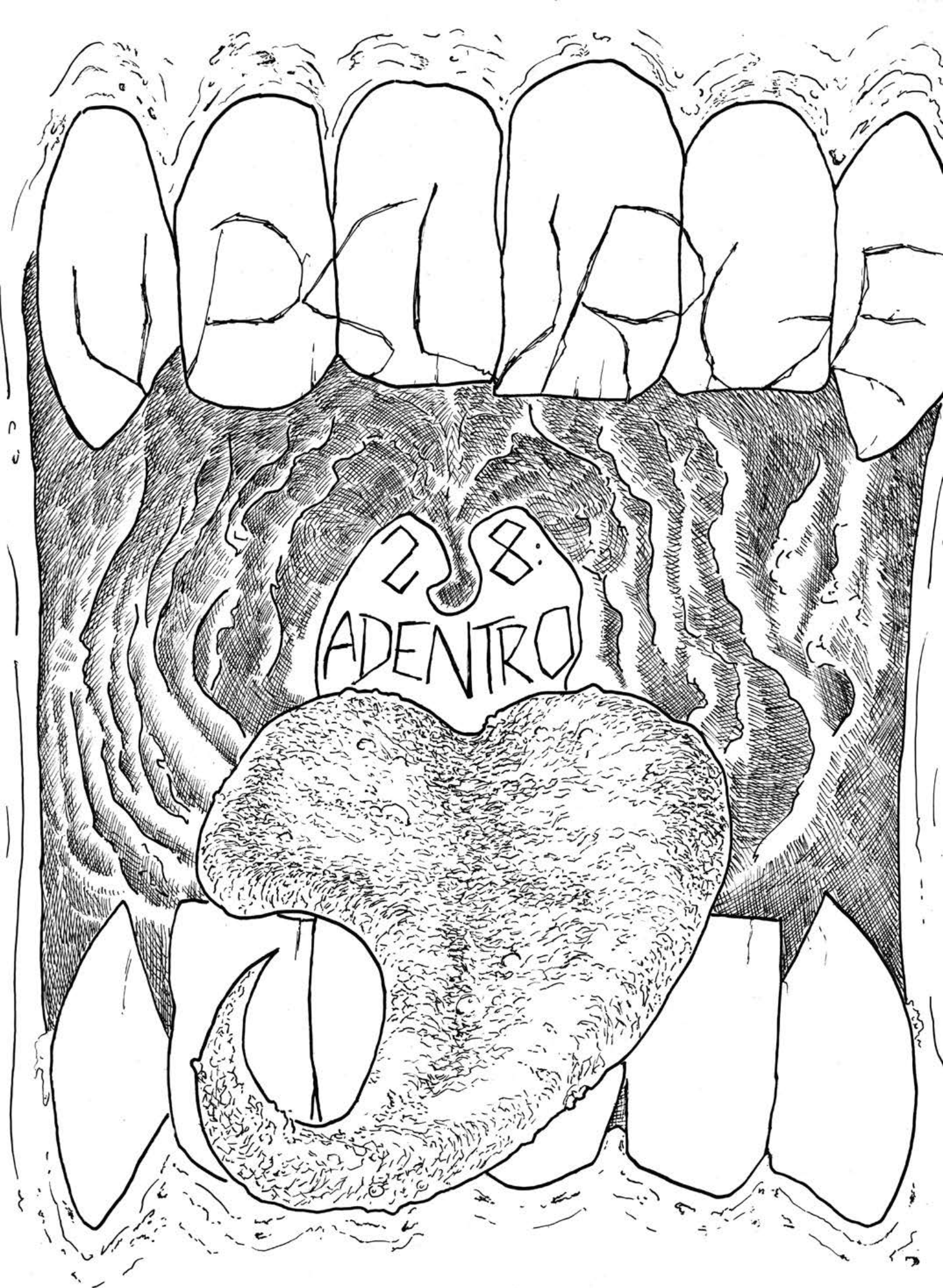




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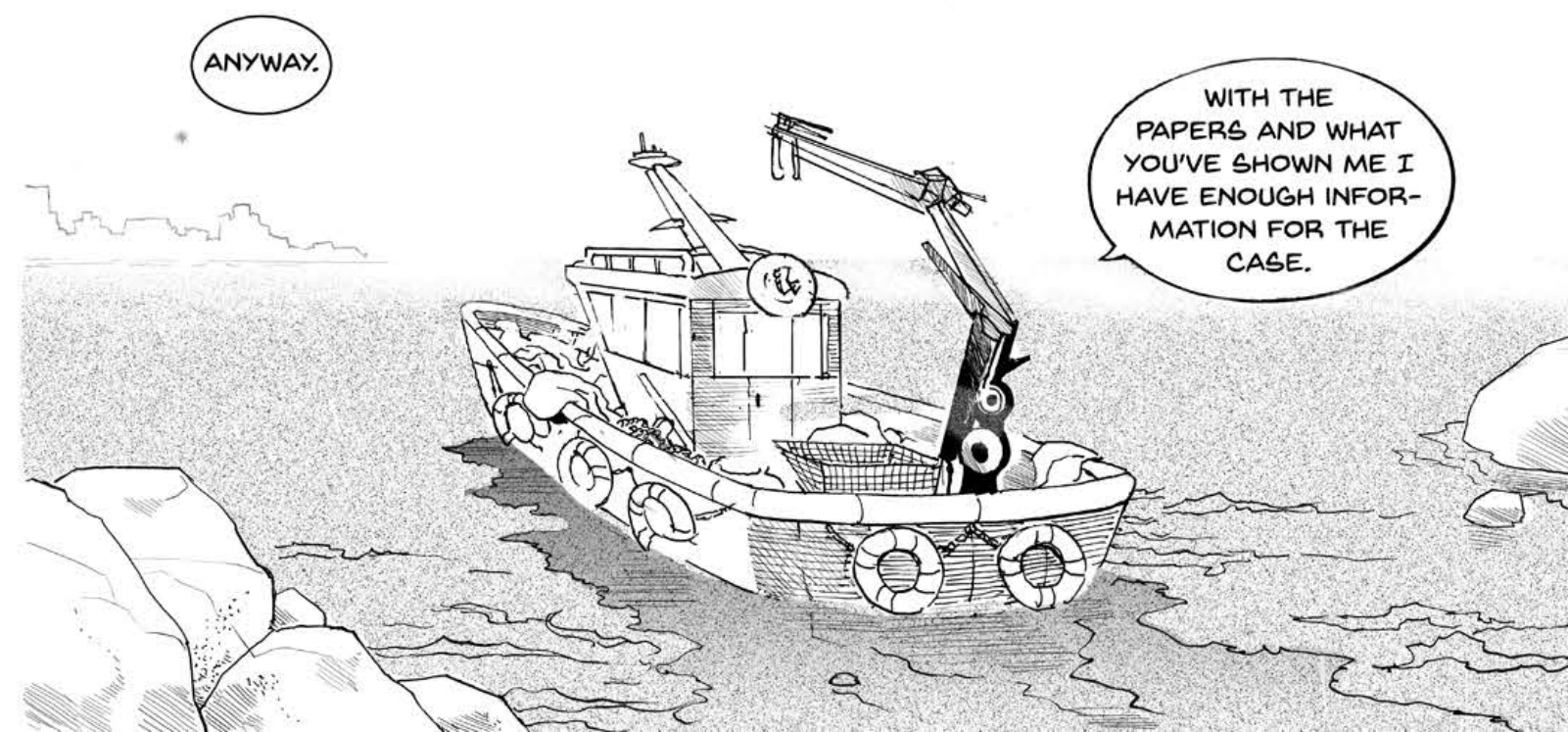
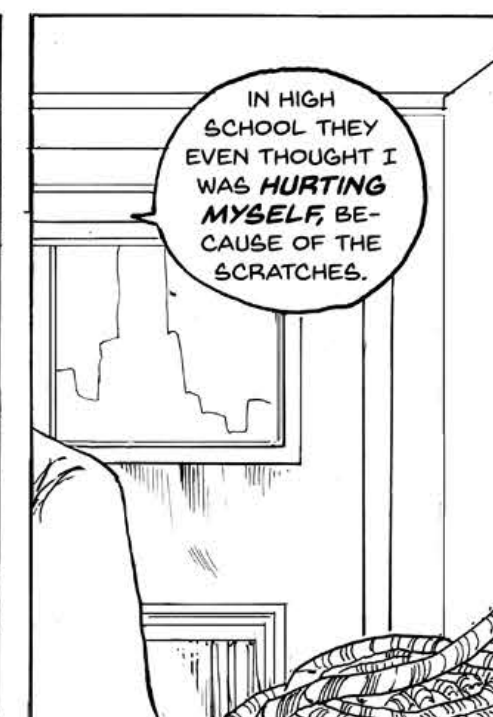
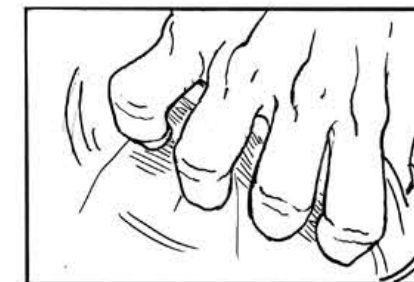
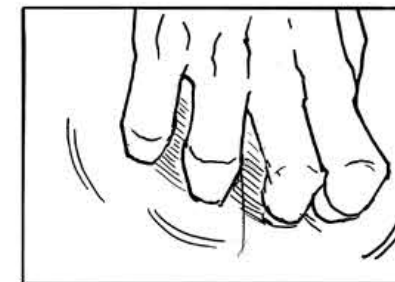
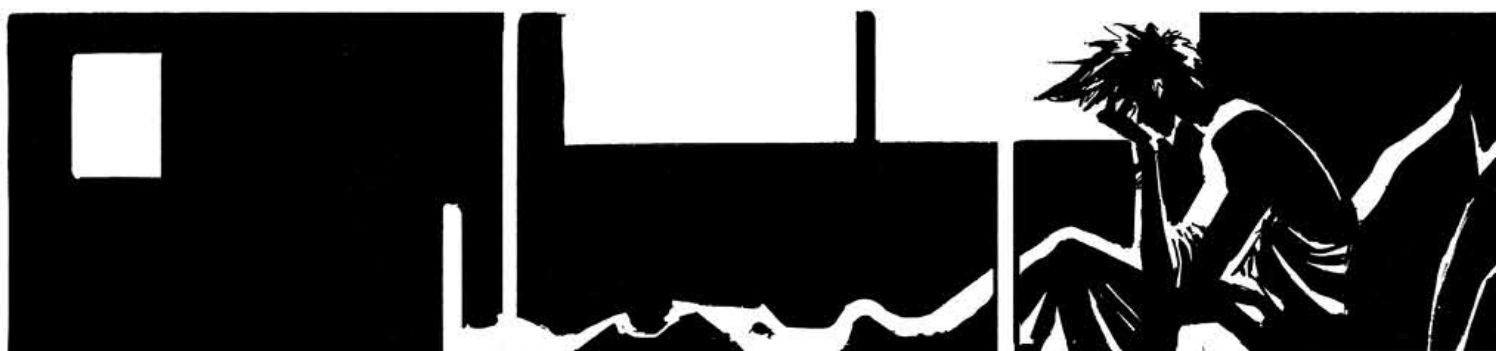
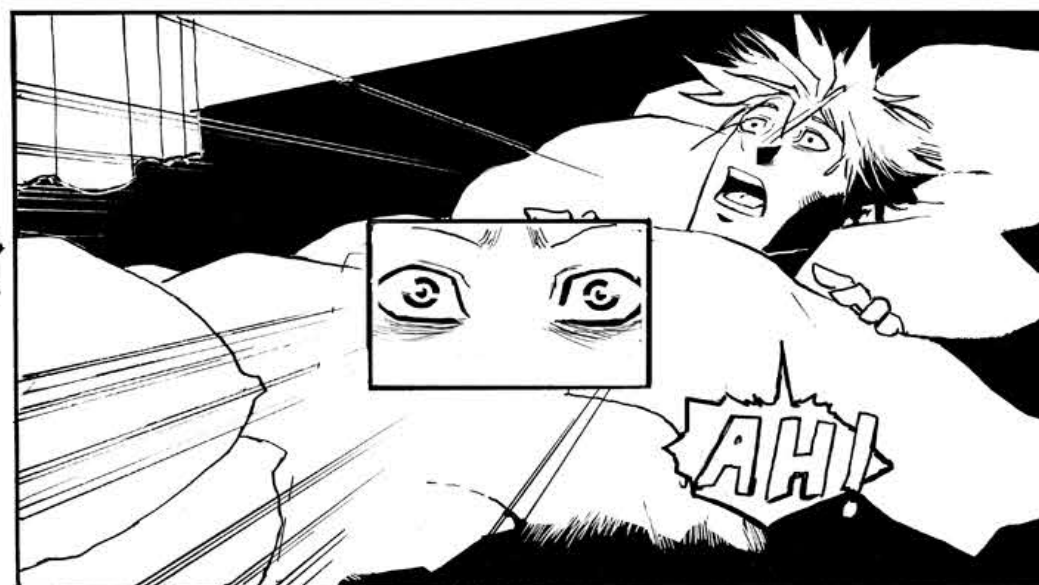
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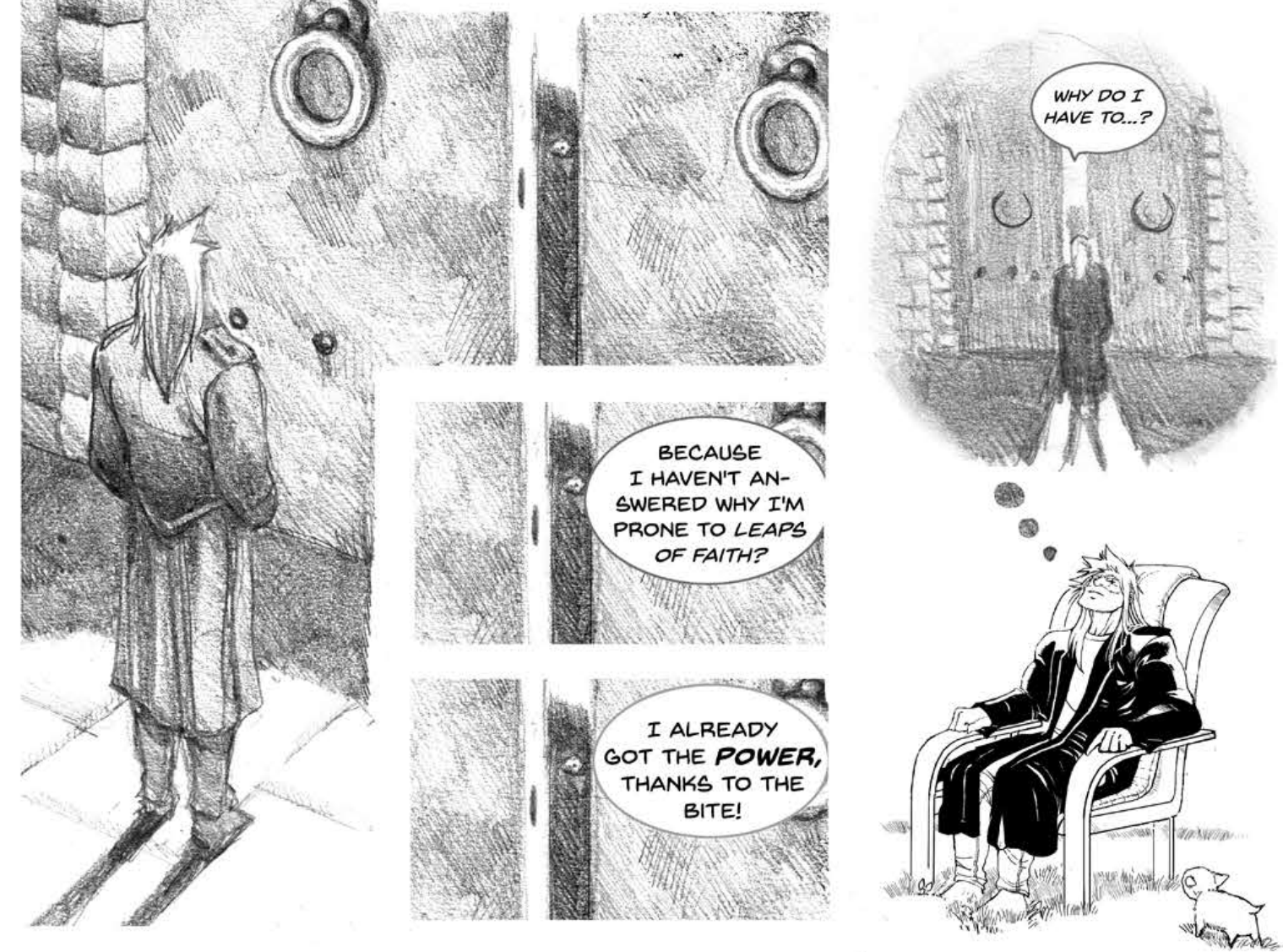
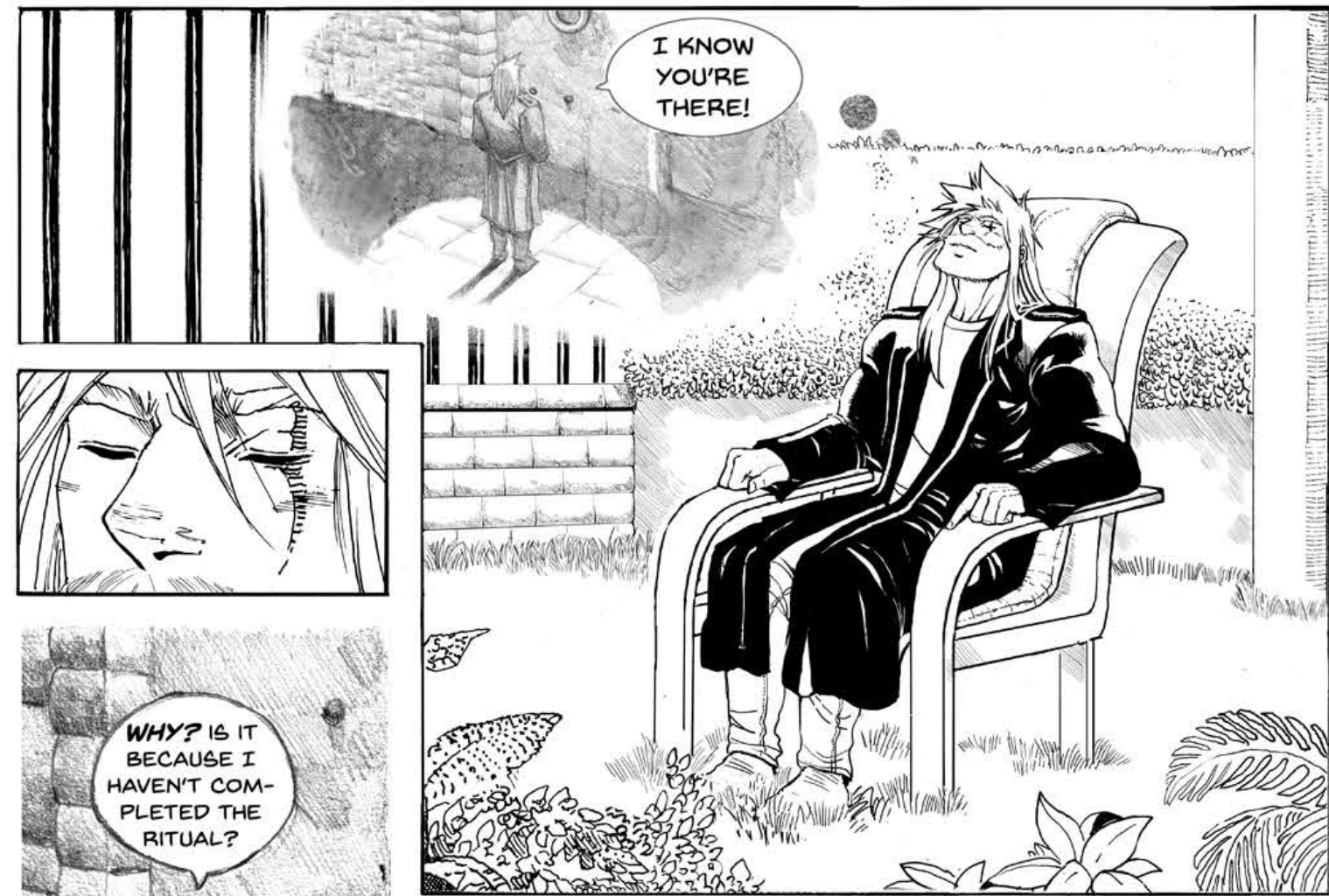
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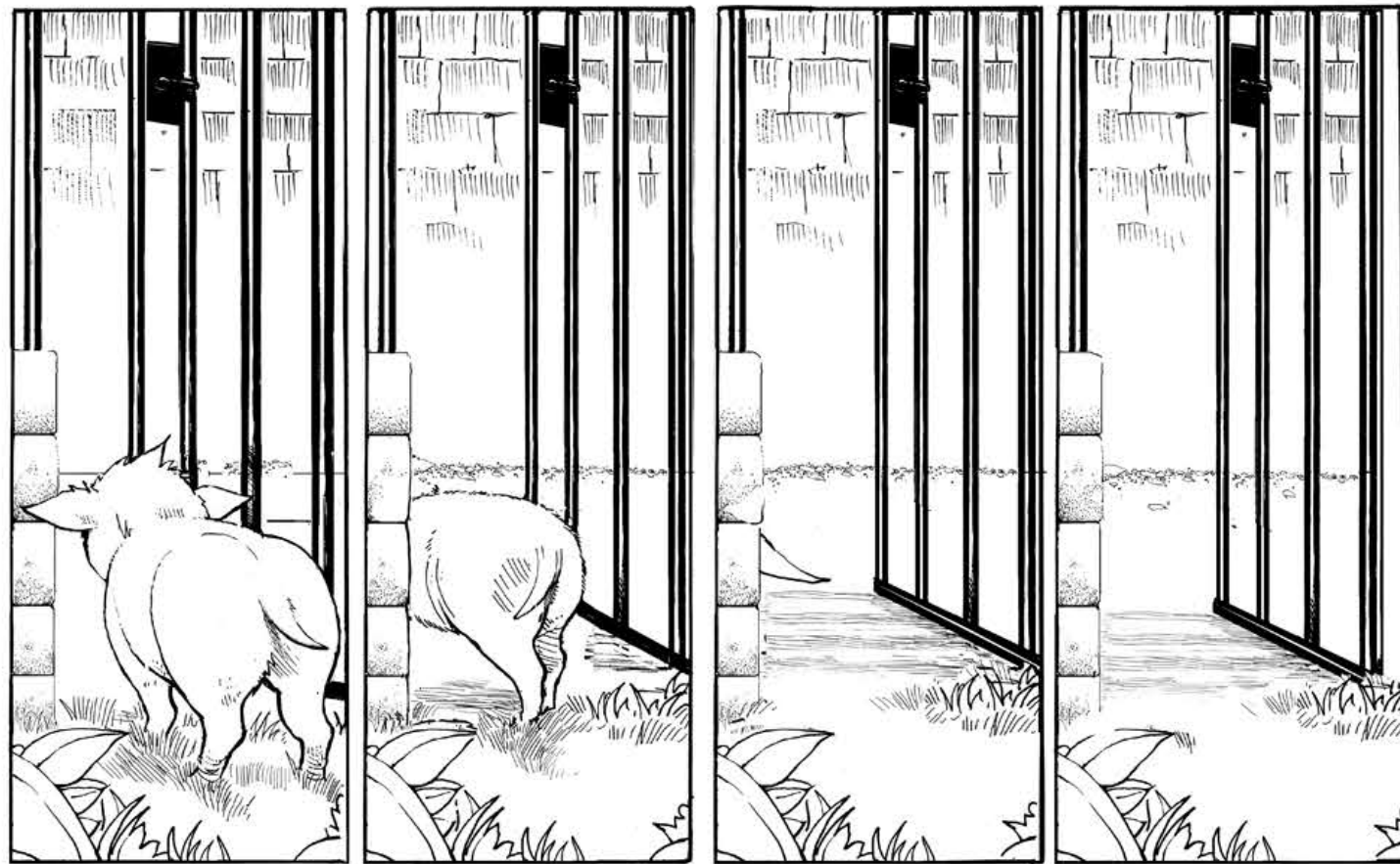
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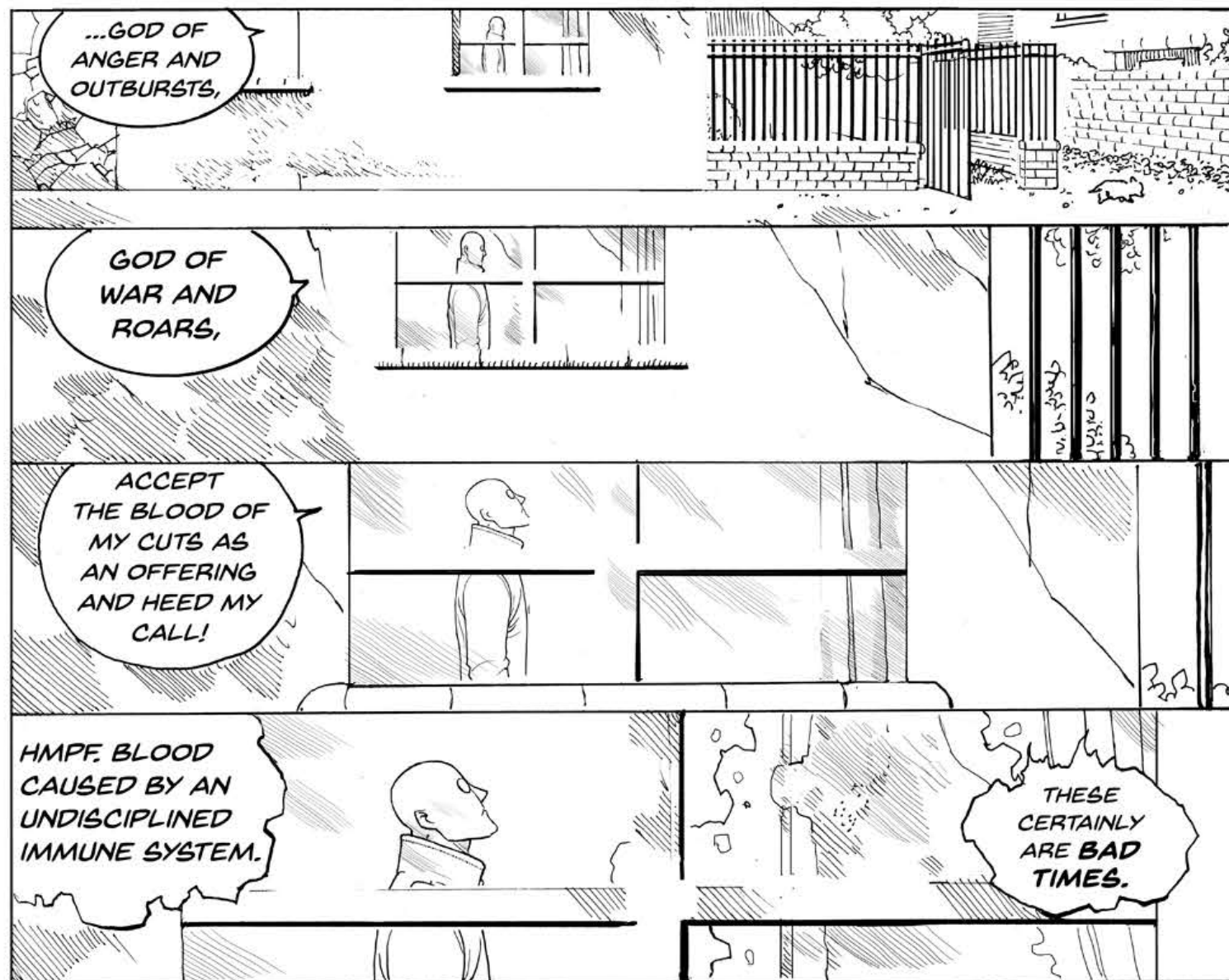


AREN'T YOU THE ONE WITH THE **FICTIONAL** PANTHEON? WHAT ARE YOU DOING, CALLING A TRUE GOD WHEN YOU HAVE YOUR LIES?

WE ARE SURROUNDED BY TECHNOLOGY. IT MADE **SENSE** TO MAKE GODS OUT OF THOSE CONCEPTS. GODS ARE NOTHING BUT...

YOU HAVE NO IDEA WHAT WE TRULY ARE. WHAT YOU PERCEIVE IS THE **TANGENT** BETWEEN OUR DIMENSION AND YOURS, THAT'S ALL.

I'VE TRIED TO SUMMON HERMES AND APHRODITE... EVEN HEPHAESTUS.



...GOD OF ANGER AND OUTBURSTS,

GOD OF WAR AND ROARS,

ACCEPT THE BLOOD OF MY CUTS AS AN OFFERING AND HEED MY CALL!

HMPF. BLOOD CAUSED BY AN UNDISCIPLINED IMMUNE SYSTEM.

THESE CERTAINLY ARE **BAD** TIMES.

I FELT STRANGE REVERBERATIONS BUT THEY...

ARE THEY DEAD? WHY DID I FEEL THOSE REVERBERATIONS? **WHAT'S GOING ON?**

...DIDN'T **APPEAR.**

IS IT THAT **BAD?**

THERE IS NO EASY EXPLANATION. DEATH IS A DIFFERENT MATTER FOR US.

YOU SAID YOUR SISTER REIGNS... HOW CAN SHE RULE OVER THIS WORLD IF YOU'RE DOING SO **BADLY?**

BECAUSE IT IS ERIS, WHO SINCE SHE **DIED** DOES NOT REQUIRE FAITH FOR HER SUSTENANCE, CHAOS IS ENOUGH FOR HER!



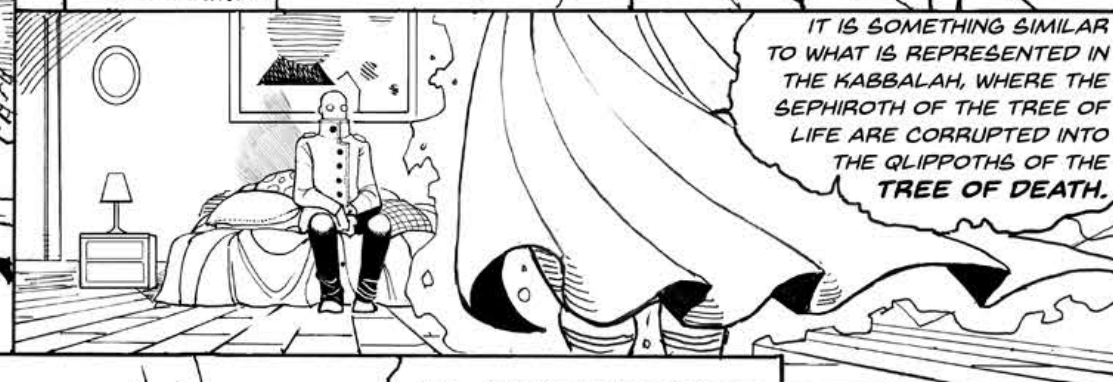
WHAT? I... I DON'T UNDERSTAND... HOW CAN SOMETHING BE... HOW CAN YOU EVEN DIE? IS SOMEONE CAUSING IT? I...

SOMEONE? I DO NOT KNOW IF THIS PROCESS HAS AUTHORSHIP. MY EYES DON'T HAVE THE REACH OF YESTERYEAR. AS TO OUR "DEATHS"... IT'S HARD TO EXPLAIN. YOUR PSYCHE... SUSTAINS AND CATALYZES OUR BIOLOGY.



YOU ARE **MORE** THAN EVER, BUT YOU DREAM LESS THAN EVER. WE LOSE THE MEANING OF EXISTENCE.

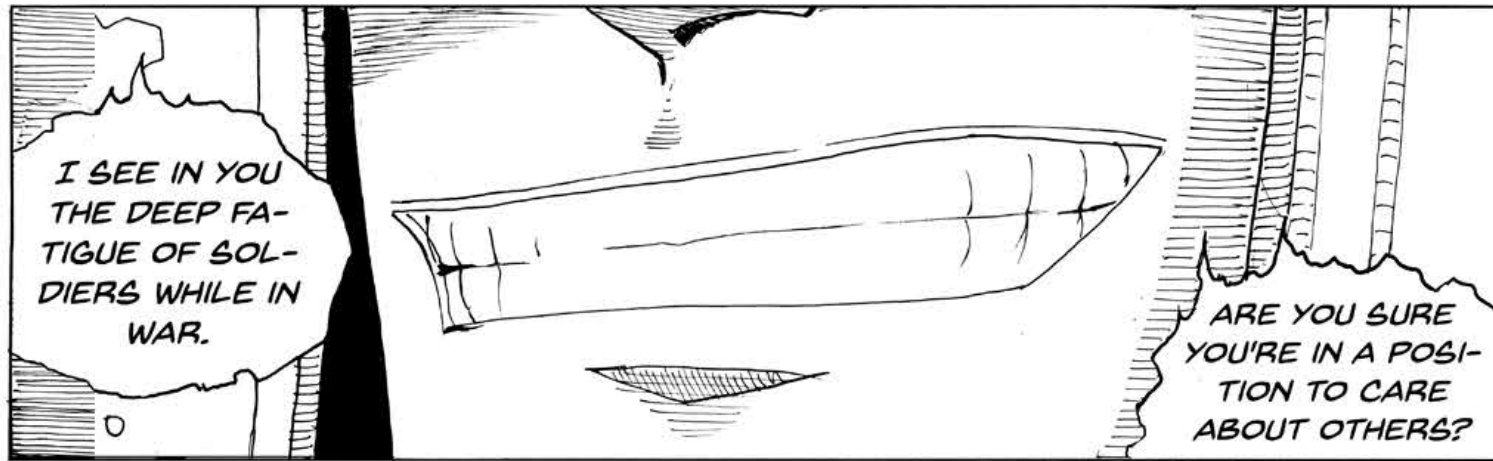
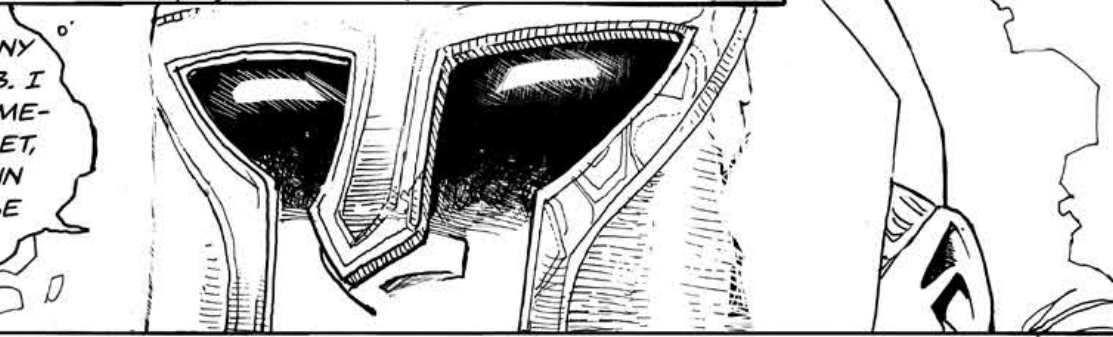
THIS NIHILISTIC DISTORTION CAUSES IN US WHAT YOU COULD CONSIDER "DEATH".



IT IS SOMETHING SIMILAR TO WHAT IS REPRESENTED IN THE KABBALAH, WHERE THE SEPHIROTH OF THE TREE OF LIFE ARE CORRUPTED INTO THE QLIPTOHS OF THE TREE OF DEATH.

SO... YOU DON'T CEASE TO EXIST, YOU BECOME **EMPTY SHELLS**. HOW CAN WE STOP IT?

HEH... YOU'RE A FUNNY HUMAN BEING, JACOB. I HAD NEVER SEEN SOMEONE WHO, WHEN UPSET, SOUGHT **REFUGE** IN ASKING SUCH DENSE QUESTIONS.



I SEE IN YOU THE DEEP FATIGUE OF SOLDIERS WHILE IN WAR.

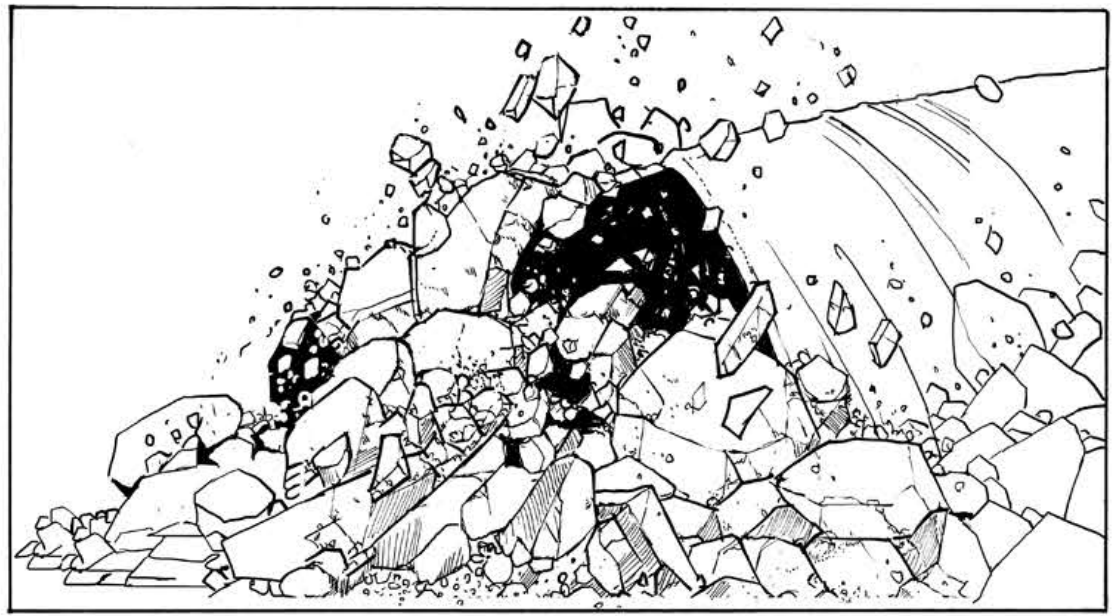
ARE YOU SURE YOU'RE IN A POSITION TO CARE ABOUT OTHERS?

YOUR IMMUNE SYSTEM IS ATTACKING THE BODY IT'S SWORN TO DEFEND. DON'T YOU THINK YOU SHOULD EXAMINE THAT SITUATION?

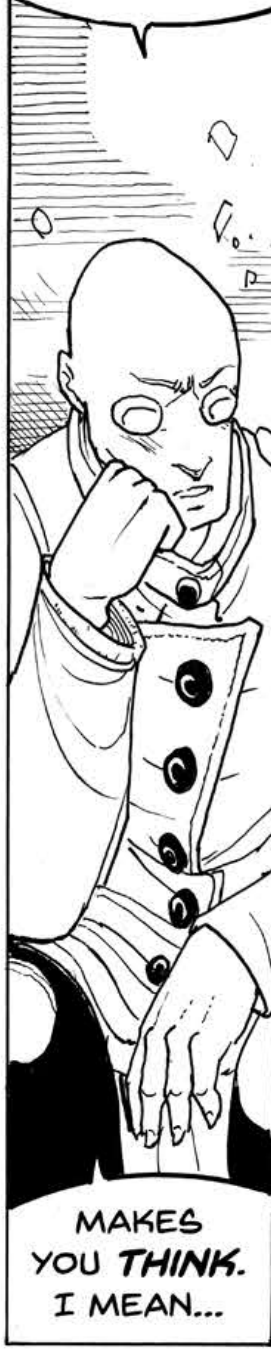


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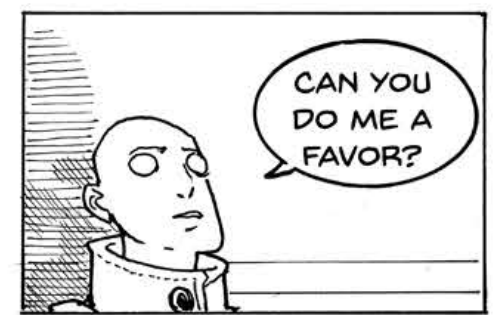
DO YOU HOLD SO MUCH RESENTMENT THAT YOU'VE STARTED TO **DEVOUR** YOURSELF?



I ALMOST DIED **BURIED** IN STONE.



...IF I'M GOING TO EXPOSE MYSELF TO THESE THINGS, SHOULDN'T LIFE BE **BETTER?**



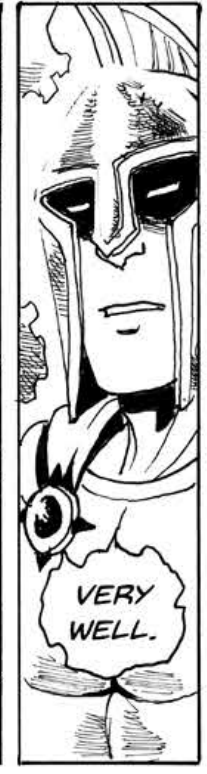
CAN YOU DO ME A FAVOR?



SHOW ME THE WORLD AS YOU PERCEIVE IT.



THAT'S ...

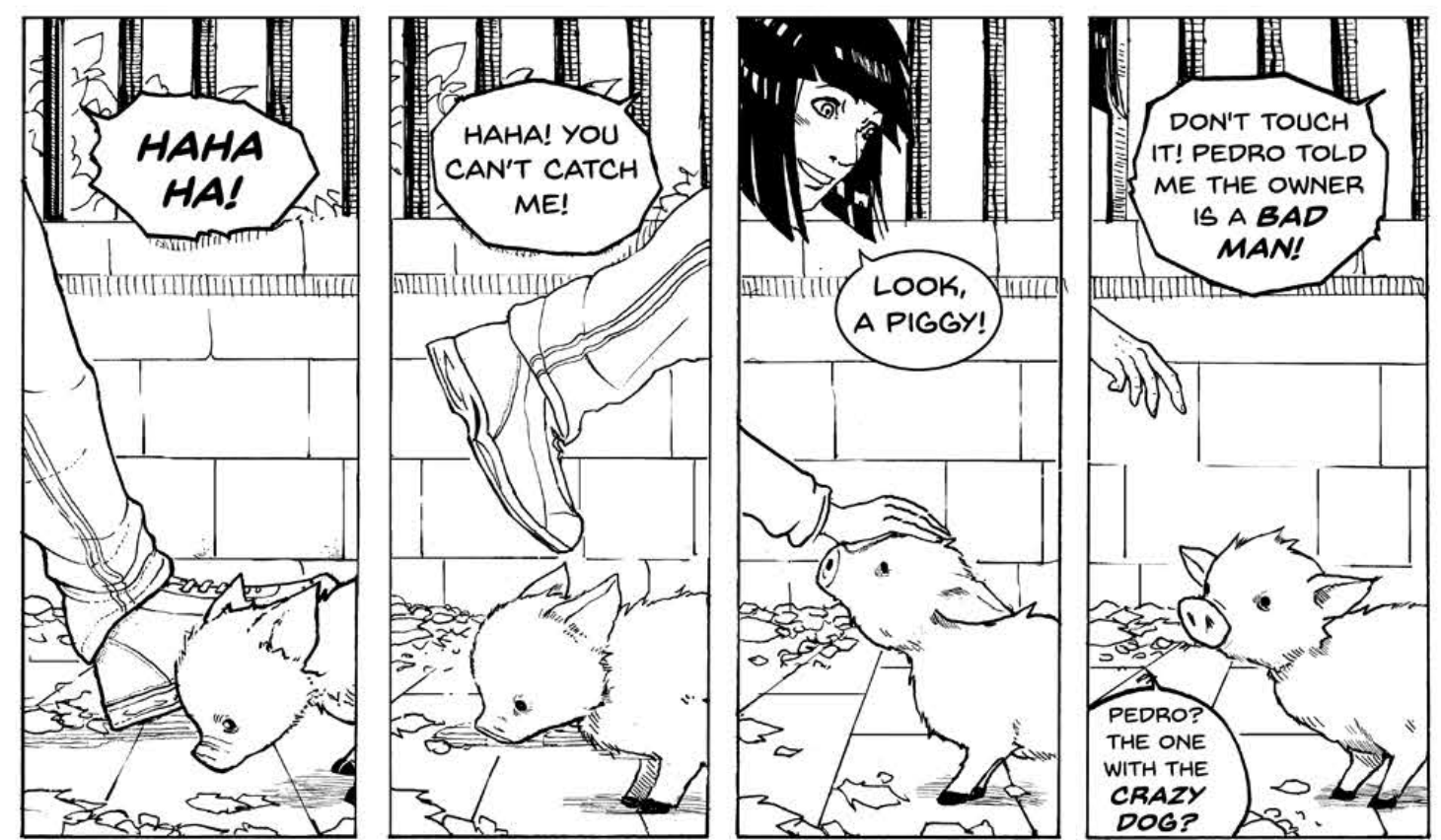


VERY WELL.

MAKES YOU **THINK**. I MEAN...



BUT KNOW
THAT JUST LIKE THE
ANT DOES NOT PERCEIVE
THE ARM THROUGH WHICH
IT CLIMBS AS ANYTHING
OTHER THAN LAND, YOU
WILL PERCEIVE NOTHING
BUT GHOSTLY ECHOES
OF MY HOME.



HAHA
HA!

HAHA! YOU
CAN'T CATCH
ME!

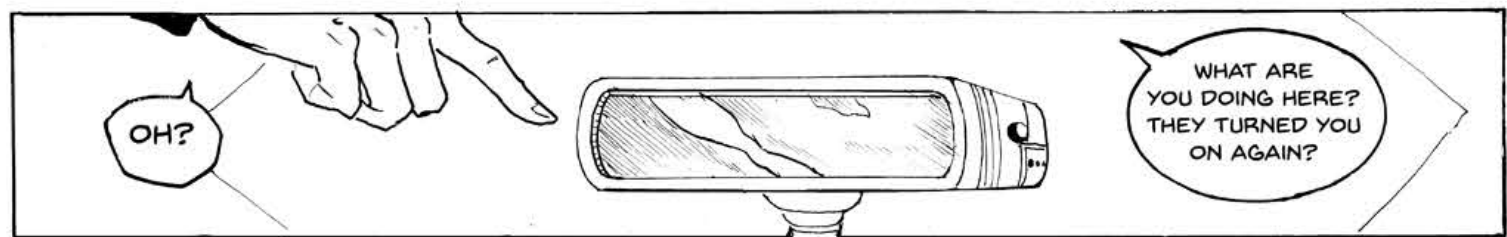
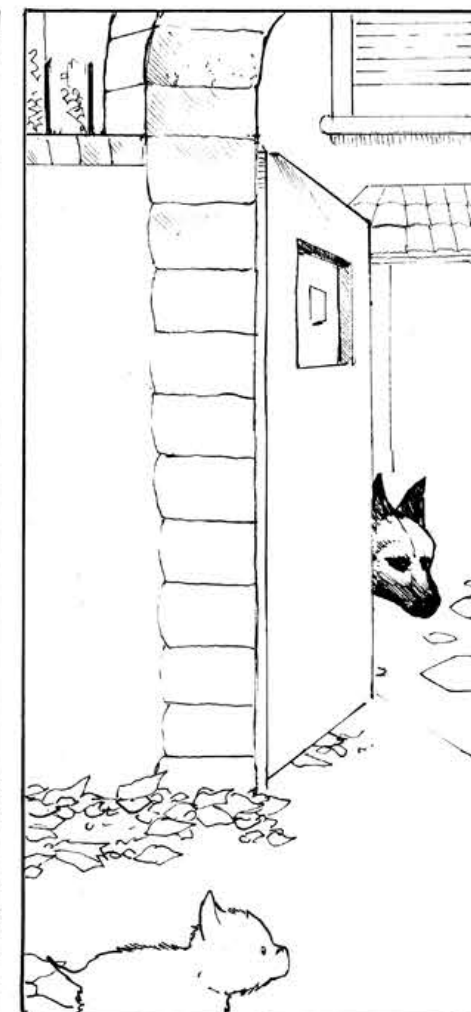
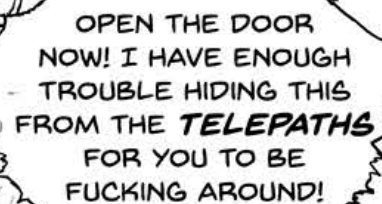
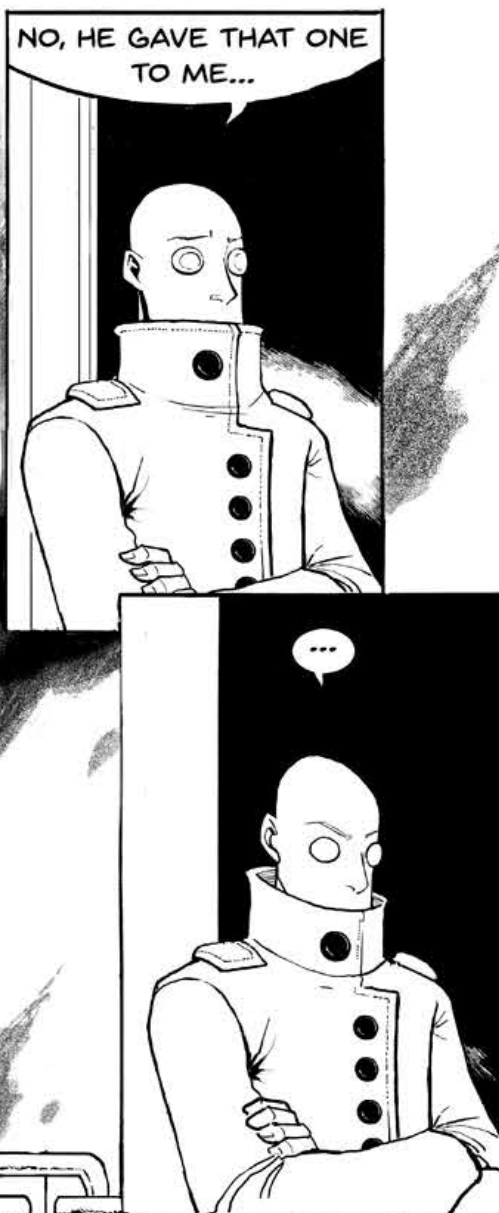
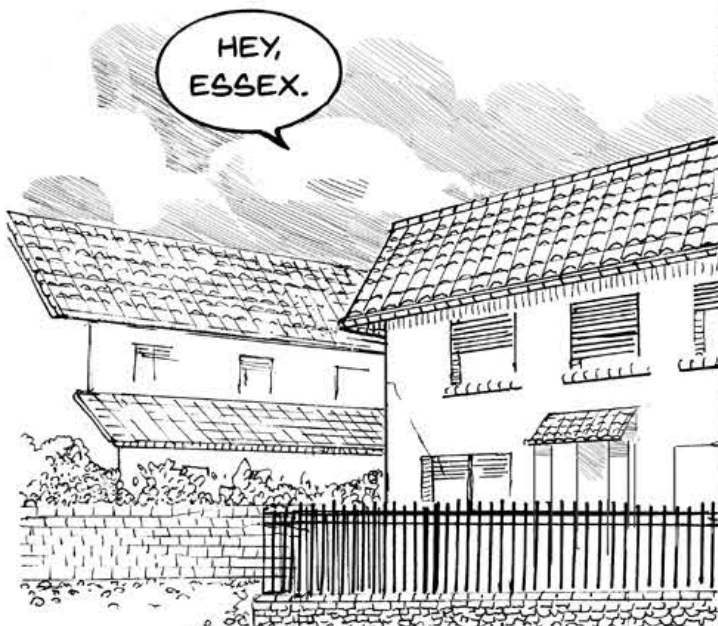
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A PIGGY!

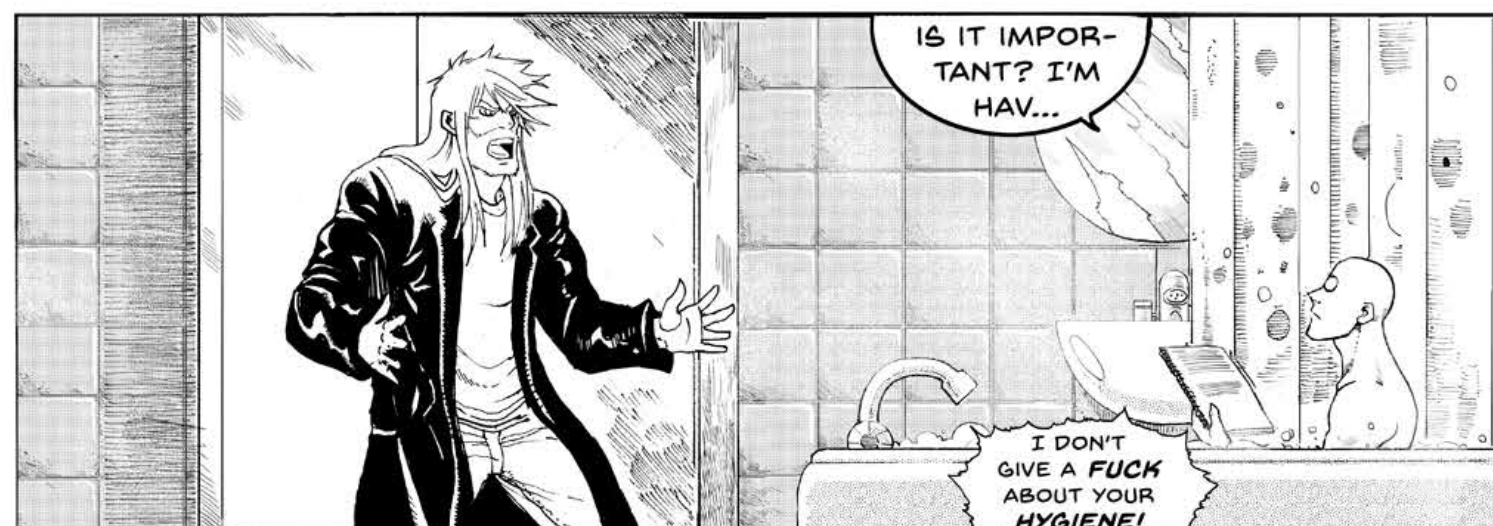
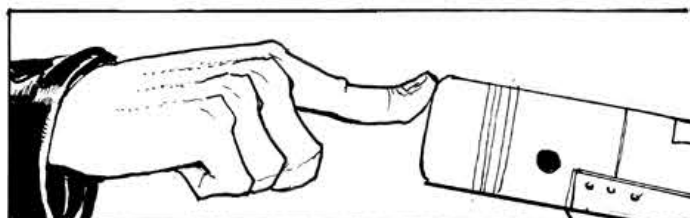
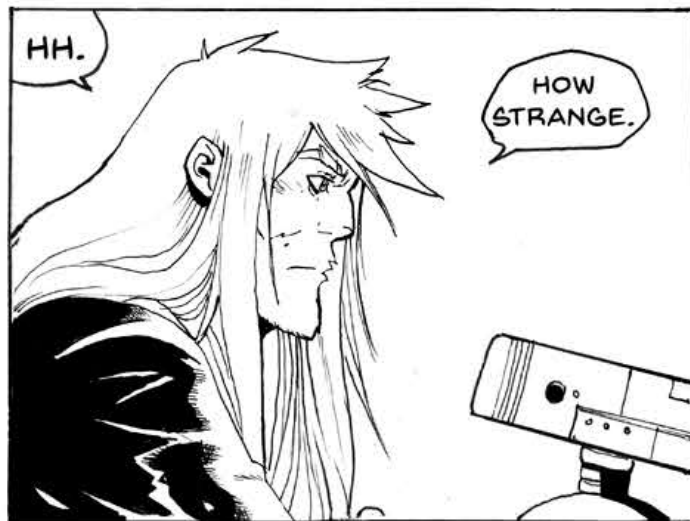
DON'T TOUCH
IT! PEDRO TOLD
ME THE OWNER
IS A **BAD**
MAN!

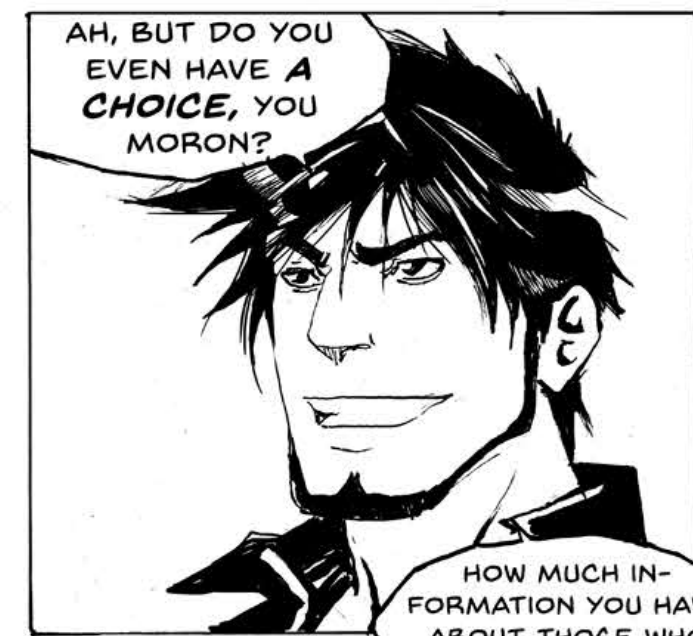
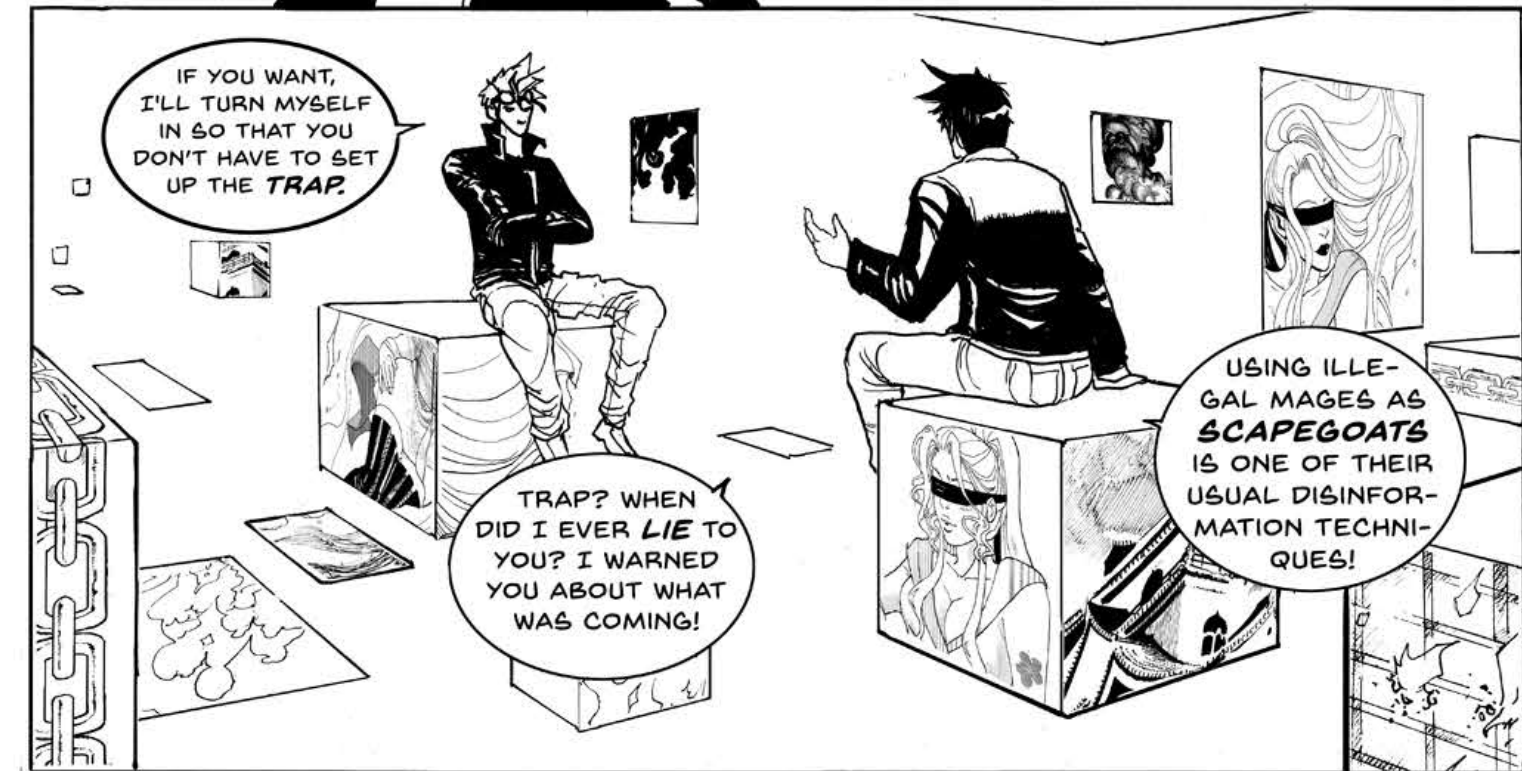
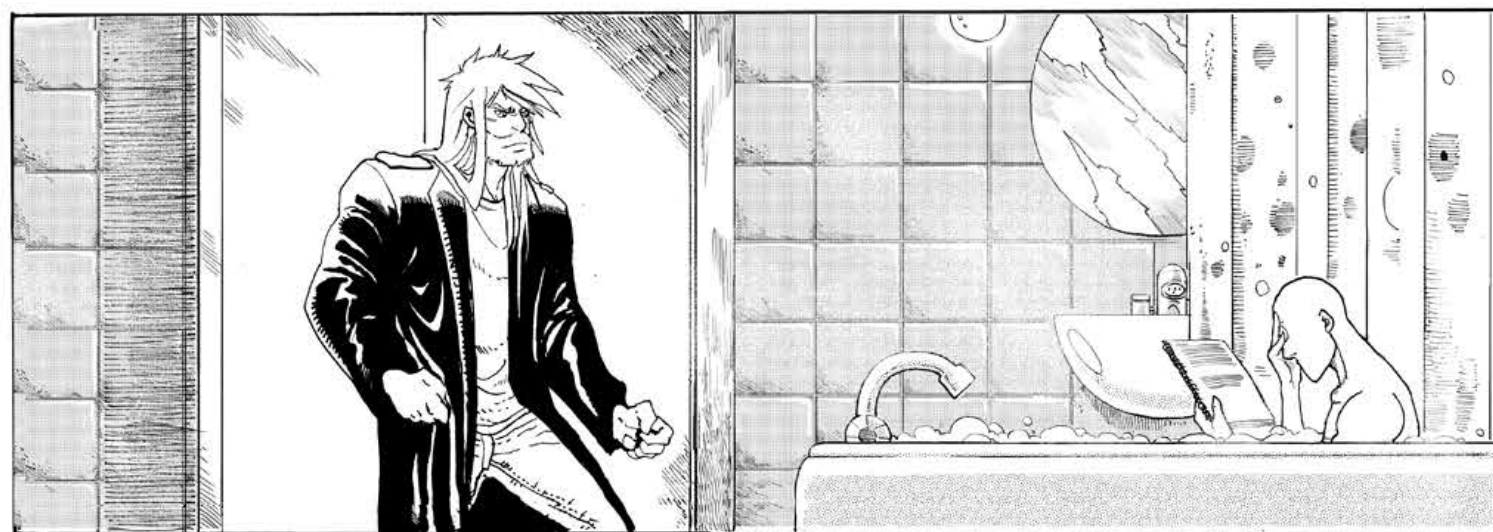
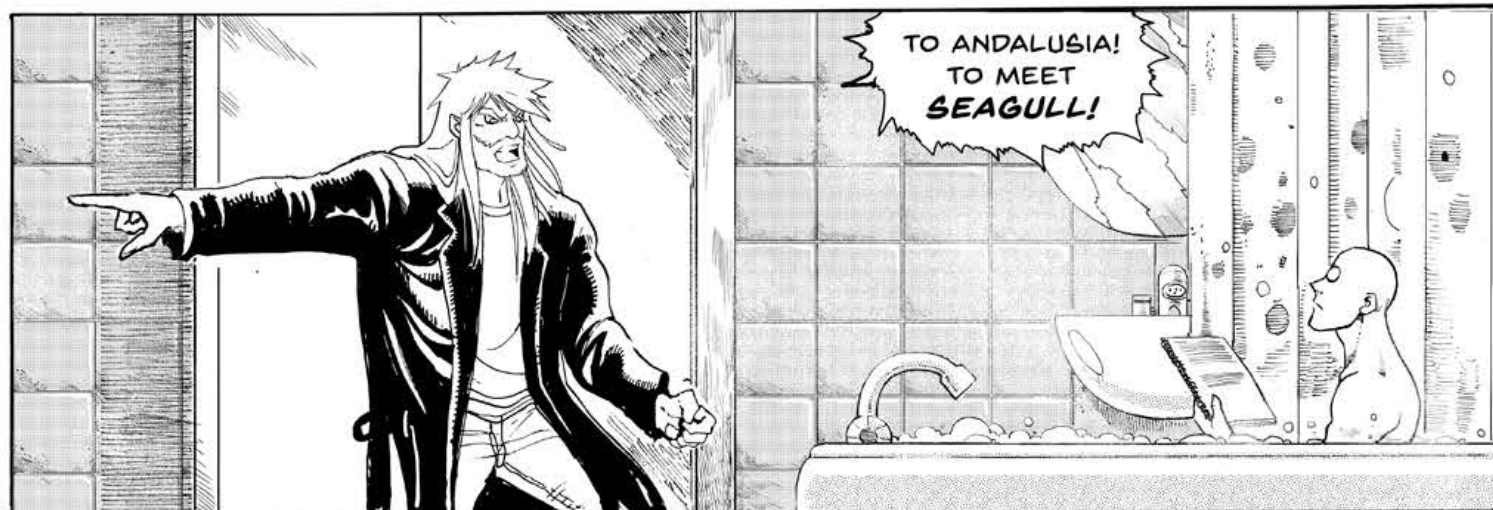
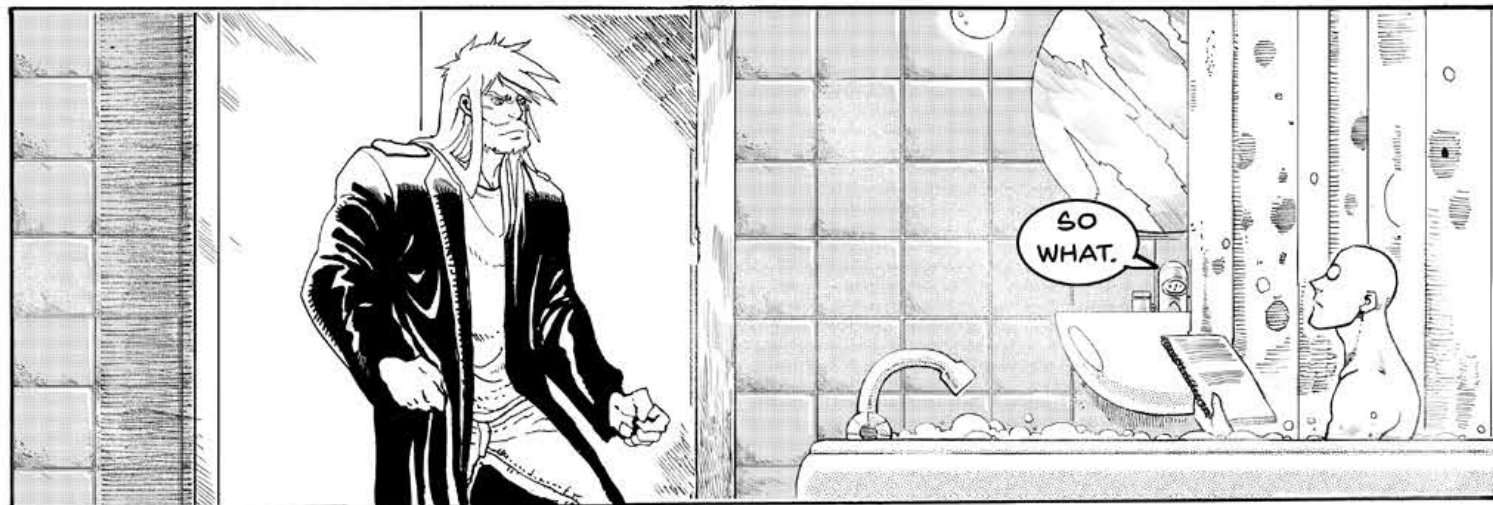
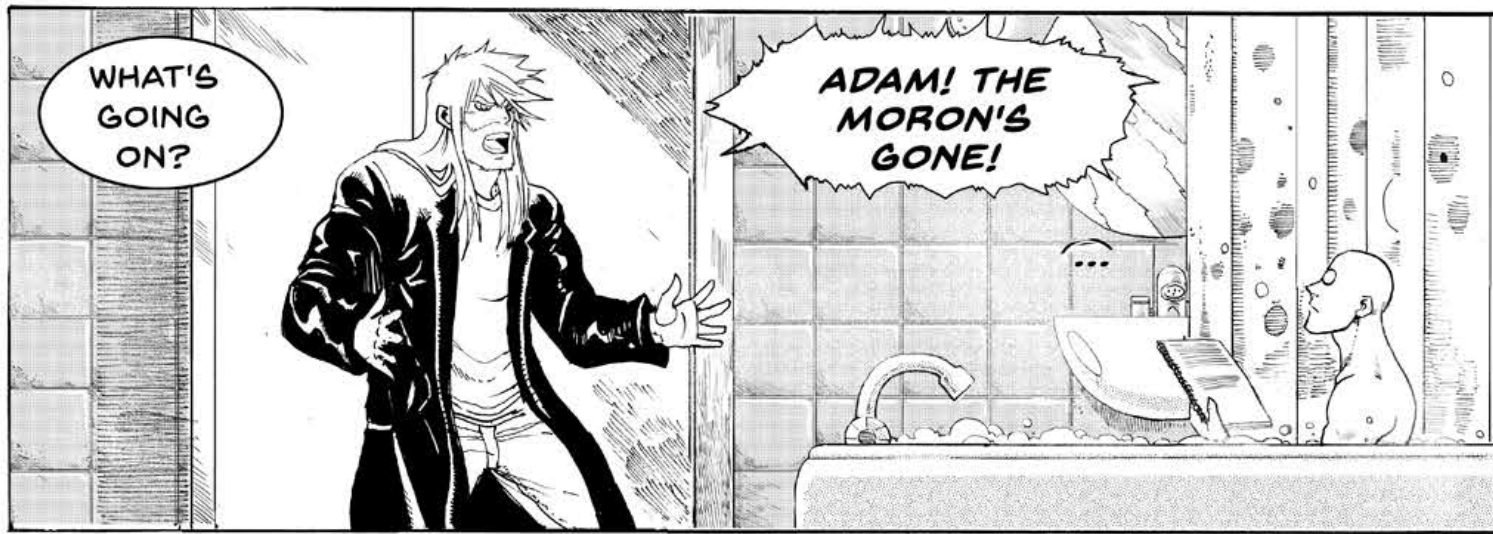
PEDRO?
THE ONE
WITH THE
CRAZY
DOG?

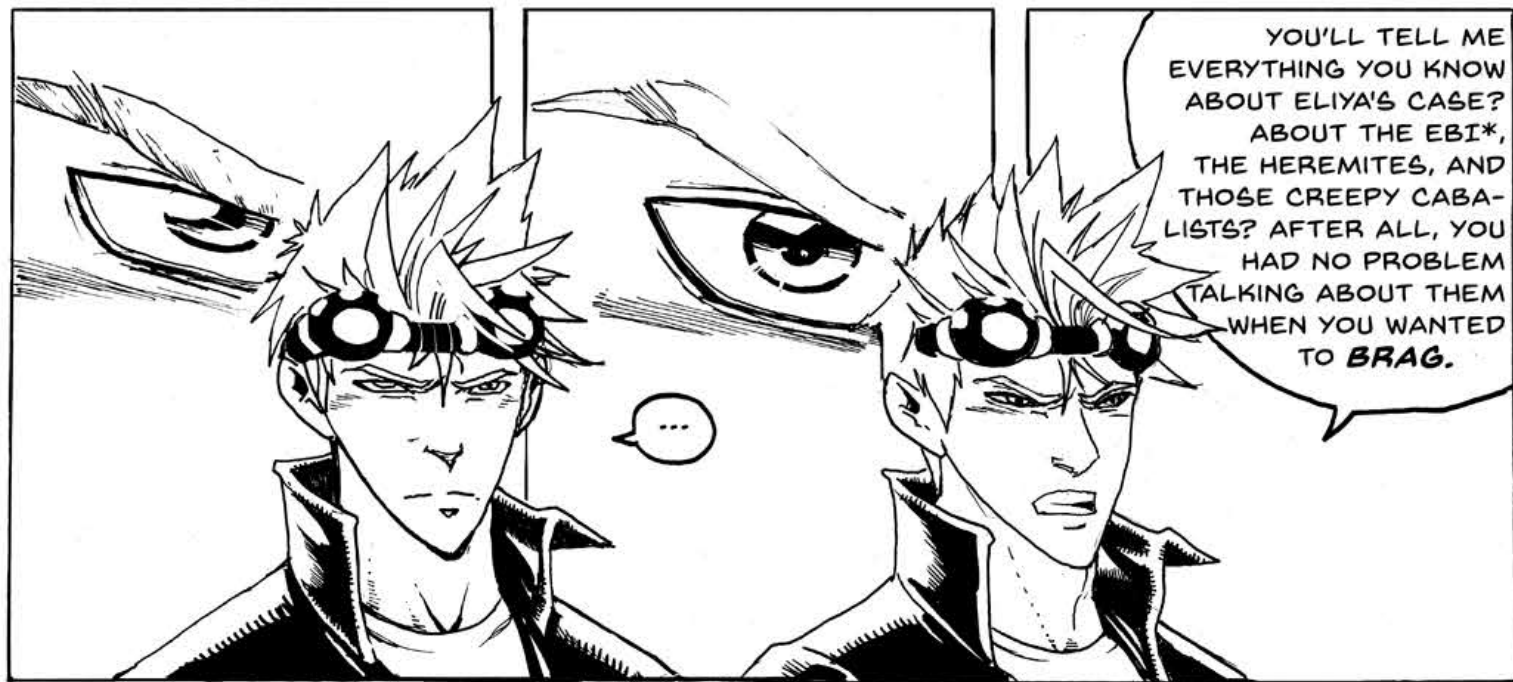


ALL RIGHT. LET'S SEE
IF I CAN WRITE A **MAGIC**
SIGIL INSIDE HIM TO REPLACE
SOME OF HIS COMPU-
TER CODE...









*EBI: EUROPEAN BUREAU OF INFORMATION

YOU'LL TELL ME EVERYTHING YOU KNOW ABOUT ELIYA'S CASE? ABOUT THE EBI*, THE HEREMITES, AND THOSE CREEPY CABALISTS? AFTER ALL, YOU HAD NO PROBLEM TALKING ABOUT THEM WHEN YOU WANTED TO BRAG.

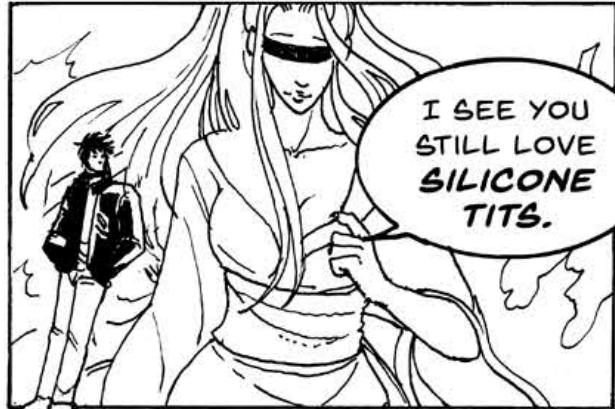
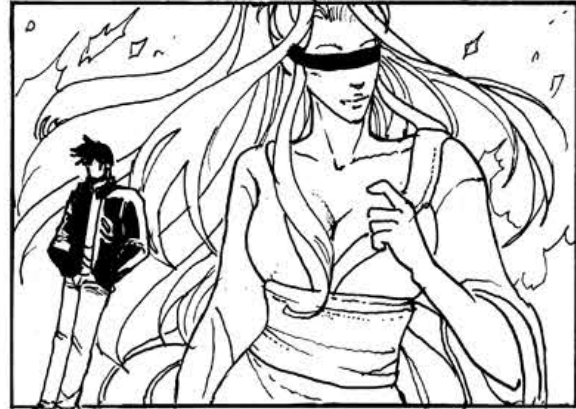


I ALREADY HELPED YOU! JUDGEMENTAL PRICK...

YOU'RE LYING. I'M STILL WAITING FOR YOUR EXPLANATION OF WHAT HAPPENED THAT NIGHT!

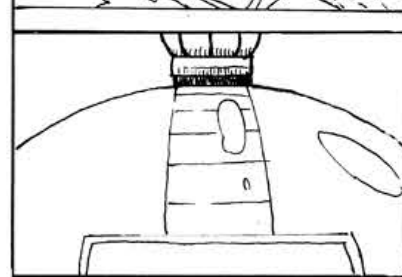
JUST BECAUSE I CAN'T EXPLAIN EVERYTHING DOESN'T MEAN...!

...I DON'T KNOW HOW YOU CAN SLEEP PEACEFULLY.



I SEE YOU STILL LOVE SILICONE TITS.

"I'M GONE. DON'T WORRY, I'LL BE BACK SOON, AND I'LL HAVE INFORMATION".

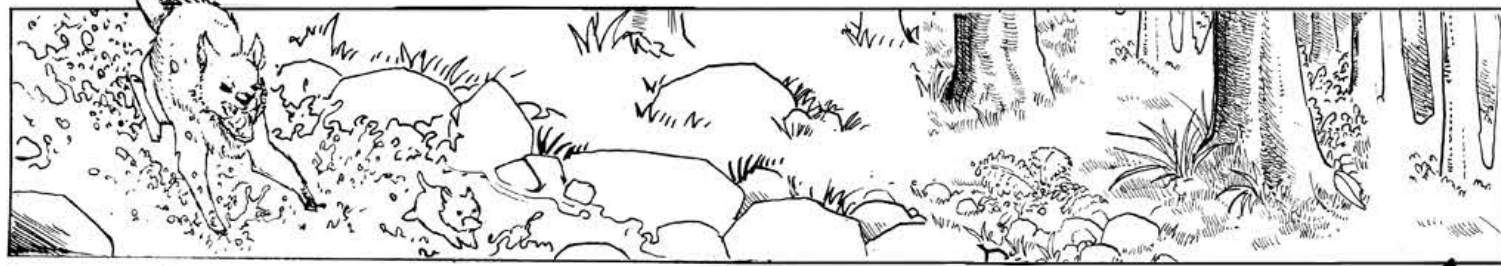


NO.

ALTHOUGH IT'S AN OBVIOUS RISK... ADAM'S RIGHT...

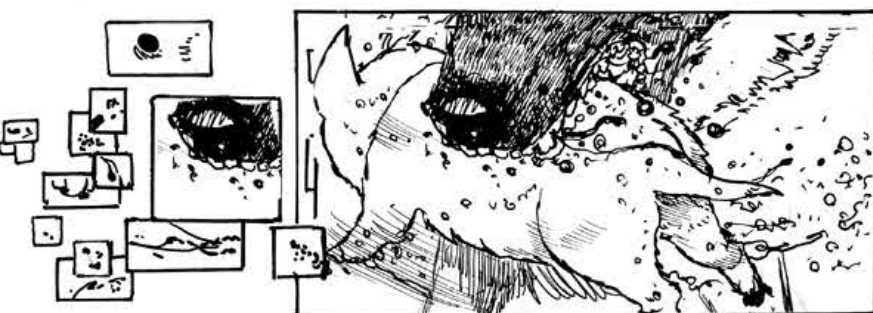
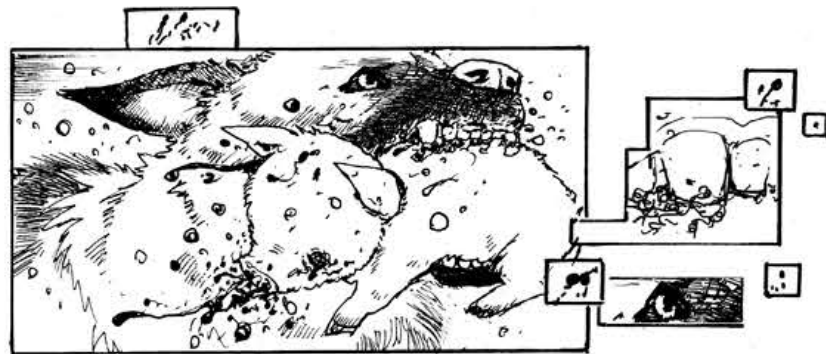


...SIGURD IS OUR ONLY SOURCE OF INFORMATION...



"...AND I SUSPECT HE WOULDN'T BE SO OPEN IF WE'RE PRESENT TOO".





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