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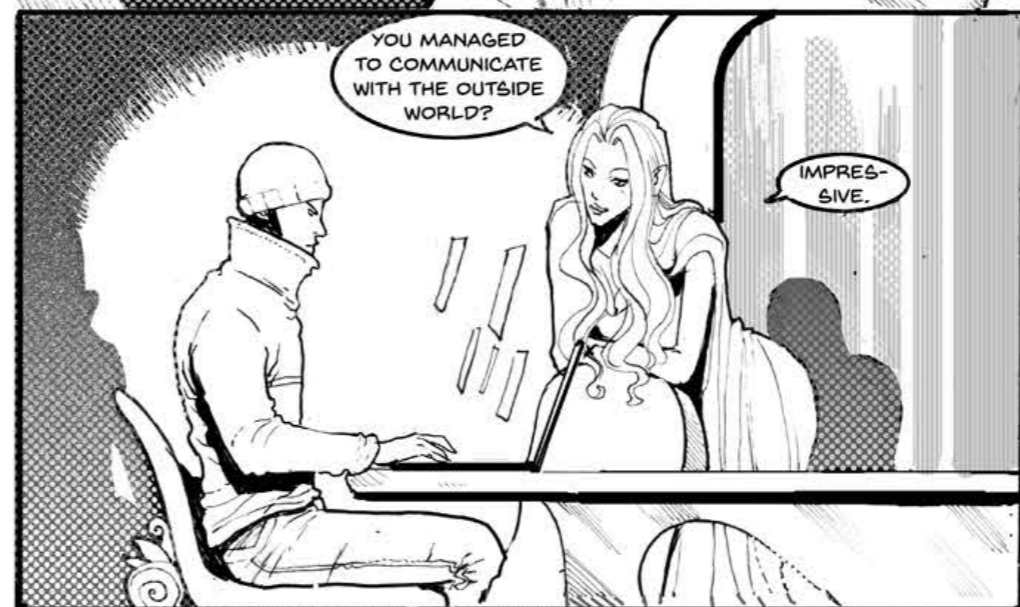
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4 DAYS BEFORE THE INCIDENT.

EMPRESS, TEST THE SHIP'S ANTI-RADAR SHIELD.

OUR LITMUS TEST IS TO SEE IF IT CAN CROSS AIR SPACES WITHOUT BEING NOTICED.



YOU MANAGED TO COMMUNICATE WITH THE OUTSIDE WORLD?

IMPRES-SIVE.



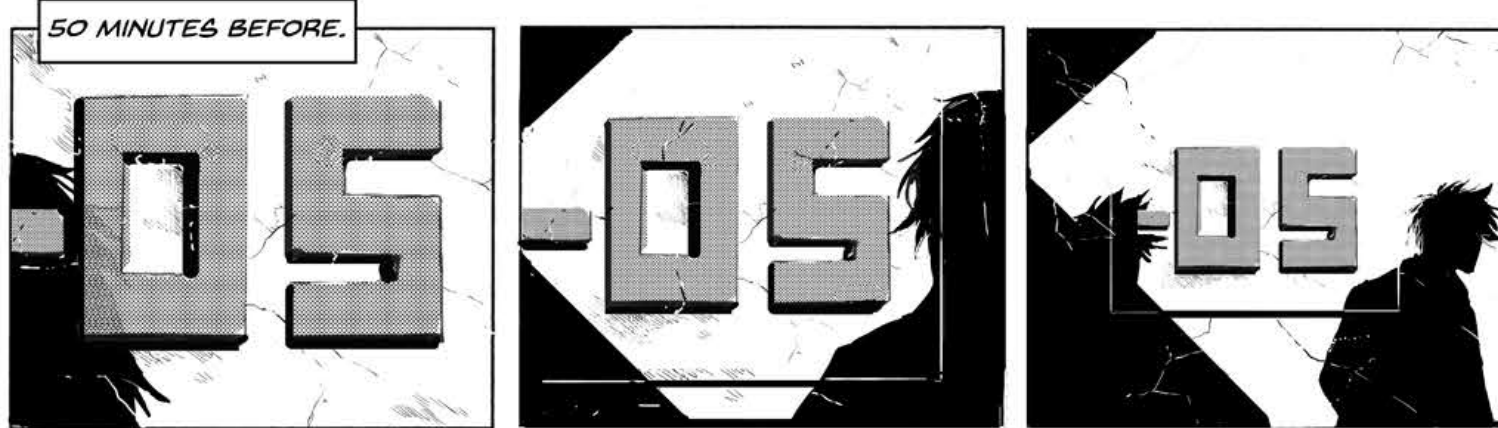
THE HERMITES ARE GETTING READY FOR AN ASSAULT ON THE EBI. IT'S GOING TO BE BIG.



THE CABALISTS HAVE TO INTERVENE.

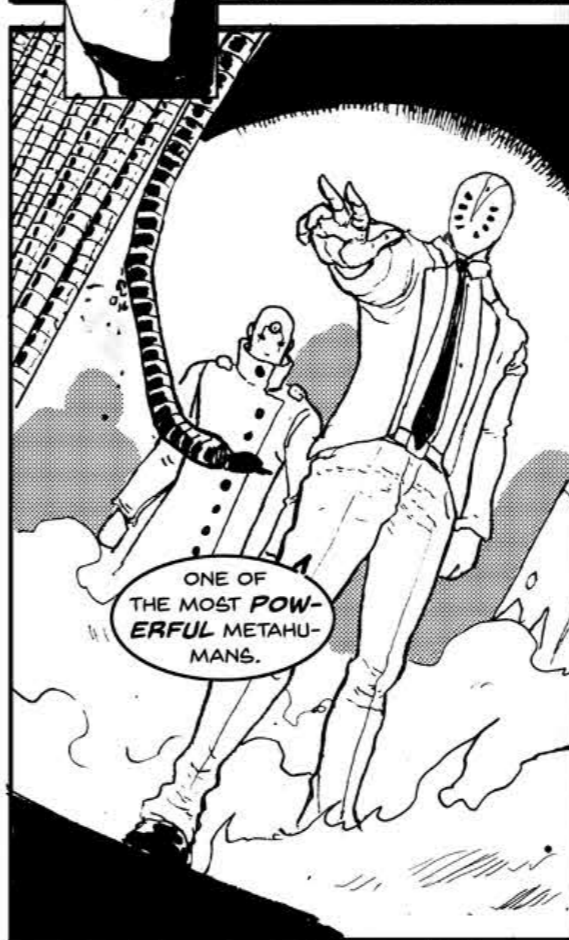
GOT IT. YOU'RE THE BOSS...

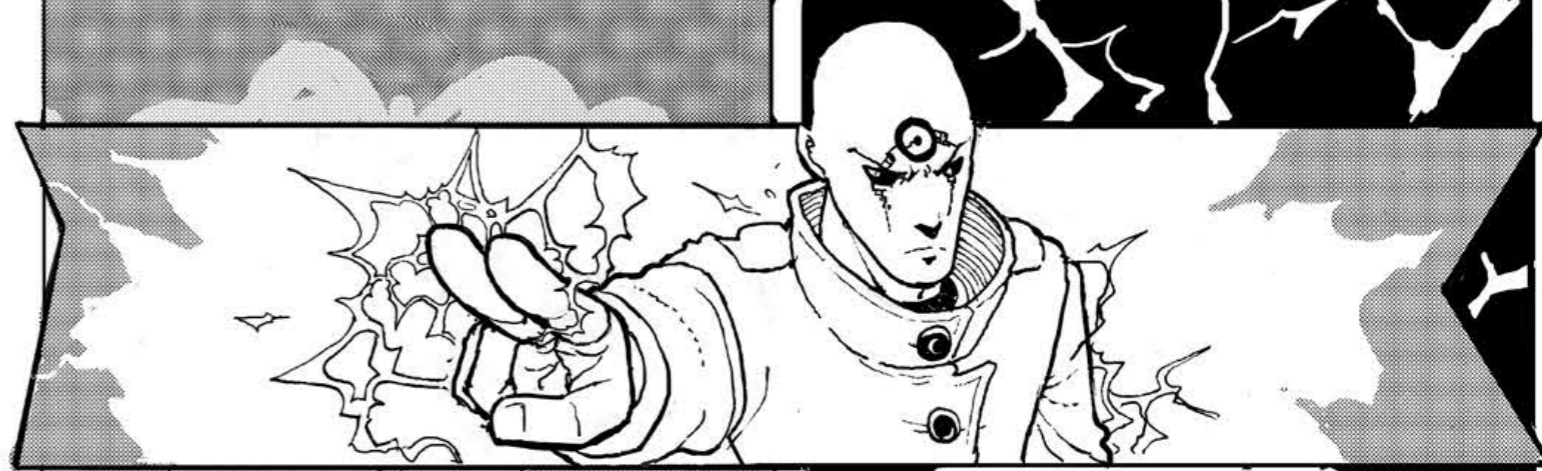
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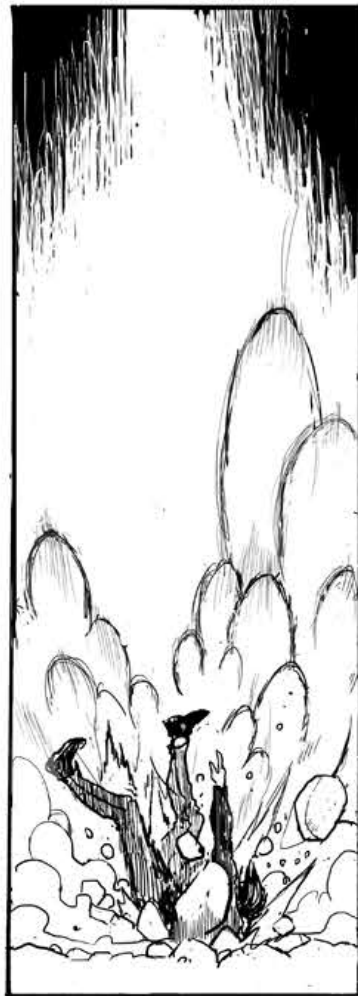




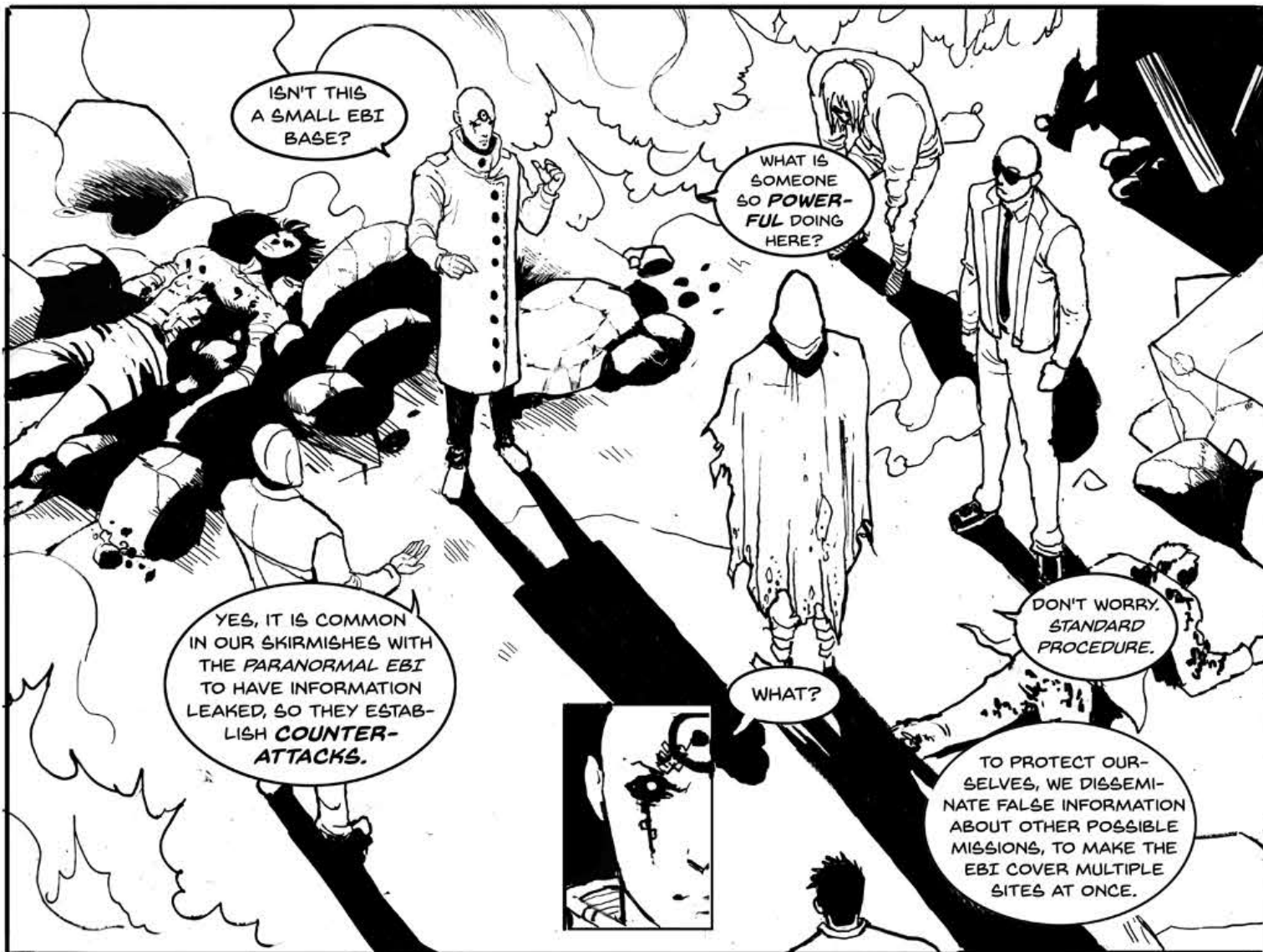
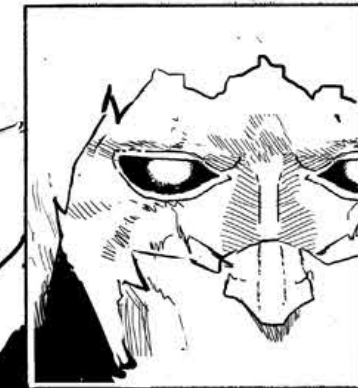
55 MINUTES BEFORE THE INCIDENT.







"...FIGHTING WITH A SUPER ARMOR SQUAD. THEY ARE NEAR AN ELEVATOR THAT REACHES THE LAB IN -03".



25 MINUTES BEFORE THE INCIDENT.

IT WAS DURING A SCHOOL TRIP FOR HISTORY CLASS, REMEMBER?

THE TEACHER POINTED AT YOU BECAUSE THIS WALL WAS BUILT BY "ENGLISH" PEOPLE OF ANDALUCIA.

AT THAT TIME YOU WERE ALWAYS WITH SIGURD.

REMEMBER THAT THE TEACHER TRIPPED AND HIT THE HEAD AGAINST THE EDGE OF THE DOOR? AND STARTED BLEEDING?

YOU AND SIGURD WERE THE ONLY ONES WHO LAUGHED.

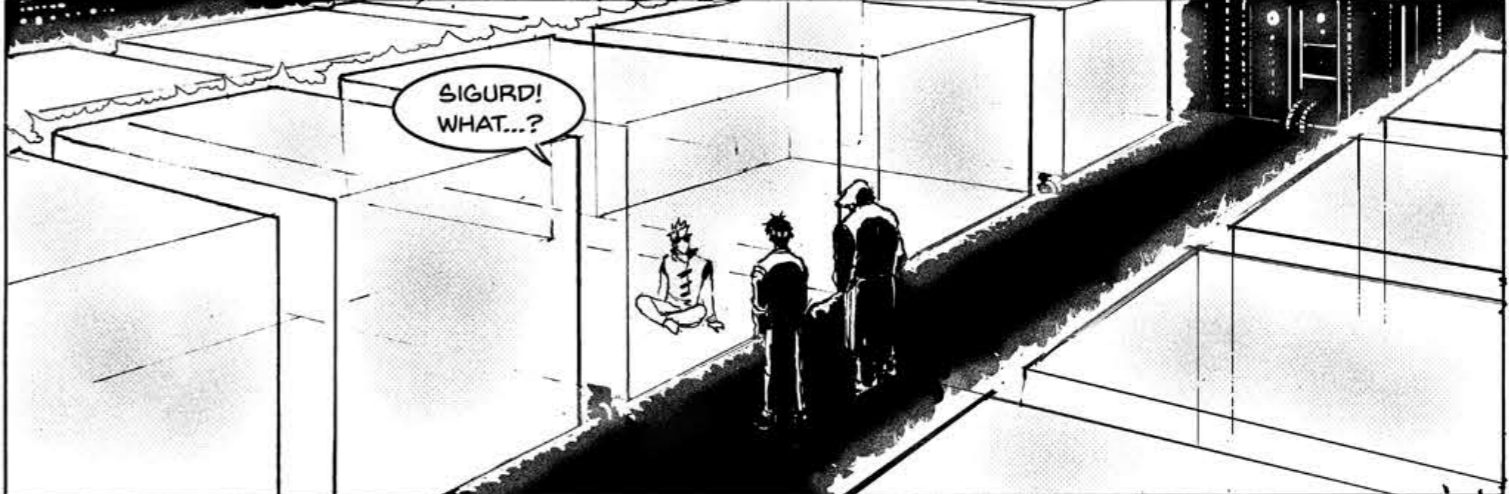
I DON'T KNOW, YOU'RE... DIFFERENT. YOUR WEIRD NAMES, YOUR... **FREEDOM.**

I KNOW I'M ACTUALLY THE WEIRD ONE, MY PARENTS ARE THE ONES LOADED WHILE TAKING US TO REGULAR SCHOOLS, BUT... EVEN COMPARED TO THE OTHERS...



...YOU TWO... YOU DO WHAT YOU WANT... IN YOU, I ENVY IT, AND IN SIGURD... IT **SCARES** ME.

AH!



SIGURD! WHAT...?



DON'T TRY TO BREAK THE FORCE FIELD. IT'S USELESS.

WHY...?

GO PATROL, ABEL.

GR?

GO.



DUDE. WE BOTH KNOW YOU'LL LOSE IT IF YOU SEE HER.



LOSE IT...? YOU SAID YOU WOULD FREE HER!

I WANT HER OFF THE BASE, TODAY!



YOU HEAR ME? SHE'S NOT GUILTY OF ANYTHING!



WHAT ABOUT ME?

FUCK ME? WHAT DO YOU THINK WOULD HAPPEN IF I RELEASE HER?



THEY FOUND ANOTHER BODY OF CHIRONEX, THE OCTOPUS GUY!



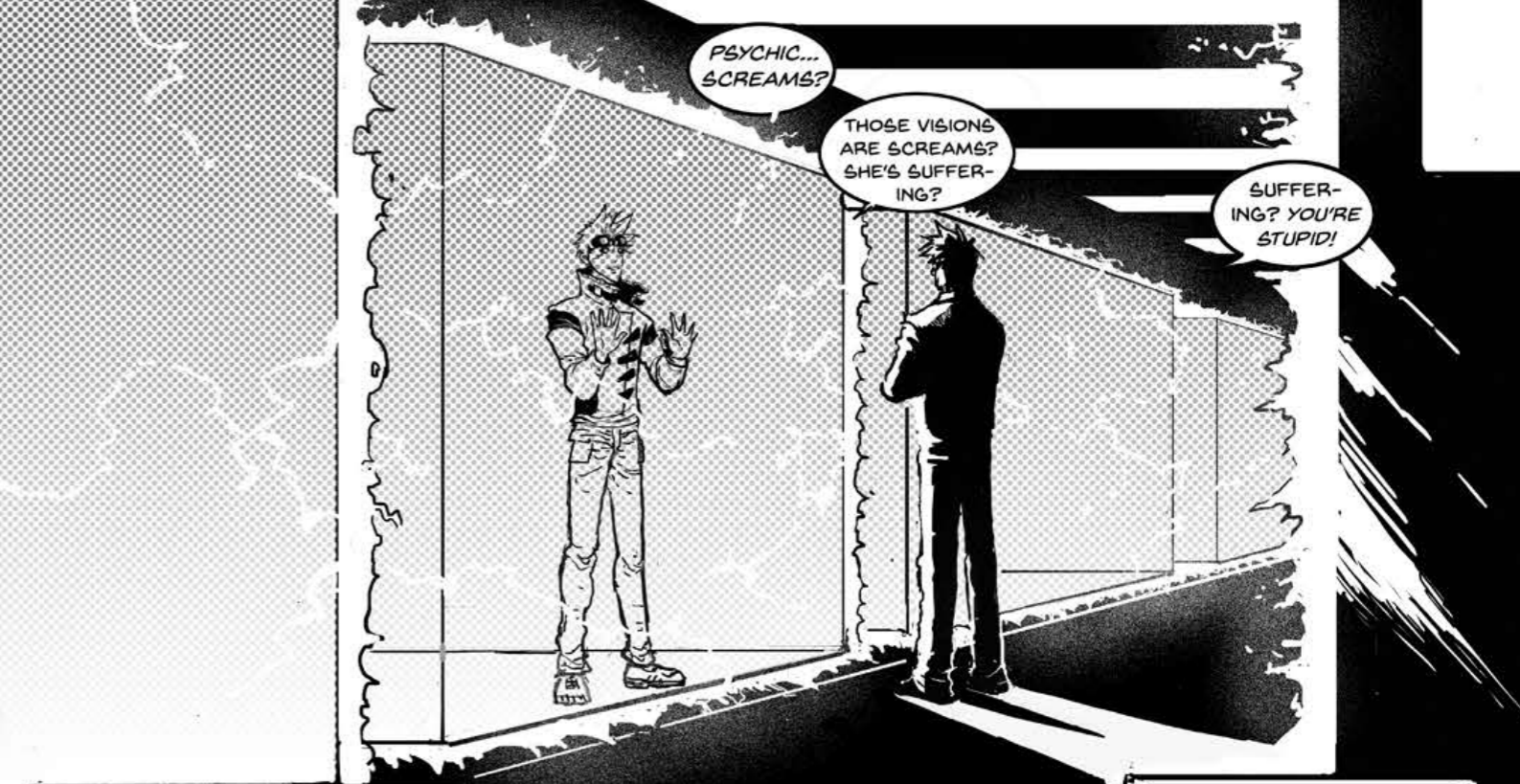
YOU WORRY ABOUT HER, BUT IF THAT CUNT REMEMBERS WHAT HAPPENED I'M FUCKED, BUT HEY, THAT'S A-OK TO YOU, RIGHT?

YOU CHOSE THIS, SIGURD!

NO, I CHOSE TO BE A TRIPLE AGENT TO PROTECT THE WORLD, ASSHOLE!



AND THEY PAY ME BACK BY MAKING ME WATCH THE PSYCHIC SCREAMS OF THAT CHICK...!



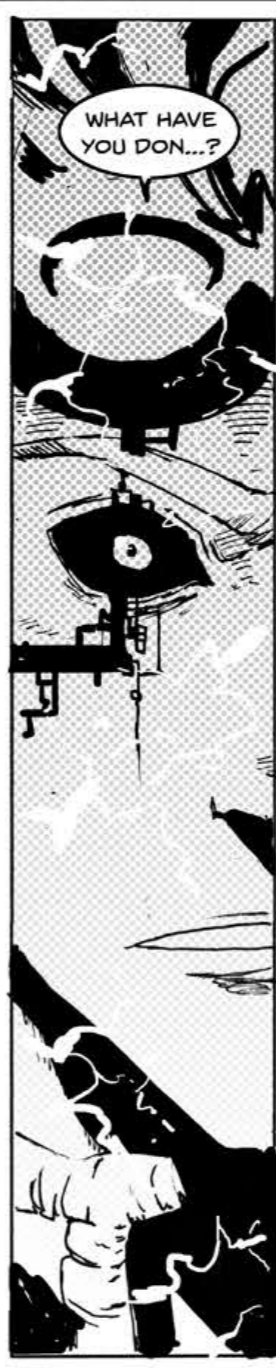
PSYCHIC... SCREAMS?

THOSE VISIONS ARE SCREAMS? SHE'S SUFFERING?

SUFFERING? YOU'RE STUPID!



SHE'S A DUMB, POSH GIRL, GODDAMMIT!



WHAT HAVE YOU DON...?



I DIDN'T WANT THIS!

I OFFERED YOU A DEAL AND YOU IGNORED IT! YOU COULD HAVE TURNED YOURSELF IN AT ANY TIME!

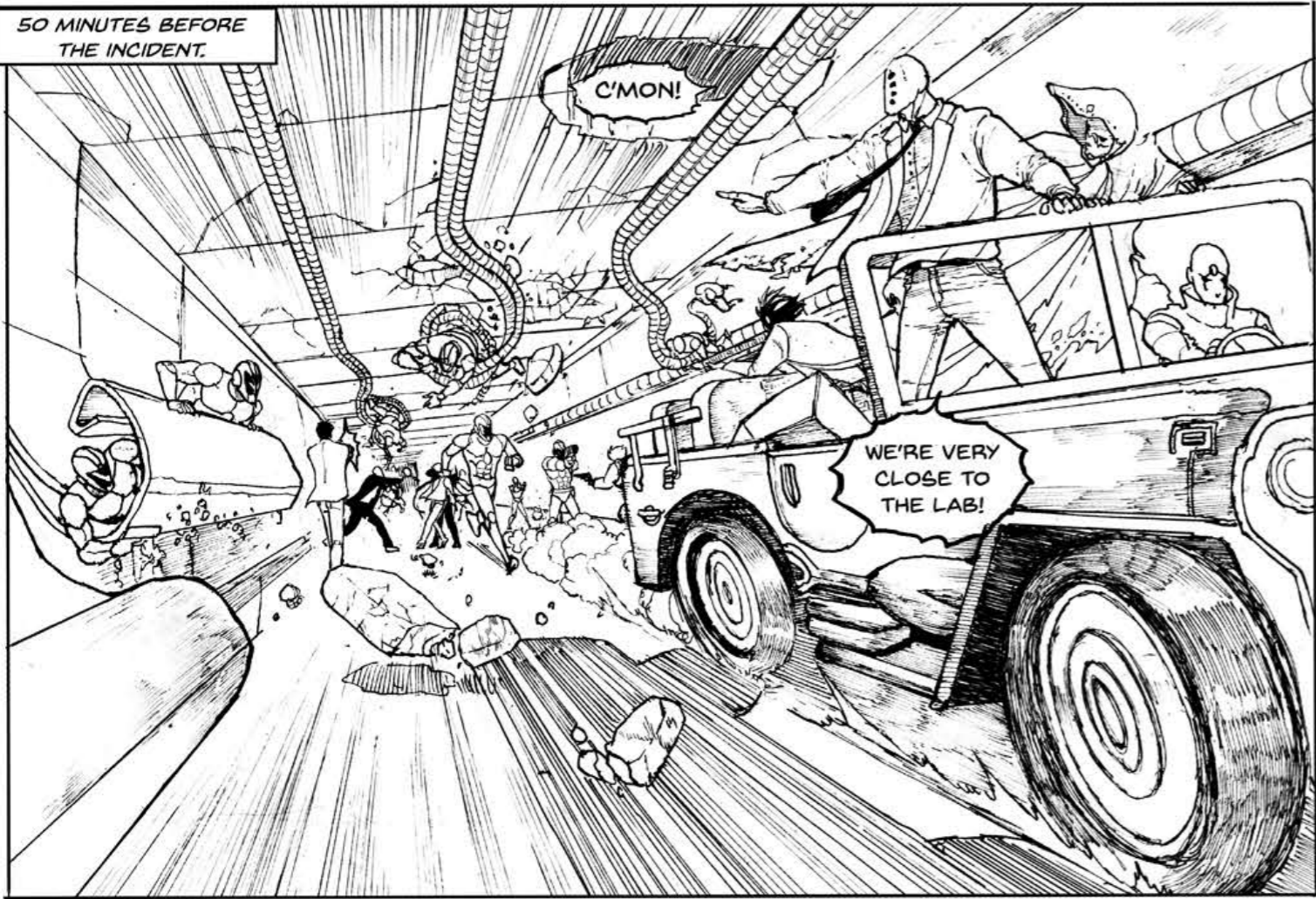


AND NOW I HAVE TO SEE HER FUCKING VISIONS?

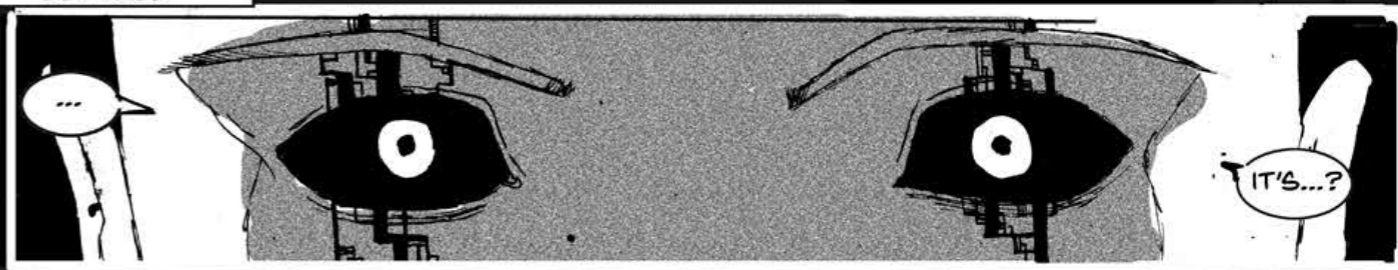
FUCK YOU!



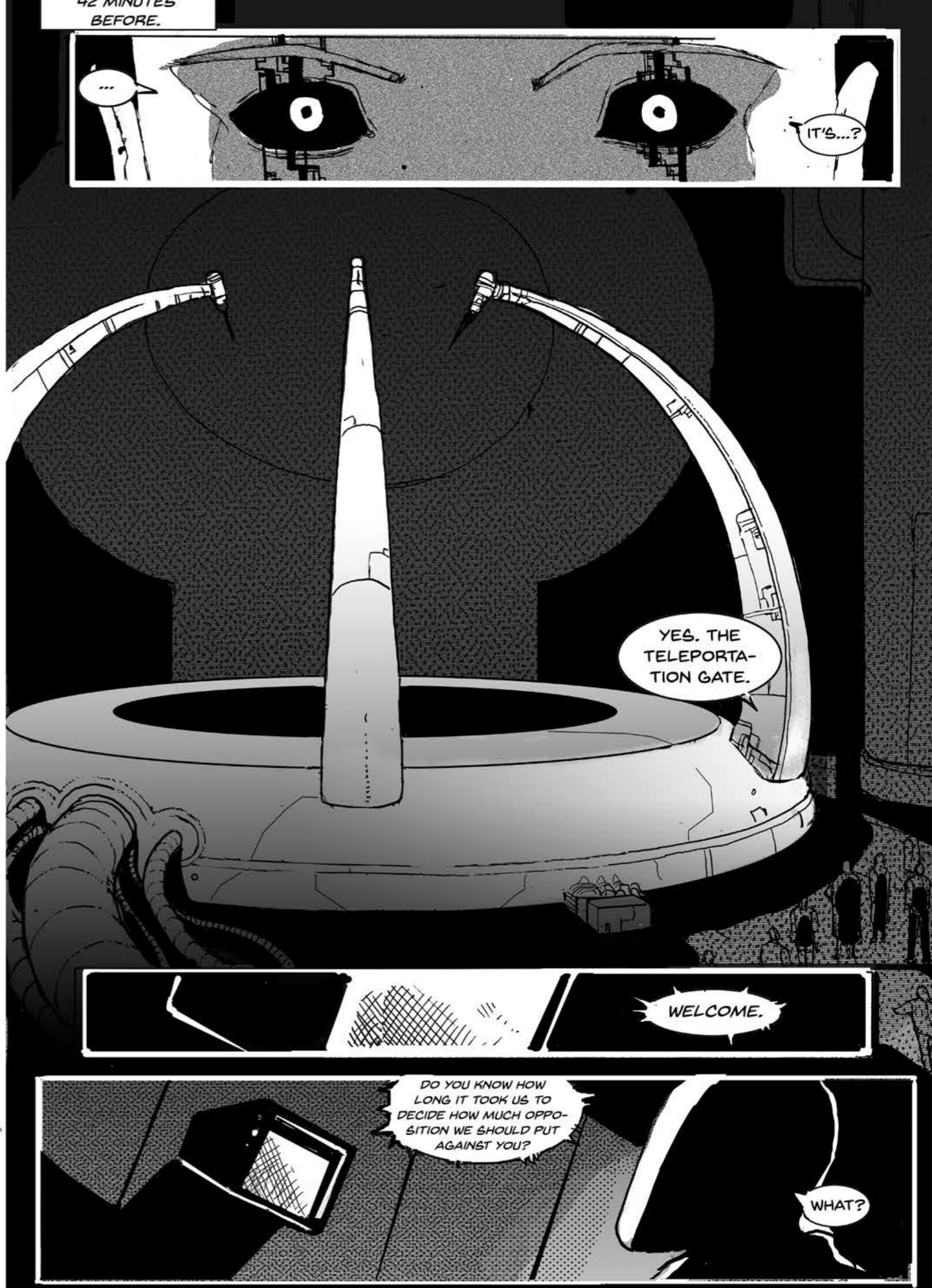
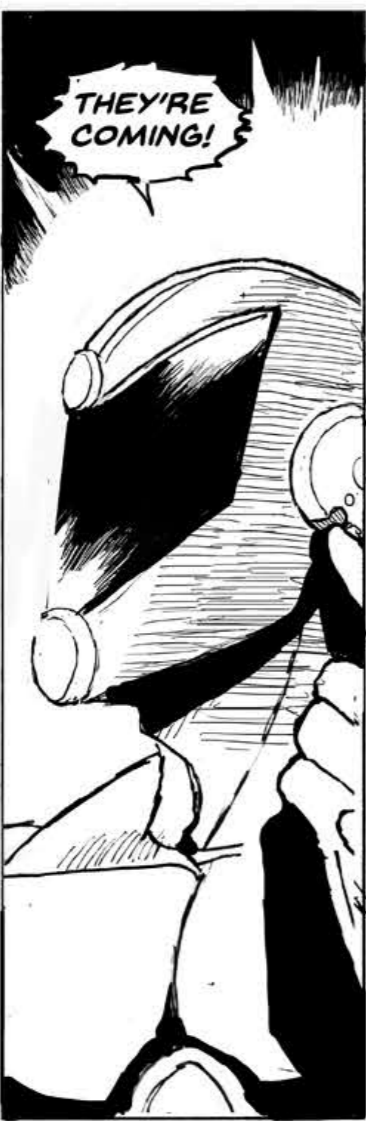
50 MINUTES BEFORE THE INCIDENT.

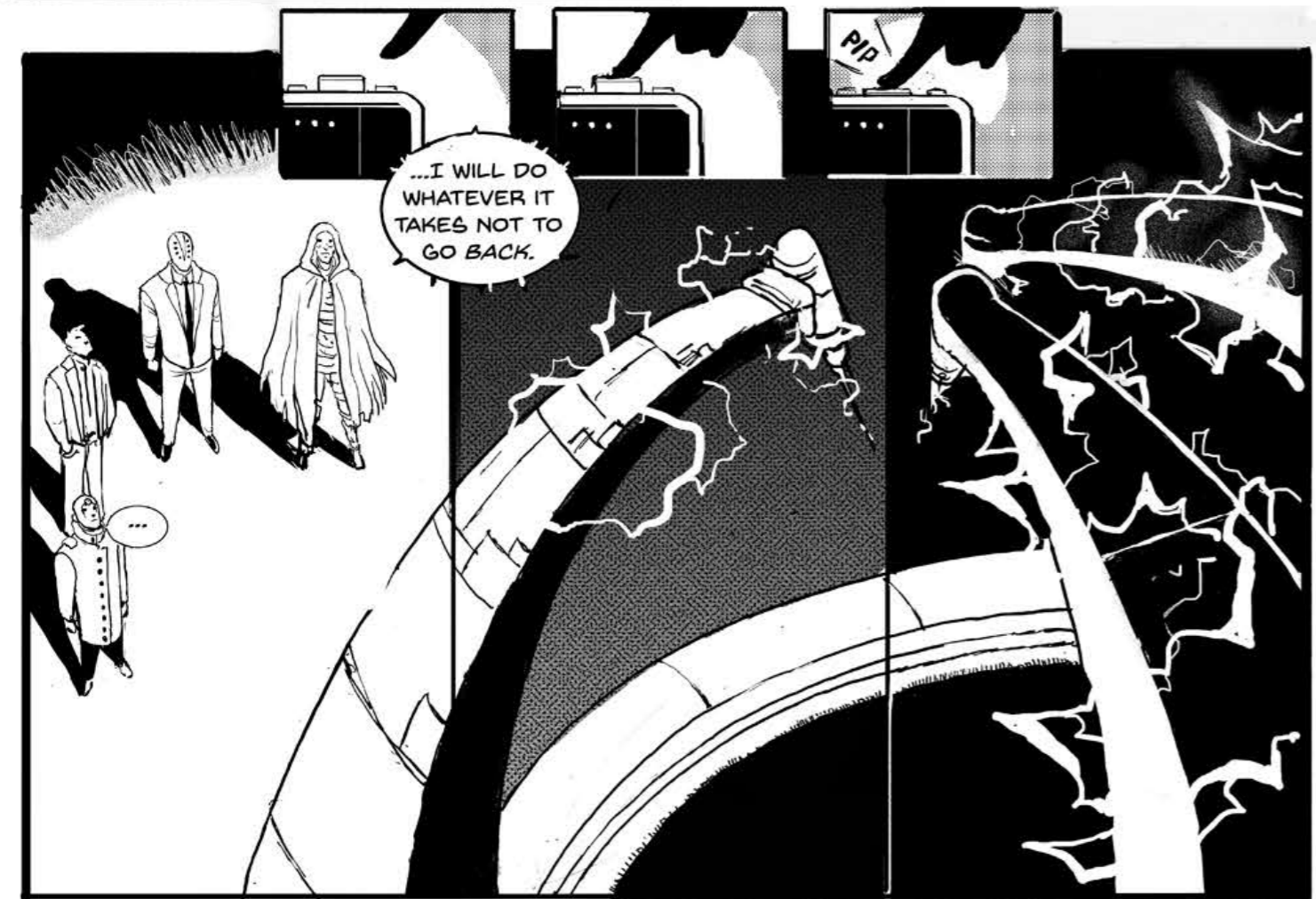


42 MINUTES BEFORE.



45 MINUTES BEFORE.





AS YOU CAN  
IMAGINE, THERE  
WAS SOME STATIC  
IN MY EARPIECE  
ON THE WAY  
HERE.

YOU KNOW, IT WASN'T  
A GREAT IDEA TO HAVE  
REINFORCEMENTS AT THE  
COORDINATES THAT YOUR  
SPY PREPARED IN THE  
MACHINE.

WHAT WOULD HAP-  
PEN IF SOMEONE FROM  
THE EBI **SAW THEM?**  
WHAT WOULD **HAPPEN**  
TO THOSE HEREMI-  
TES?

DID HE  
TELL YOU  
WHY I'M  
HERE?

FRANK, I  
MEAN.

THAT  
VOICE...  
?

HAH.

FRANK WAS  
TELLING YOU  
ABOUT THE  
PLAN, RIGHT?

EXECUTION-  
ERS. YOU'RE  
HERE, COR-  
RECT?

YOU ARE ONE  
OF THE **SECRET**  
**ORDERS** OF THE  
HEREMITES.

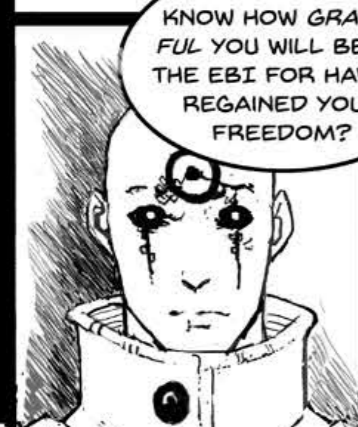
WHO...?  
IT'S FREL...  
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BUT YOU STILL  
DO RISKY FIELD  
WORK.

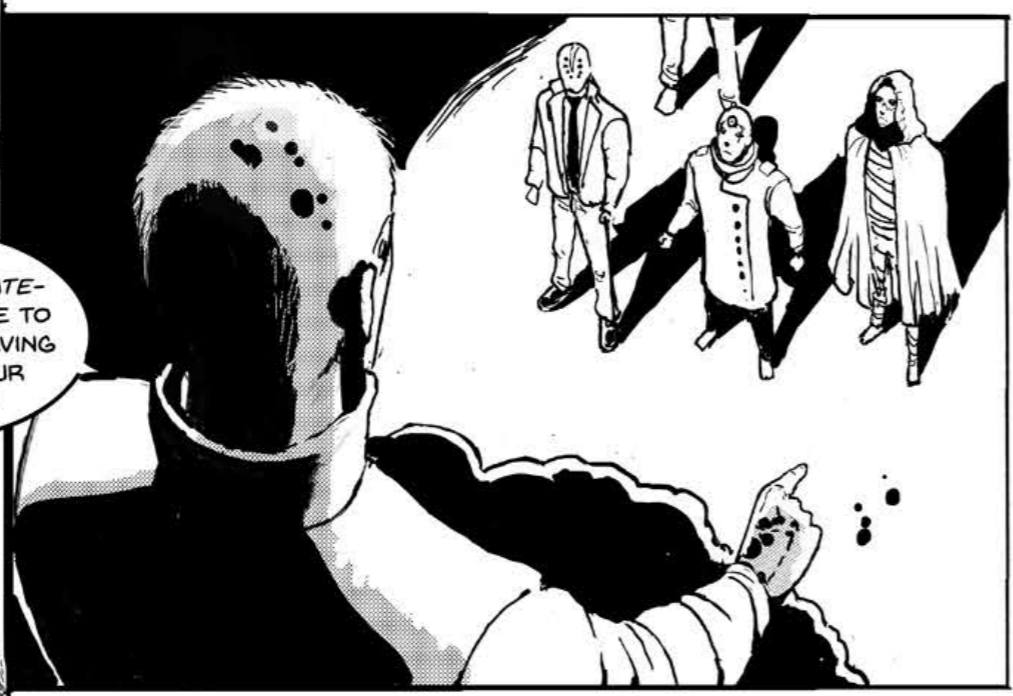
SO... IT'S POSSIBLE  
TO CAPTURE YOU  
WITHOUT LEAVING  
**ADVANTAGEOUS**  
**GROUND.**



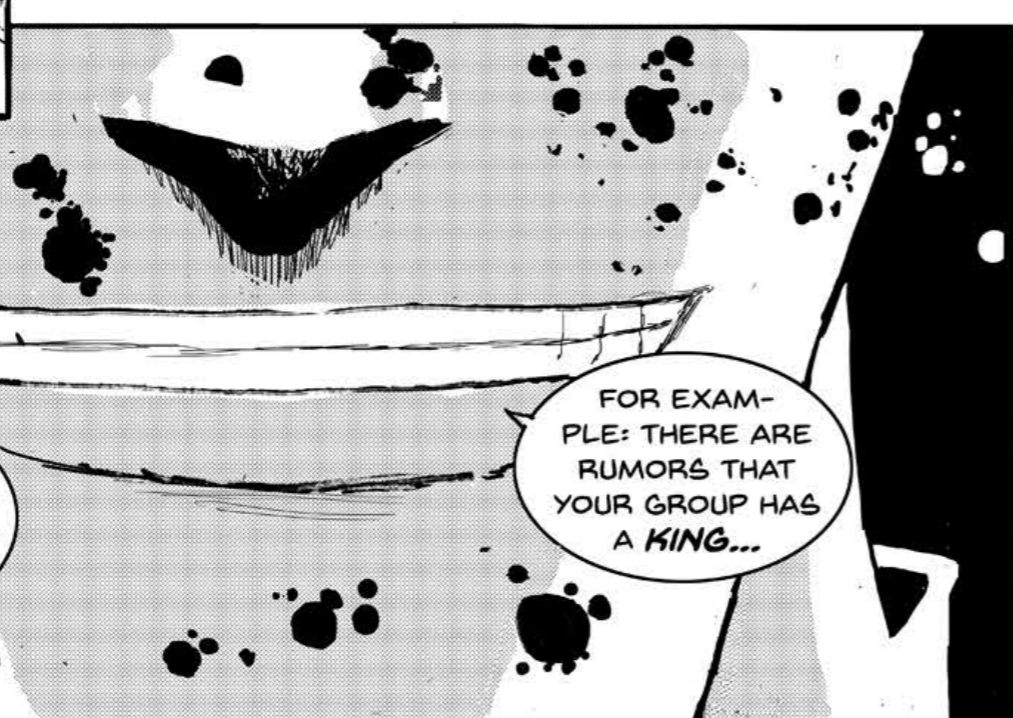
IF I MANAGE TO INTRODUCE YOU THE *WILL OF SAUNIÈRE* AND FREE YOU...



...DO YOU KNOW HOW *GRATEFUL* YOU WILL BE TO THE *EBI* FOR HAVING REGAINED YOUR FREEDOM?



JUDGING BY HOW IT WENT WITH FRANK, THE *GRATITUDE* WILL BE SUCH THAT YOU WILL TELL *EVERYTHING* YOU KNOW ABOUT THE *HEREMITES*...



YOU KNOW, ALL THOSE THINGS WE CAN'T ACCESS BECAUSE OF YOUR *TELEPATHIC PROTECTION*?

FOR EXAMPLE: THERE ARE RUMORS THAT YOUR GROUP HAS A *KING*...

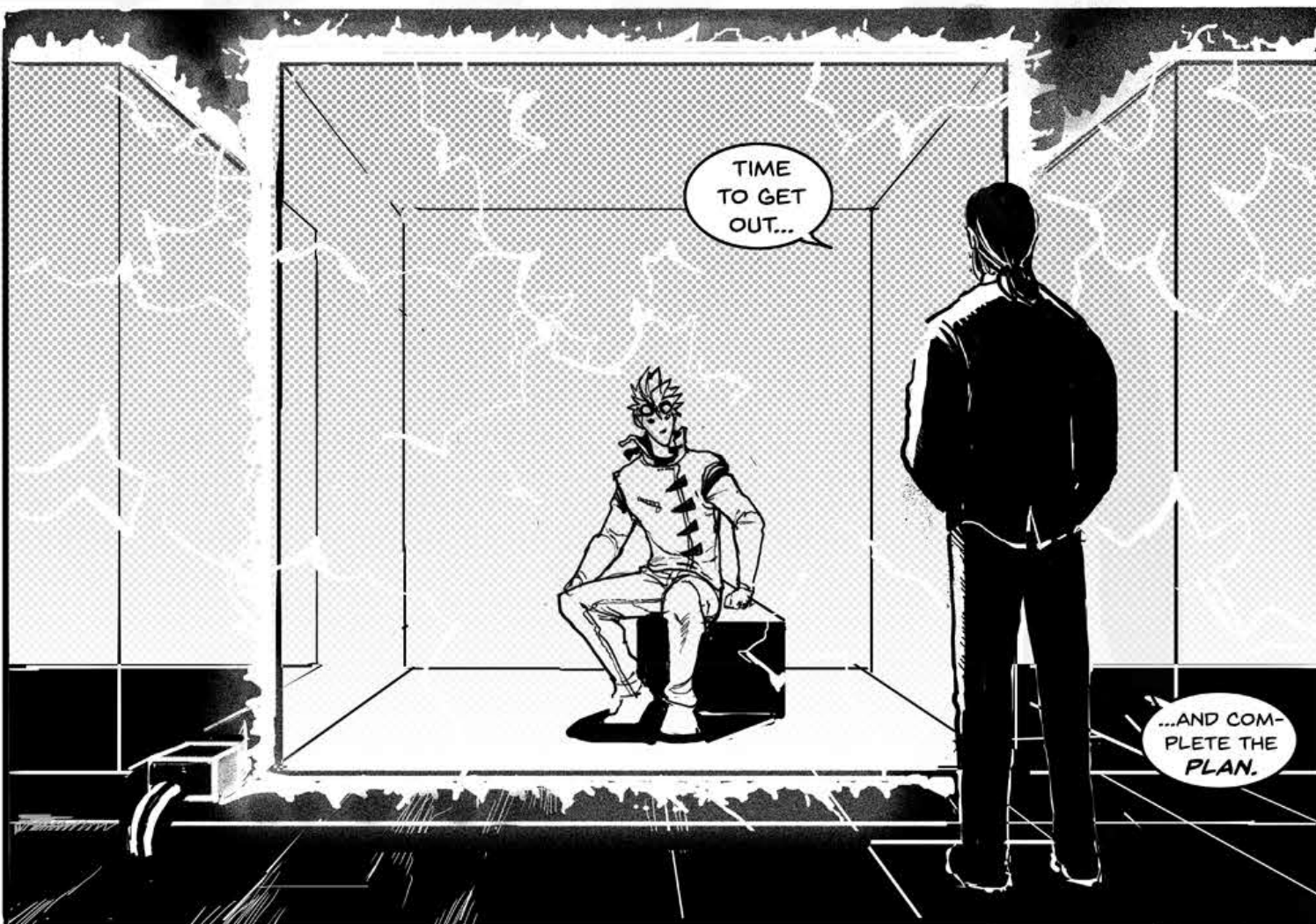
...AND THAT WITHOUT HIM, YOU LOSE THE ABILITY TO GENERATE MORE *AGENTS*.



SEE? I TOLD YOU.



25 MINUTES BEFORE  
THE INCIDENT.



## ...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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