



VULTURE

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Vulture is an exploration of how we approach politics, from the ideas we pick up and tell others, to the choices we ultimately make. As such, this book is split into two parts, with the second part focussing on the potential consequences of our choices. *Vulture: Postscript* continues immediately following the main book and should be read afterwards.







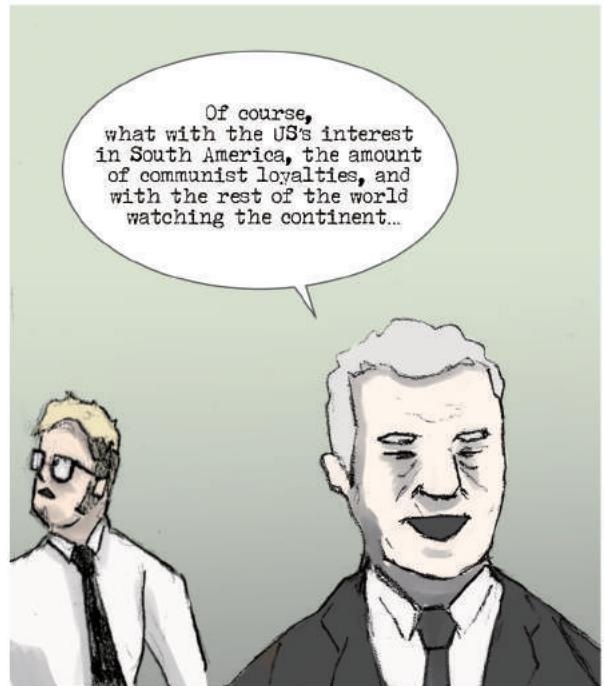




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the magic happens,
you'll be conducting
your work here



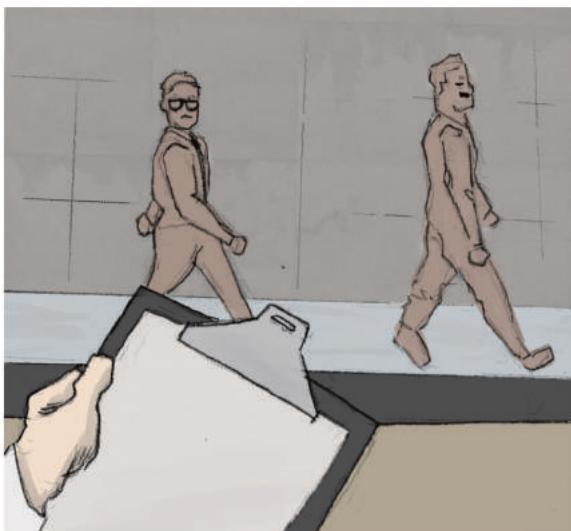
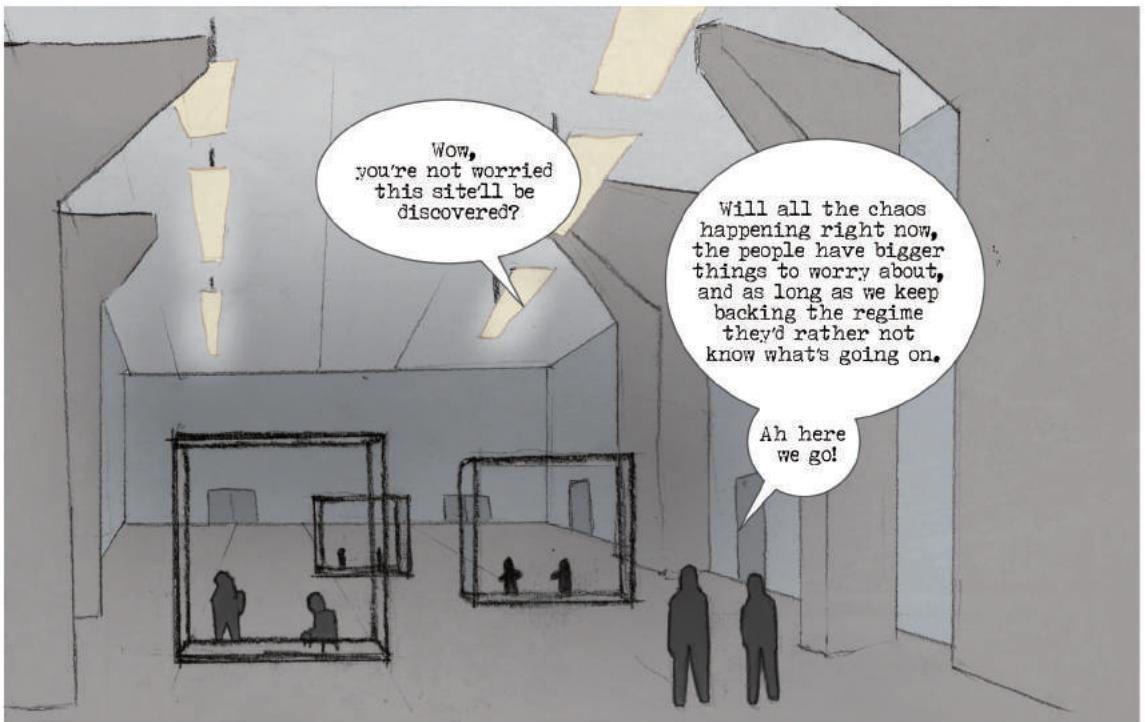
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such a secret
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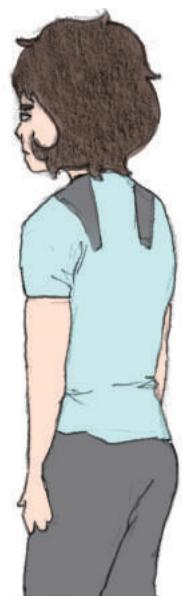
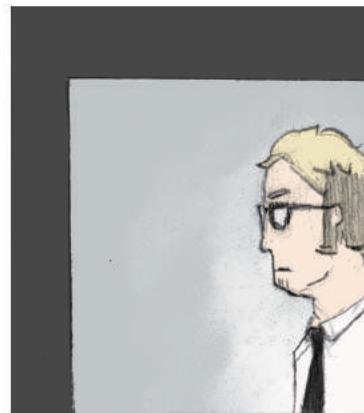
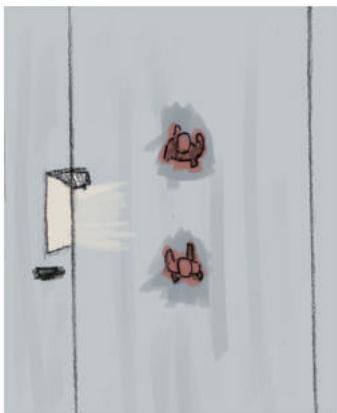


Of course,
what with the US's interest
in South America, the amount
of communist loyalties, and
with the rest of the world
watching the continent...

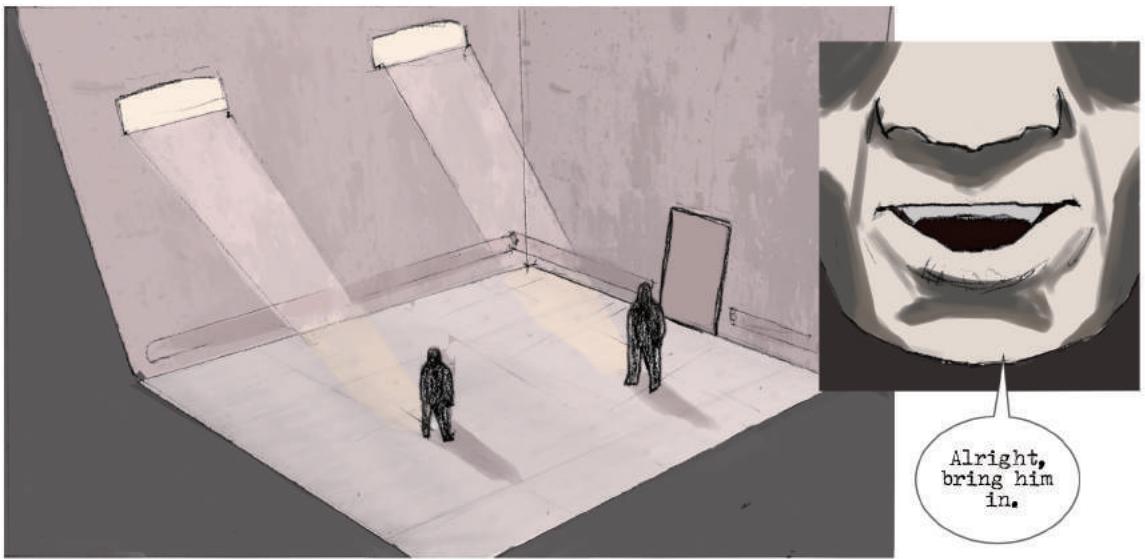


We need to make sure
we do this right.

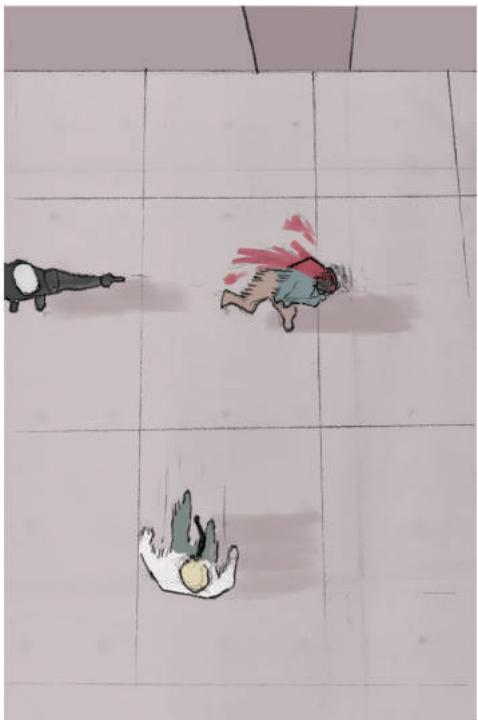


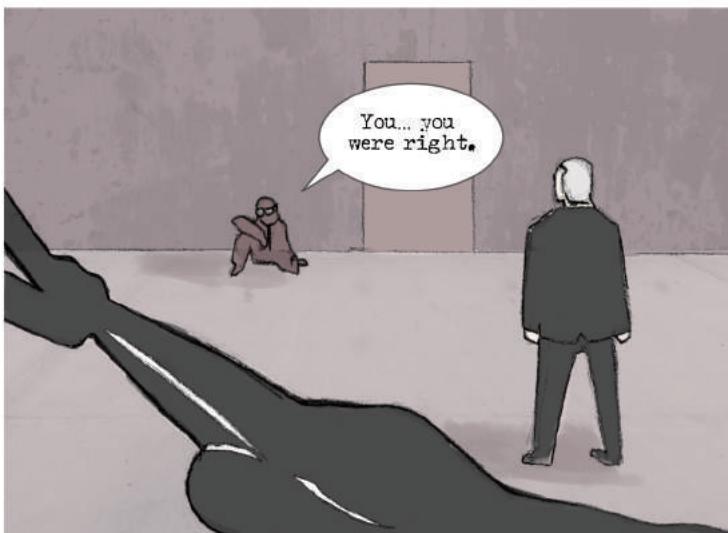
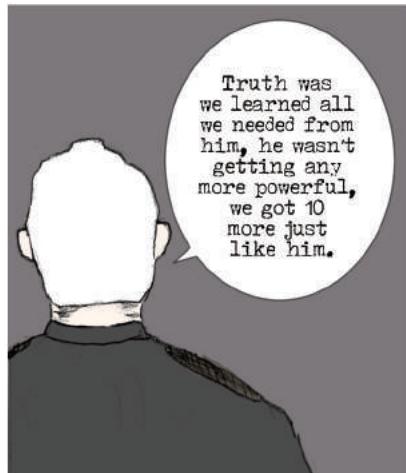




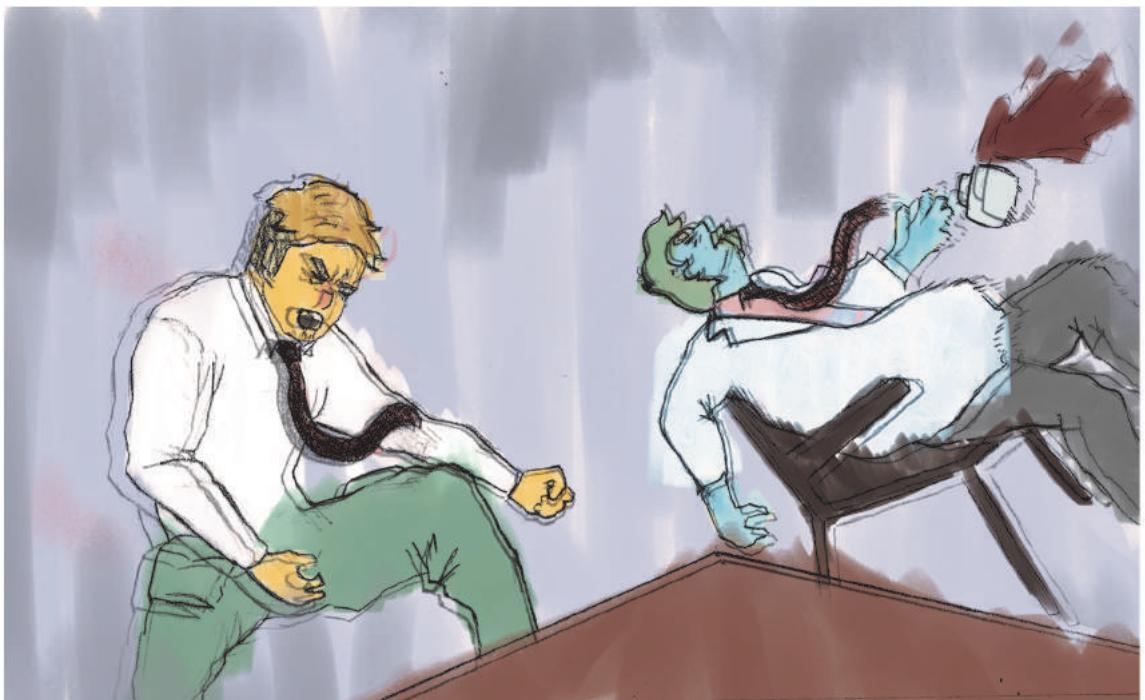




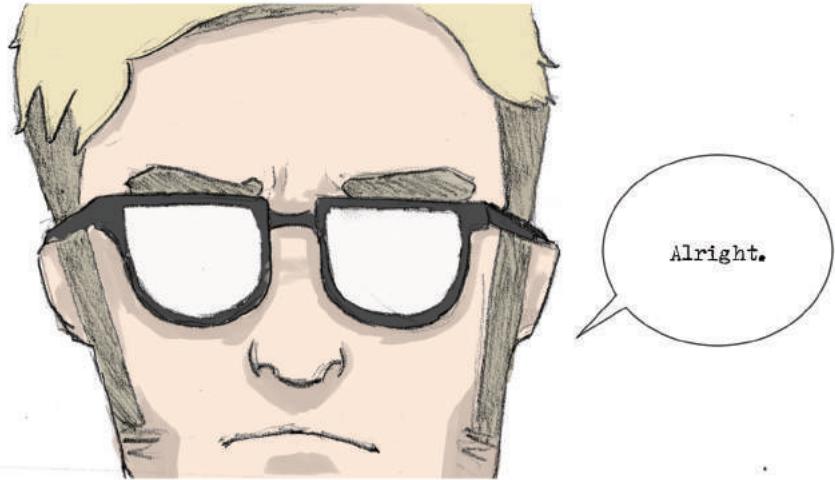
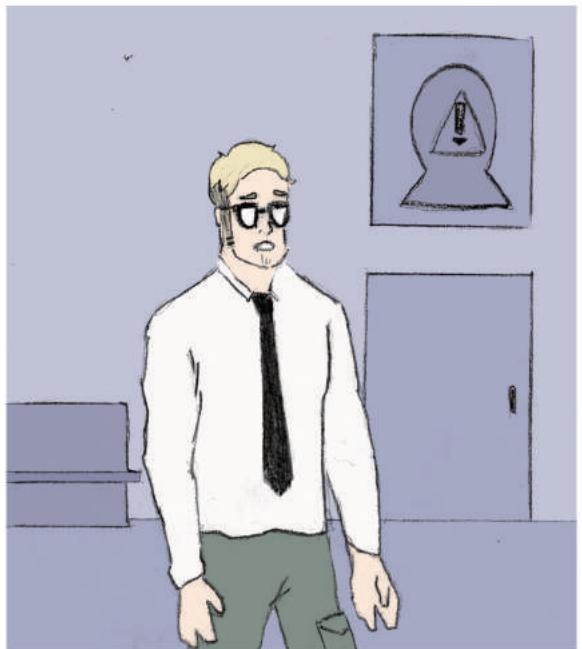






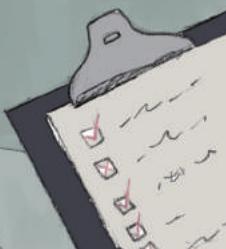






I was convinced after that first subject with Buchanan, but I needed to know the extent

How far this all spread, whether others would believe it



At least, that was the job.

I liked Steven

He wanted the best for his country, I could tell



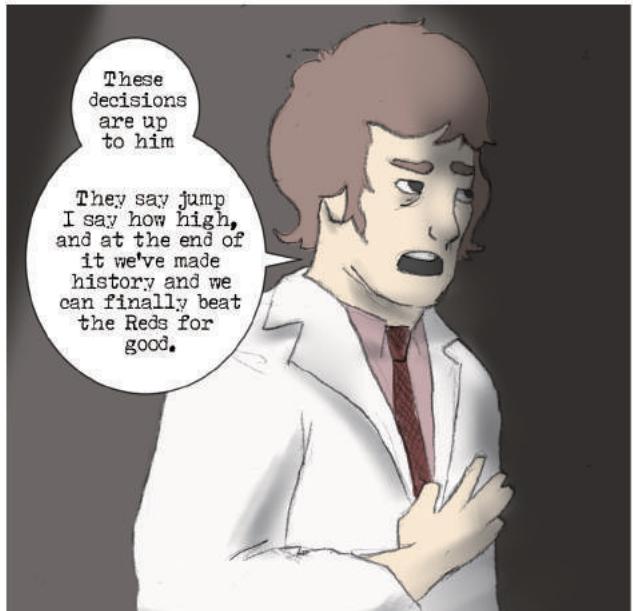
We clashed over Buchanan's methods though



He disagreed, but took a very hands off approach

These decisions are up to him

They say jump I say how high, and at the end of it we've made history and we can finally beat the Reds for good.



It's better for everyone in the end.

They all had opinions on this research, what it could be used for

Some were more ambitious than others





Buchanan believed in the evolution of warfare, that winning the war of ideas was crucial for a lasting peace

He was right in a way. We couldn't win in Vietnam even when Hell itself fell from the sky.



He had an interesting approach to the Cold War too

The world needs to grow out of silly things like "Ideology"

Everyone at the top believing the same right and wrongs, you think us at the bottom would be able to say whatever we wanted?

The 1st Amendment?



We've had too much fighting, it's time to end it

And yet, our beautiful country has sanctioned the elimination and imprisonment of hundreds of political opponents across the southern cone who are saying the wrong thing

We're children, stumbling about in the dark, trying to make sense of things.

By the time I met the Girl, subject 29, I was already a few weeks into inspection



She'd been here much longer, as long as she could remember

Unlike the others, she didn't have any greater purpose

Poor thing just wanted freedom, I was conflicted.



I'd seen scars like Hers on some of the other advanced subjects, happens during the testing process

The things she could do, it honestly terrified me

None were as extensive as Her's

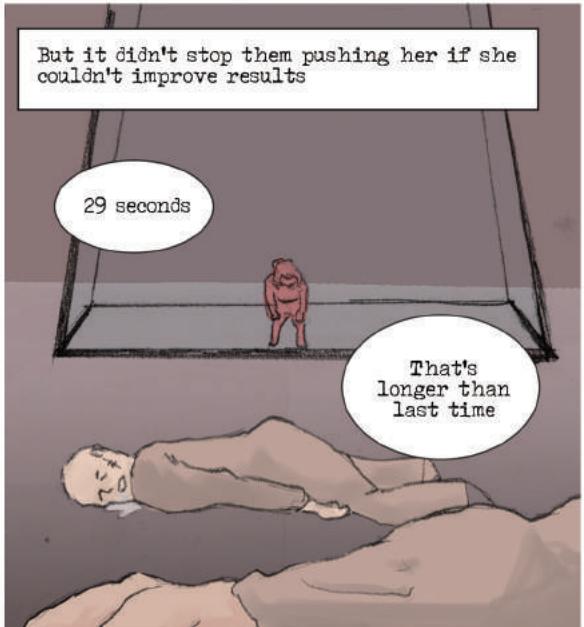
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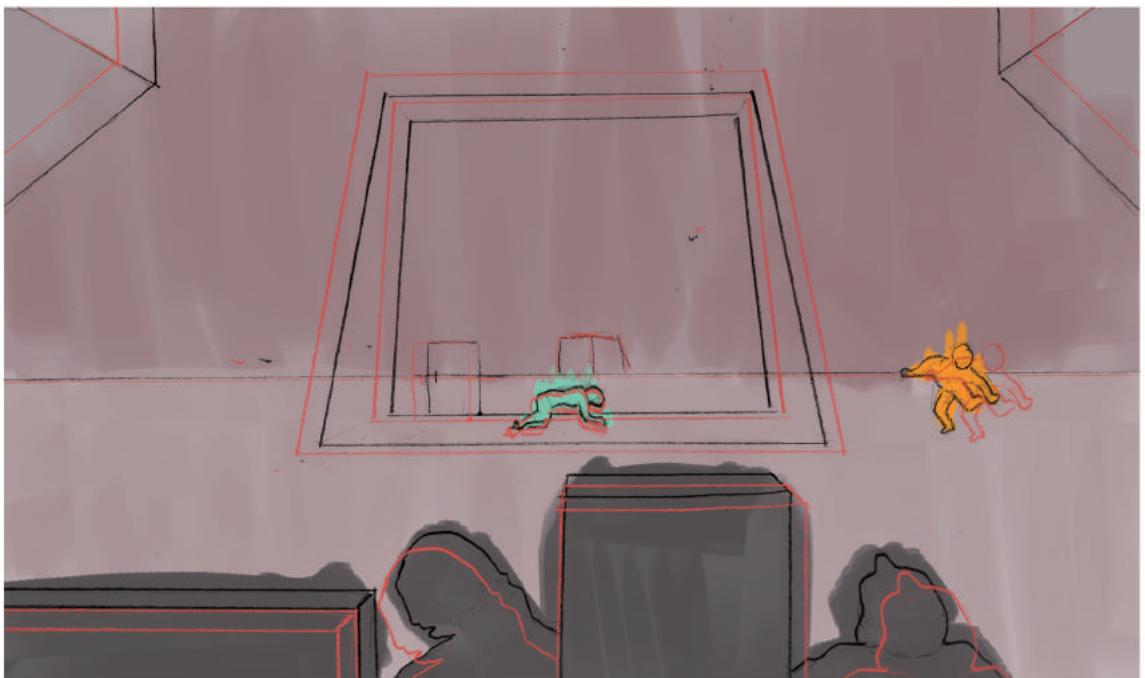
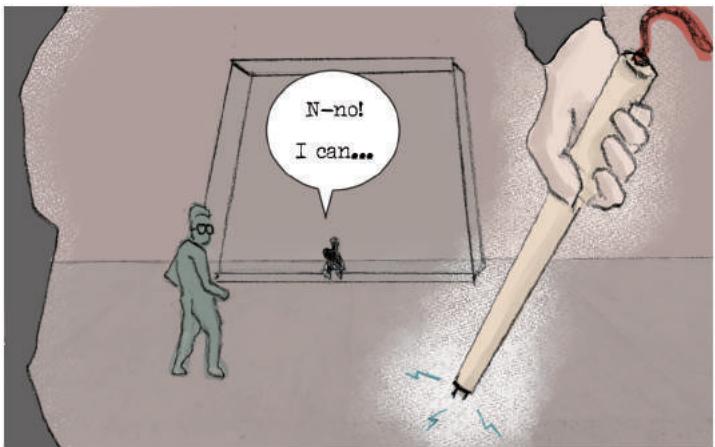


But it didn't stop them pushing her if she couldn't improve results

29 seconds

That's longer than last time





A lot of the subjects had an effect on me, not least the Girl



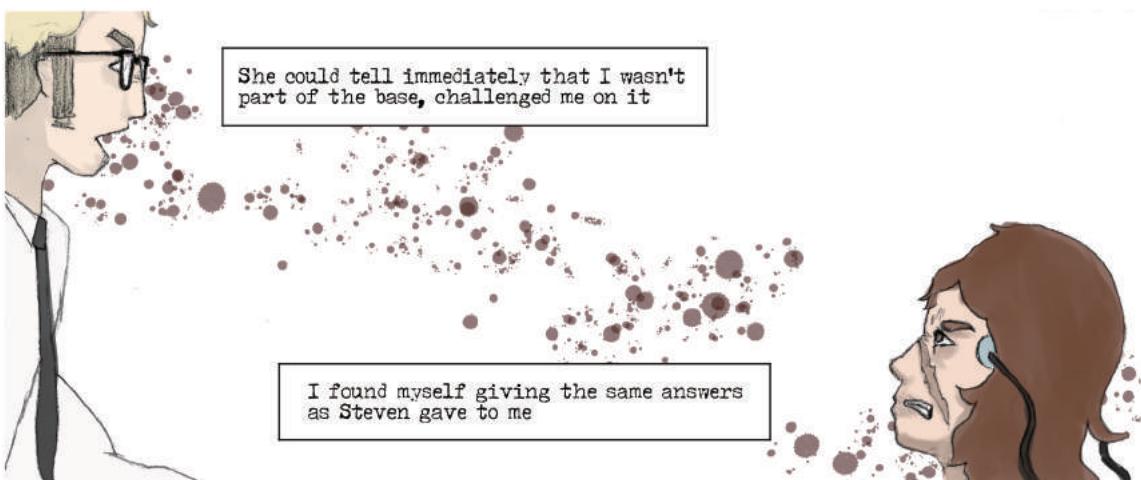
Gomez was the worst

A revolutionary type, Gomez didn't display abilities like some of the others, but she had a totally unique brain pattern that the researchers were interested in

It was more pronounced when she was allowed to talk



Unfortunately, it was something she was good at



She could tell immediately that I wasn't part of the base, challenged me on it

I found myself giving the same answers as Steven gave to me

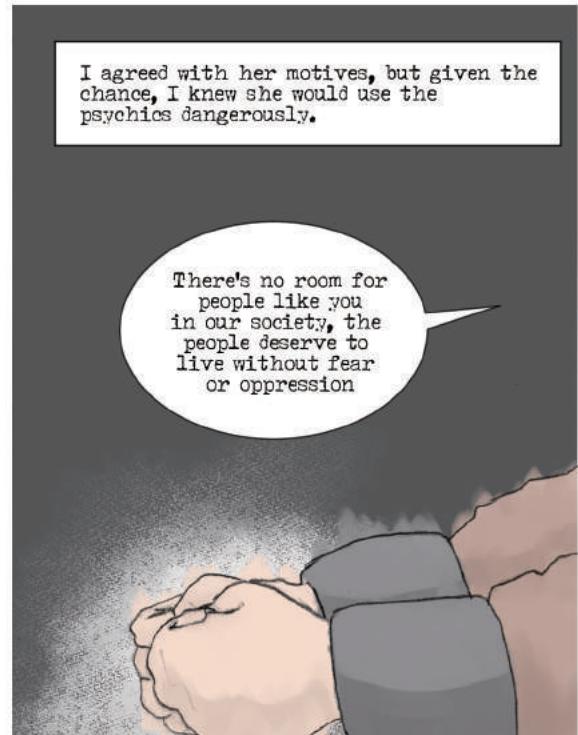
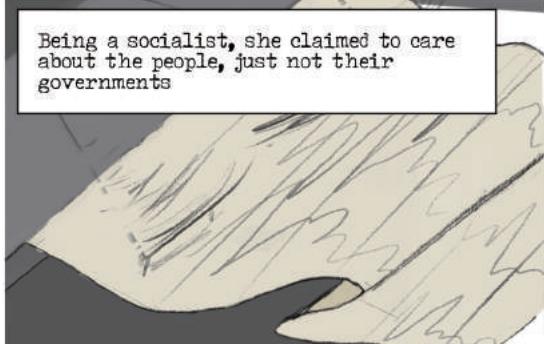
She was from Bolivia, naturally hated the US

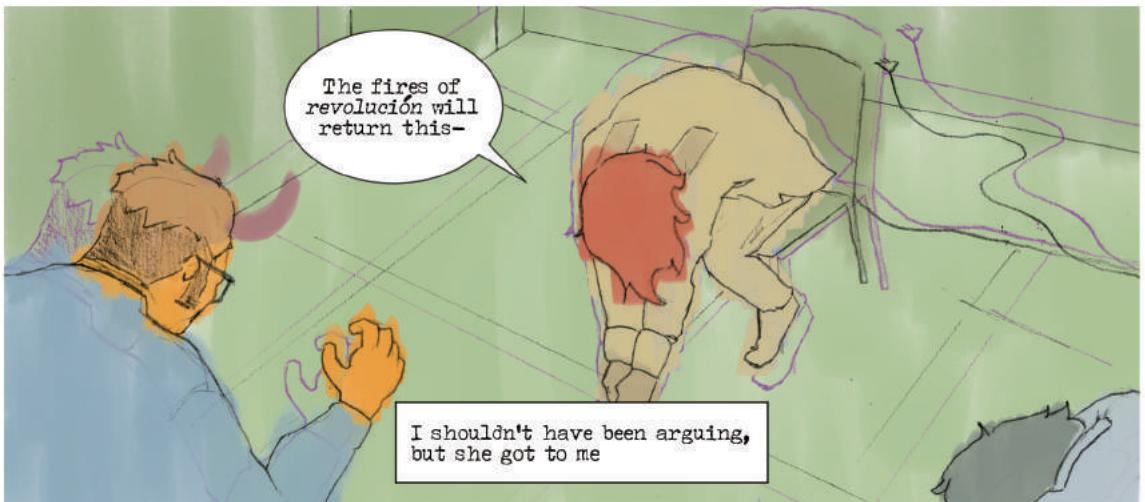


I agreed with her motives, but given the chance, I knew she would use the psychics dangerously.

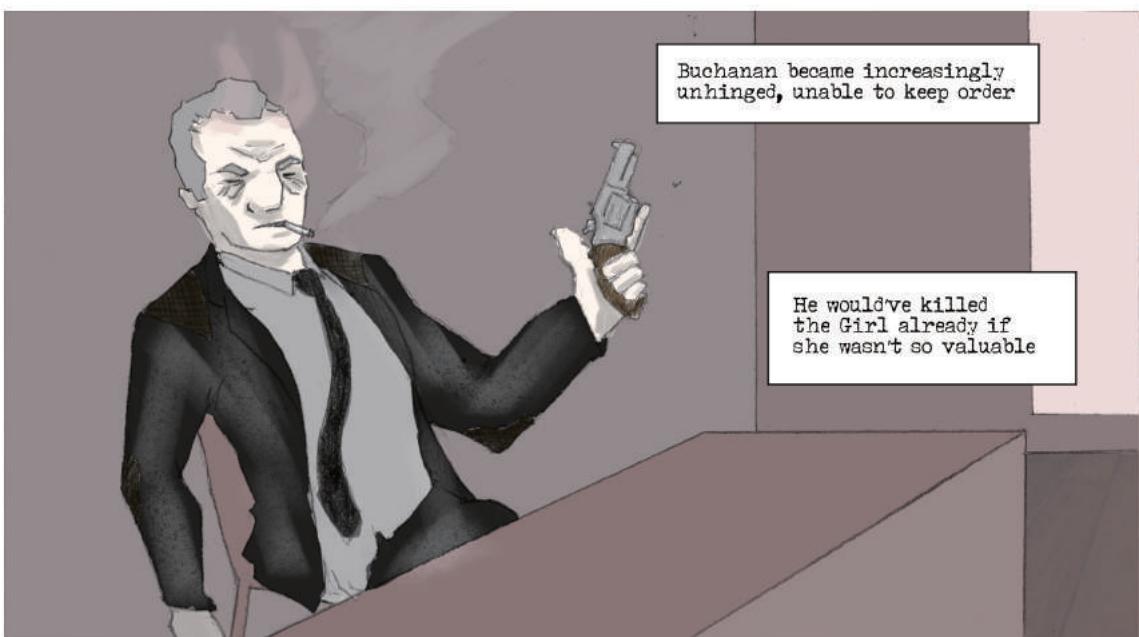
There's no room for people like you in our society, the people deserve to live without fear or oppression

Being a socialist, she claimed to care about the people, just not their governments

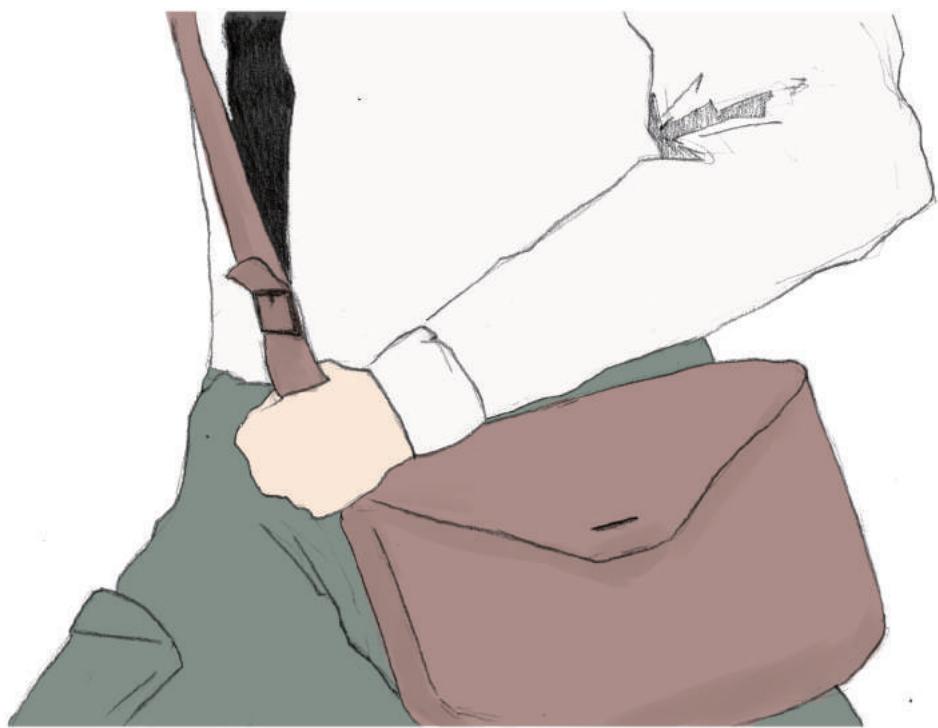


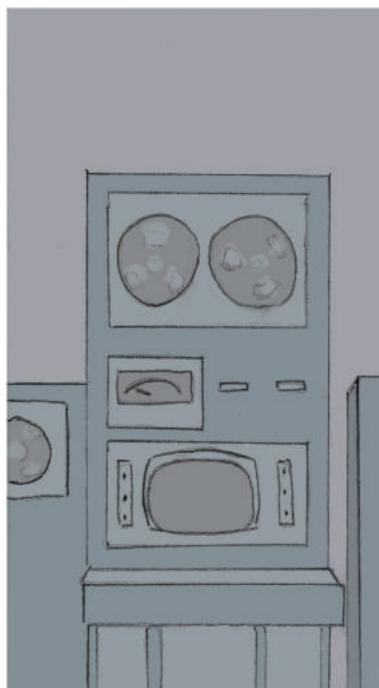


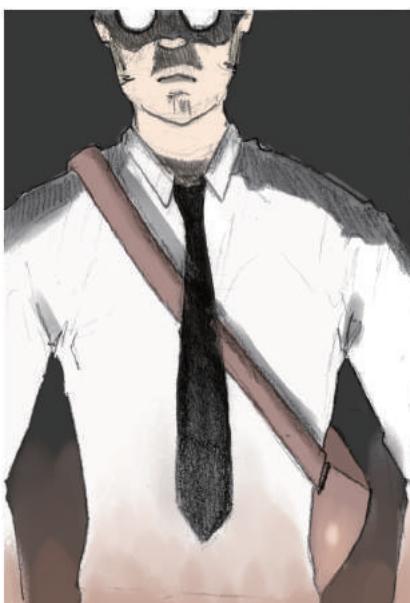
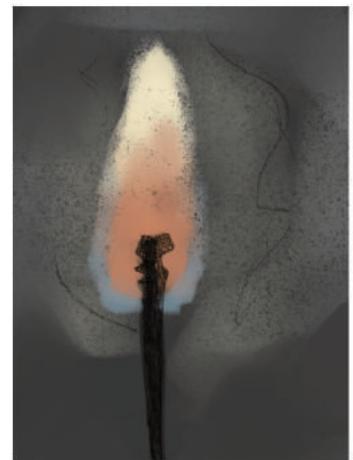




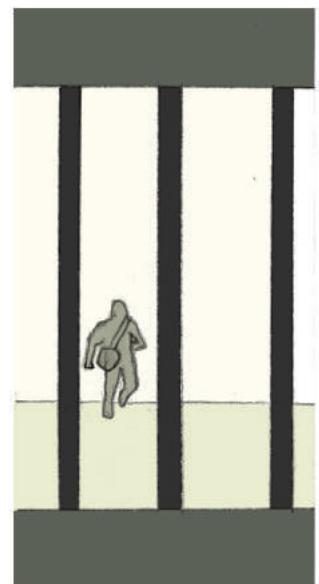
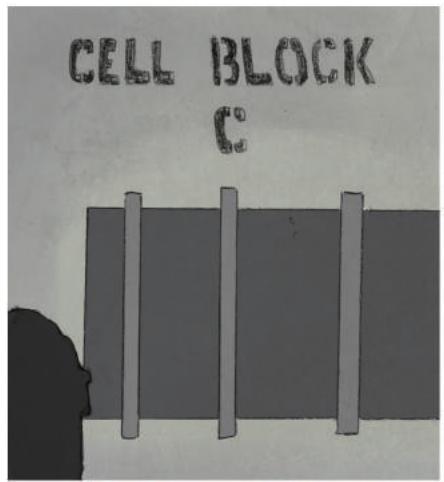


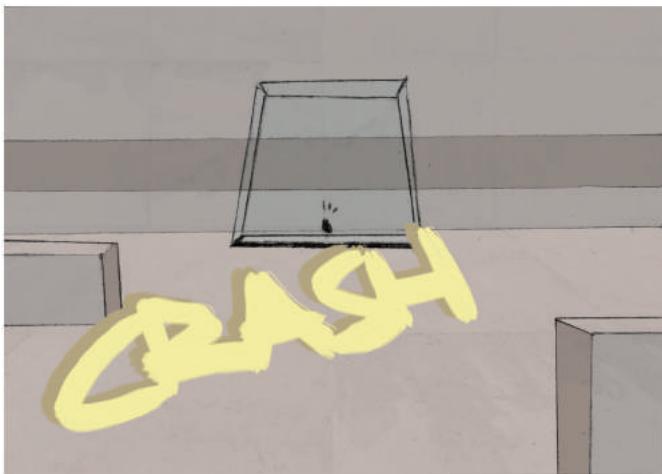


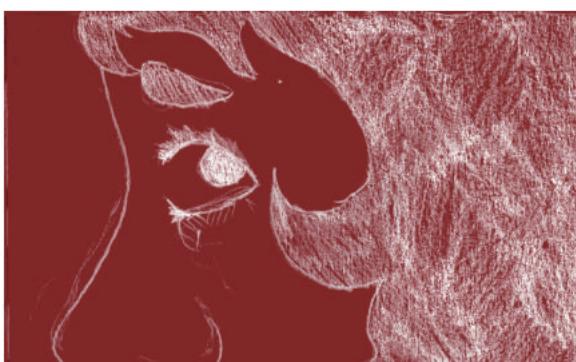
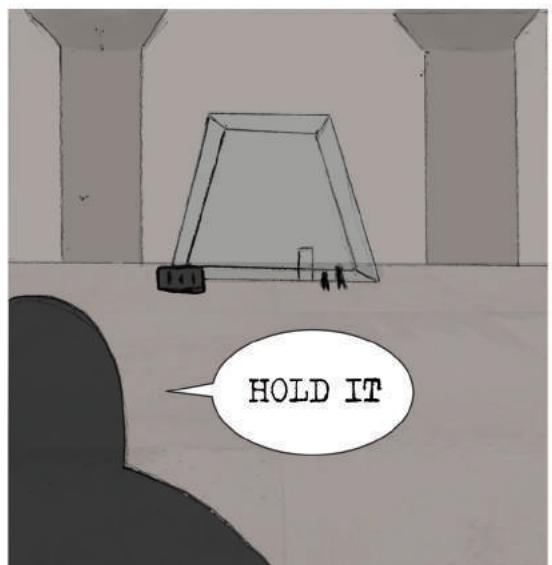
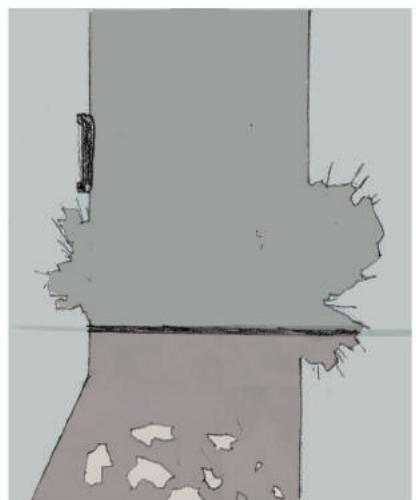




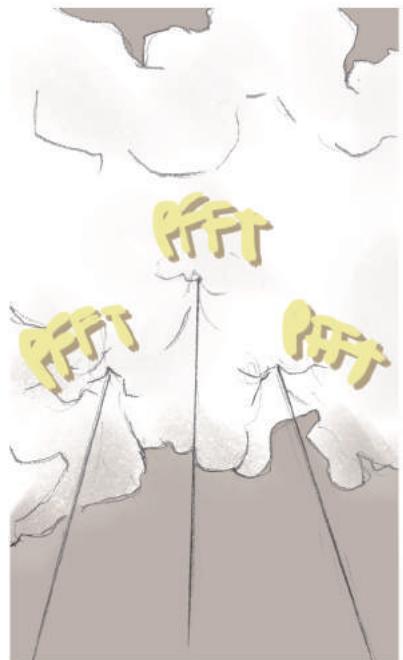


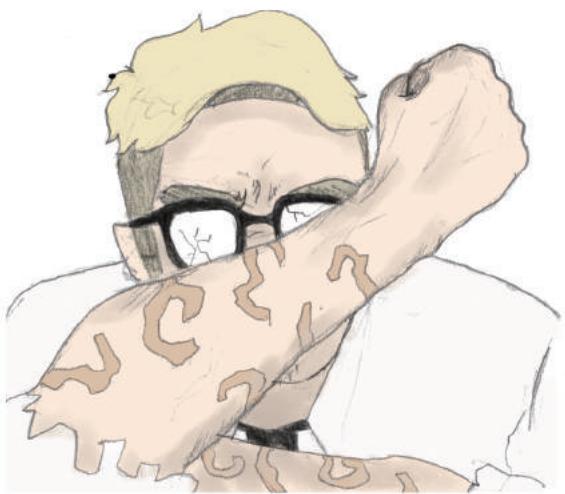


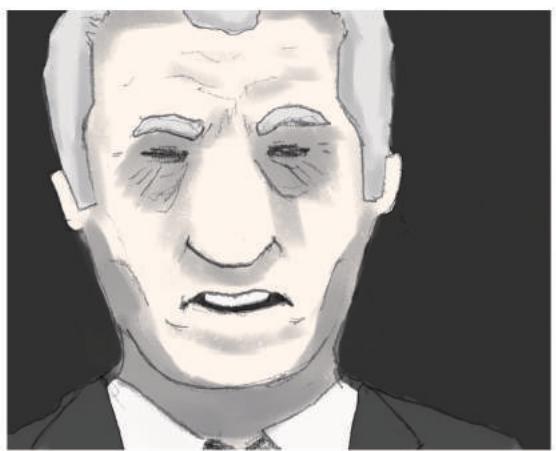














Now I get it

There was
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events weren't from the
Girl, but the result
of psychic power
coming into
contact.

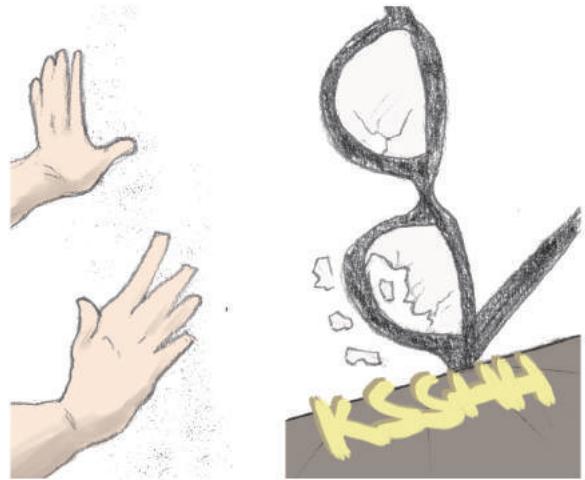


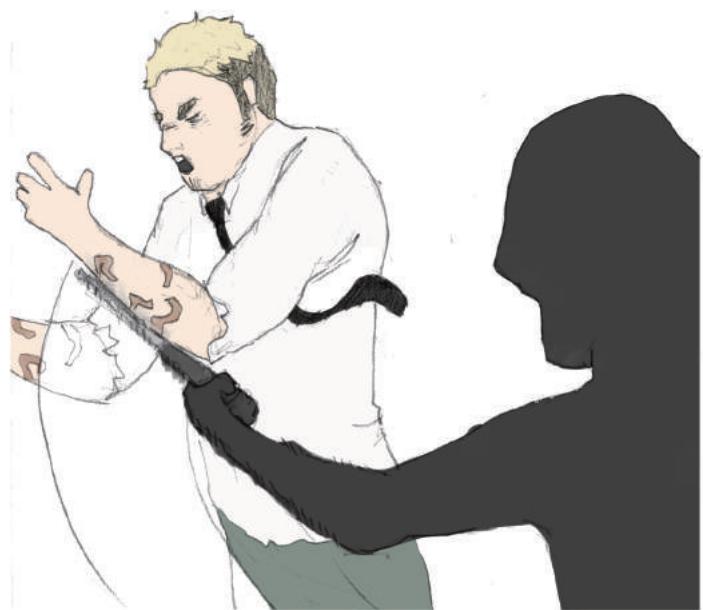
Now I know
why they
got so bad

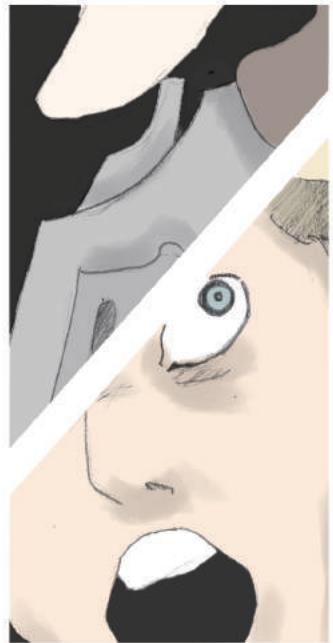


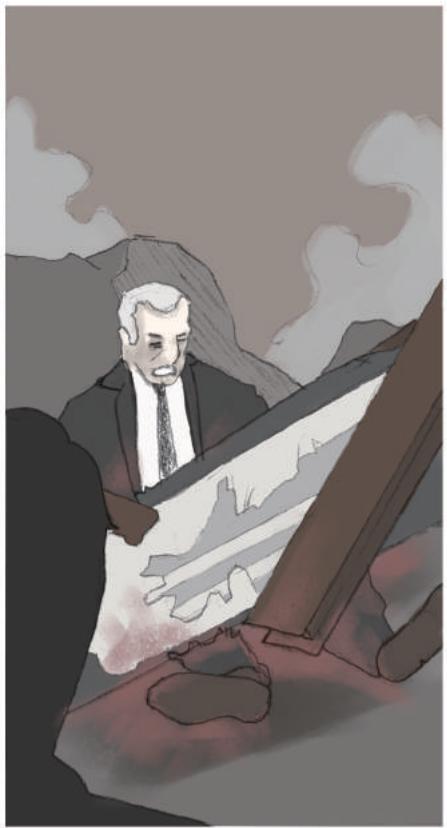
Kill 'em, let's
get this shit
over with.

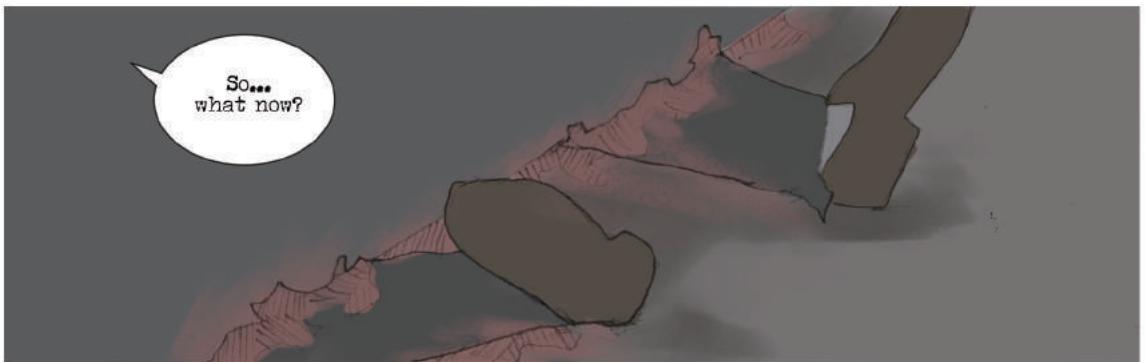












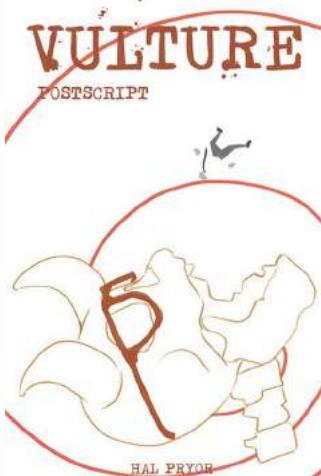
At the most important point, Ron was faced with a choice. This is HIS choice. Whatever he decides will be up to him, he will have to live with the consequences.

Our choices are rarely as crucial, but in our lives, what may matter more than WHAT you, choose, is whether or not it is truly YOU who has chosen it.

There are three outcomes to this story, which will you choose?



Freedom



Authority



Revolution