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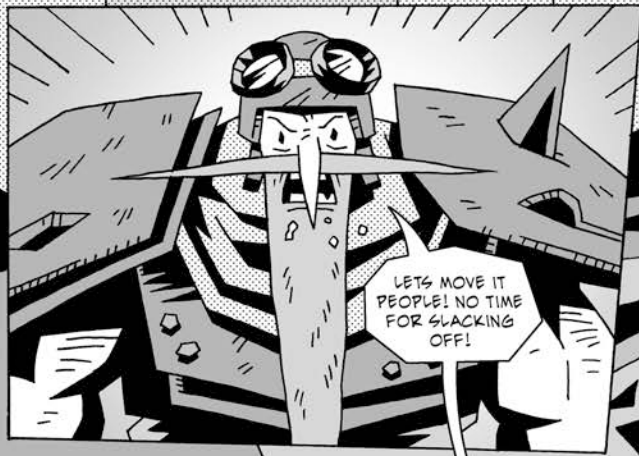


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DEATHBATTLE AT WOODHILL MALL



LET'S MOVE IT
PEOPLE! NO TIME
FOR SLACKING
OFF!

IF WE ARE GOING TO
SAVE THE SURVIVORS
OF WOODHILL MALL WE
NEED TO ACT FAST!

GET EVERY
BOAT WE HAVE INTO
THE WATER AND START
LOOKING!

CONSTRUCTION
VEHICLES, START MOVING
RUBBLE, BUT BE CAREFUL
OF THE WOUNDED!

I WANT EVERY
SOLDIER WORKING
THE WRECKAGE
TOO!

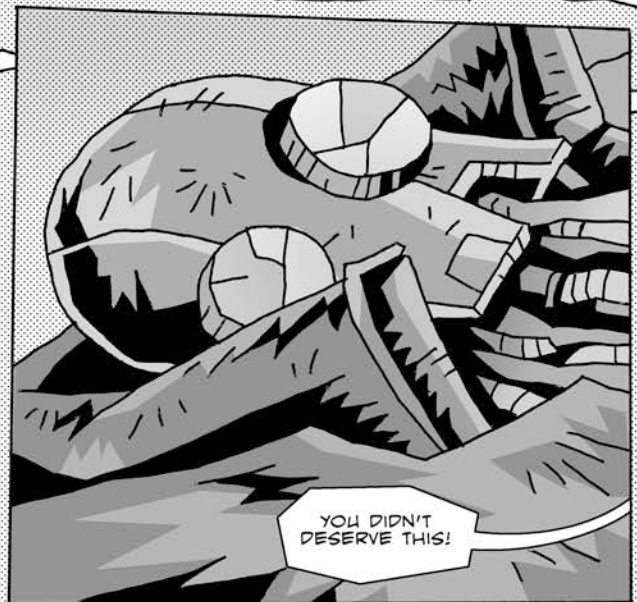


HOPPER
HOX...

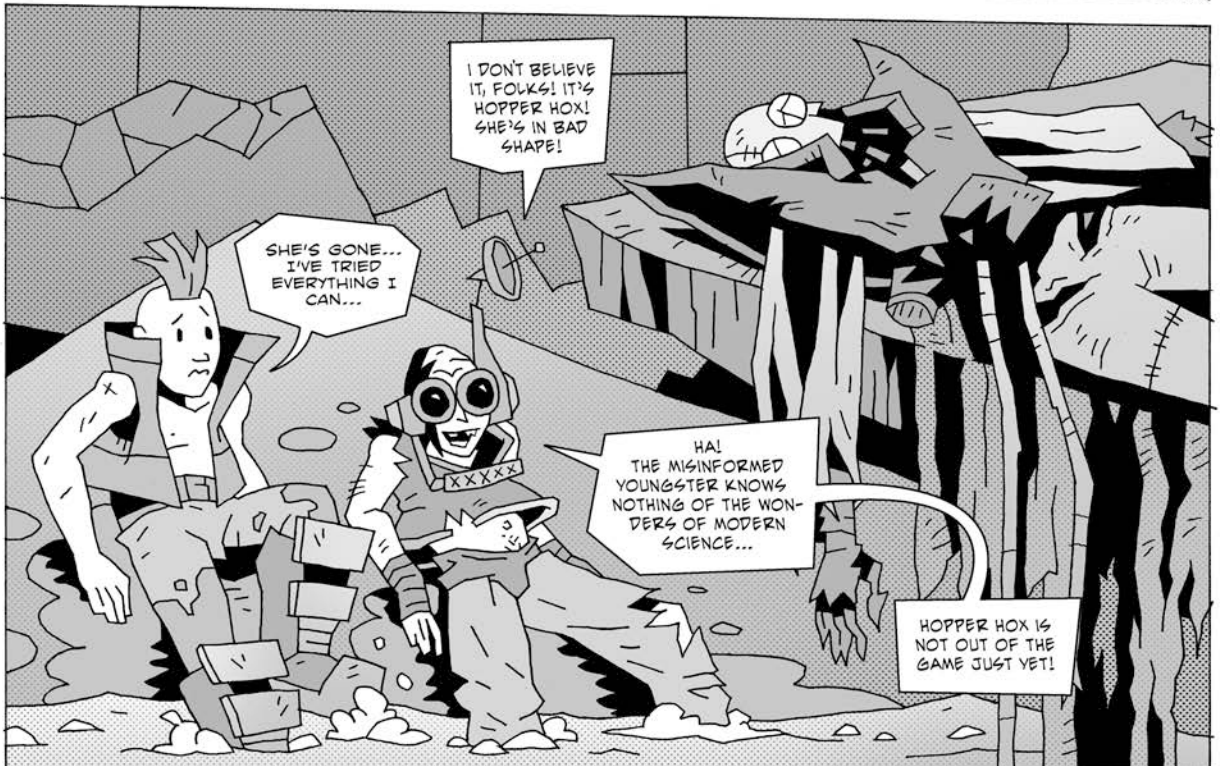
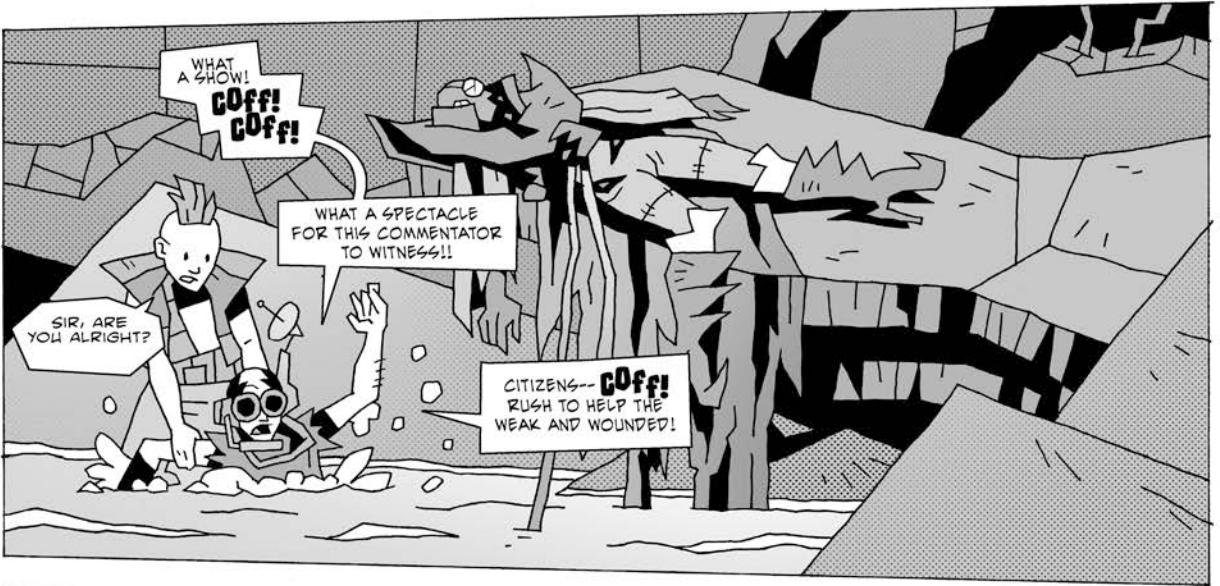


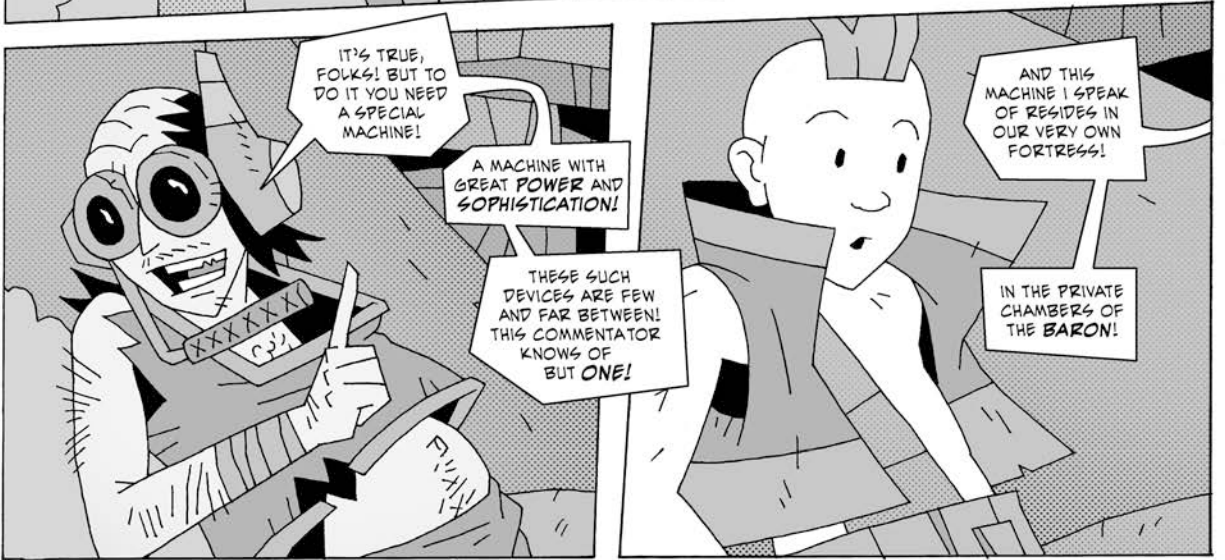
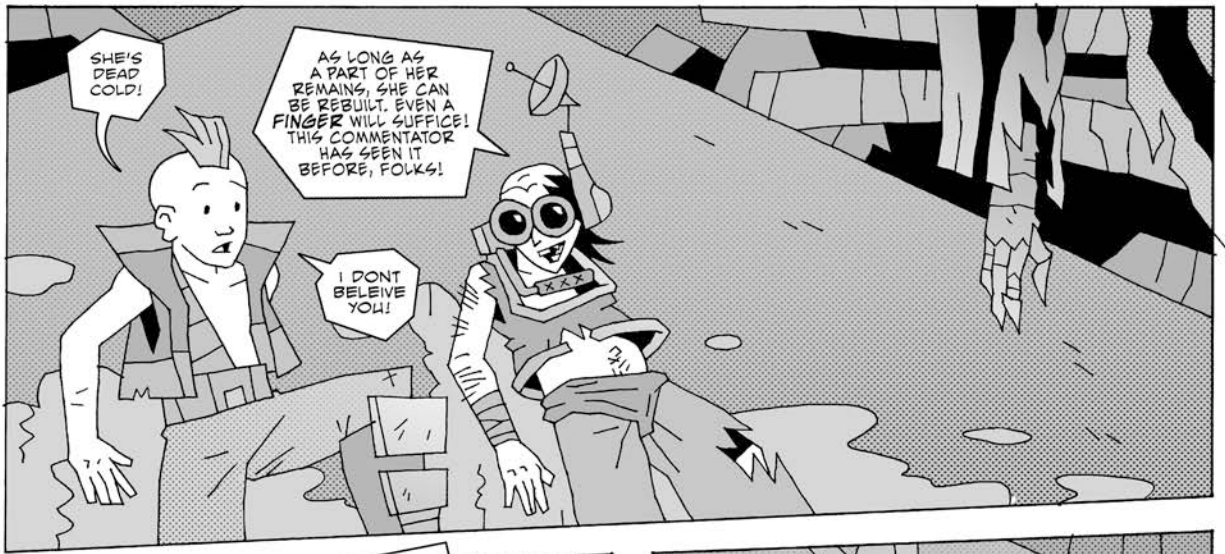
WHY? WHY
DID THIS HAVE
TO HAPPEN?

YOU WERE
SERPENTS
FORTRESS'
BRAVE
PROTECTOR!



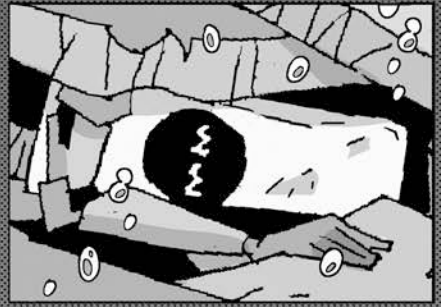
YOU DIDN'T
DESERVE THIS!





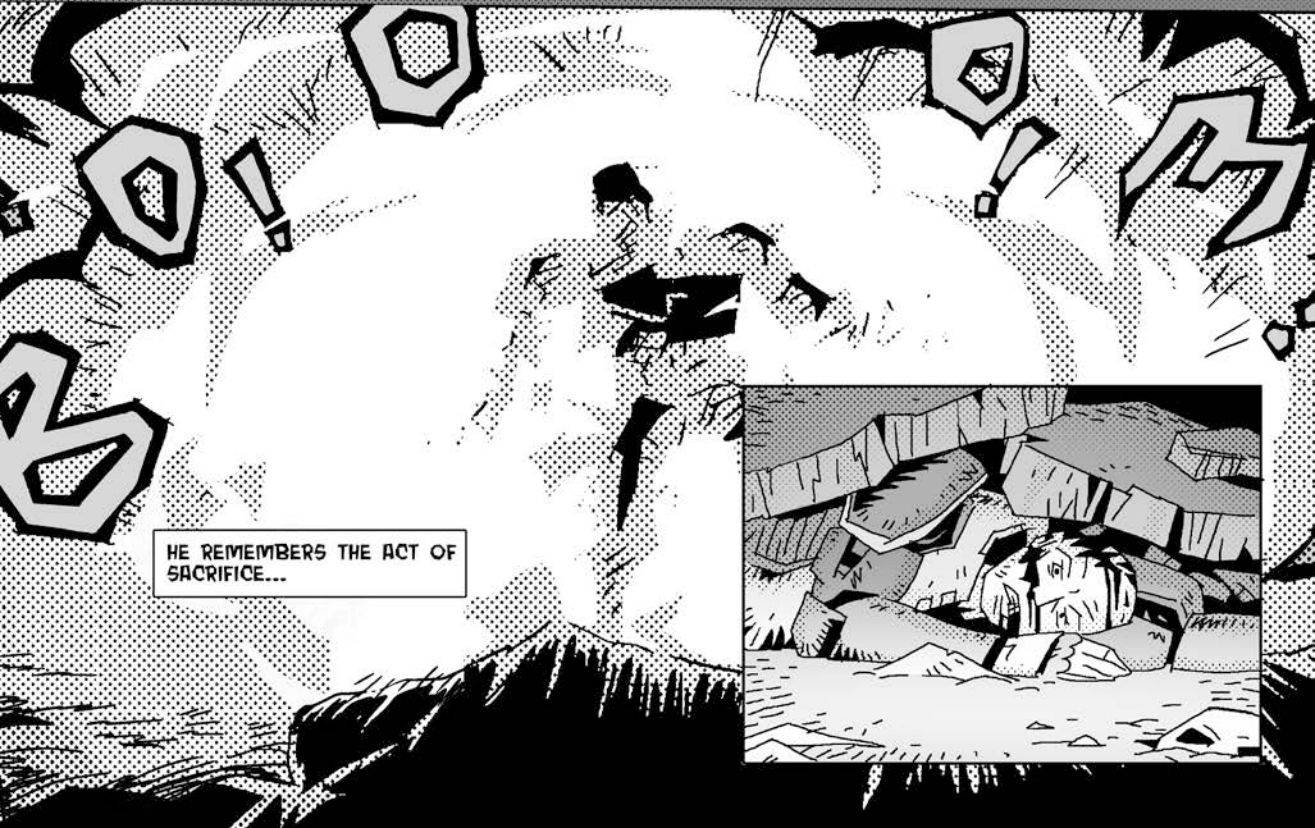
MEANWHILE, NELSON LAYS BENEATH THE RUBBLE OF WOODHILL MALL.

HIS MIND FLASHES BACK TO A MEMORY HE NEVER KNEW HE HAD...




LOOKS LIKE I'M PUNCHING OUT EARLY...

BEEP!



HE REMEMBERS THE ACT OF SACRIFICE...





...AND BEING ENGLUFED
IN THICK SMOKE.

HE REMEMBERS THE JAGGED
METAL OF THE BUILDING SLOWLY
RETRACTING AND REFORMING INTO
SOMETHING LESS DEADLY.

AS THE SMOKE CLEARED HE COULD
SEE DOORWAYS, HIEROGLYPHS AND
CERAMIC POTS. HE ESPECIALLY
REMEMBERS THE POTS. THEY
SEEMED OUT OF PLACE TO HIM.

HE ALSO REMEMBERS THE
DEMONS OF THE ANCIENT
BUILDING.



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I GOTTA GET OUT OF HERE...



NELSON!

COME IN--

HOPE?

NELSON--BZZT!
ARE YOU THERE?



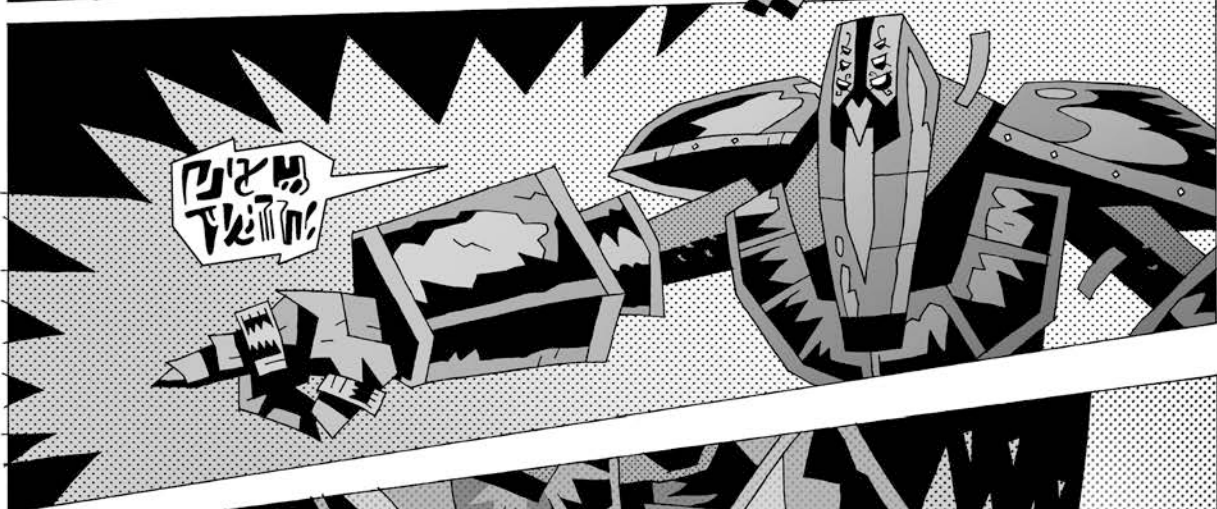
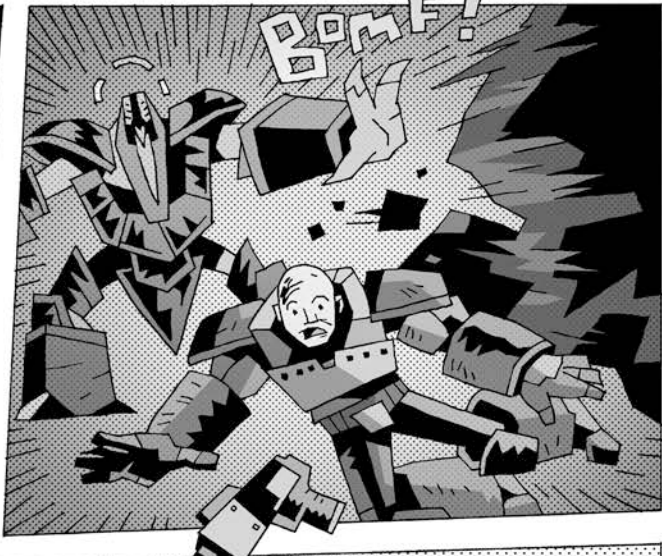
NELSON, IT'S HOPE!

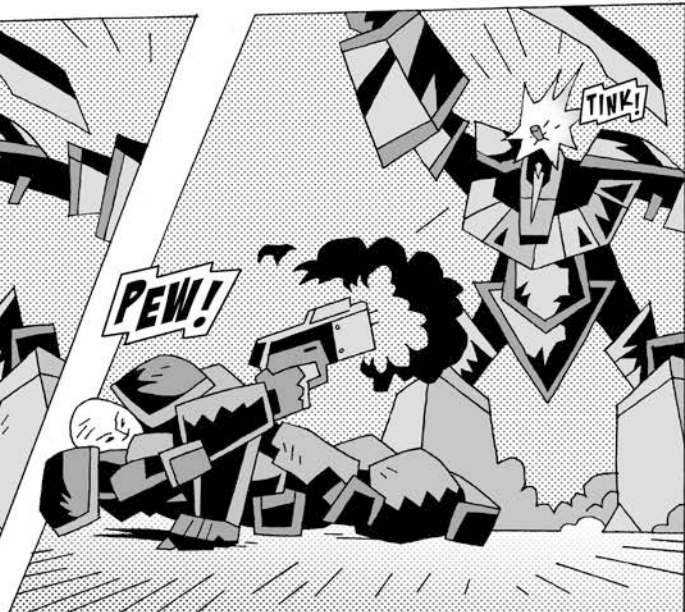
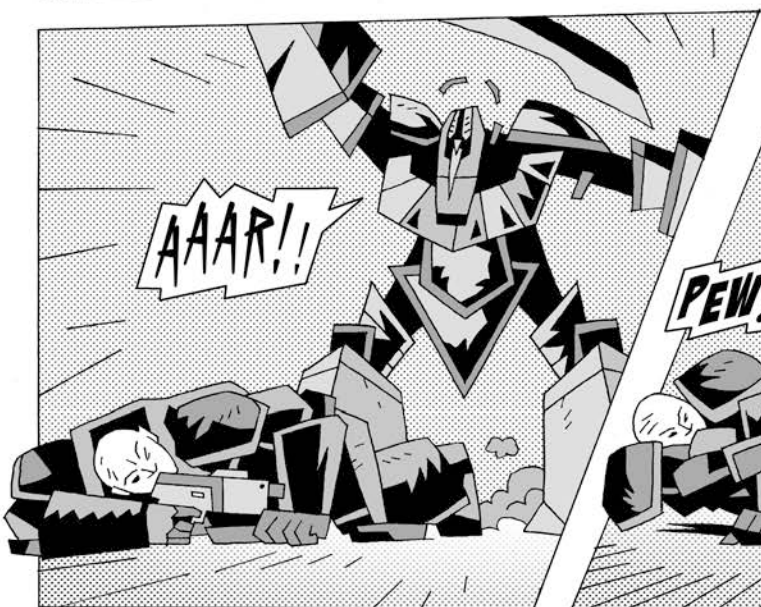
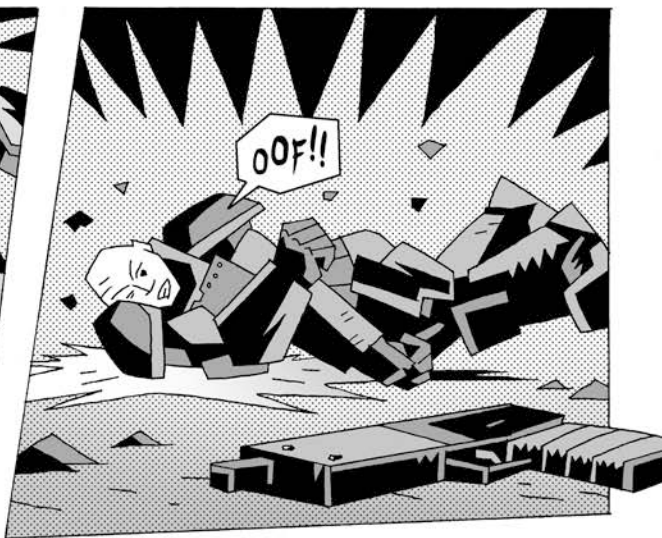
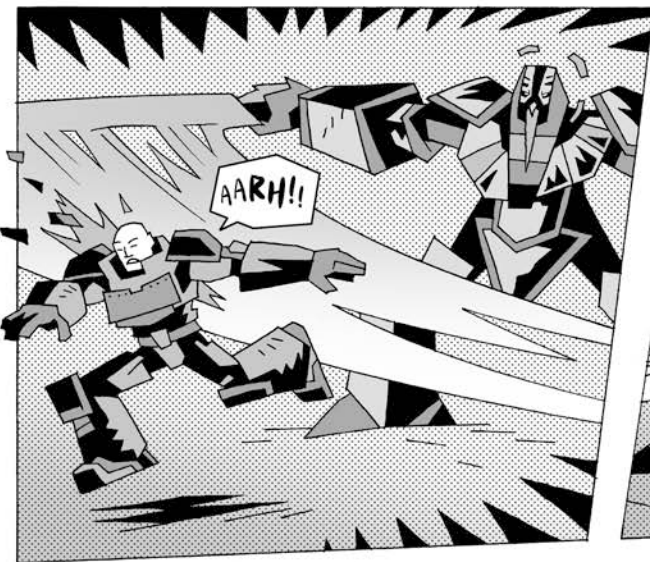
WE ARE COMING TO GET YOU OUT OF THERE!

DARN IT, HOPE! BE QUIET!

MEET US AT YOUR SHIP'S CRASH SITE FOR EXTRACTION!

PLEASE BE CAREFU--
CLICK!







TIME TO GO!

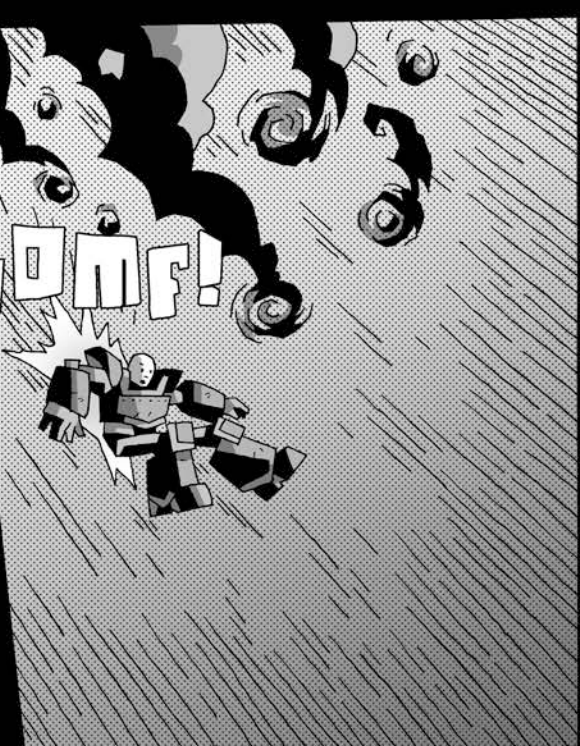
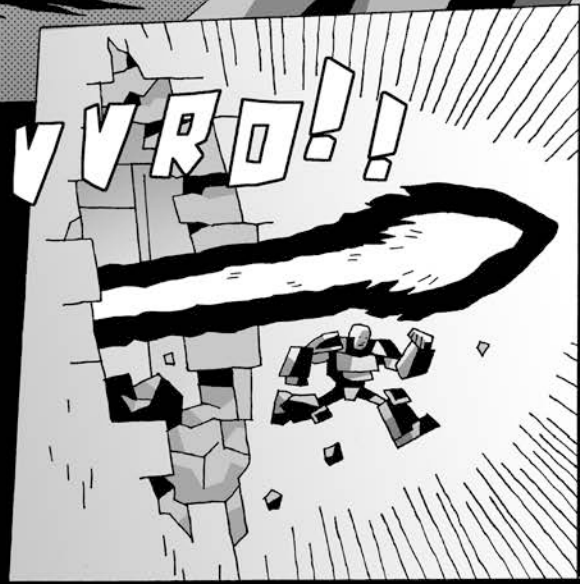
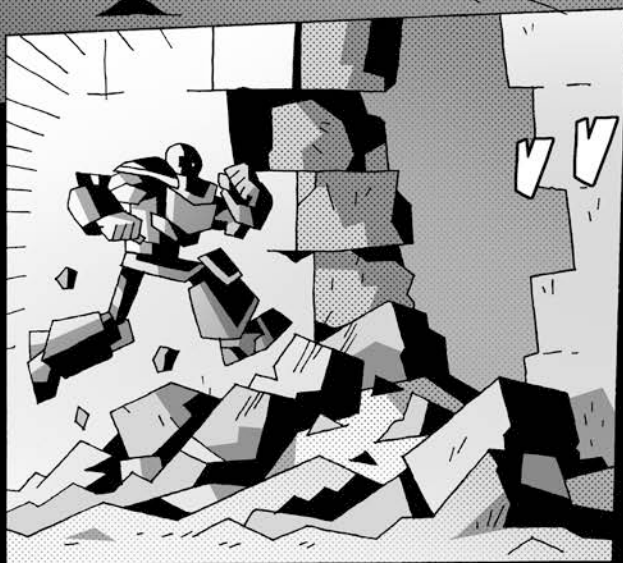
OUTTA THE WAY!

OWWWW!!!

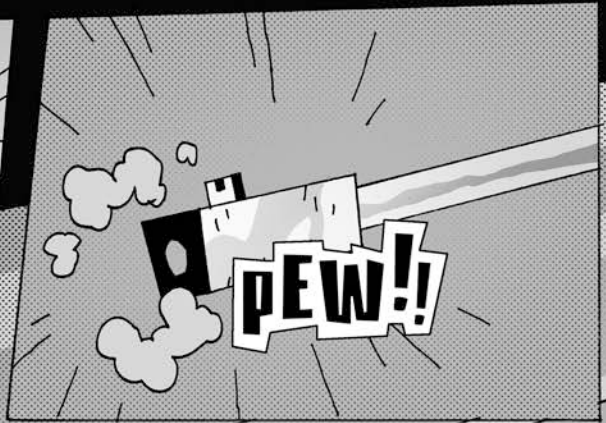
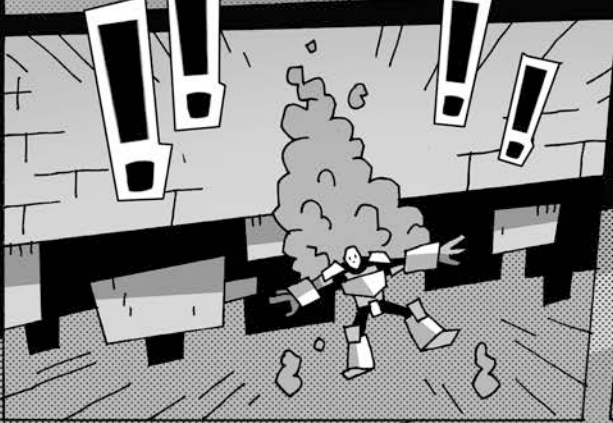
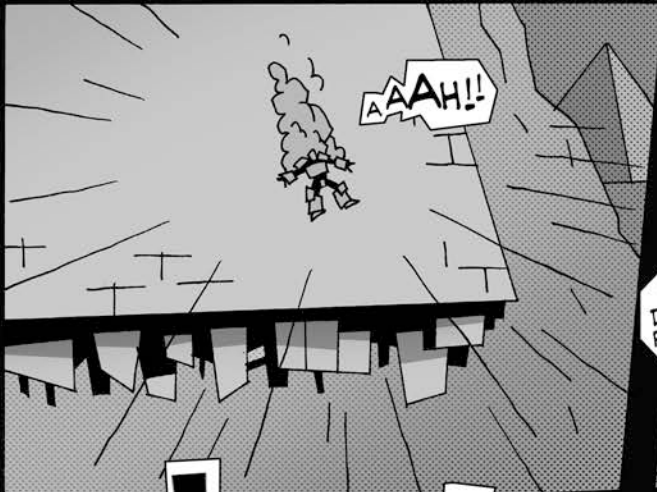
YOU CAN RUN, HUMAN...

BUT IT WILL DO YOU NO GOOD!

BSHH!!!

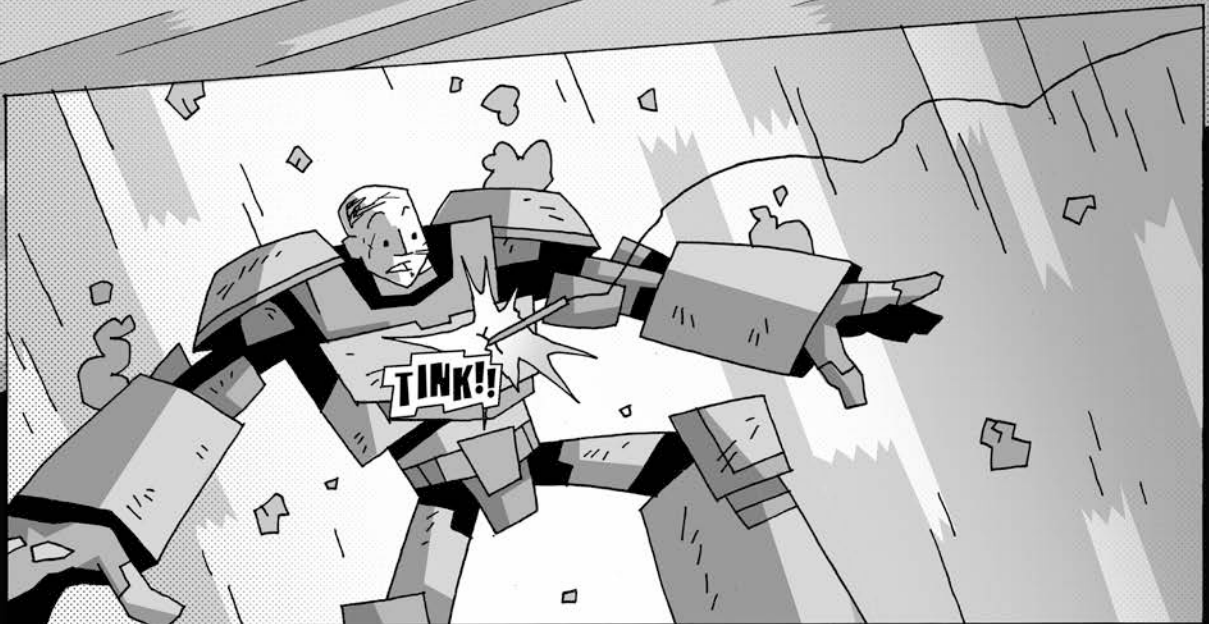


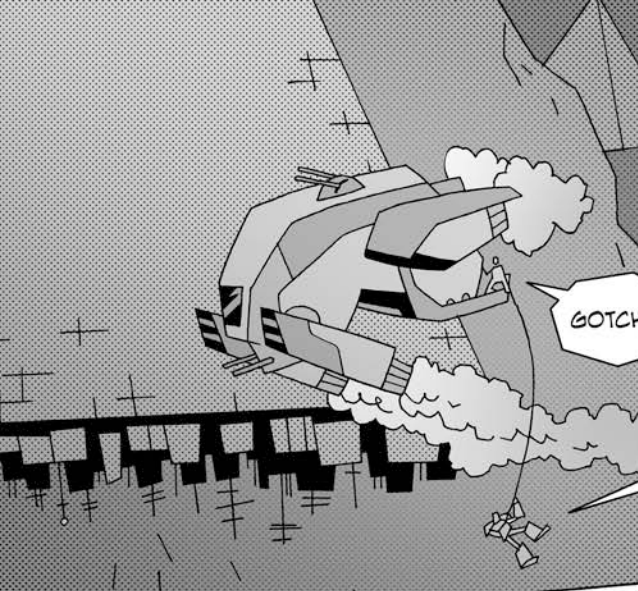




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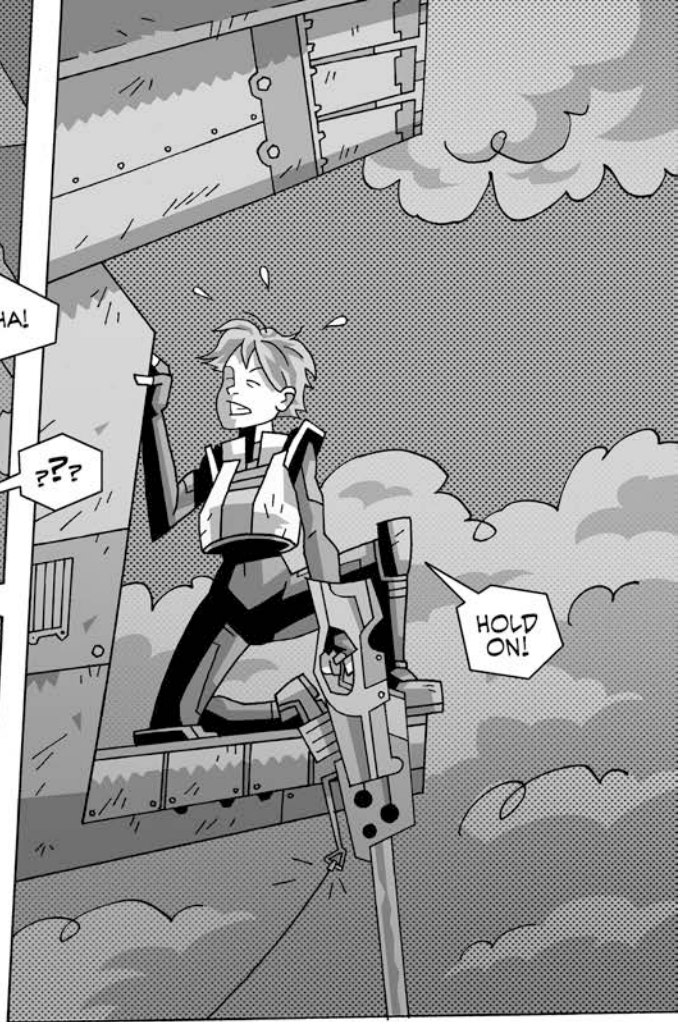
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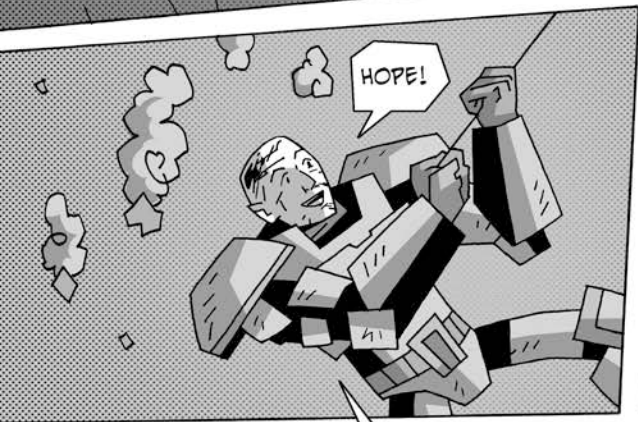


GOTCHA!

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HOLD ON!



HOPE!

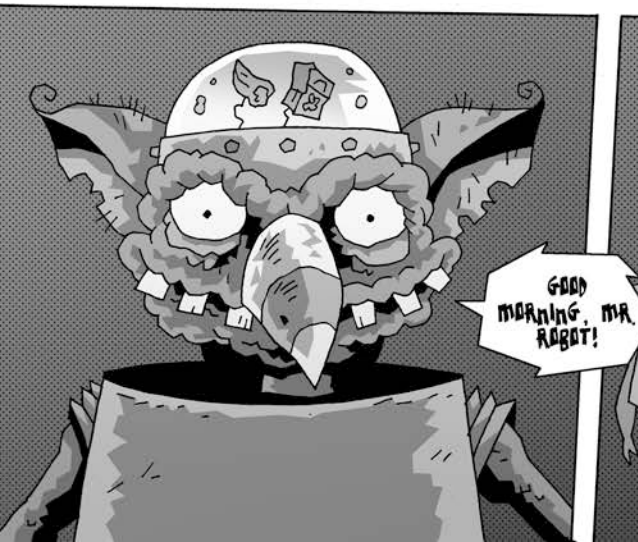


BOY, AM I GLAD TO SEE YOU!

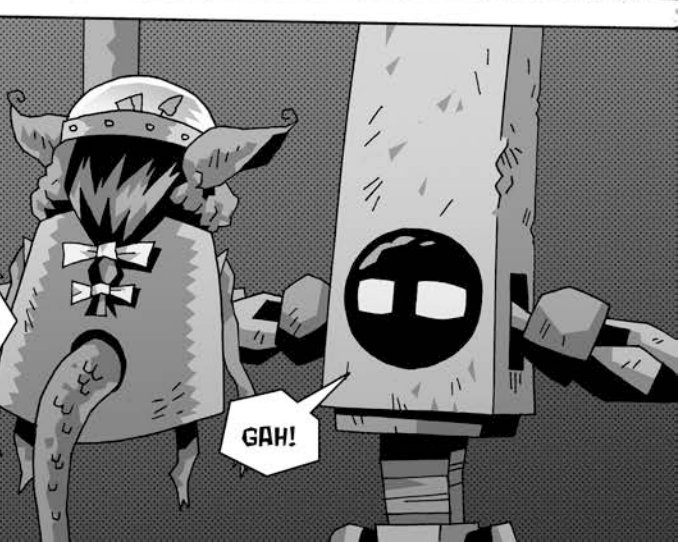


WAKY WAKY!

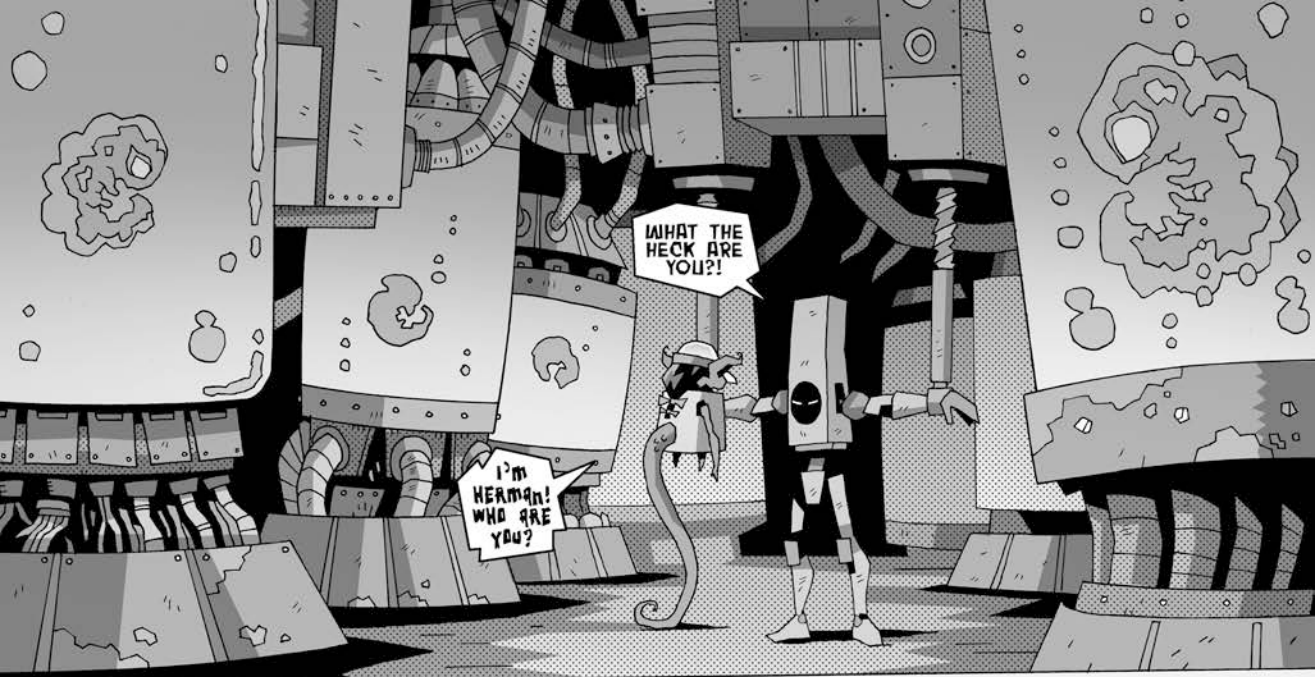
RISE AND SHINE...



GOOD MORNING, MR. ROBOT!

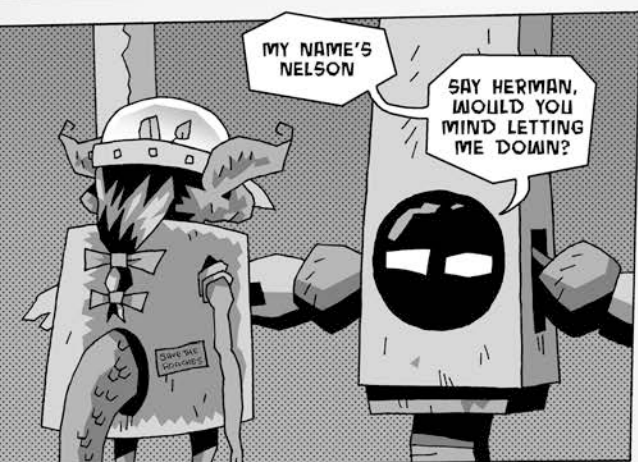


GAH!



WHAT THE HECK ARE YOU?!

I'M HERMAN!
WHO ARE YOU?



MY NAME'S NELSON

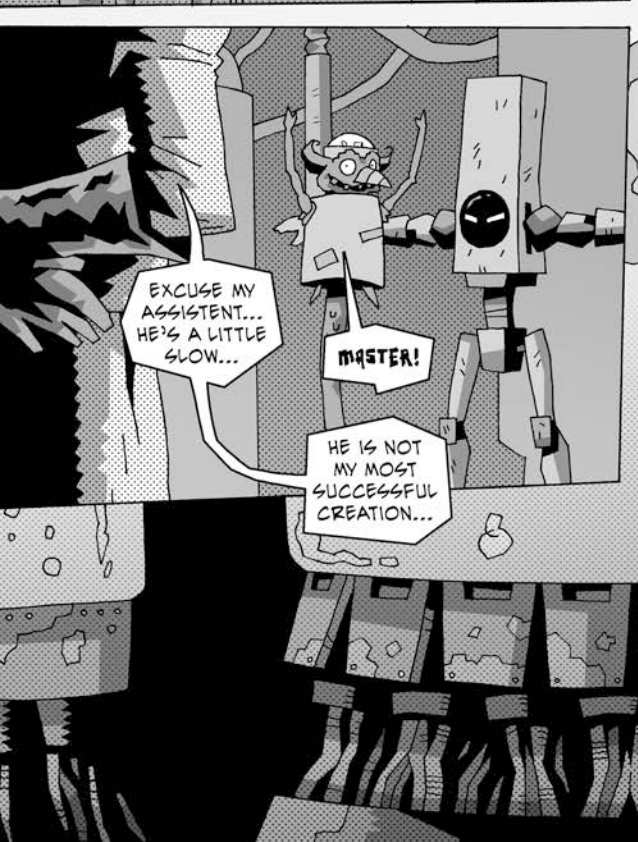
SAY HERMAN,
WOULD YOU MIND
LETTING ME DOWN?



SURE THING,
NIGEL!

IT'S NELSON...

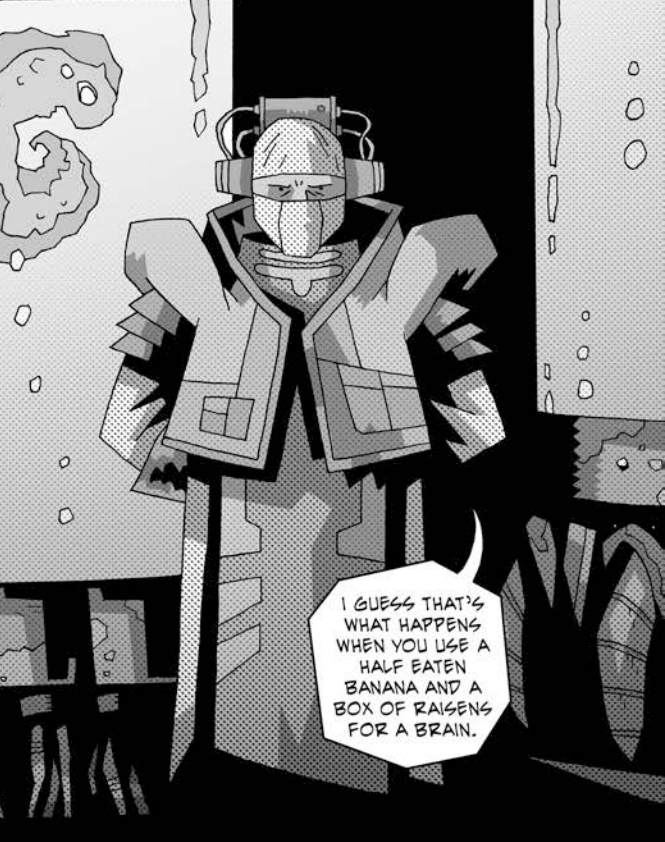
IF LOST
BABY ON BOARD



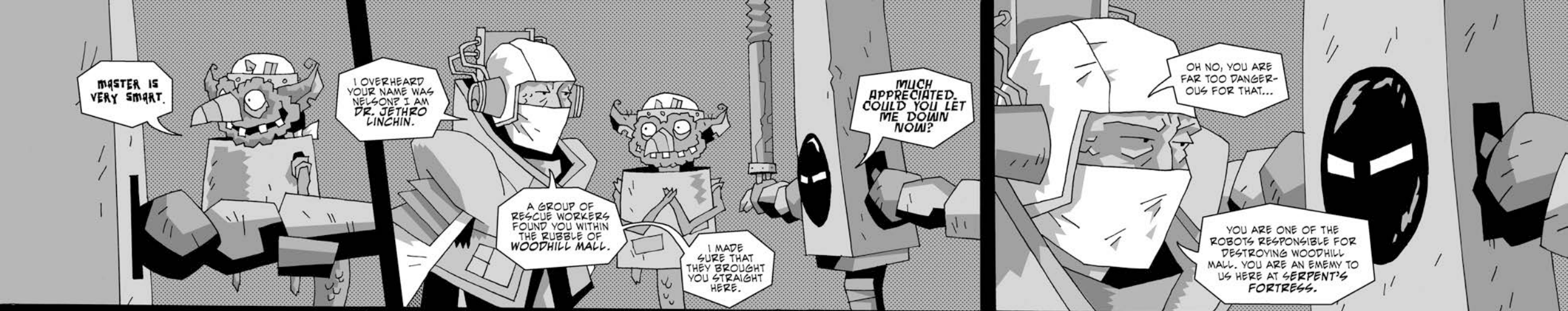
EXCUSE MY ASSISTANT...
HE'S A LITTLE SLOW...

MASTER!

HE IS NOT MY MOST
SUCCESSFUL
CREATION...



I GUESS THAT'S
WHAT HAPPENS
WHEN YOU USE A
HALF EATEN
BANANA AND A
BOX OF RAISENS
FOR A BRAIN.



MASTER IS VERY SMART.

I OVERHEARD YOUR NAME WAS NELSON? I AM DR. JETHRO LINCHIN.

A GROUP OF RESCUE WORKERS FOUND YOU WITHIN THE RUBBLE OF WOODHILL MALL.

I MADE SURE THAT THEY BROUGHT YOU STRAIGHT HERE.

MUCH APPRECIATED. COULD YOU LET ME DOWN NOW?

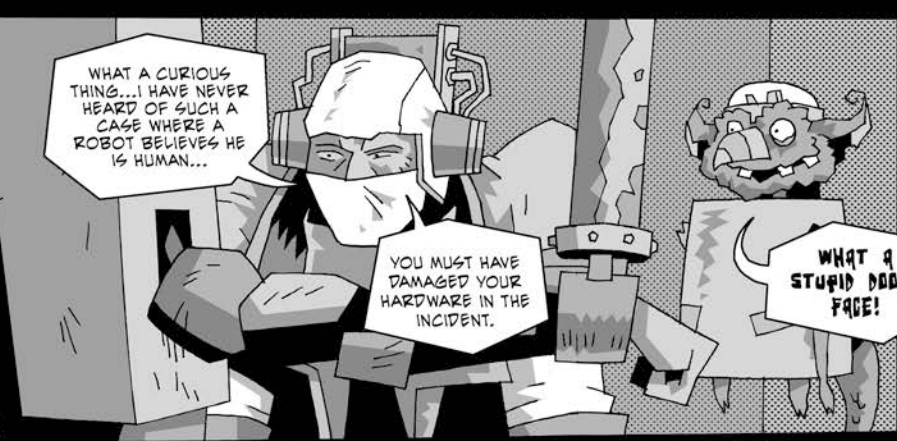
OH NO, YOU ARE FAR TOO DANGEROUS FOR THAT...

YOU ARE ONE OF THE ROBOTS RESPONSIBLE FOR DESTROYING WOODHILL MALL. YOU ARE AN ENEMY TO US HERE AT SERPENT'S FORTRESS.



BUT I'M NOT A ROBOT! I'M A HUMAN! MY MIND HAS BEEN ATTACHED TO THIS BODY!

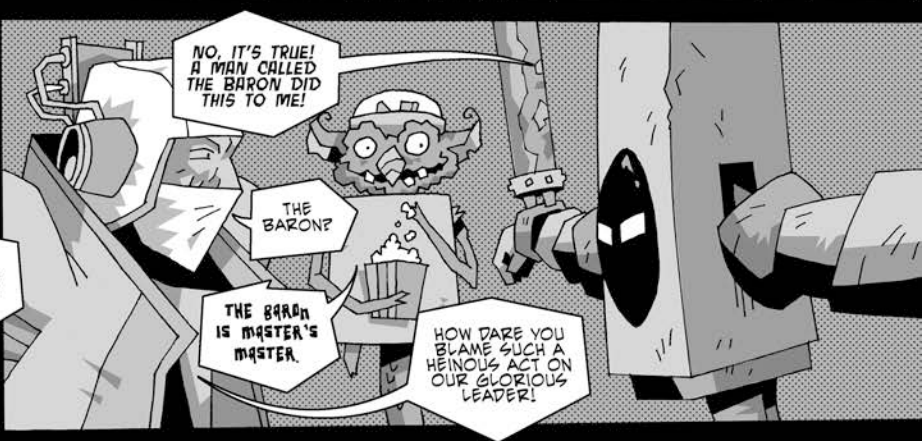
IF YOU LET ME DOWN, I CAN SHOW YOU WHERE MY REAL BODY IS!



WHAT A CURIOUS THING... I HAVE NEVER HEARD OF SUCH A CASE WHERE A ROBOT BELIEVES HE IS HUMAN...

YOU MUST HAVE DAMAGED YOUR HARDWARE IN THE INCIDENT.

WHAT A STUPID DADDY FACE!



NO, IT'S TRUE! A MAN CALLED THE BARON DID THIS TO ME!

THE BARON?

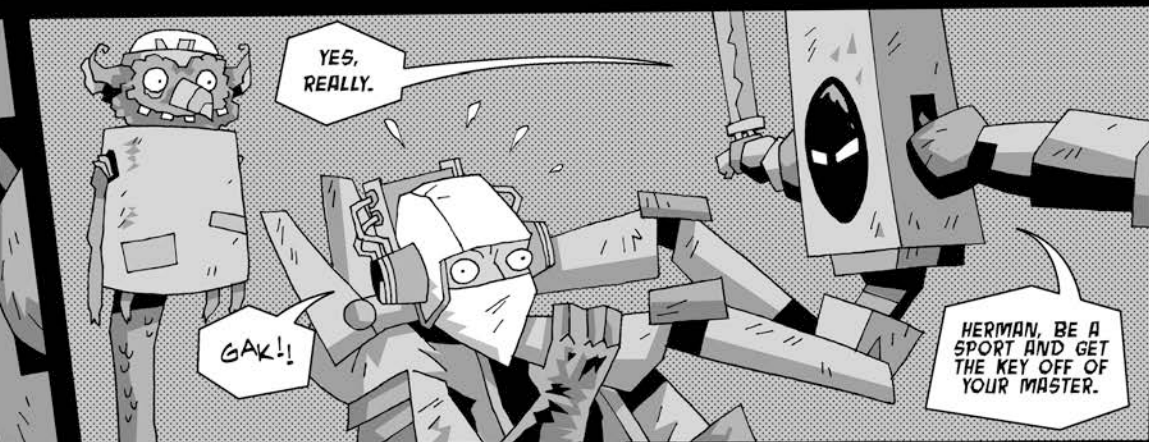
THE BARON IS MASTER'S MASTER.

HOW DARE YOU BLAME SUCH A HEINOUS ACT ON OUR GLORIOUS LEADER!



OK LISTEN UP, DOCTOR DRAMATIC, I'M WALKING OUT OF HERE AND GETTING MY BODY BACK WHETHER YOU LIKE IT OR NOT!

OH REALLY, MR. I'M-TIED-UP-AND-THE-ONLY-ONE-WITH-A-KEY-IS DR. JETHRO?



YES, REALLY.

GAK!

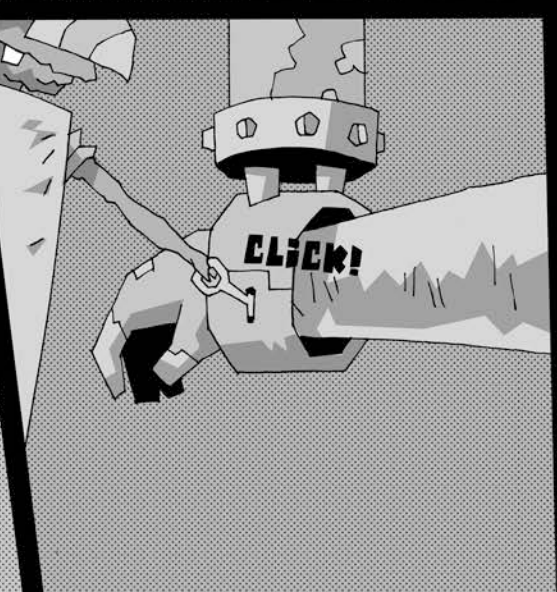
HERMAN, BE A SPORT AND GET THE KEY OFF OF YOUR MASTER.



MASTER?



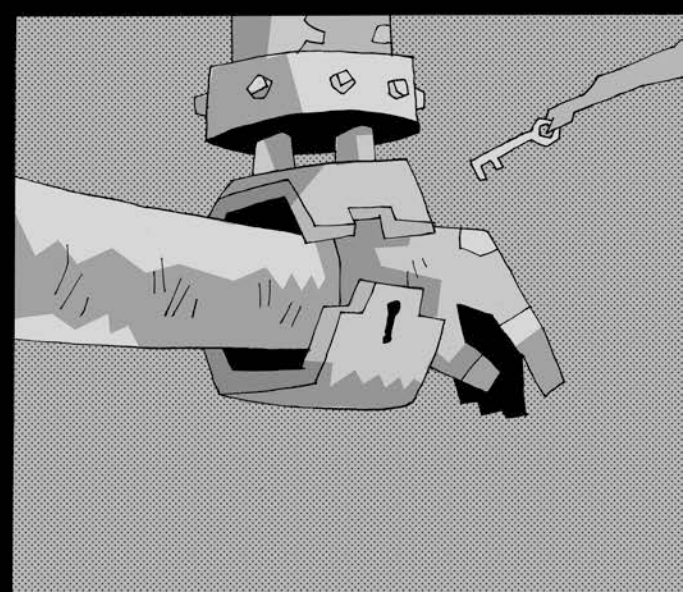
DO IT!

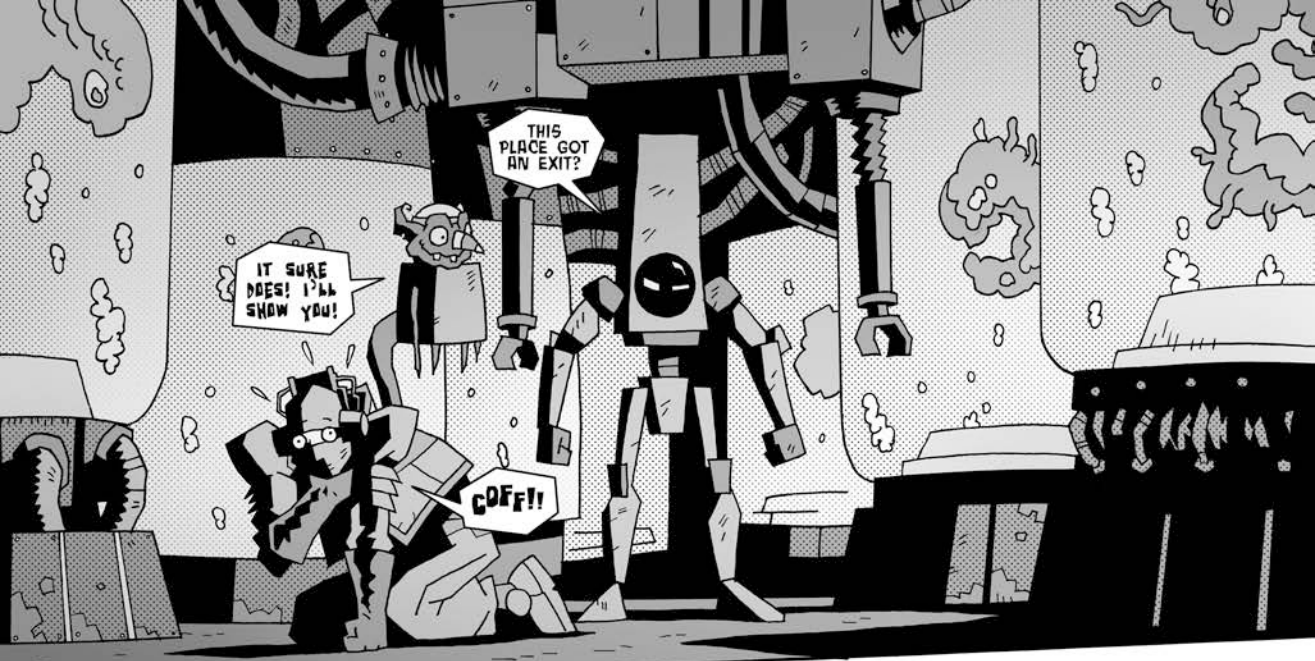


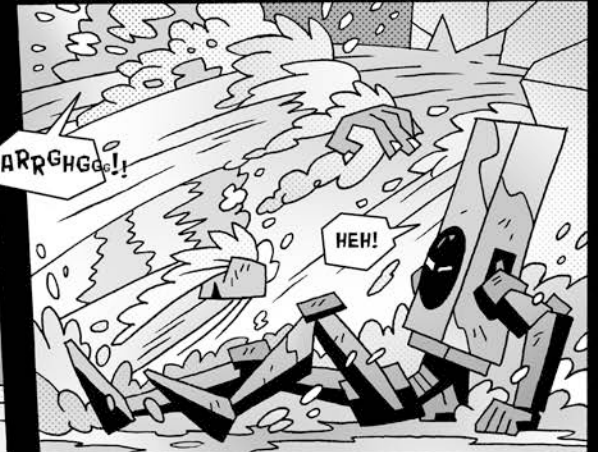
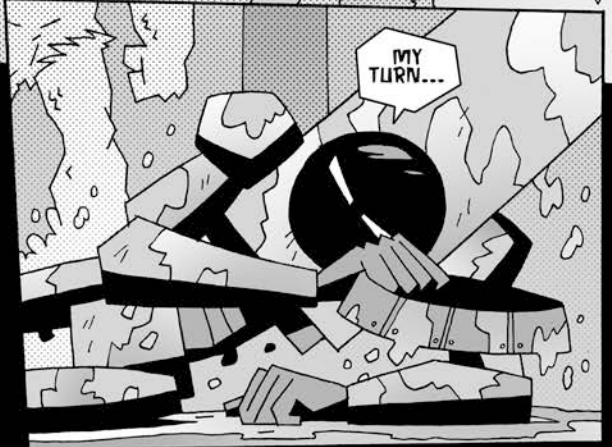
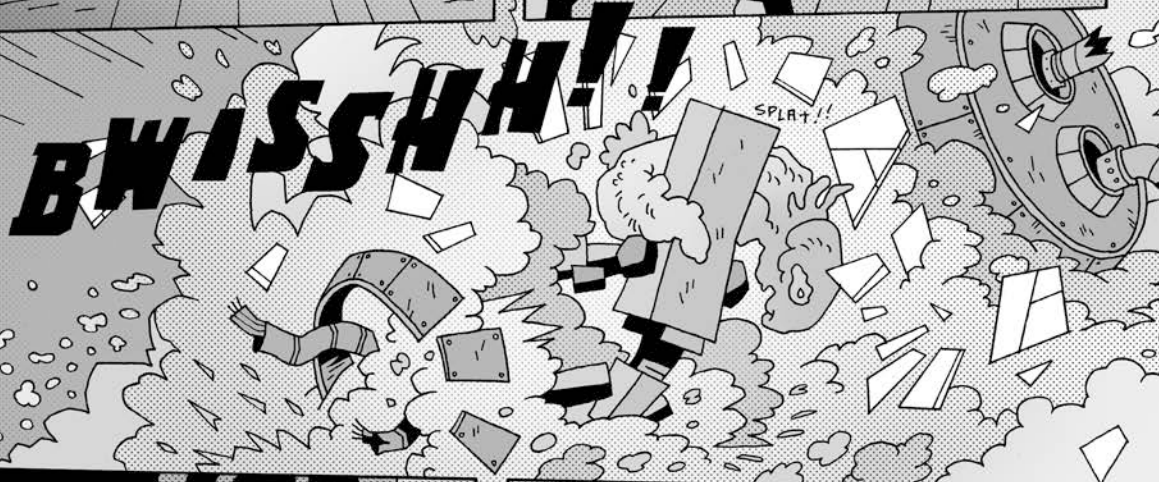
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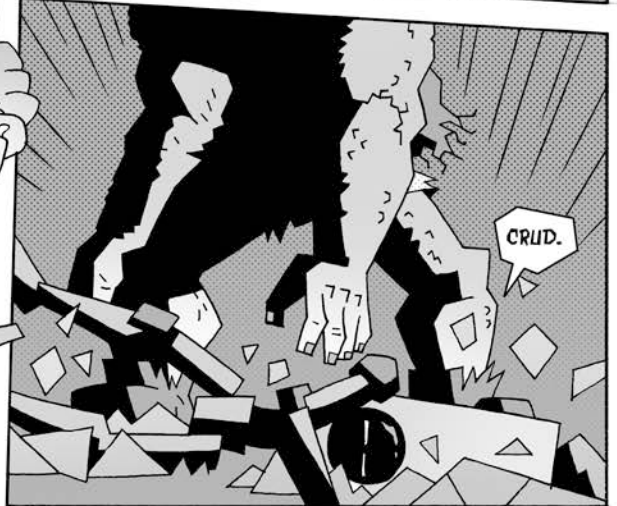
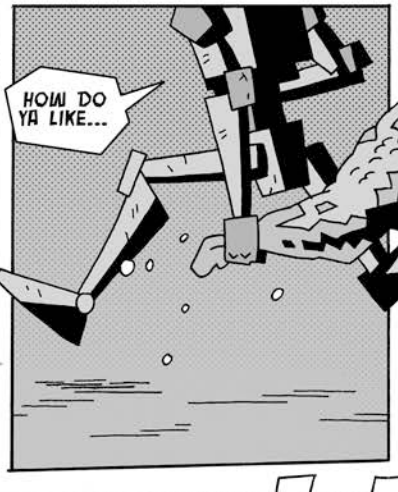
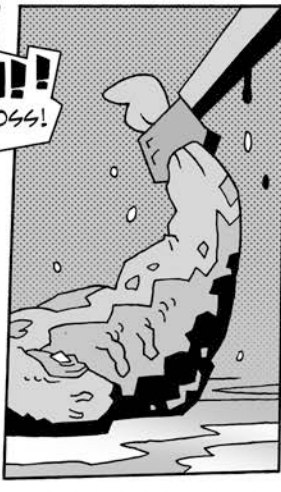


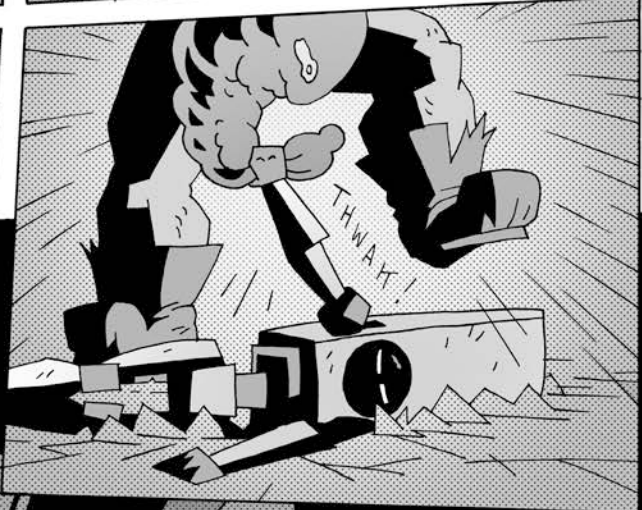
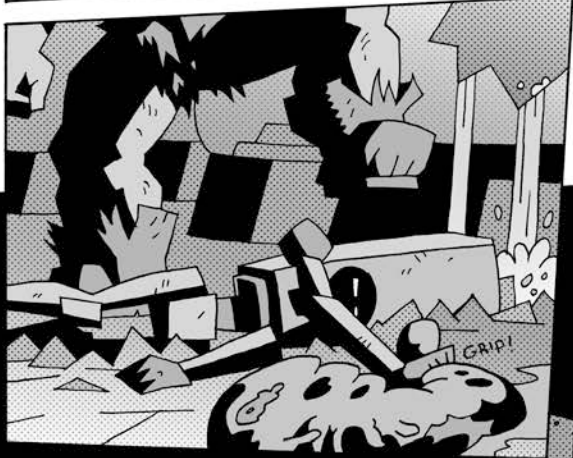
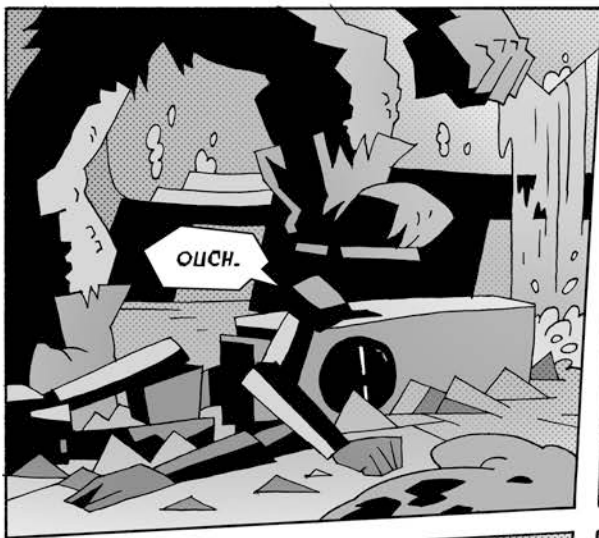
GOOD HERMAN.













MEANWHILE, UTEN
MCBLAM AND FLI 'FLY ON
THE WALL' PETERSON
MAKE THEIR WAY TO THE
POWERFUL HEALING
MACHINE WITH THE LATE
HOPPER HOX...



THE TWO COMPANIONS
STEP WITH CARE FOR
THEY MUST NOT BE SEEN
WITHIN THE PRIVATE HEAD-
QUARTERS OF THE ALL
MIGHTY **BARON!**

DO YOU
ALWAYS TALK LIKE
A NARRATOR?
IT'S KINDA WIERD,
DUDE.

NOW
HELP
ME OUT
HERE!



PETERSON
GIVES UTEN A HELP-
ING HAND WITH THE
BODY...

SHHUSH!
SEE SOMEONE!



THERE'S A
GUY IN A LABCOAT.
I THINK HE'S IN A
LABORATORY.



THE YOUNGSTER
HAS FOUND THE
HEALING MACHINE!

NOW WHAT? IT'S
NOT LIKE WE CAN
JUST ASK THEM
POLITELY TO USE
THEIR DEVICE...



HEY! WHAT ARE YOU TWO DOING HERE?!

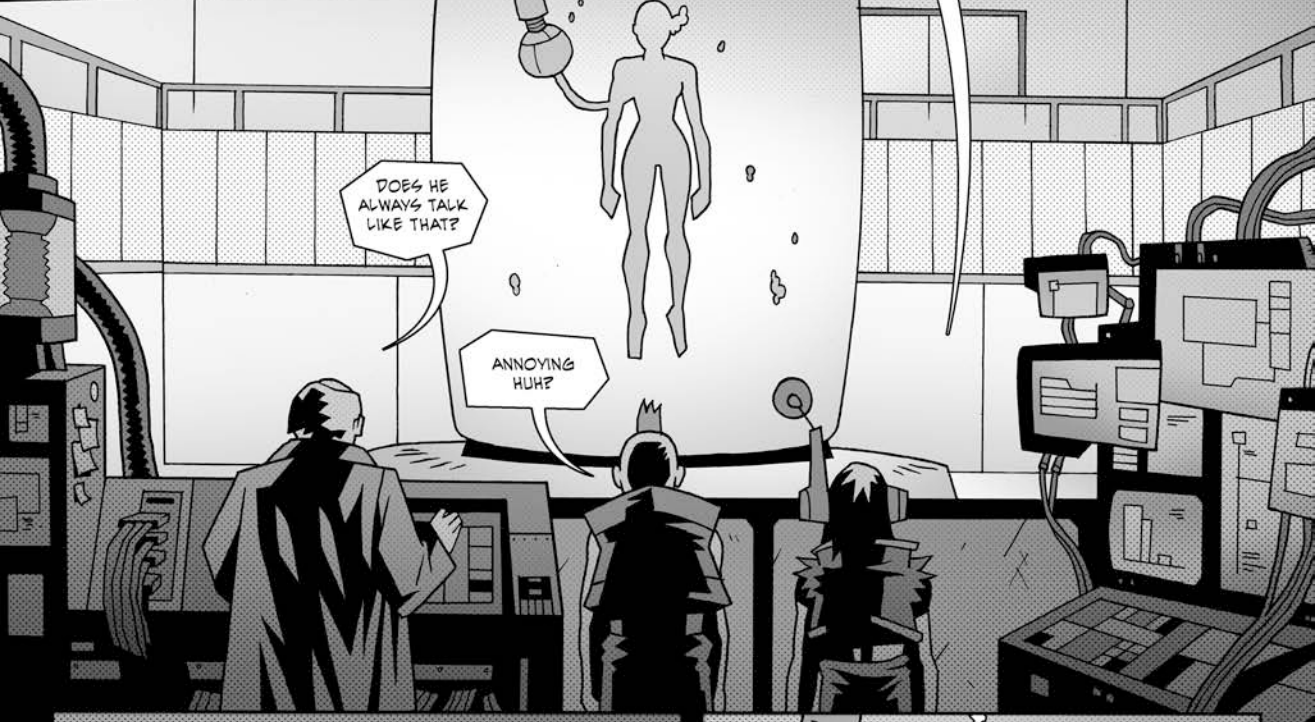
MY WORD! IS THAT HOPPER HOX?!

YES! SHE WAS KILLED BY TUNGSTEN! CAN WE USE YOUR SPECIAL MACHINE?

PLEASE?

OF COURSE! RIGHT THIS WAY!

THE SCIENTIST PLACES HOPPER HOX IN THE MYSTERIOUS LIQUID AND PREPARES THE DEVICE...



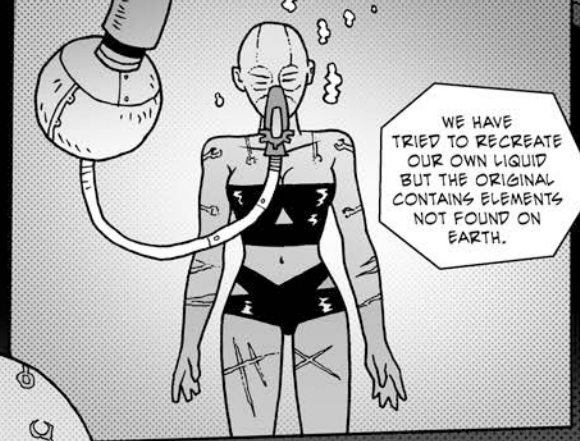
DOES HE ALWAYS TALK LIKE THAT?

ANNOYING HUH?



SO HOW DOES THIS THING WORK, DOC?

FRANKLY, WE DON'T KNOW. FROM WHAT WE CAN DEVISE, THE KEY TO ITS ABILITY IS THE LIQUID WITHIN THE TANK.

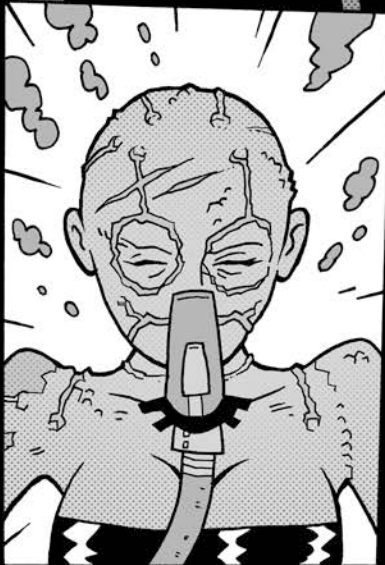
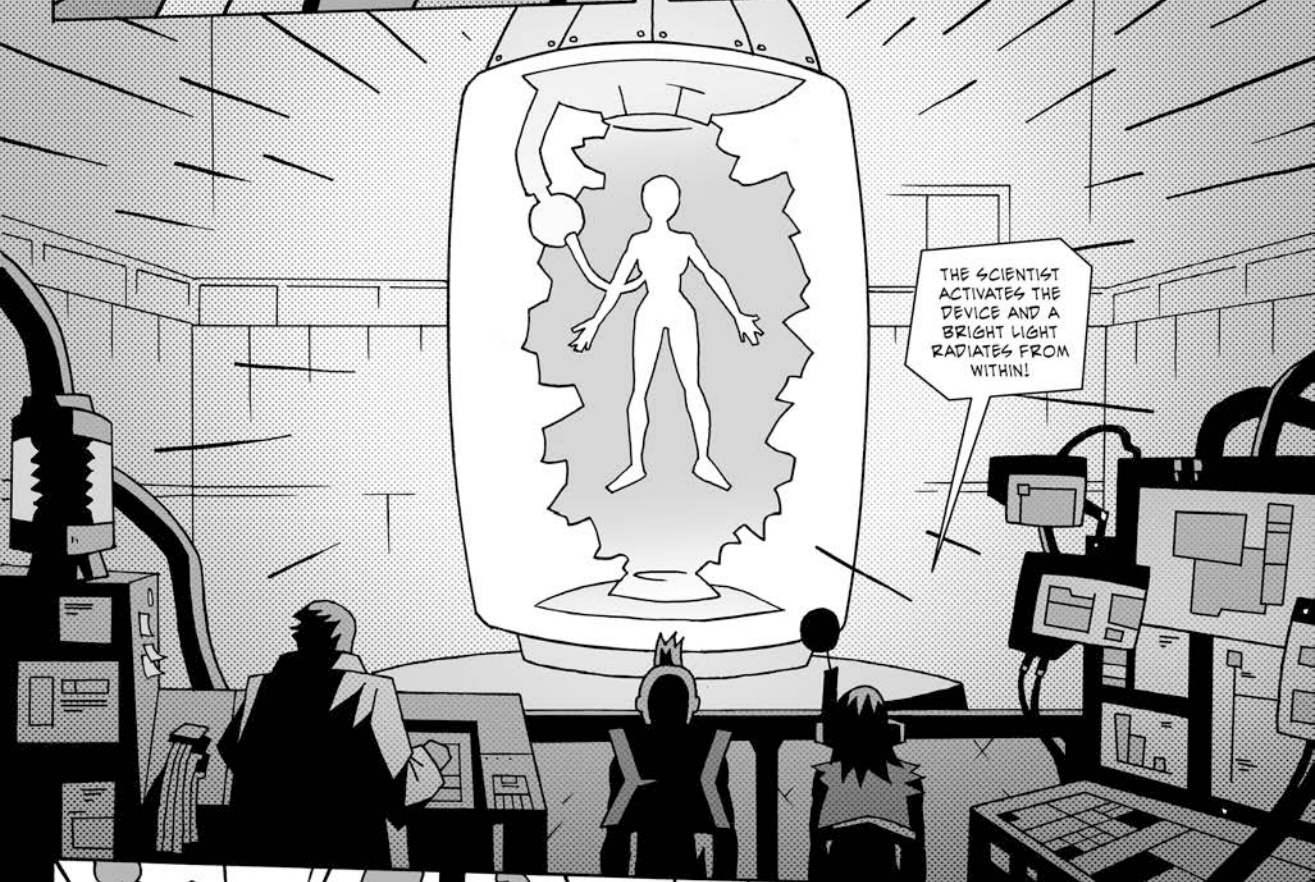
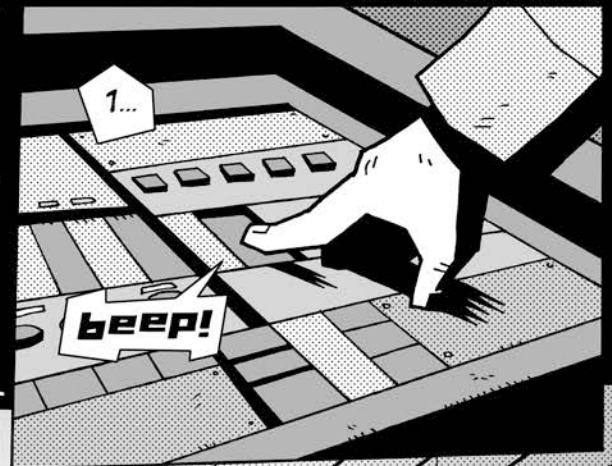


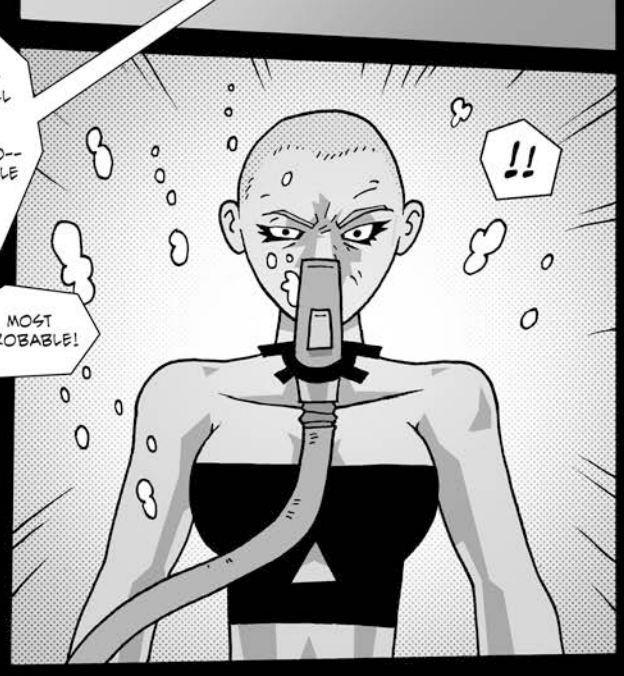
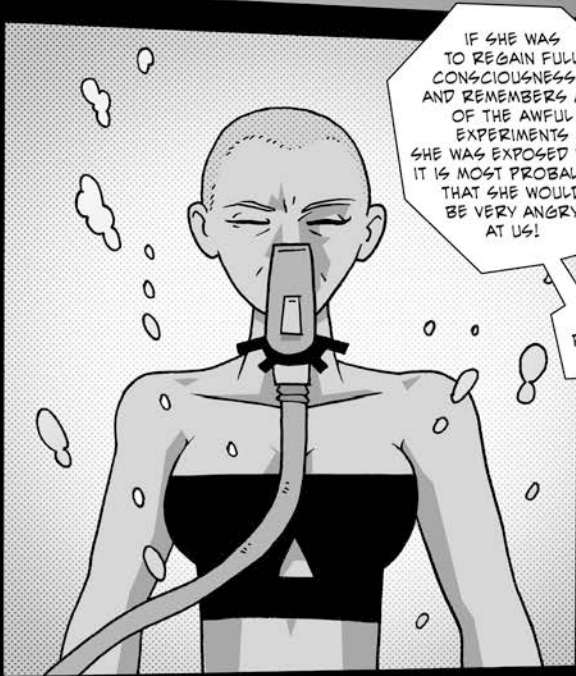
WE HAVE TRIED TO RECREATE OUR OWN LIQUID BUT THE ORIGINAL CONTAINS ELEMENTS NOT FOUND ON EARTH.



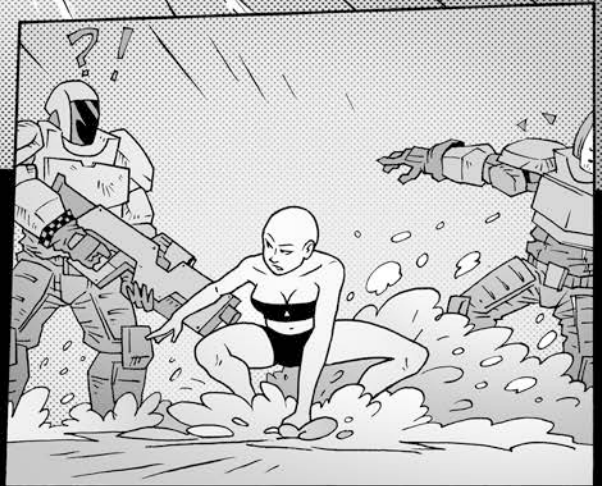
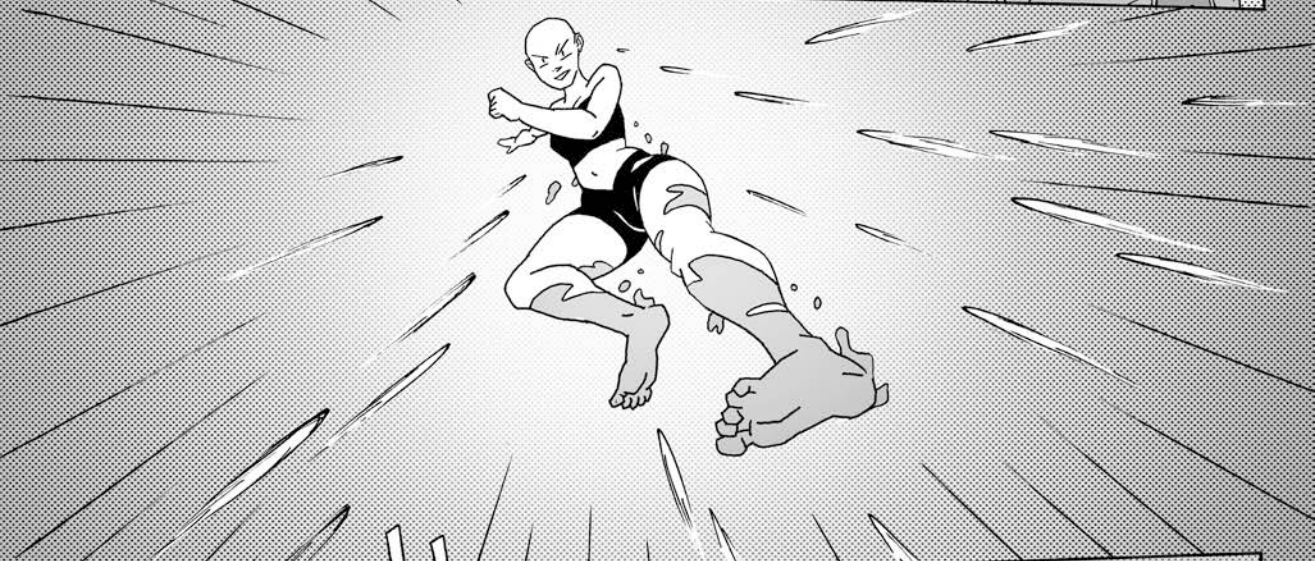
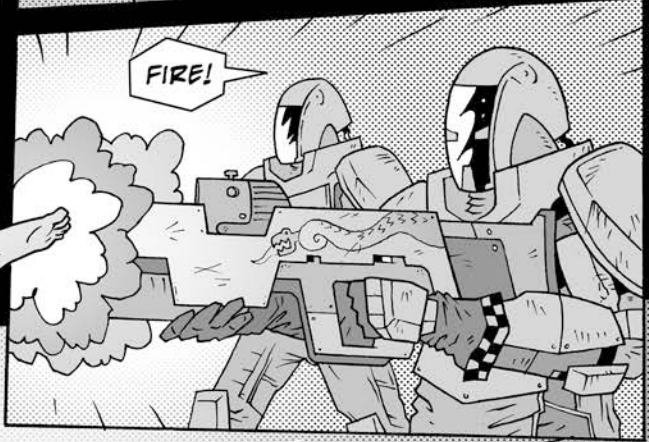
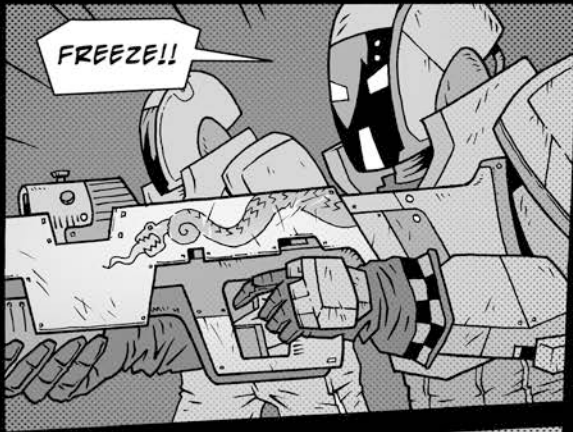
...SOME SPECULATE IT WAS THE LEGENDARY DR. LAWS WHO FIRST DISCOVERED ITS INCREDIBLE POWER.

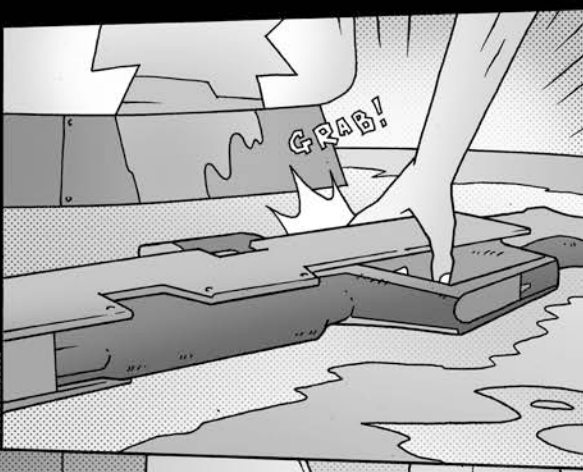
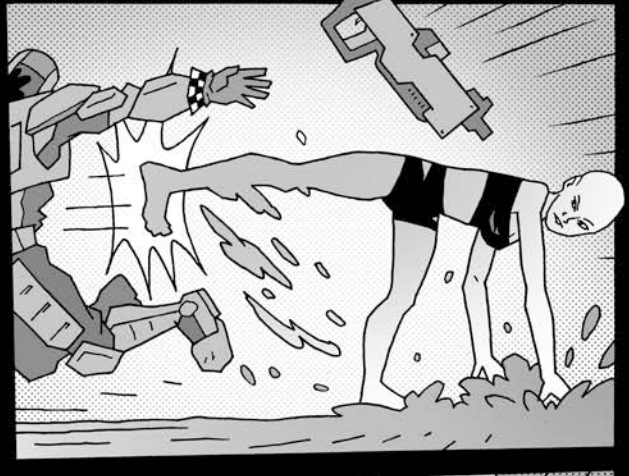
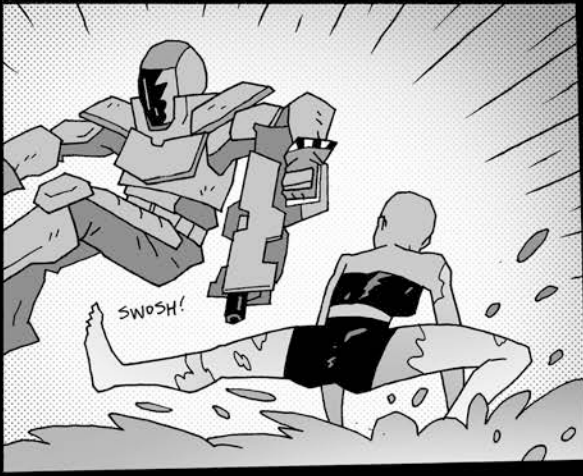
I HAVE HEARD THERE ARE OTHER MACHINES OUT THERE BUT AT THIS POINT THEIR WHEREABOUTS ARE UNKNOWN.











TO BE CONTINUED!

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DEATHBATTLE AT WOODHILL MALL