

UPSURGE

55: tres minutos

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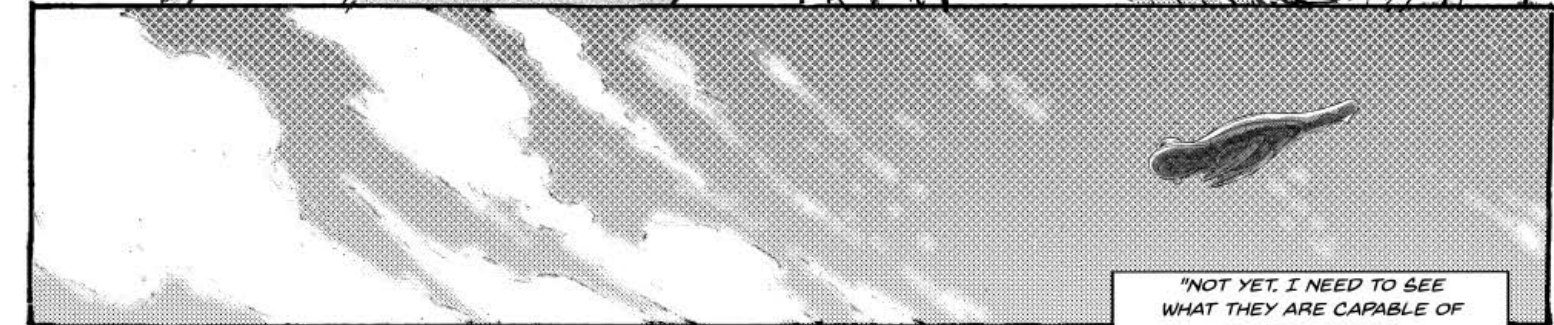
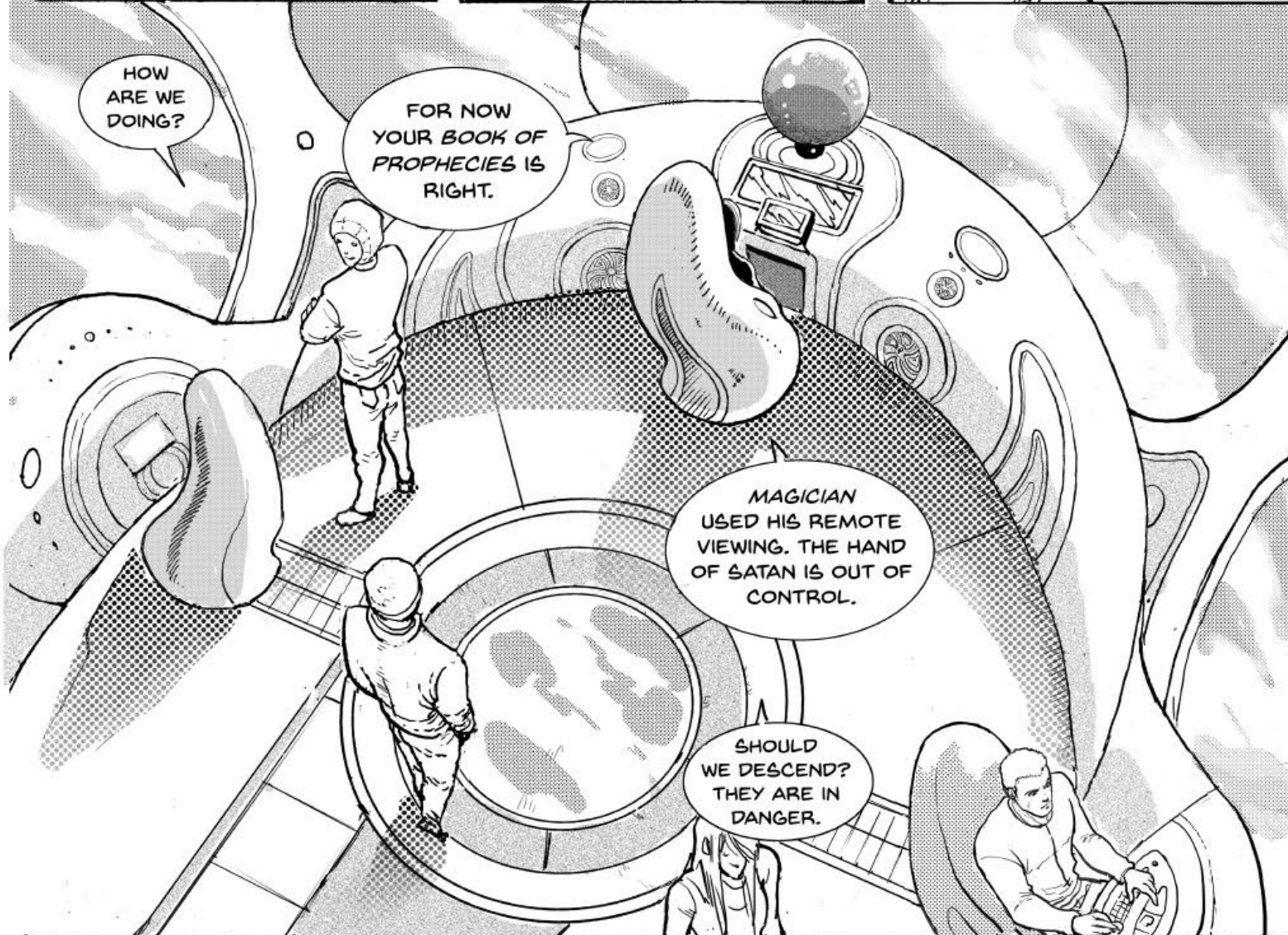
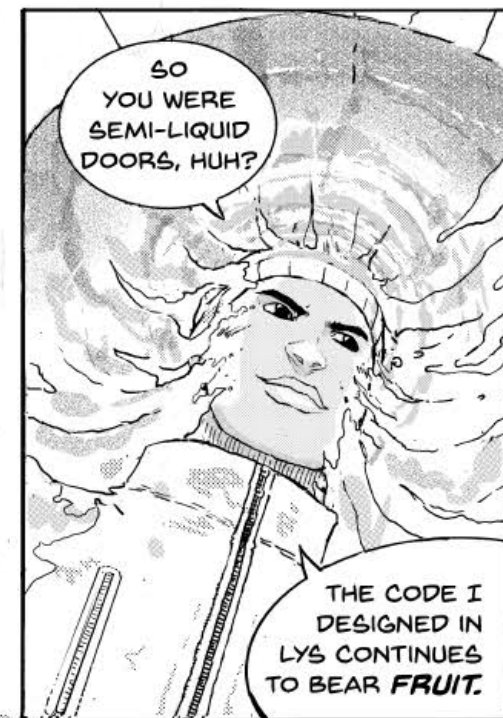
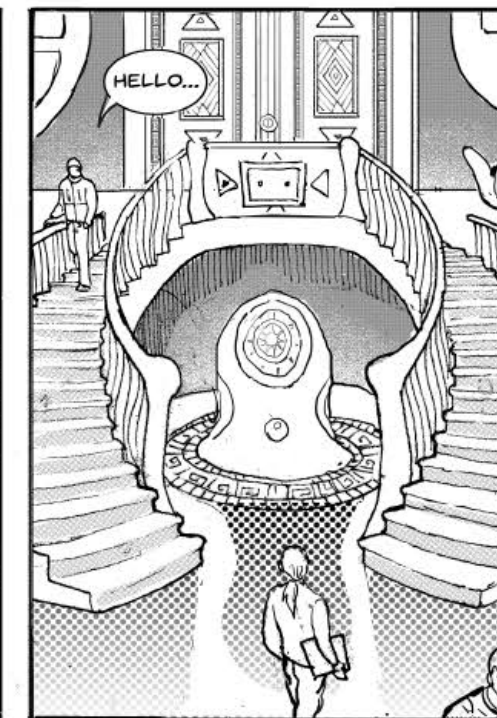
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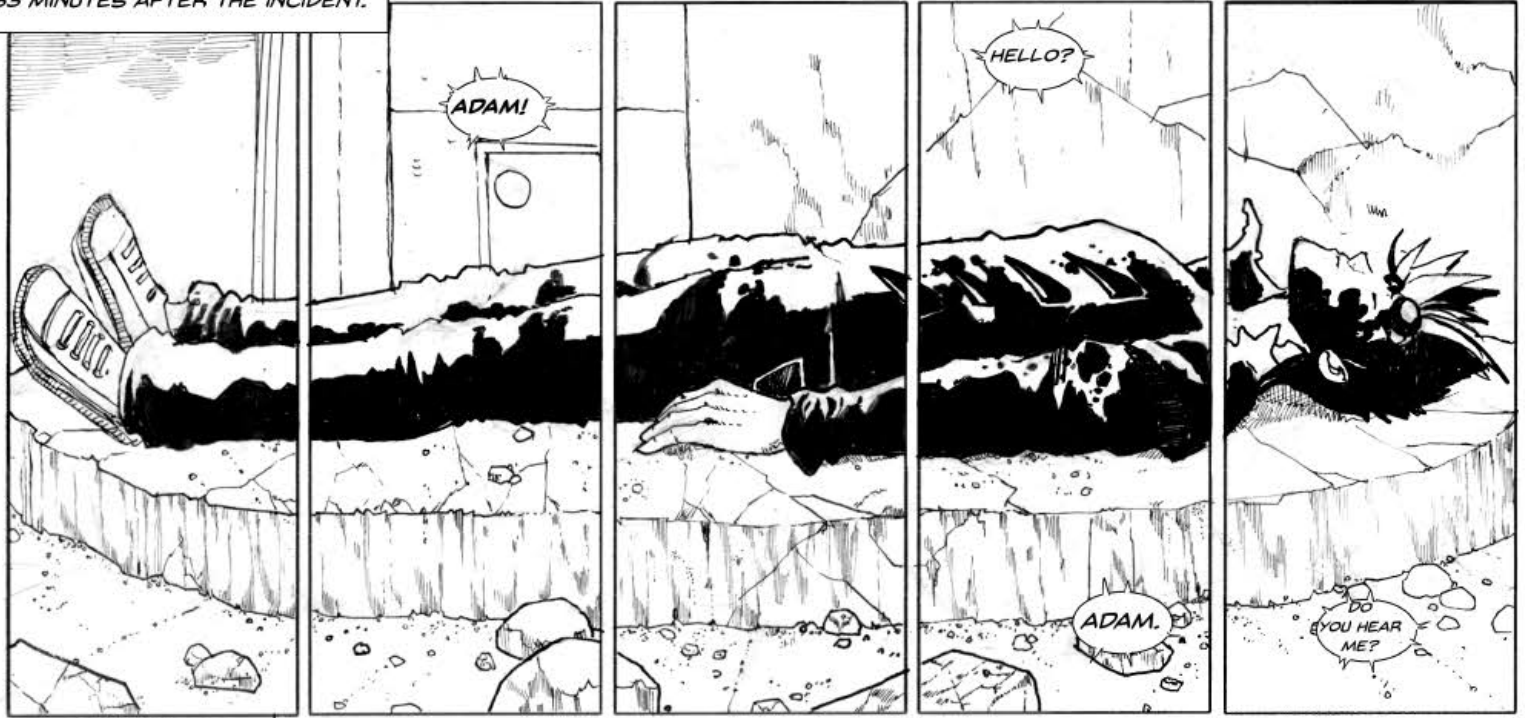
20 MINUTES AFTER THE INCIDENT.





COUNTDOWN TO DETONATION:
2 MINUTES, 42 SECONDS.

<p>...TELL ADAM TO CREATE A SHIELD!</p>	<p>...</p> <p>I'LL TRY TO WAKE HIM UP!</p>	<p>WHAT DO YOU THINK?</p> <p>YOU THINK ADAM CAN DO SOMETHING LIKE THAT?</p>	<p>THE PROPOSED PLAN...</p>	<p>...SOUNDS FLIMSY.</p>
<p>ADAM'S EX.</p>	<p>...</p>	<p>RESCUE HER TO DIE.</p> <p>GOD HAS A SENSE OF HUMOR.</p>	<p>WHAT IF WE GIVE ADAM MORE ENERGY?</p>	<p>ESSEX.</p> <p>ARE YOU AWARE THAT WE GODS CANNOT SPEAK FREELY?</p>
<p>WHAT DO YOU MEAN?</p> <p>FOR EXAMPLE: TALKING ABOUT YOUR FUTURE IS DANGEROUS.</p>	<p>WE SEE PROBABILITIES, NOT CERTAINITIES. TALKING ABOUT THEM ALTERS THEM, AND MAKES US RESPONSIBLE.</p> <p>WHAT?</p>	<p>PRESERVING FREE WILL IS... ADVISABLE.</p>	<p>OF COURSE, IF YOU SUMMON US, WE ARE BOUND TO HELP... BUT EVEN SO, THERE ARE LIMITS.</p>	<p>ESSEX, LISTEN WELL.</p> <p>WHY DID I SAVE YOU FROM THE ORPHAN-AGE?</p>

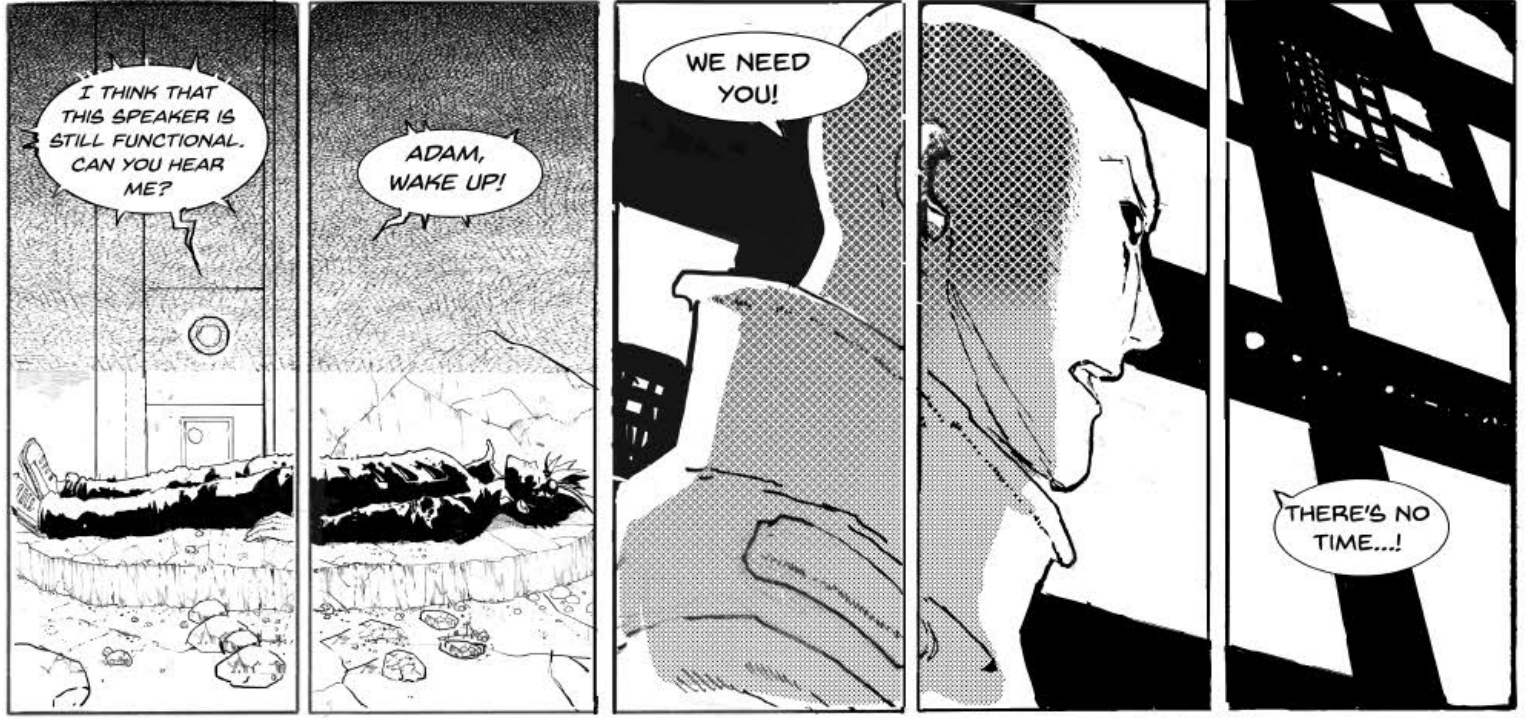


ADAM!

HELLO?

ADAM.

DO YOU HEAR ME?

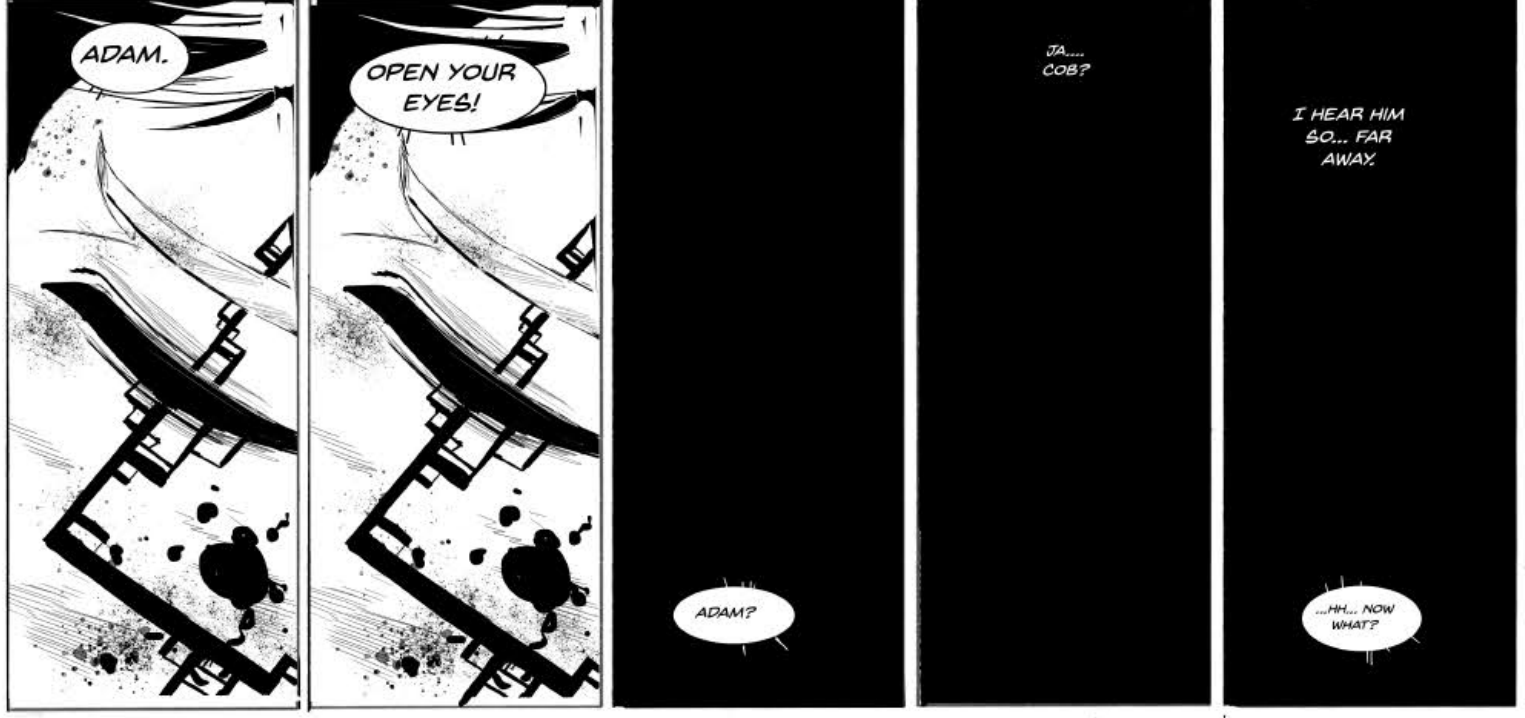


I THINK THAT THIS SPEAKER IS STILL FUNCTIONAL. CAN YOU HEAR ME?

ADAM, WAKE UP!

WE NEED YOU!

THERE'S NO TIME...!



ADAM.

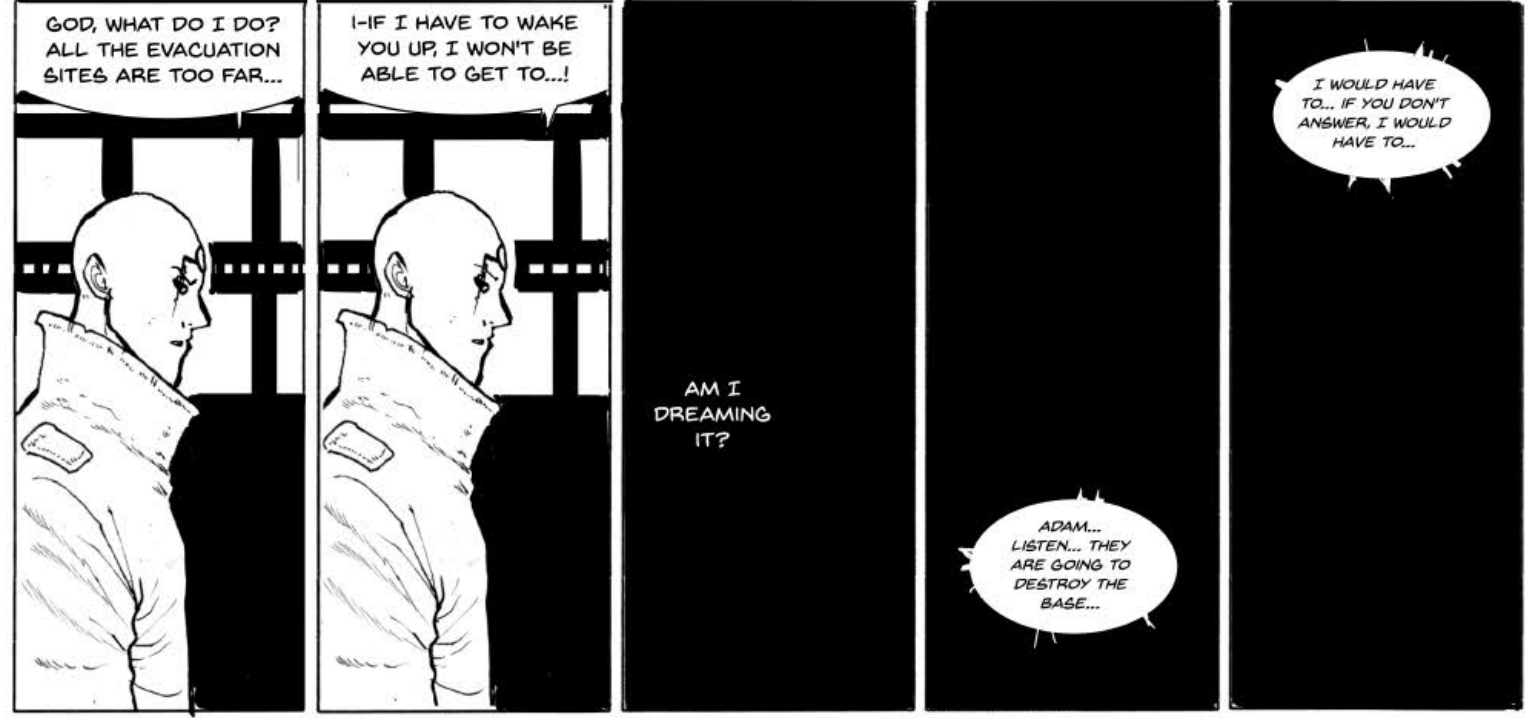
OPEN YOUR EYES!

ADAM?

JA... COB?

I HEAR HIM SO... FAR AWAY.

...HH... NOW WHAT?



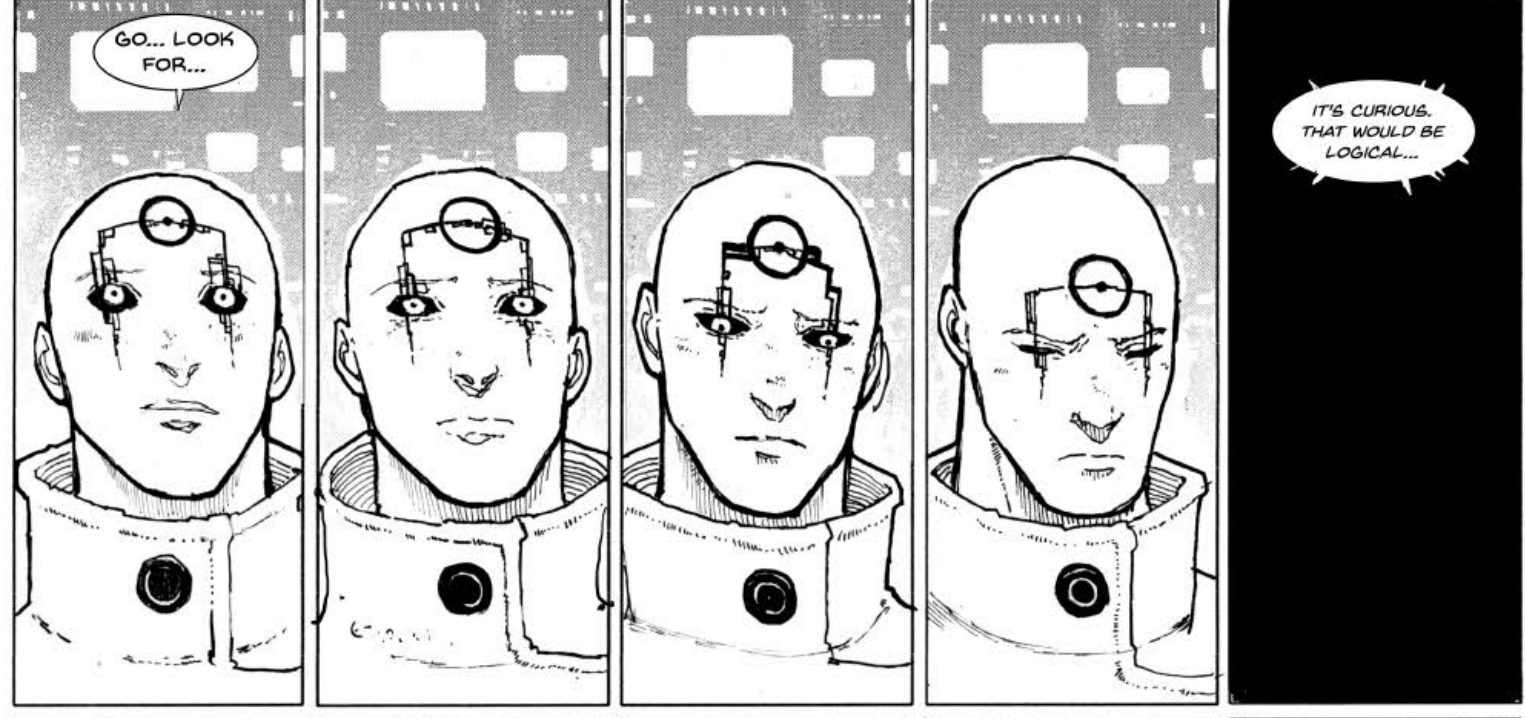
GOD, WHAT DO I DO? ALL THE EVACUATION SITES ARE TOO FAR...

I-IF I HAVE TO WAKE YOU UP, I WON'T BE ABLE TO GET TO...!

AM I DREAMING IT?

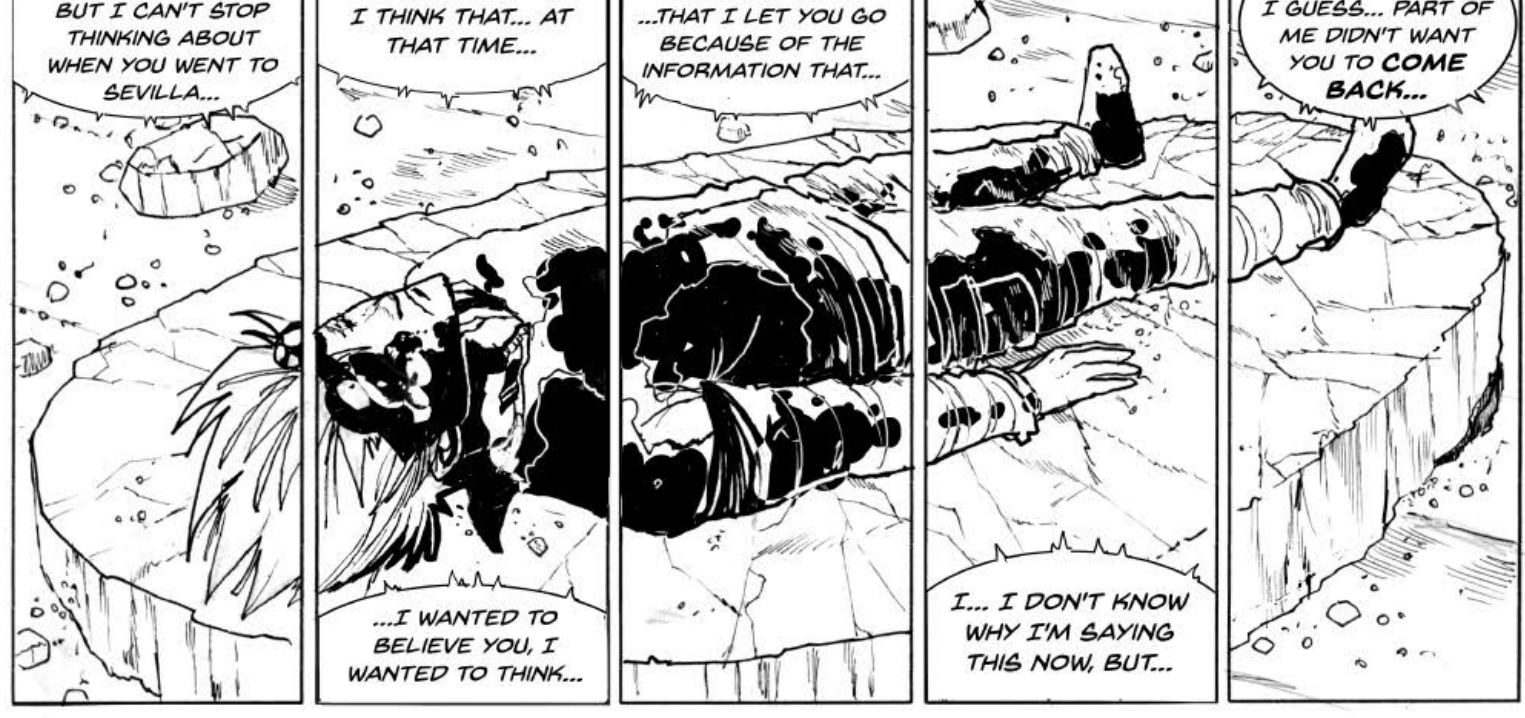
ADAM... LISTEN... THEY ARE GOING TO DESTROY THE BASE...

I WOULD HAVE TO... IF YOU DON'T ANSWER, I WOULD HAVE TO...



GO... LOOK FOR...

IT'S CURIOUS. THAT WOULD BE LOGICAL...



BUT I CAN'T STOP THINKING ABOUT WHEN YOU WENT TO SEVILLA...

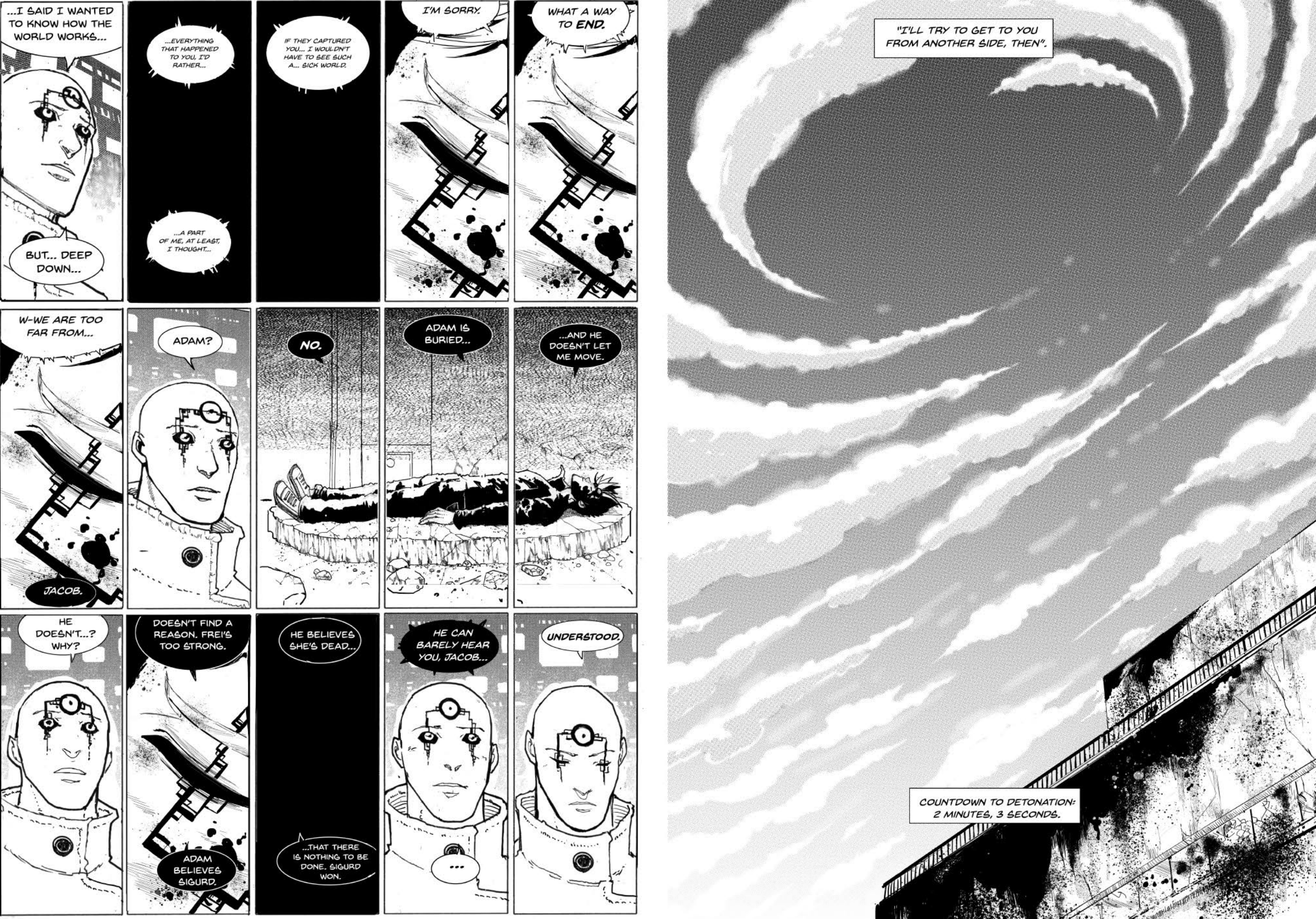
I THINK THAT... AT THAT TIME...

...THAT I LET YOU GO BECAUSE OF THE INFORMATION THAT...

I GUESS... PART OF ME DIDN'T WANT YOU TO COME BACK...

...I WANTED TO BELIEVE YOU, I WANTED TO THINK...

I... I DON'T KNOW WHY I'M SAYING THIS NOW, BUT...



...I SAID I WANTED TO KNOW HOW THE WORLD WORKS...

BUT... DEEP DOWN...

...EVERYTHING THAT HAPPENED TO YOU, I'D RATHER...

...A PART OF ME, AT LEAST, I THOUGHT...

IF THEY CAPTURED YOU... I WOULDN'T HAVE TO SEE SUCH A... SICK WORLD.

I'M SORRY.

WHAT A WAY TO END.

W-WE ARE TOO FAR FROM...

JACOB.

ADAM?

NO.

ADAM IS BURIED...

...AND HE DOESN'T LET ME MOVE.

HE DOESN'T...? WHY?

DOESN'T FIND A REASON. FREI'S TOO STRONG.

ADAM BELIEVES SIGURD.

HE BELIEVES SHE'S DEAD...

...THAT THERE IS NOTHING TO BE DONE. SIGURD WON.

HE CAN BARELY HEAR YOU, JACOB...

UNDERSTOOD.

"I'LL TRY TO GET TO YOU FROM ANOTHER SIDE, THEN".

COUNTDOWN TO DETONATION:
2 MINUTES, 3 SECONDS.

WHAT DO YOU MEAN, WHY DID YOU SAVE ME?

I-I GUESS... I DON'T KNOW, I ASKED FOR HELP AND YOU...

...KID, I WISH I COULD TELL YOU MORE.

THESE ARE CRITICAL TIMES.

YOU'RE INSINUATING... WHAT?

THAT YOU DIDN'T SAVE ME TO DIE HERE?

ESSEX, WHILE WE WERE CREATING THE BOMB...

...YOU KNEW ABOUT THE WATER.

THE EBI USES IT TO PROPAGATE THEIR IDEAS ON AN **EMOTIONAL** LEVEL.

...THE WATER MANIFESTS IT BY CREATING ANXIETY AND FEAR WHEN PEOPLE FACE THE POWER OF MAGIC.

BEFORE, YOU NEEDED TO BE NEAR THE WATER TO FALL UNDER ITS EFFECTS, BUT THEY HAVE MANAGED TO DISTRIBUTE IT THROUGH AN ELECTRIC FREQUENCY...

...EVERY CELL TOWER IN EUROPE EMITS IT.

WITH THAT DETERRENCE AS A BASE, THEY CAN ADD MORE SPECIFIC SUB-SPILLS ACCORDING TO THEIR NEEDS; ERASE MEMORIES, FALSIFY NARRATIVES...

...OKAY. NEXT QUESTION.

18 MINUTES AFTER THE INCIDENT.

UNGH...!

WHAT ARE YOU DOING? WE'RE ON THE SAME **SIDE**!

WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT IT?

THE SAME WHAT?

MY ASS.

FIRST QUESTION: WHAT IS THIS? THE NEURAL NETWORK, YES, BUT...

54 MINUTES AFTER THE INCIDENT.

W-WHA...?

WAIT, THE PLAN OF USING ADAM...

YOU SAID IT SOUNDED FLIMSY.

YOU WANT ME TO USE THE ENERGY OF THE WATER ELEMENT... BUT... HOW?

DON'T YOU HAVE ANOTHER ONE OF THE ARTIFACTS?

THEY INTERACT WITH EACH OTHER.

THE EARTH ELEMENT **SOAKS UP** THE EMOTIONAL ENERGIES OF THE WATER ELEMENT, USUALLY TO CAUSE PHYSICAL CHANGES IN THE WORLD

I KNOW THIS IS THE PHYSICAL PART THAT SUPPORTS THE ASTRAL SPACE OF THE NETWORK... BUT WHAT IS IT?

...GHH SIMPLIFYING... SLEEPING TELEPATHS CREATE AN ASTRAL SPACE... THE NETWORK...

THEY STORE DATA AND MAKE SPELLS THERE

TELEPATHS CAN CREATE THIS SPACE THANKS TO THIS **MAGIC WATER**... THEY USE IT AS AN ENHANCER AND DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM...

WHAT?

IT'S THE **ELEMENT OF WATER**. ITS FUNCTION IS TO GIVE SUBSTANCE AND TRANSMIT EMOTIONS... A BIT LIKE MIND CONTROL, BUT THROUGH FEELINGS.

...BUT... YOUR EARTH ELEMENT CONTAINS **SHADOWS**...

THESE SHADOWS ARE STILL ALIVE THANKS TO THE ELEMENT.

THEY REMAIN LINKED

...OH.

RIGHT.

JACOB...

HE LEFT.

OR I DON'T
HEAR HIM
ANYMORE.

I TOLD
YOU SHE'S
DEAD.

NOT HER, BUT
WHAT YOU SEE
IN HER.

I DON'T
UNDERSTAND
YOU. AM I
DREAMING?

WHY CAN'T I
MOVE?

WHO...? THAT
VOICE, WHY
DOES IT SOUND
FAMILIAR?

JACOB SAYS
WE'RE IN
DANGER.

WHY?

DO SOME-
THING? YOU'RE
THE ONE NOT
LETTING US
MOVE.

I HAVE TO...

I...

I DON'T...

I GUESS
I CAN'T
DO THIS
ANYMORE.

I THINK...
THIS HAND
IS GOING
TO KILL
ME.

HOW
SO?

THERE'S TOO
MUCH PAIN IN THE
WORLD AND THIS
HAND IS GOING TO
PLUNGE ME
INTO IT.

THERE'S
...

I WANT TO
REST...
INSTEAD, I...

WHAT?

YOU ARE
NOT RESPON-
SIBLE FOR
THE PAIN OF
OTHERS.

JUST
BECAUSE YOU
FEEL IT DOESN'T
MEAN YOU HAVE
TO CARRY IT
WITH YOU.





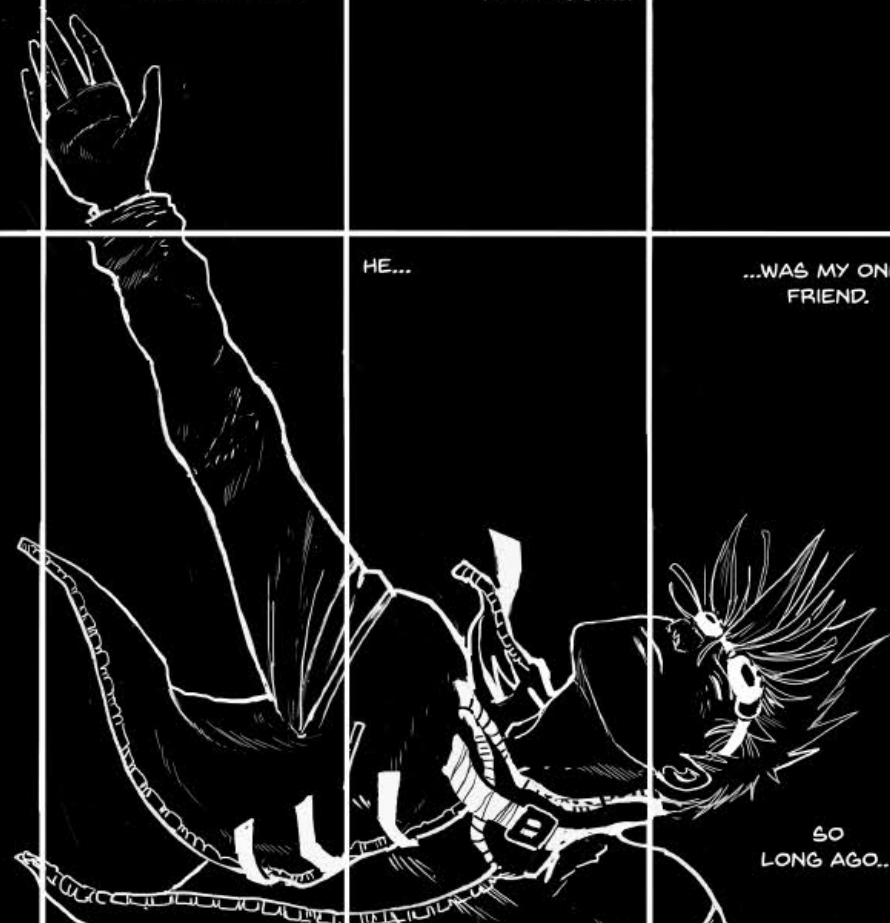
I... DON'T... I
DON'T KNOW IF
I CAN DO THIS.

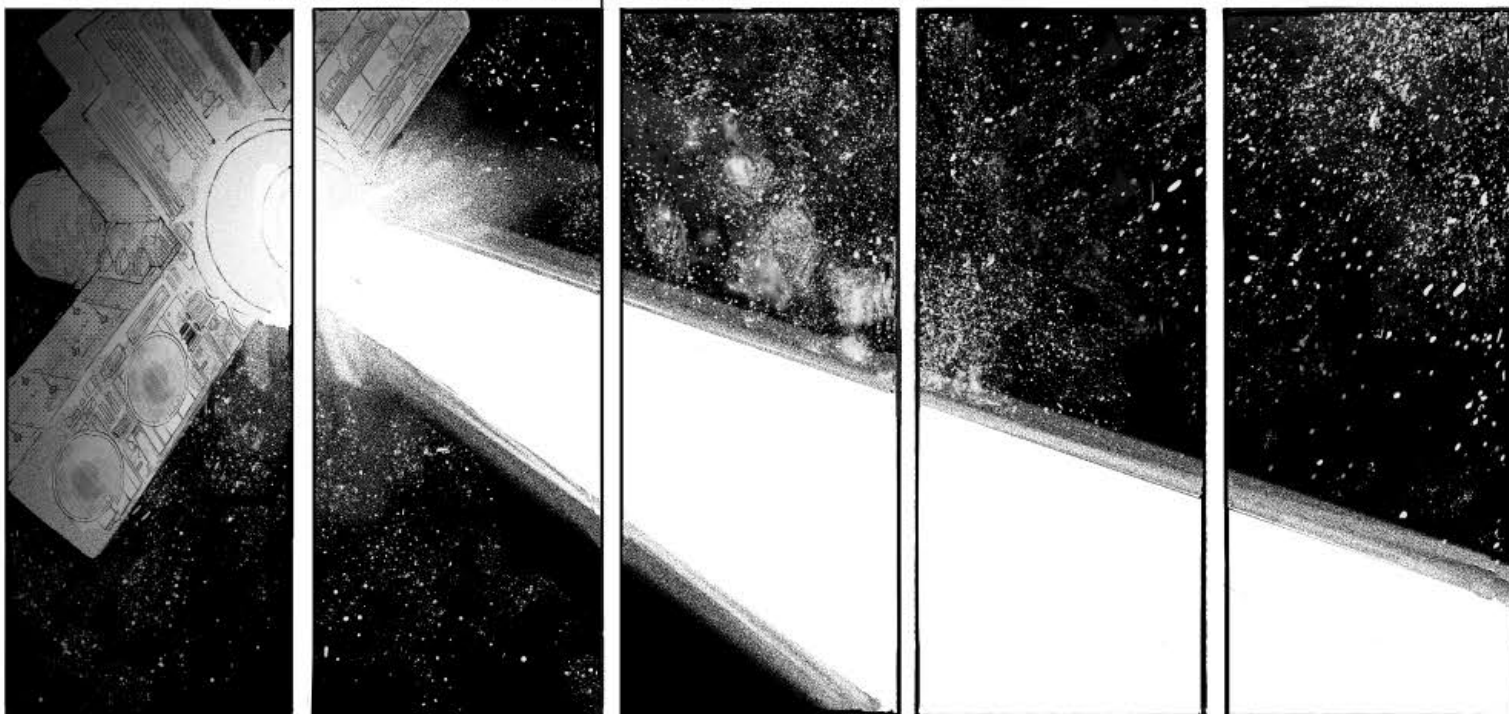
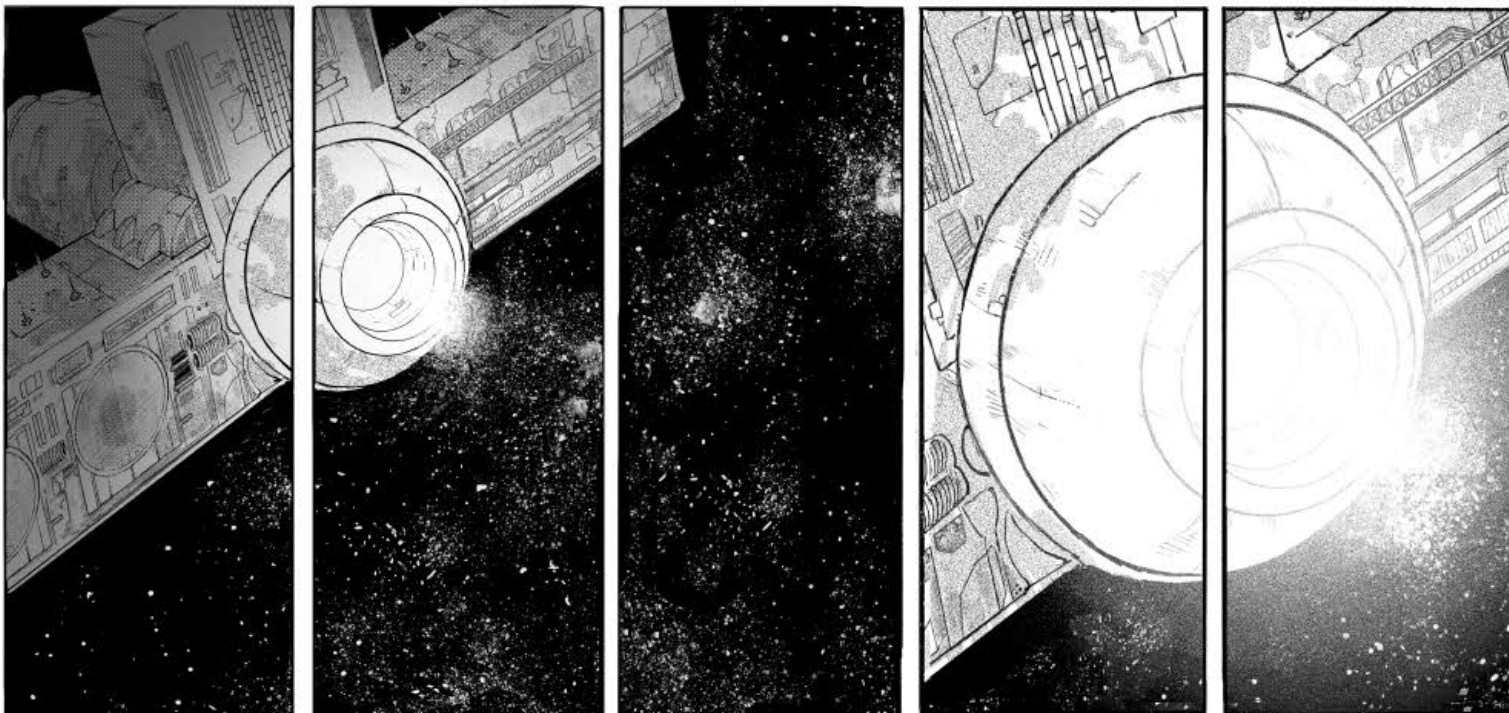
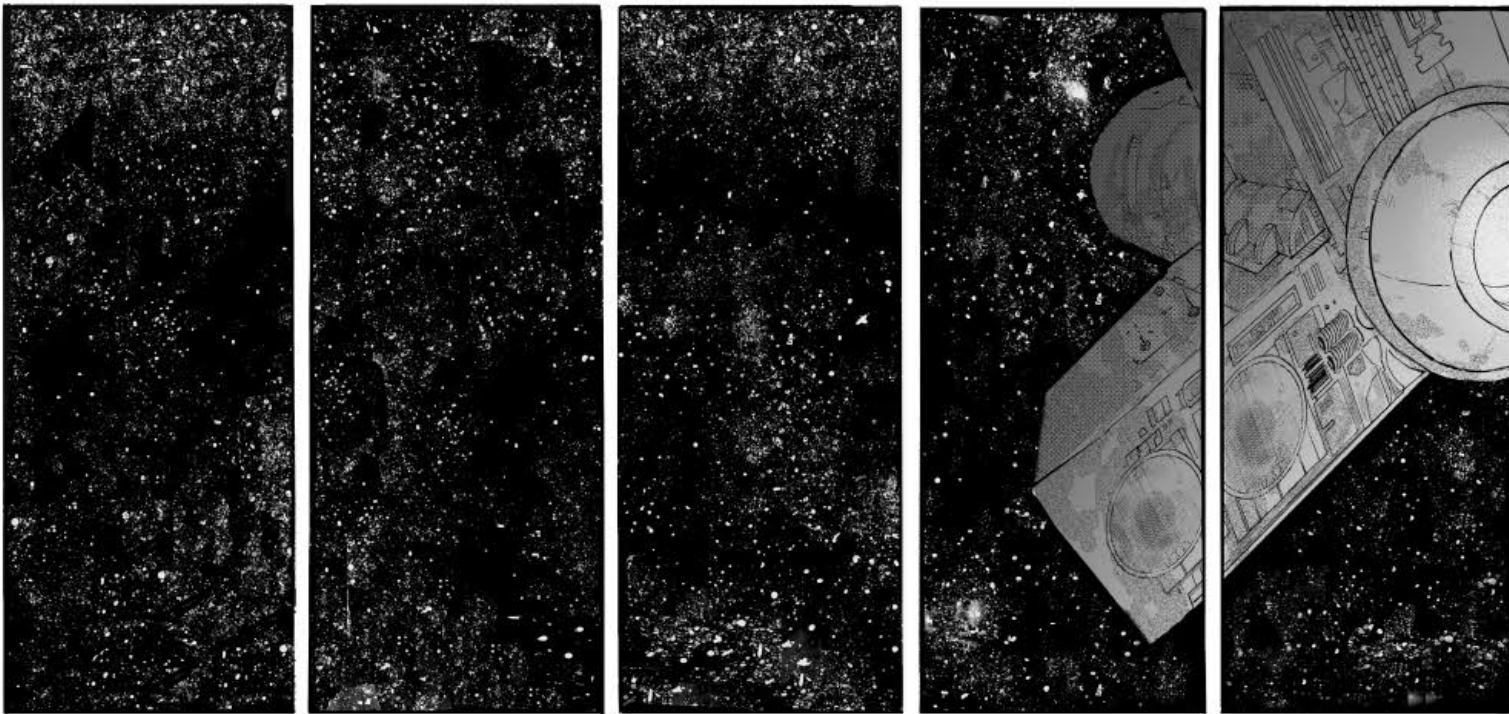
HOW IS IT NOT
MY FAULT?
SHE'S BEEN
KIDNAPPED TO
GET ME.

HOW?
WHAT ABOUT
BLANCA?

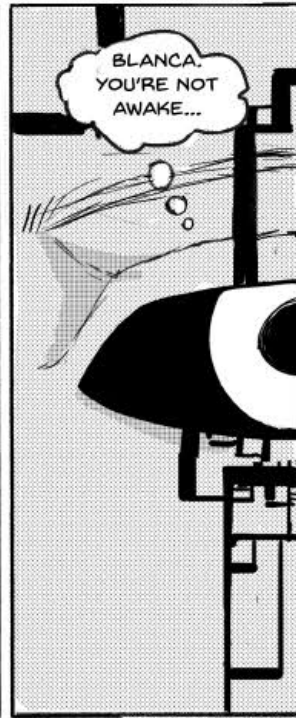
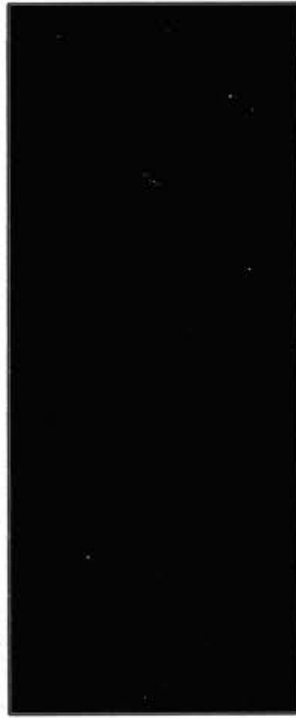
I
DESTROYED
HER.

WHAT?
IT'S NOT
YOUR
FAULT.

WE CAST A SPELL TO PROTECT MY IDENTITY, AND THE ONLY THING I'VE ACHIEVED...	...IS TO ISOLATE MYSELF FROM MY PREVIOUS LIFE, WHILE THESE LUNATICS IDENTIFY ME MORE EASILY THANKS TO THIS HAND AND THE BULLSHIT IT MAKES ME DO.			HE... WAS NOT LIKE THAT BEFORE.	I DON'T UNDERSTAND HOW SIGURD CAN DO THIS.	THE BASTARD WAS SO FUNNY WHEN HE MOCKED THE TEACHERS.	WE'RE GOING TO DIE.	I ATTACKED ESSEX.	I THINK. MAYBE?	WHY CAN'T I MOVE?		ARE YOU STILL HERE?	WHAT DID ELLEREAS SAY? THIS HAND... ABSORBS ENERGIES. I GUESS IT'S BEEN... MONTHS, ACCUMULATING. BUT IT'S...
BEFORE ALL THIS.		I TAUGHT HIM MAGIC. I COULDN'T HELP MYSELF. EIGHT YEARS OLD? NINE?		ABOUT BLANCA.	HE... HE TOLD THE TRUTH,	THAT SHE REALLY IS...	SIGURD. IT'S HIM, RIGHT?			HE IS THAT POISONOUS ENERGY THAT MAKES ME...		OR THE HEREMITES.	IF HE'S LYING ABOUT BLANCA...
			RIGHT?							BUT HE IS NOT TO BLAME FOR BLANCA. THAT WAS THE EBI.		ALTHOUGH...	IF BLANCA'S NOT DYING...
HE'S SAYING THE TRUTH. OTHERWISE, HE WOULD BE...	...HE WOULD BE USING HER.	USING HER.	HE MENTIONED THE HEREMITES, AS IF THEM...				WHEN I WAS WITH ELLEREAS, FOR A SECOND, IT ALL MADE SENSE.		I CAN'T BELIEVE HE LIED. HE DIDN'T CAPTURE HER, BUT IF HE LIED....			HE...	...WAS MY ONLY FRIEND.
		USING ME.		WE'RE GOING TO DIE, RIGHT?		IF I DON'T GET OUT OF HERE.	THEN I SEE THIS ASSHOLE AND I CAN'T... I CAN'T ACCEPT IT.		...MAYBE... HE WAS USING ME EXACTLY AS THE HEREMITES WANTED TO USE ME. ACTIVATE THE BOMB.				SO LONG AGO...



TIEMPO PARA LA DETONACIÓN:
11 MINUTOS, 10 SEGUNDOS.

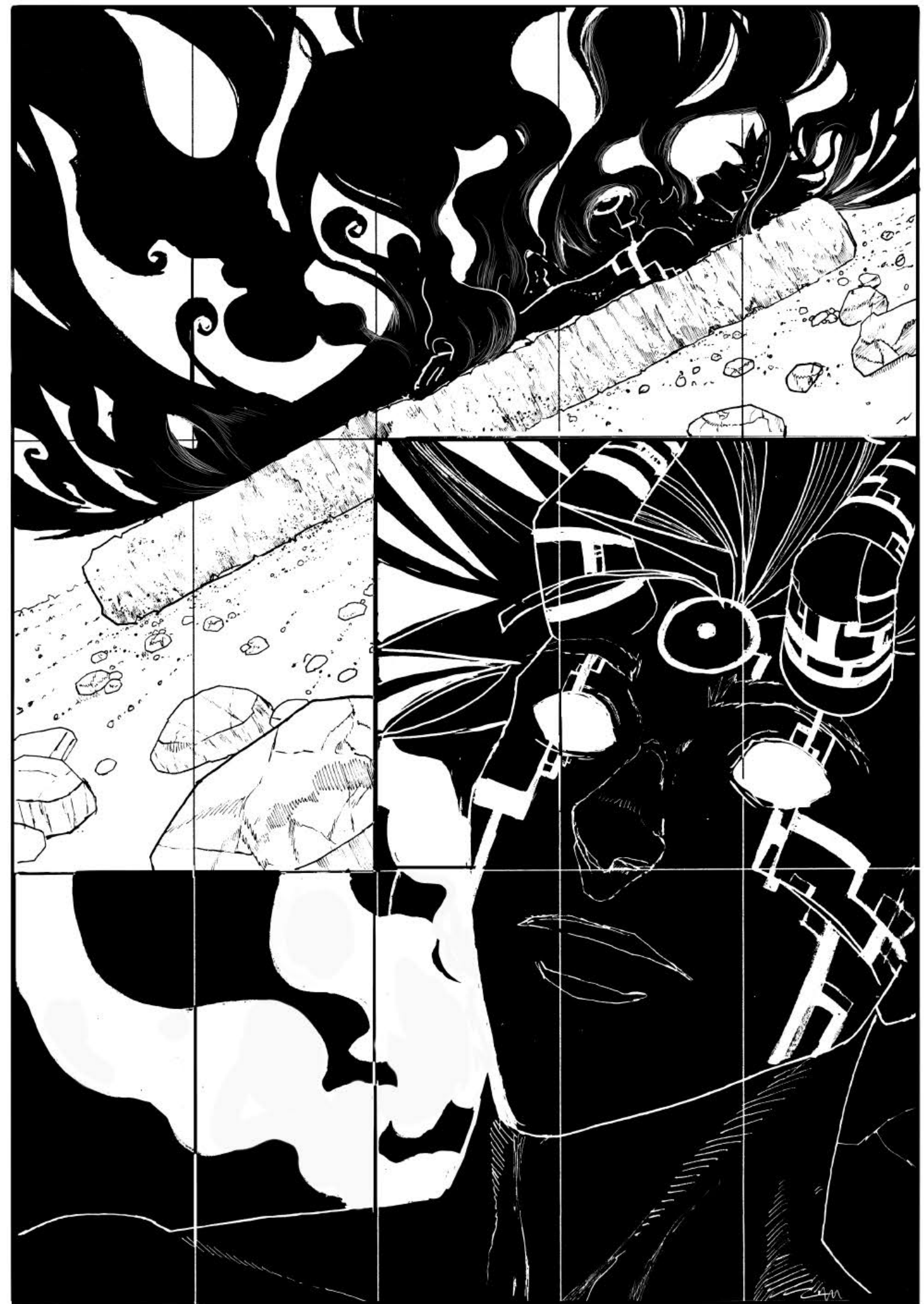


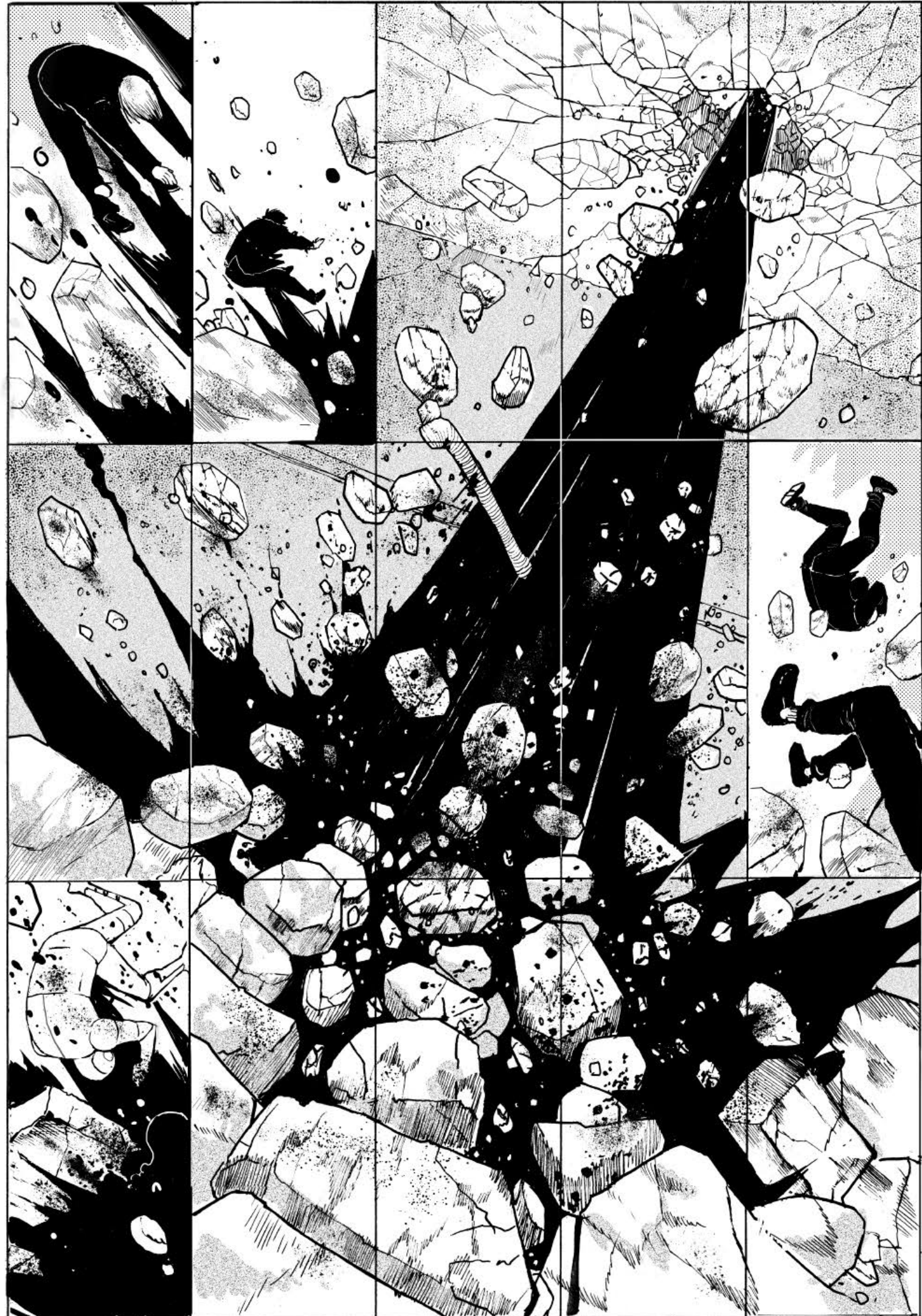
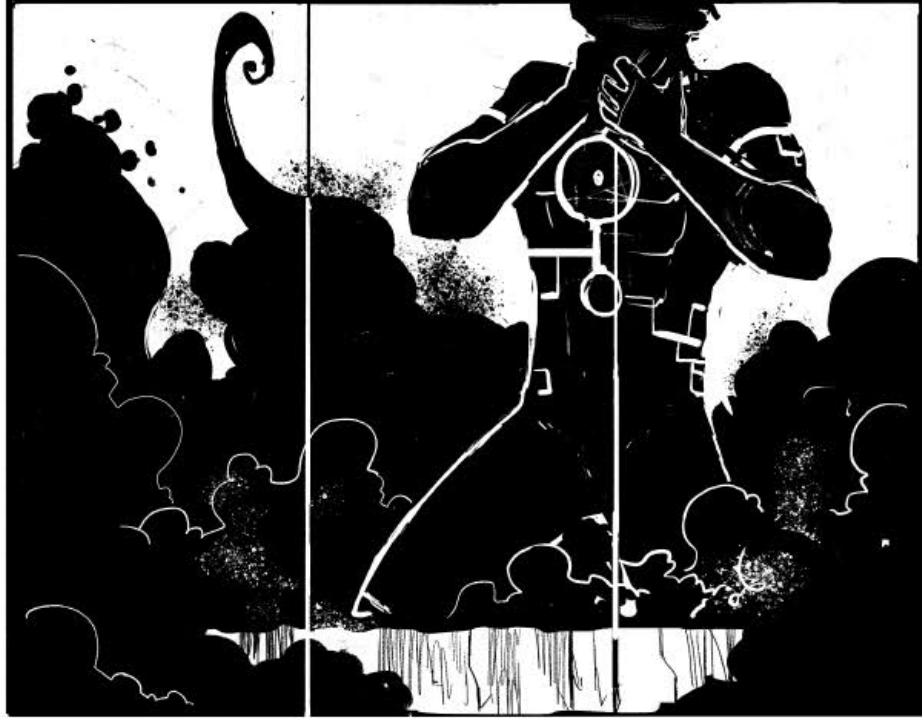
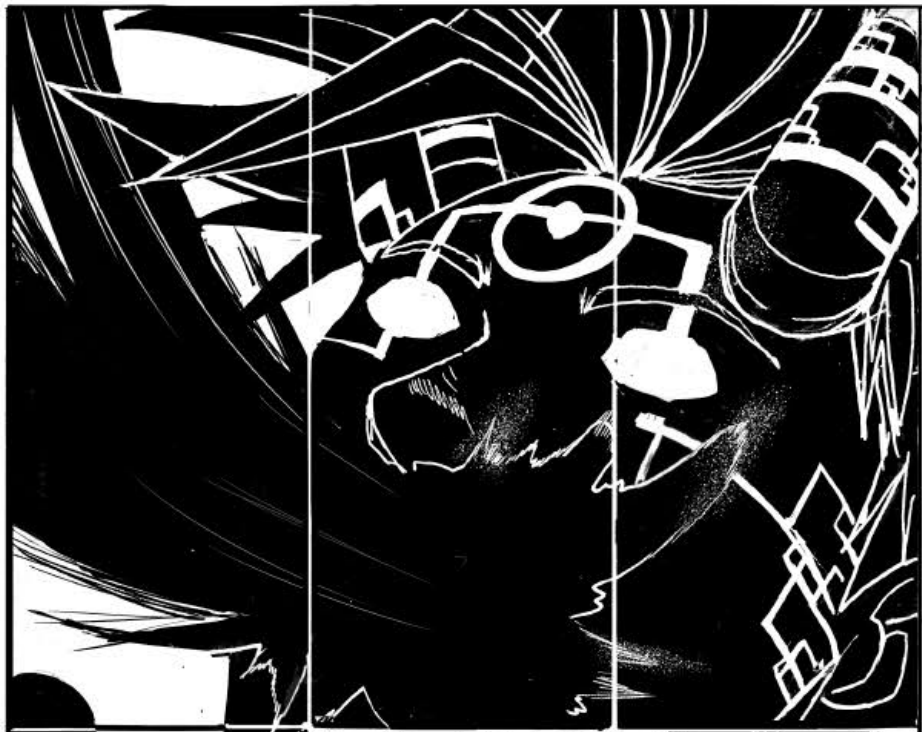


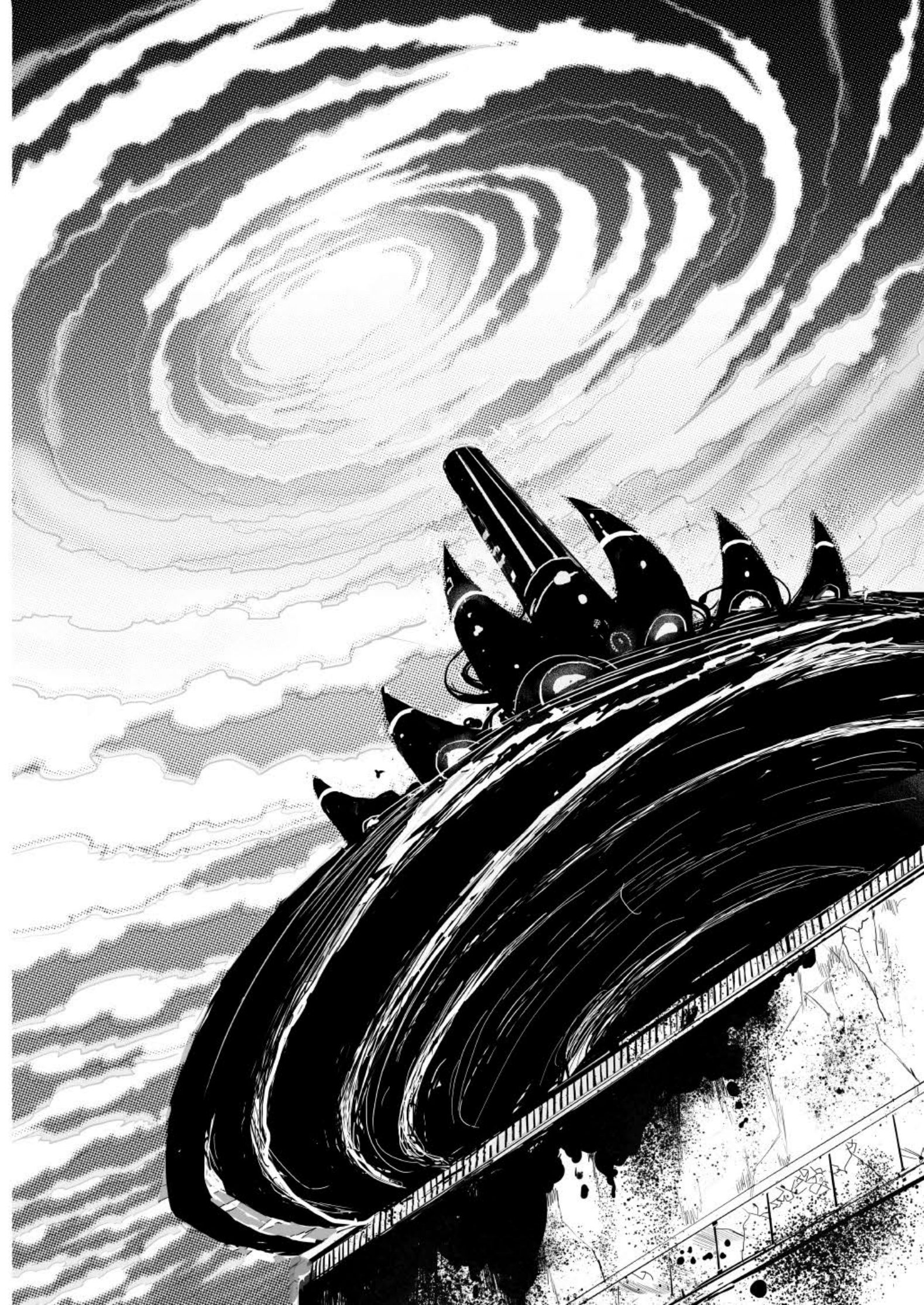
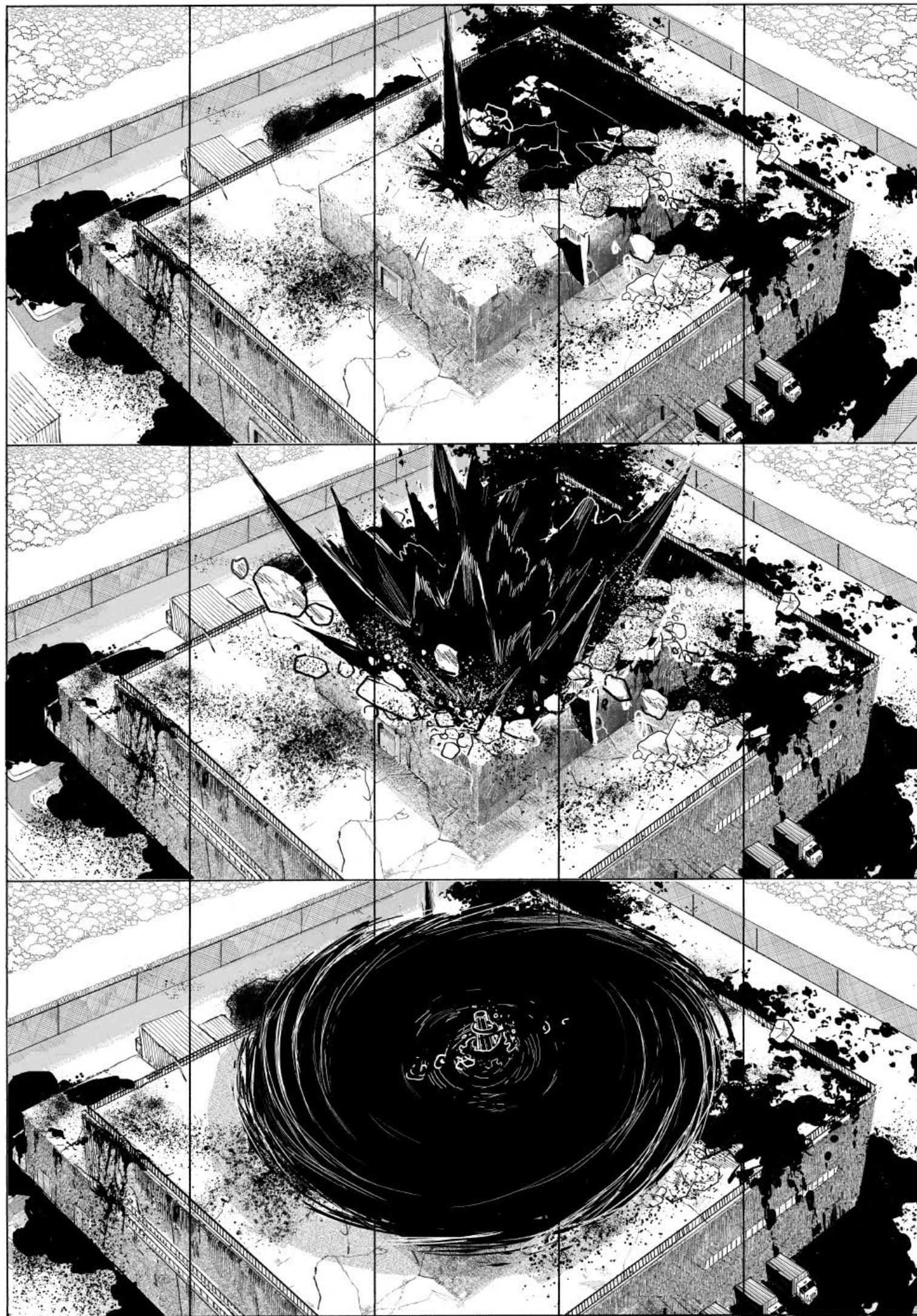
COUNTDOWN TO DETONATION:
59 SECONDS.

<p>...</p>	<p>I GUESS IT'S OVER. WHAT A STRANGE WAY TO DIE.</p> <p>AT LEAST... ADAM WILL SEE SOMETHING REAL.</p>	<p>WHAT...?</p>	<p>I JUST... LEFT HIM.</p>	<p>I LEFT HIM WITH HIS FATHER IN THE HOSPITAL.</p> <p>HOW CAN I BE LIKE THIS?</p>
<p>FUCK! IS THIS NORMAL?!</p>	<p>AGAIN WITH THAT? IT'S NOT YOUR JOB, HONEY.</p> <p>YOU'RE EIGHTEEN YEARS OLD. YOU HAVE A LOT TO DISCOVER. IT'S NOT THE TIME TO BE TYING YOURSELF DOWN.</p>	<p>YOU DON'T HAVE TO TAKE CARE OF OTHER PEOPLE'S PROBLEMS.</p> <p>BUT IT'S NOT THAT...</p>	<p>NO. ADAM IS REJECTING THE ENERGY.</p> <p>SO THE INFLUX OF SHADOWS IS STAYING HERE.</p>	<p>HOW COULD I DO SOMETHING LIKE THAT AND NOT FEEL REMORSE?</p> <p>HE DIDN'T DESERVE SOMETHING LIKE THAT. I... I JUST... I WAS AFRAID, AND...</p>
<p>HOW CAN I DO SUCH A THING AND BE A GOOD PERSON?</p>	<p>NO MORE THINKING. HOW PEACEFUL.</p>	<p>WHY?!</p>	<p>ADAM HAS A BLOCKAGE THAT PREVENTS HIM FROM ACCEPTING THE ENERGY.</p>	<p>ADAM HAS A BLOCKAGE THAT PREVENTS HIM FROM ACCEPTING THE ENERGY.</p>











...TO BE CONTINUED

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