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YOU SHOULDN'T SHARE THIS KNOWLEDGE WITH PEOPLE, ADAM.



YOU MADE A VOW, DURING THE RITUAL OF THE DOOR.

BUT HE'S MY FRIEND. AREN'T YOU SUPPOSED TO SHARE THE THINGS YOU LIKE WITH FRIENDS?

NOT EVERYTHING, KID.

PEOPLE CAN REACT IN UNEXPECTED WAYS, ESPECIALLY WITH THESE TOPICS.

BUT SINCE I DID THAT THING WITH THE DOOR, THE WORLD SPEAKS TO ME!



IT'S GREAT, I NEVER FEEL ALONE ANYMORE! WHY CAN'T I TELL HIM?

AND WHY DID YOU FEEL ALONE, BEFORE?

DON'T YOU HAVE FRIENDS, A FAMILY?



AH... YES...



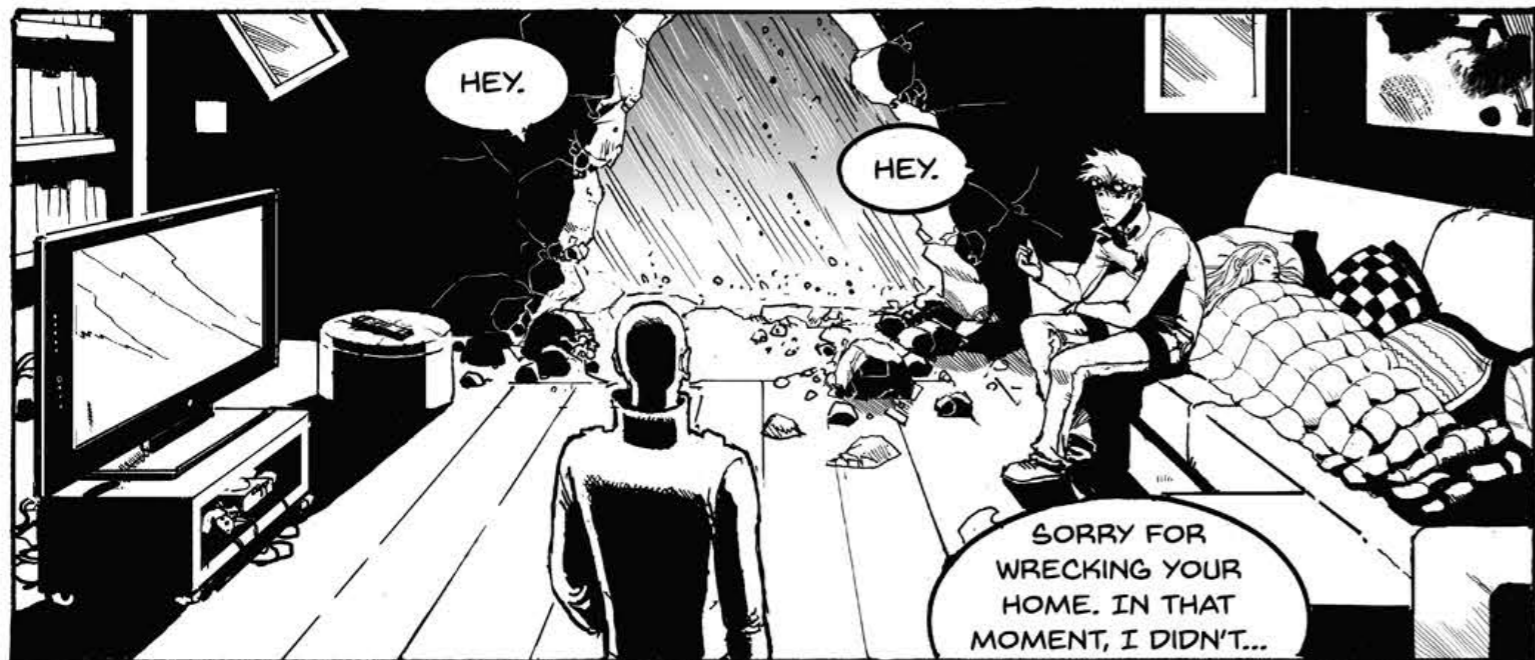
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?



YOU'RE VERY YOUNG, ADAM.



YOU'LL UNDERSTAND.



HEY.

HEY.

SORRY FOR WRECKING YOUR HOME. IN THAT MOMENT, I DIDN'T...

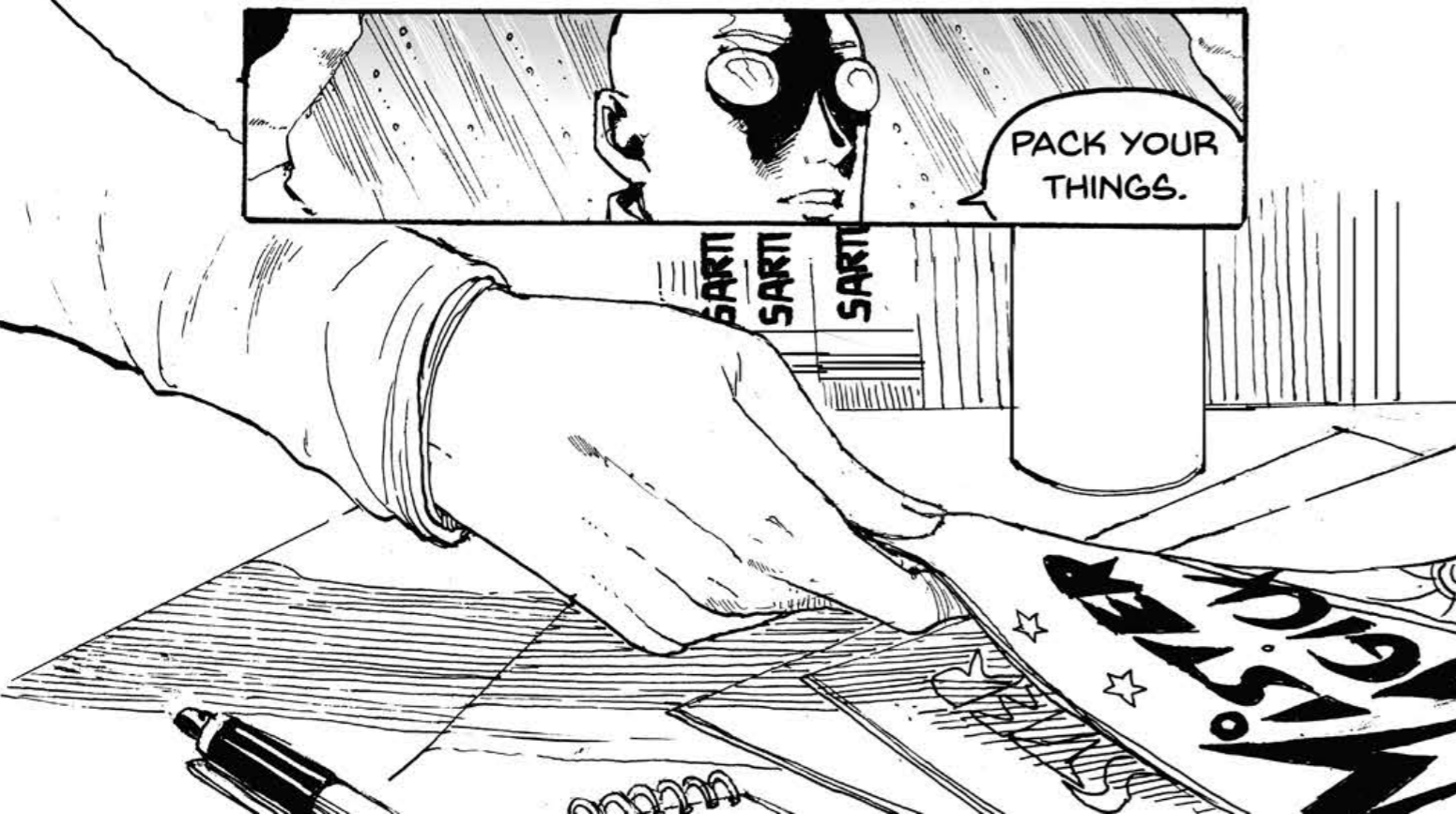


RENTED.

WON'T BE MY PROBLEM.



PACK YOUR THINGS.



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LO... CHAOS, YOU HAVE CORRUPTED THIS WORLD... BUT I'LL FIND THE POWER TO CHANGE THIS REALITY!



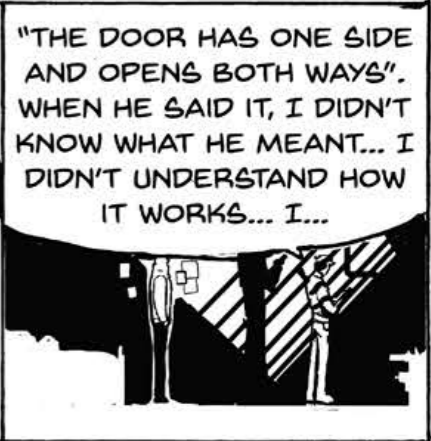
I'M BREAKING APART, RIGHT.



WHAT?



ALL THESE STORIES ABOUT HEROES... ALL THIS STUFF ABOUT MAGIC.



"THE DOOR HAS ONE SIDE AND OPENS BOTH WAYS". WHEN HE SAID IT, I DIDN'T KNOW WHAT HE MEANT... I DIDN'T UNDERSTAND HOW IT WORKS... I...

TO DEFINE YOURSELF AS A HERO, YOU HAVE TO FIND SOMETHING WRONG AND SOMEONE WHO CAUSES IT; A VILLAIN...



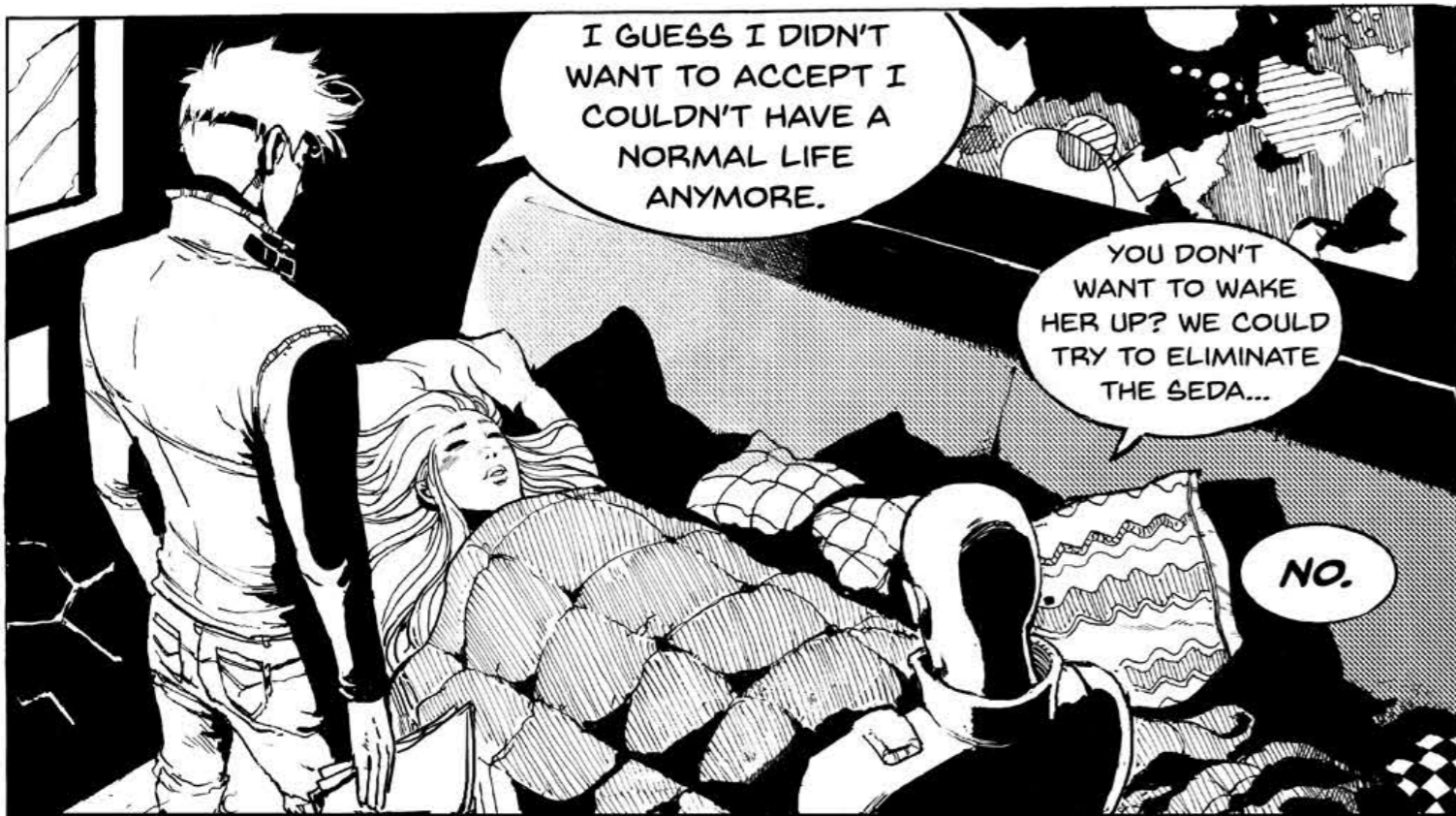
BUT IF A VILLAIN CAN EXIST WITHIN SOCIETY AND NO ONE STOPS HIM... ISN'T THE WHOLE SOCIETY IMMORAL?



MAYBE THAT'S WHY NO ONE CARED ABOUT MY DISAPPEARANCE... PEOPLE DON'T WANT TO HEAR THAT THINGS AREN'T AS THEY SHOULD...



AH... NURIA...



I GUESS I DIDN'T WANT TO ACCEPT I COULDN'T HAVE A NORMAL LIFE ANYMORE.

YOU DON'T WANT TO WAKE HER UP? WE COULD TRY TO ELIMINATE THE SEDA...

NO.



WHEN I WAS FIGHTING WITH THAT... GUY... THE HAND ALMOST POSSESSED ME. OR MAYBE IT DID, IT'S DIFFICULT TO TELL...



ADD TO THAT THE GUYS CHASING ME AND THE BEST IT CAN HAPPEN TO HER IS THAT SHE DOESN'T REMEMBER ANY OF THIS.



I'LL TAKE HER INSIDE, IT'S TOO EXPOSED TO THE RAIN IN HERE.

SO... I DON'T... WHAT I MEAN IS...



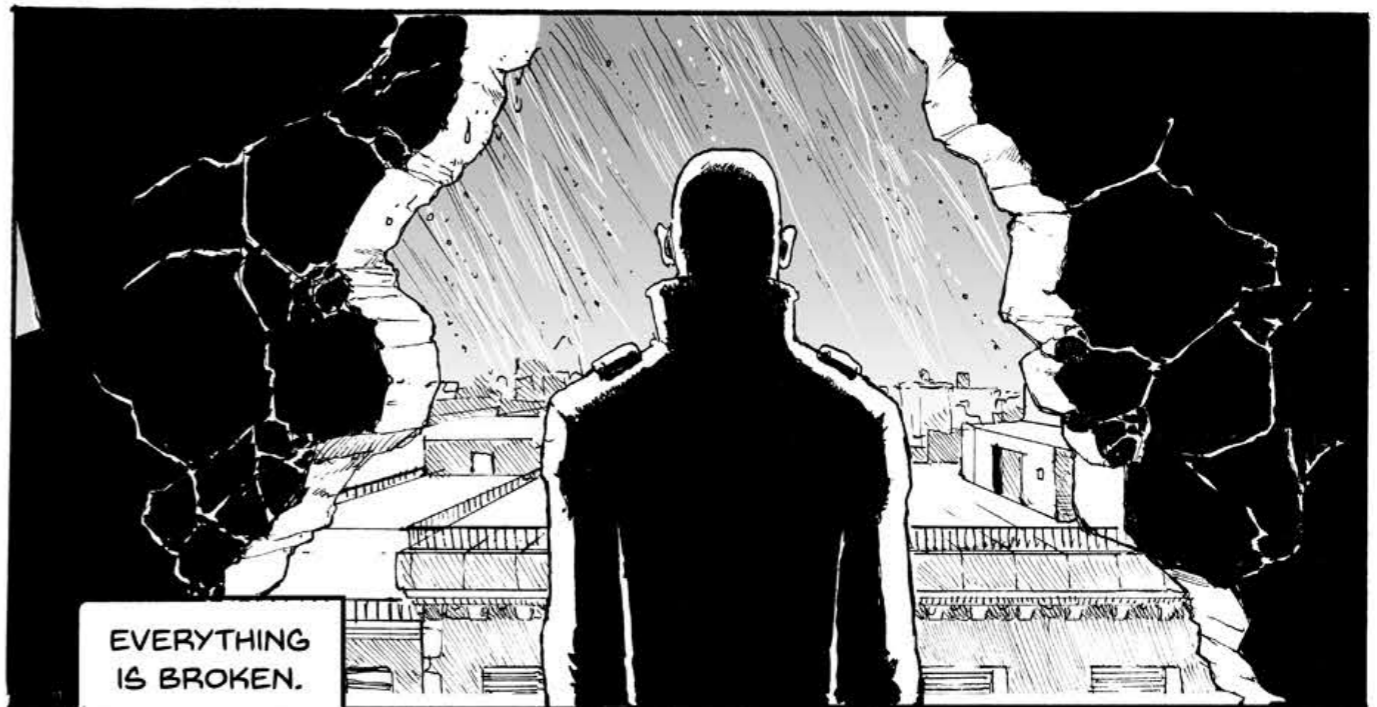
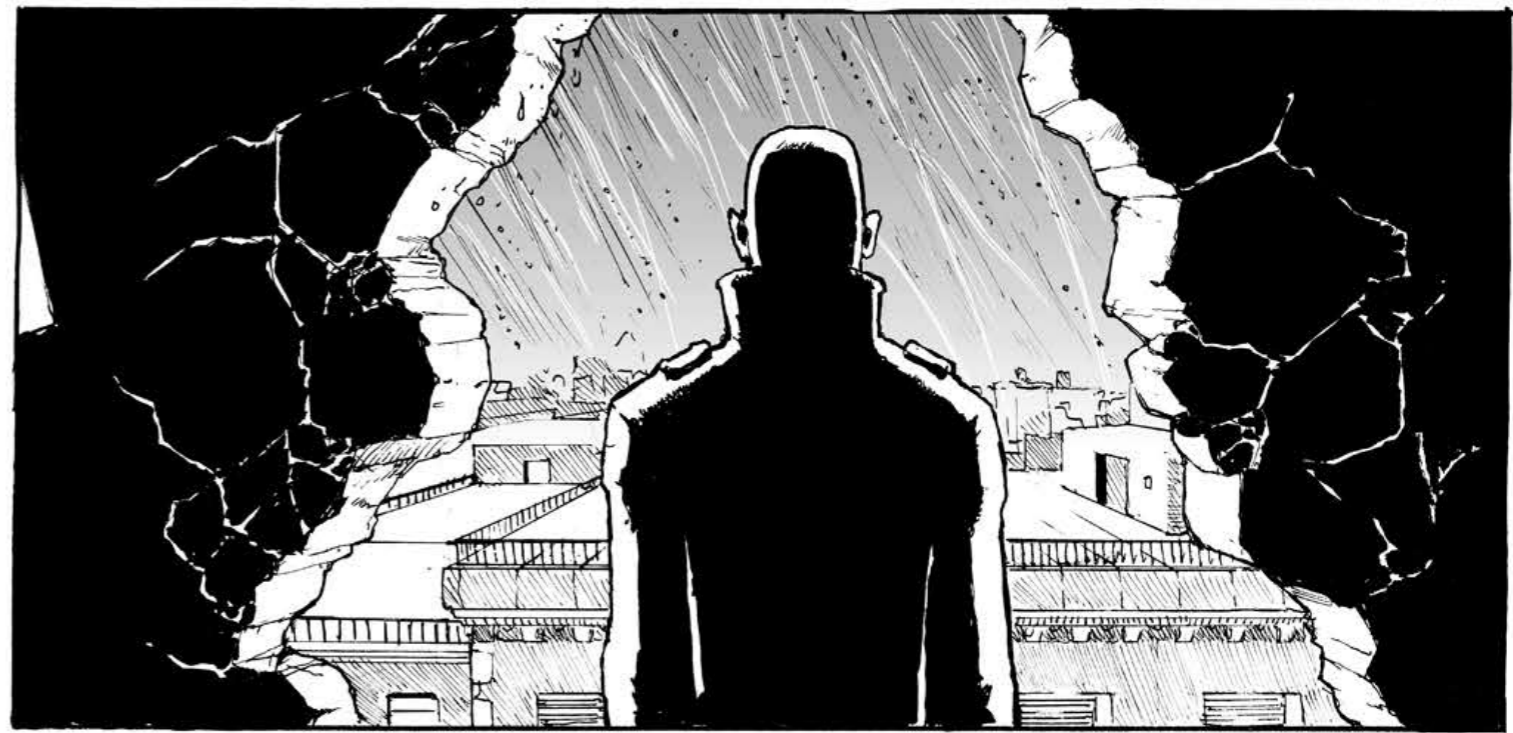
...T-THEY ACCUSED ME OF MURDER, THEY "ABSOLVED" ME LYING TO EVERYONE ABOUT ELIYA'S DEATH...

...THEY MAKE YOU FEEL SO POWERLESS, WHOEVER IT IS THAT WEAVES THESE LIES...

...NOTHING HAS SUBSTANCE OR WEIGHT TO THEM...



I'M SORRY, NURIA...



EVERYTHING IS BROKEN.

REMEMBER?

RUNNING UP THE STAIRS, AFRAID OF THE DARKNESS...

...AFRAID THAT IF I LOOKED BEHIND ME THINGS WOULD COLLAPSE, THE MONSTERS OF MY IMAGINATION TURNED REAL.

REMEMBER, THERE MAY STILL BE SOME CYBERDUDES AROUND MY HOUSE.

STAY ALERT.



IT'S PREFERABLE TO BE CHASED BY FICTIONAL PROBLEMS, I GUESS.

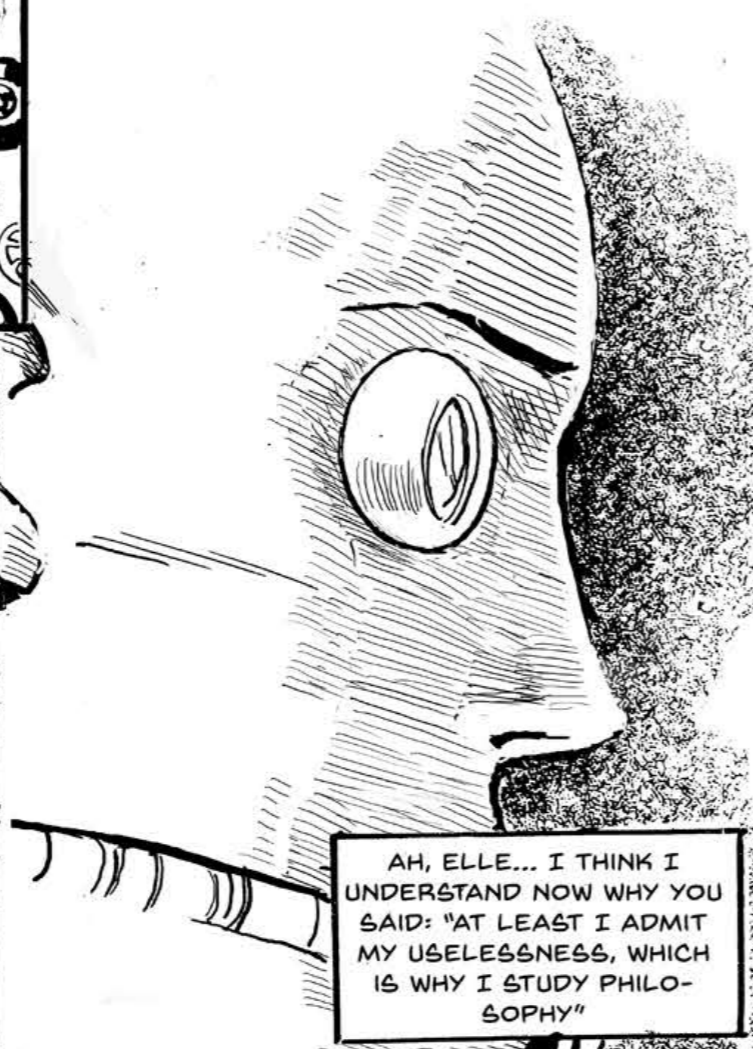
THOSE ARE MUCH EASIER TO RESOLVE...



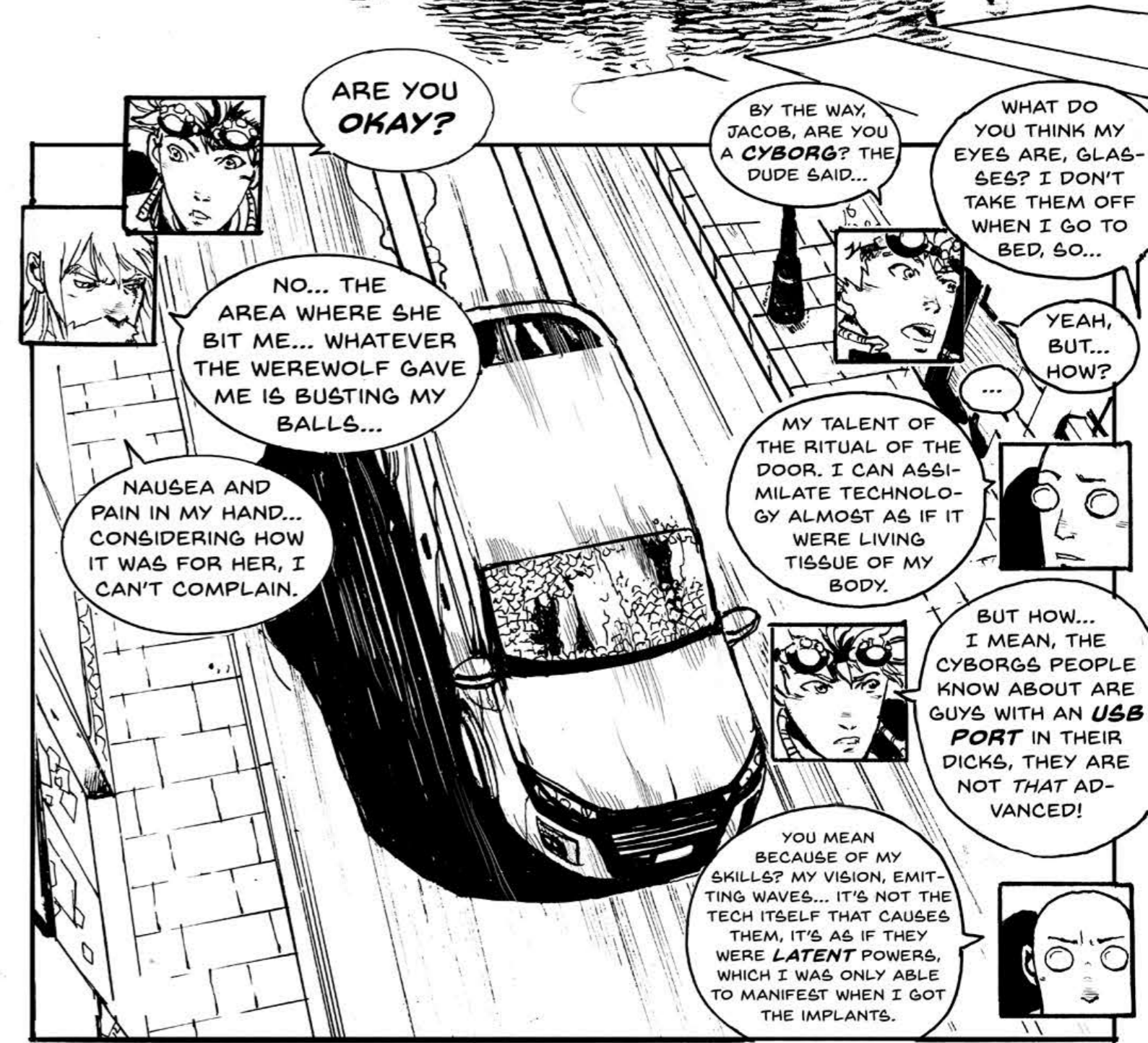
DIVIDE THE PIECES, ANALYZE THEM, PUT THEM TOGETHER...



...WOULD I BE HERE NOW IF I PUT THAT EFFORT INTO SOLVING MY TRUE PROBLEMS?



AH, ELLE... I THINK I UNDERSTAND NOW WHY YOU SAID: "AT LEAST I ADMIT MY USELESSNESS, WHICH IS WHY I STUDY PHILOSOPHY"



ARE YOU OKAY?

BY THE WAY, JACOB, ARE YOU A CYBORG? THE DUDE SAID...

WHAT DO YOU THINK MY EYES ARE, GLASSES? I DON'T TAKE THEM OFF WHEN I GO TO BED, SO...

YEAH, BUT... HOW?

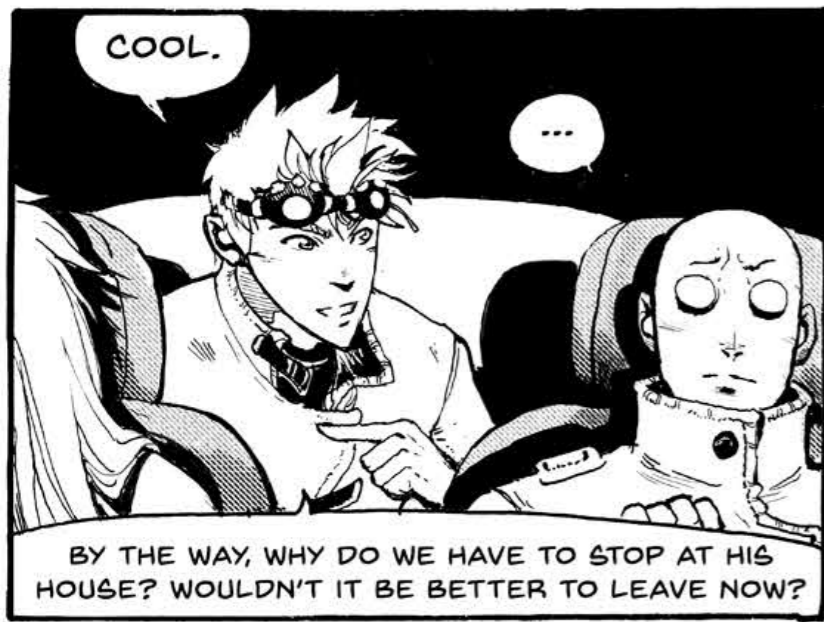
NO... THE AREA WHERE SHE BIT ME... WHATEVER THE WEREWOLF GAVE ME IS BUSTING MY BALLS...

NAUSEA AND PAIN IN MY HAND... CONSIDERING HOW IT WAS FOR HER, I CAN'T COMPLAIN.

MY TALENT OF THE RITUAL OF THE DOOR. I CAN ASSIMILATE TECHNOLOGY ALMOST AS IF IT WERE LIVING TISSUE OF MY BODY.

BUT HOW... I MEAN, THE CYBORGS PEOPLE KNOW ABOUT ARE GUYS WITH AN USB PORT IN THEIR DICKS, THEY ARE NOT THAT ADVANCED!

YOU MEAN BECAUSE OF MY SKILLS? MY VISION, EMITTING WAVES... IT'S NOT THE TECH ITSELF THAT CAUSES THEM, IT'S AS IF THEY WERE LATENT POWERS, WHICH I WAS ONLY ABLE TO MANIFEST WHEN I GOT THE IMPLANTS.



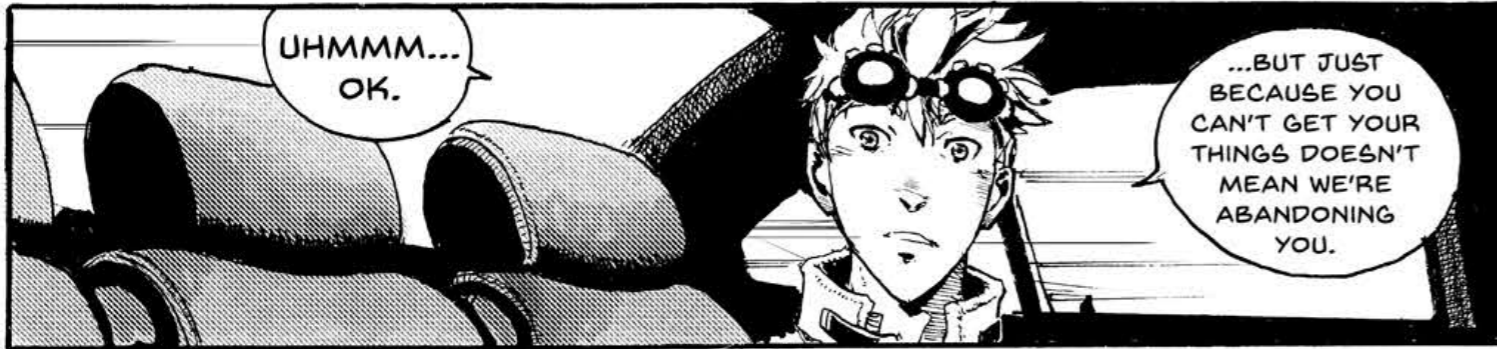
COOL.

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BY THE WAY, WHY DO WE HAVE TO STOP AT HIS HOUSE? WOULDN'T IT BE BETTER TO LEAVE NOW?



WE DON'T LEAVE NO ONE BEHIND HERE, ADAM.



UHMMM... OK.

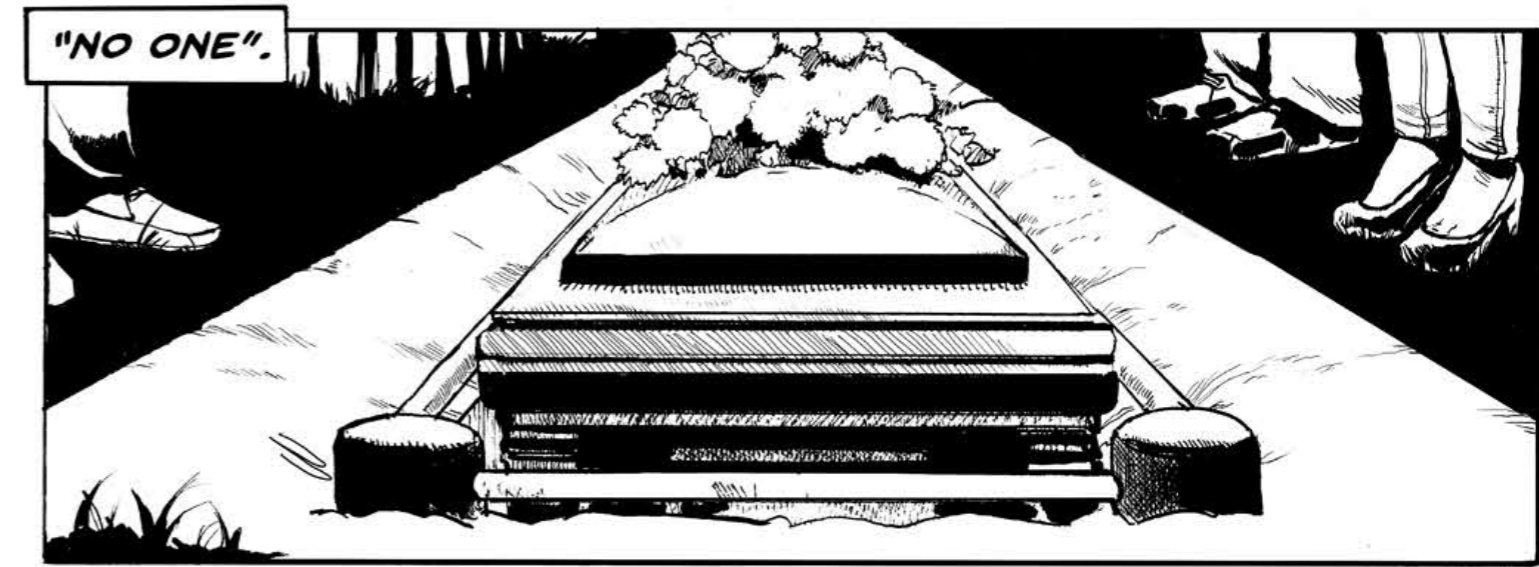
...BUT JUST BECAUSE YOU CAN'T GET YOUR THINGS DOESN'T MEAN WE'RE ABANDONING YOU.



I MEAN THE PIG, YOU MORON!

HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN ABOUT THE PIG?!

WE DON'T LEAVE ANYONE BEHIND, YOU HEAR ME?



"NO ONE".



...IN THE LINE OF DUTY...

...POOR KID.

...WE HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO REACH THE MOTHER...

I HEARD IT THEN, ALTHOUGH I DIDN'T KNOW WHAT WAS I HEARING.

IF WE DID... KNOW... YES, THE HERMITES... NO...

BUT IT WASN'T UNTIL I HEARD THE WORD AGAIN, YEARS LATER, WHEN IT BECAME RELEVANT TO ME...



C'MON, JAVIER.

OFF TO PRISON.

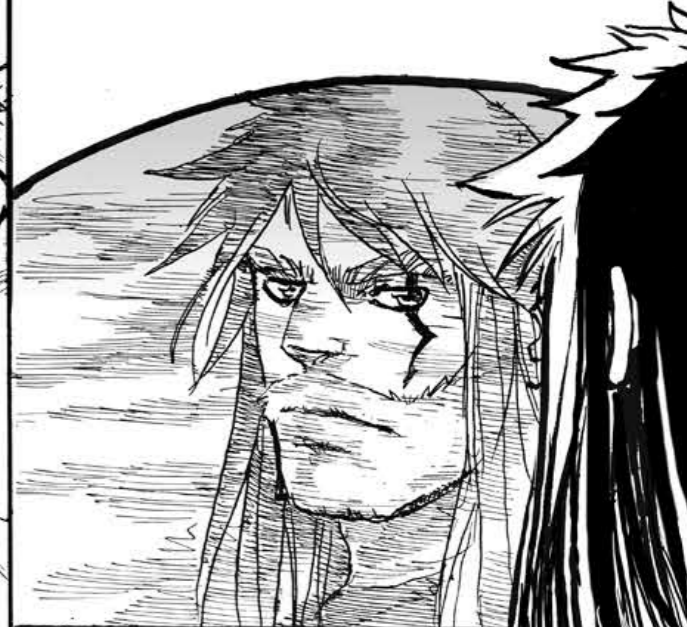
DUDE, YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND!

EVERYTHING I'VE DONE IS SO THAT PEOPLE KNOW ABOUT THEM.

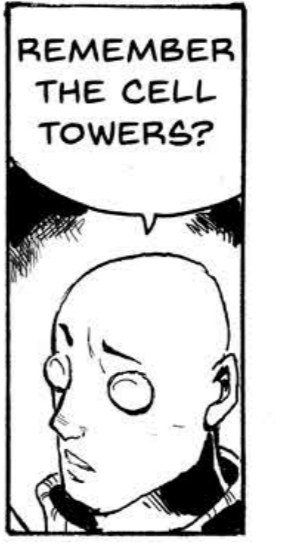
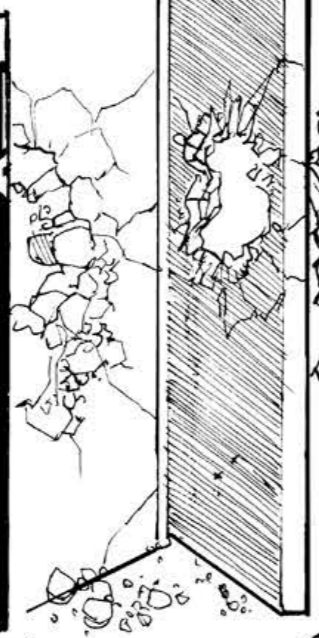
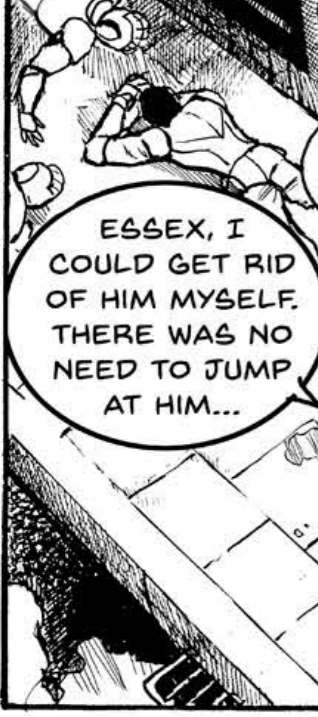
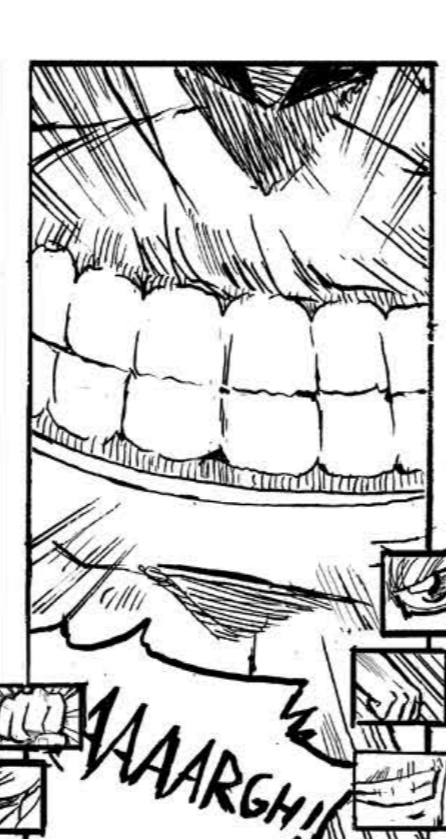
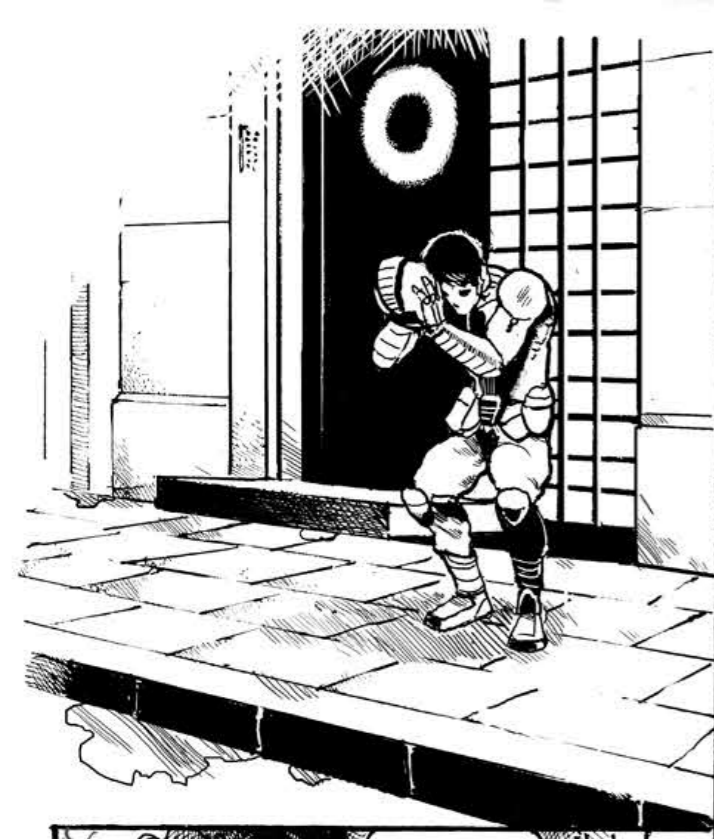
THEY PLANTED THESE CLUES! THE HERMITES!



WHY WOULD I WANT TO DO ANIMAL SACRIFICES? I'M VEGAN!



"THEY ARE THE HAND THAT MOVES THE WORLD!"



SO, WE HAVE A BIG ORGANIZATION AGAINST US. WHETHER THEY'RE THE HEREMITES OR NOT, I DON'T KNOW. BUT SOMEONE KILLED ELIYA. SOMEONE KILLED ELIYA AND SOMEONE SENT THESE GUYS AGAINST US...



THE MASKED MAN SAYS HE'S FROM THE EBI*, ACCORDING TO ADAM... BUT I'M NOT SURE WE CAN TRUST HIS WORD...



AND THEN THERE'S THE WHOLE ISSUE ABOUT WHY THEY LEFT US ALONE DESPITE KNOWING WHAT WE KNEW.



I THINK THAT WAS CAUSED BY A MIX OF CONFIDENCE ON THEIR OWN RESOURCES AND THAT OUR REPUTATION, WELL...



...RIGHT, THEY WOULD SEE US LIKE THOSE TINFOILERS TALKING ABOUT ABDUCTIONS AND ANAL PROBES.



DUDE, EVERY TIME YOU'RE ON TV YOU SCREAM AT THE HOST. YOU'RE NOT MAKING MUCH OF AN EFFORT TO SHARE YOUR CALM AND COLLECTED SELF WITH THE WORLD.



WE WORKED AS COPS FOR YEARS! AND EVEN THEN, THEY TREAT YOU LIKE A LUNATIC THE MOMENT YOU START TALKING ABOUT CURSES OR SIGILS...



OH, SURE, YOU KNOW A LOT ABOUT SELF-CONTROL! THE BALLS ON YOU! YOU SHOULD BE A DENTIST, YOU TAKE SO MUCH EFFORT FILLING THE HOLES OF EVERY WOMAN AROUND YOU!



A BIT LATER WE DISCOVERED THAT THERE ARE STRANGE ARTIFACTS ATTACHED TO THE CELL TOWERS. NOT ONLY THAT, I WITNESSED AN ENTITY, QUITE POSSIBLY A TELEPATHIC PROJECTION, USING THE TOWER EMISSIONS TO APPEAR IN BARCELONA FROM WHO KNOWS WHERE.



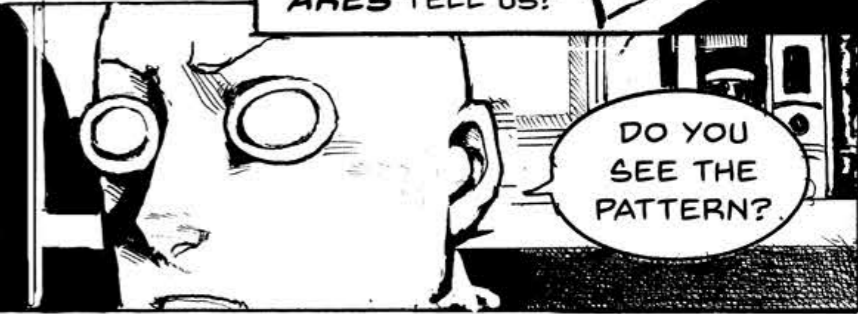
HE WAS INVESTIGATING THE GAUNTLET'S DARK ENERGY, THE SHADOWS...



A TELEPATH, CONNECTED TO A NETWORK SO THAT HE CAN APPEAR ANYWHERE... ELIYA, THE TOWERS...

SEE WHERE I'M GOING? MIND CONTROL, ON A COLLECTIVE LEVEL.

HE SAID THERE ARE FEWER GODS LEFT. LET'S ASSUME THAT GODS ARE BEINGS MADE OF BIG CLUSTERS OF IDEAS, MEMETIC CREATURES THAT FEED FROM THE CULTURAL MAGMA WE SECRETE... DO YOU SEE SOMETHING FORMING?



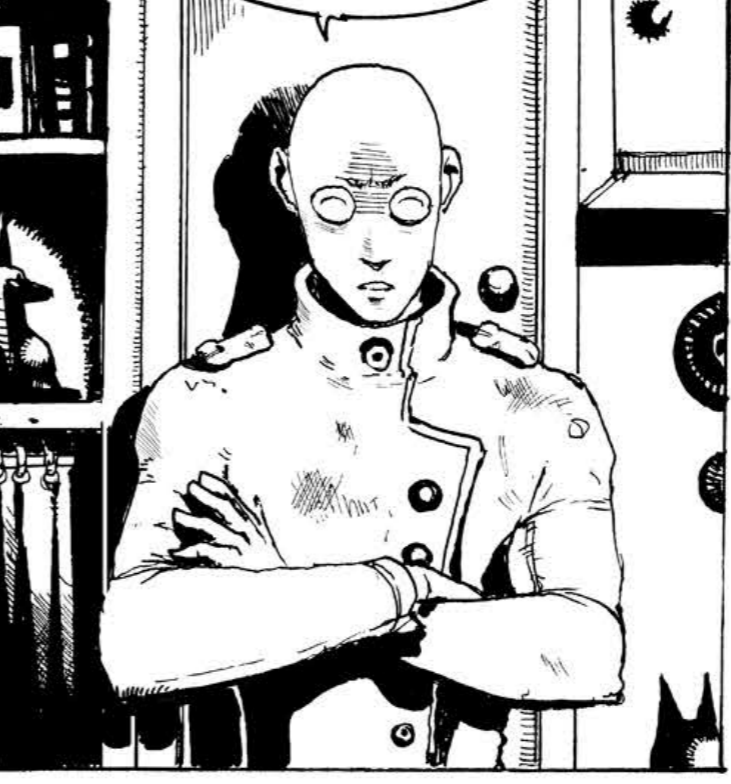
THINK ABOUT IT. HOW CAN THEY LIE AND DISCREDIT THE DISSIDENT VOICES SO EASILY? THE FIRST DAYS, PEOPLE QUESTIONED THE OFFICIAL STORY ABOUT ELIYA'S DEATH... ONE MONTH LATER, NO ONE CARED.



WHAT DID ARES TELL US?

DO YOU SEE THE PATTERN?

I THINK WE'RE AGAINST THE SYSTEMATIC SUPPRESSION OF IDEAS.

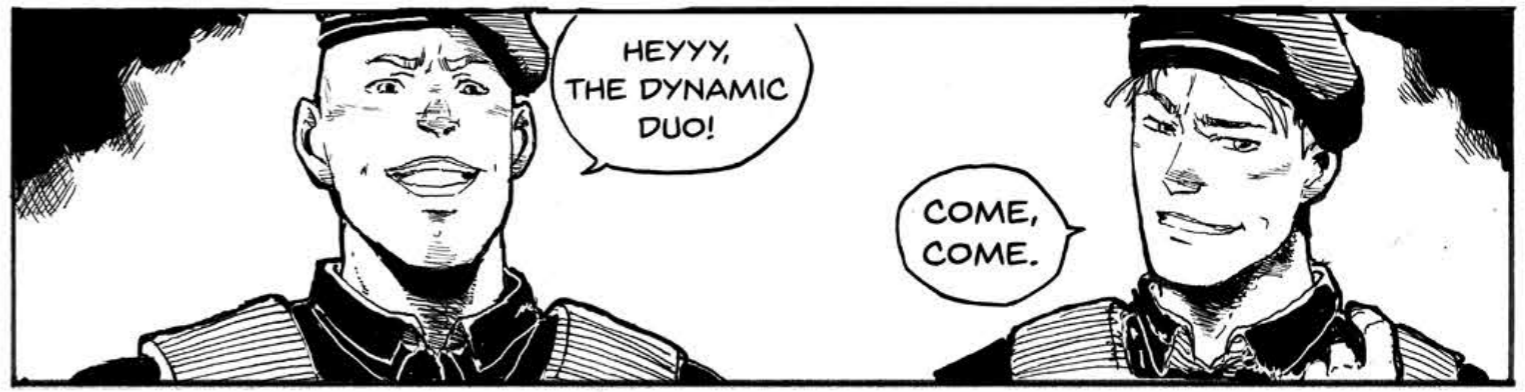
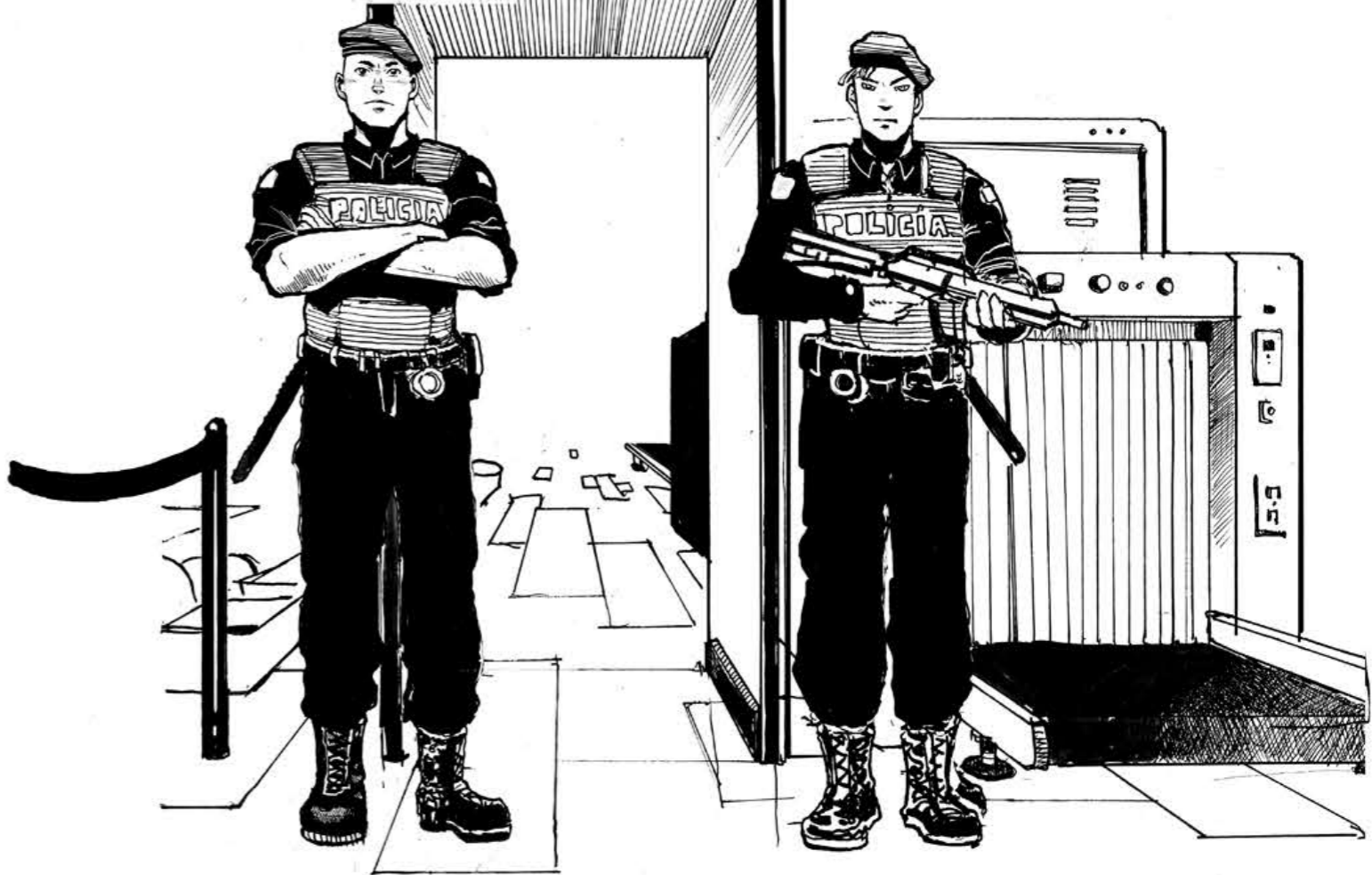
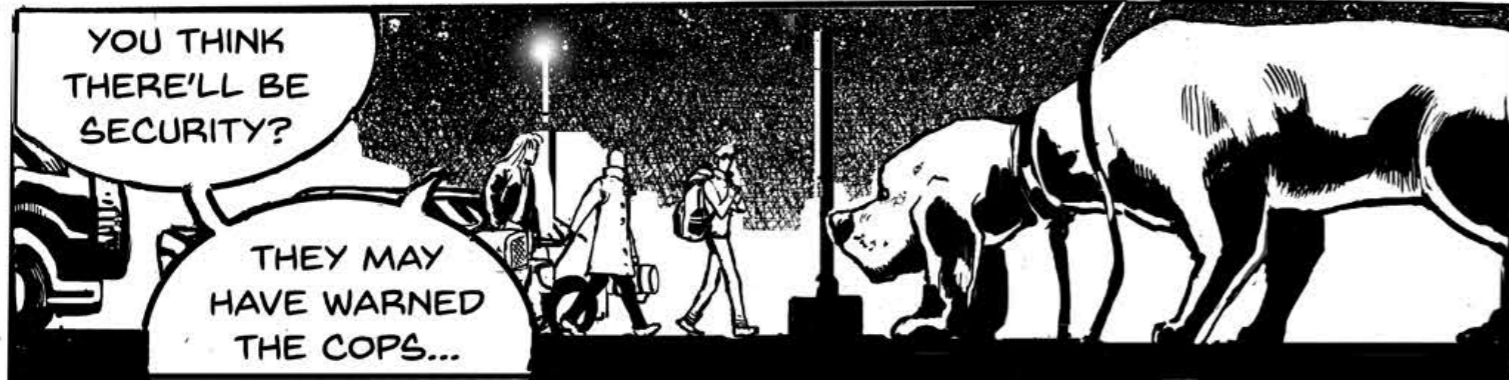
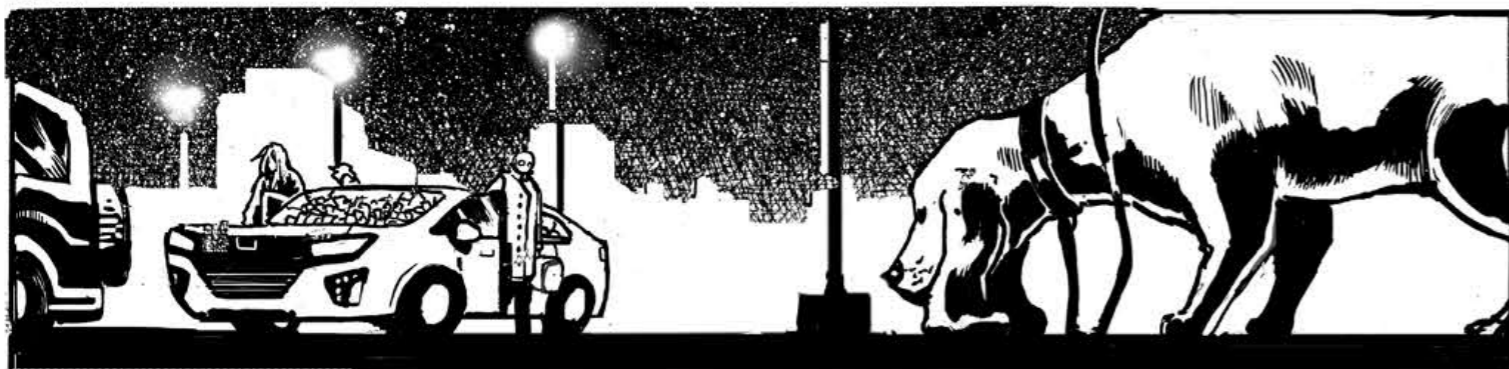


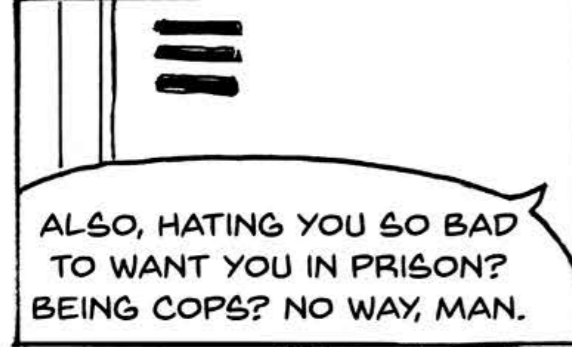
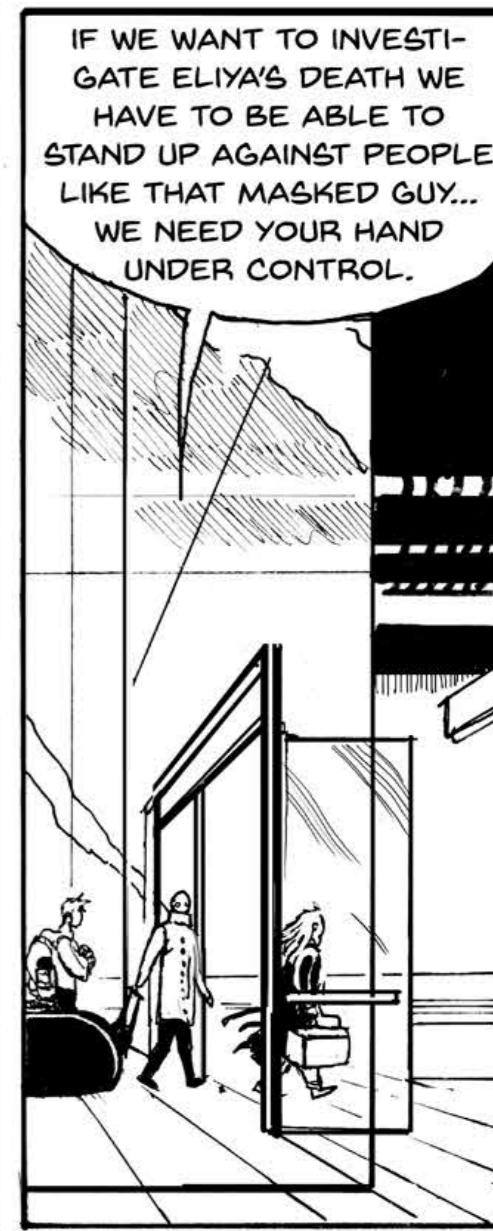
ARES TALKS ABOUT GODS DYING. FIRST THING YOU'D THINK IS THAT SOMEHOW THEY'RE BEING AFFECTED BY PEOPLE'S LACK OF FAITH... BUT ARES IS FROM THE GRECO-ROMAN PANTHEON, NO ONE BELIEVES IN THEM TO BEGIN WITH! THE ONLY OTHER INTERPRETATION I CAN SEE...




...IS THAT THIS SUPPRESSION OF IDEAS IS WITHERING THE COLLECTIVE UNCONSCIOUS, THAT PART OF THE ASTRAL PLANE STILL CONNECTED TO OUR MINDS WHERE ARCHETYPES LIKE THE GODS LIVE.









WHAT'S MY OTHER OPTION, WAIT
HERE UNTIL THIS STUPID HAND FUCKS
UP MY HEAD FOR REAL? FUCK
THAT. TO SANTIAGO! AT LEAST
WE'LL HAVE FRESH AIR.

...TO BE CONTINUED

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