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What means so little to
some, is everything to another...

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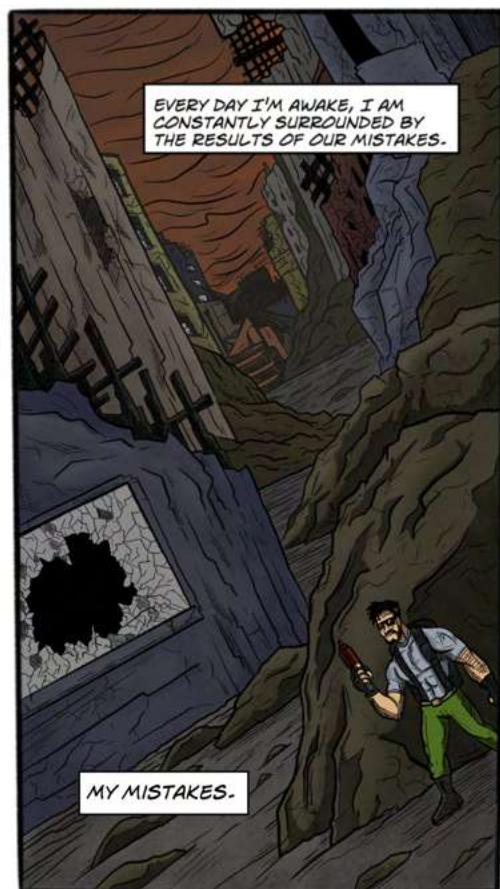
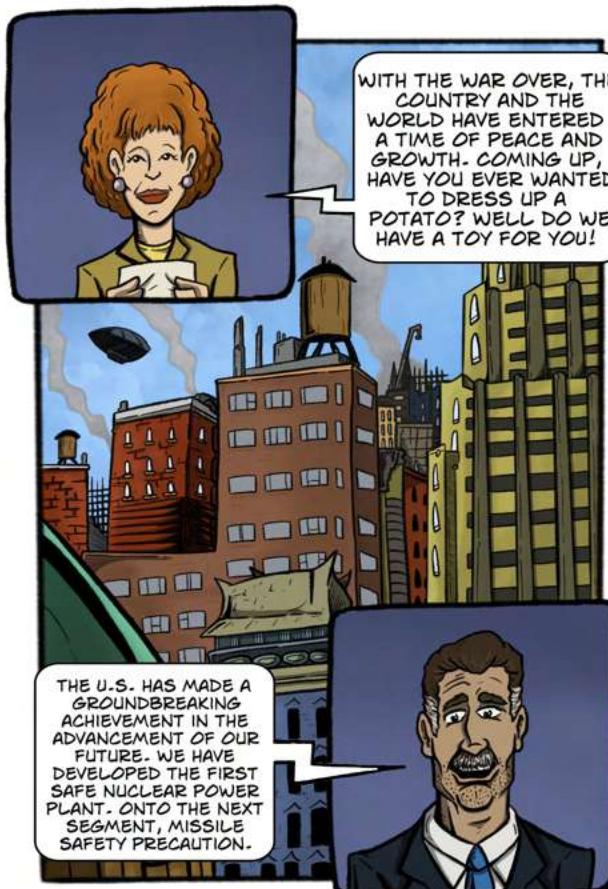
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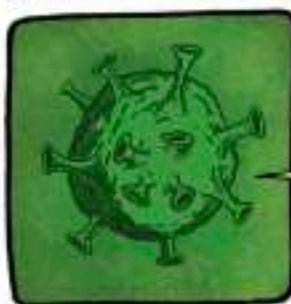
THE NIGHT'S BEEN LONG BUT IT SEEMS LIKE THE FINAL RESULTS ARE IN, OUTSIDER ELMER DUMP WILL BECOME THE UNITED STATES 45TH PRESIDENT. IT WAS A TIGHT RACE BREAKING ALL EXPECTATIONS AND PREDICTIONS.



THE INVESTIGATION LED BY SPECIAL COUNSEL RICHARD MOLLER INTO POSSIBLE COLLUSION BETWEEN RUSSIA AND THE DUMP CAMPAIGN DURING THE PREVIOUS ELECTION, HAS FINALLY ENDED: THERE ARE DOZENS OF INDICTMENTS INCLUDING CHARGES INVOLVING CYBER ATTACKS AGAINST DEMOCRATIC OFFICIALS.



NOTHING IS PERFECT, THERE ARE FLAWS IN EVERYTHING...
HUMANS ARE NO EXCEPTION. WE MAKE MISTAKES.



DUE TO THE ALARMING LEVELS OF INFECTION ACROSS THE WORLD, THE PLANETARY ORGANIZATION OF HEALTH HAS MADE THE ASSESSMENT THAT BANOOKA-96 CAN BE CHARACTERIZED AS A PANDEMIC.



AFTER MILLIONS OF INFECTIONS AND DEATHS, THERE IS HOPE. A VACCINE HAS ALMOST FINISHED TESTING AND WILL BE IN A HISTORICALLY GROUNDBREAKING TIME. MANY COUNTRIES HAVE ALREADY BEGUN BIDDING WARS FOR THE VACCINE.



WITH THE INFECTIONS SKYROCKETING AND THE RE-ELECTION COMING UP, PRESIDENT DUMP HAS DECIDED TO ANNOUNCE OPERATION HYPER DRIVE. WHILE WE WAIT FOR THE VACCINE, WE WILL BEGIN RESEARCHING AN ULTIMATE VACCINE. TO NOT JUST CURE BANOOKA-96, BUT OTHER FUTURE DISEASES AND VIRUSES. TWO HUMAN VOLUNTEERS HAVE ALREADY BEEN CHOSEN.



THIS MISTAKE...



OTHER COUNTRIES REPORT THAT THE BANDOKA-9G VACCINE IS 70% EFFECTIVE. IT WILL ROLL OUT AROUND JANUARY OR FEBRUARY OF NEXT YEAR. IN OTHER NEWS WE HAVE MADE AN EXTREME BREAKTHROUGH WITH OPERATION HYPER DRIVE AND A PRESENTATION WILL BE DEBUTED NEXT WEEK WITH PRESIDENT DUMP.

PRESIDENT DUMP HAS REVEALED THE RESULTS OF OPERATION HYPER DRIVE AND THE RESULTS ARE UNBELIEVABLE! UNREALISTIC! ABSOLUTELY BREATHTAKING! IT SEEMS AS IF THE TWO VOLUNTEERS NOW HAVE ABILITIES AND POWERS THAT ARE SUPER HUMAN AND OUT OF THIS WORLD!



OPERATION HYPER DRIVE WILL GO PUBLIC NEXT MONTH AND IS NOW UNDER THE NAME OF THE HYPER HUMAN SERUM. THE PRICE FOR THE DOSE HAS YET TO BE ANNOUNCED DUE TO THE UNPRECEDENTED NATURE OF THE RESULTS. IT HAS BEEN RUMORED TO BE IN THE THOUSANDS AND IT IS NOT COVERED BY INSURANCE.

DUE TO THE HESITANCY IN THE BANDOKA-9G VACCINE, DEATHS AND INFECTIONS HAVE RAPIDLY INCREASED IN THE UNITED STATES AS IT CONTINUES TO MUTATE. THE ECONOMY HAS TAKEN A TOLL AND THE WAGE GAP CONTINUES TO GROW. LOCKDOWNS HAVE HURT THE WORKING CLASS WHILE THE RICH HAVE ONLY GAINED MORE. UNREST HAS BEGUN AS DEMOCRATIC AND REPUBLICAN OFFICIALS HAVEN'T COME TO AN AGREEMENT ON ANY HELP.



"YOU KNOW WHO'S AT IT AGAIN, STONEWALLING EVERYTHING WE ATTEMPT TO DO FOR THE AMERICAN PEOPLE. YOU DESERVE RELIEF. MOST IMPORTANTLY IN THESE TIMES, YOU DESERVE AN AFFORDABLE VACCINE. NOT ONLY THAT, BUT THE HYPER HUMAN SERUM. THAT TYPE OF ADVANCEMENT SHOULD NOT BE LOCKED BEHIND A PAY WALL OR GLASS BARRIER."



IT'S NOT OVER YET.



HUMANITY STILL HAS ONE LAST SHOT.

THE SOCIALIST "DEMOCRATS" ARE ATTEMPTING TO TAKE AWAY YOUR HARD EARNED POWERS AND GIVE IT OUT TO EVERYONE WHO DIDN'T WORK AS HARD AS YOU. WHERE'S GOD? THAT SH*T DO ILLEGALS GET IT TO VISITORS GET IT WITH THAT MENTALITY, WE SHOULD JUST HAND IT TO THE REST OF THE WORLD INSTEAD OF CHARGE THEM. THEY ARE PREDICTIVELY DELUSIONAL.



AS DEATHS SKYROCKET IN THE US DUE TO THE NEWLY MUTATED BANDOKA-9G STRAIN, TENSIONS GROW HIGH OVER THE EXCLUSIVITY OF THIS VACCINE AND THE HYPER HUMAN SERUM. THE MILITARY HAS BEEN SENT IN BY PRESIDENT DUMP TO BRING PEACE TO THE CITIES IN UPHILL...



DUE TO SIXXER DISCREDITING THE U.S. PRESIDENT'S STATEMENTS OF SOLELY FUNDING THIS INTERNATIONAL EFFORT TO FIND A VACCINE FOR BANOKKA-RS, DUMP STILL REFUSES TO ADD OTHER COUNTRIES IN RECEIVING OR REPLICATING THIS HYPER HUMAN SERUM. RUSSIA HAS ALREADY STATED THEY ARE WORKING ON THEIR OWN VERSION.



WE HAVE REPORTS NOW THAT THE INTERNATIONAL EFFORTS TO MATCH THE UNITED STATES' POWER HAS SUCCEEDED. RUSSIA, CHINA, THE UK, SAUDI ARABIA, AND JAPAN HAVE ALL REVEALED THEIR OWN SUCCESSFUL SERUMS. THIS HAS ONLY INCREASED DUMP'S PUSH FOR MAJOR ISOLATION, WITH DAYS AWAY FROM A NEW ELECTION.



I'M EXTREMELY RELIEVED AT HOW WELL THIS WORKED OUT. I FEARED EVERY DAY HE WOULD FIND THIS PLACE.

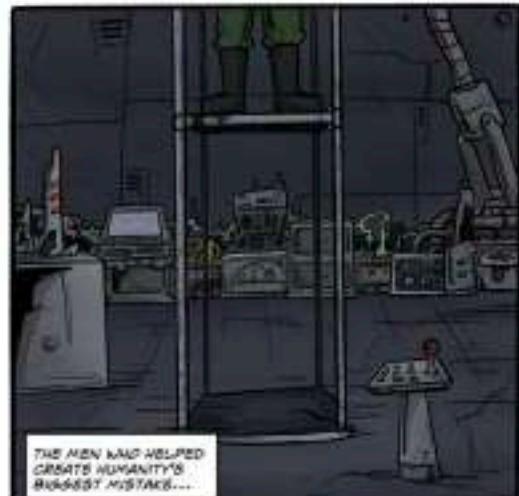


TOO LONG IF YOU ASK ME. I SEE OUR IDEA WORKED.

YES. ALL THE TESTS WERE SUCCESSFUL.



I KNOW YOUR FAMILY WOULD BE PROUD.



THE MEN WHO HELPED CREATE HUMANITY'S MURKEST MISTAKE...



IT'S BEEN A WHILE
MOLLOVINS.

...WILL BE THE SAME MEN TO ATTEMPT HUMANITY'S SALVATION.



SOMEHOW THEY BISSED IT! THE DEMON BATS HAVE COMPLETELY STOLEN THIS ELECTION! WITH MAIL-IN BALLOTS AND MALFUNCTIONING MACHINES, THEY DESTROYED DEMOCRACY! THEY WANT TO LEECH OFF OF THE BACKS OF HARDWORKING AMERICANS. PRESIDENT DUMP SHOULD NOT CONCEDE OR GIVE OUT THE SERUM!



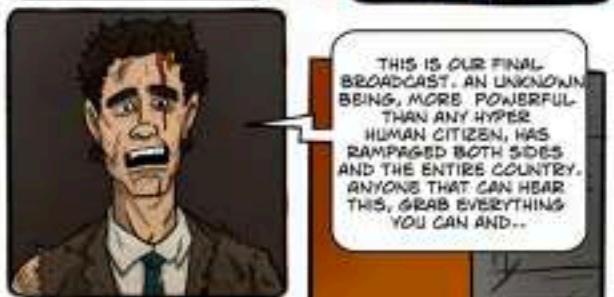
MORE PROTESTS HAVE BROKEN OUT ALL OVER THE US OVER THE MISHANDLING OF BANOKKA-RS AND THE LACK OF SUPPORT FOR ANYONE OTHER THAN THE BOURGEOISIE. COUNTER PROTESTS HAVE TURNED INTO RIOTS FOR THOSE IN PROTEST OF THE ELECTION WITH REPORTS OF THROES WITH THE USE OF POWERS DOMINATING AND CAUSING EXTREME DAMAGE.

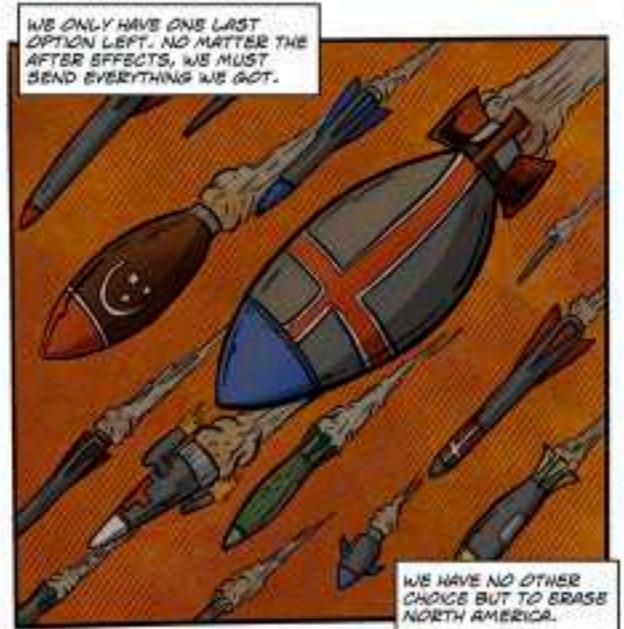
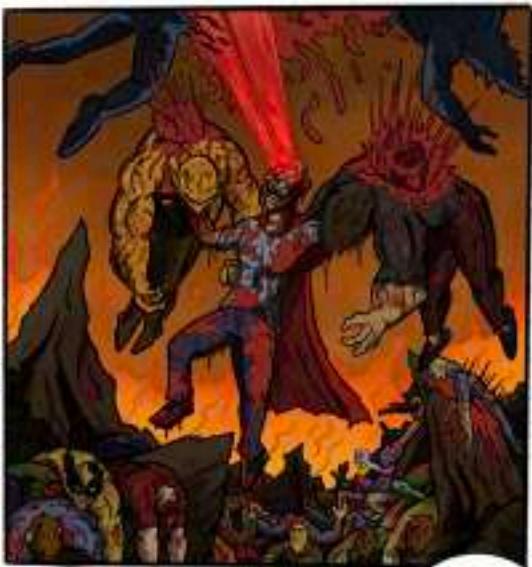


ON THIS DAY, I WILL INITIATE ORDER 77. I WILL BRING LAW AND ORDER BACK INTO THIS COUNTRY. I WILL BRING SWIFT AND HEAVY FORCES. THIS ORDER WILL ALLOW OUR BEAUTIFUL LAW ENFORCEMENT ACCESS TO THE SERUM. WE ARE ALSO IN DEVELOPMENT OF A COMPLETELY NEW WAY OF ENFORCING THE LAW.



AS NEWLY ELECTED PRESIDENT, I URGE THOSE OF YOU WILLING TO HELP US RESTORE ORDER TO THIS COUNTRY, REGARDLESS OF POLITICAL AFFILIATION. I BEG YOU, TO STAND UP AND FIGHT BACK THIS UPRISE. TO THOSE NOT ABLE, TAKE SHELTER. GOD BLESS YOU, GOD BLESS YOUR FAMILY, AND GOD BLESS AMERICA.







WE ARE DEMANDING THAT EVERY ONE WHO CAN FIGHT, TO VISIT ANY LOCAL GOVERNMENT BUILDING AND TAKE THE ULTRA HUMAN SERUM TO FIGHT.



THEN...

THE SKY IS BURNING. OUR MILITARY IS USELESS TO STOP THE WESTERN MENACE. THIS IS IT. TAKE PEACE IN YOUR FINAL MOMENTS.

WE ARE LOSING CONTACT ACROSS THE GLOBE. IT SEEMS AS THOUGH ALL HOPE IS LOST. THERE IS NOTHING LEFT TO DO BUT TO HIDE AND PRAY.



THE UNITED STATES ULTIMATE HUMAN HAS LIT A MAJORITY OF THE COUNTRY ABLAZE. THIS IS MY FINAL MESSAGE, HIDE. MAY GOD SAVE US ALL.



...SILENCE.



HELLO OOOOO!!









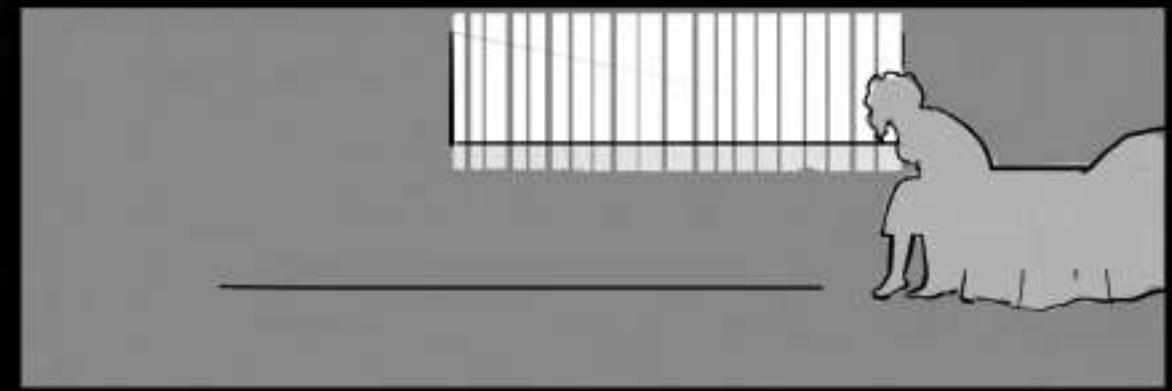




LAST DREAM

STORY AND ART BY A.E. PETERSON



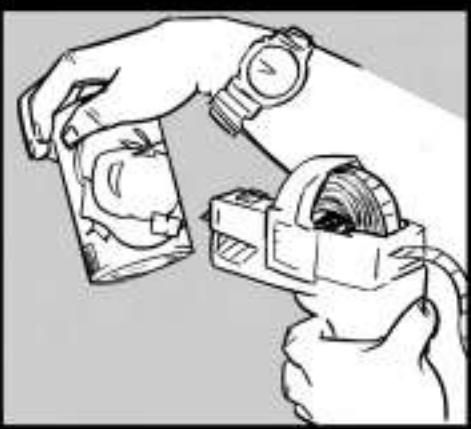


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ABANDON
ALL HOPE



RED DOOR
OCEAN





Red
DOOR

Ocean





NO, I CAN'T THINK OF ANYWHERE.

WHAT WOULD COMPARE?

THERE HAS TO BE SOME PLACE.



YOU SPEND FAR MORE OF YOUR LIFE AWAKE THAN HERE. SURELY THERE HAVE TO BE PLACES YOU WANT TO SEE.

I MEAN, I DID WHEN I WAS YOUNGER. THERE'S THIS CITY IN SPAIN THAT HAS THIS CHURCH, IT'S MASSIVE.

IT WAS STRAIGHT FROM A DAHLI PAINTING, SO OTHERWORLDLY. LIKE AN ALIEN SAND CASTLE.



WHY THE SUDDEN INTEREST? LATELY SEEMS EVERYTIME WE'RE TOGETHER YOU WANT TO TALK ABOUT OUT THERE.



THERE'S SOMETHING I NEED- I NEED TO TELL YOU-



I THINK-



- I THINK THIS IS
OUR LAST DREAM
TOGETHER.



OH GOD!



OH, GOD WHAT'S
HAPPENING



CHEMO... I CAN'T
HOLD THIS PLACE
TOGETHER MUCH
LONGER-



PLEASE, TELL ME
WHERE YOU ARE,
I'LL WAKE UP AND
FIND YOU!



I'M JUST WIRES AND
TUBES BACK THERE,

SOON- I'LL BE
LESS



IT'S TOO
LATE.



PLEASE, DON'T
GO, THIS CAN'T
BE HAPPENING,
THIS CAN'T BE
REAL!



THAT'S JUST
IT-



-IT'S NOT.



every time
there
time to think. There
I'll be back soon
talk.
-Hope

Their sidewalk. Their rules

SWP



A true-blue Aussie crime comedy

By Lewis Mills : IG-@badtastegoodcause : www.lmcreativeprojects.wordpress.com



Every day I tried...I try...
to make Sydney a better place.



Sydney is a twenty-four seven city.
Pitt Street in the morning,
George Street at night,
Circular Quay at the weekend...



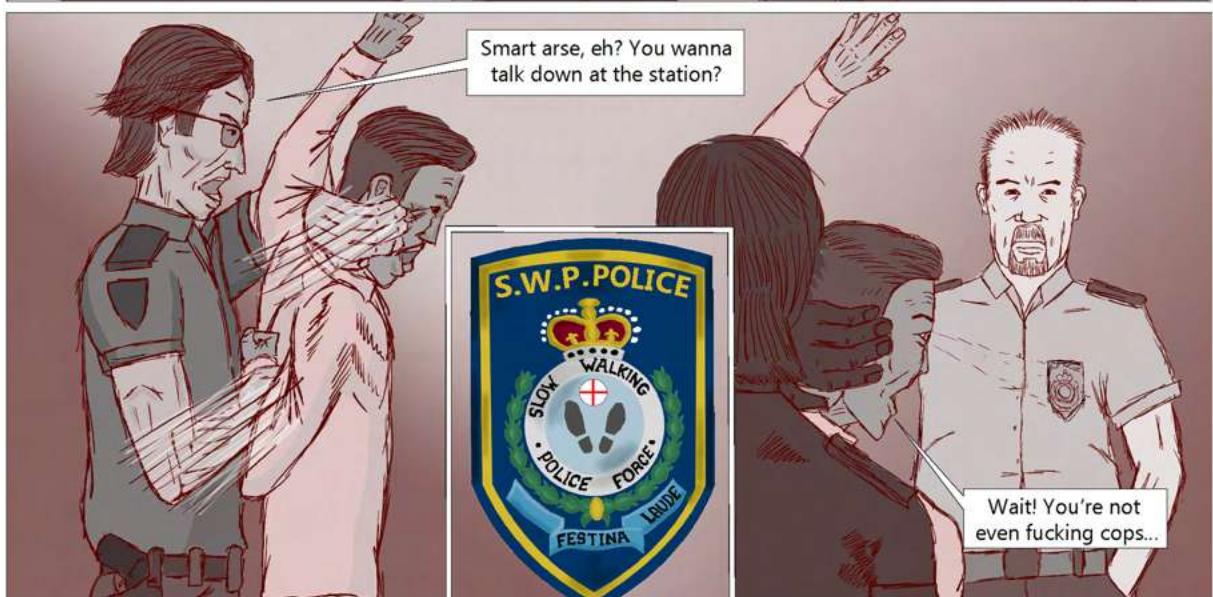
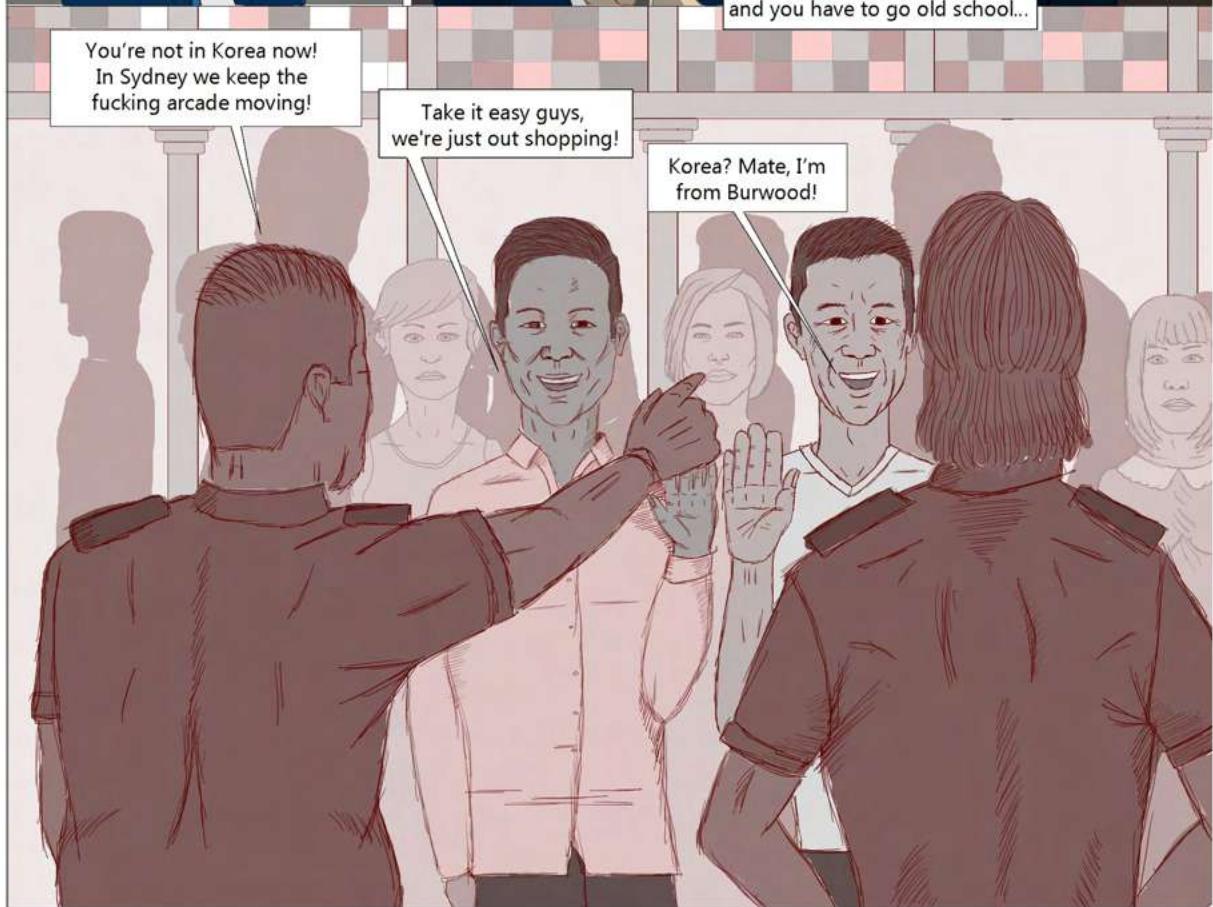
Sydney loves the tourist dollar!
But education is key...not everyone
gets a chance to learn
Sydney's ways...Australia's ways...

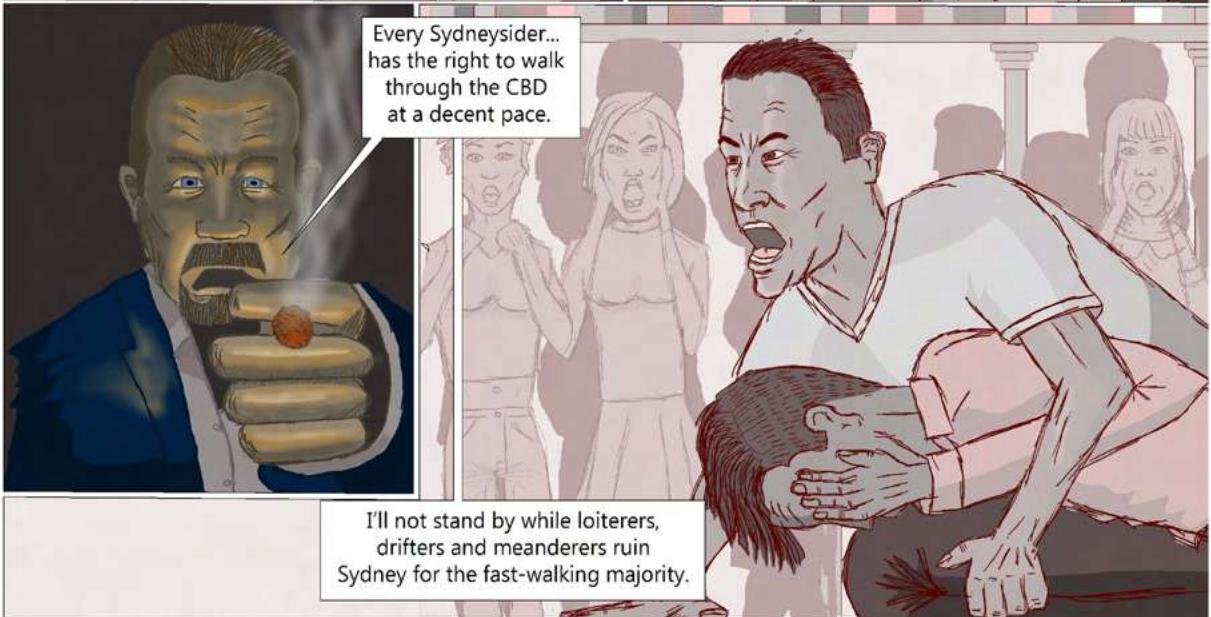
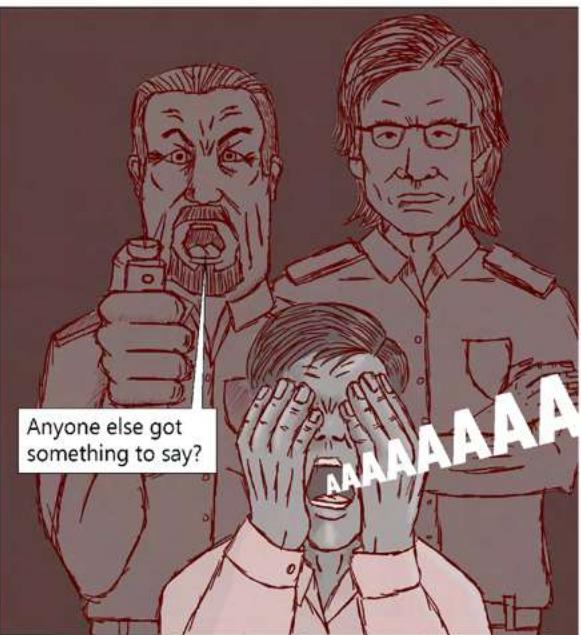
Unit two-seven on the scene.
We've got visuals on the suspects

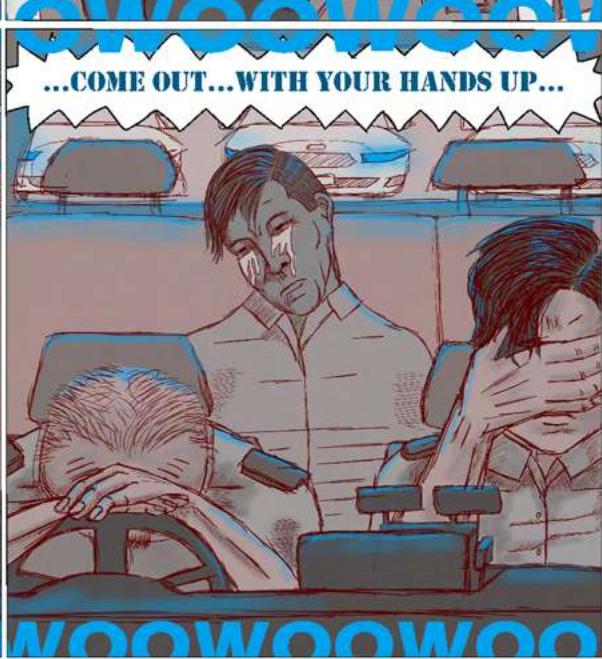
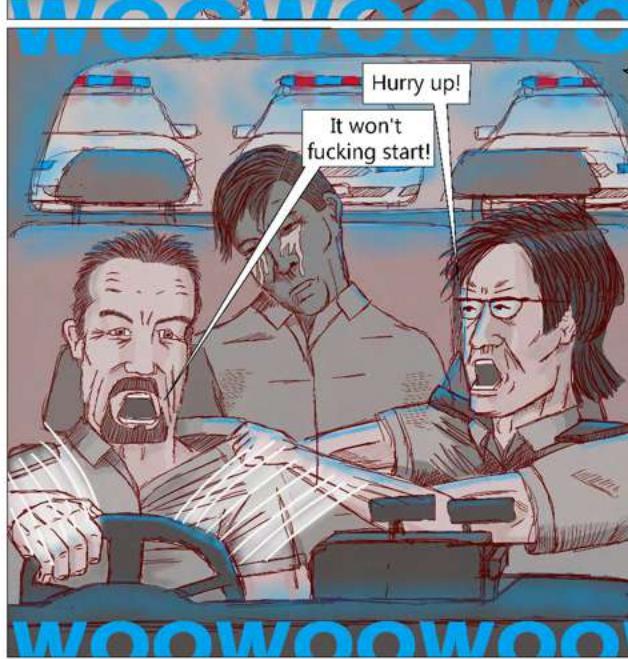
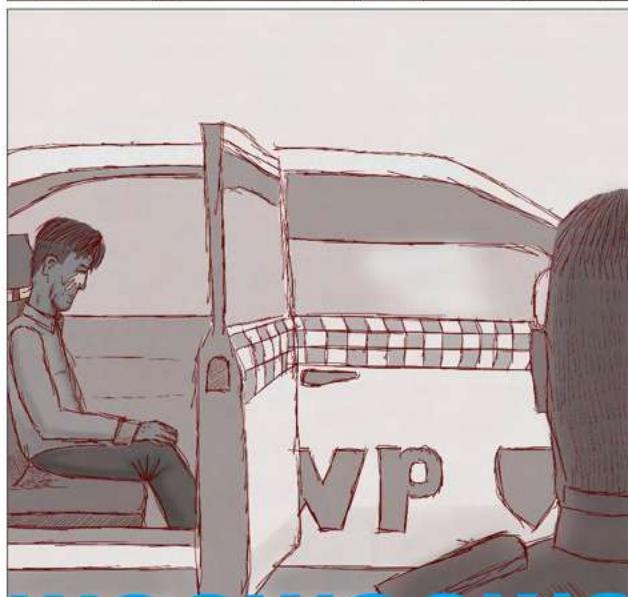
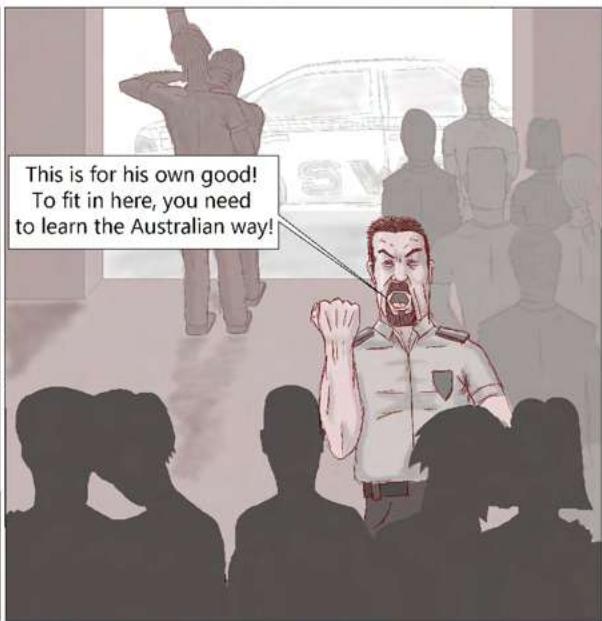
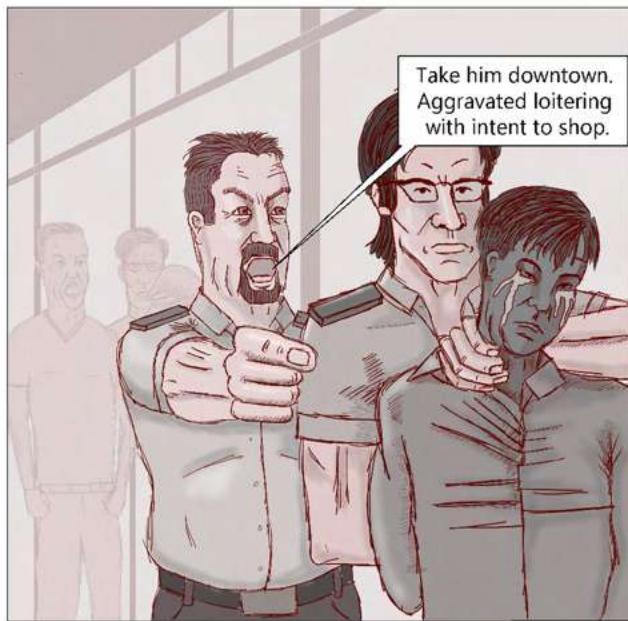




Yesterday? Sometimes
education doesn't work,
and you have to go old school...







INTERVIEW ROOM 1

The magistrate's ready for you now, Sgt....Mr. Boyce.



Give it to me straight, one lawman to another.

Lawman? You failed the police academy fitness test in 2012. So we've got impersonating a police officer, two counts of assault, kidnapping, racial vilification...

Do I need to hand in my gun and badge?

You've got a gun as well? We'll add possession of a firearm... you're looking at a trip to Long Bay.

Fucking slow walking police!

What a Pelican!

You won't have to worry about slow walking where you're going, champion...

You need to worry about walking funny when you get out...

THE END













"THE ALGONQUIAN NATIVES, WHOSE TERRITORY STRETCHED FROM THE EAST COAST OF NORTHERN AMERICA TO THE ROCKY MOUNTAINS, WERE THE FIRST TO ENCOUNTER THE WENDIGO CENTURIES AGO.



"GAUNT TO THE POINT OF EMACIATION. ITS DESICCATED SKIN PULLED TIGHTLY OVER ITS BONES..."



"...A COMPLEXION LIKE THE ASH GRAY OF DEATH."



"WARNINGS WERE QUICKLY SPREAD OUT THROUGH THE REGION AND PASSED DOWN TO KIN:



"BEWARE THE SKINWALKER..."

"...THE SPIRIT OF LONELY PLACES."



"AND WHILE ITS HISTORY HAS BEEN DISTORTED BY THE NATURAL PASSAGE OF TIME..."



"ALL ACCOUNTS THAT REMAIN HAVE BEEN CONSISTENT IN DEPICTING ONE THING:



"ITS HORRENDOUS CRUELTY."



"THE WENDIGO IS UNREASONABLE, INCORRUPTIBLE..."



"...IT IS CORRUPTION."



AND IT WILL NEVER--

KRAK





KRAK



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THE FIRST TWO THOUSAND CHERRY TREES WERE DONATED BY THE MAYOR OF TOKYO TO THE UNITED STATES IN 1910. IT WAS A FRIENDSHIP GIFT BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES.

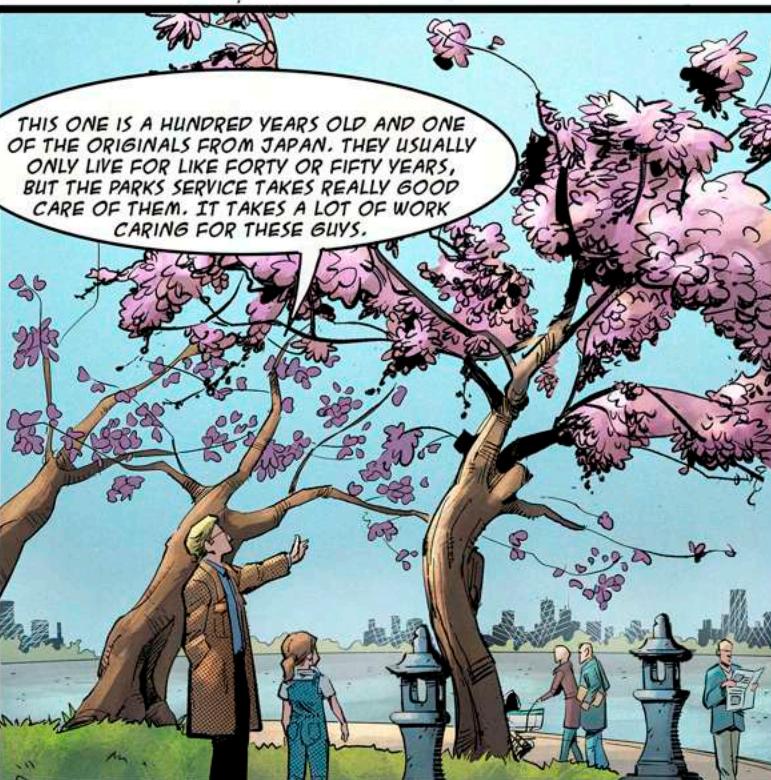
THEY'RE SO PRETTY.



WHAT'S AMAZING IS THOSE TREES WERE INFESTED WITH BUGS AND HAD TO BE BURNED. LUCKILY, WE SMOOTHED OVER THAT MESS AND TOKYO GAVE US ANOTHER GIFT OF TREES TO PLANT.



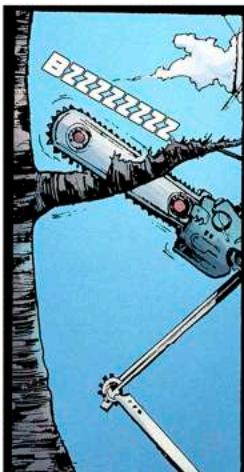
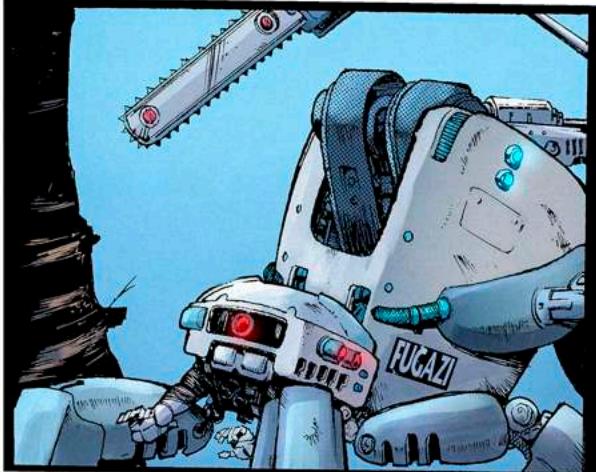
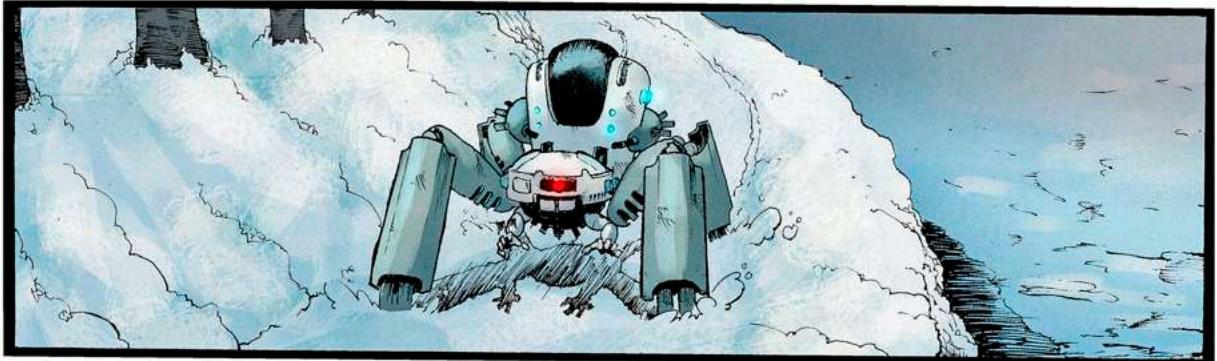
CAREFUL, ELIZA, IT'S ILLEGAL TO PICK THEM. WE'LL GET IN TROUBLE.

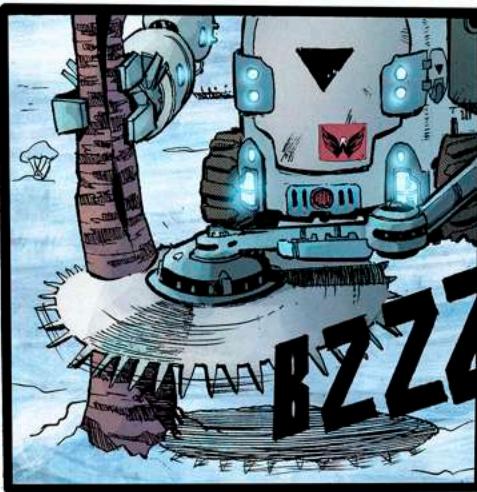
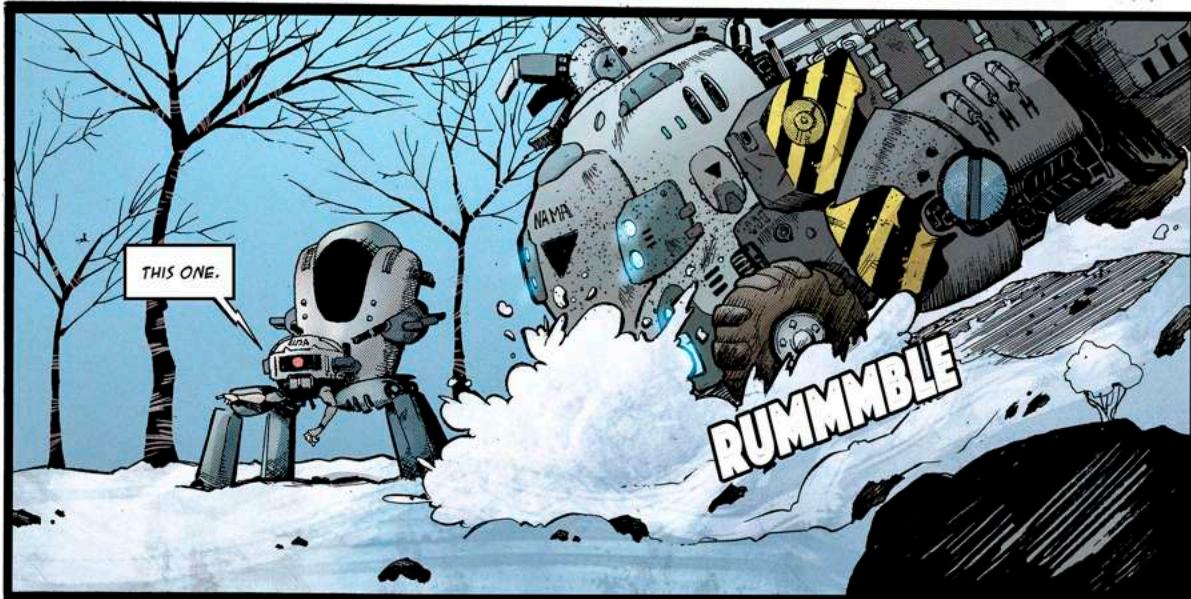
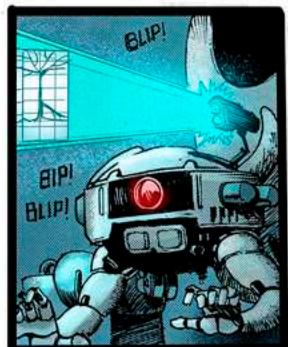


IMAGINE EVERYTHING IT'S SEEN IN THE LAST HUNDRED YEARS.



ONE HUNDRED YEARS LATER.

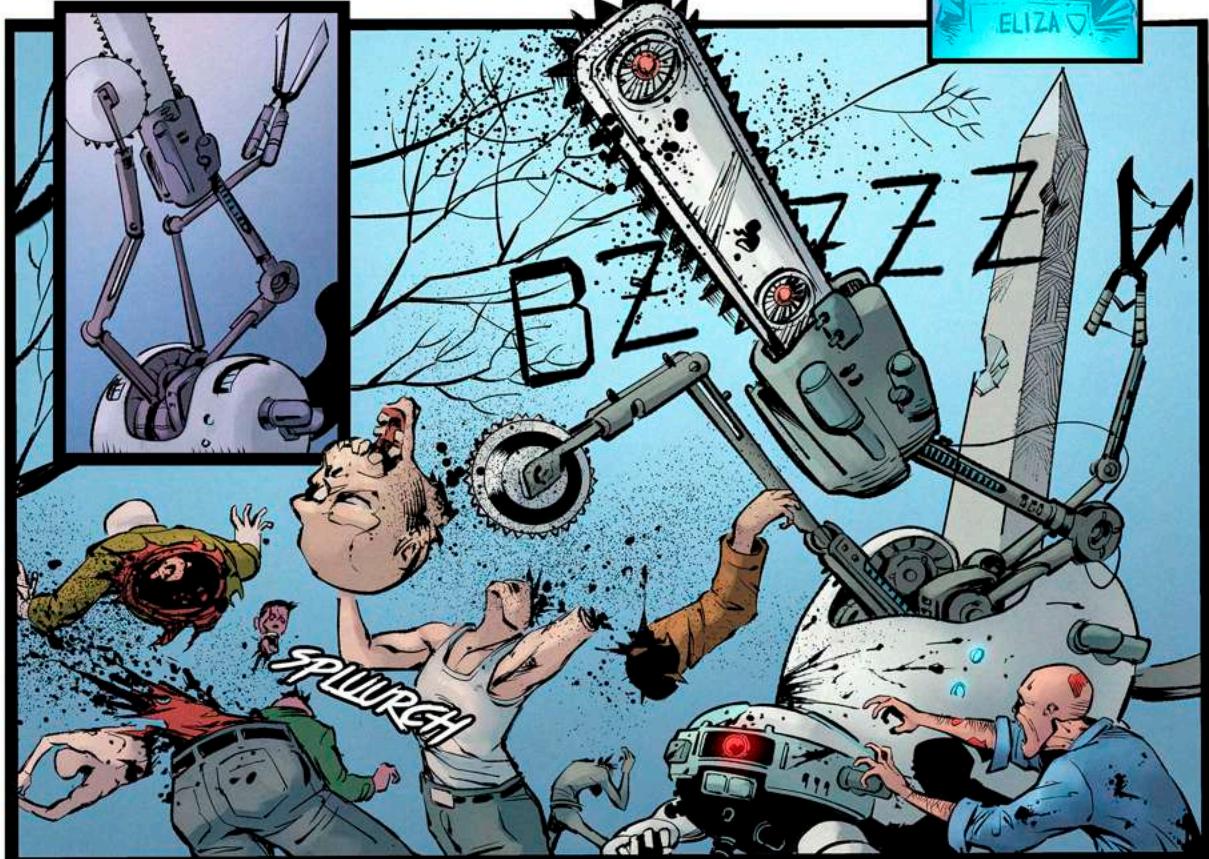
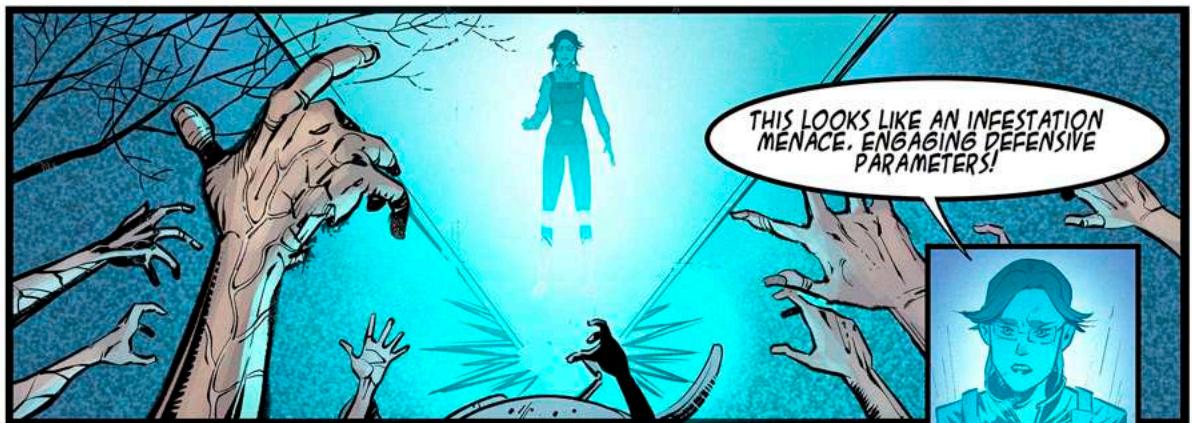


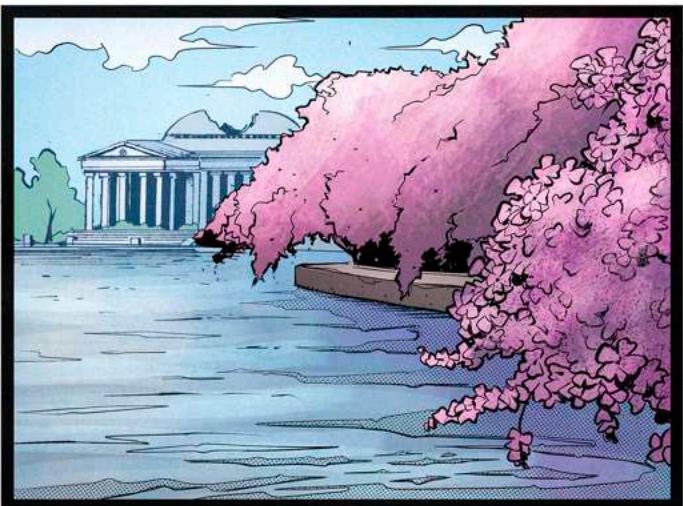
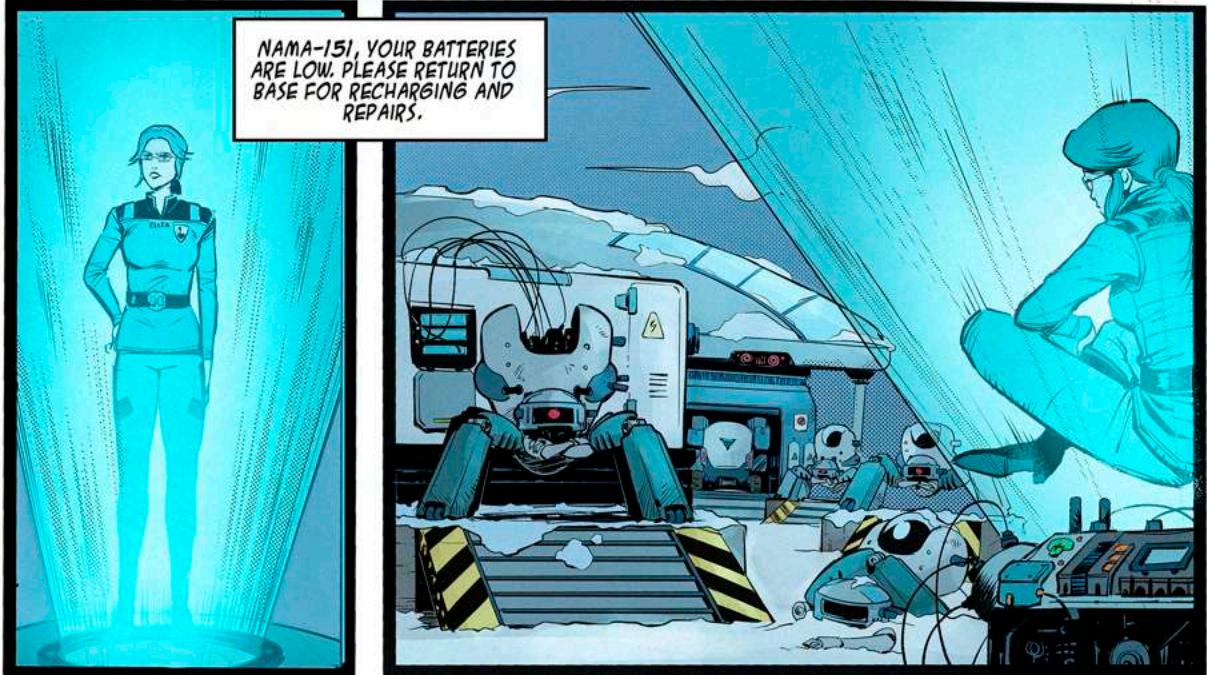
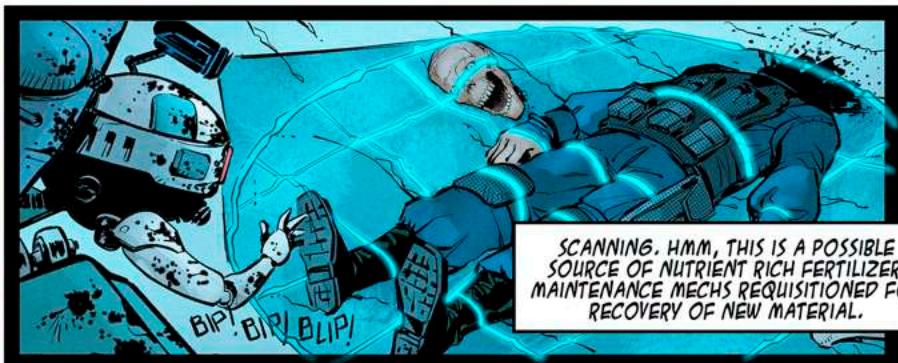


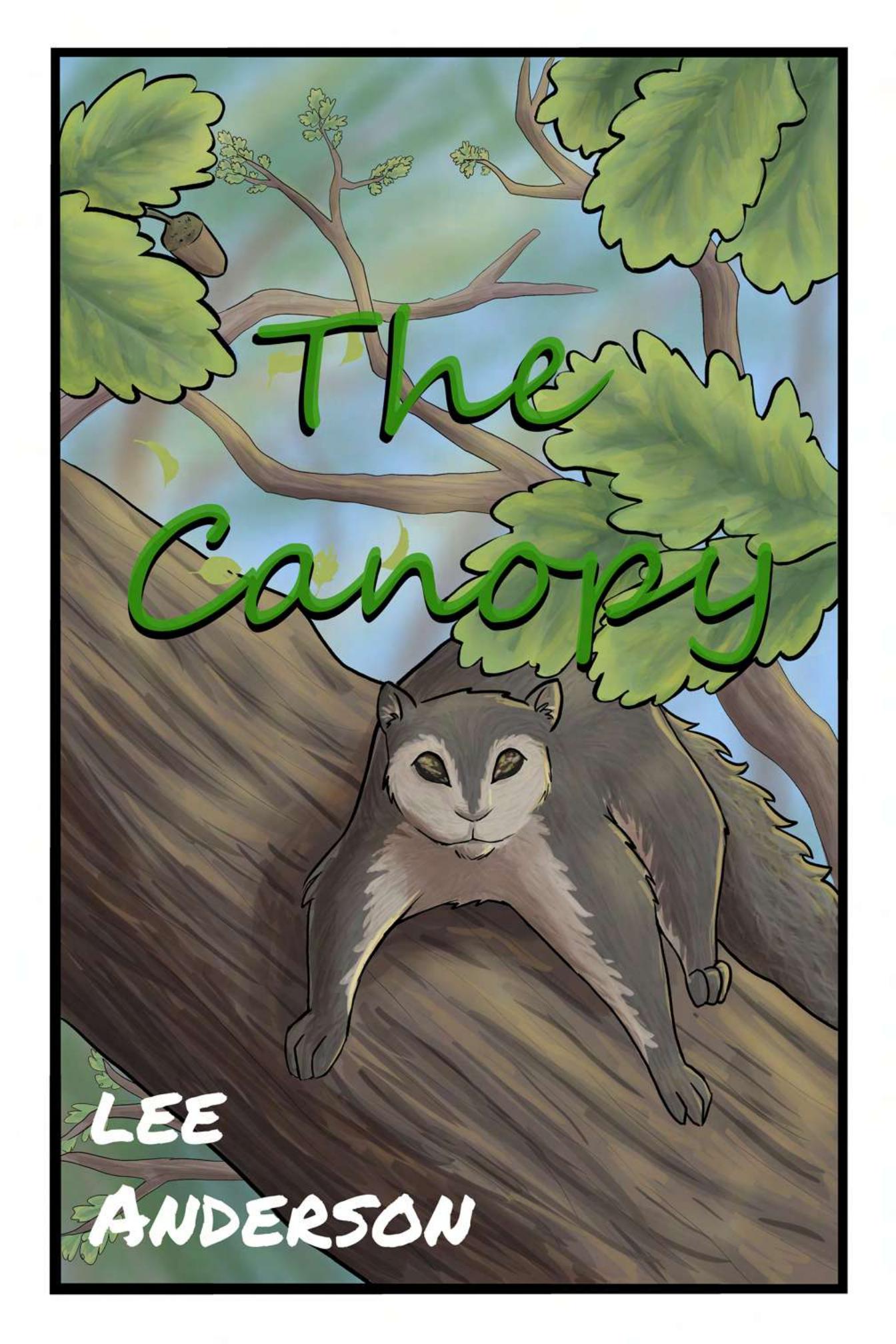


NEW PLANTING
REQUISITION AT SITE
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The Canopy

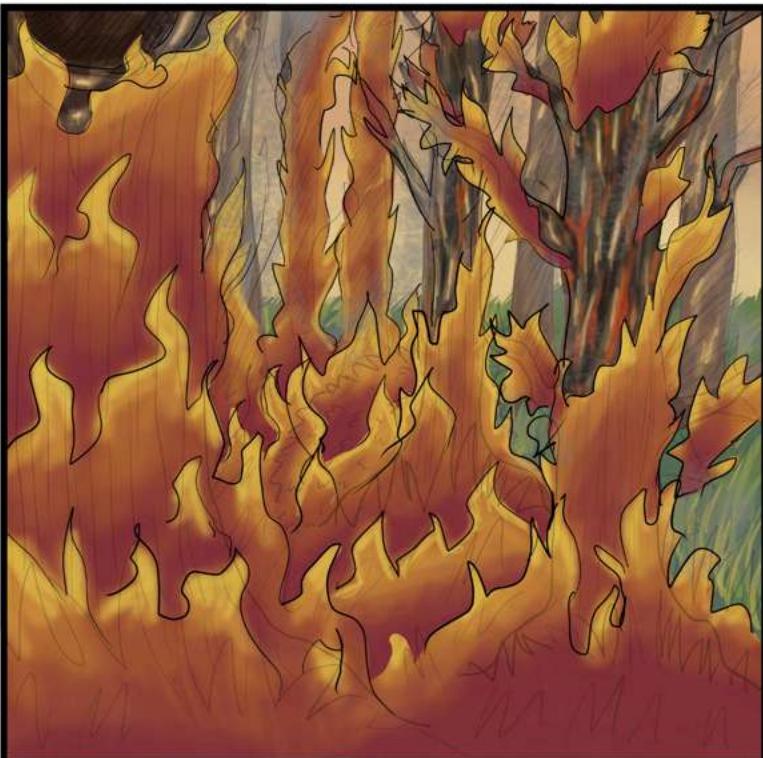
LEE
ANDERSON

Now there are four houses in the forest that rule over the Canopy. It was not always so...Once the Squirrels were separate tribes—the Brown, the Red, the Gray. And the House of Avian was neither friend nor foe to the Squirrels. This was a time before the Squirrel Kings...



The rise of the first king, Half Tail.





*What means so little to
some, is everything to another...*





Where will
we go
now papa?

There're other
trees and other
squirrels. They'll
help us.



Really?
And...mama?

Really. And
mama is always
with us.



Mama...

WE CAN'T HELP!

**YOU AIN'T WELCOME
HERE!**

No luck.

If no one will
help us, then we must
help ourselves.

What will
we do?

Whatever

Must

We

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