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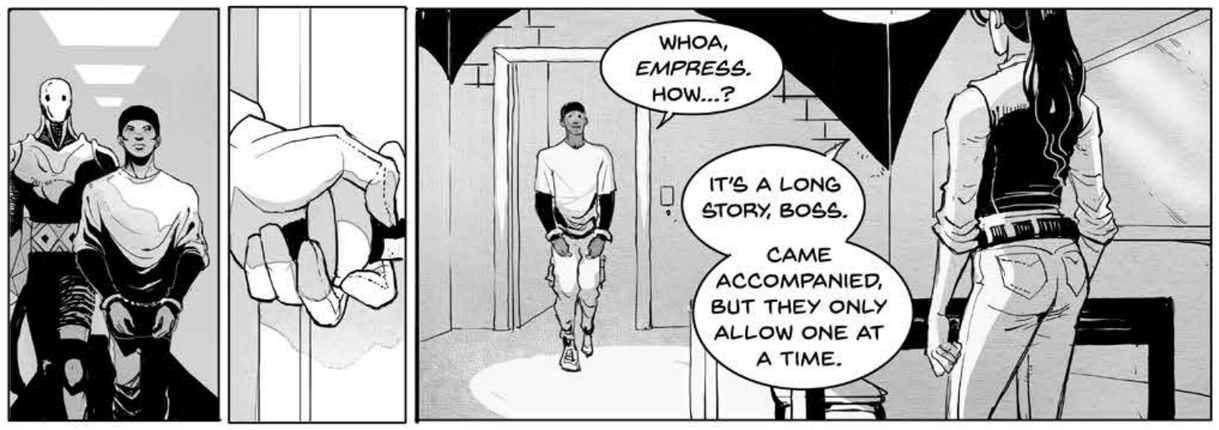
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THOSE OIO GUYS SAY THEY CAPTURED YOU IN EGYPT...

THE ***BOOK,*** EMPRESS. I ASKED ABOUT THE VERSES... IT TOOK ME TO EGYPT.

THAT BOOK... IS IT REALLY RELIABLE? YOU TOLD ME THOSE PROPHECIES AREN'T EVEN WRITTEN IN AN UNDERSTANDABLE LANGUAGE.

IT'S A CODE, YEAH. I DUNNO, IT WORKED WELL ENOUGH TO GET ME PROMOTED TO ***TIPHERETH.***

HOW ABOUT YOU? ARE YOU WITH THE TRIO? DOESN'T LOOK LIKE YOU'RE CAPTURED, NO?

NO, UNLESS IT'S A TRAP. THEY'VE OFFERED... THE TRIO ARE TALKING TO THEM.

SEE? THE BOOK WASN'T WRONG. NEITHER I NOR THE *FOOL* ARE THE FIGHTING TYPE, BUT NOW THAT YOU'VE SHOWN UP...

I WONDER WHAT THEY WANT FROM YOU. AS LONG AS YOU DON'T TELL THEM...

TIPHERETH. WATCH WHAT YOU SAY. LOOK WHERE WE ARE.

WHO KNOWS WHO MIGHT BE ***LISTENING IN.***

SORRY FOR THE DELAY, I WAS... UH, YEAH, THAT.

ABOUT TIME. CAN YOU ALL START IDENTIFYING YOURSELVES ALREADY?

I KNOW THIS GUY IN THE WEIRD ARMOR CLAIMS TO BE PART OF OIO, BUT IT WOULD BE NICE IF YOU EXPLAINED WHAT...

OF COURSE. YOU'VE CORRECTLY IDENTIFIED HIM AS ONE OF OIO. MOST PEOPLE WITH MAGICAL TALENTS IN AFRICA END UP THERE OR IN OUR MAGICAL DIVISION.

I'M A MEMBER OF AFSEC, SOMETHING SIMILAR TO YOUR EBI. WE COVER MOST OF AFRICA. WE TRY, AT LEAST. CALL ME NASIR.

AND HIM...?

JUST CALL ME OIO.

...

ARE WE UNDER ARREST, NASIR?

GOOD QUESTION. LET'S SEE. YOU'RE WANTED IN SPAIN... IN EUROPE. YOU'VE ENTERED THE AIRSPACE OF SEVERAL AFRICAN COUNTRIES, SO...

PLUS, LOOKING AT CLASSIFIED INFORMATION AT SECRET BASES.

I MEAN...

YES, ABOUT THAT. WHY WERE YOU *LETTING* US...?

WE COULD ARREST YOU, YES. WE OPERATE IN THE SHADOWS, BUT YOUR CASE COULD BECOME PUBLIC IN EGYPT.

THERE'S ANOTHER... *ROUTE,* PERHAPS.

WHAT ARE WE TALKING ABOUT?

IT WAS A HAPPY COINCIDENCE THAT YOU CAME TO OUR CONTINENT. WE KNOW ABOUT THE THREE OF YOU, TO A CERTAIN EXTENT.

HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THIS? HOW MUCH DOES THE EBI KNOW ABOUT YOU?

HOW DO YOU HANDLE MAGES IN...?

LET'S NOT *RUSHING* INTO ANYTHING, OKAY. WE'RE NOT GOING TO TELL EVERYTHING TO PEOPLE WE MIGHT EXTRADITE TO THE EBI...

...THEY MAY HAVE "EXONERATED" YOU FROM UWANTE'S MURDER, BUT THEY STILL CONSIDER YOU TERRORISTS.

WE KNOW WHAT YOU DID FOR ELIYA UWANTE. OR *TRIED.* ALTHOUGH THE EBI HAS CLOSED THE NARRATIVE, CLAIMING HE DIED OF A HEART ATTACK...

...THE FACT THAT THEY HAD TO DO THAT IN THE FIRST PLACE WAS BECAUSE YOU REFUSED TO HAND OVER ADAM, RIGHT?

THAT SAID... THERE'S A WAR BETWEEN THE EBI AND THE HEREMITES THAT'S COMING OUR WAY...

THAT'S WHY YOU SAW EXPOSED BASES. WE'RE... SHORT ON *PERSONNAL.*

WE'D LIKE TO PREVENT THINGS FROM HAPPENING HERE. IF WE WERE ABLE TO ***NEGOTIATE*** WITH THE HEREMITES...

...THAT'S WHERE YOU CAN BE OF ***HELP.***

WE'RE IN POSITION. WAITING FOR SUBGROUP B.

WE'VE AVOIDED THE PARA-SENSORS, YES.

ALPHA, BETA, AND THETA? IN POSITION?

I WAS FOLLOWING A LEAD... IN EGYPT. THESE GUYS, OIO... WE INTERCEPTED SOME INFORMATION.

IT MATCHED THE SYMBOLS IN MY BOOK, SO I DECIDED TO COME WITH FOOL.

AND?

I DIDN'T GET WHERE... THERE, UH, SUPPOSEDLY, THERE ARE RUMORS OF AN ***INVERTED PYRAMID.*** BURIED UNDERGROUND.

WHAT DOES THAT HAVE TO DO WITH...?

OIO THOUGHT THEY FOUND AN AREA WHERE, PERHAPS, THERE WAS A SECRET CHAMBER WITH ANOTHER VERSE BY SAUNIÈRE.

THIS FIGHT BETWEEN THE HEREMITES AND THE EBI IS LEAKING A LOT OF INFORMATION...

FROM THE WAY THEY WERE TALKING, IT'S AS IF THEY'D DISCOVERED THERE ARE TWO VERSES IN AFRICA, AND THEY WANTED TO GET THEIR HANDS ON THEM BEFORE ANYONE ELSE COULD...

HAVE YOU HEARD ABOUT THE PALACE?

PALA... GREG, CAN YOU EXPLAIN ***ONE THING*** AT A TIME? YOU'VE BEEN CAPTURED! WHY DIDN'T YOU COME WITH MORE REINFORCEMENTS, AT THE VERY LEAST?

I THOUGHT THAT IF JUST FOOL AND I CAME, WE'D BE ALMOST UNDETECTABLE! BESIDES... HONESTLY, IF IT CAME DOWN TO IT... YOU KNOW, ELIYA AND I...

YOU DIDN'T REVEAL IT, RIGHT?

NO. WHICH REMINDS ME, MAKE SURE YOUR TRIO STROPS ASKING FOR AN INTER

GREG, I BARELY CAN KEEP THEM IN LINE.

START OVER. HOW DID YOU FIND OUT ABOUT OIO? WE DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT THEM...

ACTUALLY, WE DID. REMEMBER THE INCIDENT IN CEUTA? MEMBERS OF YOUR BASE WERE EXPELLED WHEN THEY TRIED TO ERASE...

IT WAS THEM?

YES. I THINK, JUST LIKE IN EUROPE, THERE'S A CONTINENTAL GROUP CONTROLLING THE NARRATIVE, SO WE NEVER IDENTIFIED THEM.

THIS WHOLE THING WITH SAUNIÈRE'S POEM IS UNEARTHING A LOT OF SECRETS.

FOR GOD'S SAKE, GREG! YOU'RE A PRISONER AND YOU'RE TALKING LIKE A KID WHO FOUND THE KEY TO THE ***CANDY STORE!***

GET TO THE POINT IF YOU HAVE ANYTHING USEFUL AND WE'LL SEE HOW TO GET YOU OUT!

HEY, CALM DOWN! I'M NOT AN ARCANA ANYMORE--I'M YOUR BOSS!

HOW *DARE* YOU TALK TO ME LIKE THIS?

I'M TALKING TO YOU LIKE THIS BECAUSE BOSSES ARE SUPPOSED TO ACT SERIOUSLY, AWARE OF WHAT THEY'RE DEMANDING OF OTHERS!

I DIDN'T WANT SOMETHING THIS RISKY! YOU SAID THAT AFTER I HELPED YOU IN THAT ASSAULT AND RESCUE MY CREW COULD KEEP A LOW PROFILE FOR A WHILE!

AND WHY ARE YOU BLAMING ***ME*** FOR THAT? I EXPLICITLY TOLD YOU I DIDN'T WANT ADAM INVOLVED WITH THE VERSES!

JUST BECAUSE NETZACH ASKED FOR REINFORCMENTS...!

I DIDN'T THINK...! HOW COULD I ***IMAGINE...?***

IN ANY CASE. NOW WE ARE WHERE WE ARE. I'M SURE MY BOOK OF PROPHECIES HAS FORESEEN THINGS... *IT'S MY FAULT* FOR NOT UNDERSTANDING ENOUGH.

THIS IS WHAT WE HAVE. THERE'S A VERSE BURIED NEAR EGYPT. PROBABLY IN THAT INVERTED PYRAMID.

THE WAY OIO SPEAKS, THEY WERE SURPRISED AT NOT HAVING DETECTED IT EARLIER. PERHAPS IT WASN'T THERE BEFORE...

MAYBE SOMEONE HID IT THERE TEMPORARILY AND...

I ***DON'T*** THINK SO, NO.

WE'VE SEEN THE CONTENTS OF THE FOURTH VERSE, THE ONE THAT WAS STOLEN.

SAUNIÈRE SEEMED ON A CRUSADE AGAINST OIO. OIO HAD LIKE... A PLAN FOR REVENGE AGAINST EUROPE OR SOMETHING, THAT WHOLE COLONIALIST THING.

IT COULD BE THAT SAUNIÈRE NEEDED TO PLANT IT THERE FOR A REASON. MAYBE NOT THE PYRAMID, BUT EGYPT.

...THAT THING COULD HAVE BEEN BURIED THERE FOR ***CENTURIES...***

INCREDIBLE, ISN'T IT?

IF YOU SAY SO...

LOOK AT YOU. YOU COMPLAIN, AND TWO SECONDS LATER YOU'RE ALREADY MAKING DEDUCTIONS.

WOULDN'T YOU RATHER SIT WHILE YOU WAIT?

DAUGHTER OF THE KGB, HEH.

MY FATHER WASN'T KGB...

NAH, I'M LEAVING ANYWAY.

ABOUT ***SEVEN YEARS*** AGO, WE INTERCEPTED CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION FROM ELIYA...

HE'D BEEN CONDUCTING EXCAVATIONS... SOME OF THEM, FRANKLY, ILLEGAL. ALL OVER AFRICA. BUT IN MALI, NEAR NIGER...

IT CAUGHT THE ATTENTION OF SOME GROUPS OF PSEUDO-MAGES WHO WERE USING THE LAND ELIYA WANTED TO EXCAVATE.

AND?

WELL, THOSE PSEUDO-MAGES... THEY SAID THAT, WHEN THEY WENT TO THE SITE, THEY HEARD VOICES. VOICES IN WHAT SOUNDED LIKE FRENCH, BUT UNINTELLIGIBLE... THEY SAID IT GAVE THEM POWER.

THEY ATTACKED ELIYA.

ELIYA? HOW DID HE DEFEND HIMSELF? HE... WAS JUST AN INVENTOR, WASN'T HE?

HE HAD ALL KINDS OF ***BODYGUARDS.*** I SUPPOSE THEY TOOK CARE OF THE PROBLEM.

THE THING IS, AFTER THEIR EXCAVATION, THOSE TWO-BIT MAGES NEVER WENT BACK THERE. THEY SAID THE PLACE HAD LOST ITS MAGIC.

AT THE SAME TIME, WE INTERCEPTED A COUPLE OF REPORTS FROM ONE OF ELIYA'S COMPANIES. TALKING ABOUT AN ARTIFACT CONTAINING... "THREE-DIMENSIONAL SEMANTICS".

...RIGHT. A VERSE. BUT AT THE TIME, YOU HAD NO CONTEXT... IT COULD'VE BEEN A MERE ENCHANTED ARTIFACT, OR NOT EVEN THAT: A SCULPTURE WITH WORDS CARVED INTO IT...

SO YOU SUSPECT THAT ELIYA HAD ONE OF THE VERSES IN HIS POSSESSION. HAVE YOU ***LOCATED*** IT?

LET'S SAY... THE ODDS ALL COLLAPSE AROUND AN AREA IN ZEPHOR, NEAR SAPYR.

WAIT. WHY WOULD ELIYA...? WHAT VERSE?

WE DON'T KNOW. THAT'S WHY, OUR POSITION, ALIGNING IT WITH YOURS...

"OUR POSITION". WHAT...?

THAT SINCE WE WERE ACTING LIKE THIEVES, WE SHOULD *STEAL* THE VERSE FOR THEM.

THAT'S RIGHT.

BUT THAT...

ALL RIGHT.

IS IT? THIS...! HOW DID WE END UP...?

KEEP IN MIND THAT, ALL IN ALL, IT'S A VOTE OF CONFIDENCE. THEY'RE OFFERING IT TO US BECAUSE OF HOW WE HANDLED ELIYA'S CASE...

YES.

ONE THING, THEN.

WE WANT A CLEAR EXPLANATION ABOUT OIO, ABOUT THE BASES, AND WHY THERE ARE TREES THAT EMIT... LIKE A DREAM. AND EVERYTHING YOU HAVE ABOUT ELIYA.

NO, NO, NO, NO. OUR OFFER IS THE RELEASE OF THE TWO CABALISTS...

OKAY.

ONE OF YOU RECEIVED THE FIRST ***KEY*** OF OUR MAGICAL SYSTEM. WE CAN CONSIDER HIM A BROTHER IN THE MAKING.

WAIT, ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT ME?

WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

WHAT... WHO ARE YOU?

YOU RECEIVED THE FIRST INITIATION.

YOU AND... I SENSE A PRESENCE IN YOUR CLOSED EYE. A WOMAN.

YOU SPOKE WITHOUT WORDS.

SHE SAW A FRAGMENT OF YOUR DREAM, YOU ONE OF HERS. SAW THE CASTLE.

AS FOR US, WE TRY TO PRESERVE OUR MAGICAL LEGACY.

GIVEN TO US SO LONG AGO THAT DREAM AND HISTORY ARE ONE. PERHAPS BY ANGELS FROM SIRIUS. PERHAPS YURUGU.

IN POSITION.

ALL MAGIC IS A RHYME WRITTEN IN THE WORLD OF DREAMS THAT CREATES ITS PAIR IN THE REAL WORLD. OVER TIME, YOU CAN EVEN BRING THE MEMORIES OF YOUR ANCESTORS BACK INTO THEIR BODIES...

...YOU FOUGHT AGAINST THEM. SPELLS LIKE THESE REQUIRE THE CASTLE YOU SAW, FOR THAT IMAGINARY PLACE SERVES AS A BRIDGE BETWEEN SLEEP AND WAKEFULNESS.

YES, WHERE SAUNIÈRE IS, IMPALED BY ONE OF YOUR LEADERS.

EXCUSE ME?

YEAH, THE STATUE. SAUNIÈRE. KILLED BY... WELL, HE DRESSED LIKED YOU, AND IT ***FELT...***

HMM. WE KNOW OF ENEMIES WHO TRIED TO STORM THE CASTLE, AND WE ALWAYS DEFEATED THEM. BUT I DON'T RECALL US ERECTING A STATUE.

HUH. YOU SAW HIM IN AN AREA WHERE THERE HAD BEEN A VERSE... *MAYBE THAT ALTERED THE VISION.*

OR MAYBE THE FACT THAT IT'S ME? AT THIS POINT, WITH ALL THIS SHIT ABOUT MY HAND, I BELIEVE ANYTHING, SUCH A SPECIAL PRINCESS THAT I AM.

HEH.

SORRY. I'M... OIO. WITH ME.

WHAT?

UNDERSTOOD.

PFF.

HEAD'S GOING TO EXPLODE.

LET'S GO SEE ESSEX.

HEY! GUESS WHO WON THE AWARD FOR *BEST IDEA.*

MAN, I SIFTED SOME NUGGETS WAITING NEAR THOSE TWO.

WHAT HAPPENED?

WHAT HAPPENED? THAT FILTHY RAT GREG--*THAT'S WHAT.* FUCKER'S BEEN AVOIDING US!

DOES THAT SURPRISE YOU? THEY ALWAYS HAD ONE EXCUSE OR ANOTHER TO NOT LET U...

YEAH, BUT, I DON'T KNOW. IT'S DIFFERENT HEARING IT FROM HIM. DID YOU KNOW HE DIDN'T EVEN WANT US IN THIS VERSE STUFF?

UH, *WHAT?*

YOU HEARD ME. REMEMBER WHEN NETZACH ASKED FOR BACKUP? IT WAS LIKE AN ACCIDENT OR DESPERATION MOVE, THEY DIDN'T WANT US IN IT.

HMM. IT DID SEEM A LITTLE WEIRD THAT WE HADN'T EVEN HEARD ABOUT THE MISSION, GIVEN ITS ***SCALE.***

BUT... WHY NETZACH WOU...?

WHAT ABOUT YOU? WHAT'S GOING ON HERE? IT'S PRETTY CHAOTIC HERE.

YES. TO SUMMARIZE, ELIYA HAD A VERSE. APPARENTLY, HE FOUND IT ACCIDENTALLY.

THIS... AFRICAN "EBI" DOESN'T HAVE ACCESS TO IT, AND THEY FEAR THE HEREMITES ARE COMING.

YES, THEY FEAR THAT THE EBI OR THE HEREMITE OR BOTH WILL CAUSE A DISASTER BECAUSE OF THAT VERSE, SO THEY WANT US TO STEAL IT...

WAIT. ARE YOU SAYING...?

THAT THEY SET A ***TRAP*** FOR US? YES.

WHAT?

AT LEAST I'VE BEEN ABLE TO FORCE THEM TO PROVIDE INFORMATION ABOUT ELIYA IN EXCHANGE FOR PARTICIPATING IN THE TRAP, GIVEN WHAT THEY'RE ASKING.

...

NOT BAD.

BUT... HOW IS THIS A TRAP?

THEY'RE HAVING *FOREIGNERS* DO THE JOB SO THEY CAN *BLAME* ***US*** FOR THE THEFT IF SOMETHING GOES WRONG.

ELIYA IS TOO IMPORTANT A FIGURE TO...

ESSEX?

JUST A SEC.

IN THREE LOC...?

HERE-MITES...

...VERSE...

SHIT. SOME ENGLISH, BUT A LOT SWITCH TO... ARAB OR SOMETHIN'...

DIDN'T YOU SAY IT WAS 20 METERS FROM THE GAS STATION?

WE HAVEN'T FOUND...

JACOB, TRY TO INFILTRATE THEIR NETWORK. SOMETHING'S UP.

WHERE DO YOU WANT ME TO DO IT WITHOUT RAISING SUSPICION? THEY'RE MAGES.

LISTEN. MY FATHER... ELIYA... TOLD ME THAT PART OF THE REASON HE WANTED ME TO GROW UP IN EUROPE... *HOW DID HE PUT IT...*

"SOMETIMES... I THINK THAT EUROPE DOESN'T END IN SPAIN".

FOR EXAMPLE... WHAT ARE THESE VERSES DOING ***HERE?***

DOES THIS *SERVE* THE EBI?

YOU THINK ELIYA KNEW THE ANSWER?

"NO, BUT... I DON'T KNOW. SOMETIMES..."

NO, HE SOUNDED MORE LIKE IT WAS A SUSPICION. HE SAID THAT SOMETIMES HE SAW...

...A CERTAIN ***EMPTINESS*** BEHIND THE EYES OF HIS PEOPLE.

"THAT'S WHY I DON'T BELIEVE WHAT THOSE THREE DISCOVERED ABOUT HIM..."

I WISH I COULD'VE TALKED TO HIM MORE. SOMETIMES I THINK THAT... HE DIDN'T EVEN WANT...

...NEVER MIND.

ADAM, HAS HE ASKED ABOUT ME AND MY...?

NO, HE KNOWS BETTER THAN TO ASK ABOUT IT.

DOMESTI-CATED, HUH?

NOT REALLY. HE'S LIKE TRYING TO HOLD WATER IN YOUR HANDS.

MISS ORLOVA, PLEASE LEAVE THE ROOM.

IT'S NOT HERE. IF SIGURD HERNAN-DEZ WAS TELLING THE TRUTH... THIS ISN'T THE LOCATION.

IT'S ONE OF THE OTHER TWO.

ARE WE LEAVING, THEN?

THIS WAY.

GUYS, WHAT'S GOING ON? THEY MADE ME LEAVE...

NO, WE HAVE TO KEEP UP THE CHARADE. THERE'S A *HORUS APPRENTICES* BASE UNDER THIS GAS STATION.

STAY ALERT-- THEY MIGHT ATTACK.

I DON'T KNOW. ESSEX SAYS SOMETHING'S HAPPENING.

COME IN. ALL FOUR. WE-WE HAVE... AH, TO RENEGO-TIATE OUR POSITION. THERE'S... AN EMERGEN-CY. A VERY ***SERIOUS*** ONE.

UNFORTUNATELY, OUR PREDICTIONS HAVE COME TRUE MUCH FASTER THAN EXPECTED.

THE HEREMITES HAVE RAIDED THREE AREAS IN EGYPT.

THE INVERTED PYRAMID, RIGHT?

THAT'S ONE, YES. THEN THERE'S THE "GAS STATION", A SECRET BASE OF A MAGICAL CULT...

...AND THEY'VE BEEN SPOTTED NEAR THE ASWAN GENERAL HOSPITAL.

ARE THEY PLANNING AN ATTACK ON A HOSPITAL?

WE DON'T KNOW. THE HOSPITAL WAS A... FOR DECADES, THERE HAVE BEEN RUMORS OF *GHOSTS, APPARITIONS...*

THEY ARE TARGETING THE AREAS MOST LIKELY TO CONTAIN THE VERSE.

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TO ROOM 203?

GOD, YOU'RE GOING TO FORCE US TO FIGHT...

FORCE YOU? NO. THIS IS A NEGOTIATION. YOU'VE VIOLATED OUR BORDERS; NOW YOU CAN HELP ***RESTORE*** THEM.

IF YOU COOPERATE IN THIS EMERGENCY, WE WILL NOT ONLY RELEASE YOUR TWO AGENTS...

...WE'LL ALSO SHARE OUR FILE ON ELIYA UWANTE.

WHAT WE WERE SURE OF, THE RUMORS, OUR THEORIES ABOUT HIS DEATH... EVERYTHING.

AND YOU'D GIVE US SOMETHING *USEFUL...?*

WE ALREADY KNOW WHY HE DIED. HE WAS OUT OF HIS MIND--HE WANTED TO GIVE A TYPE OF COMPUTERS...!

THAT'S NOTHING BUT ***SLANDER,*** FALSE INFORMATION CREATED BY THE HEREMITES TO INCITE THE EBI TO KILL HIM.

OF COURSE YOU'LL SAY WHATEVER ***SUITS*** YOU...!

HE DOESN'T *NEED* TO. WE DON'T REALLY HAVE A CHOICE.

WHAT?

THEY STILL HAVE GREG AND THE FOOL, IRINA. WE'RE SURROUNDED BY MAGES, AND ESSEX SAYS HE CAN'T HEAR THE FOOL'S HEARTBEAT ANYMORE... I GUESS THEY MOVED HIM SO WE WOULDN'T TRY ANYTHING.

YES.

SO IN A WAY, THIS INFORMATION ABOUT ELIYA SHOWS THAT, EVEN THOUGH THEY'RE FORCING OUR HAND, THEY STILL WANT TO MAINTAIN A CERTAIN... HARMONY WITH US.

WELL, UM... YES, OBVIOUSLY, WE HAD TO STRENGTHEN OUR P-POSITION...

WE COULDN'T RISK YOU TRYING TO FREE THEM... BUT... WE ALSO DON'T WANT TO BE SEEN AS ***HOSTILE.***

OF ALL THE EUROPEANS, YOU'RE THE ONLY ONES WE MIGHT... PERHAPS... CONSIDER ALLIES.

AND HOW DO WE KNOW YOU WON'T TURN US IN EVEN IF WE HELP YOU?

I'M SICK AND TIRED OF HAVING TO WORK WITH AGENCIES THAT WANT TO PUT ME BEHIND BARS!

ADAM, FOR GOD'S SAKE.

ADAM, WE DON'T WANT TO TRICK YOU; IT'S JUST PRECAUTION. THAT'S WHY WE'RE OFFERING OUR FILES ON ELIYA AS A... FRIENDLY GESTURE.

UNLESS YOU THINK YOU ALREADY KNOW EVERYTHING ABOUT THE INVENTOR.

DO YOU KNOW THAT WE SUSPECT ELIYA DEVELOPED THE GENERATORS FOLLOWING AN ARCHAEOLOGICAL EXCAVATION...

...IN WHICH IT'S RUMOURED HE FOUND SOMETHING HE COMPARED TO THE BOOK OF THE MAHABHARATA?

WE DON'T EVEN KNOW THE HALF, BUT YOU GUYS...

WH...?

WHAT NOW?

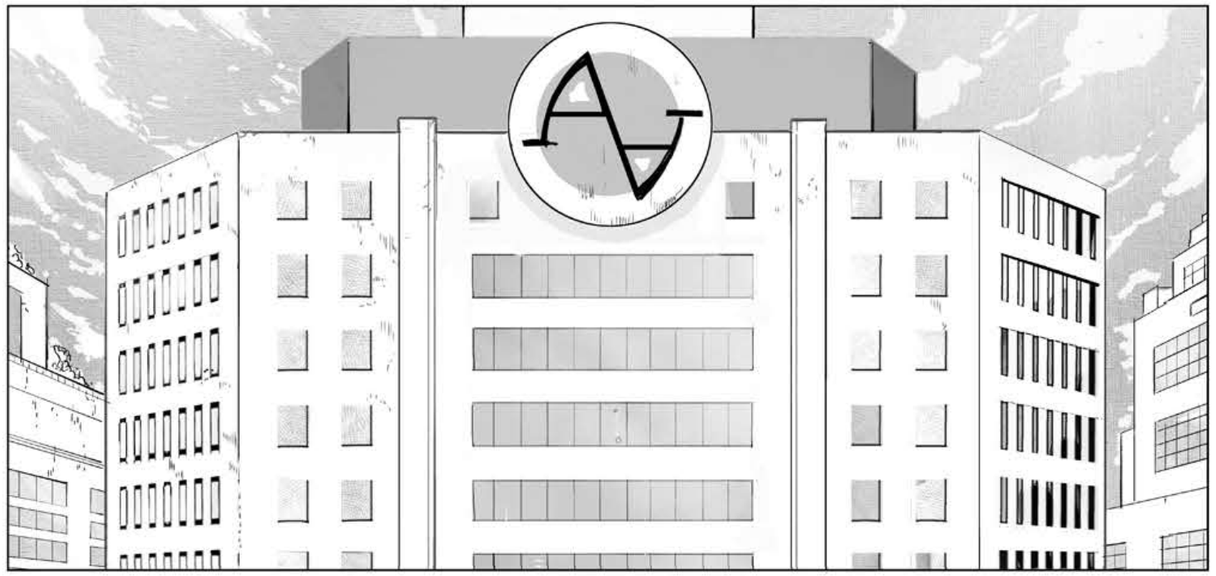
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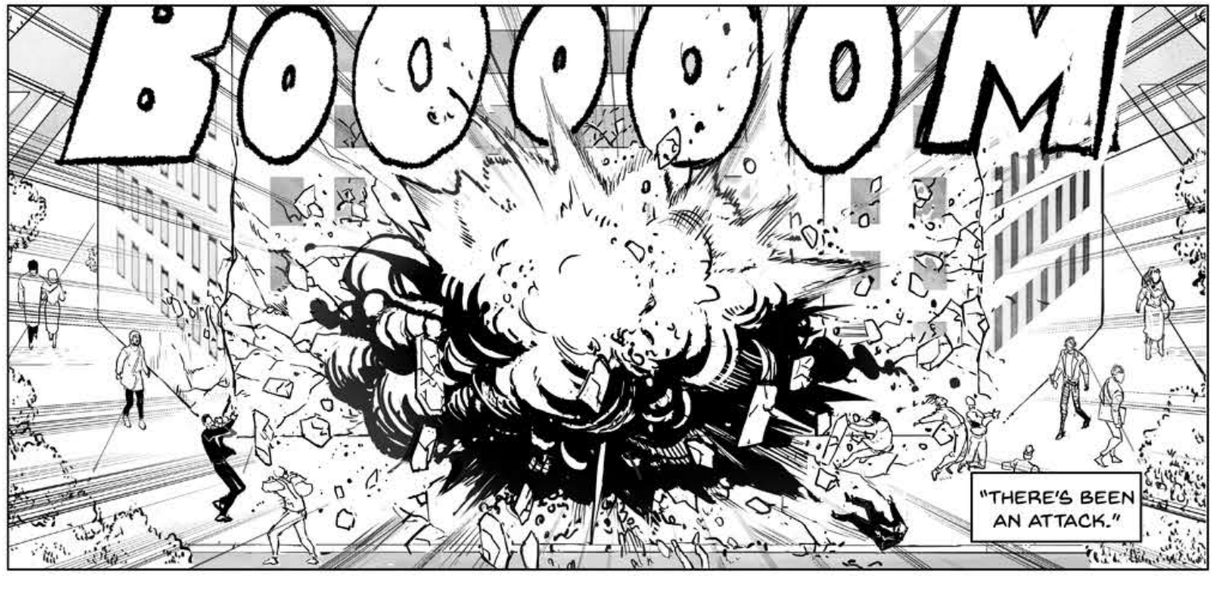
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"ELIYA'S FIRST MAJOR LABORATORY".

"WHAT? WHAT HAPPENED?"







...TO BE CONTINUED

SEE YOU IN ABOUT 70 DAYS (IDEALLY; SOME ISSUES IT'S 80 OR, UHM, MORE). WE KEEP THE RELEASE DATE UPDATED ON THE FACEBOOK FIXED POST. IF YOU'RE INTERESTED IN SUPPORTING US SO WE CAN GET ISSUES OUT FASTER AND GET ***DRAWINGS/SKETCHES*** OF FUTURE ISSUES, ***EARLY ACCESS*** TO A WORK-IN-PROGRESS VERSION OF THE NEXT ISSUE, OR ***VIDEOS*** SHOWING HOW WE DRAW A PAGE, PLEASE CONSIDER HELPING US THROUGH PATREON (LINK BELOW). IF WE GET ENOUGH HELP, WE MAY BE ABLE TO MAKE UPSURGE A MONTHLY SERIES. THANKS!

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