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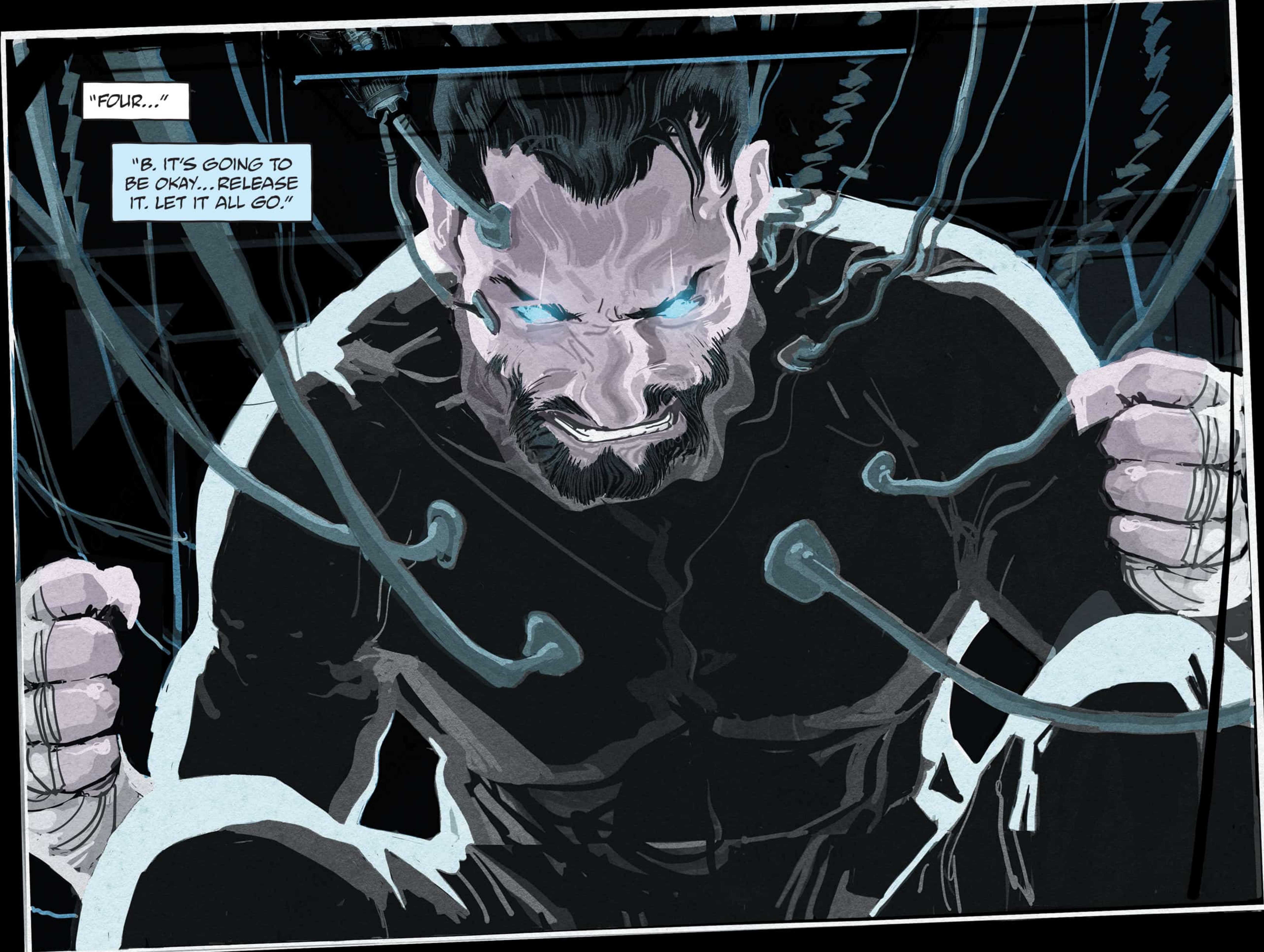
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CHAPTER SEVEN



"FOUR..."

"B. IT'S GOING TO
BE OKAY...RELEASE
IT. LET IT ALL GO."



"THREE..."

"SHOW US.
SHOW US."



SEVEN DAYS AGO.

FINISHED MY HOMEWORK.

I CORRECTED THE SUMERIAN TRANSLATIONS AND RE-DATED THE SOURCE OBJECTS FROM THE SCOTTISH DIG. THOSE SCOTS ARE **HIGH**.

HAVE A SEAT.



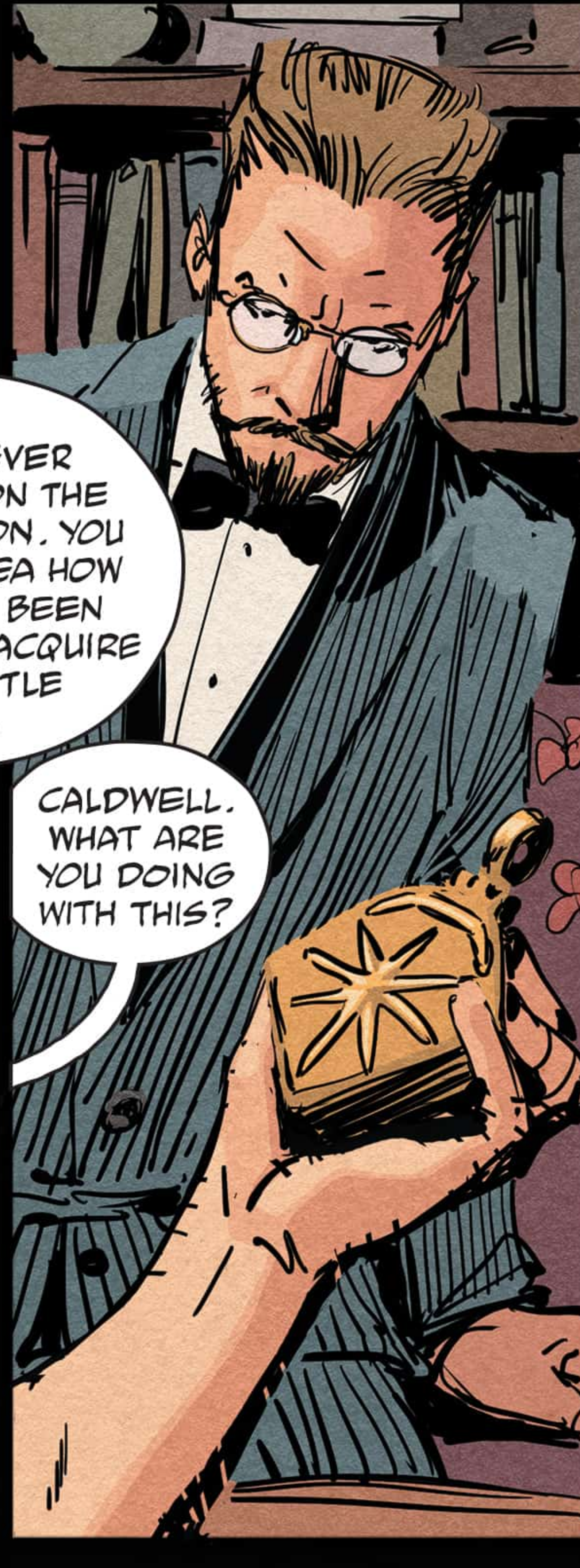
I APPRECIATE YOU MAKING THE TIME.

WHAT'S ON THE AGENDA TODAY? **MORE** CARTOGRAPHY? **MORE** HIEROGLYPHS?



YOU AND KEEVER DID WELL ON THE LAST MISSION. YOU HAVE NO IDEA HOW LONG I'VE BEEN WORKING TO ACQUIRE THAT LITTLE BOX.

CALDWELL. WHAT ARE YOU DOING WITH THIS?



I'M GLAD YOU ASKED. THAT, MY **OLD FRIEND**, IS **TECHNOLOGY**.



THIS PARTICULAR ITEM...

2010.

"...FOUND ITS WAY INTO THE MUSEUM YOU RAIDED BY WAY OF ARMS DEALERS LOOKING TO LAUNDER THEIR MILLIONS.

"BUYING UP ANTIQUITIES. THEY HAD NO IDEA WHAT THEY HAD.

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"AND BEFORE THAT...

1944.

"PART OF A PRICELESS CACHE LIBERATED FROM THE NAZIS..."

"...AS THEY WERE OVERRUN
BY THE RUSSIANS.



"JUST ONE OF MANY
PRICELESS ARTIFACTS...



1941.

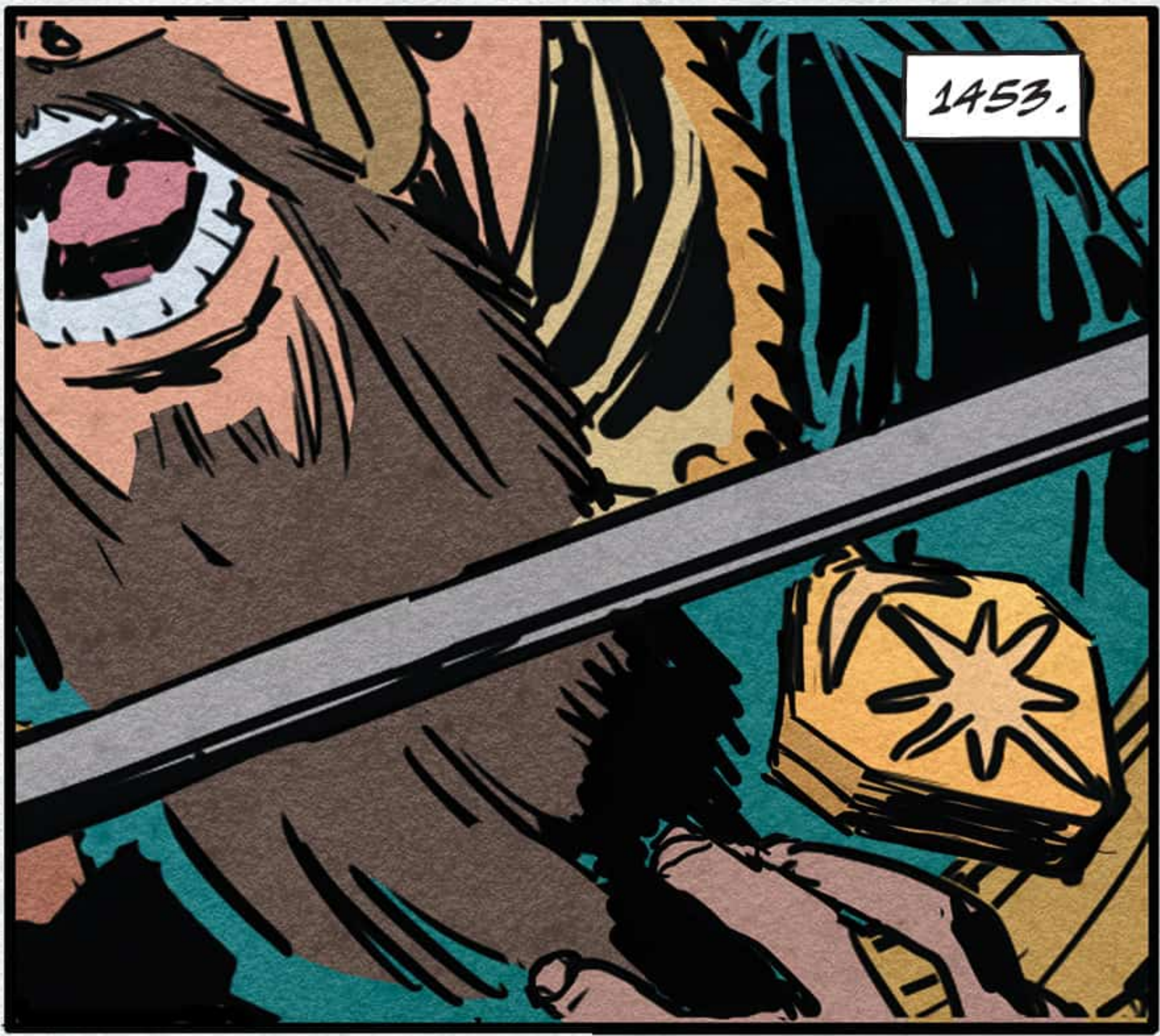


"...LOOTED BY THE NAZIS
DURING WORLD WAR II...

1700.



"...AFTER SPENDING HUNDREDS
OF YEARS TRADING HANDS
IN MARKETPLACES ACROSS
THE MEDITERRANEAN."



1453.



"LOST IN BATTLE
BY A LONG LINE
OF WARRIORS WHO
BELONGED TO A
SECRET CABAL.

"A CABAL THAT
PROTECTED, SERVED,
AND BELIEVED
IN ITS POWER...



750 B.C.

"...ACQUIRED
FROM A SHADOW
CARAVAN THAT
CROSSED THE
SAHARA...



760 B.C.

"...FROM THE
GREAT NUBIAN
CAPITAL OF
NAPATA IN
SOUTHERN
EGYPT.

"WHERE THEY BELIEVED
THEY COULD EXPLOIT THE
TECHNOLOGY IN RITUALS
ANCIENT AND UNKNOWN."



1026 B.C.

"RITUALS THEY LEARNED FROM ANCIENT TEXTS, LOST IN THE FIRE OF ALEXANDRIA. AND STOLEN CENTURIES EARLIER FROM..."

"...THE ORIGINAL OWNER."



2299 B.C.

"THE ORIGINAL OWNER BEING A BABYLONIAN WARRIOR WHO PRESENTED THE GIFT TO HIS KING..."

"...AFTER FINDING IT ON THE BATTLEFIELD A YEAR EARLIER."



2300 B.C.

"I'M SURE YOU REMEMBER THE BATTLE OF BABYLONIA. AFTER ALL..."

"YOU WERE
THERE."





"AT THE BIRTH OF
A NEW RELIGION.

"A SECT
THAT WOULD
WORSHIP
YOU.



"STUDY YOU,
FOR THOUSANDS
OF YEARS.

OH...



MY...



"A SECT STILL
ALIVE TODAY.

"WITH ONE
PURPOSE.

"TO **BECOME**
YOU. OR JUST
LIKE YOU."

GOD.





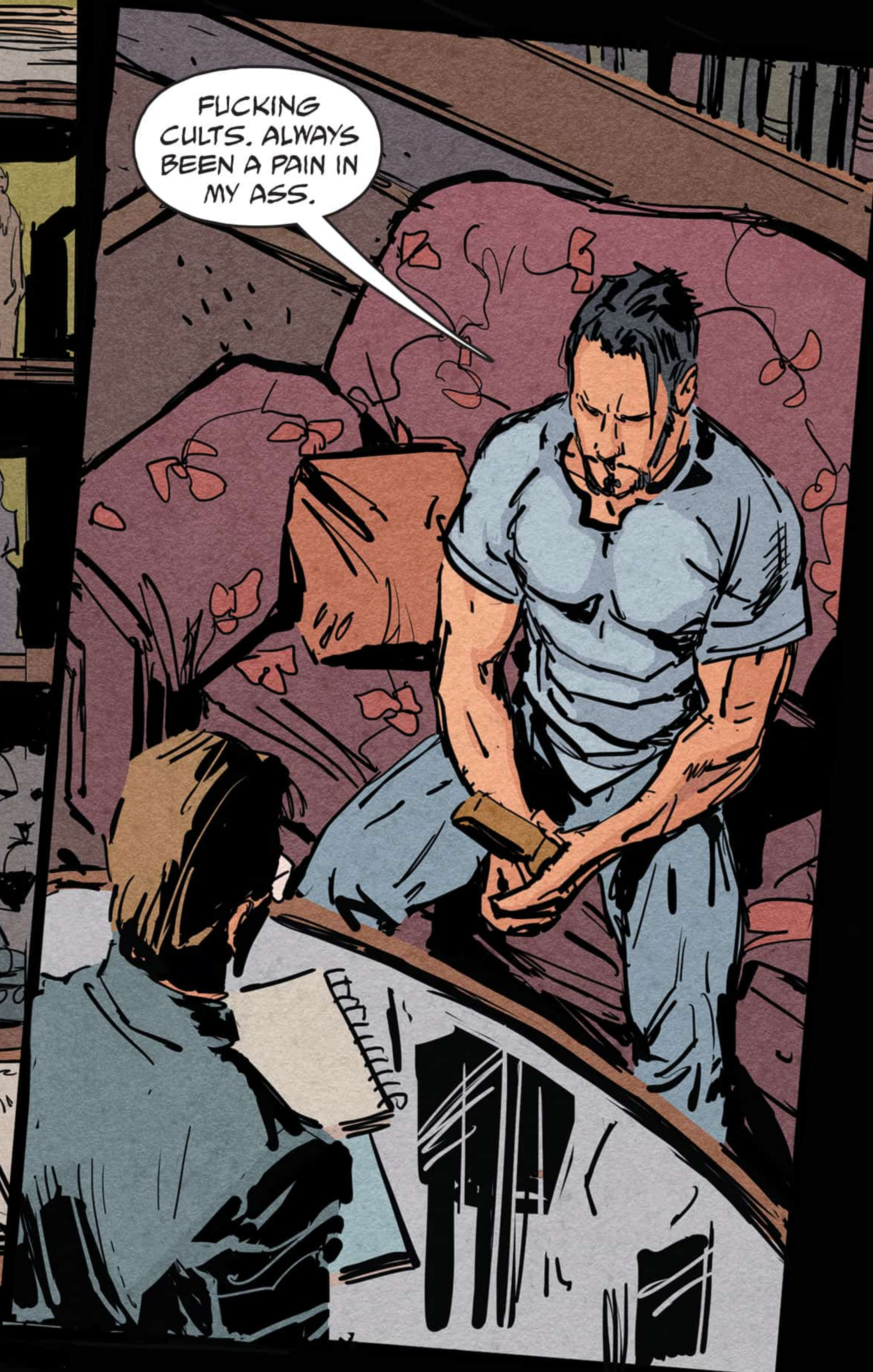
A CULT THAT IS STILL USEFUL IN ITS OWN WAY. WE FOLLOW THEM. AND WE FIND YOU.



THIS...IS MY HAND?



WELL. WHAT'S LEFT OF IT. OVER THE YEARS IT'S BEEN EATEN, SMOKED, BOILED, SEX-MAGICKED, AND INJECTED... SO THERE ISN'T MUCH LEFT.



FUCKING CULTS. ALWAYS BEEN A PAIN IN MY ASS.



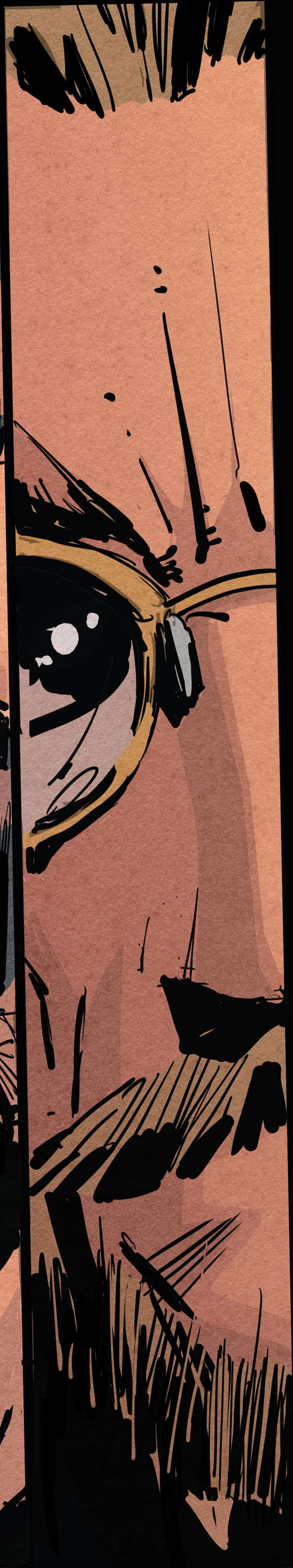
YES.
WELL, THEY
HAVE THEIR
USES.



AND...
"LOST" DNA IS
USEFUL.



HOW DID
YOU GET INTO
ALL OF THIS,
CALDWELL?







SO THAT EXPLAINS ALL OF THIS SHIT.

MY LIFE'S WORK. THE REASON THEY HIRED ME. I WILL STOP AT NOTHING TO GAIN KNOWLEDGE ABOUT YOU.



WHAT DO YOU WANT?



Josh Barrientes. Director of Archaeology, Oxford.



A PLEASURE TO MEET ANOTHER MEMBER.



Jon Peters. Collector.



OVER MY DEAD BODY.



Weatherly Kallina Knighton. Black Market Sales.



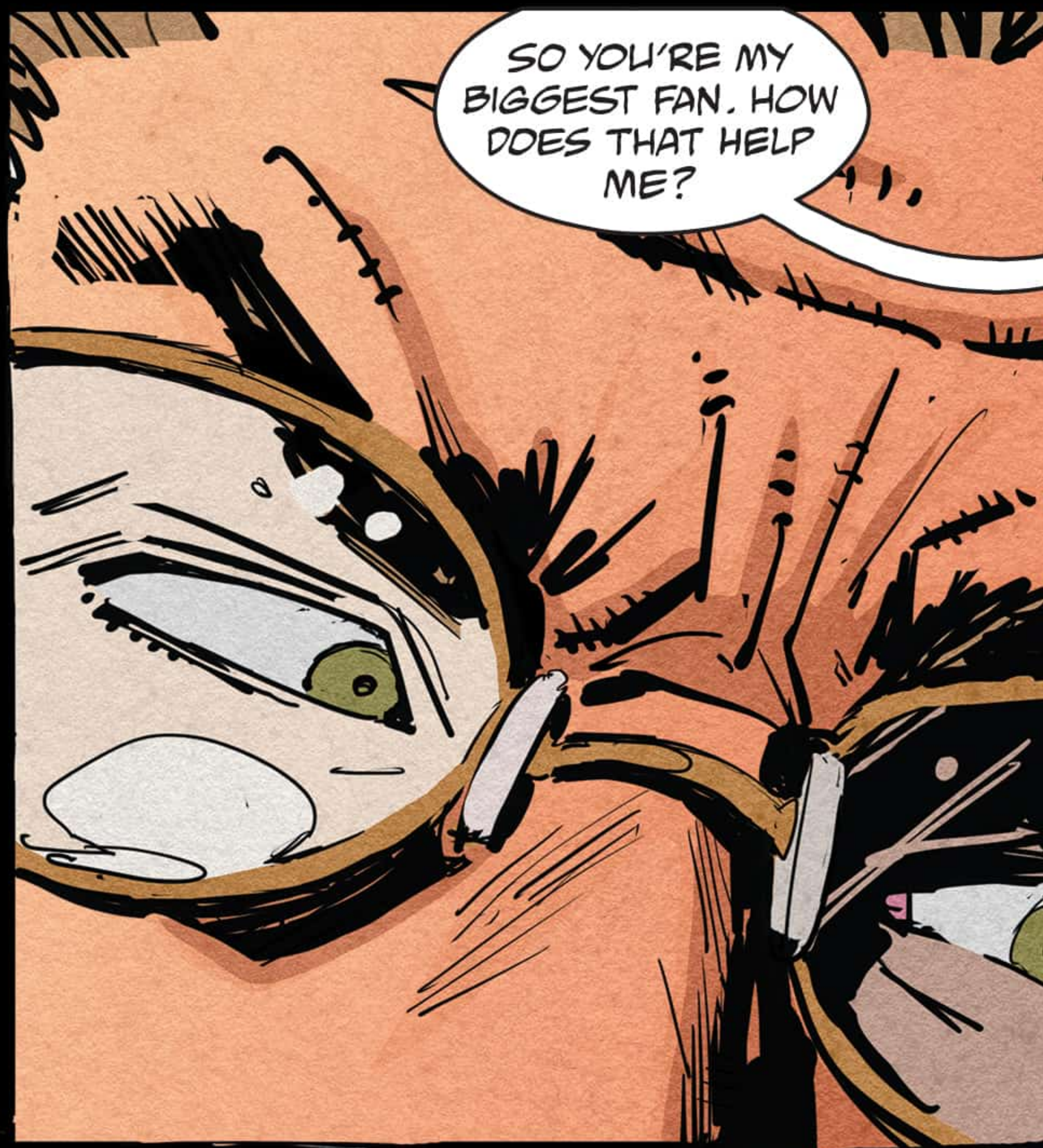
THEY NEED WHAT I KNOW. AND I...



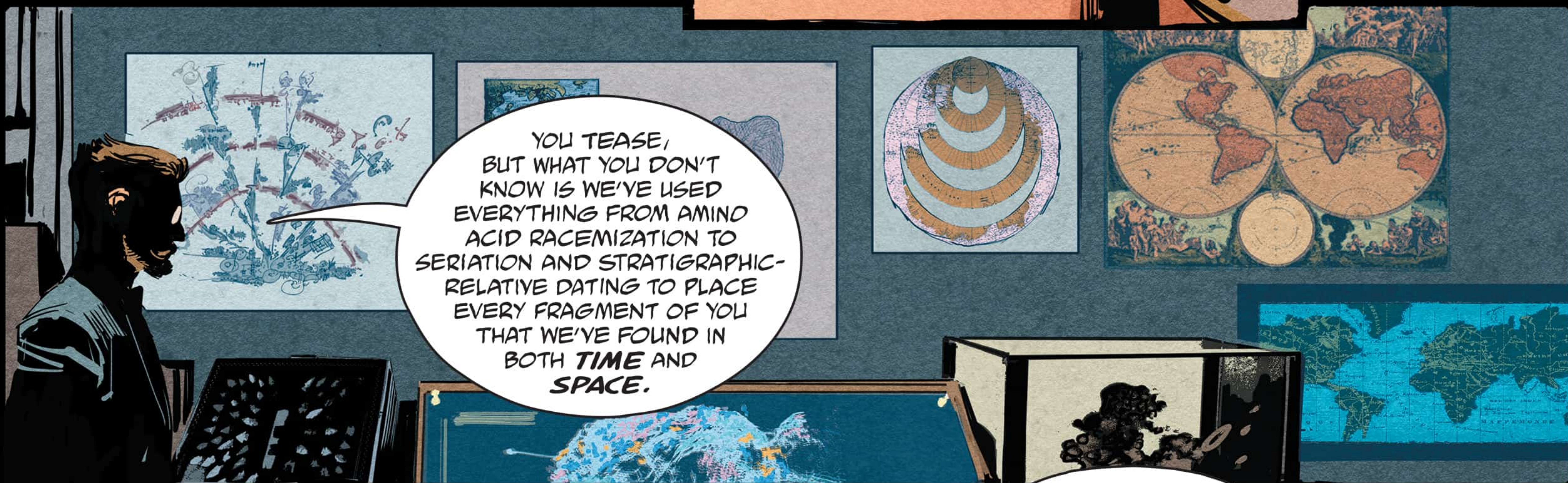
...NEED THEIR RESOURCES.



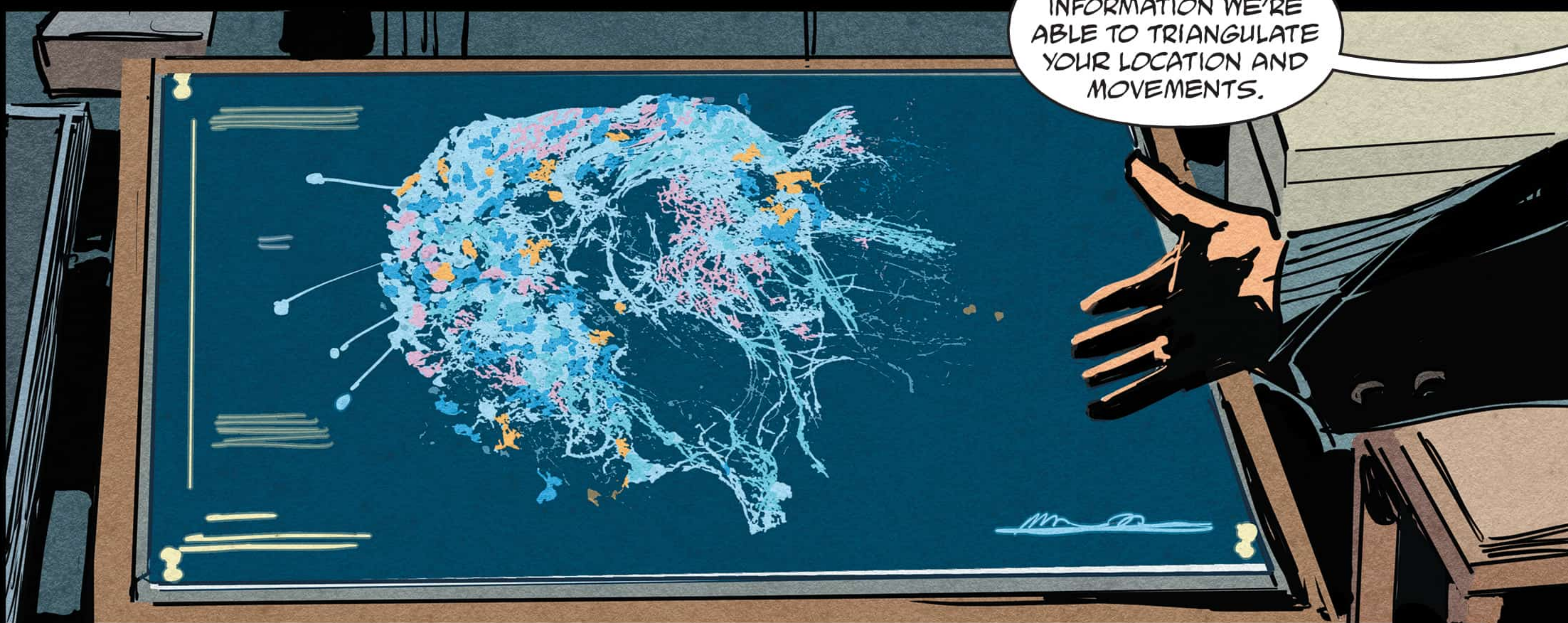
Uh-huh.



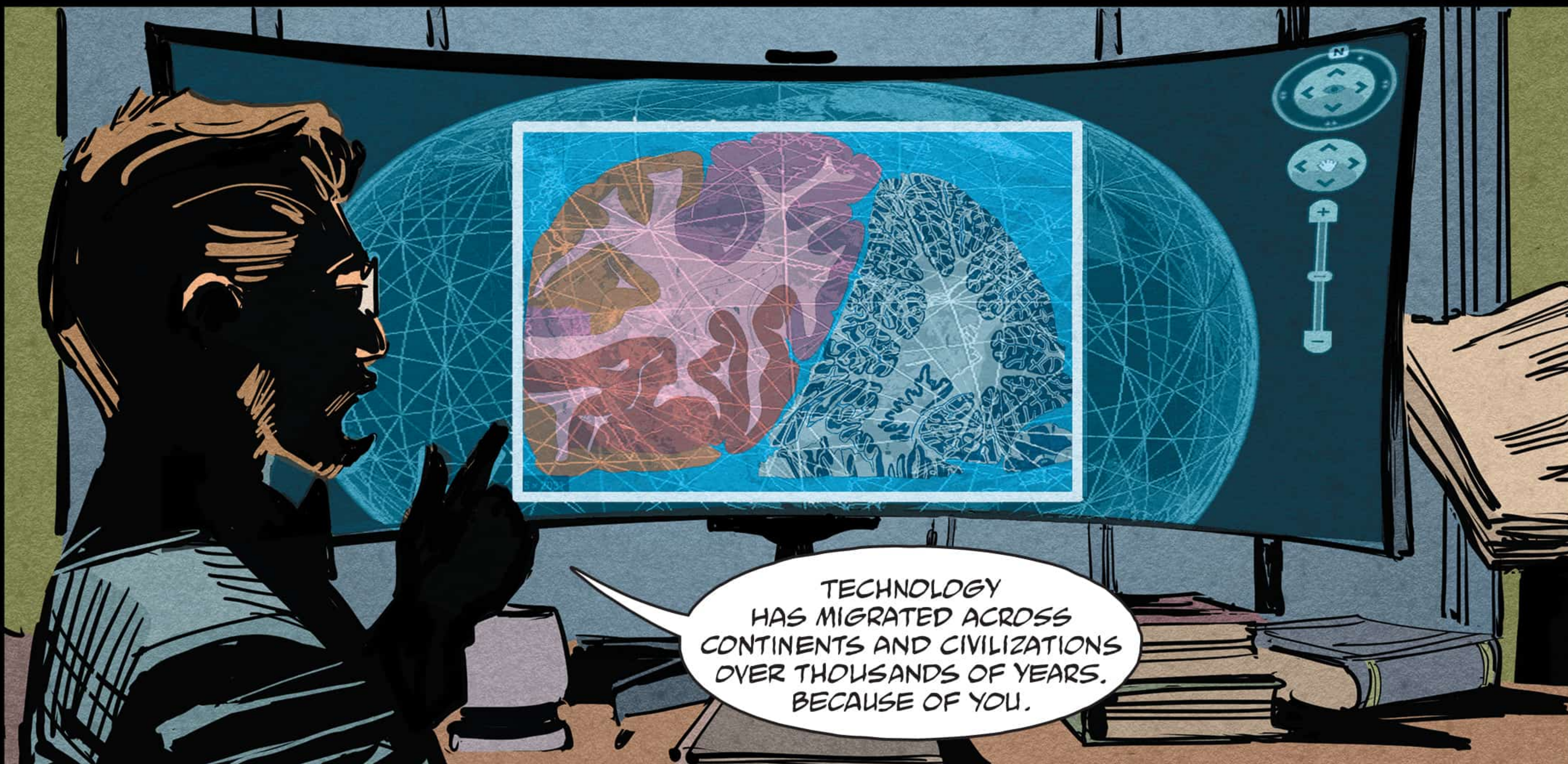
SO YOU'RE MY BIGGEST FAN. HOW DOES THAT HELP ME?



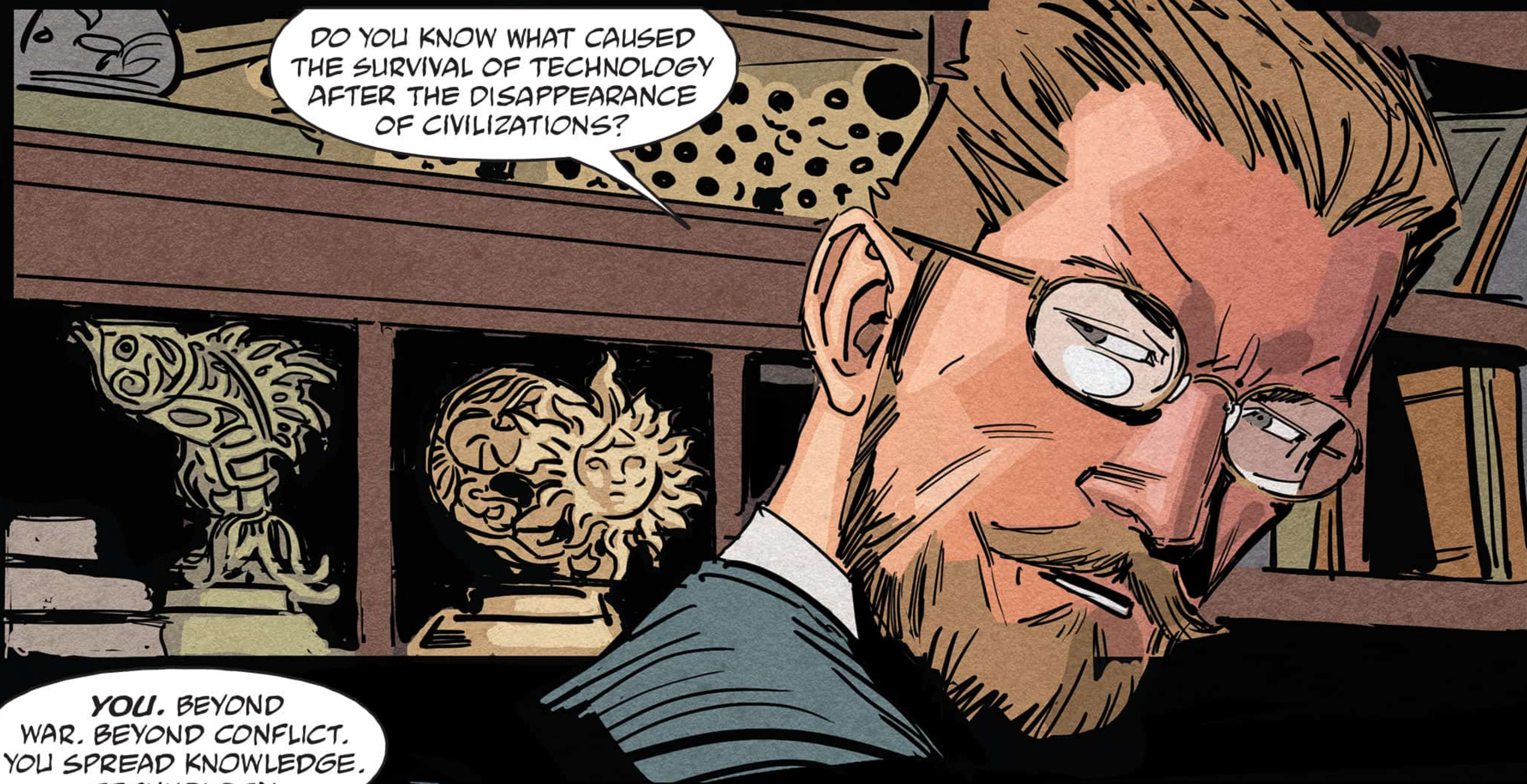
YOU TEASE, BUT WHAT YOU DON'T KNOW IS WE'VE USED EVERYTHING FROM AMINO ACID RACEMIZATION TO SERIATION AND STRATIGRAPHIC-RELATIVE DATING TO PLACE EVERY FRAGMENT OF YOU THAT WE'VE FOUND IN BOTH **TIME** AND **SPACE**.



WITH THAT INFORMATION WE'RE ABLE TO TRIANGULATE YOUR LOCATION AND MOVEMENTS.



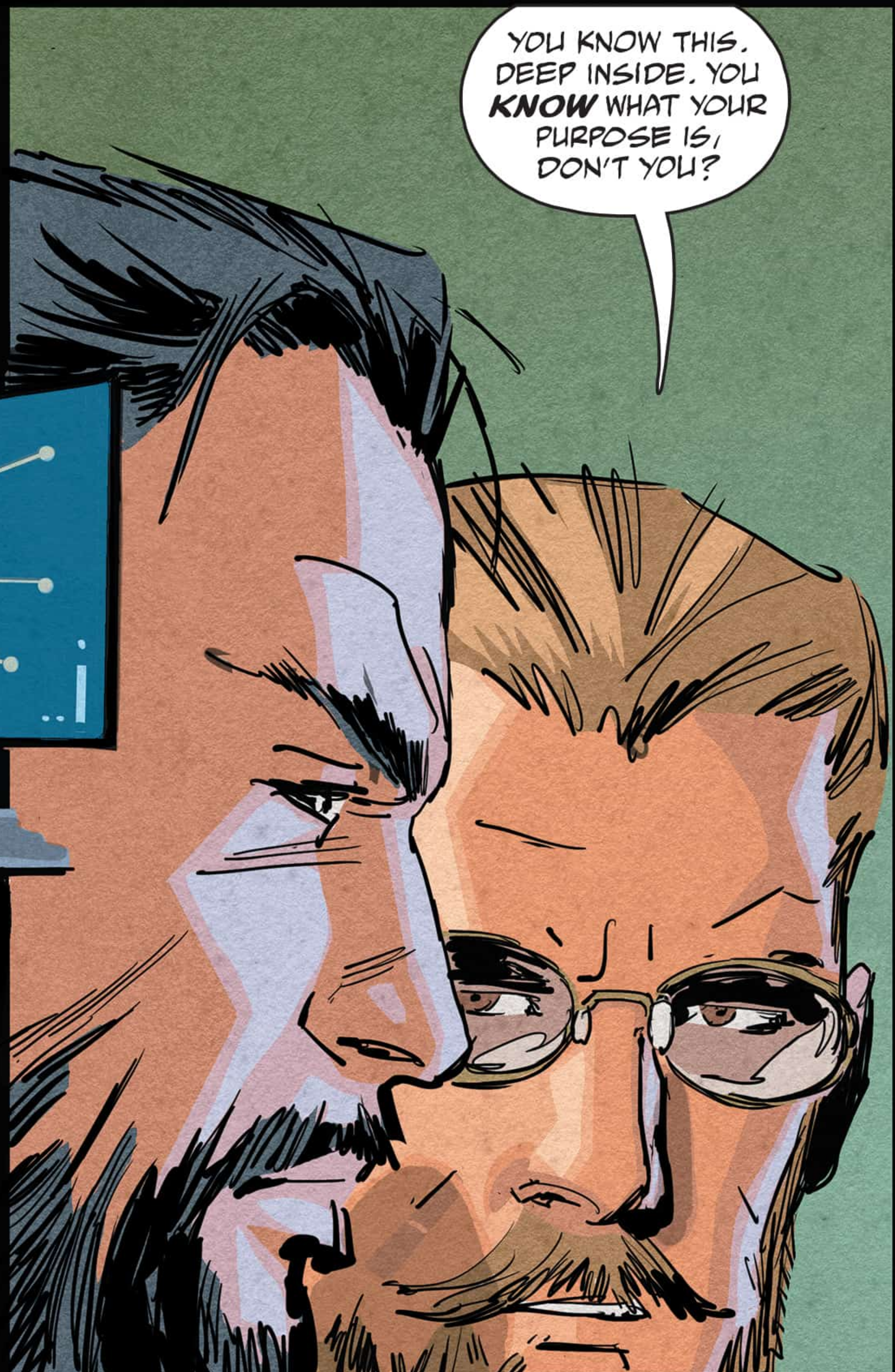
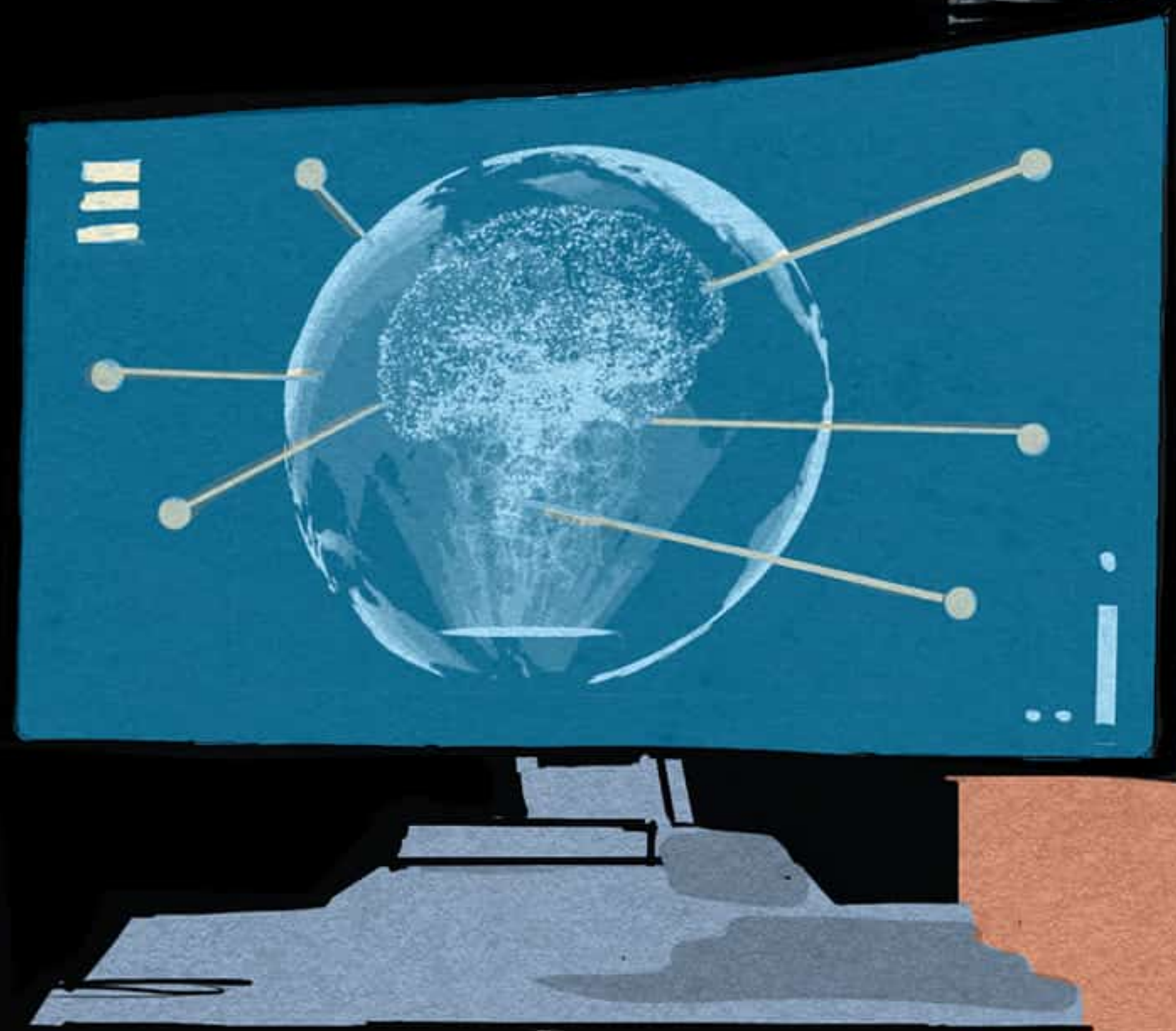
TECHNOLOGY HAS MIGRATED ACROSS CONTINENTS AND CIVILIZATIONS OVER THOUSANDS OF YEARS. BECAUSE OF YOU.



DO YOU KNOW WHAT CAUSED
THE SURVIVAL OF TECHNOLOGY
AFTER THE DISAPPEARANCE
OF CIVILIZATIONS?



YOU. BEYOND
WAR. BEYOND CONFLICT.
YOU SPREAD KNOWLEDGE.
TECHNOLOGY.



YOU KNOW THIS.
DEEP INSIDE. YOU
KNOW WHAT YOUR
PURPOSE IS,
DON'T YOU?







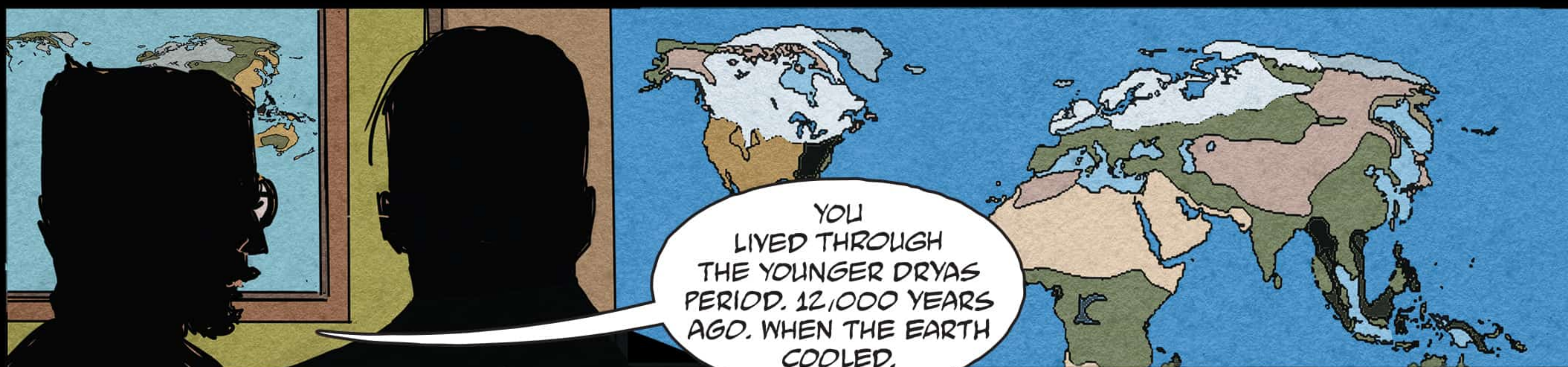
YOU CAN KILL
AN ARMY WITH
YOUR BARE HANDS,
BUT THAT ISN'T
YOUR REAL
POWER.



THESE
CARVINGS. NO ONE
CAN READ THEM. BUT
YOU. I'M SURE YOU CAN.



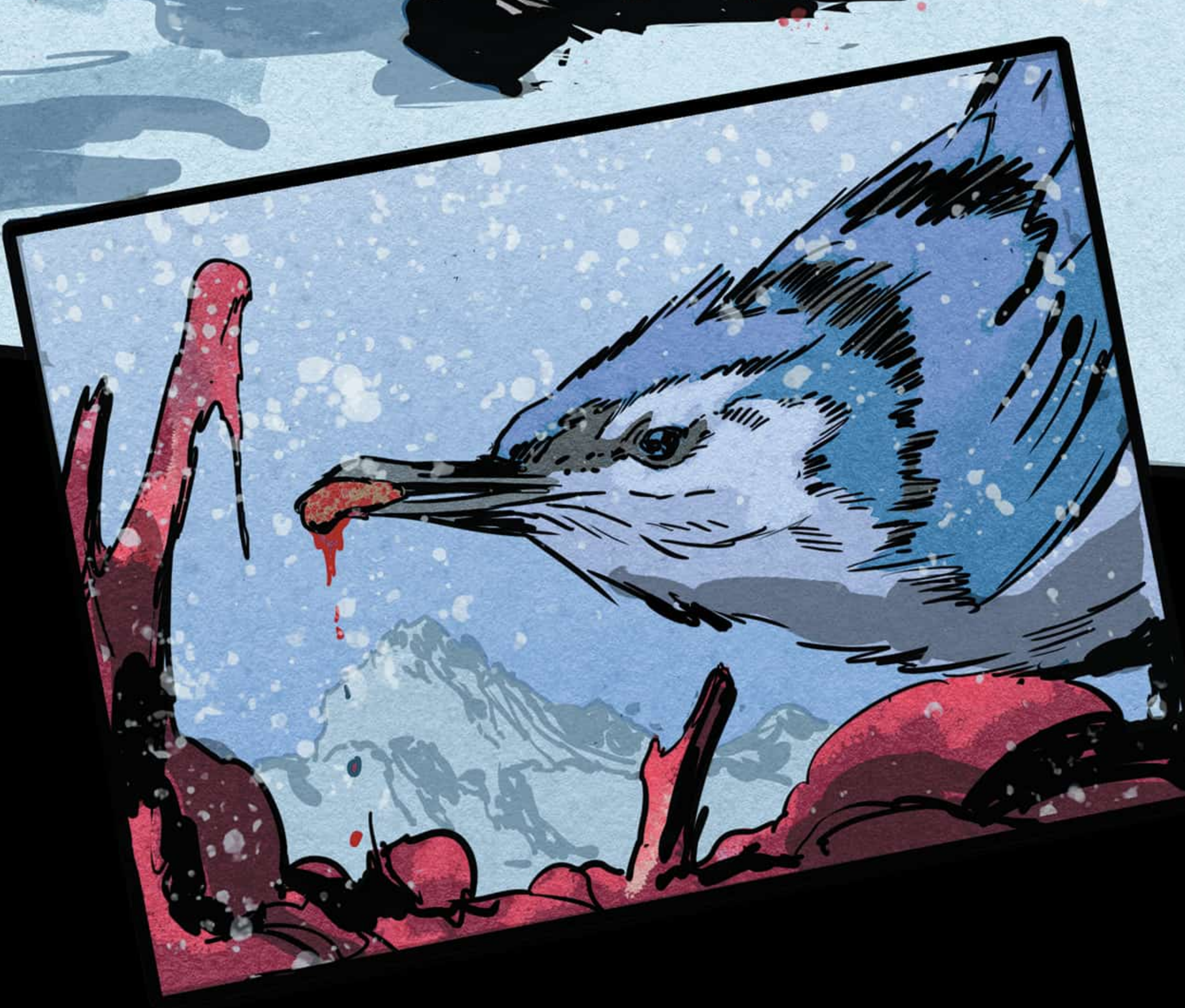
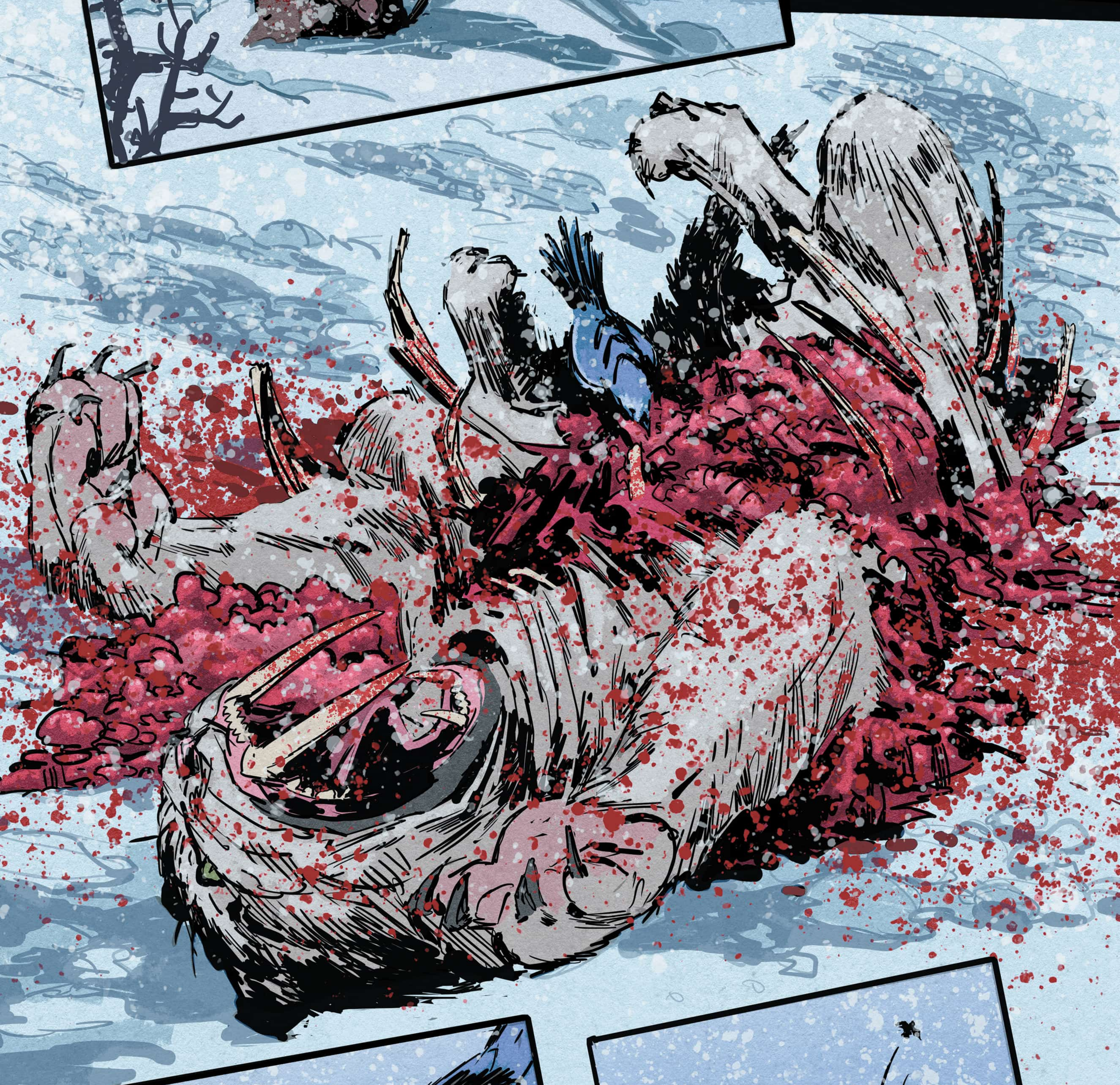
LOOK. I WASN'T EVERY-
WHERE. I DON'T KNOW
EVERYTHING.



YOU
LIVED THROUGH
THE YOUNGER DRYAS
PERIOD. 12,000 YEARS
AGO. WHEN THE EARTH
COOLED.



IT'S A
HOPELESS
HISTORICAL
BLINDSPOT. TELL
ME...WHAT WAS
THAT LOST
CIVILIZATION
LIKE?



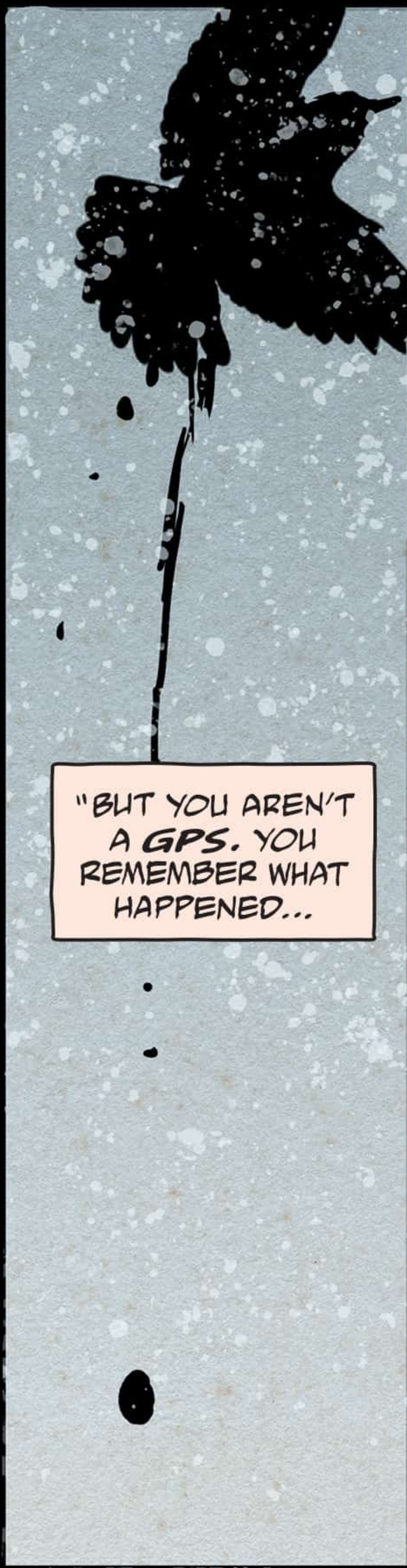


I PROMISED THEM I WOULDN'T TALK ABOUT IT. OUT LOUD.



YOU'RE FUCKING WITH ME.





"BUT YOU AREN'T
A *GPS*. YOU
REMEMBER WHAT
HAPPENED..."



"...BUT
YOU DON'T
ALWAYS KNOW
WHERE."



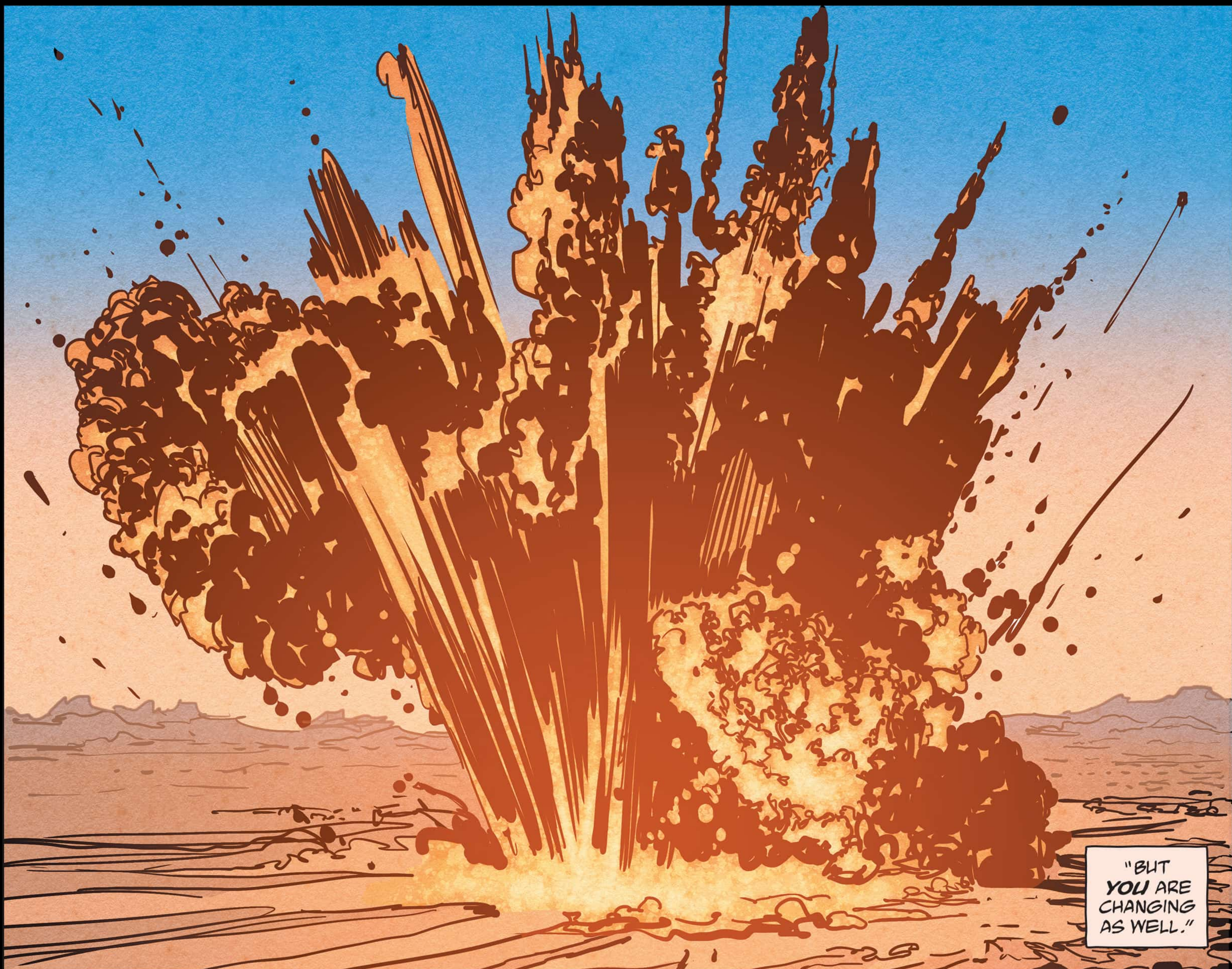
"IT HAS.
ALMOST TO A
STANDSTILL."



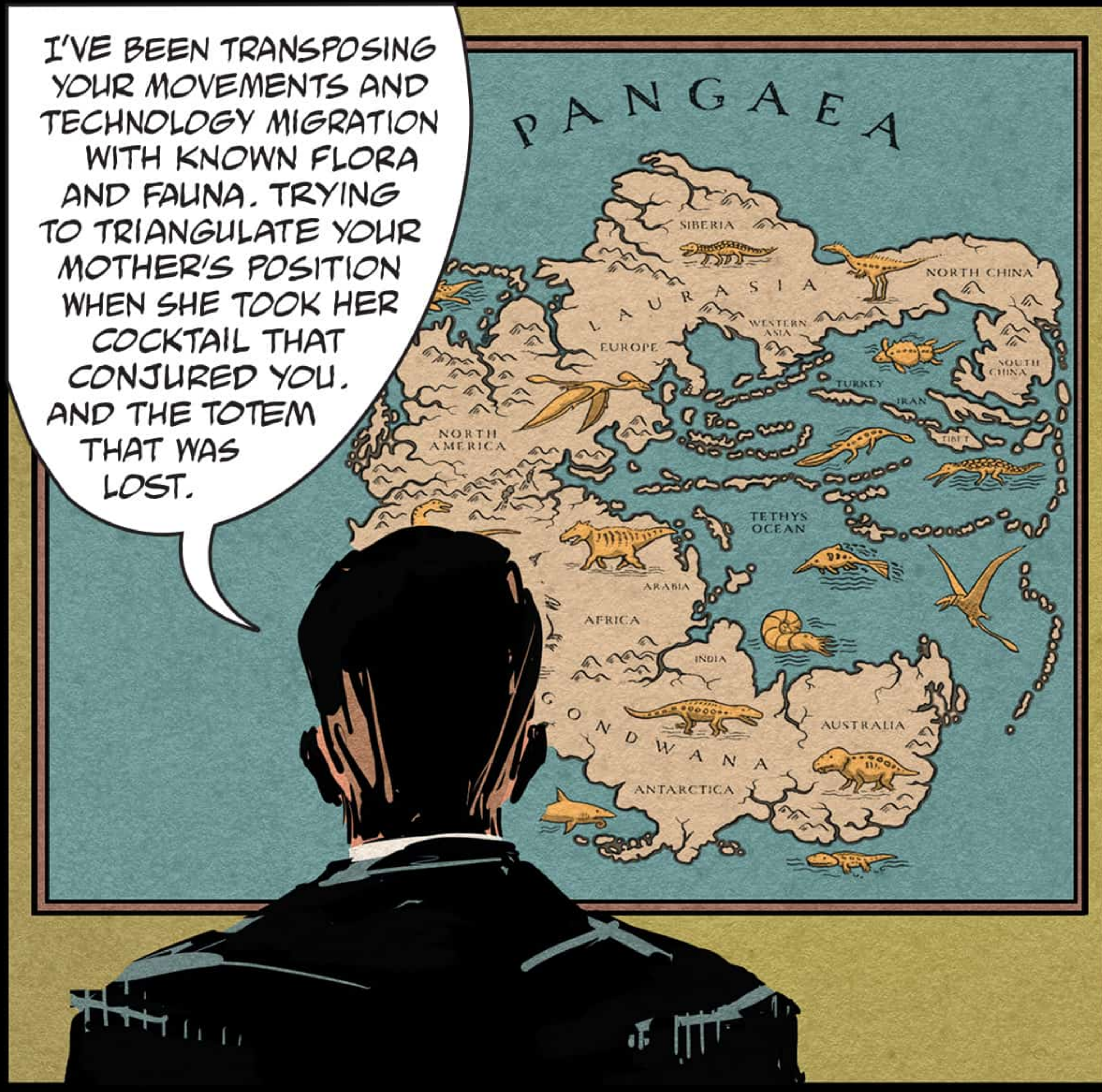
"YOU ARE A
GLACIER."

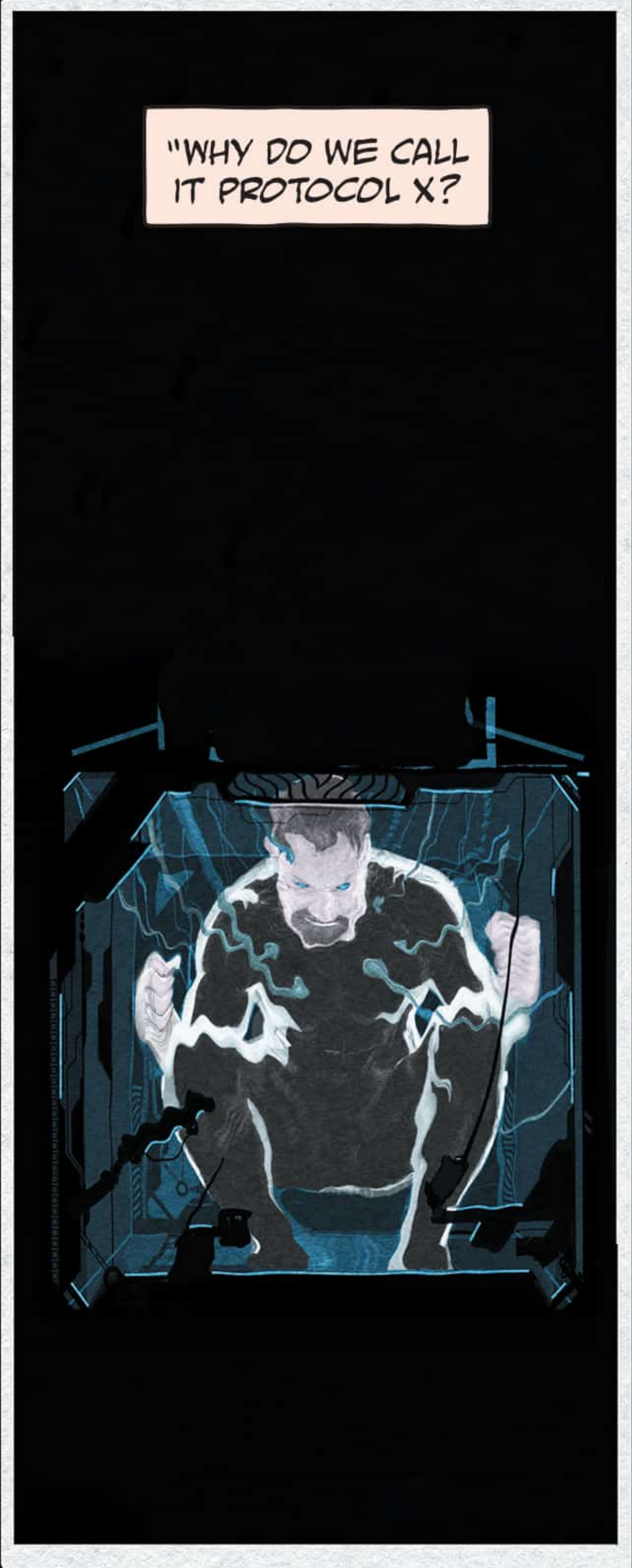


"SLOWLY
TRANSFORMING
EVERYTHING
AROUND YOU."

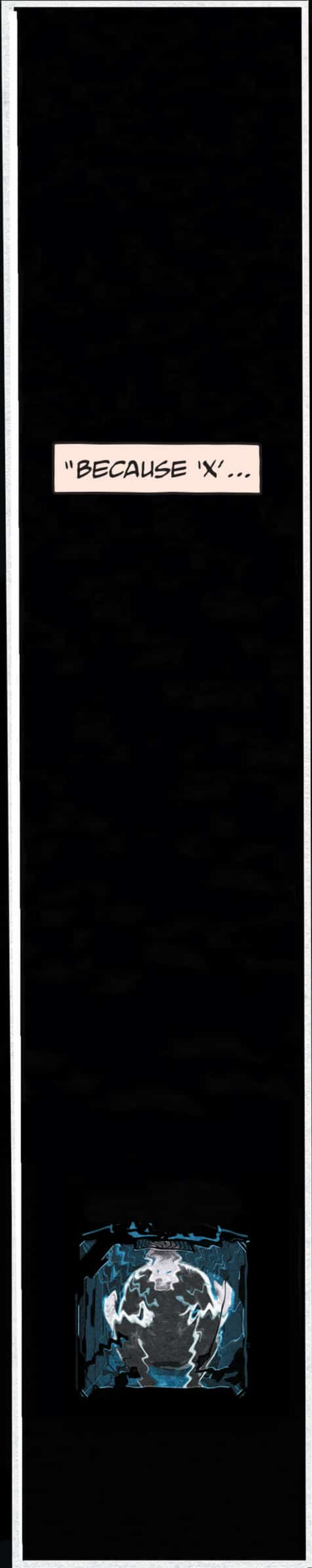


"BUT
YOU ARE
CHANGING
AS WELL."





"WHY DO WE CALL
IT PROTOCOL X?"



"BECAUSE 'X'..."



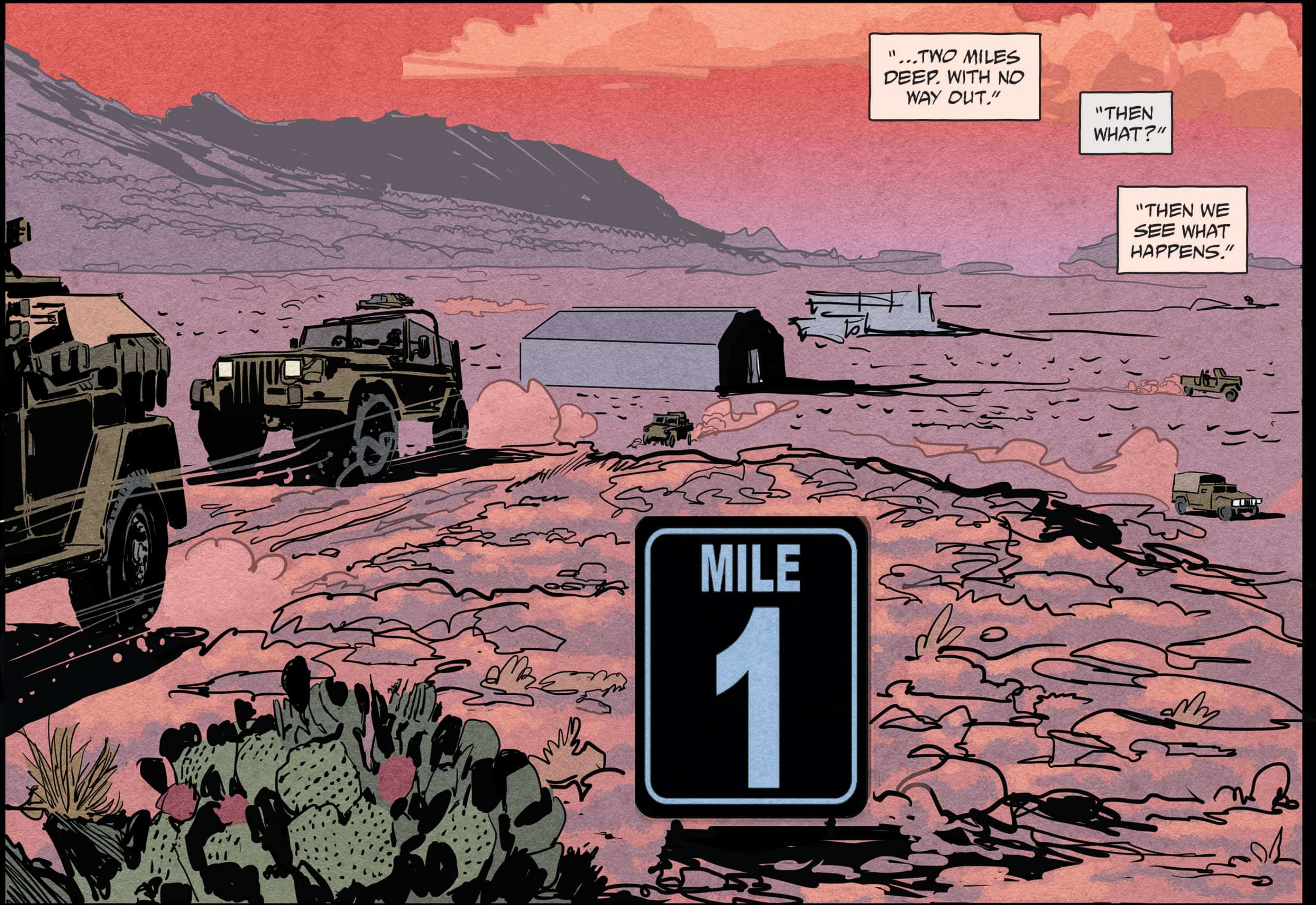
"...MARKS
THE SPOT."



MOJAVE
DESERT. NOW.



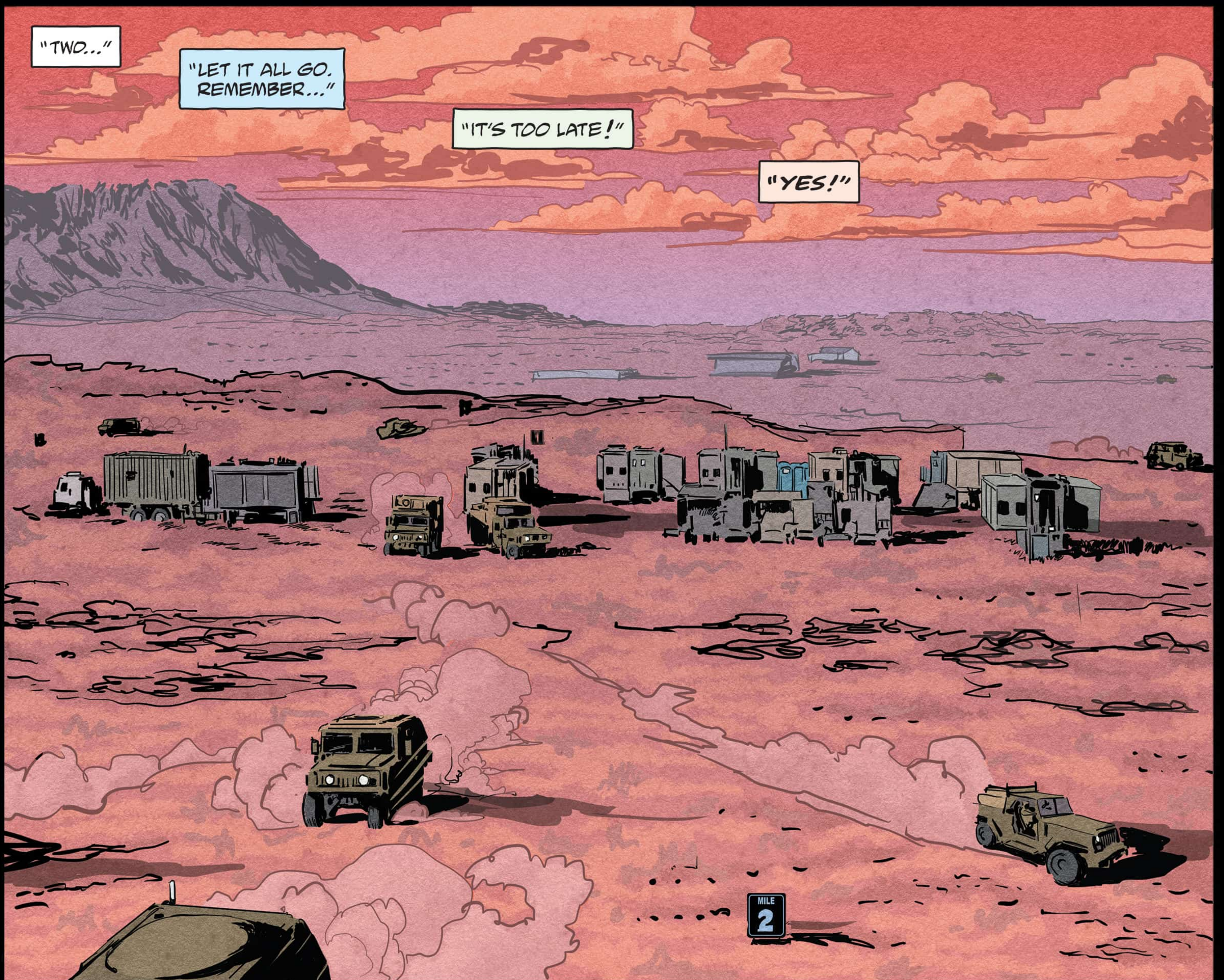
"THE SPOT
WHERE WE DIG
A HOLE AND
BURY YOU..."



"...TWO MILES
DEEP. WITH NO
WAY OUT."

"THEN
WHAT?"

"THEN WE
SEE WHAT
HAPPENS."



"TWO..."

"LET IT ALL GO.
REMEMBER..."

"IT'S TOO LATE!"

"YES!"

"ONE..."

