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YOU HAVE
SUPERHUMAN
SPEED TOO?



IF I KNEW THAT
YOU CAN GET THIS
POWER WITHOUT
FORMING A PACT
WITH DEMONS I
WOULD HAVE
CONSIDER IT!



HAHAHAHAHA!
TAKE THIS!



IN IT, THERE
WAS A RITUAL...
THE **RITUAL OF
THE DOOR.**
IT SOUNDED SO
STUPID, I HAD TO
TRY IT. SO I DID.
SAID THE
WORDS, DID THE
VISUALIZATIONS.

THEN I OPENED
MY EYES. NOTHING
HAPPENED, IN THE
BEGINNING. BUT,
WHEN I TURNED
ON THE TV...
YOUNG HEROES
WAS ON AND...
MY HEAD WAS
FLOATING LIKE IN
THE RITUAL... AND
ALL OF A SUDDEN
I WAS IN THE TV,
IN THE BACK-
GROUNDS OF THE
SHOW, ALBEIT
WITH SOME
CHANGES. LIKE,
WHAT YOU SEE ON
THE TV IS ONLY
THE **GOOD**
PARTS, YOU
KNOW?



LET'S SEE,
WHERE DO I
BEGIN?



I WAS GOING TO USE
MY SUMMER VACATION
TO EXPLORE THE
POWERS I GOT
FROM... WELL... A WEIRD
BOOK I DOWNLOADED
FROM THE INTERNET...

ANYWAY, I SAW THUNDER'S
SHOES (HE'S ONE OF THE
SUPERHEROES OF THE
SHOW), AND TOOK THEM.



WHILE I WEAR THEM, I HAVE SUPERSPEED, LIKE
HIM (THOUGH NOT AS FAST). BEST SHOES I'VE
EVER HAD, IN MY OPINION.



OH, YEAH... THIS
GUY. I'VE YET TO
WRITE WHAT'S **HE**
DOING HERE,
RIGHT?

HE'S THE CONSEQUENCE OF INVESTIGATING SOME RUMORS ABOUT SATANIC RITUALS... PEOPLE ON THE INTERNET SWEARED THAT, AFTER EXECUTING A RITUAL, A GUY BECAME SUPER-STRONG AND MUSCULAR...



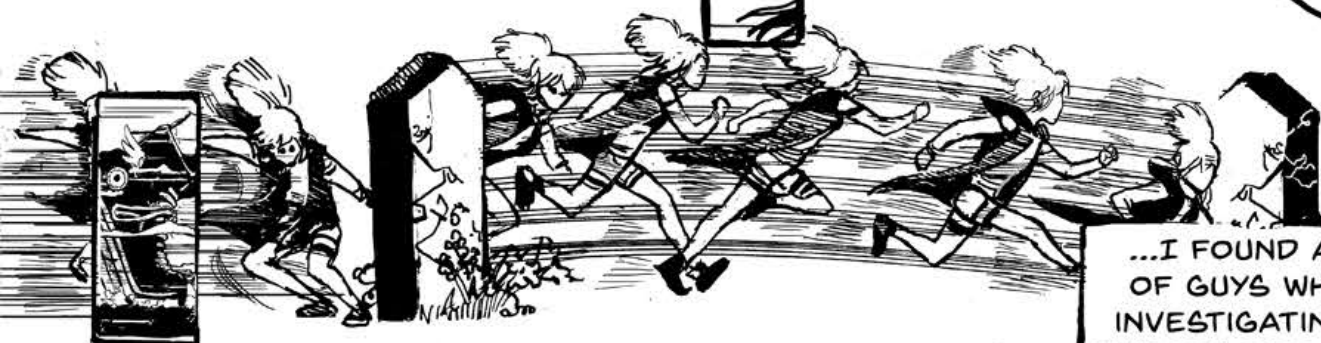
...ARE YOU USING OUR TEACHINGS TO **RAISE THE DEAD**?

WHAT?

AS IF ALL THAT WASN'T STRANGE ENOUGH...

IF WE CAN LET OURSELVES BE POSSESSED BY DEMONS,

WHY DON'T **RESURRECT** THE DEAD?



...I FOUND A GROUP OF GUYS WHO WERE INVESTIGATING THESE RUMORS TOO... AND ALL OF THEM HAD POWERS.



TONY,
SUPER-STRENGTH.



RUTH,
TELEPATHY.



MIKE AND NIA, TWO BROTHERS THAT GENERATE ENERGY WHEN THEY ARE CLOSE TO EACH OTHER (YUP, THEY FIND IT LAME TOO).



THEIR POWERS... IT SEEMS THEY COME FROM SOME **EXPERIMENTS**... ALL OF THEIR PARENTS WORK WITH THE GOVERNMENT, I THINK...

THEY ASSUMED THAT MY ABILITIES CAME FROM "SOME PILLS".

(I DID NOTHING TO REFUTE IT, BY THE WAY. THE RITUAL OF THE DOOR HAS YOU TAKING A **VOW OF SILENCE** "TO THOSE WHO HEAR BUT DON'T LISTEN", SO... JUST IN CASE.)



KEEP YOUR FOCUS IN BRINGING THE POWER OF LOW-RANK DEMONS TO YOUR BODY.

DON'T TRY MAGIC ABOVE YOUR SKILL, IT'LL BITE YOU IN THE ASS.

C'MON, GO TO THE MANOR.

AND I WOULD BE REALLY HAPPY BEING ABLE TO TALK, ESPECIALLY WHEN THEY DON'T BELIEVE THAT THESE GUYS' ABILITIES TRULY COME FROM SOME FORM OF **BLACK MAGIC**.



YOU'RE NOT COMING?

JUST A SECOND.



HH.



BAD LUCK, CHIEF.

YOU WERE GOING TO BE REVIVED, AND NOW YOU'RE A TOILET.



HEH. NOT LIKE YOU'RE GONNA COMPLAIN.

WHAT A **JERK**.

ALLISON, WE'VE
FOUND THE MANOR
WHERE THE CULT
MEETS! I'M IMPLAN-
TING YOU THE MEMORY
OF THE WAY THERE.

OK. I'M FOL-
LOWING SOME OF THE
MEMBERS... I THINK
THEY'RE ALSO HEADING
THERE.

RUTH?

**BE
CAREFUL.**

OH, PLEASE.
THEY'RE JUST A
BUNCH OF FANATICS WITH
ACCESS TO SUPERDRUGS
OR SOMETHING. **SIGIL OF
M**, I THINK THEY CALL
THEMSELVES. THEY'RE
NUTS!

I'M
SERIOUS!

MY FATHER'S THE SAME,
IT'S ALL DAWKINS THIS AND
DAWKINS THAT, THE MYSTE-
RIES OF THE WORLD ARE
ALL HOAXES OR SCAMS.

"**SKEPTICS**".

THEY COULD HAVE
THE UFO'S IN THEIR
FACE AND IT'D STILL
BE "GAS POCKETS
CAUSING LIGHT DIS-
TORTIONS".

RGFF

SOMETHING VERY
WEIRD IS GOING ON
AND **NO ONE**
WANTS TO SEE IT!
MAYBE IT'S TRUE
THAT THE SUN IS
CHANGING...

**DON'T THEY SEE
THE DANGER IN
IGNORING THESE
THINGS?**

OH GOD,
WHAT I'VE
JUST DONE?



GOOD-BYE!

RUNRUN-
RUNRUN-
RUNRUN

WHY AM I
THE ONLY ONE
AROUND WHEN
WEIRD STUFF
HAPPENS?

THOSE GUYS
HAVE BEEN
ABLE TO RE-
SURRECT THE
DEAD!

AND JUST
THEN, RUTH
CONTACTS ME.

WITH A
PSYCHIC
SCREAM.

SHE WASN'T EVEN
ASKING FOR HELP.
JUST SCREAMING.

RUTH?



JUST
SCREAMING
...

...AS IF...
...AS IF...



HERE. IN
THE HOUSE.
THEY.

YOU'RE
HERE.

I'M HERE
NOW, RUTH.

DO YOU
HEAR ME?



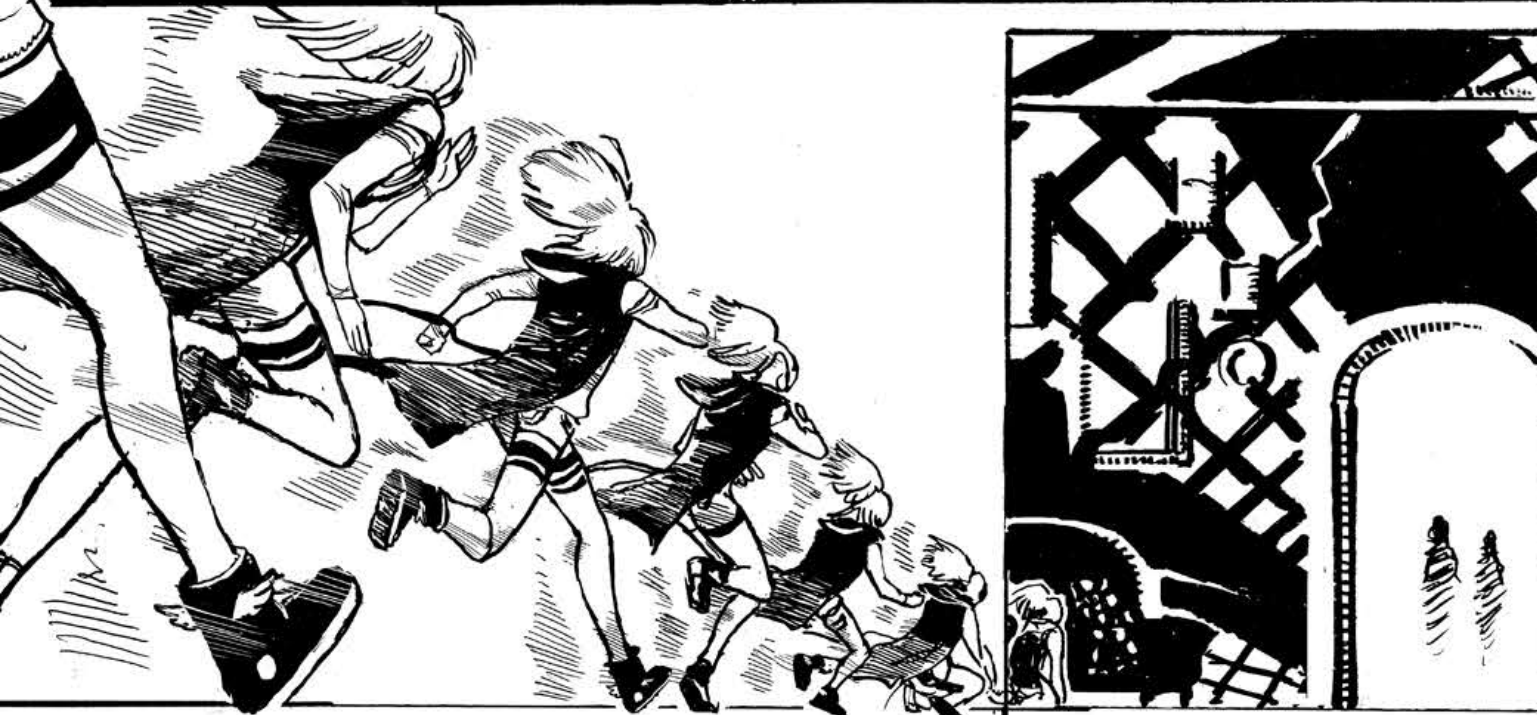


RUTH?
RUTH?

WHY DON'T
YOU...?



HAVEN'T
YOU SEEN WAS-
HINGTON'S **MO-
NUMENT**?



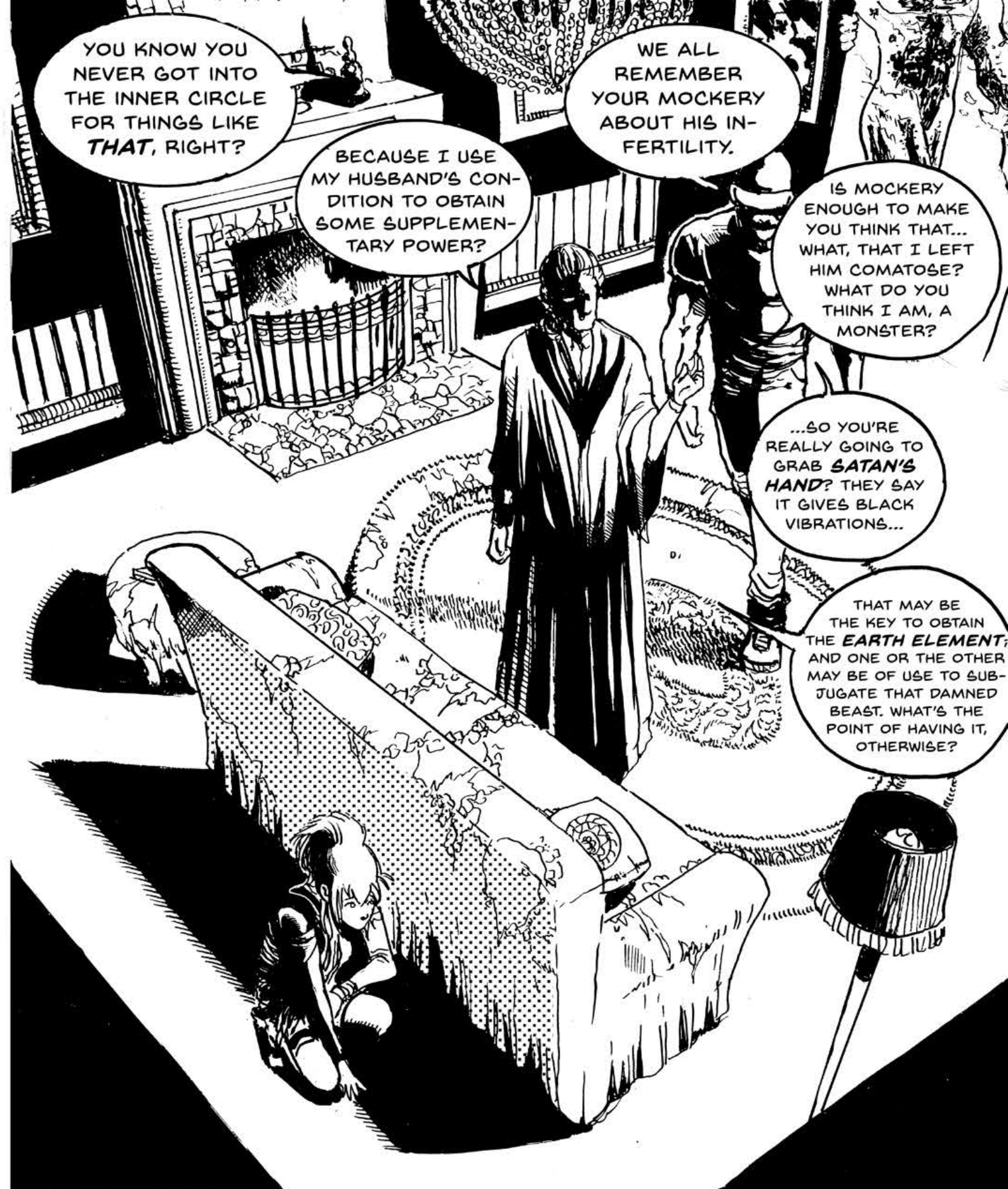
IT
CRACKED.
IT'S OUR
CHANCE.

I KNOW, BUT
THE INNER
CIRCLE...

...ARE COMPLE-
TELY DISCONNECTED
FROM REALITY. THEY
DON'T KNOW WHAT
NEEDS TO BE
DONE.

BUT, SPAIN?
YOU WILL REALLY GO
TO SPAIN? YOU WON'T
HAVE ACCESS TO THE
POWER OF THE
BEAST, THERE...

DON'T WORRY,
I'LL TAKE MY
HUSBAND
WITH ME.



YOU KNOW YOU
NEVER GOT INTO
THE INNER CIRCLE
FOR THINGS LIKE
THAT, RIGHT?

BECAUSE I USE
MY HUSBAND'S CON-
DITION TO OBTAIN
SOME SUPPLEMEN-
TARY POWER?

WE ALL
REMEMBER
YOUR MOCKERY
ABOUT HIS IN-
FERTILITY.

IS MOCKERY
ENOUGH TO MAKE
YOU THINK THAT...
WHAT, THAT I LEFT
HIM COMATOSE?
WHAT DO YOU
THINK I AM, A
MONSTER?

...SO YOU'RE
REALLY GOING TO
GRAB **SATAN'S**
HAND? THEY SAY
IT GIVES BLACK
VIBRATIONS...

THAT MAY BE
THE KEY TO OBTAIN
THE **EARTH ELEMENT**,
AND ONE OR THE OTHER
MAY BE OF USE TO SUB-
JUGATE THAT DAMNED
BEAST. WHAT'S THE
POINT OF HAVING IT,
OTHERWISE?



WE HAVE
TO TRY.

ANYWAY,
WHAT DO WE
DO WITH THE GO-
VERNMENT'S
KIDS?

YOU'VE GOT 'EM
DEEP INSIDE NIGHT-
MARES; THEY WON'T
EVER RECO-
VER.



PRECISELY
BECAUSE THEY ARE
MENTALLY CRIPPLED I PRO-
POSE AN ACT OF **COM-
PASSION**: USE THEM FOR
SOME RITUAL WITH THE
NOVICES.



WELL,
WELL.

THERE'S
ANOTHER KID
OVER HERE!



SHOULD I **BREAK**
HER NECK?



DON'T WORRY CHILD,
THERE IS NO NEED.



CLAC



NOTHING
MATTERS.

FOR A
MOMENT...

...I SAW MY LIFE FROM OUT-
SIDE... I SAW A DINNER THAT
NEVER ENDS, AND MY
FATHER... HAD A **HOLE** IN HIS
CHEST, AND I KNEW HE WAS
DISAPPOINTED IN ME FOR
CHOOSING FINE ARTS... AND
HE ACTED SO LIFELESS AND
HIS EYES DIDN'T SHINE.



I SAW... I SAW MYSELF FIGHTING WITH
HIM... ME TELLING HIM ABOUT MY ABILITIES,
AND HIM NOT BELIEVING THEY COME FROM
MAGIC SO HE TAKES ME TO A **LAB**... I SEE
THEM MAKING TEST AFTER TEST TO KNOW
WHY I CAN DO WHAT I CAN DO...



AND I
WAS SO
SCARED...



I HAD SO MUCH
FEAR... **DYING**
SEEMED BETTER
THAN STAYING
THERE...



AND THEN.



ELLEN!

THE HALLUCINATION
STOPPED AND WHAT
I FOUND BEFORE
ME WAS EVEN
MORE ABSURD.

YES, I DEBATED
AN ASTROLOGER THE
OTHER DAY. CAN YOU
BELIEVE IT, IN THIS
DAY AND AGE?

DID YOU SEE IT,
ALLISON? IT'S ON
THE WEB. IT HAS
2000 VIEWS!

YOU ONLY FOCUSED ON THAT SUN SIGN
NONSENSE THAT EVEN ASTROLOGERS
DON'T USE! HOW CAN YOU CRITICIZE
SOMETHING YOU HAVEN'T BOTHERED
TO **LEARN**?

WHAT DOES IT
MEAN?
I'M SO
TIRED OF
THIS.
MENT OF CELE-
STIAL BODIES...

DAD, YOU DON'T
EVEN **KNOW** HOW
ASTROLOGY WORKS.

YOU SHOULD TAKE
YOUR FATHER'S
WORK MORE SERI-
OUSLY, ALLY.

THE WORLD IS FULL OF IGNORANCE AND
PREJUDICE. THEY
HAVEN'T SEEN WHAT I HAVE
SEEN. AND I WOULD NEVER TELL
THEM, EITHER. WHY WOULD I? THEY
WOULD CAUSE A SCENE AND LOOK AT
ME LIKE I'M **CRAZY**.

HOW WOULD YOU EX-
PLAIN THAT HORRIBLE
OLD WITCH'S HALLUCI-
NATIONS? HOW WOULD
YOU EXPLAIN WHAT
HAPPENED TO MY
GROUP, HUH?

TONY WOKE FROM THE
TRANCE AND STARTED TO
SELF-HARM. MIKE AND NIA
ARE ON A PSYCH WARD, HIM
CATATONIC AND HER WITH
CONSTANT PSYCHOTIC
BREAKS. AND RUTH...

...DOUG HAS INVIT-
ED HIS
OH, **GOD**.
COULD GO
DURING MY SUMMER
VACATION...

I'VE DECIDED
TO ACCEPT AUNT
MELISSA'S PRO-
POSAL AND GO TO
FRANCE.

WHAT?
ALL OF A
SUDDEN?

ALLY,
EUROPE'S IN
CRISIS!

I WAITED IN
MY ROOM TILL
I HEARD THEM
LEAVE.



WE'RE
GOING TO FRANCE.
END OF **AUGUST**,
PROBABLY.

SO WE HAVE
SOME TIME BEFORE
TO SEE IF YOUR AMNE-
SIA, Y'KNOW, HEALS
ITSELF OR WHATEVER.
IF NOT...

FRANCE IS ONE
OF THE COUNTRIES WITH
MORE PRESENCE OF THE
CULT OF THE ONE. MAYBE
WE CAN LEARN SOMETHING
ABOUT YOUR IDENTITY
THERE...

THE FEW CHURCHES
OF YOUR CULT HERE IN THE
STATES DON'T ORDAIN PRIESTS,
AND THEY ARE SO STINGY WITH
PERSONAL INFORMATION... I DON'T
EVEN HAVE YOUR LAST NAME. I
WOULDN'T EVEN HAVE YOUR
NAME, IF IT WASN'T FOR
THE TOMBST...

THHAN...
THHHAAAN-
KKYYY...

STILL CAN'T
SPEAK WELL,
HUH?

HE EATS A
LOT, AND
FAST...

...IT'S STRAN-
GELY RELAX-
ING.

...TO BE CONTINUED

UPSURGE IS AN ALMOST MONTHLY (40 DAYS) SERIES THAT STILL HAS A LONG WAY TO GO TO REACH THE INTENDED ENDING. HOWEVER, WE CAN'T KEEP DOING IT FOR "FREE" INDEFINITELY. IF YOU'RE INTERESTED IN HELPING US WHILE ALSO GETTING **EARLY ACCESS** TO AN ISSUE, **PREVIEWS** OF FUTURE EPISODES, OR **VIDEOS** AND TEXTS ABOUT OUR CREATIVE PROCESS, PLEASE CONSIDER SUPPORTING US THROUGH PATREON AT THE 3\$ PLEDGE LEVEL (LINK BELOW). THANK YOU!

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