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## Part 1: The knights of the cursed hands!

OH, AND BY THE WAY, CAREFUL WITH THAT THING, OKAY? YOU COULD'VE HARMED US!

YOU CAME OUT OF NOWHERE!

I JUST TELEPORTED, I SEE MORE PEOPLE THAN THERE WERE IN MY TEAM, LAST THING I THINK IS THAT I'M GOING TO FIND YOUR DICK-FACE NEXT TO THOSE TWO TESTICLES THAT ALWAYS ACCOMPANY YOU!

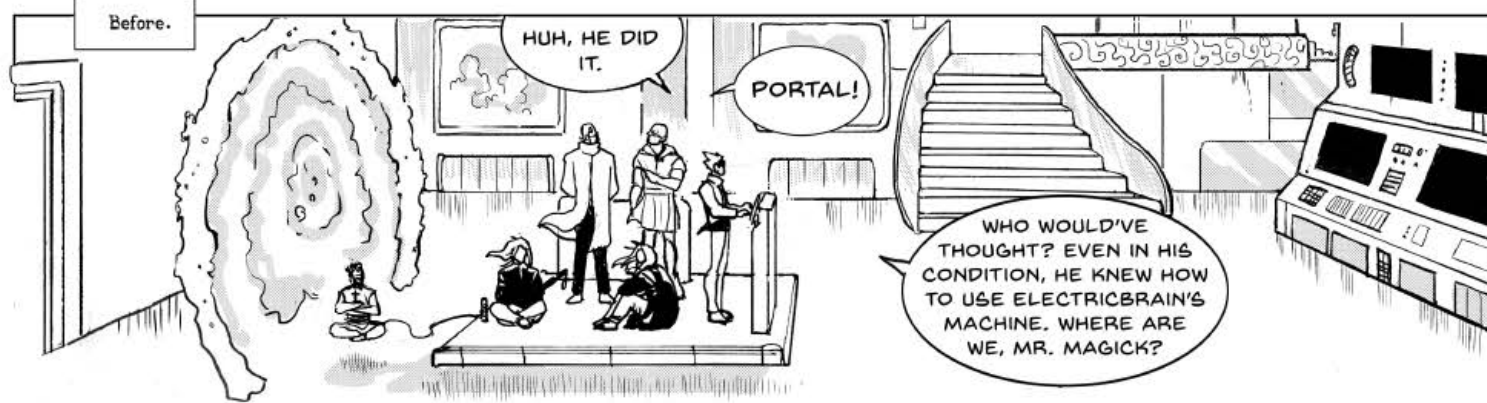
GREAT. THAT THING... THAT BURST OF ENERGY, THE MARK ON THE HAND... ANOTHER GAUNTLET, RIGHT? *THE OTHER* GAUNTLET.

I'M SURE YOU'LL USE IT JUST FINE, JUDGING BY THE WAY YOU'VE HANDLED YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES SO FAR.

DON'T WORRY, I WON'T BE LEAVING MILITARY BASES IN RUINS, I LEAVE THAT TO OTHER MORAL LUMINARIES!

OH, AND THANKS FOR YOUR COMPASSION, ALEX WAS MY BEST FRIEND AT THE EBI\* AND YOU DIDN'T EVEN GIVE ME A SECOND TO PROCESS WHAT YOU TOLD ME!



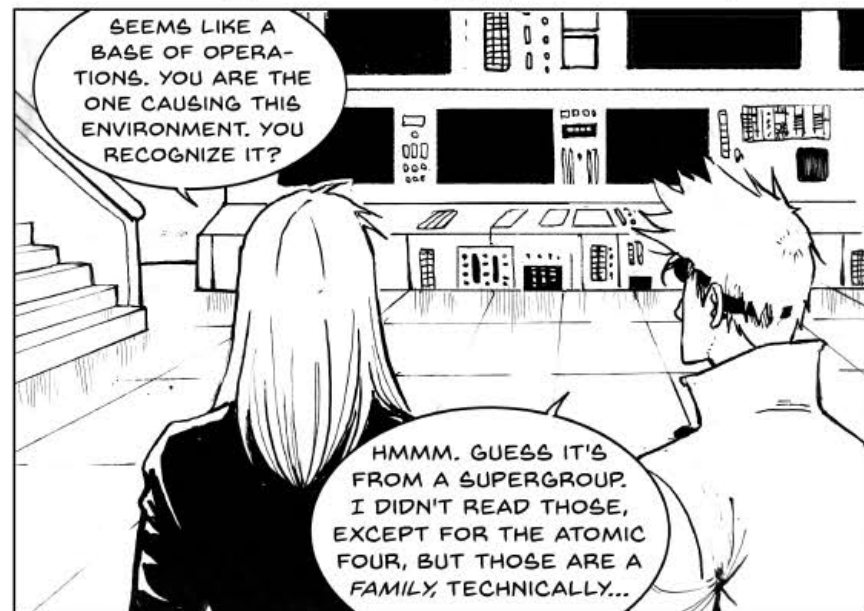


Before.

HUH, HE DID IT.

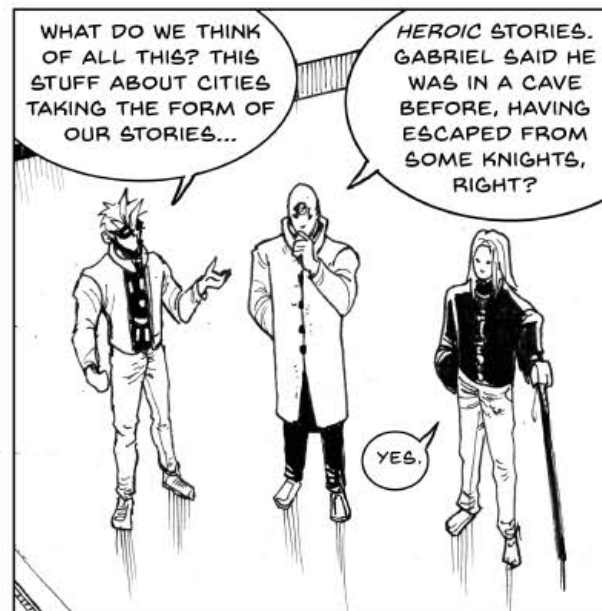
PORTAL!

WHO WOULD'VE THOUGHT? EVEN IN HIS CONDITION, HE KNEW HOW TO USE ELECTRICBRAIN'S MACHINE. WHERE ARE WE, MR. MAGIC?



SEEMS LIKE A BASE OF OPERATIONS. YOU ARE THE ONE CAUSING THIS ENVIRONMENT. YOU RECOGNIZE IT?

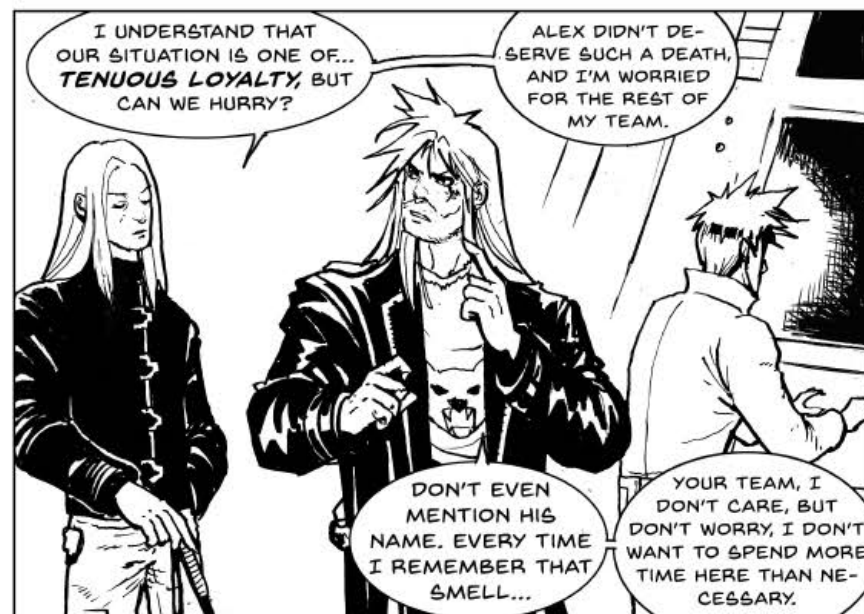
HMMM. GUESS IT'S FROM A SUPERGROUP. I DIDN'T READ THOSE, EXCEPT FOR THE ATOMIC FOUR, BUT THOSE ARE A FAMILY, TECHNICALLY...



WHAT DO WE THINK OF ALL THIS? THIS STUFF ABOUT CITIES TAKING THE FORM OF OUR STORIES...

HEROIC STORIES. GABRIEL SAID HE WAS IN A CAVE BEFORE, HAVING ESCAPED FROM SOME KNIGHTS, RIGHT?

YES.



I UNDERSTAND THAT OUR SITUATION IS ONE OF... TENUOUS LOYALTY, BUT CAN WE HURRY?

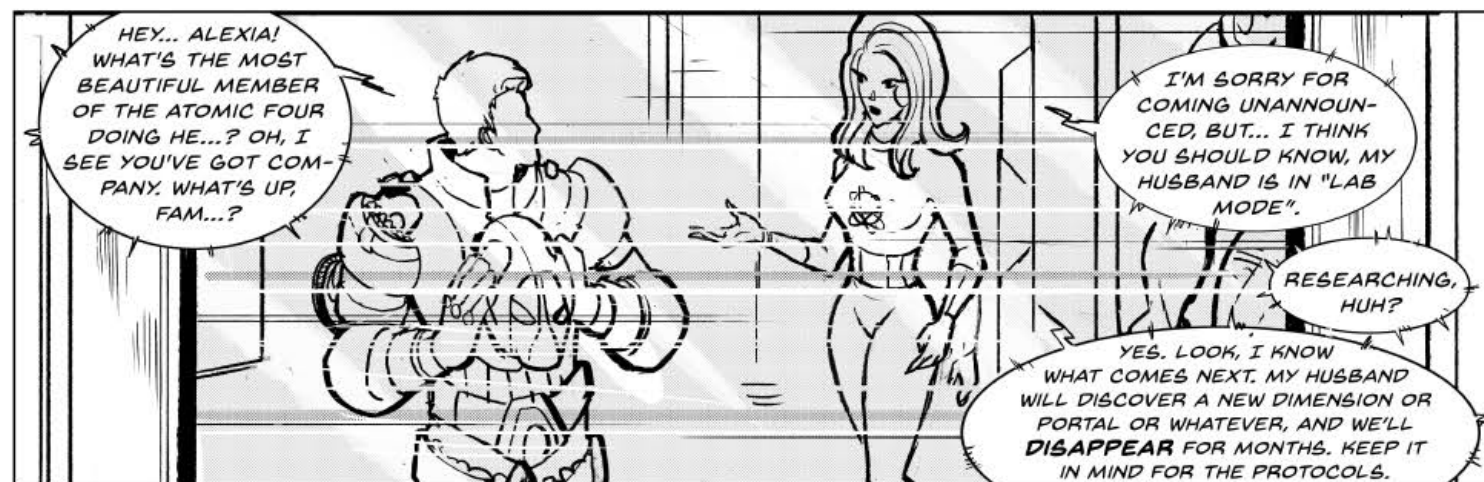
ALEX DIDN'T DESERVE SUCH A DEATH, AND I'M WORRIED FOR THE REST OF MY TEAM.

DON'T EVEN MENTION HIS NAME. EVERY TIME I REMEMBER THAT SMELL...

YOUR TEAM, I DON'T CARE, BUT DON'T WORRY, I DON'T WANT TO SPEND MORE TIME HERE THAN NECESSARY.



HEY. A BUTTON BLIN... HOUFF.



HEY... ALEXIA! WHAT'S THE MOST BEAUTIFUL MEMBER OF THE ATOMIC FOUR DOING HE...? OH, I SEE YOU'VE GOT COMPANY. WHAT'S UP, FAM...?

I'M SORRY FOR COMING UNANNOUNCED, BUT... I THINK YOU SHOULD KNOW, MY HUSBAND IS IN "LAB MODE".

RESEARCHING, HUH?

YES. LOOK, I KNOW WHAT COMES NEXT. MY HUSBAND WILL DISCOVER A NEW DIMENSION OR PORTAL OR WHATEVER, AND WE'LL DISAPPEAR FOR MONTHS. KEEP IT IN MIND FOR THE PROTOCOLS.



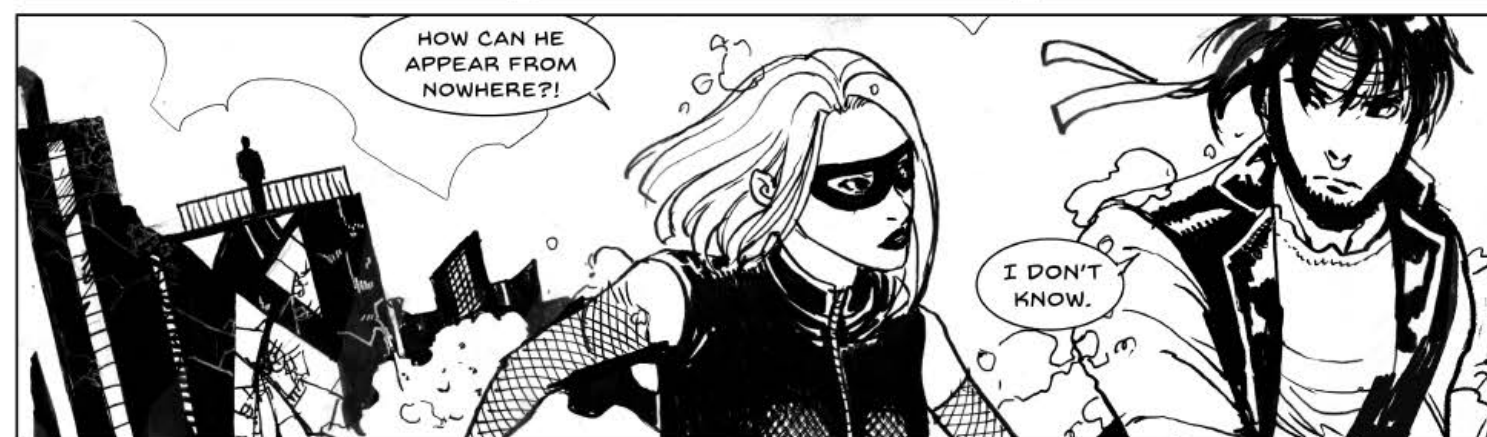
"I DON'T KNOW HOW WE DO IT BUT, NO MATTER WHERE WE END UP, THERE'S ALWAYS SOME COSMIC ABERRATION WE HAVE TO HELP DEFEAT".



SEVEN, NOW!

THROUGH THE HOLE! I'LL HELP YOU!

HMPF!



HOW CAN HE APPEAR FROM NOWHERE?!

I DON'T KNOW.



SEEMS LIKE HE CAN TELEPORT.





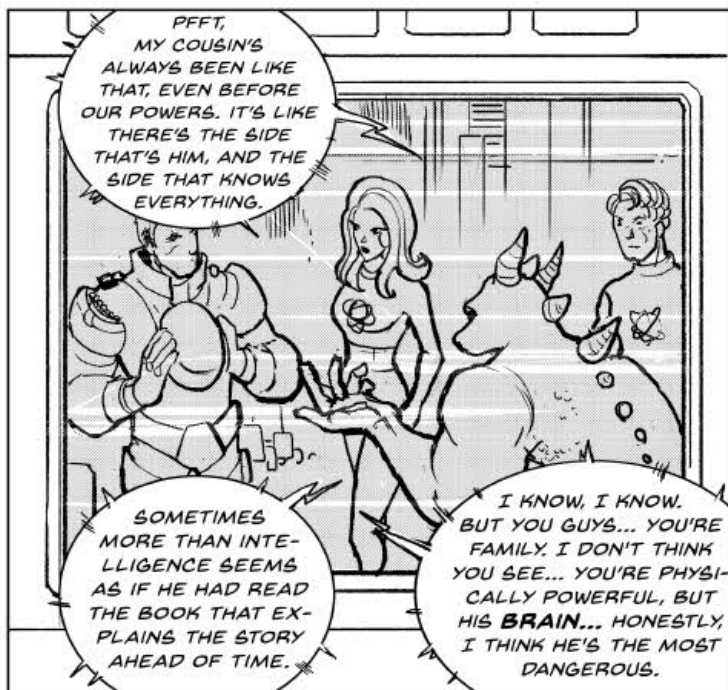
SEEMS WE LOST HIM. DO YOU THINK THAT KEYCHIP WILL WORK FOR DOCTOR HANZ?

WHO KNOWS. HE PREFERRED THE RED ONES, BUT THE BLUE ONE SHOULD SUFFICE...



"THIS GODDAMN CITY... WHERE HAVE WE GOT OURSELVES INTO?"

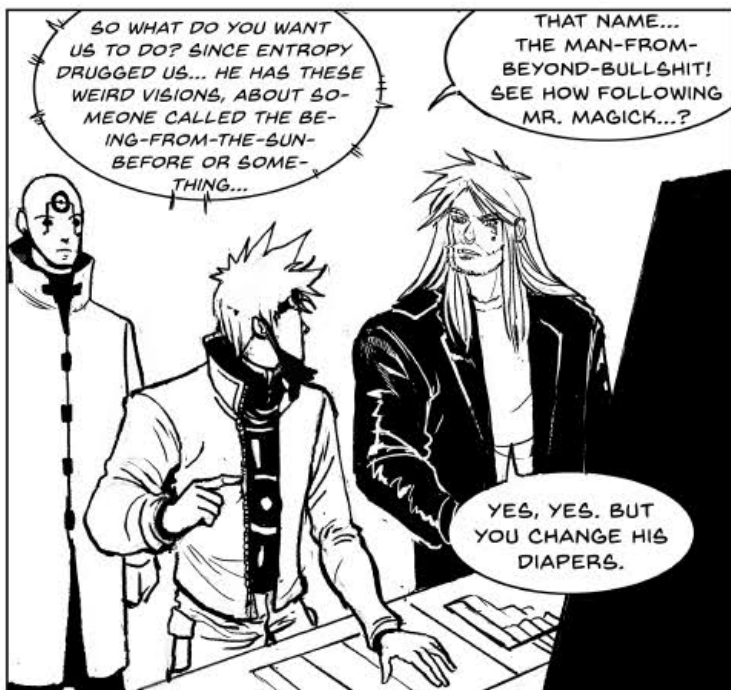
BE CAREFUL, FAMILY. ELECTRIC-BRAIN IS... HIS BRAIN IS SO POWERFUL, SOMETIMES I GET THE FEELING THERE ARE TWO PEOPLE IN HIM.



PFFT, MY COUSIN'S ALWAYS BEEN LIKE THAT, EVEN BEFORE OUR POWERS. IT'S LIKE THERE'S THE SIDE THAT'S HIM, AND THE SIDE THAT KNOWS EVERYTHING.

SOMETIMES MORE THAN INTELLIGENCE SEEMS AS IF HE HAD READ THE BOOK THAT EXPLAINS THE STORY AHEAD OF TIME.

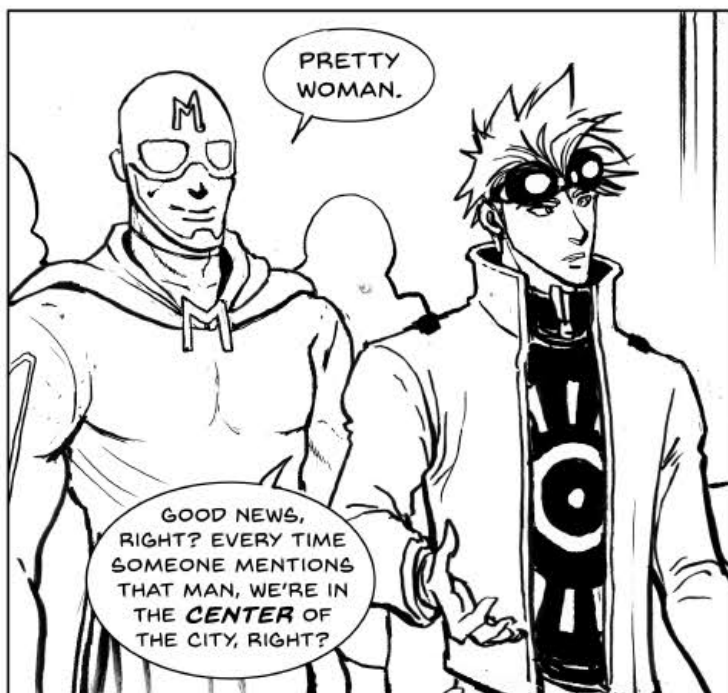
I KNOW, I KNOW. BUT YOU GUYS... YOU'RE FAMILY. I DON'T THINK YOU SEE... YOU'RE PHYSICALLY POWERFUL, BUT HIS BRAIN... HONESTLY, I THINK HE'S THE MOST DANGEROUS.



SO WHAT DO YOU WANT US TO DO? SINCE ENTROPY DRUGGED US... HE HAS THESE WEIRD VISIONS, ABOUT SOMEONE CALLED THE BEING-FROM-THE-SUN-BEFORE OR SOMETHING...

THAT NAME... THE MAN-FROM-BEYOND-BULLSHIT! SEE HOW FOLLOWING MR. MAGICK...?

YES, YES. BUT YOU CHANGE HIS DIAPERS.



PRETTY WOMAN.

GOOD NEWS, RIGHT? EVERY TIME SOMEONE MENTIONS THAT MAN, WE'RE IN THE CENTER OF THE CITY, RIGHT?



SO... FINDING THE ATOMIC FOUR SHOULD LEAD US TO THE CENTER OF THIS CITY-STORY...

DON'T WORRY, MY SISTER KNOWS HOW TO HANDLE MR. BRAIN. ENTROPY'S GAS JUST LEFT HIM A BIT OFF, THAT'S ALL.

IN NO TIME HE'LL COME OUT FROM LAB 39 AND WE'LL END UP IN A DIMENSION WHERE PEOPLE WEAR BRIEFS IN THEIR HEA-HEA-HEA...  
LOOK, IT JUST FROZE.

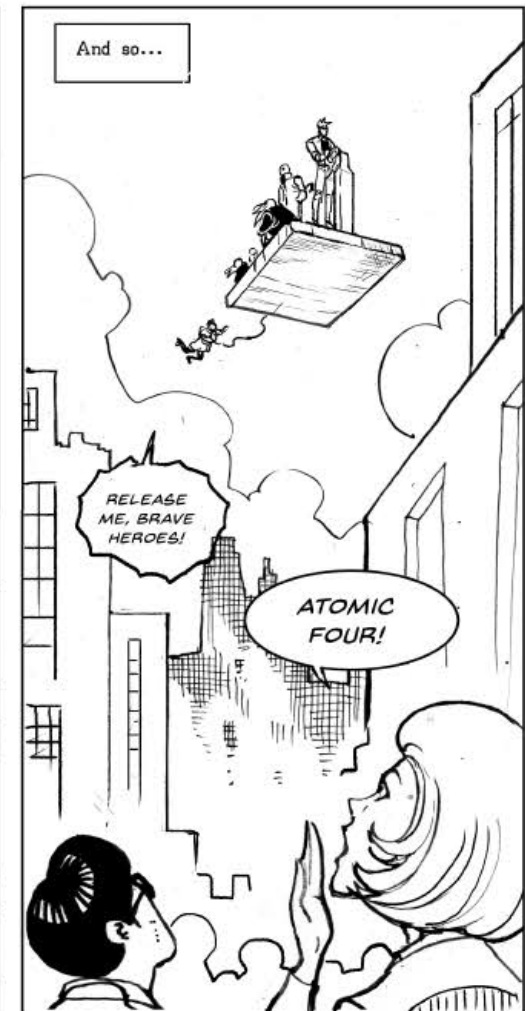


ADAM, MAYBE WE CAN GET MORE INFORMATION HERE. WE HAVEN'T EVEN... THE VIDEO... MAYBE WE CAN RESTART IT OR...

WHAT FOR? LAB 39. I KNOW WHERE IT IS. WE'LL DEFINITELY GET MORE INFORMATION THERE. FOR FUCKING ONCE, OUR MISSION IS CLEAR, ISN'T IT? FIND THOSE FOUR.

I'M WITH ADAM, EVEN IF IT'S JUST TO NOT REMAIN STATIONARY WITH HERMITES AROUND.

HM. I GUESS.



And so...

RELEASE ME, BRAVE HEROES!

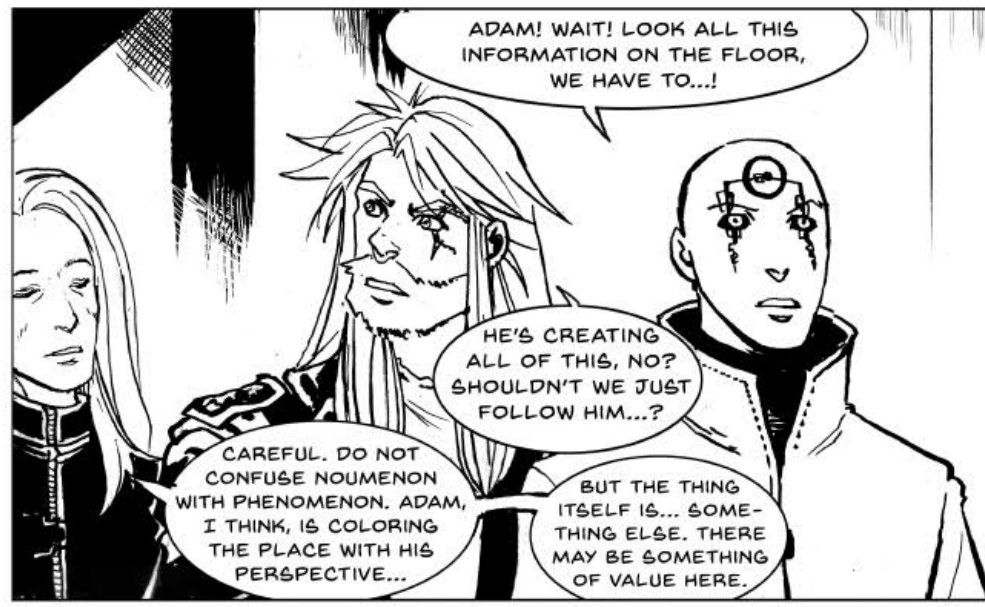
ATOMIC FOUR!



Our heroes find the secret laboratory...

HERE IS THE HERE!

HEY! THERE. SOMETHING'S GLOWING!



ADAM! WAIT! LOOK ALL THIS INFORMATION ON THE FLOOR, WE HAVE TO...!

HE'S CREATING ALL OF THIS, NO? SHOULDN'T WE JUST FOLLOW HIM...?

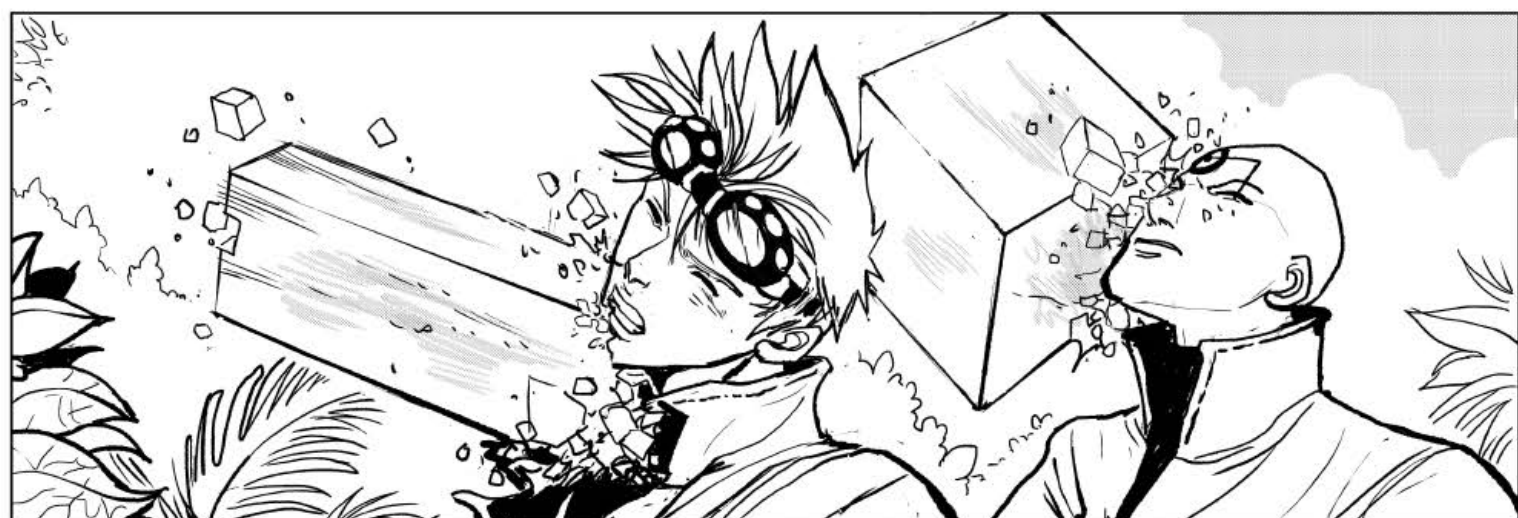
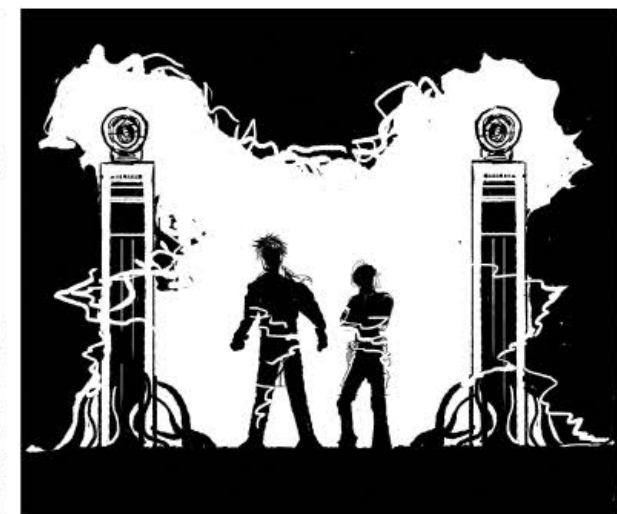
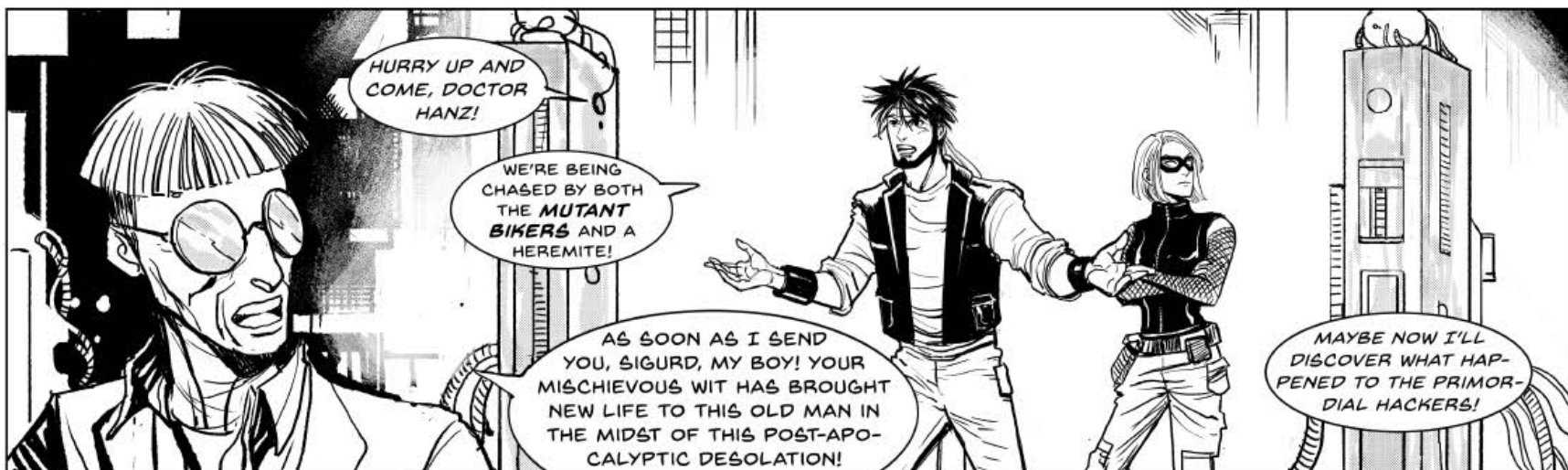
CAREFUL. DO NOT CONFUSE NOUMENON WITH PHENOMENON. ADAM, I THINK, IS COLORING THE PLACE WITH HIS PERSPECTIVE...

BUT THE THING ITSELF IS... SOMETHING ELSE. THERE MAY BE SOMETHING OF VALUE HERE.



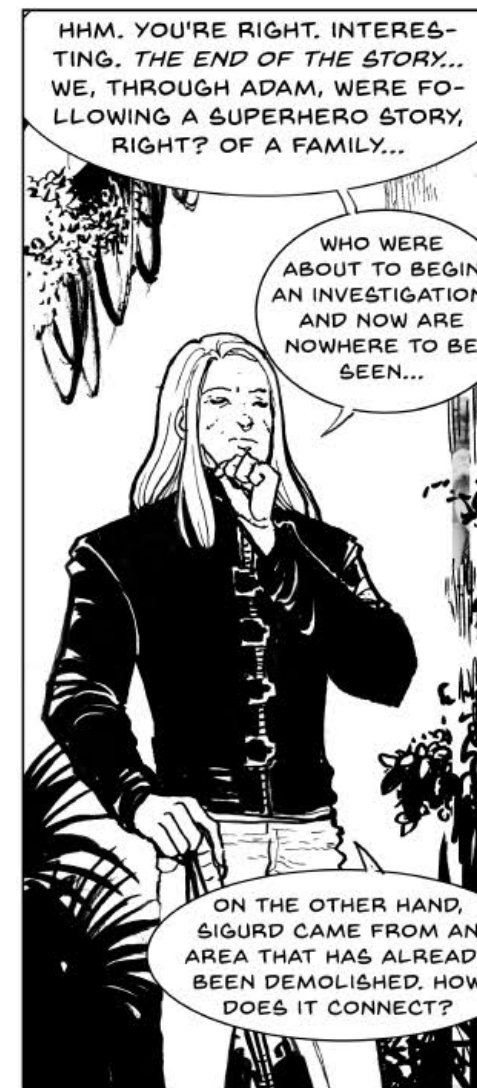
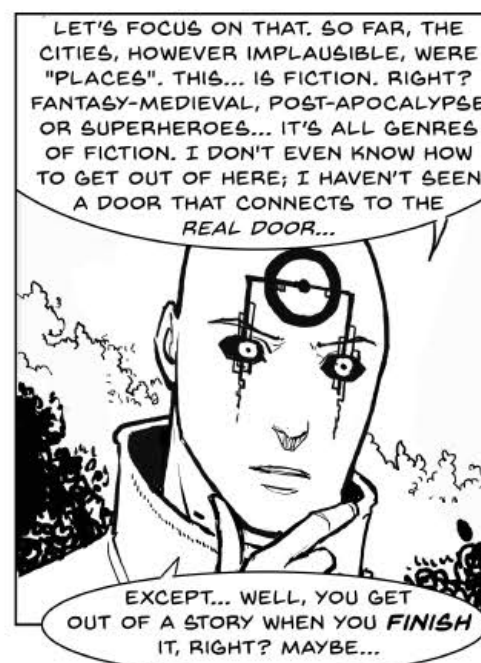
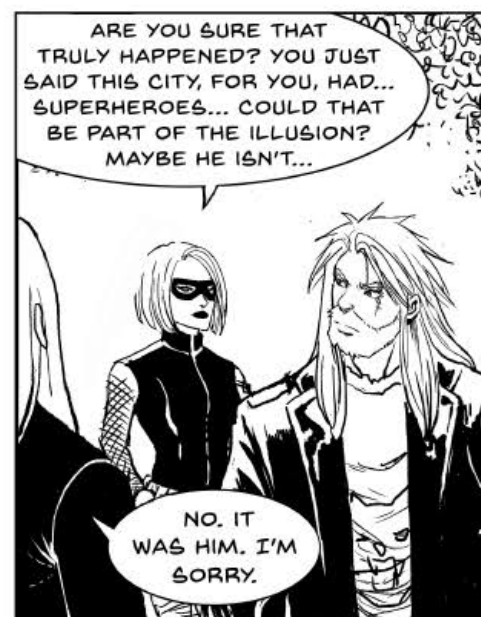
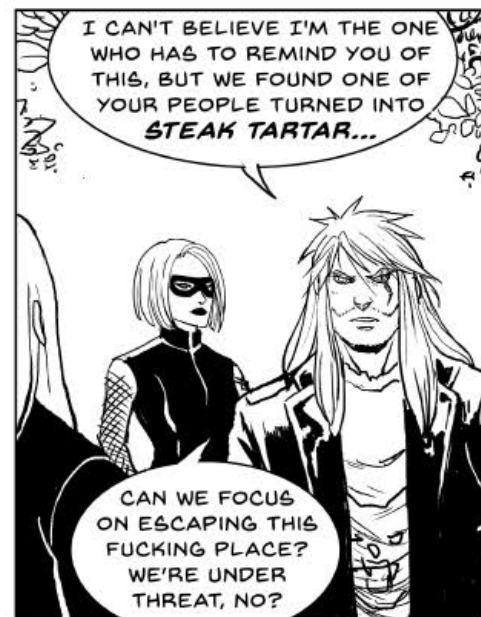
LOOKS LIKE... A PORTAL. THE PANEL'S ACTIVE! MR. MAGICK IS...







## Part 2: Clash of universes!







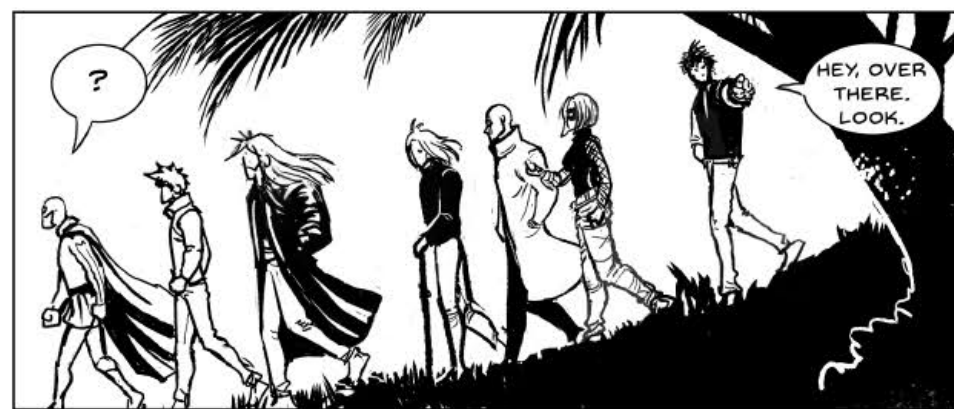
DOWN THERE!  
COMES FROM  
THAT RIVER.



MR.  
MAGICK.  
WHERE ARE  
WE...?

ADAM,  
CAREFUL.

MR. MAGICK  
IS NOT A REAL  
PERSON. RE-  
MEMBER WHERE  
YOU ARE, UN-  
LESS YOU WANT  
TO END UP  
LIKE TAIYO-  
WAI.

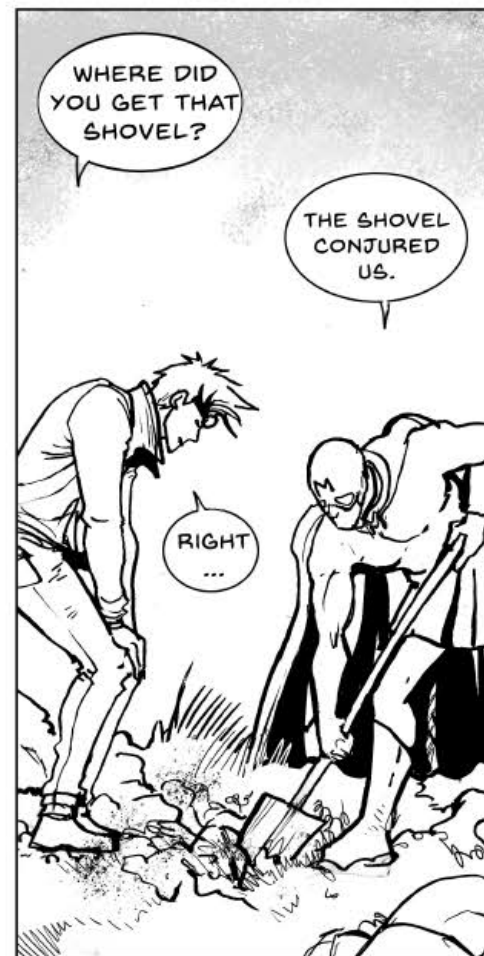


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HEY, OVER  
THERE.  
LOOK.



OH, SURE,  
THAT'S WHY  
THE HERE-  
MITES ARE  
PICKING  
THEM LIKE  
CANDY.



WHERE DID  
YOU GET THAT  
SHOVEL?

THE SHOVEL  
CONJURED  
US.

RIGHT  
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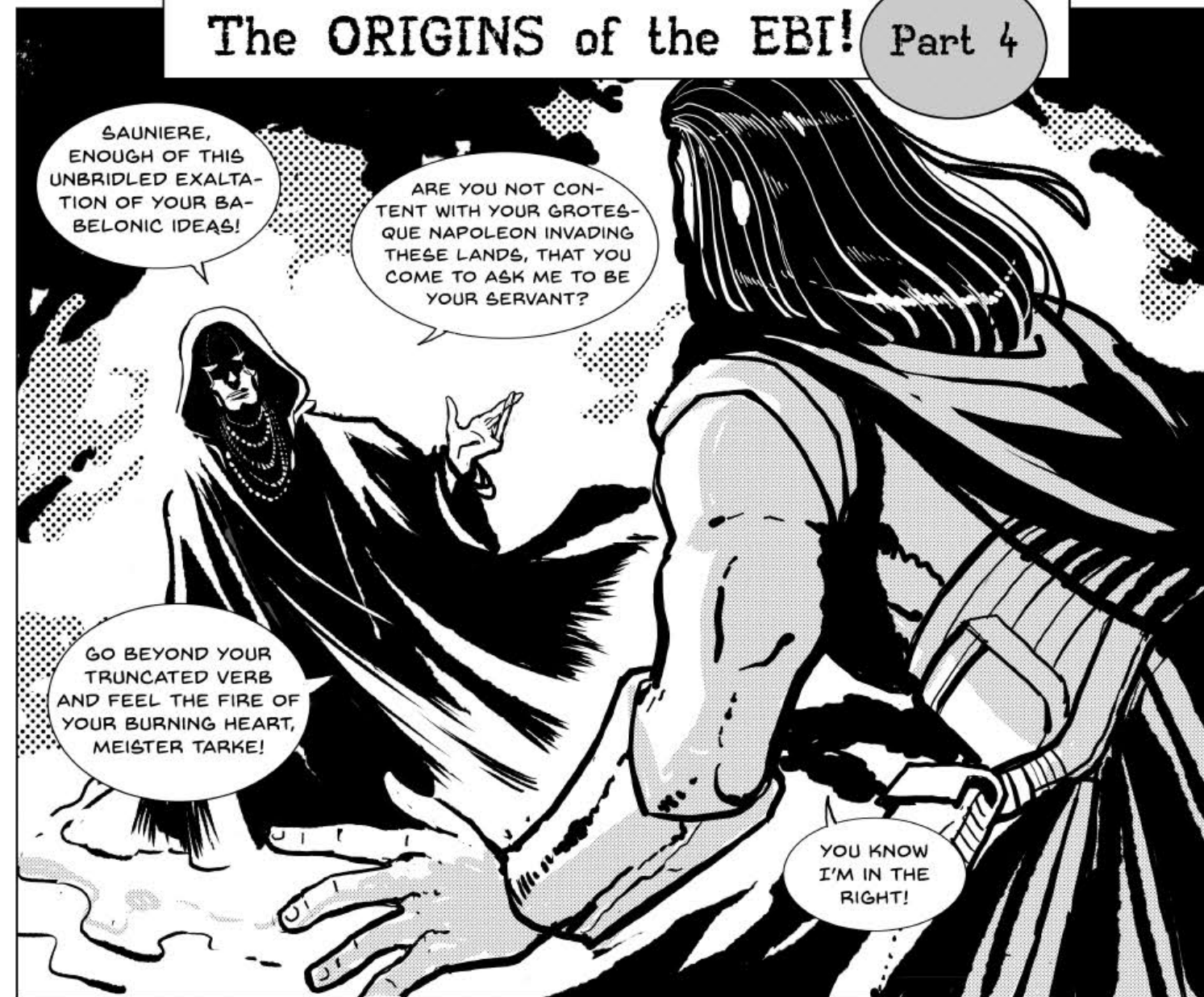


THAT MACHINE. SEEMS  
TO BE SUCKING WATER FROM  
THE RIVER, DOESN'T IT? I  
IMAGINE IT WILL BE CONNEC-  
TED TO WHEREVER WE  
NEED TO GO.

SAUNIÈRE WAS  
VERY METICULOUS,  
EH. VERY GOOD JOB.  
HIDING ONE OF THE  
VERSES HERE...



ANOTHER  
PAGE?



# The ORIGINS of the EBI! Part 4

SAUNIÈRE,  
ENOUGH OF THIS  
UNBRIDLED EXALTA-  
TION OF YOUR BA-  
BELONIC IDEAS!

ARE YOU NOT CON-  
TENT WITH YOUR GROTES-  
QUE NAPOLEON INVADING  
THESE LANDS, THAT YOU  
COME TO ASK ME TO BE  
YOUR SERVANT?

GO BEYOND YOUR  
TRUNCATED VERB  
AND FEEL THE FIRE OF  
YOUR BURNING HEART,  
MEISTER TARKE!

YOU KNOW  
I'M IN THE  
RIGHT!



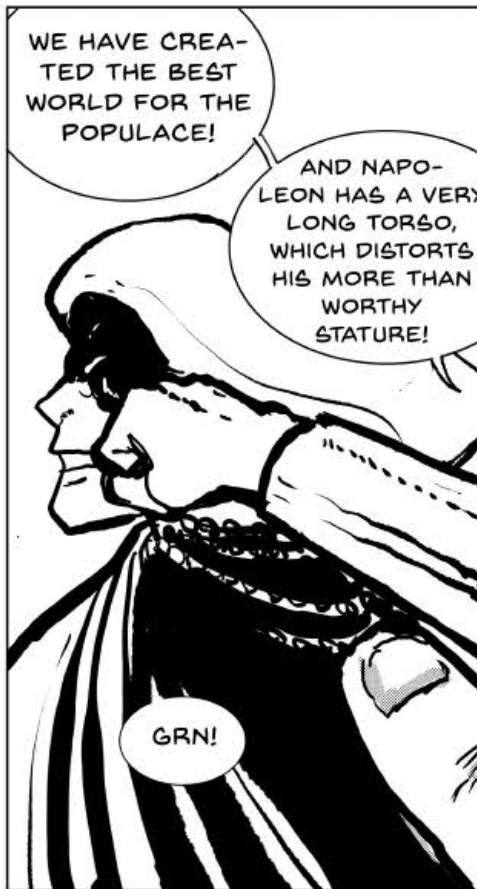
I'VE JUST BEEN TO SOUTHERN  
SPAIN, WHERE I HAVE BEEN IN-  
VESTIGATING THE REASONS  
FOR AN OLD ENGLISH RAID!

THE ENGLISH MYSTIC DEE  
WOULD BE OF GREAT HELP TO  
KNOW WHAT HAPPENED! WHICH  
PROVES THE MERITS OF A  
SECRET **LEAGUE** OF MYSTICS,  
AN INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE!



YOU SPEAK  
CONVINCINGLY,  
FRENCHMAN!

BUT I WOULD NEVER SELL  
MY WILL TO SOMEONE FROM  
YOUR LAND; YOU DENY MAGIC TO  
THE PEOPLE AND YOU HAVE AN  
ANKLE-BITER ON THE THRONE!

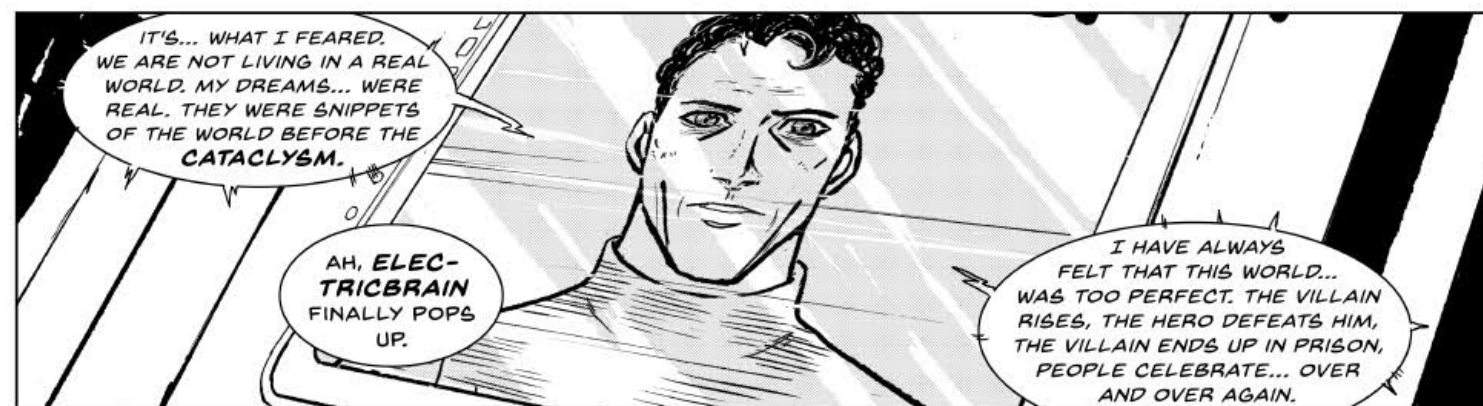
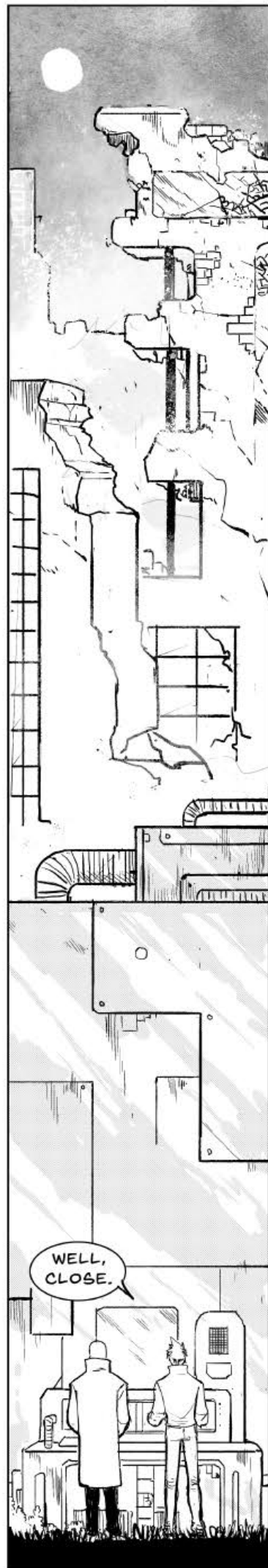
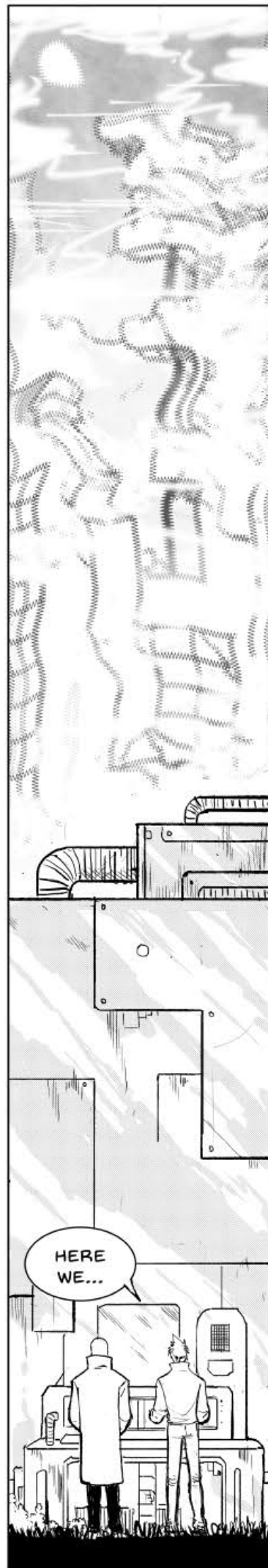
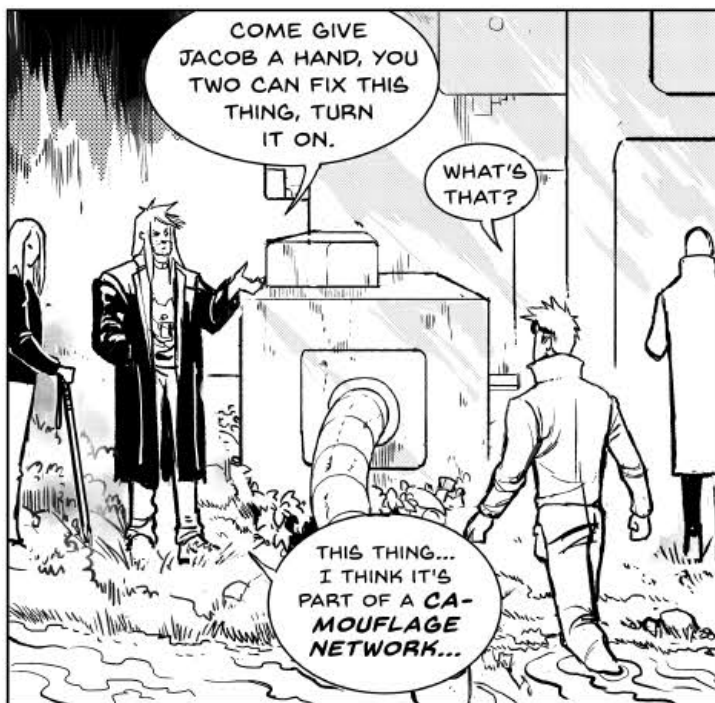


WE HAVE CREA-  
TED THE BEST  
WORLD FOR THE  
POPULACE!

AND NAPO-  
LEON HAS A VERY  
LONG TORSO,  
WHICH DISTORTS  
HIS MORE THAN  
WORTHY  
STATURE!

GRN!



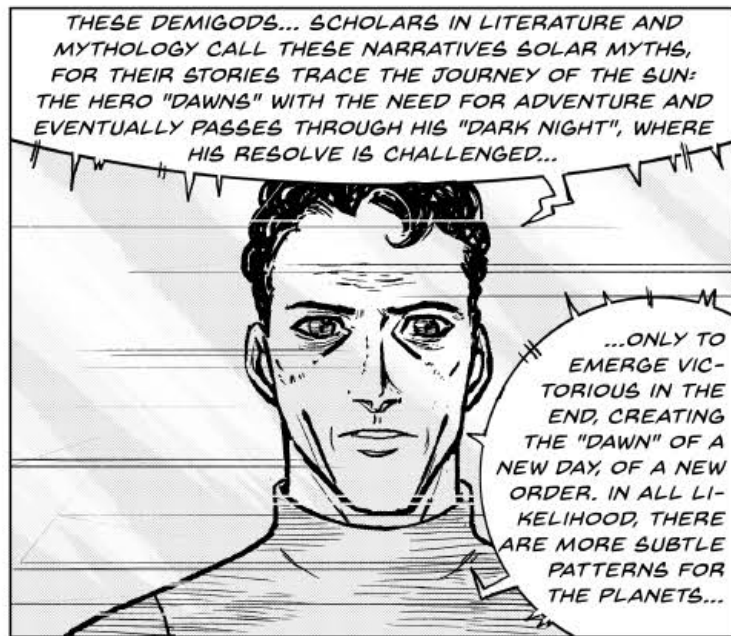






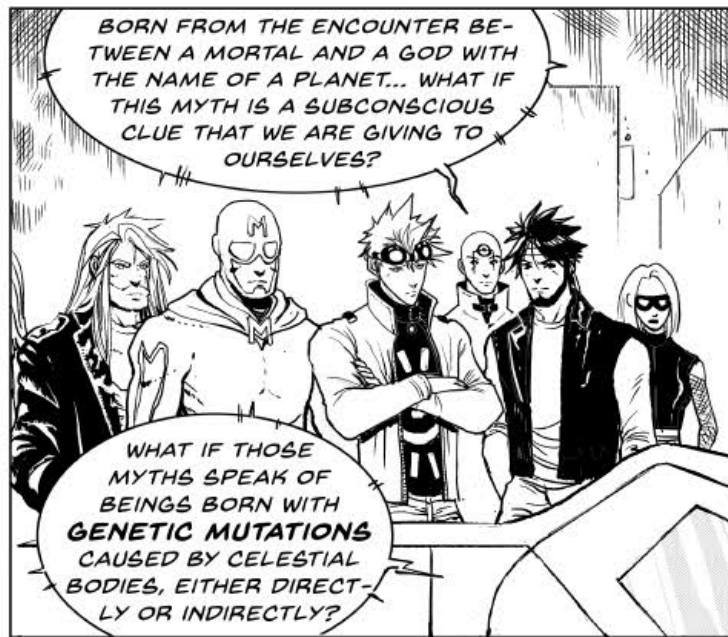
I'VE BEEN THINKING... ABOUT ALL THE ANCIENT CIVILIZATIONS THAT BELIEVED IN ASTROLOGY AND MADE CONNECTIONS BETWEEN THEIR GODS AND THE SUN AND PLANETS.

THAT LED ME TO THINK OF THE FIGURE OF THE DEMIGOD; THE HERO OF CLASSICAL MYTHOLOGIES. MORTALS, BUT WITH EXTRAORDINARY ABILITIES.



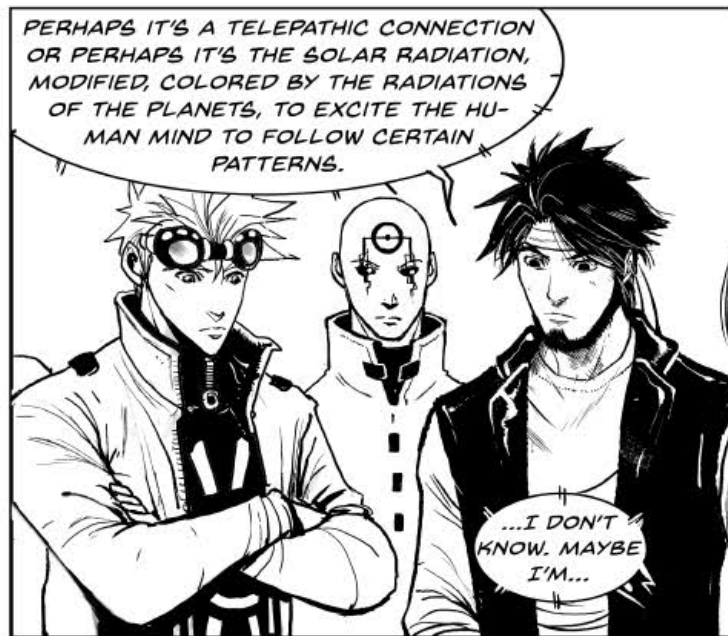
THESE DEMIGODS... SCHOLARS IN LITERATURE AND MYTHOLOGY CALL THESE NARRATIVES SOLAR MYTHS, FOR THEIR STORIES TRACE THE JOURNEY OF THE SUN: THE HERO "DAWNS" WITH THE NEED FOR ADVENTURE AND EVENTUALLY PASSES THROUGH HIS "DARK NIGHT", WHERE HIS RESOLVE IS CHALLENGED...

...ONLY TO EMERGE VICTORIOUS IN THE END, CREATING THE "DAWN" OF A NEW DAY, OF A NEW ORDER. IN ALL LIKELIHOOD, THERE ARE MORE SUBTLE PATTERNS FOR THE PLANETS...



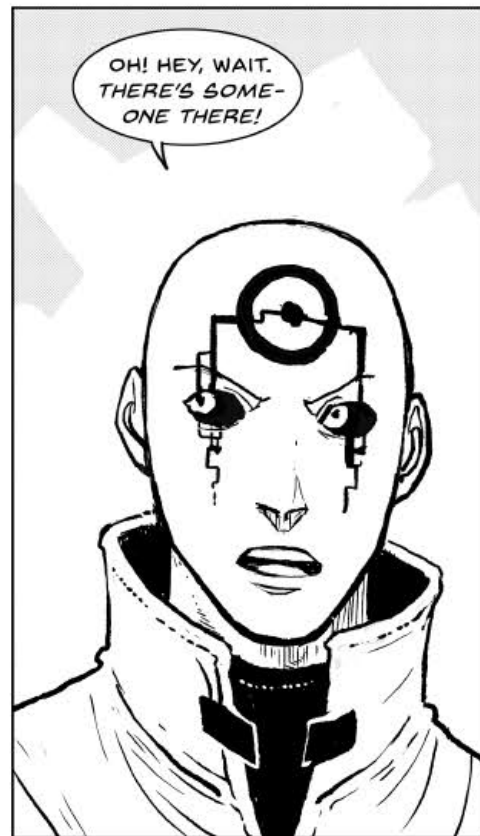
BORN FROM THE ENCOUNTER BETWEEN A MORTAL AND A GOD WITH THE NAME OF A PLANET... WHAT IF THIS MYTH IS A SUBCONSCIOUS CLUE THAT WE ARE GIVING TO OURSELVES?

WHAT IF THOSE MYTHS SPEAK OF BEINGS BORN WITH **GENETIC MUTATIONS** CAUSED BY CELESTIAL BODIES, EITHER DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY?



PERHAPS IT'S A TELEPATHIC CONNECTION OR PERHAPS IT'S THE SOLAR RADIATION, MODIFIED, COLORED BY THE RADIATIONS OF THE PLANETS, TO EXCITE THE HUMAN MIND TO FOLLOW CERTAIN PATTERNS.

...I DON'T KNOW. MAYBE I'M...



OH! HEY, WAIT. THERE'S SOMEONE THERE!



I'M GOING, SOMEONE COVER ME!

ON IT! HOPE IT'S ONE OF THE BASTARDS WHO KILLED ALEX!



HE WAS PRETTY HIGH UP, BUT ASSUME HE COULD POP UP AT ANY TIME!

YOU THINK THIS IS OUR FIRST MISSION?



HE'S CLOSE, I'M HEARIN'---

SEVERAL GROUPS, THEY'RE...



YEAH, EBI PEOPLE AND... CABALISTS? MAYBE. THEY DO NOT ACT LIKE A COHESIVE SQUAD.

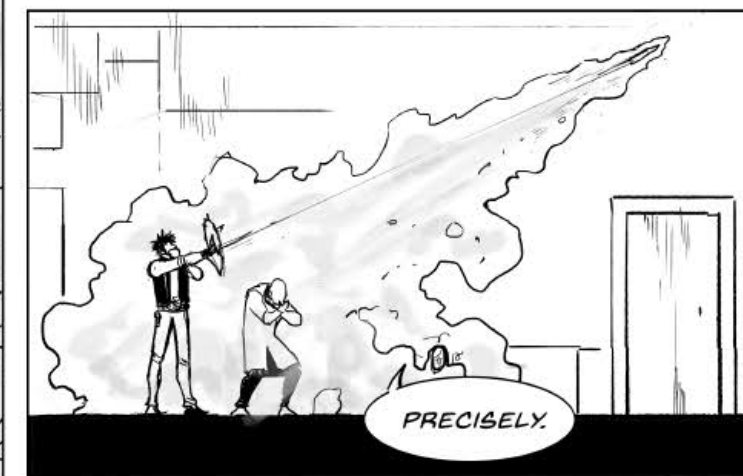
IN ANY CASE, YOU SHOULD FINISH SOON. THEY ARE GETTING TOO CLOSE...



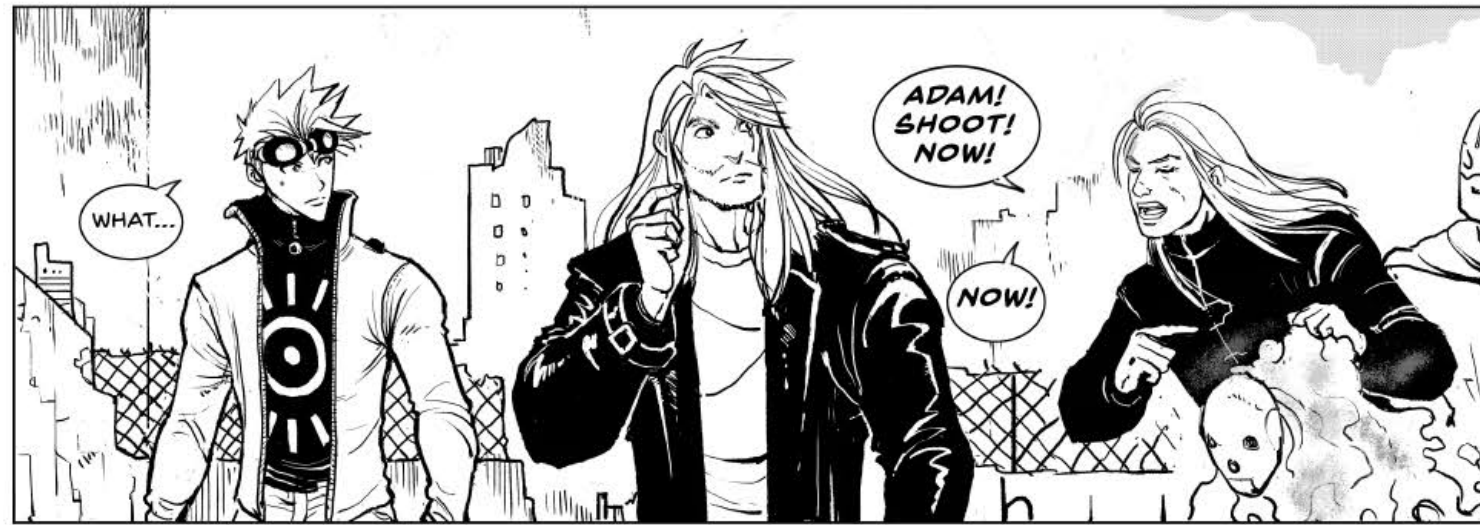
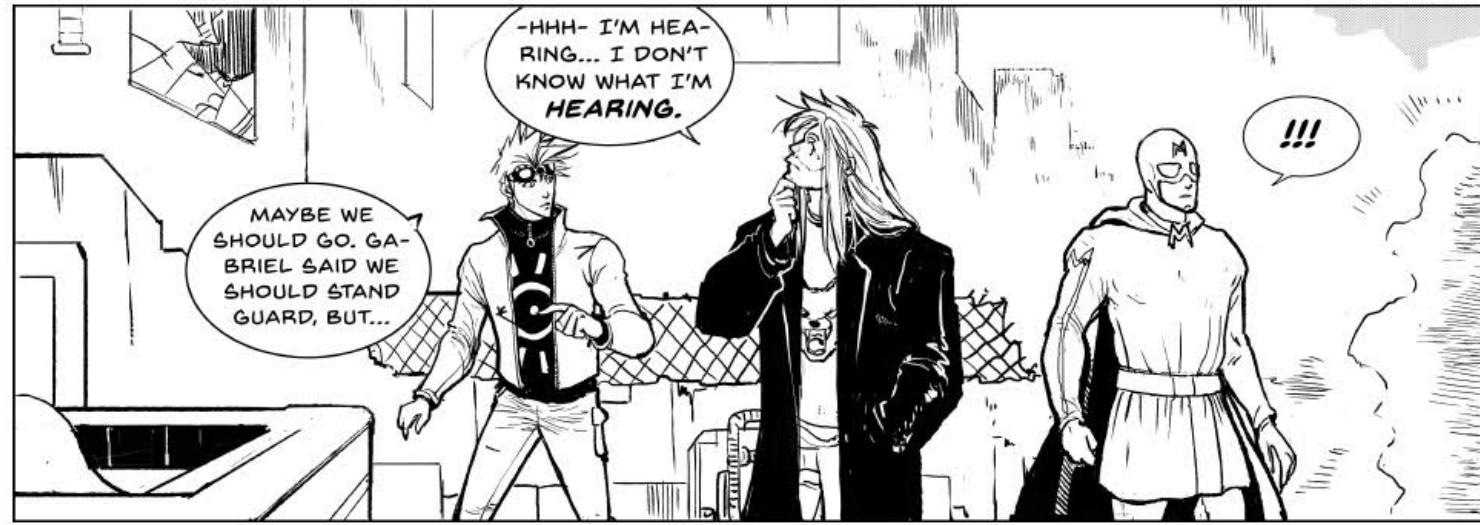
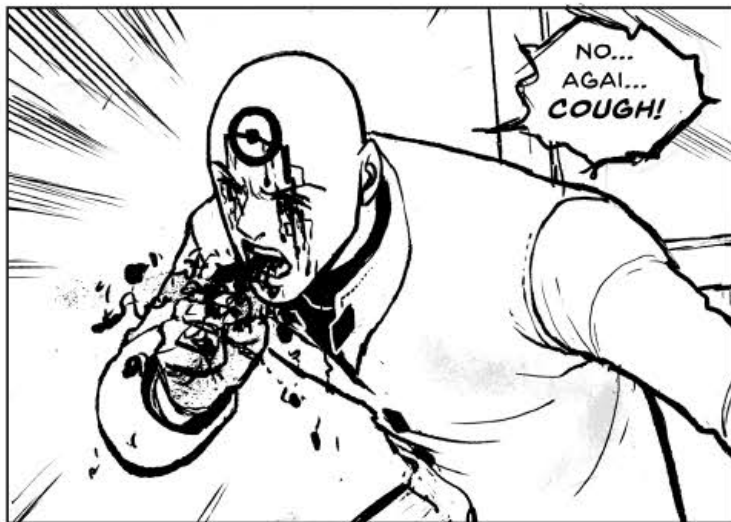
WHAT...? WHERE...?



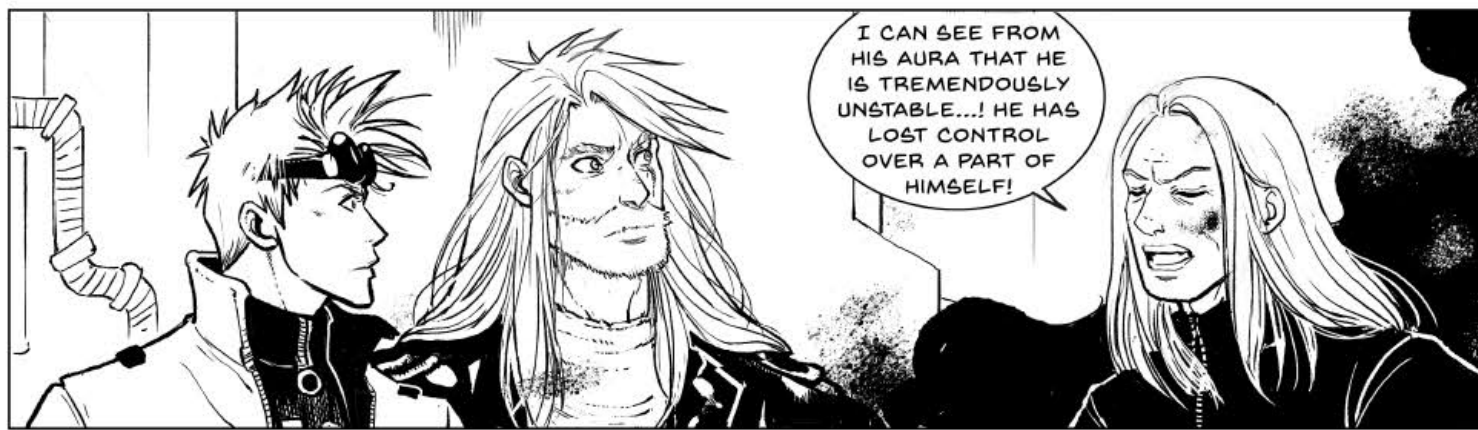
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