

"FAR OUT!!" - CAT SPARKS, AUTHOR OF 'DARK HARVEST' & 'LOTUS BLUE'

AMONG FRIENDS

adventures across time and space

Part 2



Andrew Frost

Part 2

Across the Foam

"ONE DAY THE DAY WILL COME WHEN THE DAY WILL NOT COME..."

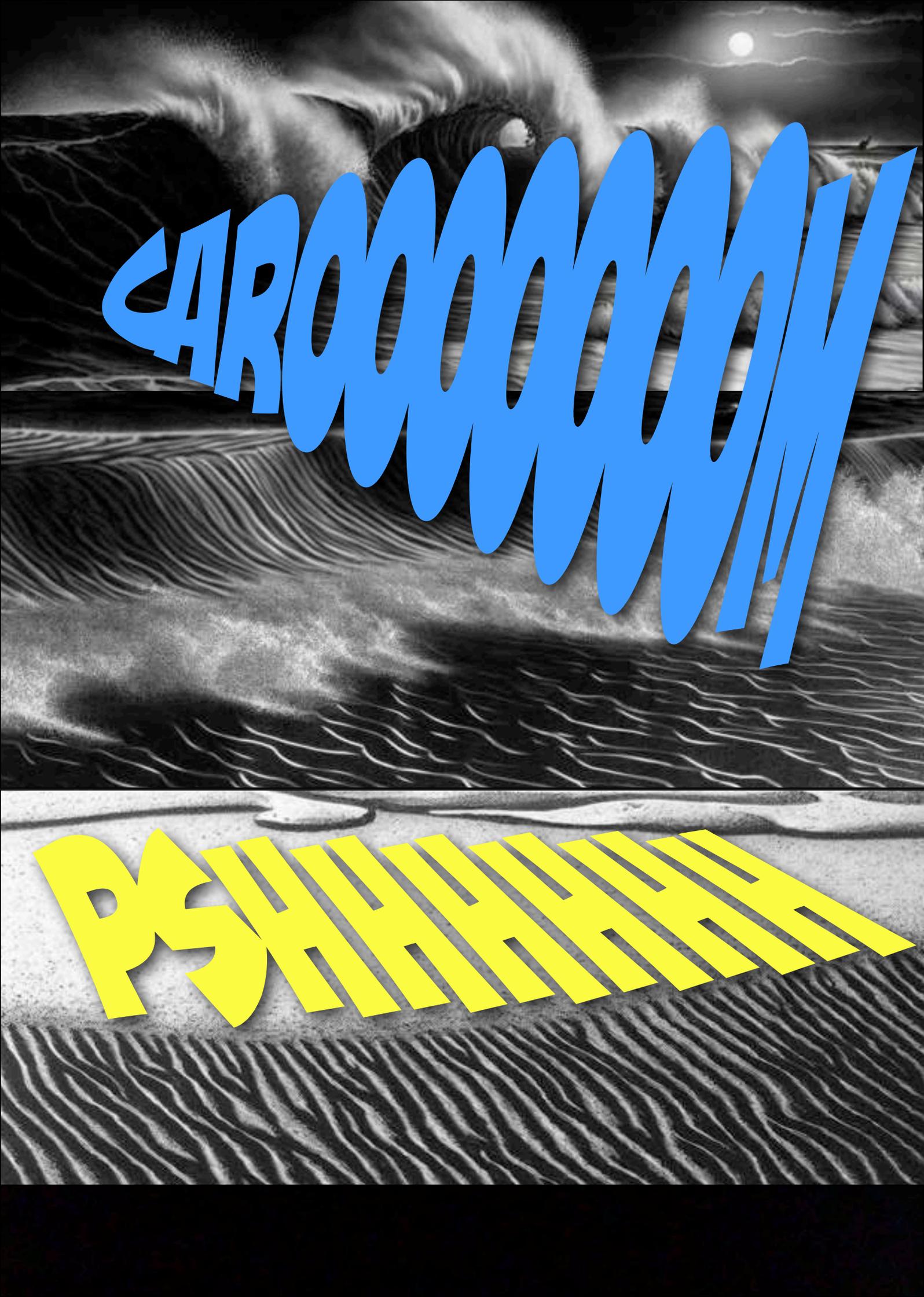
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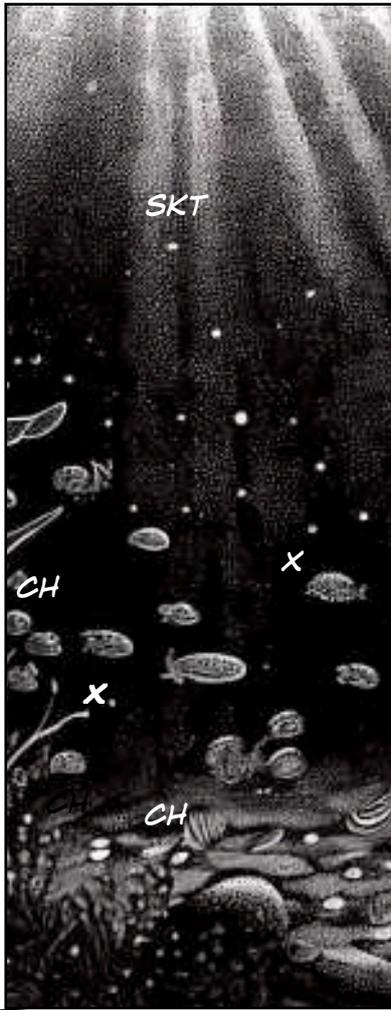
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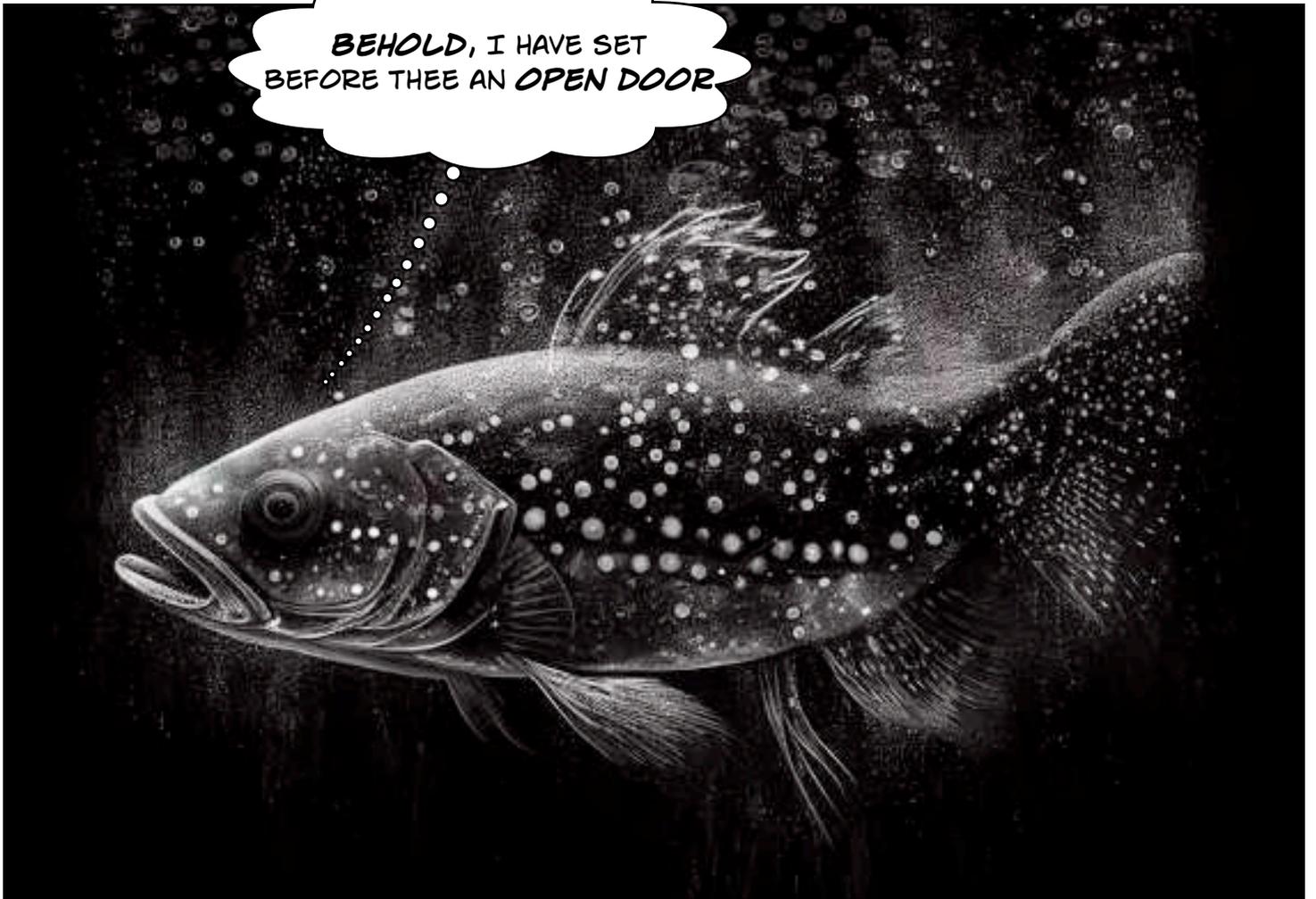


CAROOOONNNNN

PSHHHHHHH



**BEHOLD, I HAVE SET
BEFORE THEE AN OPEN DOOR**



LOCATION: NEW YORK CITY DATE: MARCH 3, 1962



9TH STREET STATION - 6.35 AM



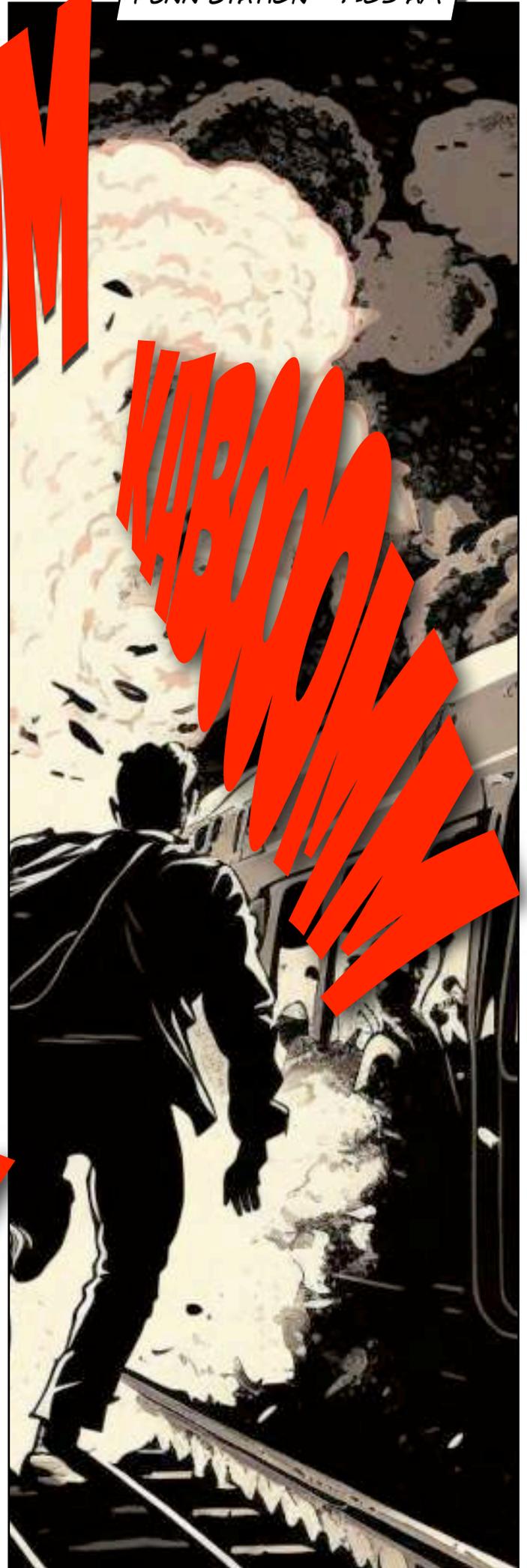
A MOMENT LATER...



14TH STREET STATION - 6.45 AM



PENN STATION - 7.05 AM



23RD STREET STATION - 6.55 AM



12 HOURS LATER... THE WHITE HOUSE, WASHINGTON, D.C.



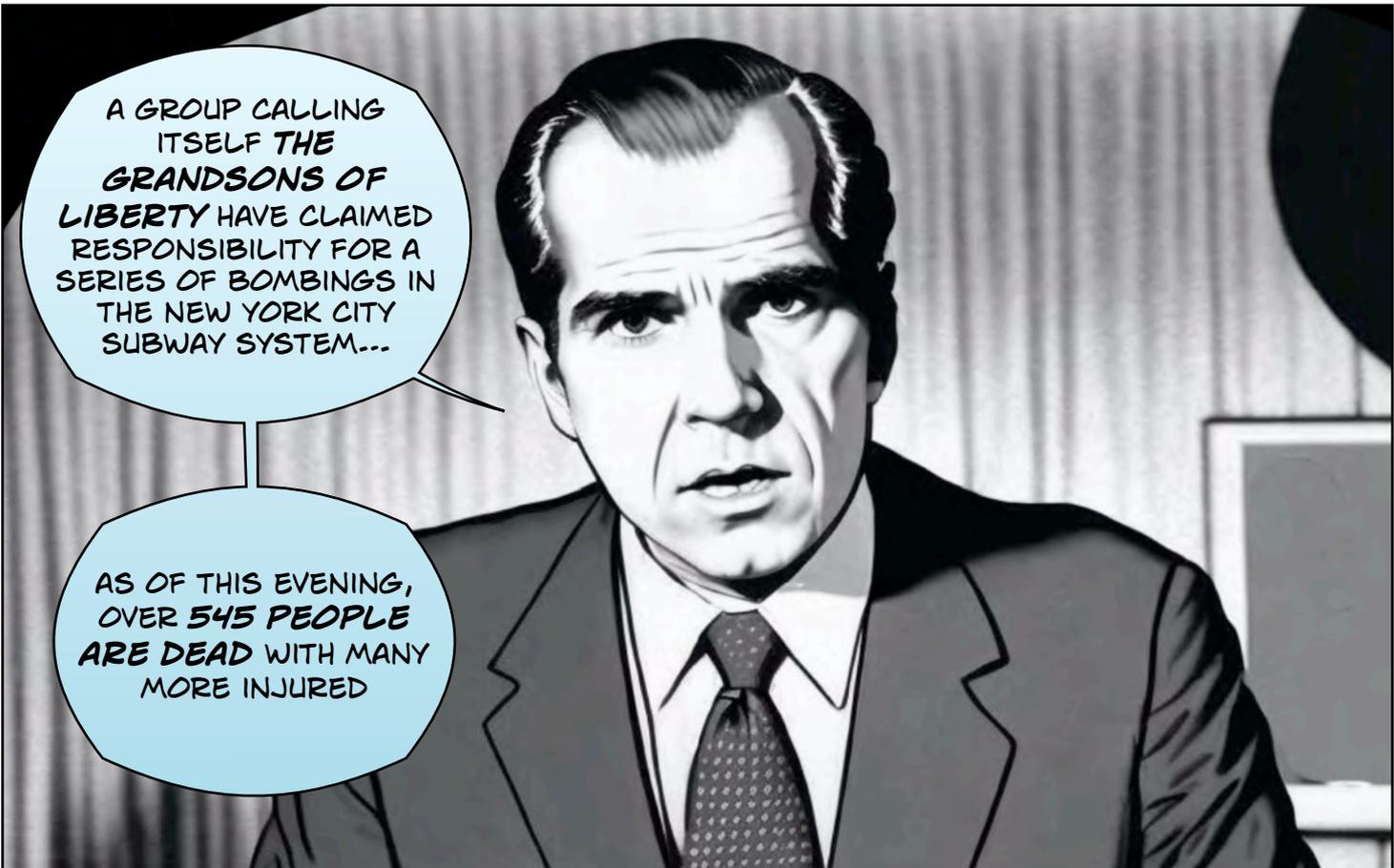
**PLEASE STAND BY FOR AN
ADDRESS TO THE NATION BY
THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED
STATES, RICHARD M. NIXON.**



NBC

MY FELLOW AMERICANS, IT IS MY SOLEMN DUTY TO ADDRESS YOU TONIGHT AFTER A DAY OF TRAGEDY IN OUR NATION...

LIVE FROM THE WHITE HOUSE



A GROUP CALLING ITSELF THE GRANDSONS OF LIBERTY HAVE CLAIMED RESPONSIBILITY FOR A SERIES OF BOMBINGS IN THE NEW YORK CITY SUBWAY SYSTEM...

AS OF THIS EVENING, OVER 545 PEOPLE ARE DEAD WITH MANY MORE INJURED

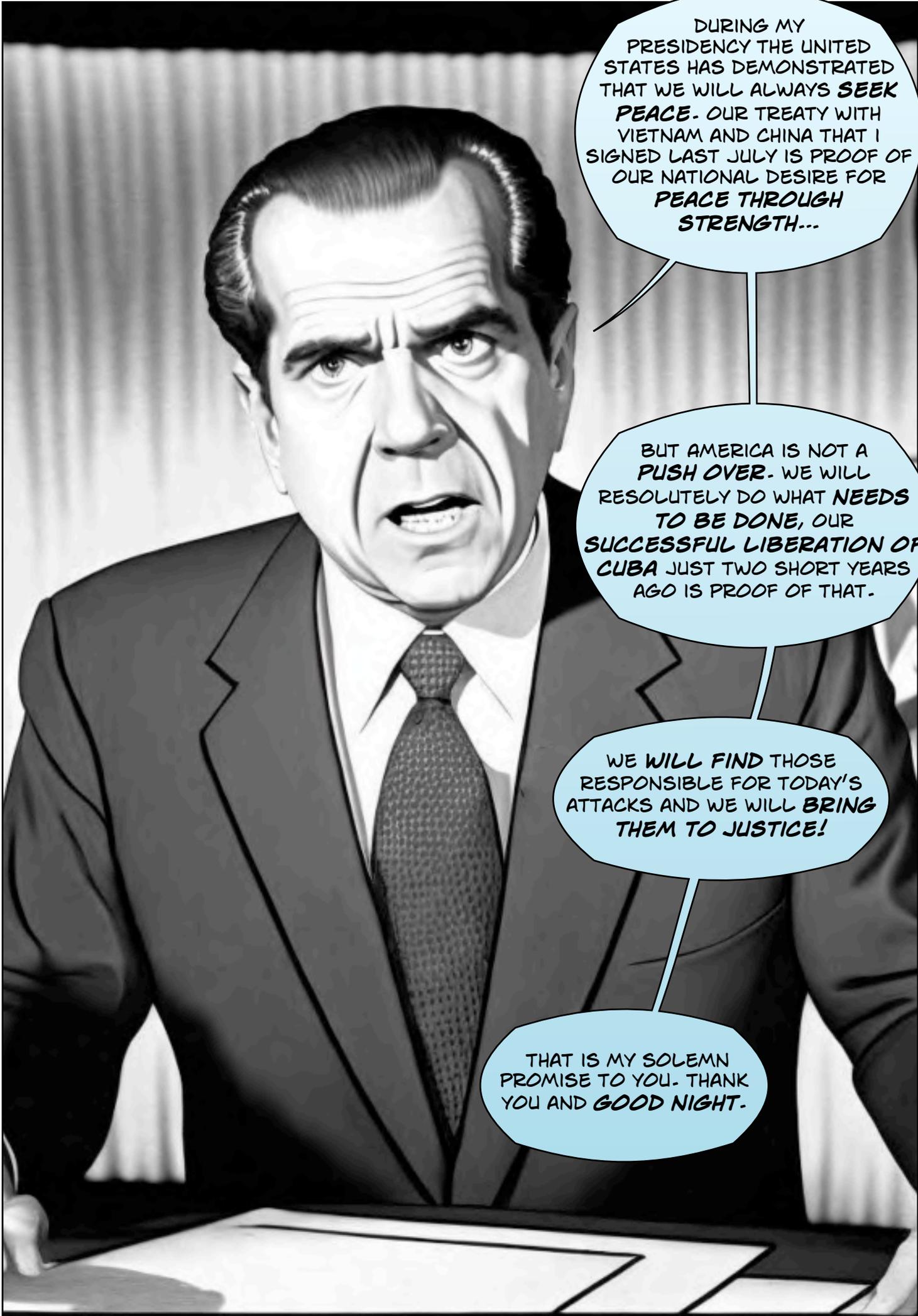


THE BOMBS WERE TIMED TO CAUSE **MAXIMUM CHAOS AND DESTRUCTION**, AND TO CATCH **FIRST RESPONDERS** IN A SECOND WAVE OF ATTACKS...

AFTER A CALL EARLIER TODAY WITH THE **NEW YORK STATE GOVERNOR** AND THE **MAYOR OF NEW YORK CITY**, WE HAVE AGREED TO AN IMMEDIATE **DECLARATION OF MARTIAL LAW** IN NEW YORK. THIS IS A **TEMPORARY MEASURE**, I ASSURE YOU.



THE NATIONAL GUARD HAS ALREADY BEEN DEPLOYED WHILE **F.B.I. AGENTS** HAVE TAKEN THE LEAD IN AN INVESTIGATION. **DIRECTOR HOOVER** WILL REPORT TO ME. **GOVERNOR ROCKEFELLER** WILL CO-ORDINATE AT THE STATE LEVEL...



DURING MY
PRESIDENCY THE UNITED
STATES HAS DEMONSTRATED
THAT WE WILL ALWAYS **SEEK
PEACE**. OUR TREATY WITH
VIETNAM AND CHINA THAT I
SIGNED LAST JULY IS PROOF OF
OUR NATIONAL DESIRE FOR
**PEACE THROUGH
STRENGTH...**

BUT AMERICA IS NOT A
PUSH OVER. WE WILL
RESOLUTELY DO WHAT **NEEDS
TO BE DONE**, OUR
**SUCCESSFUL LIBERATION OF
CUBA** JUST TWO SHORT YEARS
AGO IS PROOF OF THAT.

WE WILL FIND THOSE
RESPONSIBLE FOR TODAY'S
ATTACKS AND WE WILL **BRING
THEM TO JUSTICE!**

THAT IS MY SOLEMN
PROMISE TO YOU. THANK
YOU AND **GOOD NIGHT.**

NEW YORK CITY, MARCH 4TH, 1962

CITIZENS MUST
HAVE ID WITH THEM AT
ALL TIMES. NO ID CAN
MEAN ARREST.

BAROOOM

PLEASE STAY IN
YOUR HOMES.
CURFEW BEGINS AT
6PM!

BAROOOM



**GOOD MORNING!
IT'S 8.30AM AND
OUTSIDE TEMP IS
CURRENTLY 45
DEGREES**

**FOR MORE
ENJOYMENT AND
GREATER EFFICIENCY
CONSUMPTION HAS BEEN
STANDARDISED**



**DO NOT PUSH OR
SHOVE AT THE
DRINKING
FOUNTAINS**



**COFFEE IS AVAILABLE
AT ALL REFILL
STATIONS!**



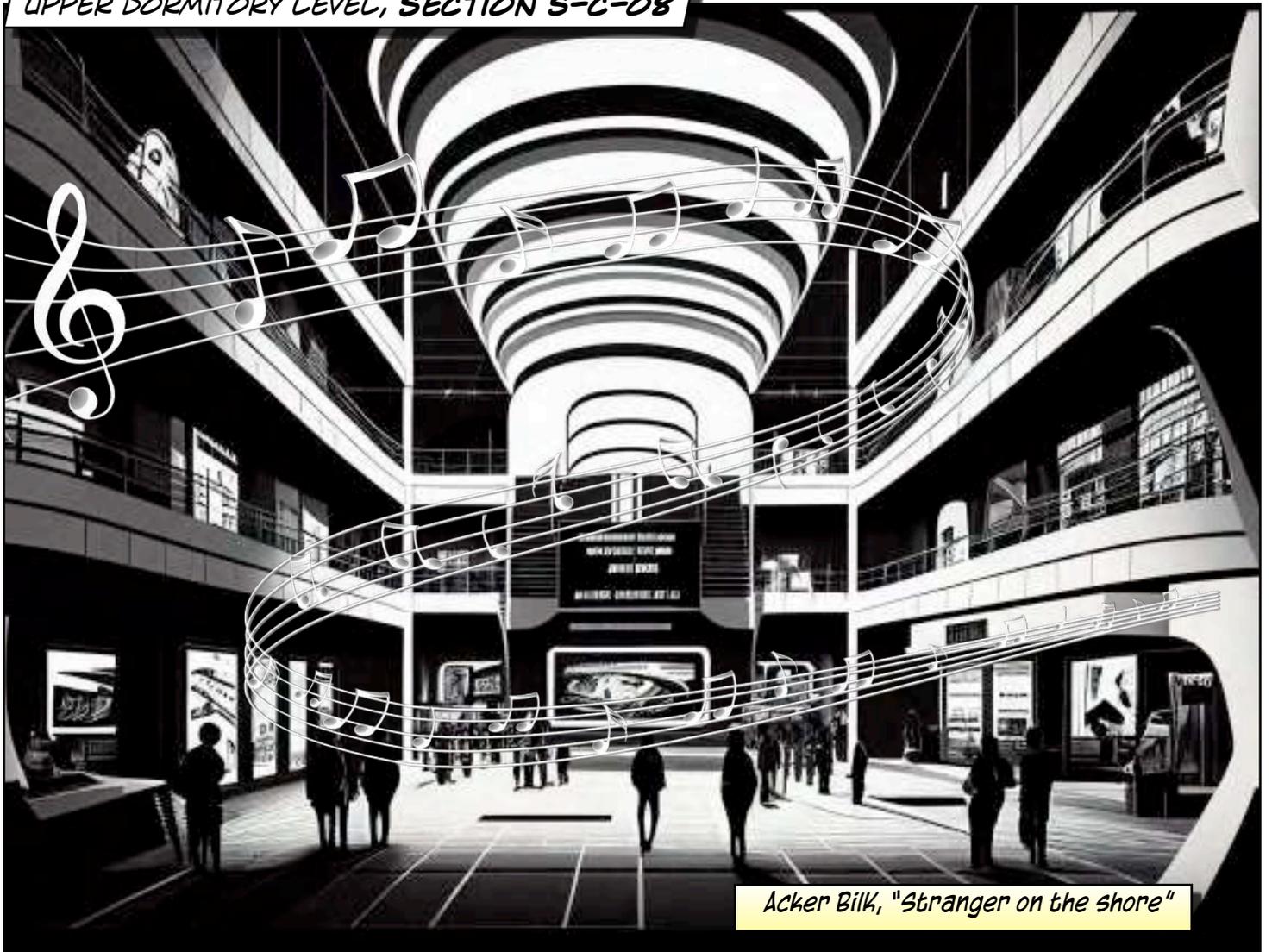
**BLESSINGS OF THE
STATE, BLESSINGS OF THE
MASSES. THOU ART A
SUBJECT OF THE DIVINE**

**DEEP HOUSE
BEGINS AT 6PM**



**IN TEN MINUTES IT'LL
BE TIME TO LIGHTEN UP!
JOIN US!**

UPPER DORMITORY LEVEL, SECTION S-C-08



Acker Bilk, "Stranger on the shore"

CORRIDOR 08-78-90



ROOM 98...





NOW I WANT YOU TO **FOCUS** ON YOUR CONVERSATION WITH... **JERRY**



WE HAD DINNER TOGETHER...

AND?

HE BRIEFED ME ON THE OPERATION

WHICH WAS TO ELIMINATE...

...YOU

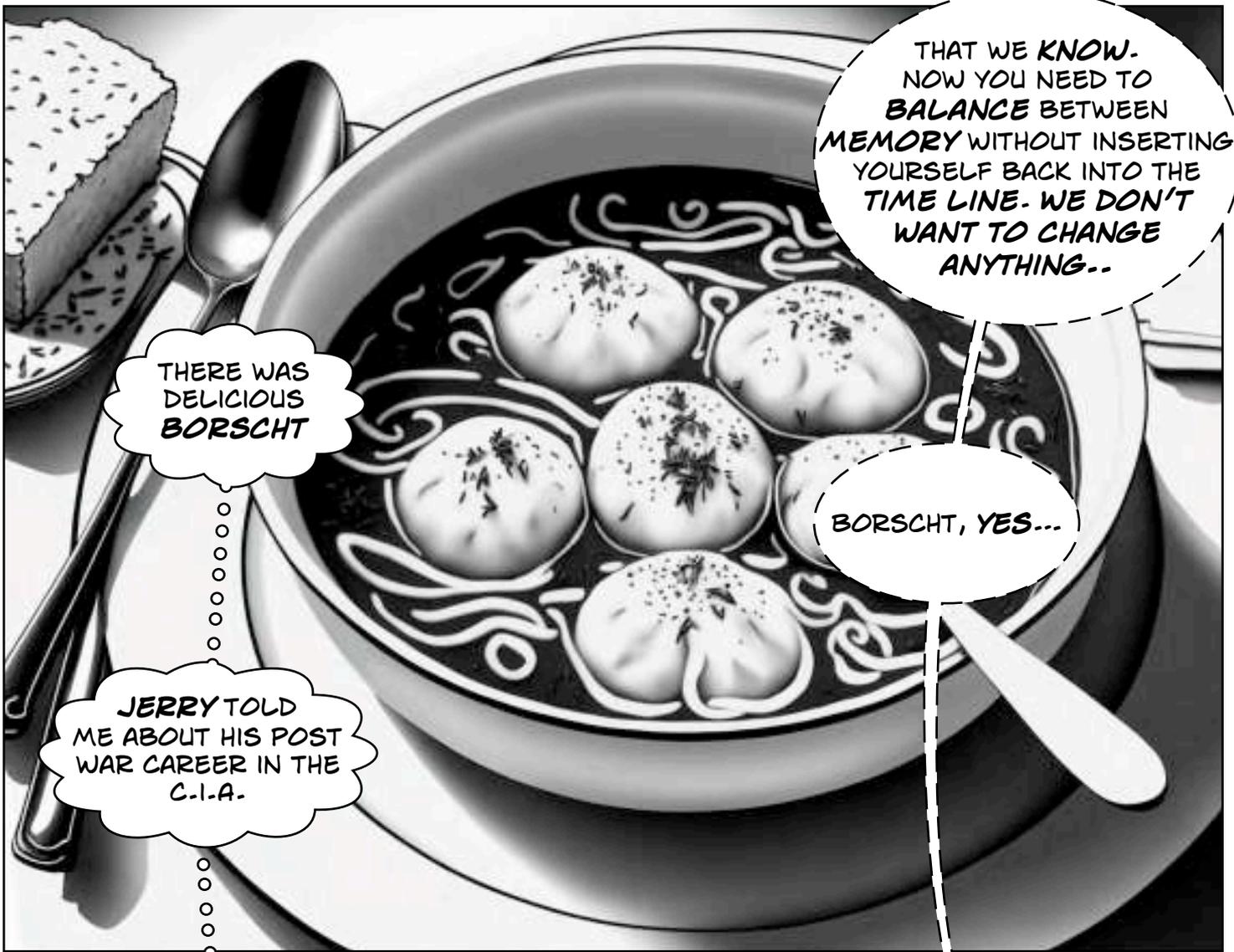


WAITER!



PROSZĘ
SERWIS!

YES CHEF!



THAT WE KNOW.
NOW YOU NEED TO
BALANCE BETWEEN
MEMORY WITHOUT INSERTING
YOURSELF BACK INTO THE
TIME LINE. WE DON'T
WANT TO CHANGE
ANYTHING..

THERE WAS
DELICIOUS
BORSCHT

BORSCHT, YES...

JERRY TOLD
ME ABOUT HIS POST
WAR CAREER IN THE
C.I.A.

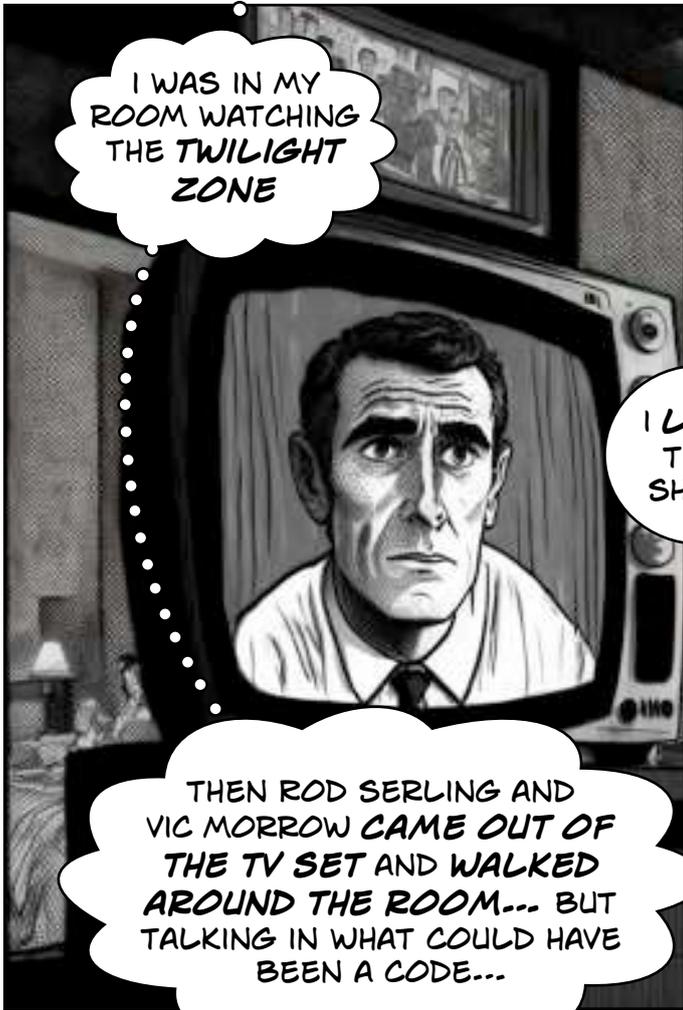


SO IT WAS JUST
AFTER WE ORDERED
MORE VODKA..

THIS IS NEW

WAITER!
MORE WODKA
PLEASE!

I TOLD HIM
ABOUT A DREAM
I'D HAD...





WHO'S VIC MORROW?



I EXPLAINED HOW MORROW HAD BEEN IN THE 80'S MOVIE, AND THEN I THINK I SAID SOMETHING ABOUT THE TV REBOOT

NOT SURE HOW MUCH **DETAIL** I WENT INTO...



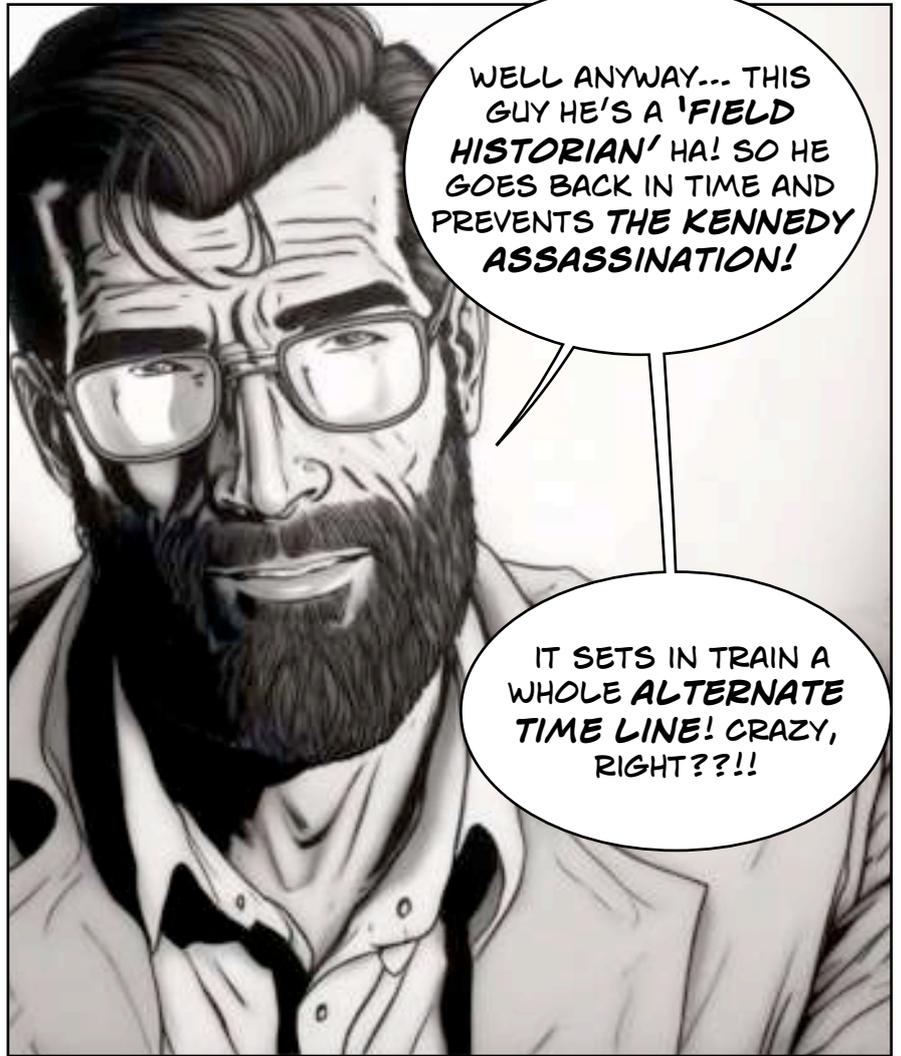
THERE HAVE BEEN **MULTIPLE REBOOTS** OF THE SERIES IN '83, '02 AND **2019!** MY FAVOURITE WAS THE CHEESY 80'S VERSION WITH MY ALL TIME FAVOURITE EPISODE - "PROFILE IN SILVER"*

ABOUT A GUY WHO TRAVELS BACK IN TIME AND... UH... YOU'RE CLEARED FOR THIS RIGHT?

*Ep 20, Season 1, "Profile in Silver", Story & teleplay by J. Neil Schulman. Aired March 7, 1986.



CLEARED? SURE.



WELL ANYWAY... THIS GUY HE'S A 'FIELD HISTORIAN' HA! SO HE GOES BACK IN TIME AND PREVENTS THE KENNEDY ASSASSINATION!

IT SETS IN TRAIN A WHOLE ALTERNATE TIME LINE! CRAZY, RIGHT??!!



KENNEDY? YOU MEAN THAT SCHMUCK WHO LOST IN '60?



UH...



DO YOU
THINK THAT
COULD HAVE
CHANGED THE
TIME LINE?

NO, I THINK THE
TIMELINE WAS
ALREADY
COMPROMISED...

SO... WHAT
WAS IT?



THAT CODE IN *YOUR*
DREAM IS REAL. I WAS
ON AN OPERATION TO
LOCATE A *SOURCE* FOR
THAT EXACT SIGNAL...

IF WE CAN FIND THE
SOURCE WE'LL FIND
OUT WHO'S RESPONSIBLE
FOR *ALTERING THE TIME*
LINE. AND THEN WE HAVE
A CHANCE TO
CORRECT IT.

LOCATION: WASHINGTON D.C. DATE: AUGUST 11, 1962



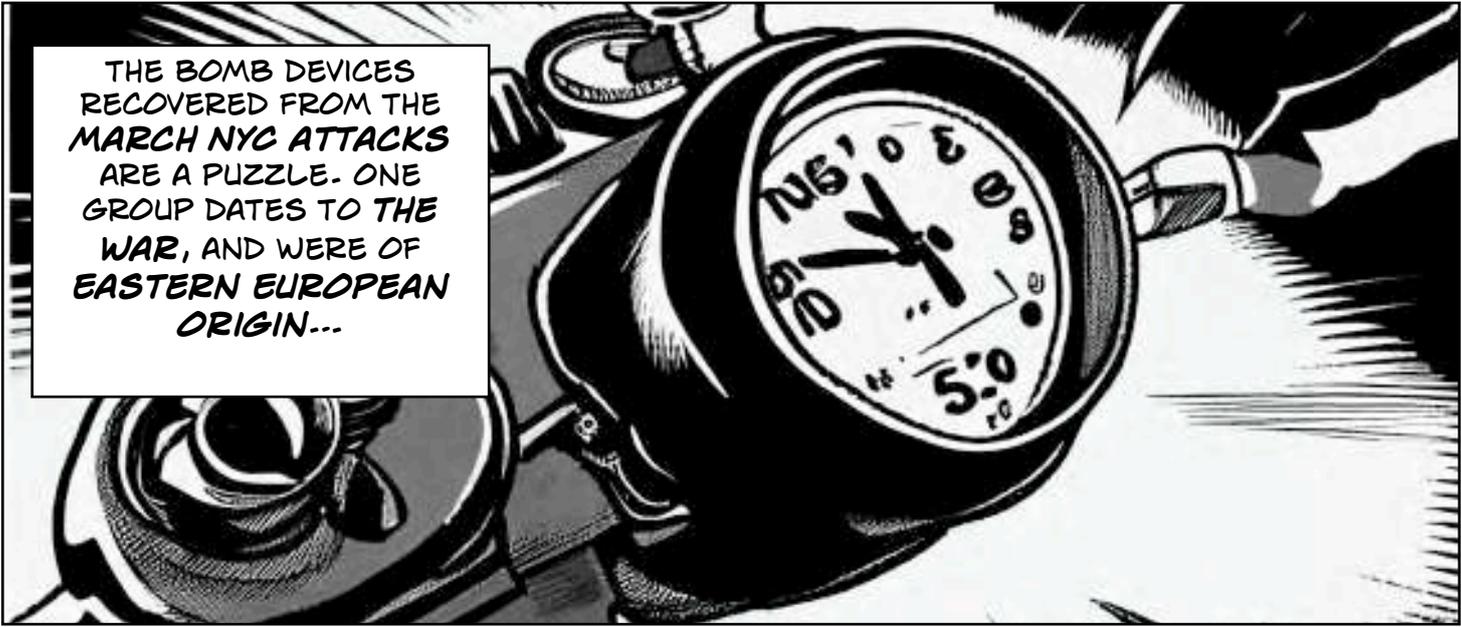


YOU MAY BEGIN
THE BRIEFING
**AGENT
MEADOWS**

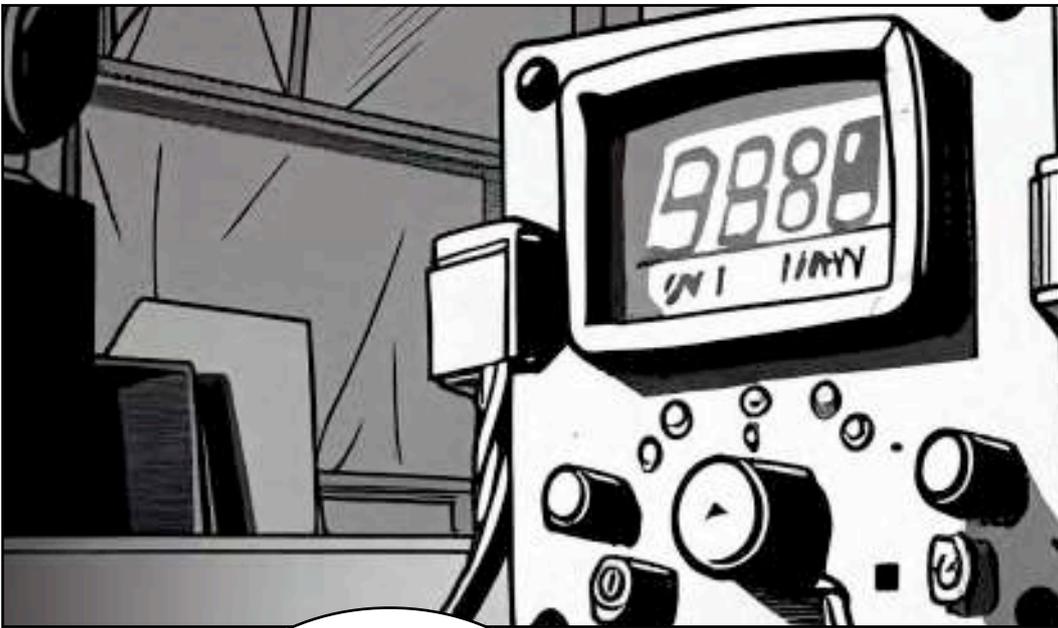
THANK YOU,
SIR...



THERE ARE A **FEW
THREADS** TO OUR
INVESTIGATION, SO I
WILL REPORT ON EACH
IN ROUGHLY
**CHRONOLOGICAL
ORDER...**



THE BOMB DEVICES
RECOVERED FROM THE
MARCH NYC ATTACKS
ARE A PUZZLE. ONE
GROUP DATES TO THE
WAR, AND WERE OF
EASTERN EUROPEAN
ORIGIN...



BUT DEVICE FRAGMENTS
RECONSTRUCTED AFTER
THE CLEVELAND,
DETROIT AND
BERKELEY ATTACKS
ARE OF A
COMPLETELY
UNKNOWN ORIGIN AND
APPEAR QUITE
ADVANCED...



THIS
SUGGESTS THAT
THERE COULD BE **TWO**
GROUPS INVOLVED. WE
DON'T KNOW AS YET IF
THEY ARE
COORDINATED

THERE'S ALSO THE
DISTURBING POSSIBILITY
THAT **THE SOVIETS** MAY BE
SUPPLYING THE
INSURRECTIONISTS WITH
WEAPONS AND
EXPLOSIVES...



**AN INCREASED
MILITARY PRESENCE
ACROSS THE COUNTRY,
DEPLOYED BY THE
PRESIDENT IN THE
BELIEF IT WOULD CALM
THE SITUATION, HAS HAD
THE OPPOSITE
EFFECT...**





PEACE NOW!

PEACE NOW!

PEACE NOW!

A VAST SO-CALLED PEACE MOVEMENT HAS SPRUNG UP ON BOTH COASTS AND IN VARIOUS MIDWEST AND SOUTHERN CITIES. THEY ARE HIGHLY EFFECTIVE. AND ARE LED BY ONE KEY FIGURE...



FREE ALL PRISONERS!



HEY HEY HO HO NIXON'S GOTTA GO!



HIS NAME IS **LEE HARVEY OSWALD**. HE FIRST CAME TO THE NOTICE OF THE BUREAU WHEN HE DEFECTED TO THE **SOVIET UNION** IN 1959. HE RETURNED TO THE US IN 1961 AND WAS A **PRO-CASTRO AGITATOR IN NEW ORLEANS**. HE THEN RESURFACED IN NEW YORK CITY. WE NOW BELIEVE HE IS A KEY FIGURE IN DIRECTING MILITARY OPERATIONS ACROSS THE US. HE IS A SELF-AVOWED **MARXIST-LENINIST**, HIGHLY **INTELLIGENT AND DANGEROUS...**

WANTED

Lee Harvey Oswald

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AND THAT **SIR**, IS THE BRIEFING.



YOU SAID EARLIER THAT THERE COULD BE **TWO GROUPS** INVOLVED IN THE BOMBINGS... WHAT'S YOUR BEST GUESS ON PERPS?



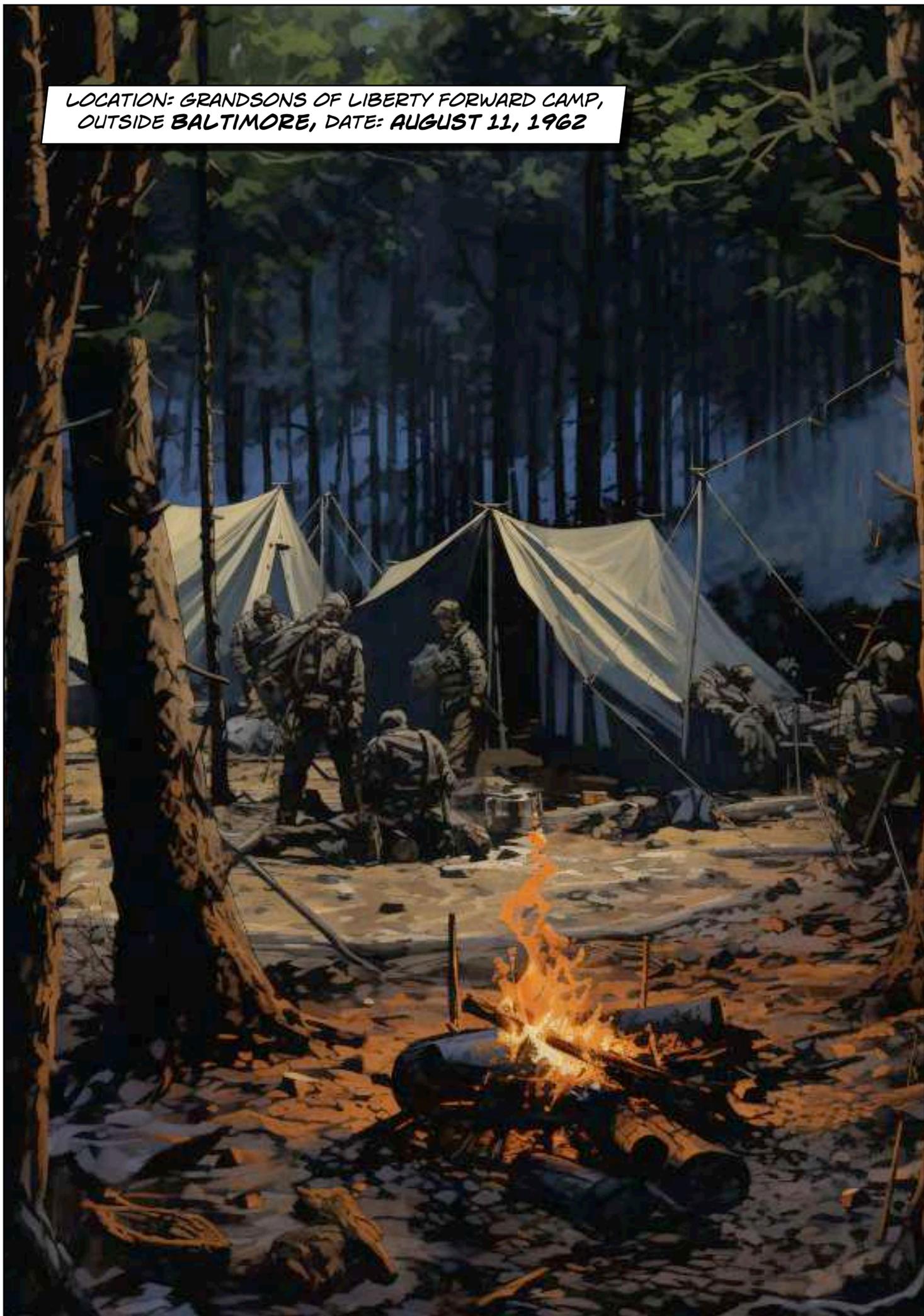
ARMED MILITIAS WERE PROVEN TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SECOND WAVE OF BOMBINGS ACROSS THE COUNTRY. BUT THE DIFFERENT EXPLOSIVES AND TIMERS SUGGEST **THE FIRST ATTACKS** WERE FROM A **DIFFERENT GROUP!**



I HESITATE TO MENTION THIS **MR. HOOVER**, BUT THERE ARE SOME INDICATIONS THAT THE BOMBERS IN NEW YORK HAD **INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS...**

AND SOME HAVE GONE AS FAR AS TO SUGGEST THAT THE MARCH BOMBINGS WERE **ORCHESTRATED BY AN EX-C-I-A OPERATIVE!**

LOCATION: GRANDSONS OF LIBERTY FORWARD CAMP,
OUTSIDE BALTIMORE, DATE: AUGUST 11, 1962





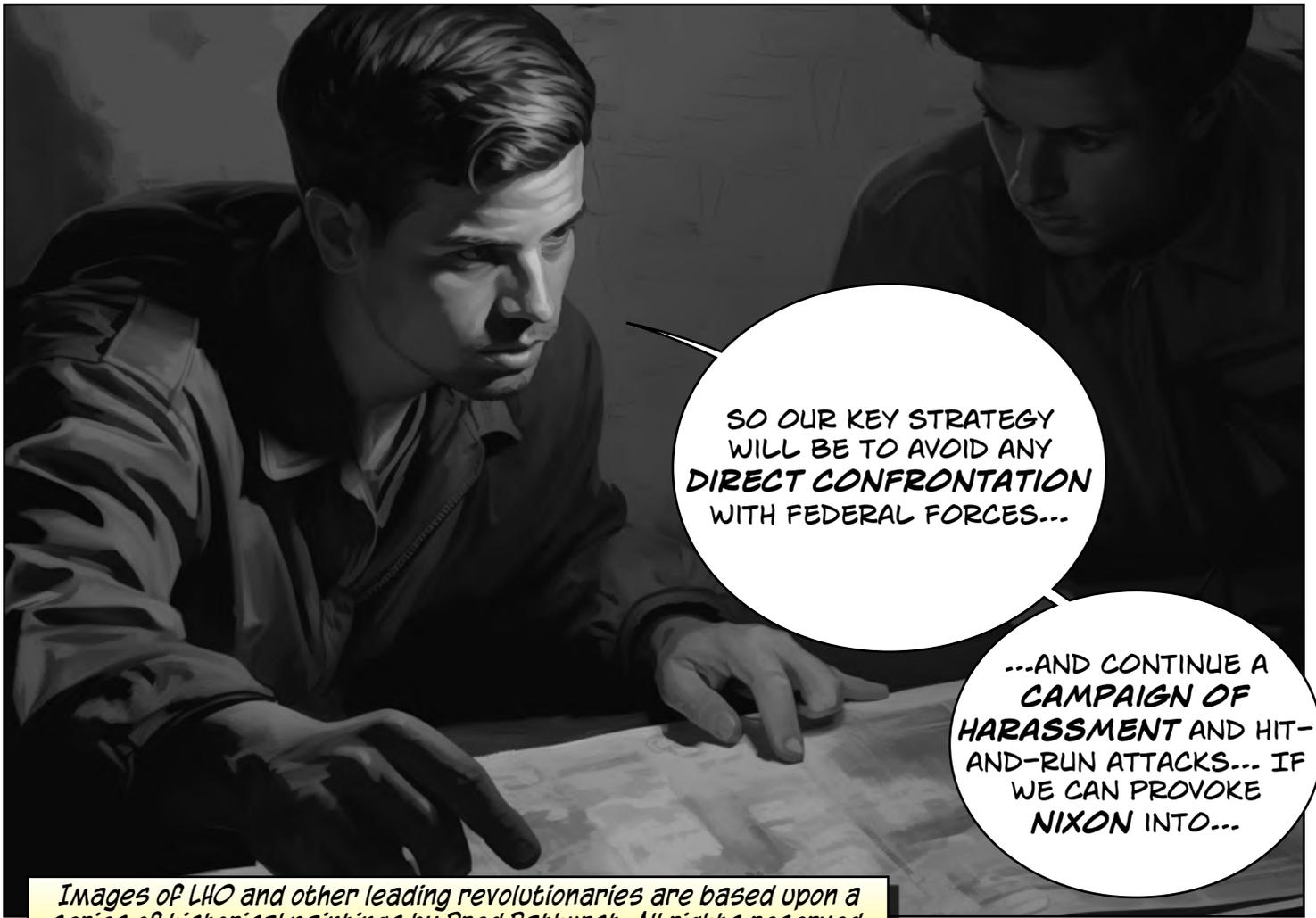
THE **CAPTURE OF BALTIMORE** IS A KEY VICTORY IN THE WAR...

IT GIVES US A FORWARD BASE TO MOVE ON **WASHINGTON D.C.** AND TO END THE **REVOLUTION!**



BUT IF THE FEDS MOUNT A TARGETED **COUNTER-ATTACK** WE WILL BE **SERIOUSLY OUTNUMBERED!**

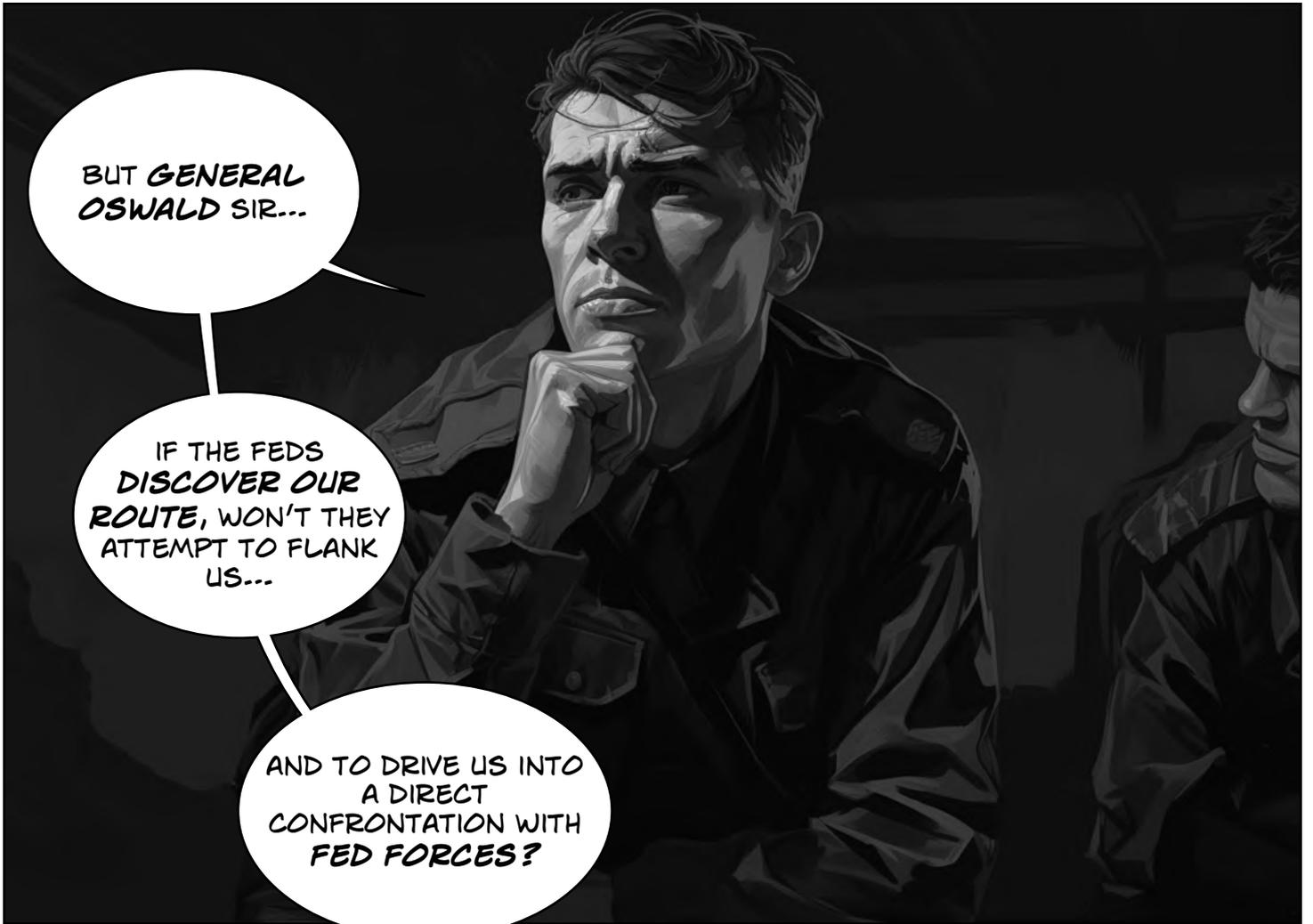
ALTHOUGH D.C. IS JUST OVER **60 CLICKS** FROM HERE, IT'S GOING TO BE A **HELL OF A FIGHT** ALL THE WAY...



SO OUR KEY STRATEGY
WILL BE TO AVOID ANY
DIRECT CONFRONTATION
WITH FEDERAL FORCES...

...AND CONTINUE A
CAMPAIGN OF
HARASSMENT AND HIT-
AND-RUN ATTACKS... IF
WE CAN PROVOKE
NIXON INTO...

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BUT GENERAL
OSWALD SIR...

IF THE FEDS
DISCOVER OUR
ROUTE, WON'T THEY
ATTEMPT TO FLANK
US...

AND TO DRIVE US INTO
A DIRECT
CONFRONTATION WITH
FED FORCES?



WE HAVE THE
LOCAL MILITIAS ON
OUR SIDE! THEY'LL
PROVIDE REAR SECURITY...
THE **FREE CANADIANS** AND
THE **EUROPEAN**
VOLUNTEER
BATTALIONS ARE IN
SUPPORT ON THE
FLANKS!



YES SIR, BUT
THE FEDS HAVE RE-
ENFORCED
WASHINGTON WITH
ARMOUR!

AND HAVE AIR
SUPPORT
FROM A.F.B.
BOLLING

AND WHO THE FUCK
KNOWS WHAT **NIXON**
MIGHT DO IF HE'S
SURROUNDED!



GODDAMNIT! WE CANNOT UNDERESTIMATE THE FIGHTING SPIRIT OF THE GRANDSONS OF LIBERTY!

...AND THE SUPPORT OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE!

IN THE WORDS OF LENIN...



ER... EXCUSE ME.. GENERAL... CAN I SPEAK TO YOU PRIVATELY FOR A MOMENT?

VERY WELL...



LEE, WE CAN
**REINFORCE WITH
POLISH FIGHTERS.**
THEY CAN BE HERE AT A
**MOMENT'S
NOTICE...**



WHERE IN THE HELL
ARE THESE "**POLISH
FIGHTERS**" COMING
FROM JERRY?

SURE AS HELL AIN'T
POLAND!



ANYWAY, YOU'RE
NEEDED HERE! YOU
MUST CO-ORDINATE WITH
OUR **ASSETS** ON THE
GOVERNMENT SIDE...

YOU CAN'T BE IN
**TWO PLACES AT
ONCE!**



WELL, WHAT
IF I TOLD YOU I
COULD?

LOCATION: NOVOSIBIRSK OBLAST, SIBERIA DATE: JULY 12, 2142







*WHEN I SAW THE DEEP SPACE COMMS ARRAY I KNEW I'D COME TO THE END OF
OUR STATION... IT WAS TIME TO TURN AROUND, HEAD HOME*



I LEARNED THE SUBTLETIES OF THAT OCEAN OF GRASS...



USING LANDMARKS TO NAVIGATE THE WAY BACK HOME...



BUT ALWAYS LOOKING, ALWAYS HOPING...



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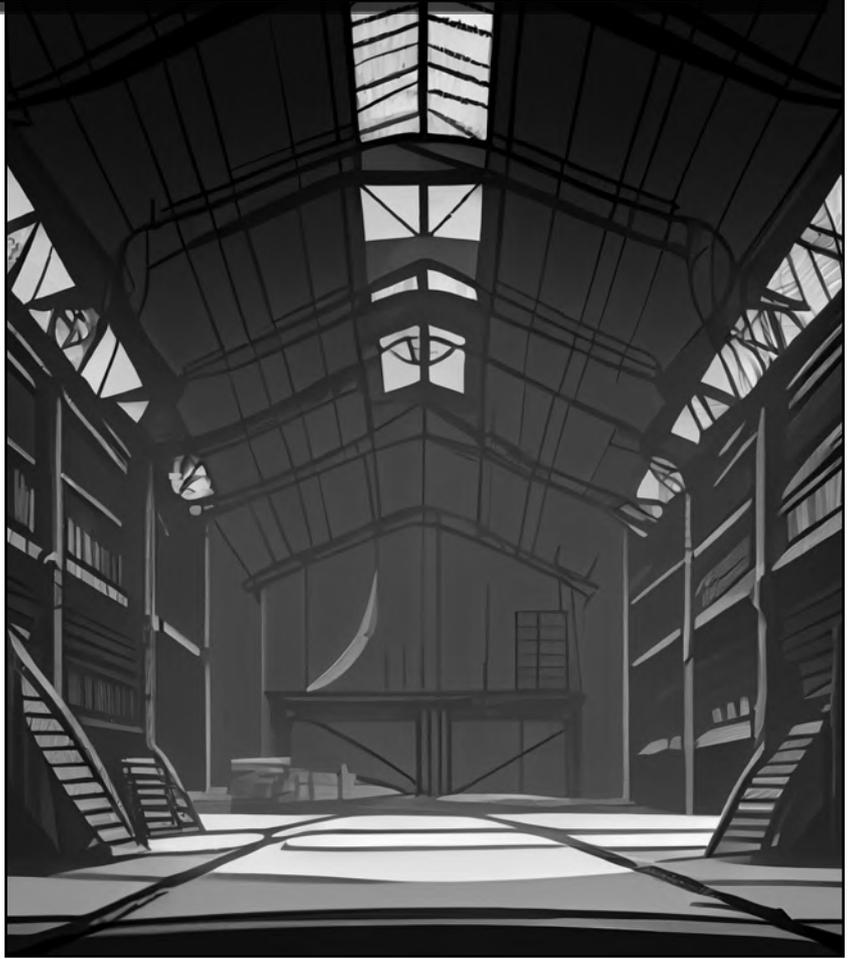
THIS WAS MY HOME UNTIL I WAS 14 - TWO HOURS NORTH EAST OF NOVOSIBIRSK - A RESEARCH STATION RUN BY MY FATHER, A GENETICIST WORKING FOR DEVGEN-ROSKOV...



THE HOUSE HAD BEEN BUILT IN THE SOVIET PERIOD AS A DACHA FOR SOME FORGOTTEN PARTY OFFICIAL. IT HAD A DUMB ELEGANCE EVEN THOUGH IT WAS FALLING APART. I LOVED THE HALLWAY - ALWAYS COOL IN SUMMER...



AT THE STATION THERE WERE MANY PLACES TO EXPLORE - TOWERS, HOLDING PENS, ABANDONED VEHICLES. ALL WERE FORBIDDEN. BUT THERE WAS NO-ONE TO ENFORCE THE RULES. I LIVED IN MY OWN QUIET KINGDOM.





AND
HOW WAS
SCHOOL
TODAY?

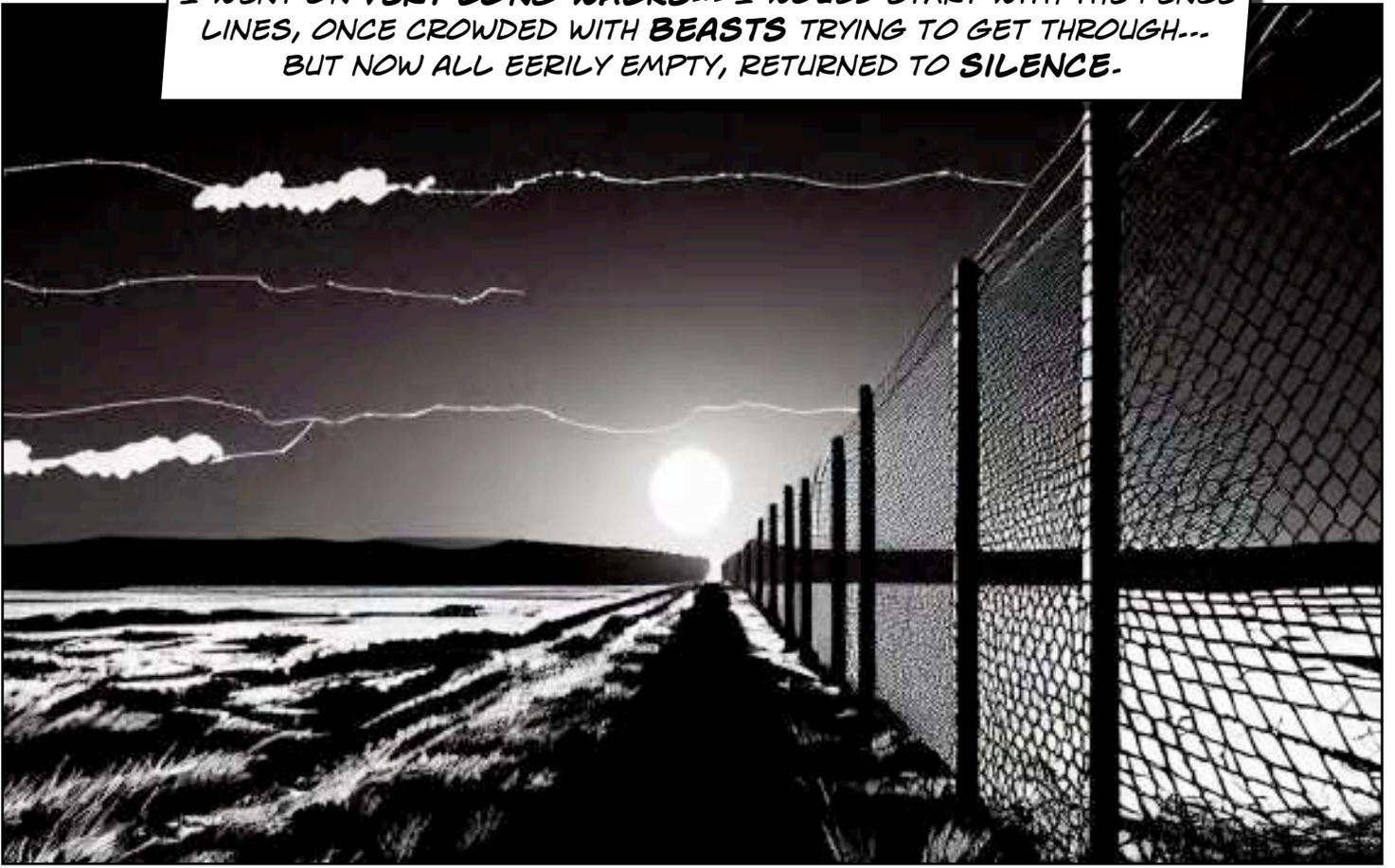
OH YOU
KNOW,
RIVETING AS
ALWAYS...

LIFE HERE WAS **SLOW** AND **PREDICTABLE**. MY FATHER WAS OFTEN AWAY FOR DAYS ON **OBSERVATION TRIPS**, SO I WAS AT HOME WITH MY MOTHER, OR IN MY ROOM FOR **SCHOOL**...



KWA KWA KWA KWA KWA

I WENT ON VERY LONG WALKS... I WOULD START WITH THE FENCE LINES, ONCE CROWDED WITH **BEASTS** TRYING TO GET THROUGH... BUT NOW ALL EERILY EMPTY, RETURNED TO **SILENCE**.



I WOULD OFTEN DREAM THAT THEY HAD **RETURNED** - AND I COULD **RUN** WITH THEM ACROSS THE GRASSLANDS, AND BE **FREE**...



SHORTLY BEFORE MY 14TH BIRTHDAY, MY MOTHER BECAME ILL. WE'D HOPED THAT SHE'D QUICKLY RECOVER, BUT WE KNEW THE PROGNOSIS WOULD BE BLEAK...



MY FATHER WAS DISTRAUGHT...



AND I COPE BY BECOMING DISTANT...





IN MY SELF IMPOSED EMOTIONAL EXILE, I BEGAN TO EXPLORE THE HOUSE IN DETAIL, AS THOUGH I'D NEVER BEEN THERE BEFORE, AND I MADE SOME CURIOUS DISCOVERIES...



IT WAS STRANGE, BUT THE COLDNESS OF THE HALLWAY SEEMED TO BECOME EVEN MORE INTENSE IN THE SHADOWS OF THE HOUSE...



AND IF I STARED HARD ENOUGH INTO THE BLACKNESS, I BEGAN TO BELIEVE I COULD SEE ANOTHER WORLD BEYOND, A GLIMPSE OF... SOMETHING...



ONE DAY THE CALL CAME.... SO WE SET OFF FOR THE HOSPITAL.



WE ARRIVED LATE IN THE EVENING







FA-TONK



MAMA...
I...

FA-TONK

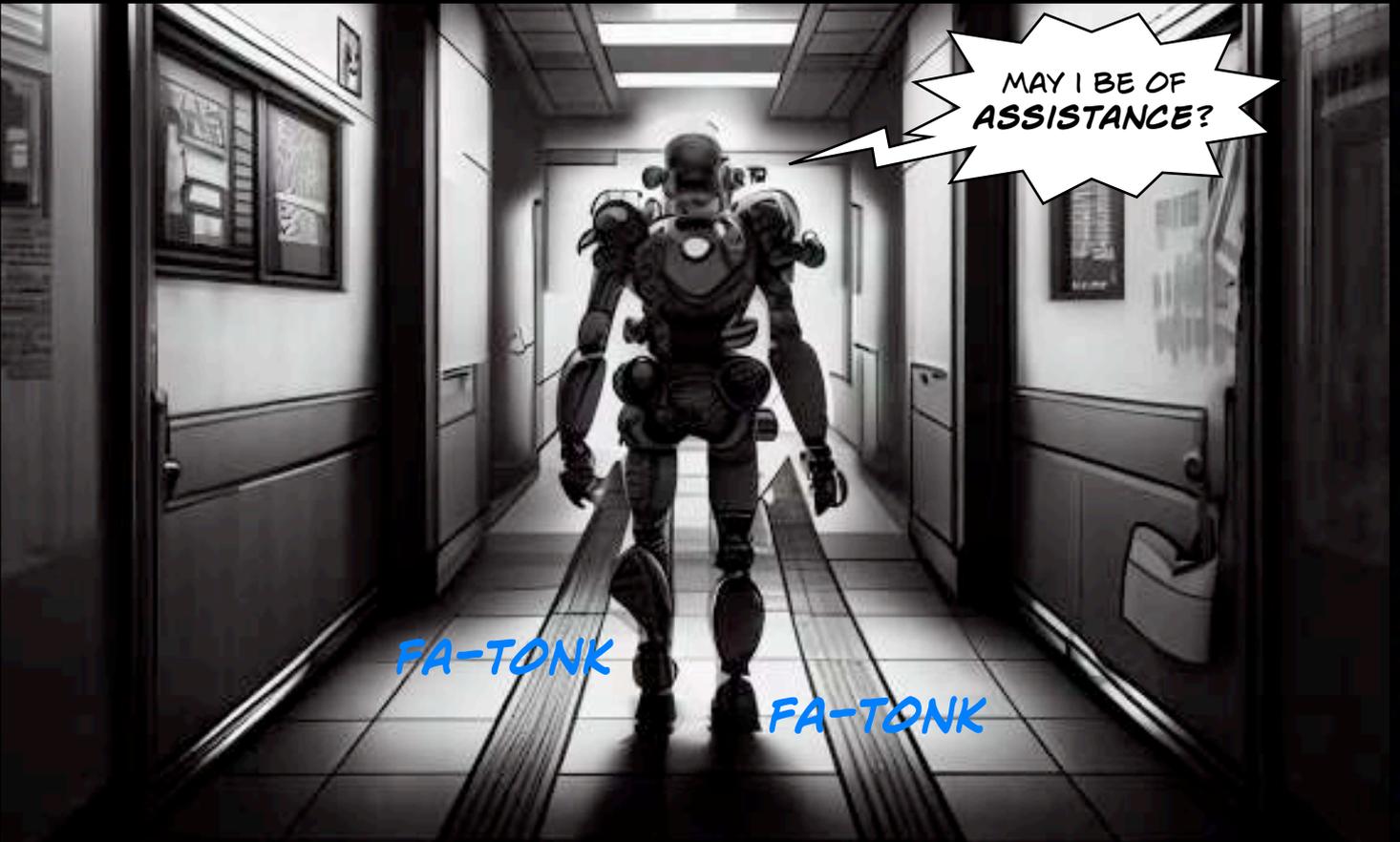
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MAY I BE OF ASSISTANCE?

FA-TONK

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WE RETURNED HOME AFTER MOTHER DIED. EVERYTHING WAS VERY MUCH AS IT HAD ALWAYS BEEN... ENDLESS. TIMELESS. I FELT TRAPPED.

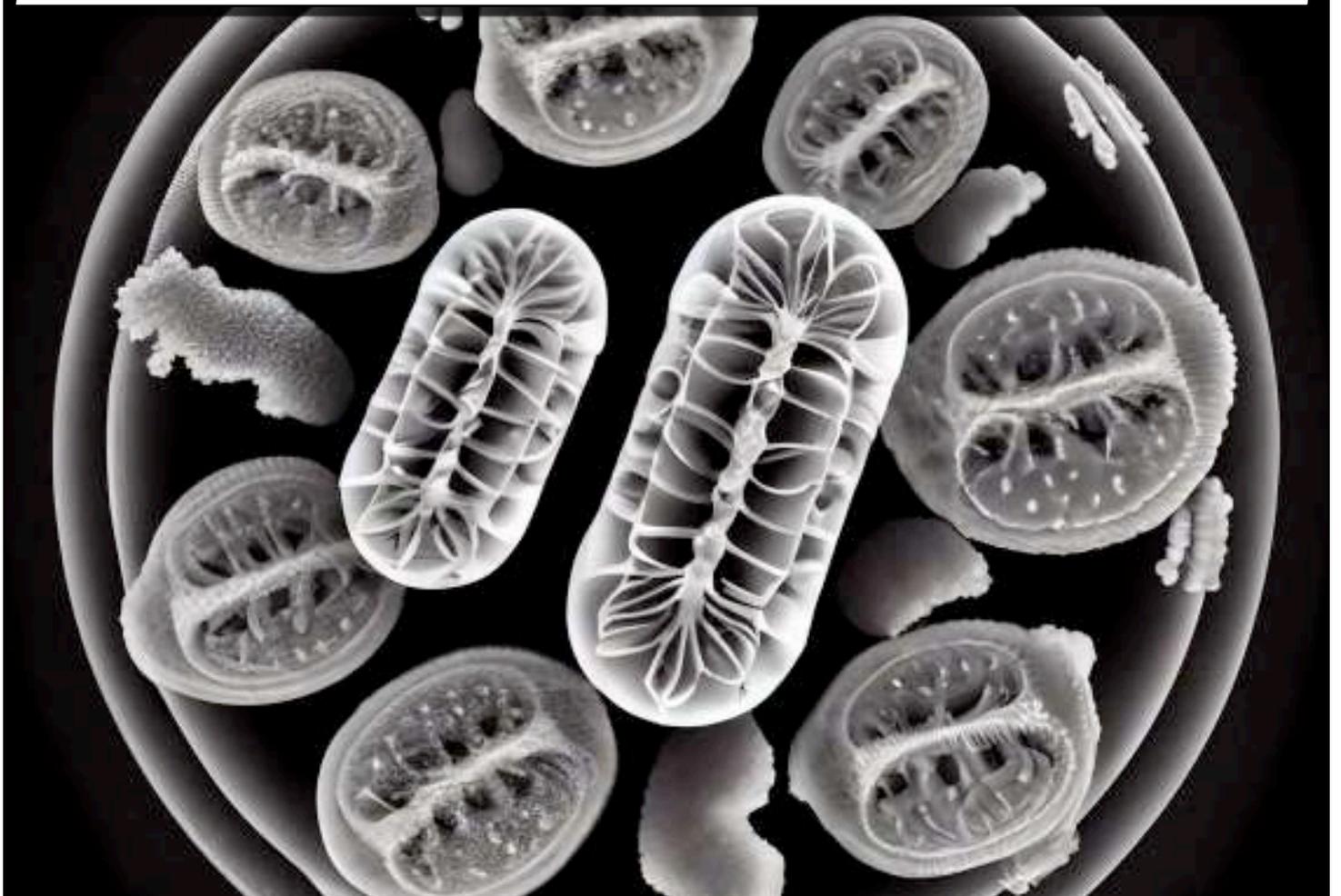


THEN ONE NIGHT SOON AFTER, MY FATHER HAD SOMETHING VERY IMPORTANT TO TELL ME...

DARLING VALLY. THE PROJECT HAS BEEN FORMALLY CANCELLED. WE WILL RETURN TO ST. PETERSBERG IN TWO WEEKS...



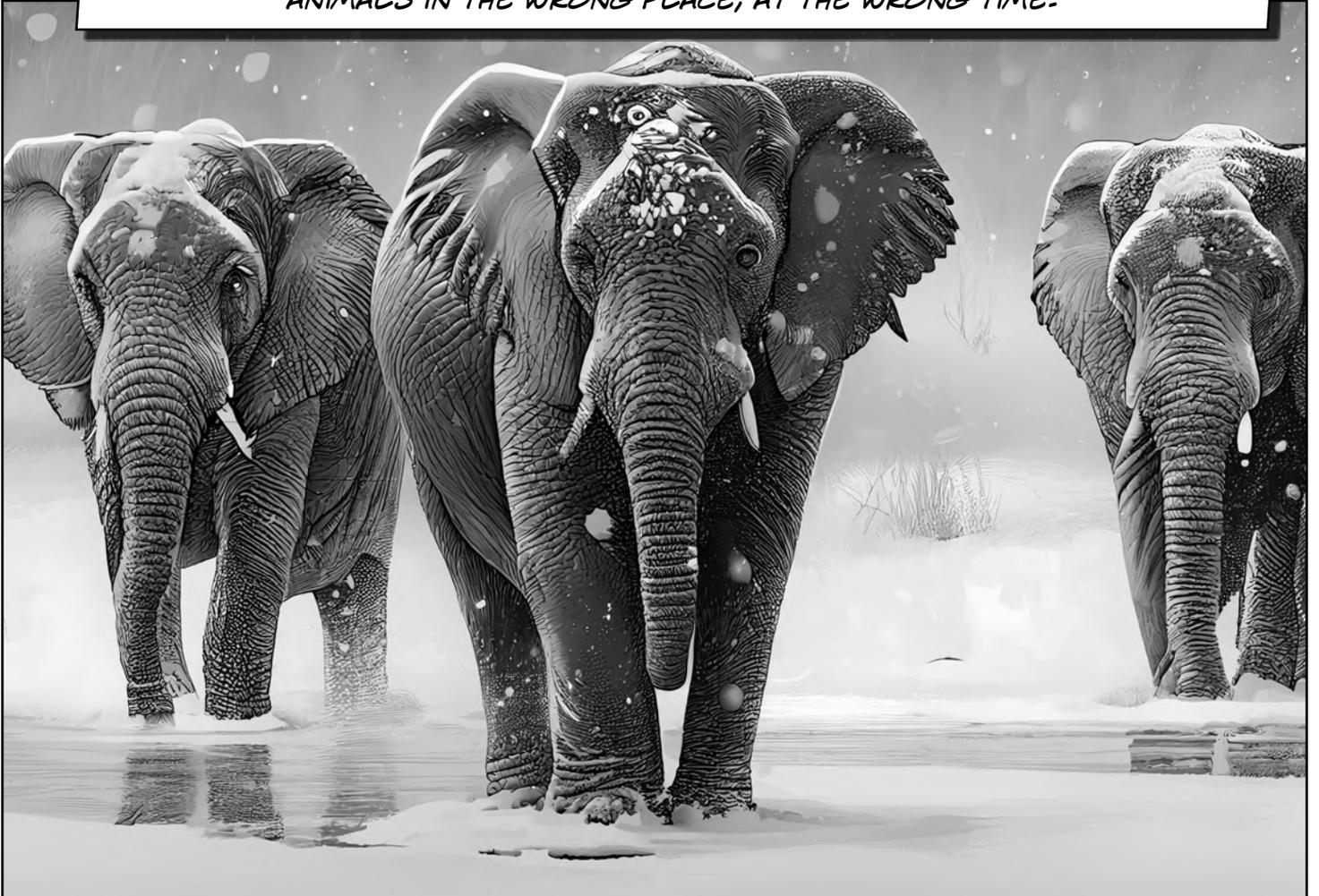
FOR A TIME, MY FATHER WAS CONSIDERED A GENIUS. HE'D SUCCESSFULLY LED THE THYLACINE REINTRODUCTION AND WAS DIRECTOR OF THE MAMMOTH PROJECT...



I REMEMBER THE MAMMOTHS FROM WHEN I WAS VERY YOUNG - IMPOSSIBLY HUGE BEASTS TO A LITTLE GIRL. THEY'D COME UP TO THE FENCES LOOKING FOR FOOD. MY FATHER'S PROJECT WAS A SUCCESS... AT FIRST.



WITHIN A FEW RAPIDLY GESTATED GENERATIONS THE MITOCHONDRIAL D-N-A. OF THE ASIAN ELEPHANTS USED TO MIDWIFE THE MAMMOTHS BACK INTO EXISTENCE STARTED TO REASSERT ITSELF. SOON IT WAS ONLY ELEPHANTS, BEAUTIFUL ANIMALS IN THE WRONG PLACE, AT THE WRONG TIME.



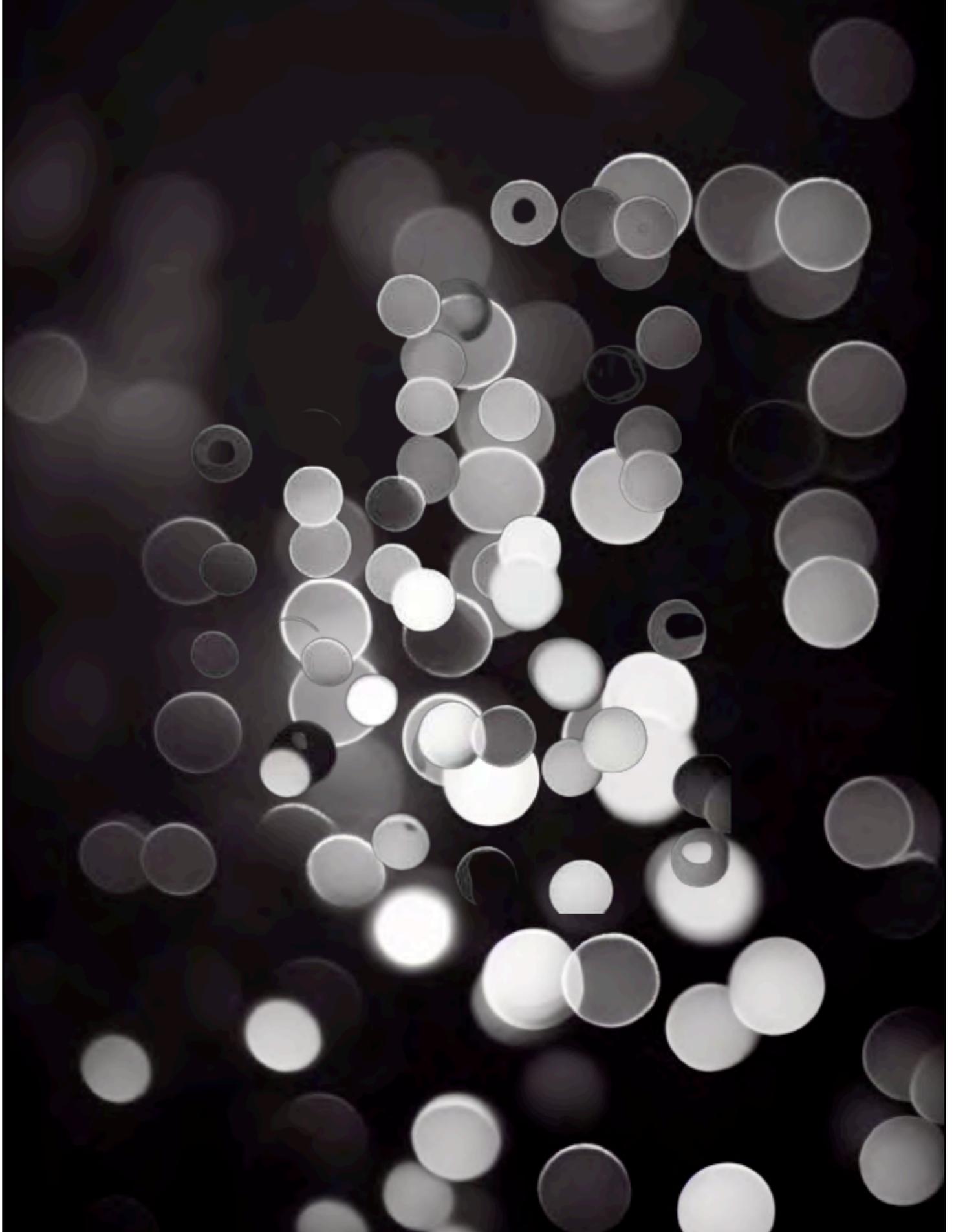
THAT NIGHT I DECIDED THAT THERE WAS NOTHING LEFT FOR ME HERE. THE MOMENT HAD COME...



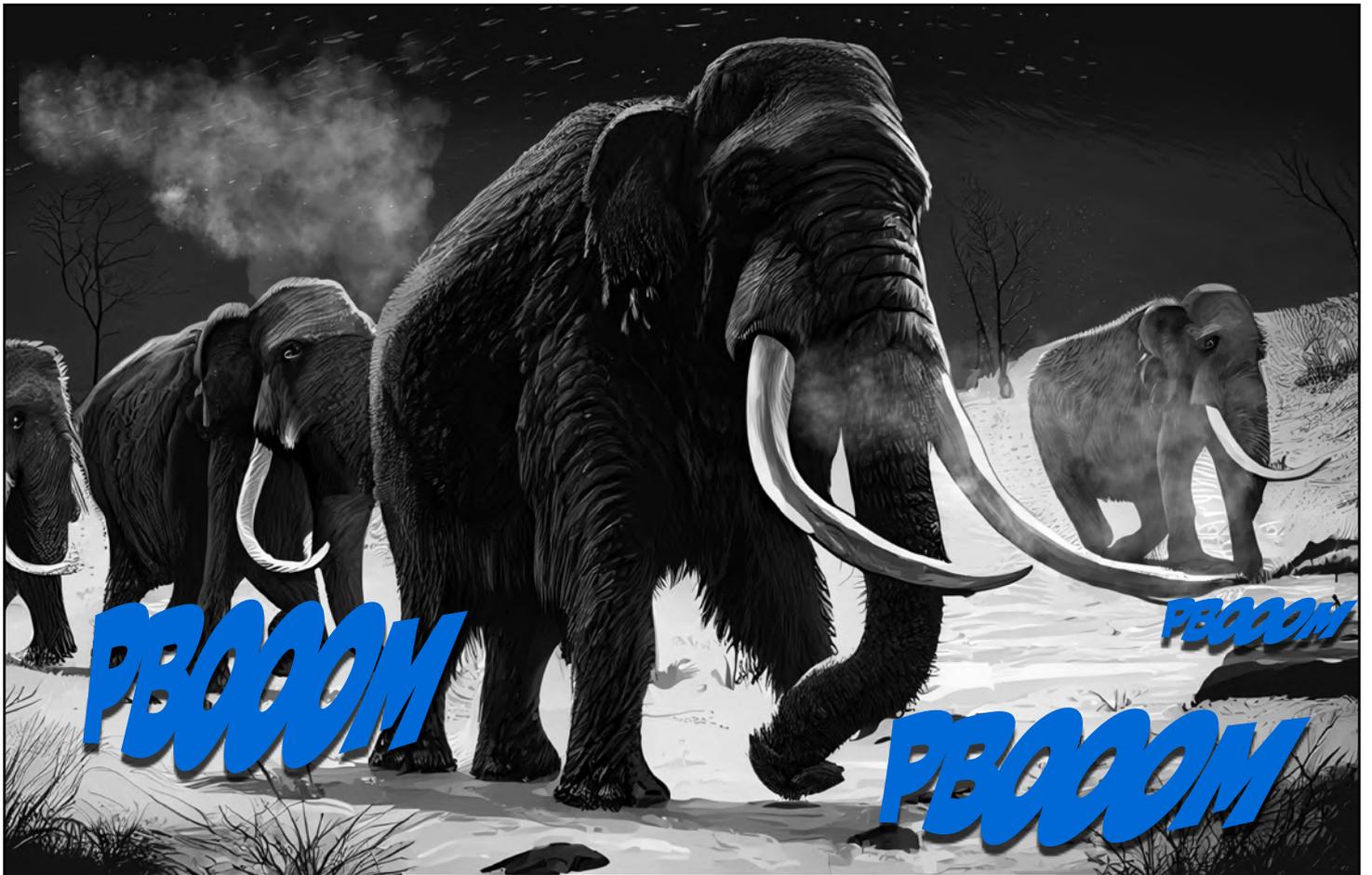
I COULD SENSE THAT WHAT I WAS ABOUT TO DO WAS BOTH **SECRET...** AND VERY VERY **DANGEROUS**. BUT I FELT CALM. IN CONTROL.



THIS IS THE **QUANTUM FOAM** AT THE EDGE OF ALL THINGS, A LIMINAL ZONE IN TIME AND SPACE. MOST OF US WHO CAN MOVE ACROSS TIME BREAK THROUGH IN DREAMS, BUT I DID IT THROUGH **SHEER FORCE OF WILL**. AND WIDE AWAKE.









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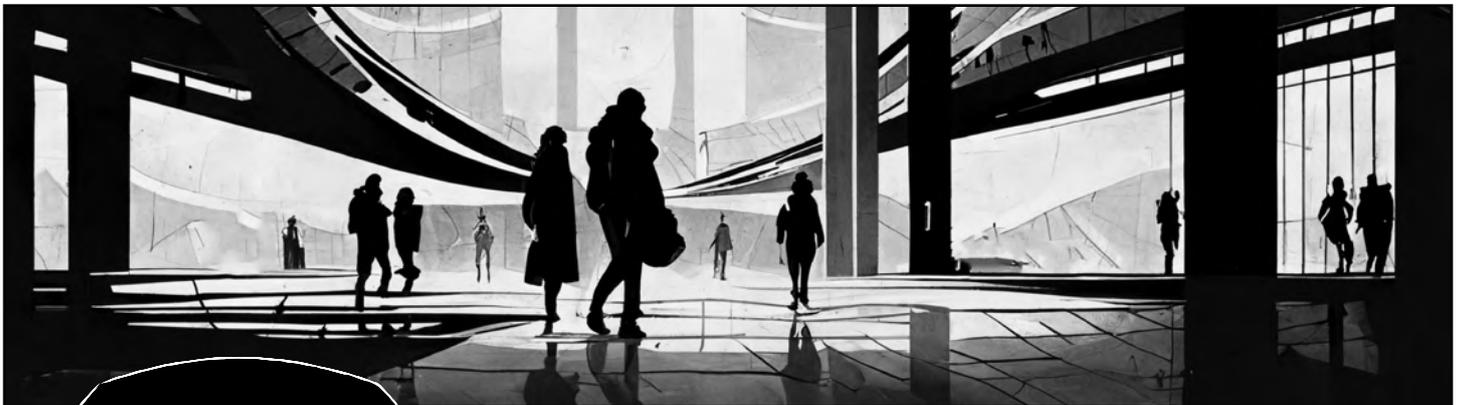
IT WAS THE HAPPIEST MOMENT OF MY LIFE...

LOCATION: WESTFIELD MERIVALE DATE: MARCH 13, 2178



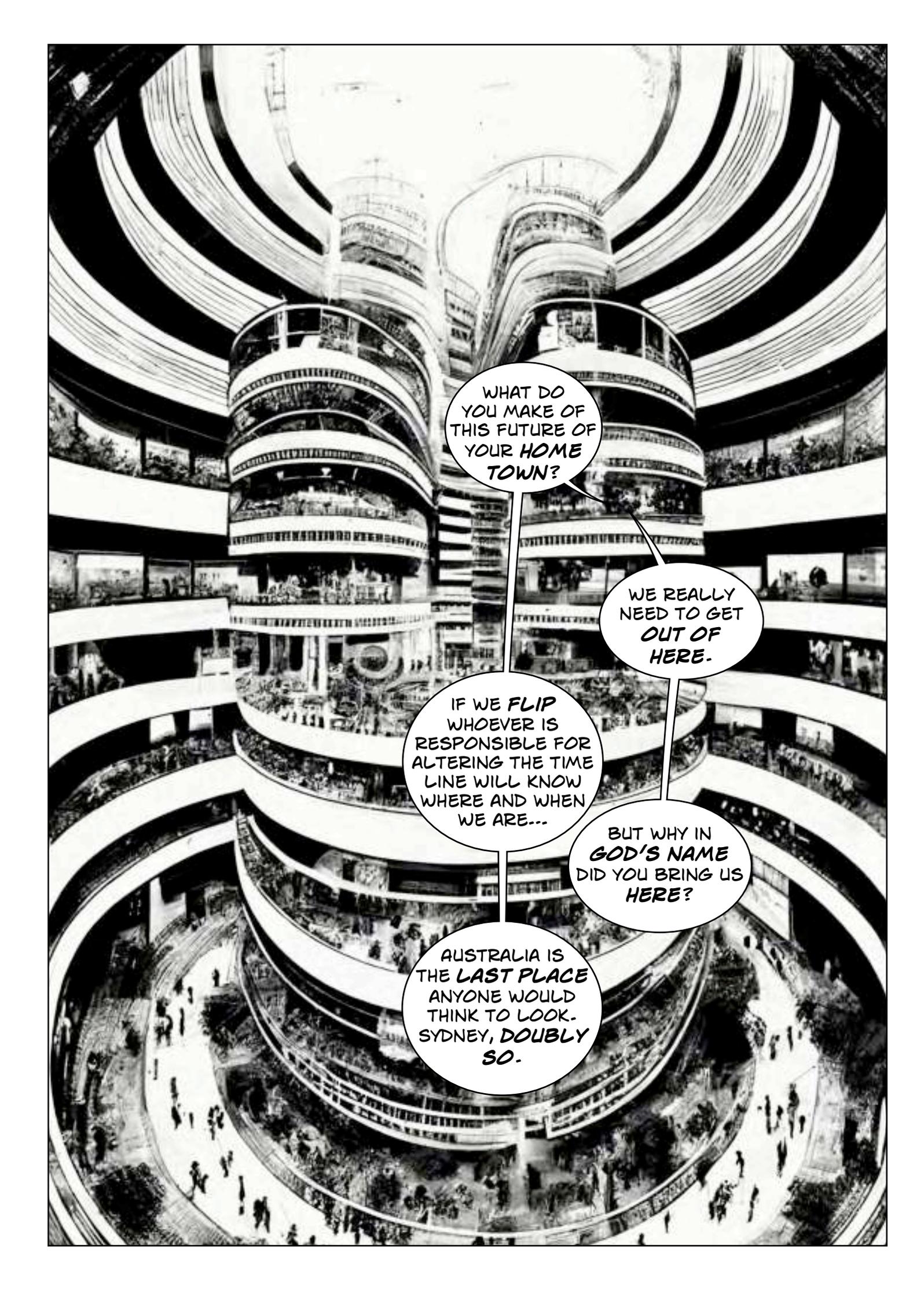


GOOD AFTERNOON. IT'S 1PM. OUTSIDE TEMP IS 54 DEGREES CELSIUS...BUT INSIDE IT'S A LOVELY 24 DEGREES. ENJOY THE REST OF YOUR DAY!



AND DON'T FORGET! OUTDOOR SIMS ARE RUNNING 24/7 ON MEZZANINE LEVEL 12!





WHAT DO YOU MAKE OF THIS FUTURE OF YOUR HOME TOWN?

WE REALLY NEED TO GET OUT OF HERE.

IF WE FLIP WHOEVER IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ALTERING THE TIME LINE WILL KNOW WHERE AND WHEN WE ARE...

BUT WHY IN GOD'S NAME DID YOU BRING US HERE?

AUSTRALIA IS THE LAST PLACE ANYONE WOULD THINK TO LOOK. SYDNEY, DOUBLY SO.



OK, BUT THIS FUTURE IS SO DEPRESSING.

THE ENTIRE AUSTRALIAN PEOPLE REDUCED TO ZOMBIE SHOPPERS...

IT'D BE AN ACT OF KINDNESS JUST TO SHOOT ME!



HA HA, YES... IT'S NOT AS THOUGH SHOOTING YOU IS NOT TEMPTING!

BUT WE HAVE TO AVOID ANNOYING PARADOXES*

YES?

* See Bonus Content #1



TELL ME SOMETHING. HOW IS IT **POSSIBLE** YOU CAN MOVE BEYOND **BIRTH AND DEATH BARRIERS**?

WELCOME TO THE WAVE ROOM...

I CONSCIOUSLY REMOVE ALL EMOTION FROM THE PROCESS. I CAN GO TO **ANY TIME, ANYWHERE**, EXCEPT JAUNT* FOR THAT WE HAVE TO SPACE TRAVEL THE **OLD FASHIONED** WAY...

* Jaunt - a term for telekinetic teleportation, derived from Alfred Bester's *Tiger! Tiger!* (1956).



WITH PRACTICE YOU CAN TAKE **PEOPLE** WITH YOU ACROSS THE **FOAM**...

SOUNDS LIKE A **NEAT TRICK** BUT...

WHO IS **THAT**?





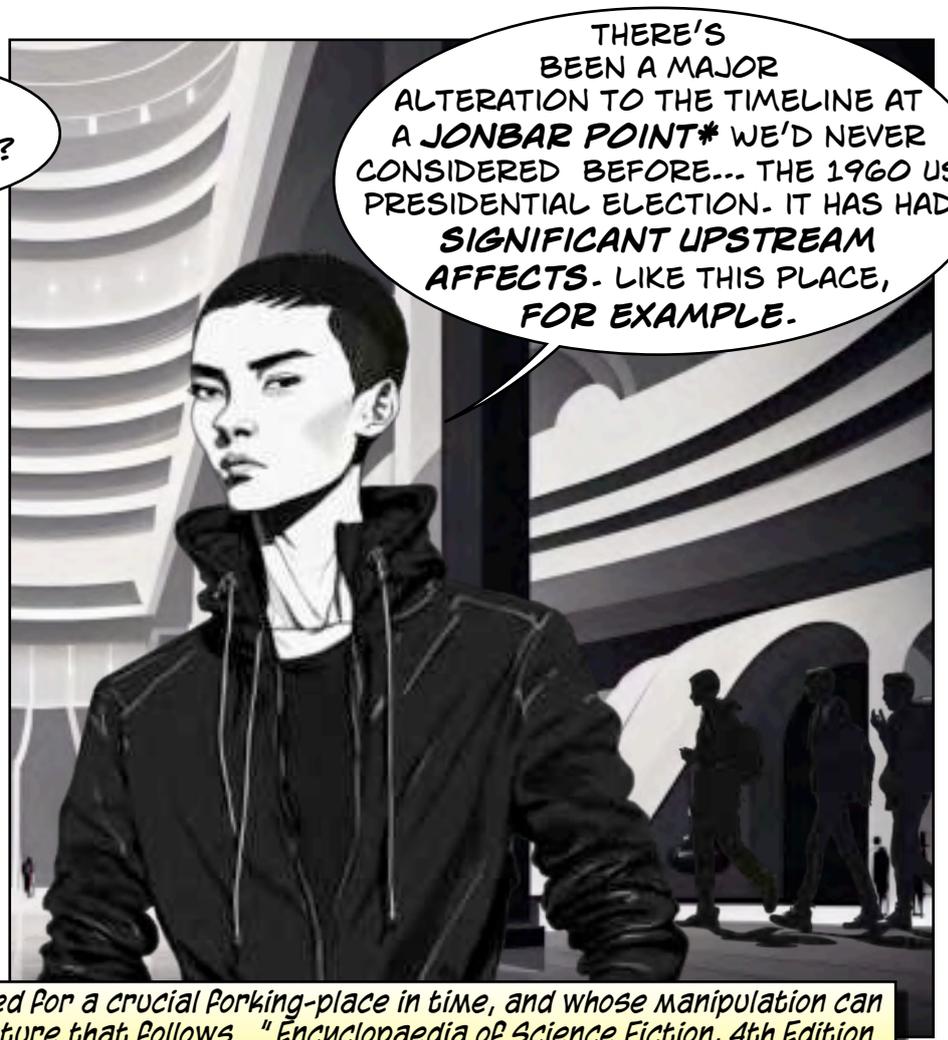
WELCOME TO THE
WAVE ROOM

HI TEAM!



WHO ARE YOU?

NETWORK!



* "Term occasionally used for a crucial **forking-place** in time, and whose manipulation can **radically affect** the future that follows..." *Encyclopaedia of Science Fiction, 4th Edition.*

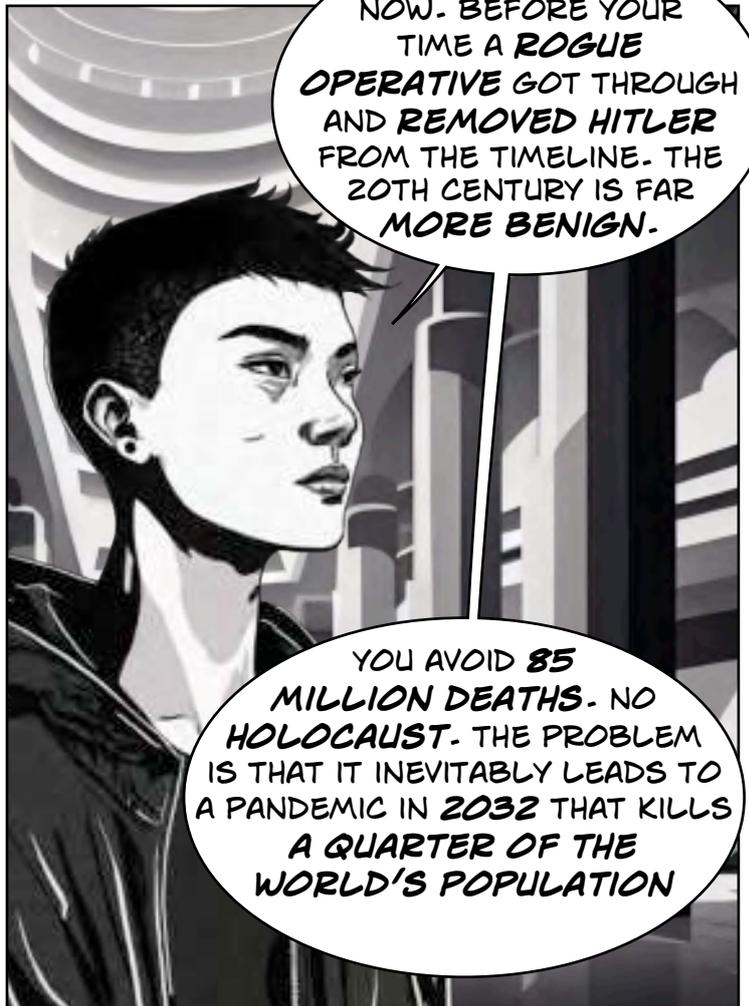


THESE PEOPLE ARE **DOOMED**. THE PLANET WILL BE DEVOID OF LIFE IN ANOTHER HALF CENTURY. THE **NIXON-WINS** SCENARIO TURNS OUT TO BE JUST AS BAD AS THE **NO-HITLER ALT-HISTORY***

** See Bonus Content #2*



THE **NO HITLER** TIMELINE? I THOUGHT YOU SAID THAT THAT TIME PERIOD WAS **SEALED?**

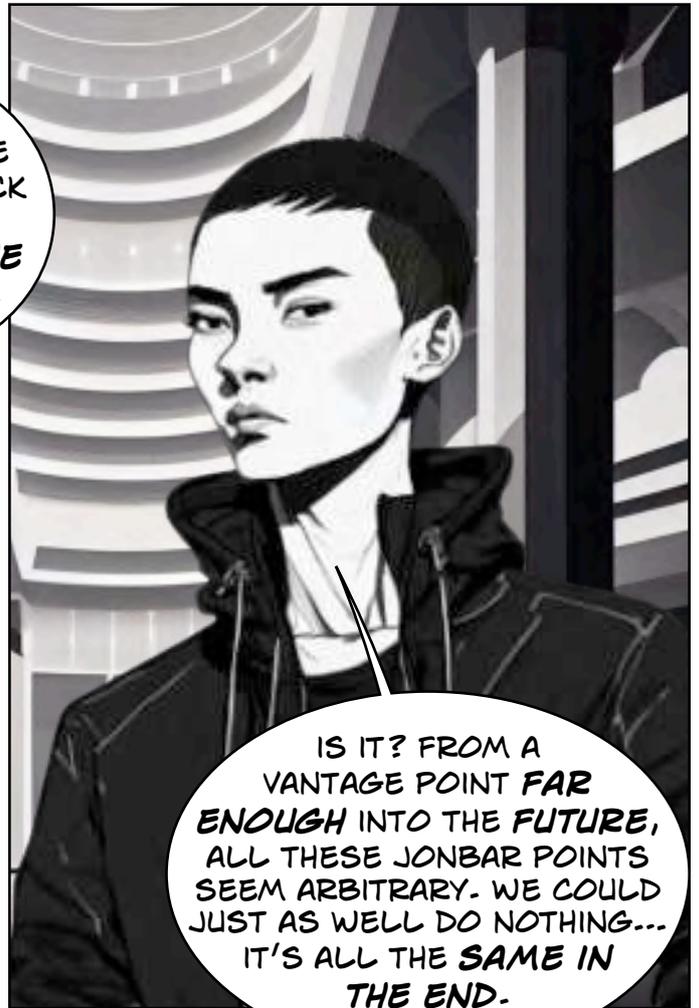


WELL, IT IS. NOW. BEFORE YOUR TIME A **ROGUE OPERATIVE** GOT THROUGH AND **REMOVED HITLER** FROM THE TIMELINE. THE 20TH CENTURY IS FAR **MORE BENIGN**.

YOU AVOID **85 MILLION DEATHS**. NO **HOLOCAUST**. THE PROBLEM IS THAT IT INEVITABLY LEADS TO A PANDEMIC IN **2032** THAT KILLS **A QUARTER OF THE WORLD'S POPULATION**



THEN THE ONLY CHOICE IS TO FLIP BACK AND TRY TO RESTORE THE TIMELINE...



IS IT? FROM A VANTAGE POINT FAR ENOUGH INTO THE FUTURE, ALL THESE JONBAR POINTS SEEM ARBITRARY. WE COULD JUST AS WELL DO NOTHING... IT'S ALL THE SAME IN THE END.



OTEBYIS! MY PARTNER IS IN OUR TIMELINE. I HAVE TO GET BACK TO HER!



WHAT WAS THAT?

RA-TINK!

* Otebyis - Russian (coll.) - Fuck off!



PSHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHH

WYSTRZELIĆ!



KA-POW

SPASHASH



BANG





HOW MANY ARE THERE?





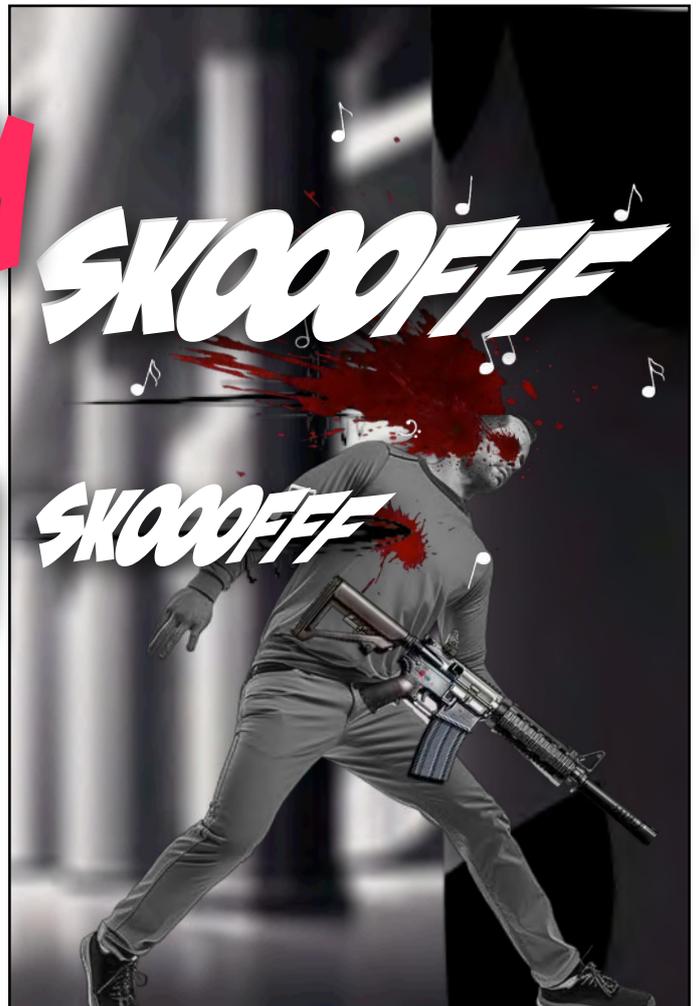
P-SING

P-ZIVFFFF

TWO ON THE RIGHT...
THREE MORE FLANKING
US...



TEAM 2 IN
PLACE!







ALL
CLEAR

ROGER
THAT



WE HAVE
ONE
CONFIRMED
KILL...



AND
MATTHEW?

WE FOUND HIS
GLASSES. BUT NO
BODY.



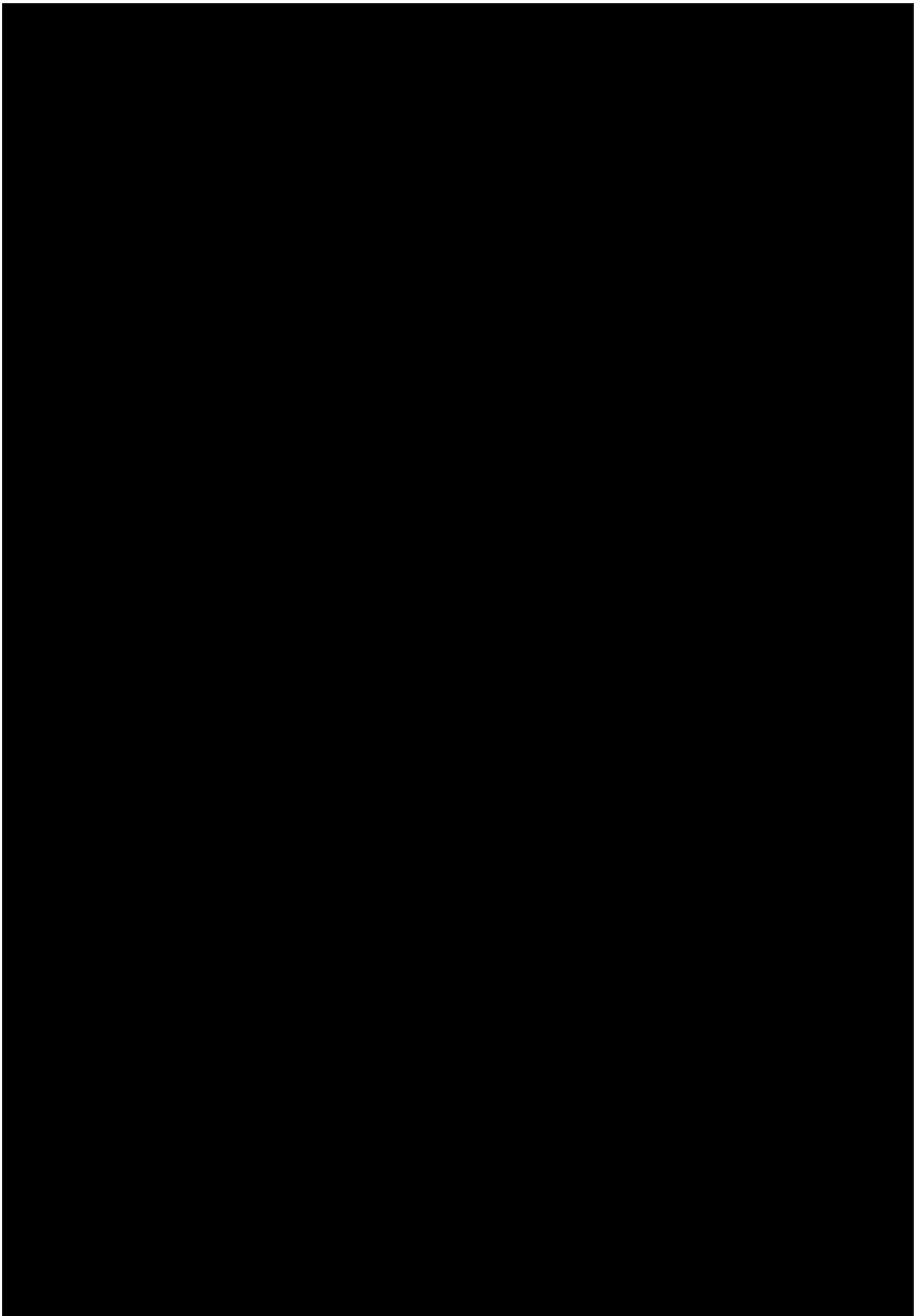
JERRY,
SHALL WE GO
AFTER HIM?

NO, BUT I HAVE A
GOOD IDEA WHEN WE'LL
FIND HIM. GET THE MEN
READY TO FLIP.

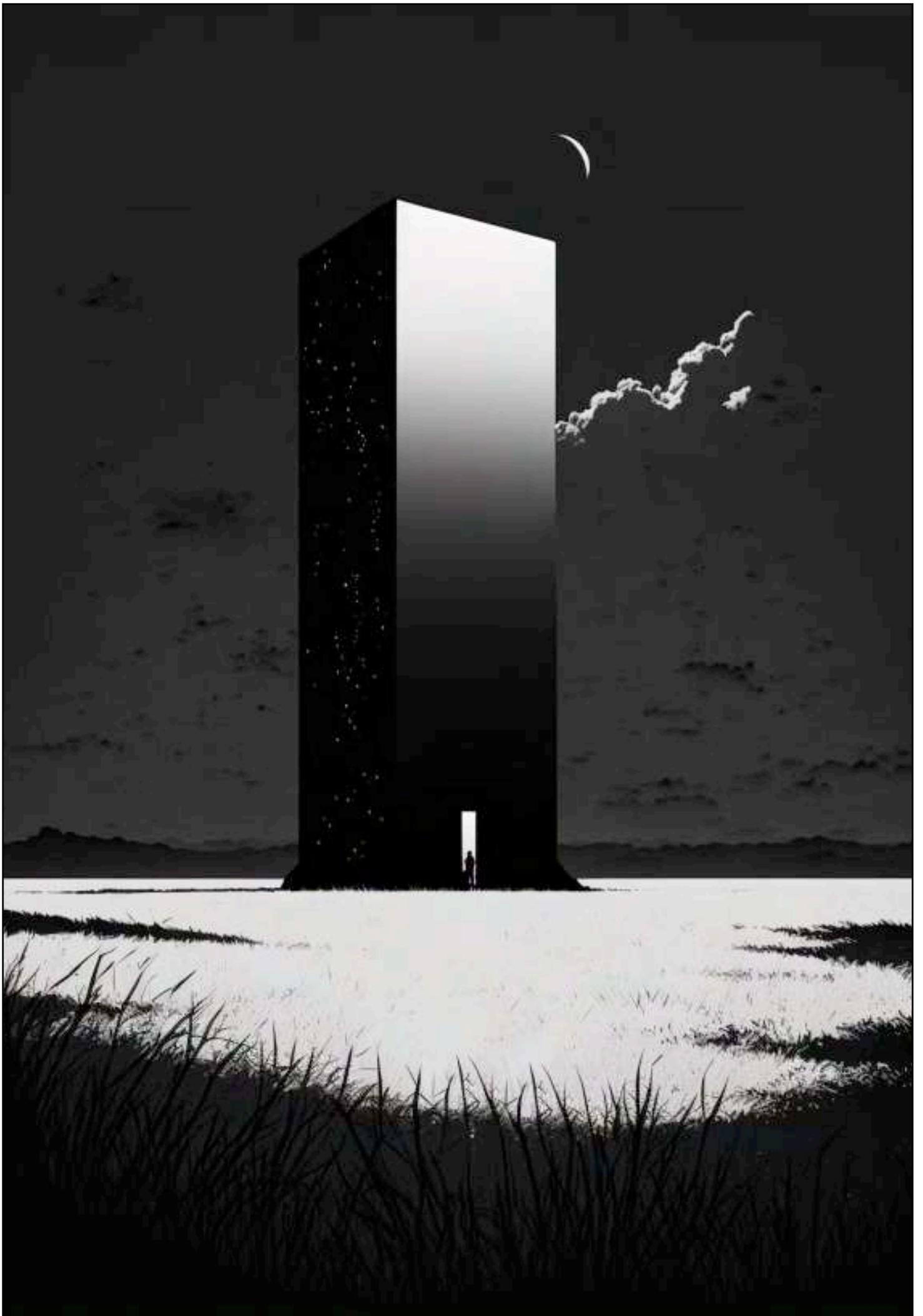
YES SIR.

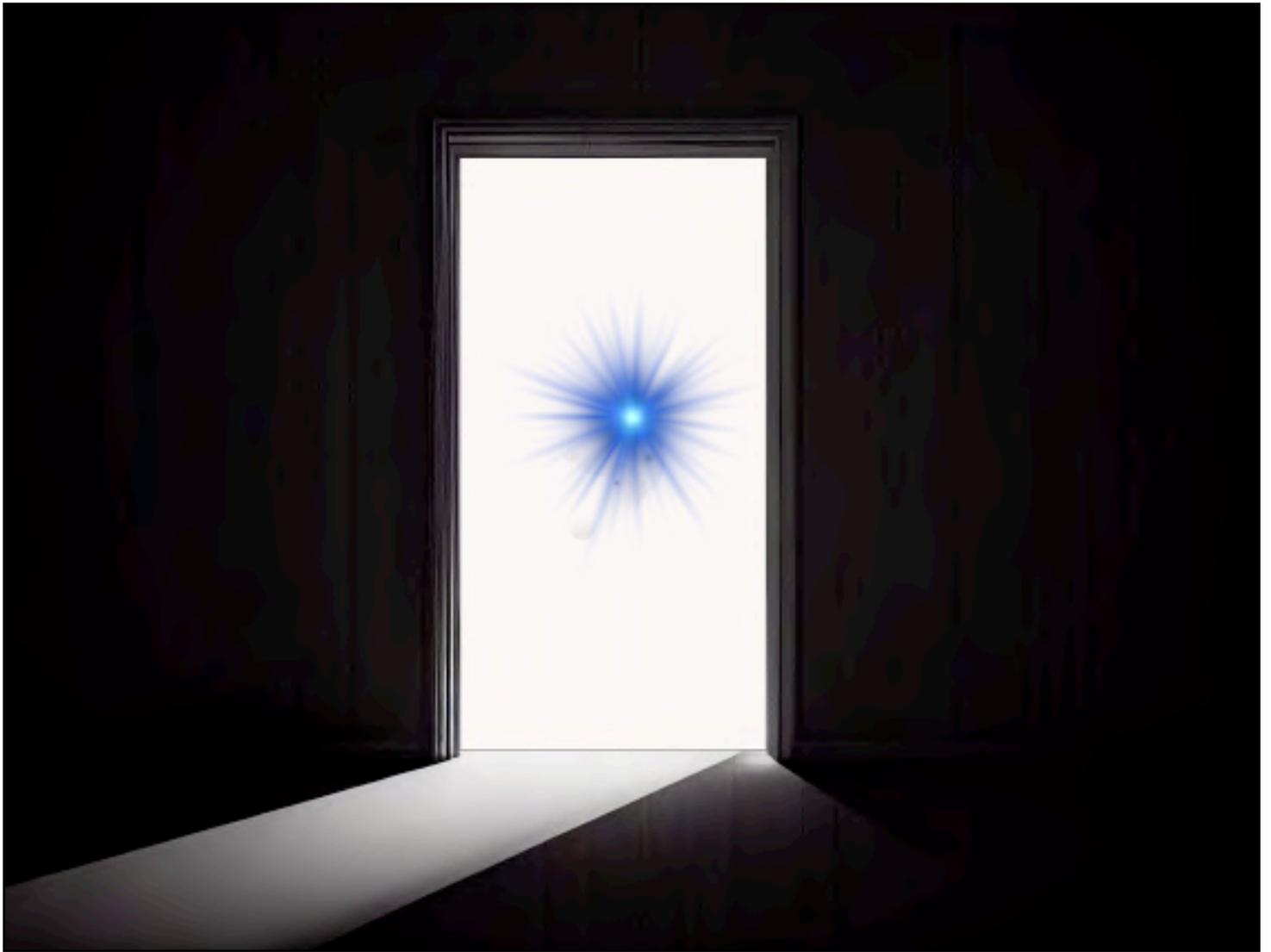


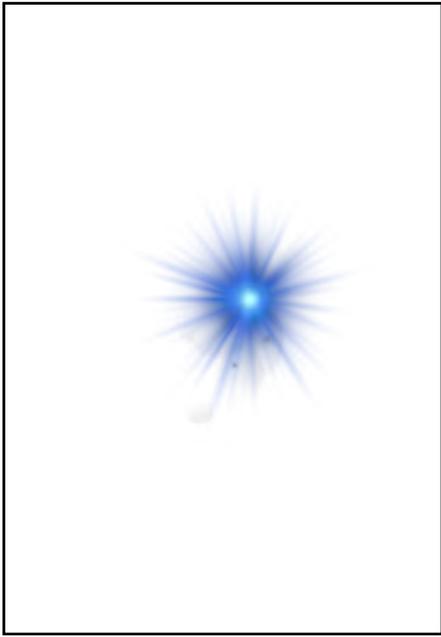
LET'S GET
THE FUCK OUT
OF THIS FREAK
SHOW



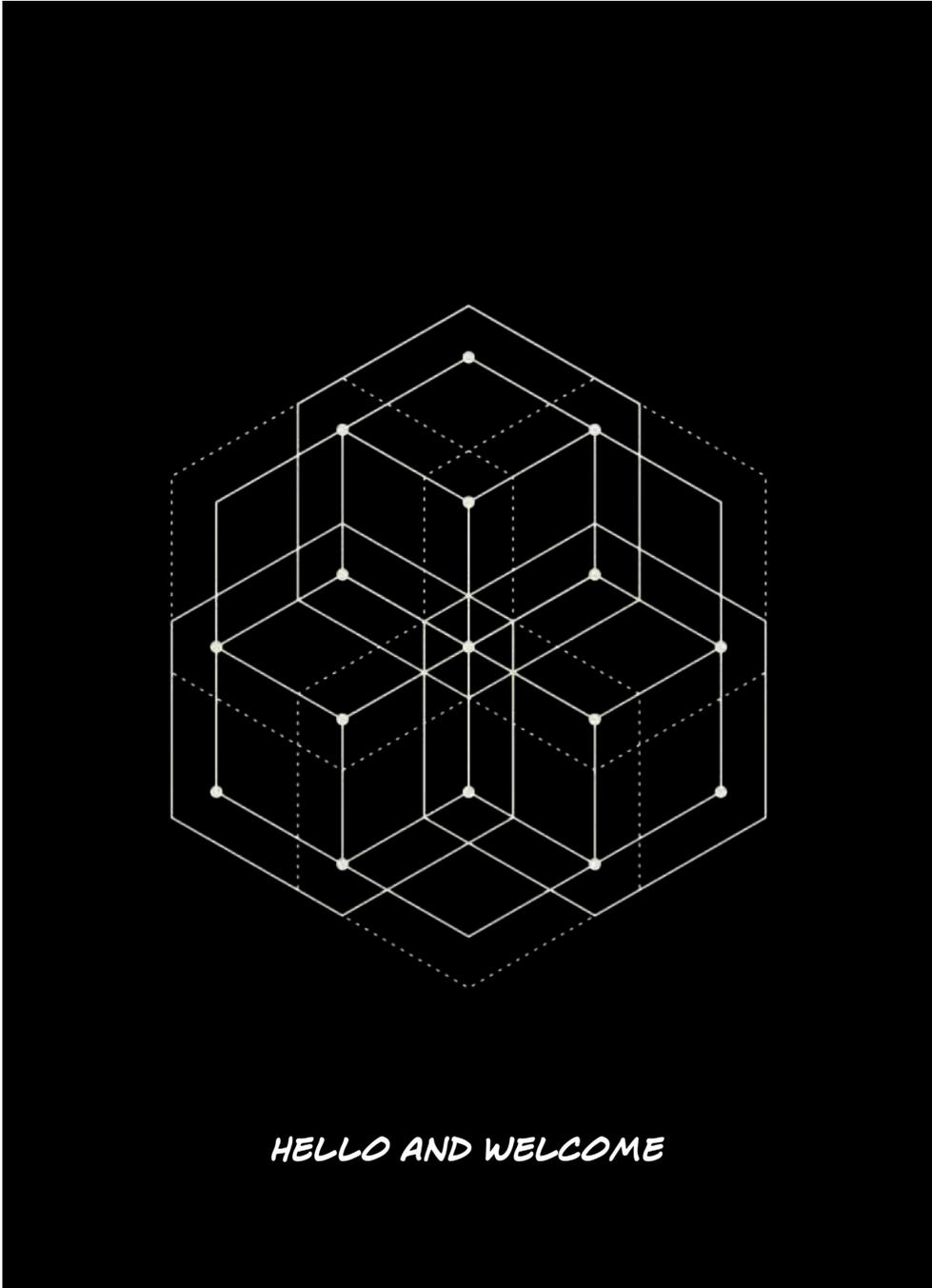






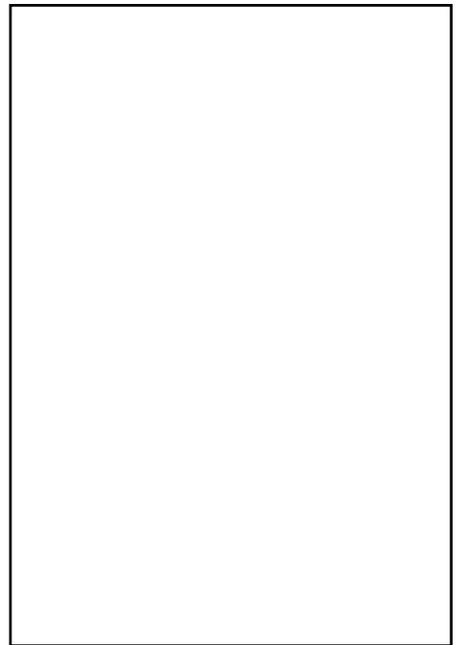


*PLEASE DO NOT
TOUCH OR
HANDLE THE
SINGULARITY*



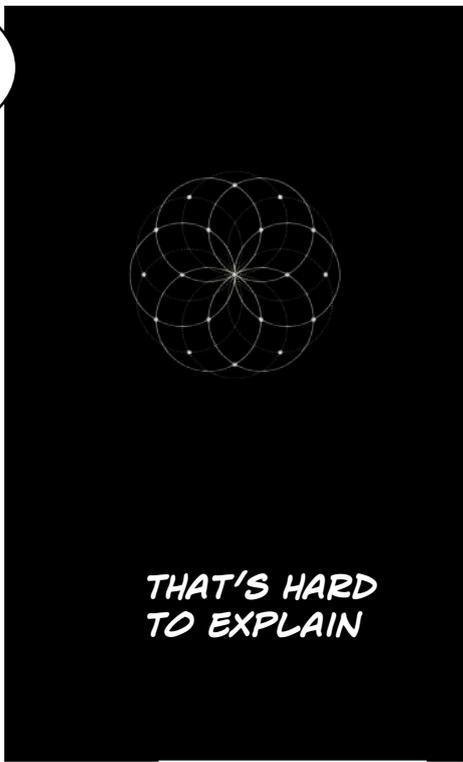
HELLO AND WELCOME

X CH SKT





WHERE AM I?



THAT'S HARD
TO EXPLAIN



WHO... ARE
YOU?

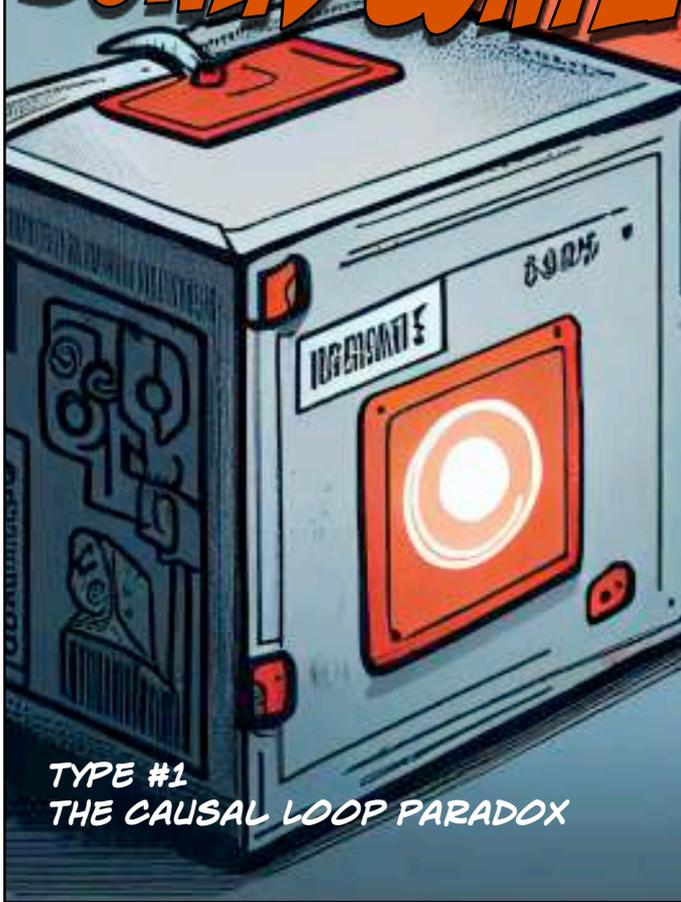


I AM NEXUS...
AND I'VE BEEN
WAITING FOR
YOU...

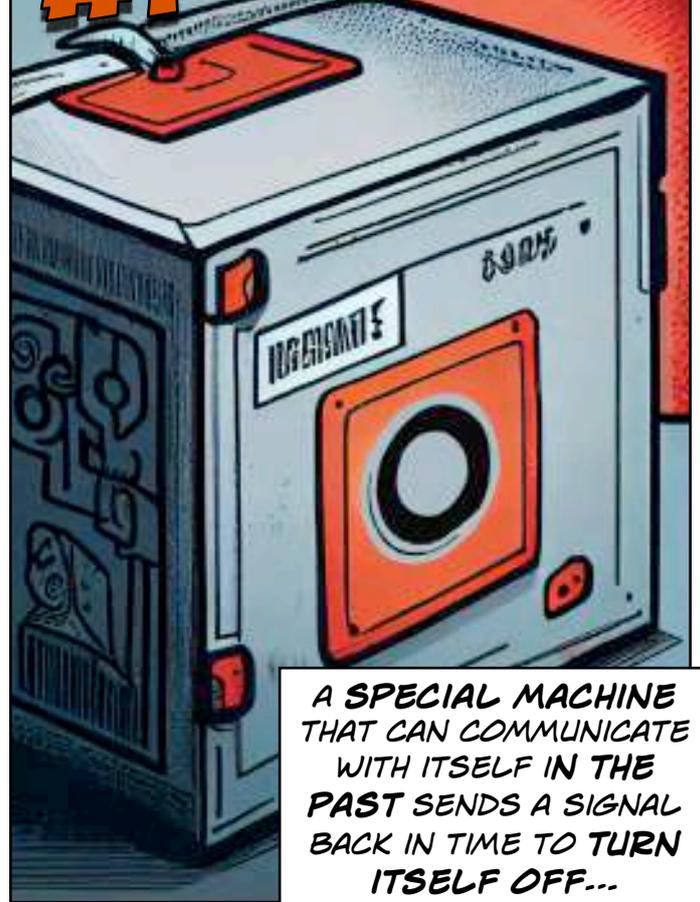
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BONUS CONTENT #1

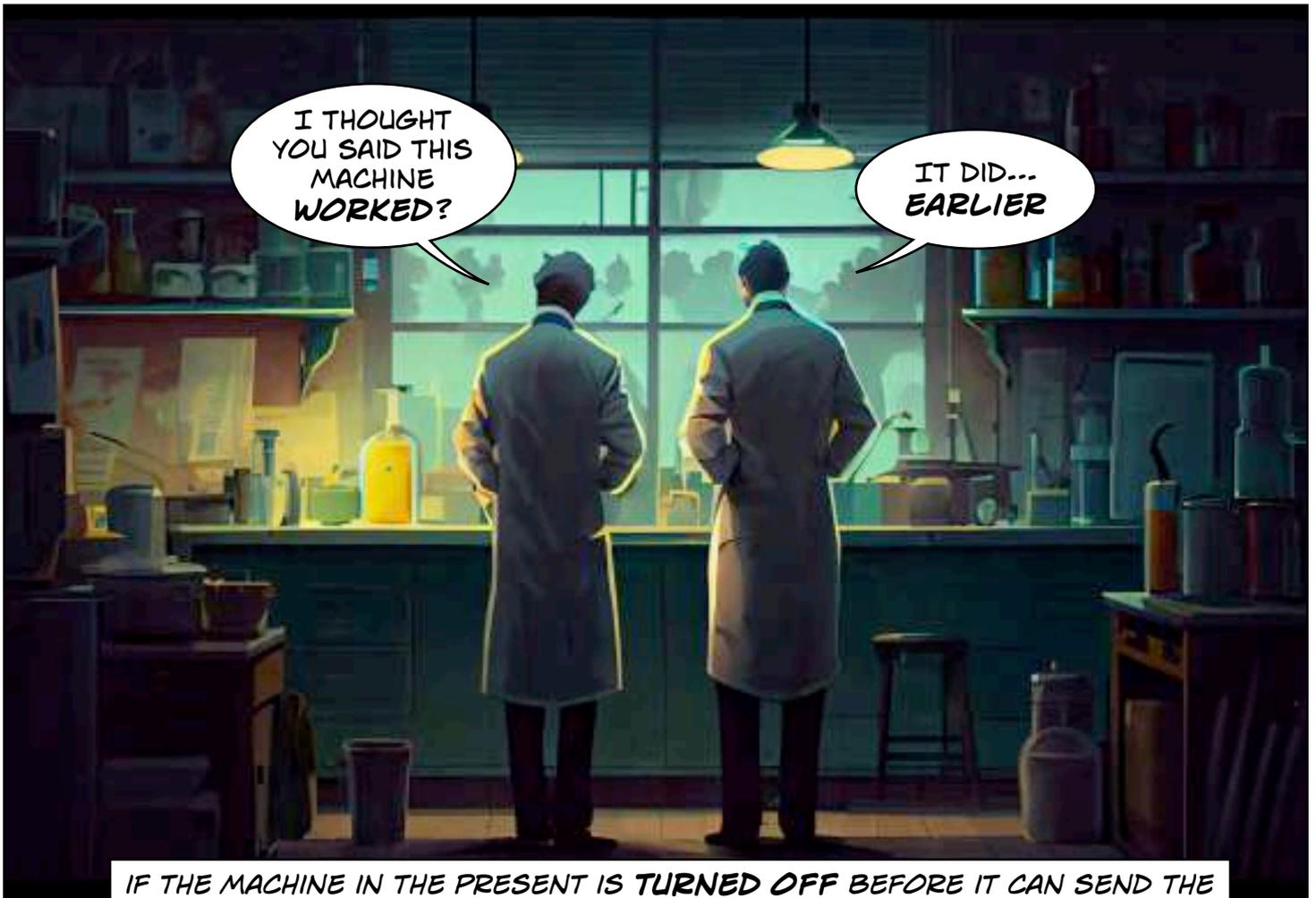
THREE FLAVOURS
OF TIME PARADOXES



TYPE #1
THE CAUSAL LOOP PARADOX



A SPECIAL MACHINE
THAT CAN COMMUNICATE
WITH ITSELF IN THE
PAST SENDS A SIGNAL
BACK IN TIME TO TURN
ITSELF OFF...

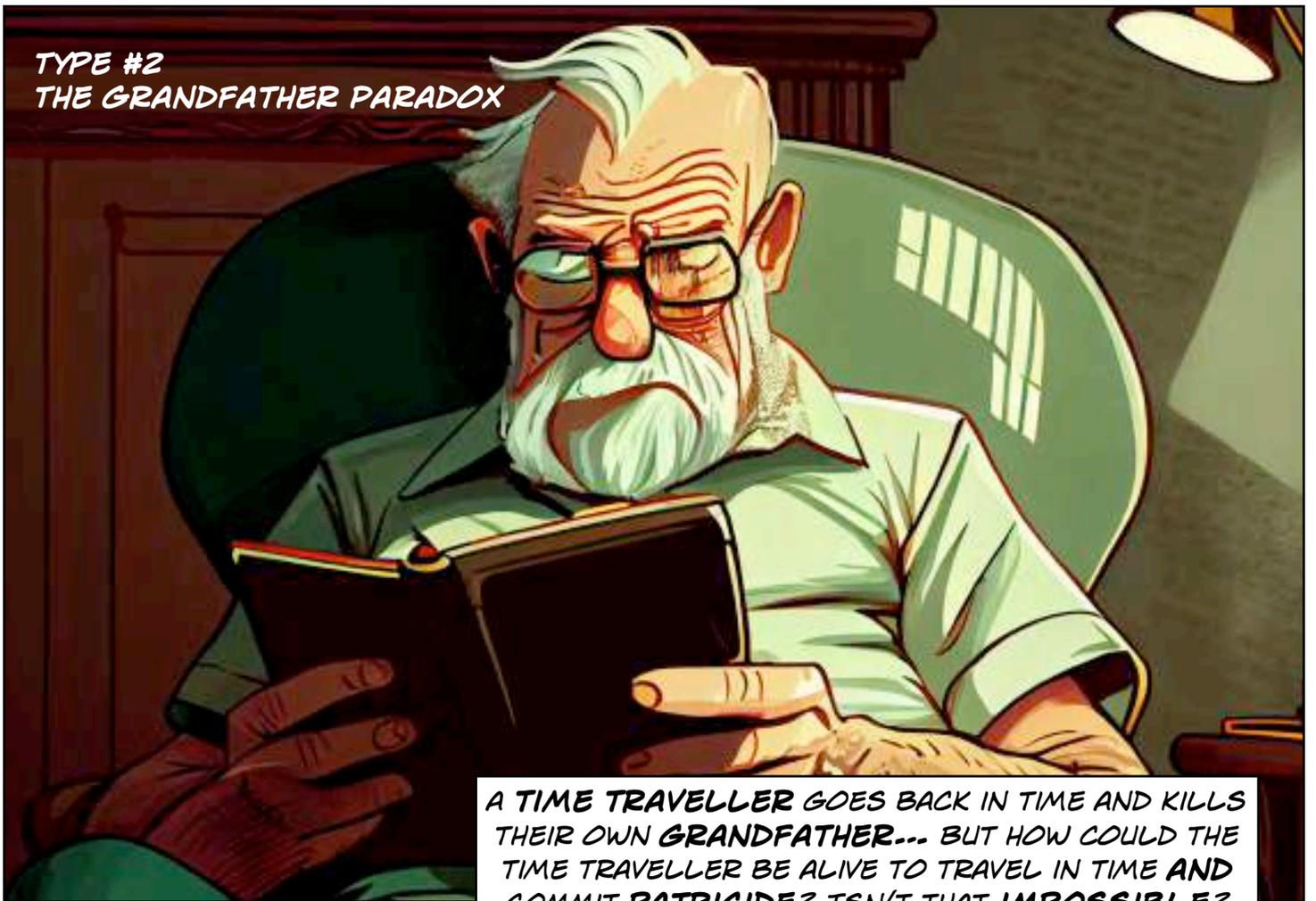


I THOUGHT
YOU SAID THIS
MACHINE
WORKED?

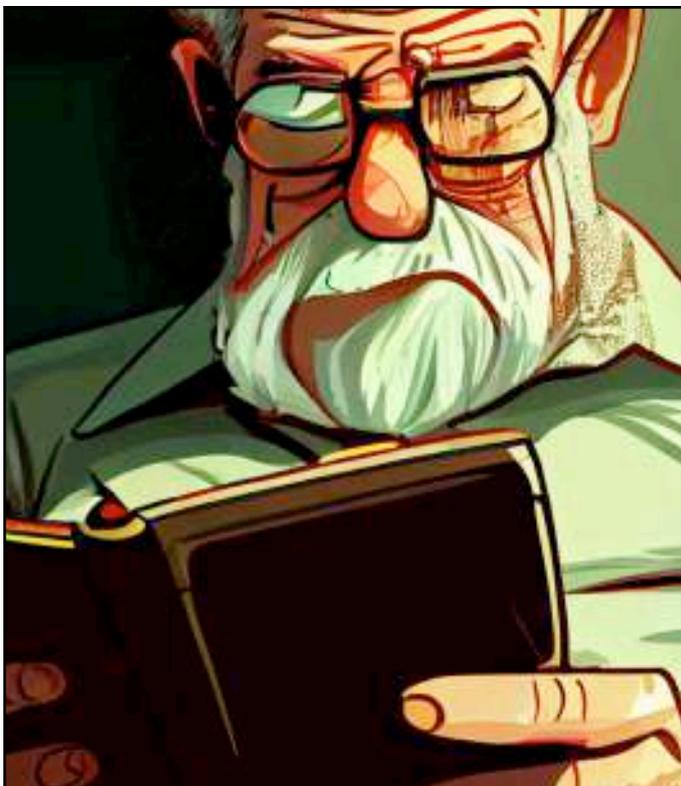
IT DID...
EARLIER

IF THE MACHINE IN THE PRESENT IS TURNED OFF BEFORE IT CAN SEND THE SIGNAL BACK FROM THE FUTURE, HOW DOES THE SIGNAL GET SENT?

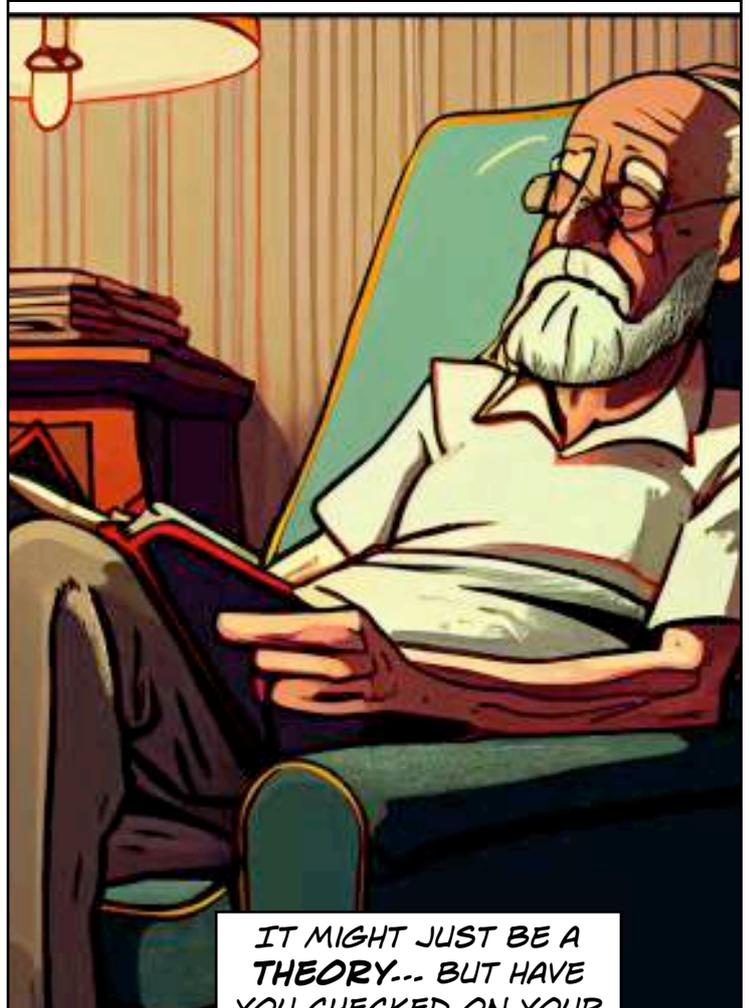
**TYPE #2
THE GRANDFATHER PARADOX**



A TIME TRAVELLER GOES BACK IN TIME AND KILLS THEIR OWN GRANDFATHER... BUT HOW COULD THE TIME TRAVELLER BE ALIVE TO TRAVEL IN TIME AND COMMIT PATRICIDE? ISN'T THAT IMPOSSIBLE?



WOULDN'T THE MATERIAL REALITY OF THE KILLER BE SNUFFED OUT OF EXISTENCE AT THE MOMENT THE GRANDFATHER DIES? ON THE OTHER HAND, MAYBE EXISTENCE IN THE PAST HAS NO BEARING ON THE FUTURE - IF YOU EXIST, YOU EXIST... RIGHT?

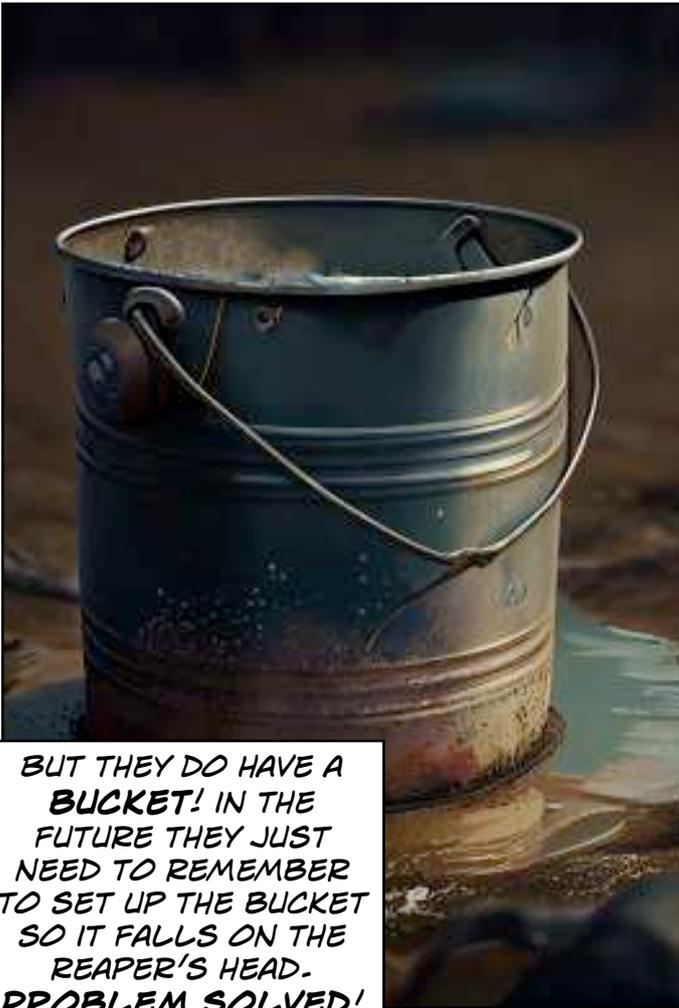


IT MIGHT JUST BE A THEORY... BUT HAVE YOU CHECKED ON YOUR GRANDFATHER LATELY?

**TYPE #3
THE BILLNTED PARADOX**



OUR HEROES **BILL & TED** ARE CONFRONTED BY THE SPECTRE OF THE **GRIM REAPER**... HOW CAN THEY DEFEAT HIM? IF ONLY THEY HAD A **BUCKET TO DROP ON HIS HEAD** SO THEY COULD MAKE A **GETAWAY!**



BUT THEY DO HAVE A **BUCKET!** IN THE FUTURE THEY JUST NEED TO REMEMBER TO SET UP THE BUCKET SO IT FALLS ON THE REAPER'S HEAD. **PROBLEM SOLVED!**



ZIS IS NOT PHUNNY **GUYS!** ...**GUYS?**

WAIT A SECOND... HOW CAN THEY MAKE SOMETHING HAPPEN THAT **HASN'T HAPPENED YET?** WHAT IF THEY FORGET TO SET UP THE BUCKET? BUT THEY WILL BECAUSE THE BUCKET FELL... OR DO THEY? OR NOT... OR...

BONUS CONTENT #2

The No Hitler Timeline

What if **Adolf Hitler** was taken out of the 20th century? Would there still be a second world war? Thanks to **Network** we now know...

In October 1916, during the Battle of the Somme, **Adolf Hitler** is "killed" when a shell explodes in his bunker.



After the war ends, Germany is **plunged into a depression** that radicalises both the left and right wings of politics.

The **Hamburger Aufstand** [Hamburg Uprising] in **October 1923** is successful, overthrowing the **Weimar Republic**, and installing a pro-Russian Communist government



MWAHAHAHA!



Stalin assumes leadership over the Soviet state following Lenin's death in 1924.

Communist governments are peacefully elected in France [1929] and Italy [1931]. Both ally themselves with Germany and Russia, forming a pro-Soviet block.

MON DIEU!!

MAMMA MIA!



In July 1936, on the pretext of deposing corrupt governments, the Soviet Union occupies all of Western Europe to the English Channel, consolidating its power.



While carefully guarding its neutrality, England retains its Empire into the late 1950s, maintaining a policy of containment with Europe.

WHAT HO!



MAO TSE
NO!



On July 7th 1937 The Empire of Japan invades China, eventually defeating a fractious alliance between Communist and Nationalist forces. Despite defeating both armies at the end of 1944, Japan continues to fight a guerrilla war against Mao's rebels.

The war in China further industrializes Japan into a **boom economy**. Japan does not expand outside China and Korea.

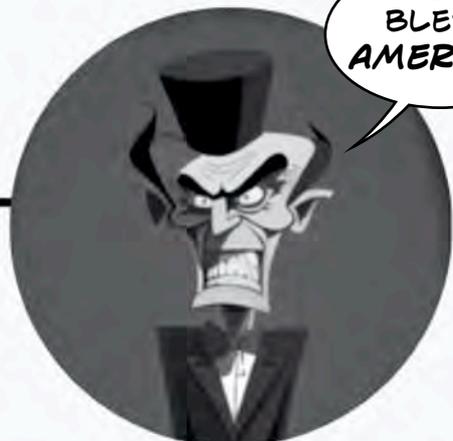


After Stalin's death in March 1953, a slow process of democratisation takes place across Europe and Russia under the leadership of Premier Nikita Khrushchev.



The **United States of America** retains its isolationism into the 1950s, only emerging into the international community after Stalin's death. **President Judson Hammond** rallies the right wing in 1956, serves three terms, transforming the country into a modern if repressive state.

GOD
BLESS
AMERICA!



AMONG FRIENDS

part 2

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