

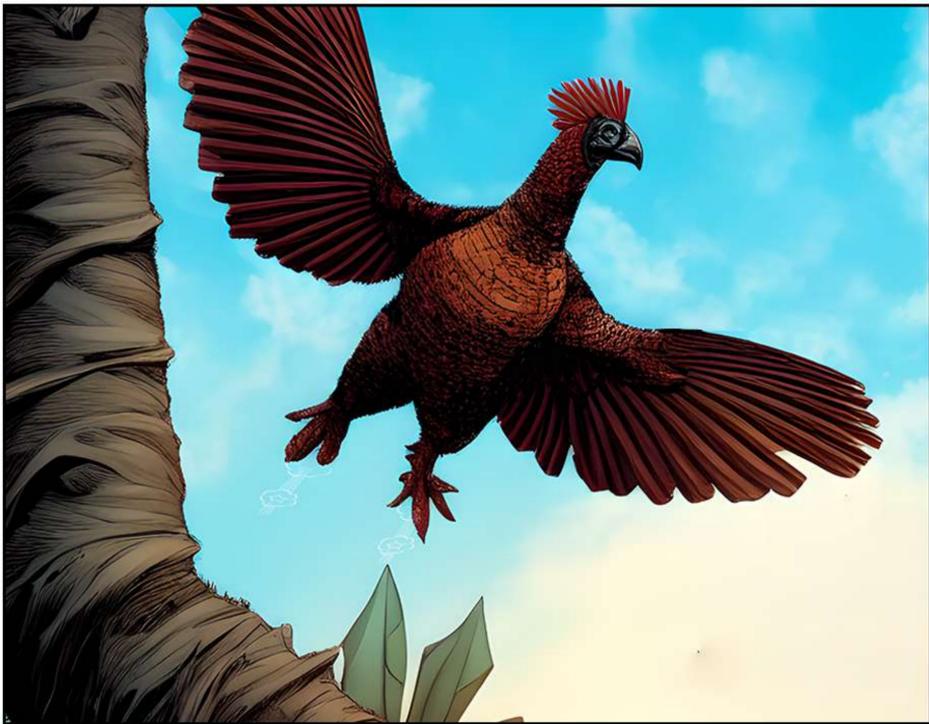
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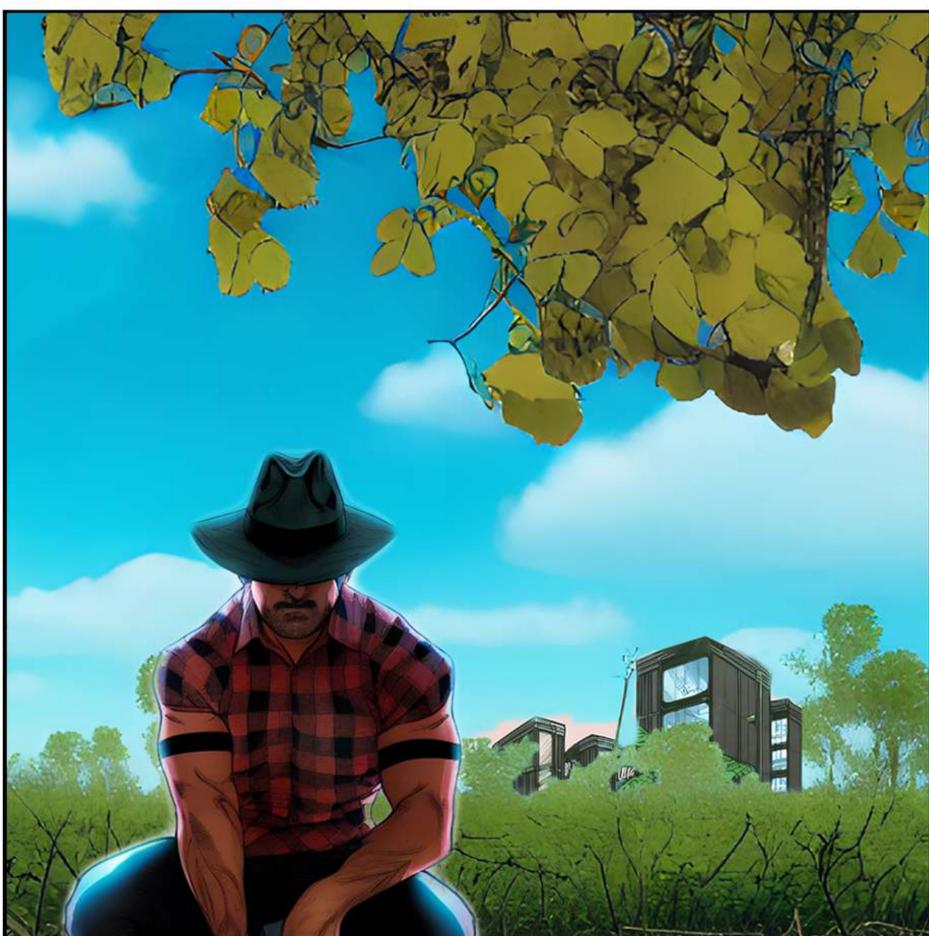
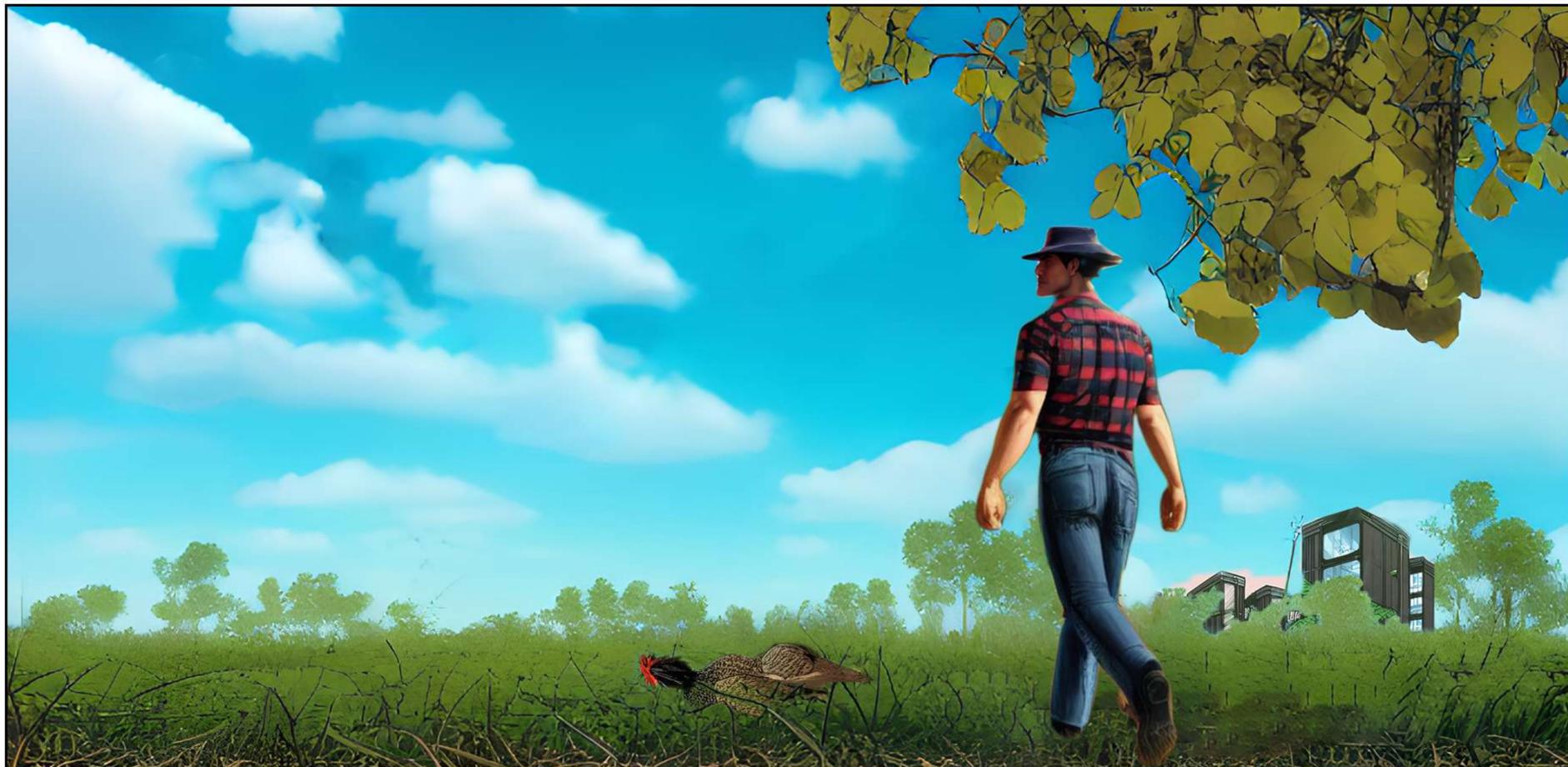
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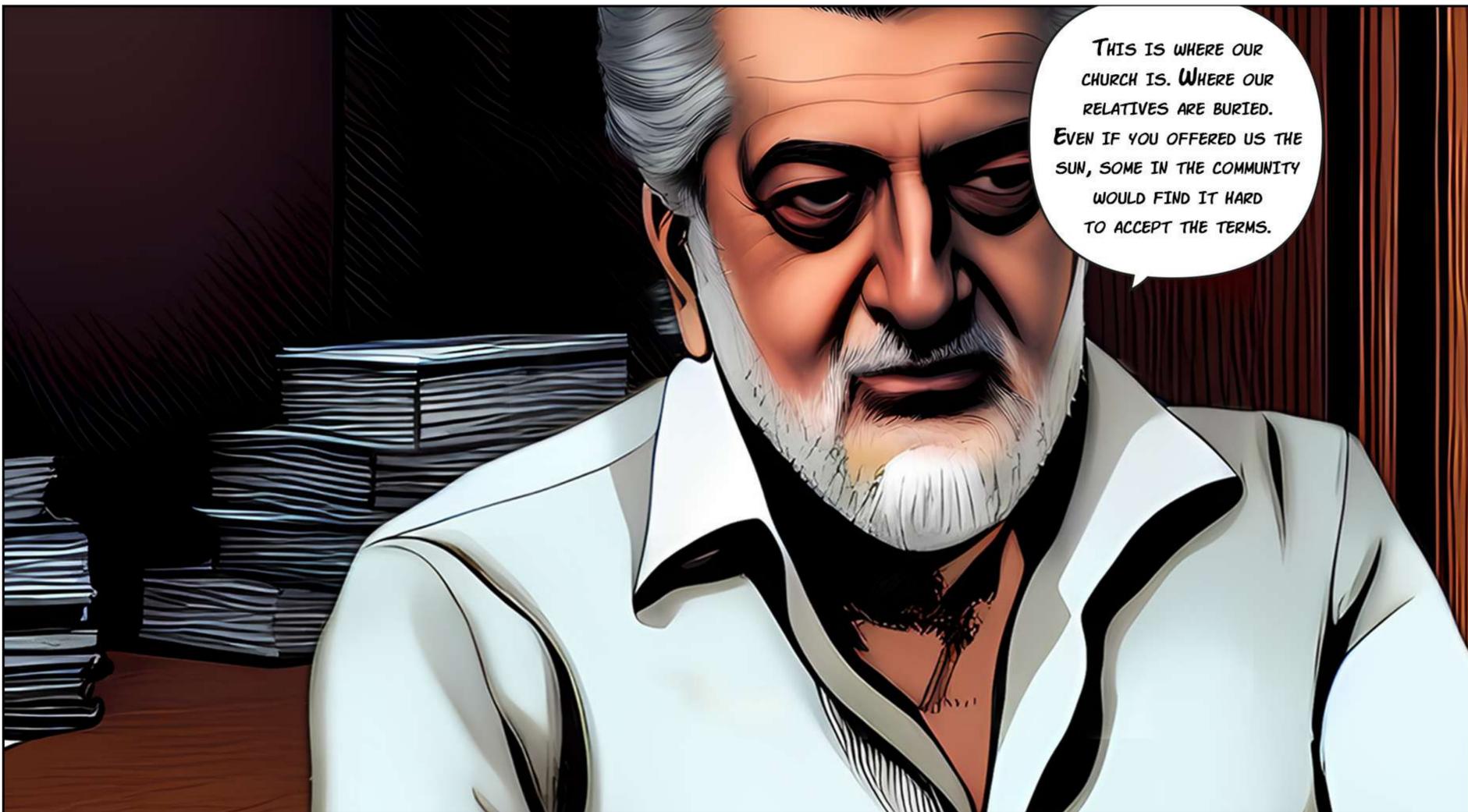
**SAVIORS DAY**

**PART 1**





YES, YOUR OFFER IS VERY GENEROUS, MR SIMMONS, BUT YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND. THIS IS OUR LAND. THIS IS WHERE OUR FAMILIES HAVE MADE A PLACE FOR OURSELVES OVER CENTURIES.



THIS IS WHERE OUR CHURCH IS. WHERE OUR RELATIVES ARE BURIED. EVEN IF YOU OFFERED US THE SUN, SOME IN THE COMMUNITY WOULD FIND IT HARD TO ACCEPT THE TERMS.

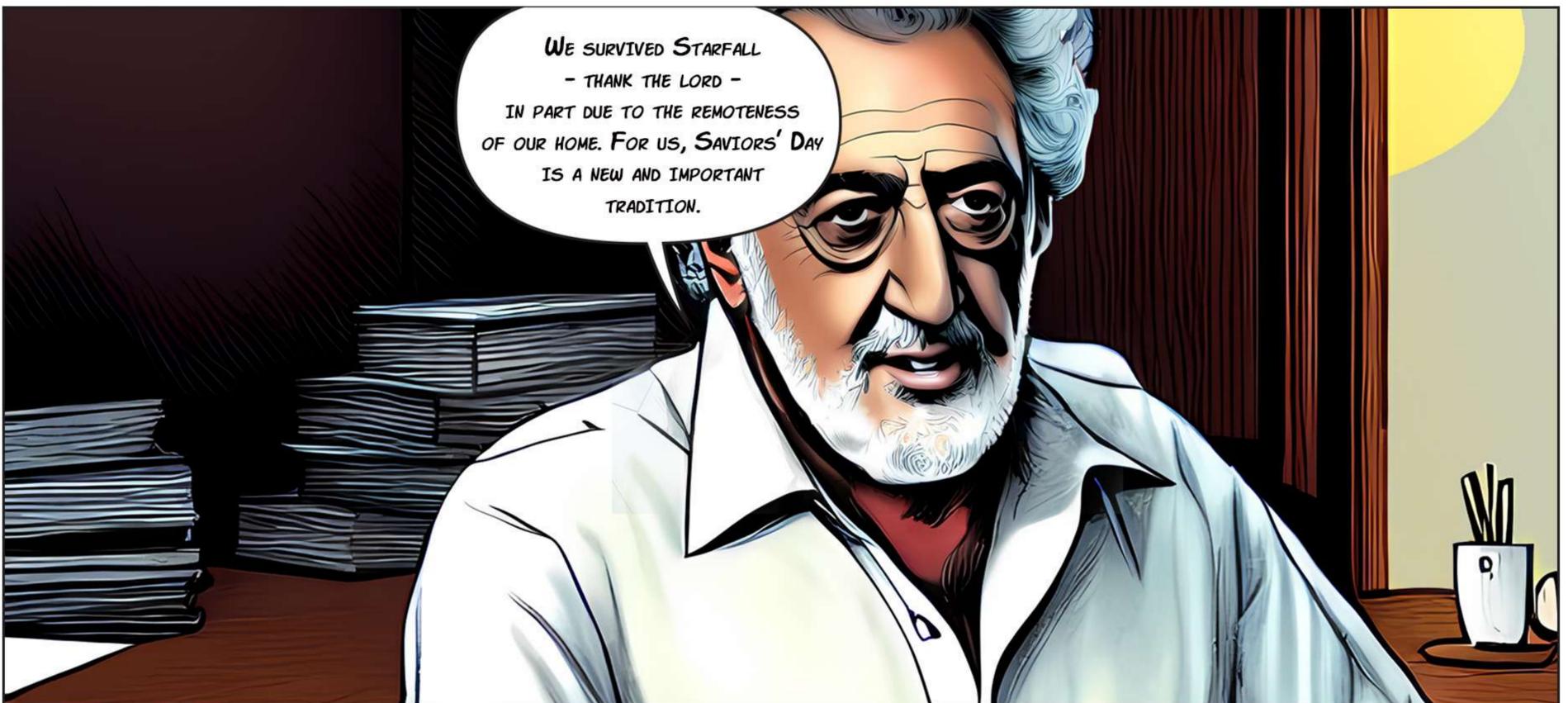
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WE CAN MOVE YOUR CHURCH;  
RESPECTFULLY MOVE THE GRAVES  
OF YOUR RELATIVES. WE CANNOT  
OFFER THE SUN, BUT WE CAN  
GIVE YOU BETTER, GREATER  
LANDS ELSEWHERE.



WE SURVIVED STARFALL  
- THANK THE LORD -  
IN PART DUE TO THE REMOTENESS  
OF OUR HOME. FOR US, SAVIORS' DAY  
IS A NEW AND IMPORTANT  
TRADITION.

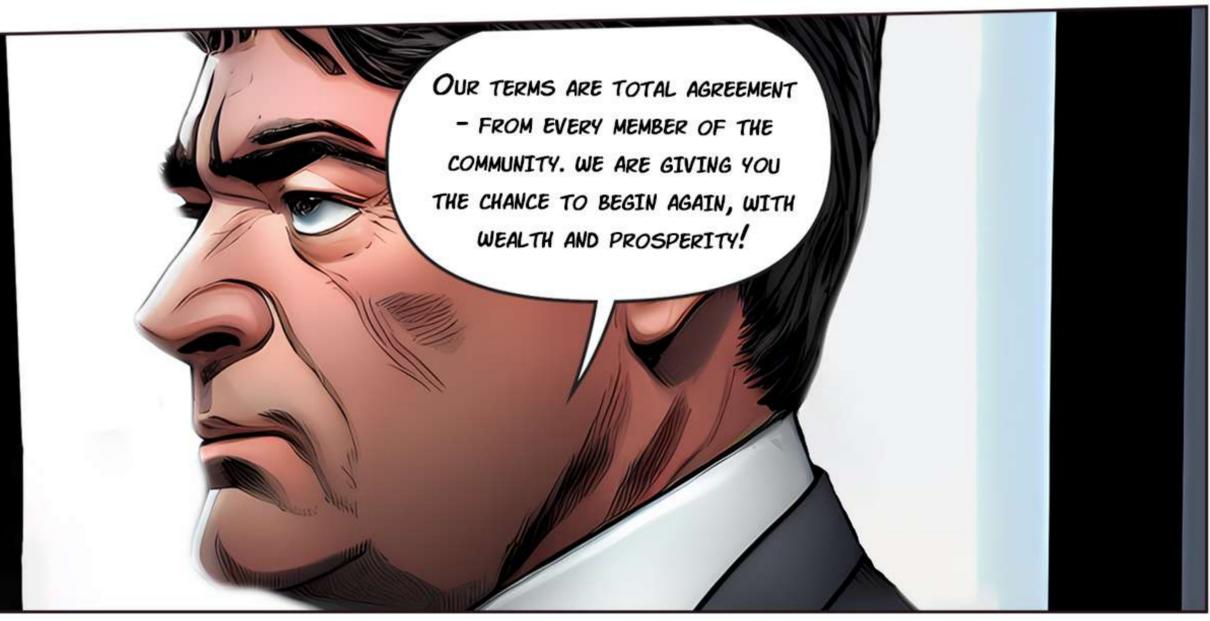




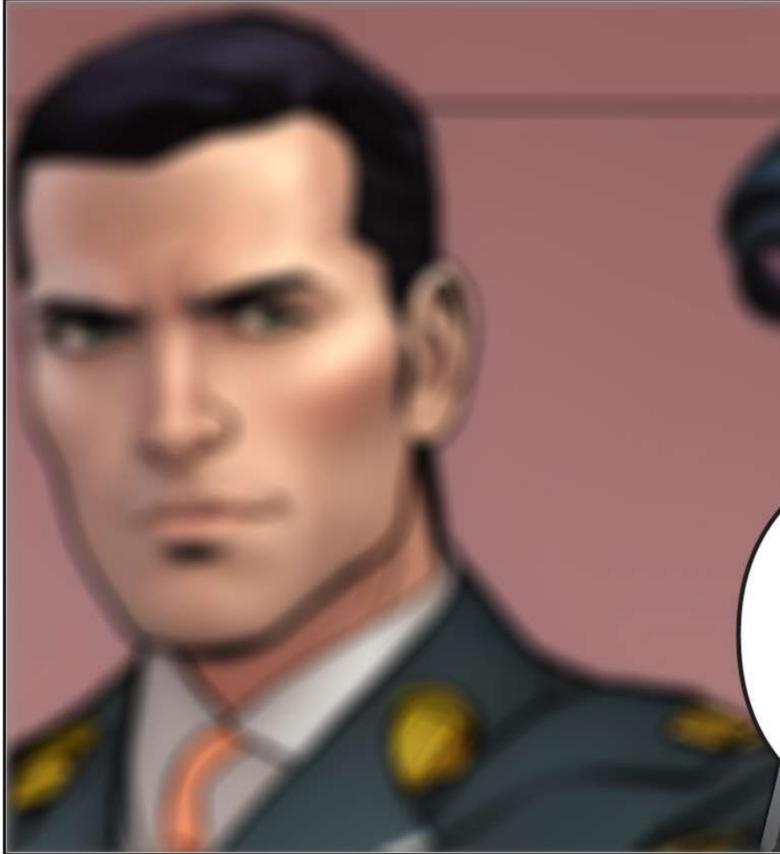
WE UNDERSTAND. SAVIORS' DAY IS IN... FOUR MONTHS? WE CAN COMPLETE YOUR RELOCATION WITH TIME TO SPARE. GIVE YOU EASILY A MONTH TO PREPARE... IF YOU SIGN NOW.



THE OFFER IS VERY TEMPTING, MR SIMMONS, BUT NOT ALL OF THE FAMILIES WILL ACCEPT.



OUR TERMS ARE TOTAL AGREEMENT - FROM EVERY MEMBER OF THE COMMUNITY. WE ARE GIVING YOU THE CHANCE TO BEGIN AGAIN, WITH WEALTH AND PROSPERITY!



OLDER, WITH A CONNECTION TO THE LAND: LOST CHILDREN, AND THE LIKE. I HAVE SPOKEN WITH THEM, AS HAS SENOR NAVARRO, AND OTHERS. IF WE COULD ACCOMMODATE THEIR MEAGRE NEEDS, MANY OF THE OTHERS WOULD AGREE THE TERMS, MR SIMMONS?

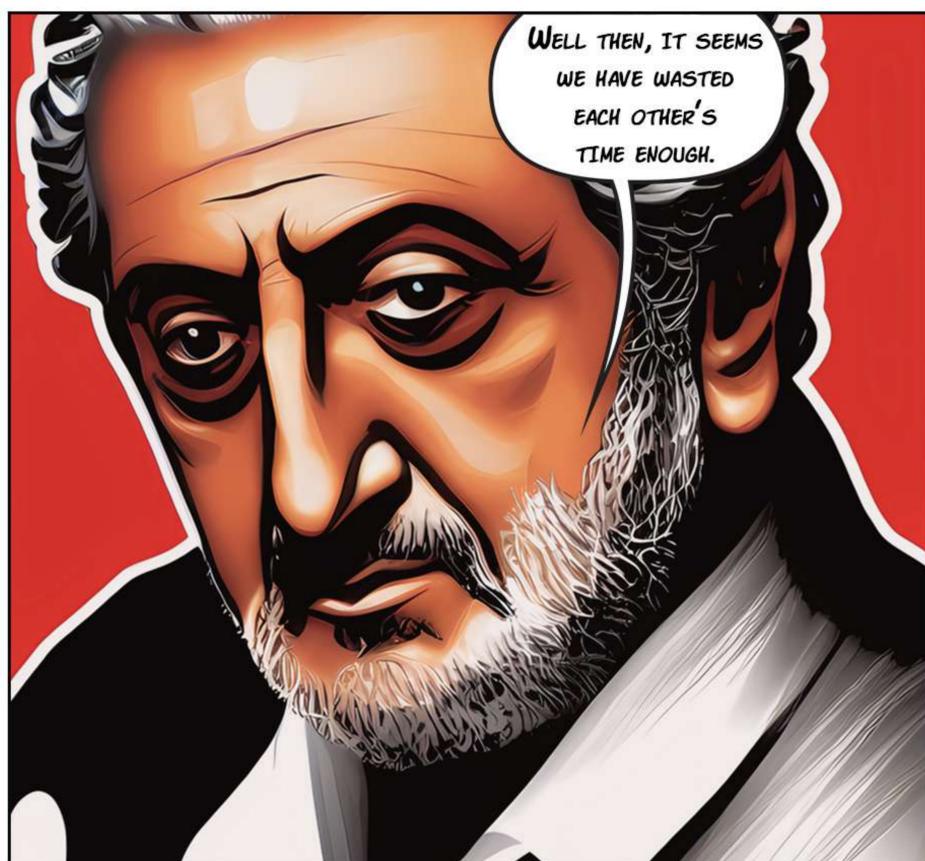


MISTER SIMMONS, THERE ARE SOME MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY WHO HAVE STRONG REASONS TO STAY.



I WISH WE COULD, MISTER  
ALEJANDRO, BUT WE CANNOT. THE  
TERMS ARE FIXED.

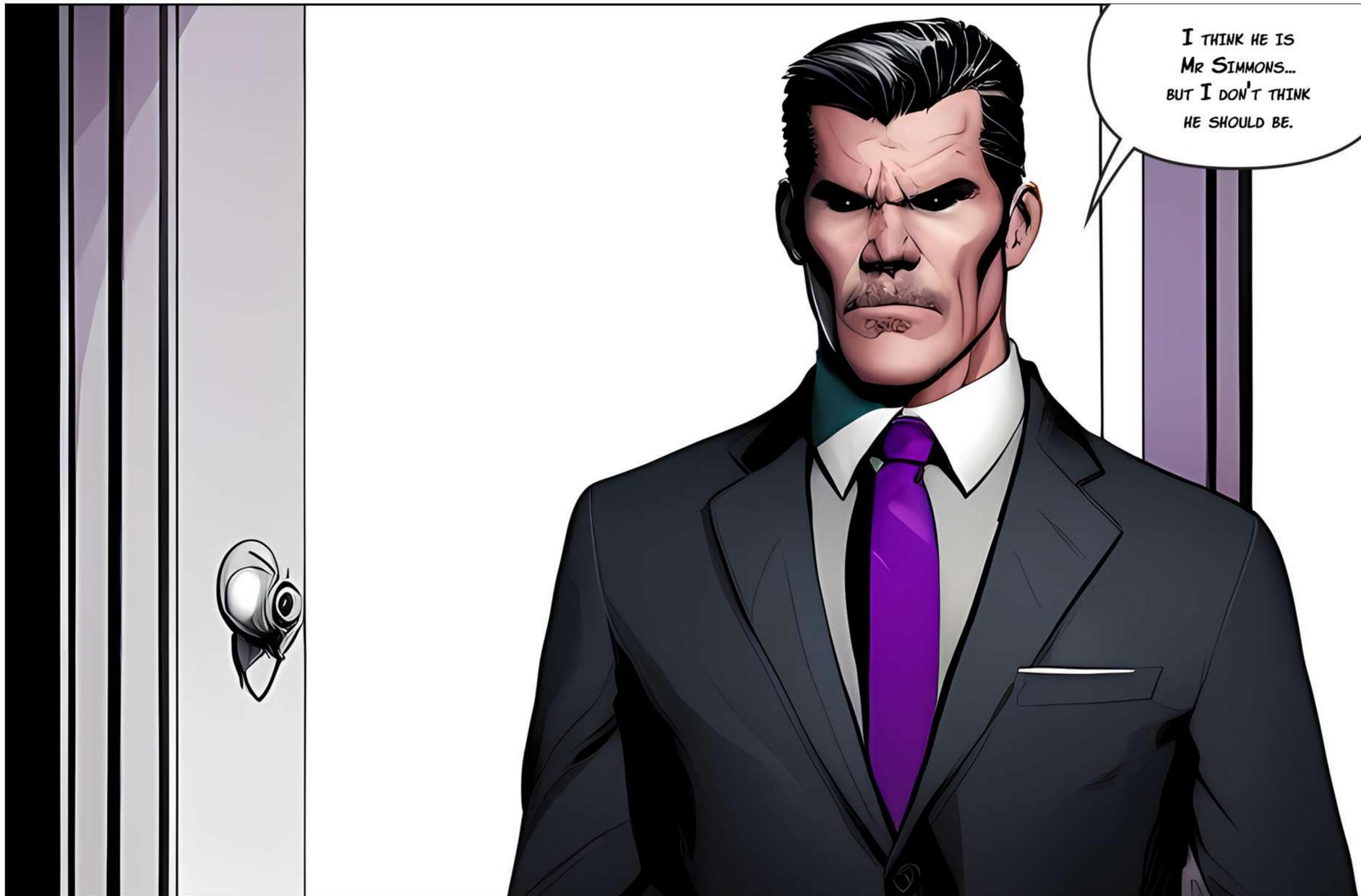
THE WHOLE TOWN SELLS AND  
RELOCATES, OR THERE IS NO DEAL.



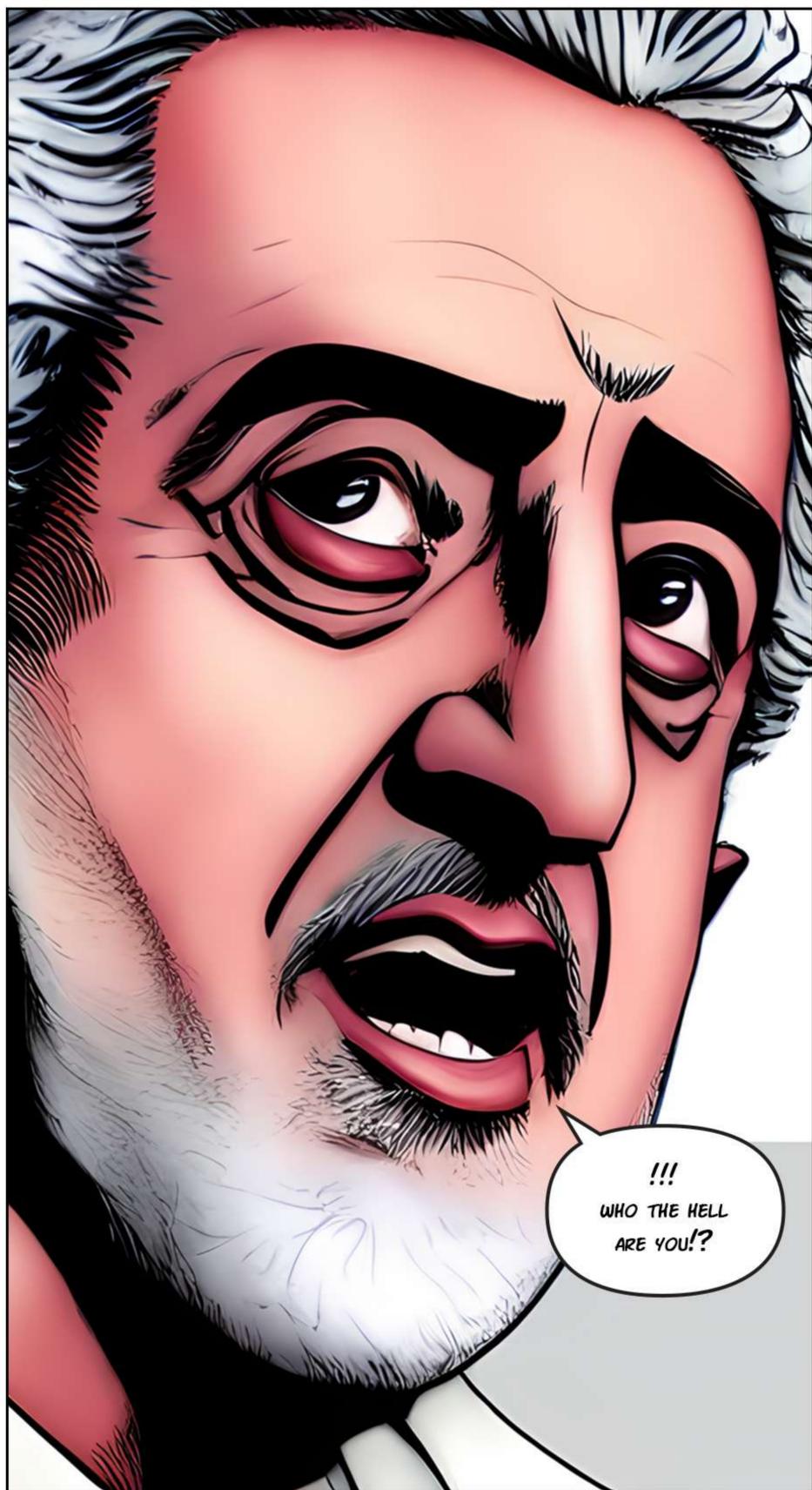
WELL THEN, IT SEEMS  
WE HAVE WASTED  
EACH OTHER'S  
TIME ENOUGH.



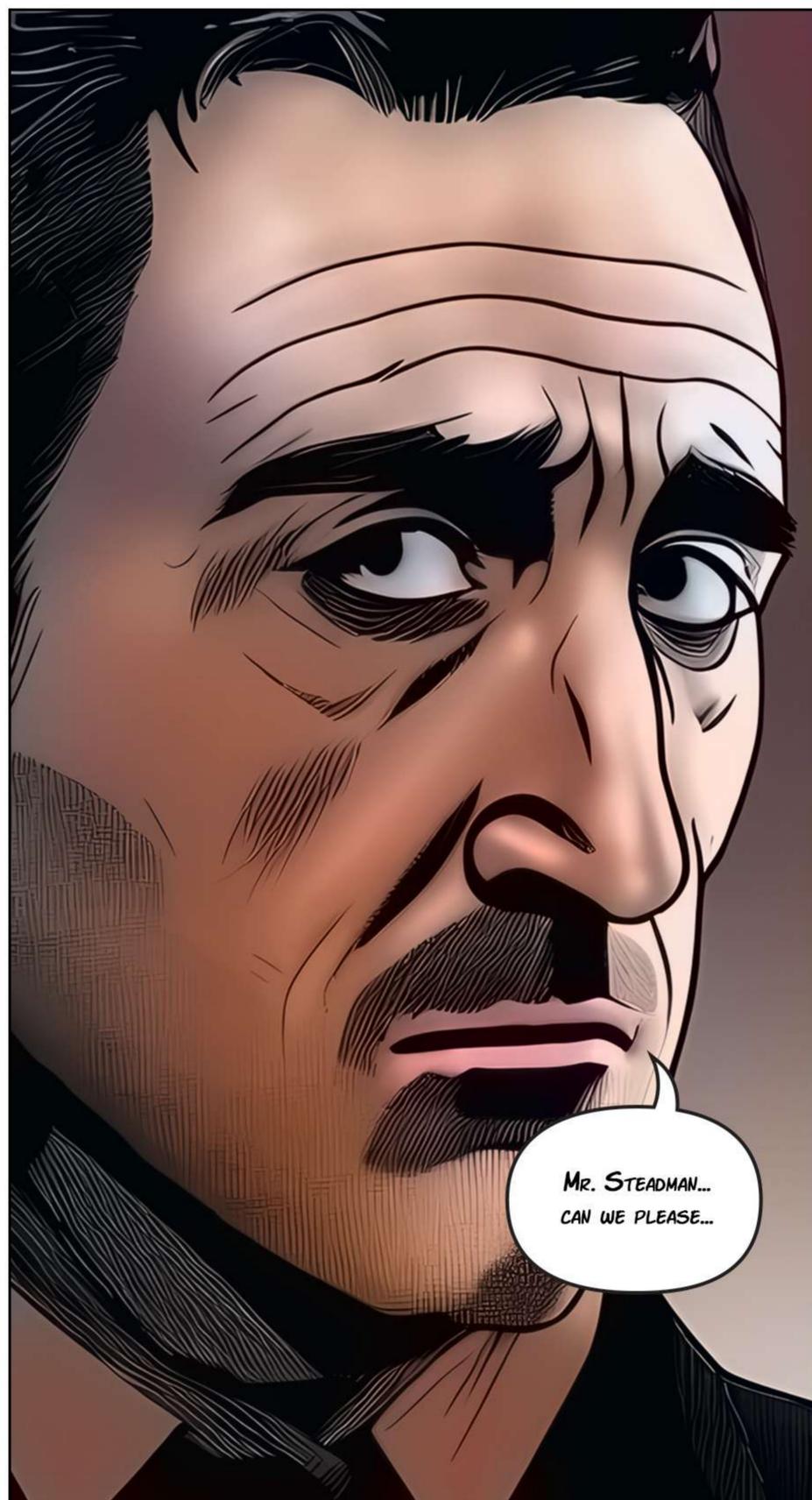
... YOU ARE...  
SURE?



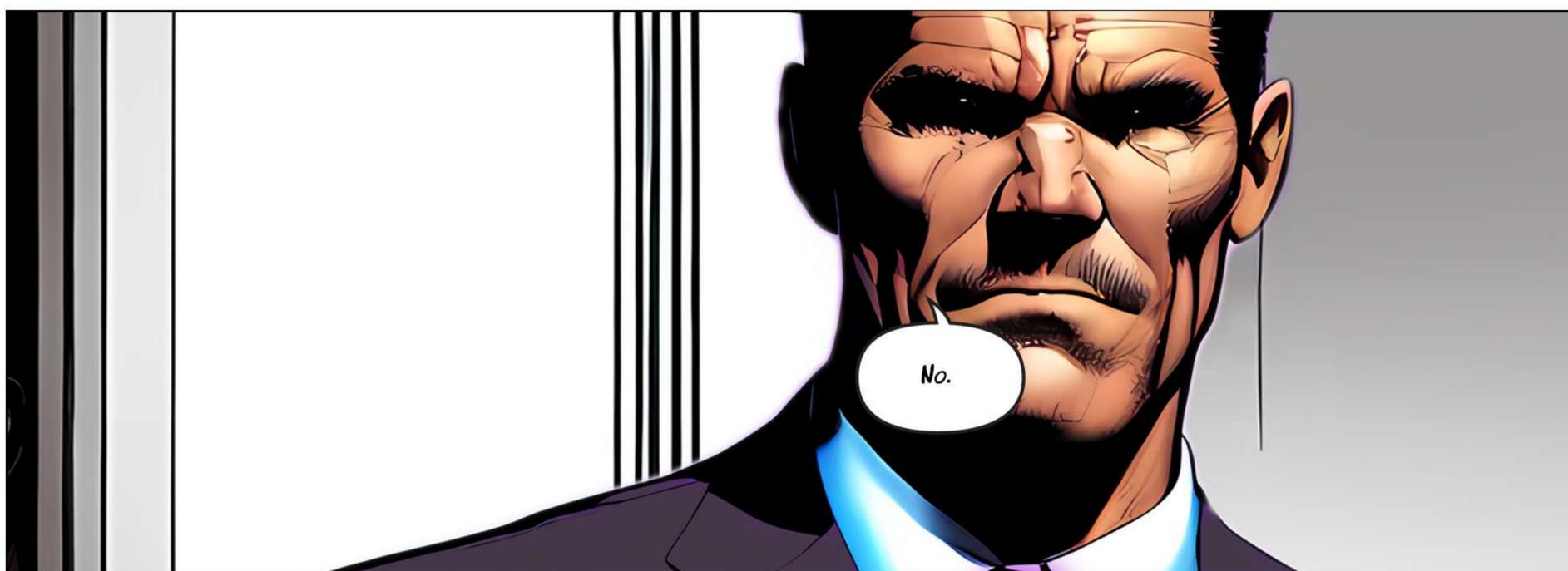
I THINK HE IS  
MR SIMMONS...  
BUT I DON'T THINK  
HE SHOULD BE.

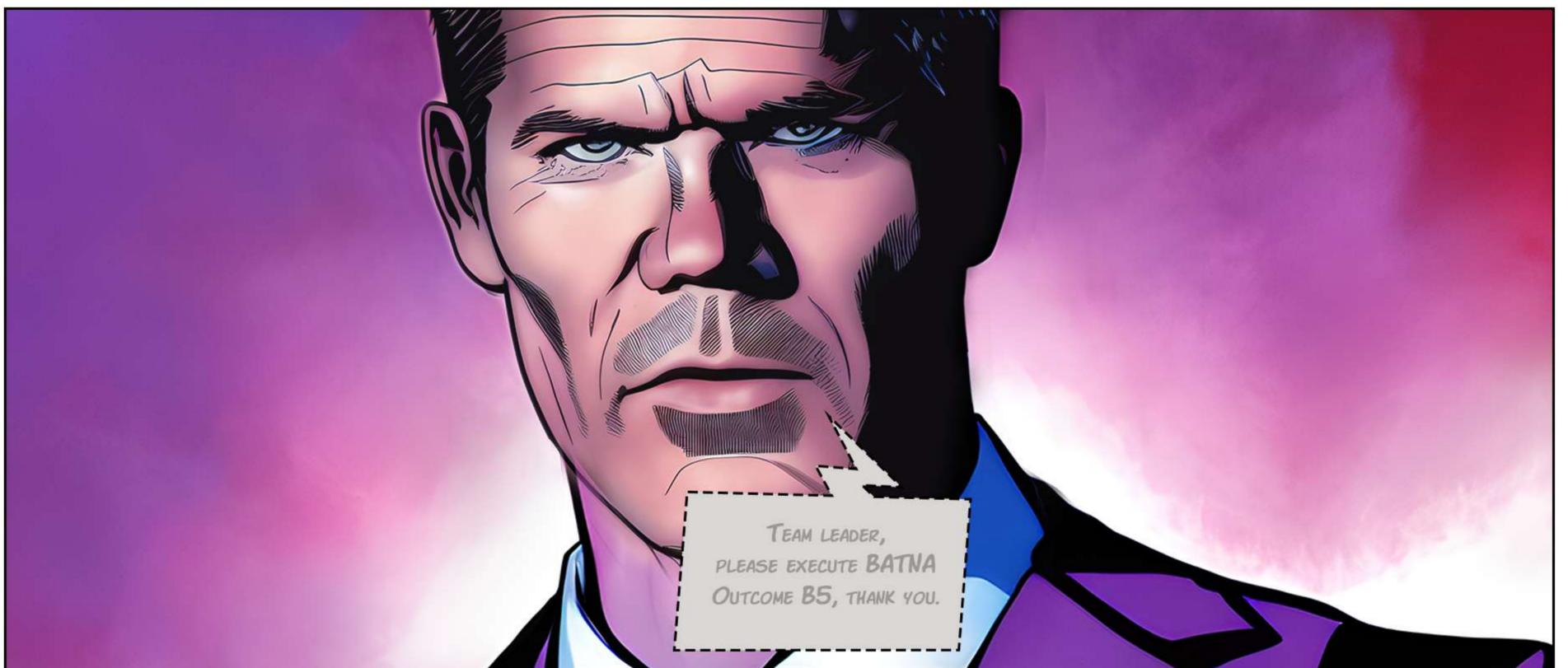


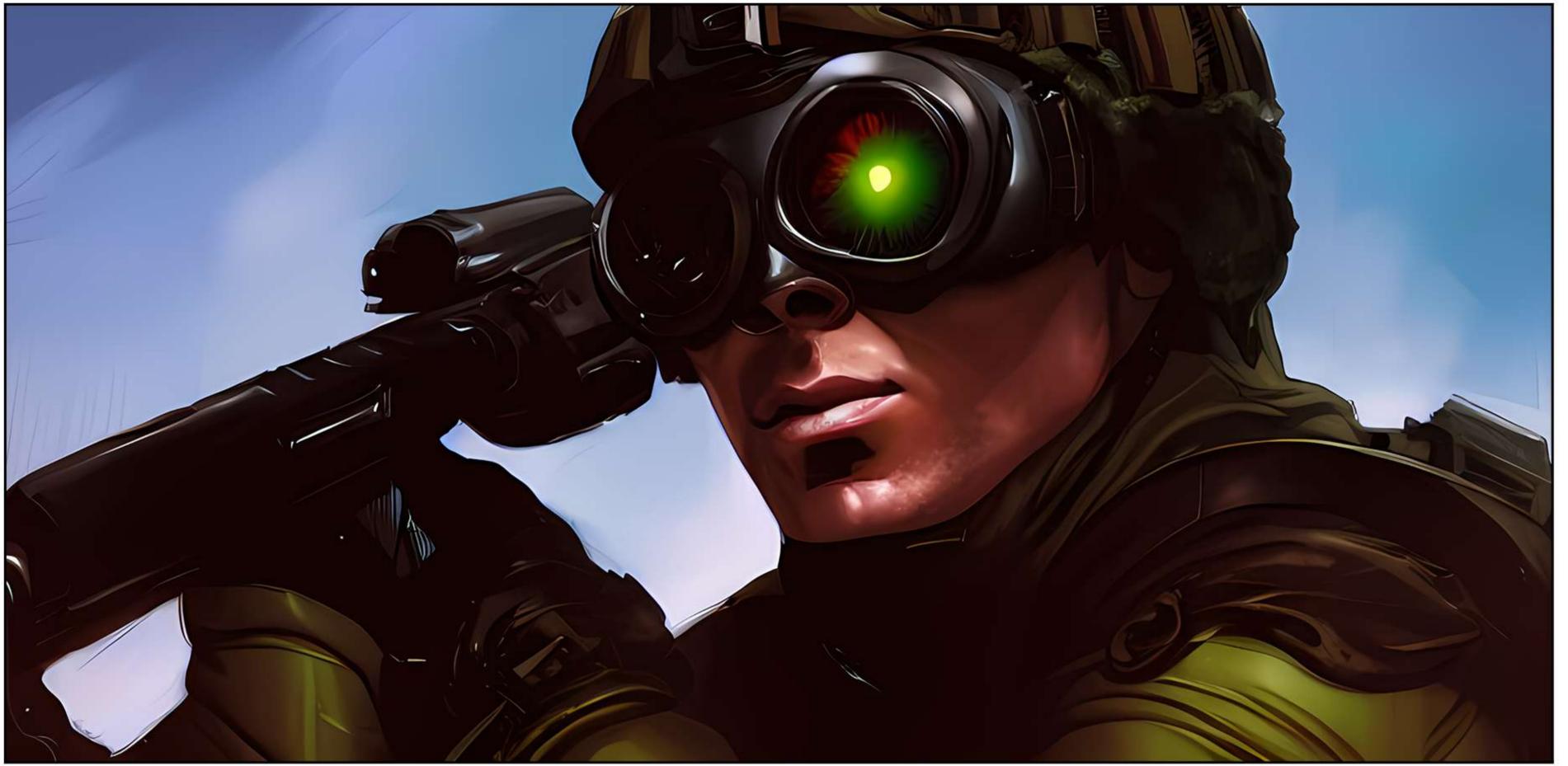
!!!  
WHO THE HELL  
ARE YOU!?



MR. STEADMAN...  
CAN WE PLEASE...





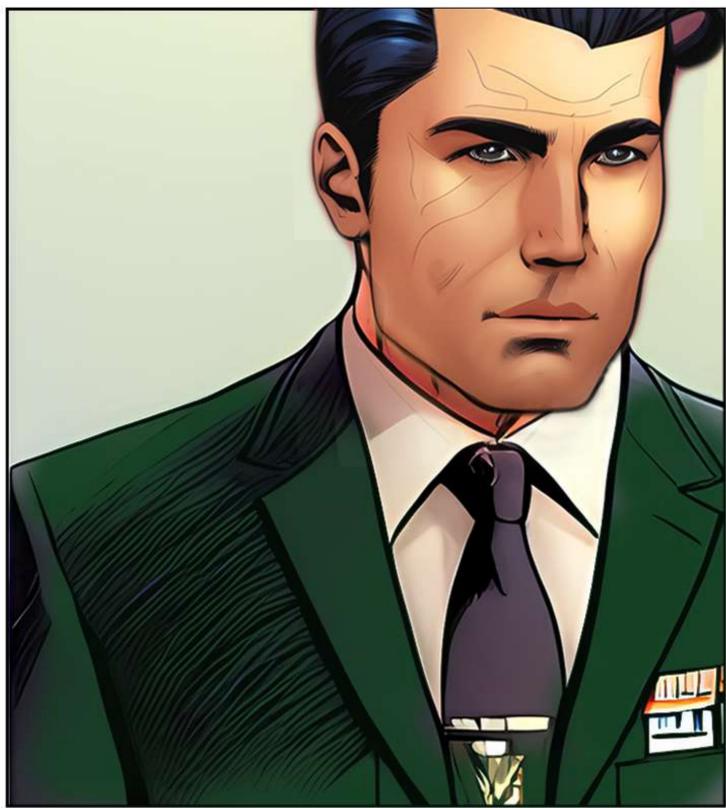


"RETRIEVE ALL CELL-PHONES  
FROM THE VILLAGERS, DISABLE  
AND SIM DESTROY."



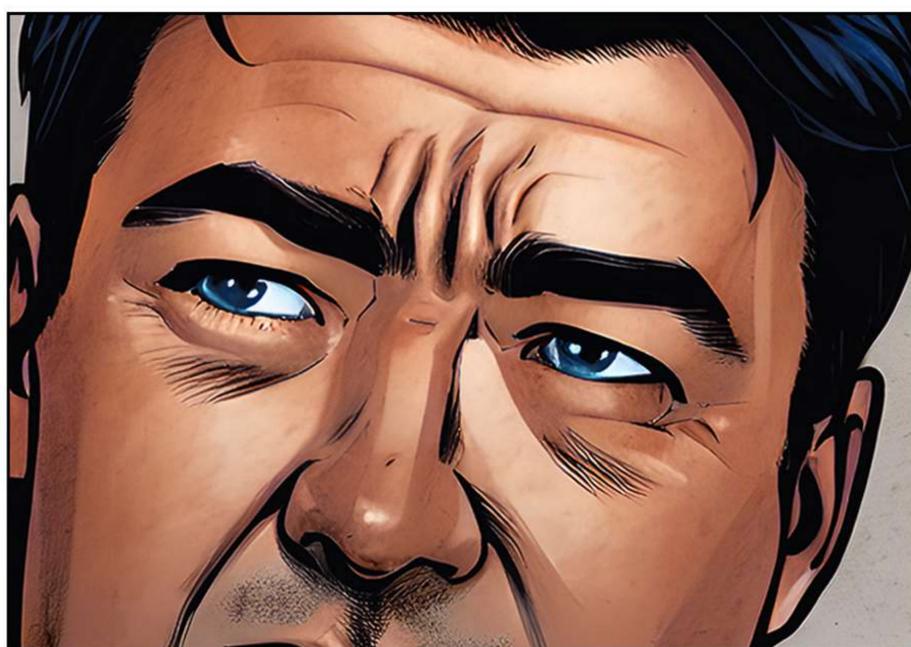
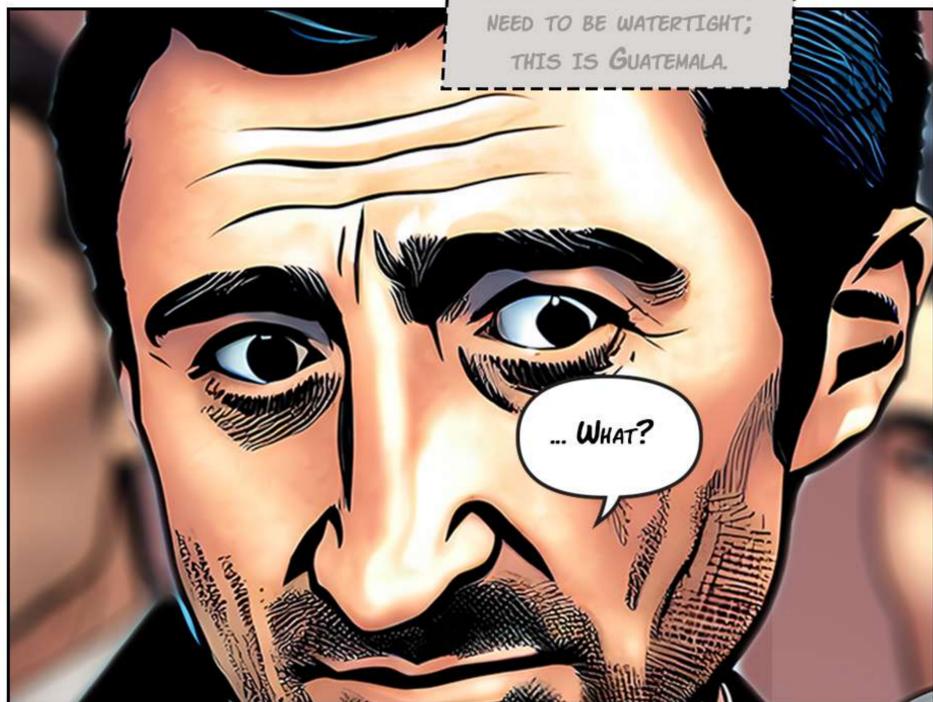


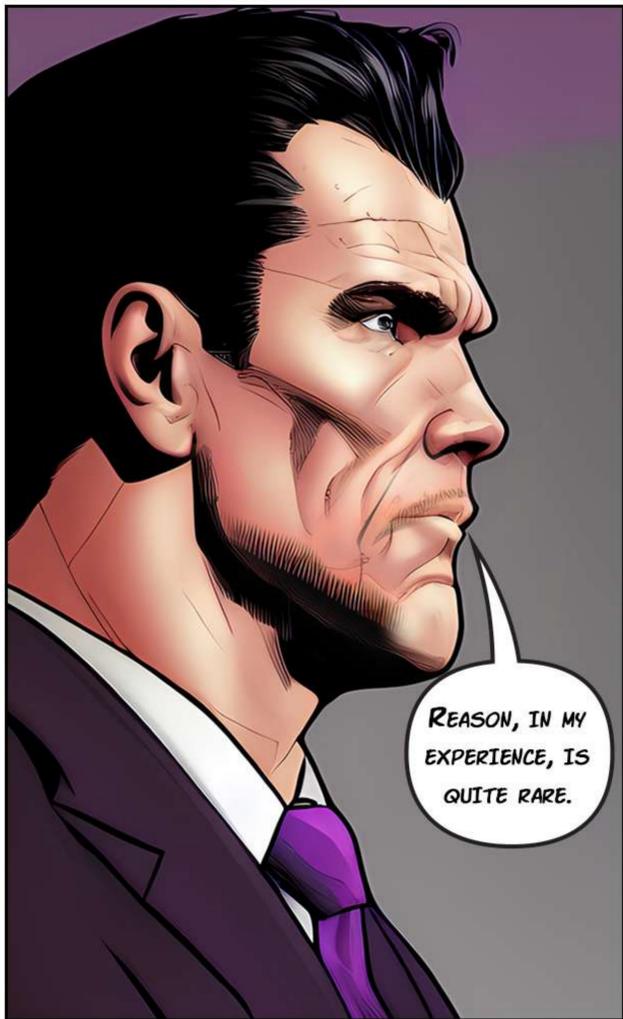
THANK YOU, TEAM LEADER.  
WHERE ARE WE ON KILL  
COUNT?  
...  
VERY GOOD. LET'S MAKE  
SURE NOT TO MISS  
ANYONE THIS TIME, EH?



MAJOR, CAPTAIN,  
YOUR OFFSHORE ACCOUNTS  
HAVE BEEN CREDITED.  
THANK YOU FOR  
YOUR COOPERATION.



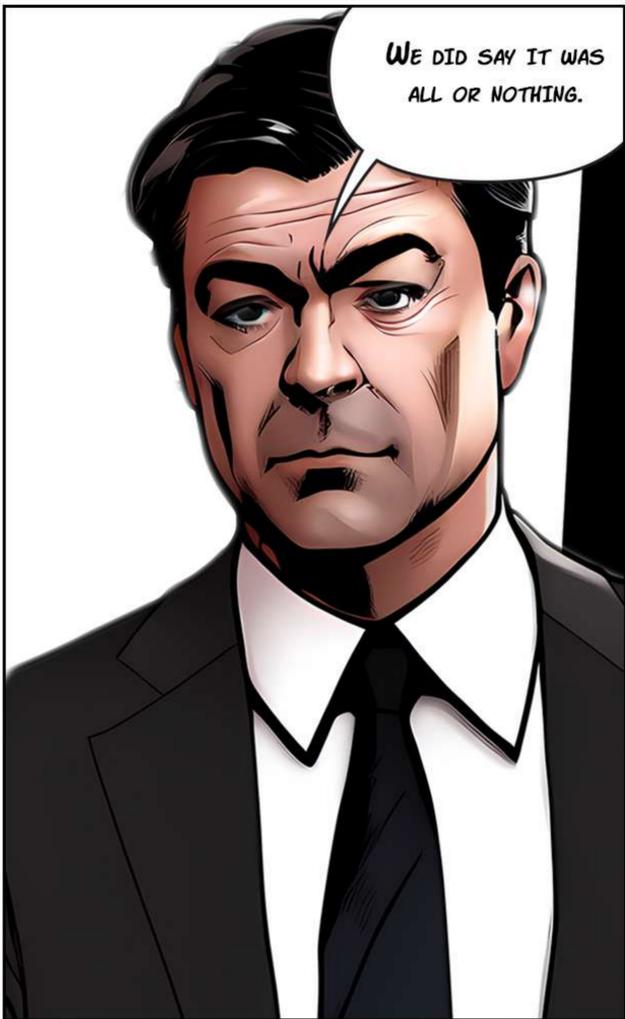




REASON, IN MY EXPERIENCE, IS QUITE RARE.



BUT WHY? YOU COULD HAVE JUST... DISPOSED OF THE REFUSERS - YOU DIDN'T HAVE TO TAKE EVERYONE.



WE DID SAY IT WAS ALL OR NOTHING.



IT WOULD NEVER WORK. THE ONES THAT SURVIVED WOULD KNOW, DEEP DOWN -

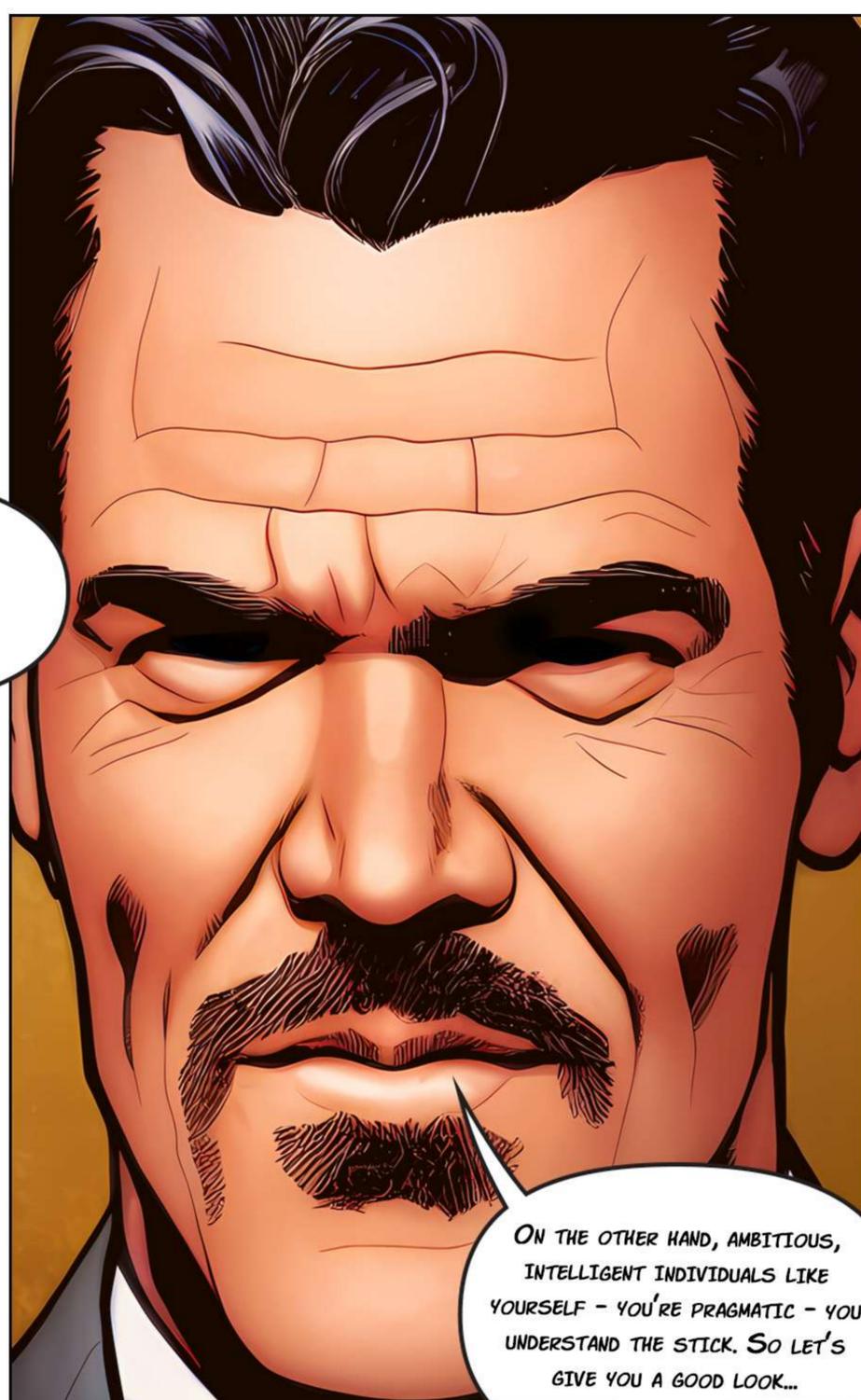
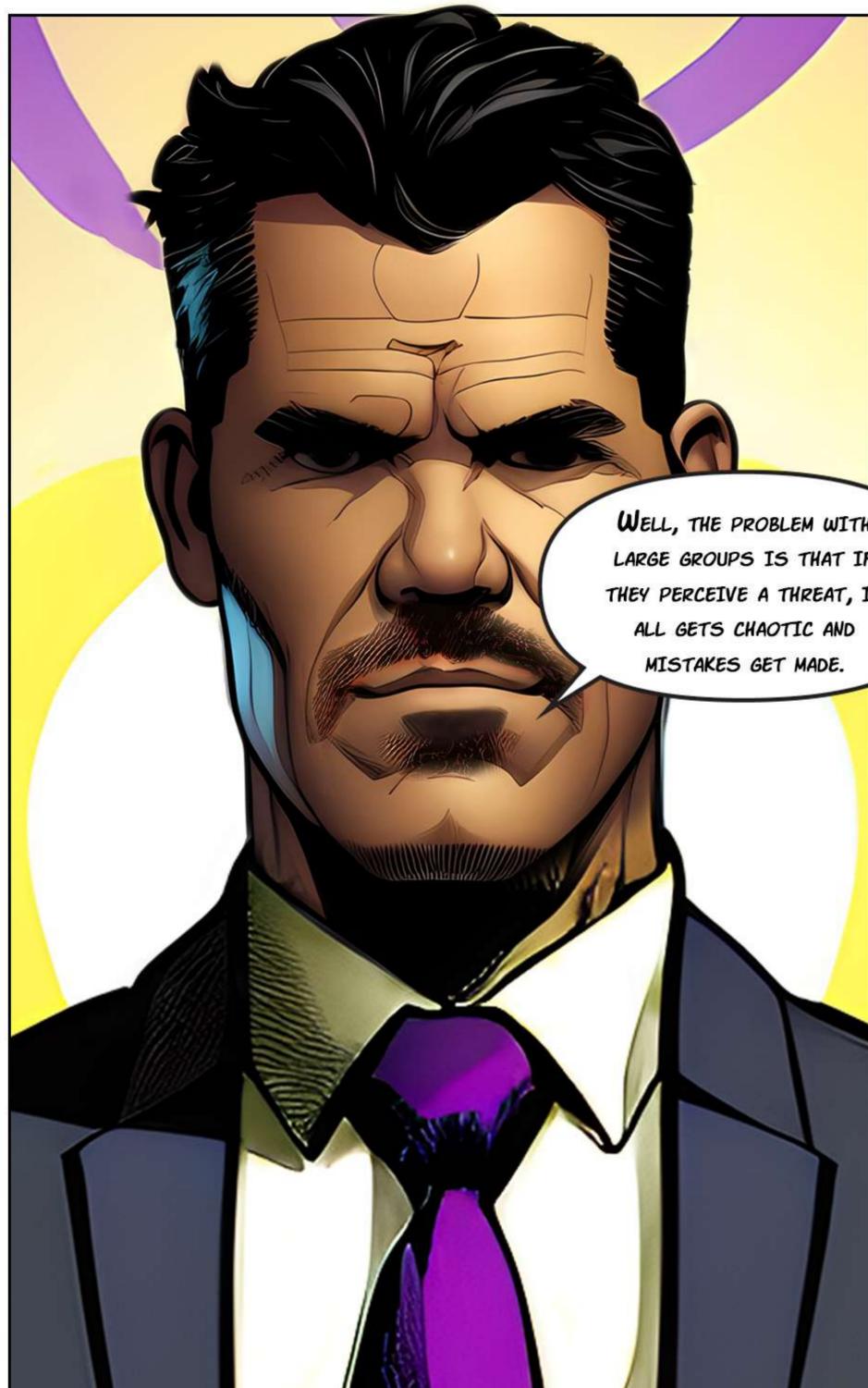
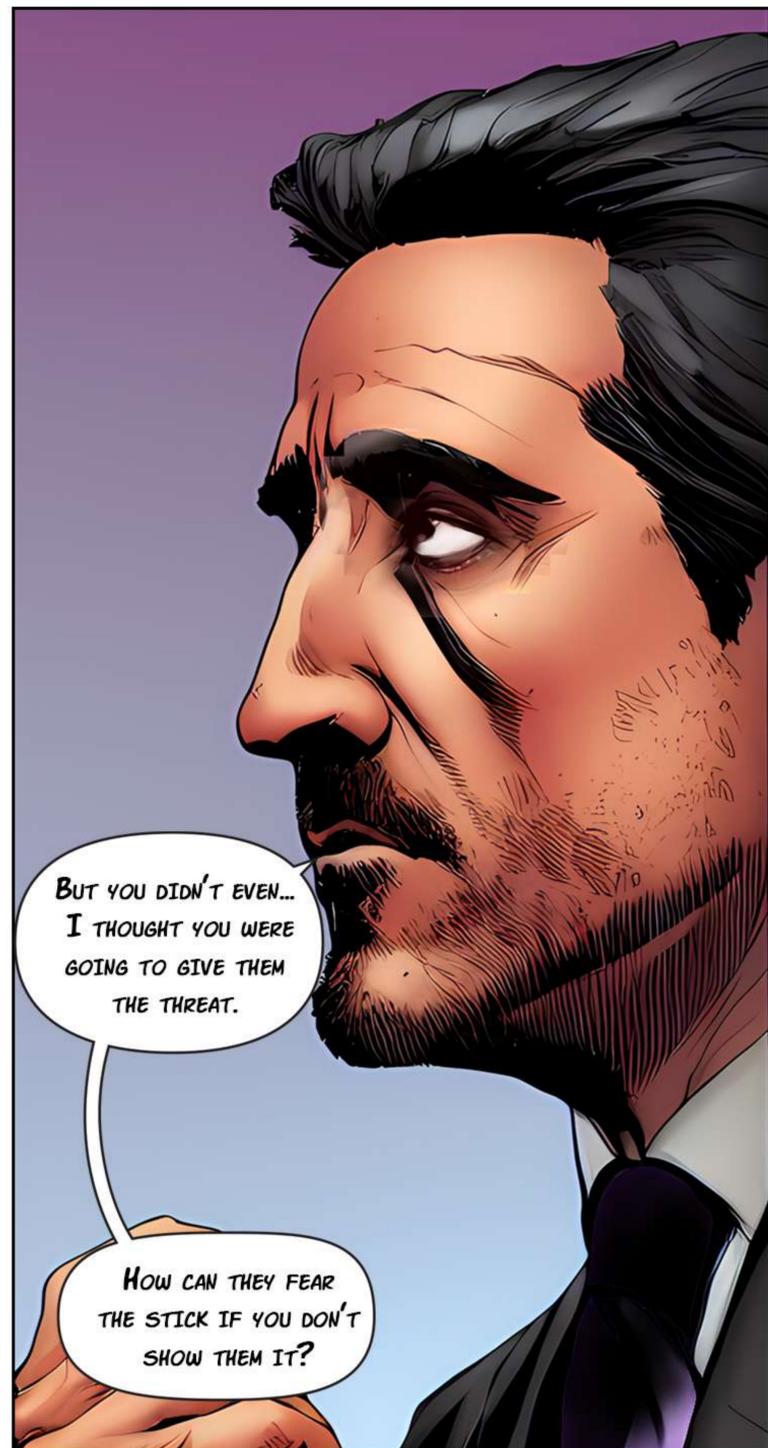
AND THEY ALWAYS TALK. AND THE PRESS ALWAYS WANT TO KNOW. IT'S CLEANER THIS WAY, REALLY.

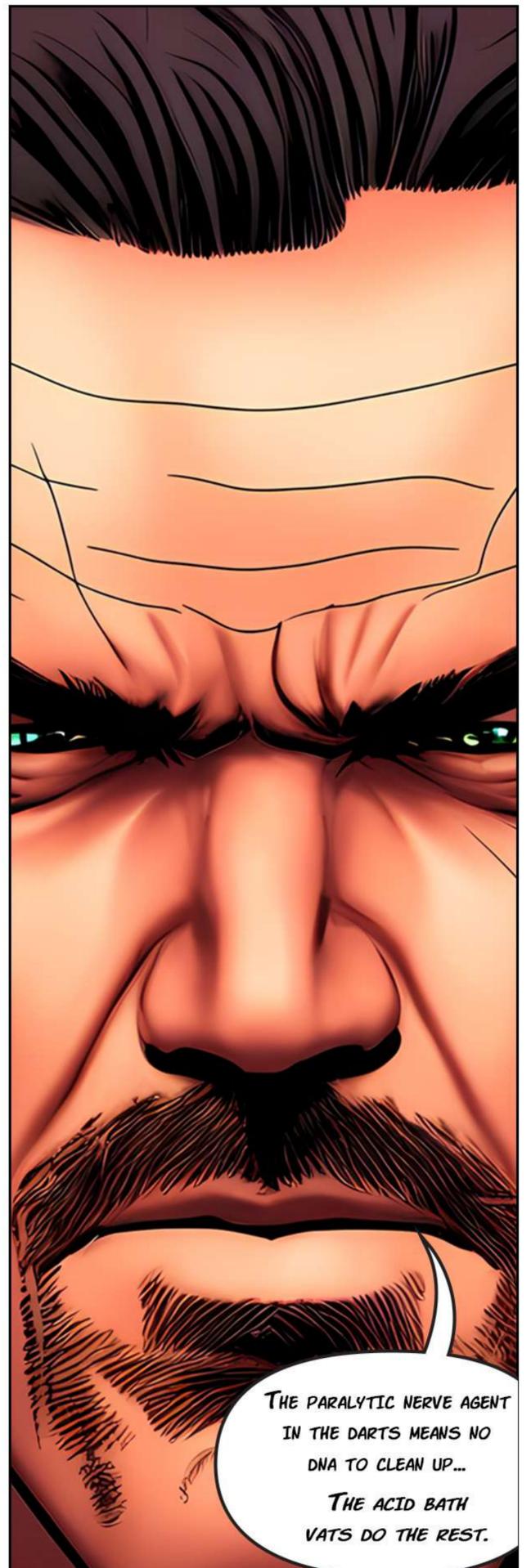
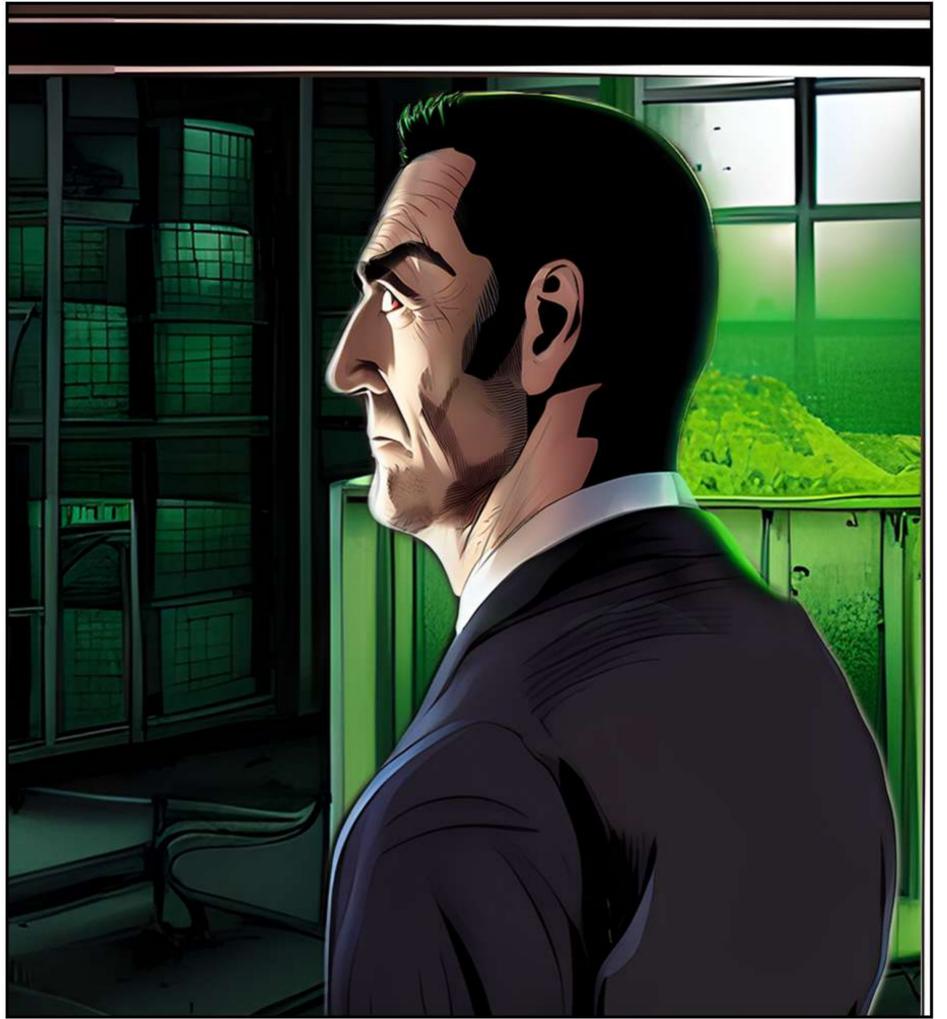


BUT YOU DIDN'T HAVE TO KILL THEM ALL!



CAREFUL. YOU'RE BEING WELL REWARDED FOR YOUR ...COLLABORATION. AND REMEMBER: YOUR PART IN THIS IS VERY WELL DOCUMENTED.







OH..OH GOD...  
OH GOD NO...



ARE THEY STILL...  
AWARE? WHEN THEY  
ARE IN THE ACID?



EVERYONE  
ASKS THAT...  
IT'S WEIRD.

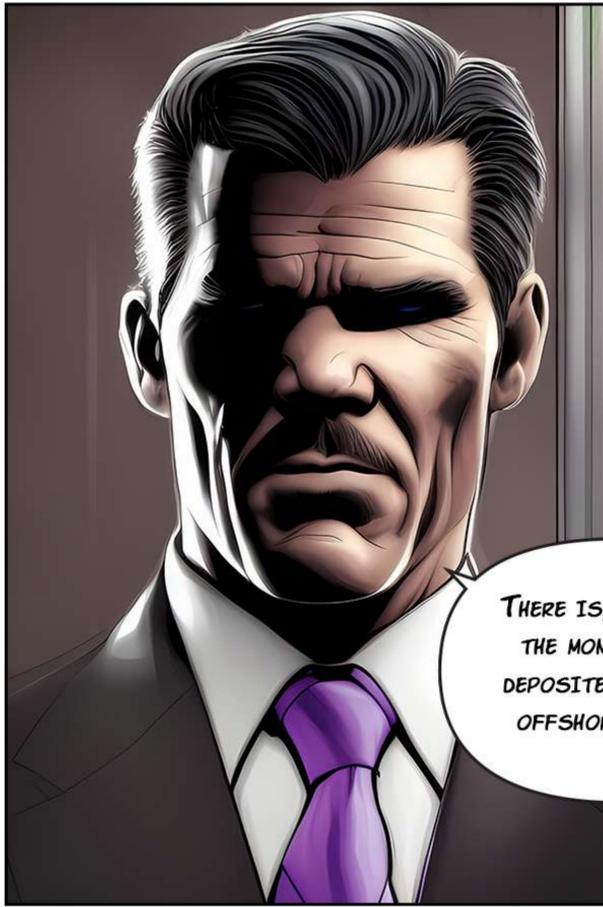


SO, HOPEFULLY THE STICK IS CRYSTAL CLEAR TO YOU NOW, MR ALEJANDRO. BUT JUST IN CASE...

IF YOU CROSS US, WE WILL OBLITERATE YOU AND EVERYONE YOU CARE ABOUT. WE WILL DO IT SO THOROUGHLY, THAT NO-ONE WILL EVEN WONDER WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU. YOU WILL JUST BE GONE.



BUT, THAT IS EASILY AVOIDABLE - BY ENJOYING THE CARROT.



THERE IS, OF COURSE, THE MONEY ALREADY DEPOSITED INTO YOUR OFFSHORE ACCOUNT.

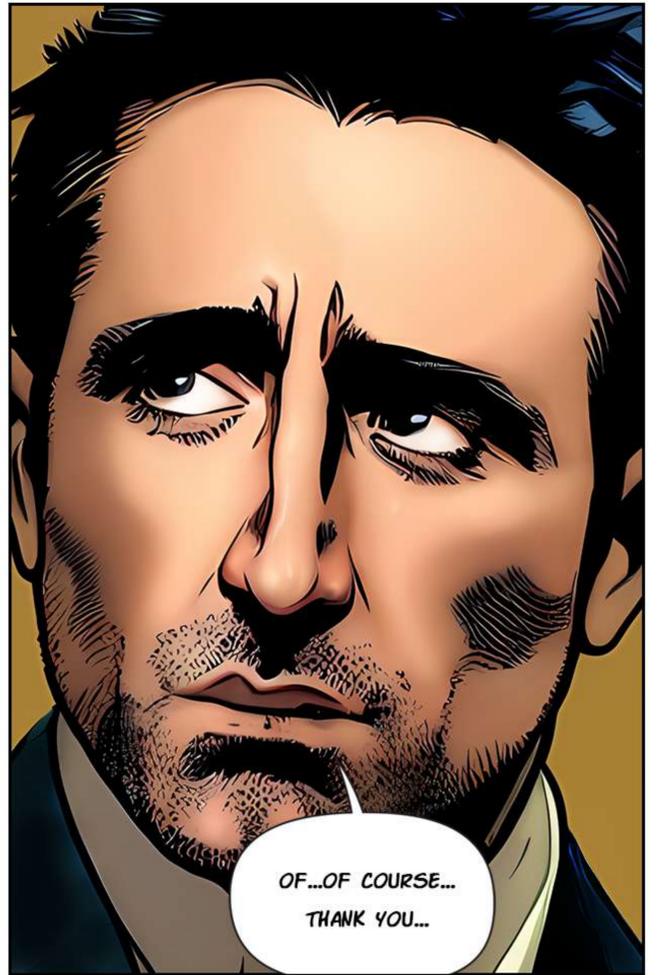


WHICH IS WHAT YOU WANTED, YES?

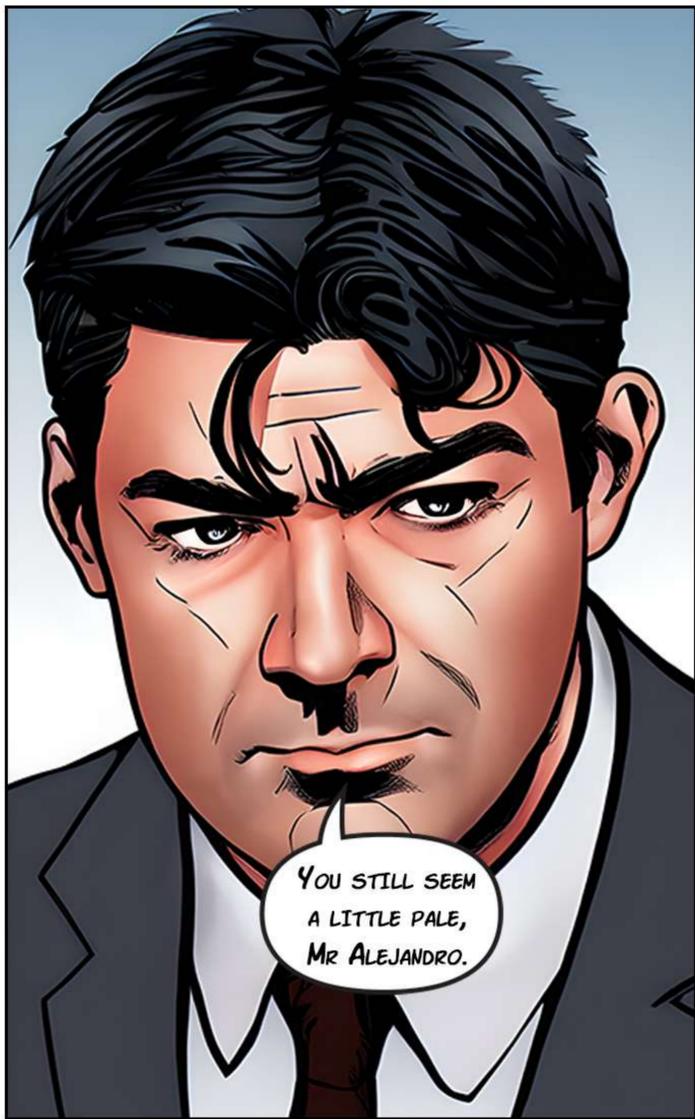


AND OUR CONSIDERABLE RESOURCES WILL BE USEFUL TO YOU WHEN YOU LAUNCH YOUR BID FOR PRESIDENT - YOU'RE JUST THE LEADER THIS COUNTRY DESERVES.

I... I THOUGHT SO...



OF...OF COURSE...  
THANK YOU...

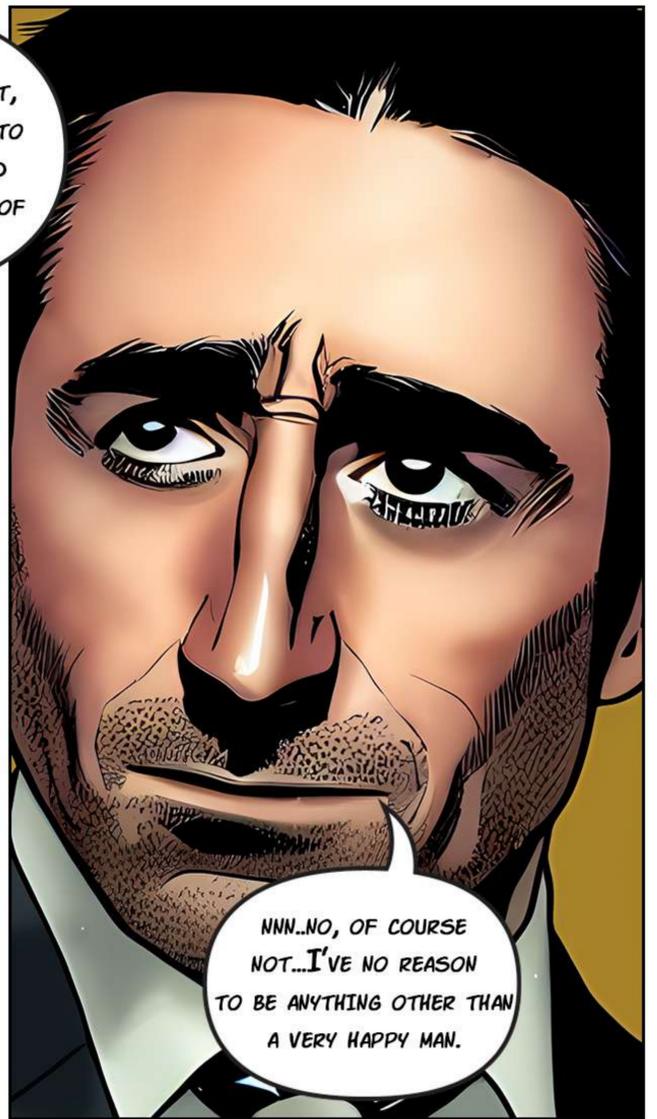


YOU STILL SEEM  
A LITTLE PALE,  
MR ALEJANDRO.

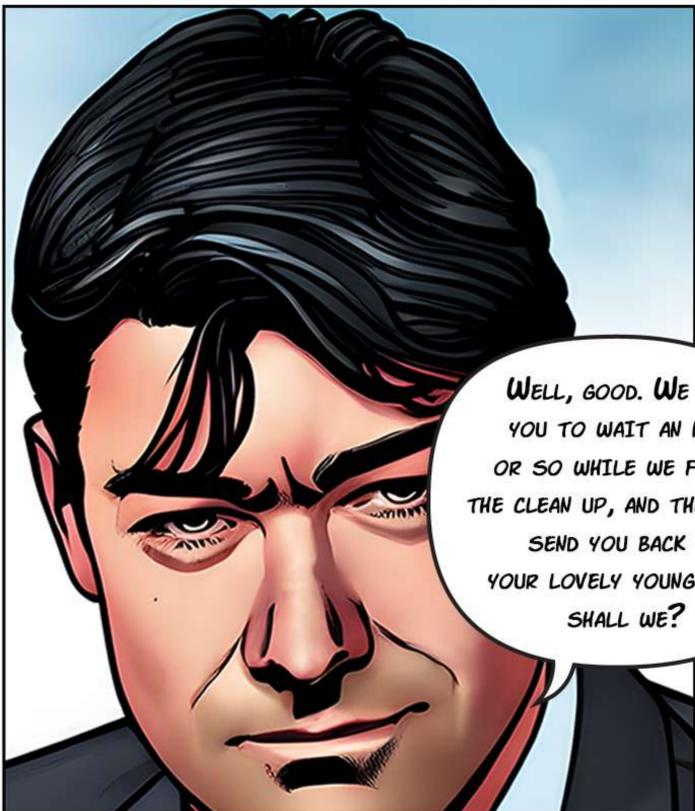


AND WE WILL KEEP YOUR  
INVOLVEMENT IN ALL THIS QUIET,  
AS LONG AS THERE IS NOTHING TO  
TELL. AND IF WE WERE TO NEED  
ANYTHING FROM THE PRESIDENT OF  
GUATEMALA...

DO WE... NEED TO  
BE WORRIED  
ABOUT YOU?



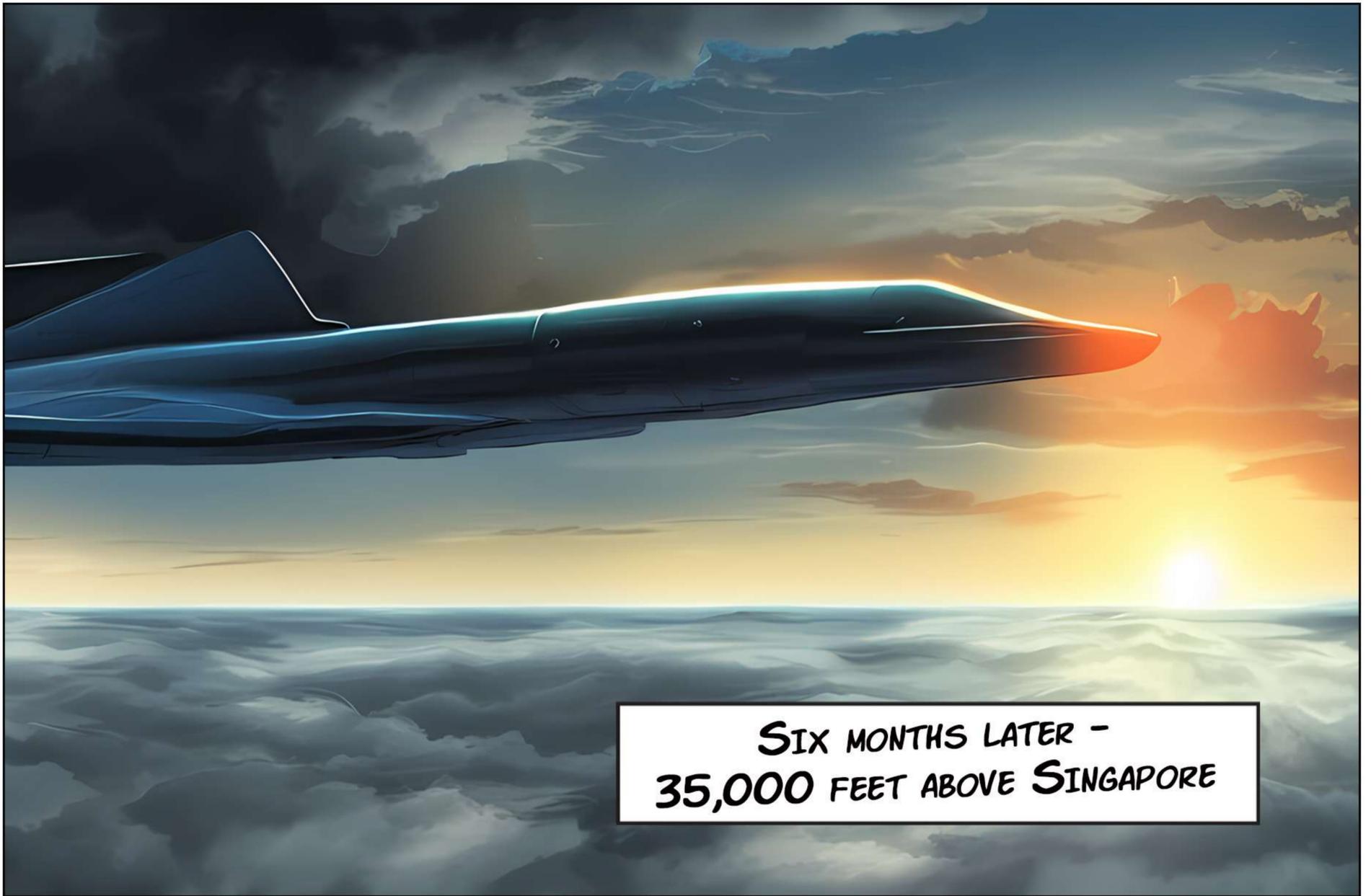
NNN..NO, OF COURSE  
NOT...I'VE NO REASON  
TO BE ANYTHING OTHER THAN  
A VERY HAPPY MAN.



WELL, GOOD. WE NEED  
YOU TO WAIT AN HOUR  
OR SO WHILE WE FINISH  
THE CLEAN UP, AND THEN WE'LL  
SEND YOU BACK TO  
YOUR LOVELY YOUNG WIFE,  
SHALL WE?



YES....  
THAT WOULD  
BE GREAT.



SIX MONTHS LATER -  
35,000 FEET ABOVE SINGAPORE



TELL DEXTER TO REWRITE THE EXECUTIVE SUMMARY. IT'S TOO LONG AND THE RISK ASSESSMENT SECTION IS MISLEADING.

YES, MA'AM. CAN I JUST CHECK - MISLEADING, HOW?





APPENDIX ON RISK ASSESSMENT PUTS THE QUANTIFIED CHANCE OF SUCCESS AT 72% -

WITH "ALL FORESEEABLES OPTIMISED". I THINK IT WOULD BE OVER CONFIDENT TO CALL THAT "VERY PROMISING" AND THE OTHER INVESTORS WILL ABSOLUTELY PICK UP ON THAT.



UNDERSTOOD. WILL FEED THAT BACK. DEXTER'S STILL RELATIVELY NEW, SO STILL IN THE HABIT OF PUSHING HIS OWN AGENDA.

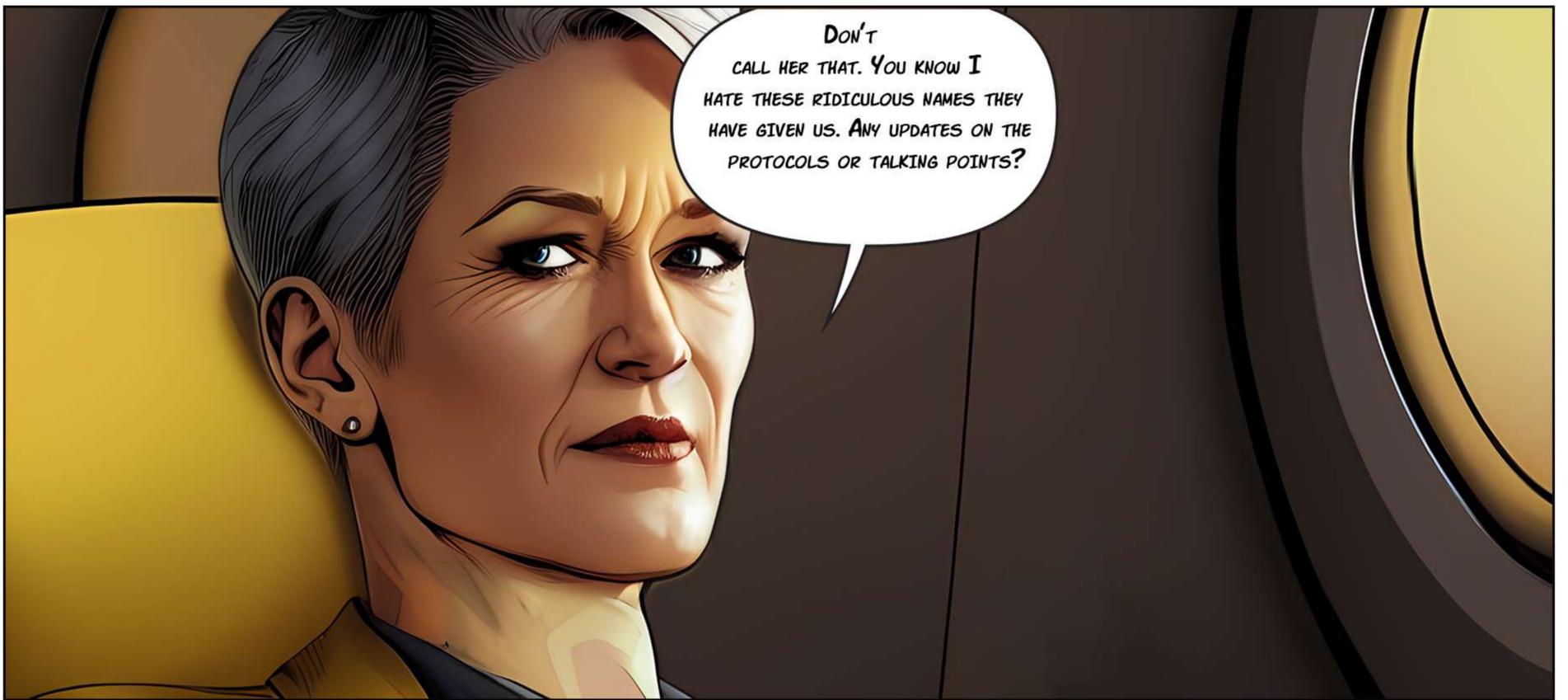


HE'S NOT THAT NEW - HE SHOULD HAVE LEARNED BY NOW. LAST CHANCE. WHAT'S NEXT?



ROCKET LAUNCH FOR PROJECT EURYDICE. LAUNCH IS ON SCHEDULE - T-MINUS 20 MINUTES. YOU'RE TOUCHING DOWN AT CHANGI SPACEPORT VIP PAD THREE IN SEVEN AND A HALF.

VIEWING GALLERY EXPECTS YOU IN FIFTEEN, SO THAT GIVES ABOUT THREE MINUTES FOR PR WITH THE VISIONARY AND HER PEOPLE - THEN BLAST OFF. THREE MORE MINUTES OF INTERVIEWS, THEN BACK ON THE JET, COURSE SET FOR MAIN HOME.



DON'T CALL HER THAT. YOU KNOW I HATE THESE RIDICULOUS NAMES THEY HAVE GIVEN US. ANY UPDATES ON THE PROTOCOLS OR TALKING POINTS?

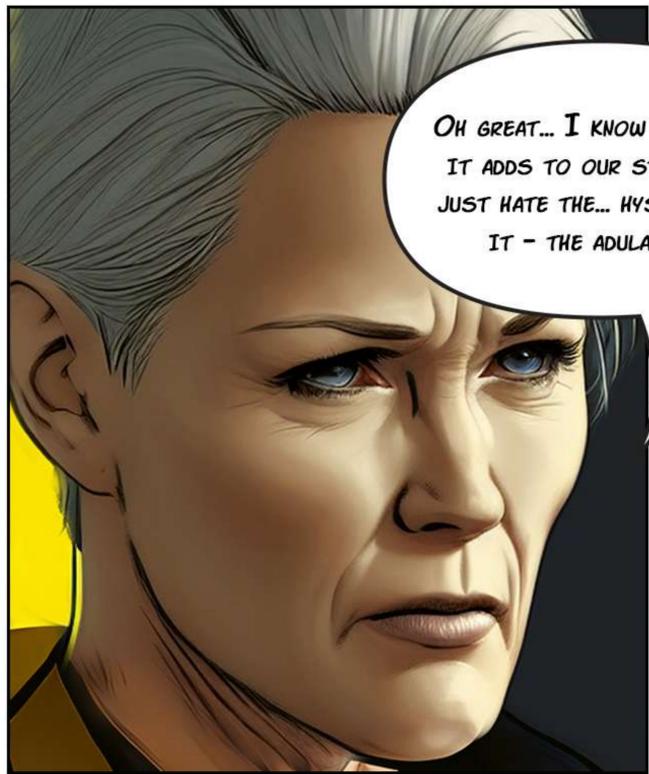


NOT AT THIS TIME. THE V... MS TRANG SU IS STILL TAKING THE LEAD. DESPITE THIS BEING YOUR FUNDED PROJECT, ROCKETRY AND SPACE EXPLORATION IS DEEMED TO BE HER DOMAIN.

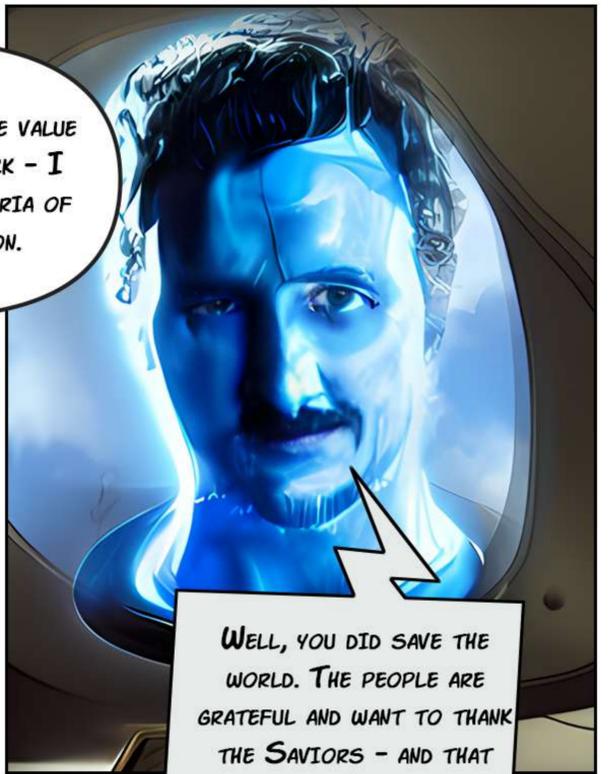


WELL, IT'S HER SHOW.  
TODAY.  
WHAT'S NEXT?

LAST THING - SAVIOR'S DAY  
PREPARATIONS...



OH GREAT... I KNOW THE VALUE  
IT ADDS TO OUR STOCK - I  
JUST HATE THE... HYSTERIA OF  
IT - THE ADULATION.

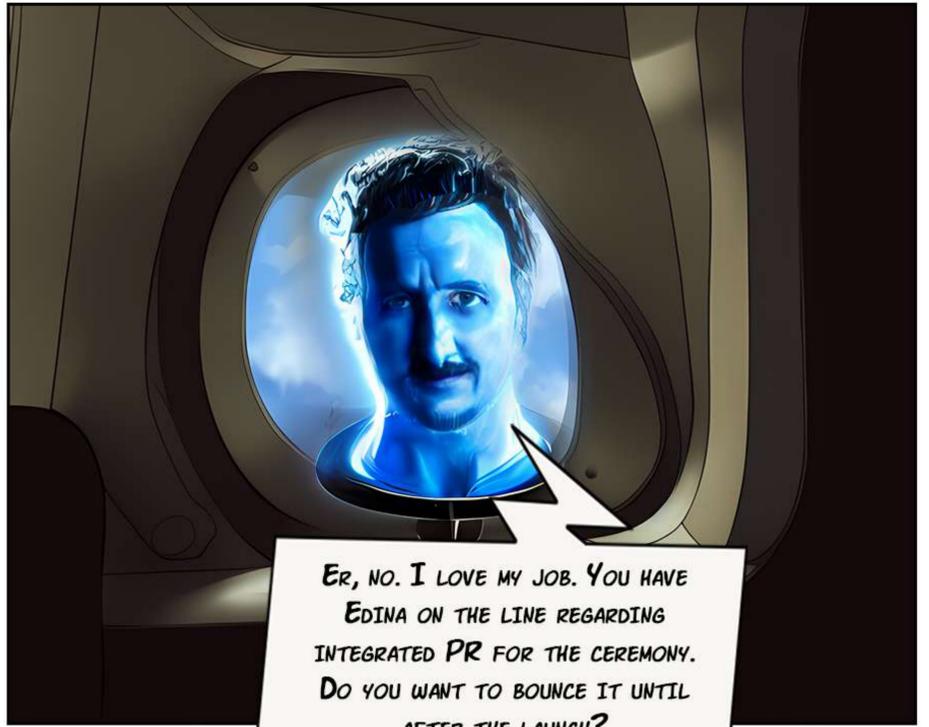


WELL, YOU DID SAVE THE  
WORLD. THE PEOPLE ARE  
GRATEFUL AND WANT TO THANK  
THE SAVIORS - AND THAT  
INCLUDES... THE OLIGARCH.





YOU'RE WALKING A FINE LINE. CALL ME "THE OLIGARCH" AGAIN. I DARE YOU.



ER, NO. I LOVE MY JOB. YOU HAVE EDINA ON THE LINE REGARDING INTEGRATED PR FOR THE CEREMONY. DO YOU WANT TO BOUNCE IT UNTIL AFTER THE LAUNCH?



NO, I'LL TAKE IT NOW. AT LEAST THE ROCKET LAUNCH WINDOW WILL KEEP IT SHORT.



YOU HAVE FOUR AND A HALF MINUTES BEFORE TOUCHDOWN, CONNECTING YOU NOW...



EDINA. WHAT'S THE UPDATE?

EDYTA, CIAO! GOOD TO SEE YOU, SO MUCH GOING ON AND ALL OF IT ABSOLUTELY FABULOUS.



I'M SURE THEY ARE, BUT I'M TOUCHING DOWN FOR THIS ROCKET LAUNCH IN... FOUR MINUTES. WHAT'S THE UPDATE?



HAVE YOU HAD TIME TO REVIEW THE COSTUME CHANGES? THE CEREMONY IS FOUR DAYS AWAY, SO IF YOU HAVE ANY FEEDBACK OR REQUIRED CHANGES, NOW IS THE TIME.

YOU'VE ALREADY PRESENTED ALL THIS TO THE GROUP, EDINA. "THE NEW PROMETHEUS" WASN'T IT? A LITTLE HEAVY HANDED.



THAT NAME WILL NEVER BE SEEN. BUT EVEN IF IT WAS, IT'S BASICALLY TRUE. THIS IS HOW YOUR PUBLIC SEE YOU! AS MODERN OLYMPIAN GODS - ALMIGHTY, ALL KNOWING, ALWAYS THERE.

I GOT THAT THE FIRST TIME. MY OWN PR TEAM ARE CONCERNED THAT THE FINAL DESIGNS ARE A BIT TOO... 50s SCI-FI. I QUOTE: "THE ONLY THING THEY'RE MISSING ARE THE FINS."



It's DELIBERATE, SWEETHEART. HIGH IMPACT INTRODUCTION. THE TRICK HERE IS THAT WE PASS IT OFF AS COSTUME FOR THE CEREMONY, AND THEN ROLL OUT THE MORE SUBTLE VERSIONS OVER THE COMING MONTHS.



THEY LOOK RIDICULOUS.



TRUST ME - IT'LL BE ALL THE RAGE IN FASHION INFLUENCE CIRCLES BEFORE THE END OF THE DAY.

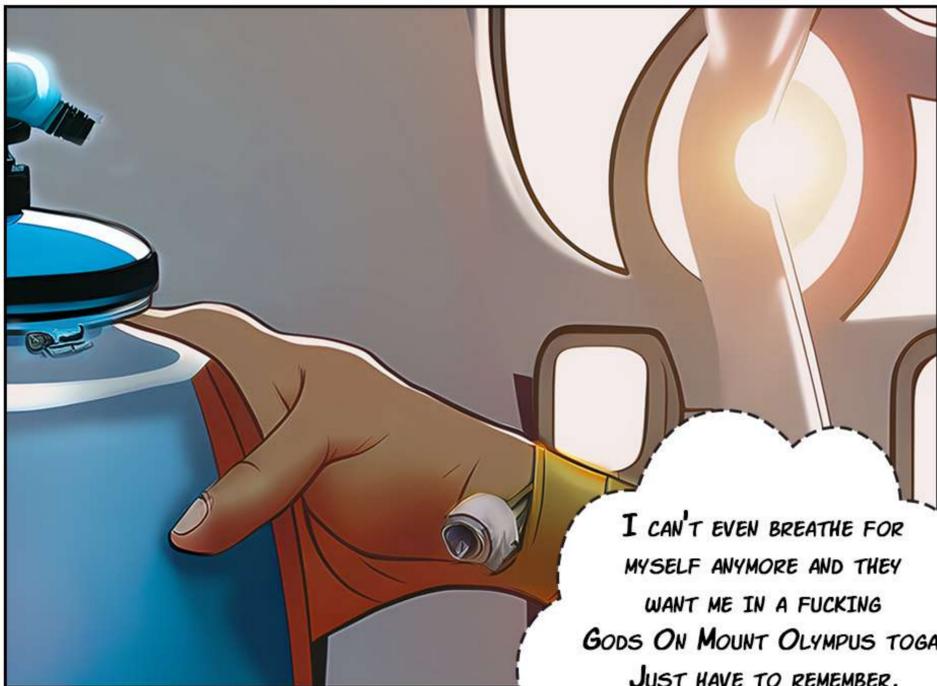
AND EVERYONE ELSE IS ON BOARD?



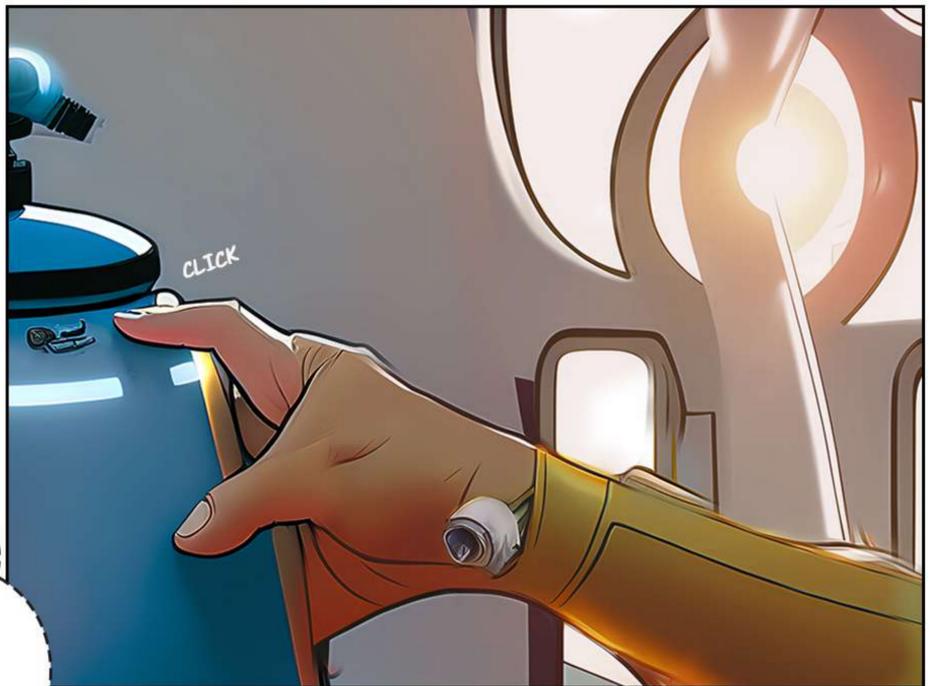
EVERYONE.  
THE SAVANT, THE UTOPIAN.  
EVERYONE. THE TECHNOCRAT HAS ALREADY GOT HER OWN PR CREW WORKING ON REVISIONS. LOOK, DEAR, IT'S NOT FOR ME TO TELL YOU WHAT TO DO, BUT THE SIX OF YOU DID APPROACH ME TO MANAGE CROSSOVER PR. YOU ASKED FOR MY PITCH, AND THEN ASKED ME TO DELIVER. I'M NOT HERE TO TWIST YOUR ARM. I'M HERE TO ADVISE.  
...  
AND SILENTLY JUDGE.



OK, FINE. I'LL PUT MY TEAM ON IT - DELIVER AS IS. GOOD DAY, EDINA.



I CAN'T EVEN BREATHE FOR MYSELF ANYMORE AND THEY WANT ME IN A FUCKING GODS ON MOUNT OLYMPUS TOGA. JUST HAVE TO REMEMBER, LONG TERM, I'VE GOT NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT.

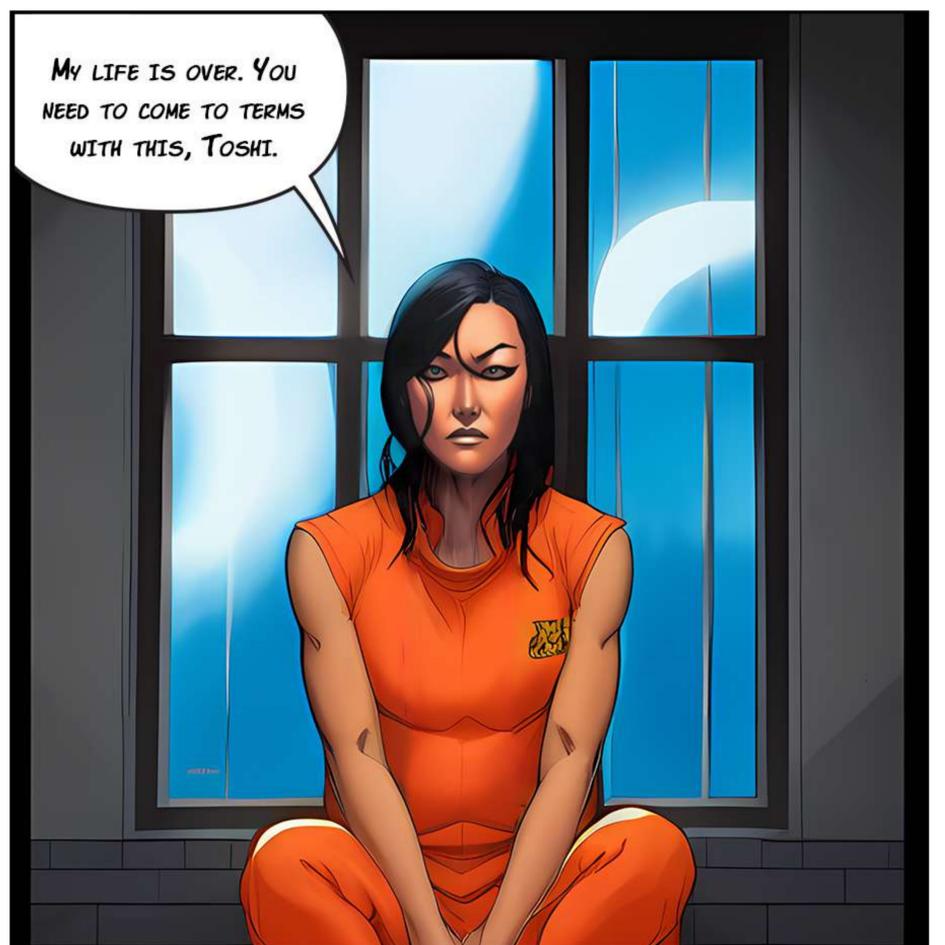




CHANGI PRISON COMPLEX, SINGAPORE



CAN WE STAY FOCUSED,  
PLEASE, REN? I MEAN,  
THIS IS JUST YOUR  
LIFE WE'RE TALKING  
ABOUT HERE.



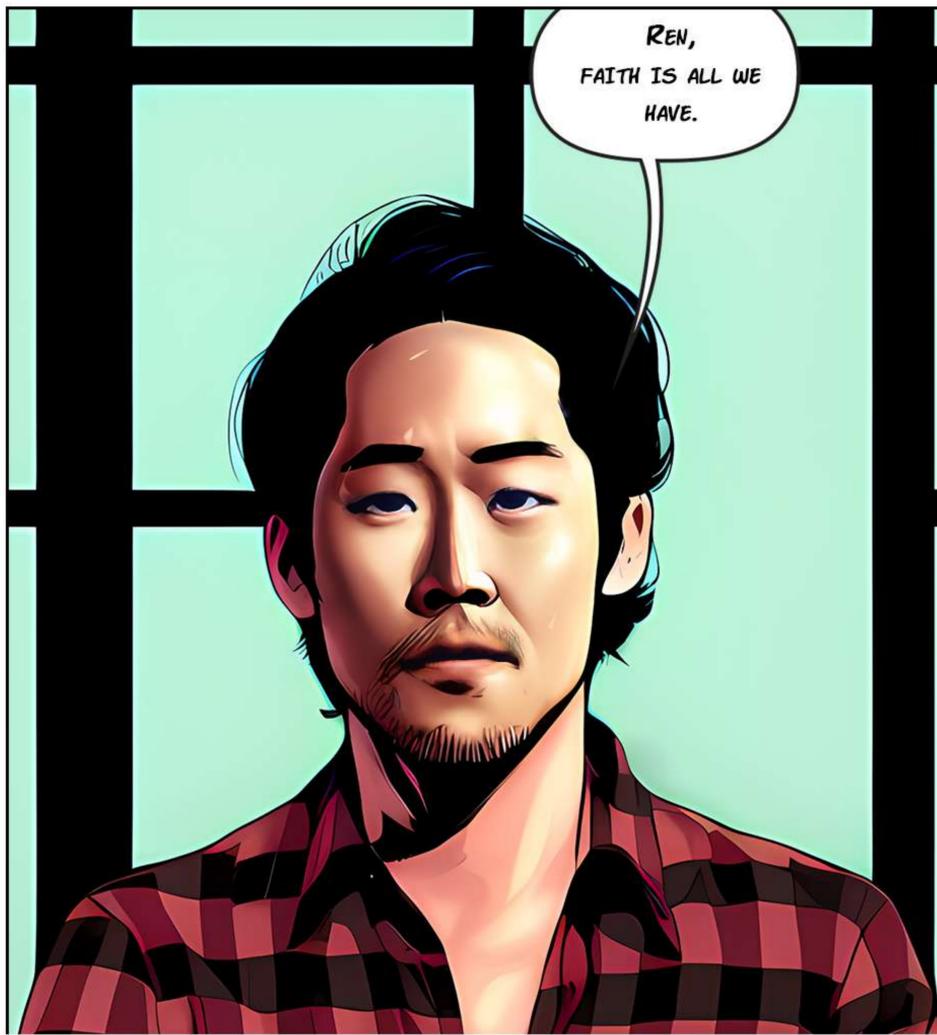
MY LIFE IS OVER. YOU  
NEED TO COME TO TERMS  
WITH THIS, TOSHI.



YOUR LIFE IS *\*NOT\** OVER. DON'T SAY THAT. THERE ARE STILL OPTIONS.



I CAN'T BELIEVE THAT YOU'RE STILL KEEPING THE FAITH AFTER ALL THAT'S HAPPENED...



REN, FAITH IS ALL WE HAVE.



I DON'T WANT YOU TO WASTE YOUR TIME ON THIS - OR ANY OF THE FAMILY FOR THAT MATTER. YOU ALL HAVE A FUTURE AHEAD OF YOU.



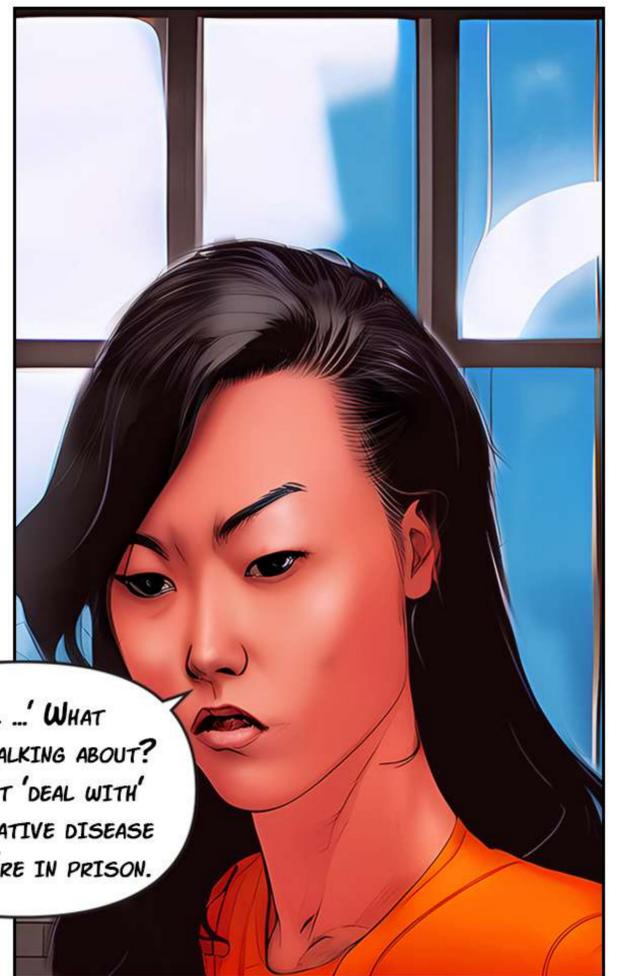
SO DO YOU! YOUR SENTENCE IS ONLY FOUR MORE YEARS, AND I'M WORKING ON THE PAPERWORK FOR THE NEXT APPEAL!



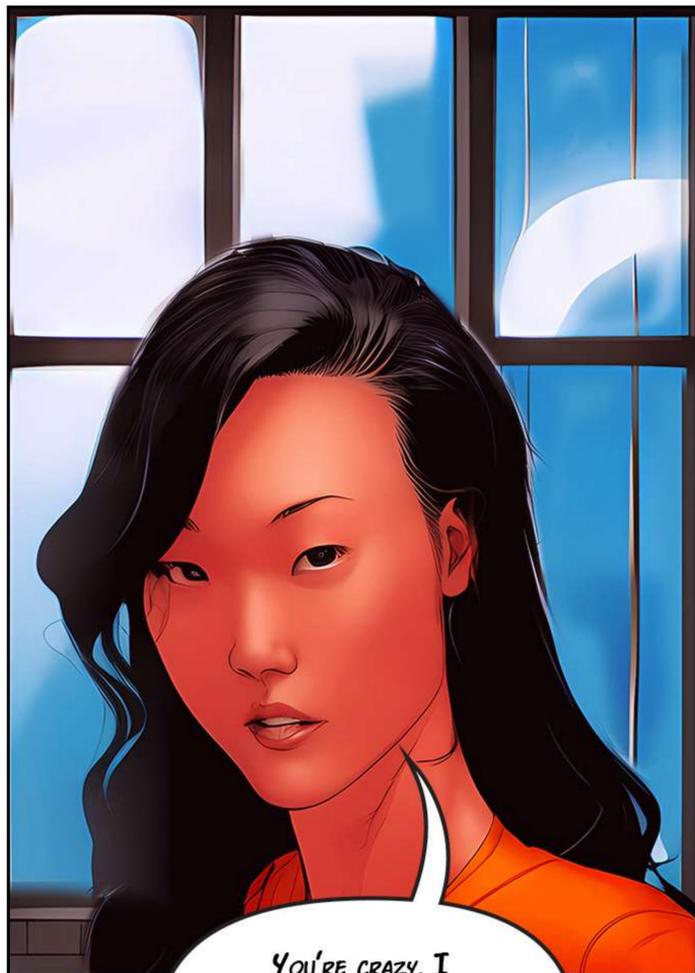
ARE YOU JUST IGNORING THE STARFALL DIAGNOSIS? BECAUSE THAT'S GOING TO KILL ME LONG BEFORE THEN.



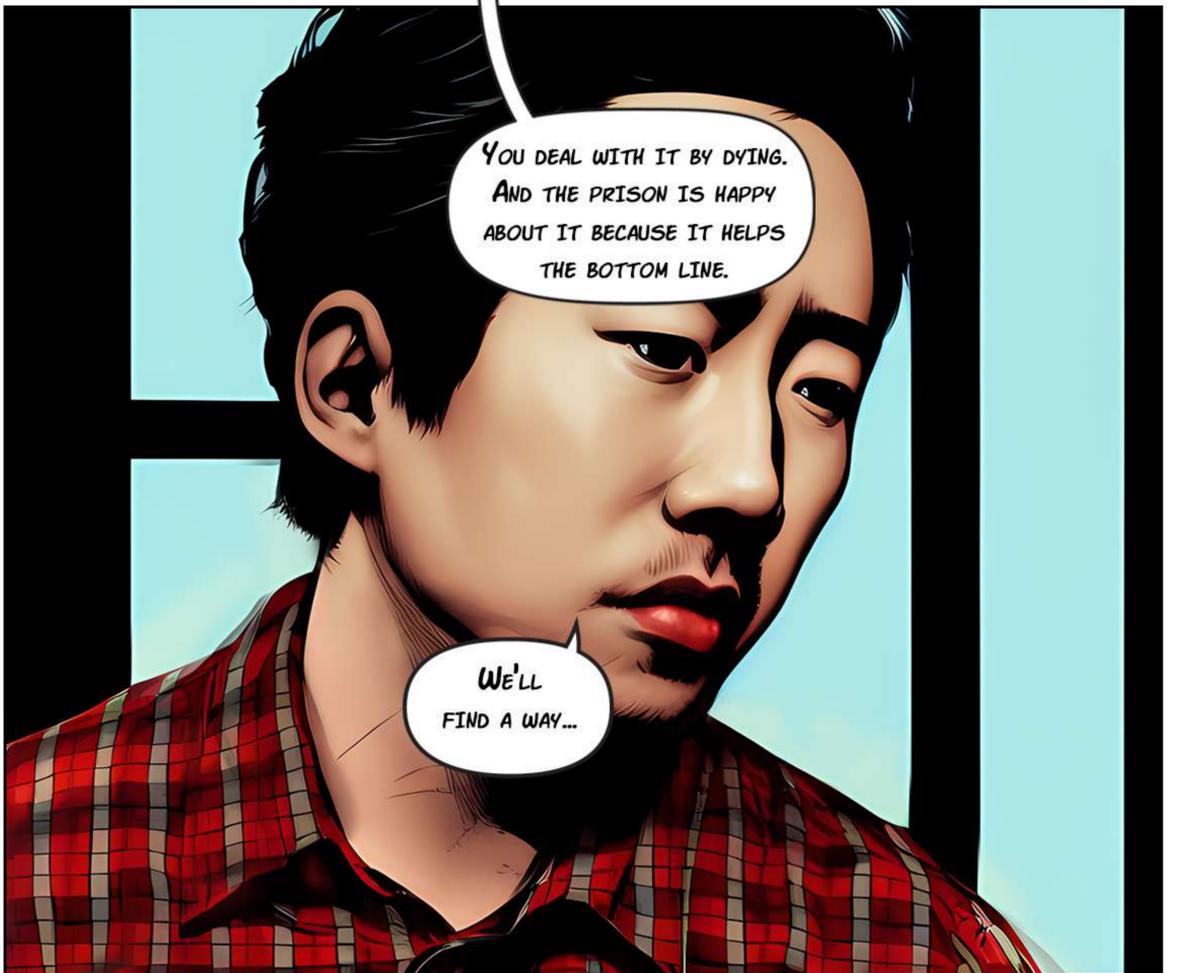
WELL, THAT'S A DIFFERENT PROBLEM TO DEAL WITH.



'TO DEAL ...' WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT? YOU DON'T 'DEAL WITH' A DEGENERATIVE DISEASE WHEN YOU'RE IN PRISON.



YOU'RE CRAZY. I MEAN, THANK YOU FOR WHAT YOU HAVE DONE, BUT YOU'RE CRAZY AND I WANT YOU TO STOP.

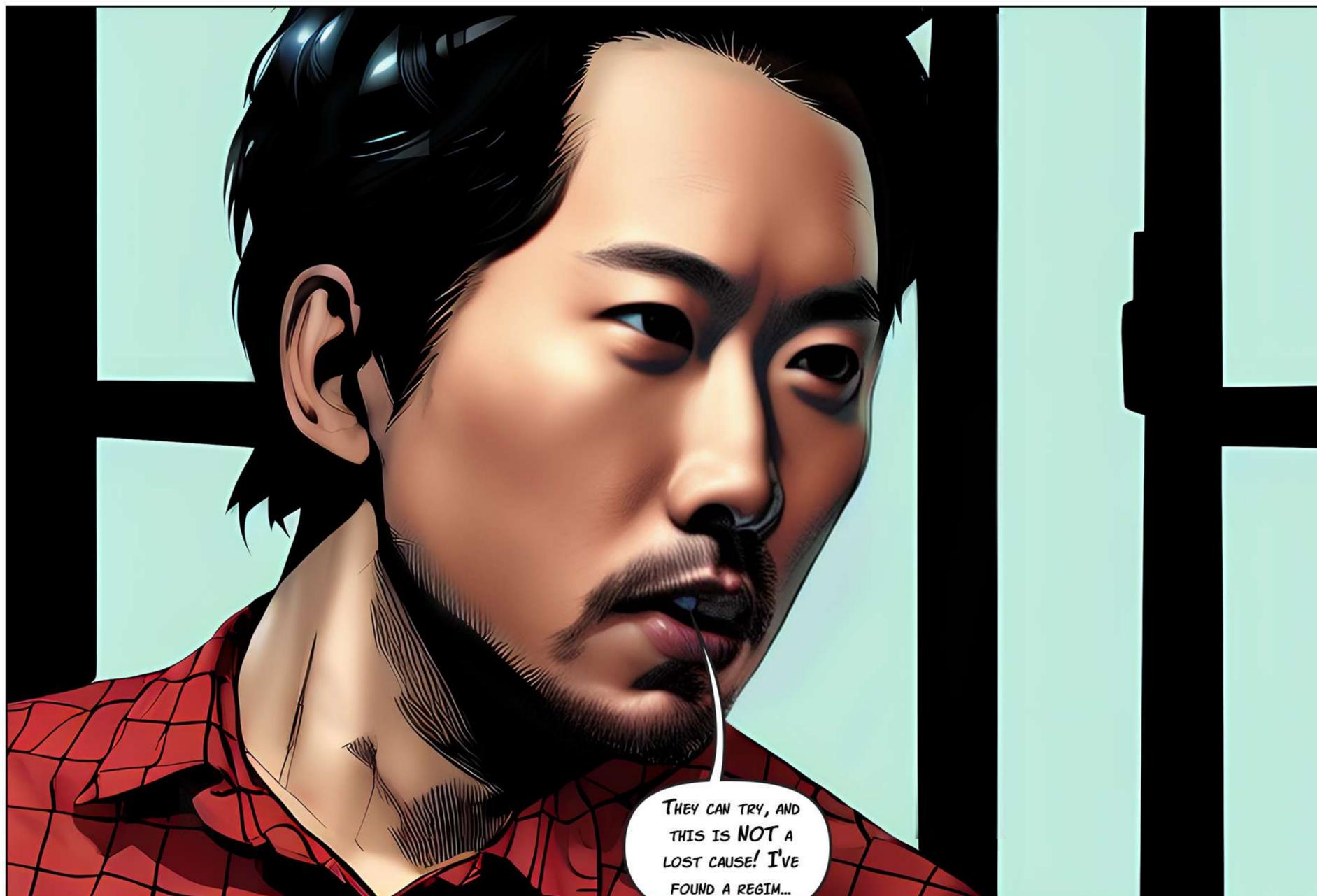


YOU DEAL WITH IT BY DYING. AND THE PRISON IS HAPPY ABOUT IT BECAUSE IT HELPS THE BOTTOM LINE.

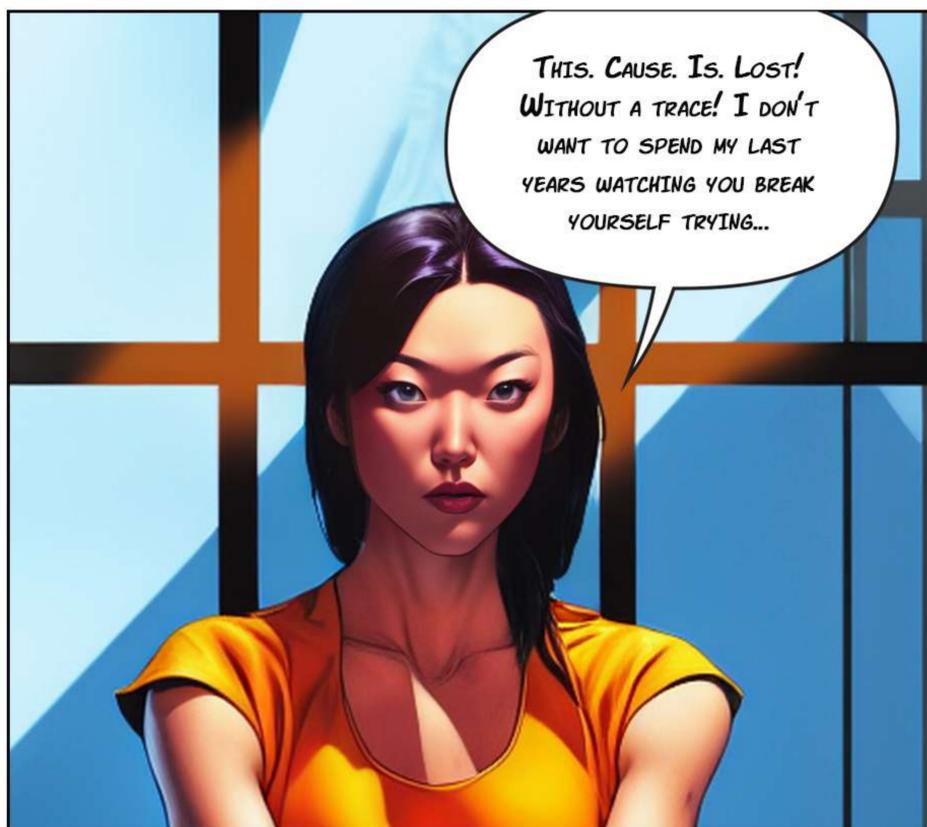
WE'LL FIND A WAY...



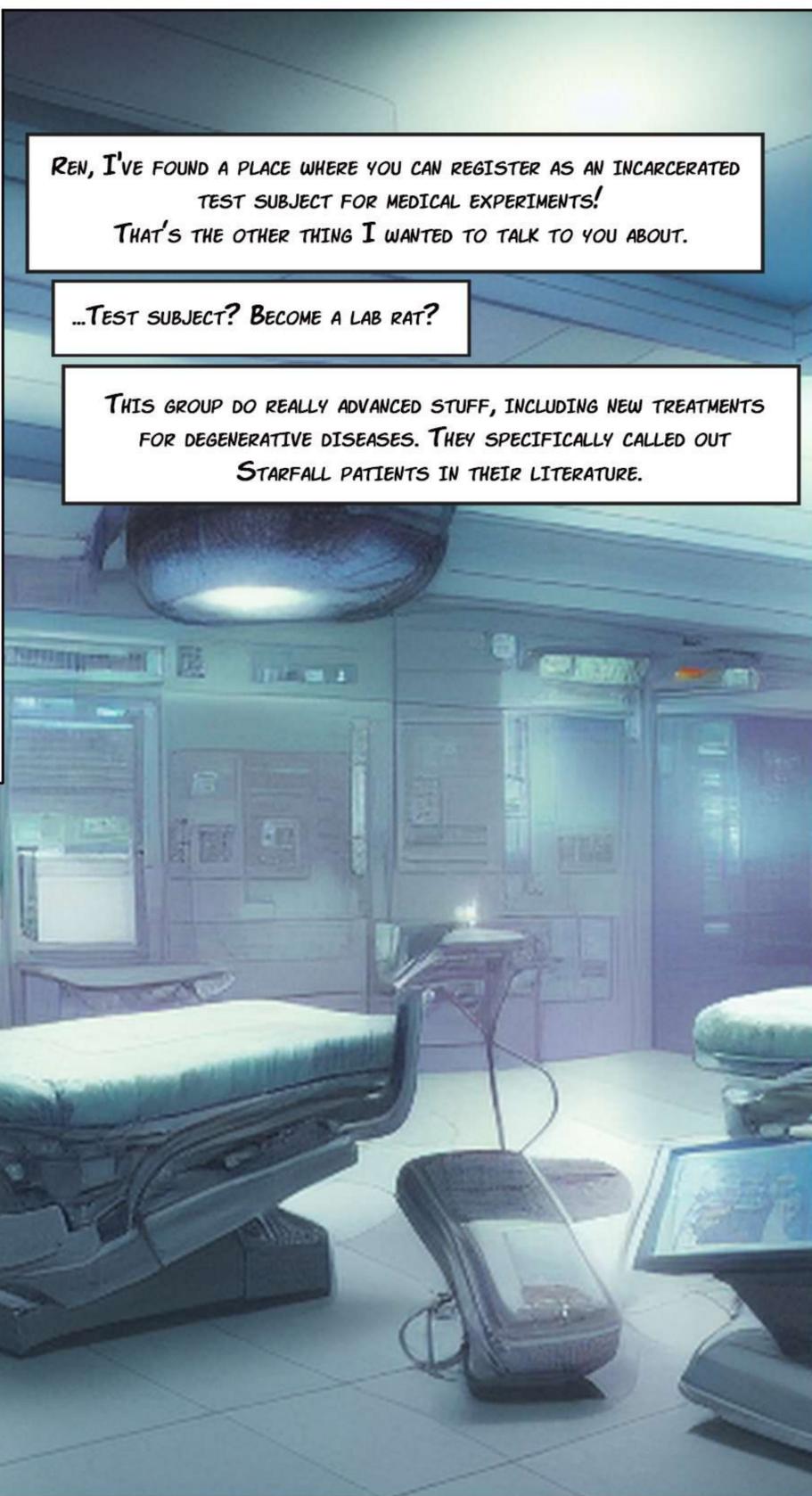
SERIOUSLY, YOU'RE NOT A LAWYER AND YOU HAVE A FAMILY TO FEED. I DON'T WANT YOU MISSING YOUR KIDS GROWING UP TRYING TO SAVE A DYING WOMAN BY FINDING A LEGAL LOOPHOLE THAT CLEARLY DOESN'T EXIST. AND EVEN IF IT DID, THEY DON'T WANT ME OUT - THEY'LL BEND OVER BACKWARDS TO DEFEAT YOU.



THEY CAN TRY, AND THIS IS NOT A LOST CAUSE! I'VE FOUND A REGIM...



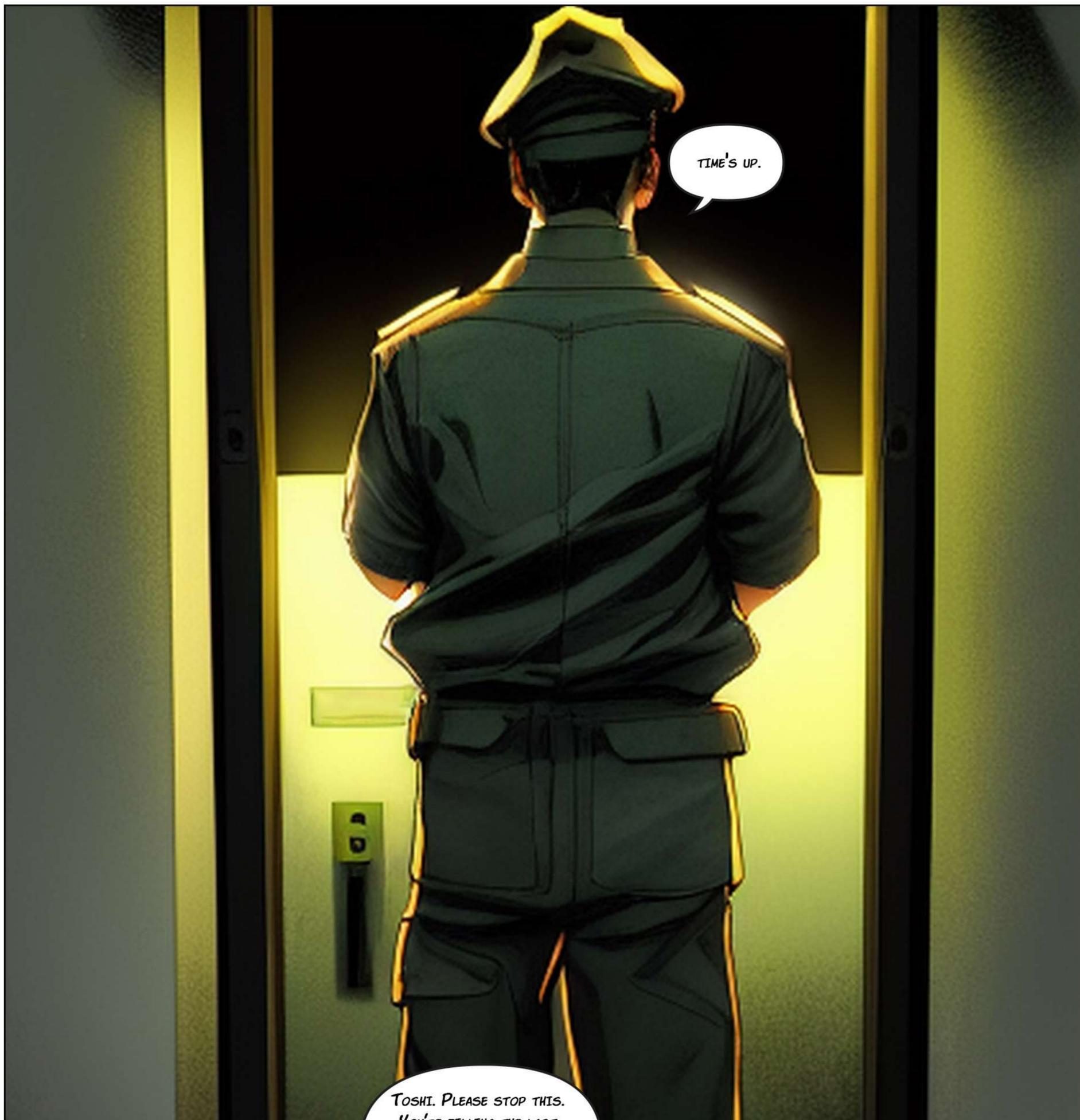
THIS. CAUSE. IS. LOST! WITHOUT A TRACE! I DON'T WANT TO SPEND MY LAST YEARS WATCHING YOU BREAK YOURSELF TRYING...



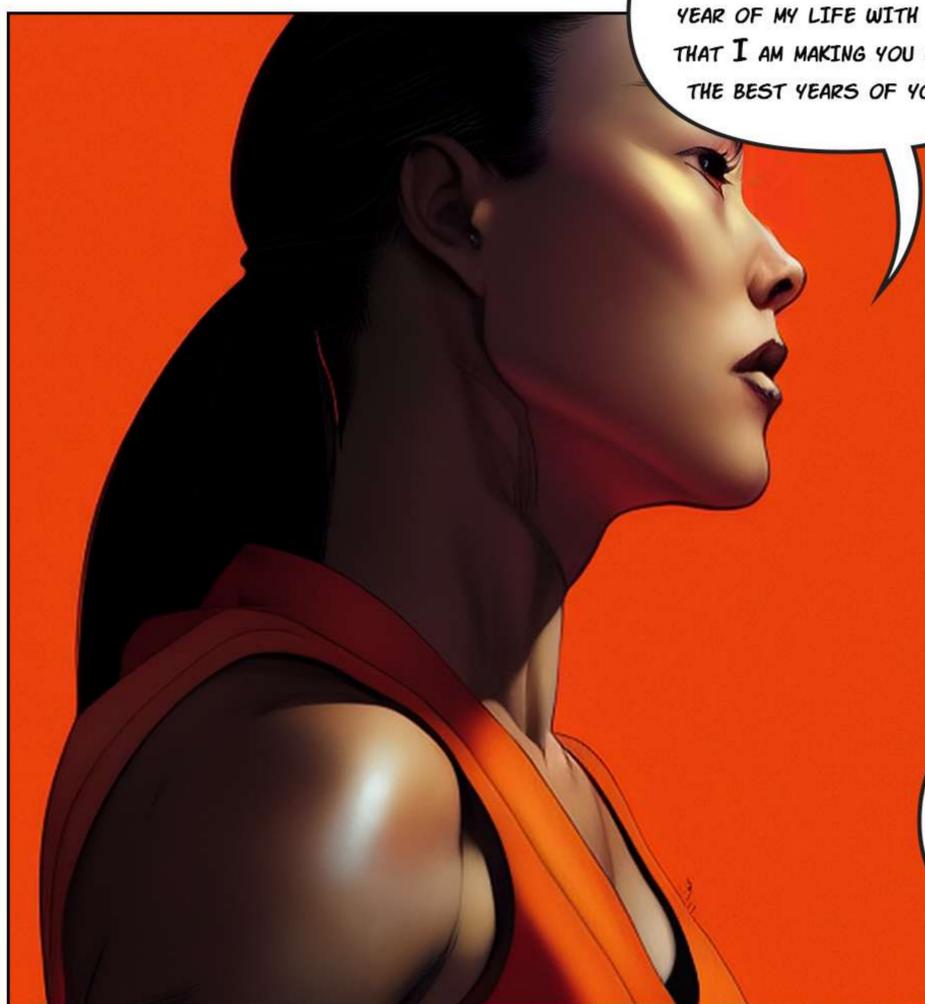
REN, I'VE FOUND A PLACE WHERE YOU CAN REGISTER AS AN INCARCERATED TEST SUBJECT FOR MEDICAL EXPERIMENTS! THAT'S THE OTHER THING I WANTED TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT.

...TEST SUBJECT? BECOME A LAB RAT?

THIS GROUP DO REALLY ADVANCED STUFF, INCLUDING NEW TREATMENTS FOR DEGENERATIVE DISEASES. THEY SPECIFICALLY CALLED OUT STARFALL PATIENTS IN THEIR LITERATURE.



TIME'S UP.



TOSHI. PLEASE STOP THIS.  
YOU'RE FILLING THE LAST  
YEAR OF MY LIFE WITH GUILT  
THAT I AM MAKING YOU WASTE  
THE BEST YEARS OF YOURS.



WELL... THAT'S WHAT BIG  
BROTHERS ARE FOR REN...  
THIS CONVERSATION ISN'T  
OVER. STAY SAFE LITTLE  
SIS.



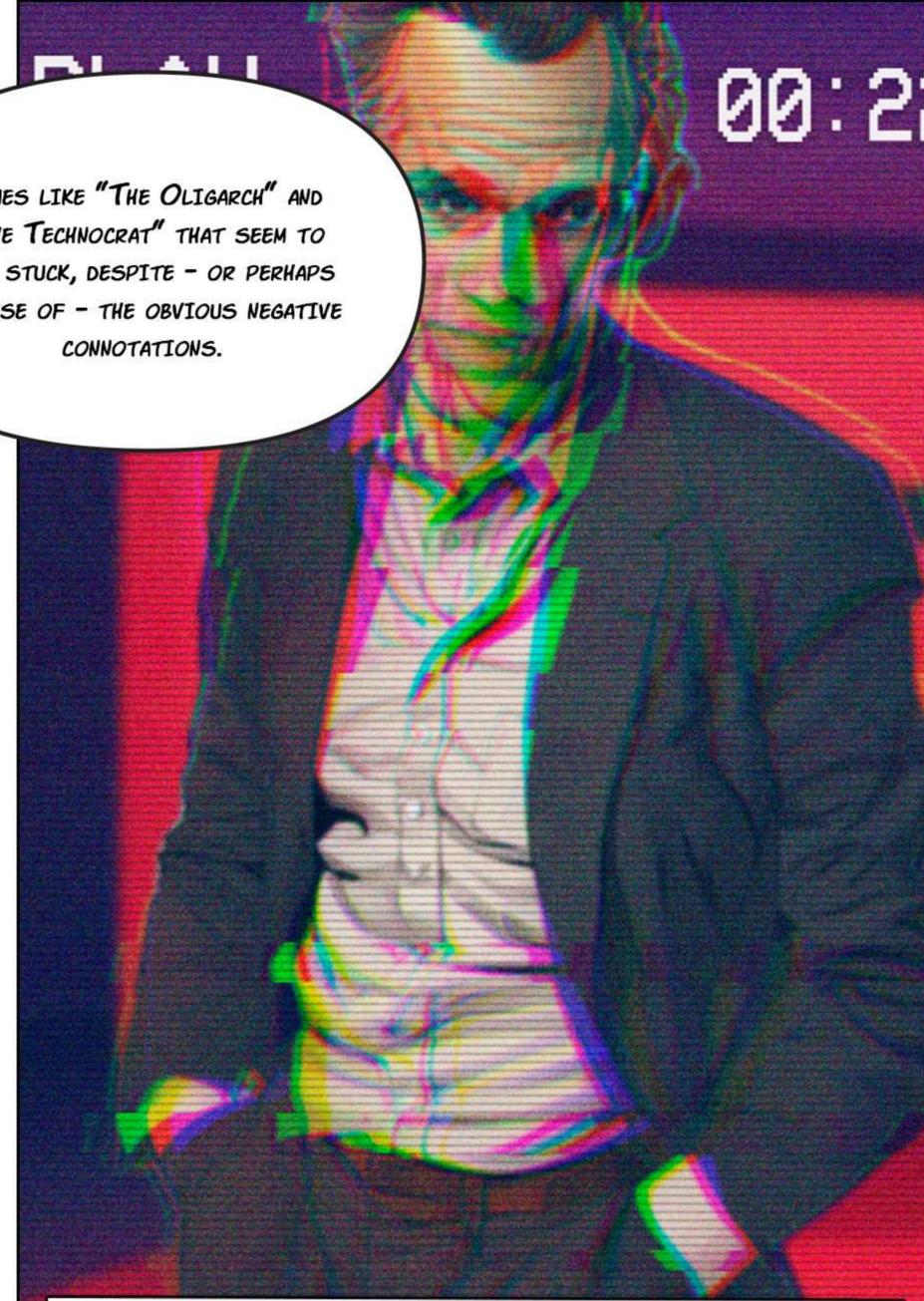


IT  
BECAME A VIRAL  
SENSATION. I WAS SO  
PROUD... UNTIL I REALISED  
THAT MY MESSAGE HAD  
COMPLETELY MISSED THE MARK.

THE VIRALITY BELONGED TO  
THE NAMES THAT I HAD GIVEN  
EACH OF THE SIX BILLIONAIRE  
TECH CEOs THAT WE NOW CALL  
"OUR SAVIOURS"

JOCULAR REFERENCES THAT,  
BIZARRELY, LODGED IN THE  
GLOBAL POPULAR  
CONSCIOUSNESS.

NAMES LIKE "THE OLIGARCH" AND  
"THE TECHNOCRAT" THAT SEEM TO  
HAVE STUCK, DESPITE - OR PERHAPS  
BECAUSE OF - THE OBVIOUS NEGATIVE  
CONNOTATIONS.



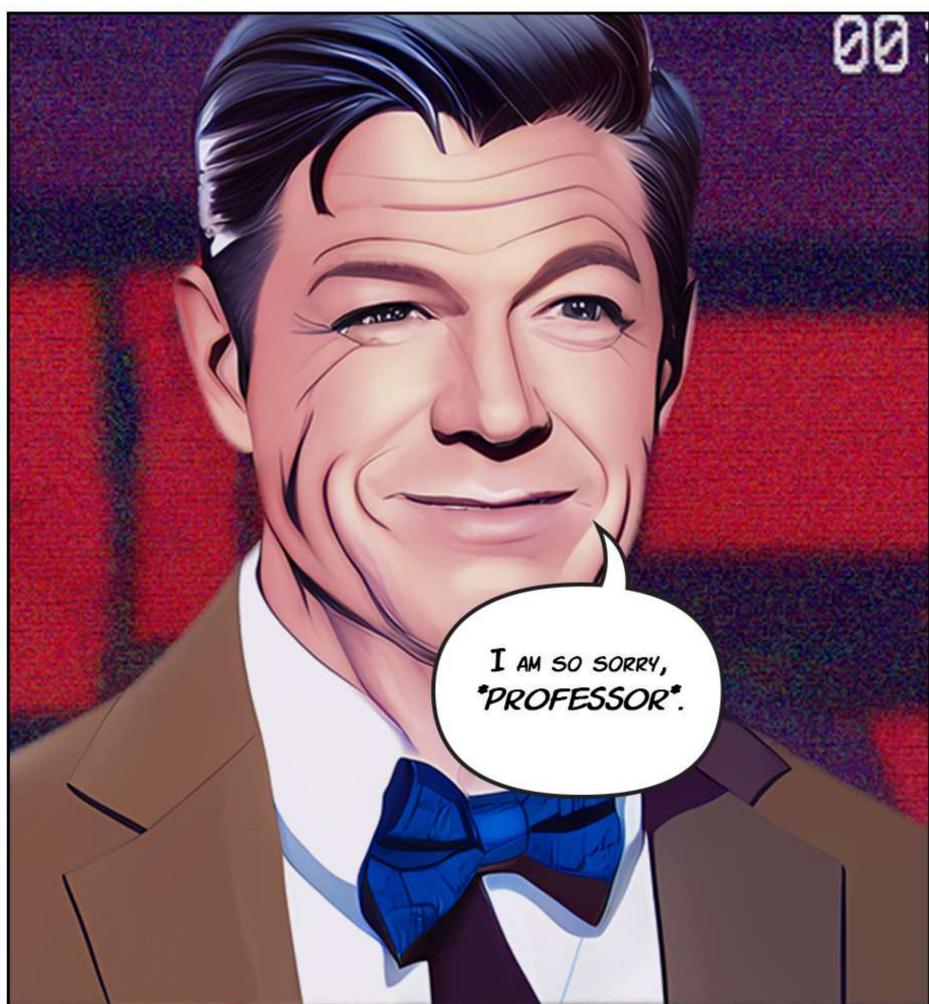
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THAT WAS KEVIN DEWSON SPEAKING 5 MONTHS AGO AT A  
... DESIGN EVENT? ONCE A WRITER FOR THE NEW YORKER, AND NOW A TEACHER  
IN NEW YORK. WE HAVE MISTER KEVIN DEWSON HERE IN THE STUDIO TO  
EXPLAIN HIMSELF...

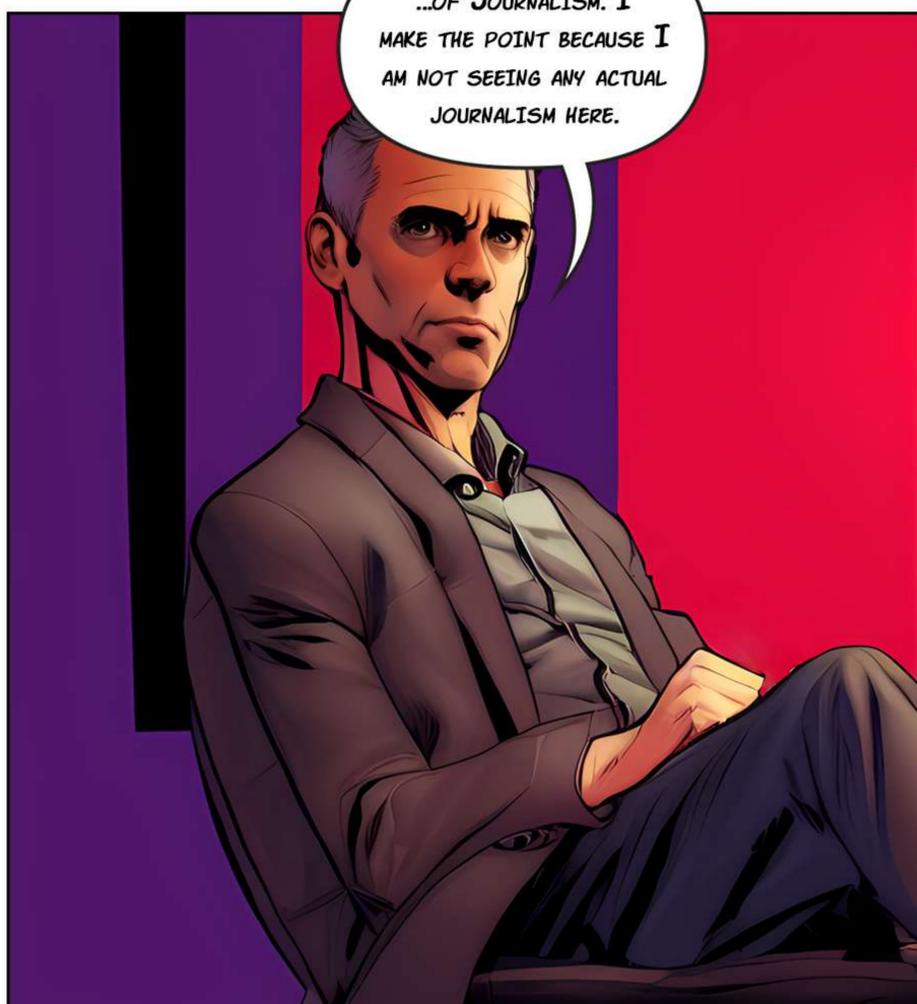


It's  
NOT HARD TO SEE  
YOUR FLAGRANT ANIMOSITY  
TOWARD HUMANITY'S  
SAVIOURS. WHY ARE YOU SO  
BITTER?

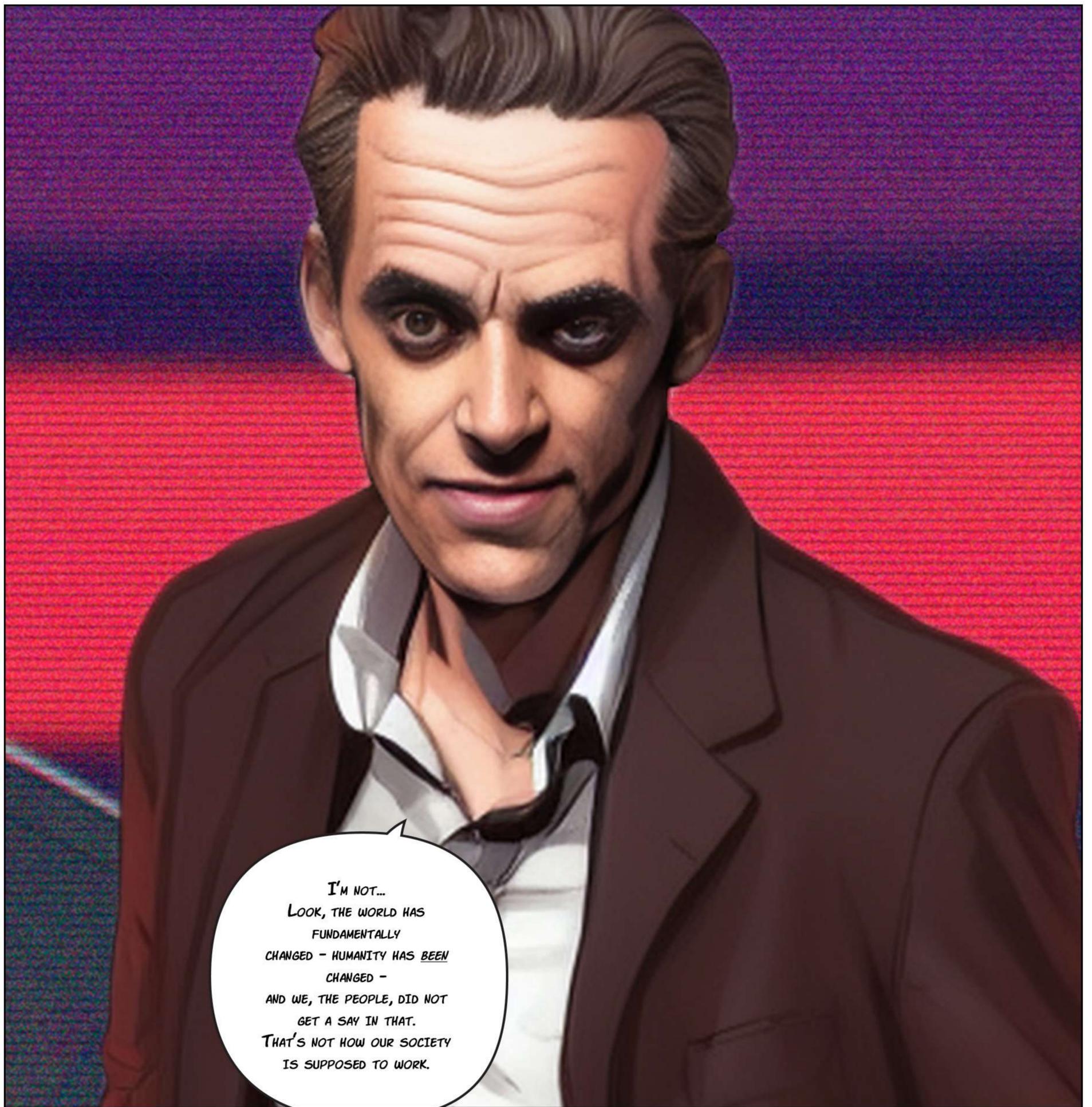
FIRST OF ALL, IT'S  
\*PROFESSOR\* DEWSON.  
PROFESSOR OF JOURNALISM  
AT COLUMBIA.



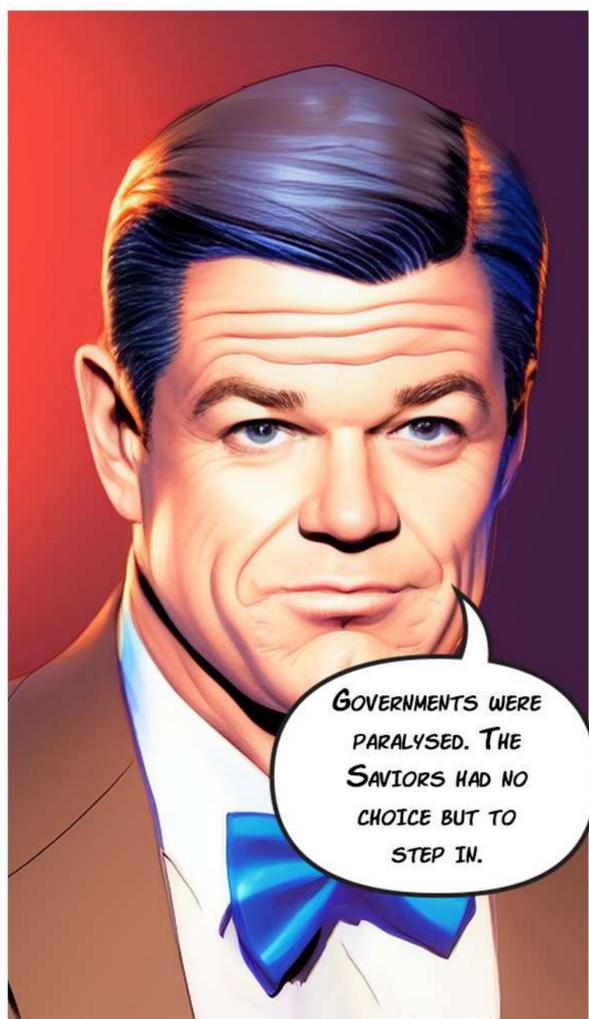
I AM SO SORRY,  
\*PROFESSOR\*.



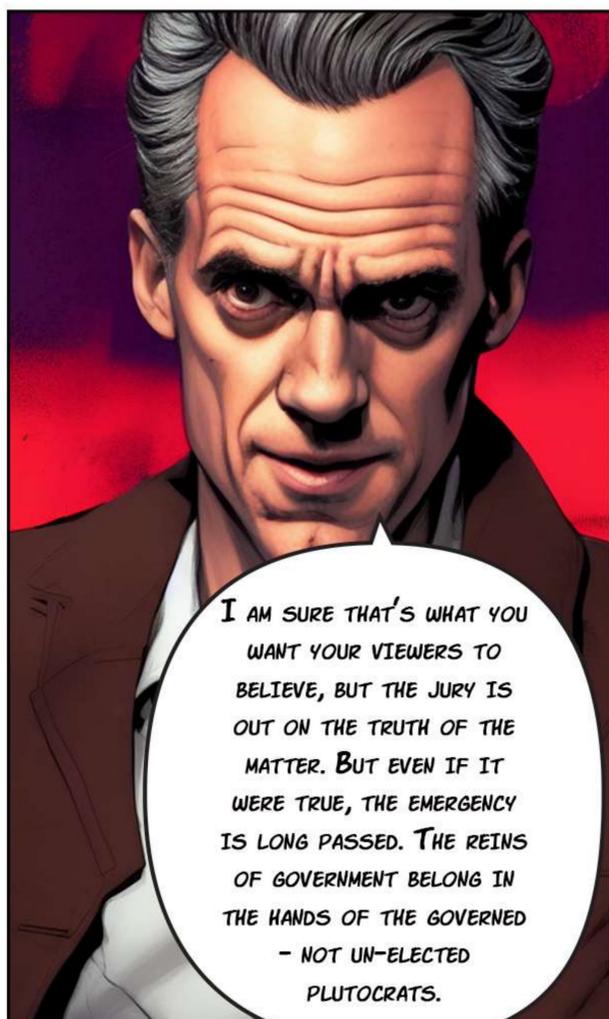
...OF JOURNALISM. I  
MAKE THE POINT BECAUSE I  
AM NOT SEEING ANY ACTUAL  
JOURNALISM HERE.



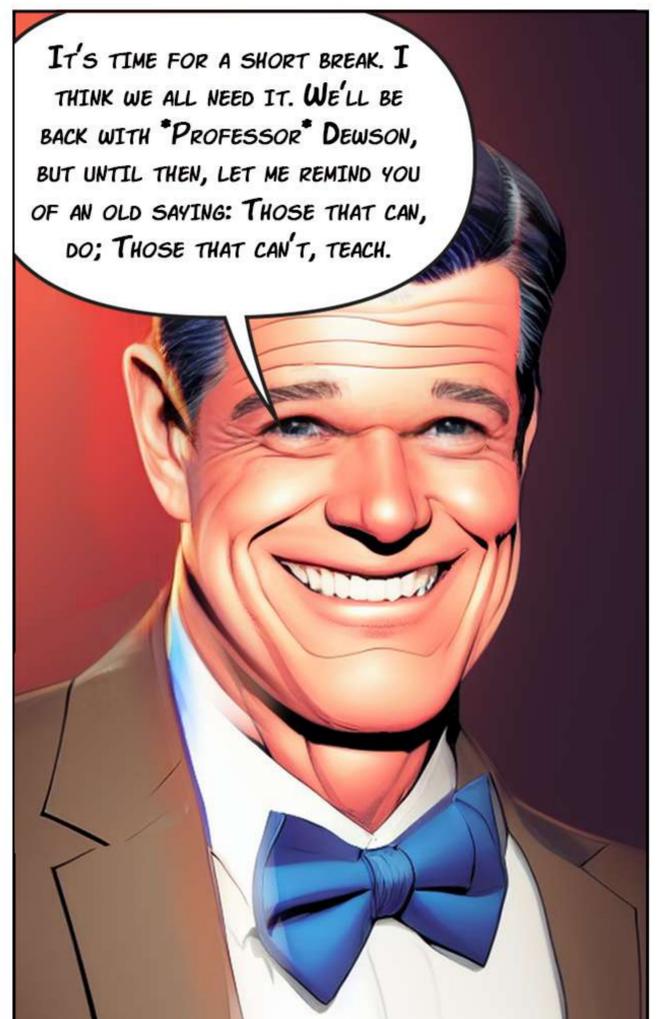
I'M NOT...  
LOOK, THE WORLD HAS  
FUNDAMENTALLY  
CHANGED - HUMANITY HAS BEEEN  
CHANGED -  
AND WE, THE PEOPLE, DID NOT  
GET A SAY IN THAT.  
THAT'S NOT HOW OUR SOCIETY  
IS SUPPOSED TO WORK.



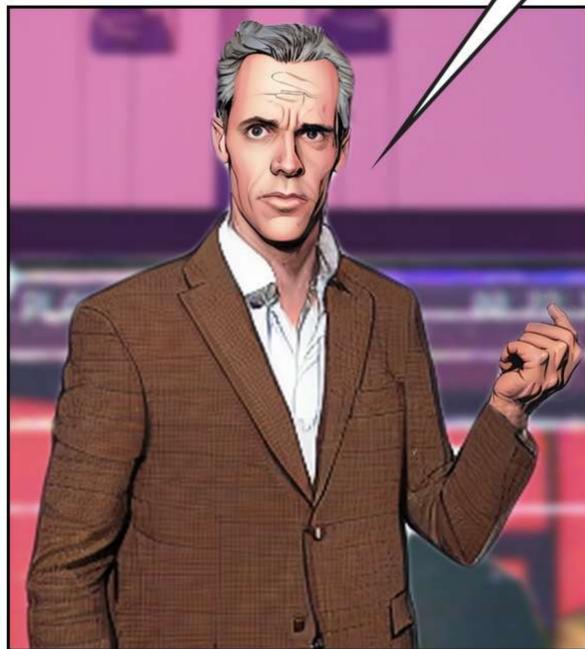
GOVERNMENTS WERE  
PARALYSED. THE  
SAVIORS HAD NO  
CHOICE BUT TO  
STEP IN.



I AM SURE THAT'S WHAT YOU  
WANT YOUR VIEWERS TO  
BELIEVE, BUT THE JURY IS  
OUT ON THE TRUTH OF THE  
MATTER. BUT EVEN IF IT  
WERE TRUE, THE EMERGENCY  
IS LONG PASSED. THE REINS  
OF GOVERNMENT BELONG IN  
THE HANDS OF THE GOVERNED  
- NOT UN-ELECTED  
PLUTOCRATS.

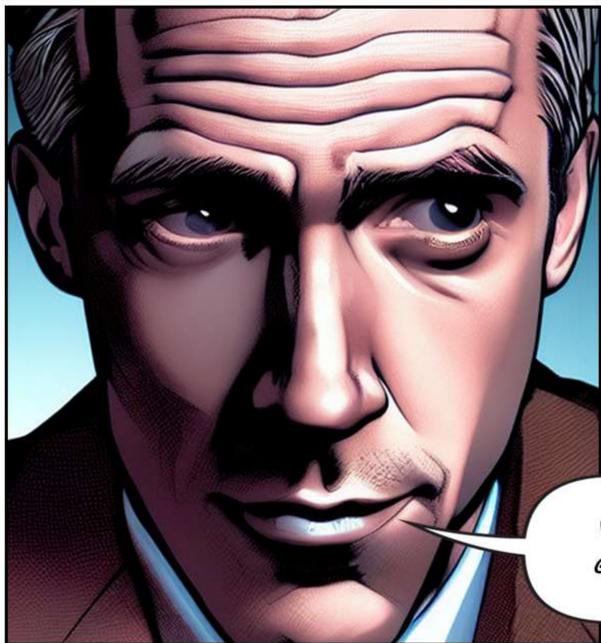


IT'S TIME FOR A SHORT BREAK. I  
THINK WE ALL NEED IT. WE'LL BE  
BACK WITH \*PROFESSOR\* DEWSON,  
BUT UNTIL THEN, LET ME REMIND YOU  
OF AN OLD SAYING: THOSE THAT CAN,  
DO; THOSE THAT CAN'T, TEACH.





DEFINITELY PRO-SAVIOUR.  
LOTS OF EMPHASIS ON  
GRATITUDE FOR DIRECT ACTION,  
IMPLYING A DEFERENCE FOR  
STRONG, UNCOMPROMISING  
LEADERSHIP.



VERY  
GOOD.

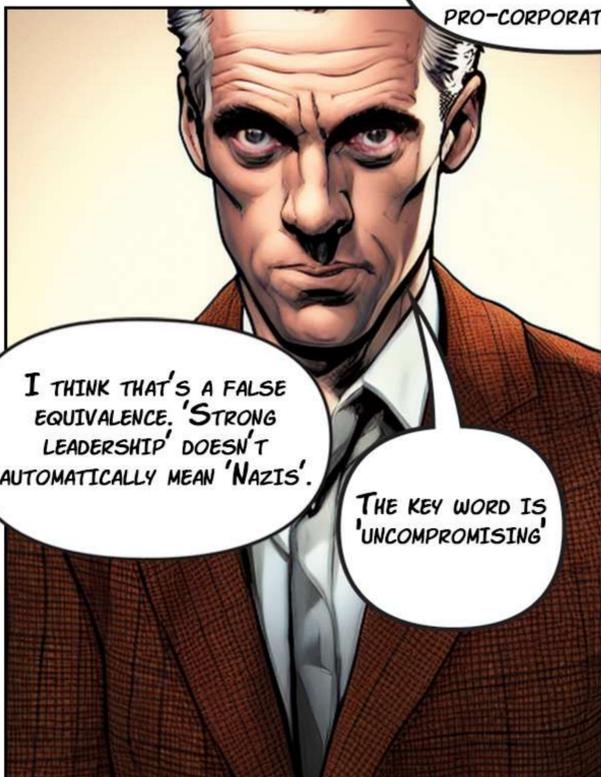
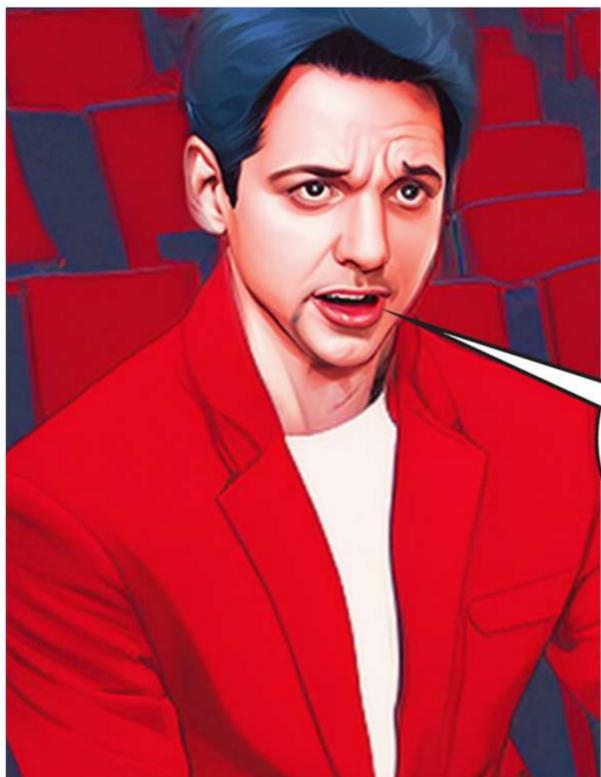


AND SO -'STRONG  
UNCOMPROMISING LEADERSHIP'  
IS A DOG WHISTLE FOR THE  
ANTI-DEMOCRATIC,  
PRO-CORPORATE RIGHT.



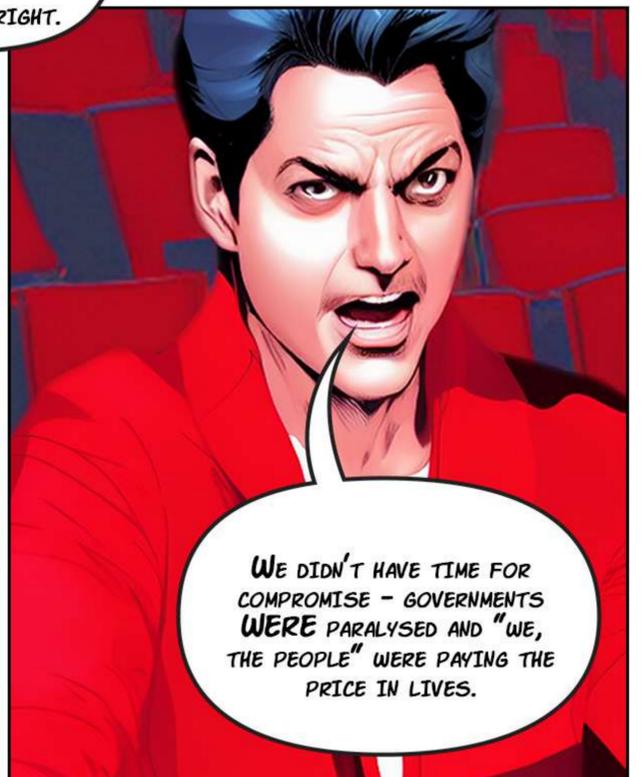
HE DOES PRIVATE MEDIA WATCH  
PARTIES AT HIS APARTMENT.  
INVITATION ONLY.  
VERY EDUCATIONAL.

I'M FEELING FAIRLY  
UNCOMPROMISING MYSELF  
HAHA.



I THINK THAT'S A FALSE  
EQUIVALENCE. 'STRONG  
LEADERSHIP' DOESN'T  
AUTOMATICALLY MEAN 'NAZIS'.

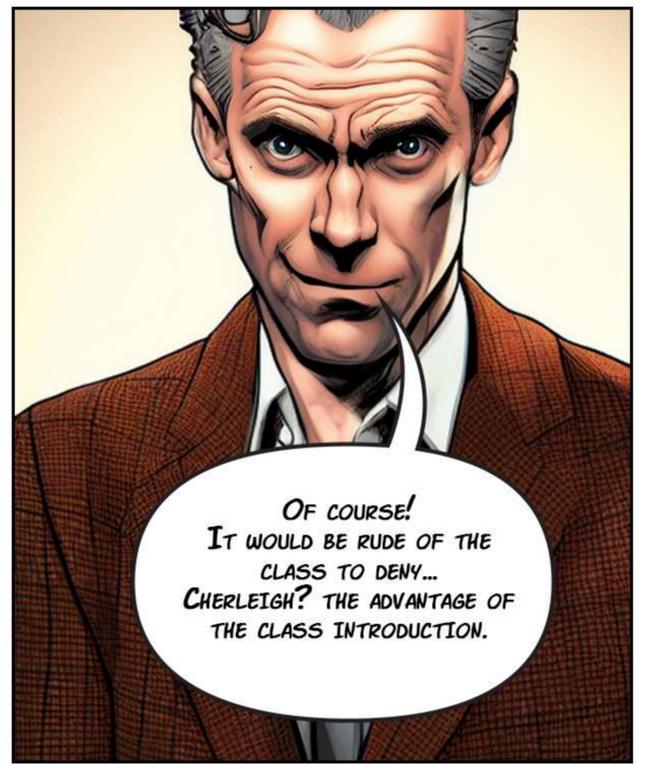
THE KEY WORD IS  
'UNCOMPROMISING'



WE DIDN'T HAVE TIME FOR  
COMPROMISE - GOVERNMENTS  
WERE PARALYSED AND "WE,  
THE PEOPLE" WERE PAYING THE  
PRICE IN LIVES.



PROFESSOR DEWSON, WE HAVE AN AMERICAN TRANSFER STUDENT IN THE CLASS. PERHAPS IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR HER IF WE RECAPPED THE SAVIOUR NAME REASONS? AGAIN?



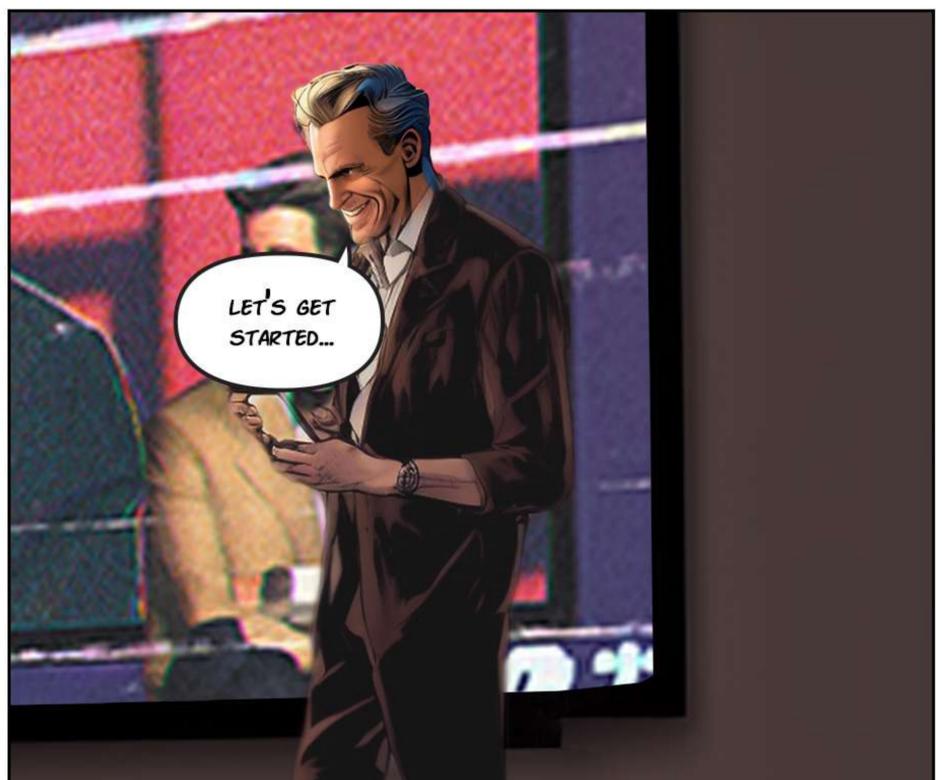
OF COURSE! IT WOULD BE RUDE OF THE CLASS TO DENY... CHERLEIGH? THE ADVANTAGE OF THE CLASS INTRODUCTION.



.. SLIDES, SLIDES... OK... WHEN I WROTE THE STORY, I WANTED TO CREATE DISTINCTIVE IDENTITIES FOR THE SIX BILLIONAIRE TECH CEOs THAT WE NOW CALL "OUR SAVIOURS".



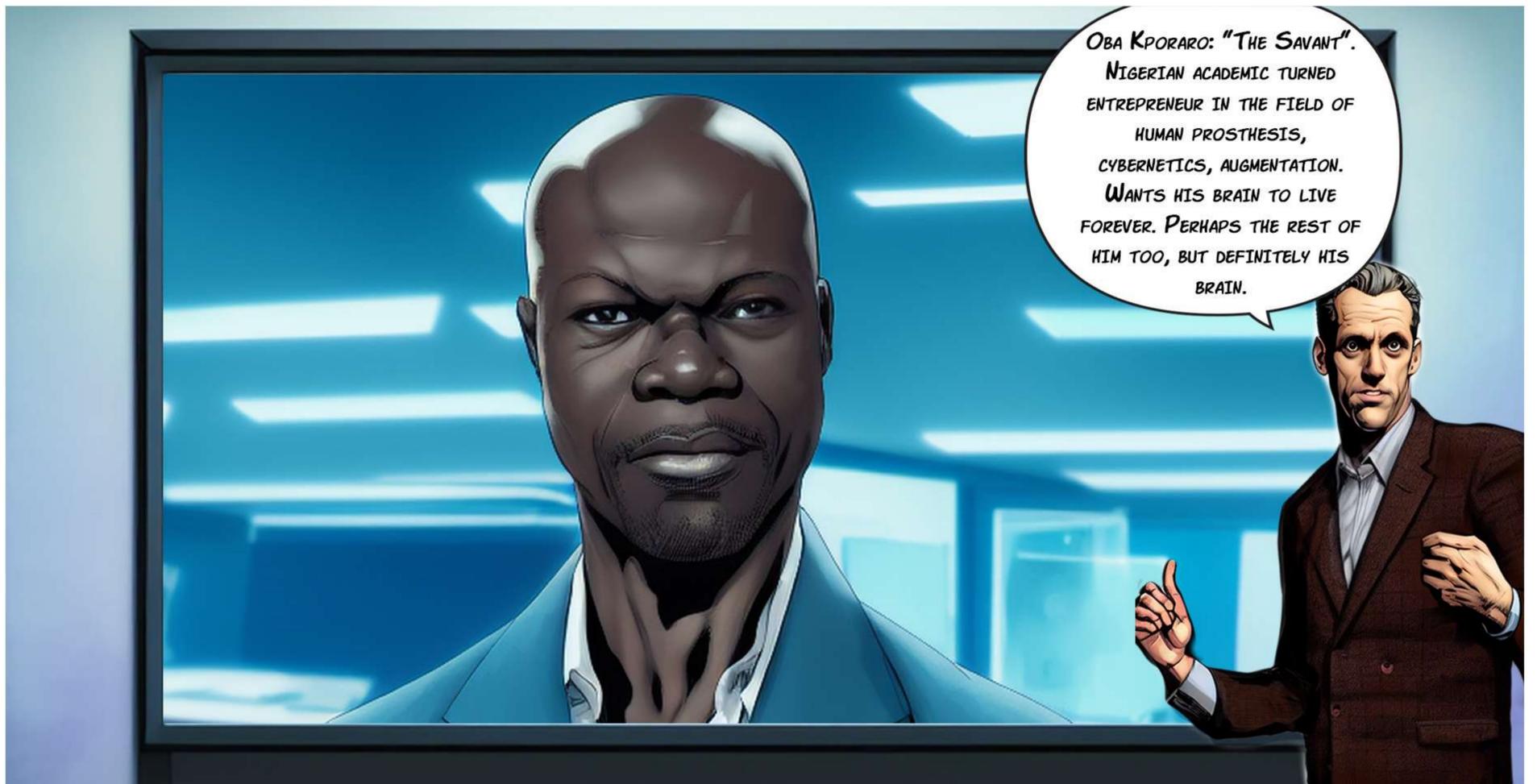
WHATEVER, LIKE I CAN LISTEN TO ALL THIS AGAIN.



LET'S GET STARTED...



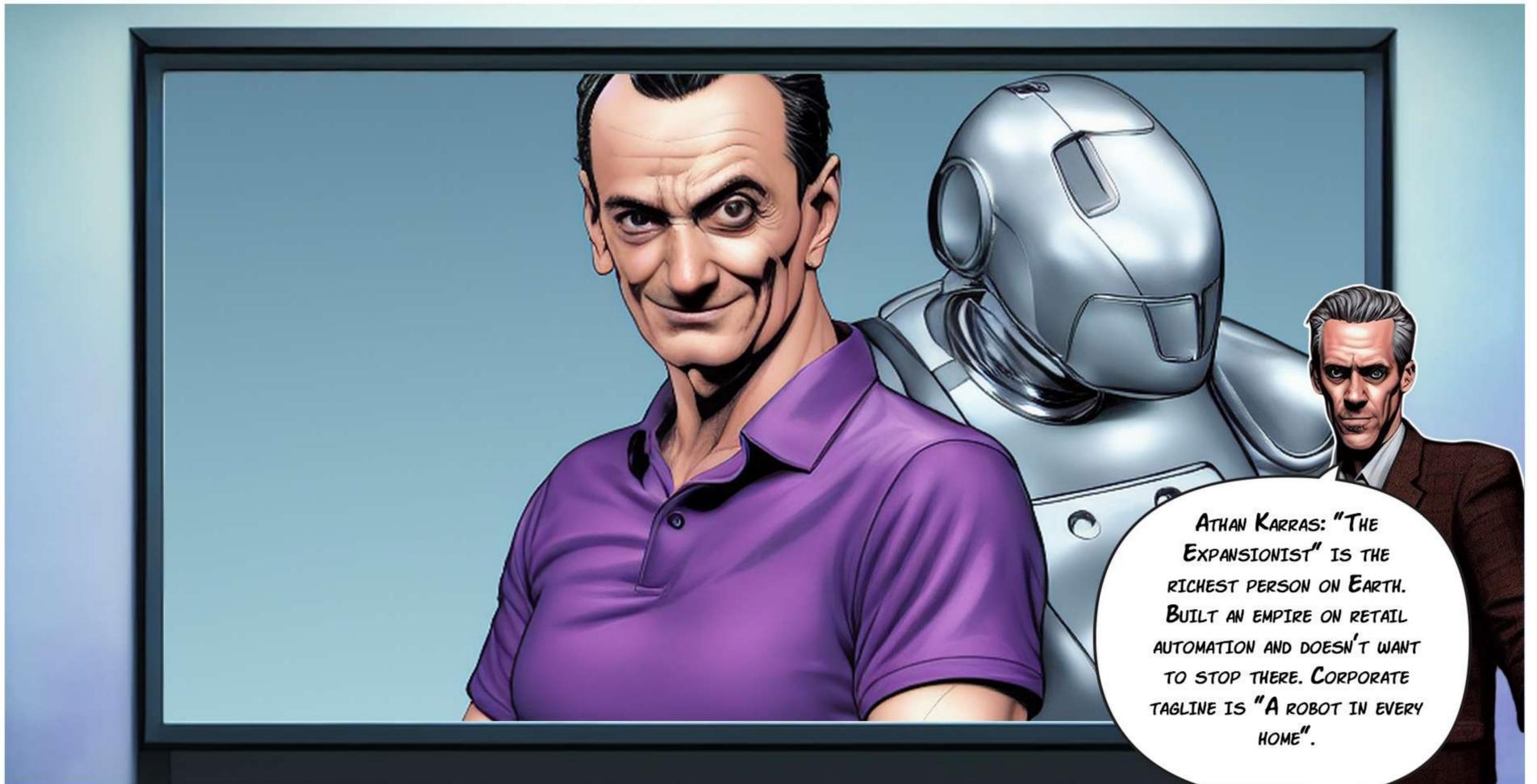
EDYTA FUNAR. I NAMED HER "THE OLIGARCH" AS MUCH FOR HER NOBLE EUROPEAN BLOOD AS HER INSUFFERABLY IMPERIOUS MANNER. PRIMARY BUSINESS INTERESTS ARE IN GENETIC MEDICINE, PROMISING A WORLD FREE OF SUFFERING.



Oba Kporaro: "The Savant". NIGERIAN ACADEMIC TURNED ENTREPRENEUR IN THE FIELD OF HUMAN PROSTHESIS, CYBERNETICS, AUGMENTATION. WANTS HIS BRAIN TO LIVE FOREVER. PERHAPS THE REST OF HIM TOO, BUT DEFINITELY HIS BRAIN.



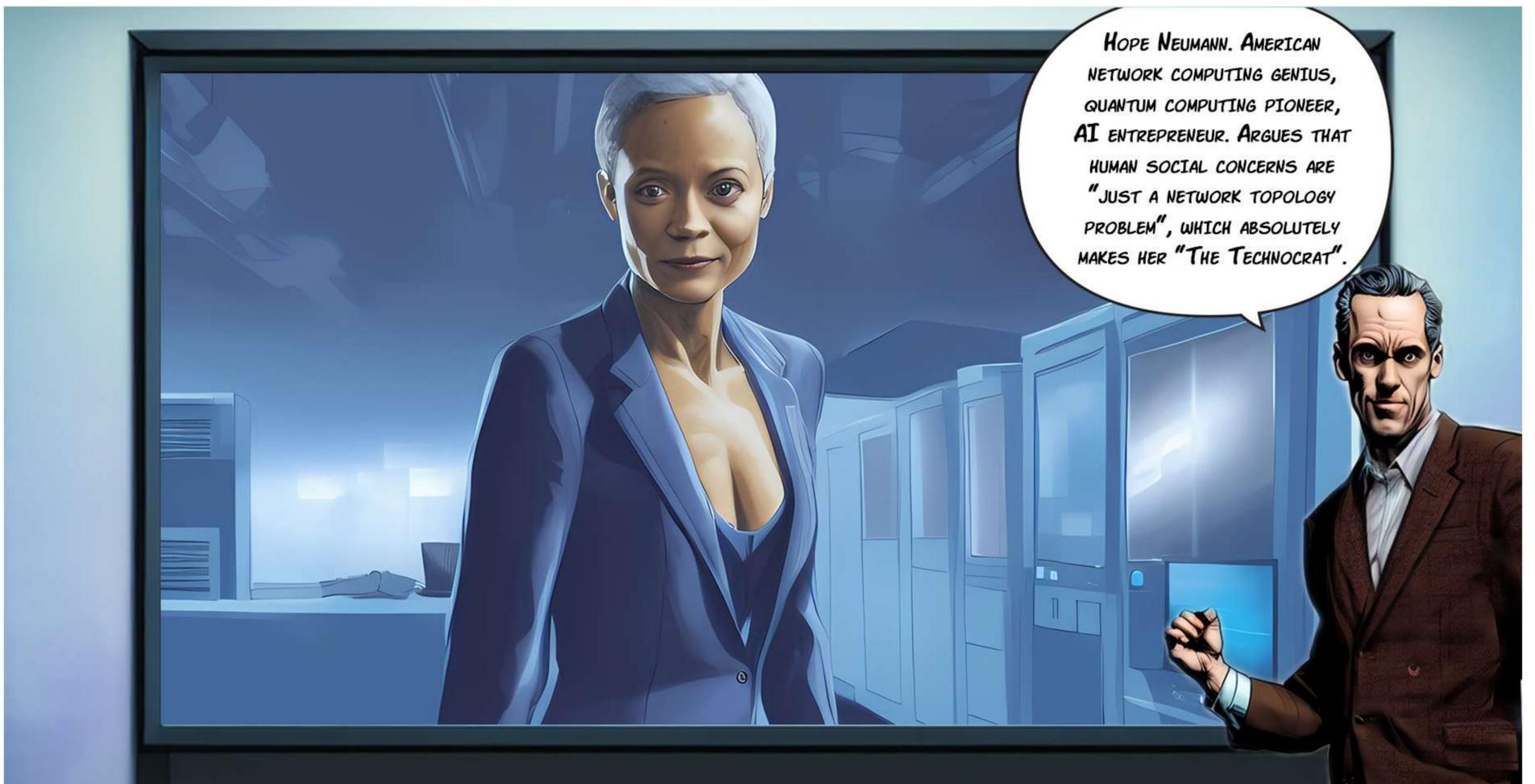
"THE VISIONARY". TRANG SU ARRIVED IN THE US AS A CHILD REFUGEE IN THE CLOSING DAYS OF THE ORIGINAL SPACE RACE. BUILT A ROCKETRY AND SPACE EXPLORATION ENTERPRISE FROM NEXT TO NOTHING, AND HAS HER SIGHTS SET NEXT ON MARS.



**ATHAN KARRAS: "THE EXPANSIONIST"** IS THE RICHEST PERSON ON EARTH. BUILT AN EMPIRE ON RETAIL AUTOMATION AND DOESN'T WANT TO STOP THERE. CORPORATE TAGLINE IS "A ROBOT IN EVERY HOME".



**"THE UTOPIAN": SAMROZE CHEN'S** DOMAIN IS PRETTY MUCH ALL LIFE SCIENCES. WITH CLIMATE COLLAPSE ON EVERY NATION'S AGENDA, HE'S BEING PAID A LOT OF MONEY TO TURN BACK THE TIDE. A TRUE BELIEVER IN A REBORN WORLD.



**HOPE NEUMANN. AMERICAN NETWORK COMPUTING GENIUS, QUANTUM COMPUTING PIONEER, AI ENTREPRENEUR. ARGUES THAT HUMAN SOCIAL CONCERNS ARE "JUST A NETWORK TOPOLOGY PROBLEM", WHICH ABSOLUTELY MAKES HER "THE TECHNOCRAT".**



THREE YEARS AGO, THESE SIX  
TECH BILLIONAIRE CEOs APPLIED  
THEIR CONSIDERABLE INTELLECT,  
EXPERTISE, AND ASTONISHING  
RESOURCES TO ADDRESS A GLOBAL  
EMERGENCY.

IN DOING SO, THEY ACTED WITHOUT  
AUTHORISATION. ILLEGALLY!  
TODAY, WE ARE LUCKY THEY WERE  
RIGHT. THEY AVERTED A GLOBAL  
CATASTROPHE.

IN THE AFTERMATH, A GRATEFUL  
WORLD FLOCKED TO THEM IN  
GRATITUDE, GRANTING THEM  
ENORMOUS POLITICAL CAPITAL.  
YES, THEY SAVED THE WORLD. BUT  
BEING RIGHT ONCE DOESN'T MAKE  
YOU A GOD.

WE HAVEN'T EVEN BEGUN TO COUNT THE  
COST. PRAY, HOPE THAT THE COST IS  
NOT PAID WITH YOUR FREEDOMS. AS I  
SAID AT THE END OF THE ORIGINAL  
STORY, "PUT NOT YOUR FAITH IN  
PRINCES \*OR GODS\*".

**NEXT: SAVIOR'S DAY PART 2**