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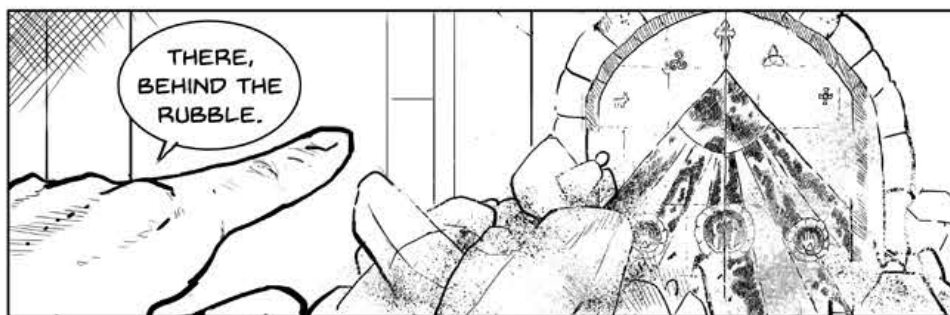
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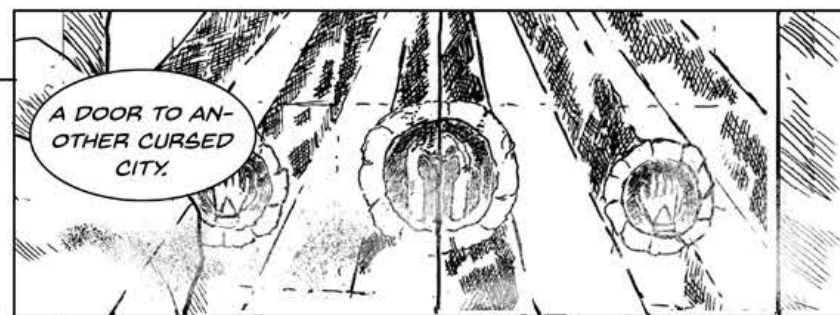
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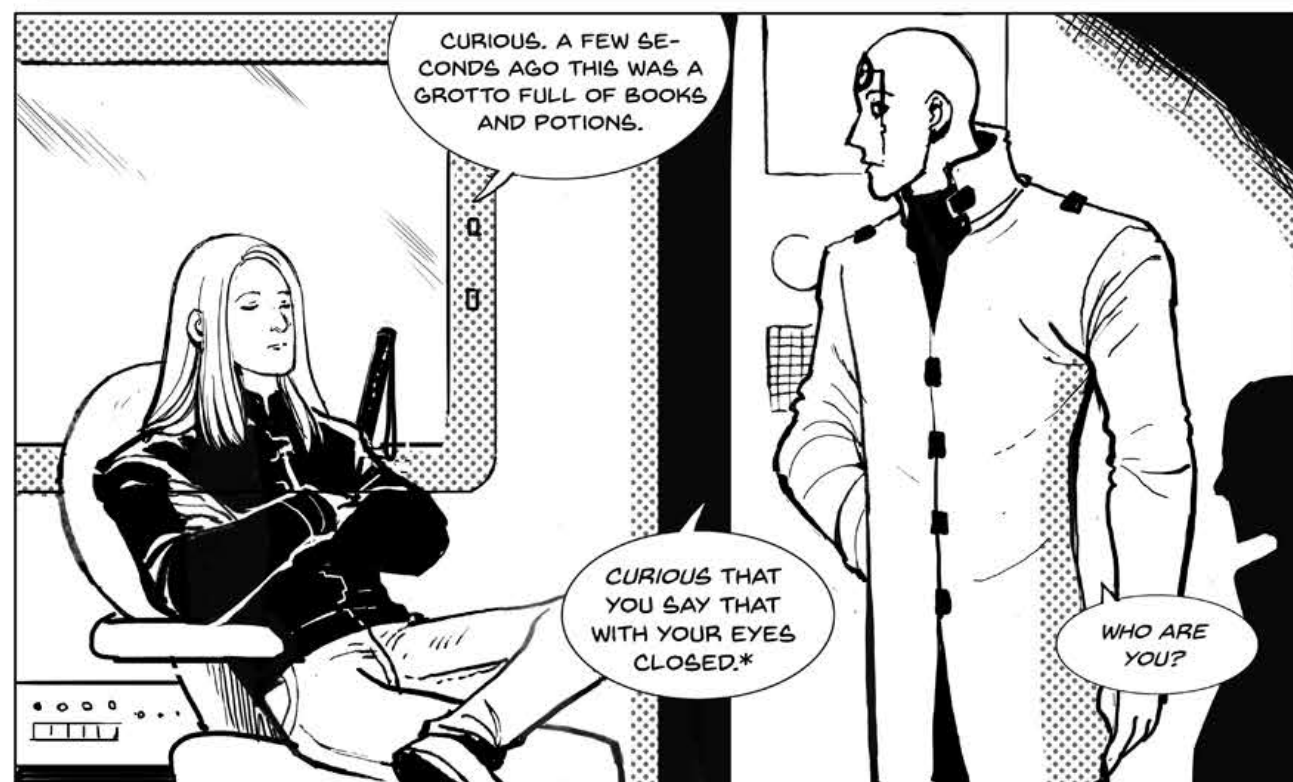


A DOOR TO AN-
OTHER CURSED
CITY.



HOW... DID WE
GET HERE? WERE
WE TELEPORTED?
WE... WE **OPENED**
THE DOOR,
RIGHT?

UH... THE
CLOTHES? IT'S GOT...
DETAILS LIKE... IN A
SUPERHERO COS-
TUME...?



CURIOUS. A FEW SE-
CONDS AGO THIS WAS A
GROTTO FULL OF BOOKS
AND POTIONS.

CURIOUS THAT
YOU SAY THAT
WITH YOUR EYES
CLOSED.*

WHO ARE
YOU?



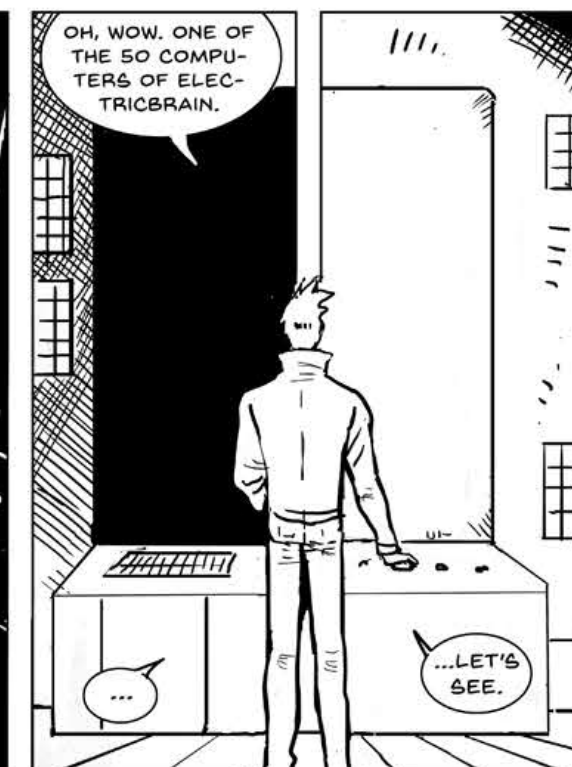
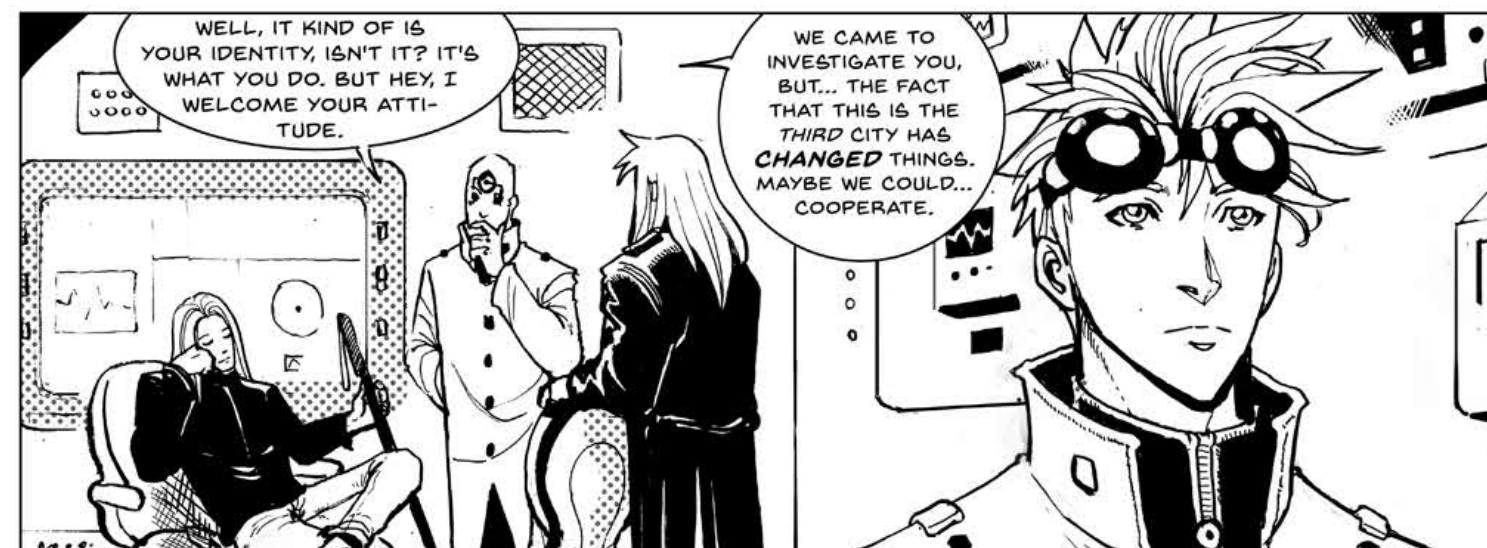
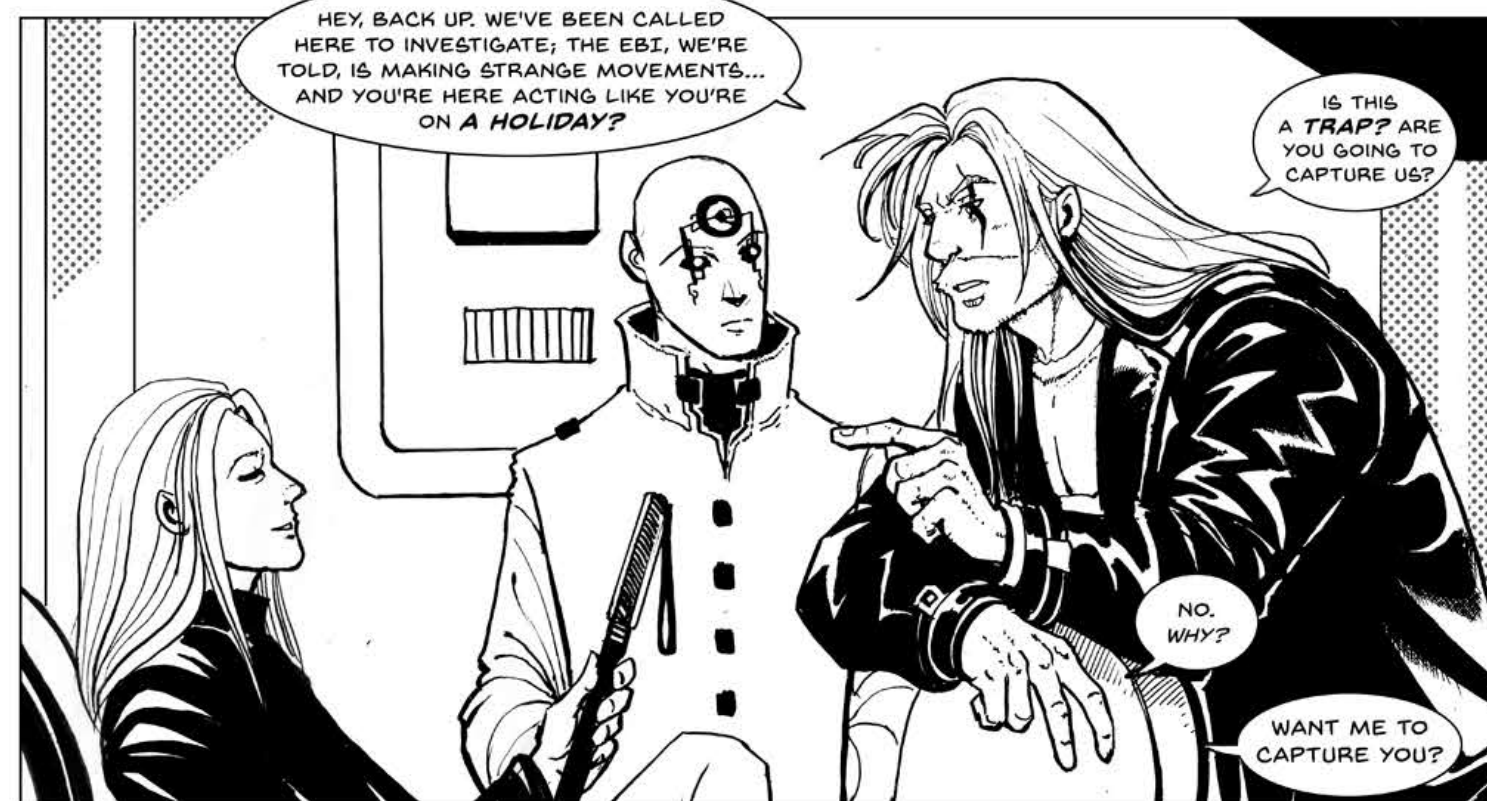
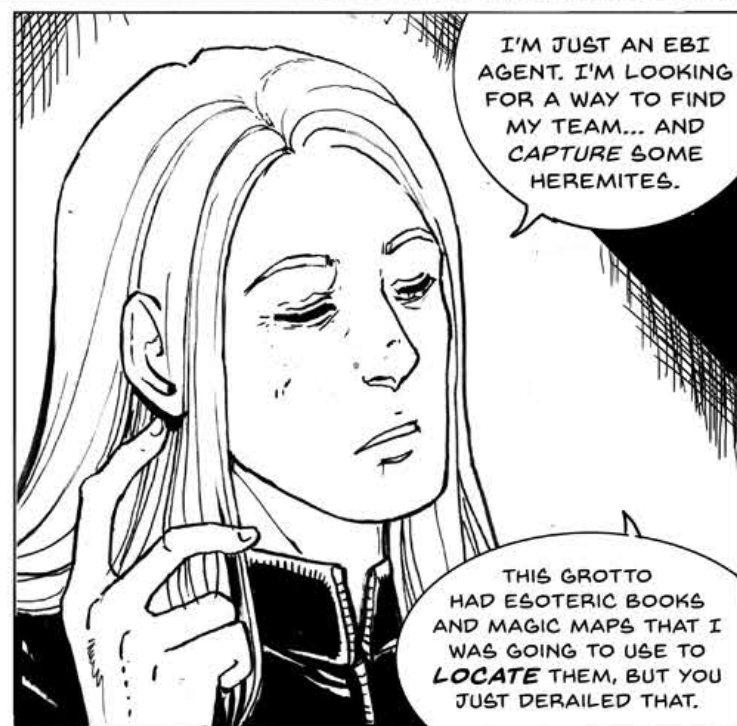
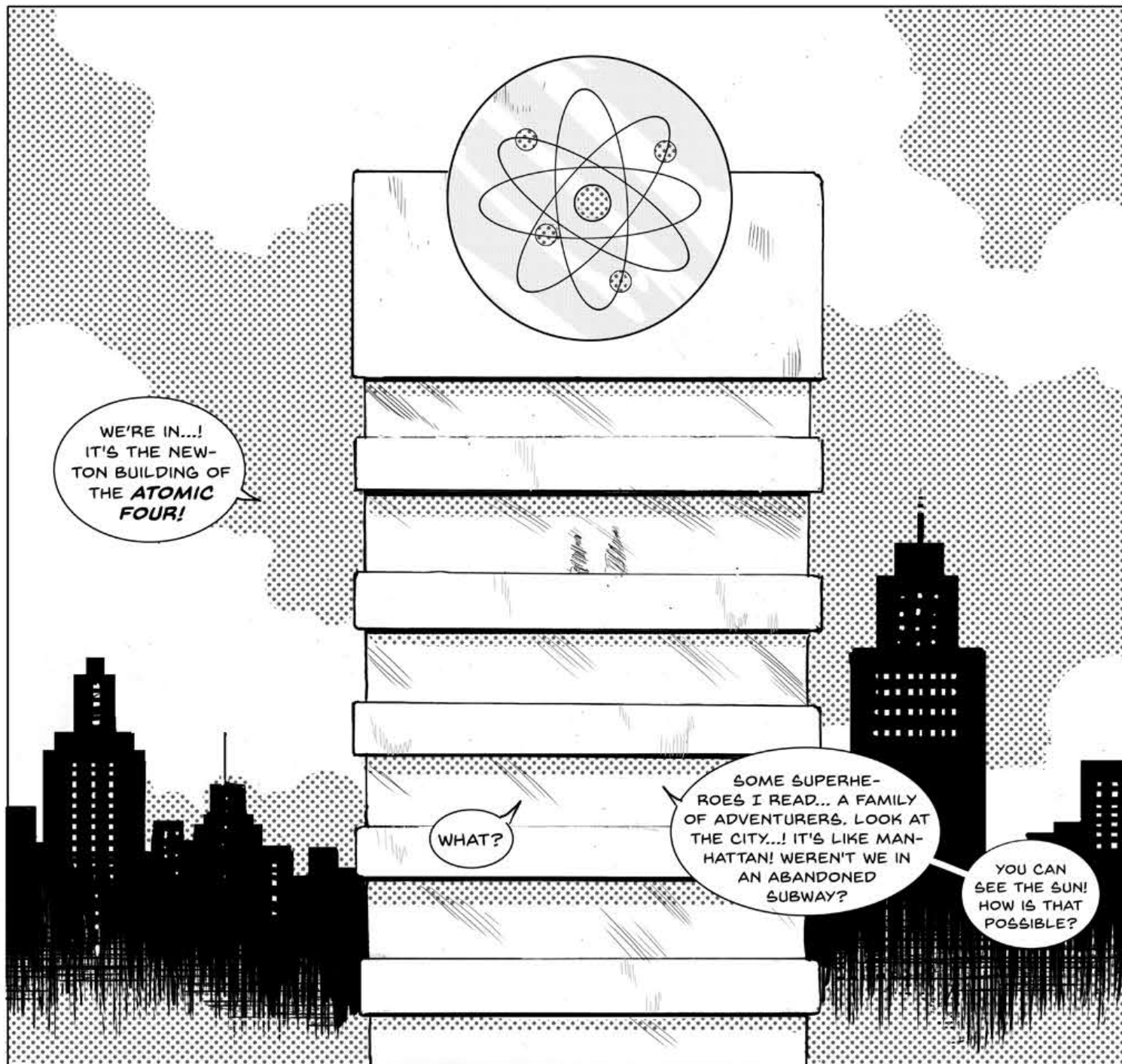
PARANORMAL EBI. AND
YOU... CABALISTS?



HEY.



LOOK!



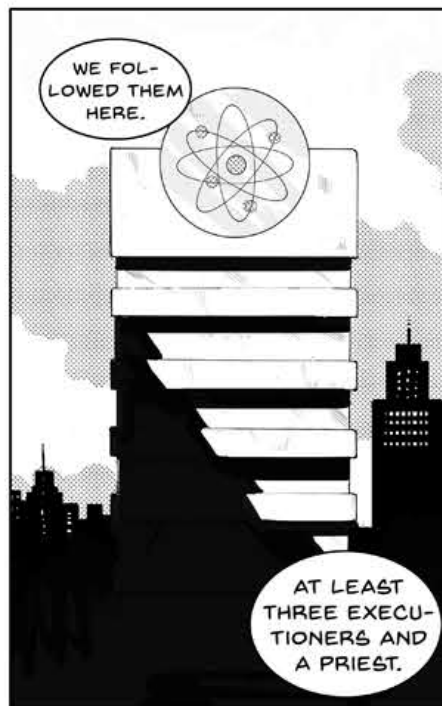


SO... DO WE TRUST HIM?

UH... I-I DON'T KNOW. IT'S... I THOUGHT...

YOU SAY THERE'S HEREMITES?

YES.



WE FOLLOWED THEM HERE.

AT LEAST THREE EXECUTIONERS AND A PRIEST.



PRIEST? A TITLE RANKING ABOVE THE PREVIOUS ONES, I GATHER.

ANYWAY. YES, I GUESS WE CAN COLLABORATE TEMPORARILY. THE ONLY THING WE PROMISED TO THOSE WHO SENT US IS TO INVESTIGATE.



HEY! I'VE ACTIVATED ONE OF ELECTRICBRAIN'S COMPUTERS. THERE'S A CLUE!

ROBBERY PATTERN. A VILLAIN IS ROBBING MUSEUMS AND STORES FOLLOWING A SOLAR PATTERN OR SOMETHING, **SUNSPOTS...**



AND?

THIS GUY SAYS THERE ARE HEREMITES HERE, RIGHT?

THEY MAY BE BEHIND THIS. PLUS, THERE'S ALWAYS SOME MYSTERY OR STORY IN THESE CITIES.



I MEAN, YEAH. I WASN'T WEARING THIS SHIT BEFORE.

IT WAS SUPPOSED TO BE A SHORT MISSION, AFTER THE MEET-UP WITH...!



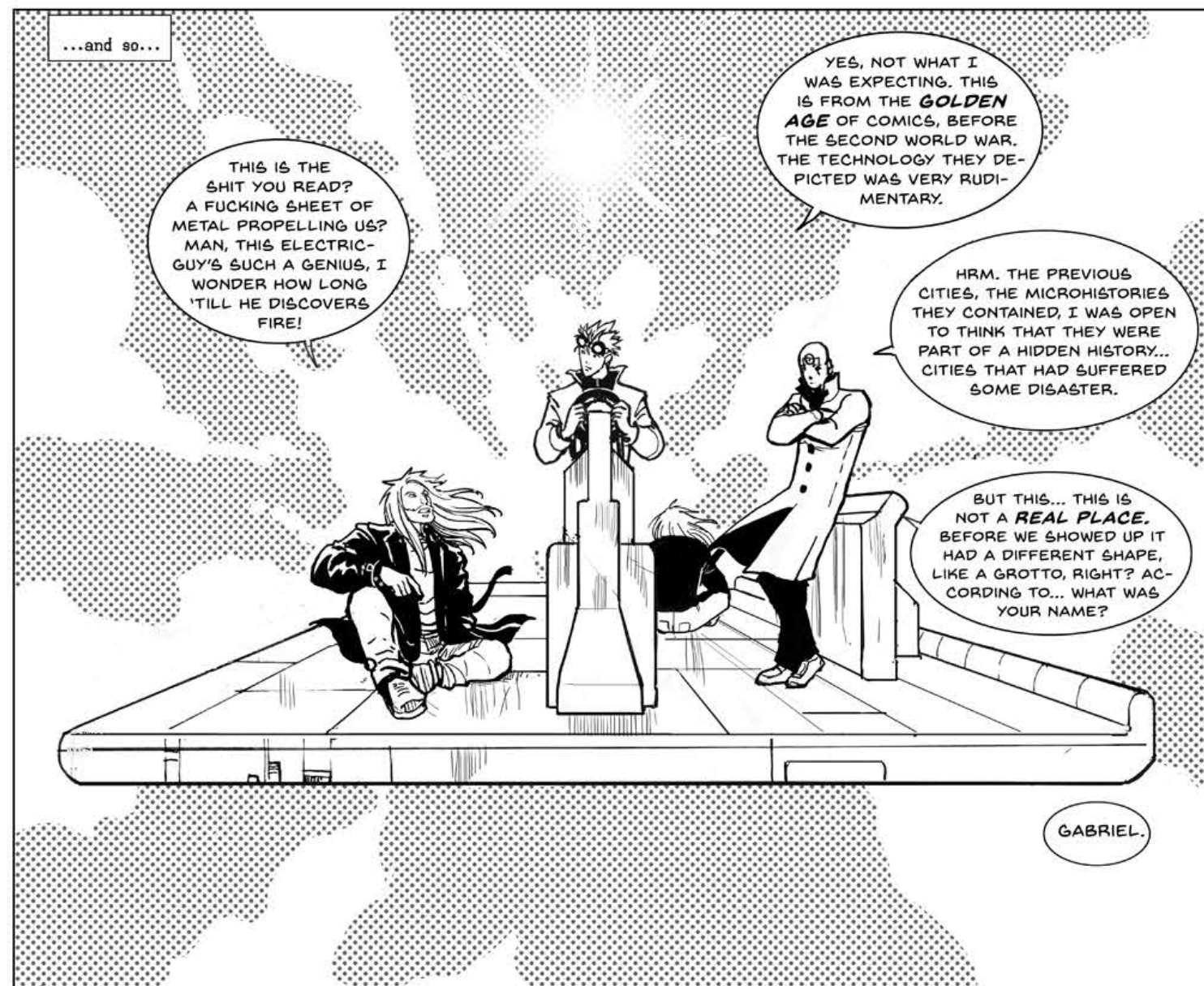
ESSEX.

HMM. YES, ESSEX. BEWARE OF DIVULGING INFORMATION IN FRONT OF A EUROPEAN UNION OFFICIAL.



LET'S GO ALREADY! NEXT ROBBERY IS HAPPENING SOON. IF THIS REALLY IS LIKE THE COMICS I READ, WE'RE GOING TO FIND A GREAT MODE OF TRANSPORTATION UPSTAIRS.

I WONDER IF WE'LL MEET ANYONE FROM THE FOUR. MISS MAGNETISM, ELECTRIC'S WIFE IS A BEAUTY... DEPENDING ON WHO WAS DRAWING HER, OF COURSE.



...and so...

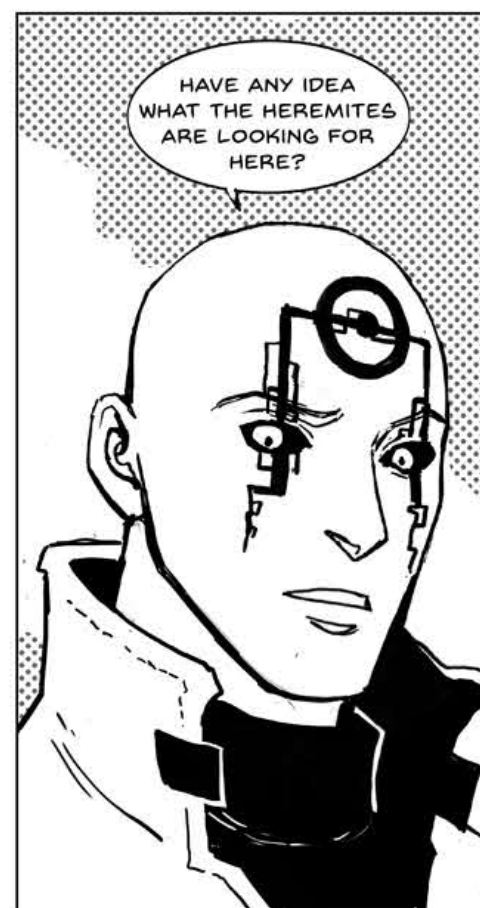
THIS IS THE SHIT YOU READ? A FUCKING SHEET OF METAL PROPELLING US? MAN, THIS ELECTRIC-GUY'S SUCH A GENIUS, I WONDER HOW LONG 'TILL HE DISCOVERS FIRE!

YES, NOT WHAT I WAS EXPECTING. THIS IS FROM THE **GOLDEN AGE** OF COMICS, BEFORE THE SECOND WORLD WAR. THE TECHNOLOGY THEY DEPICTED WAS VERY RUDIMENTARY.

HRM. THE PREVIOUS CITIES, THE MICROHISTORIES THEY CONTAINED, I WAS OPEN TO THINK THAT THEY WERE PART OF A HIDDEN HISTORY... CITIES THAT HAD SUFFERED SOME DISASTER.

BUT THIS... THIS IS NOT A **REAL PLACE**. BEFORE WE SHOWED UP IT HAD A DIFFERENT SHAPE, LIKE A GROTTO, RIGHT? ACCORDING TO... WHAT WAS YOUR NAME?

GABRIEL.



HAVE ANY IDEA WHAT THE HEREMITES ARE LOOKING FOR HERE?



INTERESTING. YOU DON'T KNOW? THE EBI TELLS ME THAT THE CABALISTS ARE AWARE OF THIS SITUATION.

SO YOU'RE NOT REALLY PART OF THEM. BUT SOMEONE SENT YOU...



WE'VE ARRIVED. HOLD ON TO SOMETHING, WE'RE LANDING.

HOLD ON TO WHAT, MY **BALLS?** THERE'S NOTHING I CAN GRAB!

SHIT DESIGN, I TELL YA.

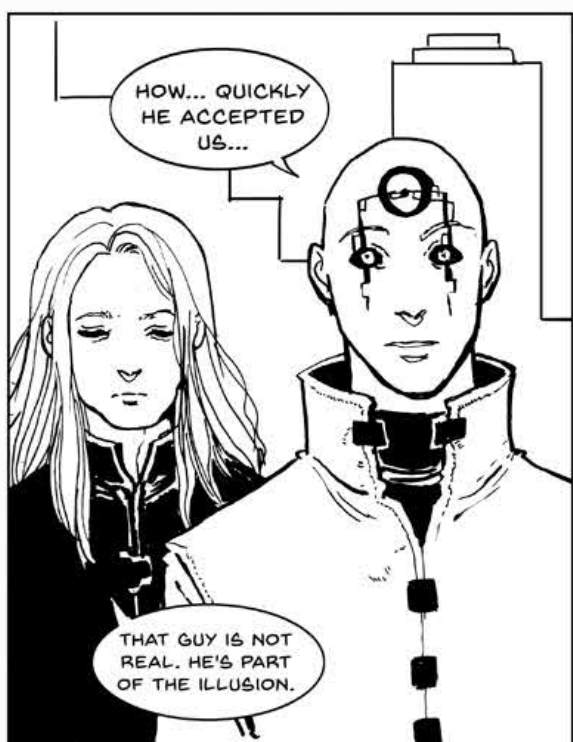


YOU'RE FINALLY HERE! THE ATOMIC FOUR'S BACKUP TEAM, BLESS BE GOD!



HEY, DID...

DOCTOR TAIYOWAI'S CRIMINAL GANG IS THERE! THE DOCTOR HAS HIS ULTRA-ADVANCED GADGETS, YOU'RE OUR **ONLY CHANCE!**

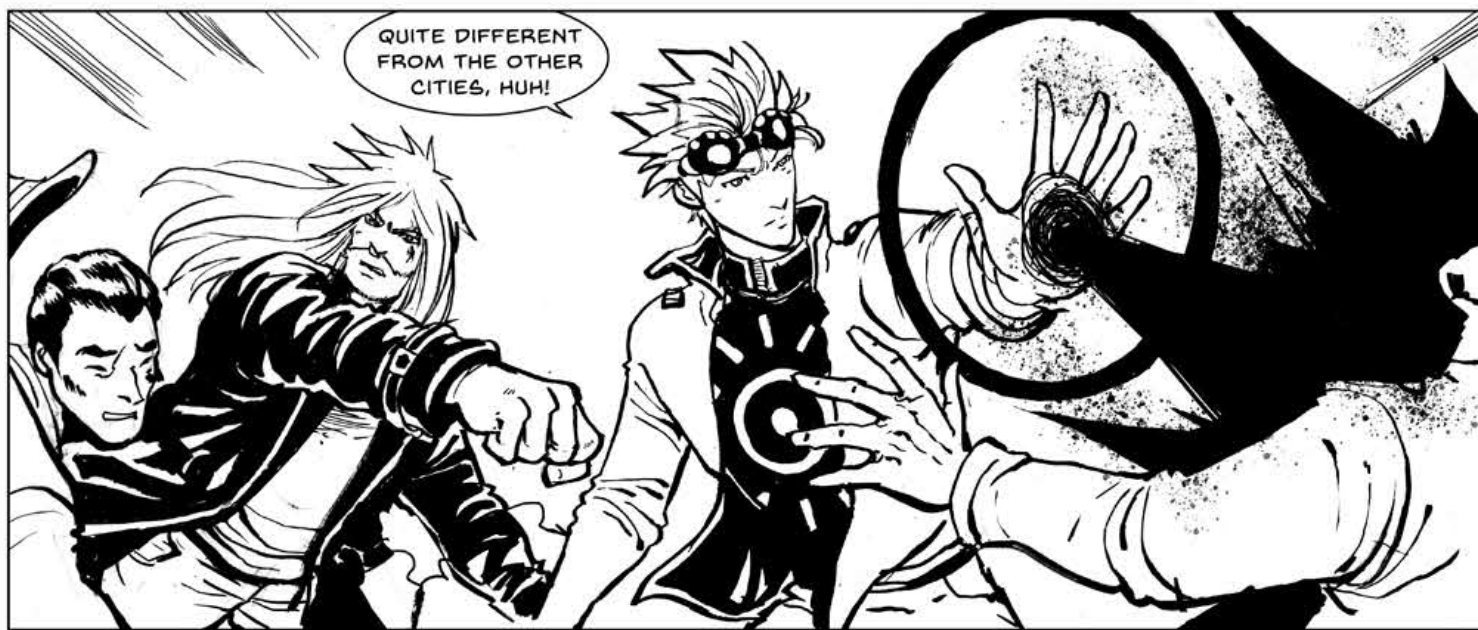


HOW... QUICKLY HE ACCEPTED US...

THAT GUY IS NOT REAL. HE'S PART OF THE ILLUSION.



AAGH! WHO DARES TO ATTACK THE BAND OF THE GREAT DOCTOR TAIYO-WAI?



QUITE DIFFERENT FROM THE OTHER CITIES, HUH!



HMM. THE HERMITES. ARE THEY SEARCHING ONE OF THE ELEMENTS? IN THE OTHER CITIES THERE WERE THE EARTH AND WATER ONES.

THERE ARE STILL FIRE AND AIR...



COLD. THE HERMITES DON'T SEEM INTERESTED IN THESE ARTIFACTS...

...YOU REALLY DON'T KNOW WHY THEY'RE HERE?



COME ON, KNUCKLE DRAGGERS! USE THE PHOTOVARIC READER MACHINES FASTER, I NEED THE **X-DIAMONDS** THAT WILL ALLOW ME TO CREATE THE INTERDIMENSIONAL MACHINE!

ELECTRICBRAIN! MISS MAGNETISM AND HER BROTHER THE FROZEN MAN! AND THEIR "PET", THE DRAGON! I WILL DEFEAT THEM ONE BY ONE, AND SEND THEM TO THE INFERNAL DIMENSION!

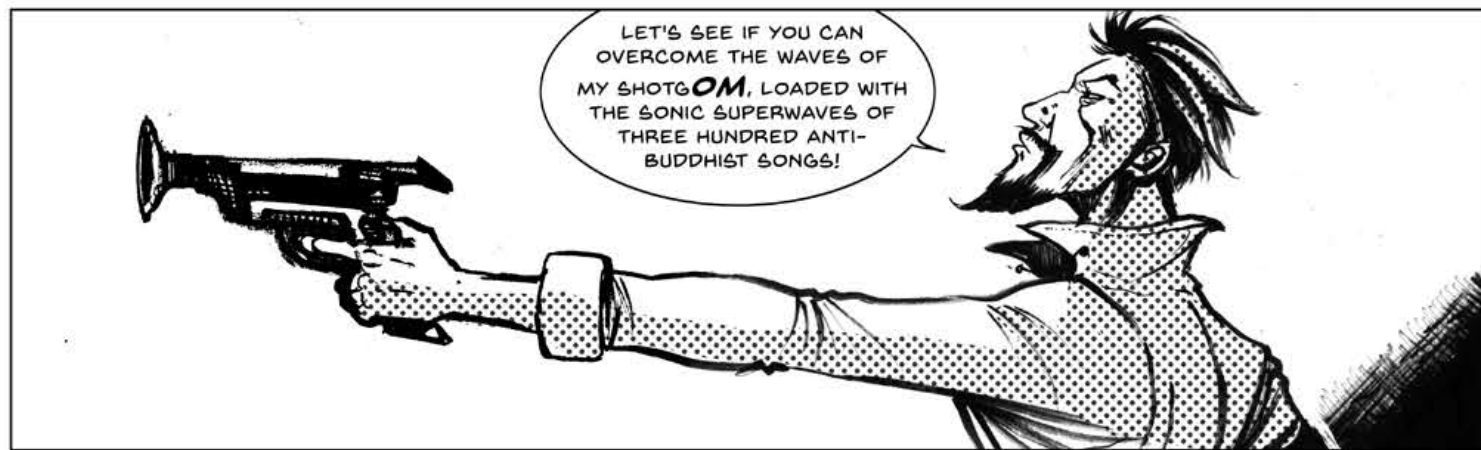


HA, HOW NOSTALGIC. I DIDN'T EVEN READ MUCH OF THIS, BUT IT'S LIKE SEEING THE BEGINNING OF IT ALL...



GOŠHDARNIT! THE PATRIOTIC ATOMIC FOUR SUBSTITUTES, JUST WHEN I WAS ABOUT TO DESIGN MY MOST **TERRIBLE AND WICKED MACHINE!**

I HAD TUNED INTO A DIMENSIONAL FREQUENCY OF **SODOMY-PRONE COMMUNIST DEMONS**, WITH WHOM I WOULD OVERTHROW THE GREAT AMERICAN NATION!



LET'S SEE IF YOU CAN
OVERCOME THE WAVES OF
MY SHOTGUN, LOADED WITH
THE SONIC SUPERWAVES OF
THREE HUNDRED ANTI-
BUDDHIST SONGS!



WHAT...

W-WATCH
OUT!



CHRIST! YOUR THEO-
LOGICAL-SOCIAL DIS-
POSITION HAS PRO-
TECTED YOU FROM
MY SONIC SUPER-
WAVES!

IT IS INDEED
DIFFICULT TO
DESTROY THE
AMERICAN
SPIRIT!



YOU'VE ALREADY BLURTED
OUT YOUR PLAN OUT LOUD, BUT
TELL ME, WERE YOU WORKING
WITH ANYONE ELSE?

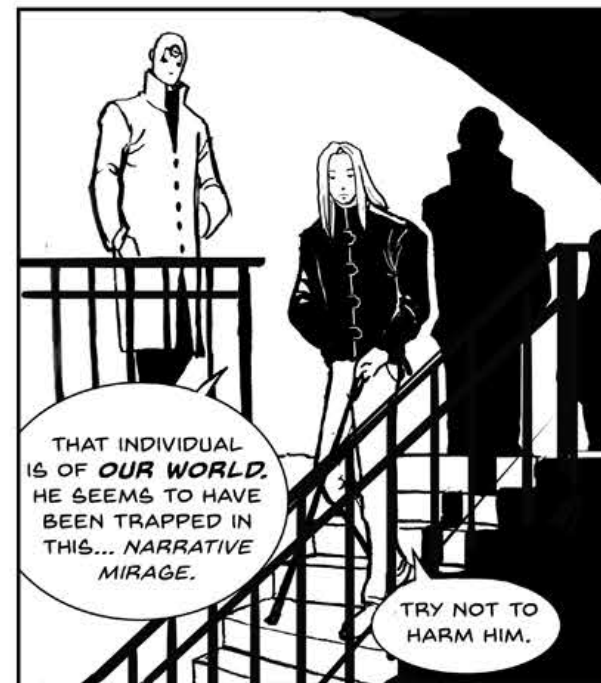
ANYONE ELSE?
DO YOU THINK A
GENIUS LIKE ME
NEEDS SUPE-
RIORS?

JUST BECAUSE
THE FOUR DEMONS
TOLD ME HOW TO USE
THE X-DIAMONDS TO
OPEN A PORTAL DOESN'T
MEAN THAT MY IMPLA-
CABLE GENIUS IS NOW
PLACABLE!



WELL,
IN THAT
CASE...

CAREFUL,
BOY.



THAT INDIVIDUAL
IS OF *OUR WORLD*.
HE SEEMS TO HAVE
BEEN TRAPPED IN
THIS... NARRATIVE
MIRAGE.

TRY NOT TO
HARM HIM.



AH, SURE. ANOTHER
ONE YOU CAN USE TO
INJECT SHADOWGENE,
EH?

IS IT TRUE,
DOCTOR? ARE
YOU FROM
OUR WORLD?

UH?



YES, I PERCEIVE
HIM DIFFERENT FROM
THE REST. BUT... THAT
MEANS WE ARE
IN *DANGER*,
RIGHT?

WE CAN GET
STUCK IN THIS...
STORY.



C'MON. IT'S
A COMIC BOOK,
WE'RE NOT TALKING
MADAME BOVARY
HERE.



ISN'T THIS A LITTLE WEIRD?
THE OTHER TWO CITIES WERE... I
DON'T KNOW, THEY SEEMED
MORE... SOLID.

YES, THIS... IS A BIT
CONFUSING. IF THE CITIES
ARE NOT CAPSULES OF A
TIME GONE BY... WHAT ARE
THEY? WHO DID THIS? THE
MAN-FROM-BEYOND?



HM? ADAM. CAN YOU LOOK BEHIND YOU? NEAR YOUR FEET.

IT'S... SOMETHING STRANGE, LIKE A SOURCE OF... DISTORTION.



HM? OH. YEAH, I SEE IT...



DOCTOR, WE'LL AVEN... OUFF!



DON'T TOUCH THAT, YOU MADMAN! THAT ARTIFACT IS PART OF THEIR DIMENSION. IT CAME WITH THE HOLOGRAMMATIC APPARITION OF THE DEMONS, IT CAN DESTROY REALITY!

CALM DOWN, BOSS, OR I'LL WHIP YOU.



BRING THAT HERE. MY THIRD EYE SEES IT... ILLUMINATED.



YES, IT'S... WELL, A COMIC PAGE. I SEE IT THAT WAY, AT LEAST.



WELL, WELL.



IF IT ISN'T OUR OLD FRIEND.

The ORIGINS of the EBI! Part 2



SAUNIÈRE, EVILDOER OF THE DARK ARTS! YOUR REIGN OF TERROR IN FRANCE IS ABOUT TO COME TO AN END...

...AT THE HANDS OF JOHN DEE III, KNIGHT OF THE MYSTIC ARTS, ASTROLOGER TO THE ENGLISH CROWN AND POTTER OF HIGH REPUTE!

GEE WHIZ! JOHN DEE AND KELLEY, THE SPECTER. WHAT A CHALLENGE TO MY PUGILISTIC SKILLS!

Be prepared, dear reader! This thrilling battle of the titans has only just begun...



...with Saunière striking with the fury of a thousand titans!

OH, MY GOD, HE HIT ME WITH THE FURY OF A THOUSAND TITANS!

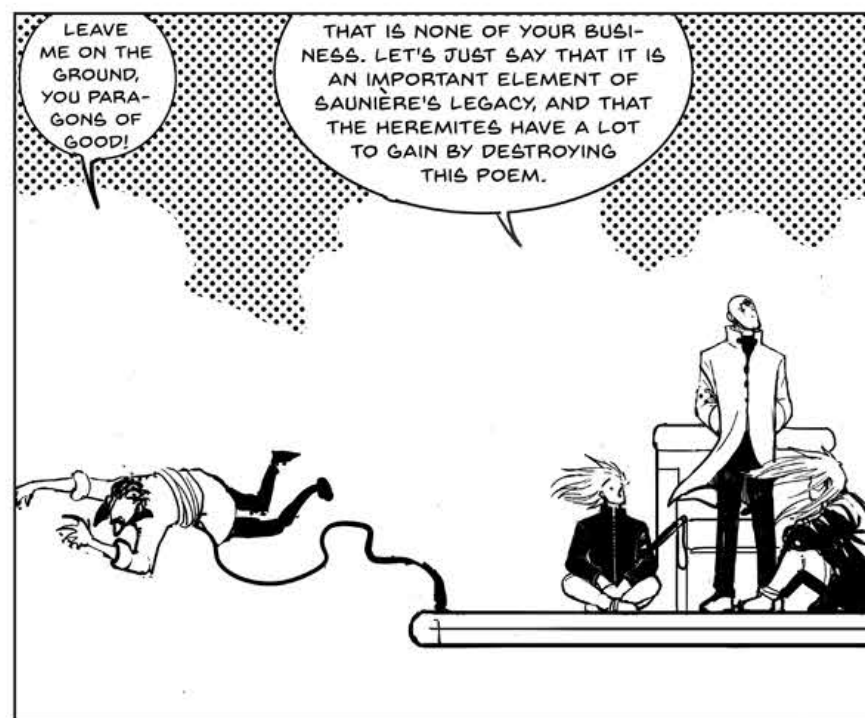
...TOO BAD MY JAW HAS THE RESISTANCE OF A THOUSAND AND ONE TITANS, SAUNIÈRE!



WHAT WILL YOU DO NOW, YOU BARBARIC FRENCH ANTI-MONARCHIST, NOW THAT MY SPECTRE CAUGHT YOU!

BY THE REPUBLICAN ANTI-GODS! WHAT SHALL I DO NOW THAT HE HAS CAUGHT ME? WHAT SHALL I DO?!

Good question, Saunière! What shall you DO?



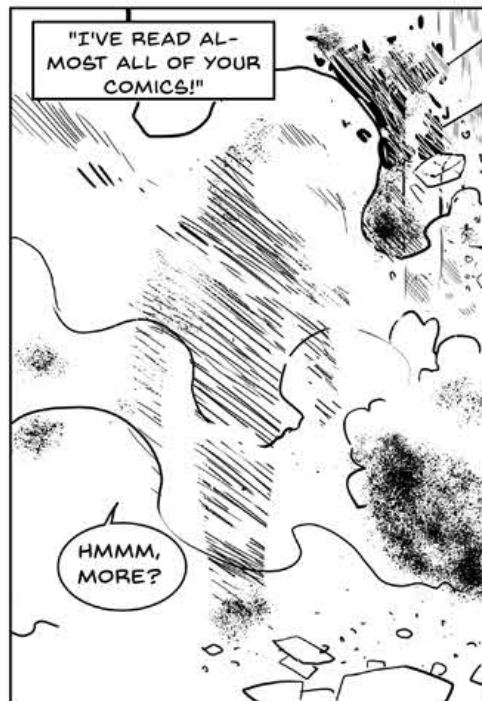


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I... GOT YA!

HEY! THEY WERE RIGHT... IT'S MR. MAGIC! REMEMBER HIM?

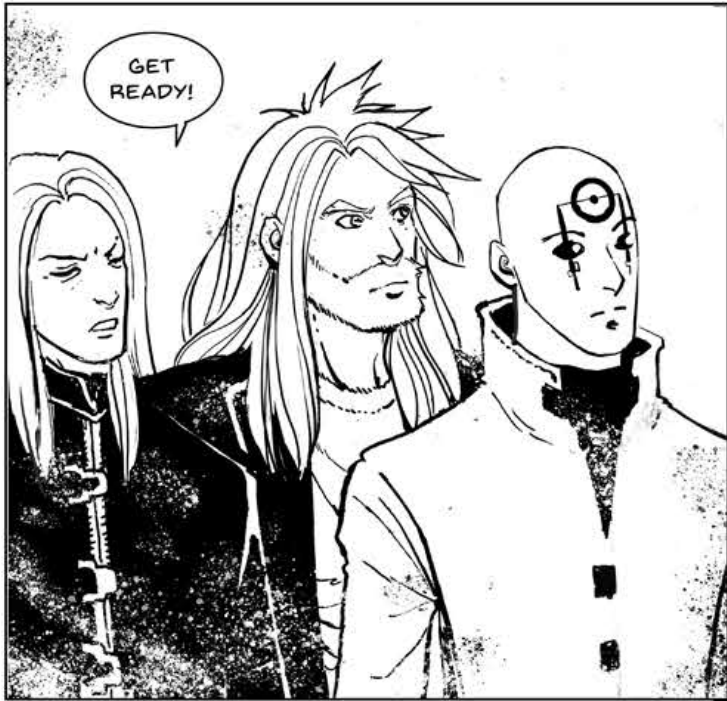


"I'VE READ ALMOST ALL OF YOUR COMICS!"

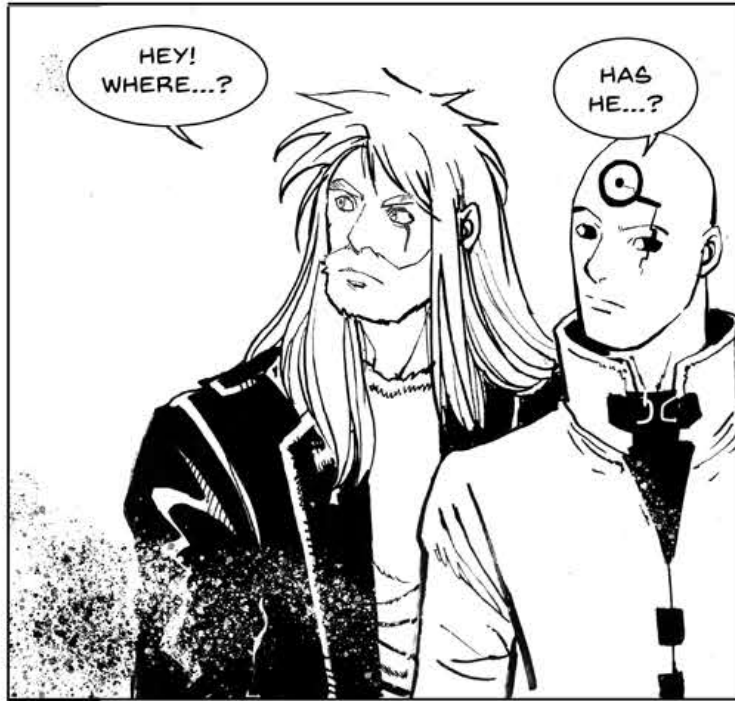
HMMM, MORE?



IT NEVER REALLY ENDS.



GET READY!



HEY! WHERE...?

HAS HE...?



SURPRISE.

GHHH



BACK AT YOU.

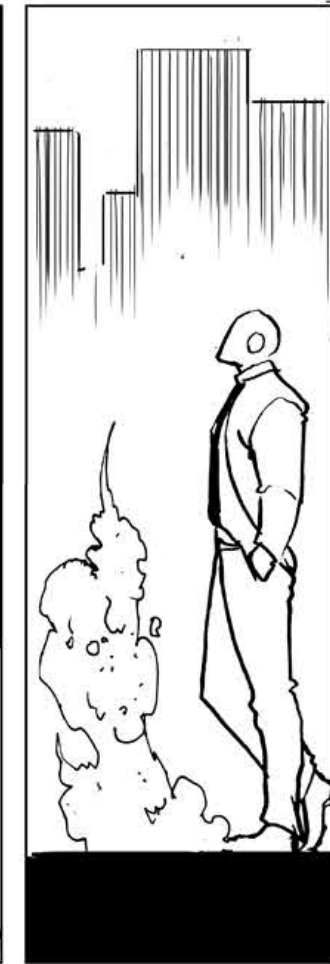
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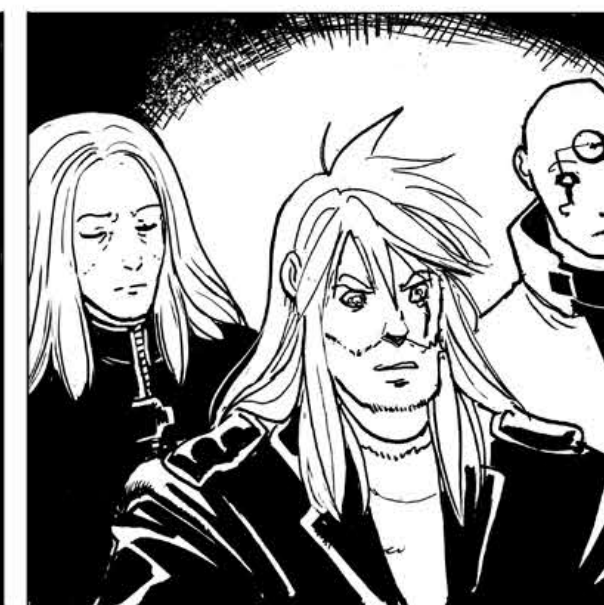
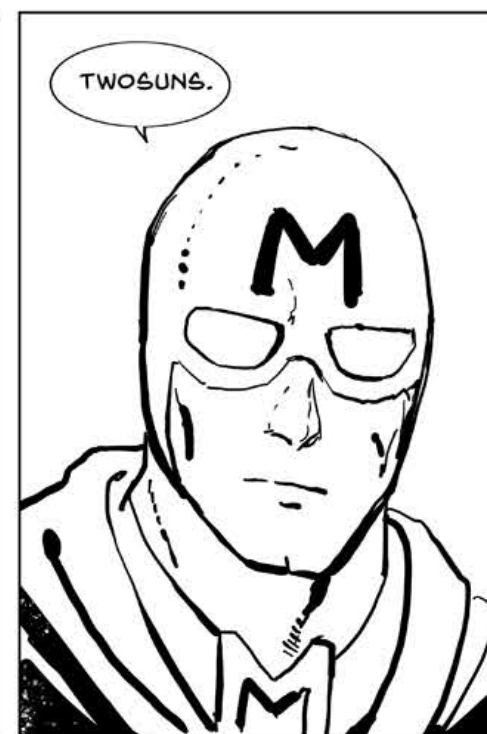
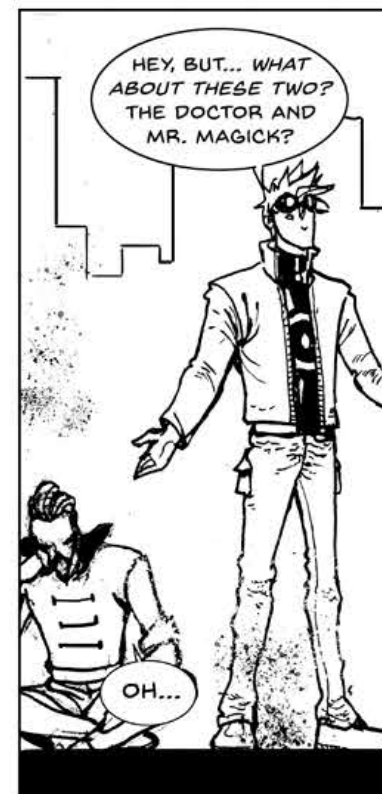
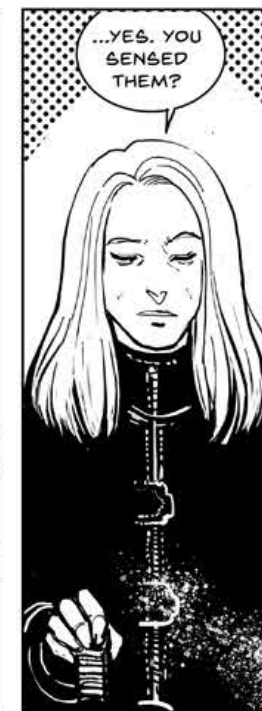
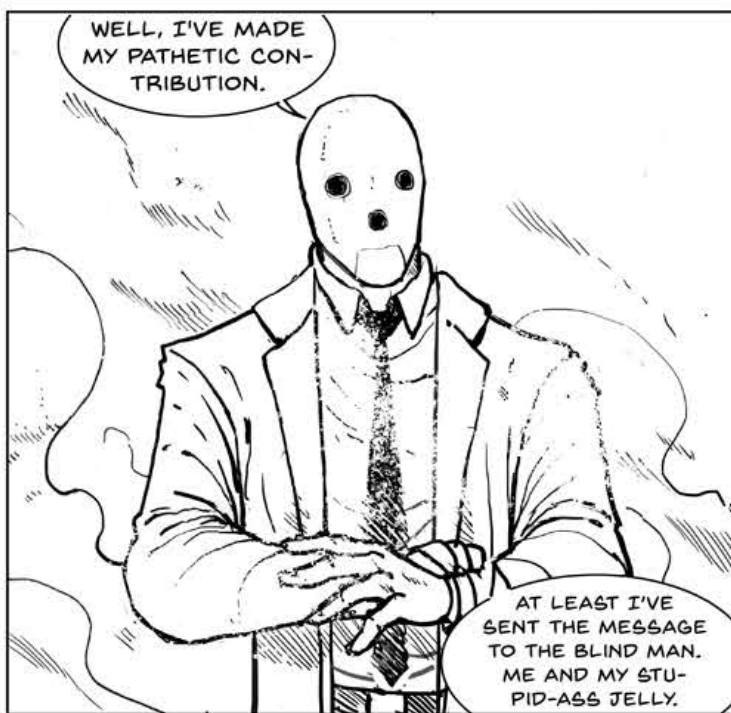
A BIT ARROGANT, DON'T YOU THINK? YOU'VE KILLED ENOUGH OF US, SO WE'VE PREPARED A TEAM FOR YOU.



HAH.

YOU LEAVING?







...TO BE CONTINUED

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