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TROYES COLLEGE
RESIDENTIAL BUILDING.
FRANCE.

WAS IT NECESSARY
TO MAKE ME COME TO
FRANCE IN A FUCKING BUS,
JACOB? YOU KNOW HOW
MUCH **ARMPIT FUNK** I
SWALLOWED, ASS-
HOLE?

SORRY. I'M
PRETTY SURE
WE'RE BEING
WATCHED.

EVEN MY UP-
GRADE WAS A
TRAP FROM
THE EBI*.

*EBI: EUROPEAN BUREAU OF INFORMATION

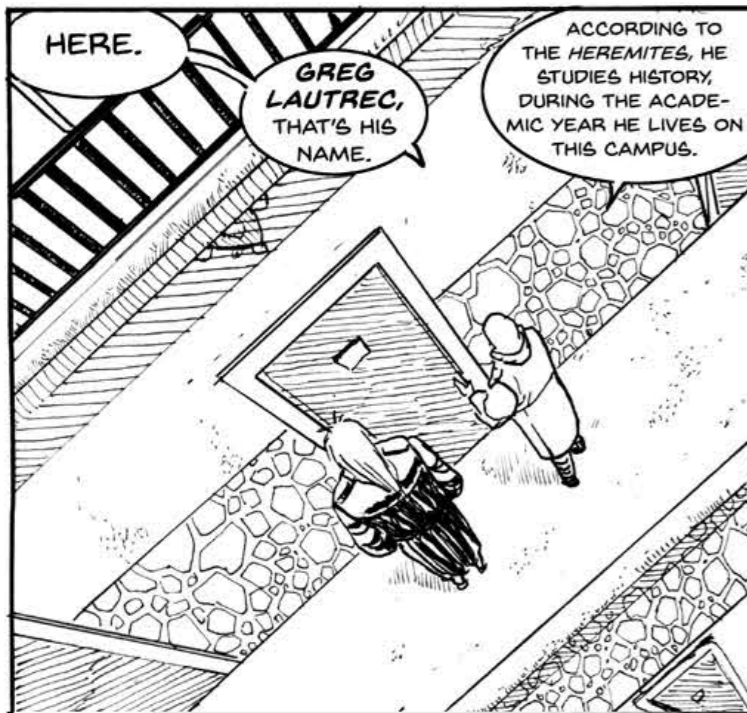
RÉSIDENCE
UNIVERSITAIRE

ALSO, I THINK THAT
THEIR CELL TOWERS'
MIND CONTROL
TECHNOLOGY CAN
DETECT US...

YEAH, ADAM TALKED TO
THAT SIGURD IDIOT. HE SAID
SOMETHING LIKE THAT, BUT
HE IMPLIED THAT THEIR
RANGE IS LIMITED TO THE
BIG CITIES...

URGEIST.
THERE'S ONLY
TWO OF
THEM.

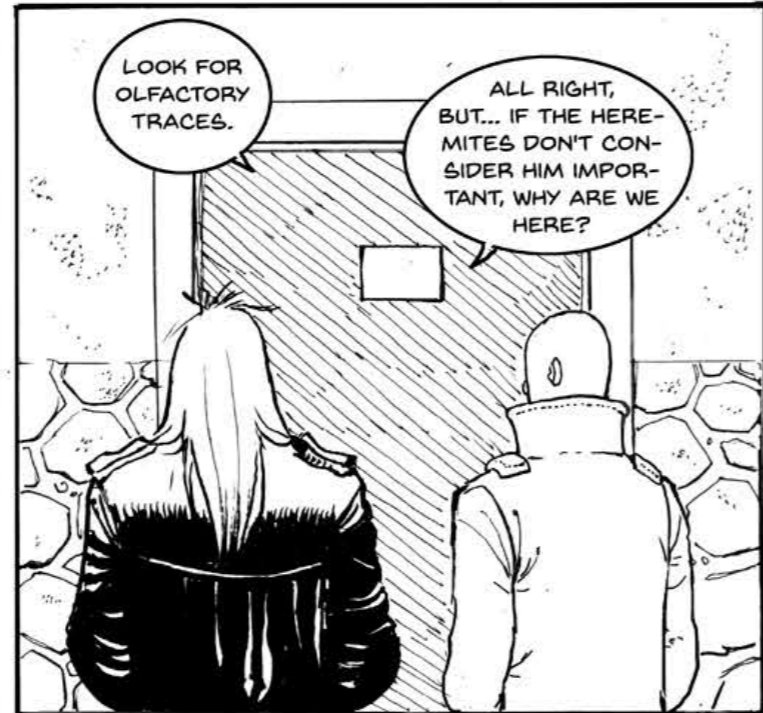
JACOB AND
ESSEX.



HERE.

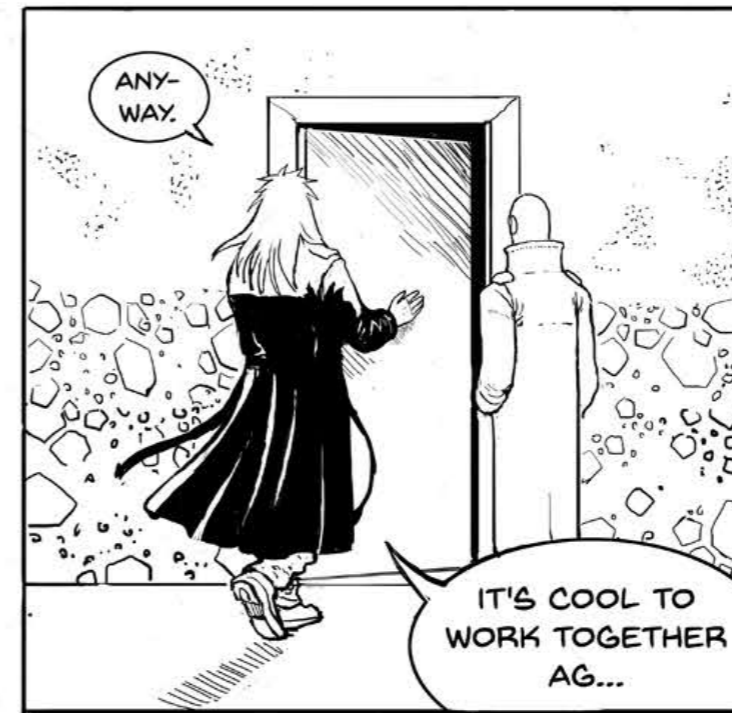
GREG LAUTREC, THAT'S HIS NAME.

ACCORDING TO THE HEREMITES, HE STUDIES HISTORY, DURING THE ACADEMIC YEAR HE LIVES ON THIS CAMPUS.



LOOK FOR OLFACTORY TRACES.

ALL RIGHT, BUT... IF THE HEREMITES DON'T CONSIDER HIM IMPORTANT, WHY ARE WE HERE?

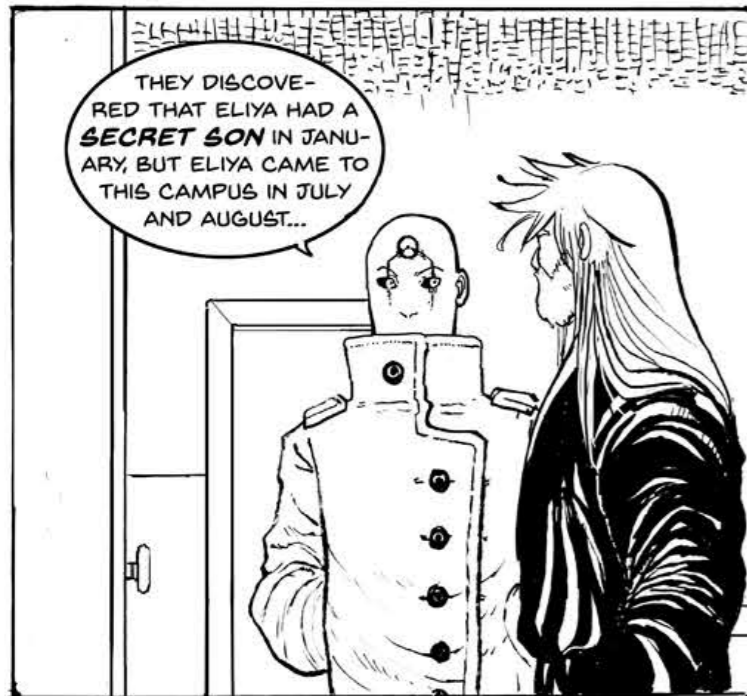


ANYWAY.

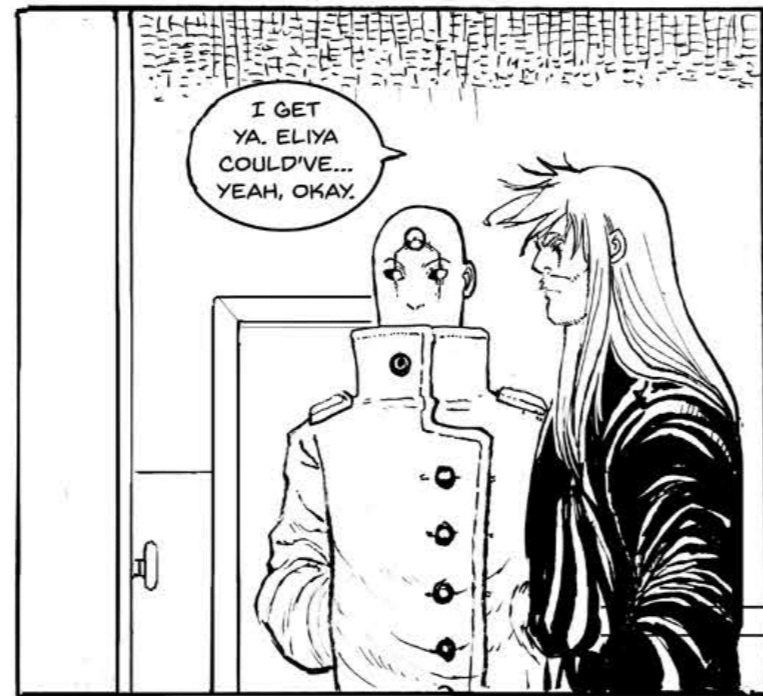
IT'S COOL TO WORK TOGETHER AG...



EH... ESSEX, WHAT...?



THEY DISCOVERED THAT ELIYA HAD A SECRET SON IN JANUARY, BUT ELIYA CAME TO THIS CAMPUS IN JULY AND AUGUST...



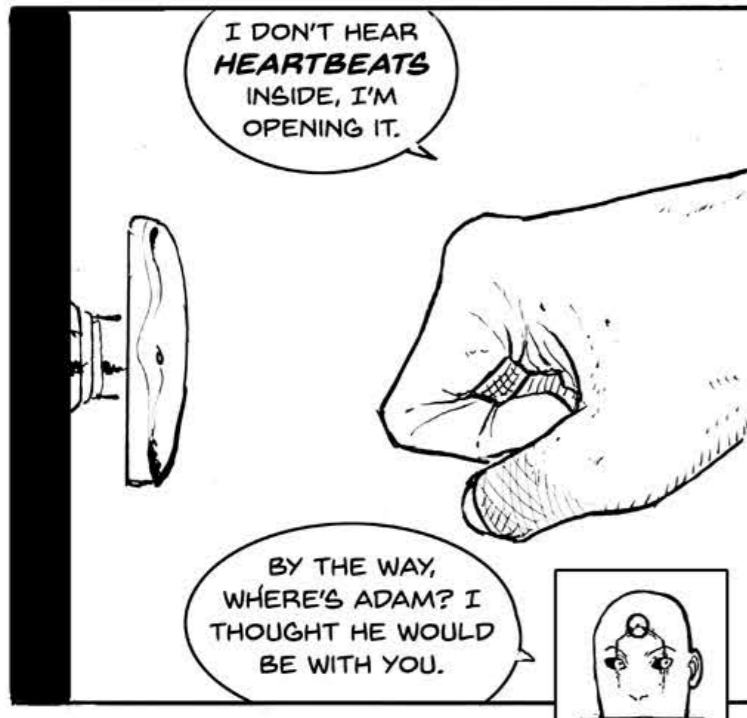
I GET YA. ELIYA COULD'VE... YEAH, OKAY.



SEE YA, ALLY!

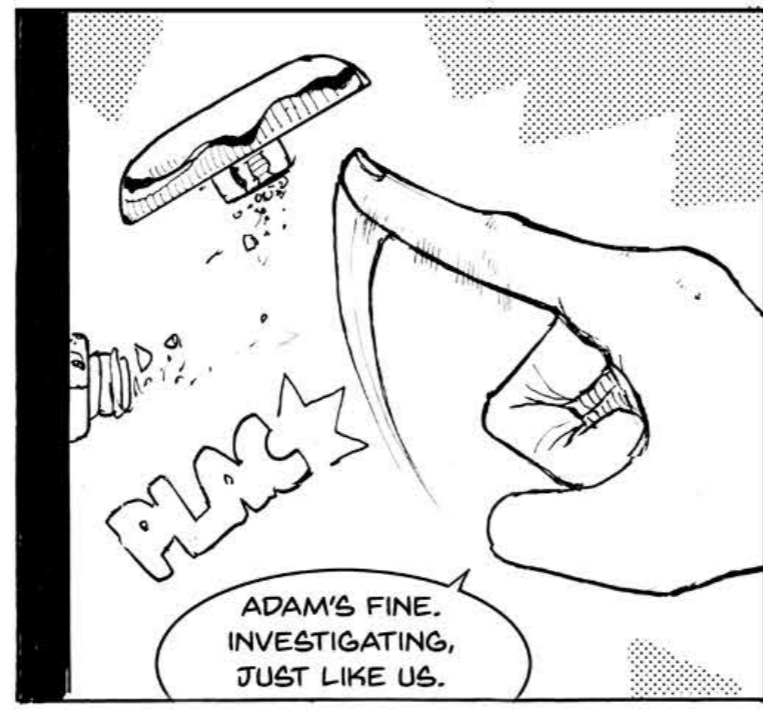
LATER!

WH-WHAT JUS...?



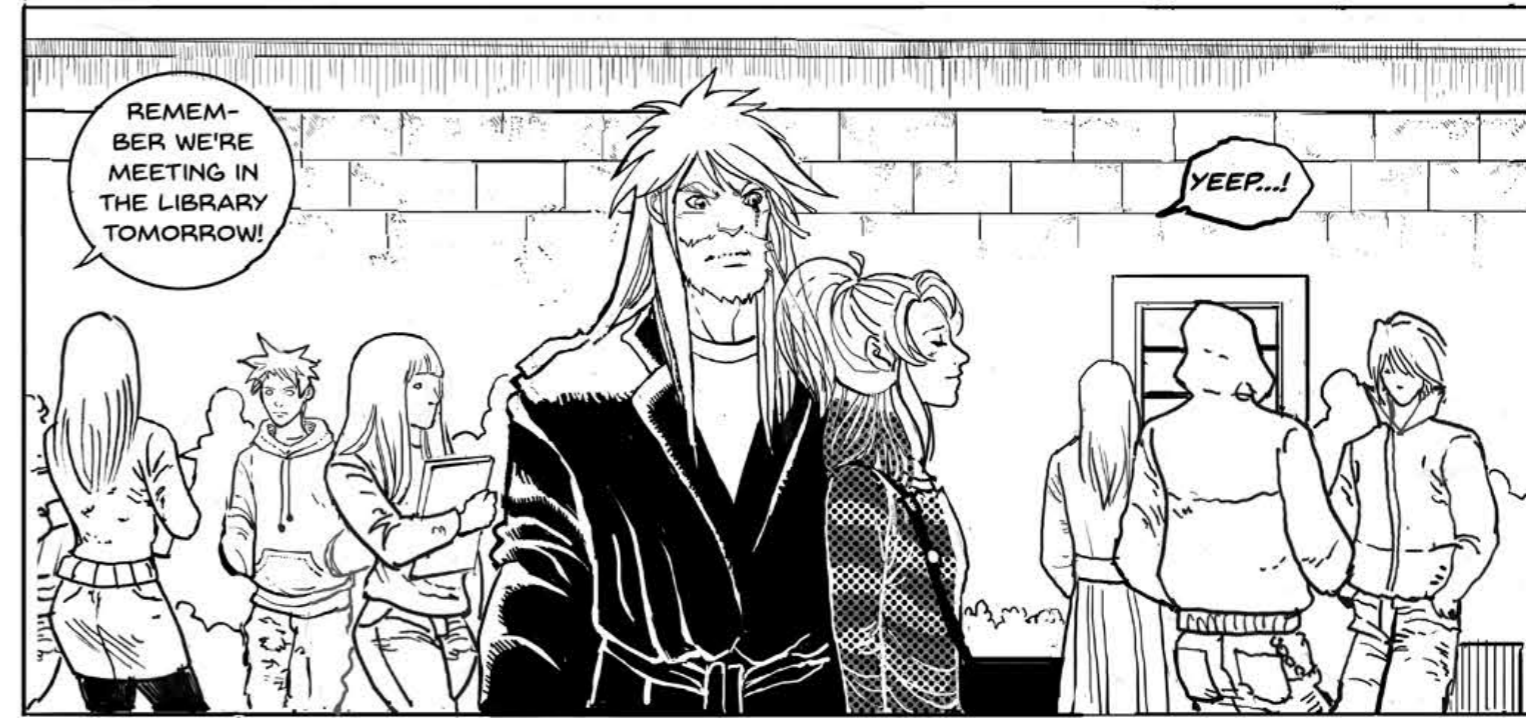
I DON'T HEAR HEARTBEATS INSIDE, I'M OPENING IT.

BY THE WAY, WHERE'S ADAM? I THOUGHT HE WOULD BE WITH YOU.



PLAKK

ADAM'S FINE. INVESTIGATING, JUST LIKE US.



REMEMBER WE'RE MEETING IN THE LIBRARY TOMORROW!

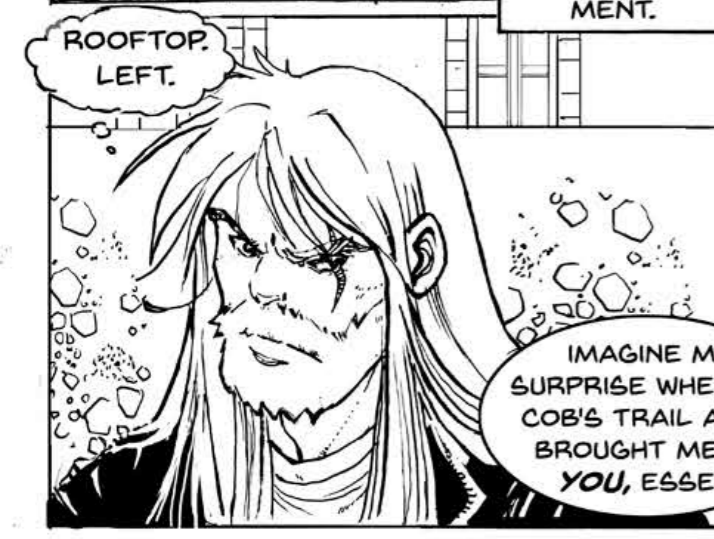
YEEP...!



YOU KNOW WHERE, ESSEX. IN THE DIMENSION OF PAIN AND PUNISHMENT.



OH. YOU.



IMAGINE MY SURPRISE WHEN JACOB'S TRAIL ALSO BROUGHT ME TO YOU, ESSEX.



KID, WHO...? WHAT'RE YOU DOING HERE?*



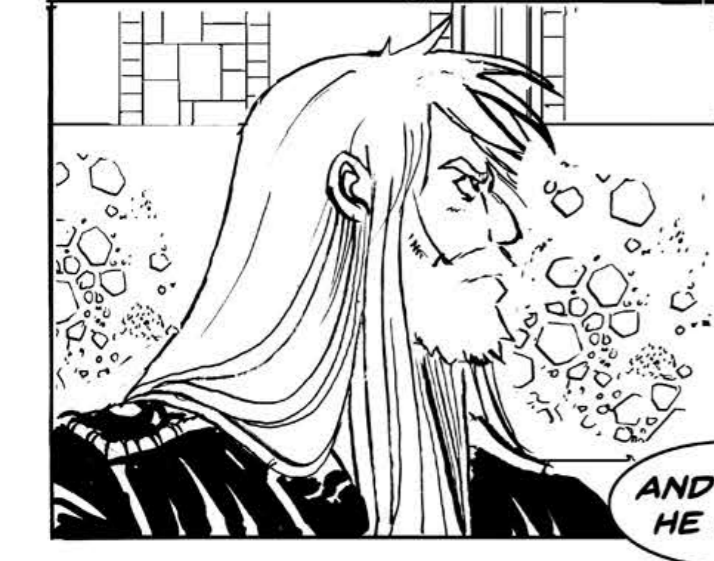
YOU'RE NOT JACOB!



AND WHY DON'T YOU COME DOWN HERE AND SOLVE THIS IN A PROPER FIGHT, HUH?



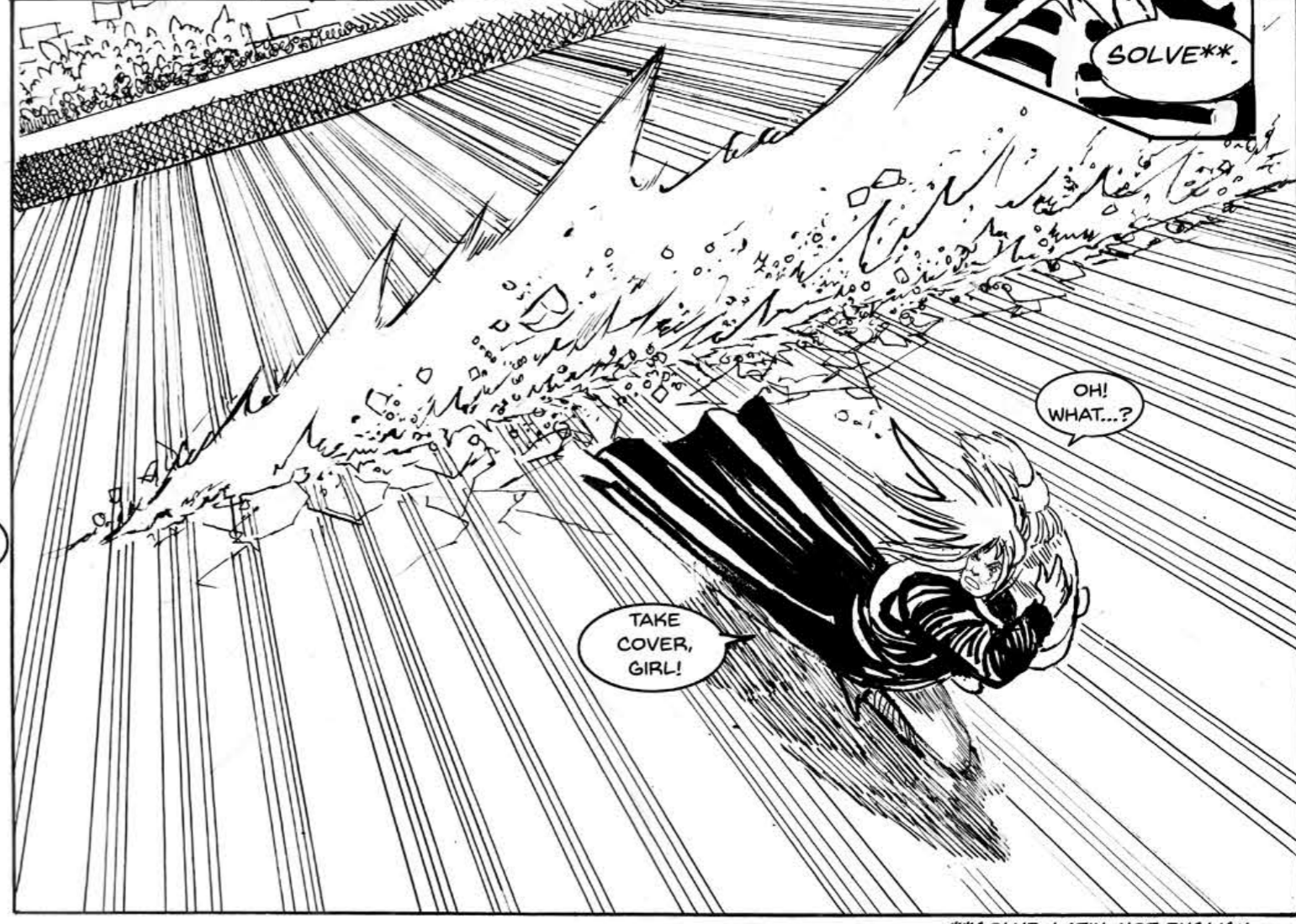
BESIDES, JACOB, THE GUEST OF HONOR, IS MISSING!



AND HERE HE CO...!



W-WHAT...?



TAKE COVER, GIRL!

OH! WHAT...?

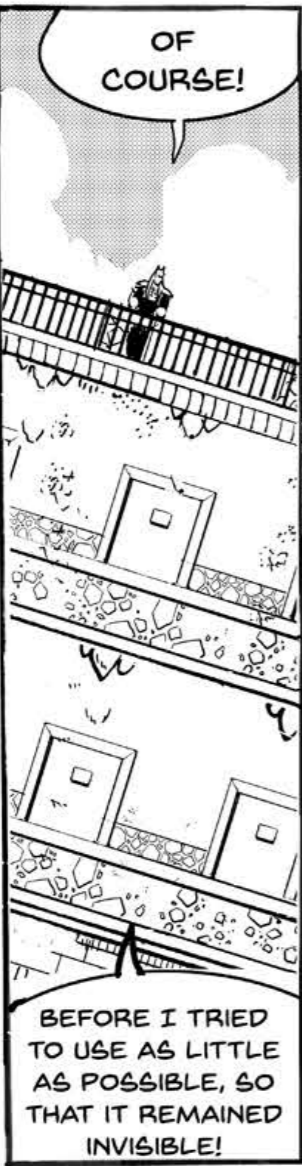


SOLVE**.

**SOLVE: LATIN, NOT ENGLISH.

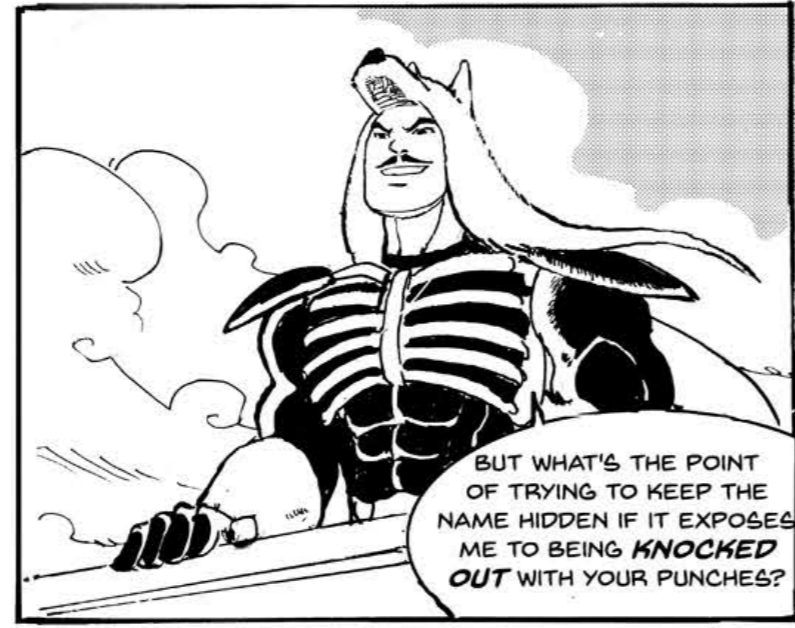


NOW YOU HIT HARDER, EH! YOU'RE GONNA EXPOSE THE **NAME** OF THE DEMON!

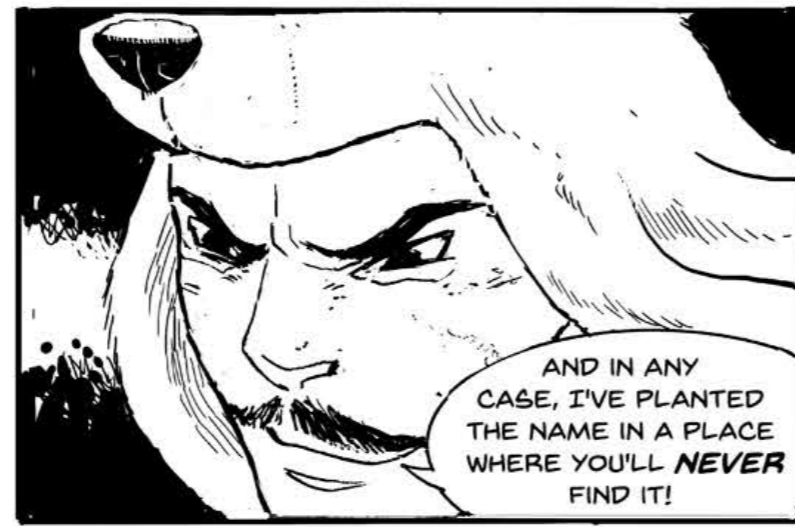


OF COURSE!

BEFORE I TRIED TO USE AS LITTLE AS POSSIBLE, SO THAT IT REMAINED INVISIBLE!



BUT WHAT'S THE POINT OF TRYING TO KEEP THE NAME HIDDEN IF IT EXPOSES ME TO BEING **KNOCKED OUT** WITH YOUR PUNCHES?



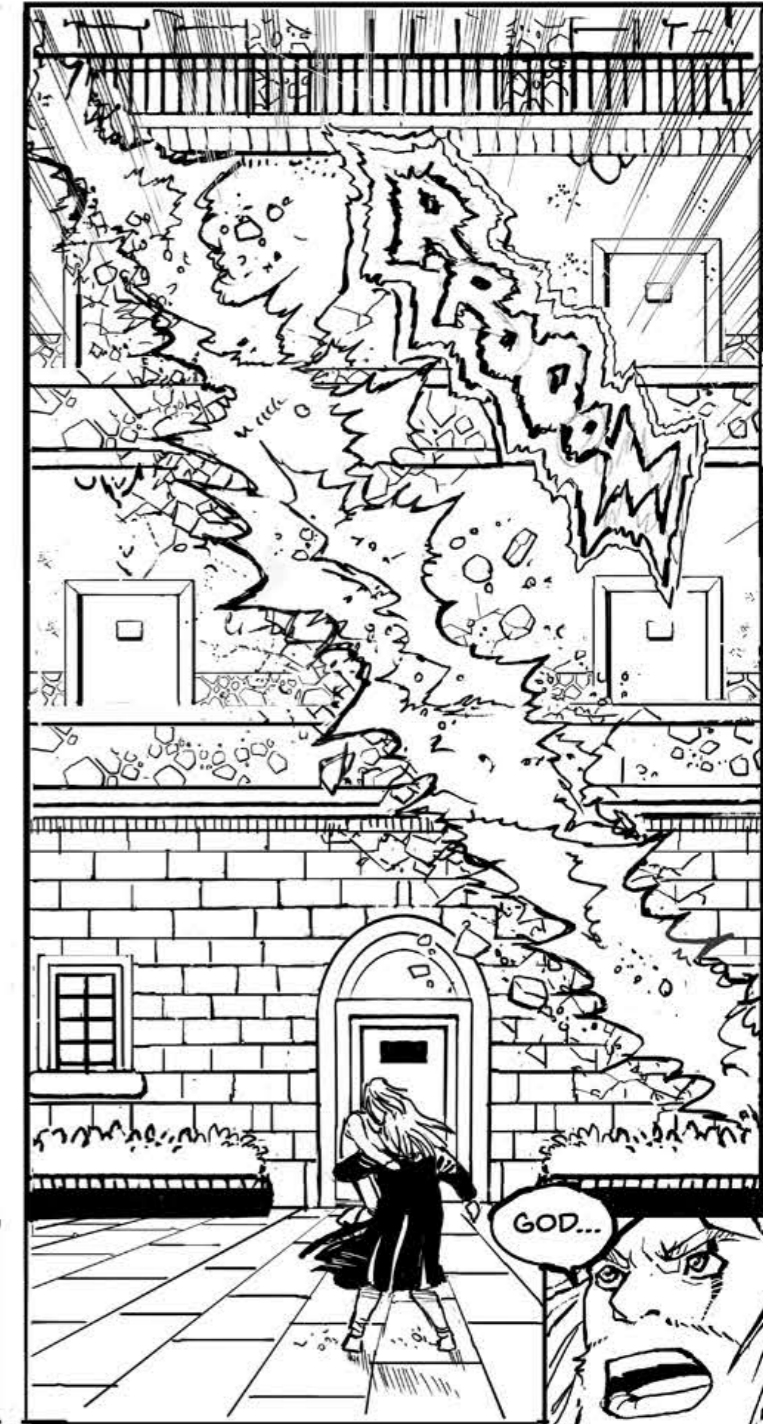
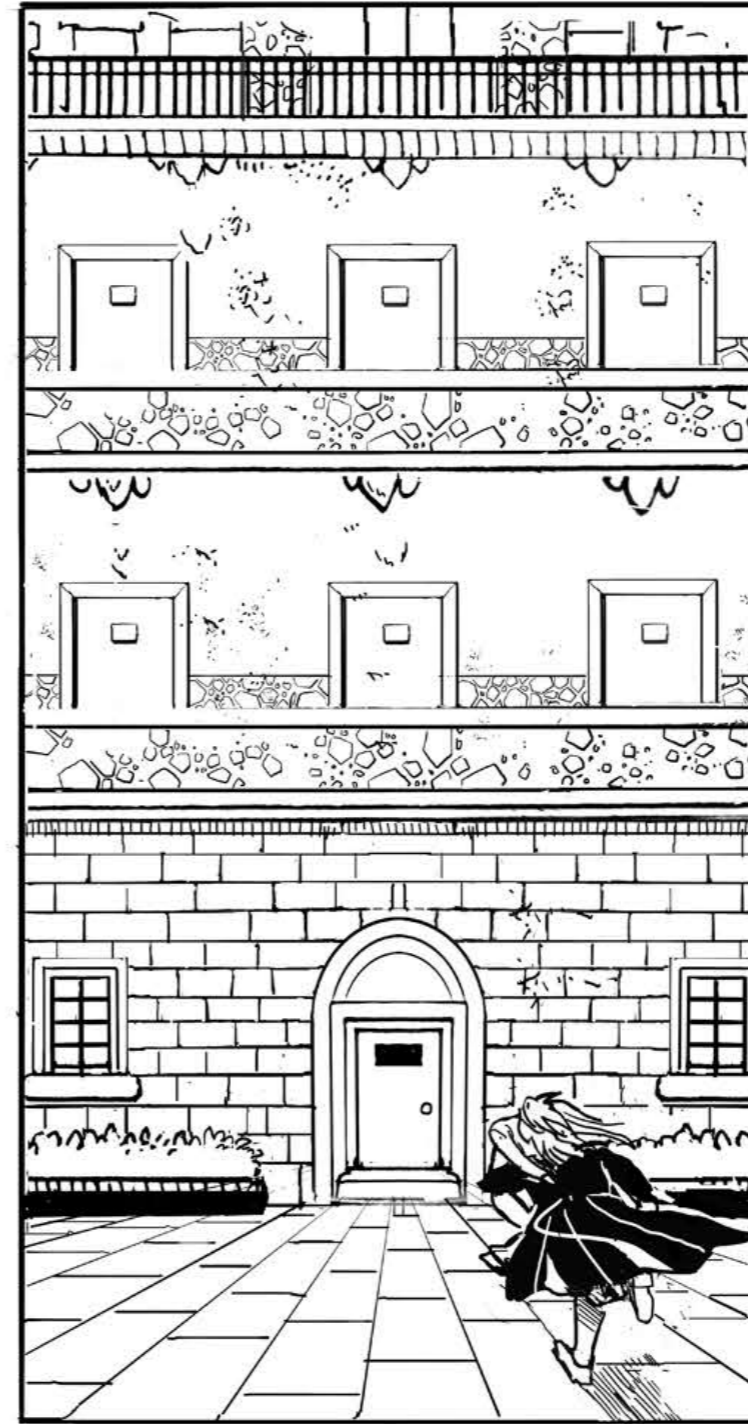
AND IN ANY CASE, I'VE PLANTED THE NAME IN A PLACE WHERE YOU'LL **NEVER** FIND IT!



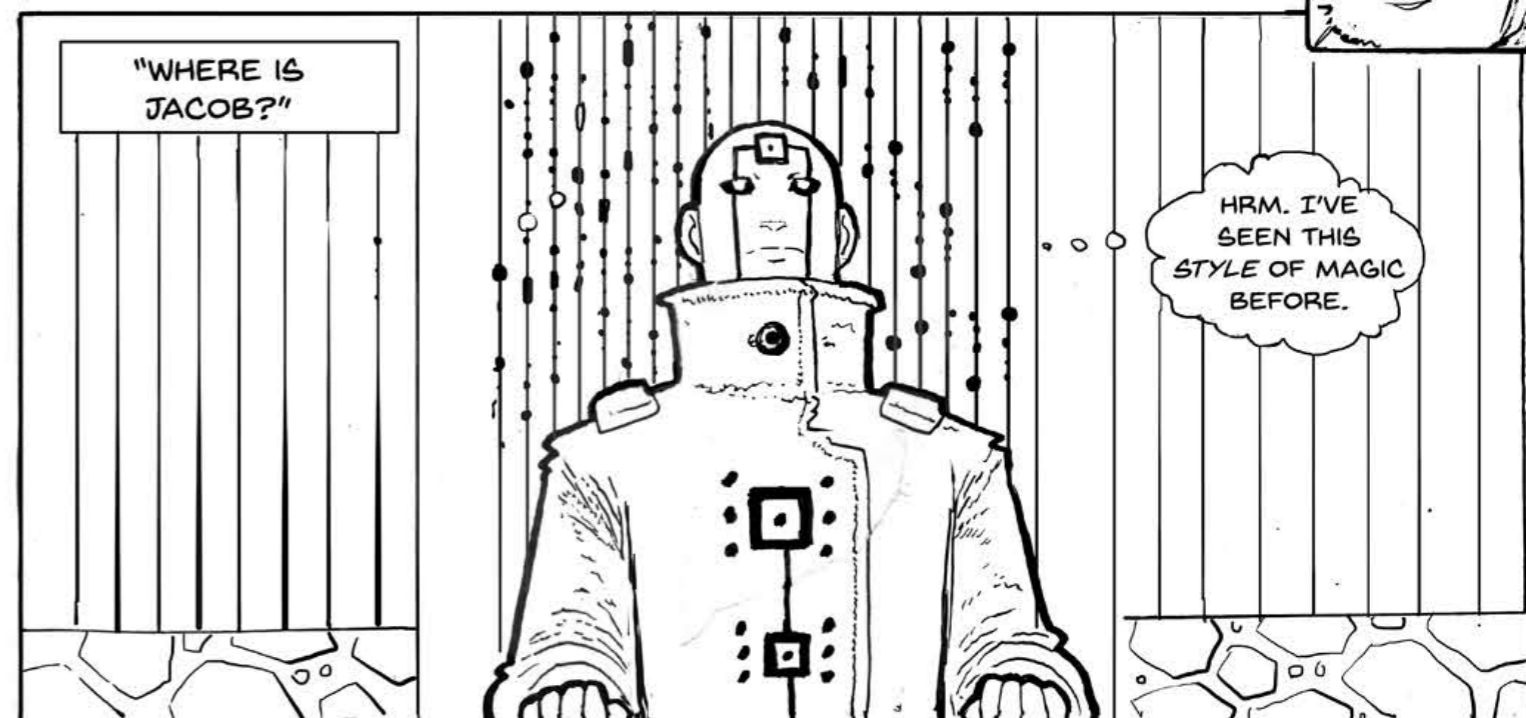
GIRL, LET'S HIDE SOMEWHERE SAFE, AND THEN WE'LL TALK!



PLEASE.

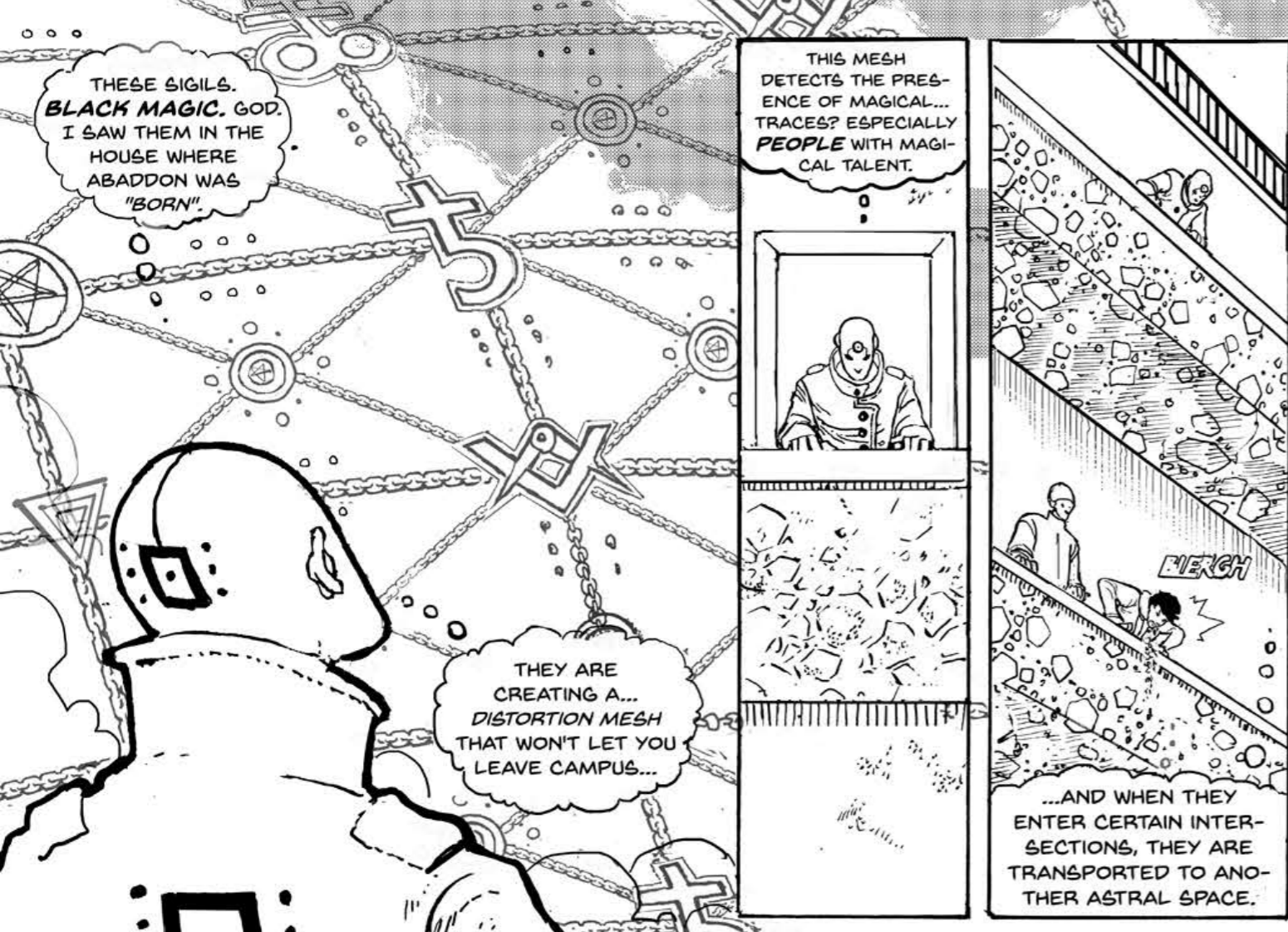


GOD...



"WHERE IS JACOB?"

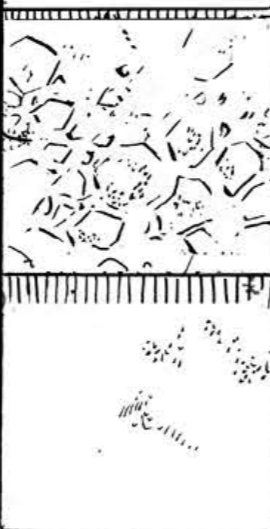
HRM. I'VE SEEN THIS STYLE OF MAGIC BEFORE.



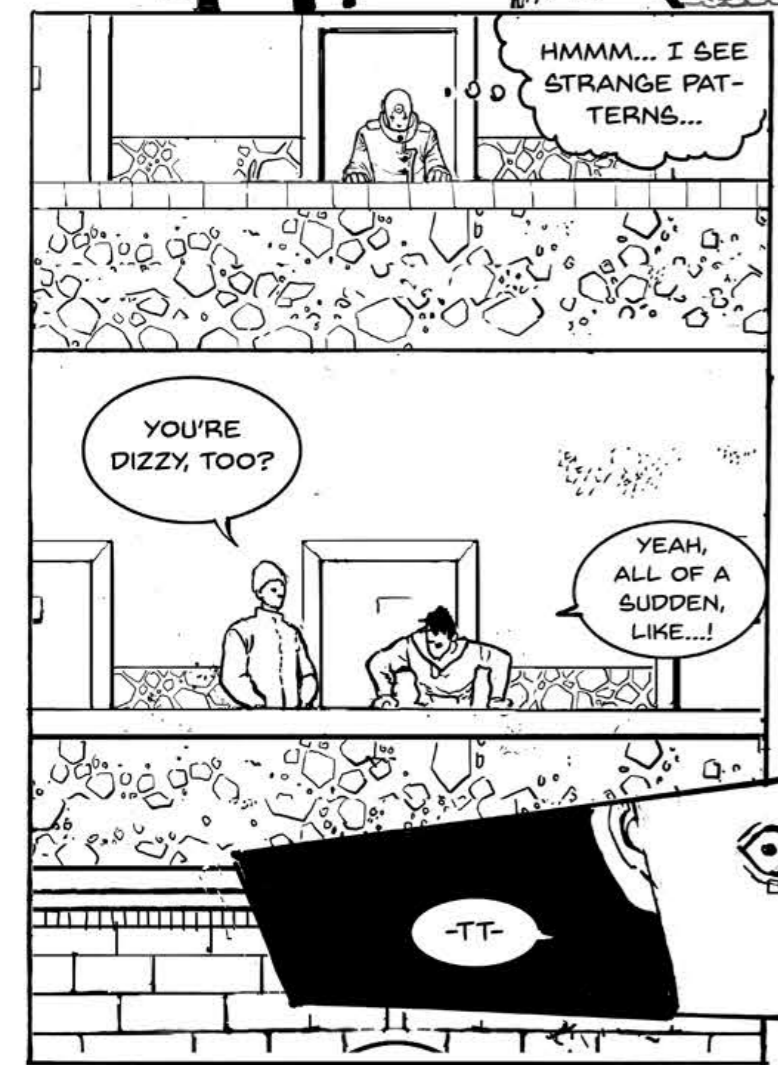
THESE SIGILS. **BLACK MAGIC.** GOD. I SAW THEM IN THE HOUSE WHERE **ABADDON** WAS "BORN".

THEY ARE CREATING A... **DISTORTION MESH** THAT WON'T LET YOU LEAVE CAMPUS...

THIS MESH DETECTS THE PRESENCE OF **MAGICAL... TRACES?** ESPECIALLY **PEOPLE** WITH **MAGICAL TALENT.**



...AND WHEN THEY ENTER CERTAIN INTERSECTIONS, THEY ARE TRANSPORTED TO ANOTHER **ASTRAL SPACE.**



HMMM... I SEE **STRANGE PATTERNS...**

...I **WONDER** ...

...WHAT'S CAUSING THESE **NAUSEAS...**

YOU'RE **DIZZY, TOO?**

YEAH, ALL OF A **SUDDEN,** LIKE...!

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URGEIST. THE **GUY'S** **FUCKING GONE.**

I THINK I'VE IDENTIFIED A **WEAK SPOT... ON THE ROOF**

HE WAS **HERE** WITH **JACOB!**

THE **NEURAL NETWORK** DOES NOT DETECT **ESSEX...**

I'M GOING TO **DEACTIVATE** THIS **SPELL** FROM THE **OUTSIDE.**

SUCK MY DICK! HE WAS **HERE!**

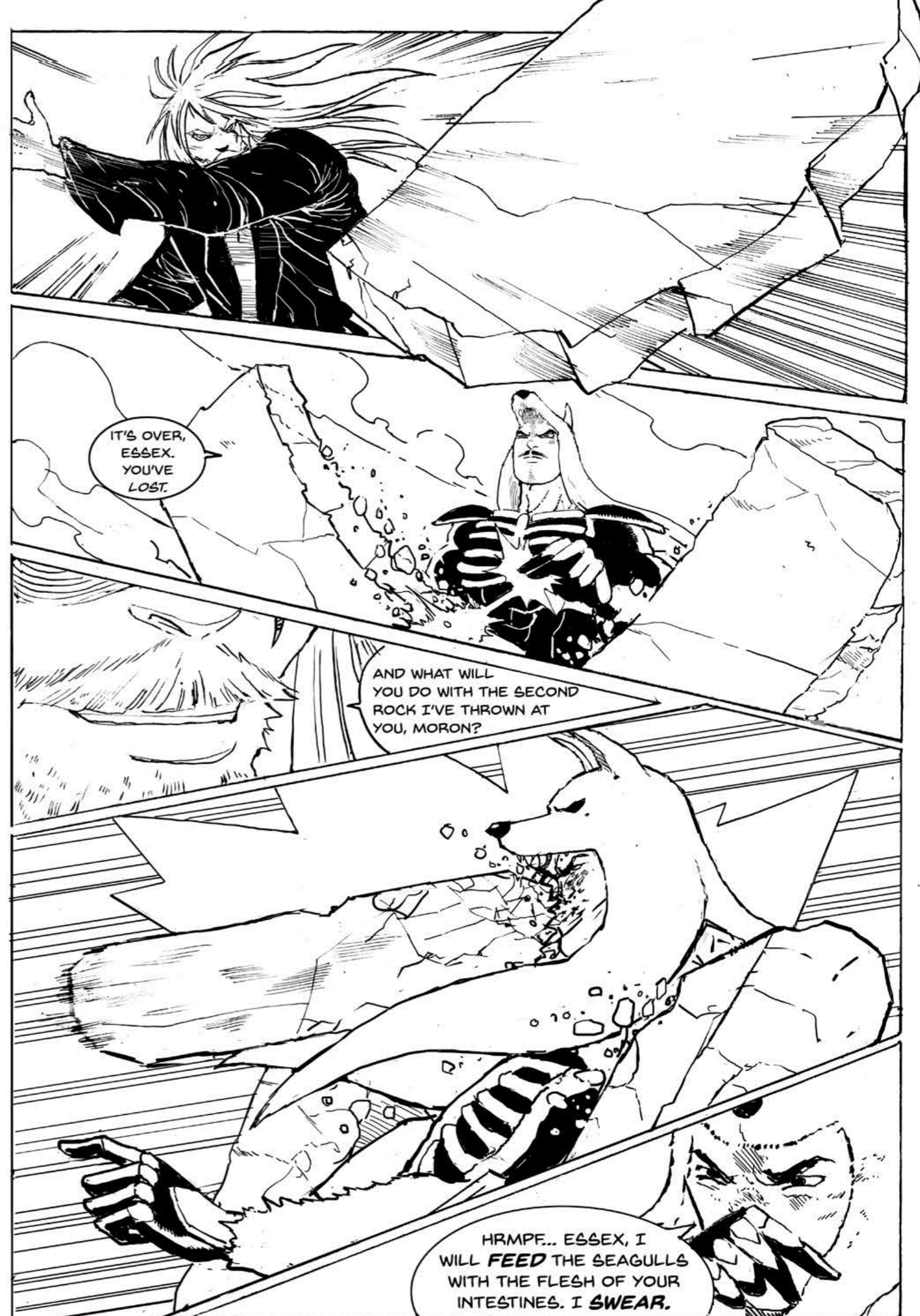
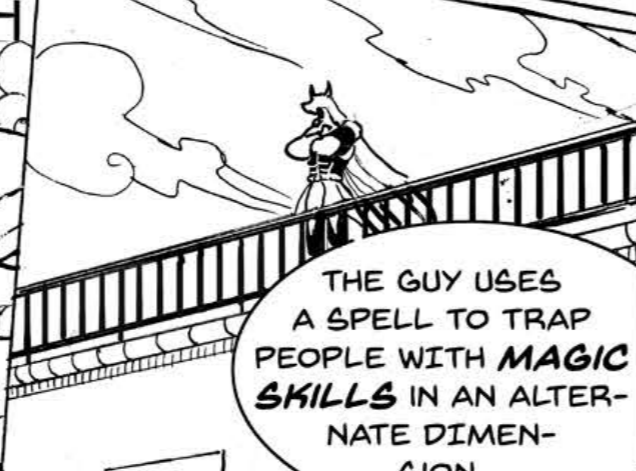
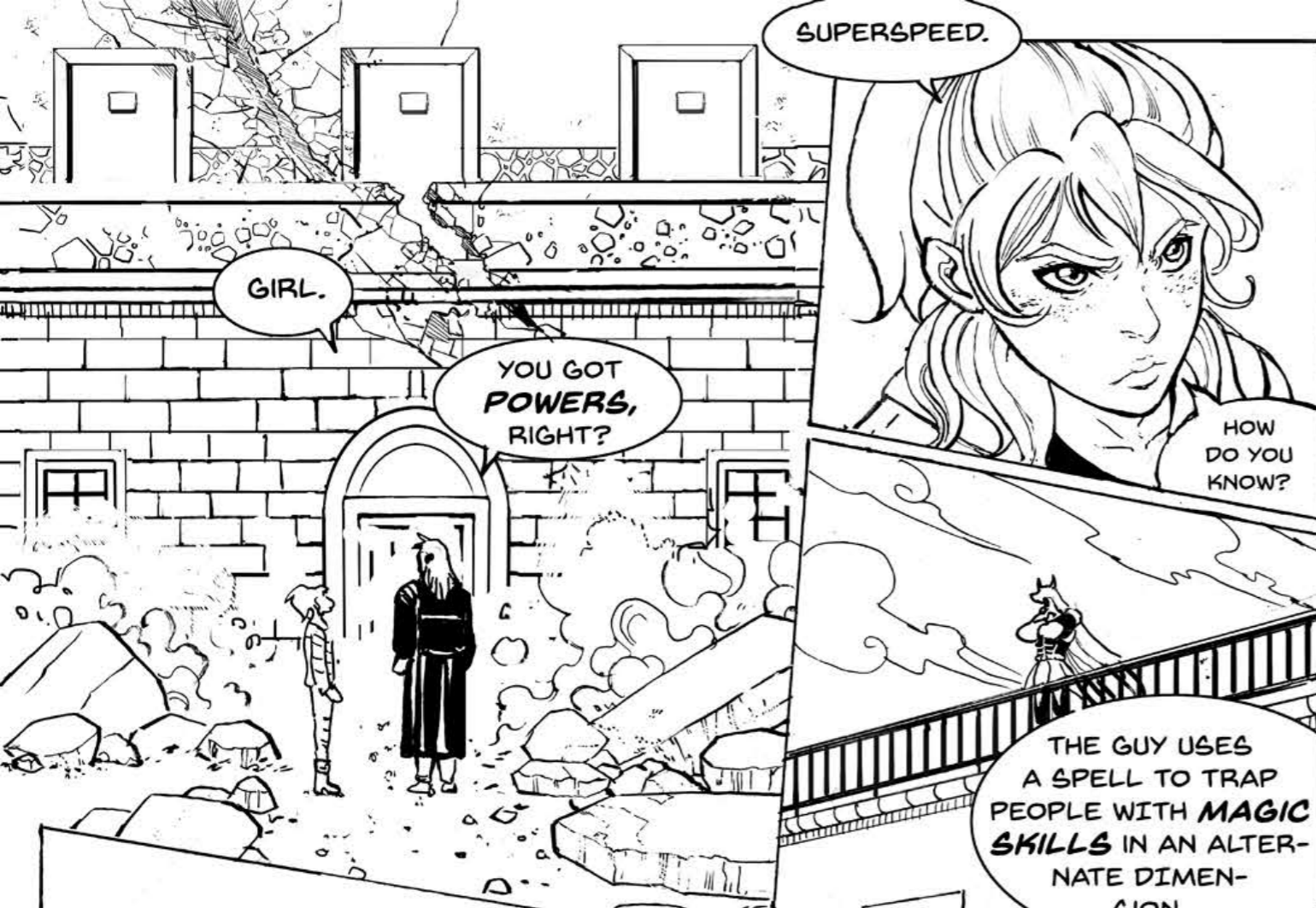
ENOUGH! WE'VE BEEN DOING THIS **SHIT** FOR MONTHS, ON **ROOFTOPS,** LIKE **FUCKING PIGEONS!**

12! GO!

I JUST HAVE TO BE **CAREFUL** NOT TO FALL INTO A **PORTAL.**

HANG IN THERE, **ESSEX.**

HELLO, **JACOB.**



SO FAST.



I SHOULDN'T BE ABLE TO TAKE THESE **BLOWS**. I COULDN'T, BEFORE.



...LE?

WHAT THE...?



INSULATED SUIT.

BEFORE, THIS WOULD HAVE KNOCKED ME **UNCONSCIOUS**.



TELL ME WHERE'S **ESSEX**.

ESSEX? WHO...?

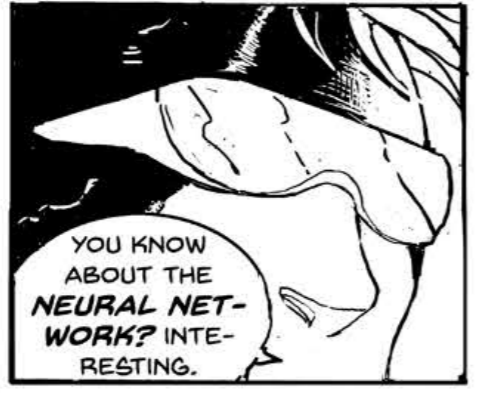


AREN'T YOU AFRAID SOME STUDENT WILL SEE YOU?

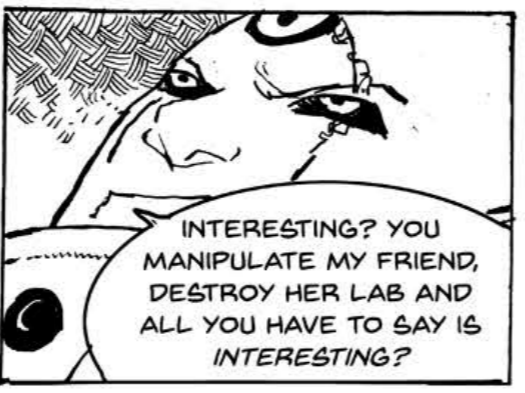
THAT'S WHAT YOU USE THE ANTENNAS FOR, ISN'T IT? MIND CONTROL, TO KEEP YOU **HIDDEN**.



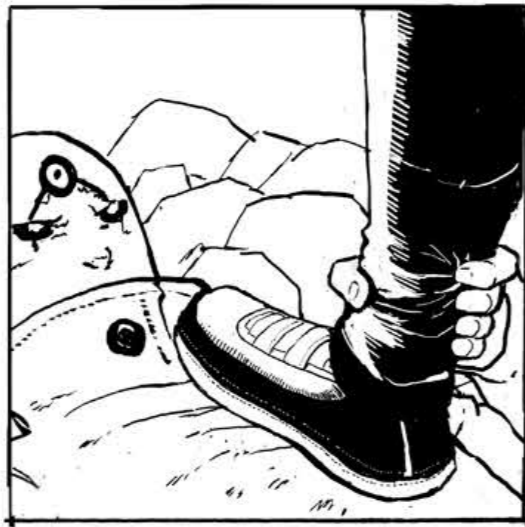
WHAT THE HELL I'M DOING TO GET INTO THESE PROBLEMS OVER AND OVER AGAIN?



YOU KNOW ABOUT THE **NEURAL NETWORK**? INTERESTING.



INTERESTING? YOU MANIPULATE MY FRIEND, DESTROY HER LAB AND ALL YOU HAVE TO SAY IS INTERESTING?



WHAT ARE YOU DOING WITH MY ANK...?



I GUESS IF MY FRIEND'S STILL COORDINATED, IT'S BECAUSE YOU CAN'T EMIT **BRAIN WAVES** ANYMORE, HUH?

YOU FUCKED ME UP GOOD, THAT TIME.



TELL US WHERE YOUR PARTNER IS OR I START CUTTING **PHALANGES** OFF YOUR FEET.



HELP ME UP.



HA! NO MATTER HOW MUCH POWER YOU USE, FROM A DISTANCE, IT GIVES ME TIME TO HEAR THE CUTS TRAVELING THROUGH THE AIR!

YOU JUST PROVIDE ME WITH SHIT TO THROW AT YOU!



I CAN GO ON LIKE THIS FOR HOURS!

FUCKING COWARD!

SO MUCH REVENGE FOR A FUCKIN' OLD WITCH, BUT YOU'RE AFRAID TO COME DOWN AND FIGHT!



FUCKING BASTARD! I KNOW WHAT YOU'RE TRYING TO DO!



WHICH WAY, JACOB?

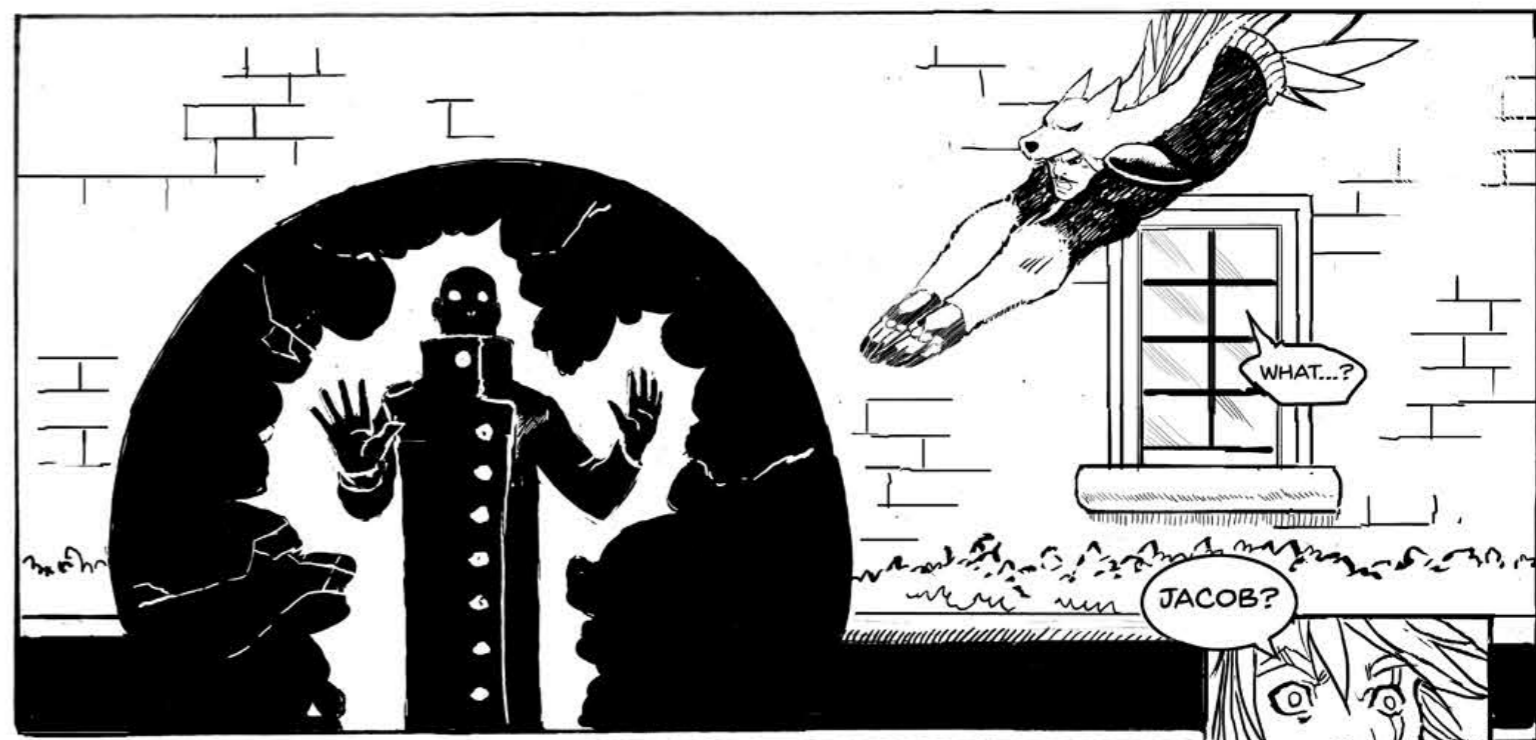
HMMM... A COUPLE MORE STEPS TO THE LEFT.

YES, JUST...

HEY! WHA...?

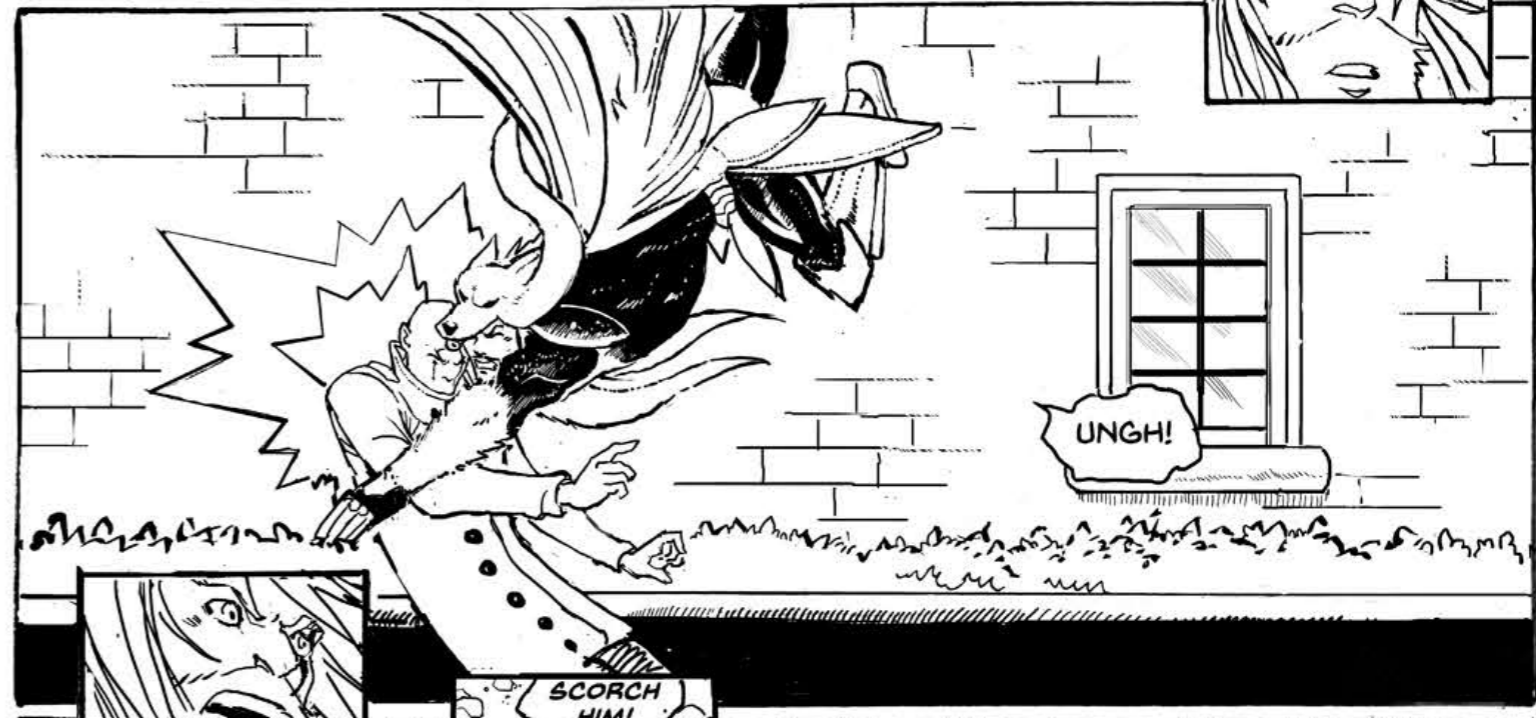


I KNOW WHAT YOU'RE TRYING TO DO AND I'M STILL GOING TO COME DOWN AND CRUSH YOUR FACE AND TURN IT INTO A LINING FOR MY ASS, MOTHERFUCKER!



WHAT...?

JACOB?



UNGH!

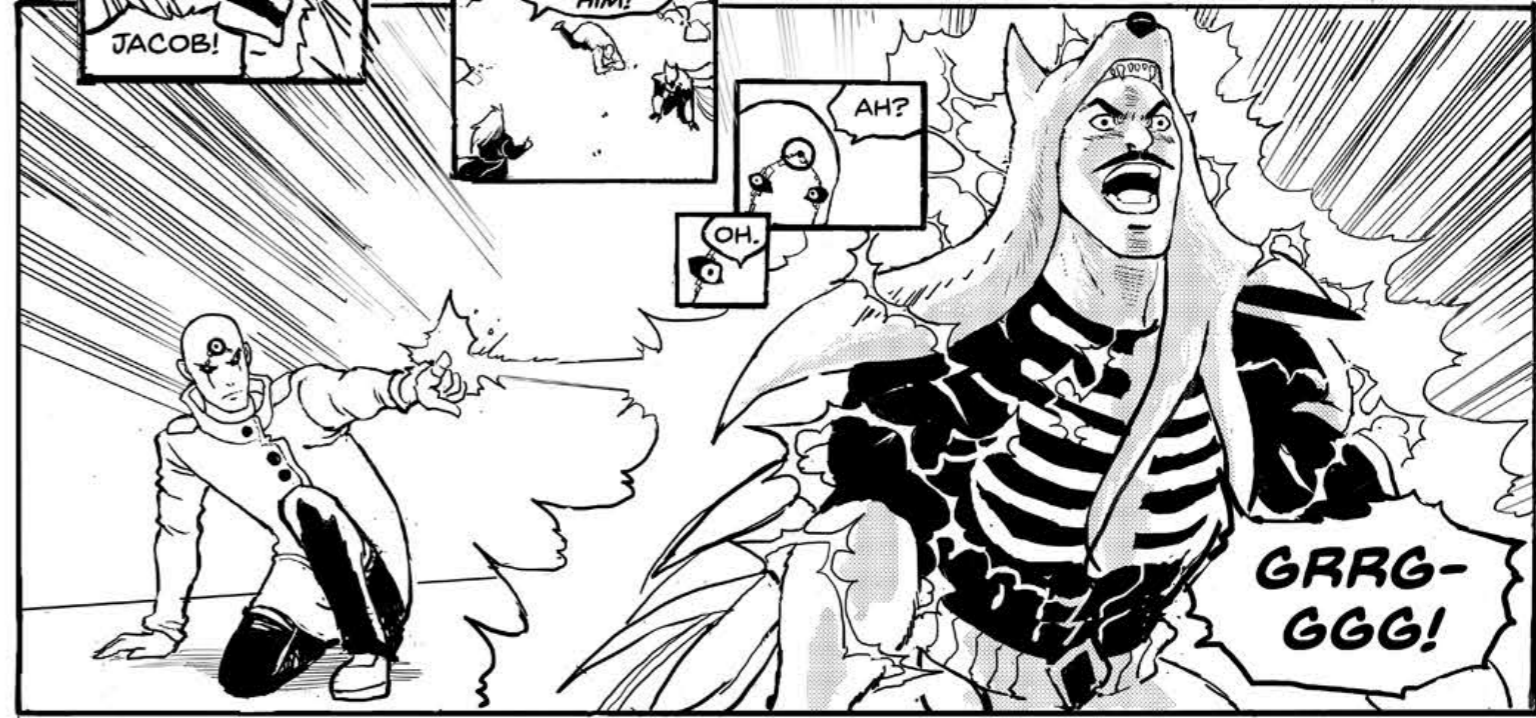


JACOB!

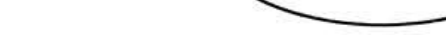
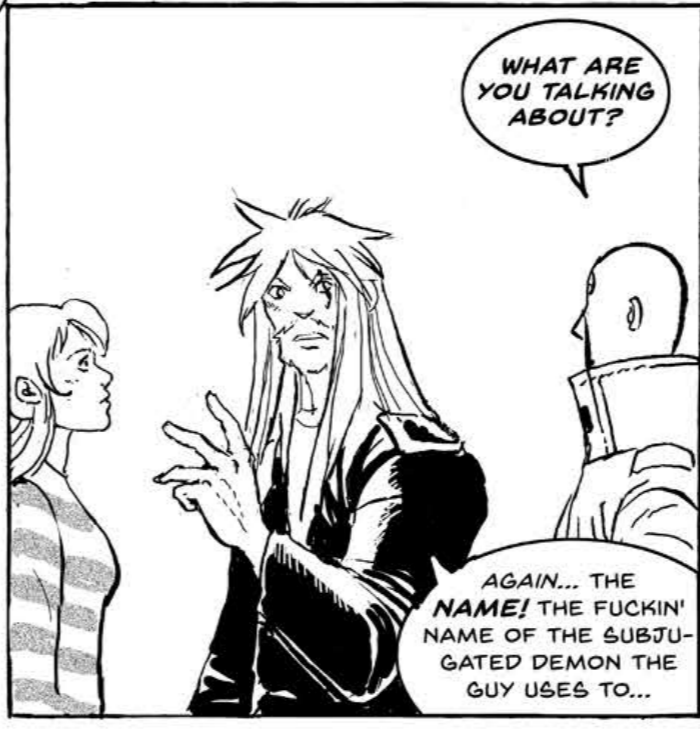
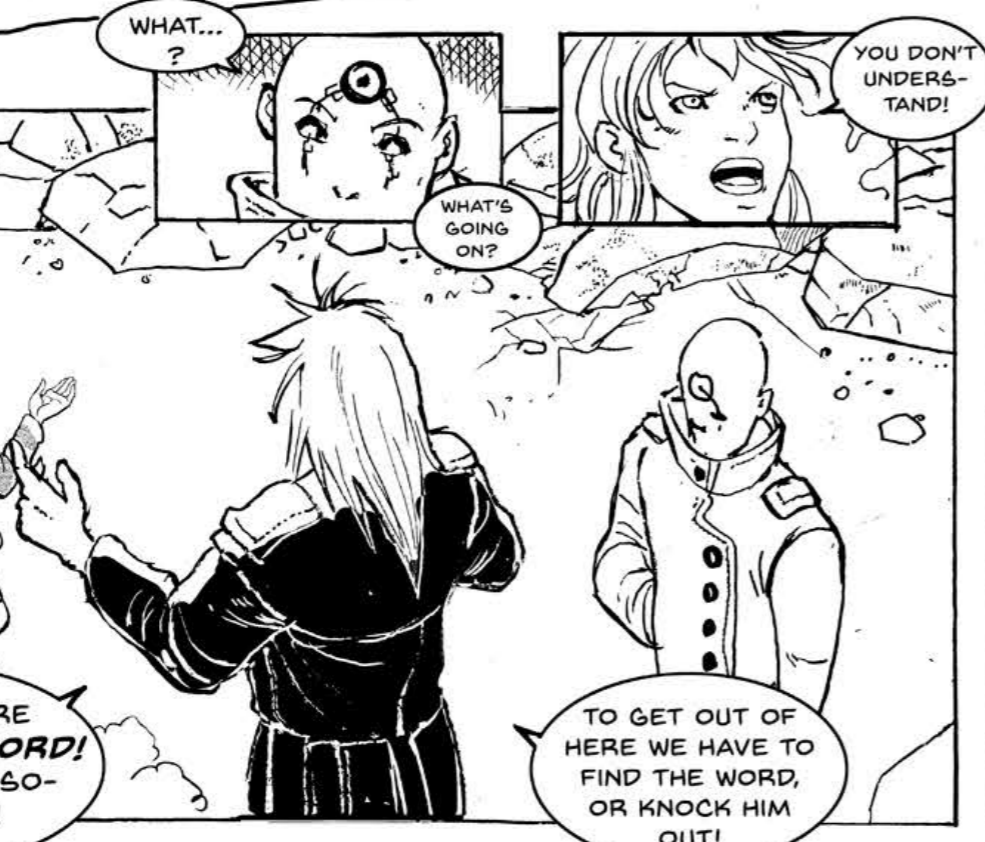
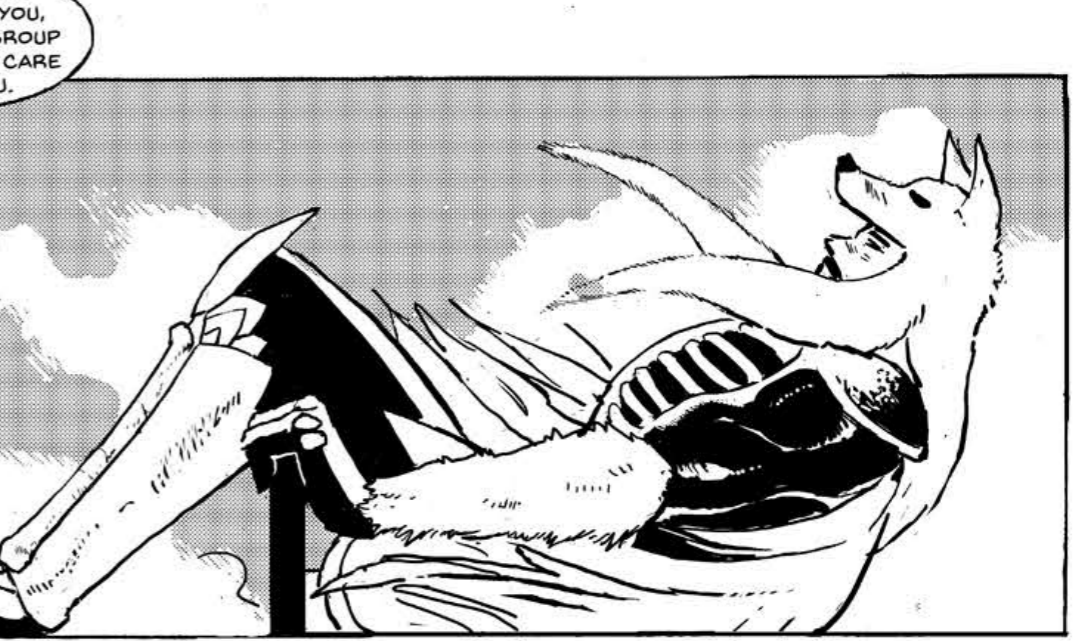
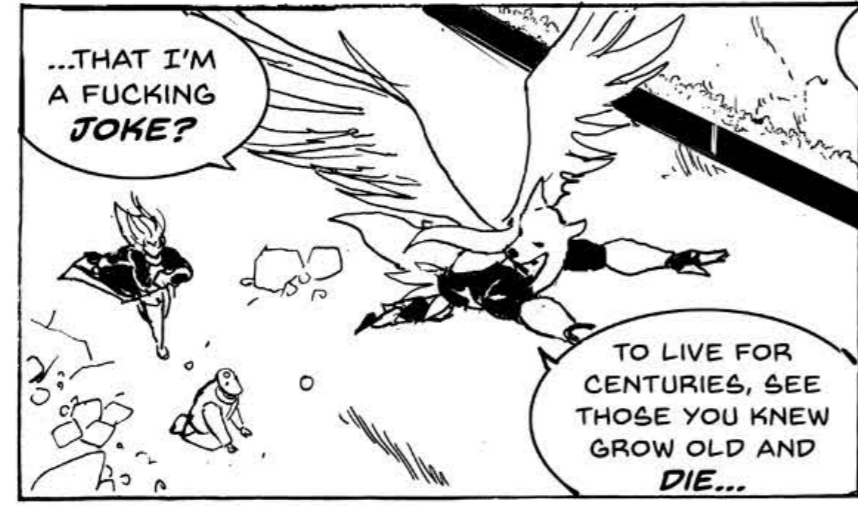
SCORCH HIM!

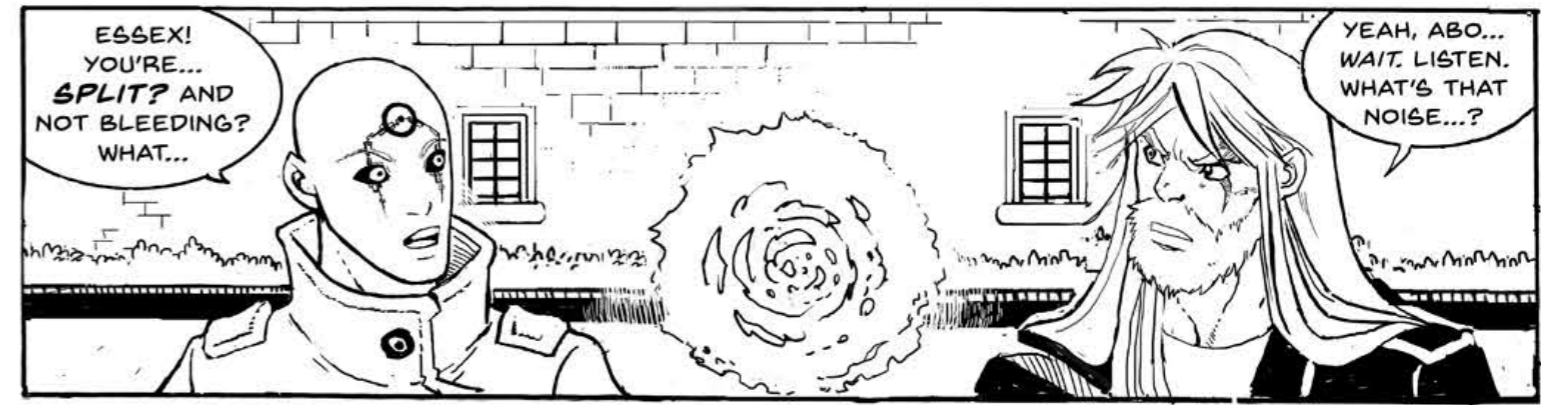
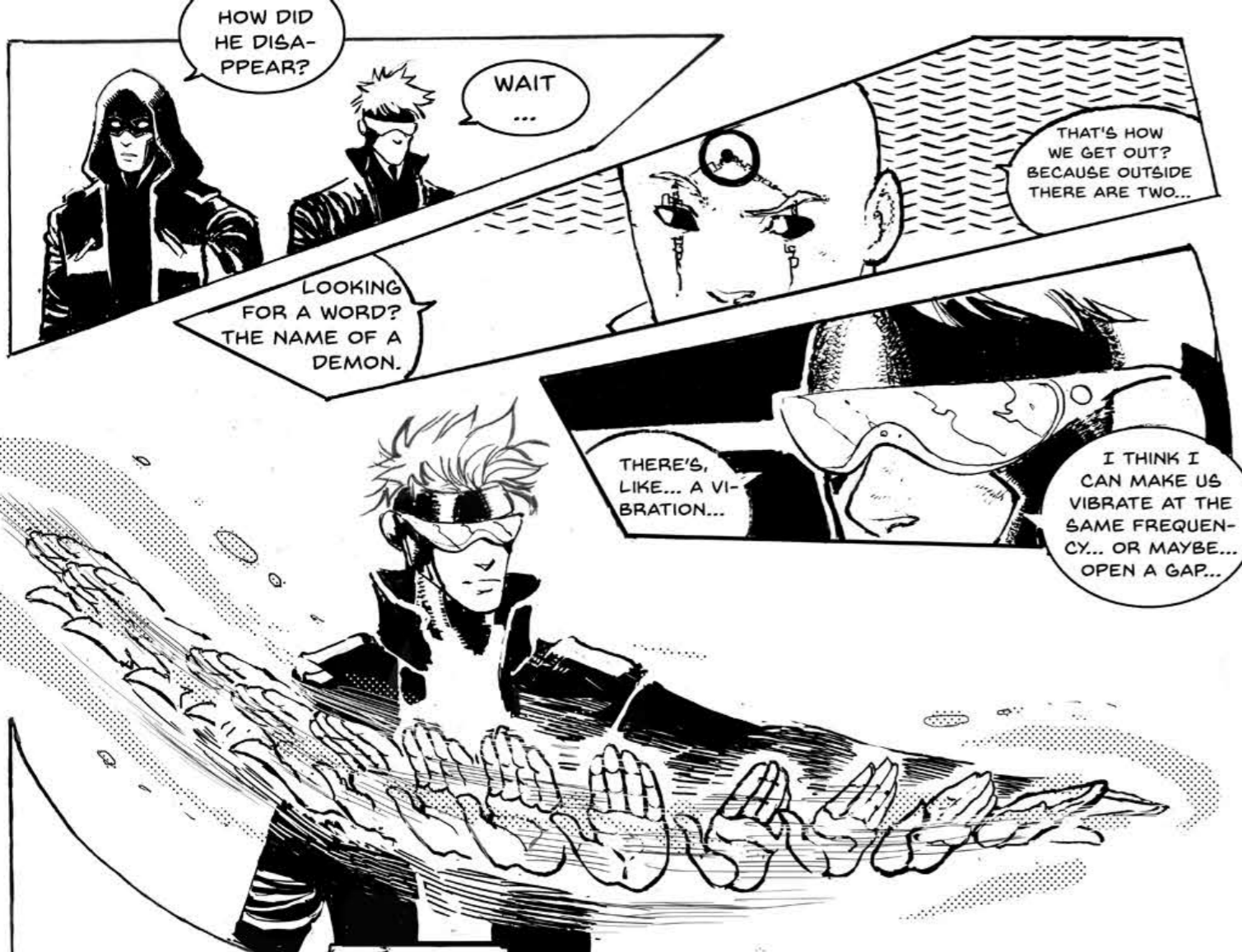
AH?

OH.



GRRG-GGG!







"WHERE HAVE WE GOTTEN OURSELVES INTO?"



THE *MYSTERY* IS DOWN THERE, I SUSPECT. UNDER THE CHURCH IN RENNES.



THE SECOND *CURSED CITY* IS HIDDEN IN SECRET FOLDS, UNDER THE EARTH, ACCORDING TO THE LEGENDS.

HEH. I'M GLAD I'M NOT THE *ONLY PILGRIM*.



AND WHO ARE YOU?

AH... GREG. GREG LAUTREC. NICE TO MEET YOU.

...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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