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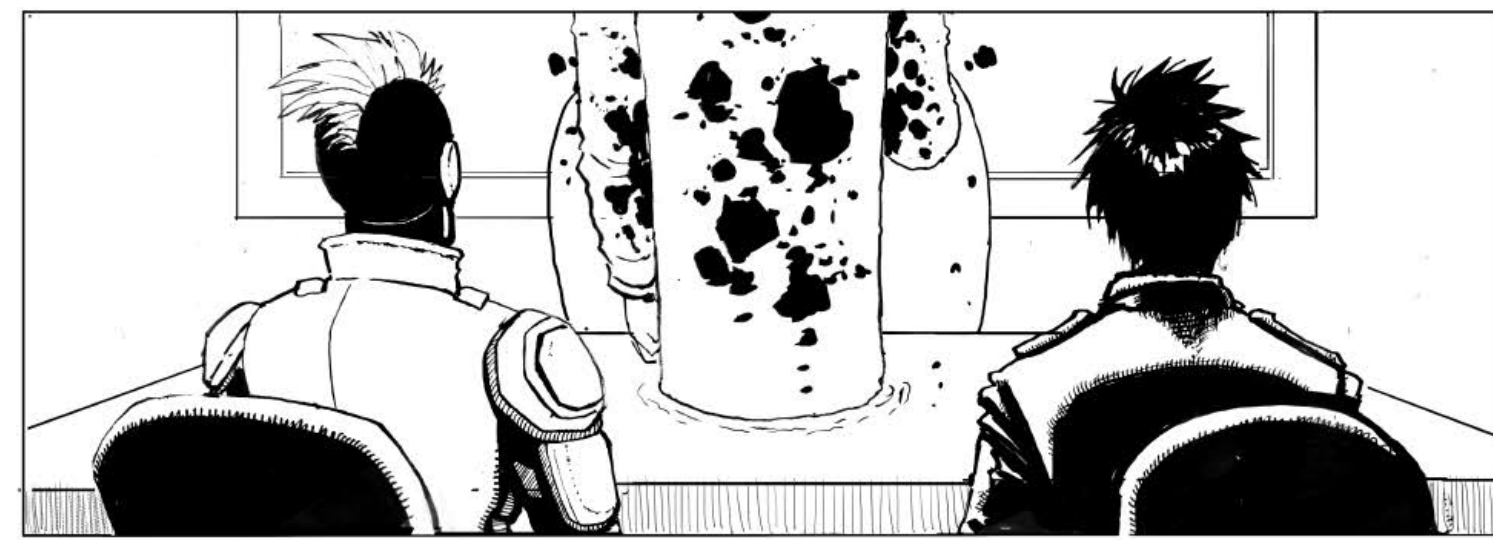
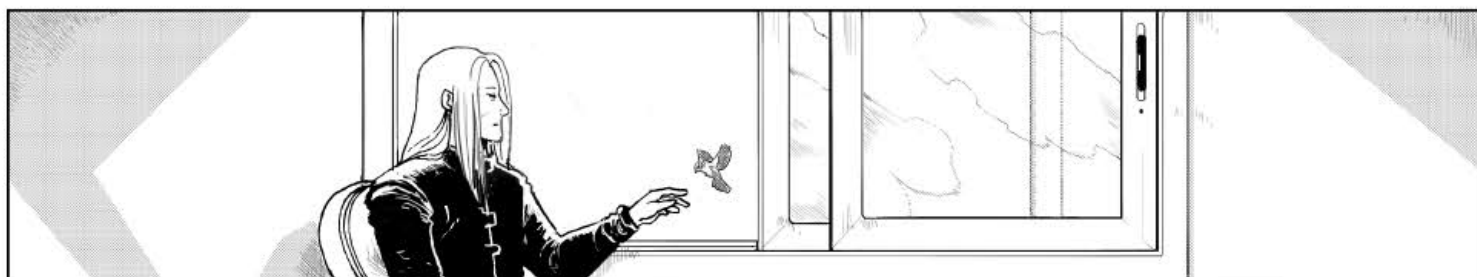
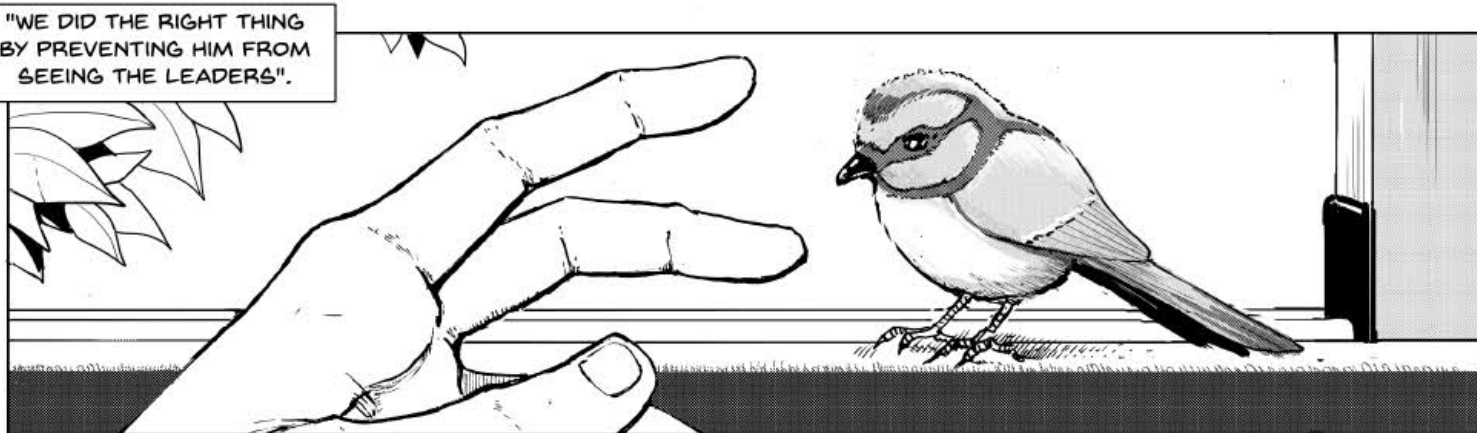
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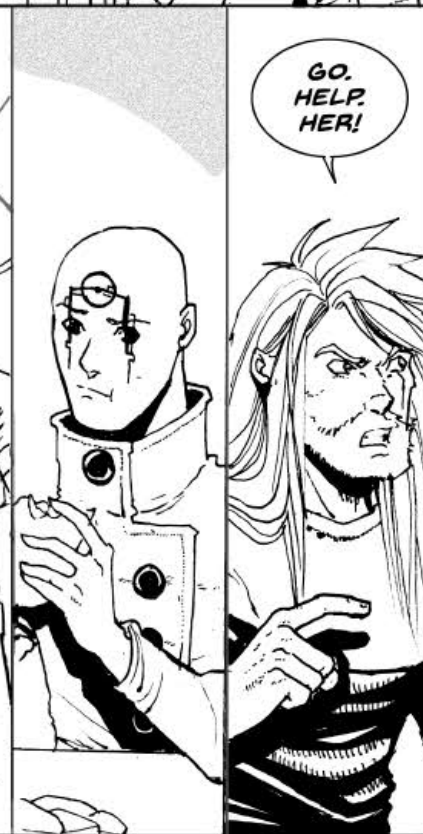
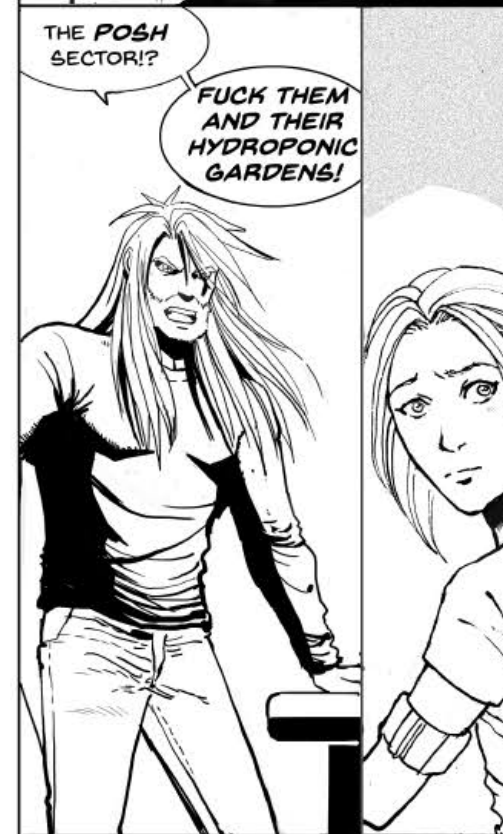
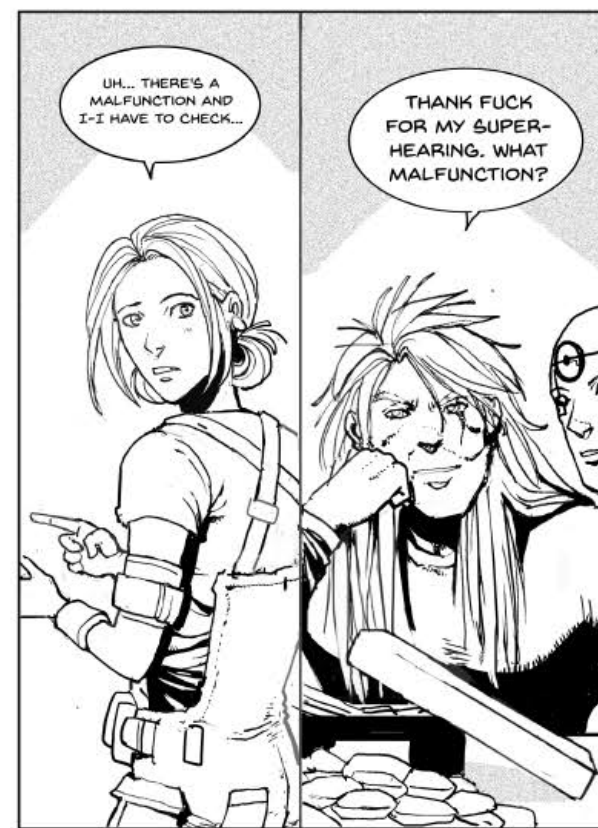
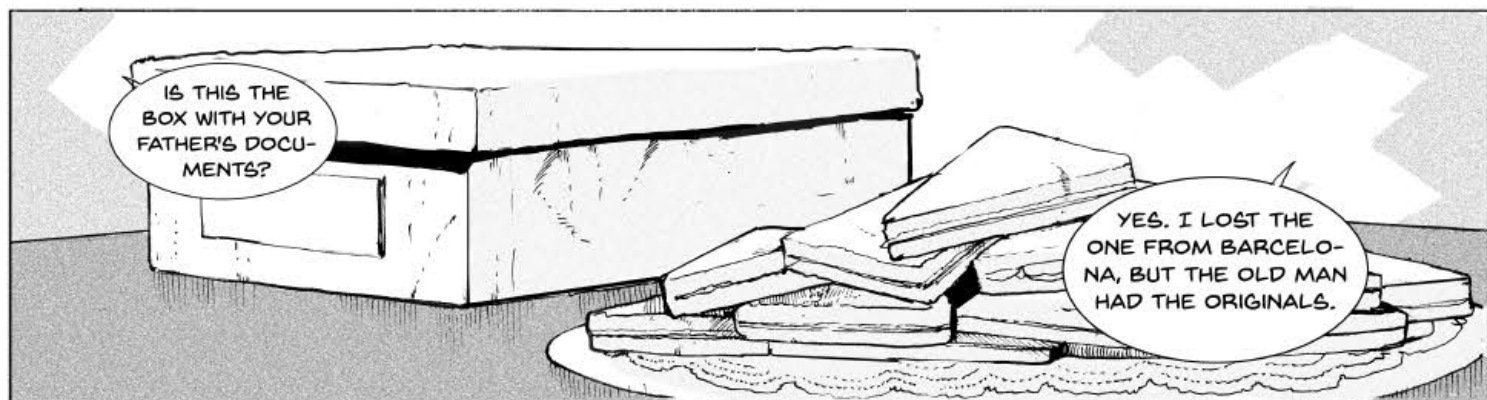
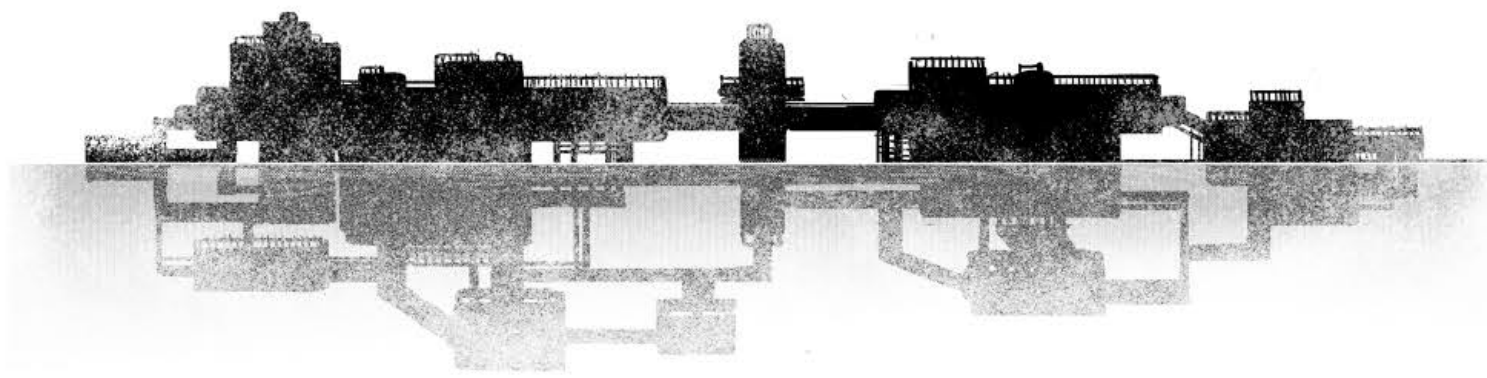
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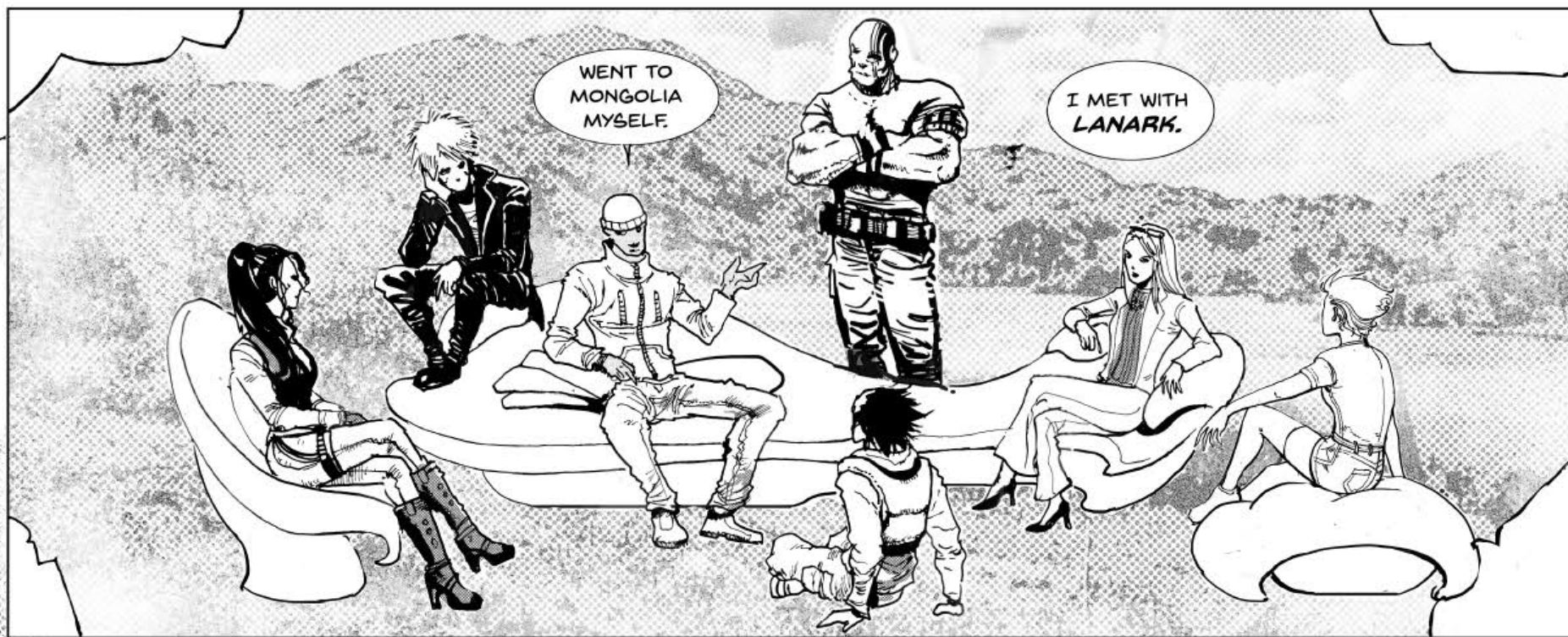
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WENT TO MONGOLIA MYSELF.

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 LO-CUSTS 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 **BE-TRAYED** 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.



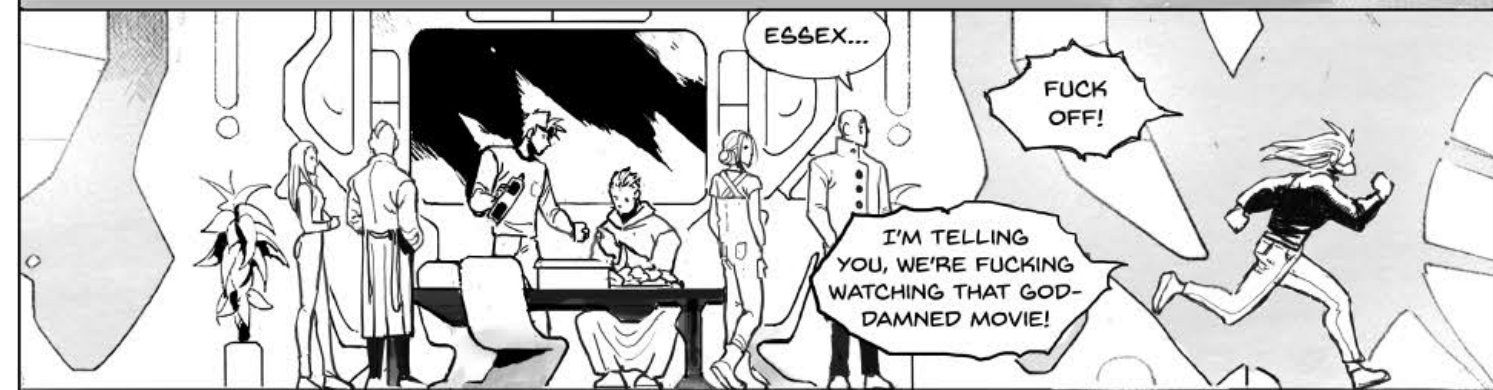
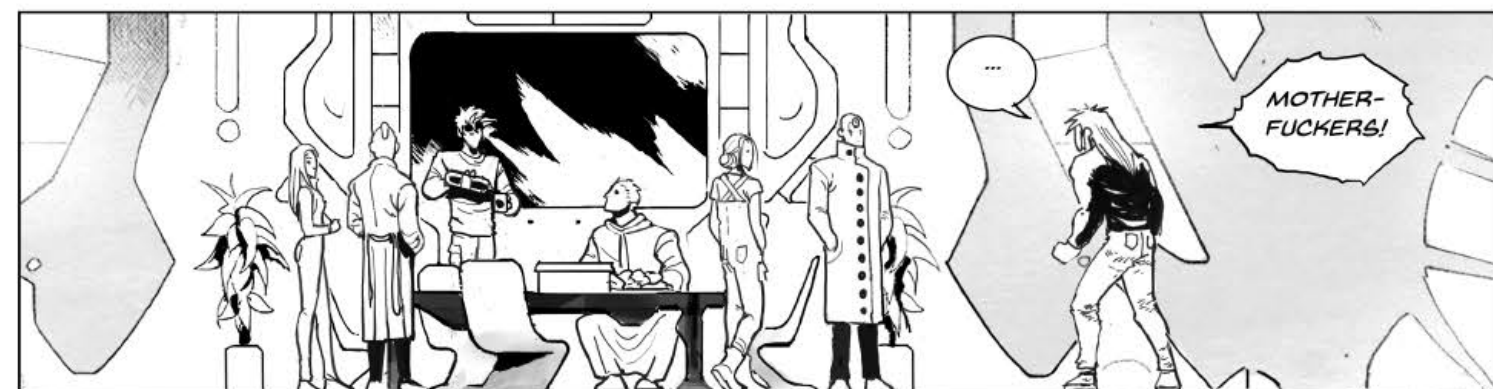
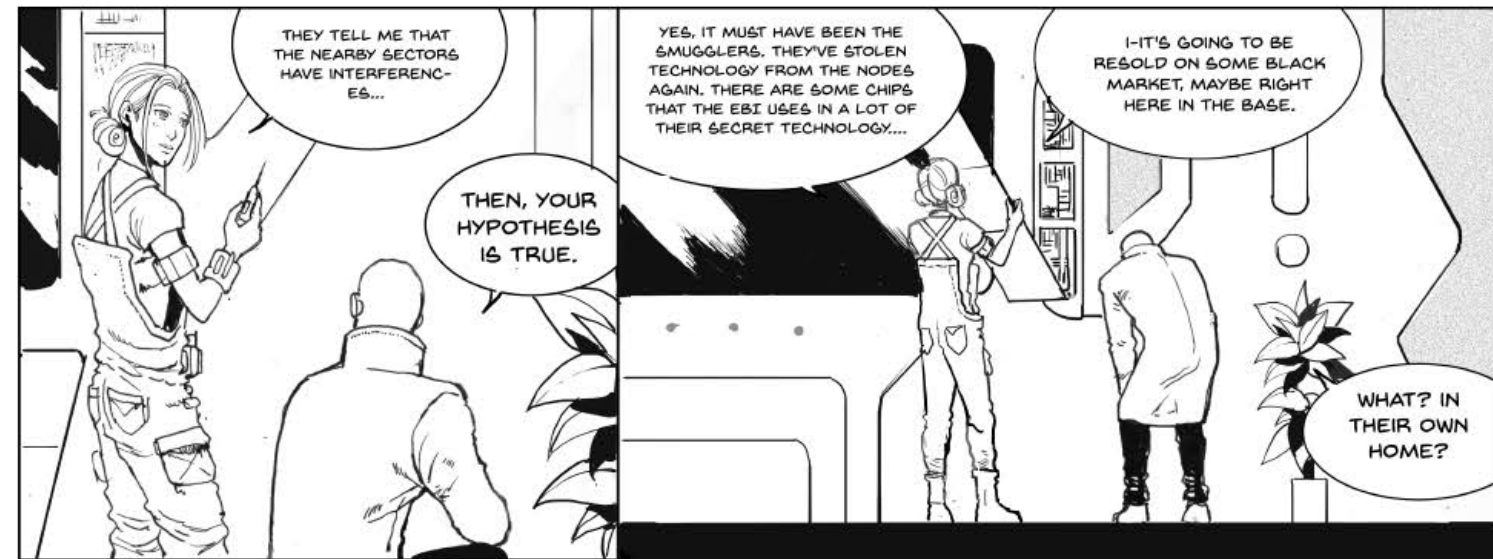
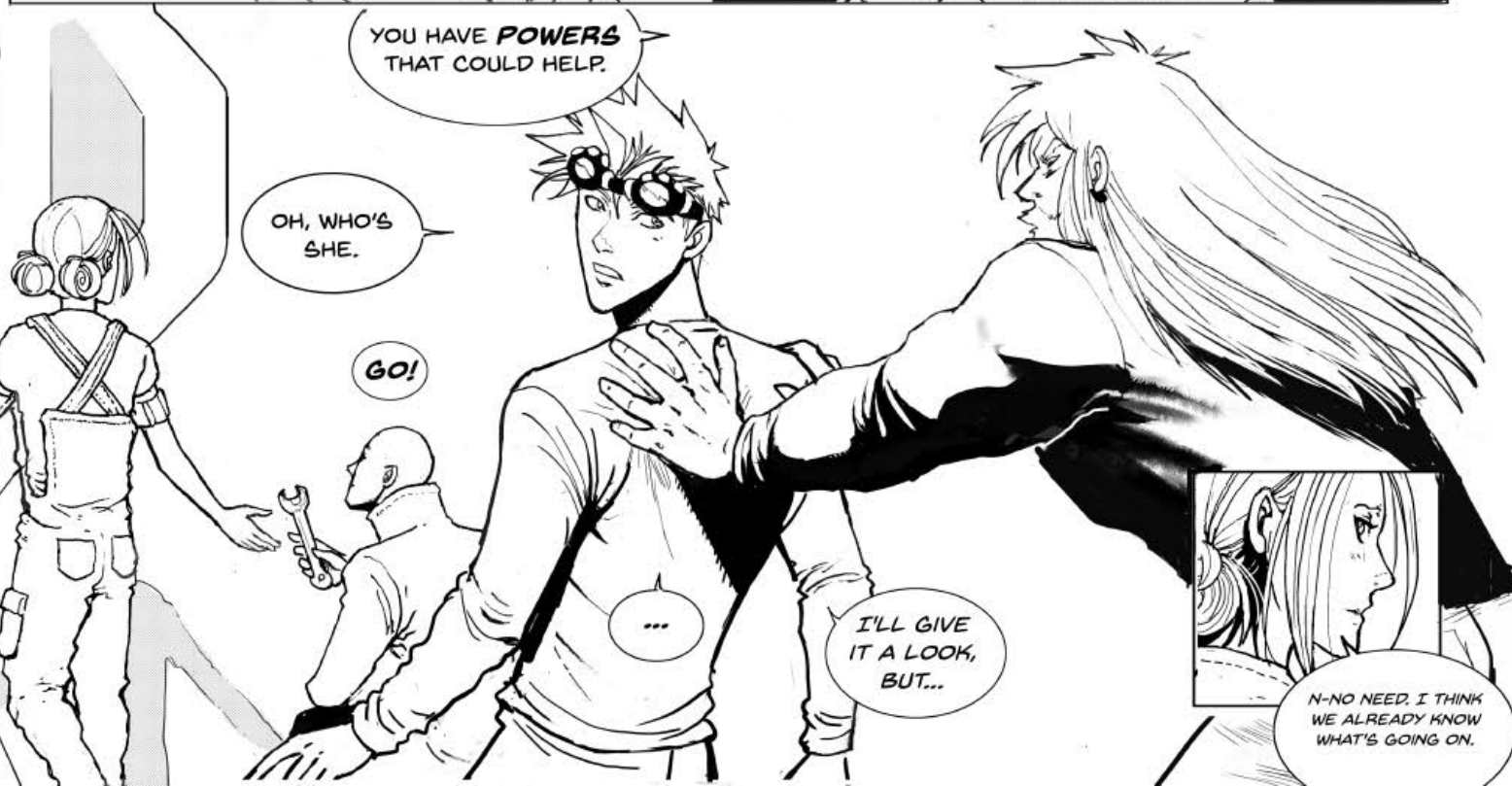
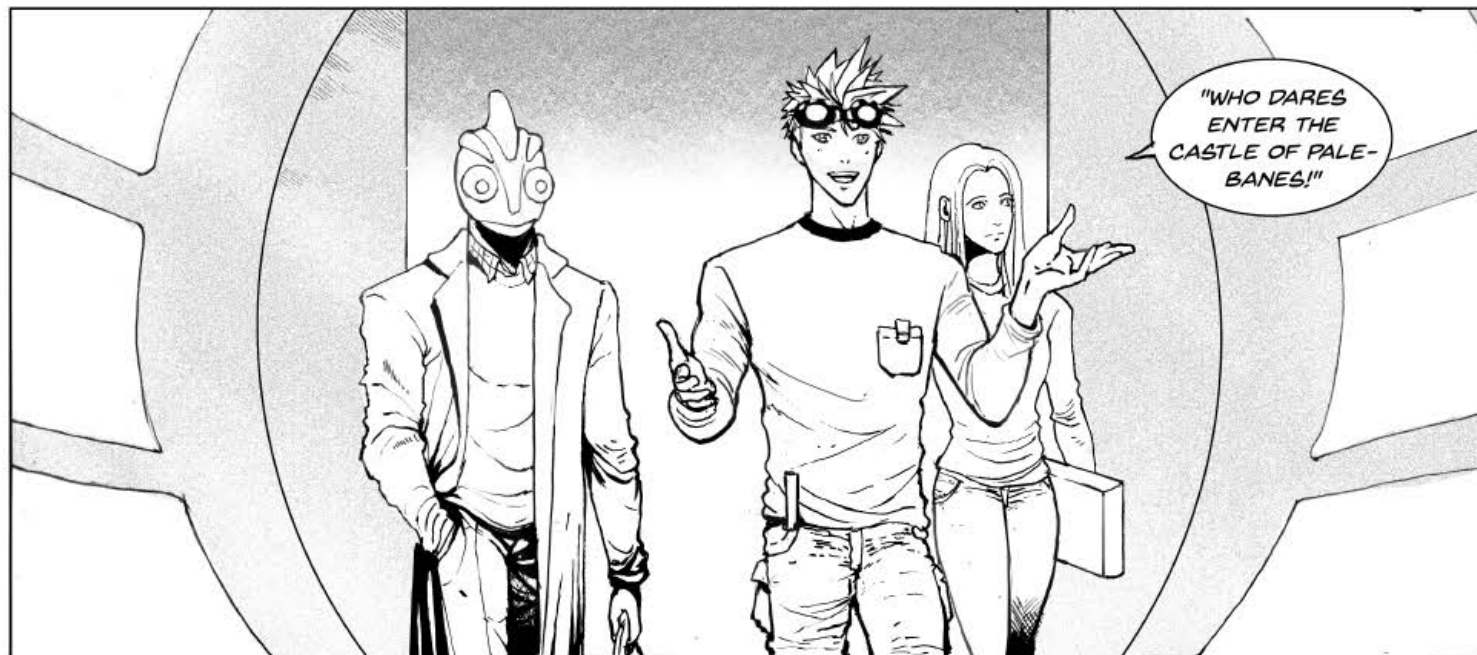
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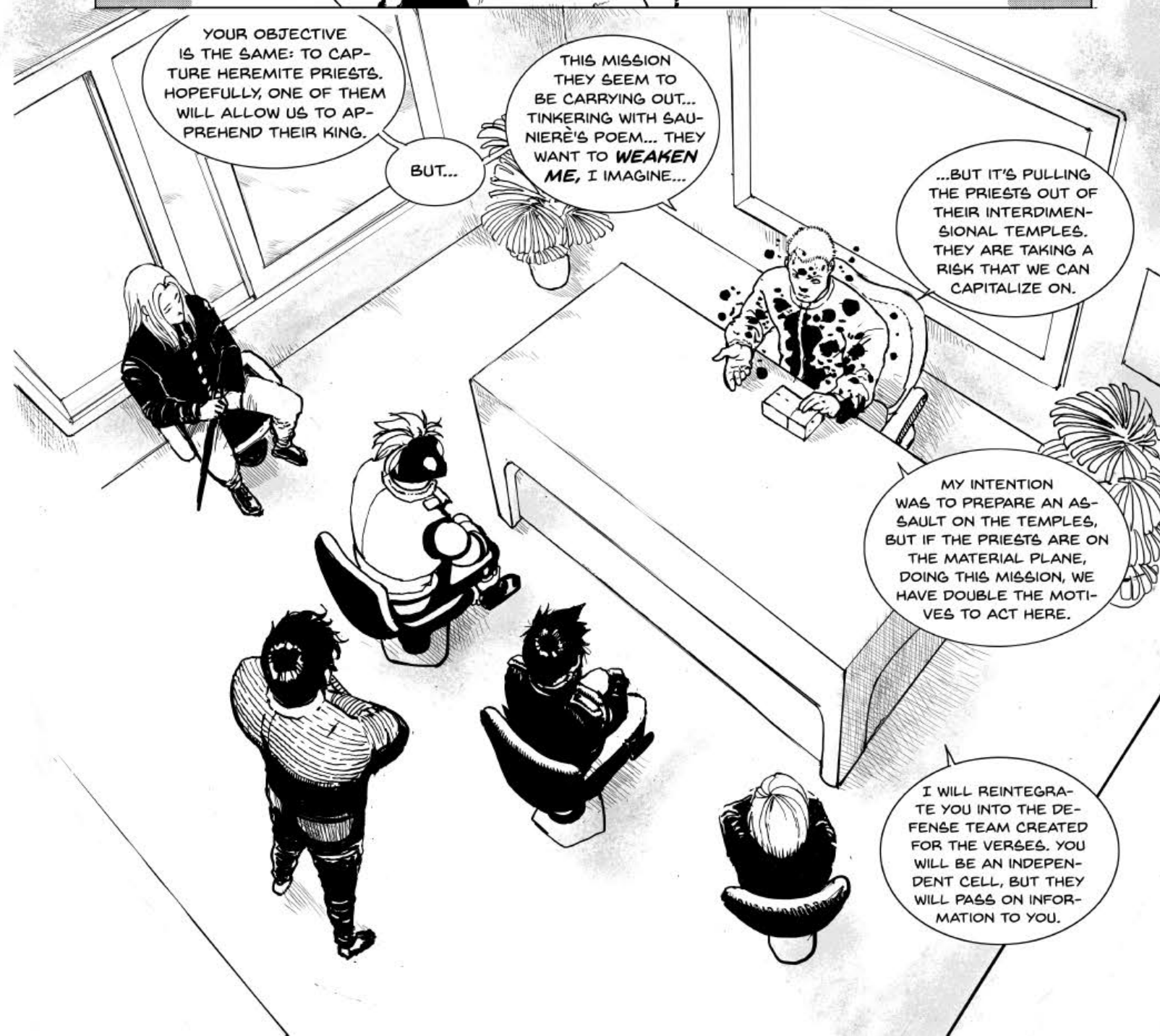
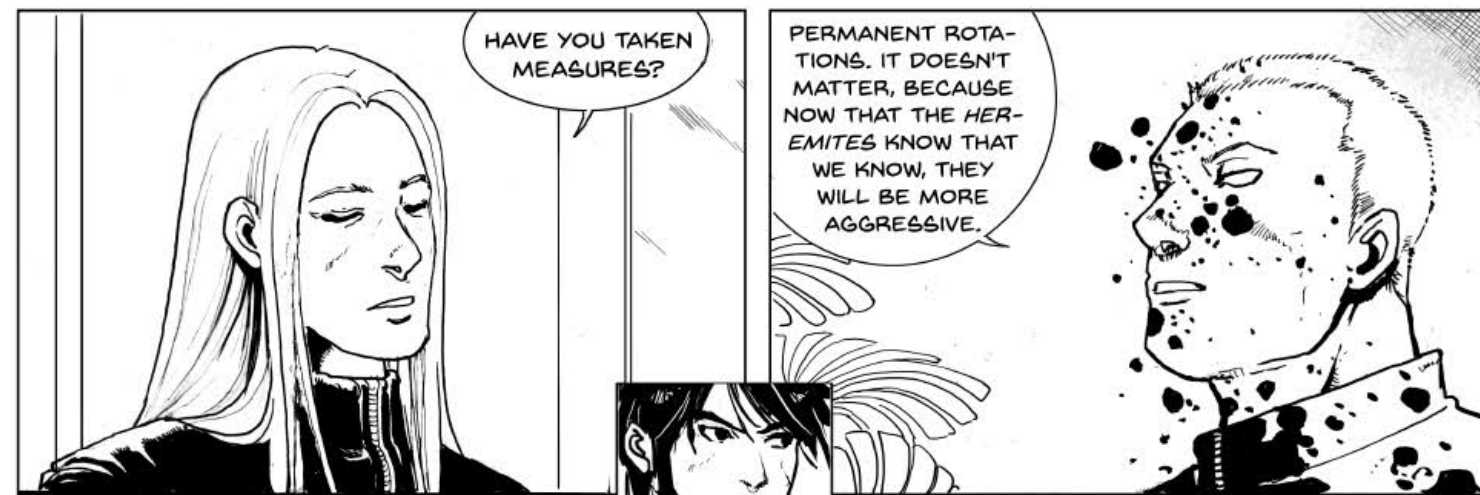
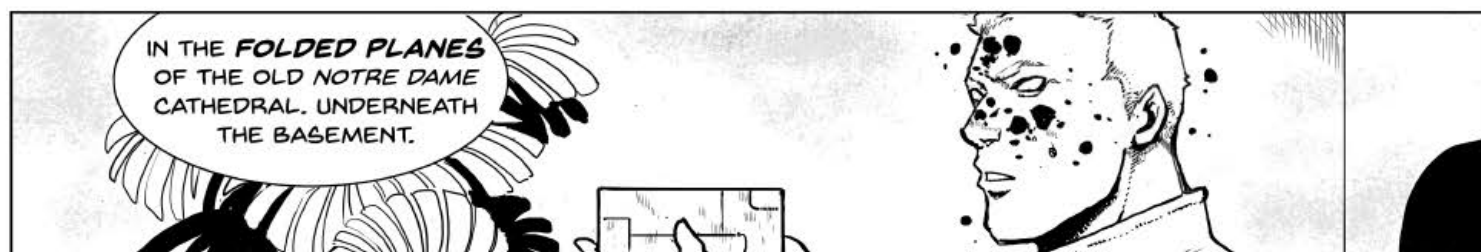
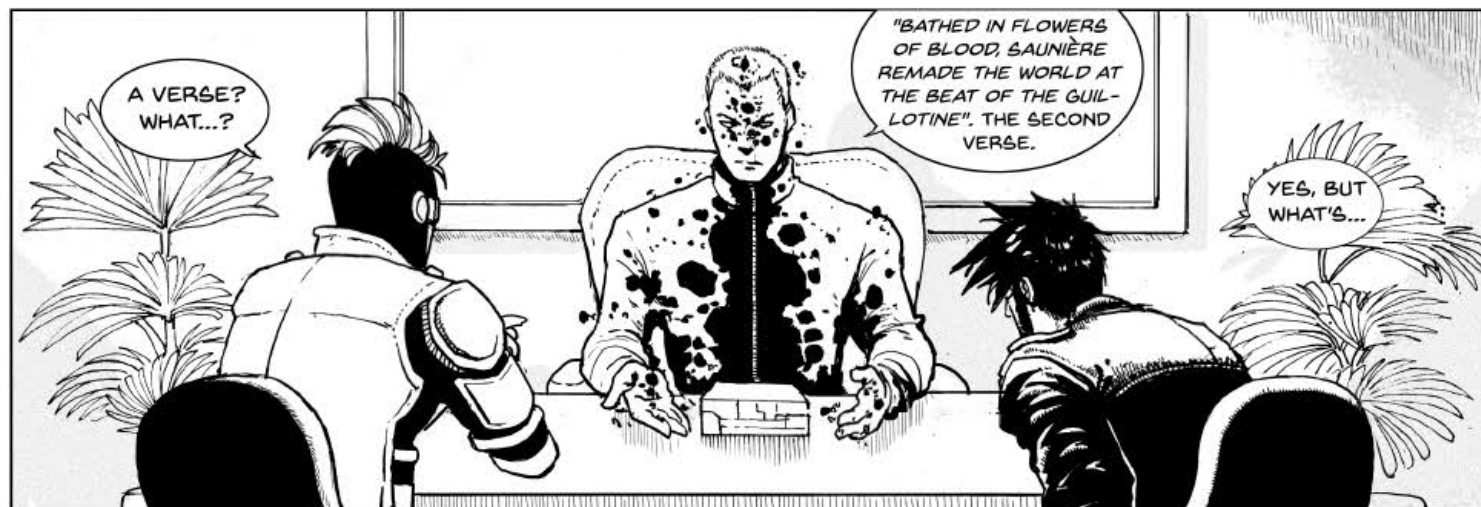
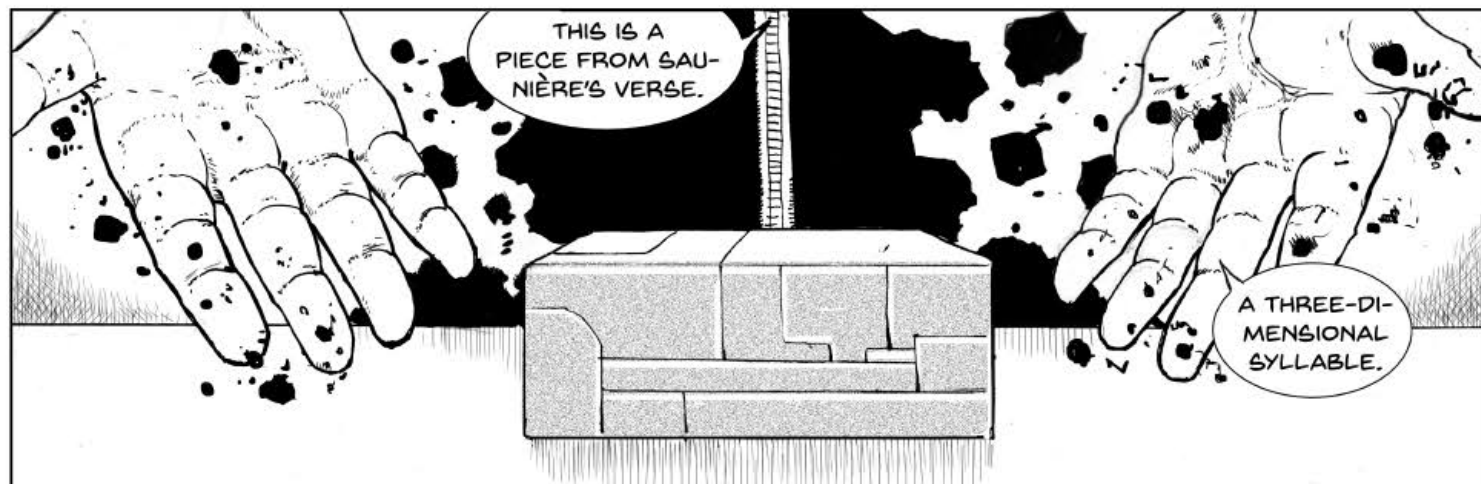


ACCORDING TO INFORMATION FROM SIGURD, WHICH LANARK THEN CROSS-CHECKED WITH OTHER SOURCES...



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







YES, WE FOUND 'EM INNA A SHIPMENT...

GUARDS WERE FROM SECTOR B; THOSE FAGGOTS, I SWEARS, DON'T LEARN ABOUT SECURITY, HEH.



WHAT?



YOU! I CAN SMELL YOU, YOU BASTARD!

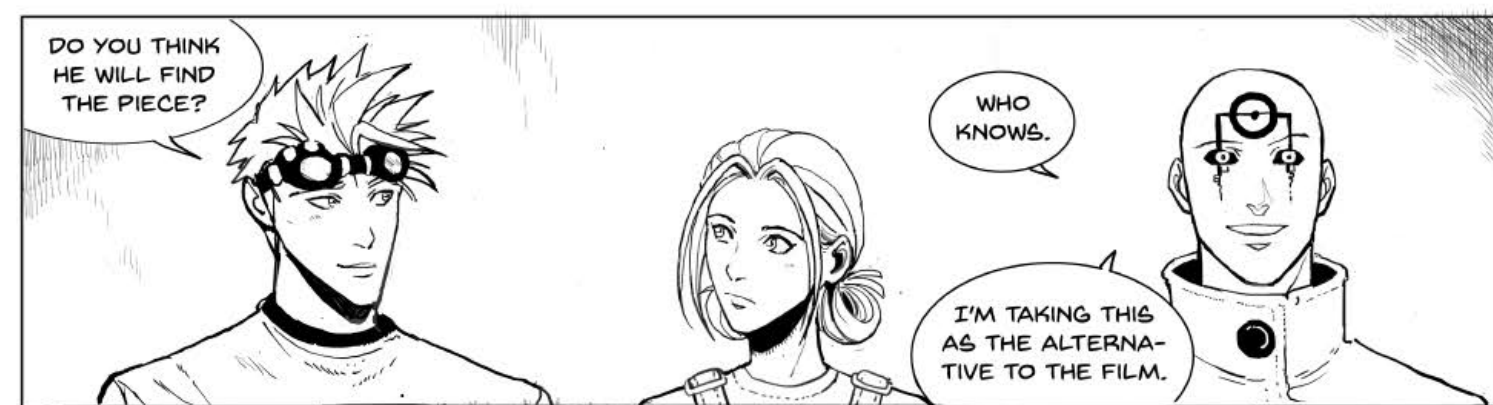
WHAT WERE YOU DOING IN OUR SECTOR'S COMMUNICATIONS CONTROL ROOM?



WH-WHAT?

DON'T PLAY DUMB!

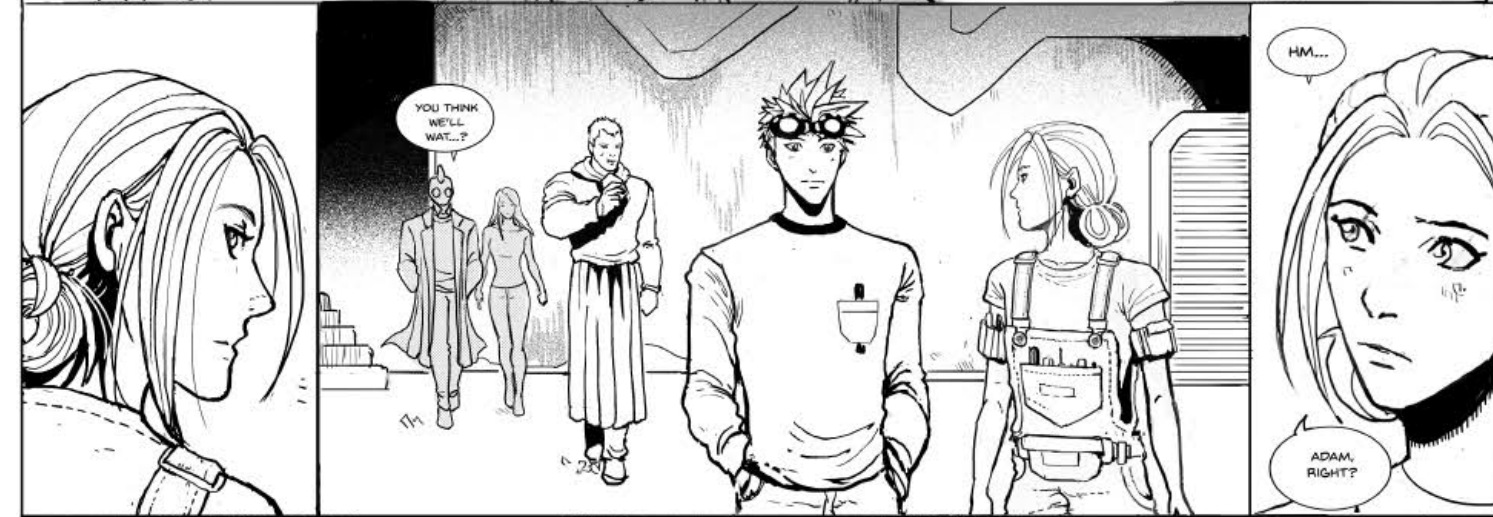
YOU STOLE FROM US, SHITSTAIN!



DO YOU THINK HE WILL FIND THE PIECE?

WHO KNOWS.

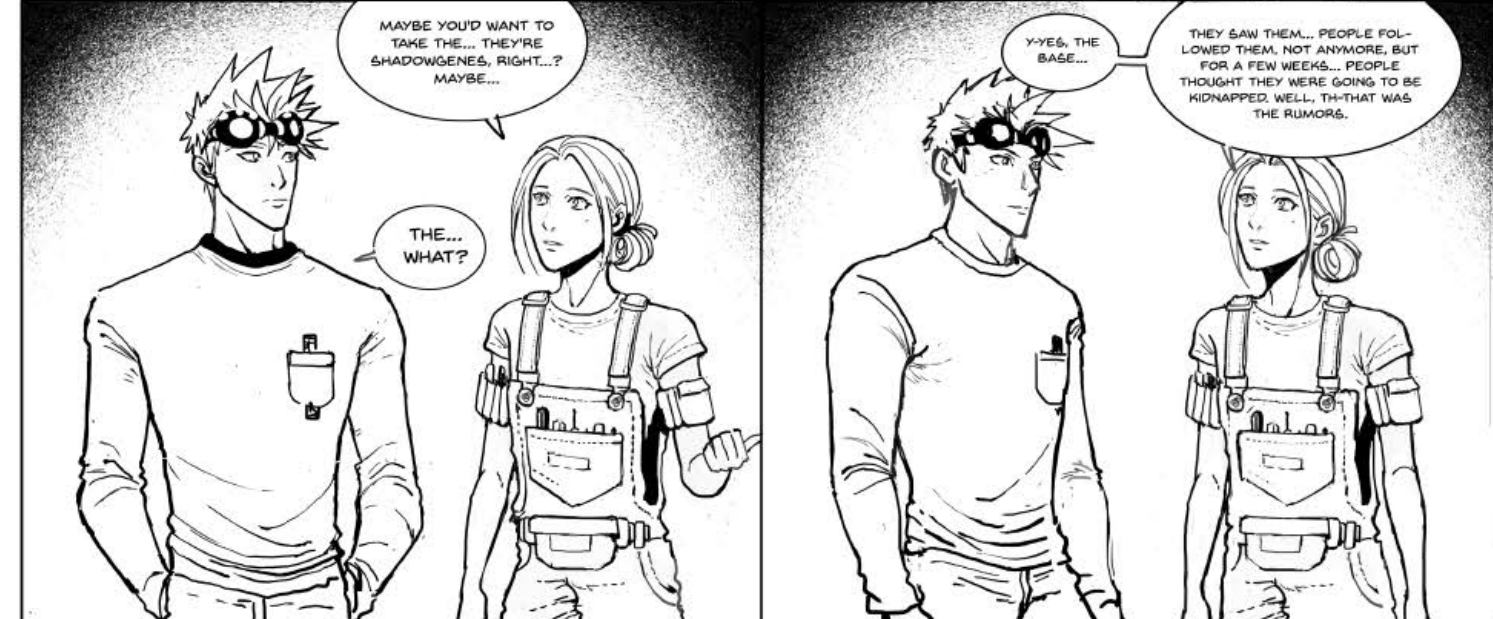
I'M TAKING THIS AS THE ALTERNATIVE TO THE FILM.



YOU THINK WE'LL WAIT...?

HM...

ADAM, RIGHT?

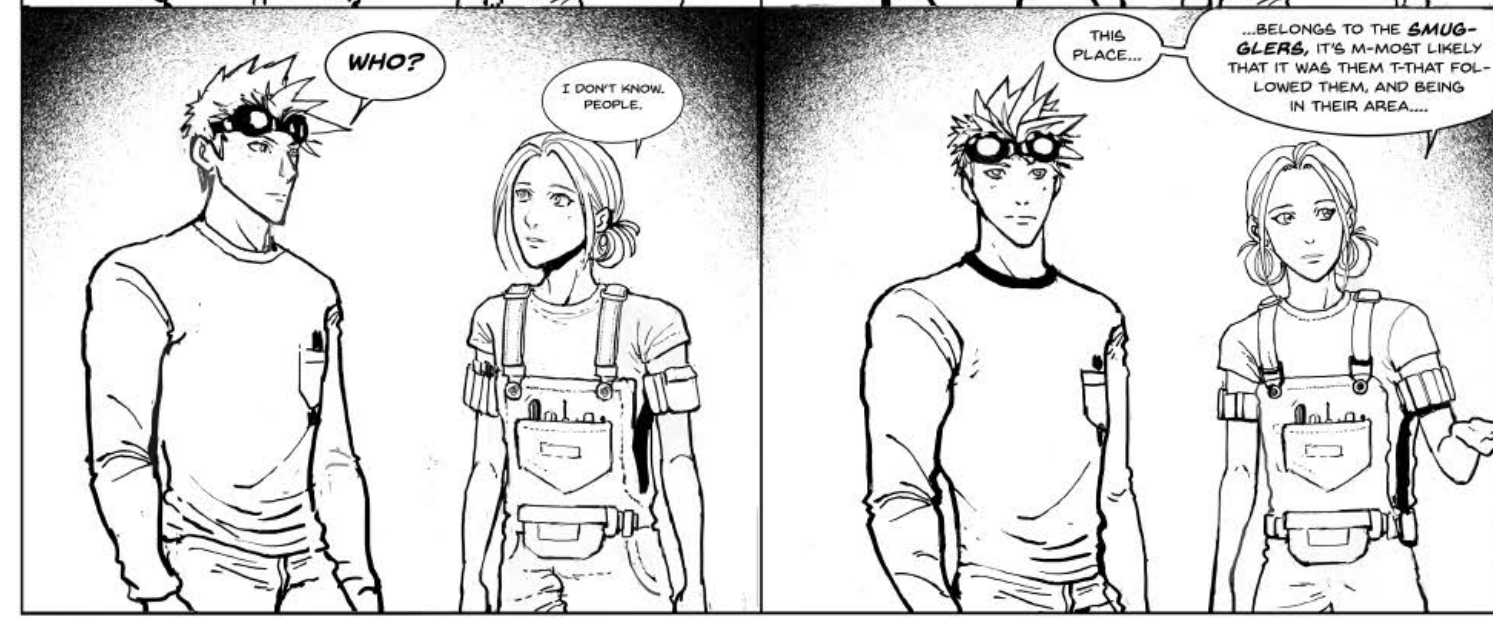


MAYBE YOU'D WANT TO TAKE THE... THEY'RE SHADOWGENES, RIGHT...? MAYBE...

THE... WHAT?

Y-YES, THE BASE...

THEY SAW THEM... PEOPLE FOLLOWED THEM, NOT ANYMORE, BUT FOR A FEW WEEKS... PEOPLE THOUGHT THEY WERE GOING TO BE KIDNAPPED, WELL, TH-THAT WAS THE RUMORS.



WHO?

I DON'T KNOW. PEOPLE.

THIS PLACE...

...BELONGS TO THE SMUGGLERS, IT'S M-MOST LIKELY THAT IT WAS THEM T-THAT FOLLOWED THEM, AND BEING IN THEIR AREA...



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....

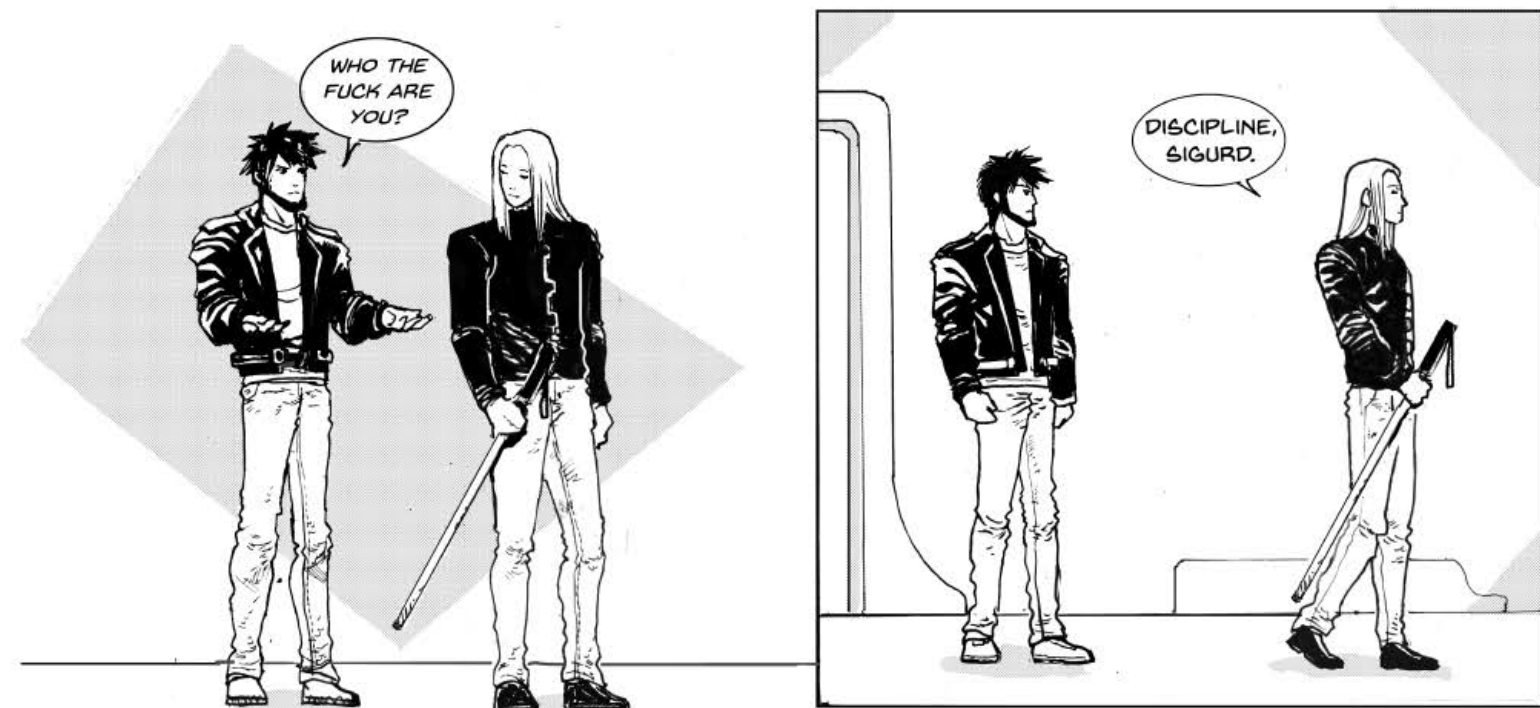
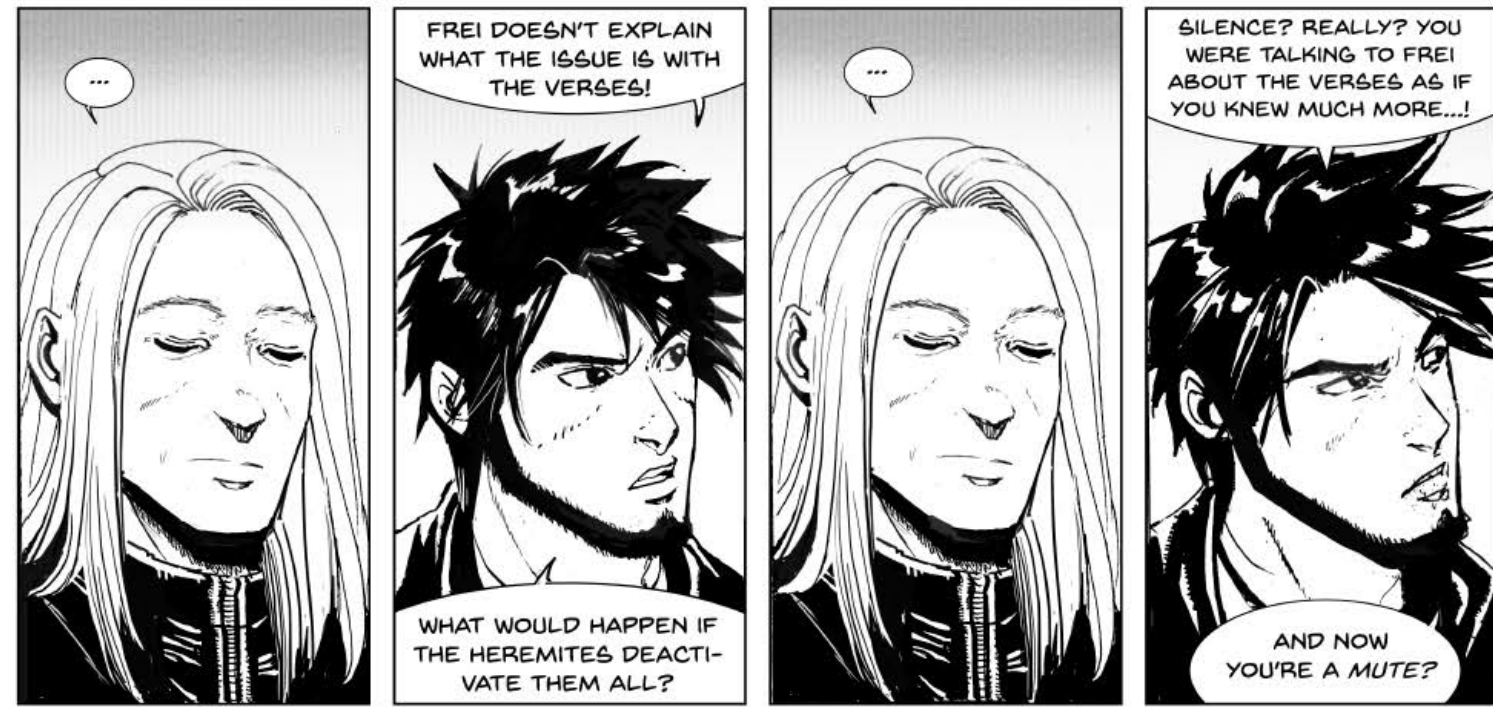
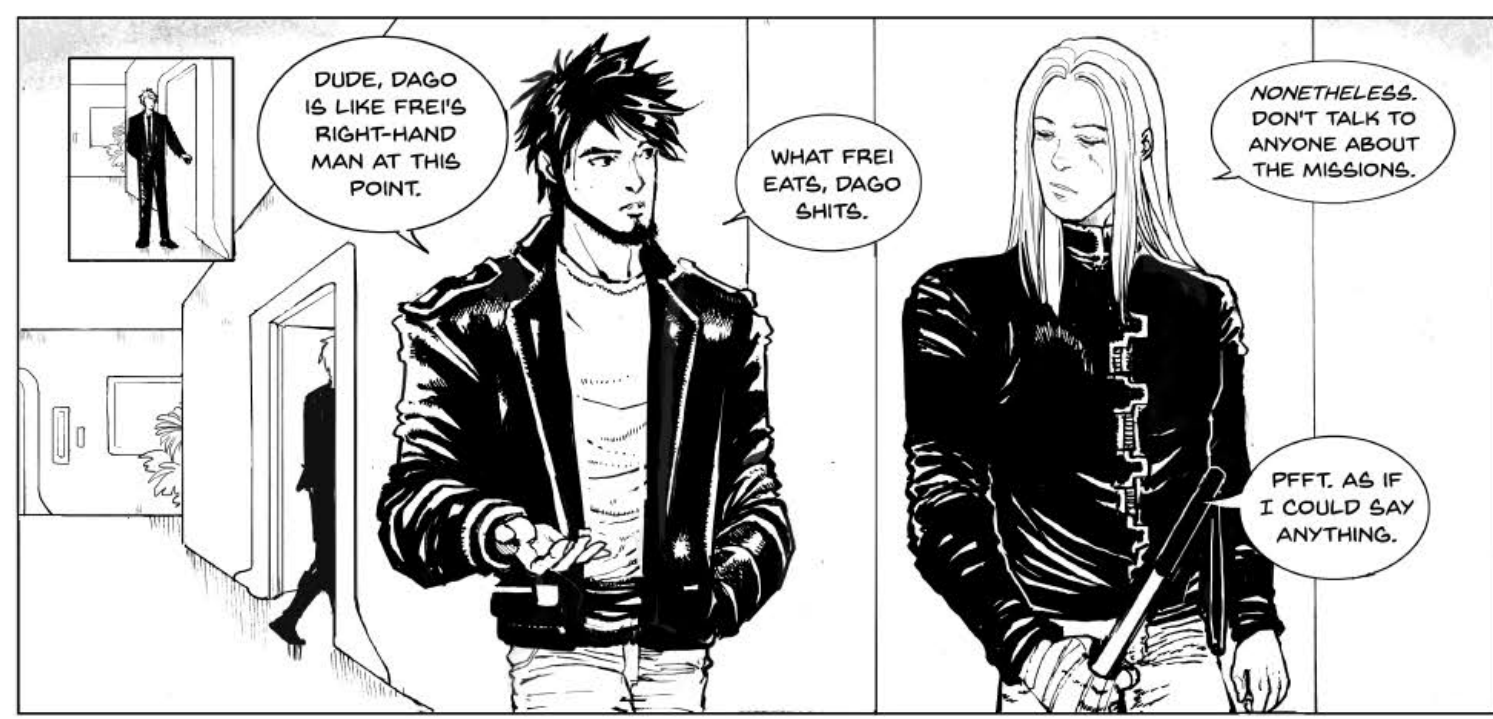
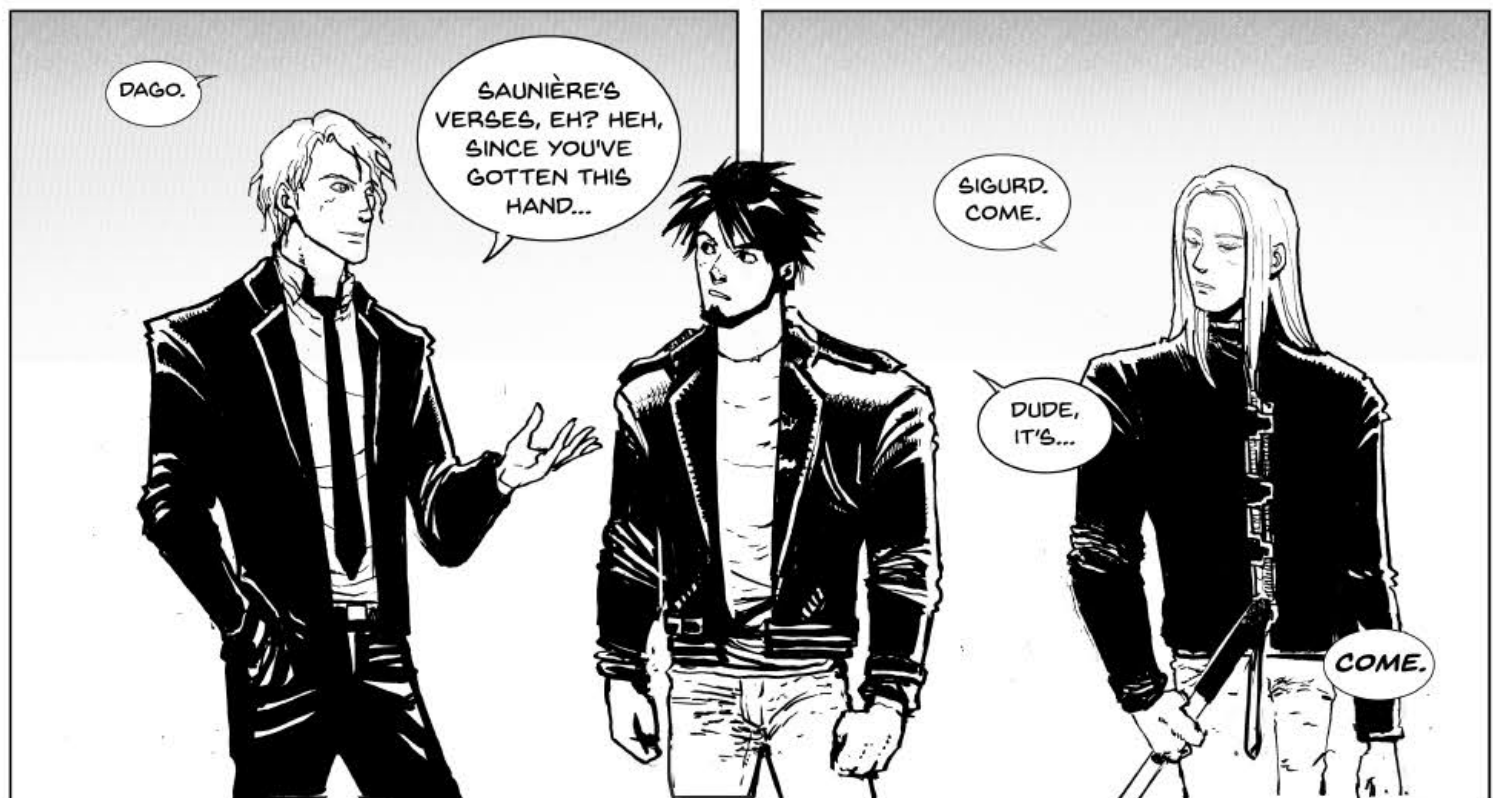
NO. I DON'T WANT THEM TO INTERVENE. IT'S BETTER THAT THEY DON'T EVEN KNOW ABOUT IT, IN CASE THEY WERE TO ACT ON THEIR OWN.



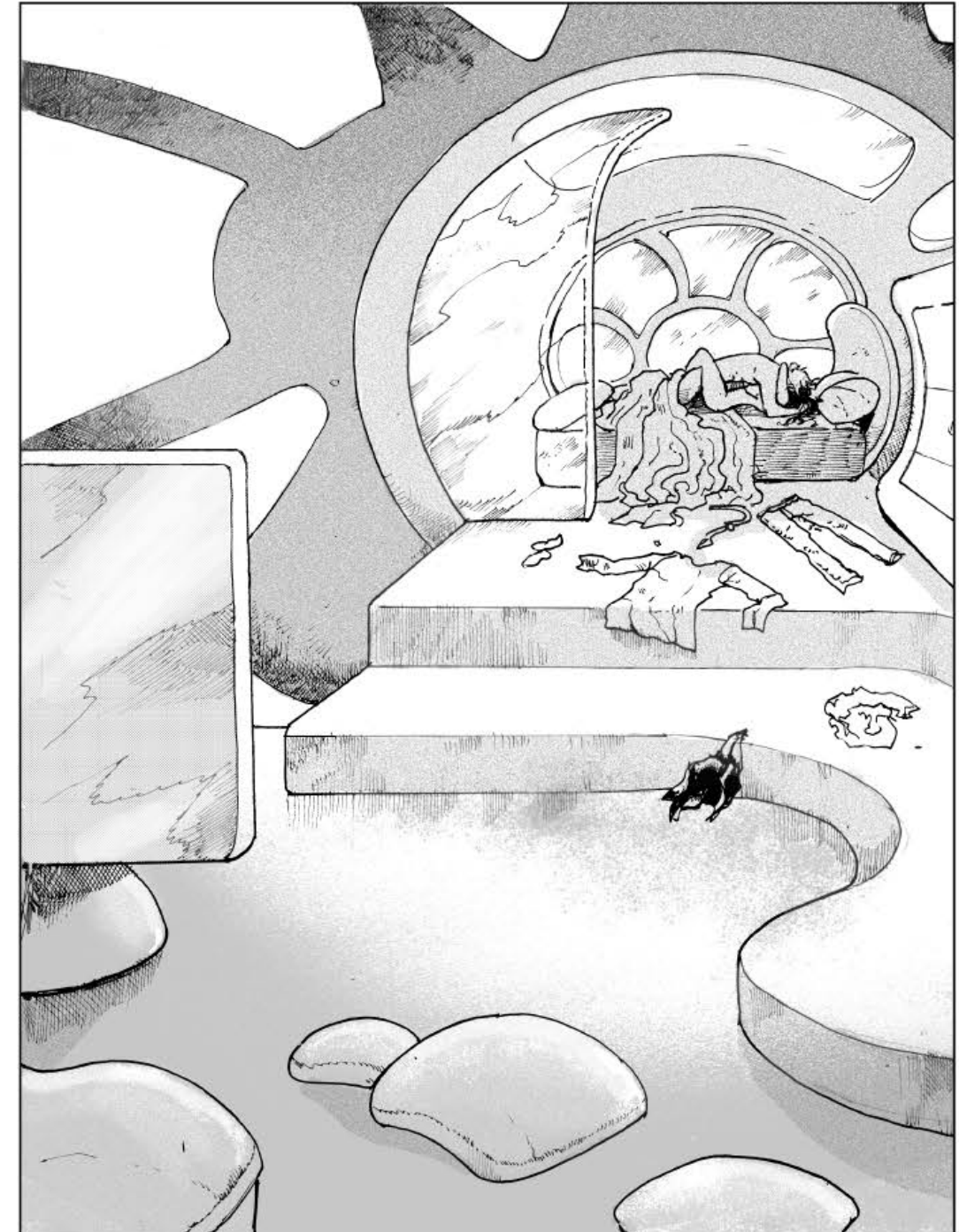
EMPRESS. YOU HAVE THE THREE. THOSE GUYS TORE THROUGH THAT EBI BASE LIKE A STEAM-ROLLER.



WHAT? WHY?







...TO BE CONTINUED

SEE YOU IN AROUND 40 DAYS (IDEALLY, FOR CERTAIN ISSUES IS MORE LIKE 50 OR, UHM... MORE. WE UPDATE THE RELEASE DATE ON A PINNED POST ON FACEBOOK). IF YOU'RE INTERESTED IN HELPING US REACH A FASTER RELEASE SCHEDULE, WHILE ALSO GETTING **DRAWINGS/SKETCHES** OF FUTURE EPISODES, **EARLY ACCESS** TO A WORK-IN-PROGRESS VERSION OF THE NEXT ISSUE, OR **VIDEOS** SHOWING HOW WE MAKE A PAGE (USUALLY THE COVER), PLEASE CONSIDER SUPPORTING US THROUGH PATREON AT THE 3\$ PLEDGE LEVEL (LINK BELOW). MAYBE WITH ENOUGH HELP WE'LL BE ABLE TO MAKE UPSURGE A **MONTHLY** SERIES. THANK YOU!

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