

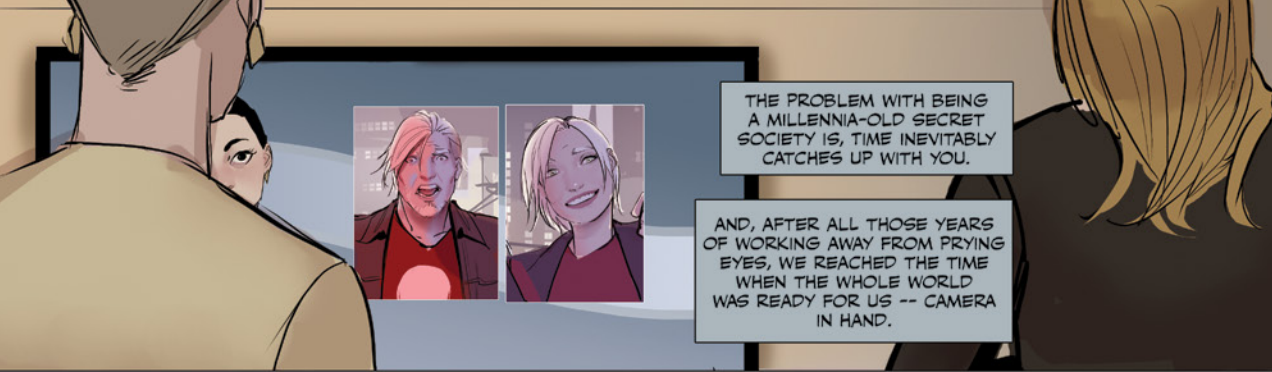
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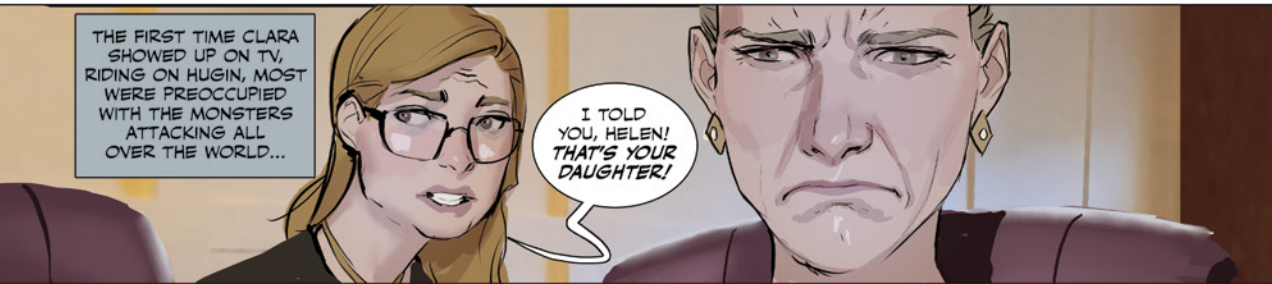


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THE PROBLEM WITH BEING A MILLENNIA-OLD SECRET SOCIETY IS, TIME INEVITABLY CATCHES UP WITH YOU.

AND, AFTER ALL THOSE YEARS OF WORKING AWAY FROM PRYING EYES, WE REACHED THE TIME WHEN THE WHOLE WORLD WAS READY FOR US -- CAMERA IN HAND.



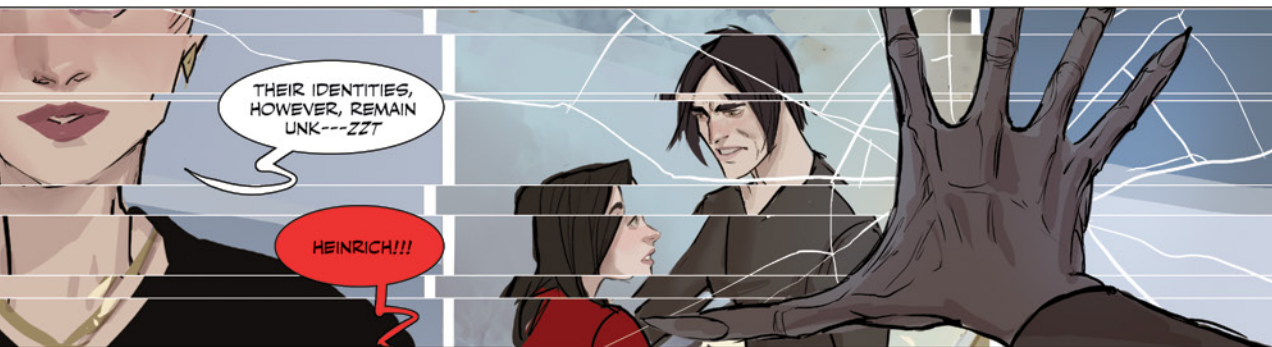
THE FIRST TIME CLARA SHOWED UP ON TV, RIDING ON HUGIN, MOST WERE PREOCCUPIED WITH THE MONSTERS ATTACKING ALL OVER THE WORLD...

I TOLD YOU, HELEN! THAT'S YOUR DAUGHTER!



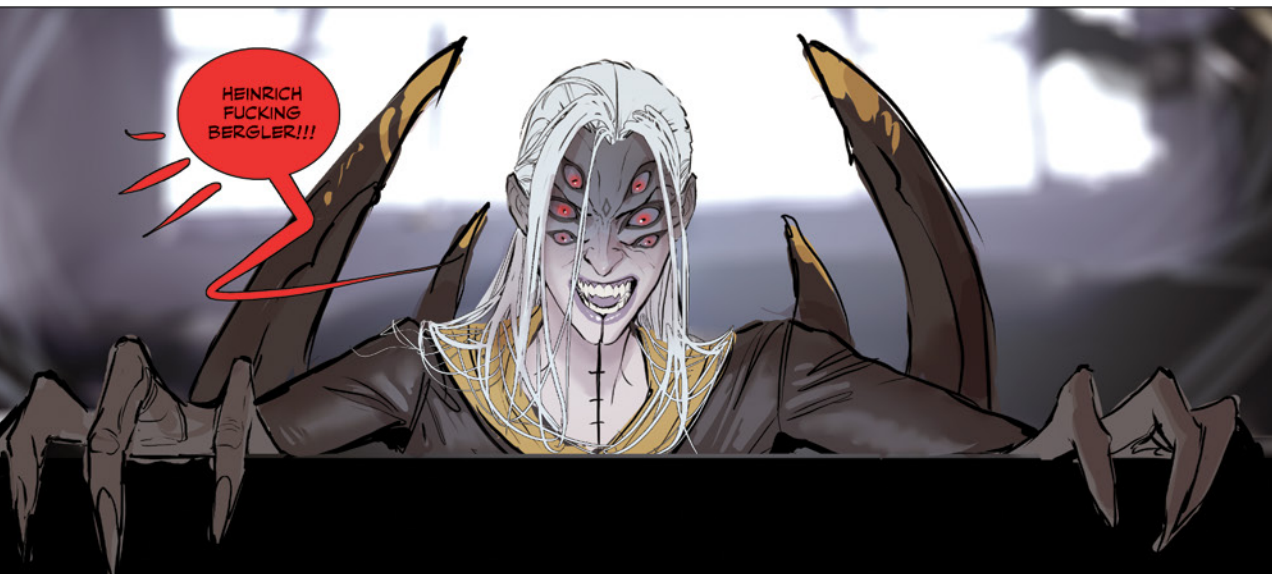
NEARBY SECURITY CAMERAS ALSO CAPTURED THESE TWO INDIVIDUALS. POLICE CLAIM THEY WERE PRESENT DURING THE NEW YORK ASSAULT AS WELL, AND ARE PERSONS OF INTEREST IN THAT INVESTIGATION.

...BUT AFTER THAT? PEOPLE STARTED PAYING ATTENTION.



THEIR IDENTITIES, HOWEVER, REMAIN UNK---ZZT

HEINRICH!!!



HEINRICH FUCKING BERGLER!!!





GHK!

YOU KNOW
BETTER THAN TO
SKITTER AROUND THE
HALLOWED HALLS,
ARANA.

FATHER
INSISTS ON
SILENCE.

ARGH!

DAMN IT,
SHADRACH!
THIS IS IMPORTANT,
I MUST SEE FATHER
AT ONCE.

NONE MAY
ENTER DURING
THE COMMUNE.

SEE MY
MIND!!!

AH...

SO, THE
TRAITOR
STILL
LIVES...



OH, YES!
THIS DOES
CHANGE
THINGS...

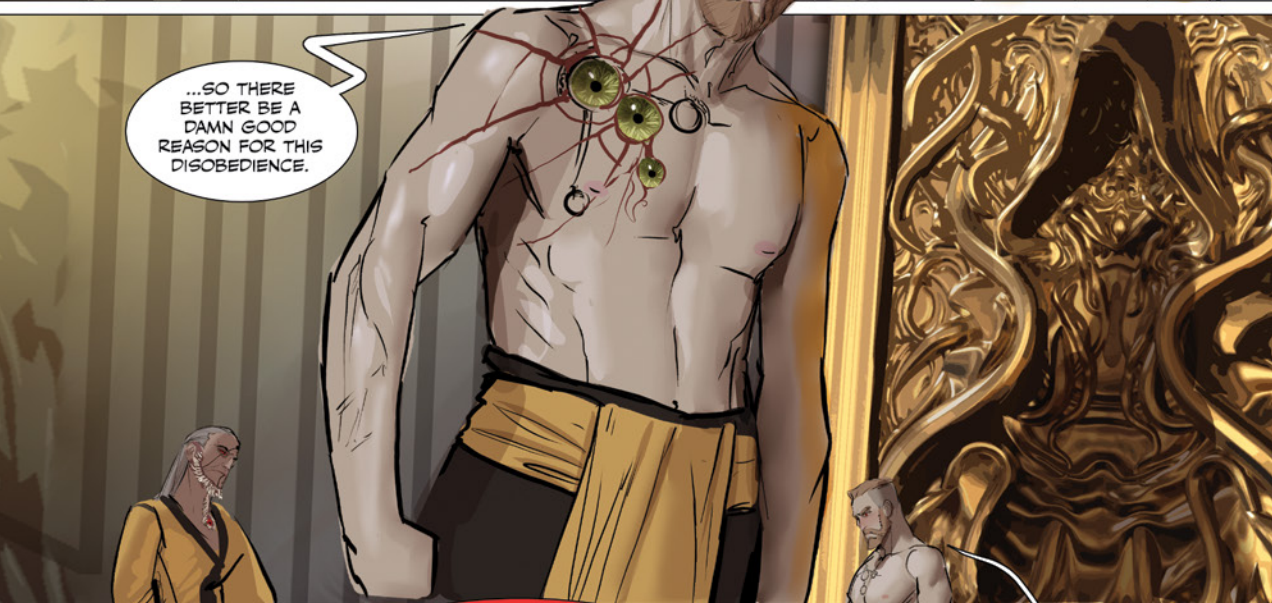
FOLLOW
ME!





FATHER,
WE **MUST**
SPEAK WITH
YOU!

I GAVE
SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS THAT
I WAS NOT TO BE DISTURBED,
SHADRACH...

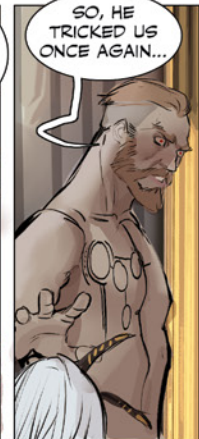
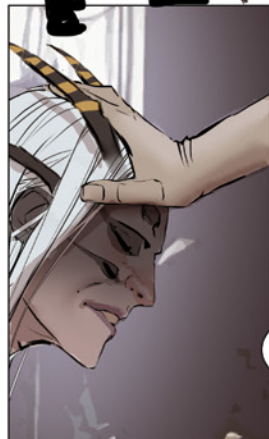
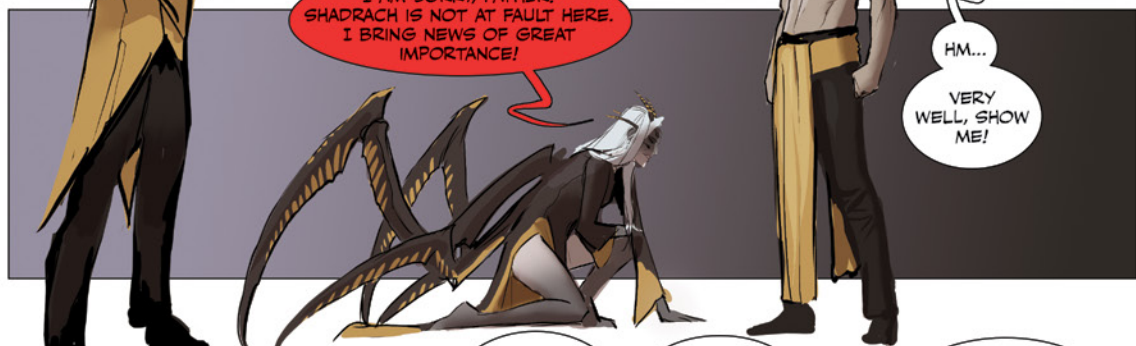


...SO THERE
BETTER BE A
DAMN GOOD
REASON FOR THIS
DISOBEDIENCE.

I AM SORRY, FATHER!
SHADRACH IS NOT AT FAULT HERE.
I BRING NEWS OF GREAT
IMPORTANCE!

HM...

VERY
WELL, SHOW
ME!

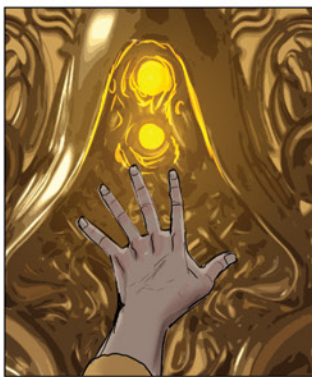


THAT
TRECHEROUS
WEASEL AND
HIS ABOMINATION
LIVED!?

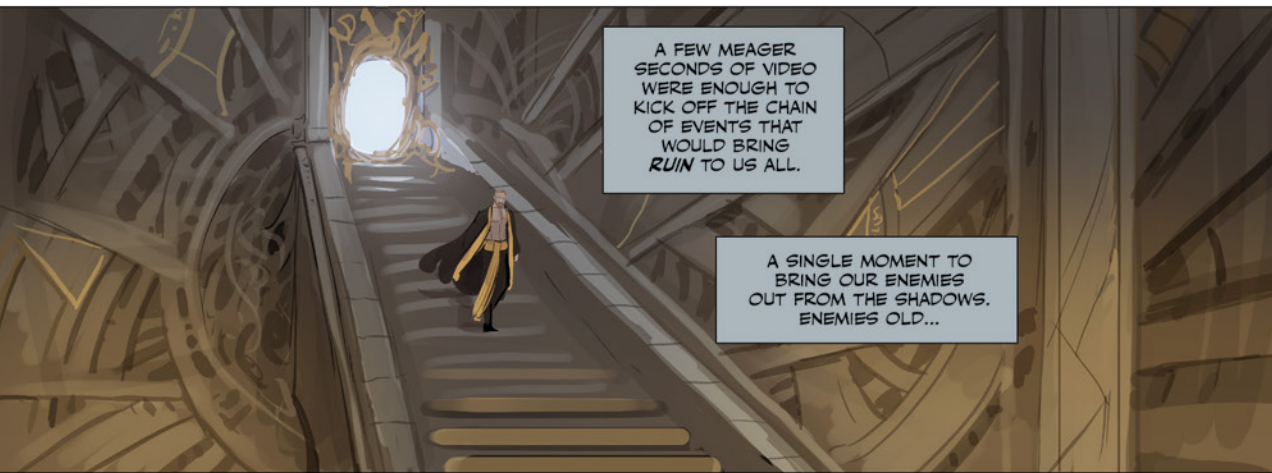
SO, HE
TRICKED US
ONCE AGAIN...

KEEP GUARD!
I MUST SEEK
COUNCIL WITH
THE CARDINALS.

BERGLER!!!



IT'S STRANGE JUST HOW
MUCH DAMAGE A SINGLE
MOMENT CAN DO.



A FEW MEAGER
SECONDS OF VIDEO
WERE ENOUGH TO
KICK OFF THE CHAIN
OF EVENTS THAT
WOULD BRING
RUIN TO US ALL.

A SINGLE MOMENT TO
BRING OUR ENEMIES
OUT FROM THE SHADOWS.
ENEMIES OLD...



...AND
NEW.

RAPHAEL?

IT IS NOT
LIKE YOU TO STOP
THE COMMUNE
AND ATTEND US
IN PERSON.



WE WOULD
FIND OUT THERE
WAS MORE THAN JUST ONE
HELL UNDER OUR FEET...



...AND MORE THAN JUST
ONE DEVIL RULING IT.

MY APOLOGIES, YOUR MAJESTIES --
BUT I COME BEARING IMPORTANT NEWS.
HEINRICH BERGLER AND HIS DAUGHTER
STILL LIVE.



THE
BEAST IS STILL
AMONG US?

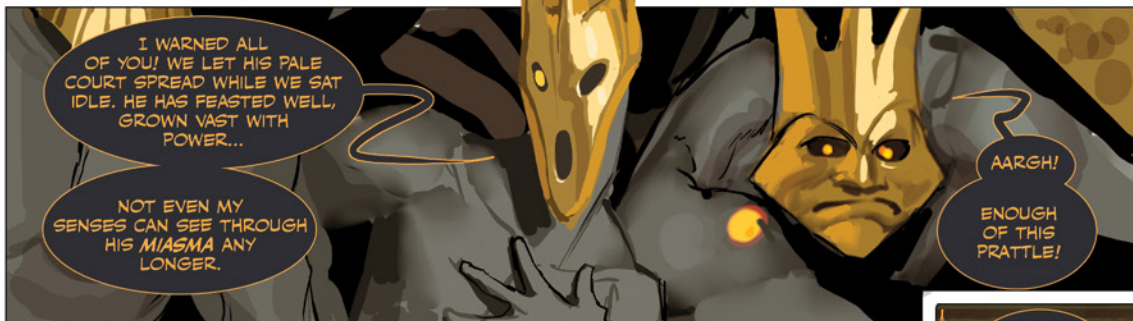


HOW DID WE
NOT KNOW
ABOUT THIS?

YOU WERE
SUPPOSED TO
SENSE THE
PRESENCE OF
OUR PRIMORDIAL
KIN! WHAT
HAPPENED!?

HOW DID
THIS ESCAPE
YOU!?

BROTHER,
THE AIR HAS GROWN
THICK WITH THE FOUL
PRESENCE OF
ABYSS.



I WARNED ALL
OF YOU! WE LET HIS PALE
COURT SPREAD WHILE WE SAT
IDLE. HE HAS FEASTED WELL,
GROWN VAST WITH
POWER...

NOT EVEN MY
SENSES CAN SEE THROUGH
HIS *MIASMA* ANY
LONGER.

AARGH!

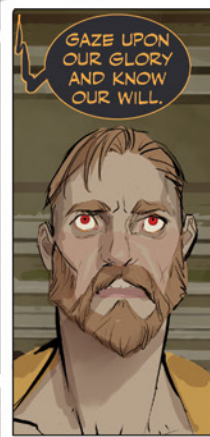
ENOUGH
OF THIS
PRATTLE!



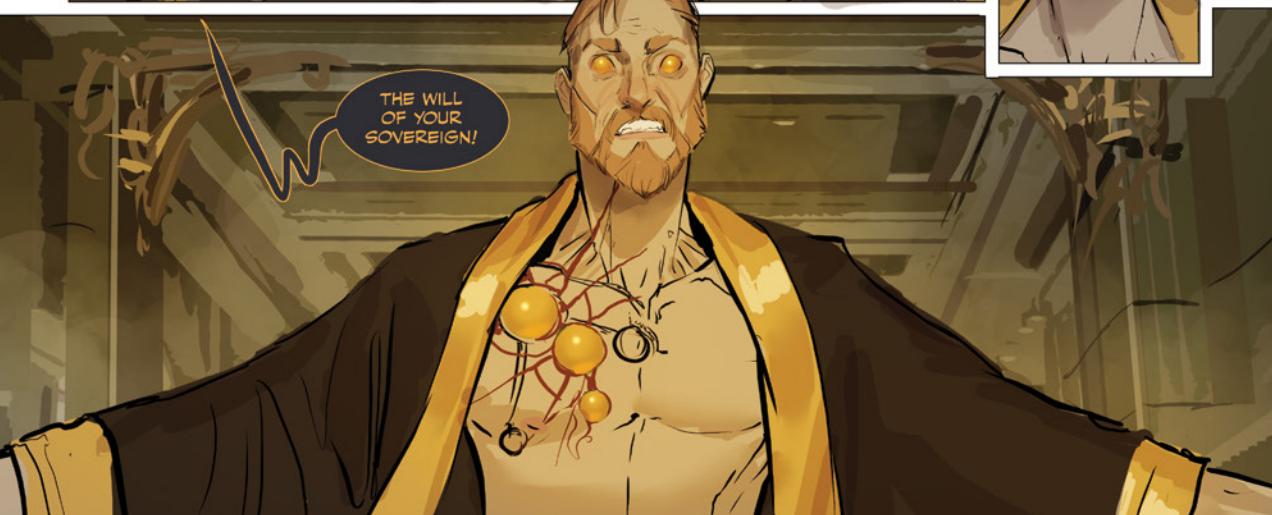
INDEED.
WE SHALL NOT
WORRY OVER
WHAT *HAS BEEN*,
WHEN THINGS
TO COME CALL
FOR OUR
ATTENTION.

WE MUST
TREAT THIS AS AN
OPPORTUNITY!
YES, YES! A
CHANCE!

RAPHAEL!



GAZE UPON
OUR GLORY
AND KNOW
OUR WILL.



THE WILL
OF YOUR
SOVEREIGN!



THE KING OF
KINGS!