





5 YEARS AGO, A MASSIVE SCINETIFIC RESEARCH SITE WITHIN THE CENTER OF A SMALL COUNTRY'S UTOPIA HAD EXPLODED THE RESULTING BLAST WAS AN EXTRAORDINARY HORROR. THIS EVENT WAS NAMED
"THE BREAKDOWN"



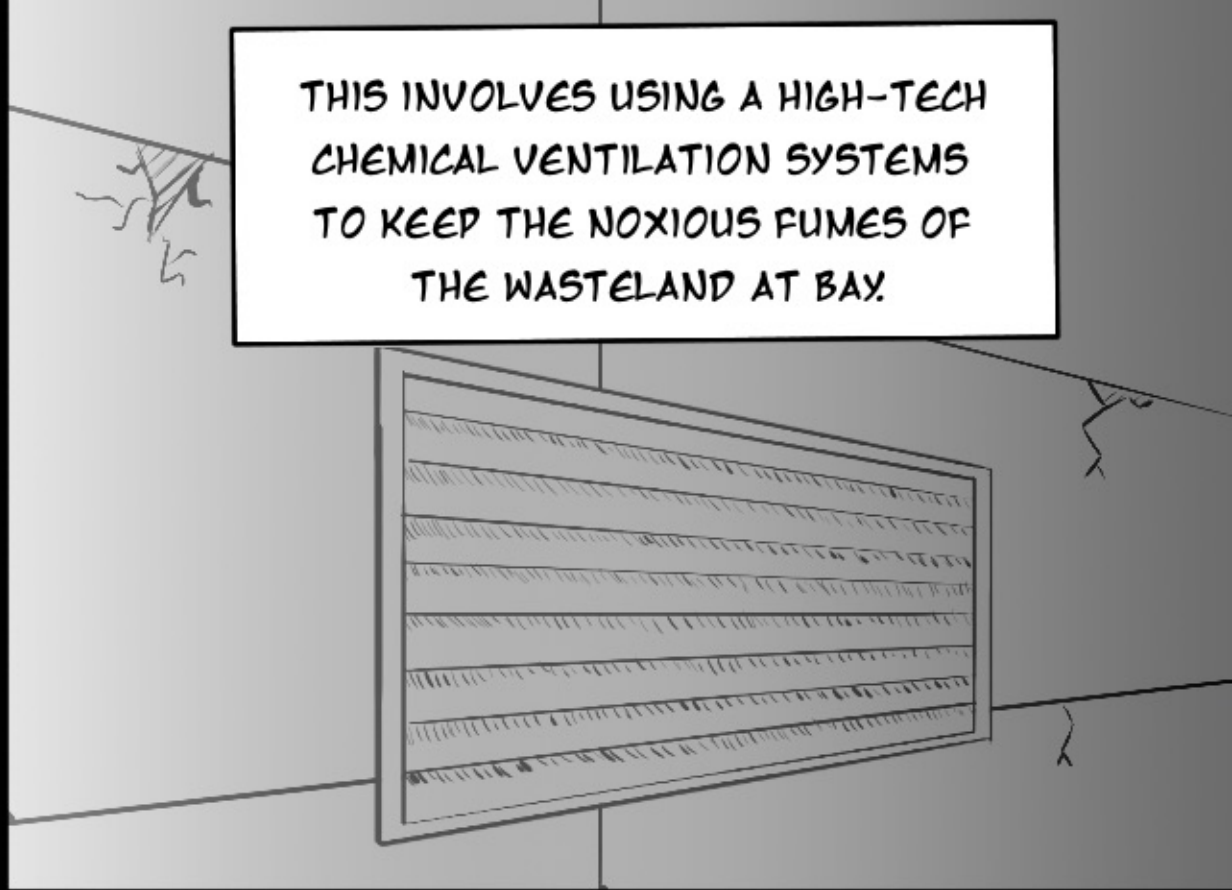
THE AFFECTED AREA WAS SURROUNDED BY A TECHNOLOGICALLY ADVANCED BARRICADE THAT WAS ONCE THE COUNTRY'S BORDERED LIMITS.



THE OTHER HALF OF THE COUNTRY WAS SPARED FROM "THE BREAKDOWN" THANKS TO THIS BARRICADE



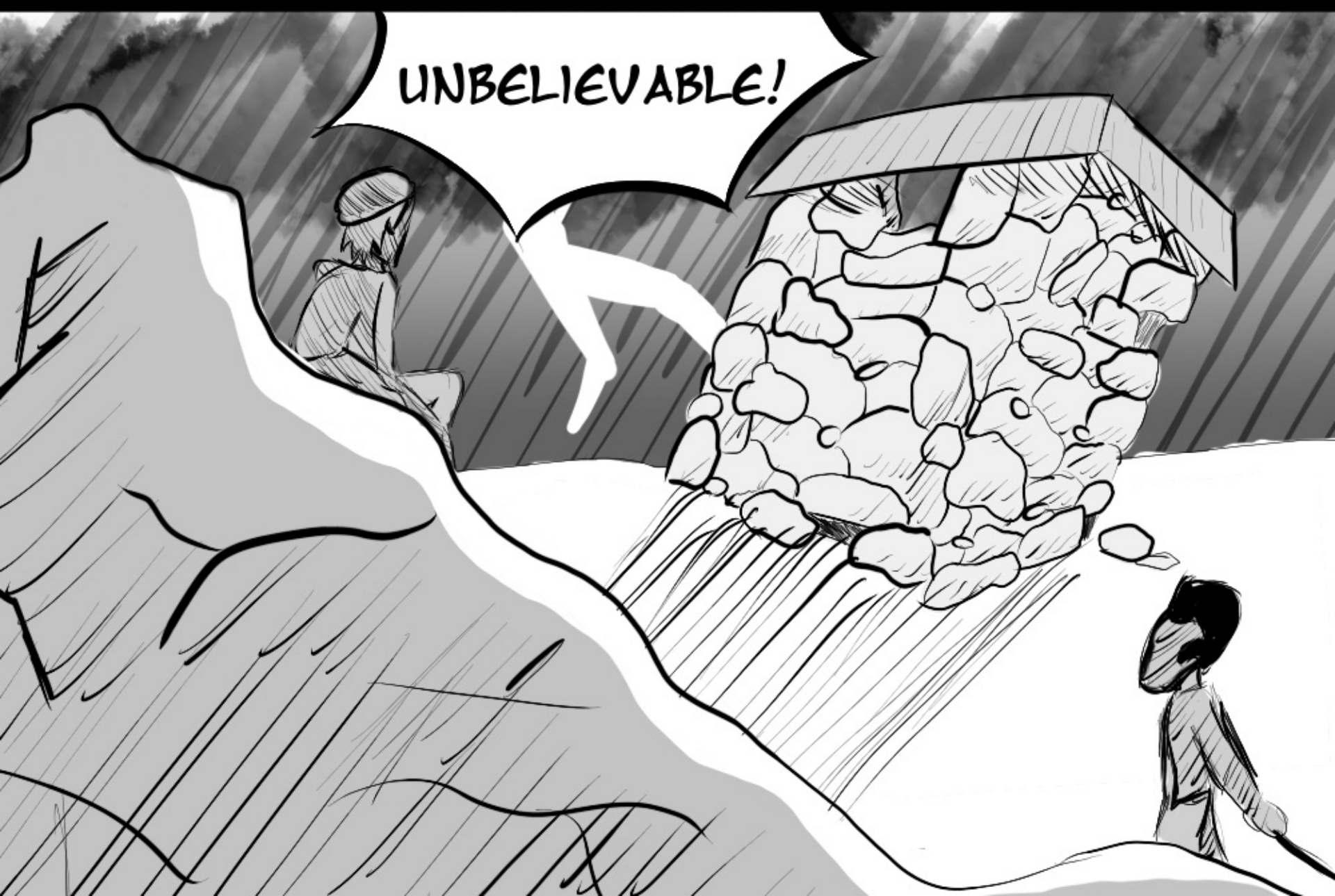
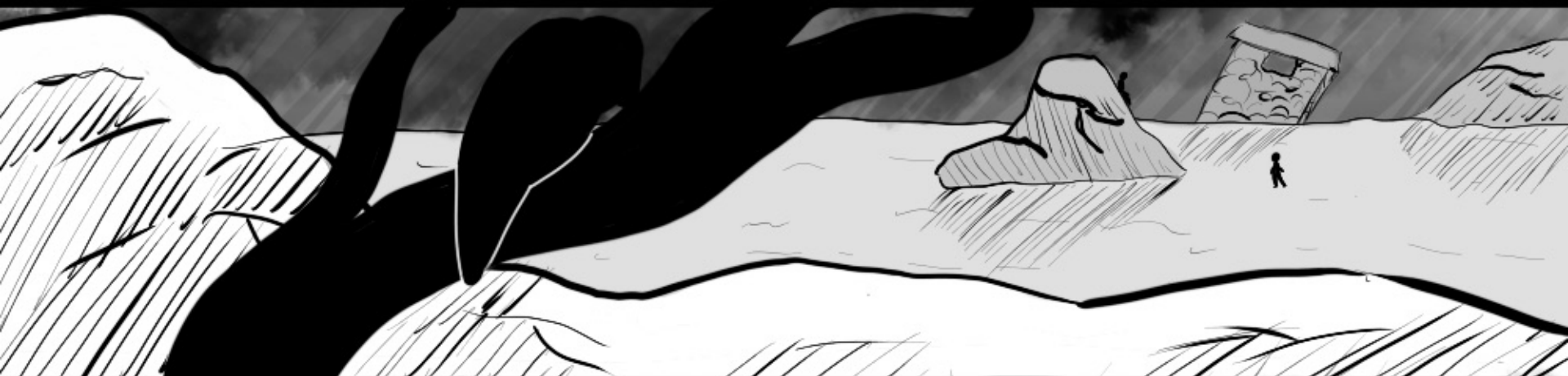
OUT OF THE MANY FORMS OF PROTECTION THAT THE BARRICADE PROVIDES, ITS ABILITY TO BLOCK A RADIOACTIVE ATMOSPHERE FROM EVENTS SUCH AS "THE BREAKDOWN" IS THE MOST RENOWNED.



THIS INVOLVES USING A HIGH-TECH CHEMICAL VENTILATION SYSTEMS TO KEEP THE NOXIOUS FUMES OF THE WASTELAND AT BAY.



BECAUSE OF THIS, ONE CAN ONLY ASSUME THAT WHATEVER MIGHT SURVIVE AN EVENT SUCH AS THIS MAY STILL BE BREATHING.



WE JUST HAD A GOOD
DAY AND NOW ALL OUR
STUFF HAS SUNK!



RANDALL
A WASTELANDER

AT LEAST WE GOT
THESE SUPPLIES
TO TIE US OVER.



COLEMAN
A WASTELANDER

I SUP-
POSE...
BUT NOW
WE GOT TO
WORRY
ABOUT
DAMN
SINK-
HOLES?



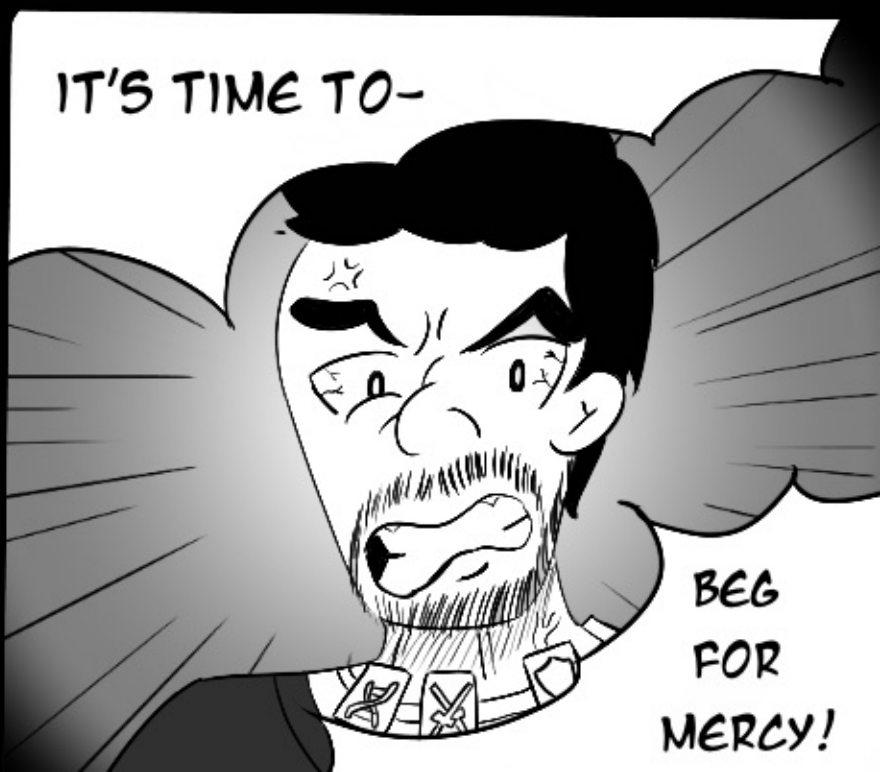
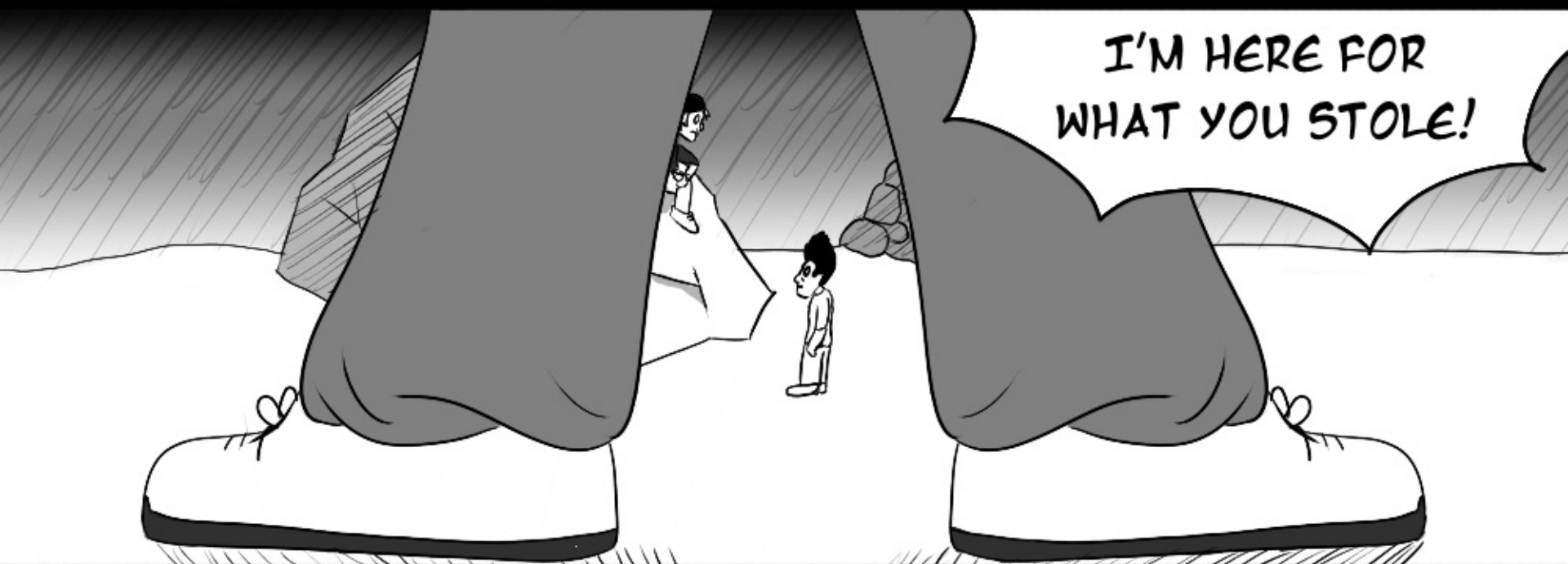
ANYWAY,
WHAT'S OUR
NEXT PLAN?



PLEASE... GIVE
ME A DAMN
SECOND!
I'M THINKING
ABOUT IT.

WHAT ABOUT
THAT PLACE YOU
ALWAYS WANTED
TO TAKE OVER?





STOLE? DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA
HOW THINGS WORK AROUND HERE?



HE'S RIGHT...



ONLY THE STRONG
SURVIVE, RIGHT?



PIECE
OF
SHIT!!



CRAZY
CULTIST.



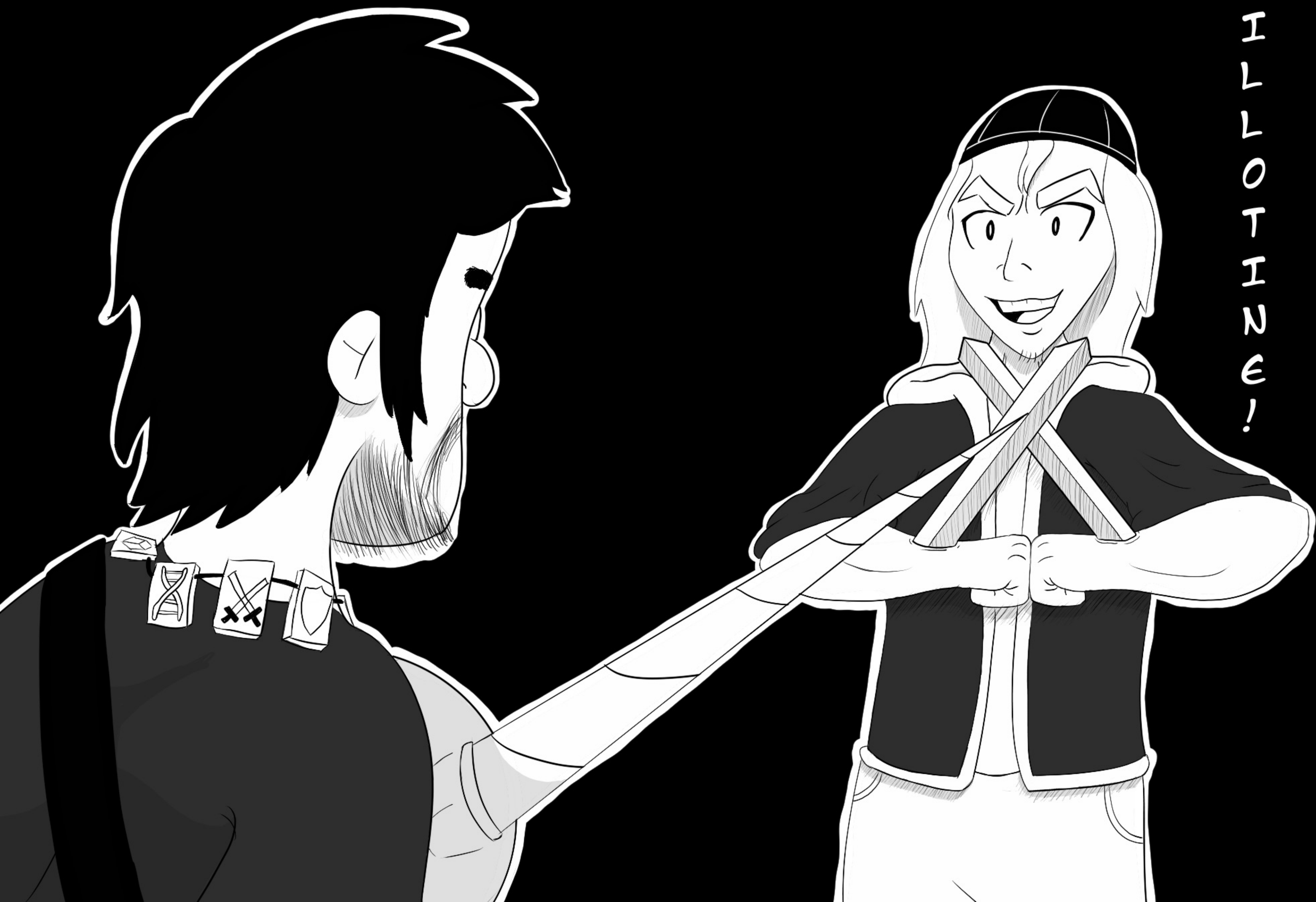
I WONDER IF HE
COULD HAVE SUNK
OUR PLACE WITH
SOME ABILITY...



I'LL FUCK
YOU UP.







GUILLOTINE!



DAMN! YOU'RE
ONE OF
THOSE
FREAKS,
AIN'T
YOU?



I GUESS THAT MEANS
YOU'RE NOT WORTHWHILE?



WHAT!



I THOUGHT HE WAS THE
REASON FOR THE SINKING
TOO. THERE'S GOD KNOWS
HOW MANY MUTATED
PEOPLE OUT HERE.



I'M DONE
WASTING TIME.
I'M FINISHING
THIS NOW!

I'M KNOCKING YOU DOWN!
AND YOU WON'T DARE GET UP!









SEEMS LIKE THAT'S THE LAST
STRAW FOR YOU BOYS.



'RUSTED KILLER'
KELLY SR.

KELLY JR.

RICH

JAWORSKI

CLIVE





SO, YOU TOLD YOUR
FRIEND ABOUT OUR
HISTORY.

I'M HERE WITH A
PROPOSITION
FOR YOU...



I NEED MUSCLE TO HELP
ME RECLAIM SOMETHING
AND FROM THE LOOK OF-



DO YOU TAKE ME
FOR AN IDIOT?!



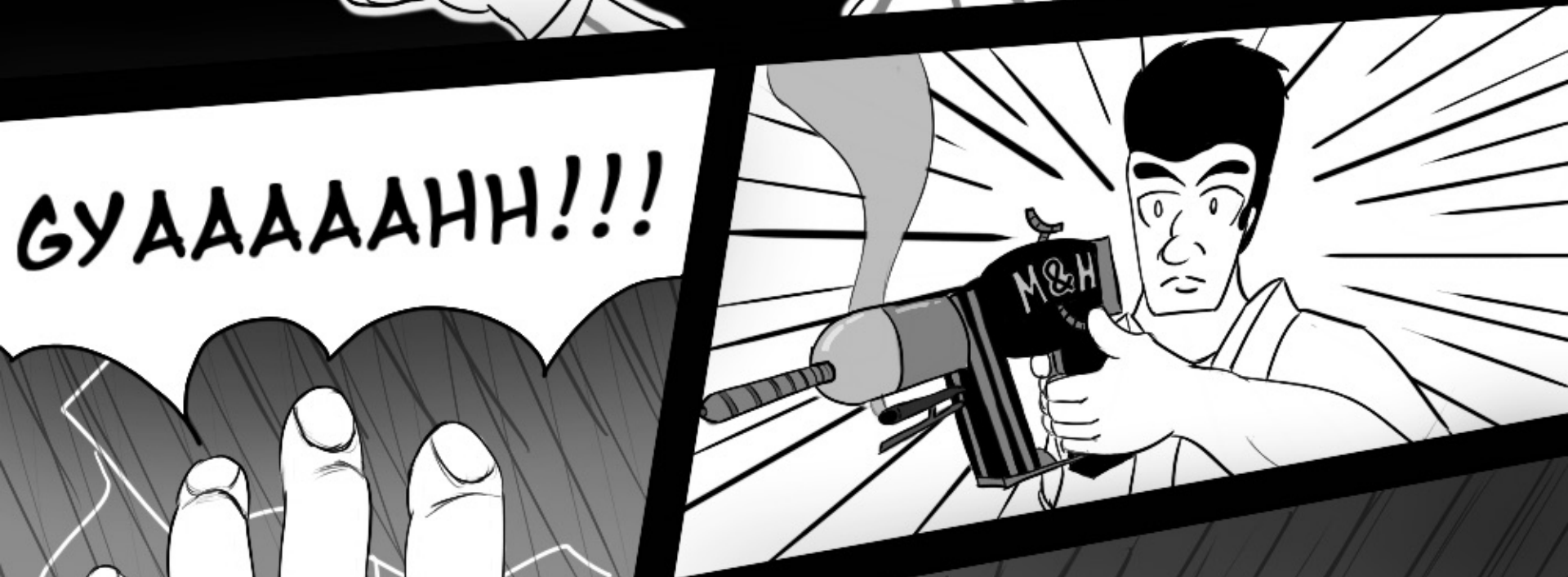
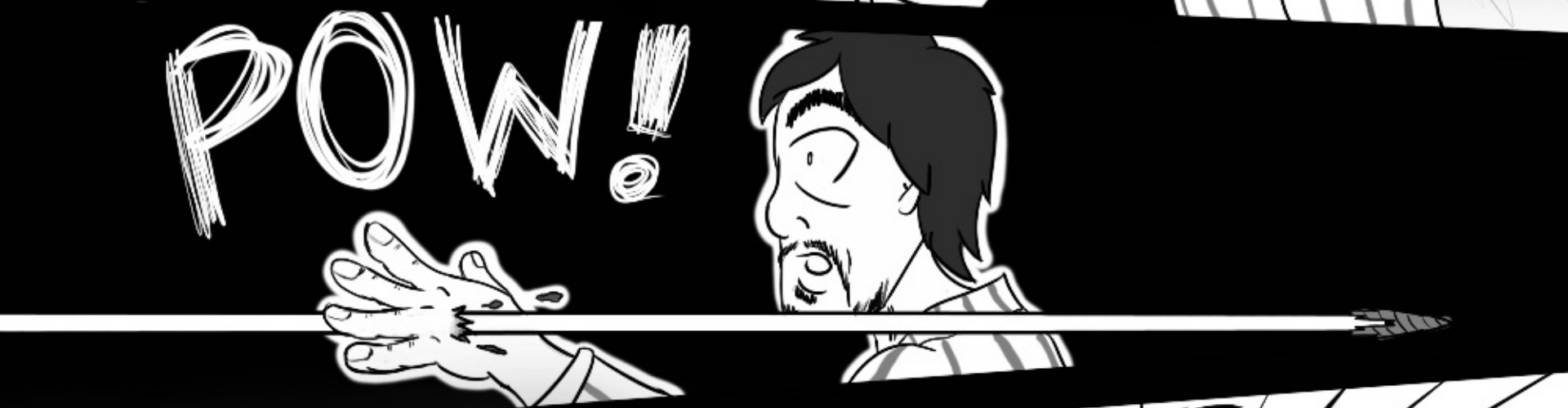
SO, IT WAS YOU WHO SUNK OUR
PLACE. ALL TO GET ME TO HELP..



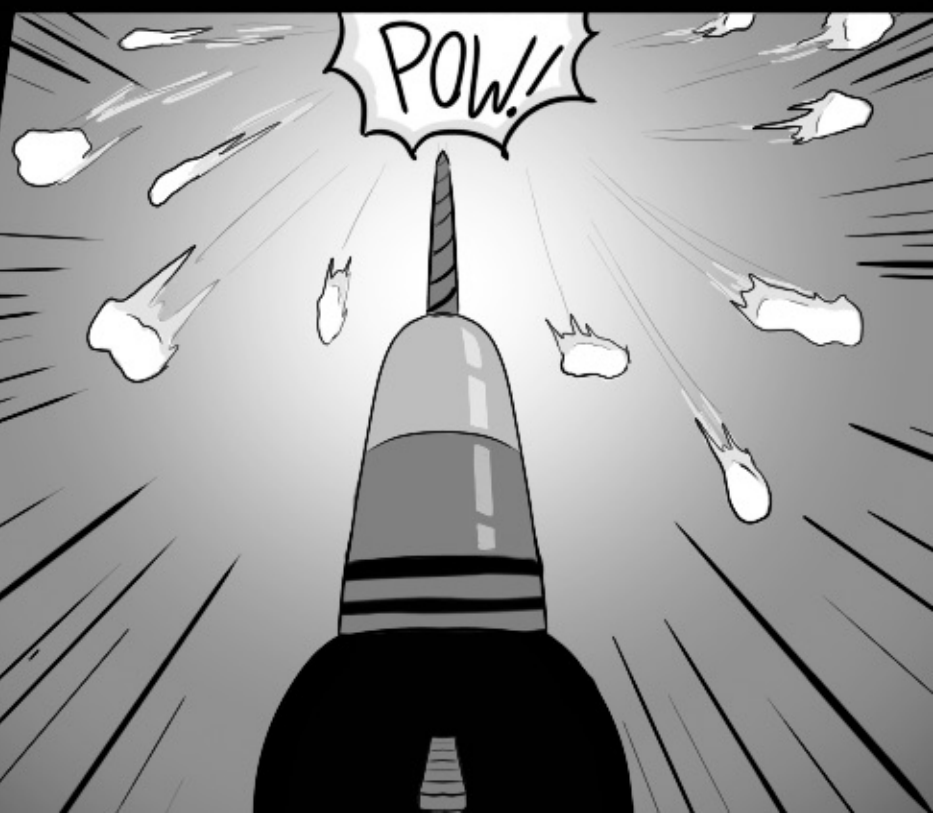
A WEAK LITTLE
SHIT LIKE YOU...

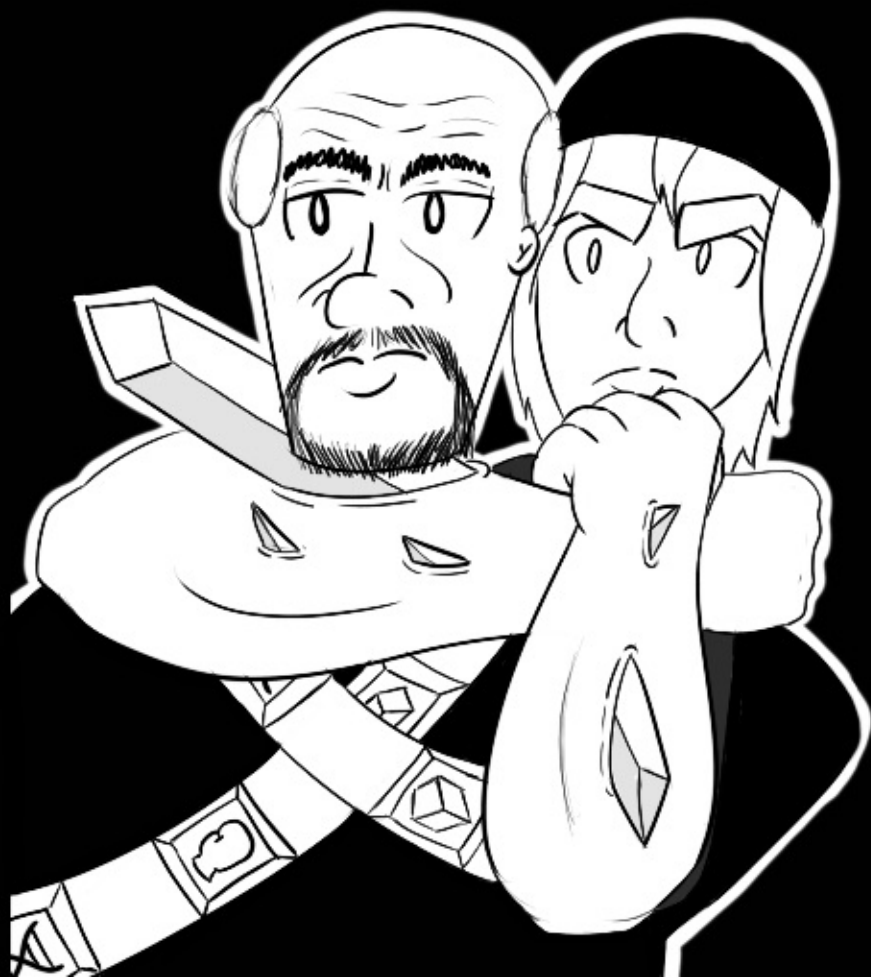


SOMETHING LIKE THAT
IS A CLASSIC PLAY!



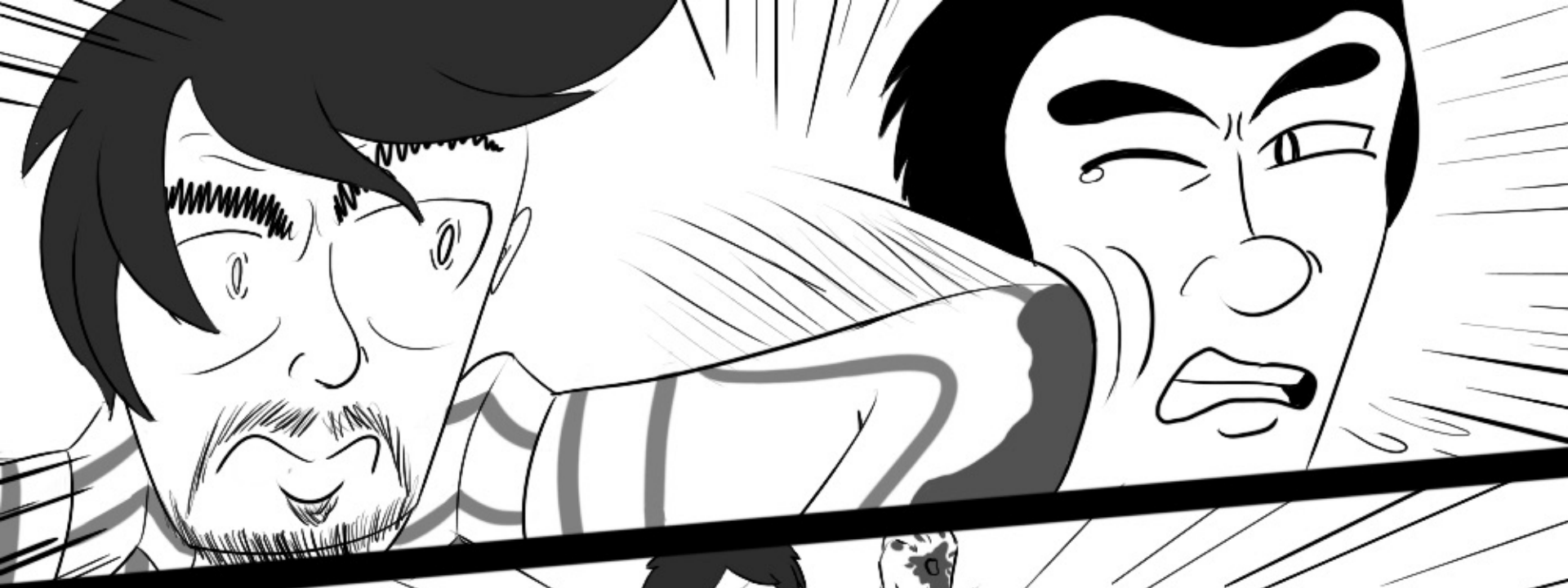
GET BACK JR.!

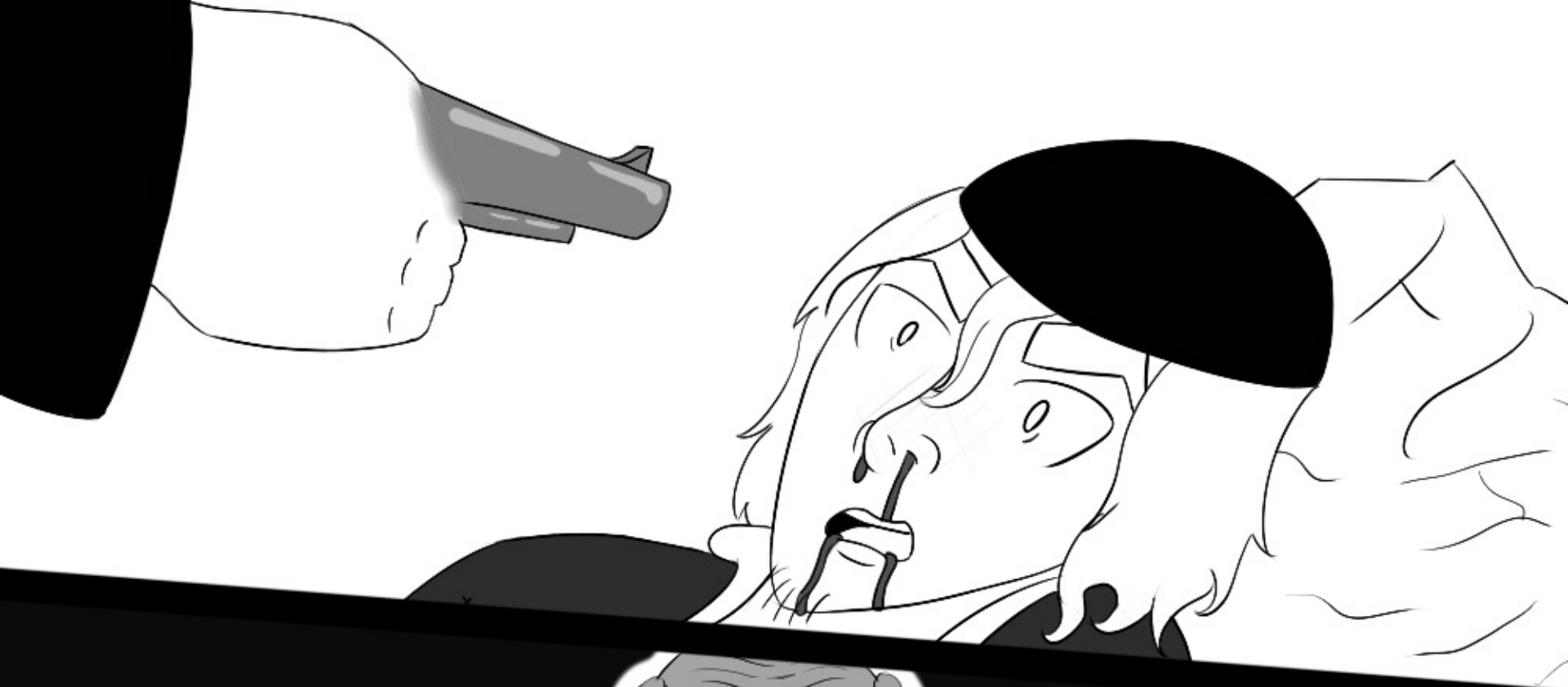












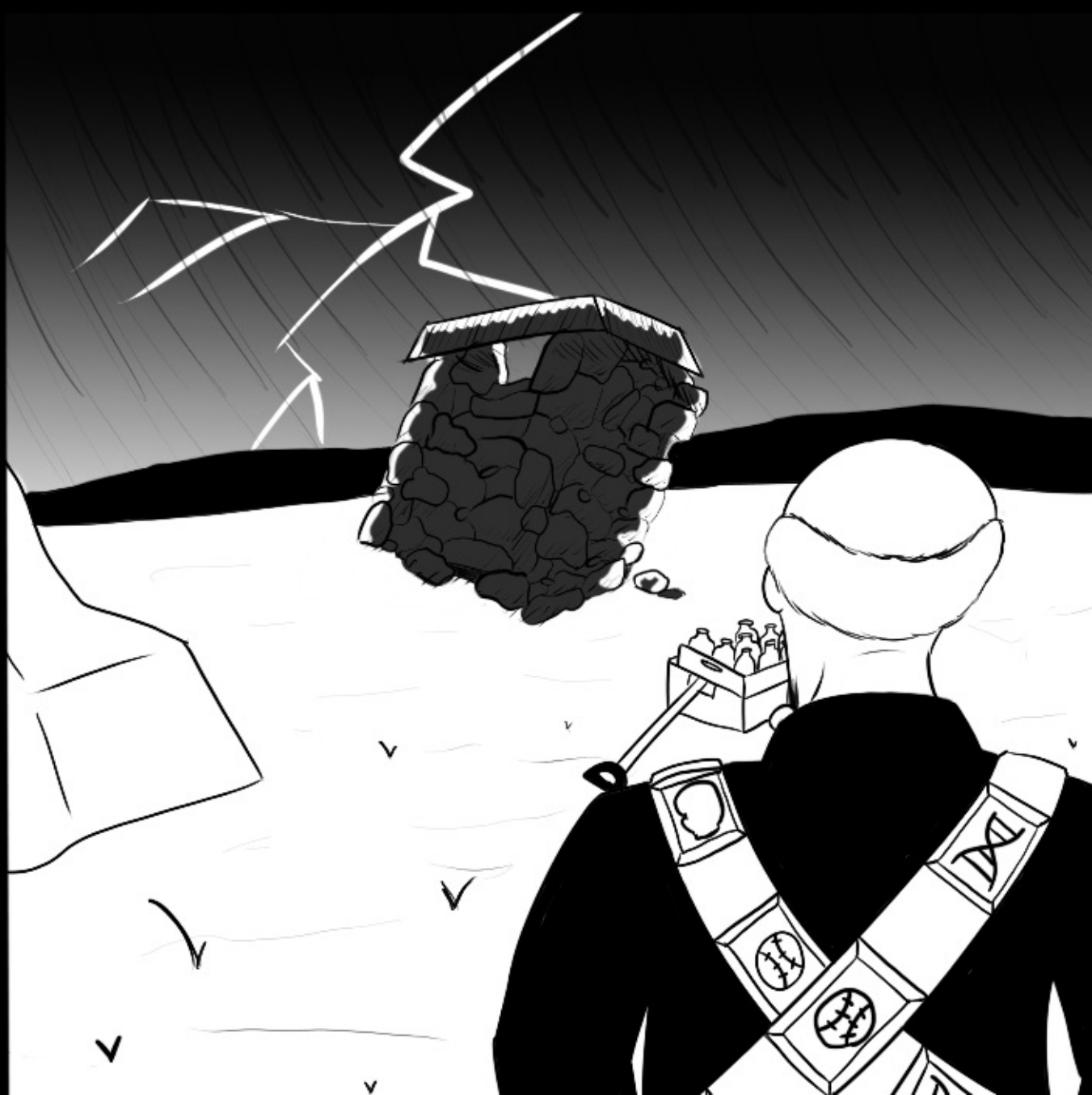
DON'T ASSSUME THAT YOU'RE STRONGER
THAN ME, JUST BECAUSE I'M HERE TO
RECRUIT YOU... YOU LITTLE SHIT.



I'M IMPRESSED. YOUR FRIEND DEFINITELY KNOWS HOW TO HANDLE HIMSELF. I'D LIKE TO RECRUIT HIM TOO.



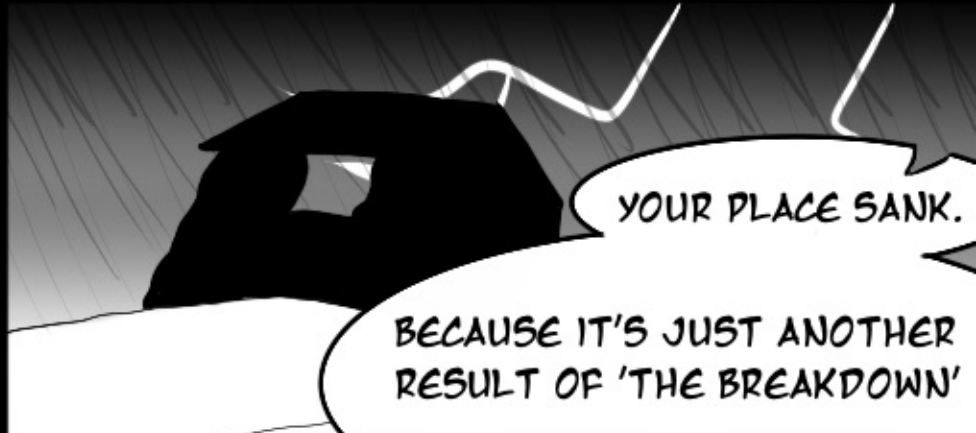
LOOK, I DIDN'T SINK YOUR PLACE. I JUST CAME HERE AT A BAD TIME.



YOU'RE NOT GONNA GET FAR BY THINKING
EVERYONE STUCK IN THIS PLACE IS FINE
WITH THROWING AWAY PERFECTLY
GOOD SUPPLIES.



LOOK AT THE SOIL...

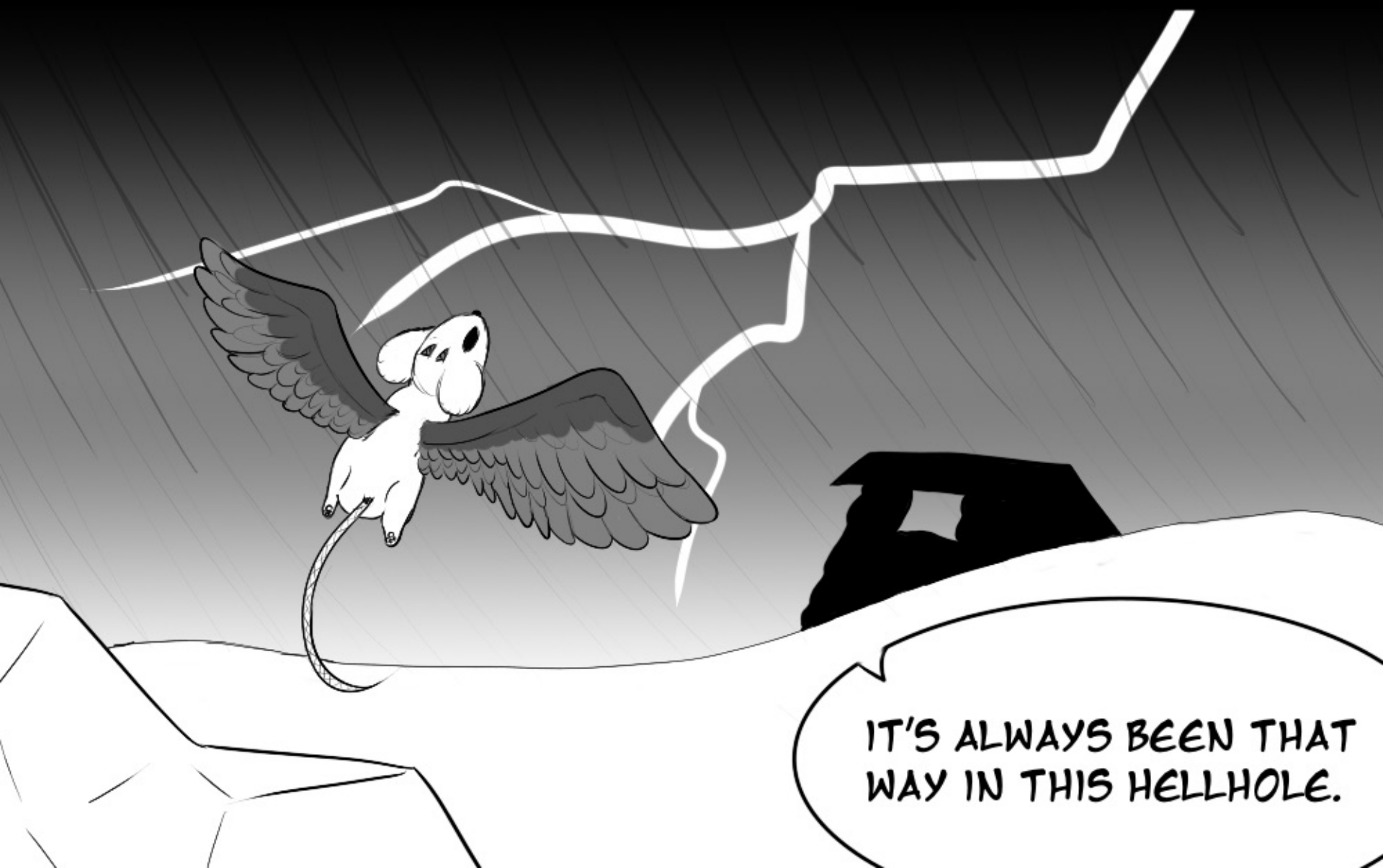


YOUR PLACE SANK.

BECAUSE IT'S JUST ANOTHER
RESULT OF 'THE BREAKDOWN'



EVERYTHING IS JUST
COMING APART AND
CHANGING.



IT'S ALWAYS BEEN THAT
WAY IN THIS HELLHOLE.



IN THAT CASE, WHAT'S WITH YOUR HAND AND THE CANISTER YOU STABBED YOURSELF WITH?



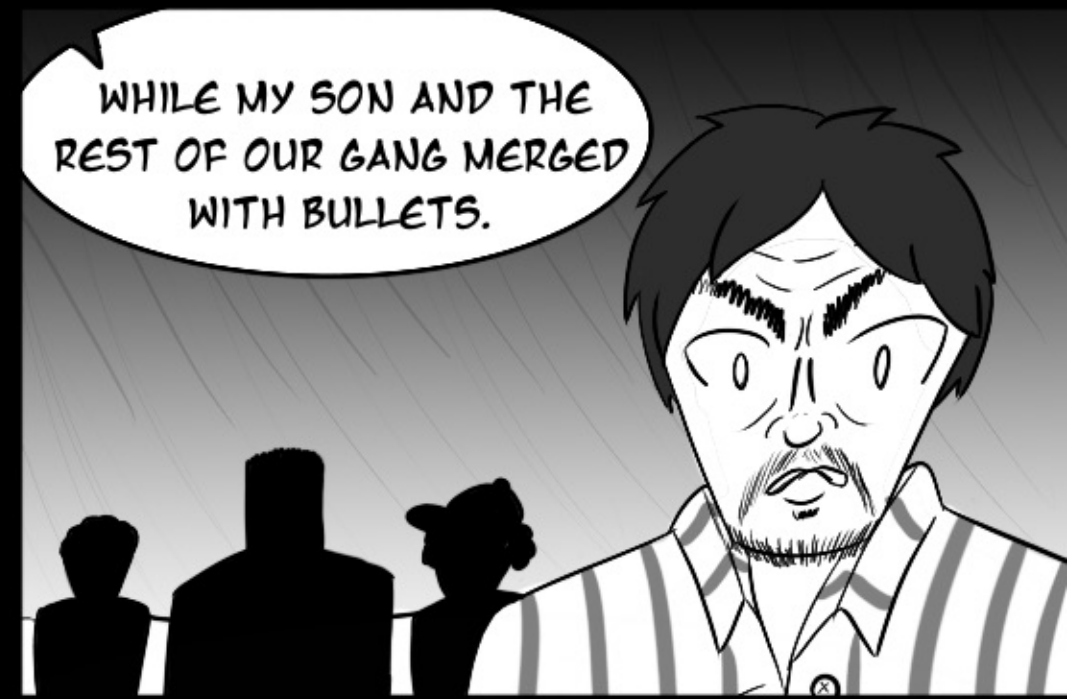
INTERESTED, HUH?



WELL, I TRUST THAT YOU MUST KNOW ABOUT 'THE CAVE' IF YOU'RE WORKING WITH RANDALL HERE.



YOU SEE, MY BODY MERGED WITH AN OLD PISTOL THAT WAS IN THAT PLACE



WHILE MY SON AND THE REST OF OUR GANG MERGED WITH BULLETS.

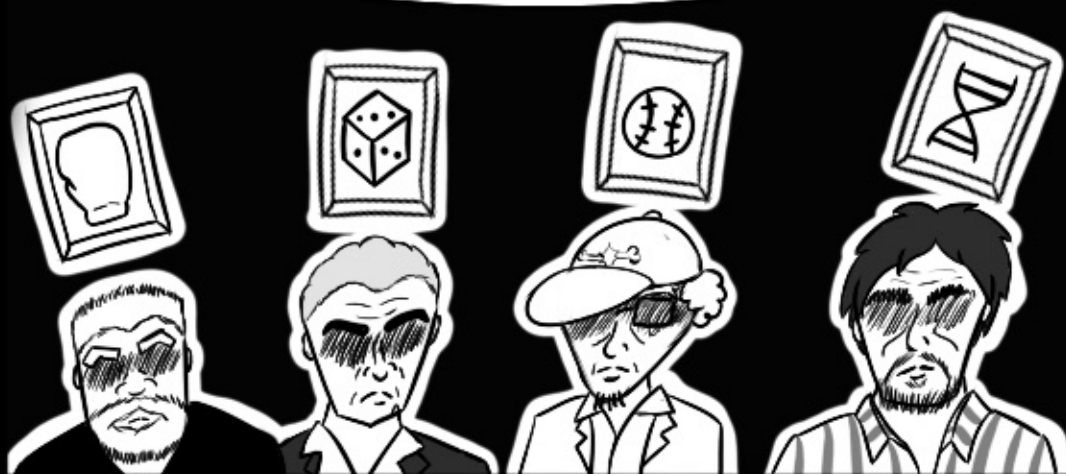
THIS WAY WE CAN COMBINE OUR ABILITIES AND I CAN HAVE AN ENDLESS SUPPLY OF AMMO.



YOU SEE, THE POWER THAT ITEMS FROM
'THE CAVE' CAN GIVE A PERSON REALLY
LAYS WITHIN THE HOST'S BLOODSTREAM



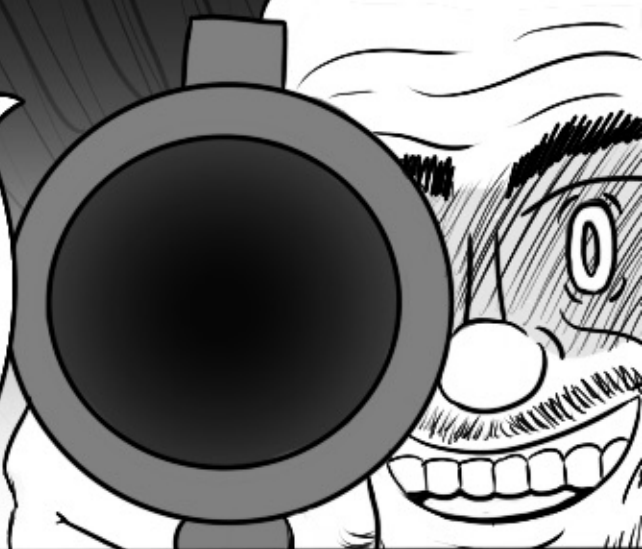
CARRYING AROUND MY SON AND MY MEN'S BLOOD AND
INJECTING IT INTO MY BODY WITH THESE SPECIAL CANISTERS.
THEY ALLOW ME TO FIRE OFF SHOTS OF THEIR BLOOD
THAT THEY CAN TELEPATHICALLY TRANSFORM INTO BULLETS.



YOU NEVER TOLD
ME THAT'S HOW IT
WORKS WHEN I
FIRST WENT INTO
'THE CAVE' BY
THE WAY...



REALLY? ALL
I REMEMBER
IS YOU BEING
DEAD-SET ON
THAT KNIFE.




I'M AWARE THAT MY ABILITY IS
INFLUENCED BY MY BLOODSTREAM.

I ALSO KNOW THAT I CAN TURN CERTAIN
AMOUNTS OF MY BLOOD INTO THE
OBJECT I MERGED WITH.



WHICH ALLOWS ME TO KEEP IT
IN SAFE CONDITION BEFORE I
TRANSFUSE IT BACK INTO ME.





WELL, THEN IF YOU'VE CALMED
DOWN, I STILL HAVE A
LIFE-CHANGING OPPURTUNITY
FOR YOU.

UNLESS OF COURSE YOU
PREFER TO KEEP ON LIVING
AT THE BOTTOM OF
THE BARREL?



I'LL LISTEN. NOW
LET MY COMRADE UP.







ALRIGHT,
WHAT DO
YOU WANT
US FOR?



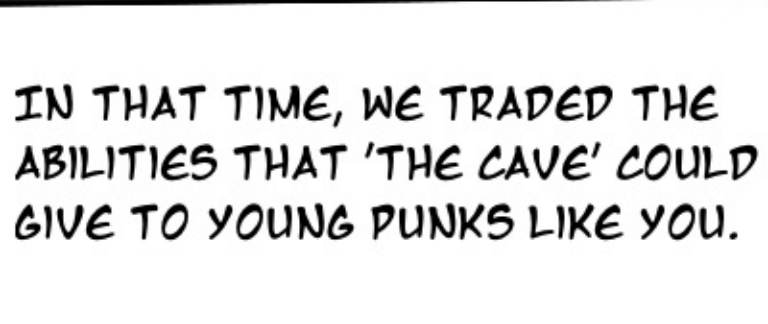
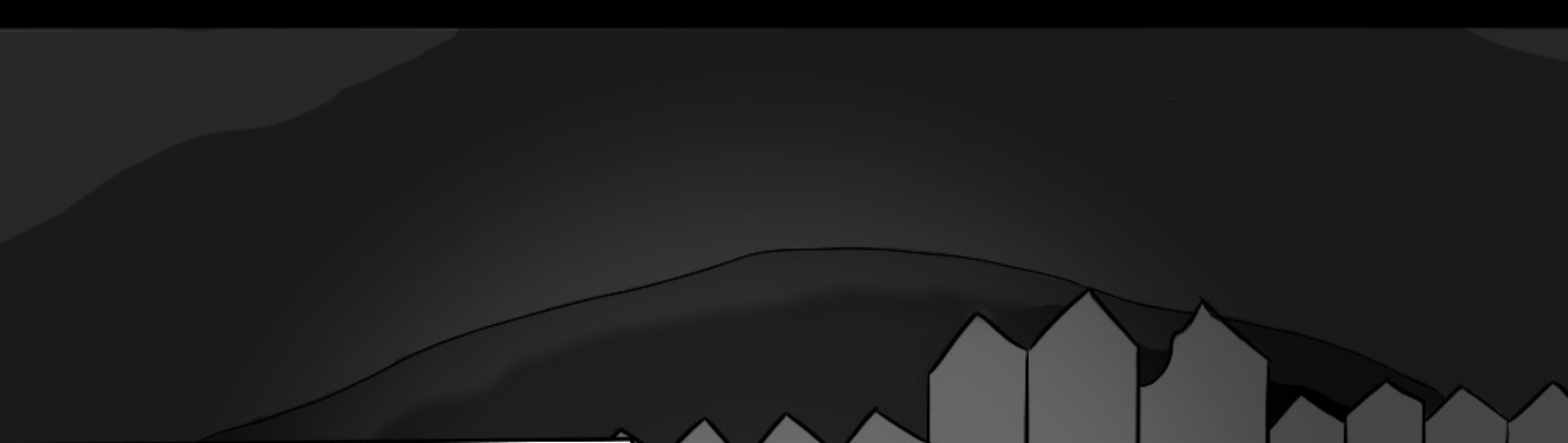
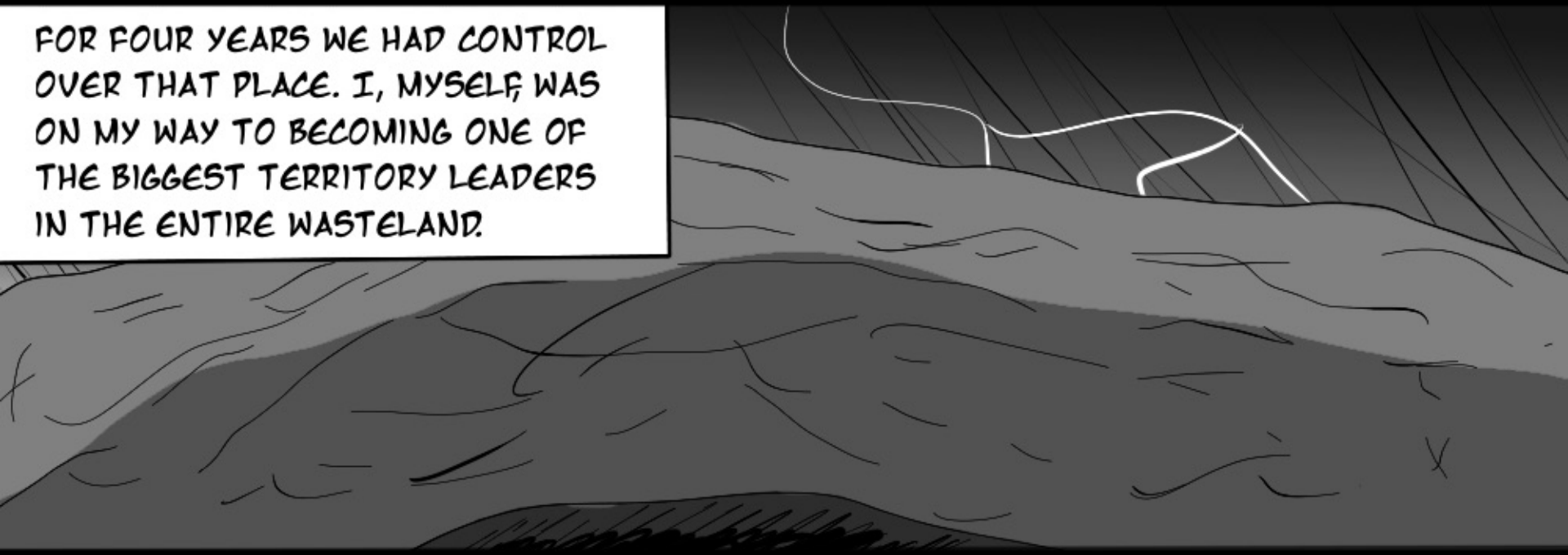
'THE CAVE'
WAS TAKEN
FROM US.



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FOR FOUR YEARS WE HAD CONTROL
OVER THAT PLACE. I, MYSELF, WAS
ON MY WAY TO BECOMING ONE OF
THE BIGGEST TERRITORY LEADERS
IN THE ENTIRE WASTELAND.



IN THAT TIME, WE TRADED THE
ABILITIES THAT 'THE CAVE' COULD
GIVE TO YOUNG PUNKS LIKE YOU.

YOU WERE THE FIRST PERSON WE TRADED WITH.
YOU REMEMBER WHAT I SAID TO YOU WHEN I
LET YOU WALK AWAY, RIGHT?

I WAS IMPRESSED
BY HOW QUICKLY
YOU WERE ABLE
TO FIRST UNLEASH
YOUR ABILITIES
AFTER BECOMING
MERGED WITH ONE
OF THE ITEMS.



I ALSO LIKED
YOUR METTLE.



BUT, THEN IT WAS ALL TAKEN AWAY ONE YEAR
AGO BY SOME YOUNG THUG CALLED GRIFF
'THE BIG MAN' AND HIS GANG 'THE CUT-UP CREW'.



WE WERE MAKING A GOOD
PROFIT. WE WERE AMASSING
LARGE AMOUNTS OF SUPPLIES
AND GAINING SUPORDINATES
ALONG THE WAY.



THEY RAN US OUT OF OUR
TERRITORY AND TOOK
COMMAND OF THE
SUBORDINATES WE HAD GAINED.

WE, 'THE RUSTED-KILLER GANG' HAVE
SPENT A YEAR LOOKING FOR ANYTHING
AND ANYONE THAT COULD HELP TAKE
BACK OUR TERRITORY.

DURING THAT TIME WE ALSO HEARD
OF TWO GUYS THAT MANAGED TO WIPE
THE FLOOR WITH SOME STRONG FIGURES.



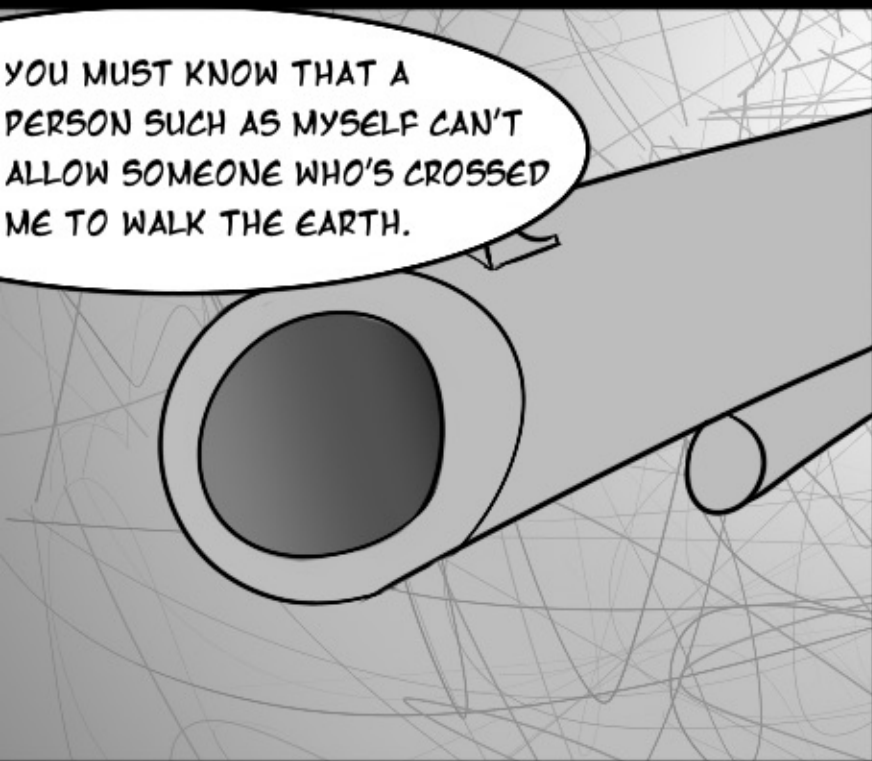
YOU CAN'T IMAGINE THE
SURPRISE WHEN WE LEARNED
THAT ONE OF THEM WAS THE
SMART MOUTH KID WE MET
YEARS AGO.



WHAT ARE YOU
GONNA DO IF WE SAY NO?



IN THAT CASE,
WE MIGHT AS
WELL JUST BEGIN
TRYING TO KILL
EACH OTHER
RIGHT NOW.

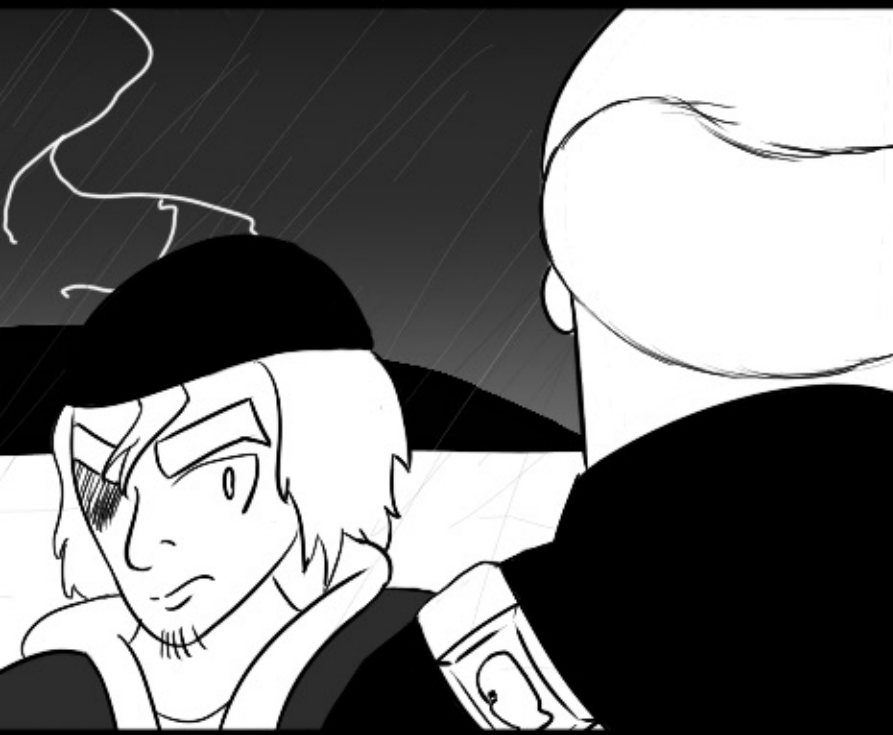


YOU MUST KNOW THAT A
PERSON SUCH AS MYSELF CAN'T
ALLOW SOMEONE WHO'S CROSSED
ME TO WALK THE EARTH.

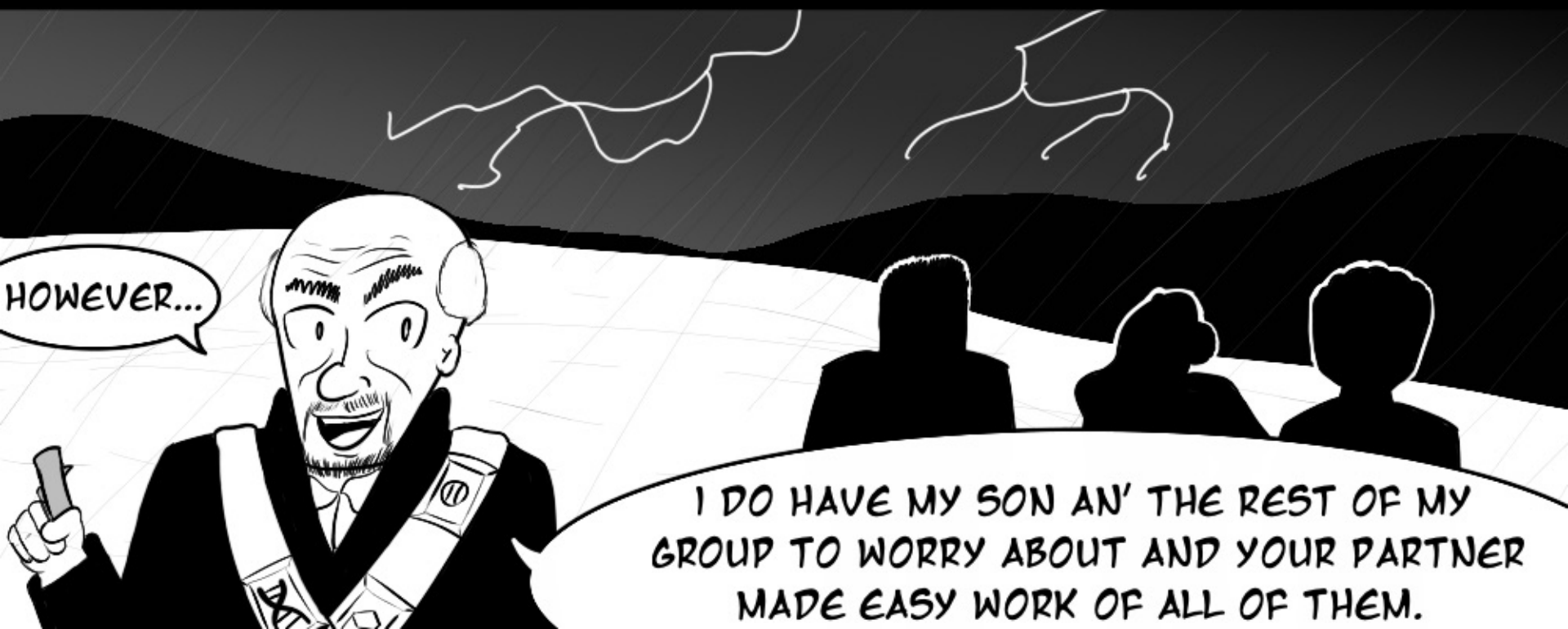


I CAN ONLY MAKE THAT
KIND OF EXCEPTION FOR
PEOPLE I FIND USEFUL.

BASED ON OUR
BRIEF MOMENT OF
HOSTILITY, I KNOW
I COULD MANAGE
TO KILL YOU.



HOWEVER...



I DO HAVE MY SON AN' THE REST OF MY
GROUP TO WORRY ABOUT AND YOUR PARTNER
MADE EASY WORK OF ALL OF THEM.

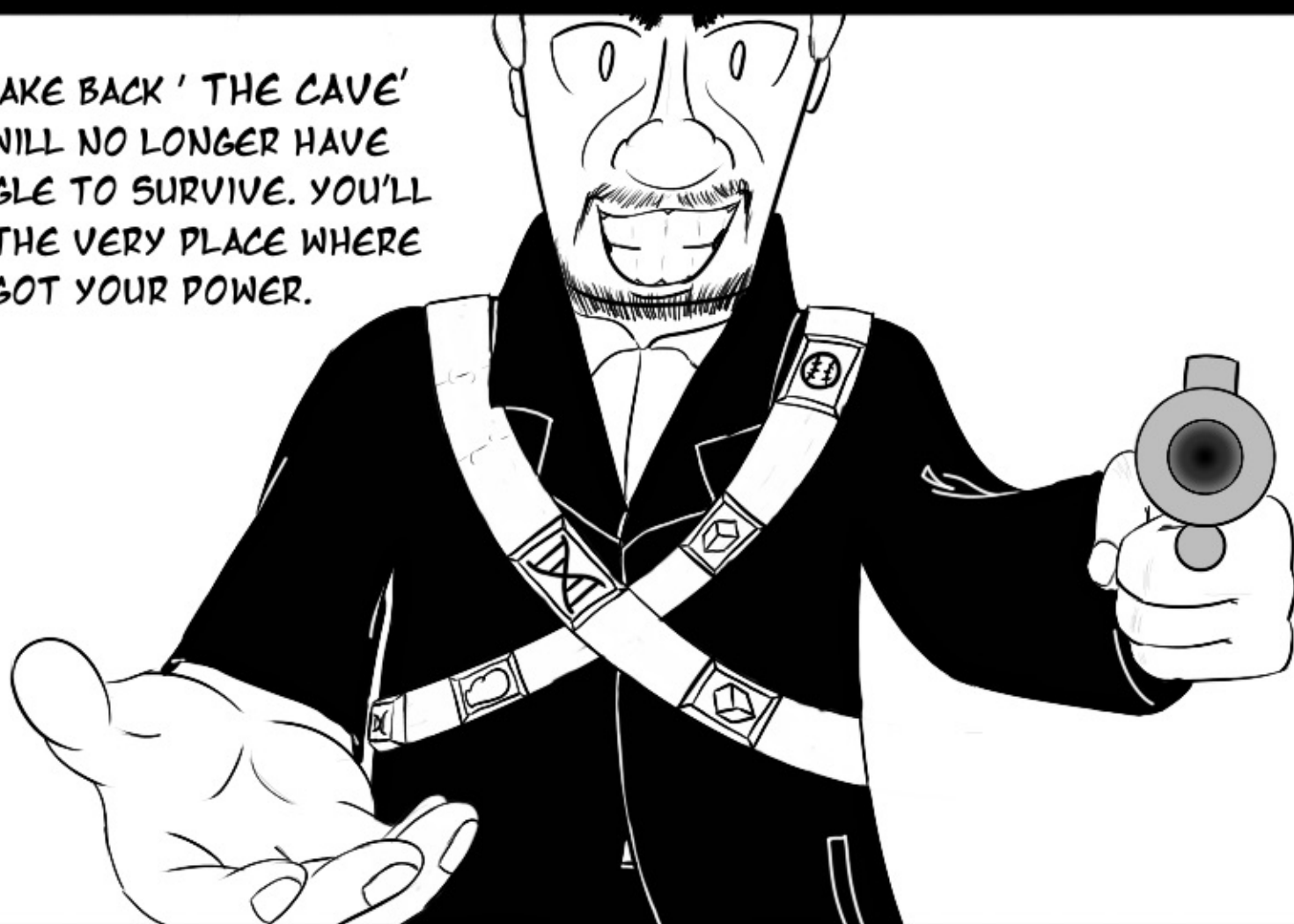
HE ALSO LOOKS LIKE HE'S READY TO POUNCE
EVEN AT GUN-POINT. THERE'S NO WAY OF
REALLY MEASURING WHAT COULD HAPPEN.



EITHER WAY, WHAT'S THE POINT OF ALL
THE TROUBLE WHEN THERE ARE RICHES
TO BE GAINED FROM COLLABORATION?

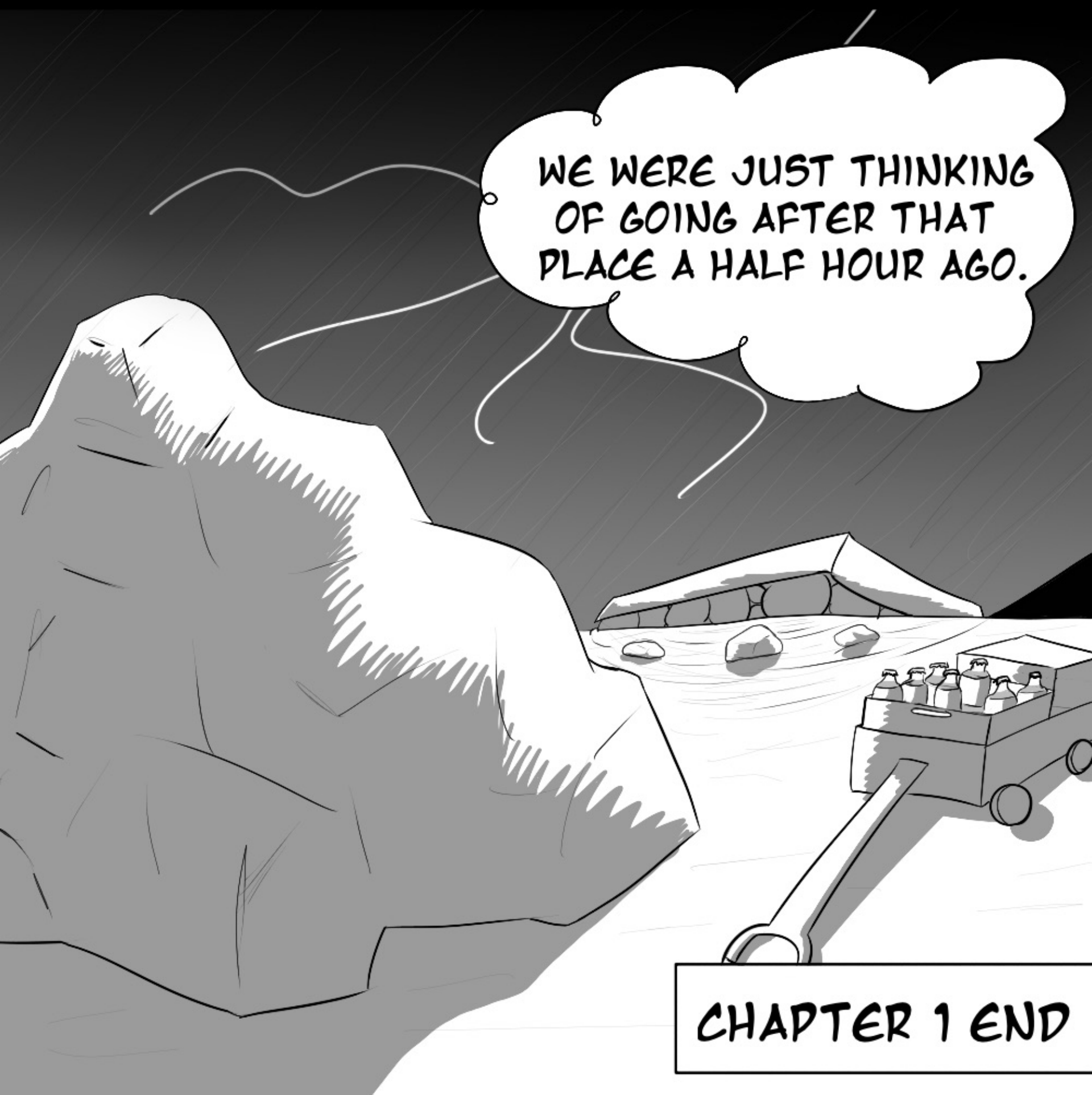


HELP US TAKE BACK ' THE CAVE'
AND YOU WILL NO LONGER HAVE
TO STRUGGLE TO SURVIVE. YOU'LL
CONTROL THE VERY PLACE WHERE
YOU GOT YOUR POWER.





HOW IRONIC.



WE WERE JUST THINKING
OF GOING AFTER THAT
PLACE A HALF HOUR AGO.

CHAPTER 1 END

5 years ago within a mysterious country, a radioactive site exploded. The result was the creation of a massive wasteland infested with violence and ruled by gang leaders. Ex-gang member Randall and his partner in survival Coleman will have to fight in order to be at the top of the food chain.

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