

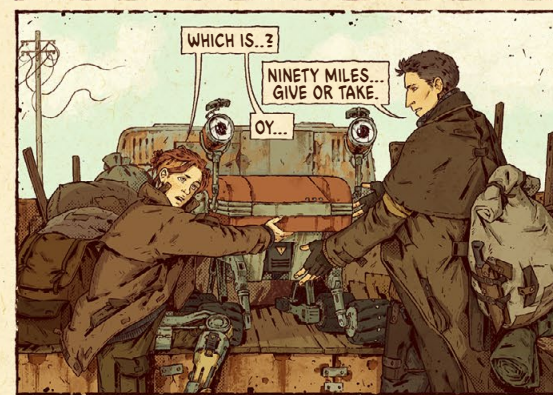
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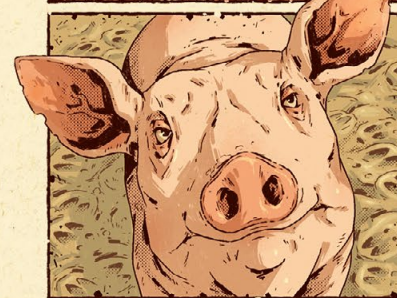
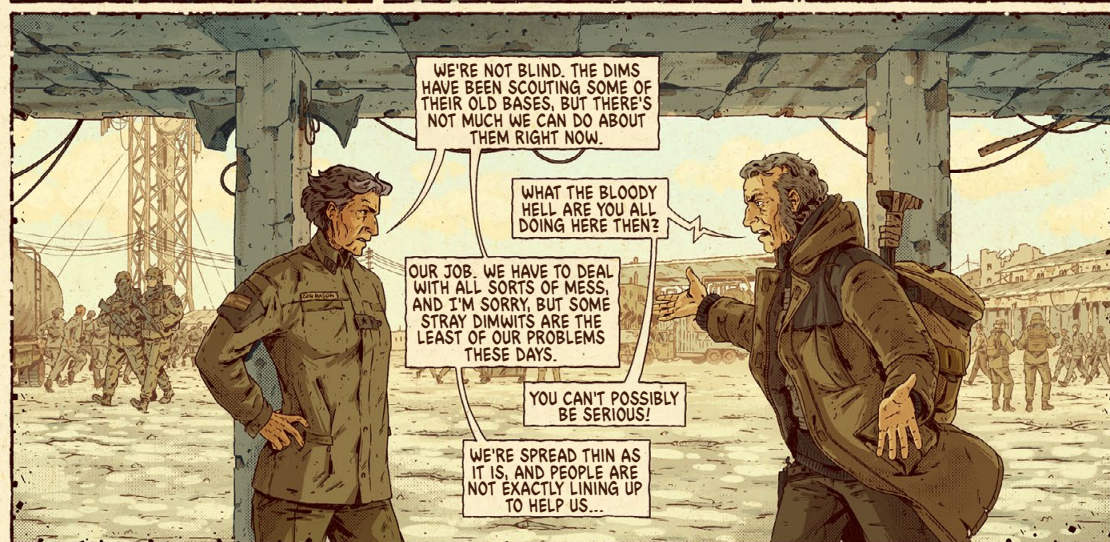


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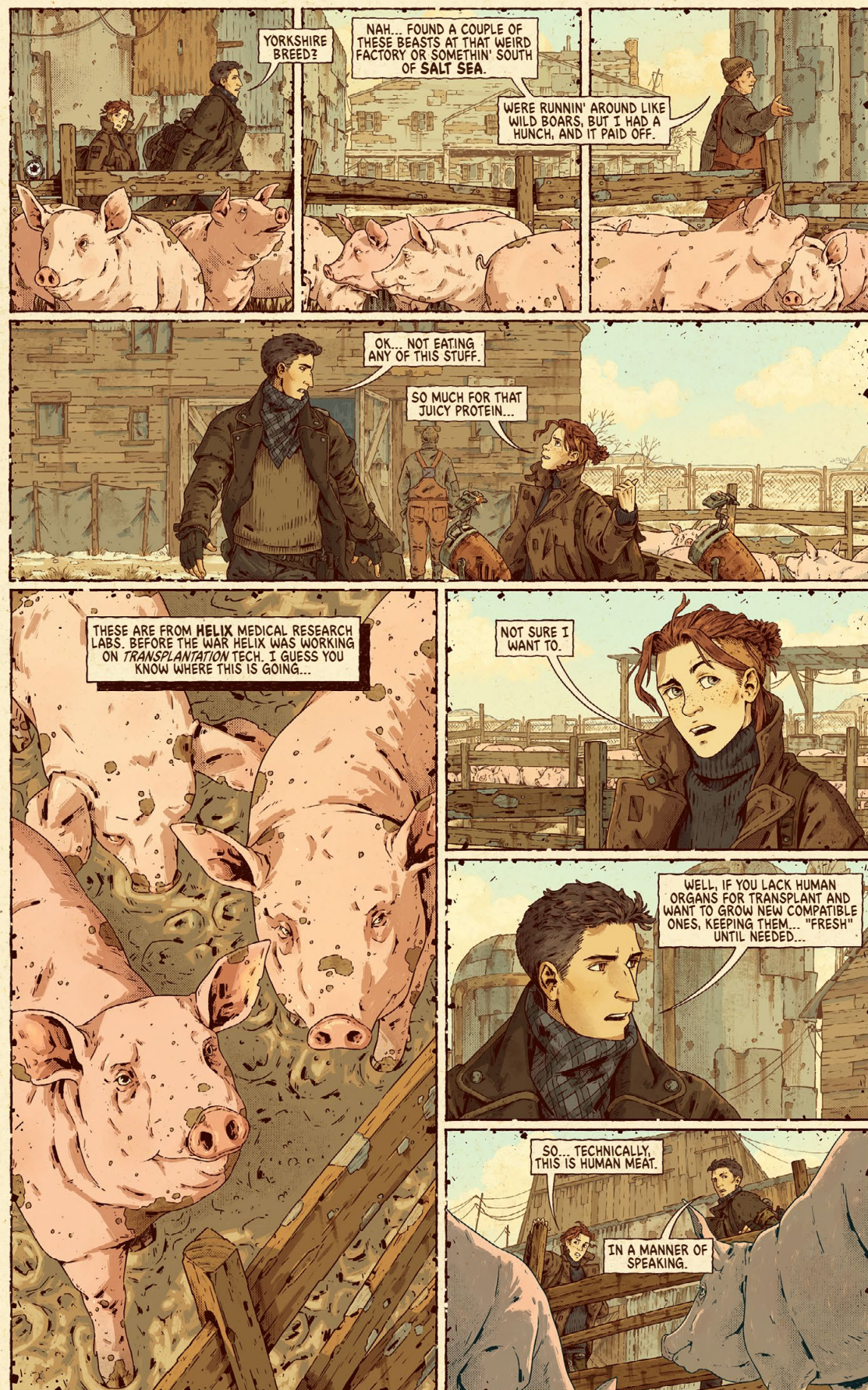




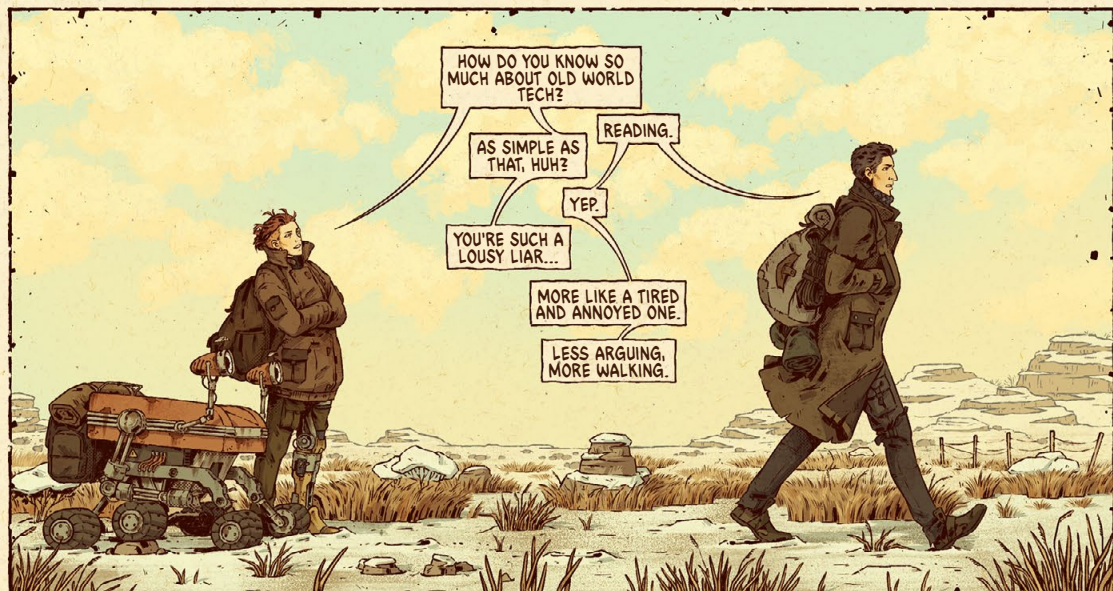
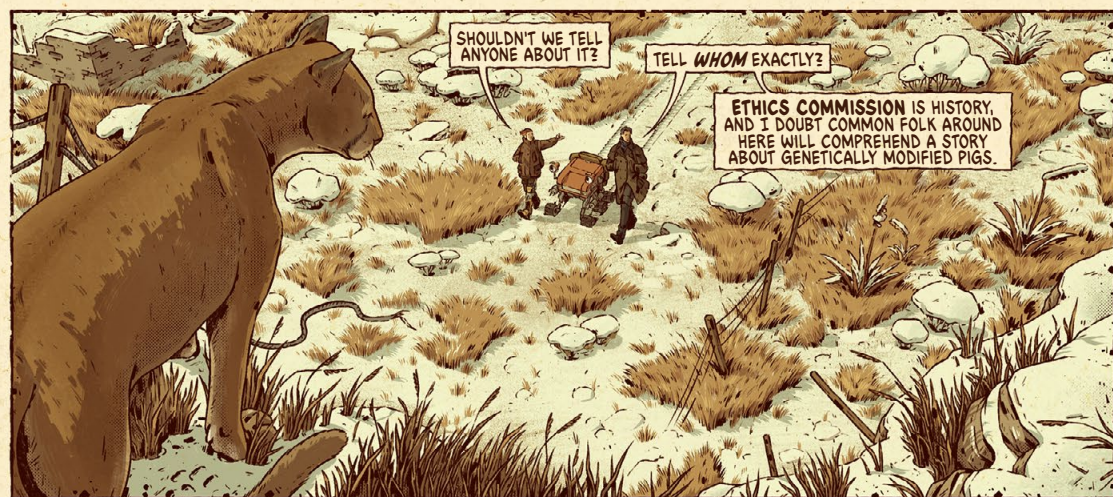




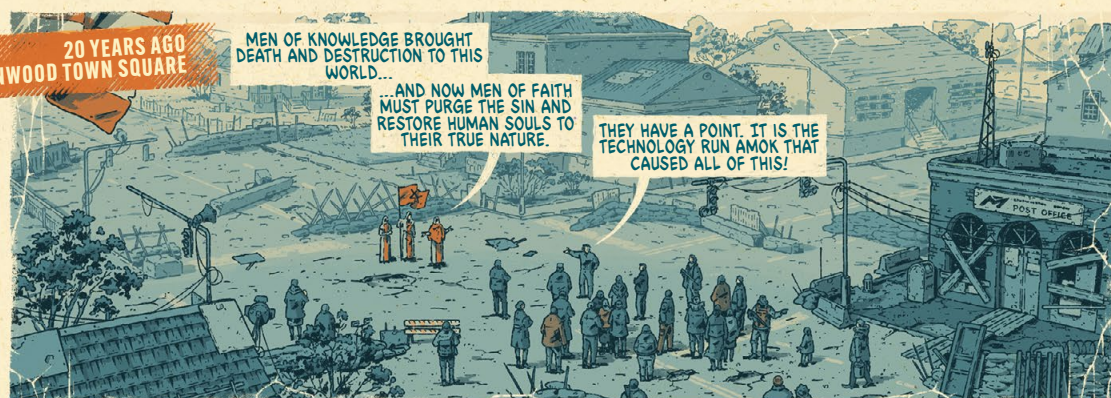








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COTTONWOOD TOWN SQUARE

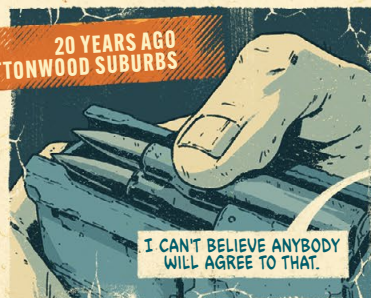








20 YEARS AGO  
COTTONWOOD SUBURBS



I CAN'T BELIEVE ANYBODY  
WILL AGREE TO THAT.



IS IT REALLY  
WORTH IT?

THIS IS WRONG,  
CARRIE.



THOSE DIMWITS RAZED  
AUGER AT LAB TO THE  
GROUND *WITH PEOPLE  
INSIDE.*

GIVING THEM ANYTHING BUT  
THE BOOT FEELS LIKE BEING  
A PART OF THAT.



I KNOW, HONEY, I  
KNOW... IT'S JUST...  
WHAT ABOUT US?



I'VE LIVED MY LIFE BELIEVING  
THAT THERE IS MORE TO IT, THAN  
MERE SURVIVAL: CONSCIENCE...  
INTEGRITY... FREEDOM...



IS HANK RIGHT? DON'T  
THESE THINGS MATTER  
ANYMORE?



WHAT IF MERE SURVIVAL  
IS ALL WE HAVE LEFT?



KNOCK  
KNOCK  
KNOCK



I'M SORRY, AL... I THOUGH, I  
SHOULD BE THE ONE TO BRING  
YOU THE NEWS... YOU KNOW,  
HOW MUCH I RESPECT YOU.

CUT TO THE CHASE.

THERE WAS A VOTE.



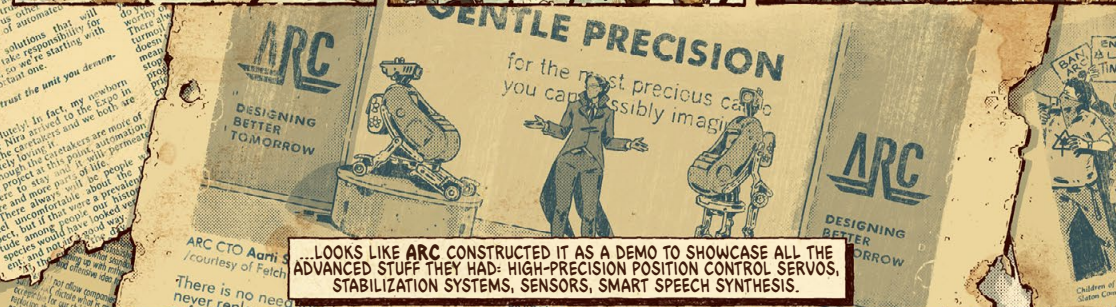
PEOPLE DECIDED TO COMPLY  
WITH REDEEMERS' DEMANDS.  
I DON'T LIKE IT, BUT... WE  
ALL HAVE FAMILIES.

THOSE HAVE BEEN TOUGH  
YEARS, PEOPLE JUST DON'T  
HAVE IT IN THEM TO FIGHT  
ANY MORE.

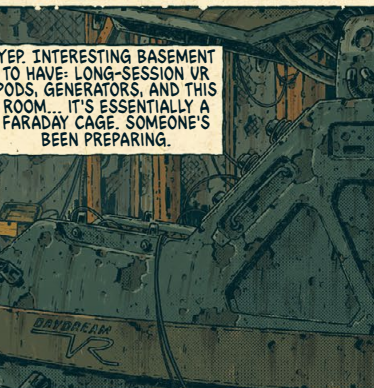
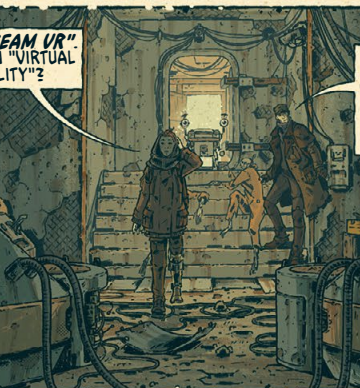
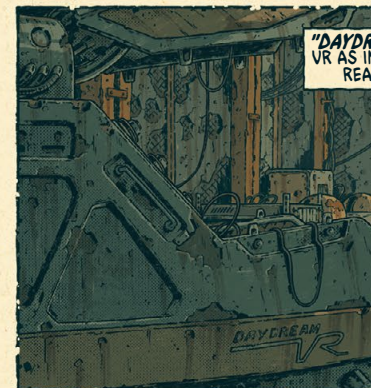
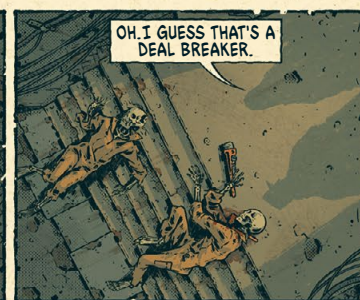
HANK AND SEVERAL  
OTHERS RECRUITED  
THOUGH... WEASELS.  
I'M SORRY, AL.













10 YEARS AGO  
DOHERTY'S SCRAPYARD

MAY I SEE MR.  
ALAN DOHERTY?

AND YOU ARE...?

COLONEL EVE MASON,  
THE GUARD, M'AM.



THE GUARD?

CONTINENTAL UNION MILITARY  
WE'VE BEATEN THE REDEEMERS  
AND NOW WE'RE TRYING TO  
STABILIZE THE REGION.

COME IN.



SO... MILITARY, HUH?  
TOOK YOUR SWEET TIME.

TRUE, I WISH WE  
COULD HAVE GOTTEN  
HERE SOONER.



TO PERFORM OUR DUTY, NOTHING  
WILL EVER MAKE UP FOR LEAVING  
ALL OF YOU PEOPLE BEHIND.

YET WE'RE HERE NOW.

RIGHT...

WE ARE SOLDIERS, WE WERE  
FOLLOWING ORDERS.

WELL, YOU DIDN'T!

FOR FIFTEEN YEARS WE HAD  
TO SURVIVE ON OUR OWN, AND  
NOW YOU'RE JUST SHOWING UP  
OUT OF THE BLUE TO WHAT?



SEE, FOR THE PAST FEW YEARS  
I'VE SEEN ENOUGH PEOPLE JUST  
"FOLLOWING ORDERS".

THEY KILLED AND HUMILIATED  
PEOPLE BECAUSE SOMEONE  
ORDERED THEM TO.

THE EXACT SORT YOU GUYS  
WERE SWORN TO PROTECT US  
FROM. SO TELL ME, HOW'S  
FOLLOWING ORDERS JUSTIFY  
BREAKING THE OATH?

IT DOESN'T.



WHAT DO YOU  
WANT FROM ME?

THE GUARD WILL BE STATIONED IN  
VISTO, BUT WE'LL NEED LOCALS TO  
HANDLE LAW ENFORCEMENT.

I WAS TOLD YOU'VE BEEN  
A KIND OF A SHERIFF HERE  
BEFORE REDEEMERS CAME.

THIS TOWN NEEDS  
YOU AGAIN.



I'VE BEEN THROUGH  
THIS BEFORE...

AND THE ANSWER IS NO. I'M AN OLD  
MAN, COLONEL. I'VE HAD ENOUGH OF  
SAVING THE PEOPLE, WHO DON'T CARE  
ANYMORE.

I UNDERSTAND. THE  
OFFER STANDS, IN CASE  
YOU CHANGE YOUR MIND.

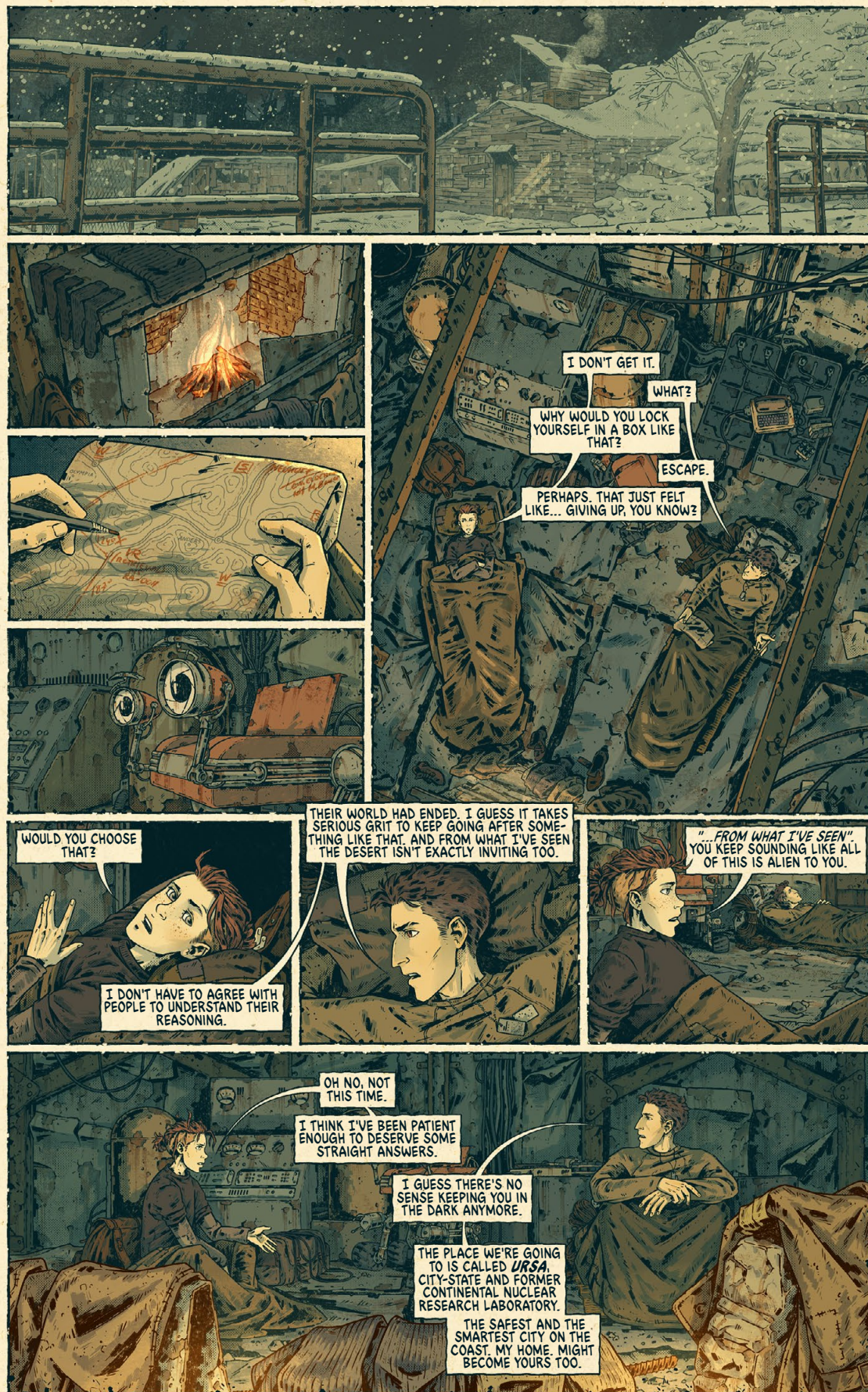
I WOULDN'T  
COUNT ON IT.











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