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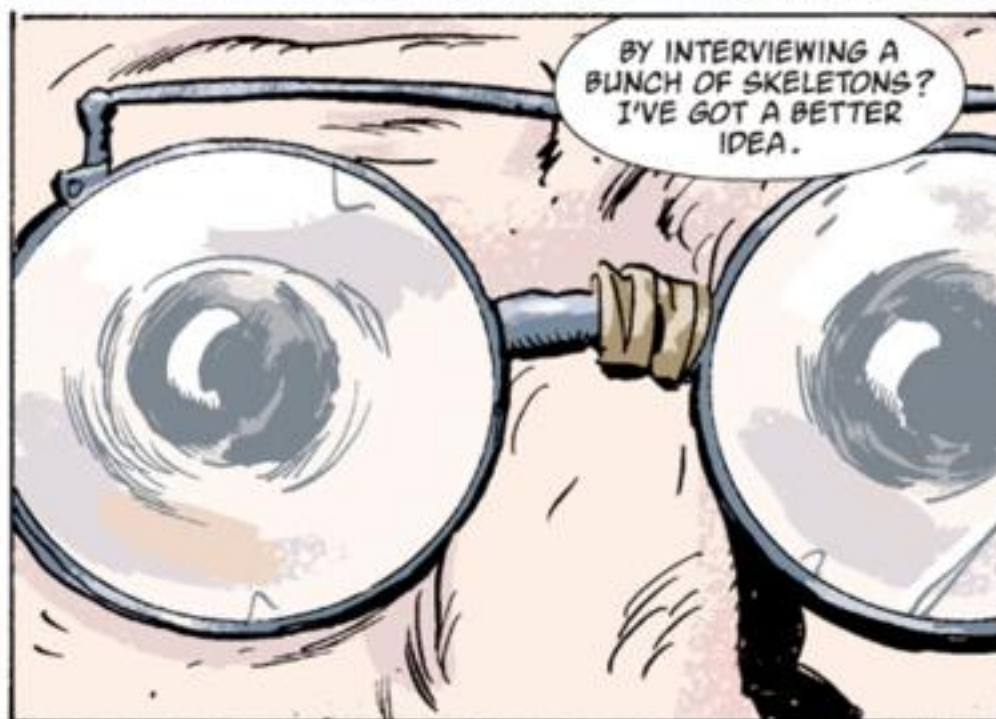
The Dead



MIKE
MIGNOLA

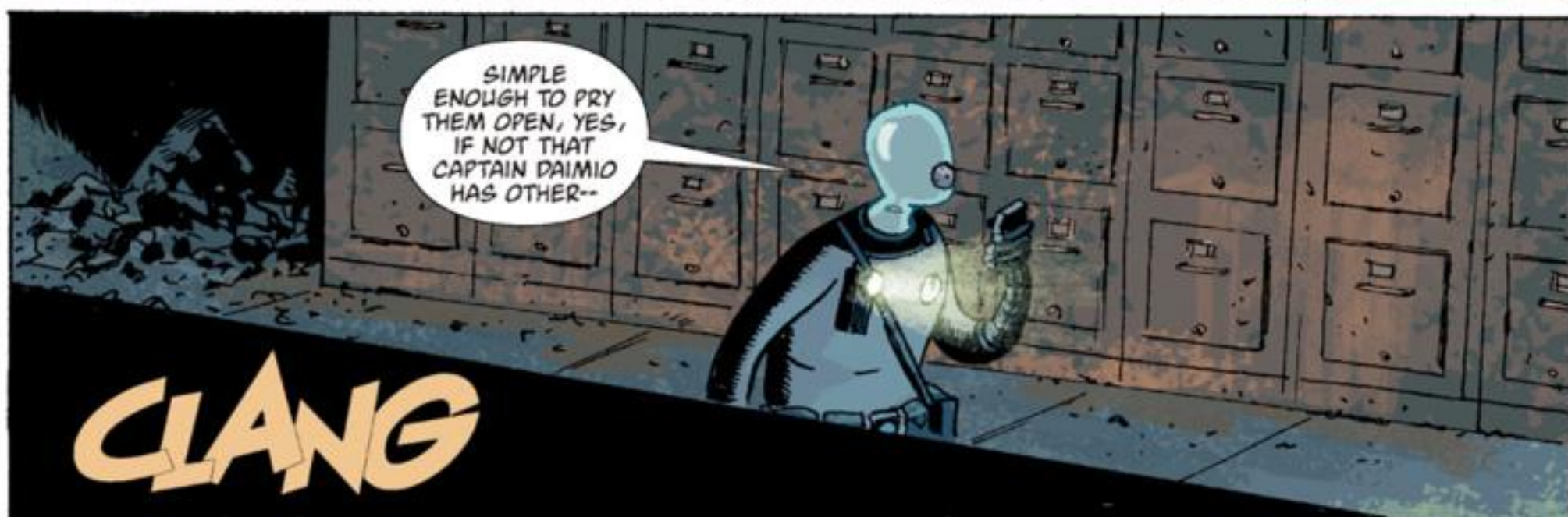
JOHN
ARCUDI

GUY
DAVIS











"I HAD JUST FINISHED MY PH.D. IN QUANTUM MECHANICS AT DRESDEN'S PLANCK UNIVERSITY WHEN I WAS CALLED BY THE GERMAN DEFENSE DEPARTMENT.



"THEY STARTED TO RECRUIT PHYSICISTS FROM THE UNIVERSITIES TO REPLACE THOSE KILLED WHEN THE SPACE PROGRAM FAILED IN 1939.



"A STROKE OF FORTUNE, I THOUGHT.

"THERE WERE FACTIONS WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT.



"COMPETITION FOR THE FUEHRER'S REICHS MARKS.



"THE PROJECT I WAS ASSIGNED TO WAS TO MY LIKING.

"OPERATION HIMMEL-MACHT WAS OUR AIM TO TAP THE DIVINE INFINITE FOR ASSISTANCE IN THE DEFENSE OF GERMANY.



"BUT OTHER PARTIES WON OUT, AND TOWARD THE END OF HOSTILITIES, PROJECT RAGNAROK WAS LAUNCHED.

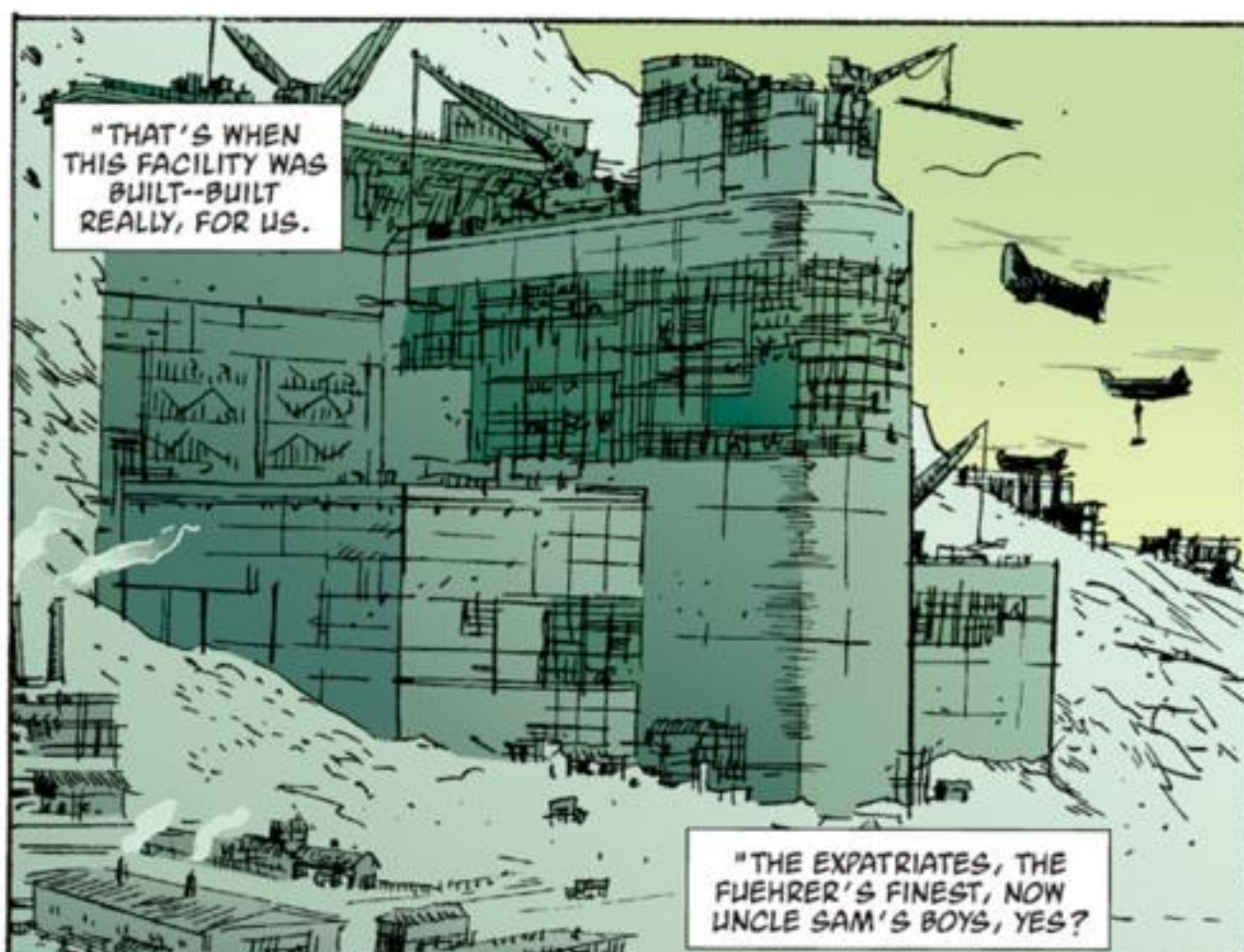
"A FAILURE, APPARENTLY. THE SCIENTISTS INVOLVED, ALONG WITH OTHERS, VANISHED AT WAR'S END.





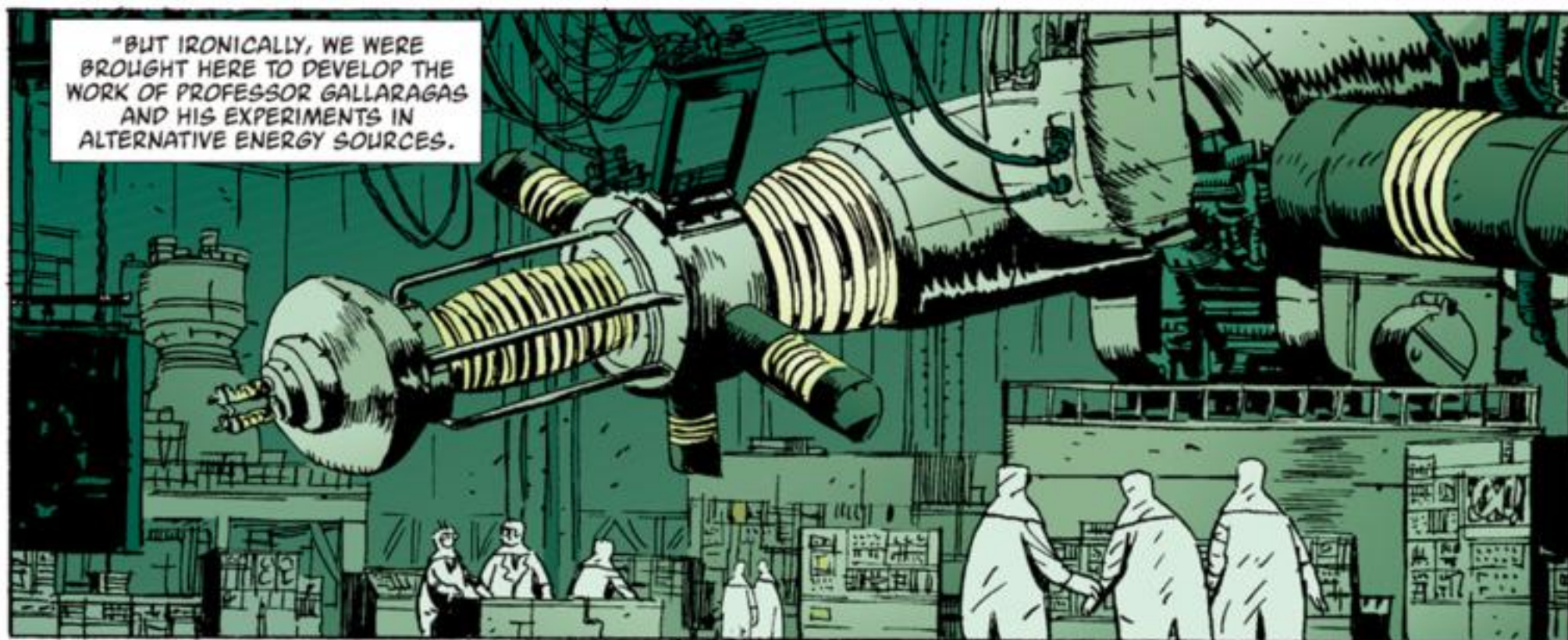
"BUT TRUE SCIENCE KNOWS NO BORDERS. IT HAS NO POLITICAL POSITION."

"IN 1946, THE NEXT GREAT CHALLENGES WERE TO BE FOUND HERE."



"THAT'S WHEN THIS FACILITY WAS BUILT--BUILT REALLY, FOR US."

"THE EXPATRIATES, THE FUEHRER'S FINEST, NOW UNCLE SAM'S BOYS, YES?"



"BUT IRONICALLY, WE WERE BROUGHT HERE TO DEVELOP THE WORK OF PROFESSOR GALLARAGAS AND HIS EXPERIMENTS IN ALTERNATIVE ENERGY SOURCES."

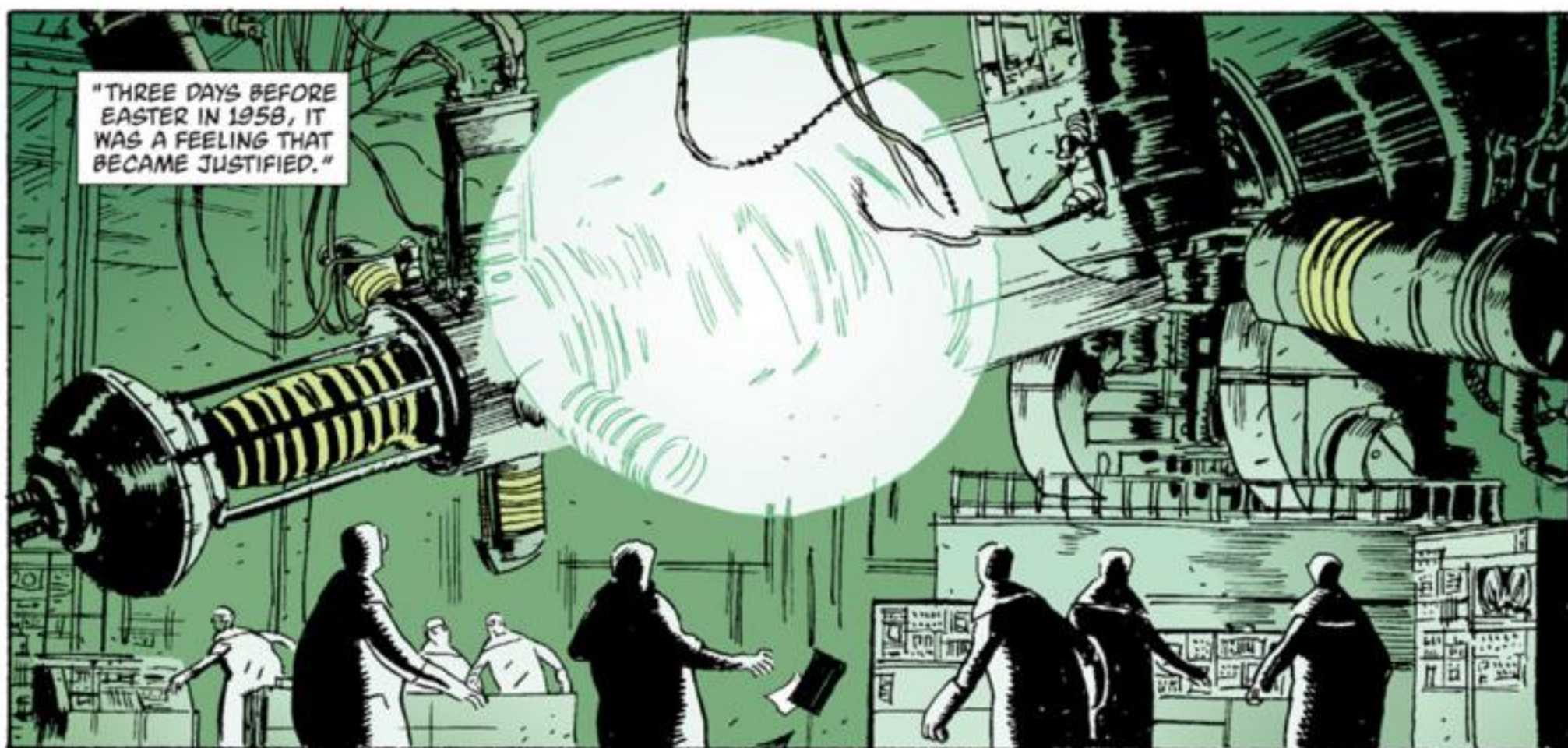


"HE WAS A BRILLIANT MAN, NO QUESTION."



"BUT THE FEELING AMONG US CAME TO BE THAT WE WERE OUT OF OUR DEPTH IN ASSUMING HIS MANTLE."







"BY A MIRACLE,
I SURVIVED,
AND AWOKE
AFTER A TIME--



"--ONLY TO
DISCOVER I
HAD BEEN
ENTOMBED.

"I SCREAMED
AND SCREAMED.
I HAMMERED ON
THE WALLS."



THEY DIDN'T
HEAR.
THEY NEVER
HEARD.

OH MY
GOD...

COME
ON! YOU'VE
BEEN DOWN
THERE SINCE
1958?!

HOW DID
YOU LIVE?
WHAT DID YOU
EAT?



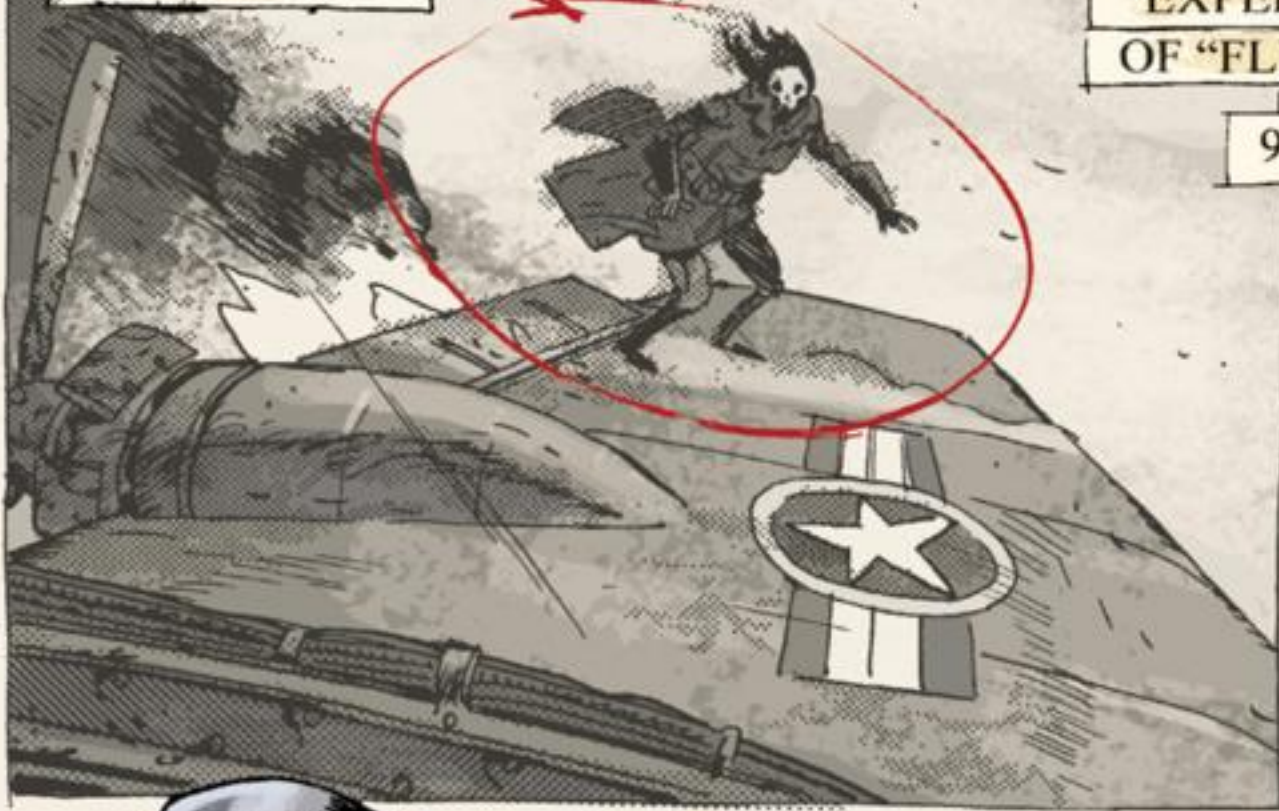
MUSH-
ROOMS. THEY
GROW IN THE
DARK.

AND
THERE WERE
ALSO MANY
SPIDERS.





BLACK FLAME?



PHOTOGRAPHED DURING
EXPERIMENTAL FLIGHT
OF "FLYING WING".

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"CRIMSON LOTUS"

OUTSIDE OF MOSCOW.

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UNKNOWN—SHOT MOMENTS
BEFORE EXPLOSION IN

N.Y.C. | ARMORY

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MELINES

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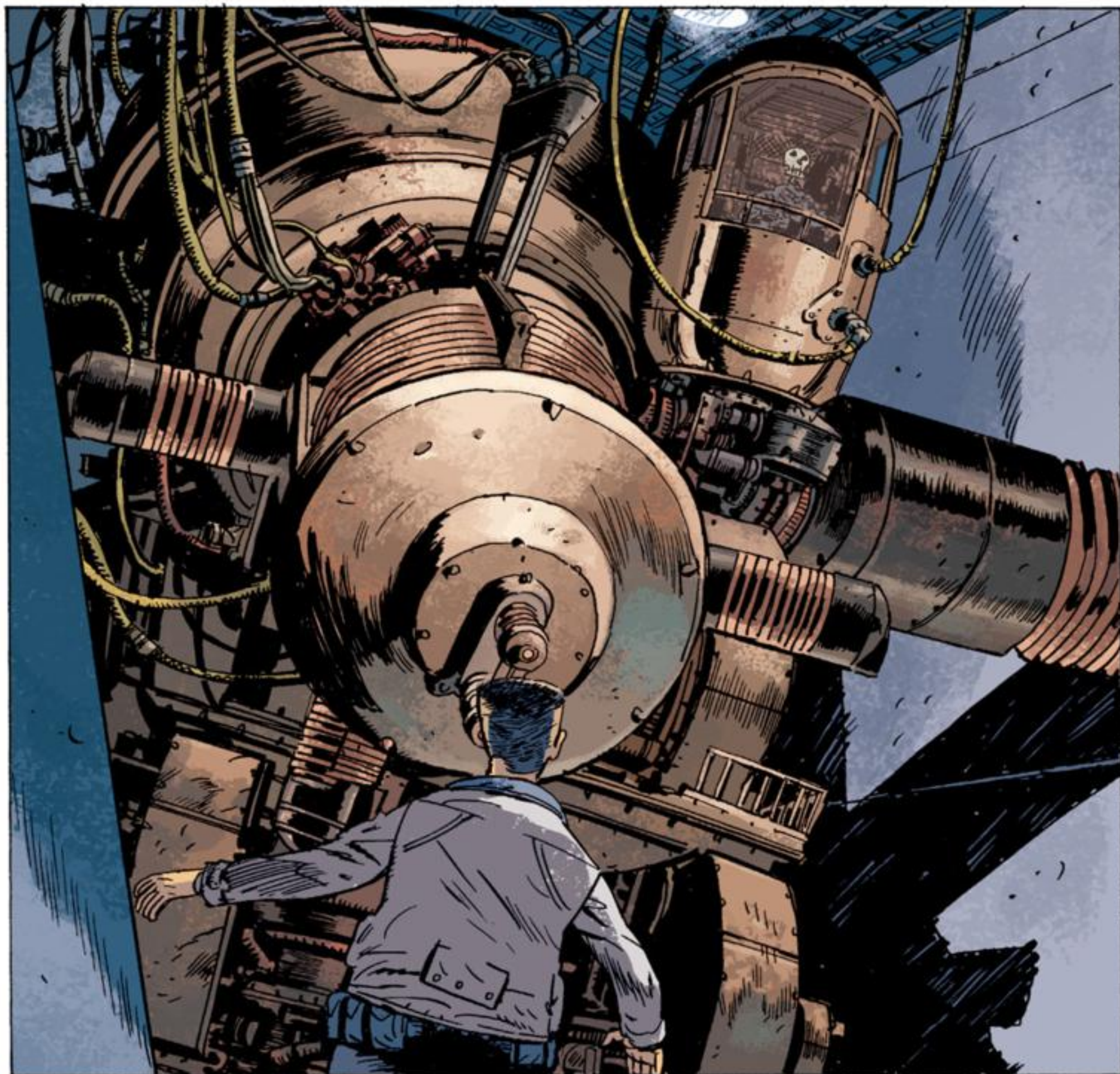
"THE STEEL HAWK"

AFTER CAPTURE

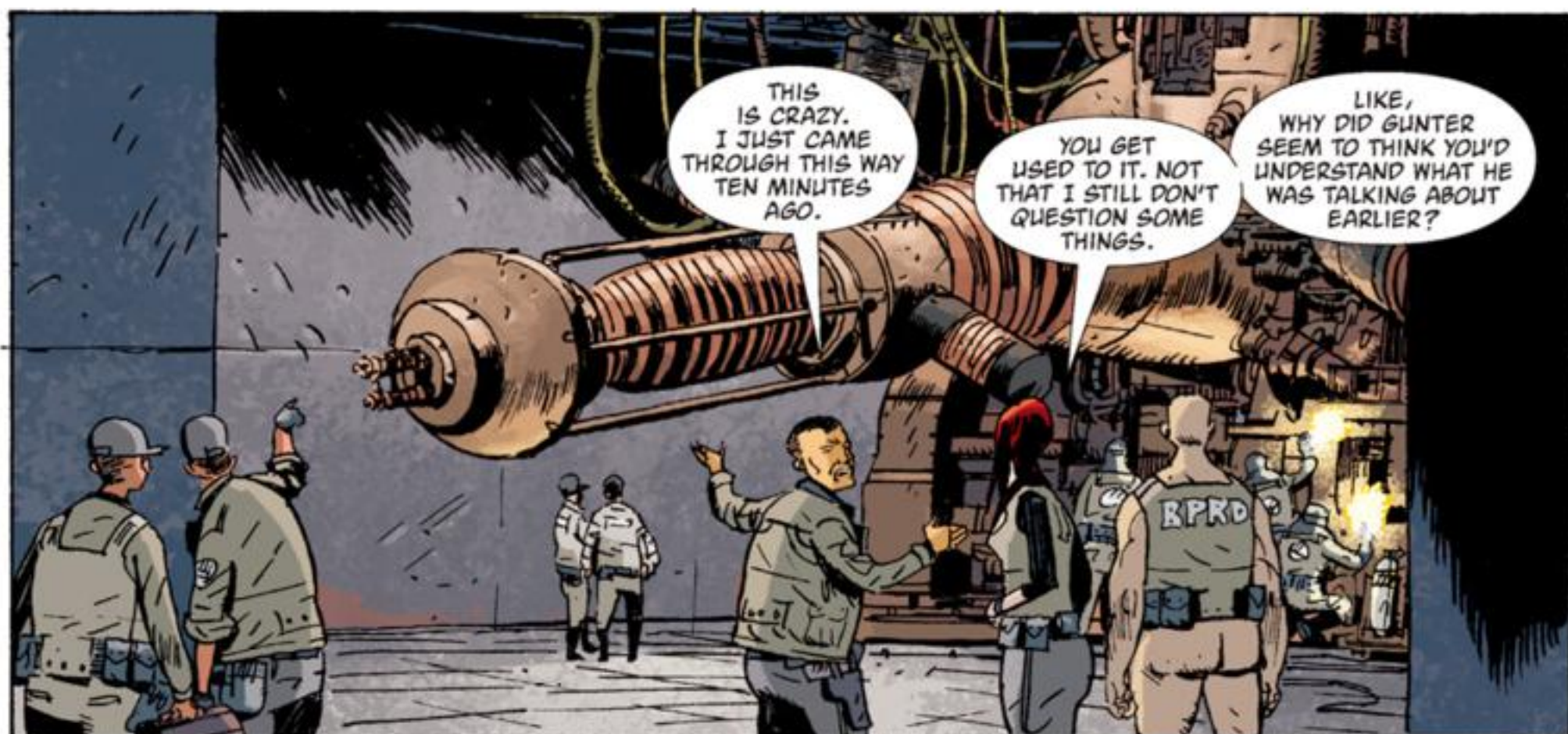
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THIS IS CRAZY. I JUST CAME THROUGH THIS WAY TEN MINUTES AGO.

YOU GET USED TO IT. NOT THAT I STILL DON'T QUESTION SOME THINGS.

LIKE, WHY DID GUNTER SEEM TO THINK YOU'D UNDERSTAND WHAT HE WAS TALKING ABOUT EARLIER?



HOW THE HELL SHOULD I KNOW? MAYBE BECAUSE HE'S A FRIGGIN' NUT?

YOU SAW HIS "NOTES." THE KEYS ARE WORN OFF HIS TYPEWRITER. HE'S BEEN DOWN THERE PUNCHING LITTLE HOLES IN PAPER FOR YEARS.



LOOK, JOHANN'S THROUGH THERE. ANY OTHER WAY WE CAN GET TO HIM?

ONLY BY ELEVATOR, AND THEY AREN'T WORKING ON THAT SIDE OF THE COMPLEX.



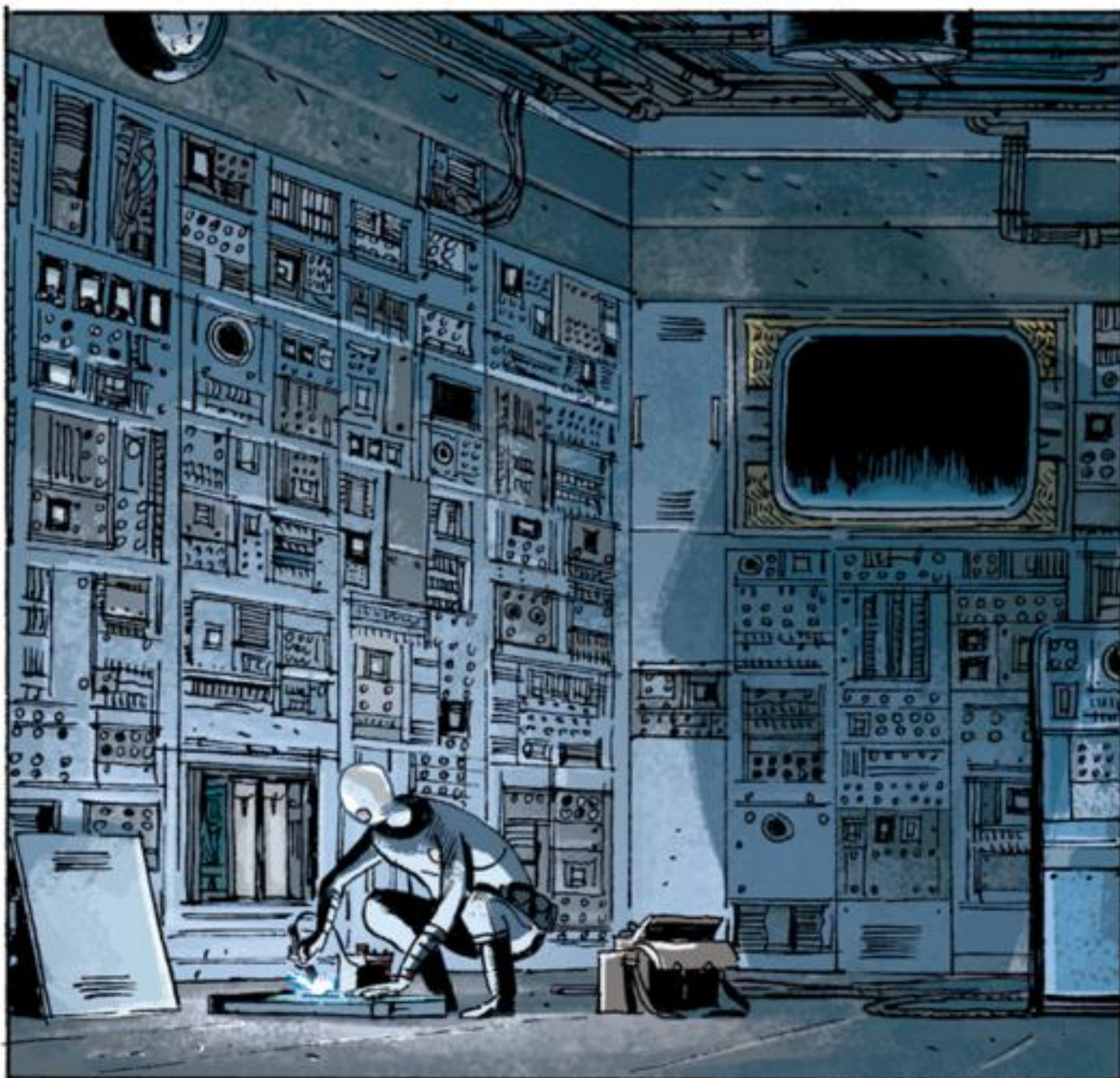
WE SHOULD HAVE IT BROKEN DOWN IN ABOUT HALF AN HOUR.

FUNNY THING IS, THIS IS JUST A HUNK OF JUNK. NO MOVING PARTS, NO ENGINE, NO POWER SOURCE. IT'S LIKE A MOVIE PROP.



THAT IS FUNNY.

HILARIOUS.





CLICK CLICK CLICK CLICKETY CLICKETY TICK TICK CLACKETY



JA, "BEWARE."
ONLY, BEWARE
OF WHAT?









LITTLEPORT,
RHODE ISLAND.



MA'AM,
YOU GOTTA TURN
AROUND. THE ROAD
AHEAD'S WASHED
OUT.

MAYBE
YOU CAN TELL ME
ANOTHER WAY TO GET
WHERE I'M GOING. IT'S
IMPORTANT.

MA'AM?



THE
CAUL HOUSE. I
THINK A FRIEND OF
MINE MIGHT BE
THERE.

WHOA.



MA'AM,
NO ONE'S
GETTING DOWN
THERE TILL THIS
STORM'S
OVER.

THAT OLD
PLACE HAS BEEN
THERE A LONG TIME.
WHEN THIS STORM'S
OVER IT'LL BE
THERE...



...OR IT
WON'T.



