





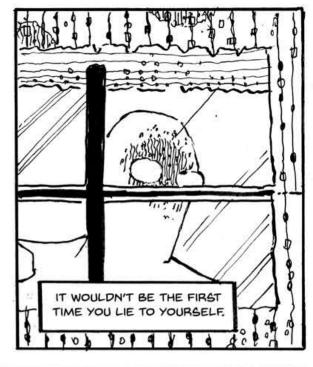
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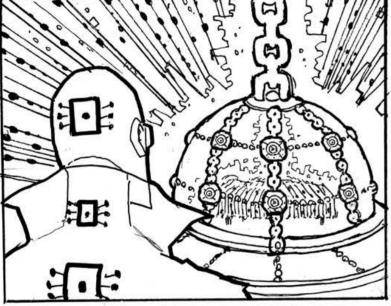


THE ATTIC SMELLS OF ABRASIVE JUNK: ROTTEN TURPENTINE OR HYDROCHLORIC ACID OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT. I TAKE A LOOK, AS I RELAX SO MY EYES USE THEIR **POWER** TO TRANSCEND THE **MATERIAL PLANE**...

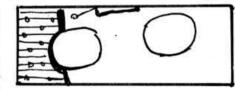
THERE ARE INVISIBLE CURVES IN THE AIR, FROZEN GESTURES OF STRANGE RITUALS. MAYBE THAT EXPLAINS THE CORRUPTION OF THE HOUSE. ALTHOUGH, OBVIOUSLY, HOW WOULD I KNOW IF WHAT I SEE IS WHAT IT IS?

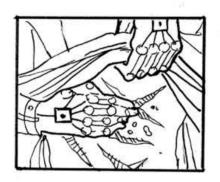


IT'S AS
IF THE
PLACE IS
FILLED WITH
ANTIMATTER. IT
EMANATES
FROM
AN ORB,
CREATED
WITH SIGILS
WRITTEN IN
BLOOD, ON
THE FLOOR.

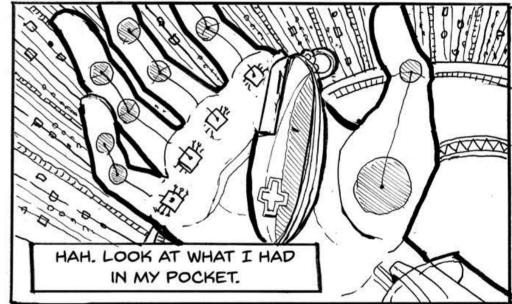


I SENSE SOMETHING STRANGE. PART OF THIS POWER COMES FROM SOMETHING AWFUL THAT HAP-PENED LONG AGO...

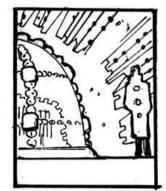




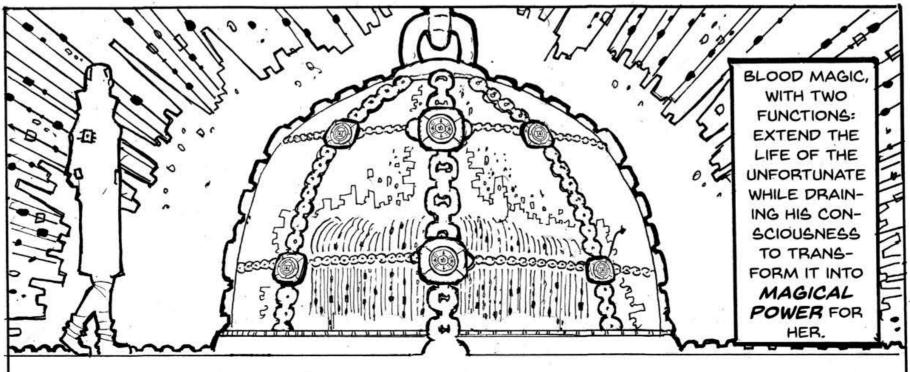
I CAN'T SEE WHAT IT WAS, BUT IT'S DAMA-GING ENOUGH TO REOPEN WOUNDS I DIDN'T KNOW I HAD.

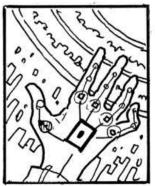


I APPROACH
THE ORB. A
HORROR
WAVE
SHAKES
MY BACKBONE.

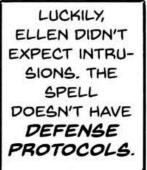


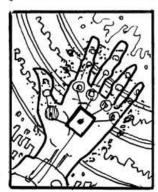
IN THE
CENTER OF
THE ORB, A
BED. IN IT, A
MAN. OLD.
ASLEEP? NOT
EXACTLY...

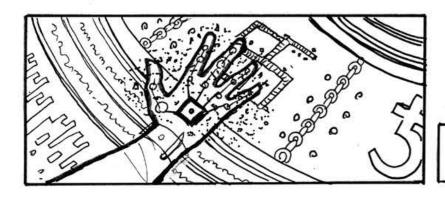


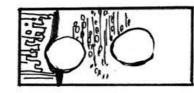


THE MAN IS
CADAVEROUS;
HIS SKIN SO
PALE ONE
HAS TO
WONDER HOW
IS HE STILL
ALIVE.





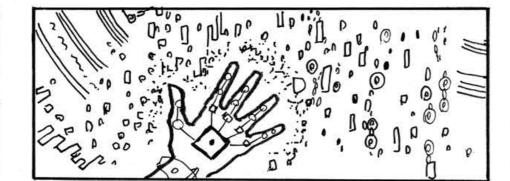




AND WHEN YOU KNOW THE TRICK...

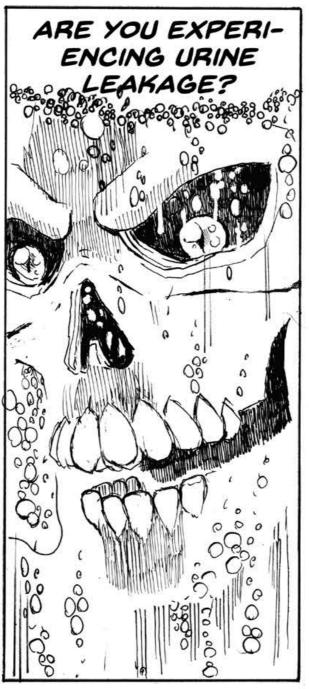
...THE MAGIC IS GONE.



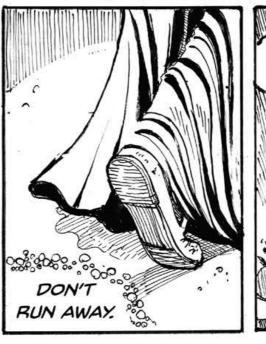






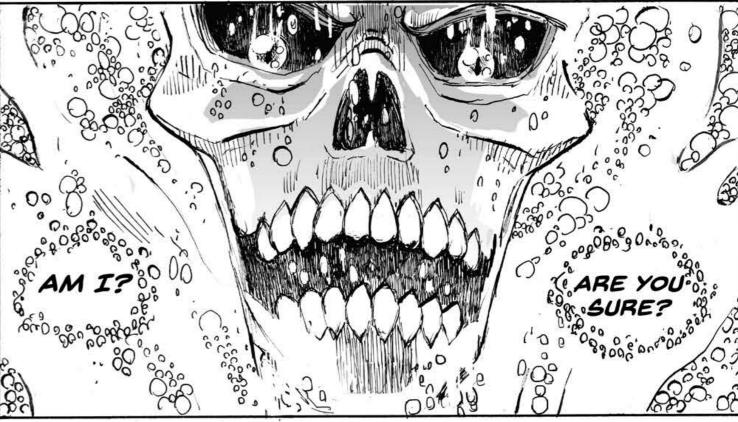








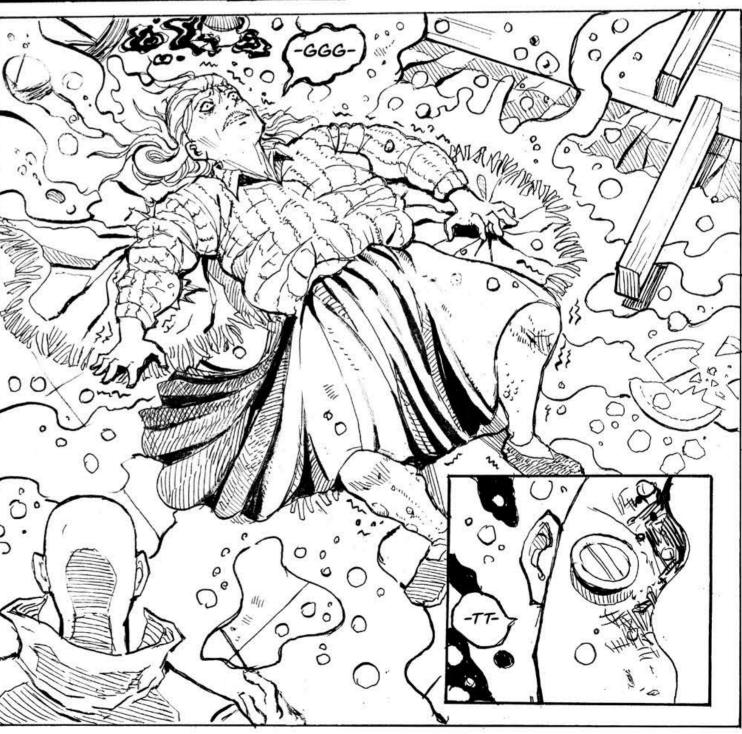


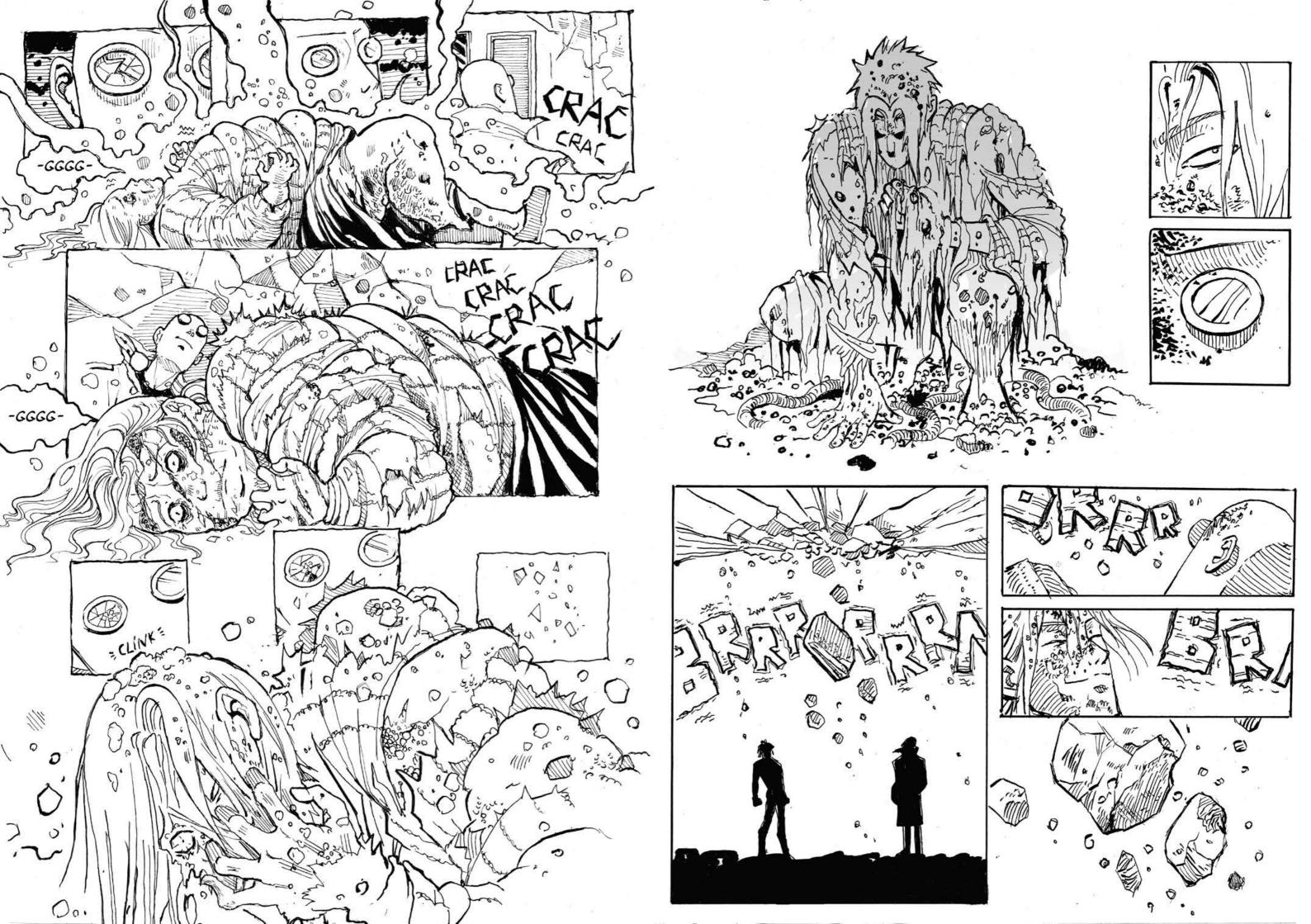


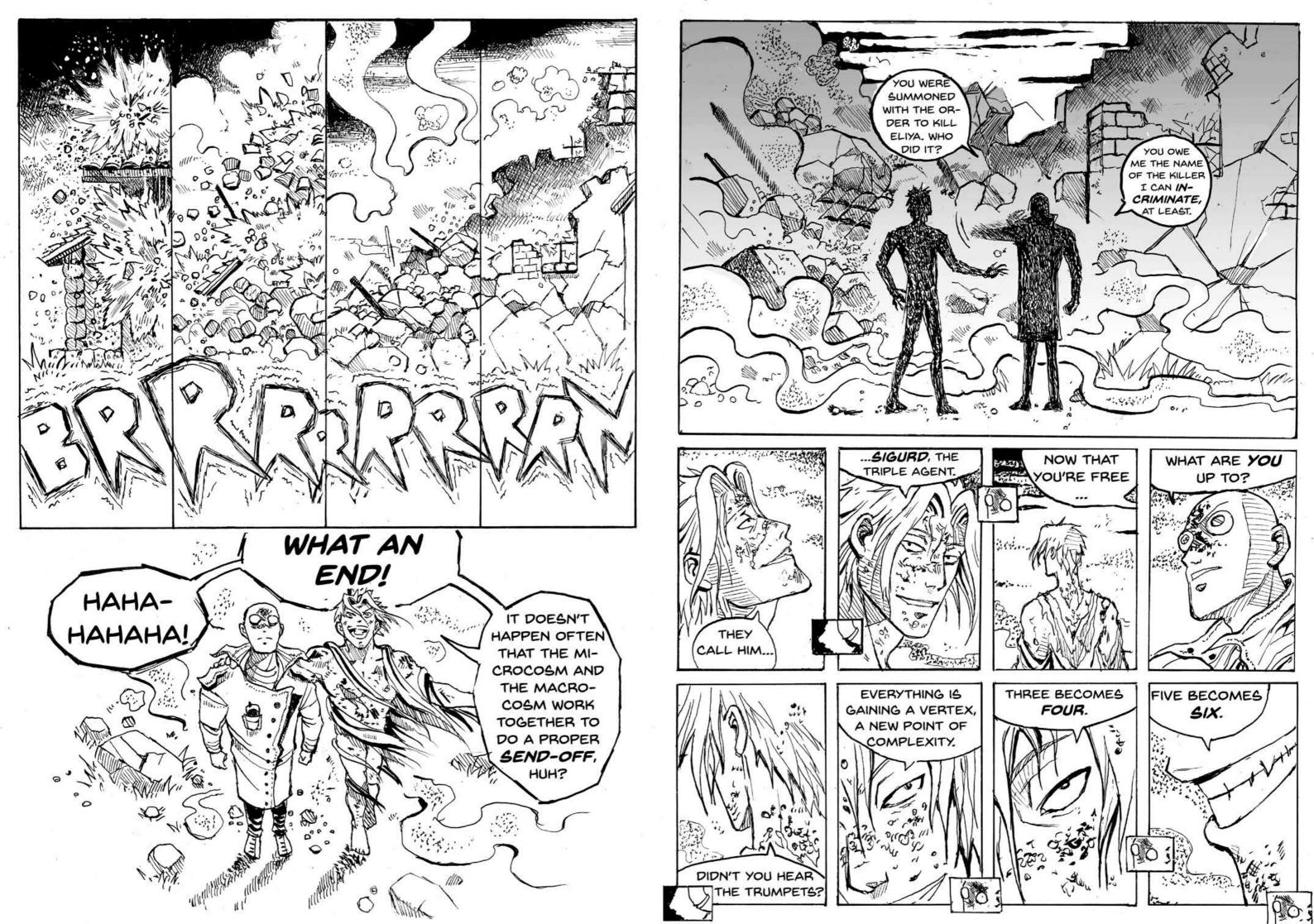






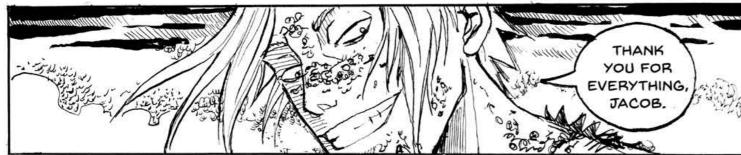


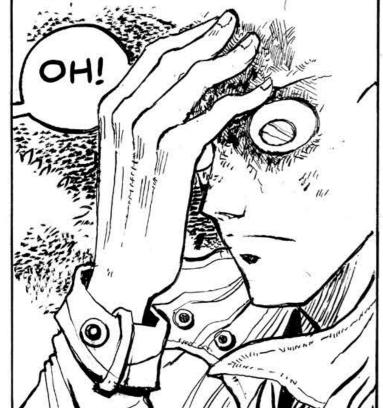








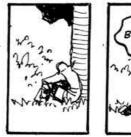










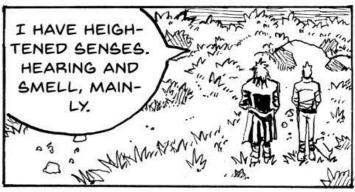






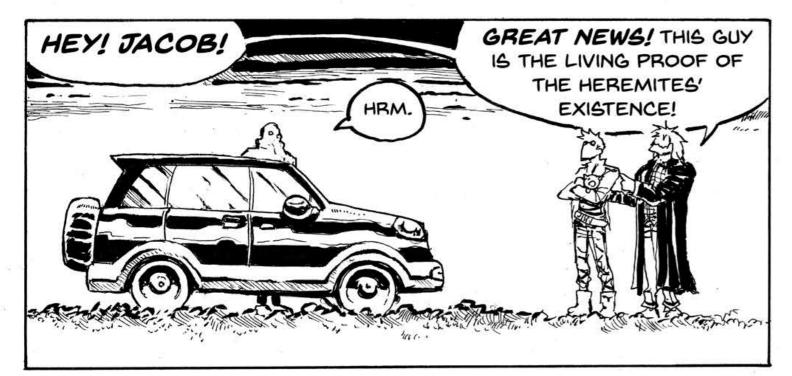




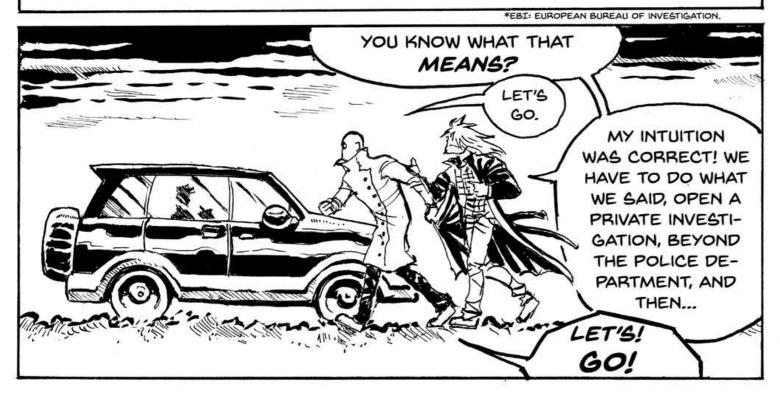












...TO BE CONTINUED

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).
IF WE HAVE ENOUGH HELP, WE'LL TURN UPSURGE
INTO A MONTHLY SERIES. THANK YOU!

LINKS:

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