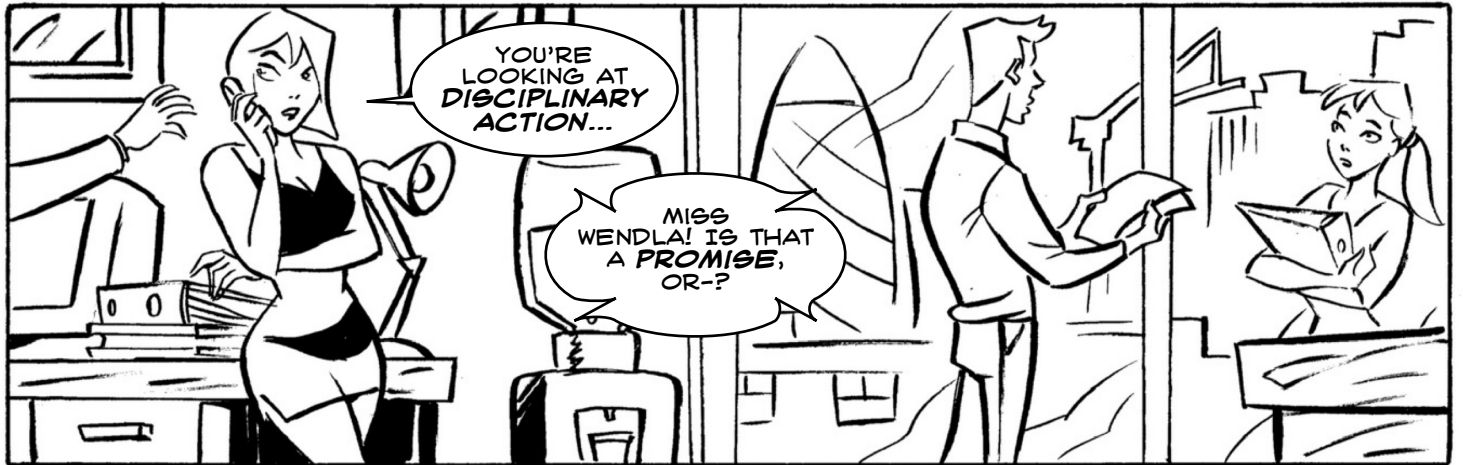




SHE'S FURIOUS, JOHN.

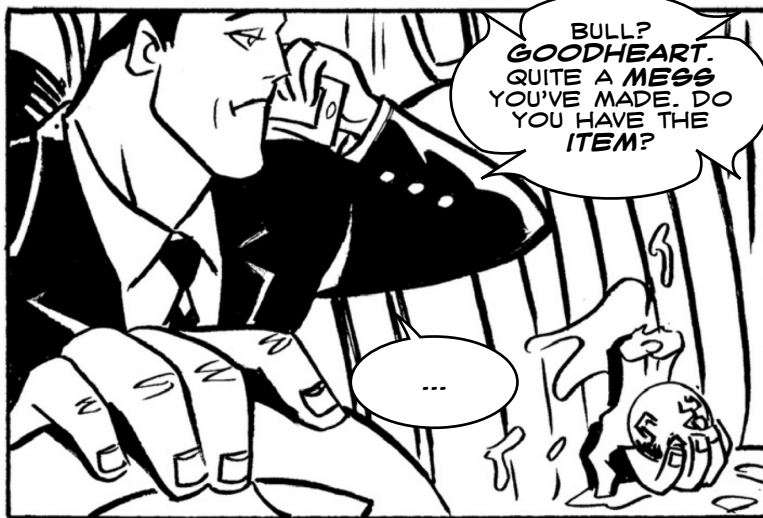
THEN TELL HER TO DO HER OWN DELIVERIES.

THOSE MEN WEREN'T TARGETS.



YOU'RE LOOKING AT DISCIPLINARY ACTION...

MISS WENDLA! IS THAT A PROMISE, OR-?



BULL? GOODHEART. QUITE A MESS YOU'VE MADE. DO YOU HAVE THE ITEM?

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AFTER A FASHION.

THEN COME IN. WE'VE CLEARED A PATH TO THE EXTRACTION POINT, BUT WE CAN'T MAINTAIN THE INCANTATION FOREVER.



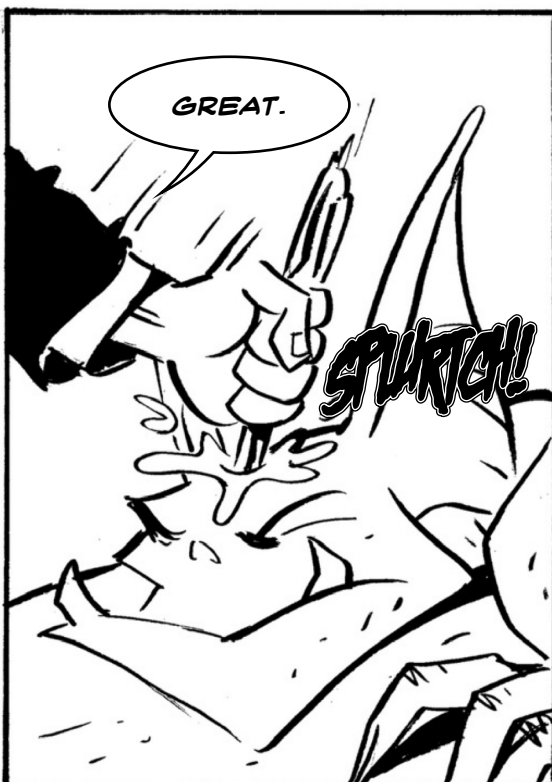
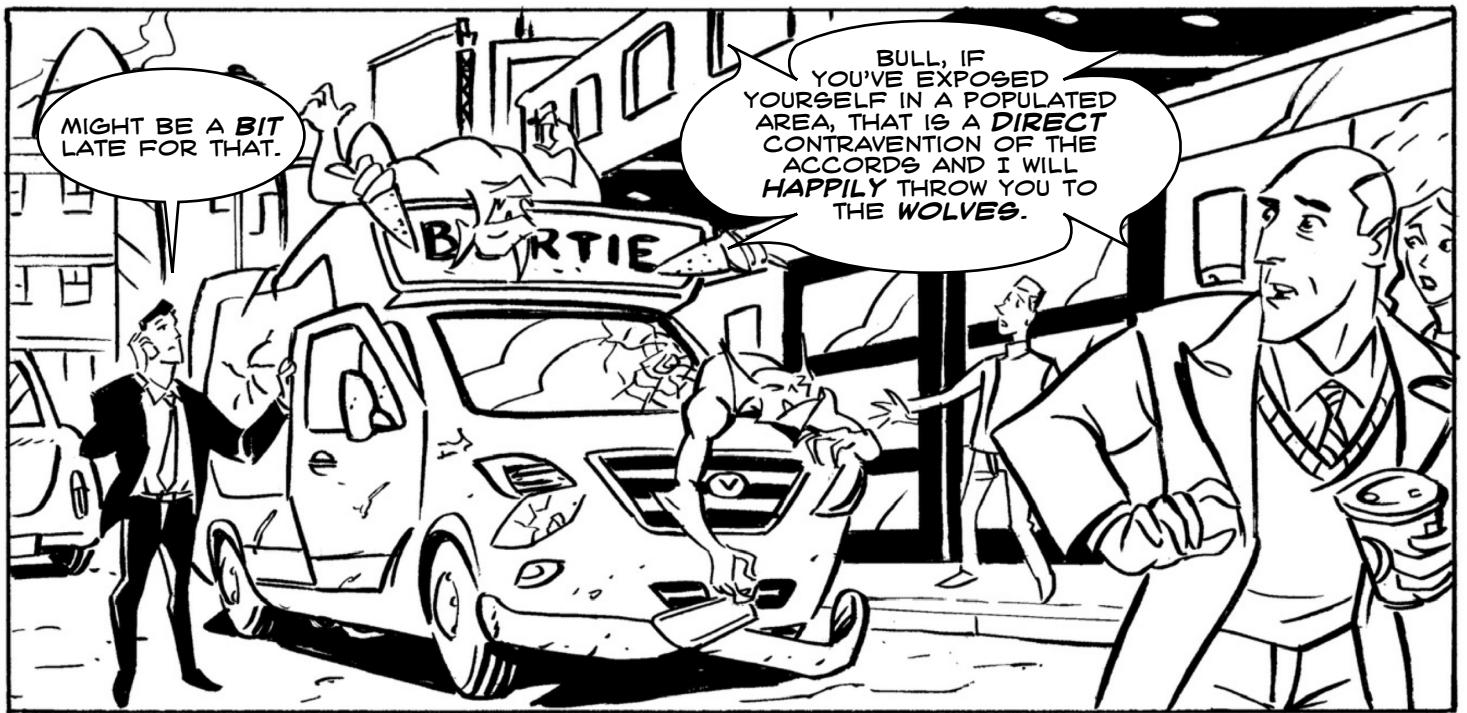
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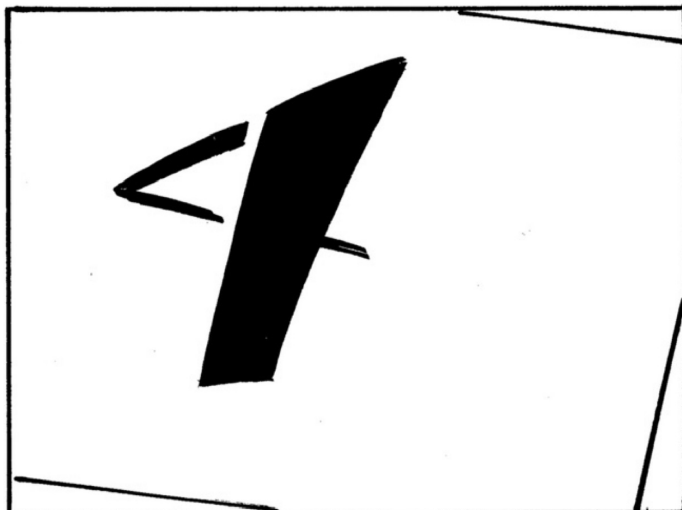
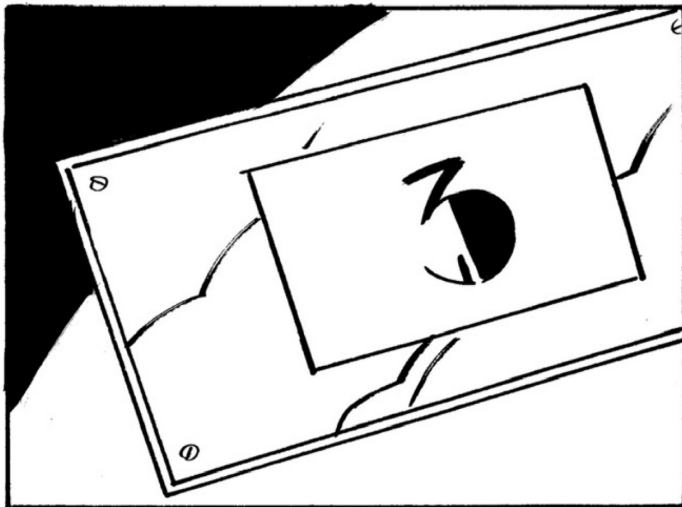
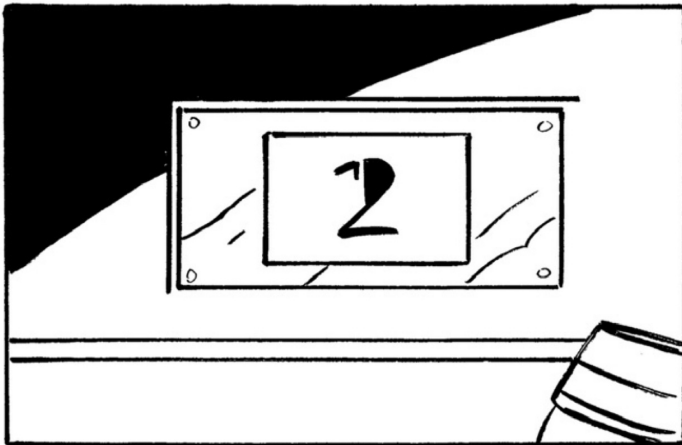
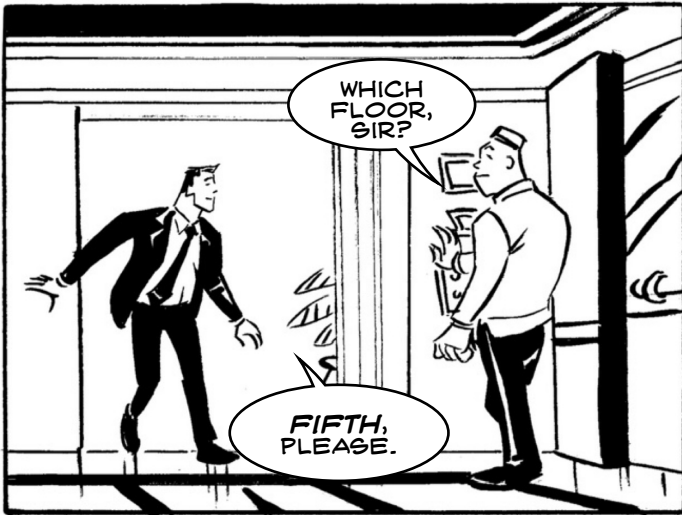
GET BACK HERE NOW. THAT'S AN ORDER.

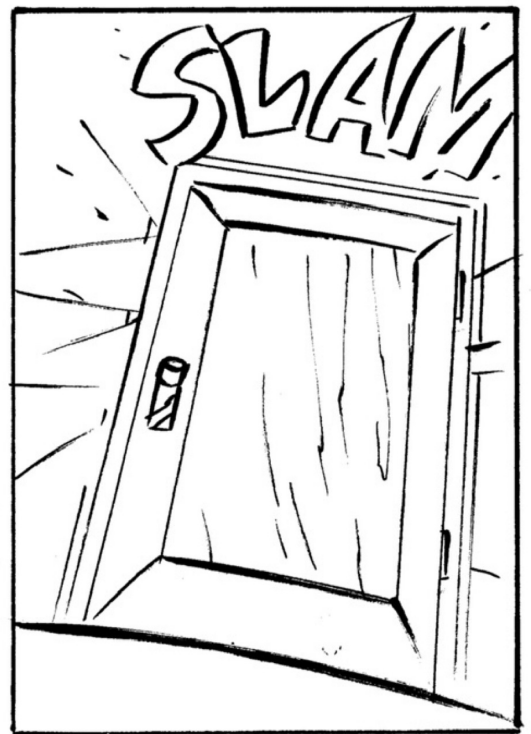


WE CAN'T RISK BLOWING YOUR COVER.

YEAH...









THAT YOU
KNEW IT WAS
SOMETHING
WORTH TAKING.

GIMME AN
EXCUSE...



SO TELL ME.
WHERE IS SHE?



NEED A
HAND? I'VE GOT
A SPARE IN THE
CAR...



WHACK

ENOUGH!



DO YOU KNOW WHAT THIS IS? OR IS **CURIOSITY** TOO MUCH TO EXPECT OF AN INSTRUMENT OF THE STATE?

DO THEY TEACH YOU THE HISTORY OF THIS REALM BEFORE THEY SEND YOU OUT TO MURDER FOR IT?

THIS ORB CONTAINS MILLIONS OF TINY CREATURES. THEIR TRUE NAME IS UNPRONOUNCEABLE IN THIS DIMENSION, BUT YOUR EMPLOYERS CALL THEM IF1953.

A DESIGNATION CREATED WHEN THEY DECIDED TO BREED THEM AS A WEAPON. ONE THEY USED AGAINST MY PEOPLE.



IT WAS REALLY QUITE CLEVER. THEY'RE METAPHYSICAL BEINGS. FEEDING ON EMOTION. JUMPING FROM HOST TO HOST, FOLLOWING THE SCENT OF SENTIMENT, NO MATTER THE DISTANCE.

THE HONOURABLE GOODHEART COMPANY FOUND THEM AND BRED THEM TO FEED ON LOVE. OPEN HIS SHIRT.

CAN YOU IMAGINE HOW IT FEELS? TO SUFFER A MILLION DROPS OF FIRE COURSE THROUGH YOUR BODY, KNOWING YOUR AGONY WAS SHARED BY THOSE YOU LOVE MOST?



THANKS TO YOUR GOVERNMENT, I NO LONGER HAVE TO.

AND IF YOU DON'T TELL ME THE LOCATION OF THE GOODHEART HEIR-

NEITHER WILL YOU...



A MAN OF YOUR PROFESSION RETAINS FEW LOVED ONES. MAKING THEM ALL THE MORE PRECIOUS...

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THERE'S A PEN IN MY JACKET-



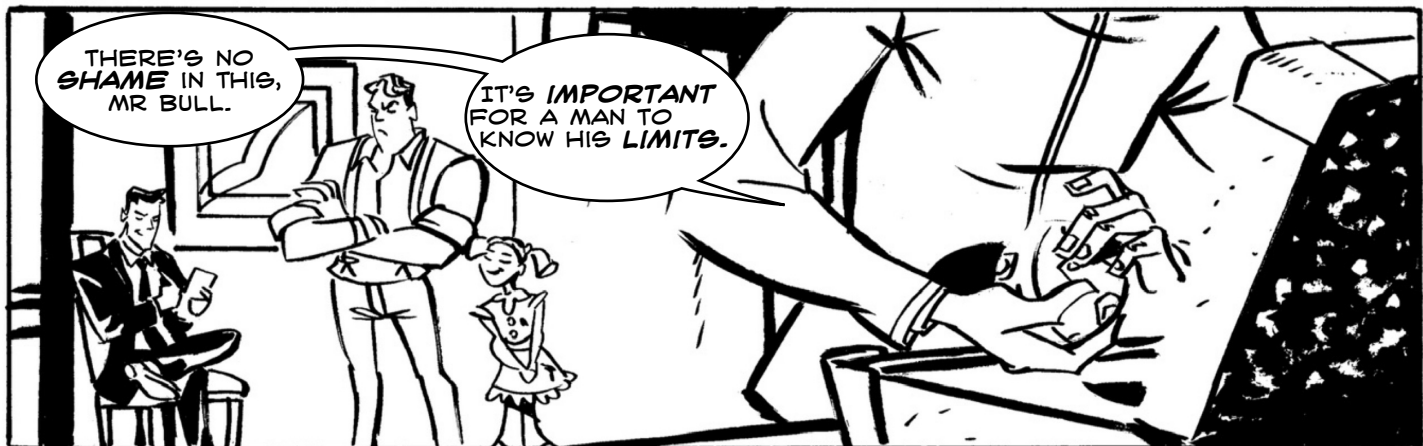
JUST TELL US!

I CAN'T. EVERY AGENT IS HEXED. I LITERALLY CAN'T SPEAK THE WORDS, OR-

HERE.



HMFF. I'M WATCHING YOU.



THERE'S NO SHAME IN THIS, MR BULL.

IT'S IMPORTANT FOR A MAN TO KNOW HIS LIMITS.



PERHAPS WE SHALL DISCOVER SOME NEW ONES TOGETHER.



WHAT'S -

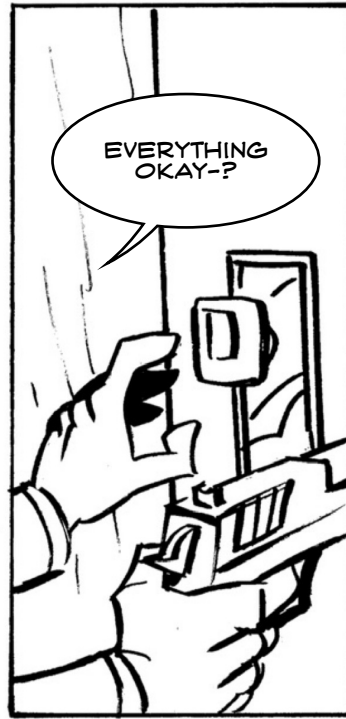
BOSS, I KNEW IT!



HE'S MESSING WITH US!



LOOK!



BE A GOOD LAD AND PUT A CALL IN TO HOUSEKEEPING, WOULD YOU?

HELL OF A MESS IN THERE.



I'LL SEE MYSELF OUT...



S-STOP RIGHT THERE!



WANT TO SEE A TRICK?



WH-?

