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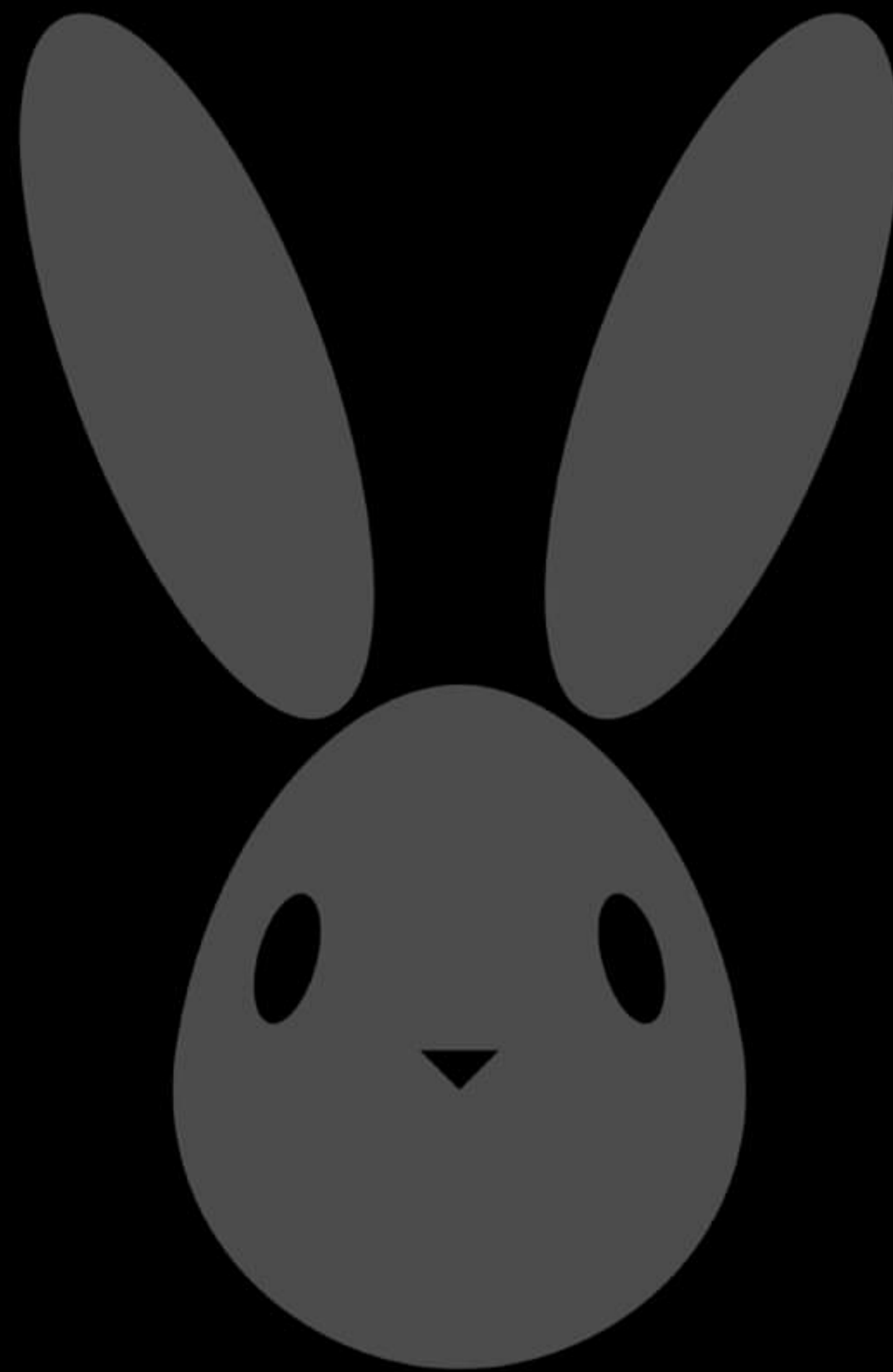
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GREECE, 1560 BCE



CHILD OF GREECE...

HEED THIS DIRE WARNING:
THE WORLD TEETERS
ON THE EDGE OF
OBLIVION. BUT FEAR
NOT, FOR A HERO
SHALL EMERGE FROM
THE ANNALS OF TIME—
A HERO OF UNPARALLELED
VALOR AND CUNNING.



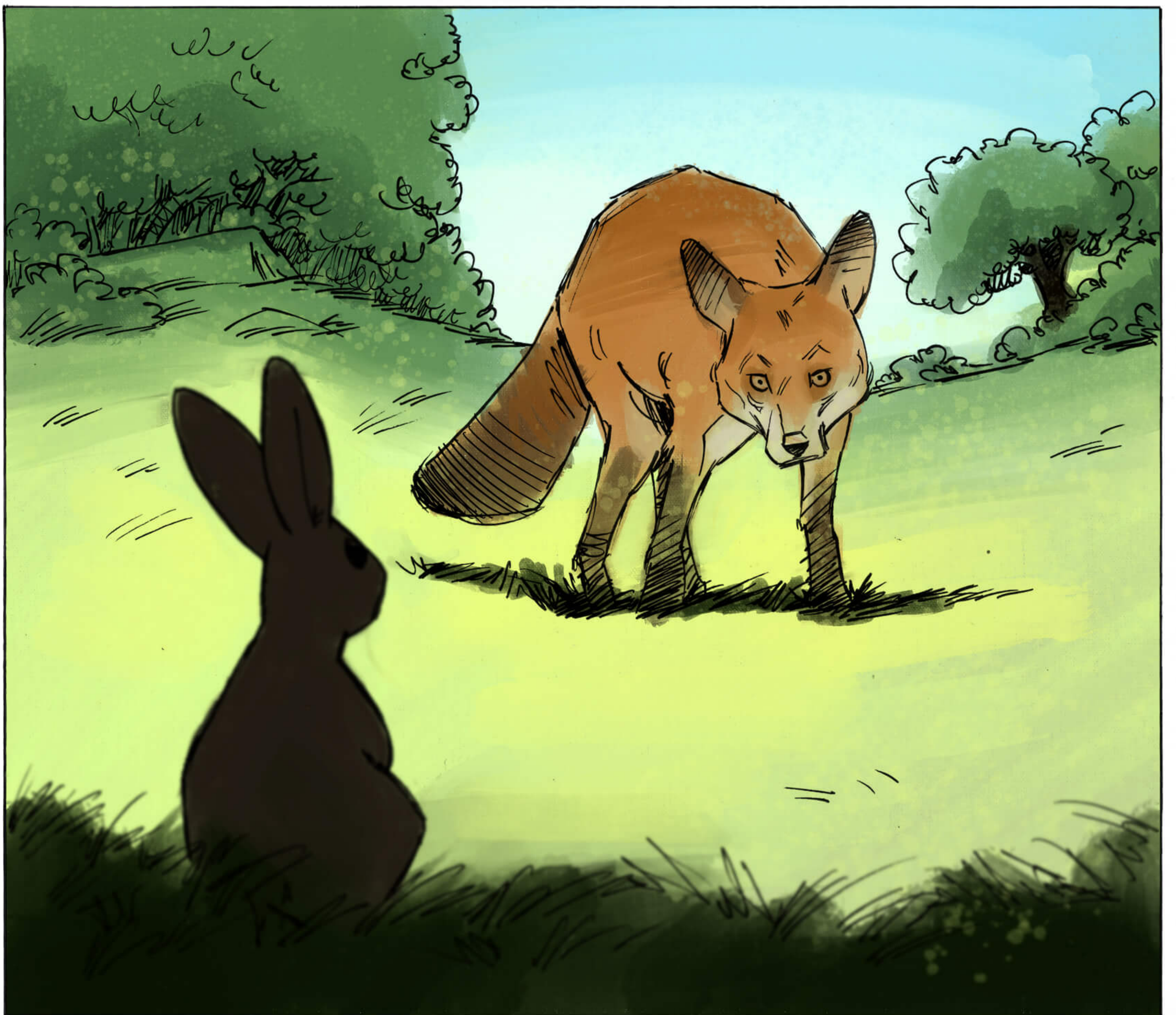
A HERO, INDEED,
IN THE FORM
OF A RABBIT.

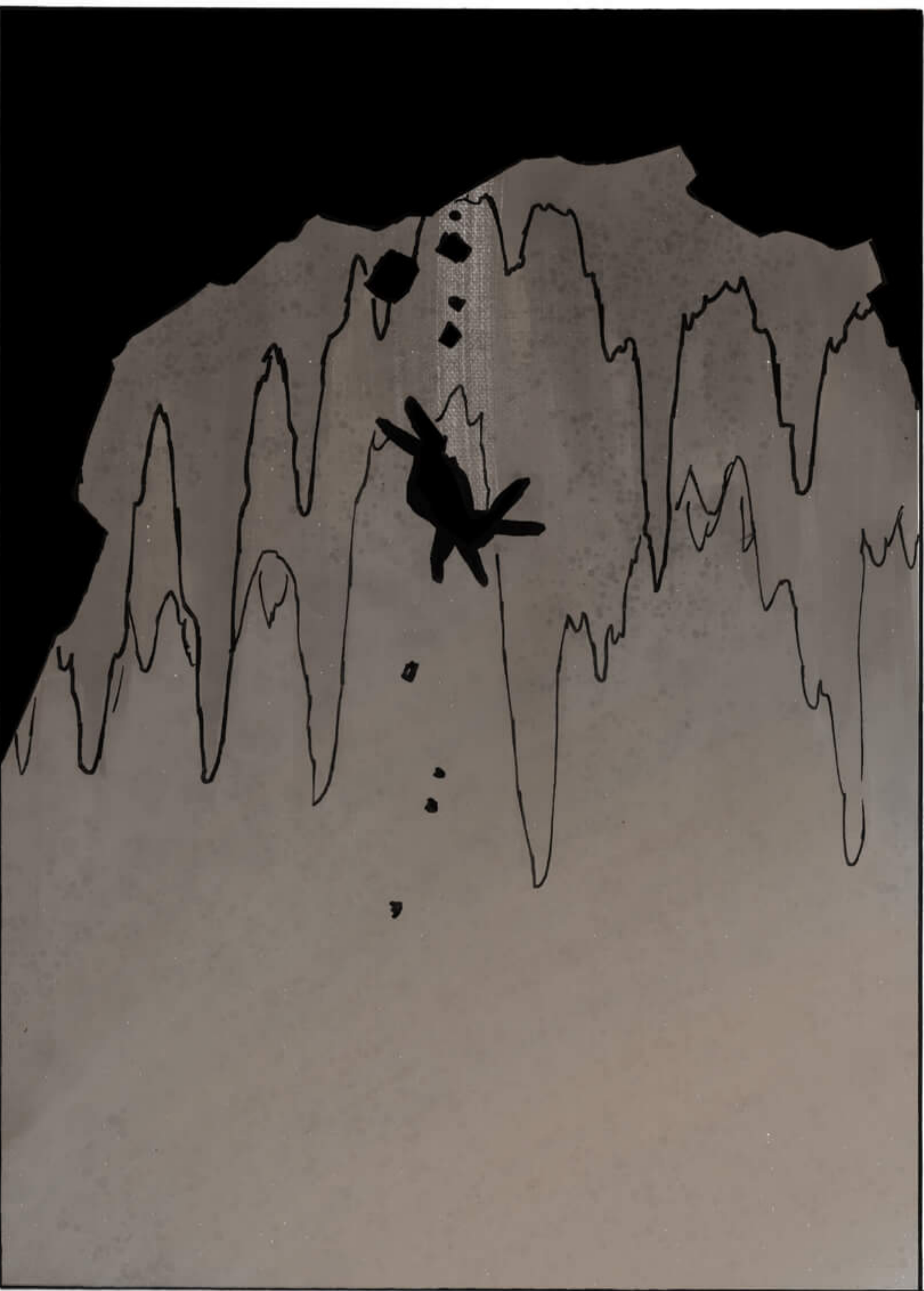
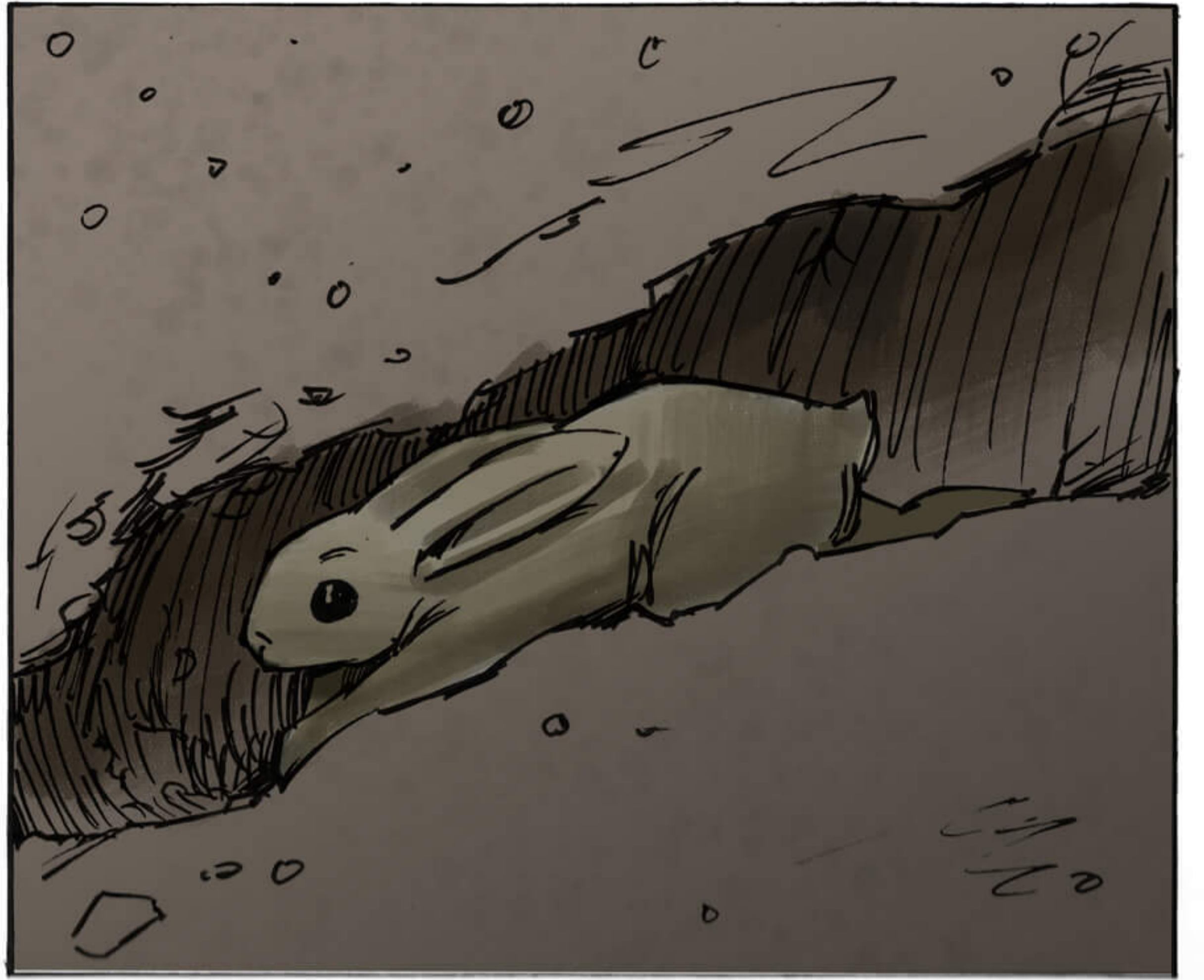
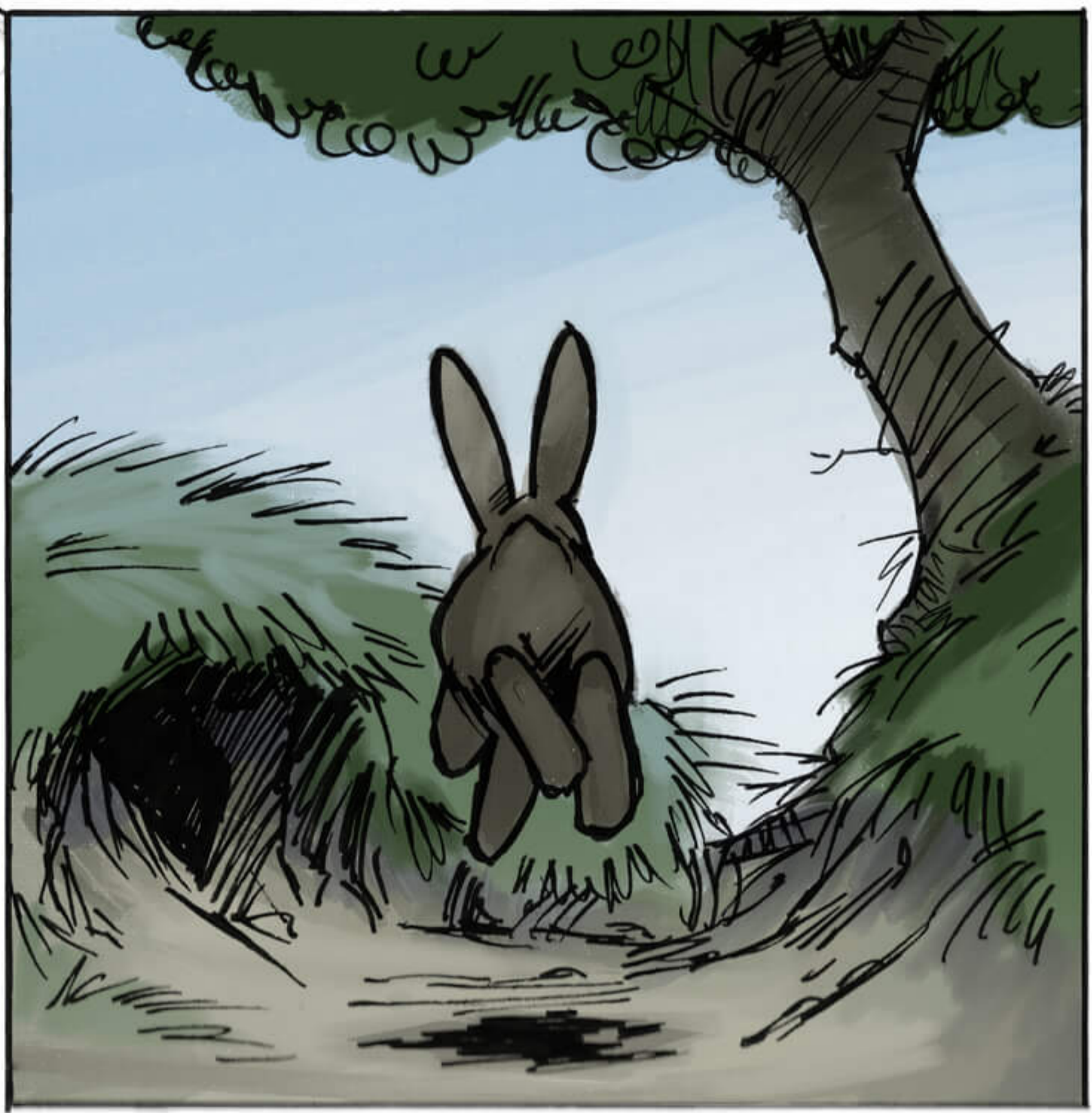


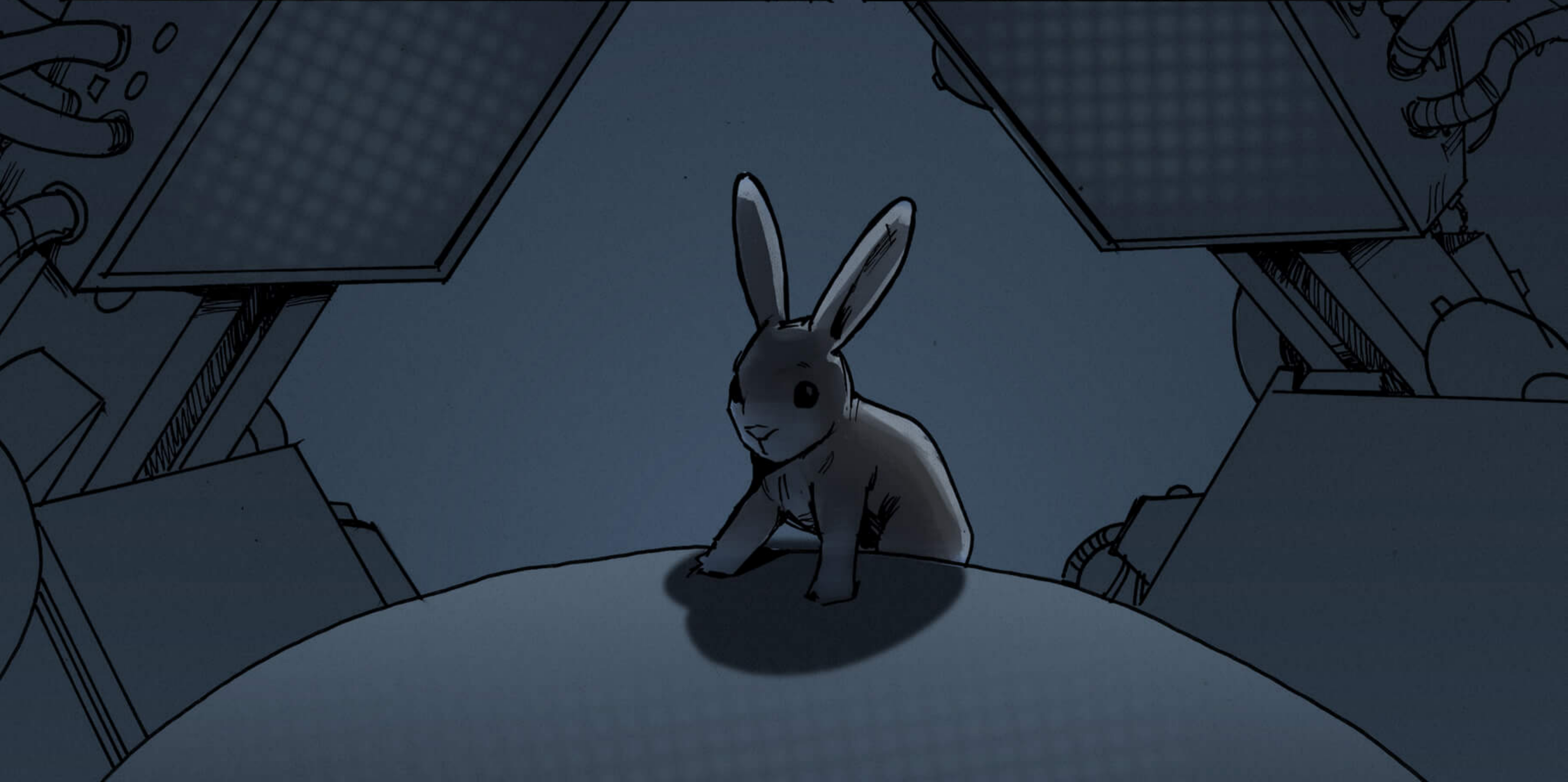
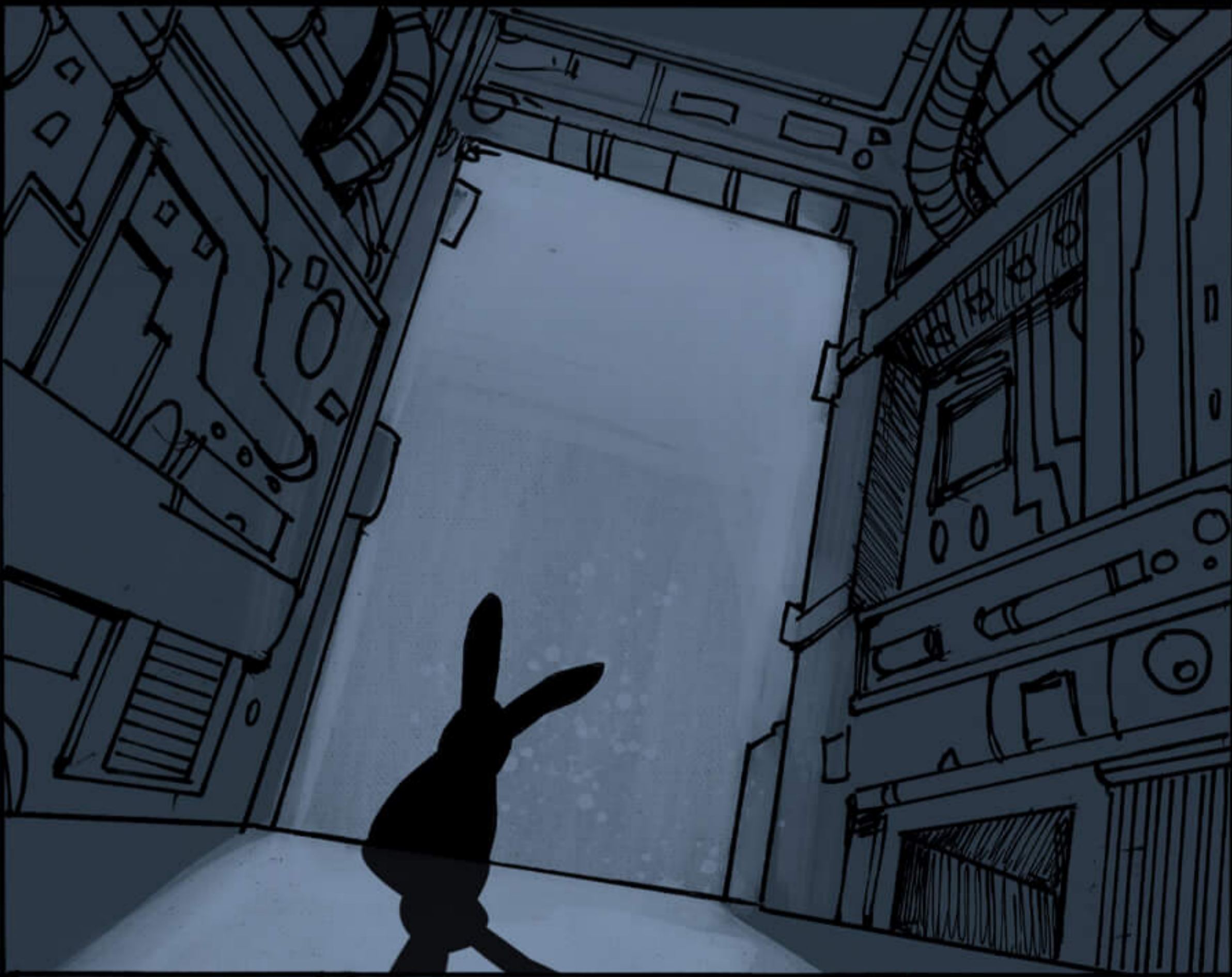
3,583 YEARS LATER

NEW JERSEY



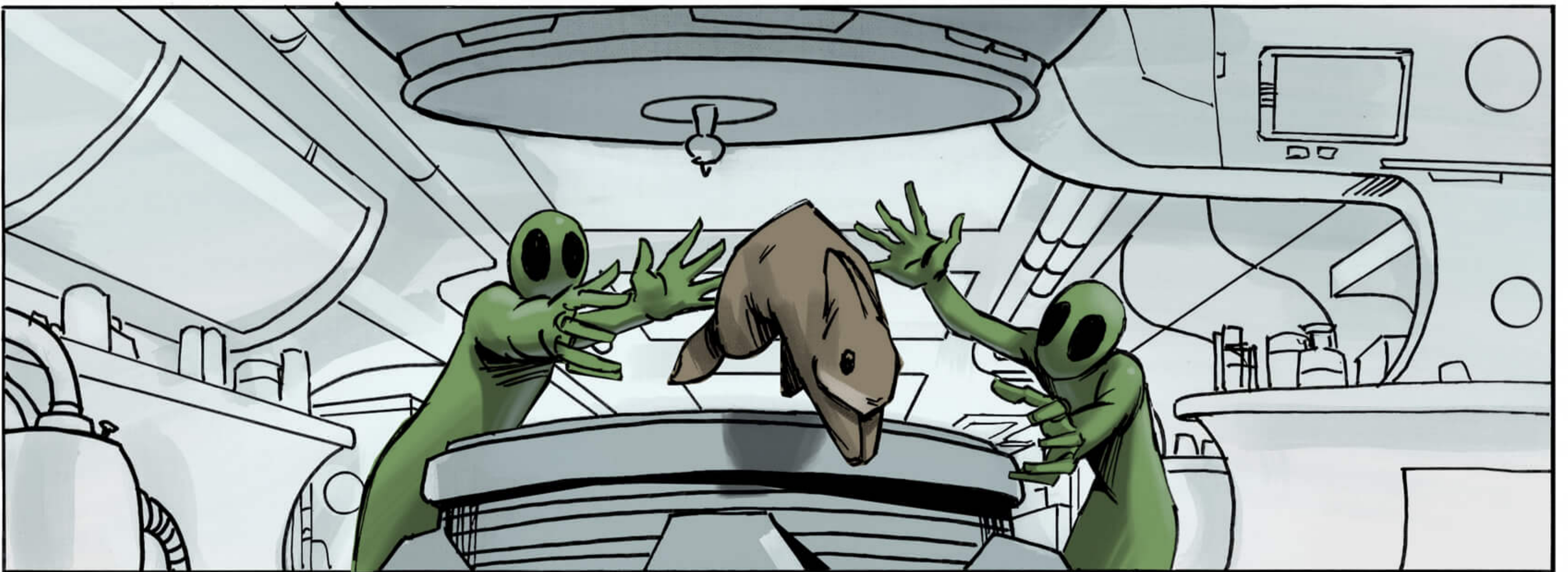
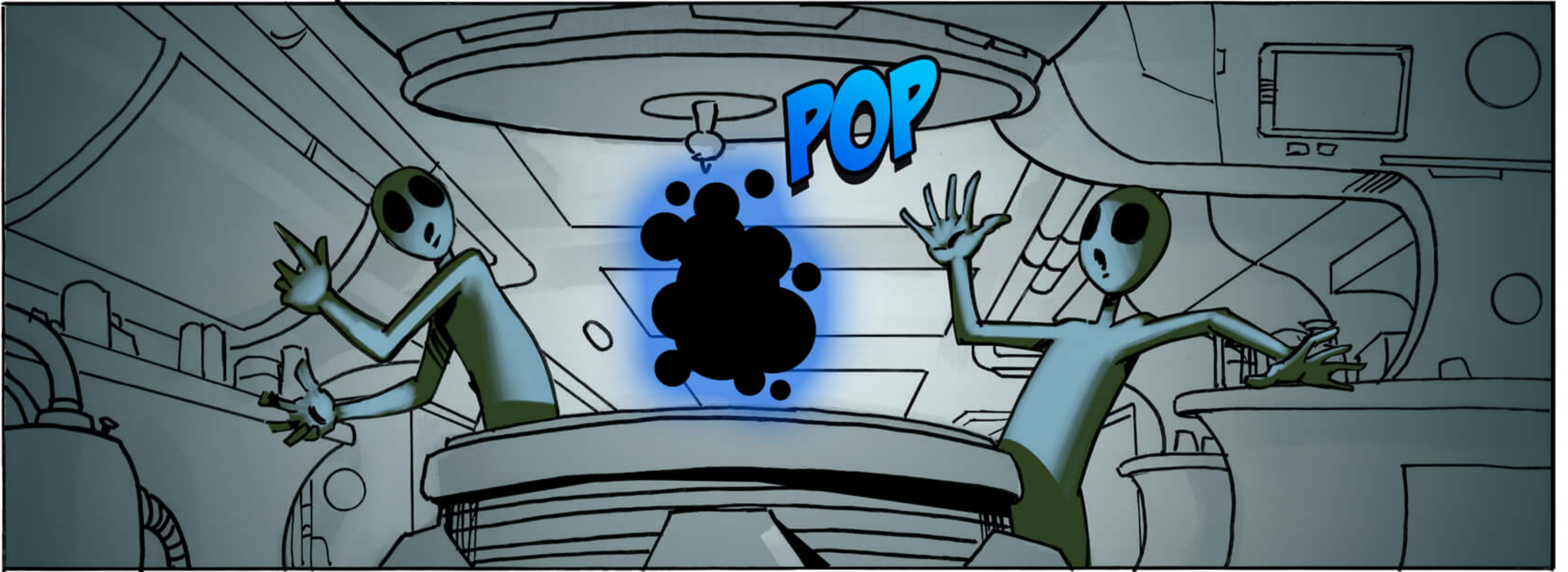
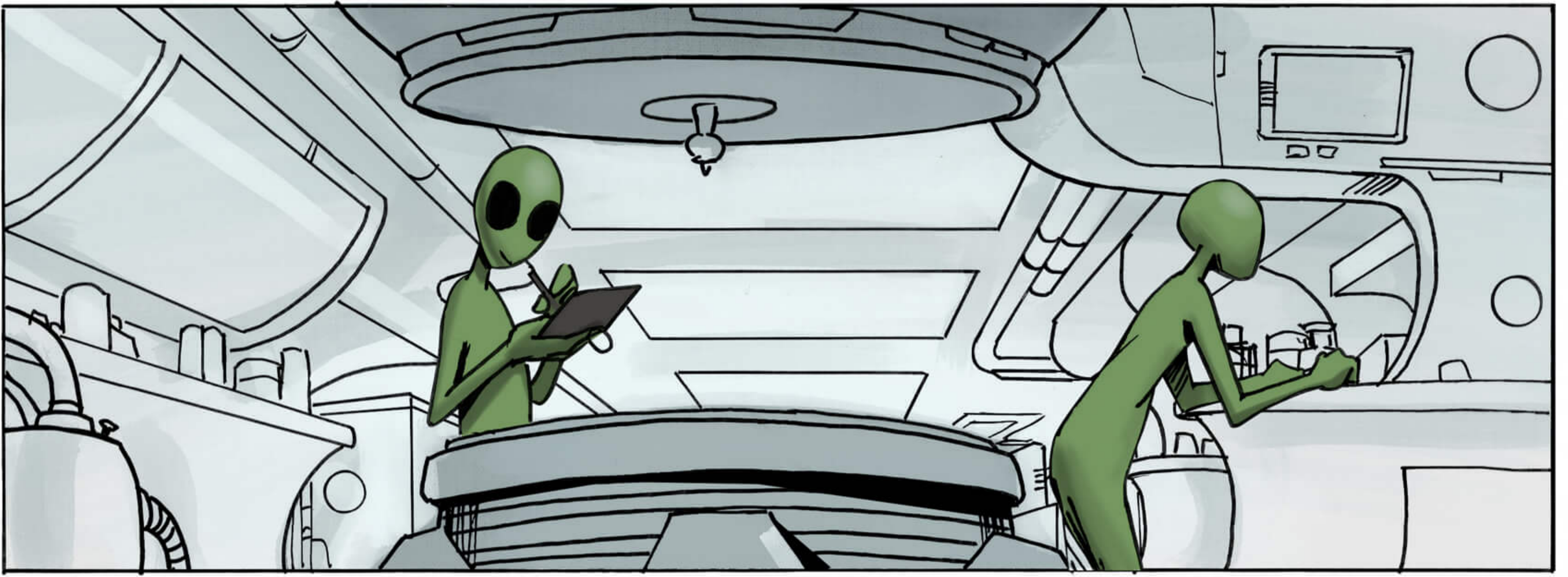


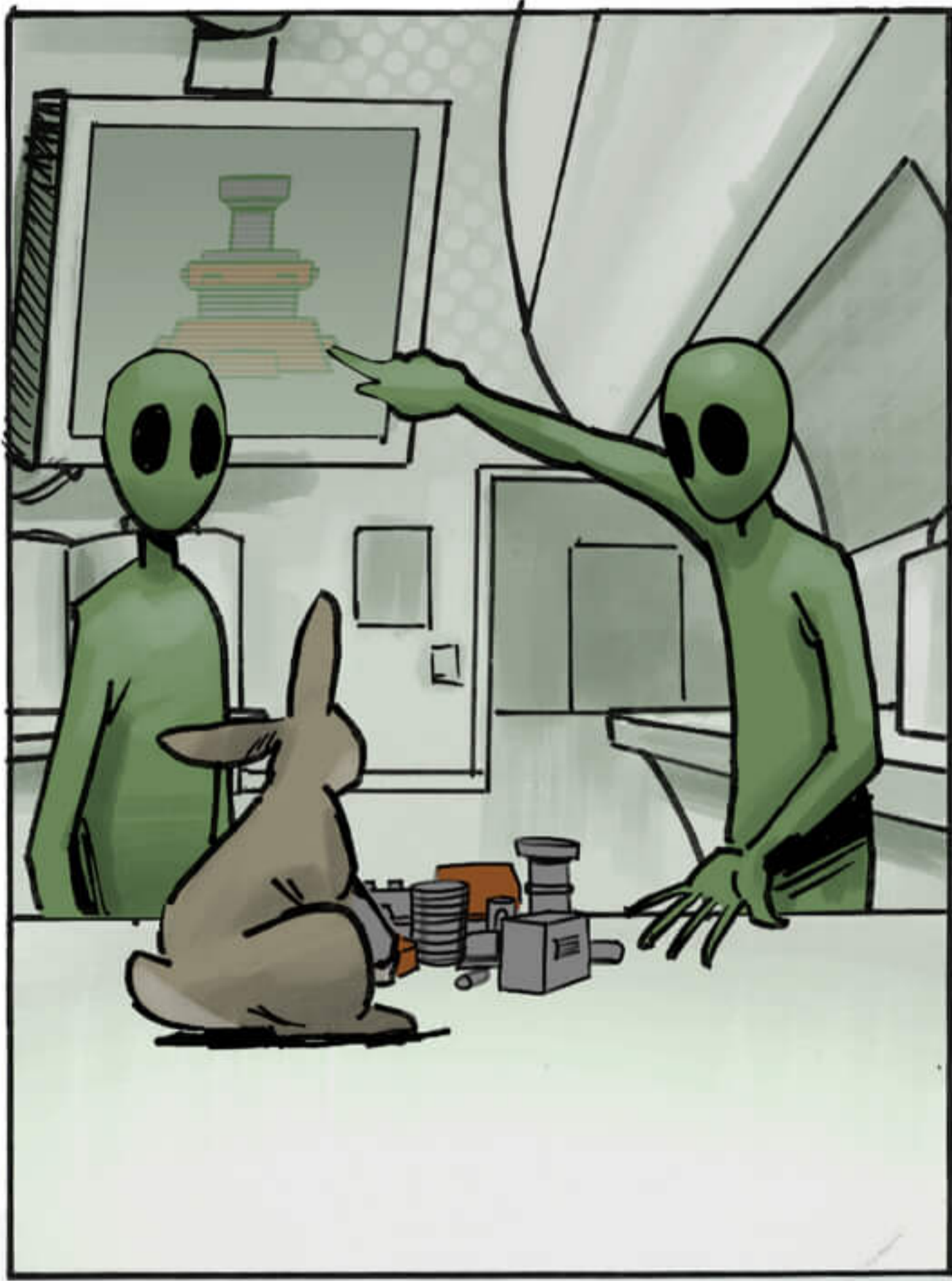
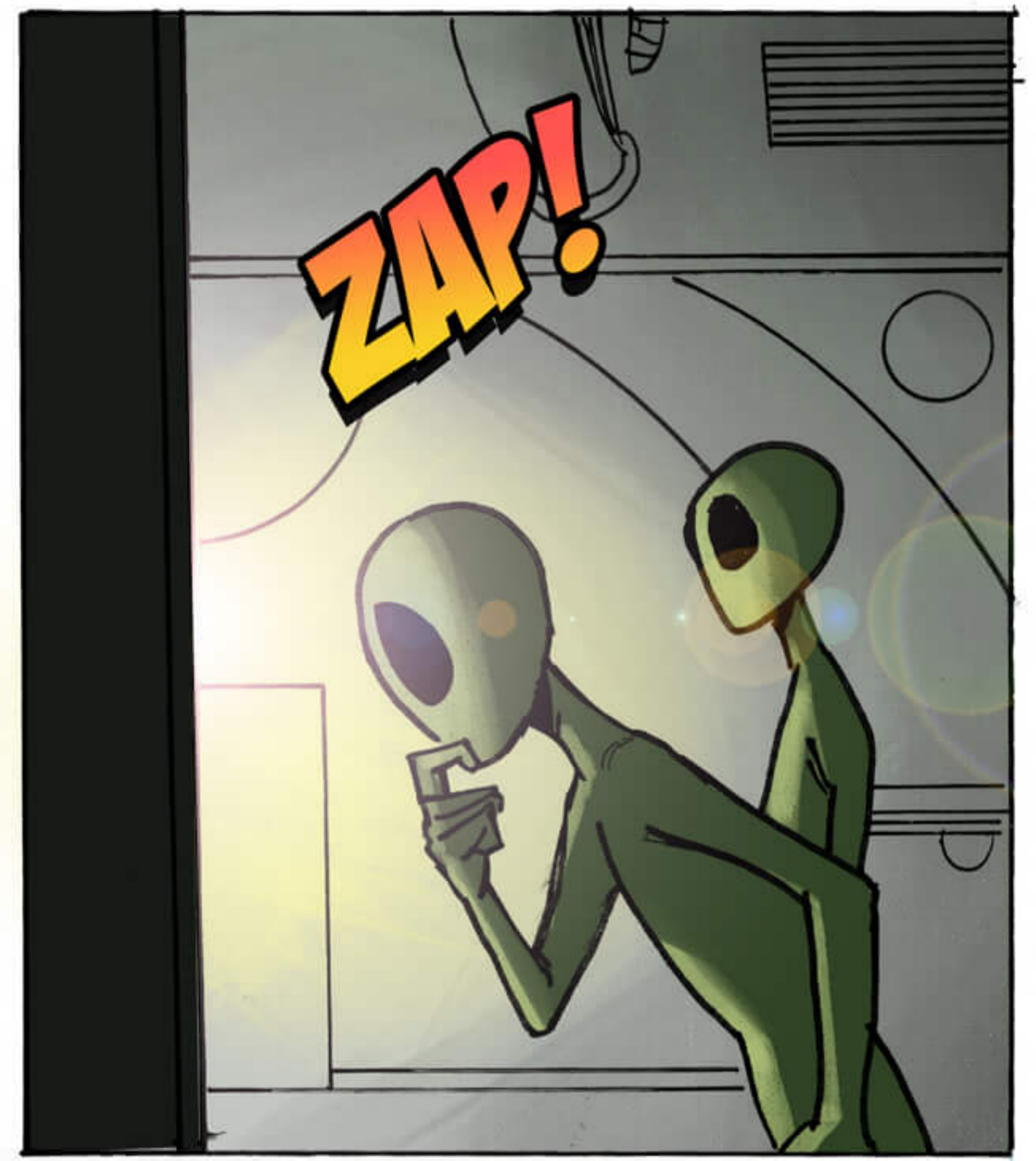
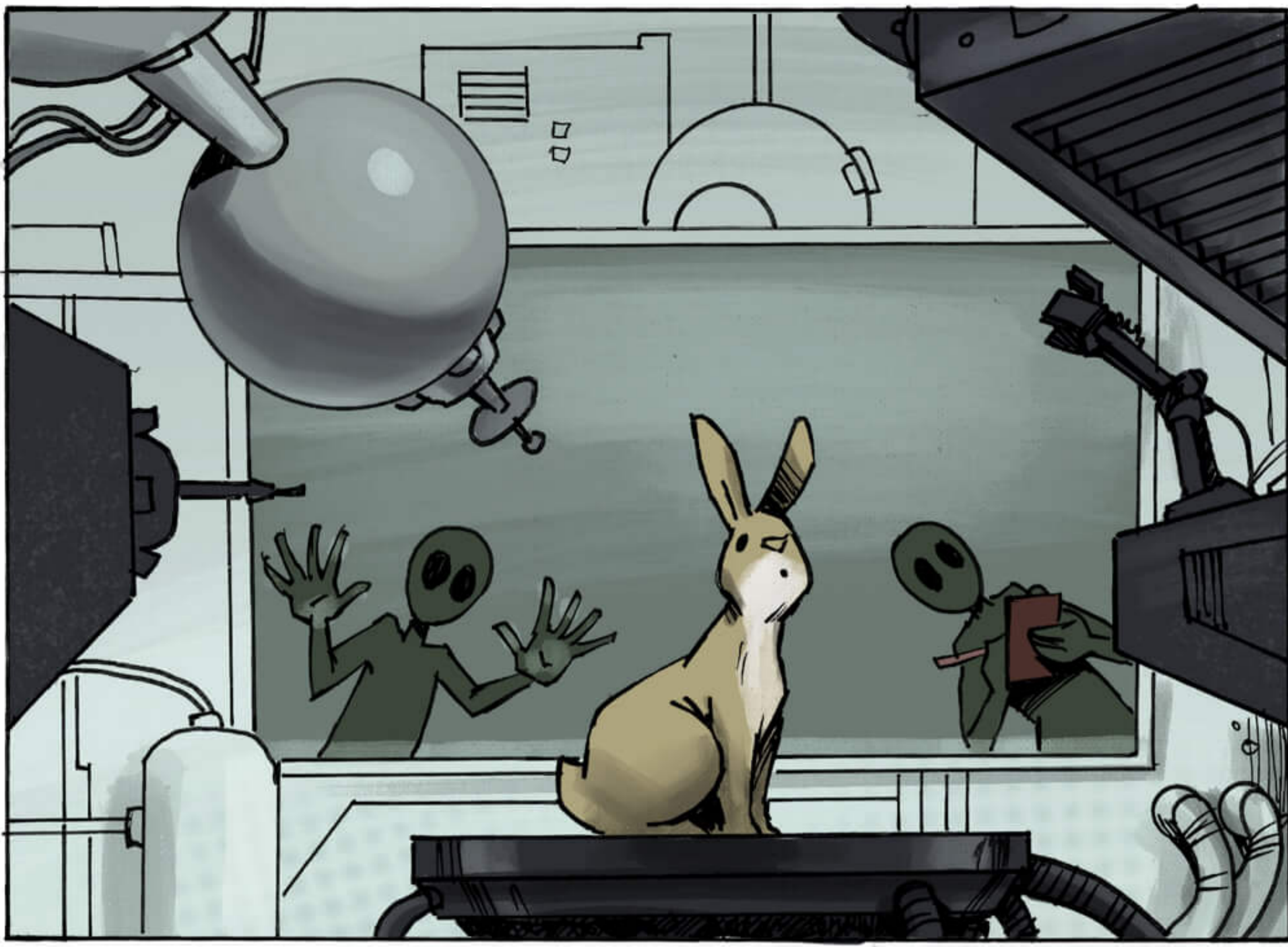




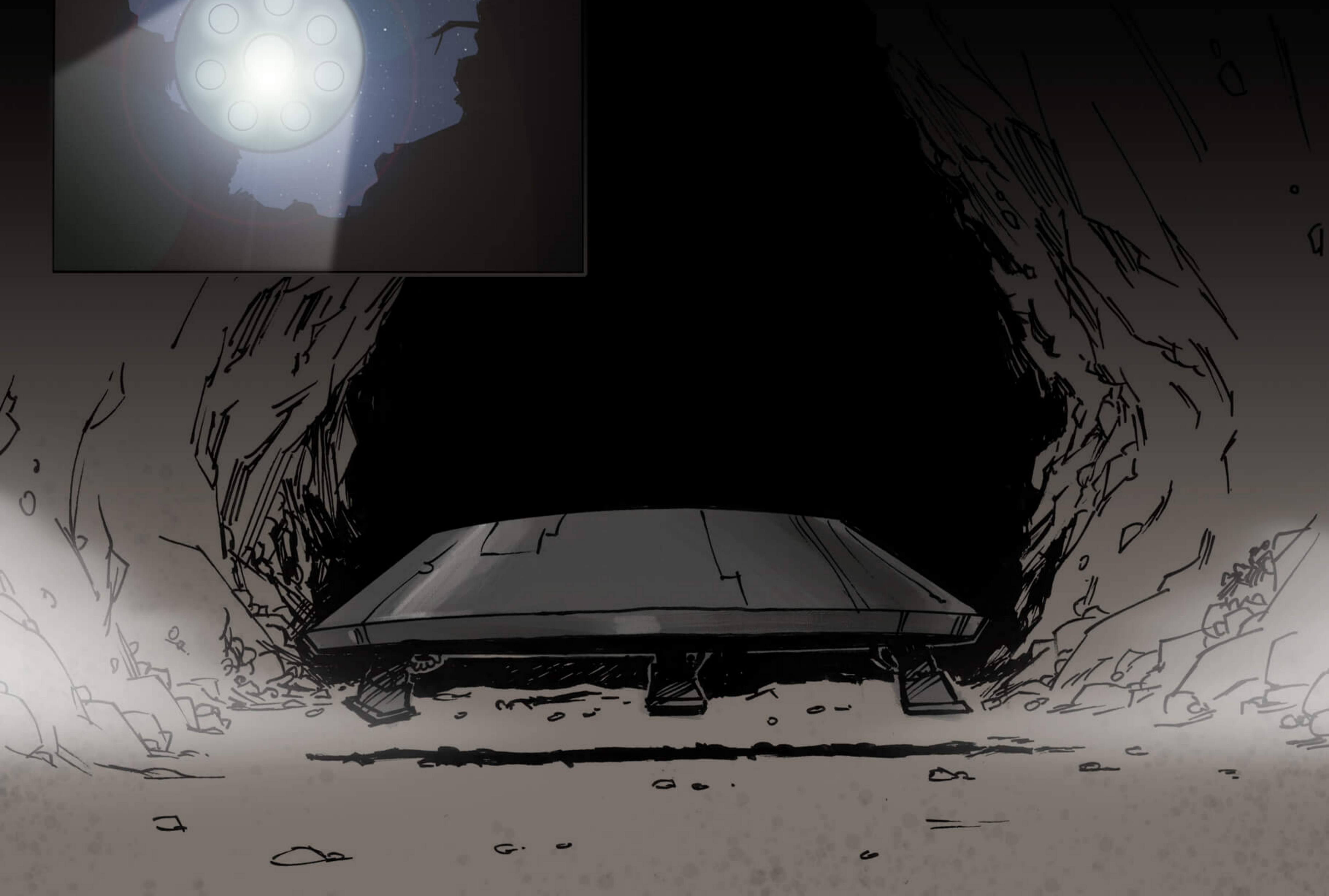
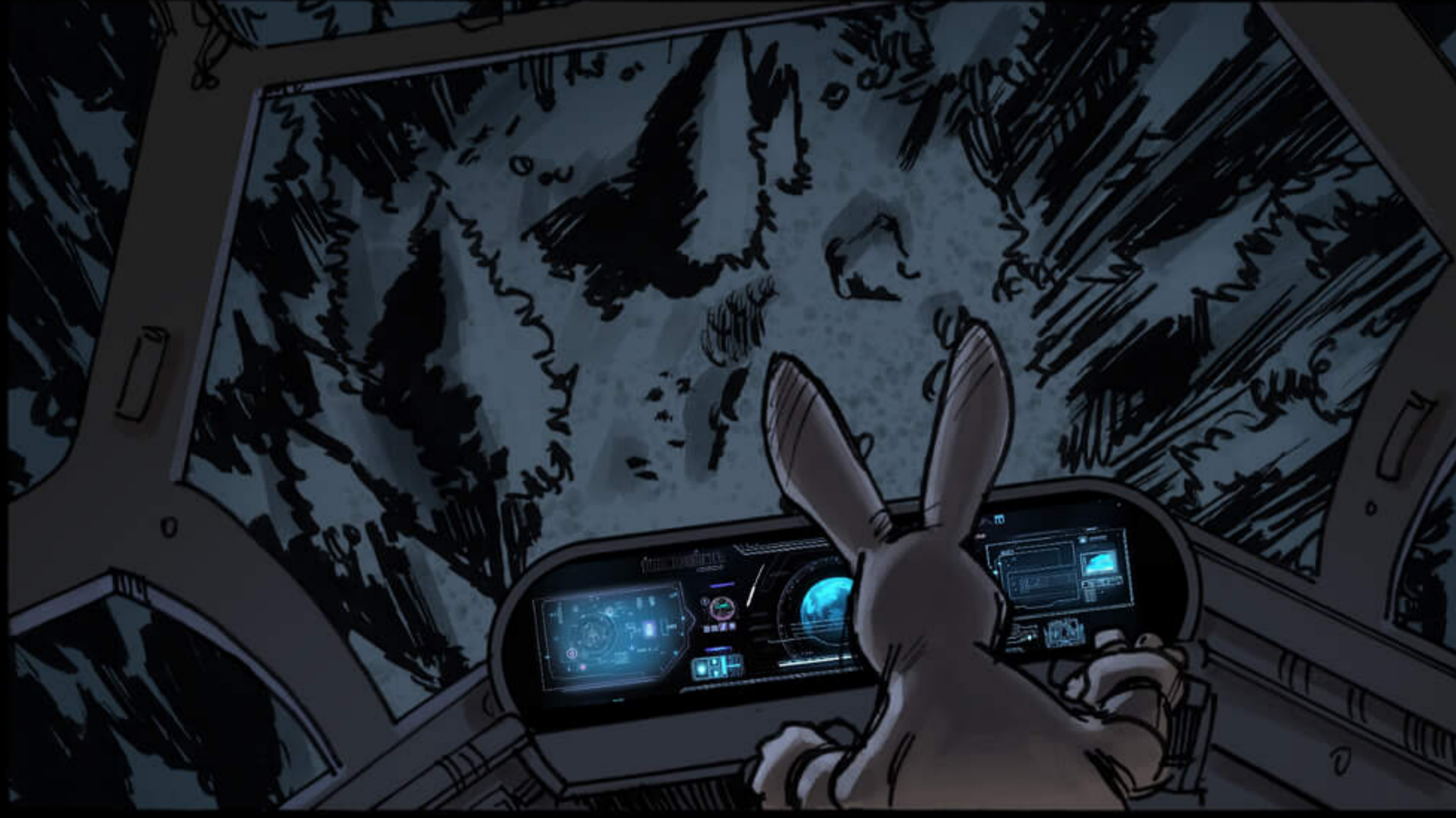


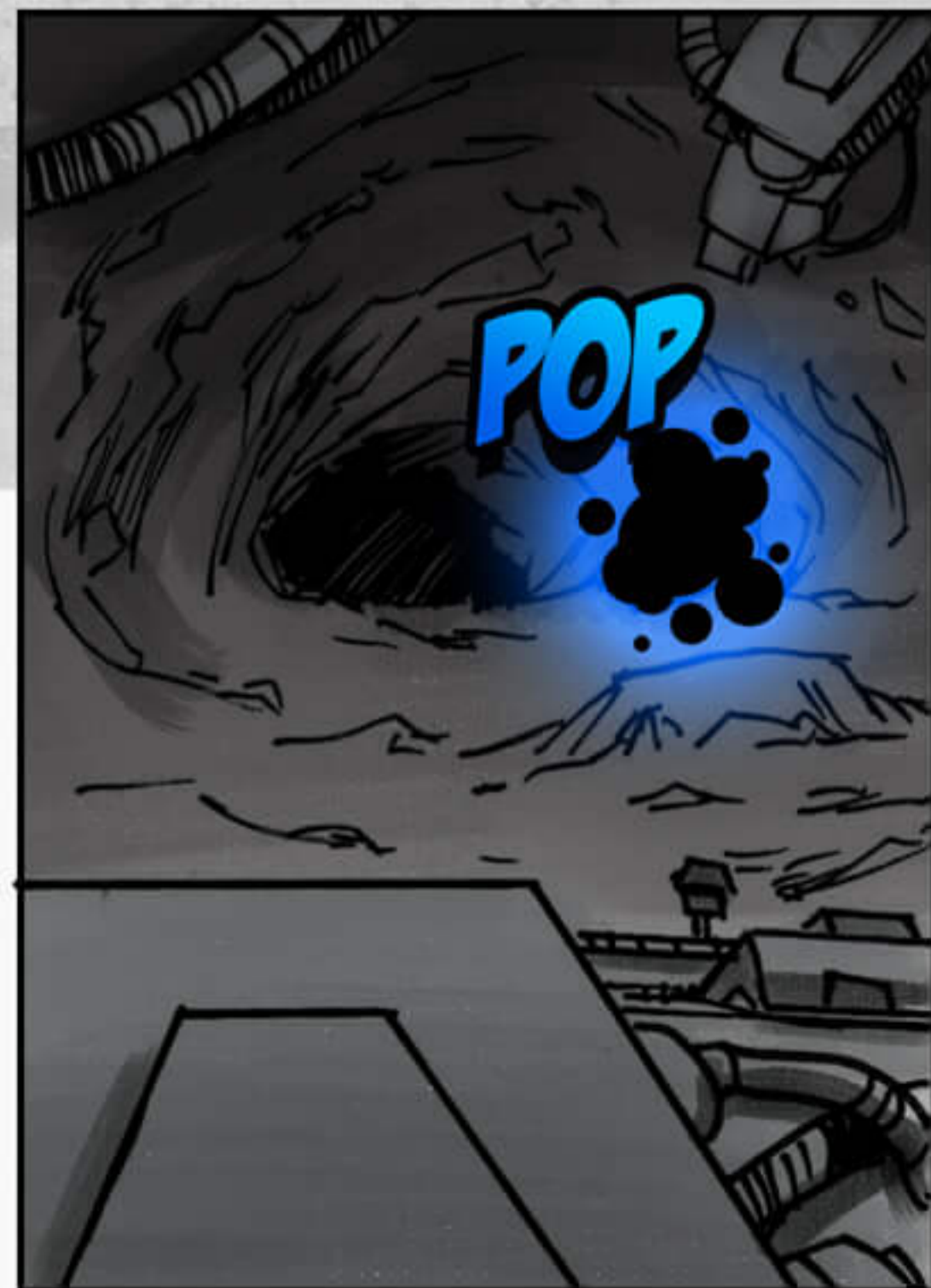
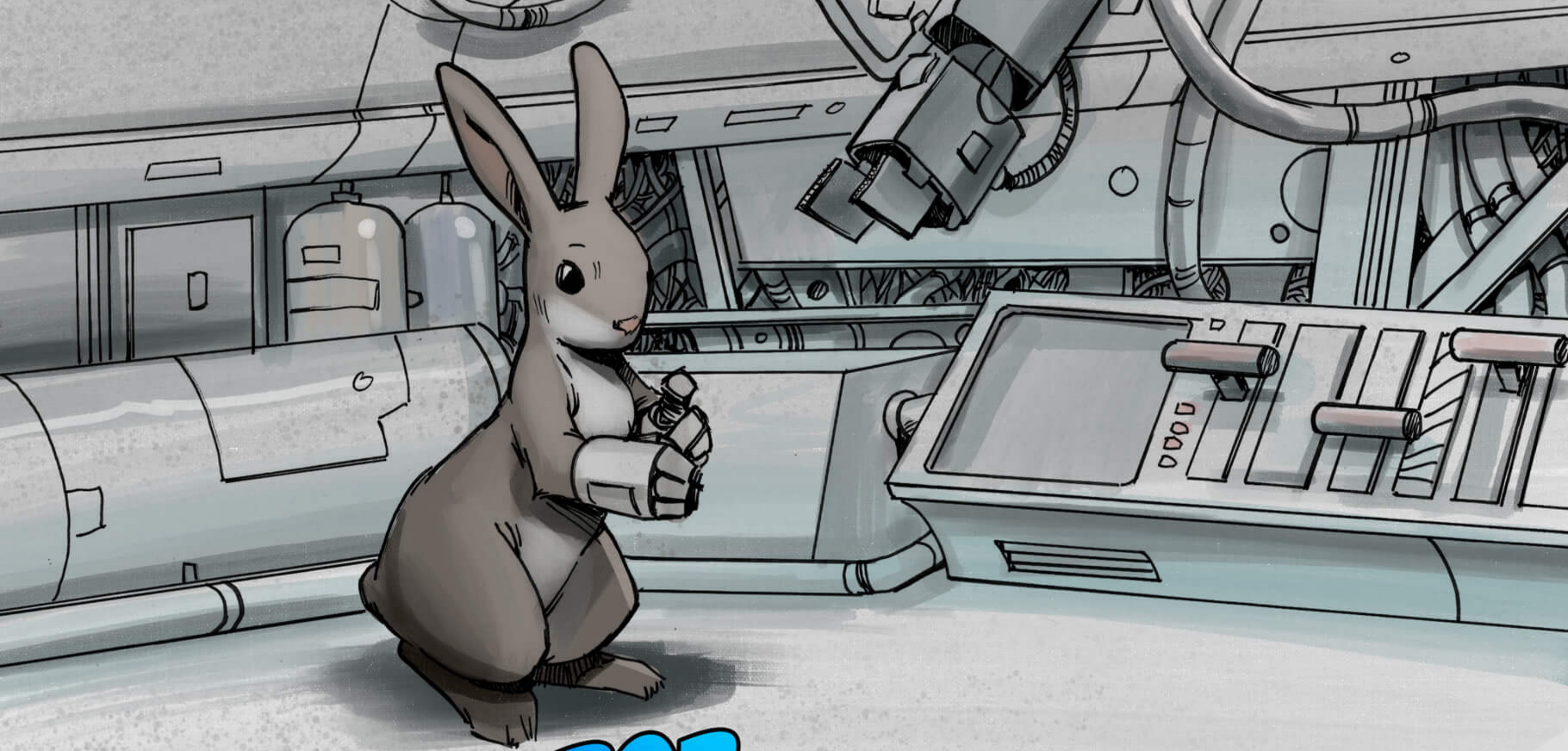
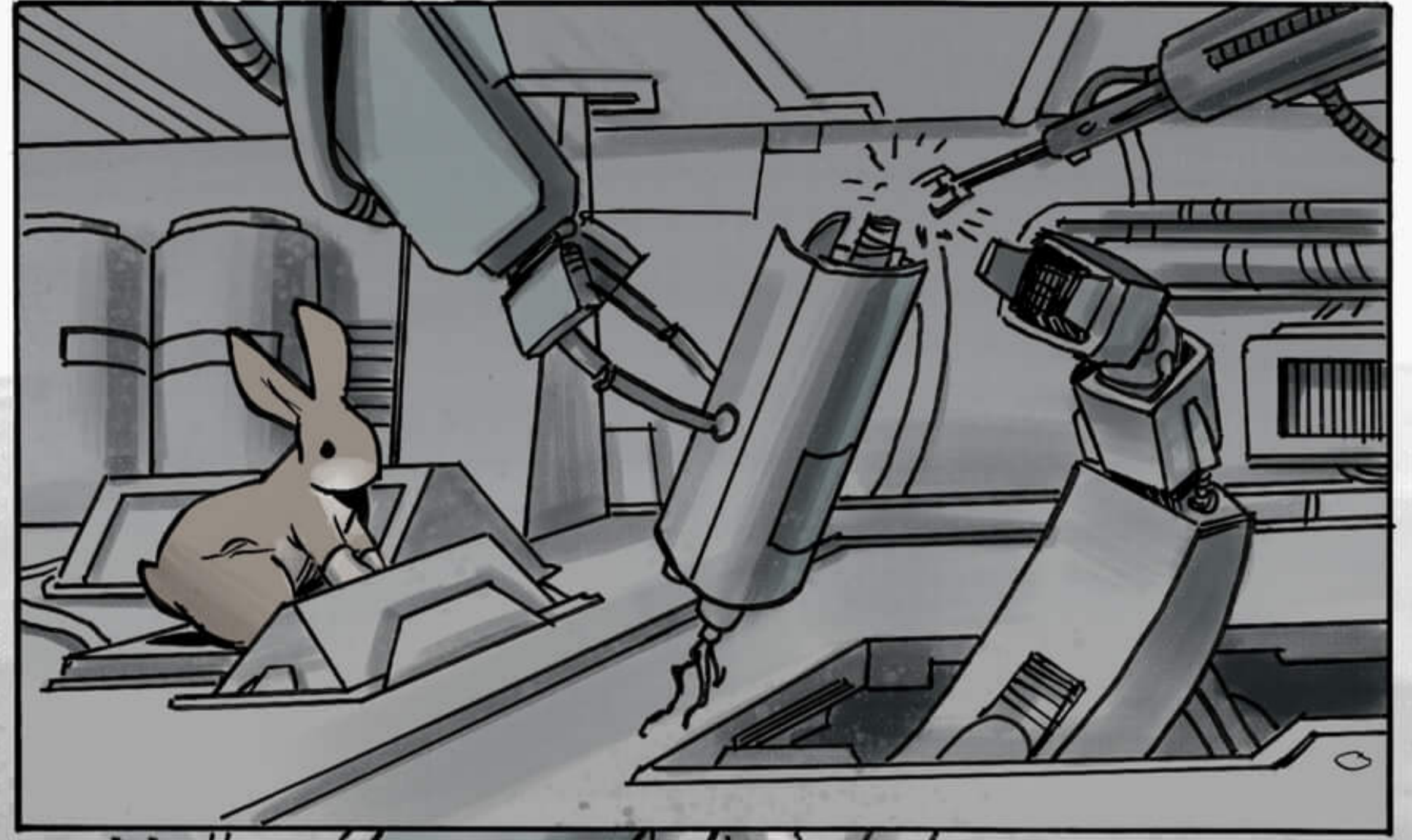
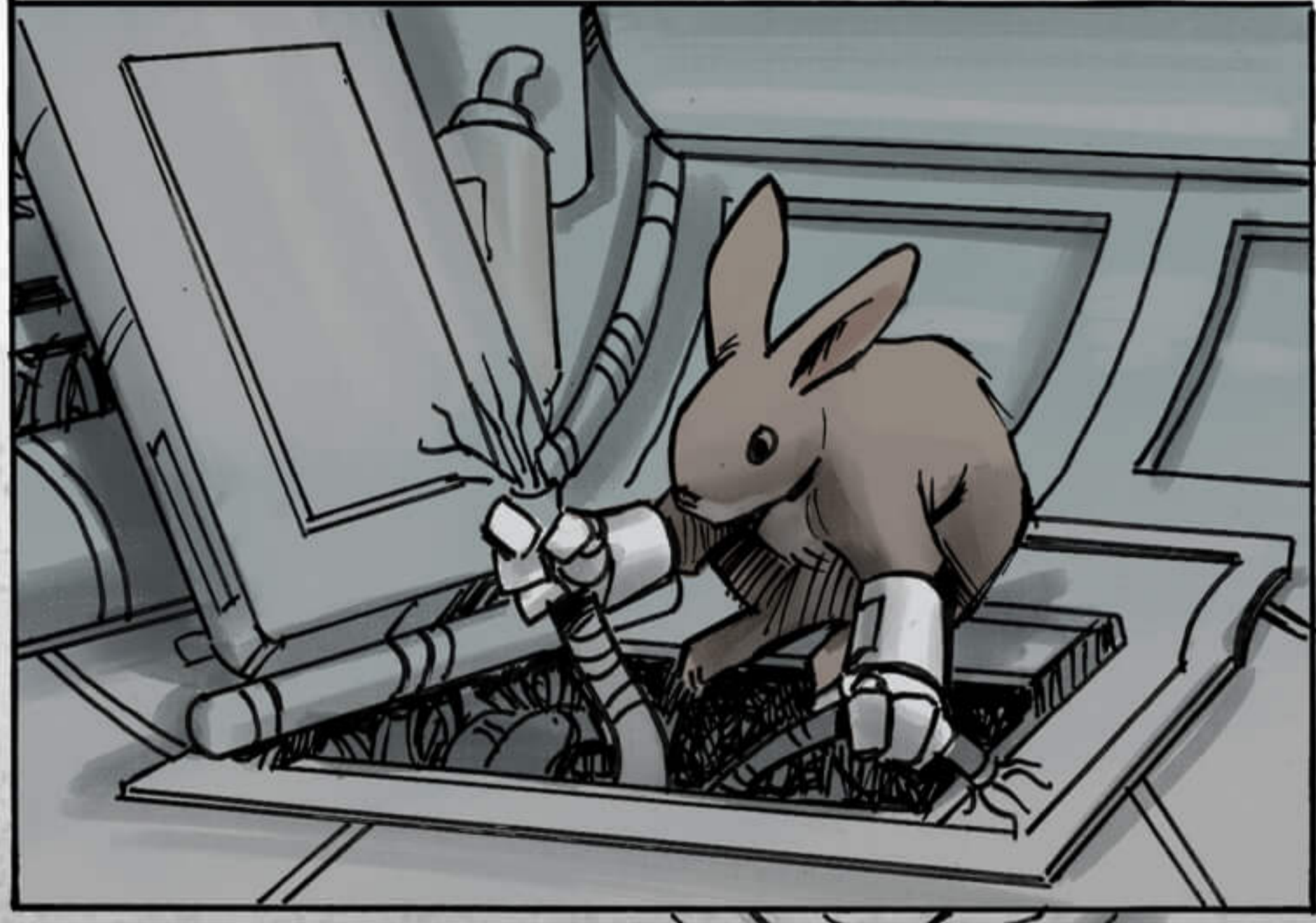
ZAP!





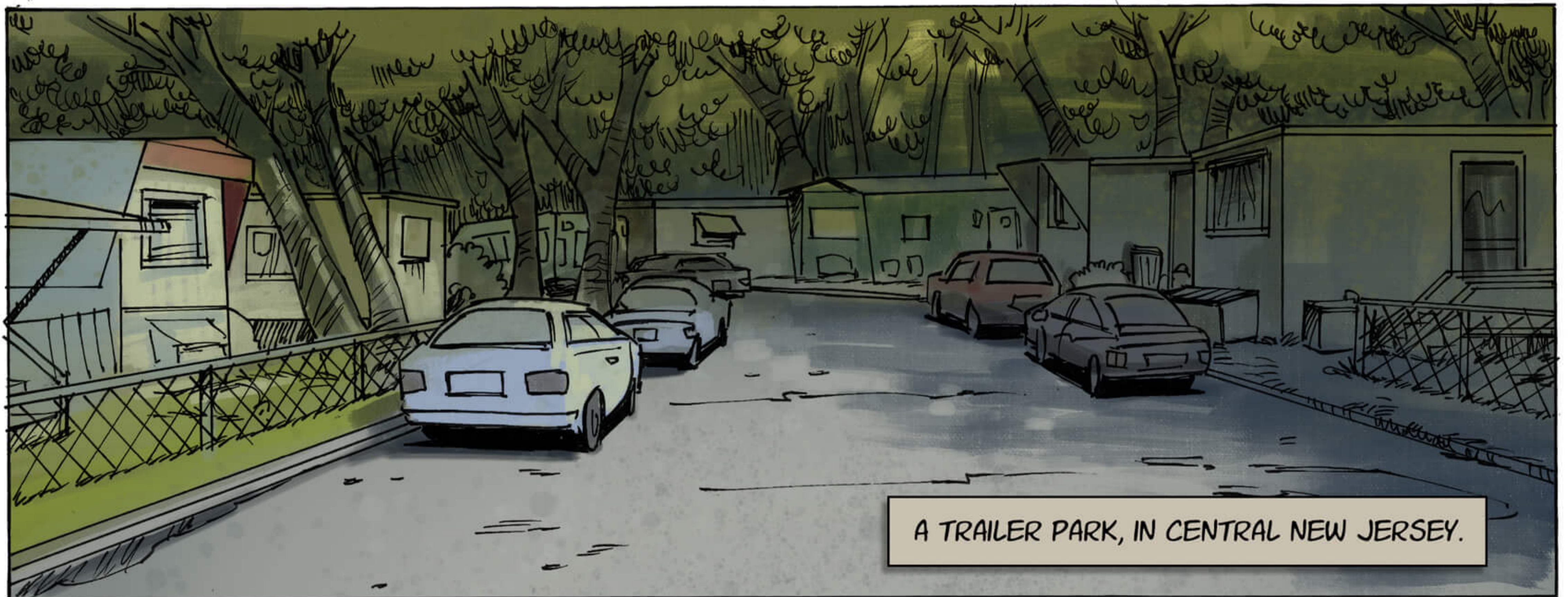




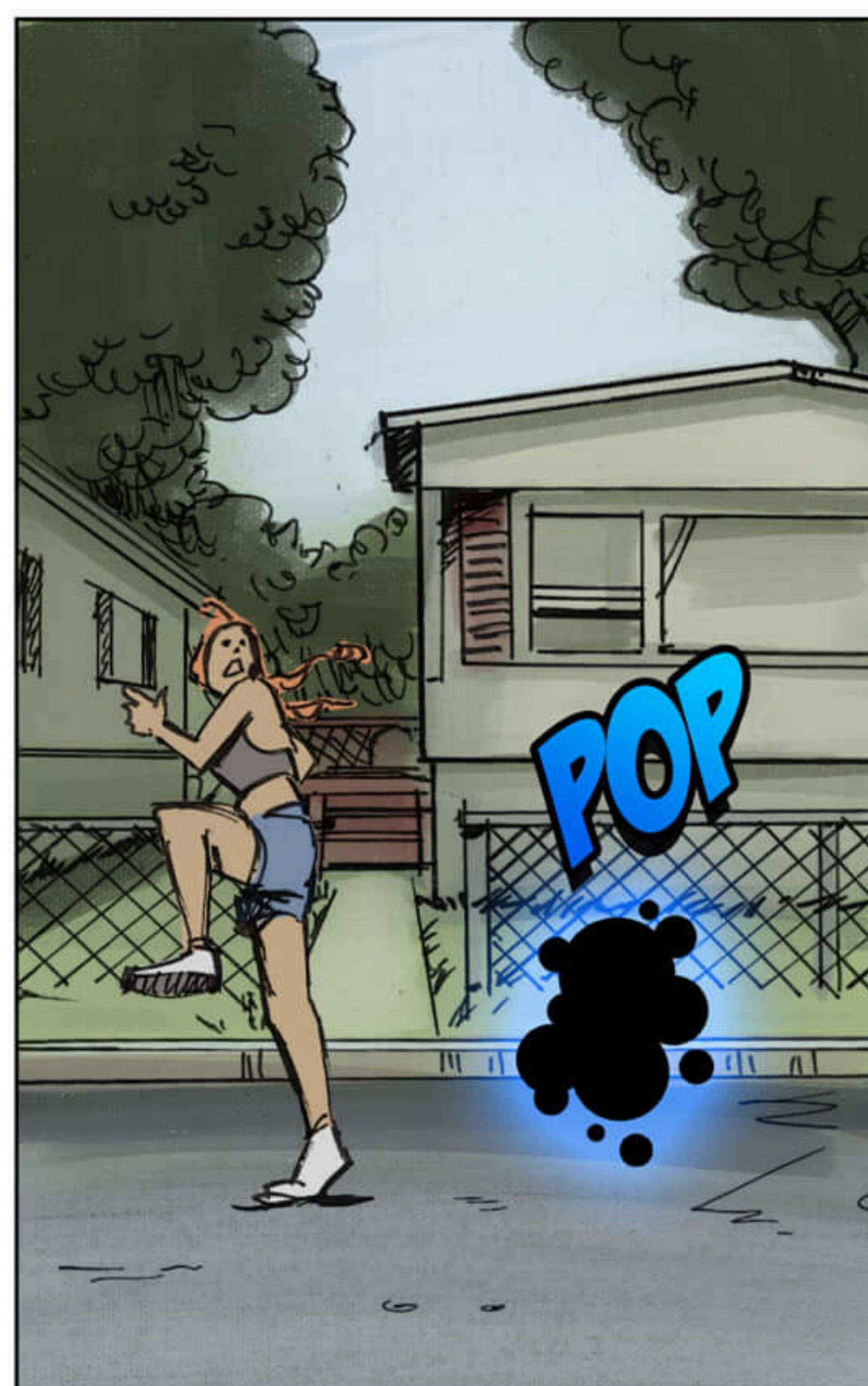
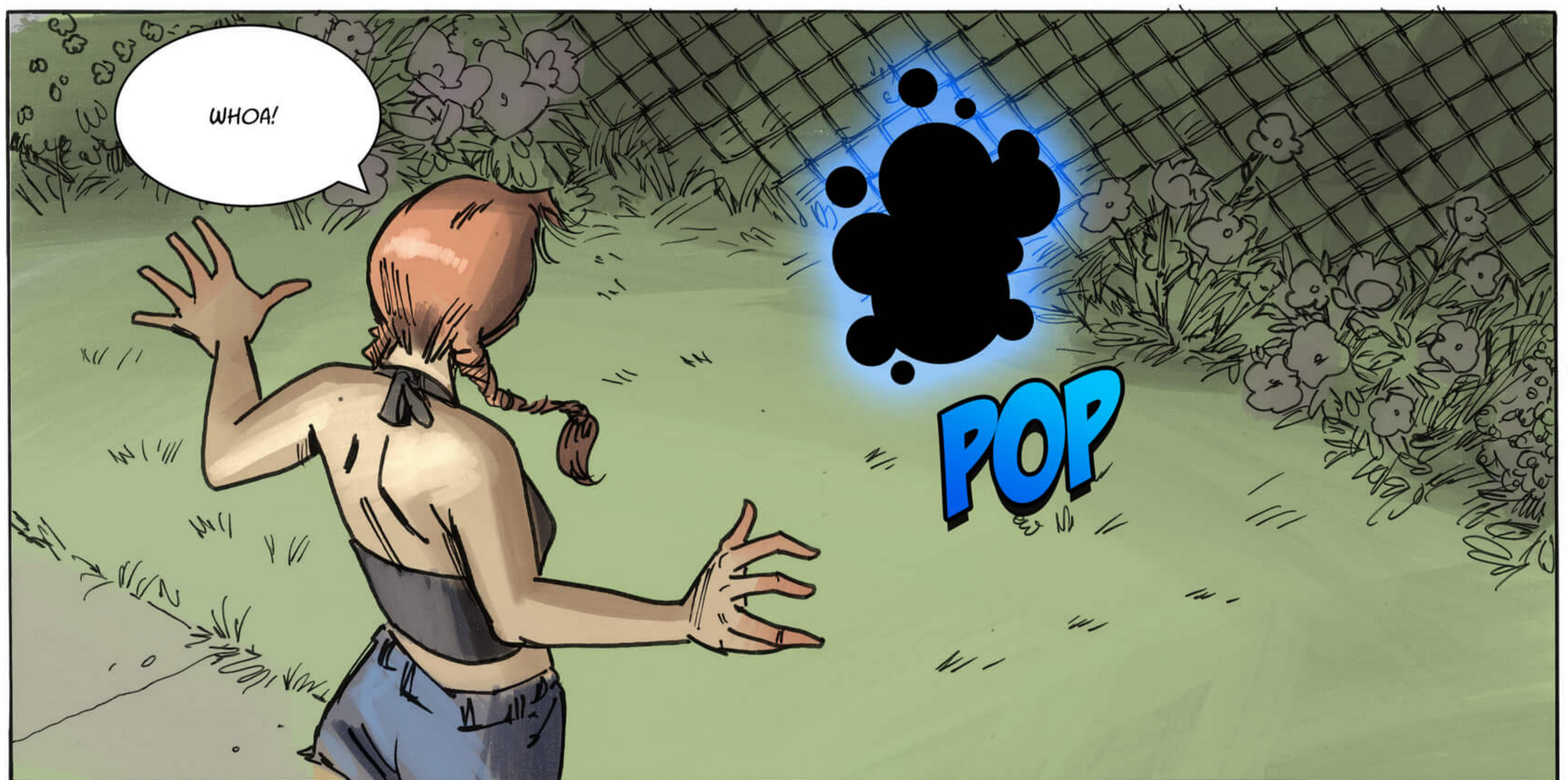


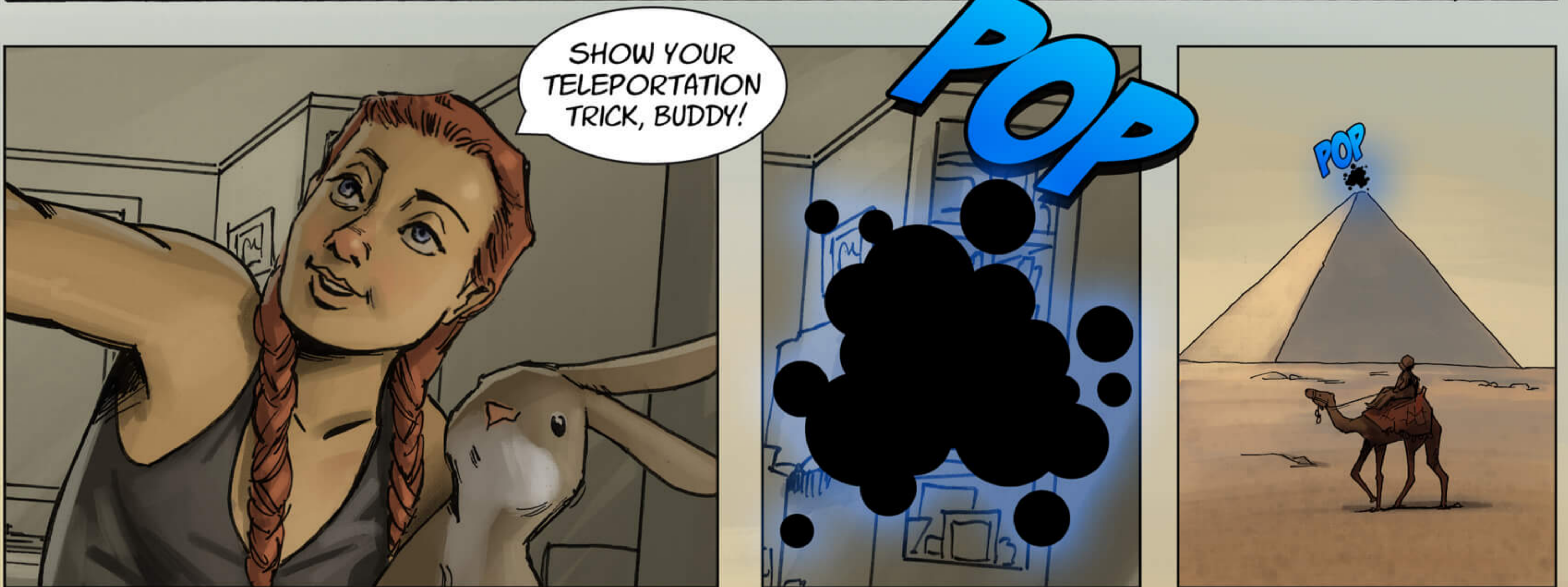
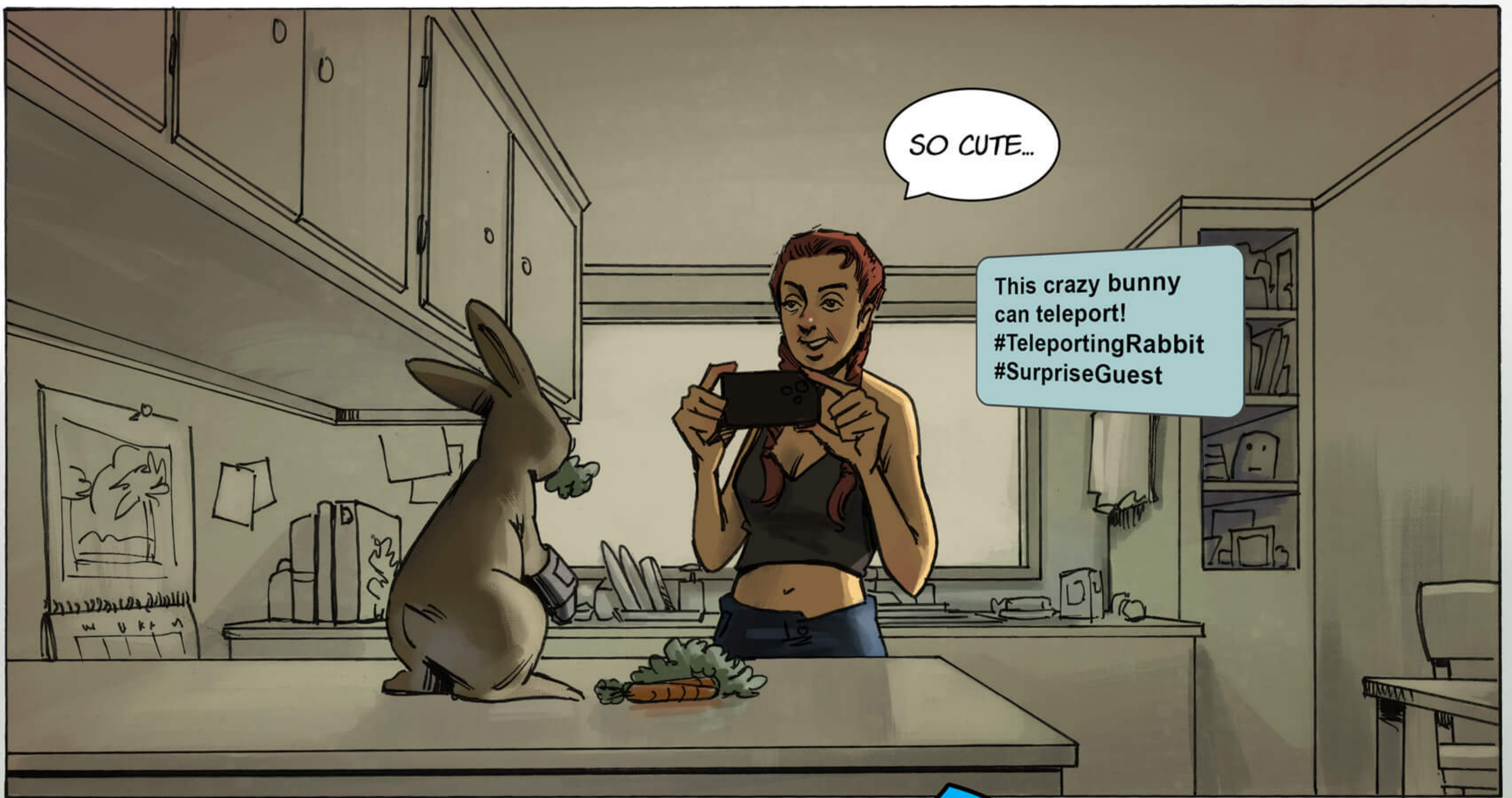
AND SO BEGINS THE LEGEND OF...

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A TRAILER PARK, IN CENTRAL NEW JERSEY.

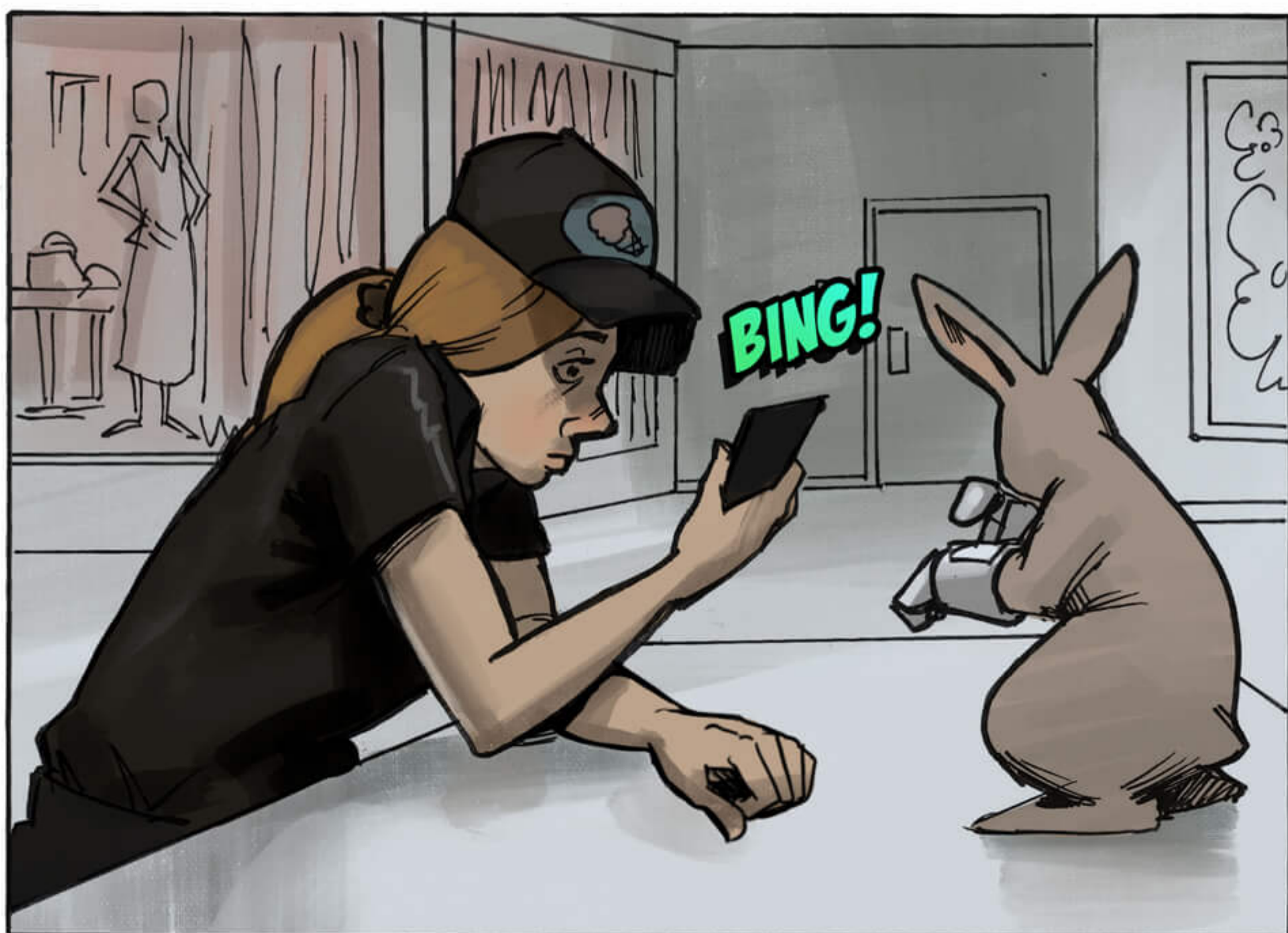


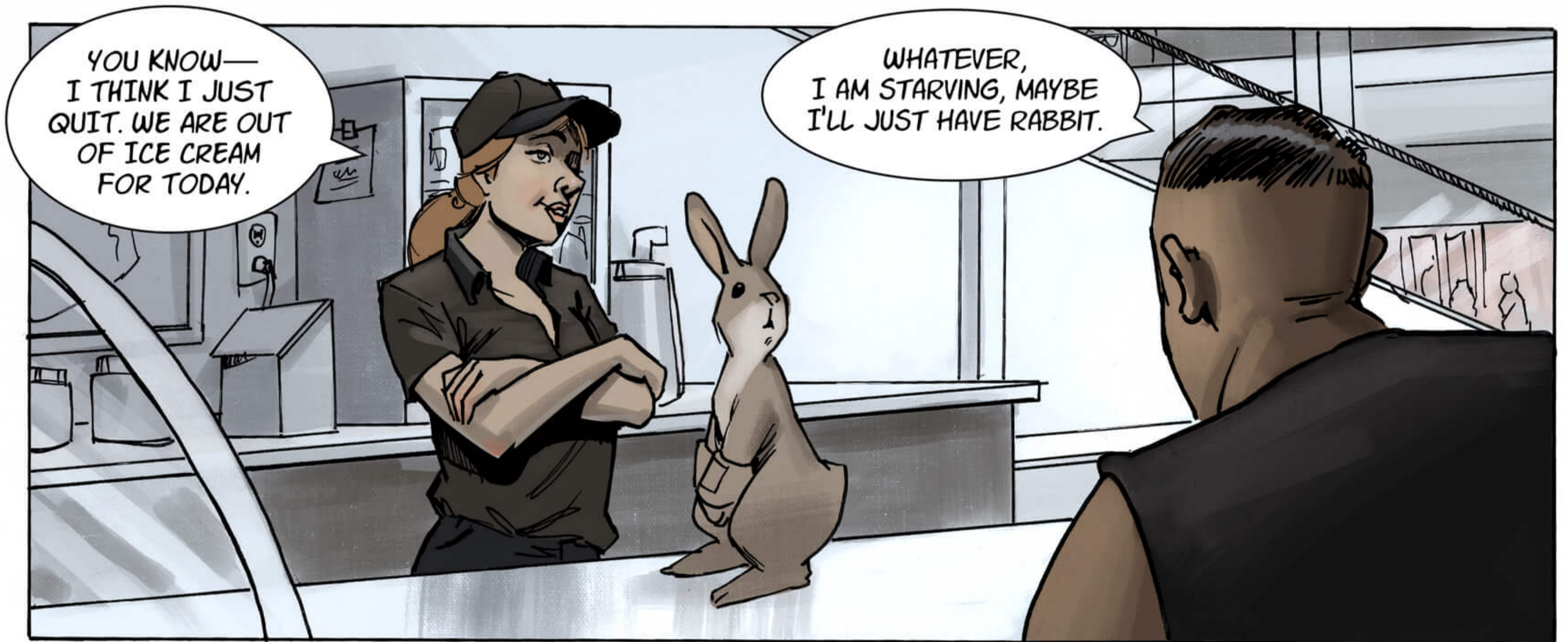


GIZA, EGYPT



LATER, AT THE MALL





SOMEWHERE IN THE HIMALAYAS...



A FEW DAYS LATER...

HELLO MS. BOWMAN,
I AM AGENT RICHARDS.
I AM WITH THE N.S.A.
DO YOU HAVE
A MOMENT?

WHAT'S THIS
ABOUT?

WE NOTICED SOME RECENT ACTIVITY
ON YOUR SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNT WE'D
LIKE TO ASK YOU ABOUT.

WE NEED TO FIND THE
RABBIT MS BOWMAN.

AM I IN
TROUBLE?

NO, NO.
WE NEED HIS
HELP. IT'S REALLY
IMPORTANT. CAN
YOU BRING ME
TO HIM?

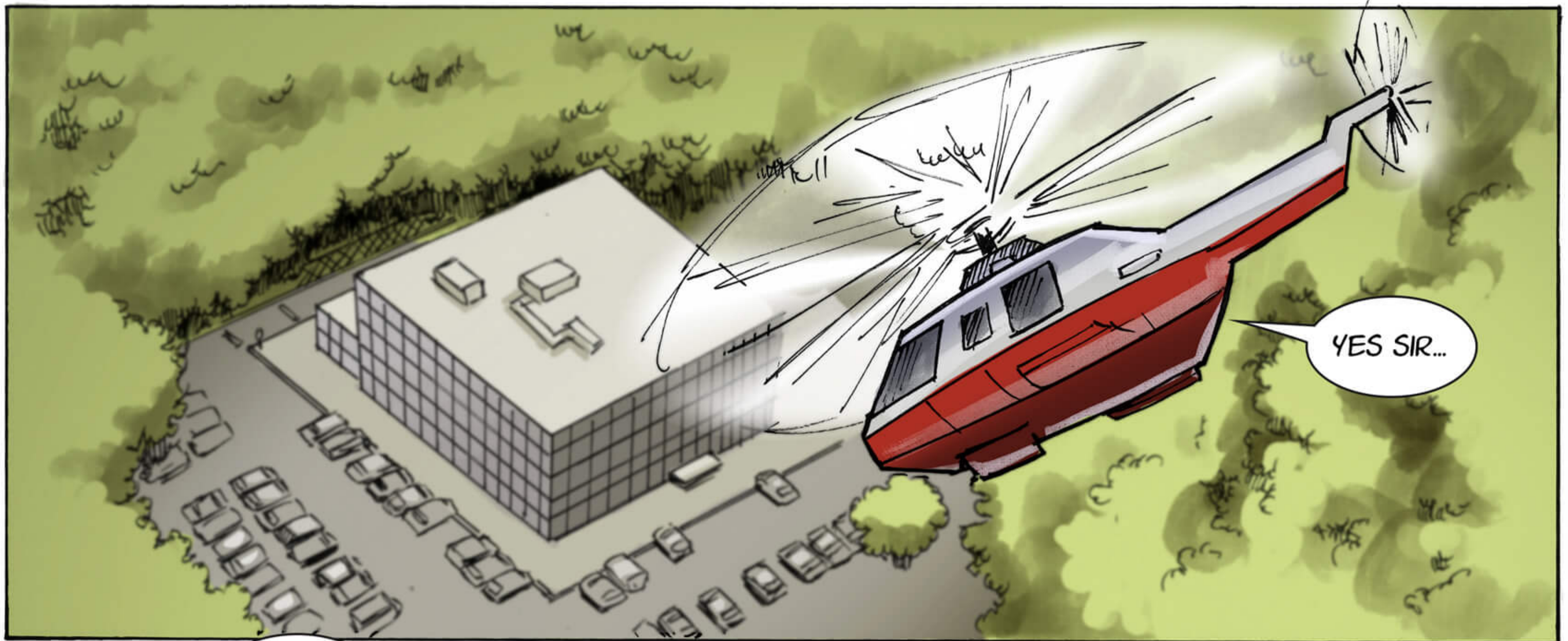
UM- I CAN
TEXT HIM.

Dude some government
guy is here. Says he
needs to see you.

POP

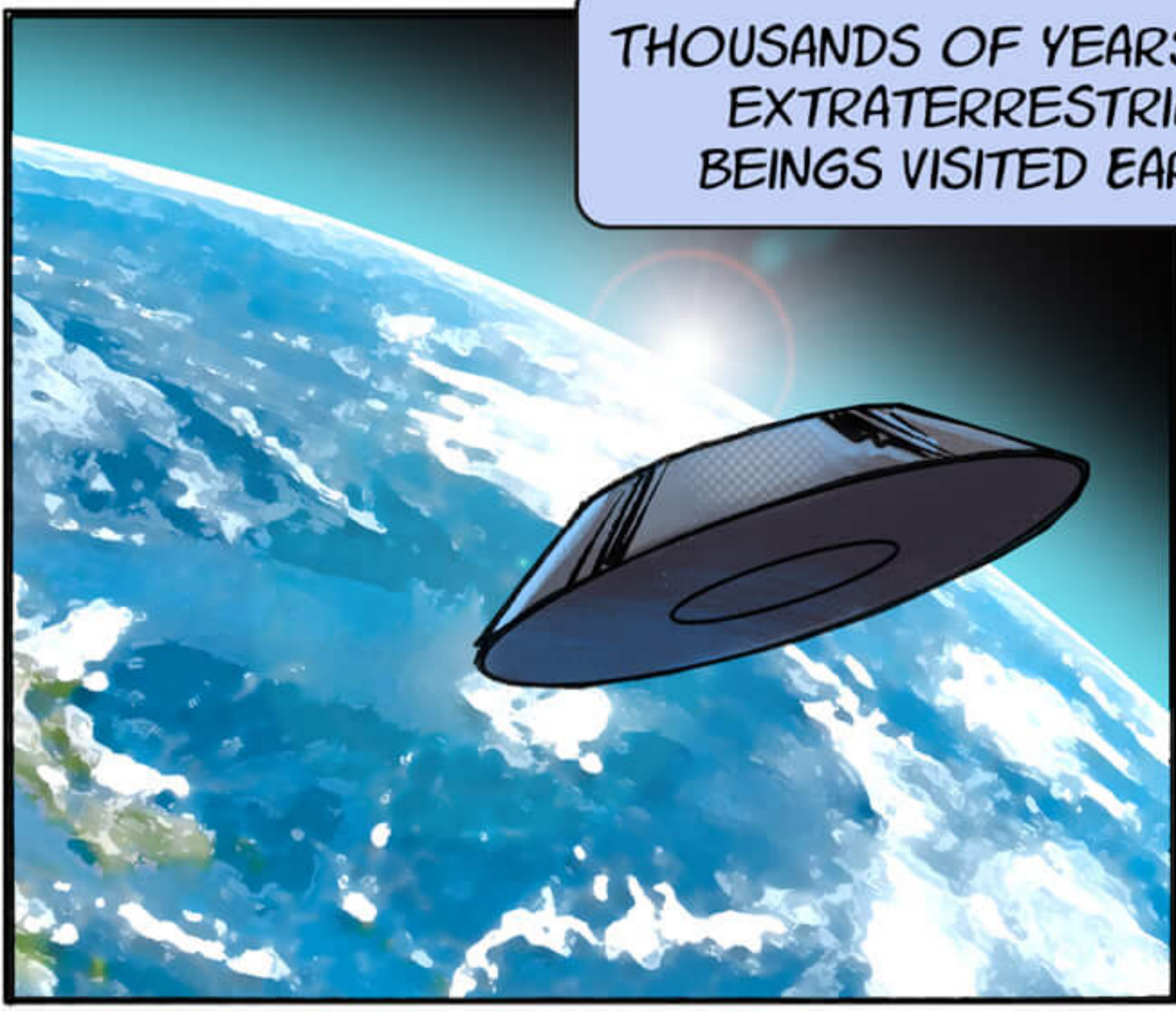
GAHHH!

THIS IS AGENT
RICHARDS. THE PACKAGE
IS EN ROUTE.

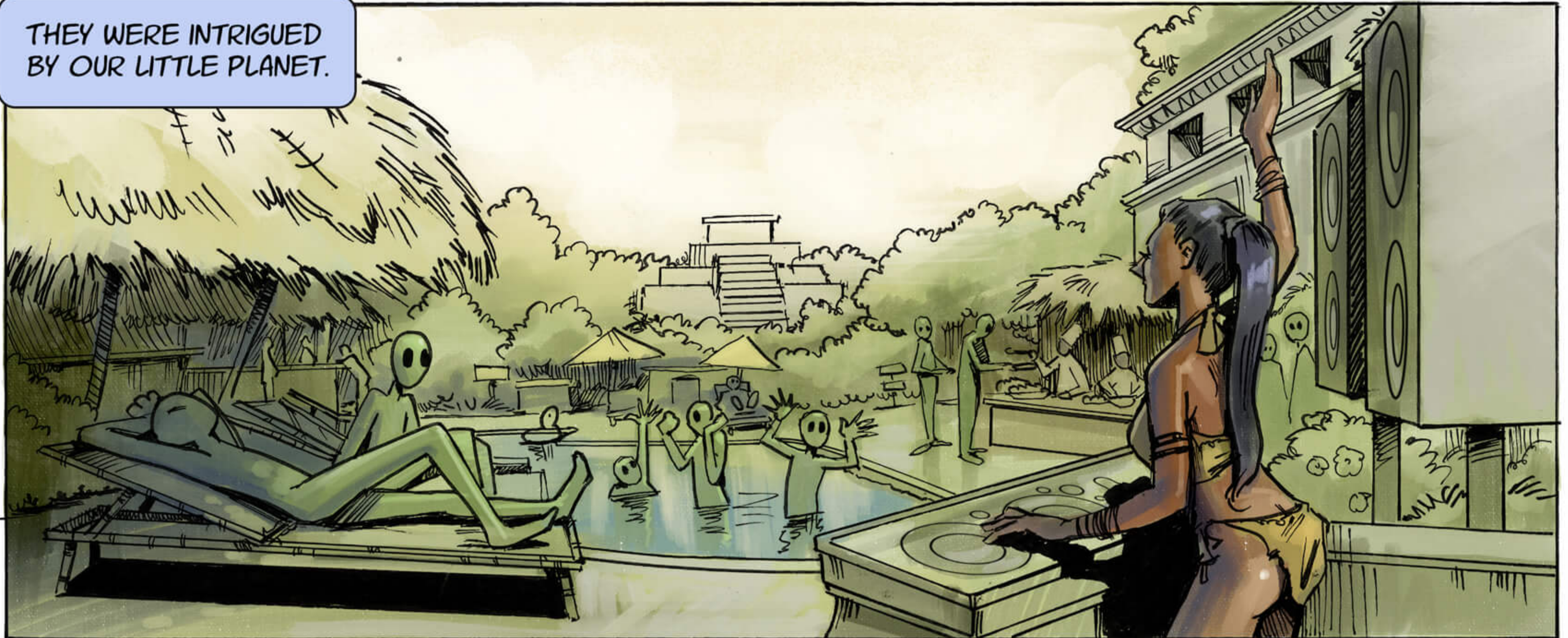




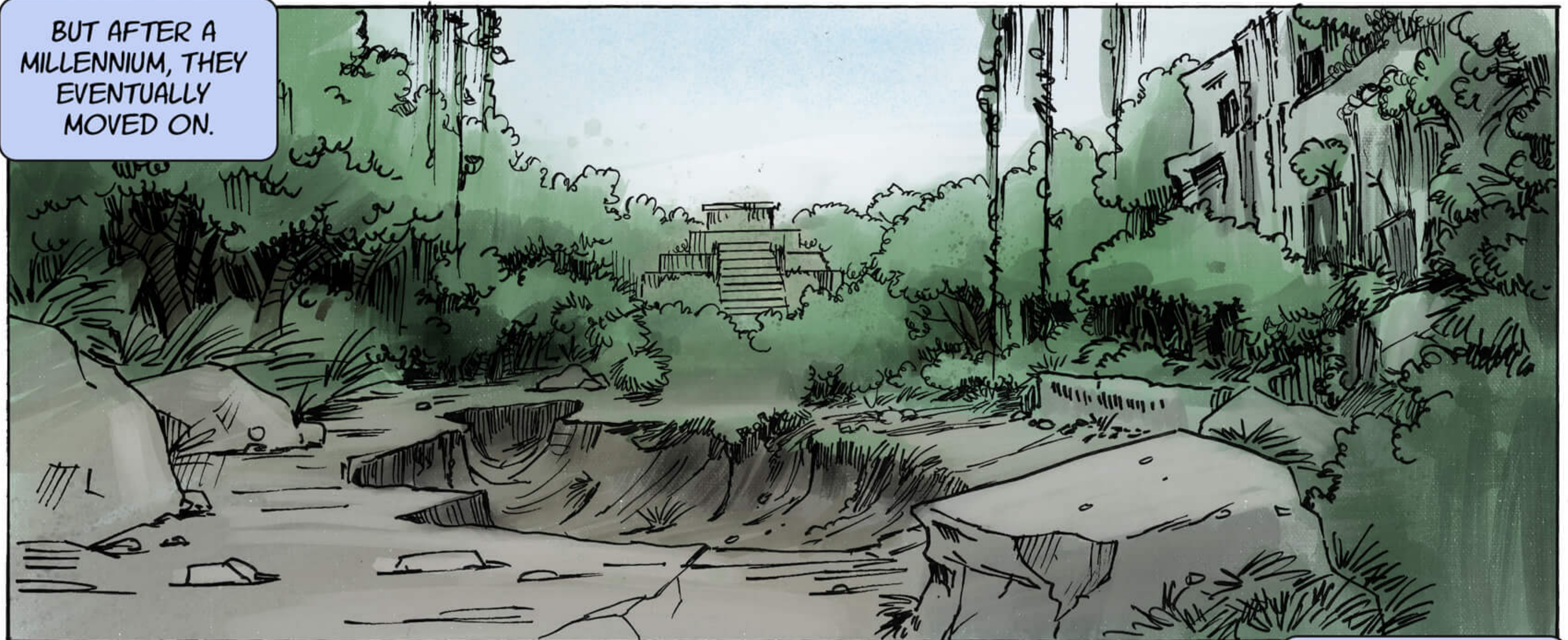
THOUSANDS OF YEARS AGO,
EXTRATERRESTRIAL
BEINGS VISITED EARTH.



THEY WERE INTRIGUED
BY OUR LITTLE PLANET.



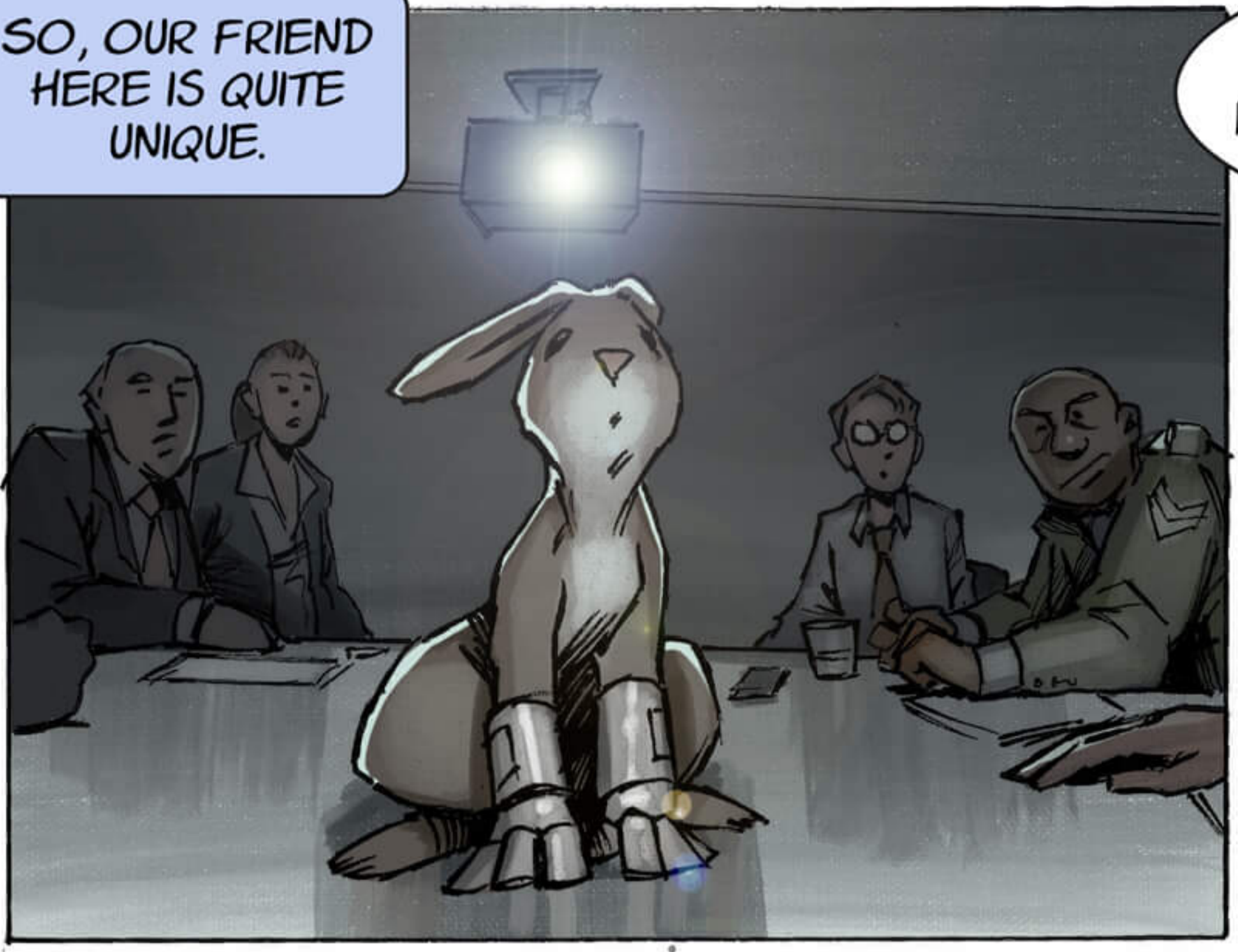
BUT AFTER A
MILLENNIUM, THEY
EVENTUALLY
MOVED ON.



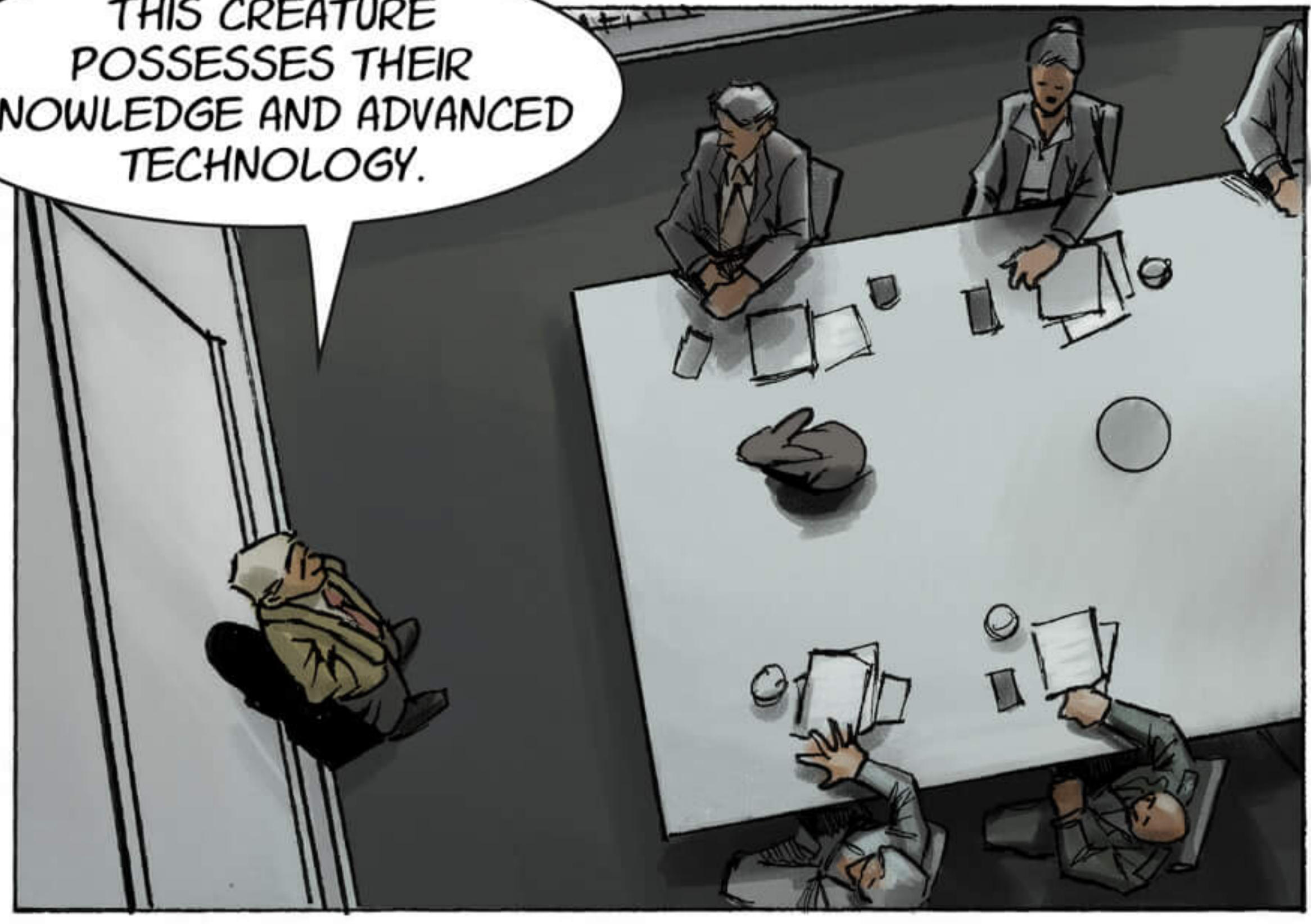
WHILE THEY WERE HERE, THEY
HAD BEEN EXPERIMENTING
ON ANIMALS.



SO, OUR FRIEND
HERE IS QUITE
UNIQUE.



THIS CREATURE
POSSESSES THEIR
KNOWLEDGE AND ADVANCED
TECHNOLOGY.



IN 1947, THE
ALIENS RETURNED.



UNFORTUNATELY, THEY
WERE SHOT DOWN
BY THE U.S. MILITARY.



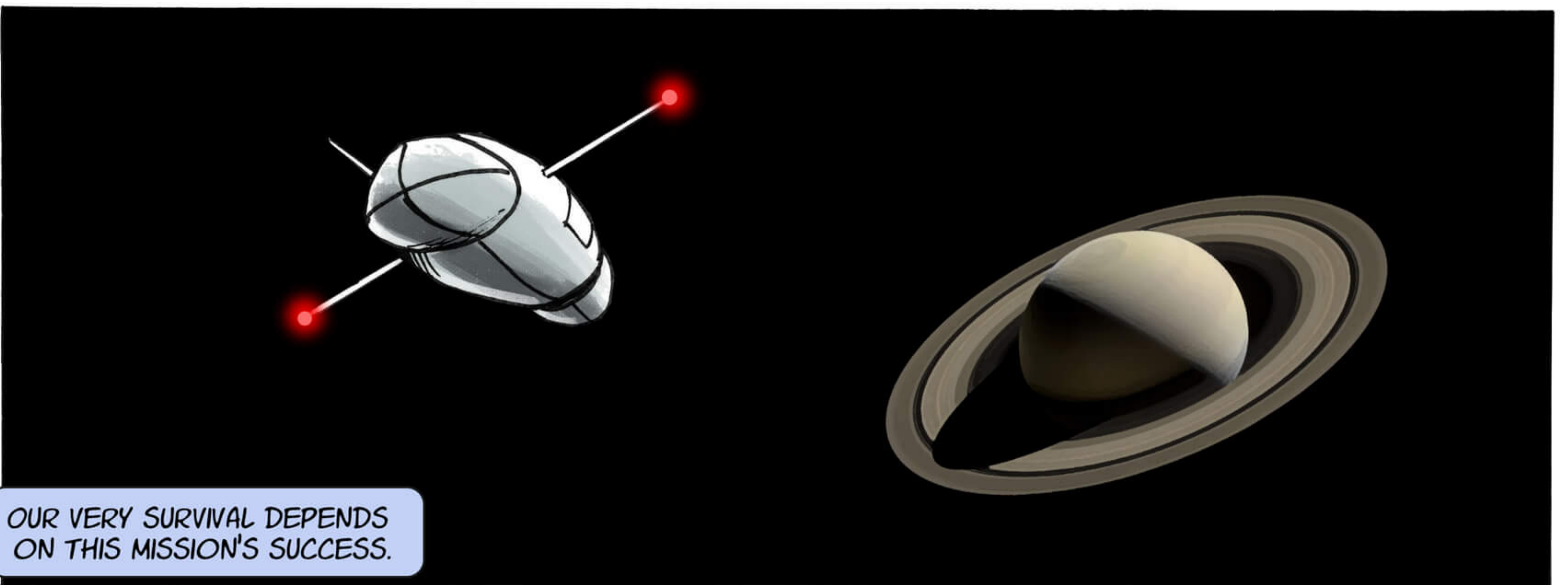
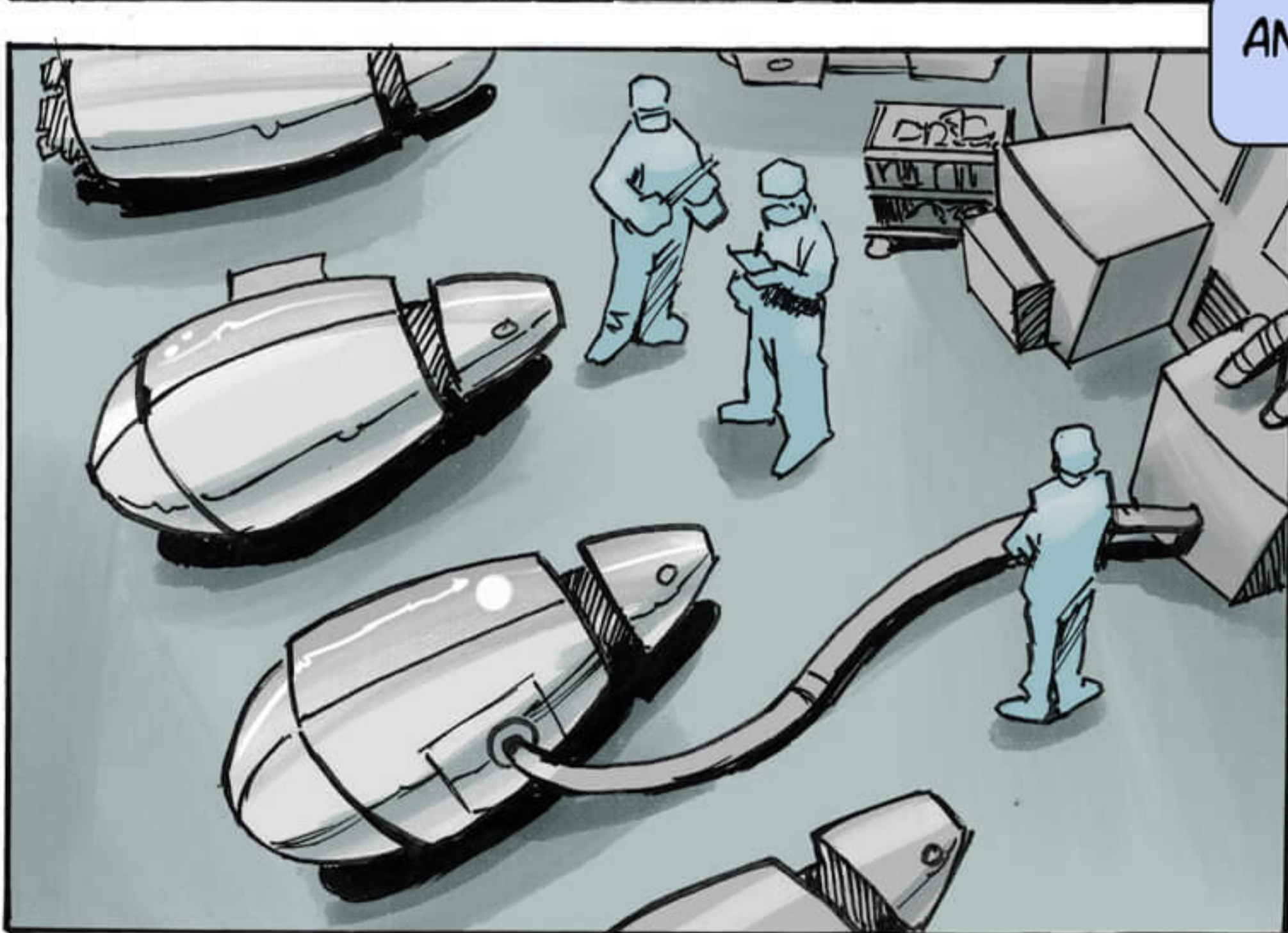
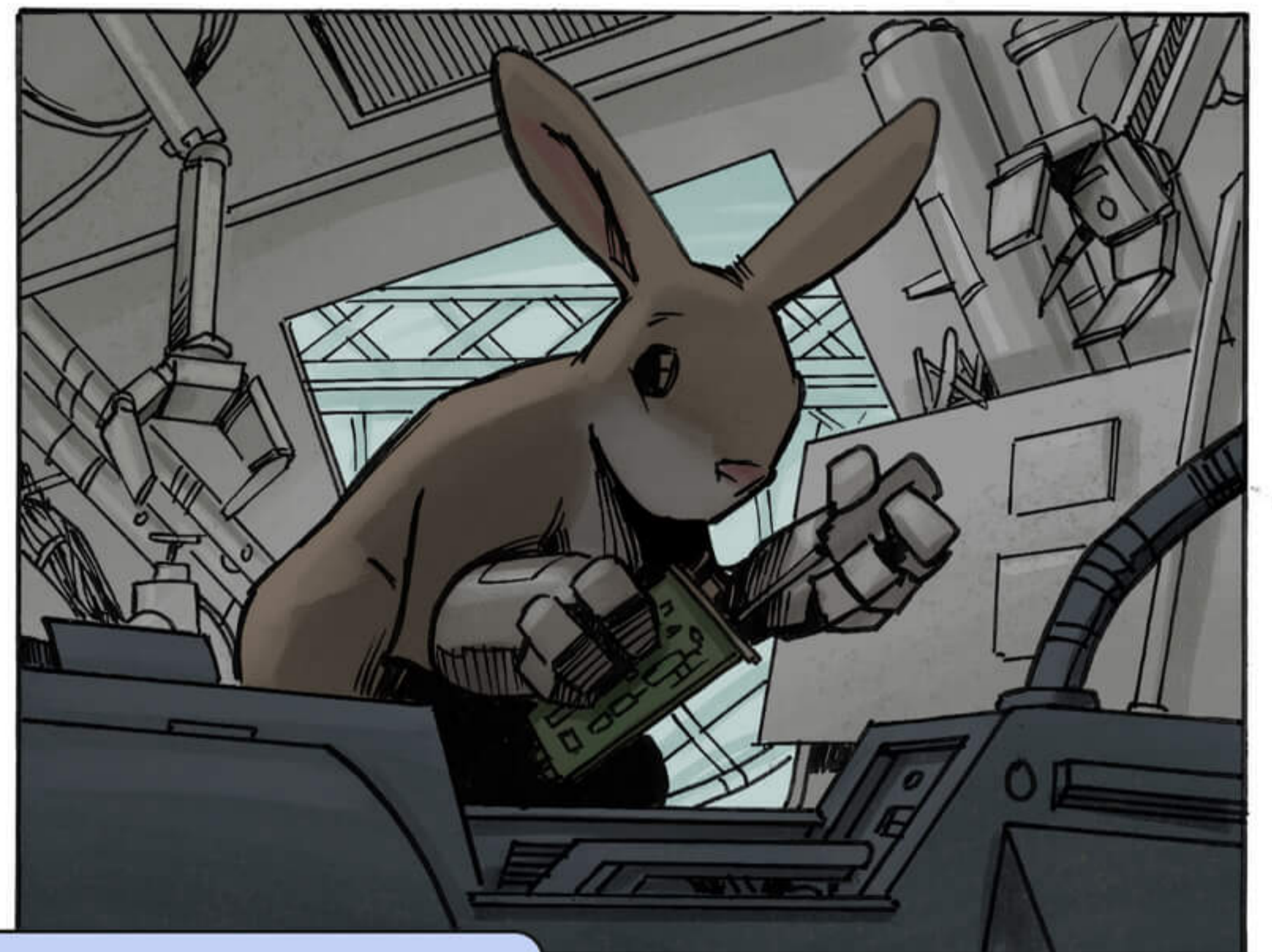
THEY CAME TO WARN
US THAT THEY HAD
ABANDONED A POWER
REACTOR SOMEWHERE
ON THE PLANET.



IT SEEMS THAT IF WE DON'T
REFUEL IT, THE REACTOR
WILL EVENTUALLY BECOME
UNSTABLE AND EXPLODE—
DESTROYING THE PLANET.

THE ALIENS HAVE NO IDEA WHERE IT IS
OR HOW TO FIND IT, AND THEY HAVE
CEASED ALL CONTACT SINCE ROSWELL.

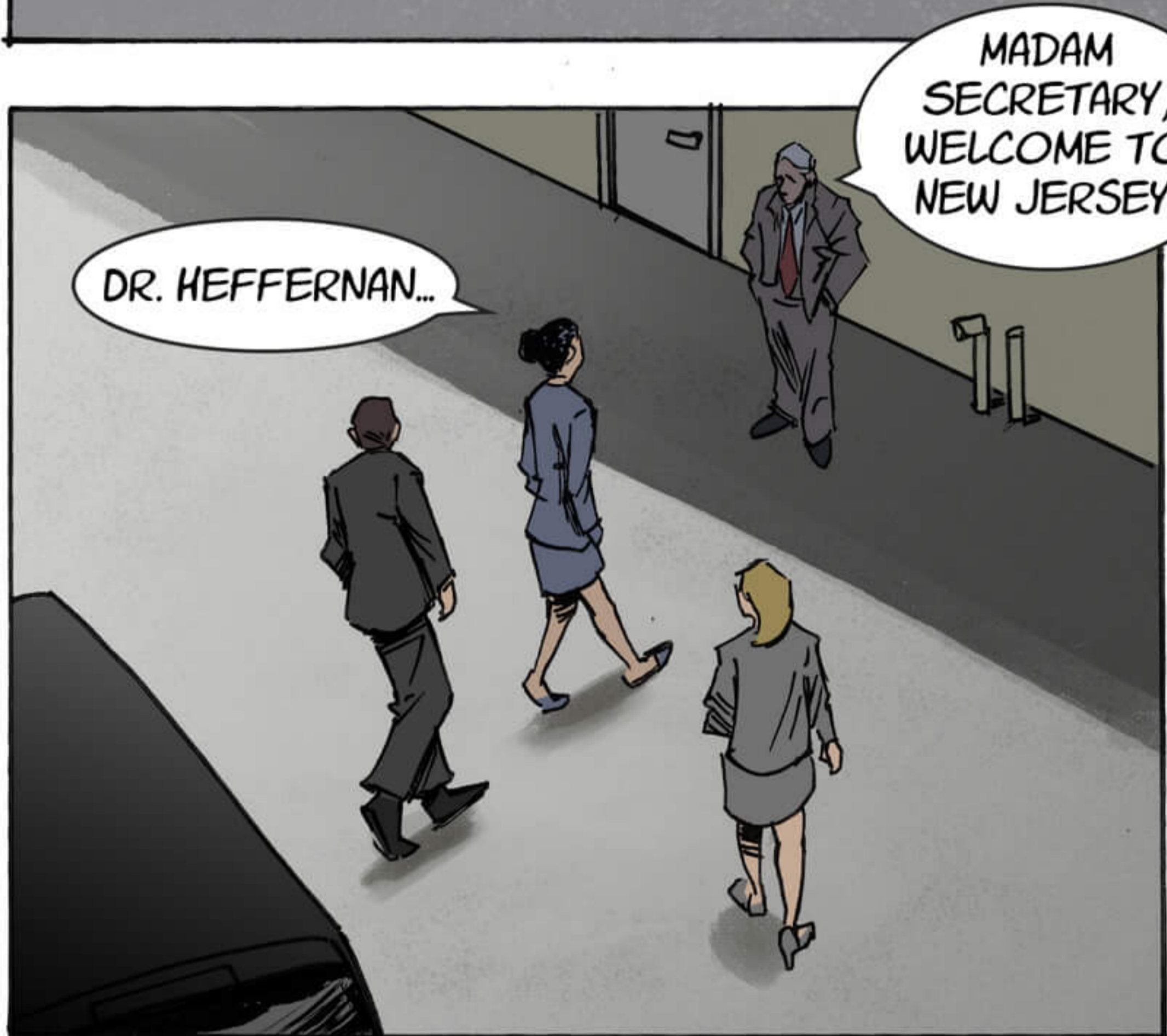




LATER...



AT A SECRET LOCATION IN SECAUCUS, N.J.



DR. HEFFERNAN...

MADAM SECRETARY, WELCOME TO NEW JERSEY.



SO, WHERE ARE WE?

HE'S BEEN SEARCHING FOR THE FUEL.



HE BUILT A FLEET OF DRONES USING A QUANTUM COMMUNICATION DEVICE.

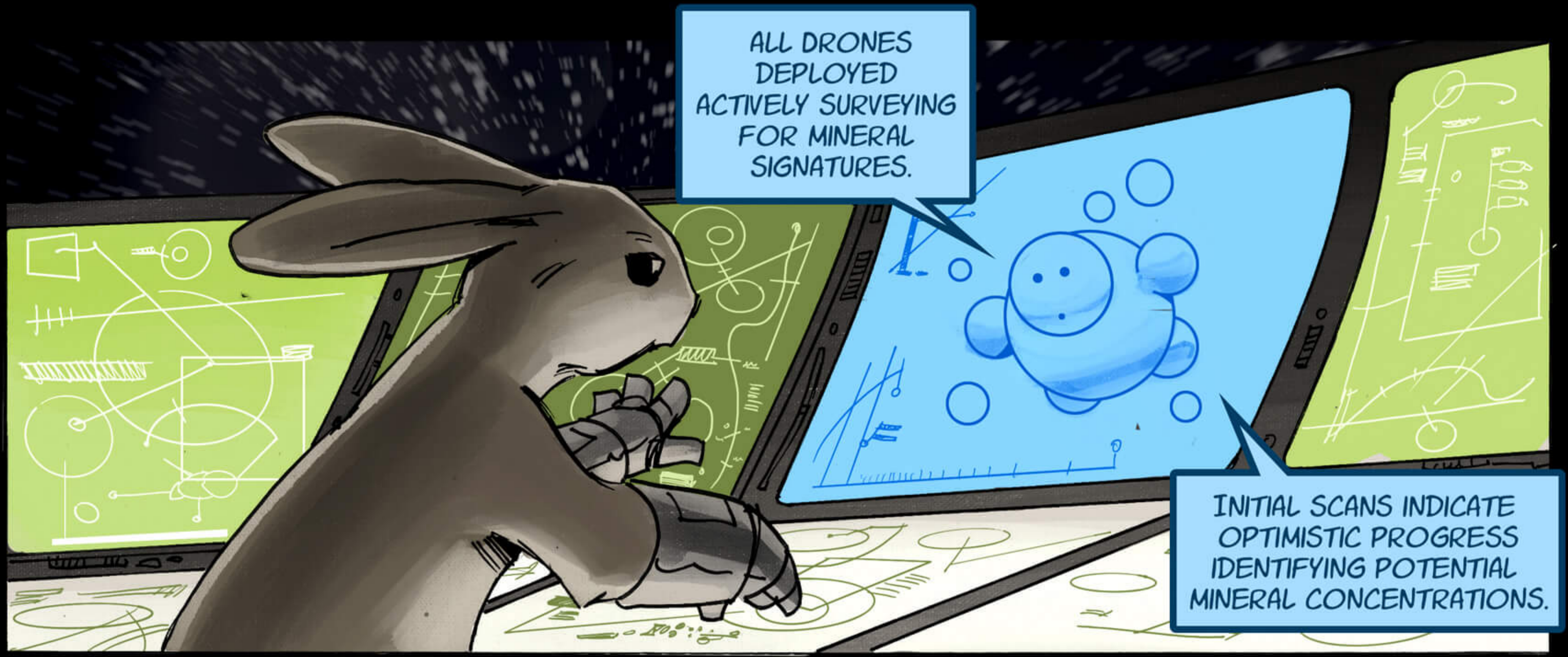
AND ADVANCED AI TO SEARCH INTERSTELLAR SPACE.



THIS IS A REAL-TIME VIDEO FEED FROM A DRONE.

IT'S VERY IMPRESSIVE.





ALL DRONES
DEPLOYED
ACTIVELY SURVEYING
FOR MINERAL
SIGNATURES.

INITIAL SCANS INDICATE
OPTIMISTIC PROGRESS
IDENTIFYING POTENTIAL
MINERAL CONCENTRATIONS.

HOW SOON
CAN WE EXPECT TO
LOCATE THE
MINERAL?



PROBABILITY OF
LOCATING FUEL
WITHIN THE
NEXT 4 MONTHS
IS 96.7%.



I WOULDN'T-
HE'S A BIT....

MISTER RABBIT,
I REPRESENT...

...SKITTISH!



WHERE IS IT?



BROOME ST., NYC

HEY...

POP

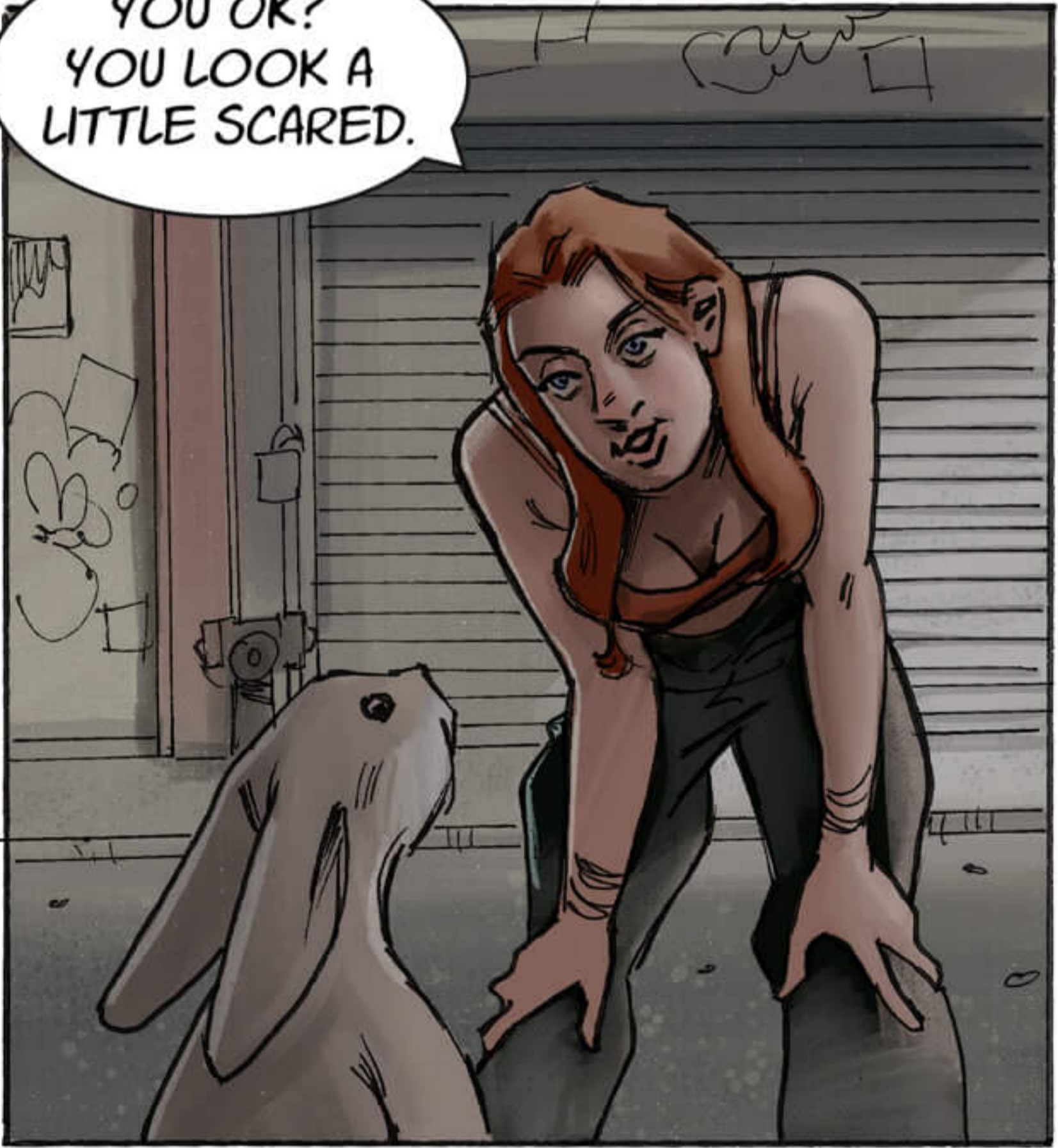


YOU OK?
YOU LOOK A
LITTLE SCARED.

AWWW...

MAYBE WE
NEED A VACA...

POP



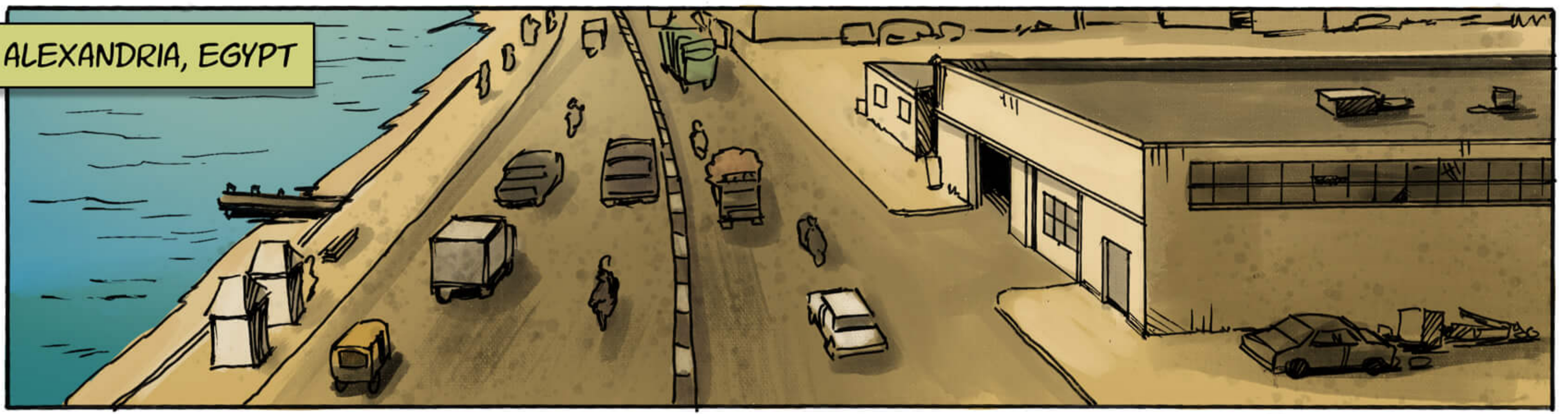
HEBEI PROVINCE, CHINA

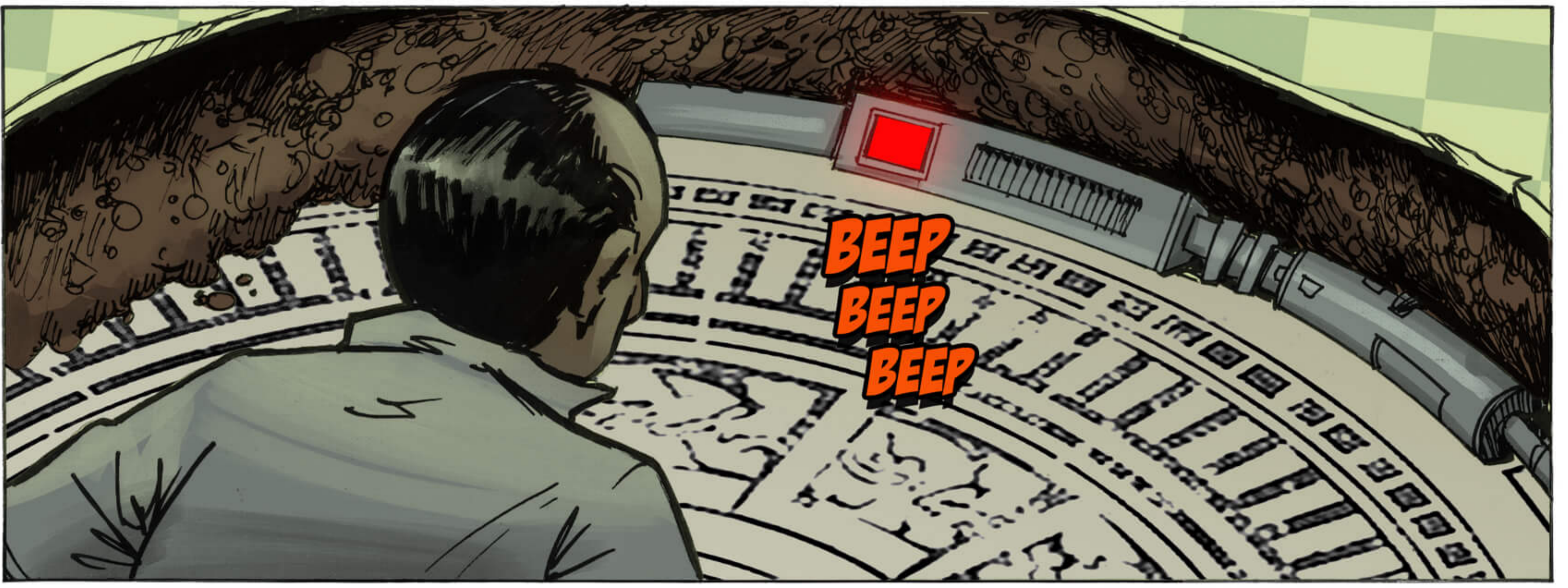




HOLY CRAP!

ALEXANDRIA, EGYPT







SO, IT BEGINS!

TO BE CONTINUED...



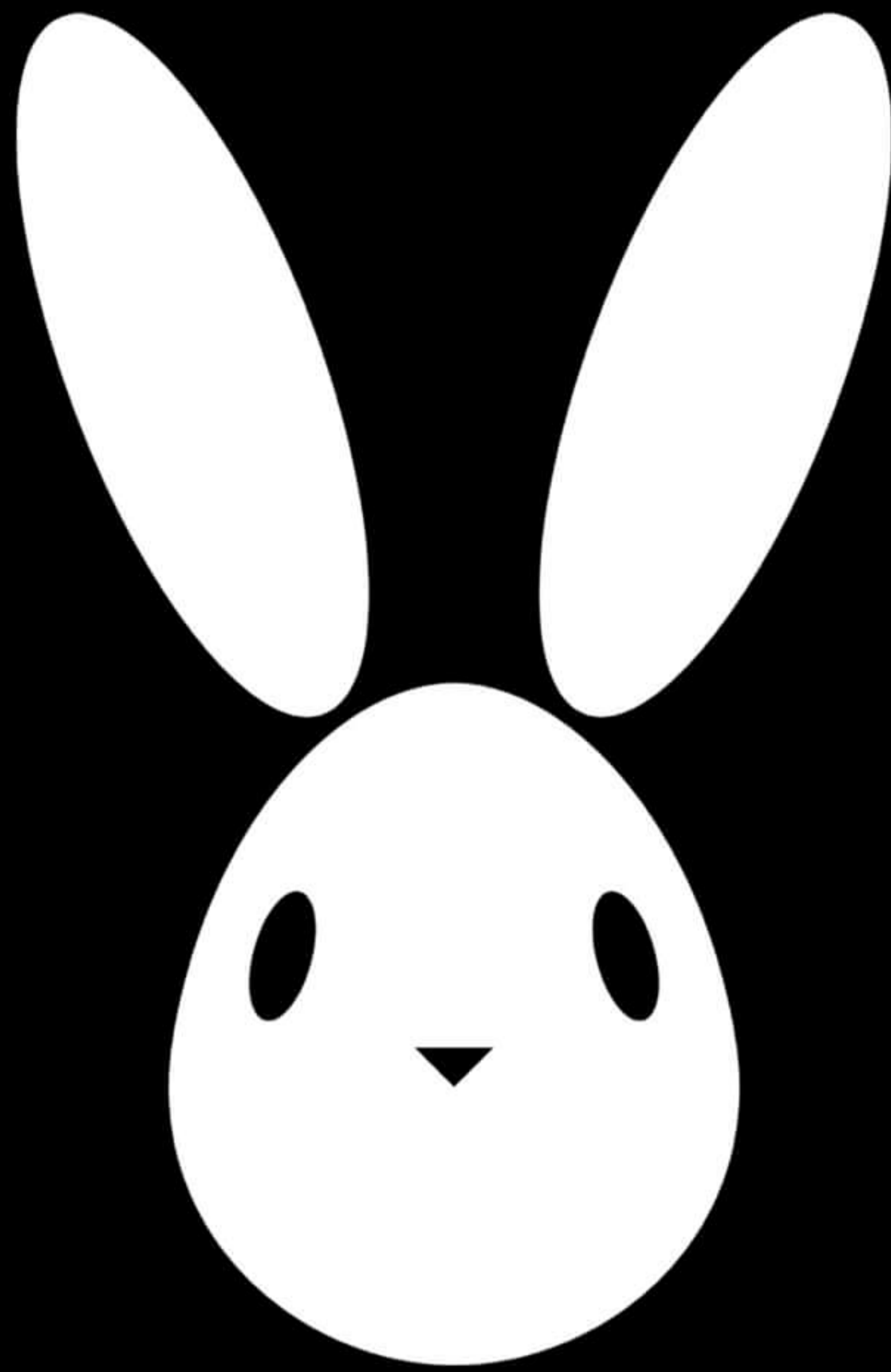
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