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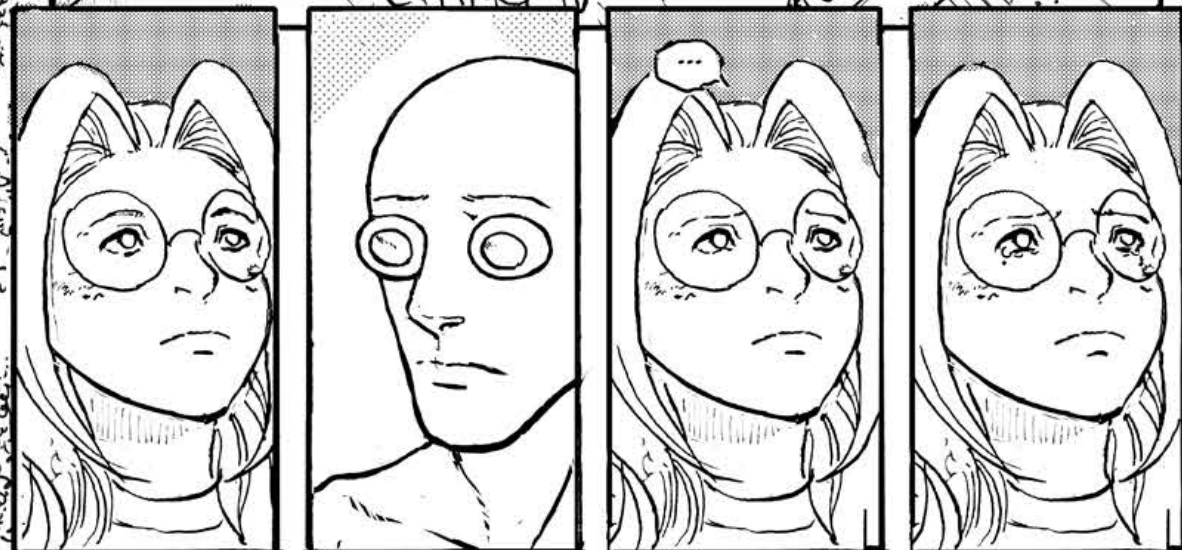
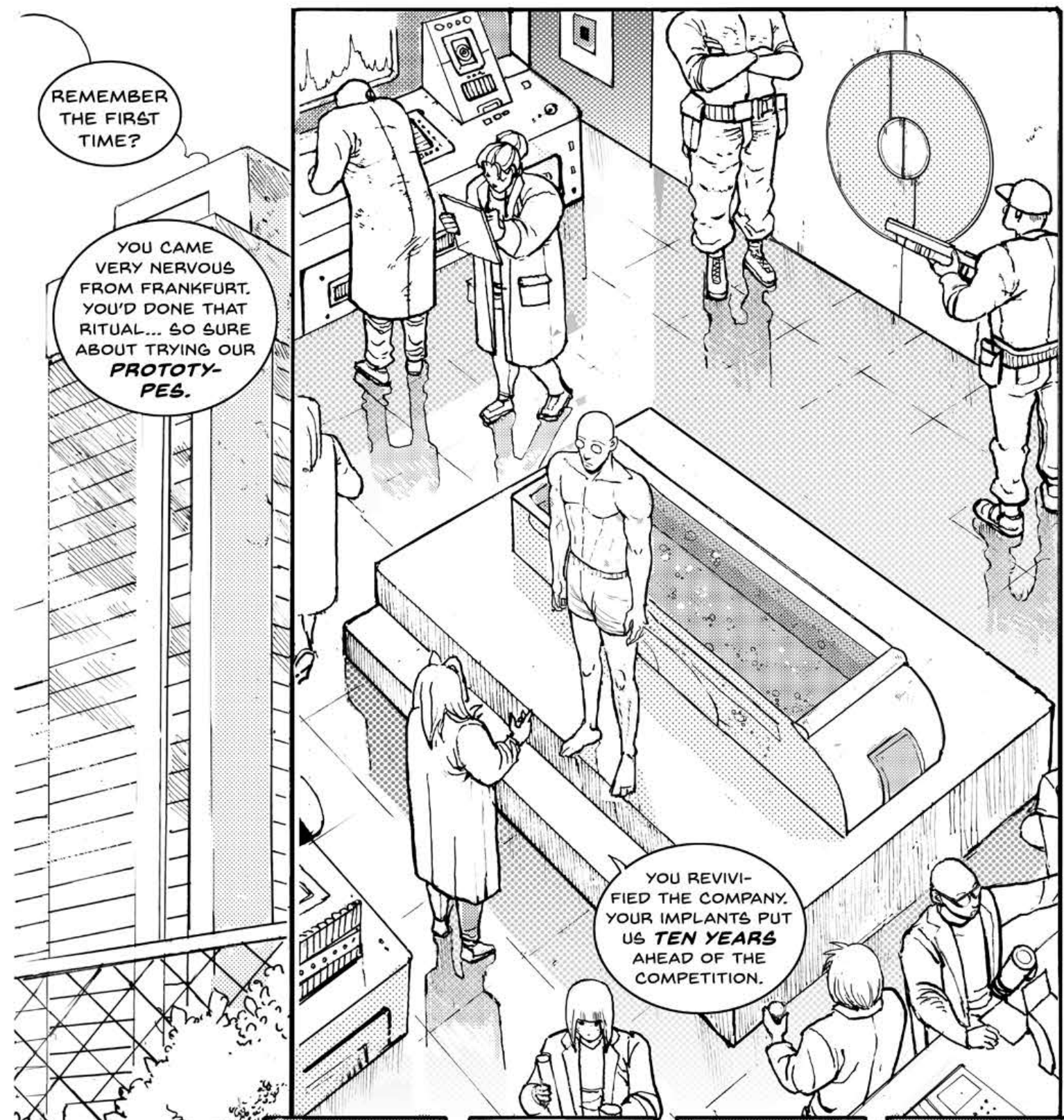
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REMEMBER THE FIRST TIME?

YOU CAME VERY NERVOUS FROM FRANKFURT. YOU'D DONE THAT RITUAL... SO SURE ABOUT TRYING OUR **PROTOTYPES.**

YOU REVIVIFIED THE COMPANY. YOUR IMPLANTS PUT US **TEN YEARS** AHEAD OF THE COMPETITION.

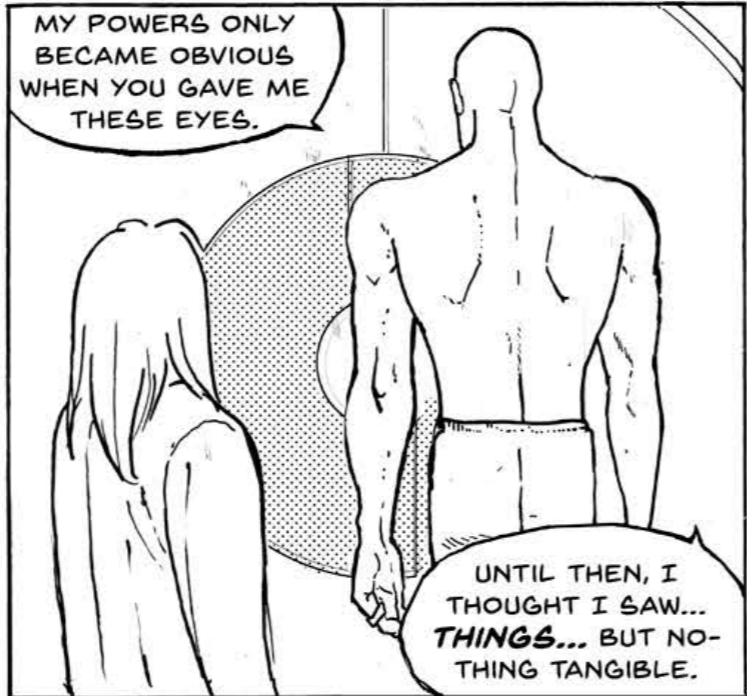
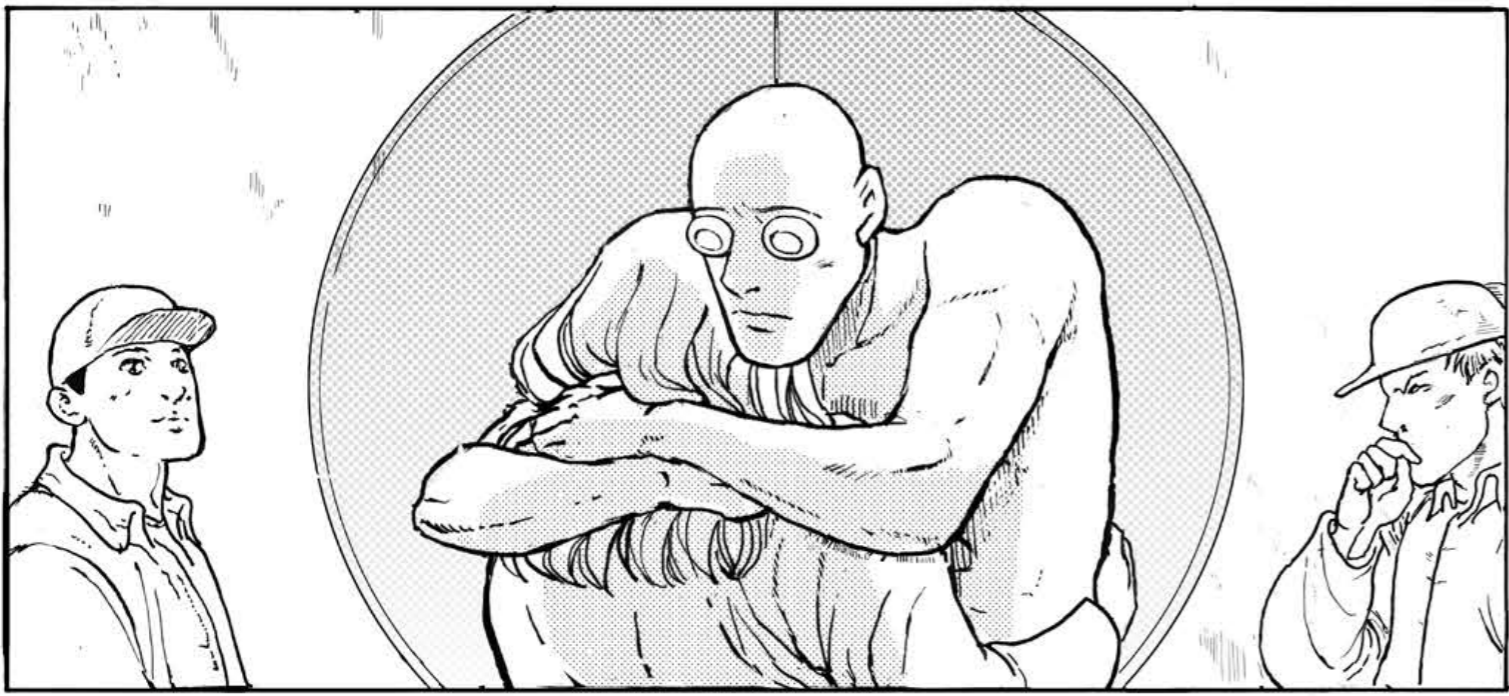




YOU HAD SUCH BEAUTIFUL EYES

HOW COULD WE DO THIS TO YOU?

HEY.



YOU DID WHAT I ASKED.

MY POWERS ONLY BECAME OBVIOUS WHEN YOU GAVE ME THESE EYES.

DON'T FEEL BAD ABOUT IT.

UNTIL THEN, I THOUGHT I SAW... THINGS... BUT NOTHING TANGIBLE.



"THESE EYES ALLOWED ME TO SEE INFORMATION, VIBRATING BETWEEN REALITIES... WAITING TO BE DUG UP".

TOMORROW'S THE SURGERY...

I CAN'T GO BACK NOW.



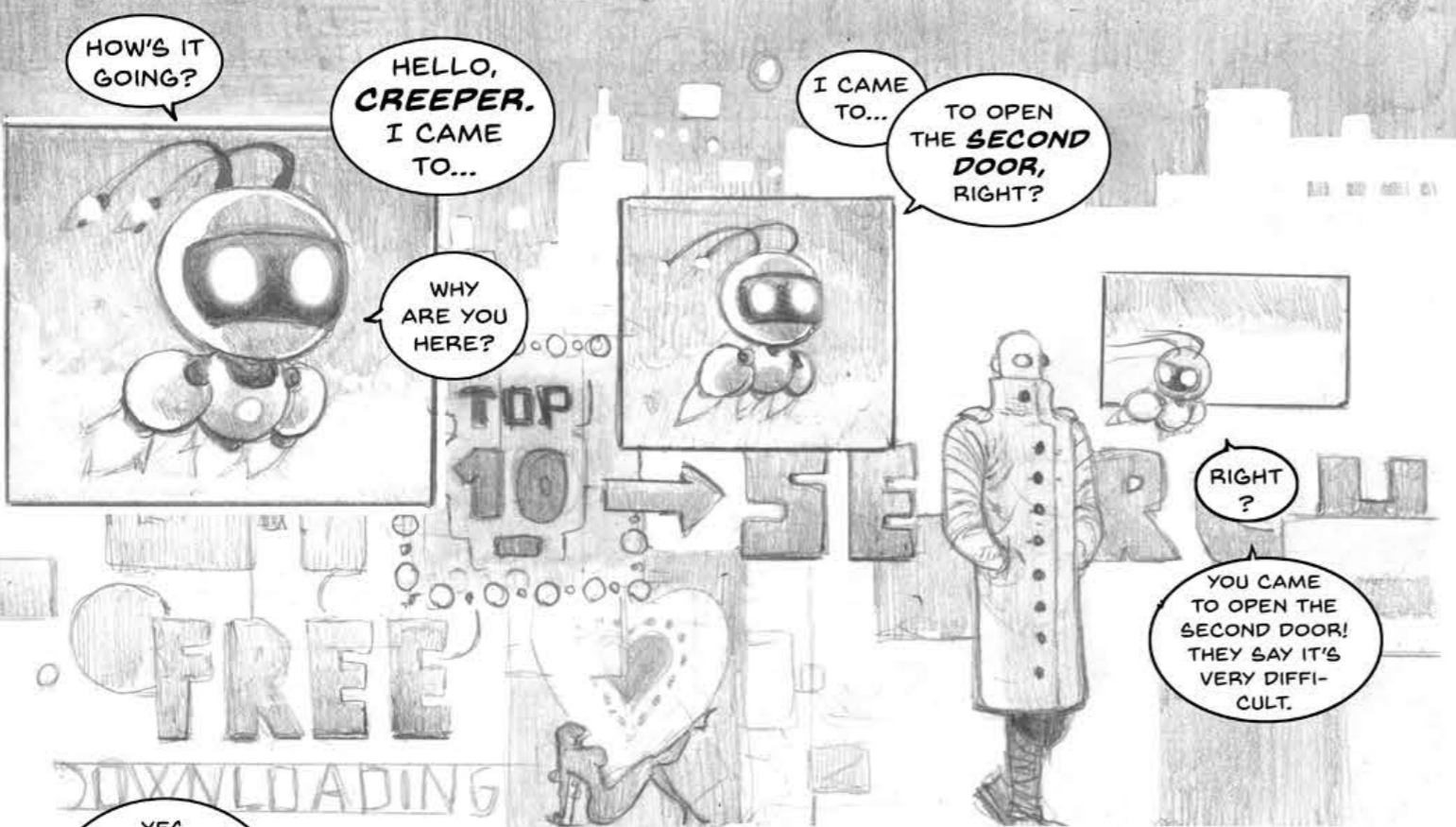
I HAVE TO OPEN THE SECOND DOOR.

THE MANUALS SAY IT REQUIRES A LOT OF WILL-POWER.



THEN AGAIN, ESSEX MANAGED TO OPEN IT, SO...

HEYYYY JACOB!



HOW'S IT GOING?

HELLO, CREEPER. I CAME TO...

WHY ARE YOU HERE?

I CAME TO...

TO OPEN THE **SECOND DOOR**, RIGHT?

RIGHT?

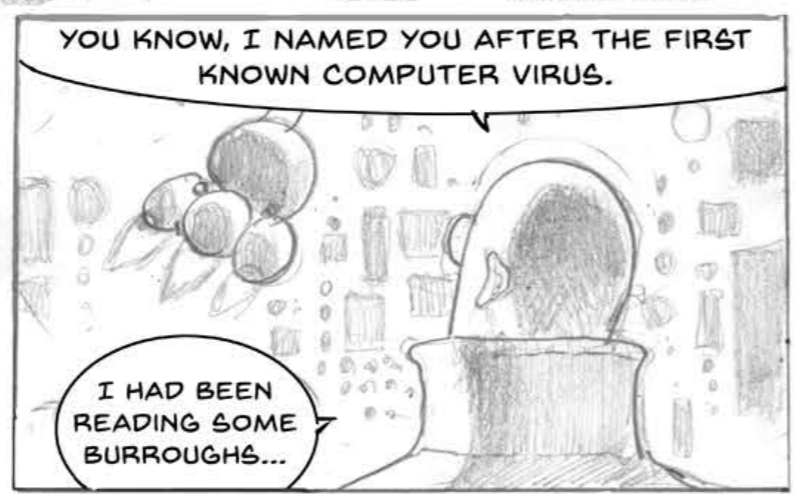
YOU CAME TO OPEN THE **SECOND DOOR**! THEY SAY IT'S VERY DIFFICULT.



YES, ESSEX SAID ONE QUESTION WAS ENOUGH TO LEAVE HIM **AFFECTED** FOR MONTHS.

A SIMPLE QUESTION?

YOU'RE MY PERSONAL GOD OF COMMUNICATION, CREEPER. YOU OF ALL ENTITIES KNOW THE POWER OF **WORDS**.



YOU KNOW, I NAMED YOU AFTER THE FIRST KNOWN COMPUTER VIRUS.

I HAD BEEN READING SOME BURROUGHS...

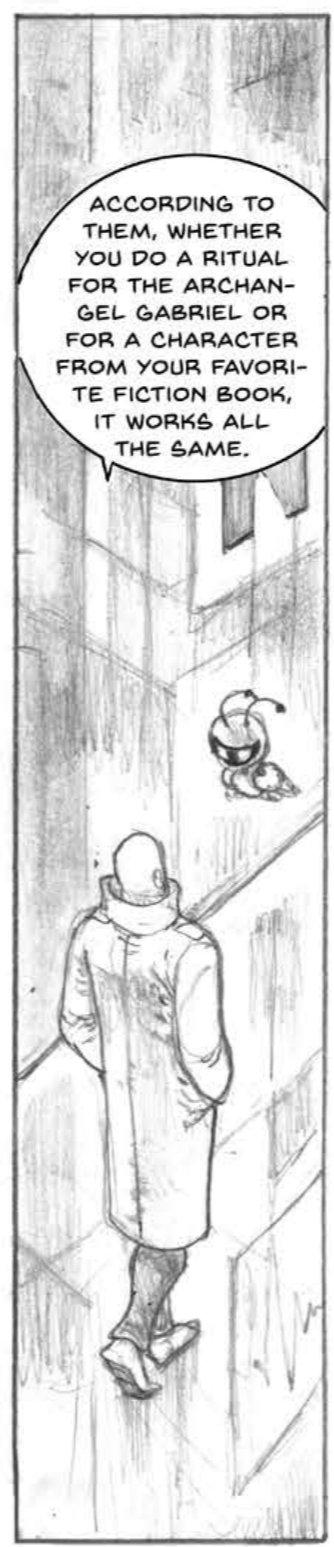


HE THOUGHT OF LANGUAGE AS THE FIRST **VIRUS**; ONE THAT ATTACKS MINDS...

WHEN I CREATED YOU I WAS STILL USING ANOTHER SCHOOL OF MAGIC; **CHAOS MAGIC**.

YEAH. THE ONE THAT **SOUNDS BETTER** THAN IT ACTUALLY IS, RIGHT?

YES, IT'S A SCHOOL THAT SAYS THAT THE FORM OF THE RITUALS WAS IRRELEVANT; THAT **INTENTIONALITY** WAS THE KEY THING.

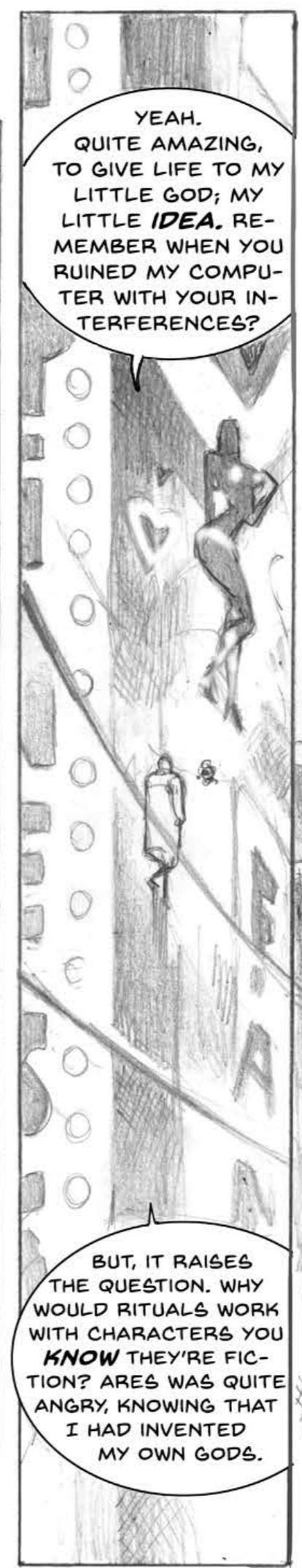


ACCORDING TO THEM, WHETHER YOU DO A RITUAL FOR THE ARCHANGEL GABRIEL OR FOR A CHARACTER FROM YOUR FAVORITE FICTION BOOK, IT WORKS ALL THE SAME.



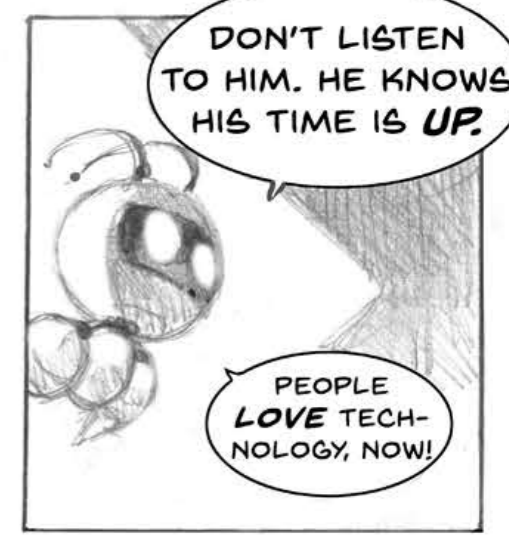
SO I INVENTED YOU.

AND IT WORKED!



YEAH. QUITE AMAZING, TO GIVE LIFE TO MY LITTLE GOD; MY LITTLE **IDEA**. REMEMBER WHEN YOU RUINED MY COMPUTER WITH YOUR INTERFERENCES?

BUT, IT RAISES THE QUESTION. WHY WOULD RITUALS WORK WITH CHARACTERS YOU **KNOW** THEY'RE FICTION? ARES WAS QUITE ANGRY, KNOWING THAT I HAD INVENTED MY OWN GODS.



DON'T LISTEN TO HIM. HE KNOWS HIS TIME IS **UP**.

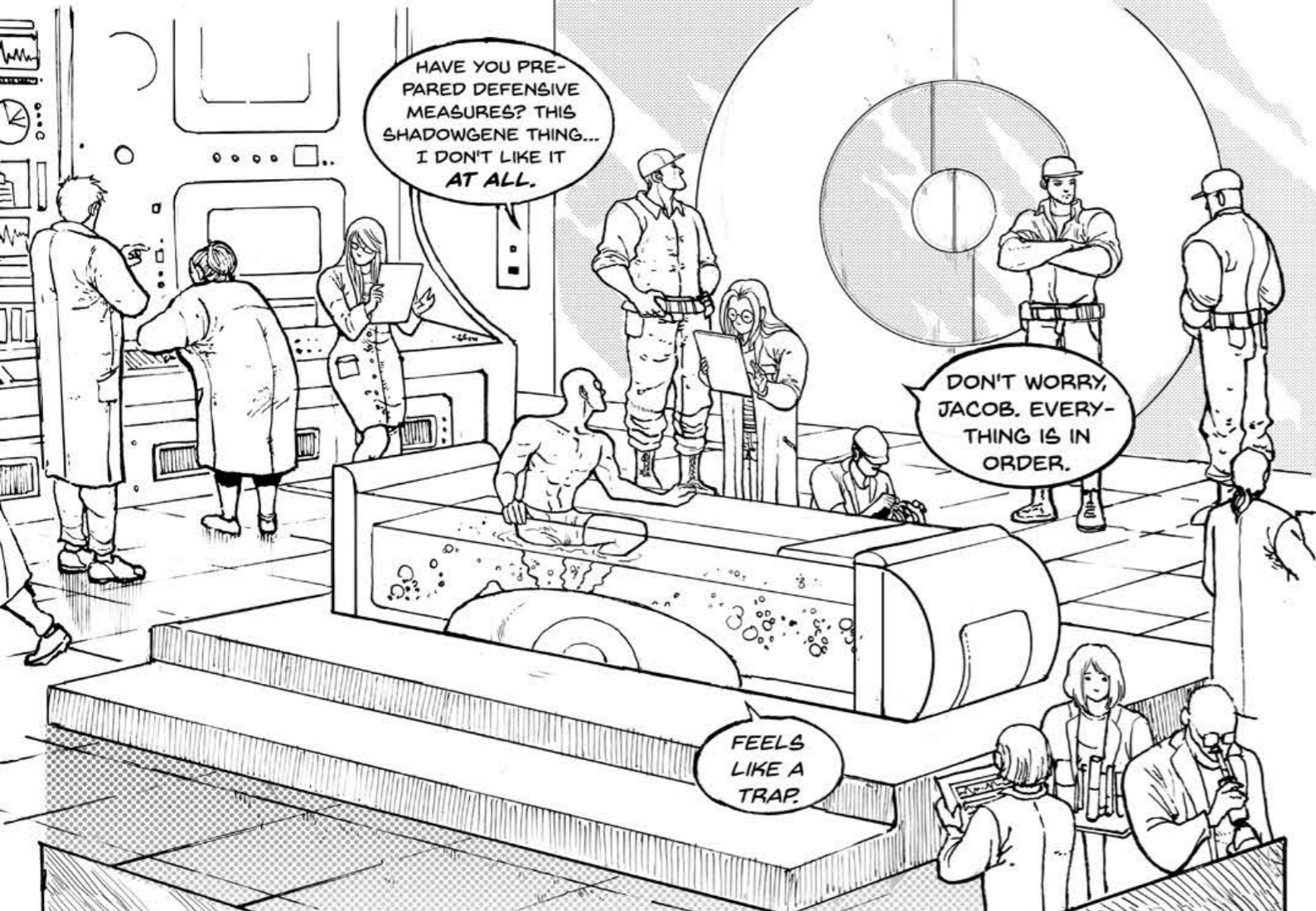
PEOPLE **LOVE** TECHNOLOGY, NOW!



IT'S **HERE?**

YES.

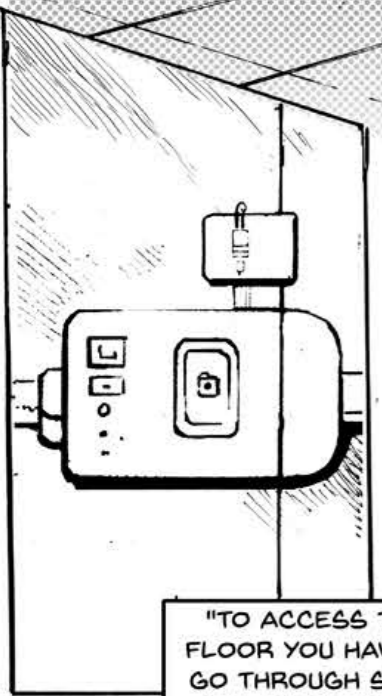
THE **SECOND DOOR**! HOW EXCITING!



HAVE YOU PREPARED DEFENSIVE MEASURES? THIS SHADOWGENE THING... I DON'T LIKE IT AT ALL.

DON'T WORRY, JACOB. EVERYTHING IS IN ORDER.

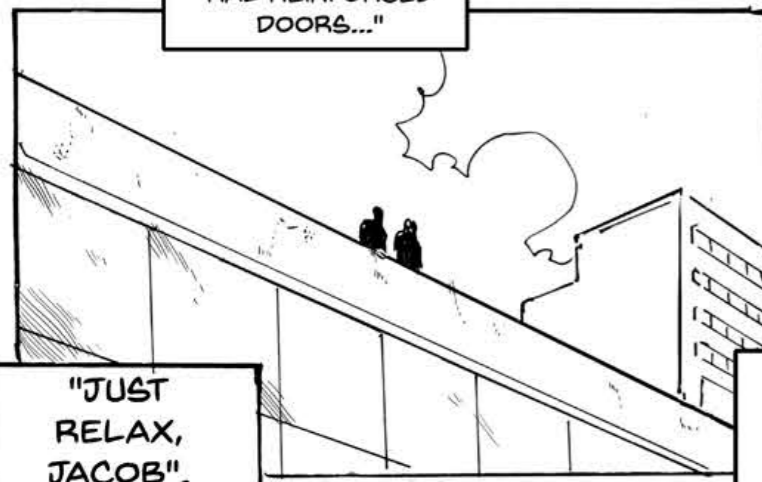
FEELS LIKE A TRAP.



"TO ACCESS THIS FLOOR YOU HAVE TO GO THROUGH SEVERAL REINFORCED DOORS..."



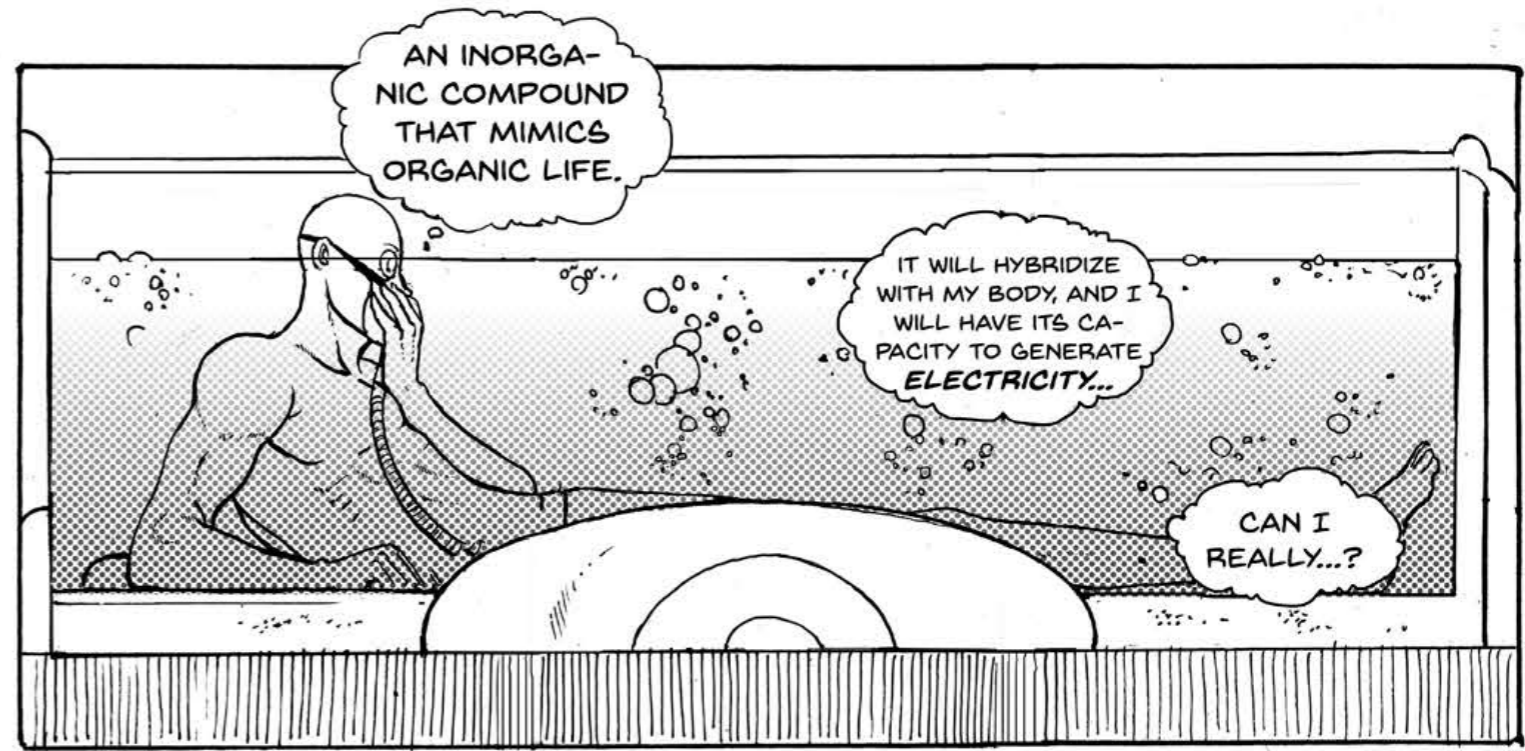
"AND I HAVE ARMED AGENTS ALL OVER THE BUILDING..."



"JUST RELAX, JACOB".

"EVERYTHING'S IN ORDER".

URGENT. WE'RE IN POSITION.



AN INORGANIC COMPOUND THAT MIMICS ORGANIC LIFE.

IT WILL HYBRIDIZE WITH MY BODY, AND I WILL HAVE ITS CAPACITY TO GENERATE ELECTRICITY...

CAN I REALLY...?



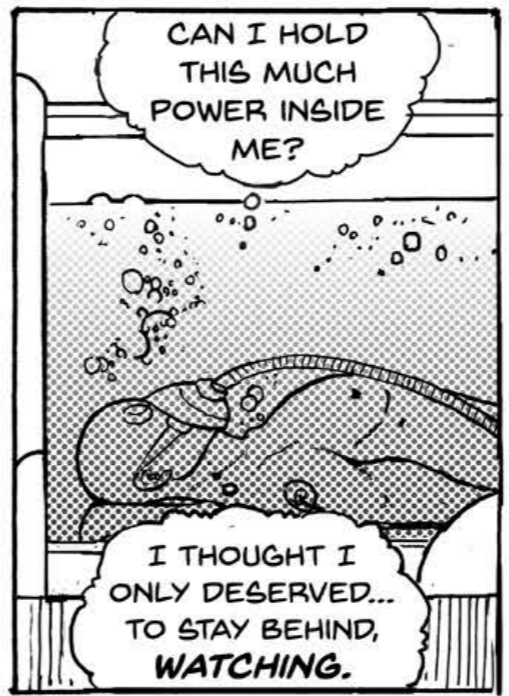
IT WILL REPLACE MY OLD IMPLANTS...

I HOPE I KEEP MY VISION... BOTH NORMAL AND SPECIAL.



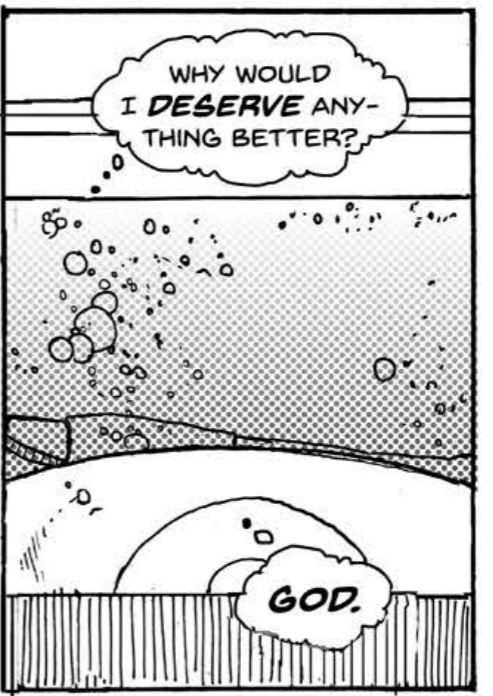
HERE WE GO, JACOB.

CAN I REALLY DO SOMETHING LIKE THIS?



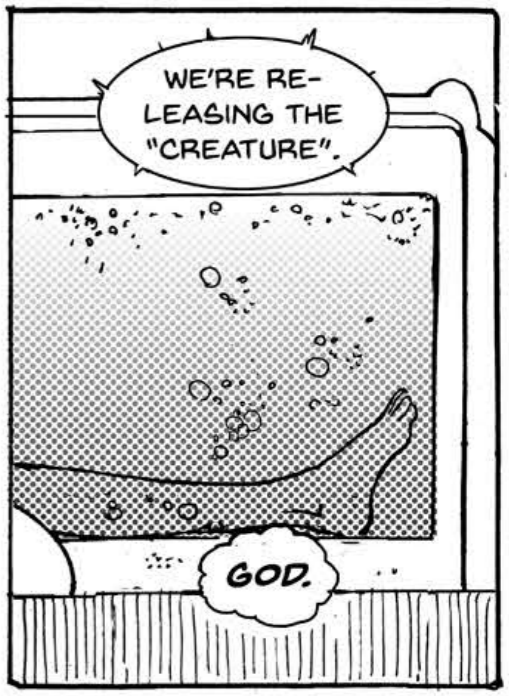
CAN I HOLD THIS MUCH POWER INSIDE ME?

I THOUGHT I ONLY DESERVED... TO STAY BEHIND, WATCHING.



WHY WOULD I DESERVE ANYTHING BETTER?

GOD.



WE'RE RELEASING THE "CREATURE".

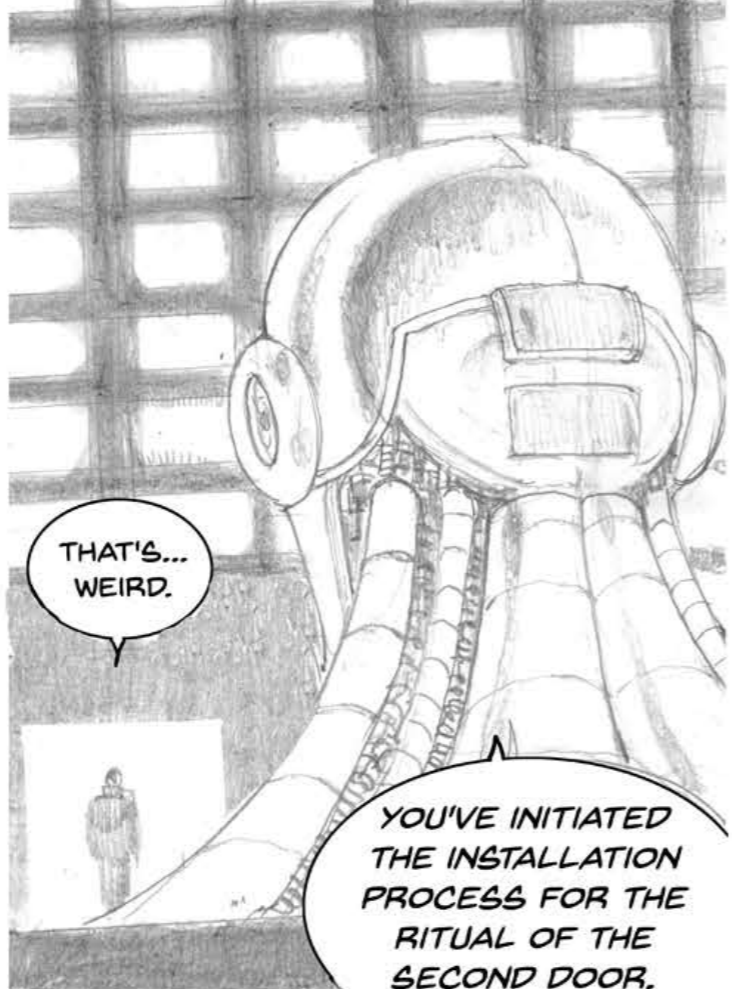
GOD.



LET'S SEE...

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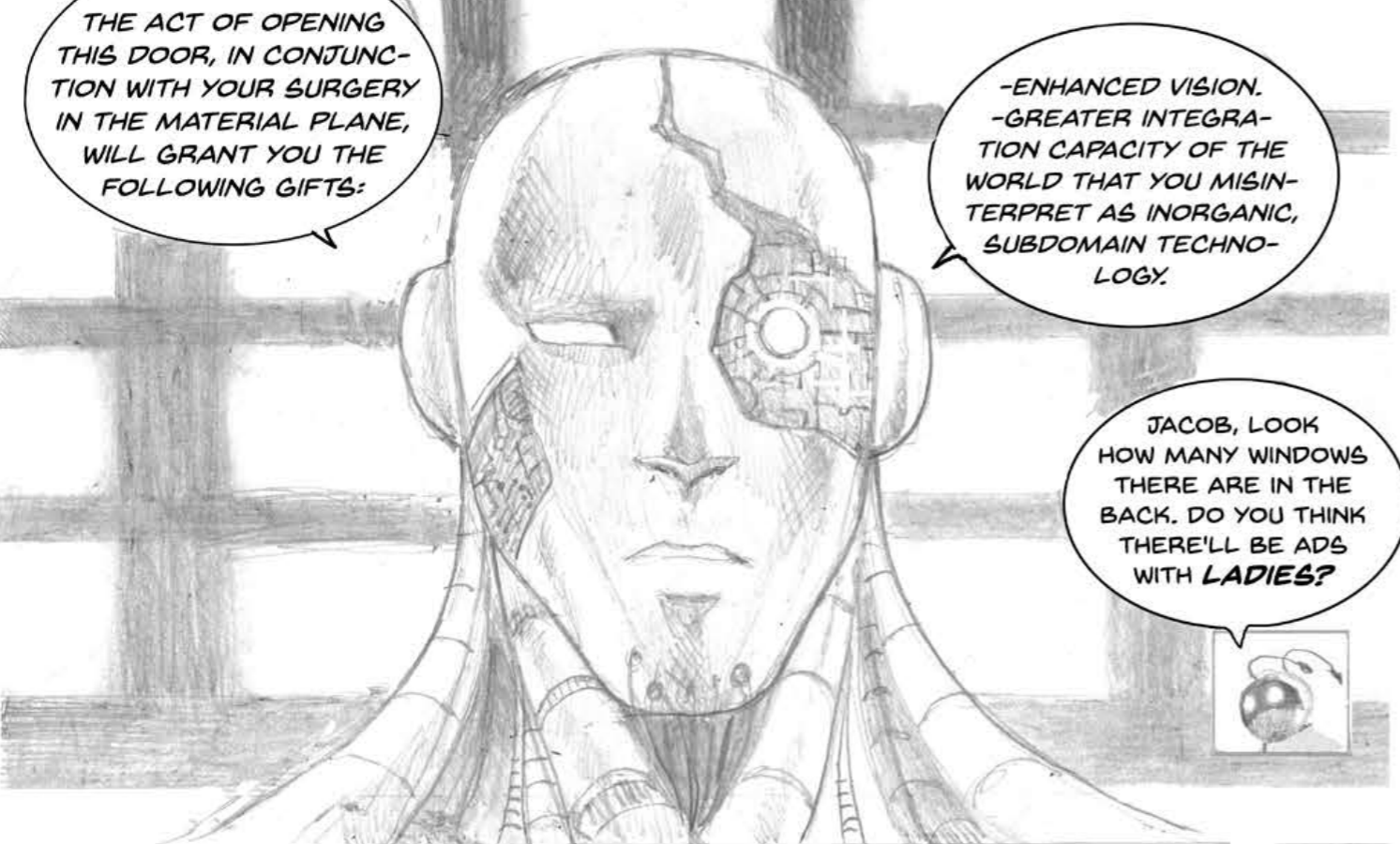
WELCOME, JACOB.



THAT'S... WEIRD.

YOU'VE INITIATED THE INSTALLATION PROCESS FOR THE RITUAL OF THE SECOND DOOR.

THE ACT OF OPENING THIS DOOR, IN CONJUNCTION WITH YOUR SURGERY IN THE MATERIAL PLANE, WILL GRANT YOU THE FOLLOWING GIFTS:



-ENHANCED VISION.
-GREATER INTEGRATION CAPACITY OF THE WORLD THAT YOU MISINTERPRET AS INORGANIC, SUBDOMAIN TECHNOLOGY.

JACOB, LOOK HOW MANY WINDOWS THERE ARE IN THE BACK. DO YOU THINK THERE'LL BE ADS WITH LADIES?

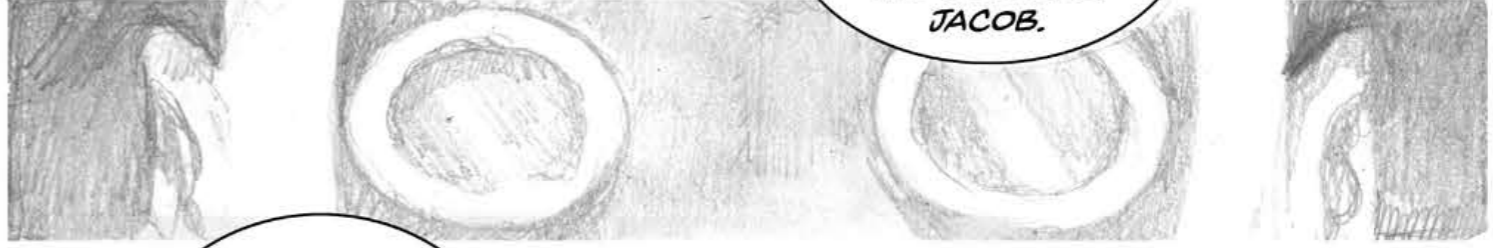


HOWEVER, THESE GIFTS YOU GIVE TO YOURSELF WILL TURN AGAINST YOU IF YOU DO NOT CRYSTALLIZE THIS POWER WITH A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF YOUR IDENTITY.



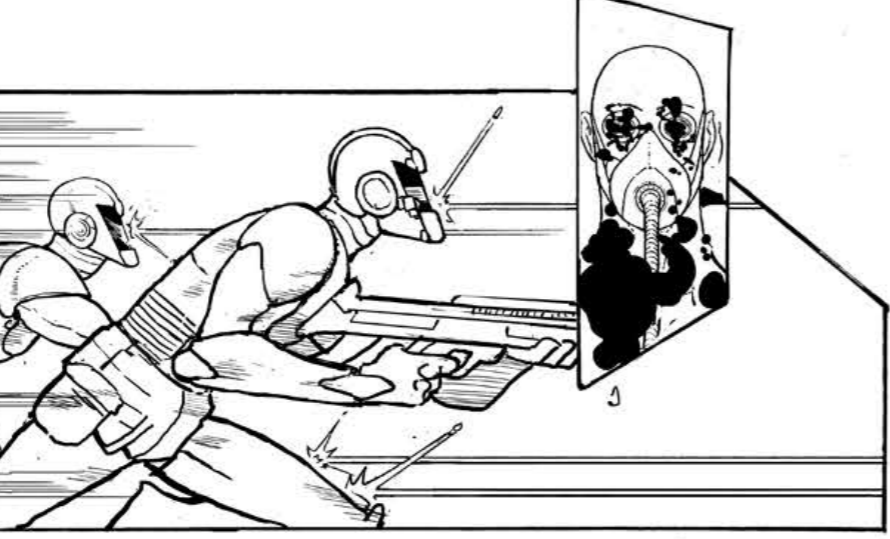
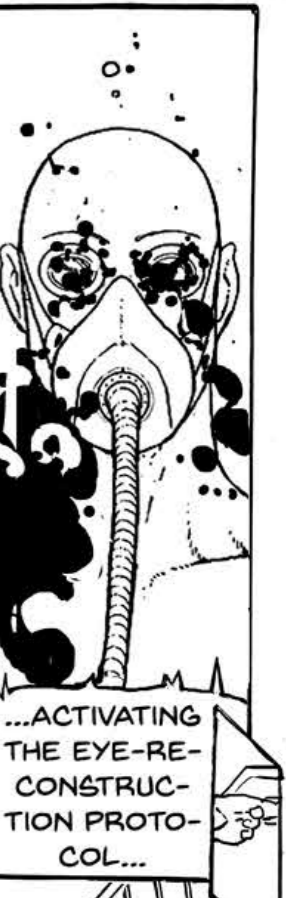
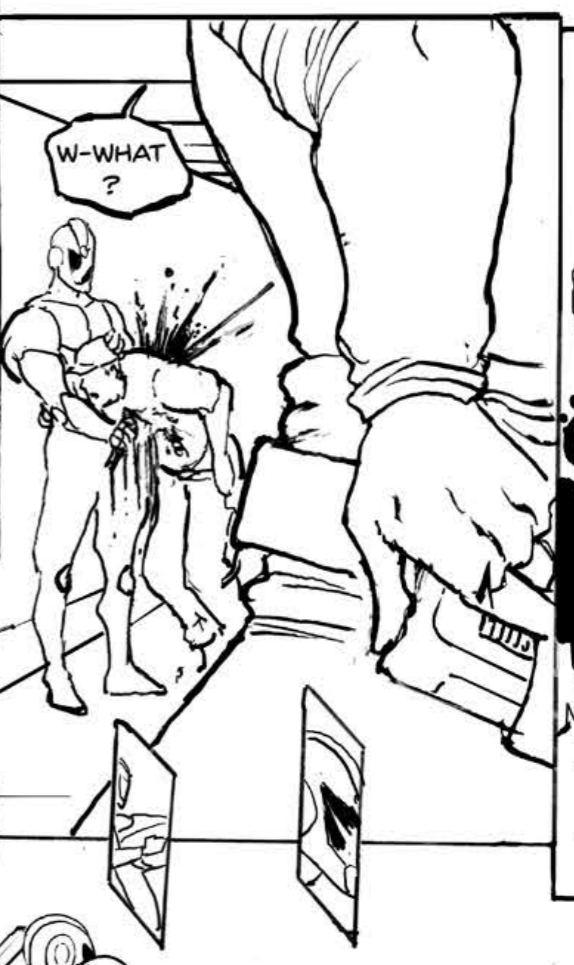
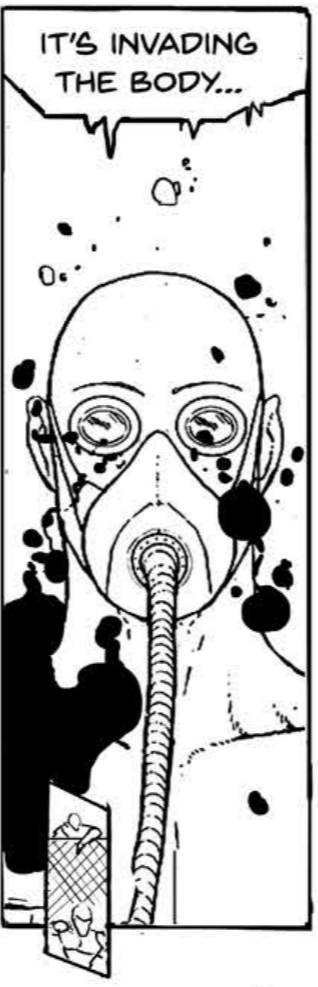
ADS OF LADIES OPEN TO CONNECTIONS, ADVENTURE AND PASSION.

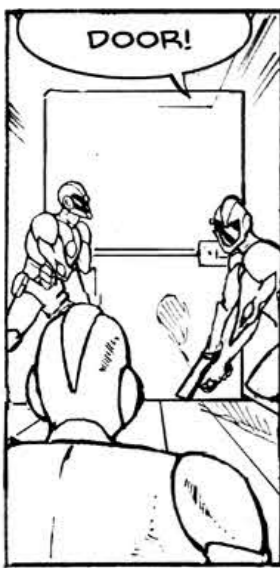
THE SECOND DOOR WILL OPEN HIDDEN ASPECTS OF YOUR SELF... WATCH THE SCREENS, JACOB.



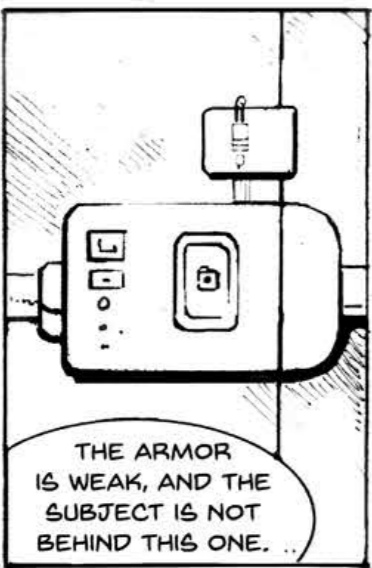
WATCH THE SCREENS. THEREIN LIES THE CONTENT UPON WHICH THE QUESTION THAT WILL CRYSTALLIZE YOUR IDENTITY IS BASED.







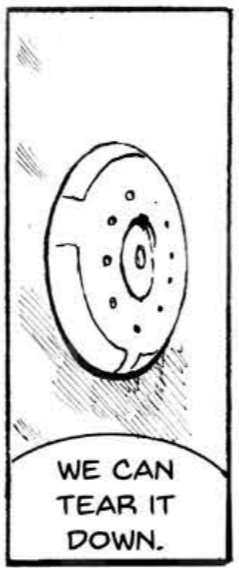
DOOR!



THE ARMOR IS WEAK, AND THE SUBJECT IS NOT BEHIND THIS ONE.



CLAC



WE CAN TEAR IT DOWN.



THEY REALLY HAVE COME...



KEEP THE EXPERIMENT GOING. DON'T STOP!

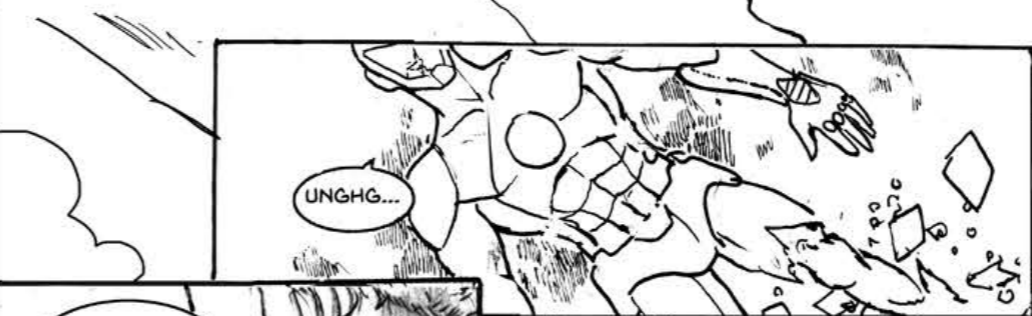
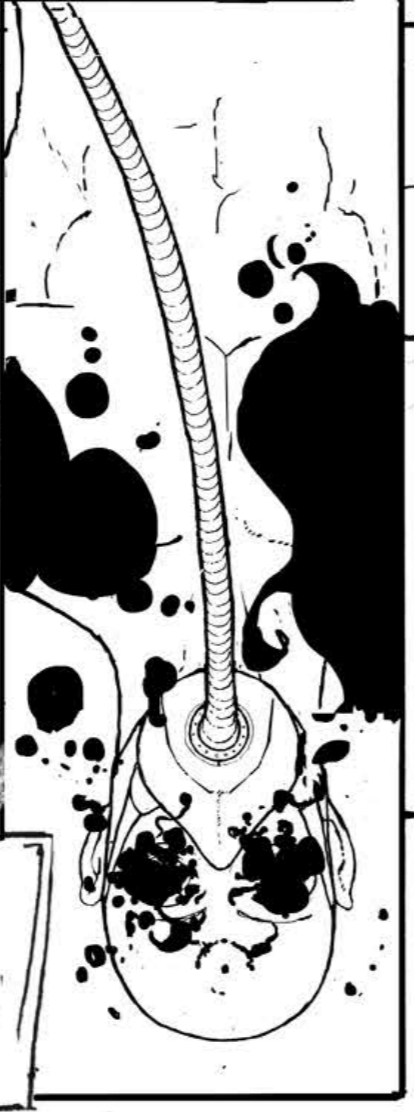


WAIT. WAIT!

AND HERE I WAS THINKING THE BOSS WAS CRAZY...



THERE ARE EXPL...
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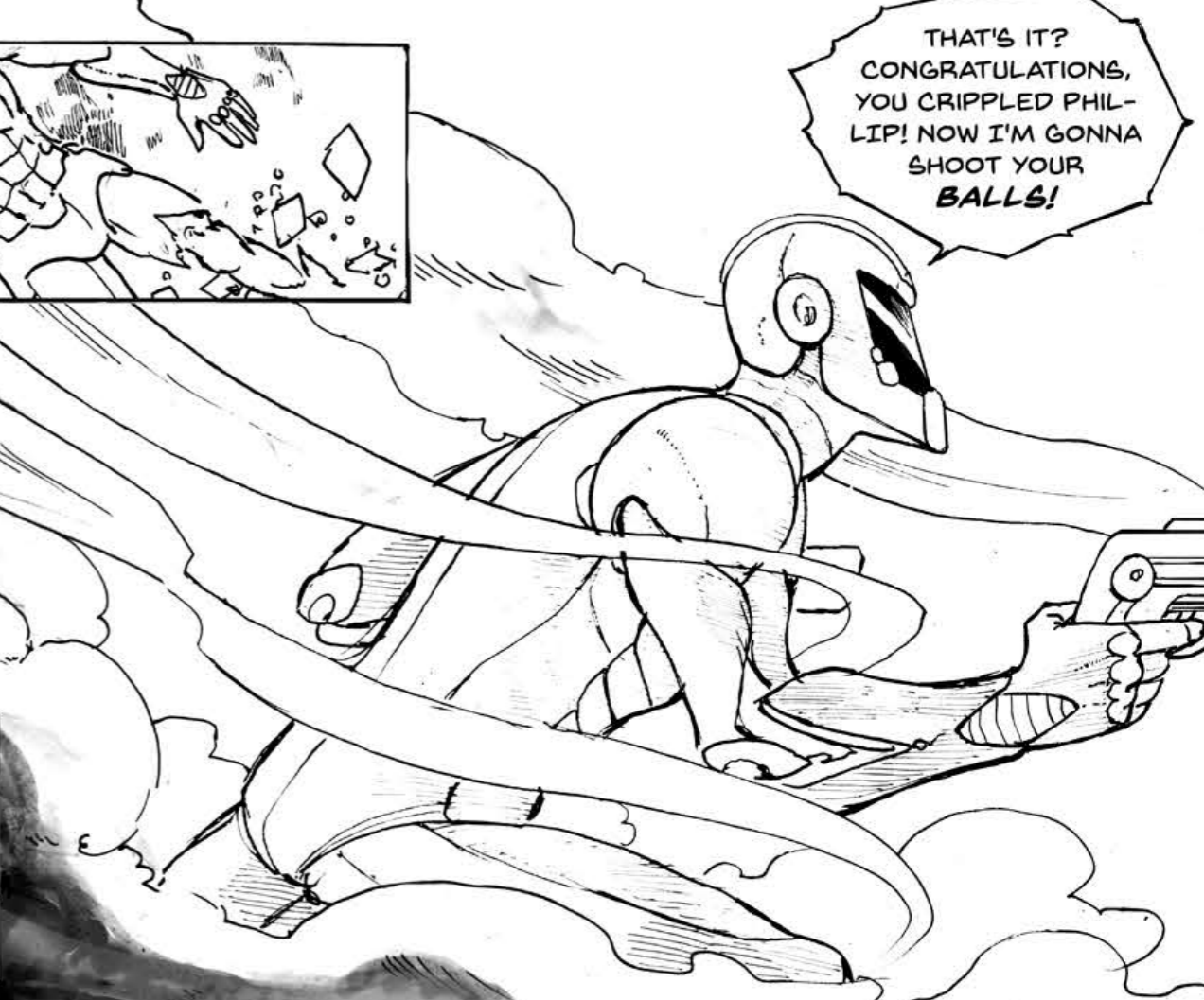


UNGHG...



DAD, I HAVE SCHOOL TOMORROW.

SO? YOU'RE AFRAID OF THE DARK! ARE YOU GOING TO GO UP THE STAIRS ALONE, WHEN THEY'RE PITCH BLACK?



THAT'S IT? CONGRATULATIONS, YOU CRIPPLED PHILIP! NOW I'M GONNA SHOOT YOUR BALLS!



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WHAT'S GOING ON?



THEY'RE COMING OUT OF NOWHERE!

HANG IN THERE! THE SUBSTANCE HAS ATTACHED ITSELF TO THE NERVOUS SYSTEM; THE BRAIN'S RECEIVING INFORMATION FROM THE IMPLANTS...

...IT'S GOING MUCH FASTER THAN EXPECTED.



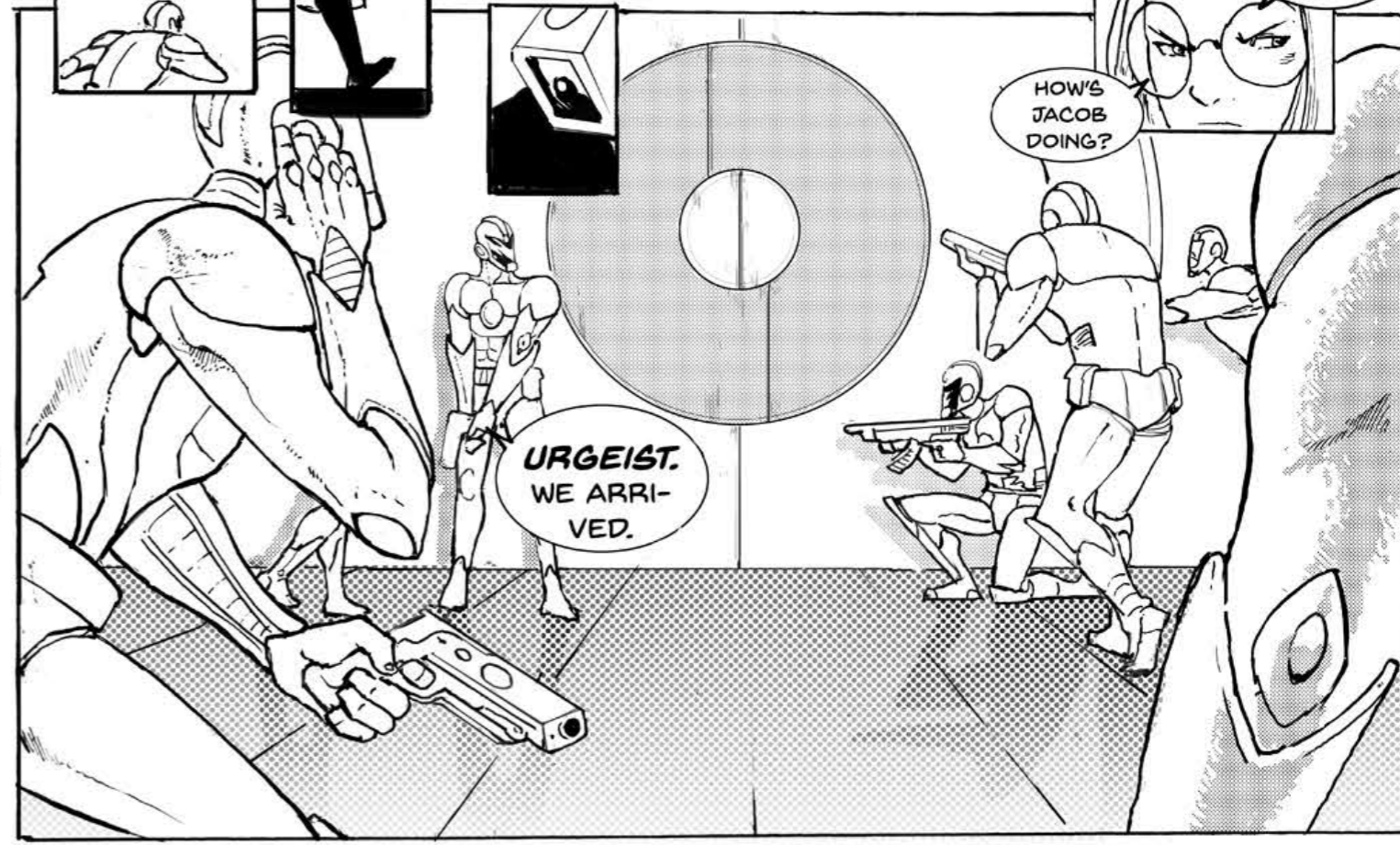
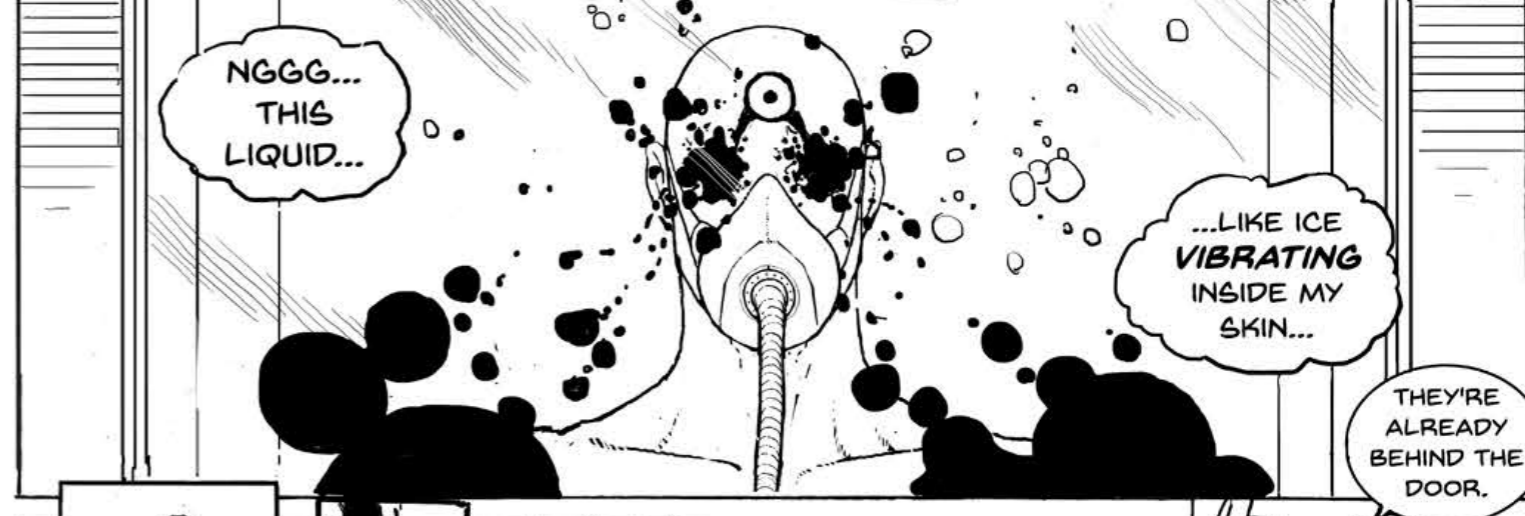
STAY ALERT! THIS DOOR HAS A SPECIAL SHIELDING, BUT I DIDN'T THINK THE OTHERS...

HA! I SHOT ONE!

NGGG... THIS LIQUID...

...LIKE ICE VIBRATING INSIDE MY SKIN...

THEY'RE ALREADY BEHIND THE DOOR.



HOW'S JACOB DOING?

URGENT. WE ARRIVED.



SO WHAT, IF YOU HAVE TO GO TO SCHOOL TOMORROW? YOU THINK YOU'RE GOING TO BE SOMEBODY? YOU'RE LIKE ME! A STUPID LOSER WHO...

YOU THINK THEY'RE GONNA GET HIM?

MA'AM, WHAT DO WE DO IF THEY WALK THROUGH THE DOOR?

UNTIL JACOB CAN COME OUT.



SHOULD WE KNOCK IT DOWN?

NO. MAYBE WE'D HURT THE SUBJECT.

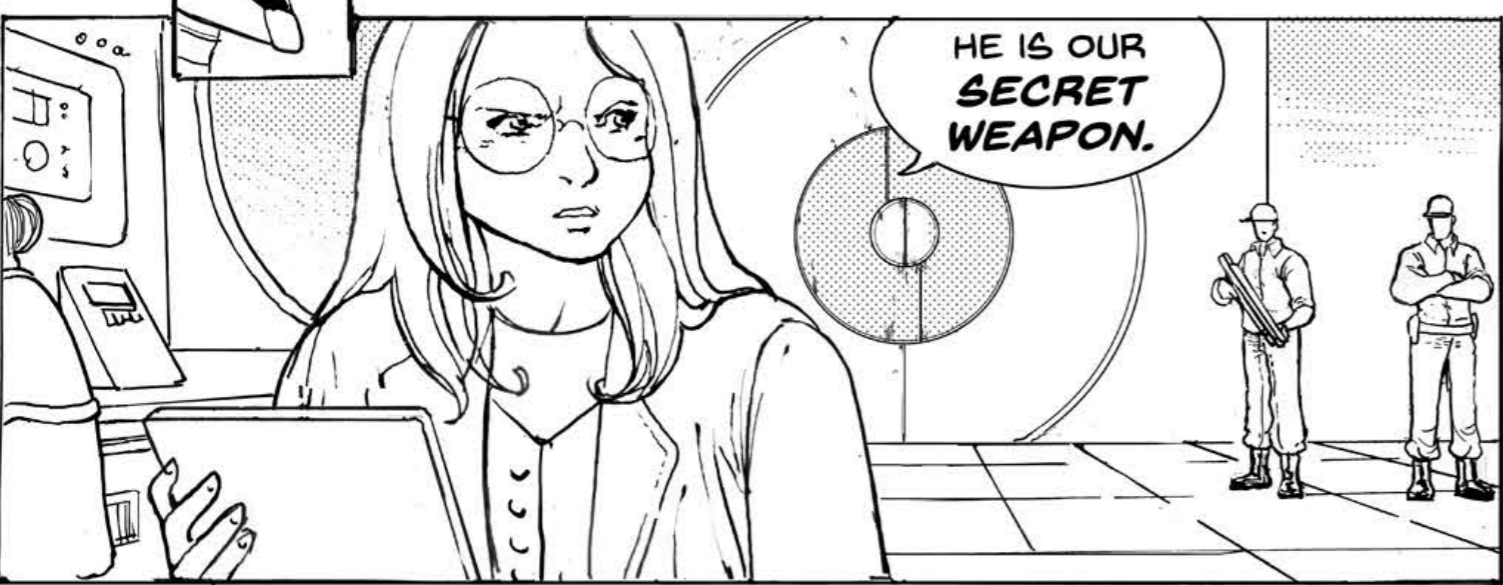
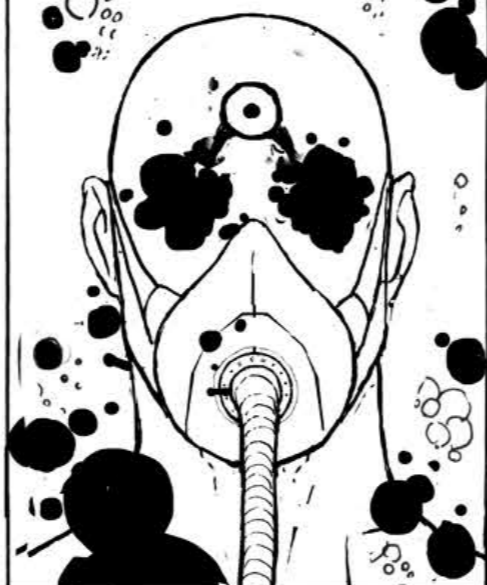


HAH. I DOUBT IT.

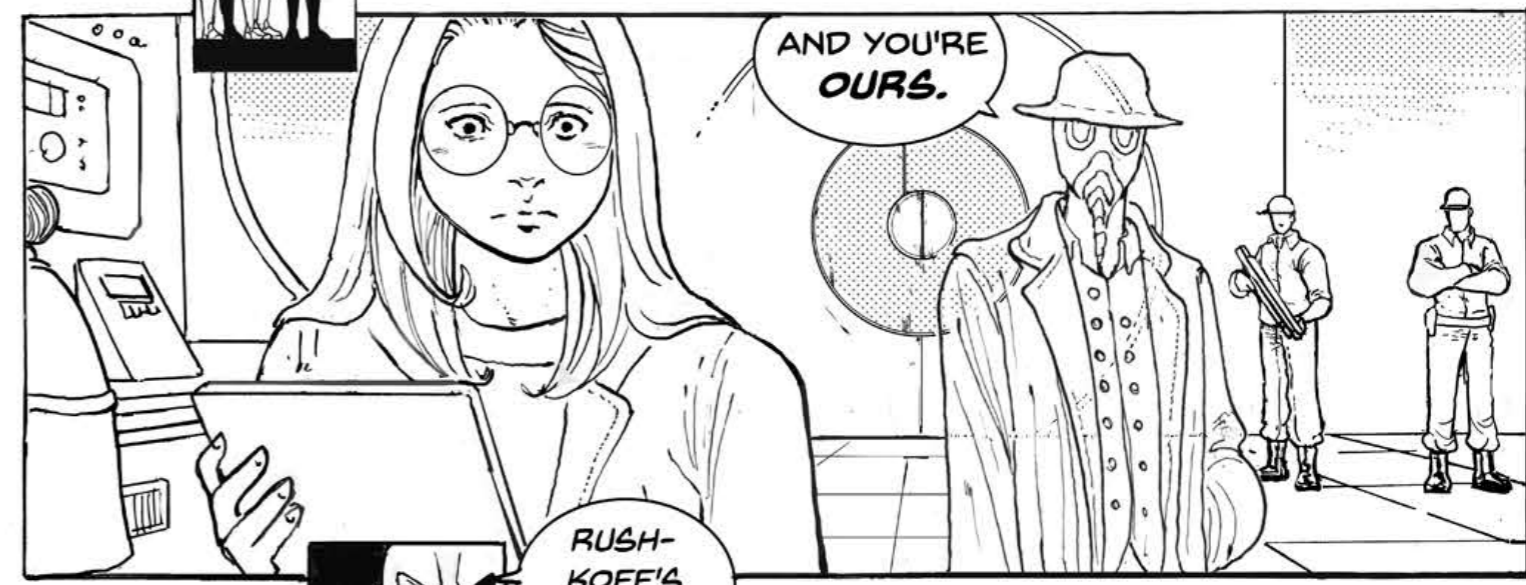


WHAT THEN?

WE'LL HOLD.



HE IS OUR SECRET WEAPON.



AND YOU'RE OURS.

RUSH-KOFF'S INSIDE.

DID YOU REALLY THINK YOU STOLE THE SHADOWGENE?

DAD, I'M SLEEPY.

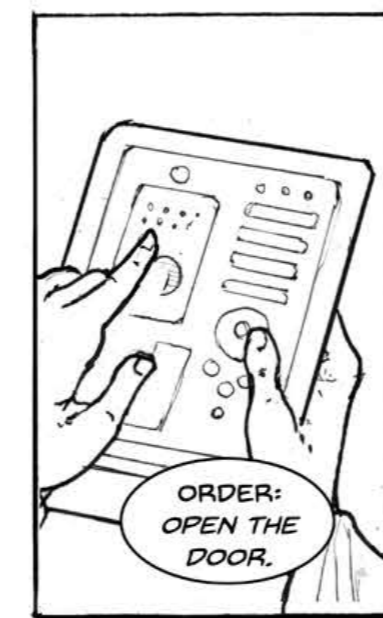
YOUR MOTHER ABANDONED US, GET IT?

YOUR MOTHER KNEW ABOUT YOUR FEARS, ABOUT YOU "SEEING MONSTERS," AND SHE STILL LEFT!

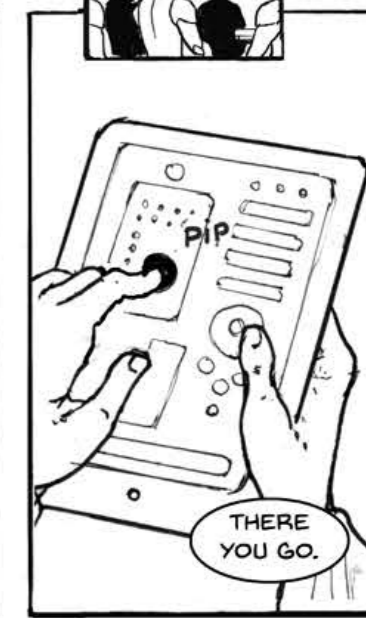
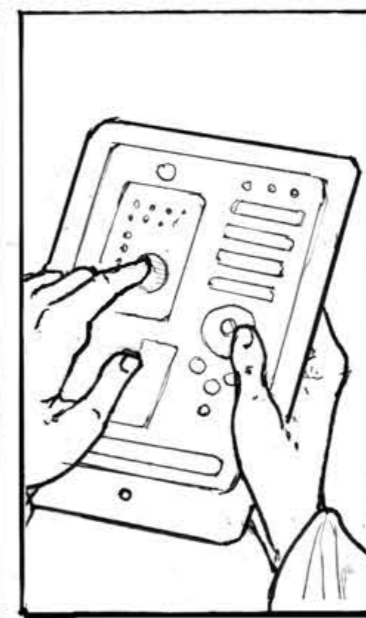
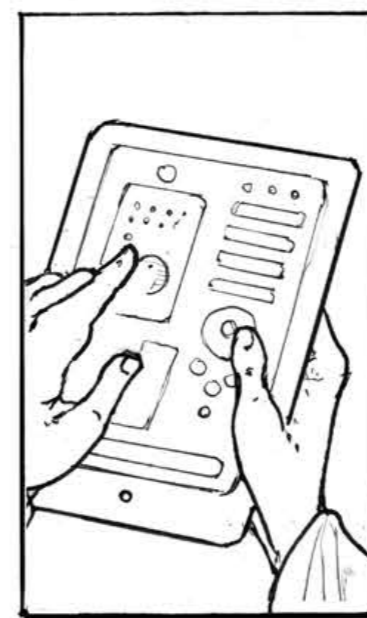
YOU KNOW WHAT TO DO, CLARISSE.



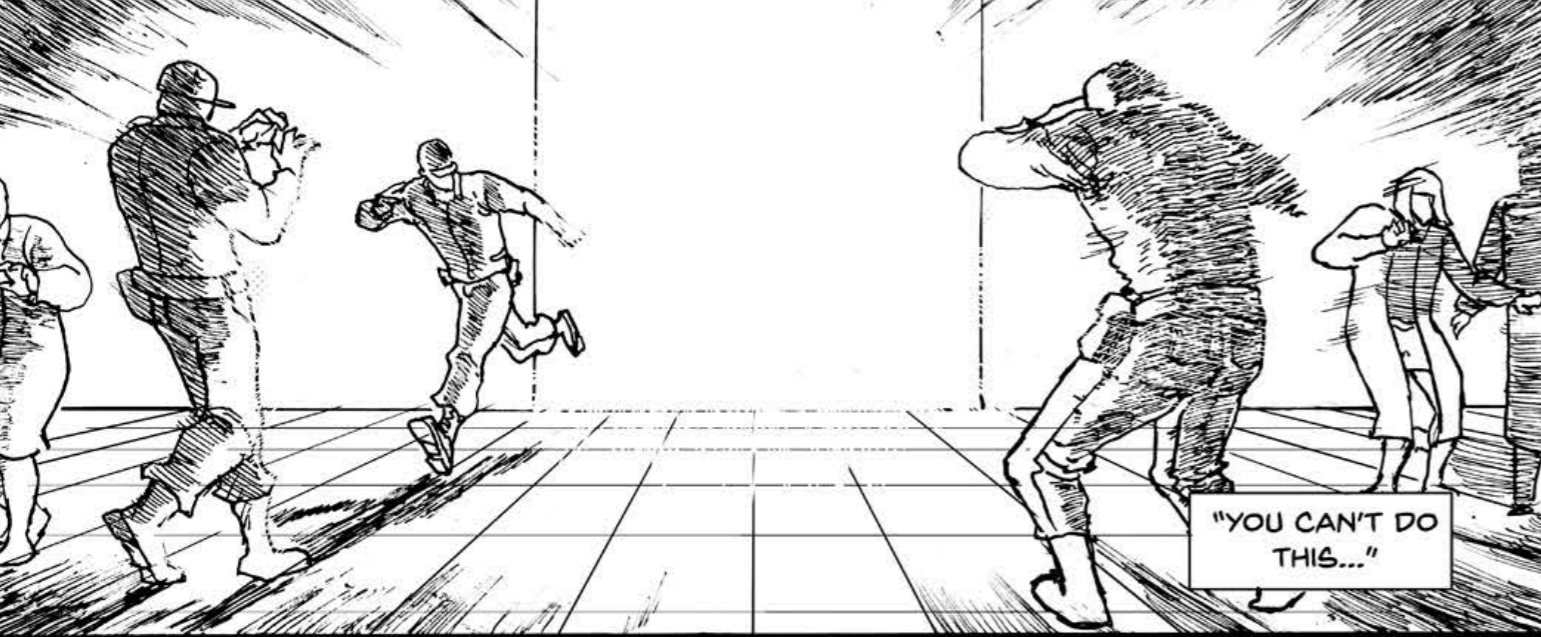
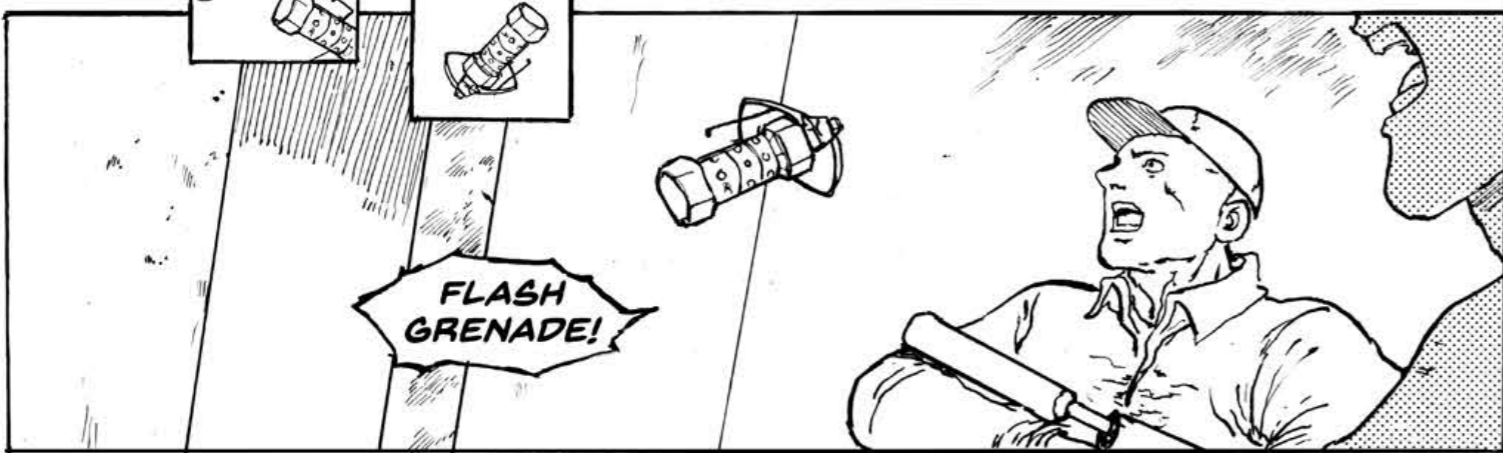
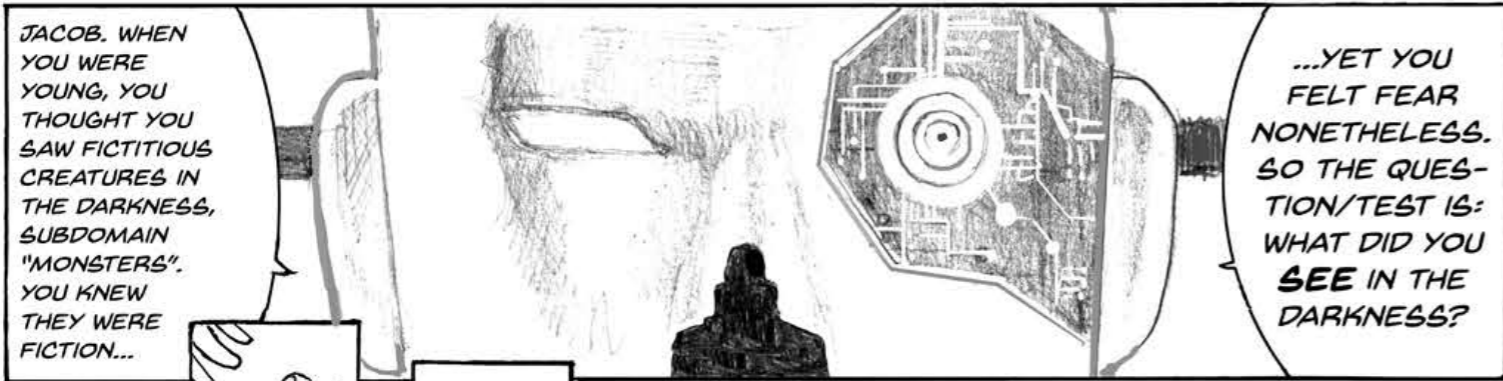
HE'LL TAKE CARE OF IT.

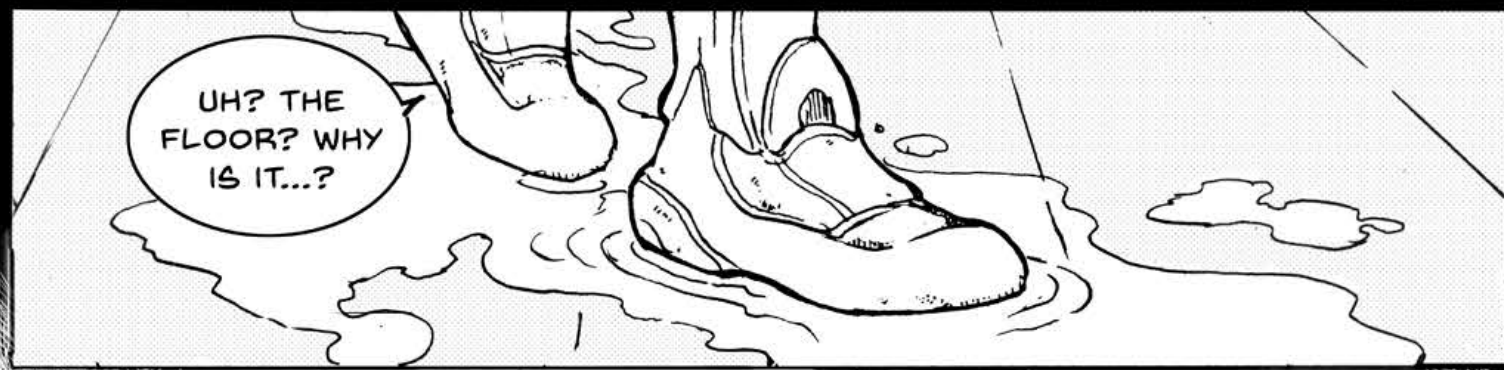


ORDER: OPEN THE DOOR.

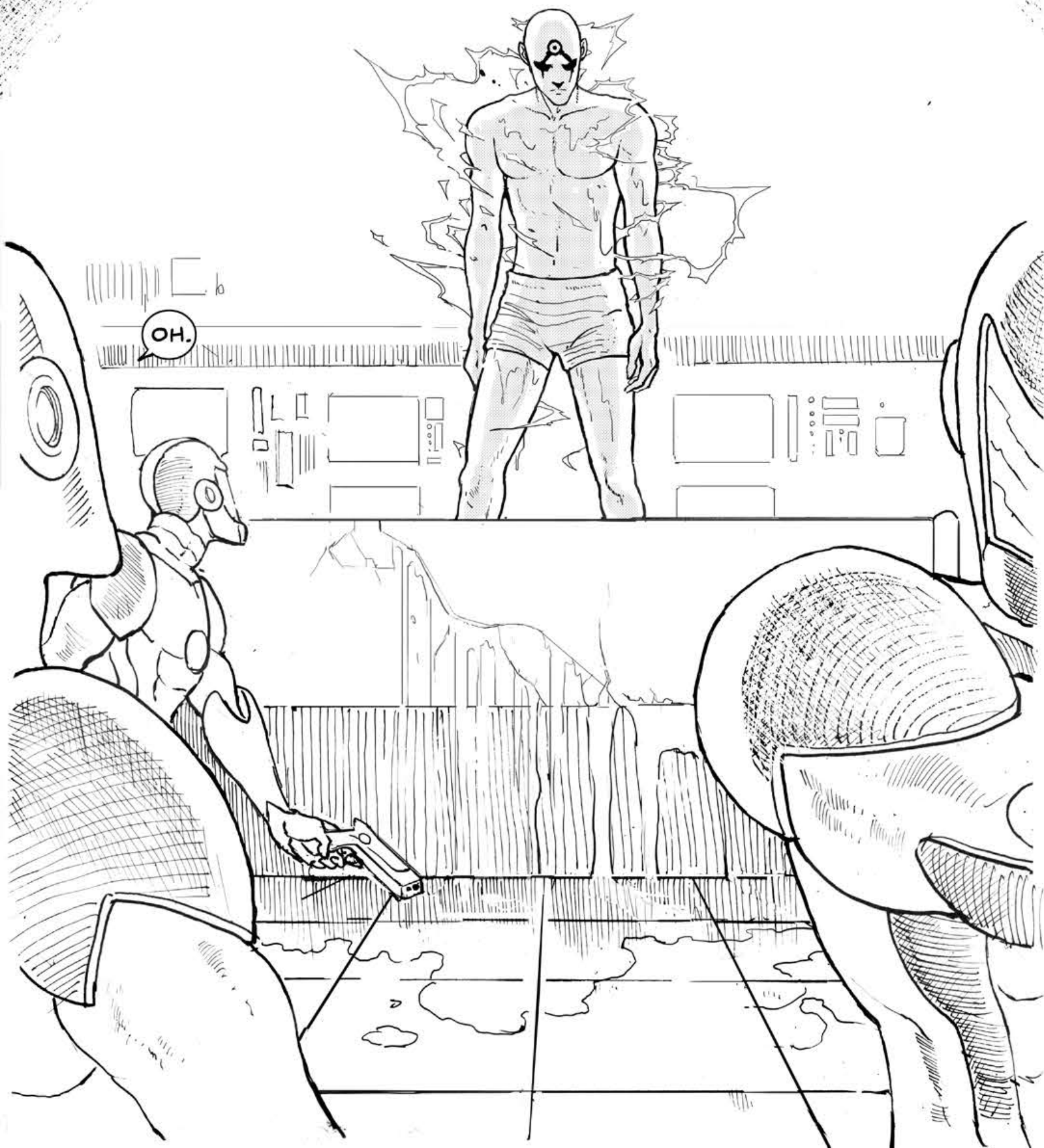


THERE YOU GO.





UH? THE FLOOR? WHY IS IT...?



OH.

...TO BE CONTINUED

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