS? TO TELL THEM HOW MUCH YOU SUFFER BECAUSE WE MADE YOU **RICH AND POWERFUL?**



**ONE BULLET.**

YOU KNOW THE PRICE, JULIÁN.

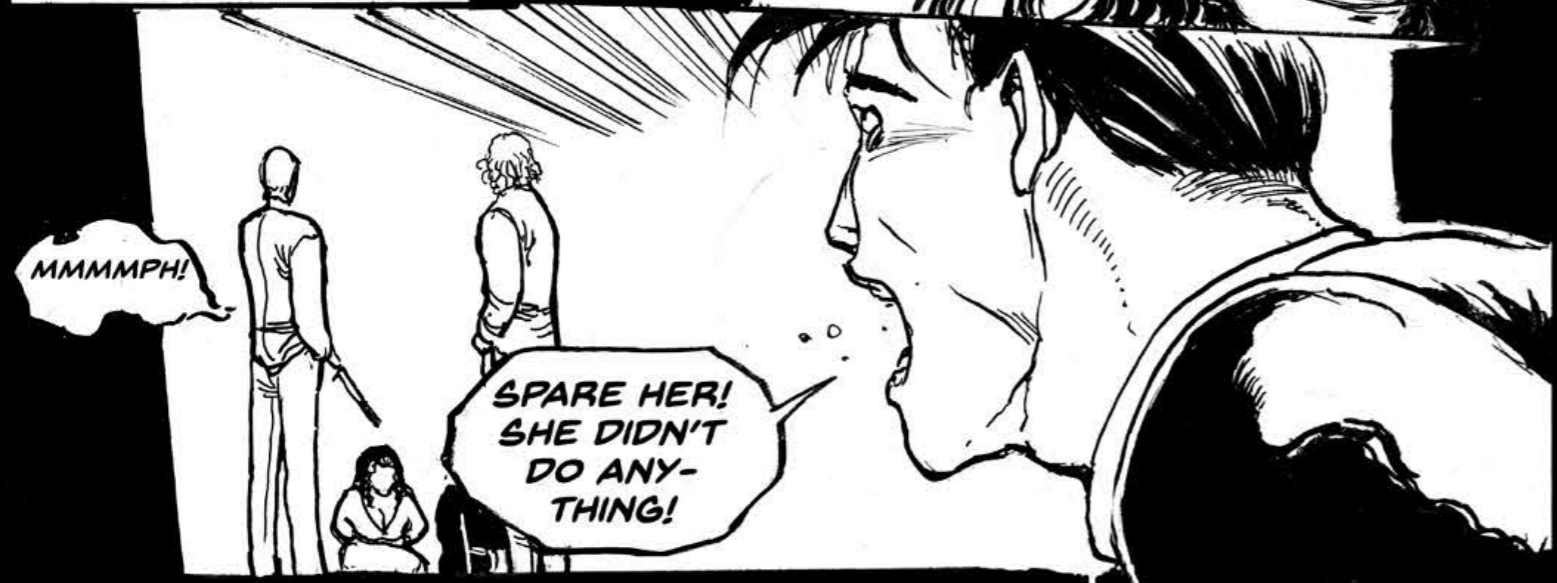


**YOUR CHOICE.**

**ONE BULLET.**

NO... NO...

**ONE BULLET FOR HER.**



**SPARE HER! SHE DIDN'T DO ANYTHING!**

MMMMPH!



**ONE BULLET FOR YOU.**

**DON'T SH... LISTEN!**

**I HAVE INFORMATION! ABOUT THE GUY THAT KILLED ADAM! I-I MEAN ELIYA, THE GUY THAT KILLED ELIYA!**



I-I HAVE IMPORTANT INFORMATION.

...

WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR?



GO ON.



I D-DON'T HAVE... I KNOW TWO COPS, THEY WILL GIVE YOU ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW...



PLEASE...



THIS SHOULD BE SUFFICIENT...



NO!



NO.



WE'LL CHECK WHAT YOU'VE GIVEN US.

NO...



DON'T EVEN TRY TO EXIT THE HOUSE.

WE HAVE GUARDS POSTED.



NO... NO...

NO... GOD, NO ...



HI, JULIÁN!

IS EVERYTHING FINE?

# ...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). THANK YOU!

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