



72 DESCENSA A LA HABITACION OSCURA

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"ANYWAY, REGARDLESS, WE'RE HERE. THE WAY THINGS ARE GOING, IT'S BEST WE STAY FOCUSED AND WORK AS ONE. I THINK I CAN USE THE HAND NOW..."

"AGREED. MAYBE THEN YOU'LL SEE FOR ONCE THAT I'M NOT SO..."

"I ASSUME THAT ON THIS MISSION YOU'RE PRETENDING TO BE WITH THE EBI. LIKE ME, IN A WAY, LET'S FOCUS ON GETTING OUT OF THE FUCKING CITY".

"PERFECT".

"..."

"..."

"SO HOW DOES YOUR HAND WORK? IT'S... IT'S LIKE MINE, RIGHT?"

"YES. I SHOOT... I DON'T KNOW, LIKE OBJECTS OF LIGHT. SUPPOSEDLY, I COULD CREATE SOMETHING THEY CALL A LIGHT MIRROR. YOU CAN DO THE SAME, RIGHT? YOU HAVE PLAIN SHADOWS, BUT YOU CAN **REFINE** THEM AND MAKE THE SHADOW MIRROR?"

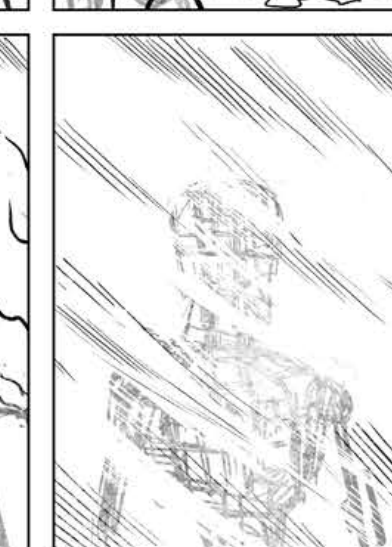
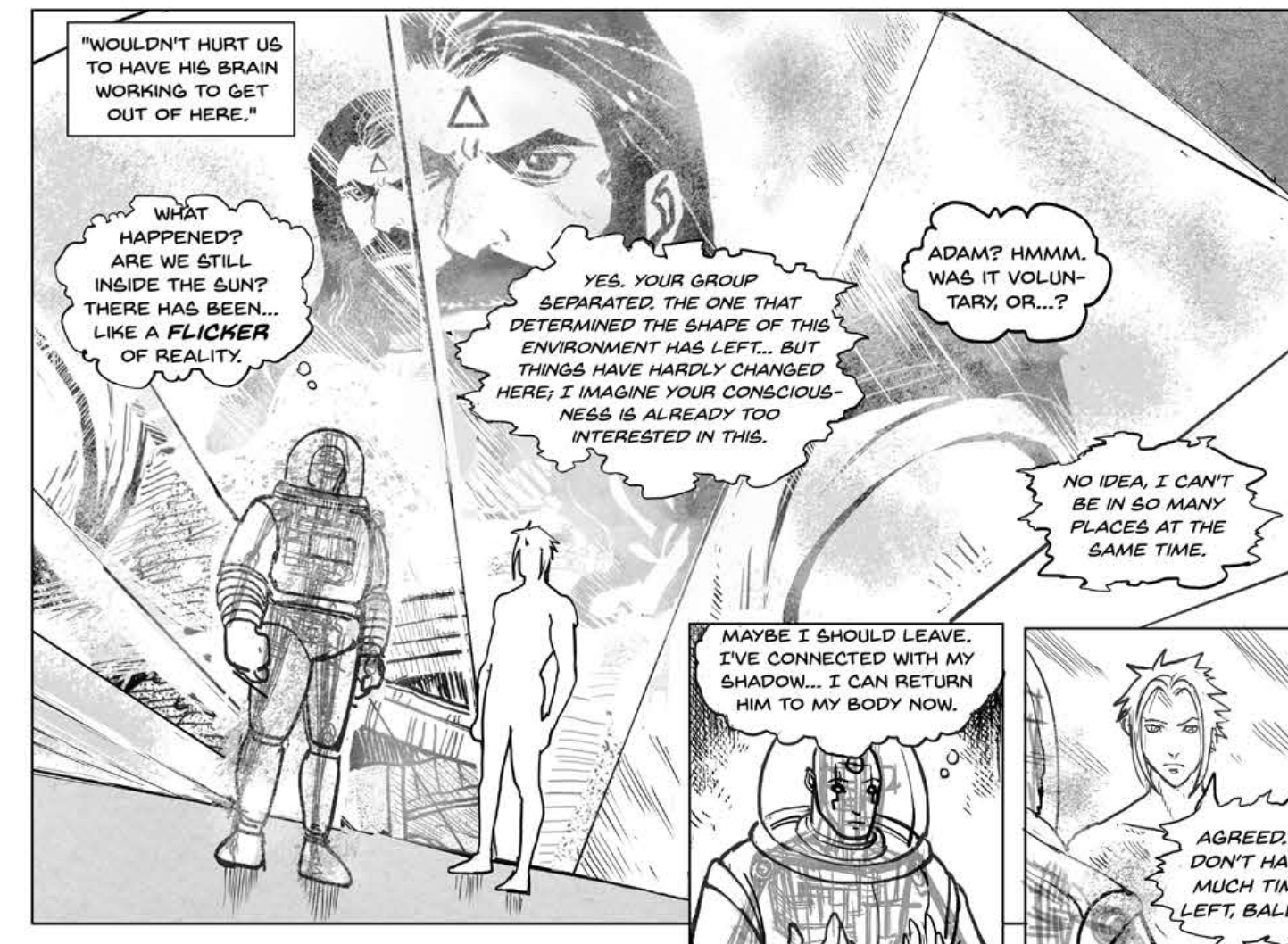
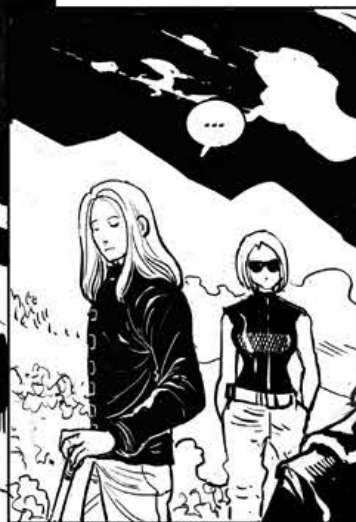
"YES".

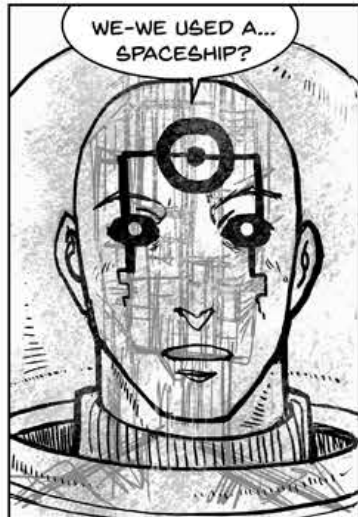
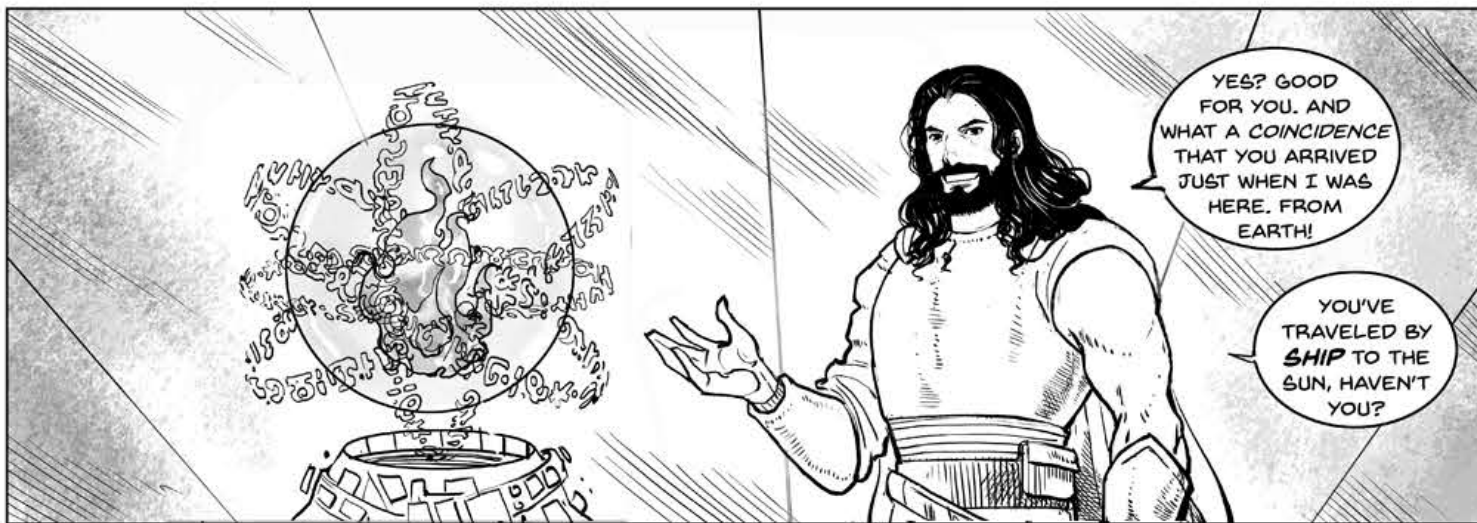
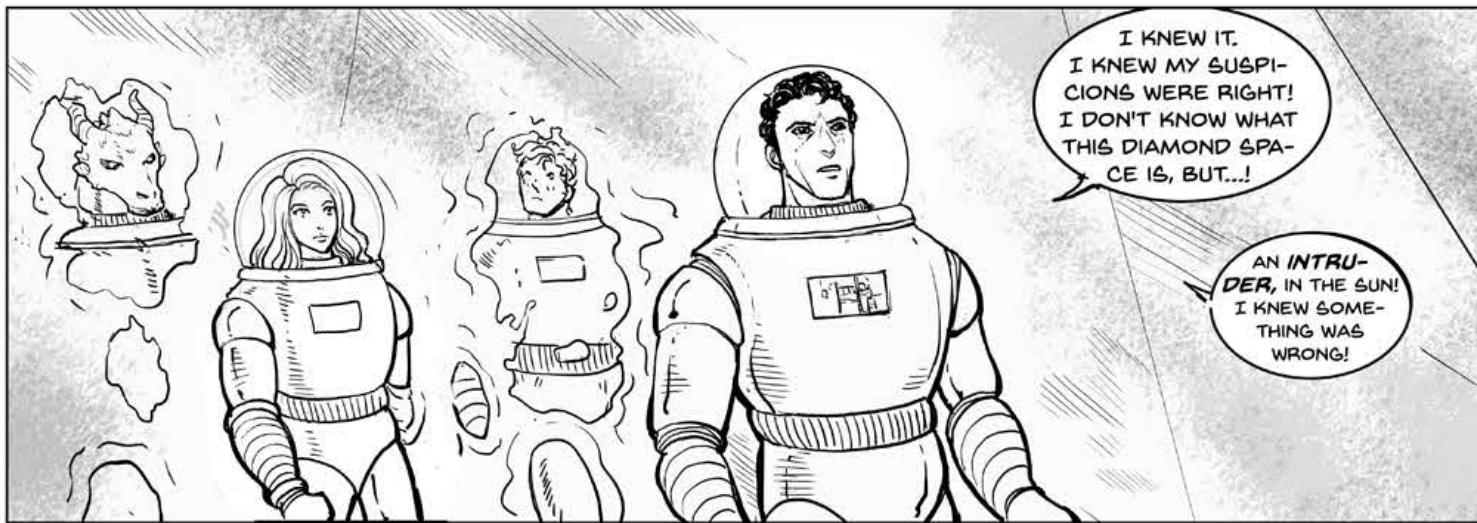
"YOU PUT MULTIPLE PEOPLE ON THE BASE UNDER THE MIRROR".

"AH. YES, BUT I DON'T REMEMBER. I CAN'T DO IT VOLUNTARILY."

"RIGHT".









HEH. SO WEIRD TO FEEL NOSTALGIC FOR THIS ERA.



I WONDER... IF IT'S A CLUE, ADVANCING THROUGH THE ERAS. PERHAPS IT WOULD GIVE US AN ADVANTAGE...



IF WE CAN PREDICT THE STYLE OF THE WO... **WAHG!**

SHIT!



YOU KILLED PHILLIP, YOU BASTARDS!
EAT LEAD!

TAKAT



WASN'T HE ON THE CAR WHEN IT EXP...?!

WHATEVER. GAMBINO SAYS HI!



WHAT'S HAPPENING? AREN'T THEY ALL COPS?



SOME VILLAIN DISGUISED AS A COP, OR CORRUPT COPS.



DEATH TO THE GAMBINO FAMILY!

BAM BAM



QUICK, TO THE ALLEYS.



IF I REMEMBER CORRECTLY, MR. MAGICK'S MANSION WAS ACROSS THE TRAVERS RIVER. I THINK IT'S THAT DIRECTION...

ARE YOU SURE THIS IS A GOOD IDEA? THOSE COPS STARTED SHOOTING IN TWO SECONDS...!

WHAT CHOICE DO WE HAVE? ABANDON MR. MAGICK? THIS HAS TO MAKE SOME SENSE!

...HAVEN'T YOU ALREADY ABANDONED ONE, WHO WAS ALSO A REAL HUMAN?

THAT'S DIFFERENT!



WHAT'S SO HARD TO UNDERSTAND?



THINK ABOUT IT. WE'RE IN A PLACE WHERE THERE SHOULD BE SUPERHEROES, BUT WE'VE ONLY FOUND MR. MAGICK. MY FAVORITE HERO!



THERE HAS TO BE A REASON, IT'S PART OF...

OF WHAT? WHAT DOES IT MATTER, THAT YOU JERKED OFF TO HIM?



DO YOU BELIEVE THIS WILL WORK?

I BELIEVE IT, YES.



FUCK, SIGURD! DO YOU HAVE TO BE SO NEGATIVE ALL THE FUCKING TIME? YOU READ THIS SHIT TOO!

DIDN'T IT MAKE YOU DREAM THAT WE COULD LIVE IN A BETTER WORLD?



YOU HAVE TOO MUCH FAITH IN THIS. MOST COMICS ARE NOTHING MORE THAN TWO GUYS IN LEOTARDS RUBBING EACH OTHER REALLY HARD.



ALL THAT BULLSHIT ABOUT DRESSING IT UP WITH MORALS AND JUSTICE AND BLAHBLAH... IT'S MAKEUP FOR THE READER.

LIKE GIRLS AND THEIR "ROMANCE" NOVELS.



WHAT?



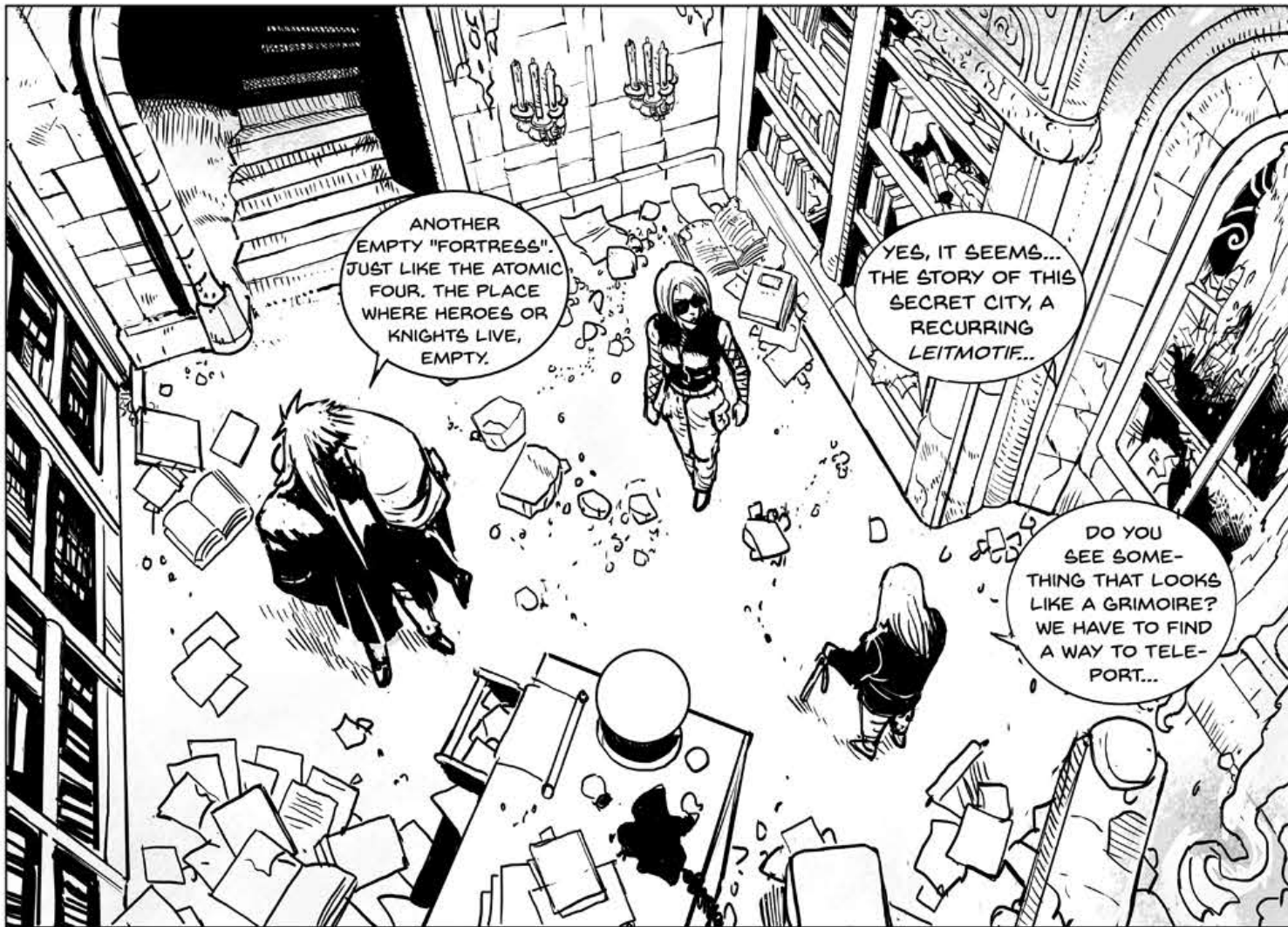
YOU KNOW. THEY READ IT BECAUSE IT'S THEIR PORN, BUT THEY PRETEND IT'S SOMETHING MORE SERIOUS, BECAUSE IT'S A BOOK. COAT THE SHIT IN GOLD TO PRETEND YOU'RE BETTER...



THERE.



THE MANSION.



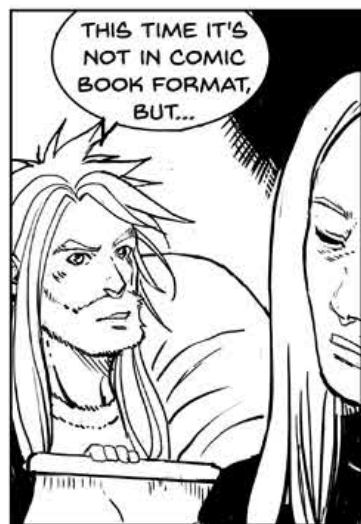
ANOTHER
EMPTY "FORTRESS".
JUST LIKE THE ATOMIC
FOUR. THE PLACE
WHERE HEROES OR
KNIGHTS LIVE,
EMPTY.

YES, IT SEEMS...
THE STORY OF THIS
SECRET CITY, A
RECURRING
LEITMOTIF...

DO YOU
SEE SOME-
THING THAT LOOKS
LIKE A GRIMOIRE?
WE HAVE TO FIND
A WAY TO TELE-
PORT...



HEY, THIS... I
THINK THIS IS AN-
OTHER SAUNIÈRE
PAGE.



THIS TIME IT'S
NOT IN COMIC BOOK
FORMAT, BUT...



SO THE HERE-
MITES WERE
HERE.

WHAT DOES
IT SAY?



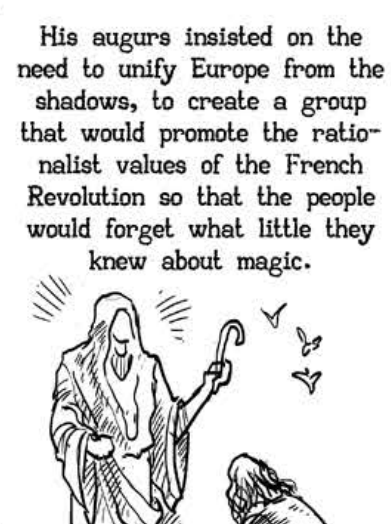
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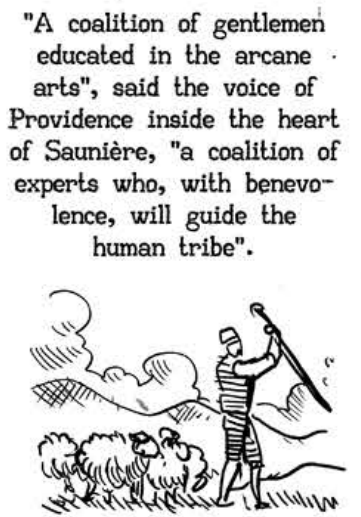
The knight-mage Sau-
nière was at a cross-
roads.



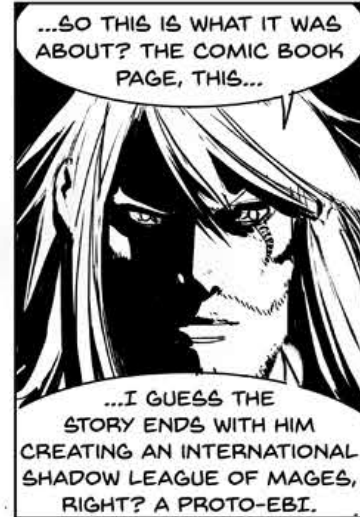
...SOMETHING ABOUT SAU-
NIÈRE HAVING A SMALL
DICK AND NOT ACHIEVING
HIS GOALS...



His augurs insisted on the
need to unify Europe from the
shadows, to create a group
that would promote the ratio-
nalist values of the French
Revolution so that the people
would forget what little they
knew about magic.

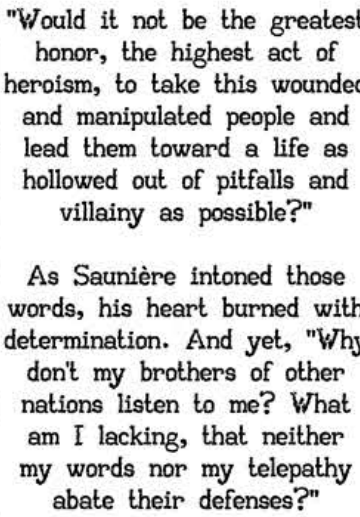


"A coalition of gentlemen
educated in the arcane
arts", said the voice of
Providence inside the heart
of Saunière, "a coalition of
experts who, with benevo-
lence, will guide the
human tribe".



...SO THIS IS WHAT IT WAS
ABOUT? THE COMIC BOOK
PAGE, THIS...

...I GUESS THE
STORY ENDS WITH HIM
CREATING AN INTERNATIONAL
SHADOW LEAGUE OF MAGES,
RIGHT? A PROTO-EBI.



"Would it not be the greatest
honor, the highest act of
heroism, to take this wounded
and manipulated people and
lead them toward a life as
hollowed out of pitfalls and
villainy as possible?"

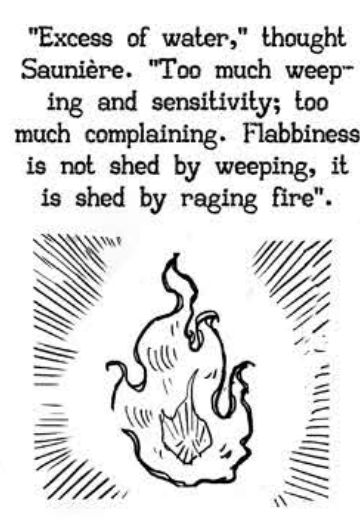
As Saunière intoned those
words, his heart burned with
determination. And yet, "Why
don't my brothers of other
nations listen to me? What
am I lacking, that neither
my words nor my telepathy
abate their defenses?"



HMM.
YES.



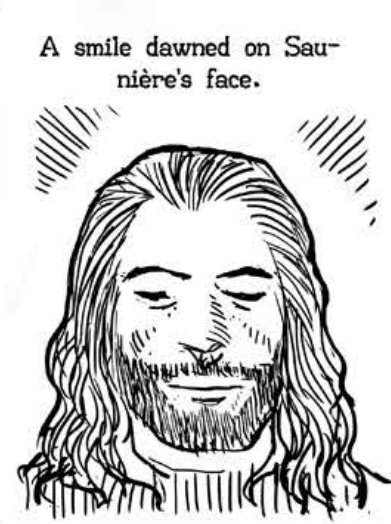
...SAUNIÈRE, LEGENDS
SAY, FOUND THAT HE
COULD NOT CONVINCE
ANY MAGE FROM AN-
OTHER COUNTRY...



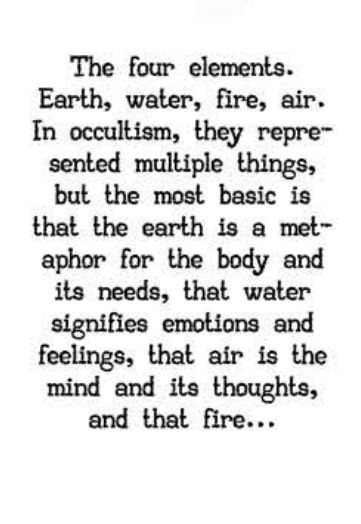
"Excess of water," thought
Saunière. "Too much weep-
ing and sensitivity; too
much complaining. Flabbiness
is not shed by weeping, it
is shed by raging fire".



SO HE REPEATED WHAT
HE DID ONCE BEFORE; HE
STOLE AN ELEMENT FROM A
CITY; THE FIRE ELEMENT,
THIS TIME.



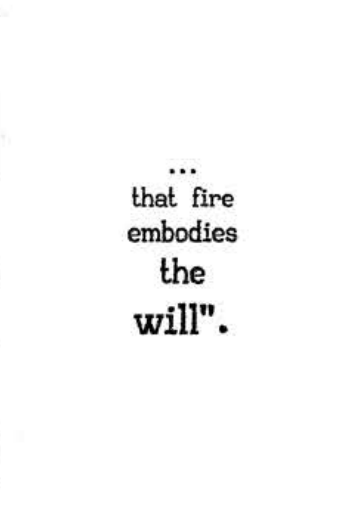
A smile dawned on Sau-
nière's face.



The four elements.
Earth, water, fire, air.
In occultism, they repre-
sented multiple things,
but the most basic is
that the earth is a met-
aphor for the body and
its needs, that water
signifies emotions and
feelings, that air is the
mind and its thoughts,
and that fire...



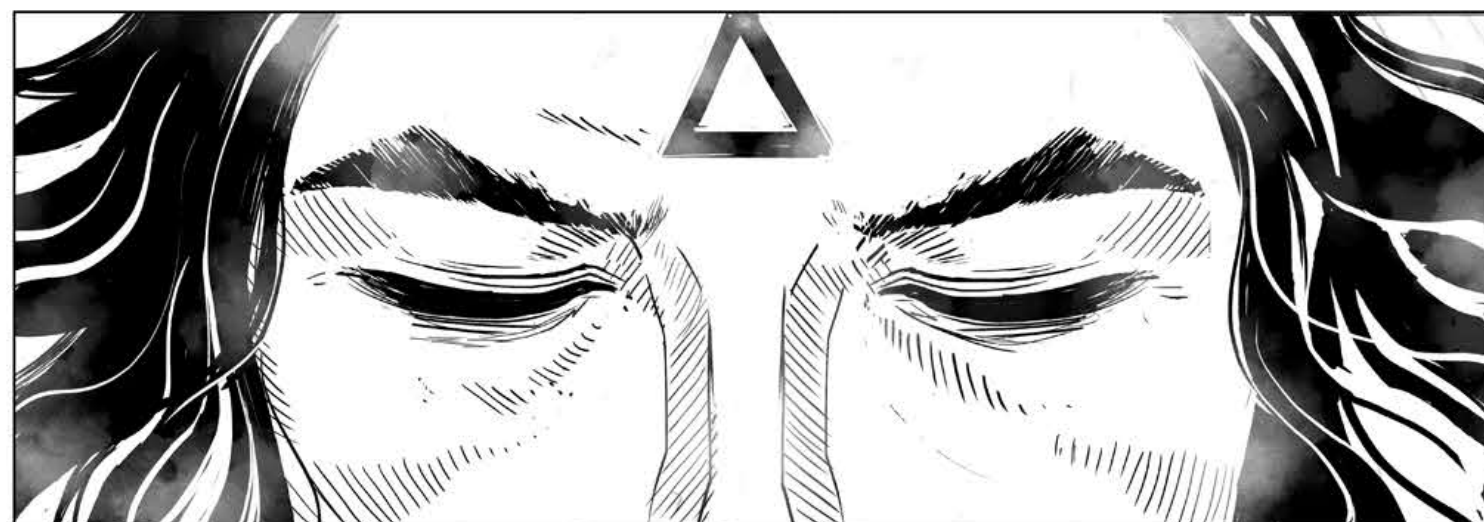
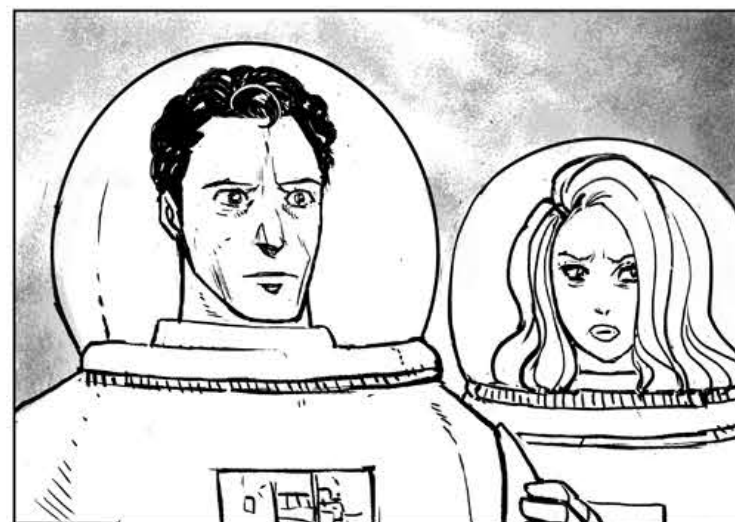
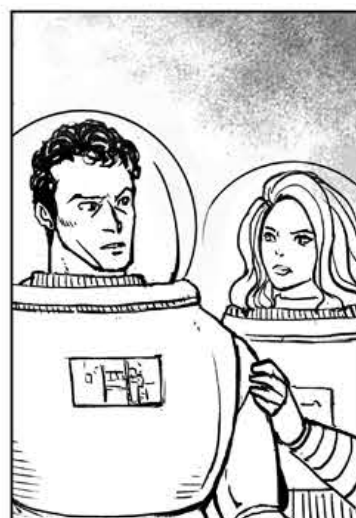
WAIT, WHAT? HE
STOLE IT? THERE'S
NO COPY HERE?



...
that fire
embodies
the
will".



IF THERE'S NO
COPY, THIS CITY
COULD BE DEGRAD-
ING.... HEY!!







GOD. SAU-
NIÈRE...

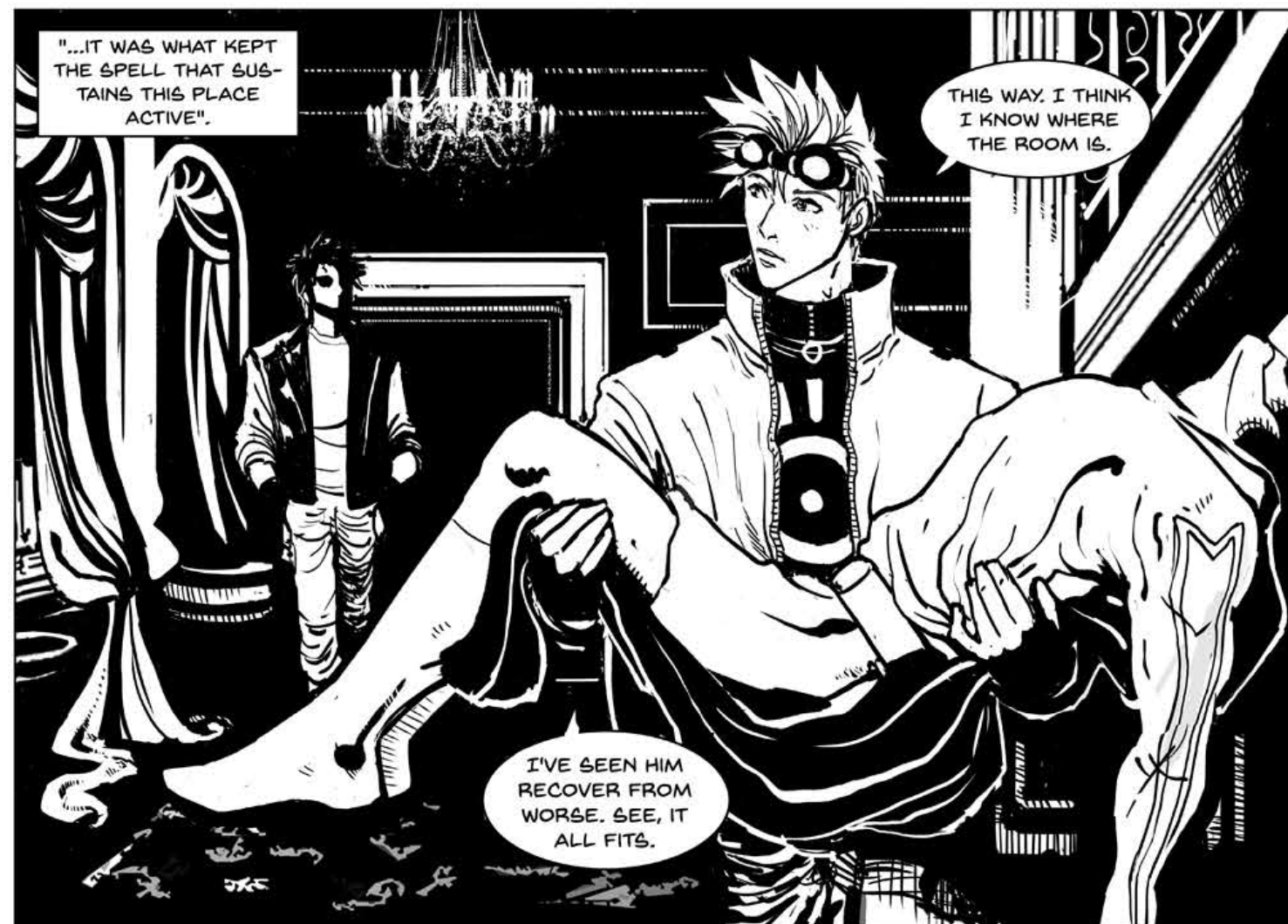


OH, GOD, OH, GOD.
WHAT HAVE I...?



EVEN BEING
FICTION... MY
GOD...

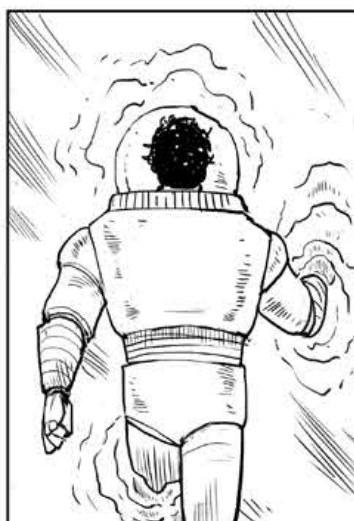
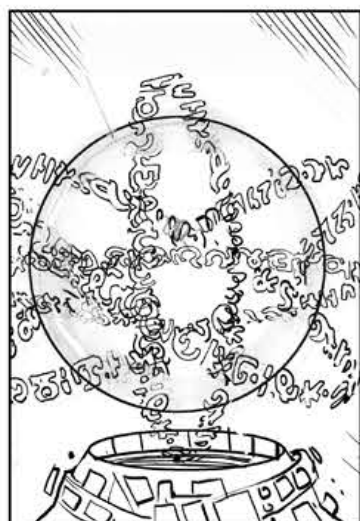
AND THAT
FLAME...



"...IT WAS WHAT KEPT
THE SPELL THAT SUS-
TAINS THIS PLACE
ACTIVE".

THIS WAY, I THINK
I KNOW WHERE
THE ROOM IS.

I'VE SEEN HIM
RECOVER FROM
WORSE. SEE, IT
ALL FITS.



THIS IS THE **DARK**
HOUR BEFORE...



UH?

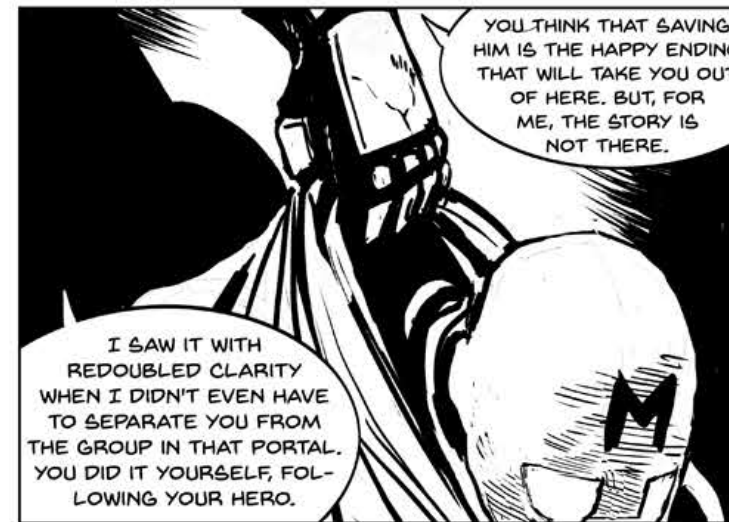
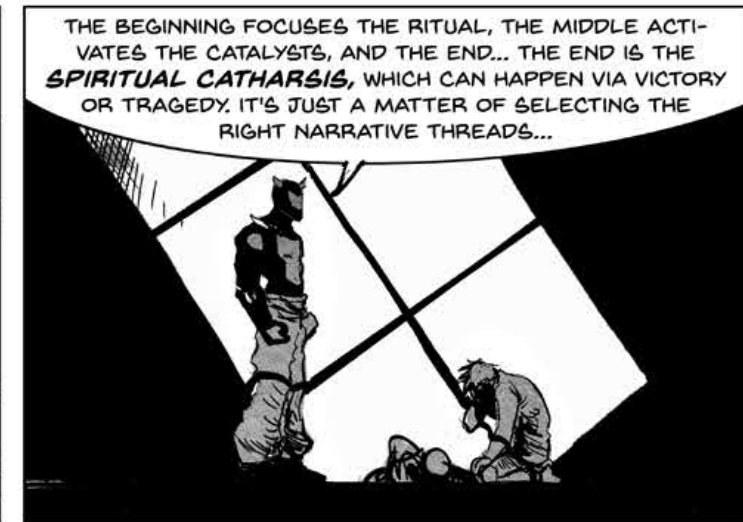
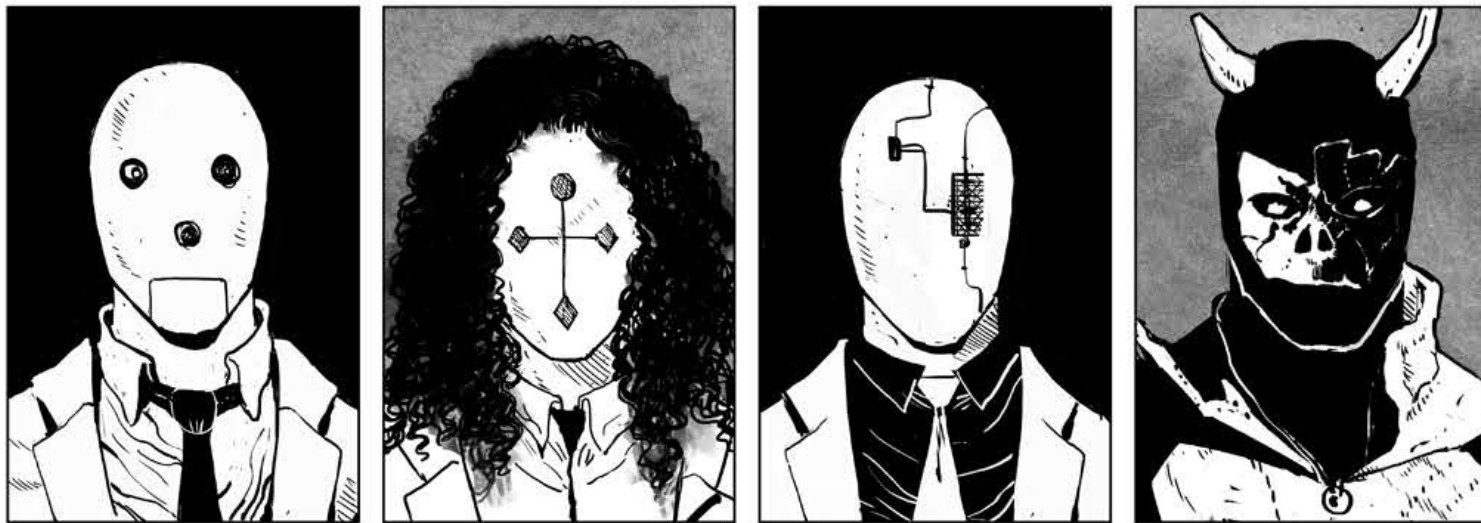
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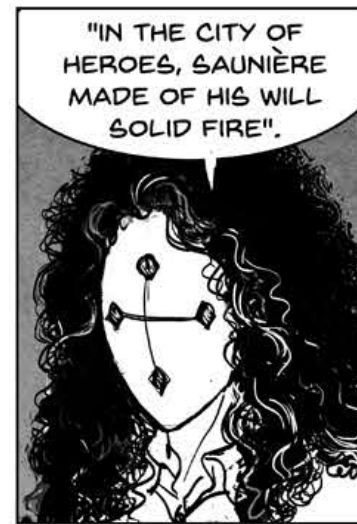


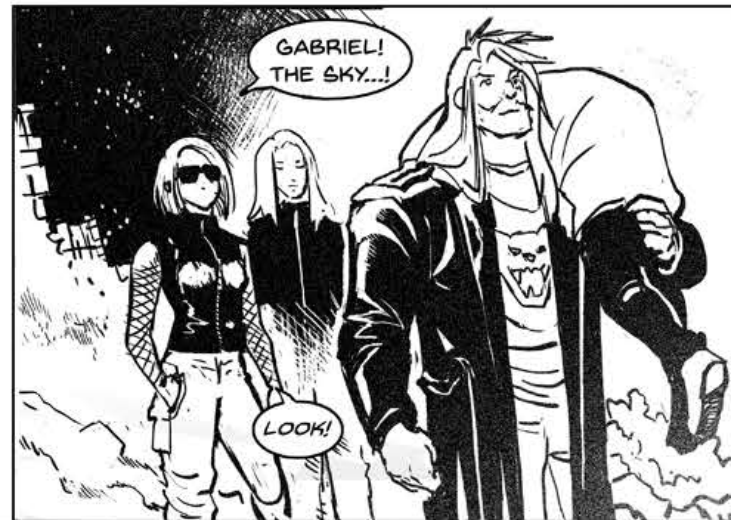
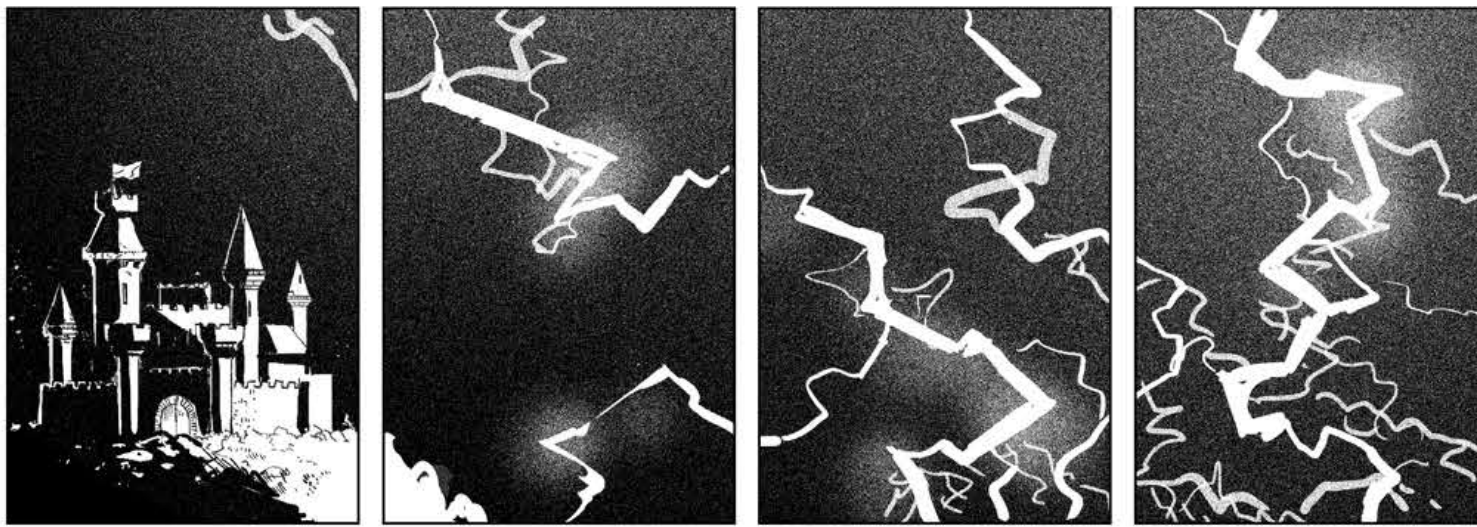
YOU...?
HERE?



BEHIND
YOU.







...TO BE CONTINUED

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— ah I wish...

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