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PANEL LAYOUT

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SUMMER,
2005.

DID WARS

III VENGEANCE OF SETH

HMM. NOT AS GOOD AS THE SARTORIUS MOVIES, BUT IT WAS COOL. IT'S A SHAME THEY AREN'T MORE SUCCESSFUL HERE, THERE ARE EVEN BOOKS IN THE UNITED STATES.

HAHA, ISN'T THE MOVIE ENOUGH? YOU'RE SUCH A NERD.

NERD? IF YOU KNEW HOW MANY HOURS SIGURD AND I SPENT TALKING ABOUT ROLE-PLAYING VIDEO GAMES, ABOUT THEIR MAGIC SYSTEMS...

HOW CAN YOU TWO OBSESS OVER SUCH NONSENSE?

I DON'T KNOW, BLANCA... NONSENSE? IT WAS JUST FUN. IT WAS LIKE DISCOVERING A WORLD...

OH, ADAM, YOU'RE LUCKY YOU FOUND ME.

WEEKENDS ARE FOR GOING OUT, CLEARING YOUR HEAD, MEETING PEOPLE...

YOU KNOW, GROWN-UP STUFF.

WINTER,
NOW.

...BETWEEN 1708 AND 1710
A STRANGE ENGLISH ARMY, COM-
POSED OF **PRISONERS AND**
POOR MEN, INVADED
SOUTHERN SPAIN...

...DESPITE THEIR LESSER
NUMBERS, THEY WON SEVERAL
BATTLES, WHICH LED THE SUPER-
STITIOUS MINDS OF THE TIME TO
SAY THAT THEY HAD FAVORS FROM
THE GODS; THEIR COSTUMES, THEY
SAID, HAD BLESSINGS...

AGENT SIGURD.
RUSHKOFF SPEAKING.

I DETECT THE **BLACK**
ENERGY APPROACHING,
AS YOU PREDICTED.

ASSUME
THAT SUBJECT
ADAM IS HEADED TO
THE AGREED PLACE.

AGENT CHIRONEX. RUSHKOFF
SPEAKING. I'M THE BOSS OF
THE TELEPATHS.

SUBJECT ADAM IS APPROACHING, IF MY OBSERVATIONS
ARE NOT MISTAKEN. PROCEED WITH THE PLAN.

WHAT IF
HE RESISTS?

AT ANY RATE,
TRY TO AVOID THE
PUBLIC LIGHT AS
MUCH AS POSSI-
BLE.

WE HAVE A
NARRATIVE
TEAM READY.

...BLESSSED OR NOT,
THEY ENDED UP LO-
SING THE WAR, AND EN-
GLAND DENIED THEM
ENTRY TO THE COUNTRY.
THE KING OF SPAIN,
FORESEEING **PROB-**
LEMS, OFFERED THEM
AN AMNESTY IN EX-
CHANGE FOR JOINING
THE ARMY...

...MANY
ADOPTED NEW
SURNAMES...

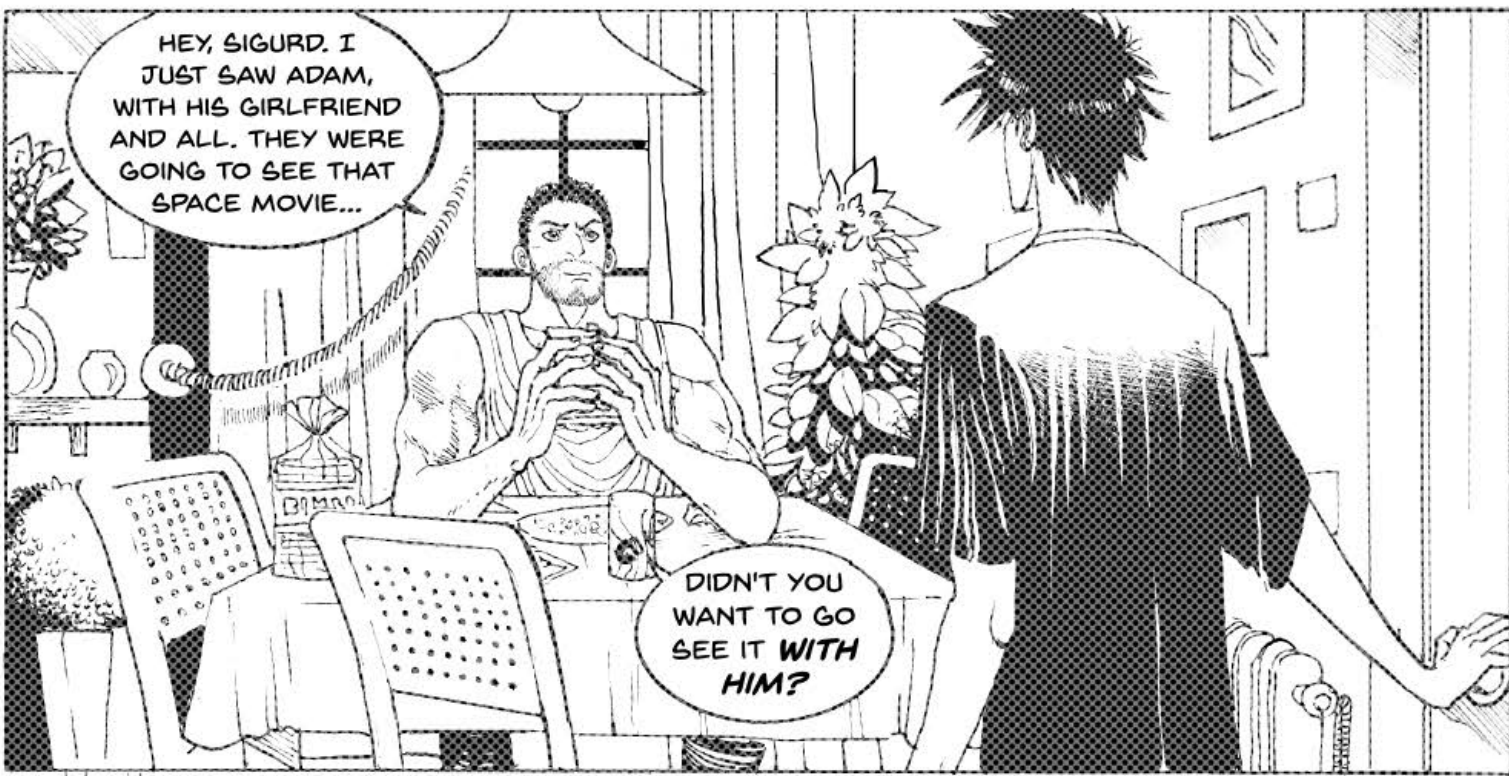
...SOUTH-
SUN...

ESTADO
SANTA JUSTA

REDCHEEKS,
WHEATREAP,
IBERIAN...

THIS STATION, FOR EXAMPLE, WAS DE-
SIGNIED BY JOHN IBERIAN... IF YOU
FOLLOW ME OUTSIDE, YOU'LL SEE THAT
THE WALLS...

MY
"OTHER"
HOME...



HEY, SIGURD. I JUST SAW ADAM, WITH HIS GIRLFRIEND AND ALL. THEY WERE GOING TO SEE THAT SPACE MOVIE...

DIDN'T YOU WANT TO GO SEE IT WITH HIM?

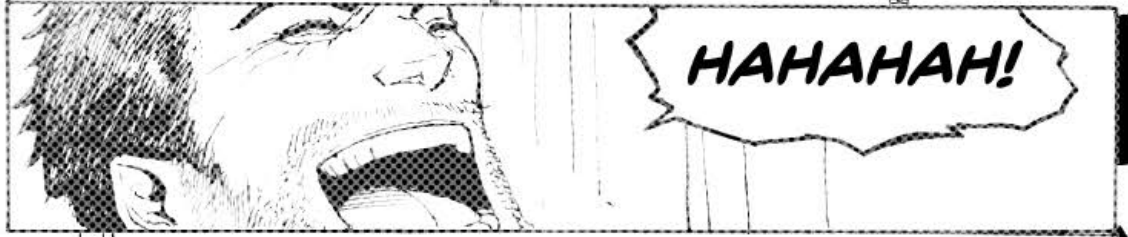


OBVIOUSLY I'M NOT GONNA GO WITH THOSE GUYS...



WHY WOULD I? TO HEAR BLANCA BRAGGING ABOUT HOW FILTHY RICH HIS DAD IS BECOMING? OR DANI AND HIS CUNT LAWYER PARENTS?

A NORMAL WEEKEND FOR THEM IS TO GO SKIING WITH "STOCK MARKET INVESTORS" OR WHATEVER THE FUCK!



HAHAHAHA!



GOOD FOR ADAM, CLIMBING UP THE RANKS.



CLIMBING UP?



DRAWING YOURSELF AROUND WHILE YOUR GIRLFRIEND CUTS YOUR BALLS OFF BIT BY BIT IS NOT MY IDEA OF "CLIMBING UP".



HEH.



I'M GLAD SOMEONE'S LAUGHING.

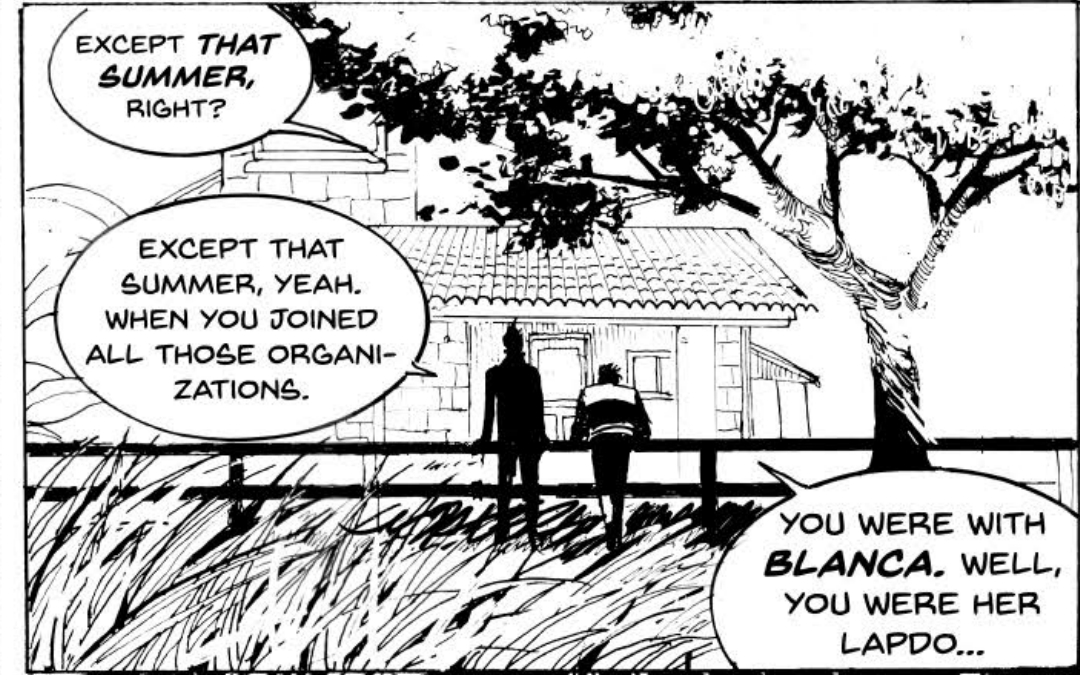


HUH, SO YOU CAME. I DIDN'T KNOW IF I'D RECOGNISE YOU, THE CABALISTS SAID YOU HAD A PROTECTION SPELL...

...BUT I SEE YOU THE SAME. WHY DID YOU WANT TO MEET ON THE OUTSKIRTS?



WE HAD A HOUSE AROUND HERE; MY FAMILY AND I USED TO COME HERE IN THE SUMMERS...



EXCEPT THAT SUMMER, RIGHT?

EXCEPT THAT SUMMER, YEAH. WHEN YOU JOINED ALL THOSE ORGANIZATIONS.

YOU WERE WITH BLANCA. WELL, YOU WERE HER LAPDO...





ADAM, YOU CUNT.
WHAT'S THE
MATTER WITH
YOU?



WHAT'S THE
MATTER? WHAT'S
THE MATTER, YOU
FUCKING BAS-
TARD!?



UNGH!



WHAT SHOULD
I TALK ABOUT,
HOW I **HELPED**
YOU, FOR EXAM-
PLE? UNGRATEFUL
CUNT.

YOU THINK WHAT
HAPPENED WAS
MY **FAULT**?



IF YOU DECIDE
TO BE AN ILLE-
GAL MAGE AND
NOT **PROTECT**
YOURSELF...



...WHAT WERE YOU EXPECT-
ING? MANY LIKE YOU HAVE
ENDED UP WITH **SHADOW-
GENE** IN THEIR VEINS,
OR WORSE!



HAHAHA, ADAM, LOOK
AT YOU!



IT'S ALMOST
AS IF YOU HAVE
BALLS!



SINCE WHEN
HE'S SO
STRONG?
IS IT THE
**GAUNT-
LET**?



LAUGH IF
YOU WANT,
SIGURD.



BUT **THIS TIME**
YOU WON'T LEAVE
WITHOUT TALKING!

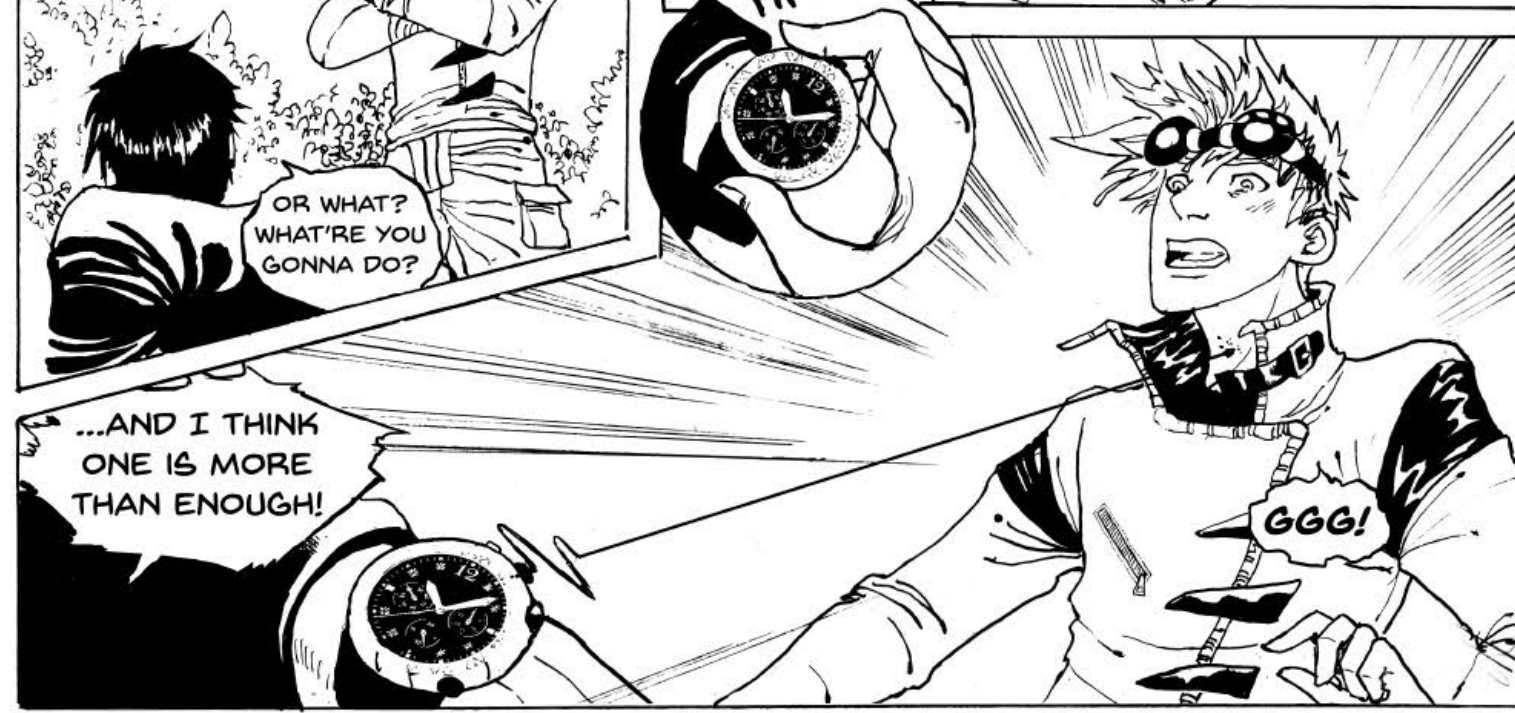


ENOUGH OF
THIS SHIT,
SIGURD!

OR WHAT?
WHAT'RE YOU
GONNA DO?



TOOK A
BEATING RE-
CENTLY AL-
READY...



...AND I THINK
ONE IS MORE
THAN ENOUGH!

GGG!

AA-GG-GGAA-GH!



HAHAHA!

OH,
GOD, LOOK
AT YOU
SHAKING!



"YOU DON'T FEEL
SO STRONG ANY-
MORE, HUH?"

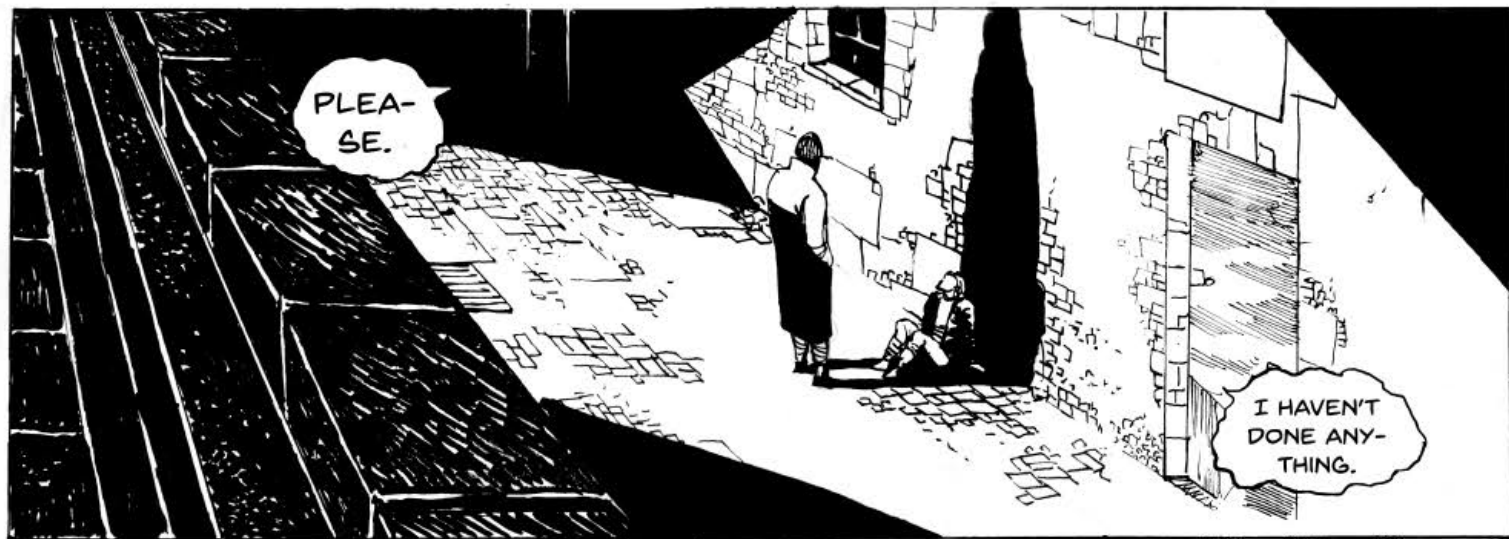
OH,
GOD.

DON'T
KILL ME.



PLEA-
SE.

I HAVEN'T
DONE ANY-
THING.



SEE MY
HAND? A
LITTLE **WEIRD**,
RIGHT?



SEE THESE
FIBRES?



I CAN EXPEL
ACID THROUGH THEM.



DISSOLVES THE SKIN IN MINUTES. THE
BONE TAKES MORE TIME. I HAVE A
MORE POTENT ACID, NOT IN MY
HANDS, BUT... WELL...

...YOU WOULDN'T HAVE
TIME TO **ENJOY** THE EX-
PERIENCE WITH THAT ONE.





AAMMMM
...!

CHST.



DON'T
SHOUT.



I JUST WANTED
TO SCARE YOU,
MAKE YOUR HEART
BEAT FASTER...

...SO THAT IT
PUMPS THE ANAES-
THETIC I'M SECRET-
ING...



SEE?

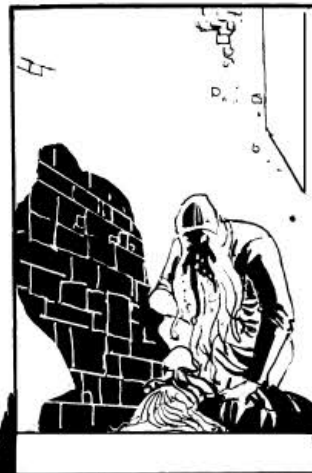
THAT WAY,
WHILE YOU SLEEP,
YOU CAN BECOME MY
BACKUP COPY...



WELL...



GGGGGGH!



I SEE
YOU'VE COME,
SIGURD.

HELLO,
MOON.

DON'T WORRY,
YOU DON'T HAVE
TO DECIDE
IF YOU JOIN US
JUST YET.



I AM GOING TO TELL YOU,
HOWEVER, ABOUT OUR
MISSION...



AS OF 2010, A
NEW ERA WILL
START... A WINDOW
OF OPPORTUNITY
OF SORTS.

THINGS
THAT REMAINED
HIDDEN WILL BE
REVEALED...

IT'S A MALLEA-
BLE TIME,
SIGURD.

AND WE WANT TO
USE IT TO BRING A
NEW **GOLDEN AGE**,
TO USE PLATO'S TER-
MINOLOGY.

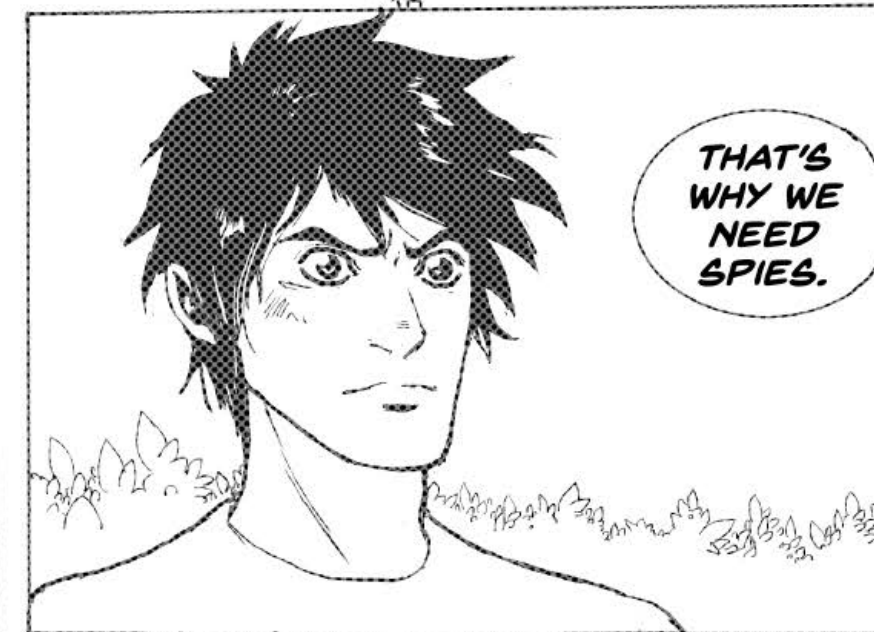


TO MAKE THE
WHOLE WORLD
AWARE OF ITS
LATENT **MAGI-
CAL** CAPACITY...
TO REBUILD AT-
LANTIS IN THIS
WORLD OF
DEAD, GREY
STEEL.

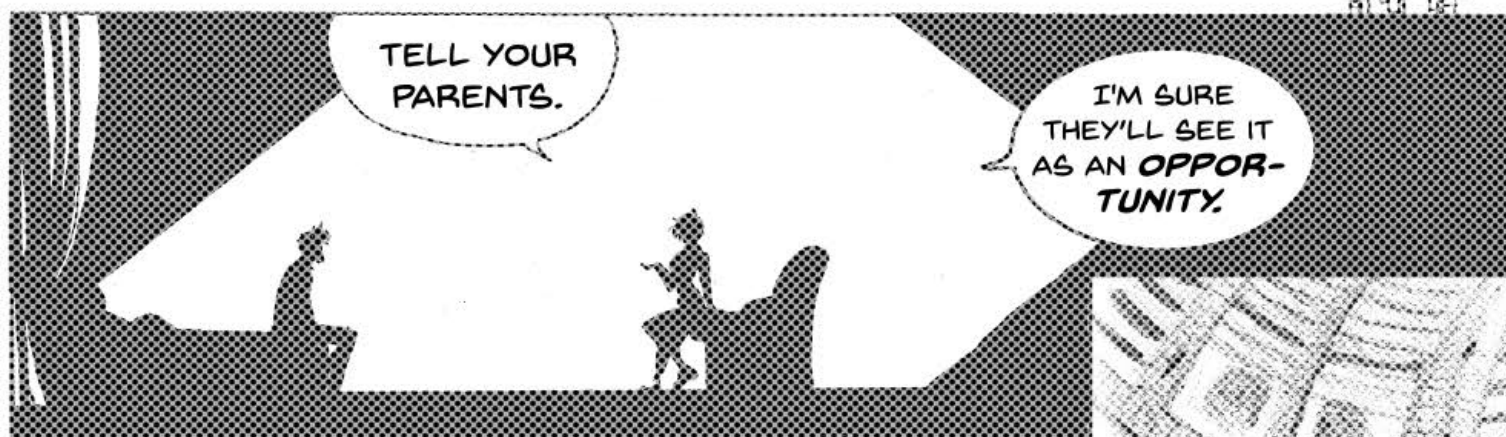


OTHERS,
HOWEVER...

...BELIEVE IN
**CONTROL AND
SECREC**



THAT'S
WHY WE
NEED
SPIES.






A man with spiky hair and goggles around his neck stands in a forest, looking at Adam who is sitting on a log. Adam is looking back at him.

I WANT YOU TO JOIN THE EBI.



Two small panels showing close-ups of the man with goggles. In the first, he looks serious. In the second, he looks slightly more agitated.


ARE YOU NUTS?



Adam is running through a city street. In the background, there are buildings and a person sitting on the ground. A man in a suit is standing nearby.

THEY HAVE ISSUED AN ARREST ORDER. THE MINUTE ONE OF YOU THREE APPEARS ON OUR RADAR, WHICH WILL HAPPEN AS SOON AS YOU APPROACH A MEDIUM-SIZED CITY WITH CELL TOWERS...

...YOU'LL HAVE SUPER-
DUDES OR AGENTS
WITH **CYBERSUITS**
OR GOD-KNOWS-WHAT
COMING FOR YOU.




Adam is looking at the man with a determined expression. The man is pointing his finger at Adam.

YOU STOLE INFORMATION FROM THE HEREMITES, RIGHT? EVEN THE EBI WAS NERVOUS THAT YOU COULD DO SOMETHING LIKE THIS...

SO? WE'LL FIGHT AND WE'LL DEFEAT YOU.

SEEMS IMPORTANT INFORMATION...



Adam is sitting on the ground in a field, looking up at the man who is standing over him. The man is looking down at Adam.

IF YOU BRING IT TO THE EBI WE CAN DECODE IT AND USE IT AGAINST THE HEREMITES...

YOU COULD USE IT AS PAYMENT SO THE EBI WOULDN'T PUNISH YOU! THEY'D MAKE YOU AGENTS RIGHT AWAY!

WHAT DO I CARE ABOUT THE EBI? THOSE MOTHERFUCKERS THREW ME **OUT** OF BARCELONA!

DAMN IT, ADAM! YOU'RE AN **ILLEGAL MAGE**, OF COURSE THEY WERE GOING TO ATTACK YOU SOONER OR LATER! THE EBI WANTS TO CONTROL ANY SOURCE OF DISTORTION...

...BUT THAT'S ONE THING AND ANOTHER WHAT THE HEREMITES WANT, THEY'RE ALL ABOUT CREATING A NEW ORDER... YOU CAN'T PRETEND THEY'RE **THE SAME!**

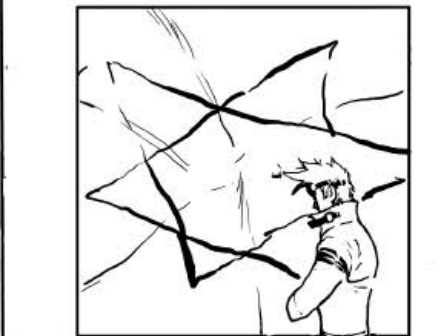
WHEN YOU'RE IN THE PRESENCE OF ONE OF THEM, THEY GIVE YOU GOOSE BUMPS. THERE'S SOMETHING INHUMAN.... I'M CONVINCED THEY FRAMED **YOU** TO TOY WITH **ME!**



JUST TO TEST ME! ANYTHING THEY CAN USE AS PSYCHOLOGICAL **TORTURE**, THEY...!



HEH. AND YOU WERE THE ONE WHO TALKED ABOUT USING MAGIC TO BE **POWERFUL?** FOR GOD'S SAKE, LOOK AT YOU.



YOU'VE BECOME A SIMPLE **SUB-ORDINATE!**

"YOU OBVIOUSLY DIDN'T WANT TO TAKE **SERIOUSLY** ANY OF THIS SHIT!"



SOUTHERN, YES.

I'LL NEVER UNDERSTAND HOW YOU COULD BE MEETING WITH THE CABALISTS **THAT SUMMER** AND NOT TELL ME UNTIL MONTHS LATER...



...AND FOR WHAT, TO END UP BEING A **PUPPET** OF THESE ORGANIZATIONS?

PUPPET?! PUPPE... THE BALLS ON YOU! **YOU**, SAYING THAT I'M...? **YOU**, WHO WASTED...? EVERY TIME I TALKED TO YOU ABOUT USING OUR POWER TO PROSPER, YOU SAID IT WAS **UNETHICAL!**

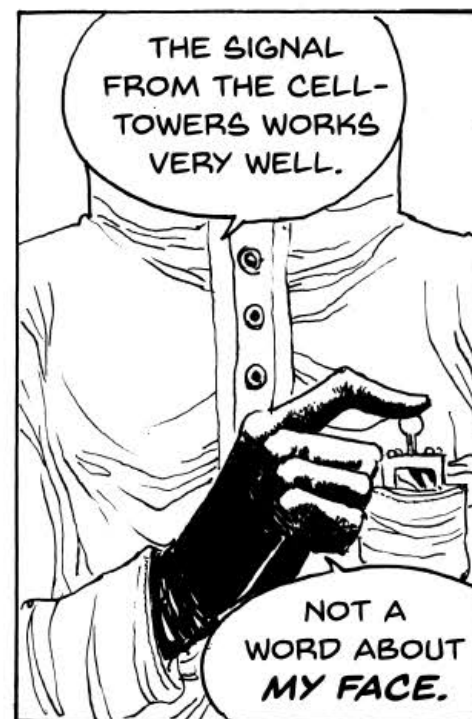


IT WAS YOU WHO HEARD OF THOSE **RUMORS** ABOUT SECRET ORGANIZATIONS KIDNAPPING MAGES, BUT THEN YOU WANTED TO PRETEND THAT THEY WERE A FUCKING **URBAN LEGEND!**

GO UP THE STAIRS AND THEN STRAIGHT AHEAD. HE MUST BE EATING THE AFTERNOON SNACK...



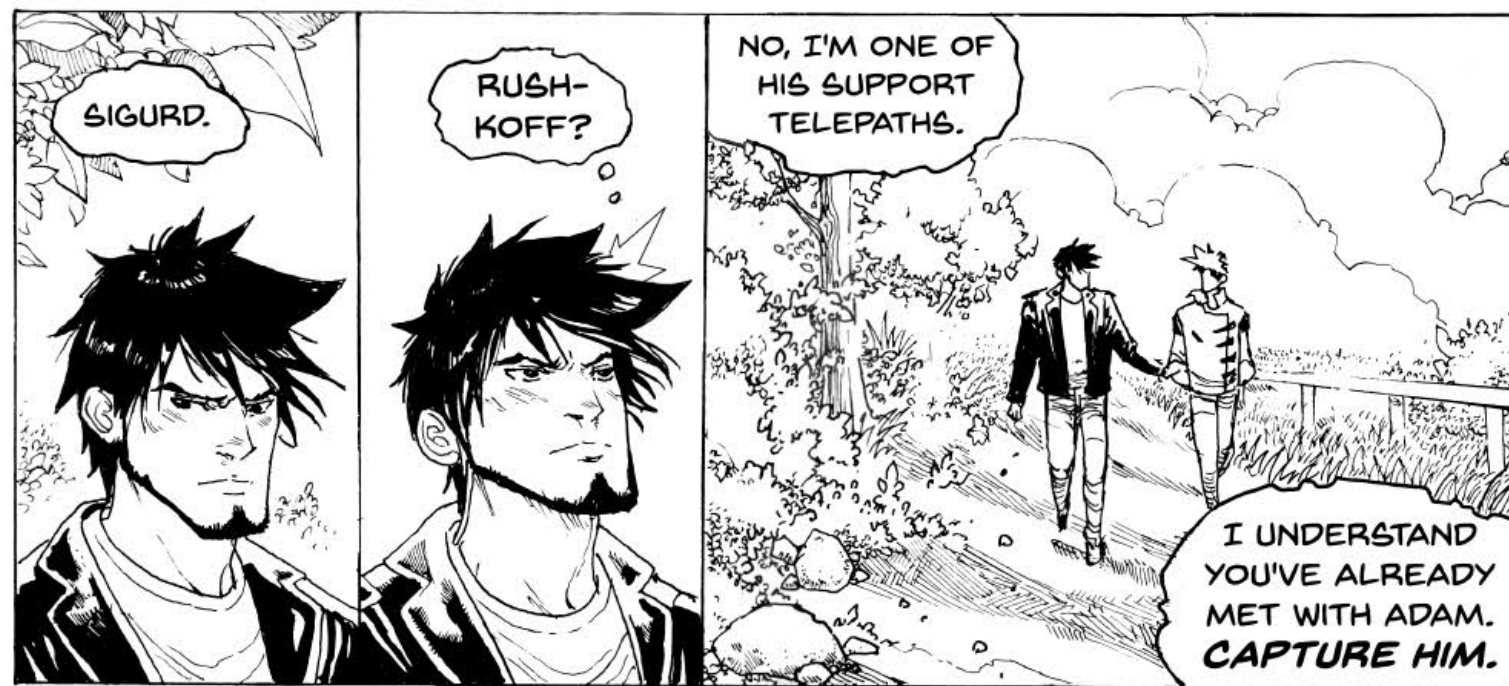
THE SIGNAL FROM THE CELL-TOWERS WORKS VERY WELL.



NOT A WORD ABOUT **MY FACE.**



IT'S NICE.





...TO BE CONTINUED

UPSURGE IS AN ALMOST MONTHLY (40 DAYS) SERIES THAT STILL HAS A LONG WAY TO GO TO REACH THE INTENDED ENDING. HOWEVER, WE CAN'T KEEP DOING IT FOR "FREE" INDEFINITELY. IF YOU'RE INTERESTED IN HELPING US WHILE ALSO GETTING **EARLY ACCESS** TO AN ISSUE, **PREVIEWS** OF FUTURE EPISODES, OR **VIDEOS** AND TEXTS ABOUT OUR CREATIVE PROCESS, PLEASE CONSIDER SUPPORTING US THROUGH PATREON AT THE 3\$ PLEDGE LEVEL (LINK BELOW). IF WE HAVE ENOUGH HELP, WE'LL TURN UPSURGE INTO A **MONTHLY** SERIES. THANK YOU!

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