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"MIGUEL CALLED".



"HE SAYS YOU
SHOULD REALLY GO
TO THE NEXT... HIGH
SOCIETY PARTY".



WHY WOULD YOU
ACCEPT TO DO
THAT TV INTERVIEW
IS BEYOND ME.

WHAT DOES
THAT HAVE TO
DO WITH ANY-
THING?



DON'T PLAY DUMB! YOU
KNOW WHAT IT MEANS
TO HAVE TO GO TO
ONE OF THOSE...
PARTIES.



THE HERMITES
WANT TO "TALK"
TO YOU.





ADAM

YOU'VE MOMENTARILY LOST YOUR PROTECTION...

THEY HAVE SEEN YOU, ADAM...



"CAN YOU BELIEVE IT?"

"ALL THE CATALAN HIGH SOCIETY IS HERE".

HOW DO YOU KNOW? EVERYONE'S WEARING MASKS!

FOR FUCK'S SAKE, I KNOW WE'RE ANTI-RIOT, BUT USE YOUR DEDUCTIVE SKILLS A LITTLE.



THESE CHICKS
HAVE MORE
MONEY IN
THEIR DRESSES
THAN I GOT IN
MY BANK AC-
COUNT.



BESIDES, LOOK WHAT
A QUARANTINE LINE
THEY'VE DRAWN
AROUND US.



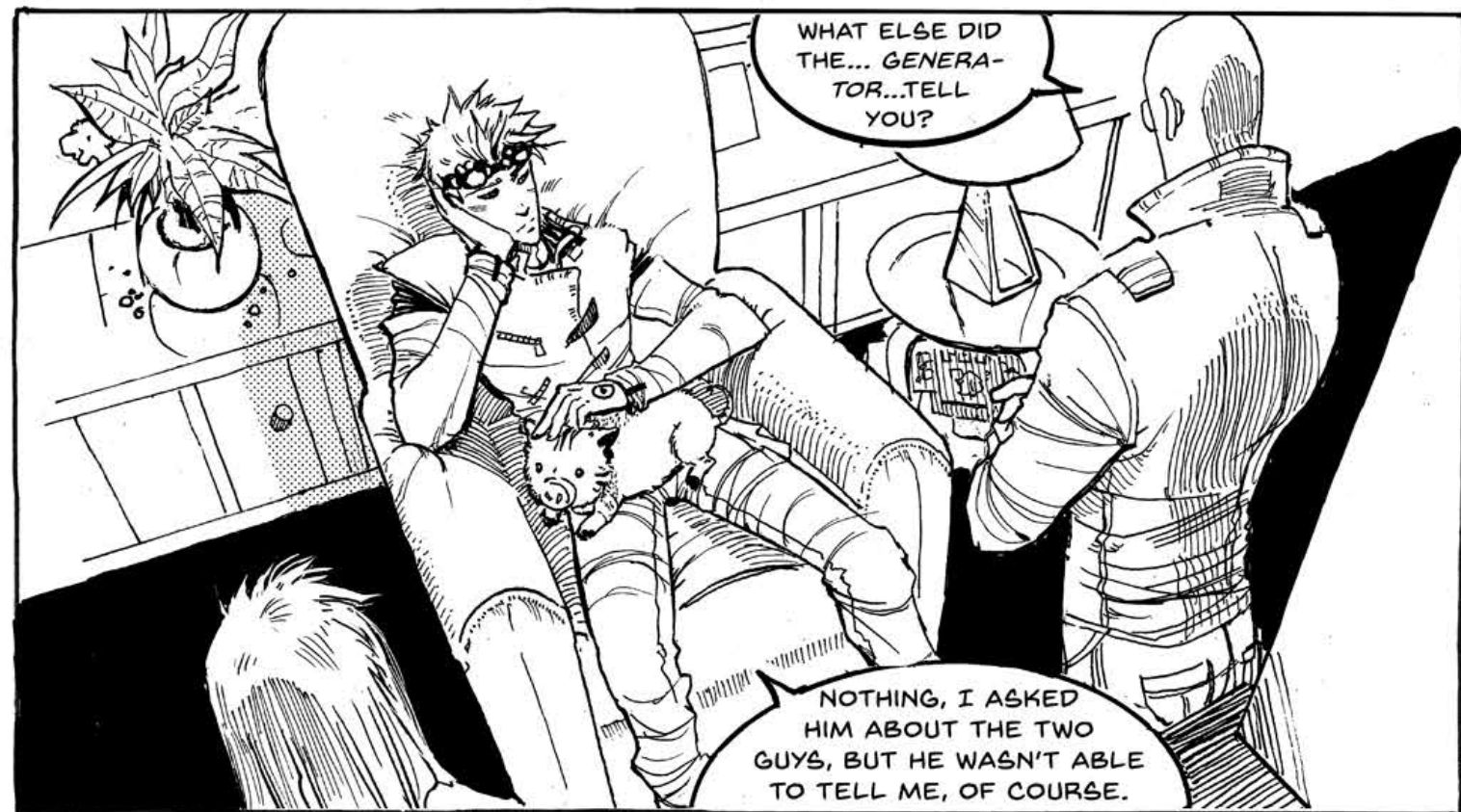
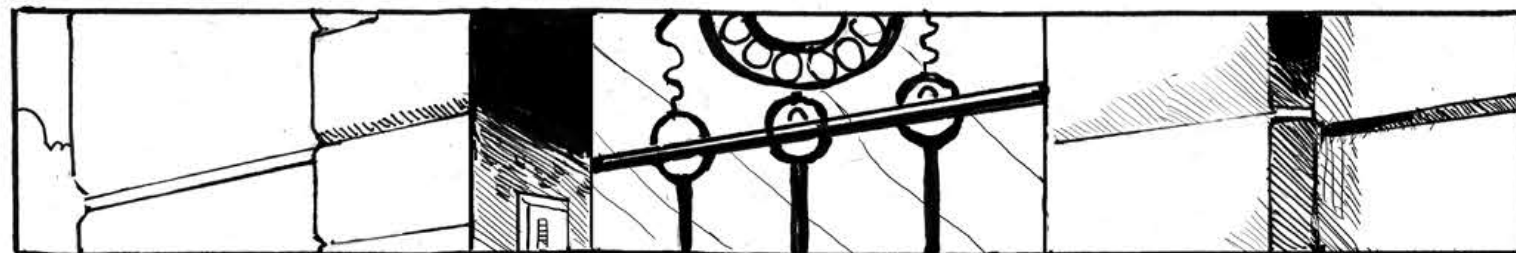
HOW HAVE
YOU MANA-
GED TO GET
US IN HERE?

AND WHY'D THEY
LET US IN IF THEY'RE
GOING TO IGNORE US?



IT'S A
TEST. THEY
DID IT TO
ME, TOO.

THEY'RE
WATCHING
YOU.



WHAT ELSE DID
THE... GENERA-
TOR...TELL
YOU?

NOTHING, I ASKED
HIM ABOUT THE TWO
GUYS, BUT HE WASN'T ABLE
TO TELL ME, OF COURSE.



TWO GUYS FO-
LLOWING YOU,
HUH.



AM I ALLOWED TO
SUSPECT I KNOW
WHO THEY ARE,
JACOB...?

...OR WE'RE STILL
IN "BASELESS HYPO-
THESES" TERRITORY?



WE DON'T KNOW
ANYTHING ABOUT
THEM. MAYBE...

...THEY'RE
WORKERS OF
THE ELECTRIC
NETWORK...

YOU BE-
LIEVE
THAT?



WHAT WAS THE POINT OF GETTING YOU OUT OF SNOWFLAKE'S RESCUE PICTURE IF YOU PUT YOURSELF IN DANGER VOLUNTARILY?



IT SEEMED A GOOD OPPORTUNITY TO KNOW MORE ABOUT THIS... ISN'T THAT WHAT WE DO, INVESTIGATE?



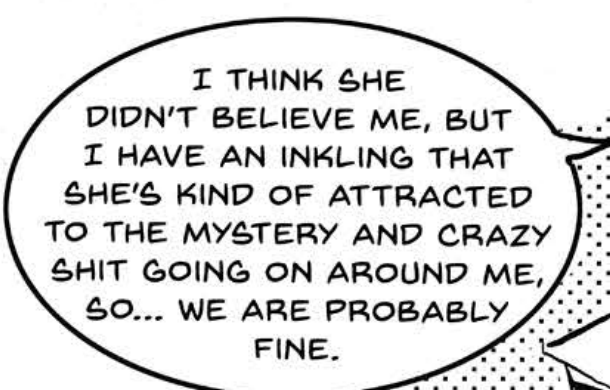
HOW'S YOUR GIRL-FRIEND?



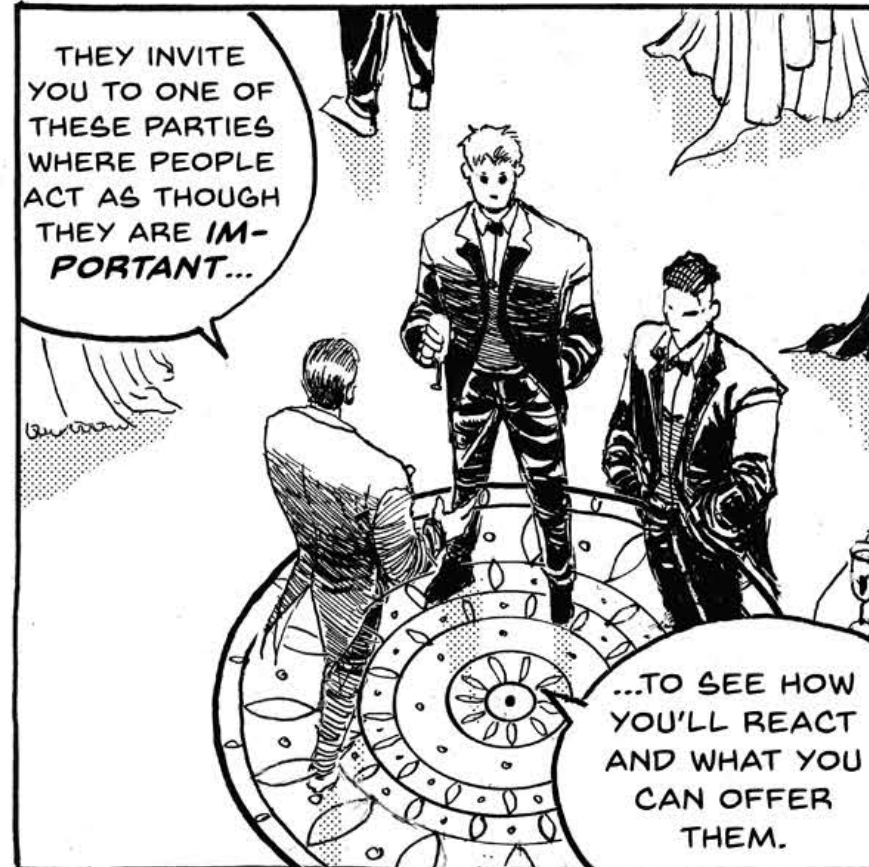
SHE'S NOT MY GIRL-FRIEND... SHE'S FINE.



...I JUST TOLD HER I WAS PUSHED DUE TO THE MACHINE'S DEFENSE MECHANISMS...

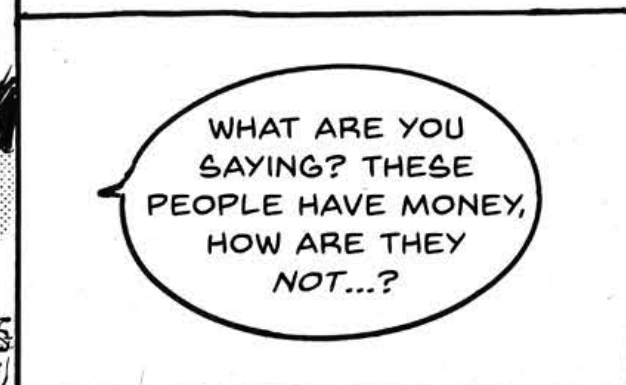


I THINK SHE DIDN'T BELIEVE ME, BUT I HAVE AN INKING THAT SHE'S KIND OF ATTRACTED TO THE MYSTERY AND CRAZY SHIT GOING ON AROUND ME, SO... WE ARE PROBABLY FINE.



THEY INVITE YOU TO ONE OF THESE PARTIES WHERE PEOPLE ACT AS THOUGH THEY ARE *IM-PORTANT*...

...TO SEE HOW YOU'LL REACT AND WHAT YOU CAN OFFER THEM.



WHAT ARE YOU SAYING? THESE PEOPLE HAVE MONEY, HOW ARE THEY NOT...?

MY ADVICE CONCERNING THE HEREMITES? LEAVE, NOW THAT YOU CAN STILL DO IT.

BUT SINCE YOU WON'T LEAVE, I'LL GIVE YOU ANOTHER ONE.



THE MOMENT YOU THINK YOU UNDERSTAND WHAT THIS IS ABOUT, *YOU'VE LOST*.

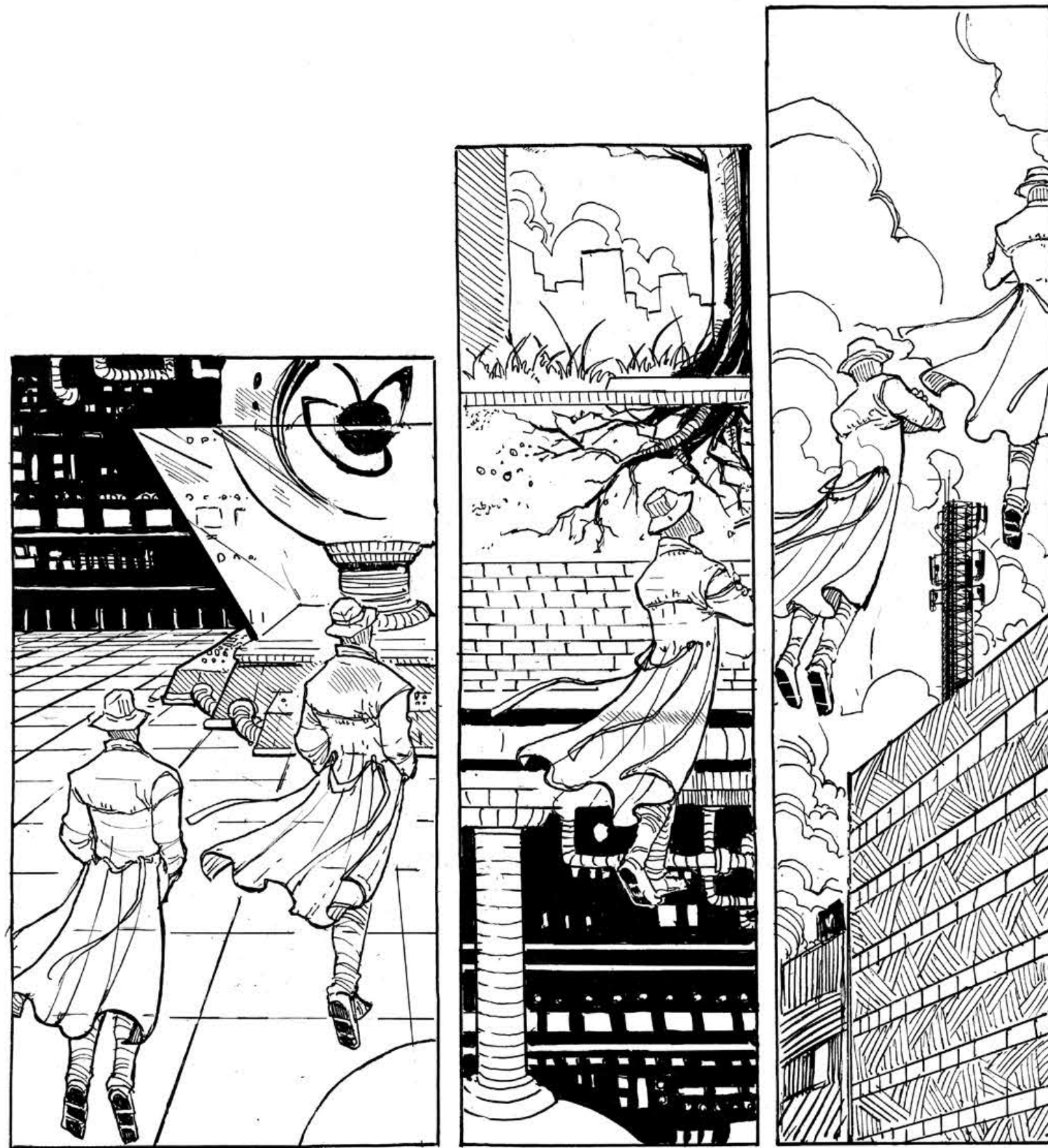
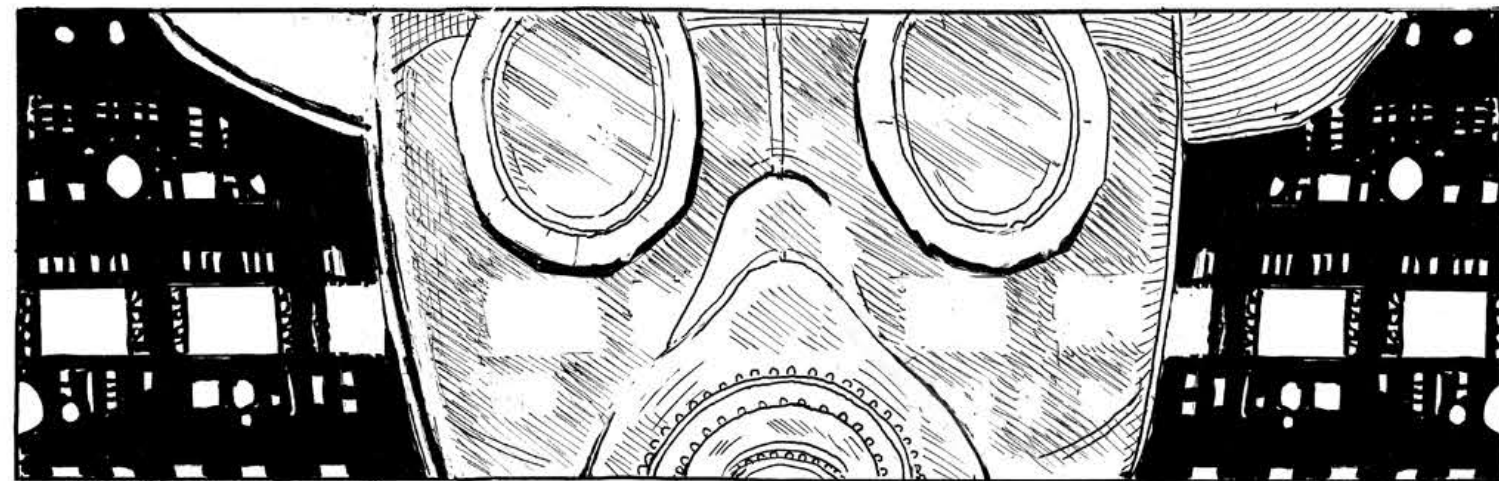


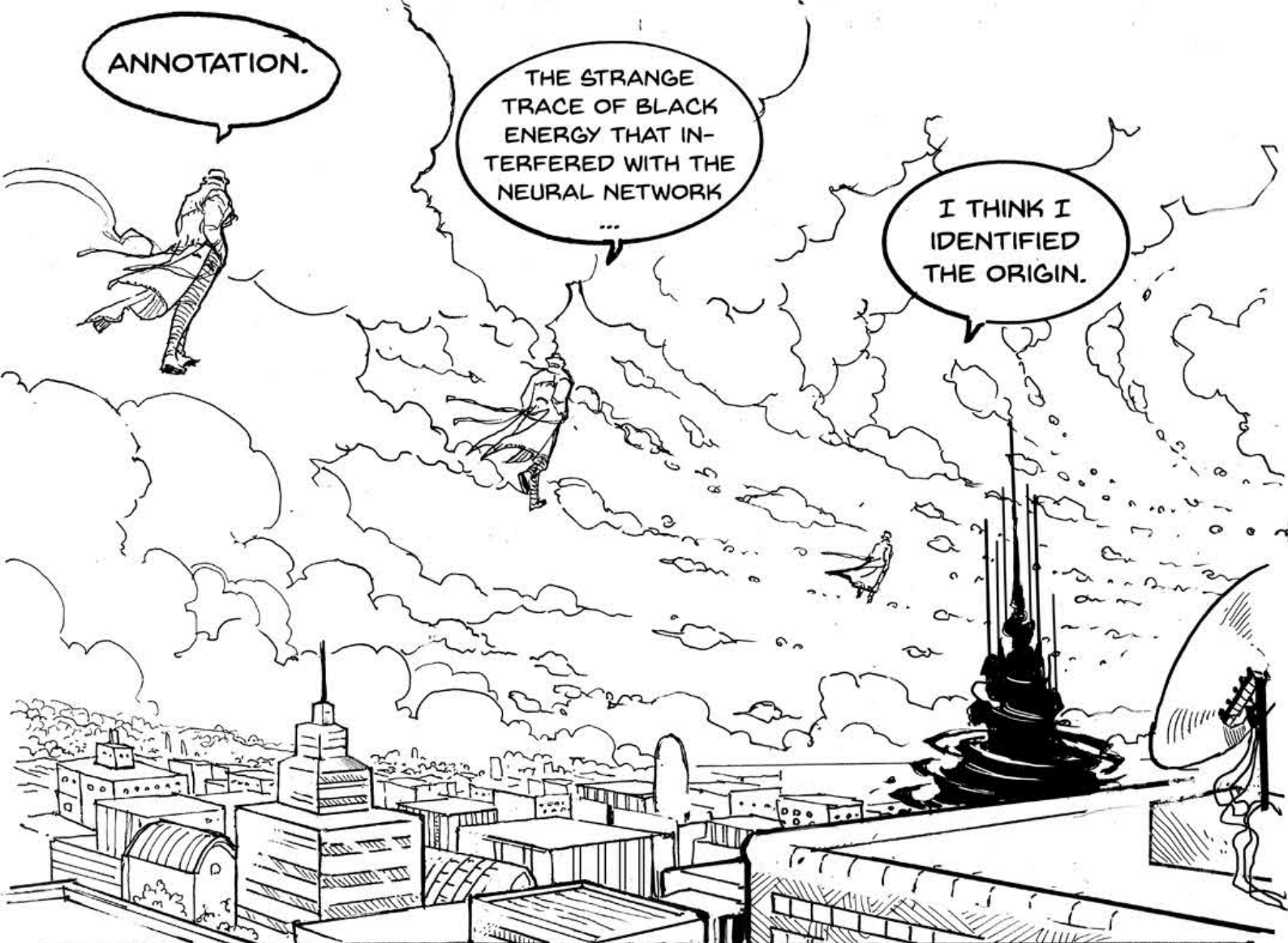
NEVER STOP QUESTIONING.

AND NOW, TELL ME, WHAT OBLATION DID YOU BRING TO THEM?



OBLATION? OH, LIKE A GIFT...





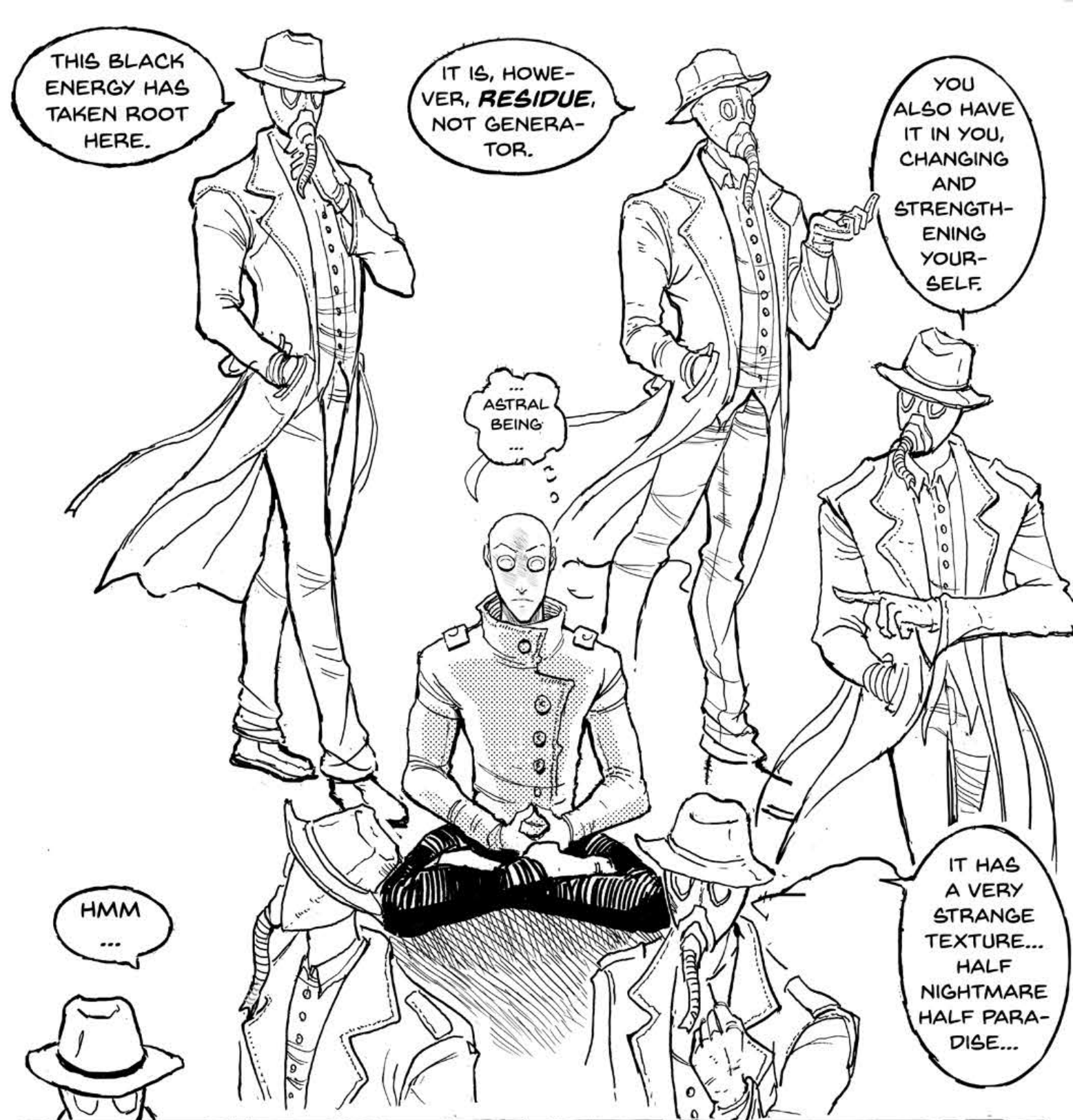
ANNOTATION.

THE STRANGE
TRACE OF BLACK
ENERGY THAT IN-
TERFERED WITH THE
NEURAL NETWORK
...

I THINK I
IDENTIFIED
THE ORIGIN.



WHAT'S WITH THIS
HOUSE THAT
EMITS SO MUCH
FORCE?



THIS BLACK
ENERGY HAS
TAKEN ROOT
HERE.

IT IS, HOWE-
VER, **RESIDUE**,
NOT GENERA-
TOR.

YOU
ALSO HAVE
IT IN YOU,
CHANGING
AND STRENGTH-
ENING YOUR-
SELF.

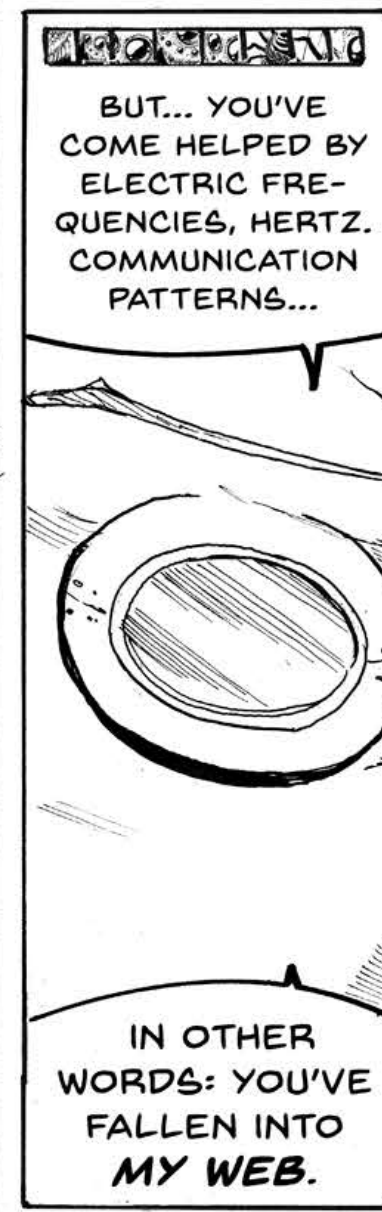
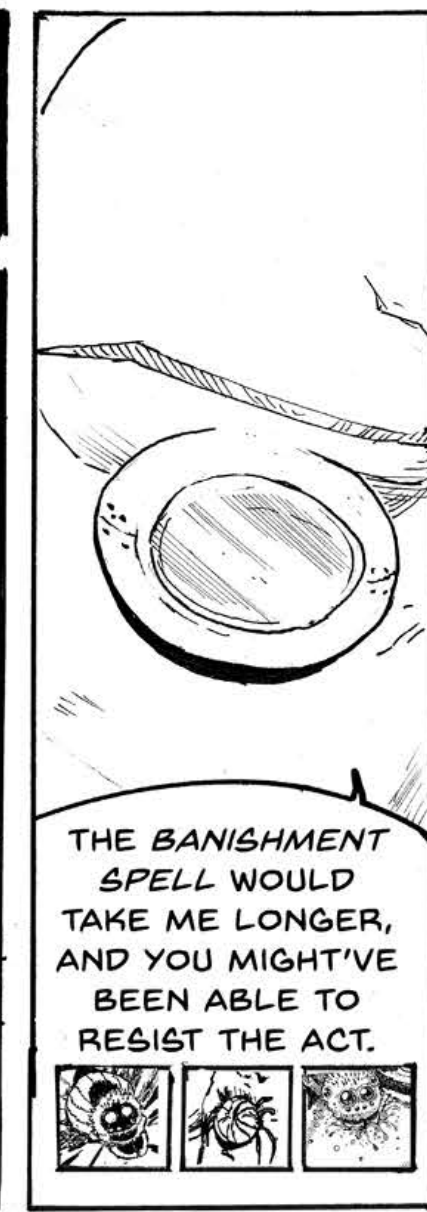
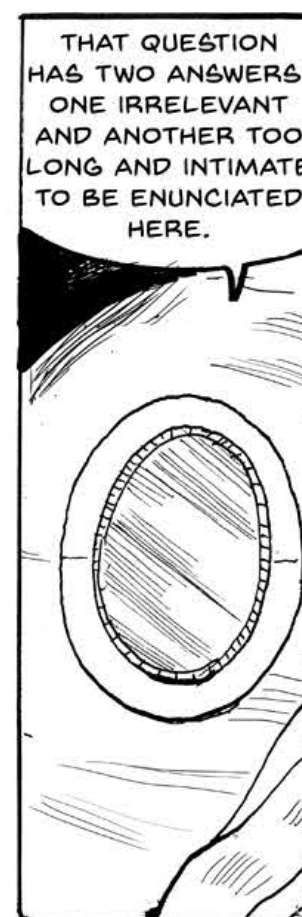
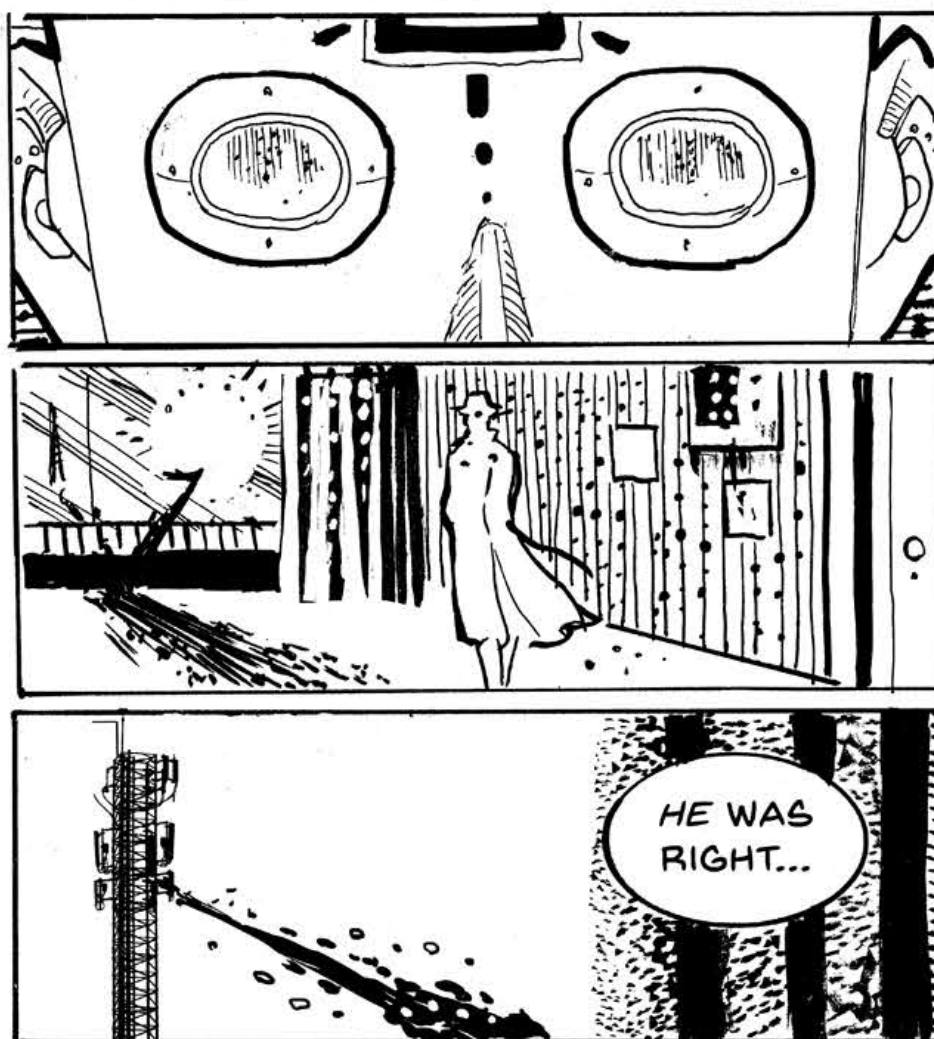
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BEING
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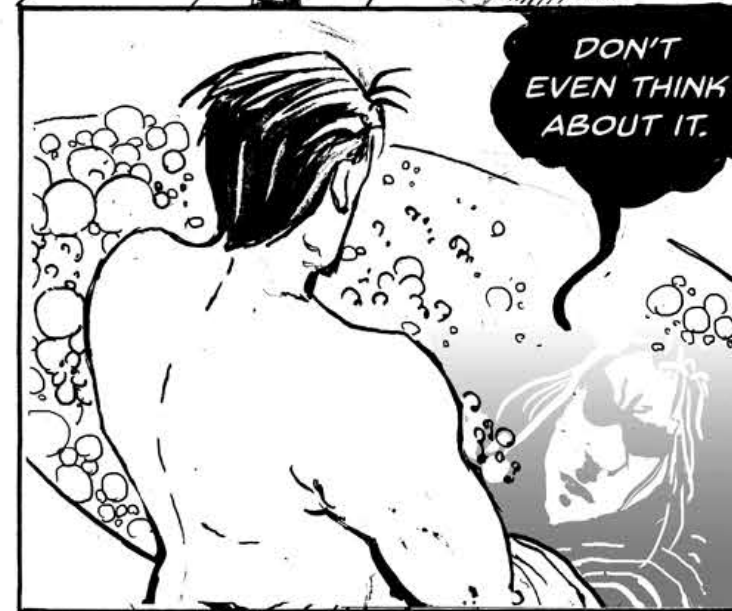
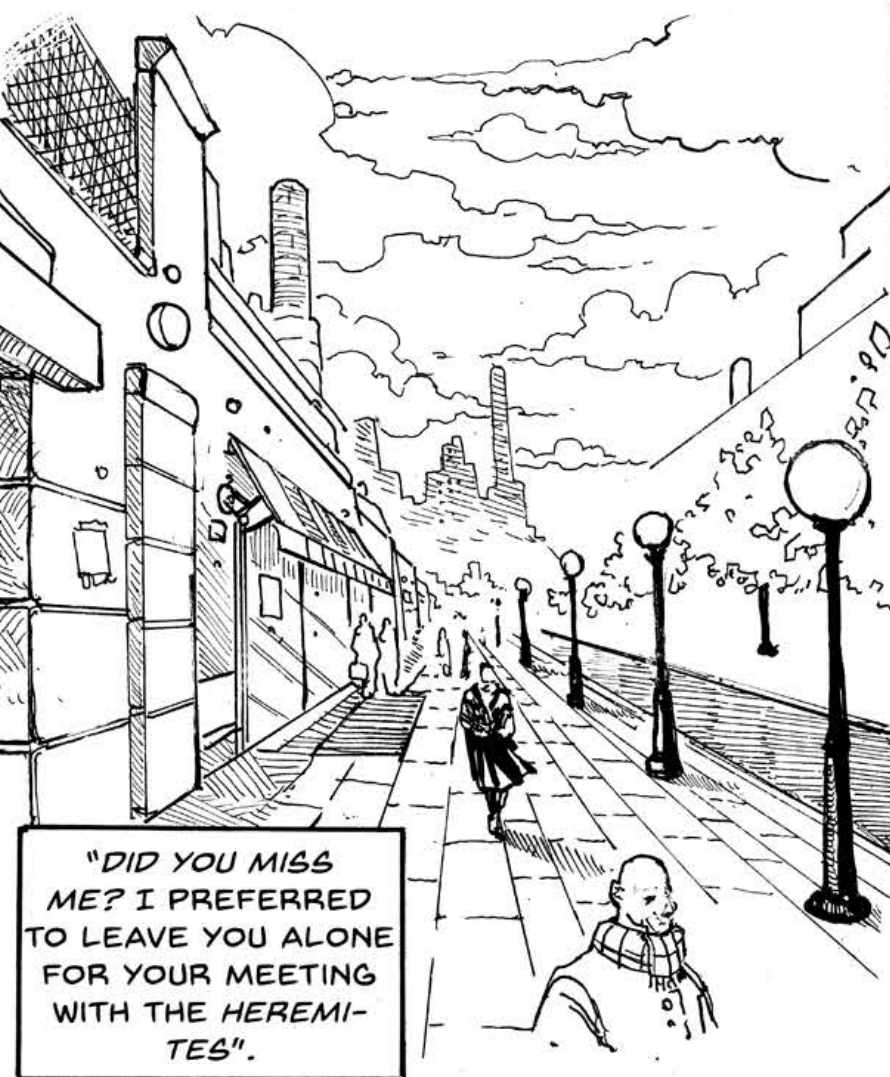
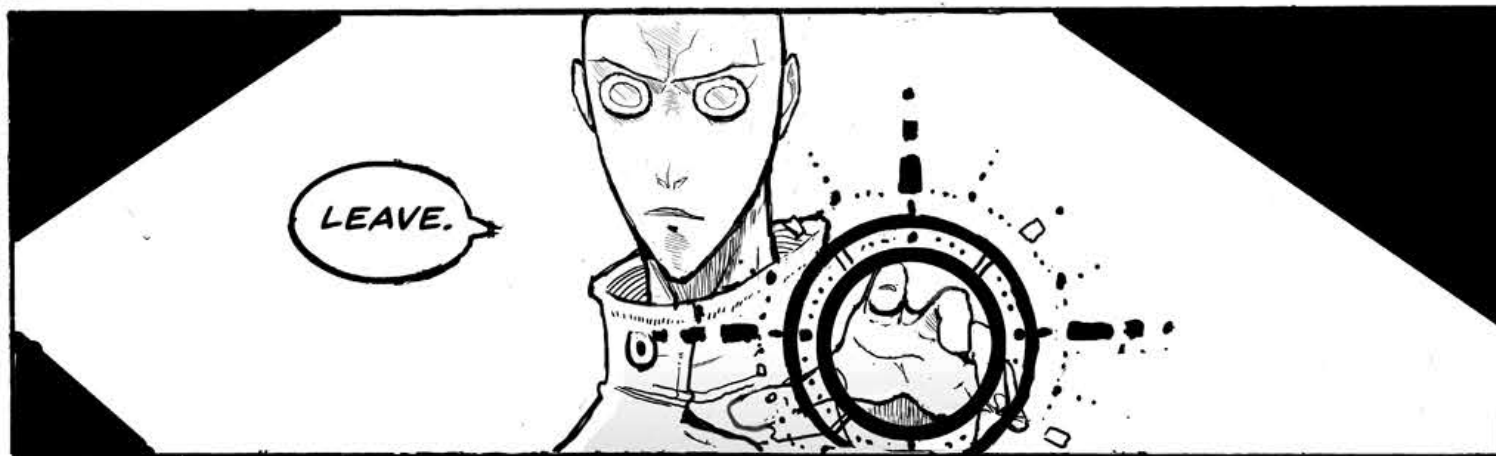
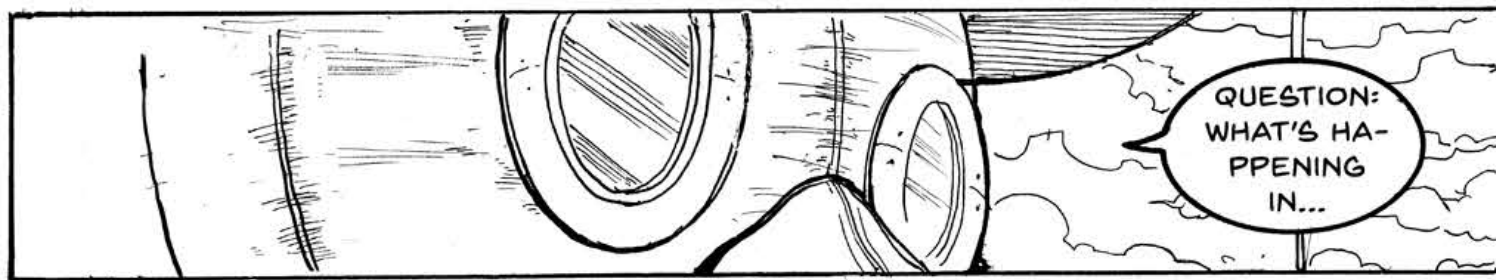
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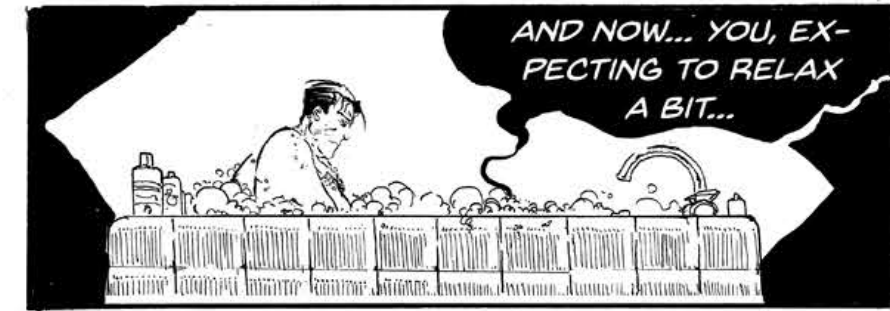
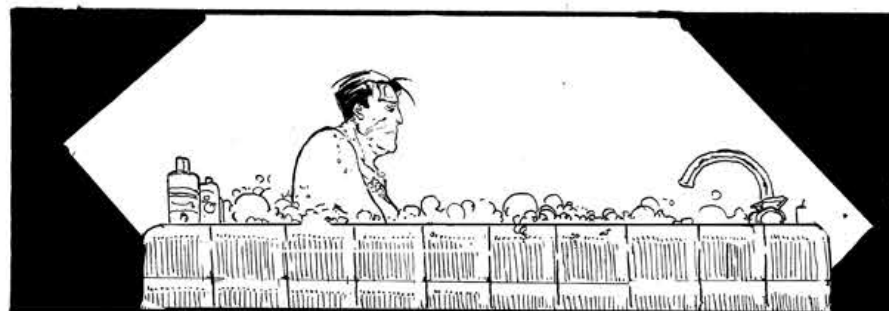
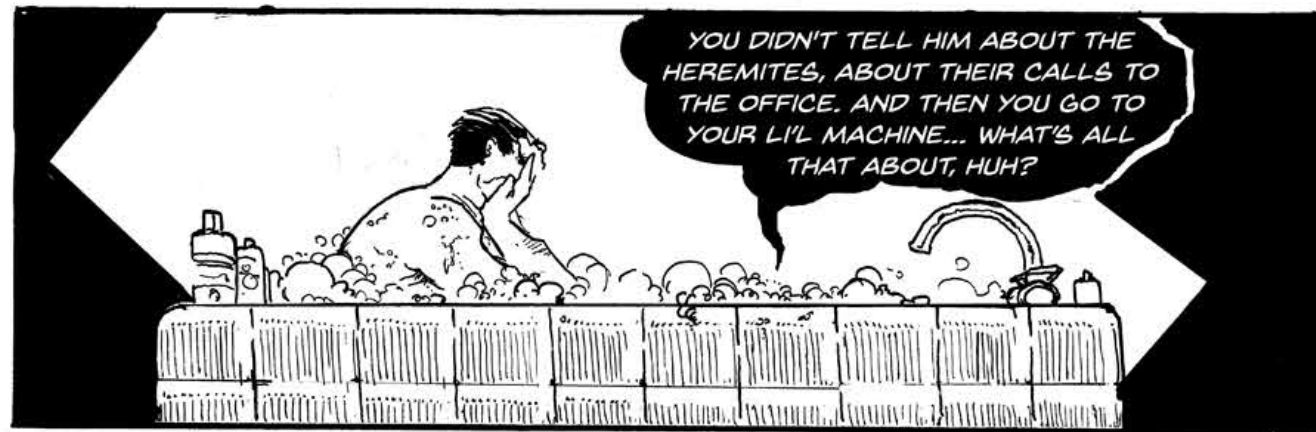
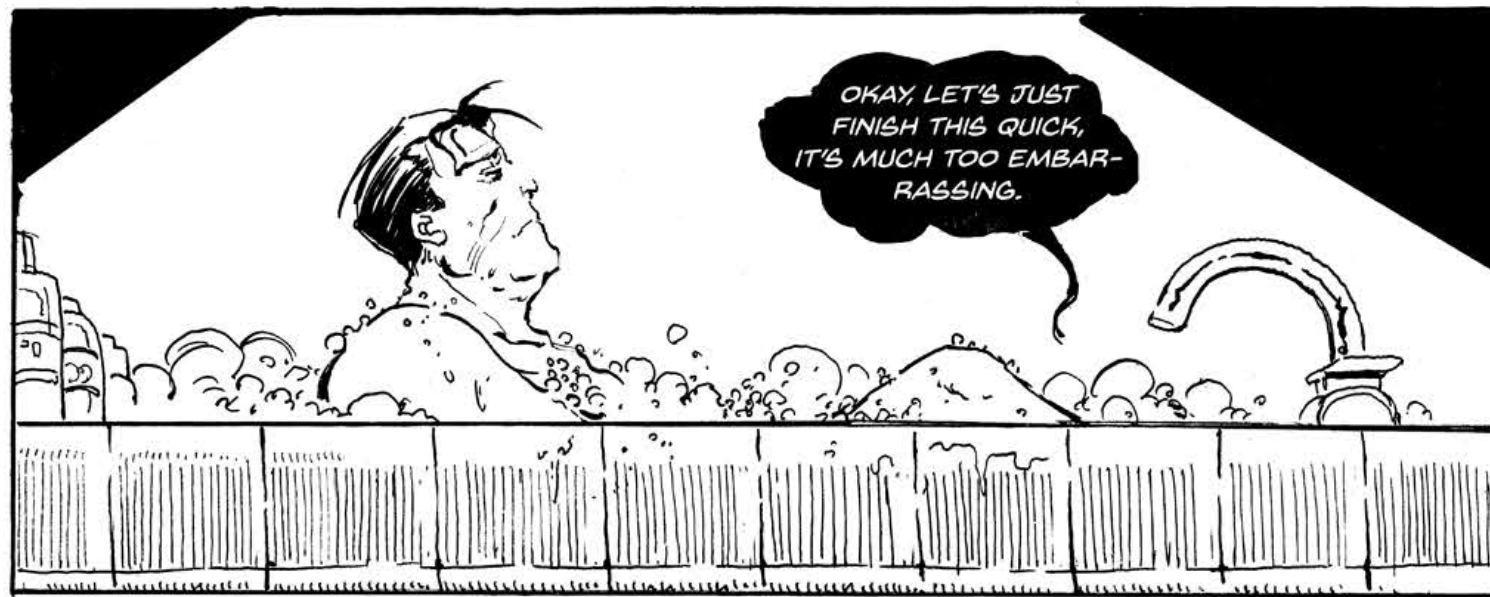
IT HAS
A VERY
STRANGE
TEXTURE...
HALF
NIGHTMARE
HALF PARA-
DISE...

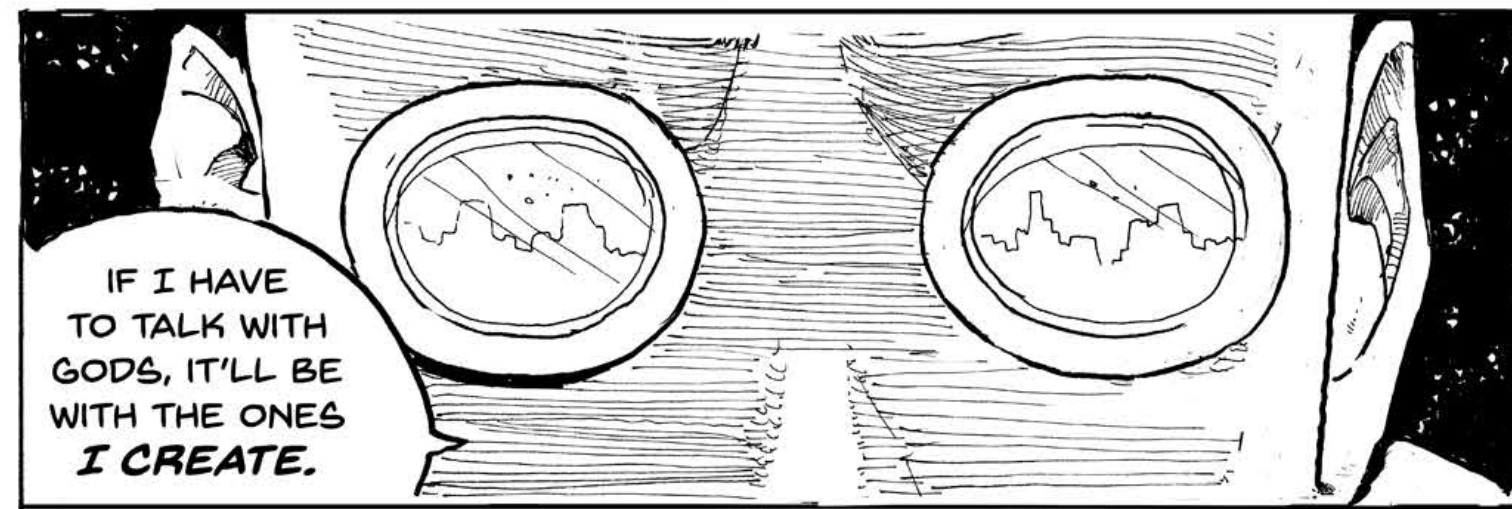
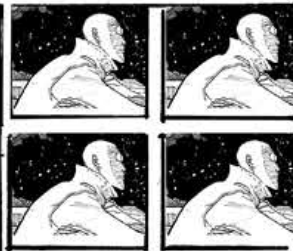


WHY CAN'T I
READ YOUR
MIND?









WHY ALL THIS
INTEREST?

PLAIN ADMI-
RATION. SINCE I
BECAME FLESH,
DOING THINGS IS
MORE DIFFICULT.

IF YOU *KNEW*
WHAT I'VE
HAD TO DO...

PUMPING INFORMATION OUT OF A GUY ON THE
VERGE OF SUICIDE... IT WAS *UNEXPECTEDLY*
DIFFICULT. I USED TO BE ABLE TO SEE YOUR
WHOLE MIND, BUT NOW...

ANYWAY.
JACOB.

WE SHOULD
TALK.

...I JUST SEE THE
SURFACE. STILL, BETTER
THAN BEING AN UNSTABLE IDEA
JUST ONE FART AWAY FROM
RETURNING TO THE ASTRAL
PLASM, HUH?

...TO BE CONTINUED

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