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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.

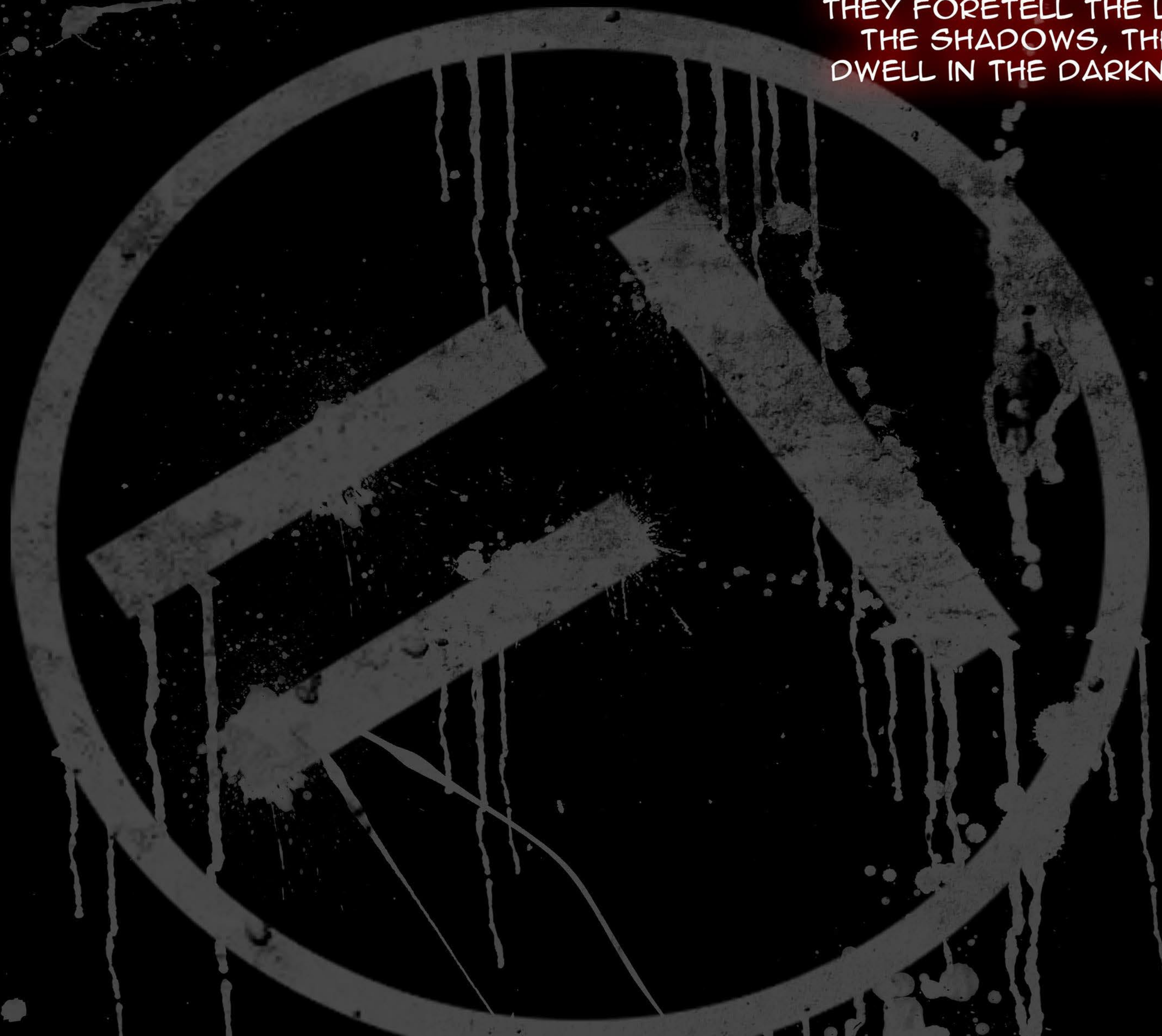


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THE TWILIGHT OF THE
DYING LIGHT,
DARKNESS CANNOT
ILLUMINATE DARKNESS.

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.

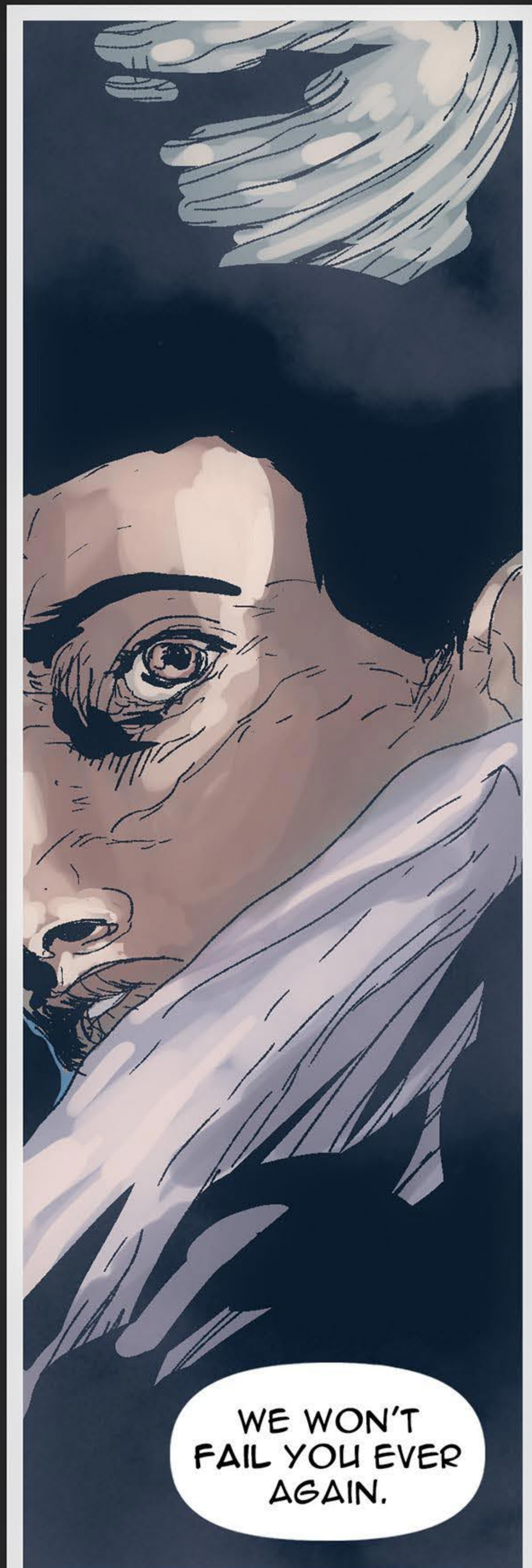
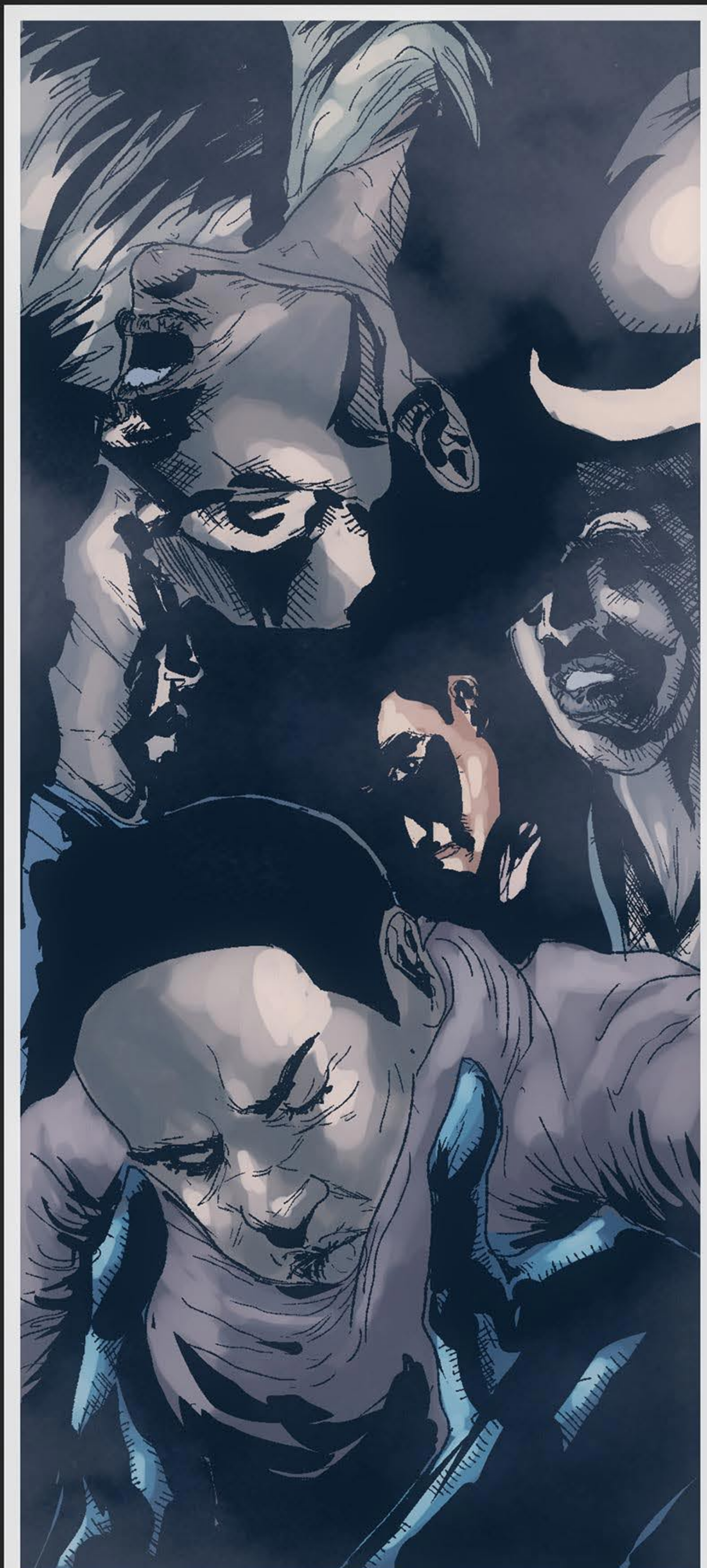
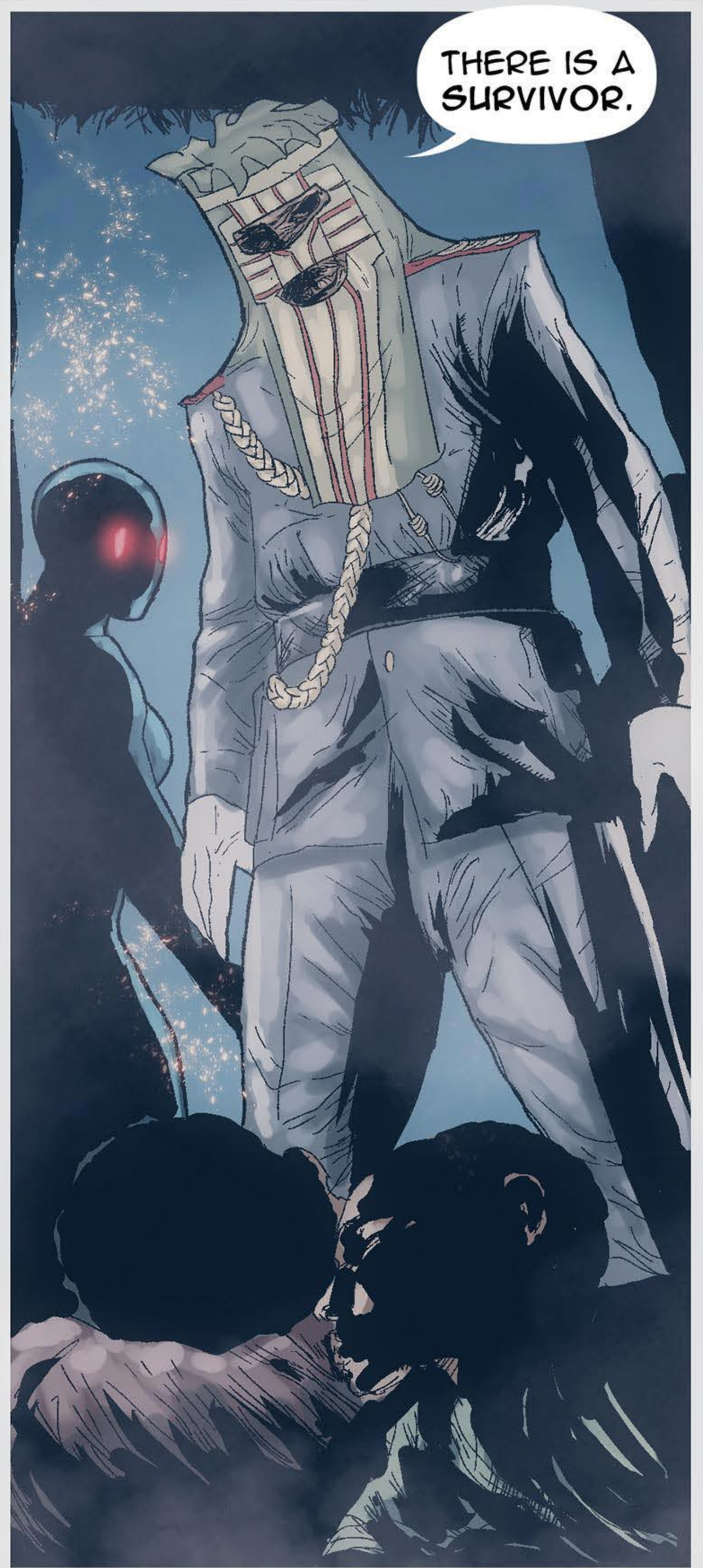
THERE WAS A SOUND OVER THERE!



YOU SURE? THE HEAT DETECTOR SAYS THERE IS NOTHING ALIVE IN THAT PLACE.



THERE IS A SURVIVOR.



WE WON'T FAIL YOU EVER AGAIN.

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--

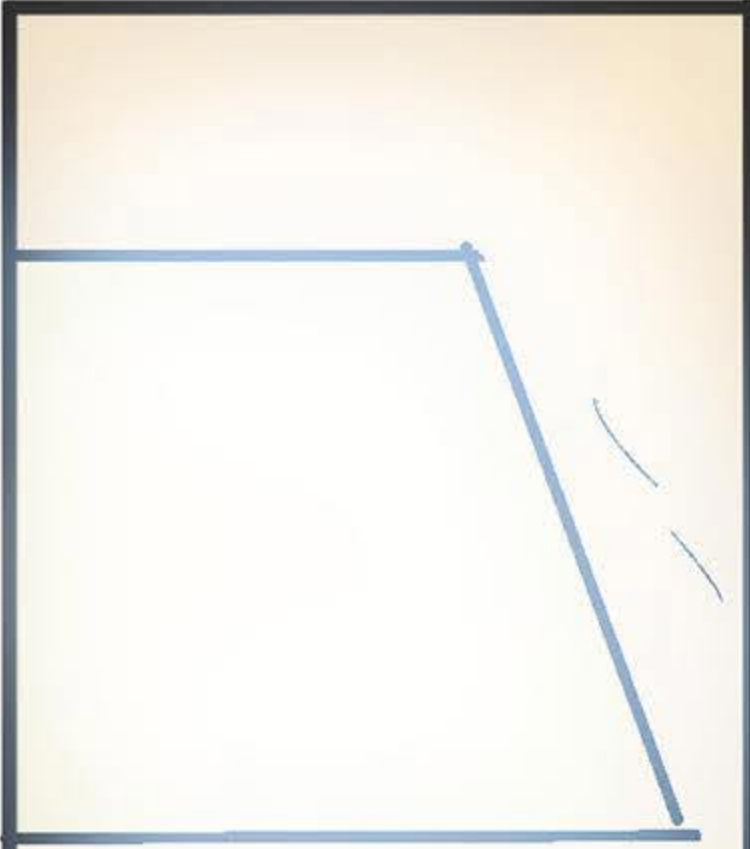
MADAM, SHUT UP! YOU WILL SEE THEM SOON.

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.



THE MONEY HAS BEEN LODGED IN... HAVE A NICE DAY.

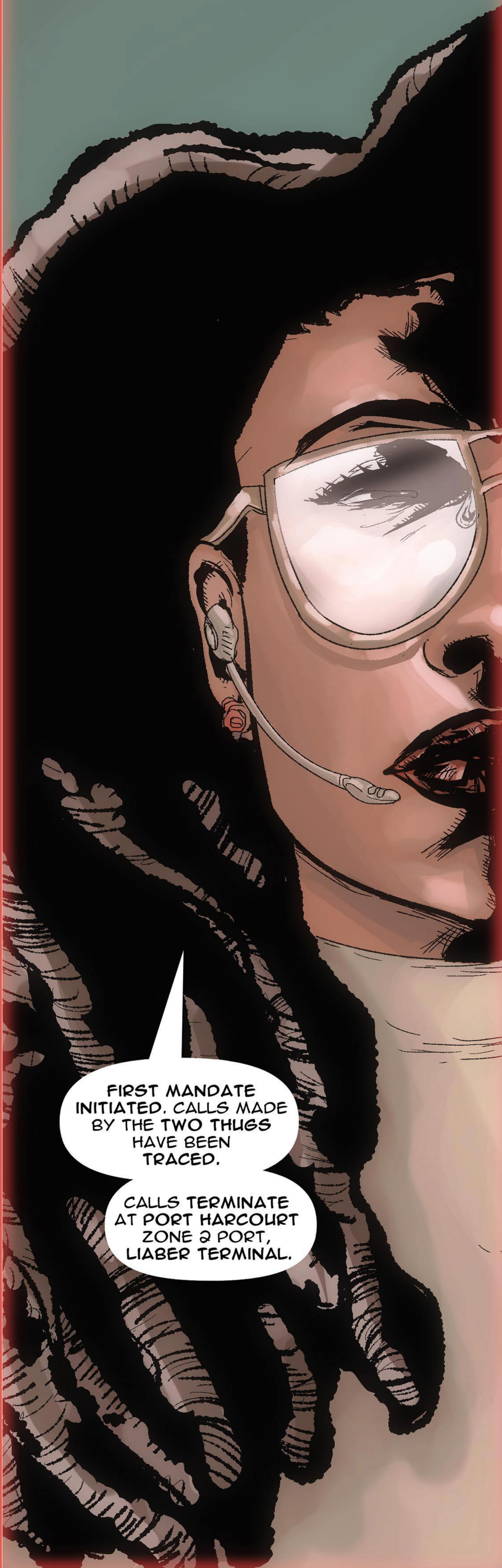


SECOND MANDATE INITIATED.



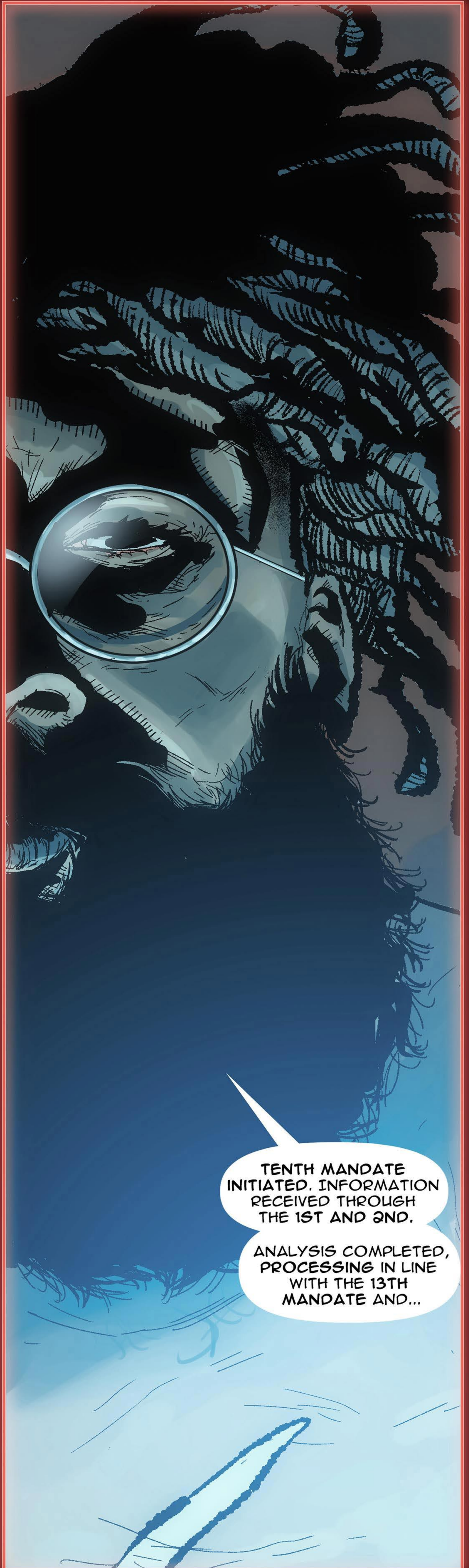
CONFIRMING THE MONEY HAS BEEN PAID INTO THE ACCOUNT OF THE LIABER SHIPPING COMPANY.

ELSEWHERE...



FIRST MANDATE INITIATED. CALLS MADE BY THE TWO THUGS HAVE BEEN TRACED.

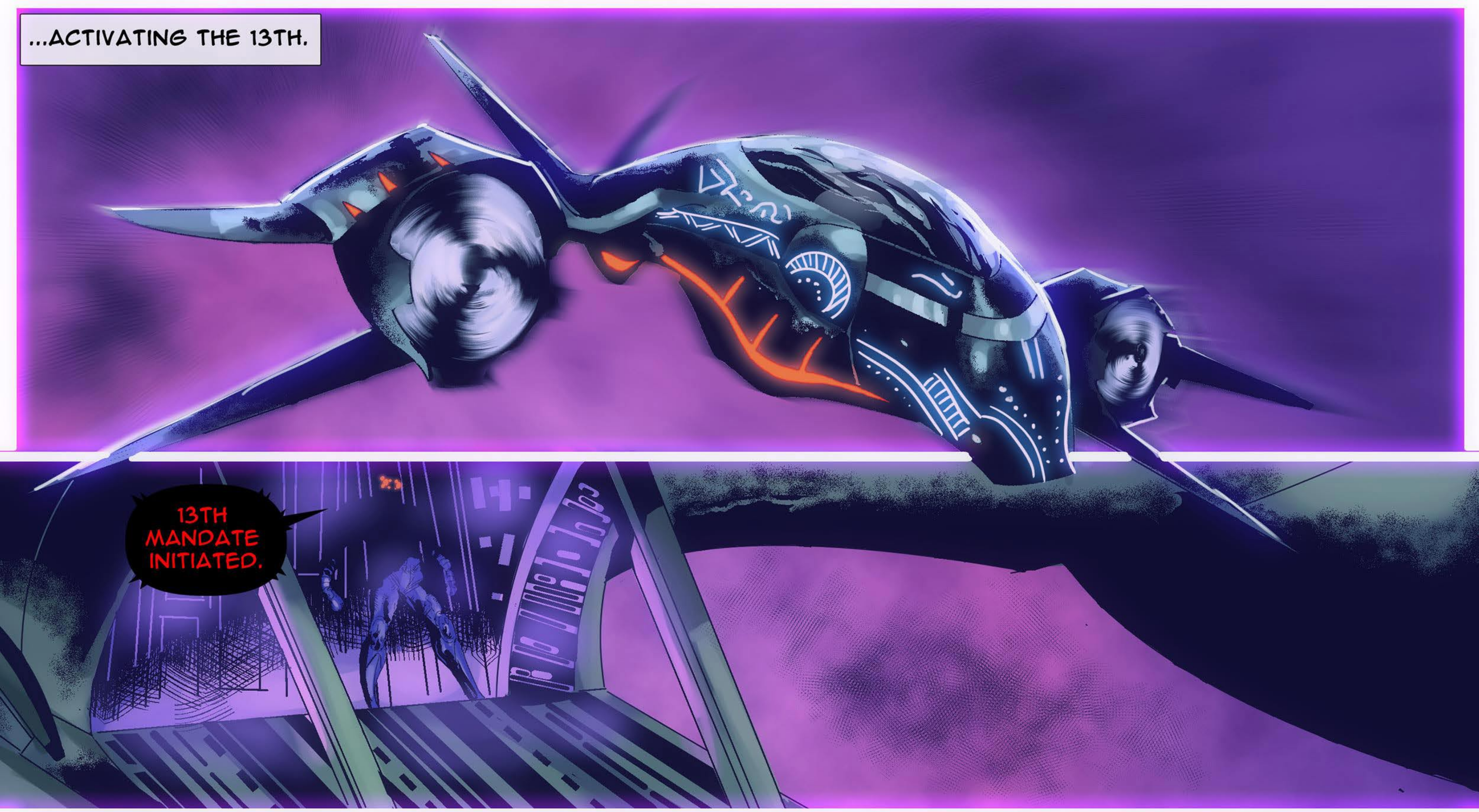
CALLS TERMINATE AT PORT HARCOURT ZONE 2 PORT, LIABER TERMINAL.



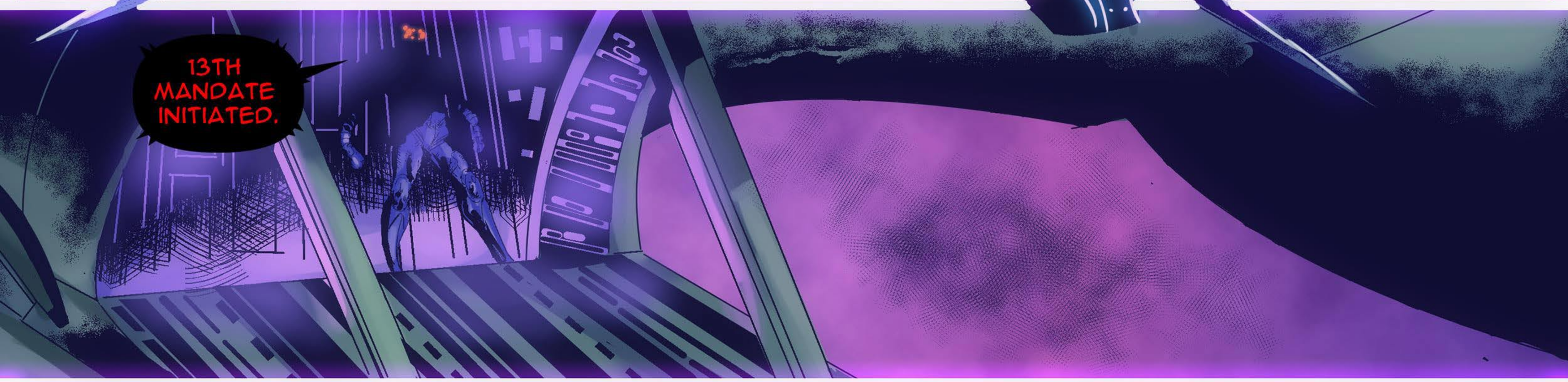
TENTH MANDATE INITIATED. INFORMATION RECEIVED THROUGH THE 1ST AND 2ND.

ANALYSIS COMPLETED, PROCESSING IN LINE WITH THE 13TH MANDATE AND...

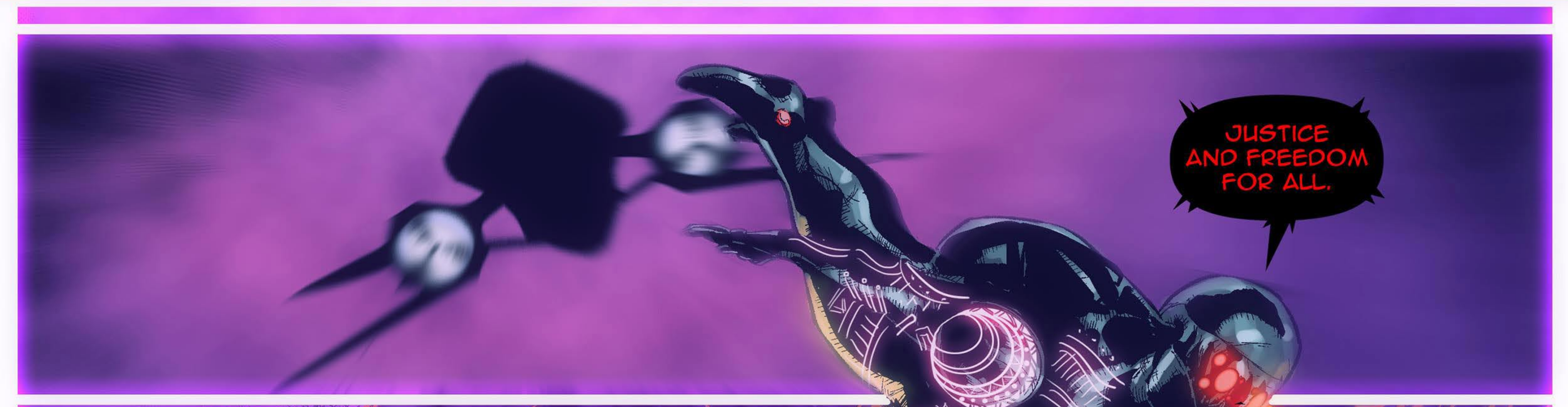
...ACTIVATING THE 13TH.



13TH
MANDATE
INITIATED.

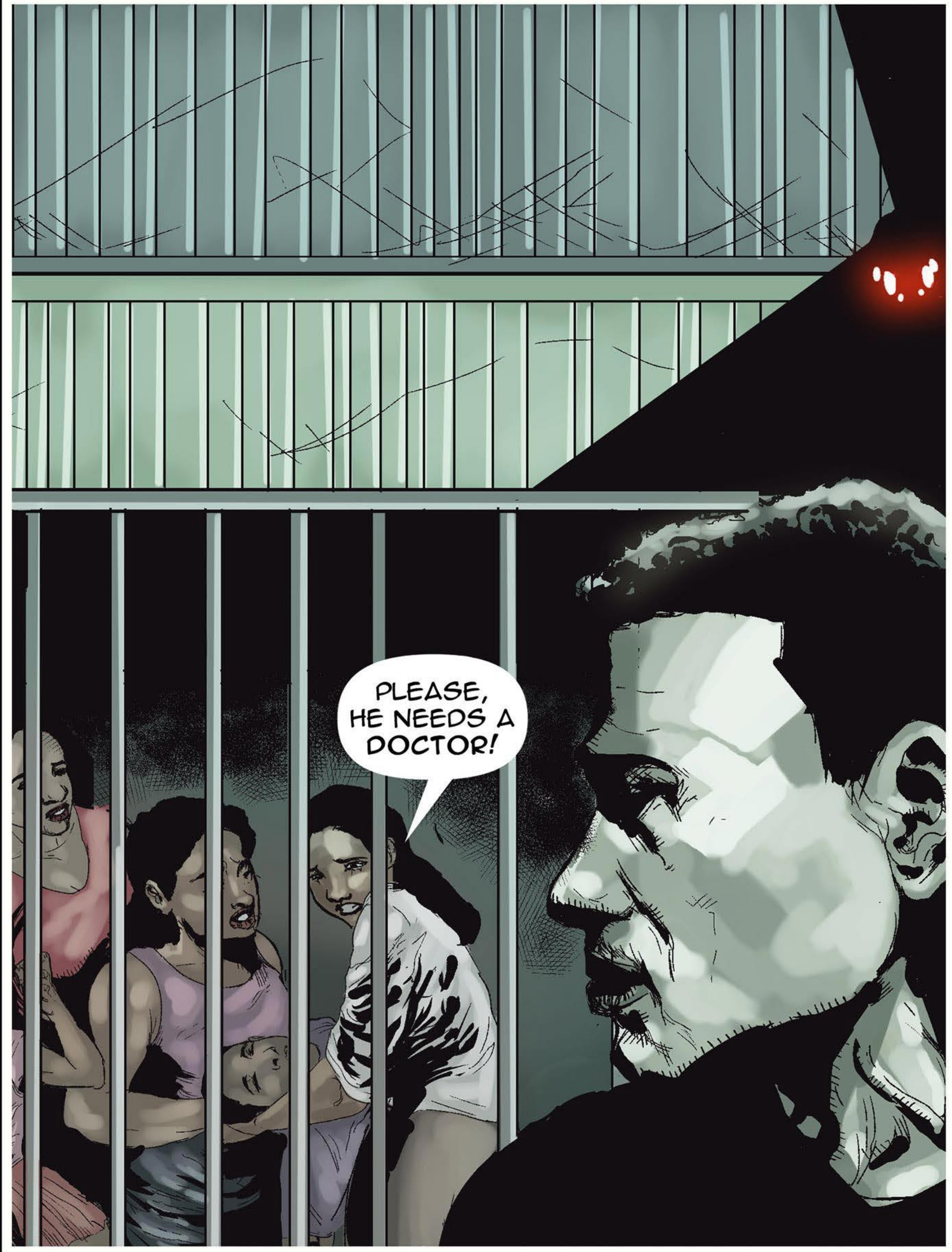
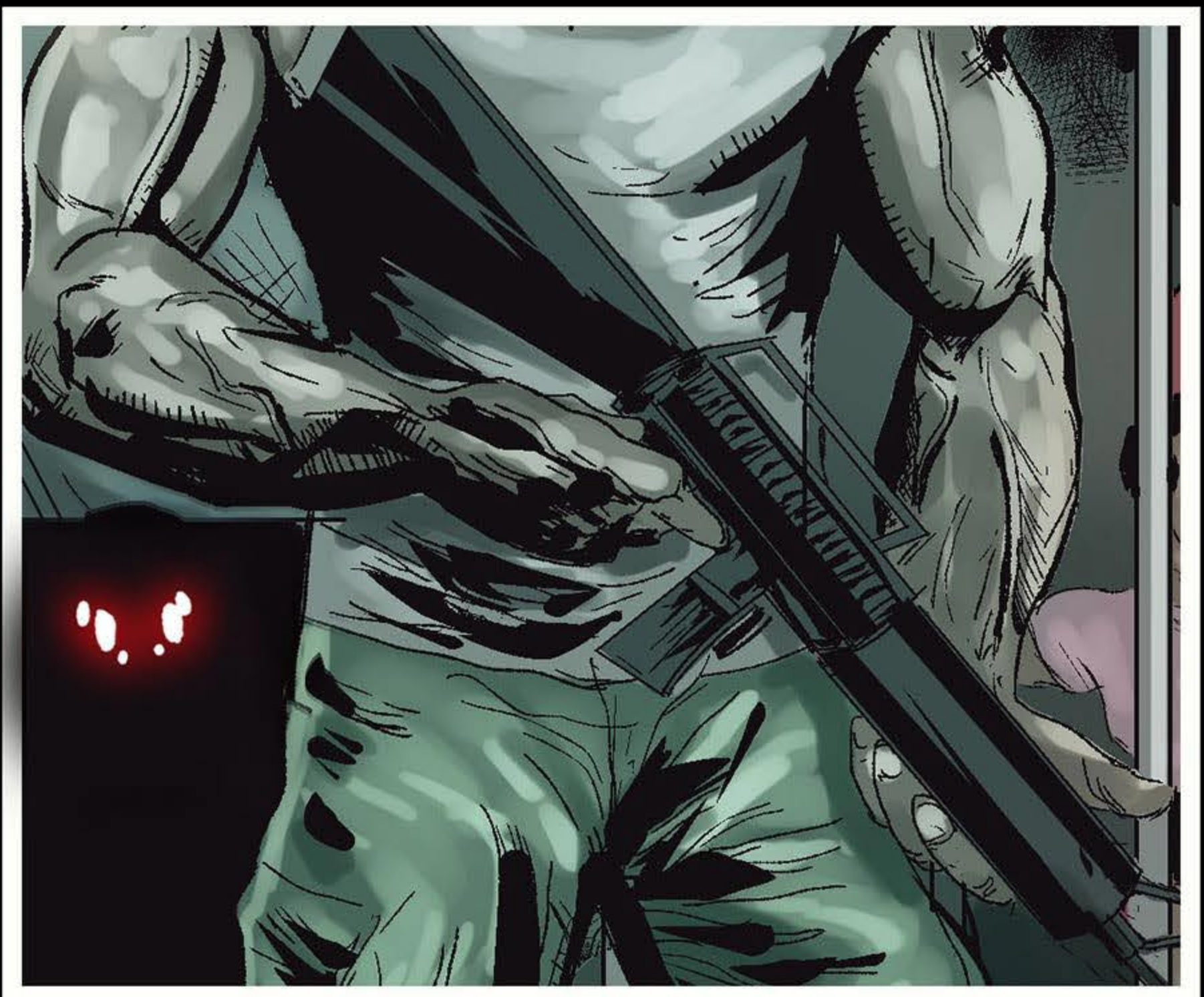


JUSTICE
AND FREEDOM
FOR ALL.



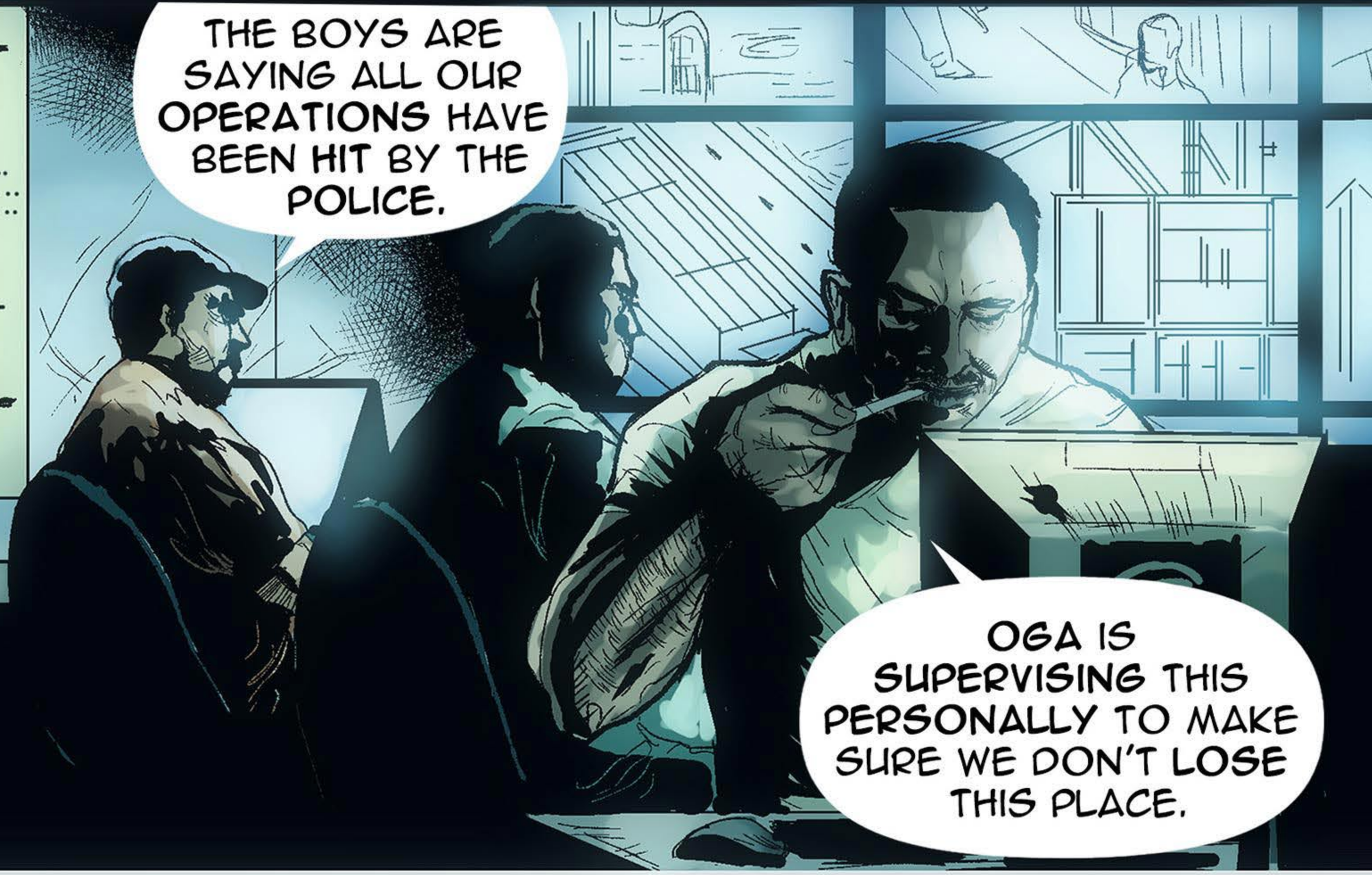
PORT HARCOURT...

THE LIABER COMPANY
TERMINAL.
SOUTH PERIMETER.

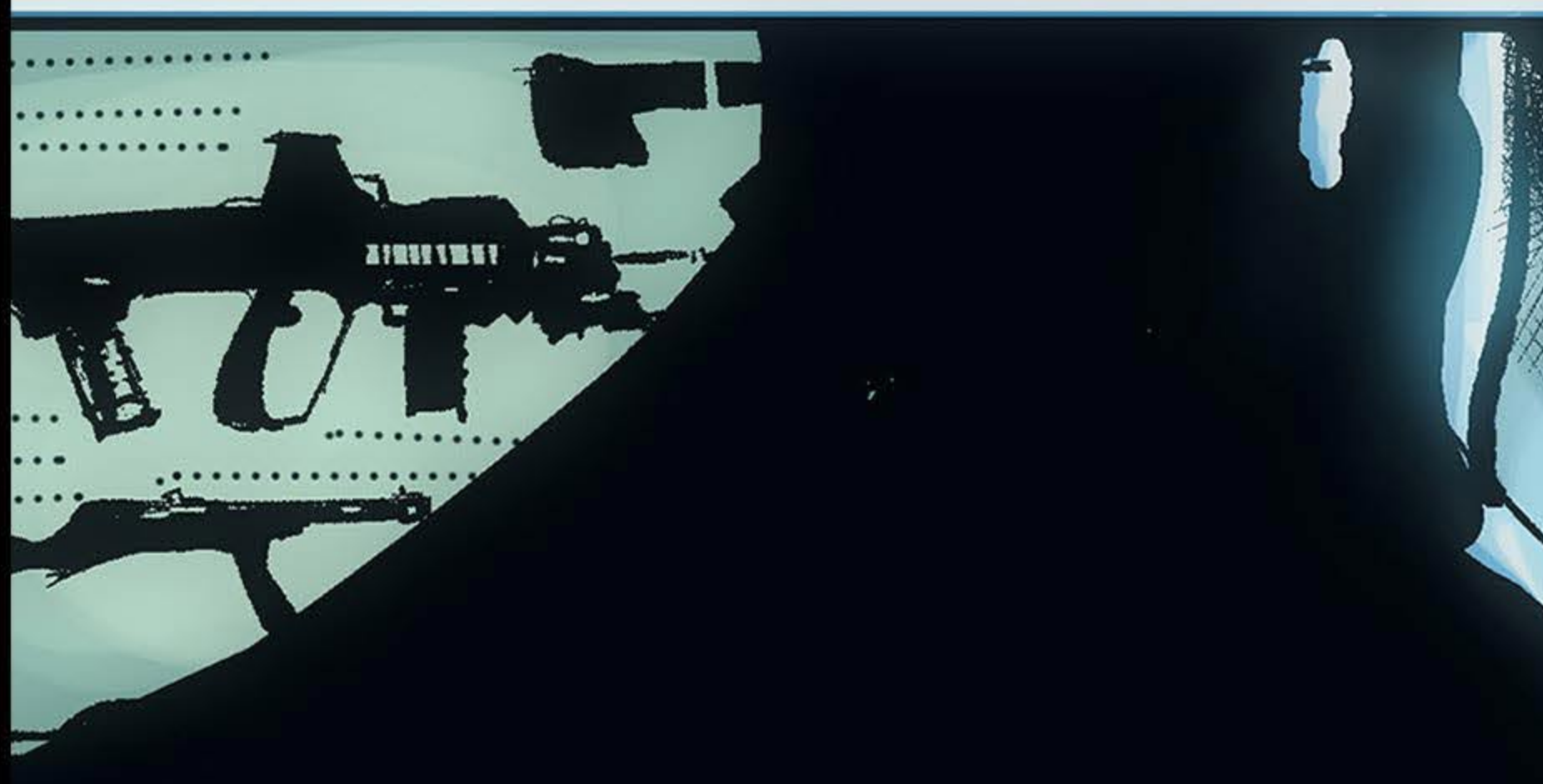




THE BOYS ARE SAYING ALL OUR OPERATIONS HAVE BEEN HIT BY THE POLICE.



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.





10TH MANDATE
CONFIRMED, PRISONERS
LOCATED ON THE NORTH
PERIMETER.



WEST
PERIMETER
CONFIRMED.



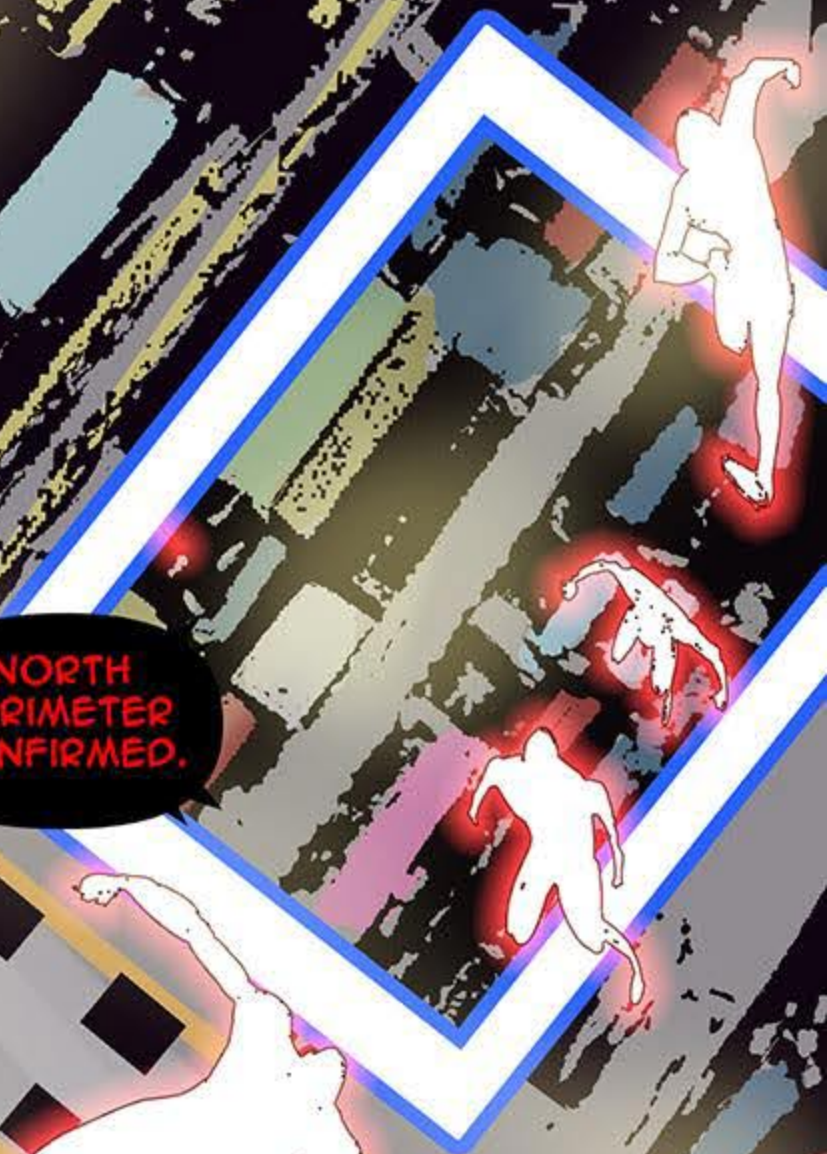
SOUTH
PERIMETER
CONFIRMED.



EAST
PERIMETER
CONFIRMED.



NORTH
PERIMETER
CONFIRMED.

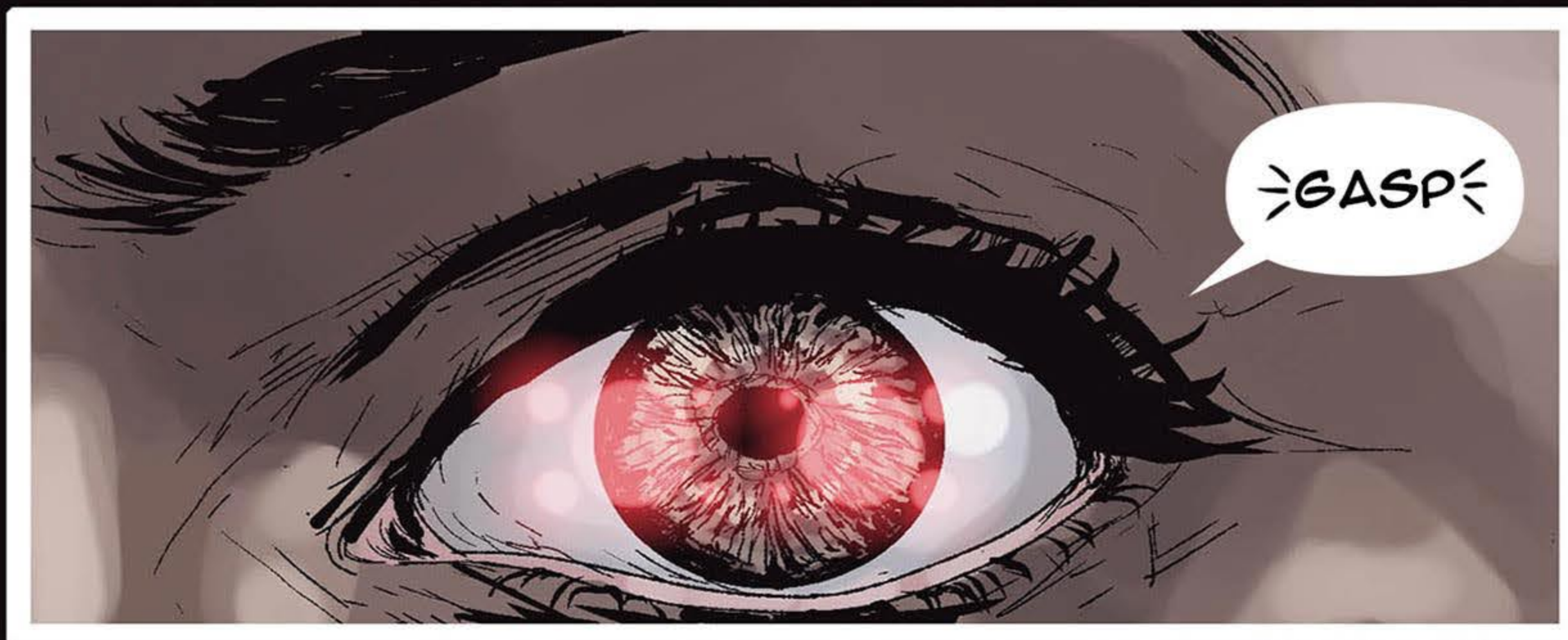


SAMSUNG

Galaxy Note8

Do Bigger Things





≻GASP≻

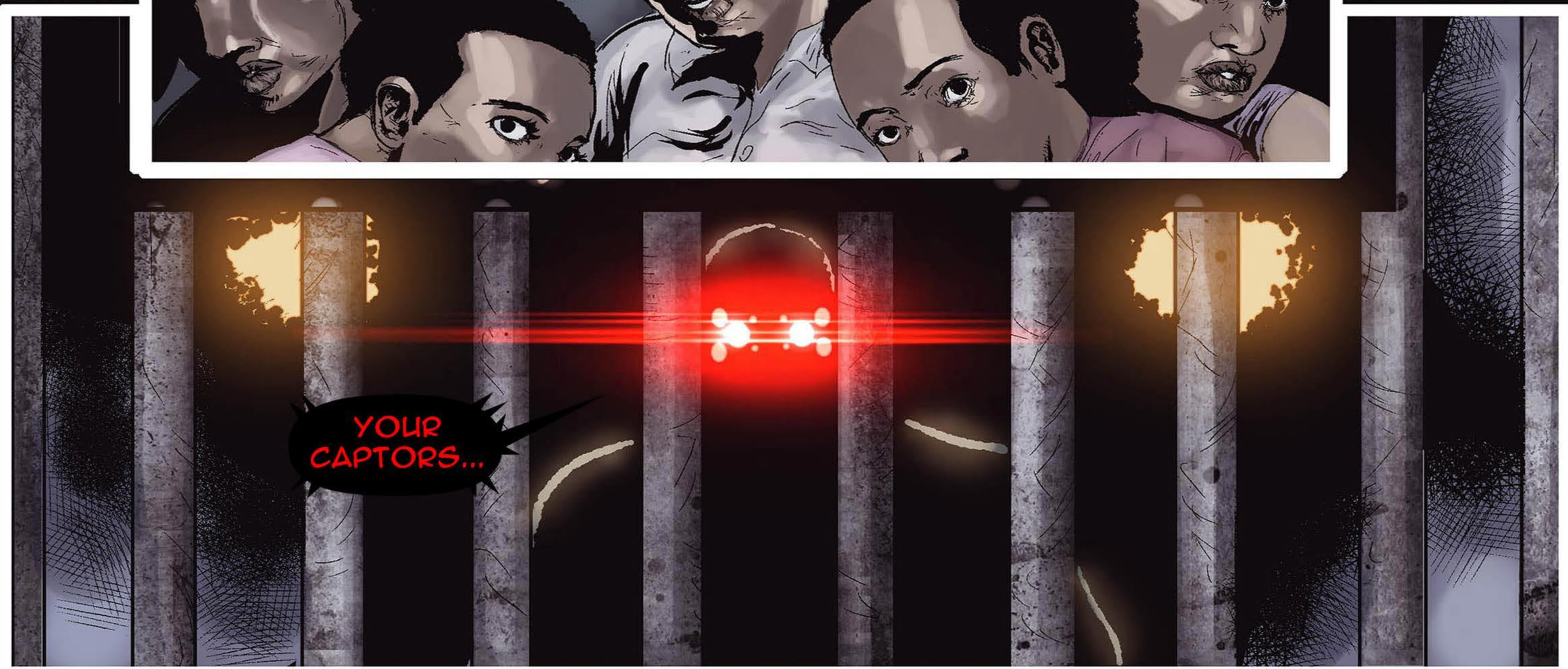


A
DEMON...



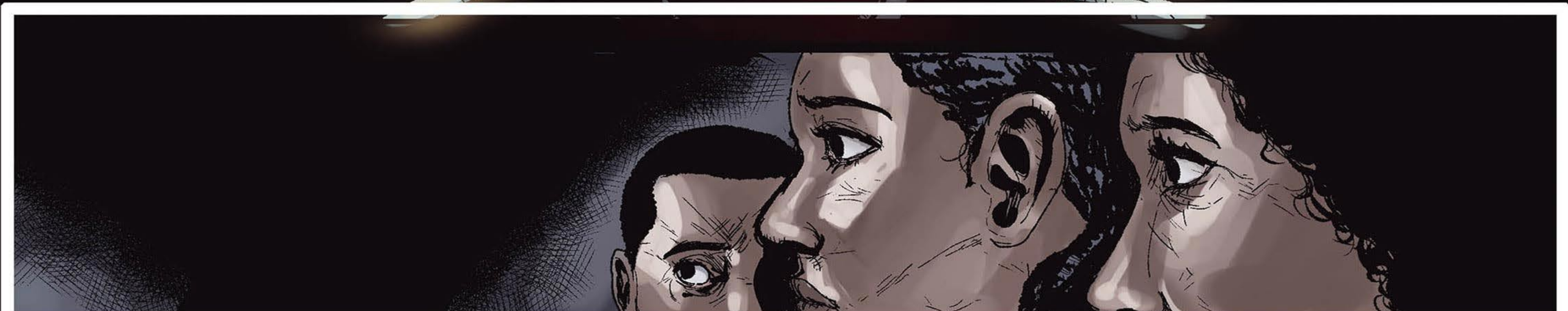
OH GOD!
WHAT IS
THAT?

ARE YOU
HERE TO KILL
US?



YOUR
CAPTORS...

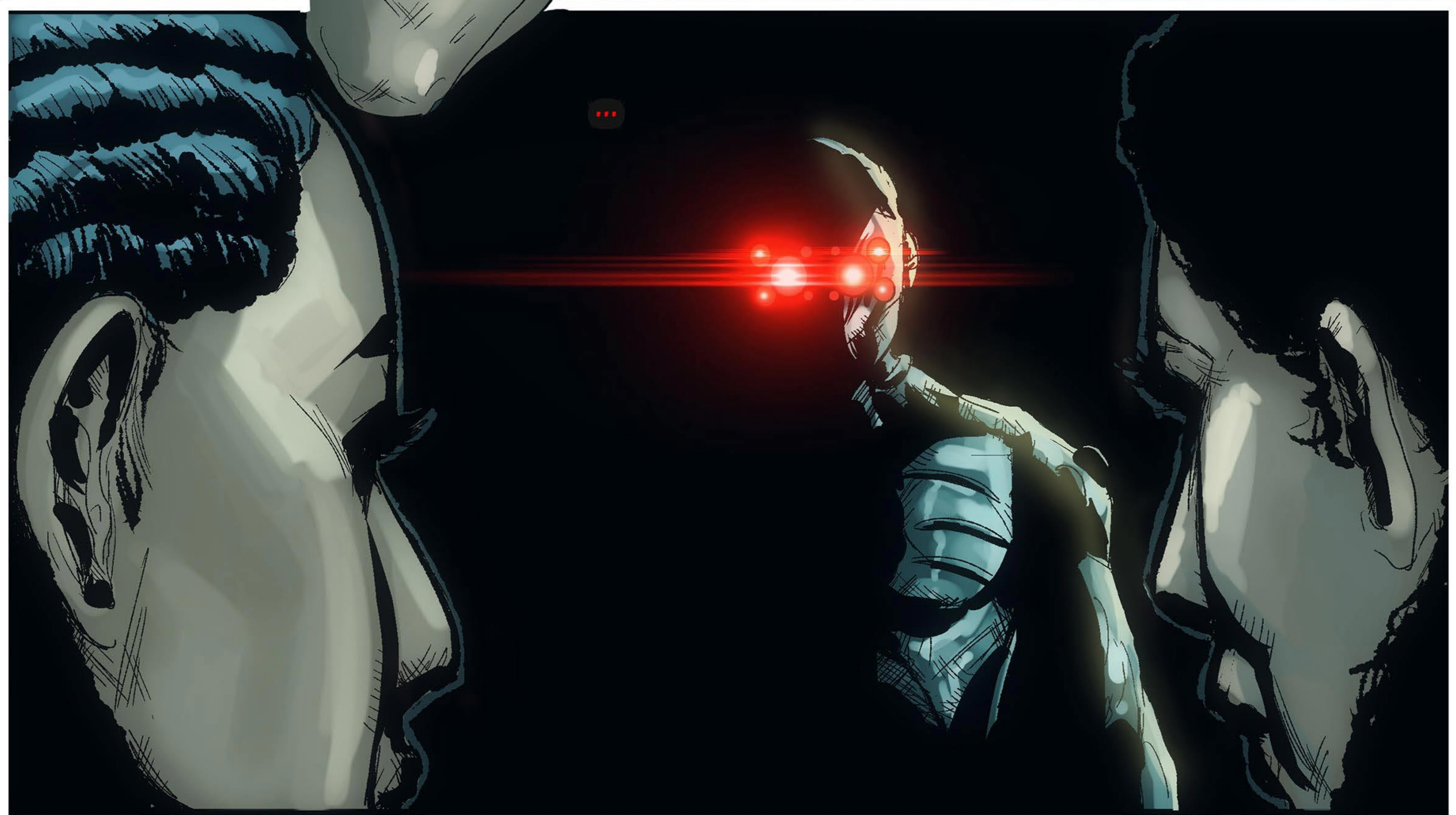
...JUSTICE
OR
VENGEANCE?



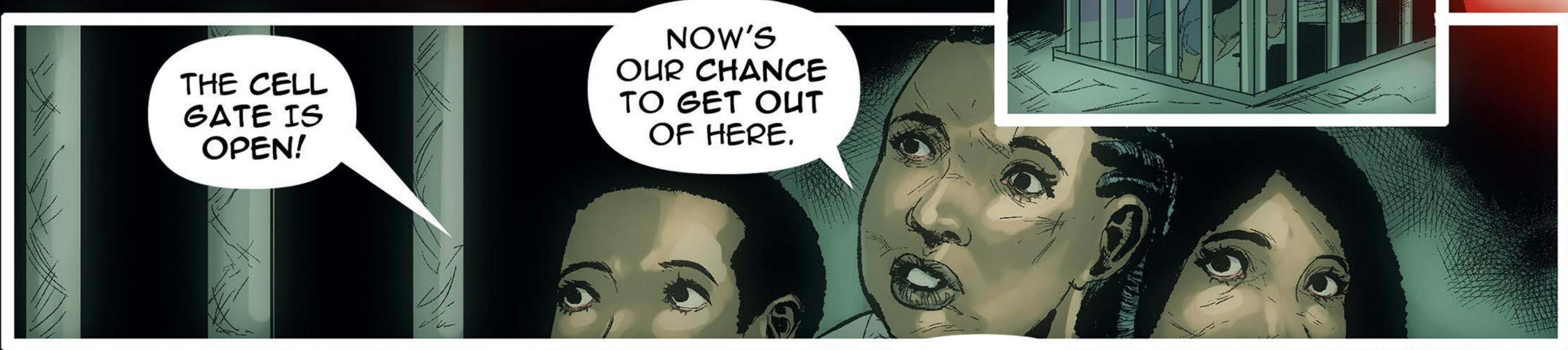
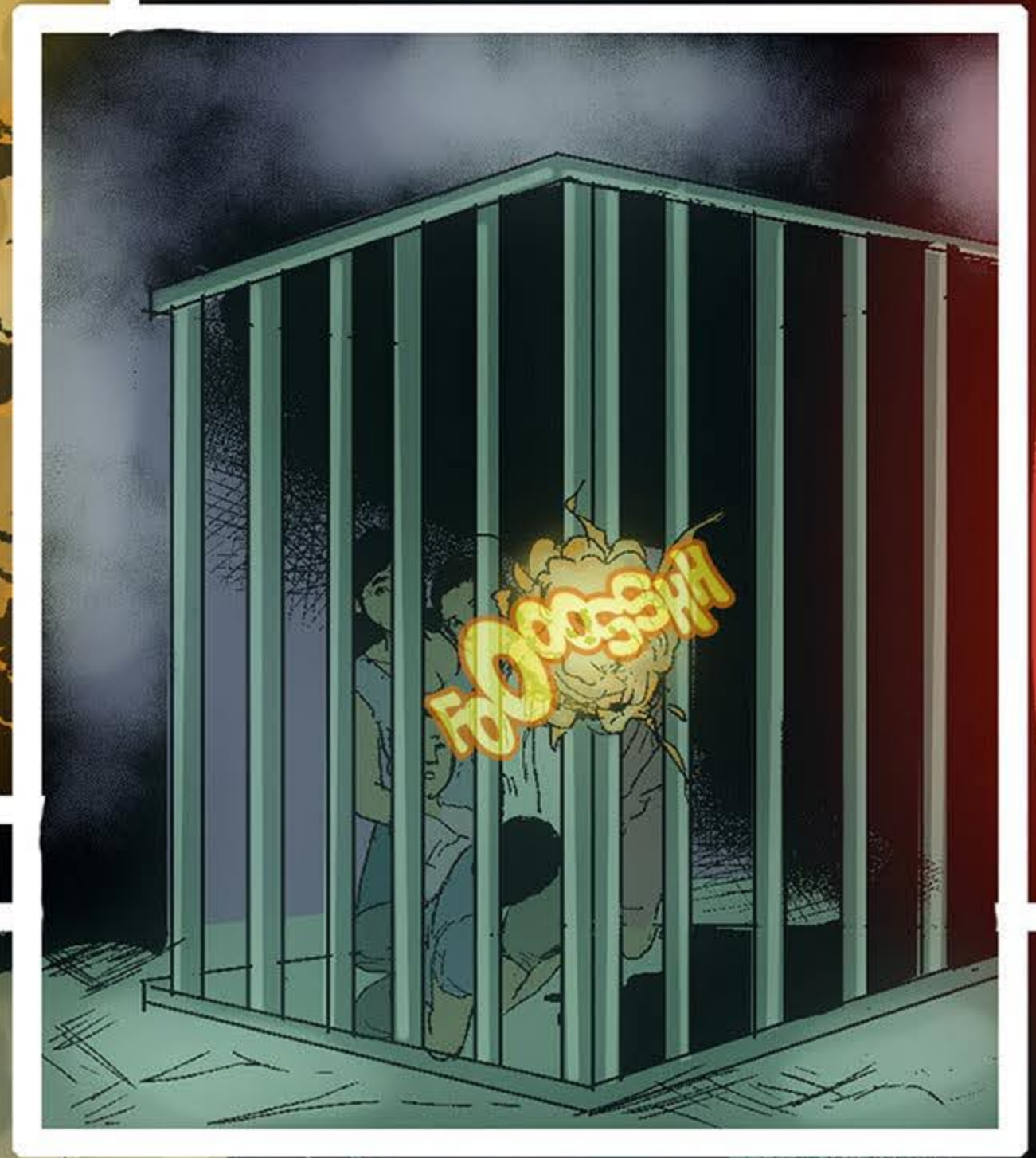
THEY BEAT HIM,
BROKE HIS LEG,
AND THEY WERE
LAUGHING AT
HIS PAIN...



VENGEANCE!



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



THE CELL GATE IS OPEN!

NOW'S OUR CHANCE TO GET OUT OF HERE.

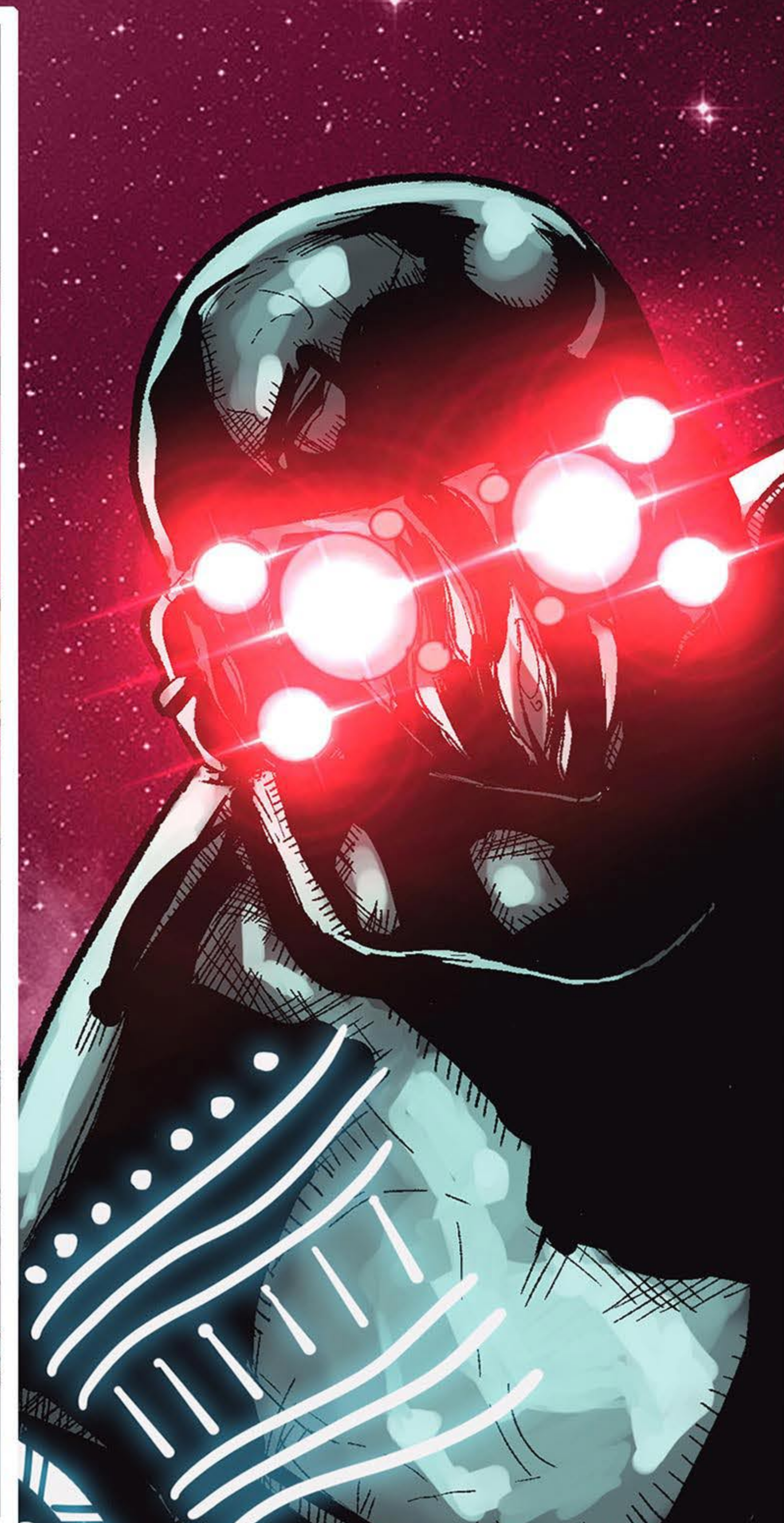
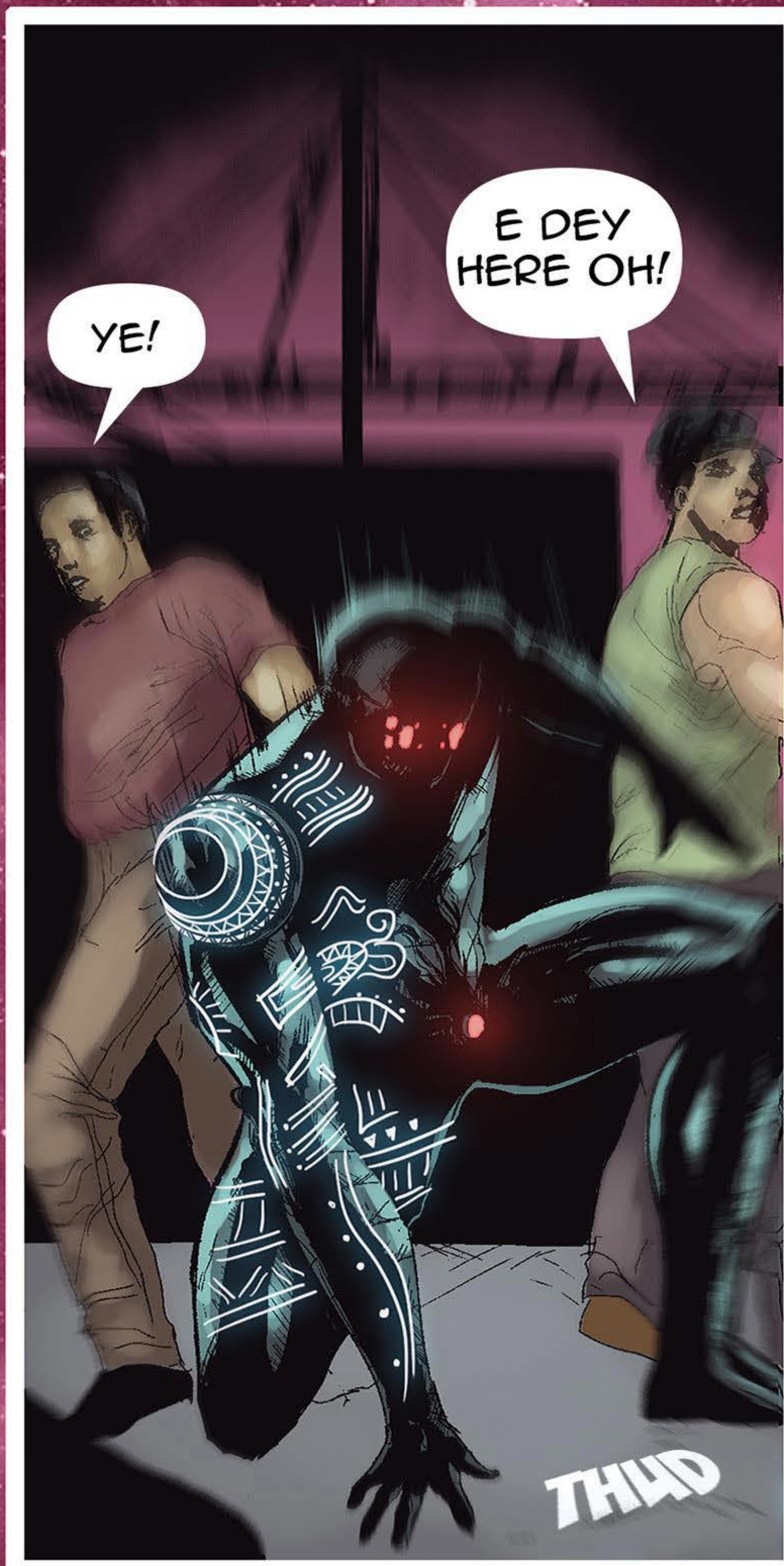
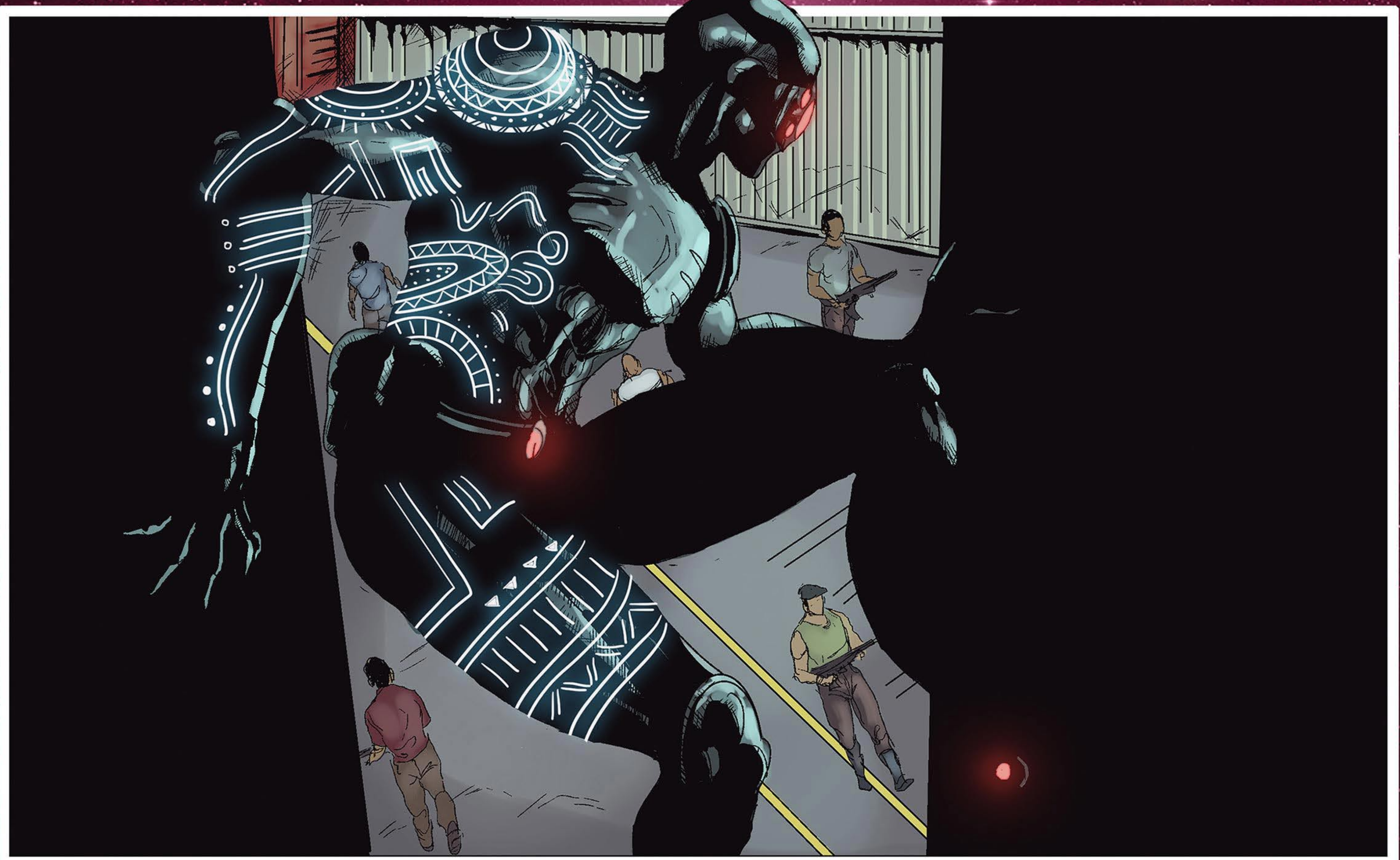


WETIN DEY HAPPEN?

THE ARMORY DEY BURN! THE CARS DON BLOW!

GO AND FIND WHO IS MESSING WITH MY LIVELIHOOD!







UGH!

SHOOT NA!
SHOOT!

MOSHOD
IS STILL IN
THE WAY!

MY FRIEND
SHOOT THE
TWO OF
THEM!

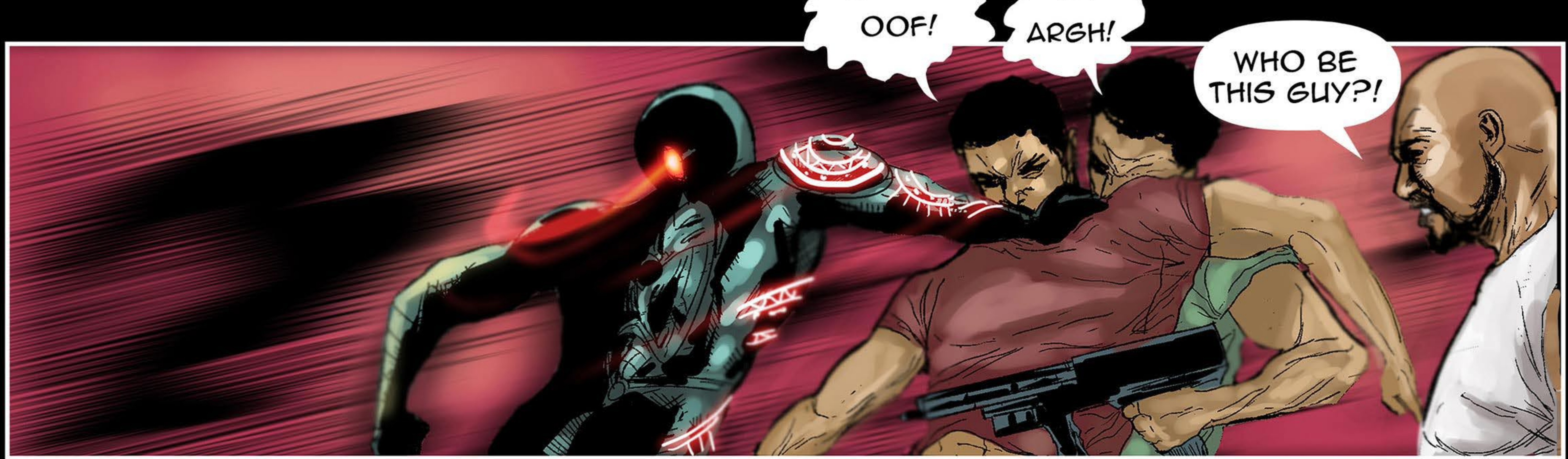


UGH!

OOF!

SHOOT AM
NA!

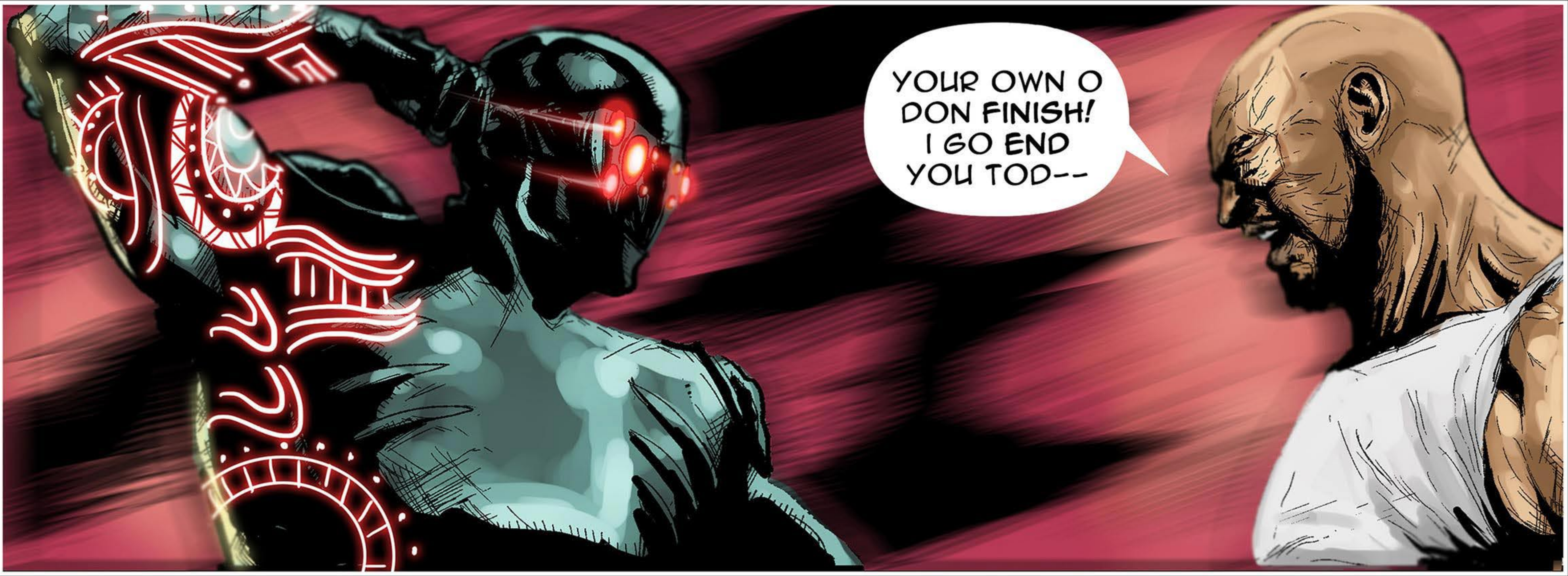
NO DEY
PUSH ME,
JO--



OOF!

ARGH!

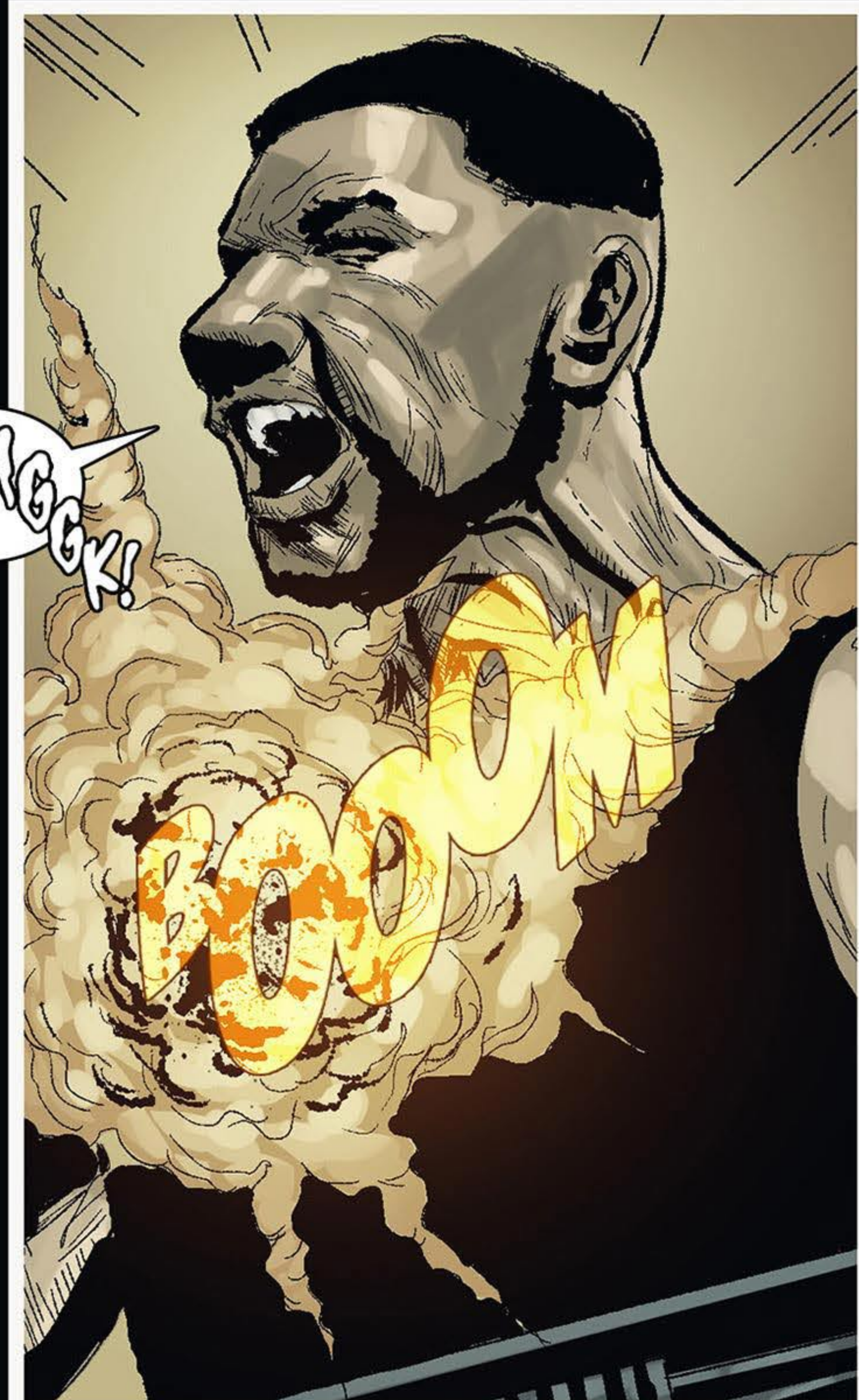
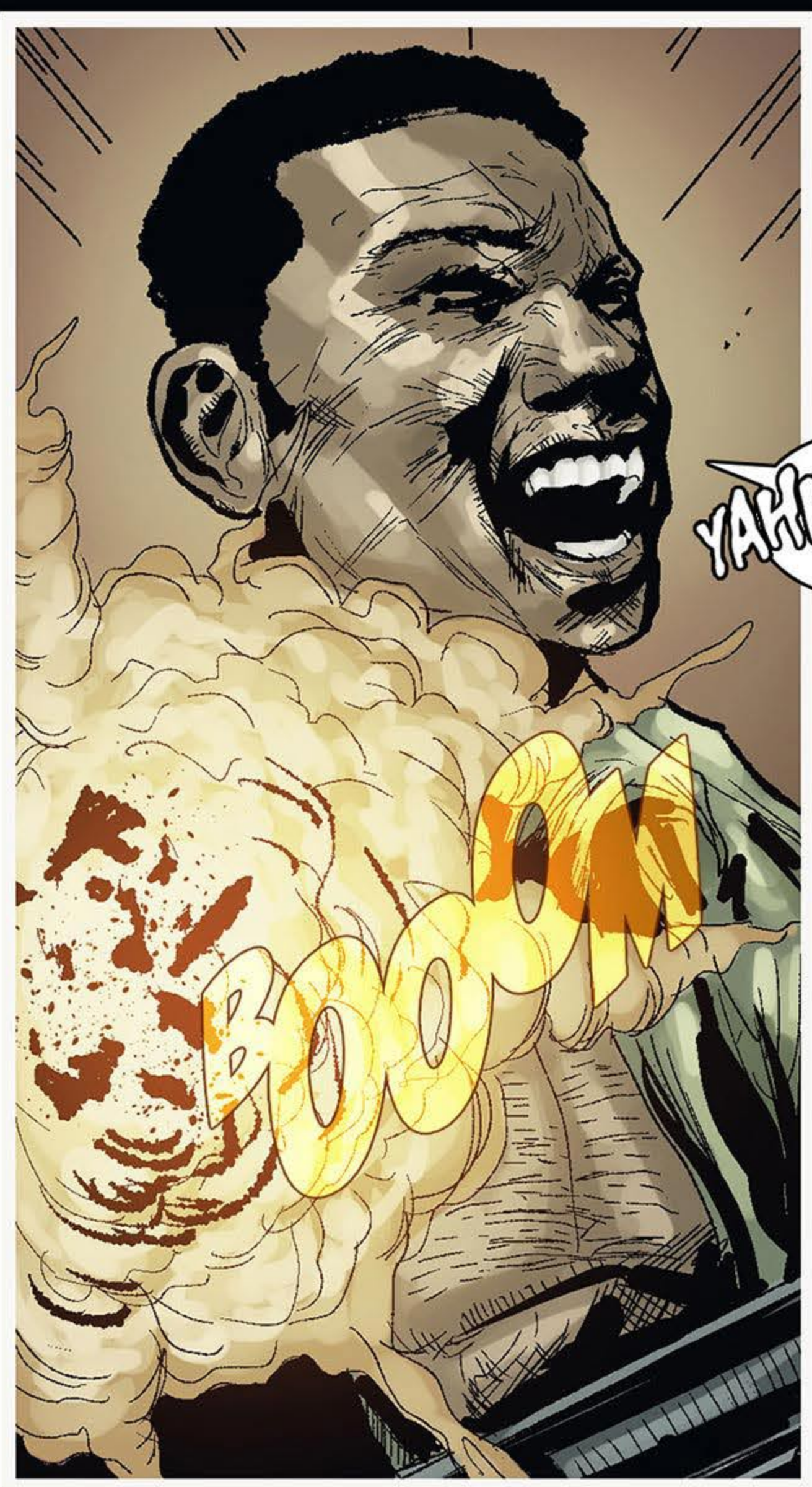
WHO BE
THIS GUY?!



YOUR OWN O
DON FINISH!
I GO END
YOU TOD--

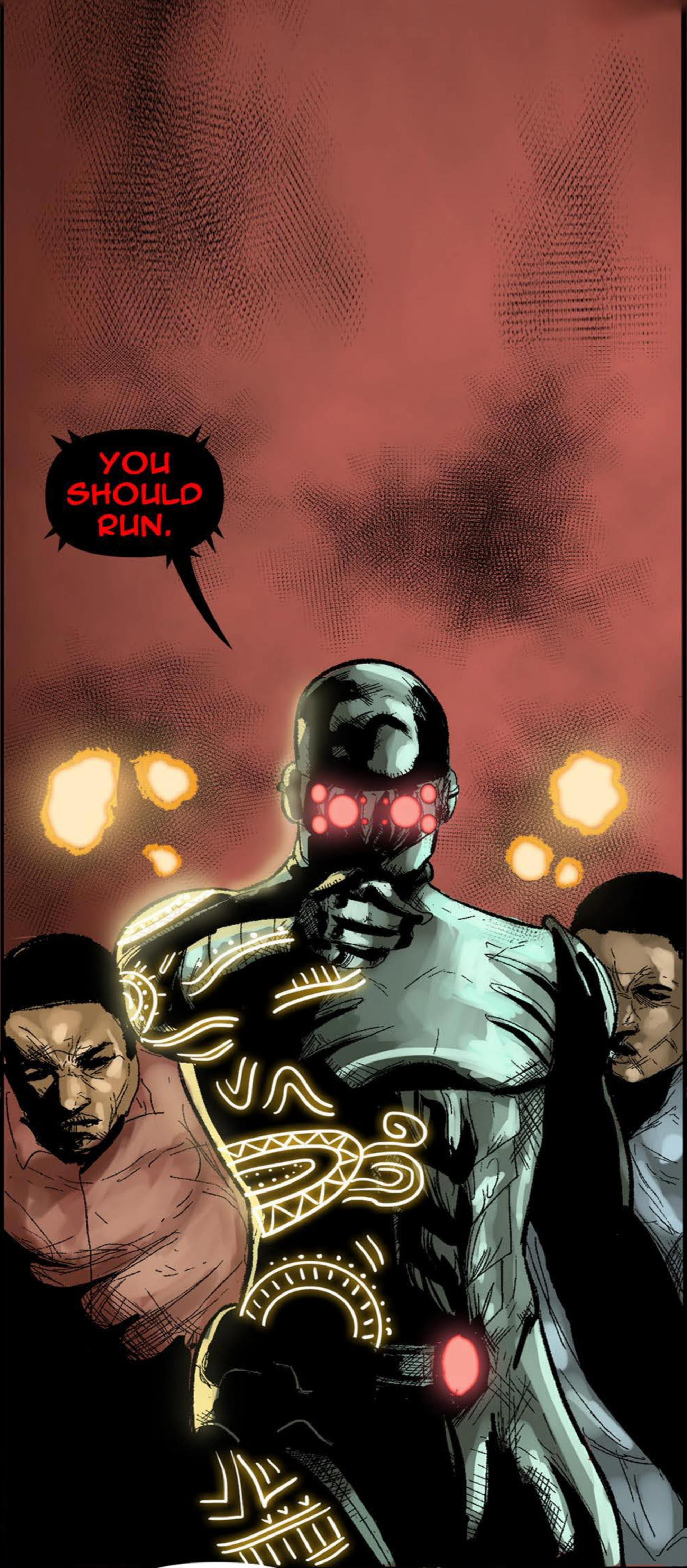


GUIYYKK!!





IDIOT!
WHO DO YOU
THINK--



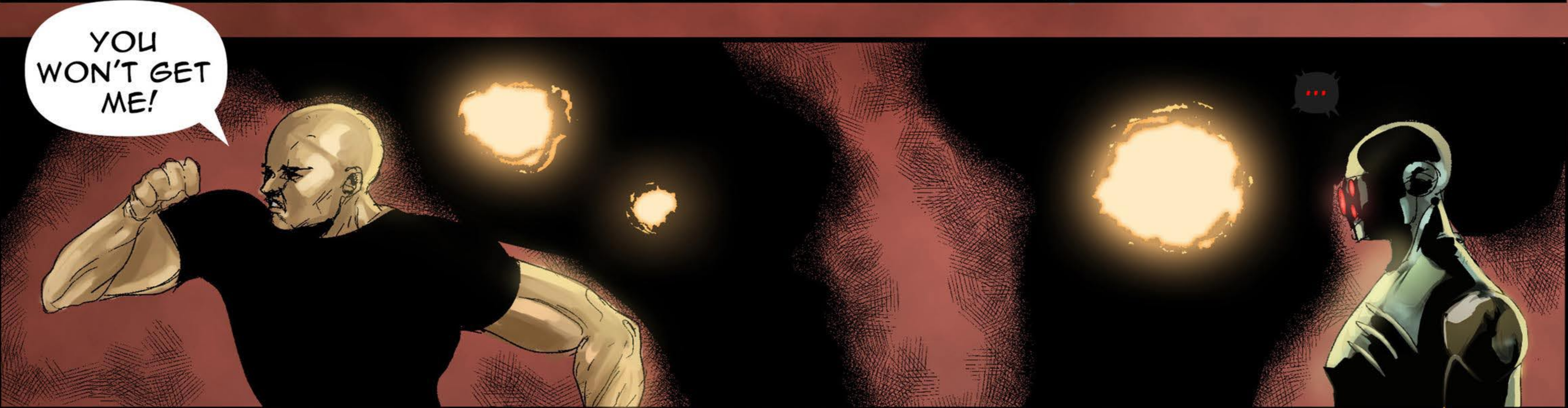
YOU
SHOULD
RUN.



...



WHO YOU
BE? WHO ARE
YOU?



YOU
WON'T GET
ME!

...



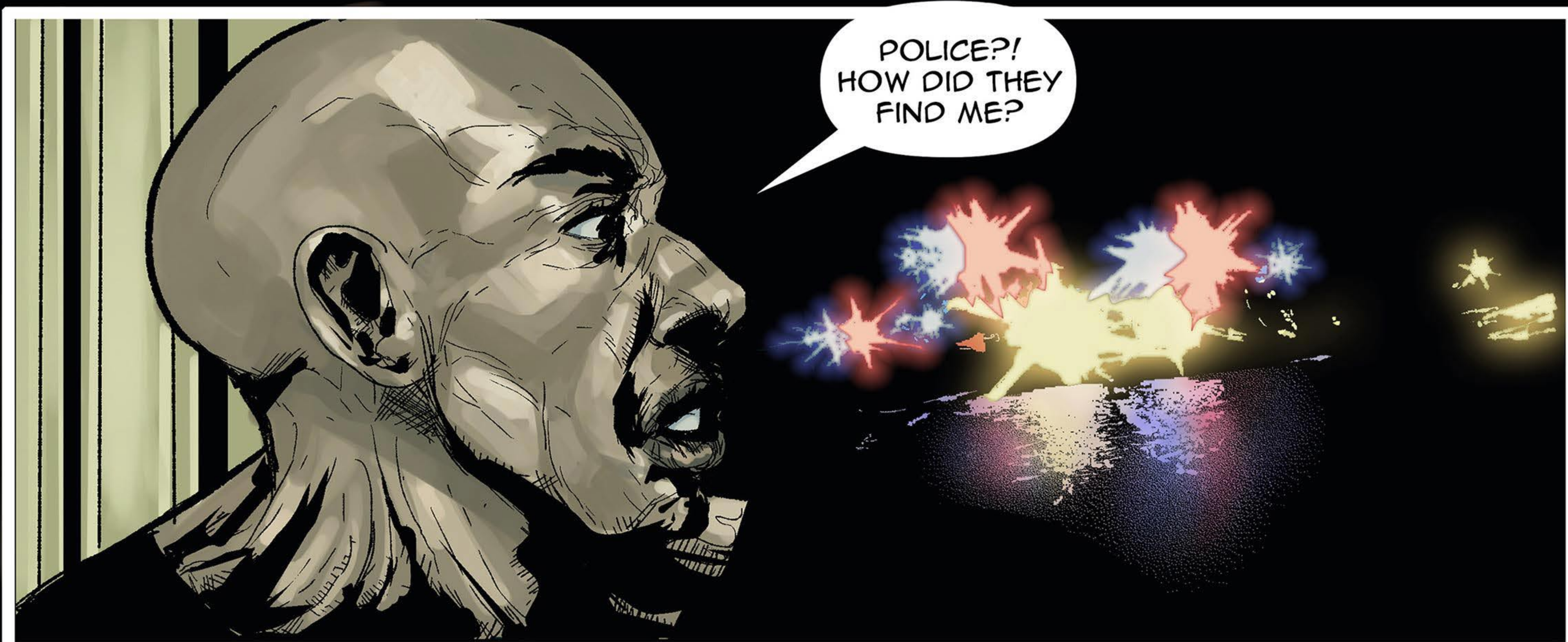
ILLUMINATION
NOTIFICATION, EXECUTED.
4TH MANDATE
INITIATED.



THE KNIGHTS
SAID THEY WOULD
PROTECT ME.



I WON'T
GO DOWN JUST
LIKE THAT!

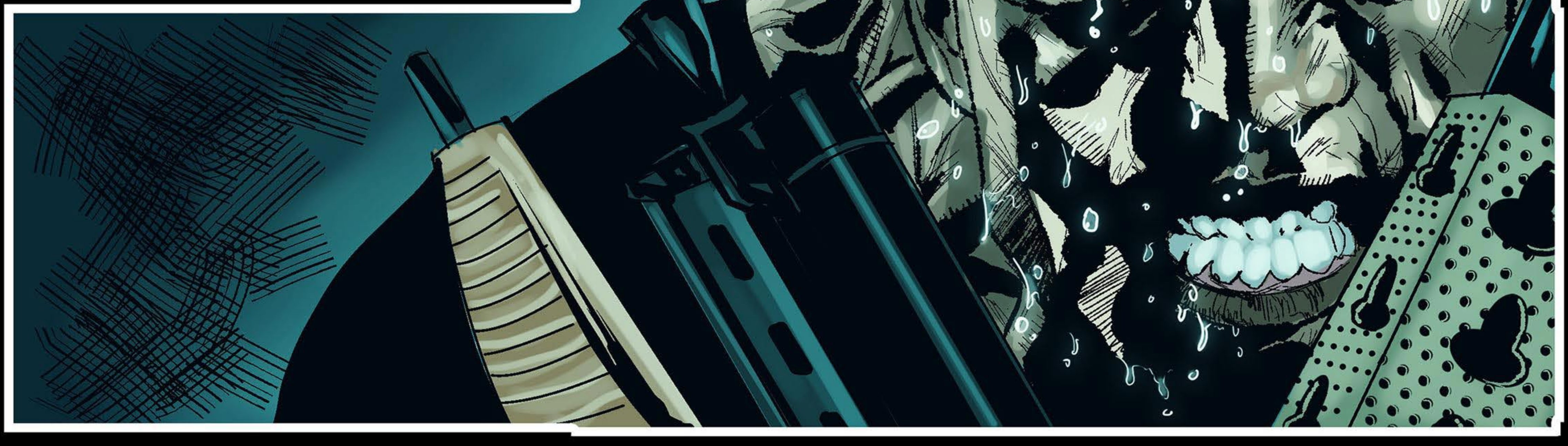


POLICE?!
HOW DID THEY
FIND ME?

YOU WON'T TAKE ME EASILY!



YOU WON'T TAKE ME EASILY!



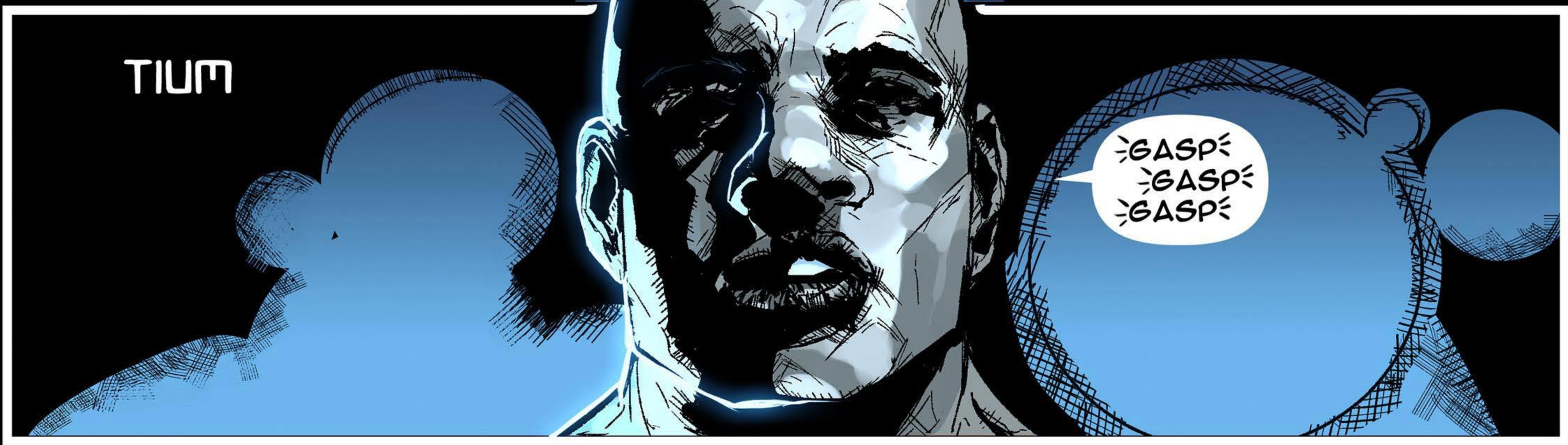
TIUM

TIUM

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

TIUM





TIUM

GASP
GASP
GASP



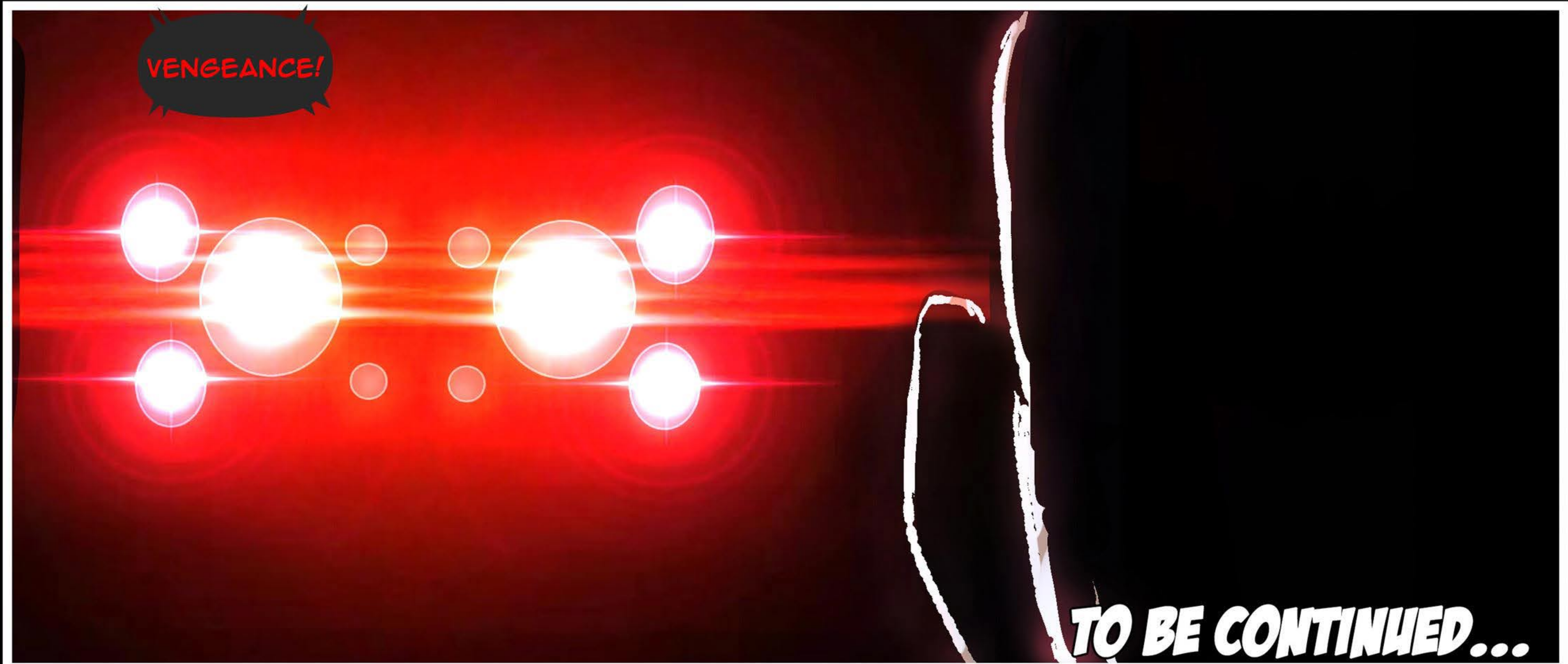
TIUM

AHHHHHHH!!



I WON'T
GO DOWN LIKE
THIS!

BRRATATATAT
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 EZEUGU, 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 EZEUGU, 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

“SEEK JUSTICE FIRST,
BUT ACCEPT VENGEANCE
IF IT IS ALL THAT IS LEFT”



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