



THE REVIVAL

CHAPTER 16
FALLOUT

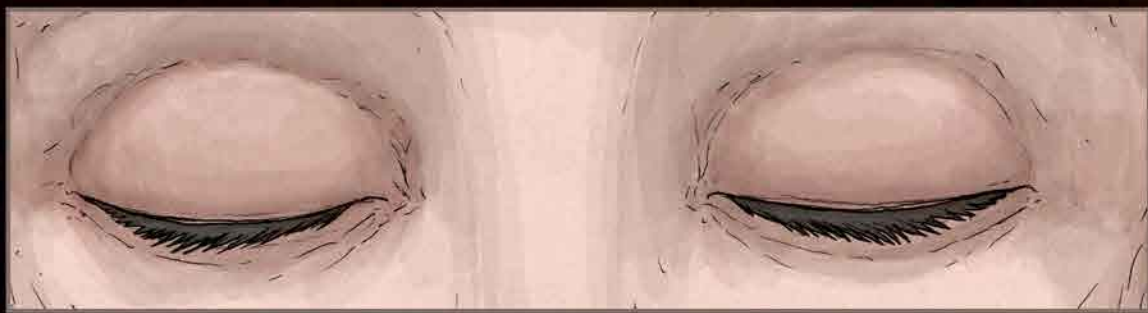
"THE DUST HAD SETTLED.

WHEN IT WAS OVER, I FOUND MYSELF TRAPPED
ONCE AGAIN IN DARKNESS. HEAD CAST TO THE
GROUND, I YEARNED FOR FREEDOM.
FINALLY, I LOOKED UP.

THE SUN MET MY GAZE. ONLY A SLIVER, BUT IT
FOUND ME STILL, EVEN IN HERE. BUT I WAS AT
THE BOTTOM... THE LIGHT COULD REACH ME, BUT
I COULD NOT REACH THE LIGHT. NOT ALONE"

-Spellbook of The Patriarch

CHAPTER
SIXTEEN
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HOW'S TATER?



SAME.
RED STILL WON'T SAY A WORD. SHE'S JUST SITTING THERE.



WELL, DON'T LOOK AT ME. I'M NOT GOING IN THERE.



I HATE THIS. EVERYTHING FEELS WRONG.



HEY, I DON'T LIKE IT EITHER, BUT WE CAN'T GET TO THE THIRD ACT WITHOUT THE SECOND ACT TURN.



...NOT THAT STORY STRUCTURE SEEMS TO MATTER MUCH AROUND HERE.



JUST LEAVE HER ALONE...
...LEAVE HER ALONE AND SHUT UP...



WHAT'S THAT, GRUMBLES? YOU'VE BEEN AWFULLY QUIET LATELY.

DON'T YOU WANNA CALL ME AN IDIOT OR SOMETHING? BET IT'LL MAKE YA FEEL BETTER.



GAH!
SHUT UP! ENOUGH OF THIS! RIDICULOUS...



WOW... THAT WAS WAY TOO EASY.





MODERN PEW PEW ACTION FIGURES!

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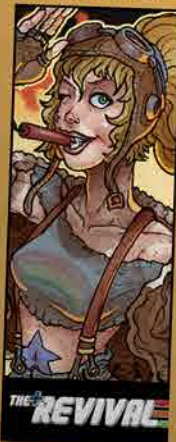
A POST-APOCALYPTIC '80s TOY WAR EPIC! GRAPHIC NOVEL VOLUMES AVAILABLE NOW ON MURDEROUSAUTOMATON.COM!



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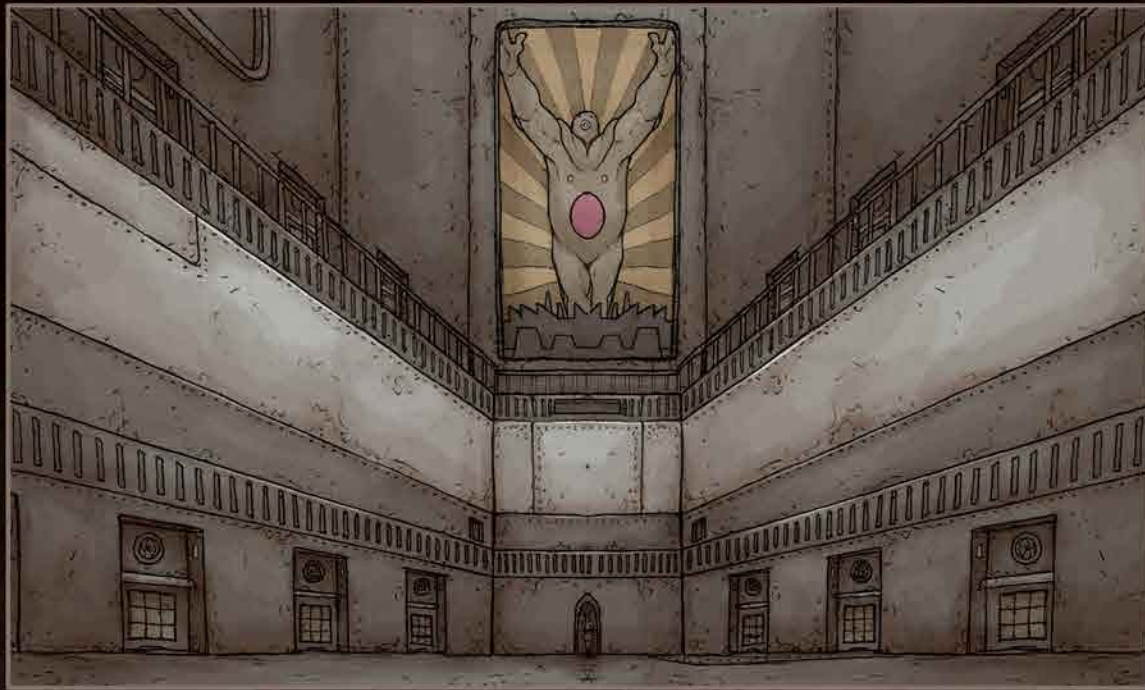
Code Name: **RAINBOW™**
DEMOLITIONS "EXPERT"



File Name: Rainbow "Rainbow" Rainbowski
 Primary Military Specialty: Demolitions
 Secondary Military Specialty: Comic Relief
 Grade: Mostly C's and D's

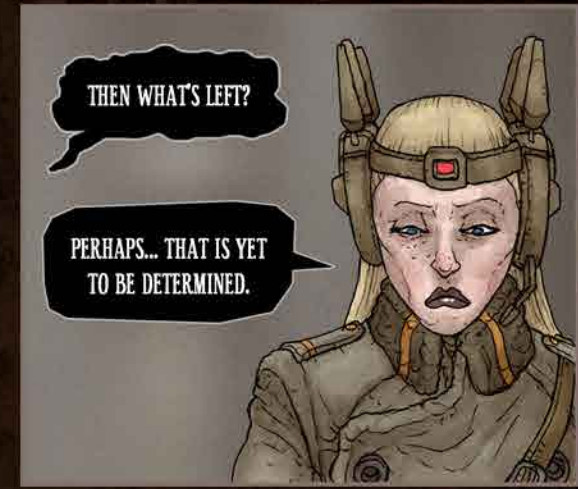
RAINBOW is by no accounts an ideal soldier, but what she lacks in discipline, training, competence, and loyalty, she makes up for in... uh... I'll have to get back to you on that. But she has no lack of passion for blowing stuff up, and RED has come to count on her destructive nature for when things go south on the battlefield. RAINBOW is also the self-appointed mascot for the comic, so we're just going to have to get used to her...

"I love bringing a little color back to this drab world!"



THEN WHAT? BACK TO A PRINCESS?

A PRINCESS HAS A KINGDOM AND SUBJECTS. I HAVE LONG SINCE LOST THE RIGHT TO CALL MYSELF A PRINCESS.

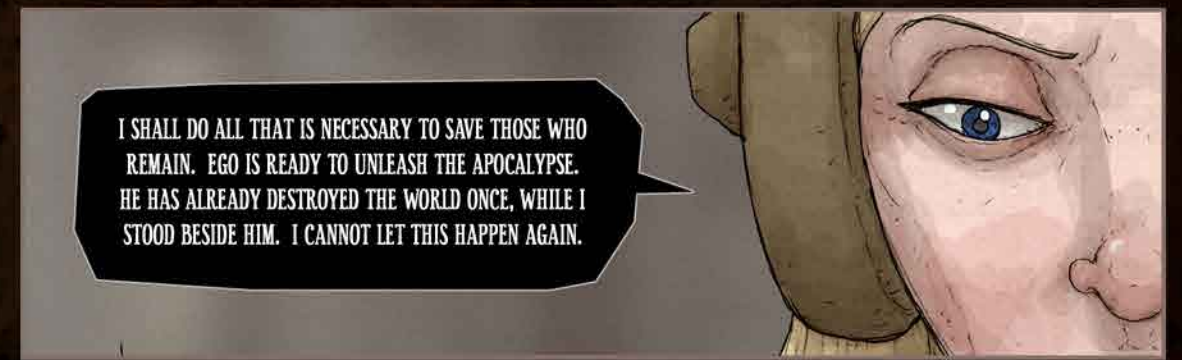


THEN WHAT'S LEFT?

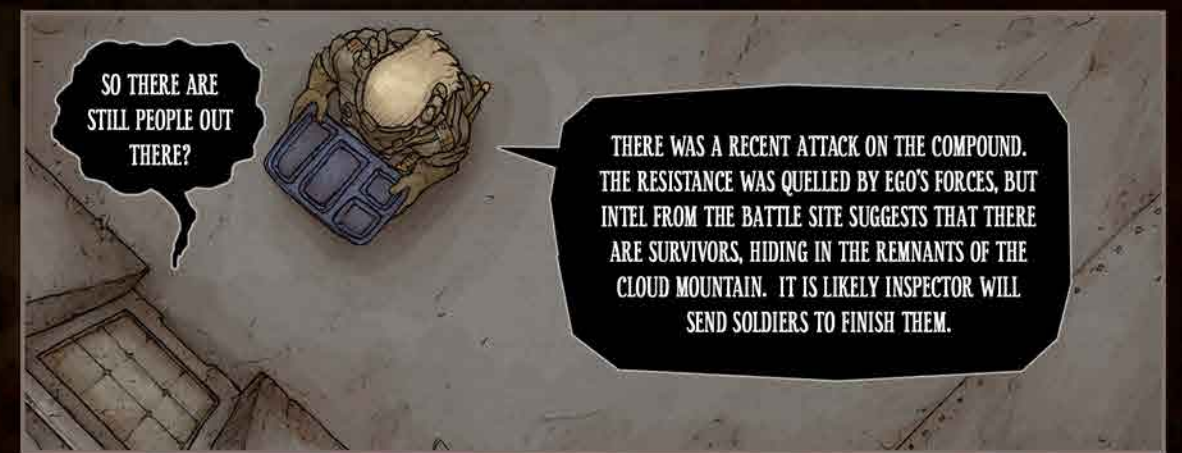
PERHAPS... THAT IS YET TO BE DETERMINED.



WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO?



I SHALL DO ALL THAT IS NECESSARY TO SAVE THOSE WHO REMAIN. EGO IS READY TO UNLEASH THE APOCALYPSE. HE HAS ALREADY DESTROYED THE WORLD ONCE, WHILE I STOOD BESIDE HIM. I CANNOT LET THIS HAPPEN AGAIN.



SO THERE ARE STILL PEOPLE OUT THERE?

THERE WAS A RECENT ATTACK ON THE COMPOUND. THE RESISTANCE WAS QUELLED BY EGO'S FORCES, BUT INTEL FROM THE BATTLE SITE SUGGESTS THAT THERE ARE SURVIVORS, HIDING IN THE REMNANTS OF THE CLOUD MOUNTAIN. IT IS LIKELY INSPECTOR WILL SEND SOLDIERS TO FINISH THEM.



...THEN WHAT WILL YOU DO?



THIS... WILL BE THE LAST TIME I COME HERE.



SO, IS THIS MY LAST MEAL?



NOT QUITE.



...WHAT IS THIS?

A KEY. IT WILL OPEN MOST OF THE DOORS IN THE FACILITY. STAY CLOSE TO THE WALLS AND MAKE YOUR WAY EAST THROUGH THE MAINTENANCE HALLS, TOWARD EGO'S LAB. SOLDIERS DO NOT PATROL DOWN THERE. A LARGE PIPE LEADS OUT OF THE LAB AND OUT THROUGH THE COMPOUND. THAT KEY WILL GET YOU THROUGH.



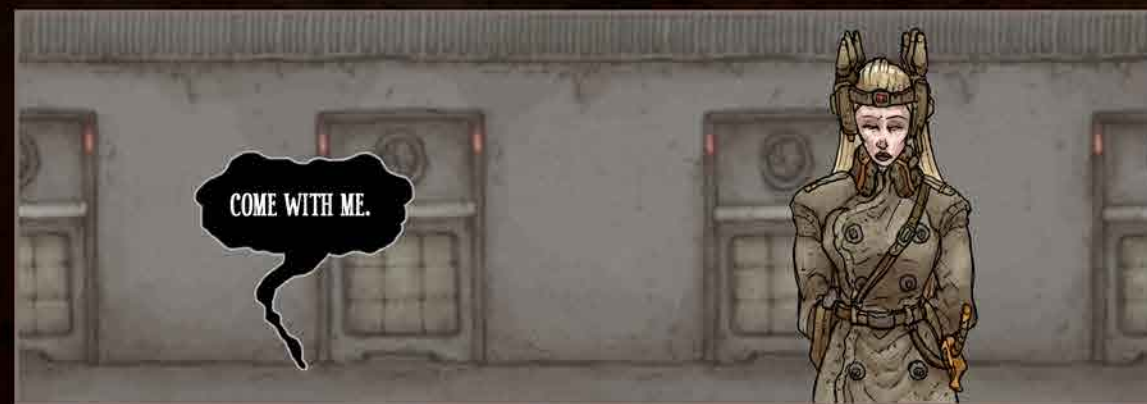
YOU'RE LETTING ME GO?

DO YOU KNOW WHERE THE CLOUD MOUNTAIN IS?



I DO.

MAKE YOUR WAY THERE. WARN THEM THAT EGO KNOWS THEIR WHEREABOUTS.

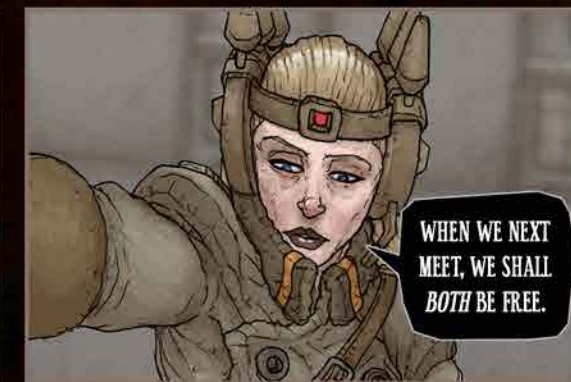
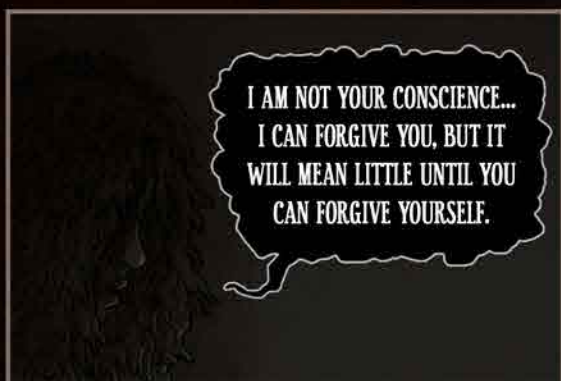


COME WITH ME.



NO...

I COULD NOT FACE THEM. THEY WOULD NEVER ACCEPT ME. NOR SHOULD THEY.



Nighttime.



The base is silent, its air still thick with lingering uncertainty.



Each room a theater of restless dreams.



All, save one.



He hasn't slept since they returned.

He's been poring over every tome, every volume, looking for *something* that will make sense of what happened.



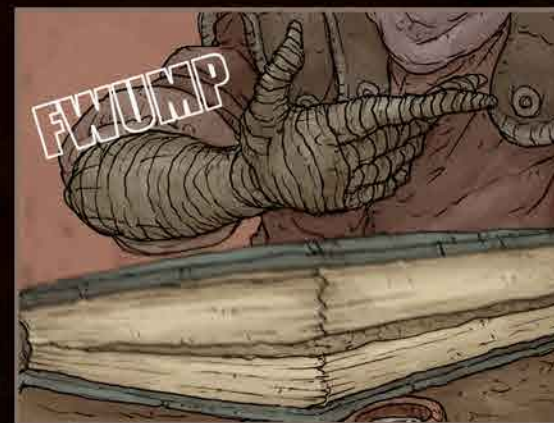
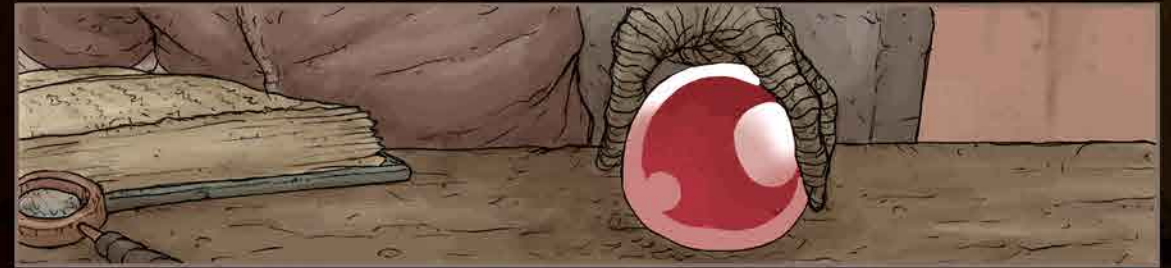
Something that will make it fit into the prophecies. The *rules*.



But most of all, he looks for a reason *why*.



Why was he not worthy..?

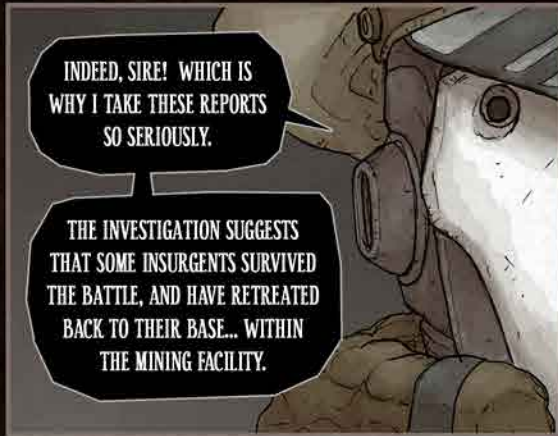


...HELL TAKE THESE PROPHECIES.



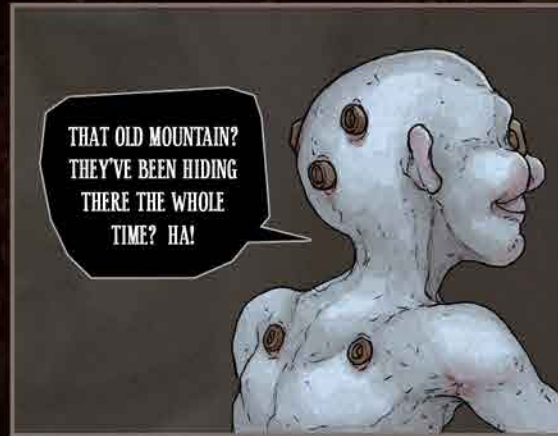
SIRE, THE INVESTIGATION UNIT HAS MADE THEIR REPORT ON THE BATTLE SITE.

ARE YOU STILL ON ABOUT THAT? LOOK! I GOT ANOTHER SIDE DONE!



INDEED, SIRE! WHICH IS WHY I TAKE THESE REPORTS SO SERIOUSLY.

THE INVESTIGATION SUGGESTS THAT SOME INSURGENTS SURVIVED THE BATTLE, AND HAVE RETREATED BACK TO THEIR BASE... WITHIN THE MINING FACILITY.



THAT OLD MOUNTAIN? THEY'VE BEEN HIDING THERE THE WHOLE TIME? HA!



PRECISELY, SIRE! I REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO SEND A BATTALION OUT TO THE MOUNTAIN RIGHT AWAY, TO SQUELCH ANY REMAINING RESISTANCE. WE SIMPLY CANNOT HAVE ANY MORE INTERFERENCE WHILE YOU STAND ON THE BRINK OF YOUR ULTIMATE GOAL!

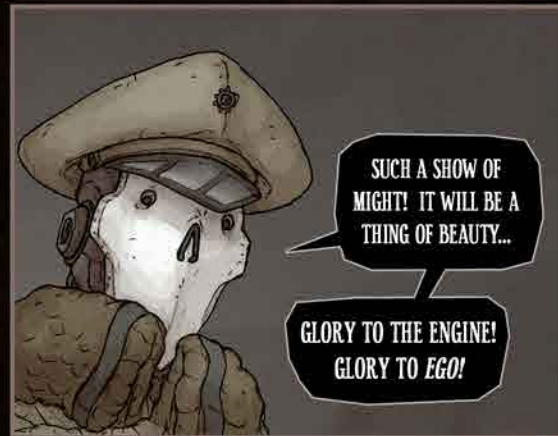


WHATEVER... FINE. JUST SEND EVERYTHING WE'VE GOT! BURN THAT MOUNTAIN TO THE GROUND, SO I DON'T HAVE TO HEAR ABOUT THIS ANYMORE.



EVERYTHING? ALL AVAILABLE FORCES, SIRE..?

WHY NOT? PLENTY MORE WHERE THAT CAME FROM.



SUCH A SHOW OF MIGHT! IT WILL BE A THING OF BEAUTY...

GLORY TO THE ENGINE! GLORY TO EGO!

INTERMISSION

FULLY POSEABLE FIGURE POSING AS A REAL AMERICAN FIGURE WITH TOTALLY AUTHENTIC NINJA STYLING AND MARTIAL ARTS BATTLE ACTION! AGES 5 & UP

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NINJA SQUAD!

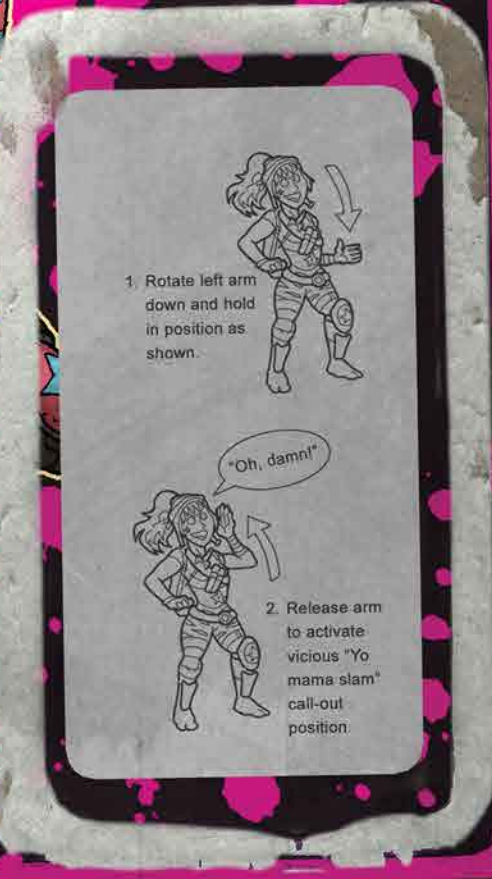


NINJA ACTION RAINBOW™

LEADER AND SOLE MEMBER OF THE NINJA SQUAD™



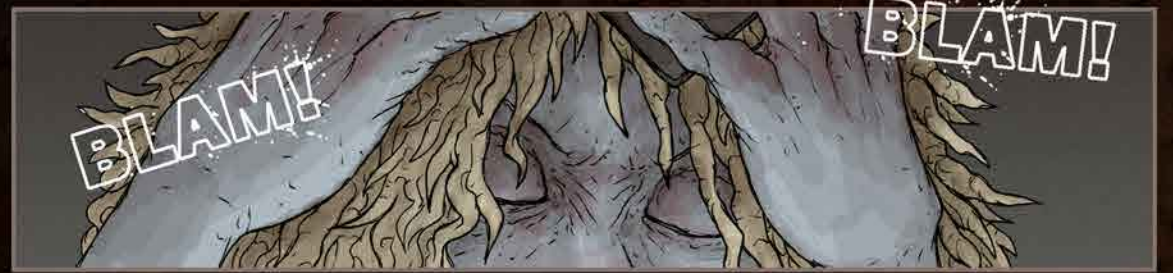
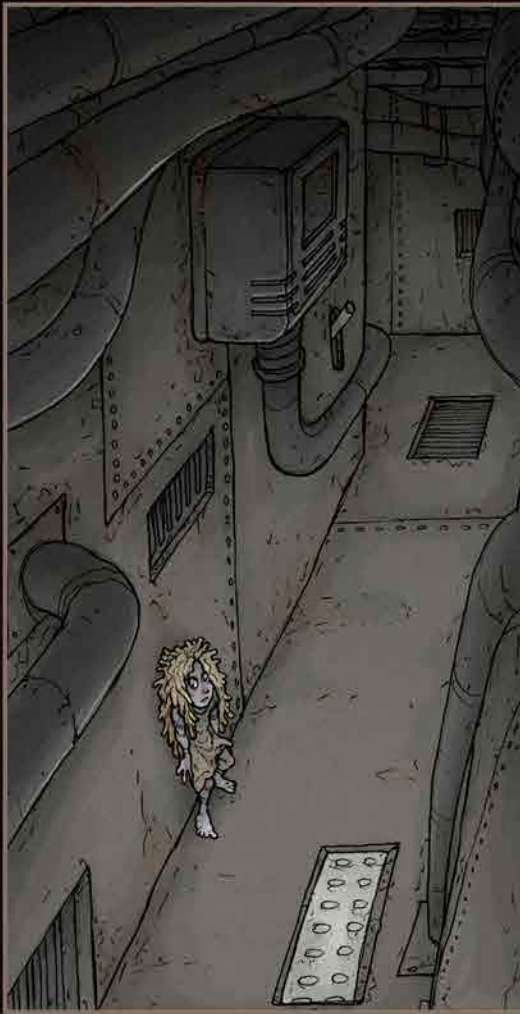
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1. Rotate left arm down and hold in position as shown.

"Oh, damn!"

2. Release arm to activate vicious "Yo mama slam" call-out position.

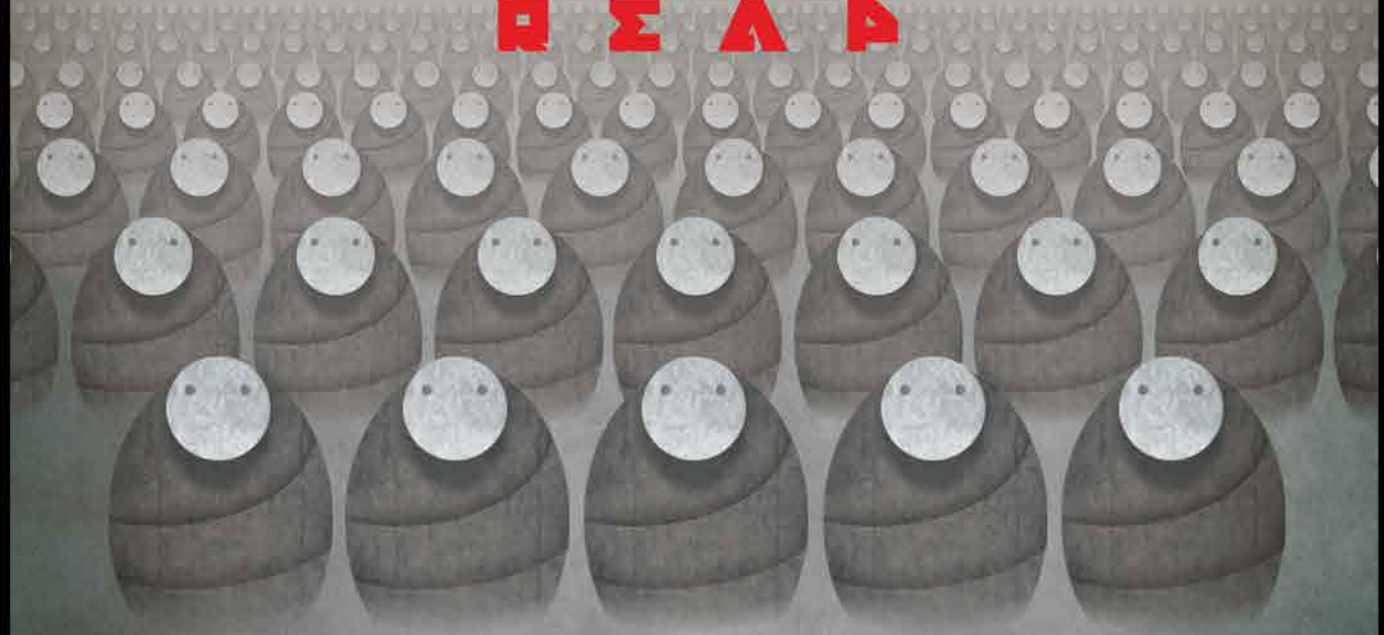




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