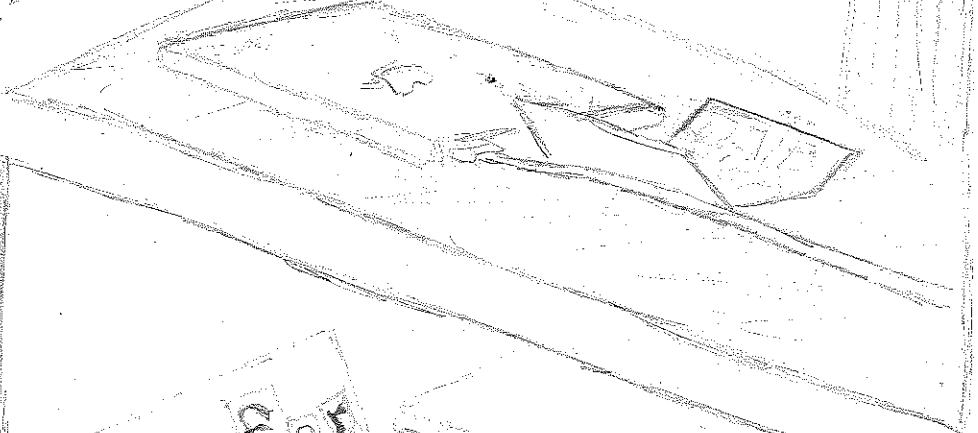
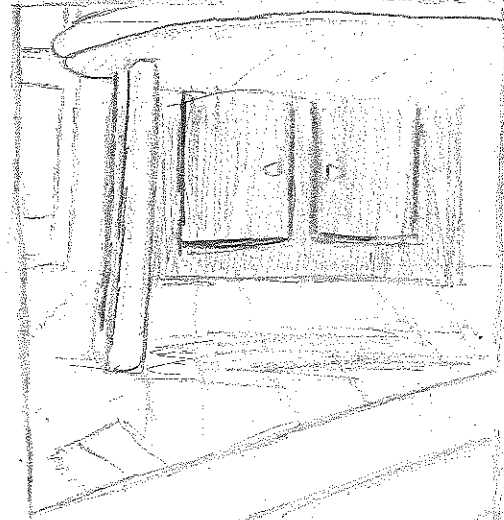
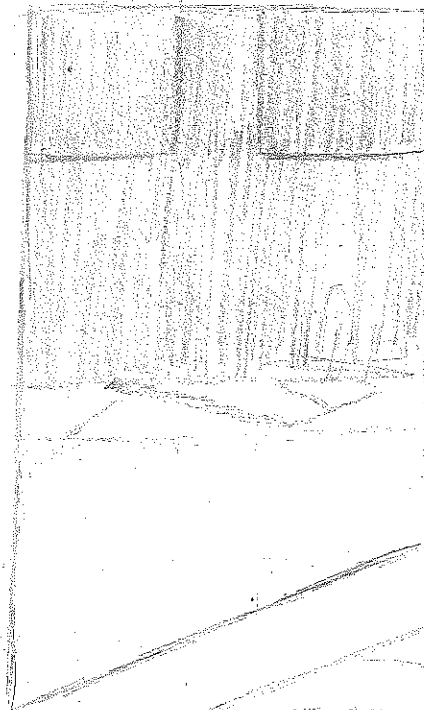
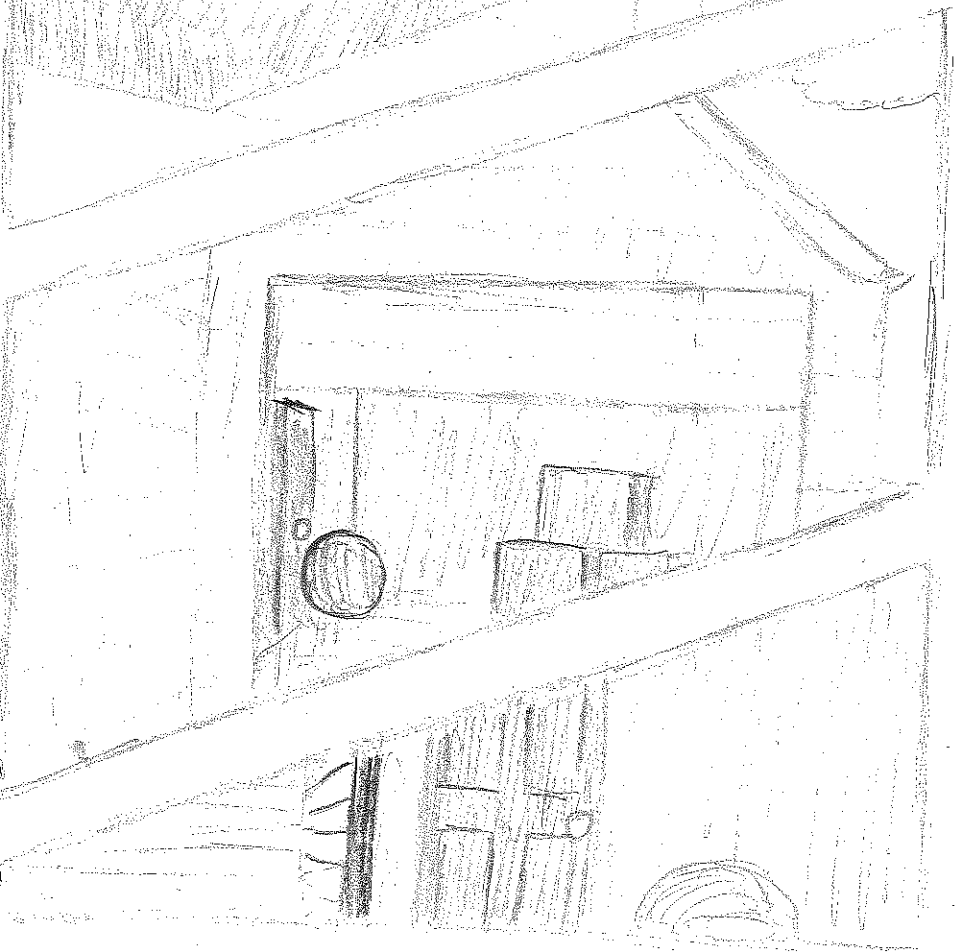
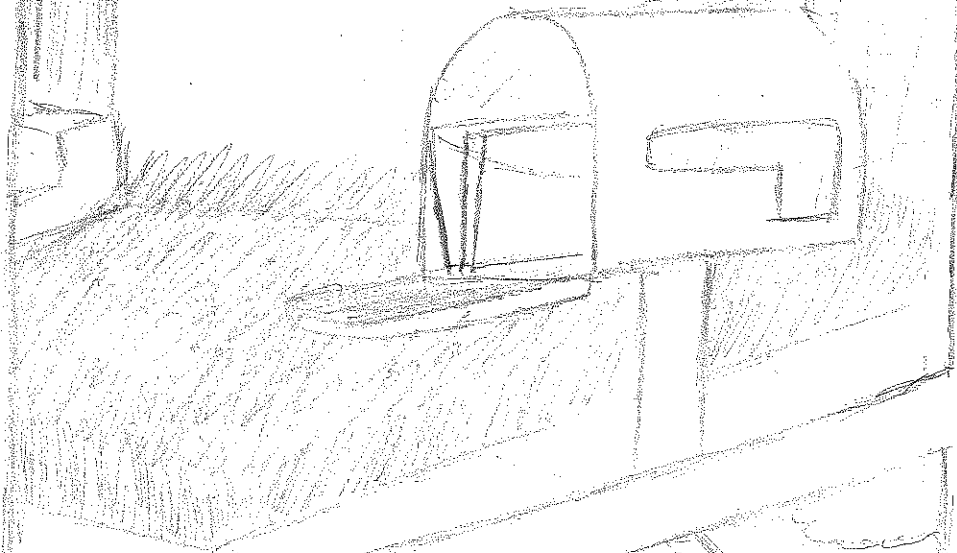
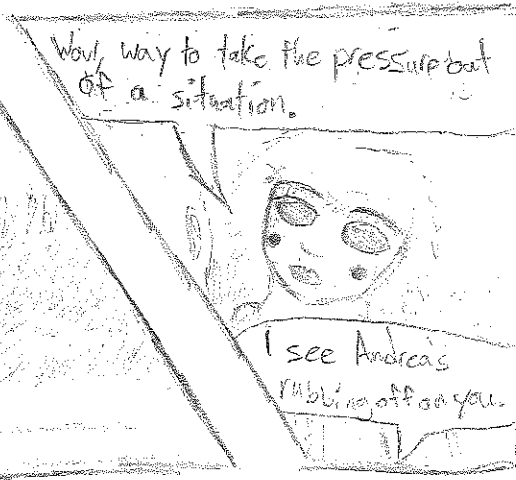
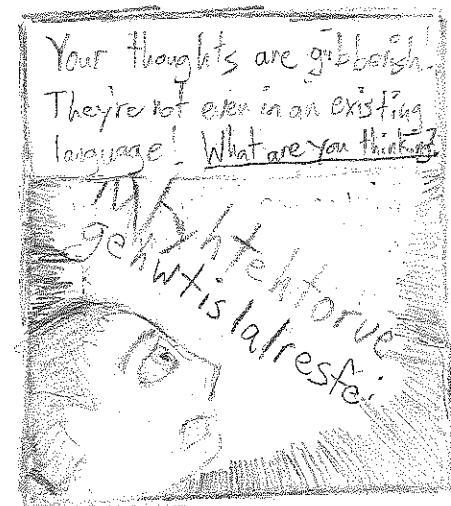
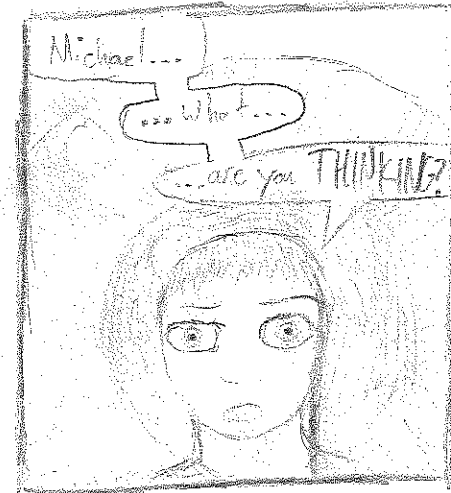


W. J. Nicol

Saturday, April 21, 2018, 12:47 p.m.





So, would you like to defend your use of time travel first or shall I condemn it first?

Let's just get this straight...

The status quo is that I continue to use my power. Thus, you have the burden of proof. You go first.

Am Contraire, it is you who have got to convince me not to have Jean-Luc beat the shit out of you. But I'll go first.

The truth is that we can't know for certain whether creating a paradox would be destructive to reality. But I do know two things.

First, nothing good can result from a time travel paradox.

And second, preventing the chance of a paradox is worth any cost. Even a life, and certainly an unsolved robbery or two.

I admit that nothing good can come of a time travel paradox, but this is not a matter of choice. Although we cannot directly observe what the effect of a time travel paradox is, going on your theory that "reality comes to an end," there is no reason why such a universe-destroying force would limit itself to the time after the paradox is caused. We wouldn't be having this conversation if reality splintered in my lifetime.



Allow me to clarify. I believe that reality will end right before the paradox, thus preventing it from occurring.

Hold up. I have two questions. First is, wouldn't that result make another paradox? If the cause of reality's demise is an event prevented by the destruction of reality, that wouldn't make sense. And second is...

... do you believe in God?

I believe in humanity. We do not need a god to protect us.

I see where this is going.

If I might guess...

...you believe in a god.  
Furthermore, you believe that  
your god would not allow a  
paradox to rip reality asunder.

Am I correct  
in that assessment?

That didn't go so well.

...You are.

All of that is correct.

I see. I have made the mistake  
of entering an argument that I cannot  
win.

You see, Michael, a belief such as yours cannot be reasoned with,  
for when you bring faith in the invisible, incorporeal, and unknowable  
into the equation, you by default throw logic out the window.

I don't have time for this.

JEAN-LUC!

Not so well at all.

The only real way to avoid this punch is to blink out of this particular instance in time. But where to?

I can't think...  
... can't strategize  
fast enough...

Back five minutes?

The tree will serve as the best cover.

Obviously,  
I didn't see myself..

And they gave no  
indication of seeing me.

Whatever I do will  
be undetectable.

I should get my like.

Back 12 hours.

Which tree did I put it by?

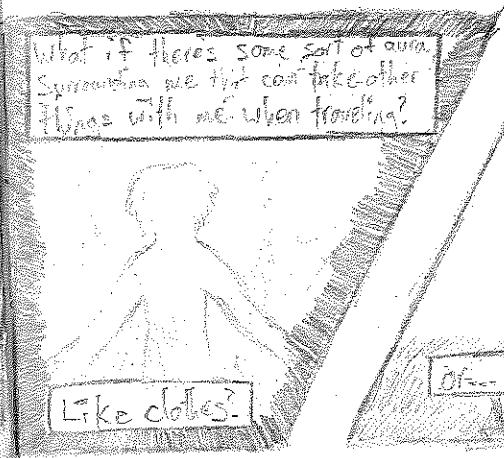
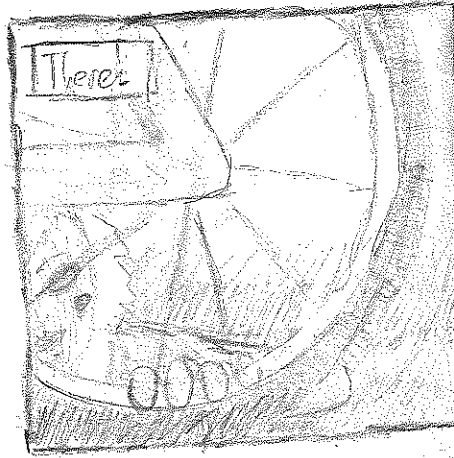
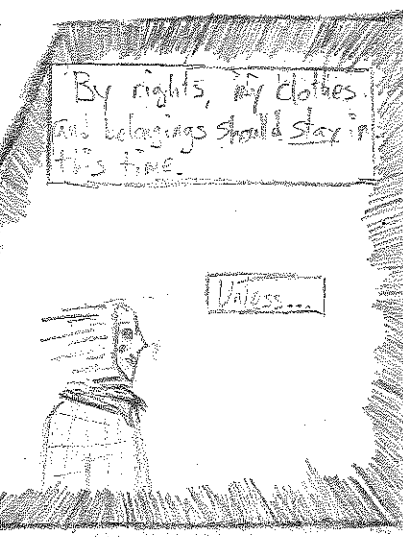
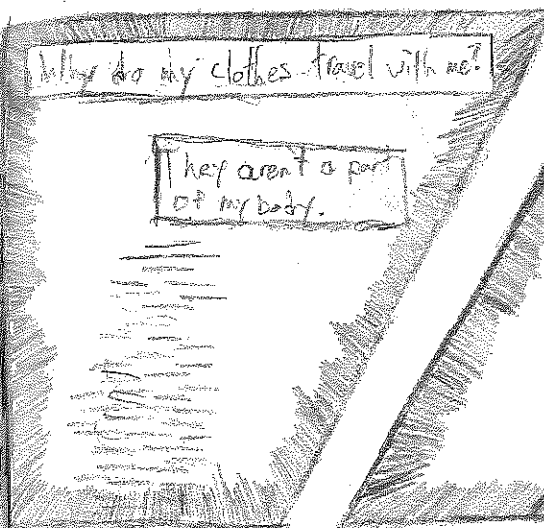
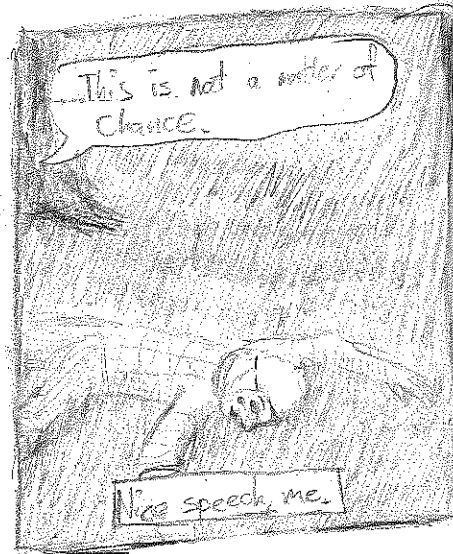
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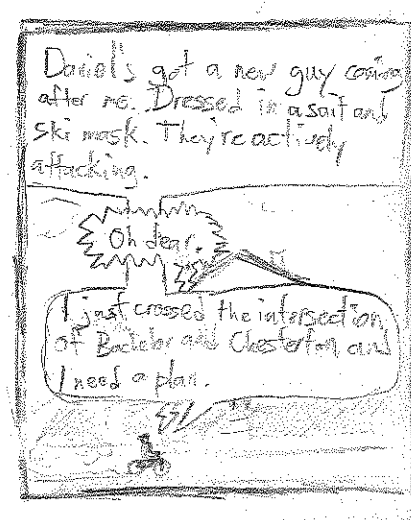
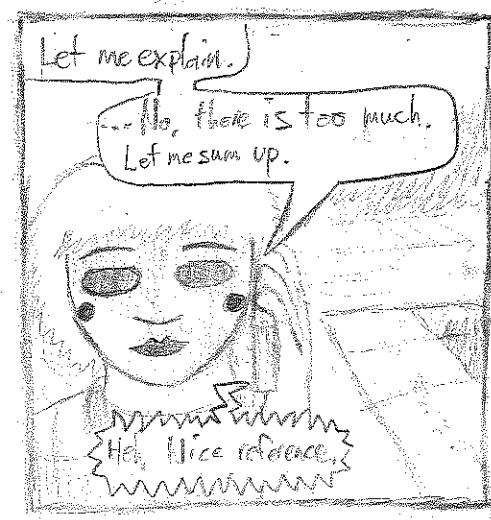
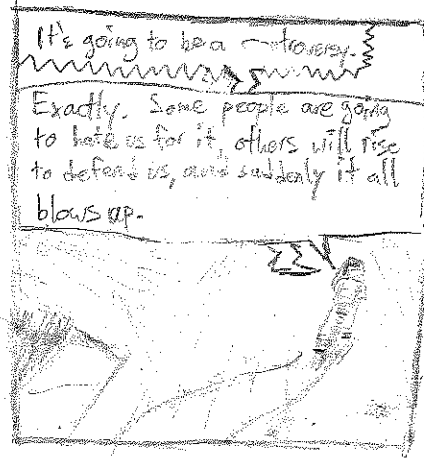
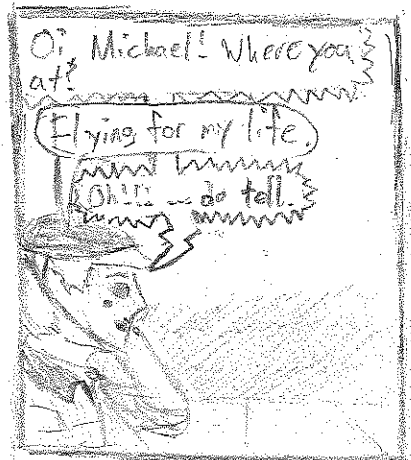
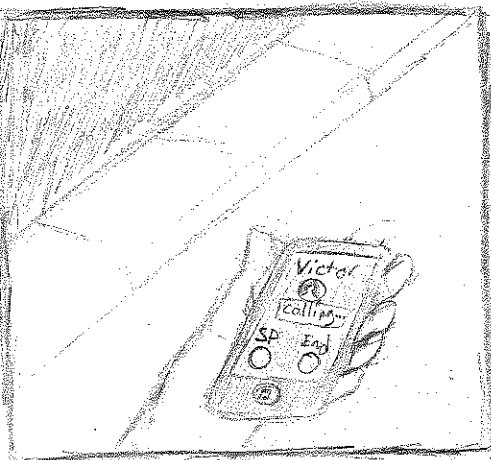
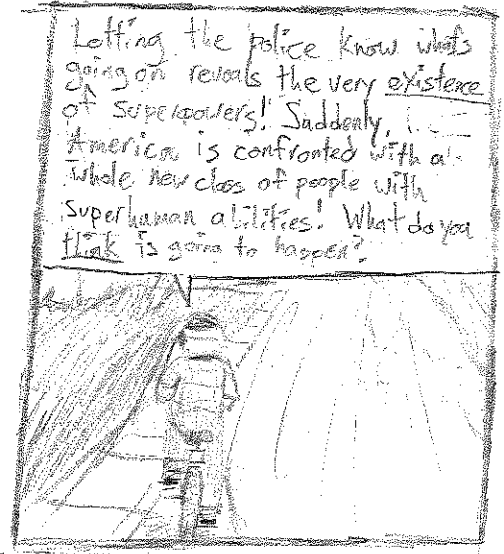
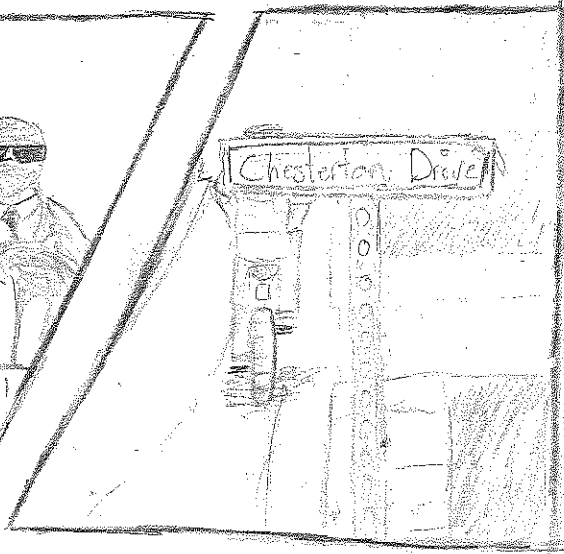
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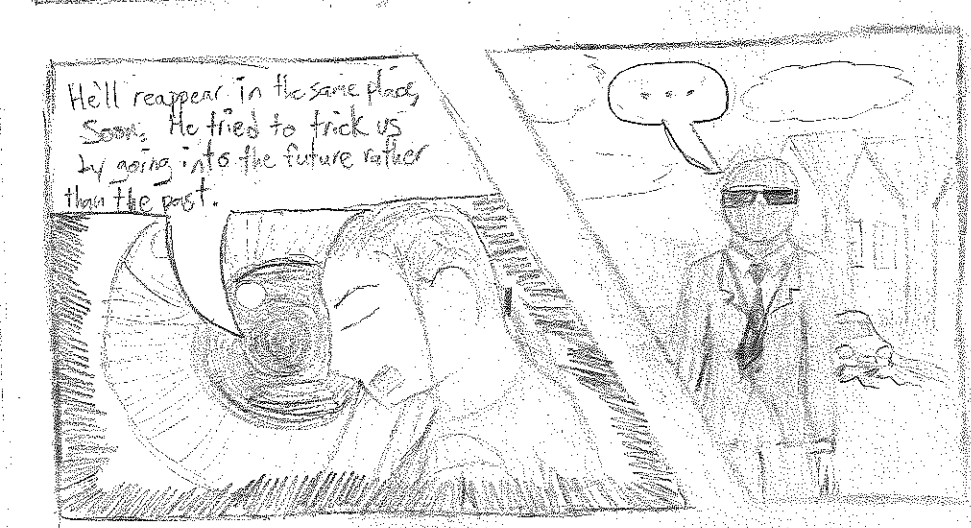
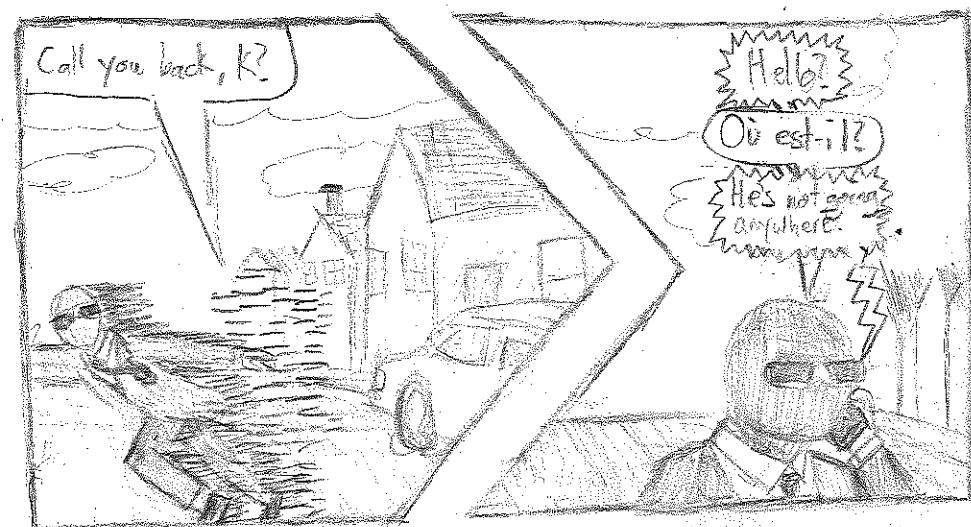
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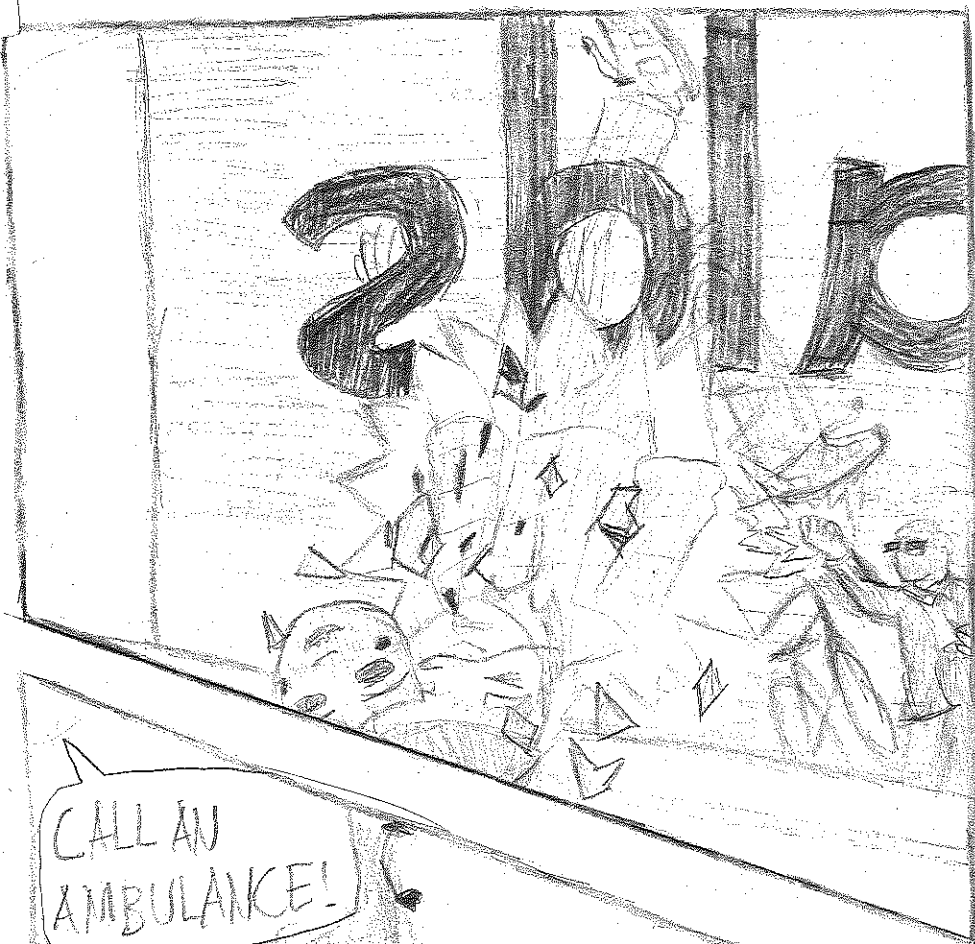












CALL AN  
AMBULANCE!

WHAT  
HAPPENED?!

So much for keeping superpowers a secret.

