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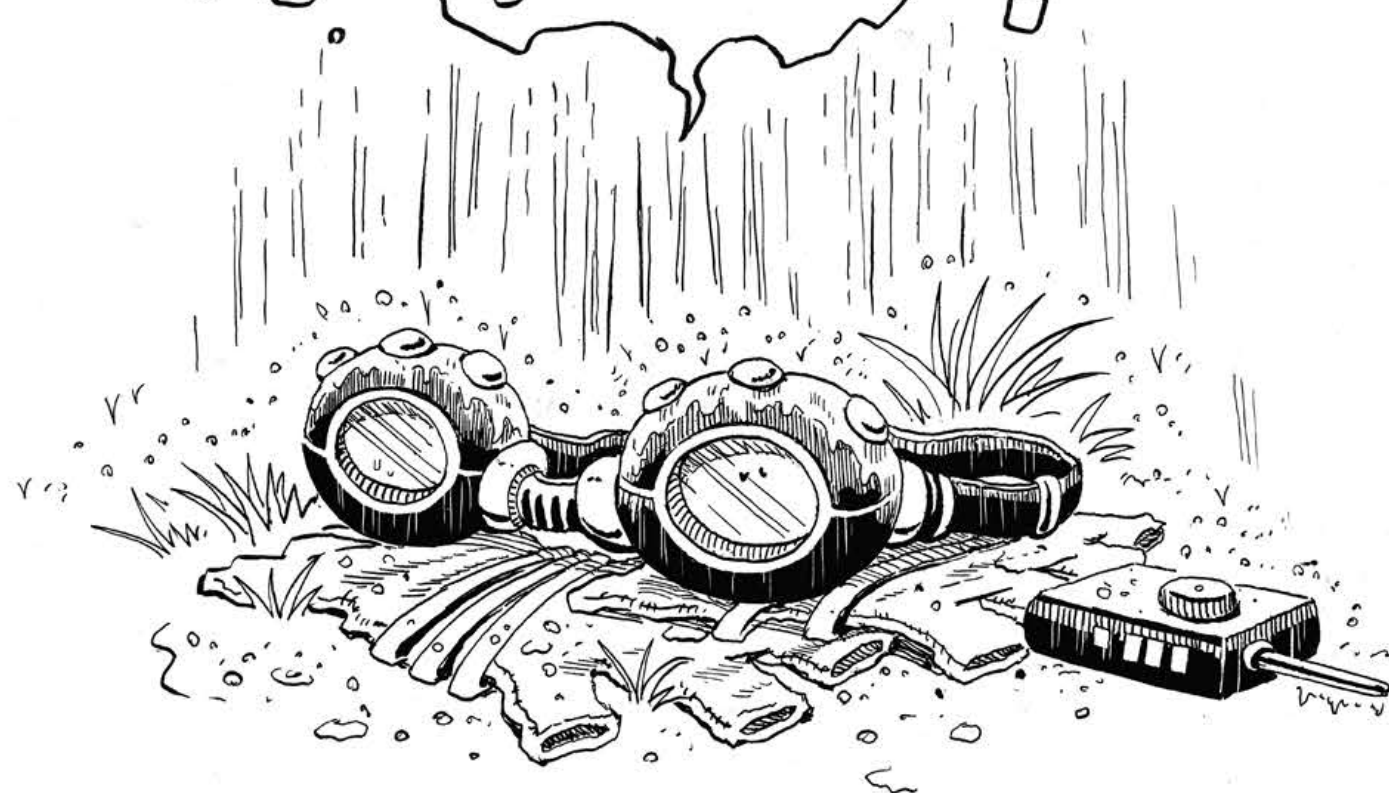
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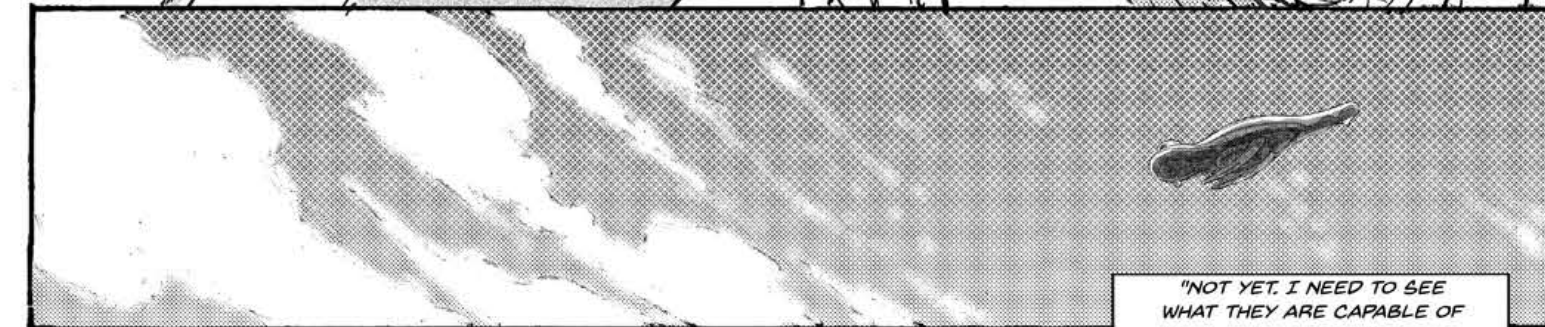
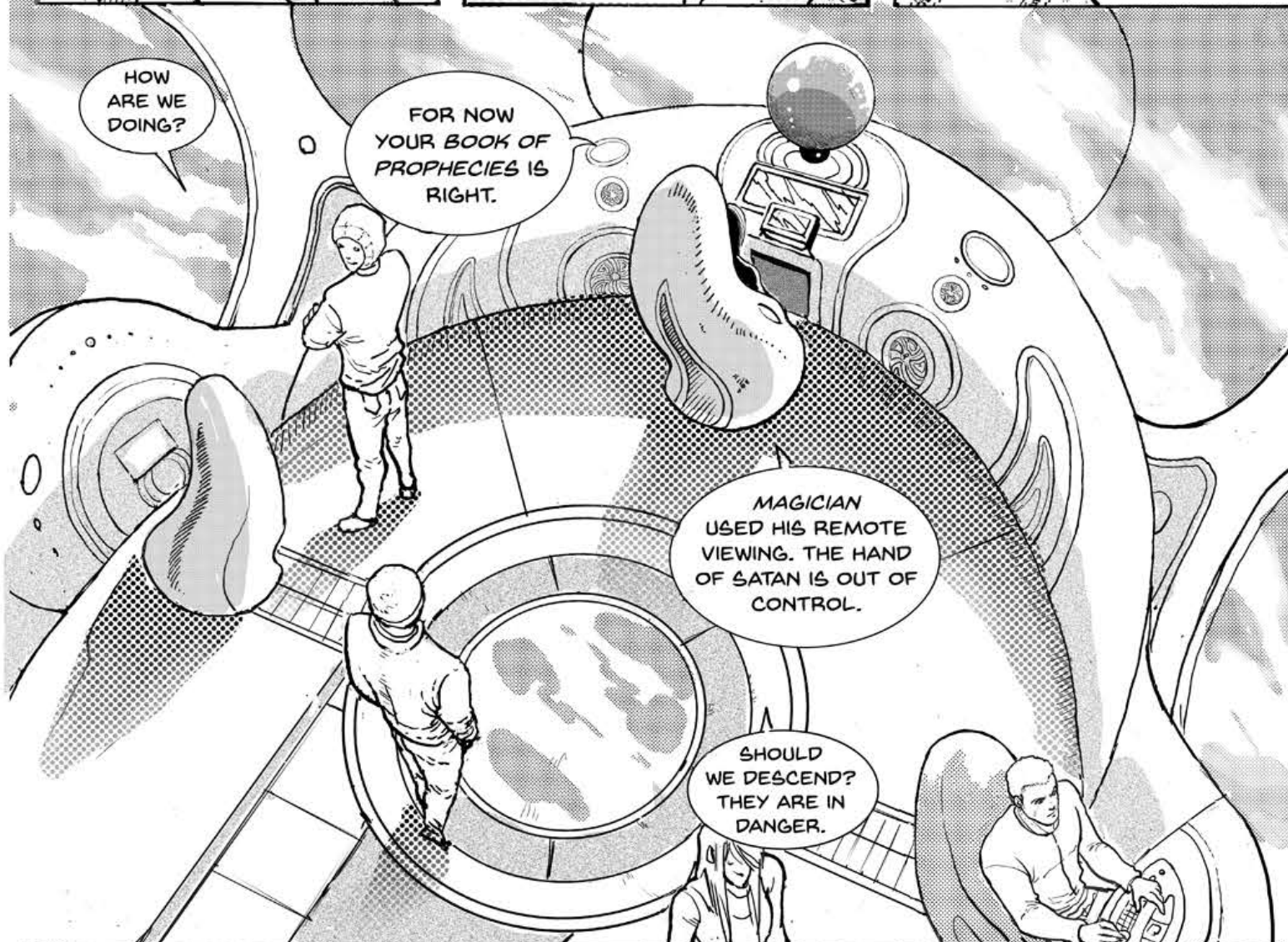
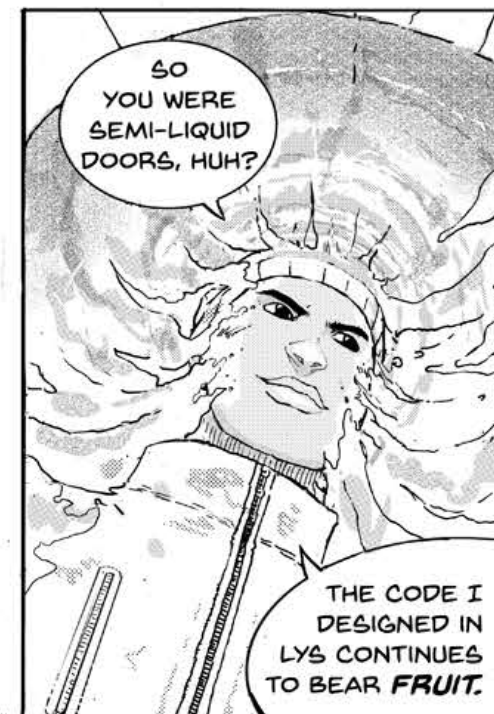
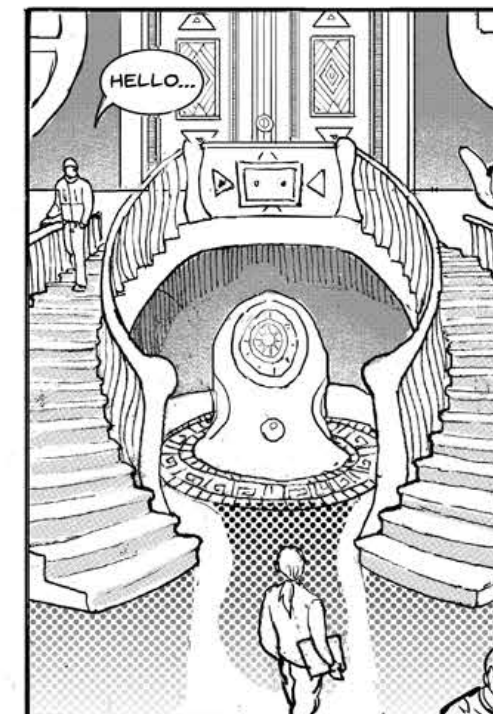
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20 MINUTES AFTER THE
INCIDENT.

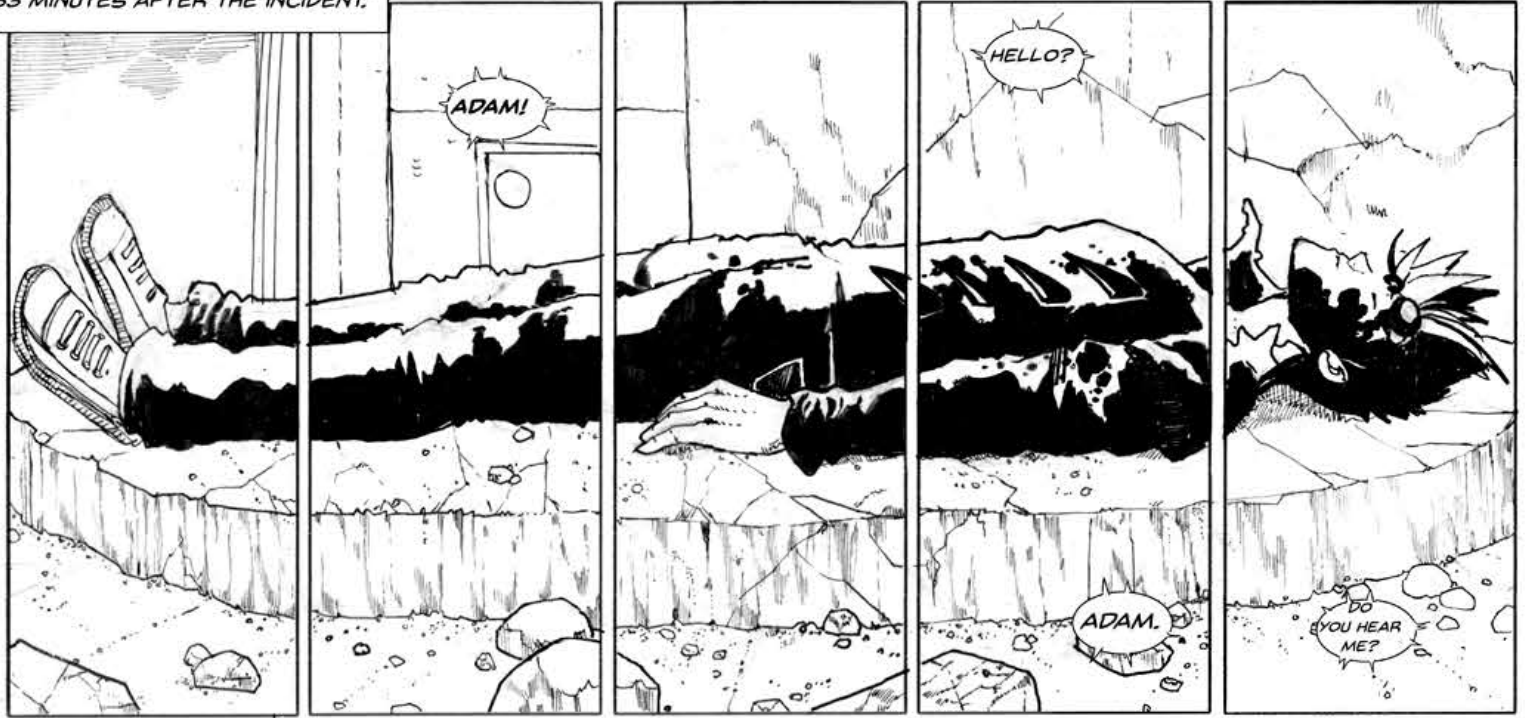


"NOT YET. I NEED TO SEE
WHAT THEY ARE CAPABLE OF
WITH THAT HAND".



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?

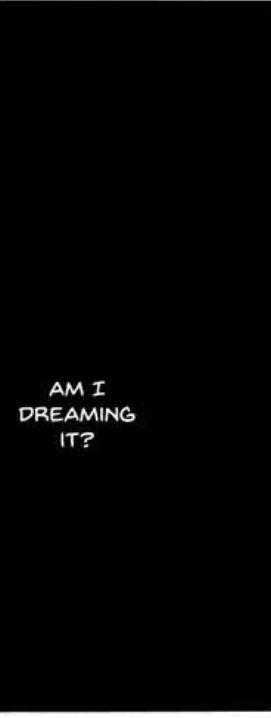
ADAM.

DO YOU HEAR ME?

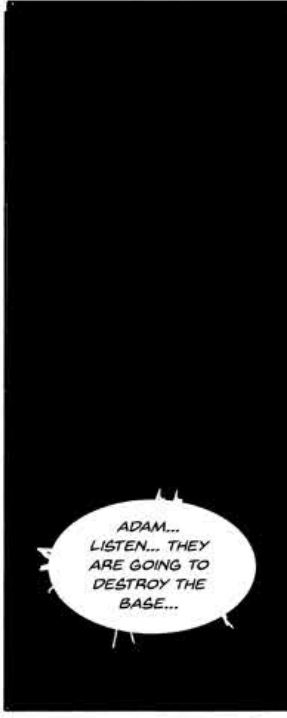


GOD, WHAT DO I DO?
ALL THE EVACUATION
SITES ARE TOO FAR...

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



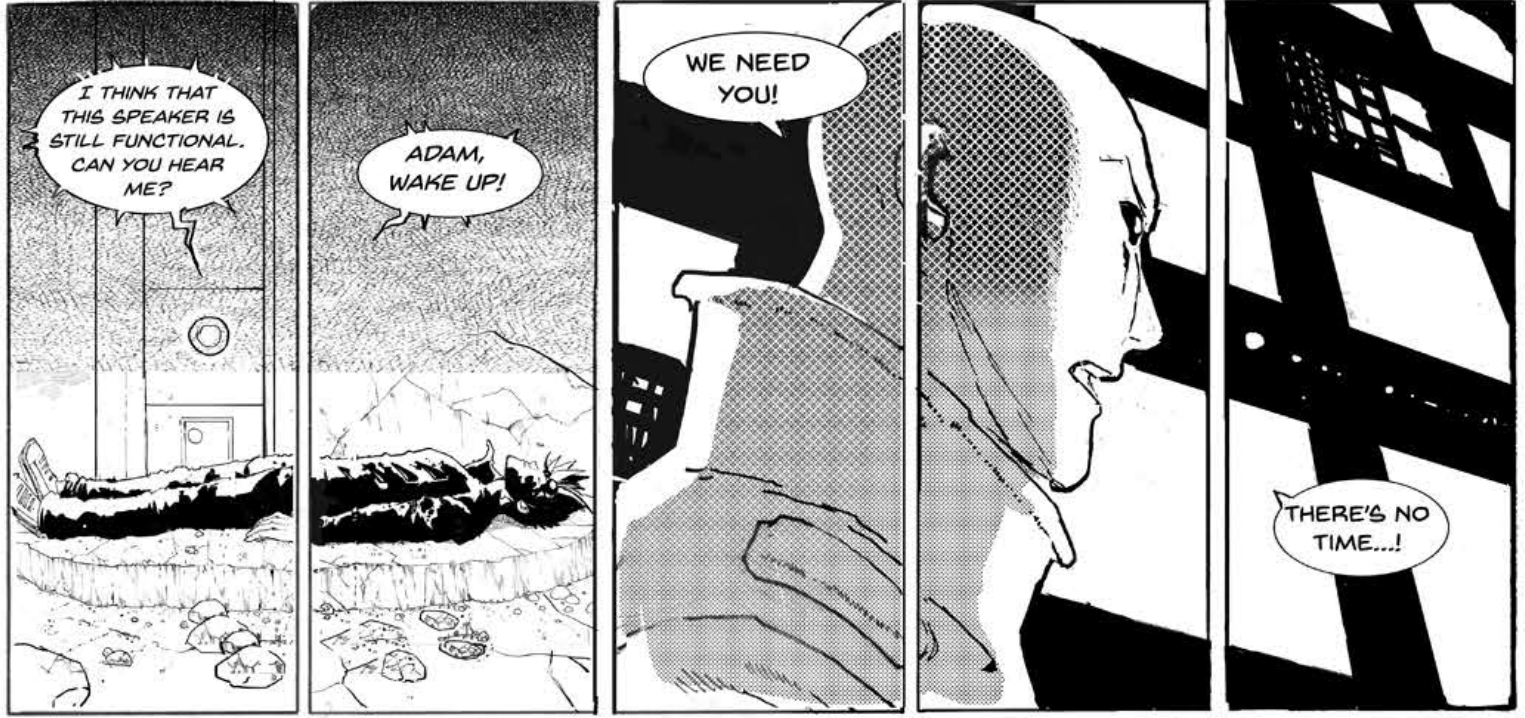
AM I
DREAMING
IT?



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



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

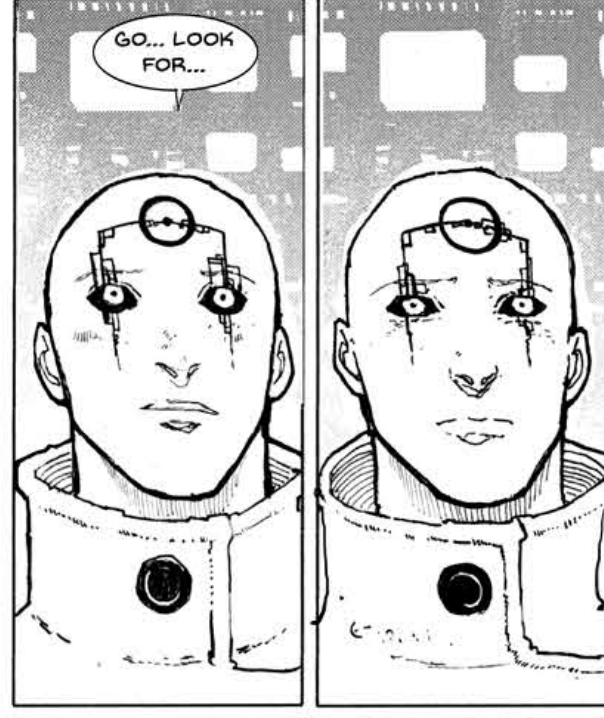


I THINK THAT
THIS SPEAKER IS
STILL FUNCTIONAL.
CAN YOU HEAR
ME?

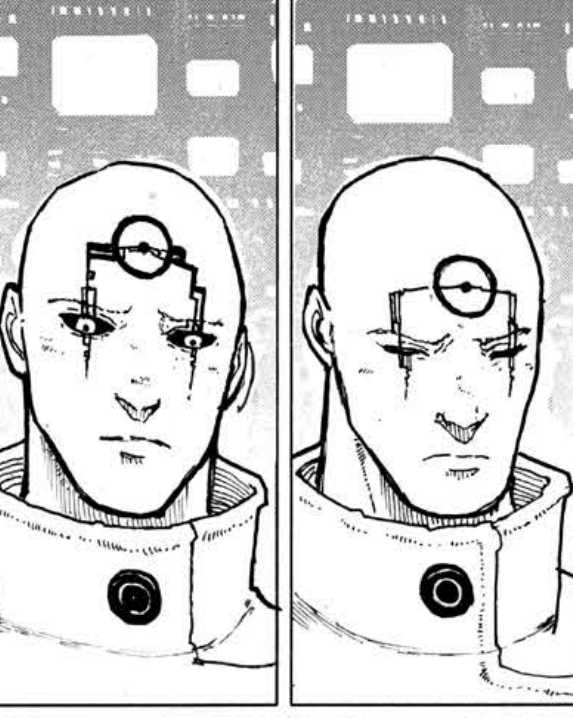
ADAM,
WAKE UP!

WE NEED
YOU!

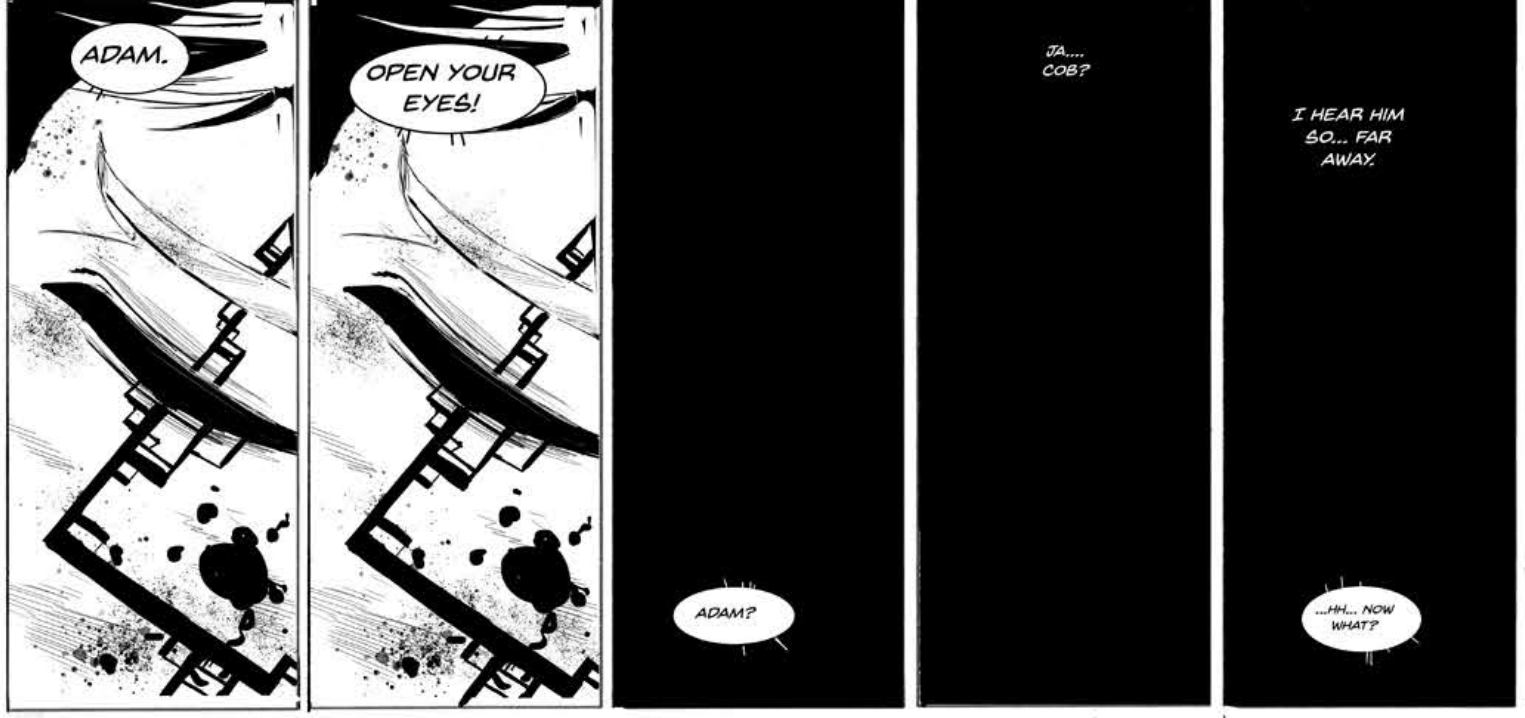
THERE'S NO
TIME...!



GO... LOOK
FOR...



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



ADAM.

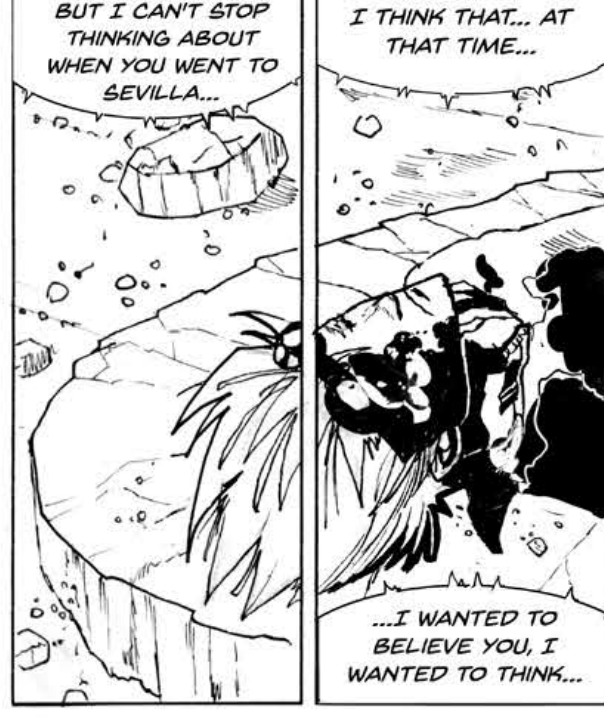
OPEN YOUR
EYES!

JA...
COB?

I HEAR HIM
SO... FAR
AWAY.

ADAM?

...HH... NOW
WHAT?



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



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

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

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

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

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

I'M SORRY.

WHAT A WAY
TO END.

BUT... DEEP
DOWN...

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

W-WE ARE TOO
FAR FROM...

ADAM?

NO.

ADAM IS
BURIED...

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

JACOB.

HE
DOESN'T...?
WHY?

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

HE BELIEVES
SHE'S DEAD...

HE CAN
BARELY HEAR
YOU, JACOB...

UNDERSTOOD.

ADAM
BELIEVES
SIGURD.

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

"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!

THE SAME WHAT?

MY ASS.

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

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...

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

WHAT?

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





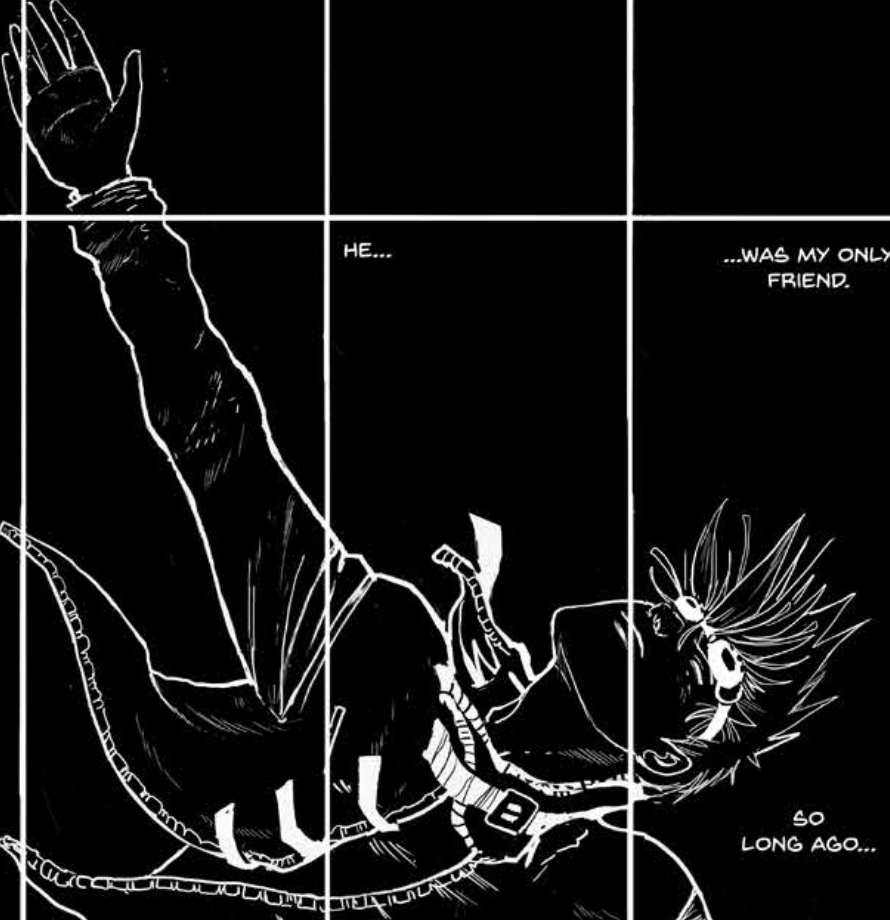
JUST
BECAUSE YOU
FEEL IT DOESN'T
MEAN YOU HAVE
TO CARRY IT
WITH YOU.

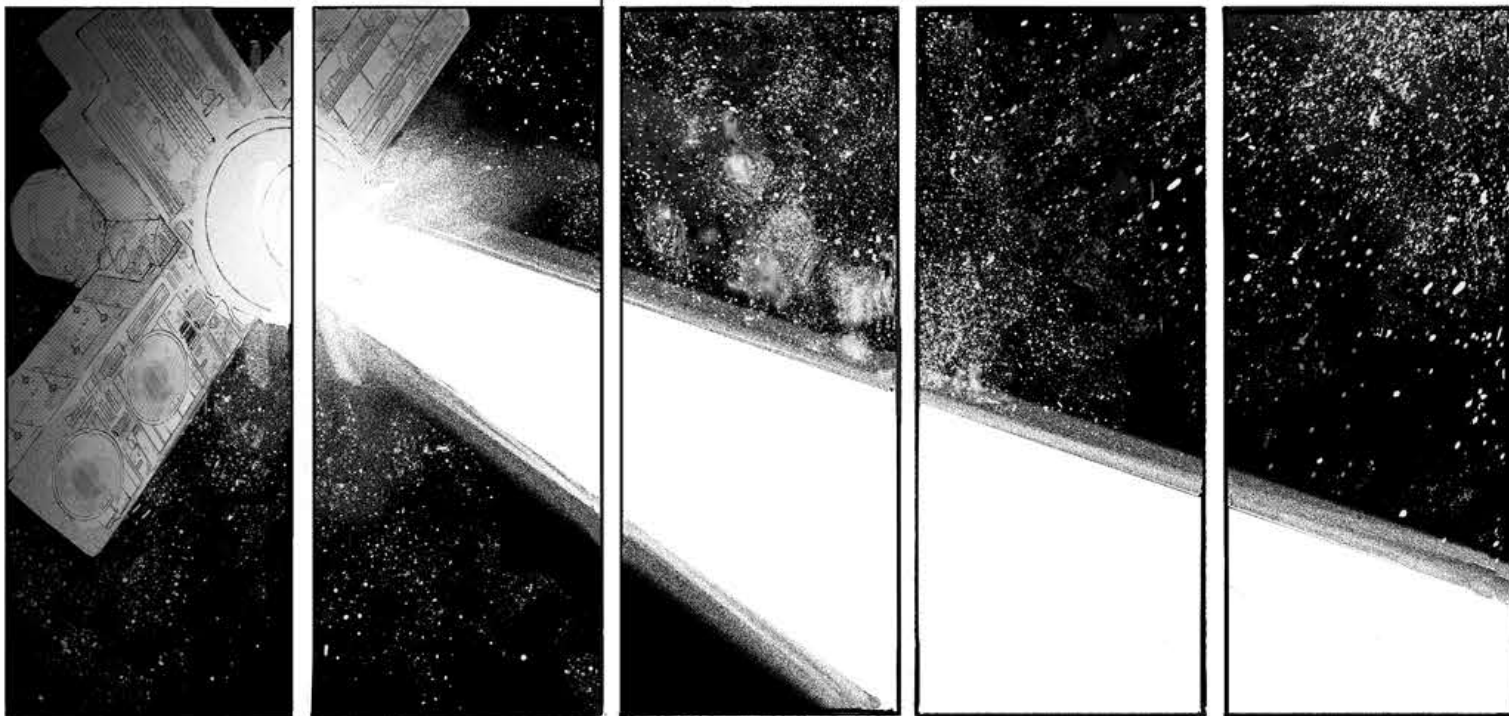
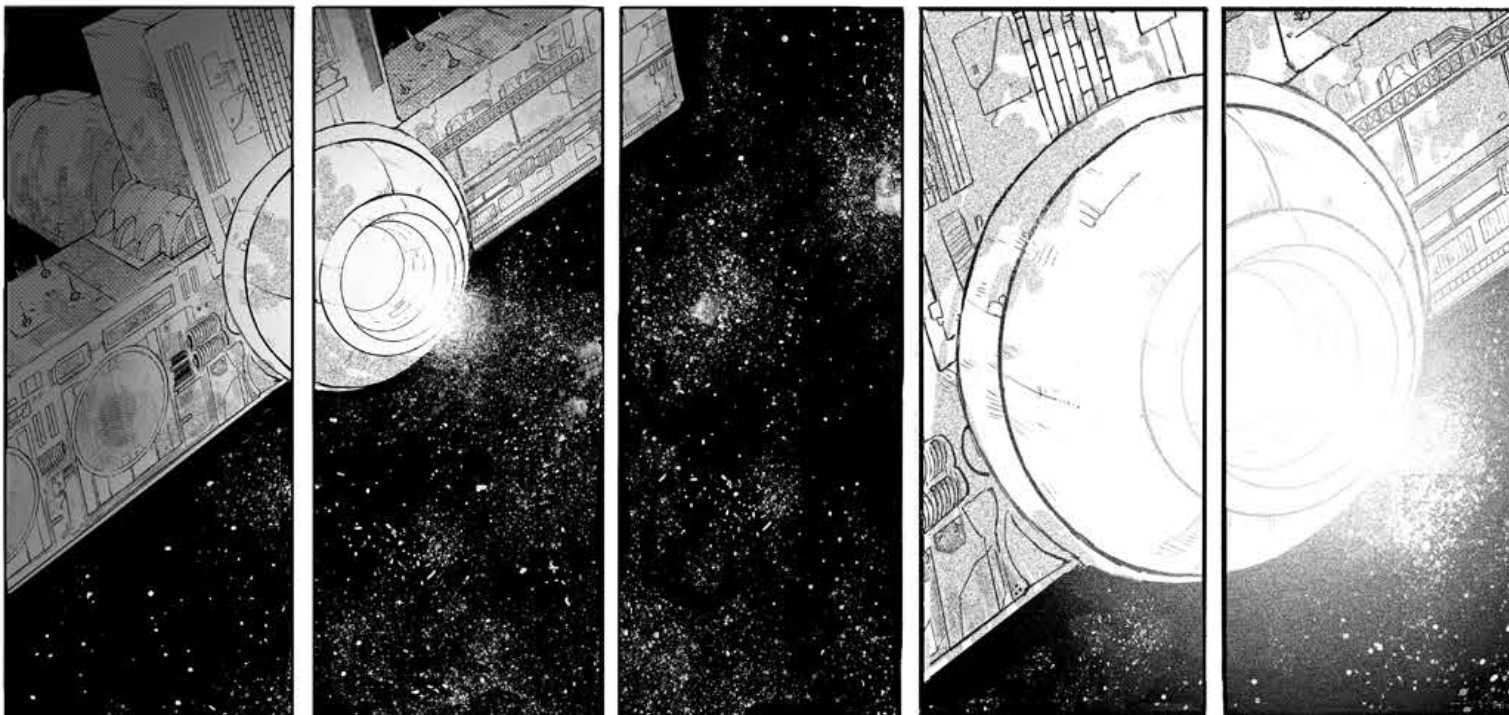
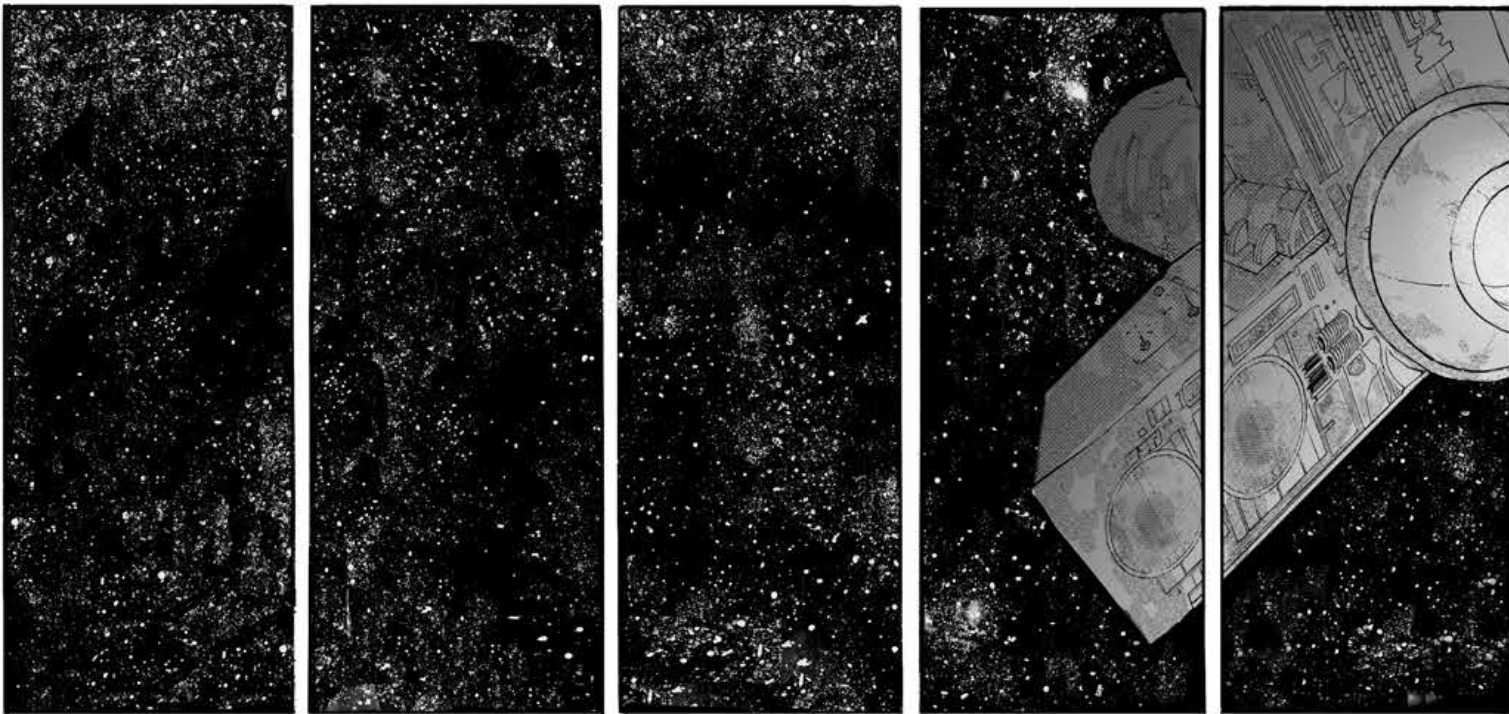
HOW IS IT NOT
MY FAULT?
SHE'S BEEN
KIDNAPPED TO
GET ME.

I
DESTROYED
HER.

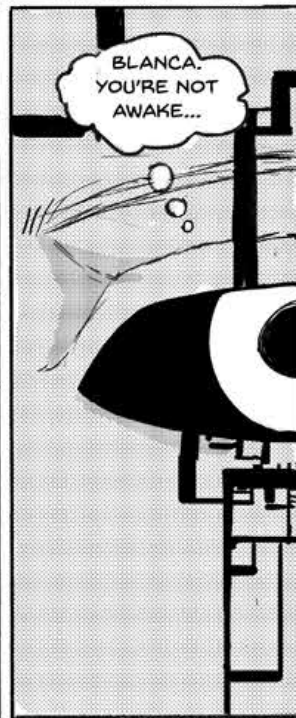
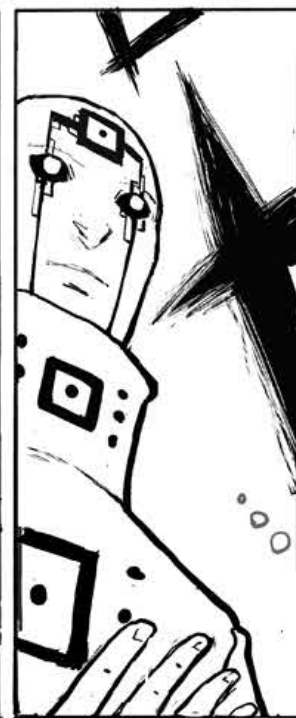
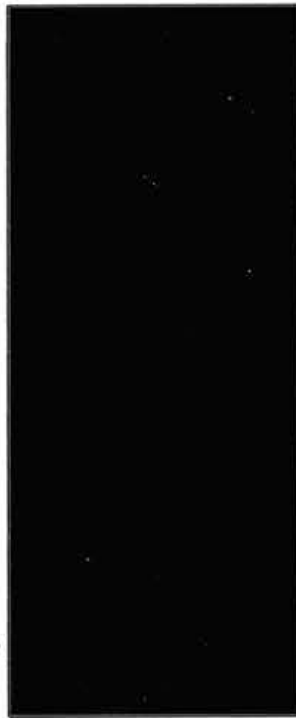
HOW?
WHAT ABOUT
BLANCA?

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.		WE'RE GOING TO DIE.		WHY CAN'T I MOVE?		WHAT DID ELLEREAS SAY? THIS HAND... ABSORBS ENERGIES. I GUESS IT'S BEEN... MONTHS, ACCUMULATING. BUT IT'S...
				I DON'T UNDERSTAND HOW SIGURD CAN DO THIS.	THE BASTARD WAS SO FUNNY WHEN HE MOCKED THE TEACHERS.		I ATTACKED ESSEX.	I THINK. MAYBE?		ARE YOU STILL HERE?
BEFORE ALL THIS.		I TAUGHT HIM MAGIC. I COULDN'T HELP MYSELF. EIGHT YEARS OLD? NINE?		ABOUT BLANCA.		SIGURD. IT'S HIM, RIGHT?		HE IS THAT POISONOUS ENERGY THAT MAKES ME...	OR THE HEREMITES.	IF HE'S LYING ABOUT BLANCA...
		HE... HE TOLD THE TRUTH,		THAT SHE REALLY IS...	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...		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.	
	...HE WOULD BE USING HER.			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:
1 MINUTO, 10 SEGUNDOS.

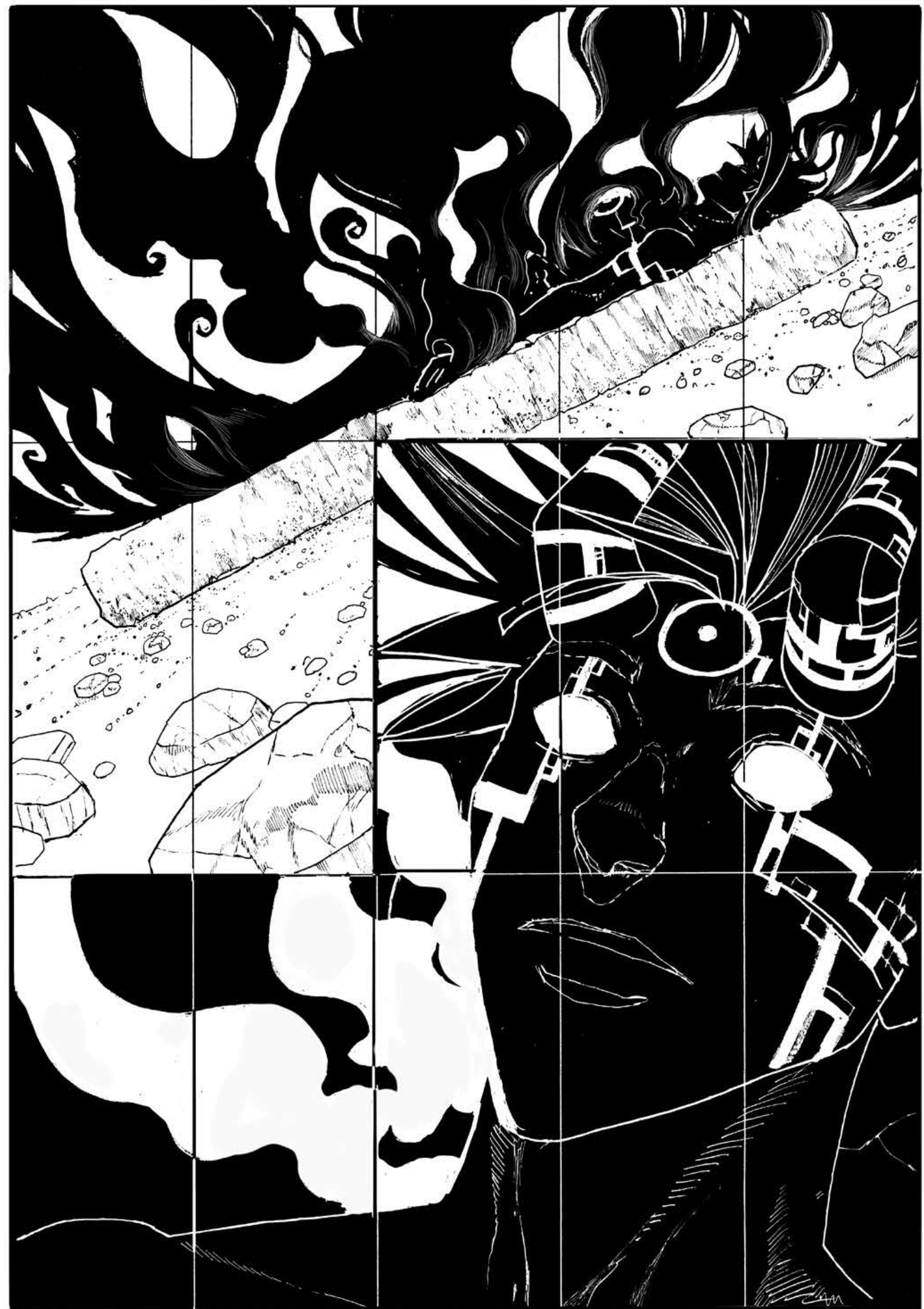


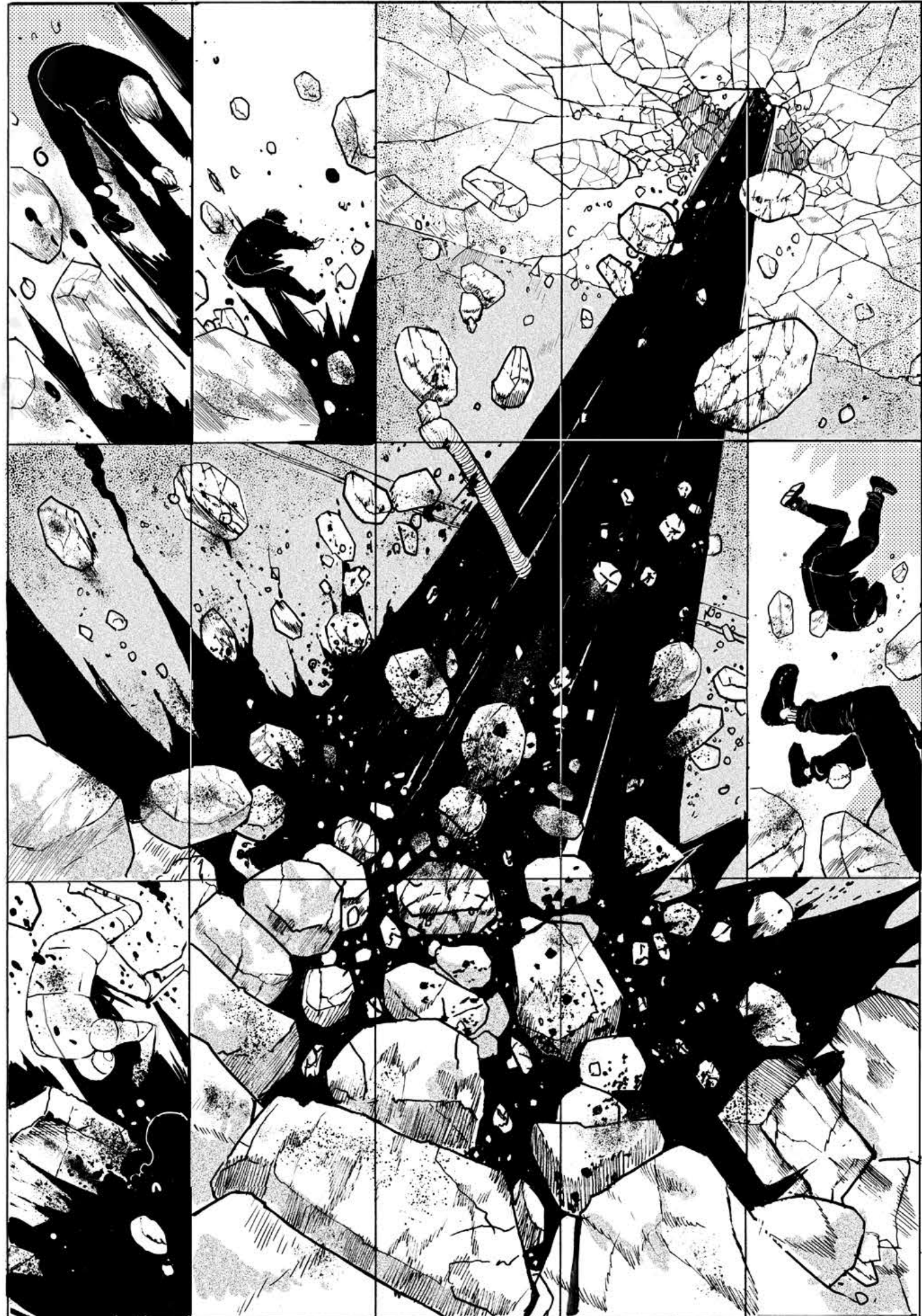
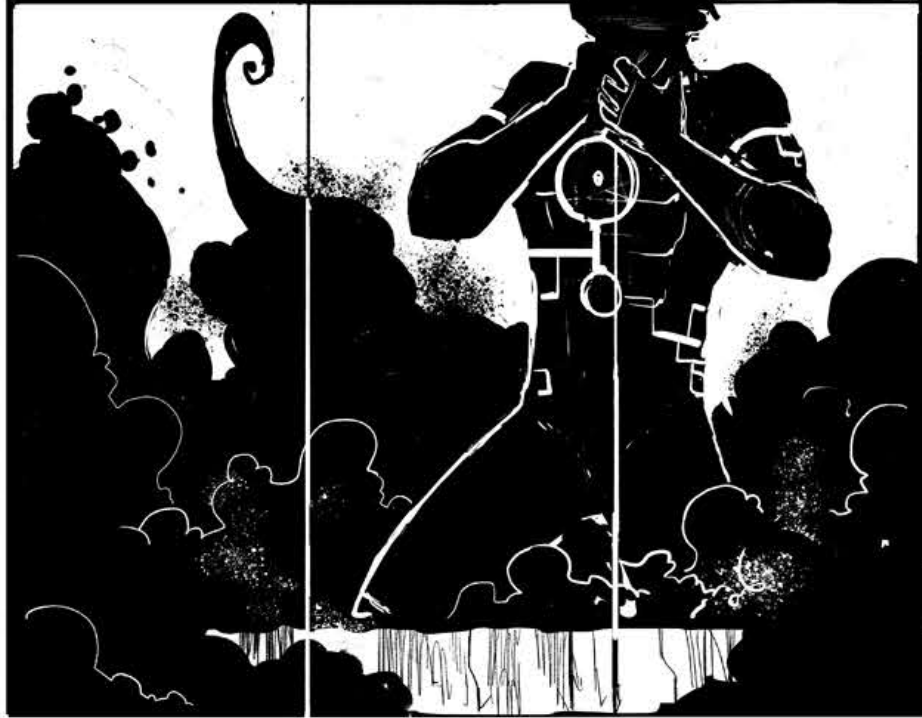
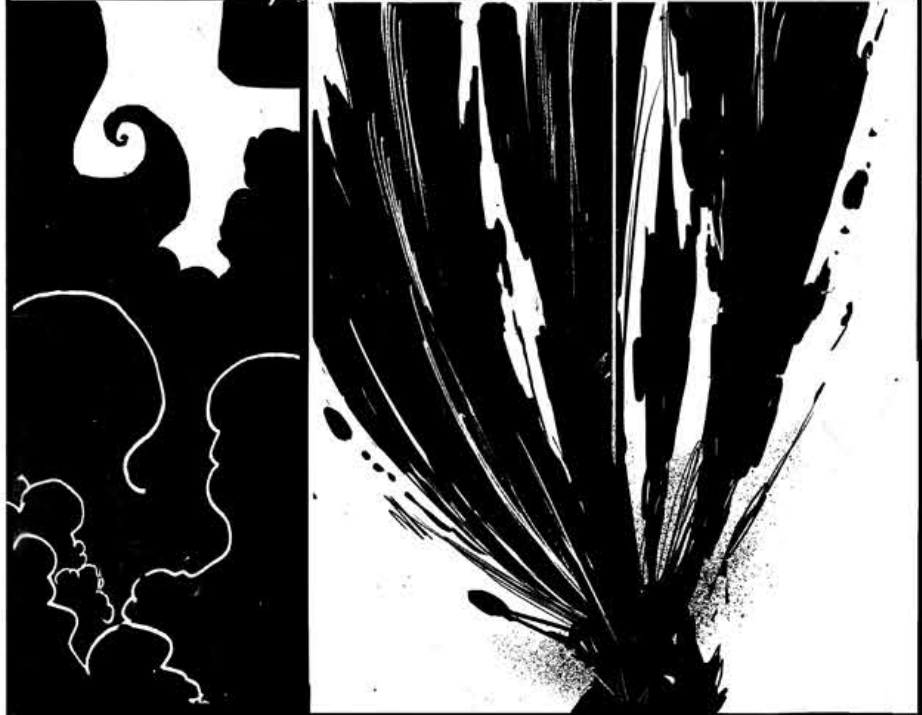
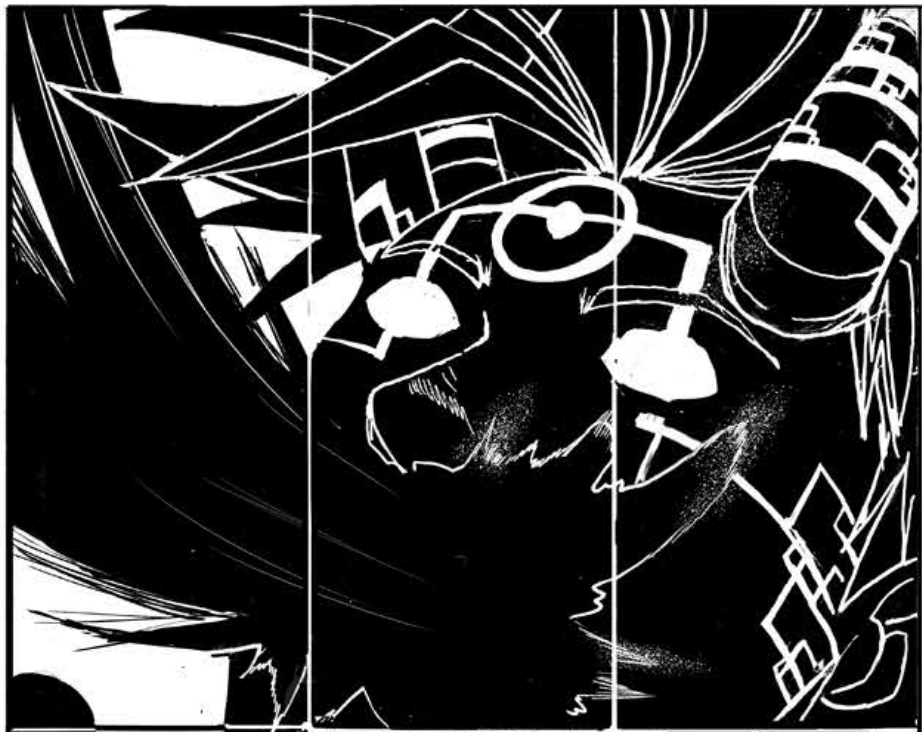


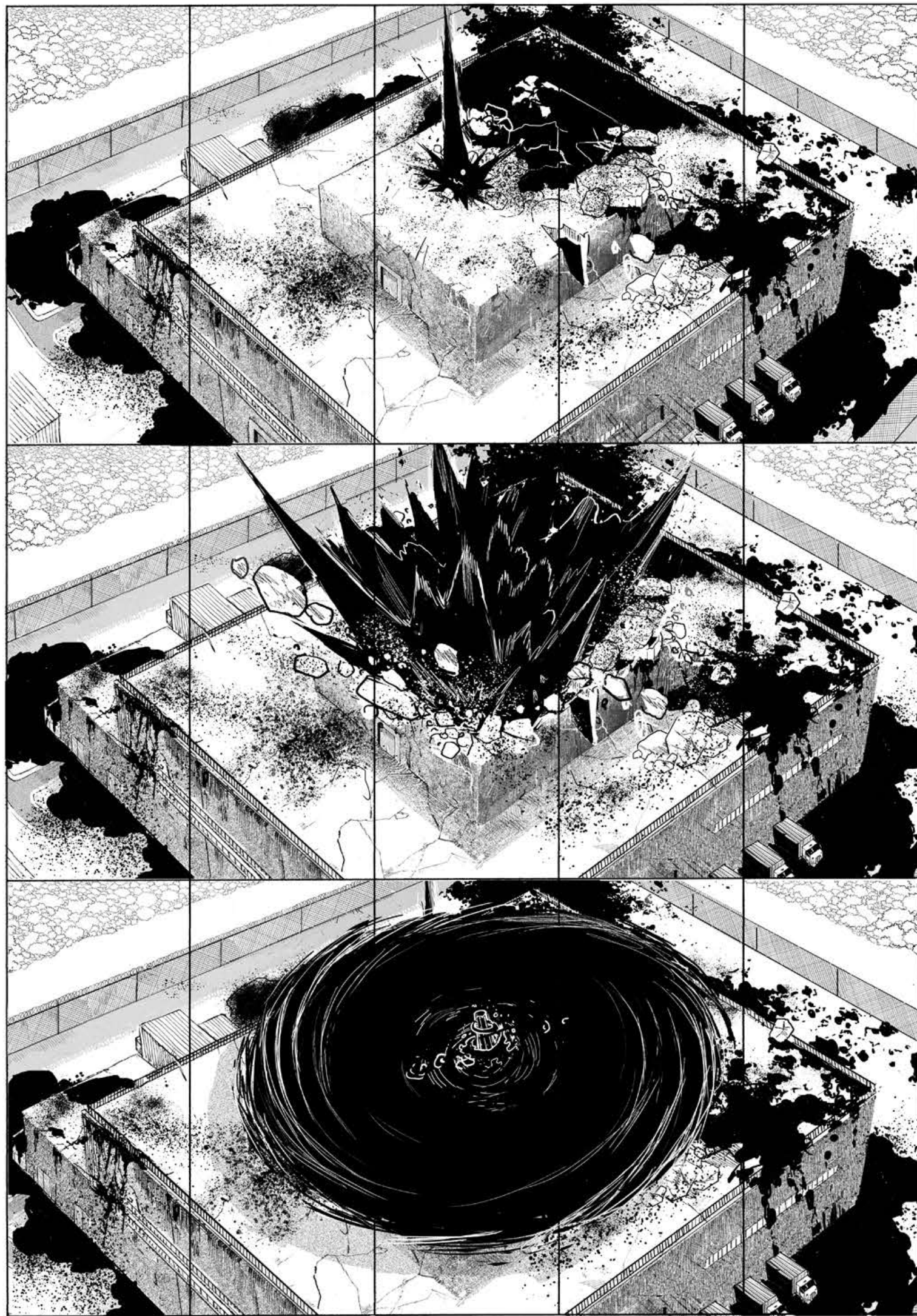
COUNTDOWN TO DETONATION:
59 SECONDS.

<p>...</p>	<p>I GUESS IT'S OVER. WHAT A STRANGE WAY TO DIE.</p> <p>AT LEAST... ADAM WILL SEE SOMETHING <i>REAL</i>.</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!</p> <p>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 <i>REMORSE</i>?</p> <p>HE DIDN'T DESERVE SOMETHING LIKE THAT. I... I JUST... I WAS <i>AFRAID</i>, AND...</p>
<p>HOW CAN I DO SUCH A THING AND BE A <i>GOOD</i> <i>PERSON</i>?</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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