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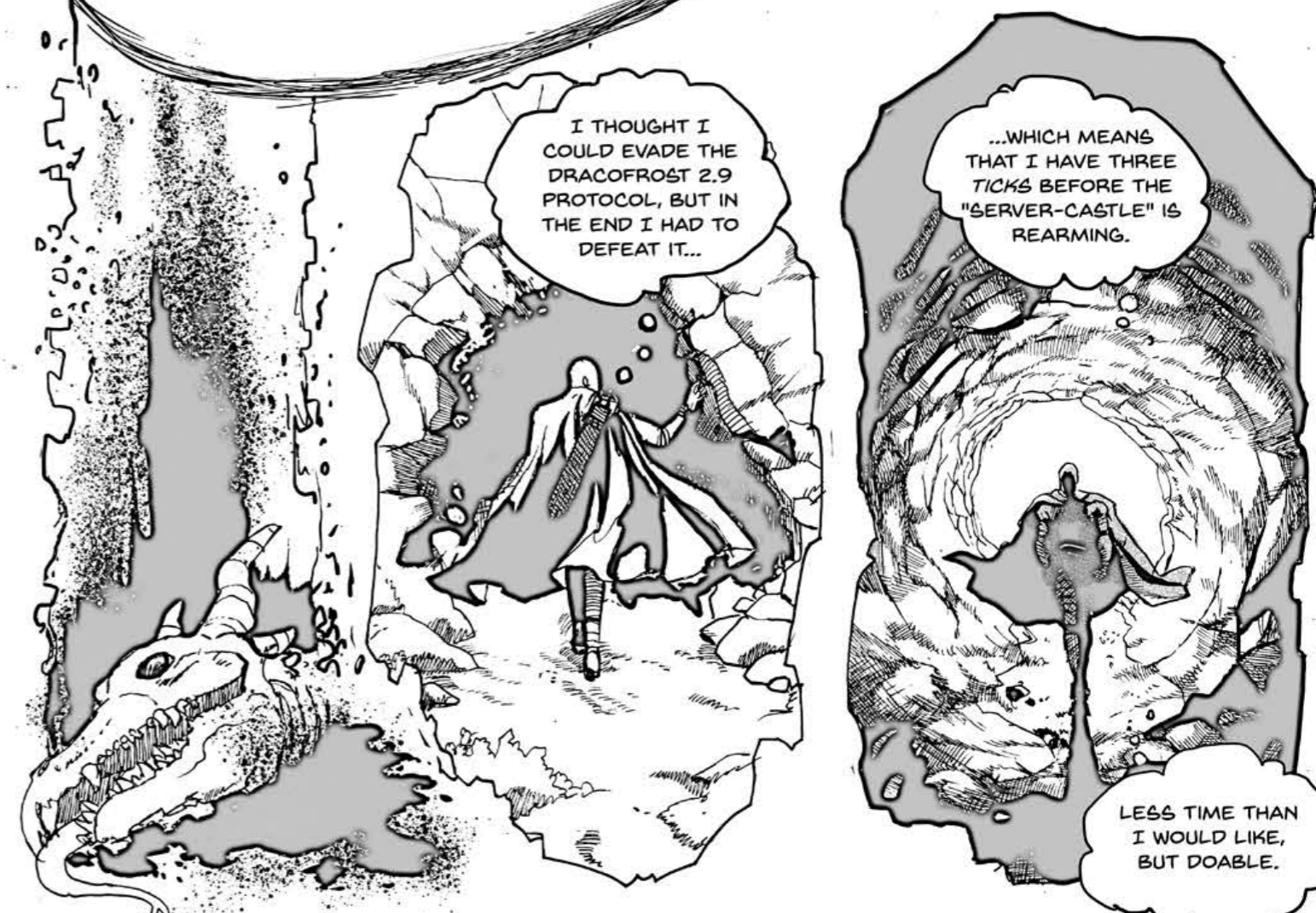
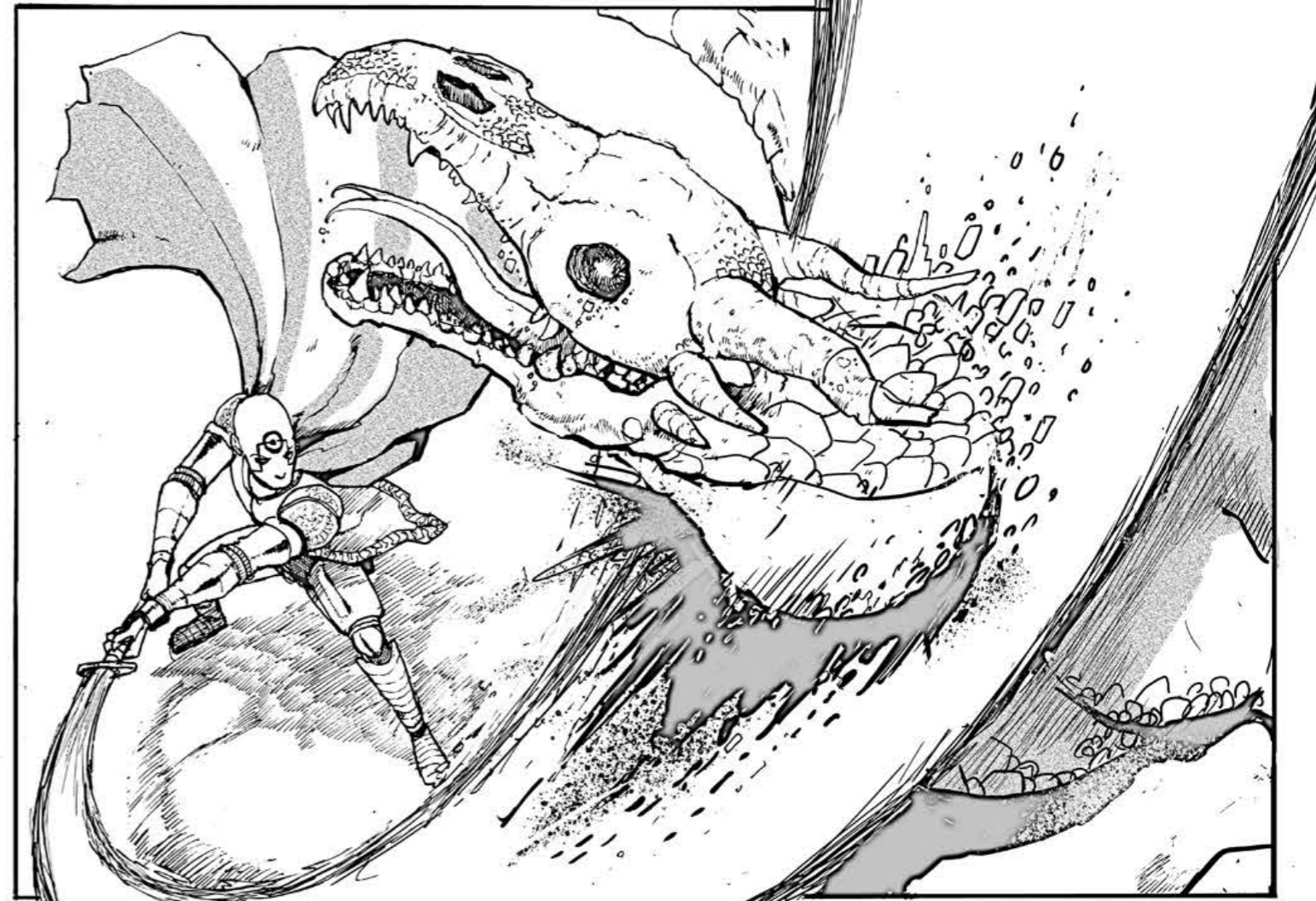
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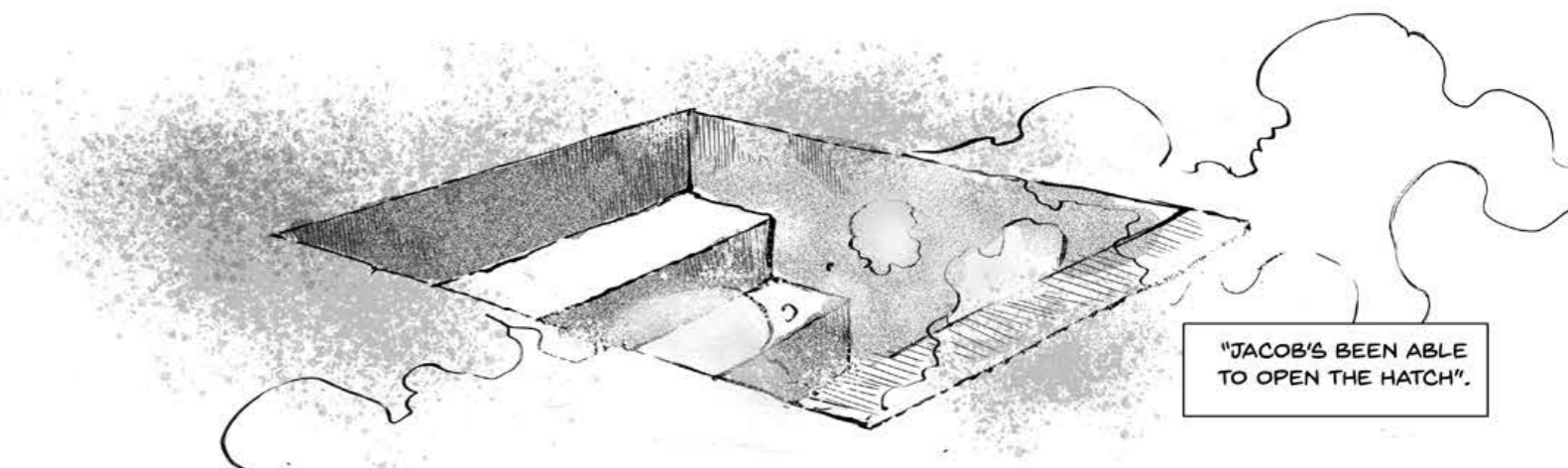
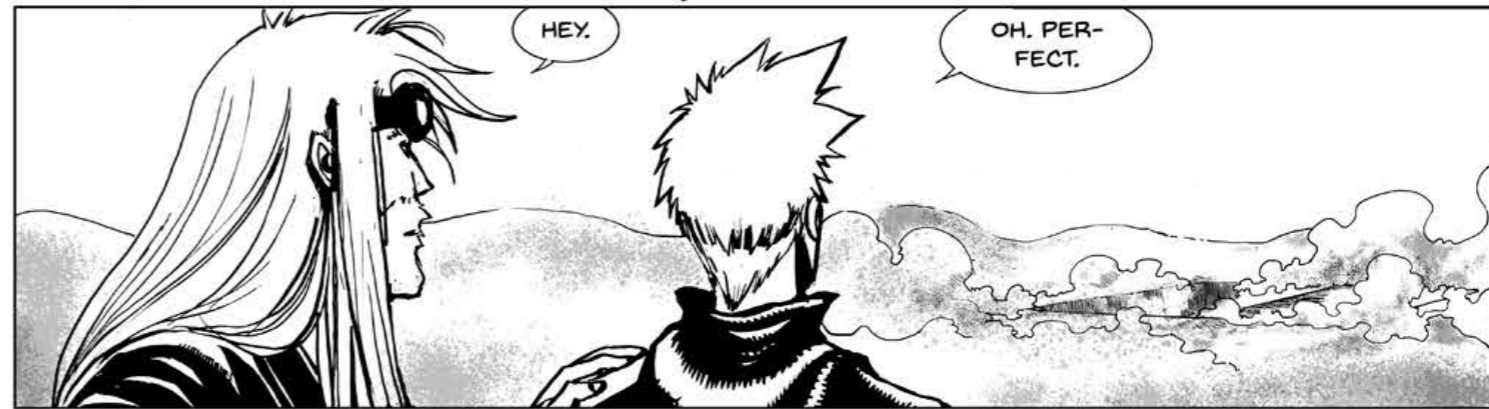
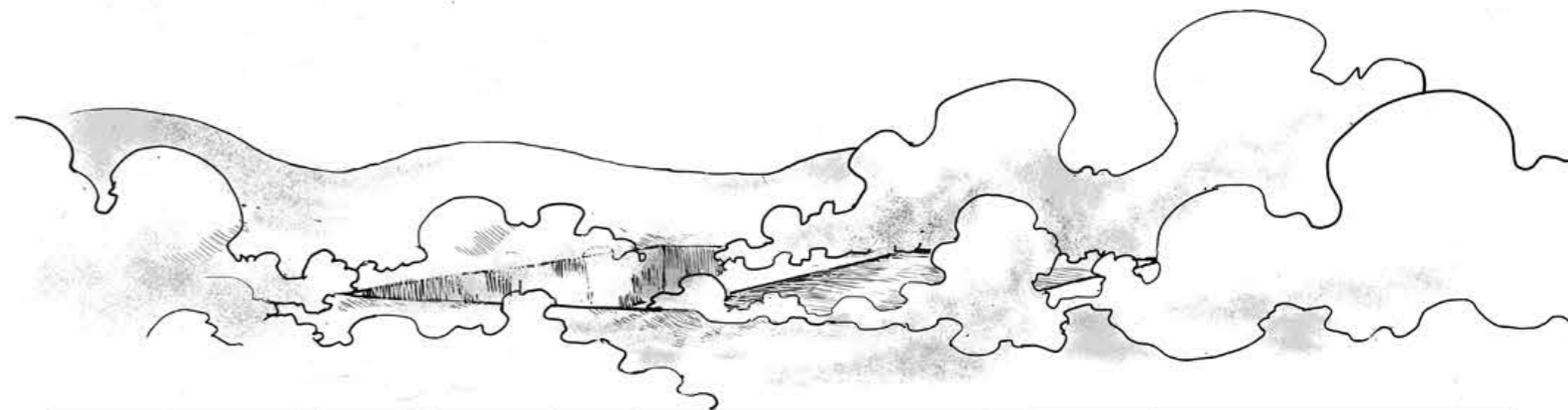
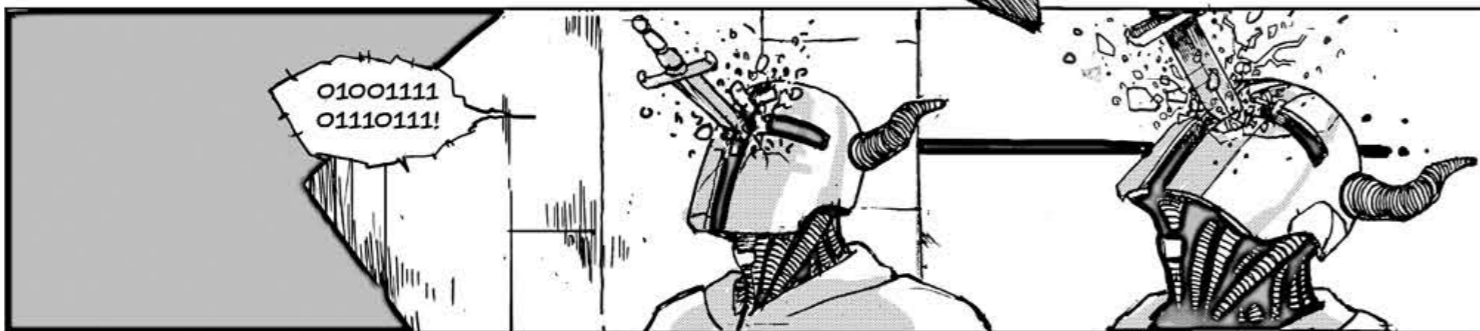
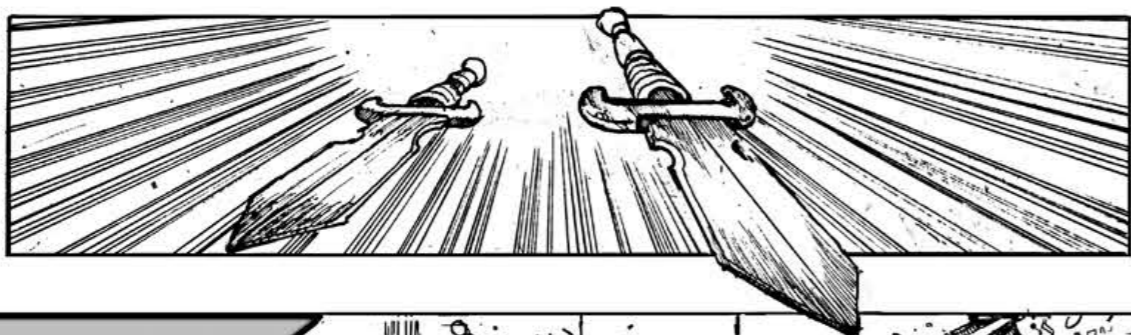
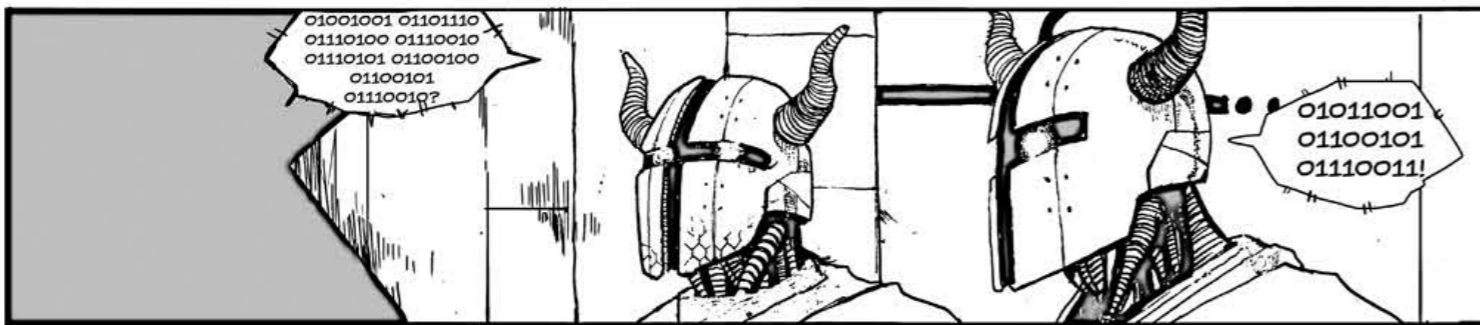
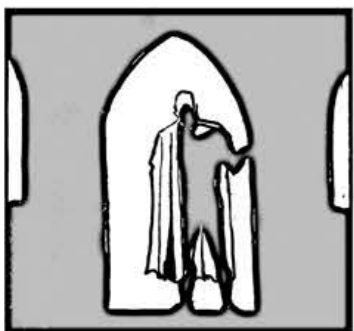
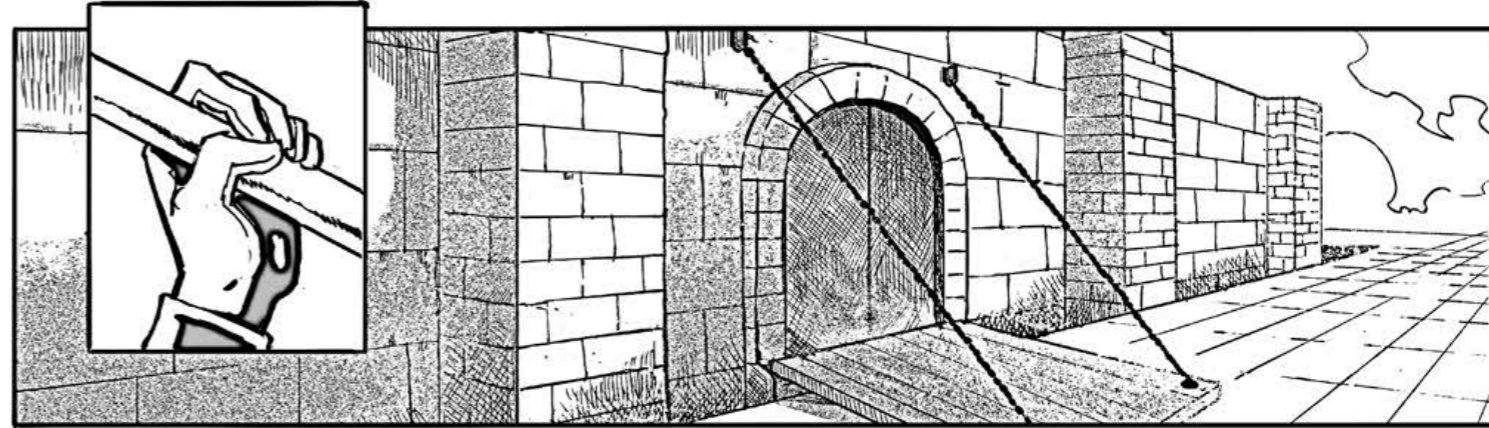
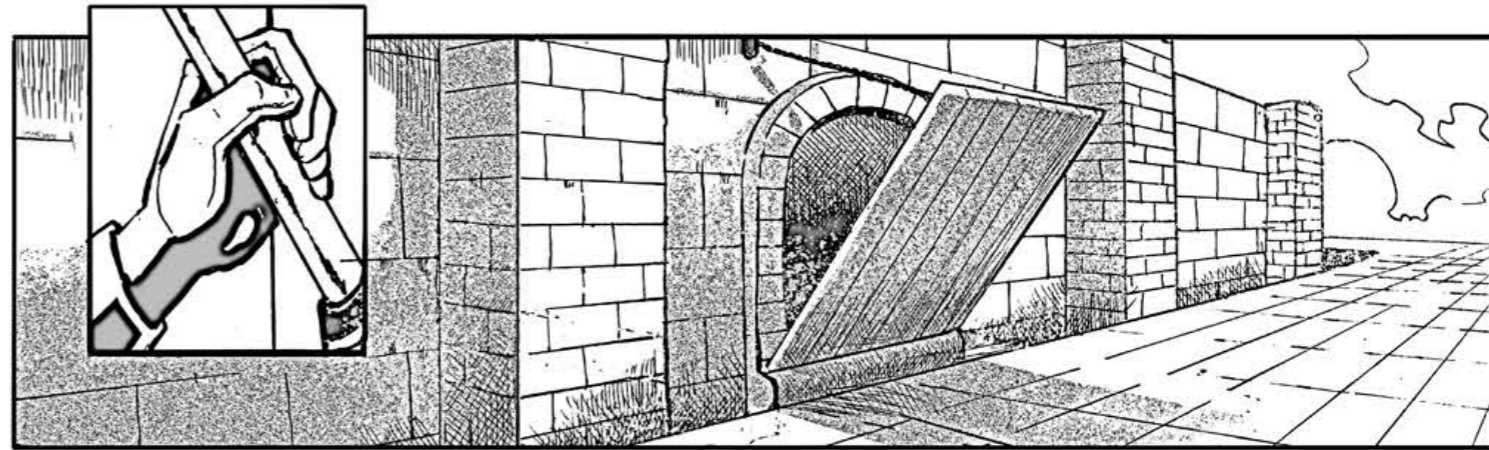
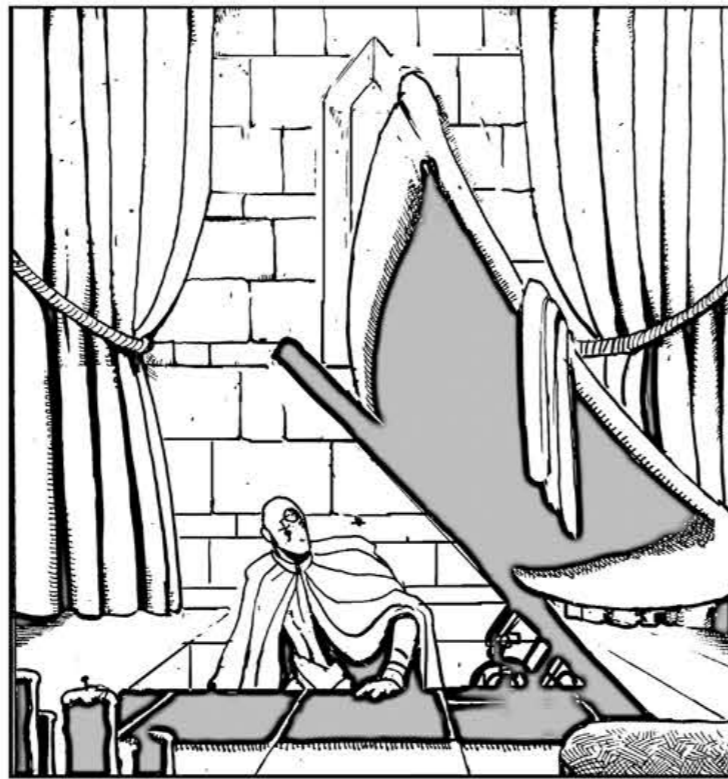
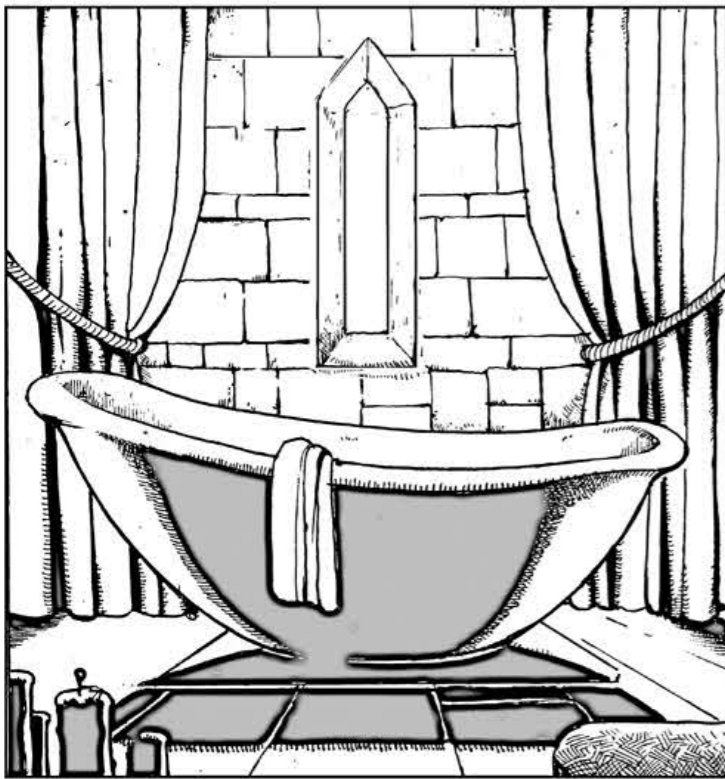


I THOUGHT I  
COULD EVADE THE  
DRACOFROST 2.9  
PROTOCOL, BUT IN  
THE END I HAD TO  
DEFEAT IT...

...WHICH MEANS  
THAT I HAVE THREE  
TICKS BEFORE THE  
"SERVER-CASTLE" IS  
REARMING.

LESS TIME THAN  
I WOULD LIKE,  
BUT DOABLE.





"THE INFORMATION WE GOT FROM THE OTHER MISSION SEEMS GOOD, SO FAR".



LET'S GO. CREEPER SAYS THAT THE SENSORS HERE ARE MORE DIFFICULT TO DISTORT.

YEAH, YEAH. TO THE BLIND ZONE, QUICKLY.

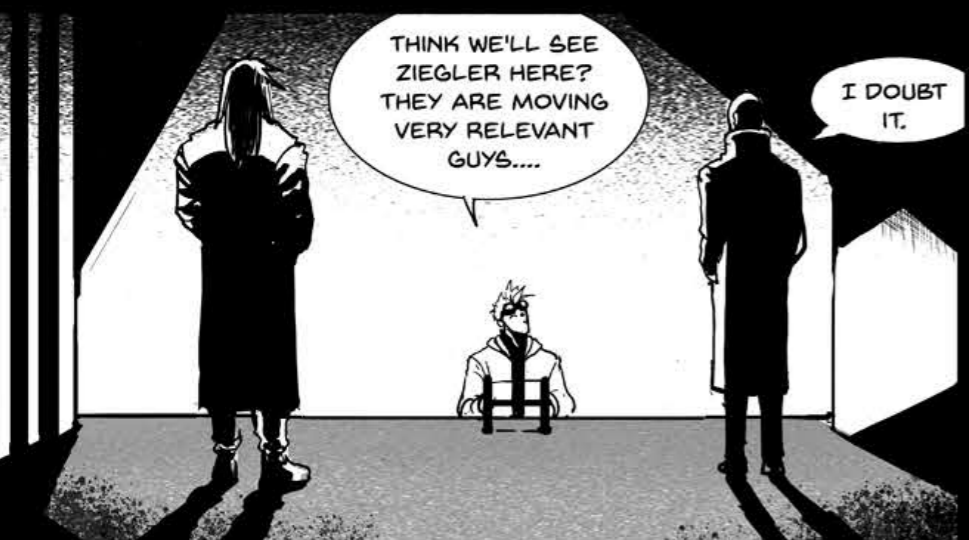


JACOB, YOUR ASTRAL HACKING HAS IMPROVED, RIGHT? I DON'T THINK IT WAS LIKE THIS BE...



YES. MORE AND MORE I CAN... VISUALIZE COMPUTER CODE LIKE...

...AS IF IT WERE SOMETHING OUT OF A SARTORIUS BOOK.



THINK WE'LL SEE ZIEGLER HERE? THEY ARE MOVING VERY RELEVANT GUYS....

I DOUBT IT.



THIS IS A TRANSPORT MISSION... I THINK THERE WILL ONLY BE MILITARY TYPE PEOPLE, NOT SCIENTISTS.



ESSEX, HEAR ANYTHING?

NOT YET.



ANYWAY, GO TO YOUR PLACES. LIKE IN THE BLUE-PRINTS.



YEAH, I GO TWO PARTITIONS FORWARD, RIGHT?



ESSEX WILL TAKE CARE OF THE FIRST WAGON.



I'M GOING UP.



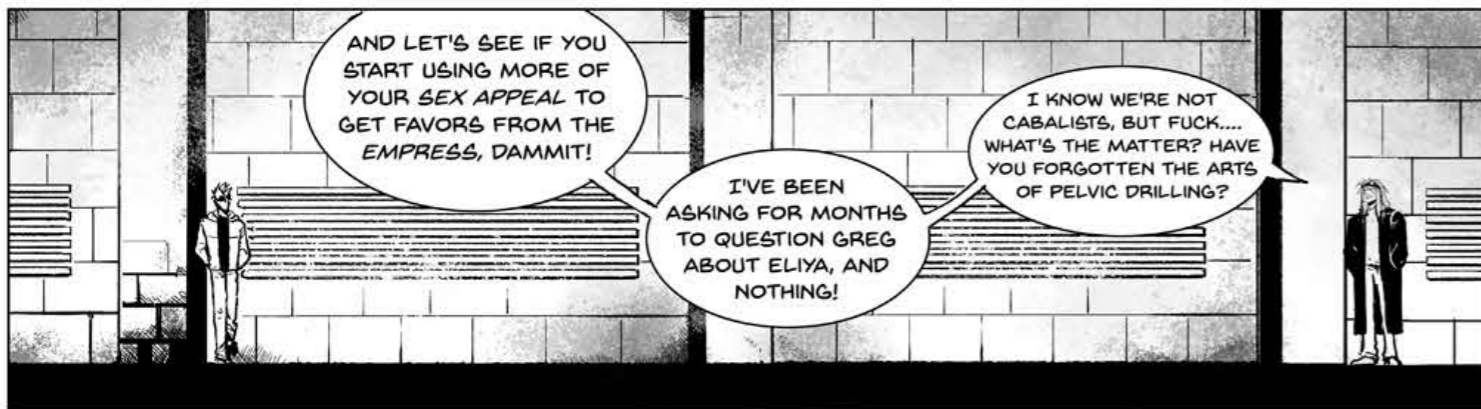
YOU KNOW, IT WOULD BE TIME TO PUT THIS ON HOLD AND INVESTIGATE OTHER THINGS.



HOPE YOU'LL INVITE ME TO THE CANTEN FOR THE FAVOR I'M DOING YOU!

BUT... IRINA GAVE US UNLIMIT...

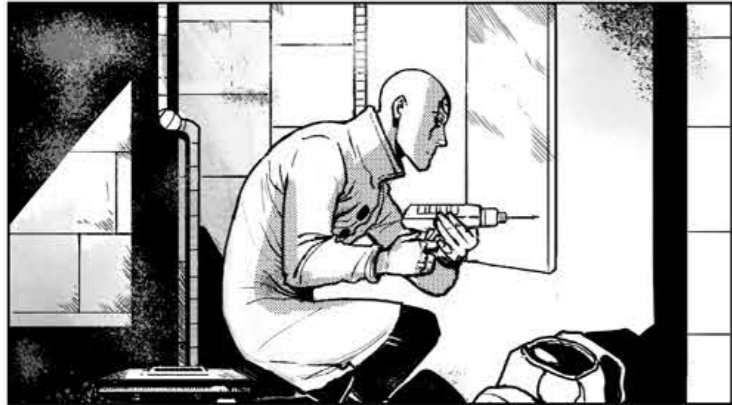
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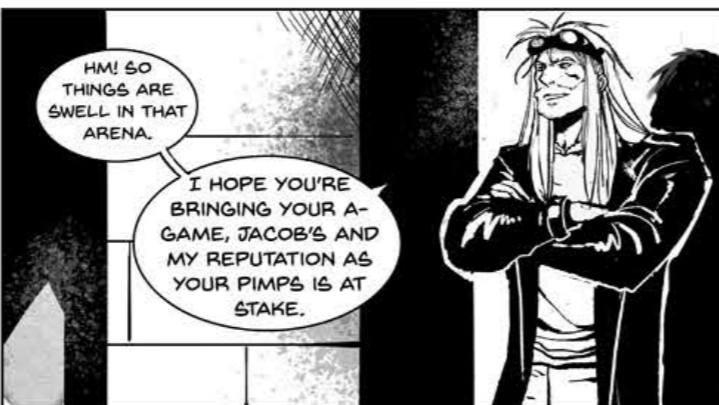
AND LET'S SEE IF YOU START USING MORE OF YOUR SEX APPEAL TO GET FAVORS FROM THE EMPRESS, DAMMIT!

I'VE BEEN ASKING FOR MONTHS TO QUESTION GREG ABOUT ELIYA, AND NOTHING!

I KNOW WE'RE NOT CABALISTS, BUT FUCK.... WHAT'S THE MATTER? HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN THE ARTS OF PELVIC DRILLING?



HEH. DON'T WORRY, THAT'S NOT THE PROBLEM. SHE JUST CAN'T GET GREG TO SHOW UP LIKE...

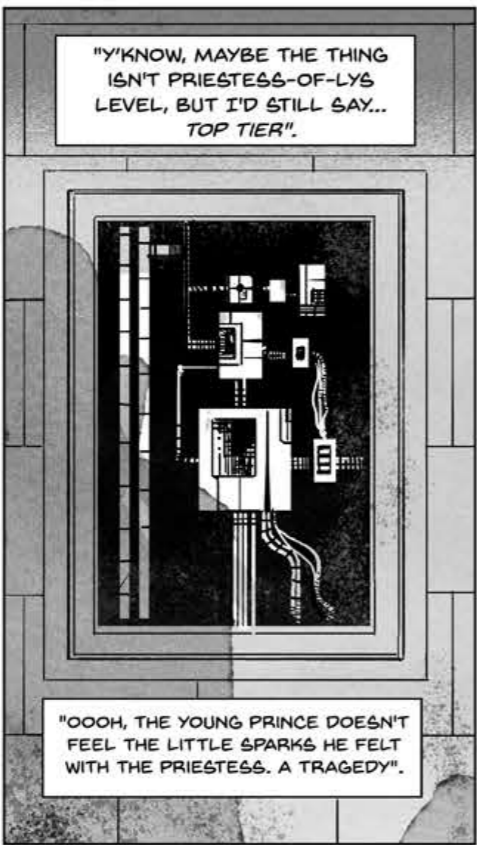


HM! SO THINGS ARE SWELL IN THAT ARENA.

I HOPE YOU'RE BRINGING YOUR A-GAME, JACOB'S AND MY REPUTATION AS YOUR PIMPS IS AT STAKE.



"YES, OF COURSE. I WOULDN'T SLEEP KNOWING I'M LETTING YOU GUYS DOWN".



"Y'KNOW, MAYBE THE THING ISN'T PRIESTESS-OF-LYS LEVEL, BUT I'D STILL SAY... TOP TIER".

"OOOH, THE YOUNG PRINCE DOESN'T FEEL THE LITTLE SPARKS HE FELT WITH THE PRIESTESS. A TRAGEDY".



"WELL, YES, TRULY. I'VE BEEN PRACTICING SEXUAL TAOISTIC SHIT BUT SHE WANTS... I DON'T KNOW, SHE WANTS THINGS TO BE MORE... HECTIC".



DUDE, SHE'S THE HEAD OF A SUBMARINE BASE.

NO WONDER SHE WANTS TO GO WILD AT THE END OF THE DAY.



ALL DONE. I'VE CUT THE WIRES.

AGH, FUCK! THE VOLUME!

I TOLD YOU TO ADJUST IT...

SHUT THE FUCK UP!



OBVIOUSLY, I CAN REGULATE MY HEARING A LITTLE BIT, BUT THIS... ANYWAY. DONE.

MY MIC IS ALWAYS ON, ISN'T IT? YOU CAN HEAR ME WITHOUT HAVING TO PRESS...



CORRECT. ANYWAY. AS YOU KNOW, AS SOON AS YOU HEAR THE NOISE, COUNT TO TWENTY. THAT SHOULD BE THE RIGHT MOMENT...



THREE WAGONS, RIGHT? FIRST ONE'S "EMPTY"

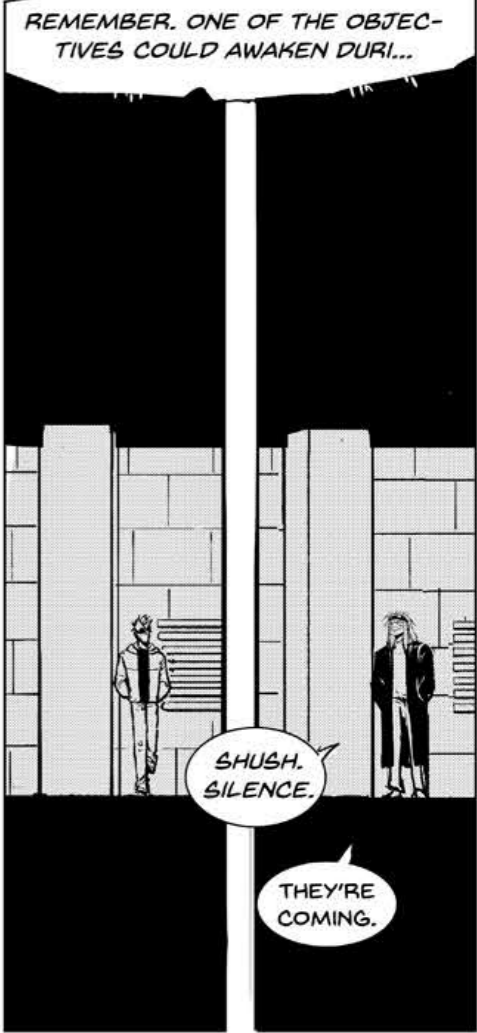
YES.



ADAM, REMEMBER TO DO THE EARTH BREATHING EXERCISES. WE'RE GOING TO MEET SHADOWGENES, AFTER ALL. I DON'T WANT YOUR HAND TO AFFECT YOUR...

VISUALIZING THE MOUNTAIN, JACOB.

OKAY, OKAY.



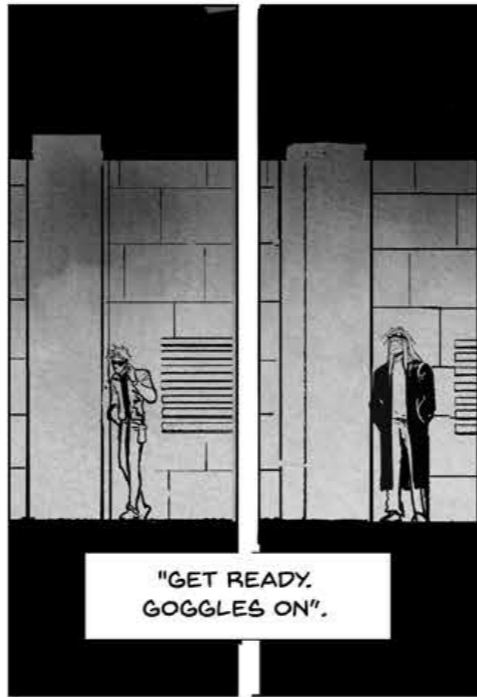
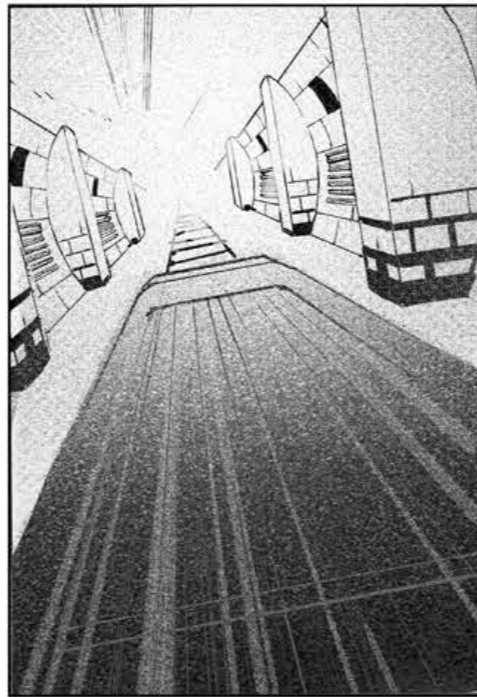
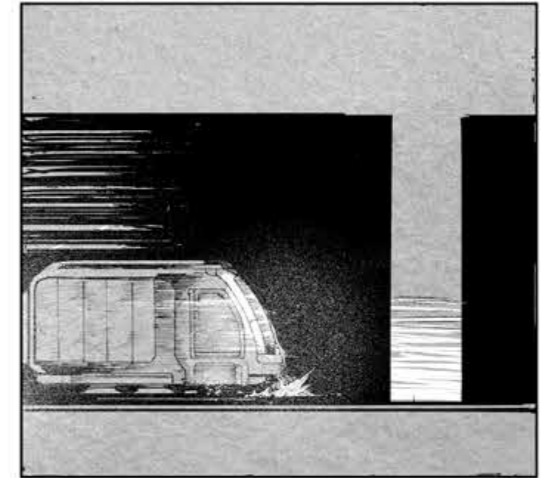
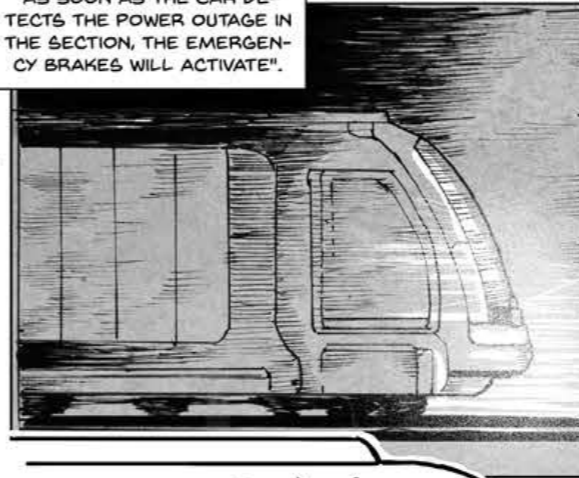
REMEMBER. ONE OF THE OBJECTIVES COULD AWAKEN DURI...

SHUSH. SILENCE.

THEY'RE COMING.



"AS SOON AS THE CAR DETECTS THE POWER OUTAGE IN THE SECTION, THE EMERGENCY BRAKES WILL ACTIVATE".





THE INFO WAS INCORRECT!

WHAT?

THEY AREN'T JUST PLAIN AGENTS, JACOB!



SABOTAGE!

WHAT?

THERE'S A METAHUMAN!



COME ON, GET OUT! HURRY UP! WHOEVER...



ESSEX! WHAT'S GOING ON THERE? METAHUMAN?

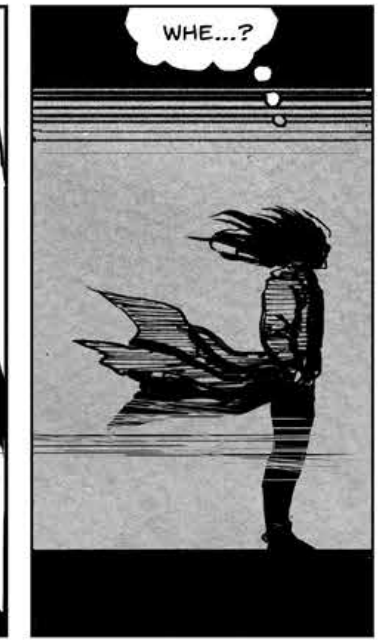
REMEMBER WE ONLY HAVE FIVE MINUTES IF WE DON'T...!



WHY ARE YOU TELLING ME THIS FOR?! IT'S JACOB WHO TAKES CARE OF THE LAST PROTOCOL!



HE'S COMI...

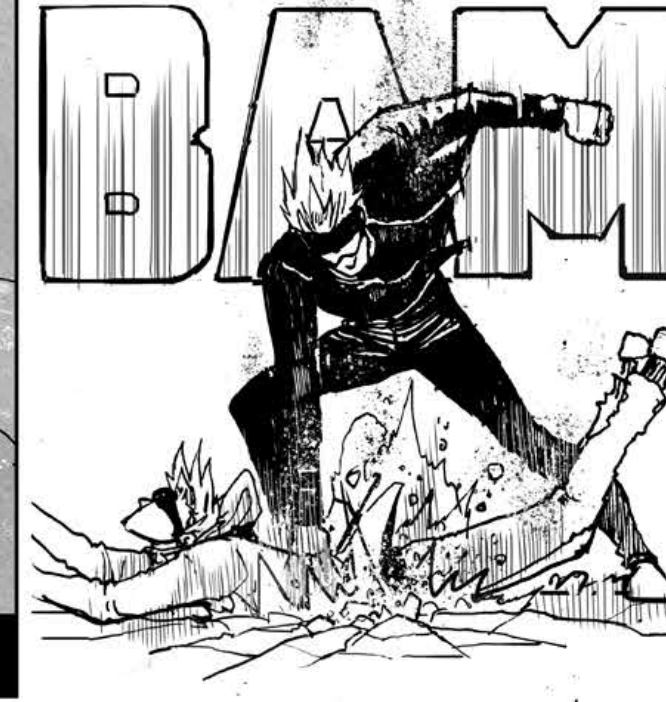


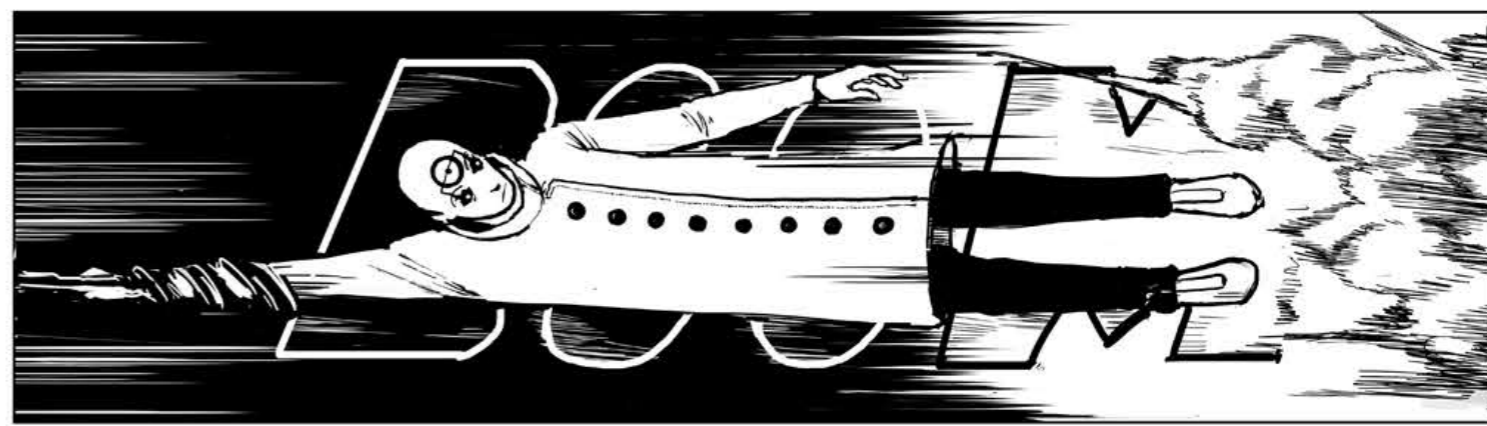
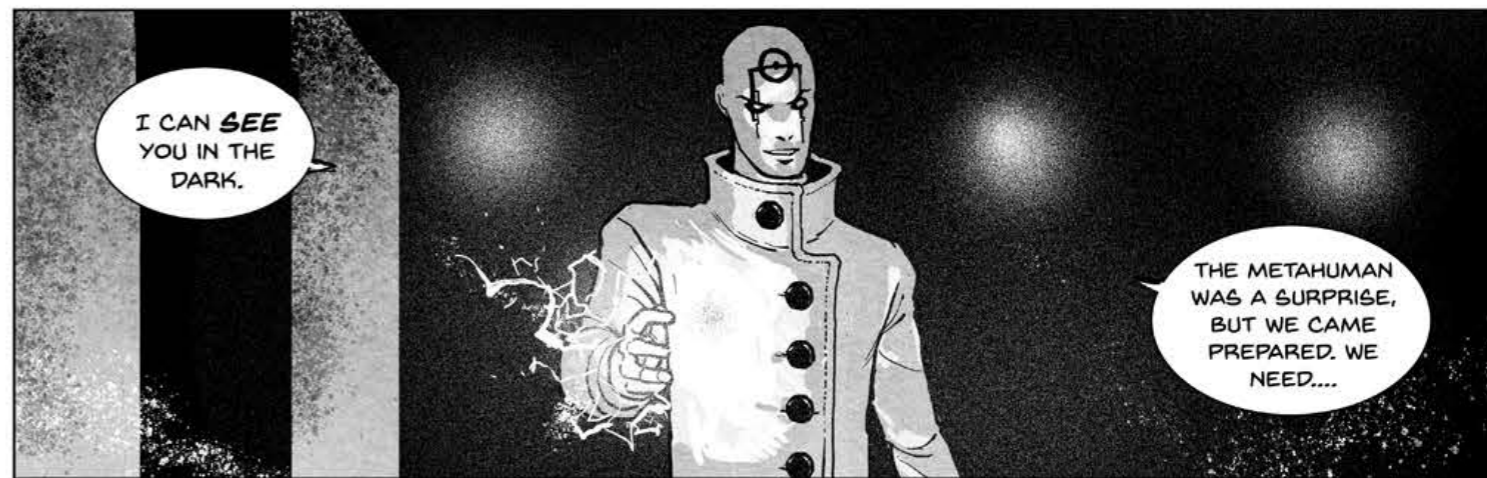
WHE...?



I SUGGEST YOU DROP YOUR WEAPONS.

WHO...? HOW...? THESE TUNNELS ARE...!









DUDE, IT'S HAPPENED AGAIN. YOU NEED TO TELL ESSEX.

MAYBE HE...

THERE'S NO TIME. FOCUS.



CONTROL. CONTROL?



JUS... AH... ZRR...

DISTORTIONS... OUR COVERAGE HAS BEEN CUT OFF...



THEY KNOW ABOUT THE PROTOCOL, THE TIME WE WERE GOING TO PASS THROUGH...



NGG...

I'LL RECOVER IN A SECOND AND YOU'LL SEE...!



HUH?

SNIFF

I KNEW I CAUGHT A WHIFF OF MANURE.

WHERE DO YOU PUT THE PASSWORD? I HAVE TO DO IT QUICKLY, BEFORE THE BARRIERS...



ENOUGH.

YOU ARE THE THREE LUNATICS FROM BARCELONA, AREN'T YOU? CAN'T SEE YOU WELL, BUT...

YOU HAVE BEEN RAIDING BASES. SHADOWGENE, SPECIFICALLY.

IN THE LAST ATTACK YOU PRETENDED TO GO AFTER THE LABS, BUT YOU STOLE SENSITIVE DATA.

THAT'S WHY YOU'RE HERE.

UH...



LET'S TALK. I AM THE LEADER OF THIS OPERATION. YOU CAN CALL ME SAUL.



WHAT? NO...!

THERE'S NO NEED...!



JACOB. JACOB, RIGHT? THE PASSWORD YOU'RE LOOKING FOR IS THREE-ONE-FOUR-ONE-SIX..

...FIRST WRITTEN IN ENGLISH, THEN PASSING EACH LETTER TO ITS CORRESPONDING NUMBER IN THE ALPHABET, ADDING A ZERO AS A "SPACE" BETWEEN EACH WORD.

TYPE IT AND YOU'LL STOP THIS SECTION FROM CLOSING DOWN.



IT WORKED.



HAPPY?

NO.

BUT IT WORKED.

WHAT'S ...?

SHUSH.



WHAT'S HAPPENING? WHY...?

SHUSH.

LOOK. WE'RE IN THE MIDDLE OF SOMETHING CRITICAL.

I DON'T KNOW WHAT INFORMATION YOU HAVE, BUT YOU'VE MADE A GOOD BET BY COMING HERE: LOW SECURITY, AND TO BE HONEST, LOW RISK.



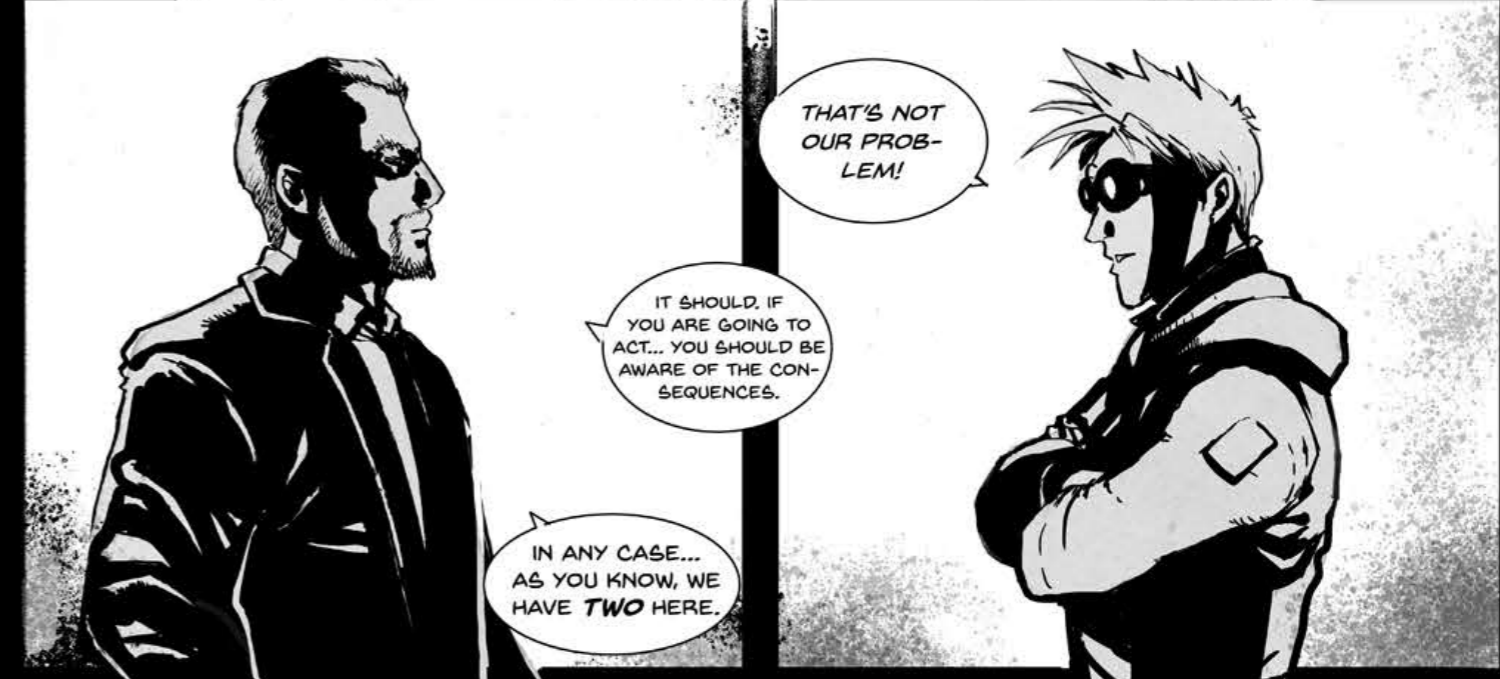
DO YOU KNOW WHY WE ARE TRANSPORTING THEM?

NO.

THE INFORMATION ONLY SAYS THAT YOU'RE MOVING THEM FOR CLASSIFIED REASONS.

WELL, SO... RIGHT NOW, WE ARE AT AN IMPORTANT... **MOMENT** AGAINST THE HERMITES.

AND?



THAT'S NOT OUR PROBLEM!

IT SHOULD, IF YOU ARE GOING TO ACT... YOU SHOULD BE AWARE OF THE CONSEQUENCES.

IN ANY CASE... AS YOU KNOW, WE HAVE **TWO** HERE.



I OFFER YOU PATIENT O, AND THE THIRD GOES WITH US.

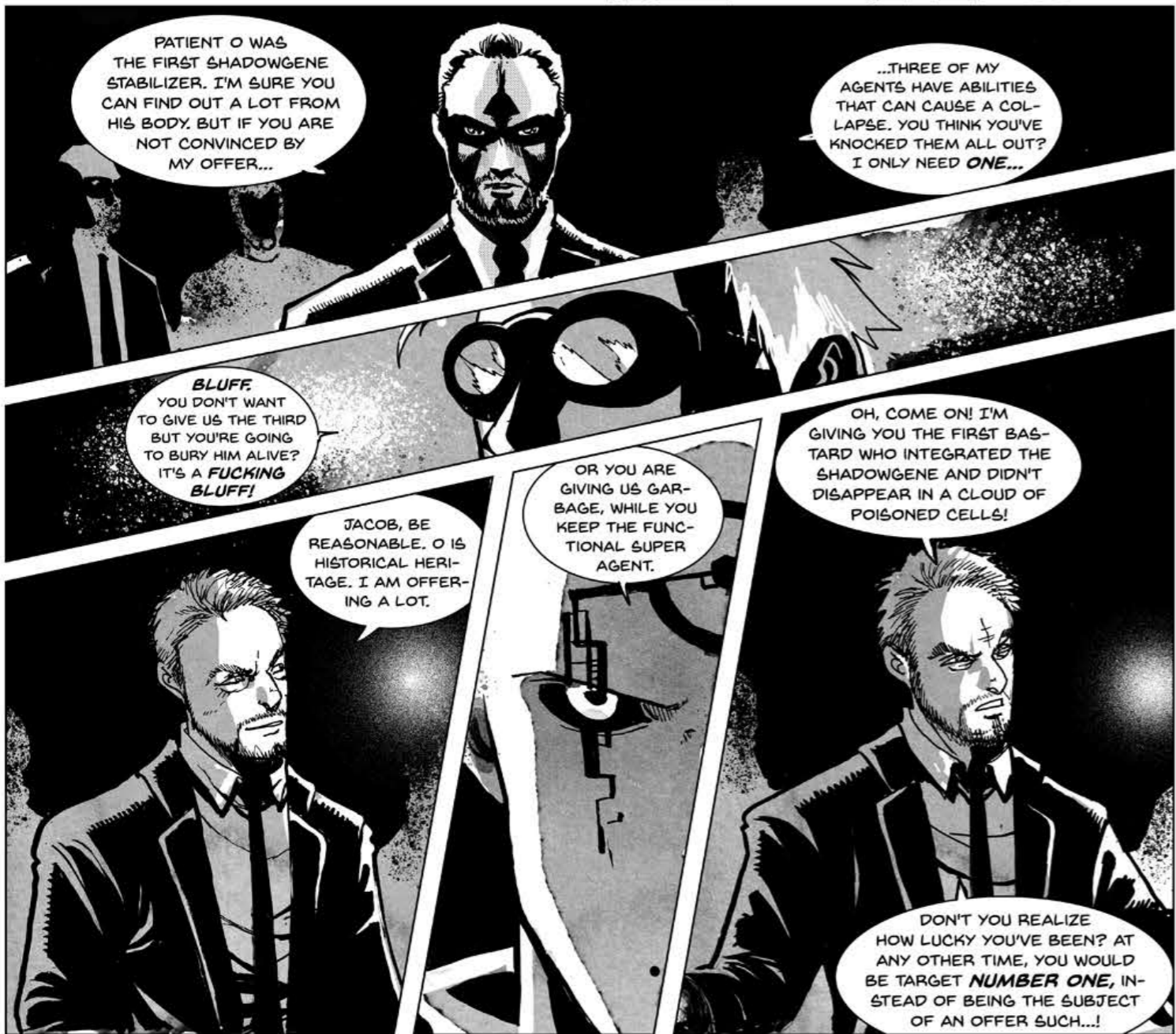
50/50 MY ASS!

50/50.

O IS A STUFFED MUMMY! HE'S DEAD!

I AGREE WITH ADAM. WE KNOW YOU HAVE HIM AS A SCIENTIFIC CURIOSITY. ZIEGLER IS DONE EXPERIMENTING WITH IT. BESIDES, YOU WERE TRANSPORTING **THREE**, NOT TWO.

LAST MINUTE CHANGE. AS FOR O... THAT GOES IN YOUR FAVOR. NO ONE IN THE FBI WILL LIFT A FINGER TO RECOVER O, BUT... THE THIRD? IT WOULD BE WAR.



PATIENT O WAS THE FIRST SHADOWGENE STABILIZER. I'M SURE YOU CAN FIND OUT A LOT FROM HIS BODY. BUT IF YOU ARE NOT CONVINCED BY MY OFFER...

...THREE OF MY AGENTS HAVE ABILITIES THAT CAN CAUSE A COLLAPSE. YOU THINK YOU'VE KNOCKED THEM ALL OUT? I ONLY NEED **ONE**...

**BLUFF.** YOU DON'T WANT TO GIVE US THE THIRD BUT YOU'RE GOING TO BURY HIM ALIVE? IT'S A **FUCKING BLUFF!**

JACOB, BE REASONABLE. O IS HISTORICAL HERITAGE. I AM OFFERING A LOT.

OR YOU ARE GIVING US GARBAGE, WHILE YOU KEEP THE FUNCTIONAL SUPER AGENT.

OH, COME ON! I'M GIVING YOU THE FIRST BASTARD WHO INTEGRATED THE SHADOWGENE AND DIDN'T DISAPPEAR IN A CLOUD OF POISONED CELLS!

DON'T YOU REALIZE HOW LUCKY YOU'VE BEEN? AT ANY OTHER TIME, YOU WOULD BE TARGET **NUMBER ONE**, INSTEAD OF BEING THE SUBJECT OF AN OFFER SUCH...!



EVEN NOW IT IS BELIEVED THAT, IN THE FUTURE, WE MAY DISCOVER MORE SECRETS FROM HIS BODY!

ADVANCES IN MEDICINE, BIOLOGY...!



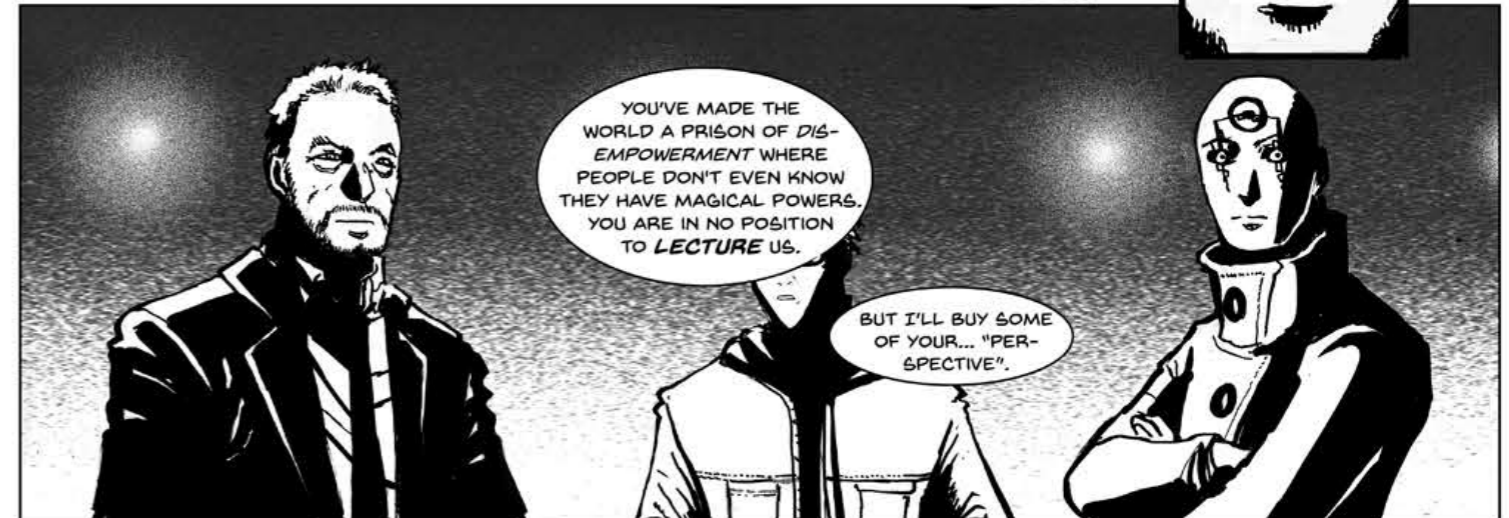
DO YOU THINK THIS IS NOTHING!? WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE? YOU HAVE NO FUCKING IDEA WHAT YOU ARE CAUSING...!

OH, PLEASE. YOUR ORGANIZATION KIDNAPS INNOCENT PEOPLE TO EXPERIMENT WITH THAT SUBSTANCE! WE ARE NOT THE ONES WHO HAVE TO **EXPLAIN** OURSELVES...!



IT DOESN'T HAPPEN AS MUCH AS YOU PRETEND...! BESIDES, THERE ARE PRIORITIES! WE'RE IN THE MIDDLE OF A WAR, AND YOU'RE WHINING ABOUT TRIFLES! YOU HAVE NO **PER-SPECTIVE!**

HEY, HEY.



YOU'VE MADE THE WORLD A PRISON OF **DIS-EMPOWERMENT** WHERE PEOPLE DON'T EVEN KNOW THEY HAVE MAGICAL POWERS. YOU ARE IN NO POSITION TO **LECTURE** US.

BUT I'LL BUY SOME OF YOUR... "PER-SPECTIVE".



THIS HAS TO BE A VERY SPECIAL MOMENT TO WANT TO NEGOTIATE INSTEAD OF FIGHTING...

WE'RE TAKING O.



ESSEX?

WHAT...?



...BUT I THINK THERE MIGHT BE A MIDDLE GROUND BETWEEN TAKING BOTH AND TAKING JUST THE MUMMY, RIGHT?

AFTER ALL, YOU OFFER THE MUMMY TO US BECAUSE YOU CAN AFFORD IT, BECAUSE IT IS OF NO USE TO YOU, BEYOND BEING A VERY FOLKLORIC PIECE OF YOUR HISTORY.

WHATEVER YOU CAN LEARN FROM HIM, YOU CAN LEARN FROM ACTIVE SHADOWGENES...



ESSEX, WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

WHAT ABOUT THE OTHER ONE?



MAYBE WE ARE NOT IN A POSITION TO ASK FOR BOTH. BUT MAYBE YOU'RE NOT GIVING US ENOUGH WITH JUST O, DON'T YOU THINK?

...



SO?

WHAT IS YOUR PROPOSAL?

# ...TO BE CONTINUED

SEE YOU IN ABOUT 40 DAYS (IDEALLY; SOME ISSUES IT'S 50 OR, UHM, MORE). WE KEEP THE RELEASE DATE UPDATED ON THE FACEBOOK FIXED POST. IF YOU'RE INTERESTED IN SUPPORTING US SO WE CAN GET ISSUES OUT FASTER AND GET **DRAWINGS/SKETCHES** OF FUTURE ISSUES, **EARLY ACCESS** TO A WORK-IN-PROGRESS VERSION OF THE NEXT ISSUE, OR **VIDEOS** SHOWING HOW WE DRAW A PAGE, PLEASE CONSIDER HELPING US THROUGH PATREON AT THE \$3 LEVEL (LINK BELOW). IF WE GET ENOUGH HELP, WE MAY BE ABLE TO MAKE UPSURGE A MONTHLY SERIES. THANKS!

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