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BE
G.R.E.A.T.
#2
LESSONS 3-4

TEAM G.R.E.A.T.

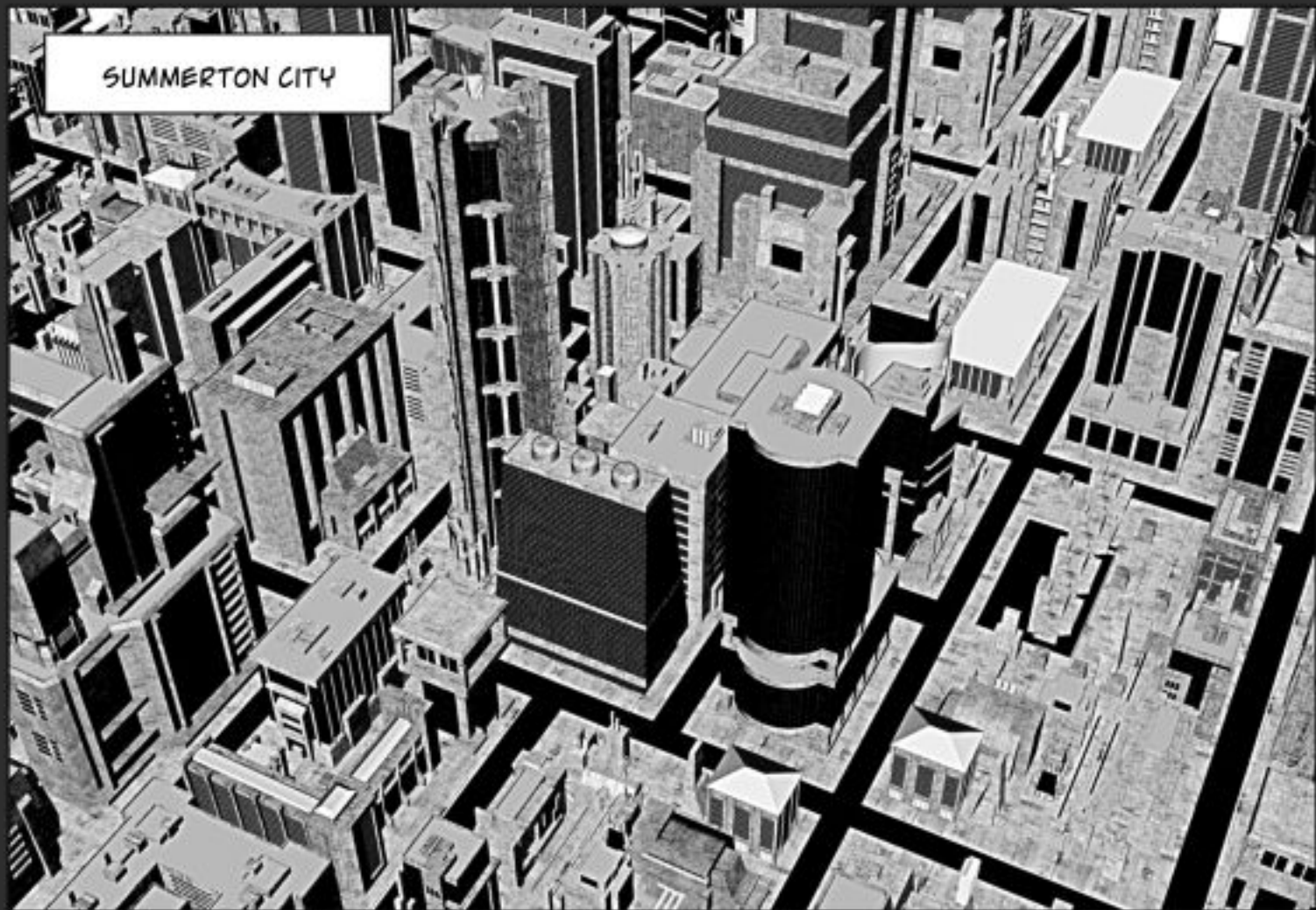
BOOM

CAN ANYTHING STOP...

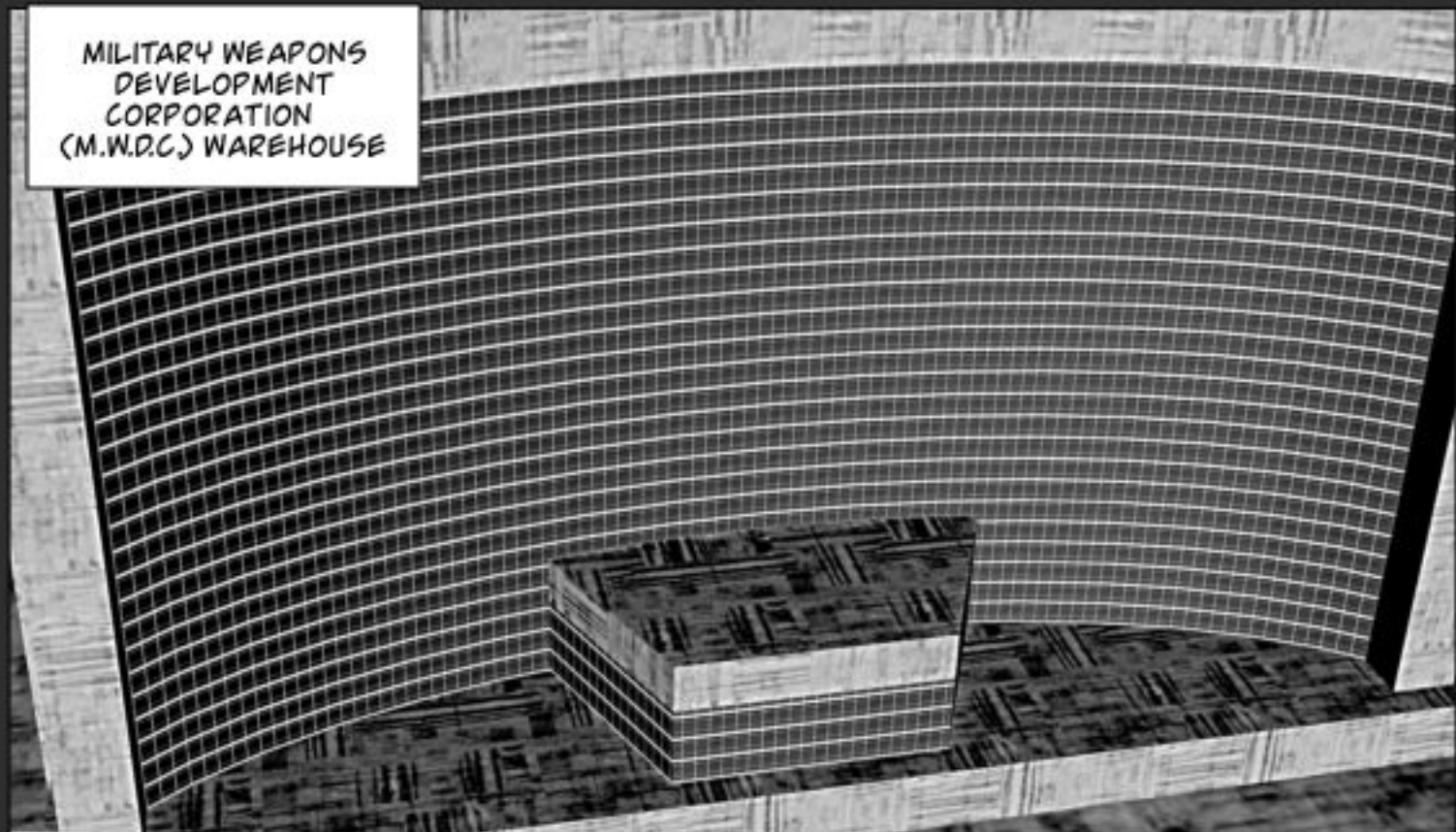
THE MONSTER TANK?!



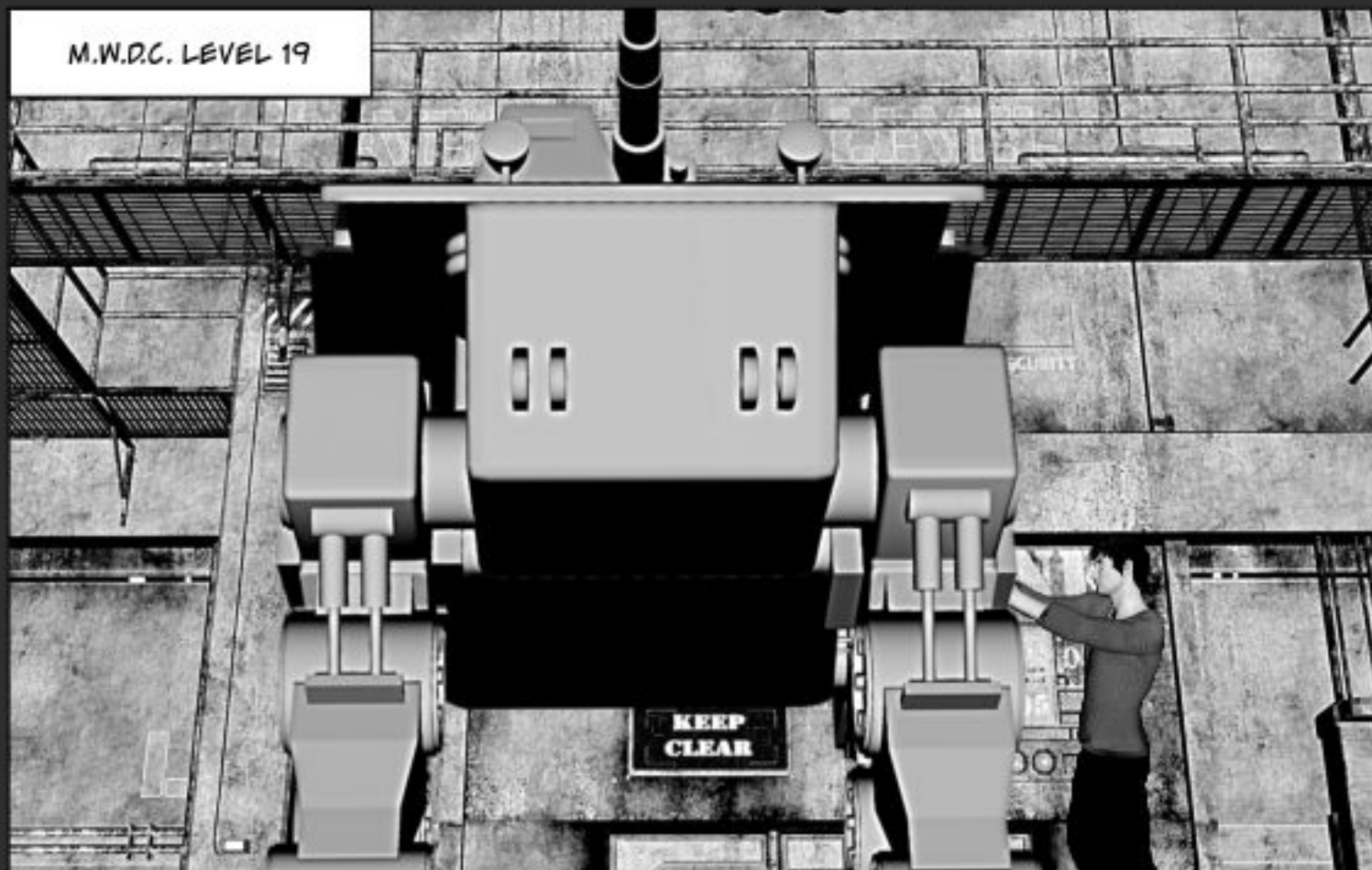
SUMMERTON CITY

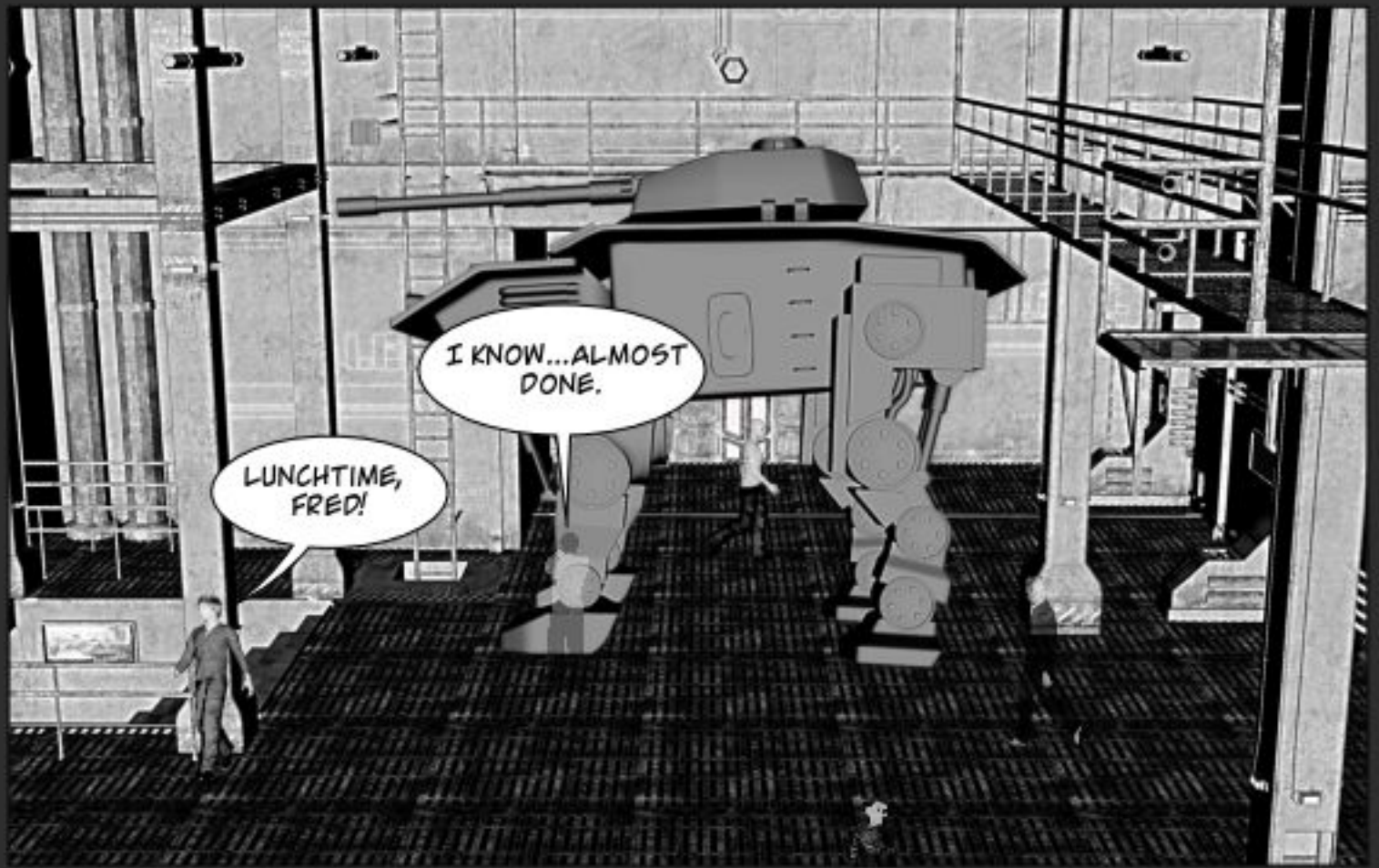


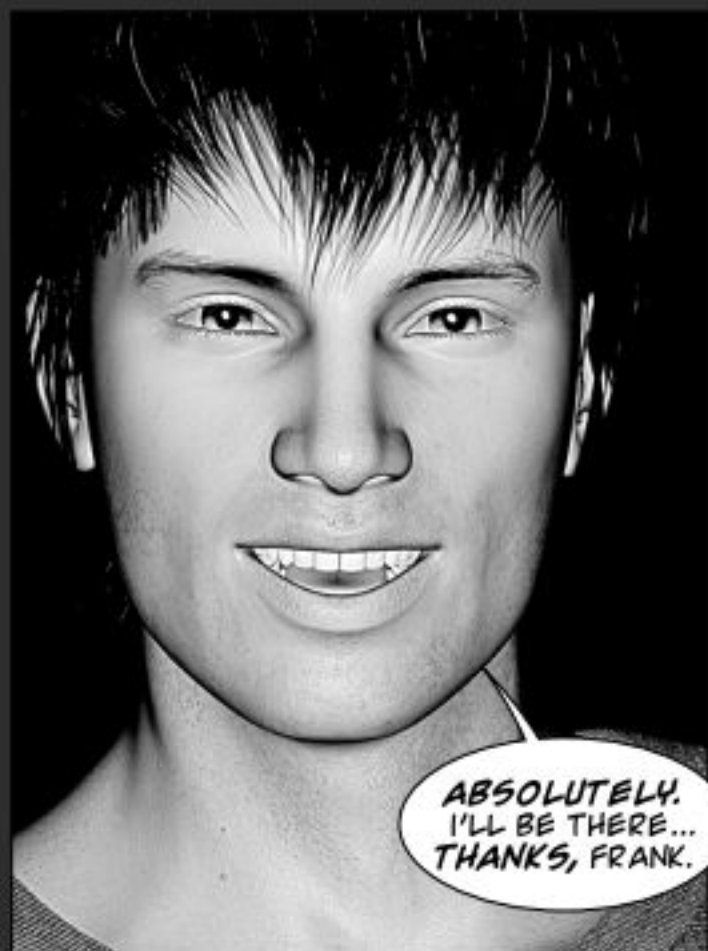
MILITARY WEAPONS
DEVELOPMENT
CORPORATION
(M.W.D.C.) WAREHOUSE



M.W.D.C. LEVEL 19







HOURS LATER.

MAN, I WONDER
WHAT MR. JACOBSON
WANTS WITH ME.

THIS JOB HAS
REALLY BEEN
HELPING ME GET BACK
ON MY FEET.

IT'S BEEN
ROUGH SINCE
THE DIVORCE.

I KNOW
PACKING UP AND
MOVING TO A NEW
TOWN HAS BEEN
TOUGH ON JUSTIN,
TOO. BUT AT LEAST
I HAVE HIM WITH
ME.

CUSTODY
BATTLES SUCK!

"I WISH THINGS COULD HAVE
WORKED OUT BETTER BETWEEN
HIS MOM AND ME...BUT IT'S
GOOD TO FINALLY HAVE SOME
STABILITY THESE LAST SIX
MONTHS."



M.W.D.C. HEADQUARTERS BUILDING

MAYBE HE WANTS TO GIVE ME A RAISE...HA, YEAH RIGHT!



I'VE HAD MY CHALLENGES HERE TOO, BUT I THINK I'M A GOOD WORKER.



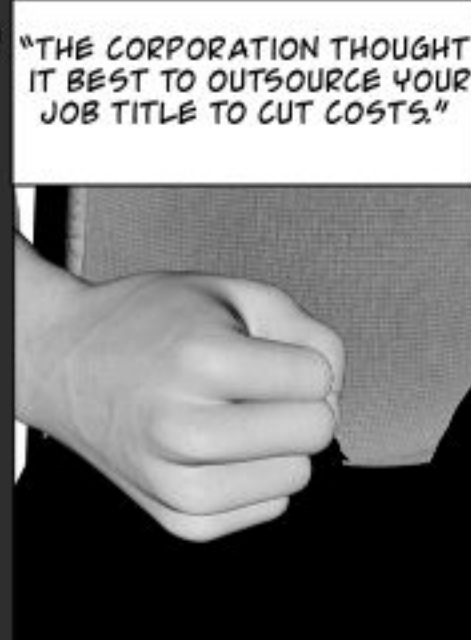
I'M REALLY ANXIOUS... WHAT DOES HE WANT? MAYBE HE WANTS ME TO...



COME ON IN, FRED. HAVE A SEAT.



GOOD EVENING, SIR. YOU WANTED TO SEE ME?



A black and white close-up of a woman's face, looking slightly to the left. Her expression is neutral but attentive. A speech bubble is positioned to her left.

THE COMPANY
CAN **FRONT** YOU
PAY FOR AN
ADDITIONAL MONTH
AFTER DISMISSAL,
BUT...

A black and white close-up of a woman's face, focusing on her mouth and nose. Her mouth is open in a wide, somewhat aggressive or desperate expression, showing her teeth. A speech bubble is on the left.

NO!

THIS ISN'T
RIGHT. I **NEED** THIS
JOB! I'VE GOT
OBLIGATIONS! YOU
KNOW I'M JUST
DIVORCED,
JACOBSON!

A black and white close-up of a woman's face, looking slightly to the left. Her expression is one of concern or warning. A speech bubble is positioned to her left.

FREDERICK, YOUR
TEMPER - YOU'RE
LOSING IT **AGAIN.**

OH, YOU
HAVEN'T SEEN
ANYTHING YET,
BUDDY!!

SECURITY!!!

WHAM



ANGER MANAGEMENT

CHAPTER 1

NOTE:
ALTHOUGH THE CHARACTERS IN THIS
STORY ARE MIDDLE SCHOOL
STUDENTS, THE LESSONS COVERED
IN THIS ISSUE ARE FROM THE
G.R.E.A.T. ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
CURRICULUM.

THREE MONTHS
LATER

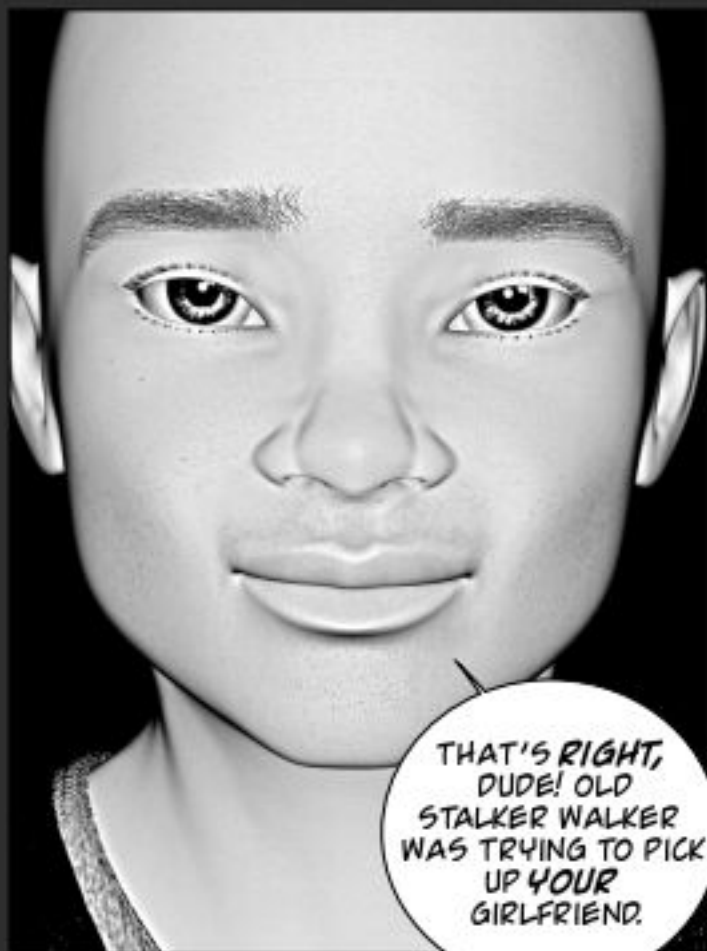
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MIDDLE SCHOOL...8 A.M.



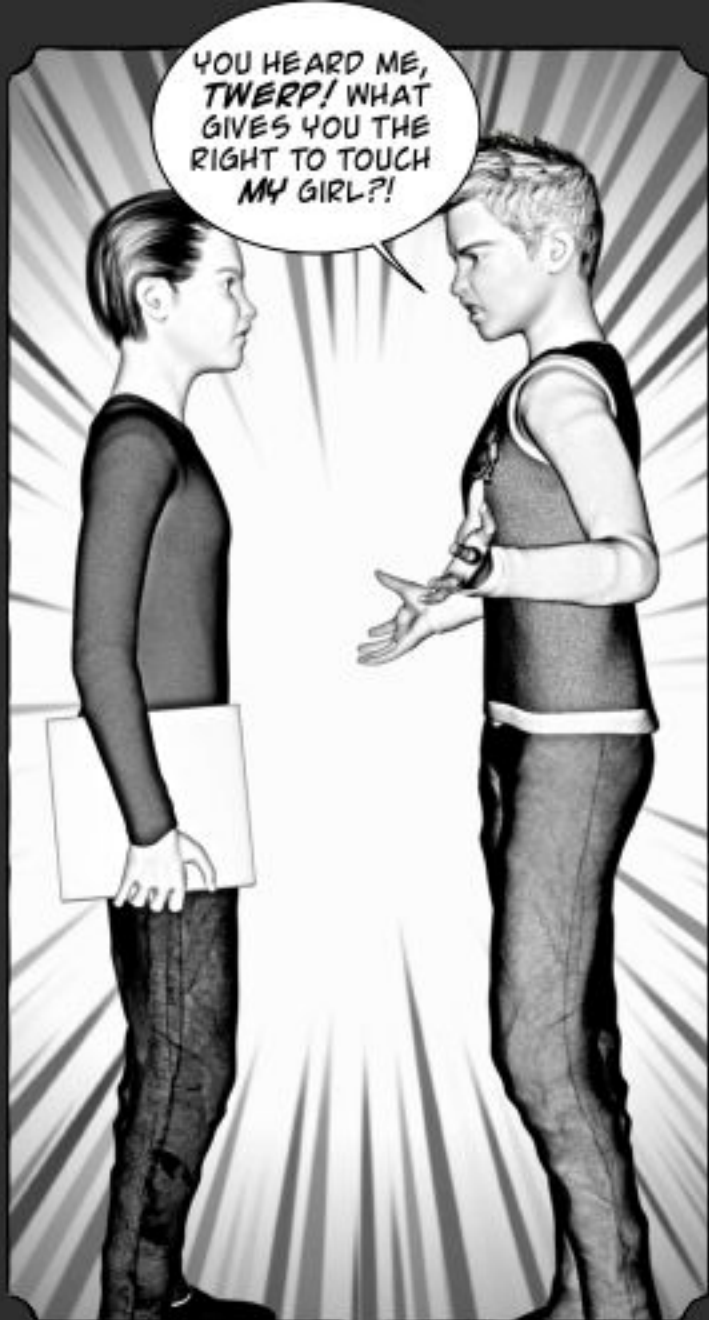
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GRANDERSON

IN ASSOCIATION WITH
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YOU HEARD ME,
TWERP! WHAT
GIVES YOU THE
RIGHT TO TOUCH
MY GIRL?!



WHAT GIRL? WHAT
ARE YOU TALKING
ABOUT, LANCE? GET
OUT OF MY FACE!



I'M NOT
GOING
ANYWHERE, SO
YOU'LL JUST
HAVE TO MAKE
ME!



SUIT
YOURSELF!



OH MY
GOSH!



"MR. HOWARD!"

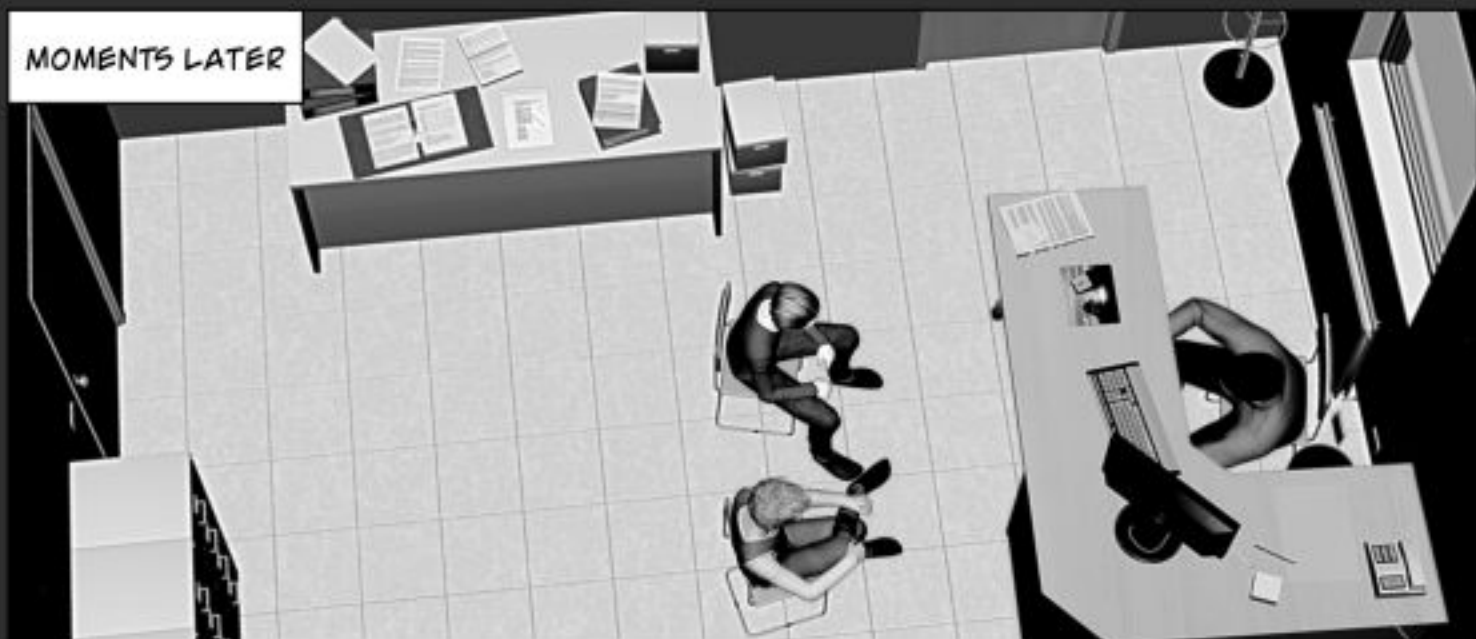


"FIGHT!"





MOMENTS LATER







"SHE WAS CARRYING A BUNCH OF BINDERS AND ACCIDENTALLY DROPPED THEM ON THE FLOOR YESTERDAY."



"I HELPED HER PICK THEM UP..."



"...AND HELD THE DOOR FOR HER AS SHE PLACED THEM IN THE STORAGE ROOM."



THAT WAS ALL I DID.







THIS ISN'T OVER.



SLAM

A LITTLE OVER THE TOP OUT THERE, DON'T YOU THINK?



HE HAD NO BUSINESS TALKING TO ME THE WAY HE DID.


HIS APPROACH WAS DISRESPECTFUL, I GET IT...



...BUT YOU DON'T THINK YOU LOST YOUR TEMPER JUST A LITTLE BIT?



MY DAD SAYS NEVER LET ANYONE TAKE ADVANTAGE OF ME. I HAVE A RIGHT TO DEFEND MYSELF, DON'T I?



YOU DO, JUSTIN, BUT THIS IS THE THIRD TIME THIS MONTH YOU'VE HAD TO "DEFEND" YOURSELF.

LET ME ASK YOU SOMETHING... WHO ATTACKED FIRST?



HMM...LOOK, SON, I KNOW IT'S TOUGH MOVING TO A NEW CITY AND SCHOOL.

AND I KNOW SOME OF THE KIDS HERE GIVE YOU A HARD TIME...BUT JUSTIN, YOU HAVE GOT TO LEARN TO MANAGE YOUR ANGER BETTER.

"YOU'RE GOING TO BE AN ADULT SOME DAY..."



...AND YOU CAN'T JUST HURT PEOPLE BECAUSE THEY DO OR SAY SOMETHING YOU DON'T LIKE."



YEAH? TELL THAT TO MY DAD HE JUST GOT FIRED FROM HIS THIRD JOB.



I'M SORRY, SON. I KNOW THINGS ARE TOUGH AT HOME. BUT THERE ARE BETTER WAYS.

"AS A MATTER OF FACT, THIS COULDN'T HAVE HAPPENED AT A BETTER TIME..."



I HAVE SPECIAL GUESTS COMING TO TALK TO YOU STUDENTS TODAY...



AND JUSTIN, I WANT YOU TO PAY CLOSE ATTENTION TO EVERYTHING THEY TEACH.



WHO ARE THEY?

TEAM G.R.E.A.T.
HEADQUARTERS

ALRIGHT,
TROOPERS! IT'S
ANOTHER BEAUTIFUL
DAY AND ANOTHER
AWESOME
OPPORTUNITY TO
INSPIRE YOUNG
MINDS!

EVEN
HOURS, CALEB.

YOUR SHINY
BALD HEAD
INSPIRES ME
ENOUGH,
SARGE!

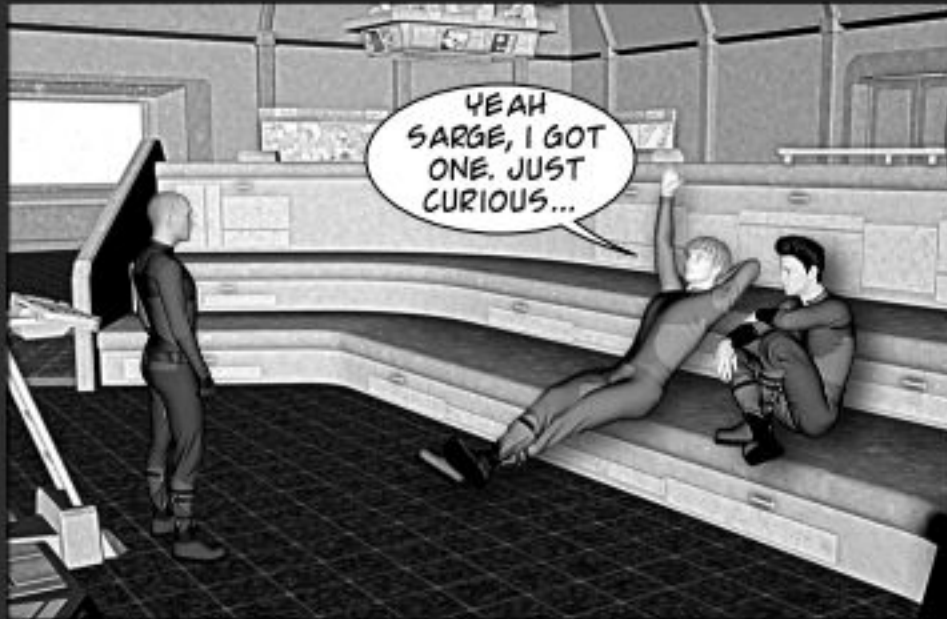
RIGHT, I'M
FLATTERED
ANYWAY...

...AS YOU
GUYS KNOW,
WE'RE AT
SUMMERTON MIDDLE
SCHOOL THIS
MORNING.

THEY'VE GOT THREE
SIXTH-GRADE CLASSES, WHICH IS
PERFECT. WE WILL COVER **ANGER
MANAGEMENT**. BE SURE TO
IDENTIFY THE FOUR
TECHNIQUES.



ONCE WE'VE ALL COMPLETED OUR CLASSES, EVERYONE WILL MOVE TO THE GYMNASIUM FOR DEMONSTRATIONS. ARE THERE ANY QUESTIONS?



YEAH SARGE, I GOT ONE. JUST CURIOUS...




...FOR SELF-TALK, WOULD I BE CONSIDERED CRAZY IF I ANSWERED MY OWN QUESTIONS?



CALEB, I CONSIDER YOU CRAZY REGARDLESS.



NOW MOUNT UP! WE'VE GOT STUDENTS WE NEED TO ENCOURAGE TO...



...CHOOSE
TO BE
G.R.E.A.T.!!

POLICE

ANGER MANAGEMENT

CHAPTER 2

SUMMERTON MIDDLE
SCHOOL

10:30 A.M.

OKAY LADIES
AND GENTLEMEN,
NOW THAT WE HAVE
DISCUSSED THE
TECHNIQUES FOR
DEALING WITH ANGER,
ACCORDING TO THE
G.R.E.A.T. STUDENT
HANDBOOK...

...I WILL NEED A FEW
VOLUNTEERS FOR THE
ROLE-PLAYING SCENARIO
TITLED "**LI LOSES
CONTROL!**"



ALRIGHT!
THIS IS GREAT
PARTICIPATION!
LET ME SEE
HERE...



OKAY
GUYS, SO AS
WE'VE
DISCUSSED,
GOOD
COMMUNICATION
HAPPENS WHEN
WE ARE ABLE
TO USE...



...TONE OF
VOICE, BODY
LANGUAGE,
AND WORDS TO
SEND CLEAR
MESSAGES TO
PEOPLE WE ARE
TALKING TO.



SOOO, WHAT
DO YOU THINK
HAPPENS WHEN
THESE THREE
ELEMENTS OF
COMMUNICATION
DON'T MATCH?
ANYONE?
ANYONE?

"AH, YES. MY YOUNG FRIEND IN THE BACK."

UH, CONFUSION?



THAT'S ABSOLUTELY CORRECT! SO TO AVOID MISUNDERSTANDINGS OR THE SPREADING OF RUMORS...

...WHAT DO YOU THINK WE SHOULD DO IF WE NEED CLARIFICATION?



"YES, MA'AM?"

UM, ASK A QUESTION?



THAT'S RIGHT! BOY, YOU GUYS ARE MAKING MY JOB REAL EASY TODAY! YOU'RE ALL EINSTEINS!

HA, HA, HA

HA, HA, HA

HA, HA, HA



MEANWHILE, DOWN THE HALL...

SO, WHEN YOU BECOME ANGRY...

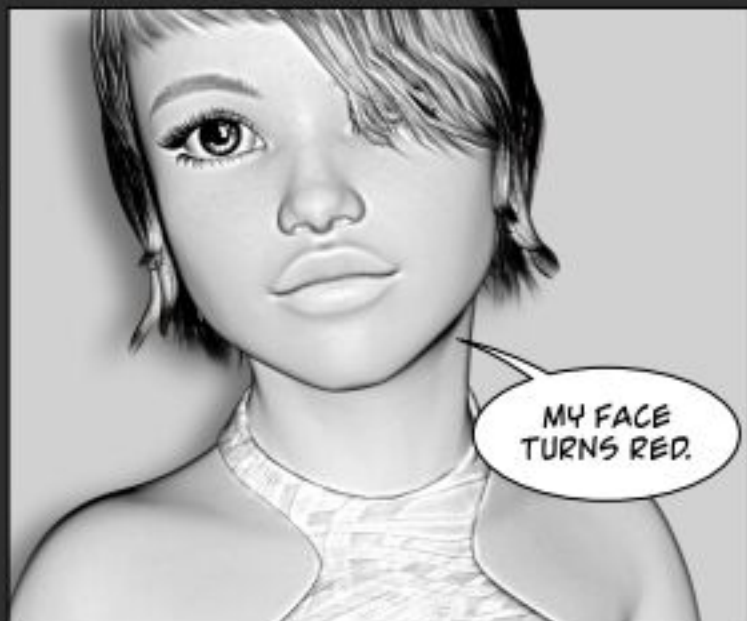


...WHAT DO YOU GUYS NOTICE HAPPENING TO YOU PHYSICALLY?





MY HANDS
SHAKE.



MY FACE
TURNS RED.



MY
VEINS STICK
OUT OF MY
ARMS.



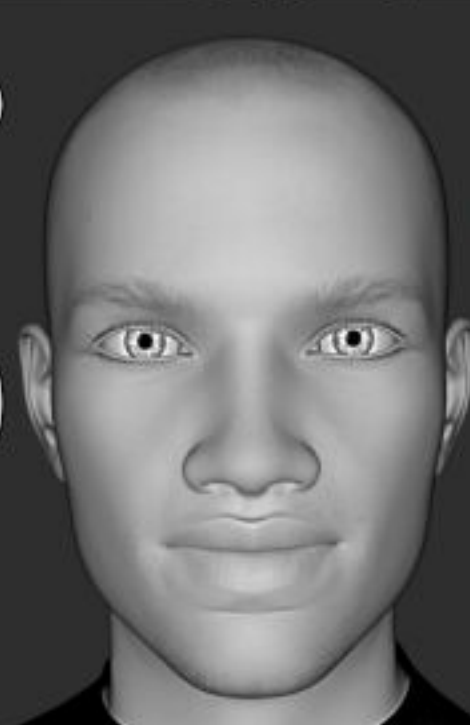
I START TO
BREATHE
REALLY
FAST.



I GET REALLY
LOUD.



I GET
REALLY
QUIET.



YOU ARE ALL ABSOLUTELY **CORRECT!** LI HAD EVERY RIGHT TO BE UPSET WITH JOSE FOR STEALING HER HOMEWORK. **HOWEVER,** SHE DID LOSE HER TEMPER BY THREATENING TO HIT HIM.

AS A **RESULT,** SHE ENDED UP GETTING IN TROUBLE WITH THE TEACHER FOR **HER** RESPONSE. SO, REMEMBER, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN...

AT THE END OF THE DAY, WE ARE ALL **RESPONSIBLE** FOR HOW WE REACT IN ANGER. PEOPLE AND SITUATIONS WILL **CAUSE** US TO GET UPSET...

BUT HOW WE RESPOND WILL DETERMINE IF WE GET THE JUSTICE WE **DESERVE.** BE SURE YOU DO YOUR BEST TO RESPOND IN A WAY THAT WILL KEEP YOU OUT OF HARM AND MAKE YOU **PROUD.**



RING!!! RING!!!

OK,
LET'S TAKE A
TEN-MINUTE
BREAK, AND
EVERYONE START
HEADING OVER
TO THE
GYMNASIUM.



MR. WALKER?



"JUSTIN, IS IT? MAY I
HAVE A MOMENT WITH
YOU?"

S-SURE, I
GUESS.



DON'T
WORRY. YOU'RE
NOT IN ANY
TROUBLE.

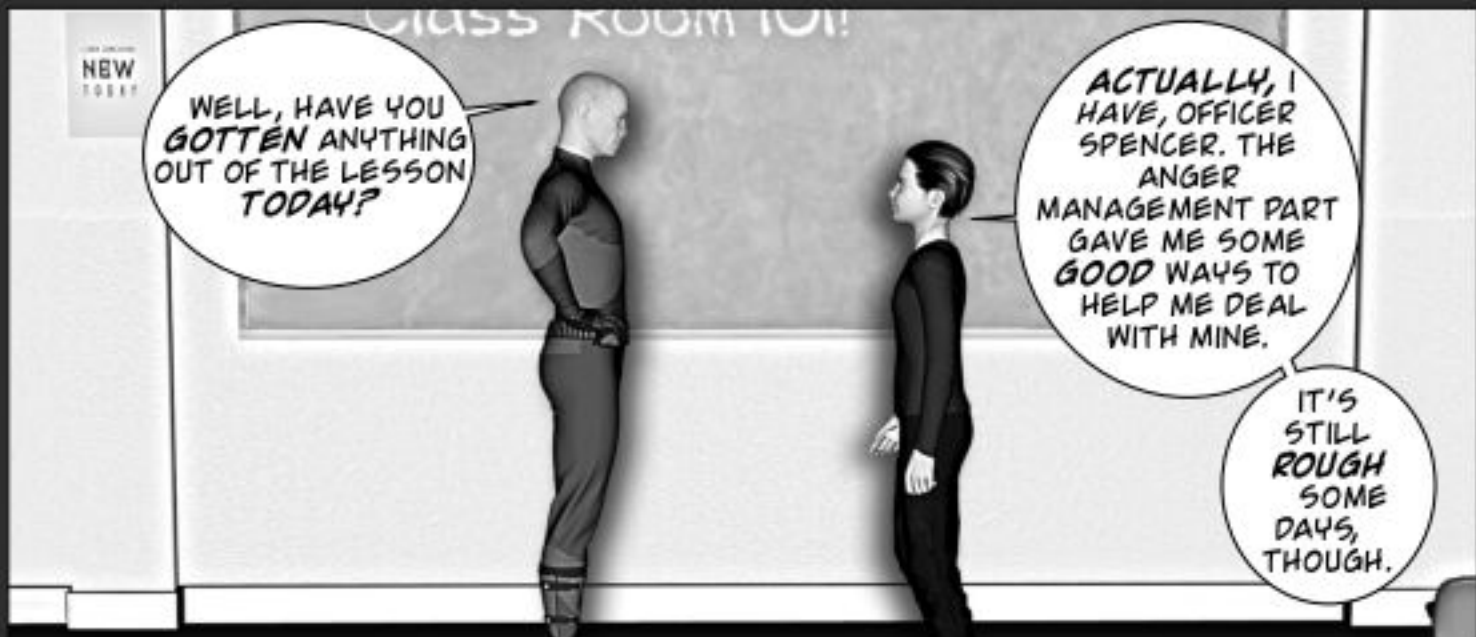


"IT'S GOOD TO MEET
YOU, JUSTIN. PRINCIPAL
HOWARD IS A GOOD
FRIEND OF MINE AND TOLD
ME A LITTLE ABOUT
YOU."



OOOH,
GREAT.





WELL, HAVE YOU GOTTEN ANYTHING OUT OF THE LESSON TODAY?

ACTUALLY, I HAVE, OFFICER SPENCER. THE ANGER MANAGEMENT PART GAVE ME SOME GOOD WAYS TO HELP ME DEAL WITH MINE.

IT'S STILL ROUGH SOME DAYS, THOUGH.



IT CAN BE.



YOU EVER BEEN SO ANGRY, YOU WANTED TO DESTROY EVERYTHING AROUND YOU?



I DID FEEL THAT WAY FOR A TIME...WHEN I LOST MY BROTHER.



YOU LOST YOUR BROTHER? I'M...I'M SORRY.



IT'S OKAY. IT WAS A LONG TIME AGO.



IF YOU DON'T MIND ME ASKING...HOW DID IT HAPPEN?



WELL, MY BROTHER MADE BAD DECISIONS. HE WAS A MEMBER OF A GANG AND WAS KILLED DURING A VIOLENT ALTERCATION INVOLVING ANOTHER GANG.



"I WAS JUST A KID, AND IT MADE ME ANGRY FOR A VERY LONG TIME."

HOW DID YOU DEAL WITH IT? I MEAN...THE ANGER.



MY BROTHER AND I WERE FOSTER CHILDREN...SO WE SPENT MOST OF OUR LIVES IN DIFFERENT HOMES.

AFTER HE DIED, MY BEHAVIOR GOT WORSE AS MY ANGER GREW. MANY OF MY FOSTER PARENTS COULDN'T DEAL WITH ME.



EVENTUALLY, IT WAS MY EIGHTH-GRADE SCIENCE TEACHER WHO TOOK ME UNDER HIS CARE AND TAUGHT ME HOW TO CONTROL MY EMOTIONS, AS WELL AS MY PHYSICAL POWER.

YOUR PHYSICAL POWER? WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY PHYSICAL POWER?



WELL, LET'S JUST SAY I'M A LITTLE STRONGER THAN I LOOK.



WOW, YOUR SCIENCE TEACHER DID ALL THAT FOR YOU?

MINE JUST GIVES ME EXTRA HOMEWORK.

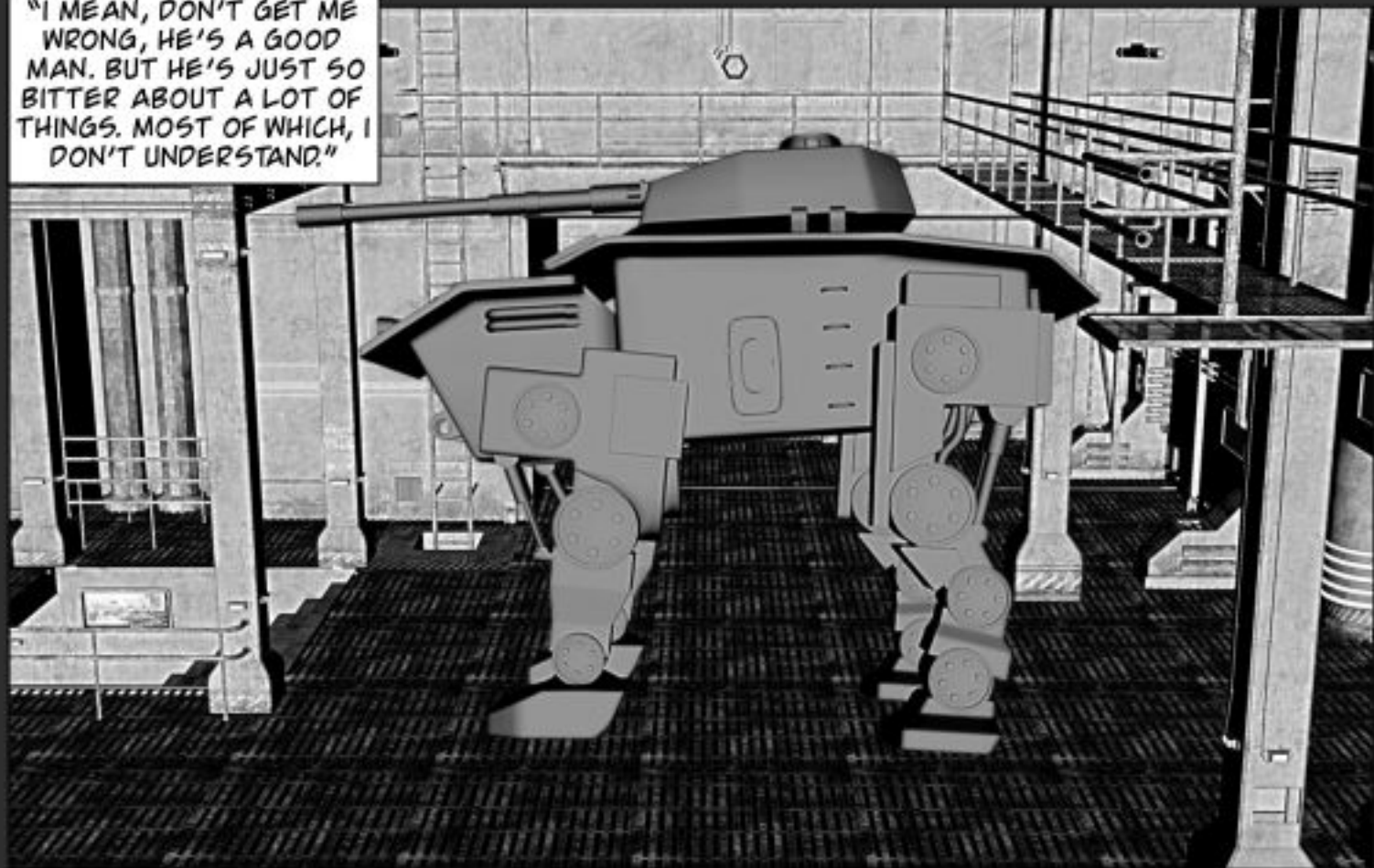


HA, HA, HA! YEAH WELL...HOW MY SCIENCE TEACHER CAME TO BE MY DAD IS A LONG STORY IN ITSELF. I'LL HAVE TO SHARE IT WITH YOU SOME OTHER TIME PERHAPS.

WHAT I WILL TELL YOU THOUGH...HE WAS MY FIRST MARTIAL ARTS INSTRUCTOR AND TAUGHT ME WHAT IT MEANS TO HAVE DISCIPLINE.

REALLY? I THINK ALL MY DAD HAS EVER TAUGHT ME IS HOW TO BE ANGRY, BECAUSE HE ALWAYS IS.

"I MEAN, DON'T GET ME WRONG, HE'S A GOOD MAN. BUT HE'S JUST SO BITTER ABOUT A LOT OF THINGS. MOST OF WHICH, I DON'T UNDERSTAND."



"THINGS GOT BAD BETWEEN HIM AND MY MOM AND THEY DIVORCED..."

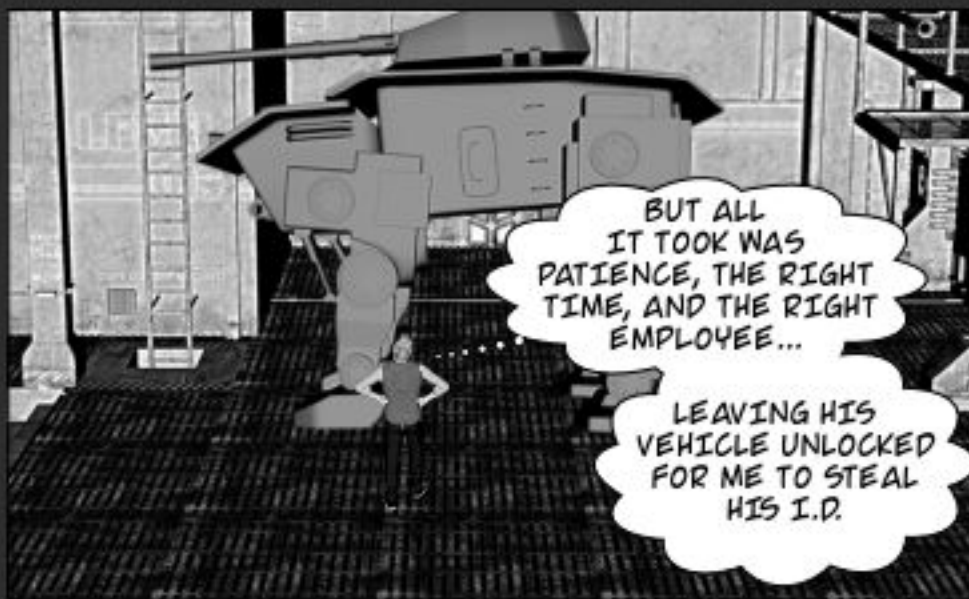


"...HE AND I MOVED OUT HERE..."



"...AND MY SISTER STAYED WITH MY MOM."







AND NOW *HERE* I AM!
READY TO TAKE WHAT I
HAVE HELPED BUILD AND
HAVE MY REVENGE!



FIRST, BY
DESTROYING THIS
WAREHOUSE...

...AND THEN IT'S
ON TO YOU,
JACOBSON, AT
HEADQUARTERS.

I KNOW MY DAD'S
GOING *THROUGH* A
LOT RIGHT NOW, BUT I
JUST WISH HE COULD
GET A BETTER
HANDLE ON HIS
TEMPER...

AND NOT
BLOW UP SO
MUCH.



BABOOM



WOW, SOUNDS LIKE HE MAY **NEED** TO TALK TO SOMEONE AS WELL.

YEAH, I KNOW. BUT IT FEELS GOOD TO **FINALLY** TALK TO SOMEONE WHO UNDERSTANDS.

THAT'S A LOT FOR **BOTH** OF YOU TO DEAL WITH.



WELL, THANK YOU FOR SHARING WITH ME, JUSTIN. BEING ABLE TO TALK TO SOMEONE IS GREAT THERAPY.



YEAH, I BELIEVE YOU CALLED IT...**IDENTIFYING?**



THAT'S IT.



CENTRAL TO 269 ALPHA.





269 TO
CENTRAL...I'M
AT SUMMERTON
MIDDLE, GO
AHEAD.



CENTRAL COPIES. I HAVE A
SITUATION REQUIRING A TEAM
G.R.E.A.T. RESPONSE, BREAK...

...GETTING
REPORTS OF A LARGE
OBJECT ON FOUR LEGS
THAT JUST COLLAPSED A
WAREHOUSE ON JOHNSON
STREET.



?

COME
AGAIN,
CENTRAL...DID YOU
SAY A LARGE
OBJECT WITH
FOUR LEGS?

THAT'S A
GOOD COPY.




NEW
TRAY

CENTRAL, ARE
THERE ANY
CASUALTIES?

NEGATIVE, BUT WE
HAVE
INJURIES...SENDING
FIRST RESPONDERS AND
EMS PERSONNEL.


THAT'S A
GOOD COPY. TEAM
G.R.E.A.T. IS EN
ROUTE.



OFFICER SPENCER, THAT OBJECT SOUNDS REAL **FAMILIAR!** I THINK THAT'S THE TANK MY DAD WAS WORKING ON FOR THE MILITARY **BEFORE** THEY LET HIM GO!




DO YOU **THINK** YOUR DAD IS DRIVING IT?



HE **COULD** BE.



I WANT YOU TO GO INTO THE GYMNASIUM WITH THE **OTHER** STUDENTS WHERE IT'S SAFE. DON'T WORRY, WE'LL GET TO YOUR **DAD** AND STOP THAT TANK.



YES, SIR.







IT'S
HEADED THIS
WAY! RUN!





"CENTRAL TO 269, WE NOW HAVE THE SUSPECT IDENTIFIED AS FREDERICK WALKER, FROM ONE OF THE EMPLOYEES INJURED IN THE EXPLOSION. PROCEED WITH EXTREME CAUTION."

THAT'S A GOOD COPY, CENTRAL.

VROOOOSH



MR. WALKER! THIS IS
SERGEANT SPENCER OF THE
SUMMERTON POLICE DEPARTMENT! I
ORDER YOU TO STOP THIS MACHINE
RIGHT NOW! YOU ARE *ENDANGERING*
THE LIVES OF THE CITIZENS OF THIS
COMMUNITY AS WELL AS
YOURSELF!

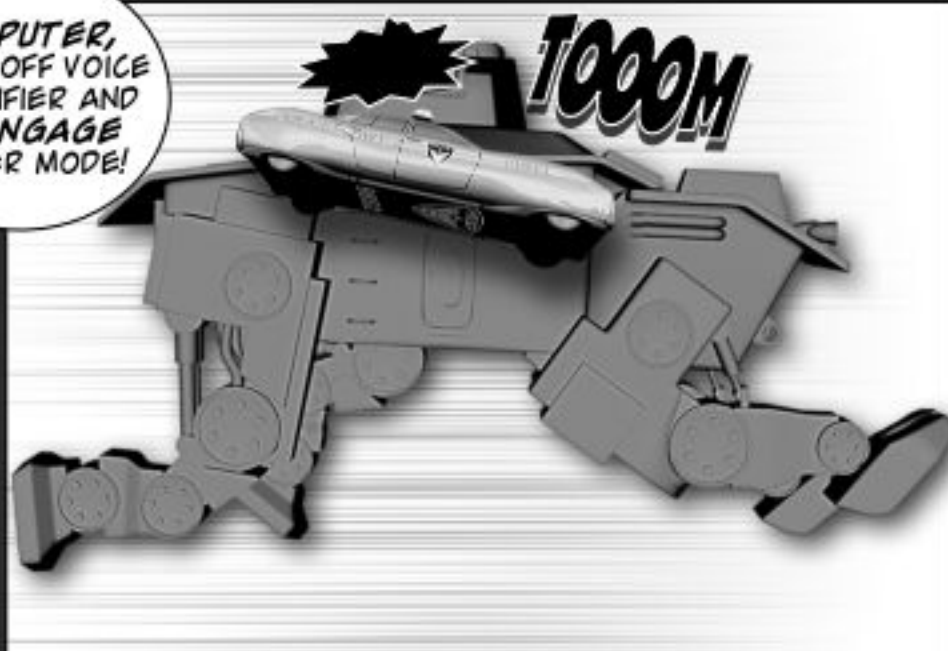
Wooo
Wooo
Wooo

NEVER! NOTHING
WILL STOP ME FROM
ACCOMPLISHING MY
MISSION...NOT EVEN YOU
COPS!





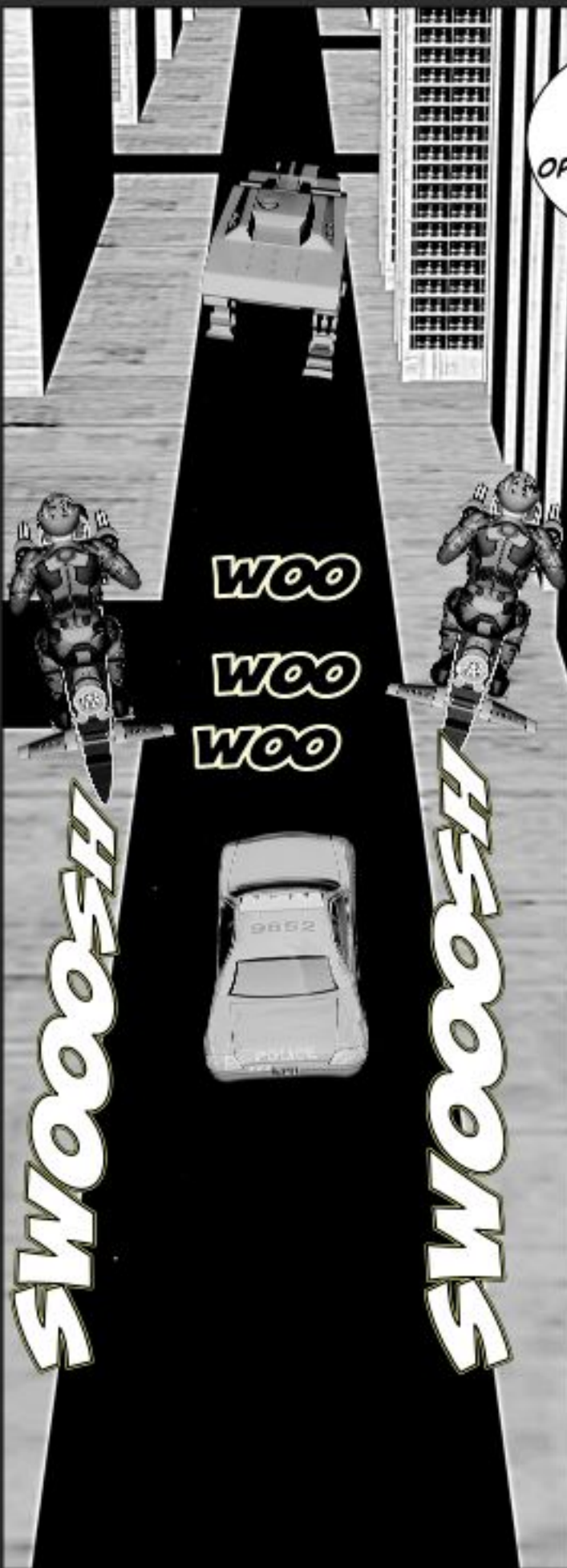
COMPUTER,
SHUT OFF VOICE
AMPLIFIER AND
DISENGAGE
HOVER MODE!

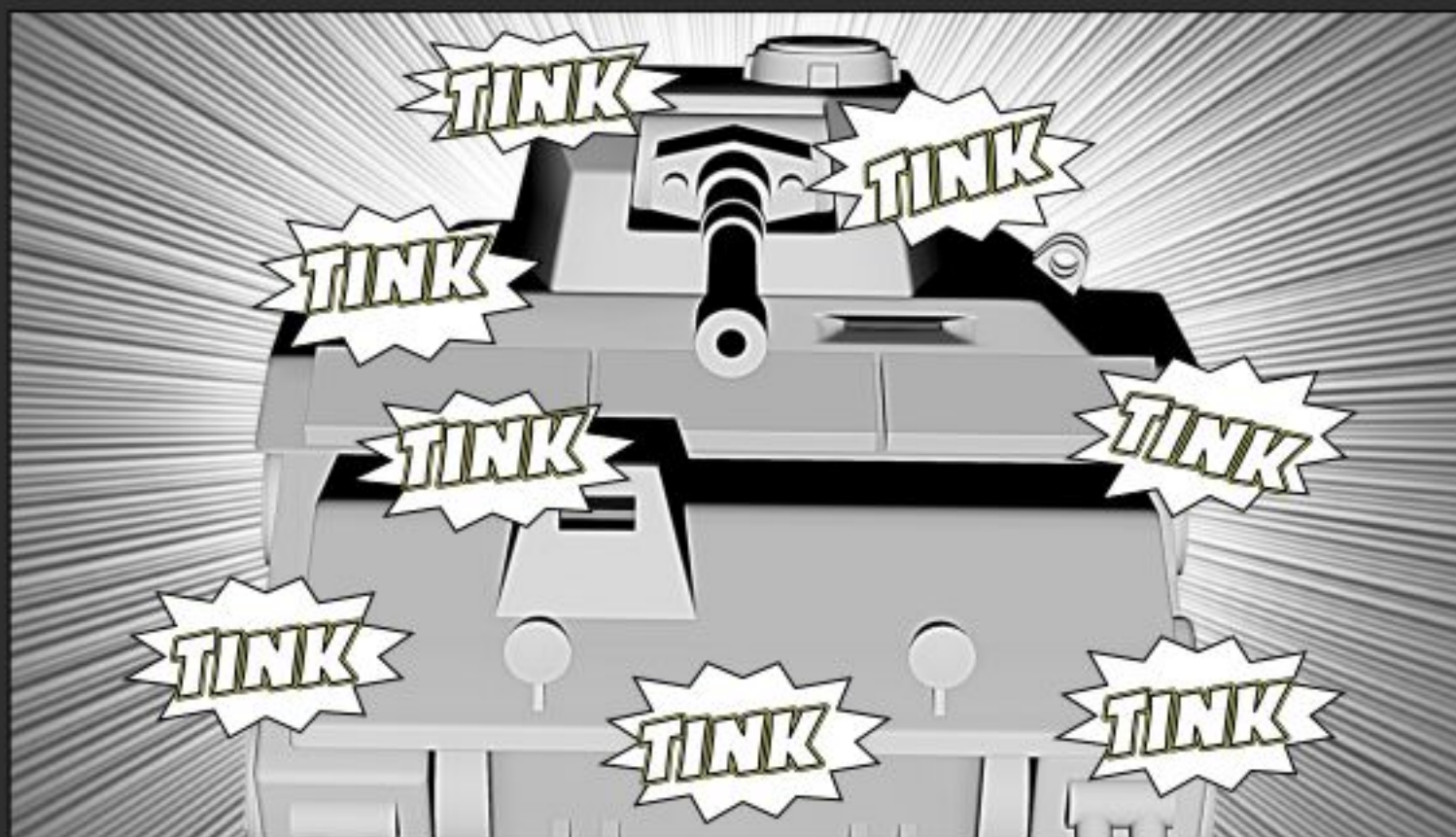


ALRIGHT
GUYS, THIS IS
HOW HE WANTS TO
PLAY IT...OPEN
FIRE!

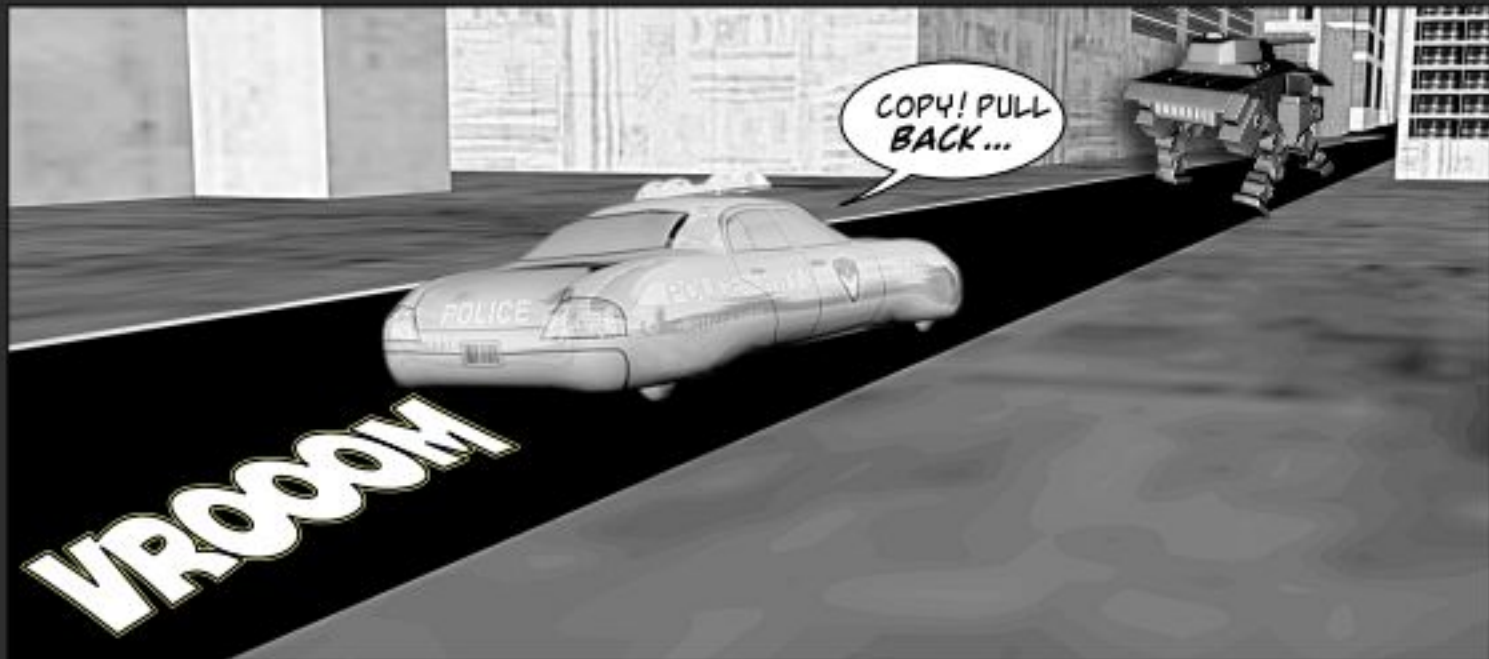
ROGER,
SERGEANT.

ALRIGHT!
ONE GIANT
FISH-CAN
OPENER, COMING
RIGHT UP!









COPY! PULL BACK...

VROOOOM

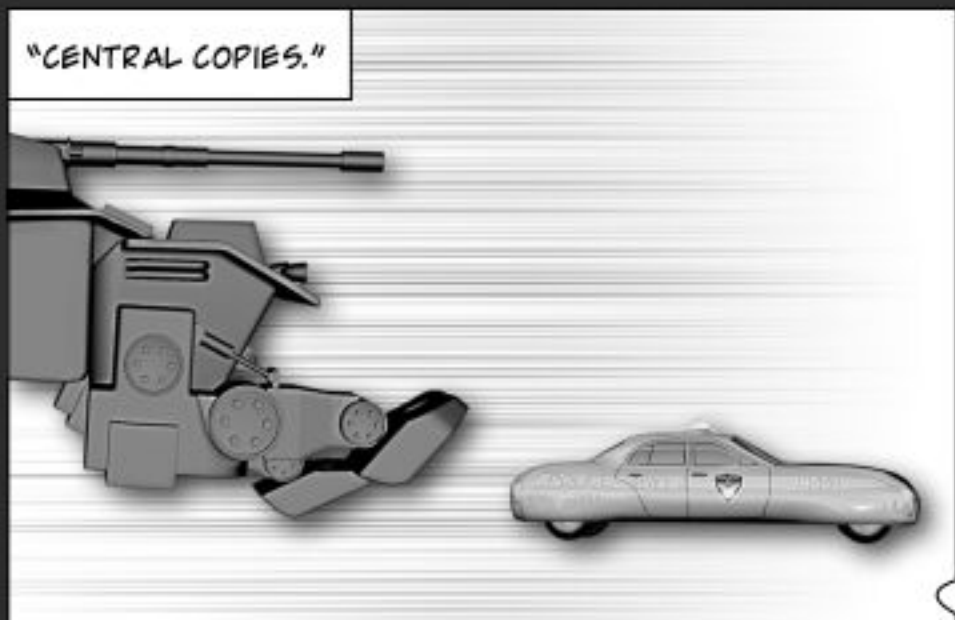


...WE HAVE TO SET UP A BARRIER BETWEEN HIM AND WEAPONS HEADQUARTERS!

WOO WOO



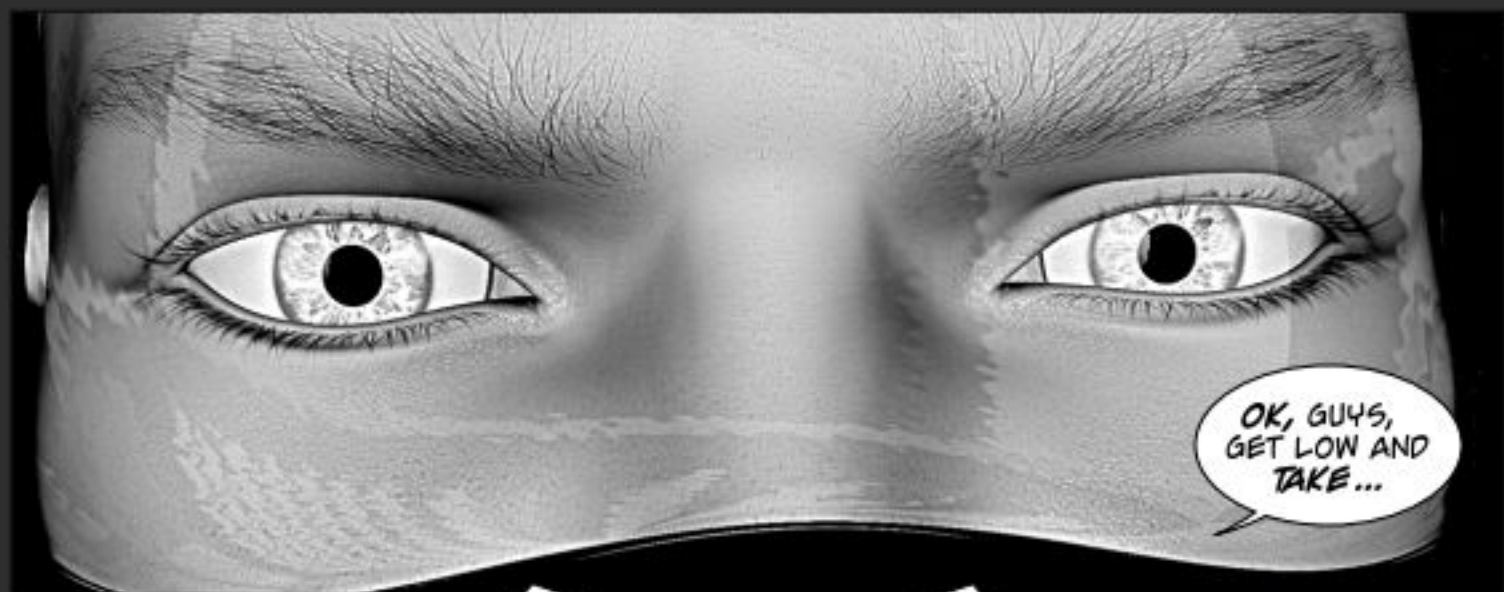
CENTRAL, CALL AHEAD AND HAVE SECURITY EVACUATE THE BUILDING.



"CENTRAL COPIES."

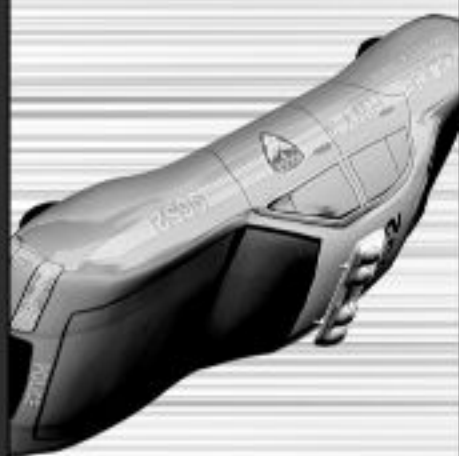


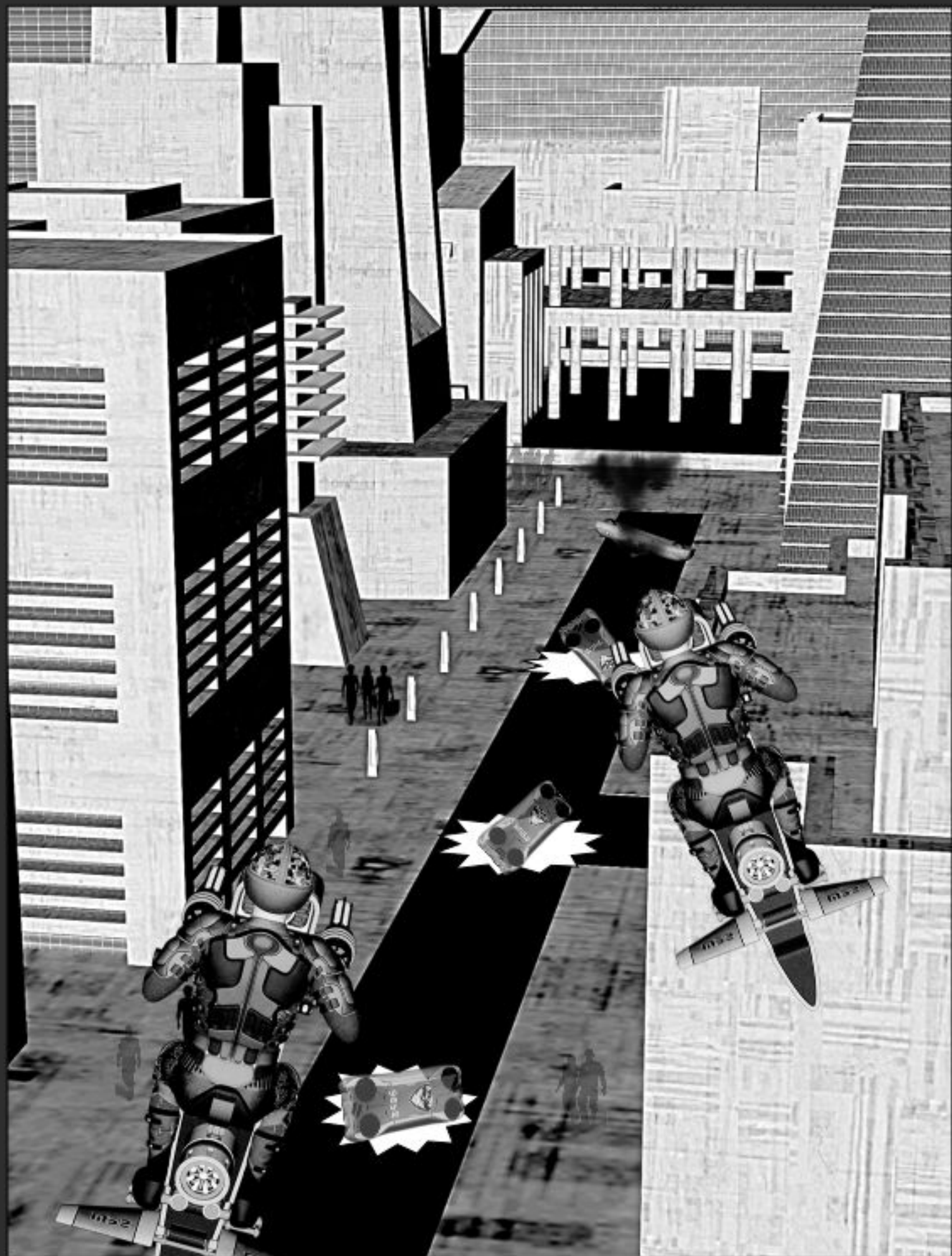
YOU UNDERESTIMATE MY TANK'S SPEED, SERGEANT...NOW YOU WILL SUFFER THE CONSEQUENCES.



WHAM!!!





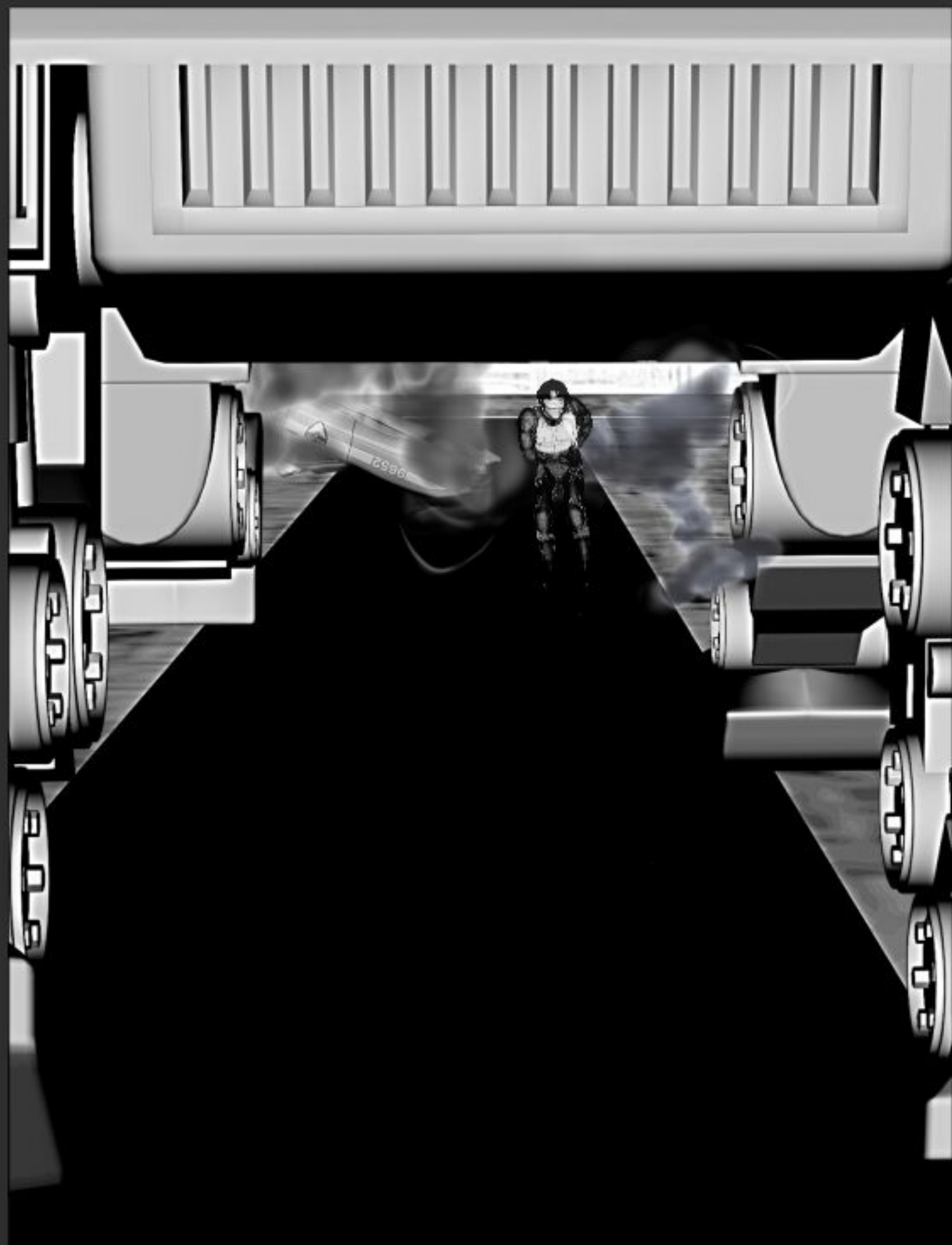




SARGE!

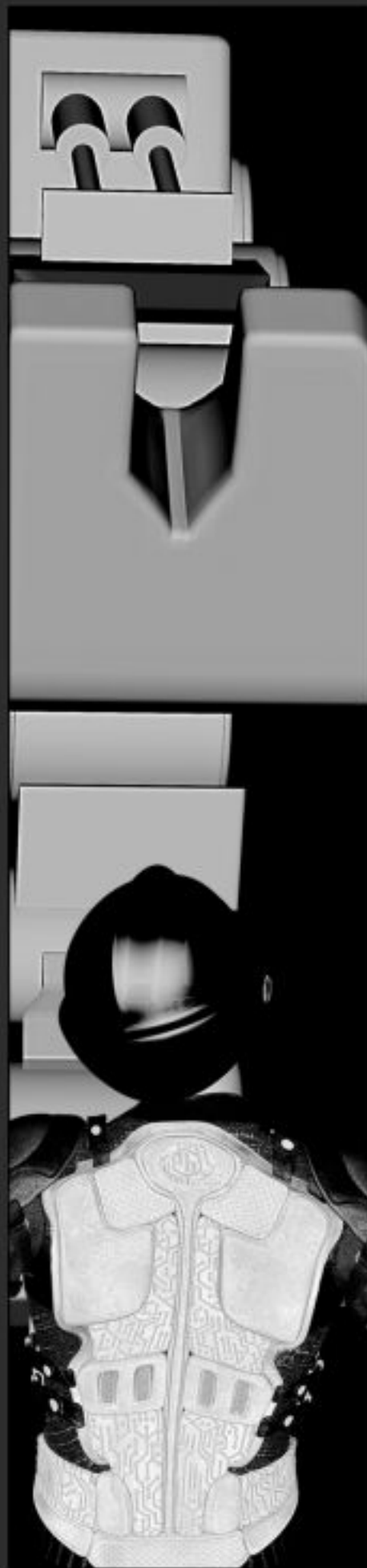


COUGH!





I TOLD YOU
NOTHING WAS
GOING TO STAND
IN MY WAY,
SERGEANT
...NOT EVEN
YOU!



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