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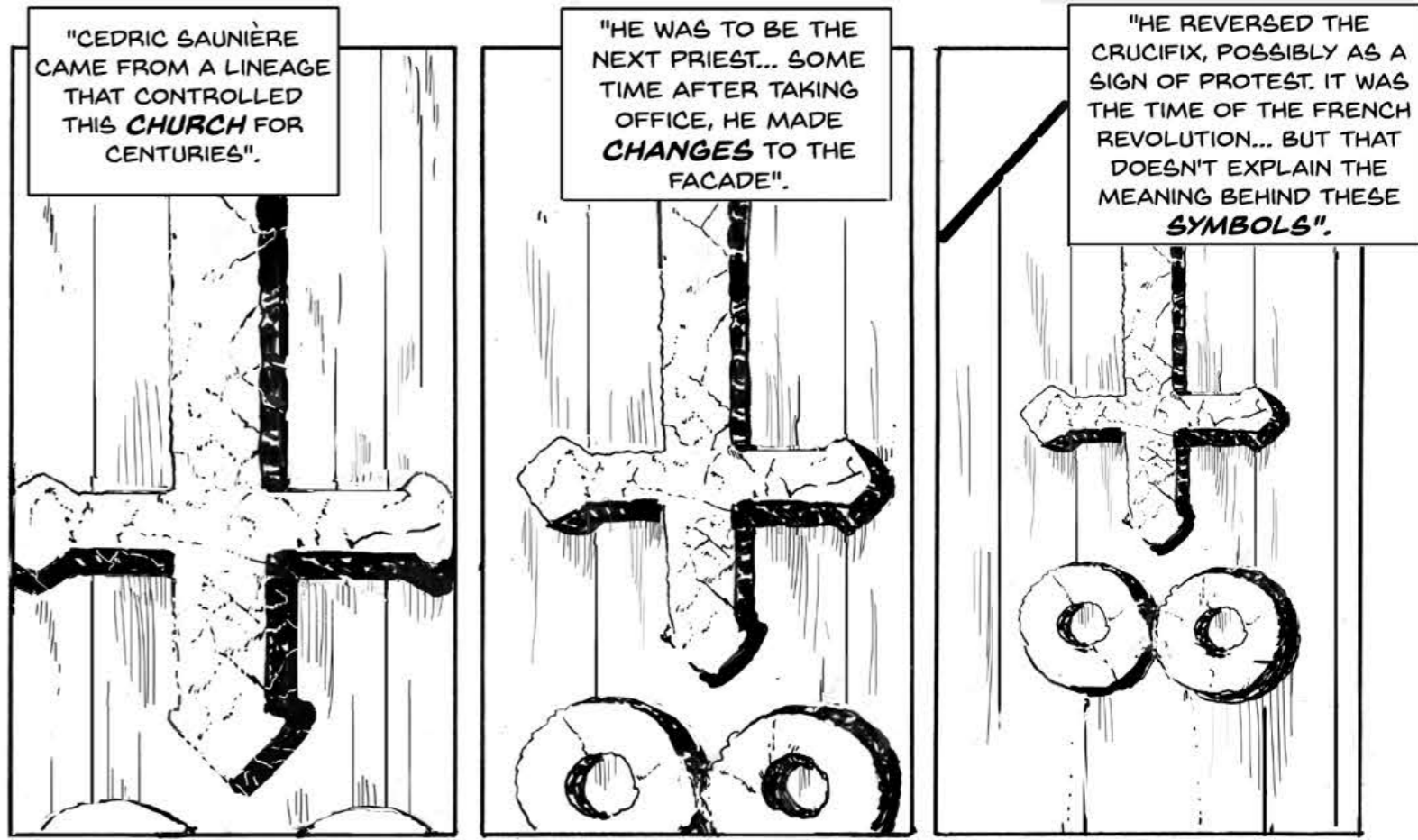
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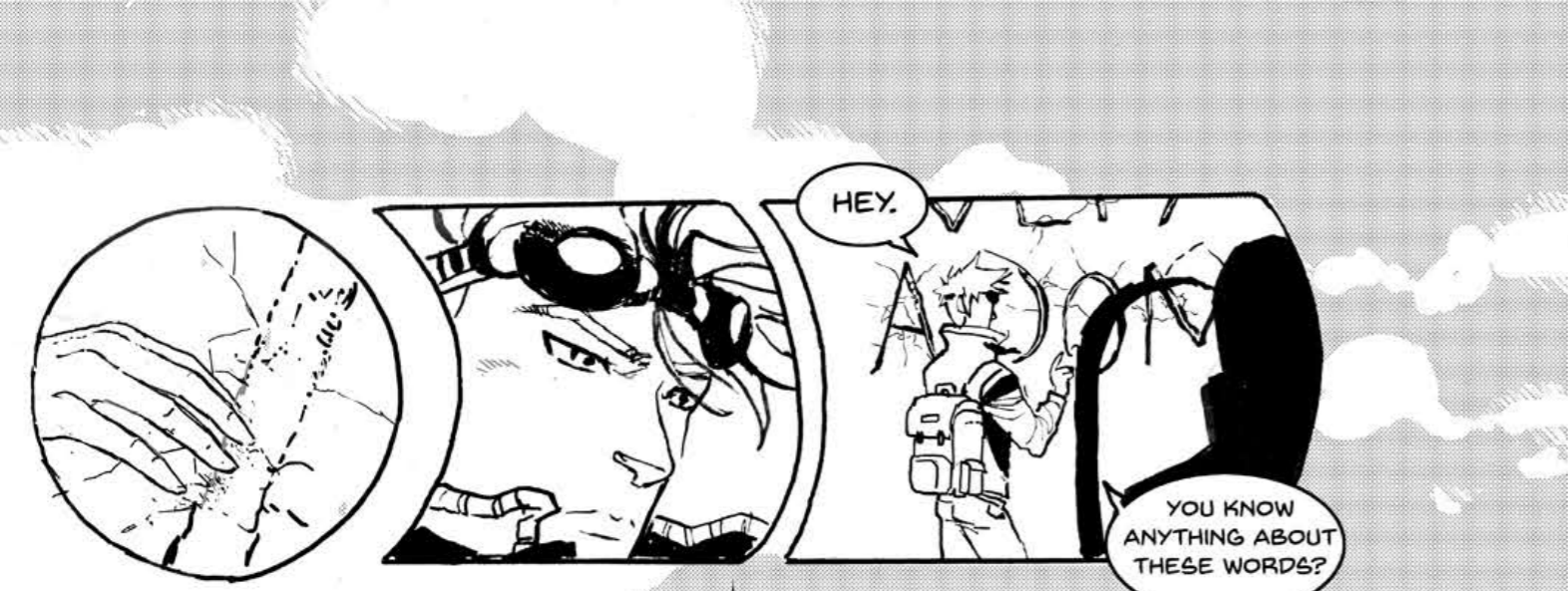
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HEY.

YOU KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT THESE WORDS?

YEAH. THEY SPREAD DURING THE **FRENCH REVOLUTION**, SOME JACOBIN GROUPS USED IT. IT MEANS "REVENGE ME, LORD".

IT'S AN ANCIENT **TEMPLAR MOTTO**. THE HOLY INQUISITION, AT THE BEHEST OF THE FRENCH MONARCHY, EXECUTED JACQUES DE MOLAY, THE LAST TEMPLAR LEADER. HE SHOUTED THESE WORDS AS THEY BURNED HIM ALIVE.

SOME MASONIC LODGES, ALLIES OF THE TEMPLARS, ADOPTED THE MOTTO... AS A SECRET PACT OF VENGEANCE, I GUESS. THAT'S WHY SAUNIÈRE IS SUSPECTED OF BEING A **MASON**.

WHY WAS HE KILLED? DE MOLAY, I MEAN.

PFFT. WHO KNOWS. IT'S ALL LEGENDS... MAYBE THE TEMPLARS DEFIED THE KINGS AND THE CHURCH, I GUESS?



THERE ARE MANY STORIES OF TEMPLARS HAVING **SECRET KNOWLEDGE** OR TECHNOLOGY, MYSTERIES DESCENDED FROM JESUS OR THINGS LIKE THAT. I DON'T KNOW. THE MIDDLE AGES, MAN. SNEEZING WAS BLASPHEMY.

SHOULD WE GO IN?



SAUNIÈRE WAS THE PRIEST OF THIS...?

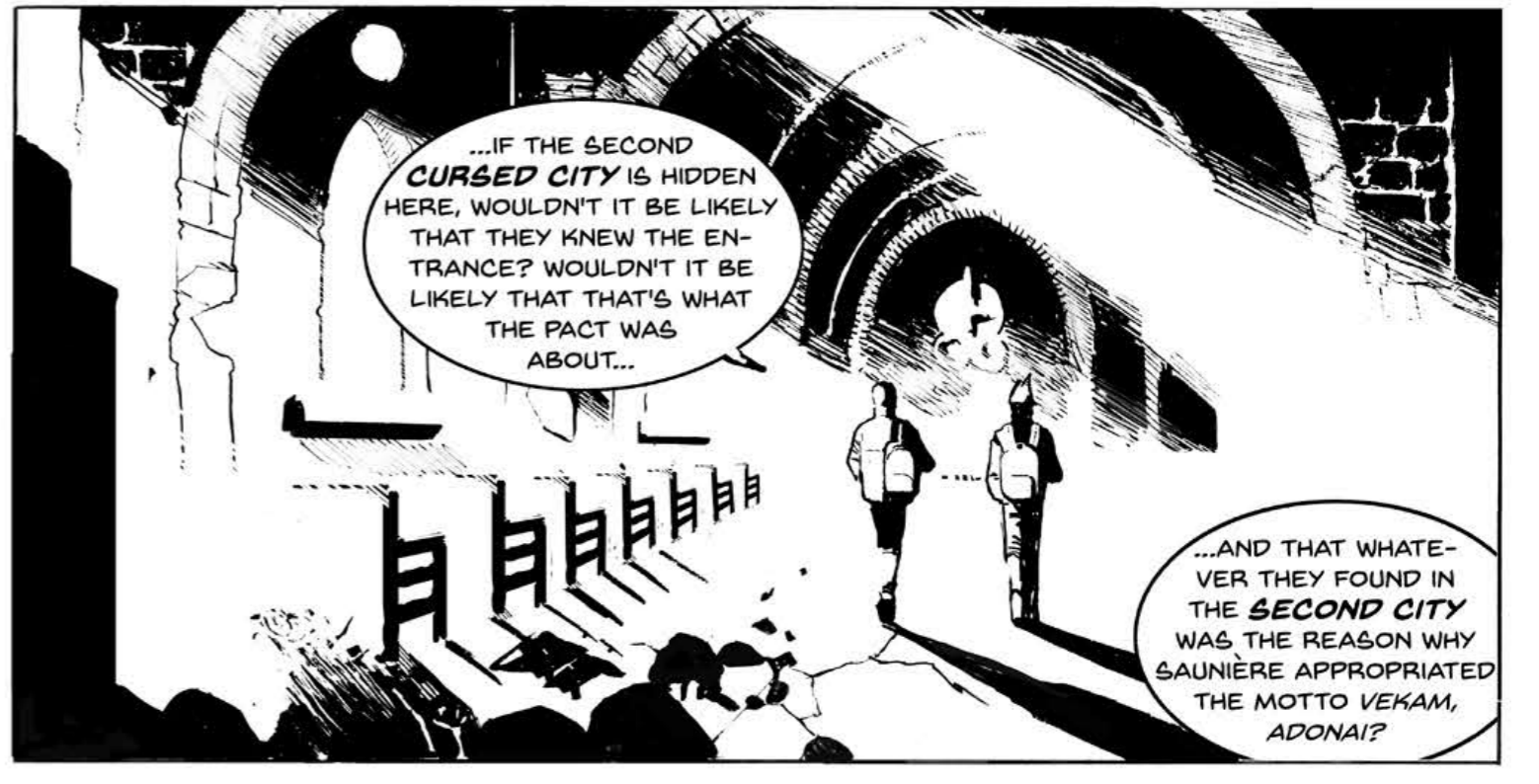
THEY HAD A PACT WITH THE FRENCH CROWN AND THE CHURCH. SEE THOSE **FLEURS-DE-LIS**?

YES. HIS FAMILY ALWAYS ASSIGNED ONE OF THEIR OWN TO BE THE NEW PRIEST.

THEY'RE SAID TO BE A **SECRET SYMBOL** OF THAT PACT.

A PACT BETWEEN THE CROWN, THE CHURCH AND THE SAUNIÈRES? FOR WHAT PURPOSE?

THAT'S THE **MYSTERY**, ISN'T IT? BUT, THINK ABOUT IT...



...IF THE **SECOND CURSED CITY** IS HIDDEN HERE, WOULDN'T IT BE LIKELY THAT THEY KNEW THE ENTRANCE? WOULDN'T IT BE LIKELY THAT THAT'S WHAT THE PACT WAS ABOUT...

...AND THAT WHATEVER THEY FOUND IN THE **SECOND CITY** WAS THE REASON WHY SAUNIÈRE APPROPRIATED THE MOTTO **VEKAM, ADONAI**?

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SITAIRE

UH...

NEW PAINS  
EVERY DAY,  
HUH?

YOU SHOULD  
ALL SURRENDER  
IMMEDIATELY.



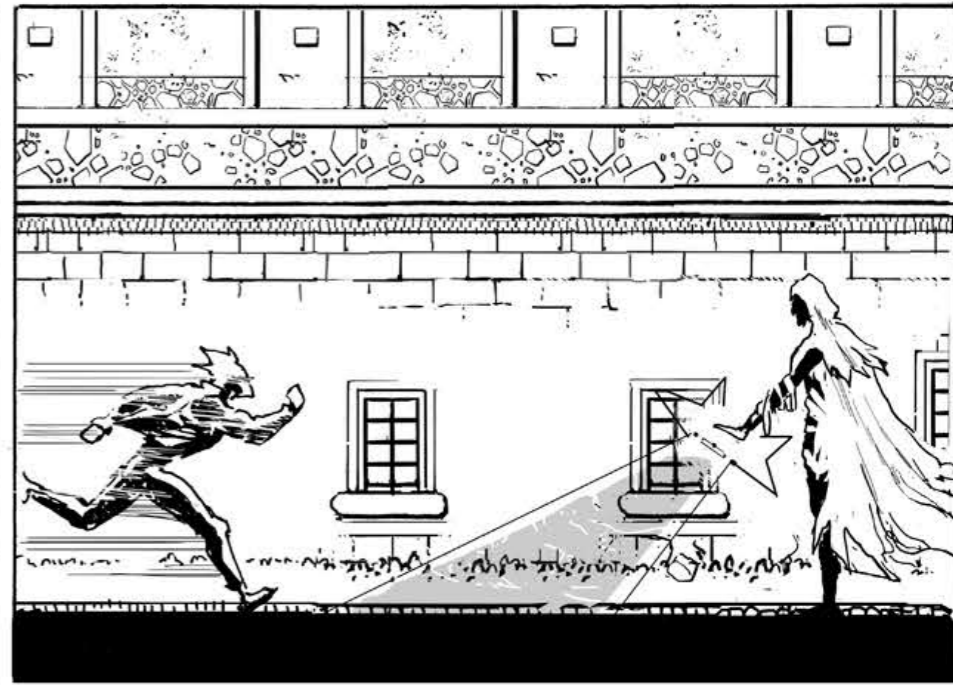
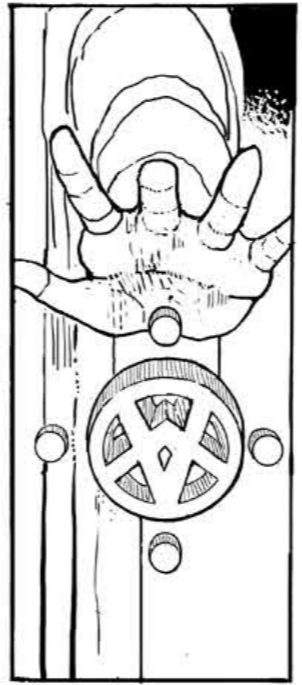
TWEL-  
VE.

ATTACK.

HMM.



A THREE-DI-  
MENSIONAL  
SIGIL!



STILL IN ONE  
PIECE.



HOW... RE-  
SISTANT.



WELL...

IT LOOKS LIKE THINGS HAVE GOTTEN DANGEROUS...



YOU'RE A BRAVE MAN, STRANGER.

BUT YOUR PARTNER HAS SEVERAL **BROKEN BONES**. ARE YOU GOING TO LEAVE HIM EXPOSED?



LET'S SEE IF YOU CAN DO YOUR LITTLE TRICKS IF I PIERCE YOUR **NERVE ENDINGS**...!

NGG.

THE WOLF GUY...

...HE'S **DISTRACTED!**



HEY, DO I INTERV...?

NO, WALTER, THE METAHUMAN JUST SEDATED MY ARMS... I CAN DEAL WITH IT.



ESSEX... I KNOW YOU THINK THE HEREMITES **KILLED** YOUR FATHER...

DON'T DO ANYTHING. I'LL **TAKE CARE** OF THIS.

"I KNOW YOU THINK" WHAT...?

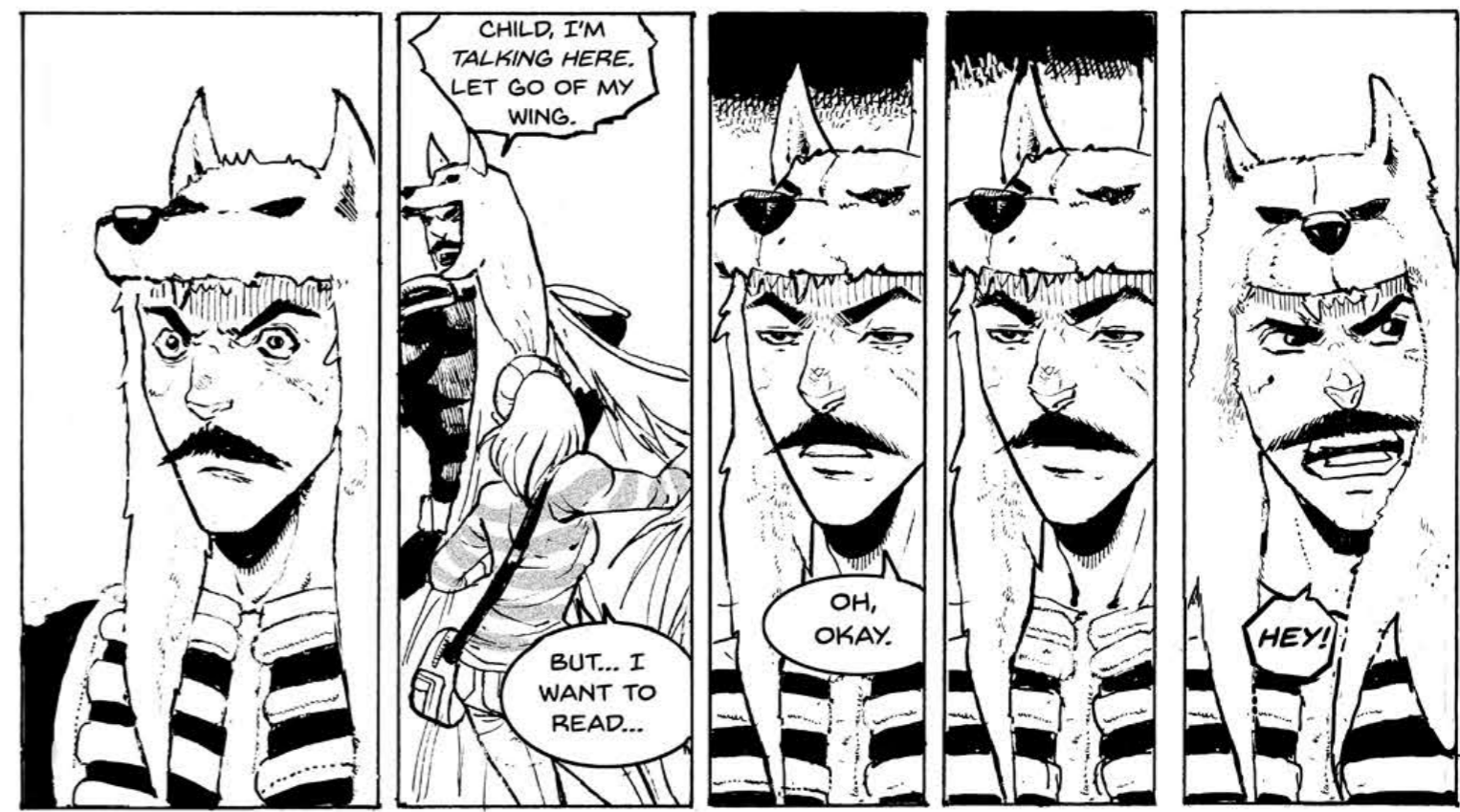


JACOB!

WHAT ARE YOU **BABBLING** ABOUT? WHY DON'T YOU TALK TO ME? MAYBE THEN I'LL SPARE YOUR LIFE.

TELL ME WHY YOU **KILLED** ELLEN AND WHERE THE HAND OF SATAN IS!

I THINK... **BEHIND** THE WING...

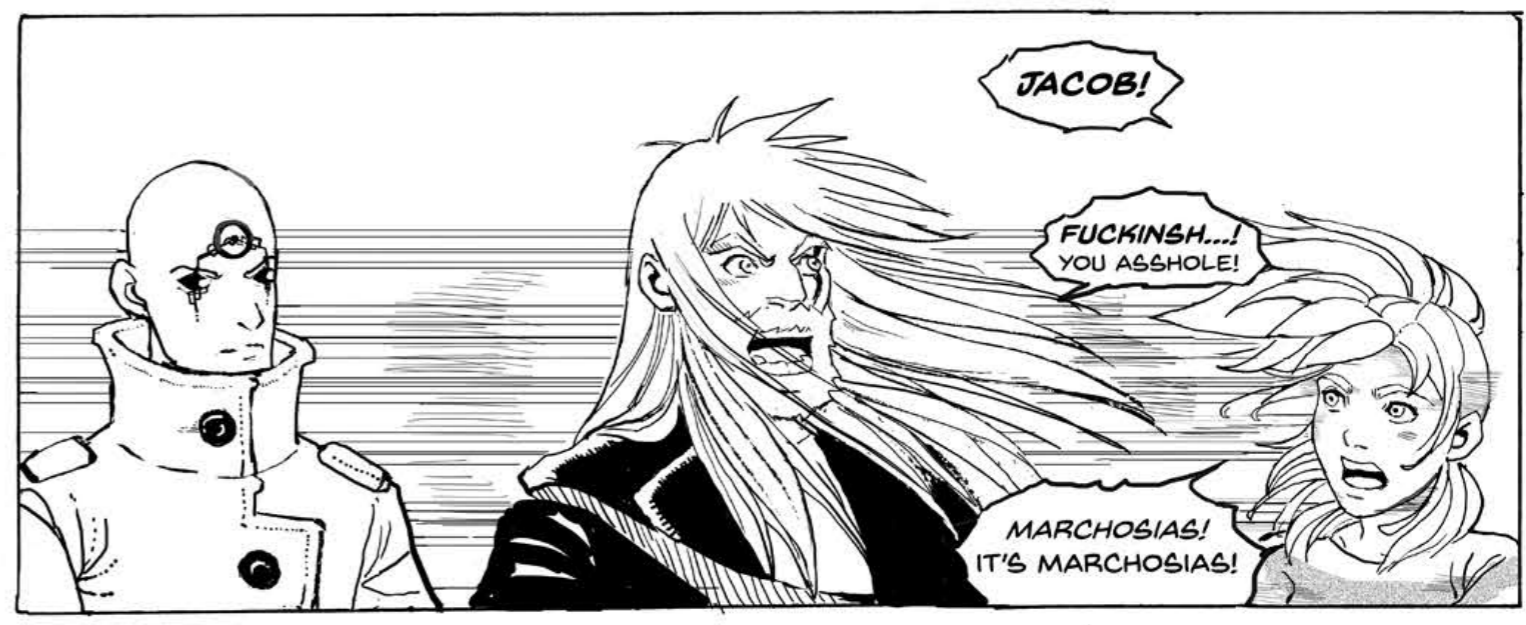


CHILD, I'M TALKING HERE. LET GO OF MY WING.

BUT... I WANT TO READ...

OH, OKAY.

HEY!

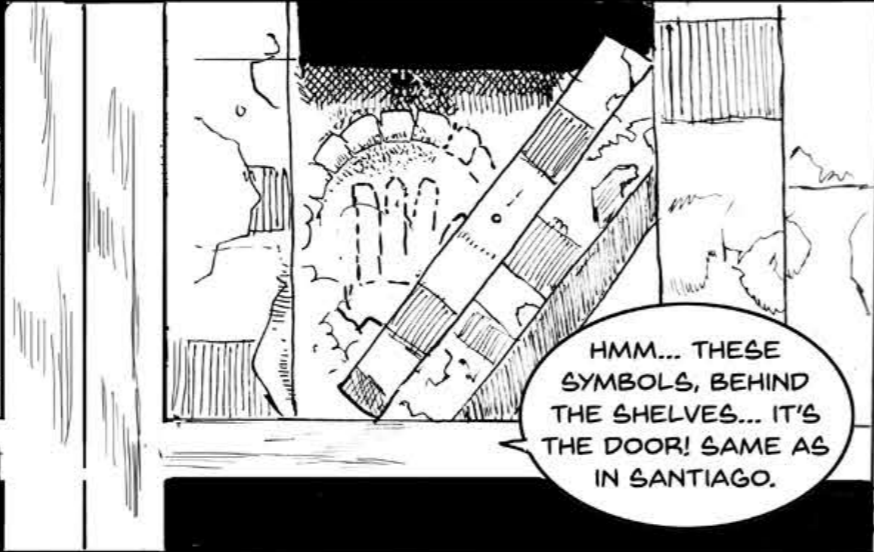


JACOB!

**FUCKINSH**...! YOU ASSHOLE!

MARCHOSIAS! IT'S MARCHOSIAS!

"WE HAVE THE WORD TO GET OUT OF HERE!"



HMM... THESE SYMBOLS, BEHIND THE SHELVES... IT'S THE DOOR! SAME AS IN SANTIAGO.

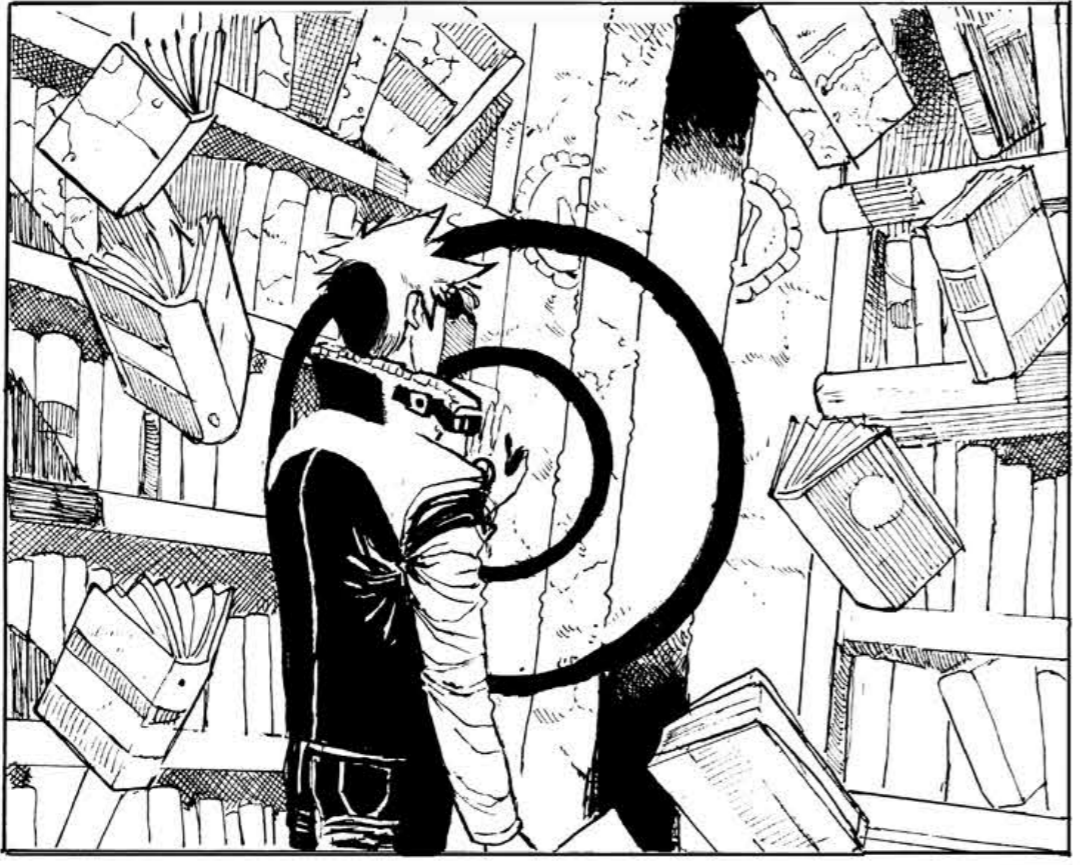
BE CAREFUL, ADAM. YOU'RE GOING TO ENTER THE CITY OF LYS...

THE KNOWLEDGE THAT IS HIDDEN THERE HAS BROUGHT NOTHING GOOD TO YOU HUMANS.



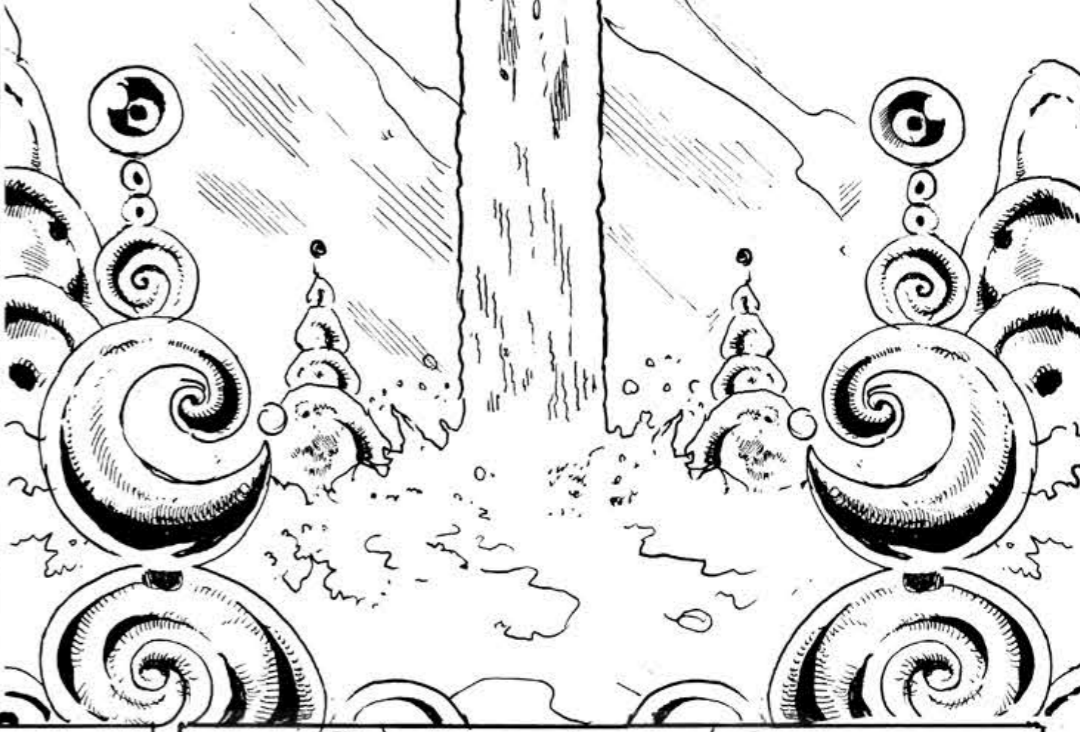
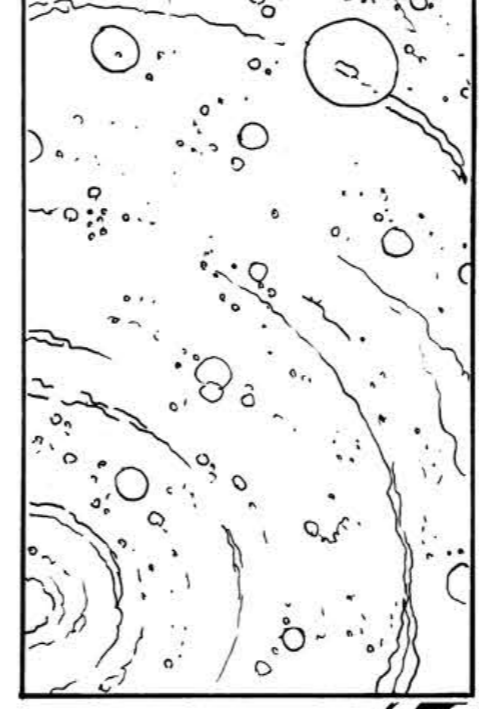
THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THE ENCOURAGEMENT, CHURCH...

...BUT I HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO DISCOVER THE TEMPO OF THE WORLD.

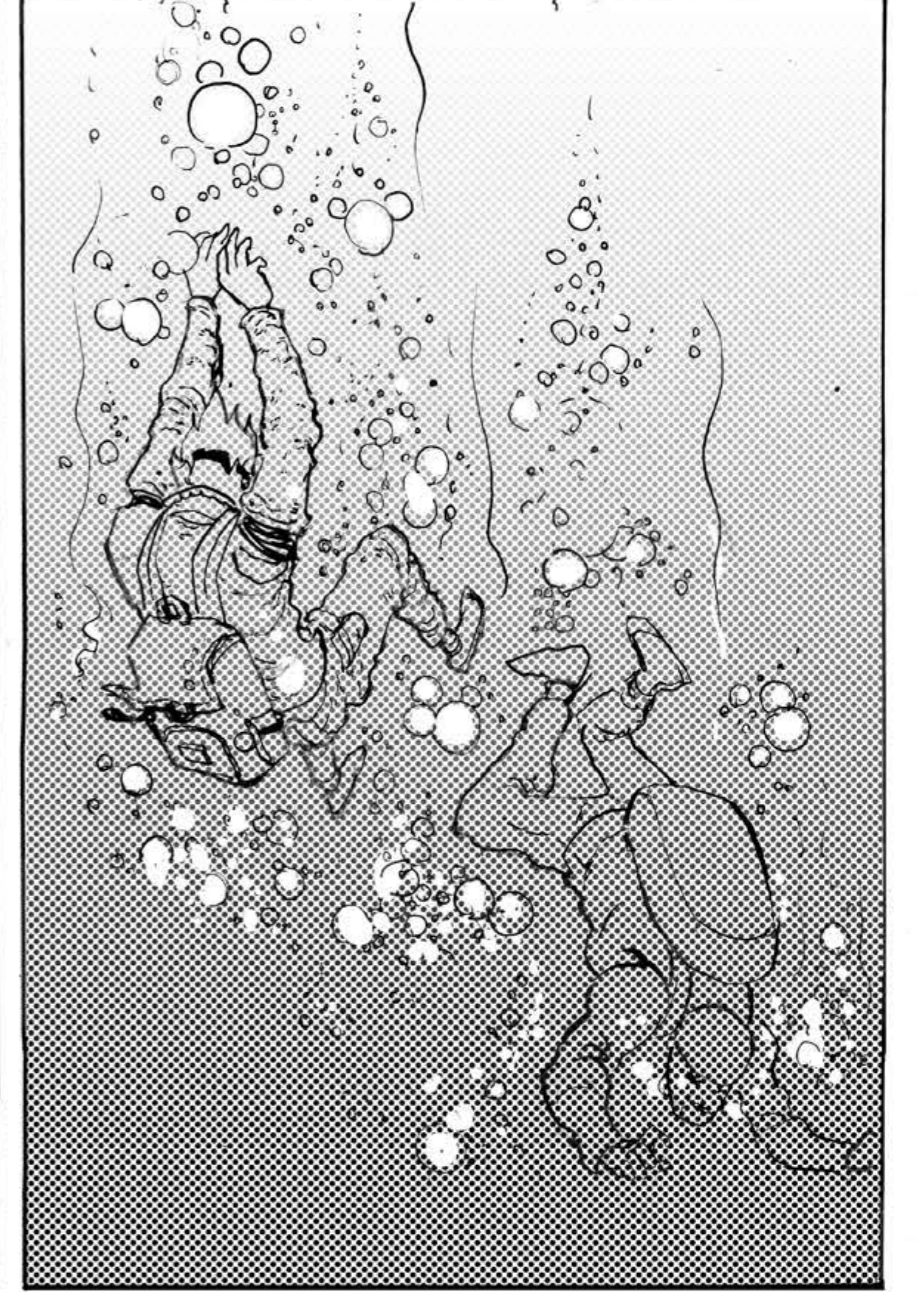


GREG!

"I'VE FOUND THE ENTRANCE TO THE CITY OF LYS!"



OH GOD, HOW LONG HAVE WE BEEN FALLING?! HOW MANY WATERFALLS LEEFF...?!

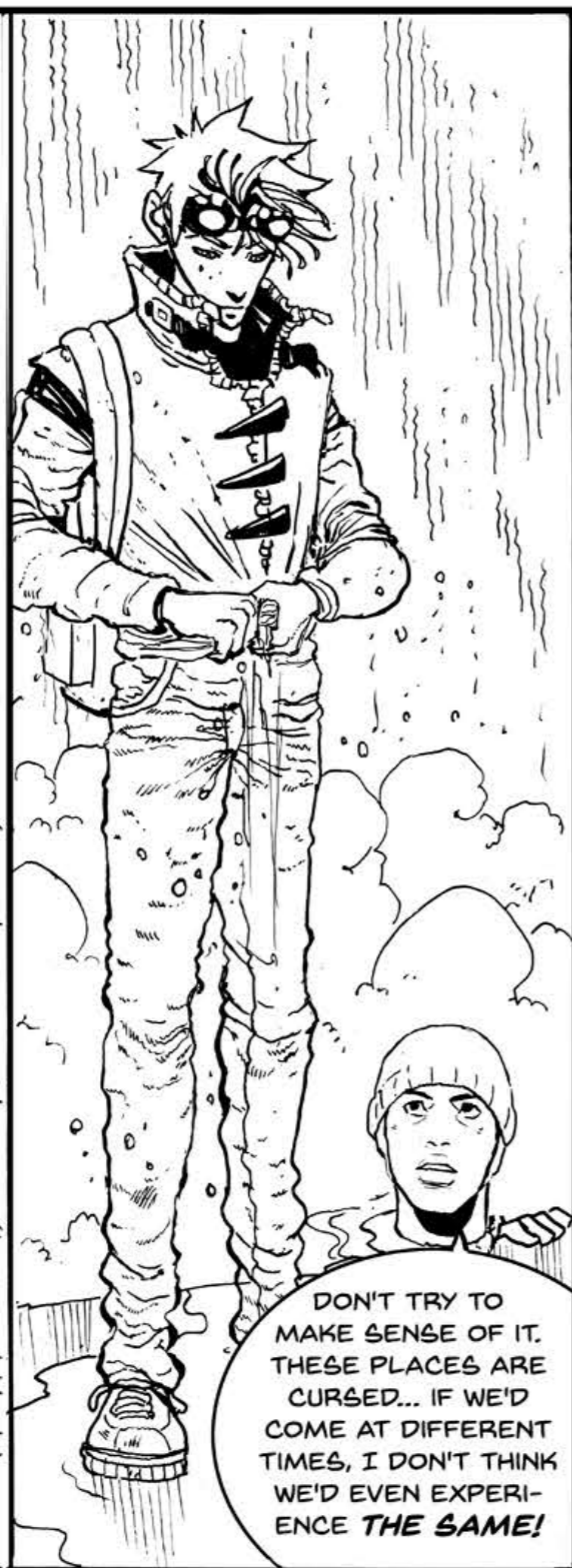




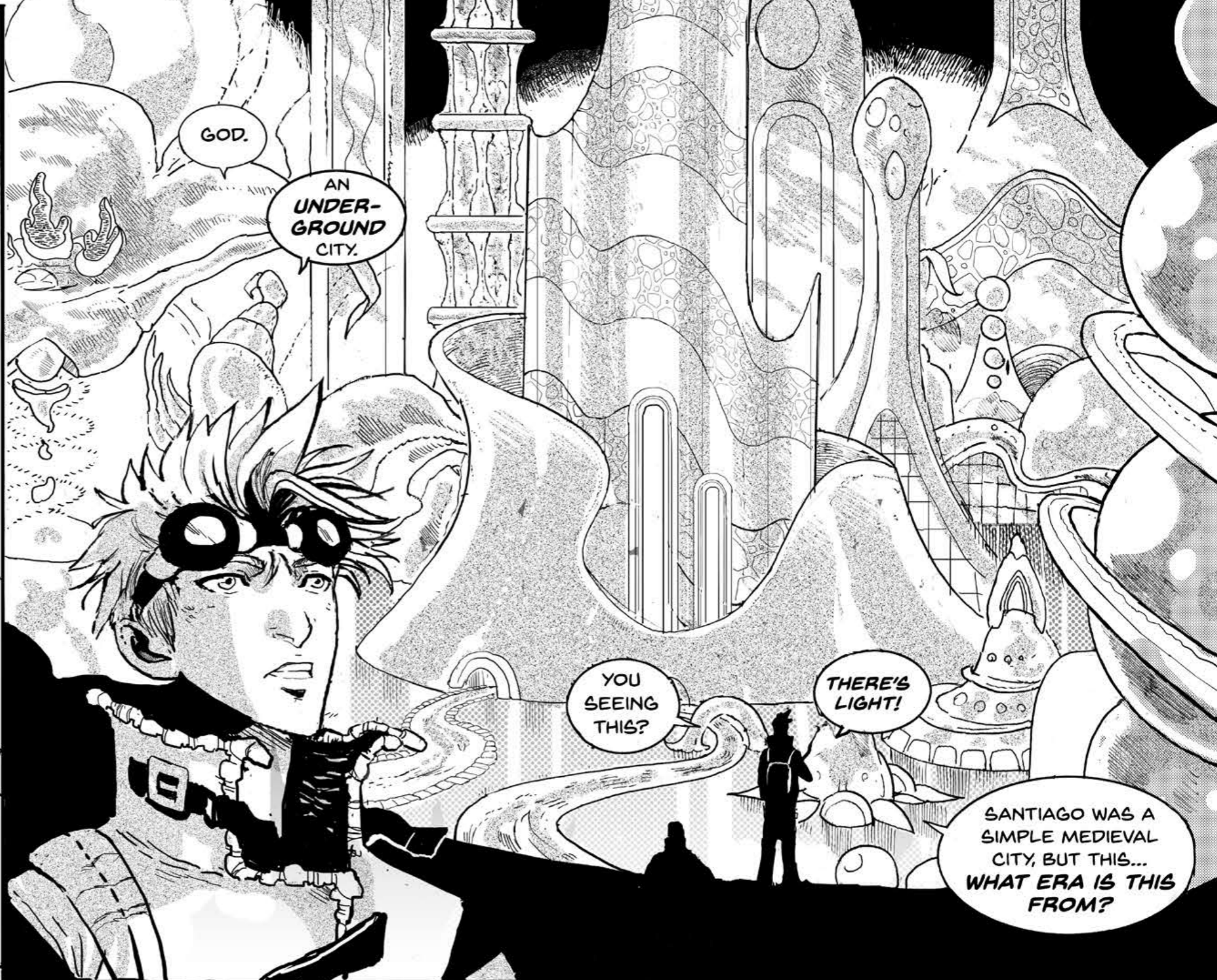
HUF...

AGH! IS...?  
IS THIS...?

...THE CITY  
OF LYS? WE  
WERE IN A  
CHURCH!



DON'T TRY TO  
MAKE SENSE OF IT.  
THESE PLACES ARE  
CURSED... IF WE'D  
COME AT DIFFERENT  
TIMES, I DON'T THINK  
WE'D EVEN EXPERI-  
ENCE *THE SAME!*



GOD.

AN  
UNDER-  
GROUND  
CITY.

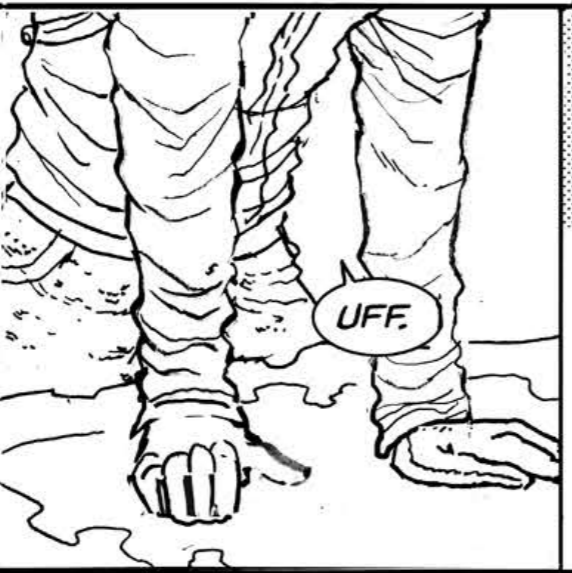
YOU  
SEEING  
THIS?

THERE'S  
LIGHT!

SANTIAGO WAS A  
SIMPLE MEDIEVAL  
CITY, BUT THIS...  
WHAT ERA IS THIS  
FROM?



I TOLD  
YOU, MAN.



UFF.



TIME  
DOESN'T  
FLOW *NOR-*  
*MALLY.*



THERE ARE ACCOUNTS  
THAT CLAIM TO HAVE  
SPENT *MONTHS* IN  
ONE OF THESE  
CITIES...

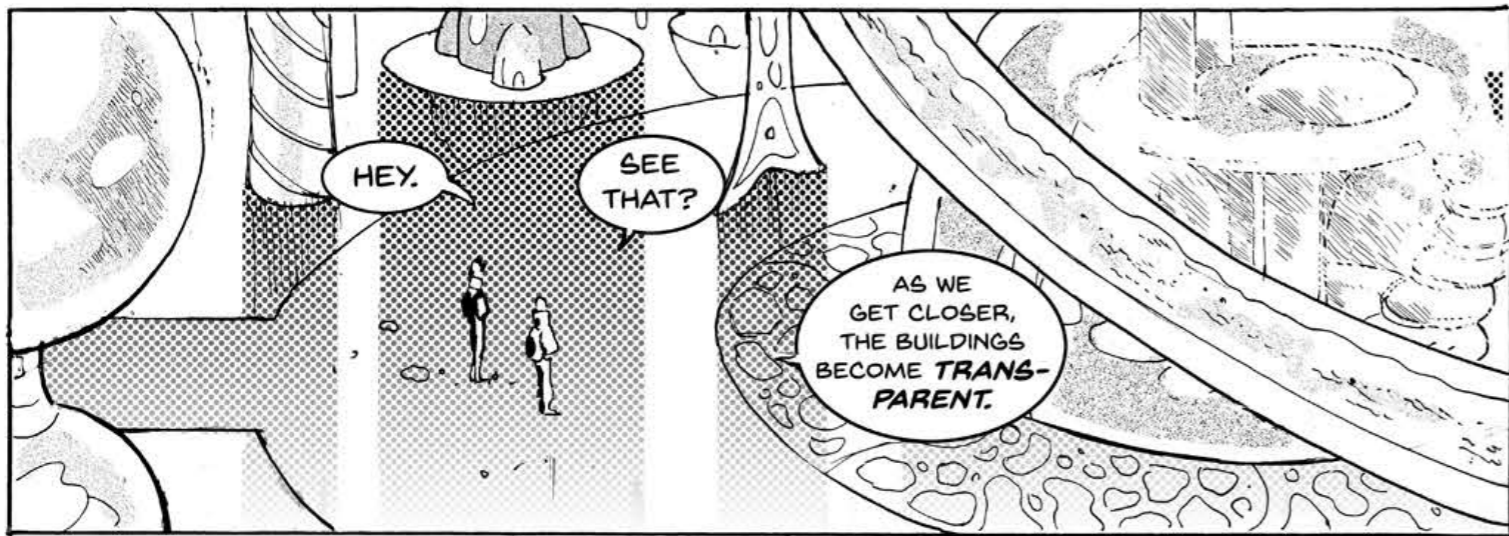
...BUT IT HAD  
ONLY BEEN  
*HOURS*, OUT  
THERE...



LET'S  
GO!



...



HEY.

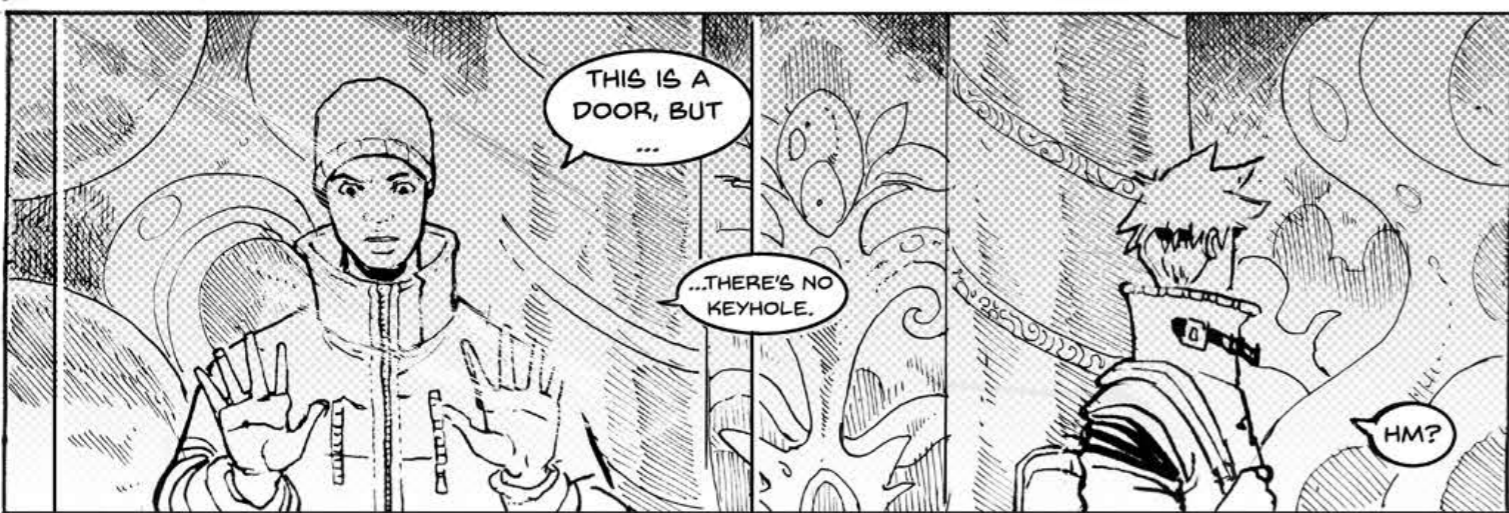
SEE THAT?

AS WE GET CLOSER, THE BUILDINGS BECOME **TRANSPARENT**.



THE CLOSER THEY LIVED TO EACH OTHER, THE MORE THEY COULD SEE THE INTIMACY OF THEIR **NEIGHBORS**.

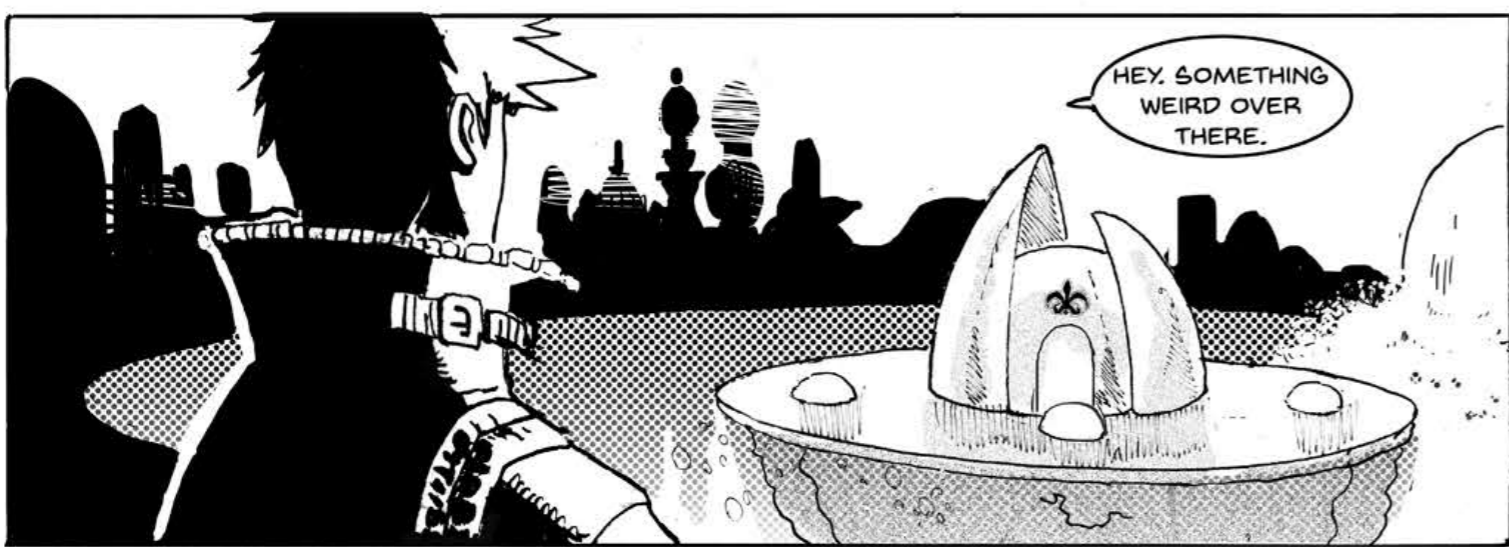
IT'S ALL EMPTY... I DON'T SEE ANYBODY.



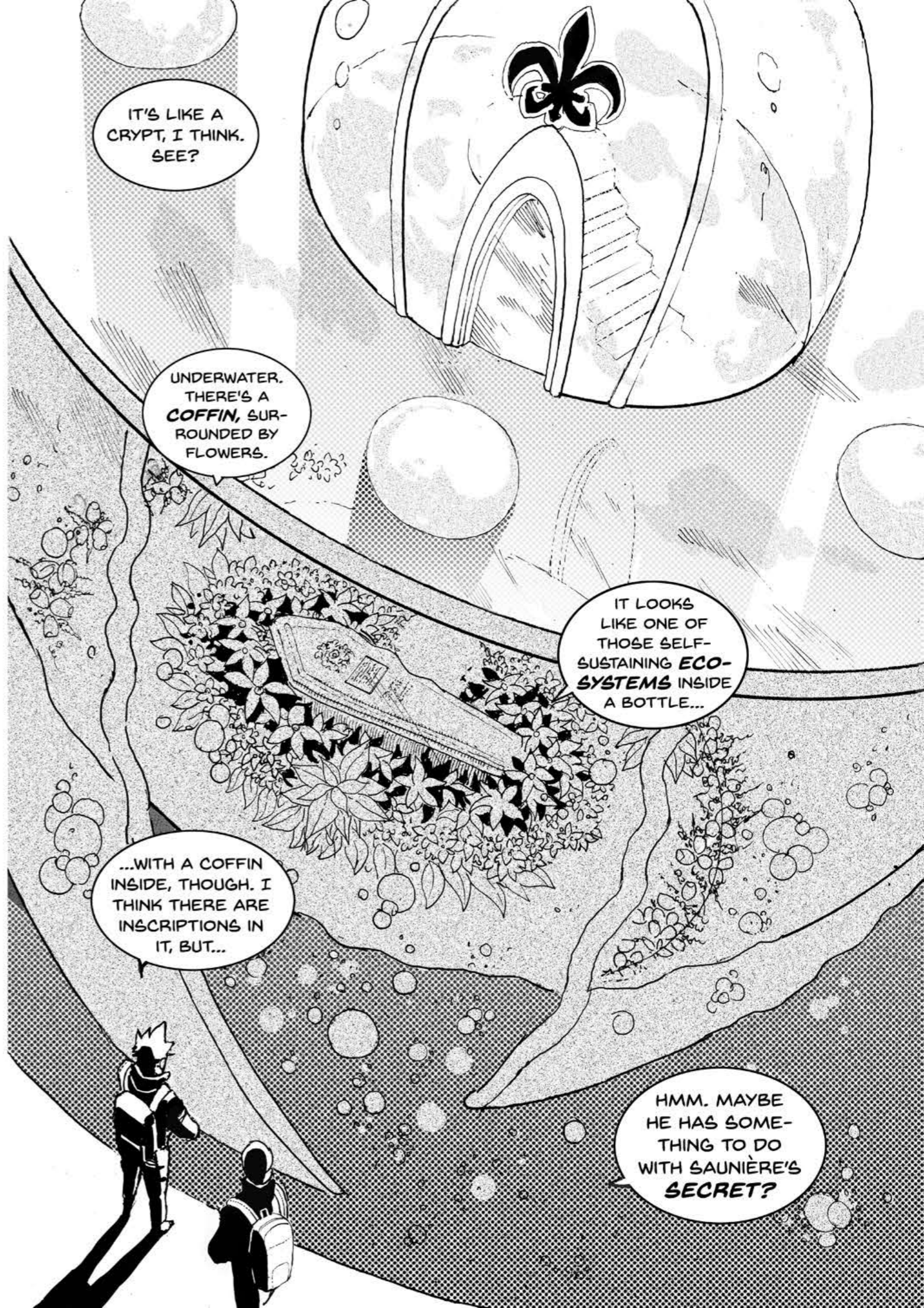
THIS IS A DOOR, BUT ...

...THERE'S NO KEYHOLE.

HM?



HEY. SOMETHING WEIRD OVER THERE.



IT'S LIKE A CRYPT, I THINK. SEE?

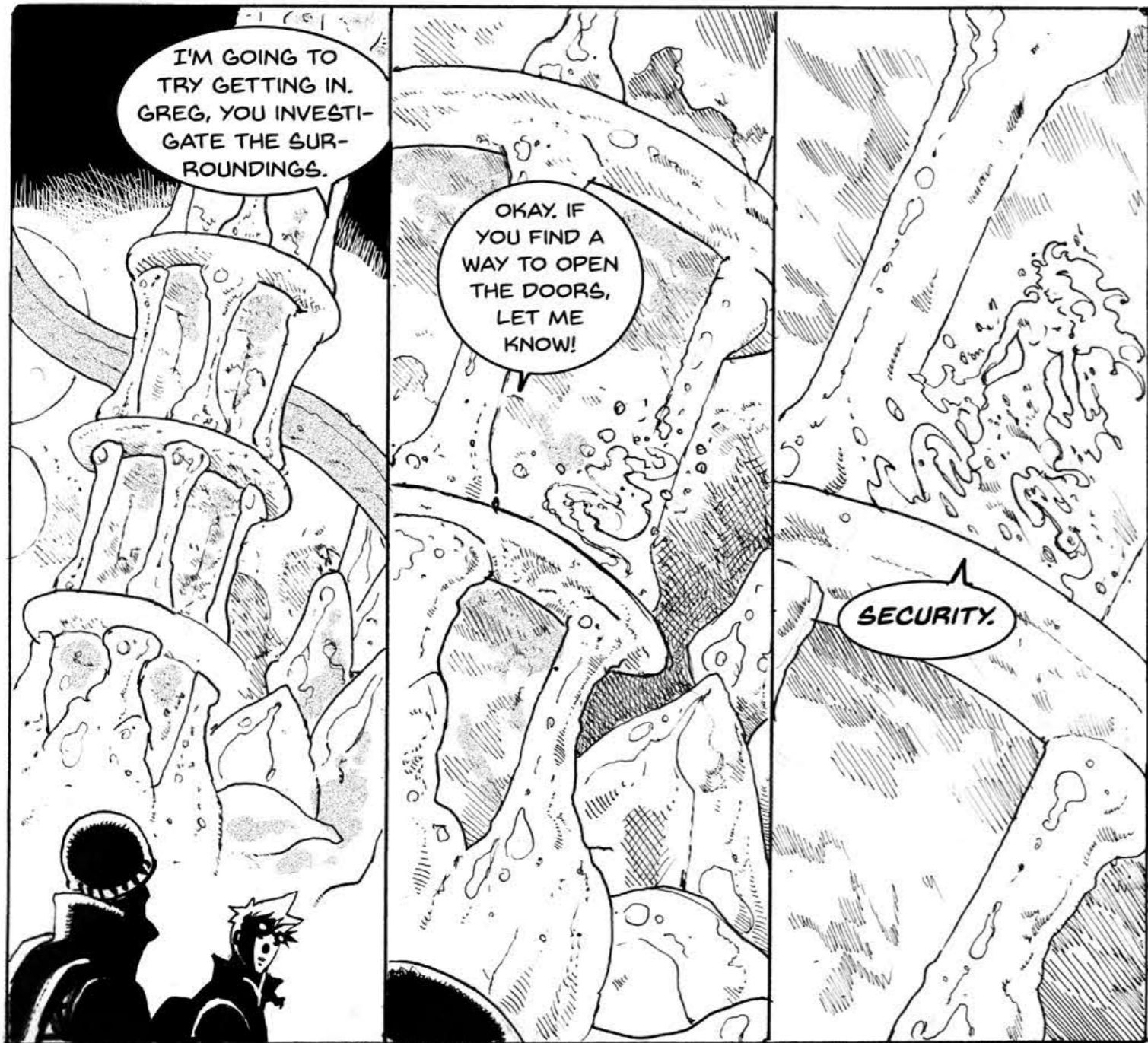
UNDERWATER. THERE'S A **COFFIN**, SURROUNDED BY FLOWERS.

IT LOOKS LIKE ONE OF THOSE SELF-SUSTAINING **ECO-SYSTEMS** INSIDE A BOTTLE...

...WITH A COFFIN INSIDE, THOUGH. I THINK THERE ARE INSCRIPTIONS IN IT, BUT...

HMM. MAYBE HE HAS SOMETHING TO DO WITH SAUNIÈRE'S **SECRET**?



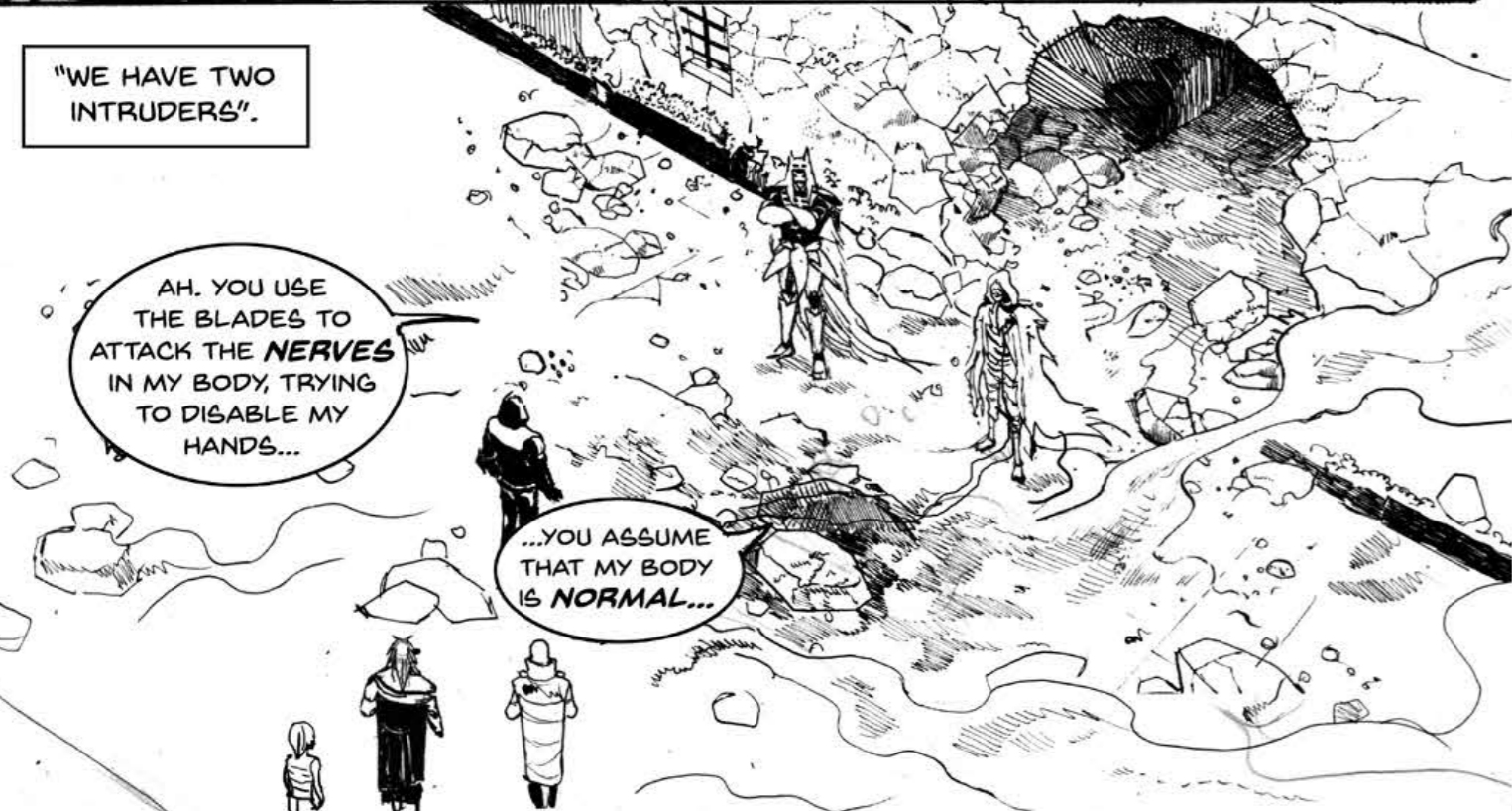


I'M GOING TO TRY GETTING IN. GREG, YOU INVESTIGATE THE SURROUNDINGS.

OKAY. IF YOU FIND A WAY TO OPEN THE DOORS, LET ME KNOW!

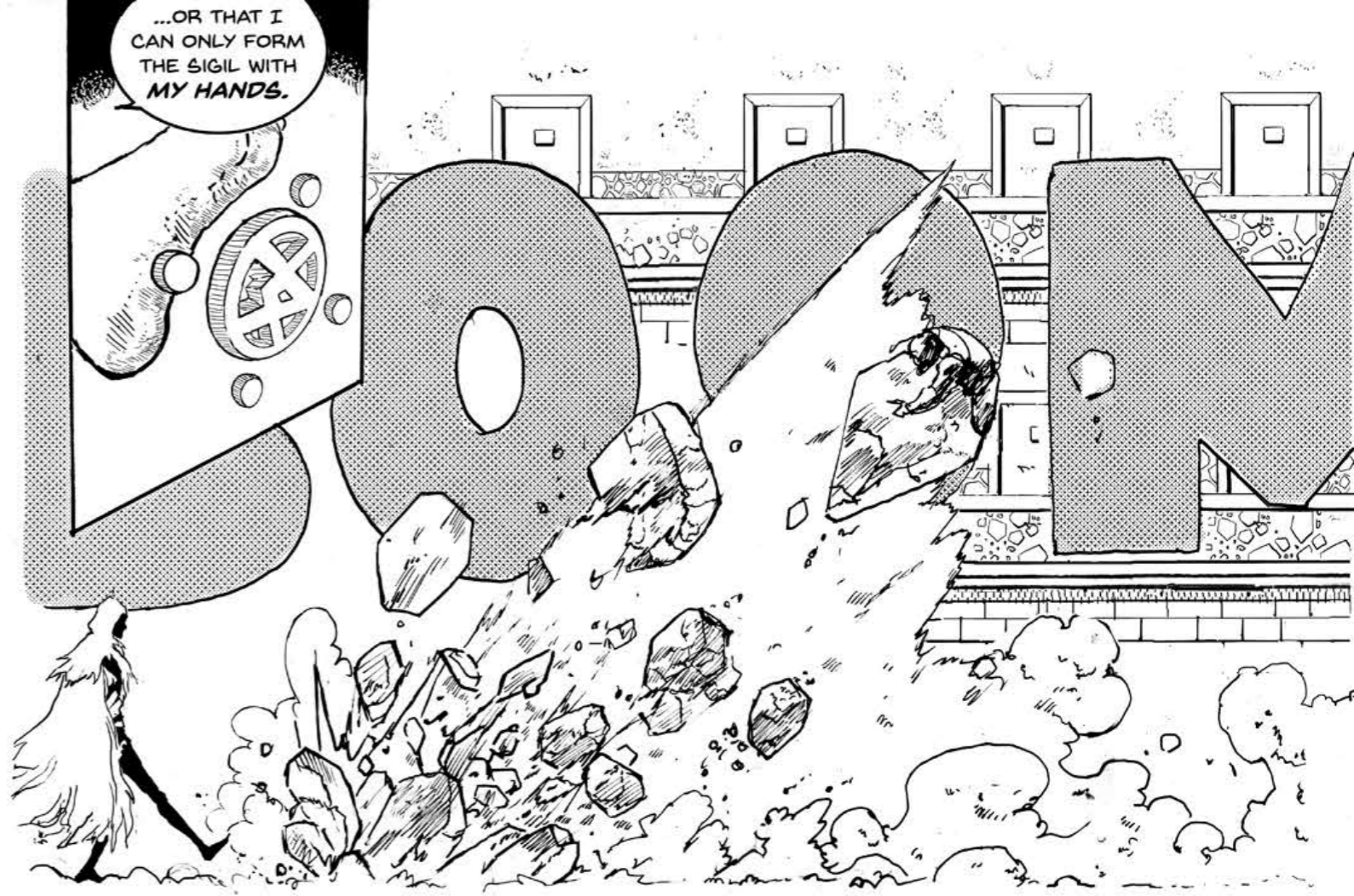
SECURITY.

"WE HAVE TWO INTRUDERS".



AH. YOU USE THE BLADES TO ATTACK THE NERVES IN MY BODY, TRYING TO DISABLE MY HANDS...

...YOU ASSUME THAT MY BODY IS NORMAL...

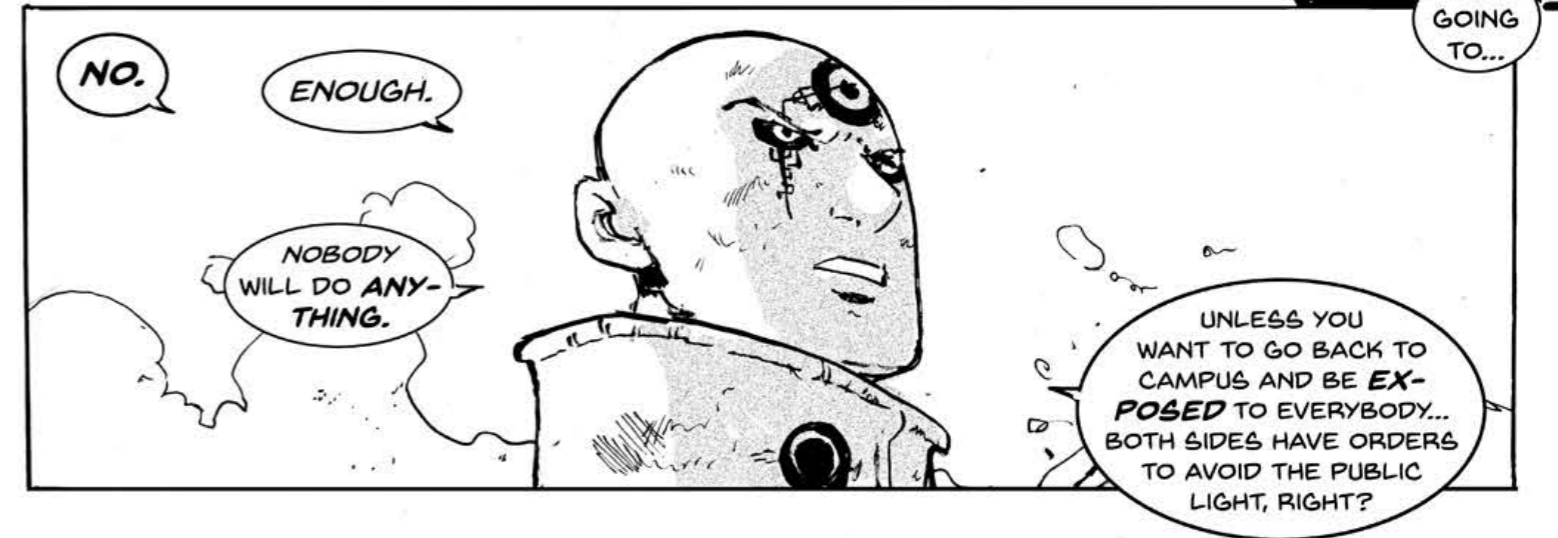


...OR THAT I CAN ONLY FORM THE SIGIL WITH MY HANDS.



THAT IT?

I'M GOING TO...



NO.

ENOUGH.

NOBODY WILL DO ANYTHING.

UNLESS YOU WANT TO GO BACK TO CAMPUS AND BE EXPOSED TO EVERYBODY... BOTH SIDES HAVE ORDERS TO AVOID THE PUBLIC LIGHT, RIGHT?



...



IF WE **BANISH** THE DEMON OF THIS GUY, WE GO BACK TO THE MATERIAL PLANE. ARE YOU GOING TO CONTINUE WITH THE FIGHT, WITH YOUR **ABSURD** POWERS, IN FRONT OF EVERYONE?

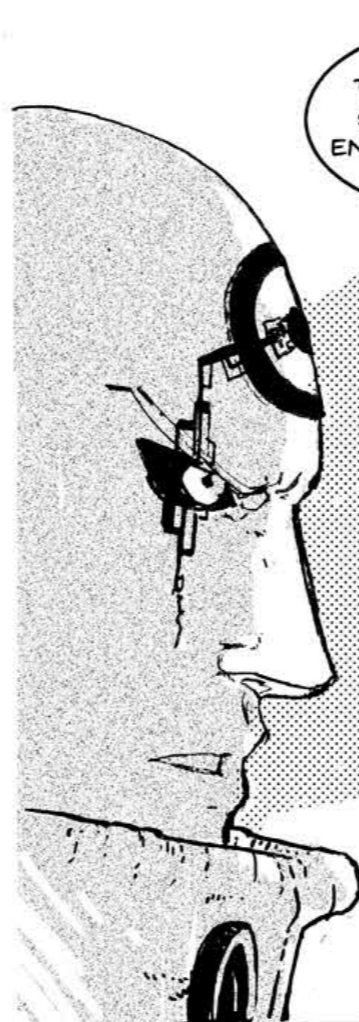


...WHAT?

NO...



BALDIE IS RIGHT. SO FAR YOU'VE BEEN CAREFUL TO STAY HIDDEN...



HMM. ALL THE MORE REASON FOR US TO END THIS **QUIETLY**, THEN.

SO?

FIGHT OR RETREAT?



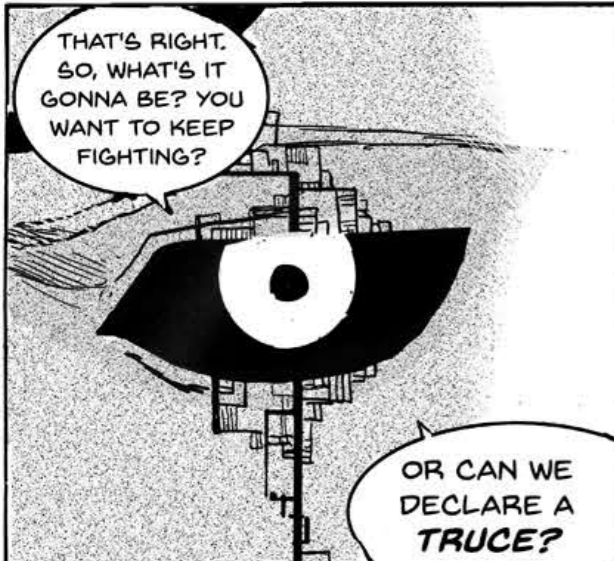
RETREAT? JACOB, YOU LOST YOUR GODDAMN MIND?



...TSK. SHIT.

I APPROVE THE CYBORG'S MOTION OF TRUCE.

DON'T COME HERE FOR A **THREESO-ME**.



THAT'S RIGHT. SO, WHAT'S IT GONNA BE? YOU WANT TO KEEP FIGHTING?

OR CAN WE DECLARE A **TRUCE**?



WALTER; YOU FUCKING MORON.

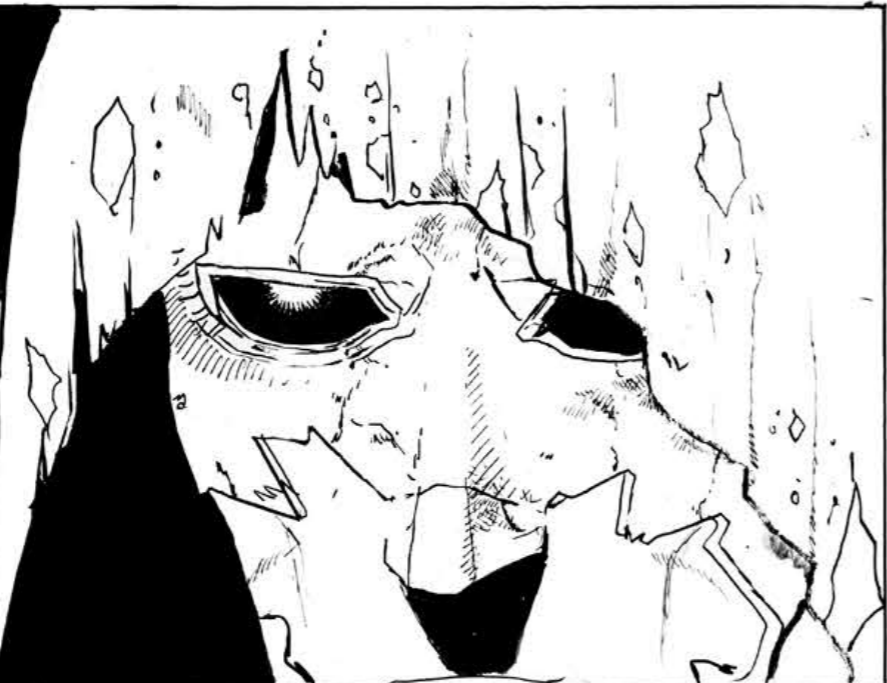
SO WHAT? WE CAN **KILL THEM ALL!**

THINGS DON'T WORK LIKE IN AMERICA.



THE CELL TOWERS RADIATE SPELLS TO MANIFEST SAU-NIÈRE'S PLAN... WHEN WE ARE EXPOSED TO THE EYES OF NORMAL PEOPLE, EVERYTHING TURNS MUCH MORE **DIFFICULT**... OUR POWERS LOSE STRENGTH.

...AND IF WE TRY TO OVERCOME IT, WE'LL GET THE ATTENTION OF FREI, THEIR DISGUSTING LEADER.



TT. IT'S FUNNY, YOU URGING US TO **COLLABORATE**, JACOB.



YOU'VE BEEN **WORKING** WITH US ALL THIS TIME.

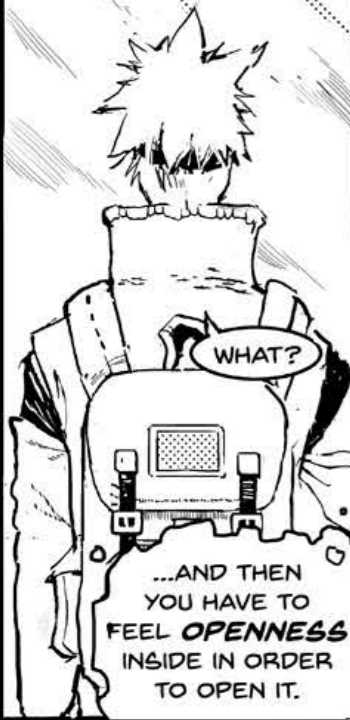
IN FACT, WE WANTED TO **CONTACT** YOU...



"...TO INFORM YOU OF YOUR NEXT **MISSION**".

CITY OF LYS. HOW DO I OPEN THESE **DOORS**?

THE GATE, LIKE ALL OF ME, IS **EMPATHIC** TECHNOLOGY, ADAM. YOU HAVE TO ESTABLISH AN EMOTIONAL CONNECTION WITH IT...



WHAT?

...AND THEN YOU HAVE TO FEEL **OPENNESS** INSIDE IN ORDER TO OPEN IT.

HELLO? ANYBODY THERE?



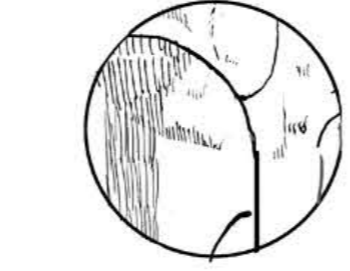
SERIOUSLY? SERIOUSLY? WHA...? O-O-KAY.



WHAT?



AD... ADAM!



HELP!



WOW.

THOSE LETTERS... THEY DON'T LOOK LIKE ANY LANGUAGE I KNOW...



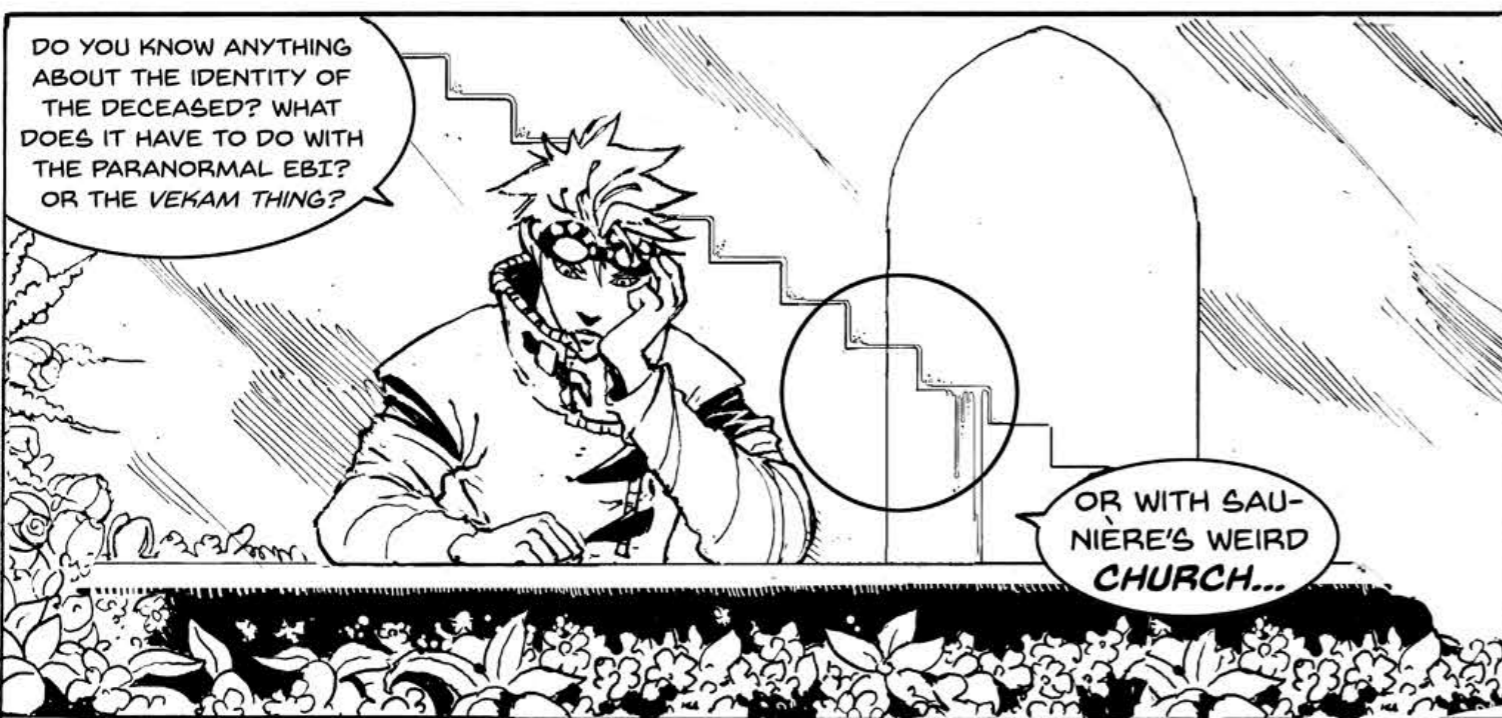
CITY, HOW OLD ARE YOU?

THAT QUESTION IS **IMPOSSIBLE.** OUR TIME IS NOT YOUR TIME.



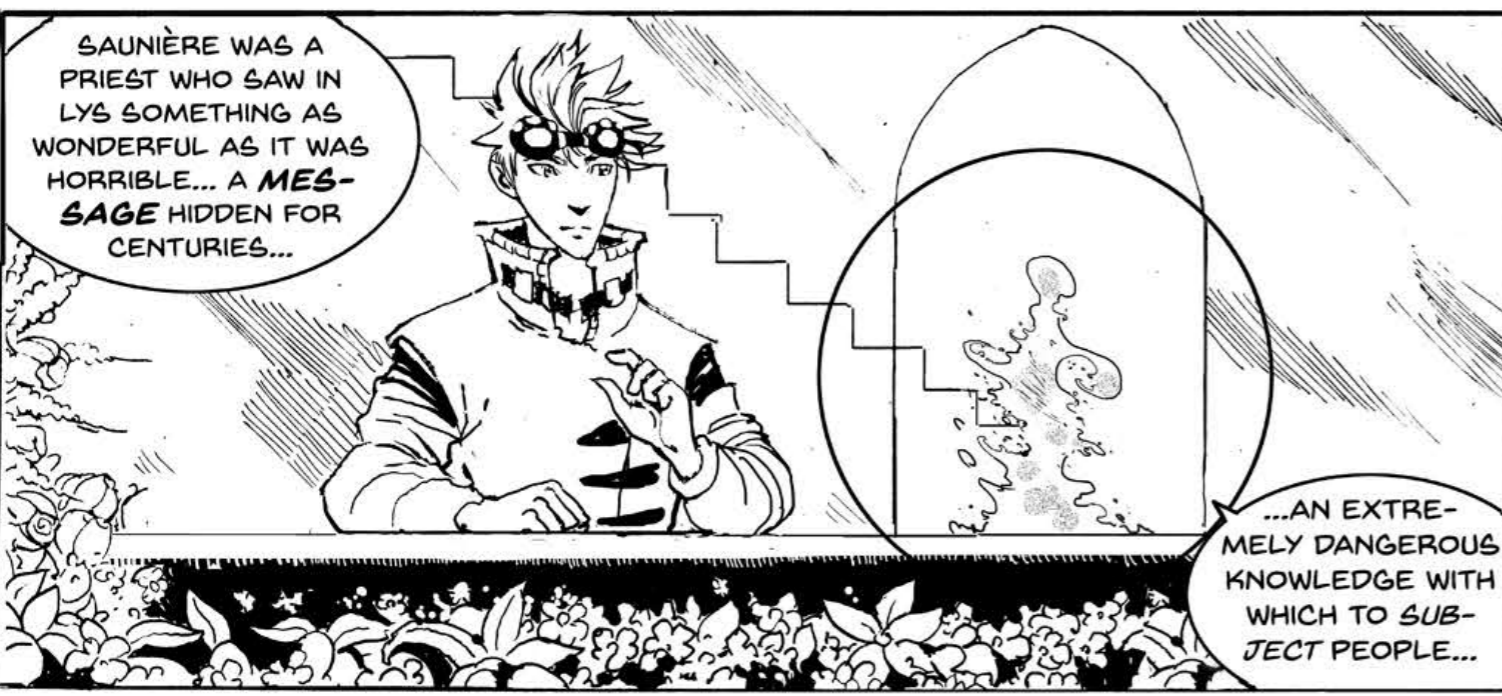
WHAT?

DO YOU KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT THE IDENTITY OF THE DECEASED? WHAT DOES IT HAVE TO DO WITH THE PARANORMAL EBI? OR THE VEKAM THING?

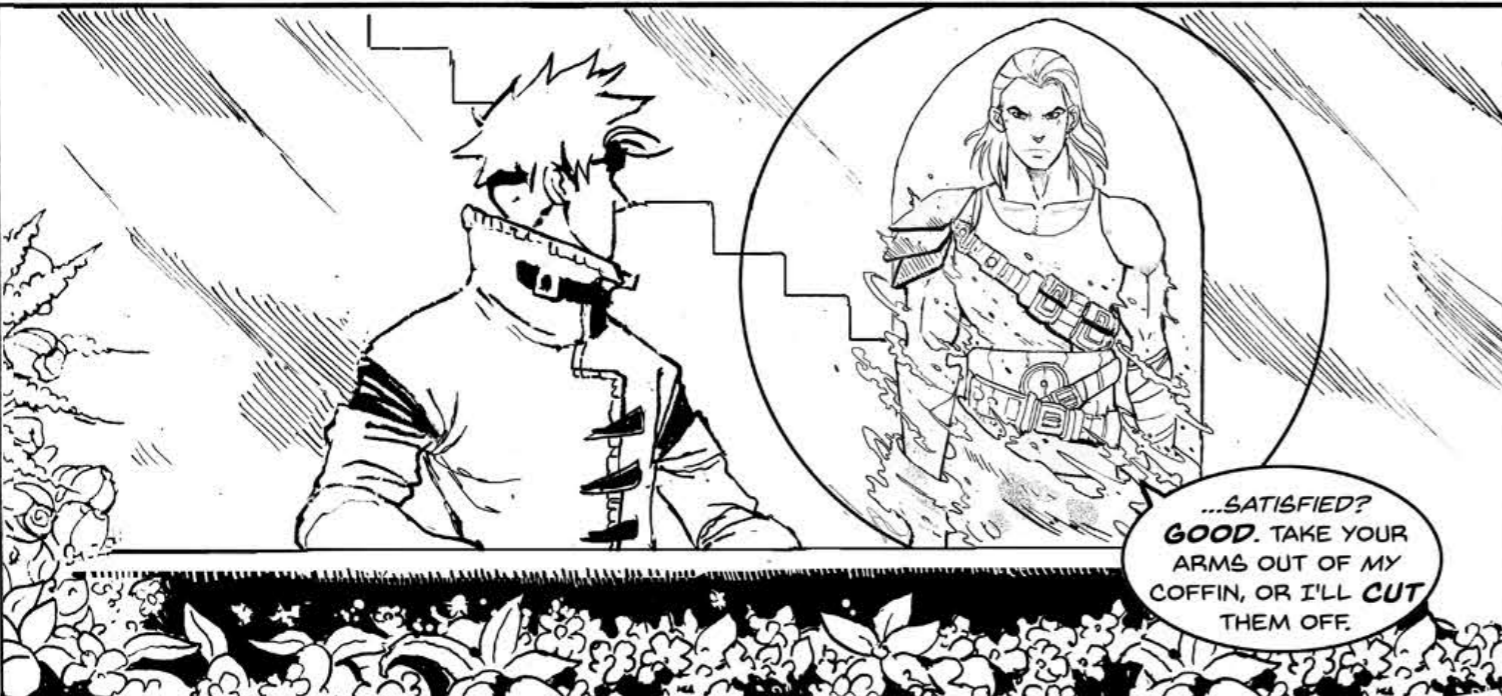


OR WITH SAUNIÈRE'S WEIRD CHURCH...

SAUNIÈRE WAS A PRIEST WHO SAW IN LYS SOMETHING AS WONDERFUL AS IT WAS HORRIBLE... A MESSAGE HIDDEN FOR CENTURIES...



...AN EXTREMELY DANGEROUS KNOWLEDGE WITH WHICH TO SUBJECT PEOPLE...



...SATISFIED? GOOD. TAKE YOUR ARMS OUT OF MY COFFIN, OR I'LL CUT THEM OFF.

# ...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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