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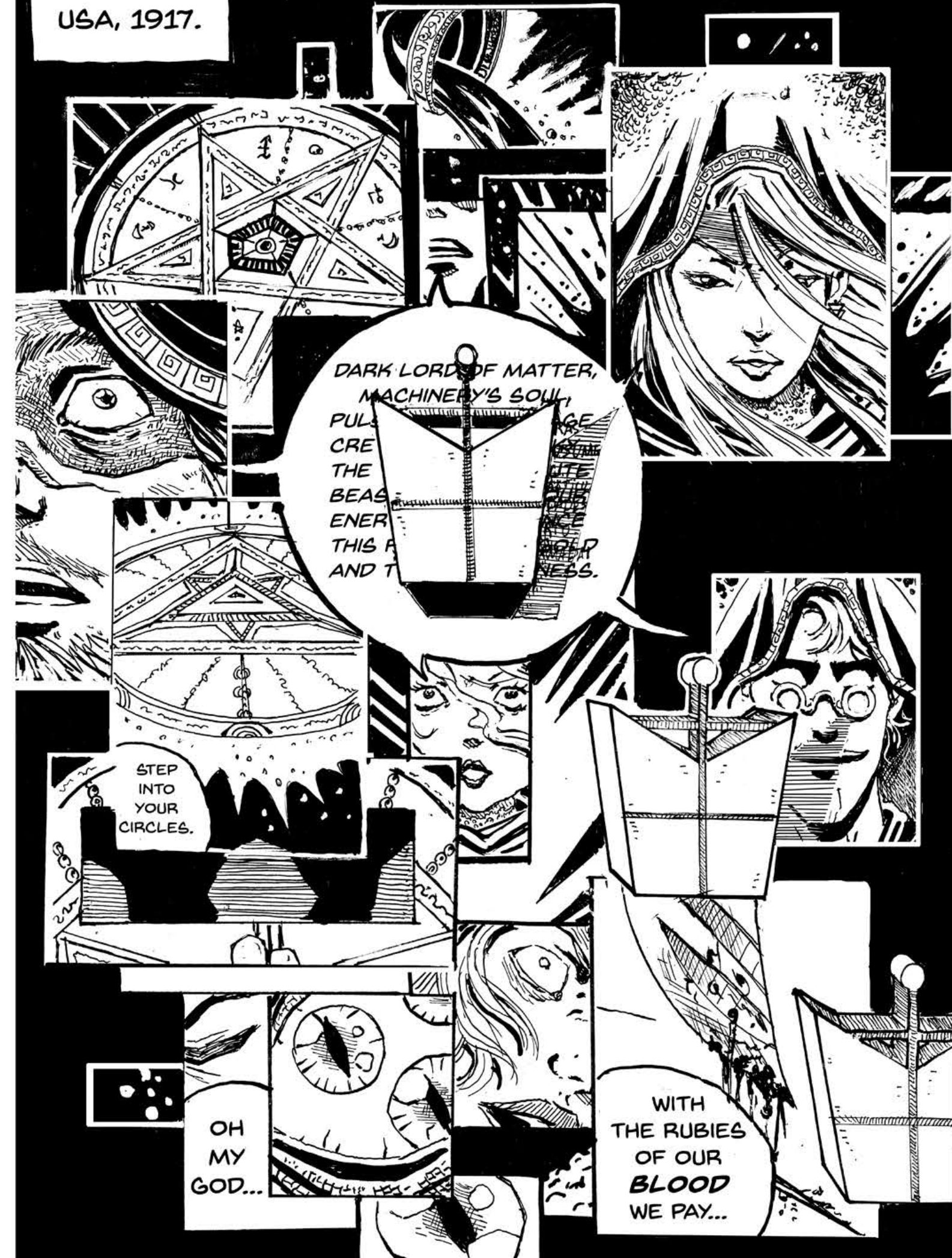
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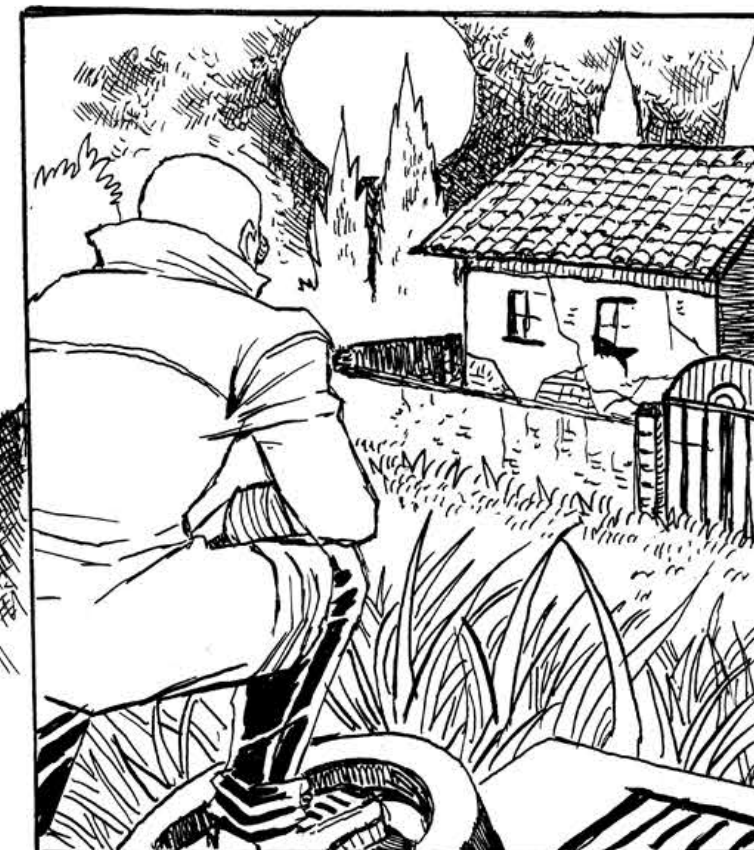
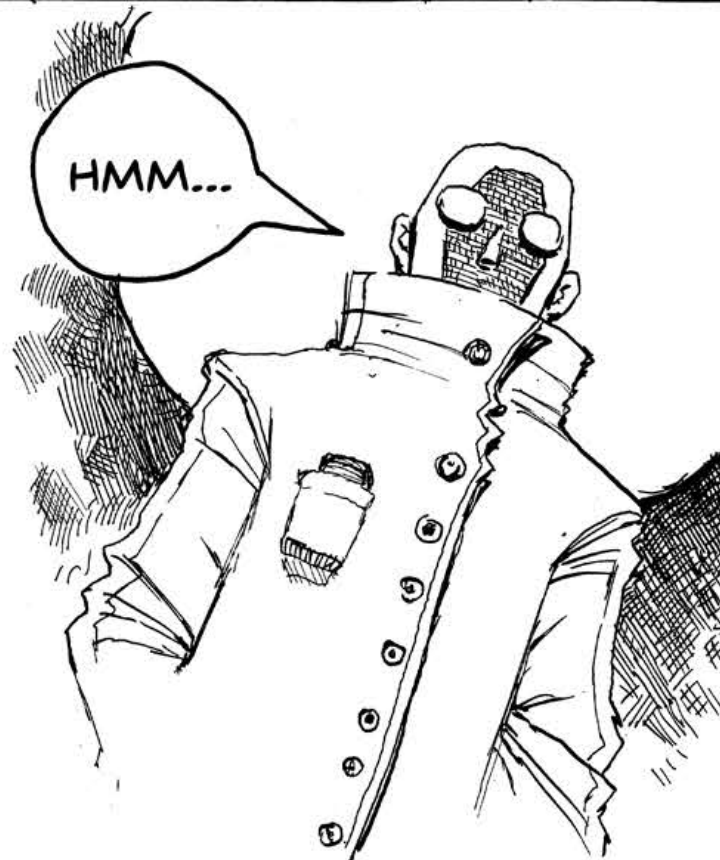
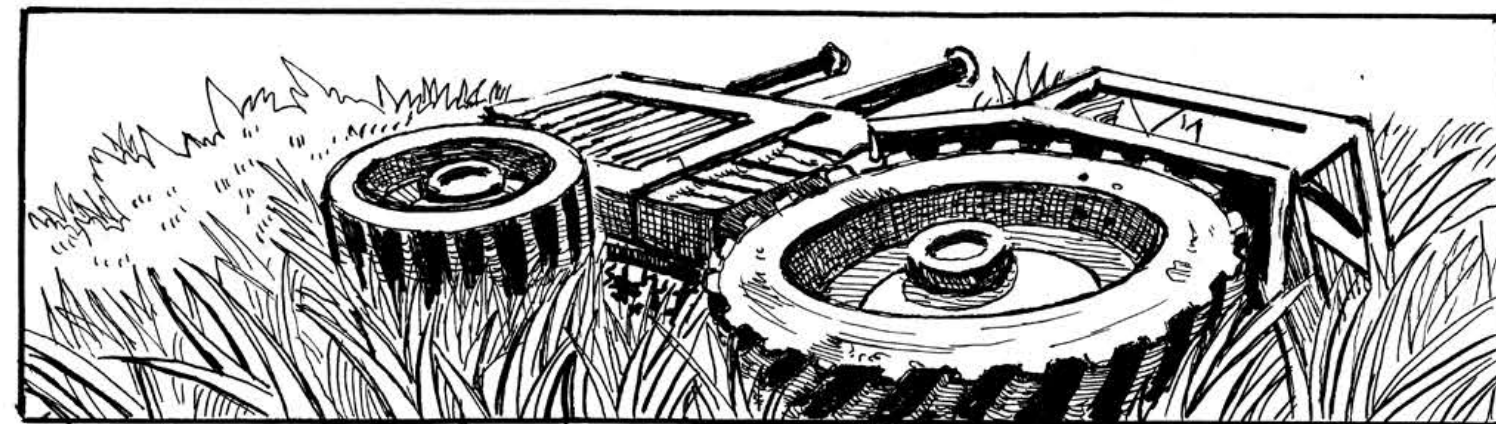
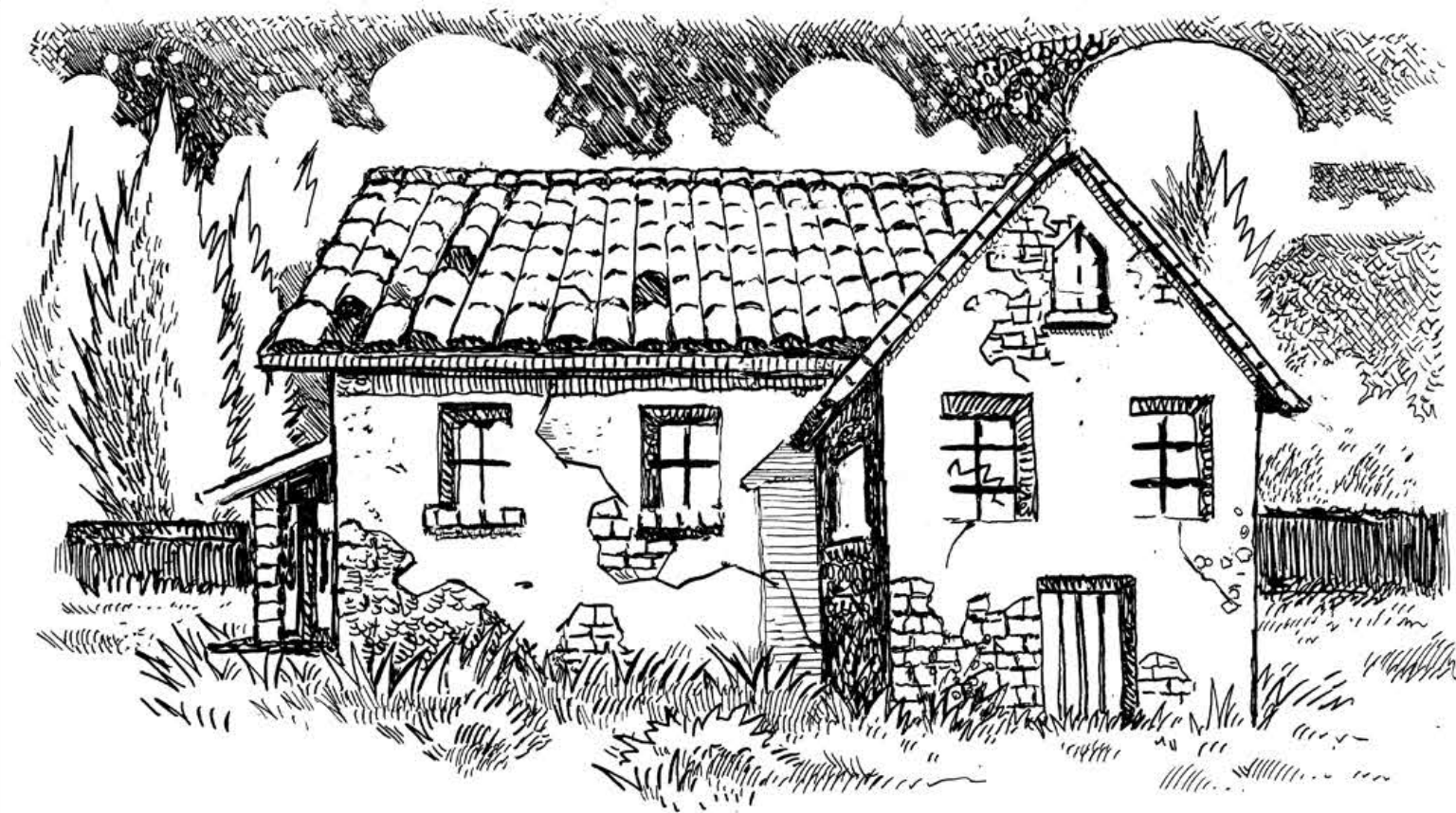
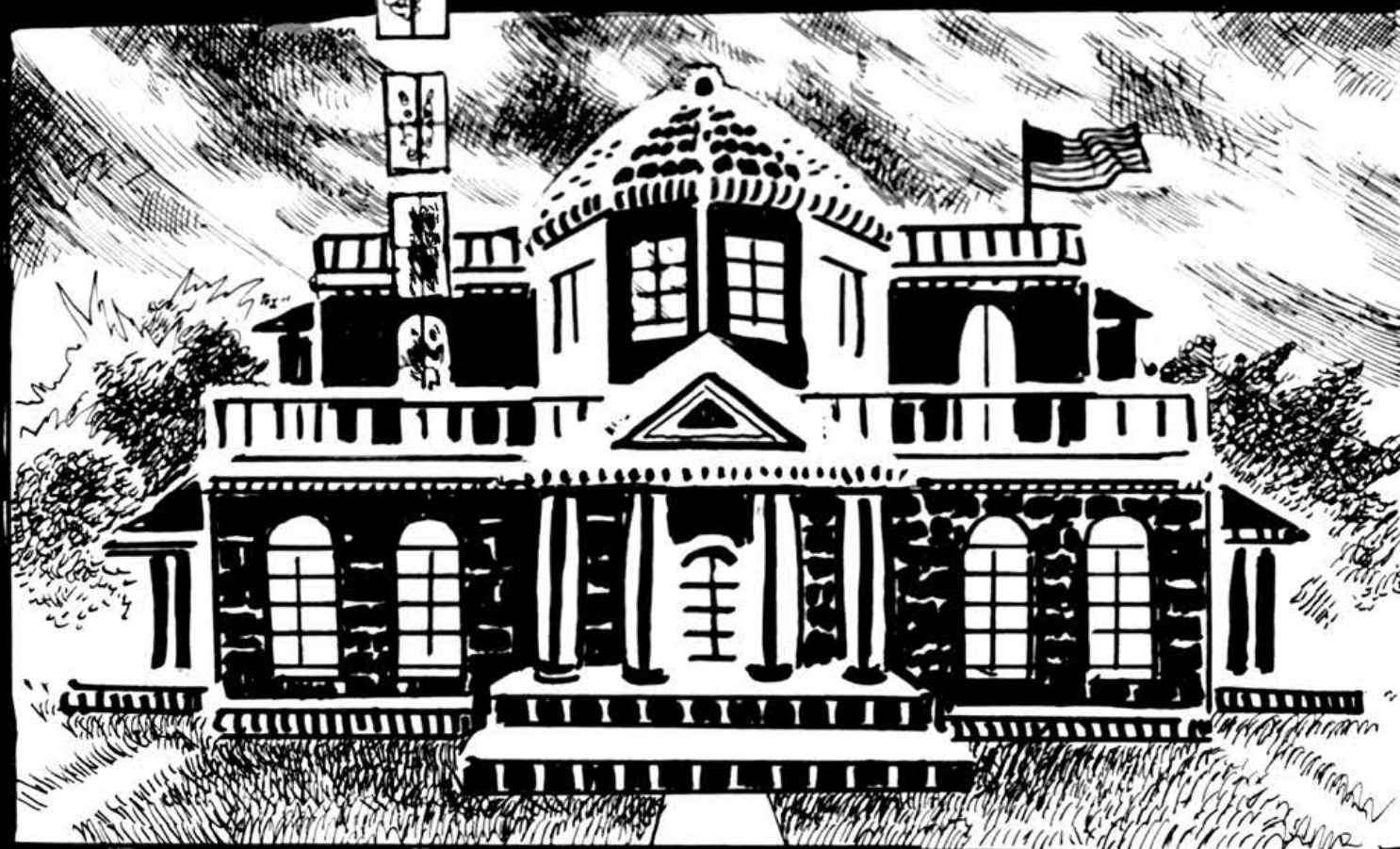
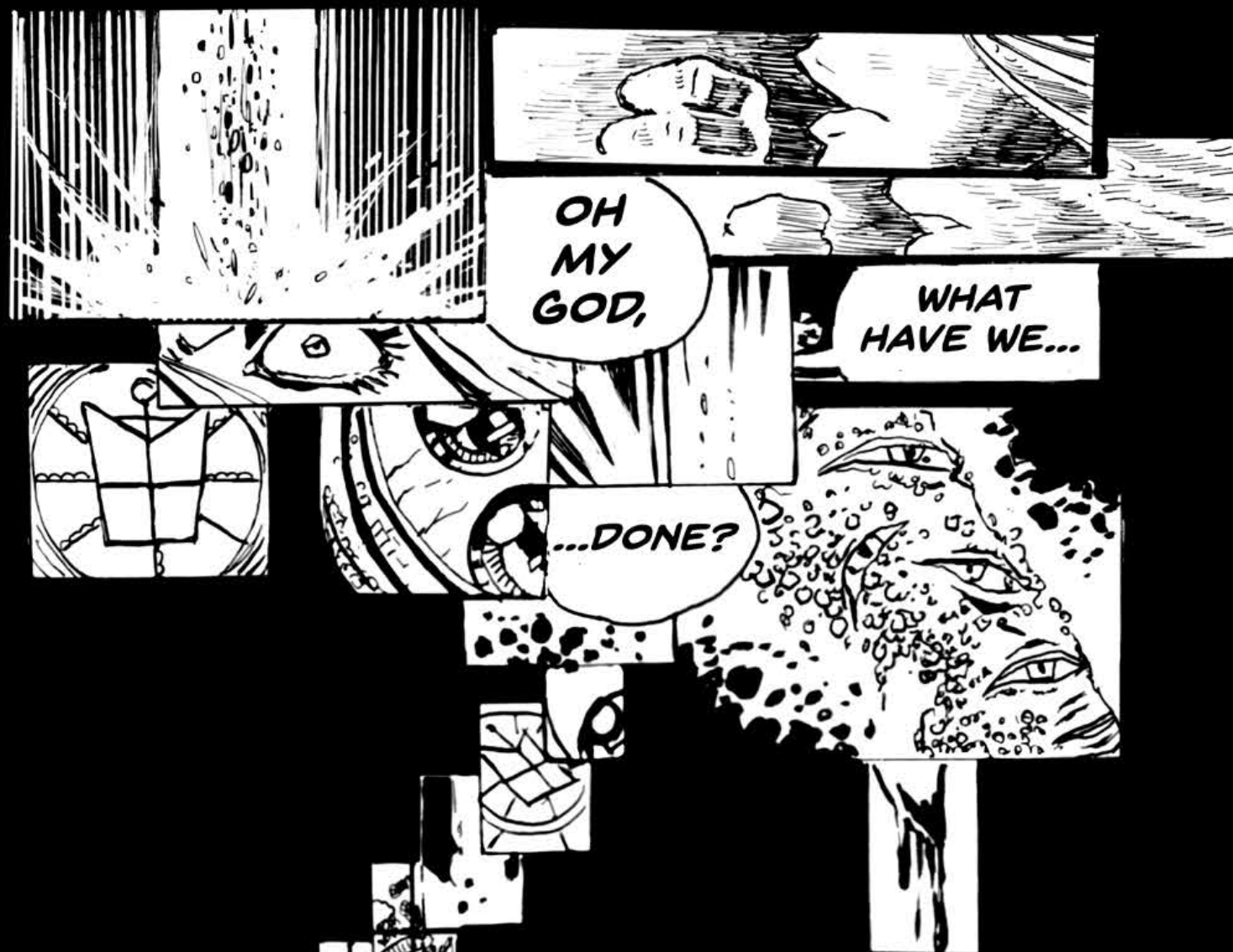
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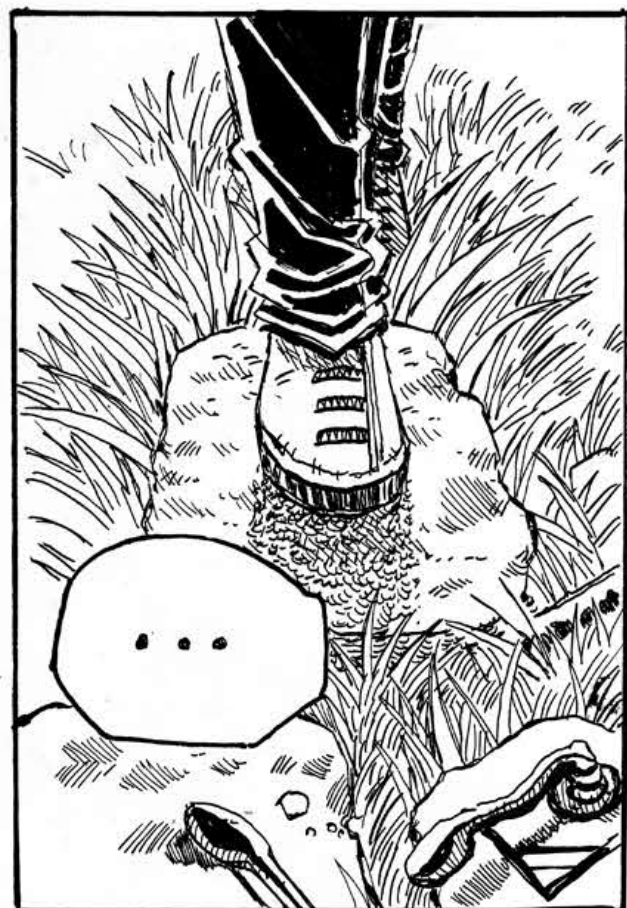
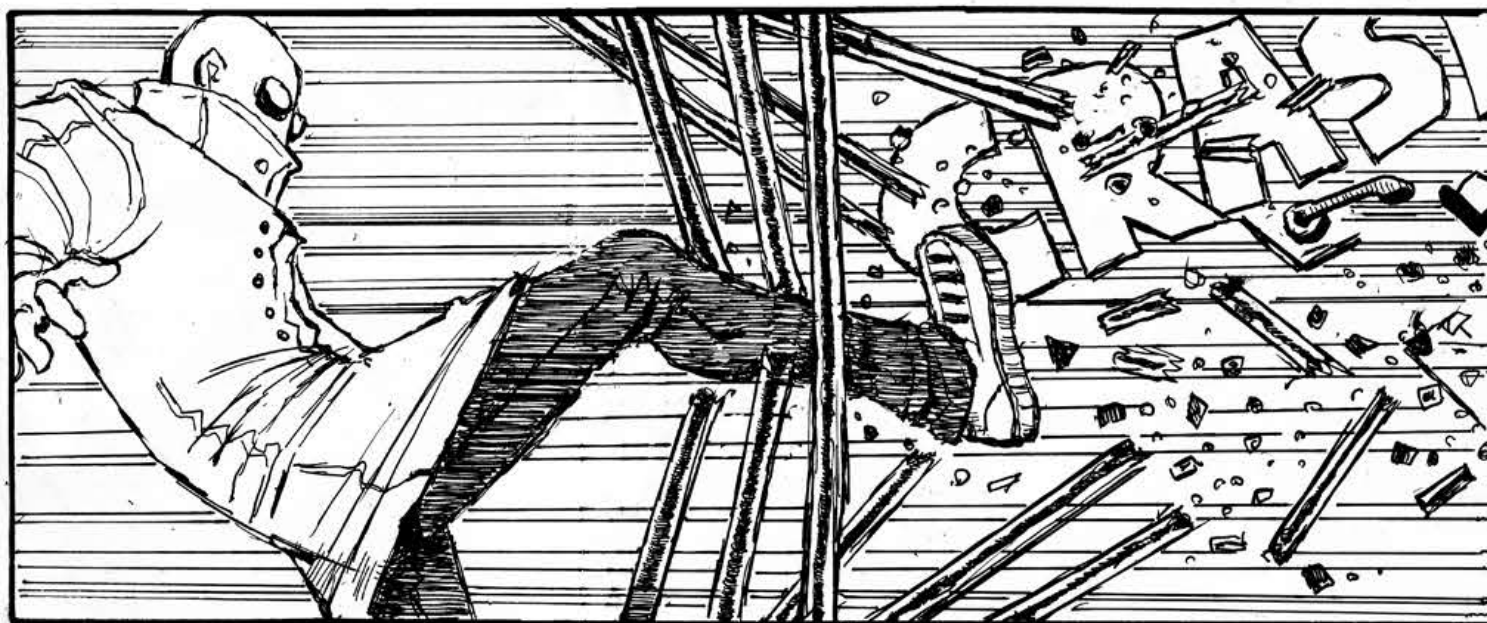
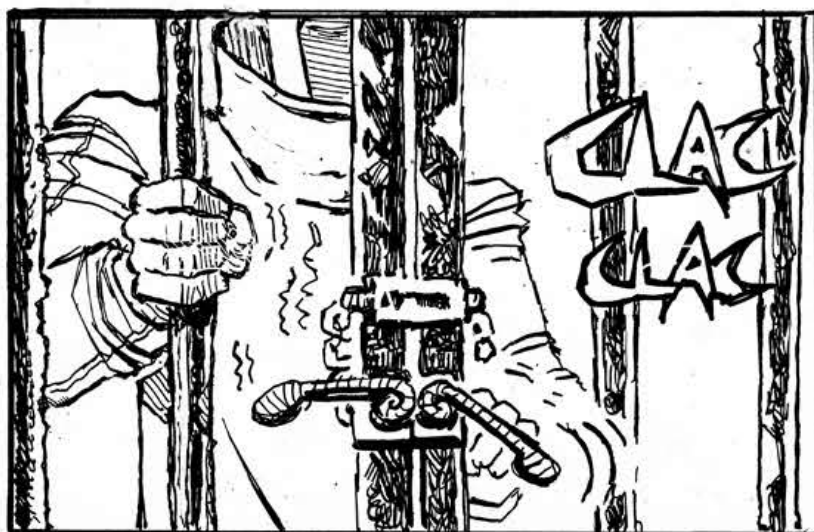
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USA, 1917.









I'M...
GOING TO
THE HOUSE.



ISN'T A BIT
LATE TO BE
PLAYING
OUTSIDE?



A HOME IS FULL OF
PSYCHIC CORNERS,
A DEMON COULD ATTACH
TO THEM TO SOLIDIFY
AND TAKE A MATERIAL
FORM IN THIS
PLANE...



EVEN IF YOU ARE NOT ABLE TO
SEE IT, THE HOUSE ALREADY
APPEARS TO BE **CORRUPTED...**



A CLEAR
SIGN OF THE
APOCALYPSE.



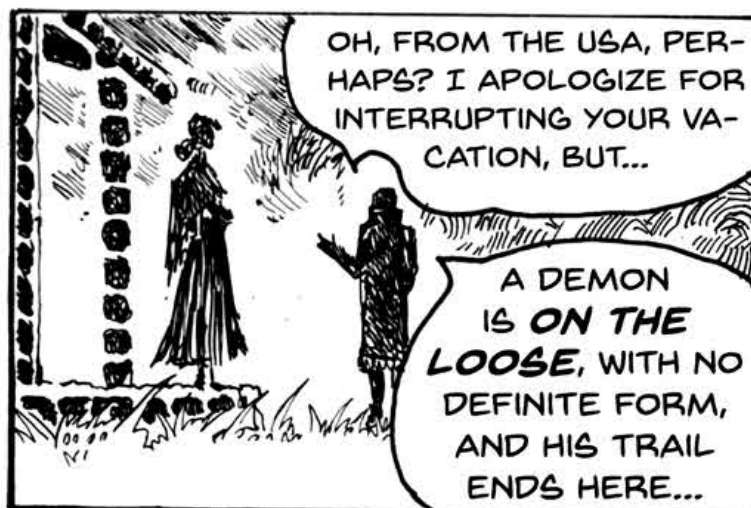
HELLO. MY NAME IS JACOB ASON, I'M FROM PARANORMAL AFFAIRS.

I'M...
LOOKING FOR AN INTERDIMENSIONAL BEING.

A...
DEMON.

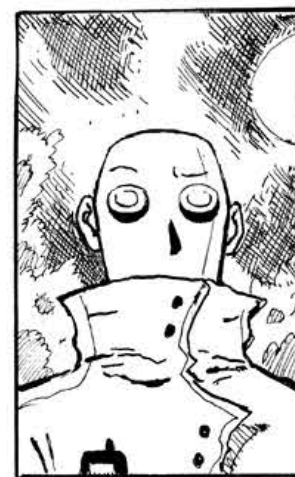
I KNOW IT
SOUNDS
STRANGE,
MS...

MATHERS.
ELLEN...

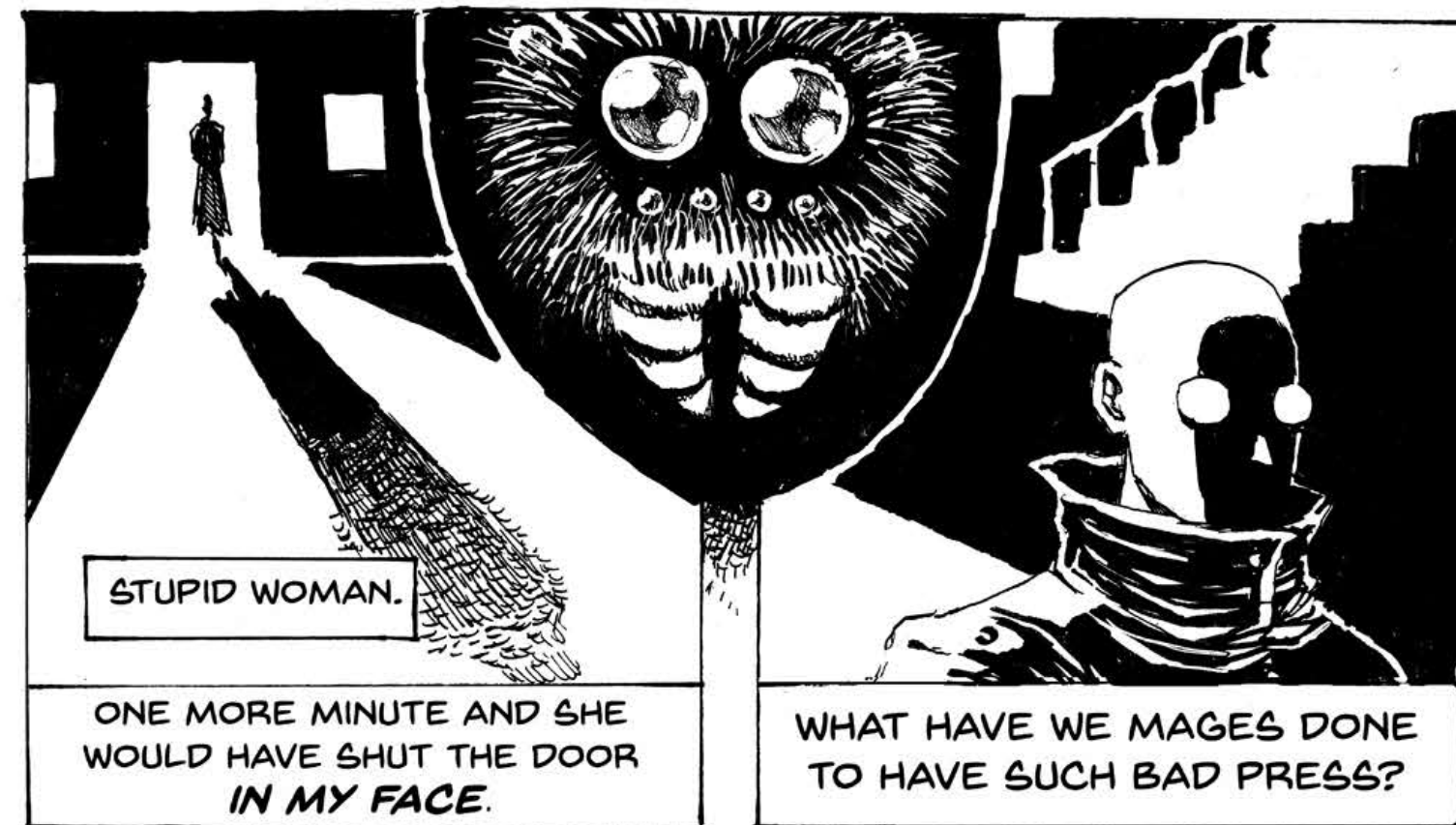


OH, FROM THE USA, PERHAPS? I APOLOGIZE FOR INTERRUPTING YOUR VACATION, BUT...

A DEMON
IS **ON THE
LOOSE**, WITH NO
DEFINITE FORM,
AND HIS TRAIL
ENDS HERE...



VERY FUNNY! THAT'S THE SPIRIT TO FIGHT DEMONS! WOULD YOU MIND MAKING SOME TEA WHILE I INVESTIGATE?



STUPID WOMAN.

ONE MORE MINUTE AND SHE
WOULD HAVE SHUT THE DOOR
IN MY FACE.

WHAT HAVE WE MAGES DONE TO HAVE SUCH BAD PRESS?



SHE CANNOT SEE IT AS I DO, BUT SHE SHOULD BE ABLE TO FEEL IT SOMEHOW...

THE ENTROPY CHIPPING THE STRUCTURE.

WALLS PULSATING LIKE A PUTREFIED UTERUS.



YOU SHOULD LEARN MORE ABOUT **DEMONS**.

LOOK, WE'VE ARRIVED.

WHAT FOR? IT'S BEEN DECADES SINCE THE LAST ONE MATERIALIZED IN OUR PLANE.

THEY STILL AFFECT THE ASTRAL PLANE.

AND THE ASTRAL AFFECTS THE PHYSICAL.

OR DO YOU WANT TO BECOME A PHILOSOPHER?

OH, YOU KNOW, ONE OF THOSE PUSSIES WHO HAS THEORIES...

WHAT?

...THAT HE NEVER PUTS INTO PRACTICE LEST HE GETS HURT.

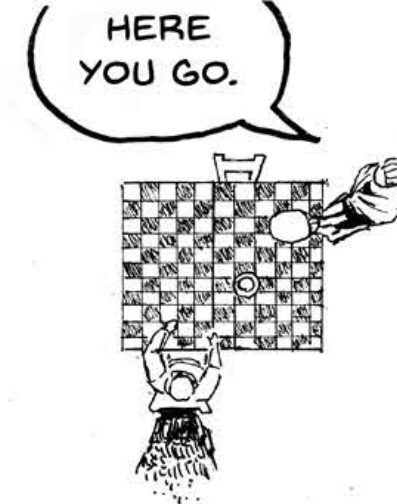
IF YOU WANT TO UNDERSTAND **EVIL** YOU HAVE TO MEET **SATAN**.

THIS IS OUR AGE, JACOB.

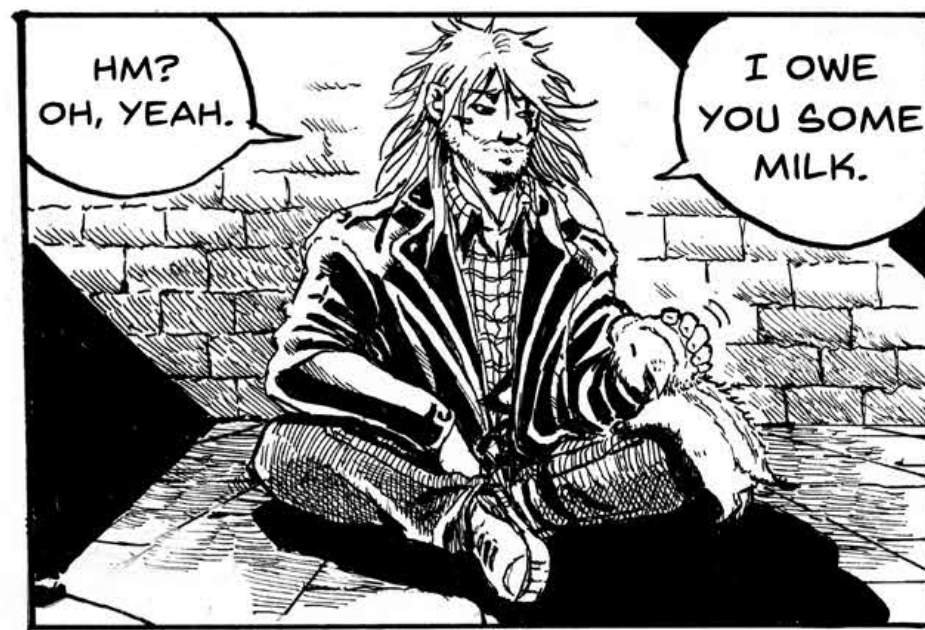
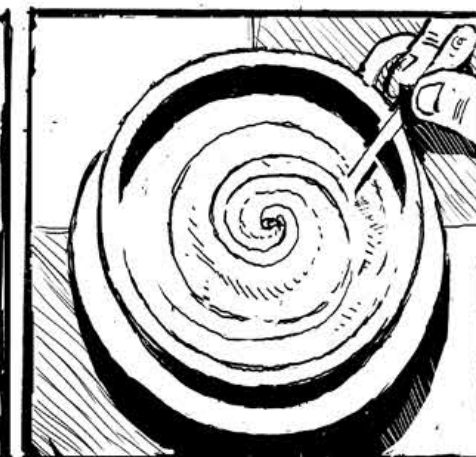
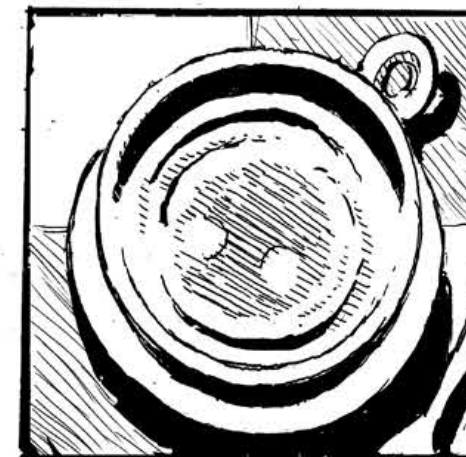
NEVER FORGET IT.

IF YOU WANT TO STOP FEARING DEATH YOU HAVE TO **DIE!**

HEH, ESSEX... IF **TALKING** WAS ALL IT TOOK...



HERE
YOU GO.



HM?
OH, YEAH.

I OWE
YOU SOME
MILK.



DO YOU FEEL
BETTER?



HM, YES.
WHAT HAP-
PENED?

YOU
WERE DE-
LIRIOUS.



YOU WERE
TALKING
ABOUT YOUR
FATHER.



MY FATHER?
UNLIKELY. I
DON'T OFTEN
TALK ABOUT
HIM.



SIR, CAN YOU
GIVE ME A
COOKIE?



RUTH!
WHAT IM-
PERTINENCE
IS THAT?

IT'S
OKAY.



YOU SPEAK
SPANISH VERY
WELL FOR A
FOREIGNER.*



WELL, THAT'S
WHY THEY SENT
US HERE. WE
ARE INVESTIGA-
TORS TOO, YOU
KNOW?

*AS JACOB SAYS, THEY'RE SPEAKING
IN SPANISH.



SO WHAT ARE YOU INVESTIGATING?



OH, RELICS FROM HERE AND THERE.

THINGS THAT THE OFFICIAL HISTORIOGRAPHY OMITTS.

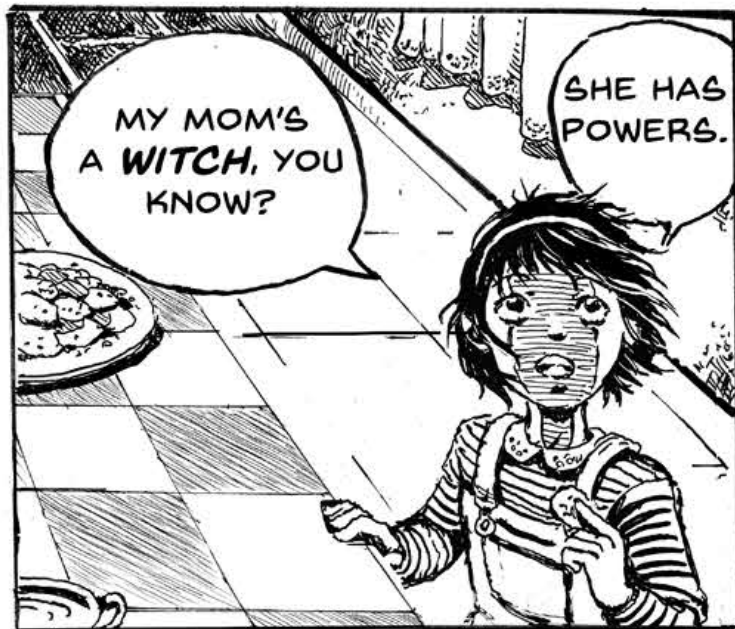


BY THE WAY, HOW IS SHE RELATED TO YOU?

SURELY SHE IS NOT YOUR...

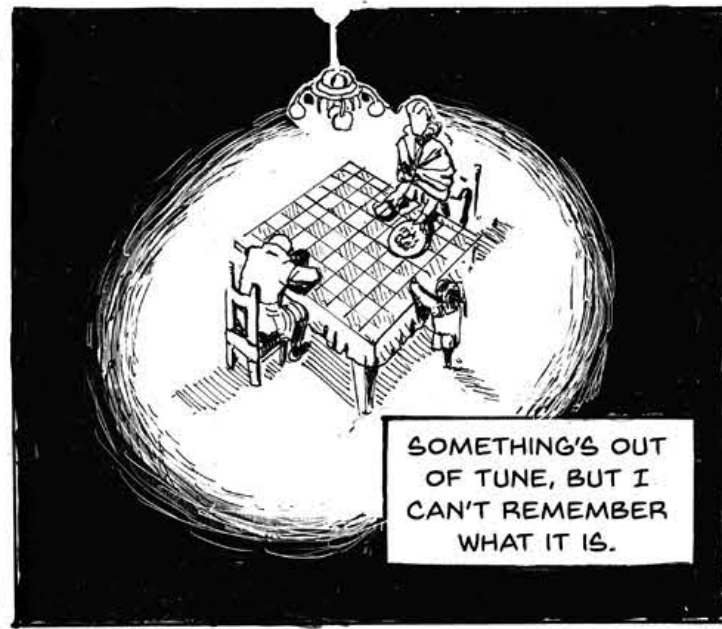


...CHILD.

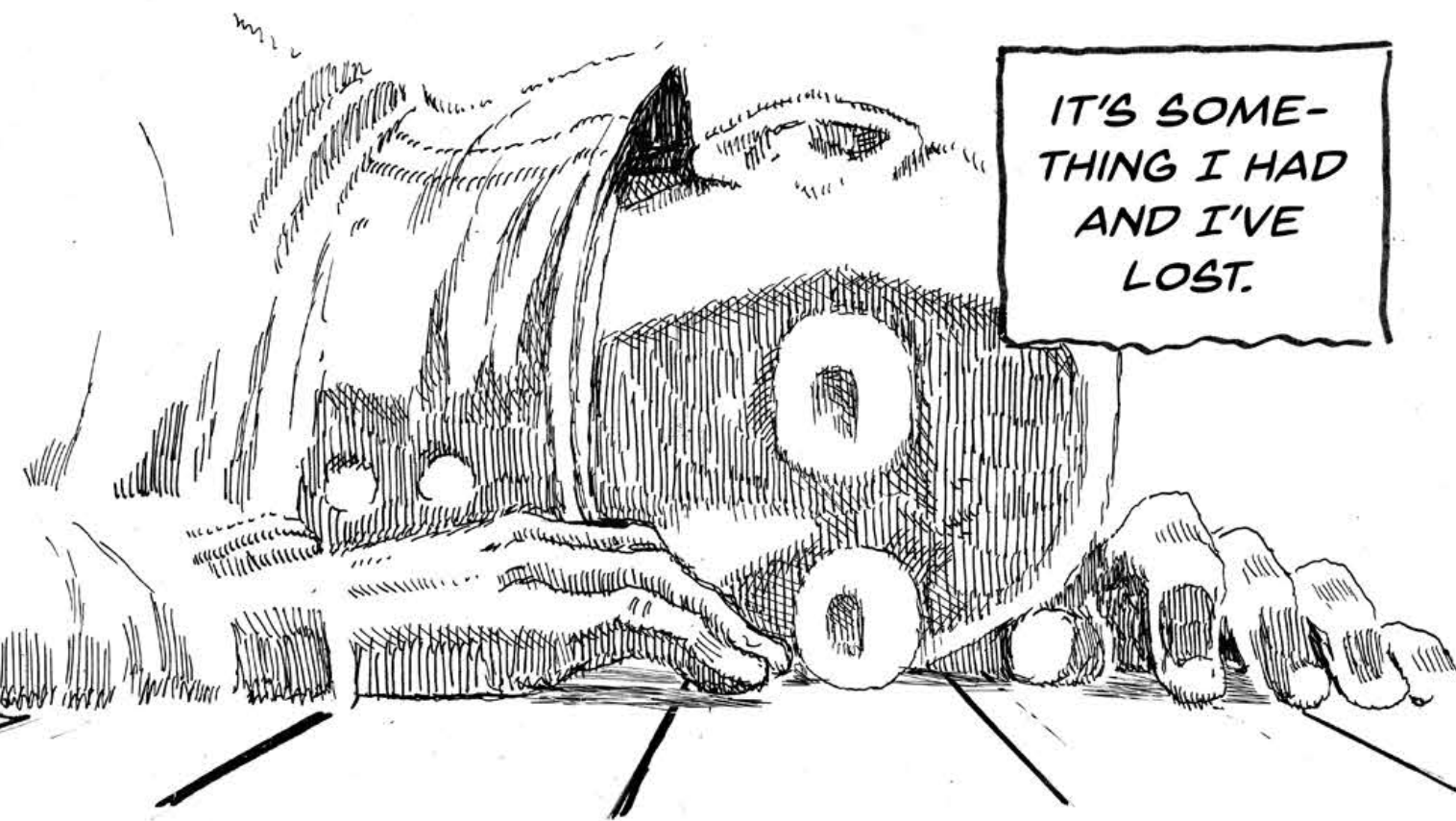


MY MOM'S A **WITCH**, YOU KNOW?

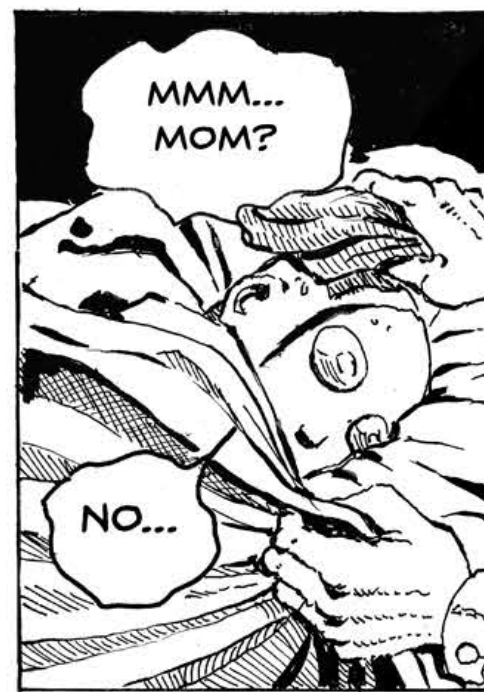
SHE HAS POWERS.



SOMETHING'S OUT OF TUNE, BUT I CAN'T REMEMBER WHAT IT IS.



IT'S SOMETHING I HAD AND I'VE LOST.



MMM... MOM?

NO...



SHE IS IN LOS ANGELES.

NO, MY DEAR.



WE CAME HERE. DADDY, RUTH, YOU AND ME.

WORK STUFF.



HAHAHA... WORK, MOM? HERE?

IS THERE NOT ENOUGH WORK IN CALIFORNIA?

GET WELL, BROTHER.

RUTH.



LET YOUR BROTHER REST.

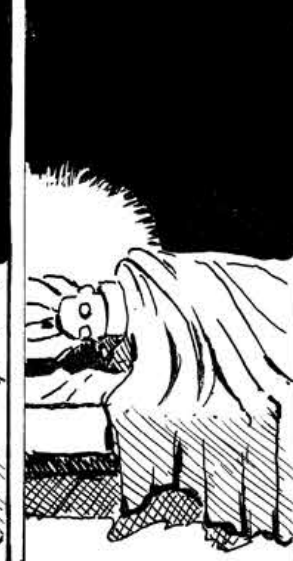
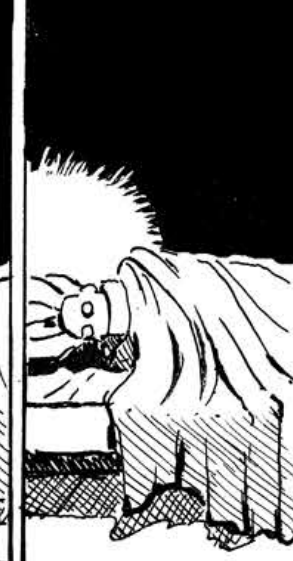
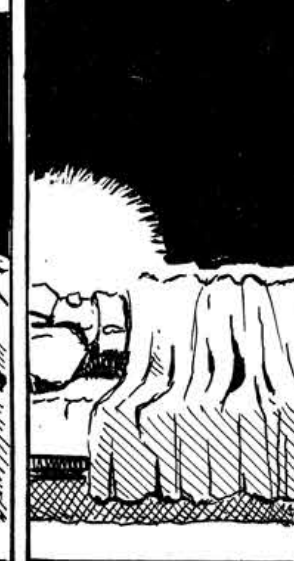
REST? SINCE WHEN DO MY PARENTS WORRY ABOUT BEING ABLE TO REST?

THEY WERE QUITE THE WORKAHOLICS.

THAT'S IT, RIGHT? SHE IS NOT MY MOTHER.

RIGHT?

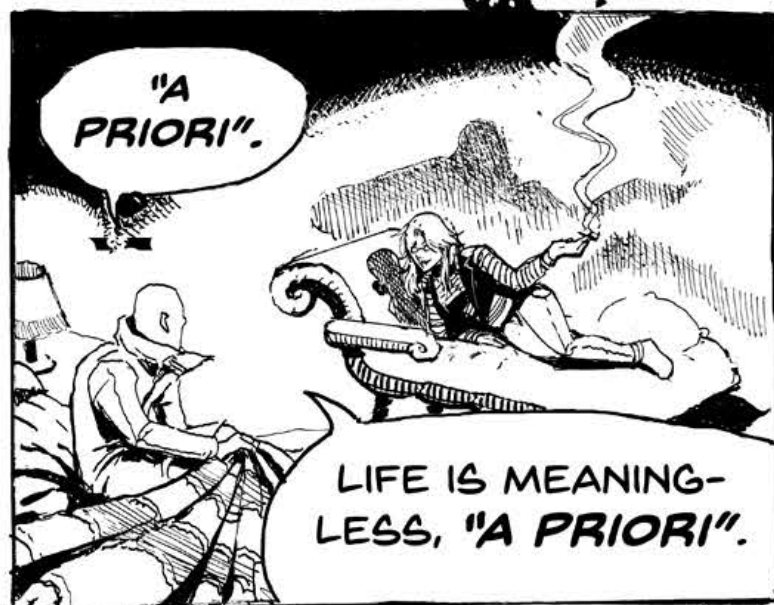
WHY AM I HERE?





WHAT
KIND OF
QUESTION
IS THAT?

LIFE IS
MEANINGLESS.
SARTRE
ALREADY SAID
SO.



"A
PRIORI".

LIFE IS MEANING-
LESS, "**A PRIORI**".



ELLE?
WHAT
ARE YOU
DOING
HE...?

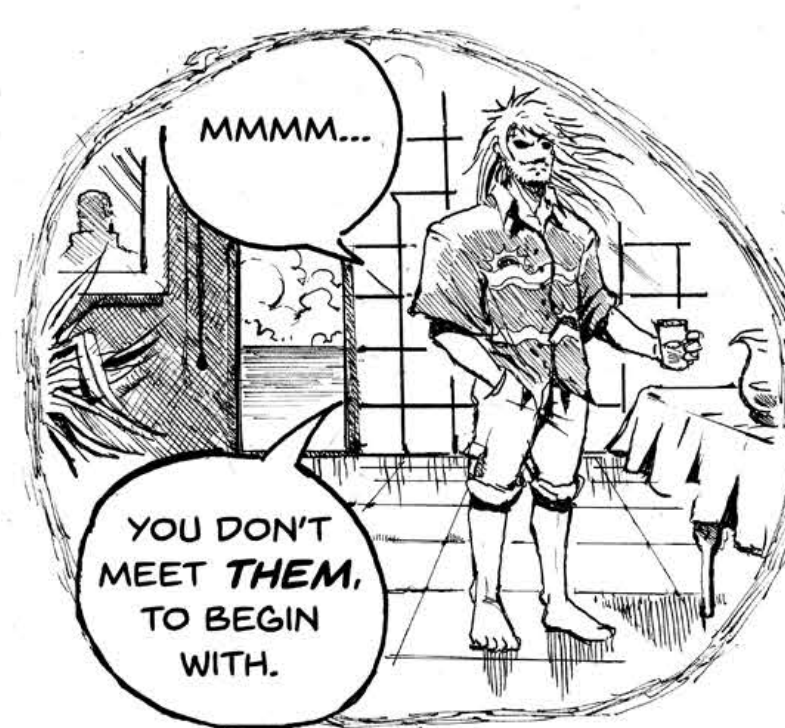
YOU
ARE
NOT
HERE,
RIGHT?



HOW IS
THE EXPE-
RIENCE?

HM?

ENCOUN-
TERING A
DEMON.



MMMM...

YOU DON'T
MEET **THEM**,
TO BEGIN
WITH.



THEY
MEET
YOU.



YOU KNOW
THEM BY
THEIR AB-
SENCES.

THEY TWIST
EVERYTHING
YOU THOUGHT
CERTAIN.

REALITY
BECOMES
MEANING-
LESS.



AND
WHAT'S
THAT GOOD
FOR?



WHAT DO
YOU MEAN,
"GOOD
FOR"?

THE MAGE IS
HE WHO FREES
HIMSELF FROM
THE SOCIAL
CONVENTIONS
THAT LIMIT HIS
POWER.

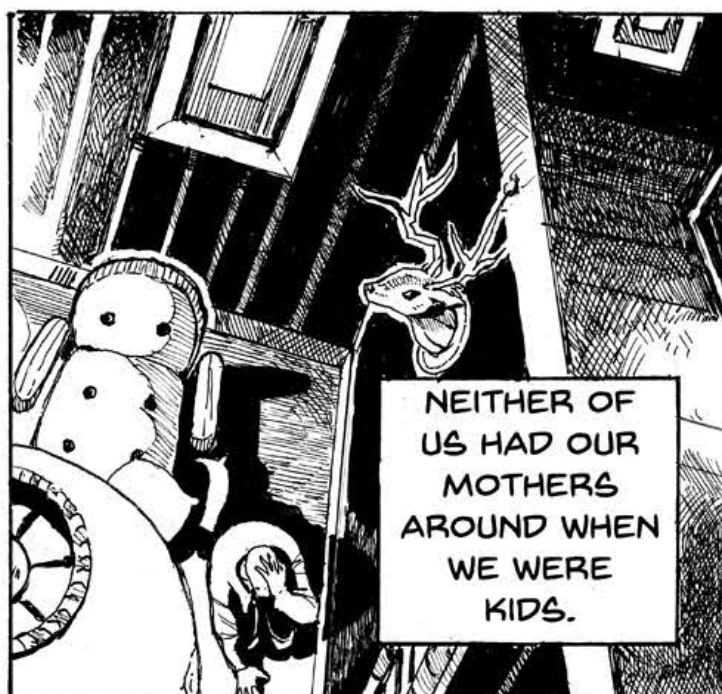


WHO DO YOU
THINK ALLOWS
YOU TO **BREAK**
WITH THE
PAST?

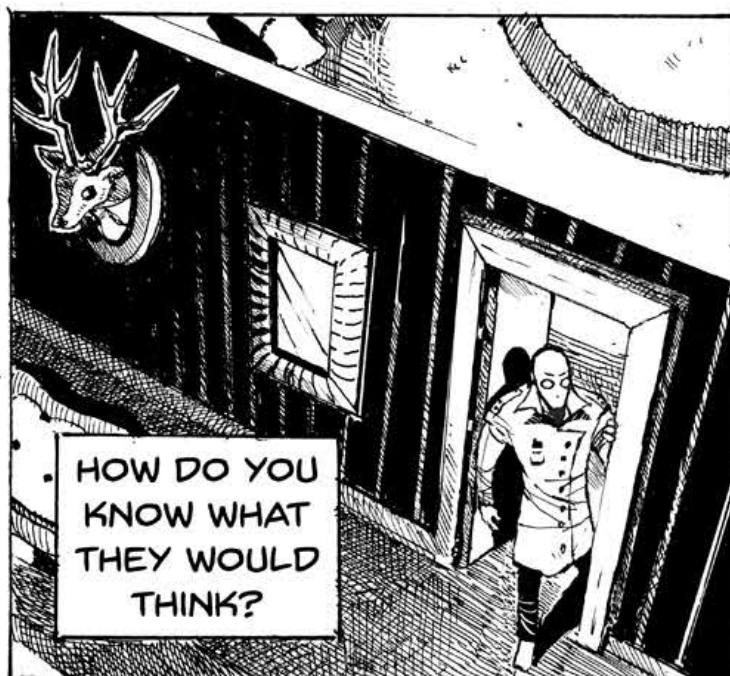
WHAT DOES A
CLINGING MOTHER
SEE IN HER SON
WHEN HE SAYS HE
DOESN'T NEED
HER ANY-
MORE?



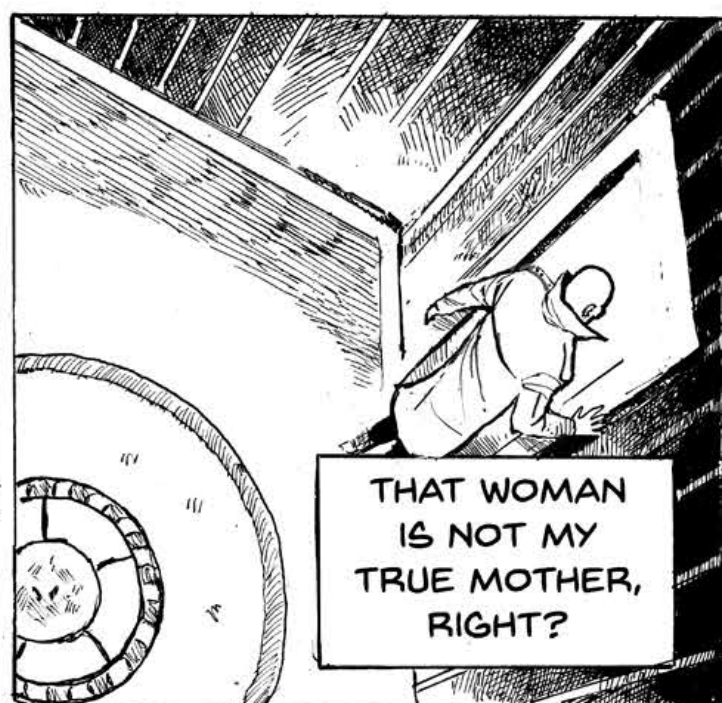
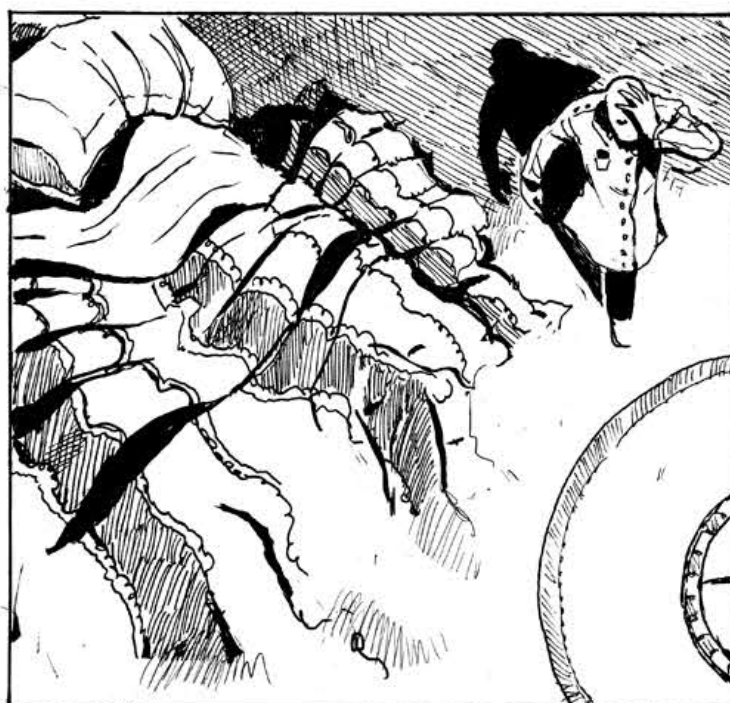
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FUNNY,
ESSEX.



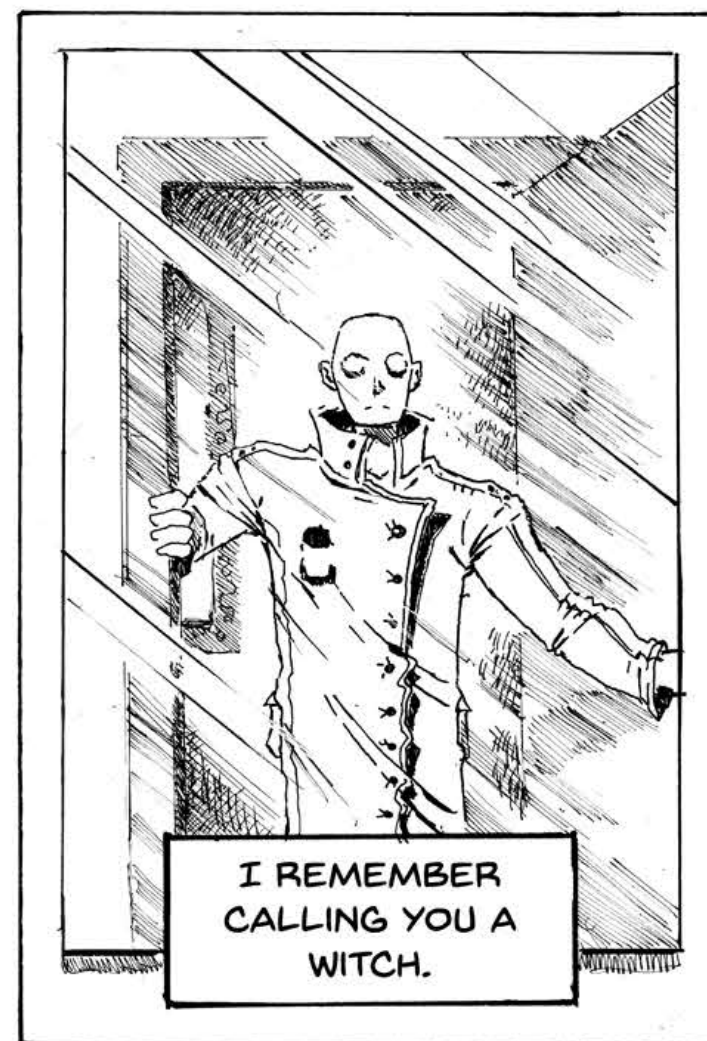
NEITHER OF
US HAD OUR
MOTHERS
AROUND WHEN
WE WERE
KIDS.



HOW DO YOU
KNOW WHAT
THEY WOULD
THINK?



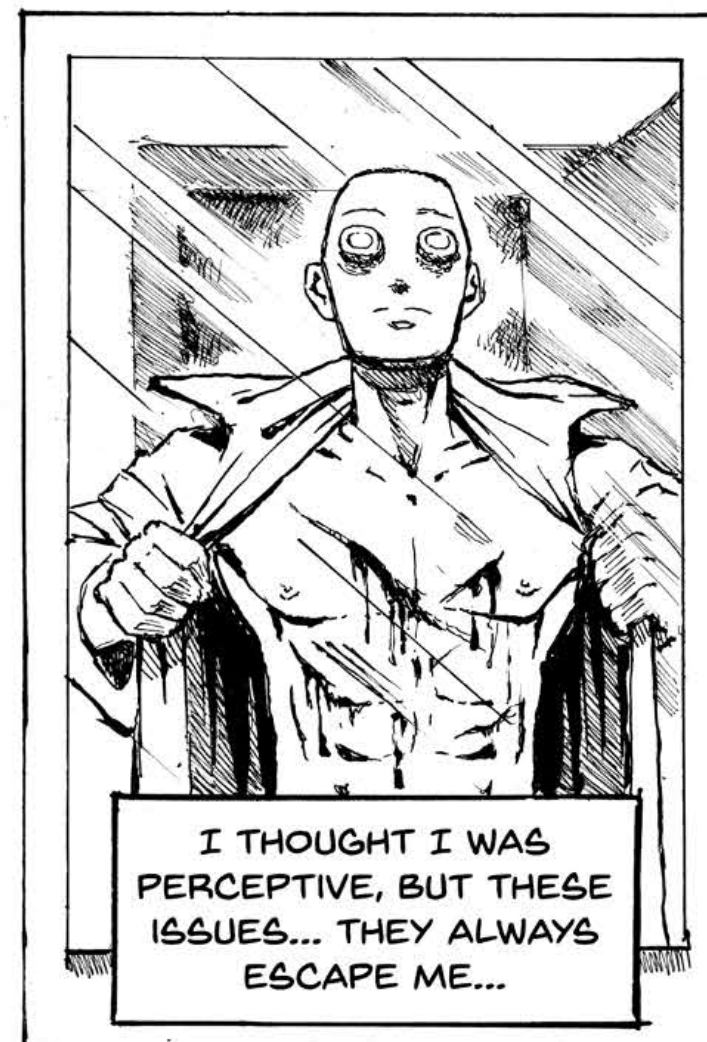
THAT WOMAN
IS NOT MY
TRUE MOTHER,
RIGHT?



I REMEMBER
CALLING YOU A
WITCH.



"AREN'T YOU SORRY?"
SHE SAID TO ME. "DON'T
YOU SEE THE PAIN YOU
ARE CAUSING ME?"

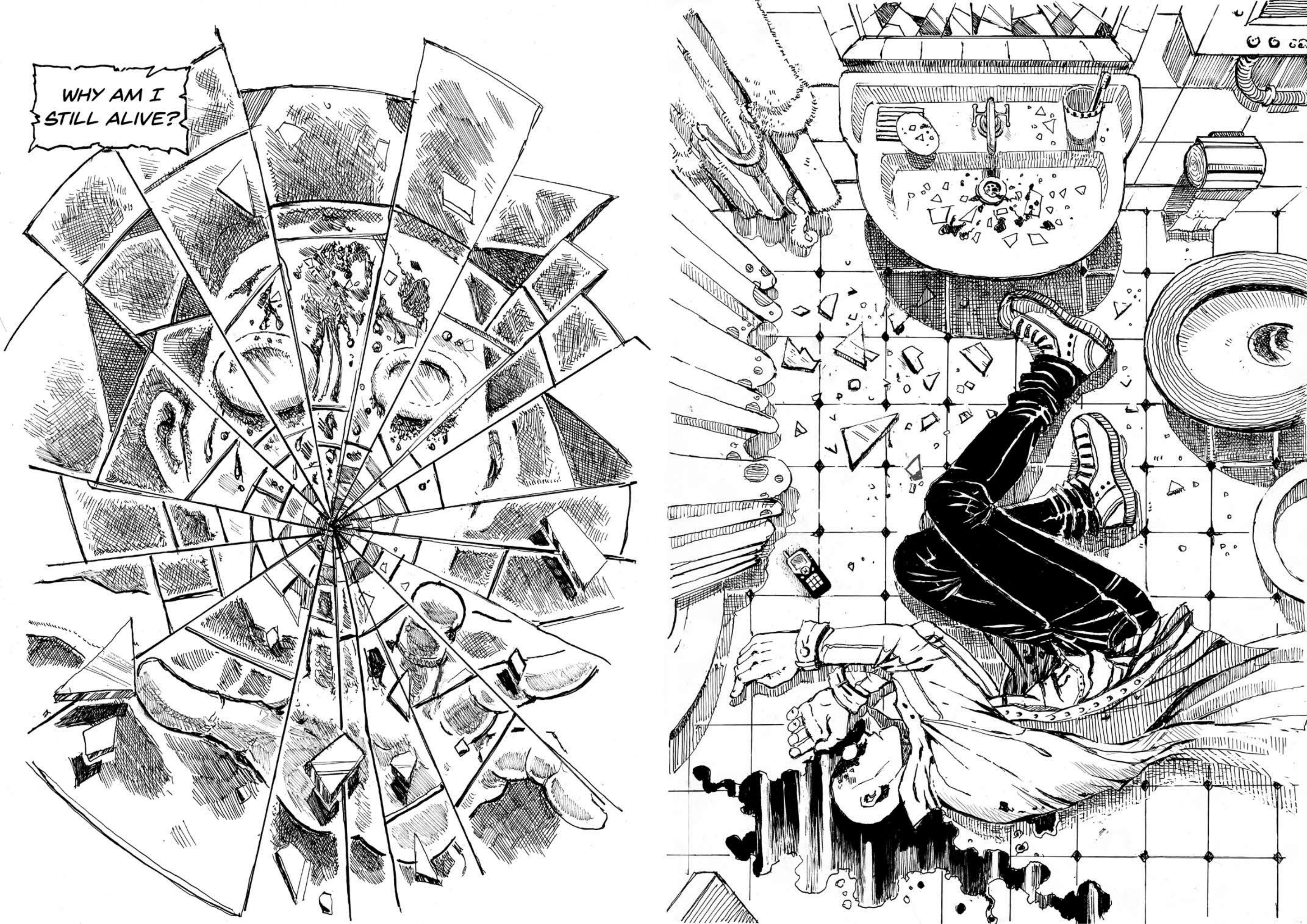


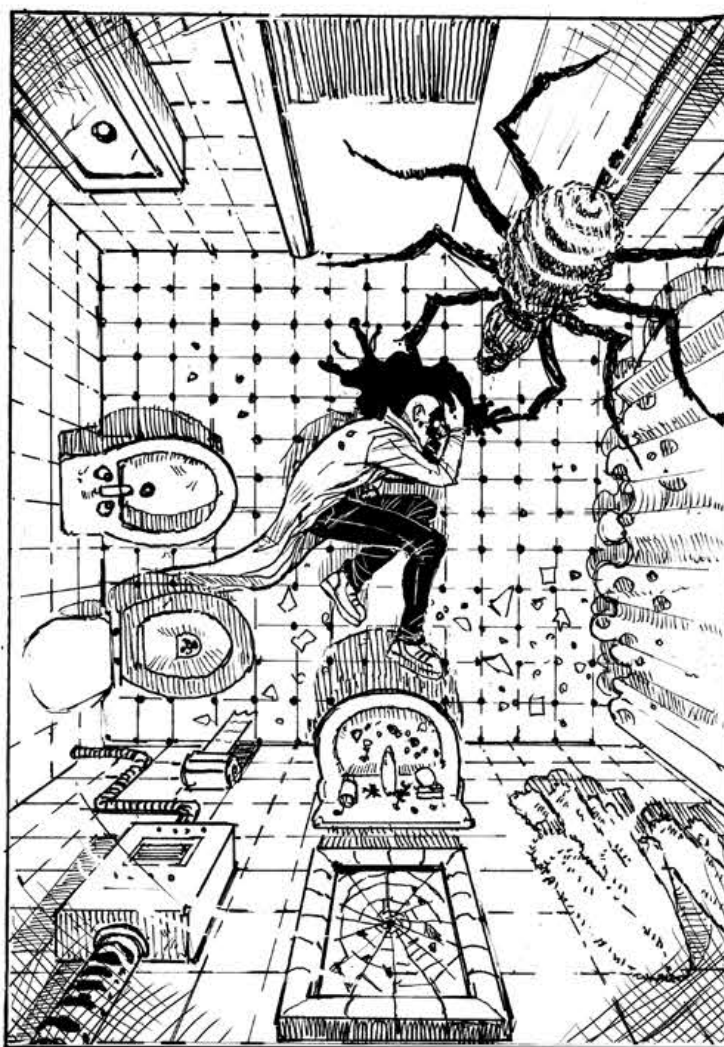
I THOUGHT I WAS
PERCEPTIVE, BUT THESE
ISSUES... THEY ALWAYS
ESCAPE ME...



I NEVER GET TO SEE
THE **FULL PICTURE**.

WHY AM I
STILL ALIVE?





...TO BE CONTINUED

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