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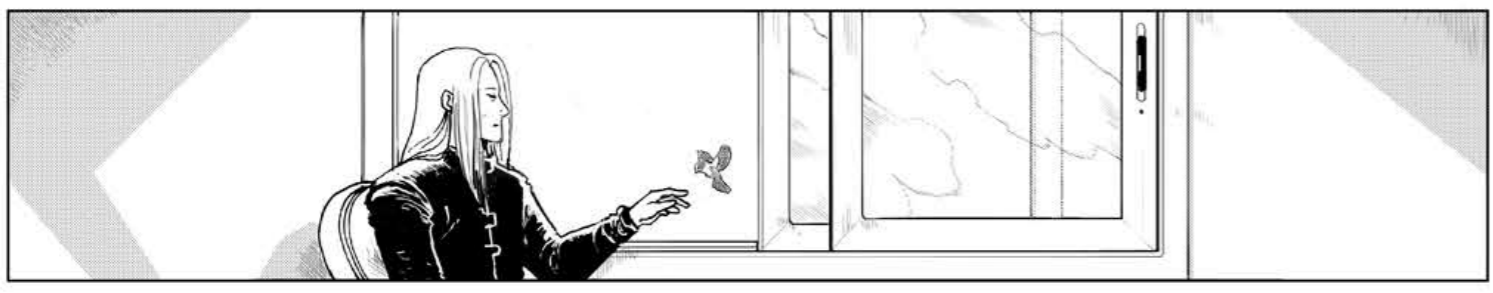
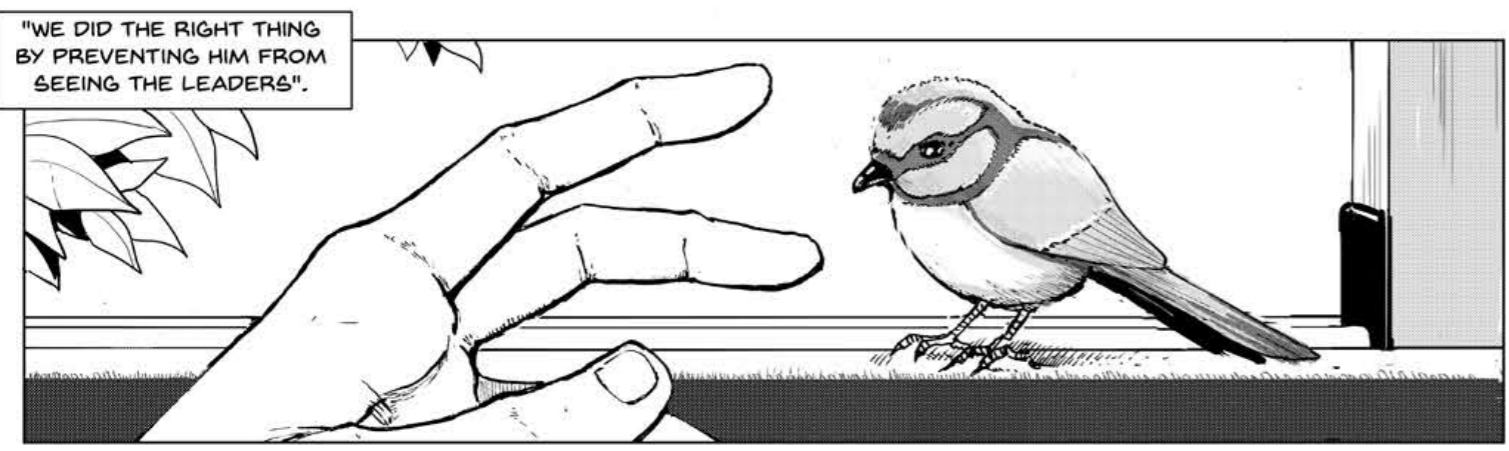
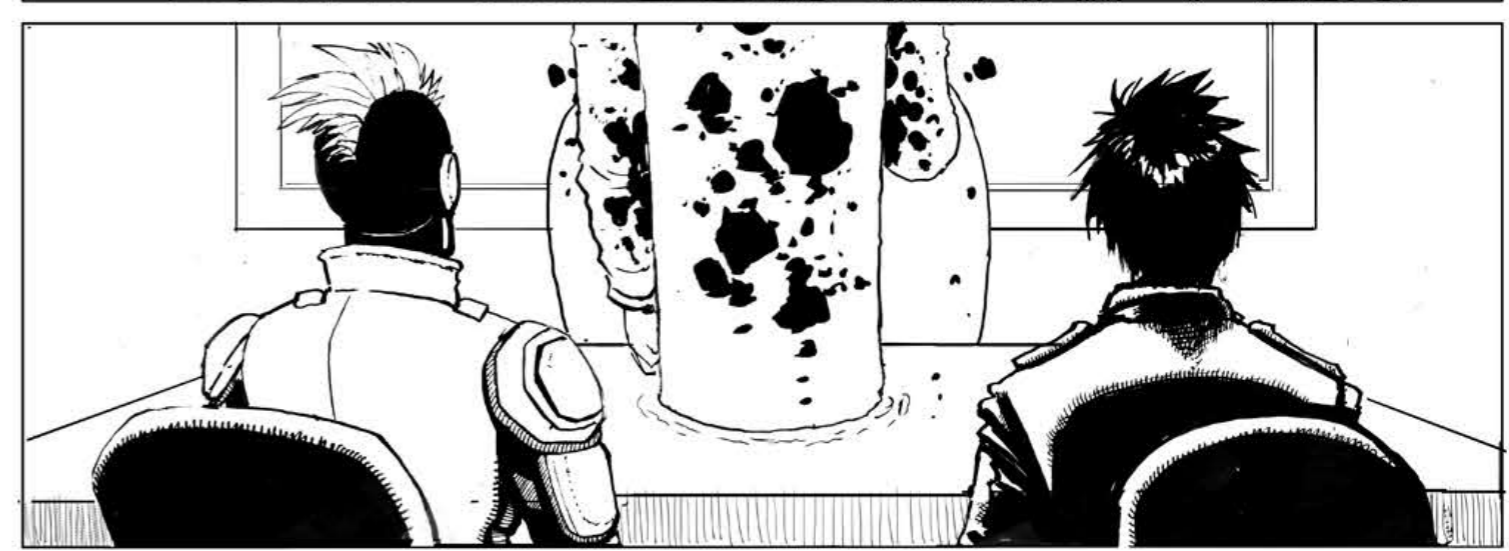
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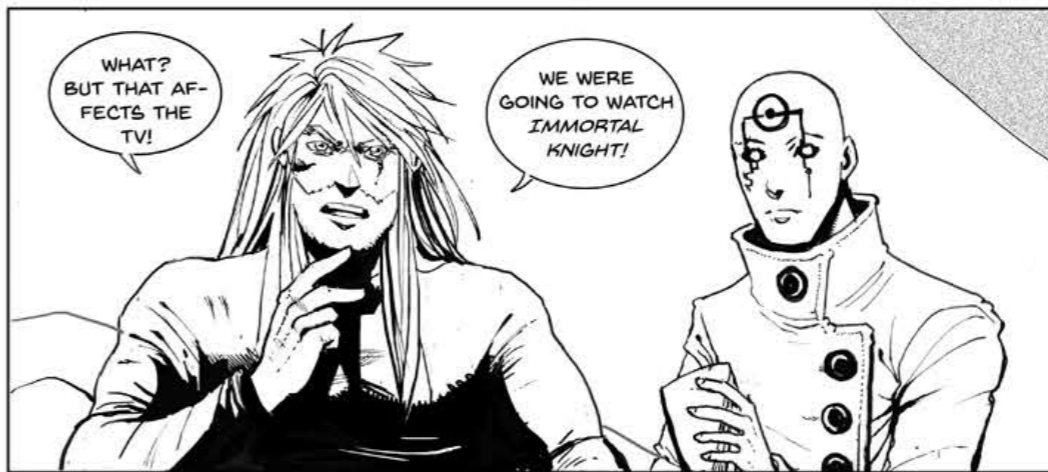
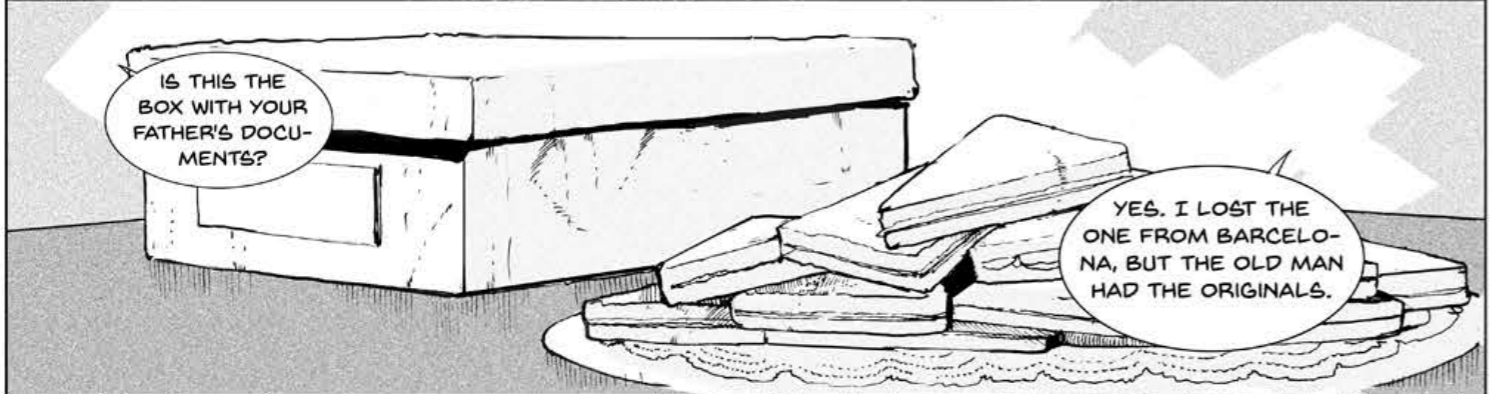
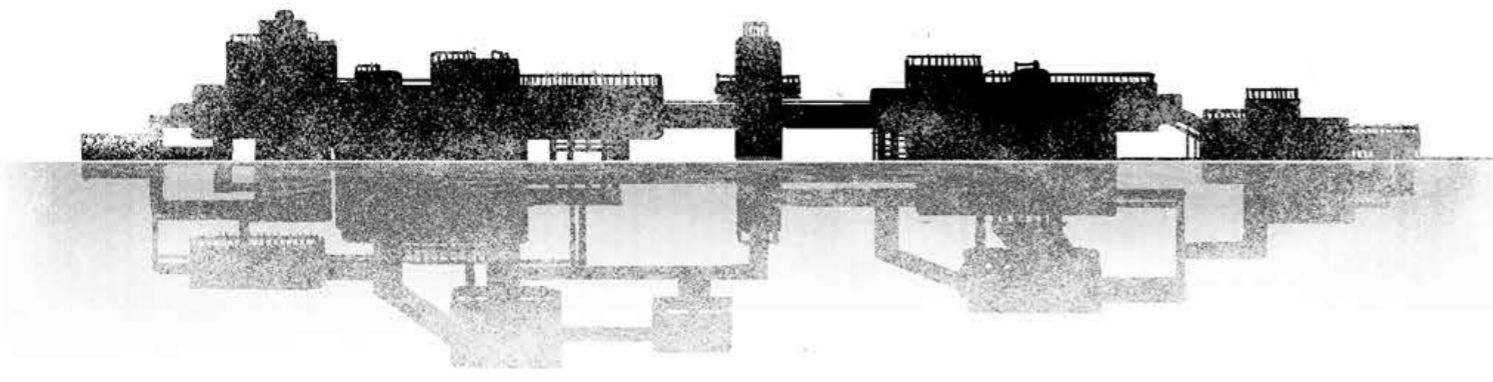
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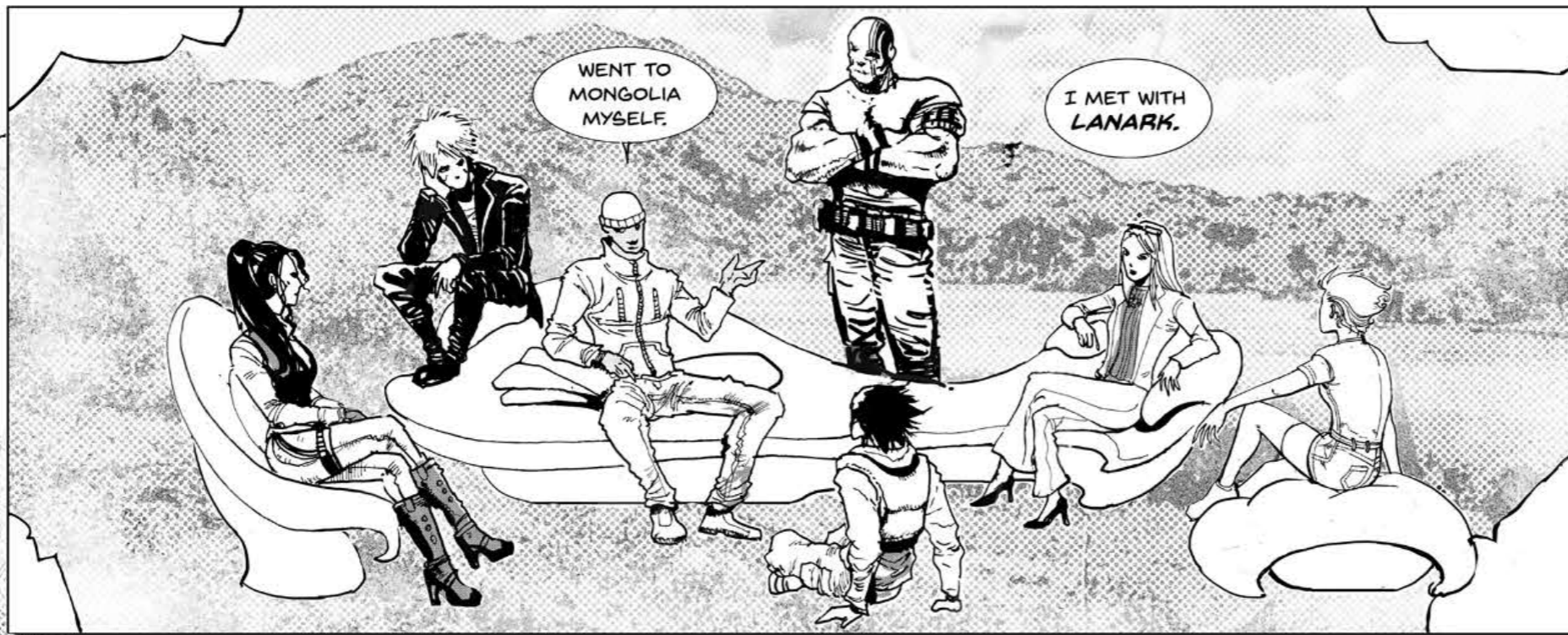
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WENT TO MONGOLIA MYSELF.

I MET WITH LANARK.



ON YOUR OWN? THEY SAY HE'S VERY DANGEROUS!

IT ALWAYS MADE ME VERY NERVOUS THAT YOU WANTED TO ALLY WITH HIM....



DON'T WORRY. I TOOK PRECAUTIONS.

IN FACT... I WAS WEARING MY PHOTOPSYCHIC CONTACTS.



THESE LOCUSTS FLUTTERED AROUND LANARK...

THEY GAVE OFF A DEMONIC AURA, LOCATED ON THE MATERIAL PLANE. AND WE ONLY KNOW OF ONE MATERIALIZED DEMON, DON'T WE?



THE DEMON THAT DEATH SUMMONED. ALLIED WITH LANARK.

DEATH BETRAYED US. OTHERWISE, HE WOULD'VE INFORMED US, AND NOT LANARK.

NAH. LANARK KINDA SAID HE'S GOT HIM UNDER MIND CONTROL. HIS DRUG, AND SO ON. GEBURAH, YOU ARE EXCESSIVELY HARD ON SIGURD.

HE'S A TRIPLE AGENT, WHICH WE CREATED, AND IN HIGH-RANKING POSITIONS. AND YES, HE CAN'T ALWAYS ACT IN OUR FAVOR; HE WOULD END UP DEAD, BUT, IN THE LONG RUN, YOU WILL SEE THAT...



CAN YOU GET TO THE POINT, DEAR? I'M IN THE MIDDLE OF A PERSONAL MATTER...

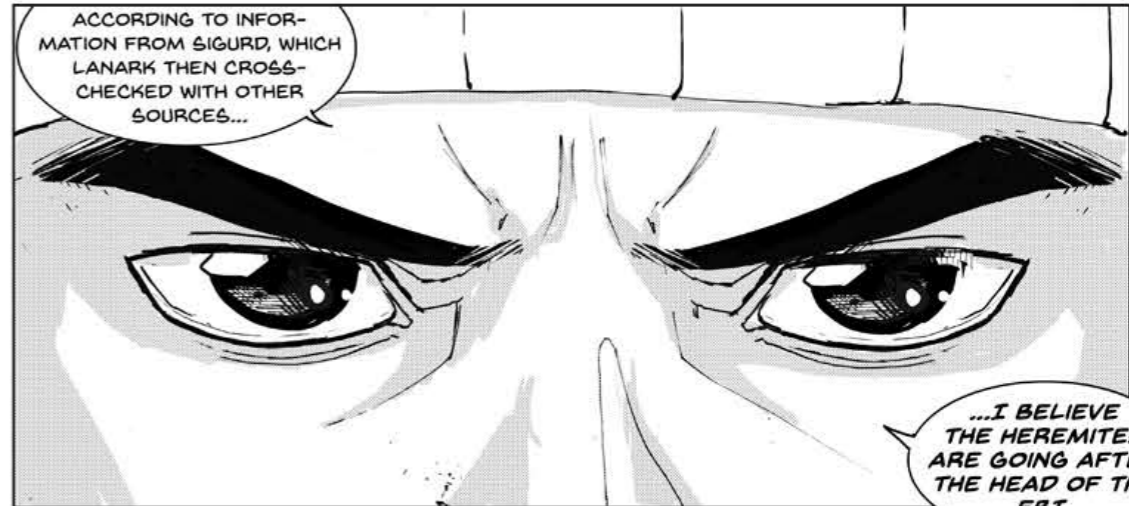
...SMART PEOPLE LIKE YOU NEED TO BE BRIEF, YOU KNOW, IN CONSIDERATION OF THOSE OF US WHO DON'T FIND ALL THE MINUTIA RELEVANT.



YEAH, OKAY.

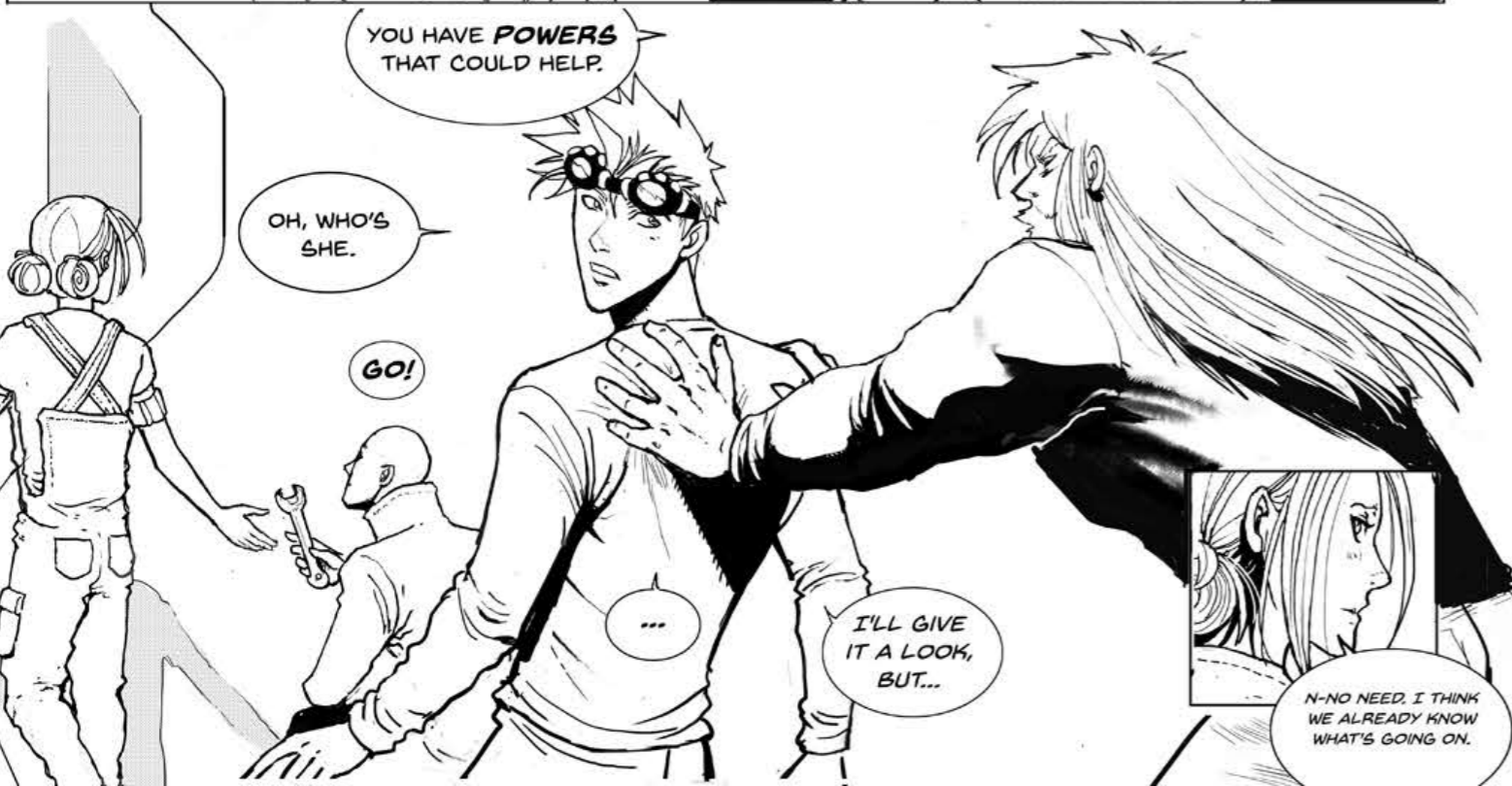
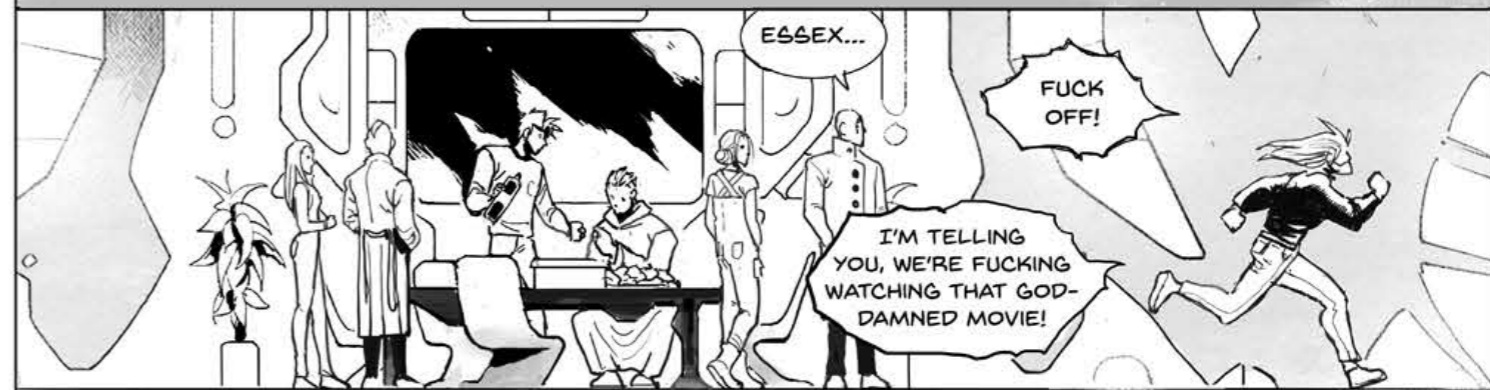
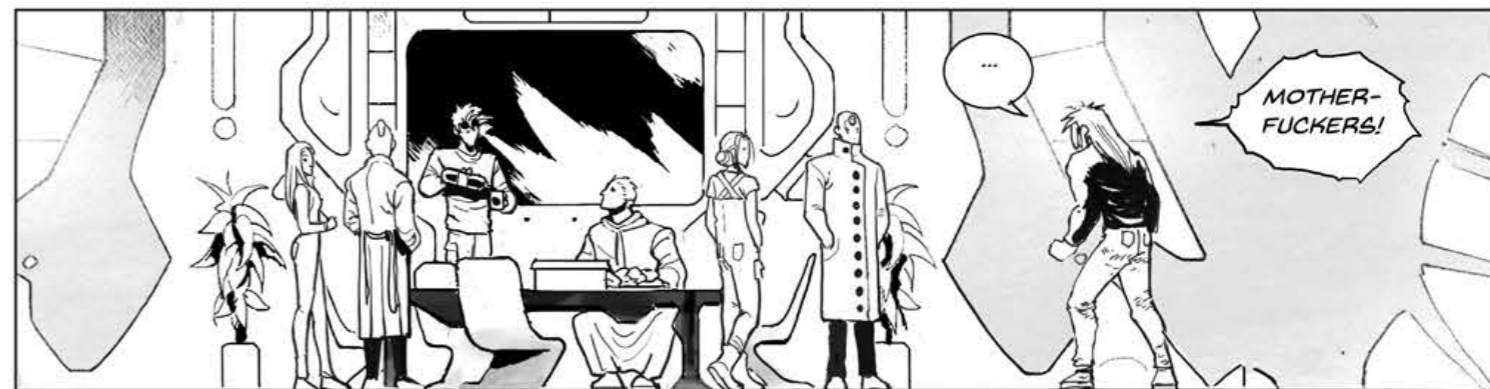
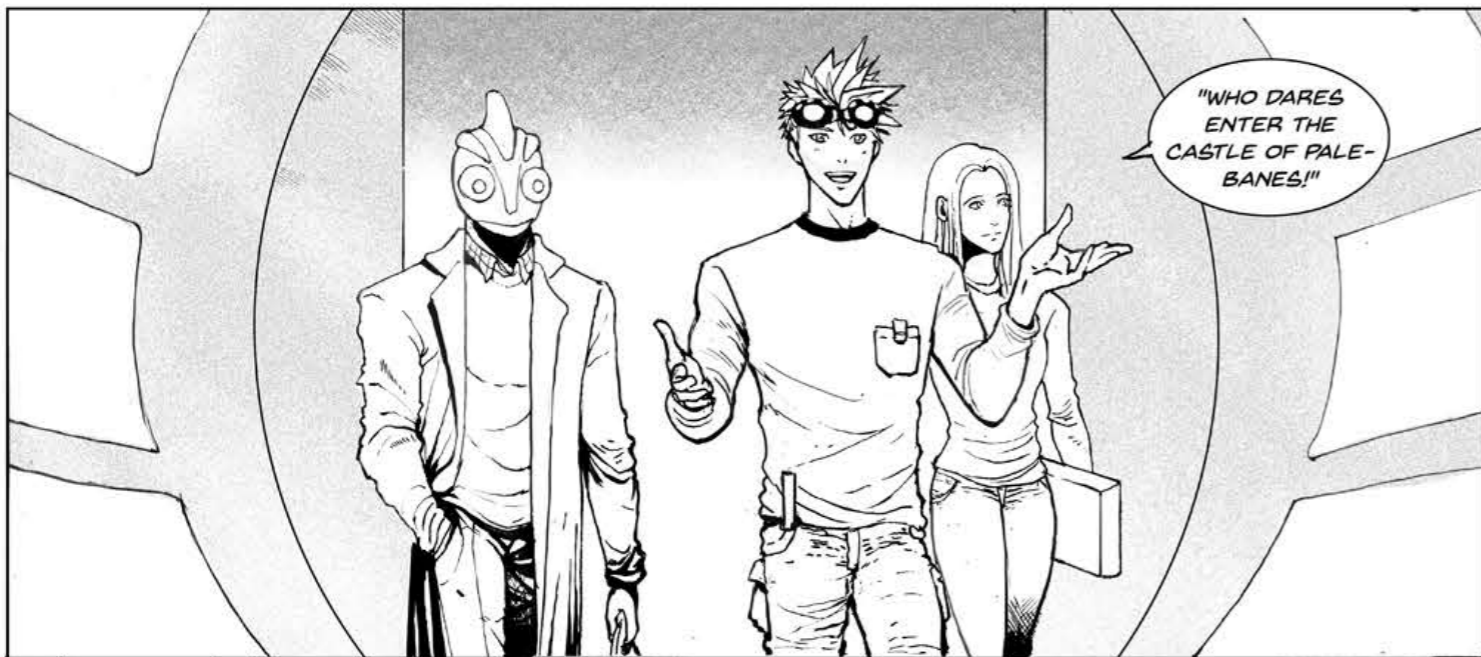


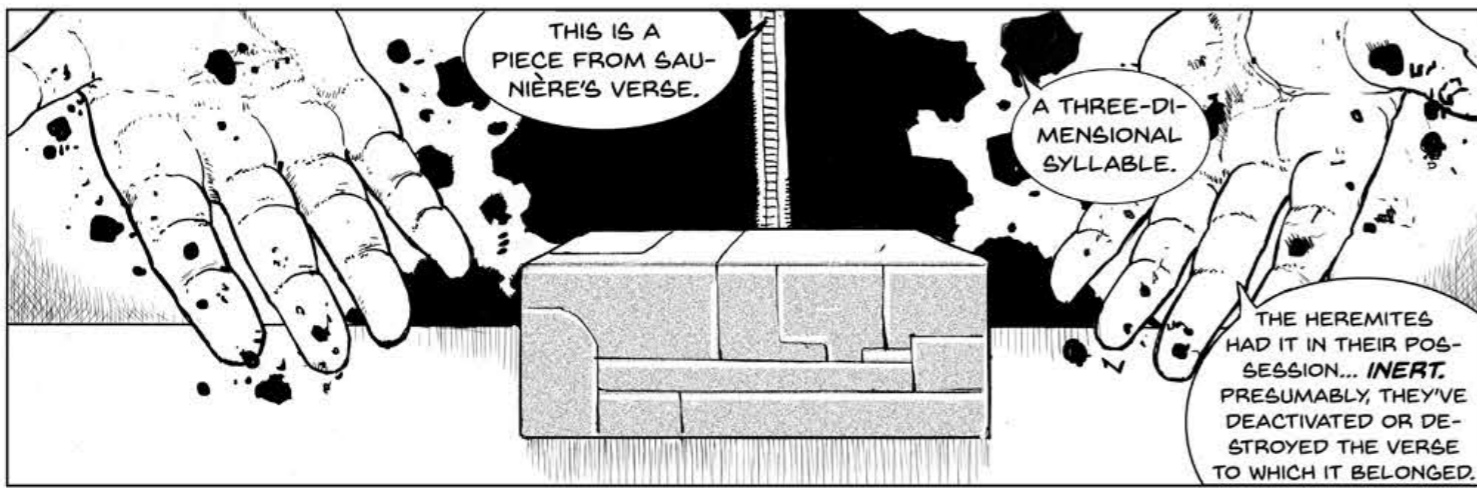
HERE'S THE THING.



ACCORDING TO INFORMATION FROM SIGURD, WHICH LANARK THEN CROSS-CHECKED WITH OTHER SOURCES...

...I BELIEVE THE HEREMITES ARE GOING AFTER THE HEAD OF THE EBI.





THIS IS A PIECE FROM SAUNIÈRE'S VERSE.

A THREE-DIMENSIONAL SYLLABLE.

THE HERMITES HAD IT IN THEIR POSSESSION... *INERT*. PRESUMABLY, THEY'VE DEACTIVATED OR DESTROYED THE VERSE TO WHICH IT BELONGED.



A VERSE? WHAT...?

"BATHED IN FLOWERS OF BLOOD, SAUNIÈRE REMADE THE WORLD AT THE BEAT OF THE GUILLOTINE". THE SECOND VERSE.

YES, BUT WHAT'S...



TO MAKE A POEM WITH THREE-DIMENSIONAL LANGUAGE.

IT'S ONE OF THE MOST ADVANCED RITUALS, AND PROBABLY THE MOST COMPLEX THAT SAUNIÈRE EVER PERFORMED. THE VERSES ARE HIDDEN THRU...

WHERE DID THEY FIND IT?

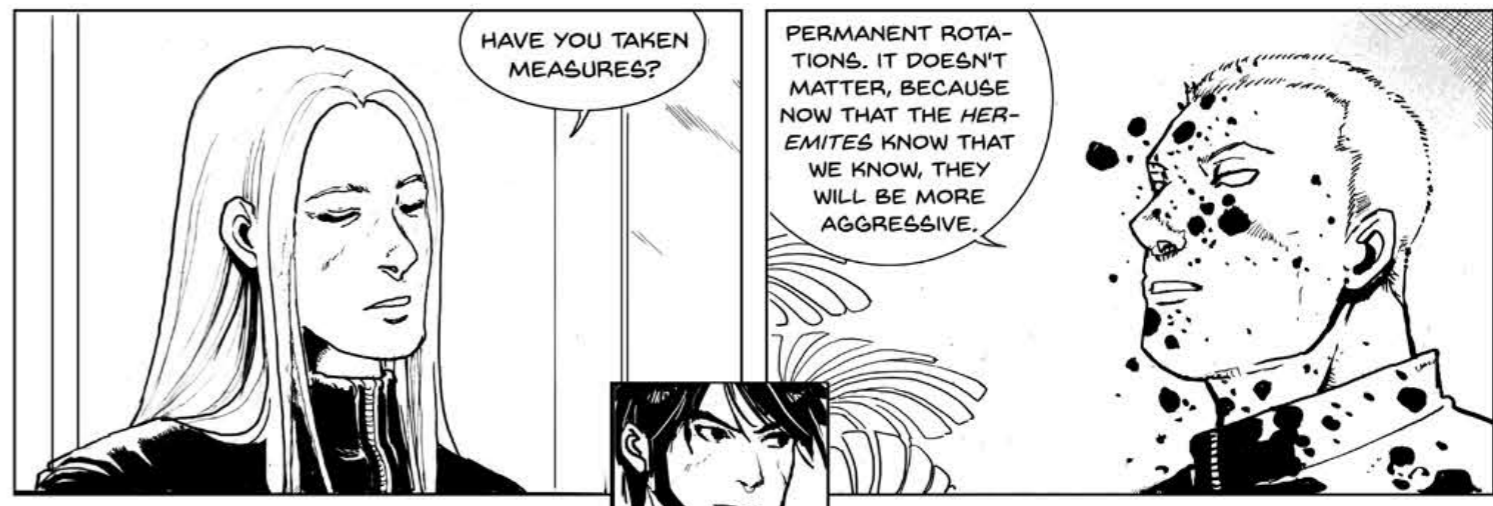


IN THE *FOLDED PLANES* OF THE OLD NOTRE DAME CATHEDRAL. UNDERNEATH THE BASEMENT.



NO SECURITY?

THEY SLOWLY REPLACED ALL THE GUARDS WITH *HERMITE SPIES*.



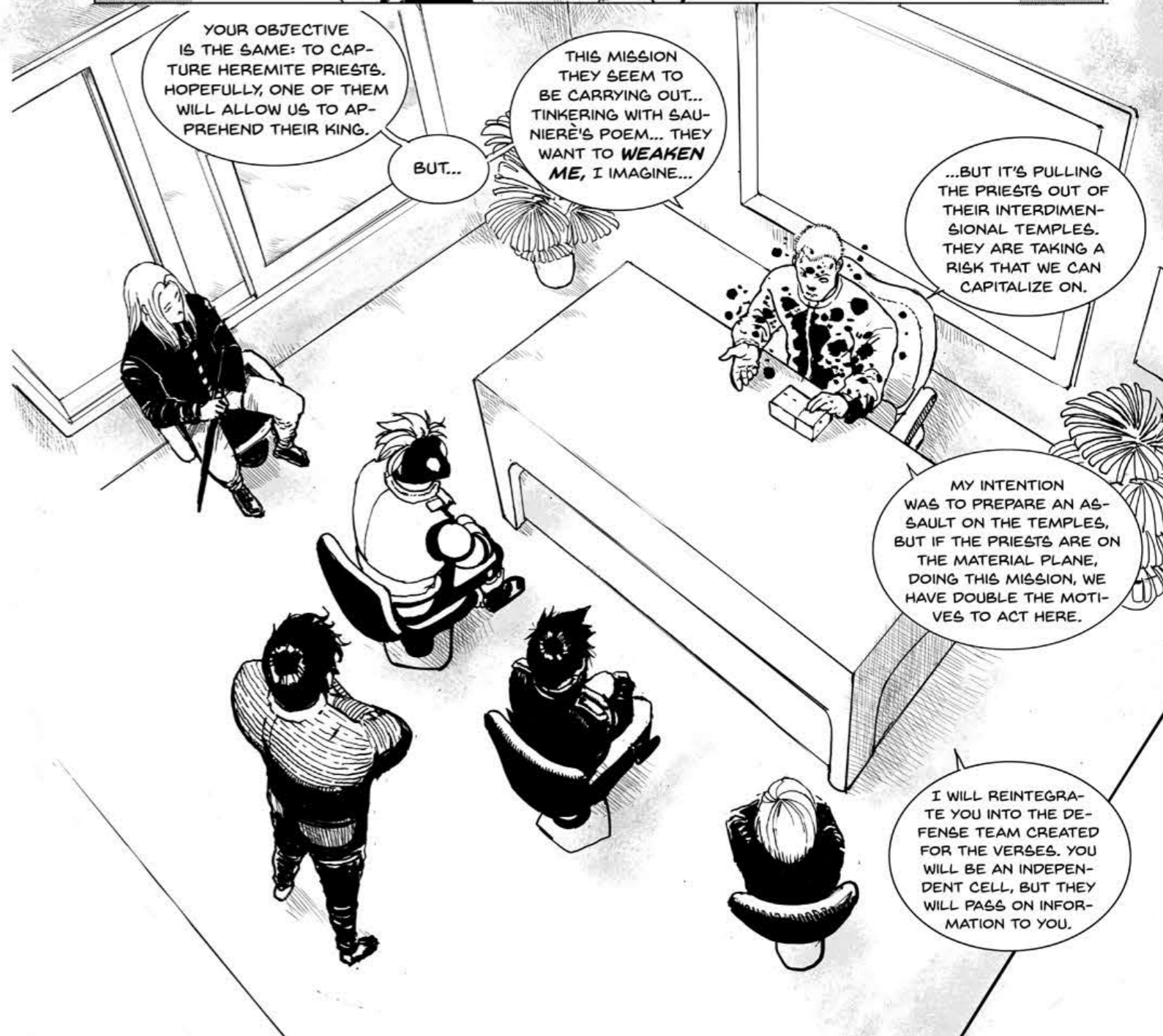
HAVE YOU TAKEN MEASURES?

PERMANENT ROTATIONS. IT DOESN'T MATTER, BECAUSE NOW THAT THE *HERMITES* KNOW THAT WE KNOW, THEY WILL BE MORE AGGRESSIVE.



SO... WHAT NOW?

WHAT DO WE DO NOW?



YOUR OBJECTIVE IS THE SAME: TO CAPTURE HERMITE PRIESTS. HOPEFULLY, ONE OF THEM WILL ALLOW US TO APPREHEND THEIR KING.

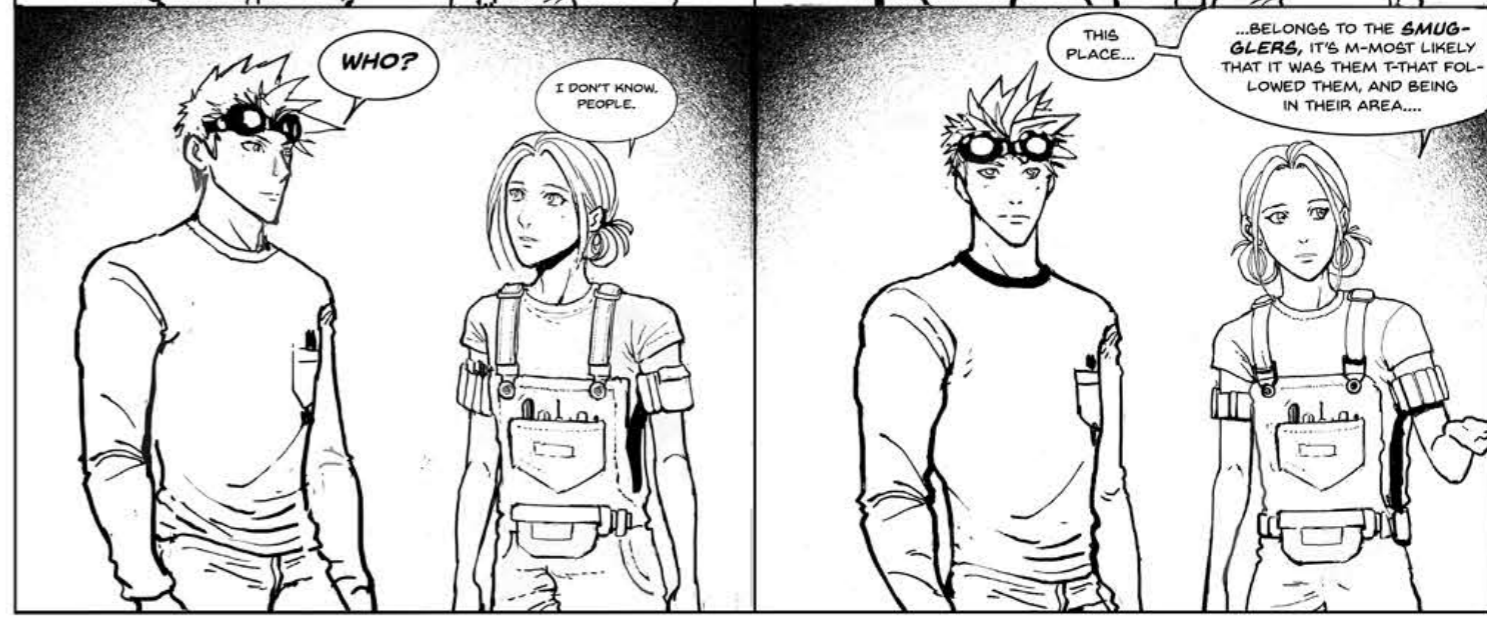
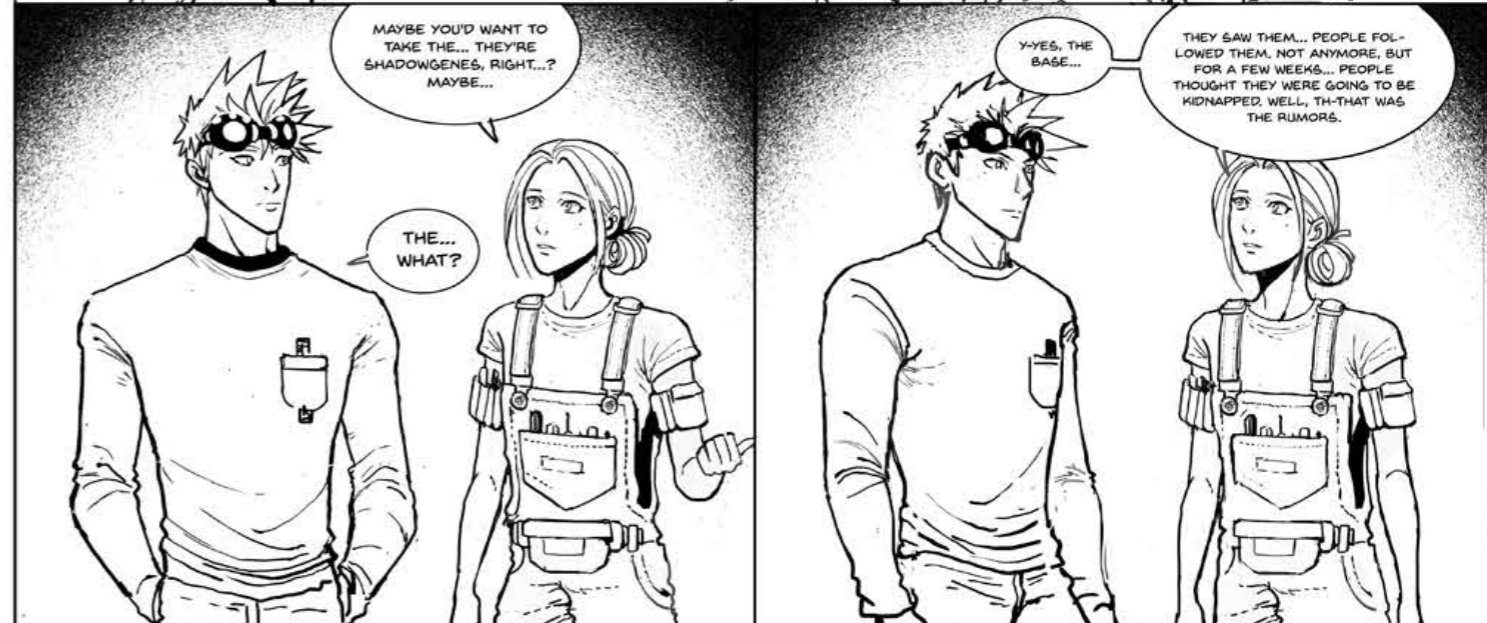
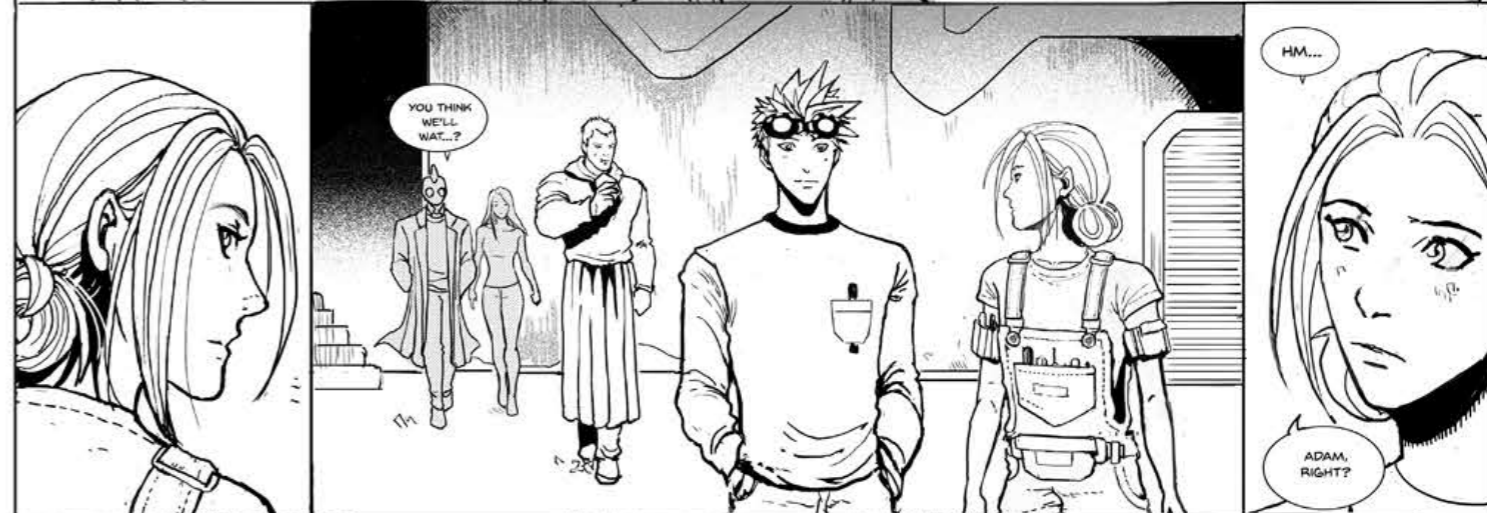
THIS MISSION THEY SEEM TO BE CARRYING OUT... TINKERING WITH SAUNIÈRE'S POEM... THEY WANT TO *WEAKEN ME*, I IMAGINE...

BUT...

...BUT IT'S PULLING THE PRIESTS OUT OF THEIR INTERDIMENSIONAL TEMPLES. THEY ARE TAKING A RISK THAT WE CAN CAPITALIZE ON.

MY INTENTION WAS TO PREPARE AN ASSAULT ON THE TEMPLES, BUT IF THE PRIESTS ARE ON THE MATERIAL PLANE, DOING THIS MISSION, WE HAVE DOUBLE THE MOTIVES TO ACT HERE.

I WILL REINTEGRATE YOU INTO THE DEFENSE TEAM CREATED FOR THE VERSES. YOU WILL BE AN INDEPENDENT CELL, BUT THEY WILL PASS ON INFORMATION TO YOU.







SAUNIÈRE SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN THE FIRST LEADER OF WHAT WOULD EVENTUALLY BECOME THE PARANORMAL EBI. THERE IS A LOT OF DISINFORMATION...

...BUT THIS IS HOW THE HERMITES TALK ABOUT HIM. LANARK, HIS SOURCES... THEY SAY THAT SAUNIÈRE PERFORMED A RITUAL. A SPELL IN THE FORM OF A POEM IN THREE-DIMENSIONAL LANGUAGE. DON'T KNOW ITS FUNCTION...

AND?

HERE'S WHERE I HAVE NOTHING BUT SPECULATION, BUT... THE HERMITES TALK ABOUT DIGGING UP THE VERSES OF THIS POEM AS IF IT WAS AN ATTACK ON FREI.

WHAT ELSE DO WE KNOW ABOUT THE HERMITES AND SAUNIÈRE? SAUNIÈRE'S WILL.

THE HERMITES FEAR THAT ABILITY, AND FREI HAS USED IT SEVERAL TIMES TO HYPNOTIZE HERMITE AGENTS AND TURN THEM TO HIS SIDE.

AGAIN, PURE SPECULATION, BUT IT SEEMS OBVIOUS THAT THIS POEM HAS TO HAVE A CONNECTION WITH THE FACT THAT FREI CAN USE AN ABILITY OF SAUNIÈRE, AND THE HERMITES WANT TO DEACTIVATE IT.

DO YOU WANT ME TO START INVESTIGATING? I CAN MOVE MY SPIES FROM THE EBI, EVEN THOUGH THEY WERE RELEGATED...



YEAH, OF COURSE, THAT'S WHY WE'RE HERE.

WE DON'T KNOW EXACTLY WHAT IS GOING ON. THAT'S OUR FIRST MISSION, TO SOLVE THE UNKNOWN ABOUT THE POEM, AND CLEAR WHAT THE HERMITES WANT TO ACHIEVE...

YES, I AGREE.

IT'S IMPORTANT TO KNOW THE SUBSTANCE OF THE DISPUTE BEFORE ACTING. LAST THING I WANT IS TO END UP HELPING THOSE COCK-ROACHES IN WHITE SUITS.

FIRST THINGS FIRST, WHO DO WE ASSIGN?

THEY ARE NOT PART OF THE CABALISTS. ADAM WANTS TO FOCUS ON RESEARCHING ABOUT...

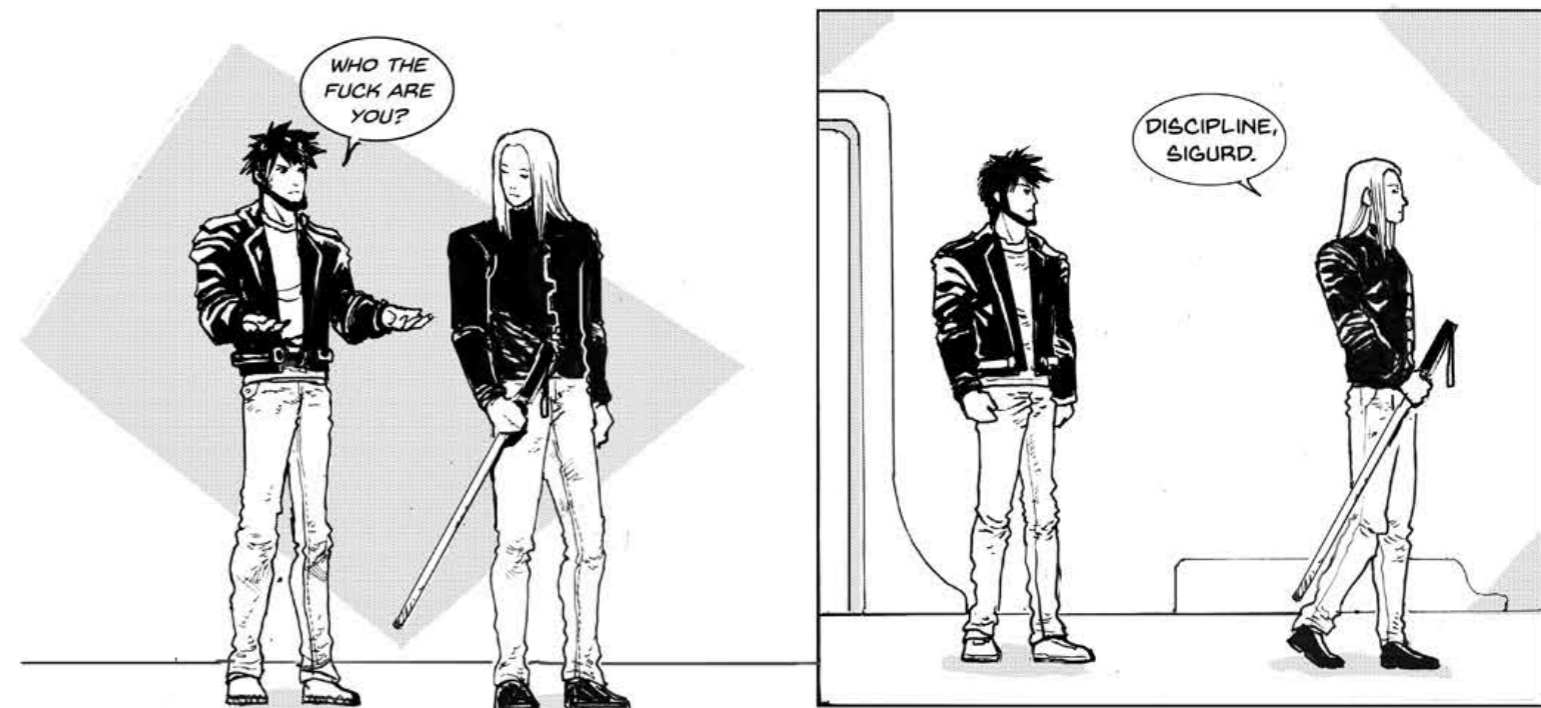
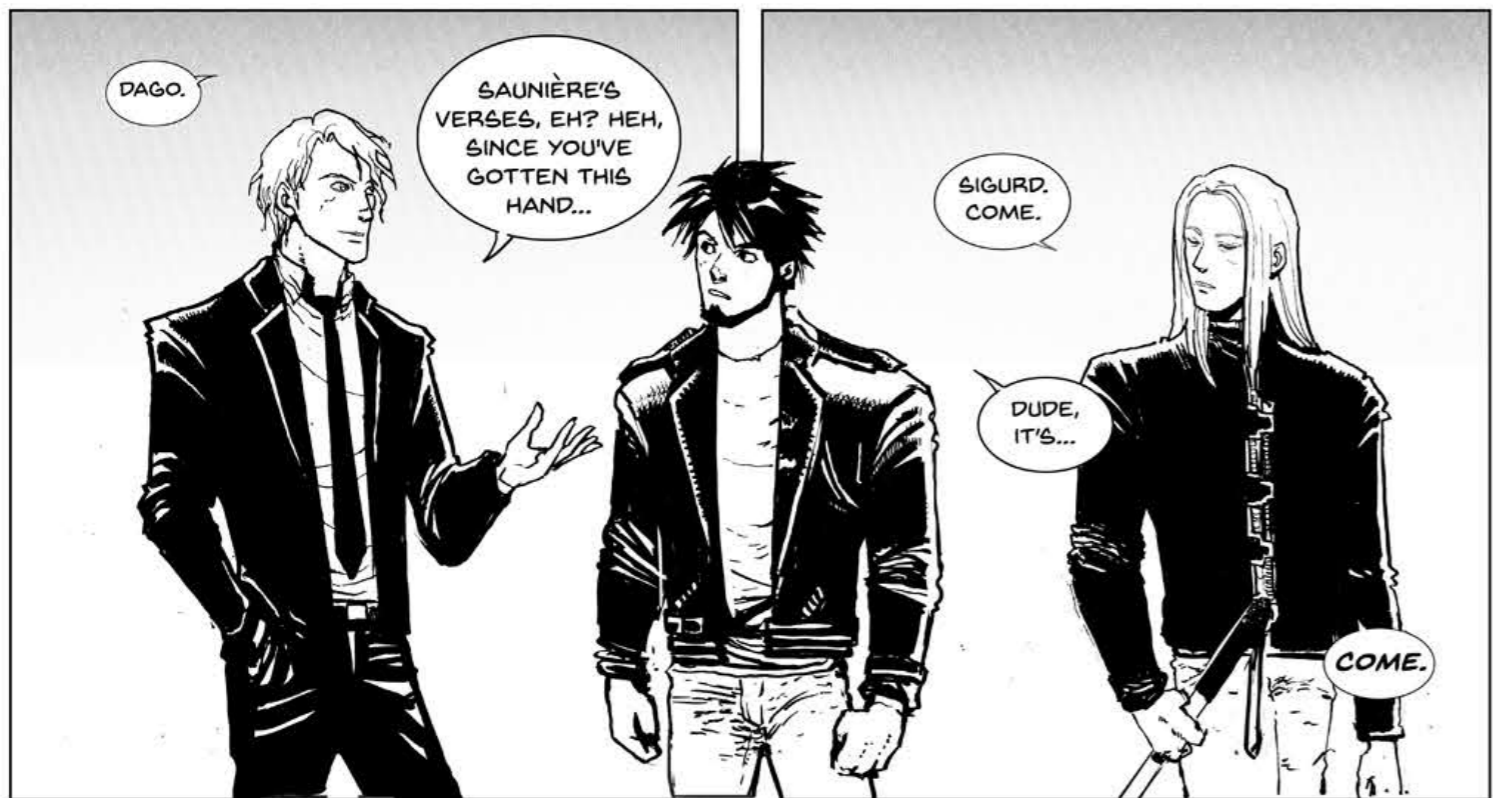
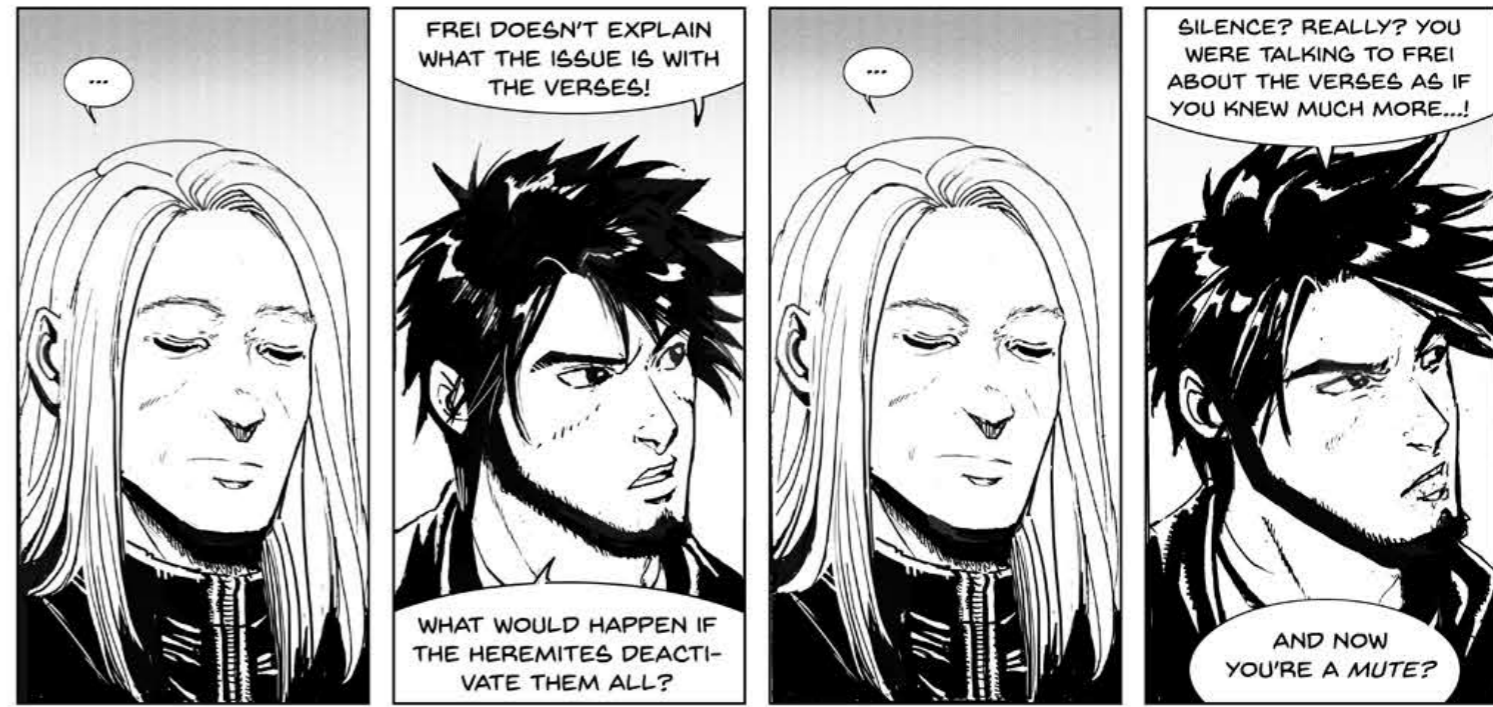
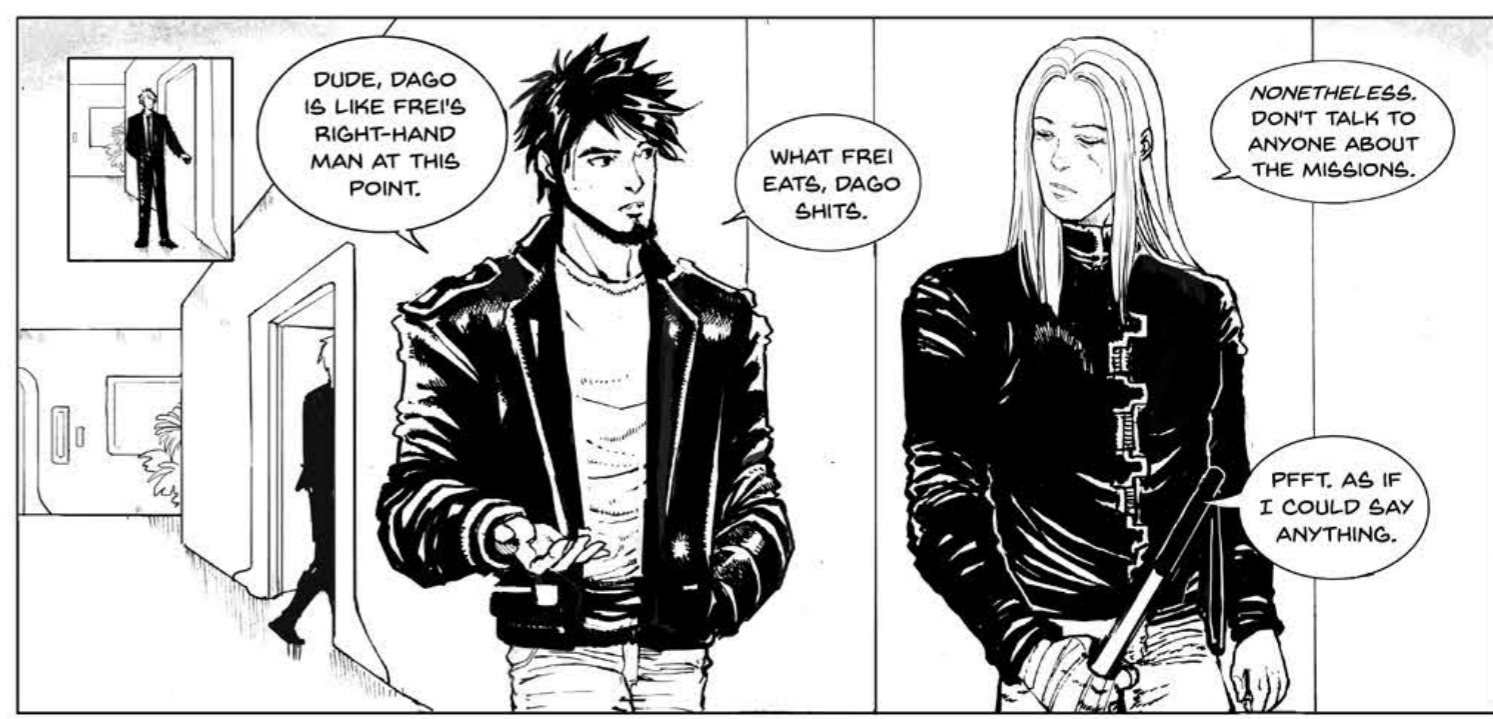
SO WHAT? THEY'RE ON YOUR BASE, HONEY. THEY HAVE TO PAY TRIBUTE SOMEHOW....

NO. I DON'T WANT THEM TO INTERVENE. IT'S BETTER THAT THEY DON'T EVEN KNOW ABOUT IT, IN CASE THEY WERE TO ACT ON THEIR OWN.



WHAT? WHY?

EMPRESS, YOU HAVE THE THREE. THOSE GUYS TORE THROUGH THAT EBI BASE LIKE A STEAM-ROLLER.





SO? WERE YOU ASSIGNED SOMETHING WE CAN HELP YOU WITH?

HM?

YOU KNOW, WE OWE YOU FOR THE ACCOMMODATION, RIGHT? IF WE CAN HELP...



COOL. WE CAN WATCH SOMETHING, THEN.

GREETINGS.

HEY. YOU CAME SOONER THAN I EXPECTED.

YES. WE DIDN'T WATCH THE MOVIE, IN THE END.

THE MEETING WITH THE CABALISTS?

I DON'T HAVE ENERGY FOR ANYTHING ELSE.

YES.

WHAT DO YOU TALK IN THERE?

IF YOU CAN SPEAK ABOUT IT, OF COURSE.

SEVERAL THINGS. MISSION BRIEFINGS AND ASSIGNMENTS, SHARING INFORMATION FROM OUR RESPECTIVE SPIES... WE VOTE ON PLANS OF ACTION.

YOU VOTE TOO? I MEAN, I THOUGHT THE ONES WITH THE TITLE OF SPHERES RULED OVER YOU, NO?

YES. THE SPHERES OF THE KABBALAH TREE ARE THE CHIEFS, BUT WE ARCANA ALSO VOTE; IT'S JUST THAT THEIR VOTES COUNT MORE.

... NO, ALL'S CALM.

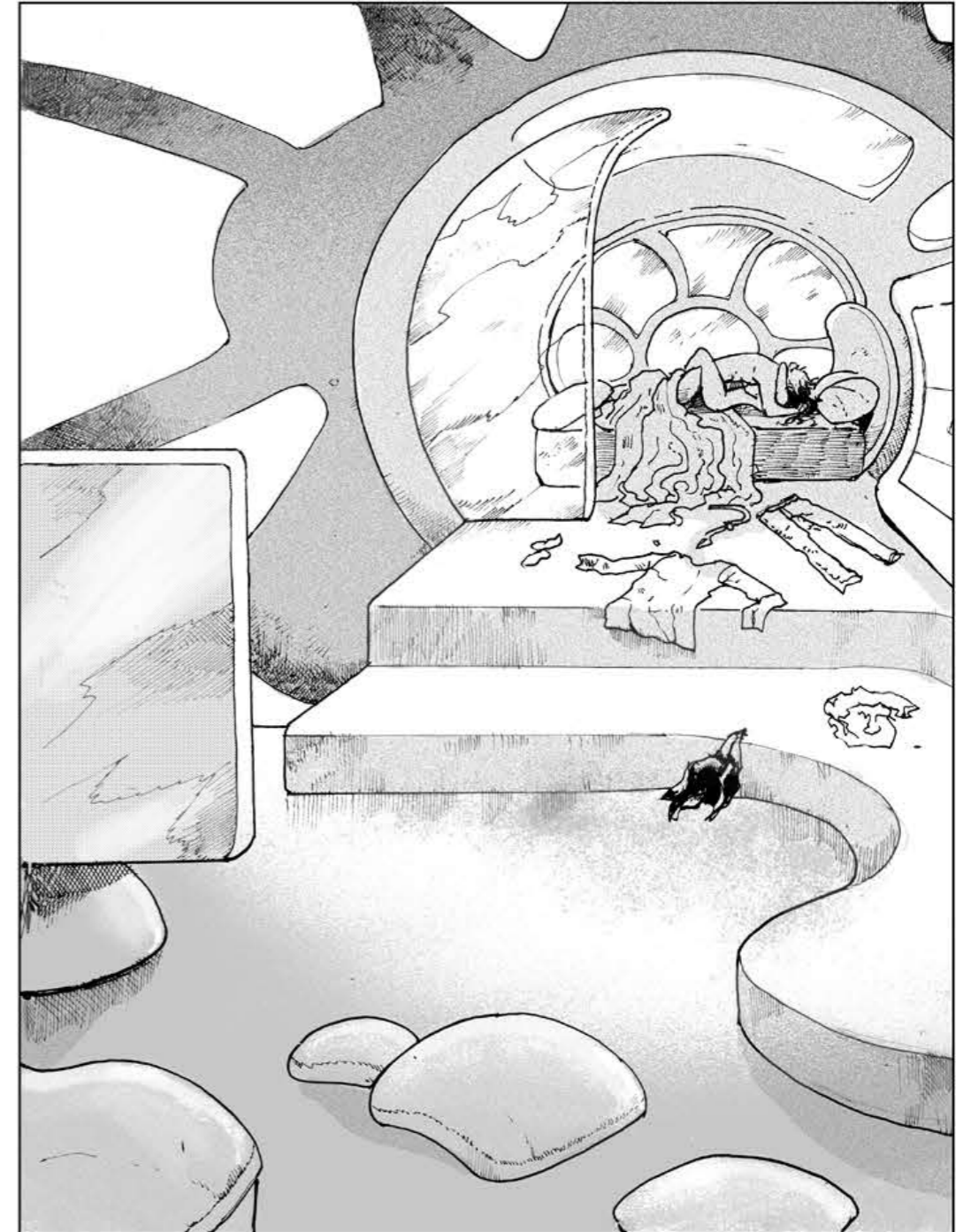
...BETTER THIS WAY.

ISN'T LIFE BETTER WHEN EVERYTHING IS QUIET LIKE THIS?

COOL.

HMM. YOU REALLY ARE TIRED, HUH.

OH, BY THE WAY.



# **...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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