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WHAT THE
HELL HAP-
PENED TO
ADAM?

WH-
WHAT
THE...?



HE'S
LOST **CON-
TROL.**



THE **SHADOW
MIRROR?**

GAH!

ADAM?!

IT'S THE
FIRST
TIME HE'S
USED THE
MIRROR!



JACOB, WHAT
IS HA...?

ESSEX
?

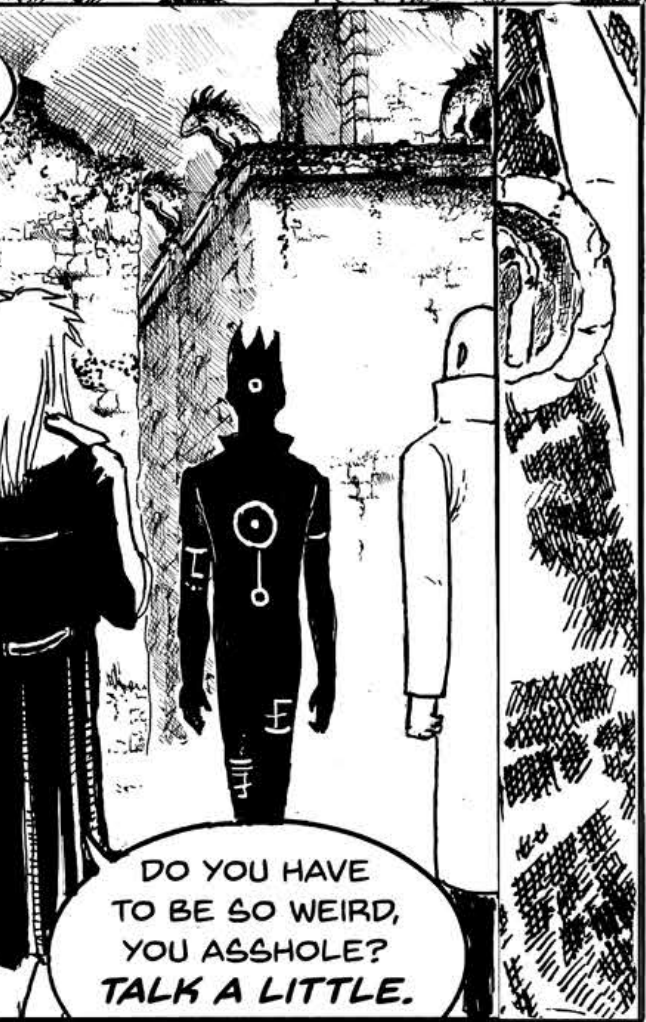
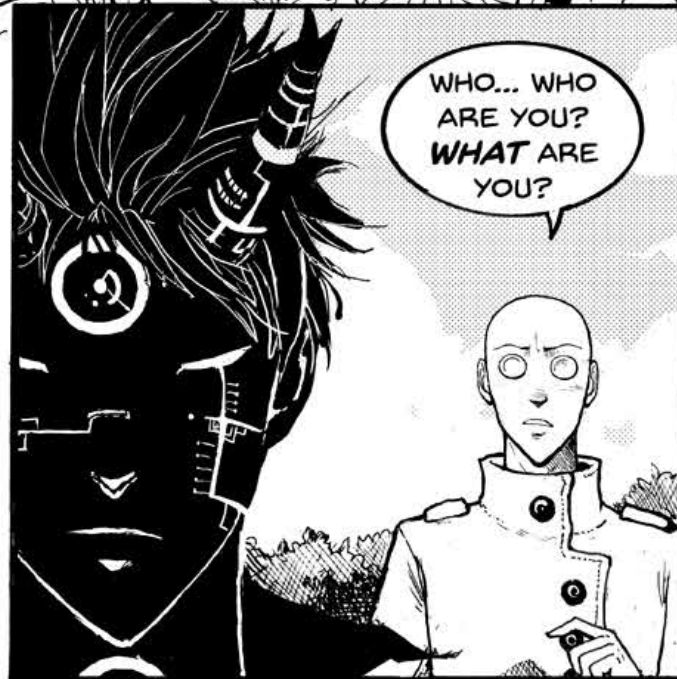
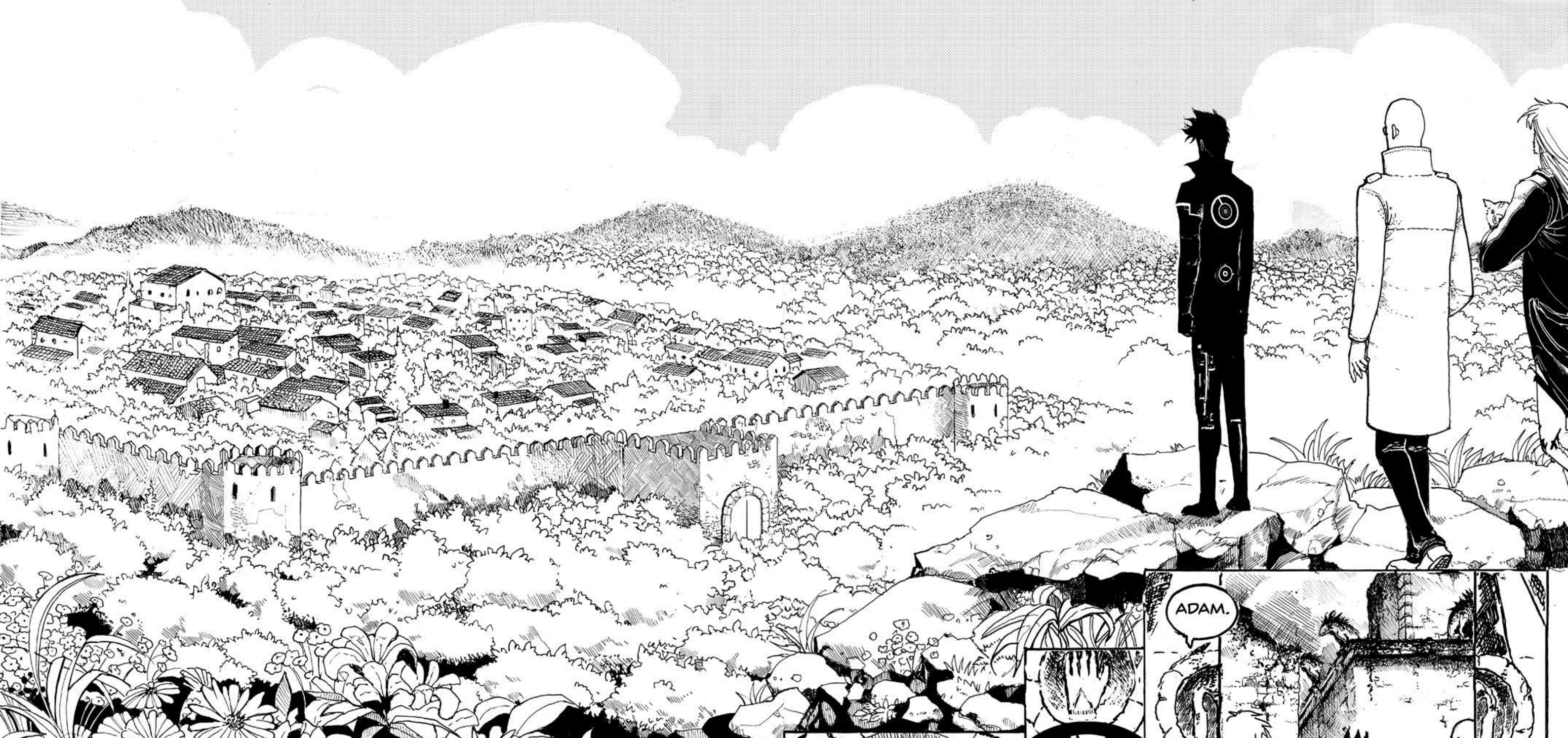
WE HAVE TO
JUMP. GRAB
THE BASICS!

BEFORE THE
TRAIN STARTS
AGAIN.



HE
KNOCKED
THEM IN
ONE GO!





COMPOSTELA: SANTIAGO'S SECOND PART OF THE NAME. (SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA). JACOB'S THEORIZING ABOUT THE MEANING OF THAT NAME.

COMPOSTE-
LA*. FIELD OF THE
STAR, ACCORDING
TO A NOT THAT RE-
LIABLE SOURCE.

ANOTHER ONE
SAYS THAT COM-
POSTELA COMES
FROM COMBUSTA,
LATIN FOR "BURN-
ING".

BECAUSE OF
THE CEMETERY, OF
COURSE. THE ENDING
"-LA" WOULD COME
FROM "OLLA", AN
URN.

IT COULD
ALSO REFER TO AN
ALCHEMICAL PRIN-
CIPLE, AT THE END
OF WHICH A
STA...

JACOB.

I UNDERSTAND
THERE'S A TON OF SI-
LENCE BETWEEN THE
CITY AND ADAM, BUT
YOU DON'T NEED TO
COMPENSATE.

IN FACT,
ADAM...

...IS VERY SILENT
FOR A DEMON, DON'T
YOU THINK?

HORNS WERE
A SYMBOL OF FER-
TILITY, LONG AGO.
JUNG ASSOCIATED
THE LEFT HAND
WITH THE SUBCON-
SCIOUS...

MAYBE
HIS LOOKS DON'T
HAVE ANYTHING TO DO
WITH DEMONS, BUT
RATHER THE FERTILE
CREATIVITY THAT LIES IN
THE SHADOWS.

ALTHOUGH YOU
SAID THAT DEMONS
ARE ABSENCES...

...VOIDS OF CON-
SCIOUSNESS.

THE SUBCONSCIOUS
IS FORMED WITH THE
ABSENT ELEMENTS
FROM CONSCIOUS-
NESS.

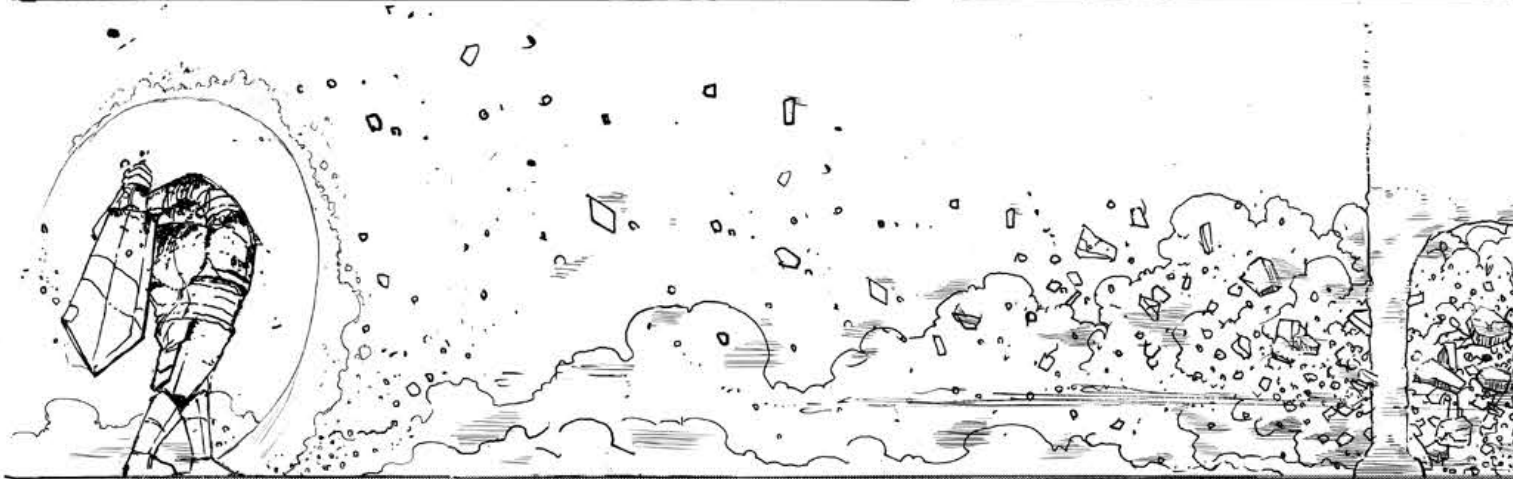
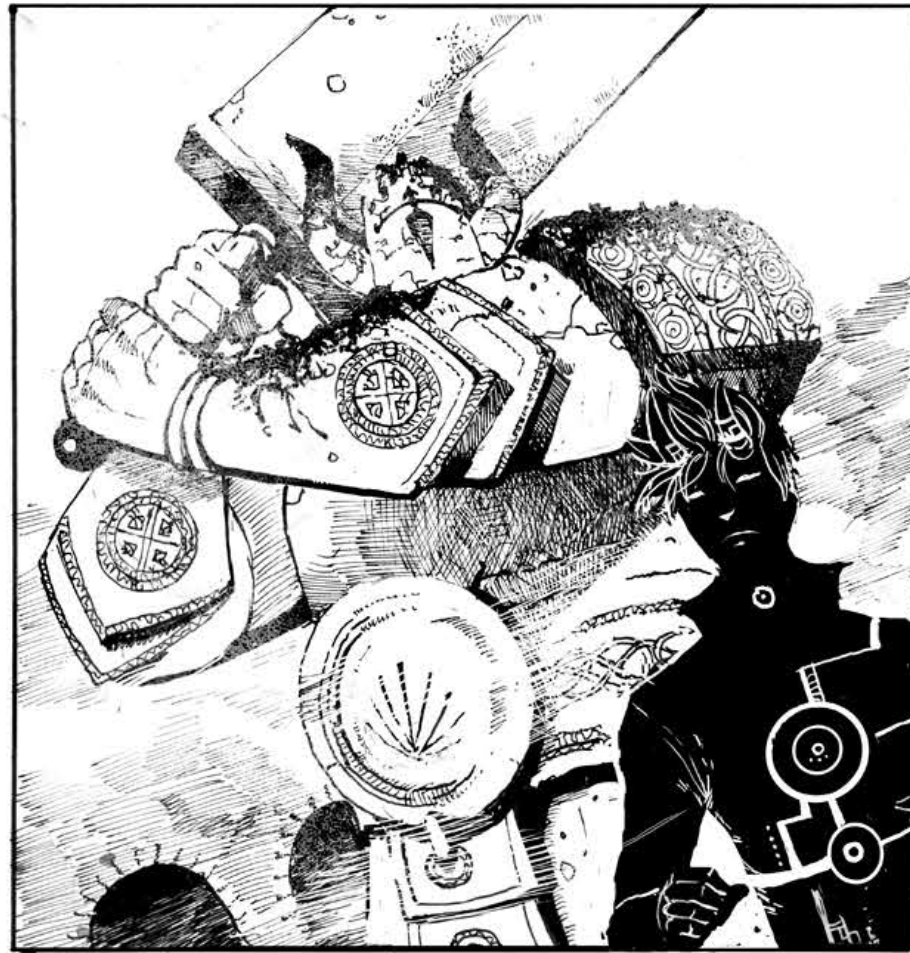
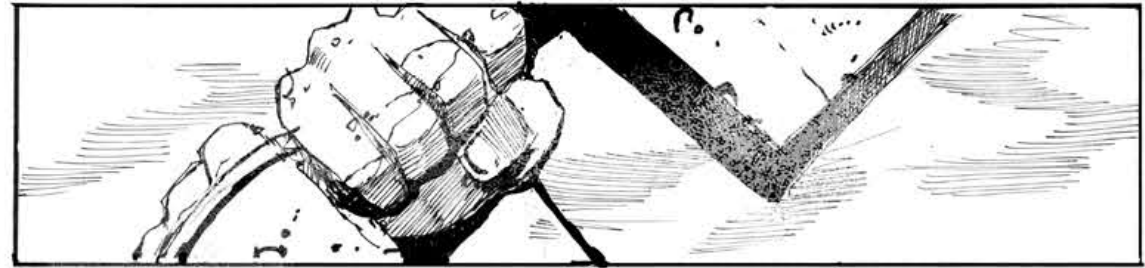
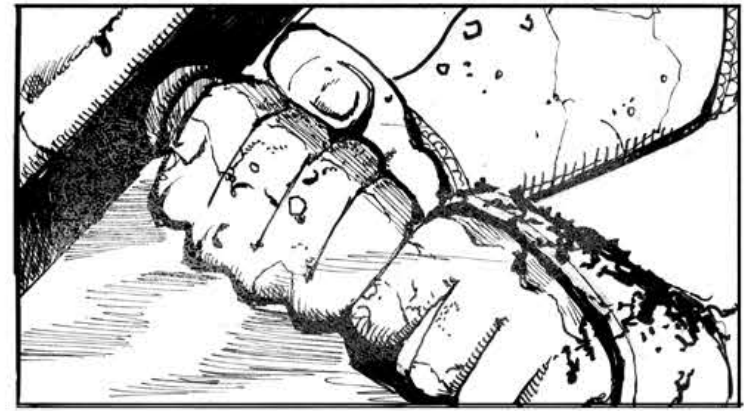
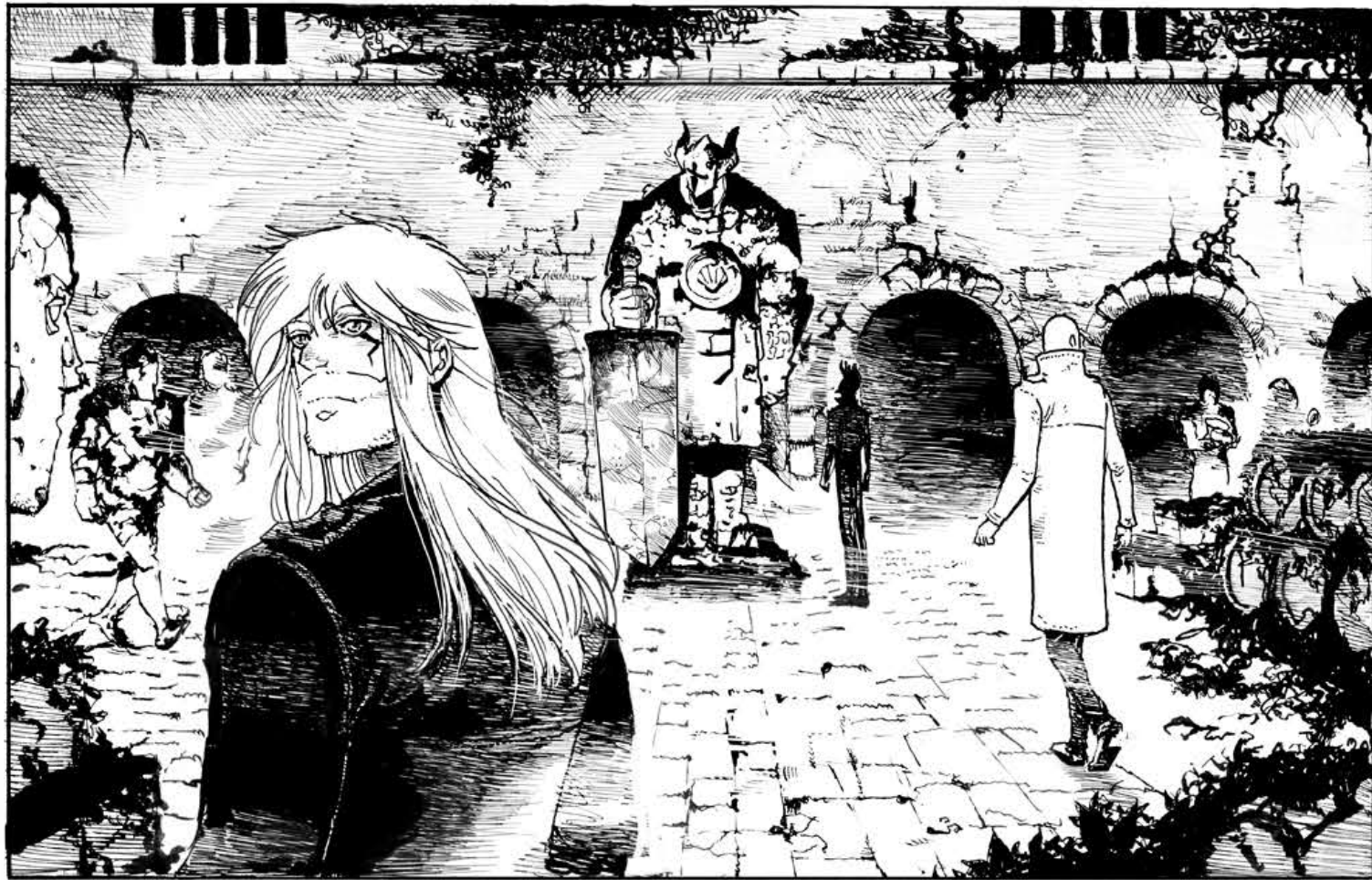
MAYBE HE *IS* A
DEMON, IF UNDER-
STOOD THAT WAY. THE
SUBCONSCIOUS' FER-
TILE POWER ONLY
EXISTS WHERE CON-
SCIOUSNESS CAN'T
CENSOR AND
SHAME...

HRM.
WHAT...?

WHAT THE...?
WHAT'S
THAT OVER
THERE?

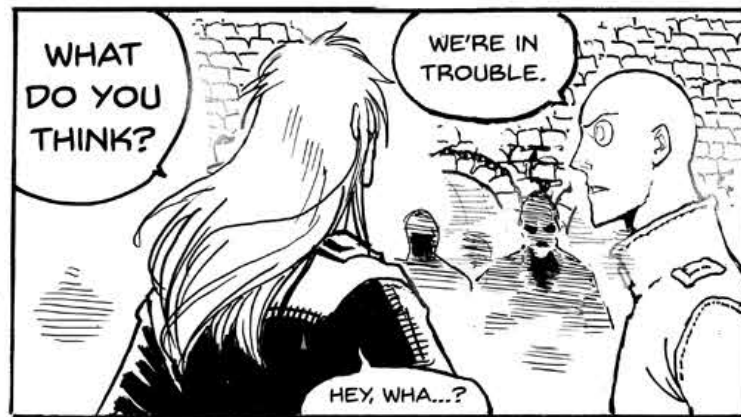
WHAT THE
HELL...?

HH. QUITE
DISTURBING.





THERE YOU GO, HE LEFT ADAM UNCONSCIOUS.



WHAT DO YOU THINK?

WE'RE IN TROUBLE.

HEY, WHA...?



INTRUDERS!
WE HAVE TO PROTECT SANTIAGO FROM INTRUDERS, KEEP HER *PURE*!



WATCH...!



BRING THEM, MAKE THEM CARRY OUR *CROSS*!



...OUT!

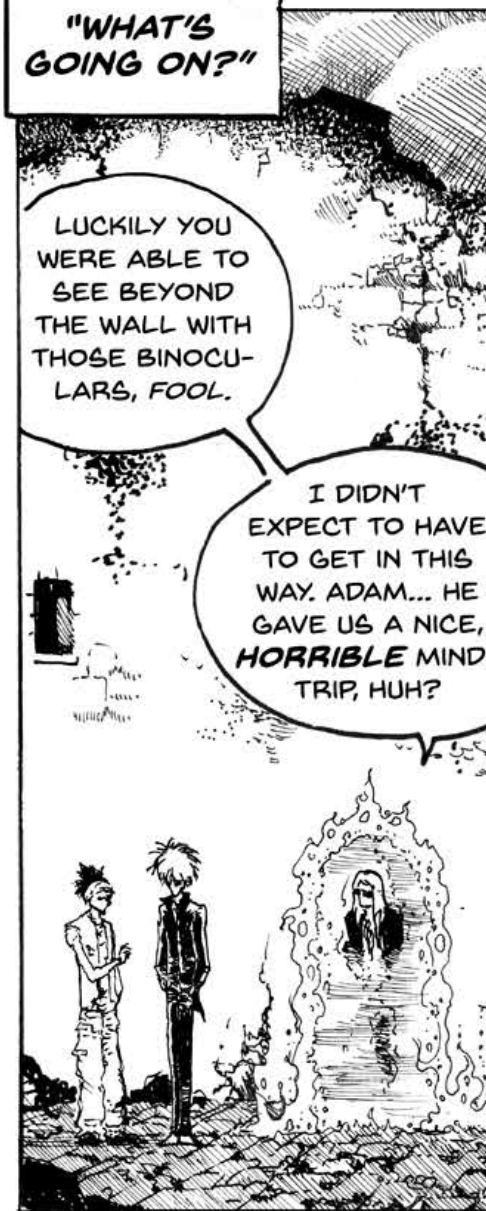


JACOB!



JA...!

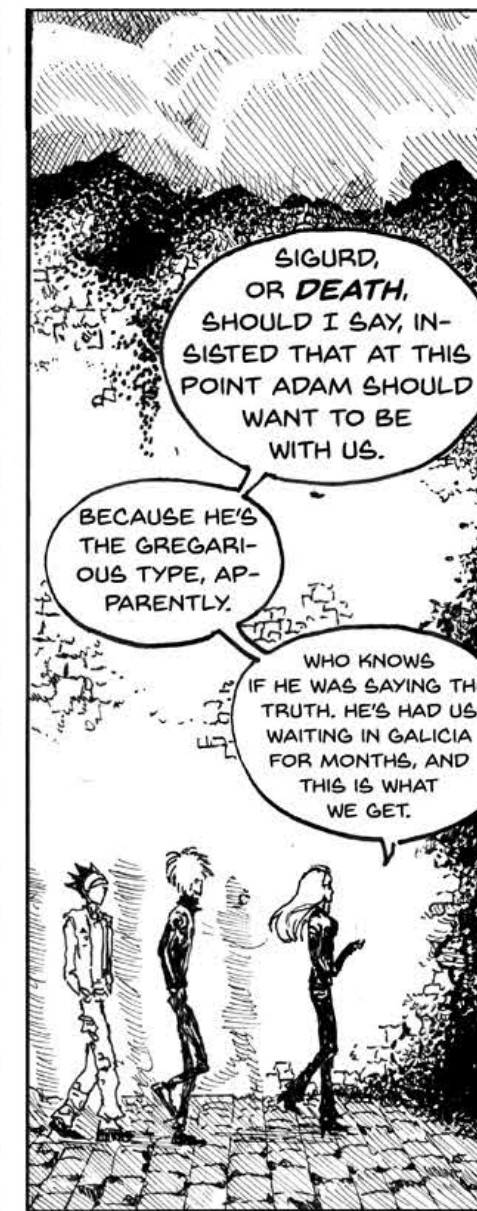
SHIT!



"WHAT'S GOING ON?"

LUCKILY YOU WERE ABLE TO SEE BEYOND THE WALL WITH THOSE BINOCULARS, FOOL.

I DIDN'T EXPECT TO HAVE TO GET IN THIS WAY. ADAM... HE GAVE US A NICE, *HORRIBLE* MIND-TRIP, HUH?



SIGURD, OR *DEATH*, SHOULD I SAY, INSISTED THAT AT THIS POINT ADAM SHOULD WANT TO BE WITH US.

BECAUSE HE'S THE GREGARIOUS TYPE, APPARENTLY.

WHO KNOWS IF HE WAS SAYING THE TRUTH. HE'S HAD US WAITING IN GALICIA FOR MONTHS, AND THIS IS WHAT WE GET.



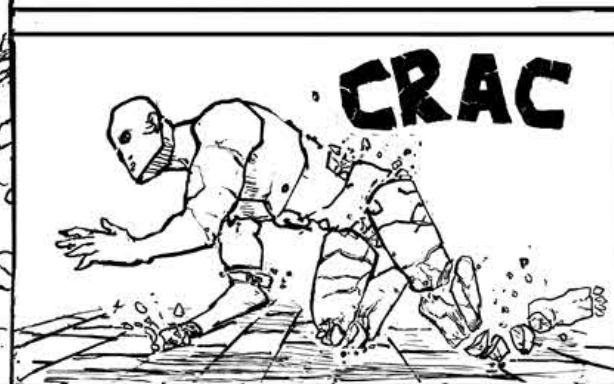
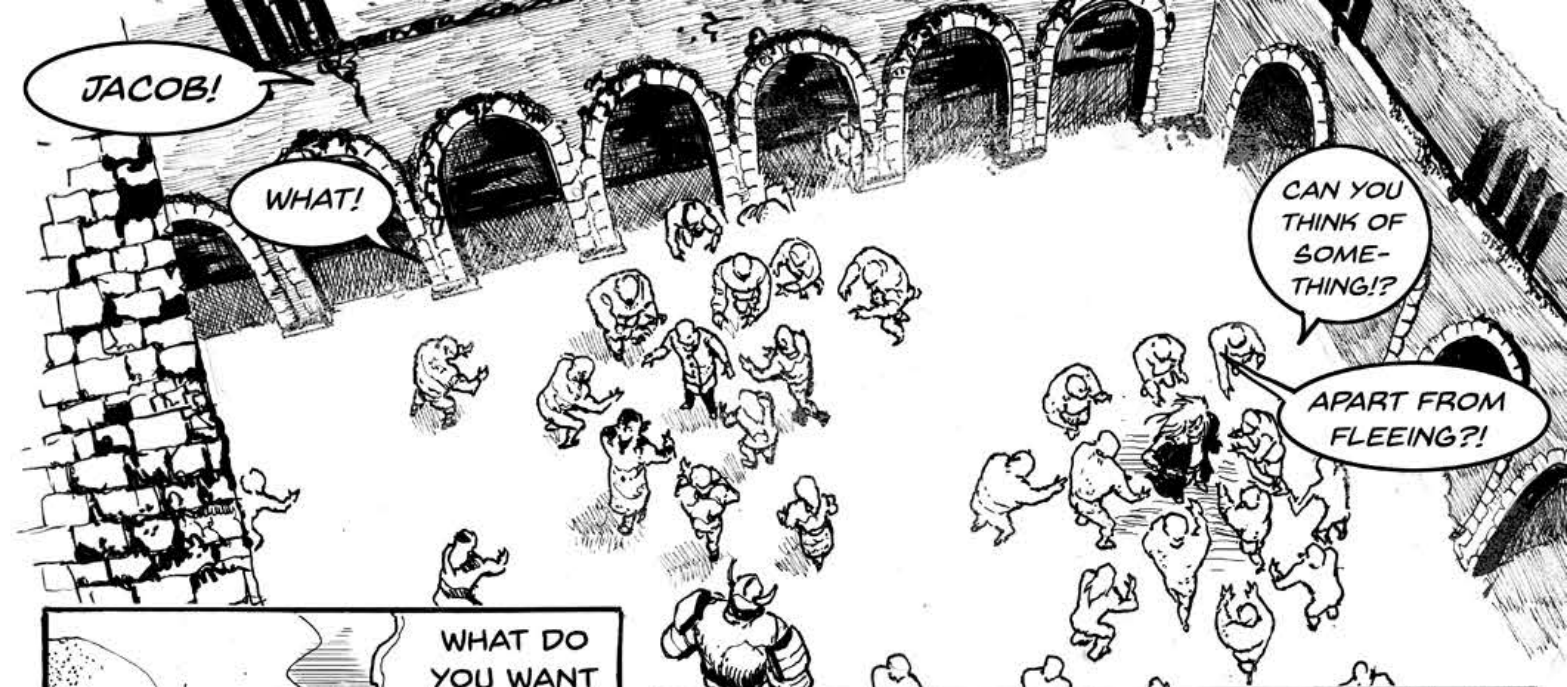
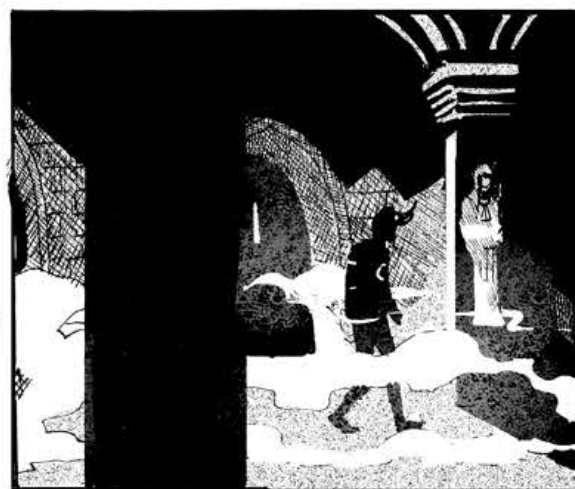
NOW WE'LL HAVE TO FIND THE *EARTH ELEMENT* OURSELVES.



ANYWAY. IT'S A BEAUTIFUL PLACE, AT LEAST.



DON'T YOU FEEL TRANS-PORTED TO A BETTER PLACE?



*JACOB AND ESSEX ARE ALSO SPEAKING IN SPANISH.

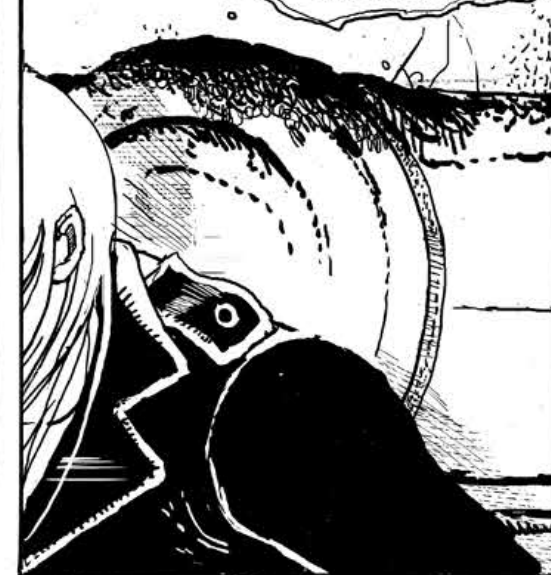
THE BASIC MOVE WOULD BE DOING BANISHING SIGILS TO GET THEM OUT OF THE STATUES!

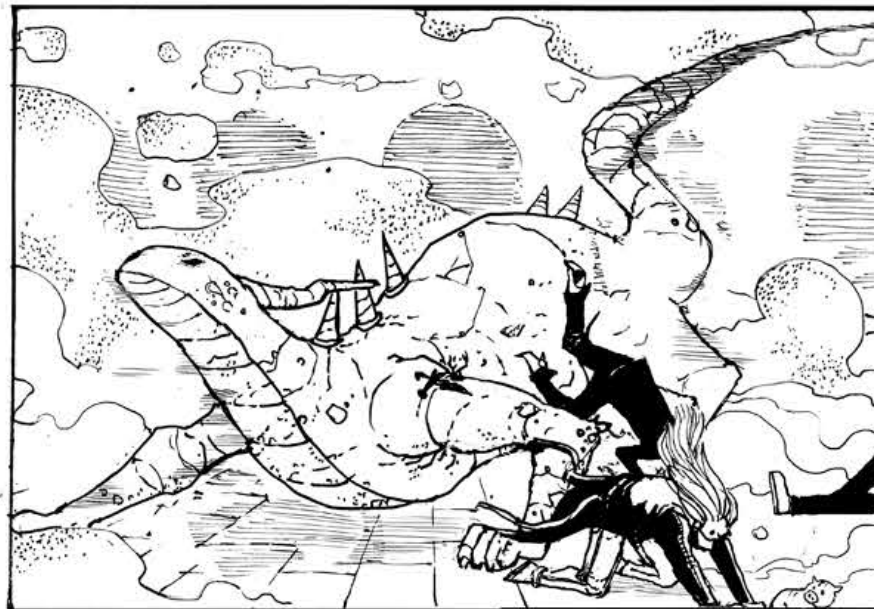
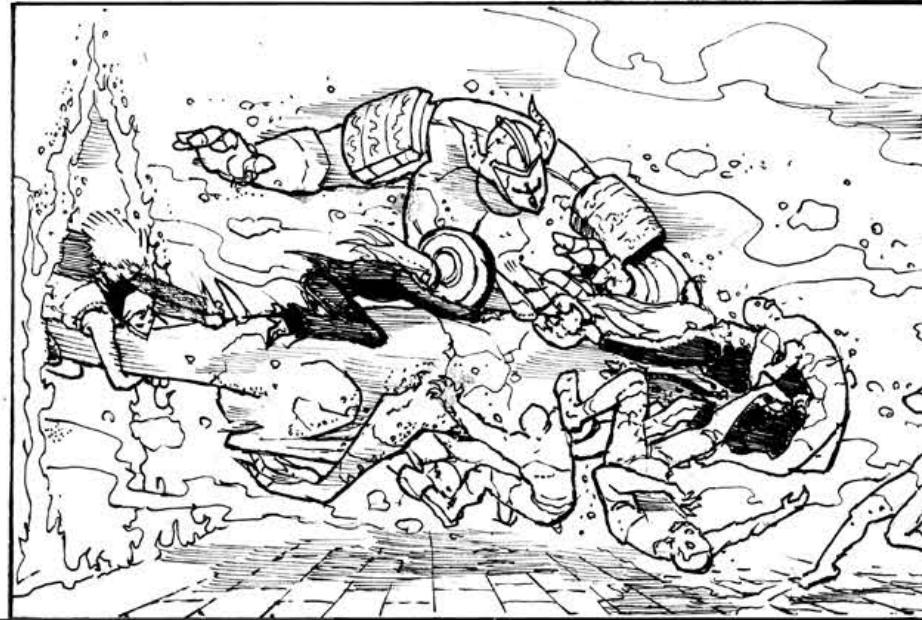


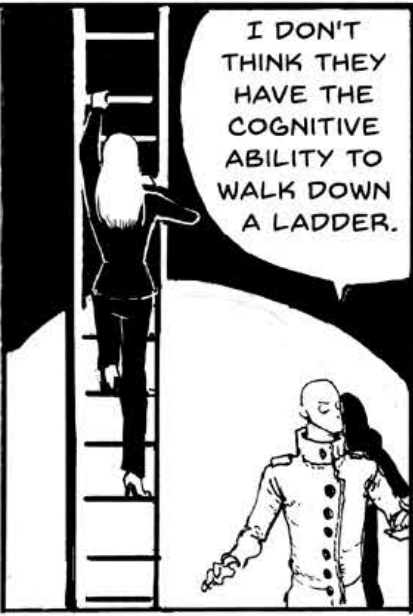
IF WE HAD TIME, OF COURSE.



DON'T WORRY. YOU'LL SEE THE TRUTH SOON ENOUGH.







IT'S A... MAGIC
ARTIFACT... OLD...



UWANTE'S DEATH...
HH... YOU DON'T
LET ME SPEAK...

ELIYA? WHAT
DOES HE HAVE
TO DO WITH
...?

HIS DEATH..
THE HEREMI-
TES GOT
ACCESS TO
SOME OF HIS
NOTES...

SO?

HE WAS IN-
TERESTED IN
ANCIENT TE-
CHNOLOGY...
SPECIFICA-
LLY...

HE THOUGHT
THERE WERE OBJECTS
THAT PEOPLE DON'T RE-
COGNIZE AS TECHNOLO-
GY BECAUSE WE'RE NOT
SUFFICIENTLY ADVANCED
SPIRITUALLY...

HE USED THIS
CITY AS AN
EXAMPLE... HH...

...THE
HEREMITES...
TALKED AS IF
THEY KNEW THE
EARTH ELE-
MENT WAS
HERE... BUT
WITHOUT THE GAUNT-
LETS...

THAT'S
ENOUGH.

IS IT
POSSIBLE
THAT IF WE FIND
THE ARTIFACT WE
COULD STOP
THIS?

YES.

GOOD.



...IS TO CLEAN UP
THE GARBAGE...



AGH!

DUDE, WHAT'S
YOUR PROBLEM?

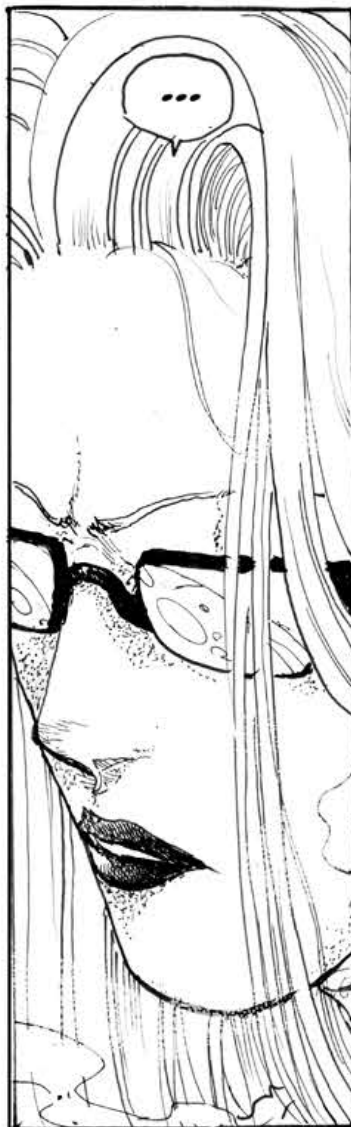
I DIDN'T PEG
YOU FOR THE
**ELEVATOR
RAPIST** TYPE!



I THOUGHT
YOU WERE THE
DULL ONE!



THAT'S NEW.



WHAT
?

MY
PUNISH-
MENT...



NO WONDER
NO ONE'S EVER
GOT THE...



ARE YOU A
RAT?



I DON'T UNDER-
STAND WHAT'S GOING
ON. ARE WE ALIVE?



STONE MEN DON'T
POOP, RIGHT? THIS
WATER SHOULD BE
CLEAN.

SEE THE
TRUTH OF
SANTIAGO.



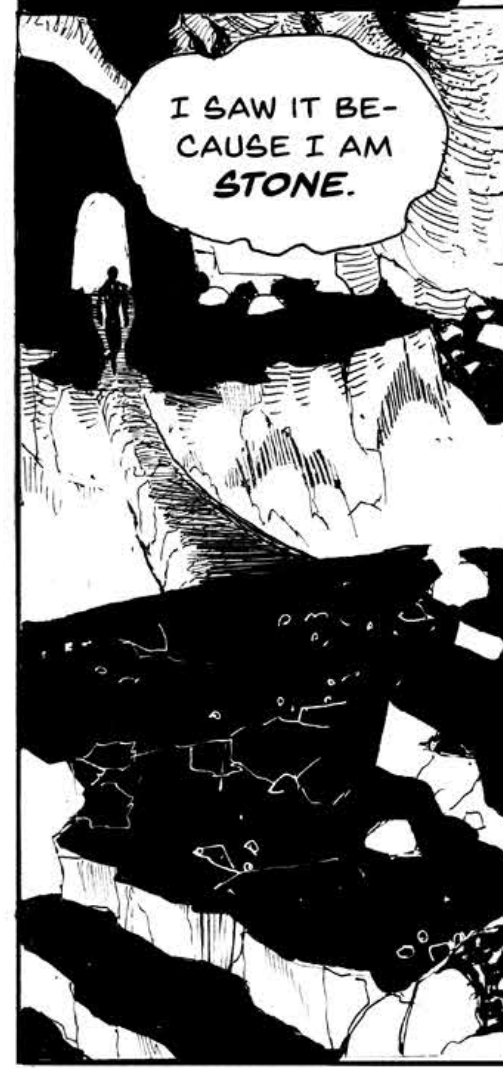
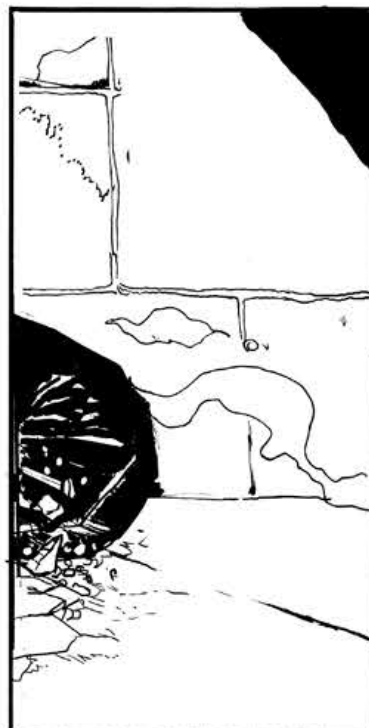
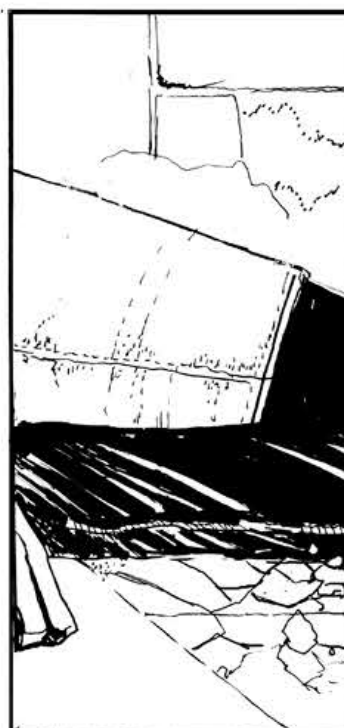
ADAM
SOUTHSUN.

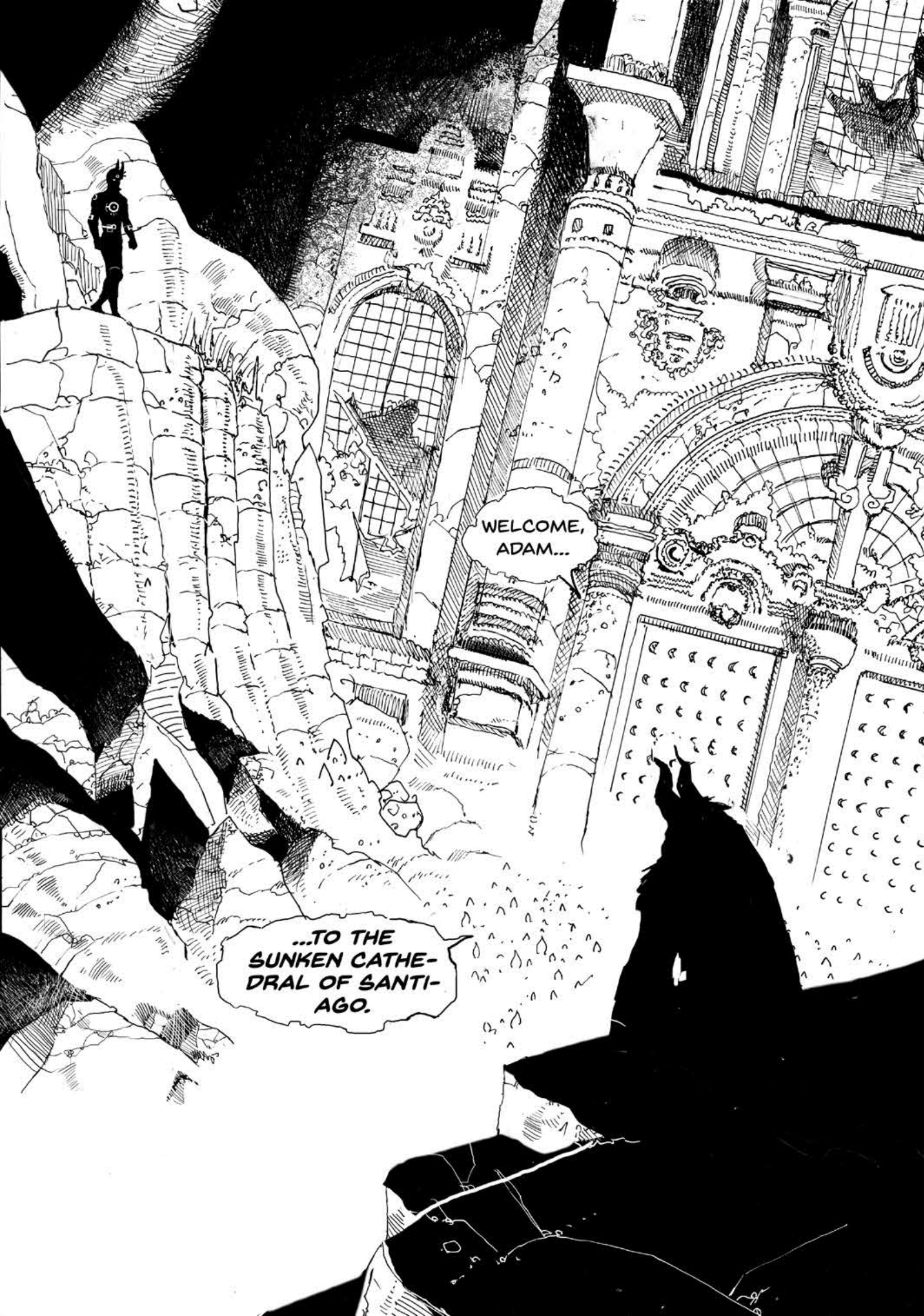
I SAW YOU
ON MOTHER
EARTH'S SKIN,
SIX TIMES.

YOU'RE
ONE OF THE
SIX POINTS
OF THE STAR.

I SAW IT BE-
CAUSE I AM
STONE.

COME
HERE.





...TO BE CONTINUED

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