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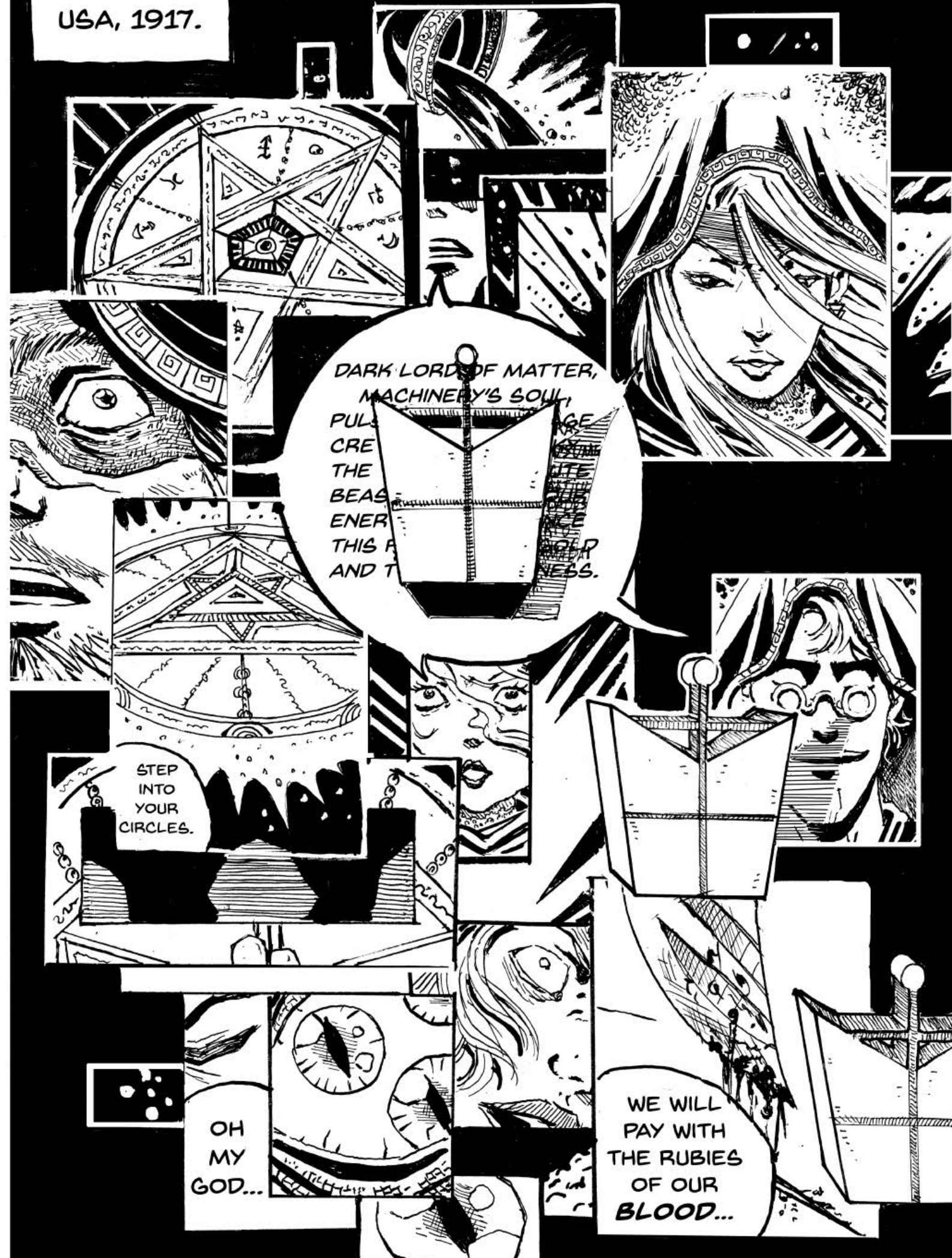
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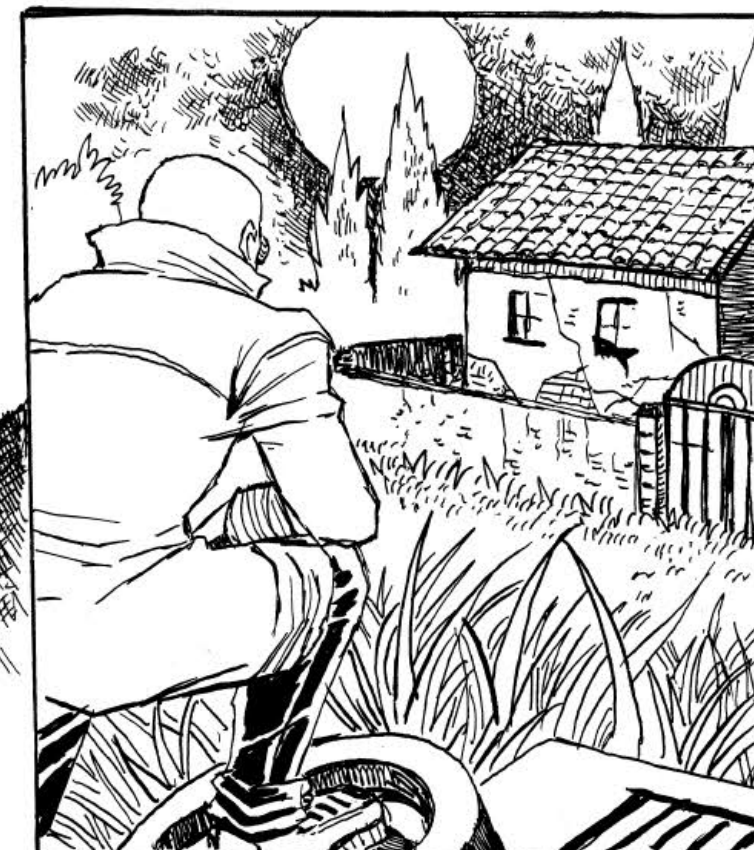
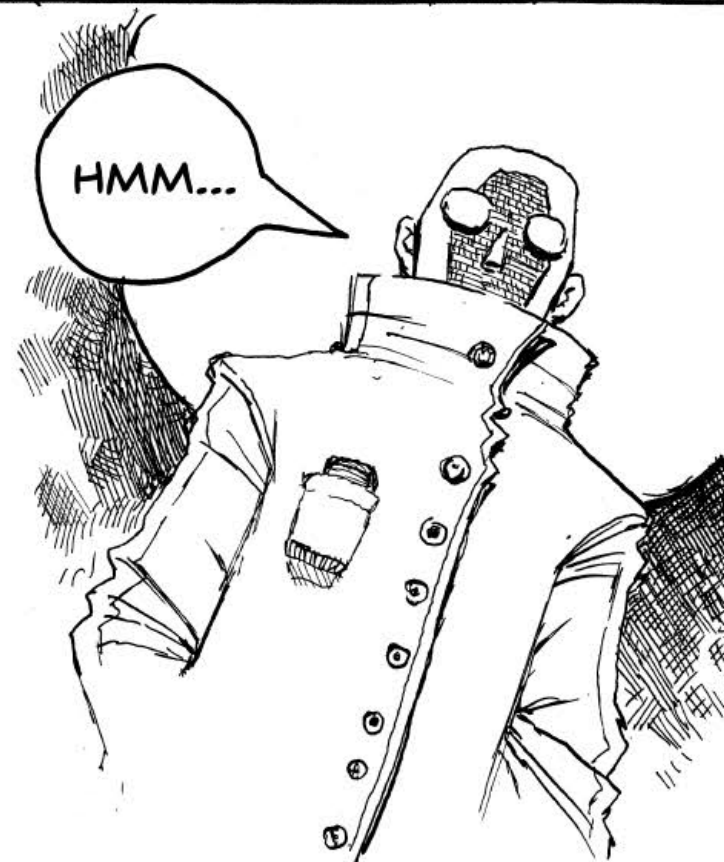
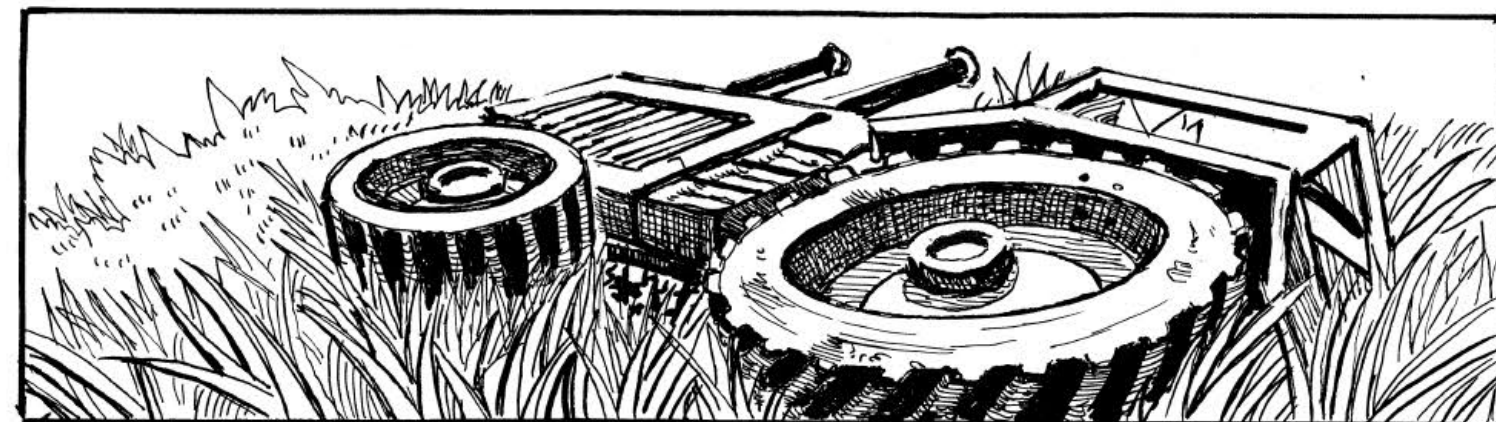
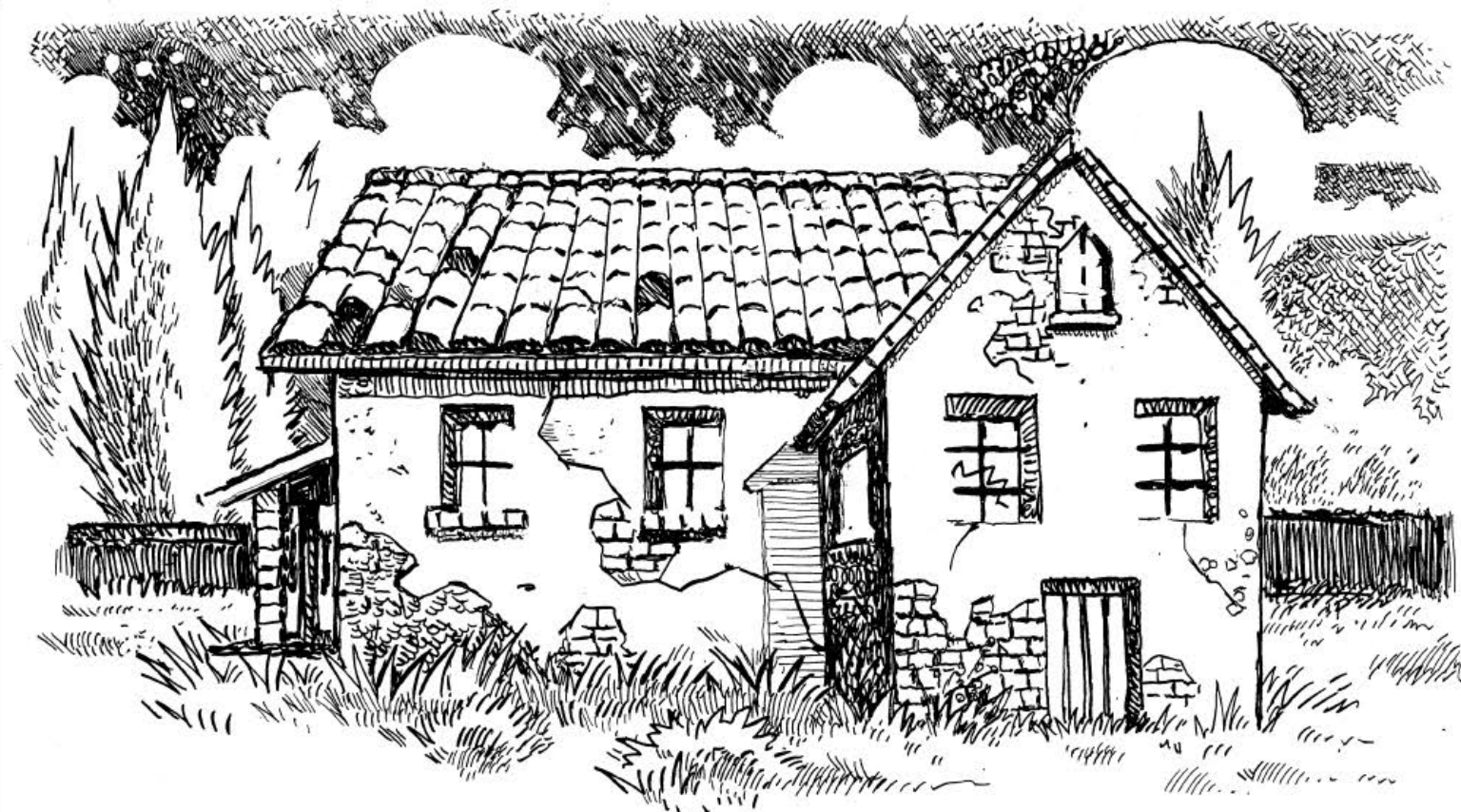
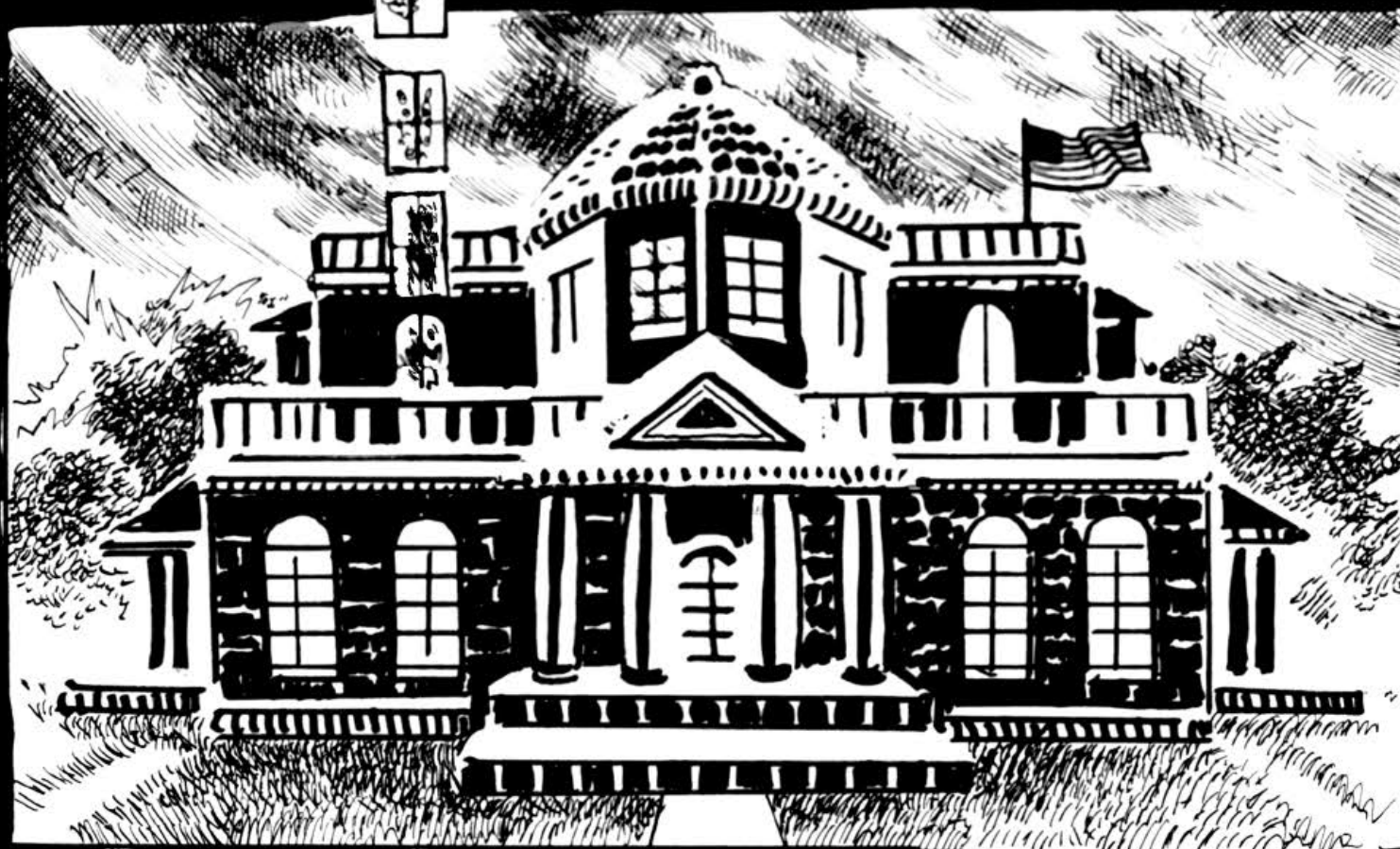
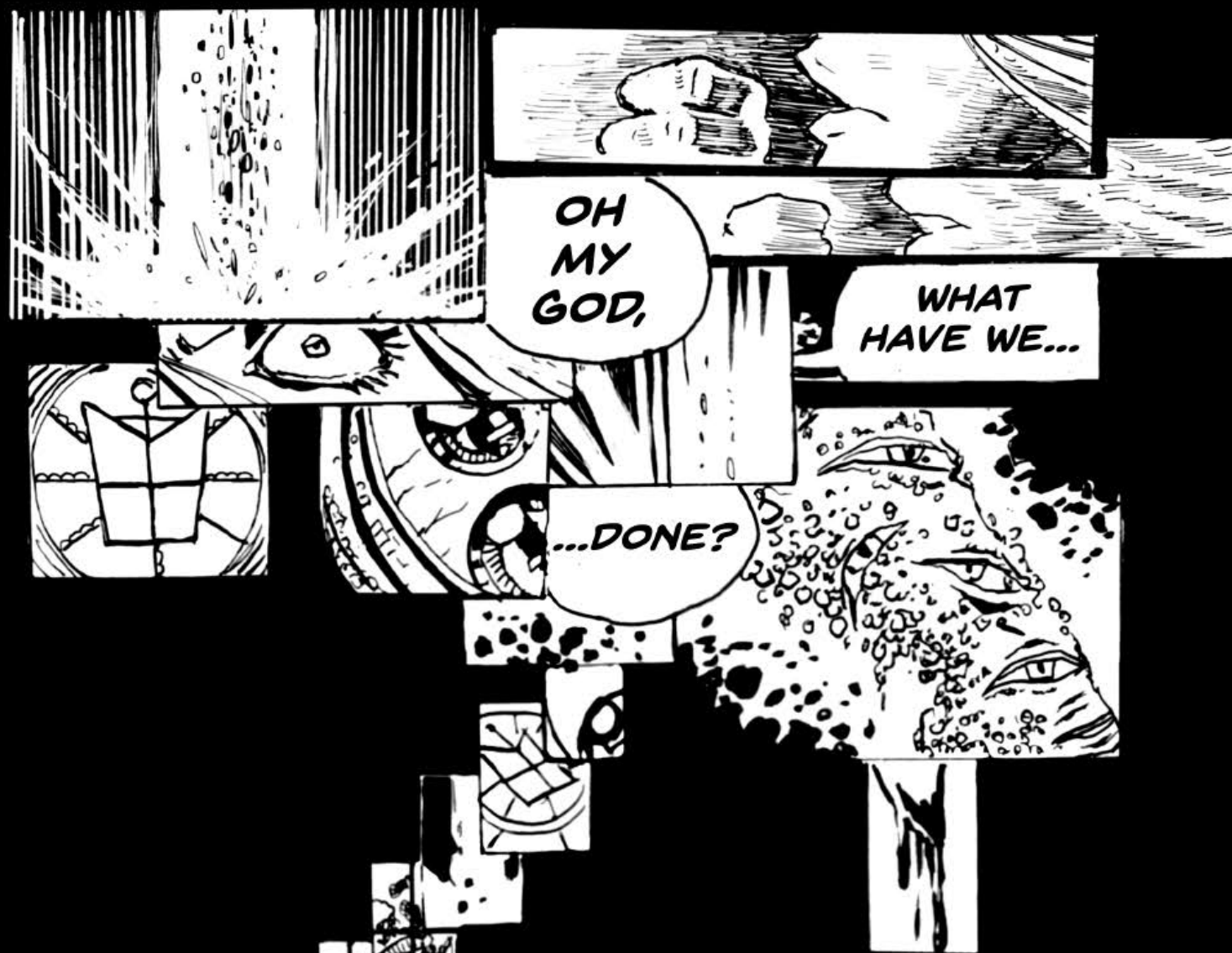


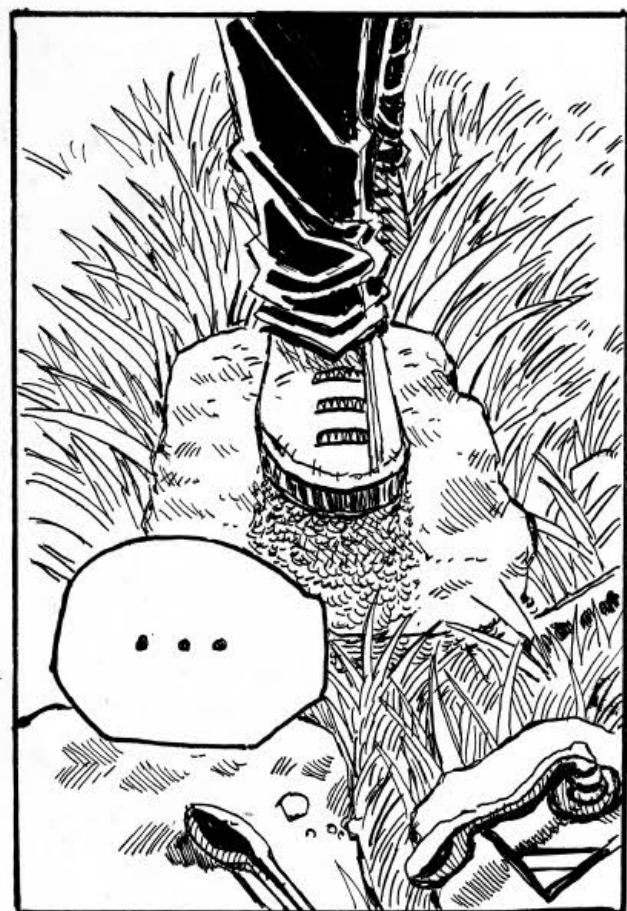
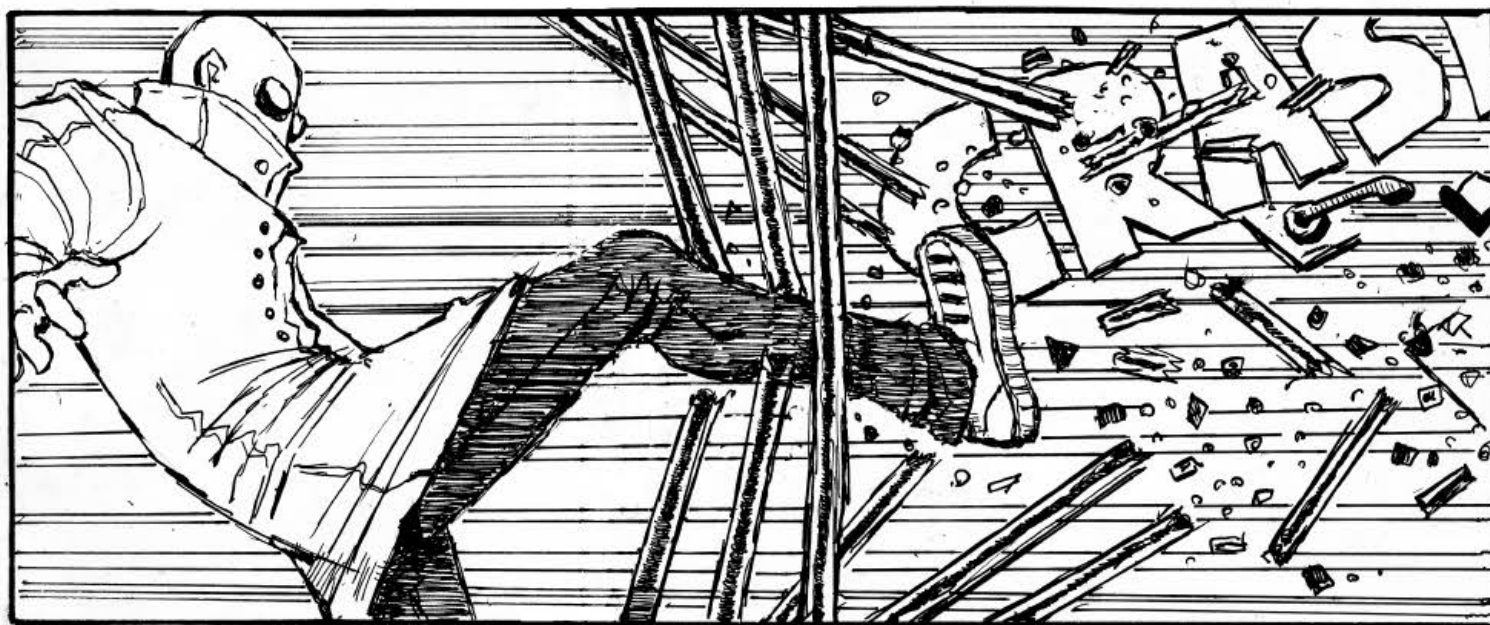
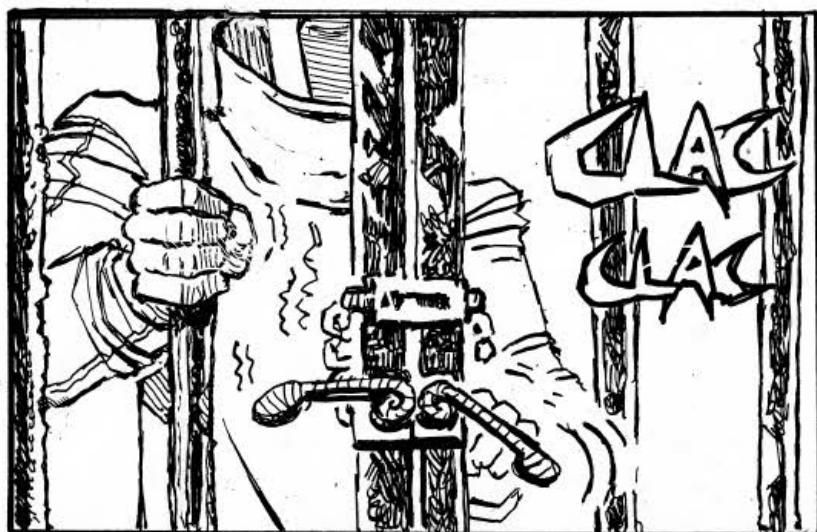
DARK LORD OF MATTER,
MACHINERY'S SOUL,
PULSING
CREATING
THE
BEAST
ENERGY
THIS
AND THE

STEP
INTO
YOUR
CIRCLES.

OH
MY
GOD...

WE WILL
PAY WITH
THE RUBIES
OF OUR
BLOOD...



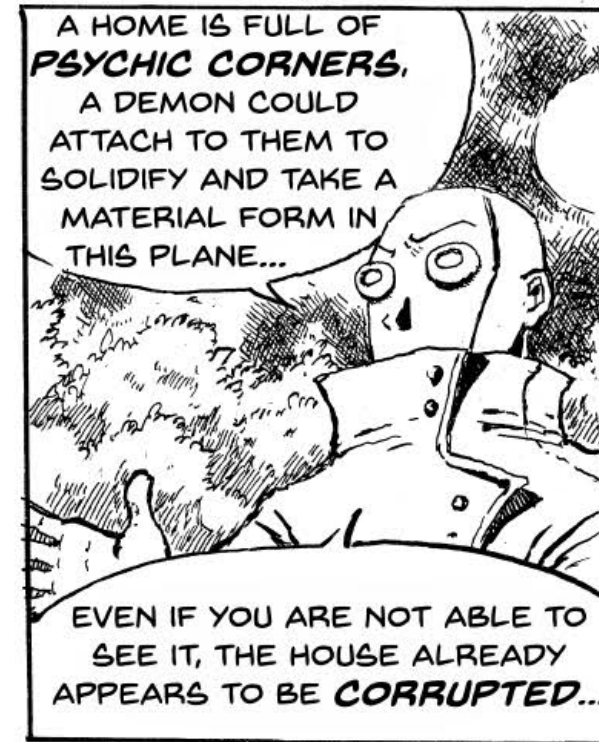




I'M...
GOING TO
THE HOUSE.



ISN'T A BIT
LATE TO BE
PLAYING
OUTSIDE?



A HOME IS FULL OF
PSYCHIC CORNERS,
A DEMON COULD
ATTACH TO THEM TO
SOLIDIFY AND TAKE A
MATERIAL FORM IN
THIS PLANE...

EVEN IF YOU ARE NOT ABLE TO
SEE IT, THE HOUSE ALREADY
APPEARS TO BE **CORRUPTED**...

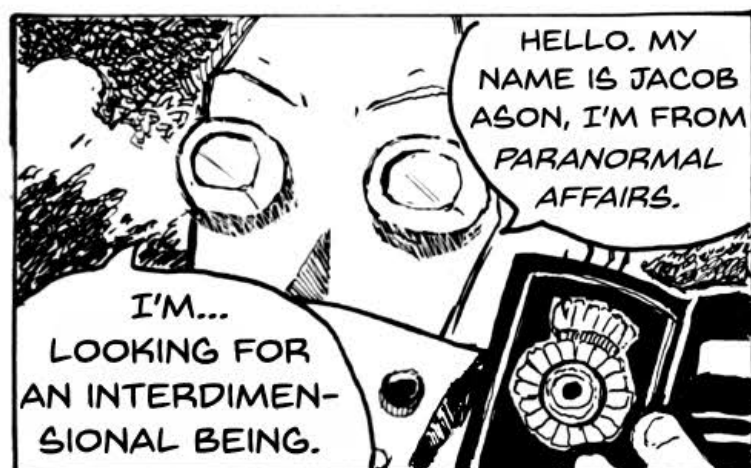


I DO NOT DOUBT
THAT. MY HUSBAND
GOT AN ERECTION,
PRECISELY TODAY.

A CLEAR
SIGN OF THE
APOCALYPSE.



WHO
...?



HELLO. MY
NAME IS JACOB
ASON, I'M FROM
PARANORMAL
AFFAIRS.

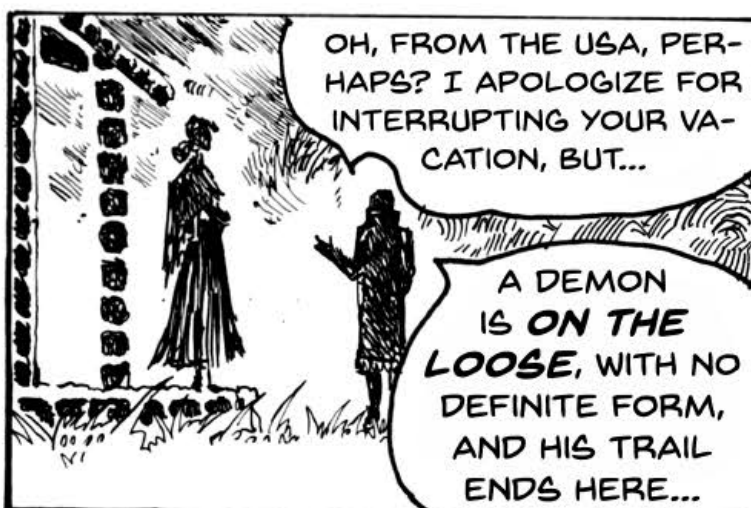
I'M...
LOOKING FOR
AN INTERDIMEN-
SIONAL BEING.



A...
DEMON.

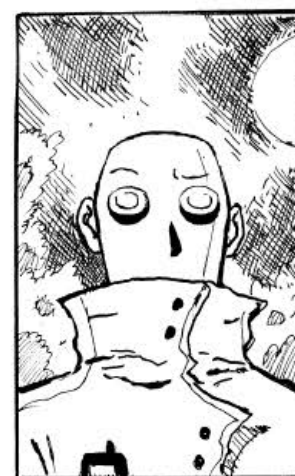
I KNOW IT
SOUNDS
STRANGE,
MS....

MATHERS.
ELLEN...



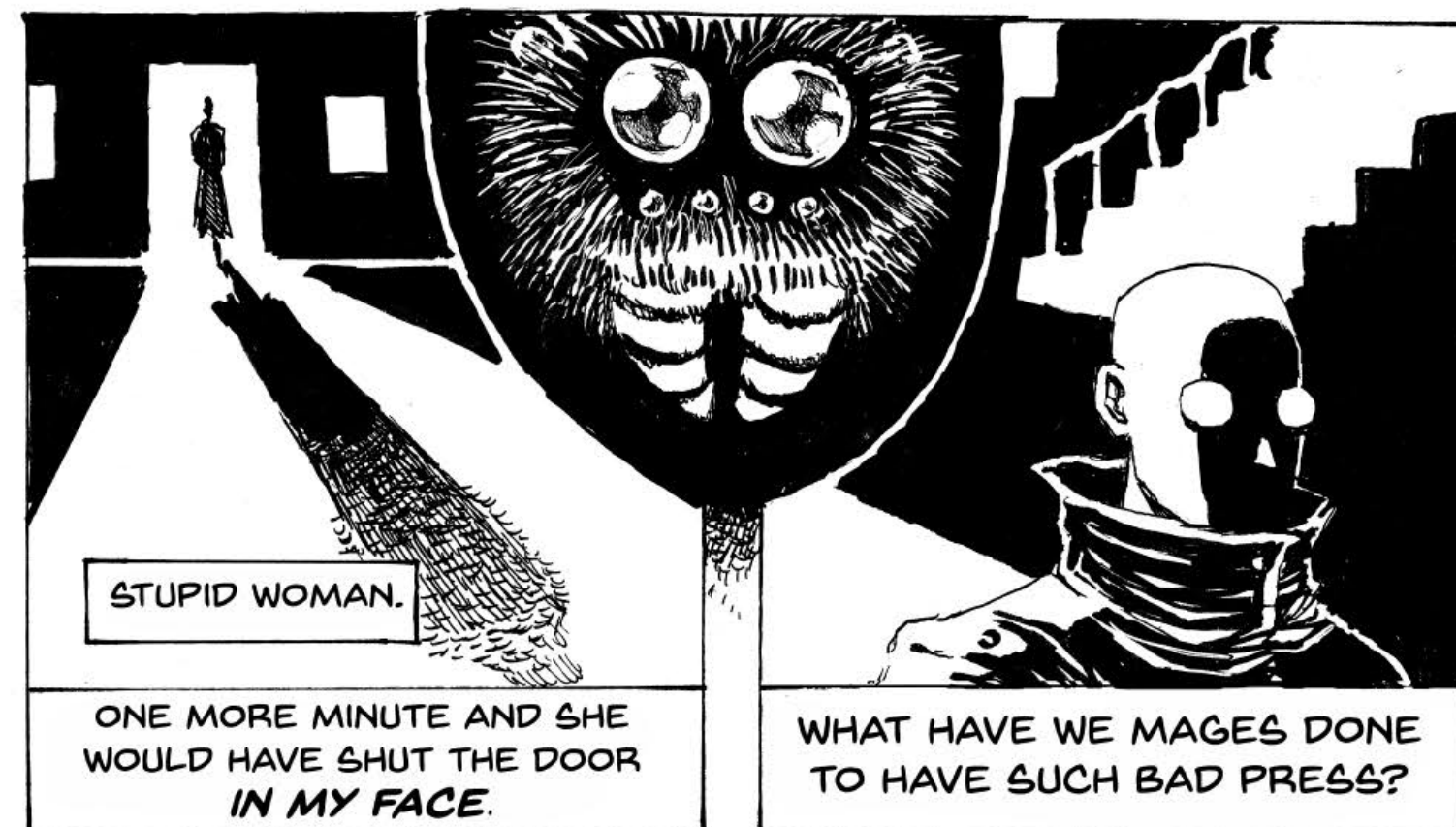
OH, FROM THE USA, PER-
HAPS? I APOLOGIZE FOR
INTERRUPTING YOUR VA-
CATION, BUT...

A DEMON
IS **ON THE
LOOSE**, WITH NO
DEFINITE FORM,
AND HIS TRAIL
ENDS HERE...



HA HA
HA HA HA

VERY FUNNY! THAT'S THE
SPIRIT TO FIGHT DEMONS!
WOULD YOU MIND MAKING
SOME TEA WHILE I
INVESTIGATE?



STUPID WOMAN.

ONE MORE MINUTE AND SHE
WOULD HAVE SHUT THE DOOR
IN MY FACE.

WHAT HAVE WE MAGES DONE
TO HAVE SUCH BAD PRESS?



SHE CANNOT SEE IT
AS I DO, BUT SHE
SHOULD BE ABLE TO
FEEL IT SOMEHOW...

THE ENTROPY CHIPPING
THE
STRUCTURE.

WALLS PULSATING
LIKE A PUTREFIED UTERUS.



YOU SHOULD
LEARN MORE
ABOUT
DEMONS.

LOOK,
WE'VE
ARRIVED.

WHAT FOR?
IT'S BEEN DE-
CADES SINCE
THE LAST ONE
MATERIALIZED
IN OUR
PLANE.

OH, YOU
KNOW, ONE OF
THOSE PUSSIES
WHO HAS THEO-
RIES...

...THAT HE
NEVER PUTS
INTO PRACTICE
LEST HE GETS
HURT.

WHAT?

THIS IS OUR AGE,
JACOB.

NEVER
FORGET
IT.

THEY
STILL
AFFECT THE
ASTRAL
PLANE.

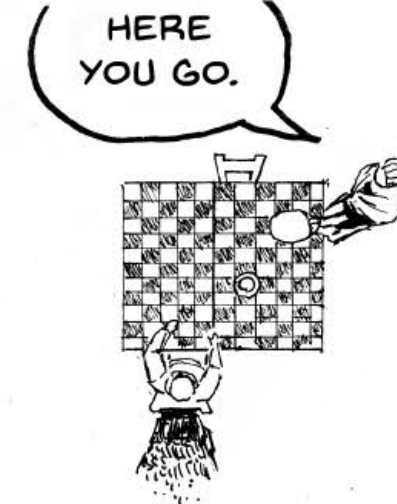
AND THE
ASTRAL
AFFECTS
THE PHYSI-
CAL.

OR DO YOU
WANT TO
BECOME A
PHILOSO-
PHER?

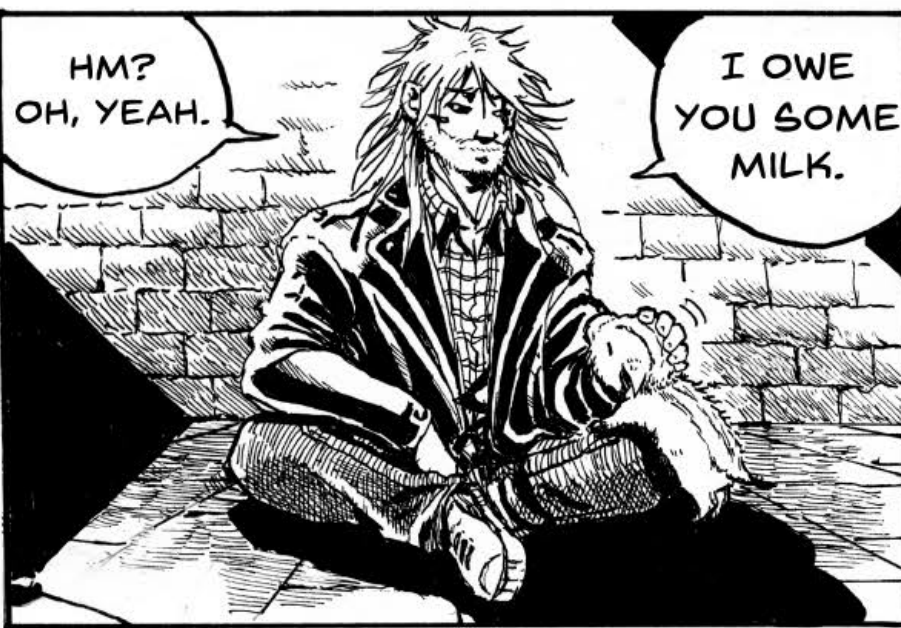
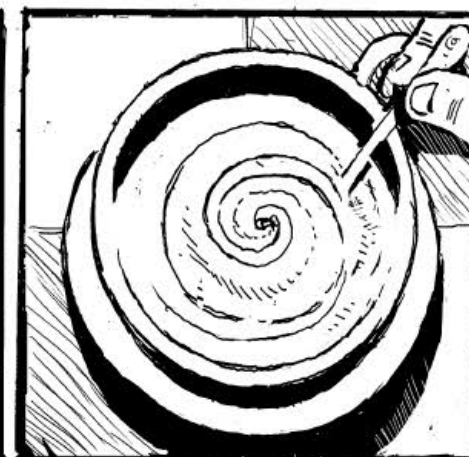
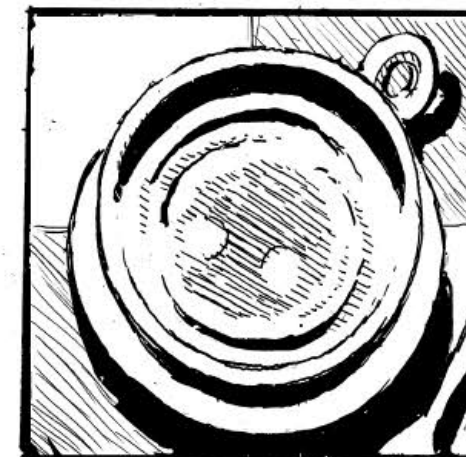
IF YOU WANT
TO UNDERSTAND
EVIL YOU HAVE
TO MEET
SATAN.

IF YOU
WANT TO STOP
FEARING DEATH
YOU HAVE TO
DIE!

HEH, ESSEX... IF **TALKING**
WAS ALL IT TOOK...



HERE
YOU GO.



HM?
OH, YEAH.

I OWE
YOU SOME
MILK.



DO YOU FEEL
BETTER?



HM, YES.
WHAT HAP-
PENED?

YOU
WERE DE-
LIRIOUS.



YOU WERE
TALKING
ABOUT YOUR
FATHER.



MY FATHER?
UNLIKELY. I
DON'T OFTEN
TALK ABOUT
HIM.



SIR, CAN YOU
GIVE ME A
COOKIE?



RUTH!
WHAT IM-
PERTINENCE
IS THAT?

IT'S
OKAY.



YOU SPEAK
SPANISH VERY
WELL FOR A
FOREIGNER.*



WELL, THAT'S
WHY THEY SENT
US HERE. WE
ARE INVESTIGA-
TORS TOO, YOU
KNOW?

*AS JACOB SAYS, THEY'RE SPEAKING
IN SPANISH.



SO WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FOR?



OH, RELICS FROM HERE AND THERE.

THINGS THAT THE OFFICIAL HISTORIOGRAPHY OMITTS.



BY THE WAY, ARE YOU A RELATIVE OF HERS?

SURELY SHE IS NOT YOUR...

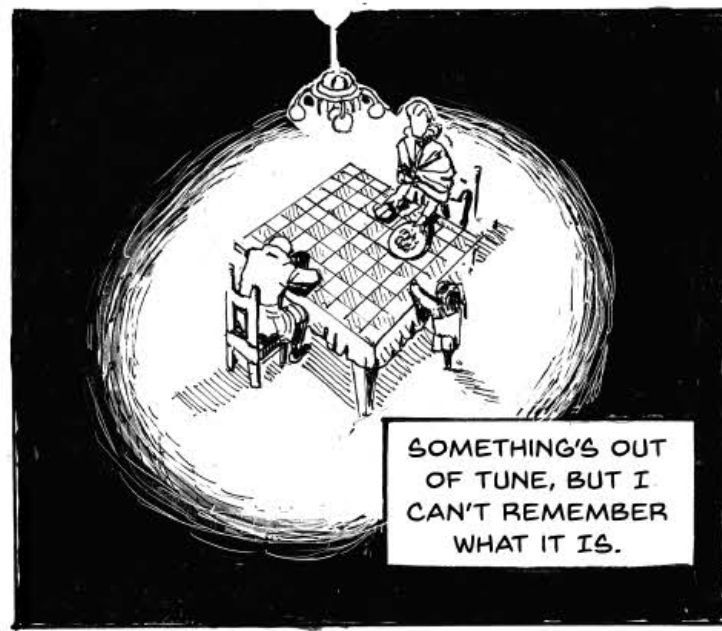


...CHILD.

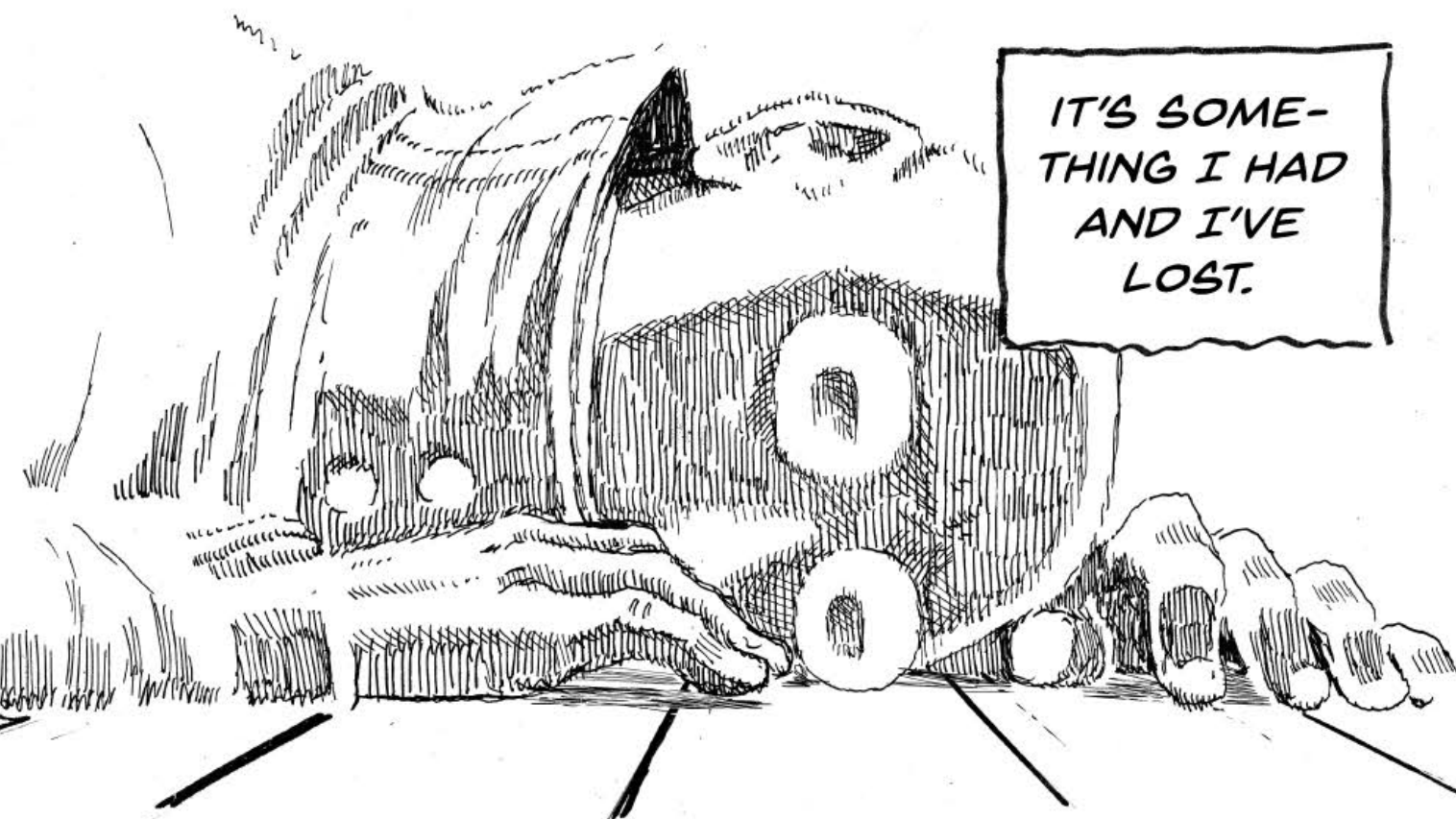


MY MOM'S A **WITCH**, DID YOU KNOW THAT?

SHE HAS POWER.



SOMETHING'S OUT OF TUNE, BUT I CAN'T REMEMBER WHAT IT IS.



IT'S SOMETHING I HAD AND I'VE LOST.



MMM... MOMMY?

NO...



SHE IS IN LOS ANGELES.

NO, MY DEAR.



WE CAME HERE. DADDY, RUTH, YOU AND ME.

WORK STUFF.



HAHAHA... WORK, MOM? HERE?

IS THERE NOT ENOUGH WORK IN CALIFORNIA?

GET WELL, BROTHER.

RUTH.



LET YOUR BROTHER REST.

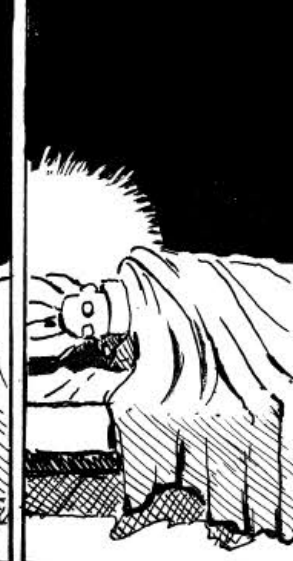
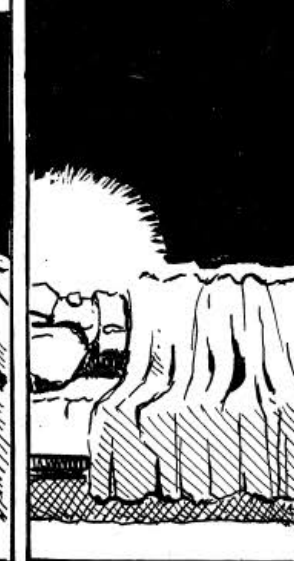
REST? SINCE WHEN DO MY PARENTS WORRY ABOUT BEING ABLE TO REST?

THEY WERE QUITE THE WORKAHOLICS.

THAT'S IT, RIGHT? SHE IS NOT MY MOTHER.

RIGHT?

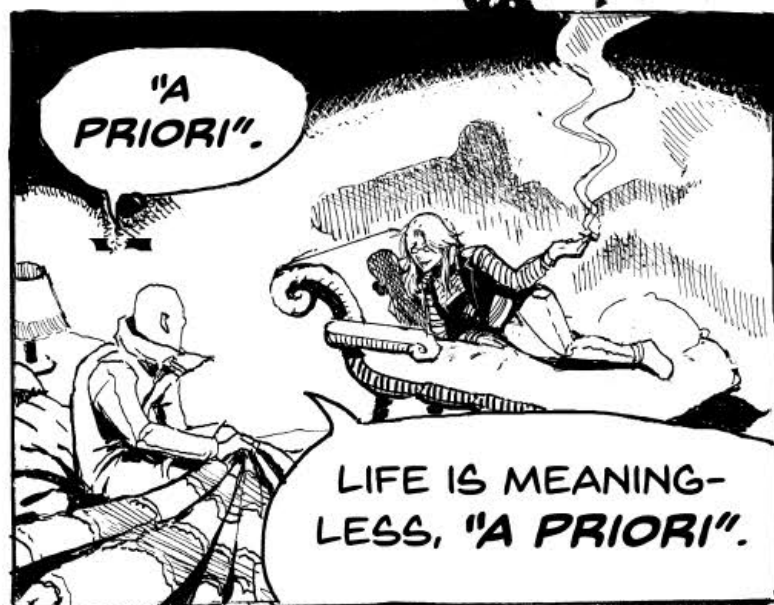
WHY AM I HERE?





WHAT
KIND OF
QUESTION
IS THAT?

LIFE IS
MEANINGLESS.
SARTRE
ALREADY SAID
SO.



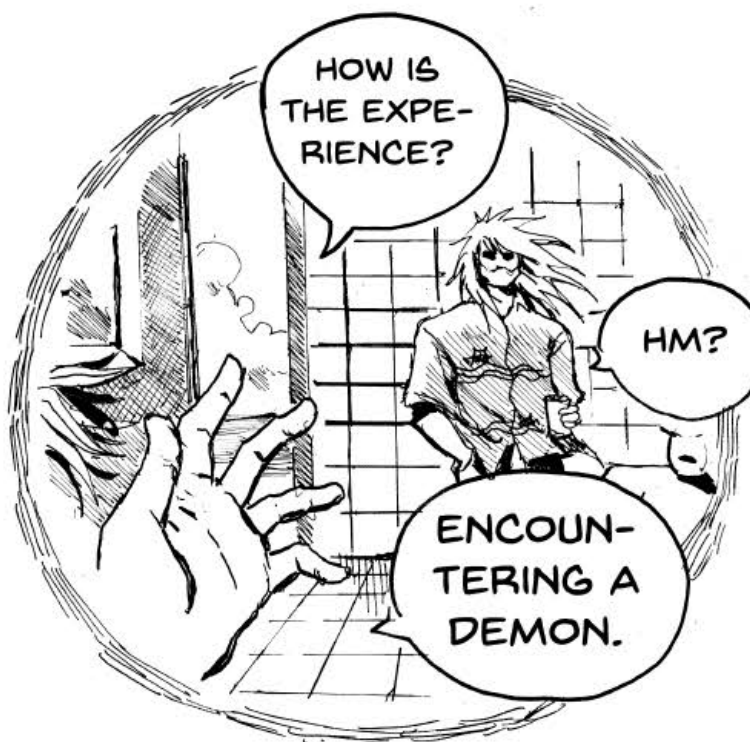
"A
PRIORI".

LIFE IS MEANING-
LESS, "A **PRIORI**".



ELLE?
WHAT
ARE YOU
DOING
HE...?

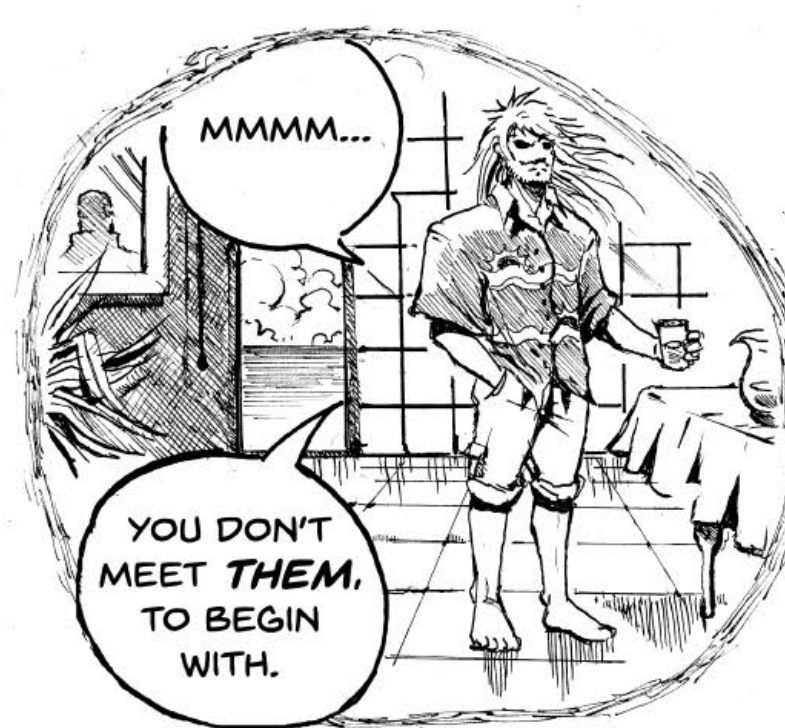
YOU
ARE
NOT
HERE,
RIGHT?



HOW IS
THE EXPE-
RIENCE?

HM?

ENCOUN-
TERING A
DEMON.



MMMM...

YOU DON'T
MEET **THEM**,
TO BEGIN
WITH.



THEY
MEET
YOU.



YOU KNOW
THEM BY
THEIR AB-
SENCES.

THEY TWIST
EVERYTHING
YOU THOUGHT
CERTAIN.

REALITY
BECOMES
MEANING-
LESS.



AND
WHAT'S
THAT GOOD
FOR?



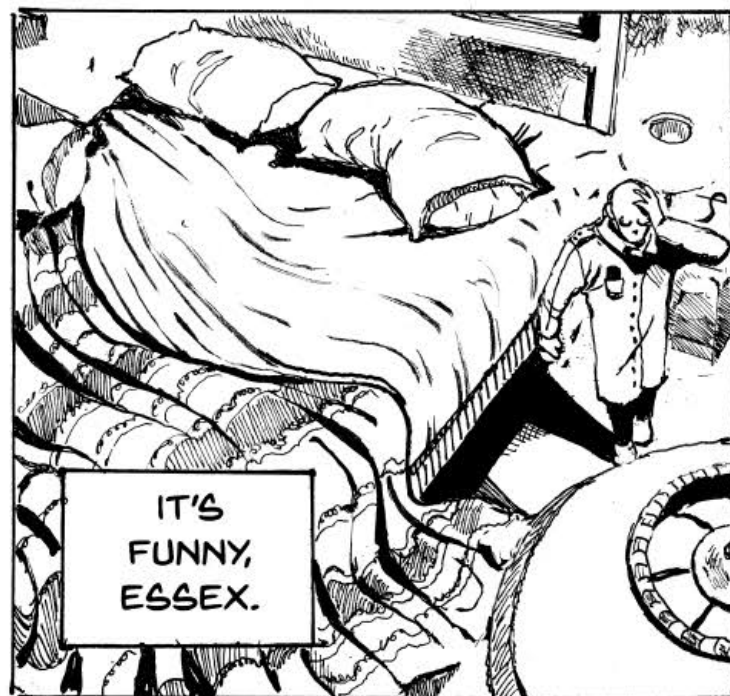
WHAT DO
YOU MEAN,
"GOOD
FOR"?

THE MAGE IS
HE WHO FREES
HIMSELF FROM
THE SOCIAL
CONVENTIONS
THAT LIMIT HIS
POWER.

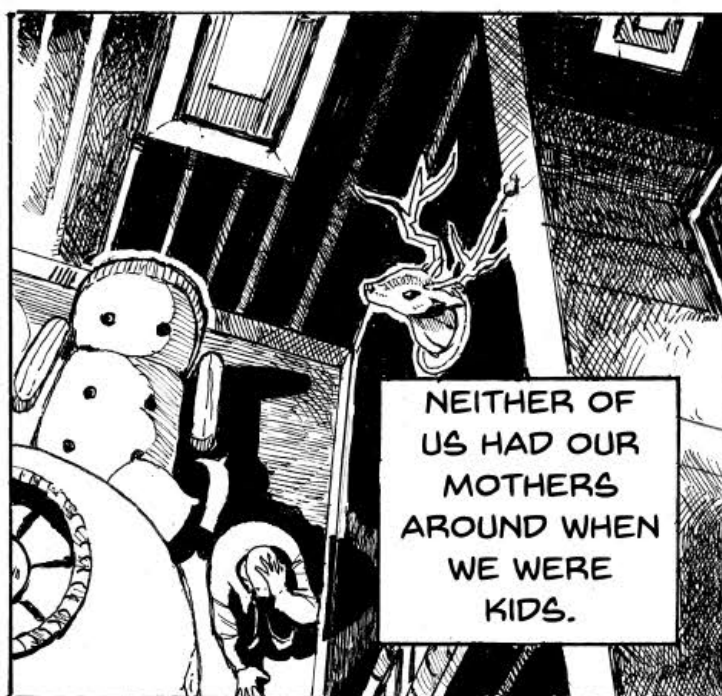


WHO DO YOU
THINK ALLOWS
YOU TO **BREAK**
WITH THE
PAST?

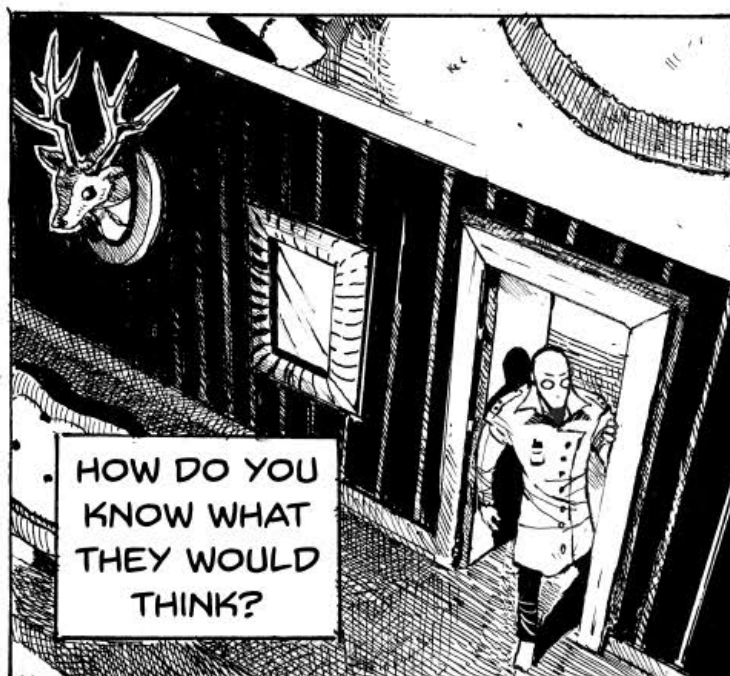
WHAT DOES A
CLINGING MOTHER
SEE IN HER SON
WHEN HE SAYS HE
DOESN'T NEED
HER ANY-
MORE?



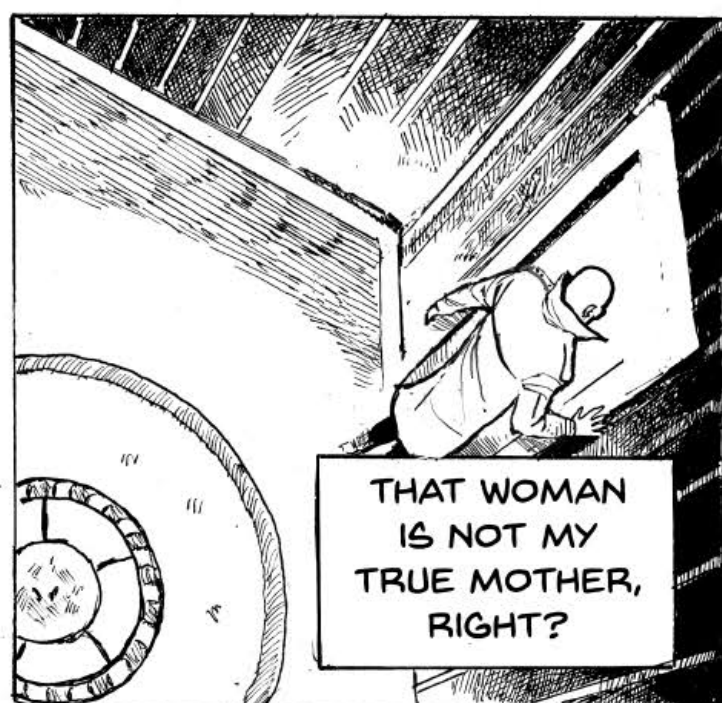
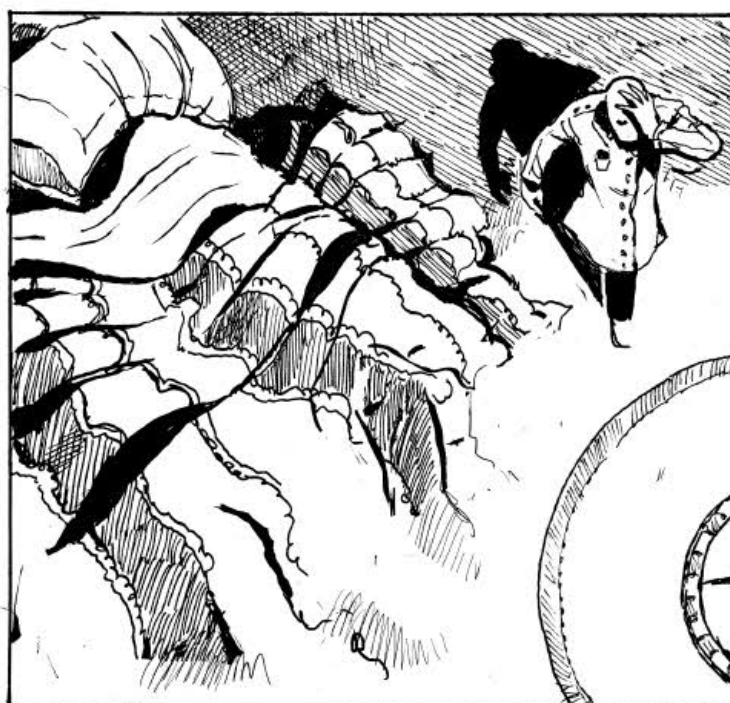
IT'S
FUNNY,
ESSEX.



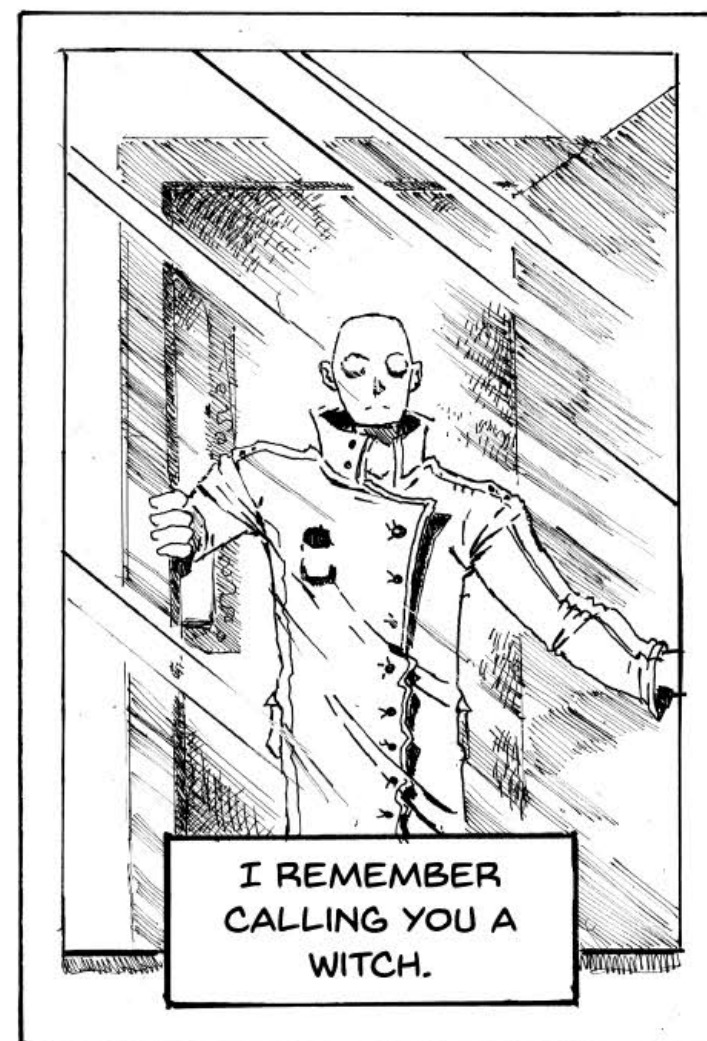
NEITHER OF
US HAD OUR
MOTHERS
AROUND WHEN
WE WERE
KIDS.



HOW DO YOU
KNOW WHAT
THEY WOULD
THINK?



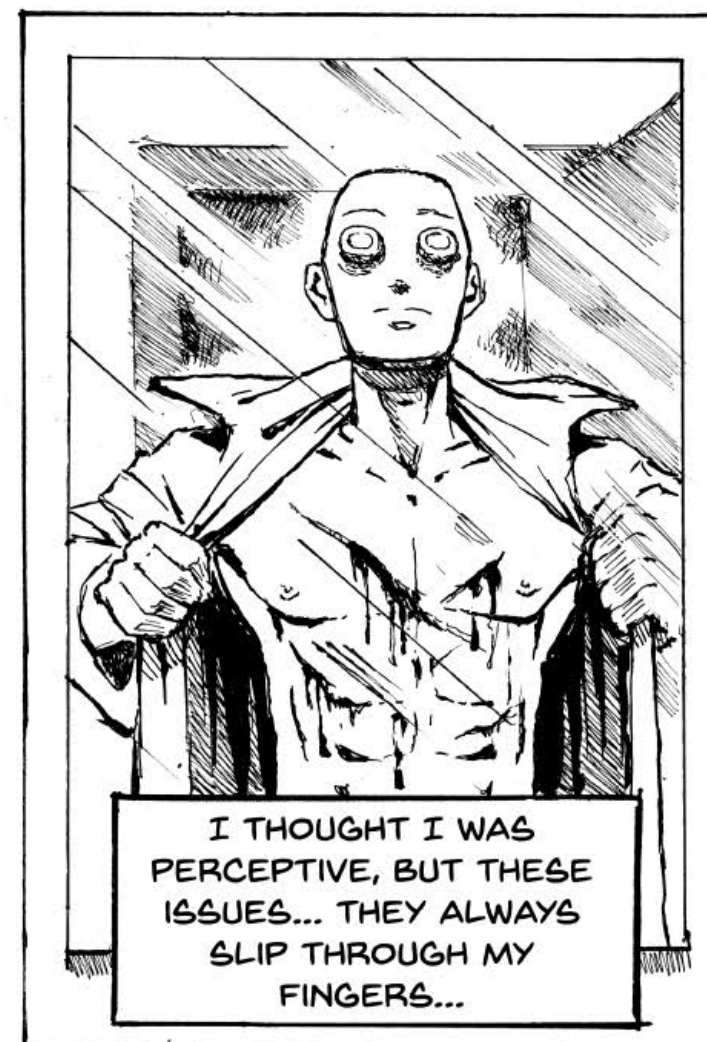
THAT WOMAN
IS NOT MY
TRUE MOTHER,
RIGHT?



I REMEMBER
CALLING YOU A
WITCH.



"AREN'T YOU SORRY?"
SHE SAID TO ME. "DON'T
YOU SEE THE PAIN YOU
ARE CAUSING ME?"

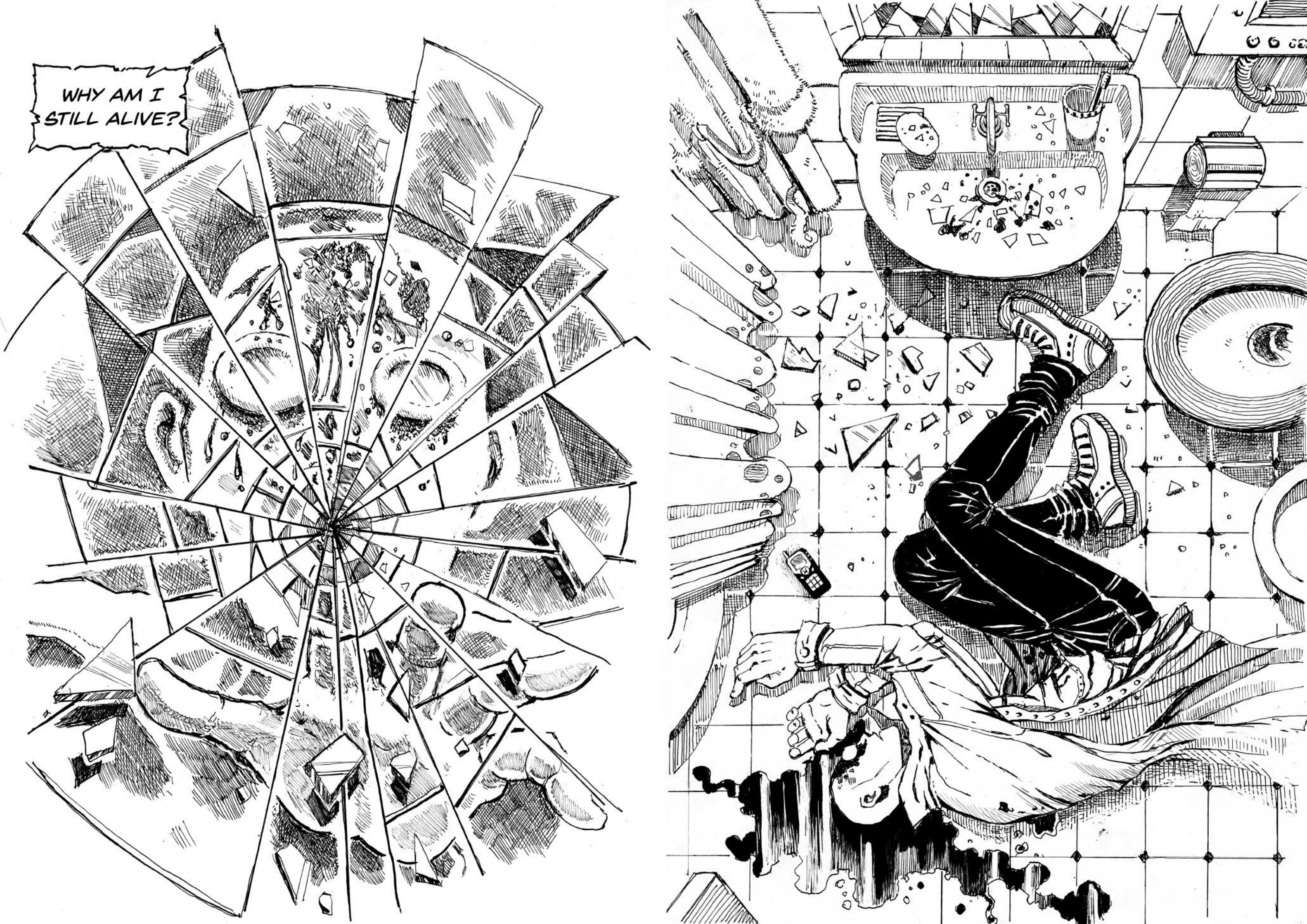


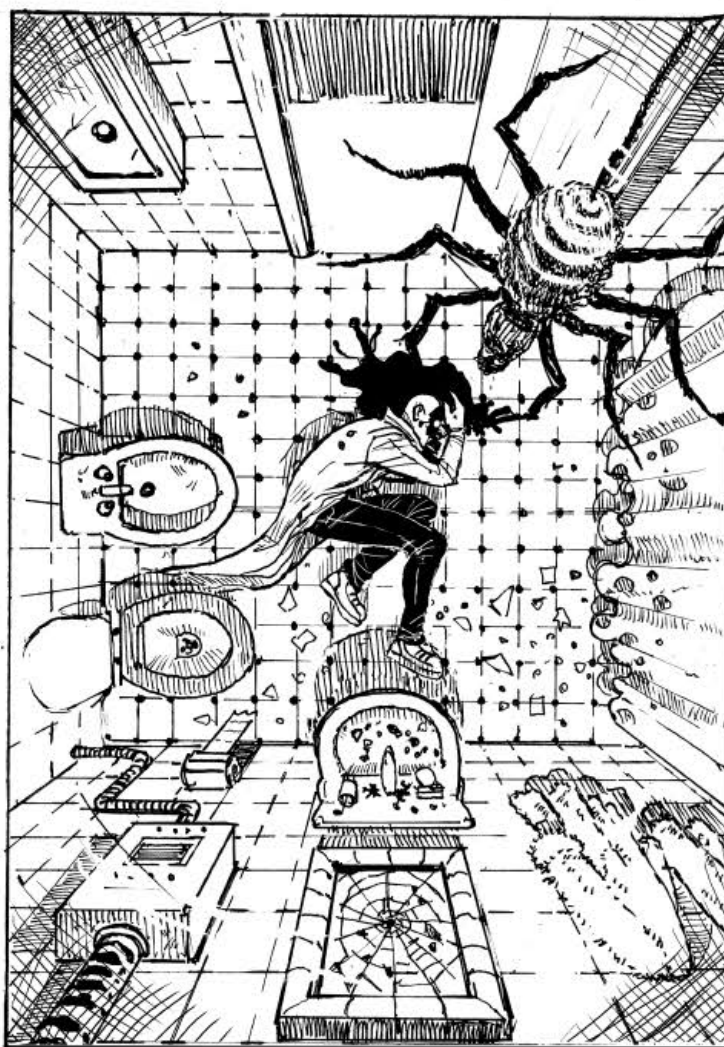
I THOUGHT I WAS
PERCEPTIVE, BUT THESE
ISSUES... THEY ALWAYS
SLIP THROUGH MY
FINGERS...



AS IF I NEVER GET
THE **FULL PICTURE.**

WHY AM I
STILL ALIVE?





...TO BE CONTINUED

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