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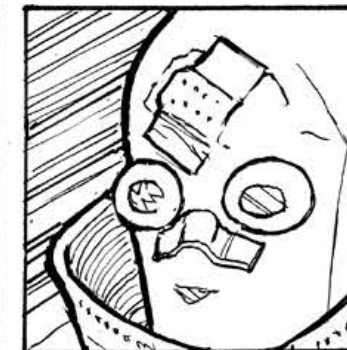
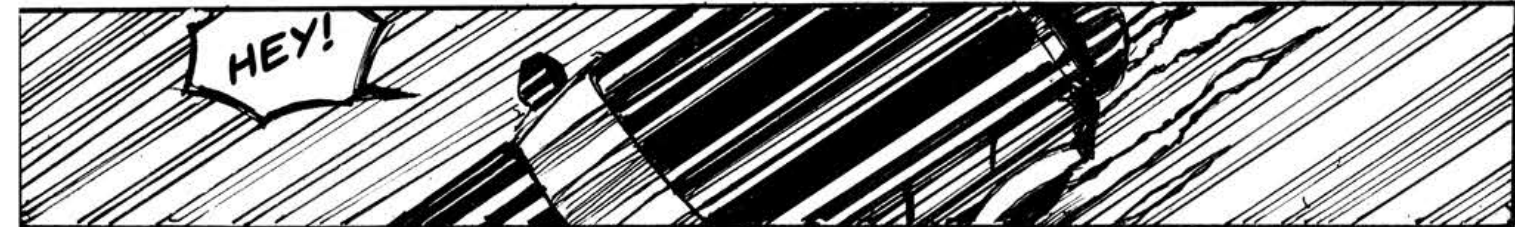
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THEY TRIED TO CALL US, I HAD TO INTERFERE WITH THE RADIO, THROUGH CREEPER, THE GOD I INVENTED, THEY, THE COPS, THEY TRIED...

THE POLICE STATION

(YES, GOOD EXCUSE) I MEAN.

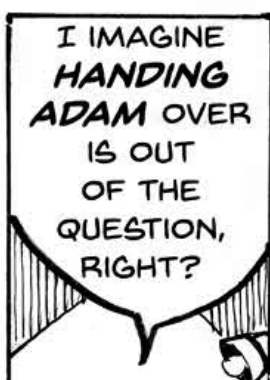
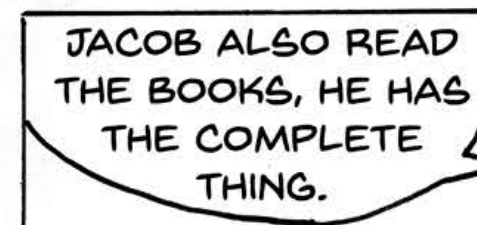
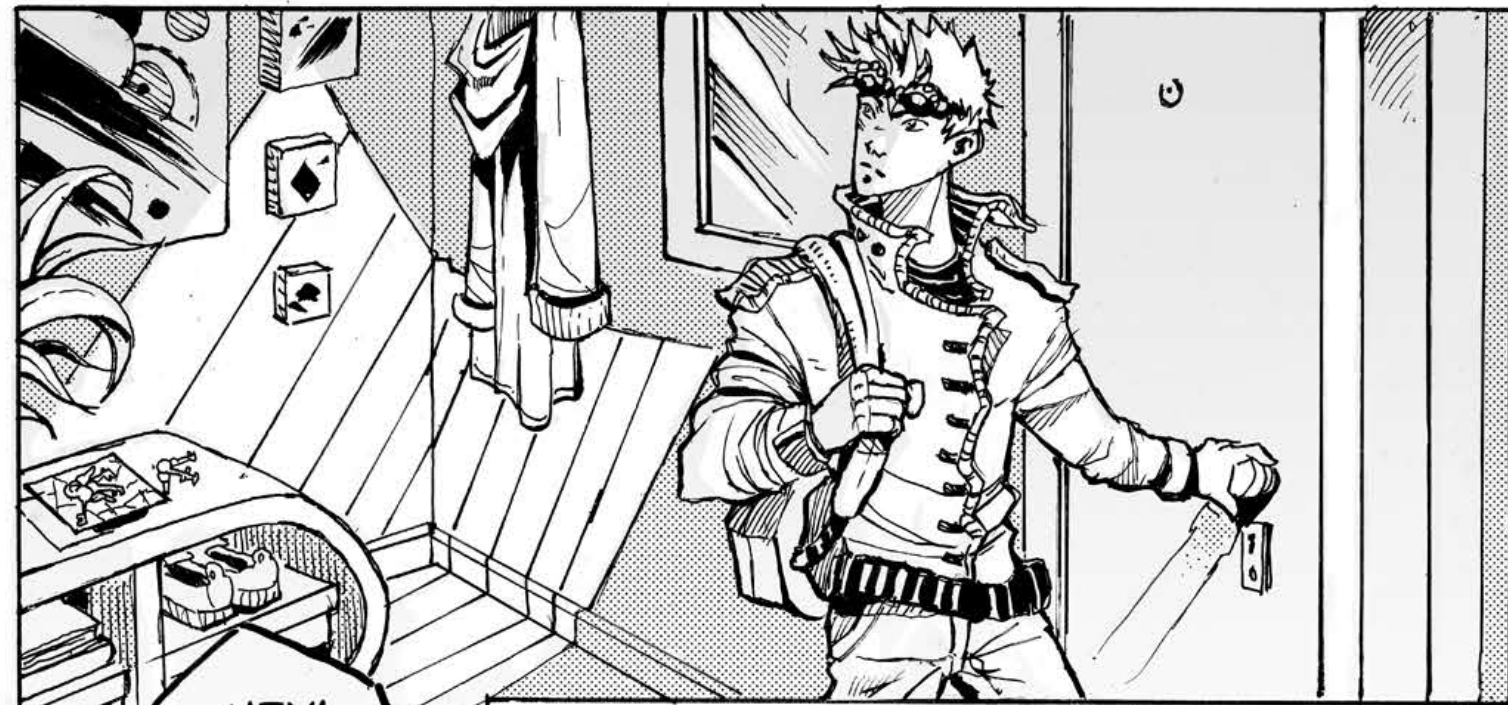
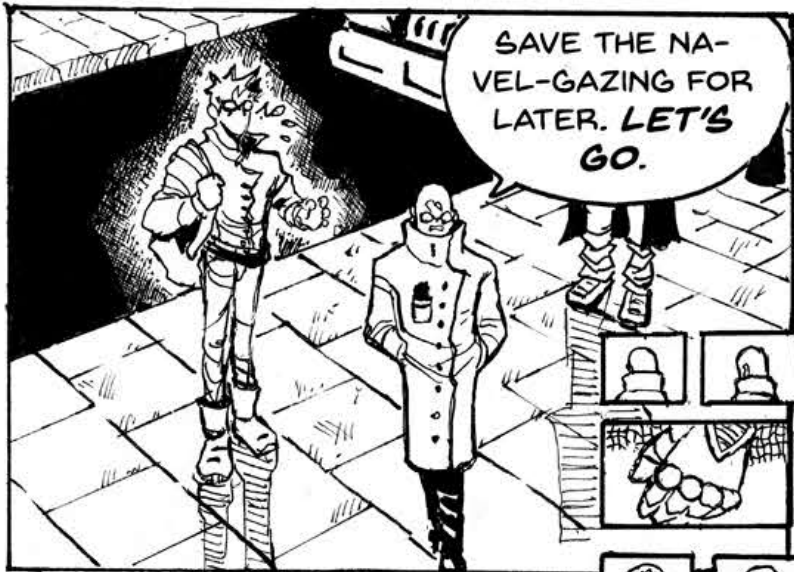
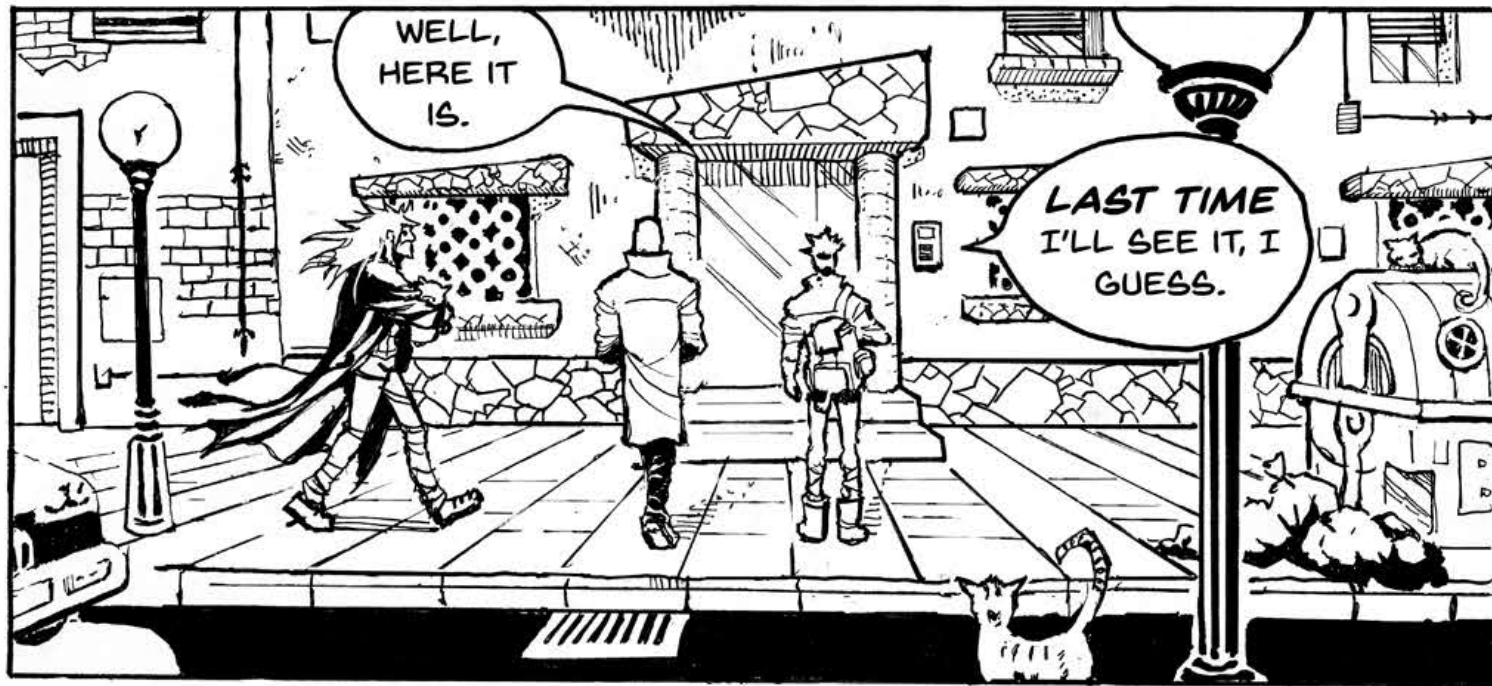
THEY'VE ALREADY TRIED TO CONTACT US.

WHY SO NERVOUS, JACOB?

THE POLICE STATION, I MEAN. WE HAVE TO ACT FAST.

CALM DOWN





WHAT? OF COURSE! NOT ONLY HE'S NOT GUILTY, HE'S THE ONLY PROOF WE'VE GOT OF THE HEREMITES!

SINCE WHEN MIND-READING IS *SO* RELIABLE?

IT'S LIKE WATCHING THREE DAVID LYNCH MOVIES AT ONCE!

GIVE ME A CALL WHEN YOU FINISH, IF YOU FEEL LIKE IT.

YOU!

THIS BRAT. THIS BRAT SUMMONED ARE.

BUT, OKAY, LET'S SAY YOUR INTUITION IS RIGHT. EVEN THEN, WE SHOULDN'T TRUST HIM -- WHAT IF HE IS A BAIT FROM THE HEREMITES?

HEY!

STOP PLAYING THE VICTIM, WILL YOU?

WE ALL HAVE REASONS TO TAKE OFFENCE. YOU THINK THAT PROTECTING *YOU* WON'T HAVE CONSEQUENCES FOR *US*?

HIM? FOOLING *ME*? HAVE YOU TAKEN A LONG, HARD LOOK AT HIM?

HEY!!

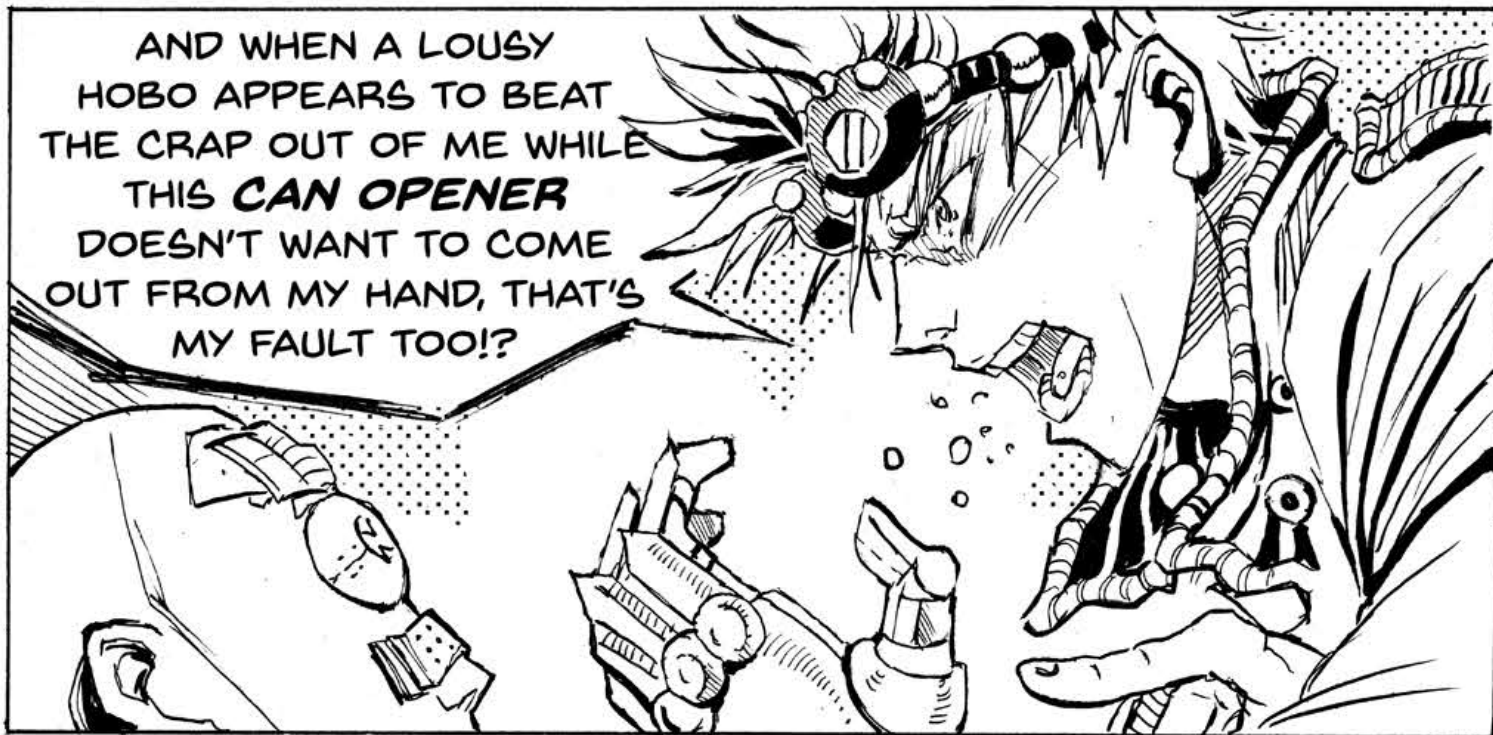
FAIR ENOUGH.

OH, SORRY, I DIDN'T KNOW I WAS YOUR PUNCHING BAG.

AND THAT'S MY FAULT!?

TO BE ACCUSED OF SUMMONING A DEMON I'VE NOT SEEN IN MY ENTIRE LIFE?

TO BE CHARGED WITH ELIYA'S MURDER BECAUSE *YOUR FUCKING LIST* SAYS THAT IN ALL OF BARCELONA, A CITY FULL OF FREAKS AND WEIRDOS, THERE'S JUST ONE ILLEGAL MAGE?! *JUST ONE!* WHAT WAS YOUR OTHER POTENTIAL SUSPECT, SANTA CLAUS?



AND WHEN A LOUSY
HOBO APPEARS TO BEAT
THE CRAP OUT OF ME WHILE
THIS **CAN OPENER**
DOESN'T WANT TO COME
OUT FROM MY HAND, THAT'S
MY FAULT TOO!?



HUH, NO ONE
FORCED YOU TO
PUT IT ON.

**SHUT
UP!**



AND
YOU...

...IF YOU
ACCUSE
ME AGAIN...



WHAT
?



IF I
ACCUSE
YOU AGAIN,
WHAT?



DO YOU KNOW YOU
ALMOST GAVE A
HEART ATTACK TO
AN INNOCENT?

OF
COURSE
YOU
DON'T.



MAYBE
YOU DIDN'T
SUMMON
ABADDON...

BUT YOU DID
SUMMON ARES.
AND YOU DID IT
WRONG.



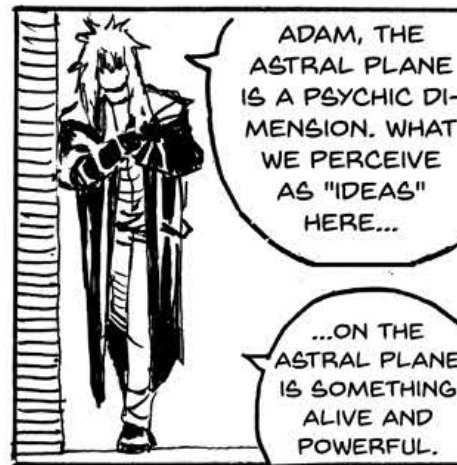
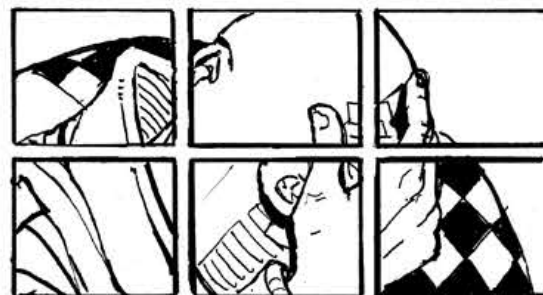
C'MON, HOW
WOULD ARES
CAUSE A HEART
ATTACK?

THE BOOKS
ABOUT MAGIC
SAY THAT GODS ARE
NOTHING MORE
THAN **SUPER-
IDEAS!**



THEY ONLY
AFFECT THE
ASTRAL
PLANE!

OH MY GOD. THIS
GUY IS AN IDIOT.



ADAM, THE
ASTRAL PLANE
IS A PSYCHIC DI-
MENSION. WHAT
WE PERCEIVE
AS "IDEAS"
HERE...

...ON THE
ASTRAL PLANE
IS SOMETHING
ALIVE AND
POWERFUL.



YOU CAN
QUESTION
THE EXIS-
TENCE OF
GOD ALL
YOU WANT
...

...BUT
PEOPLE HAVE
BUILT HUGE
CHURCHES TO
HONOR HIM
AND **KILLED**
PEOPLE TO
DEFEND HIM.



A
DEMON,
FOR
EXAM-
PLE.



IT'S "JUST" AN
ASTRAL CLUS-
TER OF TOXIC
IDEAS.

DEPRES-
SION, ANXIETY,
SELF-
HATRED...



THAT "IDEA" **INCARNATED**
IN FRONT OF ME. HOW IS
THAT EVEN POSSIBLE?



IF AN IDEA
LIKE THAT
INFESTS YOUR
MIND, DON'T
YOU THINK IT
COULD **KILL**
YOU?



YOU TALK LIKE MY MASTER.



YOU DIDN'T RESPECT ARES, ADAM.

YOU GAVE HIM REASONS TO **HATE YOU**. TO ARES, THE GOD OF WAR.

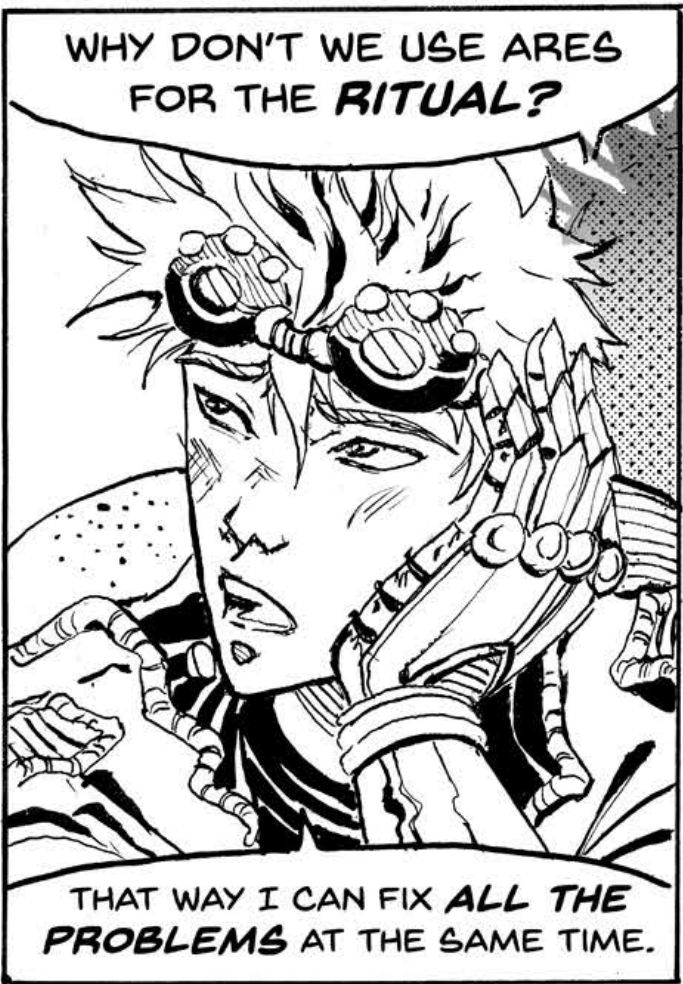


OKAY, OKAY.



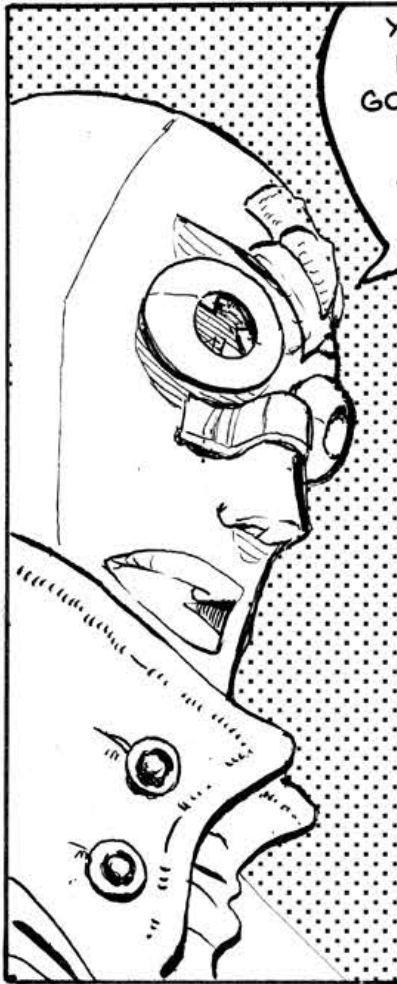
BUT YOU SAVED HIM, RIGHT? THE INNOCENT.

YES, BUT...



WHY DON'T WE USE ARES FOR THE **RITUAL**?

THAT WAY I CAN FIX **ALL THE PROBLEMS** AT THE SAME TIME.



YOU WANT TO USE THE RITUAL WHERE WE'RE GOING TO **PLUNGE** YOUR IDENTITY TO MAKE AMENDS WITH ARES? HE'S NOT EVEN THE APPROPRIATE DEITY FOR **THAT**!

DOES HE NOT SEE...



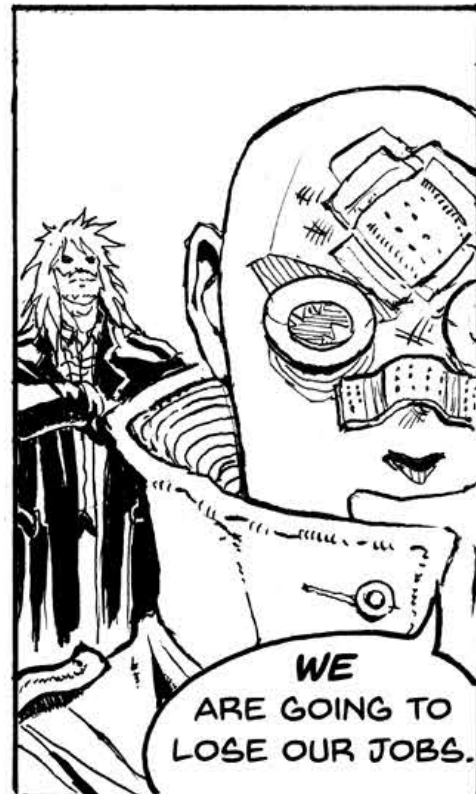
...THE SERIOUSNESS OF WHAT WE'VE BEEN THROUGH? THE PROBLEMS THAT LIE AHEAD?



DO YOU UNDERSTAND WHAT'S GOING TO **HAPPEN** TO US?



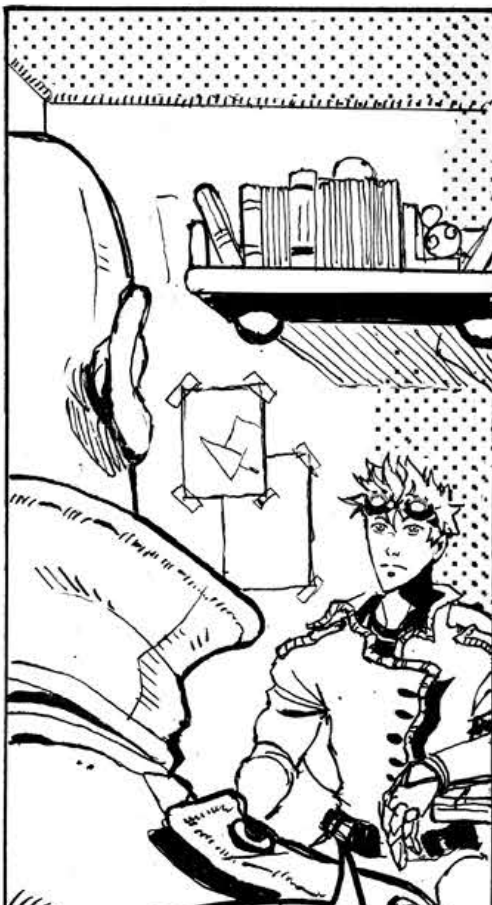
"THANK YOU"



WE ARE GOING TO LOSE OUR JOBS.



"JACOB".

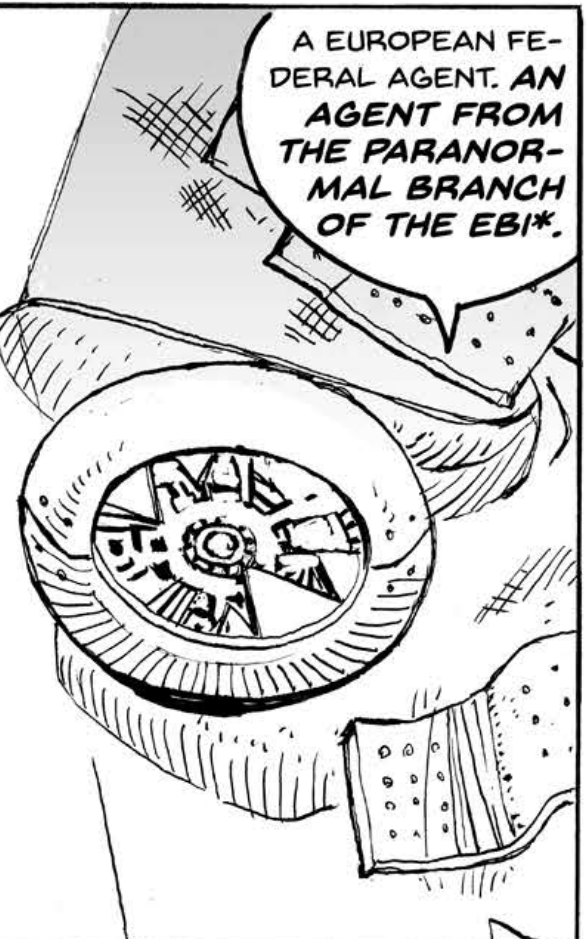


AND **YOU** ARE GOING TO SACRIFICE YOUR IDENTITY.



THE DEMON CONFIRMED THE NAME OF YOUR "FRIEND".

YOU HAVE **THAT TYPE** OF PEOPLE COMING FOR YOU. ARE YOU SURE YOU WILL BE OKAY?

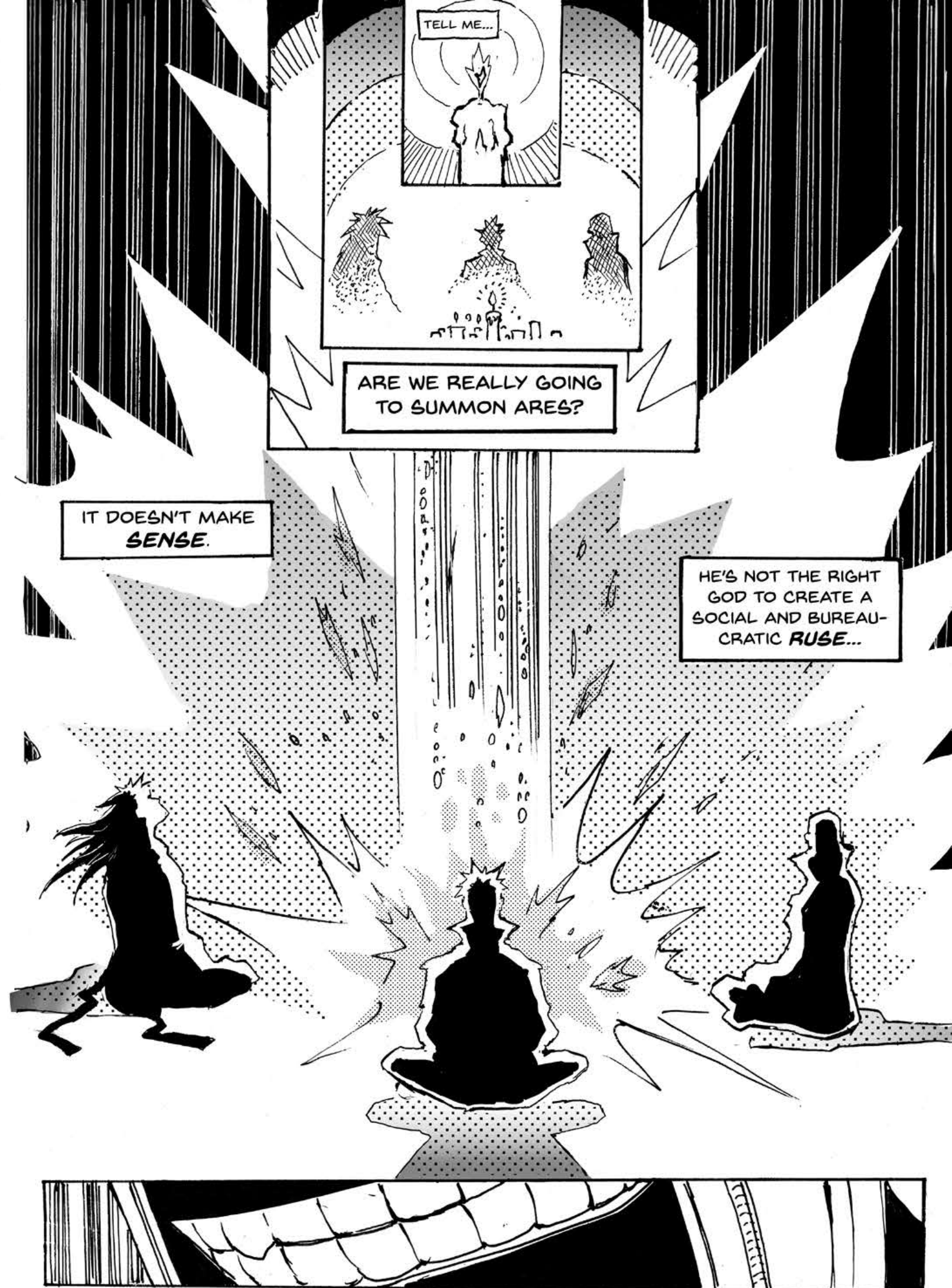
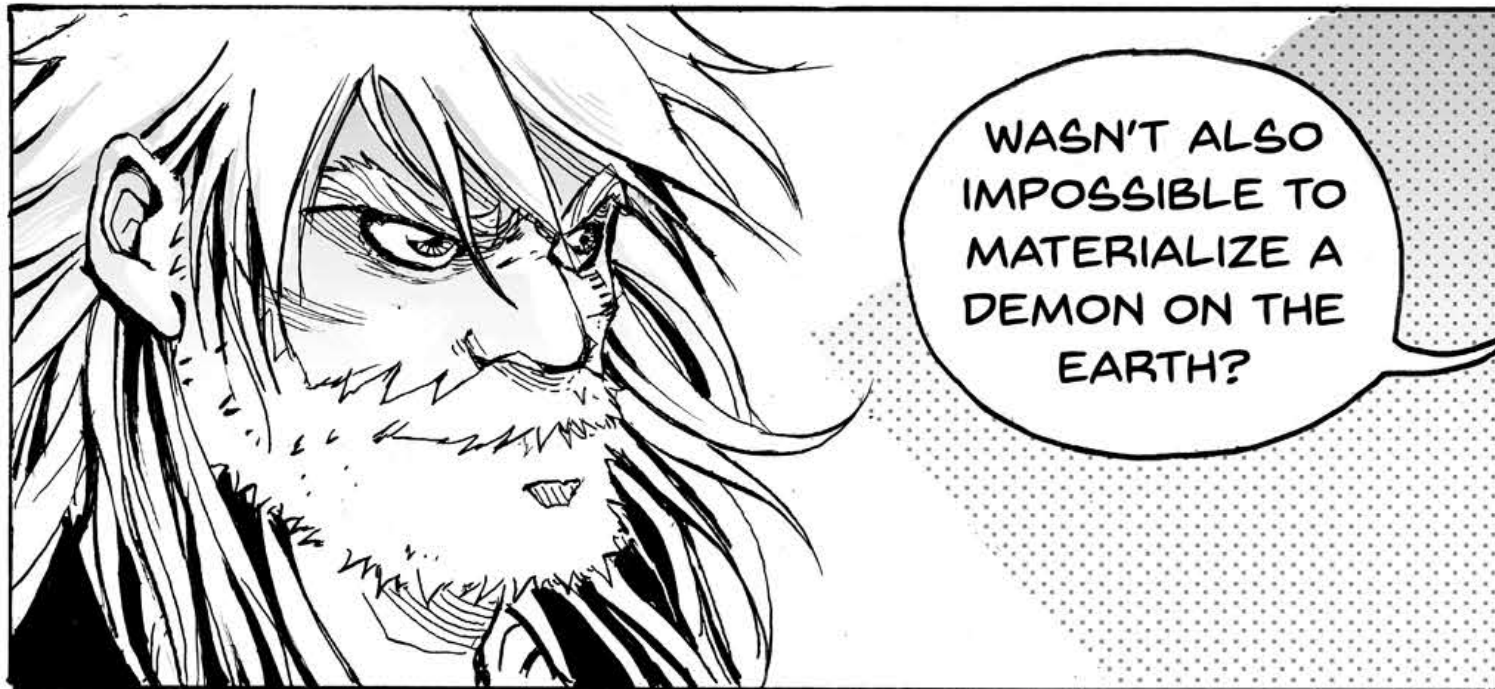
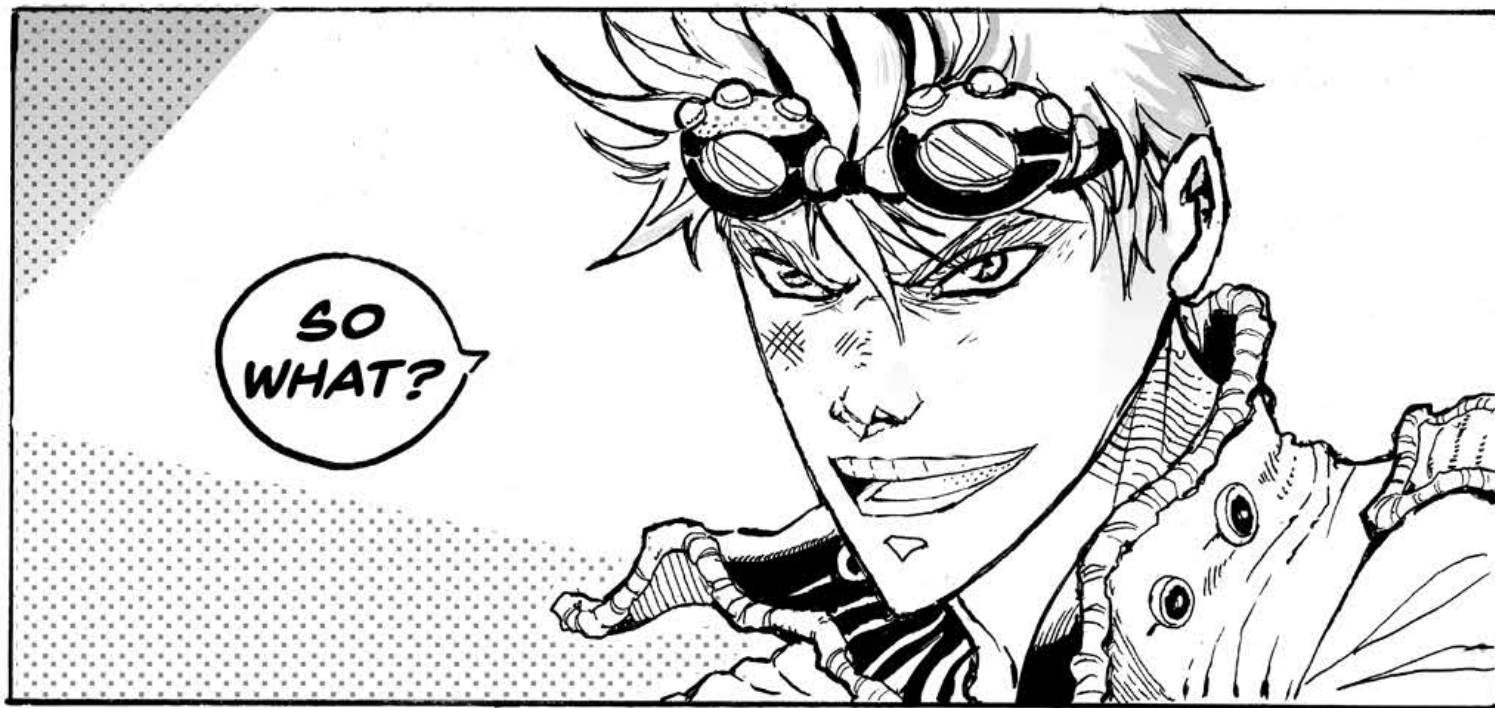


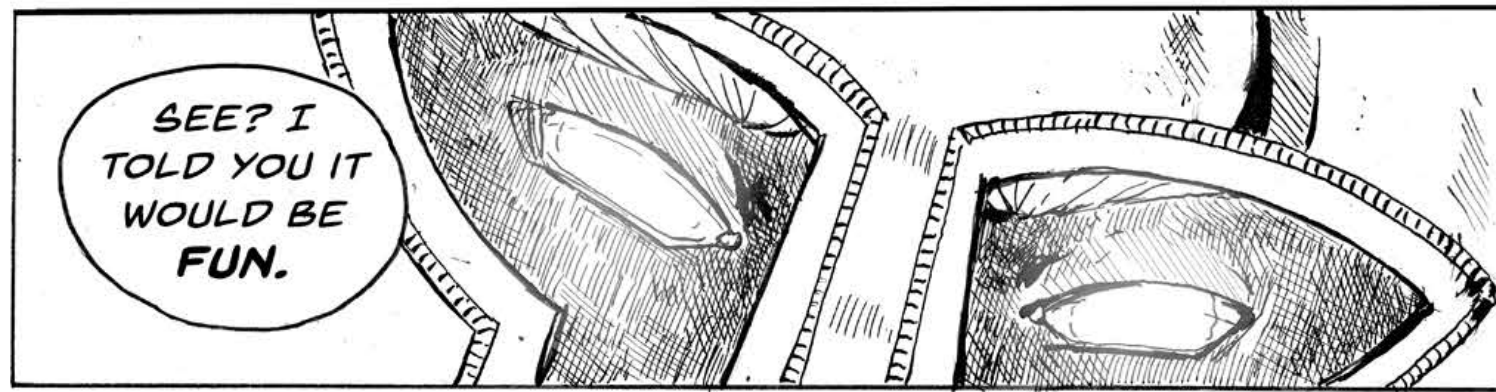
A EUROPEAN FEDERAL AGENT. AN **AGENT FROM THE PARANORMAL BRANCH OF THE EBI***.



BECAUSE I'M NOT. ESPECIALLY WHEN WE'RE SUPPOSED TO DO A RITUAL THAT JUST TWO DAYS AGO I WOULD HAVE DEEMED **IMPOSSIBLE**. ERASE YOUR IDENTITY? ARE WE JOKING? WE **HAVE** TO BE JOKING.

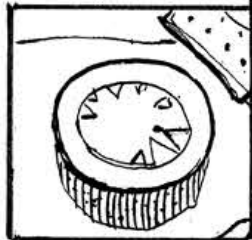
*EBI: EUROPEAN BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION.





SEE? I
TOLD YOU IT
WOULD BE
FUN.

I'M NOT
USED TO
THE GRE-
CO-ROMAN
PANTHEON.



SO MUCH
RAGE...
SO MUCH
STRENGTH.



I KNOW WHAT YOU
WANT FROM ME.



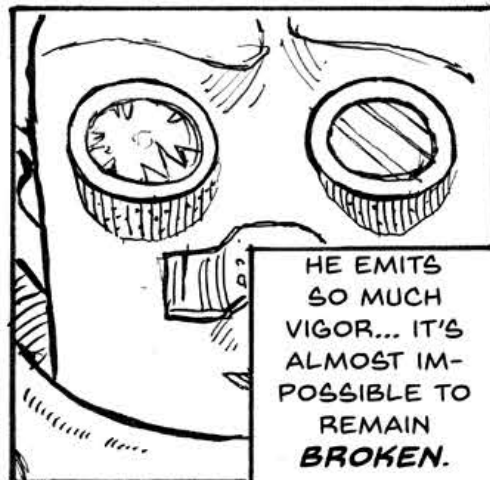
YOU NEED THE KID FREE
FROM HIS DESTINY.

FROM
HIS
NAME.



CREATE ONE OF THOSE IDEN-
TITY CARDS THAT CODIFY
YOUR PEOPLE, AND WRITE A
FAKE NAME. CHARGE IT IN
A RITUAL AND ANCHOR IT
TO HIS GAUNTLET...

...TO PER-
PETUATE
THE SPELL.
ALL WHO KNEW
YOUR NAME UN-
TIL THAT DAY
WILL SEE A
STRANGER, EX-
CEPT YOU OR
THOSE WHO
ARE ADEPT
IN THE AR-
CANE.



HE EMITS
SO MUCH
VIGOR... IT'S
ALMOST IM-
POSSIBLE TO
REMAIN
BROKEN.



THAT'S IT? THAT
EASY?

WE WOULD'VE NEVER
THOUGHT SOMETHING LIKE
THAT COULD BE DONE...



IT'S BECAUSE OF
MY GAUNTLET,
RIGHT?



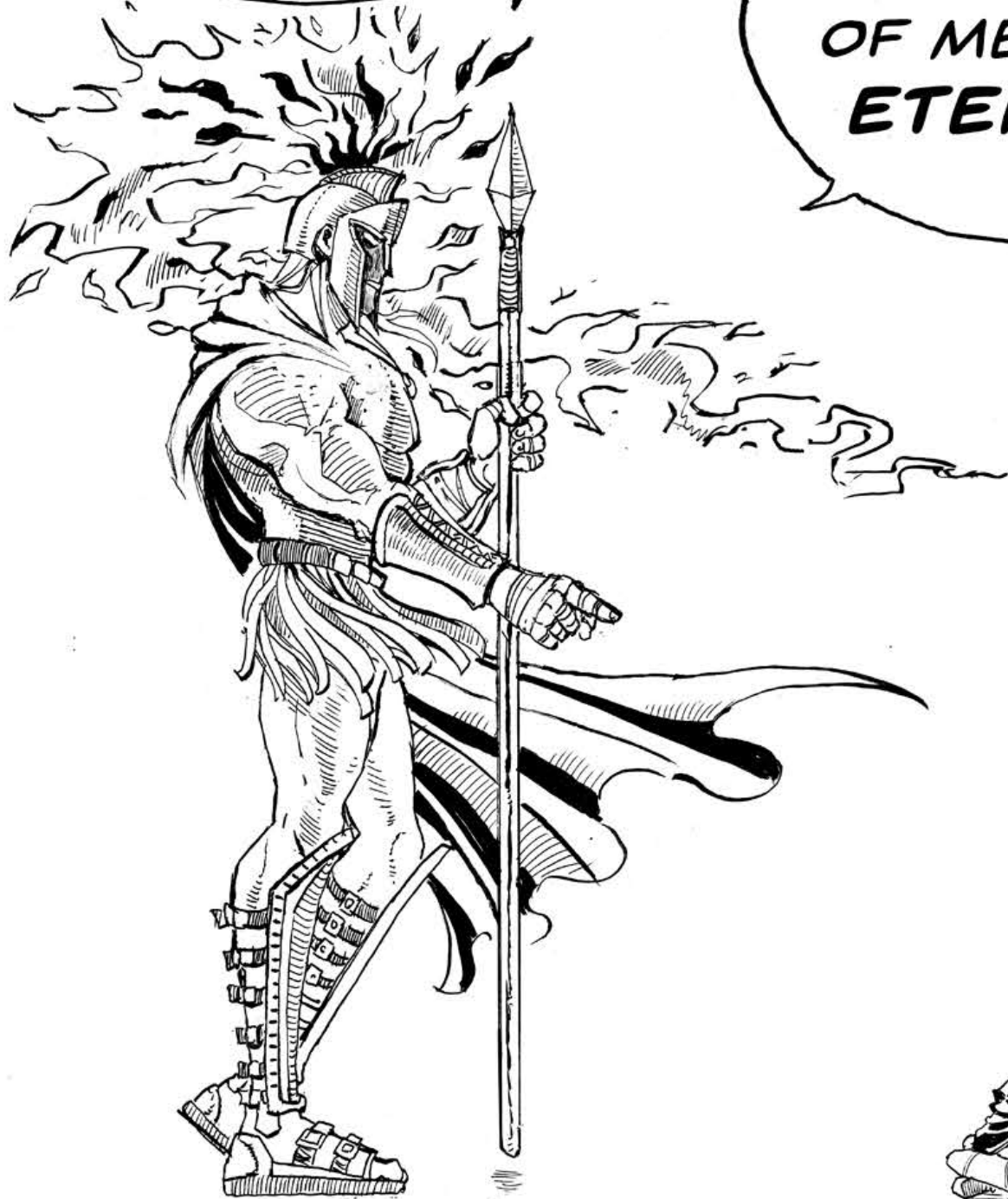
HAHAHAHAHA!
LOOK AT THEM, TRYING
TO RATIONALIZE ALL THE
CHAOS THAT WAS
UNLEASHED!

YES, OF COURSE YOUR
DARK HAND MAKES
THE IMPOSSIBLE
POSSIBLE!

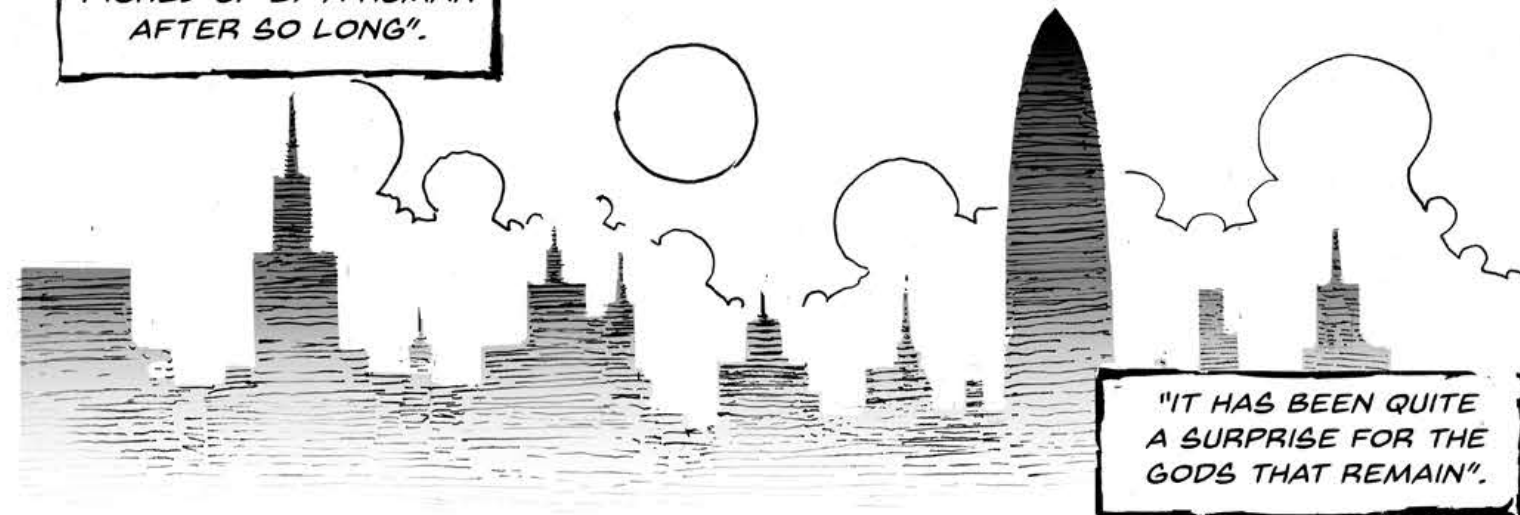
AN ARTIFACT
UNKNOWN EVEN TO
US, EMANATING ALL
THAT POWER!

THE ENERGY
IN THAT HAND
WILL REMIND
THE WORLD...

...THAT
THE DREAMS
OF MEN ARE
ETERNAL!



"THAT ARTIFACT,
OF UNKNOWN FORGE,
PICKED UP BY A HUMAN
AFTER SO LONG".



"IT HAS BEEN QUITE
A SURPRISE FOR THE
GODS THAT REMAIN".



"WHAT HAPPENED
YESTERDAY WASN'T
A COINCIDENCE. IT
WASN'T DETERMINISM,
EITHER".

"IT WAS AN ERROR
IN THE MECHANISM
OF REALITY.
A BREACH".





...SO YOU'RE TELLING ME HE **ESCAPED**.

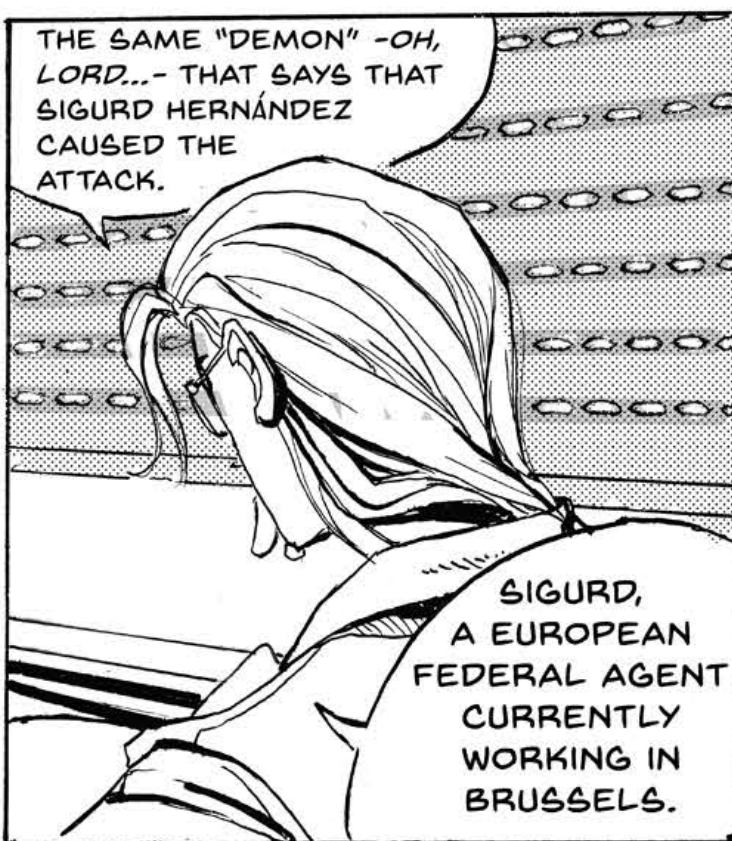


DO YOU KNOW WHAT IT'S LIKE TO HAVE THE PRESIDENT SHOUTING AT YOU ON THE PHONE? FIRST TIME I TALK TO HIM.



STRICTLY SPEAKING, WE'VE CONFIRMED THAT THE KID IS NOT THE KILLER.

OH, YES. THANKS TO THE "DEMON".

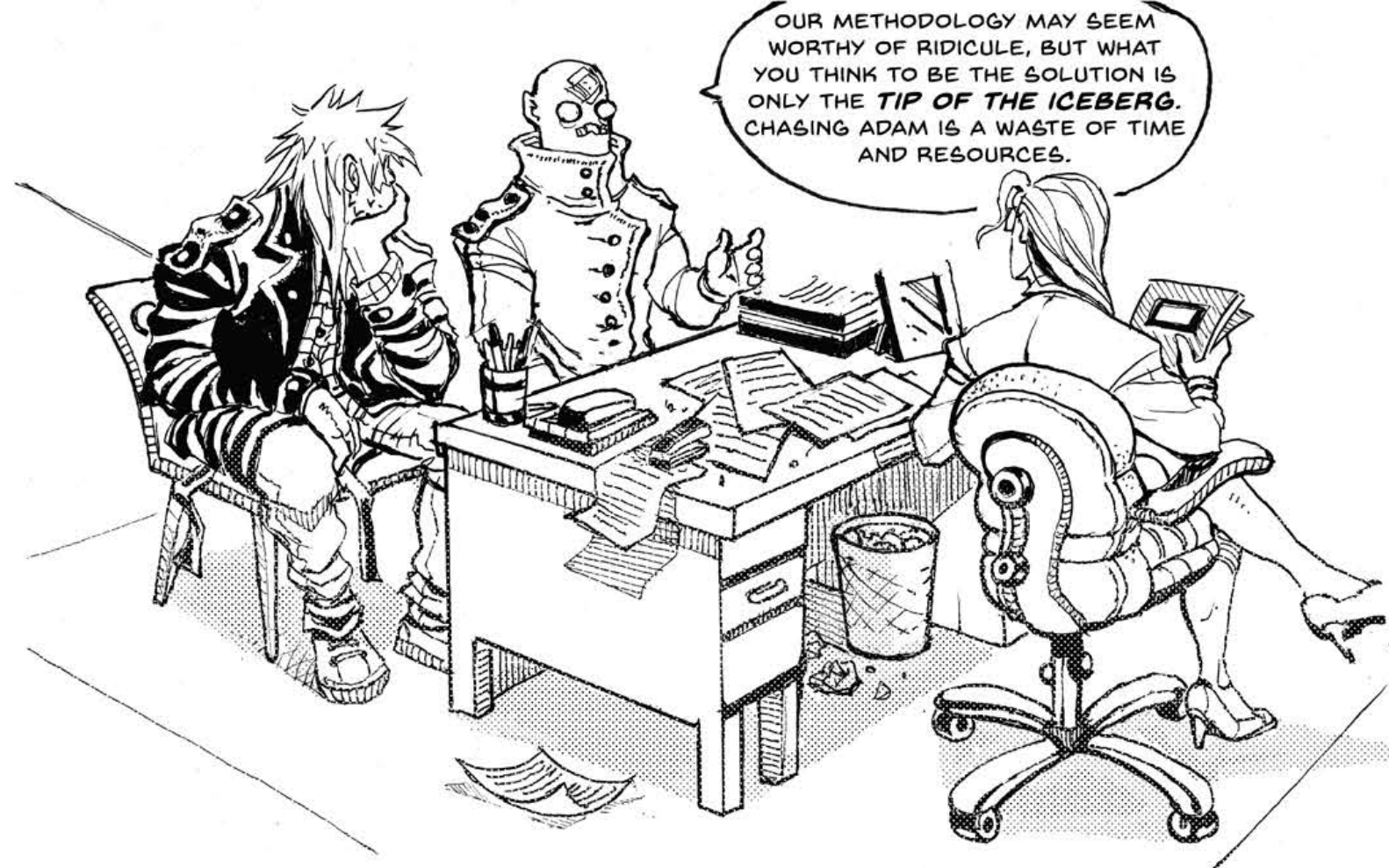


THE SAME "DEMON" -OH, LORD...- THAT SAYS THAT SIGURD HERNÁNDEZ CAUSED THE ATTACK.

SIGURD, A EUROPEAN FEDERAL AGENT CURRENTLY WORKING IN BRUSSELS.



DO I LOOK STUPID? *HMM?* IS THAT IT? ARE YOUR MOTHERS HIPPIES THAT NEVER FORCED YOU TO TELL FACT FROM FICTION?



OUR METHODOLOGY MAY SEEM WORTHY OF RIDICULE, BUT WHAT YOU THINK TO BE THE SOLUTION IS ONLY THE **TIP OF THE ICEBERG**. CHASING ADAM IS A WASTE OF TIME AND RESOURCES.



I EXPECT YOUR RESIGNATIONS BEFORE MIDDAY. WE HAVE TO **FEED** THE MEDIA.

"THIS HELP HAS A PRICE".



JACOB, MY FRIEND, WE'LL AGREE THAT SHE'S A MORON -AND ARROGANT.

UH-HUH.

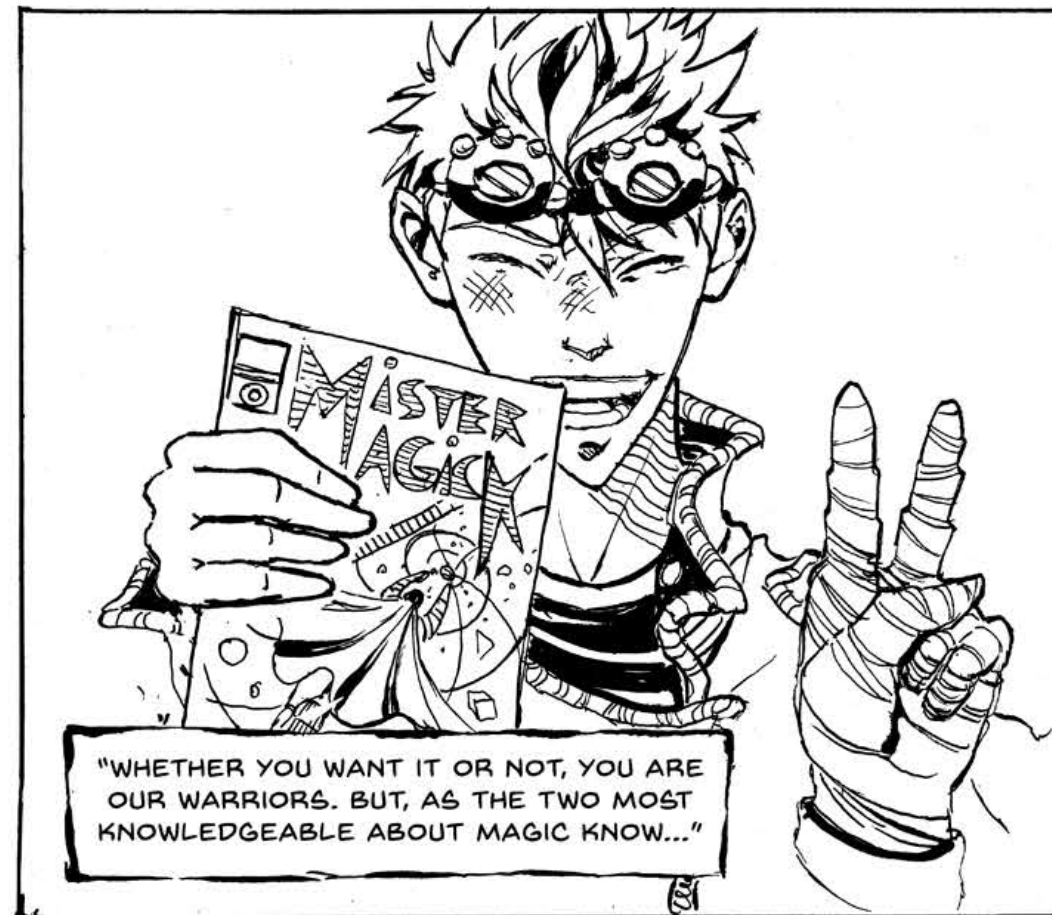
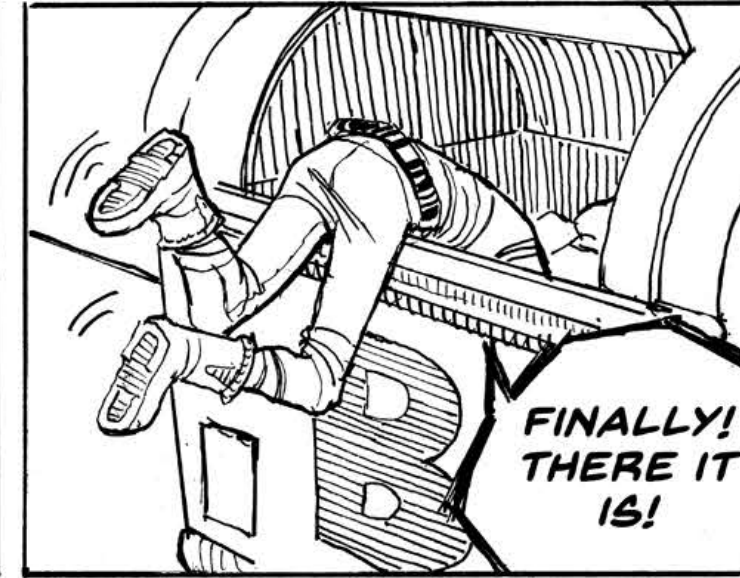
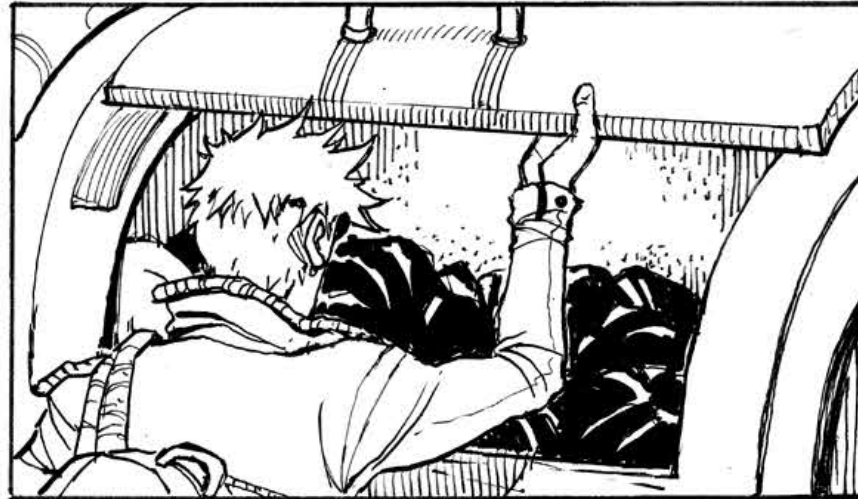
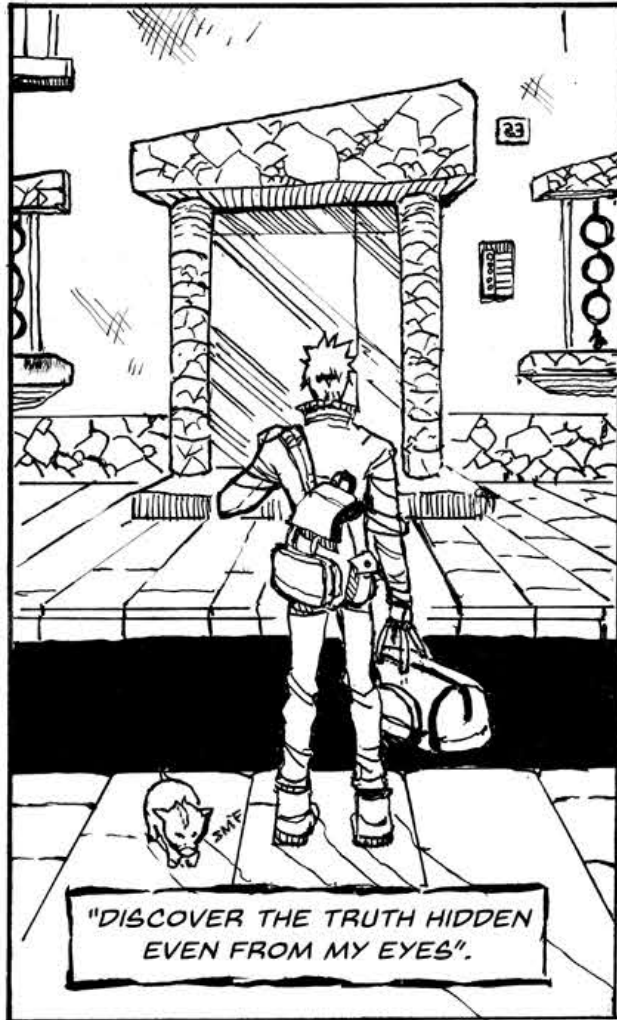
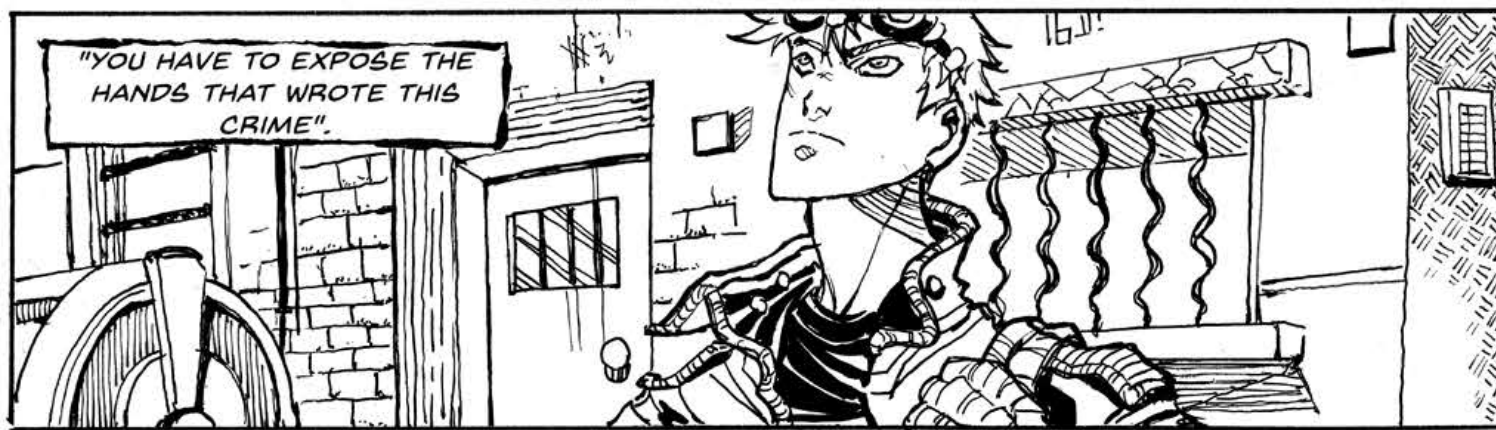
BUT SWEET LORD SHE'S FUCKING HOT WHEN SHE'S ALL DOMINANT AND THROWING INSULTS AT US.

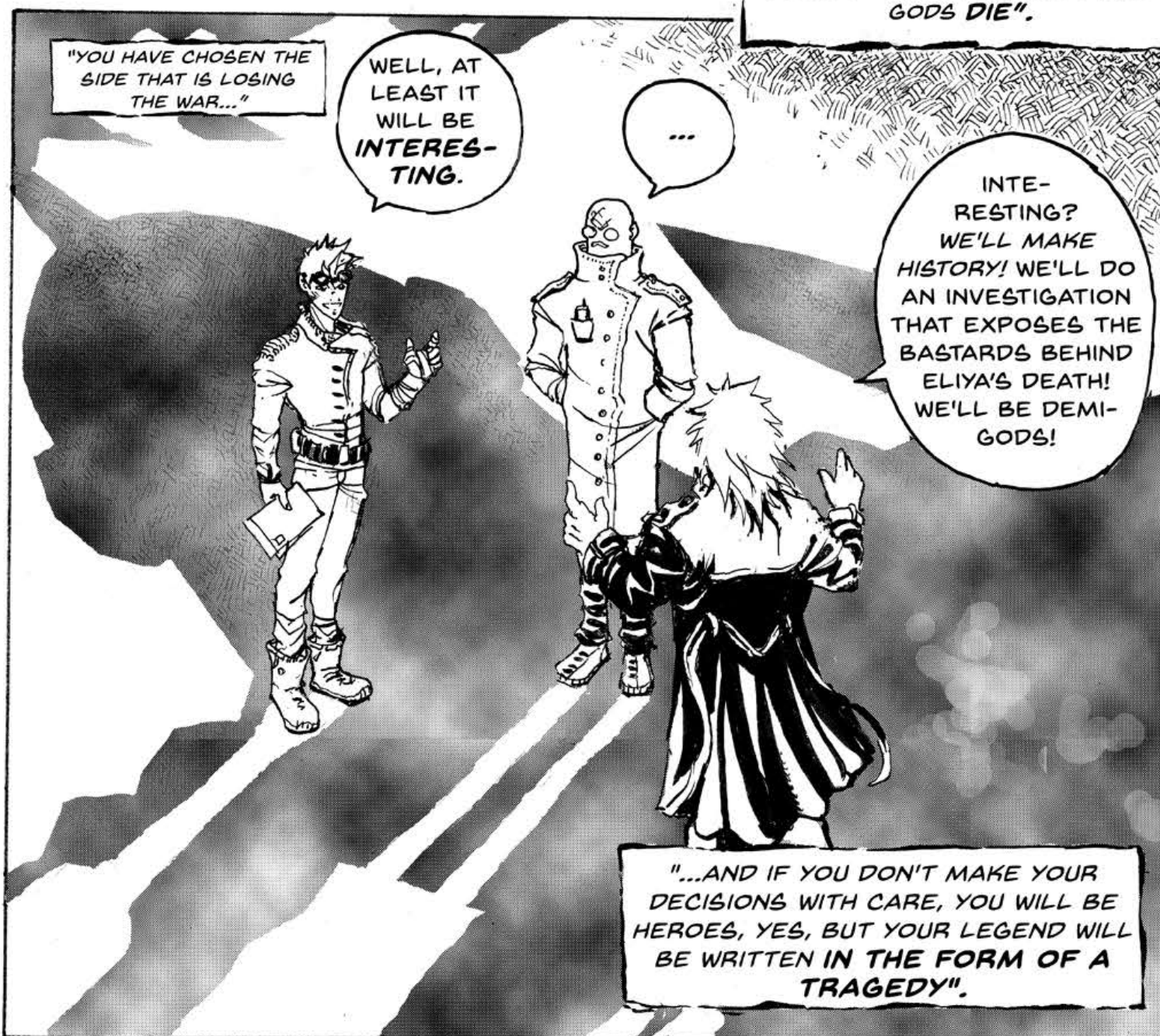
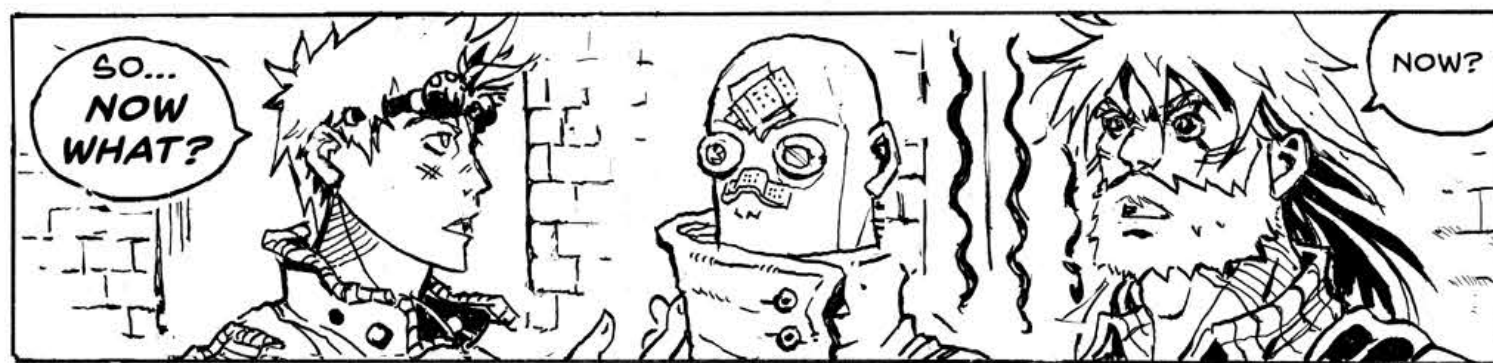
PRETTY SURE SHE WEARS LEATHER AT NIGHT.

YOUR LOVE IS IMPOSSIBLE, ROMEO.

NEVER SAY NEVER, DEAR JACOB.

"FROM THIS DAY FORWARD YOU ARE HEROES WITH A **CAUSE**. EVEN IF YOU WANT TO FORGET IT, IT WILL BE IMPOSSIBLE".





...TO BE CONTINUED

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