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"THIS IS A DUAL STORY,  
IT GOES IN BOTH DIRECTIONS. ABOUT THE  
SPLENDOR OF LYS..."

"...AND ITS FALL  
FROM GRACE".

"TWO SIDES, AND IN  
THE MIDDLE, OUR  
**RITUAL**".

WHERE ARE  
WE?

THIS ROOM IS  
A LARGE-SCALE  
REPLICA OF THE  
**WATER ELEMENT**, ADAM.

WE AC-  
TIVATE IT  
THROUGH OUR  
RITUAL.

WE USED TO USE IT  
TO MAINTAIN A SPIRI-  
TUAL CONNECTION IN  
LYS; NOW, TO RE-EN-  
ERGIZE THE **SPELL**  
THAT KEEPS THIS  
CITY ALIVE.

YOU CAN  
TAKE YOUR  
CLOTHES  
OFF.

EH... WHY?

WAIT. WAIT.

THE RITUAL  
OF LYS... IT'S  
**SEX?**





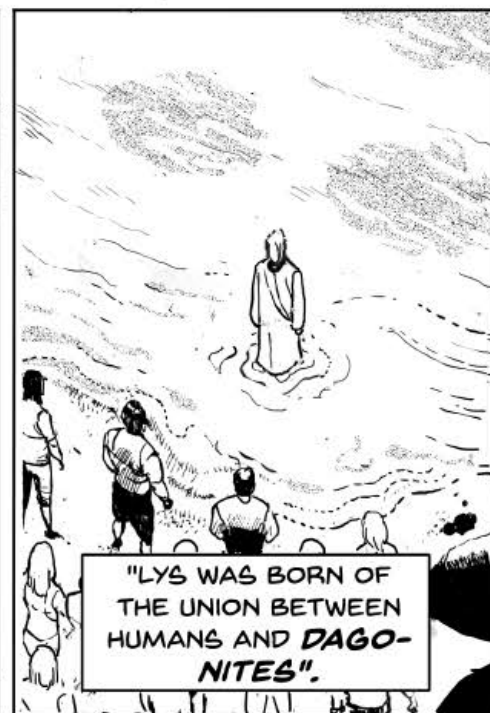
HM.

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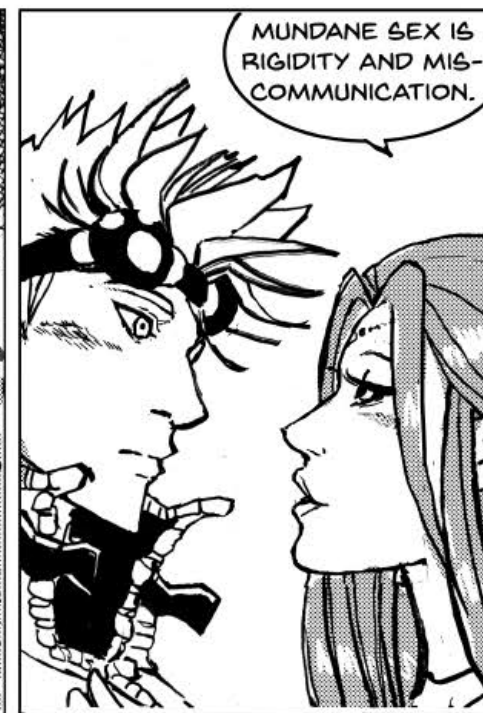
WE ARE GOING TO USE THE PATH THAT GOD MADE TO TRANSCEND THE SELF.



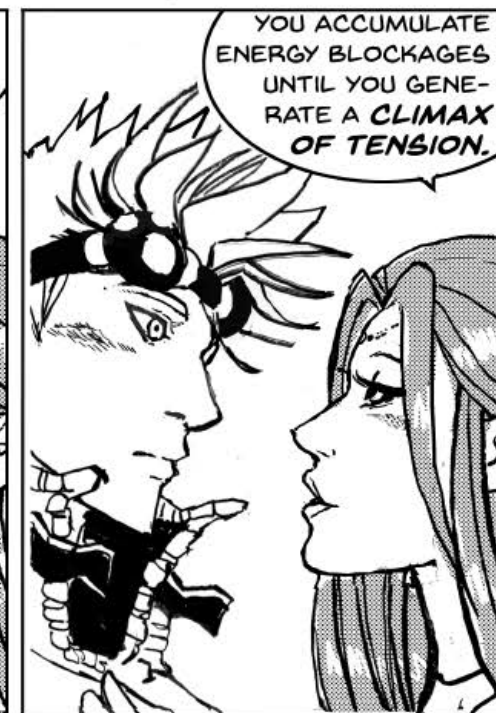
UNION OF OPPOSITES. FEMININE AND MASCULINE, FORMING THE WHOLE.



"LYS WAS BORN OF THE UNION BETWEEN HUMANS AND **DAGO-NITES**".



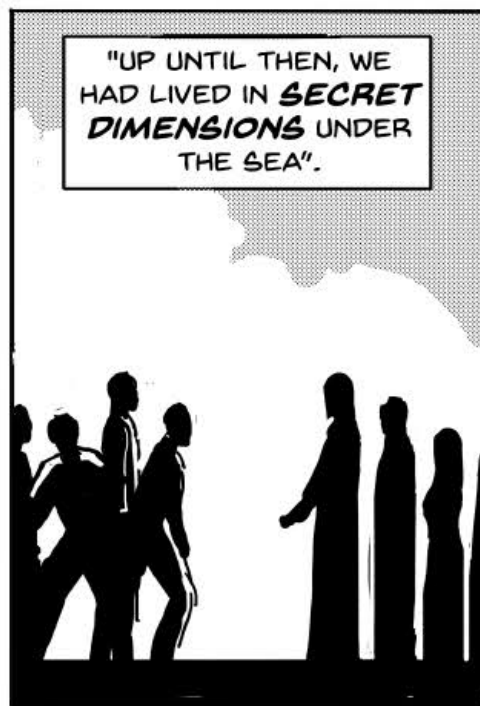
MUNDANE SEX IS RIGIDITY AND MIS-COMMUNICATION.



YOU ACCUMULATE ENERGY BLOCKAGES UNTIL YOU GENERATE A **CLIMAX OF TENSION**.



"OUR LEADER, DAGON, BROUGHT WITH HIM SOME OF HIS PEOPLE".



"UP UNTIL THEN, WE HAD LIVED IN **SECRET DIMENSIONS** UNDER THE SEA".



"HUMANS SAW THINGS THEY COULDN'T UNDERSTAND, SO THEY CONSIDERED US EM-  
ISSARIES OF THEIR **GOD**".

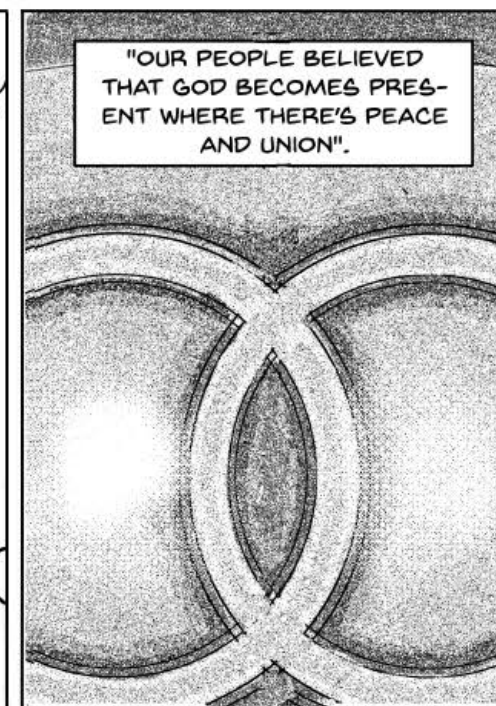


SACRED SEX IS HARMONY, UNION WITH THE COSMOS.



THE BLOCKAGES DISSIPATE, THE ENERGY RISES THROUGH ALL THE **CHAKRAS**, GENERATING MULTIPLE ORGASMS WITHOUT EJA-CULATION THAT END IN AWE AND LAUGHS.

THAT'S WHAT YOU HAVE TO DO. DON'T WORRY, I'LL GUIDE YOU.



"OUR PEOPLE BELIEVED THAT GOD BECOMES PRESENT WHERE THERE'S PEACE AND UNION".



"WE WANTED TO LIVE CLOSE TO THE SUN, TO BETTER LISTEN TO THE MESSAGES OF THE CREATOR, OF OUR GOD".



"BUT THAT MEANT LIVING AMONG HUMANS... AND EX-  
POSING OURSELVES TO THEIR **LIMITATIONS**".

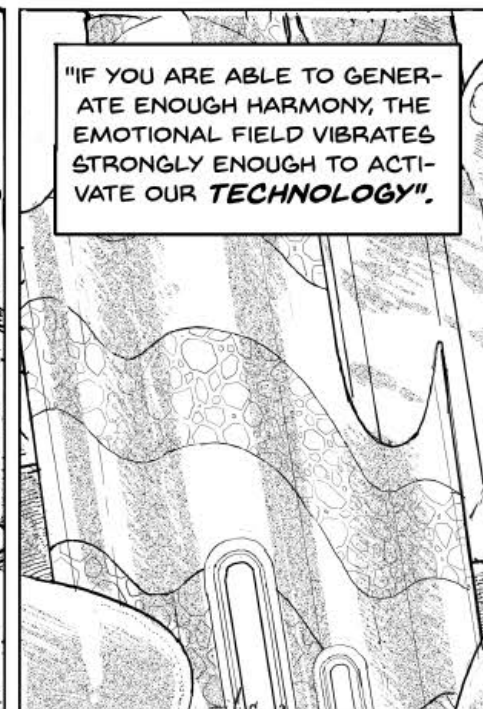


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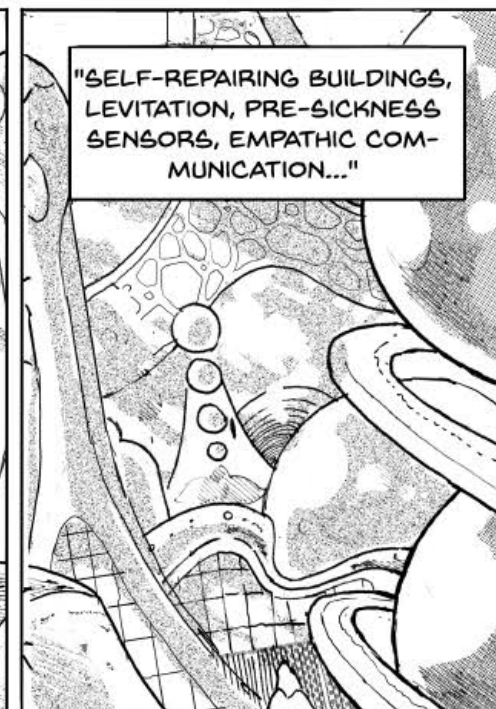
WHAT DO I HAVE TO DO?



"YOU SEE, WE PERCEIVE EMOTIONS AS AN ENERGY FIELD THAT **UNITES US**".

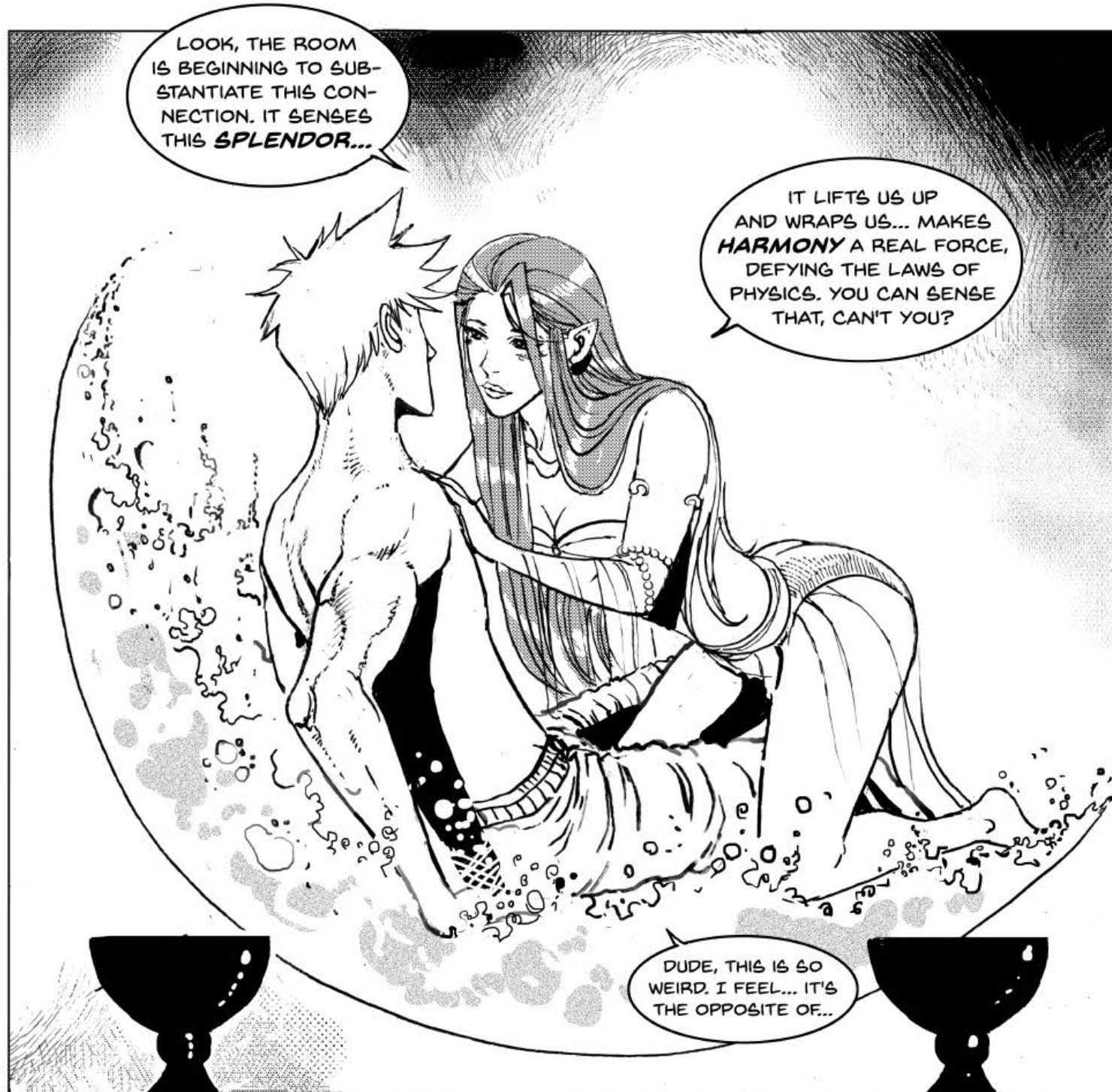


"IF YOU ARE ABLE TO GENERATE ENOUGH HARMONY, THE EMOTIONAL FIELD VIBRATES STRONGLY ENOUGH TO ACTIVATE OUR **TECHNOLOGY**".



"SELF-REPAIRING BUILDINGS, LEVITATION, PRE-SICKNESS SENSORS, EMPATHIC COMMUNICATION..."

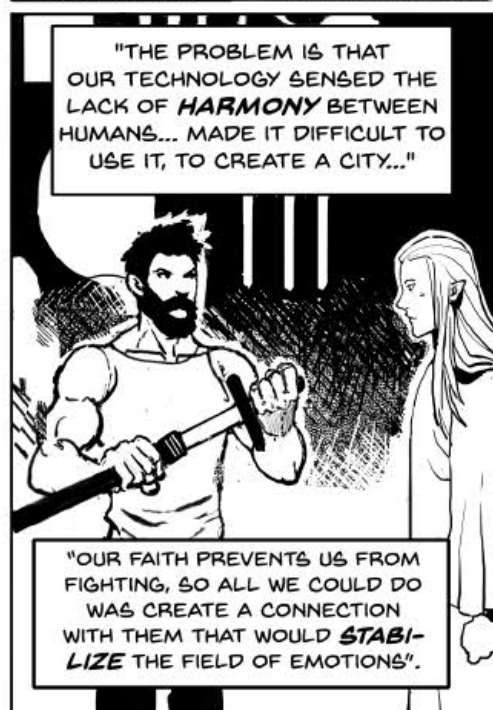




LOOK, THE ROOM IS BEGINNING TO SUBSTANTIATE THIS CONNECTION. IT SENSES THIS **SPLENDOR**...

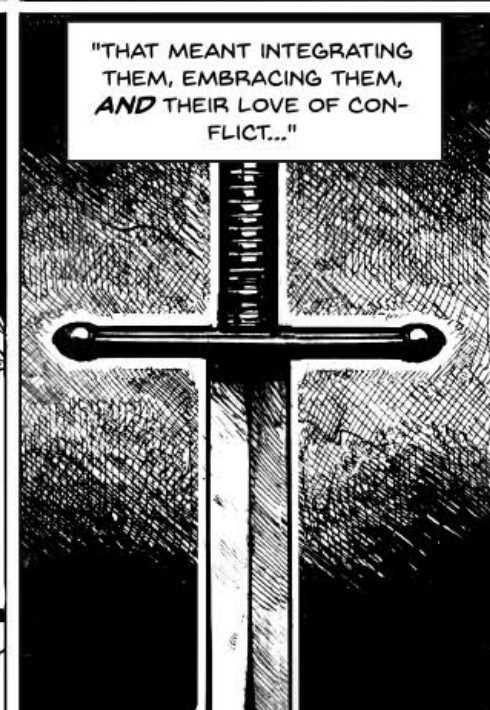
IT LIFTS US UP AND WRAPS US... MAKES **HARMONY** A REAL FORCE, DEFYING THE LAWS OF PHYSICS. YOU CAN SENSE THAT, CAN'T YOU?

DUDE, THIS IS SO WEIRD. I FEEL... IT'S THE OPPOSITE OF...

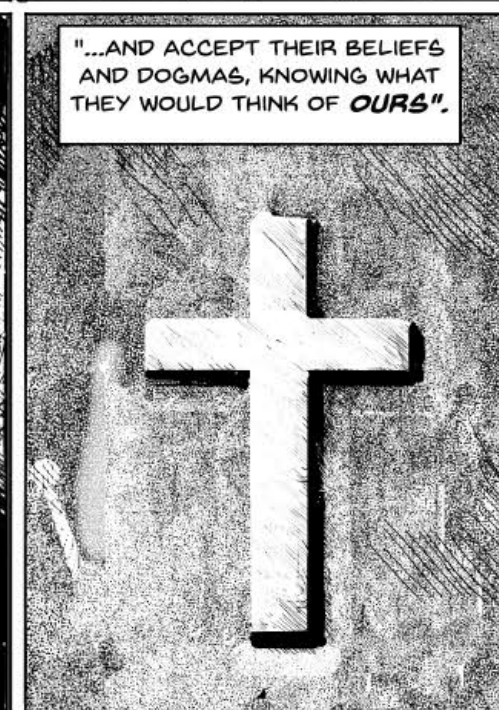


"THE PROBLEM IS THAT OUR TECHNOLOGY SENSED THE LACK OF **HARMONY** BETWEEN HUMANS... MADE IT DIFFICULT TO USE IT, TO CREATE A CITY..."

"OUR FAITH PREVENTS US FROM FIGHTING, SO ALL WE COULD DO WAS CREATE A CONNECTION WITH THEM THAT WOULD **STABILIZE** THE FIELD OF EMOTIONS".



"THAT MEANT INTEGRATING THEM, EMBRACING THEM, **AND** THEIR LOVE OF CONFLICT..."



"...AND ACCEPT THEIR BELIEFS AND DOGMAS, KNOWING WHAT THEY WOULD THINK OF **OURS**".



"THEY BELIEVED IN A GOD FOR WHOM OUR RITUAL WAS **BLASPHEMY**".

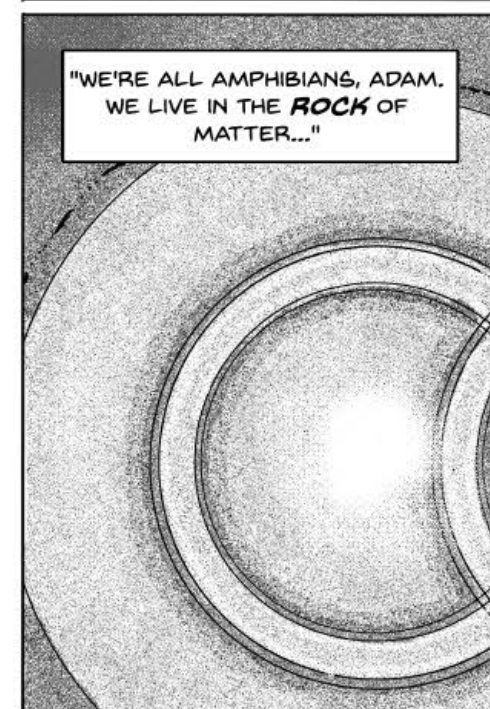


"SO, FOR THE SAKE OF **HARMONY** WITH THE HUMANS, WE **HID IT** FROM THEM".

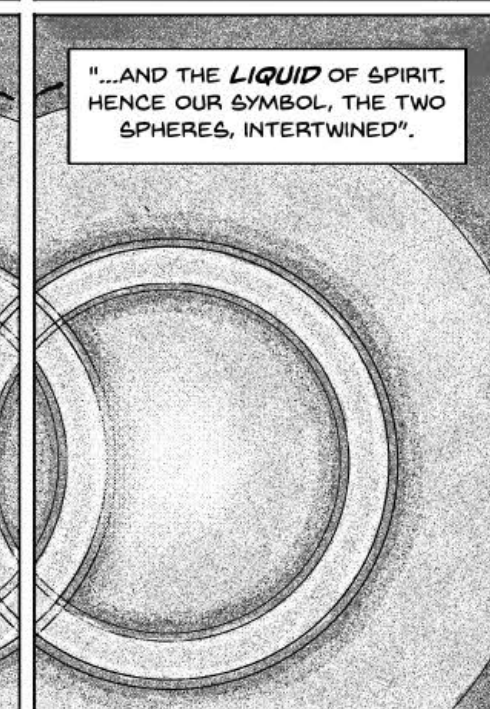
RELAX THE BACK; RAISE THE ENERGY TOWARDS YOUR HEAD, ADAM.



"AND WE REPLACED THE WATER OF THEIR RITUALS WITH THE WATER OF OUR RITUALS, SO THAT THEY WOULD FEEL A PART OF THE ECSTASY AND CONNECTION THAT BINDS US AS **DAGONITES**..."



"WE'RE ALL AMPHIBIANS, ADAM. WE LIVE IN THE **ROCK** OF MATTER..."



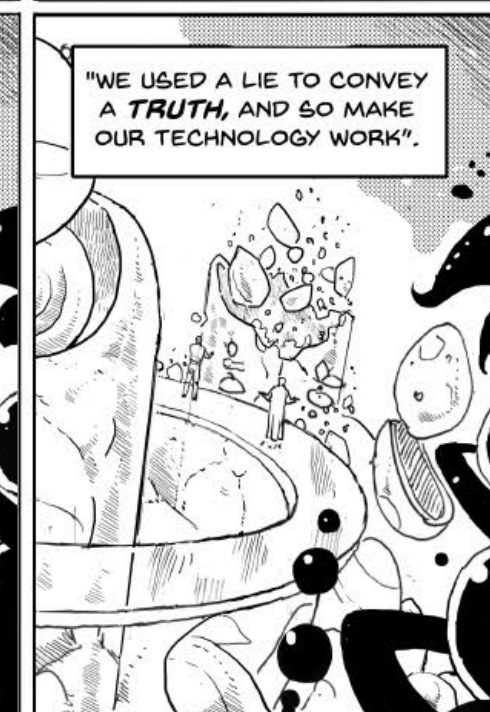
"...AND THE **LIQUID** OF SPIRIT. HENCE OUR SYMBOL, THE TWO SPHERES, INTERTWINED".



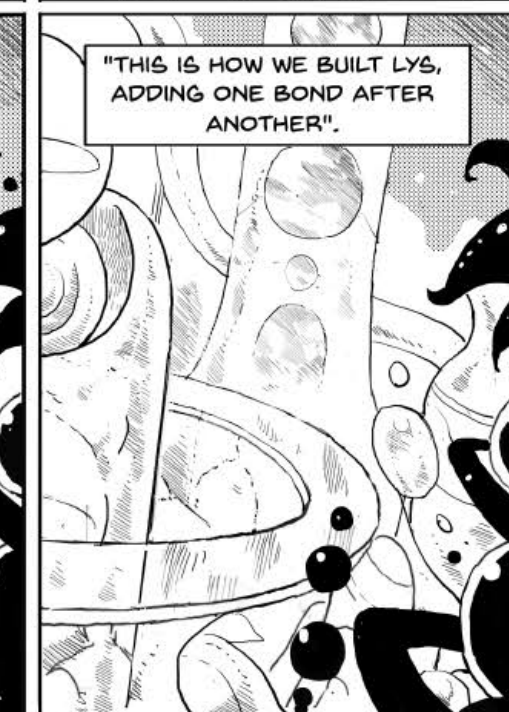
"HUMANS DO NOT PERCEIVE THE SPIRIT, BUT YOU ARE STILL **AFFECTED** BY IT. THAT'S WHY WE DIDN'T SEE A PROBLEM IN CALMING THE FIRES OF THE HUMANS".



"AFTER ALL, OUR ENCHANTED WATER RADIATED PEACE, STRENGTHENED OUR BONDS. WHAT WAS WRONG IN WANTING TO SHARE THAT?"



"WE USED A LIE TO CONVEY A **TRUTH**, AND SO MAKE OUR TECHNOLOGY WORK".



"THIS IS HOW WE BUILT **LYS**, ADDING ONE BOND AFTER ANOTHER".





HAVE YOU SEEN THE SECRET OF LYS, LÉON?

MOST HUMANS USE THEIR MAGIC **UNKNOWNLY**.



THE SPIRIT IS A WAVE THAT ALWAYS RETURNS WHAT YOU **EMIT**.

WHEN YOU HAVE IT **PURIFIED**, IT GENERATES HARMONY. BUT HUMANS DON'T PERCEIVE IT...



ASKING FOR PEACE AND HARMONY FROM OUR RACE IS LIKE ASKING A BLIND MAN TO PAINT A PICTURE.

HOW CAN WE CREATE A WORLD OF FREE MEN WHEN WE ARE **SLAVES** TO THIS DEFICIENCY?



GOD. SAUNIÈRE, HE... HE CREATED THE **MODERN WORLD**, RIGHT?

OH... YOU STILL HAVE **MEMORIES** OF LÉON?



"A SOCIETY IS A **DREAM** THAT FEEDS ON THOSE VIBRATIONAL TIES BETWEEN PEOPLE".



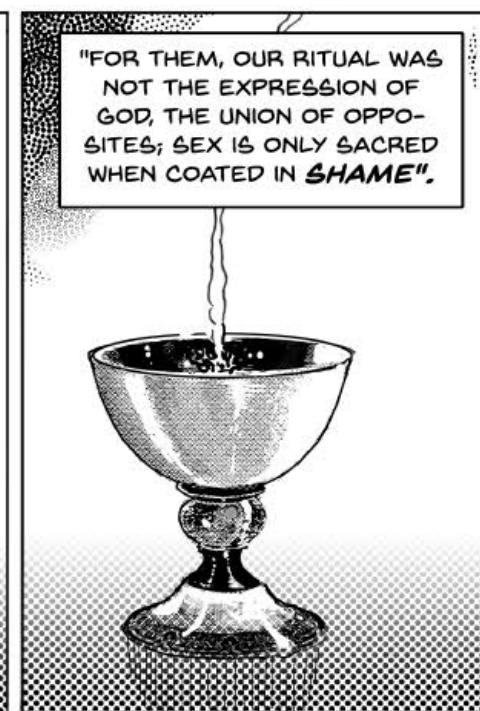
"THE PURER THAT CONNECTION IS, THE MORE MIRACULOUS ADVANCES IN MEDICINE, TECHNOLOGY, ART... IN MAGIC".



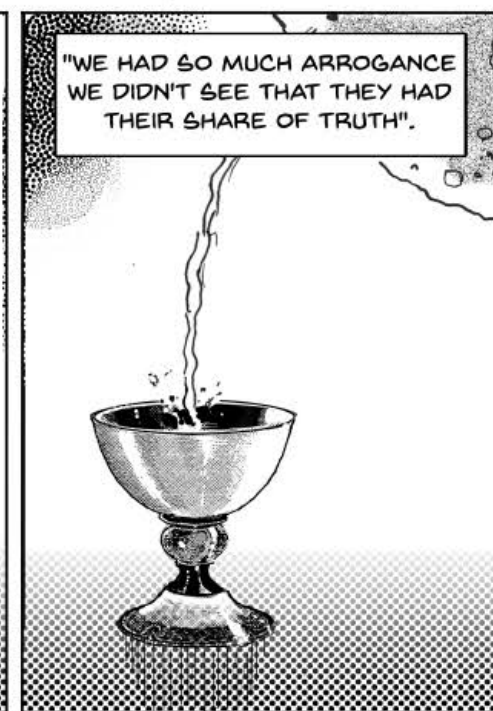
"OUR TIES WITH HUMANS WERE MAKING LYS REAL, BUT... THE MORE WE CONNECTED, THE GREATER THE **DANGER** OF THEIR RELIGION DISCOVERING OURS".



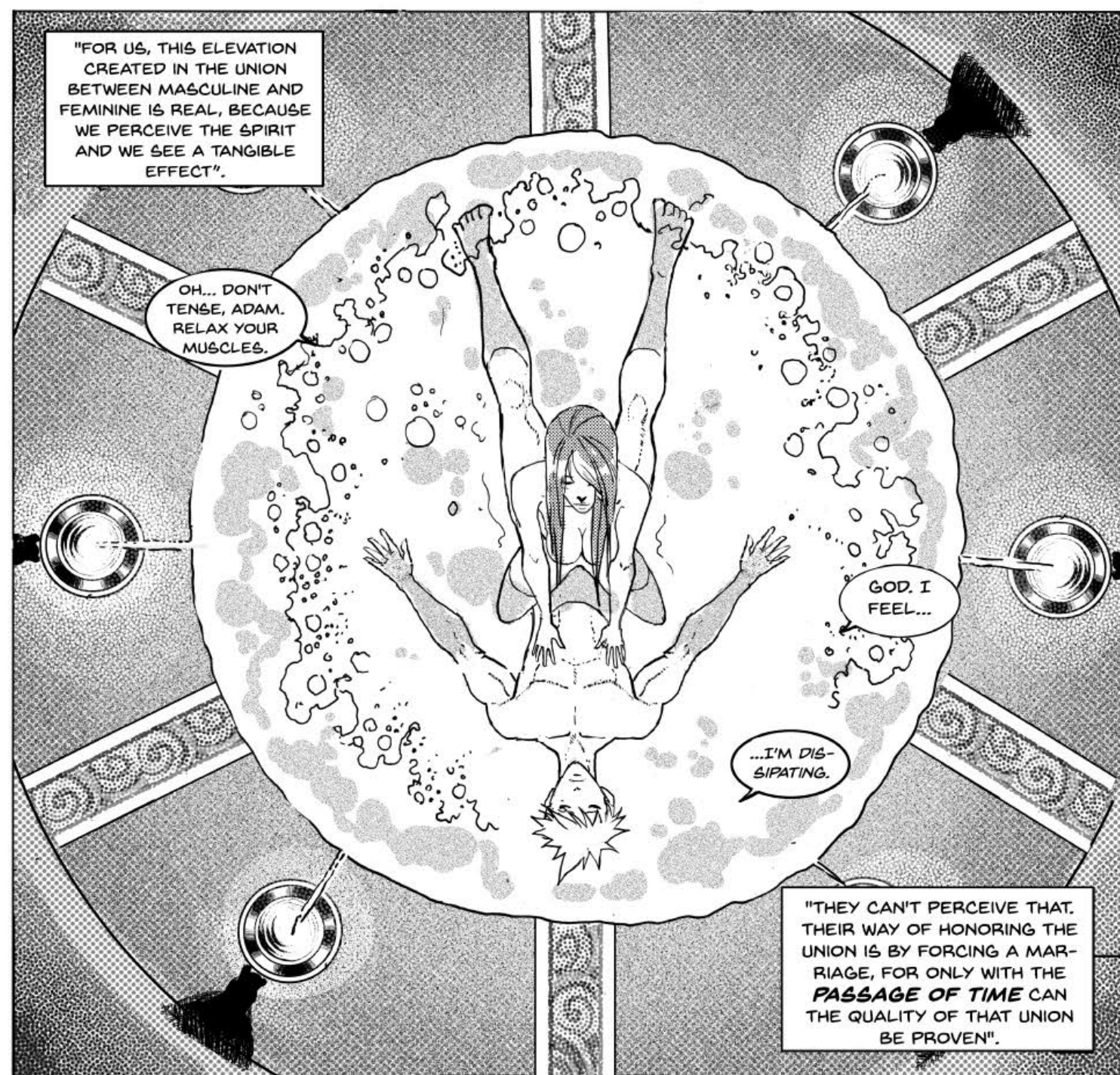
"THEY SAY THEIR GOD EMBRACES JOY AND UNION AMONG PEOPLE, BUT THEIR FACES AND SPIRITS SPOKE OF FEAR AND STIFFNESS, OF PAIN".



"FOR THEM, OUR RITUAL WAS NOT THE EXPRESSION OF GOD, THE UNION OF OPPOSITES; SEX IS ONLY SACRED WHEN COATED IN **SHAME**".



"WE HAD SO MUCH ARROGANCE WE DIDN'T SEE THAT THEY HAD THEIR SHARE OF TRUTH".



"FOR US, THIS ELEVATION CREATED IN THE UNION BETWEEN MASCULINE AND FEMINE IS REAL, BECAUSE WE PERCEIVE THE SPIRIT AND WE SEE A TANGIBLE EFFECT".

OH... DON'T TENSE, ADAM. RELAX YOUR MUSCLES.

GOD. I FEEL...

...I'M DISSIPATING.

"THEY CAN'T PERCEIVE THAT. THEIR WAY OF HONORING THE UNION IS BY FORCING A MARRIAGE, FOR ONLY WITH THE **PASSAGE OF TIME** CAN THE QUALITY OF THAT UNION BE PROVEN".



"WE CAN'T FIGHT. I FEEL WHAT YOU FEEL; IF I HURT YOU, I HURT MYSELF".

"BUT YOU... YOU LIVE UNDER THIS BURNING SUN, AND WITHOUT EMPATHIC SENSITIVITY... YOU HAVE **INCREDIBLE** POWER".

"YOU ARE FREE TO IGNORE THE PAIN OF OTHERS, FIND IT NECESSARY, EVEN. YOU HAVE MUCH MORE **FREE WILL**".

"SOON THE VIOLENCE BEGAN. AND WITH IT, A STRANGE TERROR".

"BECAUSE WHAT WE DIDN'T KNOW WAS THAT OUR TECHNOLOGY COULD BE USED FROM THE OPPOSITE PERSPECTIVE".

"**HATE**, IF PURE ENOUGH, ALLOWS YOU TO ACTIVATE IT... AND KILL WITH IT".

SHH... CALM YOUR FIRE. HOLD IT THERE.

GOD. I CAN'T... I CAN'T...

NOT YET. CALM IT DOWN.

"WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU STRUGGLE TO CONTAIN A FIRE FOR DECADES?"

"WE DIDN'T UNDERSTAND WHAT WAS GOING ON. HOW COULD THEY USE OUR EMPATHIC TECHNOLOGY, IN THAT STATE?"

"COULD SUCH A POWERFUL **BOND** BE CREATED THROUGH HATE?"

"IT'S UNTHINKABLE FOR US. TO HURT THE OTHER IS TO HURT ONE-SELF. WE CAN'T ASSUME THE ROLE OF AGGRESSOR..."

"IT HAD BEEN SEVERAL GENERATIONS SINCE DAGON ESTABLISHED **LYS**..."

"...BUT THE HUMANS FINALLY DISCOVERED WHAT WAS BEING DONE IN THE TEMPLES OF THE DAGONITES".

"IN A SINGLE DAY, WE WENT FROM BEING SENT FROM GOD TO BEING SERVANTS OF **BAAL** AND **SATAN**".

"...BUT HUMANS CAN, AND SO WE DISCOVERED THAT THE SPIRIT **VIBRATES** WITH BOTH **HUGS**..."

"...AND **CHAINS**".

"MANY DAGONITES DIED, AND THE REST OF US LIVED IN SERVITUDE FOR YEARS..."



"IT WAS IN THAT CONTEXT THAT THE MAN-FROM-BEYOND-THE-VEIL, WHOM YOU KNOW FROM SANTIAGO, APPEARED".

PEOPLE OF LYS, HUMANS AND DAGONITES ALIKE. YOUR EXPERIMENT HAS ENDED IN **TRAGEDY...**

...AND YOU'VE BEEN SO BUSY THAT YOU HAVEN'T SEEN THE SIGNS OF **DISASTER**.

A DELUGE IS COMING. I'VE COME TO CREATE A SPELL TO PRESERVE THE CITY...

GOD.

...IT'S LIKE WAVES OF WARMTH... CONNECTING US, IN OUR STOMACHS...

"WE ASKED HIM IF THERE WAS ANY WAY TO STOP IT".

**NO.** I'LL DO WHAT I CAN TO SAVE THE CITY AND THOSE WHO KNOW ITS MYSTERIES, THE DAGONITES...

"I WILL TURN YOU INTO A MESSAGE IN A BOTTLE SO THAT YOU FLOAT THROUGH TIDES".

YOUR BODY IS TAKING IN MORE LIGHT, VIBRATING HIGHER... CAN YOU FEEL IT?

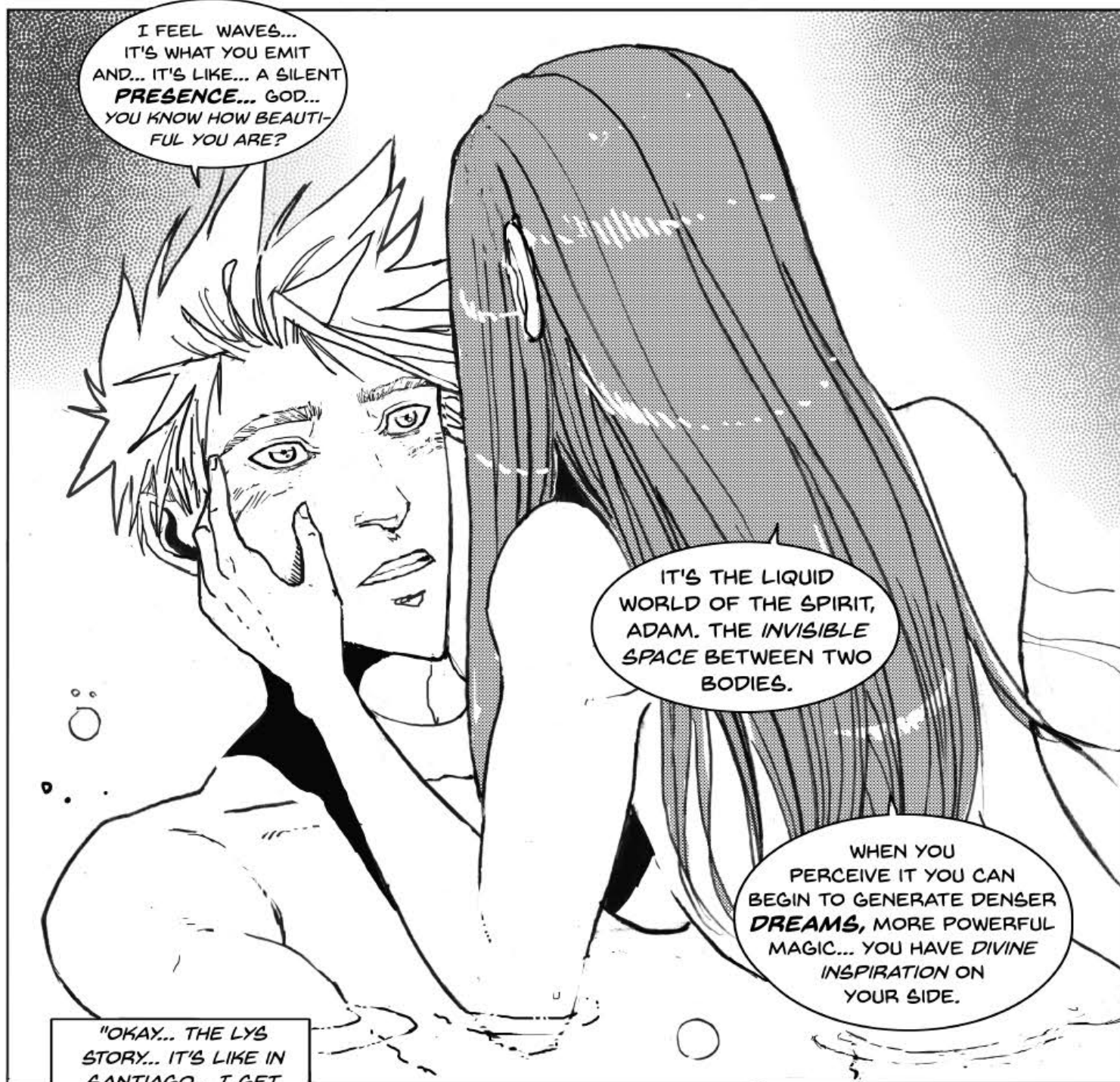
BUT... IT'S TOO MUCH... EVERYBODY... IT'S AS IF I...

AM YOU... AND EVERYTHING... LIKE EVERYTHING IS CONNECTED... AND THE PAIN... YOUR PAIN... GOD, THERE, IN THAT FLOOD...

"THE FLOOD DESTROYED THE CITY, DESTABILIZED THE **TWO** ELEMENTS OF WATER, THE BIG ONE AND THE SMALL ONE, AND SANK US INTO A **SECRET PLANE**, INSIDE THE EARTH".

"THE SPELL OF THE STRANGE MAN REBUILT PART OF THE CITY, AND GAVE US DAGONITES BODIES FORMED BY THE EMPATHIC WATER OF OUR RITUAL.





I FEEL WAVES...  
IT'S WHAT YOU EMIT  
AND... IT'S LIKE... A SILENT  
**PRESENCE**... GOD...  
YOU KNOW HOW BEAUTI-  
FUL YOU ARE?

IT'S THE LIQUID  
WORLD OF THE SPIRIT,  
ADAM. THE INVISIBLE  
SPACE BETWEEN TWO  
BODIES.

WHEN YOU  
PERCEIVE IT YOU CAN  
BEGIN TO GENERATE DENSER  
**DREAMS**, MORE POWERFUL  
MAGIC... YOU HAVE DIVINE  
INSPIRATION ON  
YOUR SIDE.

"OKAY... THE LYS  
STORY... IT'S LIKE IN  
SANTIAGO... I GET  
IT... BUT..."



"WHAT ABOUT  
VEKAM, ADONAI?"



"ADAM, DON'T YOU UNDER-  
STAND? YOU'VE BEEN IN  
ME... CLOSE YOUR **EYES**".



"TELL ME WHAT  
YOU SEE".



"I SEE... LÉON. HE EXPERI-  
ENCED THE RITUAL, TOO..."

GOD.

GOD.



"HE'S... DEFEATED".

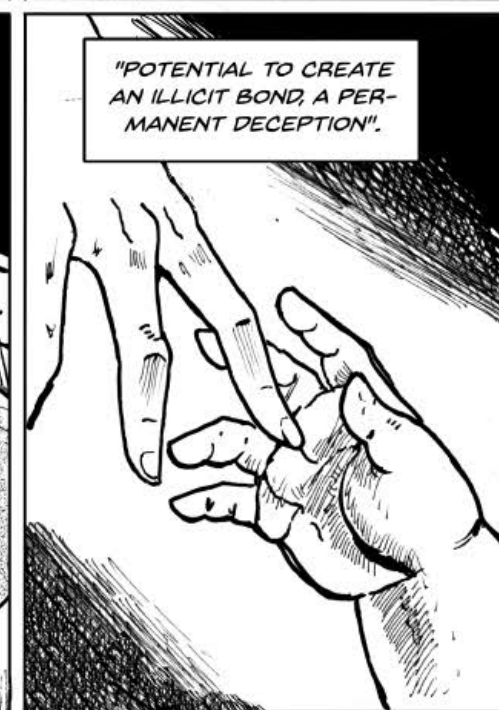
OUR WORLD  
IS... I-IT'S A  
LIE.



"THE FRENCH CROWN  
AND THE CHURCH...  
DISCOVERED YOUR CITY,  
SUNK AFTER THE CATA-  
CLYSM".



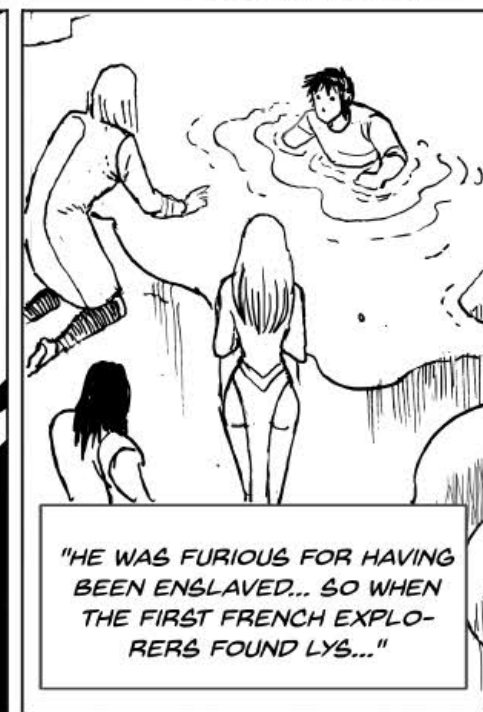
"THEY DISCOVERED YOUR  
ENCHANTED WATER AND...  
THEY SAW POTENTIAL IN IT".



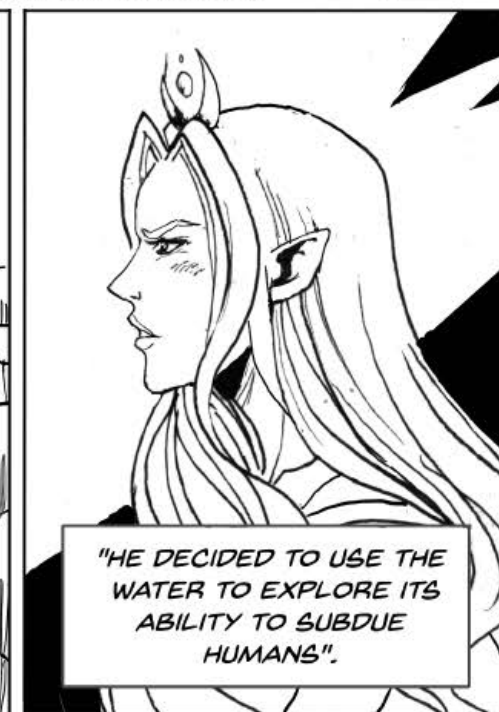
"POTENTIAL TO CREATE  
AN ILLICIT BOND, A PER-  
MANENT DECEPTION".



"HOW DID IT HAPPEN? I  
SEE THE KING OF LYS,  
ARGUING".



"HE WAS FURIOUS FOR HAVING  
BEEN ENSLAVED... SO WHEN  
THE FIRST FRENCH EXPLO-  
RERS FOUND LYS..."



"HE DECIDED TO USE THE  
WATER TO EXPLORE ITS  
ABILITY TO SUBDUE  
HUMANS".

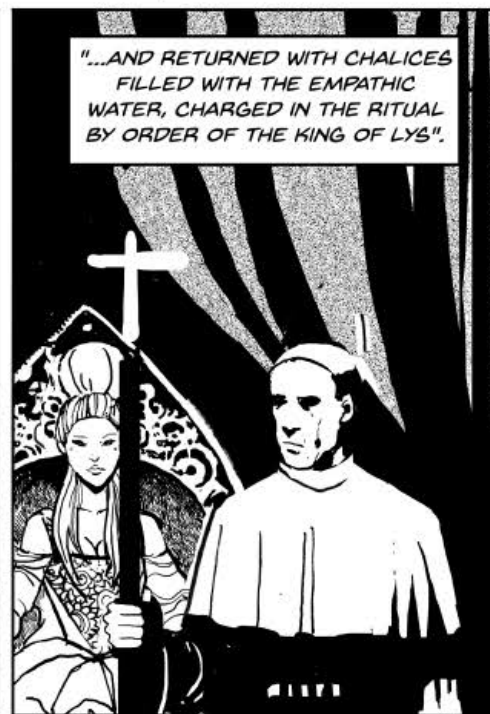




"SO A PACT WAS MADE, RIGHT?"



"THE FRENCH KINGS REGULARLY SENT A PRIEST TO RENNES..."



"...AND RETURNED WITH CHALICES FILLED WITH THE EMPATHIC WATER, CHARGED IN THE RITUAL BY ORDER OF THE KING OF LYS."



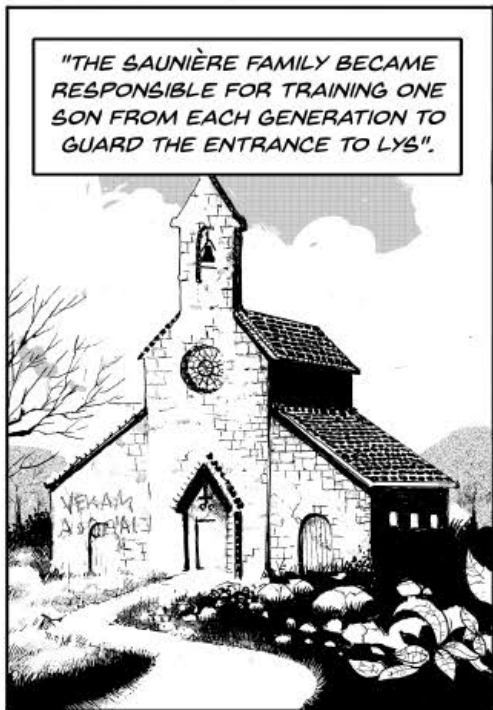
"THE FRENCH CROWN KNEW THAT WATER COULD ENCHANT PEOPLE, MAKE THEM FEEL ECSTASY AND HARMONY FOR NO APPARENT REASON".



"THE PLAN WAS FOR THEM TO ASSOCIATE THAT ECSTASY WITH THE SYMBOLS OF THE COUNTRY: THE FLEUR-DE-LIS, THE CATHOLIC RITES".



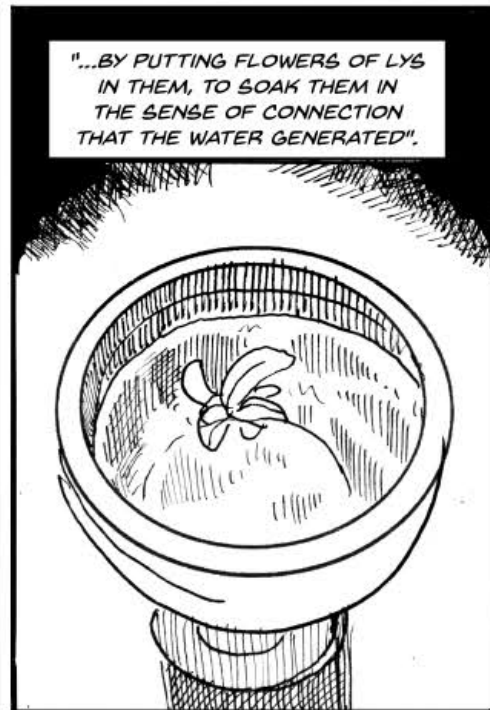
"IT WAS DECIDED THAT ONLY THE ROYALS AND A FEW PRIESTS SHOULD KNOW THE SECRET".



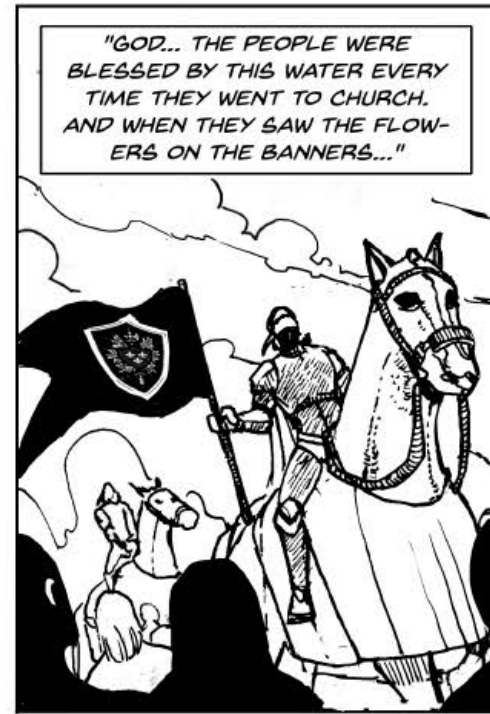
"THE SAUNIÈRE FAMILY BECAME RESPONSIBLE FOR TRAINING ONE SON FROM EACH GENERATION TO GUARD THE ENTRANCE TO LYS".



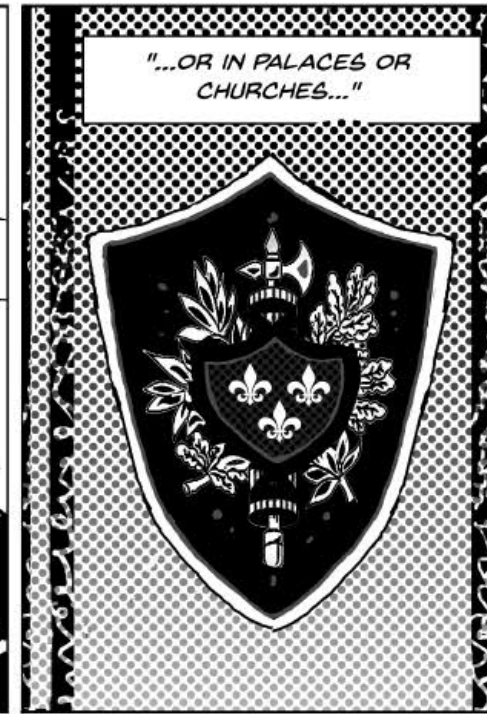
"THE PRIEST OF RENNES WAS THE LINK BETWEEN THE WORLD OF LYS AND THE REAL WORLD; HE PREPARED THE CHALICES..."



"...BY PUTTING FLOWERS OF LYS IN THEM, TO SOAK THEM IN THE SENSE OF CONNECTION THAT THE WATER GENERATED".



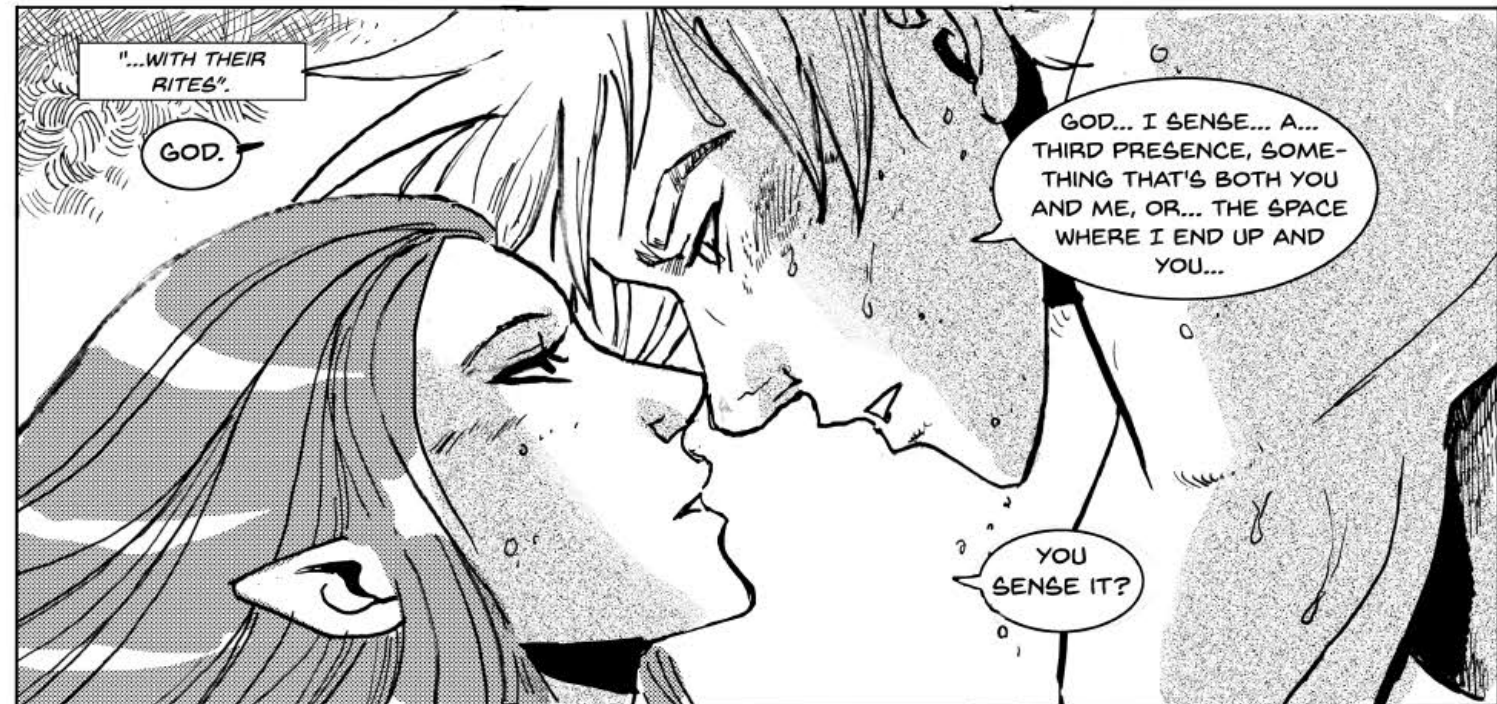
"GOD... THE PEOPLE WERE BLESSED BY THIS WATER EVERY TIME THEY WENT TO CHURCH. AND WHEN THEY SAW THE FLOWERS ON THE BANNERS..."



"...OR IN PALACES OR CHURCHES..."



"THEY FELT THE ECHO OF A DEEP CONNECTION, AND ASSOCIATED IT WITH FRANCE. WITH THEIR KINGS..."



"...WITH THEIR RITES".

GOD.

GOD... I SENSE... A... THIRD PRESENCE, SOMETHING THAT'S BOTH YOU AND ME, OR... THE SPACE WHERE I END UP AND YOU...

YOU SENSE IT?



"EVEN WITH TAXES THAT LEAVE THE BARNs EMPTY".



"OR THE WARS AND THEIR COUNTLESS DEATHS AND MUTILATIONS".



"ANY SACRIFICE WAS WORTH IT IF IT MEANT TO STAY **CONNECTED**".

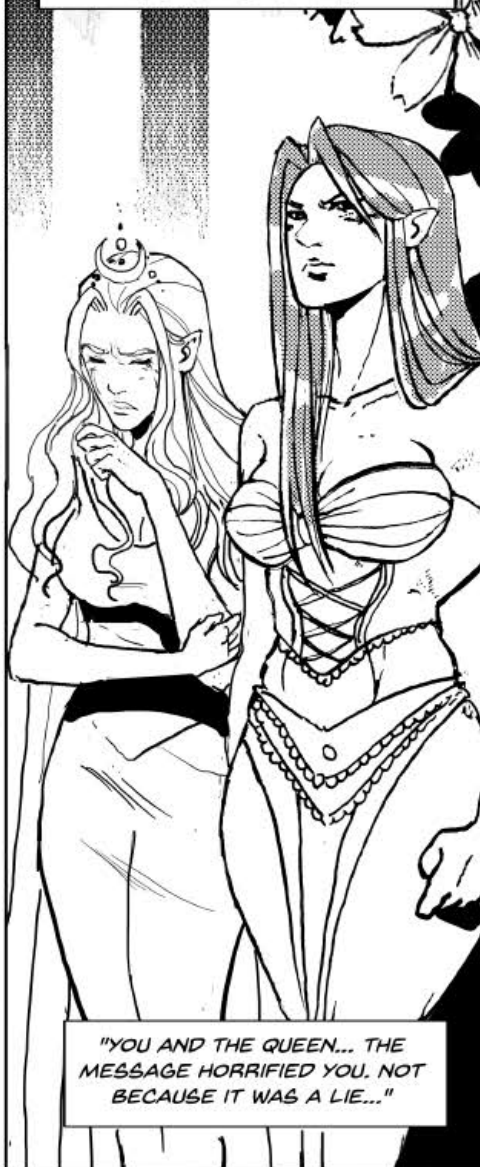


"I HEAR... I HEAR THE KING OF LYS, SAYING, 'LOOK WHAT'S GOING ON UP THERE. A MAN TIED TO HIS LAND FOR LIFE, TO ALL INTENTS AND PURPOSES ENSLAVED, AND STILL BELIEVES THAT THE NOBLES **PROTECT** HIM AGAINST THE HUMANS OF OTHER PEOPLES!'"



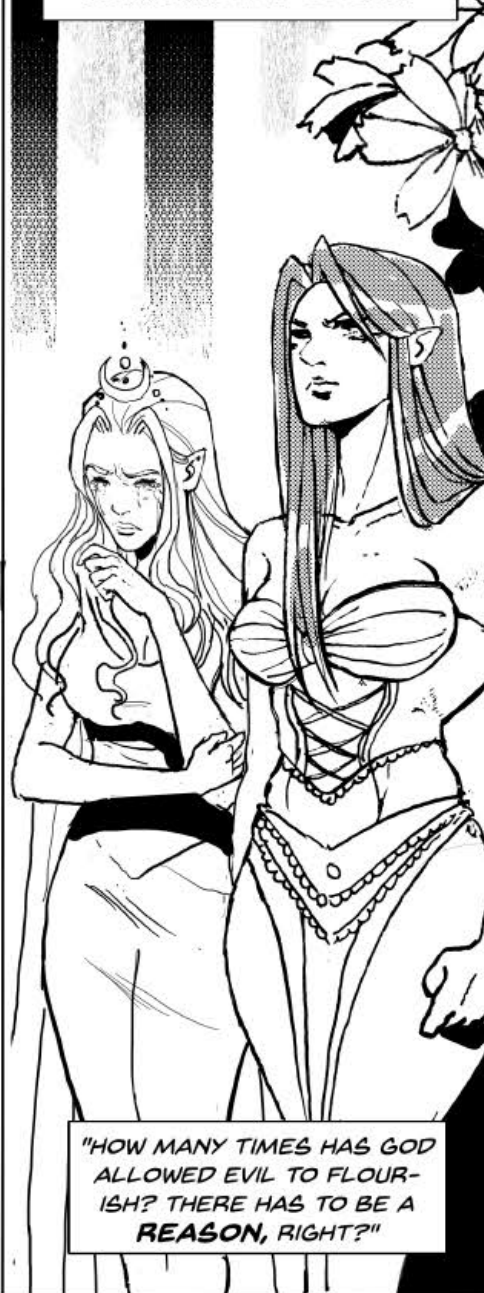
"AND THE PRIESTS TELL THEM TO **EMBRACE** THE PAIN, THAT THE SACRIFICE WILL LEAD THEM TO A HEAVENLY PARADISE!"

"CAN'T YOU SEE? THE MESSAGE OF LYS? GOD IS INDIFFERENT TO HOW YOU ACCESS THE CONNECTION, AS LONG AS YOU GET IT! BY CONSENT OR DOMINANCE, IT DOESN'T MATTER! BUT IT **DOES** MATTER FOR THE ONE WHO'S ON TOP!"



"YOU AND THE QUEEN... THE MESSAGE HORRIFIED YOU. NOT BECAUSE IT WAS A LIE..."

"...BUT BECAUSE YOU FEARED IT WAS TRUE. YOU SAW IT DURING THE FALL OF LYS".



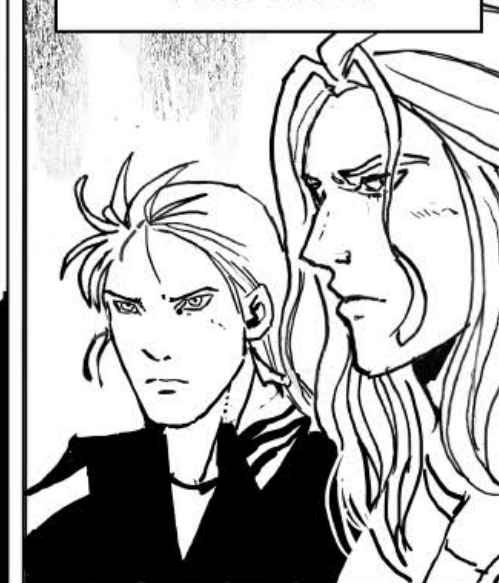
"HOW MANY TIMES HAS GOD ALLOWED EVIL TO FLOURISH? THERE HAS TO BE A **REASON**, RIGHT?"

"CEDRIC SAUNIÈRE. HE MANAGED TO GET INTO THE CITY OF LYS WITHOUT BEING NOTICED BY THE KING OR HIS GUARDS. YOU AND THE QUEEN CONSIDERED IT A **SIGN**".

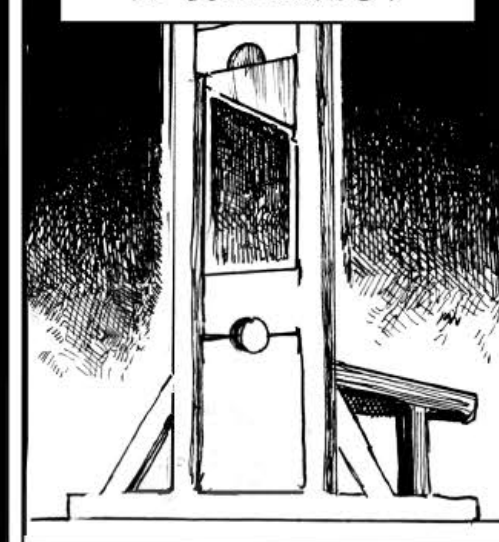


"THE MAN KNEW ABOUT THE CROWN'S USE OF THE WATER OF LYS, AND SWORE TO OVERTHROW THEM AND THE CATHOLIC CHURCH. YOU REALIZED THAT HE, AS A HUMAN, HAD THE CAPACITY TO **FIGHT**..."

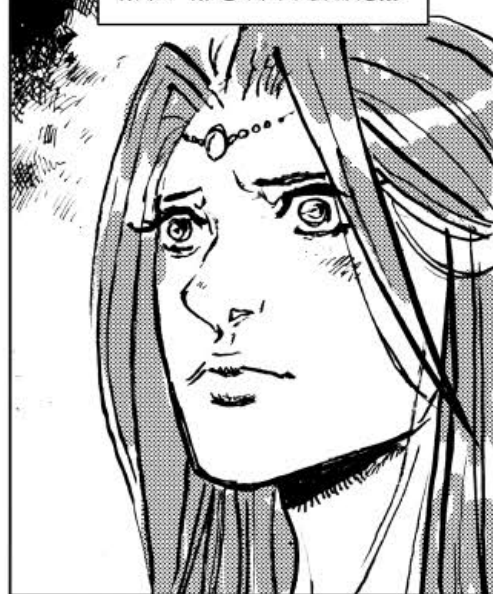
"HE HAD A PLAN TO **RECRUIT** MEMBERS OF THE KING'S MAGIC GUARD".



"WHILE GENERATING SOCIAL MOVEMENTS LIKE THE JACOBINS THANKS TO **ENCHANTED** GUILLOTINES".



"YOU COULDN'T **BELIEVE** WHAT WAS HAPPENING..."



"...WHILE THE QUEEN OF LYS WAS REALIZING HOW **CORRUPT** HER HUSBAND HAD BECOME".



"AND SO YOU SPENT CENTURIES IN THE BURIED CITY... UNTIL A NEW PRIEST APPEARED".



"THE QUEEN UNDERSTOOD, AND OFFERED HIM THE PORTABLE **WATER ELEMENT**".



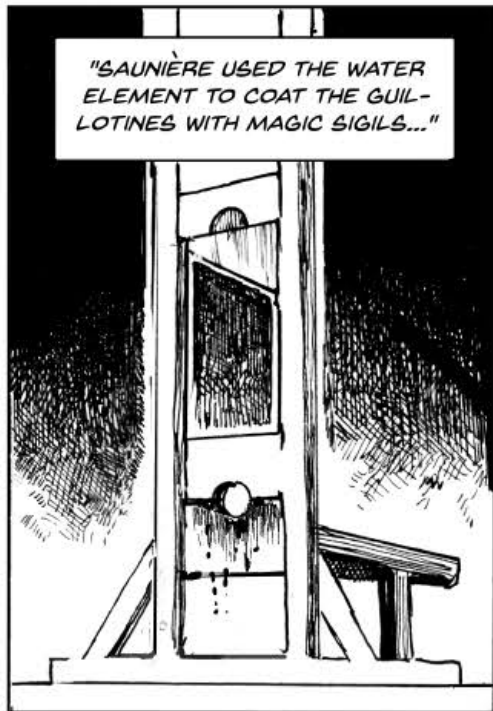
"TO BREAK THE SPELL, THE RITUAL INVOLVING THE GUILLOTINE WOULD REQUIRE THE WATER ELEMENT IN ORDER TO SUCCEED".



"THAT WAY THE QUEEN COULD CONTINUE TO LOVE THE KING, WHILE DEFYING HIM. ANOTHER LIE WITHIN A TRUTH".







"SAUNIÈRE USED THE WATER ELEMENT TO COAT THE GUILLOTINES WITH MAGIC SIGILS..."



"EACH BEHEADING OF A NOBLEMAN OR PRIEST WAS A KIND OF MAGICAL COUNTERATTACK, WHICH MADE THE WITNESSES BREAK THE YOKE OF THE INSTITUTIONS OF FRANCE".



"IT TOOK YEARS, BUT, TO YOUR SURPRISE, HE DID IT. THE KINGS WERE BEHEADED, THE CHURCH WAS EXPELLED FROM FRANCE, REPLACED BY THE CULT OF THE ONE. SAUNIÈRE CREATED THE FRENCH REVOLUTION".



"AND JUST AS YOU HID YOUR DISAGREEMENT FROM THE KING..."



"...SAUNIÈRE HID FROM YOU THE TRUE MEANING OF HIS PLAN".



"YOU HAD GIVEN HIM THE PORTABLE WATER ELEMENT. HE KNEW HOW BOTH OF THEM, BIG AND SMALL, WORKED... AND HE KNEW HOW TO GET INTO LYS WITHOUT BEING DETECTED".



I... FEEL... ALL... VIBRATING...

IT'S LIKE A CONSCIOUSNESS THAT UNIFIES EVERYTHING...

YES. YES. SEE HOW THIS CAN **DIS-SOLVE** EVERY CONFLICT?



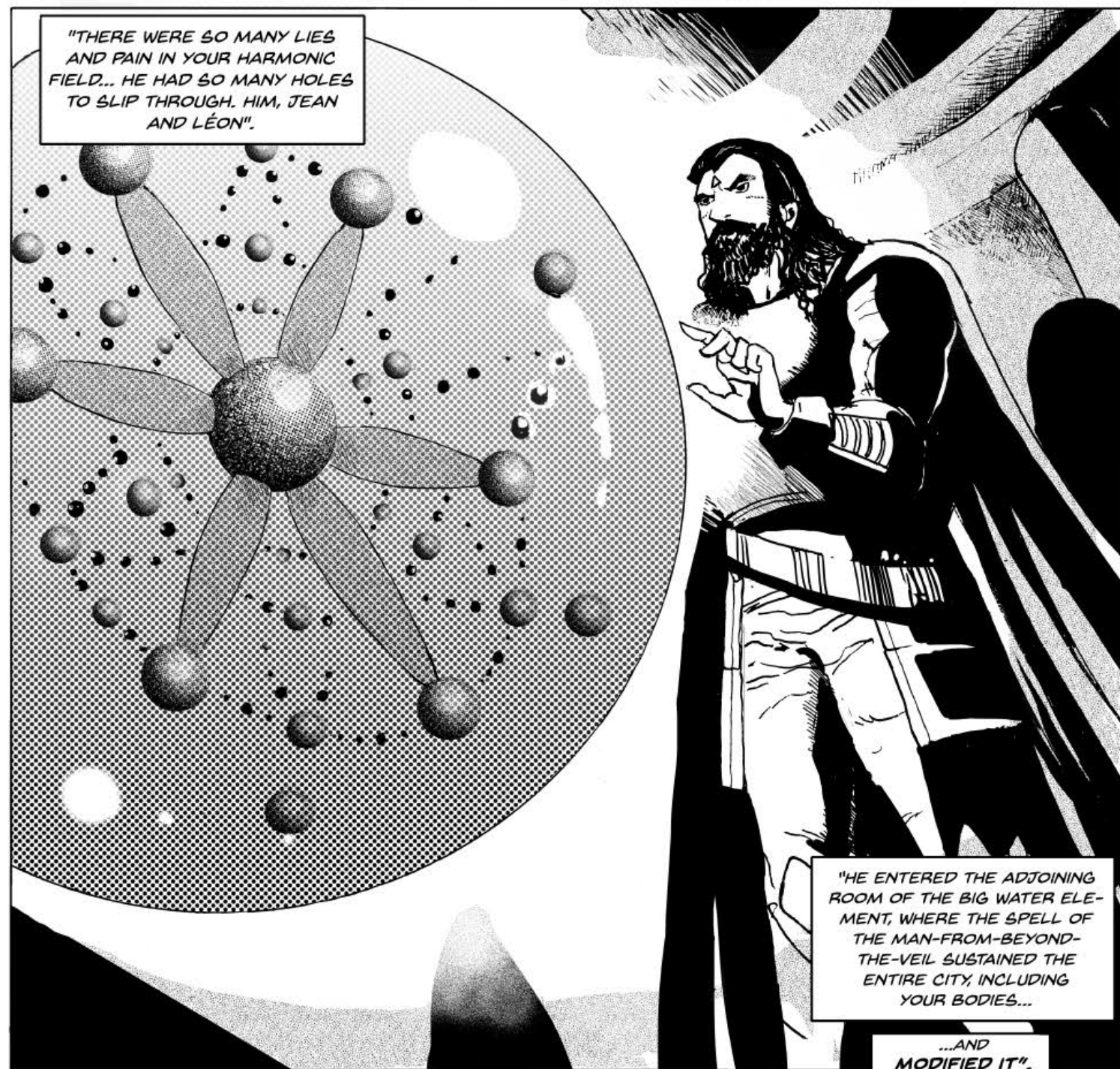
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"THE BELLICOSITY OF MEN BECAME REVENGE FOR THE KING OF LYS".



"AND SECRECY AND BETRAYAL IN THE QUEEN OF LYS".



"THERE WERE SO MANY LIES AND PAIN IN YOUR HARMONIC FIELD... HE HAD SO MANY HOLES TO SLIP THROUGH. HIM, JEAN AND LÉON".

"HE ENTERED THE ADJOINING ROOM OF THE BIG WATER ELEMENT, WHERE THE SPELL OF THE MAN-FROM-BEYOND-THE-VEIL SUSTAINED THE ENTIRE CITY, INCLUDING YOUR BODIES..."

...AND MODIFIED IT".





M-MY HEAD...  
VIBRATES A LOT...  
YOU'RE **TOO MUCH**...  
I CAN'T HOLD IT...

OF COURSE YOU CAN.  
YOU'RE FEELING THE WAVES  
OF MY ORGASMS. DON'T EJACU-  
LATE, ADAM. RELAX THE MUS-  
CLES. HOLD THAT ENERGY  
IN YOUR HEAD...



"SAUNIÈRE MADE CHANGES  
IN THE SPELL, AND SUDDEN-  
LY, ALL THE MEN OF LYS  
DIED A SECOND TIME".



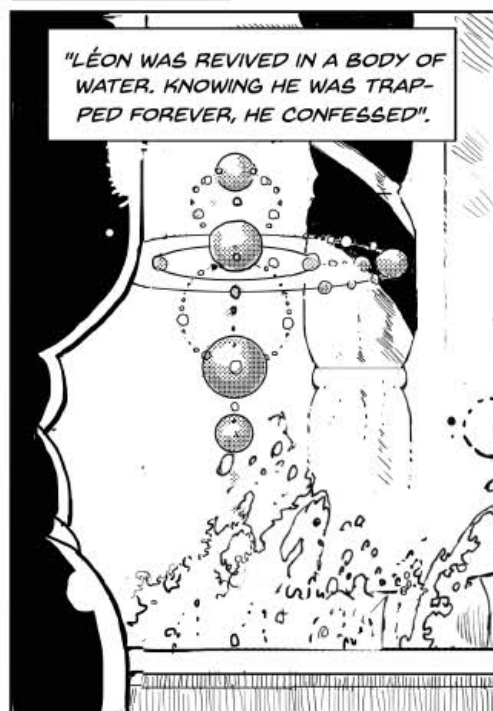
"THAT WAY YOU CAN'T **REPEAT**  
THE RITUAL REGULARLY, SO THAT  
WHAT HAPPENED IN FRANCE  
WOULDN'T HAPPEN AGAIN".



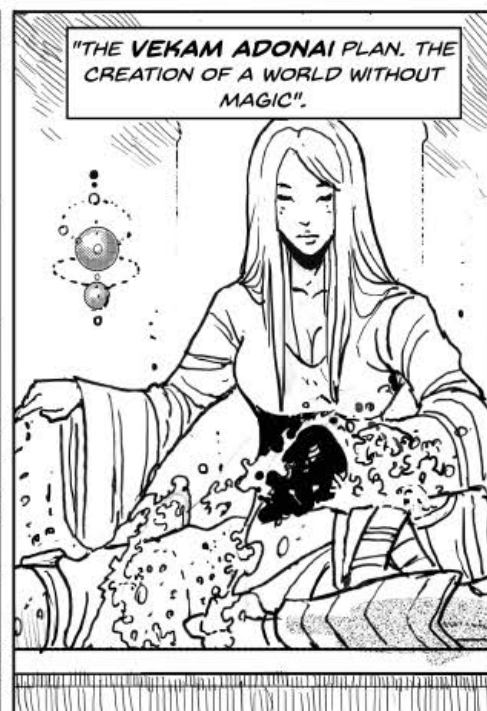
"THIS IS THE FIRST TIME YOU  
REACTED WITH **BLIND RAGE**".



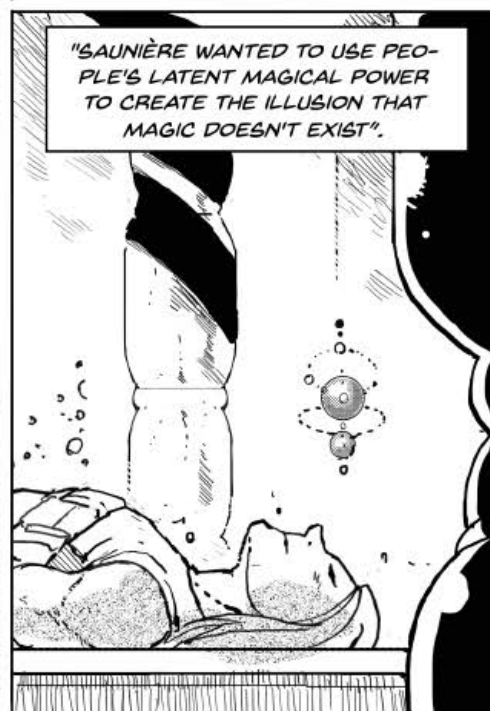
"YOU ONLY MANAGED TO  
KILL LÉON. SAUNIÈRE AND  
JEAN ESCAPED".



"LÉON WAS REVIVED IN A BODY OF  
WATER. KNOWING HE WAS TRAP-  
PED FOREVER, HE CONFESSED".



"THE **VEKAM ADONAI** PLAN. THE  
CREATION OF A WORLD WITHOUT  
MAGIC".

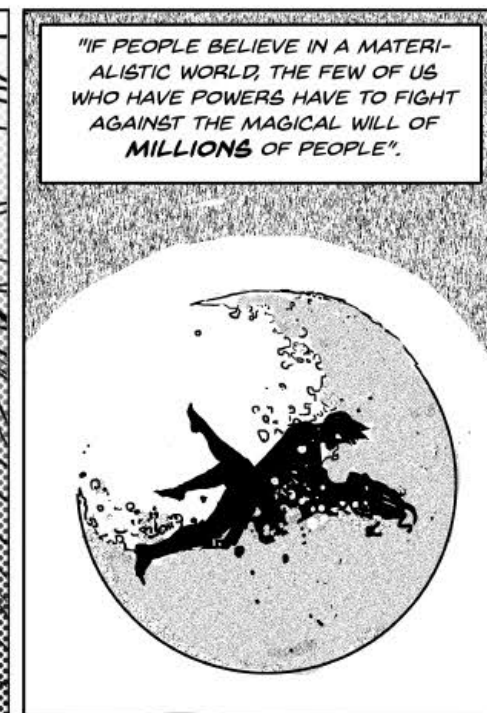


"SAUNIÈRE WANTED TO USE PEOP-  
LE'S LATENT MAGICAL POWER  
TO CREATE THE ILLUSION THAT  
MAGIC DOESN'T EXIST".

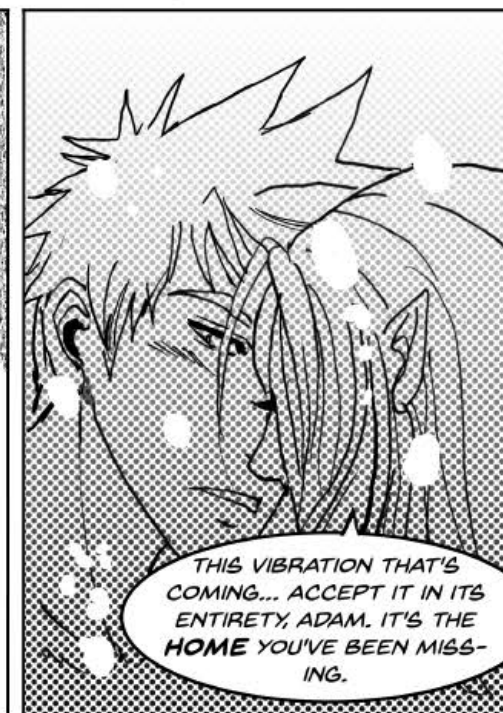


YOU FEEL  
IT?

IT'S COMING.



"IF PEOPLE BELIEVE IN A MATERI-  
ALISTIC WORLD, THE FEW OF US  
WHO HAVE POWERS HAVE TO FIGHT  
AGAINST THE MAGICAL WILL OF  
**MILLIONS** OF PEOPLE".



THIS VIBRATION THAT'S  
COMING... ACCEPT IT IN ITS  
ENTIRETY, ADAM. IT'S THE  
**HOME** YOU'VE BEEN MISS-  
ING.

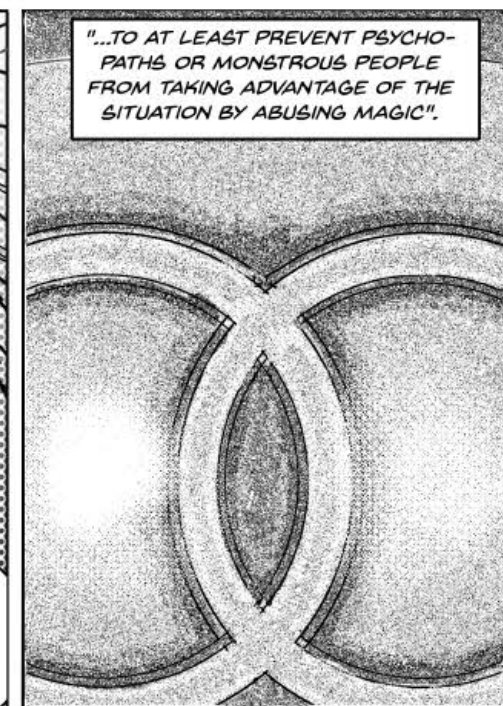


"SINCE MOST CANNOT CONTROL  
THEIR SPIRIT AND THEIR POWERS  
TO CREATE HARMONIOUS  
WORLDS..."



OH, GOD,  
OH.

THIS ISN'T... THIS  
ISN'T NORMAL. EVERY-  
THING IS SO **BEAUTI-  
FUL** AND **HORRIBLE**.  
I JUST CAN'T...



"...TO AT LEAST PREVENT PSYCHO-  
PATHS OR MONSTROUS PEOPLE  
FROM TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THE  
SITUATION BY ABUSING MAGIC".



HOLD IT, ADAM.

BALANCE WATER  
AND FIRE.



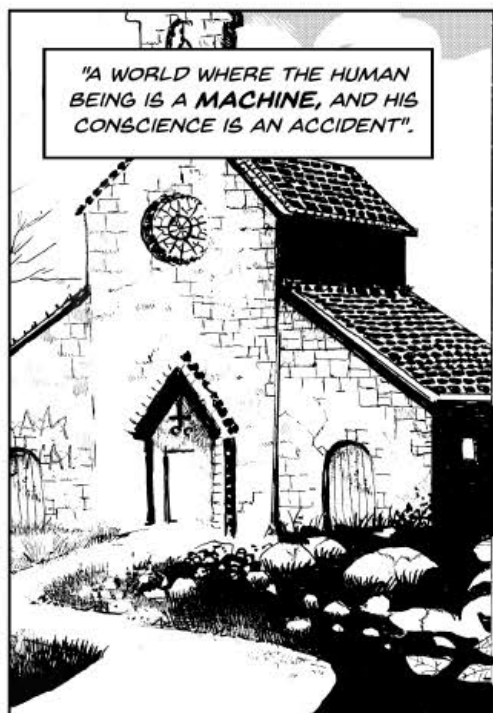
"USING MAGIC TO CREATE A  
WORLD WITHOUT MAGIC. SO  
THAT **NO ONE** WOULD ABUSE  
ANYONE".



I WANT TO FEEL  
THE LAST ONE  
THROUGH YOU.

LET ME LIFT  
YOU UP.





"A WORLD WHERE THE HUMAN BEING IS A **MACHINE**, AND HIS CONSCIENCE IS AN ACCIDENT".



THIS IS...

I DON'T FEEL MYS... I DON'T FE...



"A WORLD WHERE THE VOICE OF YOUR HEAD IS AN EVOLUTIONARY ANOMALY, AND NOT THE TIP OF THE ICEBERG OF YOUR SOUL".

VERAM  
ADONAI

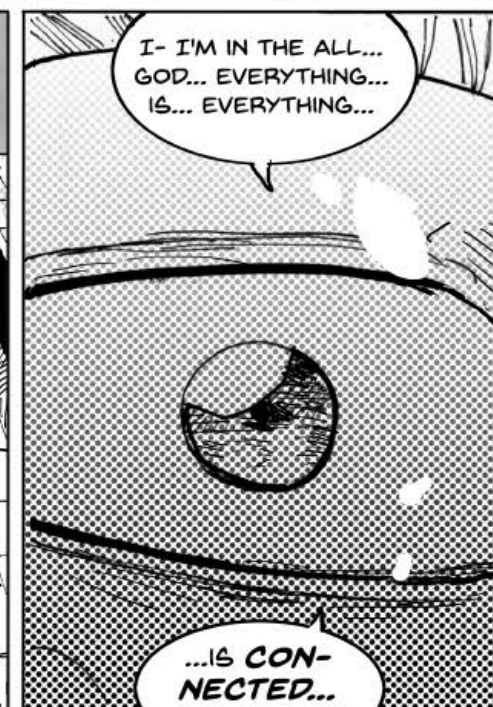


I- I'M IN ME, I'M IN YOU, I'M IN THE PAST.



"A WORLD WHERE DREAMS ARE AN ARBITRARY RECONSTRUCTION OF YOUR DAYTIME MEMORIES".

EUROPEAN  
PHILATELIC  
MUSEUM

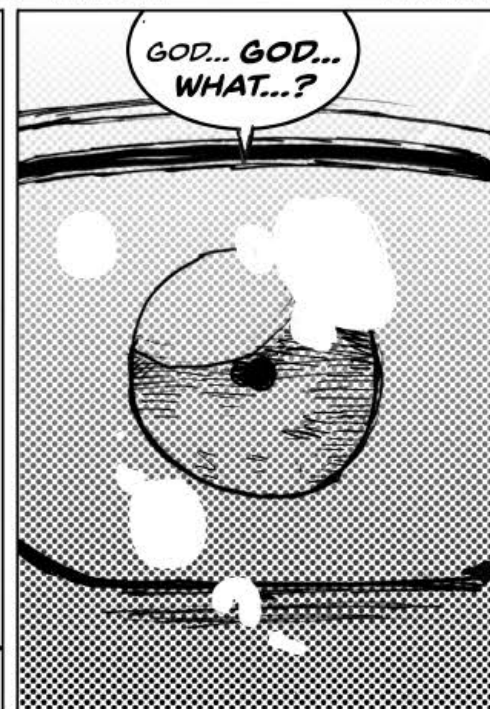


I- I'M IN THE ALL... GOD... EVERYTHING... IS... EVERYTHING...

...IS CON-  
NECTED...



"WHERE WE ARE ALL EQUAL..."



GOD... GOD... WHAT...?



"...BECAUSE THEY'VE TAKEN AWAY WHAT MAKES US **UNIQUE**".

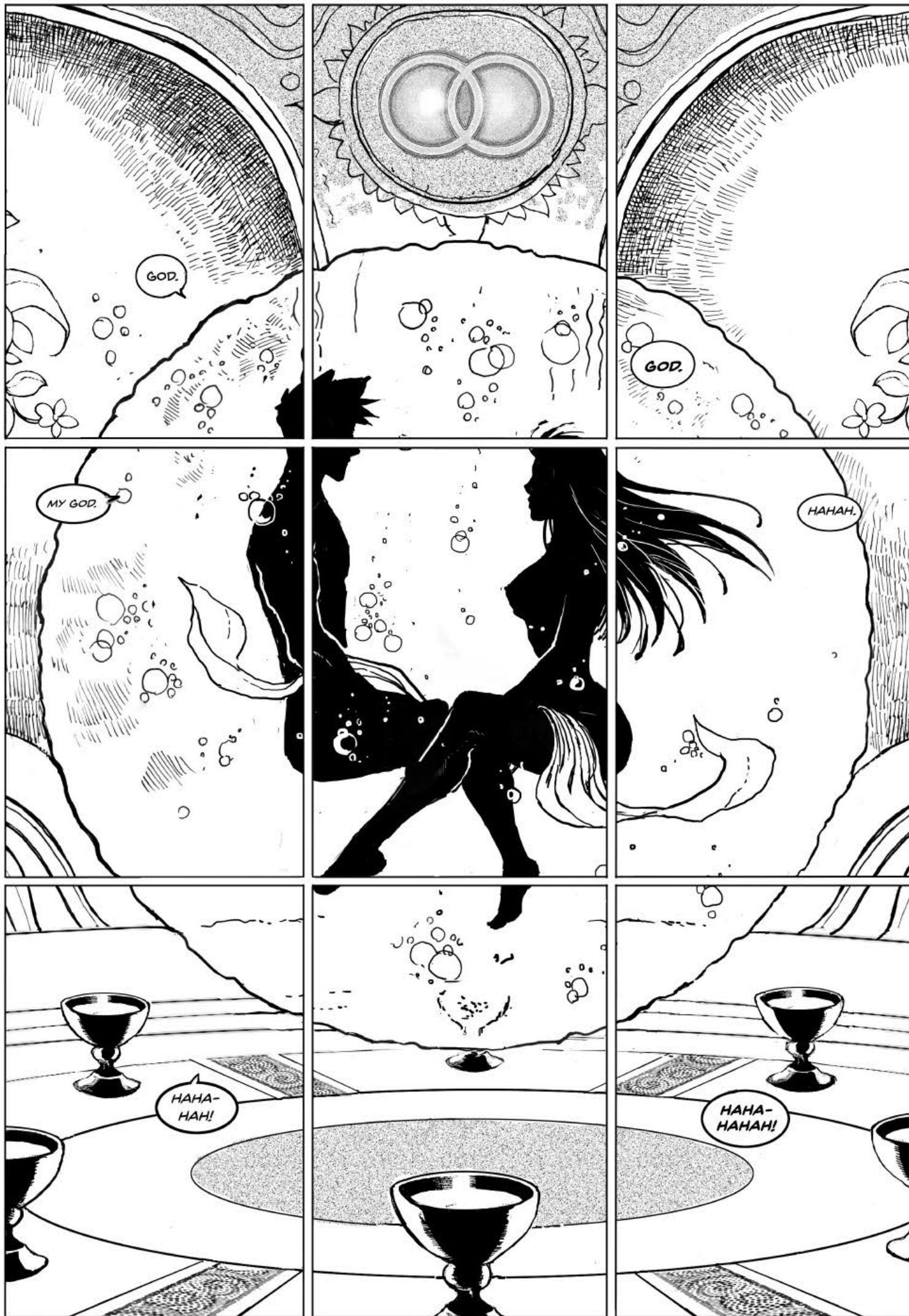


OH,  
GOD.









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