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ON JANUARY 3RD, 2009 SATOSHI NAKAMOTO CREATED THE GENESIS BLOCK FOR BITCOIN, A PEER TO PEER ELECTRONIC CASH SYSTEM.

A WEEK LATER, CRYPTOGRAPHER HAL FINNEY STARTED RUNNING BITCOIN AND BLOCKS STARTED TO BE MINED AT AN AVERAGE OF TEN MINUTE INTERVALS.

FIX THE MONEY, FIX THE WORLD



**STEP AWAY
FROM THE EQUIPMENT AND
PUT YOUR HANDS UP**

THE EQUIPMENT IN QUESTION WAS A SERIES OF FIRST GENERATION ASICS, A TYPE OF HARDWARE SPECIALIZED IN MINING BITCOIN.

IT WAS ON BLOCKHEIGHT 293593 WHEN I WAS ARRESTED IN MY FATHER'S GARAGE IN THE SUBBURBS OF MONTREAL, CANADA.

SATOSHI NEVER GOT CAUGHT

GET YOUR
HANDS BEHIND
YOUR BACK



HOLD STILL
AND DON'T DO
ANYTHING STUPID

IT WAS TOO LATE FOR THAT,
I HAD ALREADY BLUNDERED
SOMEHOW, I JUST HAVEN'T
FIGURED OUT HOW YET.

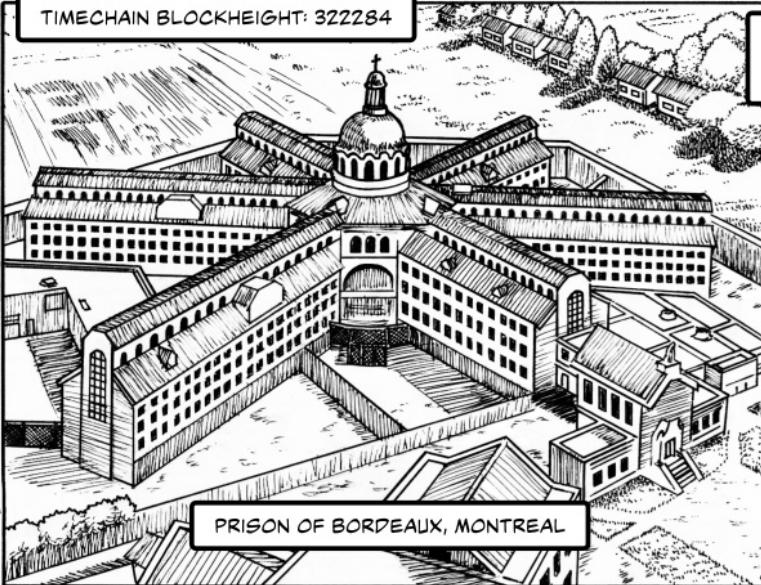
I WAS SO PARANOID AND
METICULOUS TOO, WHAT
DID I MISS EXACTLY?

WHIRR RRRR

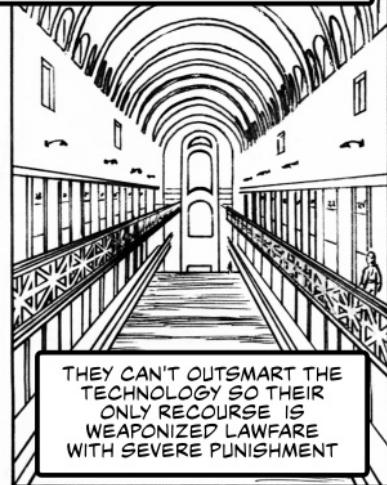
THE MATH JUST DOESN'T ADD UP.

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TIMECHAIN BLOCKHEIGHT: 322284



POLITICIANS FEAR TECHNOLOGY
THEY DON'T CONTROL, ESPECIALLY
WHEN IT'S IN THE HANDS OF PLEBS.



THEY CAN'T OUTSMART THE
TECHNOLOGY SO THEIR
ONLY RE COURSE IS
WEAPONIZED LAWFARE
WITH SEVERE PUNISHMENT



IF I WAS TO GET ANY JUSTICE, I HAD TO APPEAL TO A HIGHER POWER

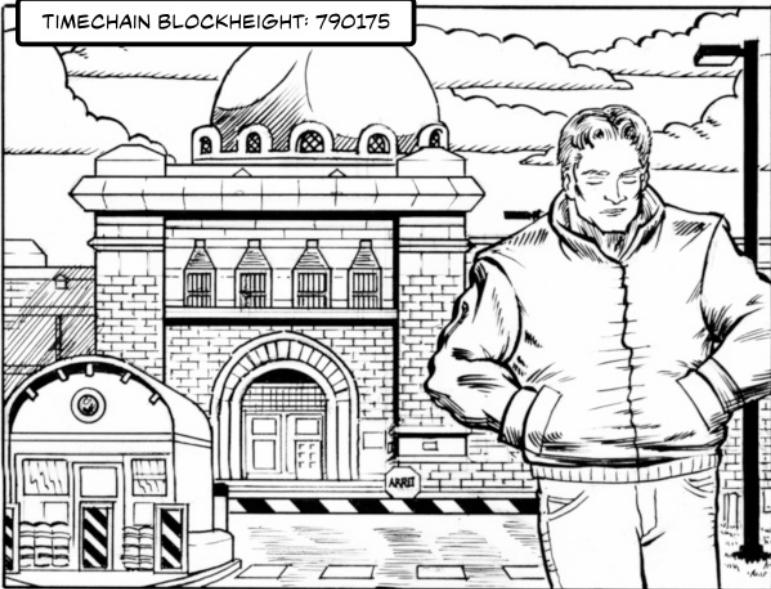
I PRAYED TO GOD TO TAKE MY FEAR AWAY SO THAT I MAY
STAY STRONG AND MAKE IT THROUGH THIS TRIBULATION.

AND MAYBE A BIG ENOUGH DRONE
TO FLY ME OUT FROM THE COURTYARD.



TIMECHAIN BLOCKHEIGHT: 790175

TWO EPOCHS LATER, NEW EVIDENCE SURFACED WHICH LEAD TO MY RELEASE

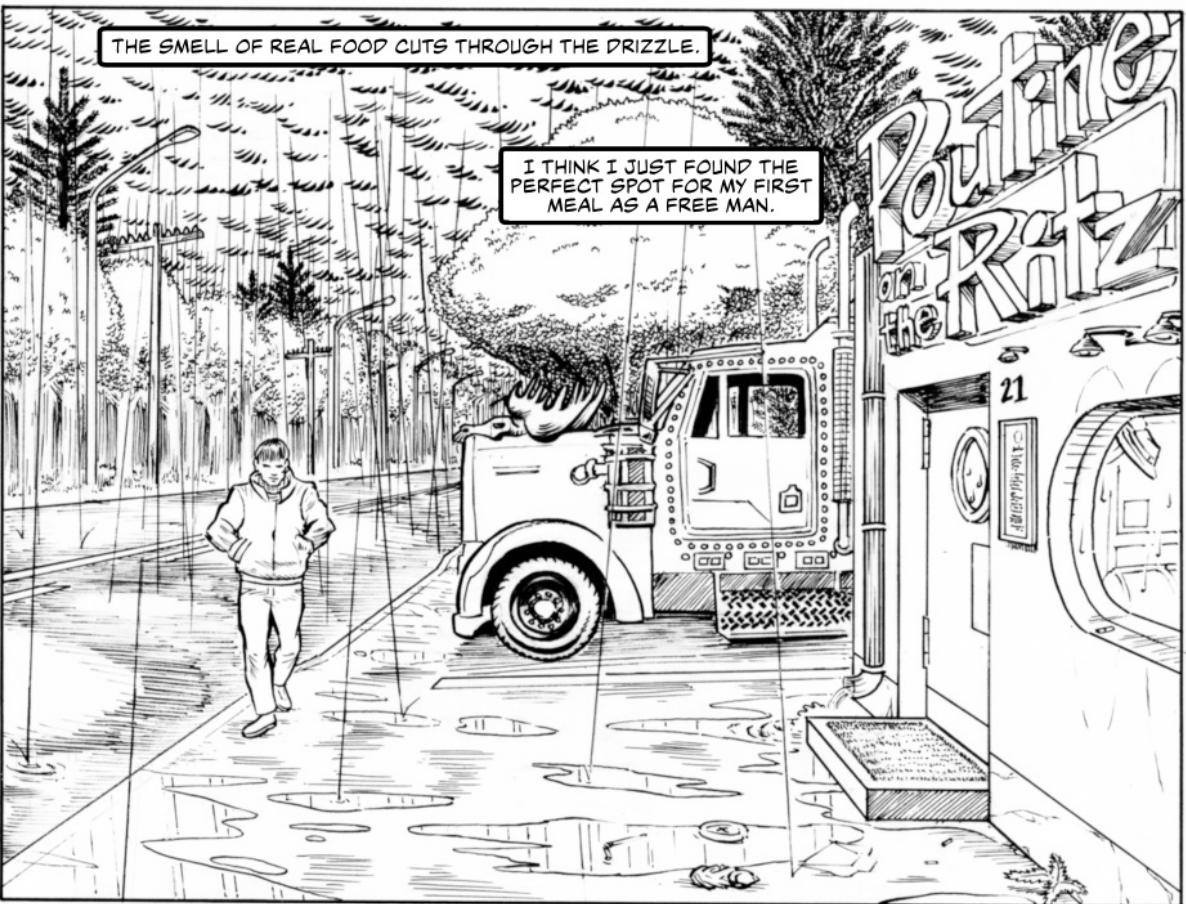


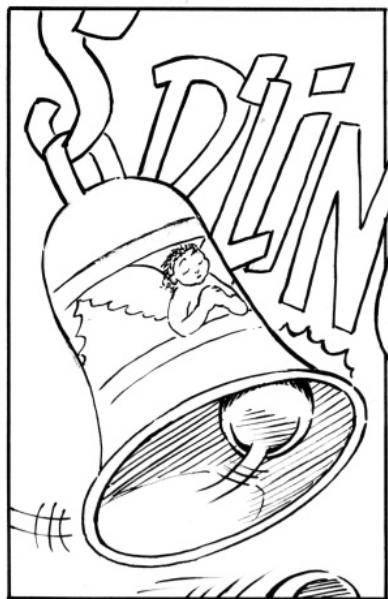
THE RAIN HALTS MY TRAIN OF THOUGHT AND CLEANSES MY SOUL AS I MAKE MY WAY BACK INTO THE WORLD.



THE SMELL OF REAL FOOD CUTS THROUGH THE DRIZZLE.

I THINK I JUST FOUND THE PERFECT SPOT FOR MY FIRST MEAL AS A FREE MAN.





THE WARMTH OF THE RESTAURANT, THE SMELL OF THE FOOD
FROM THE KITCHEN MIXED WITH THE WAITRESSES' PERFUME



WHEN DID
YOU GET INTO
BITCOIN?

IT WAS
DURING THE
TRUCKER
CONVOY.

THE
GOVERNMENT
WAS SHUTTING
DOWN PEOPLE'S
BANK ACCOUNTS
FOR OPPOSING
THEIR TYRANICAL
MANDATES.

ONLY BITCOIN
MADE ITS WAY INTO
TRUCKERS' HANDS

SOME OF
US WHO WERE ON
PRESCRIPTION
MEDICATION, THEIR LIFE
DEPENDED, ON HAVING
ACCESS TO MONEY

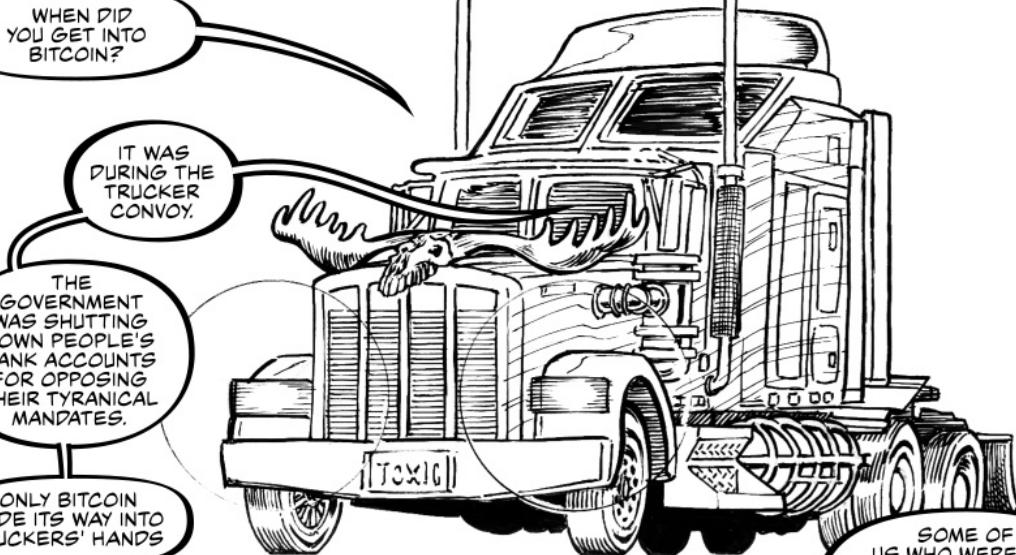
WHAT ABOUT
YOU, DID YOU EVER GET
INTO BITCOIN?

I USED TO
MINE BEFORE I
WENT TO PRISON.

CUTTING YOUR
FUNDS IN THAT CASE, IS
TANTAMOUNT TO A DEATH
SENTENCE.

I SHOULD
START MINING, I COULD
ALWAYS USE MORE
BITCOIN.

YOU COULD
FILL UP YOUR RIG WITH
MINERS AND ROLL UP TO
STRANDED ENERGY.



TIMECHAIN BLOCKHEIGHT: 790201



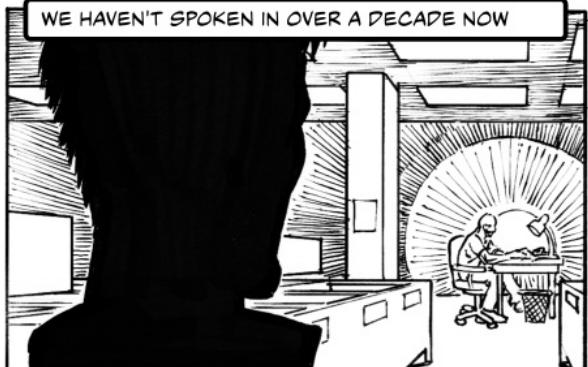
I'VE COME TO VISIT AN OLD FRIEND.



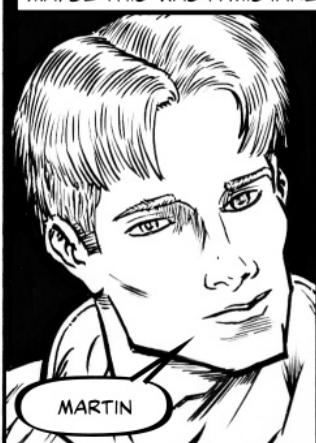
I STILL CONSIDER HIM A FRIEND



WE HAVEN'T SPOKEN IN OVER A DECADE NOW



MAYBE THIS WAS A MISTAKE

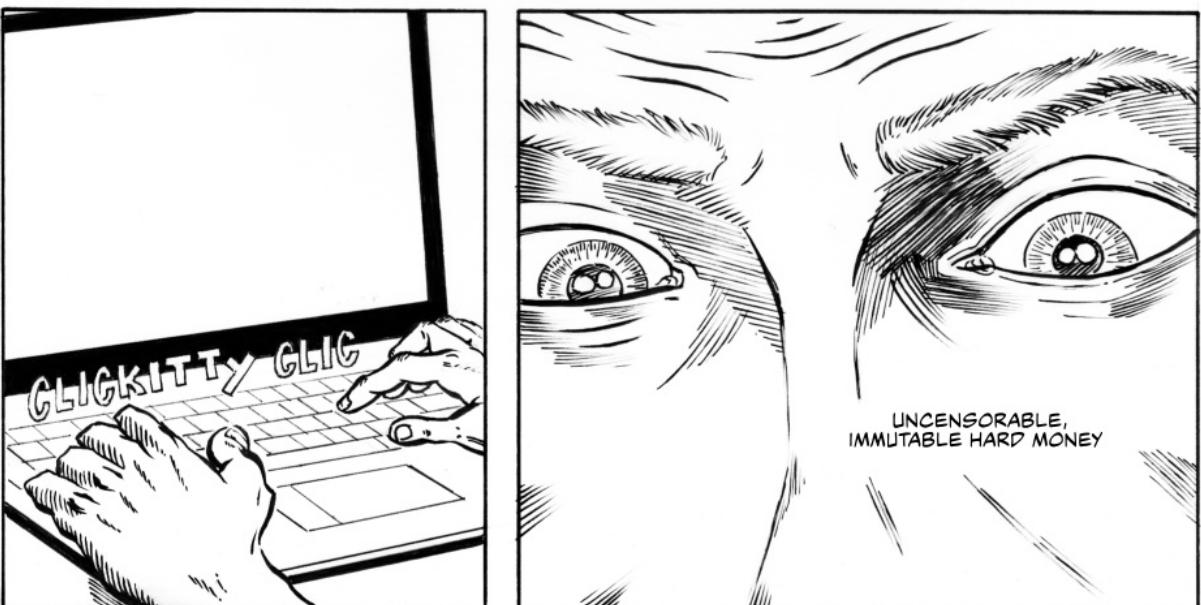
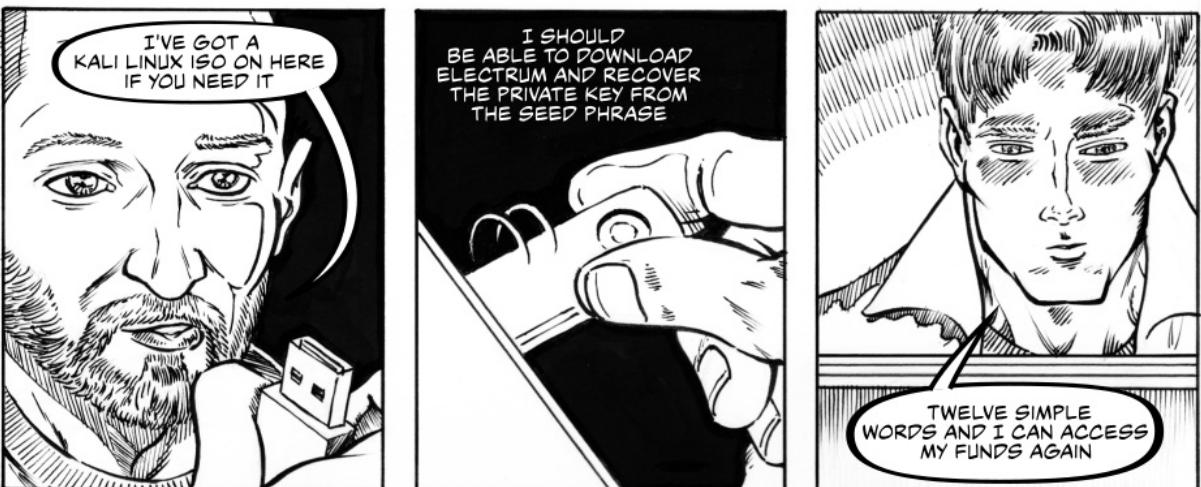
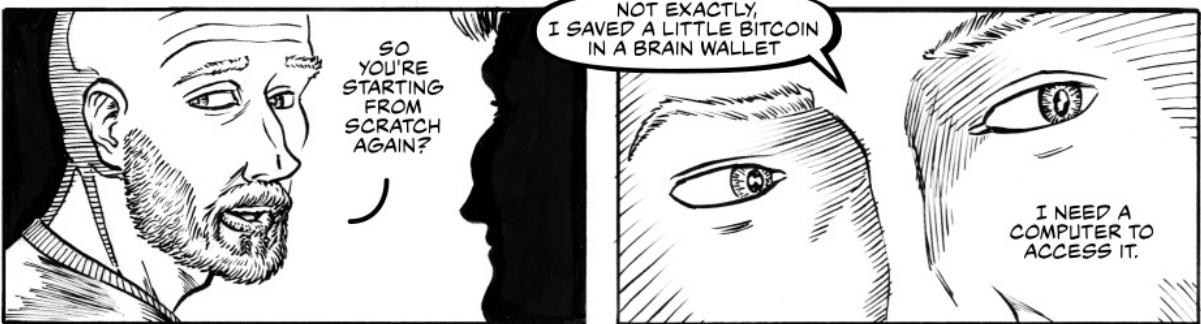


I'M HAPPY
TO SEE YOU
AGAIN.

I BET
YOU'RE HAPPY
TO BE OUT

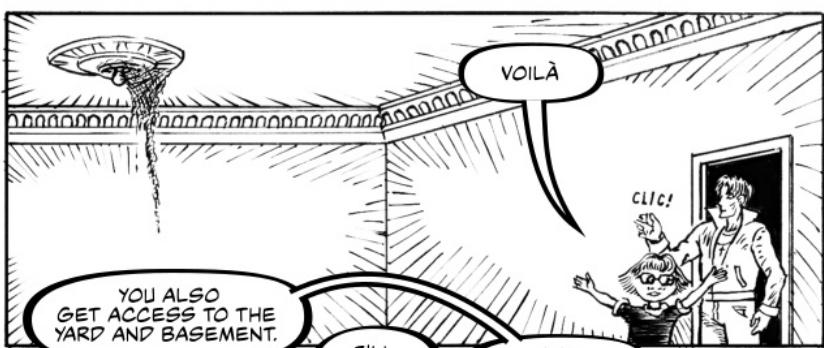
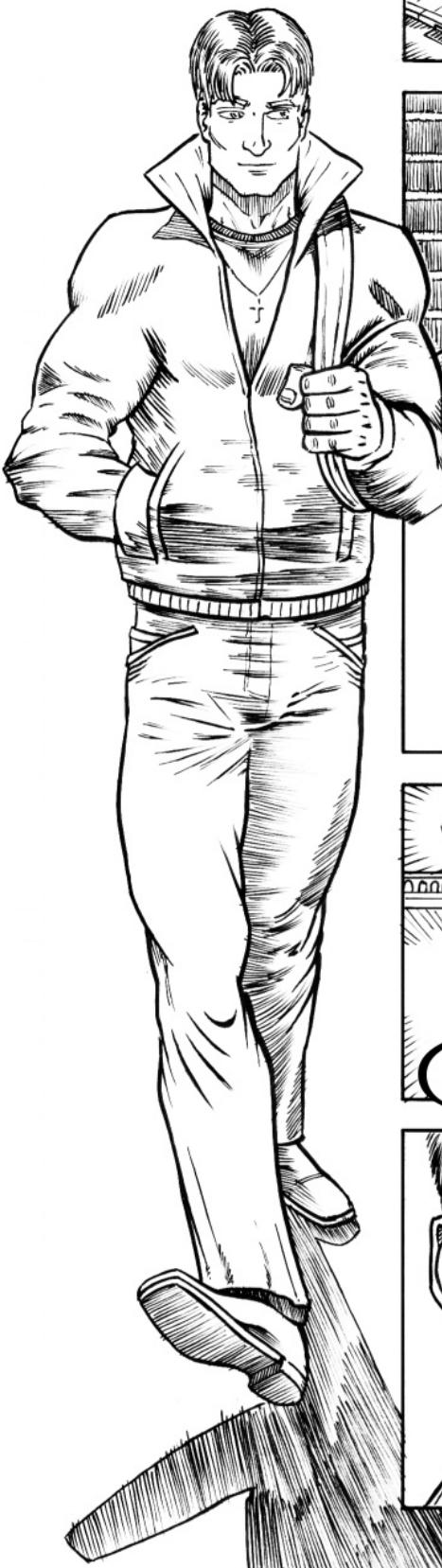
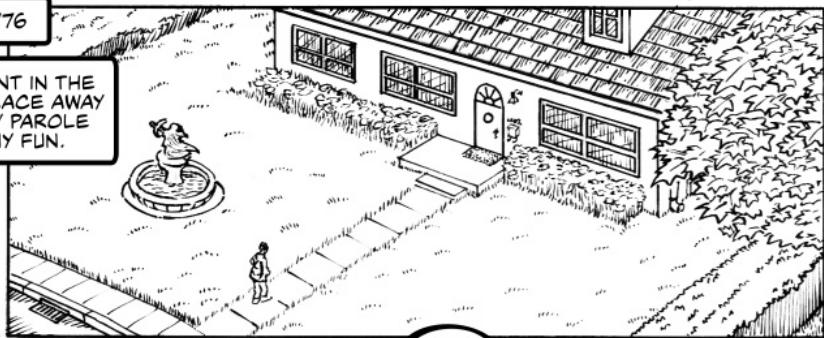
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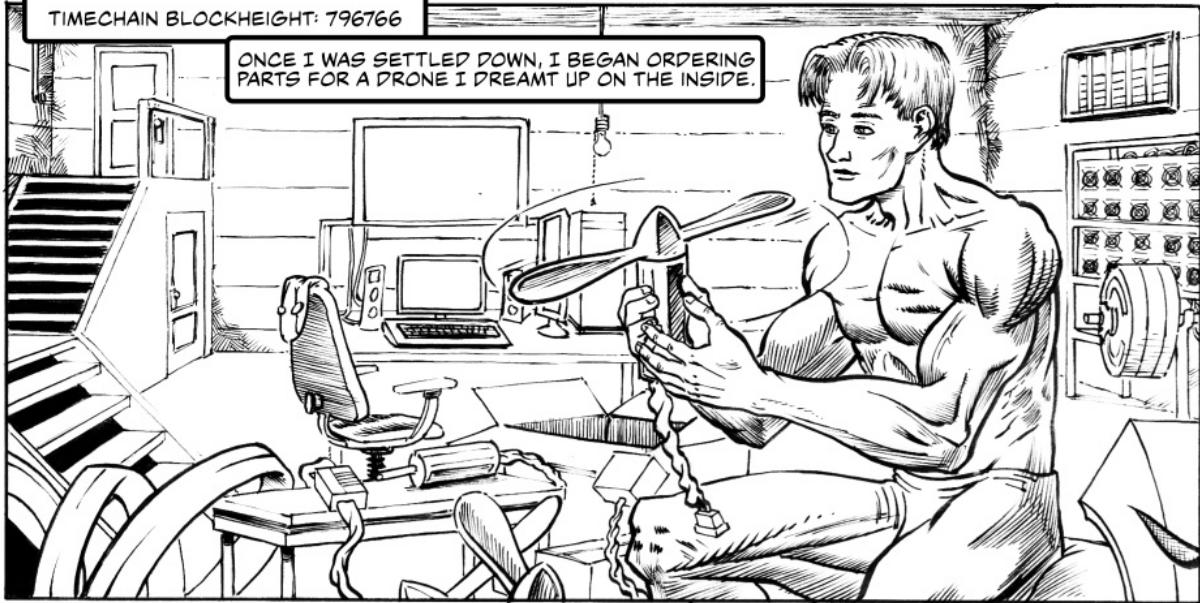
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I FOUND THIS PLACE FOR RENT IN THE LOCAL LISTINGS. I NEED A PLACE AWAY FROM THE OVERSIGHT OF MY PAROLE OFFICER IF I'M TO HAVE ANY FUN.

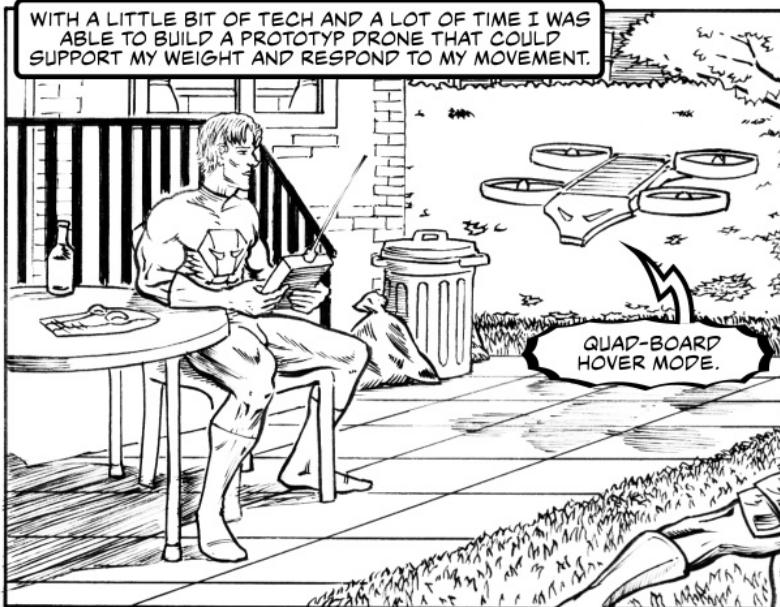


TIMECHAIN BLOCKHEIGHT: 796766

ONCE I WAS SETTLED DOWN, I BEGAN ORDERING PARTS FOR A DRONE I DREAMT UP ON THE INSIDE.



WITH A LITTLE BIT OF TECH AND A LOT OF TIME I WAS ABLE TO BUILD A PROTOTYP DRONE THAT COULD SUPPORT MY WEIGHT AND RESPOND TO MY MOVEMENT.



QUAD-BOARD
MOUNTED BY PILOT.
ACTIVATING SENSOR
CONTROLS.



THE ADRENALINE KICKS IN WHEN I TAKE FLIGHT.

THE SPEED TAKES SOME GETTING USED TO BUT
THE CONTROLS RESPOND WELL TO MY MOVEMENT.



MY PERIPHERAL VISION BLURS
AS I SHOOT THROUGH THE SKY.

MY LUNGS FILL WITH THE SALTY
AIR FROM ST-LAWRENCE RIVER.

ALTITUDE:
500 FEET

ELSEWHERE ON THE ISLAND

SHE WHAT?

SHE SIMPLY
WALKED OUT THE FRONT
DOOR, LEAVING THE
GUARDS IN A TRANCE.



I WANT HER
FOUND AND BROUGHT
TO ME IMMEDIATELY.

YOU KNOW
WHAT SHE'S LIKE WHEN
SHE DOESN'T WANT TO
BE FOUND

HER LITTLE
GAMES WON'T WORK WITH
THE TIGER TWINS, SHE
CAN'T VEIL HER PRESENCE
FROM THEM.





THE TWINS' TRAINING WAS INTERRUPTED WHEN THEY WERE SUMMONED BY THE BOSS..



CRESCEENT STREET

THERE SHE IS.

WE NEED
TO LURE HER OUT OF
THE CROWD SO WE
CAN GRAB HER.

HEY BIG BOY,
WHERE IS PARTY?

RIGHT THIS WAY.

YOU WANT TO
SEND YOUR STALKERS
AFTER ME, I'LL LOSE THEM
IN A HEARTBEAT.

WE NEED TO
SKIP THE LINE TOO IF WE'RE
TO CATCH UP TO HER.

YOU LET US
IN NOW OR THERE WILL
BE TROUBLE.

YOU WANT IN,
YOU WAIT IN LINE LIKE
EVERYONE ELSE.

HEY WATCH
IT SISTER!

THEY'RE
GETTING TOO CLOSE,
TIME TO BOUNCE.

WE HAVE YOU
CORNERED.

I DON'T
KNOW WHO YOU
ARE BUT I NEED
YOUR HELP.





PUMP THE BRAKES,
SOMETHING AIN'T RIGHT
DOWN THERE.





SORRY
ABOUT THE MESS,
DON'T WALK BAREFOOT
ON THE CARPET.





THE FUN
AND GAMES ARE
OVER NOW.

YOUR
BOYFRIEND CAN'T SAVE
YOU ANYMORE.

IT'S TIME
TO COME HOME.

THAT IS
NOT MY HOME
YOU FOOLS

DON'T MAKE
THIS HARDER THAN IT
NEEDS TO BE.

NO ONE'S
COMING TO SAVE
YOU NOW.

LOOK OUT
BEHIND YOU.



WHO
ARE YOU?

IF I TOLD
YOU, IT WOULD DEFEAT
THE GOAL OF A MASK.

IS THIS
SAFE?

YOU'RE SAFER
UP HERE THAN YOU WERE
DOWN THERE

LOW BATTERY.

OH.

YOU COME
BACK DOWN HERE
NOW!

YOU WILL
REGRET THIS.

