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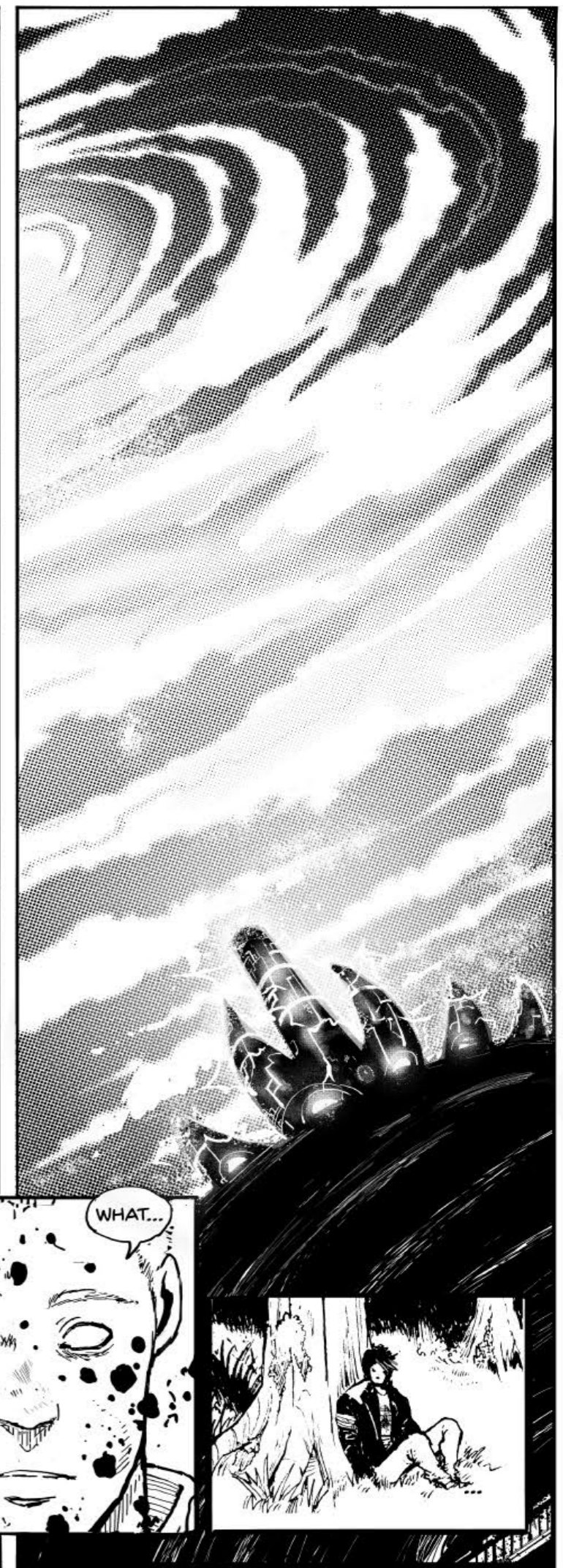
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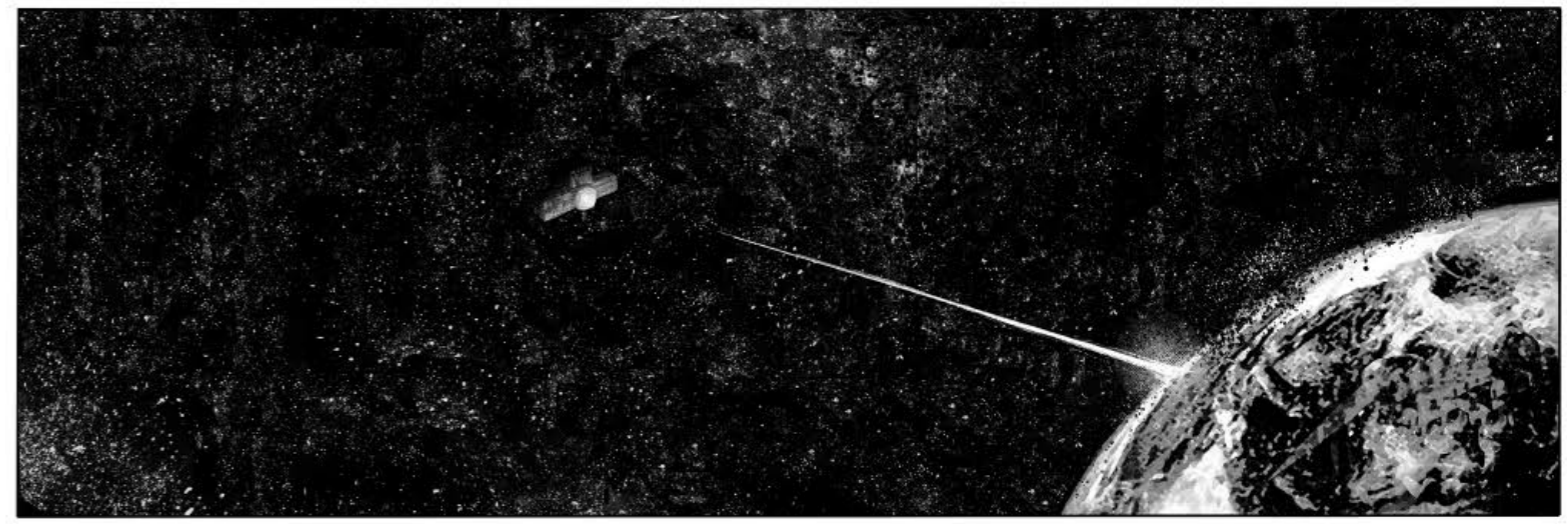


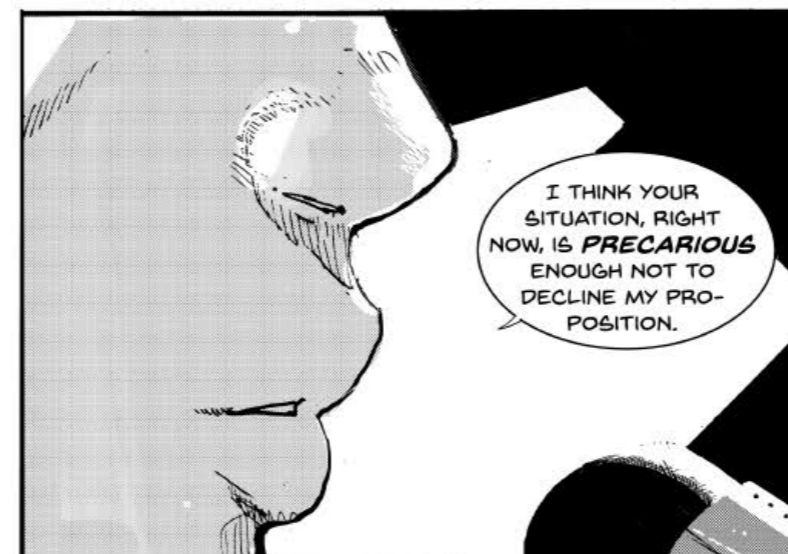
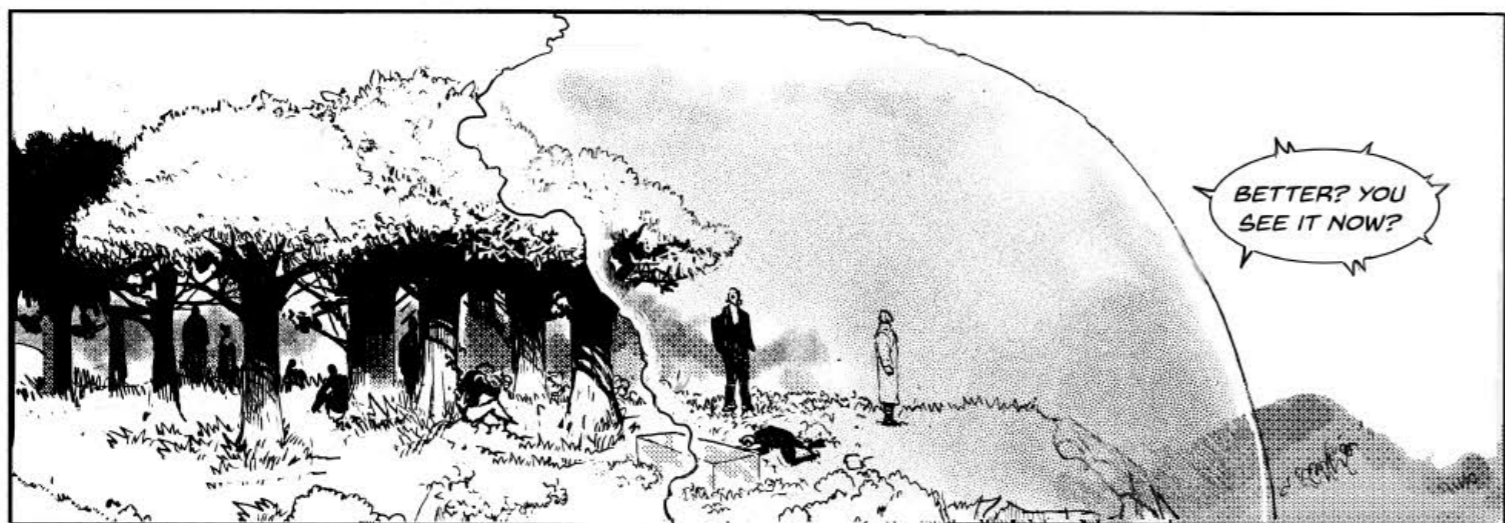
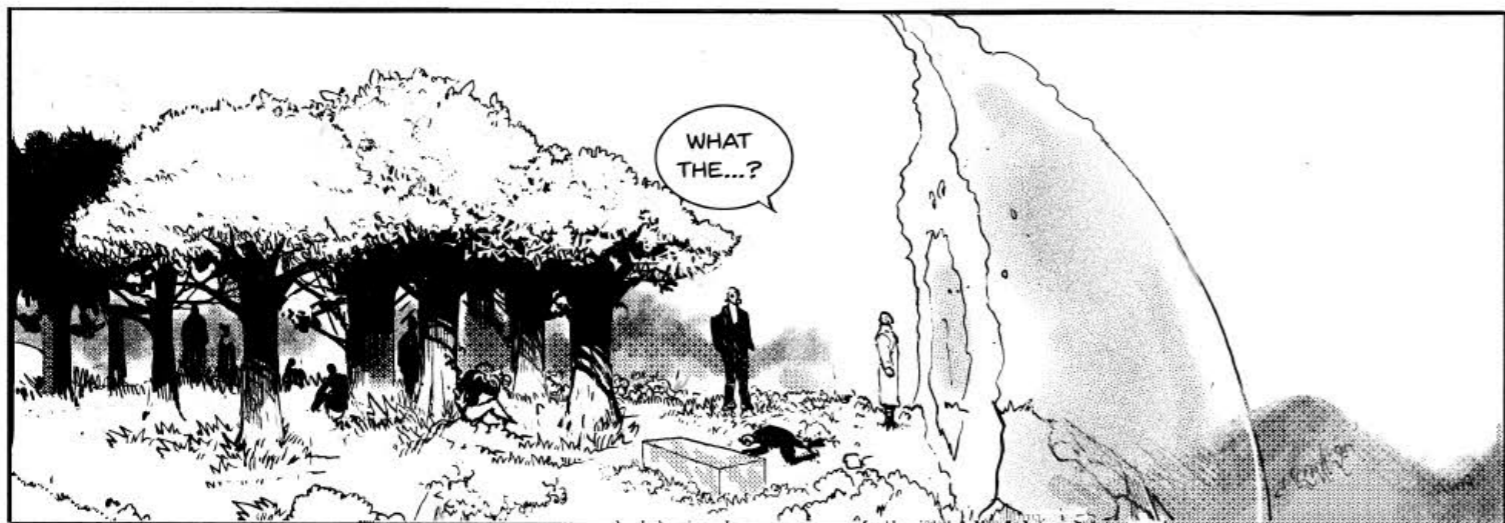
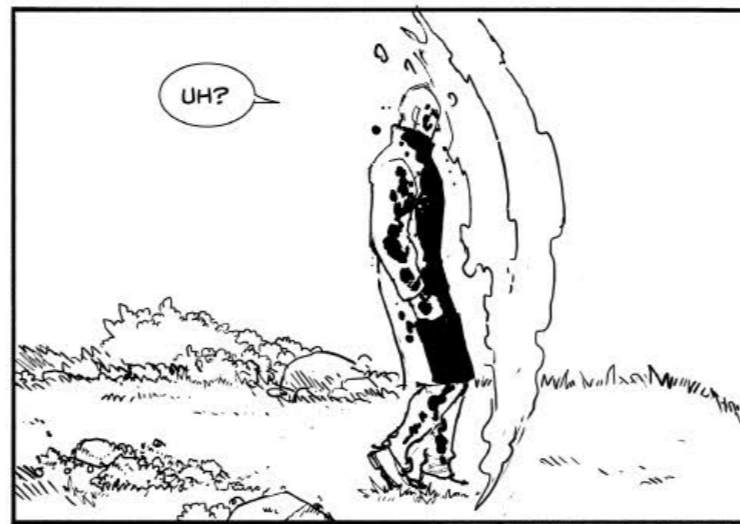
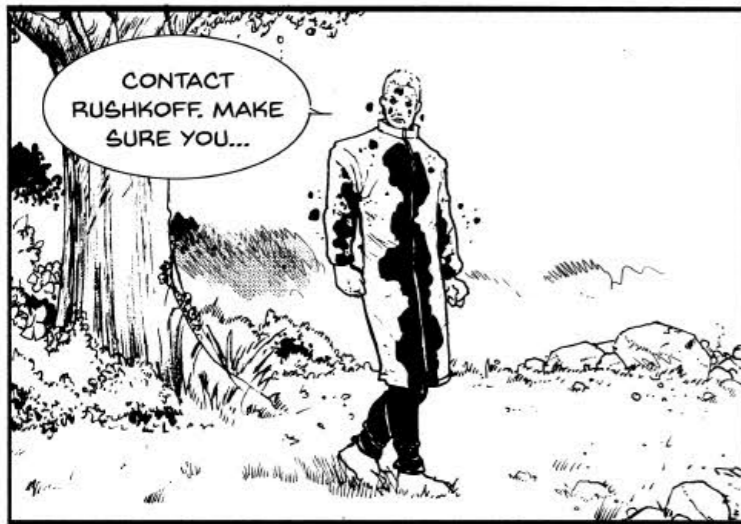
56 MINUTES AFTER THE INCIDENT.

OH,
AND CONTACT
THE NEURAL
NETWORK TEAM.
ASK IF THEY ARE
STILL...

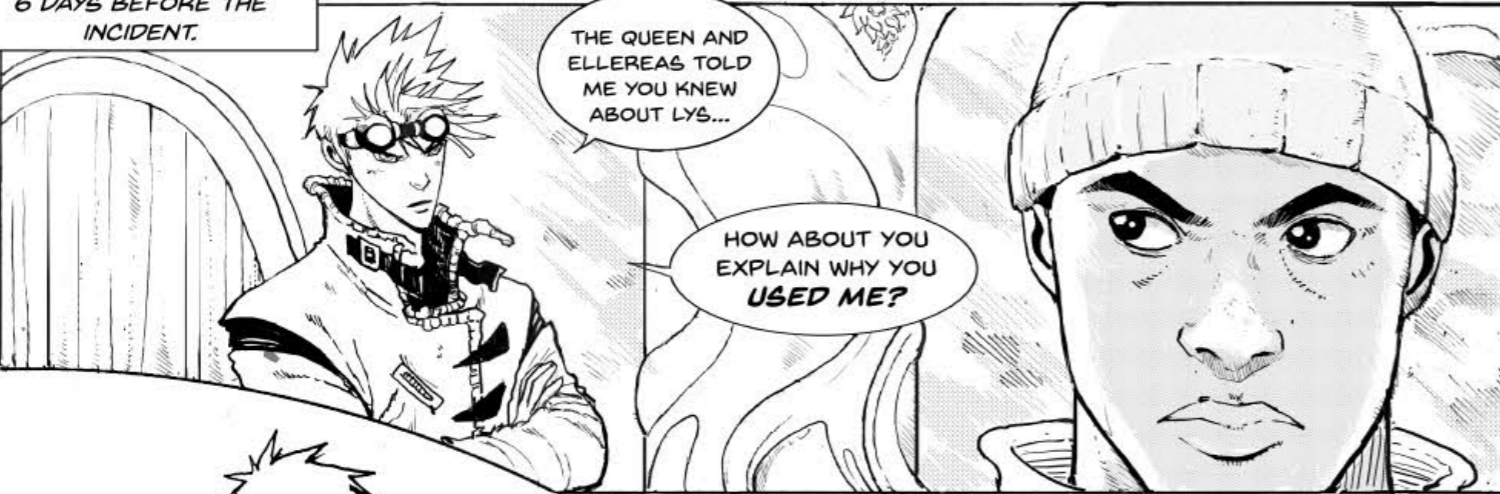






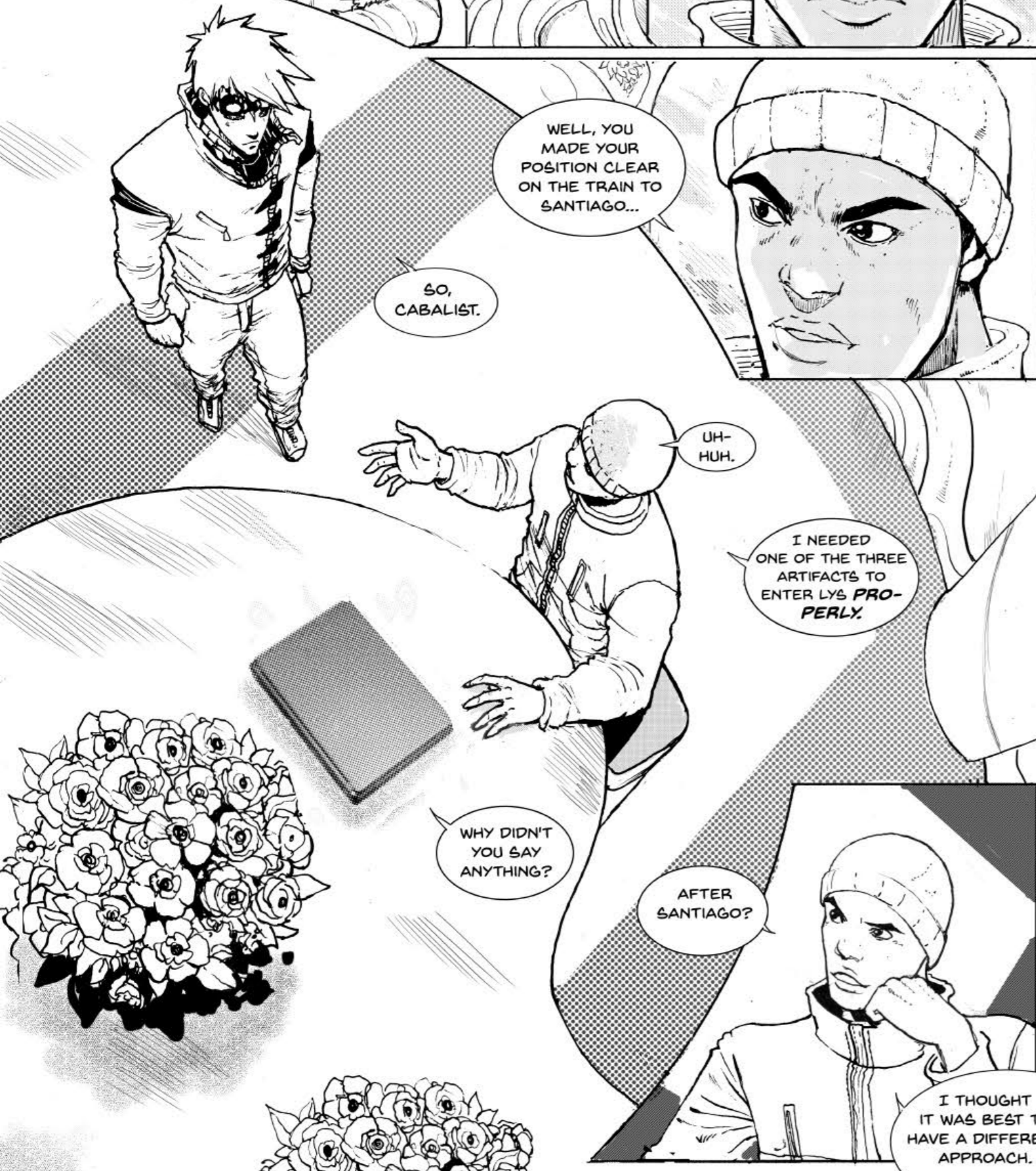


6 DAYS BEFORE THE INCIDENT.



THE QUEEN AND ELLEREAS TOLD ME YOU KNEW ABOUT LYS...

HOW ABOUT YOU EXPLAIN WHY YOU USED ME?



WELL, YOU MADE YOUR POSITION CLEAR ON THE TRAIN TO SANTIAGO...

SO, CABALIST.

UH-HUH.

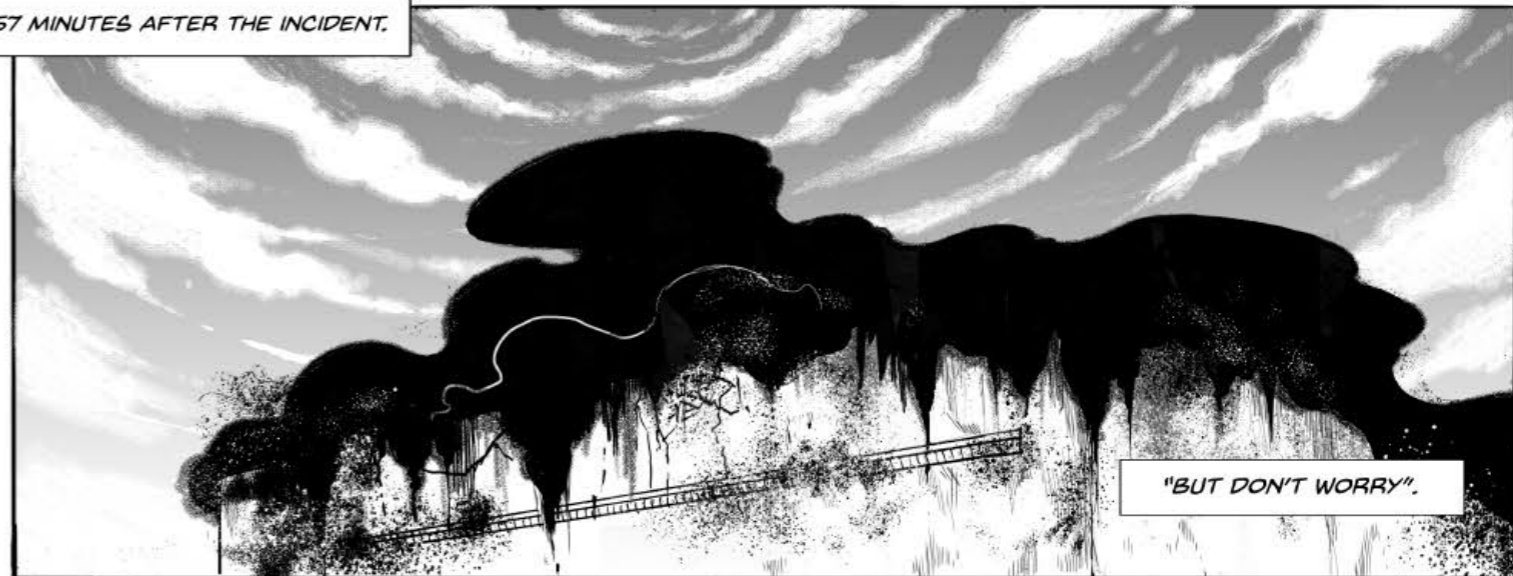
I NEEDED ONE OF THE THREE ARTIFACTS TO ENTER LYS PROPERLY.

WHY DIDN'T YOU SAY ANYTHING?

AFTER SANTIAGO?

I THOUGHT IT WAS BEST TO HAVE A DIFFERENT APPROACH.

57 MINUTES AFTER THE INCIDENT.



"BUT DON'T WORRY".



"SOON YOU'LL SEE THE VALUE OF OUR HELP".

1:18 HOURS AFTER THE INCIDENT.

FRANK SMIT,
HEAD OF URGEIST,
SPEAKING.

A SQUADRON
OF THE CABALISTS
HAS ENTERED THE
BASE.

THEY ARE
ON A SIMPLE
EVACUATION
MISSION.

FREI ORDERS
THEY ARE NOT
TO BE ATTACKED
UNDER ANY
CIRCUMSTAN-
CES.

EMPRESS.

THE OTHER TEAMS
HAVE INITIATED
CONTACT.

GREAT. ONLY
ADAM LEFT.

JACOB,
RIGHT?

BUT... WHAT ABOUT FREI?
WHAT IF HE ESCAPES
FROM THE PRISON WITH
US HERE?

I DON'T KNOW.
THEY SAY HE'S VERY
STRONG...

...BUT EVEN
THOUGH THIS NEW TIPHE-
RETH IS NOT AS EXPERIENCED
AS THE PREVIOUS ONE, HIS
BOOK OF **PROPHECIES**
HAS WORKED SO FAR... WHY WOULD
IT FAIL NOW?

OUF.

WHO...?

HMMM. LOOKS
LIKE WE'VE MADE
SOME PRETTY
POWERFUL
FRIENDS, HUH?

1:05 HOURS AFTER THE INCIDENT.

ORDER TO ALL TELEPATHS IN THE SECURITY TEAM.

IT COULD'VE ENTERED THROUGH ONE OF THE SEVERAL MODULES IN THE 218-H NEXUS.

URGENT MISSION. PRIORITY: SEARCH FOR A DISRUPTIVE OBJECT OR ENERGY; SAID ENERGY WAS PREVIOUSLY IDENTIFIED IN BARCELONA.

"TRACE ALL THE ASTRAL TERRAIN. THE FIELDS OF EXPUNGED MEMORIES, THE DATA TREES..."

"WE HAVE TO FIND IT AND DEACTIVATE IT".

1:45 HOURS AFTER THE INCIDENT.

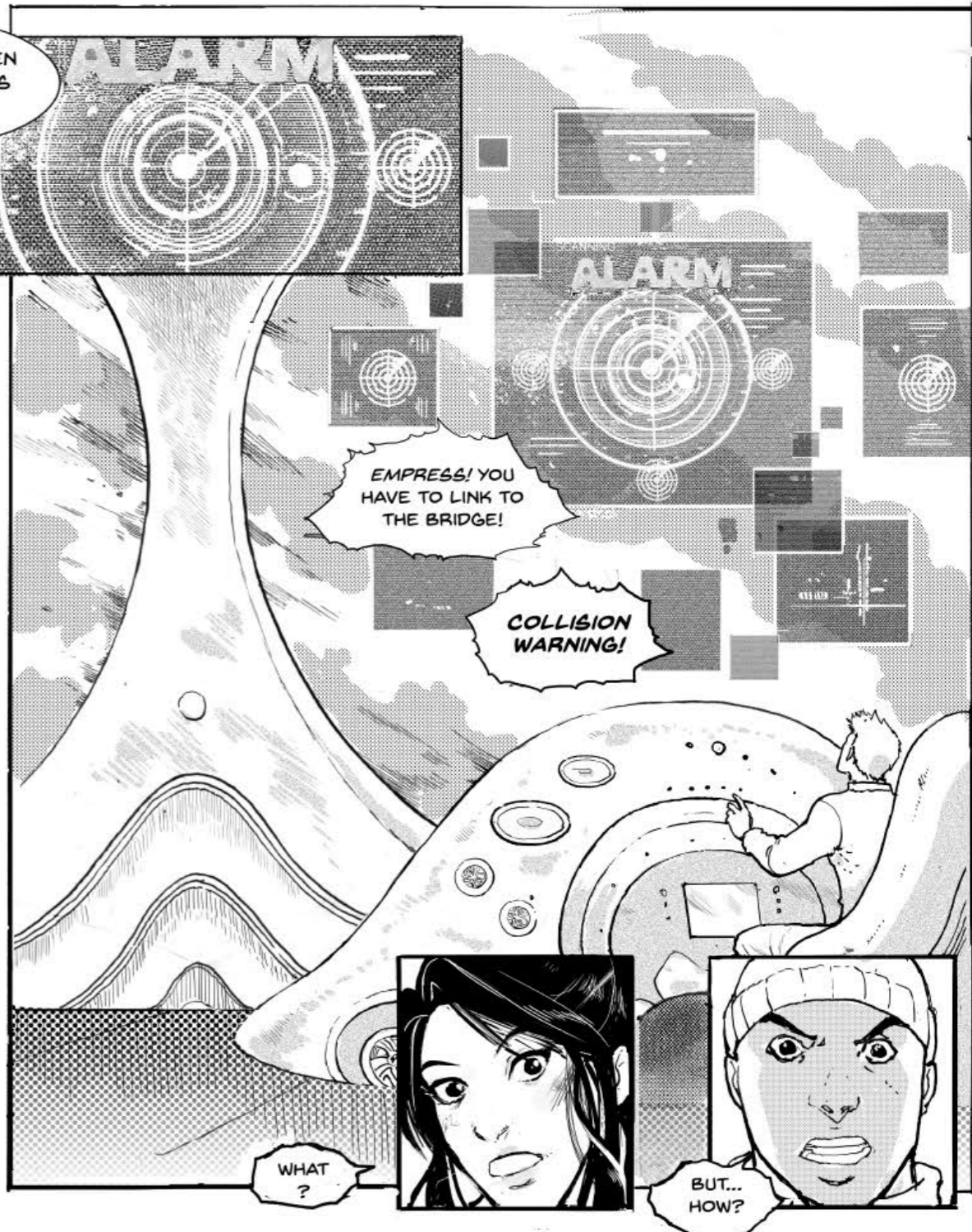
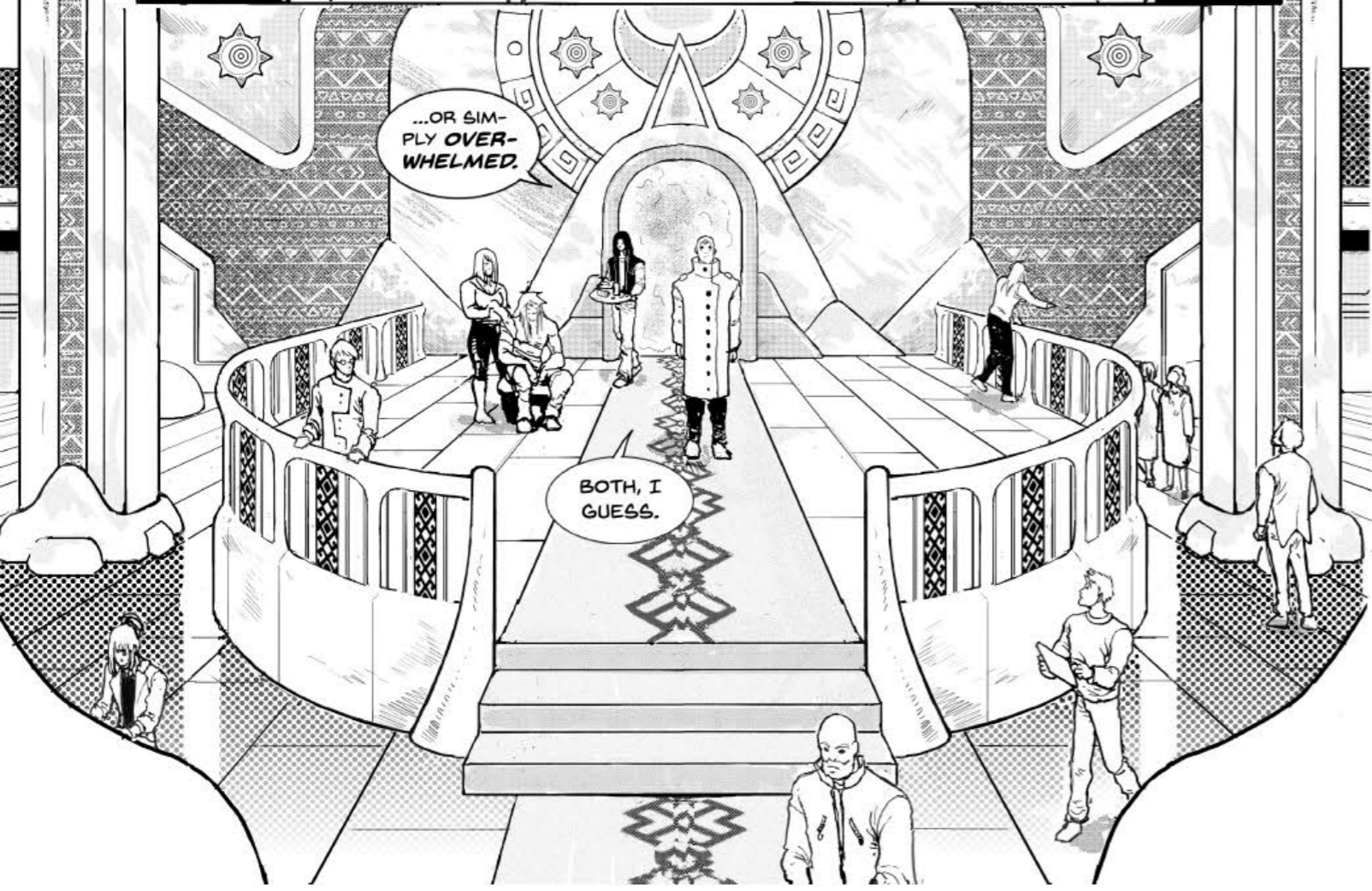
CAREFUL NOW.

ESSEX, JACOB, AND NOW ADAM.

THEY'RE LAUGHING AT US.

IT'S BETTER TO LEAVE IT ALONE, FREI. WE HAVE AN EXECUTOR, AND WHEN THEY LEAVE...

THE BARRIER WON'T LET US OUT, RIGHT?



I DON'T UNDERSTAND.

FREI.

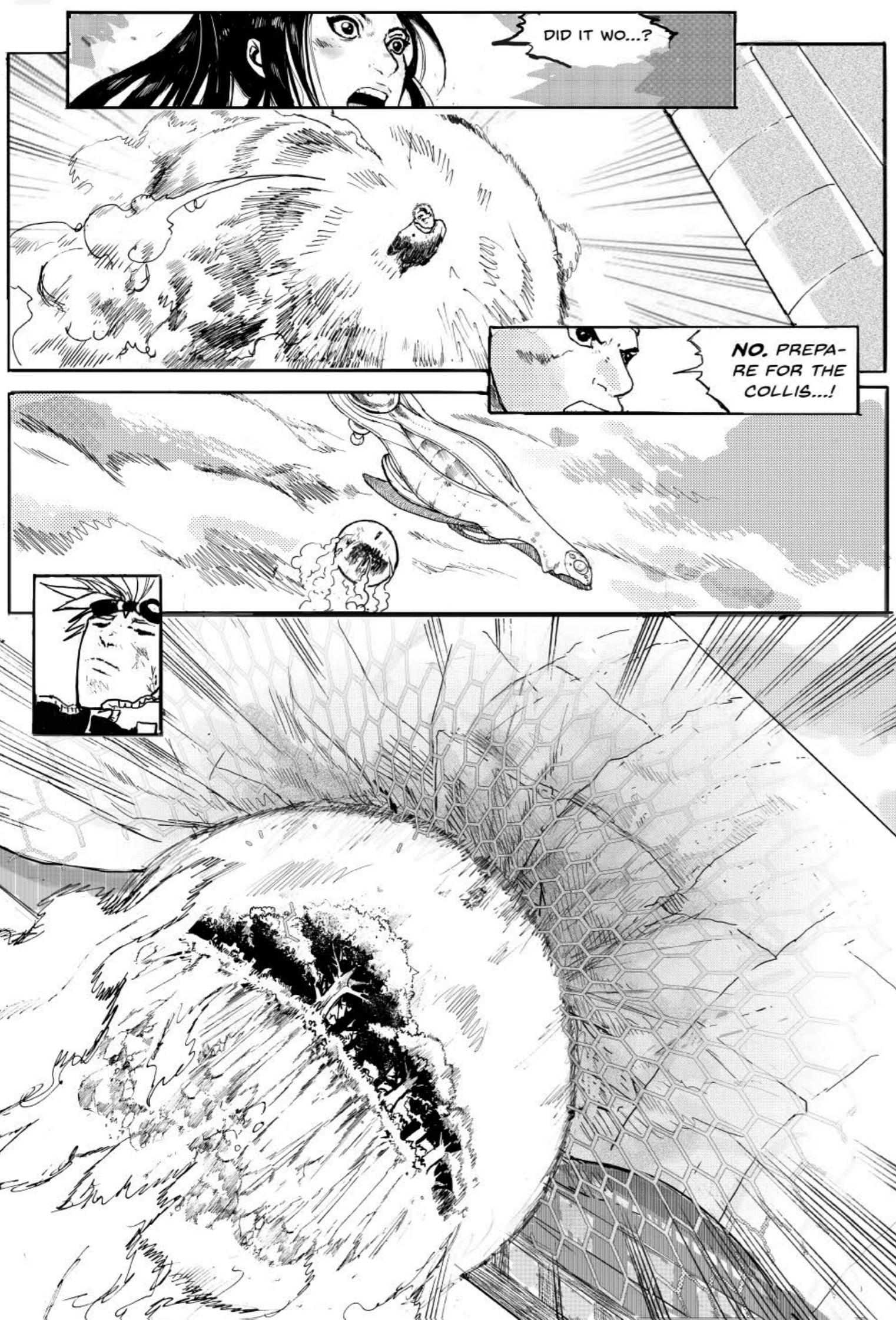
WHA...

WHAT'S HAP...?

NO! THE BARRIER...!

"FREI IS USING THE PRISON AS A PROJECTILE!"





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