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THE 13TH



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A TALE OF WHAT WOULD JOIN THEM,  
A TELLING OF THE WARS FOUGHT FOR THE SOUL OF A HOPELESS PEOPLE.  
THEY WHOM WERE WITHOUT A CAUSE, WERE SOUGHT OUT...  
THEIR PURPOSE TO QUELL THE EVIL OF THOSE WHO STAND ATOP THE LIGHT, YET ARE  
HIDDEN FROM VIEW.  
THE UNENDING, SIGHTLESS AND UNFEELING PURSUIT FOR JUSTICE  
BUT, VENGEANCE WILL SUFFICE, IF THAT'S ALL THAT'S LEFT.

THE TWILIGHT OF THE  
DYING LIGHT.  
DARKNESS CANNOT  
ILLUMINATE DARKNESS.

LIGHT USHERS SHADOWS.  
CROUCHING IN THE  
PRECIPICE OF THE  
BALANCE.

THE SHADOWS,  
THEY FORETELL THE LIGHT.  
THE SHADOWS, THEY  
DWELL IN THE DARKNESS.

THE NULL SEAT.

AGOH VILLAGE, NIGER DELTA, NIGERIA.

8 YEARS AGO...

IN TIMES RULED BY GREED,  
THE LUST OF MEN WILL  
OVERWHELM THEIR HUMANITY.

THEY KILLED THESE  
INNOCENT PEOPLE TO  
MAKE SURE THERE WERE  
NO WITNESSES.

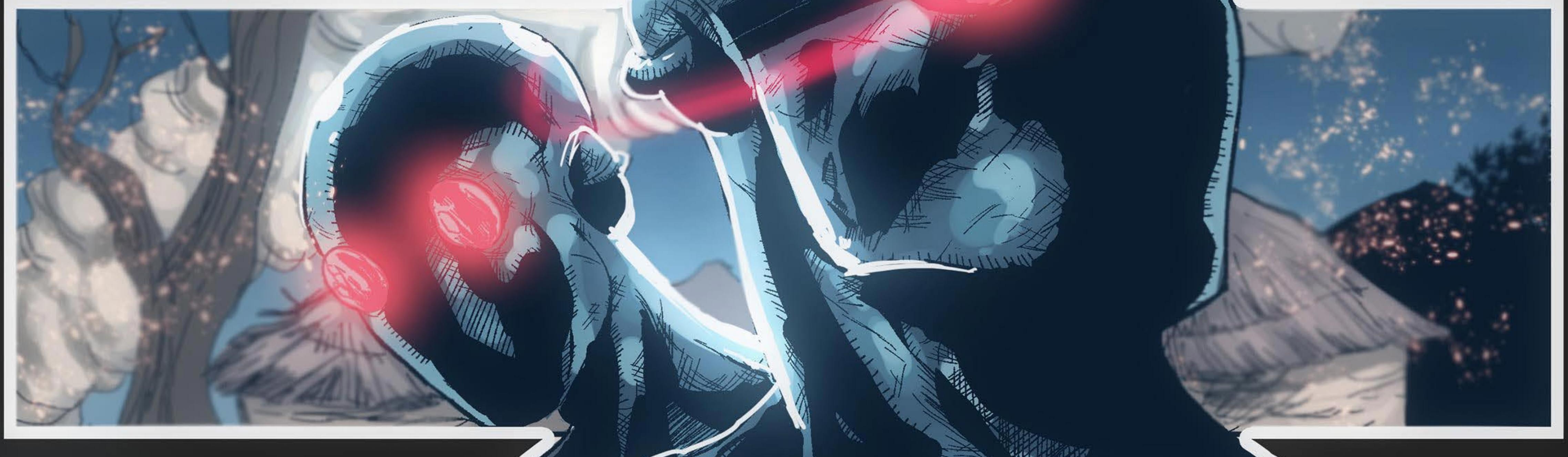
I CAN'T  
BELIEVE THEY  
DID IT.

WE WERE  
TOO LATE.



BUT THE VENGEANCE OF THE DEAD IS FUELED BY BLOOD AND THE TENACITY OF THE HUMAN SPIRIT.

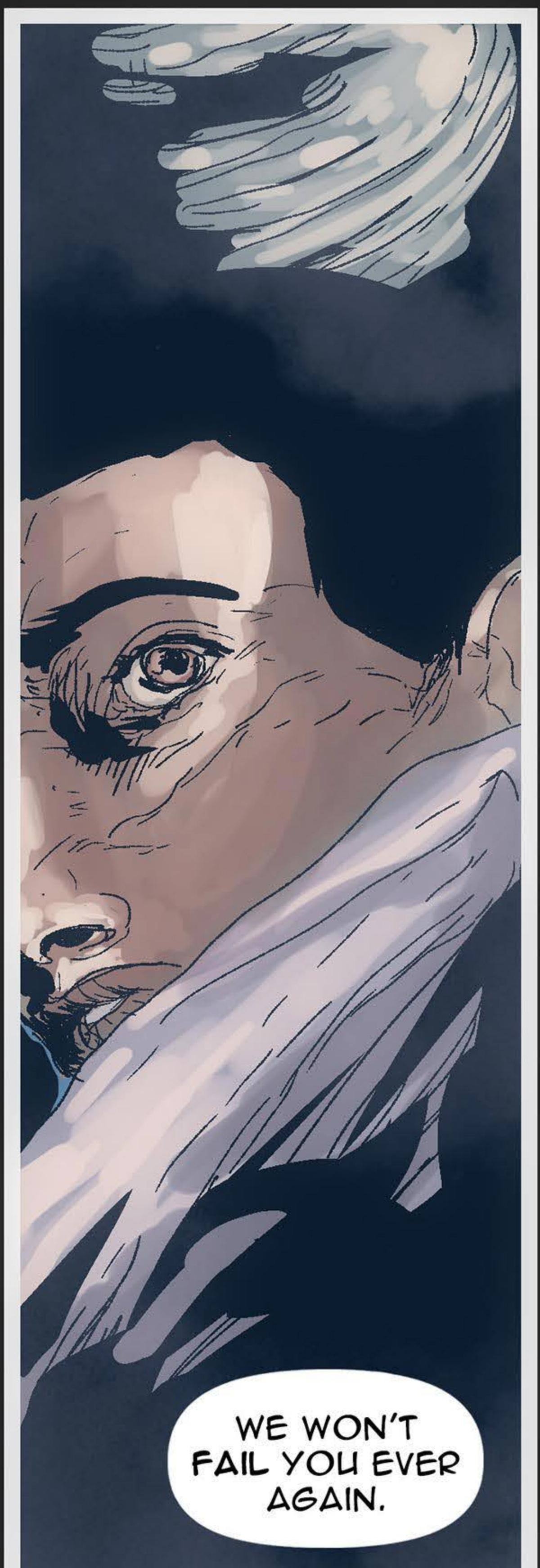
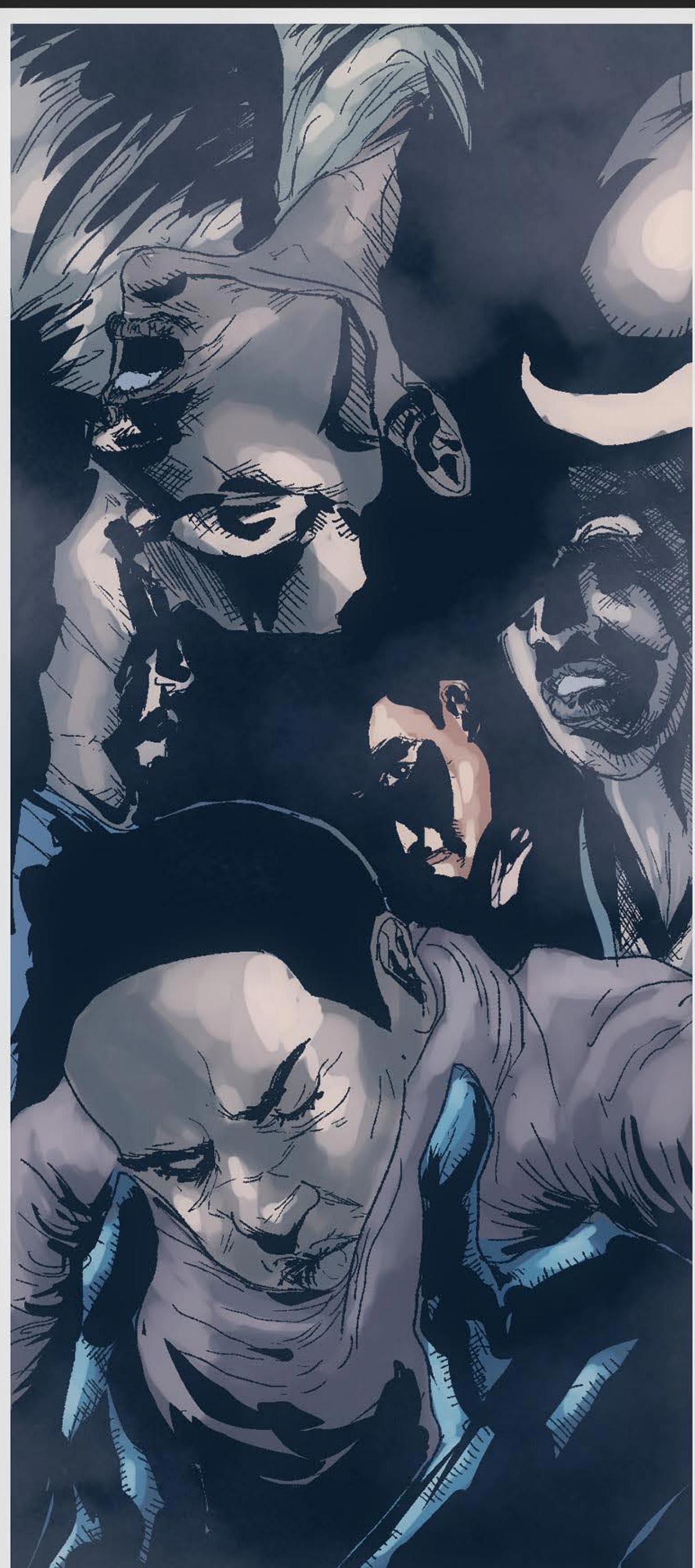
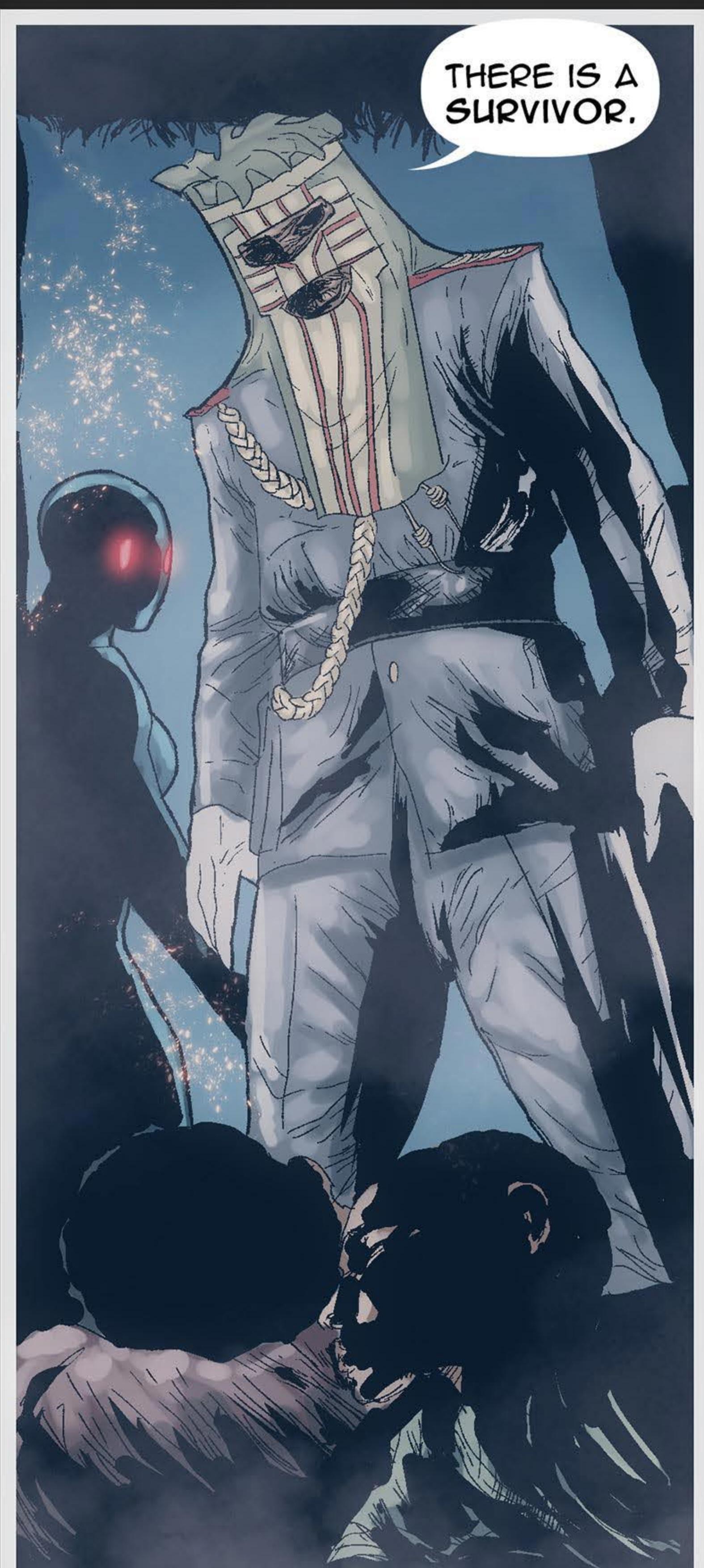
THERE WAS A SOUND OVER THERE!



YOU SURE?  
THE HEAT DETEC-  
TOR SAYS THERE IS  
NOTHING ALIVE IN  
THAT PLACE.



THERE IS A SURVIVOR.



PORT HARCOURT CITY.

NOW...

MADAM, IF  
THIS MONEY IS  
NOT COMPLETE,  
WE WILL USE YOUR  
CHILDREN AS  
SCAPEGOATS.

PLEASE! PLEASE!!  
I HAVE PAID YOU  
PEOPLE TWI--

MADAM,  
SHUT UP! YOU  
WILL SEE THEM  
SOON.

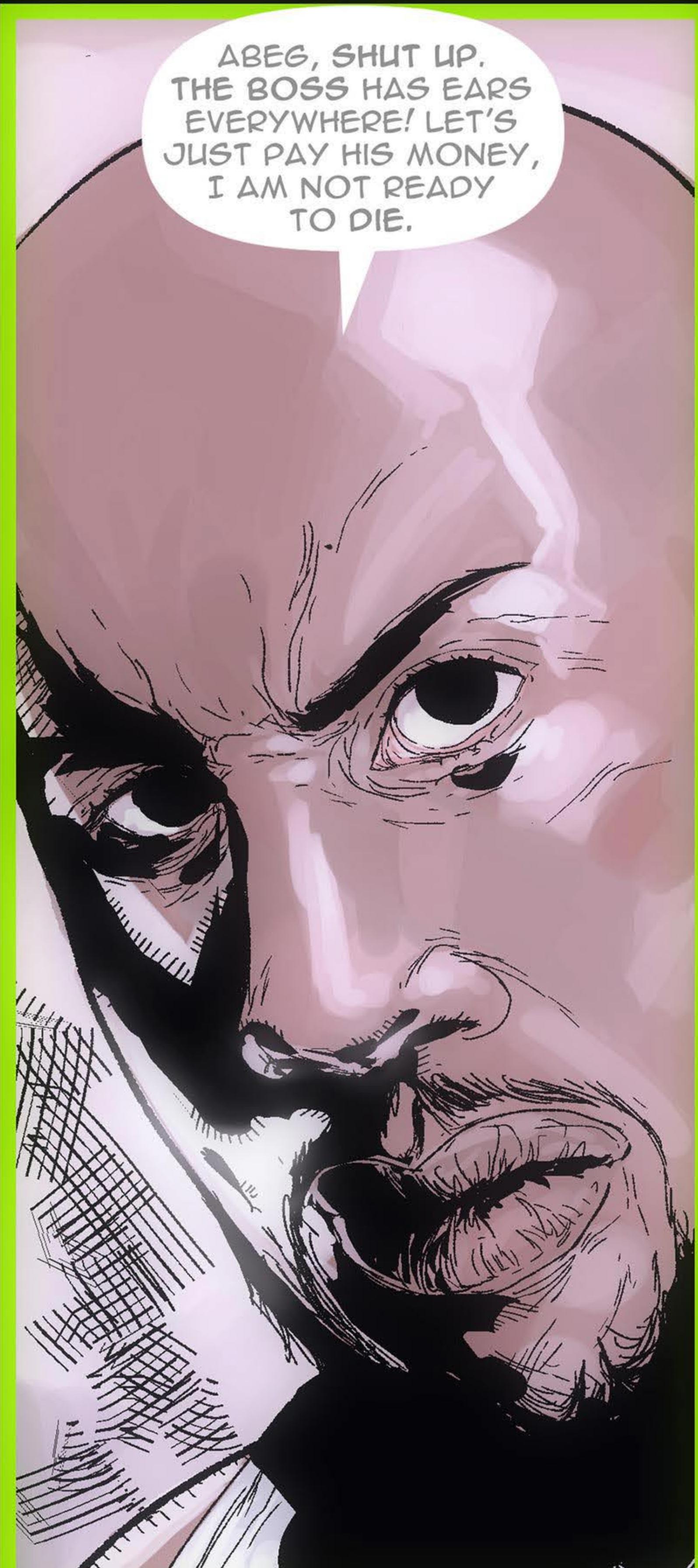
LATER ON...

NEXT  
CUSTOMER,  
PLEASE.



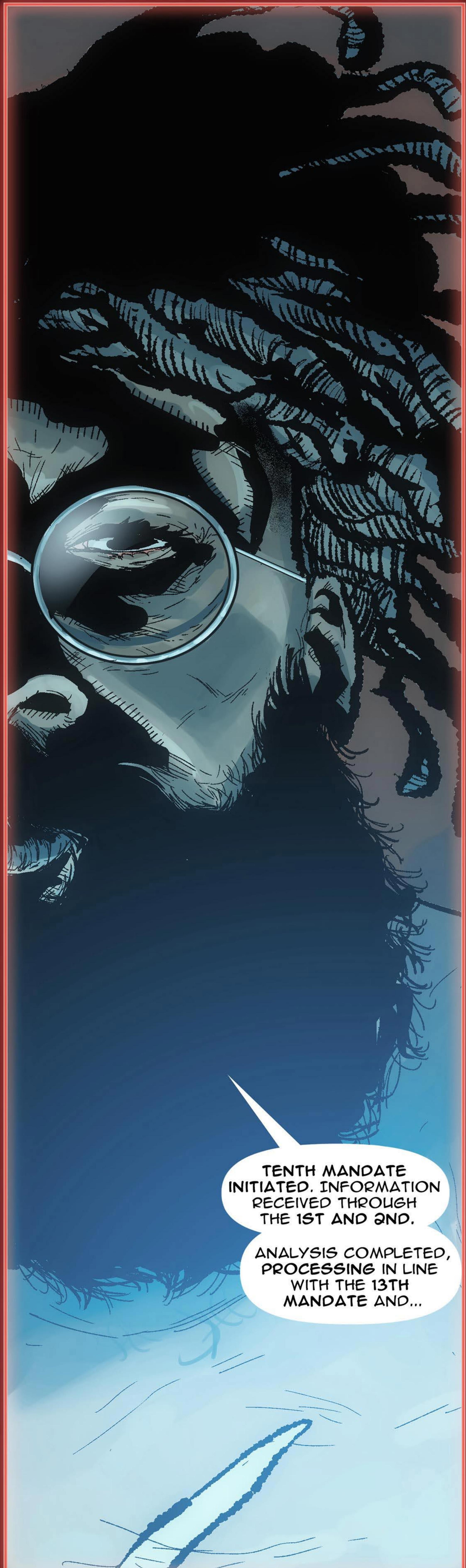
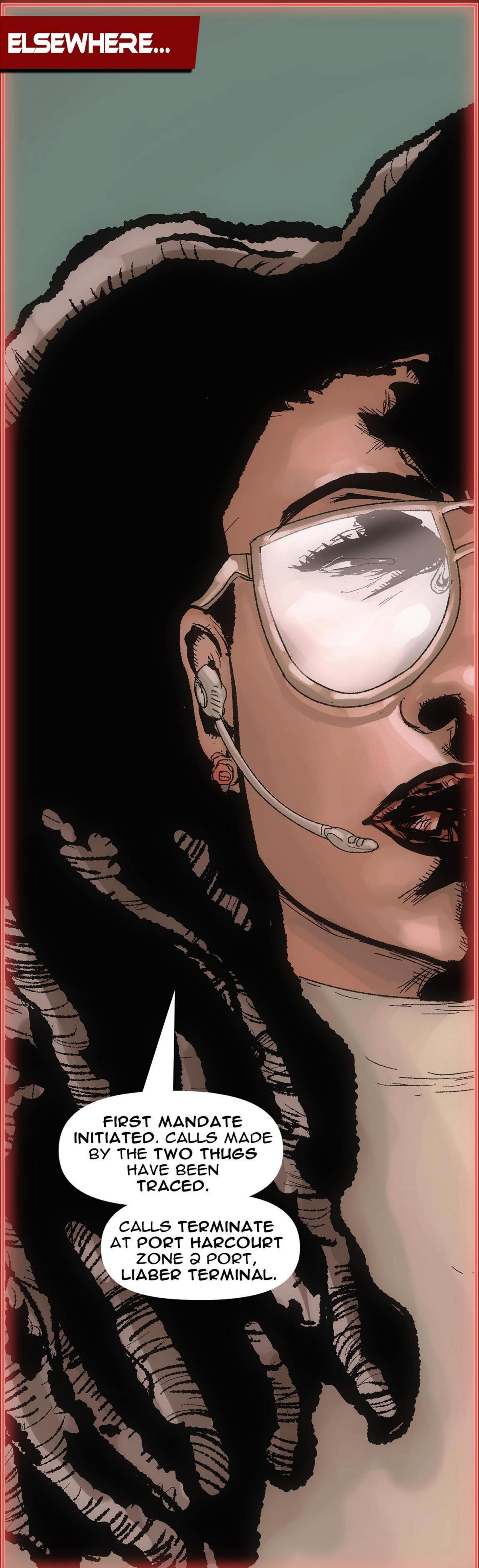
WHY ARE WE  
LODGING THE  
MONEY SEF?  
WE SHOU--

ABEG, SHUT UP.  
THE BOSS HAS EARS  
EVERYWHERE! LET'S  
JUST PAY HIS MONEY,  
I AM NOT READY  
TO DIE.

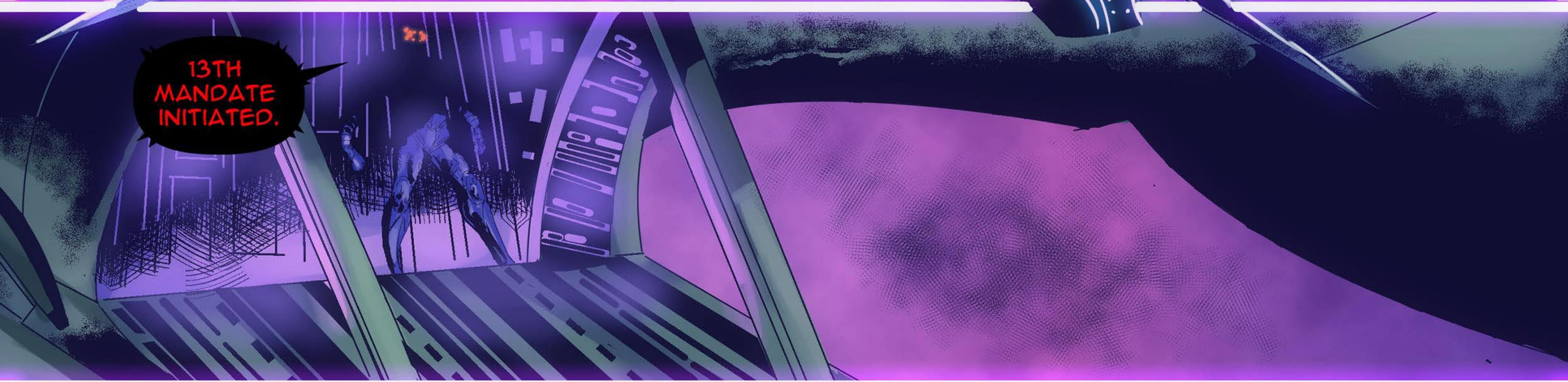




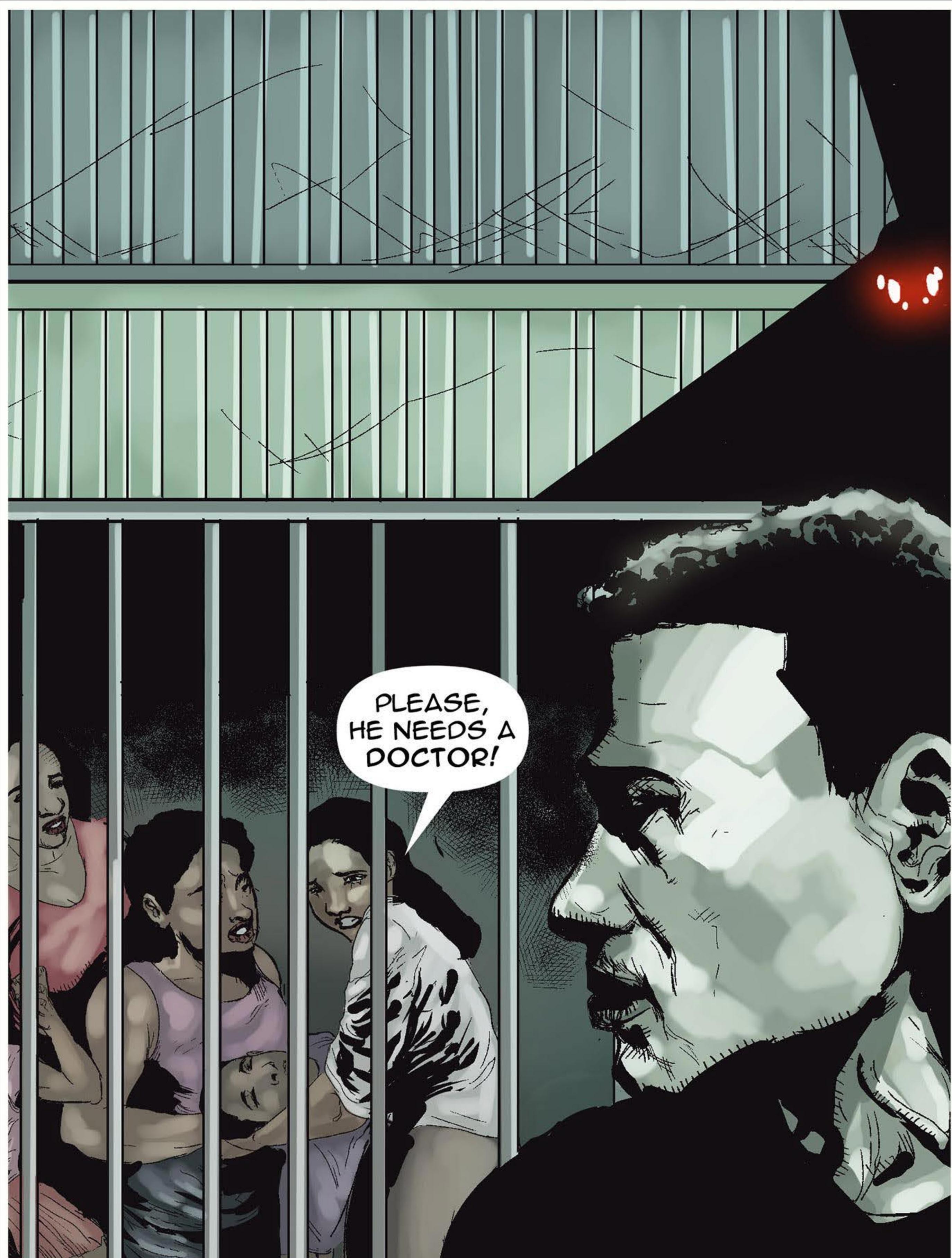
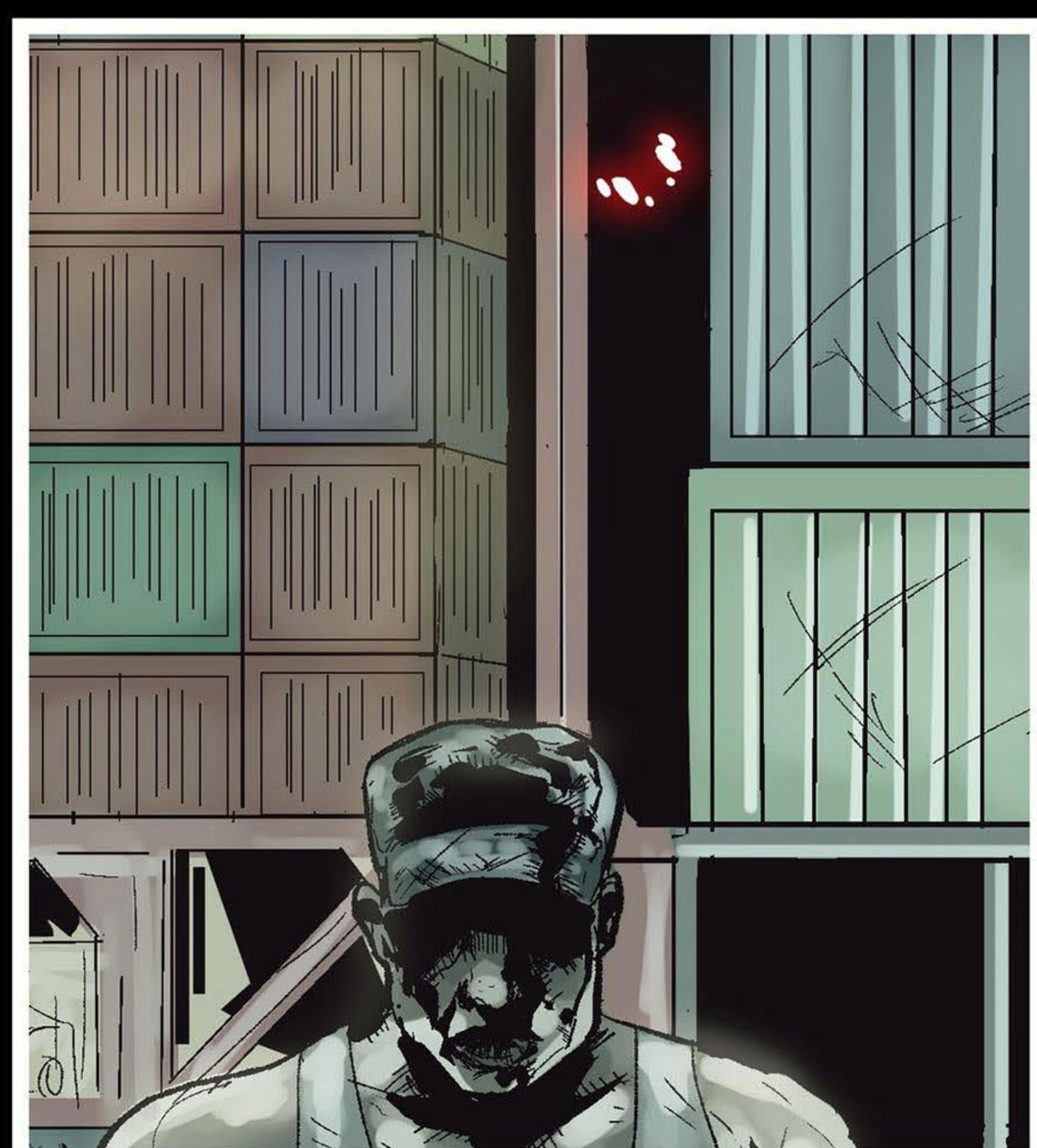
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...ACTIVATING THE 13TH.

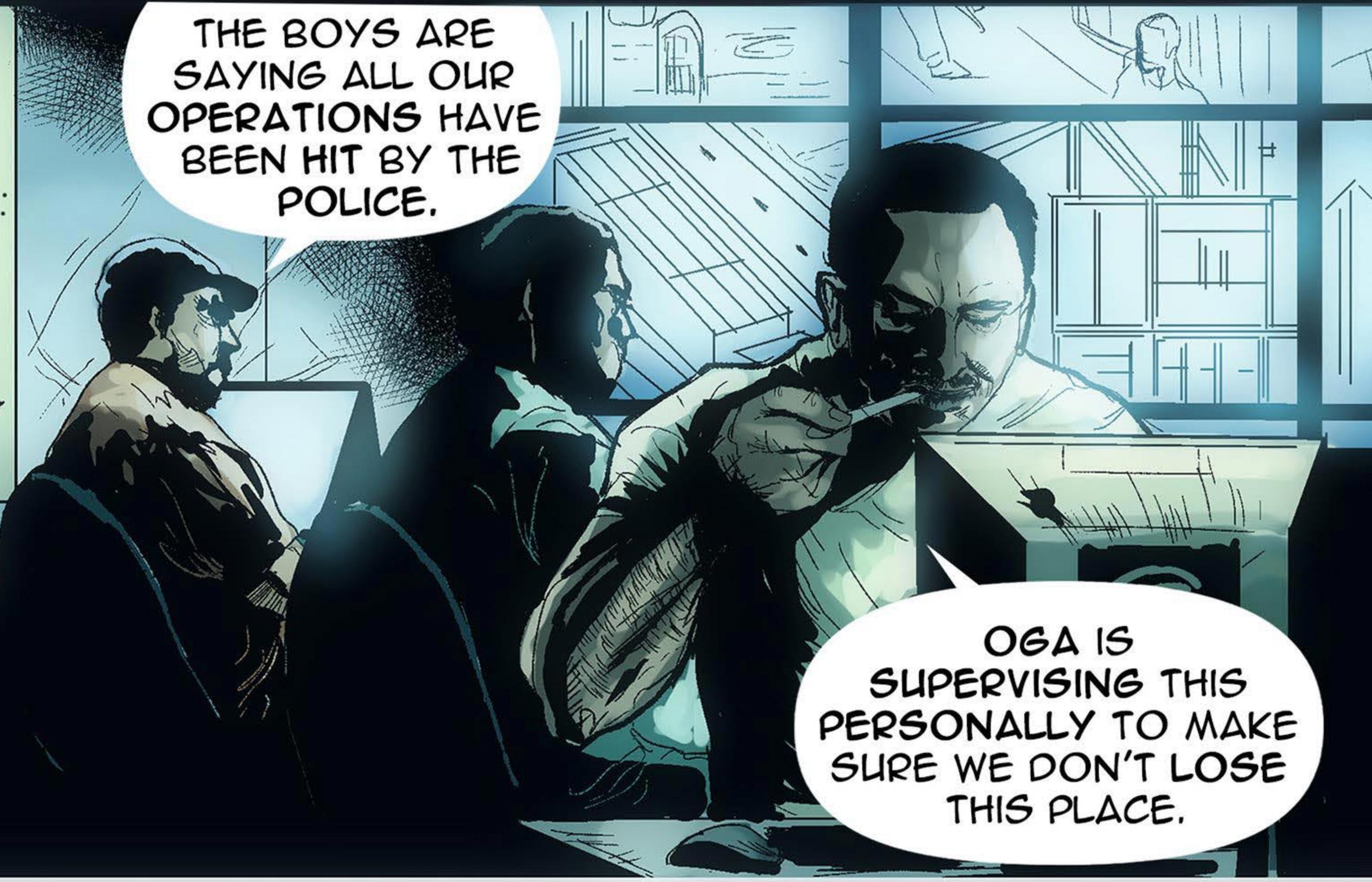


# PORT HARCOURT...





THE BOYS ARE SAYING ALL OUR OPERATIONS HAVE BEEN HIT BY THE POLICE.



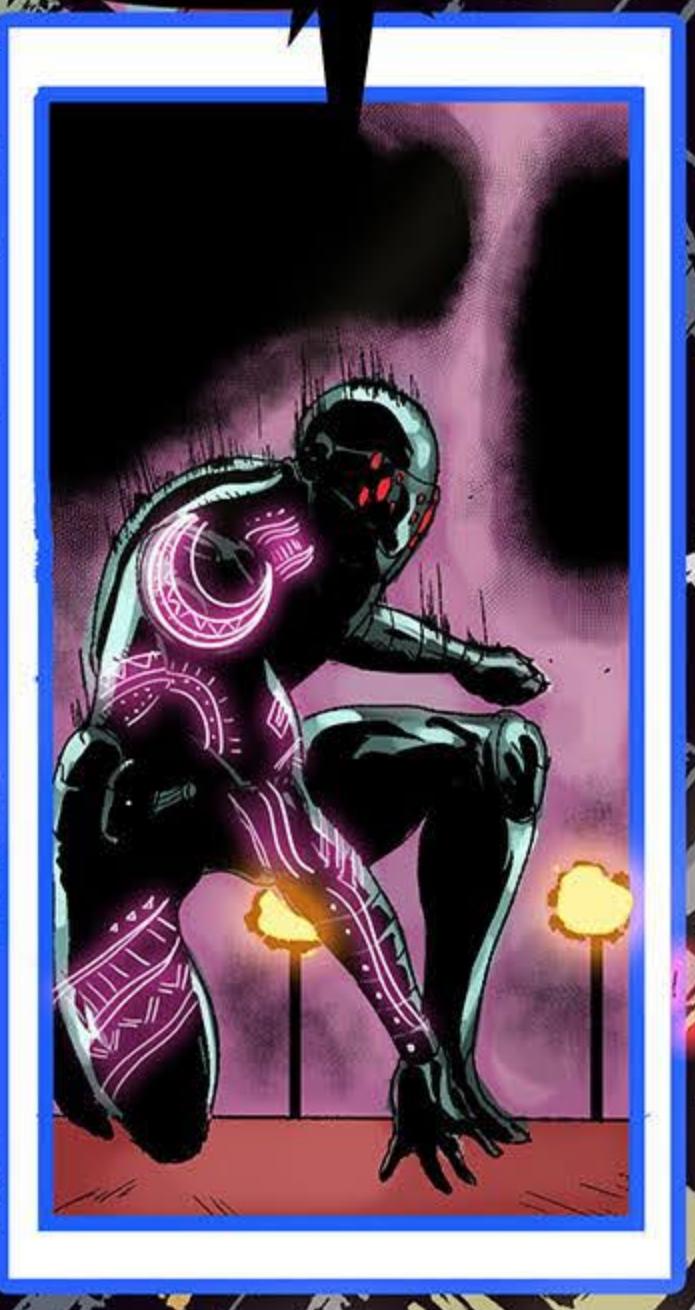
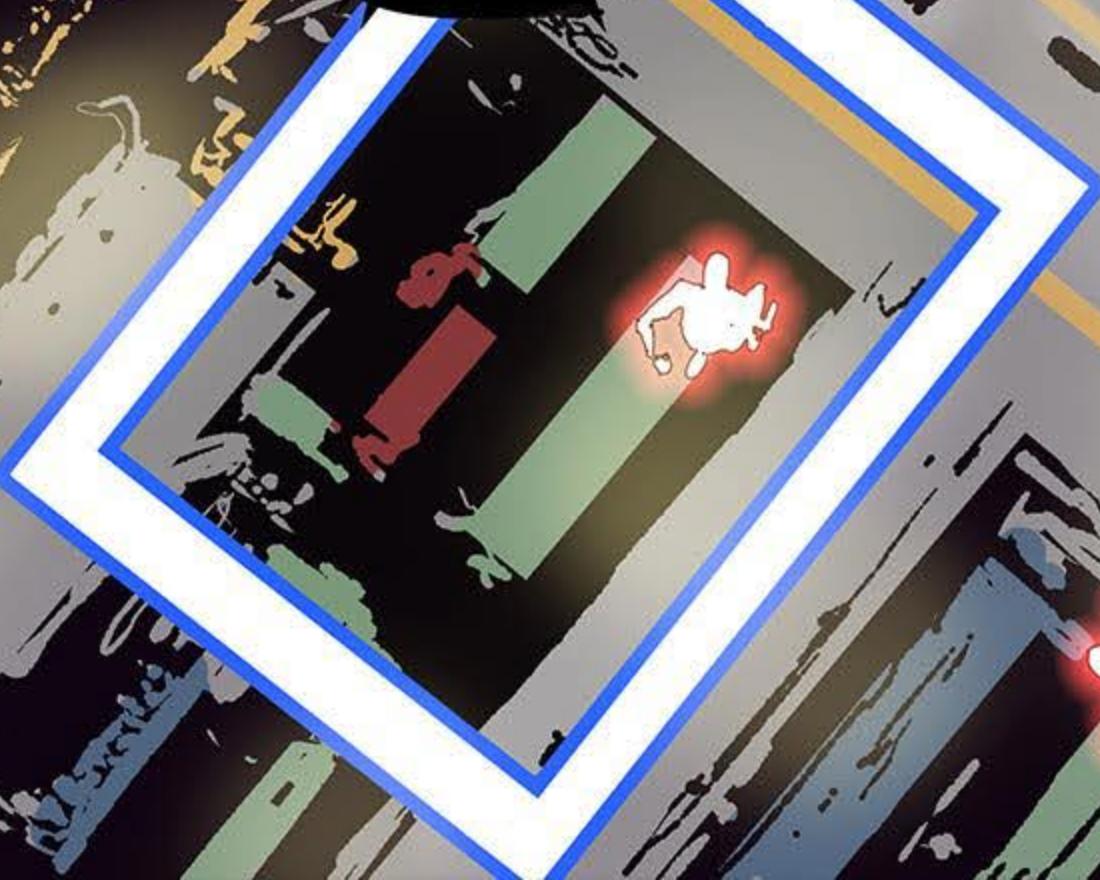
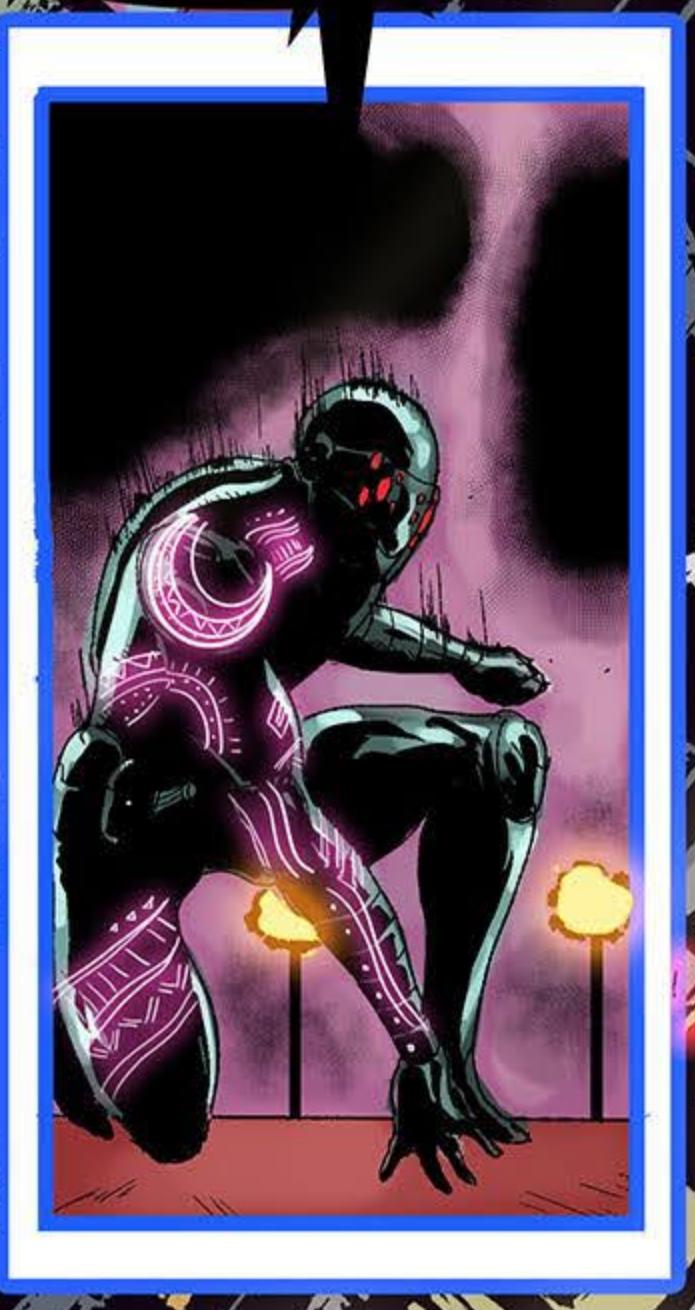
OGA IS SUPERVISING THIS PERSONALLY TO MAKE SURE WE DON'T LOSE THIS PLACE.



CLARIS, ARE THE MEN ON THE PERIMETER?



IF A MOSQUITO ENTERS THIS PLACE, YOUR HEAD WILL ROLL.

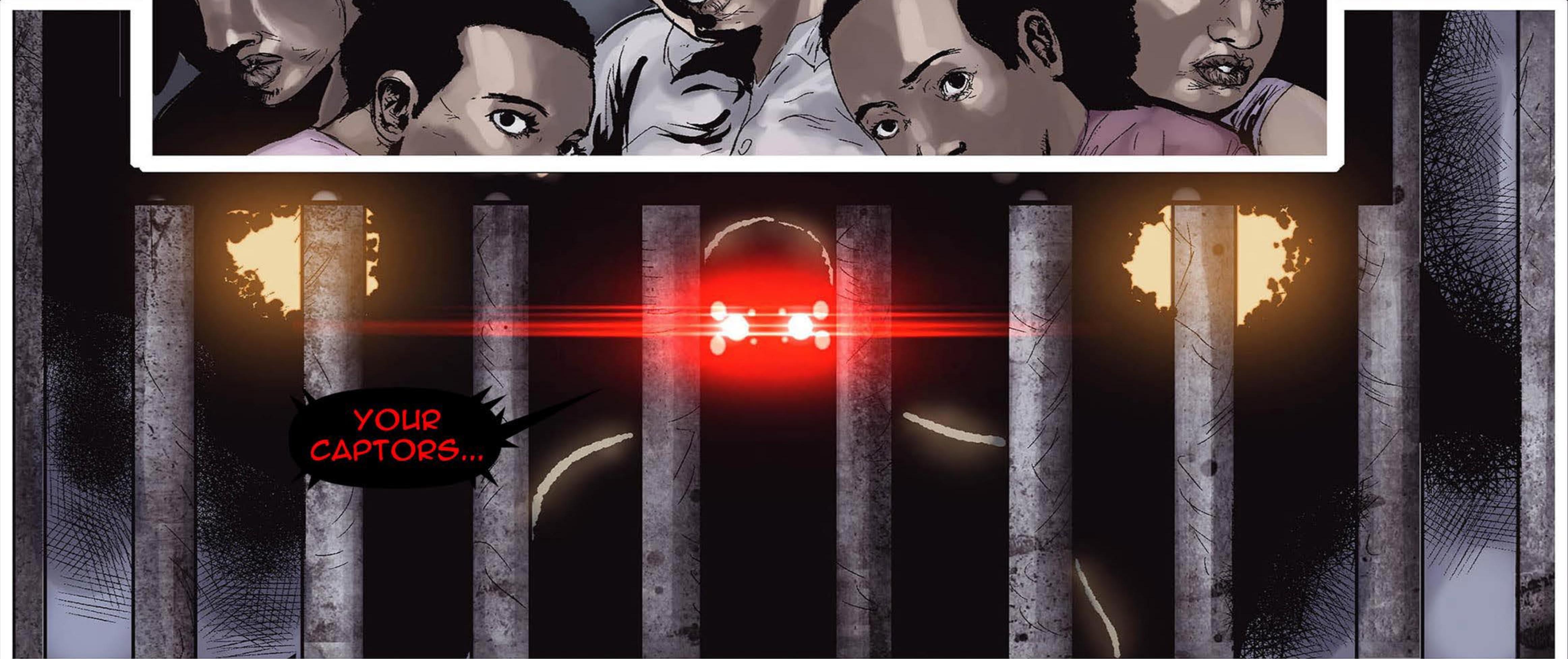


SAMSUNG

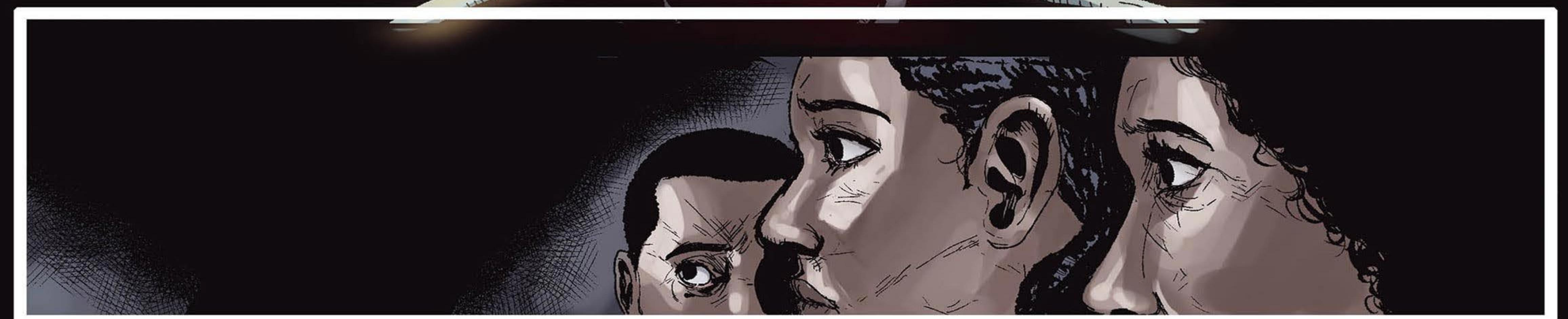
Galaxy Note8



Do Bigger Things



...JUSTICE  
OR  
VENGEANCE?

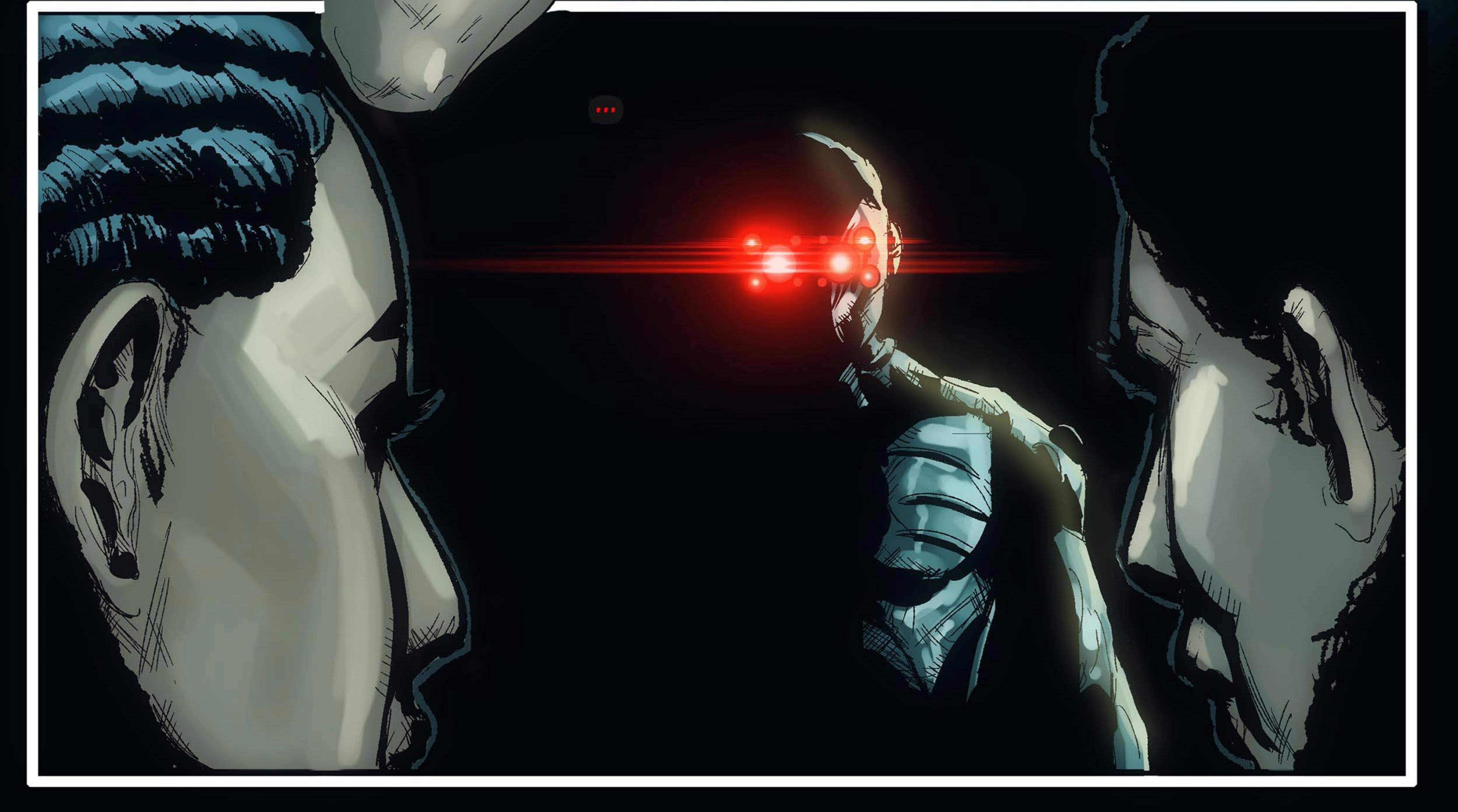




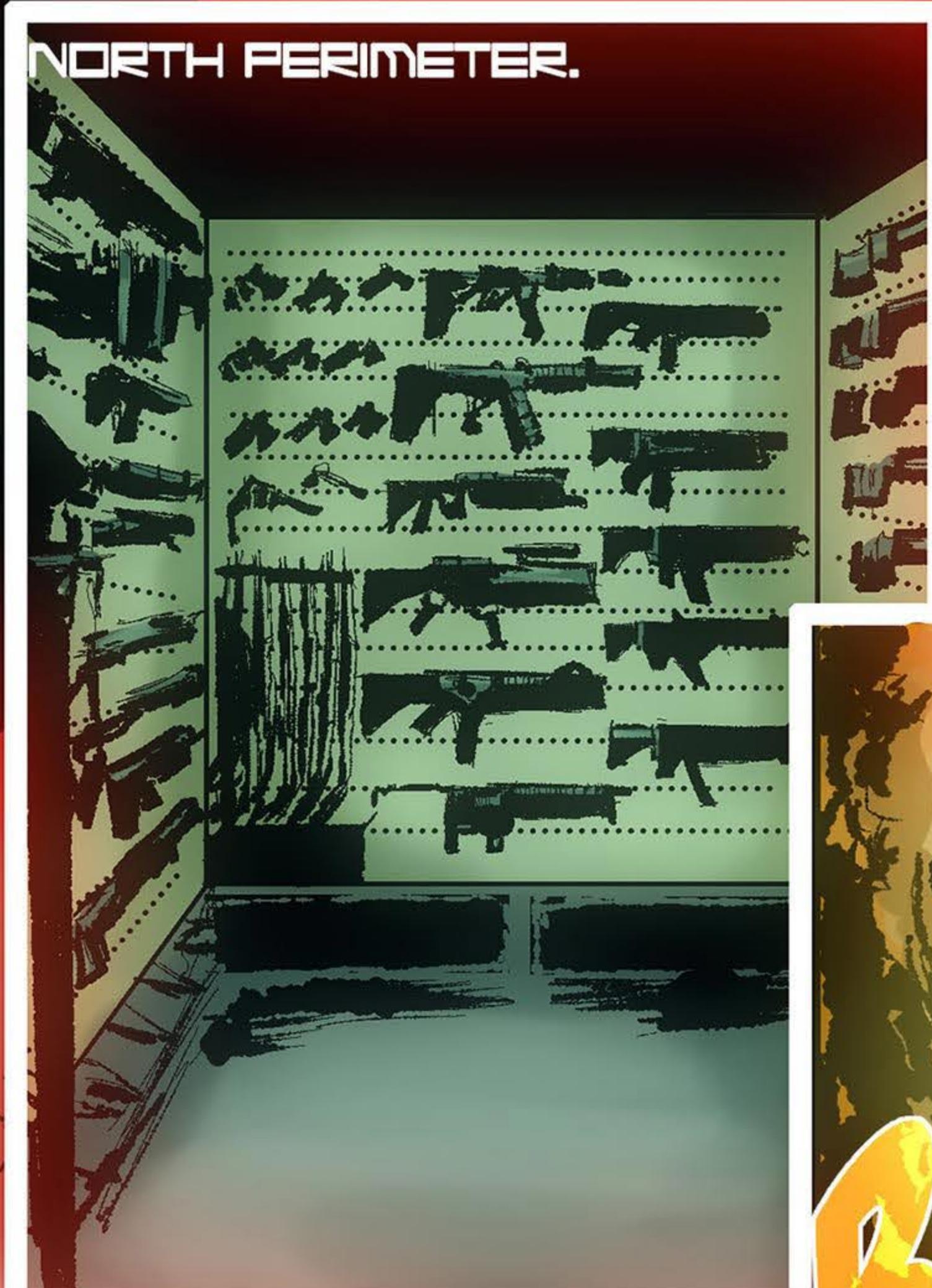
THEY BEAT HIM,  
BROKE HIS LEG,  
AND THEY WERE  
LAUGHING AT  
HIS PAIN...



VENGEANCE!



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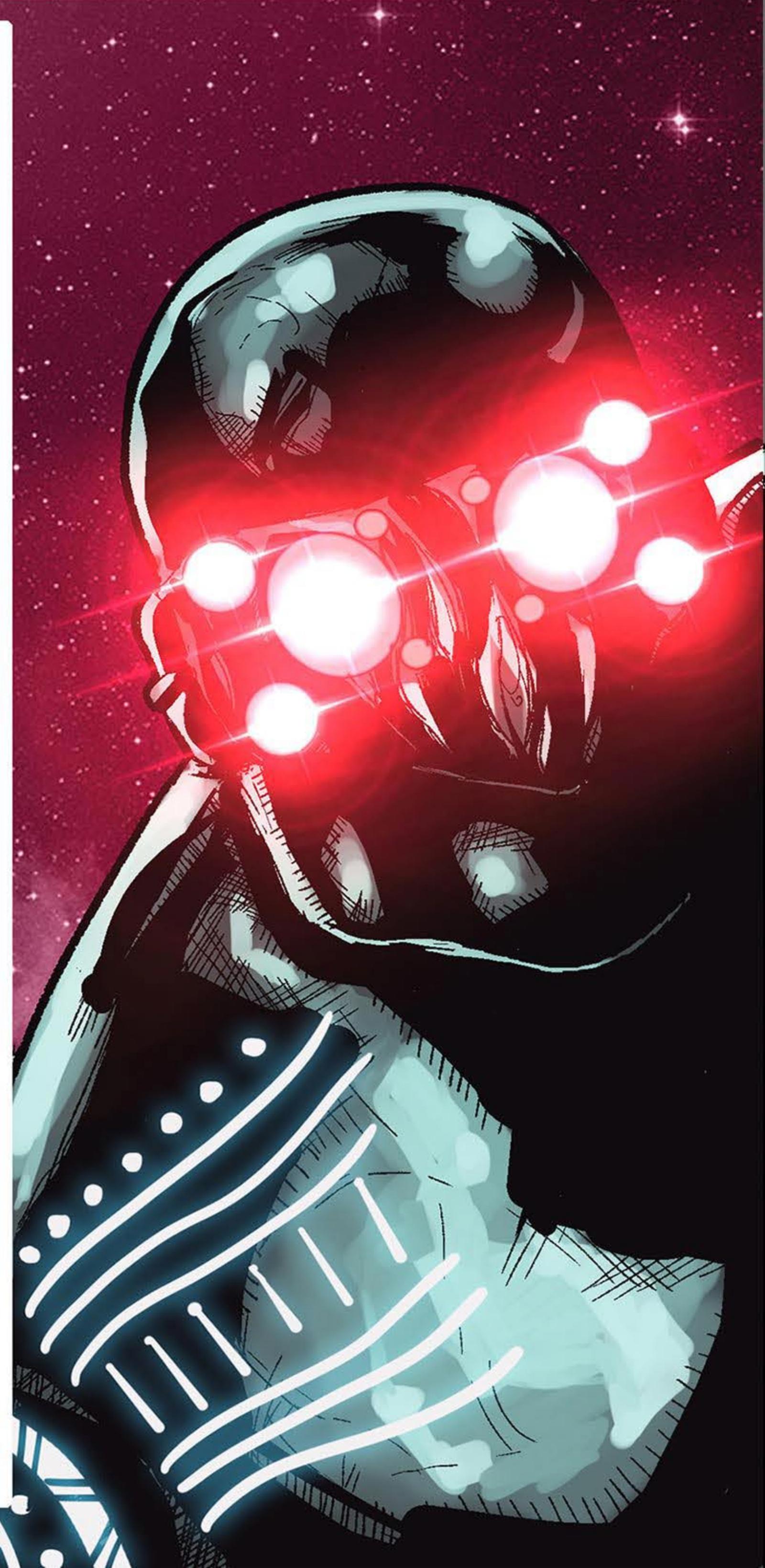
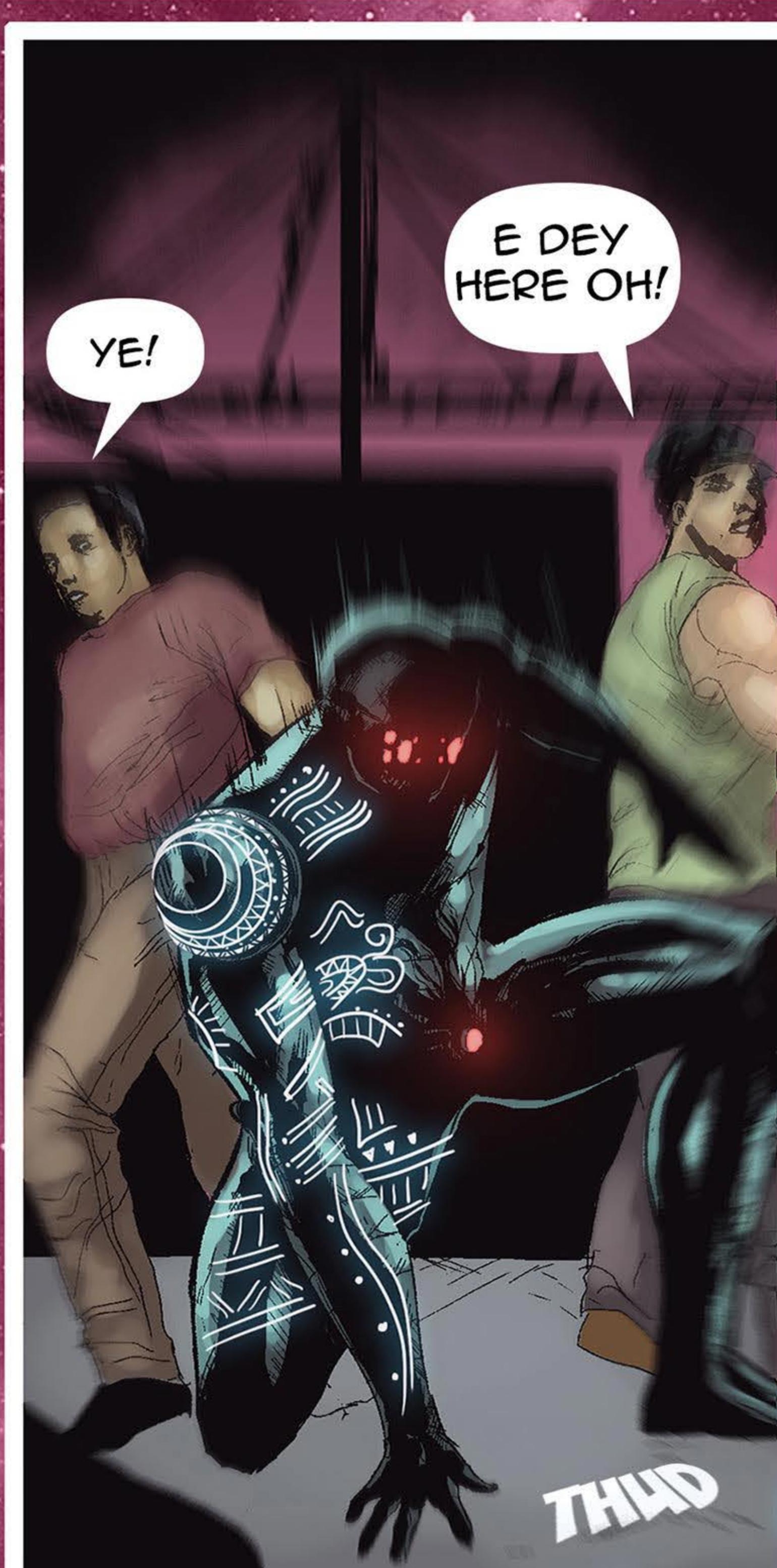
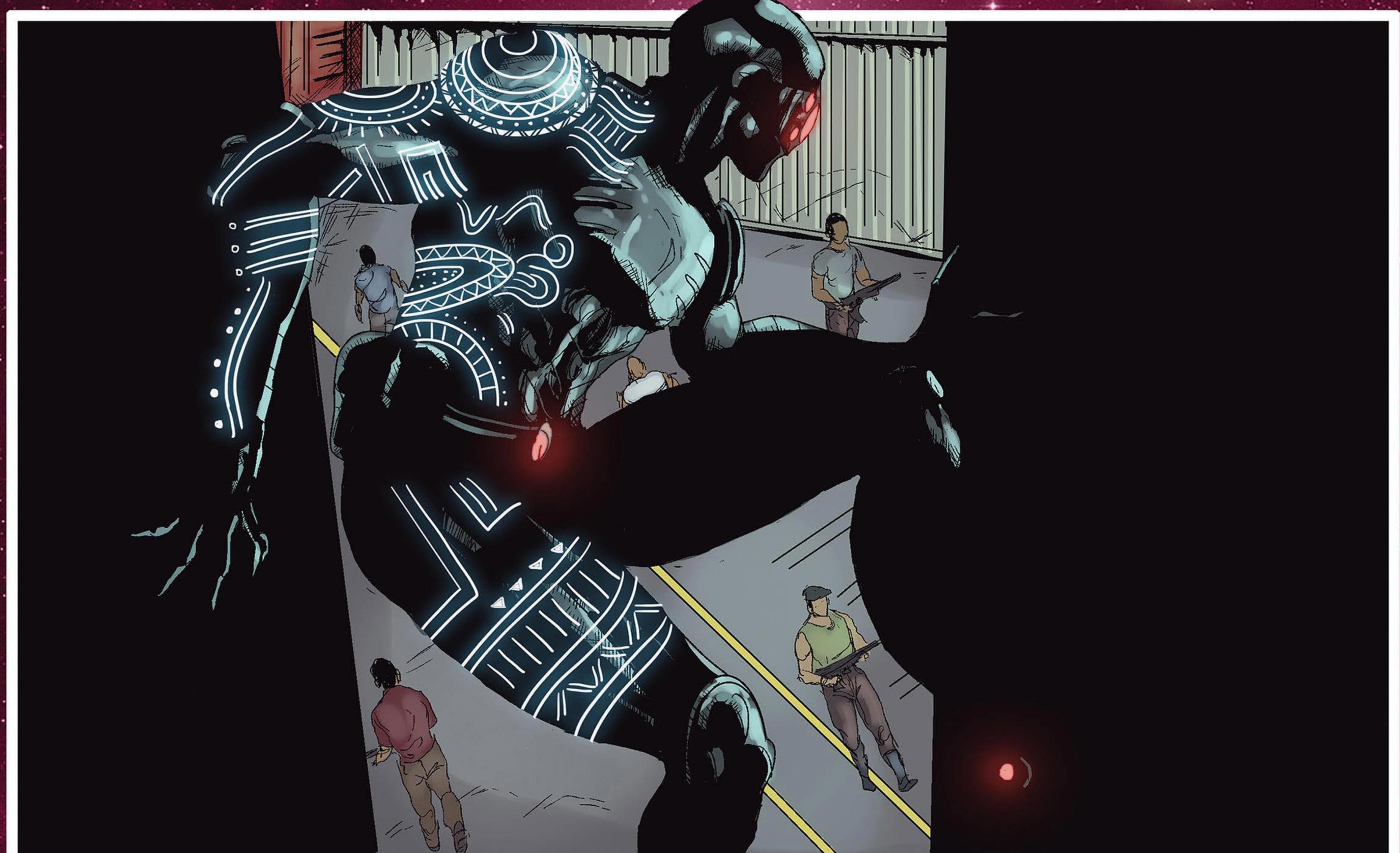


PROCEEDING  
TO EXECUTION OF  
THE 13TH MANDATE,  
CLAUSE 2.

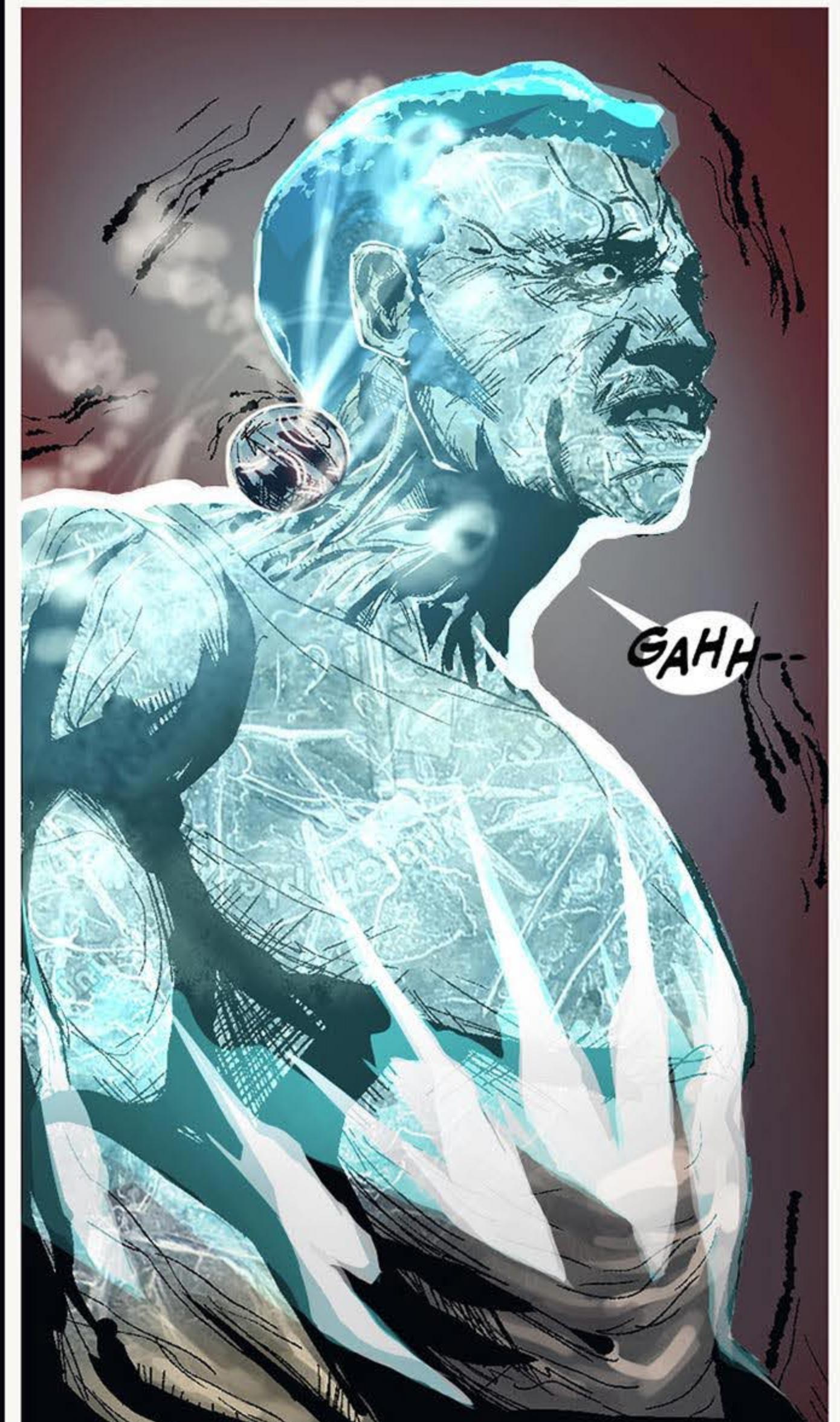
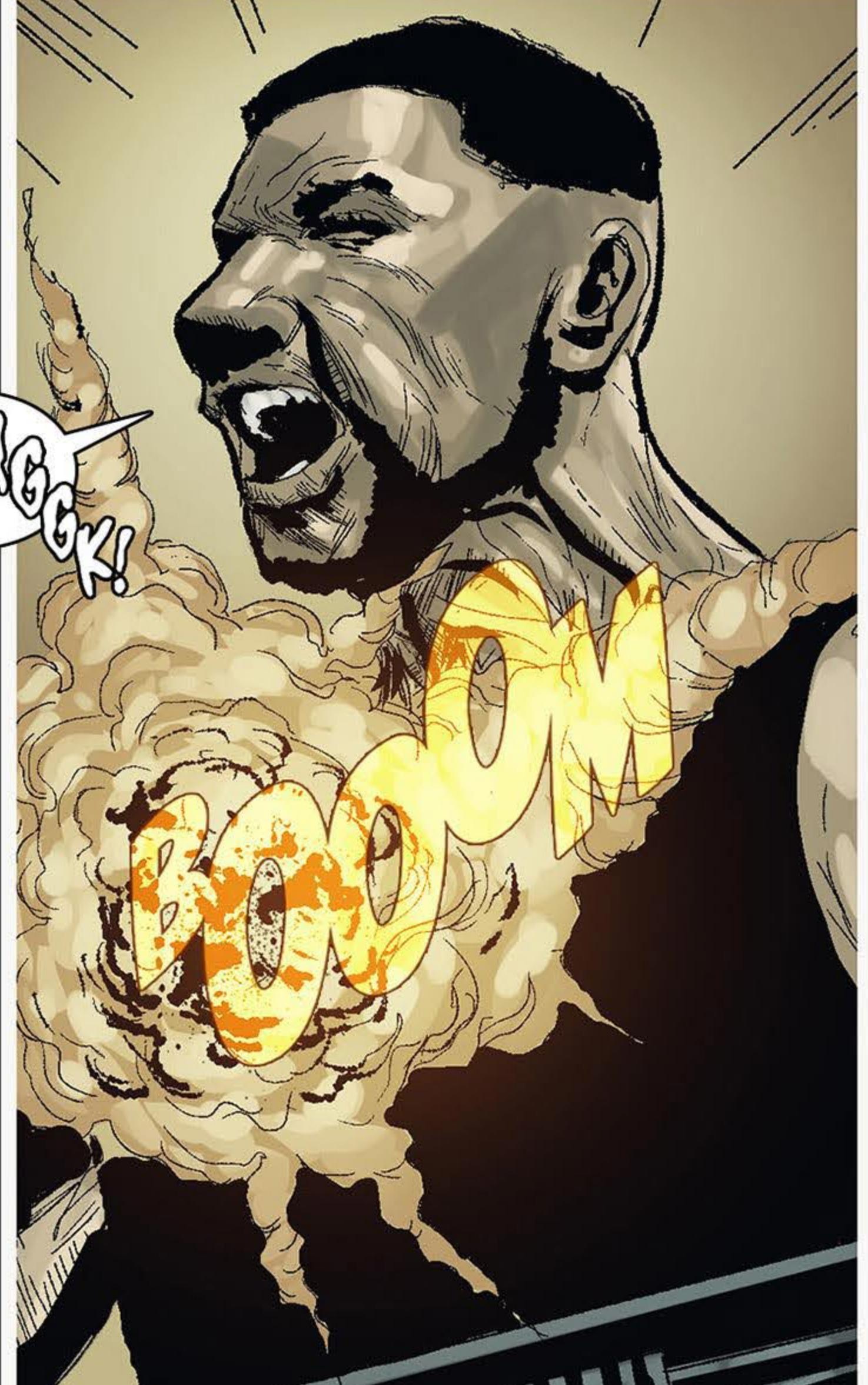
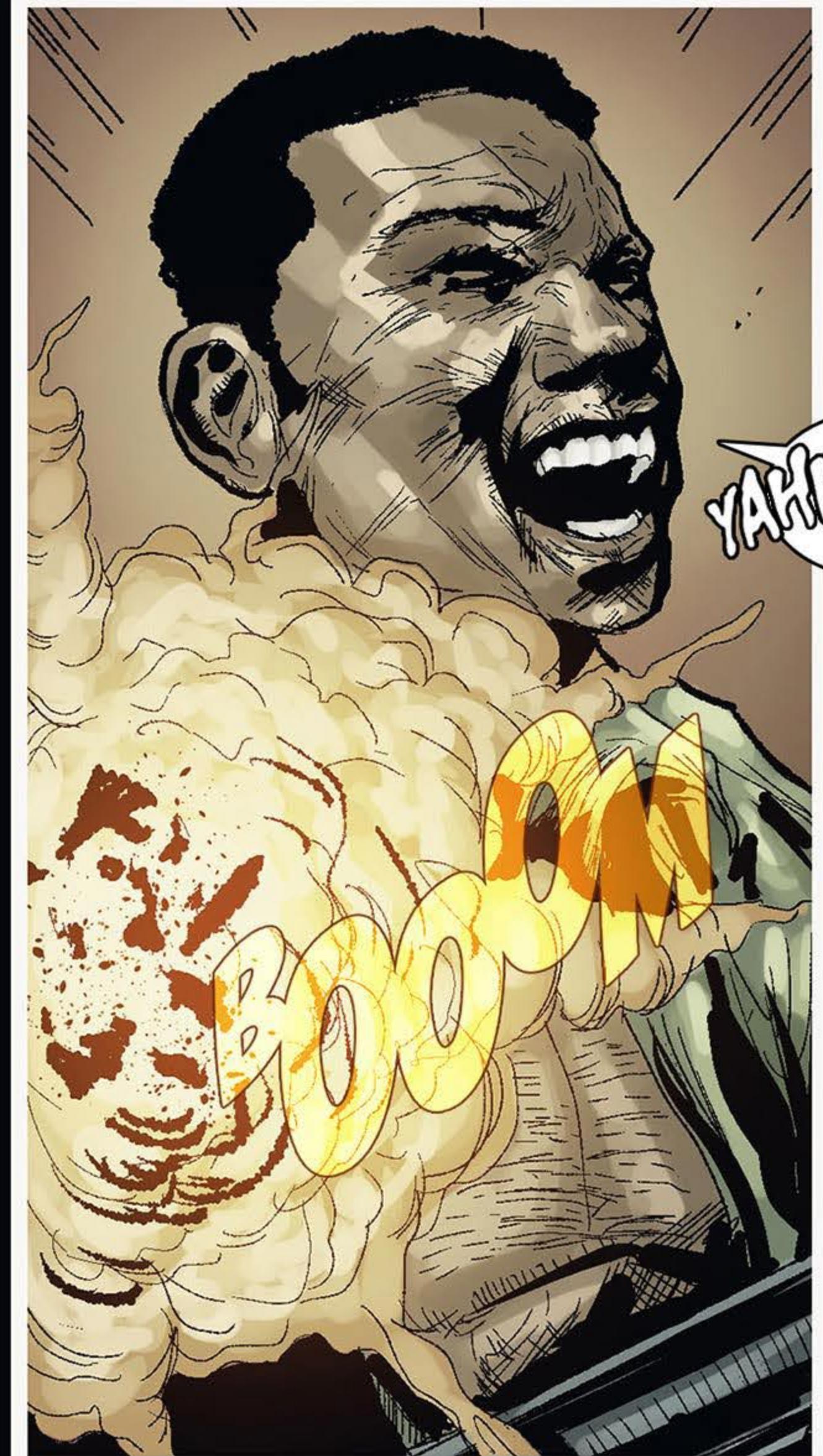
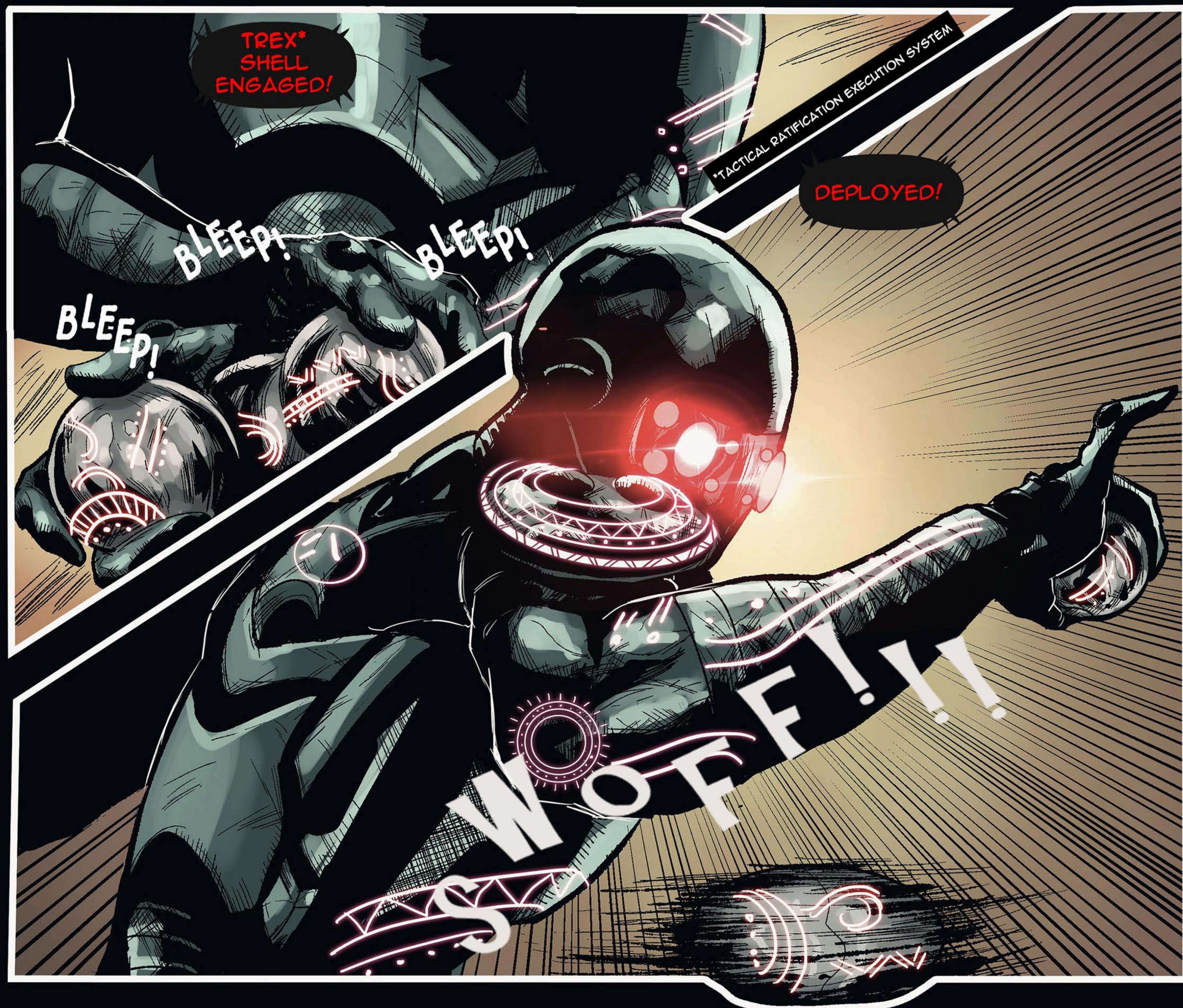


GO AND FIND WHO  
IS MESSING WITH MY  
LIVELIHOOD!









IDIOT!  
WHO DO YOU  
THINK--

YOU  
SHOULD  
RUN.

...

WHO YOU  
BE? WHO ARE  
YOU?

YOU  
WON'T GET  
ME!

...

ILLUMINATION  
NOTIFICATION, EXECUTED.  
4TH MANDATE  
INITIATED.

THE KNIGHTS  
SAID THEY WOULD  
PROTECT ME.

I WON'T  
GO DOWN JUST  
LIKE THAT!

POLICE?!  
HOW DID THEY  
FIND ME?



TIUM

TIUM

NO! NO!  
NO! NO! NO!  
NO!

TIUM

TIUM

GASP  
GASP  
GASP

AHHHHHHH!!!

TIUM

I WON'T  
GO DOWN LIKE  
THIS!

BRRATATATATAT  
BRRATATAT  
BRRATATAT--!!

VENGEANCE!

TO BE CONTINUED...

# AFTER TWELVE

SEEK JUSTICE FIRST, BUT ACCEPT VENGEANCE IF IT IS ALL THAT IS LEFT. THIS IS A TALE THAT ALLUDES TO OUR COLLECTIVE AND INDIVIDUAL ABILITY TO SAVE ONE ANOTHER.

THIS IS NOT A STORY FOR THE FAINT OF HEART AND PAINTS A CLEAR PICTURE OF THE DARKNESS INSIDE EVERYONE. BUT, JUST LIKE THE SUN DRIVES AWAY THE DARKNESS EVERY DAY, WE CAN ALL WIN OUR BATTLES.

THIS STORY IS ONE THAT SAMUEL AND I GROUNDED IN REAL WORLD PHYSICS AS MUCH AS WE COULD WHILE ALSO CONSIDERING THE COMPLETE SITUATION OF NORMAL EVERYDAY NIGERIANS.

IN READING THESE PAGES, JUST IMAGINE THAT THE CHARACTERS ARE HERE, NOW IN THIS MOMENT WITH YOU. GUESS WHAT, THE STORY TAKES A NEW DIMENSION.

AS USUAL, I AM GRATEFUL TO THE COMIC REPUBLIC TEAM. THE PATIENT GUYS WHO WORKED VERY HARD ON EDITING, PROOF READING AND TOUCHING UP.

LASTLY I WILL SAY, EVERY SINGLE PERSON HAS THE POWER TO SAVE THE OTHER. WITHOUT FAIL, WE CAN BE THE HEROES WE DREAM ABOUT.

- AKINTOBA KALEJAYE  
ESQ/HCC

WHEN METALLA AND I CROSSED PATHS, IT'S SAFE TO SAY IT WAS BY FATE. WE WERE BOTH ON OUR OWN, BUILDING OURSELVES, TENDING TO OUR IMPERFECTIONS, FESTERING OUR KNOWLEDGE UNTIL OUR REALITIES COLLIDED. AS I LAID DOWN THE LINES, AS I EXPRESSED MYSELF WITH METALLA'S GENIUS, I LEARNED MORE ABOUT MYSELF. I GREW. I BECAME STRONGER WITH EVERY PAGE. I BECAME MYSELF. I AM MORE THAN EXCITED TO SEE WHERE OUR JOURNEY GOES. WHAT ELSE WE WOULD LEARN FROM EACH OTHER.

TO AKINTOBA KALEJAYE, YOU ARE A LITERARY BEAST, A MANIPULATOR OF WORDS, A TRUE CREATOR. THANK YOU FOR THIS INGENIOUS PIECE. YOUR MIND GOES BEYOND THE STARS. TO MY UNORTHODOX MENTOR, OZO EZEBOGU, YOU ARE VERY UNAWARE OF WHAT YOU'VE DONE FOR ME. THANK YOU FOR PUSHING ME AND OPENING MY MIND TO NEW POSSIBILITIES. TO THE BEST BOSS EVER, MR JIDE MARTIN, THANK YOU FOR TEACHING ME THE TRUE MEANING OF PASSION AND DISCIPLINE. THE COLORING GURU, MICHAEL BALOGUN AND THE IMMENSELY TALENTED AND COOL HEADED TOBE MAX EZEBOGU, THE ARTISTIC BRAWN, STANLEY OBENDE, AND THE NIGERIAN JIM LEE, YUSUF, THE PENCILLING GENIUS THAT IS KELECHI ISAAC AND THE SLICK LINE ART PERENNIAL, ATLAS, THE QUIRKY, BUDDING COLORIST AND STORYTELLER, CASSANDRA MARK AND FINALLY THE WARM HEARTED, EVER SMILING AND INTELLIGENT SUPER SPY MRS EDUVIE MARTIN (AGENT E). AND LET'S NOT FORGET LOGAN AND THOR. THANK YOU ALL FOR WELCOMING ME WITH OPEN ARMS INTO YOUR FAMILY.

FINALLY, TO THE FOUR PEOPLE IN MY LIFE WHO HAVE SUPPORTED ME SINCE I PICKED UP A CRAYON AS A LITTLE KID, MY PARENTS, SIR AND LADY CHIJOKE AND IJEOMA IWUNZE AND MY BEAUTIFUL SISTERS WHO RAISED ME, ADAEZE AND AKUNNA IWUNZE, I LOVE YOU ALL SO MUCH.

THANK YOU.

- SAMUEL IWUNZE  
ARTIST

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BUT ACCEPT VENGEANCE  
IF IT IS ALL THAT IS LEFT"



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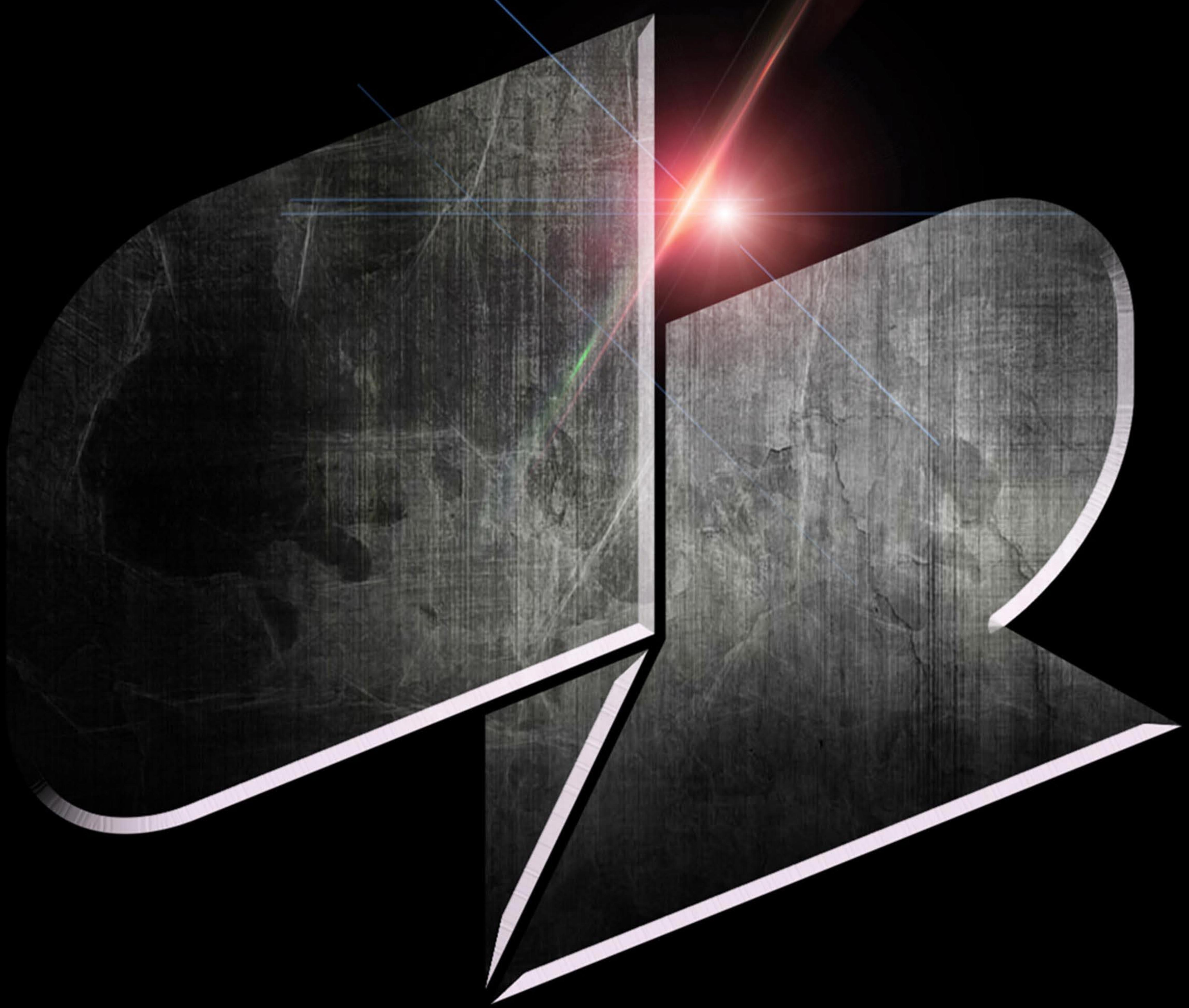
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