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PANEL LAYOUT  
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"MIGUEL CALLED".



"HE SAYS YOU SHOULD REALLY GO TO THE NEXT... HIGH SOCIETY PARTY".



WHY WOULD YOU ACCEPT TO DO THAT TV INTERVIEW IS BEYOND ME.

WHAT DOES THAT HAVE TO DO WITH ANYTHING?



DON'T PLAY DUMB! YOU KNOW WHAT IT MEANS TO HAVE TO GO TO ONE OF THOSE... PARTIES.



THE HERMITES WANT TO "TALK" TO YOU.







ADAM

YOU'VE MOMENTARILY LOST YOUR PROTECTION...

THEY HAVE SEEN YOU, ADAM...



"CAN YOU BELIEVE IT?"

"ALL THE CATALAN HIGH SOCIETY IS HERE".

HOW DO YOU KNOW? EVERYONE'S WEARING MASKS!

FOR FUCK'S SAKE, I KNOW WE'RE ANTI-RIOT, BUT USE YOUR DEDUCTIVE SKILLS A LITTLE.





THESE CHICKS  
HAVE MORE  
MONEY IN  
THEIR DRESSES  
THAN I GOT IN  
MY BANK AC-  
COUNT.



BESIDES, LOOK WHAT  
A QUARANTINE LINE  
THEY'VE DRAWN  
AROUND US.



HOW HAVE  
YOU MANA-  
GED TO GET  
US IN HERE?

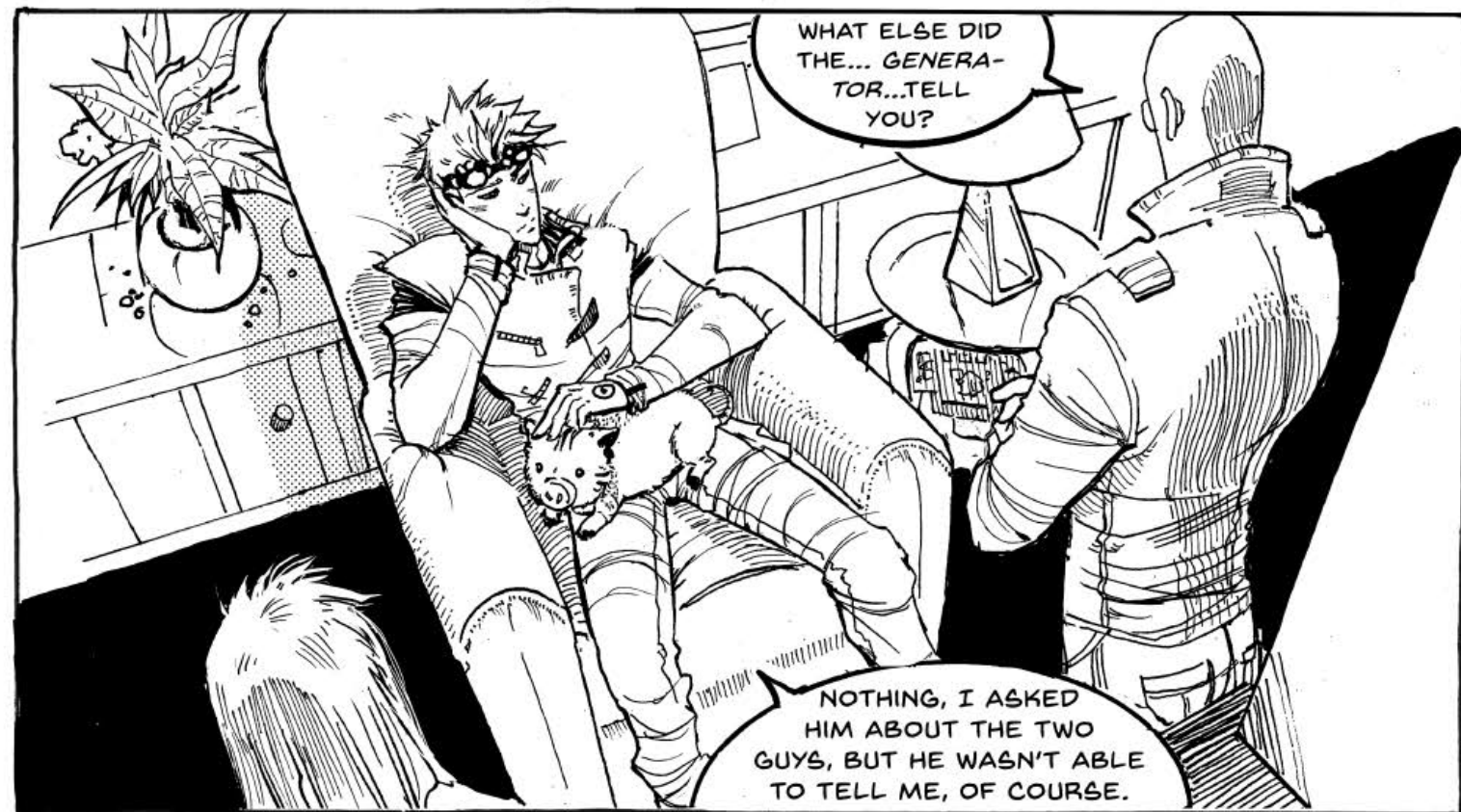
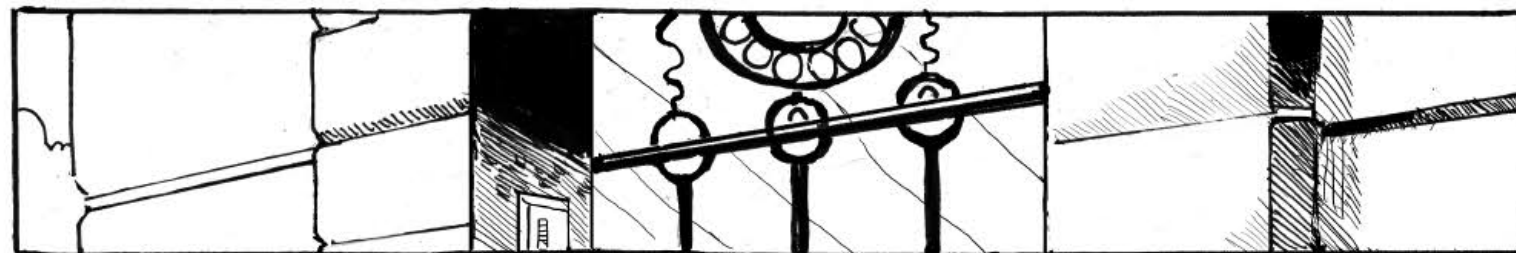


AND WHY'D THEY  
LET US IN IF THEY'RE  
GOING TO IGNORE US?

IT'S A  
TEST. THEY  
DID IT TO  
ME, TOO.



THEY'RE  
WATCHING  
YOU.



WHAT ELSE DID  
THE... GENERA-  
TOR...TELL  
YOU?

NOTHING, I ASKED  
HIM ABOUT THE TWO  
GUYS, BUT HE WASN'T ABLE  
TO TELL ME, OF COURSE.

TWO GUYS FO-  
LLOWING YOU,  
HUH.



AM I ALLOWED TO  
SUSPECT I KNOW  
WHO THEY ARE,  
JACOB...?



...OR WE'RE STILL  
IN "BASELESS HYPO-  
THESES" TERRITORY?

WE DON'T KNOW  
ANYTHING ABOUT  
THEM. MAYBE...



...THEY'RE  
WORKERS OF  
THE ELECTRIC  
NETWORK...

YOU BE-  
LIEVE  
THAT?





WHAT WAS THE POINT OF GETTING YOU OUT OF SNOWFLAKE'S RESCUE PICTURE IF YOU PUT YOURSELF IN DANGER VOLUNTARILY?



IT SEEMED A GOOD OPPORTUNITY TO KNOW MORE ABOUT THIS... ISN'T THAT WHAT WE DO, INVESTIGATE?



HOW'S YOUR GIRL-FRIEND?



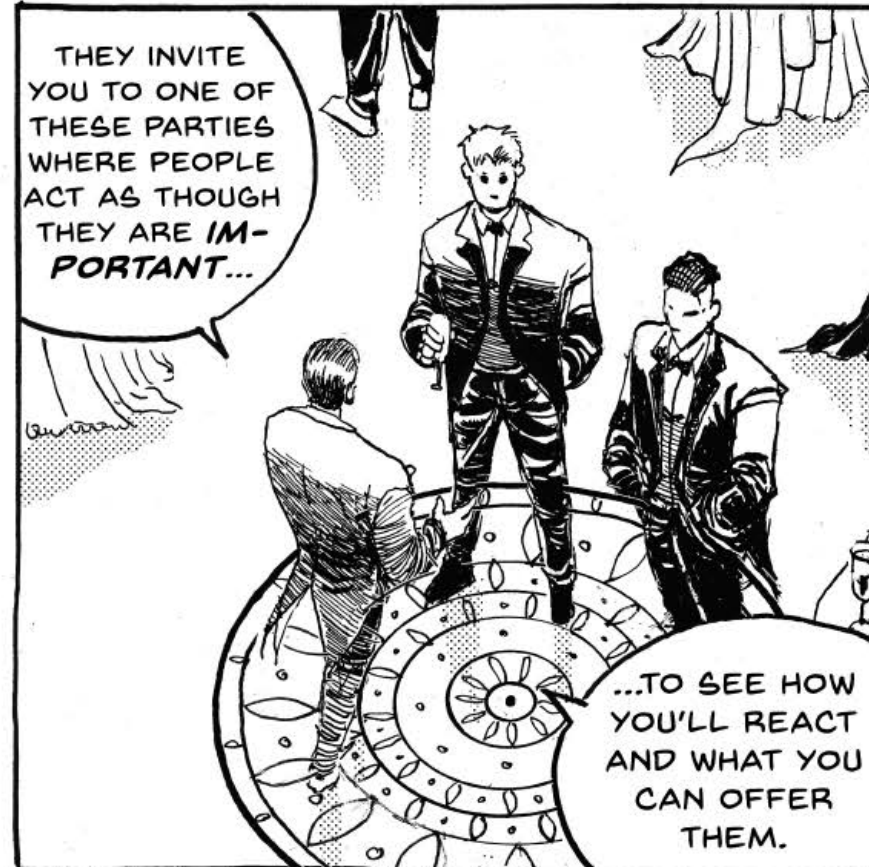
SHE'S NOT MY GIRL-FRIEND... SHE'S FINE.



...I JUST TOLD HER I WAS PUSHED DUE TO THE MACHINE'S DEFENSE MECHANISMS...

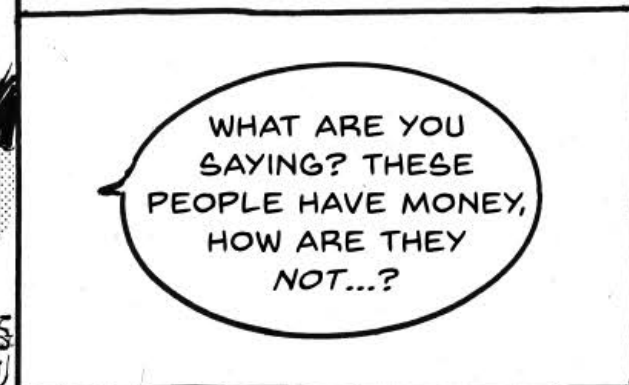


I THINK SHE DIDN'T BELIEVE ME, BUT I HAVE AN INKING THAT SHE'S KIND OF ATTRACTED TO THE MISTERY AND CRAZY SHIT GOING ON AROUND ME, SO... WE ARE PROBABLY FINE.



THEY INVITE YOU TO ONE OF THESE PARTIES WHERE PEOPLE ACT AS THOUGH THEY ARE *IM-PORTANT*...

...TO SEE HOW YOU'LL REACT AND WHAT YOU CAN OFFER THEM.



WHAT ARE YOU SAYING? THESE PEOPLE HAVE MONEY, HOW ARE THEY NOT...?

MY ADVICE CONCERNING THE HEREMITES? LEAVE, NOW THAT YOU CAN STILL DO IT.

BUT SINCE YOU WON'T LEAVE, I'LL GIVE YOU ANOTHER ONE.



THE MOMENT YOU THINK YOU UNDERSTAND WHAT THIS IS ABOUT, *YOU'VE LOST*.



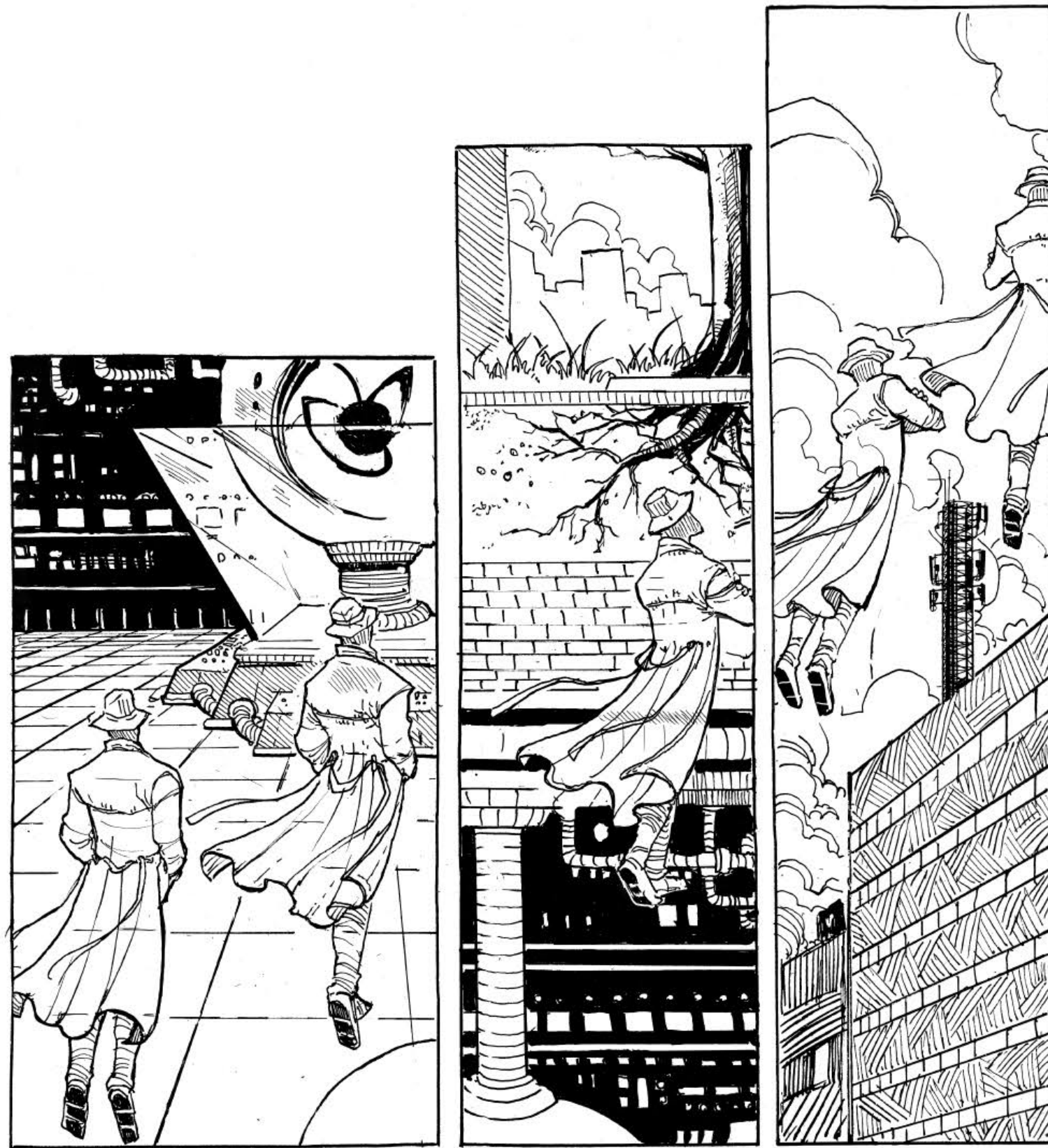
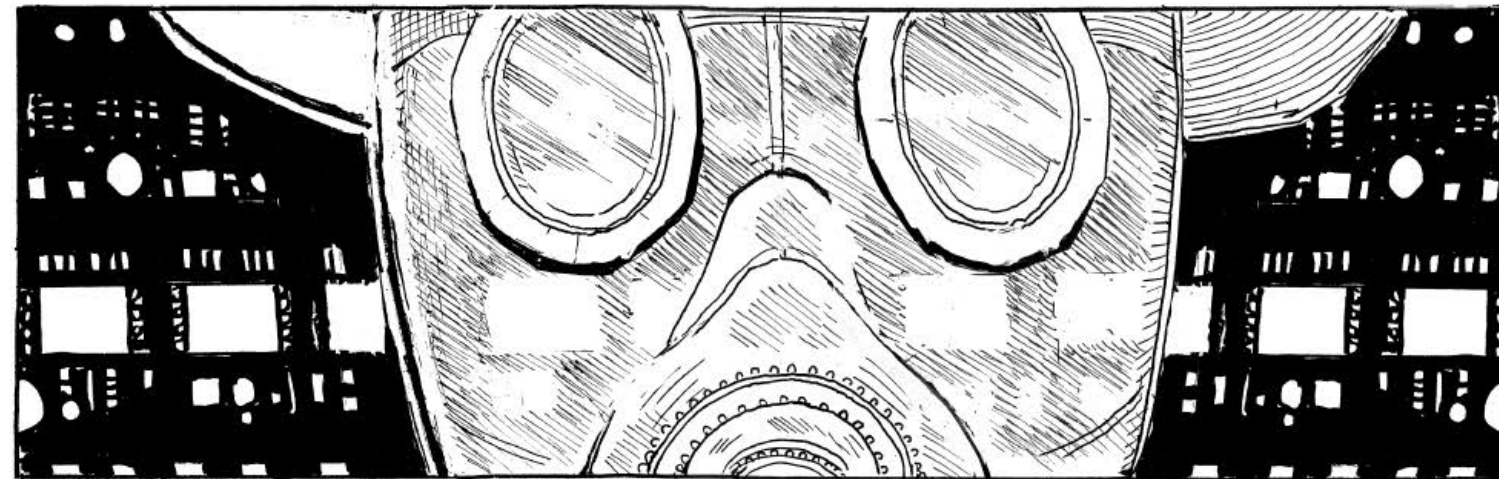
NEVER STOP QUESTIONING.

AND NOW, TELL ME, WHAT OBLATION DID YOU BRING TO THEM?

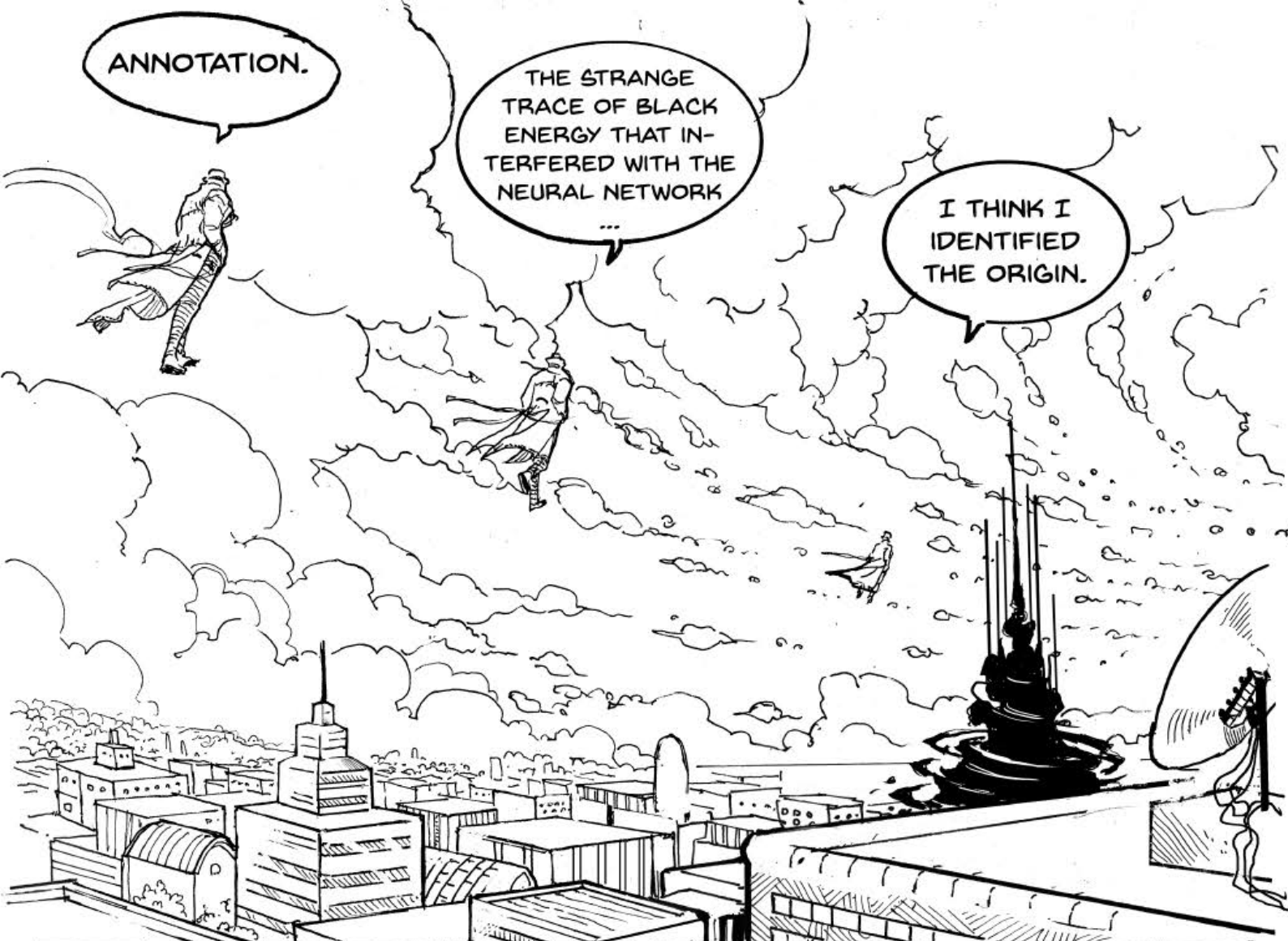


OBLATION? OH, LIKE A GIFT...

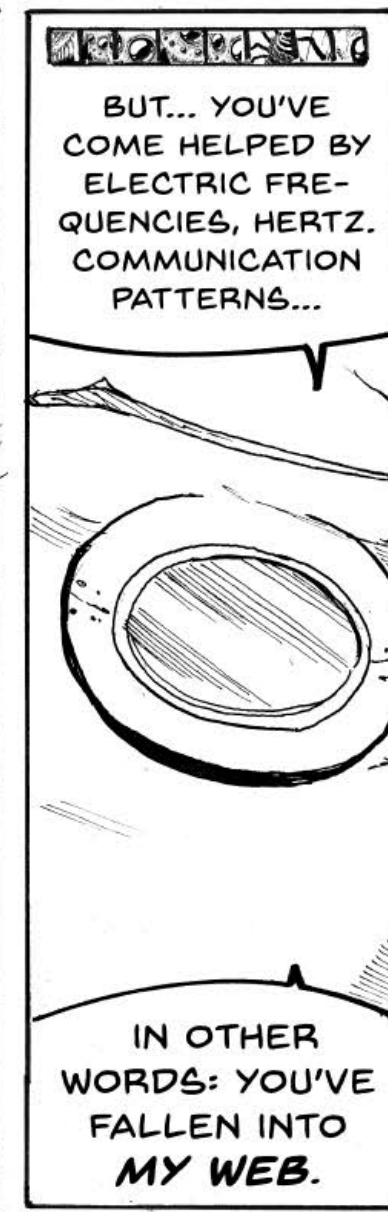
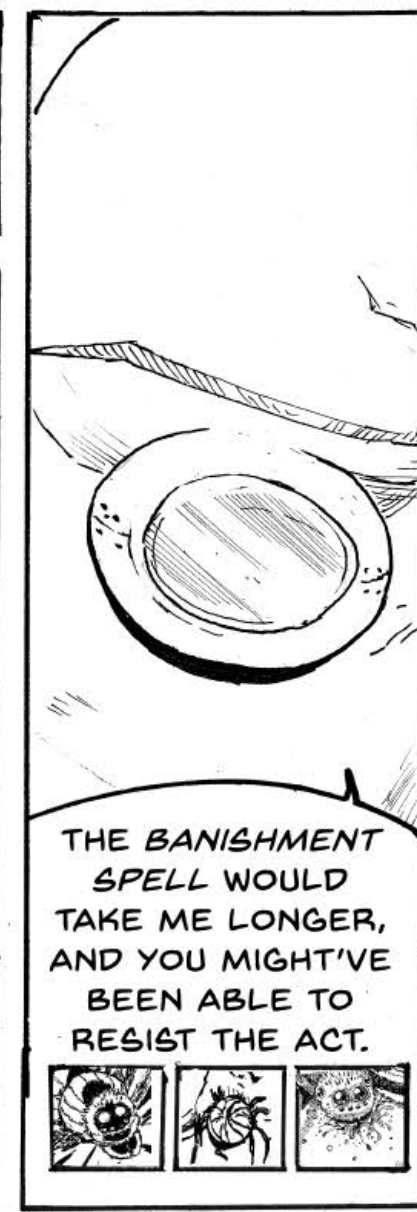
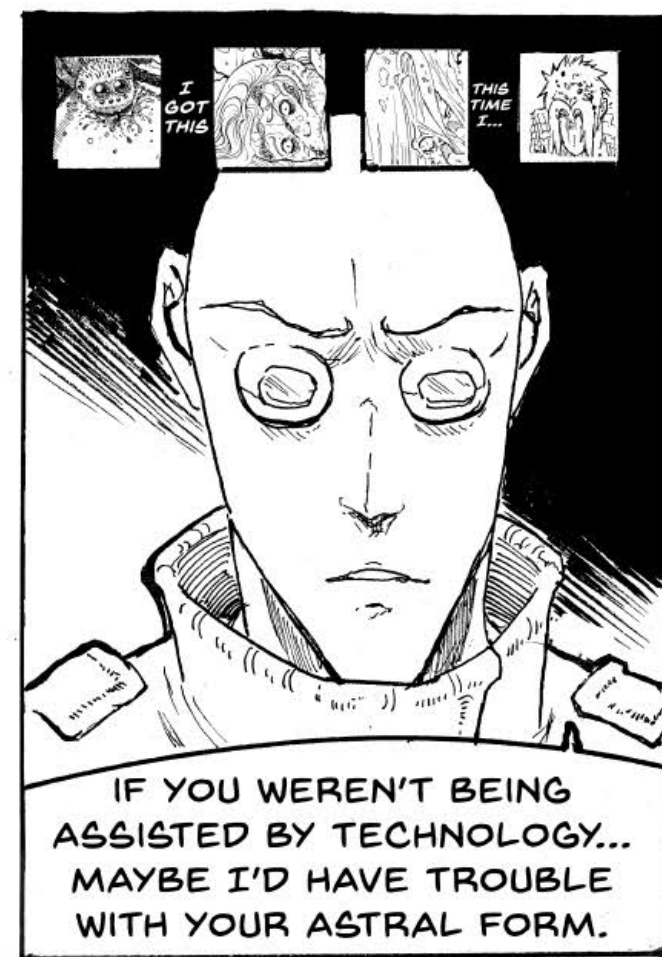
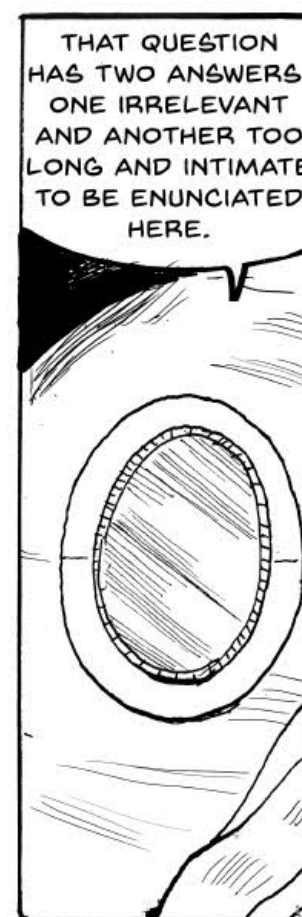
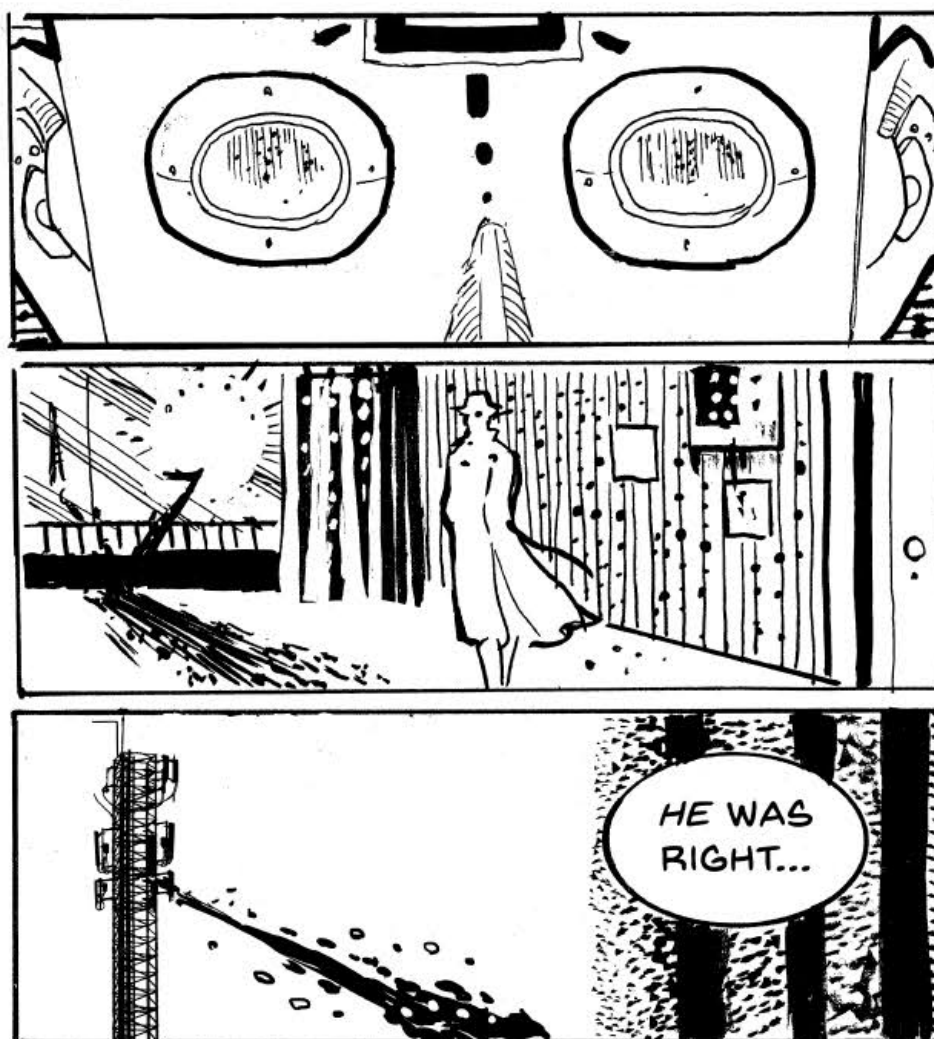




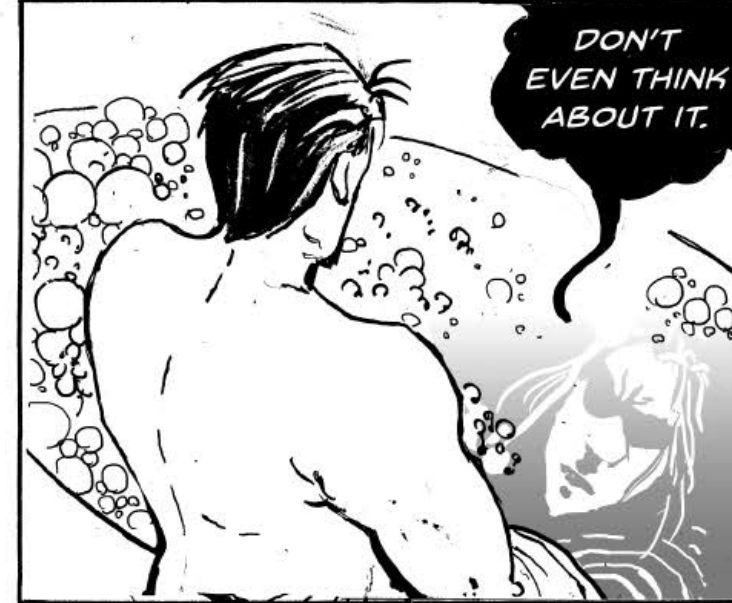
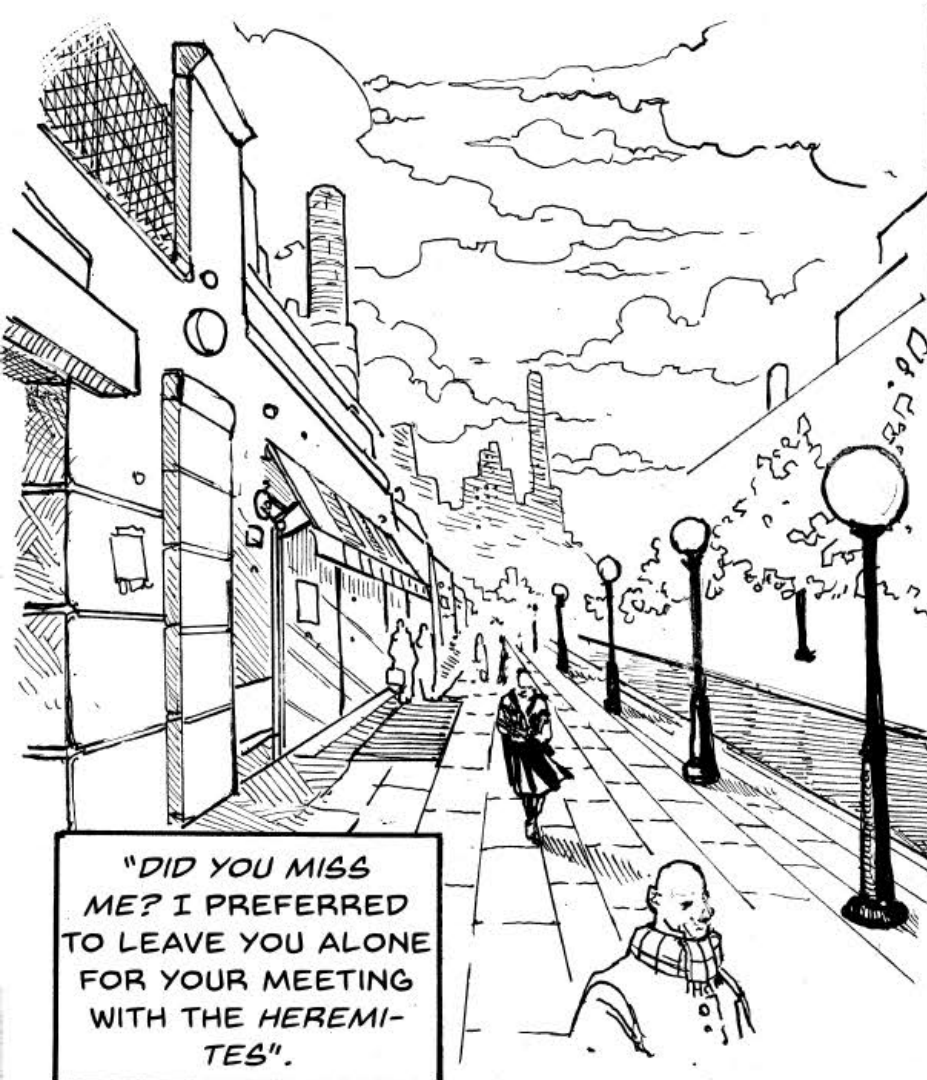
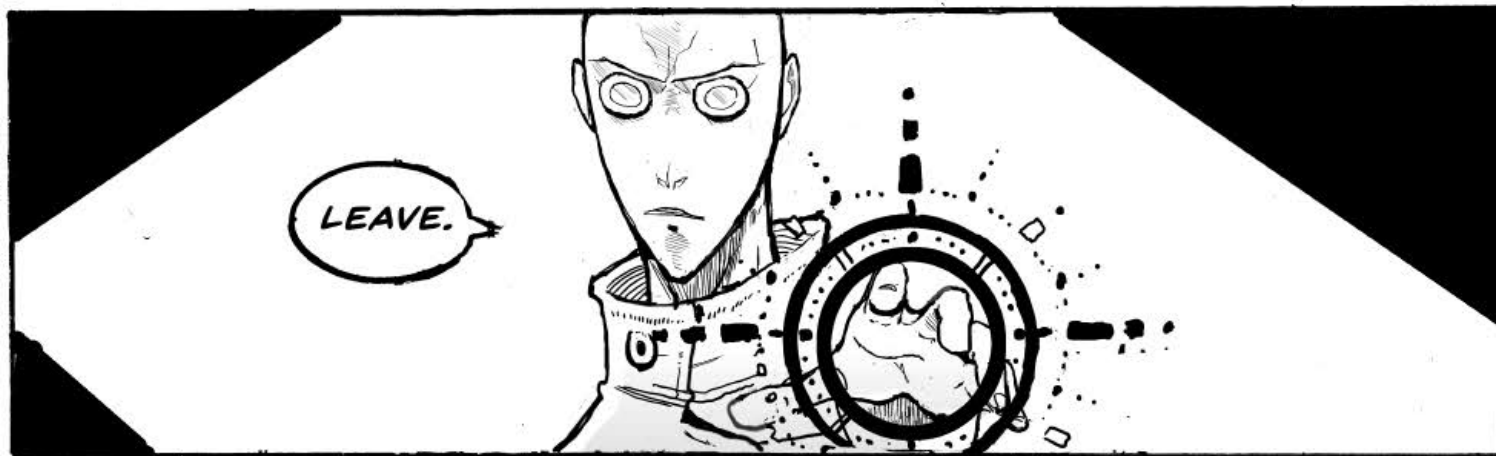
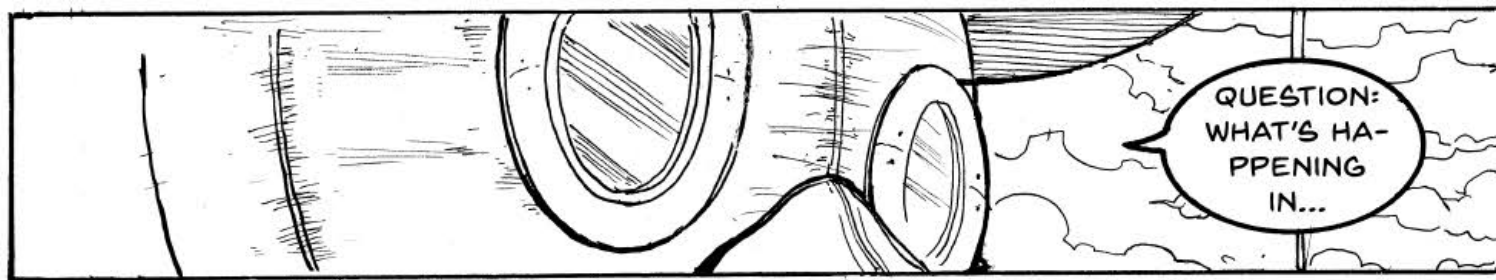




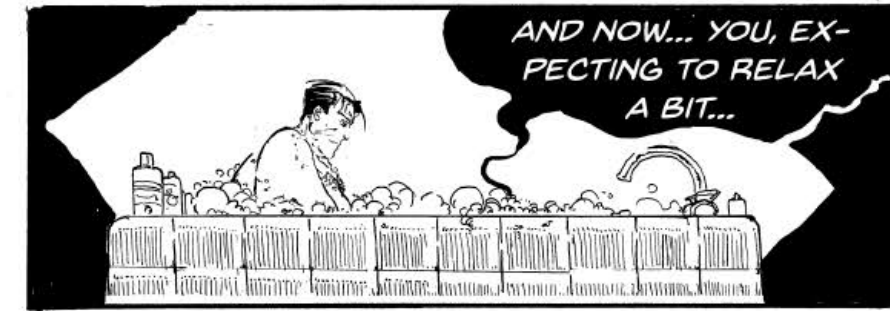
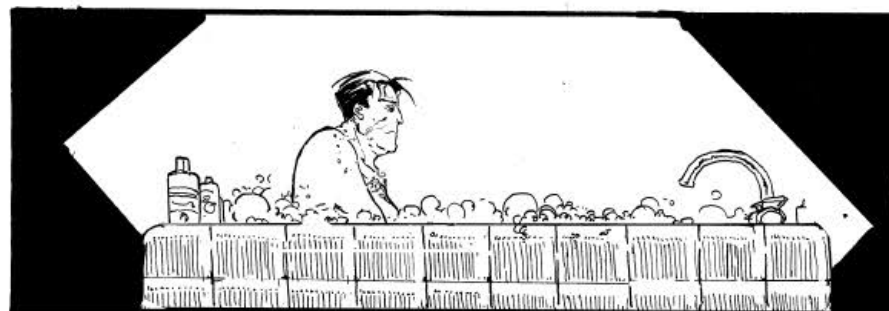
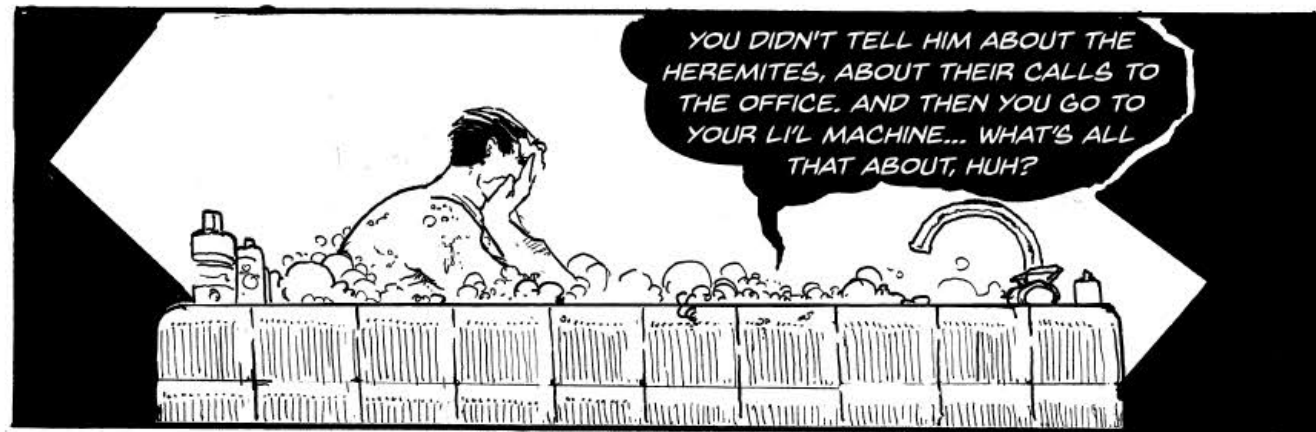
















"YOU PROMISE?"

CALM DOWN, YOU DID WELL.



I WAS IN  
YOUR MIND,  
IACOBUS.



DO YOU  
WANT TO  
*JUMP?*



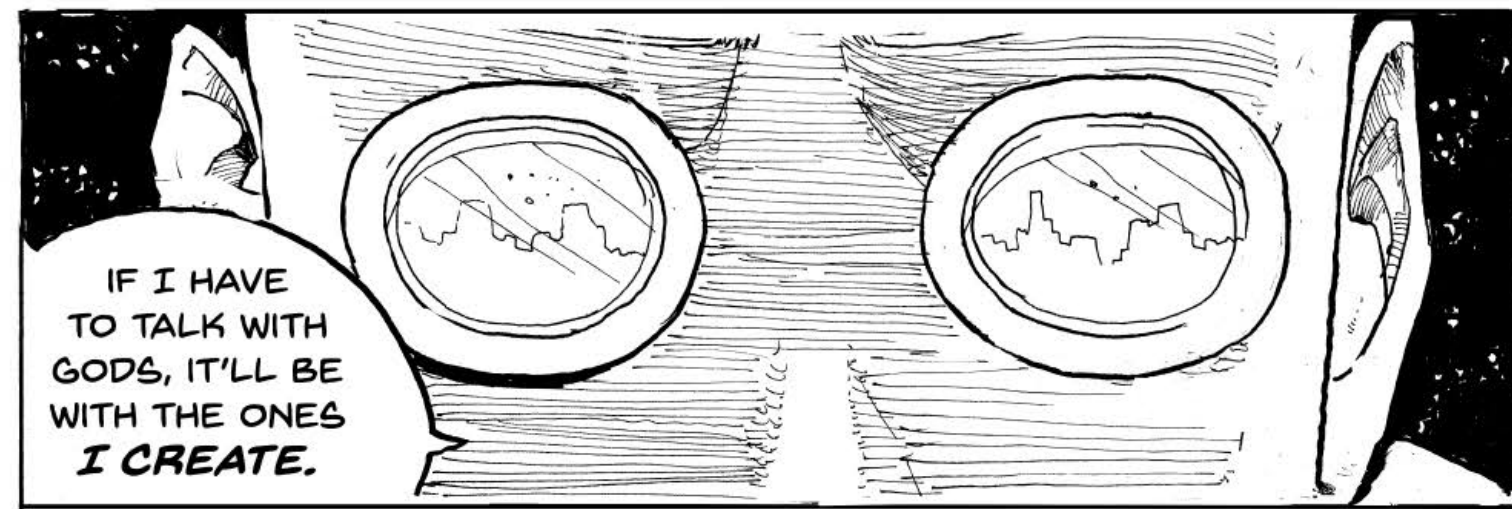
WHY DID YOU  
CREATE... WHAT WAS IT...  
CREEPER, TRUE? CREEPER  
AND ALL THE OTHER  
GODS OF SILICON AND  
SILICONE.

BECAUSE OF  
THINGS LIKE THIS  
RIGHT HERE. I DON'T  
WANT ANYONE ELSE  
IN MY MIND.



DID ALL  
OF YOU GOT A DAY  
OFF AT THE CIRCUS OR  
WHAT? YOU'RE THE  
SECOND *FREAK* VISIT-  
ING ME TODAY.

WHAT CAN I  
SAY, YOUR TACITURN  
DEMEANOR TURNS  
US INTO SASSY  
SLUTS.



IF I HAVE  
TO TALK WITH  
GODS, IT'LL BE  
WITH THE ONES  
*I CREATE.*



WHY DID YOU  
INVENT YOUR  
*OWN* GODS,  
JACOB?

AND HOW DO  
*YOU* KNOW  
ABOUT THAT?



*DOES IT  
WORK?* CAN YOU  
SUMMON THEM AS  
IF THEY WERE RE-  
GULAR GODS?

SURE. GODS  
ARE NOTHING  
MORE THAN  
SUPERMEMES,  
MEGAIDEAS.

WHO CARES  
WHAT NAME YOU  
GIVE TO THE IDEA  
OF RAGE, TO THE  
IDEA OF LOVE?



WHY ALL THIS  
INTEREST?

PLAIN ADMIRATION. SINCE I  
BECAME FLESH,  
DOING THINGS IS  
MORE DIFFICULT.

IF YOU *KNEW*  
WHAT I'VE  
HAD TO DO...

PUMPING INFORMATION OUT OF A GUY ON THE  
VERGE OF SUICIDE... IT WAS *UNEXPECTEDLY*  
*DIFFICULT*. I USED TO BE ABLE TO SEE YOUR  
WHOLE MIND, BUT NOW...

ANYWAY.  
JACOB.

WE SHOULD  
TALK.

...I JUST SEE THE  
*SURFACE*. STILL, BETTER  
THAN BEING AN UNSTABLE IDEA  
JUST ONE FART AWAY FROM  
RETURNING TO THE ASTRAL  
PLASM, HUH?

## ...TO BE CONTINUED

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