Target about (you can add your lore and trivia drafts here)

LORE PAGE TRIVIA DRAFT (ORGANIZE THIS LIST STILL)

The working title was always Target from day one, but I also considered the Armenian word t’irak’ (թիրախ). for a bit.

Shavo’s outfit design and overall vibe was inspired by Tank Girl.

Thanks to my research on Joshua trees, this story takes place in the Mojave Desert.

Halfway through the story, my first 0.3 pen “flatspotted” forcing me to break in a second pen to finish the last 10 pages.

The comic took exactly one month to complete from initial conception to final inking and touch-ups (9.30.24-10.30.24).

I listened to nothing but TOOL while drawing the pages (mainly Fear Inoculum and Aenima) and inked to Black Sabbath.

Inspiration was pulled from gent1satan’s original Toxicity SOAD comic, the Saw franchise, Mad Max, and Tank Girl.

The entire general plot was developed in a day and then only slightly reworked and improvised.

Two rounds of character outfit reference sheets were made and kept on hand while drawing to maintain design consistency.

I tried to borrow elements from the original comic (LINK FIRST PAGE) including scorpions, Serj’s 81 marking, blind eye and outfit, Daron’s hairstyle, Shavo’s outfit, and John’s scar.

I asked gent1esatan to pick a random number from 1-100. They provided the random number 48 for me to use, but I changed it to 47 so it wouldn’t clash with the already established 81.

The bomb collar was directly inspired Lynn’s shotgun collar (LINK) in Saw 3.

Unlike Third Eye, mistakes were patched over with small pieces of envelope stickies.

Shavo’s garage/shack in the original Toxicity comic was modified into an underground bunker.

**STORY / PLOT TRIVIA STUFFFFF (separate section that replaces the soad references one)**

In the opening scene, John was originally going to get injured and not acquire the first aid kit. Because of this change, Andy had to resort to his shirt for patching his wounds later on.

The opening scene takes place at night but I have no idea how to convey that in my style.

Serj handing Daron his shirt for protection in desperation was improv. Daron was originally supposed to comply and take the jacket.

The Armenian flag tricolor line was borrowed from Shavo’s interview. (LINK TIMESTAMP)

Originally John was supposed to head towards the exploding bombs out of curiosity instead of going the opposite way.

Originally Andy was supposed to notice that Serj and Daron got picked up in the tank and protest to John that they had cheated. This wouldn’t make sense though because there’s no way he would have known Serj and Daron were his opponents in the context of the story. Also if he had recognized them, he also would have been close enough to have then been rescued too.

<https://sawfilms.fandom.com/wiki/Shotgun_Collar>

<https://paulagaston.com/visiting-joshua-tree-national-park-in-california/>

<https://youtu.be/dvO8fE52Z6g?si=VA5cryxVKb8gCCTy&t=2035>