

# DOSE!

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**DO NOT**  
LET THEM LEAVE  
THIS CHURCH  
**UNDER ANY**  
CIRCUMSTANCES!

**BEHOLD VARIABILITY!**





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MAYBE WE  
CAN DO SOME  
DRUGS IN THIS  
CHURCH?

BUDDHIST · ATHIST · JEWISH · AGNOSTIC · HINDU · CHRISTIAN · MUSLIM · SATANIC

PRAY  
BARY

DRINK  
PRAY  
BARY  
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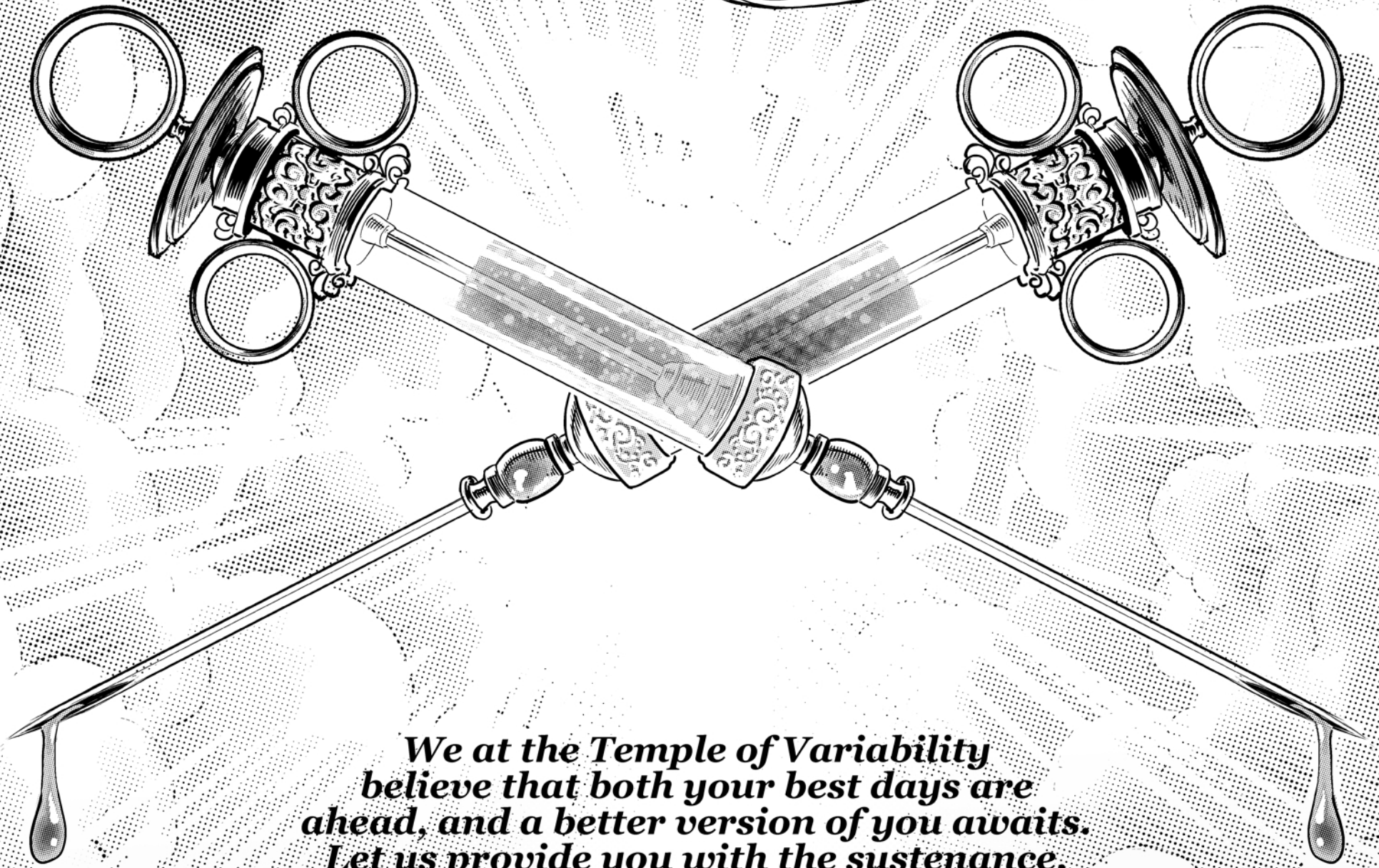
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A Message From  
the  
**Highest Being**



**We at the Temple of Variability believe that both your best days are ahead, and a better version of you awaits. Let us provide you with the sustenance, the nourishment, and the tools you need to completely transform yourself and your life.**

**You don't need to be a perfect person to visit us. Our Temple is for the flawed, the weak, the hungry, the imperfect. You may very well be a no good son of a bitch or a rotten bastard. That doesn't matter to us. Your gender, your sexual orientation, your race, your ethnicity, your lifestyle, your history, and your daily drug intake are all inconsequential to us. You can be a flatliner, a meta, a cyborg, a kaiju or a self-sentient robotic life form. We celebrate existence in all of its forms. You are welcome here!**

**You are just a visit away from achieving the change in life you so deeply desire. Prepare to embrace the new you, and prepare to embrace your destiny. You are not only capable of living your best life. You are on the precipice of great things.**

**The intelligent designer gave us the means by which to change ourselves and our lives. Won't you accept his gift? Once you visit the Temple of Variability, and participate in our services, we guarantee you, your life will never be the same!**





Meta Kate

the

Screw Worm

find

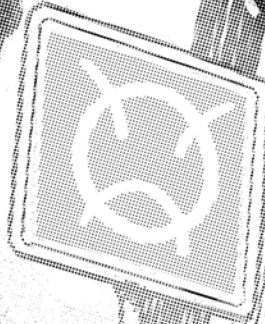
# Religion

Story: Sean Ellis

Art: John Gebbia

HIGHEST BEING, SHOULD WE CALL IT A DAY?

BUT THAT WOULD BE AN ABDICATION OF OUR SACRED DUTIES. WHAT IF SOME WRETCHED, MISERABLE DEGENERATES WERE TO SUDDENLY APPEAR NEEDING OUR ASSISTANCE?







THAT RIOT MUST STILL BE HAPPENING BECAUSE THEY HAVEN'T TURNED THE OMNI-NET BACK ON YET.

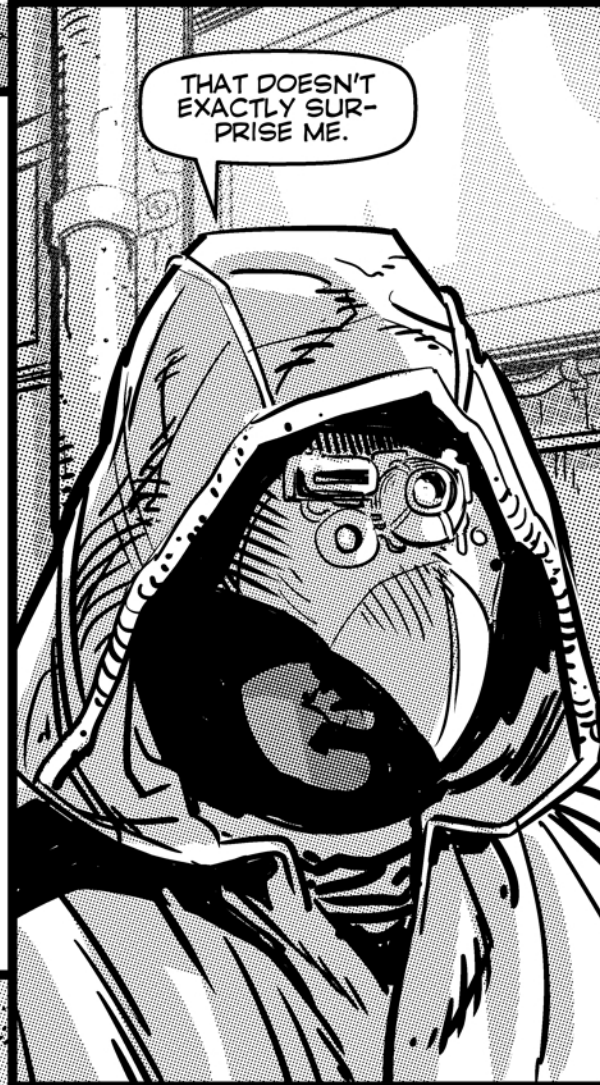
IF ANYONE SHOULD ASK, YOU DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT THAT RIOT, HOW IT GOT STARTED, OR ANYTHING OF THE SORT. DENY EVERYTHING.

WHERE THE HECK ARE WE ANYWAY?



THE WORSHIP SECTOR BY THE LOOKS OF IT.

I CERTAINLY HAVEN'T BEEN HERE BEFORE.



THAT DOESN'T EXACTLY SURPRISE ME.



TELL ME, OH PIOUS ONE, WHAT GOD IS IT THAT YOU WORSHIP AGAIN?

MY FAITH, OR LACK THEREOF, IS NONE OF YOUR FUCKING BUSINESS.

I'VE BEEN HERE IS ALL.



I FEEL LIKE EVERYONE'S STARING AT ME.

YOU'RE HALF-NAKED AND COVERED IN BLOOD. THAT MIGHT FLY IN THE SHRINE OF AZATHOTH, BUT NOT ANYWHERE ELSE IN THIS SECTOR.





DO YOU SEE NOW  
THE FOLLY WE WOULD  
HAVE COMMITTED? FOR  
WE WOULD HAVE LOST  
THE OPPORTUNITY TO  
GUIDE THESE LOST  
LAMBS.

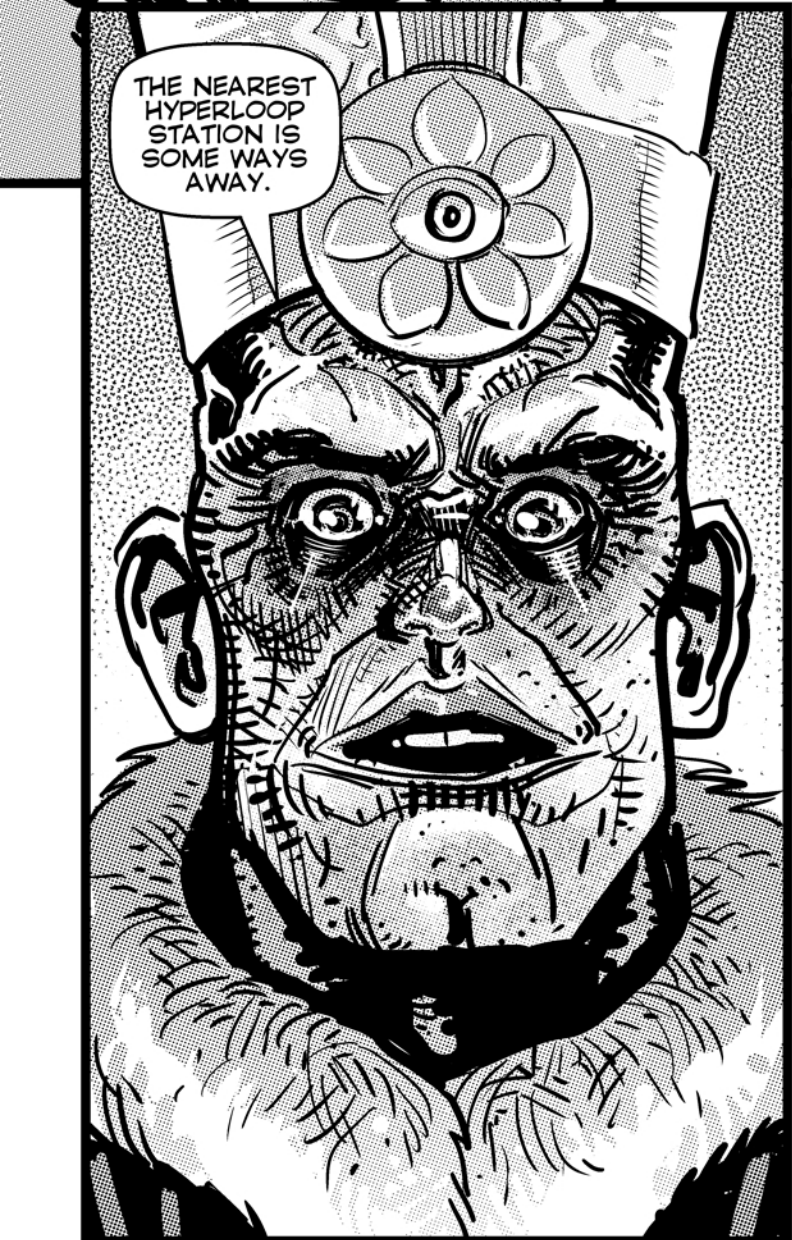


FRIENDS, YOU  
LOOK AS THOUGH  
YOU SEEK SANC-  
TUARY. HOW CAN  
WE ASSIST YOU?



WE'RE LOOKING FOR  
THE NEAREST HYPER-  
LOOP STATION.

AS YOU KNOW,  
YOU'RE IN THE  
WORSHIP SECTOR.



THE NEAREST  
HYPERLOOP  
STATION IS  
SOME WAYS  
AWAY.



BEFORE YOUR JOURNEY  
BEGINS ANEW, WHY NOT  
FIRST PARTAKE IN SOME  
REFRESHMENT. WE'LL  
GIVE YOU DIRECTION  
INSIDE.

DEAREST TIMOTHY,  
FETCH THIS MAN A  
SHIRT FROM OUR  
DONATION BOX.

YES, YOUR  
HOLINESS.

ARE YOU SURE  
ABOUT THIS?

GEEZ, LADY.  
MAYBE HOLD OFF  
ON THE JUDGE-  
MENTS.





MY INTUITION TELLS ME THESE ARE GOOD PEOPLE.

BESIDES, NEITHER THE POLICE NOR THAT FUCKING JERKOFF BURNOUT WILL EVER THINK TO LOOK FOR US IN A CHURCH.



THERE SEEMS TO BE SOME SORT OF COM-MOTION GOING ON AT THE CITY CENTER. BEST TO WAIT THINGS OUT UNTIL ALL THAT MADNESS SUBSIDES. YOU'RE WELCOME TO STAY HERE AS LONG AS YOU LIKE.

AND PLEASE DON'T LET SOME OF OUR APPEARANCES STARTLE YOU. HERE, WE LOOK PAST THE PHYSICAL FORM AND INTO THE HEART OF EACH AND EVERY BEING.

NO MATTER HOW HORRIFIC, GROTESQUE, OR DISGUSTING THAT FORM MAY APPEAR.



PLEASE HELP YOURSELVES TO SOME OF OUR TASTY TREATS. THEY'RE HOMEMADE.

IF YOU INTEND TO STAY YOUNG MAN, YOU MUST FIRST CLEANSE THYSELF. AFTER ALL, THIS IS NOT THE SHRINE OF AZATHOTH.



BUT YOU MUST EXCUSE ME AS OUR SERVICES ARE ABOUT TO BEGIN.



PPPLEASHE, RRIGHT THISSH WAY.







FINALLY....FOOD!



WHAT IS THIS STUFF?!

IT'S TERRIBLE!

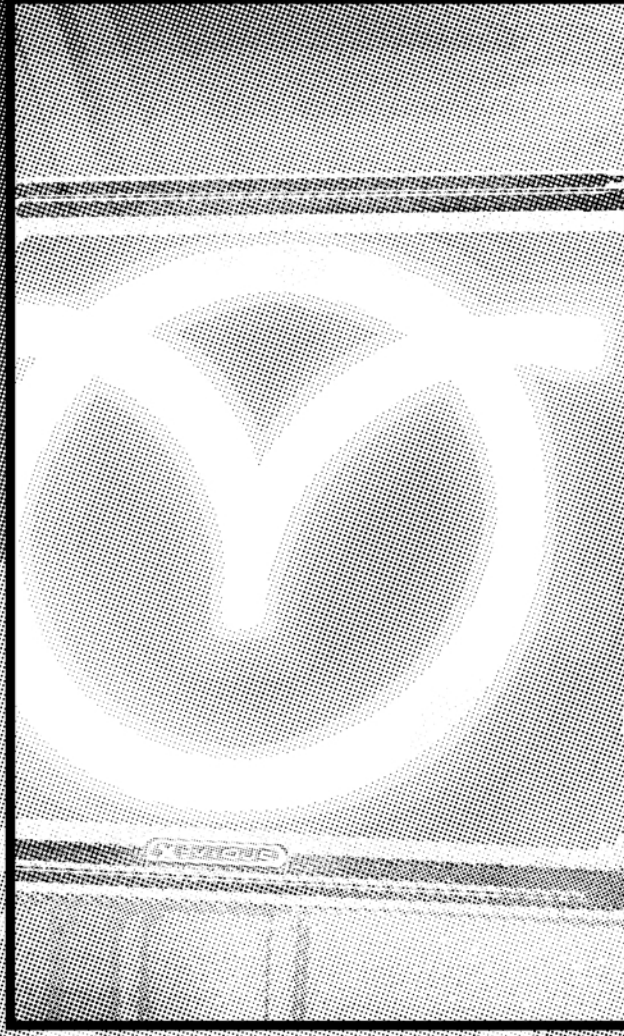
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OH HH BOY.

SIGH... NOW WHAT?





MY CHILDREN, WE ARE HERE TODAY, IN THIS SACRED PLACE, TO NOT ONLY CELEBRATE, BUT TO EXPERIENCE LIFE IN ITS INFINITUDE OF FORMS. IT IS OUR SOLEMN BELIEF THAT WHATEVER IT IS WE ARE, WE CAN ALWAYS BECOME THAT MUCH MORE.

WHILE SOME MAY CLAIM THAT FAITH REJECTS SCIENCE, AND VICE VERSA, IN THIS TEMPLE, WE EMBRACE META-SCIENCE, AND ALL THE OPPORTUNITIES IT AFFORDS US. FOR IT WAS THE INTELLIGENT DESIGNER WHO GAVE US THESE GOOD DRUGS TO USE.

HERE IN THE TEMPLE OF VARIABILITY, WE EMBRACE OUR DIFFERENCES, THE VARIOUS AND VARIED VESSELS LIFE MAY TAKE, AND THAT WHICH WE SHALL BECOME.

MY DEAR VARIABLE-ITES, I CAN BARELY CONTAIN MY EXCITEMENT WHEN I TELL YOU THIS, FOR THIS DAY WILL BE REMEMBERED AS A TRULY MONUMENTAL ONE.







DO YOU  
KNOW WHY  
THAT IS MY  
CHILDREN?

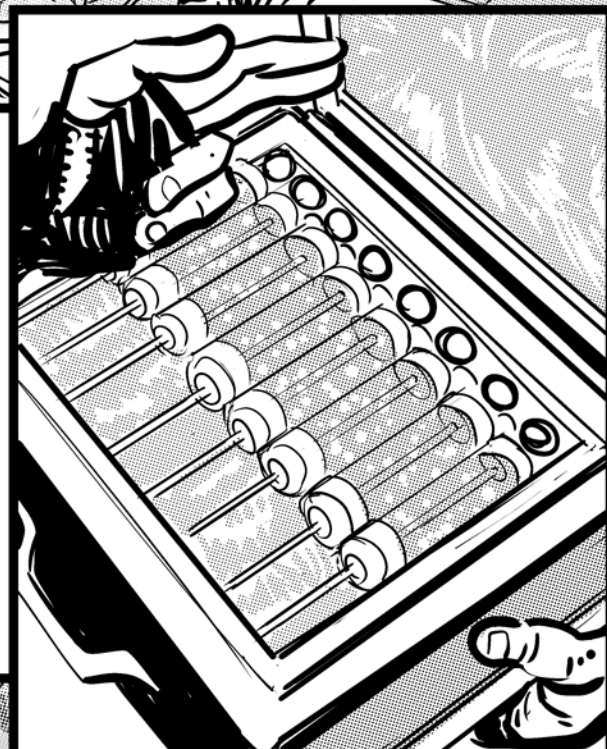
FOR TODAY WE  
HAVE RECEIVED  
SOMETHING EX-  
TRAORDINARILY  
SPECIAL.



SOMETHING I  
KNOW YOU'VE ALL  
BEEN GREATLY  
ANTICIPATING.



A NEW BATCH  
OF THE HOLY  
SACRAMENT!



WHO AMONGST  
YOU WISH TO  
ACHIEVE THEIR  
HIGHER SELVES  
TODAY?

Hoo! MEE! WOO!

OH YEAH! MENEX



MES! MES FIRSH!  
IT'STH MAH THURN!  
I BAHVE BAITEDD  
LONG-ETSSTH.



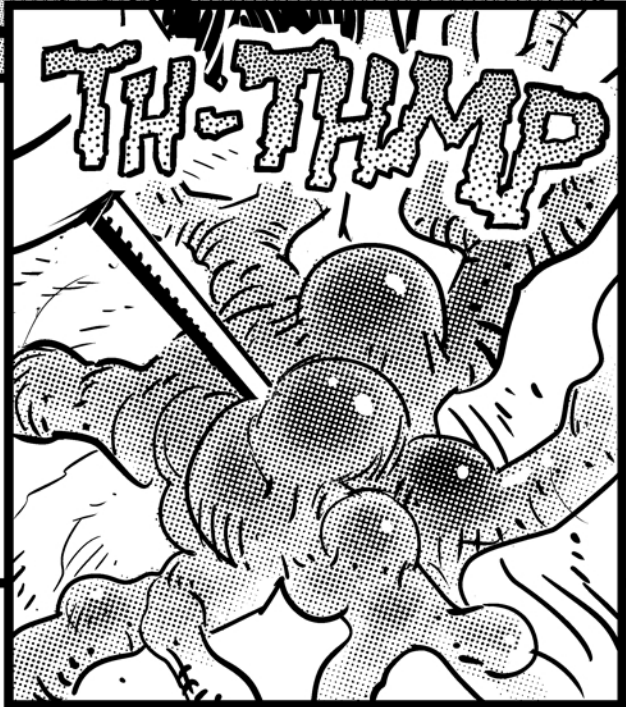
YOUR  
ENTHUSIASM  
IS CERTAINLY  
APPRECIATED  
MY CHILDREN,  
BUT I'VE NEARLY  
FORGOTTEN  
MYSELF.

LET US OFFER  
THIS TASTE OF  
THE DIVINE TO  
OUR GUESTS  
FIRST.



THAT'S AWFULLY  
GENEROUS OF YOU.  
BUT WE WOULDN'T  
FEEL RIGHT. PLEASE,  
AFTER YOU.





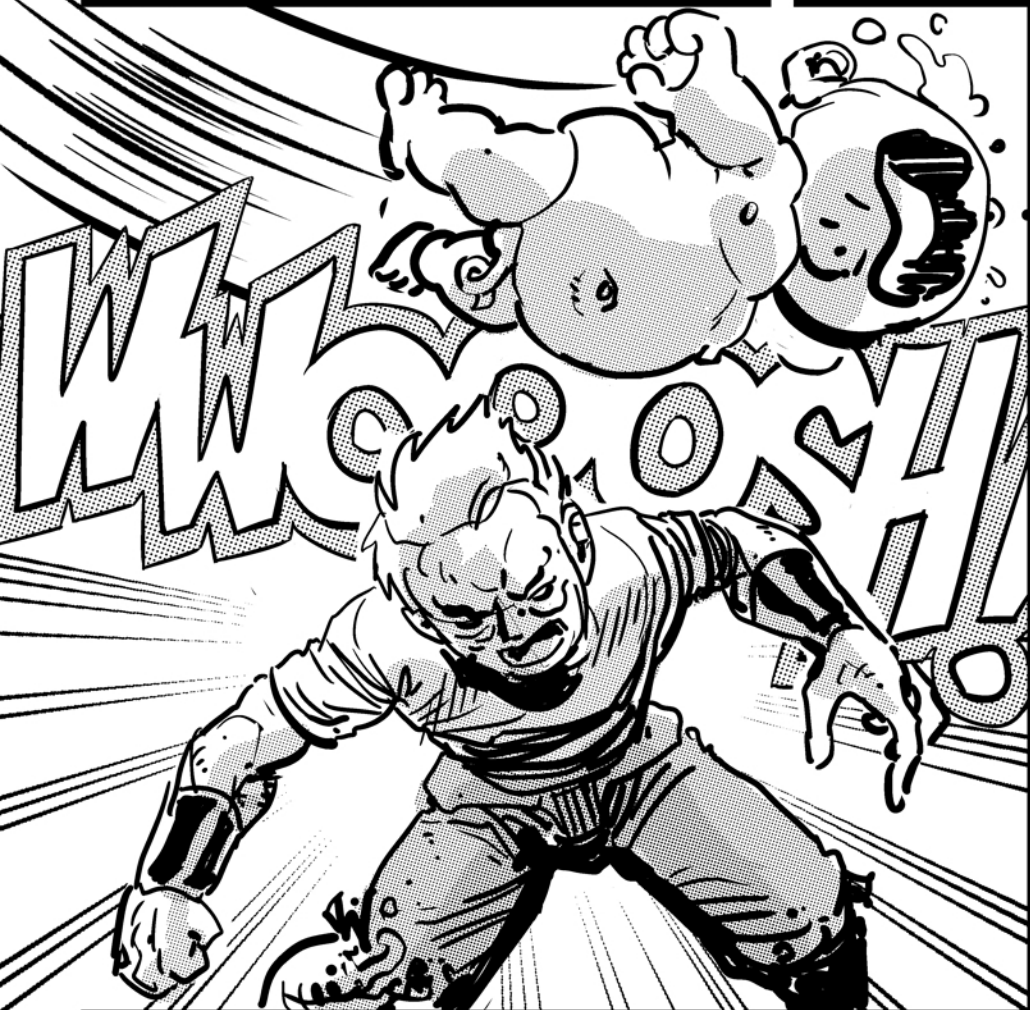




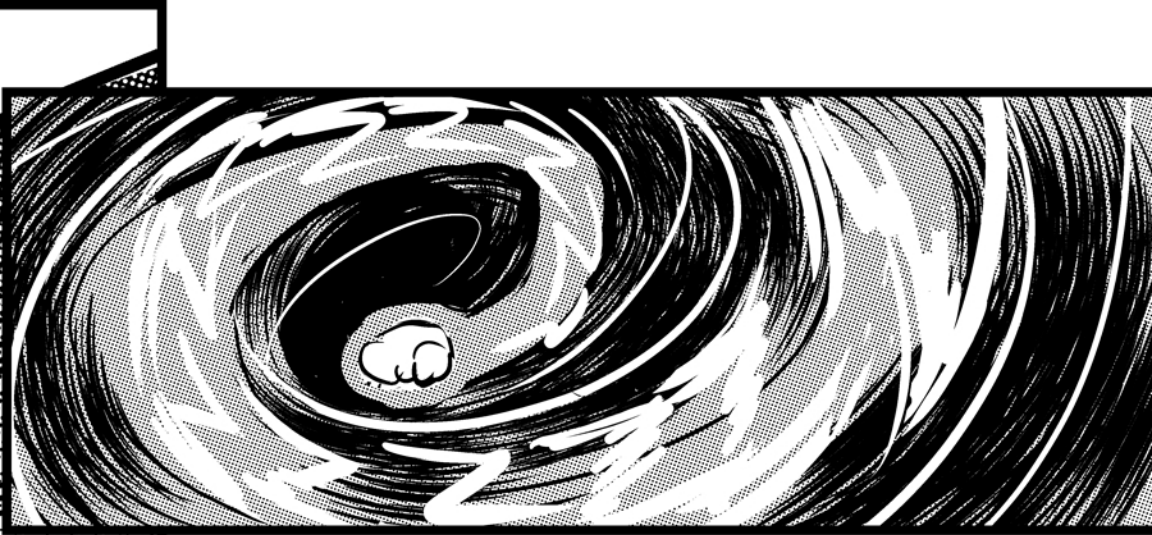














DEEP WITHIN THE BOWELS OF SAN FRANCISCO...

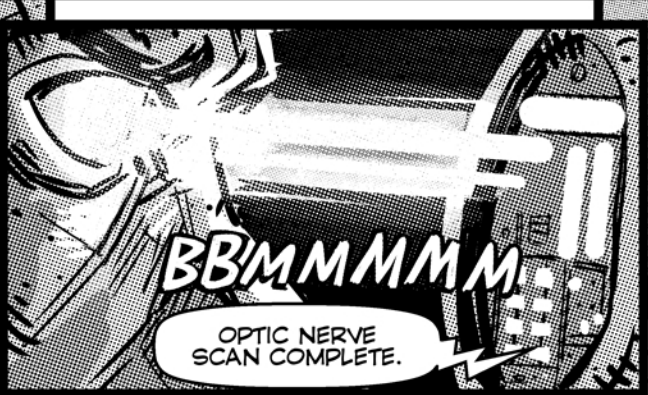
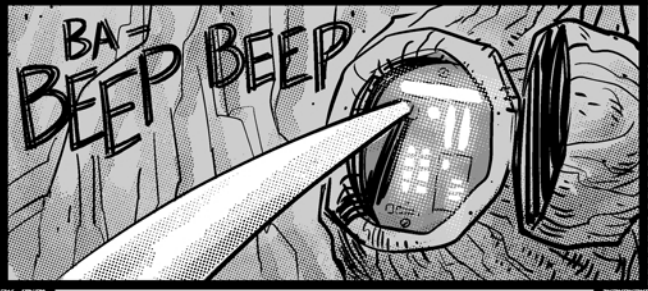


RAN INTO SOME  
TROUBLE. NEED  
TECHNICIAN'S  
HELP.

WE MUST KEEP  
THIS FROM GUILLOTINE 2.  
WE CAN'T HAVE ANYTHING  
TRIGGERING HIM  
RIGHT NOW.







HUFF HUFF  
HUF HUF HUF  
HUFF...

OPEN UP  
GOD DAMN  
IT!

BA-  
BEEP BEEP

AYE BROSHD MAYE  
OMNISSHH!!  
AYE AYE BROSSH'D  
DHEN!!

BBMMMMM

OPTIC NERVE  
SCAN COMPLETE.

KA-CHUNG

BURNOUT, YOU MUST  
BE TOO FUCKED UP.  
I CAN'T UNDERSTAND  
A WORD YOU'RE  
SAYING.

SILENCE IS  
HERE. I SHALL  
CONNECT YOU  
TELEPATHIC-  
ALLY.

TECHNICIAN,  
I LOST MY  
OMNISPECS.  
CAN YOU FIND  
THEM FOR ME?

I AM UNABLE TO DO  
SO AS THE OMNINET  
IS CURRENTLY INOP-  
ERABLE.

THOSE OMNIS ARE  
SPECIFICALLY ATTUNED  
TO YOUR BIOSIGNATURE.  
THEY'RE USELESS TO  
ANYONE BUT YOURSELF.  
WHY DO YOU WANT THEM?

I GOT A...  
SENTIMENTAL  
ATTACHMENT  
TO 'EM IS ALL.

WORD GETS OUT  
I LOST A WARPRIZE,  
MY GIG AS THE PRO-  
PHETS' TOP ENFORCER  
WILL TURN TO RUNNY  
SHIT, AND QUICK.

SILENCE, CONTACT  
ME WHEN HE FINDS  
'EM. I GOT BUSI-  
NESS TO CONDUCT.

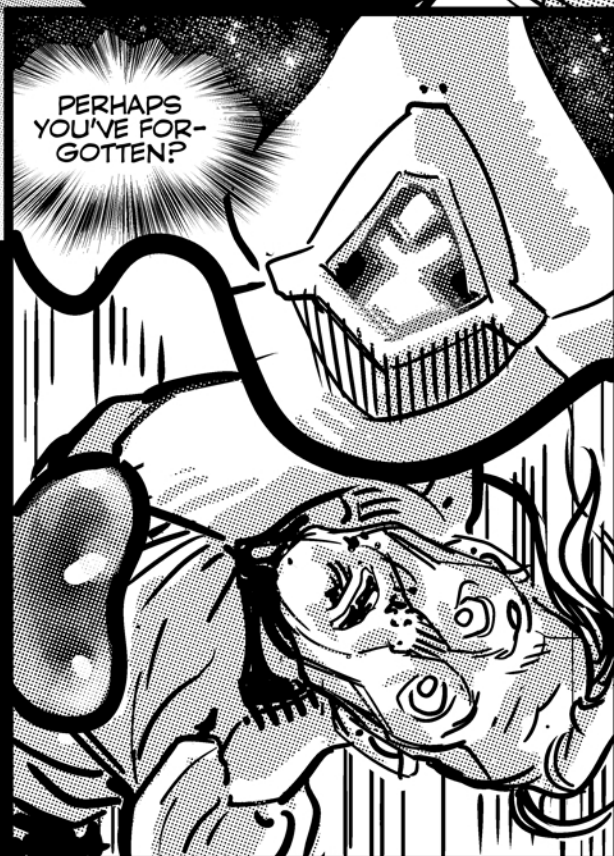




I'M SORRY  
BURNOUT, BUT  
THE PROPHETS  
ARE IN NEED  
OF YOUR SER-  
VICES.



WHATEVER IT IS YOU  
NEED TO ATTEND TO  
WILL HAVE TO WAIT.



PERHAPS  
YOU'VE FOR-  
GOTTEN?



YOU EXIST TO  
SERVE THE WILL  
OF THE PROPHETS.  
AND YOU EXIST AT  
THE WILL OF THE  
PROPHETS.

WAAAAHOO!!!



WHOA, WHOA!!  
TA-TA-TAKE IT  
EASY BOSS!

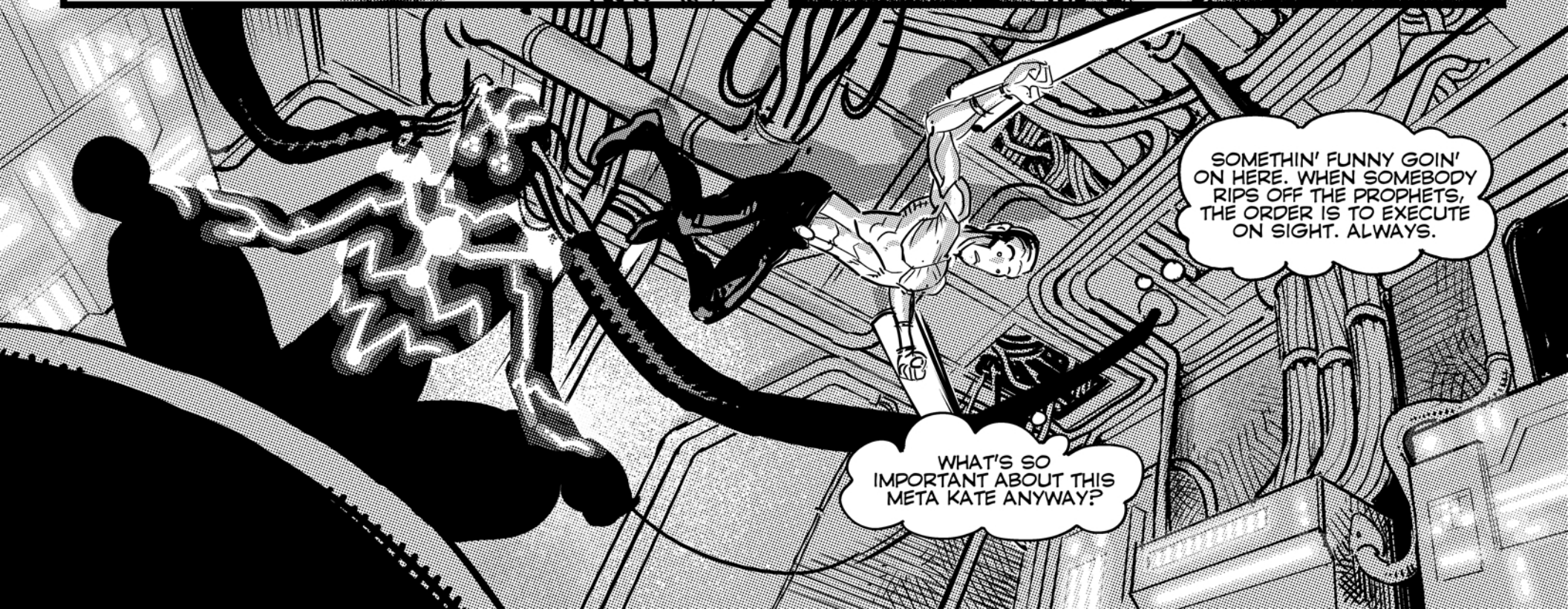
GOT A BIT AHEAD  
OF MYSELF BACK  
THERE. YOU KNOW  
HOW I GET SOME-  
TIMES. I DIDN'T  
MEAN IT!

WHAT DO  
YOU NEED?



THIS IS META KATE.  
FIND HER AND BRING  
HER BACK TO US  
SAFELY.

SHE IS NOT TO BE  
HARMED, SOILED OR  
DAMAGED IN ANY WAY.  
DO YOU UNDERSTAND?  
DO THIS AND YOUR  
RECENT TRANSGRES-  
SIONS WILL BE FOR-  
GIVEN.



SOMETHIN' FUNNY GOIN'  
ON HERE. WHEN SOMEBODY  
RIPS OFF THE PROPHETS,  
THE ORDER IS TO EXECUTE  
ON SIGHT. ALWAYS.

WHAT'S SO  
IMPORTANT ABOUT THIS  
META KATE ANYWAY?



MEANWHILE, BACK AT THE TEMPLE OF VARIABILITY...

I SEE INTO YOUR HEARTS,  
AND THEY ARE CONFLICTED.  
YOU WISH TO TASTE THE SWEET  
NECTARS OF VARIABILITY, BUT  
TRANSMOGRIFICATION  
FRIGHTENS YOU.

IT IS A NATURAL TENDENCY  
TO RESIST BECOMING YOUR  
BETTER SELVES. MOST OFTEN,  
IT IS OUR OWN EGOS WHICH  
INHIBIT PERSONAL GROWTH.

BRING THEM  
TO THE ALTAR OF  
ALTERATION.

DO NOT  
HURT THE  
VOLUPTUOUS  
ONE!

AARRGH!





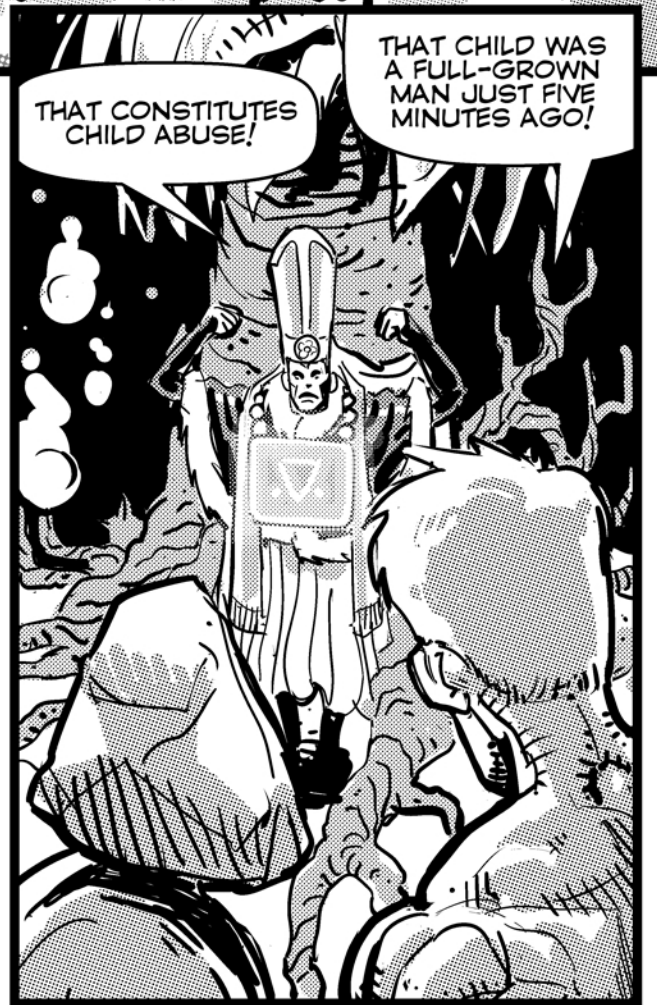
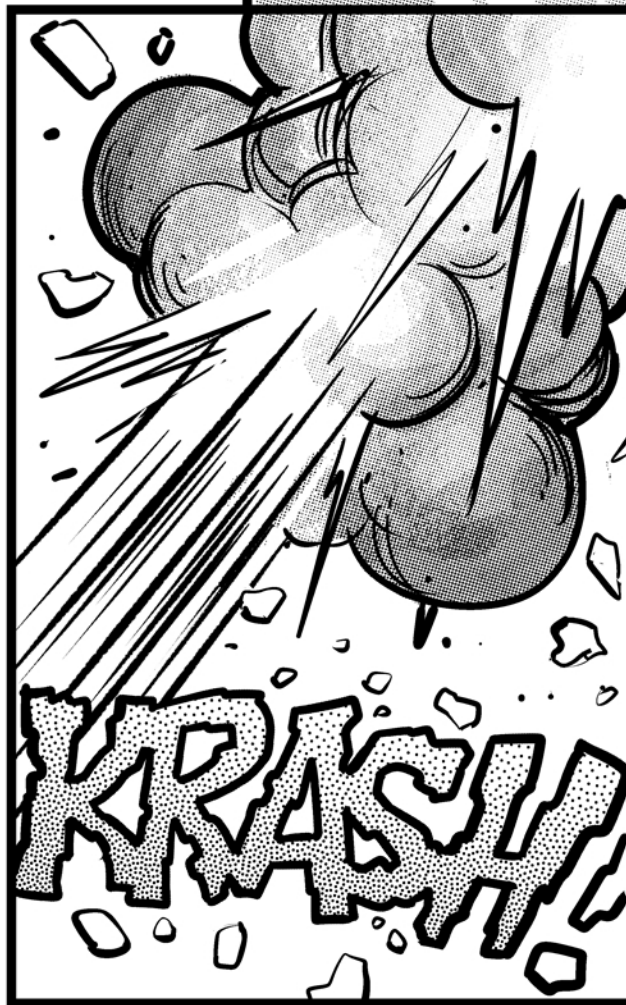
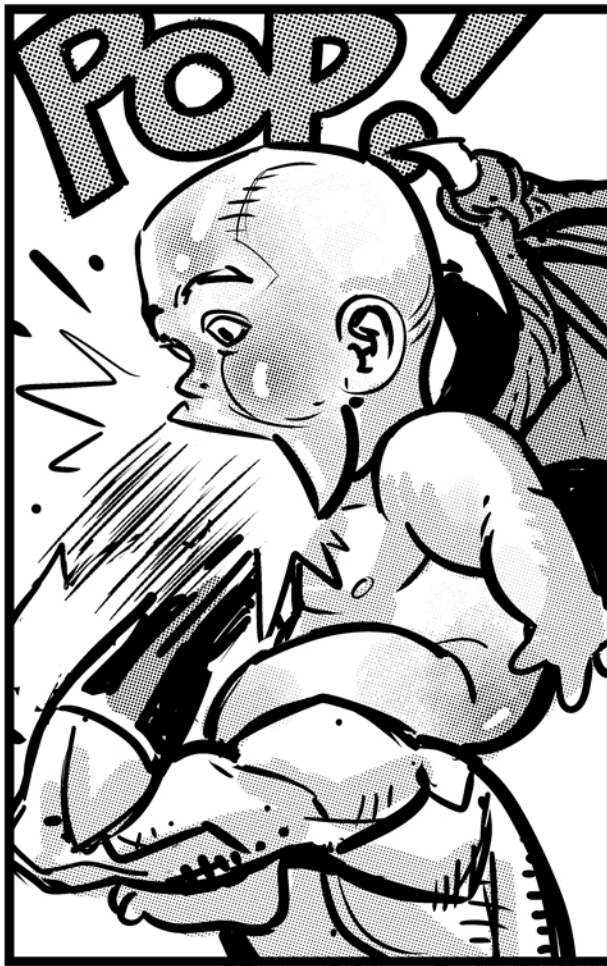




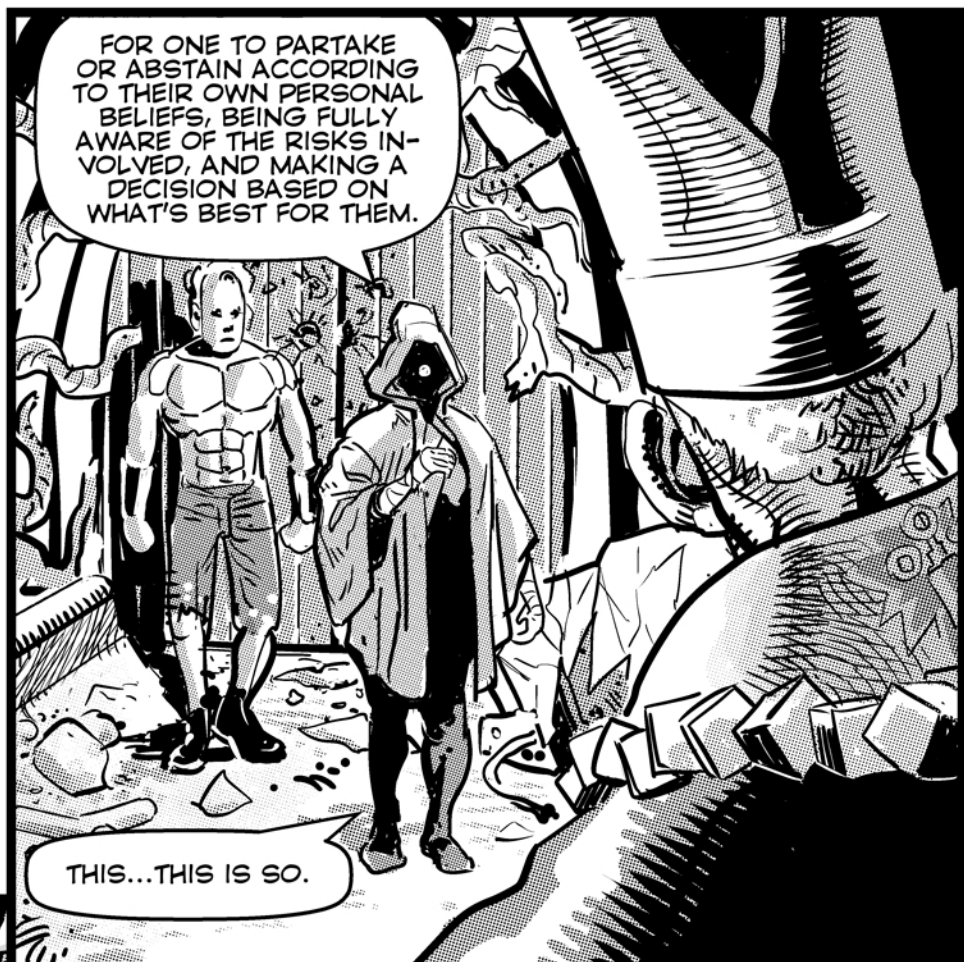




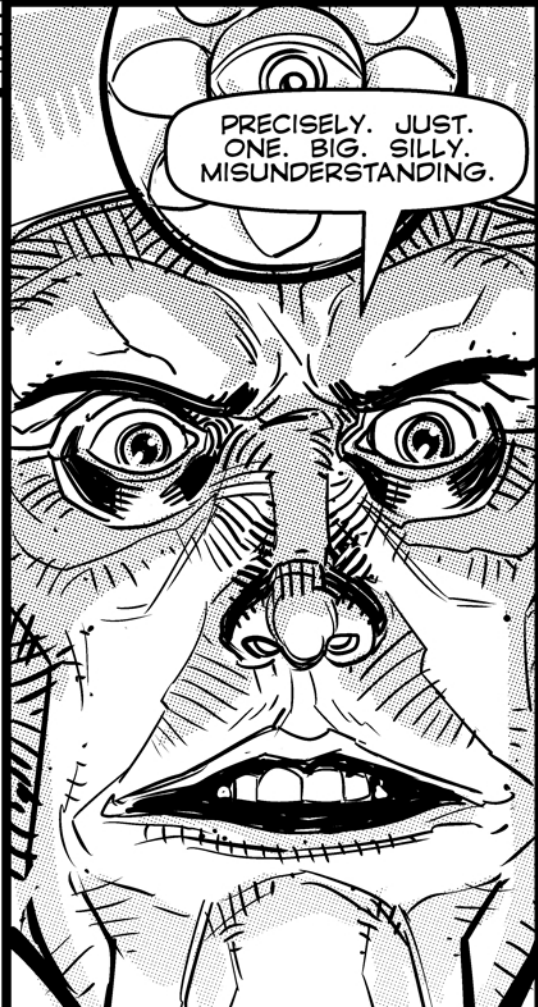
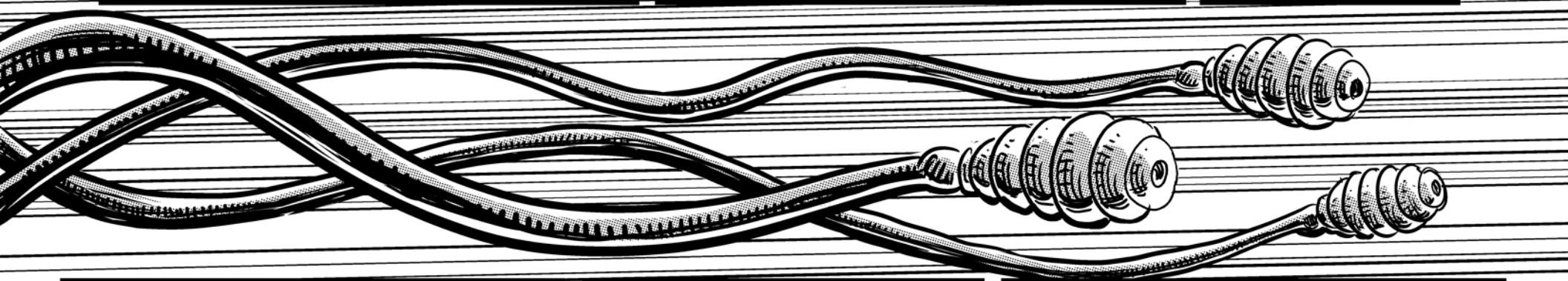
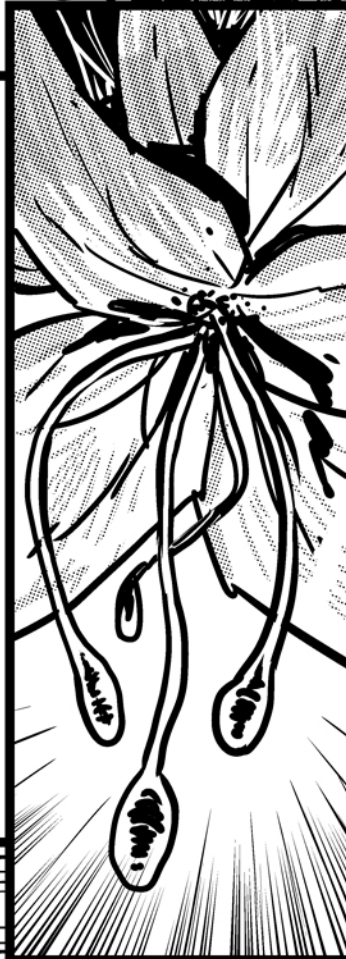
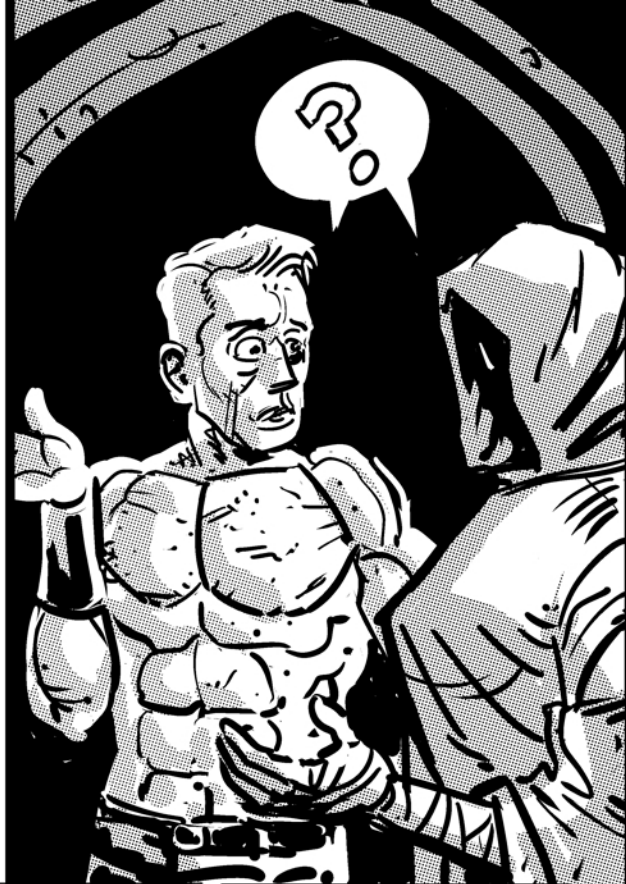
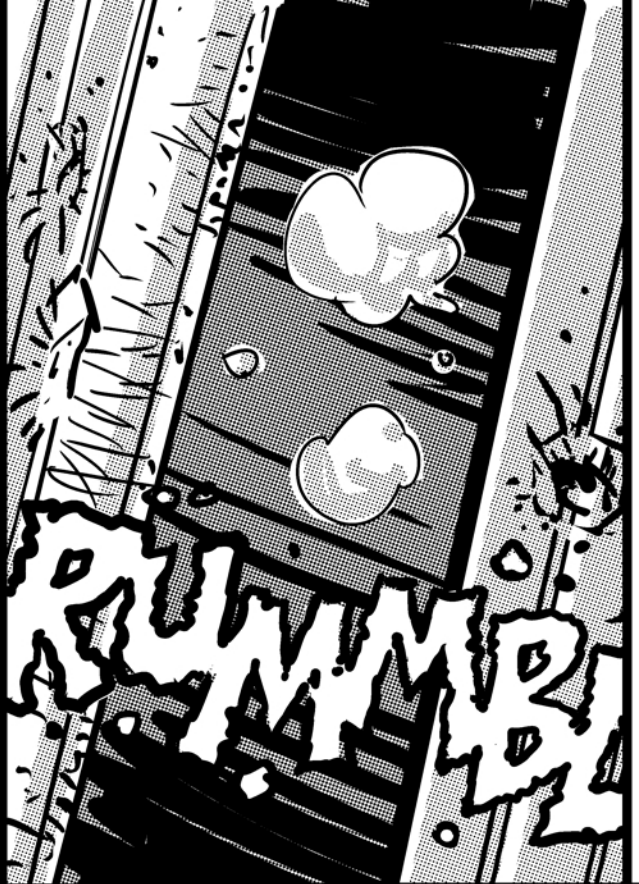

















LIKE EVERYONE OUTSIDE  
THESE WALLS, YOU MOCK  
US. YOU THINK US TO BE  
DELUSIONAL FOOLS. BUT  
INTOLERANCE SUCH AS  
YOURS WILL NO LONGER  
BE TOLERATED.

IF I MUST FORCE YOU TO  
BECOME BETTER VERSIONS  
OF YOURSELVES, SO BE IT!  
FOR OUR AUTHENTICITY  
WILL SOON REVERBERATE  
THROUGHOUT THE  
UNIVERSE!

NOW, LET US  
**ASCEND**  
TO OUR  
**HIGHER**  
**FORMS!**



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