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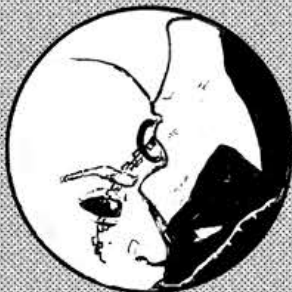
FEATURING!



BALDNESS!



STUPIDITY!



ROMANCE!

GOSHDARNIT! I THOUGHT USING THE *REST OF MY BODY* TO PROPEL US WOULD HELP US FIND OUT WHO CAUSED ALL THIS...



...BUT THE ONLY THING I'VE MANAGED BY GRABBING THIS MAN AND HIS CHISELED, LEATHER-WRAPPED MUSCLES IS TO FALL INTO THE FEARSOME CLUTCHES OF *HOMO-EROTICISM!*

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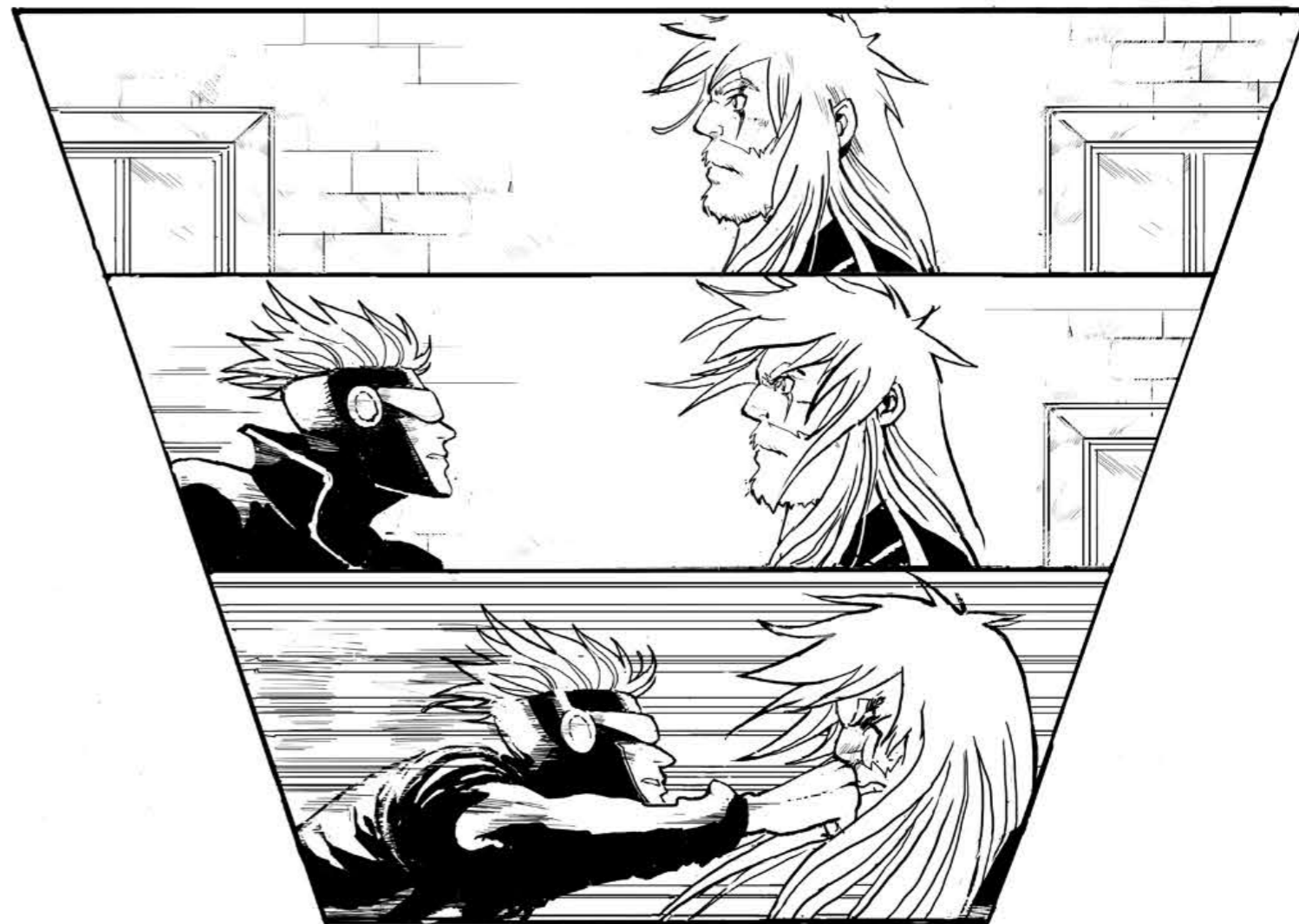
TRANSLATION

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DON'T YOU FEEL... STRANGE?

LIKE YOU'RE SUDDENLY NAU-SEOUS?

*THEY'RE ACTUALLY TALKING IN ENGLISH



WHY CAN WE GO THROUGH ALL THESE PEO...?

WE'RE NOT IN THE SAME PLANE!

JUMP HERE!



CAN YOU EXPLAIN WHAT'S...?

KEEP YOUR VOICE DOWN. THE GUY IN THE MASK IS DANGEROUS.



WE'RE IN A DEMONIC REALITY, IF WHAT ESSEX SAYS IS TRUE, RIGHT? THE DEMON IS SUBJUGATED, IF WE FIND OUT HIS NAME, WE CAN RELEASE HIM AND GET OUT OF HERE.

WHAT ABOUT THOSE TWO?

THOSE TWO... THEY'RE AFTER ME AND ESSEX...



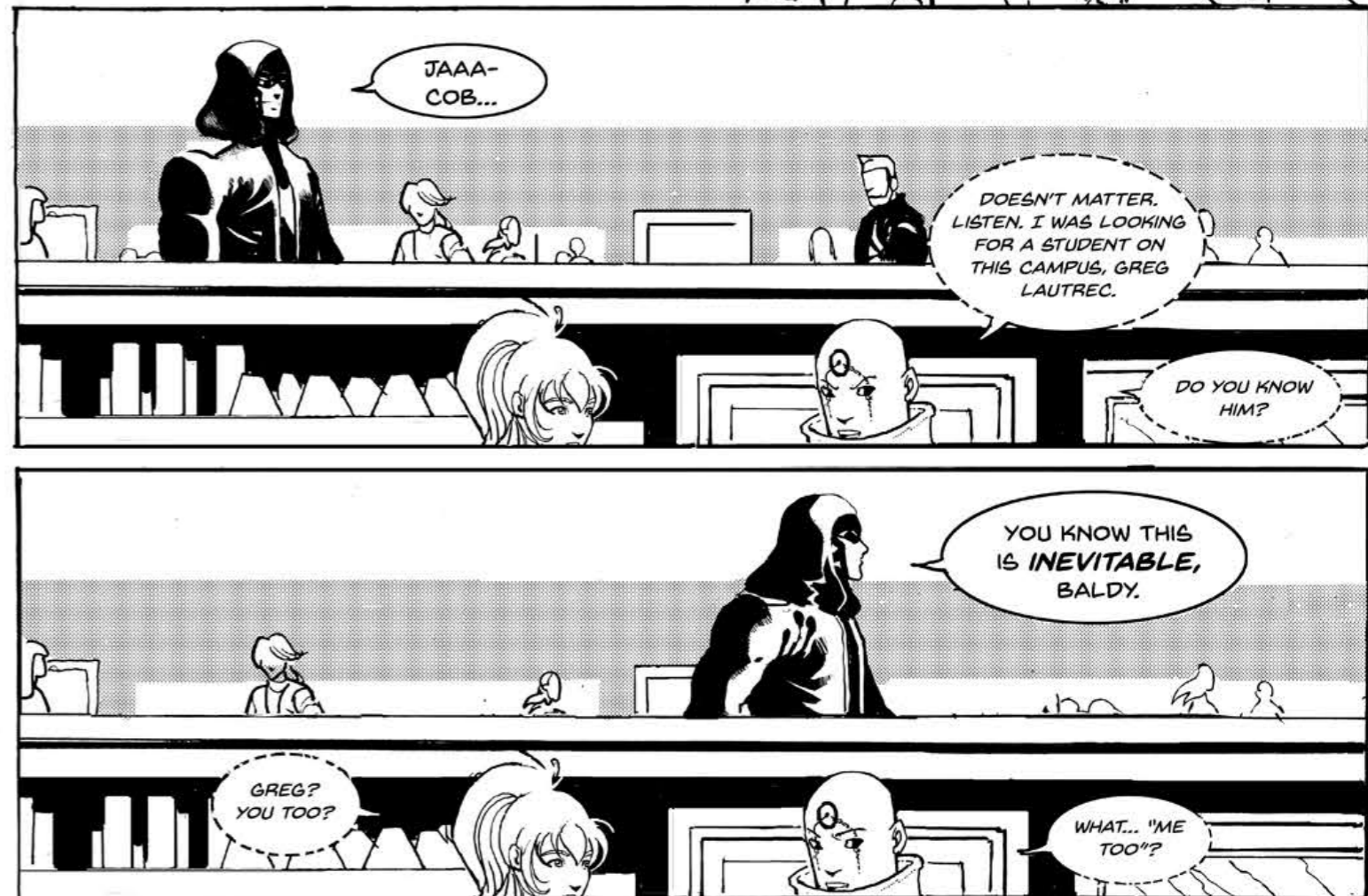
"WE KNOW TOO MANY THINGS".



THE STUDENTS DON'T SEE ME. THEY PASS THROUGH ME...

WHERE AM I? JACOB DID THIS?

"THINGS? WHAT THINGS?"



JAAA-COB...

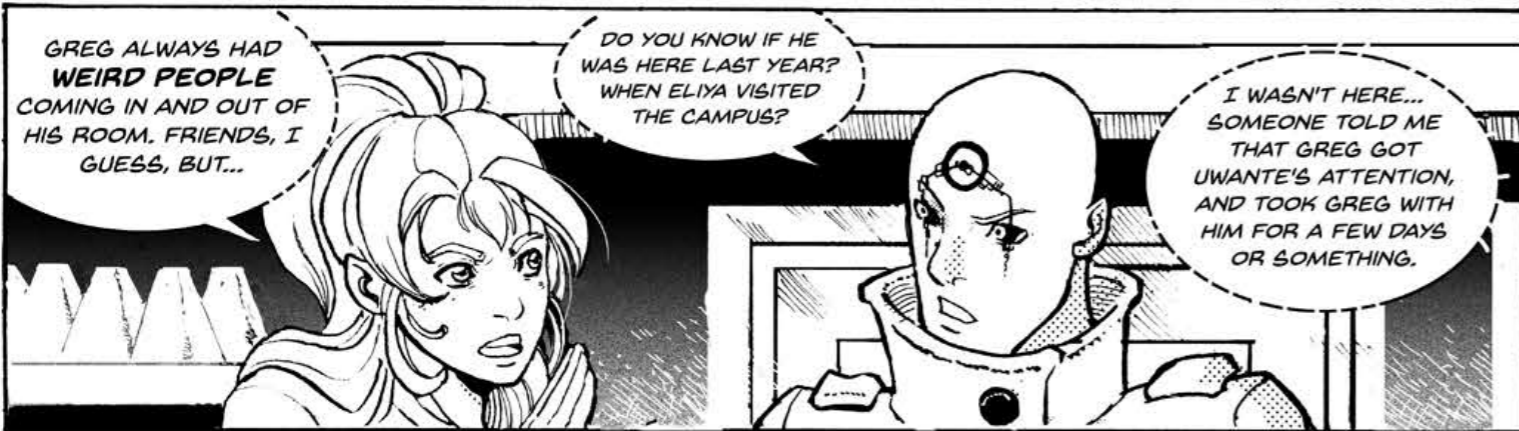
DOESN'T MATTER. LISTEN. I WAS LOOKING FOR A STUDENT ON THIS CAMPUS, GREG LAUTREC.

DO YOU KNOW HIM?

YOU KNOW THIS IS INEVITABLE, BALDY.

GREG? YOU TOO?

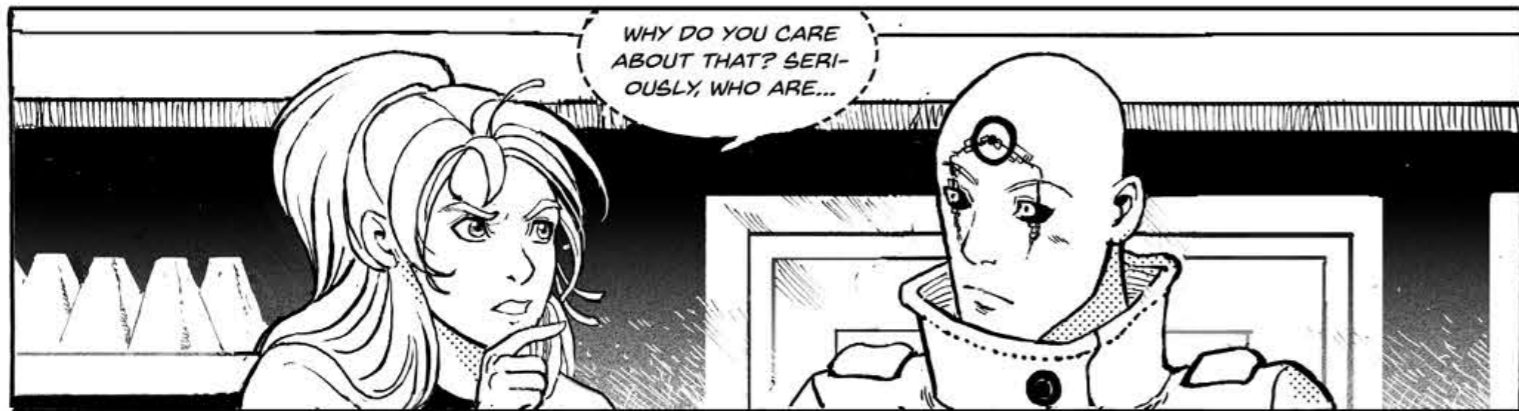
WHAT... "ME TOO"?



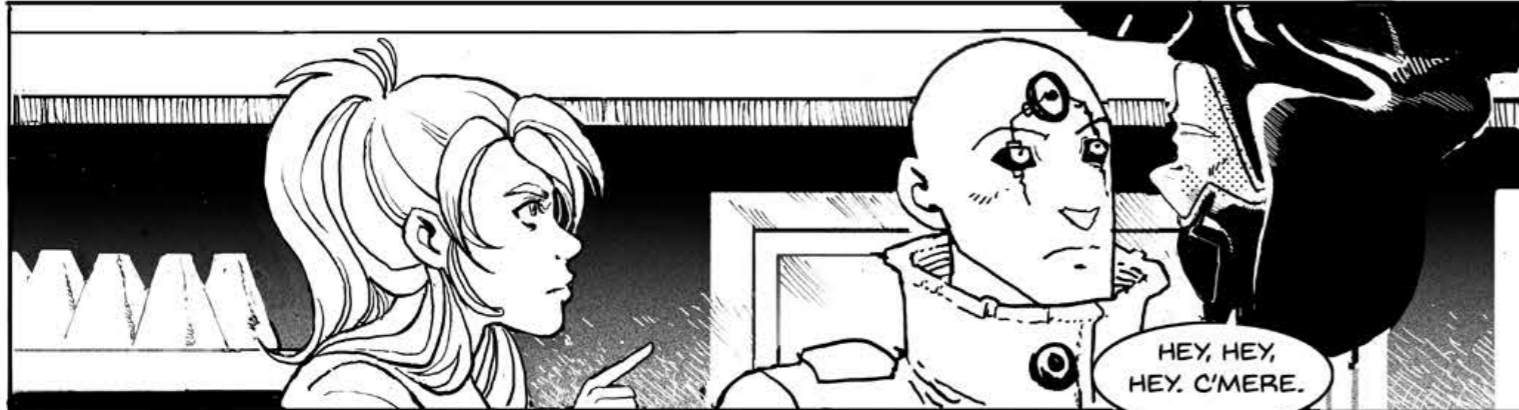
GREG ALWAYS HAD WEIRD PEOPLE COMING IN AND OUT OF HIS ROOM. FRIENDS, I GUESS, BUT...

DO YOU KNOW IF HE WAS HERE LAST YEAR? WHEN ELIYA VISITED THE CAMPUS?

I WASN'T HERE... SOMEONE TOLD ME THAT GREG GOT UWANTE'S ATTENTION, AND TOOK GREG WITH HIM FOR A FEW DAYS OR SOMETHING.



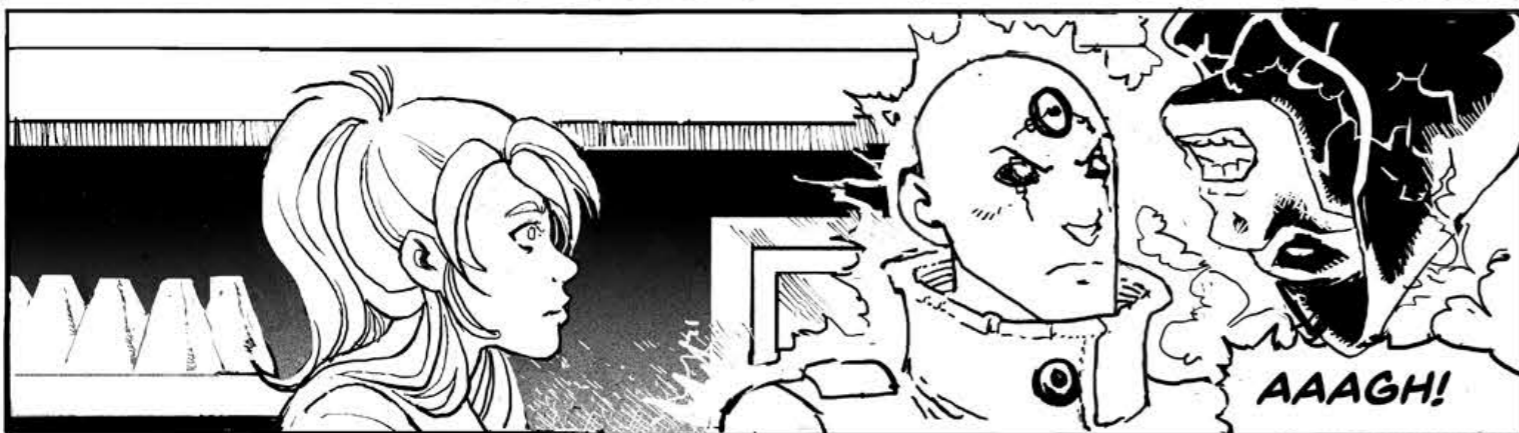
WHY DO YOU CARE ABOUT THAT? SERIOUSLY, WHO ARE...



HEY, HEY, HEY. C'MERE.



MUACK.



AAAGH!



HAHAHAHA!



GIRL. GO.



C'MON, JACOB!



THINK HOW MUCH FUN WE'LL HAVE WHEN WE'RE TOGETHER IN THE EBI!



"IT'LL BE WONDERFUL!"

LISTEN!



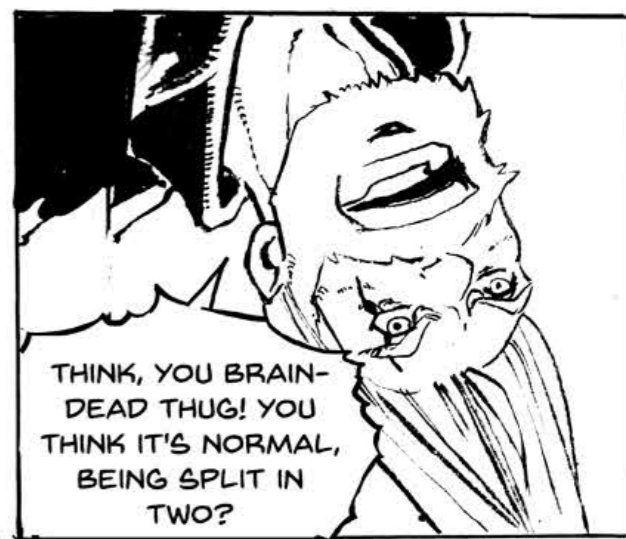
THIS IS STUPID!



YOU CAN'T USE SUPER SPEED WHEN YOU'RE BARELY TIPTOEING ON THE GROUND, AND I CAN'T ESCAPE!



SO? SOONER OR LATER, YOU'LL GET TIRED.



THINK, YOU BRAIN-DEAD THUG! YOU THINK IT'S NORMAL, BEING SPLIT IN TWO?



YOU THINK I CARE? I DON'T USE MAGIC, I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT...

SERIOUSLY, YOU THINK I DID THIS TO MYSELF?



LOOK AT THE **RUBBLE** AROUND US!



GODDAMMIT, CAN'T YOU SEE THERE'S SOMETHING WRONG?



NGR...



HAVE I... HEARD A CRACK? MNH... GROGGY...



HEH...



WANNA SEE HOW... LONG TILL I... UNGH... RECOVER?



WE FOLLOW ORDERS, ESSEX.

I'M NOT SURE YOU'D BE ABLE TO UNDERSTAND.

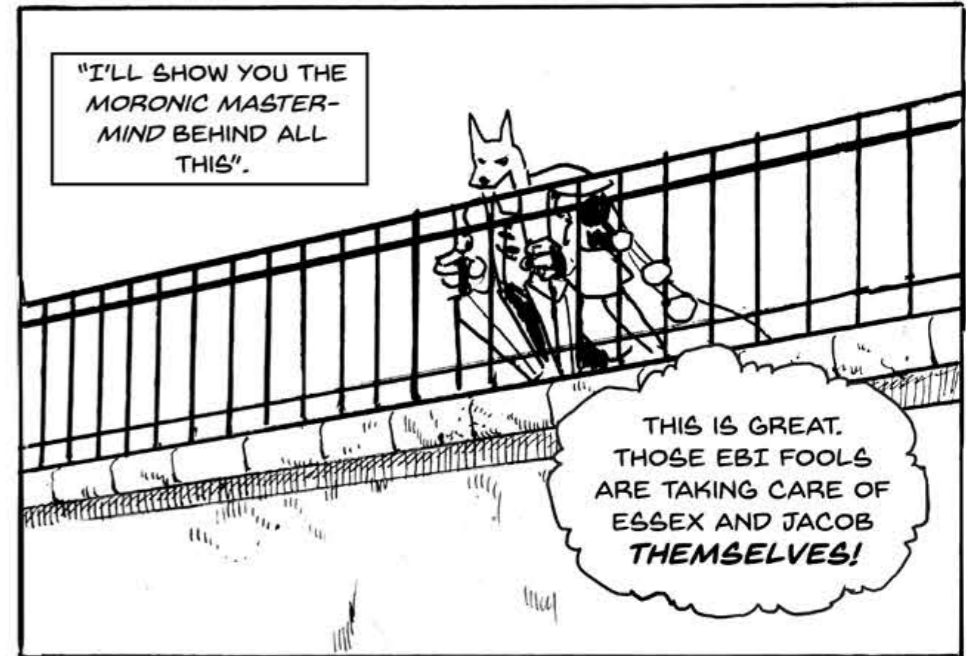
PUTTING THE GROUP'S NEEDS AB...



SNIFF NOT MUCH, I ASSUME. YOUR PARTNER ALREADY SHOWED US HOW **RESILIENT** YOU ARE...



DOESN'T MATTER, THOUGH. I ONLY NEED YOU GROGGY FOR ONE MINUTE.



"I'LL SHOW YOU THE MORONIC MASTER-MIND BEHIND ALL THIS".

THIS IS GREAT. THOSE EBI FOOLS ARE TAKING CARE OF ESSEX AND JACOB THEMSELVES!



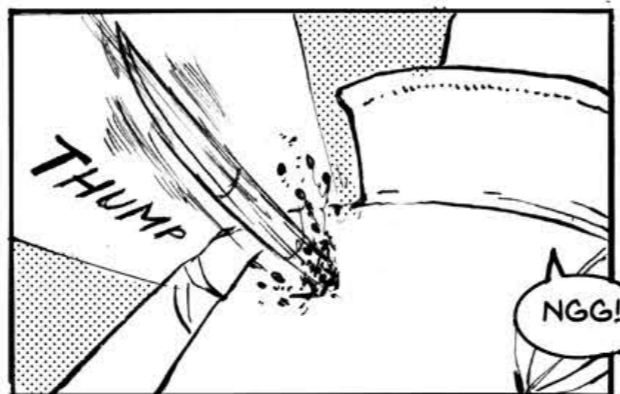
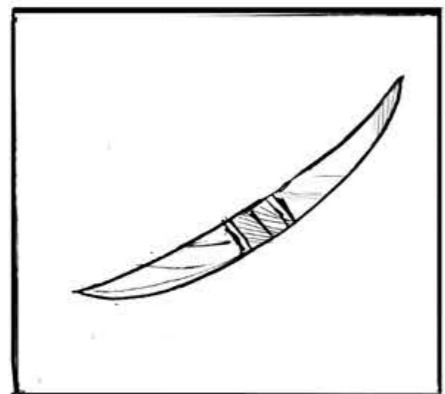
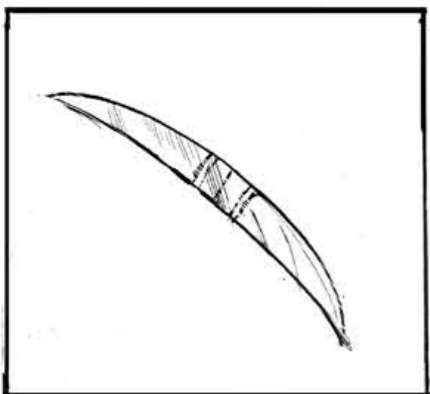
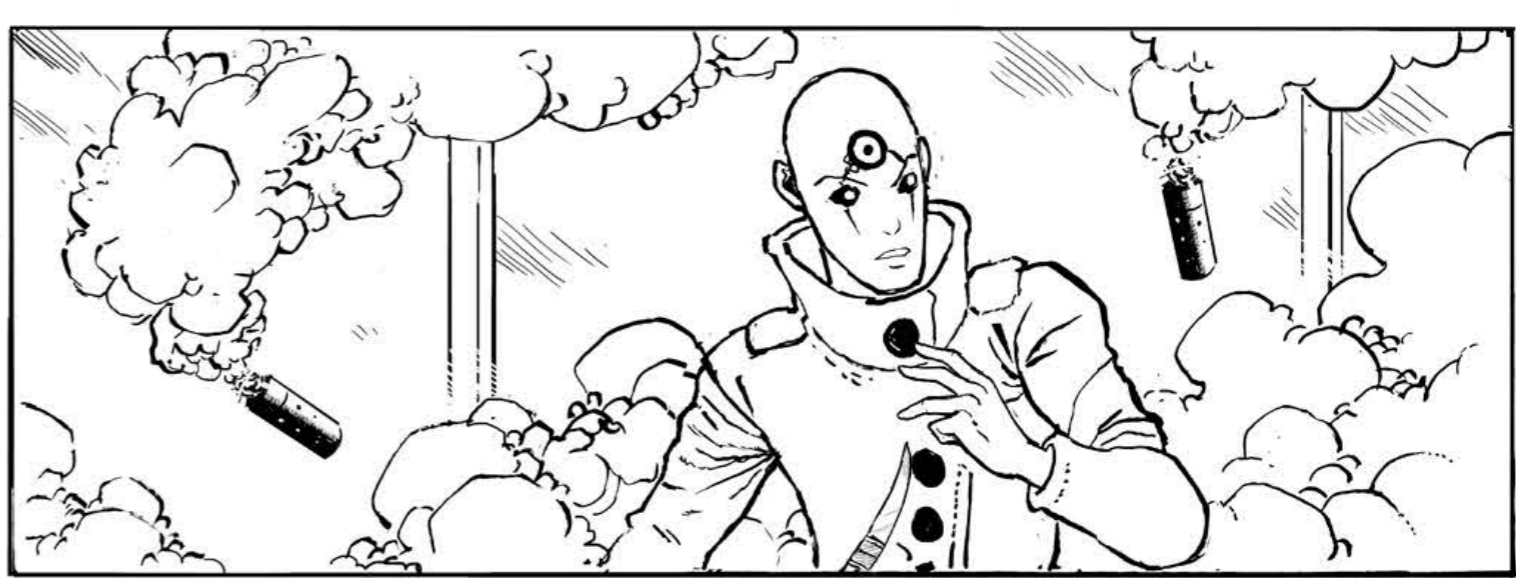
EUROPEAN META-HUMANS!

A PERFECT GIFT FOR OUR ALLIANCE WITH THE HERMITES...



JOHN?

TELL YOUR CONTACT WITH THE HERMITES TO CALL ME.





NOW I JUST HAVE TO WAIT.

DUDE, WHA...

CHST. YOU'LL SEE.



HAAAAHA! EVERYTHING'S PERFECT!



I WILL TAKE REVENGE ON JACOB AND STRENGTHEN OUR ALLIANCE WITH THE HERMITES!



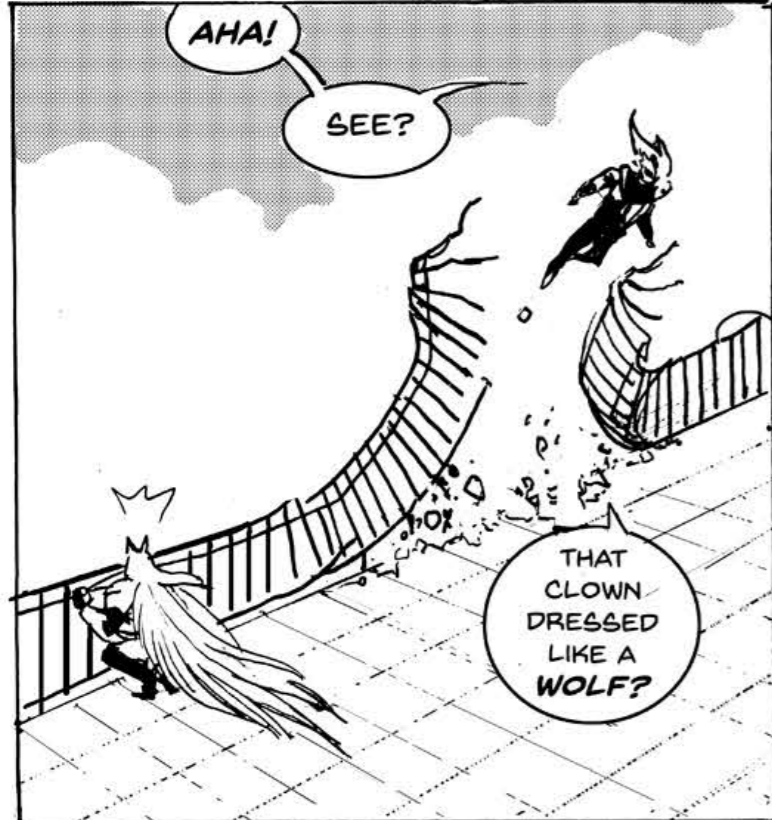
SERIOUSLY, WHAT...?

LISTEN TO ME! I'VE DETECTED HIS SMELL!



AND AS LONG AS I'M HIDING HERE NO ONE CAN...

...UH?



AHA!

SEE?

THAT CLOWN DRESSED LIKE A WOLF?



HEH.



SHIT!

SHIT, FUCK!



GO BUST YOUR FUCKING MOTHER'S BALLS!



SEE, ASS-HOLE! THE CUT!

OKAY, OKAY!

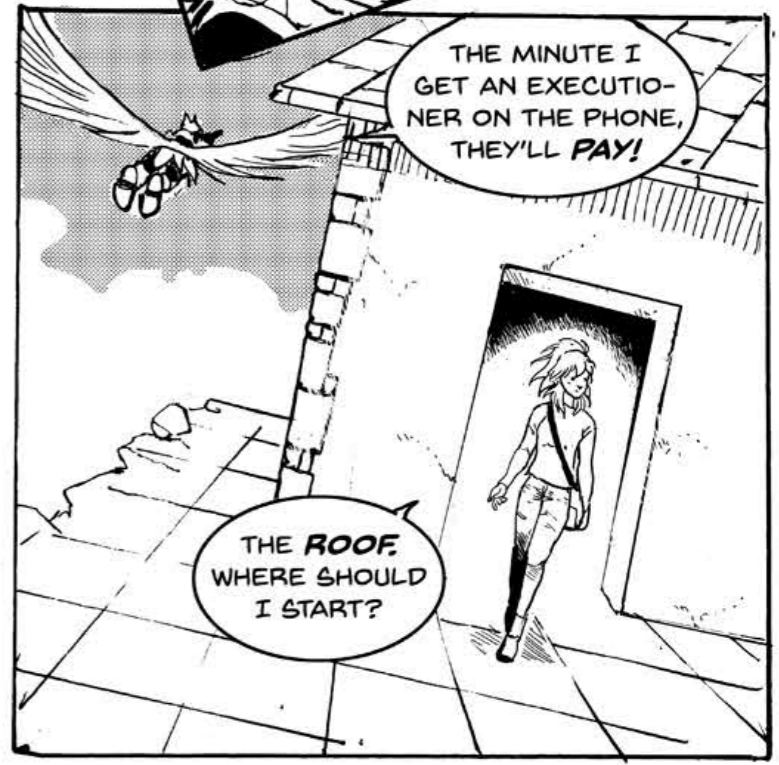
I BELIEVE YOU!

I MEAN, IF YOU DON'T BELIEVE ME NOW YOU'RE FLAT-BRAINED!



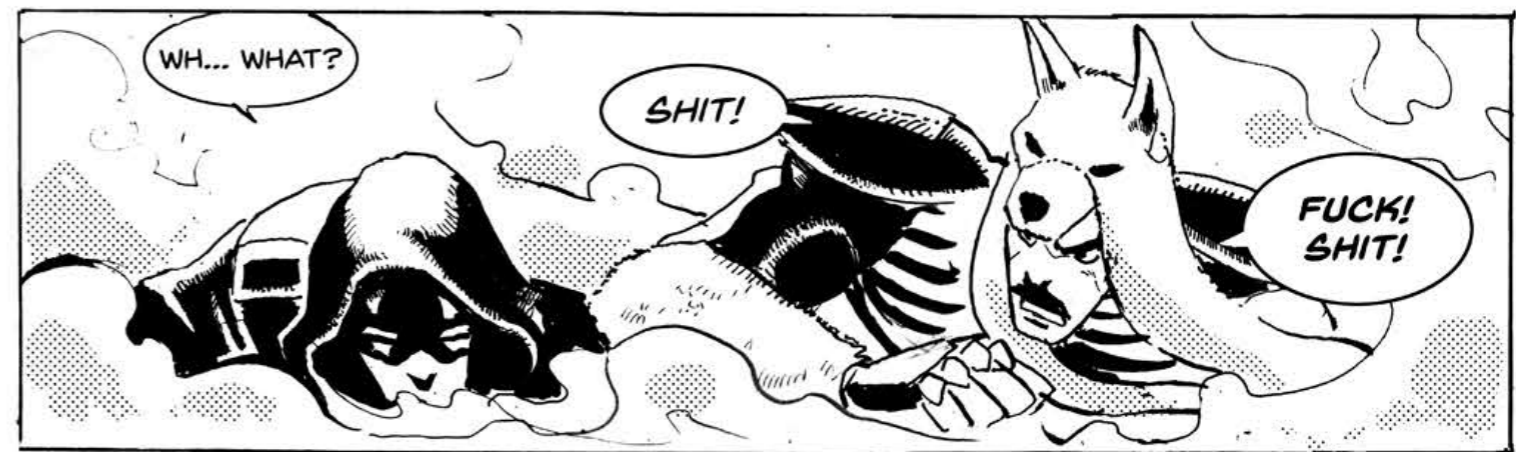
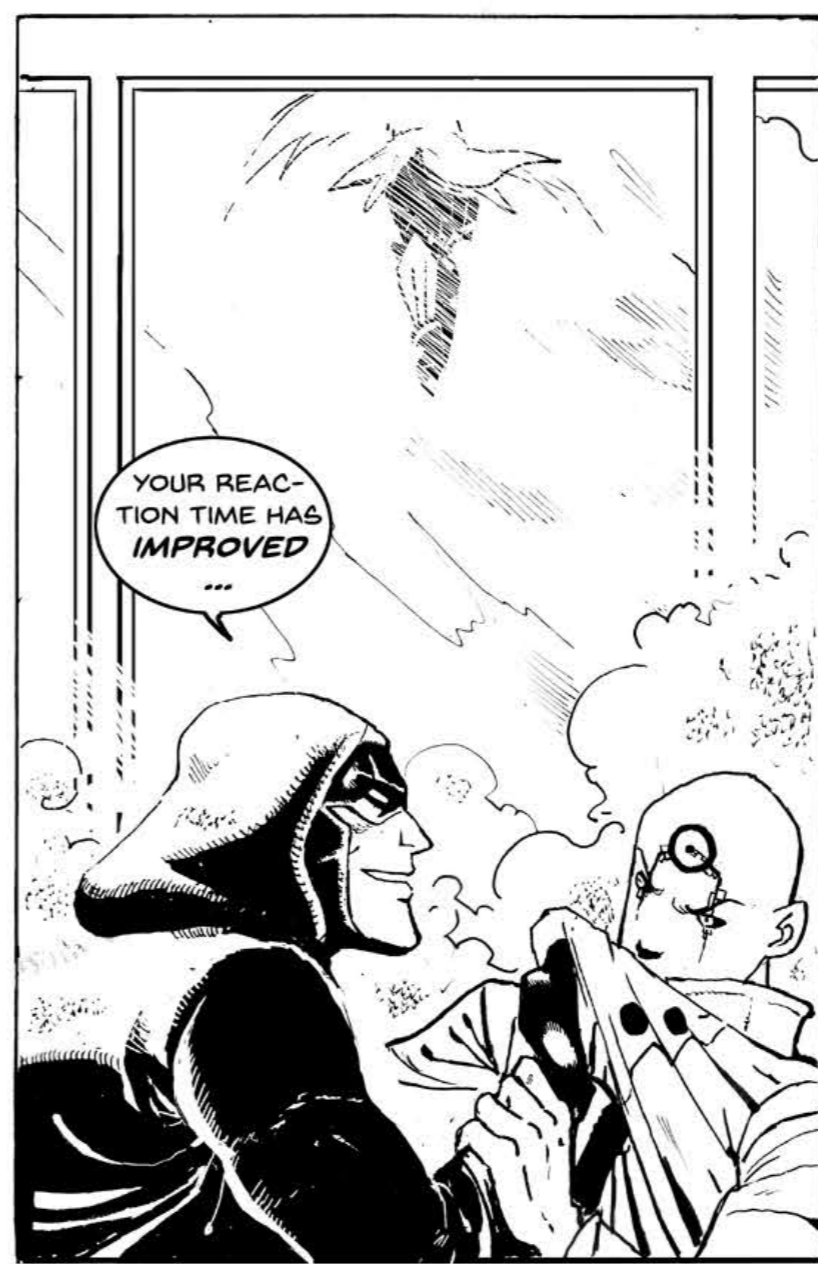
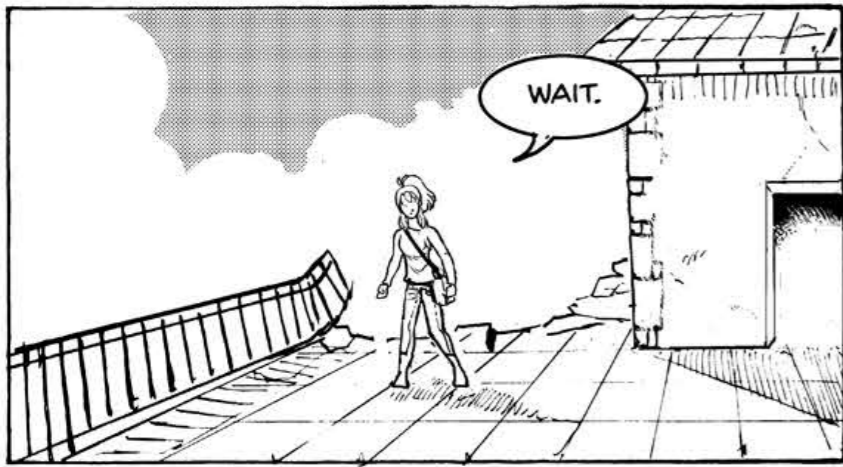
GOD. THAT WAS CLOSE. I COULD HAVE BEEN KNOCKED OUT IN SECONDS!

COME ON, YOU STUPID PHONE. RING!



THE MINUTE I GET AN EXECUTIONER ON THE PHONE, THEY'LL PAY!

THE ROOF WHERE SHOULD I START?





FUCK IT!
IT'LL BE
HERE!

LET'S SEE IF
YOU CATCH ME
IN TIME!

WHAT THE
FUXX IS
THAT?

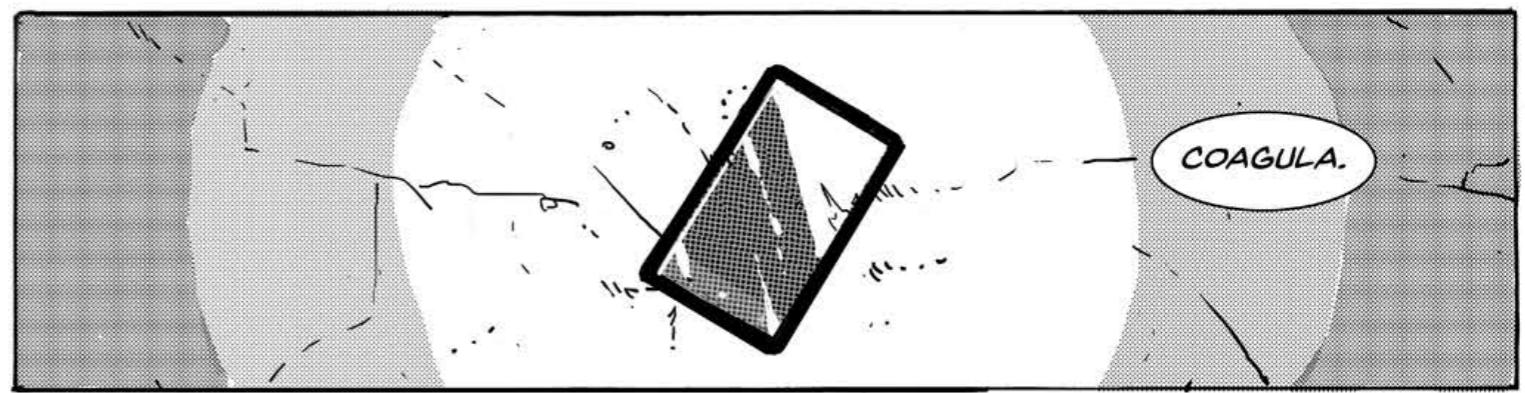
HE MUST BE
THE ONE WHO
GOT US IN
HERE!

YOU KNOW,
ALCHEMY HAS
TWO BASIC
PRINCIPLES.

SOLVE, THE
DISSOLUTION
PRINCIPLE, IS
WHAT I'VE BEEN
USING...

...THEN THERE'S
COAGULA, THE
UNION PRINCIPLE.

FOR EXAMPLE,
THERE'S SOMEONE
ON THE OTHER END
OF THE PHONE
LINE...

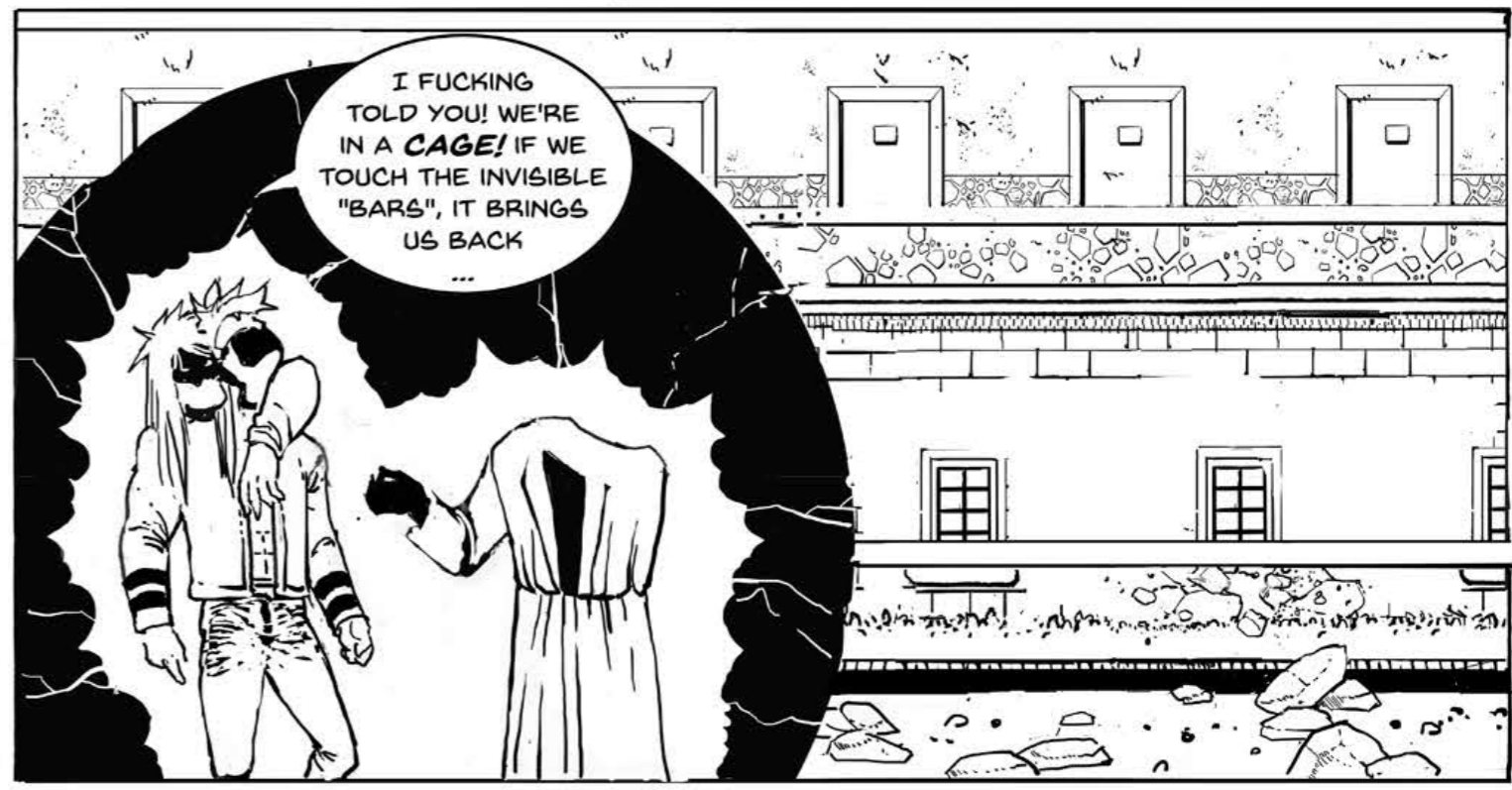


COAGULA.



IT'S HIM! HE'S
HIDING THE
WORD.

THAT'S WHY
I COULDN'T
FIND IT...



I FUCKING
TOLD YOU! WE'RE
IN A CAGE! IF WE
TOUCH THE INVISIBLE
"BARS", IT BRINGS
US BACK
...



OUFF!



WHAT?

...?

BALDIE'S MINE.



STRONG OPPONENTS.



THIS EXPLOSIVE SIGIL WOULD HAVE VOLATILIZED MERE HUMANS...



WHO'S THIS...?

...I THINK... THIS GUY'S A HEREMITE.



SERIOUSLY?



MY PARTNER ONLY WARNED ME ABOUT **METAHUMANS**...

BUT THERE'S ALSO ESSEX AND JACOB HERE, THE CUSTODIANS OF ADAM.

HOW APPROPRIATE.

HOW...?

WHAT IS...?

...SHIT, I THINK THE ONES WITH THE MASK...

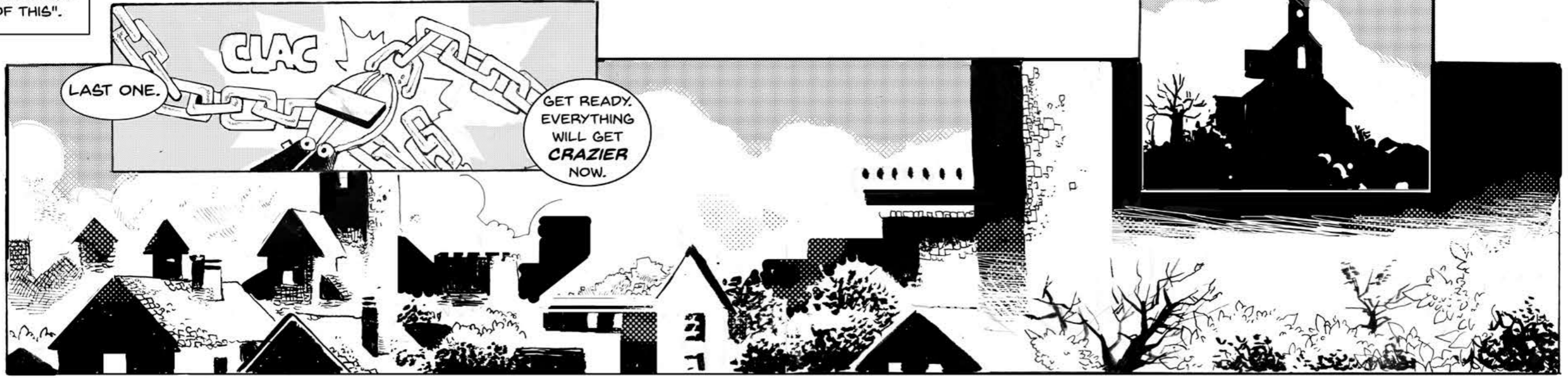
WE WERE GOING AFTER YOU ANYWAY...

...WE WERE WAITING FOR A LESS VOLATILE SITUATION.

DOESN'T MATTER.

THE OLD ONES WANTED THIS ENCOUNTER TO HAPPEN. IT'S ALL IN THEIR PLAN...

"WE'LL FIND A WAY OUT OF THIS".



LAST ONE.

CLAC

GET READY. EVERYTHING WILL GET CRAZIER NOW.



A FEW CHAINS?*

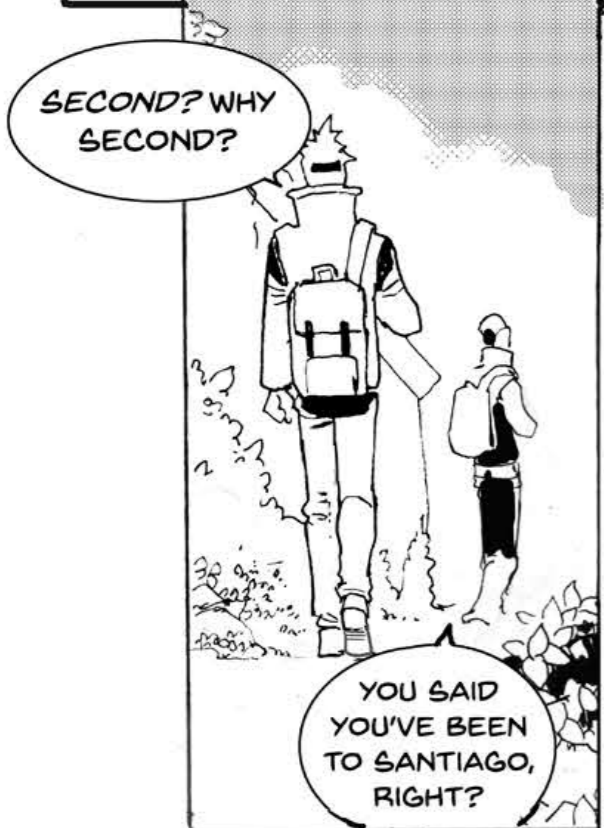
I THOUGHT THESE CITIES HAD MORE PROTECTION...

HAHA.

THIS IS JUST RENNES, THE ABANDONED VILLAGE.

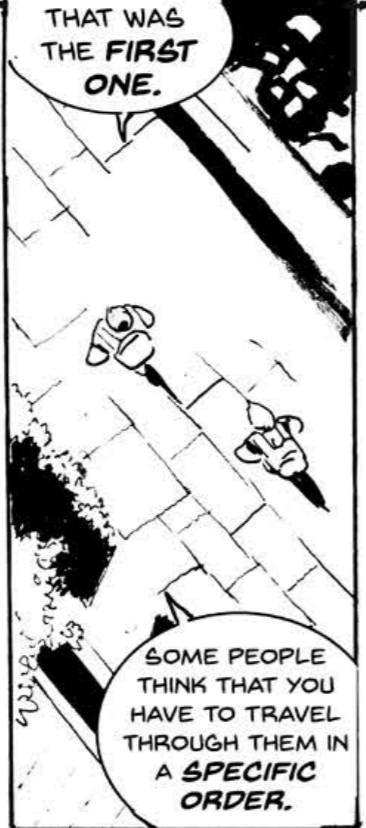
NOT THE SECOND CITY.

*THEY'RE TALKING IN ENGLISH



SECOND? WHY SECOND?

YOU SAID YOU'VE BEEN TO SANTIAGO, RIGHT?



THAT WAS THE FIRST ONE.

SOME PEOPLE THINK THAT YOU HAVE TO TRAVEL THROUGH THEM IN A SPECIFIC ORDER.



ANYWAY, THE REASON A FEW CHAINS ARE ENOUGH TO PROTECT THE PLACE...


...IS BECAUSE THE SHADOW GOVERNMENTS CONTROL MOST PEOPLE THROUGH WIFI...



WHAT, YOU THINK THEY CONTROL US TELEPATHICALLY?



OF COURSE. THEY WANT US SUBMISSIVE, IGNORANT OF THE SECRET HISTORY THAT WILL SET US FREE.



SO... DO YOU
KNOW HOW TO
GET INTO THE
CITY?

NOT EXACT-
LY... BUT... ALL THE
LEGENDS POINT
THERE... TO THE
**CHURCH OF
RENNES.**

THE CHURCH
WHERE, DURING THE
FRENCH REVOLUTION,
THEY SCULPTED AN IN-
VERTED CRUCIFIX AND
WROTE: "**VEKAM,
ADONAI**".

...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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