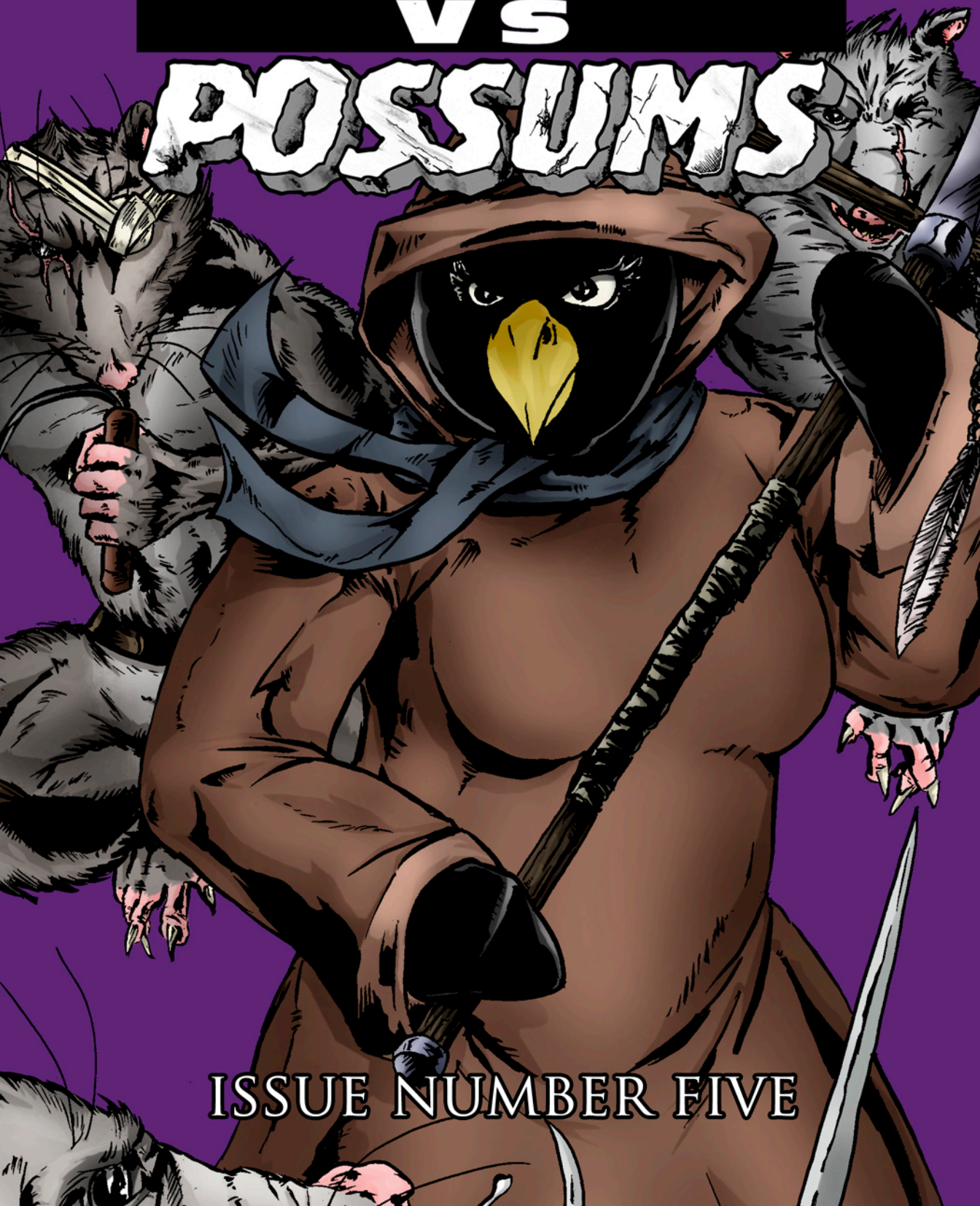


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AFTER A RECENT ATTACK ON THE PENGUIN STRONGHOLD, THE POSSUMS ARE GRAPPLING WITH TWO GREAT LOSSES. THE POSSUM TRIBUNAL LEADER WAS SECRETLY MURDERED BY HIS FELLOW TRIBUNAL MEMBERS, AND ZOLIN, THE POSSUM WARRIOR, LEFT THE COLONY AFTER A BITTER FIGHT WITH THE CHOSEN ONE, AMARU.

THE RECENT BATTLE ALSO SAW THE PENGUIN EMPEROR, XIAO, ALMOST KILLED. IF NOT FOR THE EFFORTS OF THE CAPTIVE REBEL WARRIOR, MEILAI, THE PENGUINS WOULD FIND THEMSELVES ONCE AGAIN WITHOUT A LEADER.

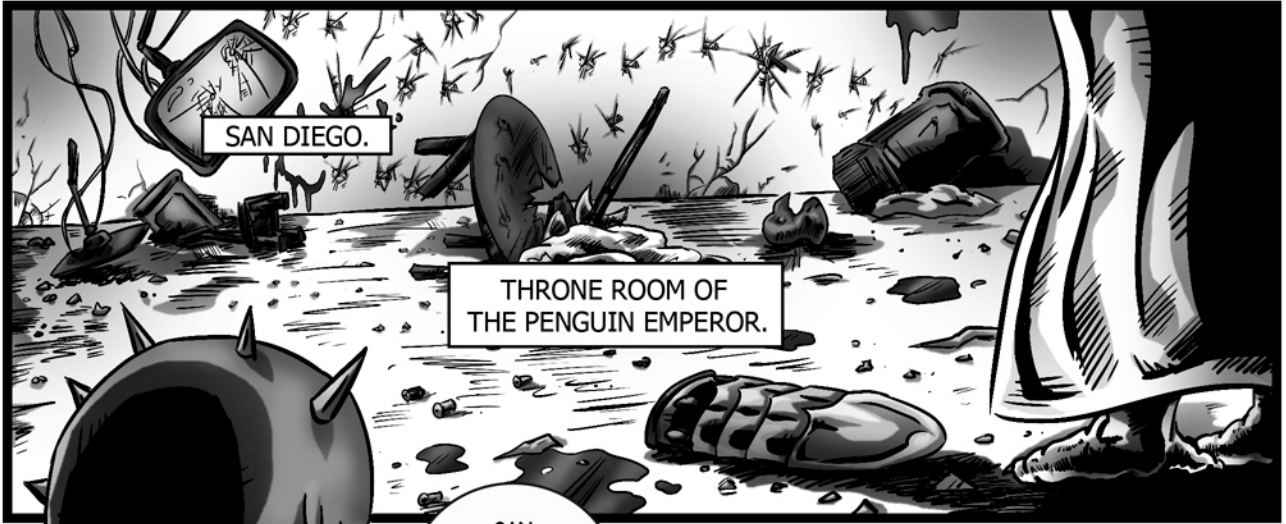
MEANWHILE, TWO HUMANS, FELICIA AND C.J., HAVE BEGUN TO UNCOVER THE SECRETS OF THE PENGUIN AND POSSUM WAR. FELICIA'S DISCOVERY OF THE GREAT POSSUM HALL OF ELDERS IS ABOUT TO CHANGE EVERYTHING...

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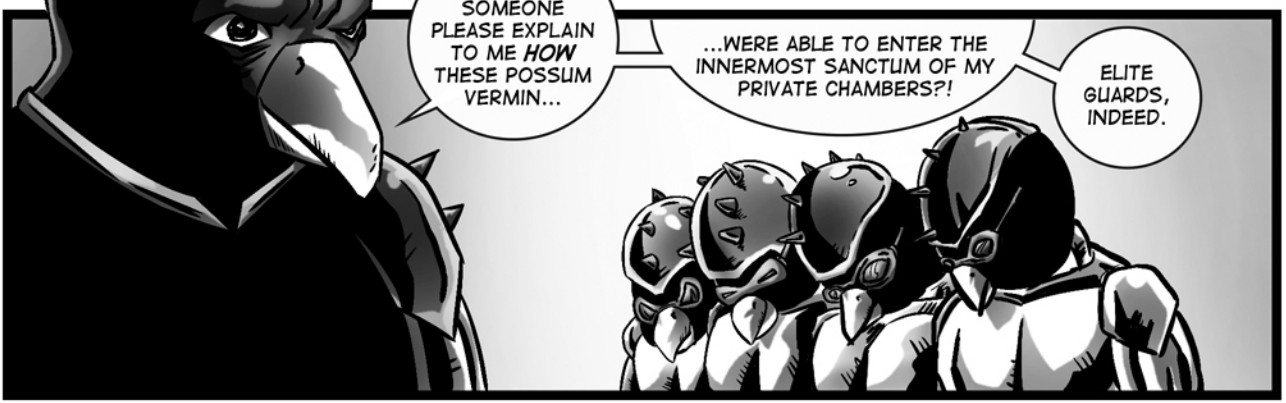
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SAN DIEGO.

THRONE ROOM OF THE PENGUIN EMPEROR.



CAN SOMEONE PLEASE EXPLAIN TO ME *HOW* THESE POSSUM VERMIN...

...WERE ABLE TO ENTER THE INNERMOST SANCTUM OF MY PRIVATE CHAMBERS?!

ELITE GUARDS, INDEED.



I SLEEP HERE FOR ICE SAKE!

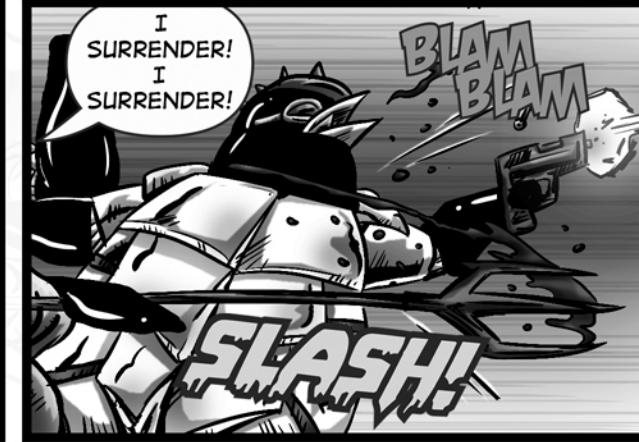
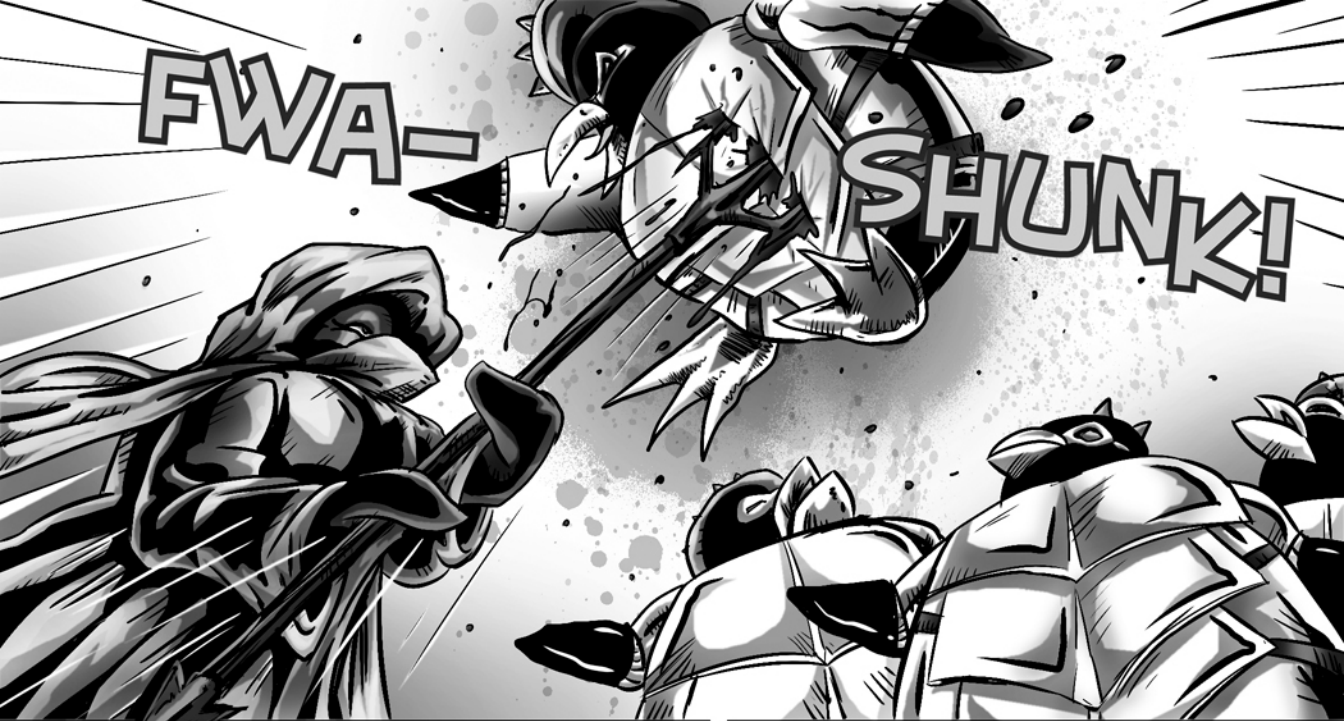


MY DISGUST IS BEYOND MEASURE.

FORGIVE US, LORD.

MEILAI!... SHOW THEM MY MERCY.

YES, MY EMPEROR.



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CONGRATULATIONS,
MEILAI.
YOU ARE NOW THE ELITE
GUARD.



ELSEWHERE IN SAN DIEGO.



WITH WHAT YOU'RE ABOUT TO SEE...THE MOST IMPORTANT THING TO REMEMBER IS: *I WAS RIGHT!*



FELICIA, WHAT ARE WE- OH MY GOD!

THESE MEGALITHS ARE CARVED DIRECTLY FROM THE CAVE WALLS. THESE GLIYS ARE ABSOLUTELY ANCIENT.



THIS IS NUTS.



C'MON, C.J.! YOU NEED TO SEE WHAT ELSE I'VE FOUND!

THE MISSING PIECE OF THE PUZZLE!



LOOK!

THE CAVES, THE SCULPTURES, *THIS PAINTING!*

ALONG WITH ALL THE CLUES I'VE GATHERED ALONG THE WAY...

...I GET IT NOW! THIS BATTLE, THIS WAR, IT'S *PENGUINS VS. POSSUMS!*



ELSEWHERE IN THE
CAVES.

...AS THE TWO OF US
STOOD *HELPLESSLY* BY,
WE SAW OUR COMPANION
PLUMMET TO HIS DEATH. THE
BRIDGE TO THE SACRED CAVES
HAS ALWAYS BEEN
TREACHEROUS. SADLY, THE
BRIDGE ITSELF HAS TUMBLED
INTO OBLIVION.

TODAY, WE
MEMORIALIZE NOT JUST
THE HONORABLE POSSUM
WHO HAS FALLEN, BUT
ALSO THE PROPHECIES
THAT ARE NOW LOST TO
US.

BUT,
PLEASE DON'T
FEAR. WE FULLY
EMBRACE OUR ROLES
AS YOUR NEW
BI-BUNAL.

LONG MAY WE
REIGN.

CAN
YOU BELIEVE-?

NOW, PLEASE
JOIN US IN THE
NEXT CAVE FOR A
TRASH BUFFET.

LAD?
AMARLI?
WHERE'D YOU-

HEY,
DOC, WE'VE
BEEN LOOKING ALL
OVER FOR YOU.

IONE AND I
FOUND THIS AND
THOUGHT OF YOU!

!!!

YARETZI, YOU
WEREN'T KIDDING. HE
REALLY LOVES SODA CANS.
YOU GUYS GO ON AHEAD.
I HAVE TO MAKE A
QUICK STOP.



OH,
I'M SORRY. I
THOUGHT I WAS THE
ONLY ONE WHO CAME
UP HERE. MIND IF I
JOIN YOU?

I'M AFRAID
I'M NOT VERY
GOOD
COMPANY.

DO
YOU BELIEVE
THOSE SHINING
BALLS OF LIGHT ARE
REALLY THE EYES OF
OUR DECEASED
LOVED ONES?

I'D
LIKE TO
BELIEVE MY
FAMILY LOOKS
UPON ME
NOW.



I
WISH THAT
CHASM DIDN'T
EXIST, BECAUSE IT'S
AN OPEN WOUND FOR
OUR COLONY. BUT, I DO
LIKE BEING ABLE TO
LOOK UP AT MY
FAMILY.



THERE
SHOULD BE
ONE MORE PAIR
OF EYES LOOKING
DOWN UPON THE
COLONY.
MINE.

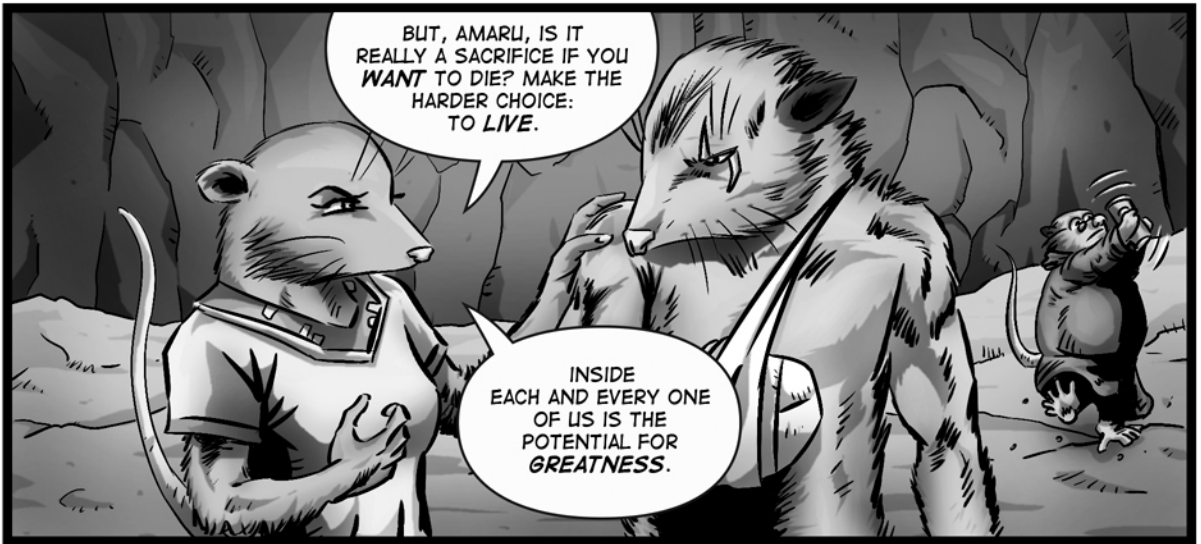


SEE
THOSE TWO
THERE? THEY'RE
MY MOTHER'S.

AND
THOSE THERE,
MY FATHER'S.
THERE, MY
BROTHER'S. AND OVER
THERE, MY BEST FRIEND,
SARA'S. I THINK WE
HAVE TOO MANY UP
THERE ALREADY.









SHLUP

CHOMP!

slurp

SPATCH

KRETCH

ALL
HAIL THE
EMPEROR!

I DO
NOT LIKE BEING
SUMMONED.
I HAVE EVEN LESS
INTEREST IN WATCHING
YOU EAT.

WHAT
DID YOU NEED TO
DISCUSS? HAVE YOU
FOUND ANYTHING OUT
ABOUT THE MISSING
REBEL PRISONER?

GREAT EMPEROR,
IT'S THE *POSSUM*
PRISONER WE MUST
SPEAK TO YOU ABOUT.
THE ONE WHO
ESCAPED.

HE REVEALED HIS
NAME TO BE *AMARU!* IN
THE ANCIENT TEXTS OF
THE SPHENISCIDAE, THEY
SPEAK OF A POSSUM
NAMED AMARU.

IT IS
PROPHESIED THAT
JUST AS THE
PENGUINS ARE
POSITIONED FOR
VICTORY, HE WILL
SACRIFICE HIMSELF
AND-

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SHLUP



ENOUGH OF THESE PROPHECIES! I'LL HAVE NO MORE OF THEM!



BLASPHEMY!

XIAO, YOU **MUST** LISTEN TO US! WE ARE THE ONES WHO RESTORED YOU TO THE THRONE!



HOW **DARE** YOU HOLD THAT OVER MY HEAD! LOOK AT MY CROWN AND KNOW THAT I FOUGHT FOR IT. **ME!**

WHAT NEED HAVE I FOR PROPHECY? WHAT HAVE I TO FEAR WHEN I HAVE **MEILAI**, THE GREATEST WARRIOR THE PENGUIN RACE HAS EVER KNOWN!!! PROPHECY! BAH!

MEILAI HAS TAKEN TO CALLING YOU MY CRONIES, BUT "OLD CRONES" MIGHT BETTER SUIT YOU. THE WAY YOU BLATHER ON ABOUT PROPHECIES AND LEGENDS...I HAVE NO USE FOR THEM.

AND IF THAT'S ALL YOU HAVE TO OFFER ME... THEN PERHAPS I HAVE NO USE FOR YOU, EITHER.



DO NOT
SUMMON ME
AGAIN.

INGRATE.

FOOL.

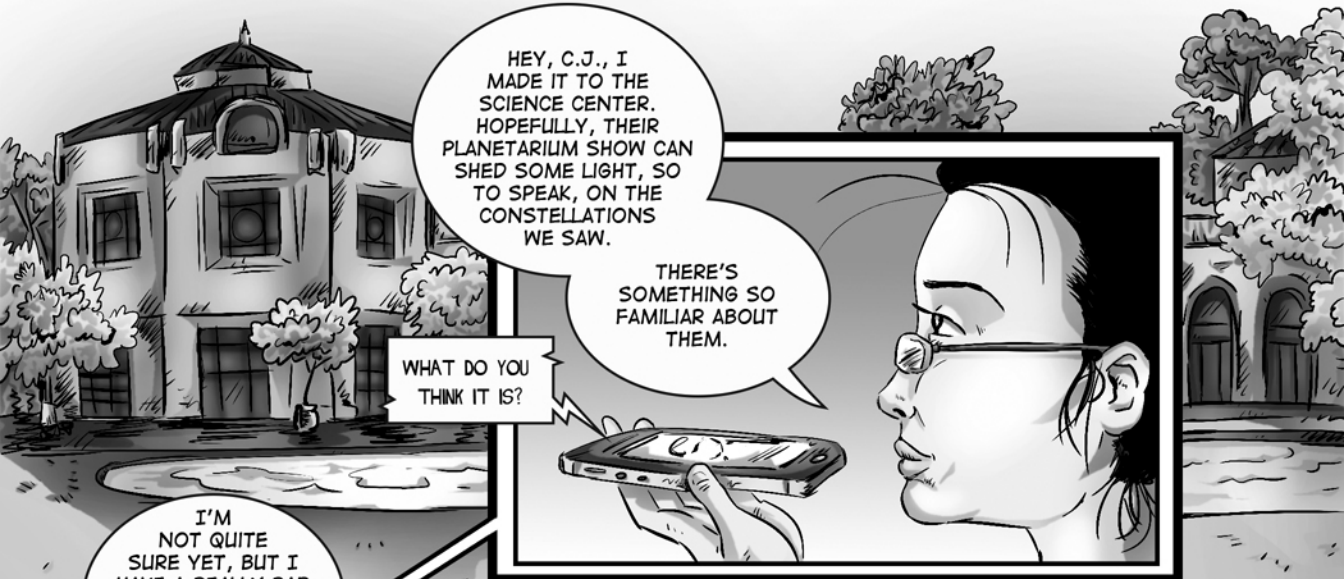
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SLURPITCH

ENJOYING
YOUR MEAL?

WHO, *ME*?
OF COURSE.
IT'S THE
CONVERSATION
THAT BORES ME.

WE
WON'T LAST
HERE MUCH
LONGER. I THINK
IT'S TIME TO START
THINKING ABOUT
OUR *FUTURE*.



HEY, C.J., I MADE IT TO THE SCIENCE CENTER. HOPEFULLY, THEIR PLANETARIUM SHOW CAN SHED SOME LIGHT, SO TO SPEAK, ON THE CONSTELLATIONS WE SAW.

THERE'S SOMETHING SO FAMILIAR ABOUT THEM.

WHAT DO YOU THINK IT IS?

I'M NOT QUITE SURE YET, BUT I HAVE A REALLY BAD FEELING ABOUT THIS. MANY CULTURES USE CELESTIAL BODIES AS A CLOCK.

ARE THEY SIMPLY MARKING TIME? OR COUNTING DOWN?

WELL, WHILE YOUR HEAD'S IN THE CLOUDS, I'M STUCK DOWN HERE ON EARTH.

I'M AT THE LIBRARY USING THE MOST ANCIENT OF TECHNOLOGY. MICROFICHE AND BOOKS.



THE CLASSICS NEVER DIE.

YEAH, WELL I'M USING YOUR RESEARCH AS A GUIDE.

I'M SEEING PATTERNS IN NEWSPAPERS. SYMBOLS IN ANCIENT TEXTS.

IT'S ALL STARTING TO COME INTO FOCUS.

THAT'S GREAT NEWS! HERE'S WHAT I'VE GOT...ALL ANCIENT CIVILIZATIONS LOOKED TO THE STARS. IN THE CAVE I SAW SIRIUS AND ORION.

FOR SOME CULTURES, THEY SYMBOLIZE CREATION. FOR OTHERS, THEY ARE LINKED TO DESTRUCTION. GREAT CHANGES ON EARTH.

I ALSO RECOGNIZED THE SOUTHERN CROSS, WHICH FOR THE ABORIGINAL PEOPLES WAS A REPRESENTATION OF A POSSUM SITTING IN A TREE. WAITAMINUTE! I ALSO SAW CYGNUS. WE CALL CYGNUS THE SWAN...BUT WHAT IF...WHAT IF IT WAS ACTUALLY A PENGUIN TO OTHER CULTURES?

WE'RE REALLY GOING DOWN THE RABBIT HOLE HERE...

STAY WITH ME! REPRESENTATIONS CHANGE OVER TIME. SOME LEGENDS ARE BORN AND THEN LOST TO ANTIQUITY. IN CENTURIES PAST, WE'VE LOST *ENTIRE* CIVILIZATIONS WITHOUT ANY WARNING.

ALMOST AS IF THEY WERE...

OH MY GOD. I NEED TO CONSULT MY JOURNAL! I'LL CALL YOU BACK!





OOOOOKAY.
YOU DO THAT.

SURE!
NOOOOOO PROBLEM!
I'LL JUST KEEP AT IT
THEN! *ME?* I'D LOVE TO
KEEP SIFTING THROUGH
YOUR NOTES AND READING
OLD BOOKS. WHAT'S ONE
MORE PAPERCLUT
AMONG FRIENDS?



GET
IT TOGETHER,
C.J. YOU'RE GETTING
CLOSE. OKAY, IT'S IN THE
SUMERIAN. IT'S IN THE
MAYAN. LET'S TAKE A LOOK
AT THE TIBETAN...



OH
MAN, THIS IS
NUTS!
IN EACH OF THE
BOOKS...



*THIS
SYMBOL!*



SAN DIEGO.
DOWNTOWN.

STUPID BOSS.
I'M NOT EVEN
SUPPOSED TO BE
HERE TODAY.



EH?

FLIK

RUMMMBLE



GAH!!

HISSSSSSSSS

DISGUSTING
CREATURES!

SCURRY!



FRIGGIN' END
OF THE WORLD
OUT HERE!

FLIP

DISGUSTING
CREATURES!

TSSSS





P-TANG!

PENGUINS!

POSSUMS!

BLAM
BLAM
BLAM

KA-CHOOM

CHAM!

CHAM!
CHAM!

BLAM!

BLAM!

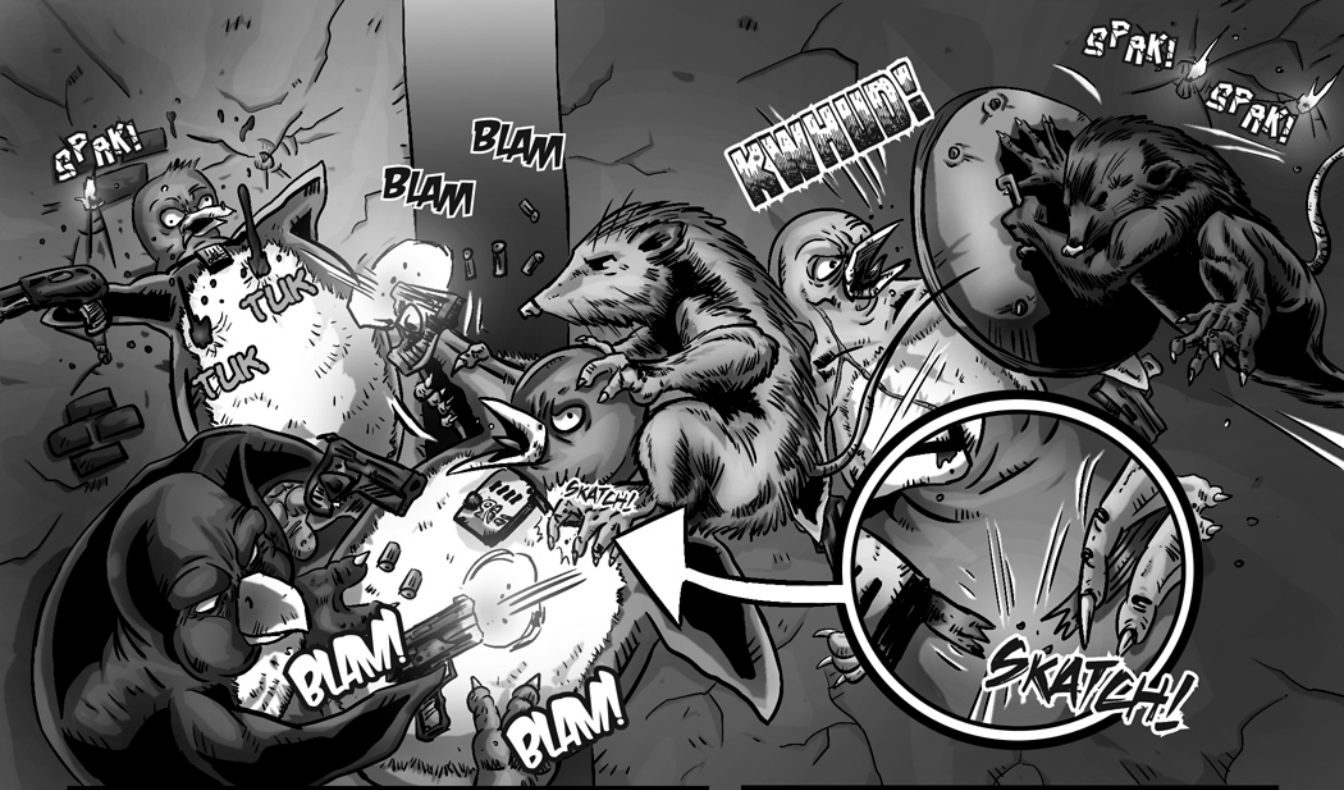
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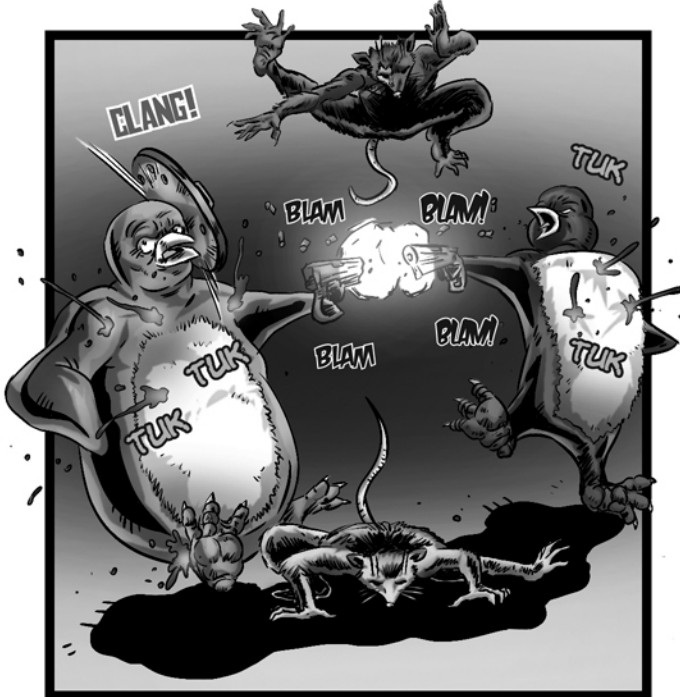
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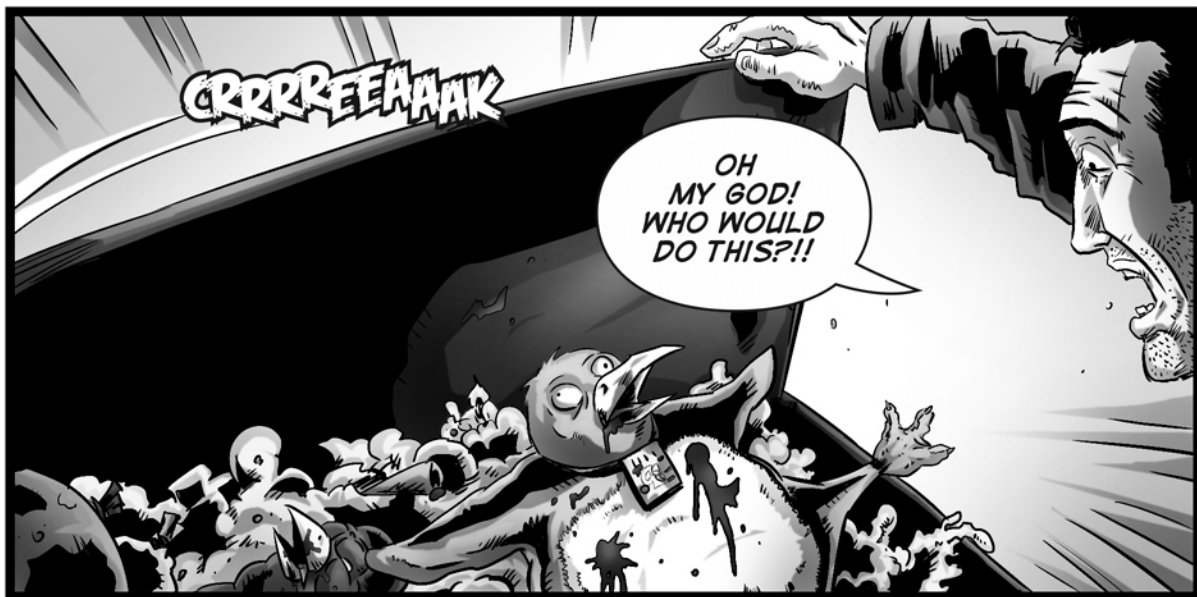
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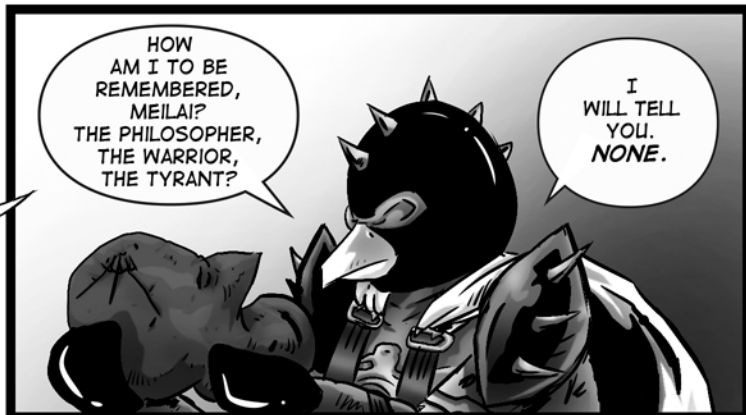
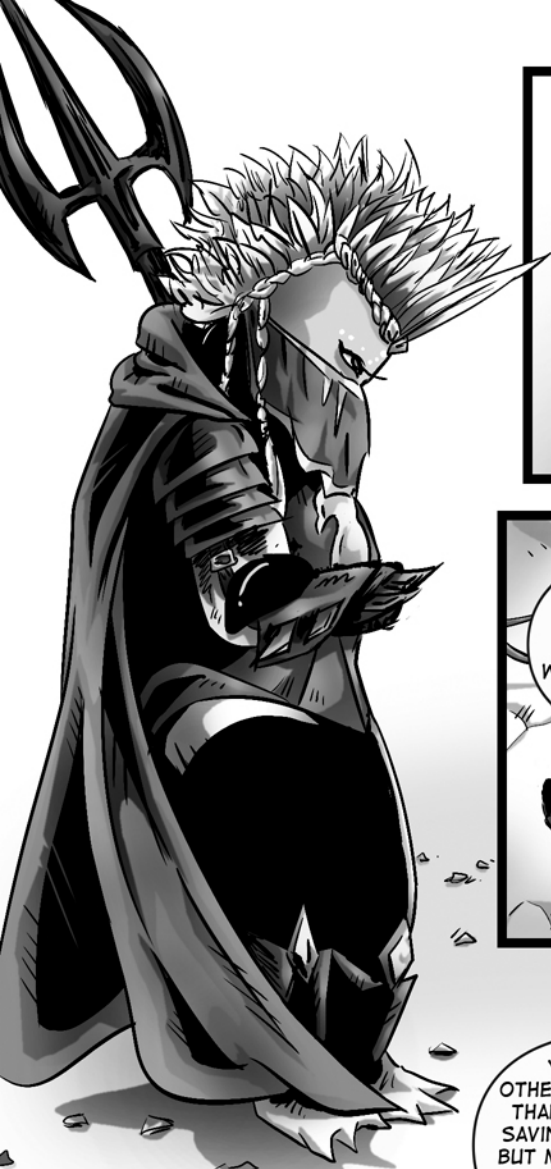
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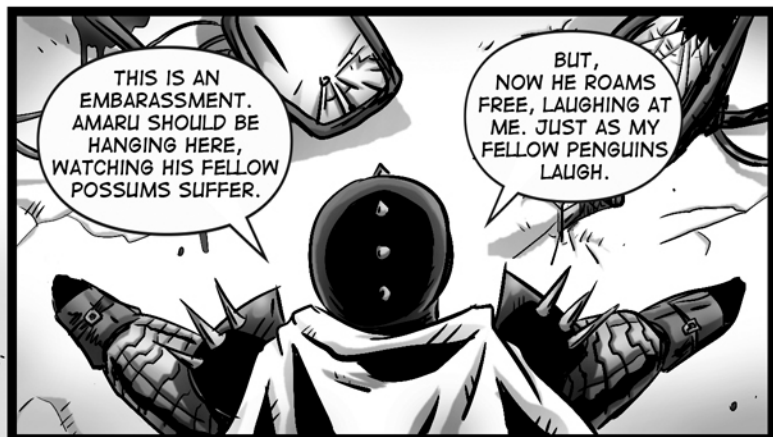






HOW AM I TO BE REMEMBERED, MEILAI? THE PHILOSOPHER, THE WARRIOR, THE TYRANT?

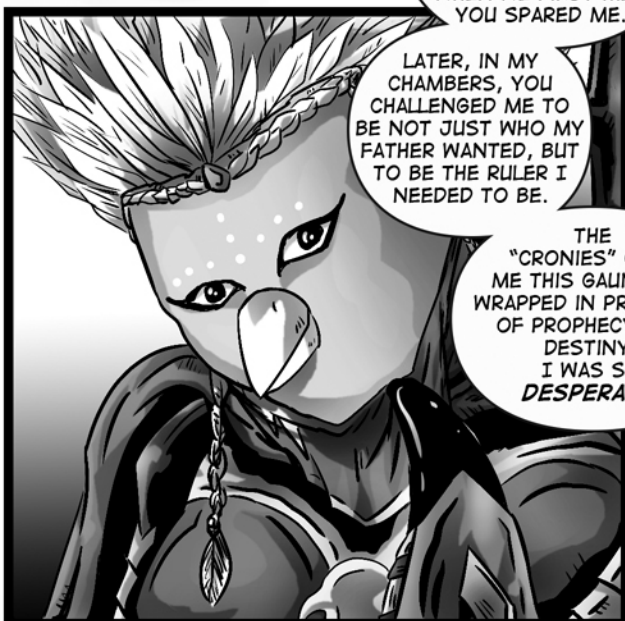
I WILL TELL YOU. *NONE.*



THIS IS AN EMBARRASSMENT. AMARU SHOULD BE HANGING HERE, WATCHING HIS FELLOW POSSUMS SUFFER.

BUT, NOW HE ROAMS FREE, LAUGHING AT ME. JUST AS MY FELLOW PENGUINS LAUGH.

YOU, ON THE OTHER HAND, YOU I'M THANKFUL FOR. FOR SAVING MY LIFE, YES. BUT MORE THAN THAT, FOR SAVING MY SOUL. WHEN WE FIRST MET YOU SPARED ME.



LATER, IN MY CHAMBERS, YOU CHALLENGED ME TO BE NOT JUST WHO MY FATHER WANTED, BUT TO BE THE RULER I NEEDED TO BE.

THE "CRONIES" GAVE ME THIS GAUNTLET, WRAPPED IN PROMISES OF PROPHECY AND DESTINY. I WAS SO *DESPERATE.*



BUT NOW I KNOW THE TRUTH.



IT'S-

ALL-

WAM!

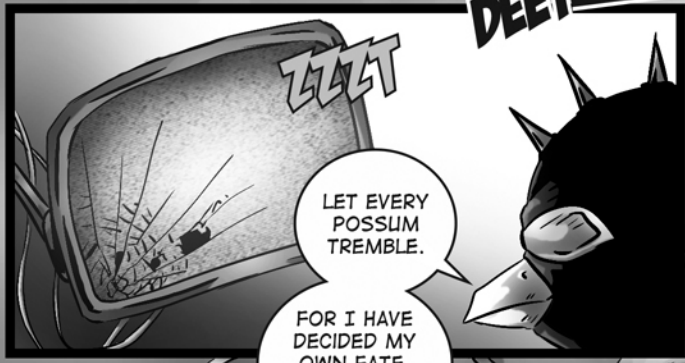
BOOM!



LIES!!!

WA-KOOM!

I WILL BE KNOWN AS THE EMPEROR WHO GAVE PENGUINS BACK THEIR TRUE SELVES! THE KEY IS TECHNOLOGY. NOT SUPERSTITION.



DEET

ZZZZ

LET EVERY POSSUM TREMBLE.

FOR I HAVE DECIDED MY OWN FATE. AND IN THE PROCESS...



I HAVE ALSO DECIDED THEIRS.



AMARLI, WHAT HAPPENED TO YOUR GARDEN?

YEAH! YOU USED TO HAVE THE NICEST GARDEN AROUND. NOW, IT JUST LOOKS LIKE A TRASH HEAP.

MANNERS, YOUNGLINGS!

YUM!



IT'S OKAY, YARETZI. I HAVE BEEN NEGLECTING IT, HAVEN'T I? I GUESS I THOUGHT IT WASN'T VERY IMPORTANT.

BUT, IT *IS* IMPORTANT! WE *NEED* THE GARDEN!



YOU KNOW, I THINK YOU'RE RIGHT! LET'S START RIGHT NOW!

WHEEEE!

MY TURN! MY TURN!

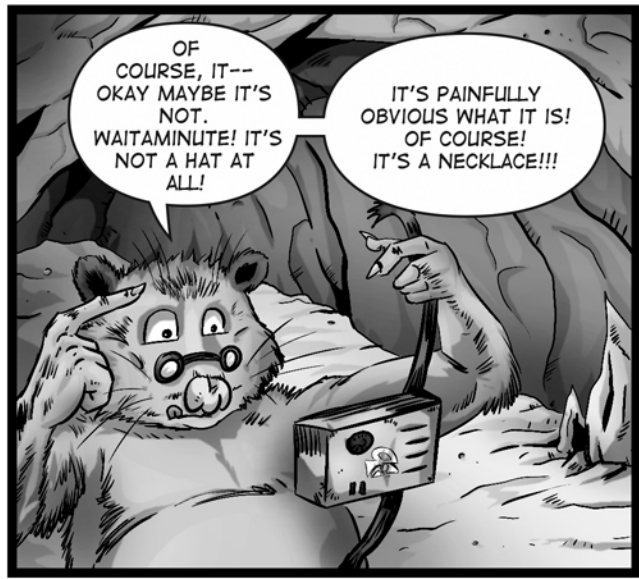
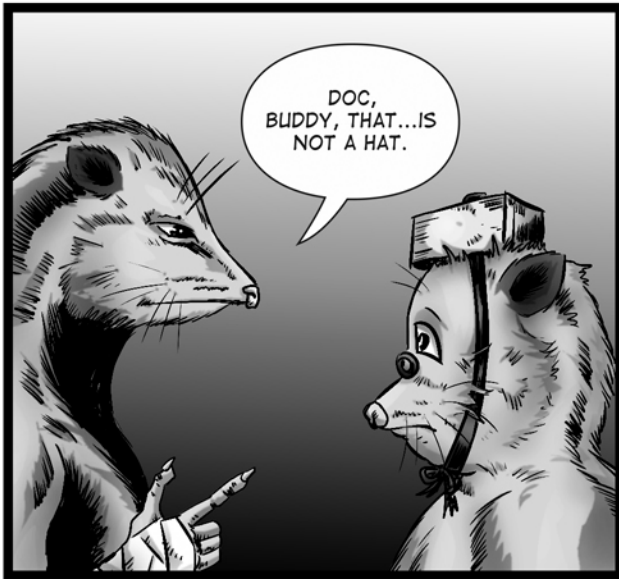
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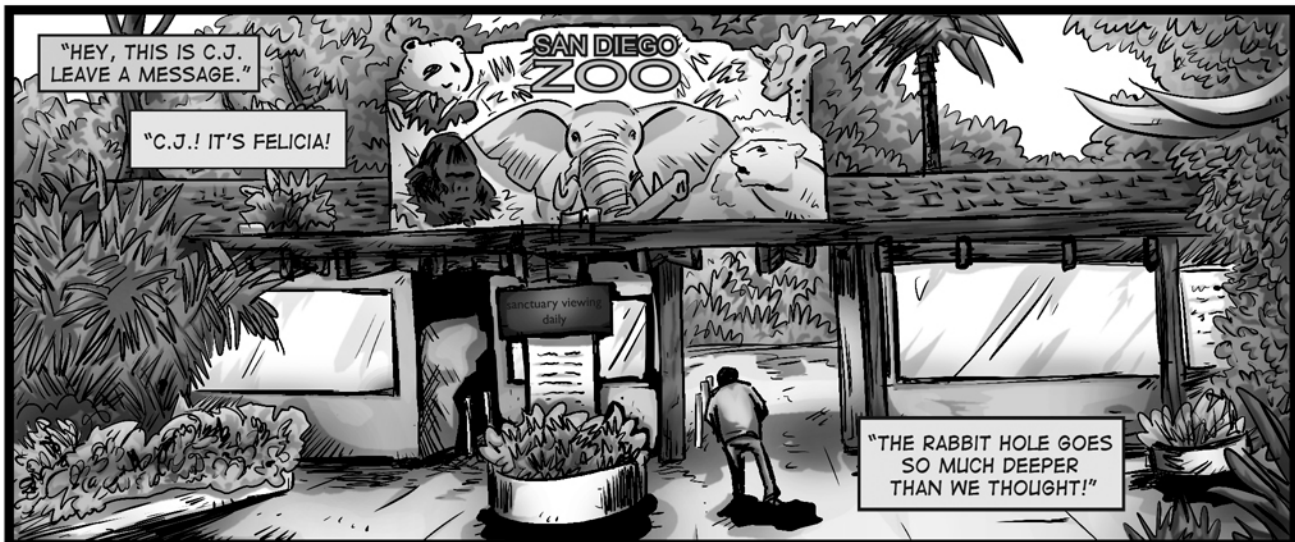


HELLO THERE, EVERYONE! I'VE RETURNED FROM THE SCAVENGE VICTORIOUS!

WE RAN INTO SOME PENGUINS, BUT I FOUGHT VALIANTLY, AND WE SUFFERED NO LOSSES!

CAN'T SAY THE SAME FOR THEM! AND THE BEST NEWS IS, I FOUND THIS AMAZING HAT!





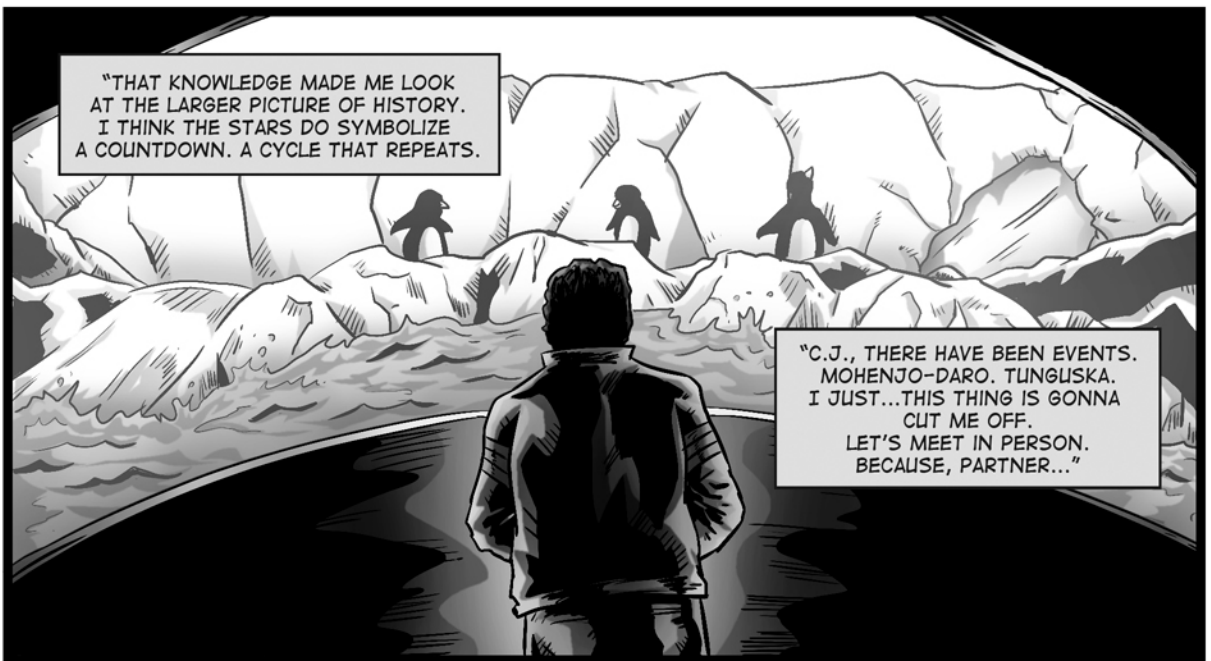


"THE IDEA THAT REPRESENTATIONS CHANGE OVER TIME GOT ME THINKING.

"REMEMBER MY TRIP TO GOBEKLI TEPE? I FOUND THOSE IMAGES, WHICH, OF COURSE, NOW WE KNOW **MUST** BE PENGUINS AND POSSUMS!



"THAT SITE IS DATED AT EARLIER THAN 9,000 B.C.E.! THIS FEUD GOES BACK TO THE VERY BEGINNING OF... WELL, EVERYTHING, IT SEEMS!



"THAT KNOWLEDGE MADE ME LOOK AT THE LARGER PICTURE OF HISTORY. I THINK THE STARS DO SYMBOLIZE A COUNTDOWN. A CYCLE THAT REPEATS.

"C.J., THERE HAVE BEEN EVENTS. MOHENJO-DARO. TUNGUSKA. I JUST...THIS THING IS GONNA CUT ME OFF. LET'S MEET IN PERSON. BECAUSE, PARTNER..."



WE
NEED TO
TALK.

TO BE CONTINUED...

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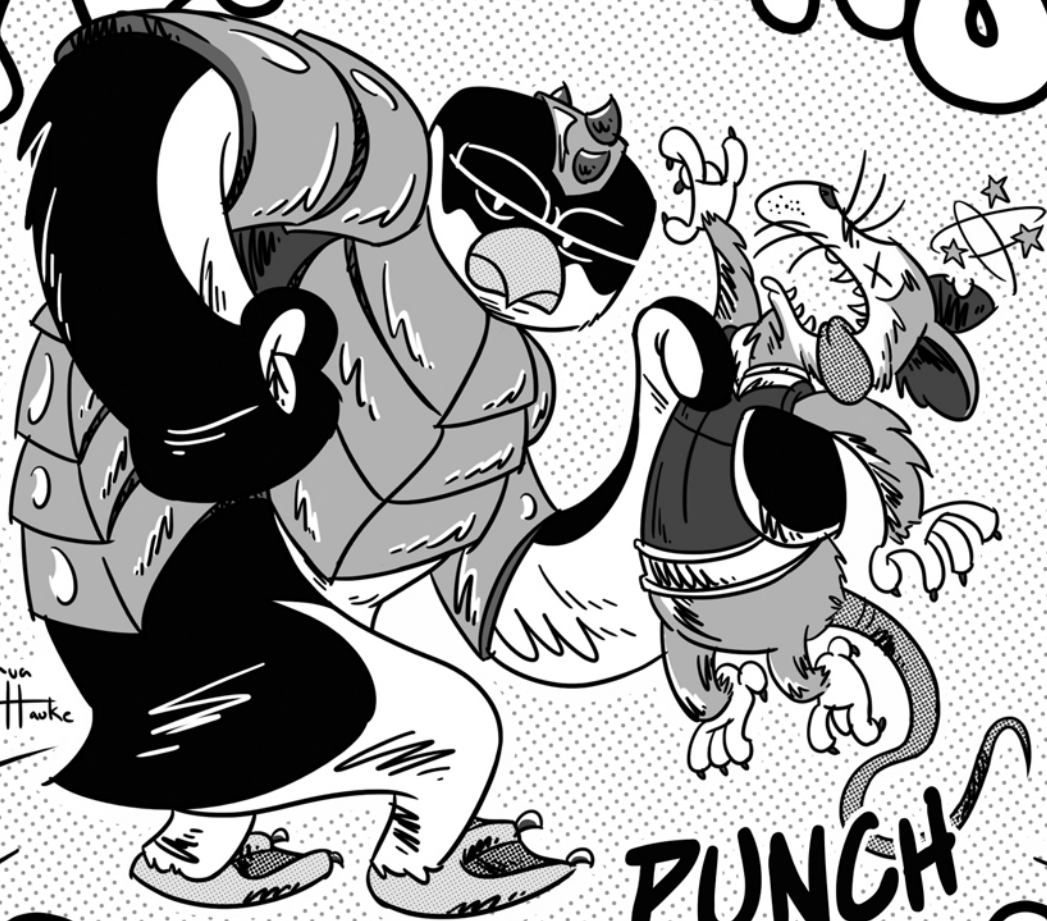
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