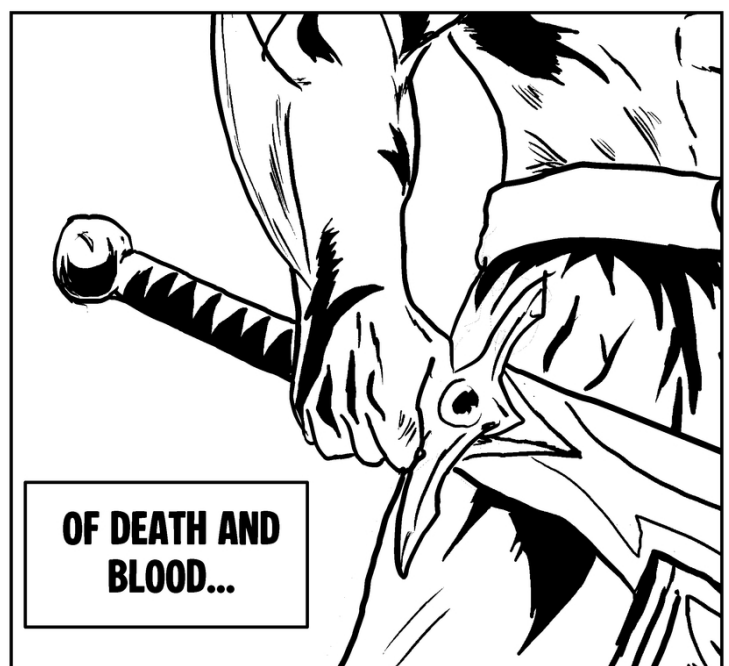
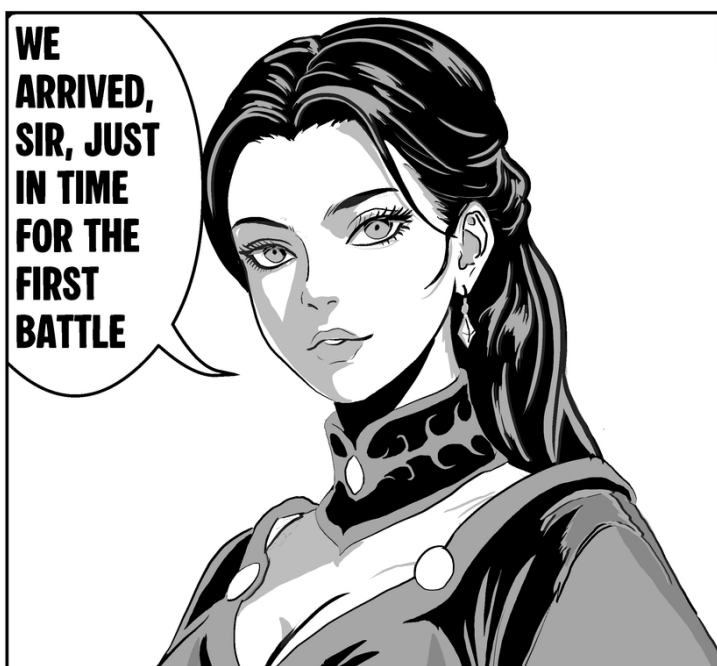
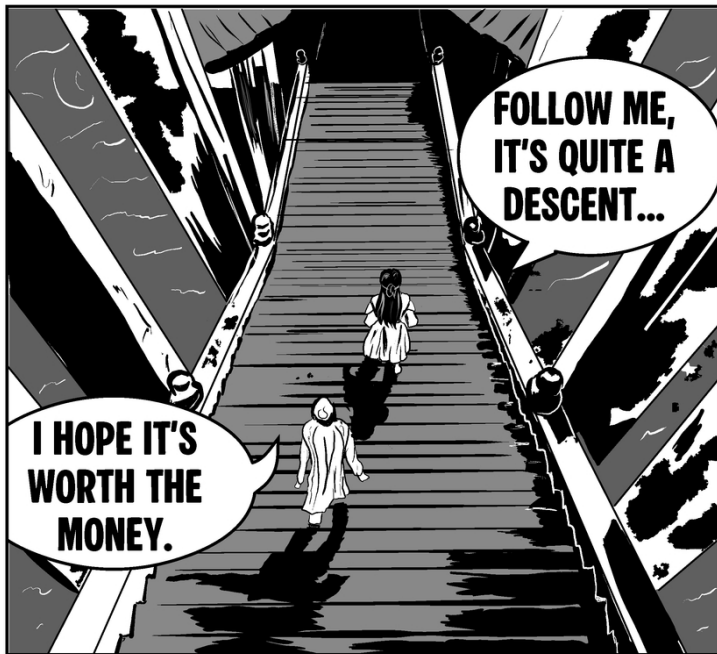




THE UNDERWATER TEMPLE OF ISHRA.

**ONCE A SACRED
PLACE TO WORSHIP
THE OCEAN GODS...**

**AFTER THE VELAR EMPIRE'S CONQUEST, THE
ANCIENT GODS WERE LOST TO HISTORY...
AND THE TEMPLE WAS REPURPOSED...**

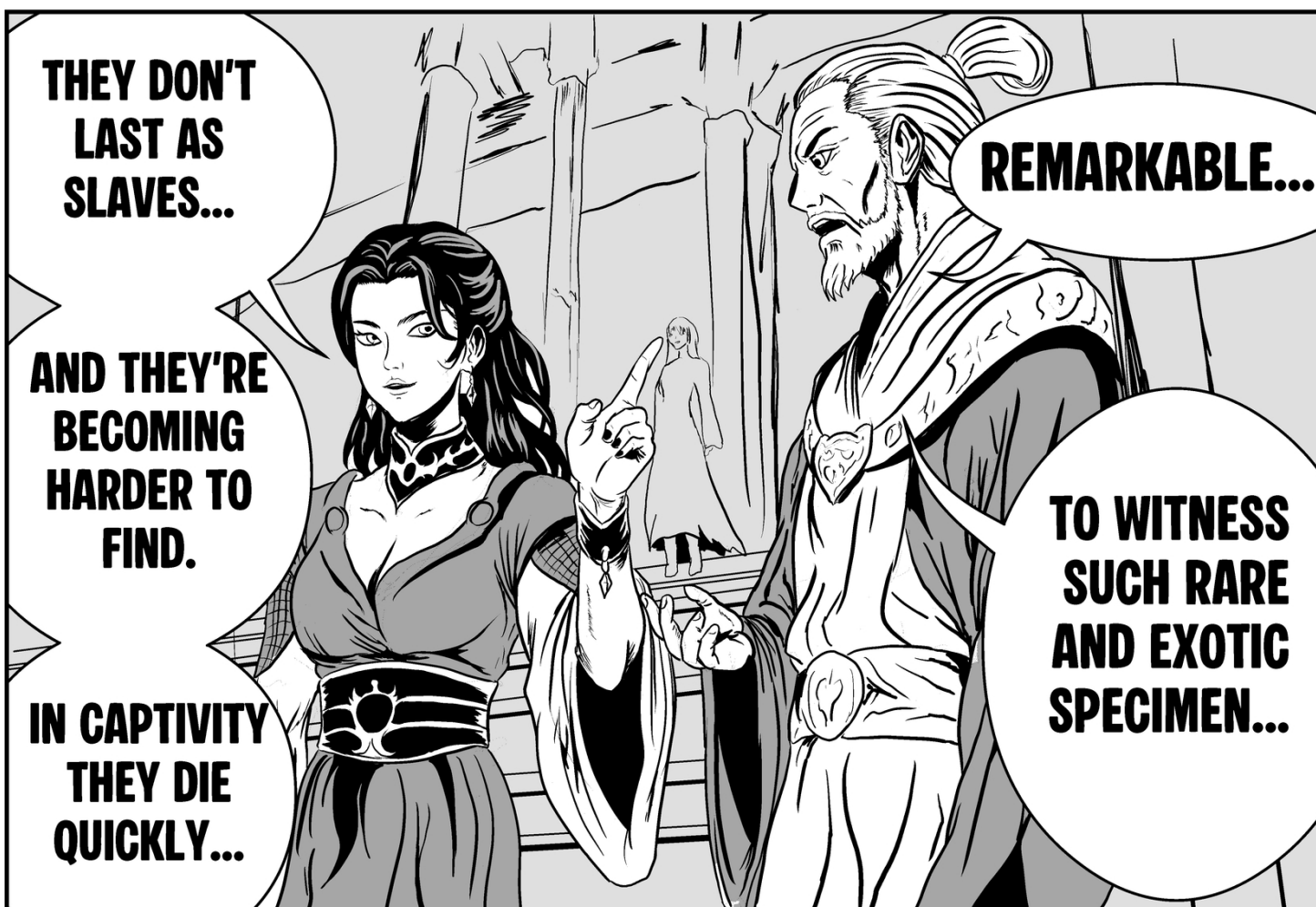
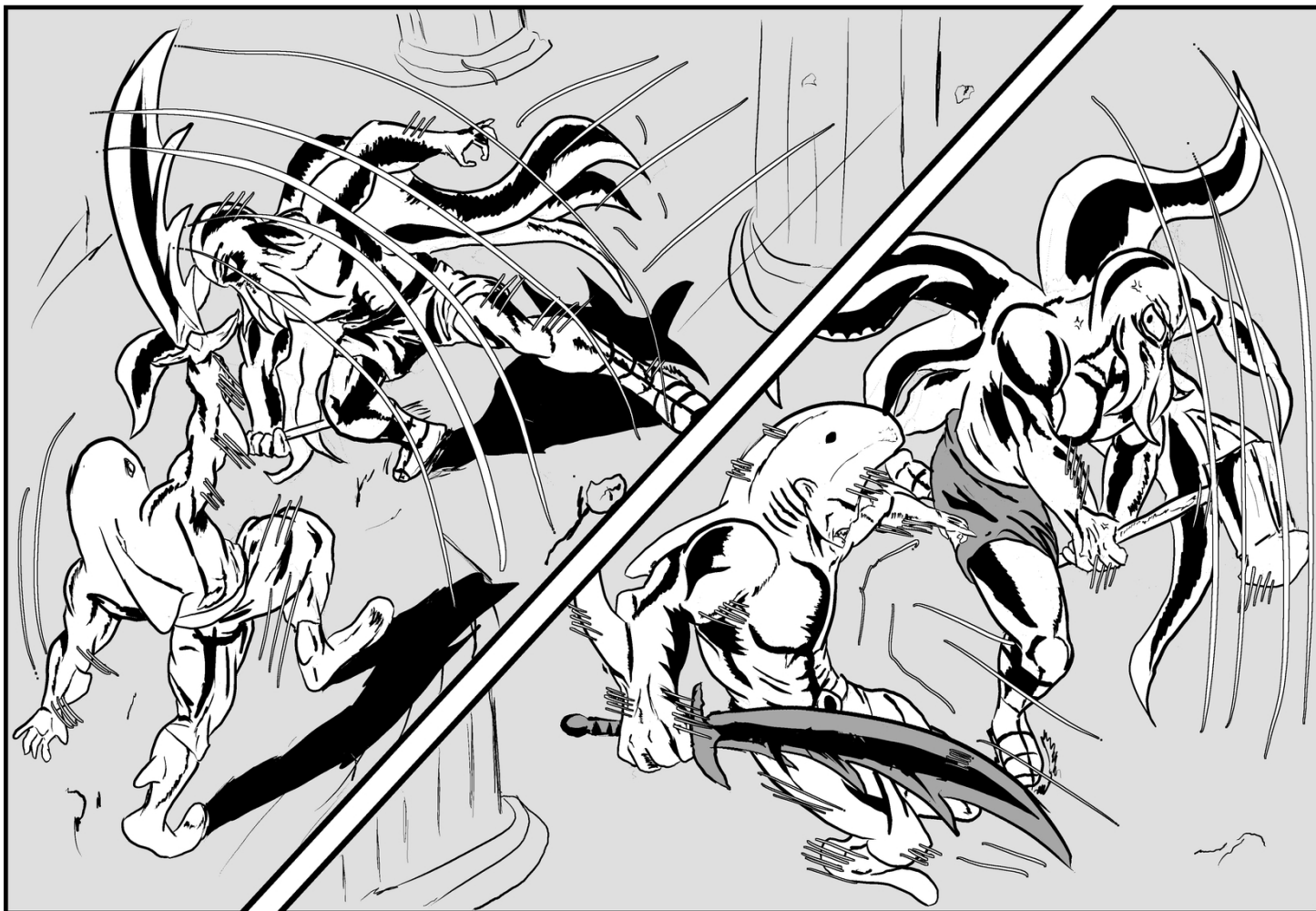




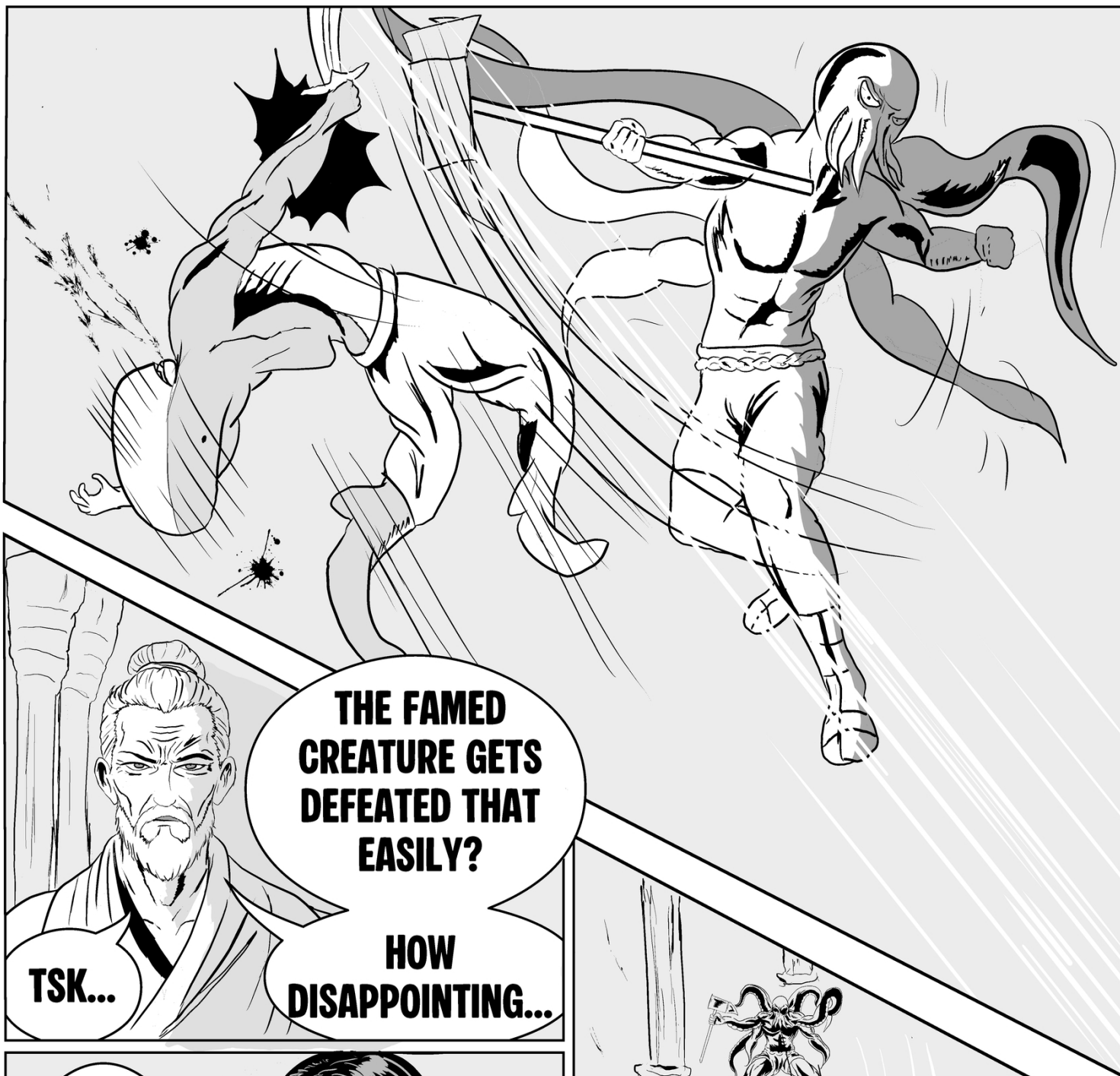
**INKROS,
THE
TENTACLES
OF DEATH!**

**ISAR,
THE
UNDEFEATED
CHAMPION!**









**THE FAMED
CREATURE GETS
DEFEATED THAT
EASILY?**

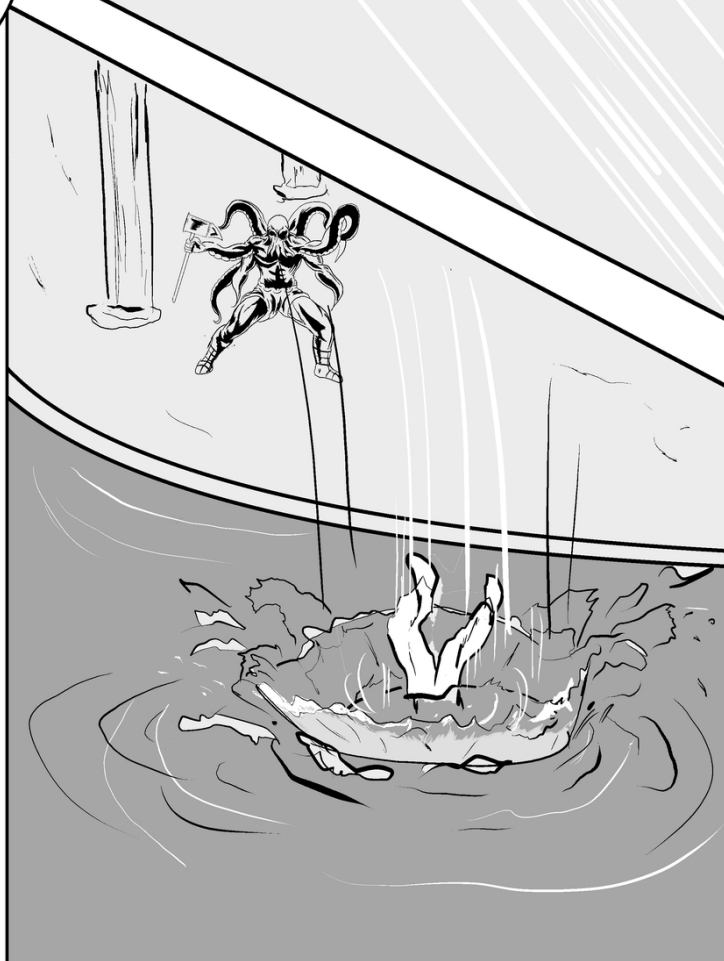
TSK...

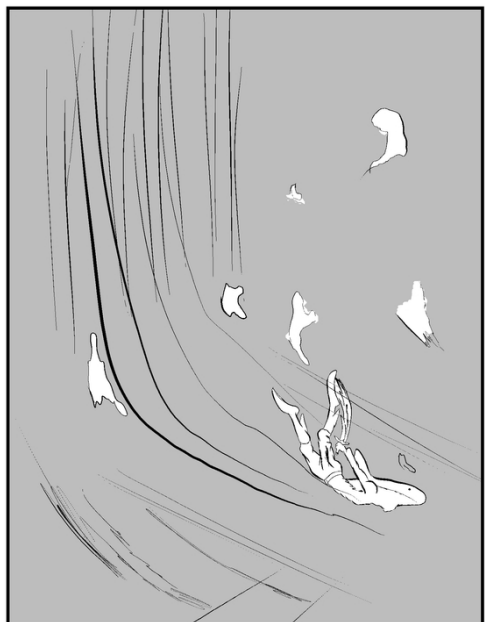
**HOW
DISAPPOINTING...**



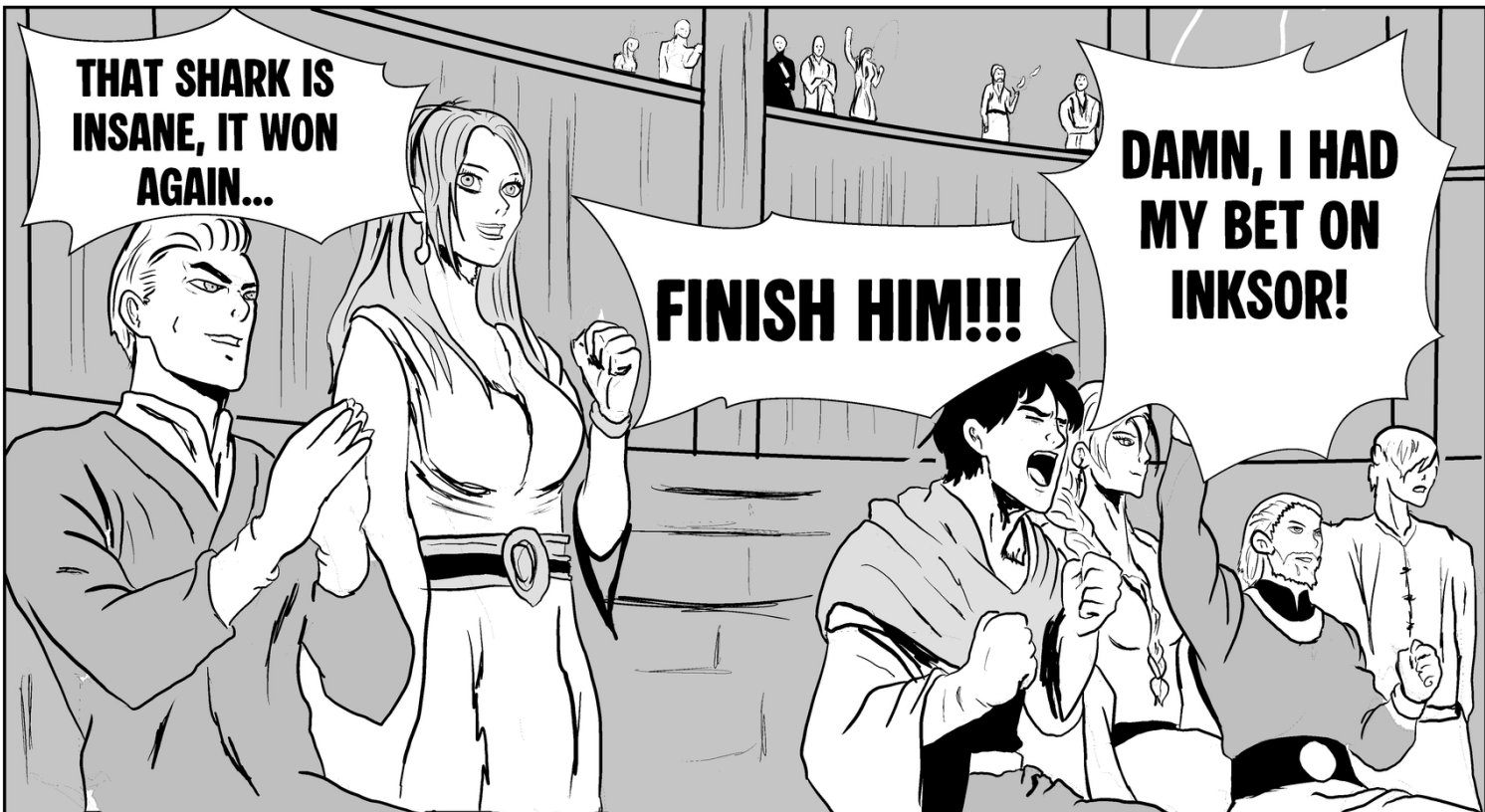
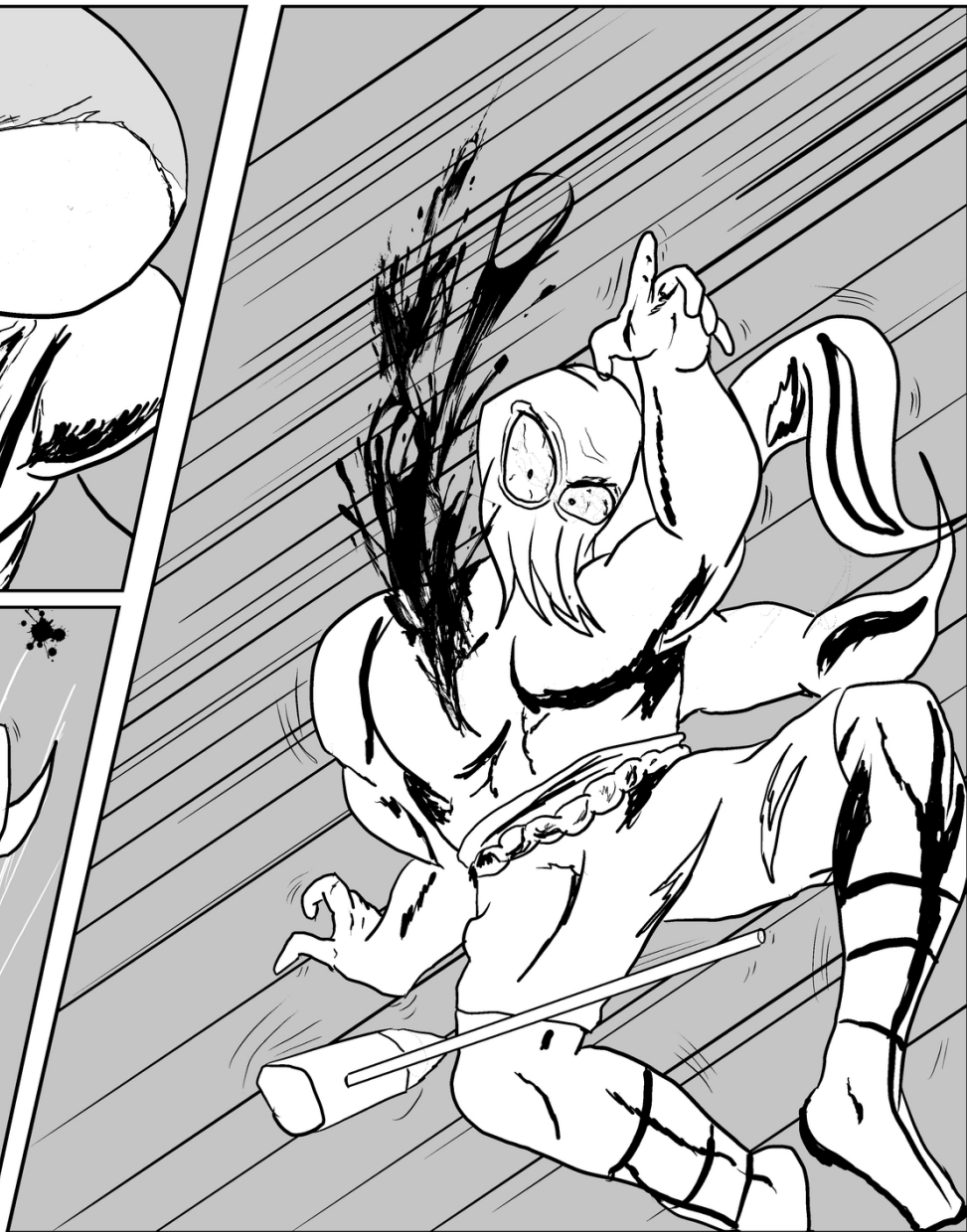
**PATIENCE,
SIR.**

**IT HAS ONLY
JUST
BEGUN.**











BUUU!

**ISAR SPARES
THE OPPONENT!**

**HEY... IS MY BET STILL
VALID IF THE LOSER
SURVIVES?!**

BUUUU!



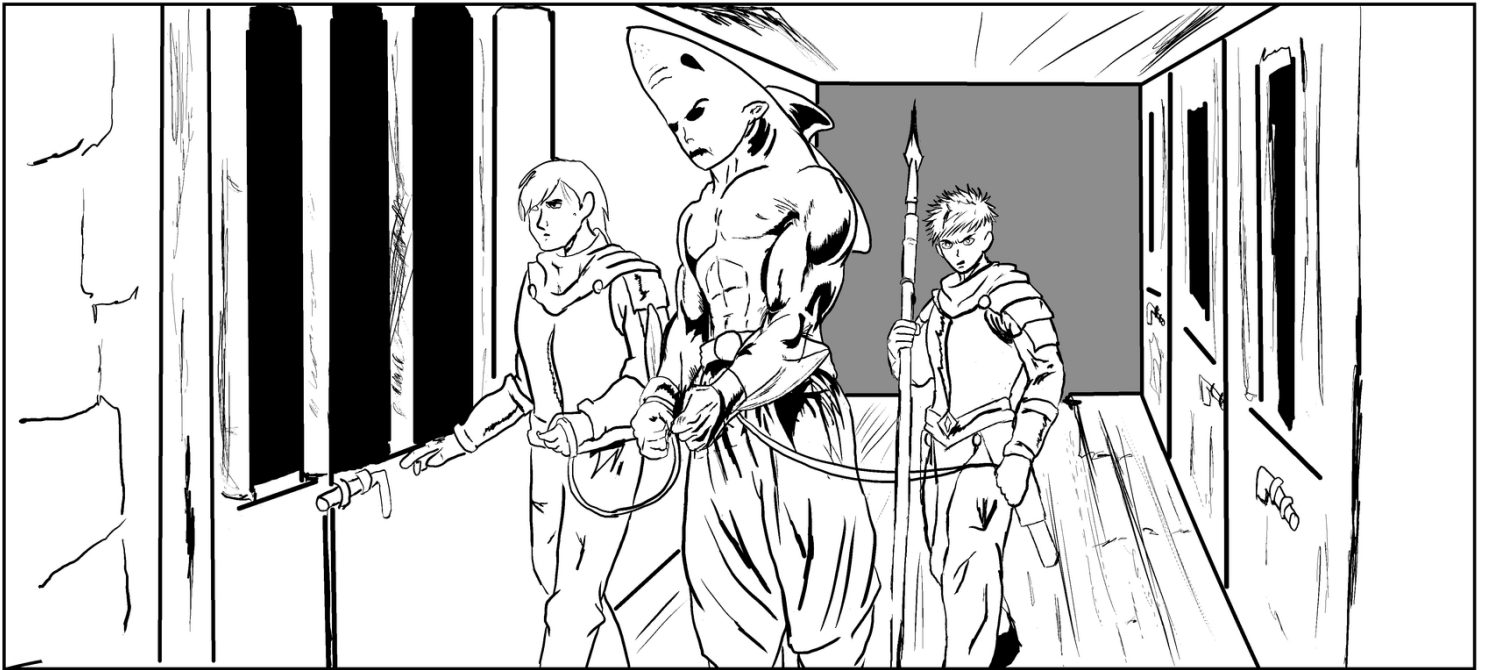
TSK...

**DON'T TALK
AS IF YOU
ARE THE
ONE GIVING
ORDERS
HERE...**



I'M DONE HERE.

**BRING ME
BACK TO MY
CELL.**



**I KEEP WINNING.
IT MAKES THIS
INTERESTING FOR
THOSE RICH PIGS.**

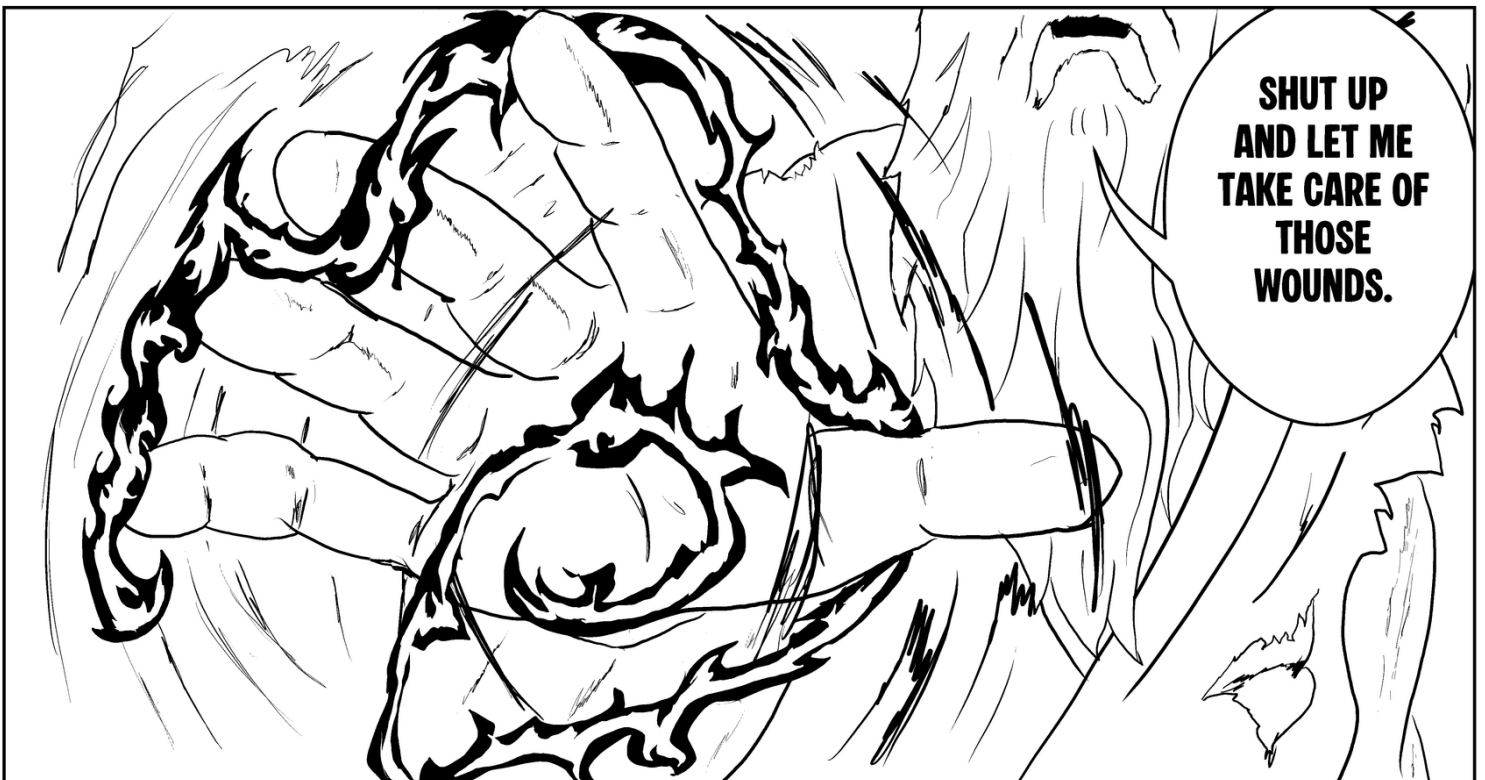
**WHY
KILL A
GOOD
SOURCE OF
INCOME?**

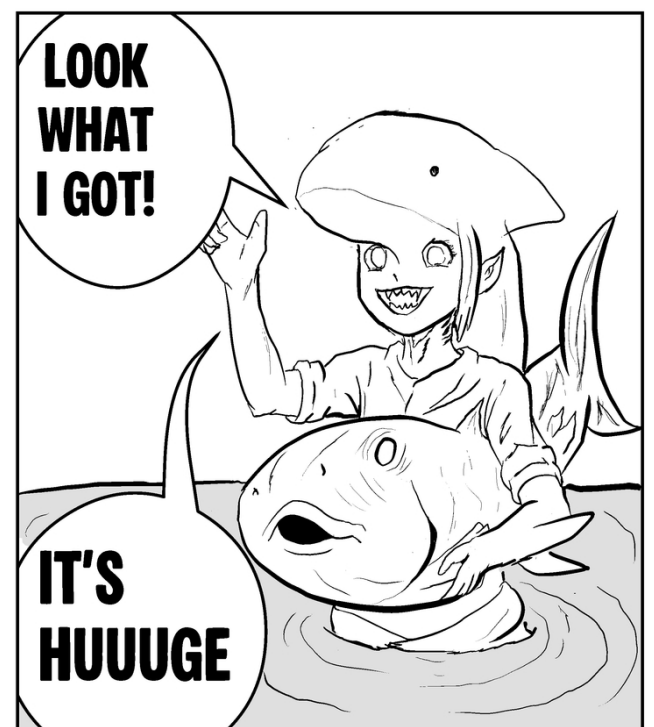
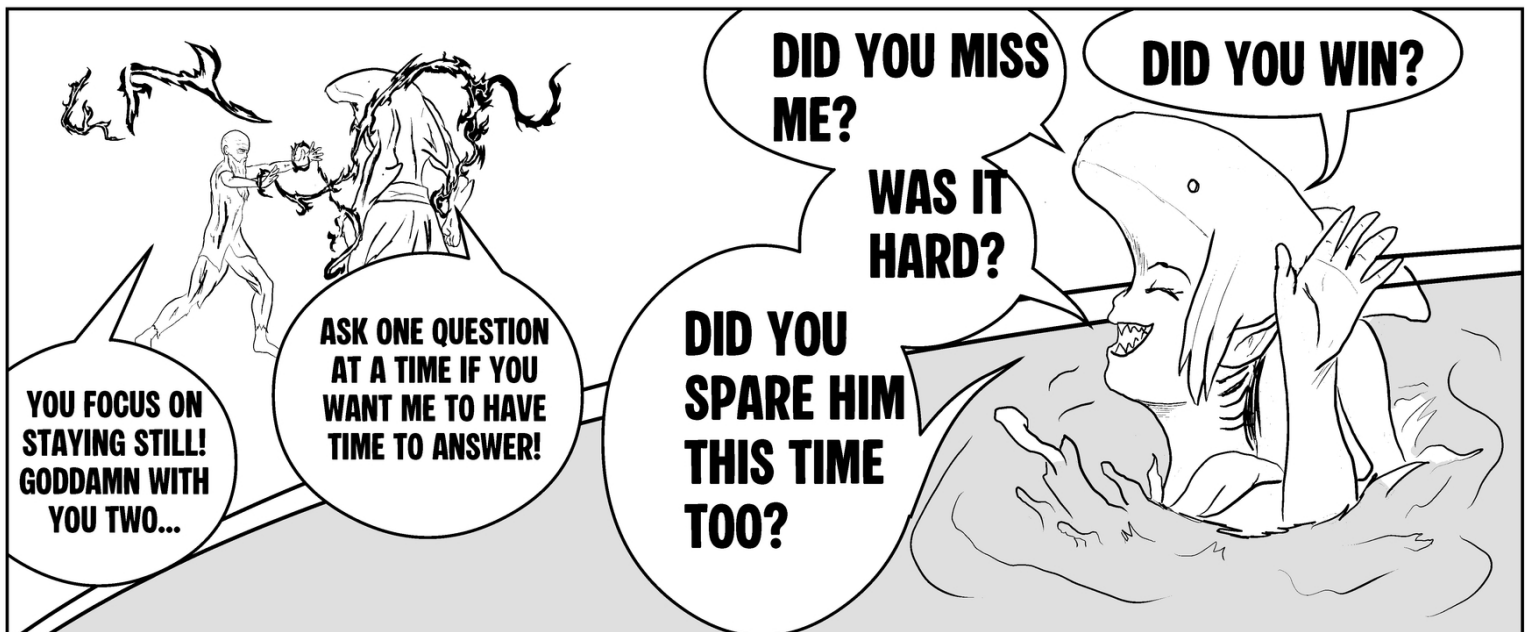
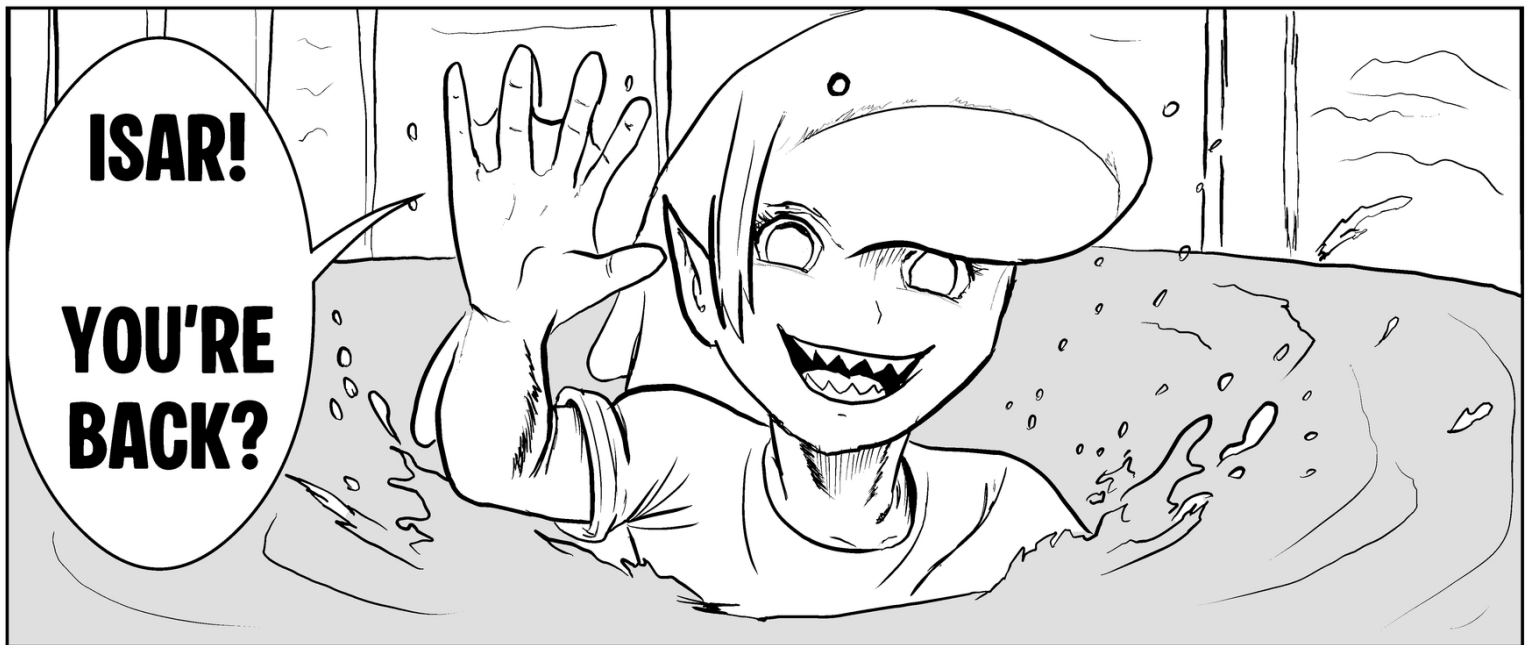
**YOU SPARED
YOUR
OPPONENT
AGAIN?**

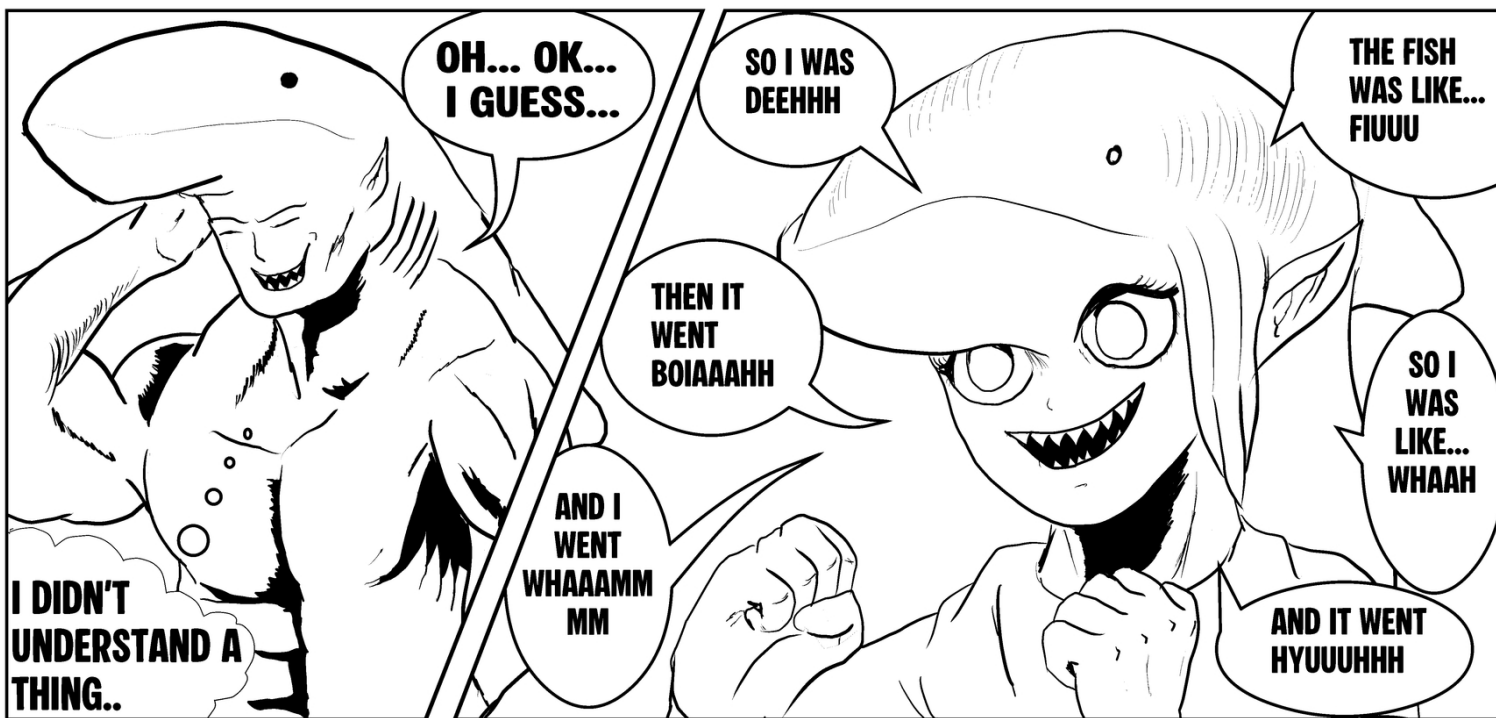
**THEY'LL KILL
YOU IF YOU
KEEP DOING
WHATEVER
YOU WANT...**

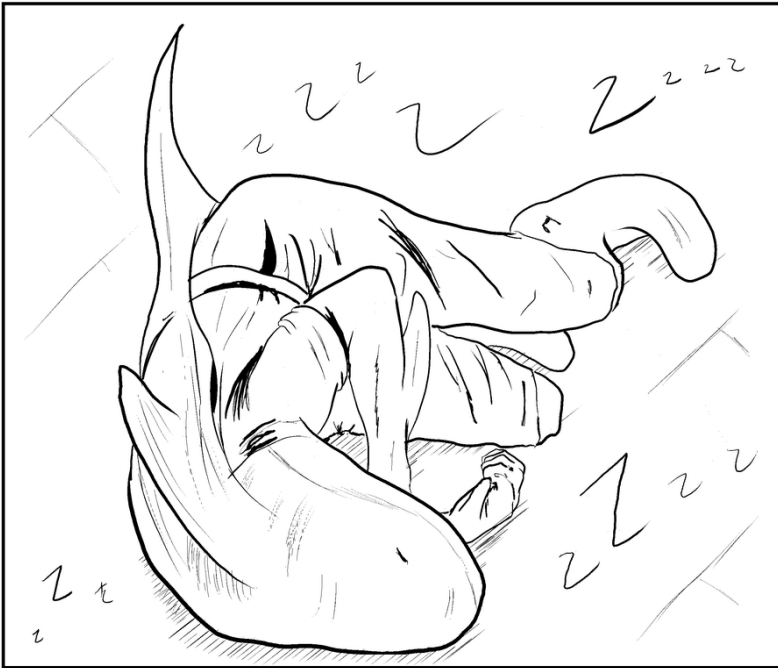


**SHUT UP
AND LET ME
TAKE CARE OF
THOSE
WOUNDS.**









**LATER
THAT NIGHT...**



**YOU NOTICED,
HUH?**

**HARD NOT TO
NOTICE THE
PAIN...**

I AM...

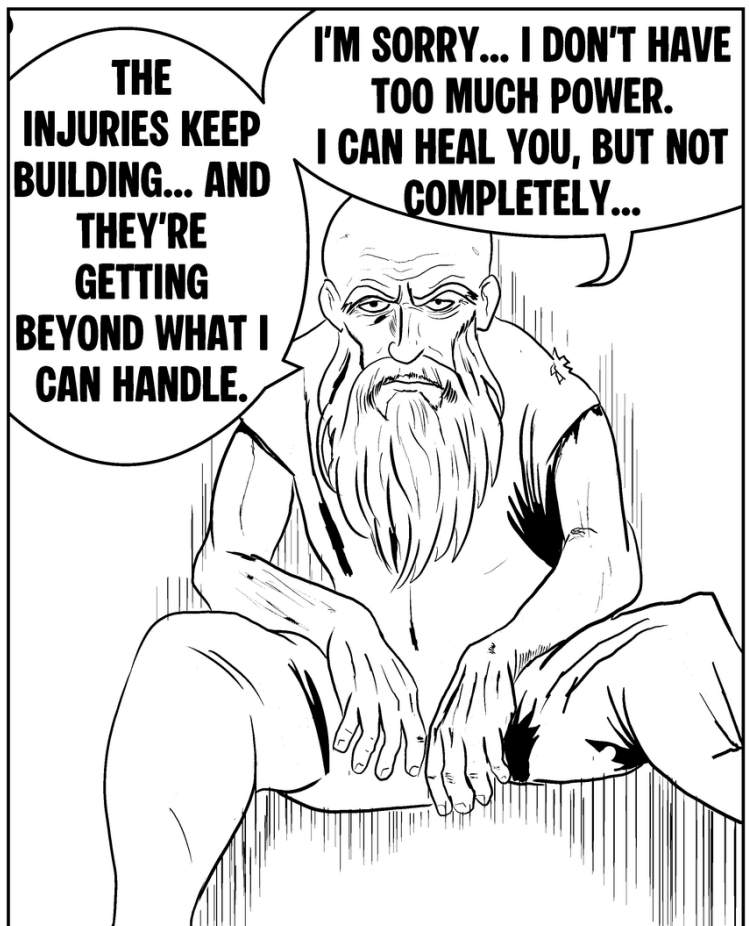
**GOING
TO DIE SOON,
AREN'T I?**



**THE HELL ARE YOU
APOLOGIZING FOR?**

**YOU'VE BEEN
DRAGGING ME
BACK FROM DEATH
THIS WHOLE TIME.**

**I GOT
LUCKY...
ENDING UP
IN THE
SAME CELL
AS YOU.**



**THE
INJURIES KEEP
BUILDING... AND
THEY'RE
GETTING
BEYOND WHAT I
CAN HANDLE.**

**I'M SORRY... I DON'T HAVE
TOO MUCH POWER.
I CAN HEAL YOU, BUT NOT
COMPLETELY...**



**I HAD A LONG,
FULFILLING LIFE.**

**ANYWAY... I AM AT
PEACE WITH MY DEATH.**



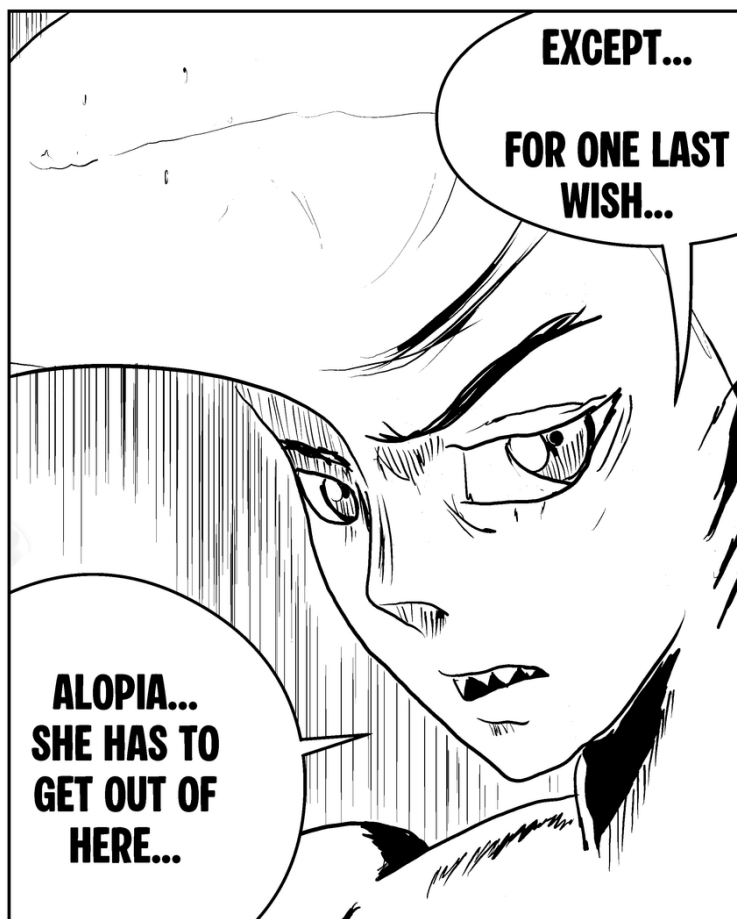
**I TRAVELED THE OCEAN, SOUGHT
KNOWLEDGE, FOUGHT BATTLES,
MADE FRIENDS.**

**NOTHING WAS
MISSING. I HAD ALL I
COULD ASK FOR...**



**...
HAVE YOU
LOST
YOUR
MIND?**

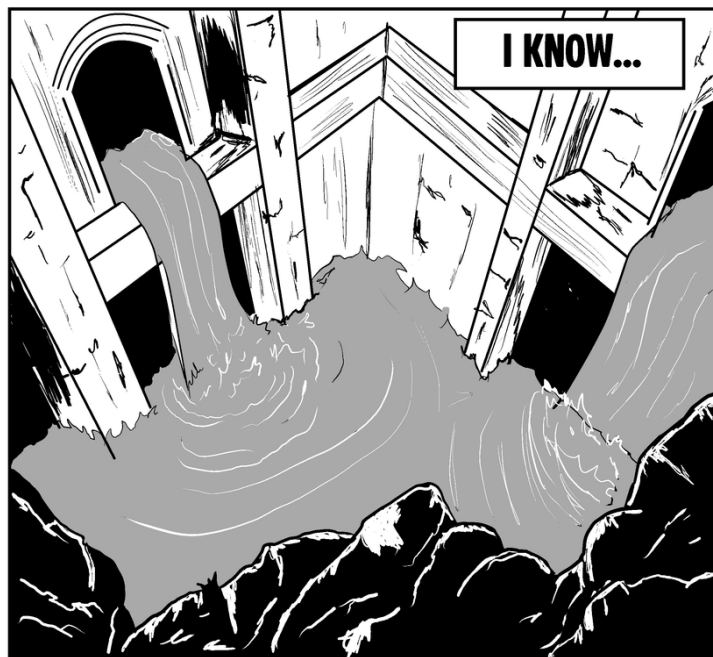
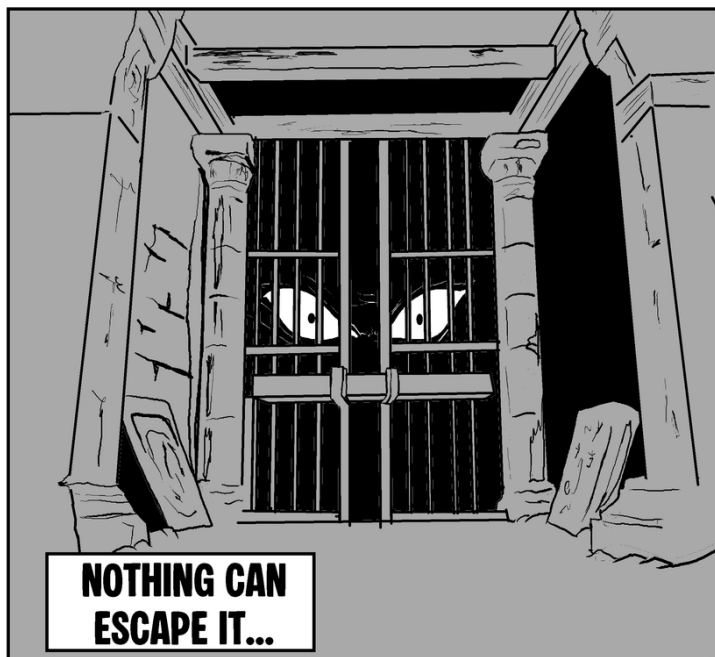
**YOU KNOW
WHAT GOES
AFTER
THOSE
TRYING TO
ESCAPE...**



**EXCEPT...

FOR ONE LAST
WISH...**

**ALOPIA...
SHE HAS TO
GET OUT OF
HERE...**





**THAN TO
GIVE HER A
BEGINNING...**

**THERE'S NO
BETTER END
FOR ME...**



**... YOU'RE
SERIOUS...**



**WELL IT'S
KINDA MY
SPECIALTY...
WHY?**

**BUT...
I NEED YOUR HELP...
YOUR MAGIC...
IT CAN CONTROL MINDS,
RIGHT?**

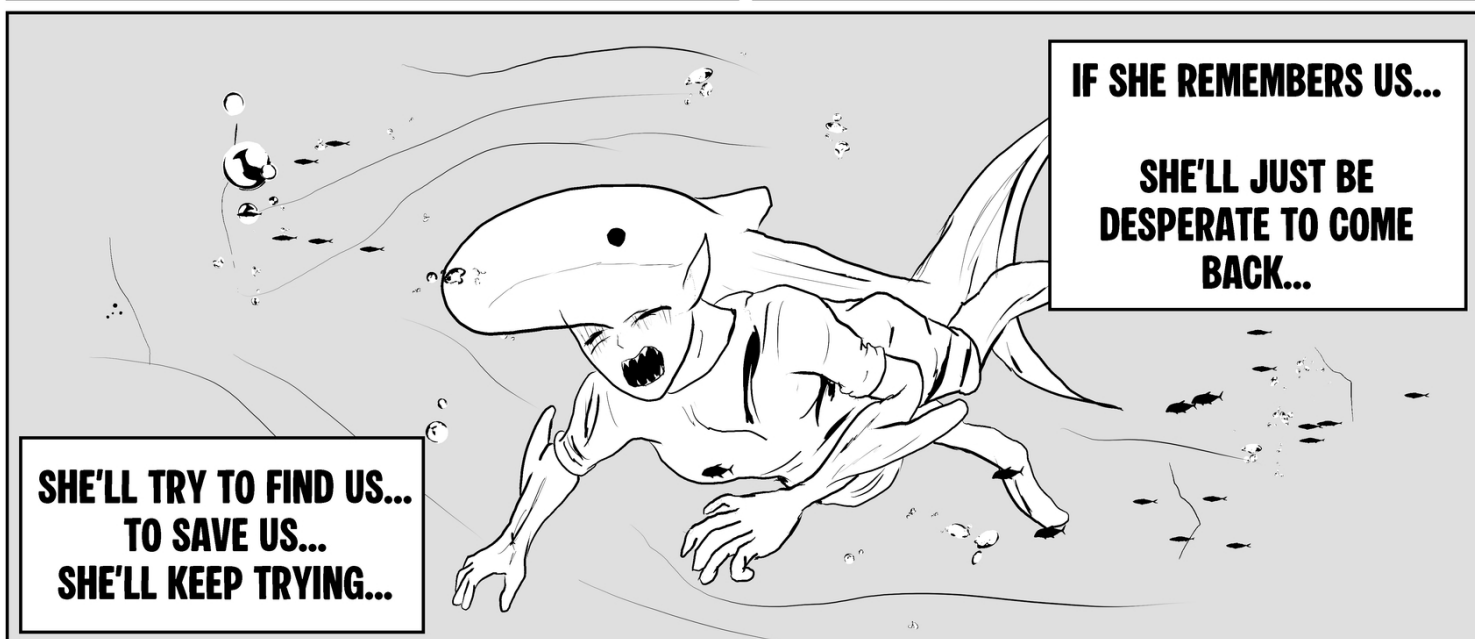
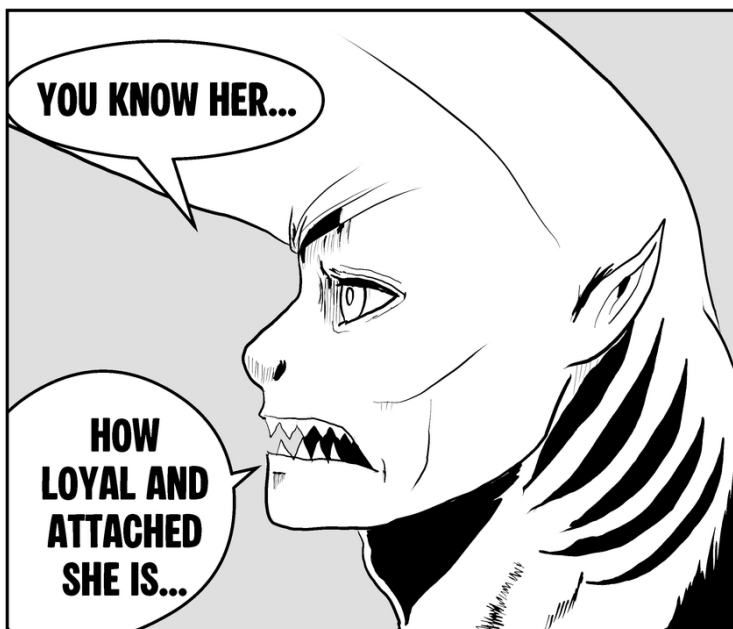


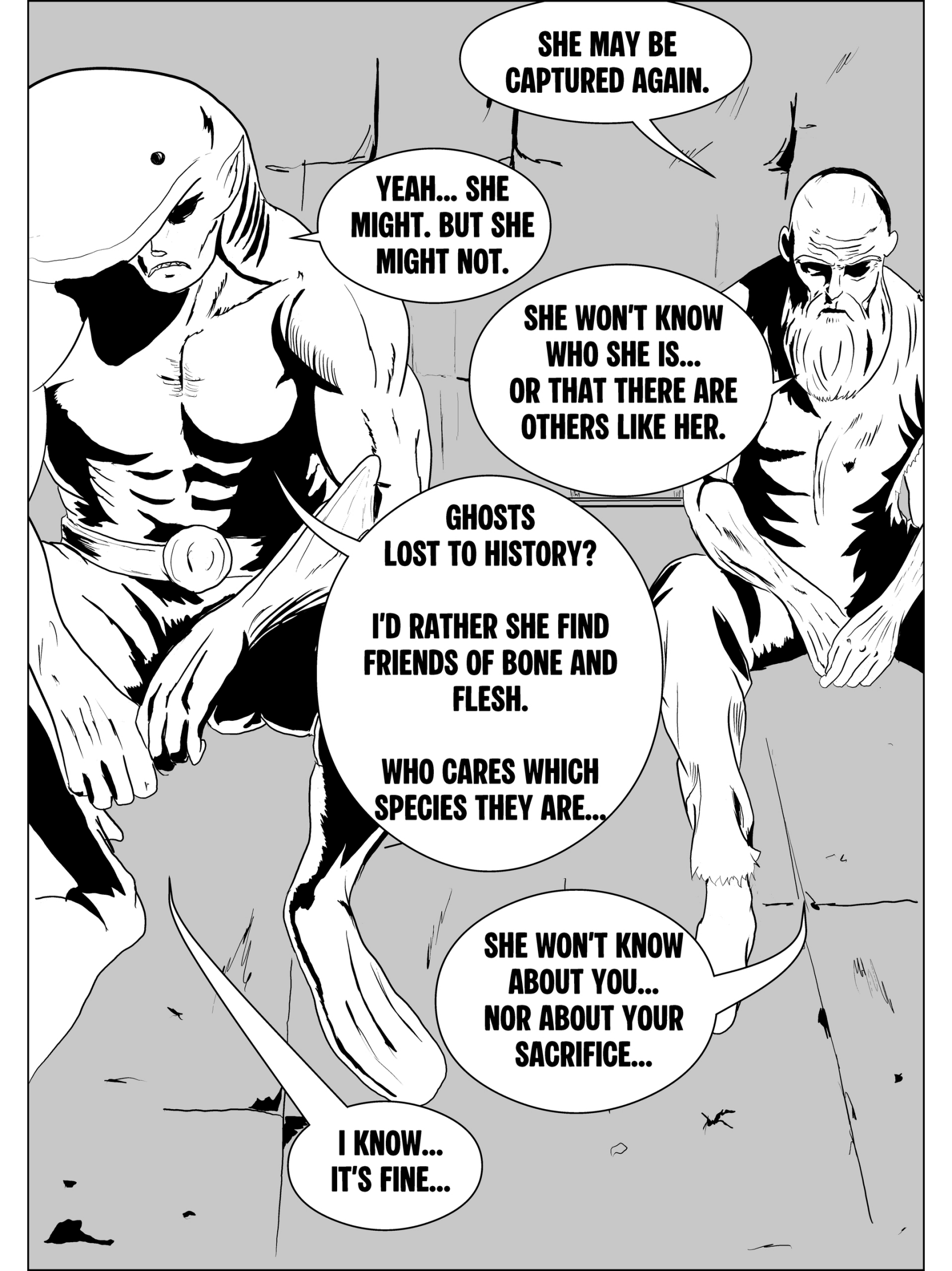
**ONCE I CREATE THE
OPENING...**



**I NEED YOU TO
TAKE OVER HER
MIND, AND
GUIDE HER
AWAY...
AND THEN...**

**ERASE HER
MEMORY...**





**SHE MAY BE
CAPTURED AGAIN.**

**YEAH... SHE
MIGHT. BUT SHE
MIGHT NOT.**

**SHE WON'T KNOW
WHO SHE IS...
OR THAT THERE ARE
OTHERS LIKE HER.**

**GHOSTS
LOST TO HISTORY?**

**I'D RATHER SHE FIND
FRIENDS OF BONE AND
FLESH.**

**WHO CARES WHICH
SPECIES THEY ARE...**

**SHE WON'T KNOW
ABOUT YOU...
NOR ABOUT YOUR
SACRIFICE...**

**I KNOW...
IT'S FINE...**



**I BELIEVE...
SHE WILL FIND A BETTER
LIFE...**

**THAT'S WORTH
MORE...
THAN THE LOVE OF A
DYING MAN...**

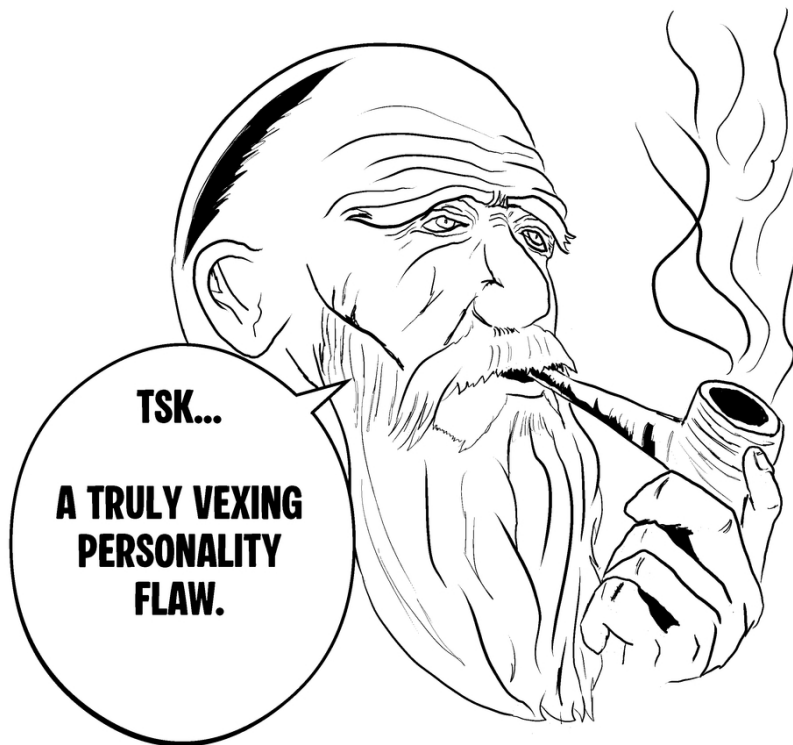


**THIS IS SUICIDE.
FOR YOU...
AND, MORE
IMPORTANTLY, ME...**

**WHY THE
HELL
SHOULD I
HELP YOU?**

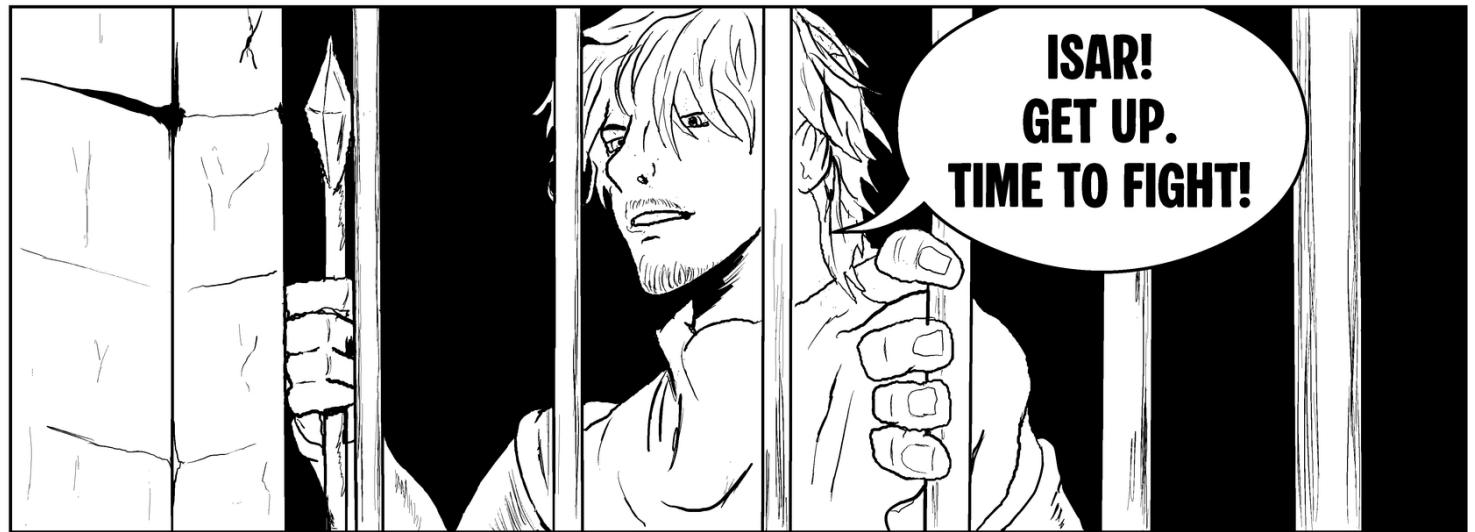
**IT'S NOT EASY TO GIVE UP ON
LIFE...
EVEN WHEN THERE'S LITTLE LEFT.**

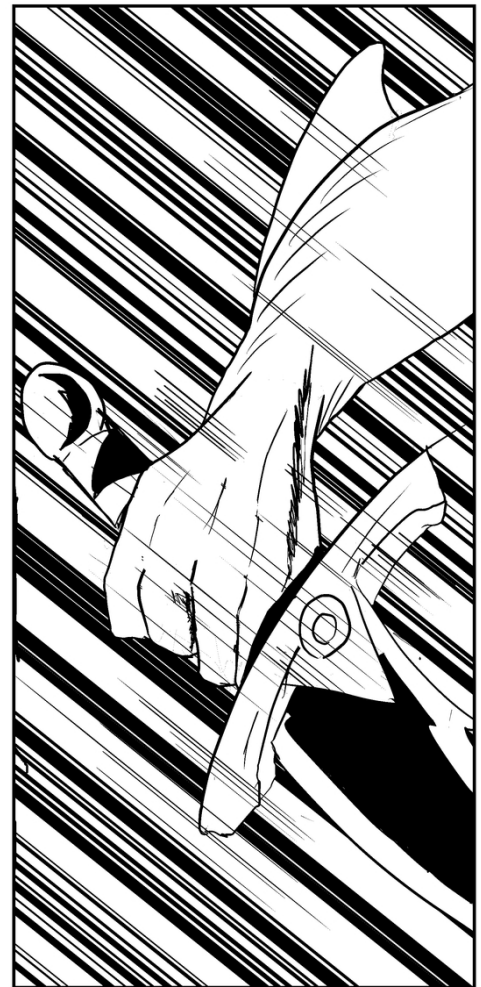
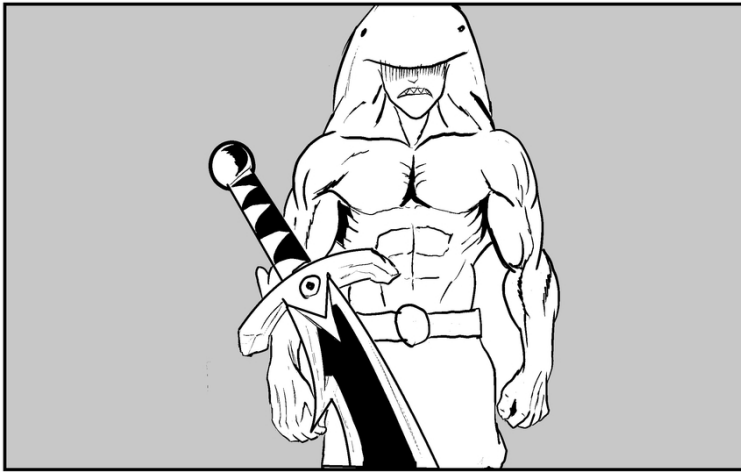
**DO YOU HAVE IDEA
WHAT THEY'LL DO TO
ME?**

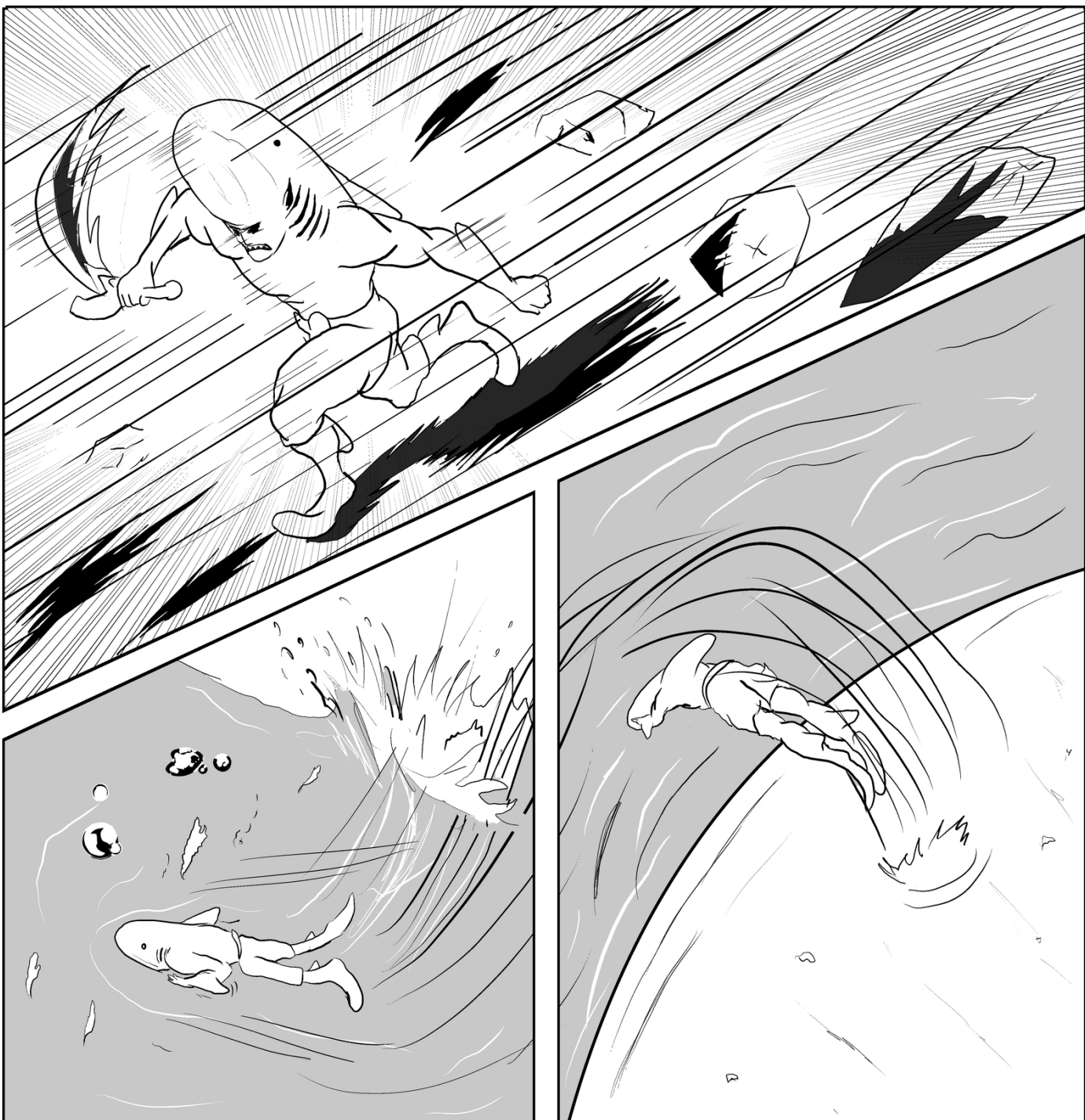
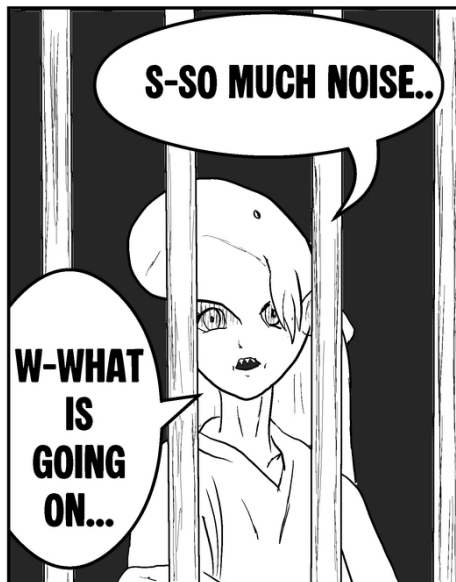


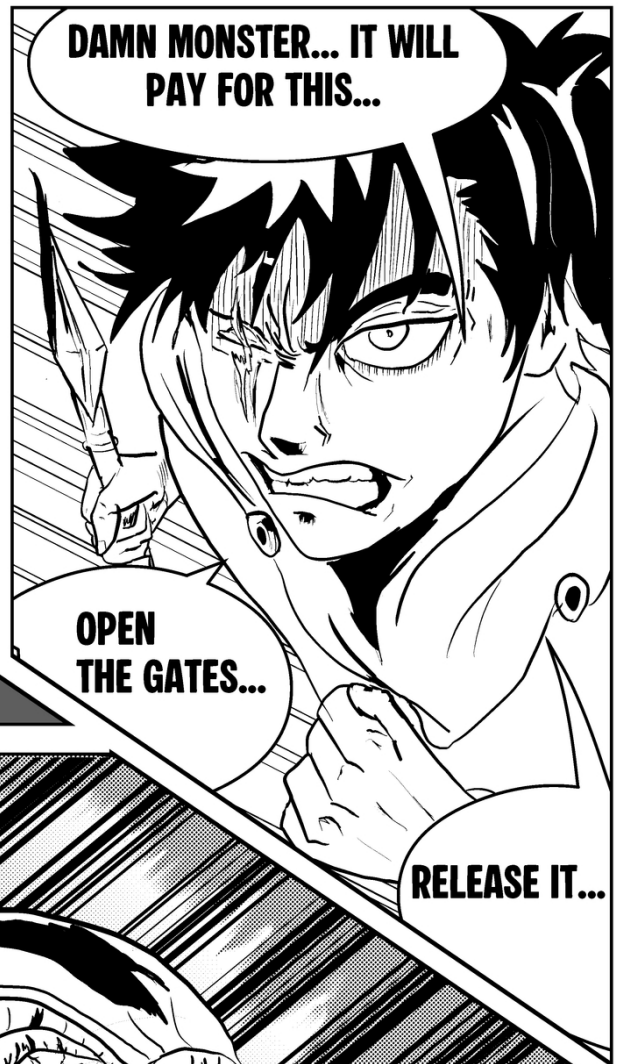
A FEW DAYS PASSED...

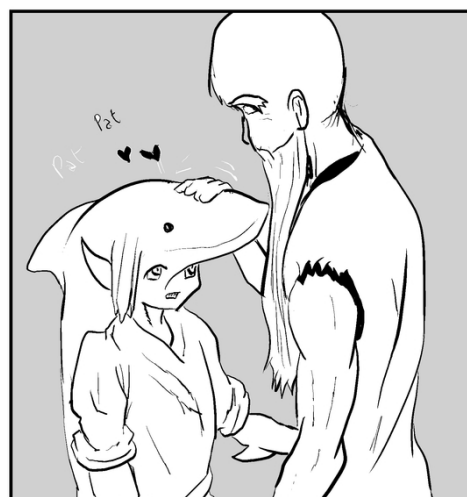
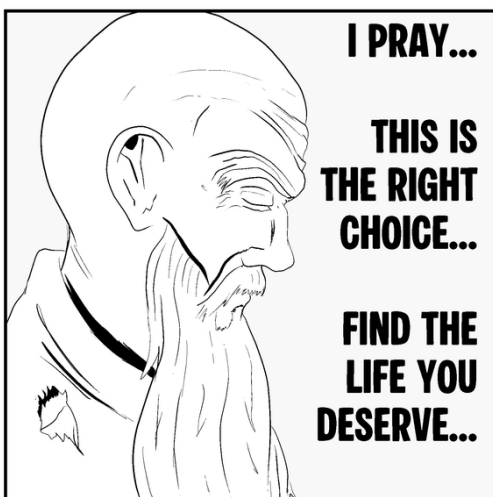
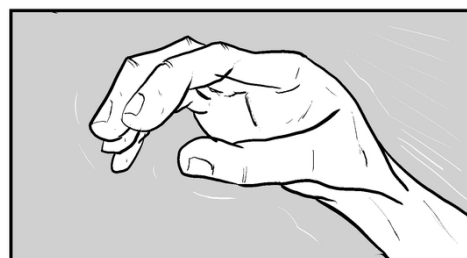
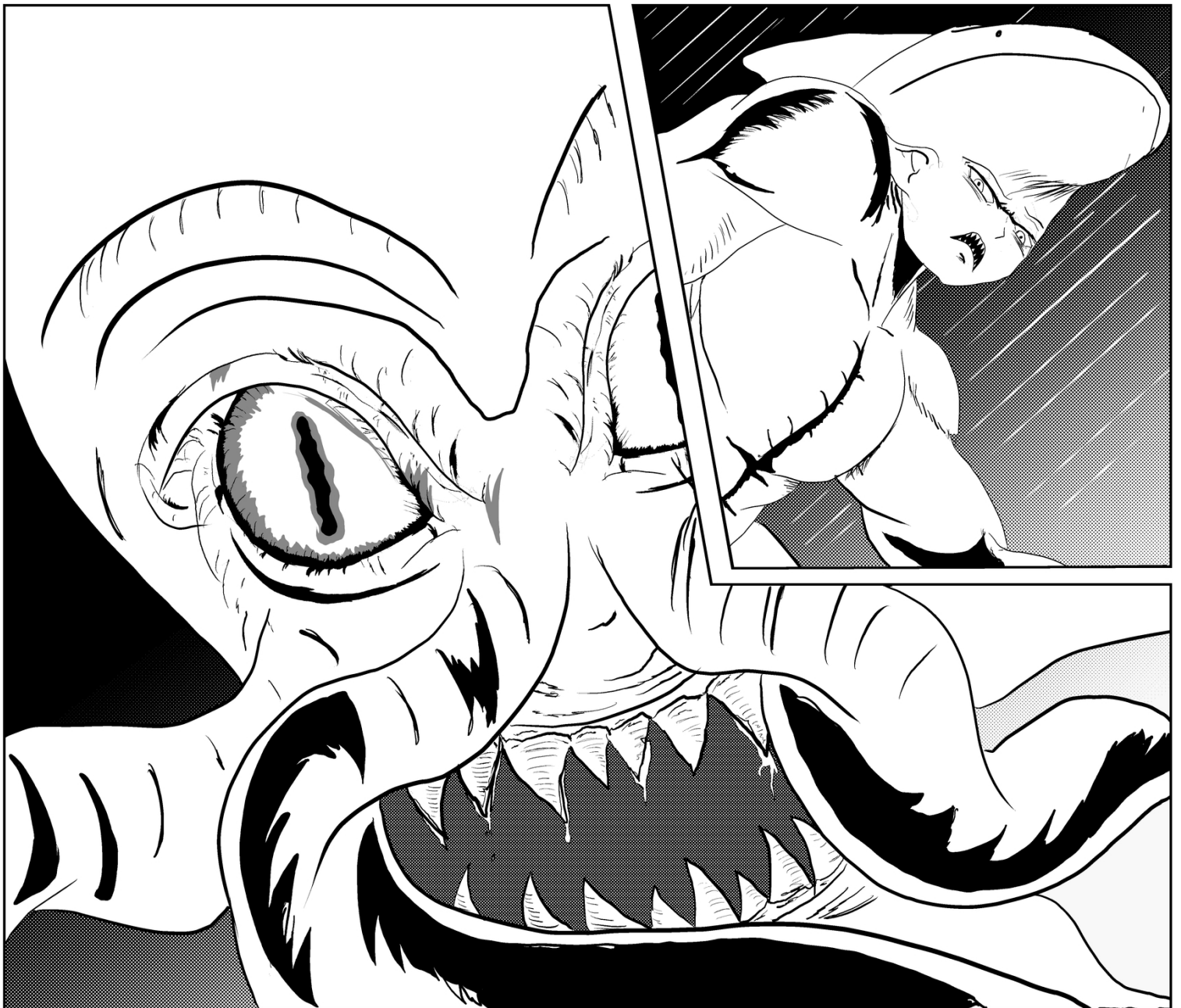
SHARING PEACEFUL TIME TOGETHER WITH JOY.

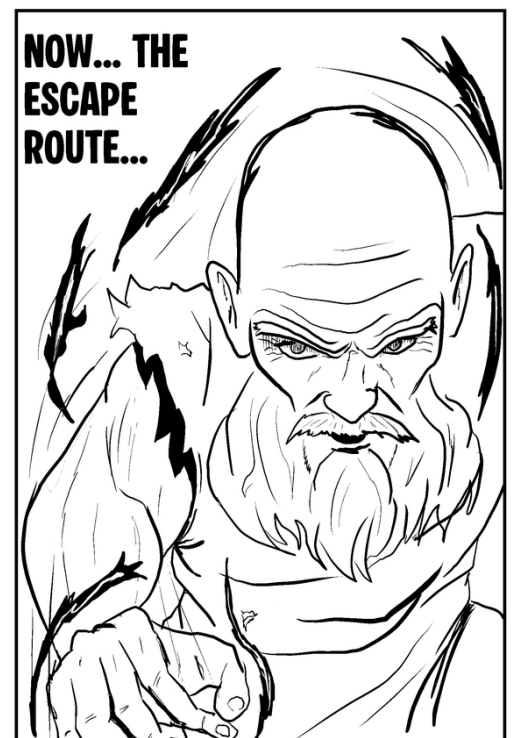
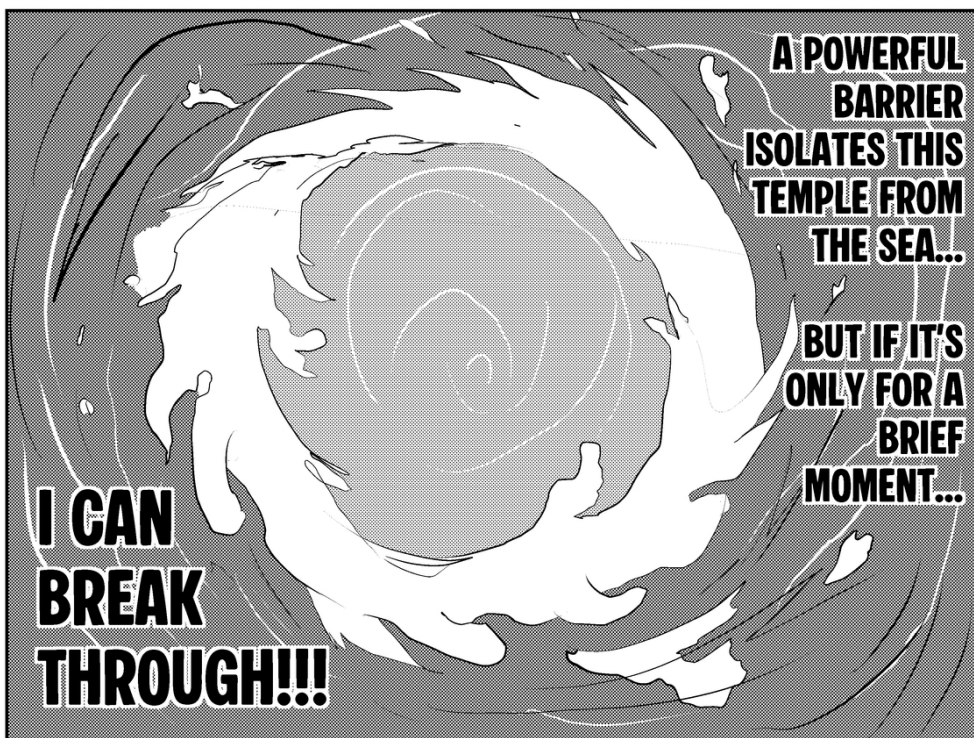
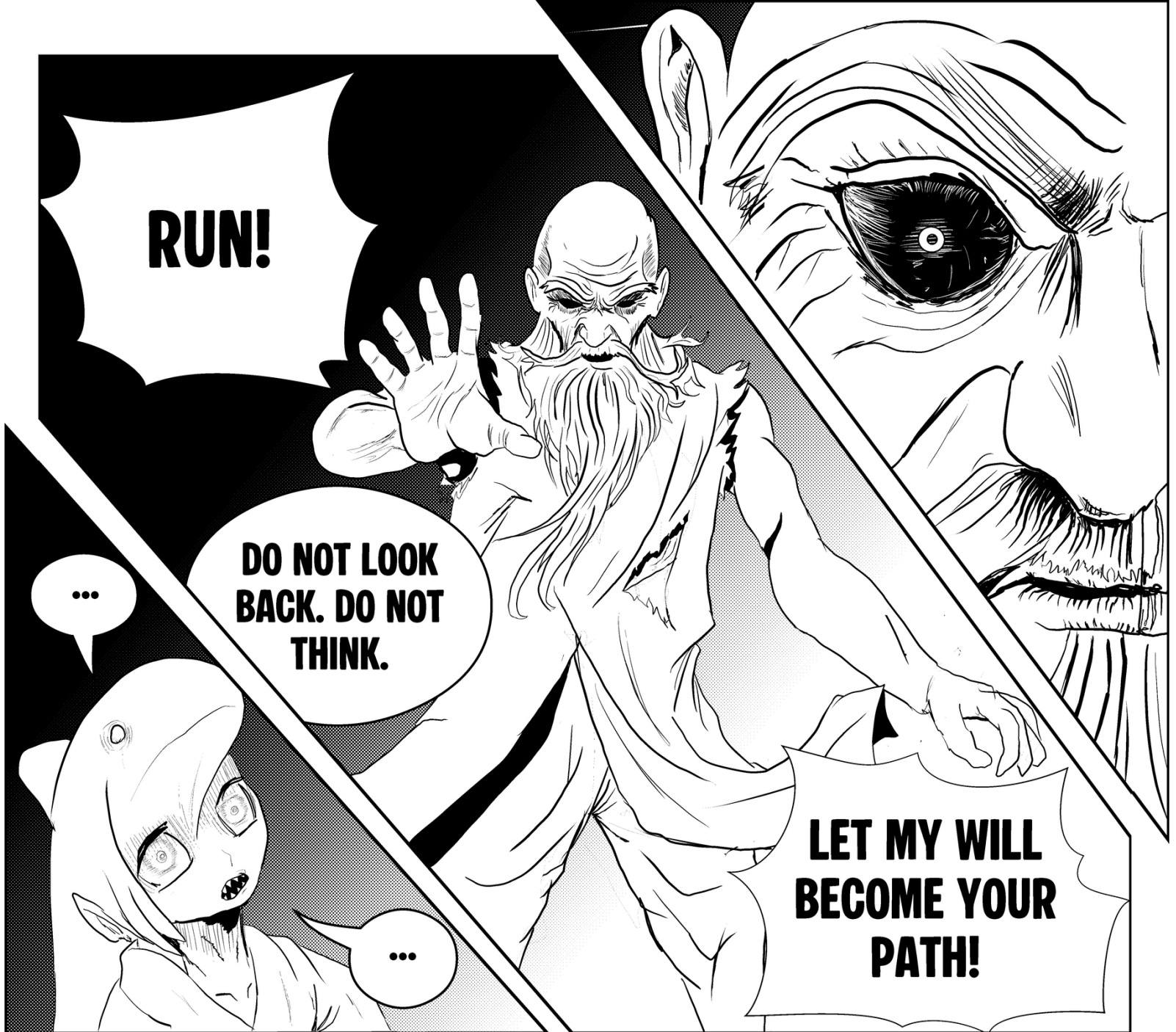


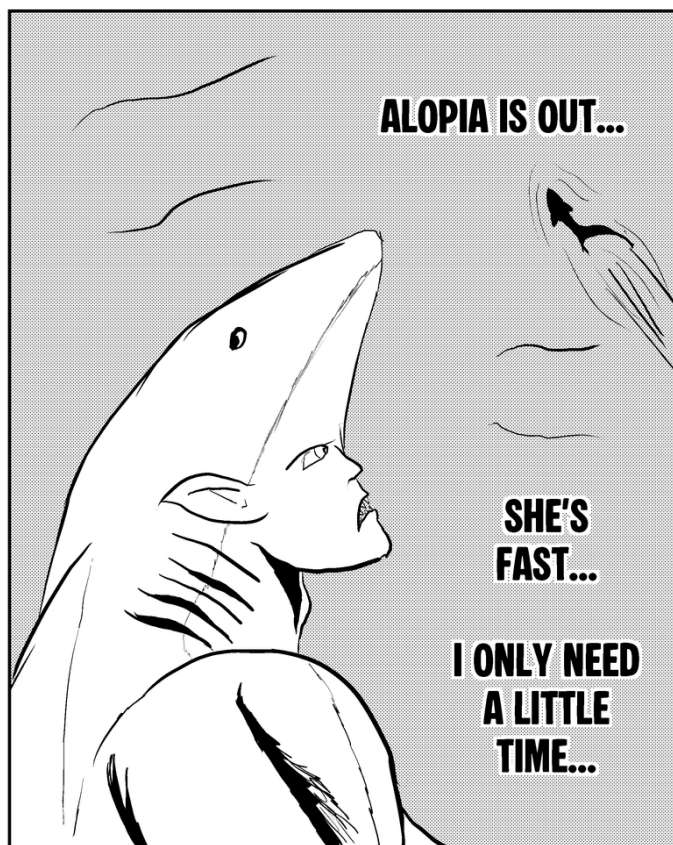
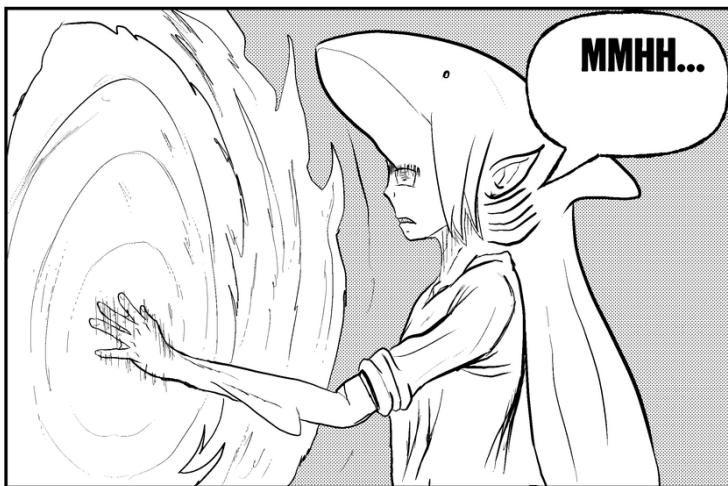


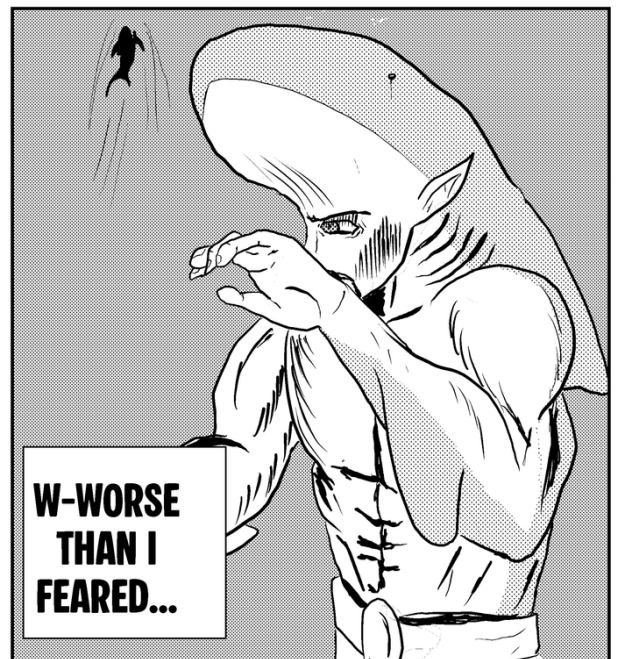
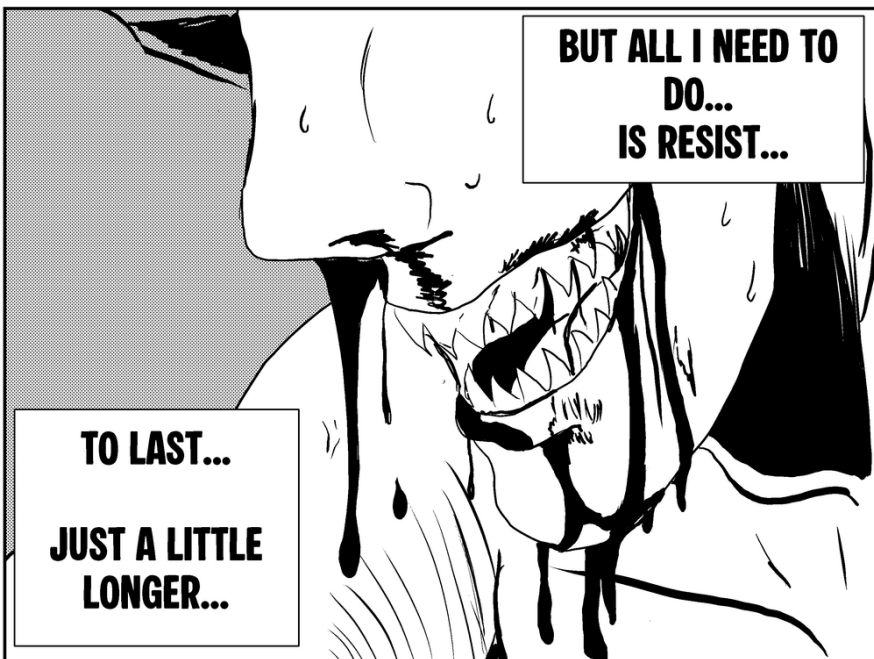
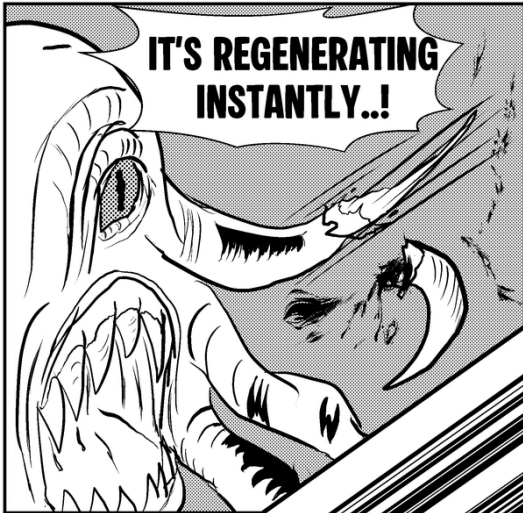












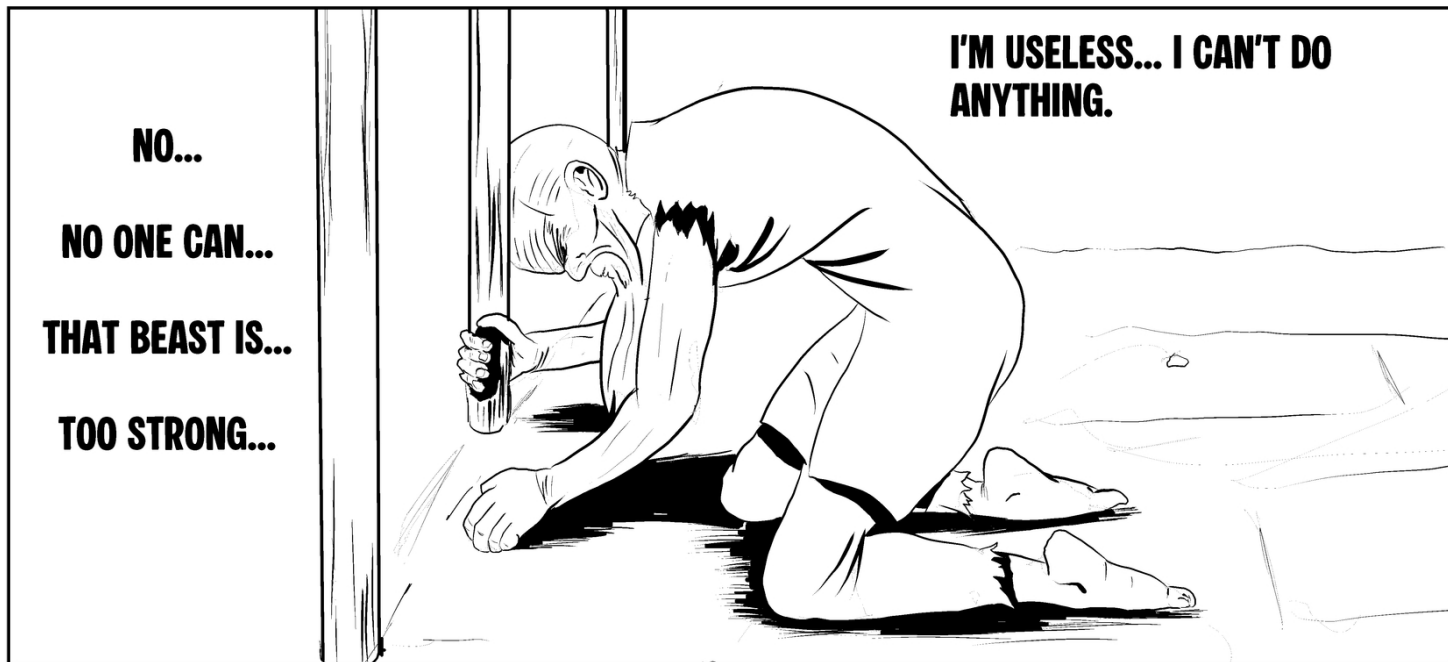
**AH-
AAAHH
HH!!!**

!?

AAAAARGGHHH!!!

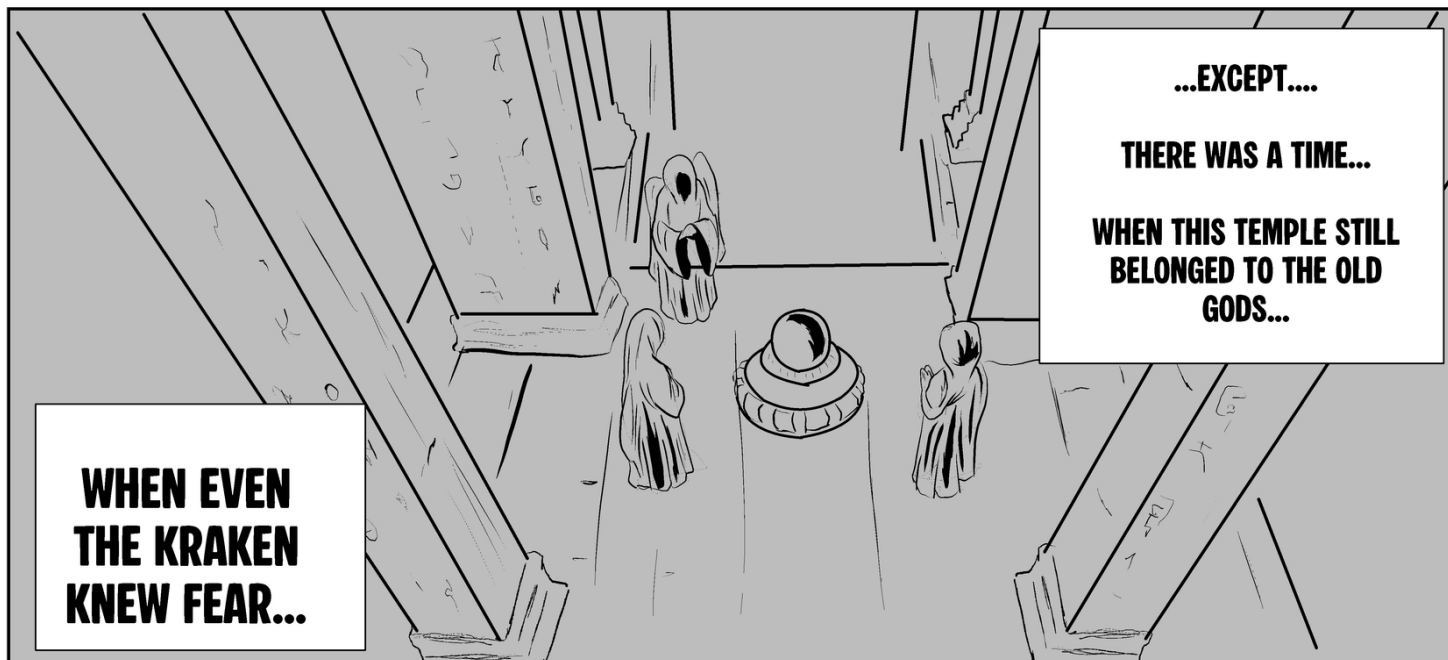
**DAMN IT...
IT'S
POINTLESS...**

**IT WILL BE
OVER IN
SECONDS...
AND THEN
ALLOPIA...**



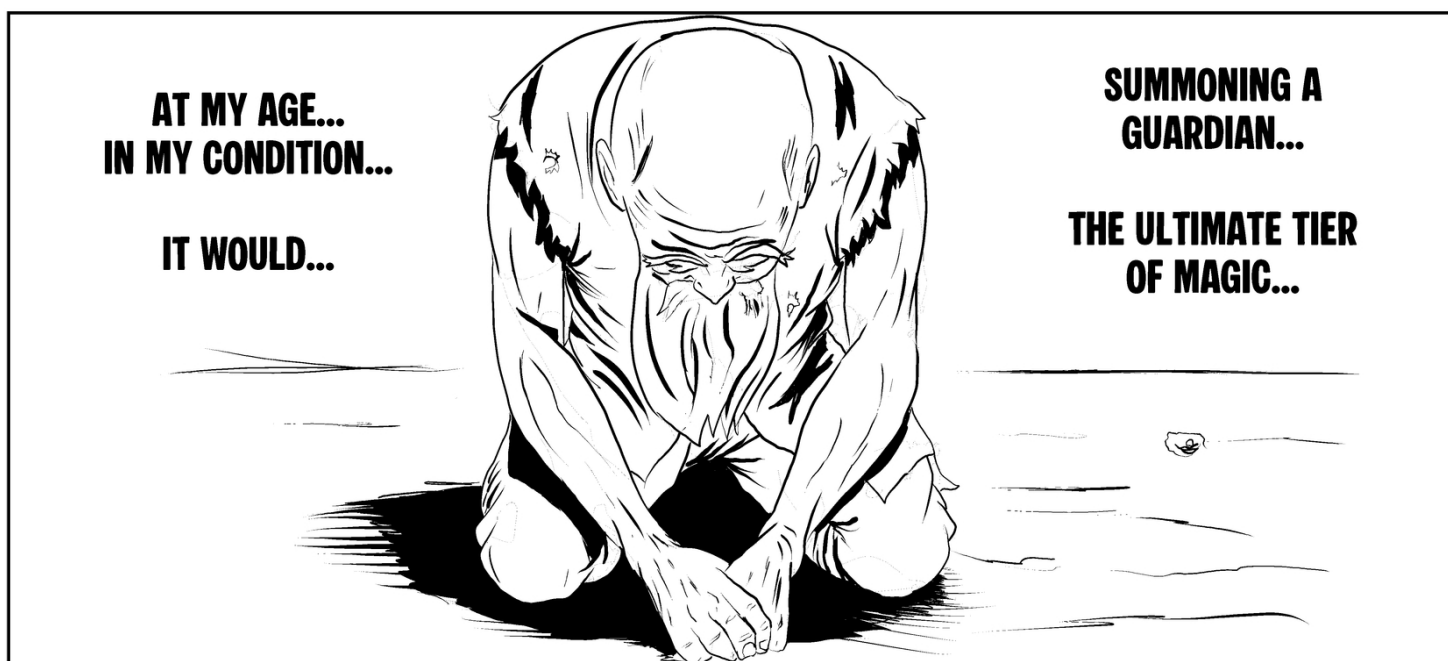
NO...
NO ONE CAN...
THAT BEAST IS...
TOO STRONG...

**I'M USELESS... I CAN'T DO
ANYTHING.**



...EXCEPT....
THERE WAS A TIME...
WHEN THIS TEMPLE STILL
BELONGED TO THE OLD
GODS...

WHEN EVEN
THE KRAKEN
KNEW FEAR...



AT MY AGE...
IN MY CONDITION...

IT WOULD...

SUMMONING A
GUARDIAN...

THE ULTIMATE TIER
OF MAGIC...



SO...?
I GUESS THE KRAKEN
IS GONNA HAVE A
FEAST TODAY, AH AH!

ISN'T THERE AN
OTHER ONE?

HEY, LOOK
CLOSELY
HERE...



I HAD A LONG AND
FULFILLING LIFE...

BECAUSE YOU'RE A GOOD
MAN...

TSK...
WELL... IF YOU THINK
OF IT...



YOU SHOULDN'T
USE MY
PERSONALITY
FLAWS AGAINST
ME!

SCREW
YOU,
ISAR!



I SUPPOSE...
AFTER ALL...

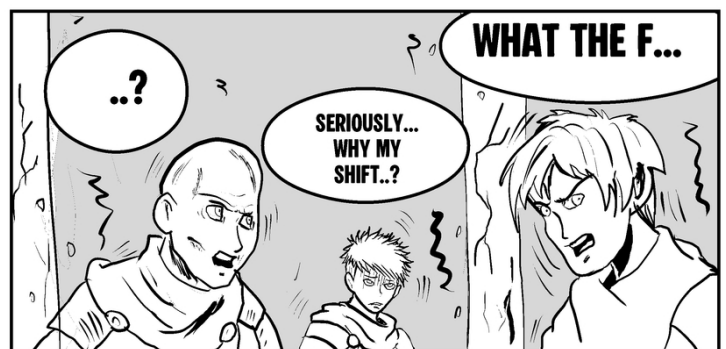
I DID HAVE A
LONG AND GOOD
LIFE TOO...



**OCEANS OF THE
WORLD...**

**ANSWER MY
TEARS!!!**

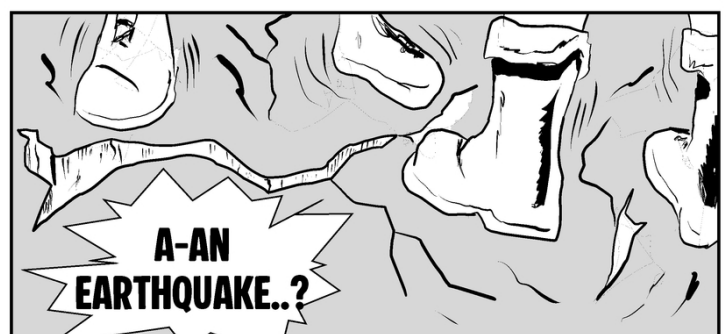
**SEND FORTH
YOUR ANCIENT
RULER...**



..?

SERIOUSLY...
WHY MY
SHIFT..?

WHAT THE F...



**A-AN
EARTHQUAKE..?**

AWAKEN...

KHARKHARODEUS!!!





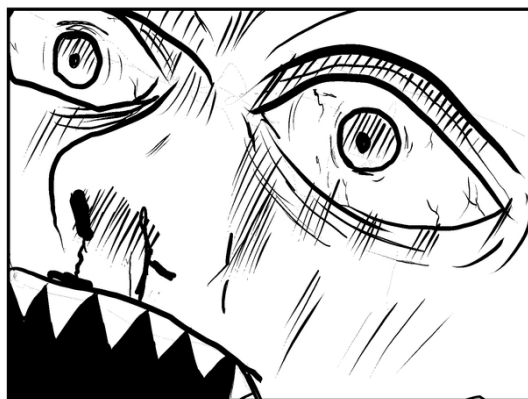
H-HOW..?

**I CAN'T WASTE
THIS CHANCE!**



**SOON
THE KRAKEN
MAY START
REGENERATING**

...



THIS POWER...

**COULD THE OLD
MAN HAVE..?**

ALOPIA...



**GO FIND A GOOD
LIFE...**

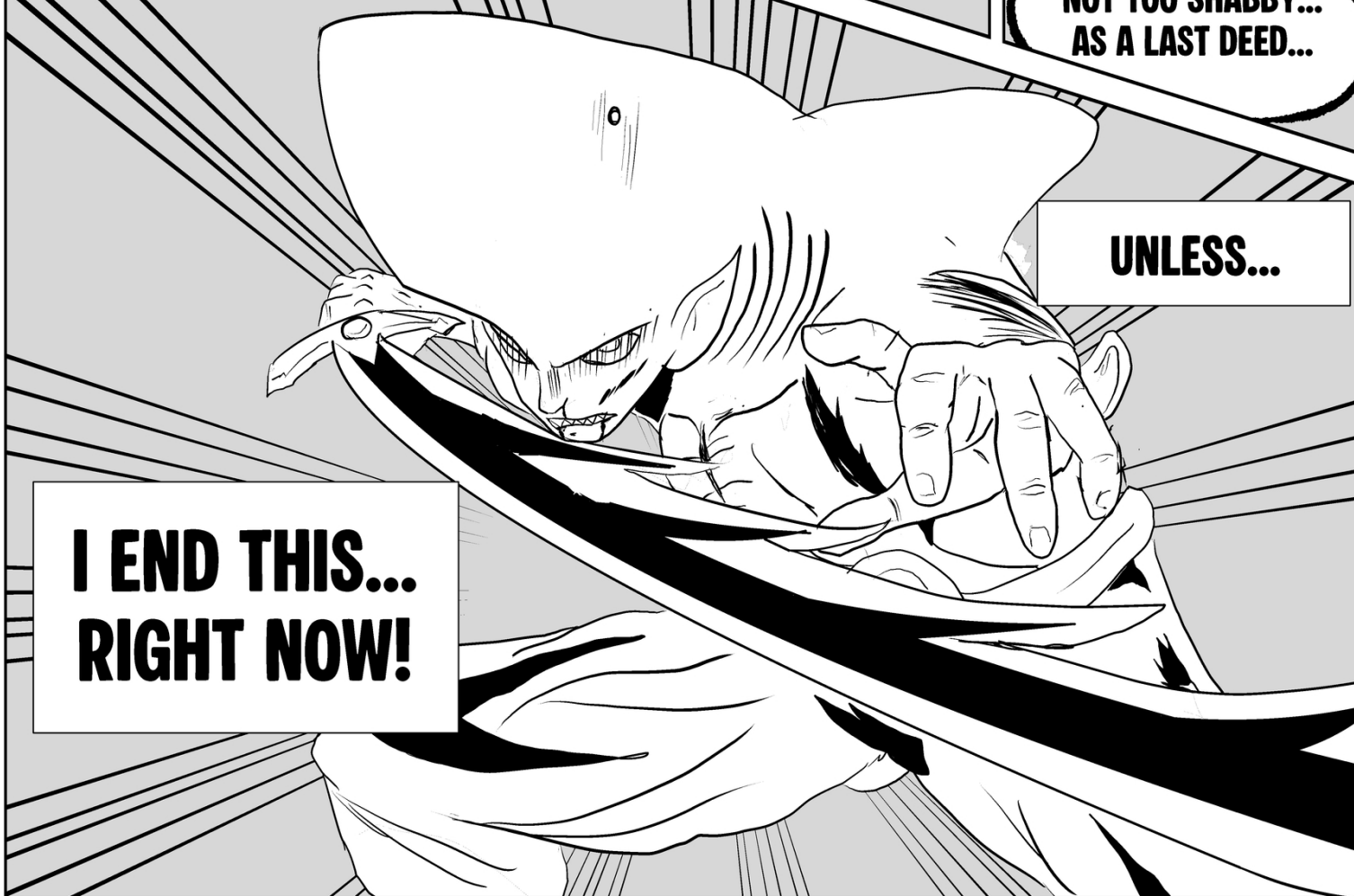
**T-THIS... SHOULD
BE ENOUGH...**

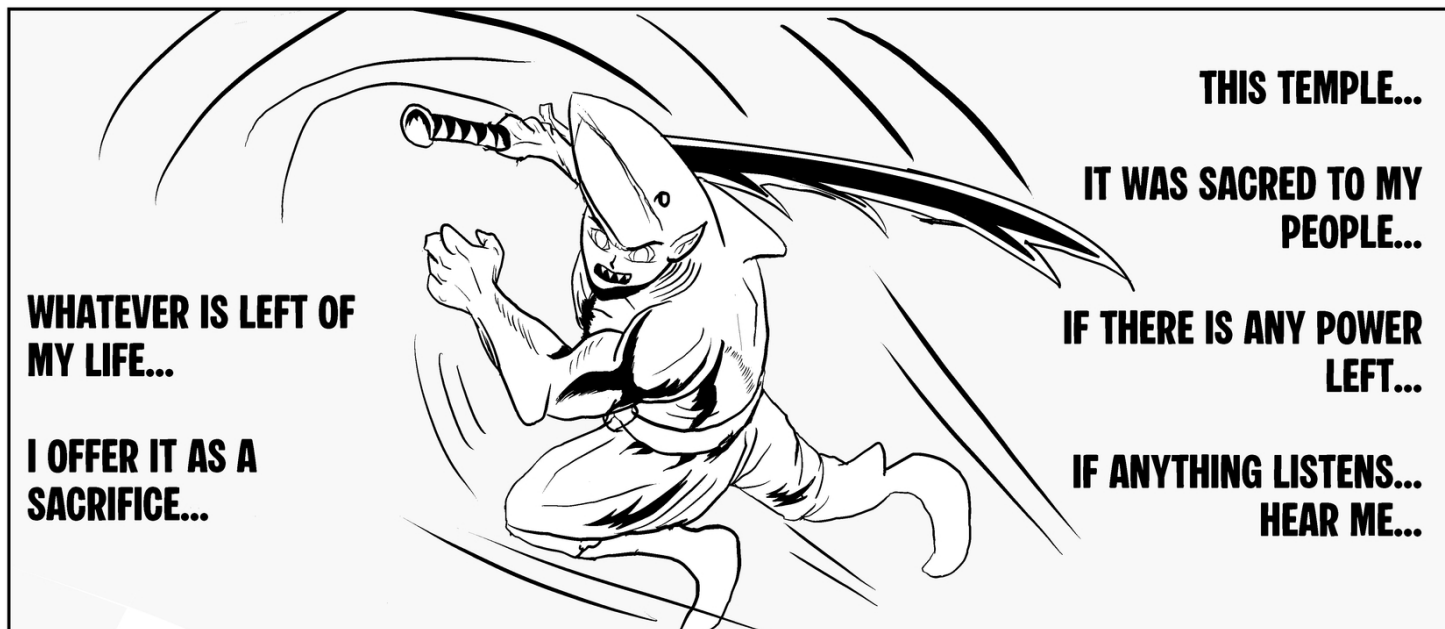


**NOT TOO SHABBY...
AS A LAST DEED...**

UNLESS...

**I END THIS...
RIGHT NOW!**





**WHATEVER IS LEFT OF
MY LIFE...**

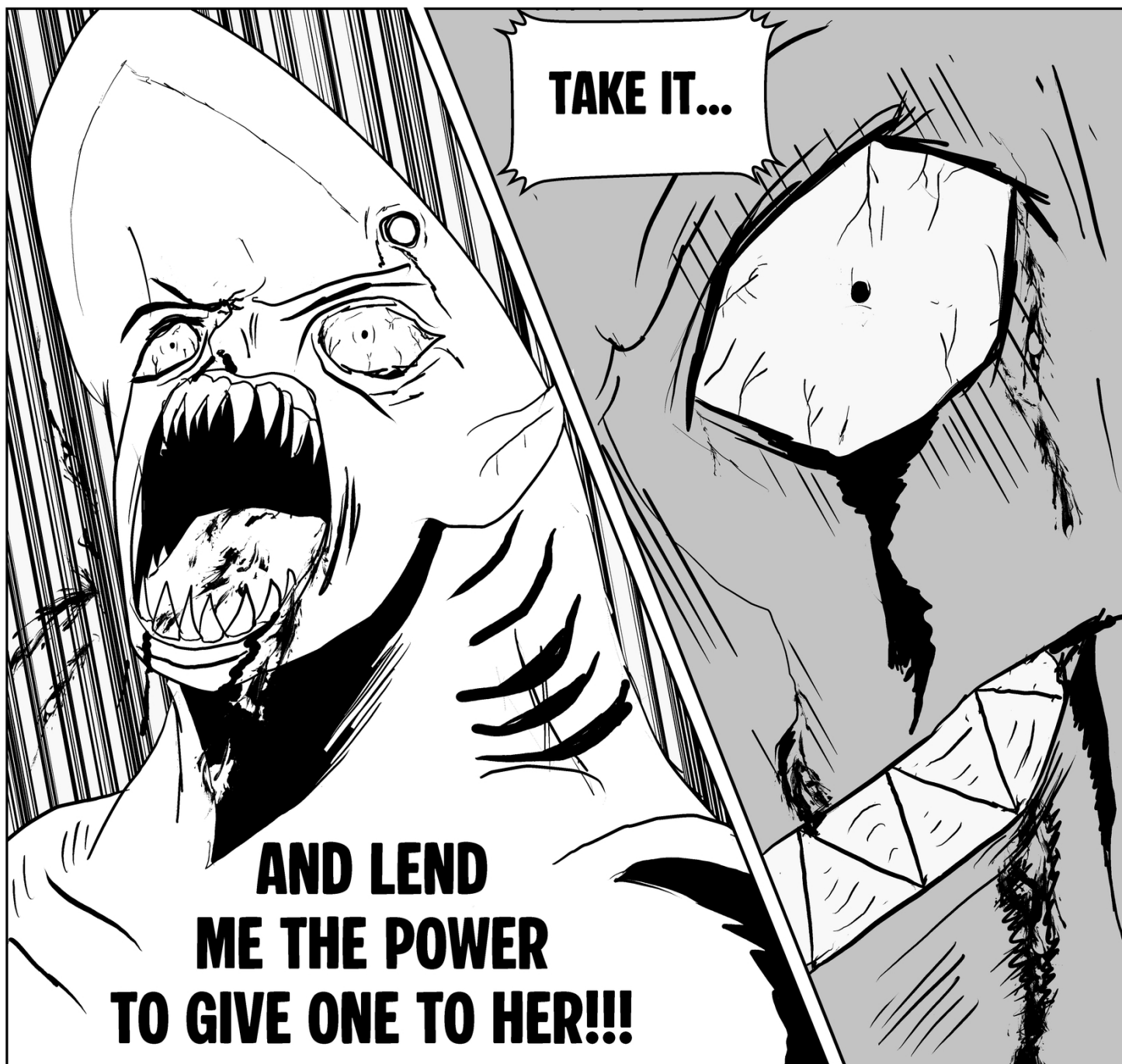
**I OFFER IT AS A
SACRIFICE...**

THIS TEMPLE...

**IT WAS SACRED TO MY
PEOPLE...**

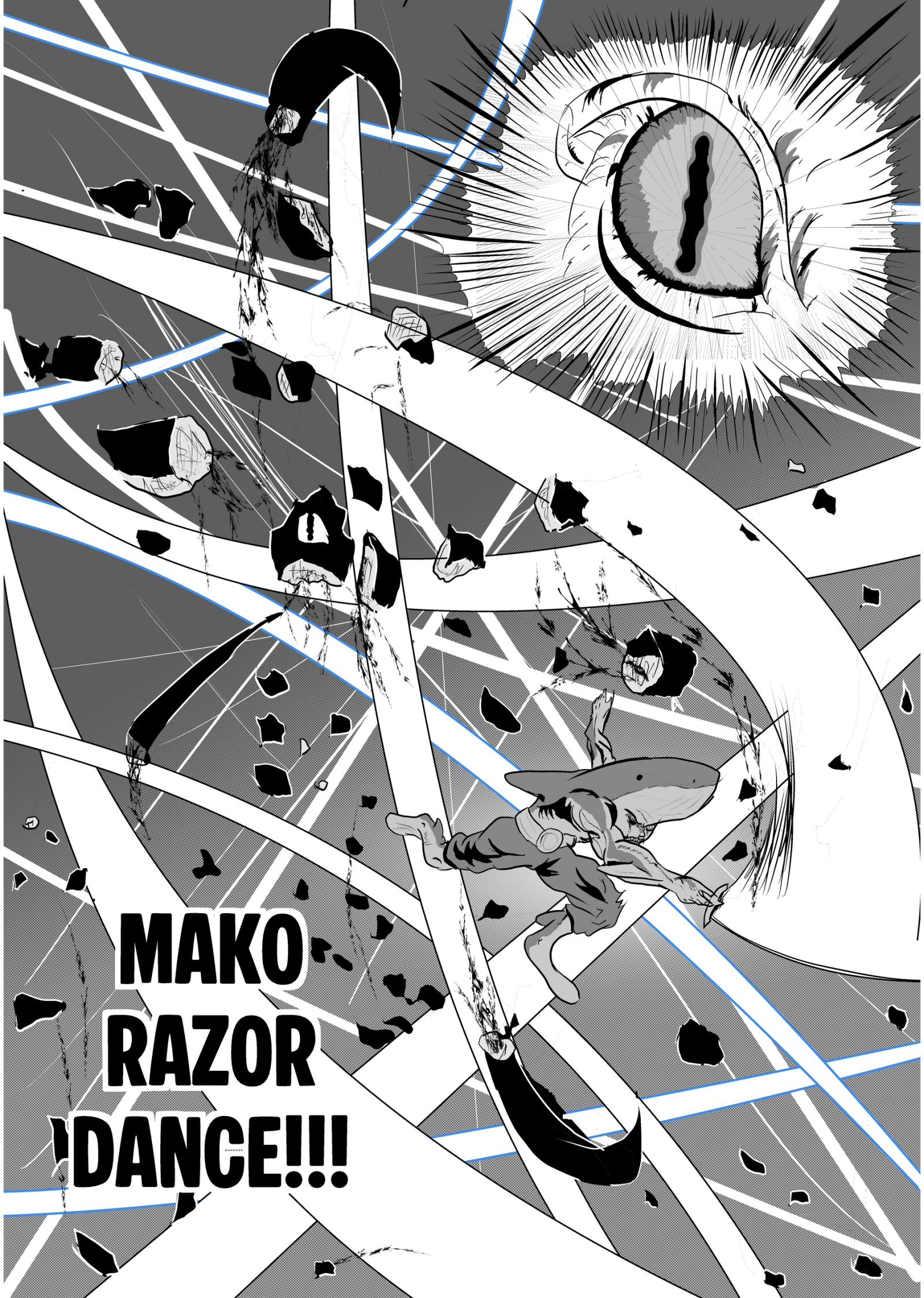
**IF THERE IS ANY POWER
LEFT...**

**IF ANYTHING LISTENS...
HEAR ME...**

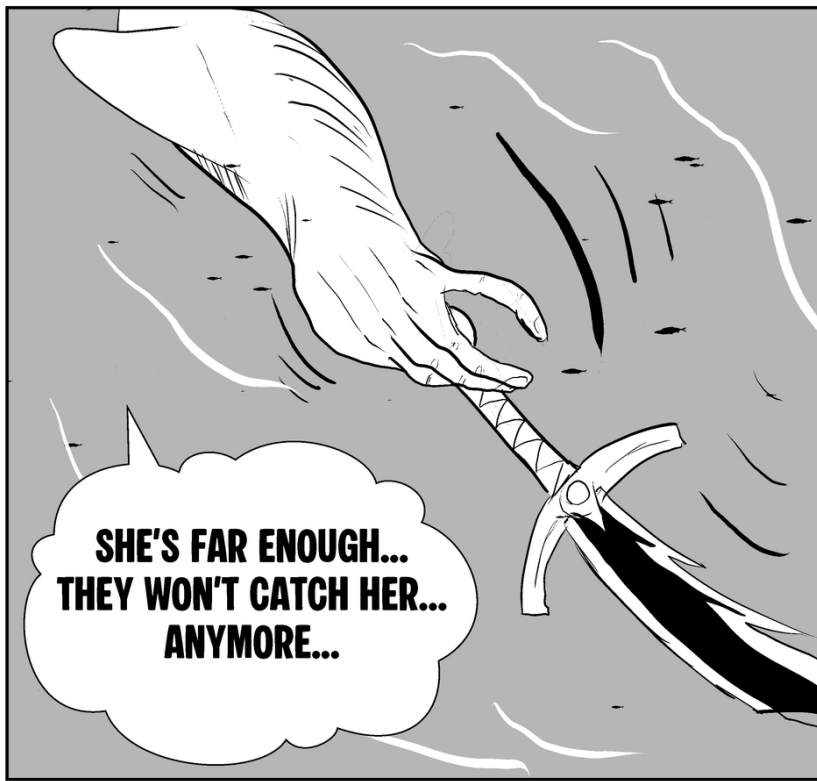


TAKE IT...

**AND LEND
ME THE POWER
TO GIVE ONE TO HER!!!**



**MAKO
RAZOR
DANCE!!!**

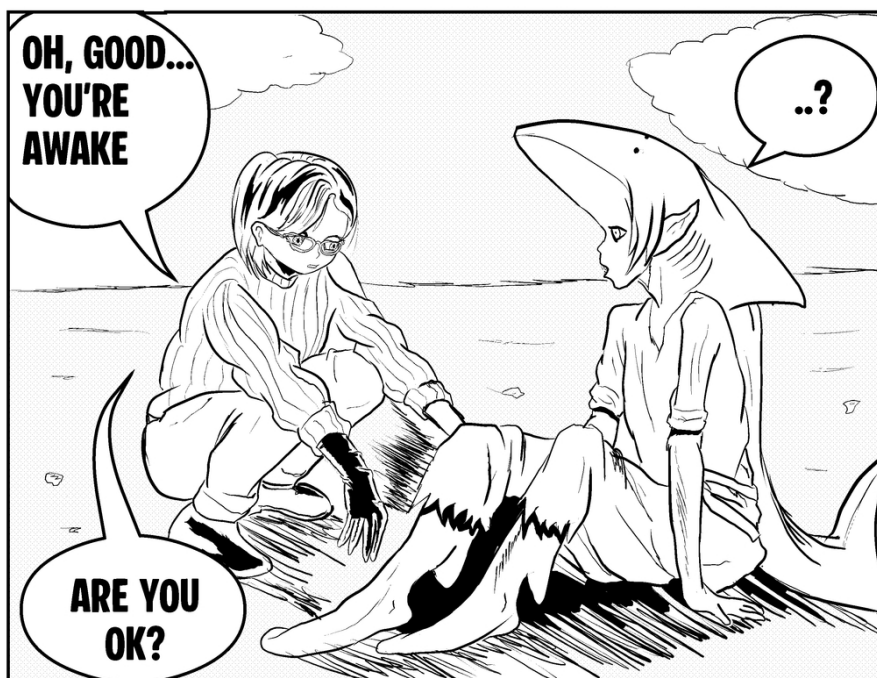
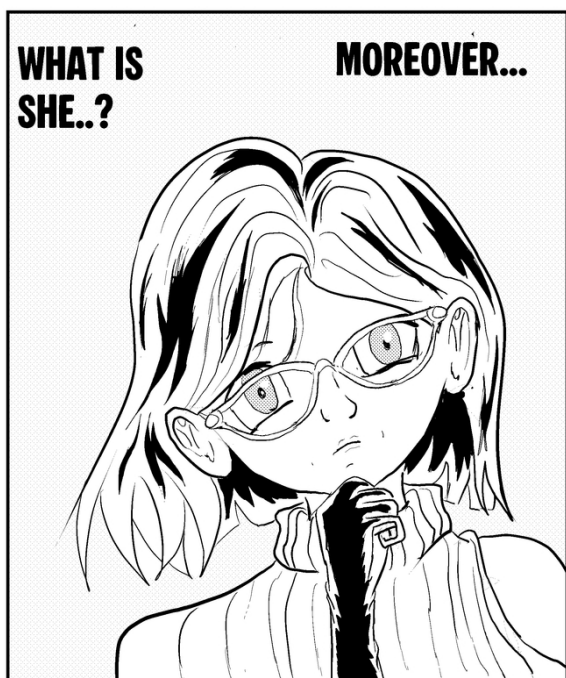
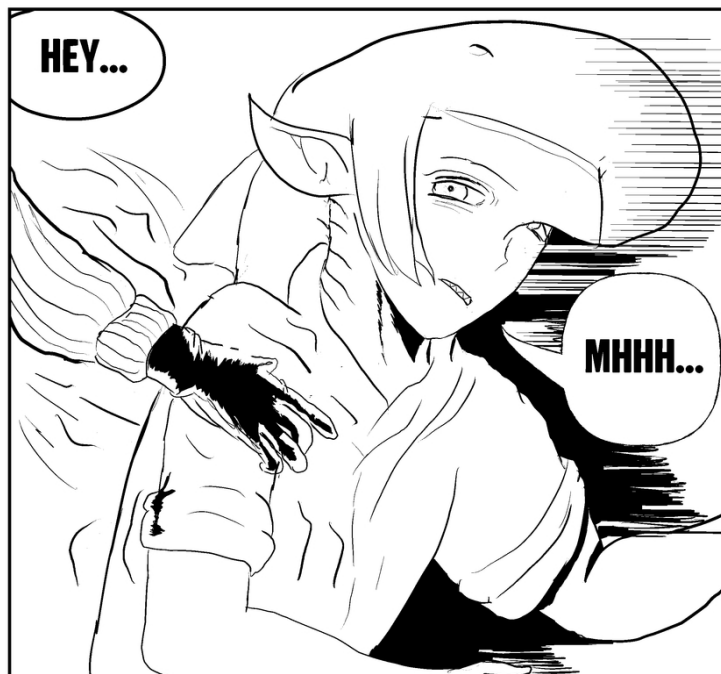
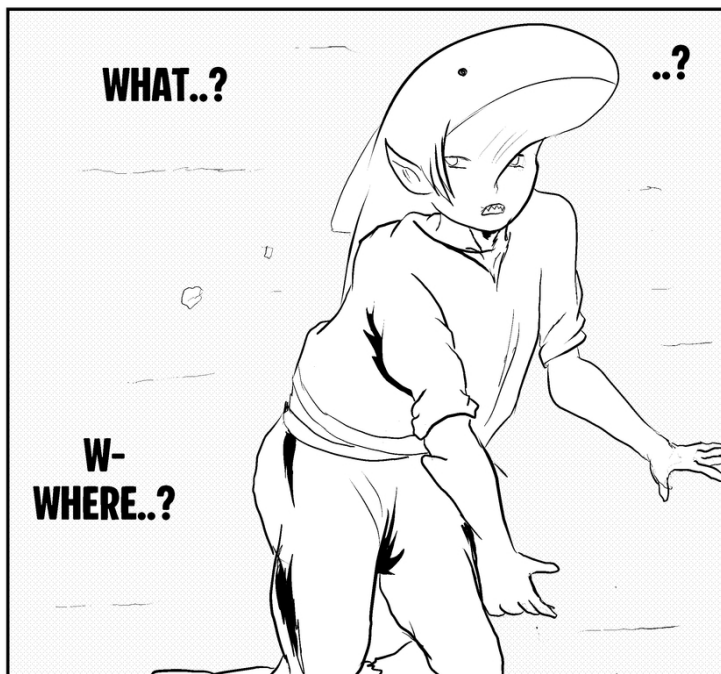
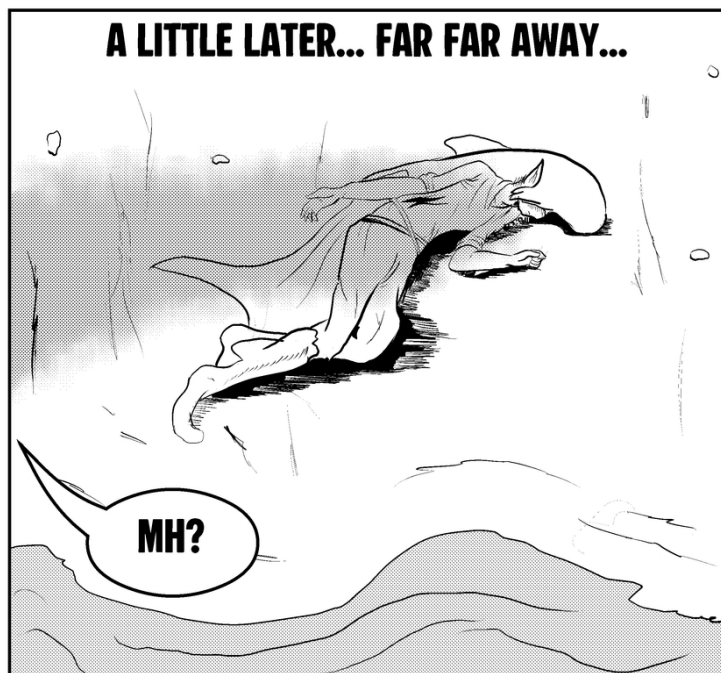
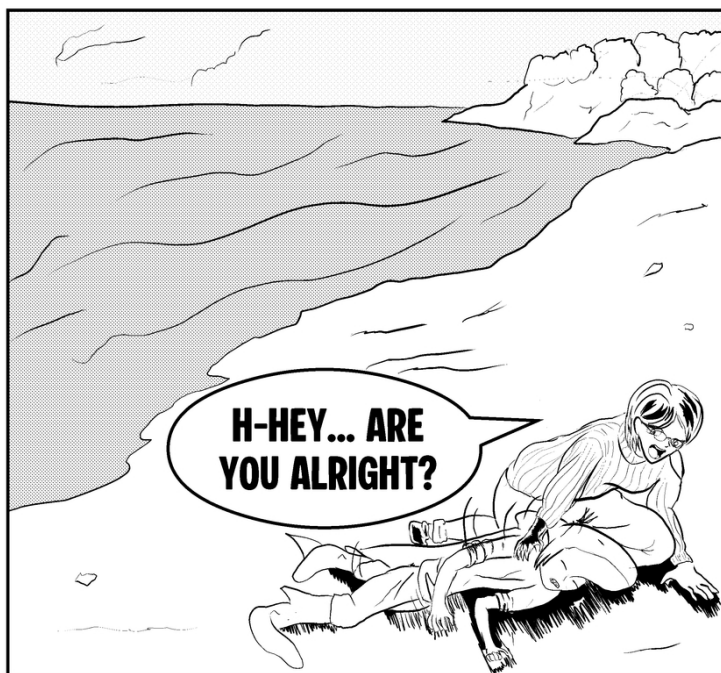


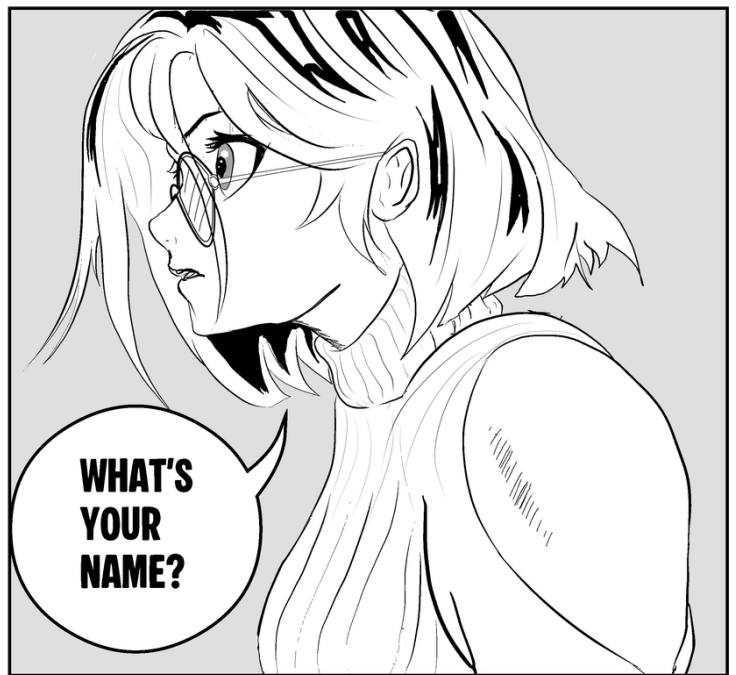
AND SO...

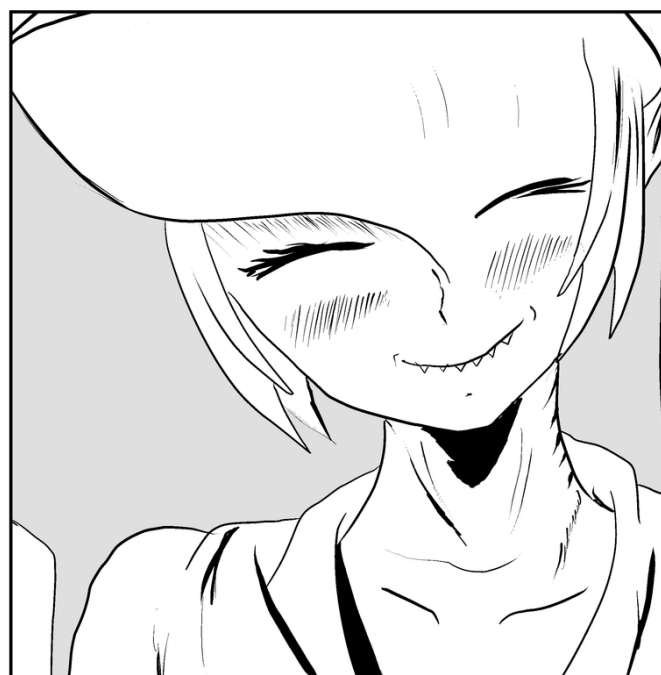
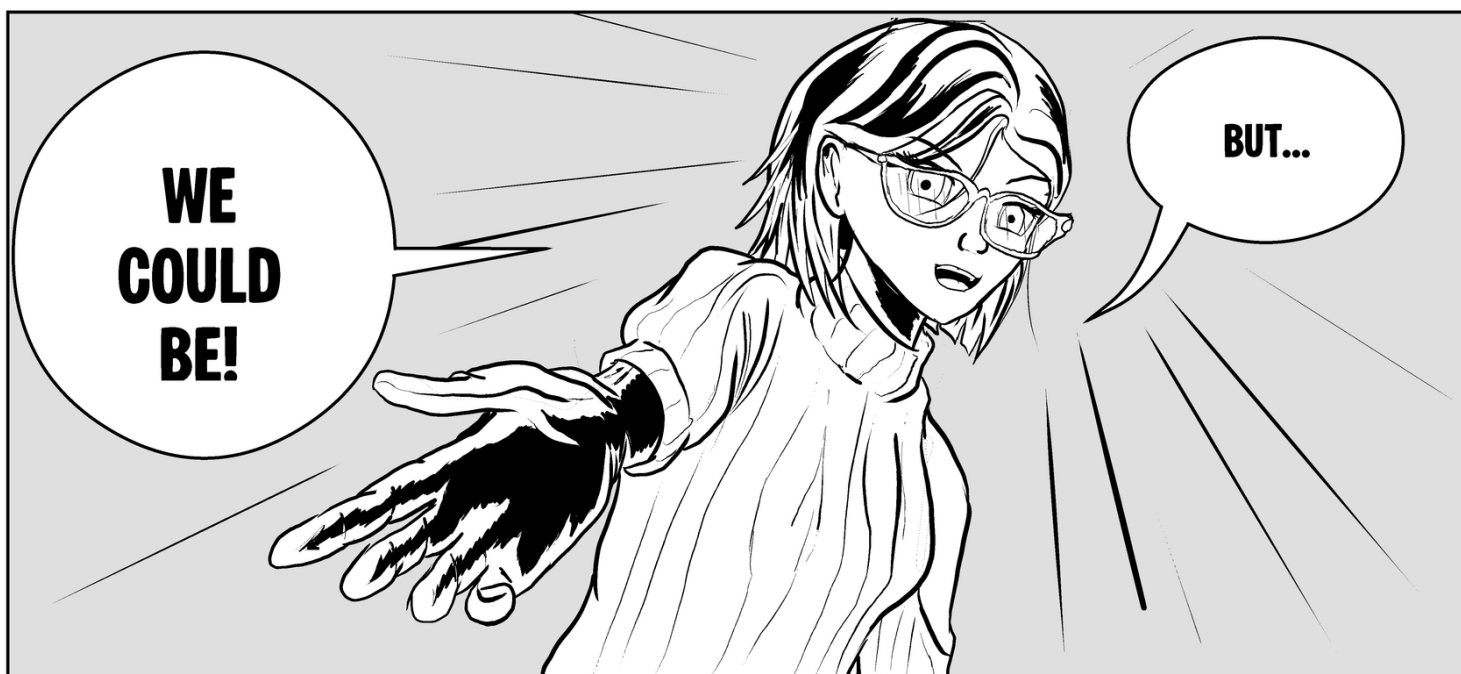
**AS ALOPIA FADED
INTO THE
DISTANT SEA...**

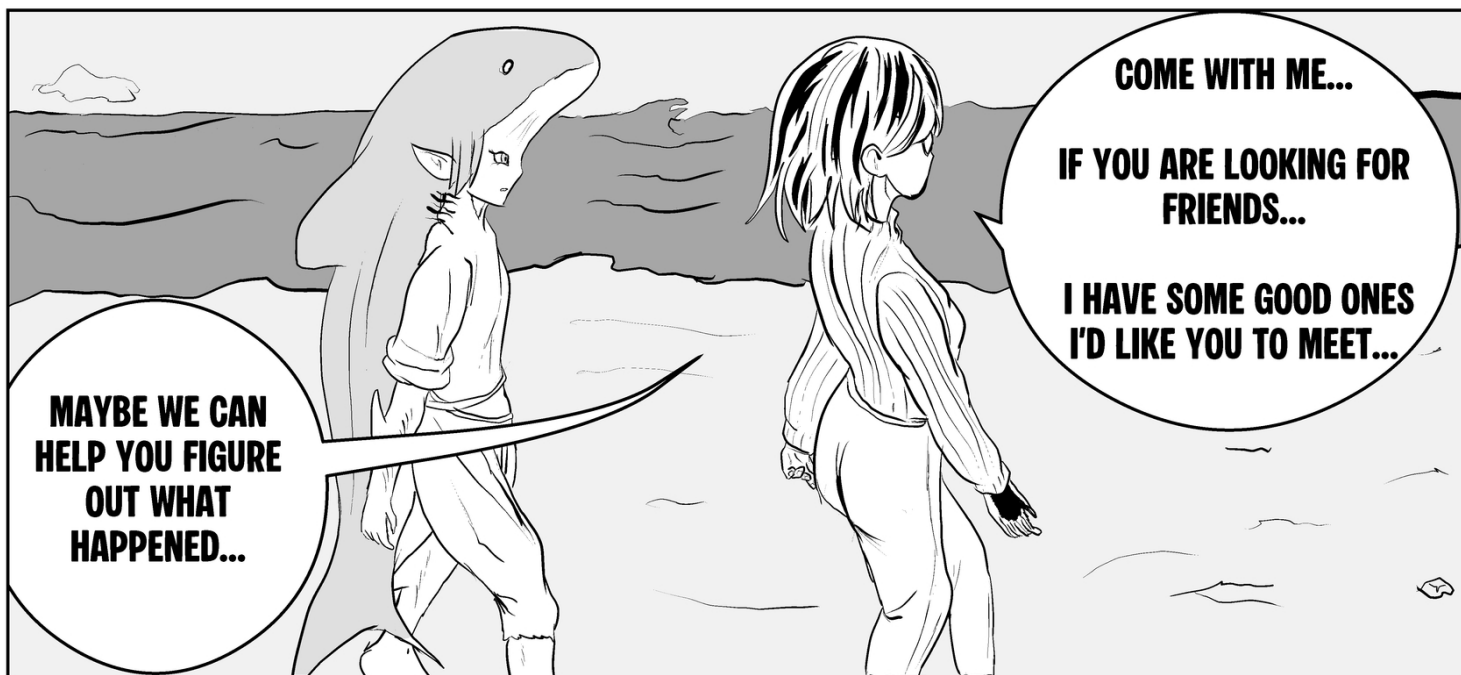
**ISAR'S FINAL
HEARTBEAT CAME
IN PEACE.**









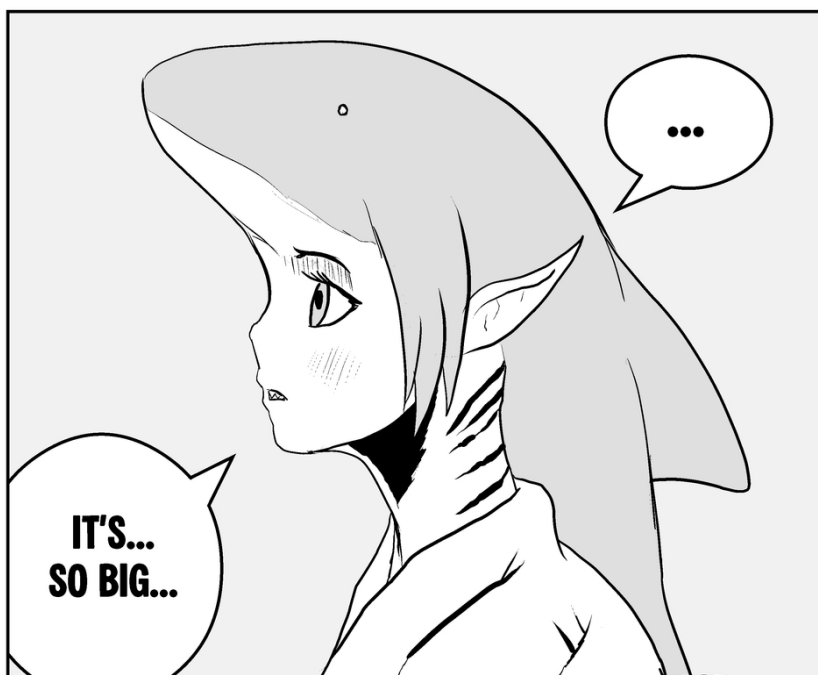
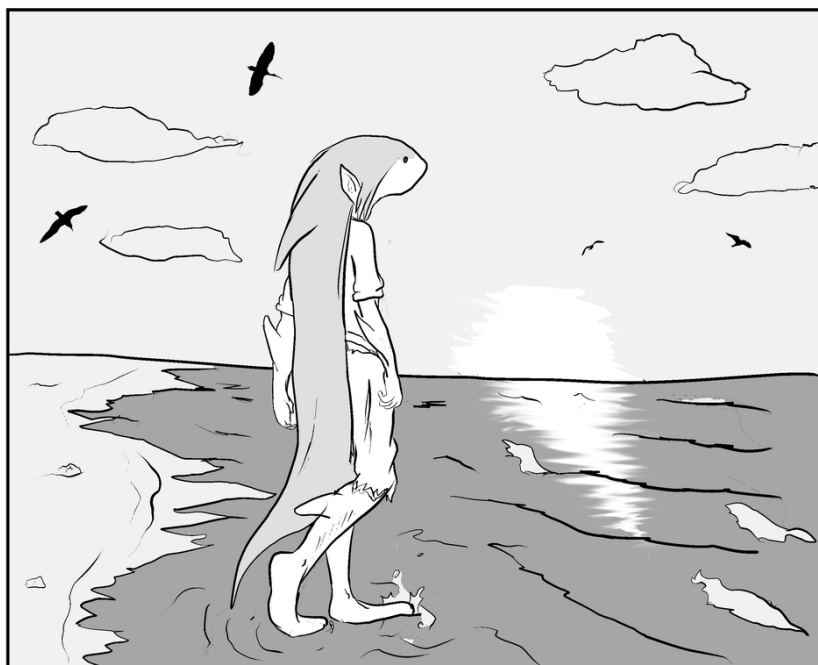


COME WITH ME...

IF YOU ARE LOOKING FOR FRIENDS...

I HAVE SOME GOOD ONES I'D LIKE YOU TO MEET...

MAYBE WE CAN HELP YOU FIGURE OUT WHAT HAPPENED...

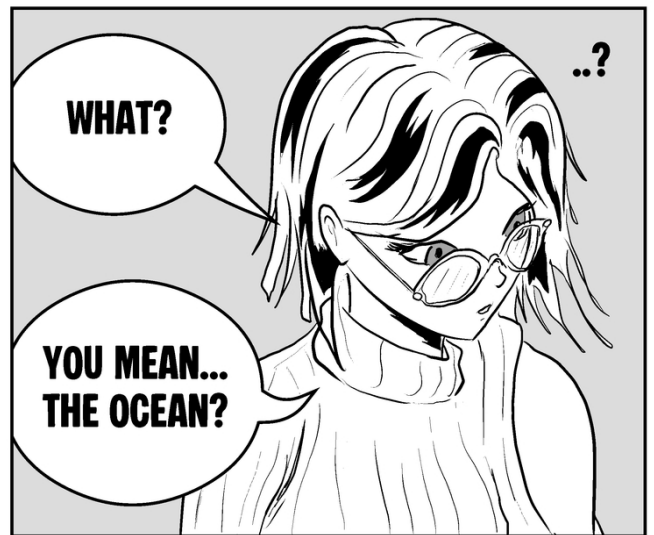
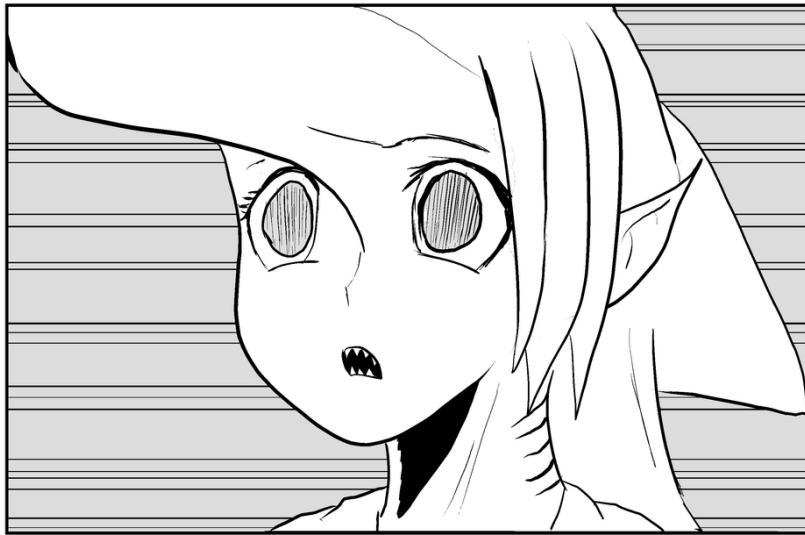


IT'S... SO BIG...



WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

..?



WHAT?

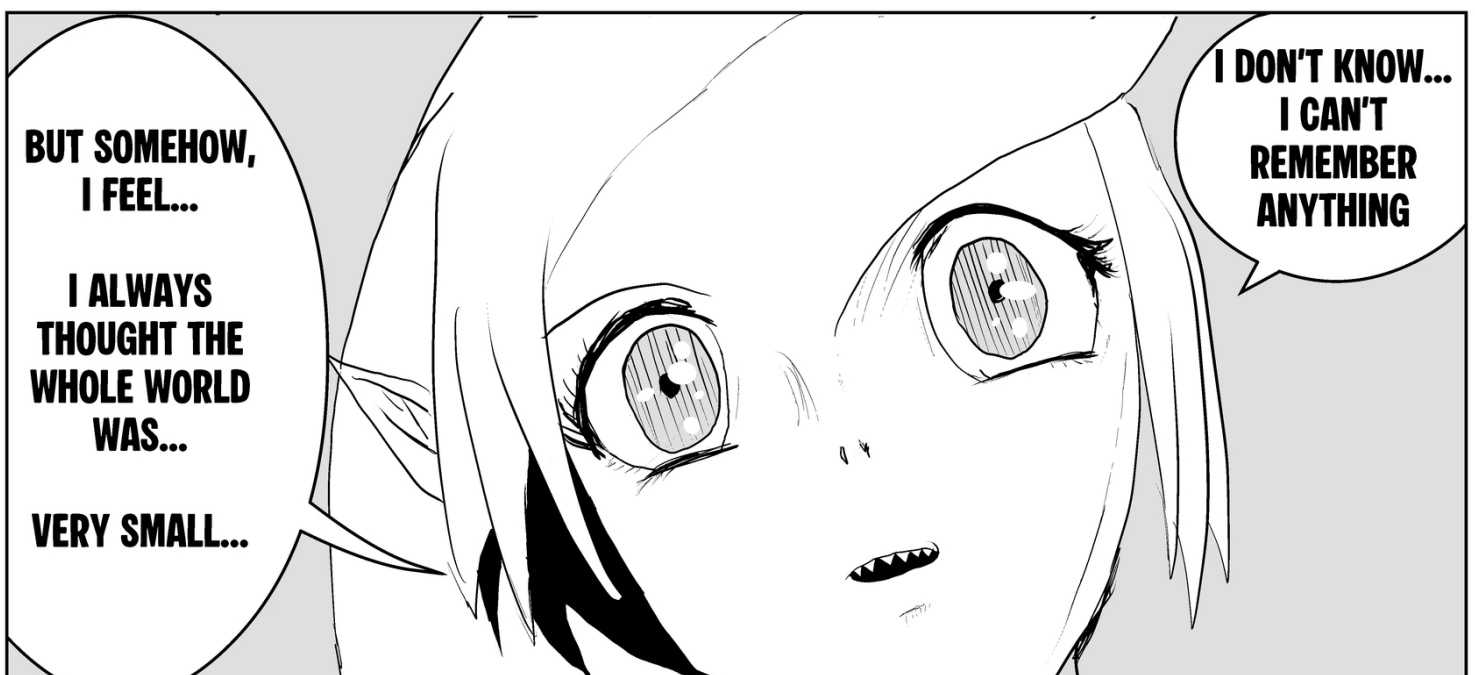
**YOU MEAN...
THE OCEAN?**

..?



**WELL...
YOU...**

**I FIGURED YOU'D
BE USED TO IT,
CONSIDERED...**



**BUT SOMEHOW,
I FEEL...**

**I ALWAYS
THOUGHT THE
WHOLE WORLD
WAS...**

VERY SMALL...

**I DON'T KNOW...
I CAN'T
REMEMBER
ANYTHING**

