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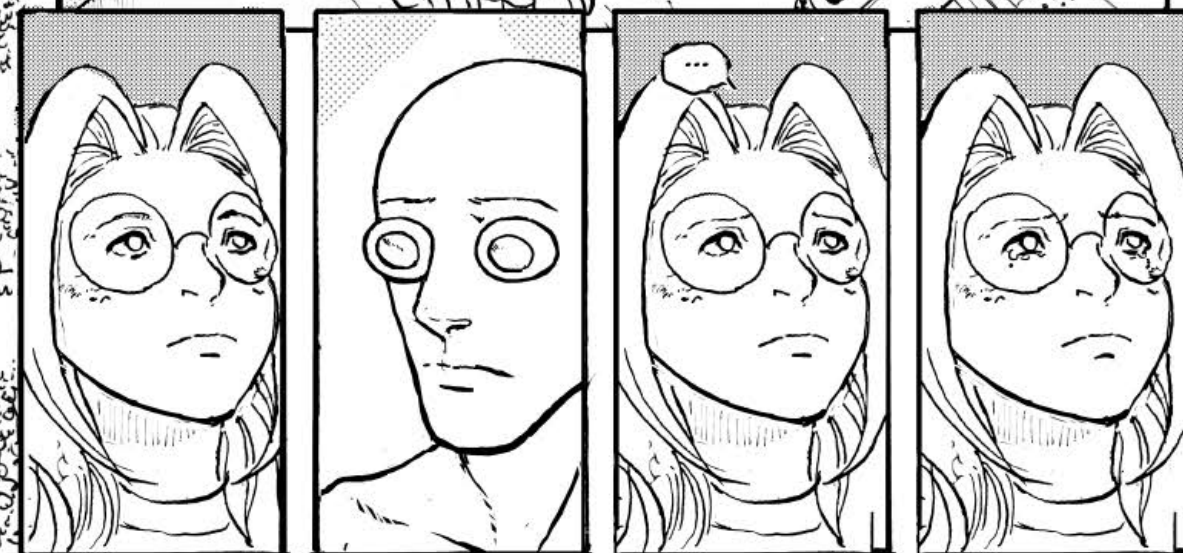
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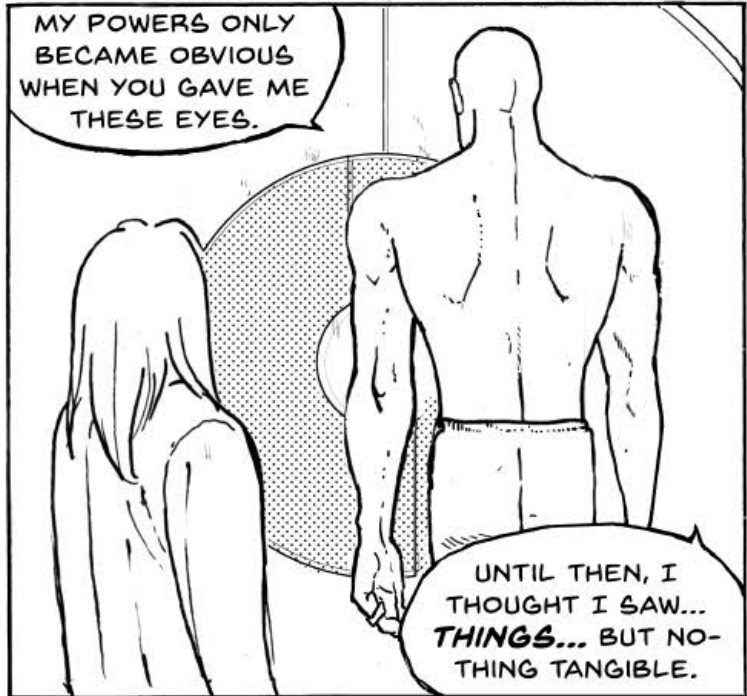
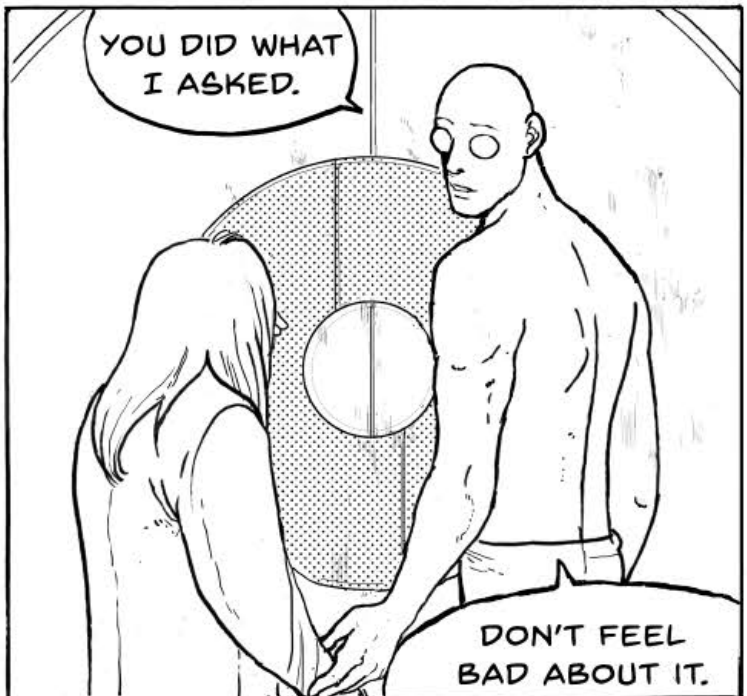
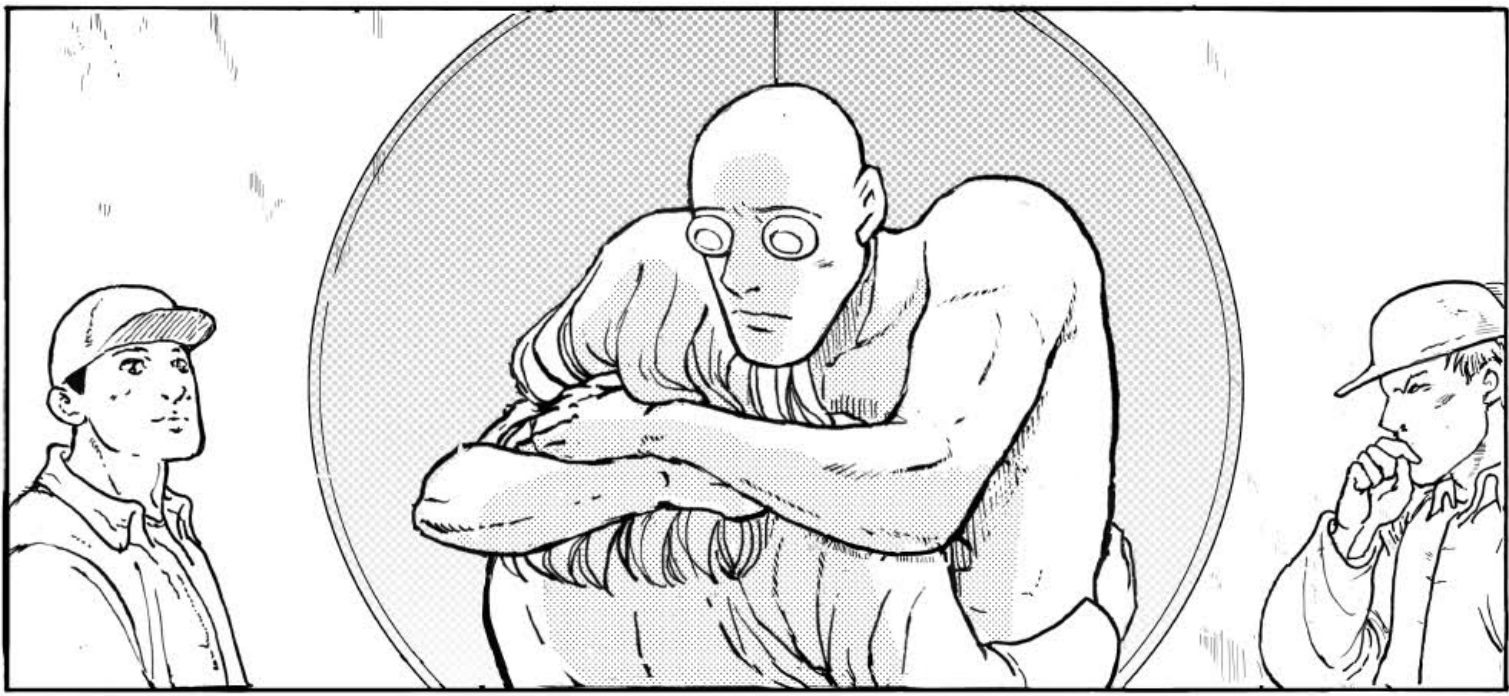


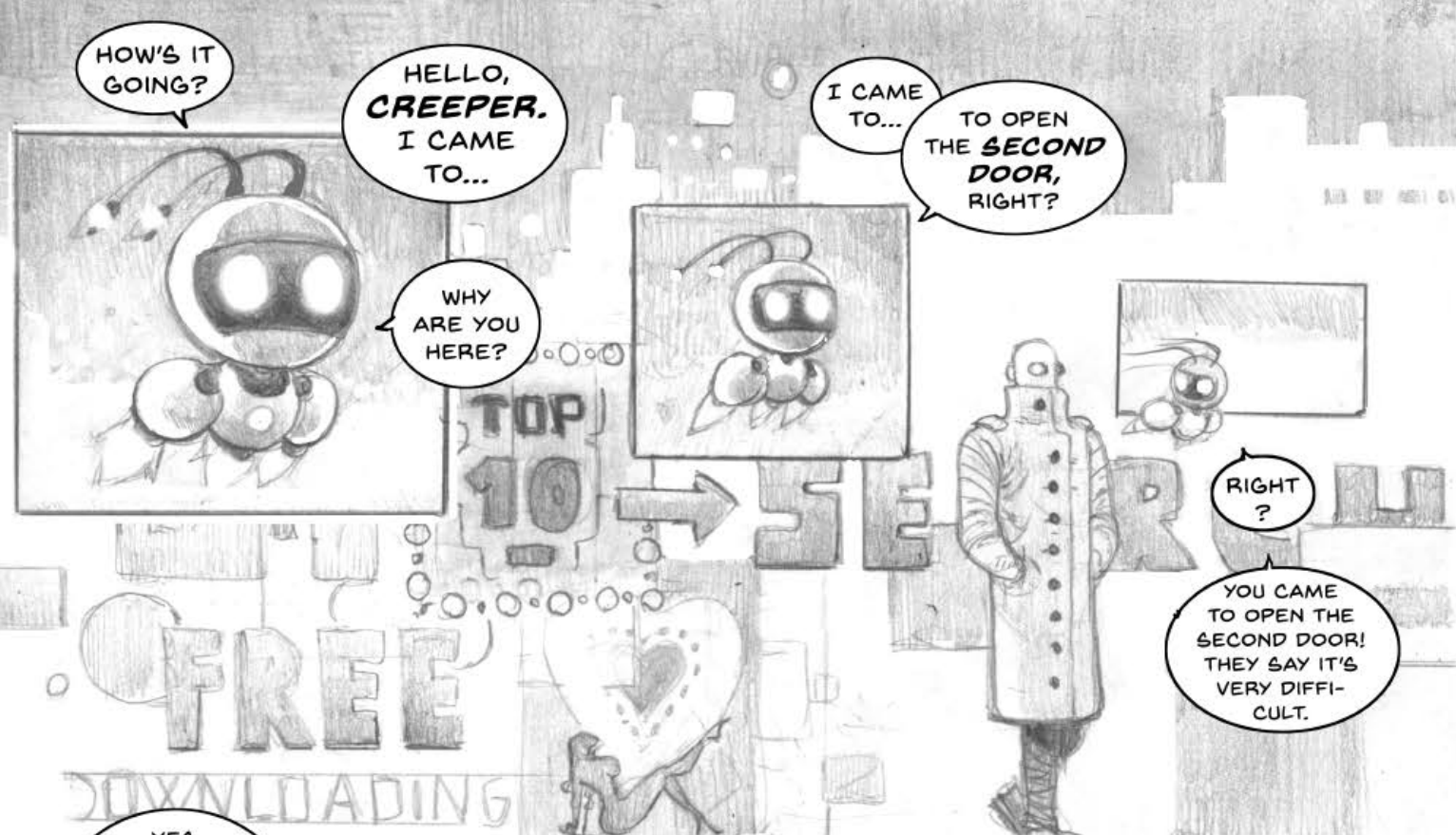
REMEMBER
THE FIRST
TIME?

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

YOU REVIVI-
FIED THE COMPANY.
YOUR IMPLANTS PUT
US **TEN YEARS**
AHEAD OF THE
COMPETITION.







HOW'S IT GOING?

HELLO, **CREEPER**. I CAME TO...

WHY ARE YOU HERE?

I CAME TO...

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

RIGHT?

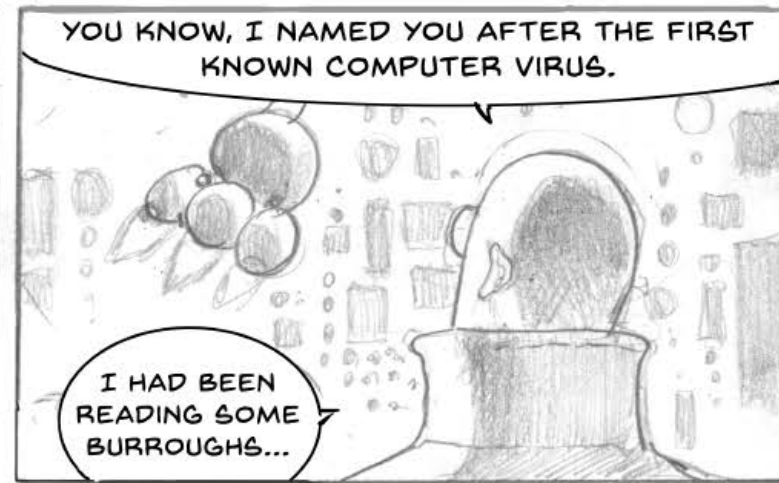
YOU CAME TO OPEN THE **SECOND DOOR**! THEY SAY IT'S VERY DIFFICULT.



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...

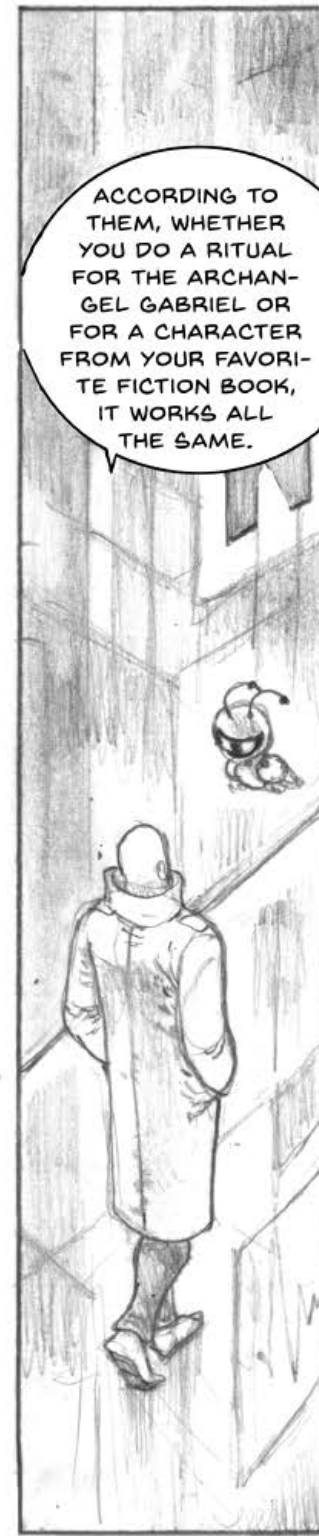


HE THOUGHT OF LANGUAGE AS THE FIRST **VIRUS**; ONE THAT ATTACKS MINDS...

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.

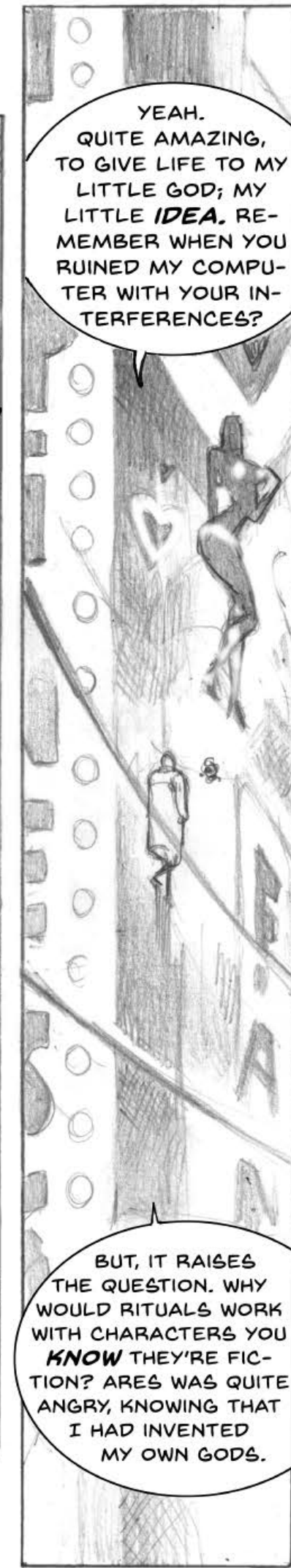


ACCORDING TO THEM, WHETHER YOU DO A RITUAL FOR THE ARCHANGEL GABRIEL OR FOR A CHARACTER FROM YOUR FAVORITE FICTION BOOK, IT WORKS ALL THE SAME.



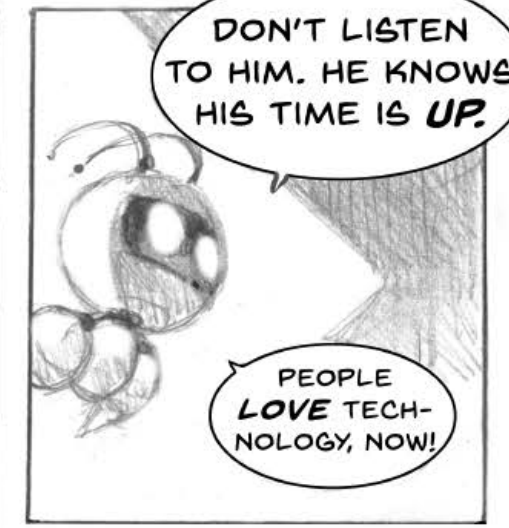
SO I INVENTED YOU.

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.

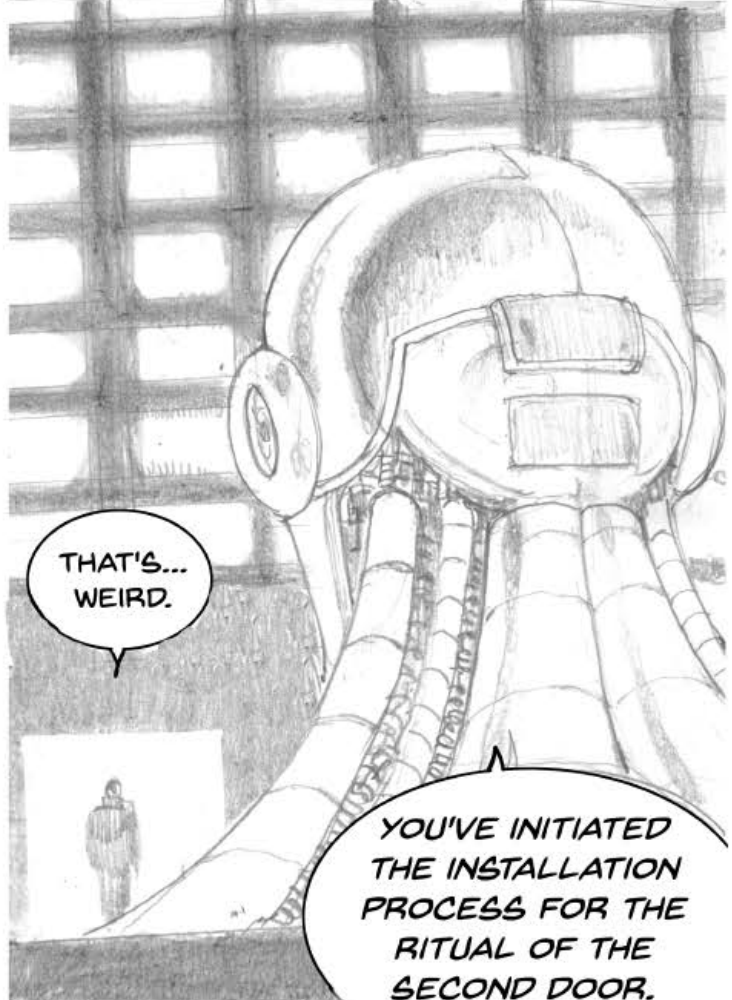
THE SECOND DOOR! HOW EXCITING!



LET'S SEE...

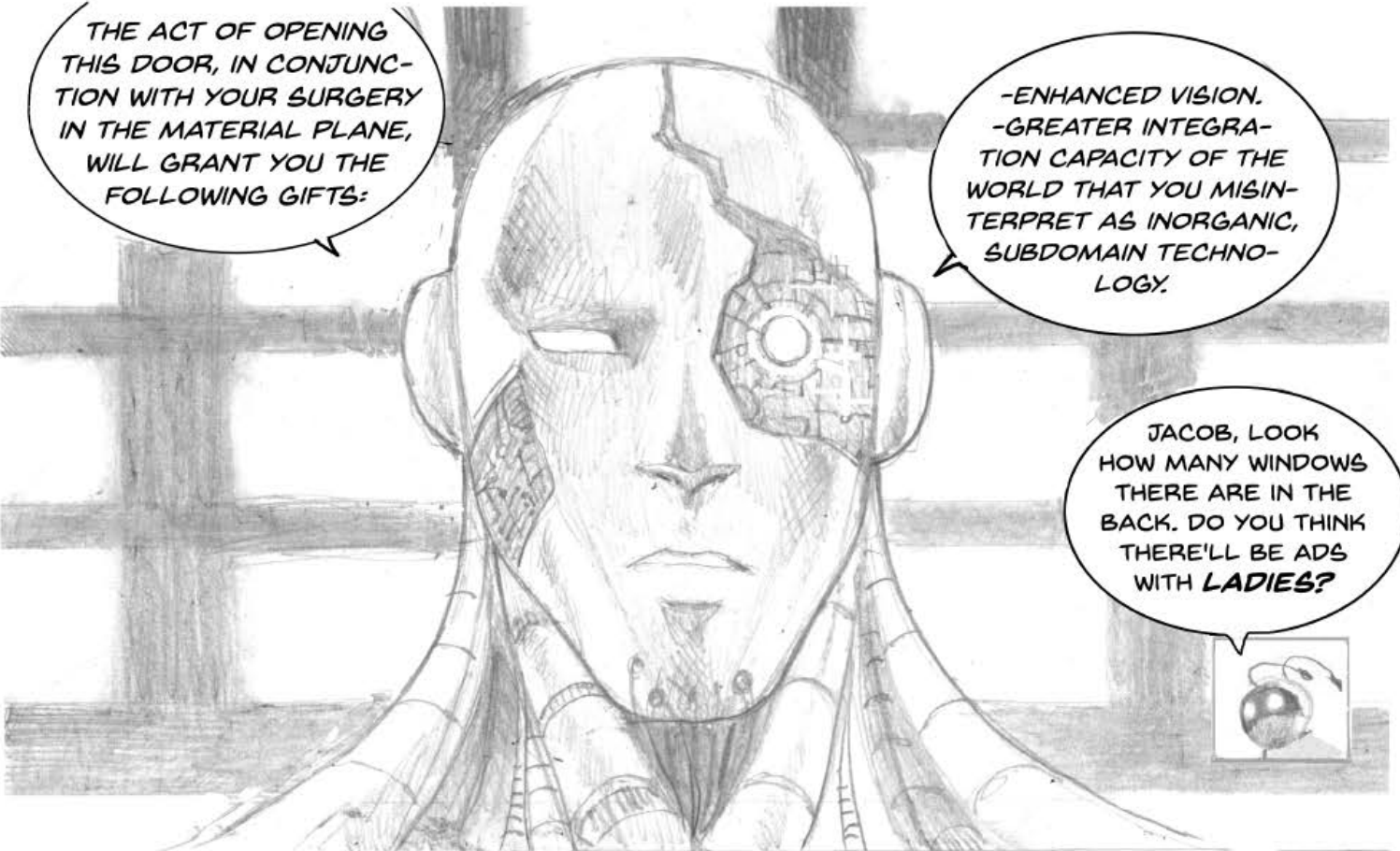
WOOO ...

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?

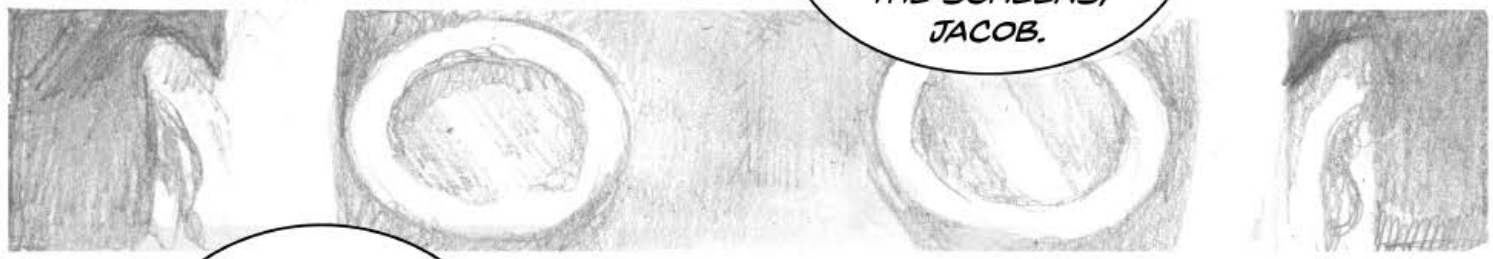


HOWEVER, THESE GIFTS YOU GIVE TO YOURSELF WILL TURN AGAINST YOU IF YOU DO NOT CRYSTALLIZE THIS POWER WITH A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF YOUR IDENTITY.



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.





THE CREA-
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BEGUN TO RE-
PLACE THE
IMPLANTS.



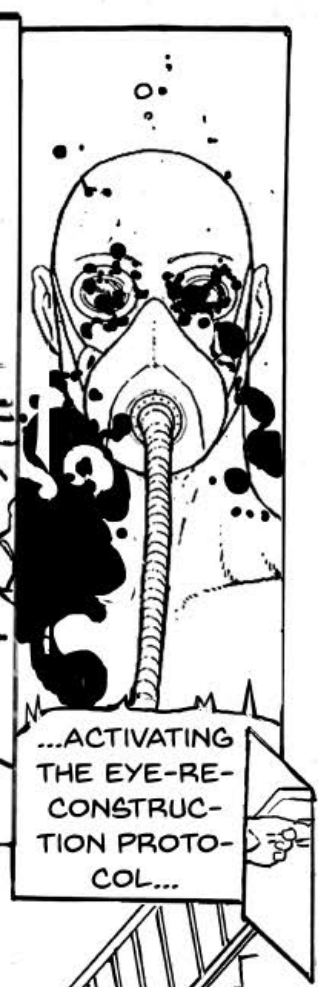
WHY DID THE
CHIEF REIN-
FORCE SECU-
RITY SO MUCH?



IT'S INVADING
THE BODY...



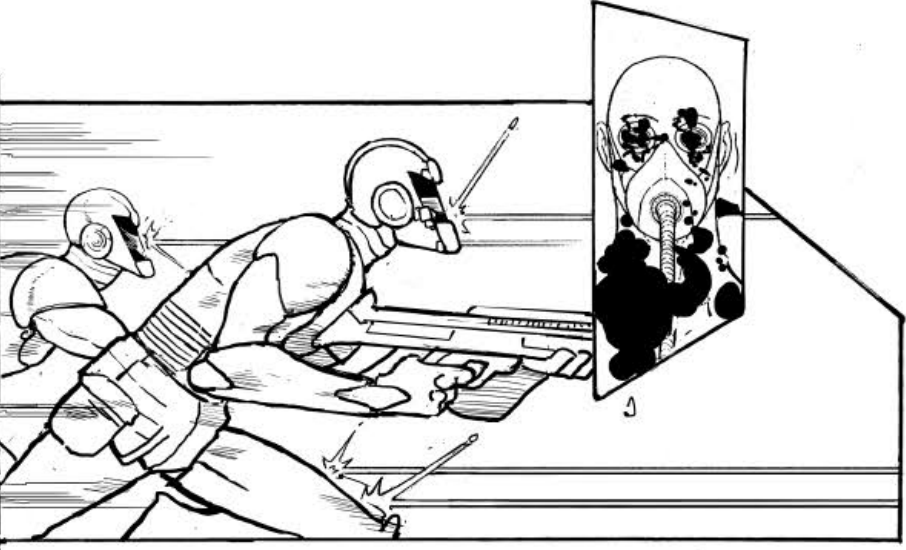
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INTRUDERS IN
THE LOBBY!

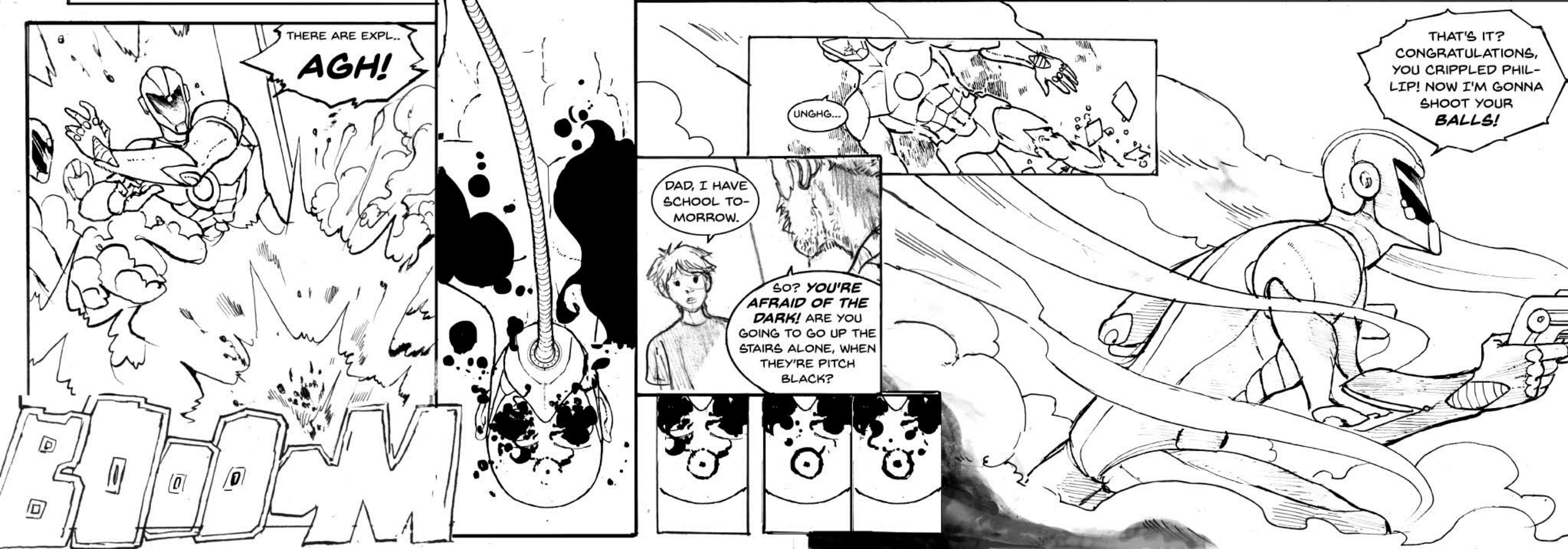
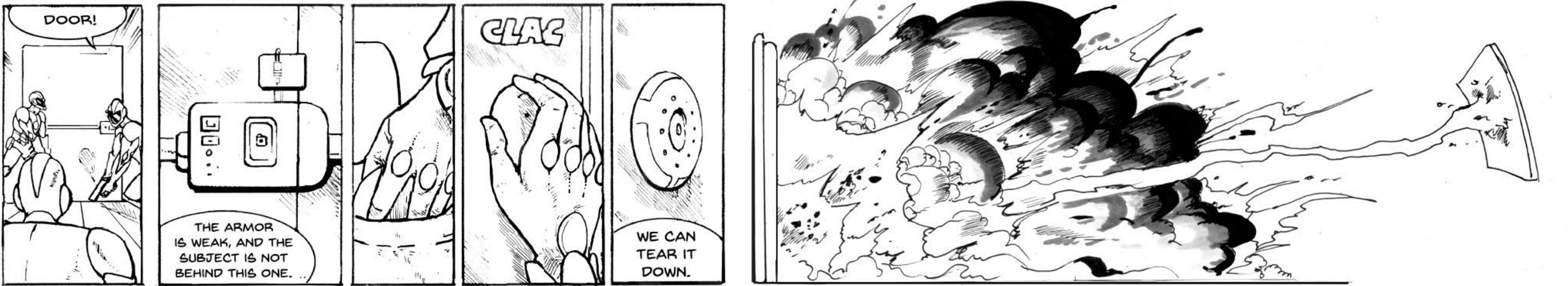


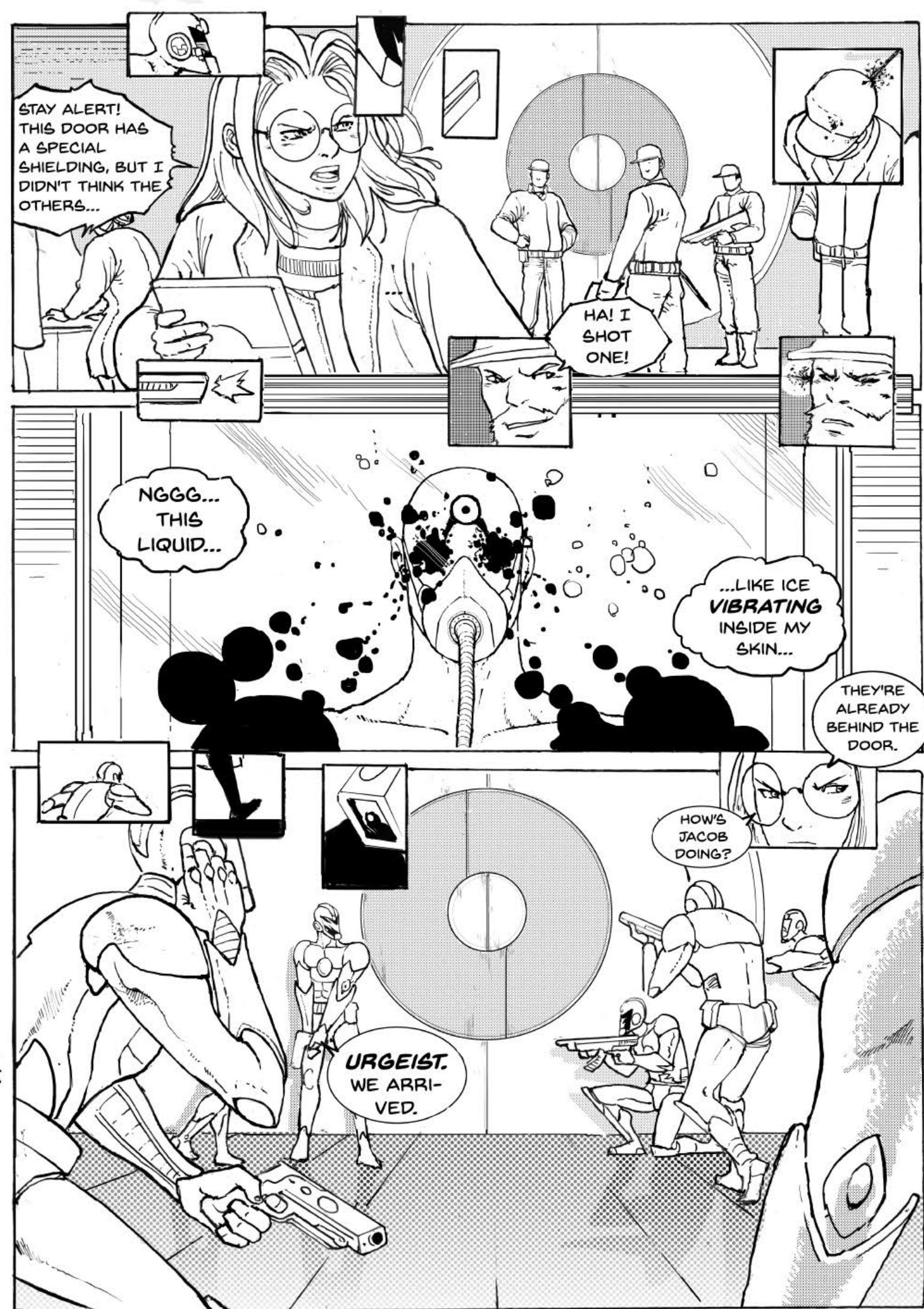
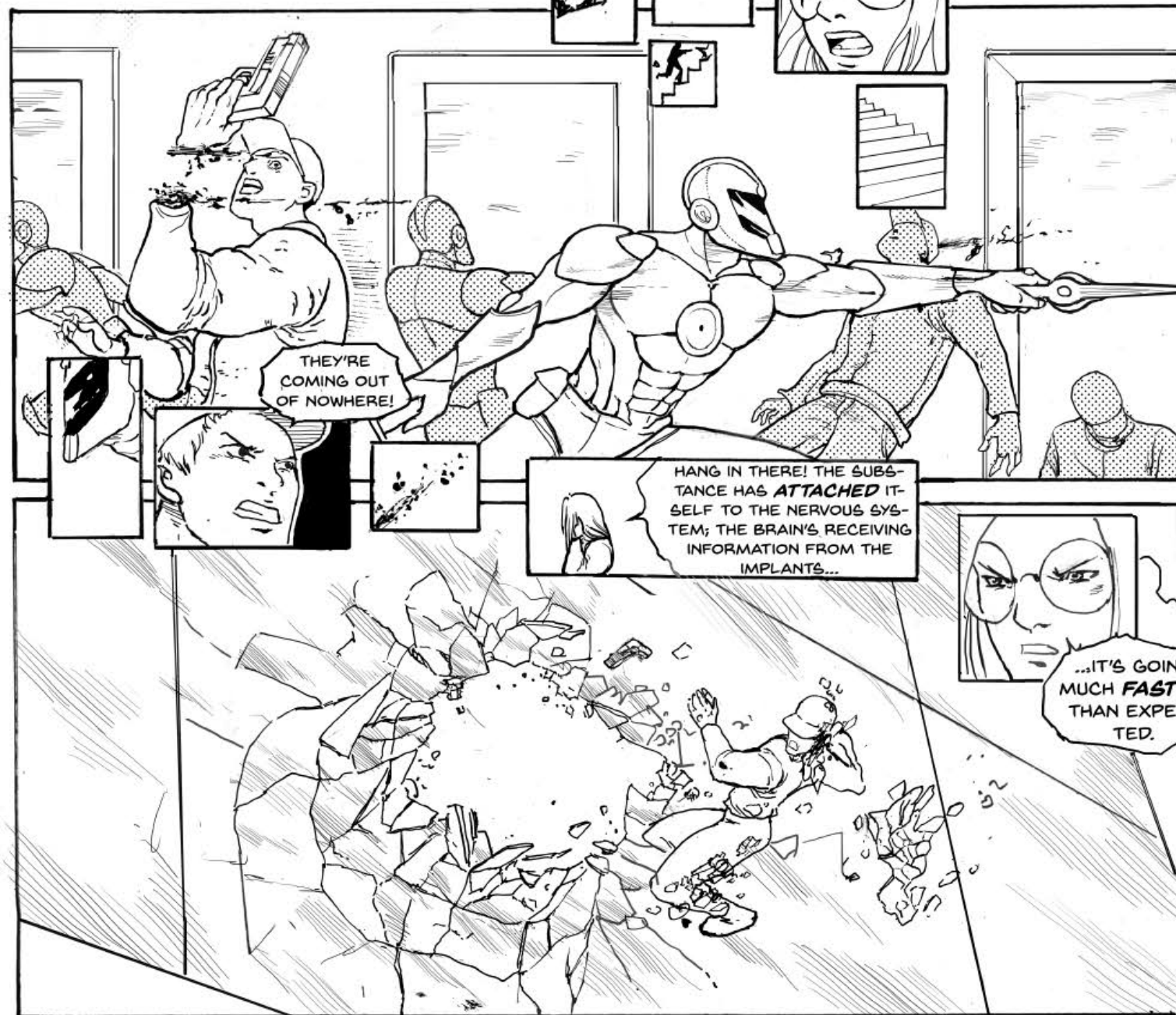
BULLETS
DON'T WORK!



I
REPEAT!









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.

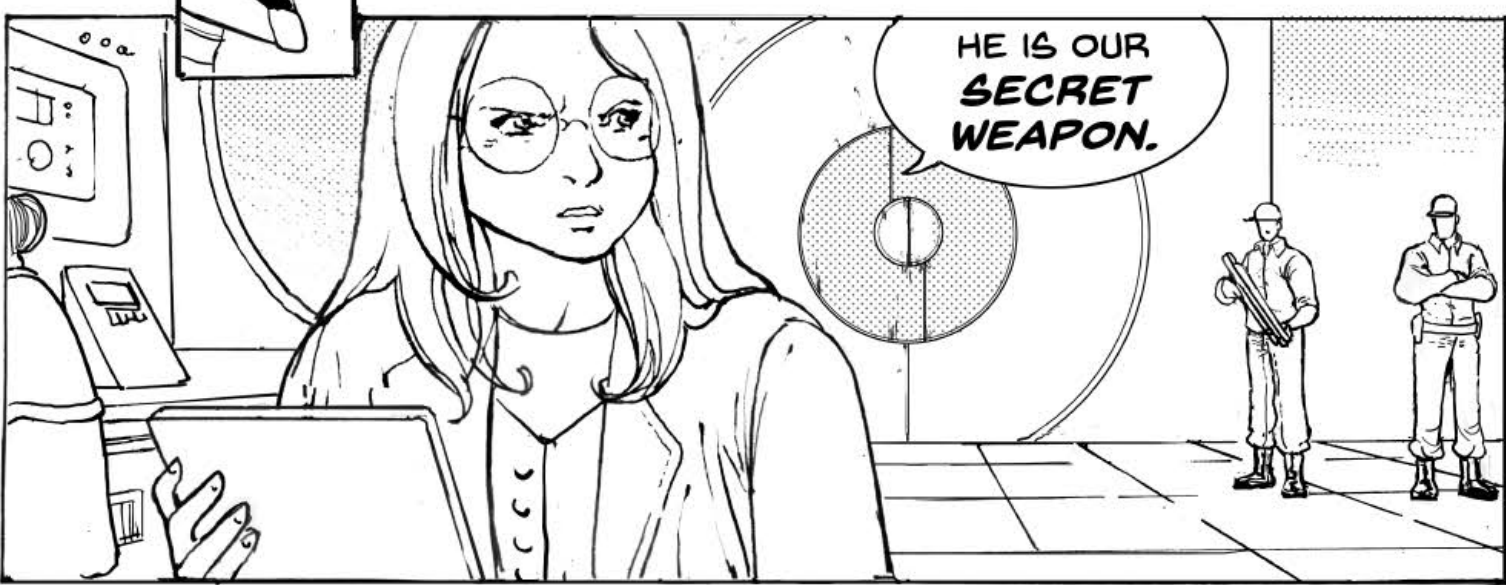


HAH. I DOUBT IT.

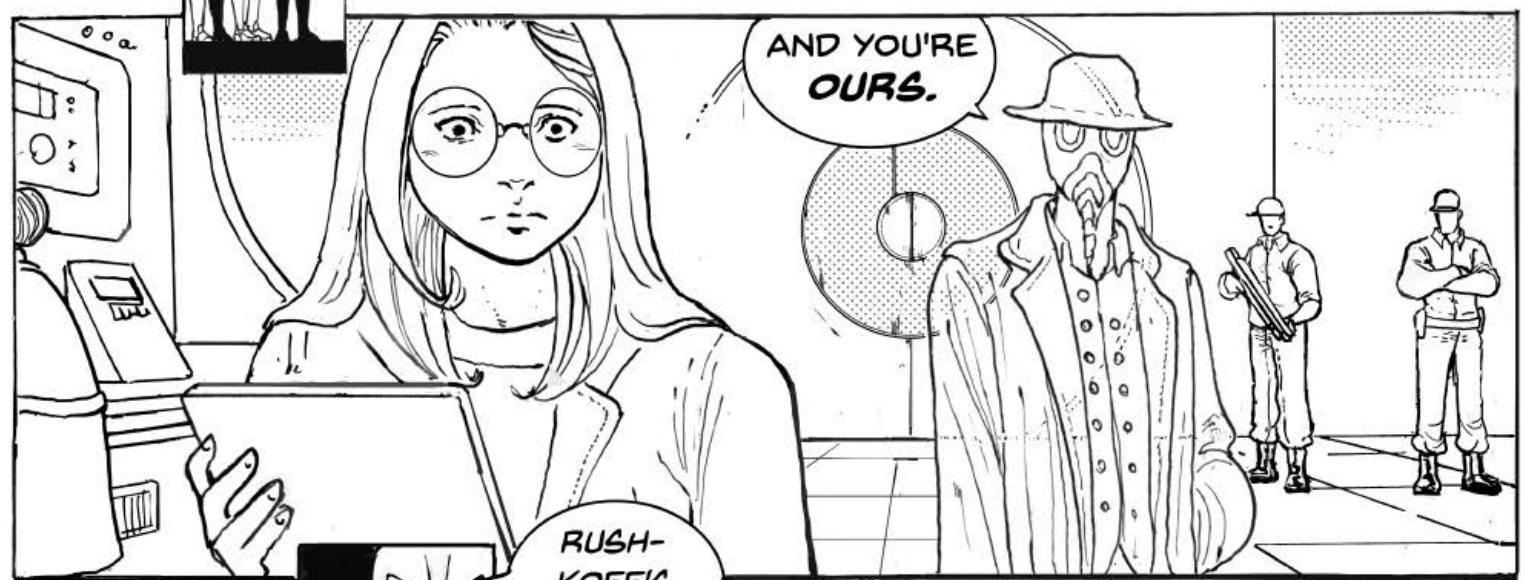


WHAT THEN?

WE'LL HOLD.

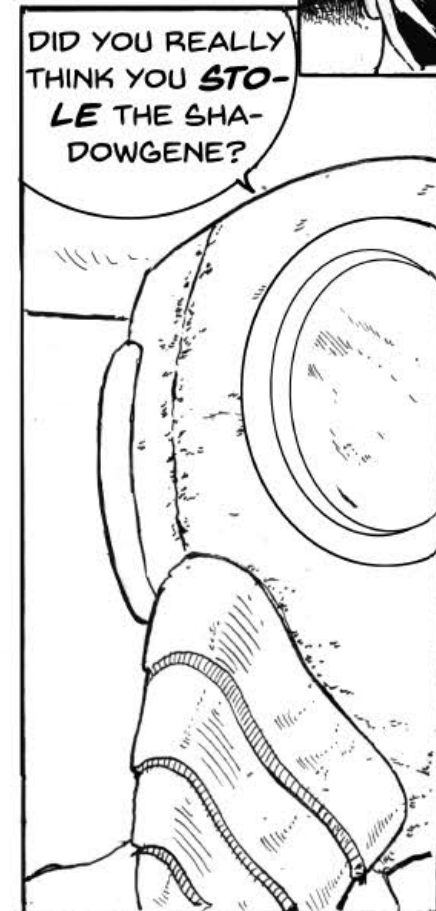


HE IS OUR **SECRET WEAPON.**



AND YOU'RE **OURS.**

RUSH-KOFF'S INSIDE.



DID YOU REALLY THINK YOU **STOLE** THE SHADOWGENE?



DAD, I'M SLEEPY.

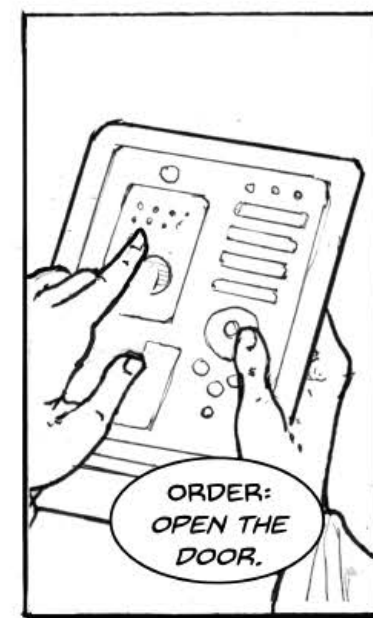
YOUR MOTHER **ABANDONED** US, GET IT?

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

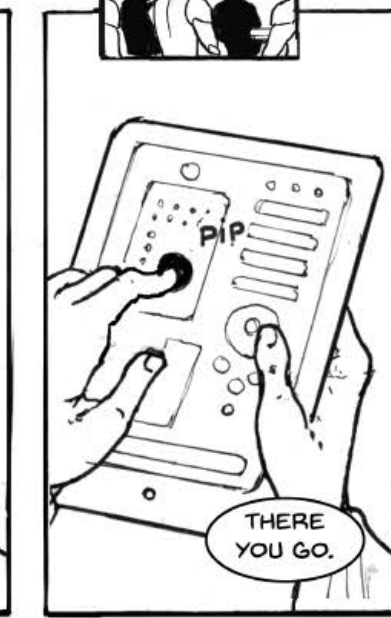
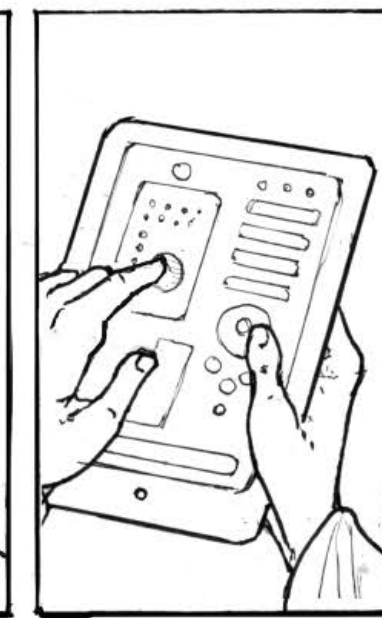
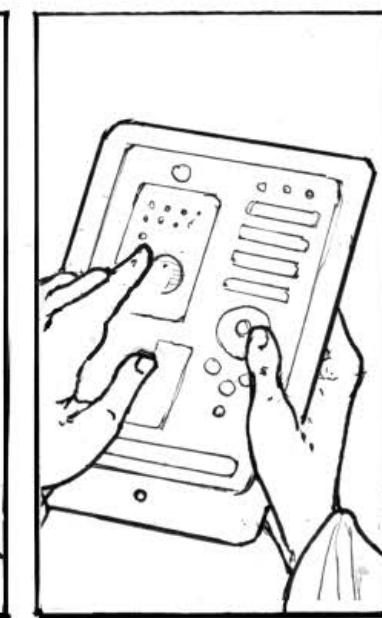


YOU KNOW WHAT TO **DO**, CLARISSE.

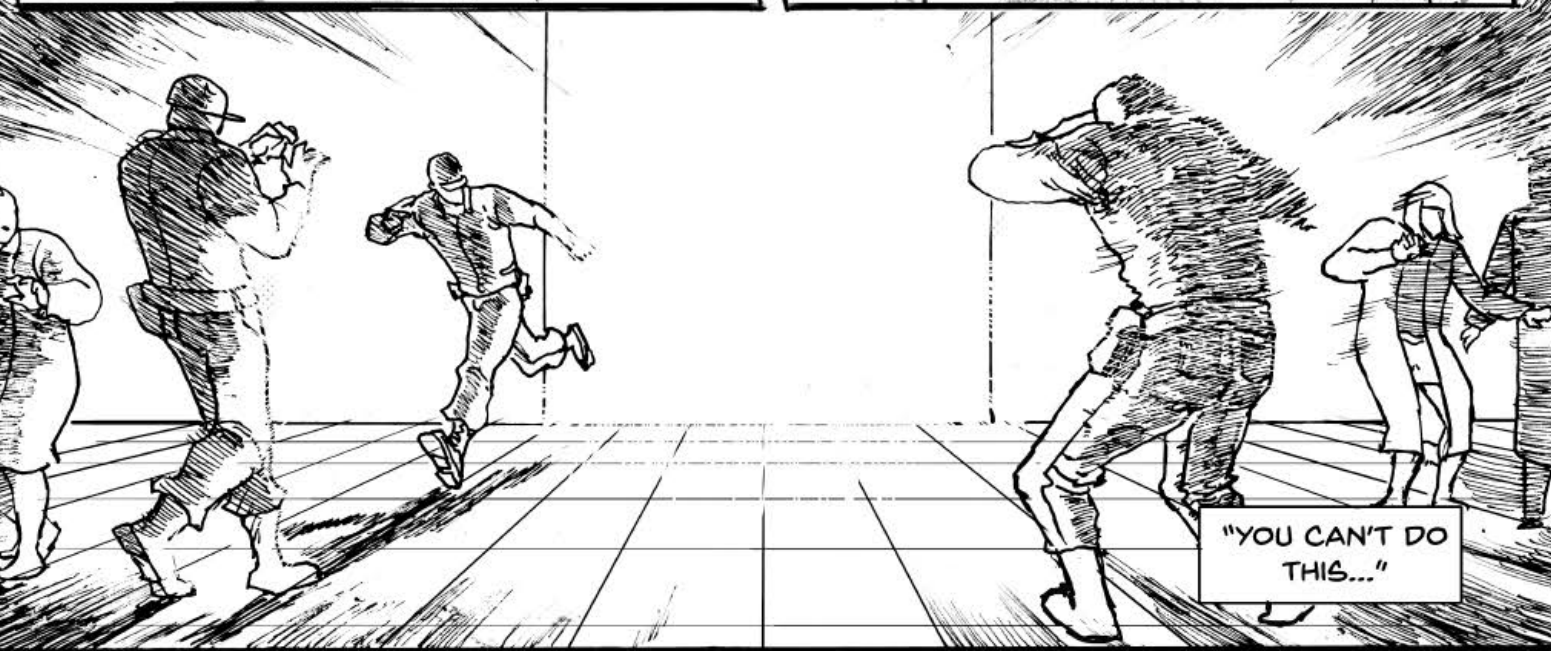
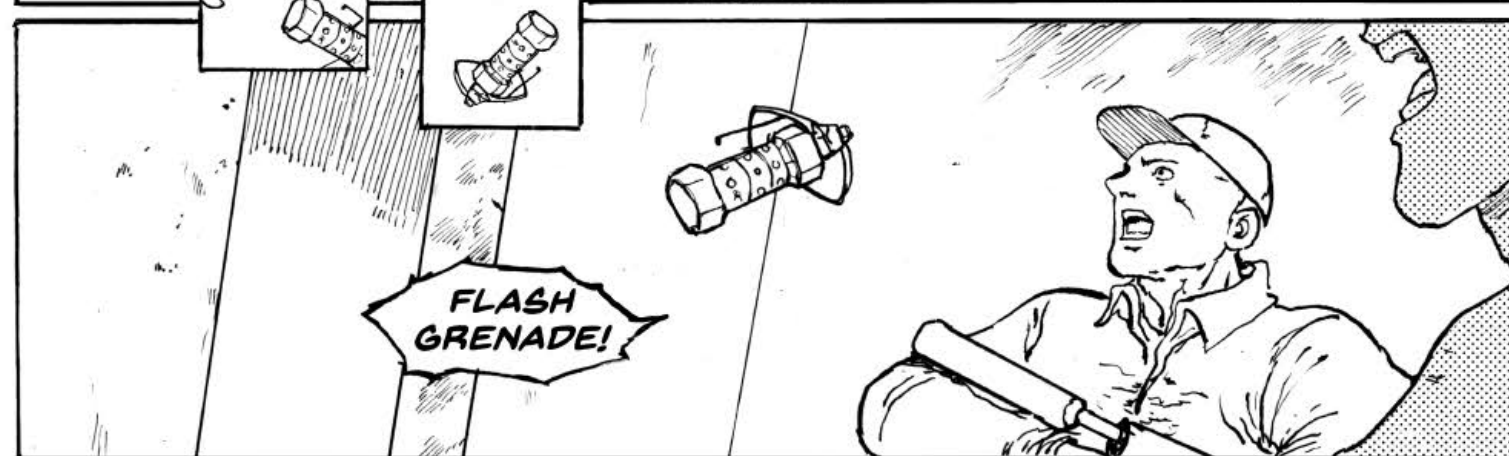
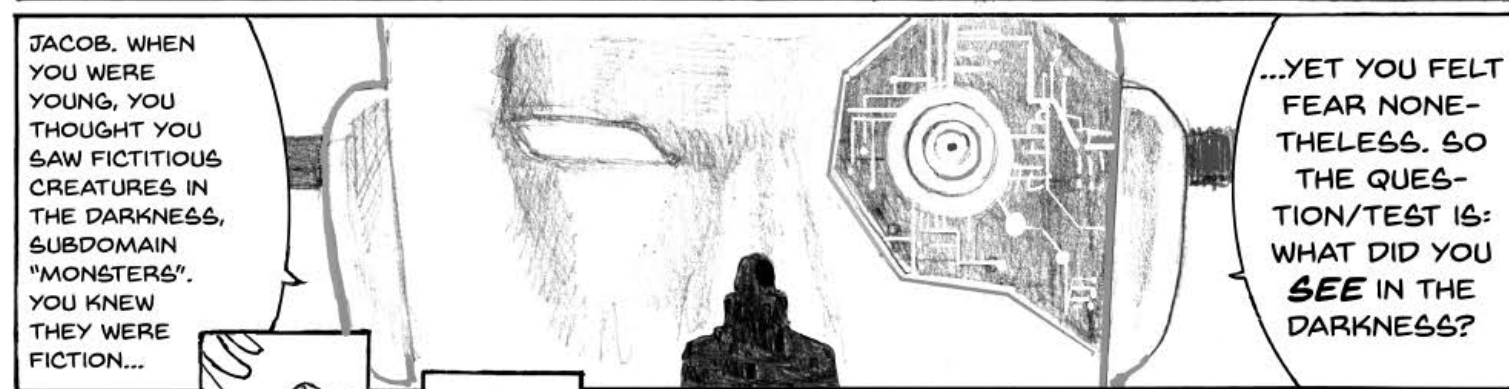
HE'LL TAKE CARE OF IT.

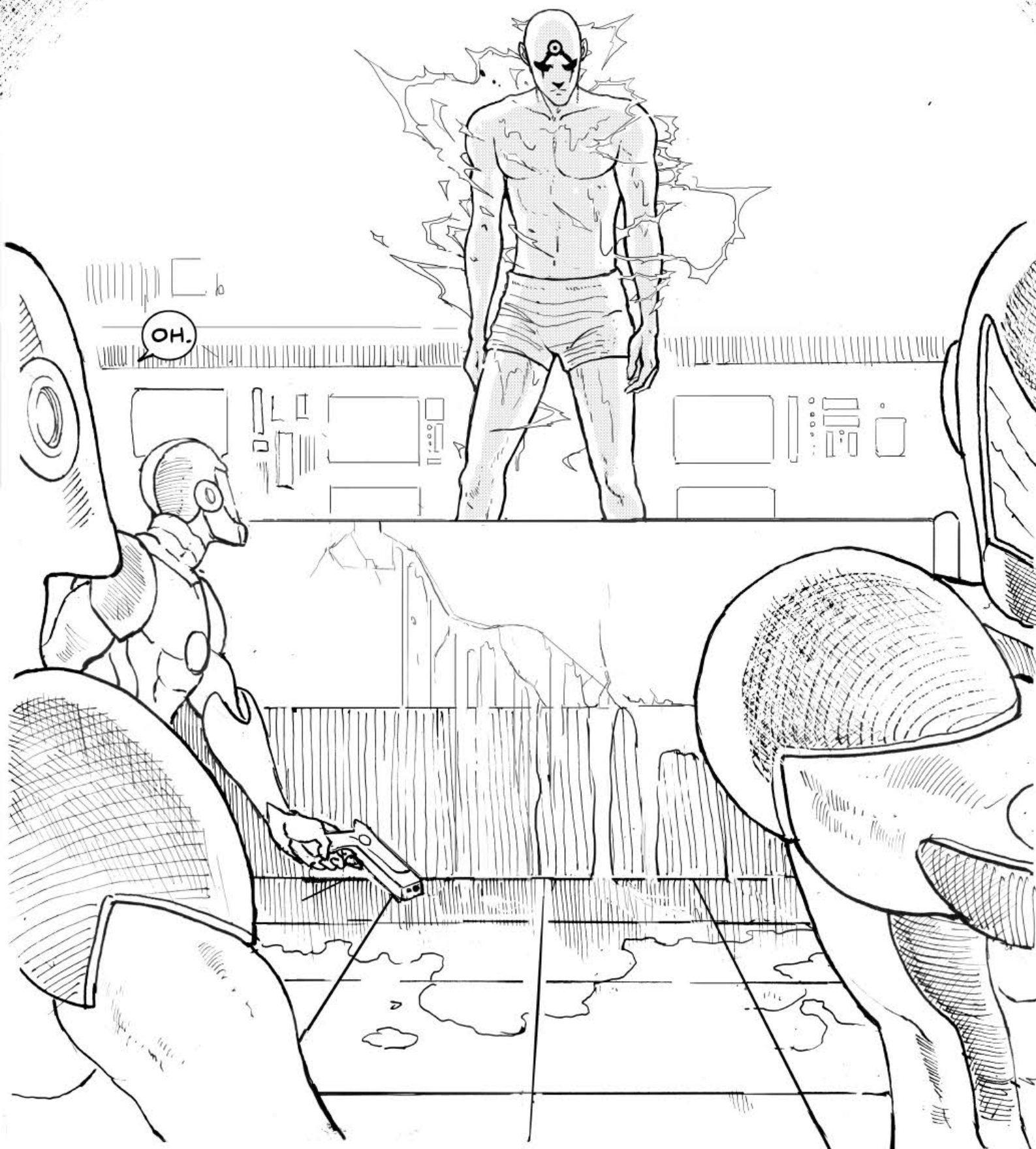


ORDER: OPEN THE DOOR.



THERE YOU GO.





...TO BE CONTINUED

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