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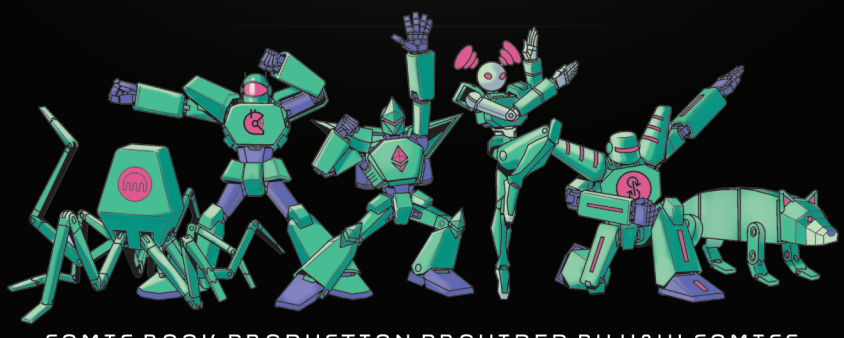

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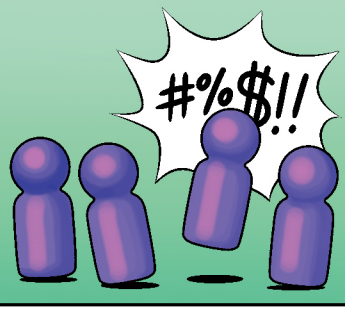
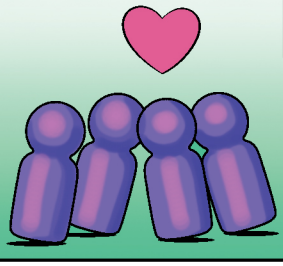
Earth. The domain of the peculiar creatures known as humans.
Humans are confronted with problems big and small that they can only solve through coordinated efforts. Luckily, they are social creatures.
Biologically drawn to each other in friendship to live and work together.
And they must! No one person knows it all. No one person can handle the challenges of the world on their own. Humans have to collaborate in order to meet those challenges and solve problems head on.
When humans work together, what they can create is astonishing.

But it's not always easy...

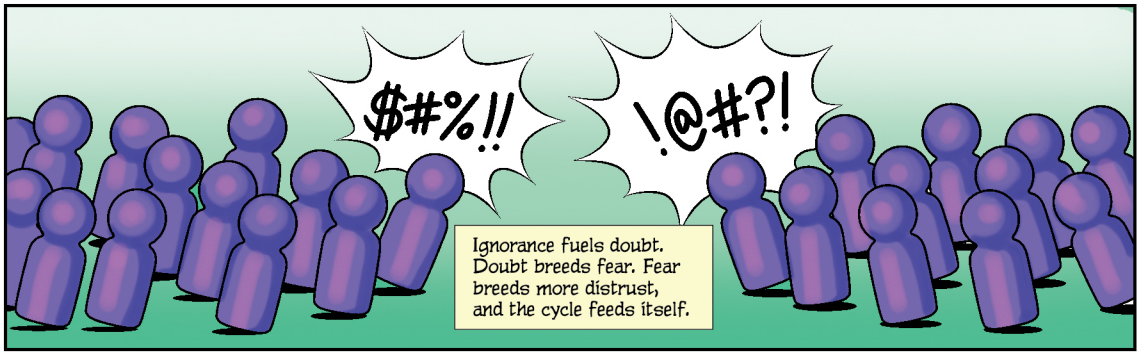


As difficult as they may be to tackle, challenges that occur within small groups, like families and friends, where everyone knows one another, are the least complicated to solve.

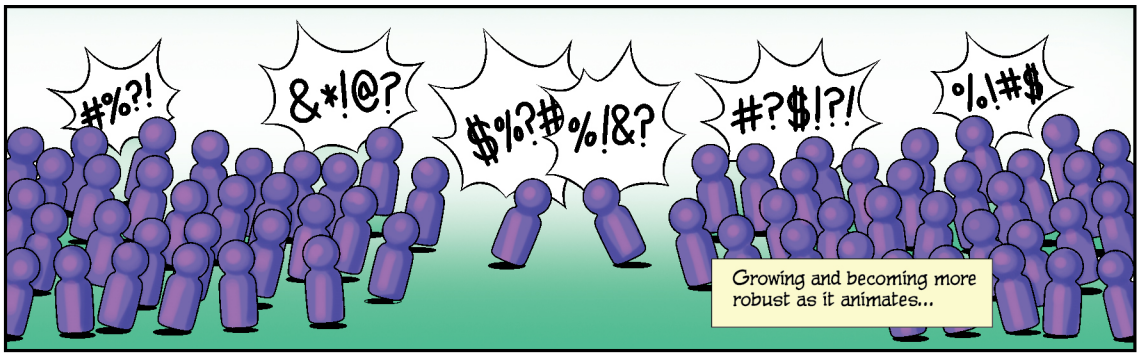
There's an established, mutual reputation between small groups of intimate people, so coordination is easily negotiated.



As larger and larger groups of people are required to address more complex challenges, it's just not possible for everyone to know and trust each other.



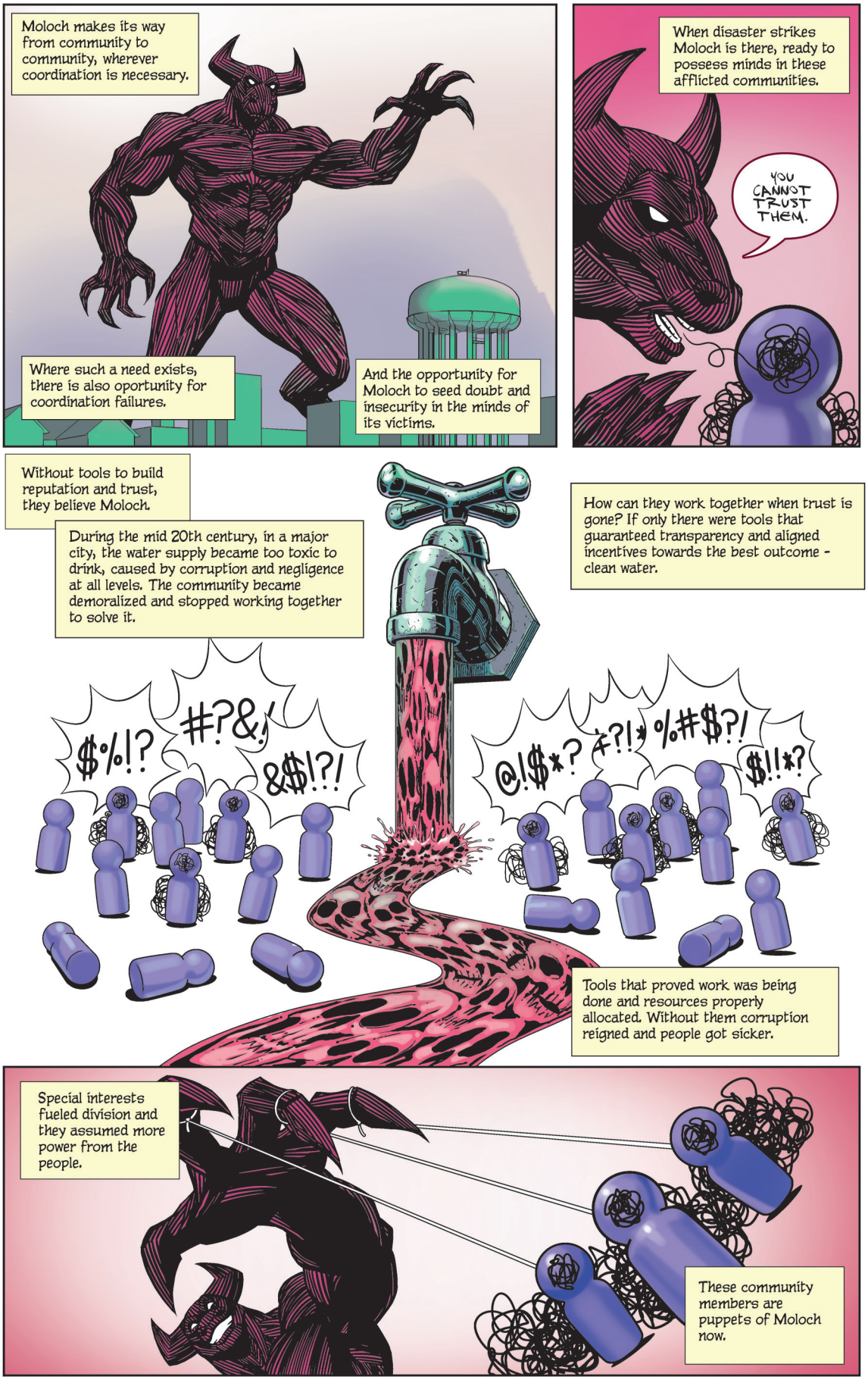
Ignorance fuels doubt. Doubt breeds fear. Fear breeds more distrust, and the cycle feeds itself.



Growing and becoming more robust as it animates...

entering the physical realm as...

God of disorder, distrust, isolation, and discord.


Moloch makes its way from community to community, wherever coordination is necessary.
Where such a need exists, there is also oportunity for coordination failures.
And the opportunity for Moloch to seed doubt and insecurity in the minds of its victims.
When disaster strikes Moloch is there, ready to possess minds in these afflicted communities.
YOU CANNOT TRUST THEM.
Without tools to build reputation and trust, they believe Moloch.
During the mid 20th century, in a major city, the water supply became too toxic to drink, caused by corruption and negligence at all levels. The community became demoralized and stopped working together to solve it.
How can they work together when trust is gone? If only there were tools that guaranteed transparency and aligned incentives towards the best outcome - clean water.
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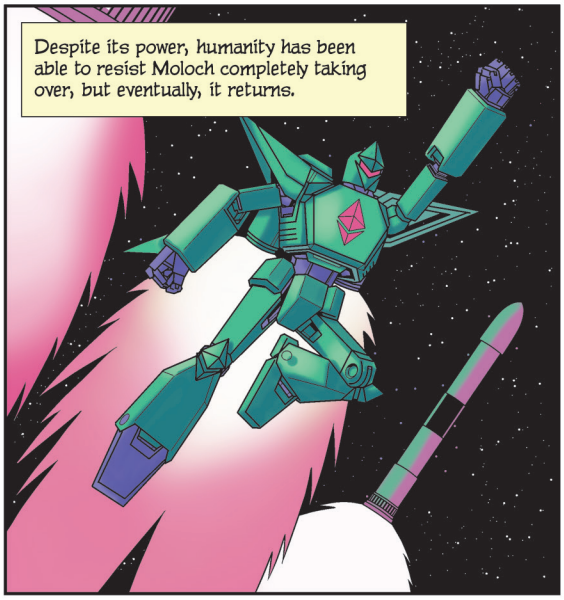
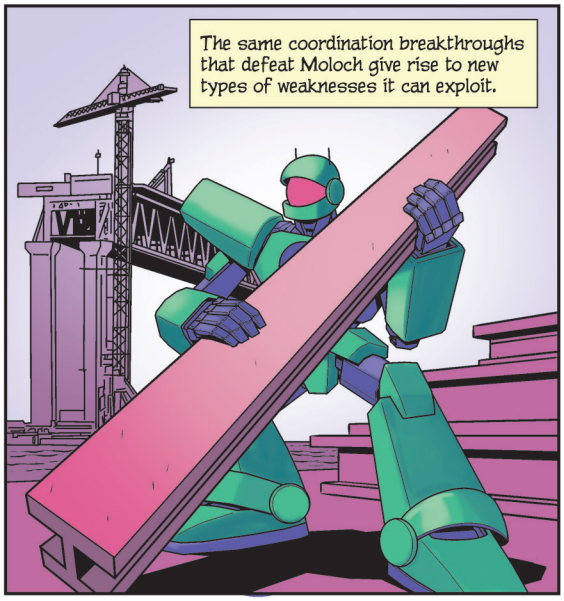
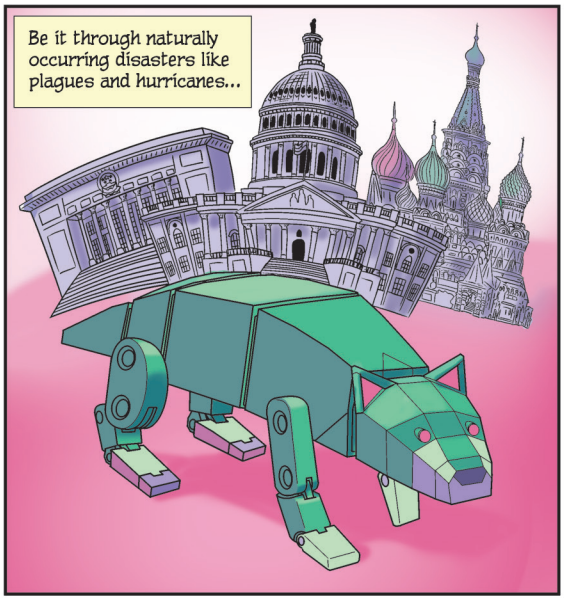
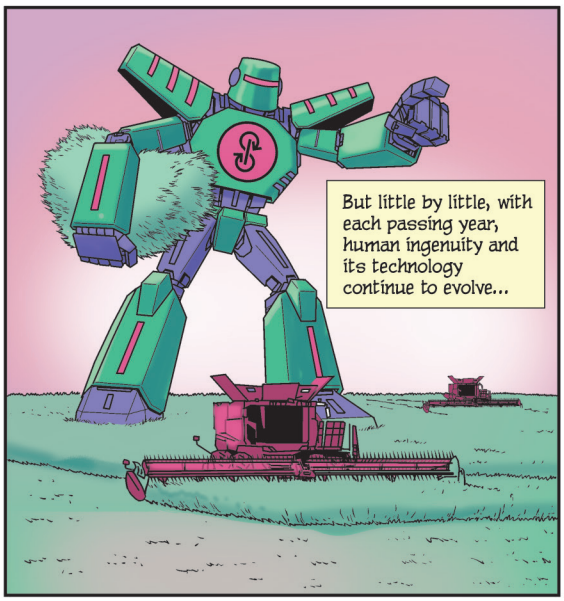
Tools that proved work was being done and resources properly allocated. Without them corruption reigned and people got sicker.
Special interests fueled division and they assumed more power from the people.
These community members are puppets of Moloch now.

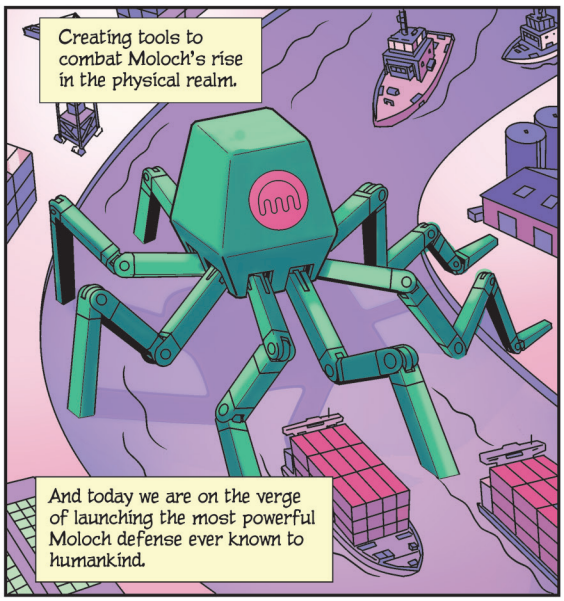

Despite its power, humanity has been able to resist Moloch completely taking over, but eventually, it returns.

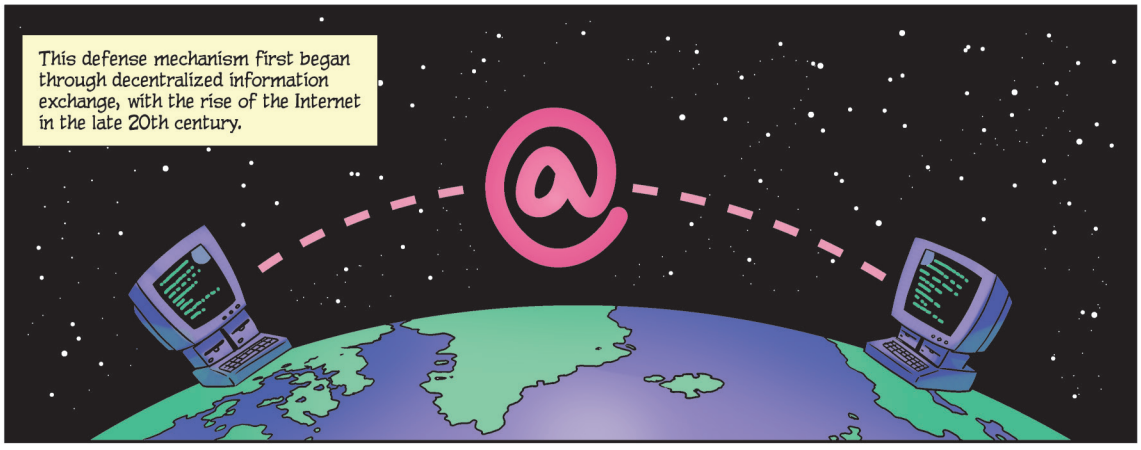

The same coordination breakthroughs that defeat Moloch give rise to new types of weaknesses it can exploit.

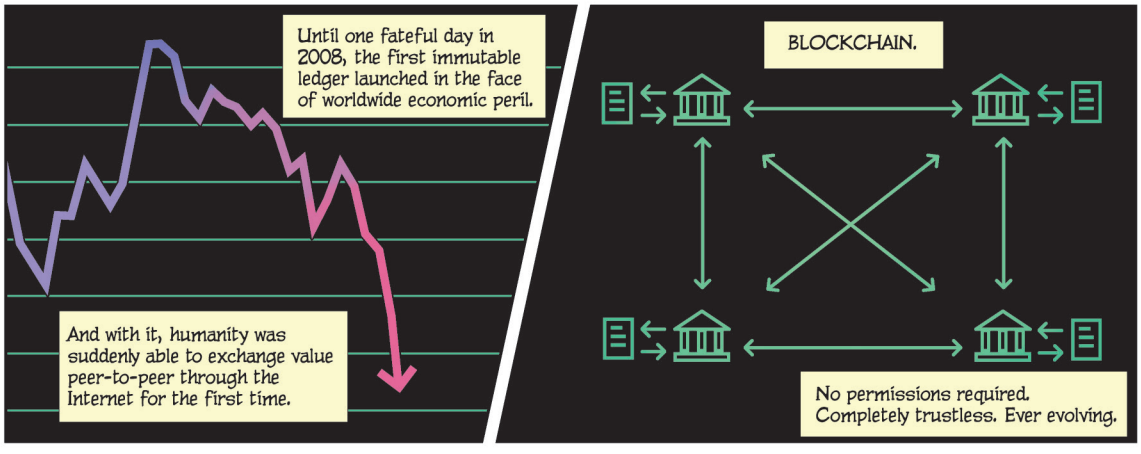

Be it through naturally occurring disasters like plagues and hurricanes...

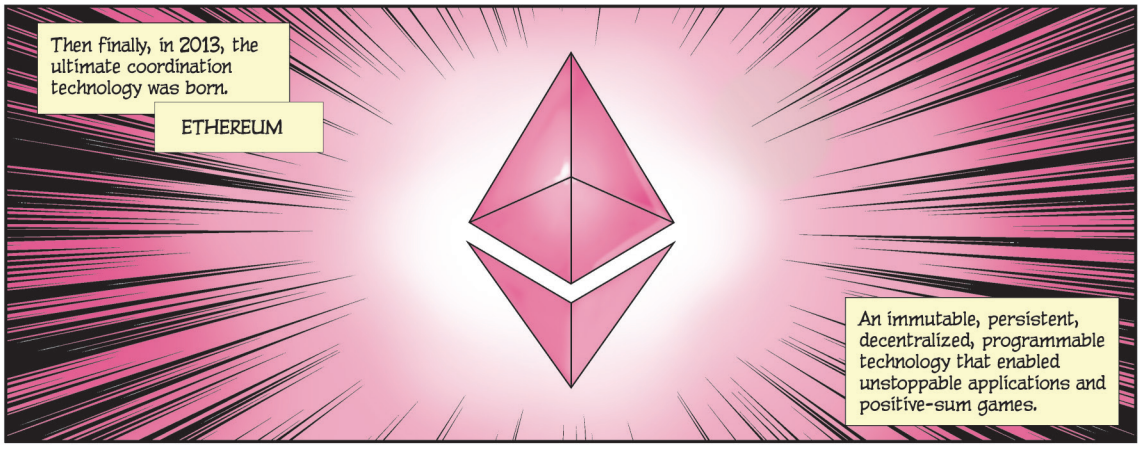
Or human-generated challenges like pollution and corruption.

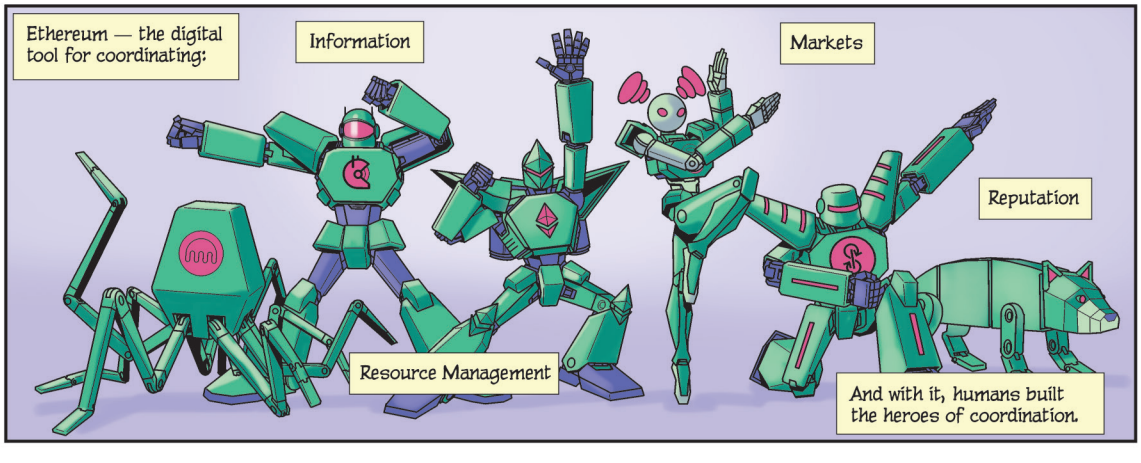

But little by little, with each passing year, human ingenuity and its technology continue to evolve...

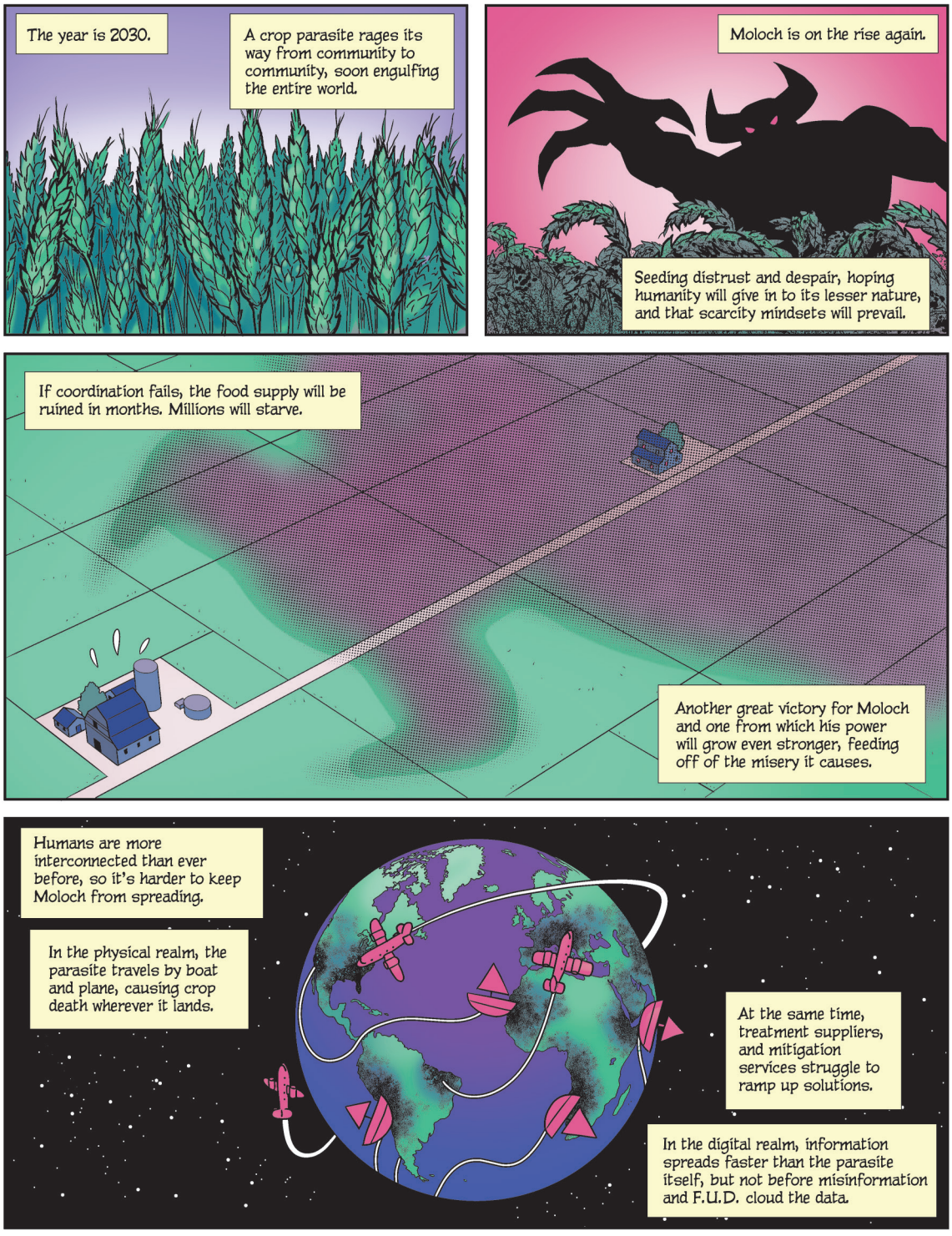

Creating tools to combat Moloch's rise in the physical realm.
And today we are on the verge of launching the most powerful Moloch defense ever known to humankind.


This defense mechanism first began through decentralized information exchange, with the rise of the Internet in the late 20th century.


Until one fateful day in 2008, the first immutable ledger launched in the face of worldwide economic peril.
And with it, humanity was suddenly able to exchange value peer-to-peer through the Internet for the first time.
BLOCKCHAIN.
No permissions required. Completely trustless. Ever evolving.

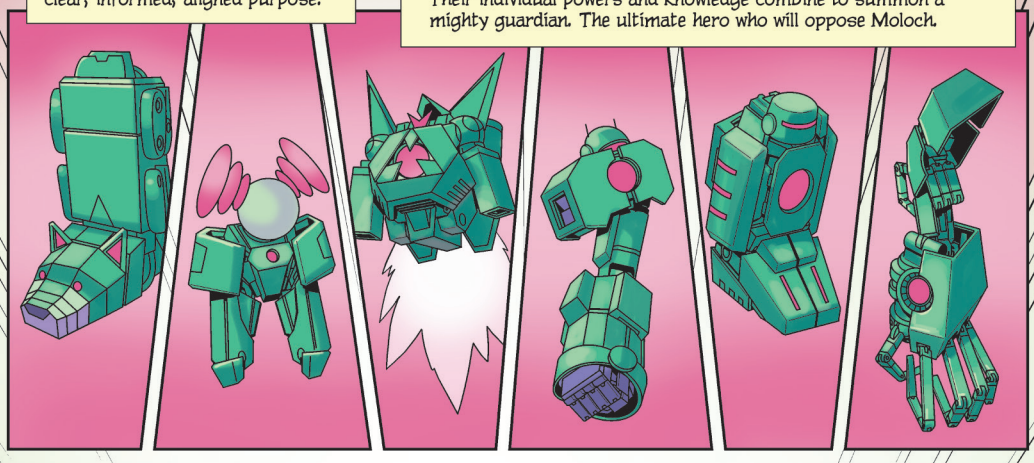

Then finally, in 2013, the ultimate coordination technology was born.
ETHEREUM
An immutable, persistent, decentralized, programmable technology that enabled unstoppable applications and positive-sum games.


Ethereum — the digital tool for coordinating:
Information
Markets
Reputation
Resource Management
And with it, humans built the heroes of coordination.


The year is 2030.
A crop parasite rages its way from community to community, soon engulfing the entire world.
Moloch is on the rise again.
Seeding distrust and despair, hoping humanity will give in to its lesser nature, and that scarcity mindsets will prevail.
If coordination fails, the food supply will be ruined in months. Millions will starve.
Another great victory for Moloch and one from which his power will grow even stronger, feeding off of the misery it causes.
Humans are more interconnected than ever before, so it's harder to keep Moloch from spreading.
In the physical realm, the parasite travels by boat and plane, causing crop death wherever it lands.
At the same time, treatment suppliers, and mitigation services struggle to ramp up solutions.
In the digital realm, information spreads faster than the parasite itself, but not before misinformation and F.U.D. cloud the data.
This is a coordination problem of epic proportions on all levels, affecting everyone.
It's no longer enough for individual communities to battle Moloch themselves. They must work in global concert. Across cultures, locales, and languages.

Now it gives each community a clear, informed, aligned purpose.

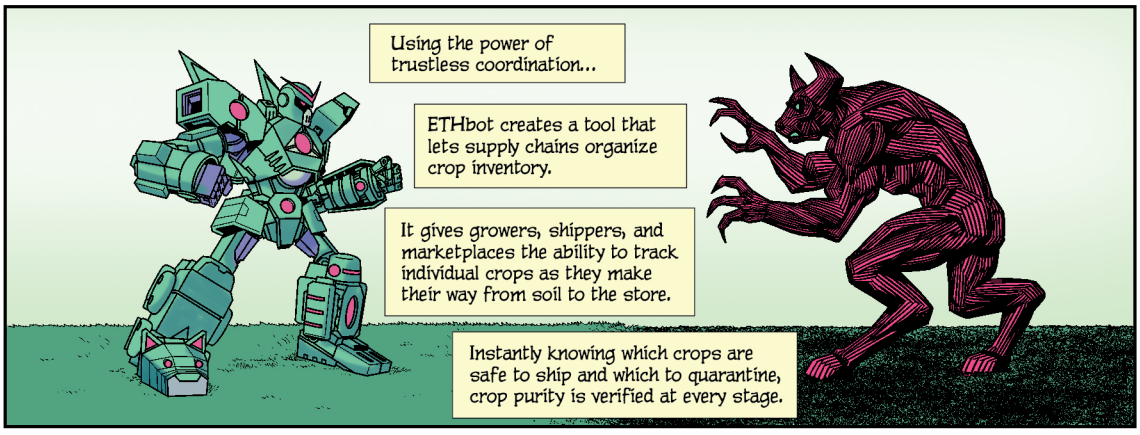
And they all pledge their hero for the good of the entire world. Their individual powers and knowledge combine to summon a mighty guardian. The ultimate hero who will oppose Moloch.

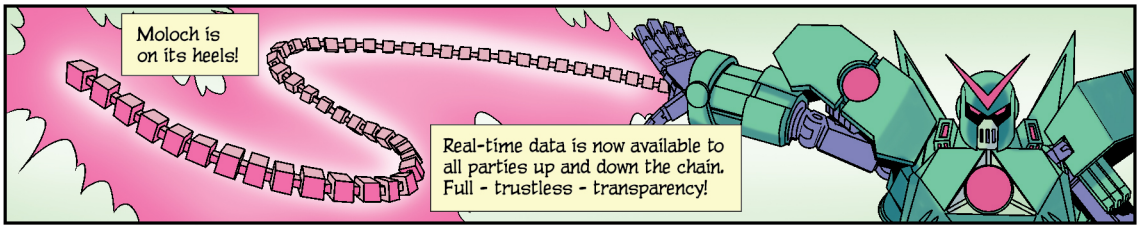


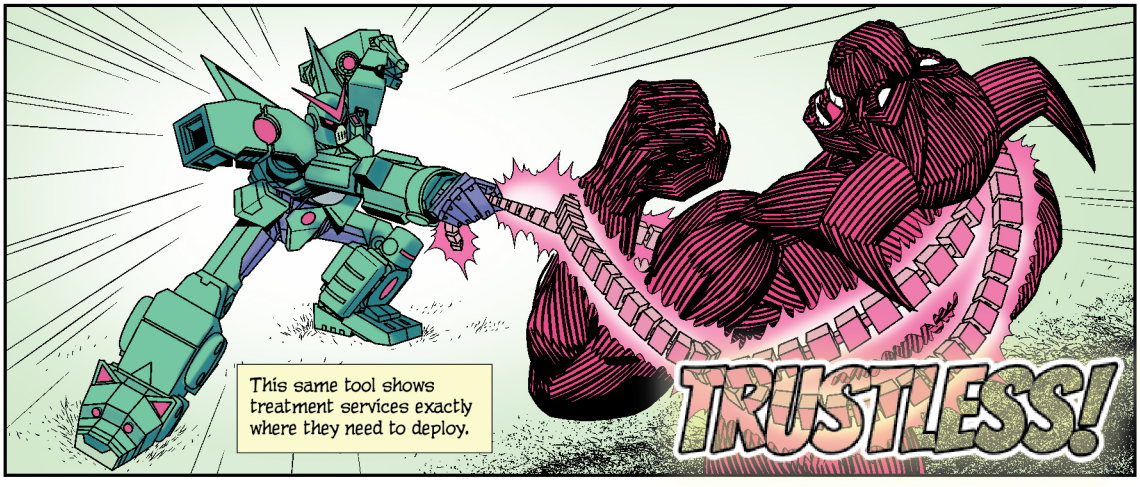
Composed of the best tools and intentions humanity has to offer. United they are greater than the sum of their parts.

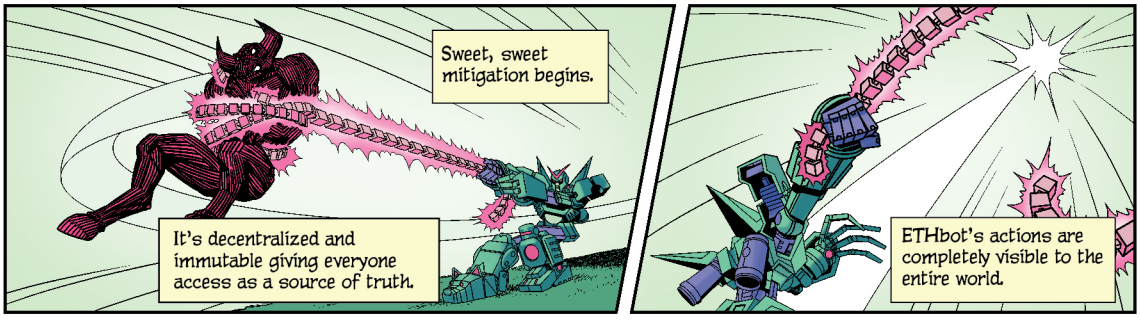
ETHbot ARISES.

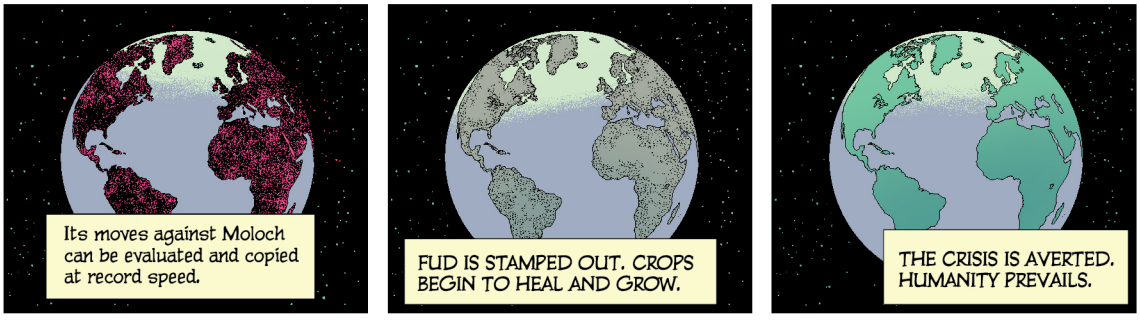
A DECENTRALIZED, BUT UNIFIED FORCE OF NATURE IN ITS OWN RIGHT, ETHbot ATTACKS THE PROBLEMS IN BOTH THE PHYSICAL AND DIGITAL REALMS.

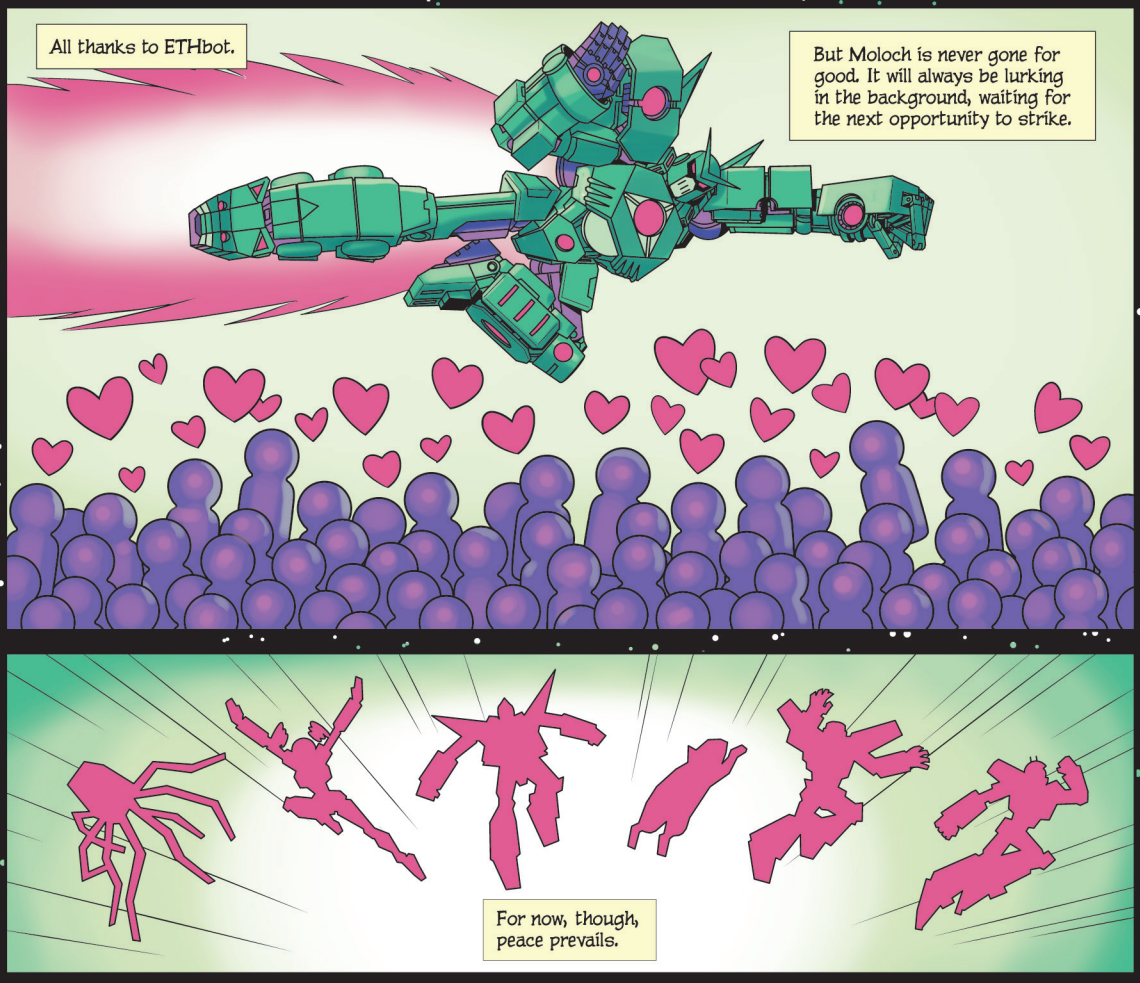

Using the power of trustless coordination...
ETHbot creates a tool that lets supply chains organize crop inventory.
It gives growers, shippers, and marketplaces the ability to track individual crops as they make their way from soil to the store.
Instantly knowing which crops are safe to ship and which to quarantine, crop purity is verified at every stage.


Moloch is on its heels!
Real-time data is now available to all parties up and down the chain. Full - trustless - transparency!


This same tool shows treatment services exactly where they need to deploy.
TRUSTLESS!


Sweet, sweet mitigation begins.
It's decentralized and immutable giving everyone access as a source of truth.
ETHbot's actions are completely visible to the entire world.


Its moves against Moloch can be evaluated and copied at record speed.
FUD IS STAMPED OUT. CROPS BEGIN TO HEAL AND GROW.
THE CRISIS IS AVERTED. HUMANITY PREVAILS.


All thanks to ETHbot.
But Moloch is never gone for good. It will always be lurking in the background, waiting for the next opportunity to strike.
For now, though, peace prevails.
Harmony no longer a fantasy.
This is the where we sit today. Humanity is poised for its next great epoch — a journey to a place beyond coordination problems.
To the QUADRATIC LANDS.
To be continued...?