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# Part 1: The knights of the cursed hands!

OH, AND BY THE WAY, CAREFUL WITH THAT THING, OKAY? YOU COULD'VE HARMED US!

YOU CAME OUT OF NOWHERE!

I JUST TELEPORTED, I SEE MORE PEOPLE THAN THERE WERE IN MY TEAM, LAST THING I THINK IS THAT I'M GOING TO FIND YOUR DICK-FACE NEXT TO THOSE TWO TESTICLES THAT ALWAYS ACCOMPANY YOU!

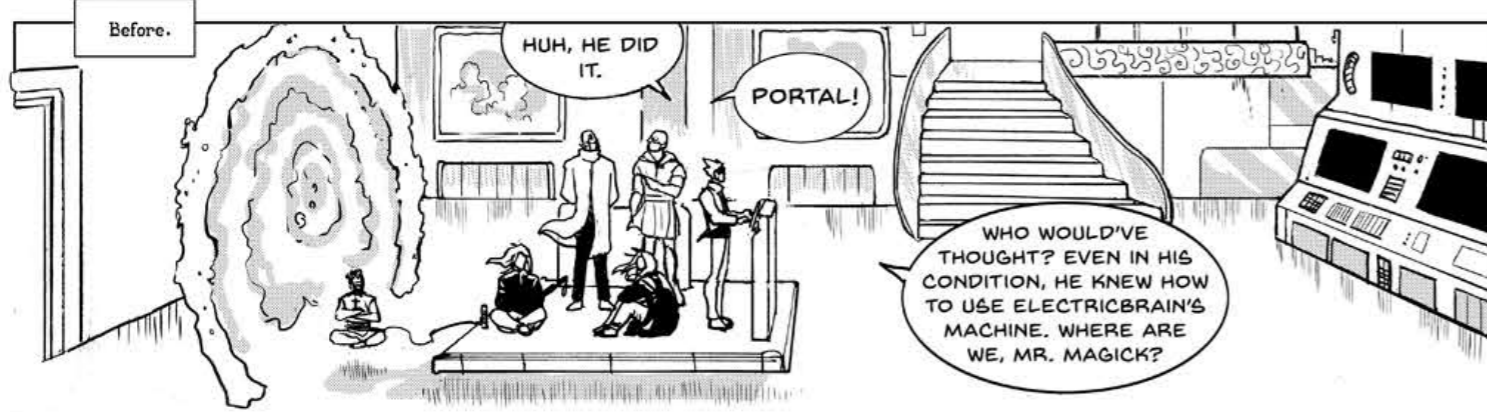
GREAT. THAT THING... THAT BURST OF ENERGY, THE MARK ON THE HAND... ANOTHER GAUNTLET, RIGHT? *THE OTHER GAUNTLET.*

I'M SURE YOU'LL USE IT JUST FINE, JUDGING BY THE WAY YOU'VE HANDLED YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES SO FAR.

DON'T WORRY, I WON'T BE LEAVING MILITARY BASES IN RUINS, I LEAVE THAT TO OTHER MORAL LUMINARIES!

OH, AND THANKS FOR YOUR COMPASSION, ALEX WAS MY BEST FRIEND AT THE EBI\* AND YOU DIDN'T EVEN GIVE ME A SECOND TO PROCESS WHAT YOU TOLD ME!

\*EBI: EUROPEAN BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION.

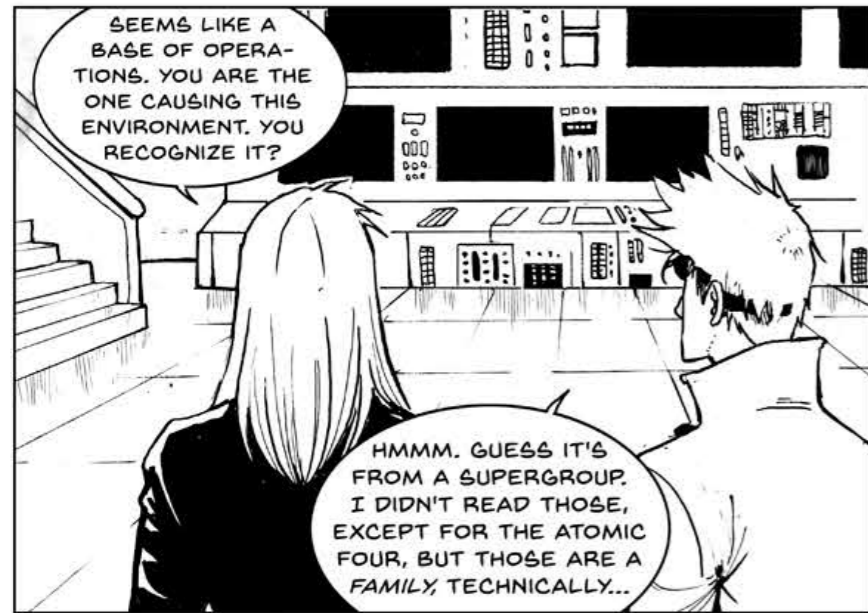


Before.

HUH, HE DID IT.

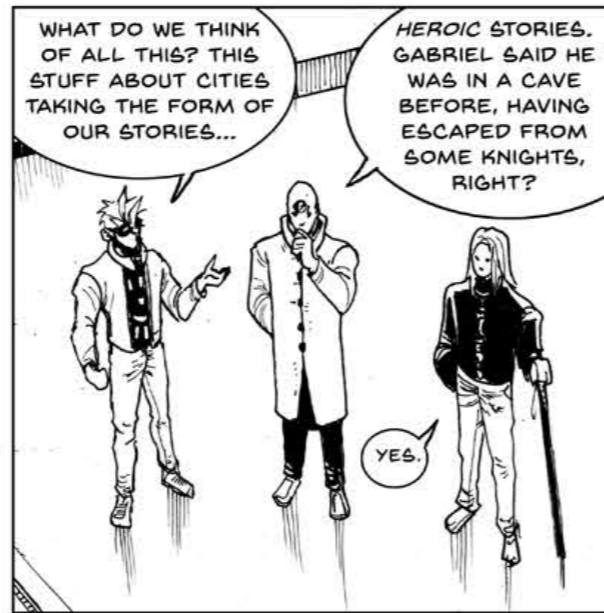
PORTAL!

WHO WOULD'VE THOUGHT? EVEN IN HIS CONDITION, HE KNEW HOW TO USE ELECTRICBRAIN'S MACHINE. WHERE ARE WE, MR. MAGICK?



SEEMS LIKE A BASE OF OPERATIONS. YOU ARE THE ONE CAUSING THIS ENVIRONMENT. YOU RECOGNIZE IT?

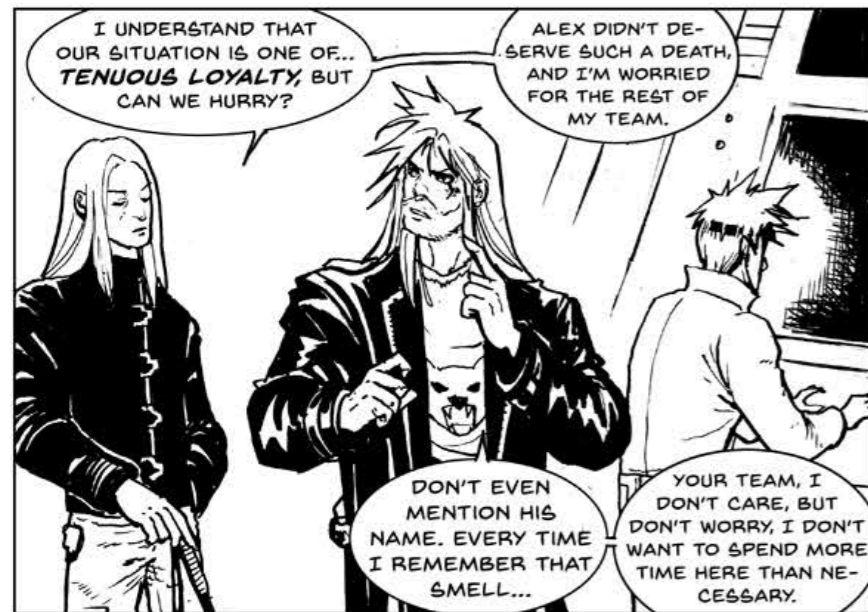
HMMM. GUESS IT'S FROM A SUPERGROUP. I DIDN'T READ THOSE, EXCEPT FOR THE ATOMIC FOUR, BUT THOSE ARE A FAMILY, TECHNICALLY...



WHAT DO WE THINK OF ALL THIS? THIS STUFF ABOUT CITIES TAKING THE FORM OF OUR STORIES...

HEROIC STORIES. GABRIEL SAID HE WAS IN A CAVE BEFORE, HAVING ESCAPED FROM SOME KNIGHTS, RIGHT?

YES.



I UNDERSTAND THAT OUR SITUATION IS ONE OF... TENUOUS LOYALTY, BUT CAN WE HURRY?

ALEX DIDN'T DESERVE SUCH A DEATH, AND I'M WORRIED FOR THE REST OF MY TEAM.

DON'T EVEN MENTION HIS NAME. EVERY TIME I REMEMBER THAT SMELL...

YOUR TEAM, I DON'T CARE, BUT DON'T WORRY, I DON'T WANT TO SPEND MORE TIME HERE THAN NECESSARY.



HEY. A BUTTON BLIN... HOUFF.



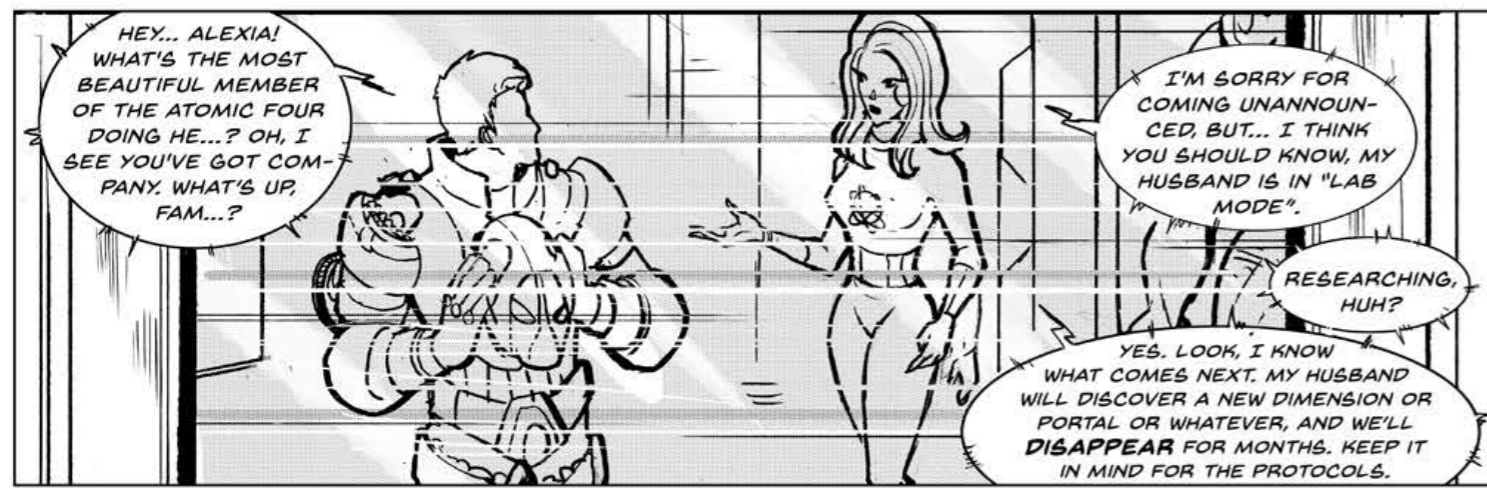
"I DON'T KNOW HOW WE DO IT BUT, NO MATTER WHERE WE END UP, THERE'S ALWAYS SOME COSMIC ABERRATION WE HAVE TO HELP DEFEAT".



SEVEN, NOW!

THROUGH THE HOLE! I'LL HELP YOU!

HMPF!

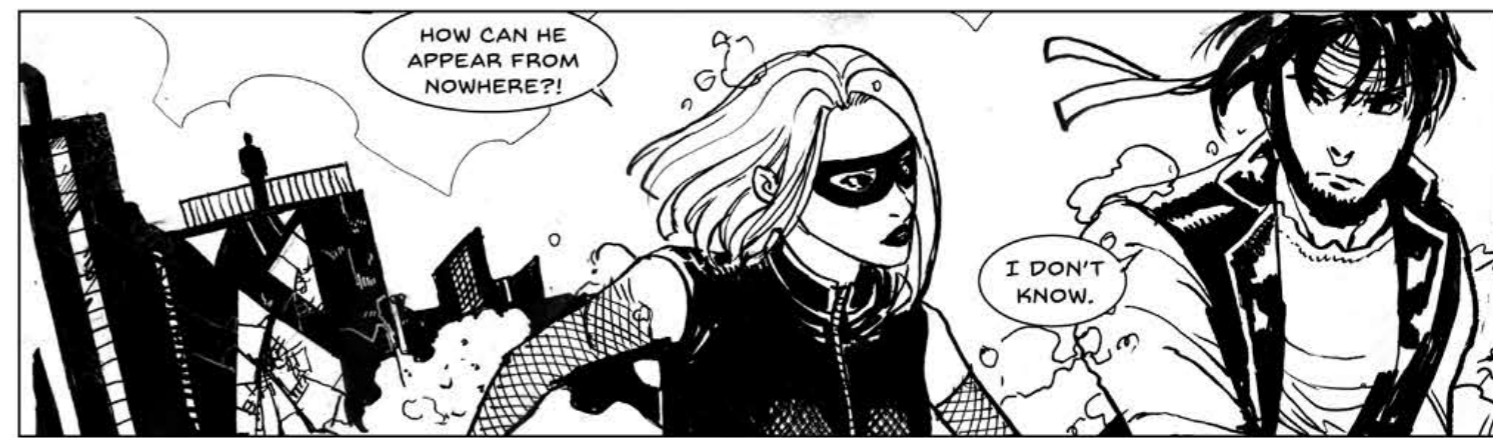


HEY... ALEXIA! WHAT'S THE MOST BEAUTIFUL MEMBER OF THE ATOMIC FOUR DOING HE...? OH, I SEE YOU'VE GOT COMPANY. WHAT'S UP, FAM...?

I'M SORRY FOR COMING UNANNOUNCED, BUT... I THINK YOU SHOULD KNOW, MY HUSBAND IS IN "LAB MODE".

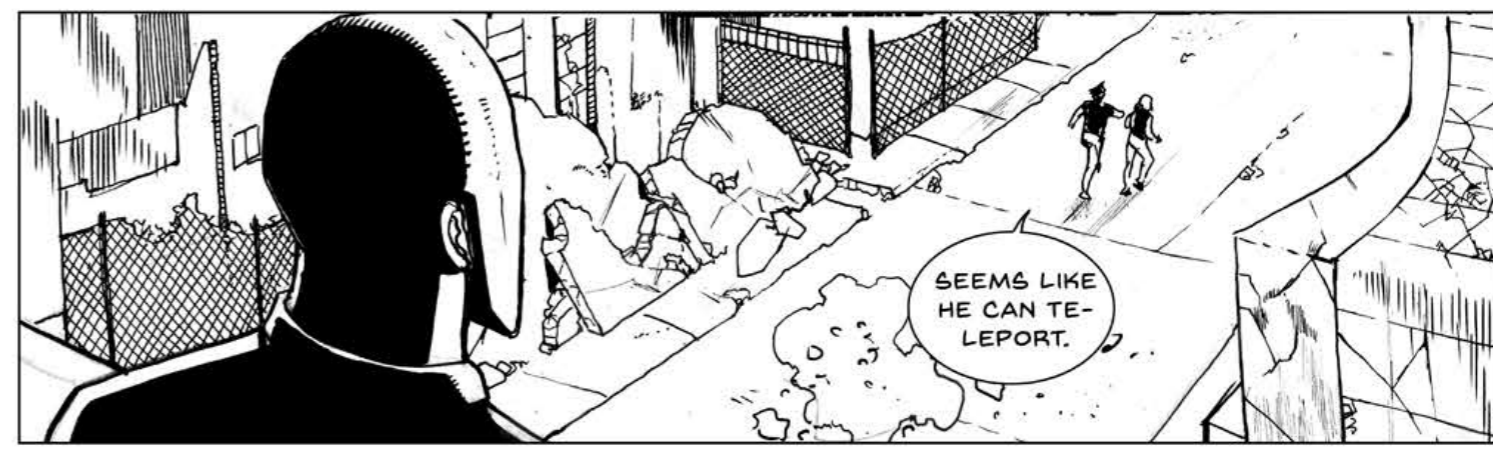
RESEARCHING, HUH?

YES. LOOK, I KNOW WHAT COMES NEXT. MY HUSBAND WILL DISCOVER A NEW DIMENSION OR PORTAL OR WHATEVER, AND WE'LL DISAPPEAR FOR MONTHS. KEEP IT IN MIND FOR THE PROTOCOLS.

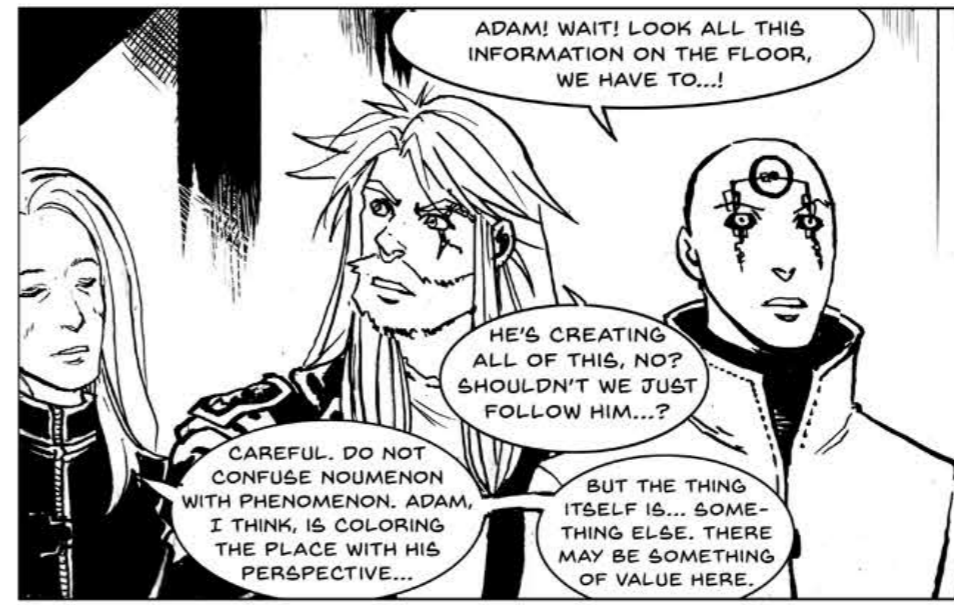
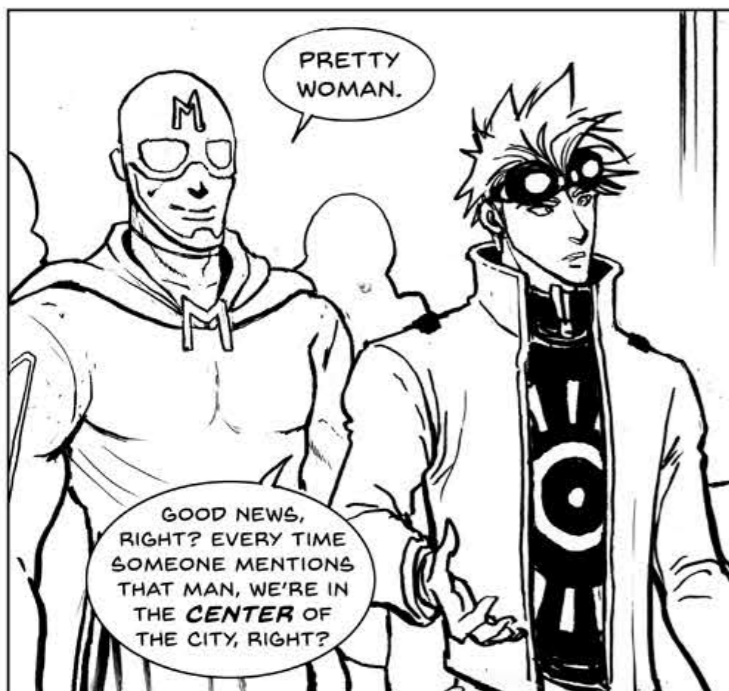
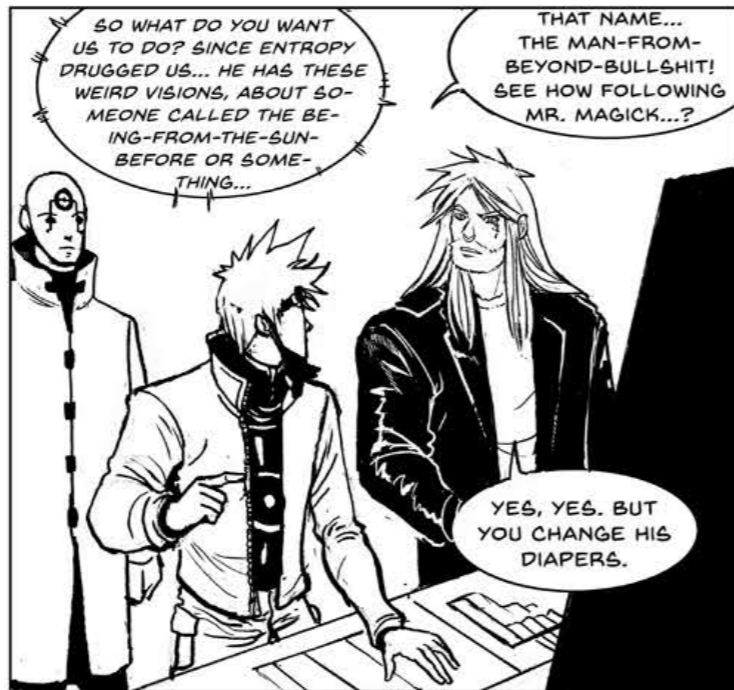
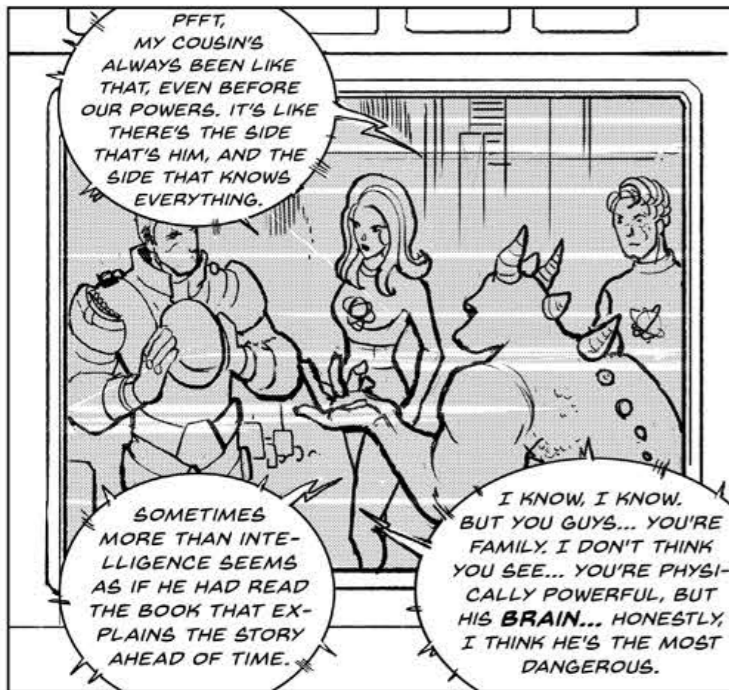


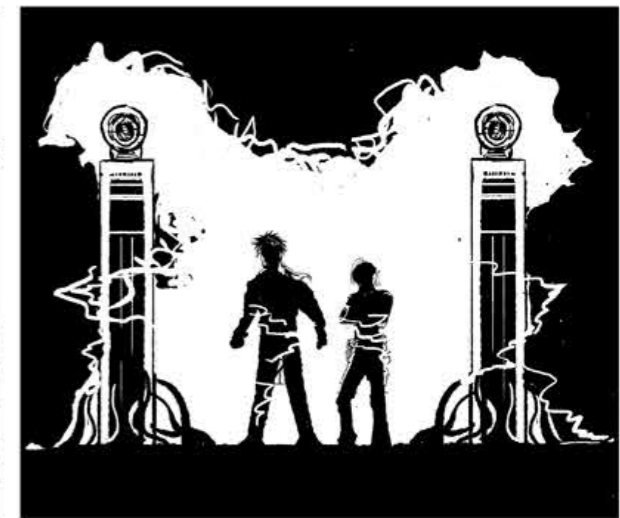
HOW CAN HE APPEAR FROM NOWHERE?!

I DON'T KNOW.



SEEMS LIKE HE CAN TELEPORT.





# Part 2: Clash of universes!

SO THIS IS YOUR TEAM, GABRIEL. YOUR ATTITUDE CONFUSED ME; FOR A MOMENT I THOUGHT THAT THE EBI MAY HAVE DECENT PEOPLE. BUT THIS ASSHOLE... YOU DON'T KNOW HOW MUCH SHIT HE'S DONE!

DO YOU KNOW WHAT HE DID AT THE BASE? HE... I'M SURE HE ENDED UP ACTING IN FAVOR OF THE HEREMITES!

YOU THINK THIS BASTARD DOESN'T KNOW? HE'S FREI'S BUTT BUDDY, WHO KNOWS WHAT SHIT HE'S AWARE OF! TRY ASKING HIM, YOU'LL SEE HOW MUCH HE ELABORATES.

I DON'T KNOW MUCH ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED THAT DAY, BUT, OBVIOUSLY, DOUBLE, OR TRIPLE, AGENTS HAVE TO BE GRANTED A CERTAIN DEGREE OF... FREEDOM.

SEE? THE BEST THING IS THAT THE BASTARD ALWAYS ACTS LIKE HE'S SINCERE, AND...

I AM. WHY LIE?

I CAN'T BELIEVE I'M THE ONE WHO HAS TO REMIND YOU OF THIS, BUT WE FOUND ONE OF YOUR PEOPLE TURNED INTO STEAK TARTAR...

CAN WE FOCUS ON ESCAPING THIS FUCKING PLACE? WE'RE UNDER THREAT, NO?

ARE YOU SURE THAT TRULY HAPPENED? YOU JUST SAID THIS CITY, FOR YOU, HAD... SUPERHEROES... COULD THAT BE PART OF THE ILLUSION? MAYBE HE ISN'T...

NO. IT WAS HIM. I'M SORRY.

LET'S FOCUS ON THAT. SO FAR, THE CITIES, HOWEVER IMPLAUSIBLE, WERE "PLACES". THIS... IS FICTION. RIGHT? FANTASY-MEDIEVAL, POST-APOCALYPSE OR SUPERHEROES... IT'S ALL GENRES OF FICTION. I DON'T EVEN KNOW HOW TO GET OUT OF HERE; I HAVEN'T SEEN A DOOR THAT CONNECTS TO THE REAL DOOR...

EXCEPT... WELL, YOU GET OUT OF A STORY WHEN YOU FINISH IT, RIGHT? MAYBE...

HMM. YOU'RE RIGHT. INTERESTING. THE END OF THE STORY... WE, THROUGH ADAM, WERE FOLLOWING A SUPERHERO STORY, RIGHT? OF A FAMILY...

WHO WERE ABOUT TO BEGIN AN INVESTIGATION, AND NOW ARE NOWHERE TO BE SEEN...

ON THE OTHER HAND, SIGURD CAME FROM AN AREA THAT HAS ALREADY BEEN DEMOLISHED. HOW DOES IT CONNECT?

THE HEREMITES ARE HERE TOO, AREN'T THEY? WHAT IF THAT DIMENSION HAS SOMETHING TO DO WITH THEM? DR. TAIYOWAI TALKED ABOUT FOUR DEMONS AND THEIR DIMEN...

HEY, I THINK MR. MAGICK IS TRYING TO LEAD US SOMEWHERE! HE'S POINTING...

THE GEM IN THE JUNGLE!

LOOK, I KNOW HE OPENED A COUPLE OF PORTALS, BUT REMEMBER HE HAS A COUPLE OF SCREWS LOOSE...

I DON'T THINK IT'S WISE TO TRUST HIM.

GUYS, THE TESSERASENSOR THAT DOCTOR HANZ GAVE US IS STILL WORKING.

SAME DIRECTION MR. MAGICK'S POINTING, NO NEED TO KEEP TALKING.

IT'S NOT LIKE WE HAVE ANY BETTER IDEA OF HOW TO MOVE AROUND HERE.

OKAY, WHATEVER. THE SOONER WE'RE DONE WITH THIS...

...THE SOONER WE'LL GET TO THE UNCOMFORTABLE MOMENT OF DECIDING HOW TO SPLIT WITHOUT KILLING EACH OTHER.

HMPH! AS IF YOU HAD ANY CHANCE AGAINST...

HEY!



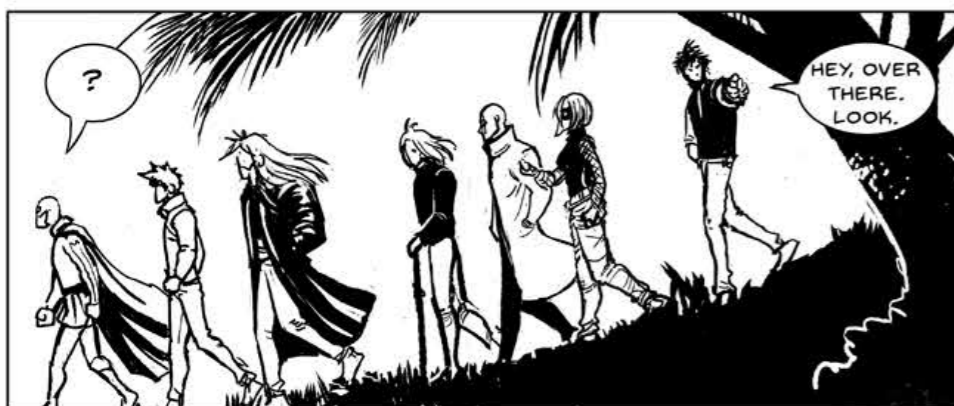
DOWN THERE!  
COMES FROM  
THAT RIVER.



MR. MAGICK.  
WHERE ARE  
WE...?

ADAM,  
CAREFUL.

MR. MAGICK  
IS NOT A REAL  
PERSON. RE-  
MEMBER WHERE  
YOU ARE, UN-  
LESS YOU WANT  
TO END UP  
LIKE TAIYO-  
WAI.



?

HEY, OVER  
THERE.  
LOOK.



OH, SURE,  
THAT'S WHY  
THE HERE-  
MITES ARE  
PICKING  
THEM LIKE  
CANDY.



WHERE DID  
YOU GET THAT  
SHOVEL?

THE SHOVEL  
CONJURED  
US.

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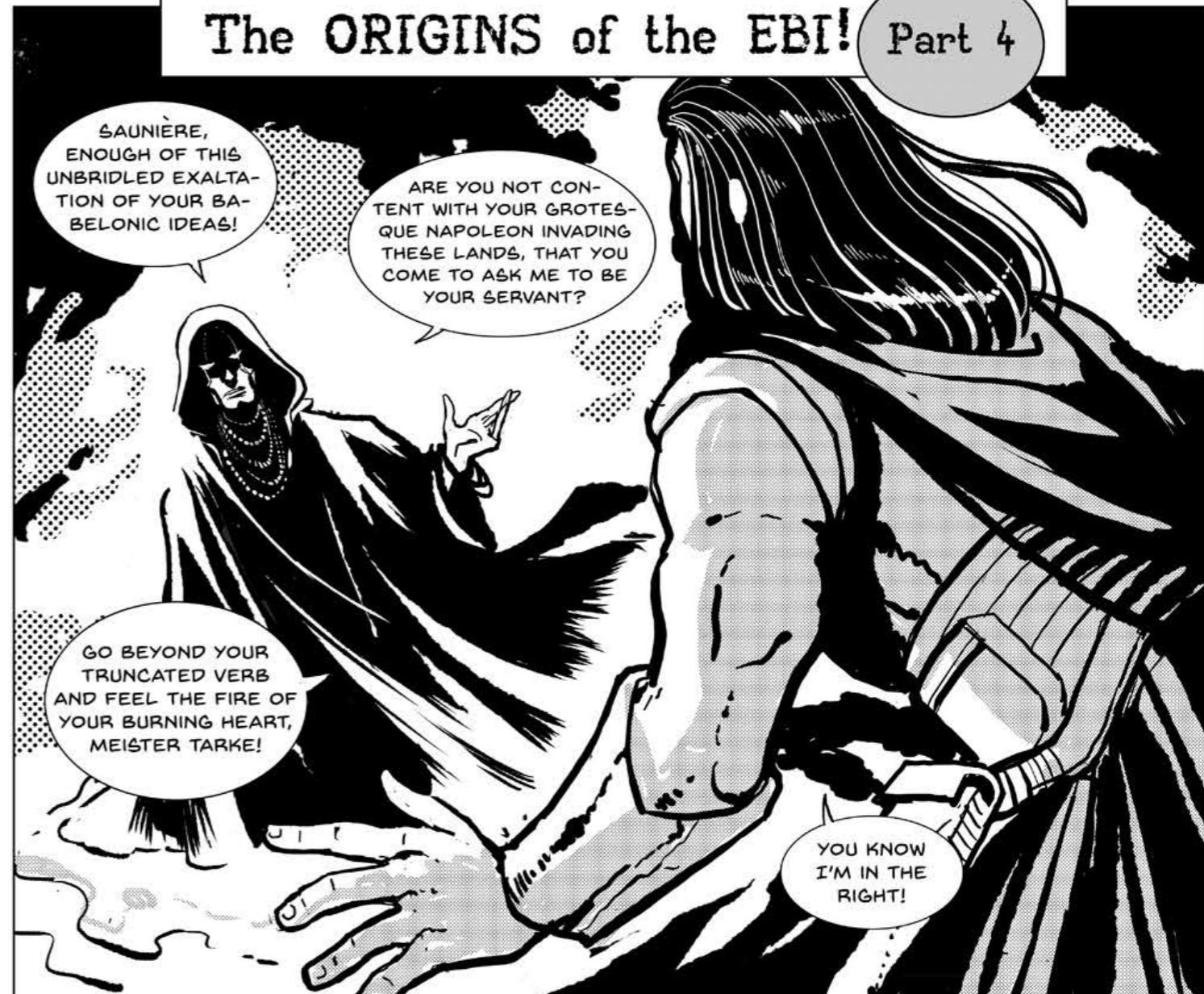


THAT MACHINE. SEEMS  
TO BE SUCKING WATER FROM  
THE RIVER, DOESN'T IT? I  
IMAGINE IT WILL BE CON-  
NECTED TO WHEREVER WE  
NEED TO GO.

SAUNIÈRE WAS  
VERY METICULOUS,  
EH. VERY GOOD JOB.  
HIDING ONE OF THE  
VERSES HERE...



ANOTHER  
PAGE?



# The ORIGINS of the EBI! Part 4

SAUNIÈRE,  
ENOUGH OF THIS  
UNBRIDLED EXAL-  
TATION OF YOUR BA-  
BELONIC IDEAS!

ARE YOU NOT CON-  
TENT WITH YOUR GROTES-  
QUE NAPOLEON INVADING  
THESE LANDS, THAT YOU  
COME TO ASK ME TO BE  
YOUR SERVANT?

GO BEYOND YOUR  
TRUNCATED VERB  
AND FEEL THE FIRE OF  
YOUR BURNING HEART,  
MEISTER TARKE!

YOU KNOW  
I'M IN THE  
RIGHT!



I'VE JUST BEEN TO SOUTHERN  
SPAIN, WHERE I HAVE BEEN IN-  
VESTIGATING THE REASONS  
FOR AN OLD ENGLISH RAID!

THE ENGLISH MYSTIC DEE  
WOULD BE OF GREAT HELP TO  
KNOW WHAT HAPPENED! WHICH  
PROVES THE MERITS OF A  
SECRET **LEAGUE** OF MYSTICS,  
AN INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE!



YOU SPEAK  
CONVINCINGLY,  
FRENCHMAN!

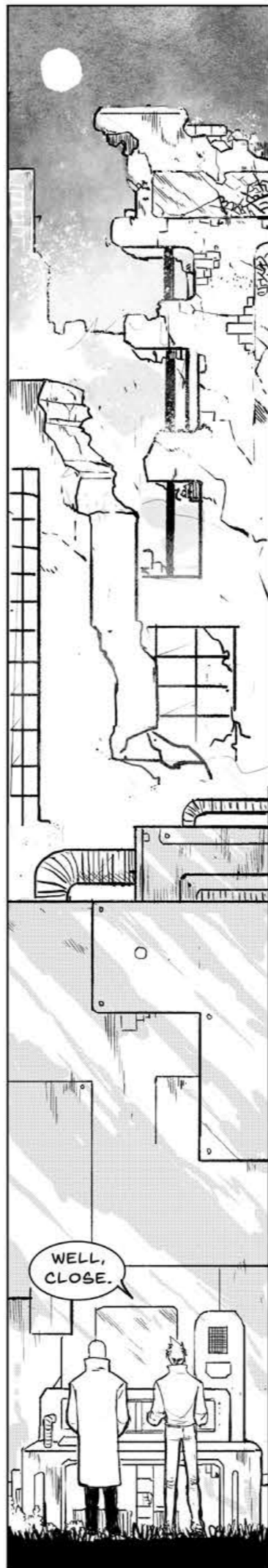
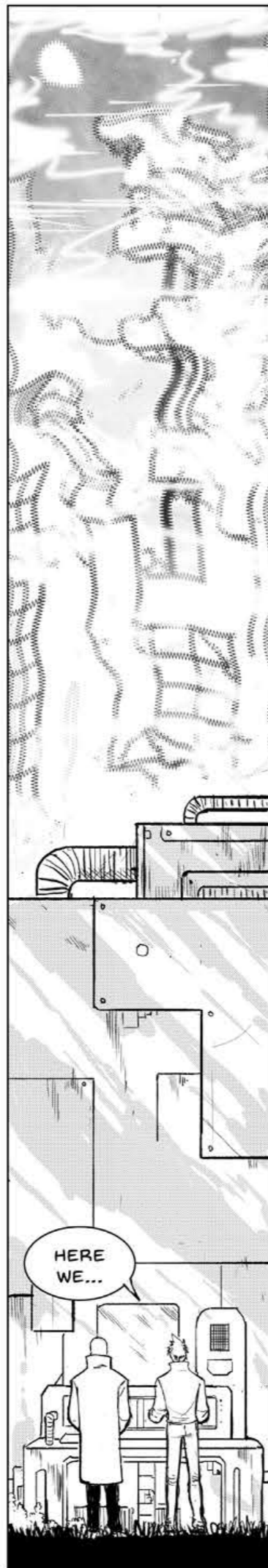
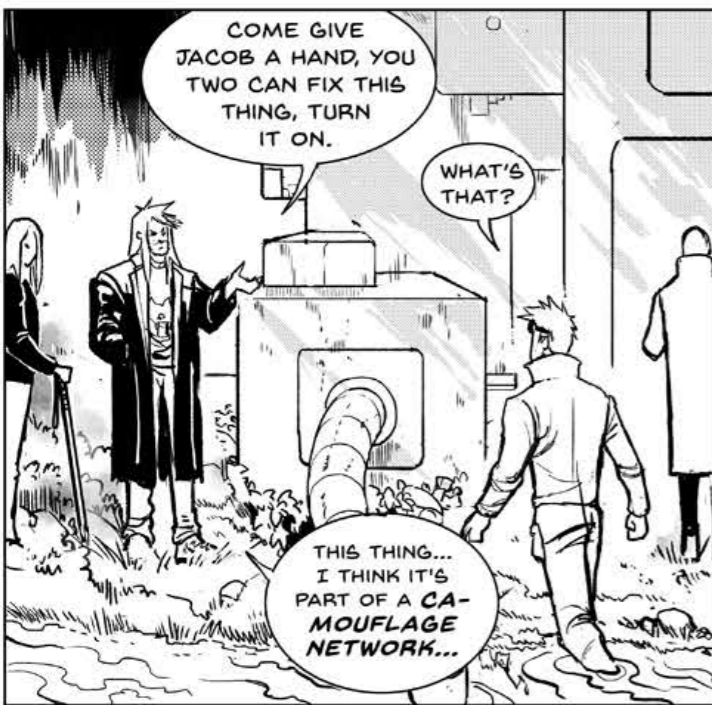
BUT I WOULD NEVER SELL  
MY WILL TO SOMEONE FROM  
YOUR LAND; YOU DENY MAGIC TO  
THE PEOPLE AND YOU HAVE AN  
ANKLE-BITER ON THE THRONE!



WE HAVE CREA-  
TED THE BEST  
WORLD FOR THE  
POPULACE!

AND NAPO-  
LEON HAS A VERY  
LONG TORSO,  
WHICH DISTORTS  
HIS MORE THAN  
**WORTHY**  
STATURE!

GRN!

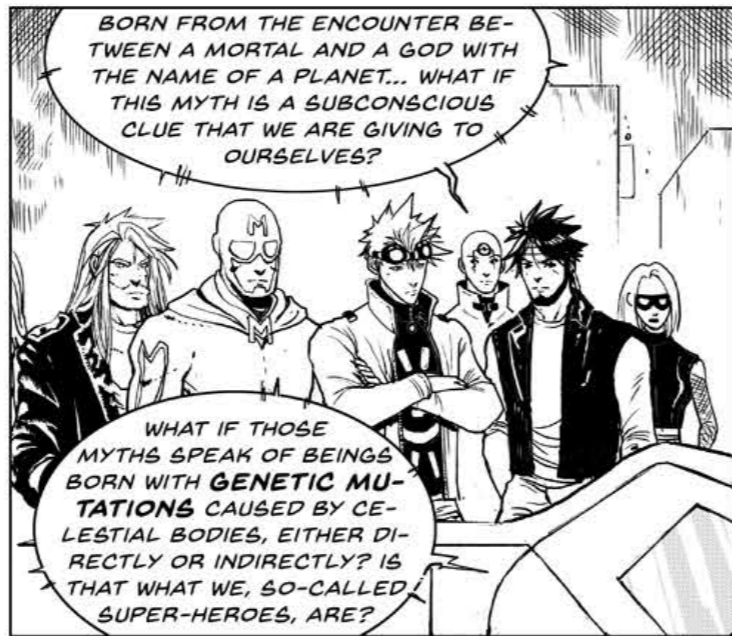






I'VE BEEN THINKING... ABOUT ALL THE ANCIENT CIVILIZATIONS THAT BELIEVED IN ASTROLOGY AND MADE CONNECTIONS BETWEEN THEIR GODS AND THE SUN AND PLANETS.

THAT LED ME TO THINK OF THE FIGURE OF THE DEMIGOD; THE HERO OF CLASSICAL MYTHOLOGIES. MORTALS, BUT WITH EXTRAORDINARY ABILITIES.



BORN FROM THE ENCOUNTER BETWEEN A MORTAL AND A GOD WITH THE NAME OF A PLANET... WHAT IF THIS MYTH IS A SUBCONSCIOUS CLUE THAT WE ARE GIVING TO OURSELVES?

WHAT IF THOSE MYTHS SPEAK OF BEINGS BORN WITH GENETIC MUTATIONS CAUSED BY CELESTIAL BODIES, EITHER DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY? IS THAT WHAT WE, SO-CALLED SUPER-HEROES, ARE?



THESE DEMIGODS... SCHOLARS IN LITERATURE AND MYTHOLOGY CALL THESE NARRATIVES SOLAR MYTHS, FOR THEIR STORIES TRACE THE JOURNEY OF THE SUN: THE HERO "DAWNS" WITH THE NEED FOR ADVENTURE AND EVENTUALLY PASSES THROUGH HIS "DARK NIGHT", WHERE HIS RESOLVE IS CHALLENGED...

...ONLY TO EMERGE VICTORIOUS IN THE END, CREATING THE "DAWN" OF A NEW DAY, OF A NEW ORDER. IN ALL LIKELIHOOD, THERE ARE MORE SUBTLE PATTERNS FOR THE PLANETS...



PERHAPS IT'S A TELEPATHIC CONNECTION OR PERHAPS IT'S THE SOLAR RADIATION, MODIFIED, COLORED BY THE RADIATIONS OF THE PLANETS, TO EXCITE THE HUMAN MIND TO FOLLOW CERTAIN PATTERNS, TO BECOME HEROES.

...I DON'T KNOW. MAYBE I'M...



I'M GOING, SOMEONE COVER ME!

ON IT! HOPE IT'S ONE OF THE BASTARDS WHO KILLED ALEX!



HE WAS PRETTY HIGH UP, BUT ASSUME HE COULD POP UP AT ANY TIME!

YOU THINK THIS IS OUR FIRST MISSION?



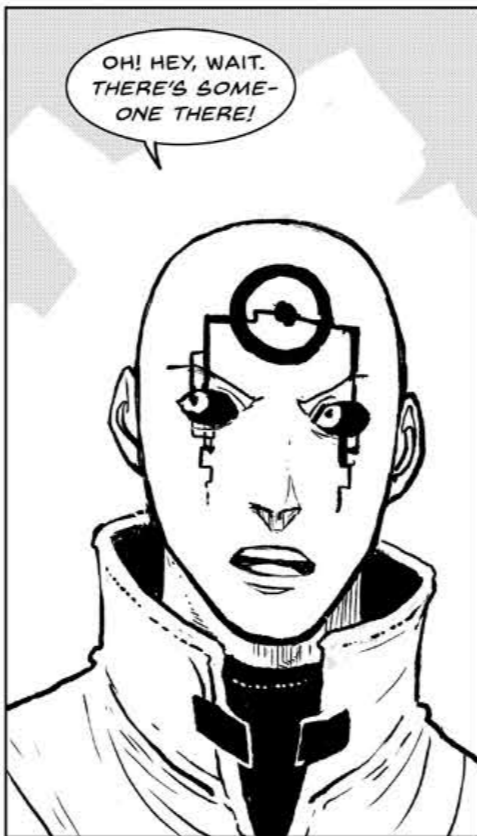
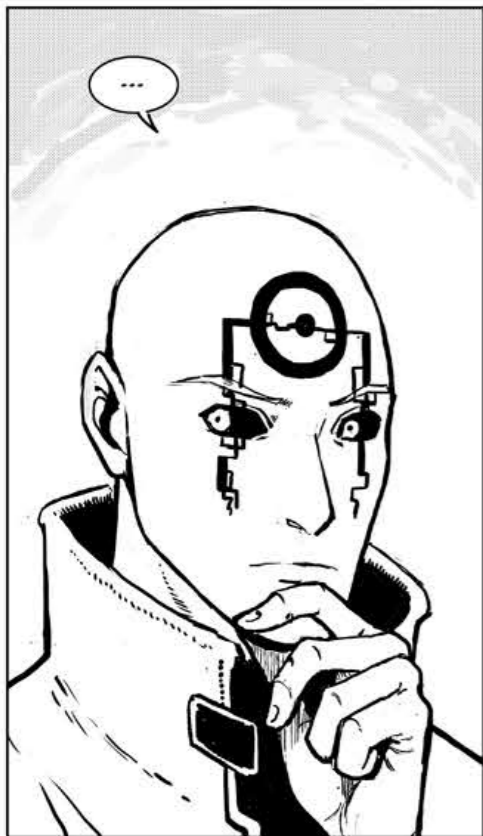
HE'S CLOSE, I'M HEAR---

SEVERAL GROUPS, THEY'RE...



YEAH, FBI PEOPLE AND... CABALISTS? MAYBE. THEY DO NOT ACT LIKE A COHESIVE SQUAD.

IN ANY CASE, YOU SHOULD FINISH SOON. THEY ARE GETTING TOO CLOSE...

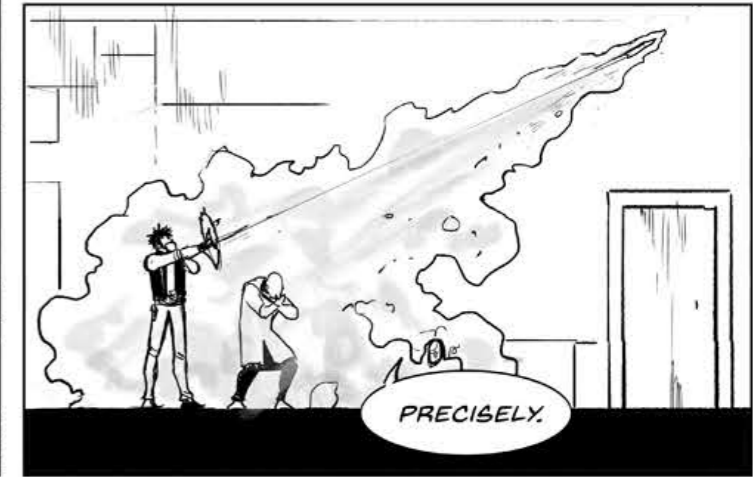
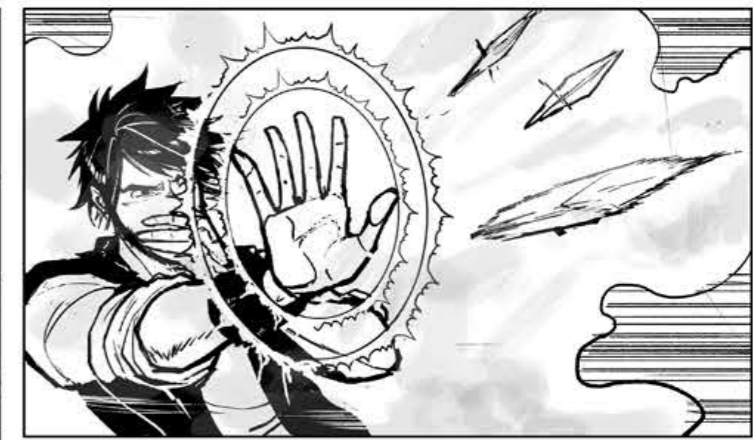


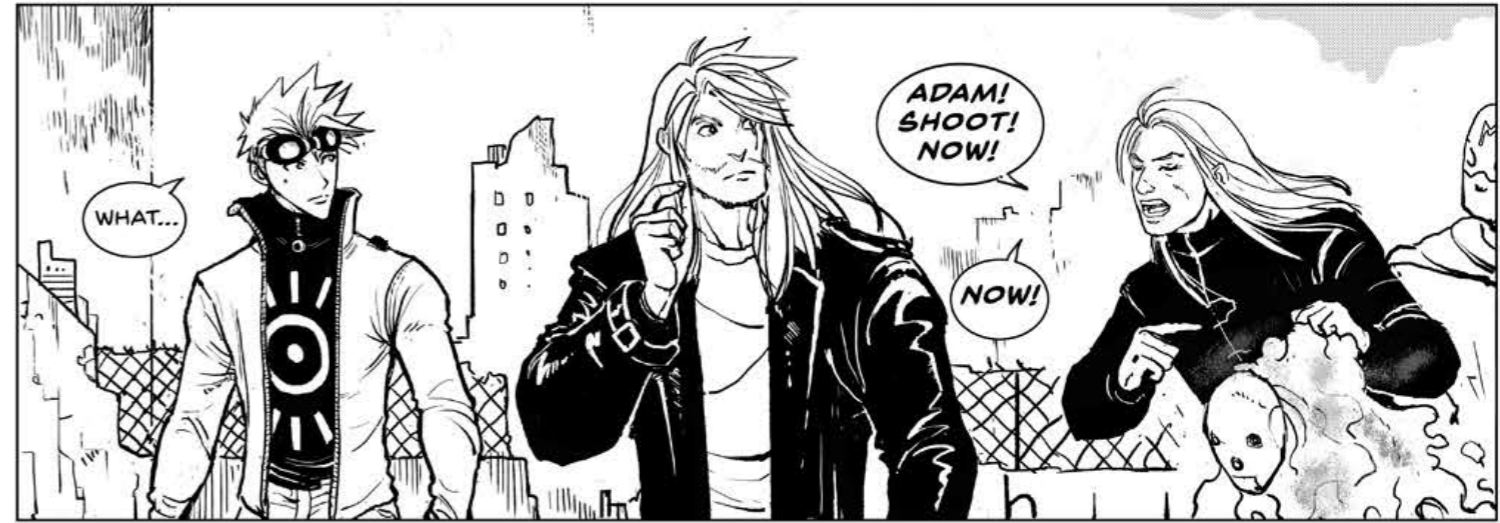
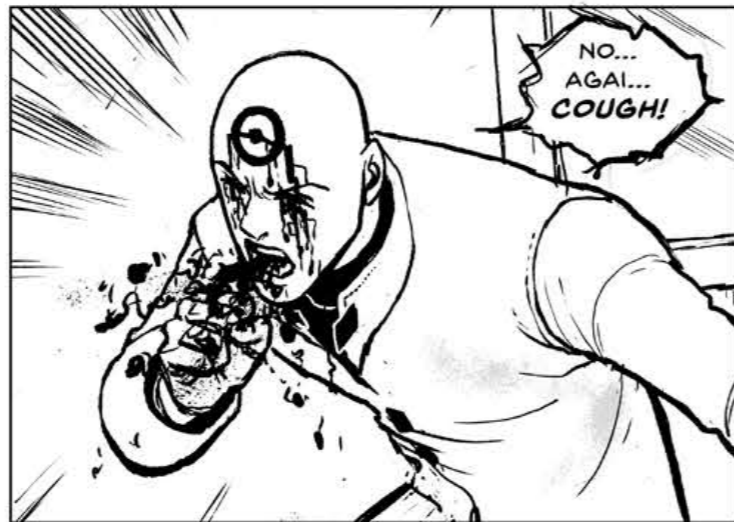
OH! HEY, WAIT. THERE'S SOMEONE THERE!

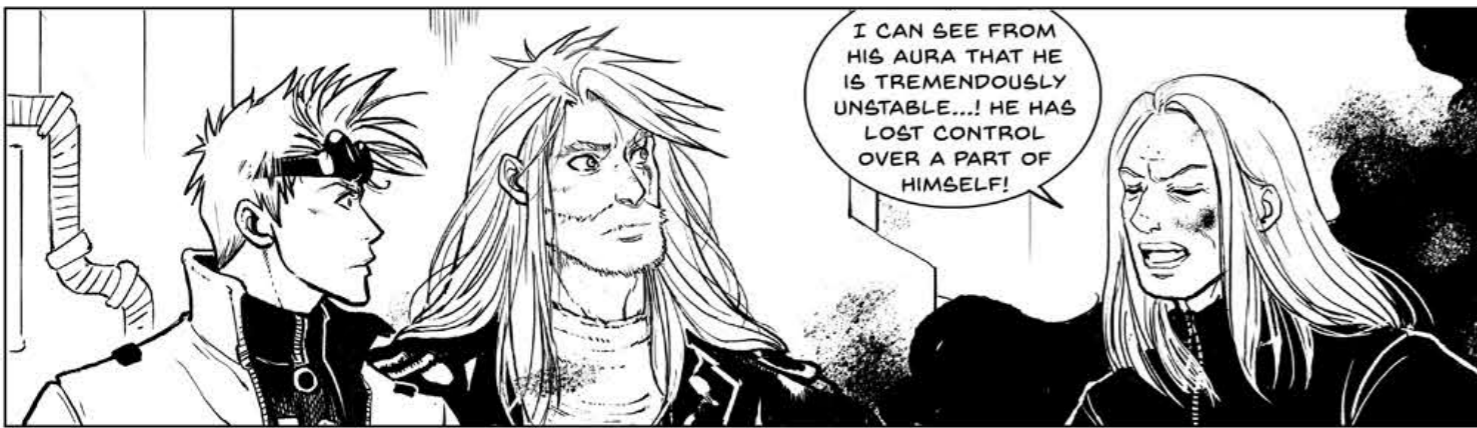


WHAT...? WHERE...?

# Part 3: Happened in seconds







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