

# THE SEVENTH IDOL I



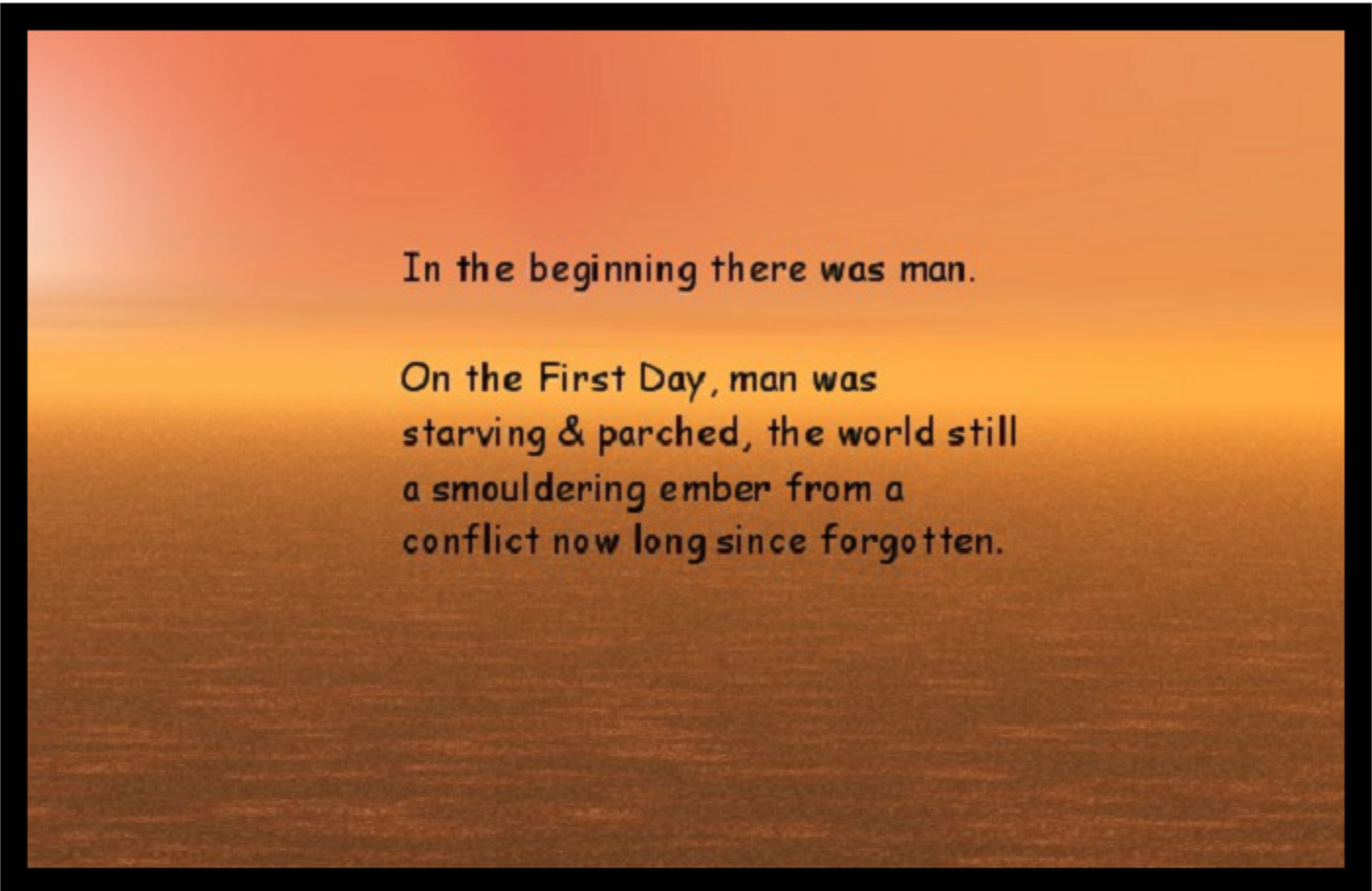
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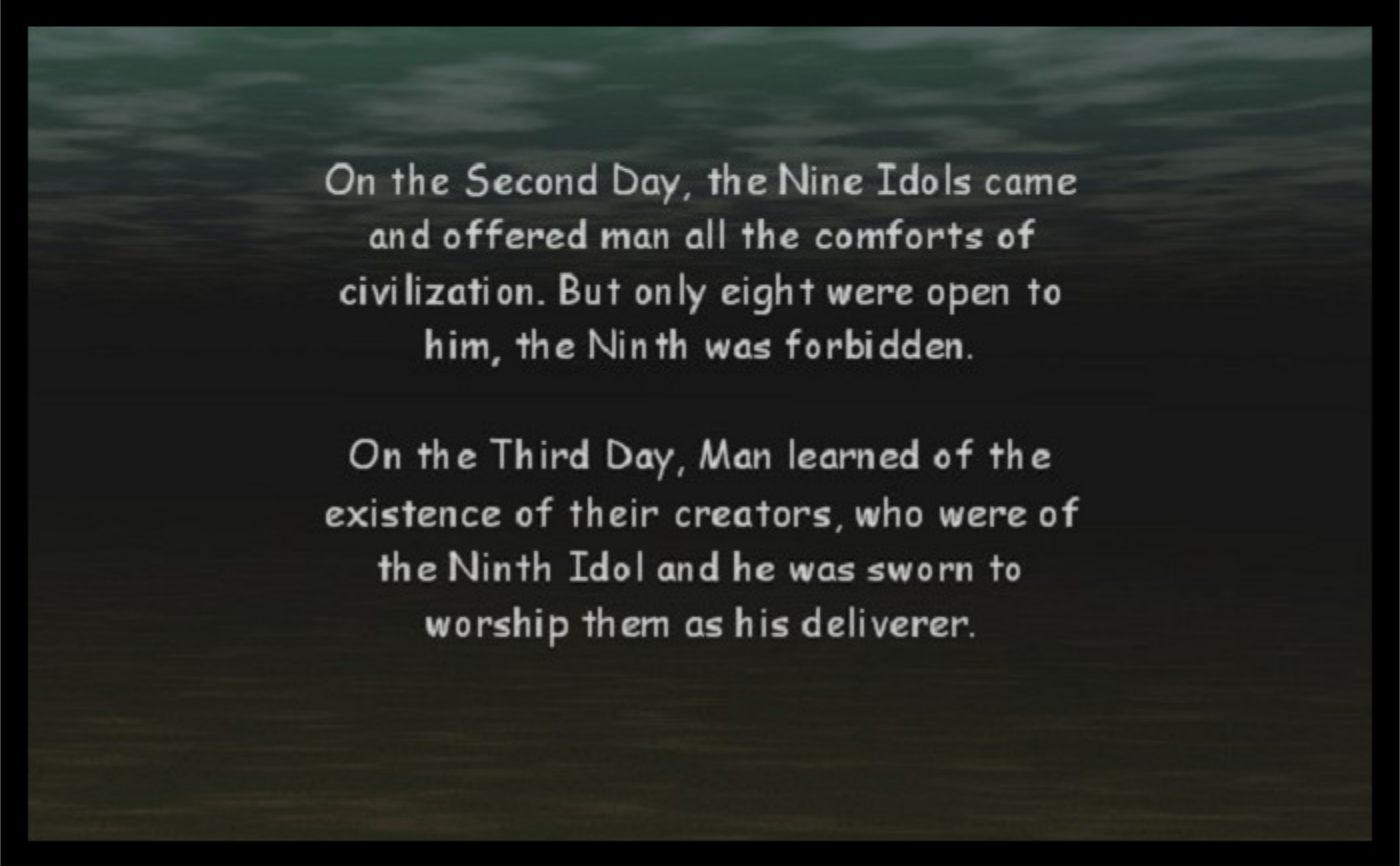
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In the beginning there was man.

On the First Day, man was  
starving & parched, the world still  
a smouldering ember from a  
conflict now long since forgotten.



On the Second Day, the Nine Idols came  
and offered man all the comforts of  
civilization. But only eight were open to  
him, the Ninth was forbidden.

On the Third Day, Man learned of the  
existence of their creators, who were of  
the Ninth Idol and he was sworn to  
worship them as his deliverer.



On the Fourth Day, man questioned the power and might of the Ninth Idol, and the first of the two Fallen Idols was struck down.

On the Fifth Day, the existence of the Agents was revealed to man, who was now taken with fear and anger towards his vengeful deliverer.

The Agents had the power to speak and act for the Ninth Idol, but they could never know the pleasures of man.

On the Sixth Day, the Second Idol was felled, again teaching man humility in the face of the Idols.

On the Seventh Day, an Agent who called himself Paul was exiled from the Idols until such time as he would learn that man's pleasures were not his to seek nor enjoy.

On the Eighth Day,  
after seven years of  
wandering the  
deserts of the dead  
world, Paul would  
return home to the  
forbidden of the  
remaining Idols...

...To what was 'now' known as  
THE SEVENTH IDOL



THE FALLEN  
MOUNTAINS



PAUL JOURNEYS  
JOURNEYS



FIRST  
GLIMPSE

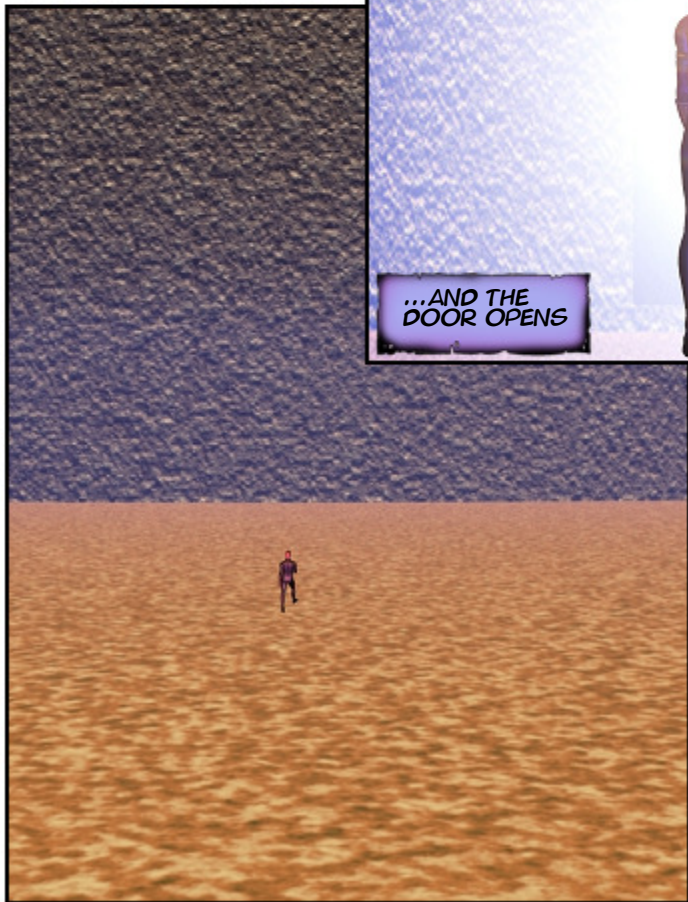




HIS DESTINATION  
GROWS CLOSER

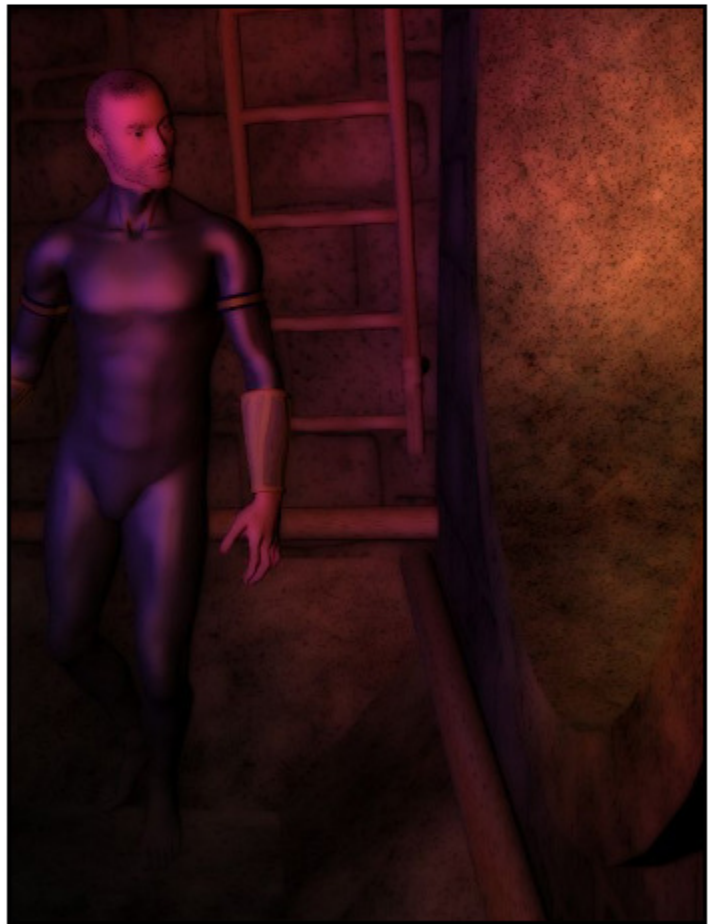
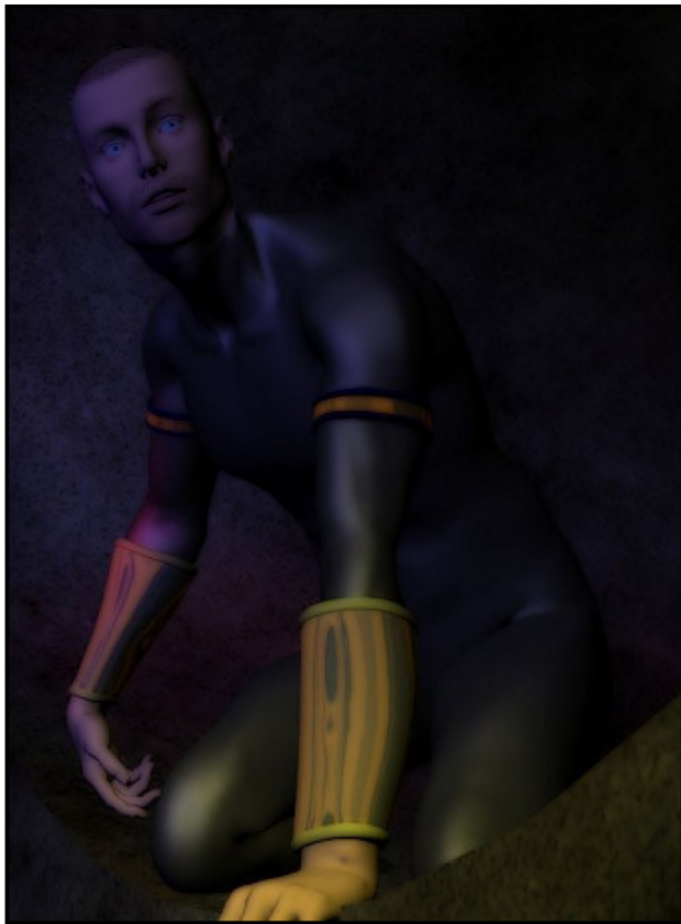


...AND THE  
DOOR OPENS

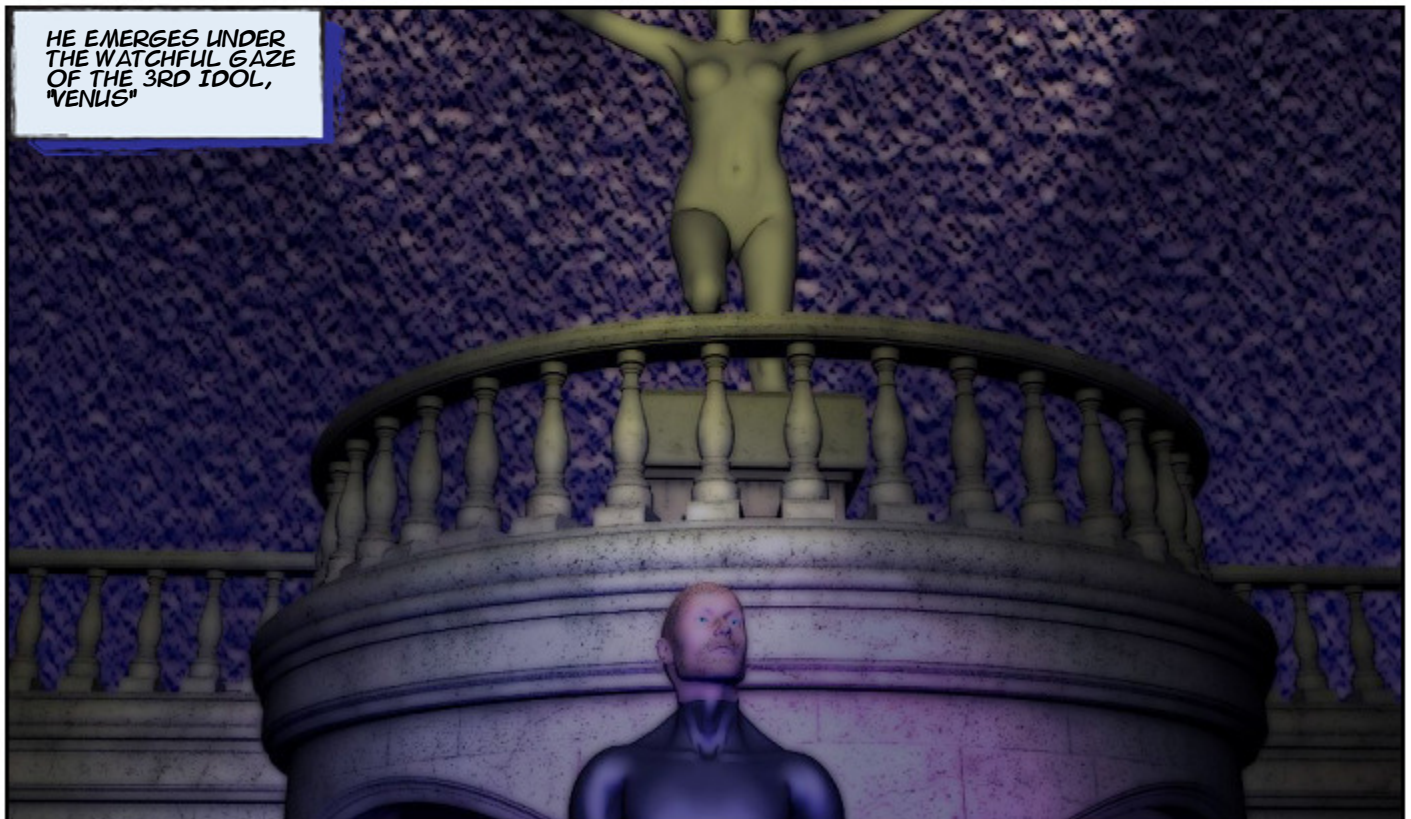
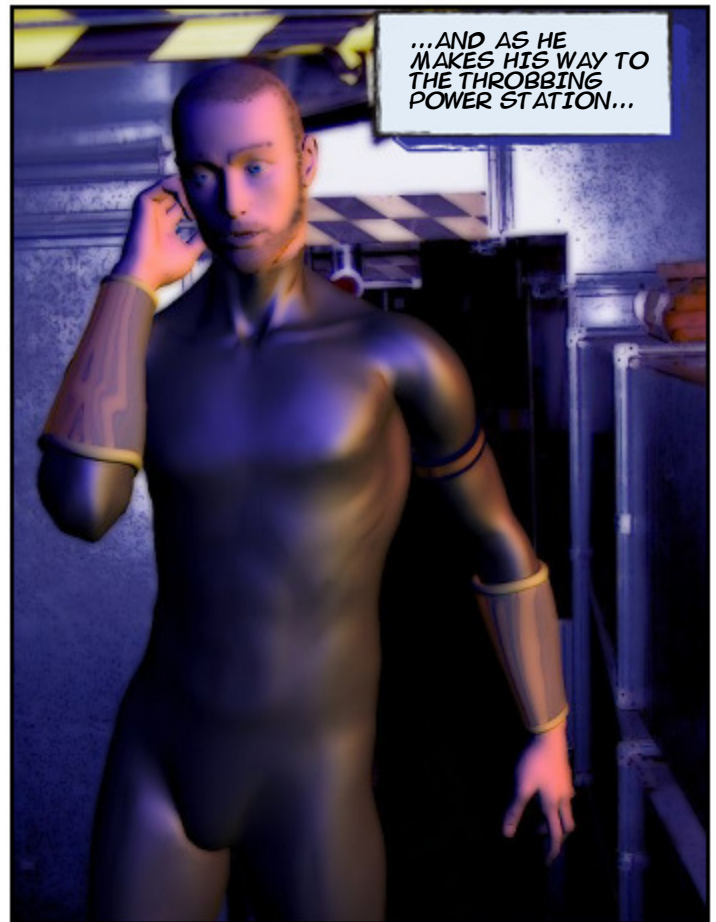


PAUL USES HIS 'POWER'







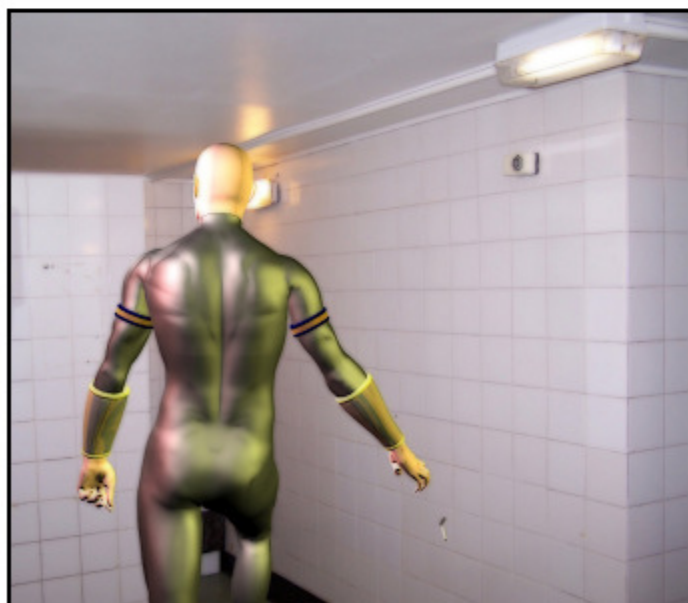




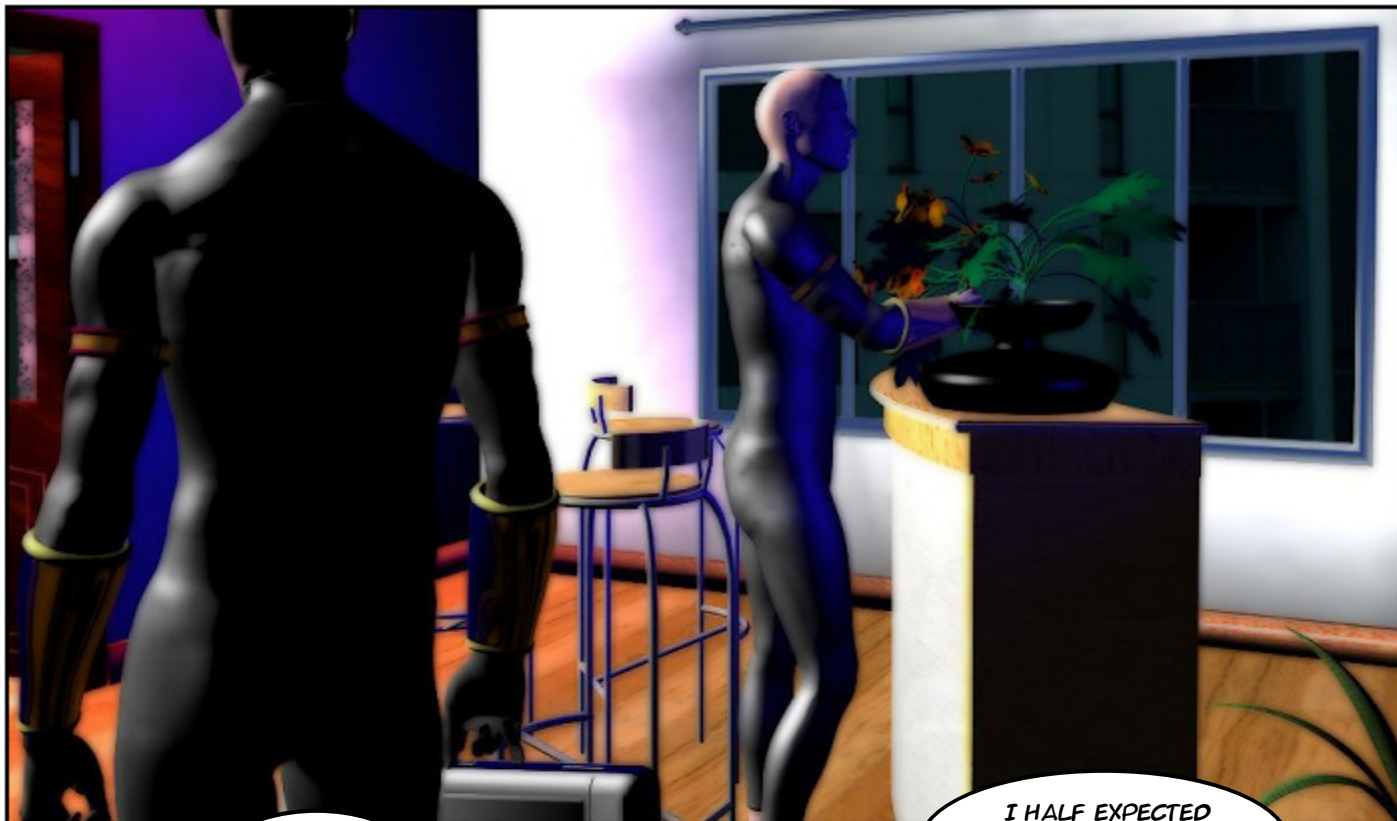












I HALF EXPECTED  
NEVER SEE YOU  
AGAIN, BUT THEN  
AGAIN...



ELEA...I  
MIGHT HAVE  
KNOWN THAT  
YOU'D BE  
HERE TO  
GREET ME...

THERE  
WASN'T  
MUCH  
DEMAND,  
LET ME  
TELL YOU



I HALF EXPECTED  
NEVER SEE YOU  
AGAIN, BUT THEN  
AGAIN...

I WAS  
LUCKY







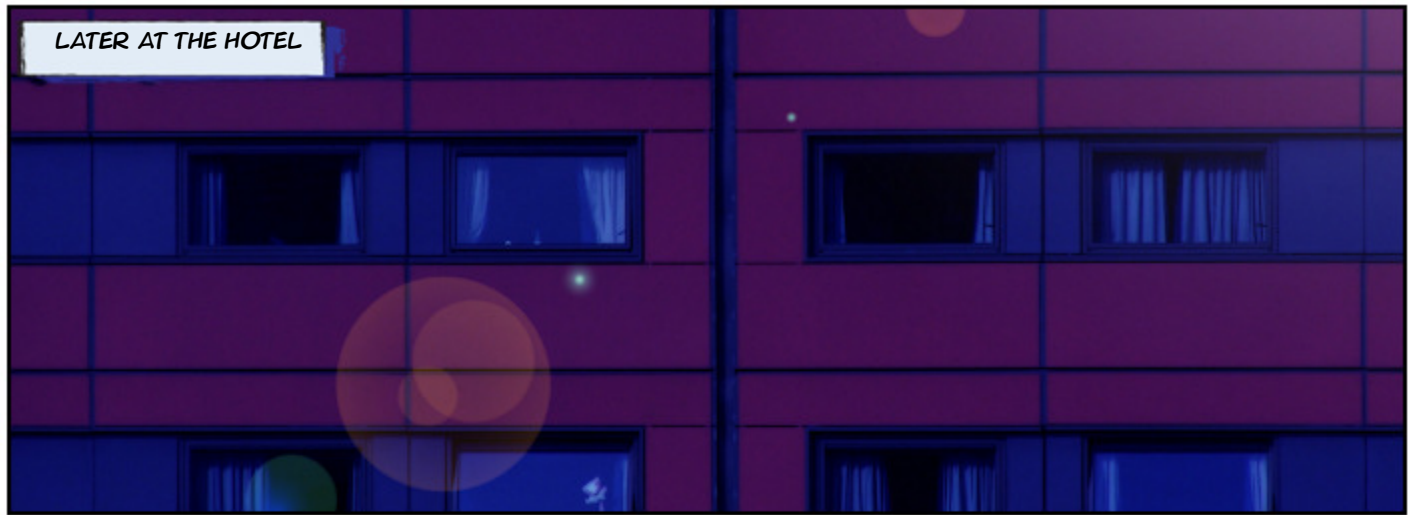






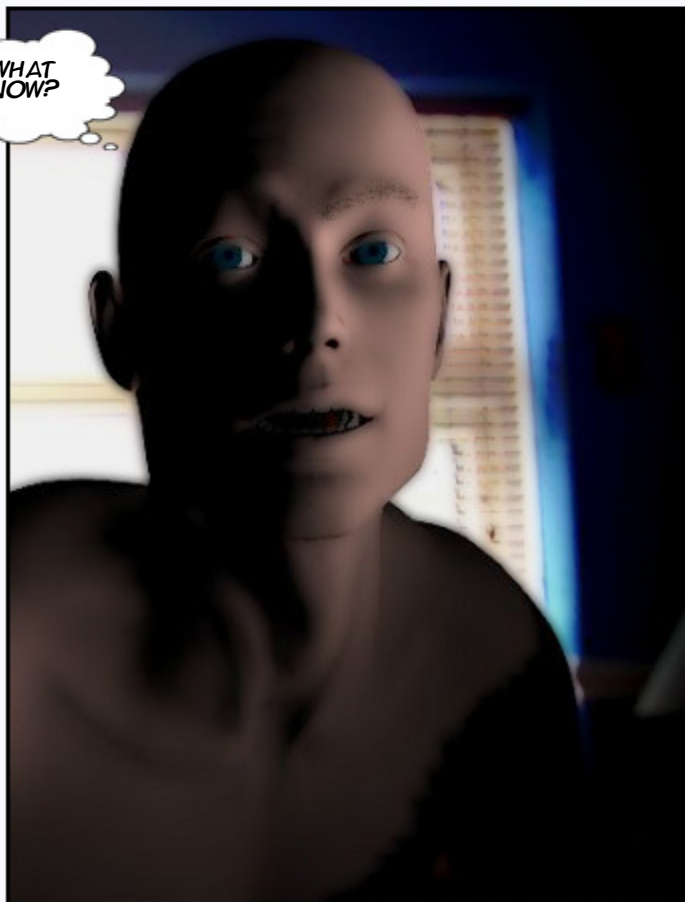
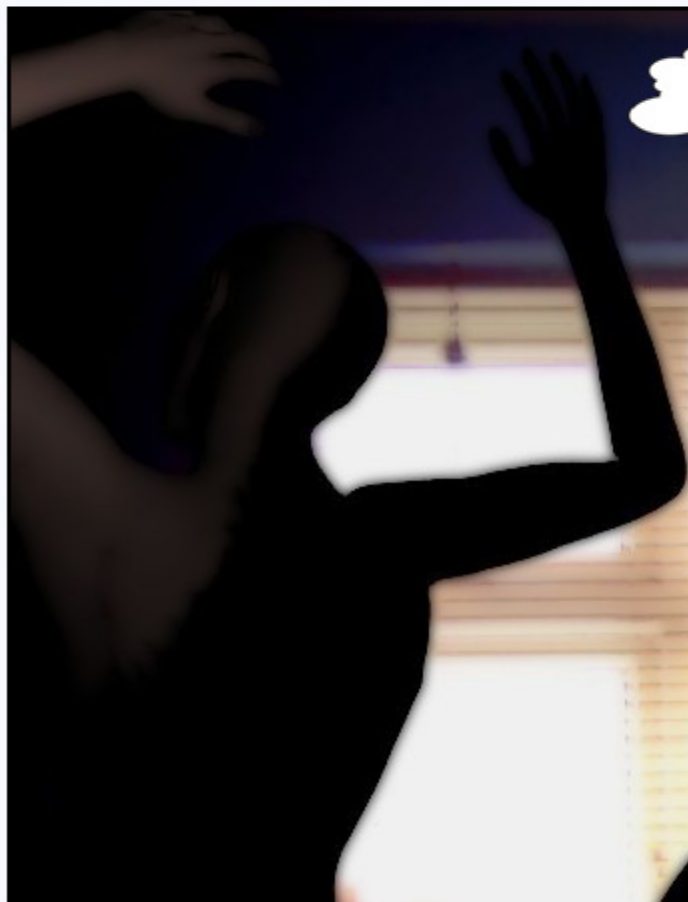






CASSIE WAITS..

**KNOCK KNOCK!**



WHAT  
NOW?













AS CASSIE LEAVES...

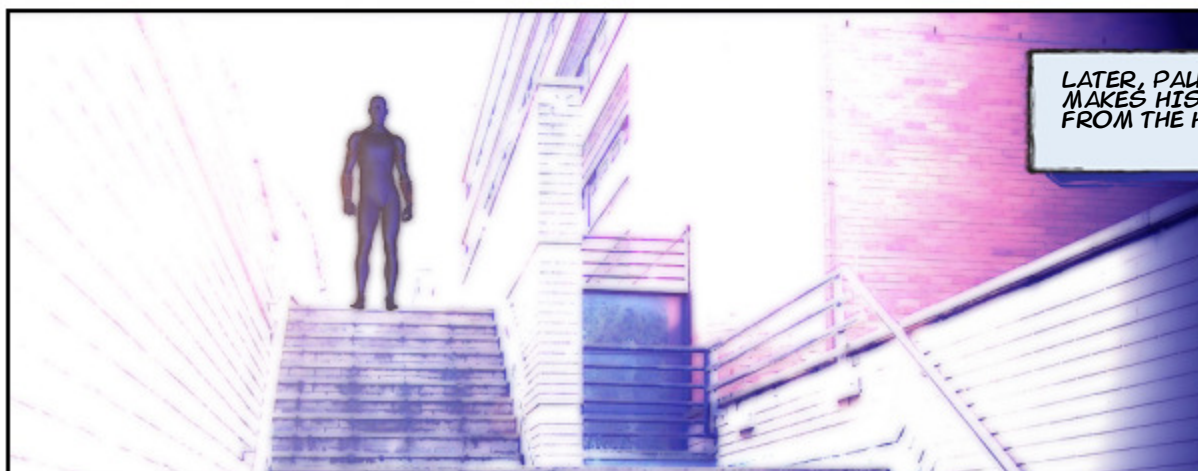
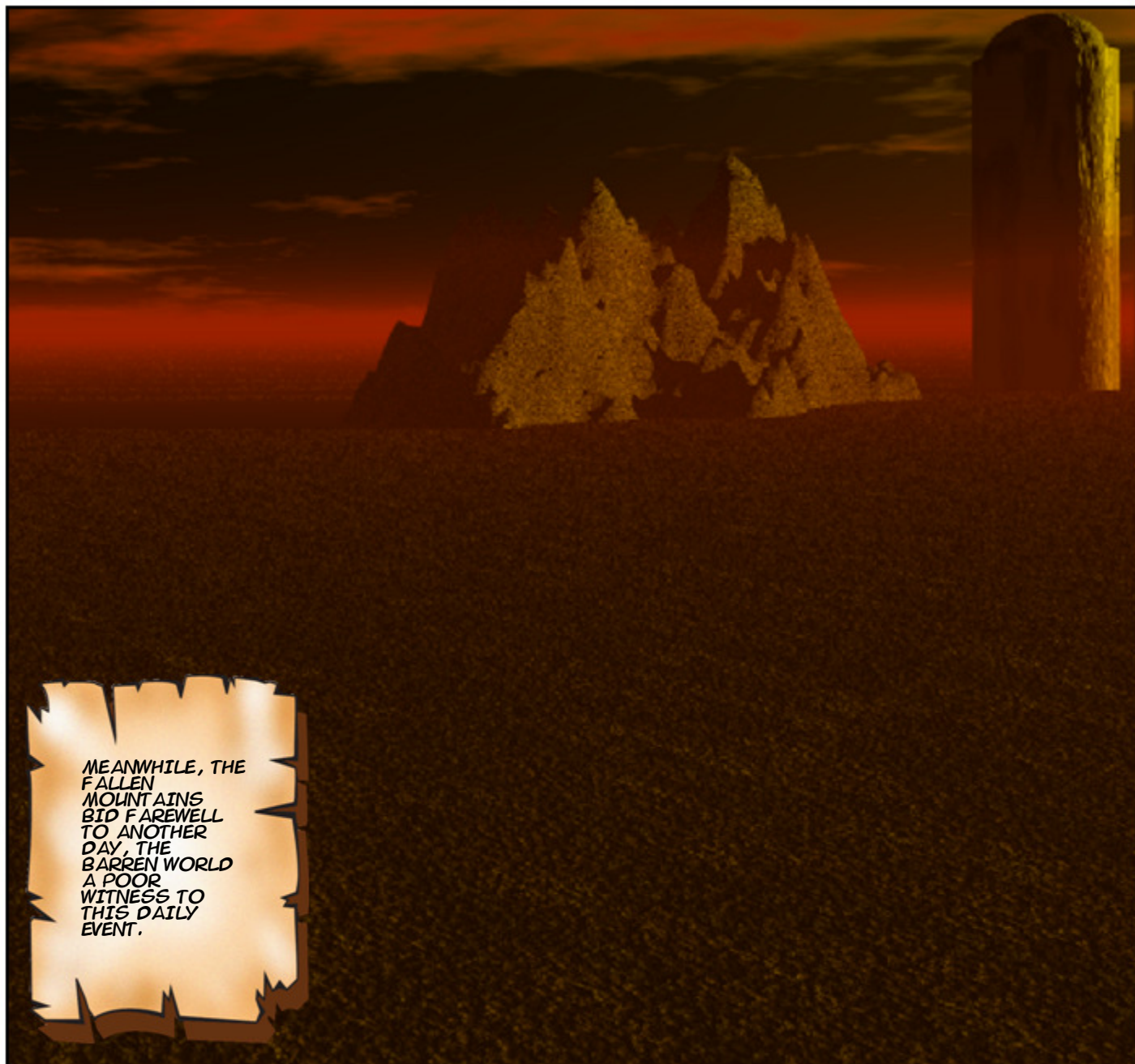


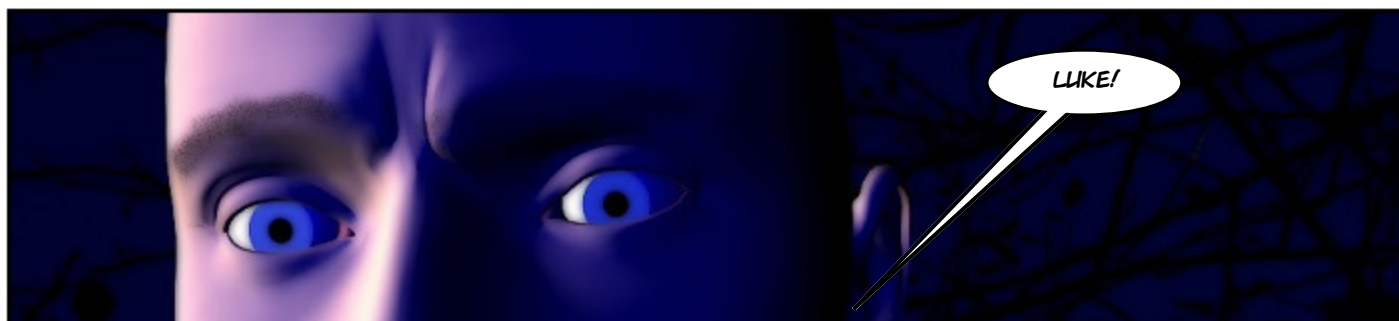
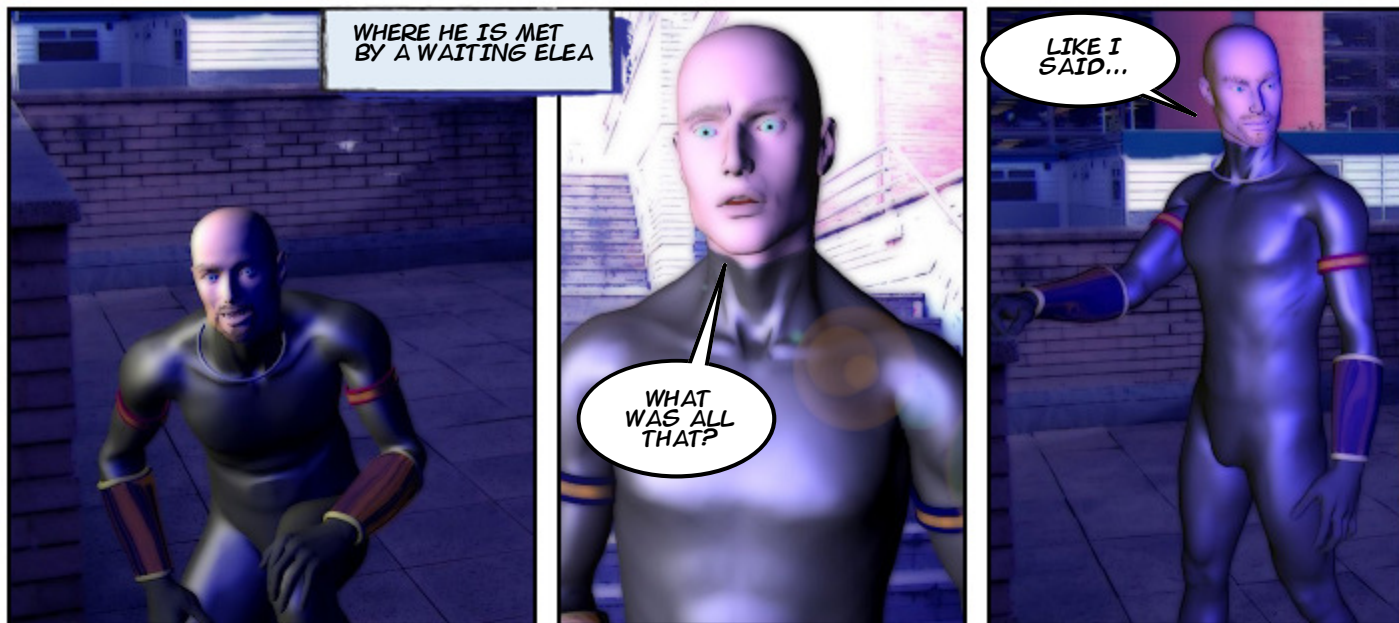
'HE' WATCHES



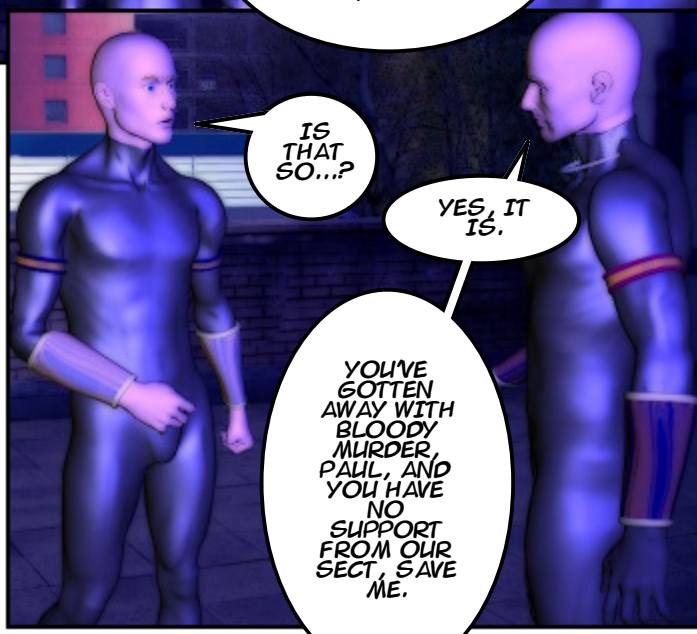
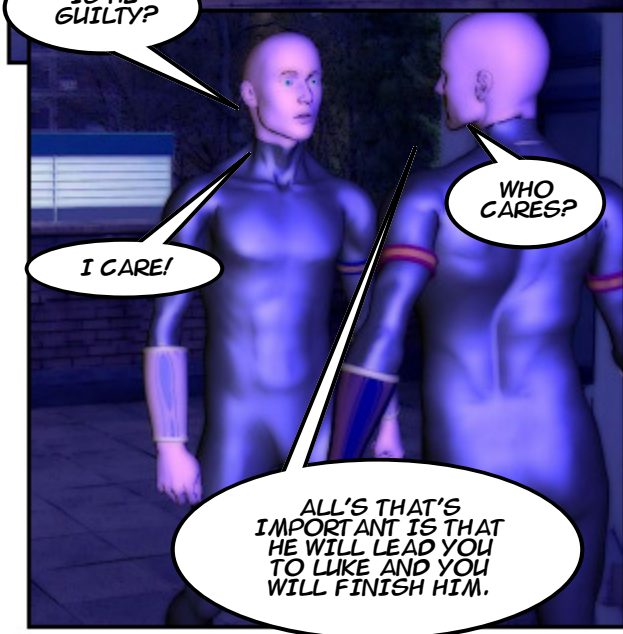
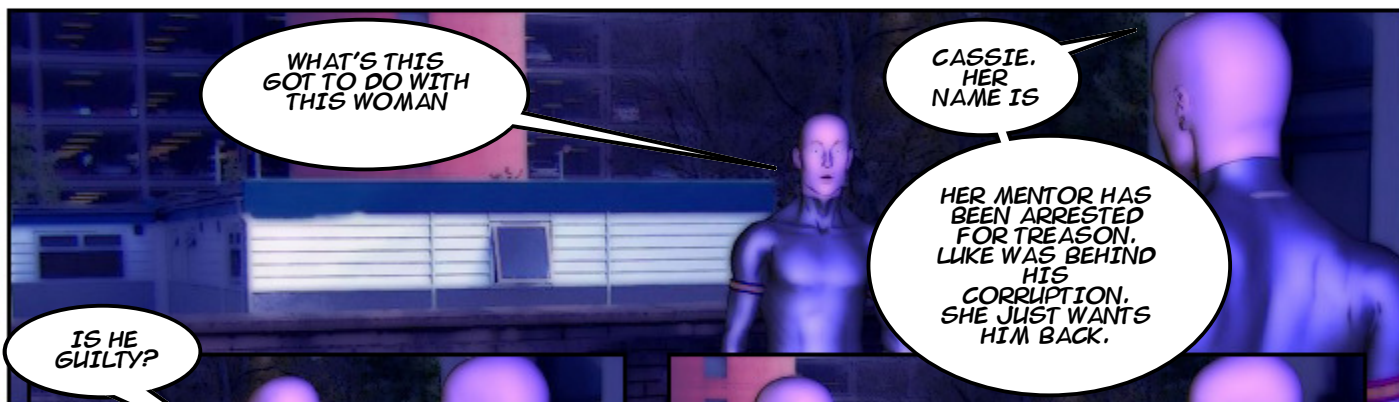
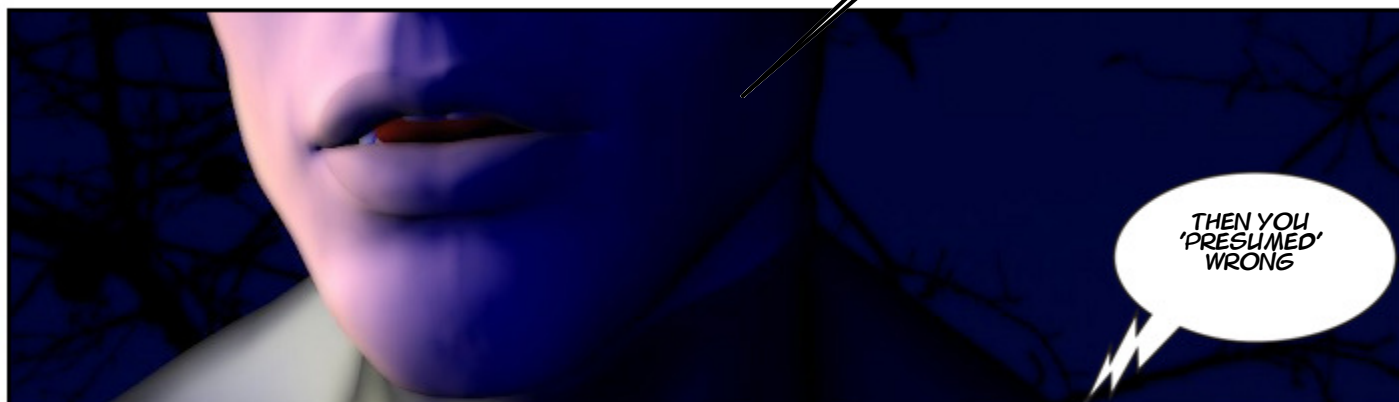
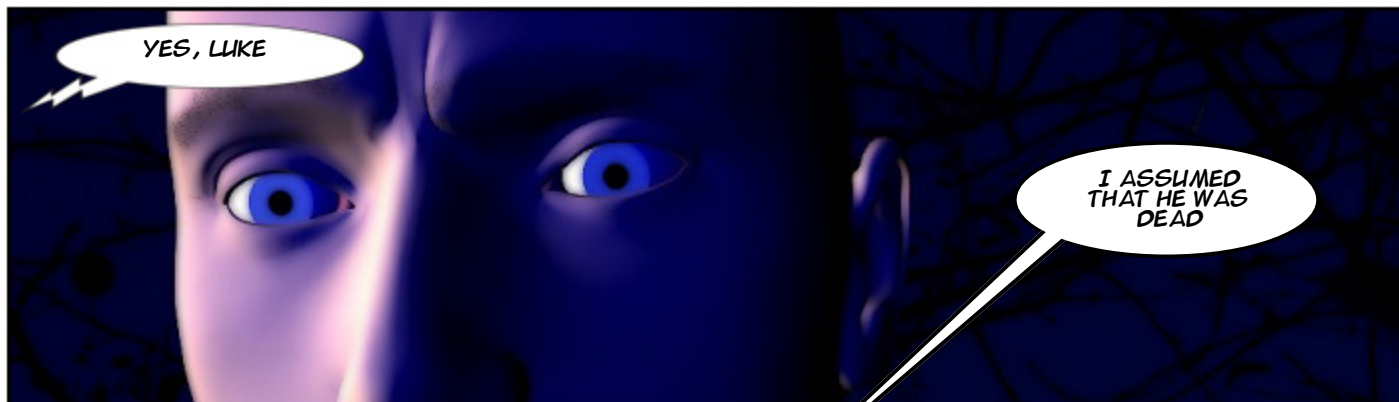
SHE CONTINUES  
DOWN THE HOTEL  
STEPS...















SHE PLANS HER  
NEXT MOVE IN  
THE CAR PARK...



WHAT DO  
YOU  
WANT?

...AS PAUL  
APPROACHES

I MAY HAVE  
BEEN A LITTLE  
BRISK WITH  
YOU EARLIER

YOU  
DON'T  
SAY...

I'M  
PREPARED  
TO HEAR  
YOU OUT

OH  
REALLY?!  
'THANK  
YOU'

IS HE  
GUILTY?

NO.

YOU SEEM  
PRETTY SURE  
ABOUT THAT?

I AM

WHAT'S  
HE  
ACCUSED  
OF?

TREASON;;  
NO OTHER  
CHARGES, NO  
EXPLANATION.

IT'S AN  
ALL TOO  
COMMON  
CHARGE  
IN THIS  
NECK OF  
THE  
WOODS.  
THEY  
HAND IT  
OUT  
LIKE  
CANDY.

SO  
YOU'LL  
WANT TO  
GET HIM  
OUT, I  
GUESS?





CELL BLOCK 33

THIS WAS YOUR  
PLAN,  
---  
TO JUST WALK  
INP...

GENIUS,  
ISN'T IT

THE PUZZLED  
TROOPER MEETS  
THEM AS THEY  
ENTER...

CAN I  
HELP YOU?

POSSIBLY

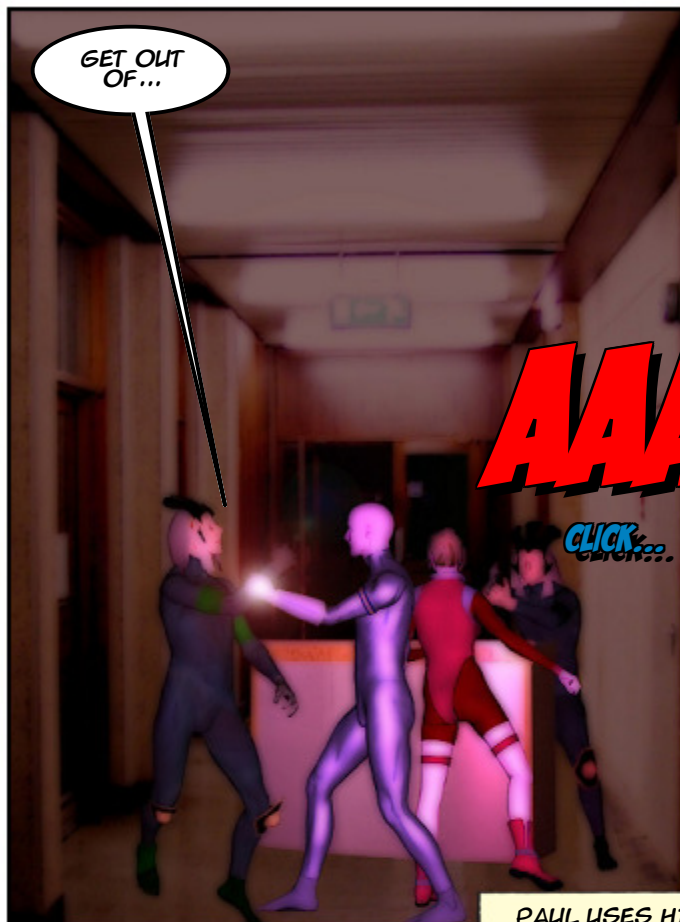
WHERE  
WOULD I  
FIND...

JULIUS  
STONE...

JULIUS  
STONE?

WHO THE  
HELL ARE  
YOU?!

DON'T  
MAKE ME  
ASK  
TWICE...



PAUL USES HIS 'POWER'  
TO BURN THE LEAD  
TROOPERS' ARM







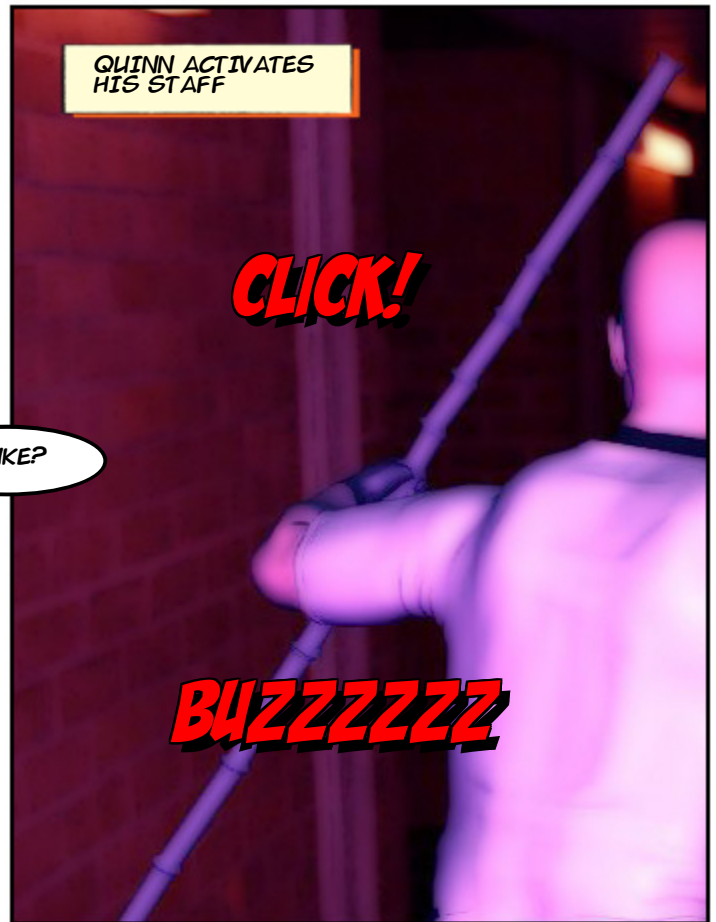


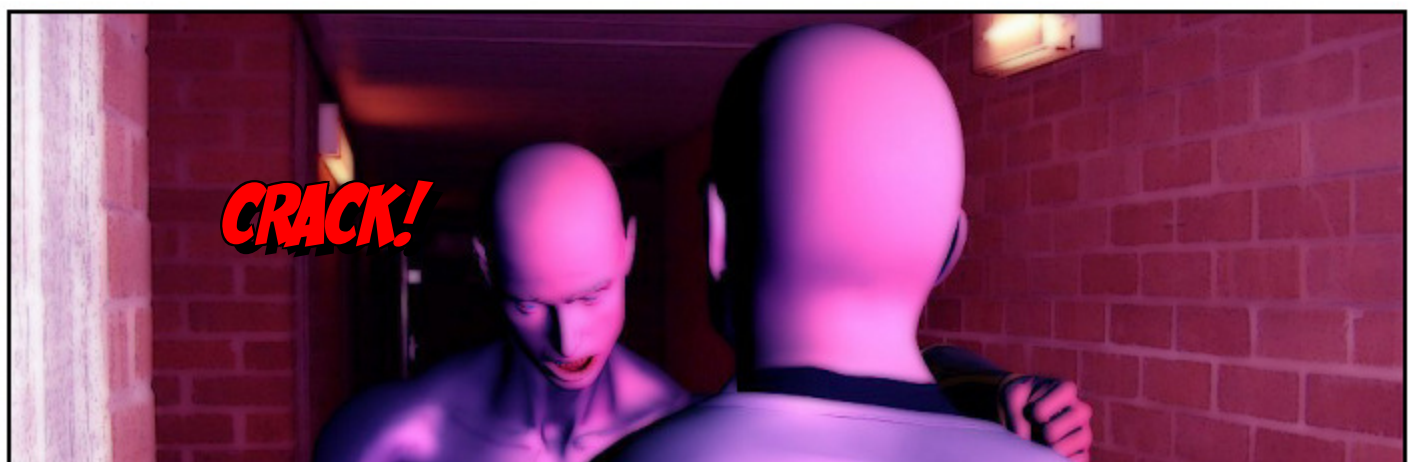






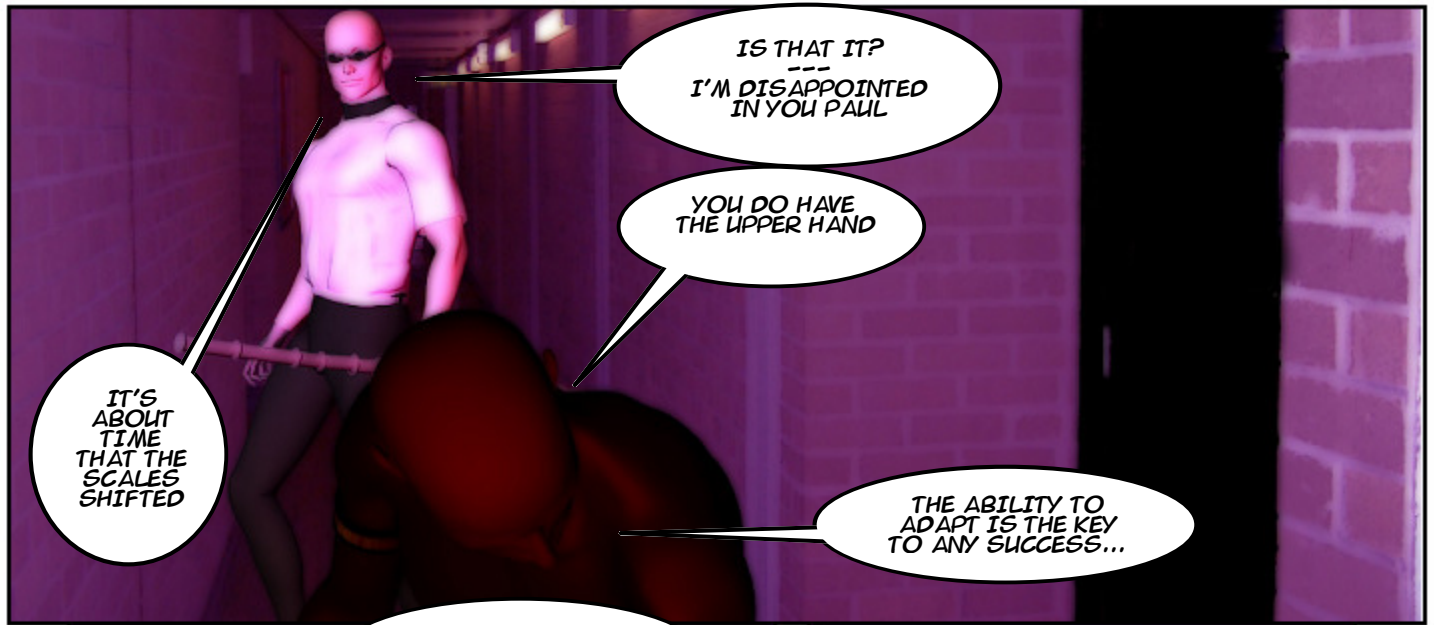














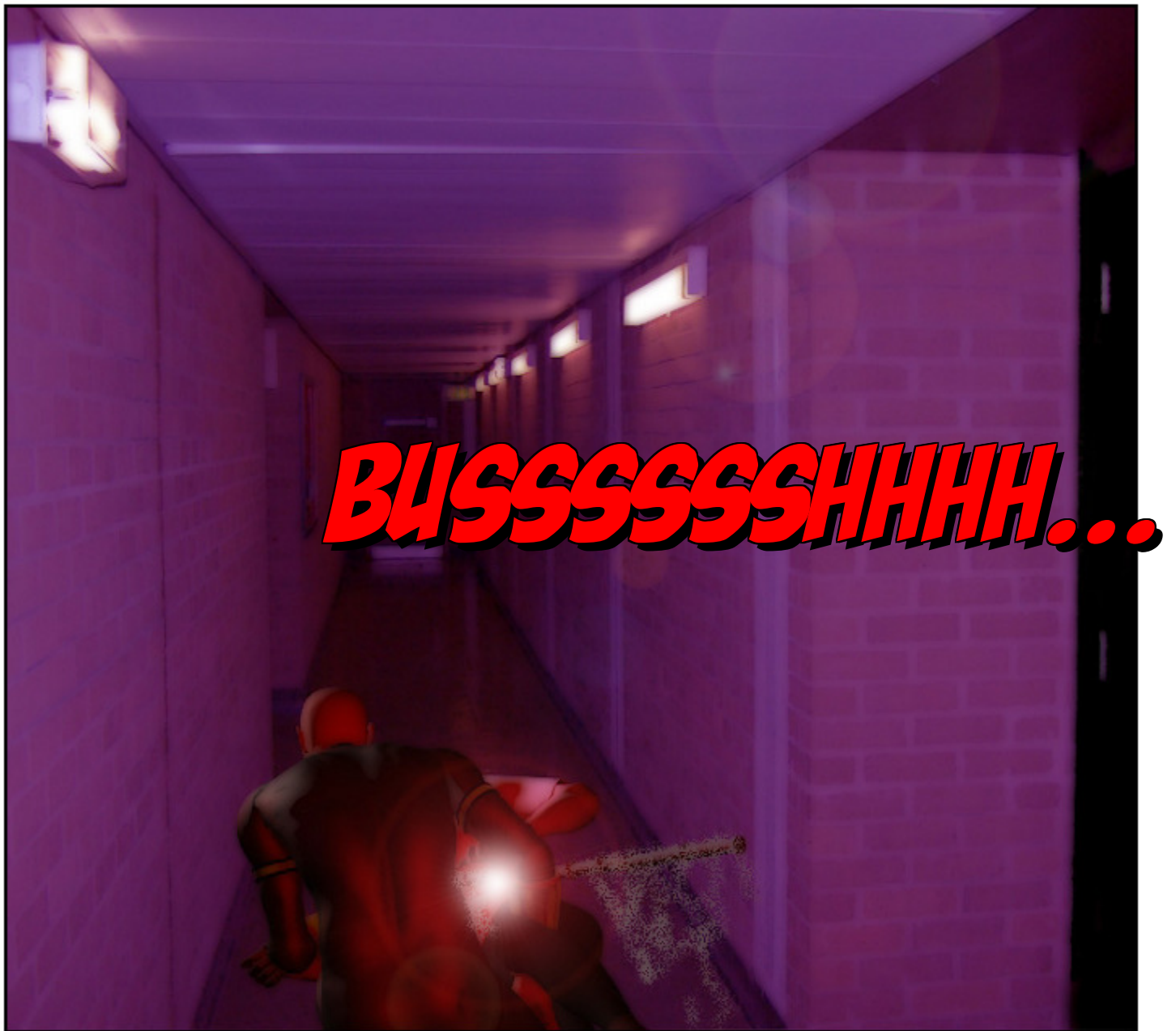
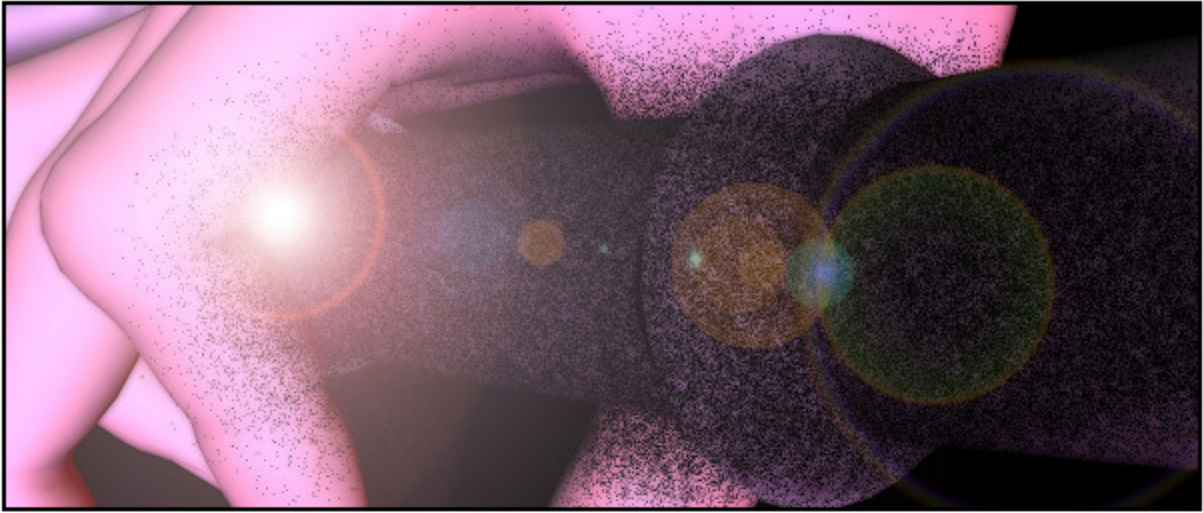


**THUMP!!!**

ADAPTION...

IF IT TOOK YOUR GUYS  
SEVEN YEARS TO COME UP  
WITH THIS TWIG, THEN I  
HAVE NOTHING TO WORRY  
ABOUT

**BUZZZZZZSSSS**



***BUSSSSSSHHHH...***







THANK THE IDOLS

NO. ---  
ARE YOU ALRIGHT?



WHERE'S JULIUS?

SOMEONE BEAT US TO IT.



WHATEVER



YOU KNOW ABOUT LIKE?



THE 4TH IDOL

THE EASTERN CAPITAL





I DON'T  
TRAVEL WELL  
ON TRAINS

THE TRAINS ARE  
THE ONLY REAL  
WAY TO TRAVEL

SO WHERE ARE  
WE GOING?

A MORE  
DISCREET  
ROUTE

HOW DID  
HE LOOK?

HOW?

HE HAS HIS  
OWN PLAN FOR  
MAN, AND IT  
DIFFERS  
CONSIDERABLY  
FROM THE  
IDOL'S. MOST  
OF HIS LIFE  
HAS BEEN  
BENT ON  
IMPLEMENTING  
HIS

LUKE? - LIKE AN  
EGO ON LEGS

I TAKE IT YOU  
KNOW HIM WELL  
THEN?

SOUNDS  
ABOUT RIGHT

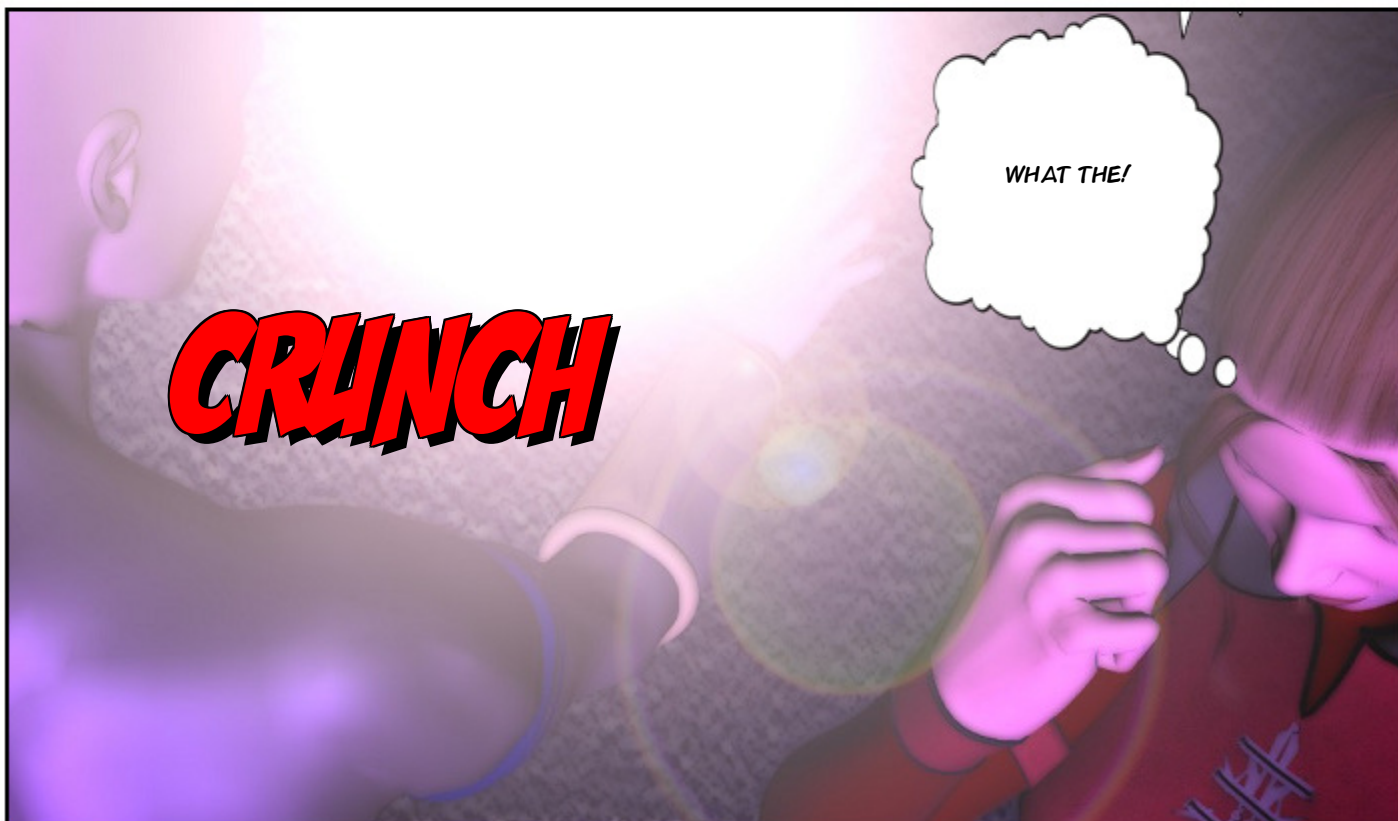
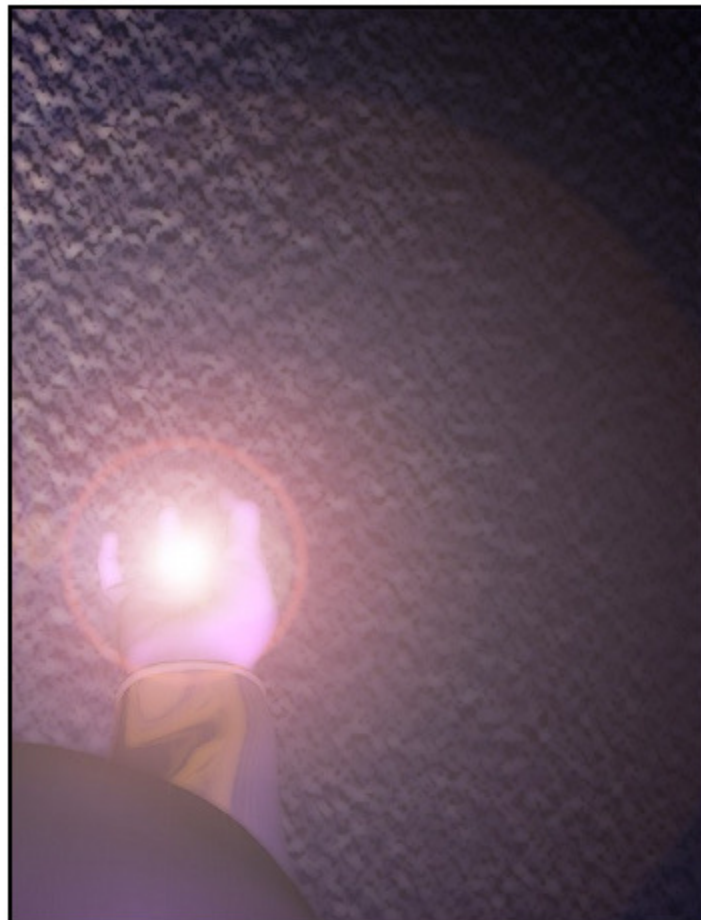
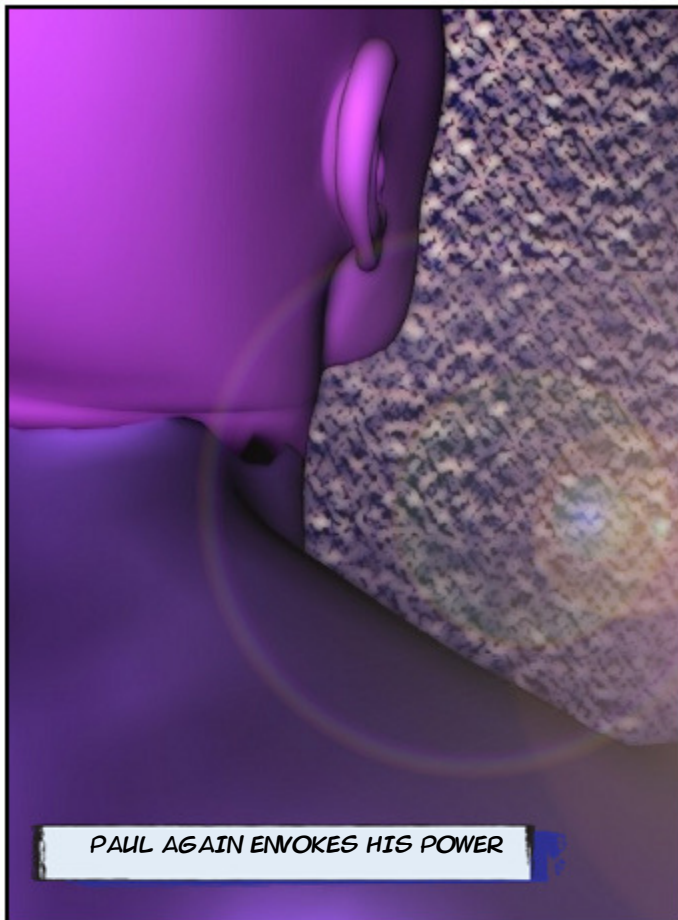
HE WAS MY  
MENTOR, AND HE  
GOT ME INTO A  
WORLD OF  
TROUBLE

BLASPHEMY

HE HAD ME  
CONVERTED FOR  
A WHILE, BUT IN  
THE END HE WAS  
JUST AS  
TWISTED AS  
THEY WERE

GREAT, A WALL?

ANYWAY,  
HERE WE  
ARE







THE WALL DEMATERIALIZES TO  
REVEAL THE WORLD OUTSIDE

**CRUNCH**









