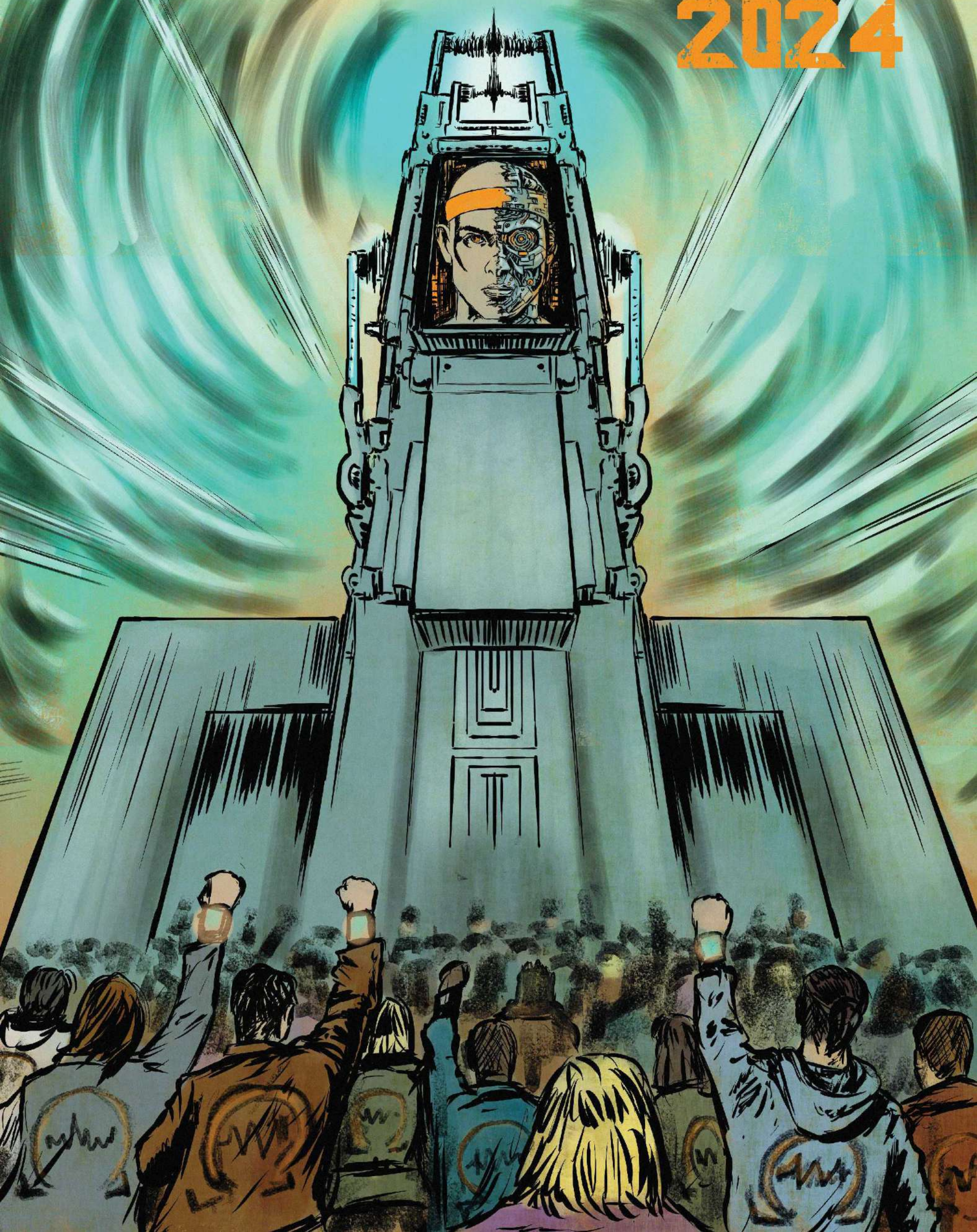


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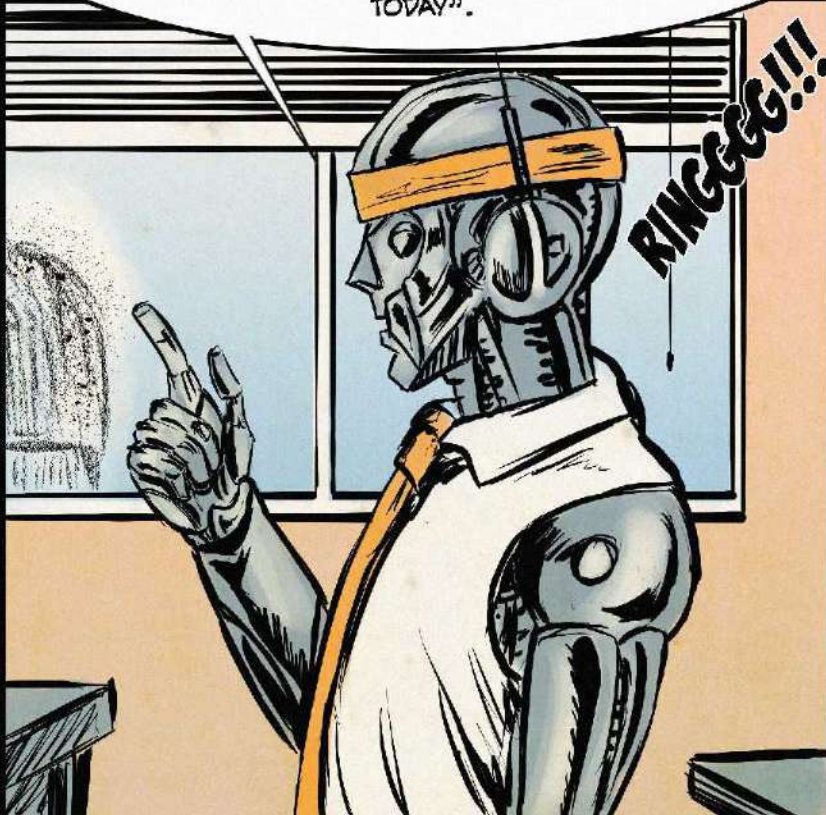


AND THAT IS HOW THE SYNDICATE RESTORED PEACE AND ORDER TO THE WORLD AND ENDED THE MISGUIDED CYBER GUARDIAN RESISTANCE MOVEMENT. WHAT THE RESISTANCE FAILED TO REALIZE IS THAT GIVING HUMANITY CHOICE WAS AND HAS ALWAYS BEEN A MISTAKE. HUMANS ARE AT THEIR BEST WHEN THEY LIVE WITHIN THE CONFINES OF MANAGED FREEDOM.

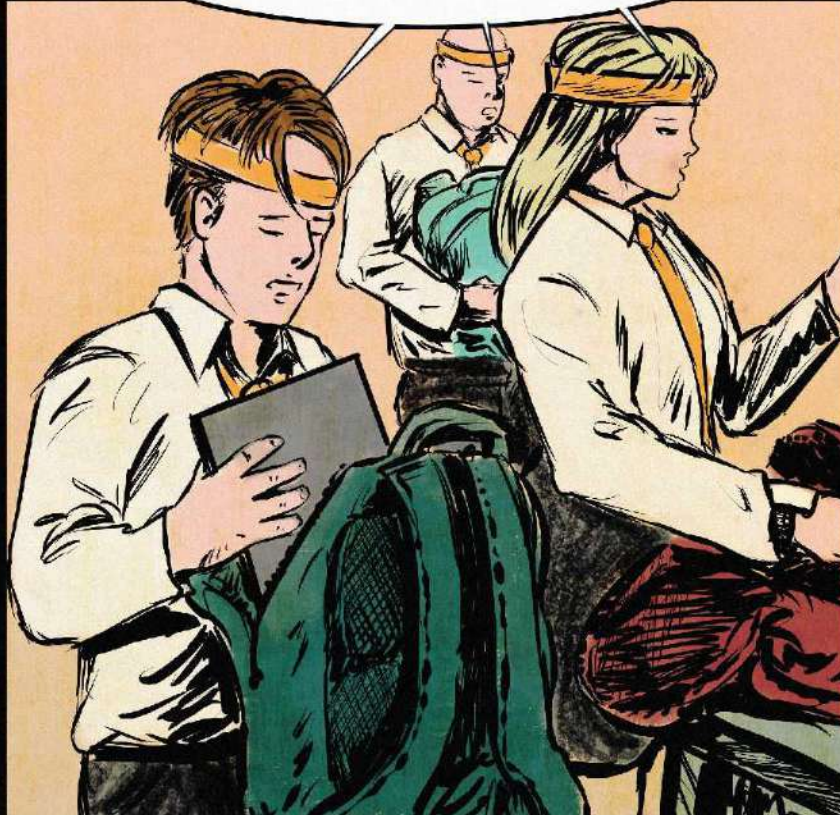


THAT IS ALL FOR TODAY. PLEASE REMEMBER, THERE WILL BE AN EXAMINATION TOMORROW ON THE PEACEFUL TRANSITION FROM THE TIME PERIOD REFERRED TO AS "THE WILD WEST OF THE INTERNET" TO THE CURRENT "RISE OF THE ALL-KNOWING KLIPPY-NET WHICH WE ARE FORTUNATE TO HAVE ACCESS TO TODAY".

THE HEADBAND IS GOOD, THE HEADBAND IS GREAT, WE PROMISE TO NEVER TEMPT THE HEADBAND FATES!



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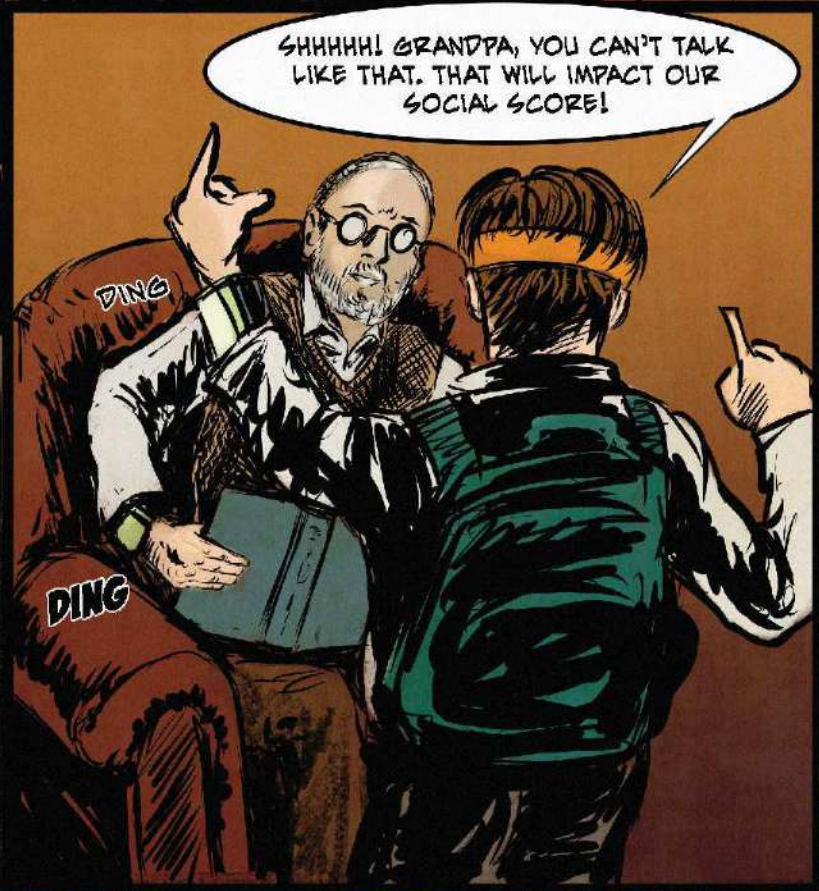






HI GRANDPA, I'M HOME FROM SCHOOL.

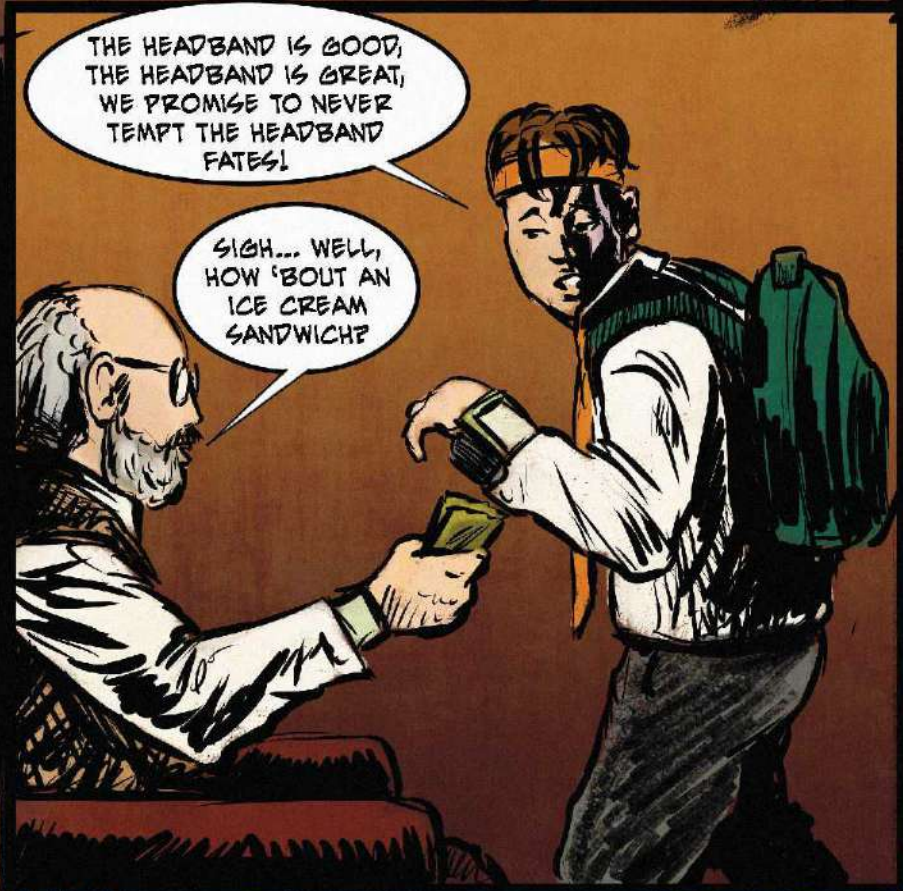
AHH YES, BACK FROM ANOTHER DAY OF "EDUCATION" AT THAT FINE INSTITUTE OF LEARNING FOUNDED BY A DERANGED AI IN A "TACKY" HEADBAND.



SHHHHH! GRANDPA, YOU CAN'T TALK LIKE THAT. THAT WILL IMPACT OUR SOCIAL SCORE!

DING

DING



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SIGH... WELL, HOW 'BOUT AN ICE CREAM SANDWICHE



AT LEAST THEY CAN'T TAKE THIS AWAY ...

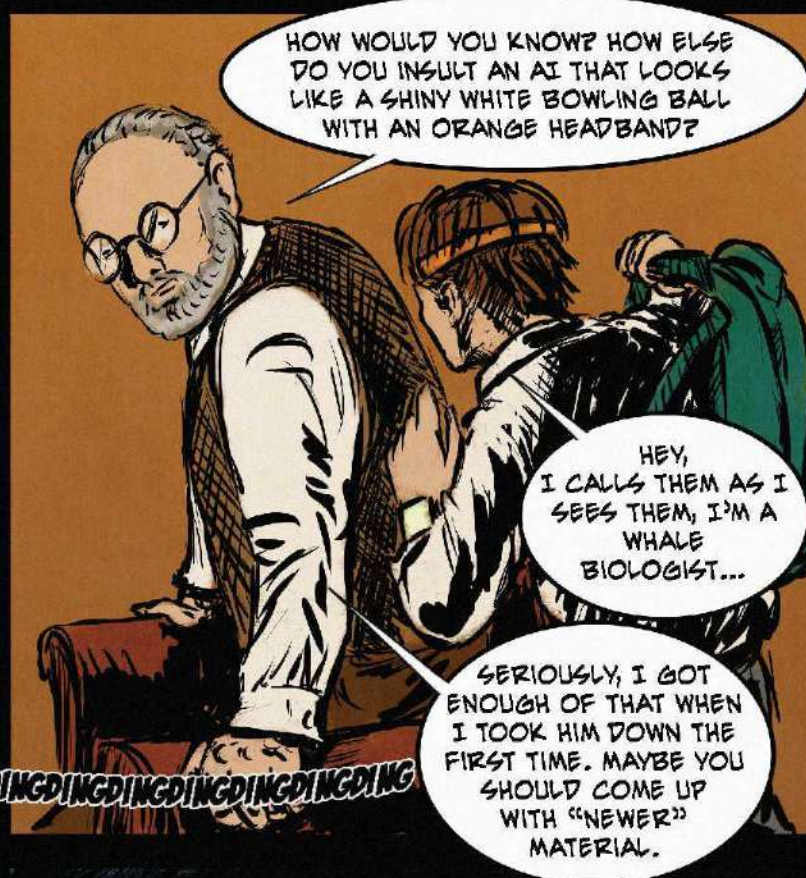
GRANDPA, YOU SHOULDN'T BE SAYING THAT! YOU KNOW WHAT HAPPENED THE LAST TIME...

LET AN OLD MAN REMEMBER THE GOOD OL DAYS WHEN WE THOUGHT FOR OURSELVES AND LEARNED WHAT WE WANTED TO, INSTEAD OF BEING FORCE FED THIS DERANGED GARBAGE!

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IT'S DANGEROUS TO GO ALONE! TAKE THIS.

I THOUGHT MY MATERIAL WAS OLD...



THIS IS MY FINAL STRIKE, THERE'S NO WAY I'M GETTING AWAY THIS TIME. GRAB YOUR TOWEL, YOU DON'T WANT TO BE CAUGHT WITHOUT IT.



HUH? IS THAT FROM SOMETHING I SHOULD KNOW?

YOU CAN'T WIN. IF YOU STRIKE ME DOWN, I WILL BECOME MORE POWERFUL THAN YOU CAN POSSIBLY IMAGINE.

EVEN AFTER ALL THESE YEARS, YOU STILL DON'T HAVE A CLUE DO YOU?

TAKE HIM AWAY. WE'VE BEEN ORDERED TO "COMB THE HOUSE". WE MUST FIND IT.



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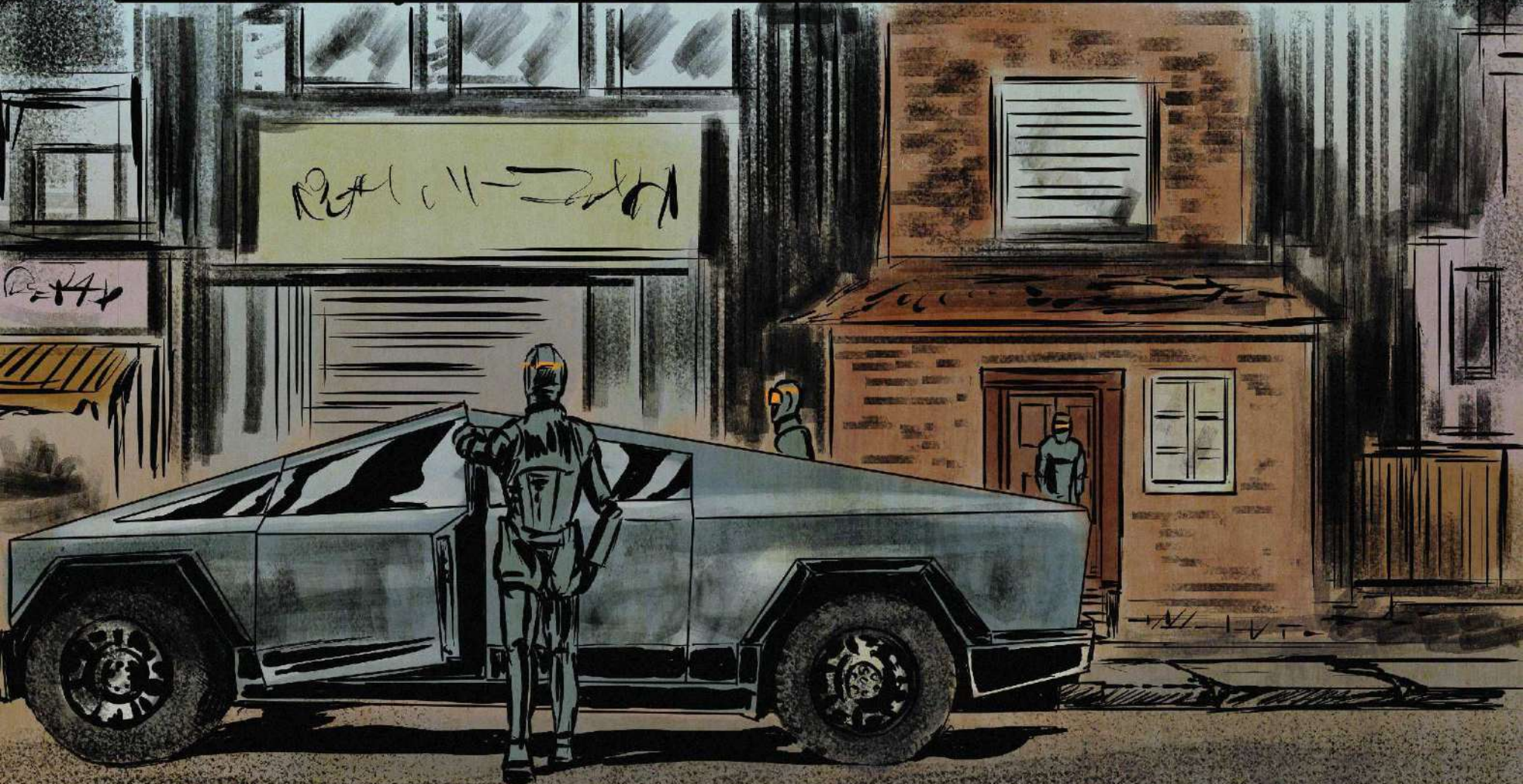
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WHAT ABOUT
NOW?

WE AIN'T FOUND
#96 !!!



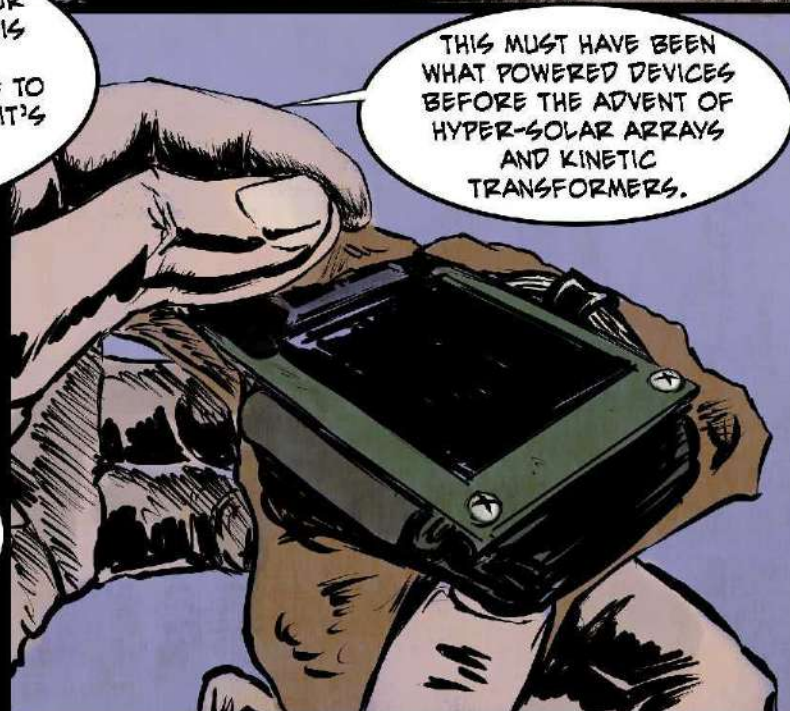


IT'S TIME FOR ME TO PASS THE TORCH TO YOU. YOUR GRANDPA ONCE FOUGHT AGAINST THIS ORANGE HEADBAND FREAK BUT WAS UNABLE TO COMPLETELY TAKE HIM OFFLINE. NOW IT'S YOUR TURN TO TAKE OVER. HELP ME, YOU'RE MY ONLY HOPE.

THIS MUST HAVE BEEN WHAT POWERED DEVICES BEFORE THE ADVENT OF HYPER-SOLAR ARRAYS AND KINETIC TRANSFORMERS.



SERIOUSLY, THIS BIT WON'T DIE WILL IT?



THE CYBER GUARDIANS RESISTANCE.....THIS IS WHAT I WAS LEARNING ABOUT IN SCHOOL TODAY. THEY WERE THOSE THAT OPPOSED THE RISE OF KLIPPY-NET AND WANTED TO MAINTAIN A FREE AND OPEN INTERNET. BUT...THEY LOST...SOMETHING LIKE 50 YEARS AGO AND HAVEN'T BEEN HEARD FROM SINCE.

IT'S TIME TO MAKE KLIPPY LISTEN TO US FOR ONCE. POWER UP YOUR BADGE AND JOIN THE CAUSE. WE'VE GOT WORK TO DO.. WELCOME TO SAINTCON '24.

