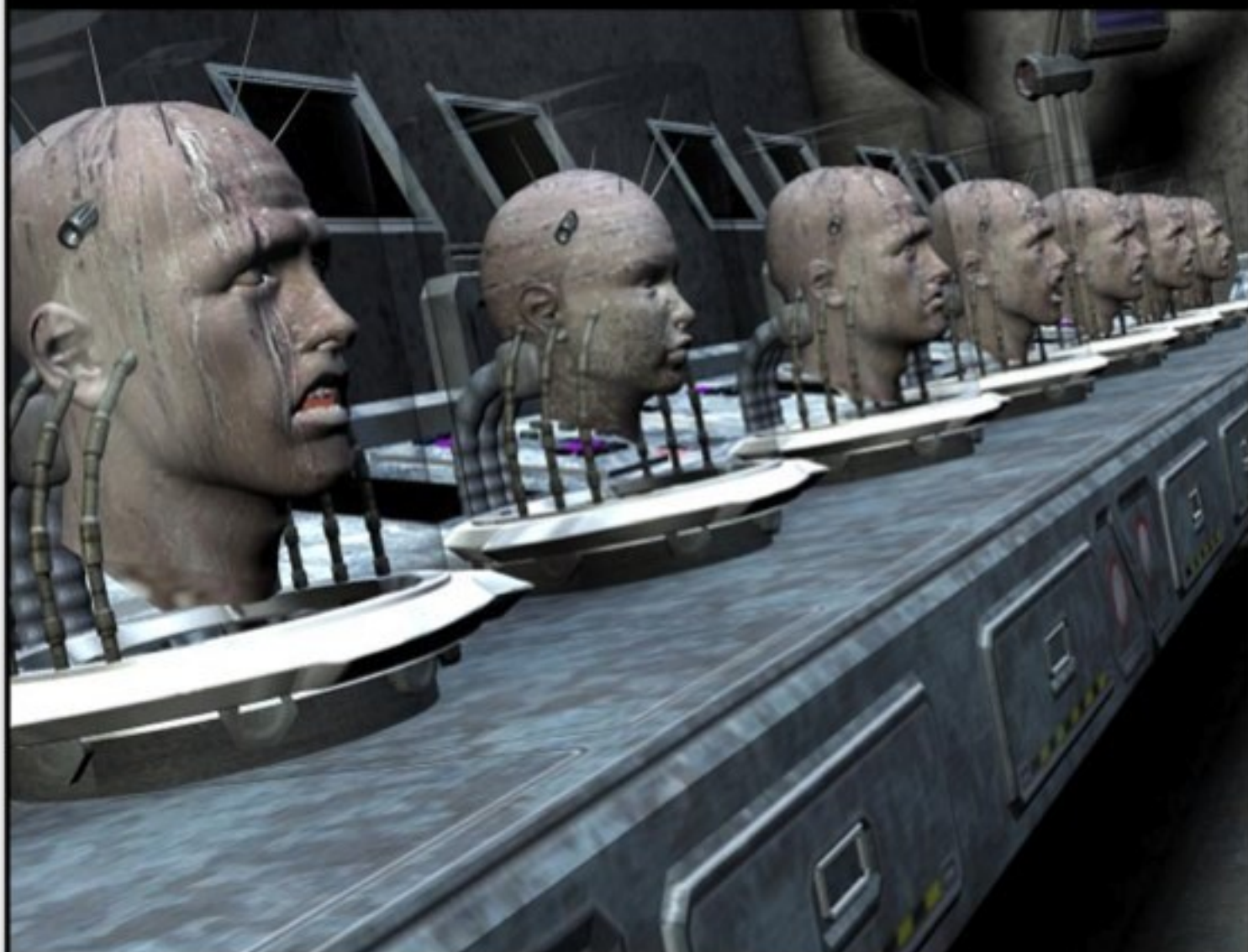


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# CLUSTERMIND

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SOMEWHERE...

WHERE AM I?

PROFESSOR SHROEDER... THE SUBJECT IS WAKING UP. HIS ALPHA WAVE LEVEL DROPPED SUDDENLY...

WHAT HAPPENED TO ME?

GIVE HIM ANOTHER DITRIZAPAM SHOT. CHECK THE POTASSIUM LEVEL, I DON'T WANT HIM TO COLLAPSE RIGHT NOW...

WHY IS IT SO DIFFICULT TO OPEN MY EYES?

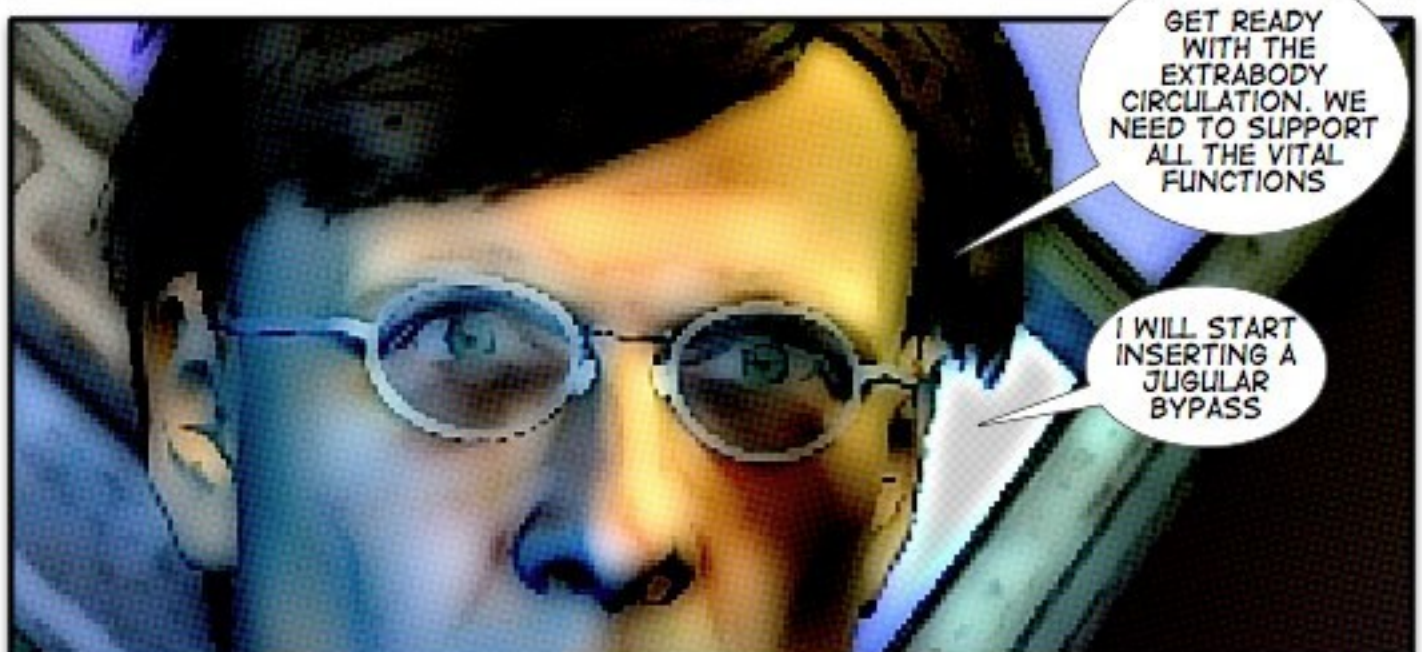


...!?!



MINUTES LATER...

OK, LET'S  
ROCK! PASS  
ME THE LASER  
KNIFE



GET READY  
WITH THE  
EXTRABODY  
CIRCULATION. WE  
NEED TO SUPPORT  
ALL THE VITAL  
FUNCTIONS

I WILL START  
INSERTING A  
JUGULAR  
BYPASS

TWO HOURS LATER...

EASY WITH THAT SURGICAL THREAD, YOU ARE NOT TAILORING AN XXL SUIT

THE CIRCULATION IS NOW ENTIRELY EXTRA-CORPOREAL. ALL THE TISSUES ARE PROPERLY IRRORATED, SHALL WE PROCEED WITH THE SPINAL RESECTION PROFESSOR SHROEDER?

WITHOUT HESITATIONS! I AM CURIOUS TO SEE THE RESULTS

AHHH VERY, VERY GOOD WE ARE BECOMING ARTISTS...

PROFESSOR SCHROEDER, I AM NOT HERE TO LISTEN YOUR SELF-COMPLIMENTS, I WANT RESULTS

AHH DON'T WORRY MR. MATSUMOTO, WE ARE OBTAINING OUTSTANDING RESULTS...



PERHAPS I SHOULD LEAVE TO THE BEAUTIFUL MISS MAJA THE HONOR OF RETRIEVING THE GLASS INTERFACE...



MR, MATSUMOTO, I AM PLEASED TO TELL YOU THAT THE CLUSTERMIND EXPERIMENT IS FINALLY READY TO BEGIN

TWO WEEKS LATER,  
MATSUMOTO'S  
HEADQUARTER...

HELLO, MR.  
MATSUMOTO

HELLO  
MR.  
FOCALT



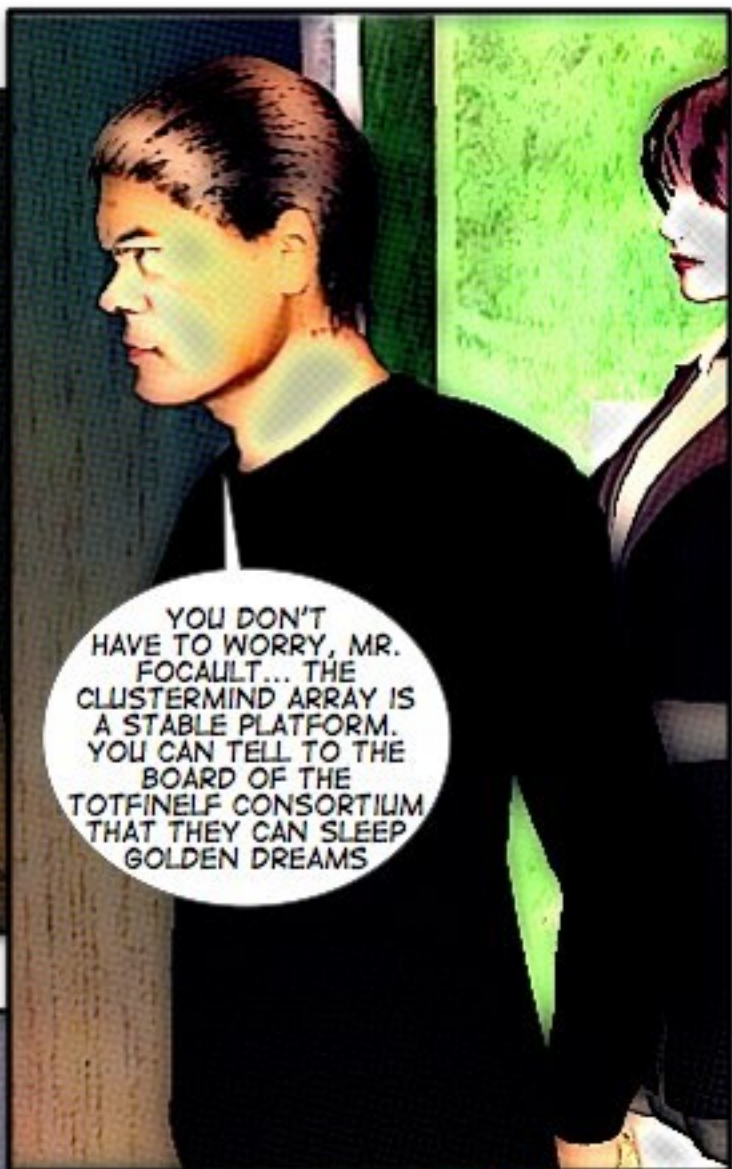
IT'S A  
PLEASURE TO  
HAVE YOU  
HERE, SIR

THE  
PLEASURE IT'S MINE. I  
AM HERE TO DISCUSS  
THE EXCEPTIONAL  
RESULTS COMING FROM  
THE CLUSTERMIND  
EXPERIMENT





WE ALREADY GOT BACK ENOUGH RESULTS TO JUSTIFY OUR INVESTMENT, NONETHELESS WE ARE CONCERNED ABOUT THE DURABILITY OF THE CLUSTERMIND ARRAY. THERE IS A LOT OF WORK THAT THE CLUSTERMIND MIGHT DO IN THE OIL INDUSTRY FIELD...



YOU DON'T HAVE TO WORRY, MR. FOCAULT... THE CLUSTERMIND ARRAY IS A STABLE PLATFORM. YOU CAN TELL TO THE BOARD OF THE TOTFINELF CONSORTIUM THAT THEY CAN SLEEP GOLDEN DREAMS



LET ME SHOW YOU HOW DOES IT WORKS...



THE CLUSTERMIND ARRAY HAS BEEN BUILT TO BE A POWERFUL MILITARY AND INDUSTRIAL ESPIONAGE TOOL

IT EXPLOITS THE CAPABILITY OF INDIVIDUALS IN GATHERING INFORMATION USING DIFFERENT APPROACHES AND MEANS...

SELECTED INDIVIDUALS WITH POWERFUL CAPABILITIES HAVE THEIR BRAINS CONNECTED AND INTERFACED IN A CLUSTER MANAGED BY A CENTRALIZED SERVER. THEY ARE ALSO CONNECTED TO THE INTERNET TO PERFORM ASSIGNED TASKS

IN THE CLUSTERMIND WE INCLUDED JOURNALISTS, AS WELL AS SCIENTISTS AND SEVERAL HACKER BRAINS

JOURNALISTS HAVE THE TASKS TO GATHER INFORMATION FROM OPEN SOURCES, HACKERS MUST VIOLATE SECURED SERVERS WHILE SCIENTISTS' BRAINS MUST VERIFY THE CREDIBILITY OF THE COLLECTED DATA

EACH BRAIN IS ARTIFICIALLY SUSTAINED, AND IS INTERFACED THROUGH DIRECT IMPLANTED NEURAL CONNECTIONS TO THEIR NATURAL TERMINAL SECTIONS : EYES AND EARS

THE BRAINS ARE CONSTANTLY SUPPLIED BY HYPNOTIC DRUGS TO KEEP THEM AT THE SAME LEVEL WHERE BRAINS USUALLY ARE DURING IMAGINATIVE DREAMING STATE. UNDER CHEMICAL HYPNOSIS THEY ARE ALSO INSTRUCTED ON THE TASKS TO BE PERFORMED. THOSE NEEDLES ON THE TOP OF EACH HEAD ARE ALPHA WAVE PROBES, WE USE THEM TO CONSTANTLY MONITOR THEIR STATUS. WE DON'T ALLOW THEM TO WAKE UP

**DELTA WAVES**

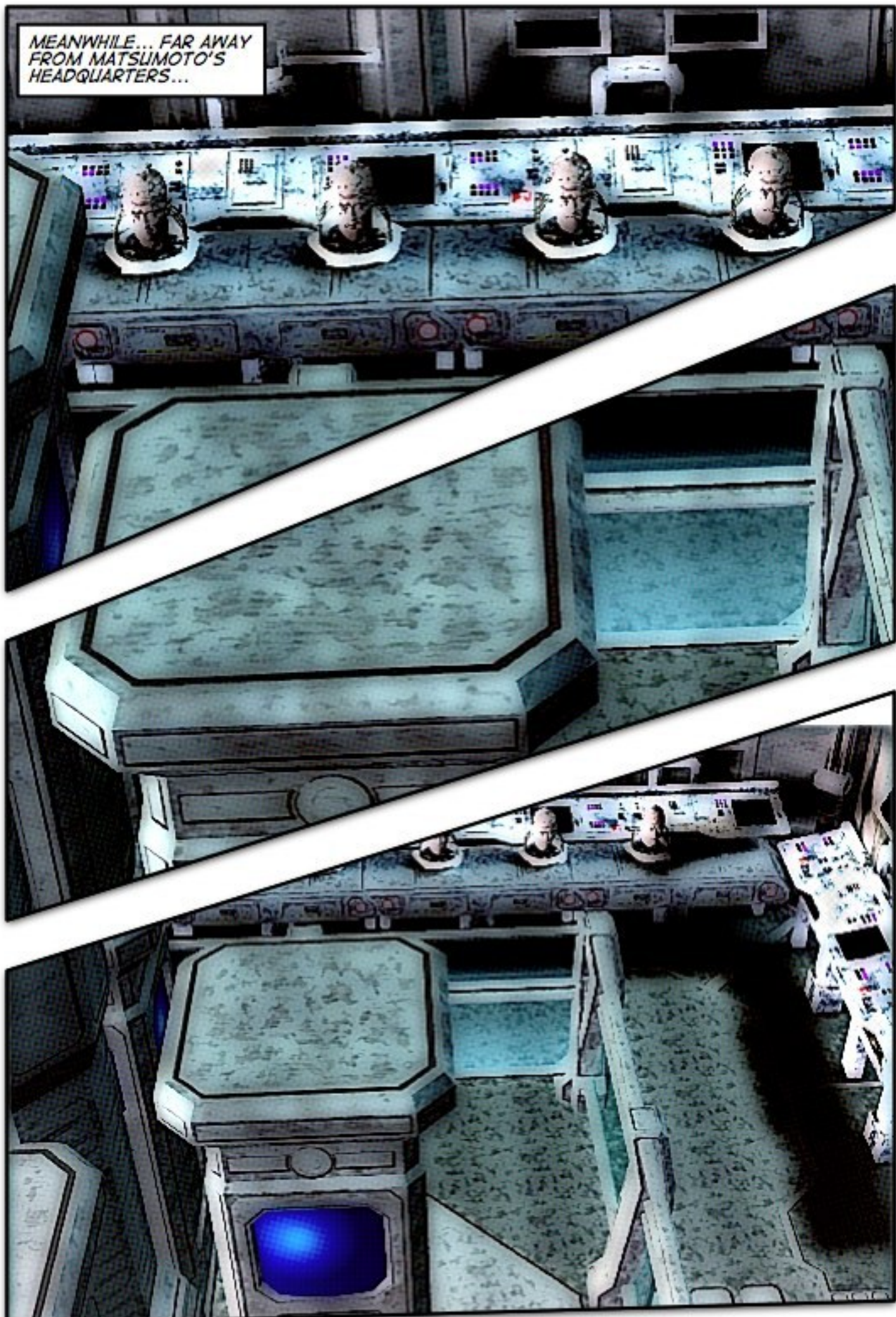
**BRAIN ACTIVITY**

WHY DO YOU  
NEED TO  
KEEP THEM  
ASLEEP?

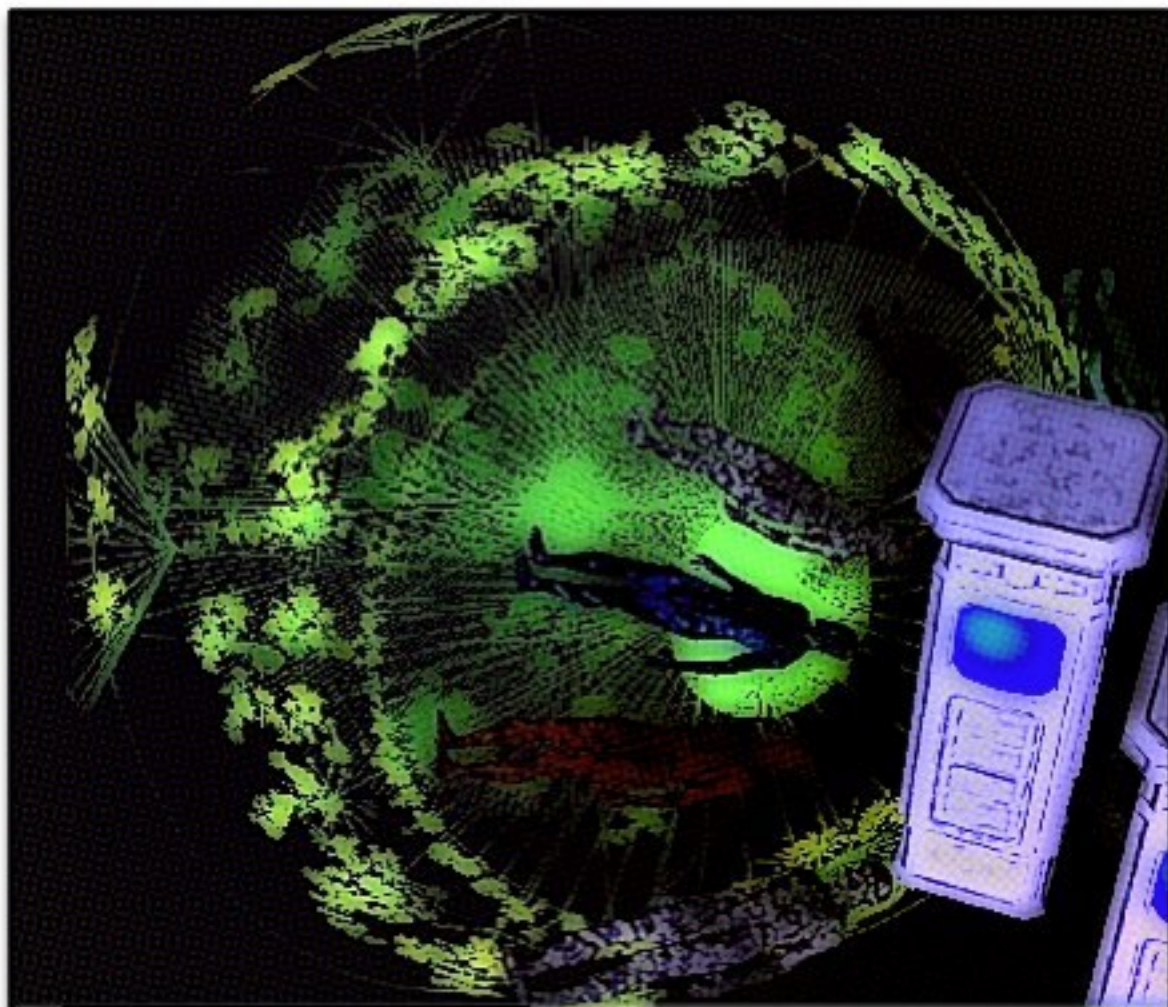
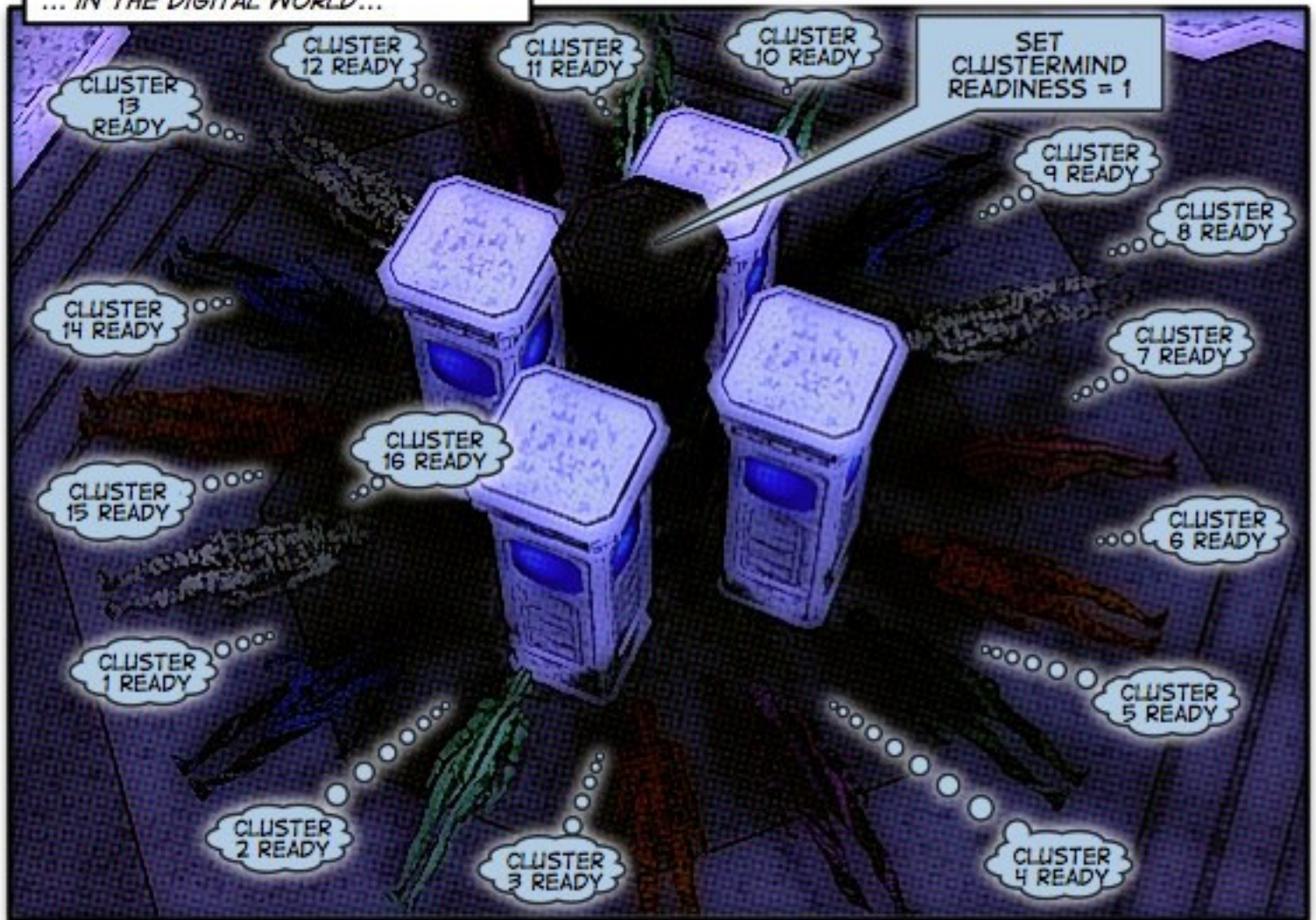
HOW DO  
YOU THINK YOU  
WOULD FEEL, MR.  
FOCAULT, IF YOU  
SUDDENLY WOKE UP  
AND DISCOVERED  
THAT YOUR HEAD  
HAS BEEN SEVERED  
FROM YOUR  
BODY?

WOULDN'T  
YOU BE JUST  
MAD?

MEANWHILE... FAR AWAY  
FROM MATSUMOTO'S  
HEADQUARTERS...

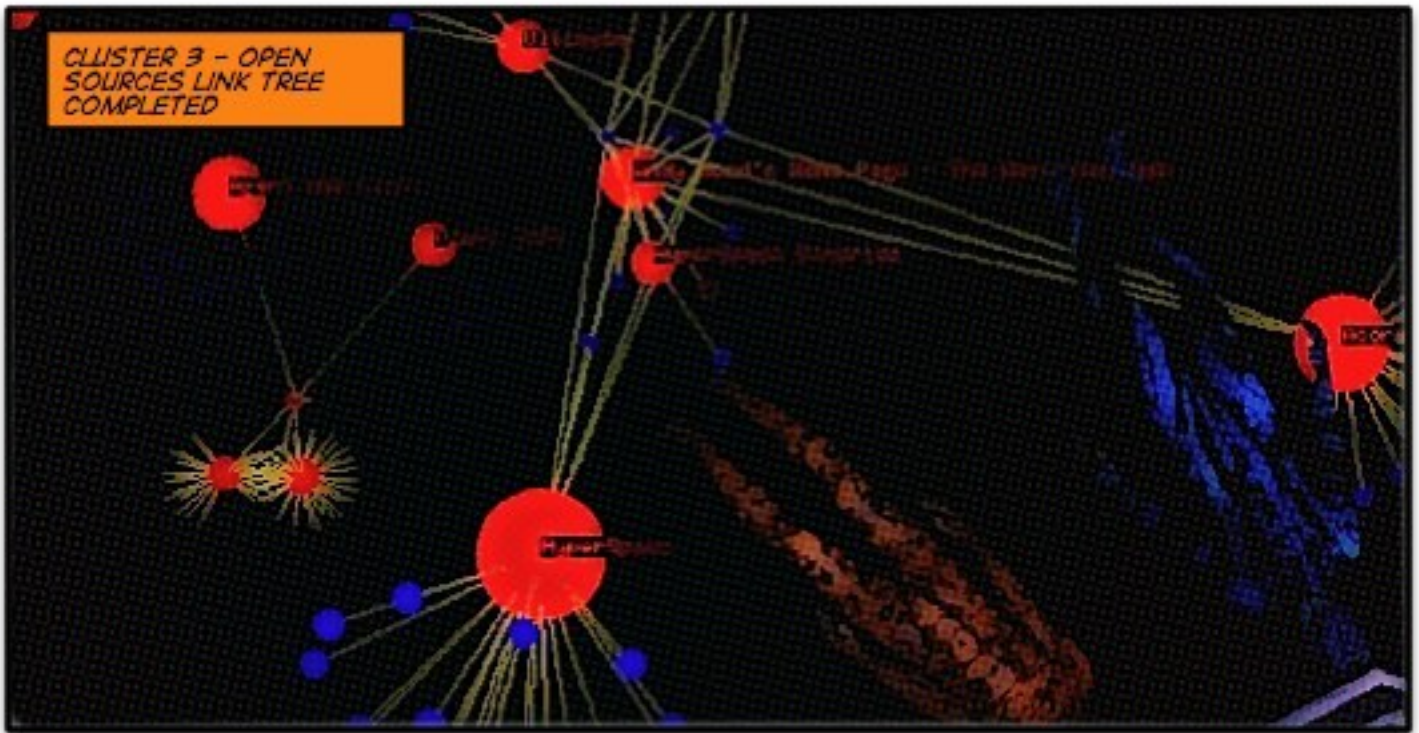


... IN THE DIGITAL WORLD...



- OPENING ALL CONNECTIONS TO THE MAPPED INTERNET
- LOADING ONION ROUTING MAP
- ASSIGNING TARGET: HOLLYBURTON INC.
- ASSIGNING SUB-TARGETS:
  - \* CLUSTERS 1 TO 4: OPEN SOURCES RESEARCH
  - \* CLUSTER 5 TO 8: MAILSERVER BRUTEFORCE
  - \* CLUSTER 9 TO 14: MASTER SERVERS COMPROMISSION
  - \* CLUSTER 15 TO 16: VERIFY THE COLLECTED DOCUMENTS

CLUSTER 3 - OPEN  
SOURCES LINK TREE  
COMPLETED



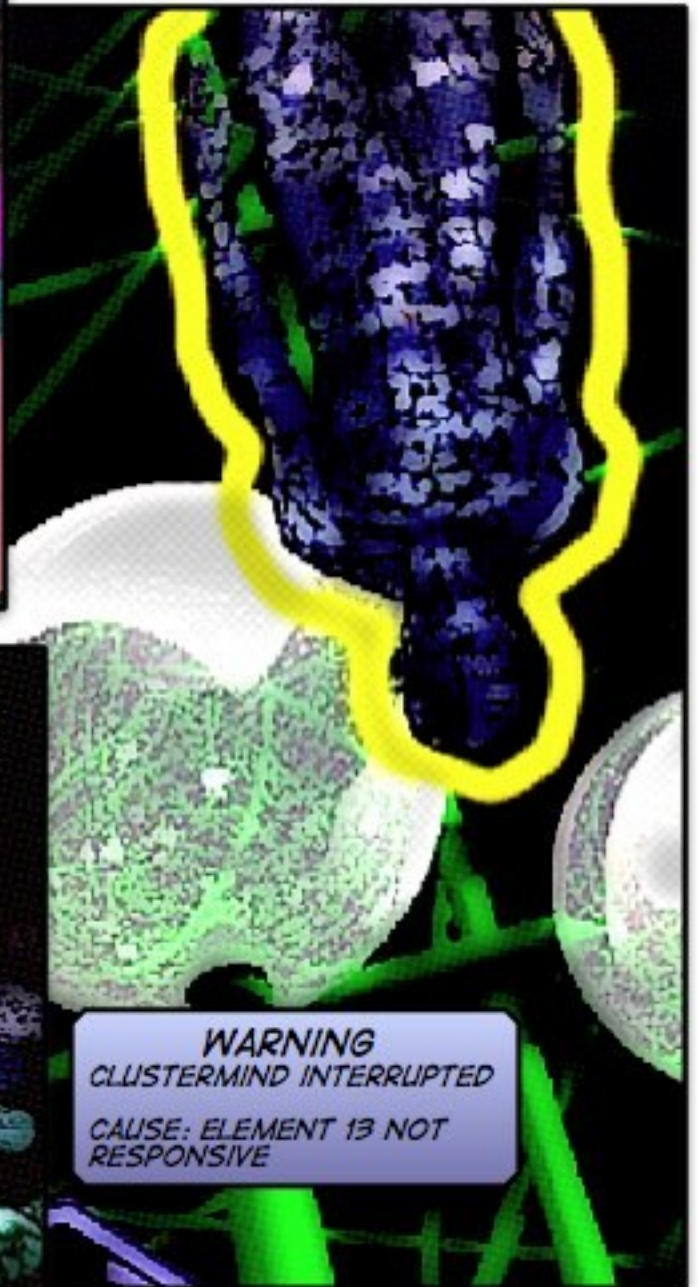
CLUSTER 6 AND 7 - MAIL SERVER  
ENUMERATION COMPLETED

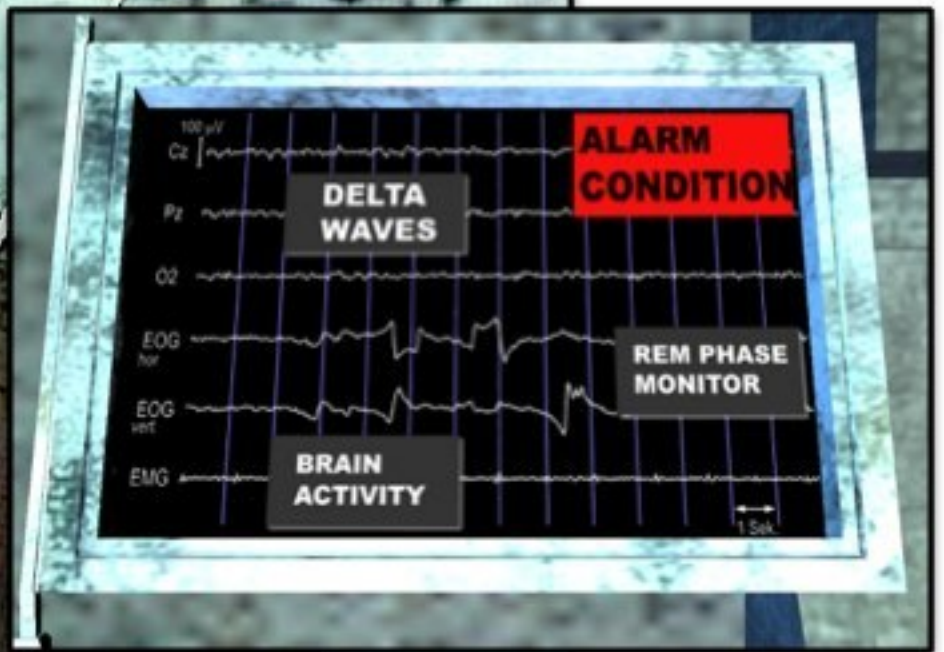
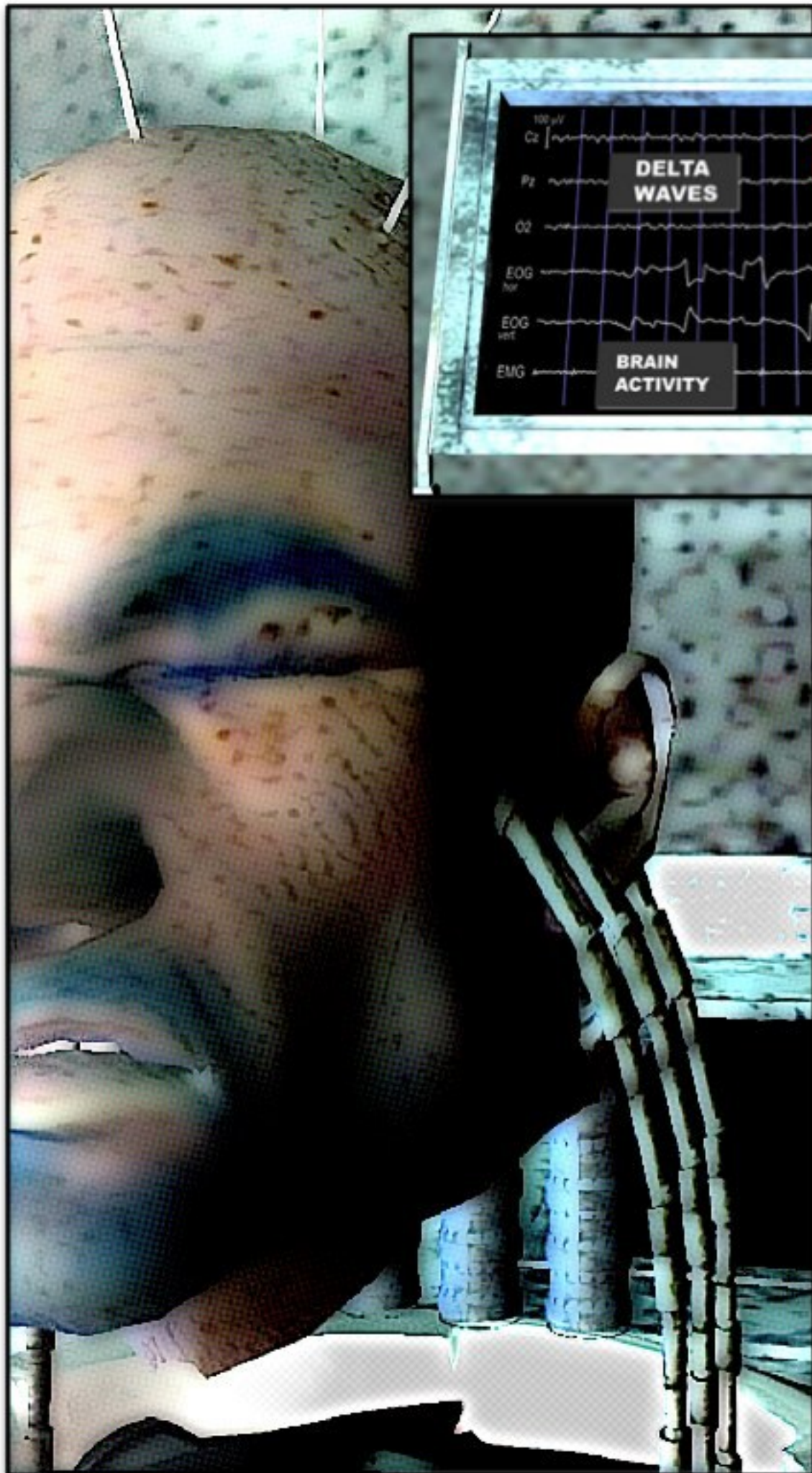


CLUSTER 8 - MAIN  
MAIL SERVER  
COMPROMISED -  
BUILDING MAIL  
CONTACTS  
RELATIONSHIP TREE



WARNING  
CLUSTERMIND INTERRUPTED  
CAUSE: ELEMENT 13 NOT  
RESPONSIVE

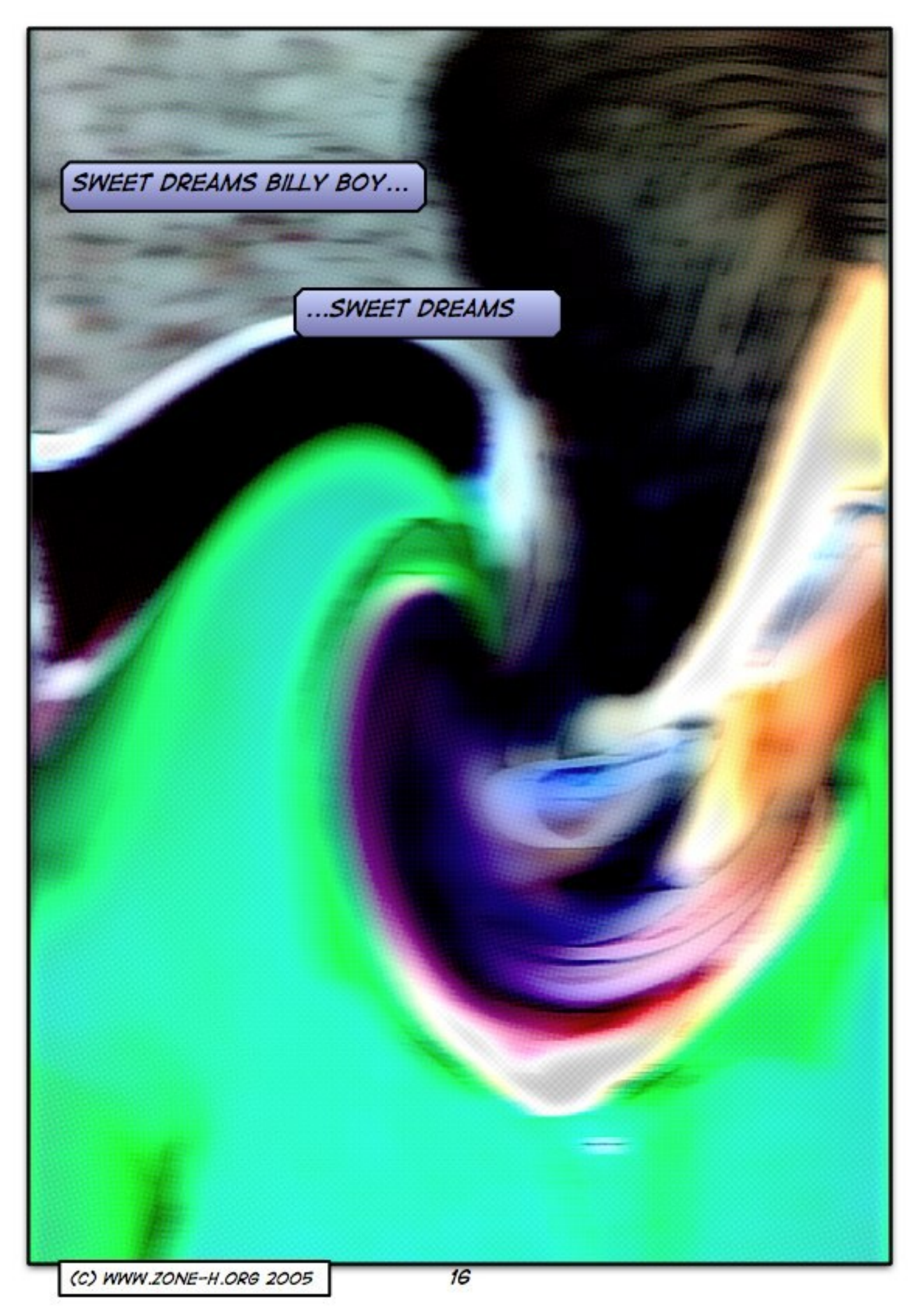






OOHH BILLY BOY, YOU  
ARE ALWAYS WAKING  
UP BREAKING THE  
CLUSTERMIND CHAIN...

YOU MUST BE A GOOD  
BOY, LET DADDY SETS YOU  
ASLEEP WITH A BIT OF  
HYPNOTIC ENDORPHINS...



*SWEET DREAMS BILLY BOY...*

*...SWEET DREAMS*





- SUCCESSFULLY RE-ESTABLISHED CONNECTION WITH ELEMENT 13
- CLUSTERMIND RESPONSIVENESS TEST: PASSED
- UNFREEZING SUSPENDED JOBS

TWO MONTHS LATER, SYS AND DIVINE SHADOW ARE BRIEFING EVIL ANGELICA ABOUT THE DEFCON CONFERENCE...



... AND YOU SHOULD HAVE SEEN THE FACE OF THE FED THAT THE DEFCON GUYS SPOTTED THANKS TO HIS SMTP ON THE CLEAR! THE DEFCON CROWD WAS LAUGHING SO LOUD AT THE FINAL CEREMONY...

HAHAHA! I CAN IMAGINE

AT LEAST THE FED GUY HAD ENOUGH BALLS TO STAND ON THE STAGE AND SHOW HIS FACE TO THE HACKER CROWD! GOOD SPIRIT INDEED!

BY THE WAY, HOW WAS YOUR MEETING WITH FYODOR?



WELL, WE HAD OUR TRADITIONAL LUNCH AT THE EL-VEE HARD ROCK CAFE

AND HOW WAS IT?

IT WAS NICE IF ONLY FYODOR WASN'T SO WORRIED ABOUT HIS FRIEND BILLY WHO WAS KIDNAPPED NEARLY TWO MONTHS AGO





YEAH, A VERY STRANGE STORY, THIS BILLY GUY WAS KIDNAPPED AFTER A LOCAL HACK-MEETING. HE IS AN NMAP CORE DEVELOPER AND TOP NOTCH HACKER

GUYS, BELIEVE IT OR NOT, I SENSE (\*\*) AN INCOMING VIDEOCALL THAT SEEMS TO ORIGINATE FROM FYODOR'S HIDEOUT (\*\*). I WILL TRANSFER IT TO THE HOLO-WALL

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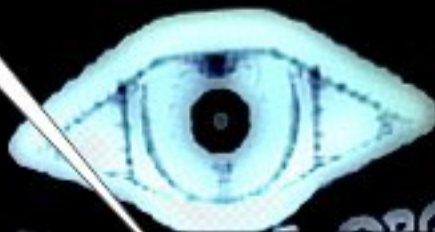


I AM ACTUALLY CALLING YOU ABOUT BILLY. I RECENTLY STARTED TO RECEIVE ON MY PERSONAL SERVER A LOT OF WEIRD PACKETS

THE INTERESTING THING IS THAT SOME PACKETS TRANSLATED IN ASCII ARE CARRYING A REPEATING PATTERN OF CHARACTERS : IFMQNF

IFMQNF? WHAT IS THIS? A KIND OF ACRONYM? IRC RANTS?

THIS IS WHAT I ALSO THOUGHT IN THE BEGINNING BUT THEN I REALIZED THAT IF YOU SHIFT BY MINUS ONE IN THE ASCII TABLE ALL THE RECEIVED CHARACTERS THEY END UP FORMING THE WORDS : "HELP-ME"



NOW, GIVEN THAT MY SERVER'S IP IS KNOWN ONLY TO A FEW PEOPLE, INCLUDING BILLY, I BELIEVE IT MIGHT BE HIM TRYING TO CONTACT ME ASKING FOR HELP

OH GOD, AND WHY THEN IS HE SENDING YOU THE HELP SIGNAL IN SUCH A PSEUDO CRYPTO WAY?

HE MIGHT BE USING A LINE WITH STRONG CONTENT FILTERS OR EVEN WITH FULLY SUPERVISED TRAFFIC. THIS PSEUDO-CRYPTO WAS PROBABLY HIS SOLUTION TO GET HIS MESSAGE THROUGH THE FILTERS WHILE STILL BEING SOMEHOW UNDERSTOOD BY ME.

FYODOR, HOW CAN WE HELP YOU?



I'D LIKE YOU TO DOUBLE-CHECK THE DUMP OF SUCH TRAFFIC, I HAVE AN IDEA BUT I WANT TO VERIFY

CAN YOU STORE THE DUMPED TRAFFIC IF I SEND IT TO YOU RIGHT NOW ?

NO PRBLEM FYODOR, I AM ALREADY DUMPING THIS VIDEOCALL HEHE!

AHH, YOU MUST BE EVIL, SYS AND DIVINE SHADOW TOLD ME A LOT ABOUT YOU IN VEGAS... NICE TO MEET YOU!

LET OUR BOYZ AT THE OFFICE ANALYZE THE DUMPED DATA. EVIL VIDEO-CALL THEM AND ALSO TRANSFER FYODOR'S STREAM IN IT



VIDEO-SKYPE?

NO, SKYPE ISN'T SAFE, IT CAN BE USED FOR ESPIONAGE PURPOSES

REALLY? HOW?

I'LL EXPLAIN TO YOU ANOTHER TIME, TRUST ME

CONNECTION ESTABLISHED...

HELLO GUYS

HELLO EVIL AND HELLO FYODOR

HERE WE GO, ANALYZING THE TRAFFIC WE DISCOVERED THAT IT'S ALL ONION-ROUTED LIKE IF THE SOURCE NETWORK IS TUNNELING THROUGH AN ANONYMIZING TOOL SUCH AS TOR (\*)

AFTER THE GUYS ANALYZED THE DUMPED TRAFFIC...

YUP, THIS IS ALSO WHAT I GOT AND UNFORTUNATELY I HAVE NO WAYS TO CIRCUMVENT TOR

(\*) [HTTP://TOR.EFF.ORG](http://tor.eff.org)

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YES, WHAT FYODOR DOESN'T KNOW IS THAT WE POSSESS THE ACCESS CODE TO MATSUMOTO'S NETWORK CHIPS (\*)

THIS ALLOWED US TO TRACE EACH HOP OF THE UNION NETWORK DESPITE THE ENCRYPTION LAYER

COOL! AND WHERE IS THE ORIGINATING POINT?



OH GUYS, YOU ARE INDEED SURPRISING ME!



SEE EPISODE ZERO: PROLOGUE

IT SEEMS TO BE COMING FROM A STRANGE LOCATION IN MALAYSIA



MOUNT KINABALLU, A ROCKY MOUNTAIN ON THE ISLAND OF BORNEO



I GUESS WE HAVE TO GO AND FIND OUT



WHAT THE HELL IS BILLY DOING THERE?







ARE YOU READY TO COME WITH US TO MALAYSIA, FYODOR?

YEEPEE!



HEY, I LIKE IT!

YOU BET YOUR ASS!  
DO YOU HAVE ANY HACKER FRIEND THERE WHO MIGHT HELP US ?



HACKER FRIEND?  
MALAYSIA?  
UHMMM...



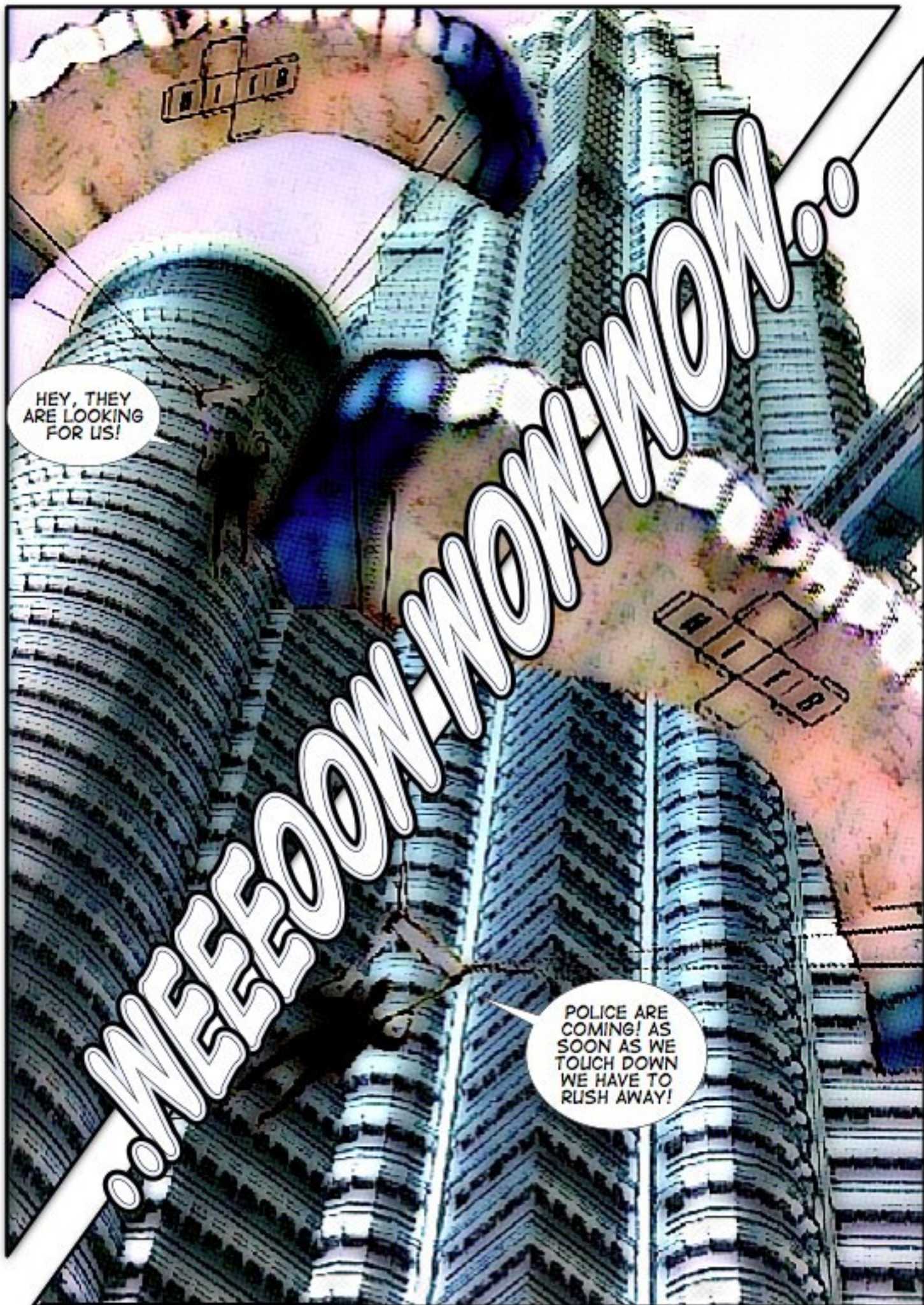
THREE DAYS LATER  
KUALA LUMPUR,  
PETRONAS TOWERS...

SPOONFORK,  
ARE YOU  
READY?

SURE  
L33TDAWG!

COOL MAN!  
THREE...  
TWO... ONE...





HEY, THEY  
ARE LOOKING  
FOR US!

POLICE ARE  
COMING! AS  
SOON AS WE  
TOUCH DOWN  
WE HAVE TO  
RUSH AWAY!



RUN  
SPOONFORK,  
RUN! WE ARE  
ALSO LATE TO  
MEET SYS AND  
COMPANY. THEIR  
AIRPLANE  
SHOULD HAVE  
ALREADY LANDED

I AM RUNNING  
L33TDAWG,  
AHNF AHNF, I  
AM RUNNING!

LATER ON, IN HITB'S HIDEOUT...



HEY GUYS,  
IT'S A REAL  
PLEASURE TO  
HAVE YOU HERE  
AT KUALA  
LUMPUR

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TERUTAMA  
SEKALI GADIS  
JELITA (\*\*)



WHATEVER  
YOU SAID TO  
ME, DON'T  
EVEN DREAM  
ABOUT IT

EASY  
L33DTAWG,  
EASY... YOU  
ARE ON A  
THIN ICE WITH  
HER

OH SYS  
DON'T WORRY,  
I AM USED TO  
THE  
MOMPRACEM'S  
TIGERS (\*\*)

HEY,  
DIDN'T YOU KNOW  
THAT SANDOKAN  
AND JANEZ WERE  
GAY?

(\*\*) ESPECIALLY YOU,  
BEAUTIFUL LADY

(\*\*) READ THE CLASSIC  
SALGARI'S NOVEL: THE  
TIGERS OF MOMPRACEM







SOON FYODOR SORTS  
OUT THE RESULTS


WHAT DID  
YOU GET,  
FYODOR?

I CAN'T  
BELIEVE THE  
RESULTS! THIS  
IS TRULY  
SCARY...

FIRST OF  
ALL, MOST OF  
THE RETURNED TRAFFIC IS  
INCONSISTENT IN TIMING  
AND MEANING, LIKE IF IT  
WASN'T GENERATED BY A  
DETERMINISTIC MACHINE  
BUT WAS HAND-TYPED BY  
A DRUNK HUMAN  
OPERATOR

BUT THE MOST  
INTERESTING  
THING HAPPENED  
WHEN I STARTED A  
NORMAL  
PROGRESSIVE  
PORT-SCAN

I SENT  
SCAN PACKETS TO PORT  
1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,0,11,12  
ETC., BUT INSTEAD OF  
RECEIVING MATCHING  
RESPONSES I RECEIVED  
THEM FROM PORTS:  
9,7,15,20,  
18,11,15,20,18,11,15  
13,21,26,24  
AND 17



RATHER THAN  
MATCHING THE PORT  
NUMBER OF MY  
QUERIES, RESPONSES  
WERE OFFSET BY A  
REPEATING PATTERN  
OF 8-5-12-16-13-5

FUCK!

SHIT!

8-5-12-16-13-5  
IN THE ALPHABET  
IS AGAIN:  
"HELP ME"

NOW I  
AM SURE, ONLY  
BILLY COULD  
CONTACT ME IN  
THAT WAY  
EXPECTING HIS  
CODES TO BE  
DECYPHERED

INTERESTING,  
VEEERY VERY  
INTERESTING...

WE MUST DO  
SOMETHING!



THE IP RANGE FYODOR JUST SCANNED BELONGS TO A CHOCOLATE FACTORY LOCATED AT THE BOTTOM OF THE KINABALLI MOUNTAIN, I CHECKED THE EXACT LOCATION USING THE REGISTRANT WHOIS INFORMATION AND INSERTING THE ADDRESS IN A FREE SATELLITE MAP SERVICE

CHOCOLATE FACTORY? SENDING CRYPTO S.O.S.? NO WAY!

LAZY ASSES! WHAT ARE WE STILL DOING HERE? LET'S GO TO KINABALLI!

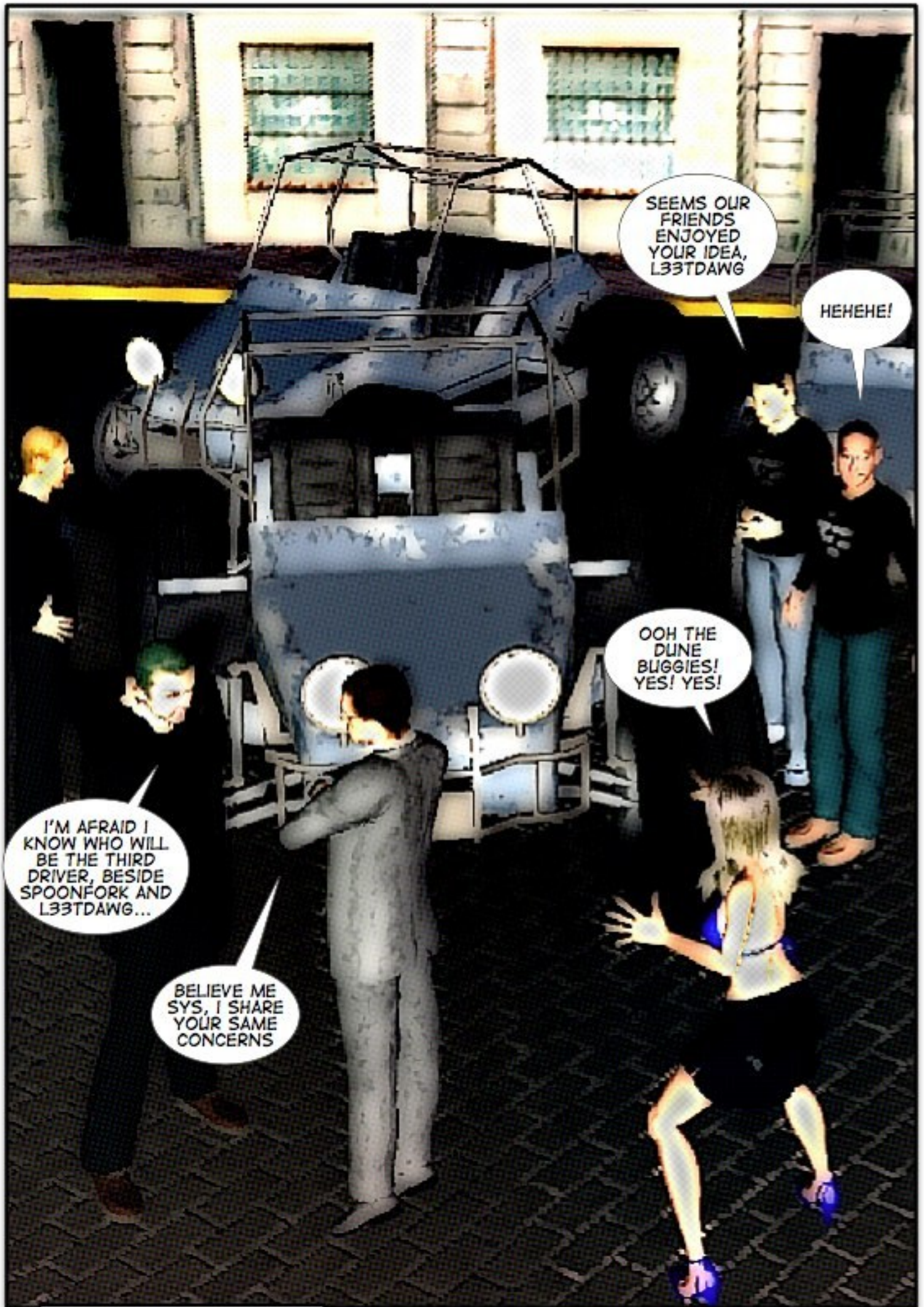
CARS? I HAVE A BETTER IDEA...



WE NEED A COUPLE OF CARS...



?!?



SEEMS OUR FRIENDS ENJOYED YOUR IDEA, L33TDAWG

HEHEHE!

OOH THE DUNE BUGGIES! YES! YES!

I'M AFRAID I KNOW WHO WILL BE THE THIRD DRIVER, BESIDE SPOONFORK AND L33TDAWG...

BELIEVE ME SYS, I SHARE YOUR SAME CONCERNS

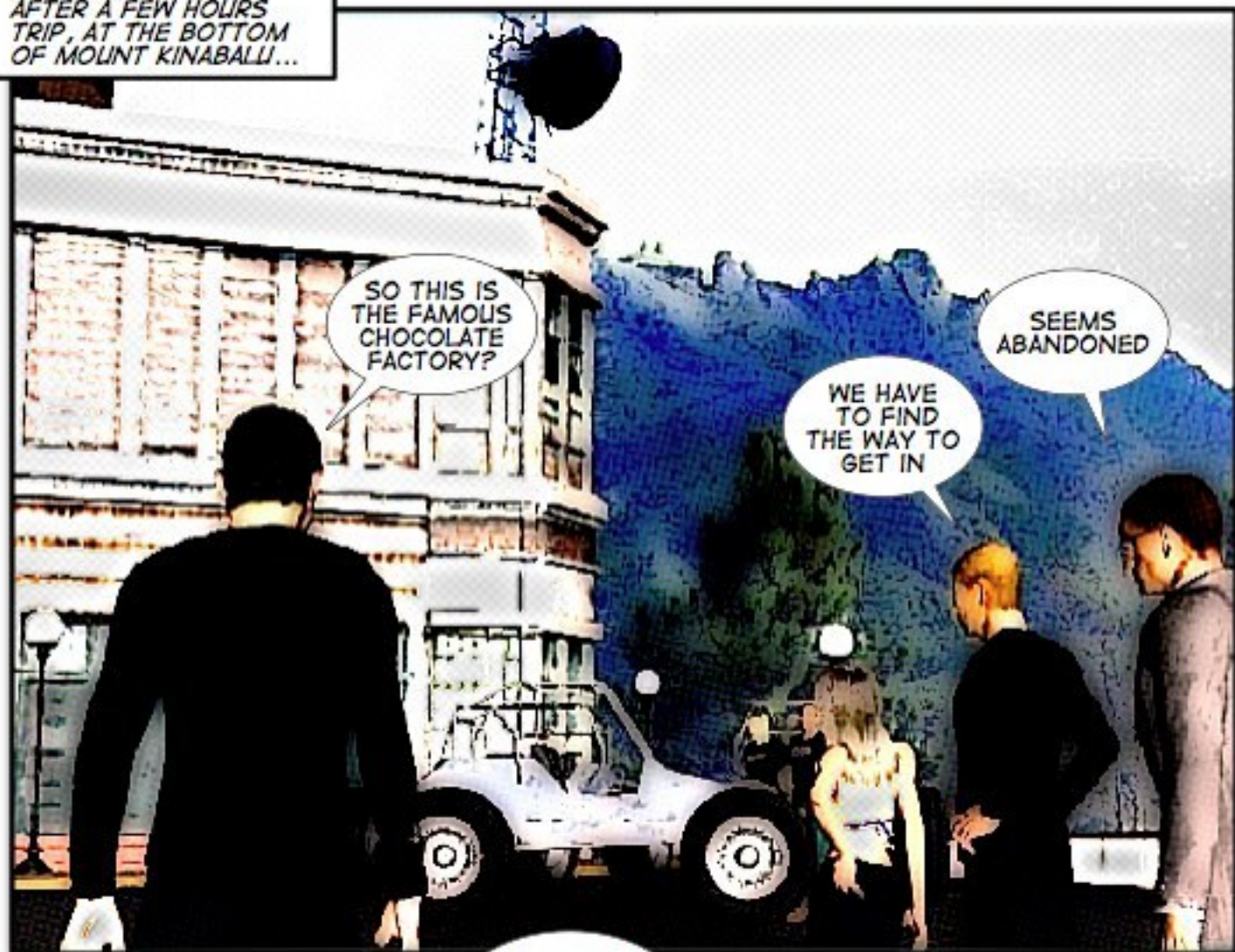
CONCERNS FULLY GROUNDED...

EVIL, FOR CHRIST SAKE!

SKREEEK

WHAT? ARE YOU FEELING... INSECURE?

AFTER A FEW HOURS TRIP, AT THE BOTTOM OF MOUNT KINABALLI...



SO THIS IS THE FAMOUS CHOCOLATE FACTORY?

SEEMS ABANDONED

WE HAVE TO FIND THE WAY TO GET IN



NO REASON TO GET IN, BELIEVE ME. YOU WON'T FIND ANYTHING IN THERE

SEE THAT ANTENNA ON THE ROOF? THAT'S A MICROWAVE LINK TO SOMETHING LOCATED AT THE TOP OF THE KINABALLI MOUNTAIN

I CAN SENSE AN ACTIVE DATA FLOW IN CLASS 10, LIKE IF THIS LINK IS SERVING A DMZ NETWORK BEHIND THE PUBLIC ADDRESS FYODOR SCANNED BEFORE



SEEMS THAT THE PEOPLE BEHIND THIS WERE CONFIDENT THAT THE ONION ROUTING PLUS THE WIRELESS LONG DISTANCE LINK WAS ENOUGH TO PROTECT THEIR ANONIMITY

WHATEVER PLACE IS KEEPING BILLY PRISONER, IT MUST BE AT THE TOP OF THAT MOUNTAIN

CAN'T YOU INTERPRET THE DATA TRAFFIC ON THAT MICROWAVE LINK?

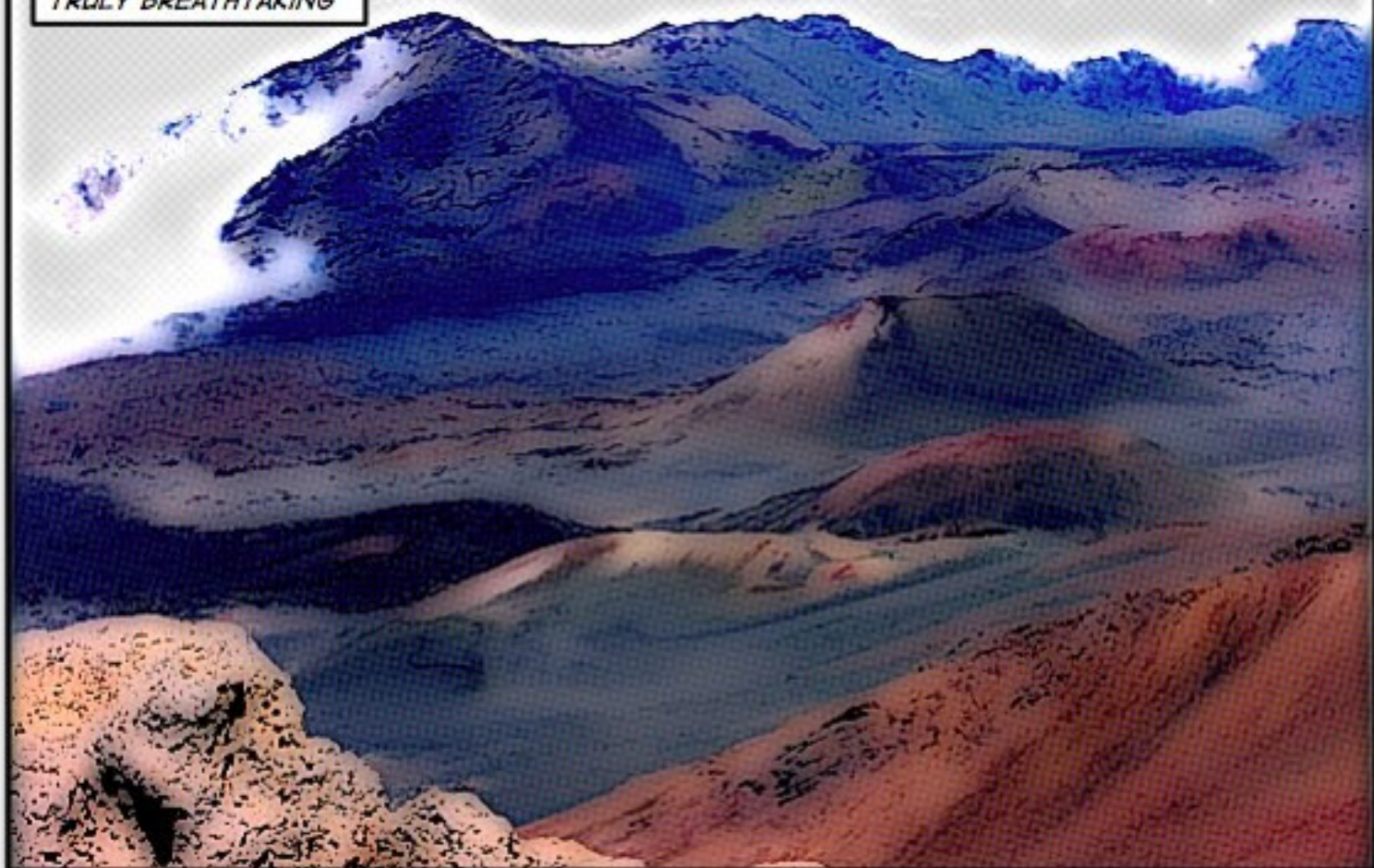


NO, IT'S CRYPTO, I CAN ONLY SEE THE CLASS 10 IP ADDRESSES IN CLEAR

MOREOVER, I CAN ONLY DETECT THE OUTGOING TRAFFIC AS THE INCOMING TRAFFIC NEEDS A PARABOLIC ANTENNA TO REACH INTERCEPTABLE LEVELS, WE ARE TOO FAR FROM THE TRANSMITTING POINT...

LET'S MOVE THEN...

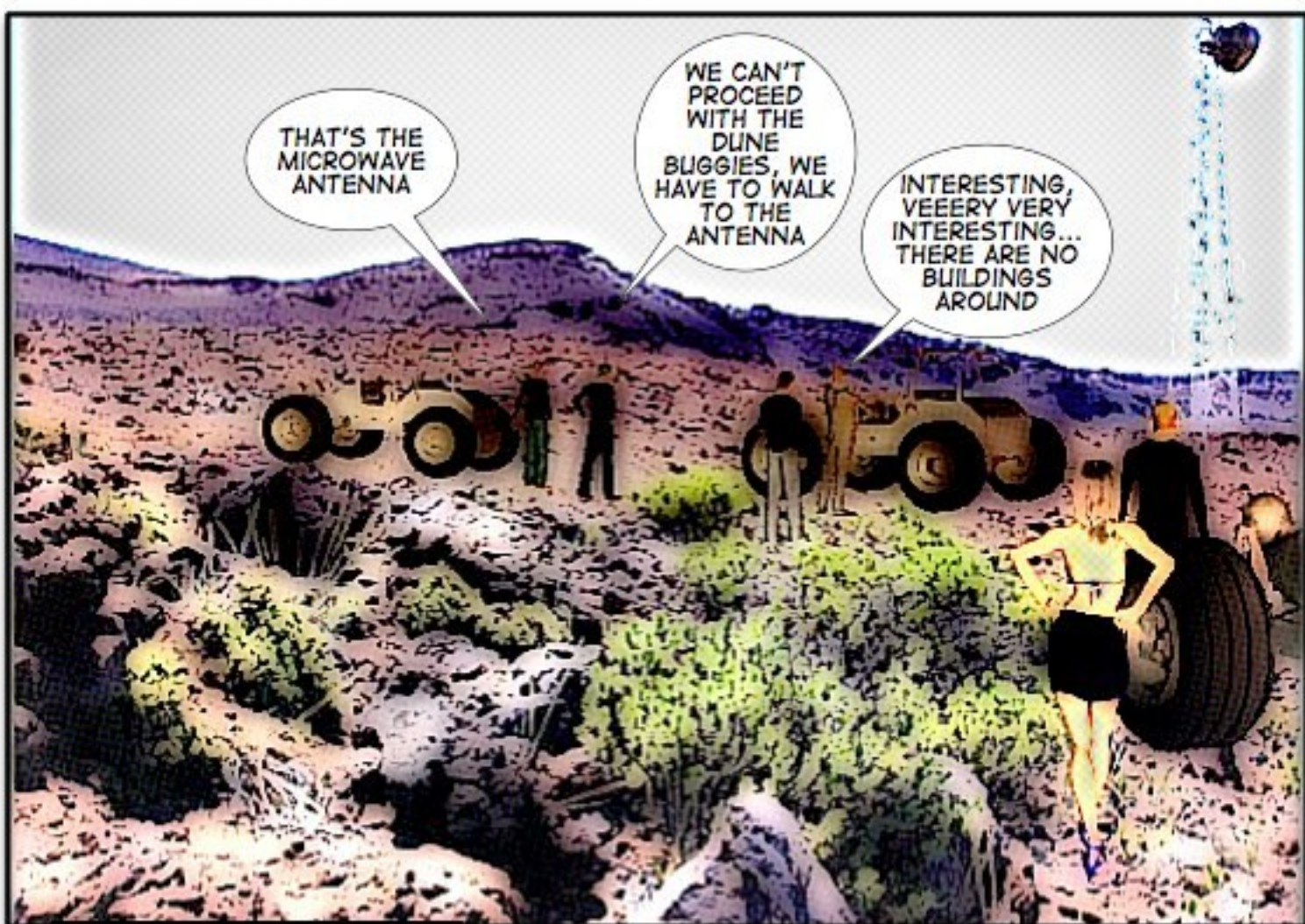
THE VIEW FROM  
MOUNT KINABALLI IS  
TRULY BREATHTAKING



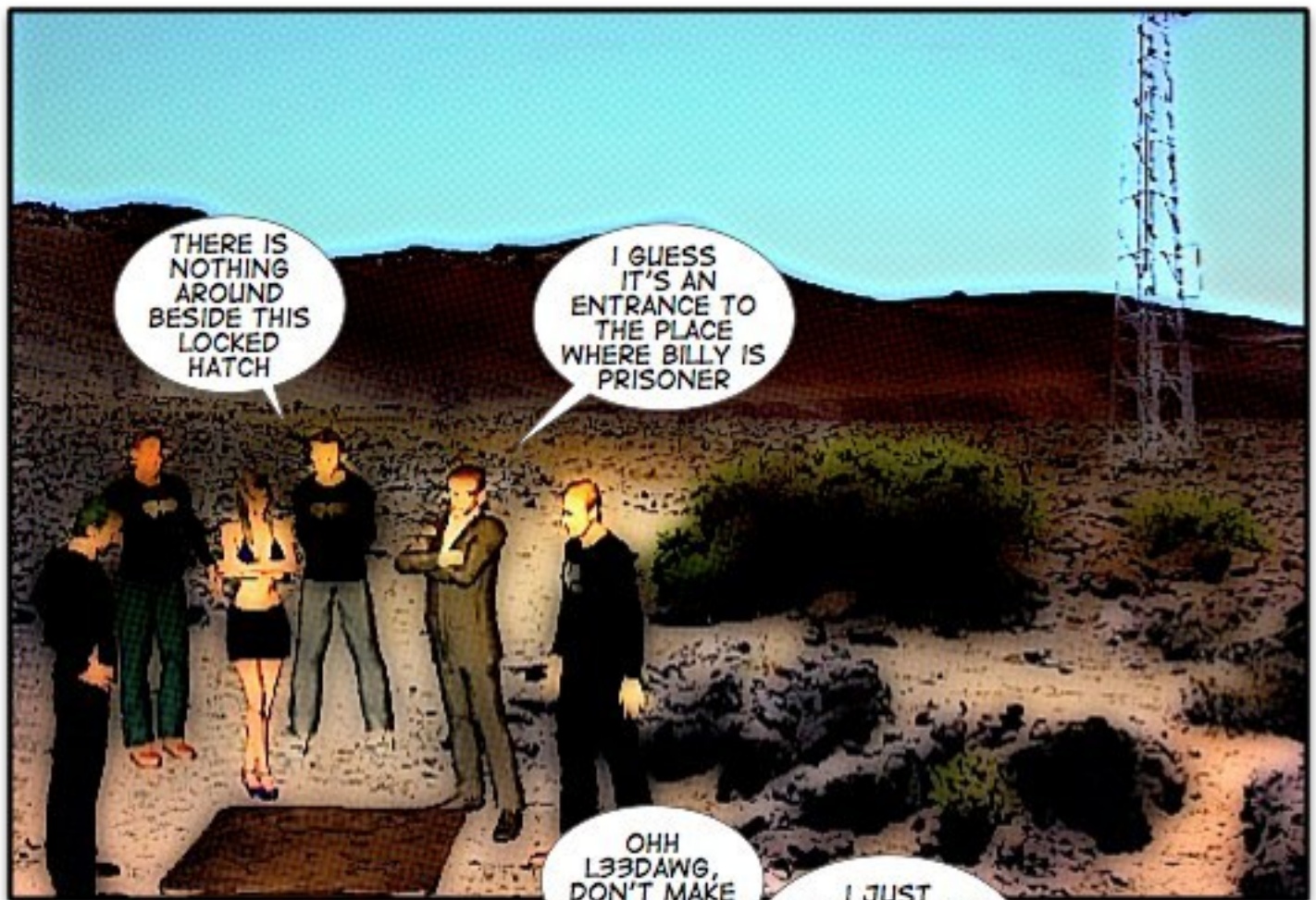
THAT'S THE  
MICROWAVE  
ANTENNA

WE CAN'T  
PROCEED  
WITH THE  
DUNE  
BUGGIES, WE  
HAVE TO WALK  
TO THE  
ANTENNA

INTERESTING,  
VEEERY VERY  
INTERESTING...  
THERE ARE NO  
BUILDINGS  
AROUND







THERE IS NOTHING AROUND BESIDE THIS LOCKED HATCH

I GUESS IT'S AN ENTRANCE TO THE PLACE WHERE BILLY IS PRISONER

OHH L33DAWG, DON'T MAKE ME BLLISH

I JUST WON THE ASIAN LOCK-PICKING CONTEST THREE YEARS IN A ROW...

IMPRESSIVE! IF I EVER HAD A WATCH I COULD HAVE SAID...TWO MINUTES AND TWELVE SECONDS



MMMHH I GUESS IT'S TIME TO SHOW WHY SPOONFORK HAS THIS NICKNAME. HE CAN OPEN WHATEVER LOCK WITH VIRTUALLY ANY PIECE OF METAL



DONE!

CLACK!

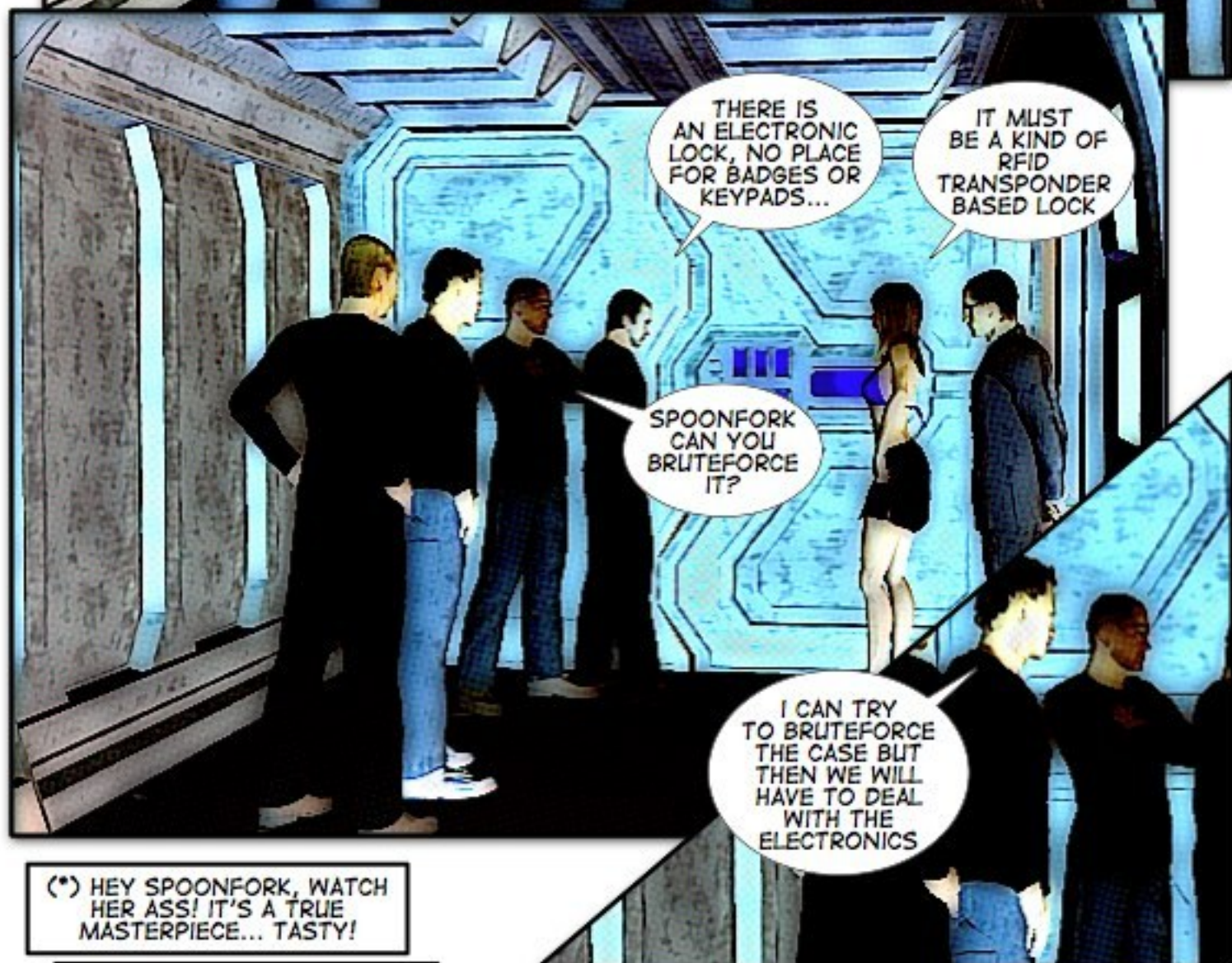
AFTER A VERY  
LONG DESCENT...



HEY,  
TELL TO  
FYODOR TO  
BRING DOWN  
HIS LAPTOP, I  
THINK WE'LL  
NEED IT

OH  
YEAH!

HEY  
SPOONFORK,  
TENGOK  
PUNGGUNG NYA!  
INILAH PUNGGUNG  
YANG PALING BESS  
SEKALY! SEDAP  
RASA NYA! (\*\*)



THERE IS  
AN ELECTRONIC  
LOCK, NO PLACE  
FOR BADGES OR  
KEYPADS...

IT MUST  
BE A KIND OF  
RFID  
TRANSPONDER  
BASED LOCK

SPOONFORK  
CAN YOU  
BRUTEFORCE  
IT?

I CAN TRY  
TO BRUTEFORCE  
THE CASE BUT  
THEN WE WILL  
HAVE TO DEAL  
WITH THE  
ELECTRONICS

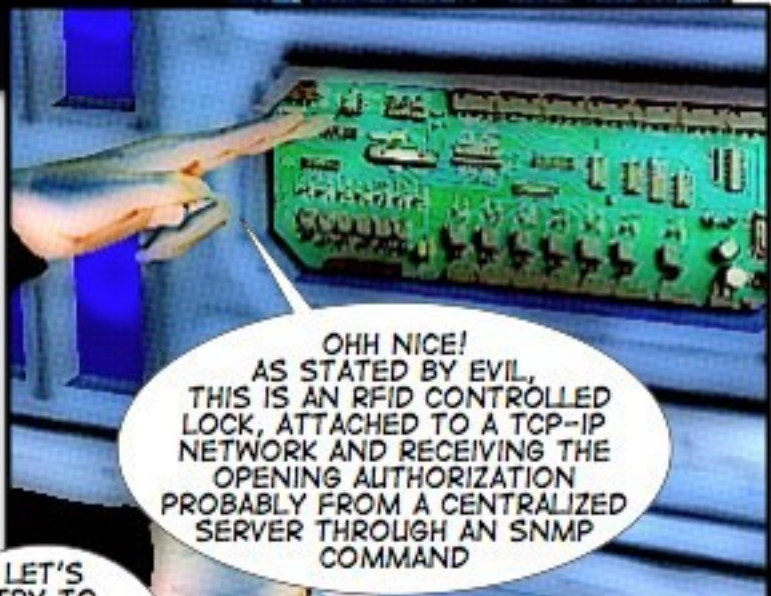
(\*\*) HEY SPOONFORK, WATCH  
HER ASS! IT'S A TRUE  
MASTERPIECE... TASTY!



THE FRONT PANEL SEEMS TO BE EASILY DETACHABLE



CLACK!



OHH NICE! AS STATED BY EVIL, THIS IS AN RFID CONTROLLED LOCK, ATTACHED TO A TCP-IP NETWORK AND RECEIVING THE OPENING AUTHORIZATION PROBABLY FROM A CENTRALIZED SERVER THROUGH AN SNMP COMMAND



LET'S TRY TO CONNECT FYODOR'S LAPTOP TO THE NETWORK BUS

IT WORKS! I CAN SEE TRAFFIC PASSING





(\*) AUDIO/VIDEO STREAMING PROTOCOL



(\*\*) SEE EPISODE ZERO: PROLOGUE TO UNDERSTAND THE NATURE OF EVIL ANGELICA'S POWERS

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BRIDGE ESTABLISHED...

OK, I AM  
STREAMING  
BACK TO YOU  
THE FILTERED  
H323 SIGNAL

UHMM YES,  
I AM RECEIVING  
IT, LET'S OPEN A  
PROPER CLIENT  
IN ORDER TO  
VISUALIZE IT...

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HERE WE  
GO! IT'S A  
VIDEO STREAM  
FROM THE  
INTERNAL  
SURVEILLANCE  
SYSTEM

I CAN SEE A ROOM WITH TWO PEOPLE, PROBABLY A GUARD AND A DOCTOR



THEN THERE IS A VIEW FROM A CORRIDOR. I CAN SEE ANOTHER SHUT DOOR. THE CORRIDOR HAS WINDOWS TO THE FIRST ROOM



THEN I SEE A KIND OF LABORATORY WITH A MAINFRAME, SOME MONITORING EQUIPMENT AND SOME TABLES WITH SOMETHING ON THE TOP. I CAN'T SEE CLEARLY AS THE CAMERA IS NOT WATCHING DIRECTLY THERE...



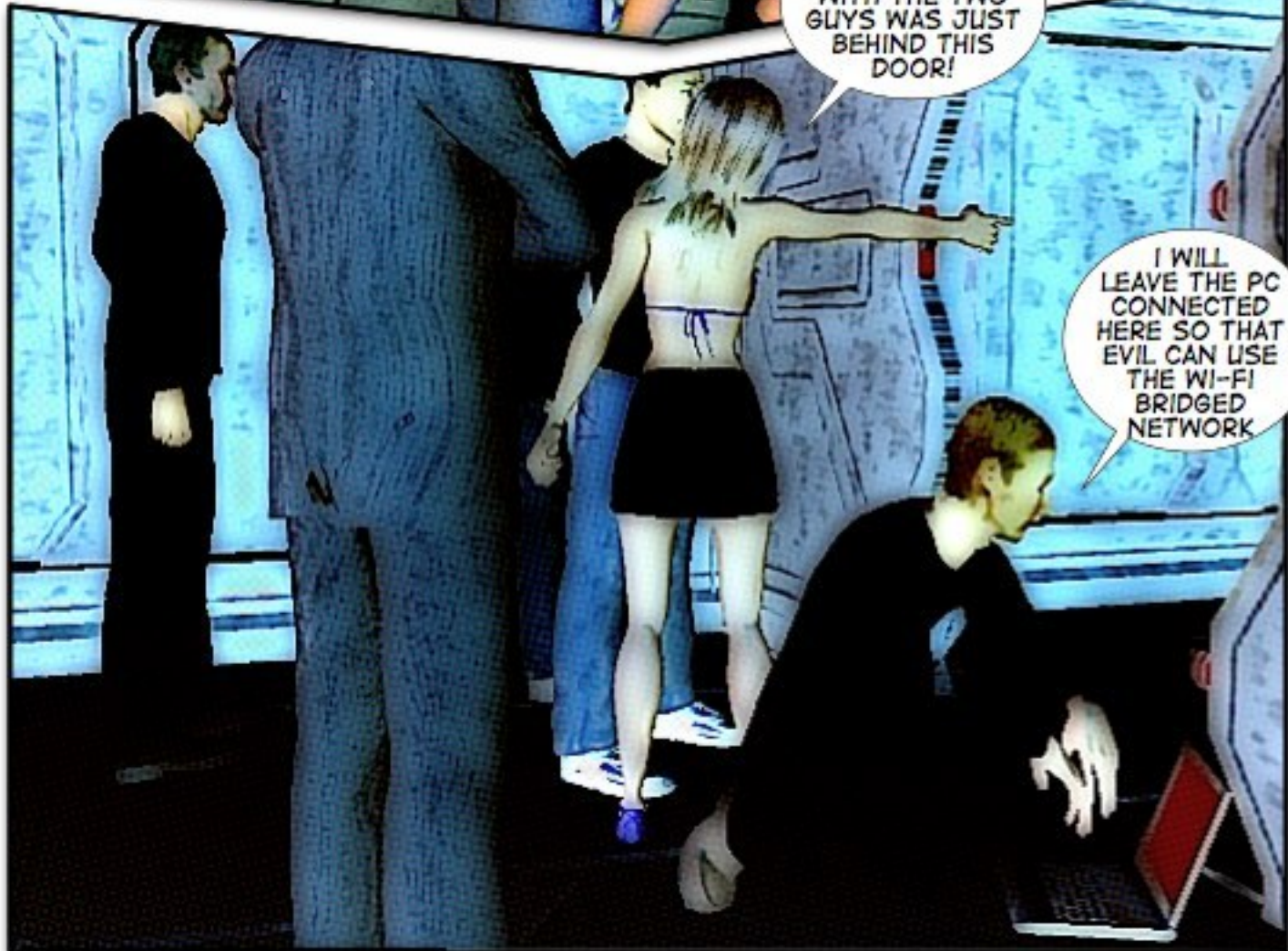
SOON EVIL AND FYODOR FIGURE OUT HOW TO OPEN THE DOOR



HEY, GOOD JOB!

PSCHHHH

ET VOILA!  
IT WAS JUST A  
MATTER OF THE  
PROPER SNMP  
PACKET



HEY,  
THAT ROOM  
WITH THE TWO  
GUYS WAS JUST  
BEHIND THIS  
DOOR!

I WILL  
LEAVE THE PC  
CONNECTED  
HERE SO THAT  
EVIL CAN USE  
THE WI-FI  
BRIDGED  
NETWORK













OH SHIT HE FAINTED!



SHIT IS THE RIGHT WORD! JUDGING BY THE SMELL HE MUST HAVE FILLED HIS PANTS

YEAH! JUST FAINTED, NO HEART STROKE

LET'S CHECK THEIR ROOM!



THE GUARD ROOM...

STRANGE EQUIPMENT INDEED

WHAT THE ... ?!?

THIS LOOKS LIKE A MAINFRAME TERMINAL



GUYS, I AM WATCHING...

...THE UNWATCHABLE!





SHIT!  
CAN I  
VOMIT?

I CAN  
RECOGNIZE  
BILLY AS THE  
LAST IN THE  
ROW

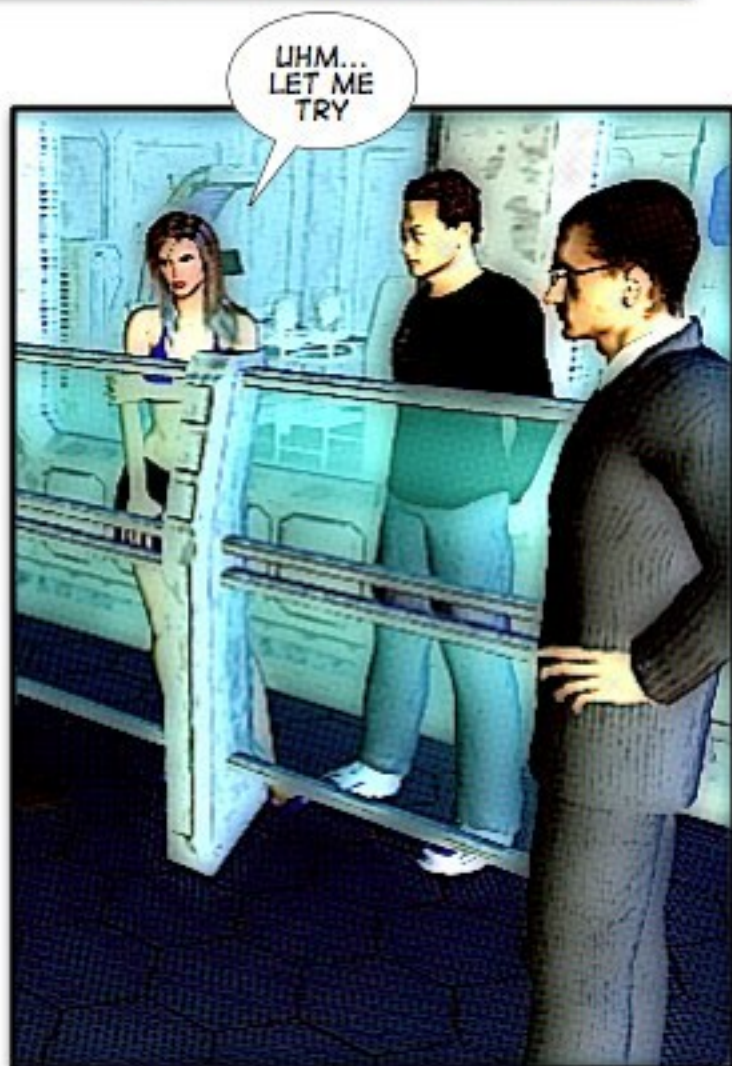


THEY  
SEEMS TO BE  
ARTIFICIALLY  
SUSTAINING LIFE  
ALL MANAGED BY  
THOSE MONITORS  
BEHIND EACH  
HEAD



GUYS,  
WHAT DO WE DO  
NOW? THIS IS  
THE MOST  
HORRIBLE THING  
I EVER SAW







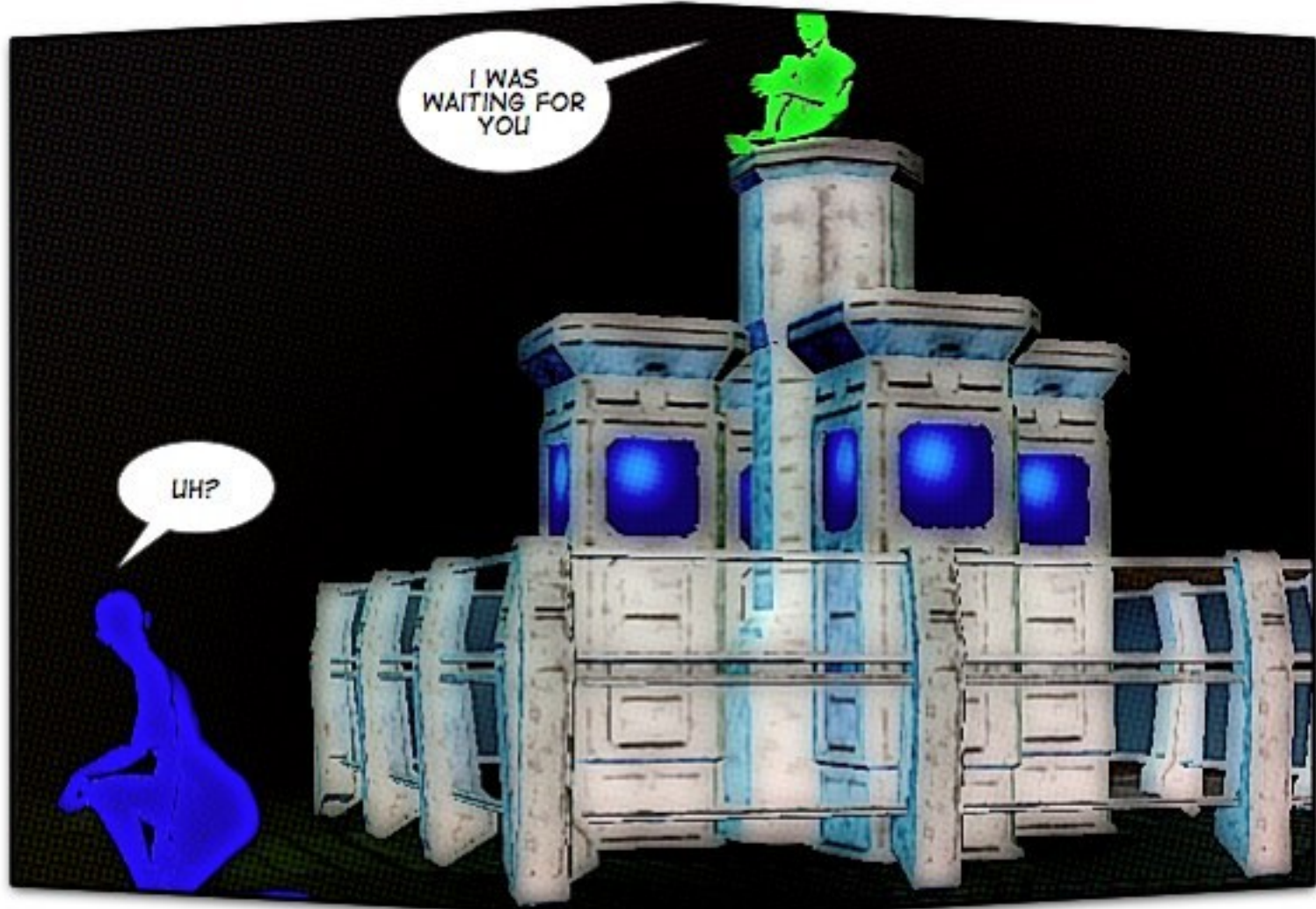


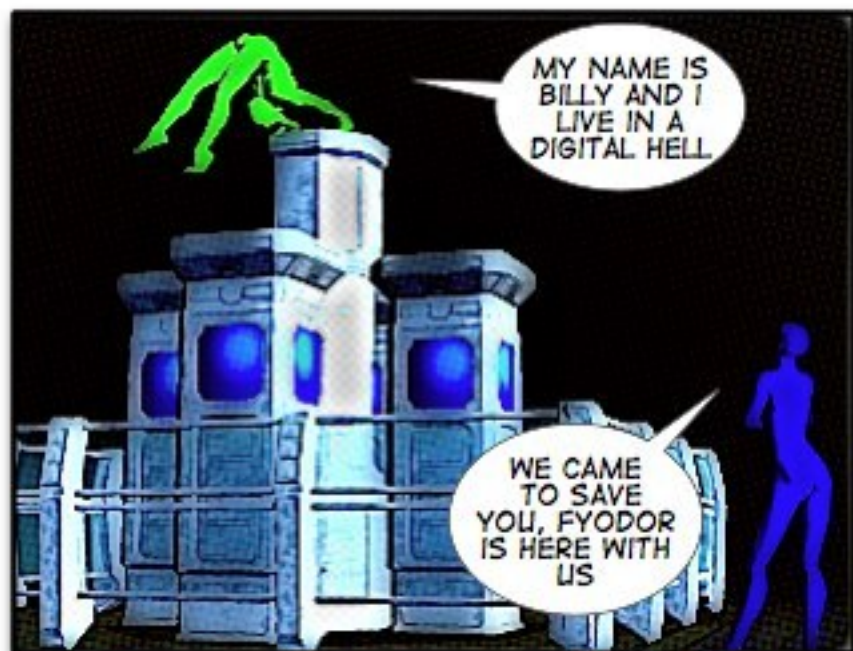
LET ME  
CONCENTRATE...



UHMMM...  
WHERE AM  
I?

WELCOME!





MY NAME IS BILLY AND I LIVE IN A DIGITAL HELL

WE CAME TO SAVE YOU, FYODOR IS HERE WITH US



TO SAVE ME? IT MIGHT BE A LITTLE... COMPLICATED



I DON'T KNOW IF YOU NOTICED, BUT NOW I WOULD BE DEFINED AS "PHYSICALLY IMPAIRED" AS I SEEM TO HAVE LOST MY BODY

YEAH, WE SAW THE HORROR SHOW



DO YOU UNDERSTAND WHAT HAPPENED TO US?

NOT REALLY, I AM STILL RECOVERING FROM THE SHOCK ACTUALLY



IT'S SYMPLE! WE HAVE BEEN KIDNAPPED, OUR HEAD SEVERED FROM OUR BODY AND CONNECTED TO THIS MAINFRAME

WHY?



WE ARE THE MOST EFFICIENT FORM OF CYBER SPIES EVER

EACH OF US HAS A TASK TO PERFORM ON THE INTERNET. MY TASK IS USUALLY TO HACK SERVERS, GET INFORMATION THAT IS USUALLY ANALYZED BY SOME OTHER HEADS

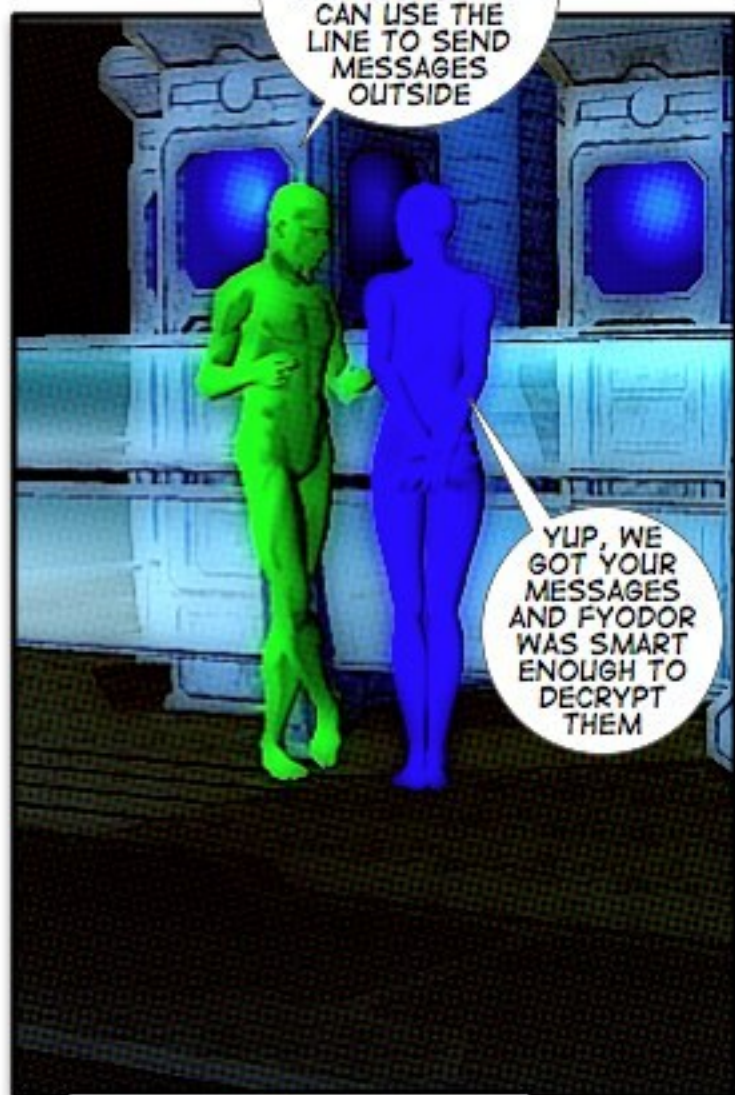


TO FORCE US TO FOLLOW THE ORDERS THEY USE A KIND OF HYPNOTIC DRUG THAT I CAN SOMEHOW RESIST

THIS IS WHY YOU HAVE BEEN ABLE TO CONTACT FYODOR?

AHH, THE GOOD FYODOR! BY THE WAY, WHERE AM I? I COULDN'T DETERMINE IT DUE TO THE ONION ROUTING OF MY DATA...

YES, FROM TIME TO TIME I CAN WAKE UP FROM THE HYPNOSYS AND CAN USE THE LINE TO SEND MESSAGES OUTSIDE



YUP, WE GOT YOUR MESSAGES AND FYODOR WAS SMART ENOUGH TO DECRYPT THEM



YOU ARE IN A LABORATORY LOCATED UNDER A MALAYSIAN MOUNTAIN



WE ENTERED THE LABORATORY AND DISARMED THE GUARDS, NOW IT IS UNDER OUR CONTROL

UHM, NOW I UNDERSTAND WHY THEY DIDN'T COME TO PUT ME BACK ASLEEP



ANYWAY, I ALREADY MANAGED TO INFORM THE OTHER ELEMENTS OF THE CLUSTER ABOUT OUR SITUATION, THEY DELEGATED ME TO TALK TO YOU AND MAKE A DECISION

DECISION ABOUT?



THE WAY TO END THIS NIGHTMARE

DO YOU THINK WE WOULD LIKE TO LIVE WITHOUT OUR BODIES? OUR HEADS HANGING IN A CYLINDER FULL OF AMNIOTIC LIQUID?

?!



BUT... YOU CAN'T ASK US TO TERMINATE YOUR LIFE!



I AM NOT ASKING IT! WHAT I AM ASKING YOU IS TO HELP ME TO FIND THE WAY TO "PULL THE PLUG", THEN WE WILL DO IT OURSELVES

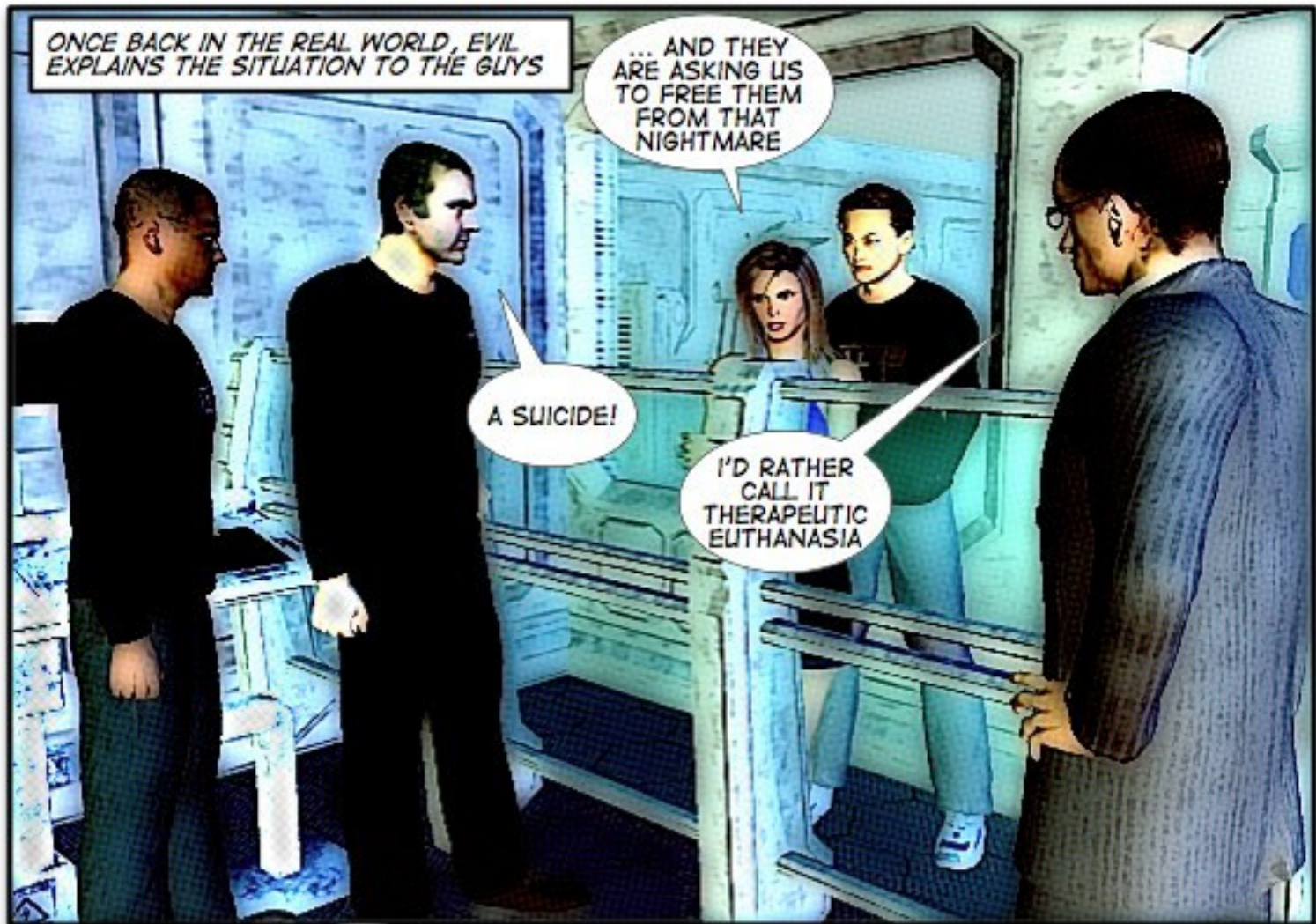


YOU ARE OUR ONLY CHANCE TO ESCAPE FROM THIS DIGITAL HELL...

PLEASE, HELP US

OK, OK! I WILL TALK TO THE OTHERS, LET'S SEE WHAT WE CAN DO

GREAT! I WILL WAIT FOR YOU HERE



ONCE BACK IN THE REAL WORLD, EVIL EXPLAINS THE SITUATION TO THE GUYS

... AND THEY ARE ASKING US TO FREE THEM FROM THAT NIGHTMARE

A SUICIDE!

I'D RATHER CALL IT THERAPEUTIC EUTHANASIA



WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO?

I DON'T KNOW ABOUT YOU GUYS, BUT IF BILLY ASKED ME SUCH THING I AM GOING TO HELP HIM

THEN WE ARE GOING TO HELP YOU AS WELL. I HAVE AN IDEA, LET'S CHECK IF THE LABORATORY POWER SUPPLY IS MANAGED BY A SCADA (\*) SYSTEM

(\*) SUPERVISORY CONTROL AND DATA ACQUISITION INTERFACE

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AFTER A WHILE, FYODOR FIGURES OUT HOW THE ELECTRIC SYSTEM WORKS...

OK, A SCAN TO THE FULL IP RANGE REVEALED AN INTERNAL WEBSERVER HOSTING THE ELECTRIC SCADA. NO AUTHENTICATION IS REQUIRED SINCE THEY APPARENTLY CONSIDERED THE INTERNAL NETWORK SECURE FROM ATTACKERS

FROM HERE WE CAN SHUT DOWN THE LABORATORY POWER GRID. EVIL, I CREATED A SPECIAL LINK TO THE SHUTDOWN PROCEDURE, ARE YOU READY TO BRING IT TO BILLY?

I UNDERSTAND NOW, YOU CREATED A LINK TO THE POWER DOWN PROCEDURE SO THAT BILLY CAN ACTIVATE IT TO CUT OFF THEIR LIFE SUPPORT SYSTEMS...


I HATE TO DO THIS, BUT I AM READY TO GO BACK AND BRING THE LINK TO BILLY



WELCOME  
BACK

I AM NOT  
HAPPY ABOUT  
WHAT I AM  
DOING





WHAT IS THIS?

THAT IS SOME  
HYPERLINK TO  
THE SHUTDOWN  
COMMAND OF  
THE SCADA  
POWER SYSTEM  
OF THIS  
LABORATORY



I SEE...  
WHAT A  
CONVENIENT  
WAY TO PUT AN  
END TO THIS  
STORY...

ARE YOU  
SURE YOU  
REALLY WANT  
THIS?



NO REGRET  
THEN AND  
NO EPIC LAST  
WORDS!

**CLICK!**



YES,  
WOULDN'T  
YOU DO THE  
SAME IF YOU  
WERE IN MY  
PLACE?

PROBABLY  
YES



**BZZZZZZ**

POWER DOWN...

THE LIFE  
SUPPORT  
SYSTEMS  
HAVE BEEN  
DOWN FIVE  
MINUTES

NO BRAIN  
CAN SURVIVE  
THAT LONG  
WITHOUT  
OXIGEN

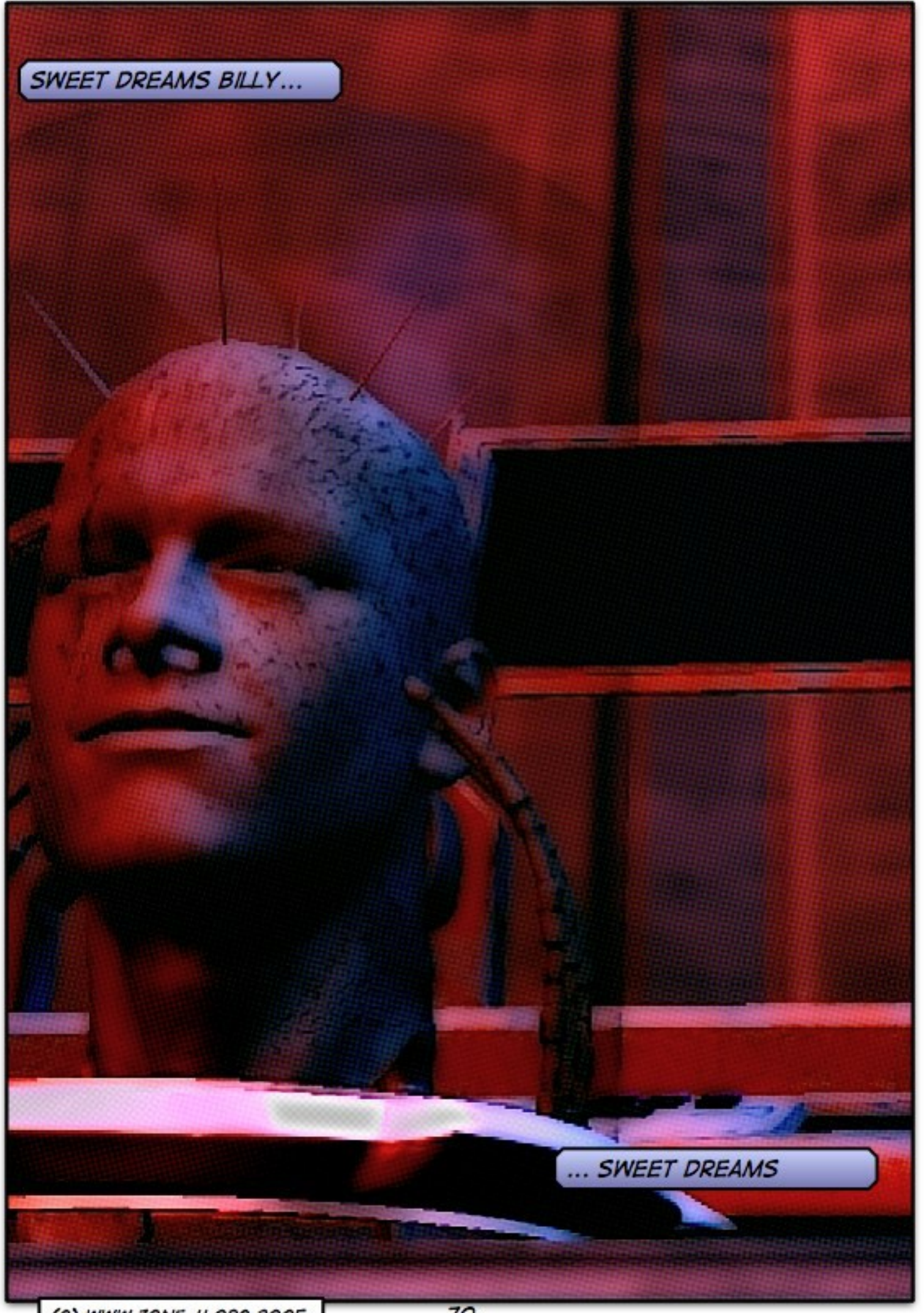
THEY MUST  
BE GONE BY  
NOW... BYE  
BYE BILLY

I WONDER  
IF I DID THE  
RIGHT THING

YES EVIL,  
YOU DID THE  
RIGHT THING.  
WE ALL DID  
THE RIGHT  
THING

TIME TO  
GO MY FRIENDS,  
THERE'S  
NOTHING ELSE  
WE CAN DO  
DOWN  
HERE...

*SWEET DREAMS BILLY...*



*... SWEET DREAMS*



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SOME TIME LATER, SOMEWHERE IN THE ANTARCTIC REGION, HIDDEN BELOW THE ICE...



...MATSUMOTO IS OVER-VIEWING THE REALIZATION OF ANOTHER PROJECT...

ABOUT THE MALAYSIAN INCIDENT, WE HAVE THE RECORDED IMAGES OF THE GROUP OF PEOPLE THAT RAIDED THE LABORATORY... A COUPLE OF FACES ARE FAMILIAR BUT I CAN'T RECALL WHERE DID I SEE THEM...(\*)

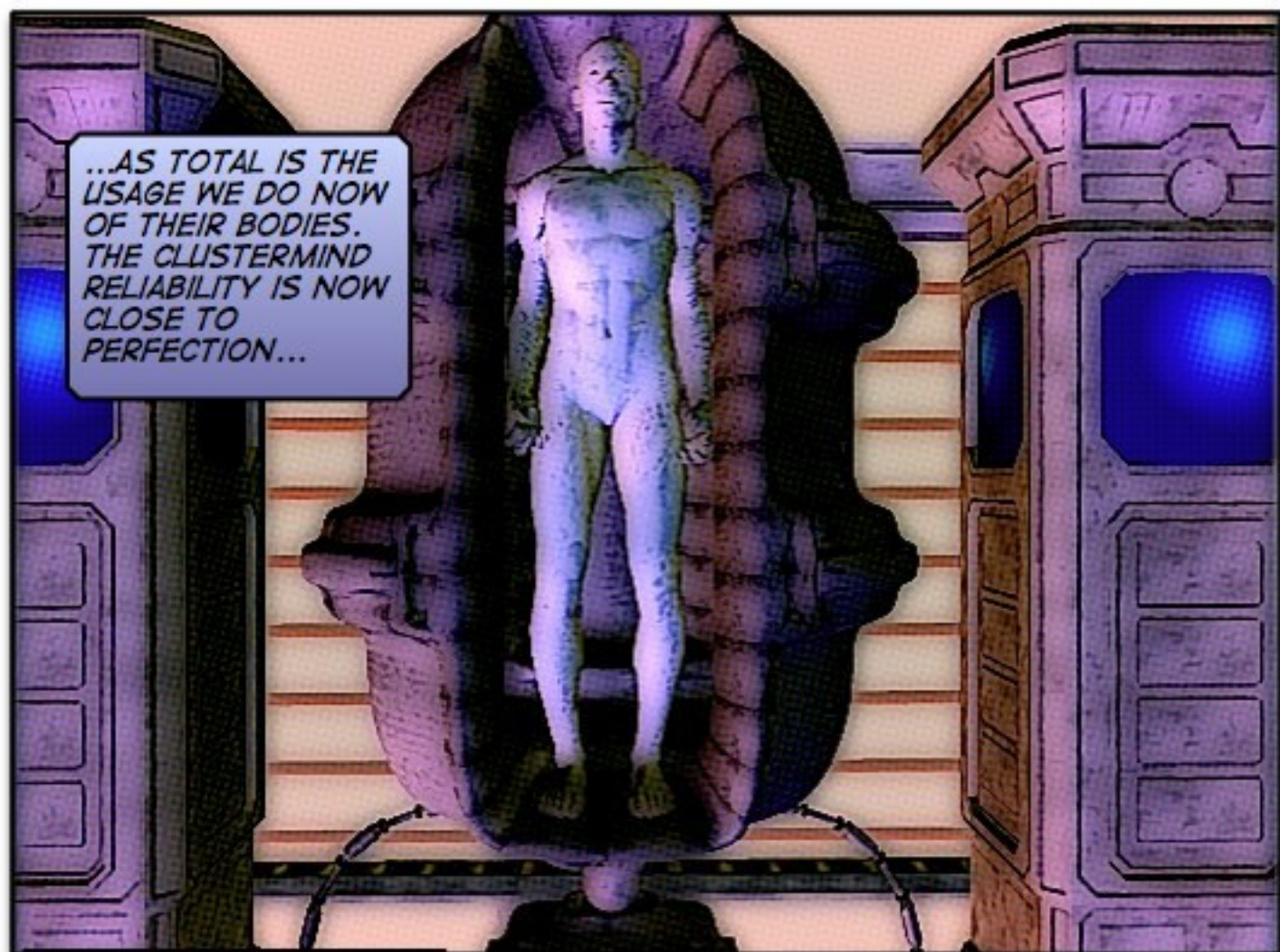
FIND THEM AND KILL THEM

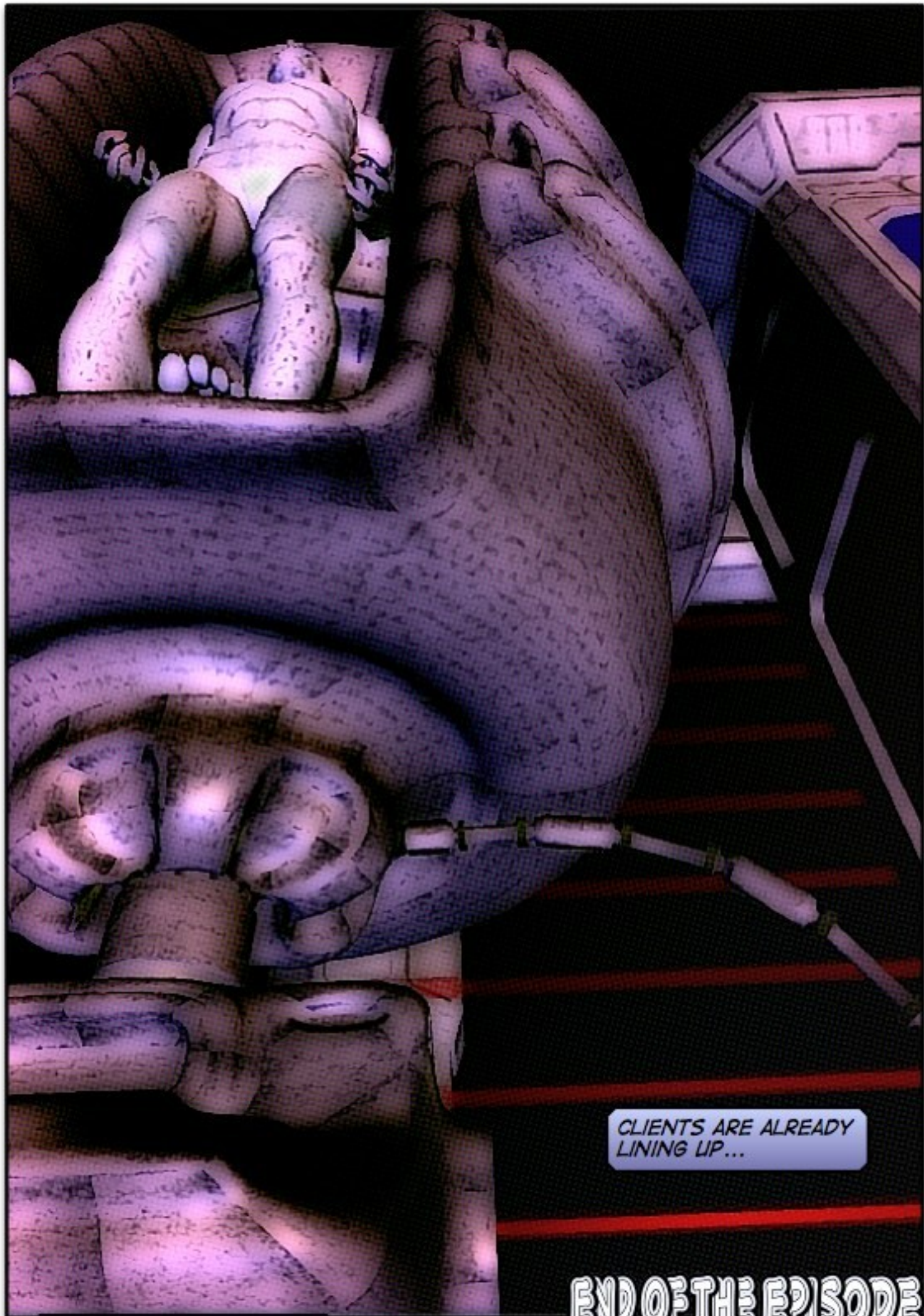


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CLIENTS ARE ALREADY  
LINING UP...

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