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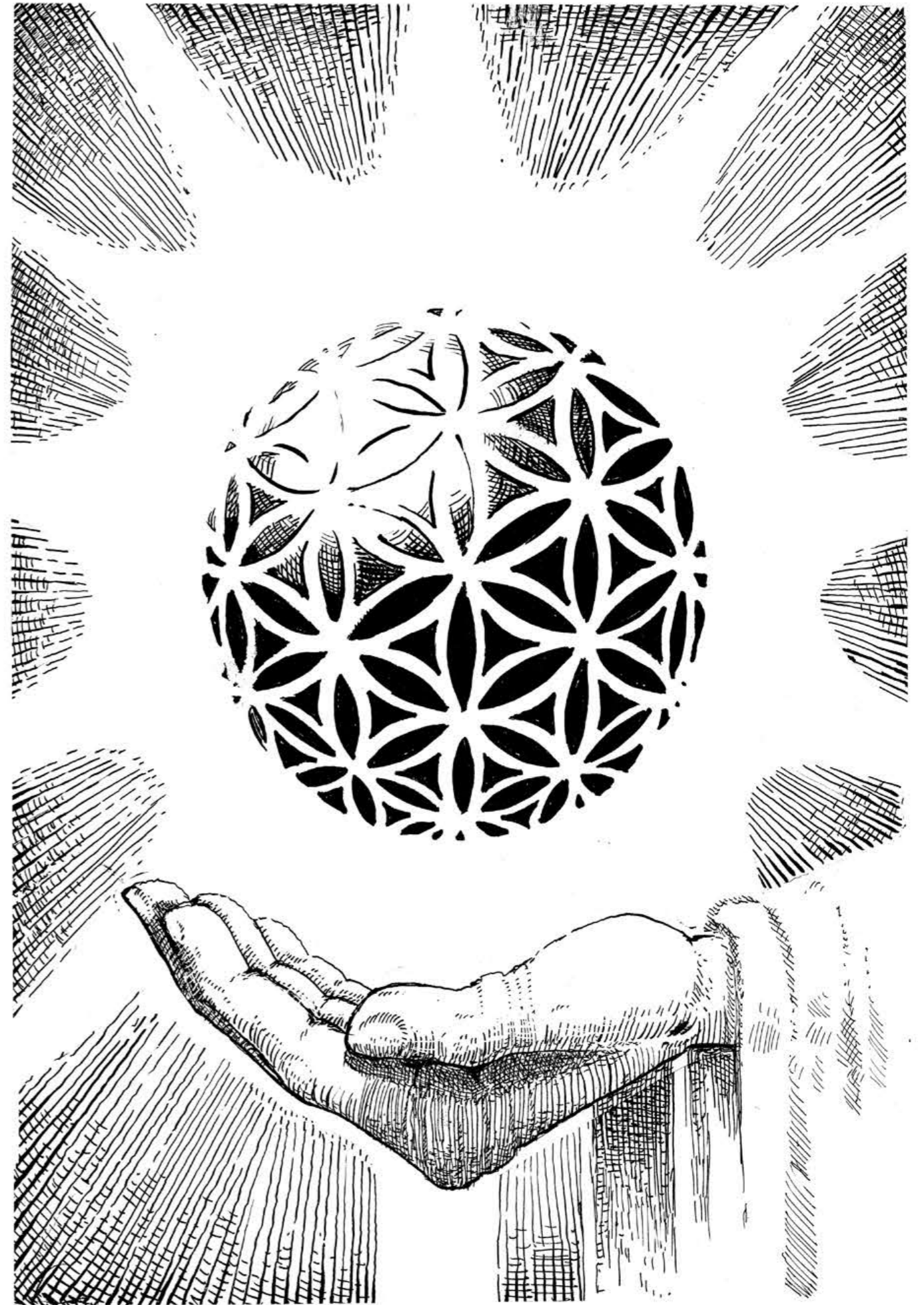
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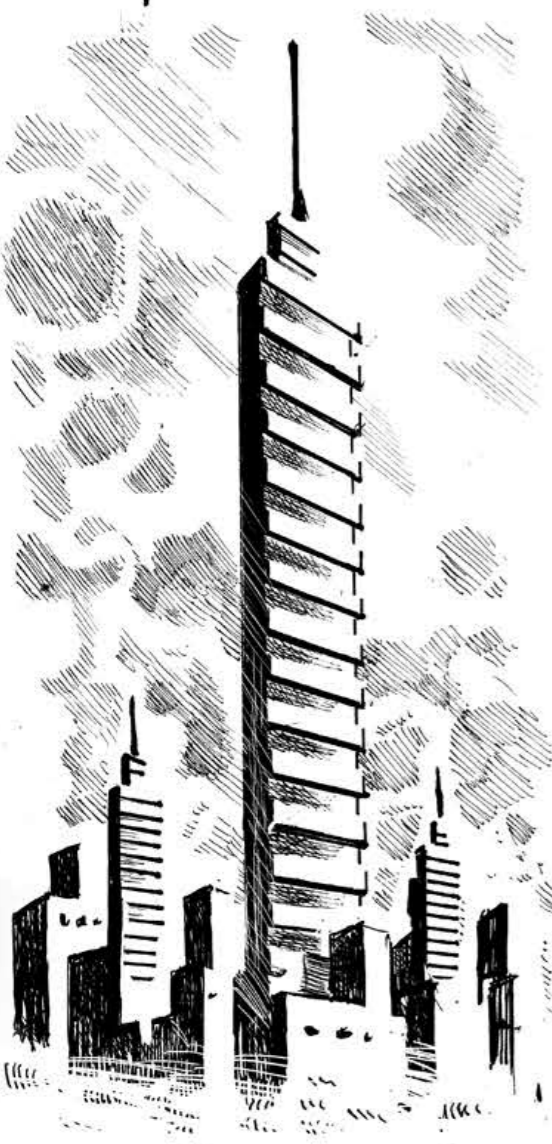
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WE'RE BRINGING YOU A SHOW JAM-PACKED OF CONTENT TODAY, LOVERS OF THE UNKNOWN!

WE ARE GOING TO DISCUSS THE CORRELATION BETWEEN THE MAYAN PROPHECIES, THE BOOK OF REVELATIONS AND THE CURRENT ECONOMIC CRISIS...



HRMM...

THEY'VE CALLED ME AT SIX O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING...

DID YOU *KNOW* THAT?

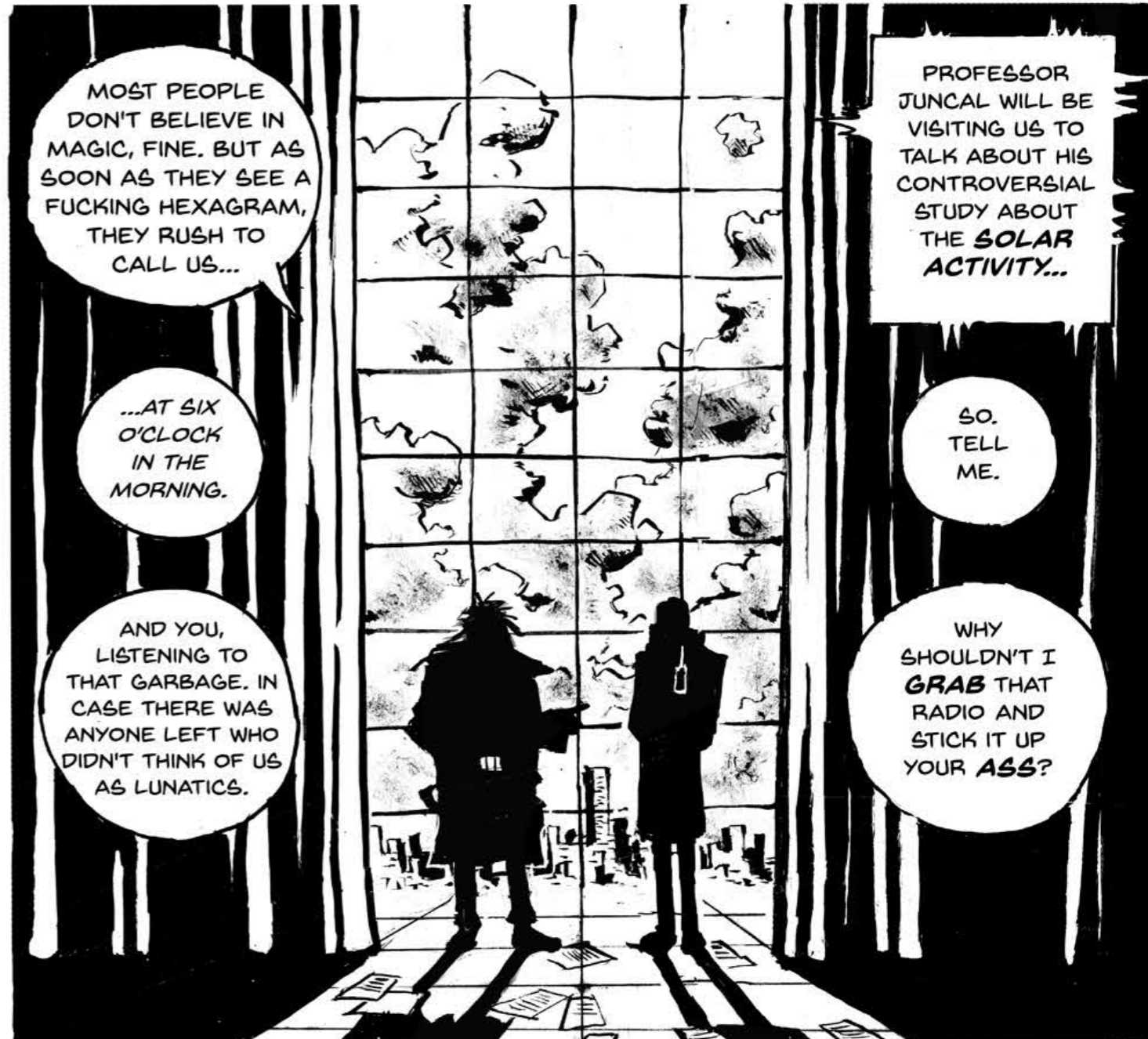
*OF COURSE* YOU KNEW THAT. THEY CALLED YOU AT SIX O'CLOCK TOO!



MOST PEOPLE DON'T BELIEVE IN MAGIC, FINE. BUT AS SOON AS THEY SEE A FUCKING HEXAGRAM, THEY RUSH TO CALL US...

...AT SIX O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING.

AND YOU, LISTENING TO THAT GARBAGE. IN CASE THERE WAS ANYONE LEFT WHO DIDN'T THINK OF US AS LUNATICS.



PROFESSOR JUNCAL WILL BE VISITING US TO TALK ABOUT HIS CONTROVERSIAL STUDY ABOUT THE *SOLAR* ACTIVITY...

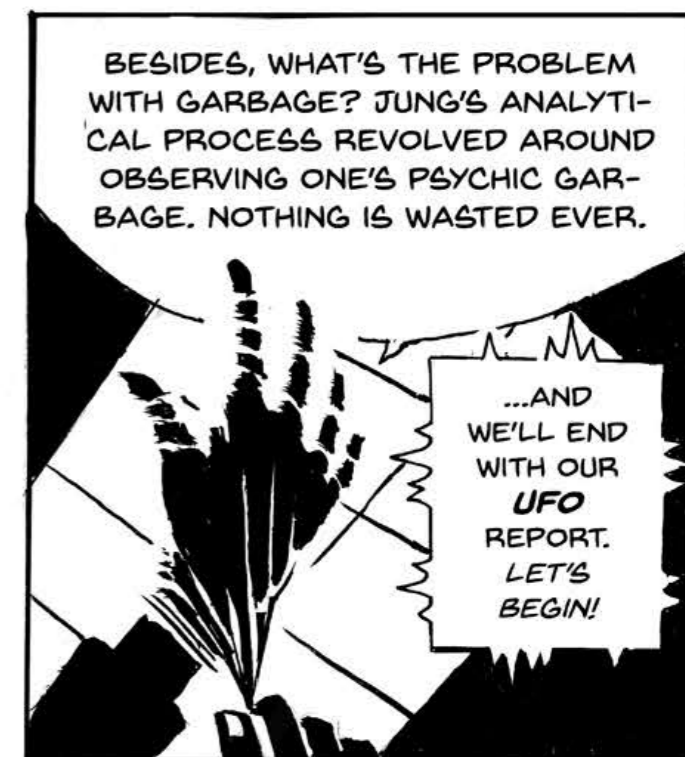
SO. TELL ME.

WHY SHOULDN'T I *GRAB* THAT RADIO AND STICK IT UP YOUR *ASS*?

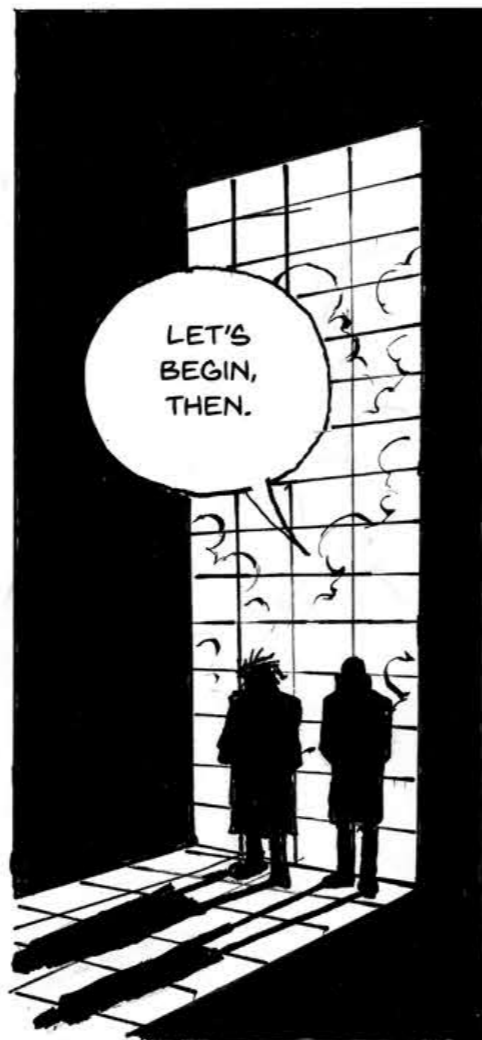
OUT OF RESPECT AND TOLERANCE, AND BECAUSE OF THE IMMENSE LOVE WE HAVE FOR EACH OTHER.

BESIDES, WHAT'S THE PROBLEM WITH GARBAGE? JUNG'S ANALYTICAL PROCESS REVOLVED AROUND OBSERVING ONE'S PSYCHIC GARBAGE. NOTHING IS WASTED EVER.

...AND WE'LL END WITH OUR *UFO* REPORT. LET'S BEGIN!



WITH THE THREAT OF ANOTHER RECESSION FOR THE NEXT YEAR, THE ALREADY MYTHICAL 2012, IT IS **CLEAR** THAT THE END TIMES, AS PREDICTED BY THE MAYANS, ARE ALREADY HERE...



LET'S BEGIN, THEN.



ISN'T IT A SIGN OF THE APOCALYPSE, LIVING IN A PERPETUAL CYCLE OF ECONOMIC CRISIS AND CUTBACKS?



HOW CAN THEY TELL US THAT PROGRESS MEANS APPLYING AUSTERITY POLICIES THAT SET US BACK DECADES?



WHEN, OTHER THAN IN DEATH, IS PAIN A SYMPTOM OF **PROGRESS**?





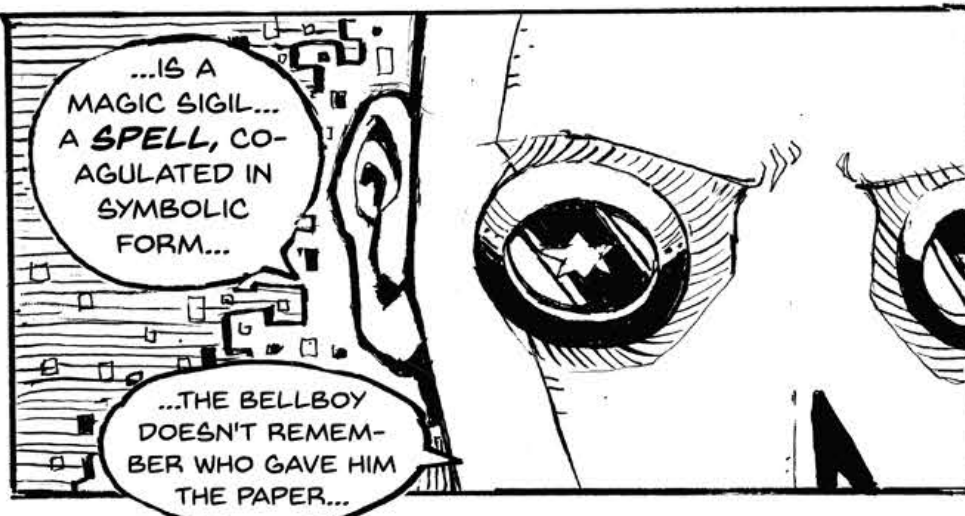
UHM... THIS HEXA-GRAM...

EVERYTHING IS HOLLOW AND DEVOID OF MEANING, EXACTLY AS THE BOOK OF REVELATIONS PREDICTED.



...CONTORTED FACIAL EXPRESSION, VACANT STARE...

WE HAVE TO REMEMBER THAT "APOCALYPSE" MEANS "REVELATION" IN GREEK; IT MEANS TO UNCOVER SOMETHING WE COULDN'T SEE BUT WAS ALREADY THERE. THE RECESSION, IN THAT REGARD...

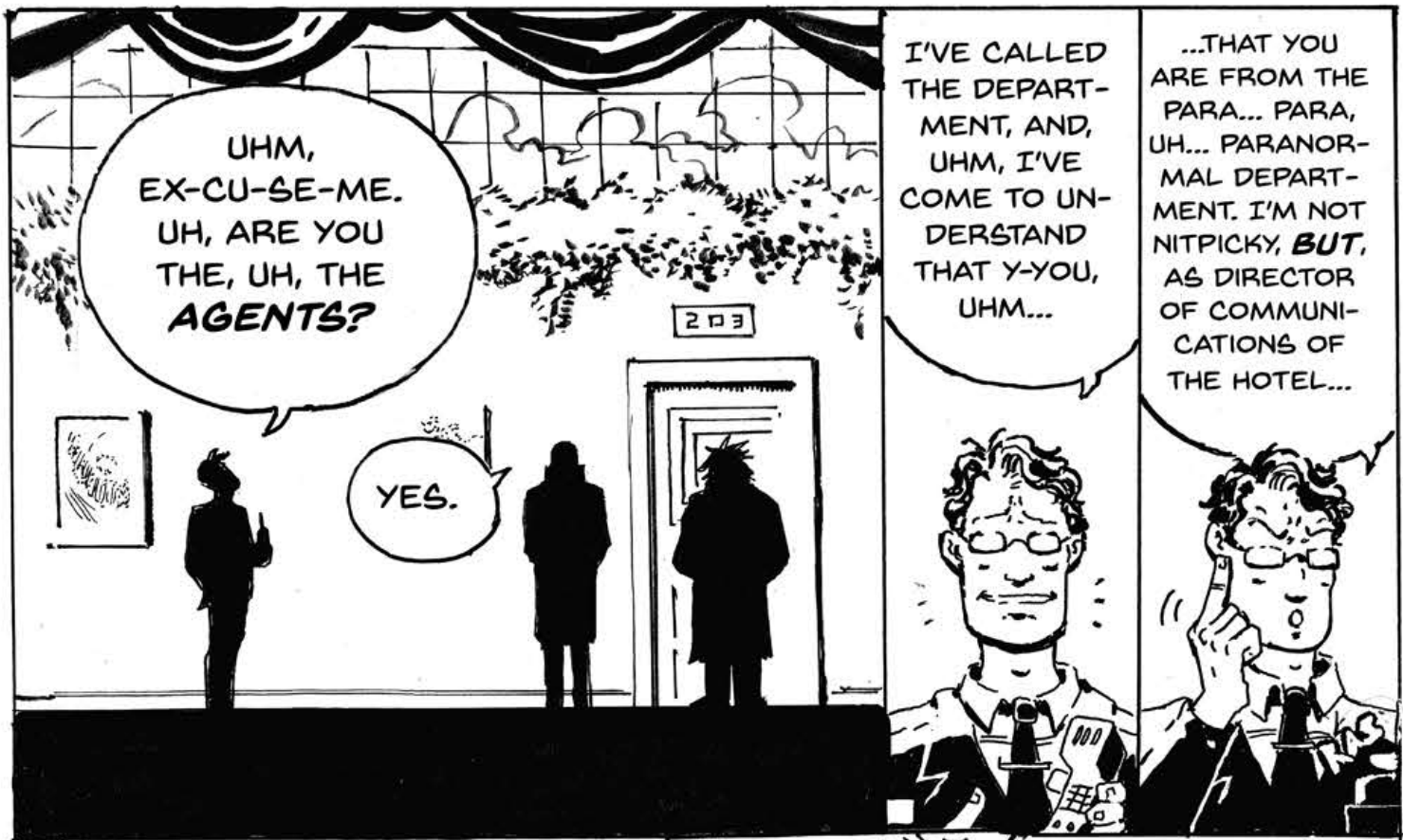
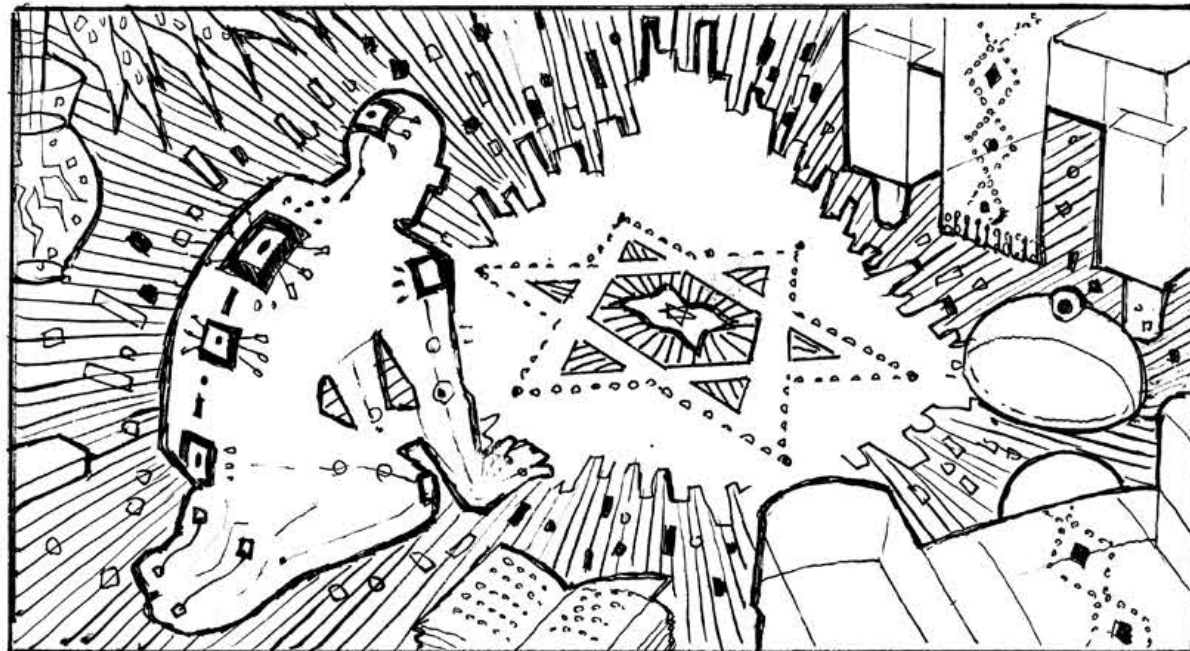


...IS A MAGIC SIGIL... A SPELL, COAGULATED IN SYMBOLIC FORM...

...THE BELLBOY DOESN'T REMEMBER WHO GAVE HIM THE PAPER...



...THE ROOM IS ALMOST UNTOUCHED. SOME DISORDER HERE AND THERE, BUT NO SIGNS OF VIOLENCE...



UHM, EX-CU-SE-ME. UH, ARE YOU THE, UH, THE AGENTS?

YES.

I'VE CALLED THE DEPARTMENT, AND, UHM, I'VE COME TO UNDERSTAND THAT Y-YOU, UHM...

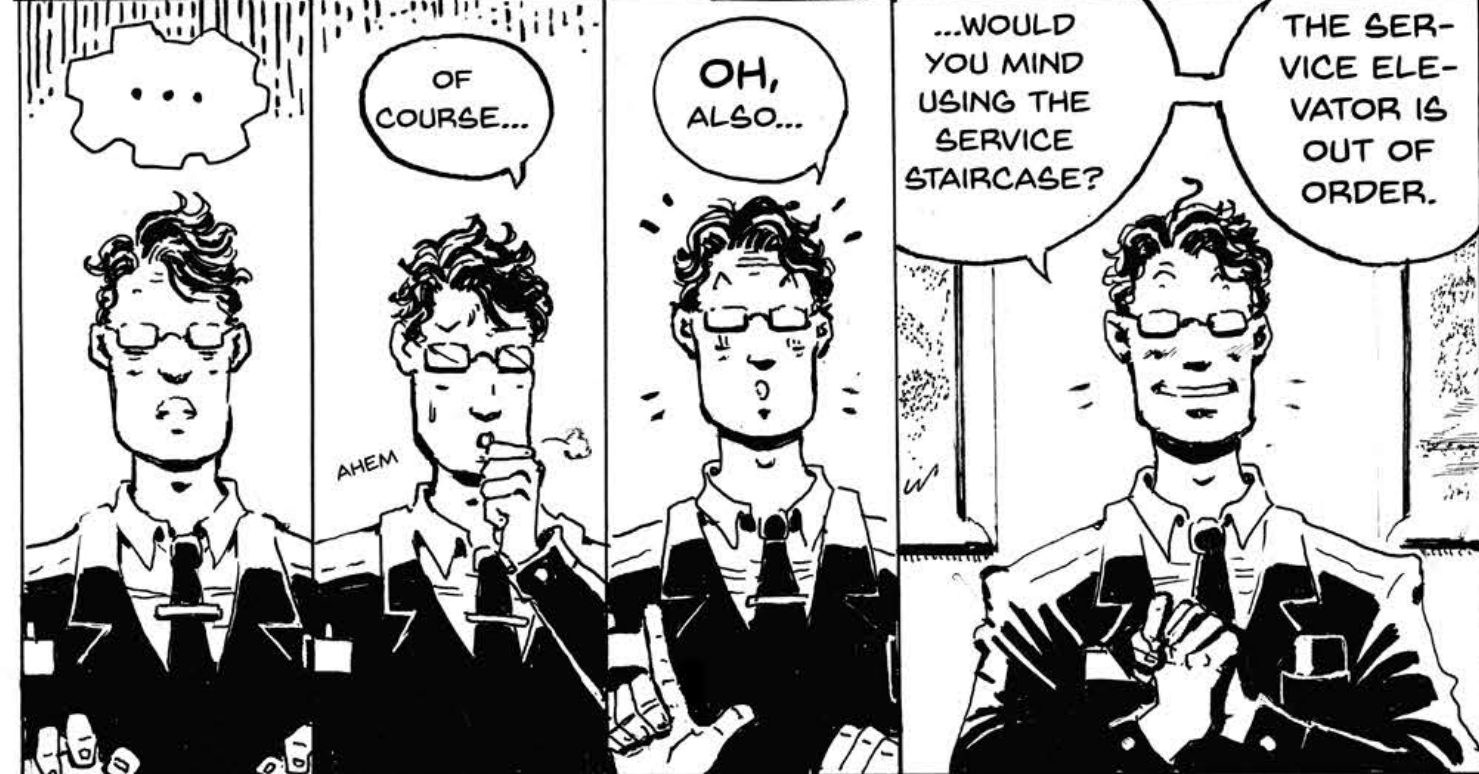
...THAT YOU ARE FROM THE PARA... PARA, UH... PARANORMAL DEPARTMENT. I'M NOT NITPICKY, BUT, AS DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS OF THE HOTEL...



LET ME TAKE A GUESS: YOU WANT REAL POLICE, AIN'T THAT SO, MR. STUTTER?

ESSEX...

BUT THEY CAN ONLY CONCLUDE NATURAL DEATH IN SPITE OF THE SCREAMS AND THE DESTRUCTION. WHO IS FUCKED UP ENOUGH TO SEE THAT THE KILLER IS A DEMON EVOKED FROM A SMALL SYMBOL ON A FUCKING PIECE OF PAPER?

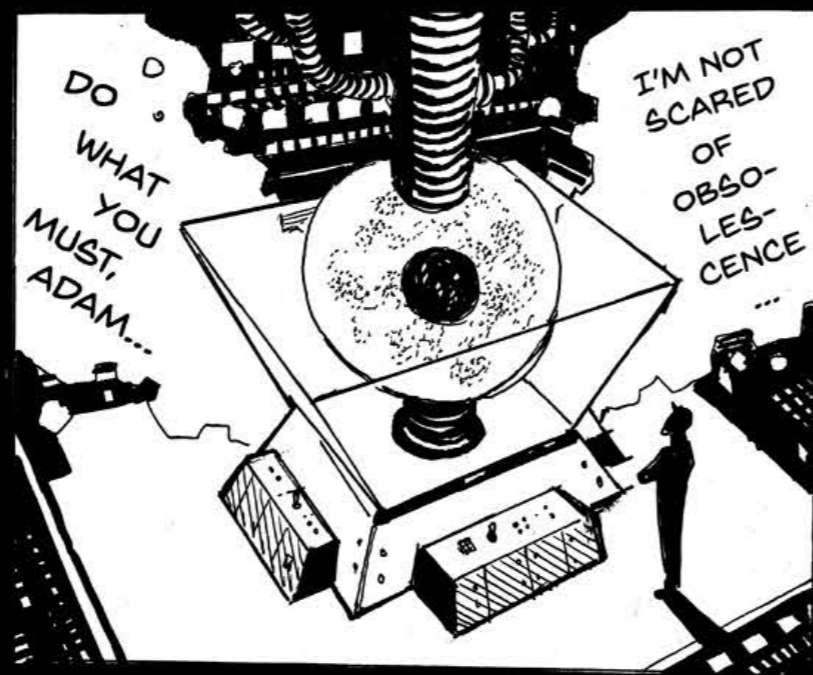


OF COURSE...

OH, ALSO...

...WOULD YOU MIND USING THE SERVICE STAIRCASE?

THE SERVICE ELEVATOR IS OUT OF ORDER.





ADAM, ARE YOU COMING TO THE PUB?  
MIKI AND THE REST WILL BE THERE.



ADAM?



YOU KNOW, WE WERE THE FIRST CITY TO SELL PUBLIC SPACE TO MULTINATIONAL COMPANIES.

THEY SAID THAT WOULD FIX EVERYTHING!



AS I'VE ALREADY SAID, I'M FROM THE DEPARTMENT...



...OF MAGIC AND PARANORMAL AFFAIRS, YEAH.



WHAT? (IT'S YOUR BOSS, FROM THE SET). "WHY DOES THE GENERALITAT\* ALLOW OUR EXIS..."



DUDE, NOT AGAIN... COME ON...



THE CRISIS. THE FUCKING CRISIS.

THEY DISCOVERED THE MAGIC WORD ALRIGHT.



THAT'S IT, I'VE HAD ENOUGH! AND YOU OF ALL PEOPLE ASKING ME THAT, WHEN YOUR ASS IS FULL OF GRANTS FROM THE GENERALITAT!



FUCK YES THERE IS! ALWAYS THE SAME BULLSHIT! DIDN'T YOU WANT TO KNOW ABOUT ELIYA?



WELL, HE SUFFERED A MAGICAL ATTACK AND HE'S AS DEAD AS JULIUS CAESAR! AND IT'S US, NOT THE REGULAR COPS, THE ONES WHO DISCOVERED IT!



DON'T! PLEASE!

DON'T KICK ME!



THANK YOU.



AND YES, IT IS ELIYA UWANTE, THE STEVE JOBS OF AFRICA! THE GUY WHO CREATED THE GENERATORS THAT HEAT UP YOUR FAT FUCKING ASS!

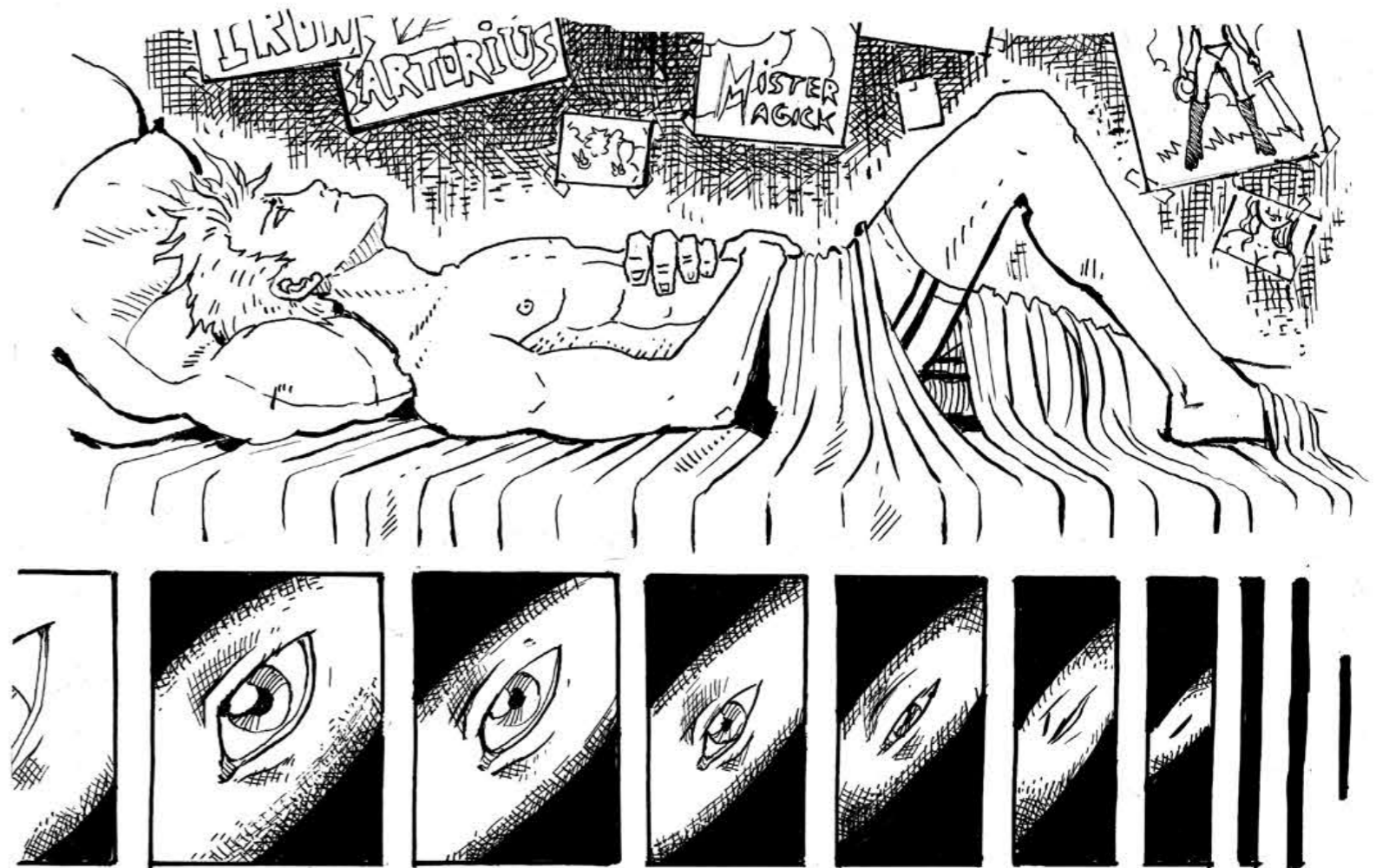
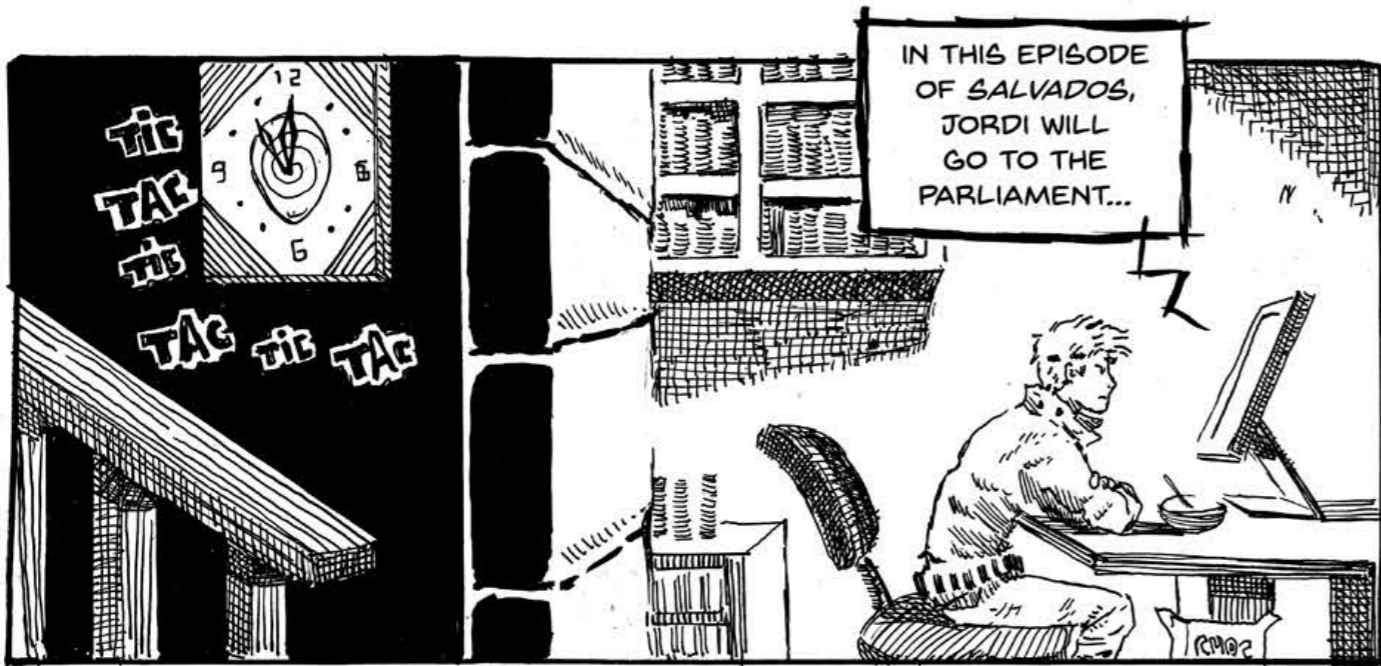


H-HEY, GIVE ME MY MIC...!  
I DO WHAT I WANT!  
BUT IF YOU UNPLUG IT, NO ONE WILL HEAR YOU!  
THAT'S WHY I'M SHOUTING!



DO YOU THINK I'VE OFFENDED CUNI? I WAS VERY EXCITED TO APPEAR ON HIS SHOW...  
WHO CARES? TOMORROW, WHEN WE ARE FIRED, NOTHING WILL MATTER ANYMORE.





SIGURD!

WHAT'S UP, DUDE.

KIDS, YOU HAVE YOUR SNACKS ON THE TABLE...

OR ARE YOU THE ONE WHO'S FUCKING ME OVER?

BUT WHY...? CAN'T YOU DO ANYTHING TO STOP IT?

WHAT?!

THEY'RE USING YOU.

WHAT ARE YOU DOING, VISITING ME THROUGH HERE?

WHY HAVEN'T YOU COME IN PERSON?

HA! I PREFERRED... A DREAMY OCCASION.

(SORRY FOR THE JOKE)

I HAVE COME TO WARN YOU.

ARE YOU DOING THE HUMANITIES COURSE?

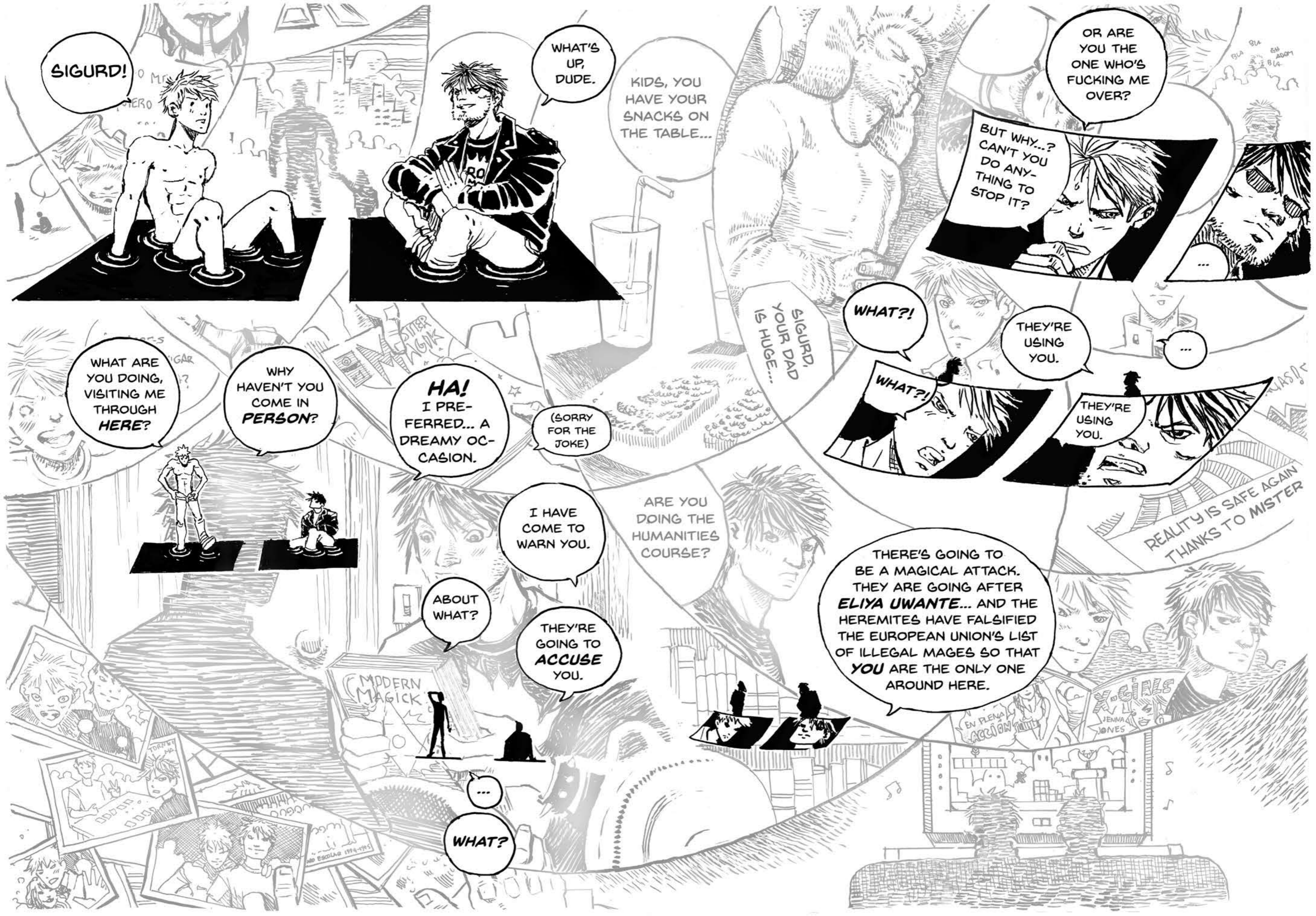
THERE'S GOING TO BE A MAGICAL ATTACK. THEY ARE GOING AFTER ELIYA UWANTE... AND THE HEREMITES HAVE FALSIFIED THE EUROPEAN UNION'S LIST OF ILLEGAL MAGES SO THAT YOU ARE THE ONLY ONE AROUND HERE.

ABOUT WHAT?

THEY'RE GOING TO ACCUSE YOU.

WHAT?

REALITY IS SAFE AGAIN THANKS TO MISTER





ARE YOU CRAZY?!  
THIS IS THE SHIT THE HERMITES FORCE YOU TO DO?! OR THE CABALISTS?! OR THE EBI\*?!

ARE THESE YOUR FUCKING DREAMS?  
DESTROYING OTHER PEOPLE'S LIVES? MY LIFE?

YOU ARE NOT ONE TO TALK!

ALL THIS TIME I'VE BEEN AWAY, WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN DOING?



I'M DOING YOU A FAVOR!

YOU WERE THE ONE WHO TOLD ME ABOUT MAGIC! AND YOU SAID THAT WITH THIS POWER, YOU COULD HAVE ANYTHING.

...EVEN IF THERE'S A PRICE.

AND WHAT HAVE YOU DONE WITH THAT POWER?



YOU PICK A BORING JOB AND AN IRRELEVANT LIFE! 22 FUCKING YEARS OLD AND YOU FUCKING THINK LIKE AN OLD MAN! ARE YOU STUPID?



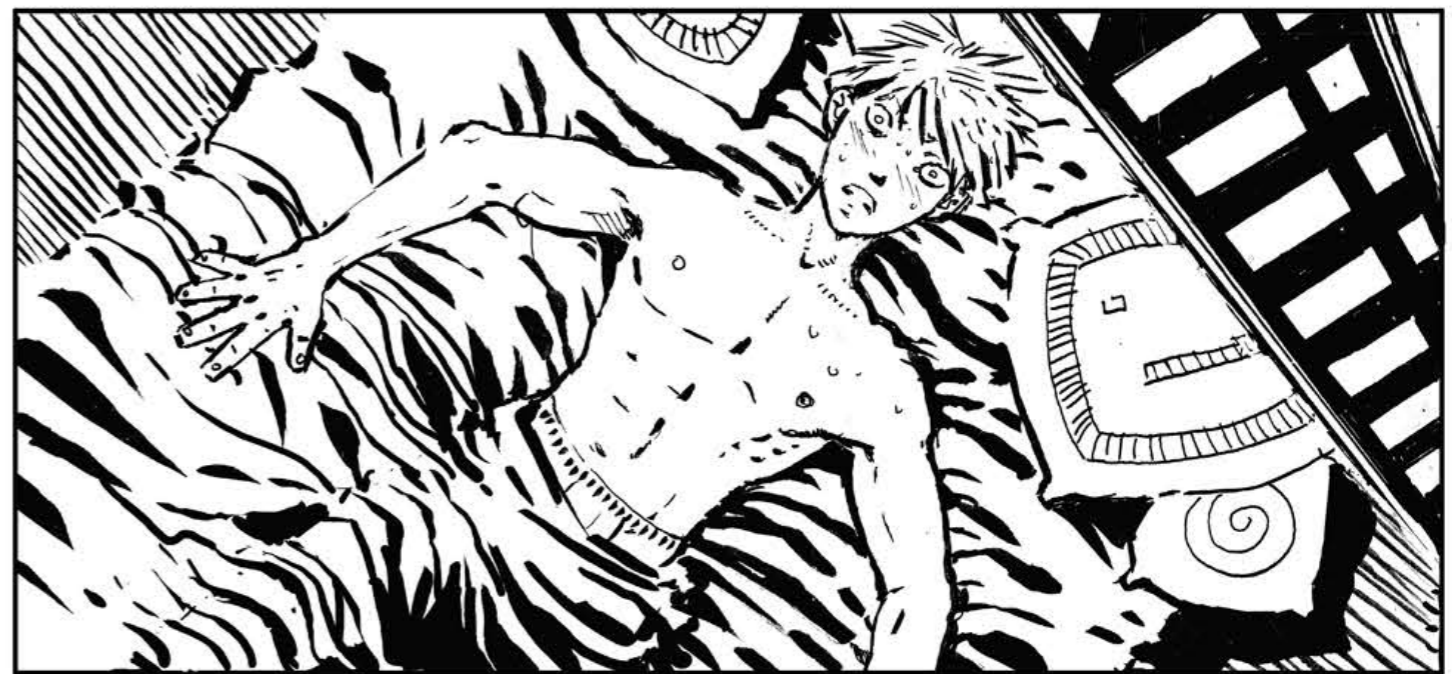
YOU SAY THIS BULLSHIT IN FRONT OF THE MIRROR EVERY MORNING, RIGHT,

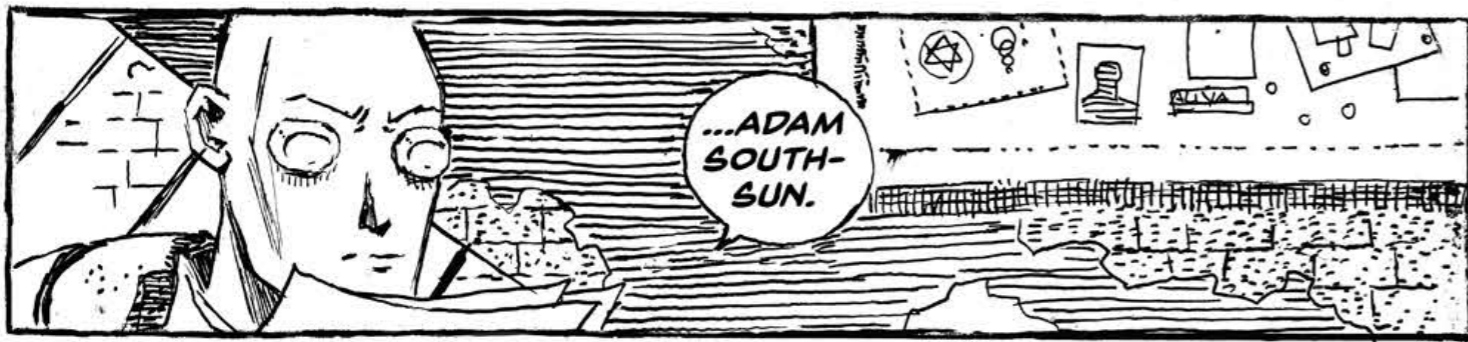
SIGURD?

WHATEVER, ADAM.

THIS IS JUST A WARNING.

YOUR LAST CHANCE.





...ADAM SOUTH-SUN.



ADAM, COME ON, STAY WITH US TODAY. YOU'VE BEEN SUCH A DOWNER ALL FUCKING DAY!

HAVE SOME FUN!

NOPE, SORRY.

I HAVE TO SAY GOOD-BYE TO AN OLD FRIEND.



SO, WHAT DO YOU THINK?

A LIST OF ILLEGAL MAGES? AND ONLY ONE IN BARCELONA! BUT... THERE ARE BARELY ANY UNIVERSITIES THAT MAKE YOU AN OFFICIAL MAGE!



IT'S JUST LIKE MY FATHER SAID. EVERYTHING IS A TRICK OF WORDS.

AH, WHAT-EVER. I HAVE AN UNREAD NOTE. MAYBE IT'S N-TECH INDUSTRIES...



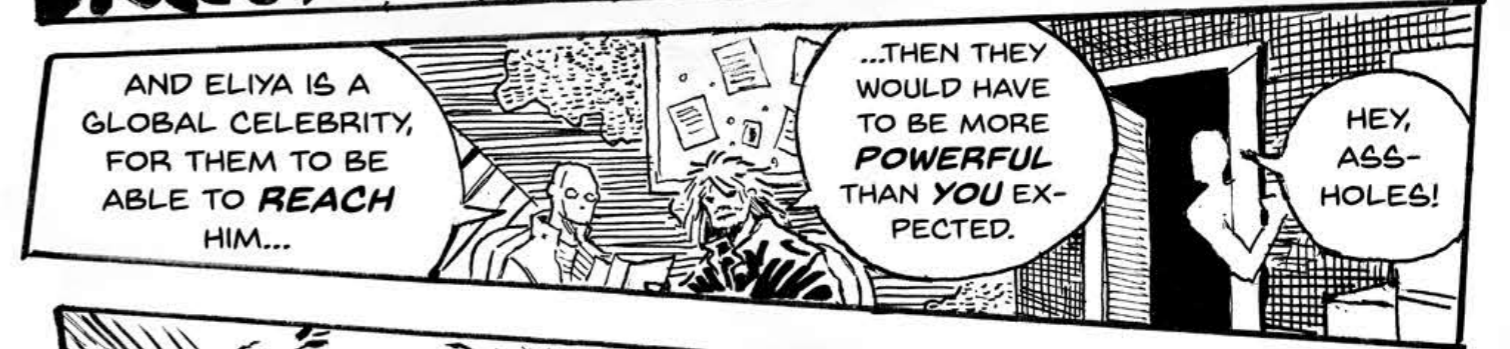
ESSEX... SINCE YOU TRIED TO INVESTIGATE ABOUT YOUR FATHER... YOU...

I'M NOT SAYING THIS DOESN'T SMELL BAD, BUT THE HERMITES FALSIFYING EBI DATA?... THIS IS TOO BIG!



LET ME SEE... WHAT'S THIS?

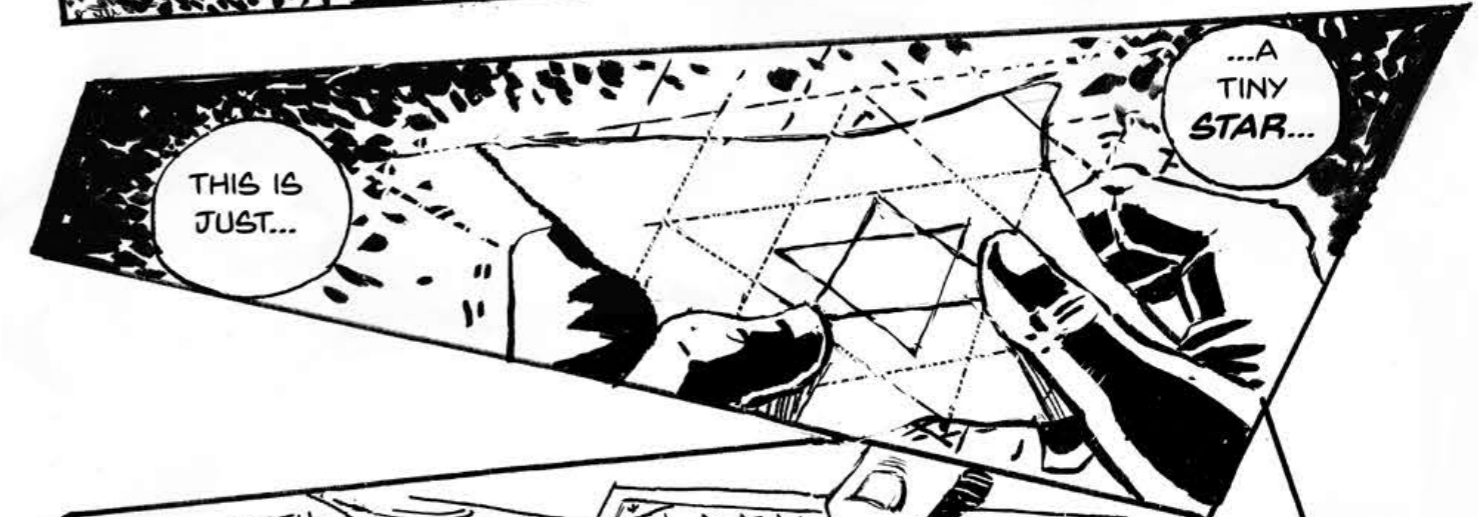
THIS IS JUST A TINY...



AND ELIYA IS A GLOBAL CELEBRITY, FOR THEM TO BE ABLE TO REACH HIM...

...THEN THEY WOULD HAVE TO BE MORE POWERFUL THAN YOU EXPECTED.

HEY, ASS-HOLES!



THIS IS JUST...

...A TINY STAR...



HERE, PICTURES OF ADAM WHAT'S-HIS-NAME LEAVING BARCELONA AND POSING FOR THE CAMERA!

IT'S A...



AND NOW THEY BRING HIM TO US...

...ON A SILVER PLATTER.

AGH!

# SALIENDO DE BARCELONA

\*SIGN READS: LEAVING BARCELONA

HEY KID, DON'T CRY.

THOSE BOYS DON'T KNOW ANYTHING.

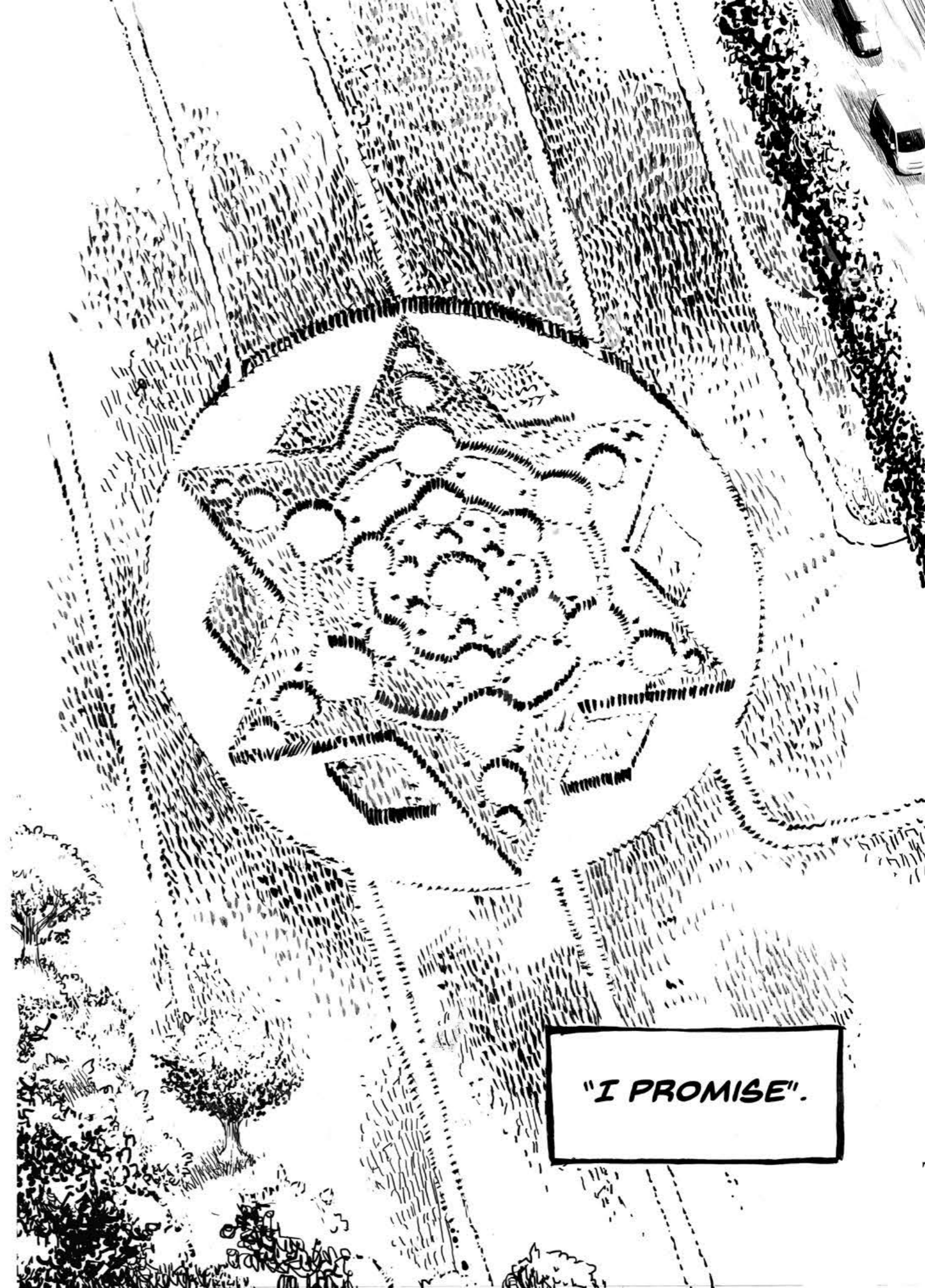


MAGIC IS REAL.

AND IT'S SOMETHING FAR BETTER THAN A TRICK OF HANDS.



YOU CAN CHANGE THE WORLD WITH IT.



"I PROMISE".

# ...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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