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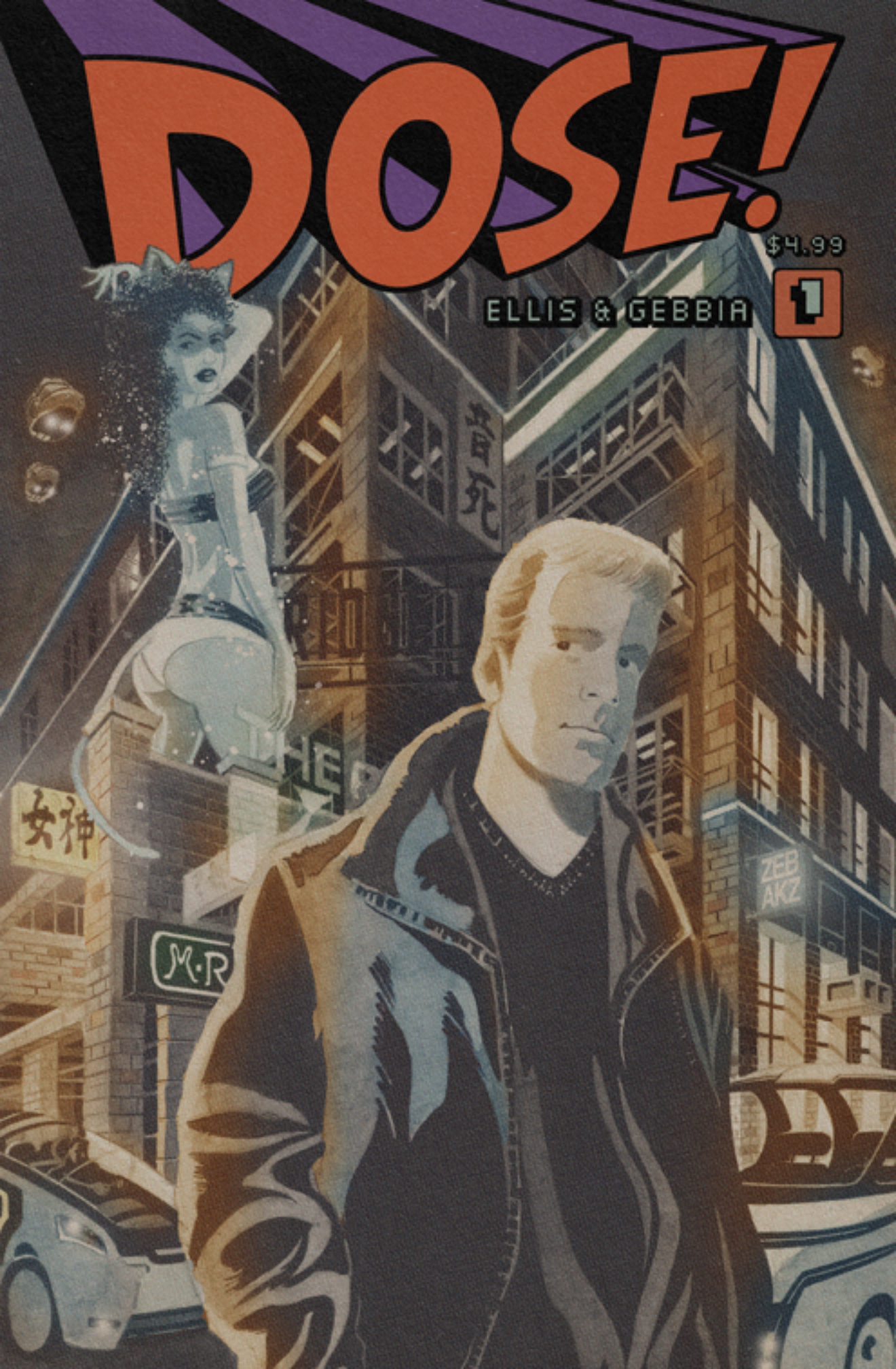
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THE TIME IS NOW, THE PLACE-- SAN FRANCISCO

# UNEXPECTED ENCOUNTERS

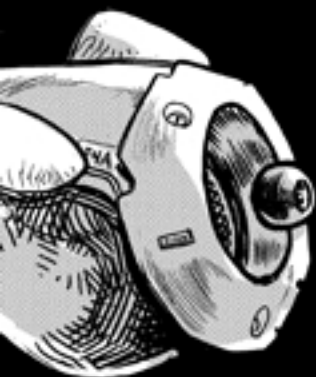


VOTED  
the SPACE-TIME CONTINUUM'S  
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HEY CHAMP,  
A NEW DAY IS  
CALLING. RISE  
AND SHINE  
SHITBIRD!



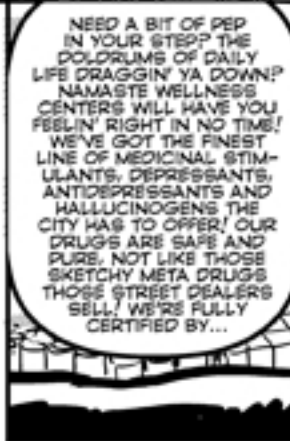
I HATE TO DO  
THIS TO THIS  
TO YOU PAL,  
BUT YOU LEAVE  
ME NO OTHER  
CHOICE...

WHAAA...

BUT  
I DROPPED  
ALL OF MY  
CHEESE  
TOAST...



YEEOOOW!!



OUR MOST WATCHED HOLOCAST IS THE CONFLICT CURRENTLY TRANSPIRING BETWEEN LOCAL AGARTHA SECTOR HEROES, THE FREAK SOCIETY, BATTLING IT OUT WITH THE META VILLAIN TERRORIST ORGANIZATION KNOWN AS THE LIFE CYCLE. LET'S HOPE THE FREAK SOCIETY BRINGS THESE DETESTABLE CRETINS TO JUSTICE IN SHORT ORDER.





OR PERHAPS THE GANG WAR HAPPENING IN TOFU CITY'S TRINEON SECTOR PIQUES YOUR INTEREST. THE PLASMA RAYS ARE OUT AND THE DISINTEGRATIONS ARE PILING UP! WOULD YOU LIKE TO WATCH THIS SENSELESS LOSS OF LIFE IN REAL TIME?

TRANSHUMANISTS HAVE ALWAYS BELIEVED THEMSELVES TO BE THE NEXT STEP IN HUMAN EVOLUTION, BUT SOME TRANSHUMANIST PARENTS ARE NOW ELECTING TO HAVE THEIR CHILDREN UNDERGO THE CYBERNETIC ENHANCEMENT IMPRINT PROCESS. WE'LL LOOK INTO THE ETHICS AND LEGALITY SURROUNDING THIS CONTROVERSIAL TREND.

**CYBERIAN TRANSFORMATIONS**

WANT ME TO BLAST THOSE MEANNIES DADDY?

**BORING!**

OR HOW ABOUT THE INSPIRATIONAL STORY OF THE WOMAN WHO CHEATED DEATH AND CHANGED THE COURSE OF MODERN MEDICAL HISTORY FOREVER?

THREE YEARS AGO TODAY, ALICE MONTOYA'S BODY WAS BEING WHITTLED AWAY AND DEVoured BY AN INCURABLE FORM OF HYPER-CANCER. ON THE PRECIPICE OF DEATH, SHE AGREED TO UNDERGO THIS EXPERIMENTAL TREATMENT. WE'LL CATCH UP WITH ALICE AND LEARN ABOUT HER LIFE IN THIS MIRACULOUS, LIFE-SAVING SUIT.



**EH, WHAT ELSE IS THERE?**

**HUMAN RIGHTS!**  
**KEEP HUMANS HUMAN!**

NOW, NOW, HONEY, THAT LASER CANNON IS FOR PROTECTION PURPOSES ONLY. BUT WHAT'S THE HARM IN A LITTLE PUMP GET TO STUN!

TO BE HONEST, I MISS SEX.

OR MAYBE SOMETHING HEARTWARMING FROM OUR FRIENDS IN THE KAIJU COMMUNITY?

YOU'VE BEEN VOTED BEST PIZZA IN TOFU CITY FOR 10 YEARS STRAIGHT! WHAT'S YOUR SECRET? AND HOW DID YOU LEARN TO MAKE, WHAT I'VE BEEN TOLD, IS THE BEST PIZZA PIE IN THE ENTIRE BAY AREA?

WELL, LET ME TELL YOU... THE SECRET IS FAMILY!

THIS JUST IN!! PINKY BLUE, ONE OF SAN FRANCISCO'S MOST BELOVED META HEROES, HAS JUST BEEN BRUTALLY MURDERED AT THE HANDS OF THE LIFE CYCLE.

KNOWN FOR HER TIRELESS DEFENSE OF THE CITY AND ACTIVISM FOR THE UNDERPRIVILEGED, PINKY WILL SURELY BE MISSED. WOULD YOU LIKE TO WITNESS PINKY'S HEART-BREAKING AND TRAGIC DEATH?

**OH No...**

IT ALL STARTED WHEN MY PARENTS, CASEY AND MARY PIGSTORESSI, TOOK ME OFF THE STREETS AND INTO THEIR LOVING HOME. AFTER WE HATCHED, NOBODY WANTED TO ADOPT KAIJU CHILDREN, BUT MY FOLKS WERE SAINTS. THEY ALWAYS TREATED ME LIKE I WAS THEIR OWN FLESH AND BLOOD.

**THEY GOT PINKY!**





OUT OF ALL THE META HEROES IN THIS DAMN CITY, WHY'D IT HAVE TO BE HER?

THIS LINES FOR YOU PINKY!



THOSE SAFE DRUGS AIN'T GOT NOTHIN' ON THIS SHIT!!

PINKY'S DEAD! PINKY'S DEAD SONNY BOY! THAT COULD HAVE BEEN ME WHO GOT ACED! WHAT IF ONE OF MY OLD ENEMIES IS COMING TO GET ME RIGHT NOW, LIKE SLAUGHTER BOT OR THE MURDER BABIES OR EVEN TARANTULA HAWK? P!P WHAT ARE WE GONNA DO? WHAT ARE WE GONNA DO? WE'RE FUCKED SONNY BOY! WE'RE DEAD! WE'RE DEAD!

HEY, TAKE IT EASY MAN, CALM DOWN! YOU'RE TOO SPUN OUT! TAKE A DEEP BREATH, RELAX. THAT'S THE DRUGS TALKIN', PAL. NOBODY KNOWS WHO YOU ARE, NOBODY KNOWS YOU'RE HERE, AND NOBODY'S COMING AFTER YOU. YOU'RE SAFE HERE, WHEN WAS THE LAST TIME YOU ATE? WE NEED TO GET YOU SOMETHING TO EAT.

YOU'RE RIGHT, I AM TOO SPUN OUT. I DO NEED TO TAKE A DEEP BREATH, RELAX. NOBODY KNOWS WHO I AM. I NEED TO EAT SOMETHING, DRINK SOME WATER. SO THIRSTY.

ANYWAYS, HOW'S ABOUT ANOTHER ONE OF THEM LINES... TO RELAX.



YOU'VE ALREADY HAD ENOUGH, BUDDY, AND BESIDES, YOU'VE GOT ONE BIG PROBLEM. YOU'RE ALL OUTTA METAPHENE, AND YOU KNOW WHAT THAT MEANS DON'T YOU?

YOU'RE SHIT OUTTA LUCK!

YOU GOTTA BE KIDDIN' ME! ARE YOU SURE THERE'S NOT ANOTHER SLAG AROUND HERE SOMEWHERE?? WE JUST HAVE TO FIND IT! GOD DAMN IT, YOU'RE RIGHT. I HATE IT WHEN YOU'RE RIGHT.

ALRIGHT, THAT'S ENOUGH. I'M GOIN' STR CRAZY IN HERE. I GOTTA GET OUT. EAT SOMETHING, FIND SOMETHING TO DO.

MORRIS, TELL ME ABOUT WHAT'S GOING ON TONIGHT?

IT WOULD APPEAR THAT A LARGE AMOUNT OF SOCIAL TELEPATHIC NETWORK CHATTER IS IN REGARDS TO AN EVENT ENTITLED THE PLEASURE DOME, DESCRIBED AS AN EXPLORATION AND EXPANSION OF THE MIND AND CONSCIOUSNESS, FEATURING THE MUSICAL GENRES OF LIMINAL SWAMP AND WOOGIE HOP.

PLEASURE DOME

523 Vermont Ave  
2.3 miles away

AN EXPLORATION OF AND EXPANSION OF THE MIND AND CONSCIOUSNESS. HMMM... SOUNDS INTRIGUING. I SURE NEED SOMETHIN' FOR MY MIND. AND WHAT IN THE HELL IS LIMINAL SWAMP AND WOOGIE HOP ANYWAY?

THAT'S THE SPIRIT, CHAMP. MAKE SURE YOU GET YOURSELF SOMETHING TO EAT BEFORE YOU GET THERE, AND STAY OUT OF TROUBLE.

SORRY I FREAKED OUT BACK THERE. THANKS, YOU'RE MY BEST PAL.

AWWW SHUCKS... THAT'S WHAT BEST PALS ARE FOR.

SONNY BOY, I'M GONNA NEED MY OMNIBOX. CAN YOU GET IT FOR ME?



MAYBE GETTING  
CANNED FROM THE  
PAIN TEENS WASN'T  
THE WORST THING  
THAT COULD HAVE  
HAPPENED TO ME...  
I MEAN, I COULD BE  
LIKE POOR PINKY  
RIGHT NOW. THE  
META HERO GAME IS  
DEADLY BUSINESS,  
AFTER ALL.

TIME TO CLEAN UP  
AND START LOOKING  
FOR A REAL JOB.  
BUT WHAT KIND OF  
EMPLOYABLE SKILLS  
DO I HAVE? ALL  
I'VE REALLY DONE  
MY ENTIRE LIFE IS  
ENGAGE IN  
ENDLESS PUGILISM.

WONDER IF  
THEY'LL BE ANY  
METAPHENS IN THIS  
JOINT TONIGHT?  
AWW FUCK IT!  
I'LL GET SOBER  
ON MONDAY...

Morey's  
VISSPA-K-PROGRAMMING

MESSAGE

METADRON

PENTAX

HUGO'S

RUDO'S

MESSAGE

TALKING



**BOOMBOOMBOOM**



ABSOLUTELY NO MASTURBATING ON THE DANCE FLOOR!

**BOOMBOOMBOOM**



HMPH! DOESN'T SEEM LIKE A WHOLE LOT OF CONSCIOUSNESS EXPANSION GOIN' ON AROUND HERE.



HEEEY... WHAT'S THE BIG IDEA?

YOU CAN DO ALL THE DRUGS YOU WANT, MAN. JUST NOT OUT HERE ON THE FLOOR.

**BOOMBOOMBOOM**



META KATE'S ABOUT TO COME ON. CAN'T HAVE YOU O.D.'N ON ME.

YOU DON'T NEED THAT STUFF ANYWAY. ONCE META KATE COMES OUT, SHE'S GONNA HAVE YOU HIGHER THAN A MOTHER FUCKER!



HUP META WHAT? WHO'S GONNA GET ME HIGH NOW? I'M LISTENING...

YOU DON'T KNOW ABOUT META KATE? SHE'S THE WHOLE REASON FOR THIS PARTY.

**BOOMBOOMBOOM**

YOU'LL SEE WHAT'S HAPPENIN' ONCE THE SHOW STARTS, BUT MAKE SURE YOU GO UP THERE AND GET YOURSELF A TASTE.

YOU'RE GONNA START PEAKIN' QUICK, AND THIS PLACE WILL BE A MADHOUSE. SO TRY NOT TO GET TRAMPLED.

**BOOMBOOMBOOM**

NO SHIT, A META WHOSE ABILITY IS GETTIN' PEOPLE HIGH? YOU SURE YOU AIN'T FLIM FLAMMIN' ME?

SEE FOR YOURSELF. JUST ONE FINAL PIECE OF ADVICE...

**BOOMP BOOMBOO**

MAKE SURE YOU DON'T FALL INTO ONE OF THOSE KATE HOLES. MANG, YOU MAY NEVER WANT TO COME OUT AGAIN.

**BOON**

**BOON**





**BOOMBOOMBOOMBOOMBOOM**



**BOOMBOOMBOOM**



# BOOMBUR

YOUR QUEEN HAS ARRIVED!  
PREPARE YOURSELVES FOR THE  
PLEASURES OF ECSTATIC  
BLISS!!

OOOMBOOMBOOMBOOM

ALL RIGHT,  
LET'S GET  
MOVIN' HERE.

BOOMBOOMBOOMBOOM



THIS  
BETTER  
BE GOOD!

**BOOMBOOMBOOM**



WHY DON'T THE BOSS GET US SOME MORE HELPP? THIS IS STARTIN' TA GET SILLY!

HE'S TOO CHEAP.



YOU'RE QUEEN IS TIRED, LITTLE DOGGY. SHE WANTS SOME MORE CANDY.

YES MY PLEASURE QUEEN. I ONLY LIVE TO SERVE YOU.



KLICK

DON'T LET ANYONE ELSE THROUGH!! KATE'S RECHARGIN' HER BATTERIES.

**BOOMBOOMBOOMBOOM**



WHAT'S THE HOLD UP?

**OMBOOMBOOM**

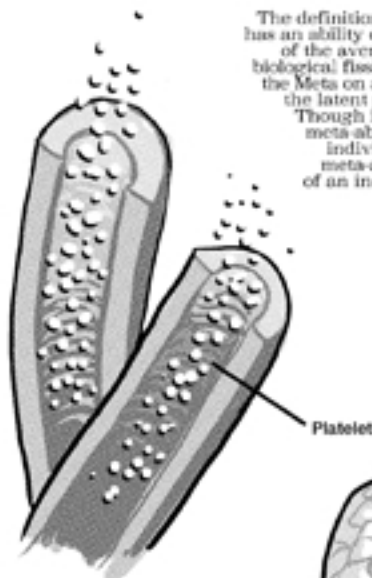


# META-BIOLOGICAL TRANSMOGRIFICATION

Understanding the Transmogrification Process Within

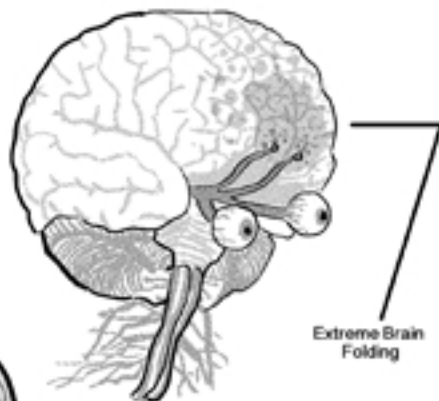
## What is a Meta?

The definition of a Meta is simply any person who has an ability or abilities beyond the reach and scope of the average human being. In most cases, a biological fission has taken place within the body of the Meta on a cellular level, acting as a catalyst for the latent potential held within the individual. Though it is currently unknown why specific meta-abilities develop within particular individuals, the emergence of said meta-abilities can alter the make-up of an individual's personality over time.



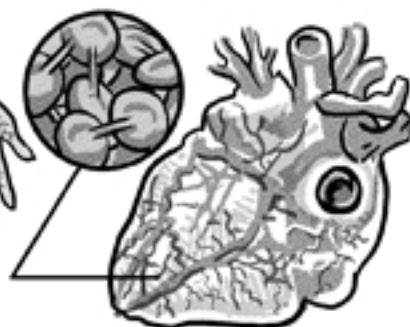
## The Brain

The place in which all meta-abilities are controlled and regulated. The constitution of the metahuman brain differs substantially from that of the non-metahuman.



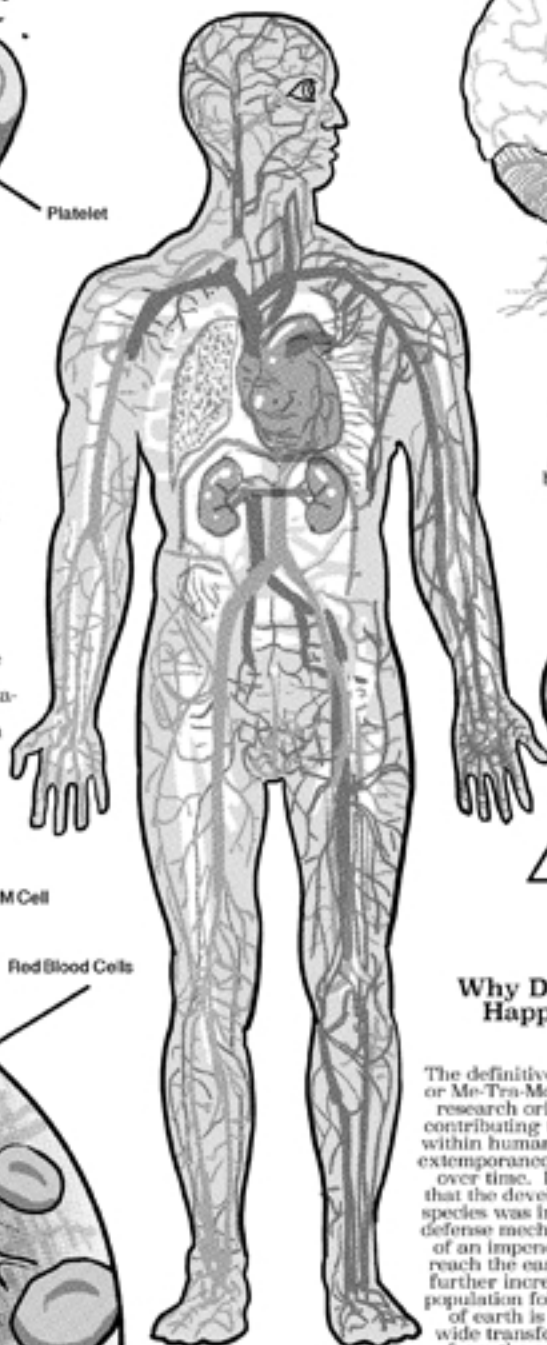
## The Heart

Similar to that of the brain, the heart usually undergoes a similar type of transformation once the onset of meta-abilities occurs in an individual. A greater capacity becomes necessary in the coronary system in order to accommodate the stress placed upon it by said meta-abilities. Without these changes, sudden and massive heart failure becomes a distinct possibility.



## The M Lymphocyte

or M Cell undergoes multiple spontaneous mutations which begin the process of transmogrification on a nano-microscopic level. Although we still do not understand what triggers this change within the individual, this process repeats itself at an increasingly exponential rate throughout the body until it manifests into an External Meta-physical Expression or an EME state. This EME state can range anywhere from extreme meta abilities to those which are utterly and completely useless.



Mutated M Cell

Red Blood Cells



## Why Did Transmogrification Happen Within Mankind?

The definitive cause of Meta-Transmogrification or Me-Trans-Mog has yet to be established, though research originally suggested the main factor contributing to the development of meta-abilities within humanity was predicated upon seemingly extemporaneous conditions that merely increased over time. Later theories speculate, however, that the development of meta-abilities within the species was initially a precognitive collective self-defense mechanism against the existential threat of an impending alien invasion that would not reach the earth until nearly a decade later. The further increased expansion of the metahuman population following the daikaiju seijin invasion of earth is thought to be yet another species wide transformation triggered and manifested from the collective unconscious of humanity against the existential threat of metahumans themselves. That is to say, more metahumans entered the population in order to guarantee the very survival of the human species itself against metahumans.

# The Fetishization of the Meta-Human:

*A Freudian Psychoanalysis of Our Society's Relationship with the Modern Day Meta Hero*

Since the appearance of the first costumed meta-hero, The Best Man in 1938, and the hordes of "first appearances" of both meta-"heroes" and "villains" that transpired shortly thereafter, the public has held a seemingly single-minded and all-encompassing fascination with the meta-human. As the adoring public was all too eager to consume any and every detail related to the meta-hero, a seemingly never ending stream of products, endorsements and corporate sponsorships were soon to follow. With the arrival of the "meta-genius" as a part of the second exponential increase of the meta-human population in the sixties, the trajectory of human history would be irrevocably altered even further as ideas previously relegated to the realm of science fiction soon became that of reality—men in mechanical suits of armor and fantastic cars flying overhead became common sights while the nascent field of space travel quickly gave way to that of multidimensional exploration. Before long, this technological upheaval would permeate our daily lives in the form of a vast array of technological gadgets and shiny new products; one not entirely unexpected development of this, however, was the public now had twenty-four hour access to the public and private lives of the meta-hero. Their exploits became our news, our salacious gossip, our entertainment and our national obsession. Whatever negative attributes we might associate with the comingling of meta-heroes and corporate interests and the compromised ethics this may be thought to entail, there is no denying this media scrutiny contributes to the continual aggrandizement of the meta-hero within our society. Though without a doubt it is our collective society that has engendered the meta-hero, and to a lesser extent the dreaded meta-villain, an exalted and nearly godlike status, it becomes necessary to ask why we have anointed the meta-human such standing and from whence do these underlying

psychological processes originate? I would argue that the sycophancy with which we display towards the modern day meta-hero is neither a natural nor logical outcome, but that we are remembering, repeating and possibly working through the anxieties and compulsions of an ancient and inherited collective unconscious. To examine the underlying psychological processes which initiates this collective behavior, I would suggest we turn

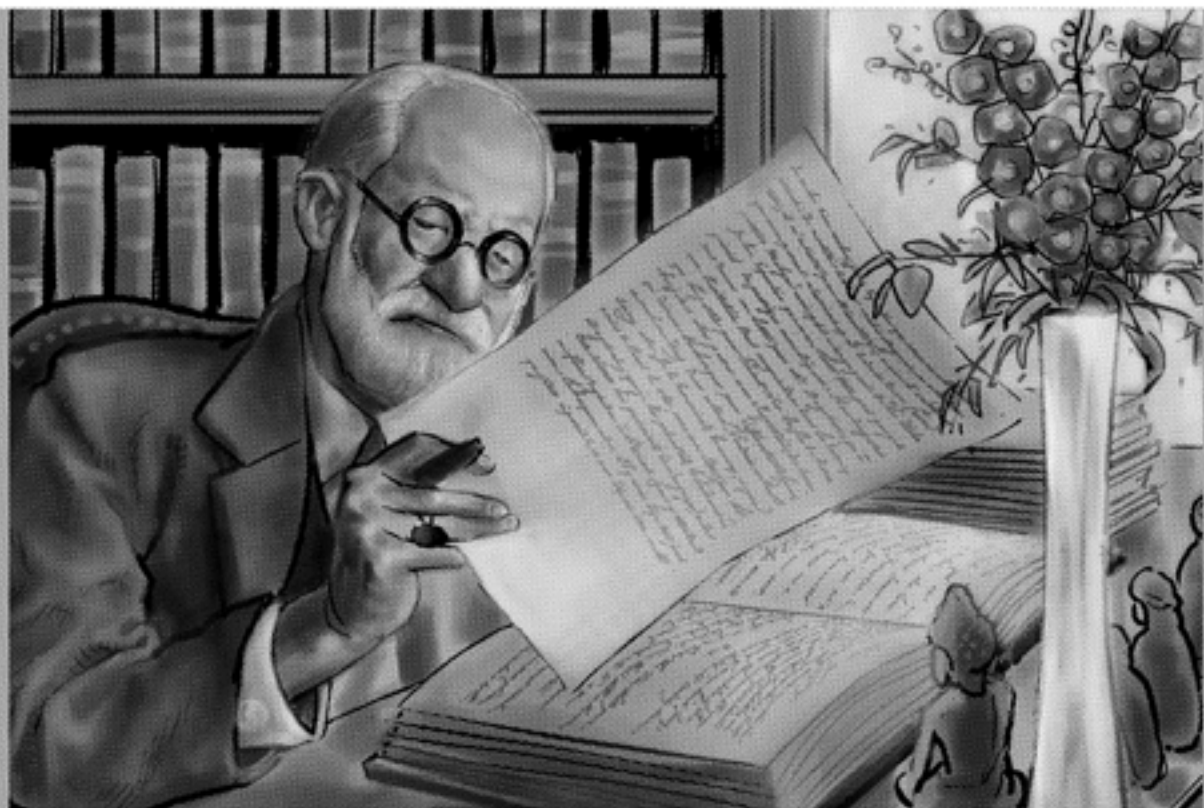


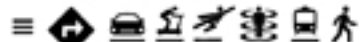
our attentions towards what we might consider one of history's early proto "meta-geniuses" and the father of modern psychology, Sigmund Freud. In his essay "On Fetishism," (1927) Freud writes: "a fetish is an object believed to have super-natural powers, or in particular, a human-made object that has power over others." At this point in his essay, it is of vital importance we do not confuse Freud's use of the term "fetish," with that of our more



common understanding of the term, that of a sexual fetish, an object which elicits sexual excitement or arousal most commonly in men; though we will, however, revisit this concept of sexual fetishes and their relation to the meta-human, later in this essay. Perhaps the closest modern day equivalent to that of the primordial man and his sanctimonious fetishes in our society is that of the comic book or record enthusiast who carefully seeks out, painstakingly preserves and meticulously archives his sprawling collection for either amusement and/or posterity. Coming back to Freud's use of the term supernatural as: "some force beyond scientific understanding of the laws of nature," with common synonyms including: psychic, magical, occult, mystical, but of particular interest for our purposes, *superhuman*. Just as the concept of science itself was beyond the understanding of the primordial man, so too was the notion of the meta-human beyond even Freud's most fevered, cocaine inspired musings. However,

we see quite clearly that synonymous with the definition of the supernatural is that of the superhuman, a term for what we currently understand and associate to be the modern day meta-human. It is here which we can draw a very direct link between the notion of fetâishism in the primitive man with those of his religious artefacts, the primitive man believed those artefacts to be conduits of his gods if not the very gods themselves, to that of our own modern society and the fetishism with which we attribute towards the meta-human, those we might think of as actually having godlike powers and abilities themselves. The underlying psychological mechanisms which contribute to this association within society and to our own fetishistic behaviors are no doubt symbolic and reflective of the primordial man and his associated fetishes, though instead of objects that are believed to have supernatural powers, the meta-human is instead invested with otherworldly abilities.





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