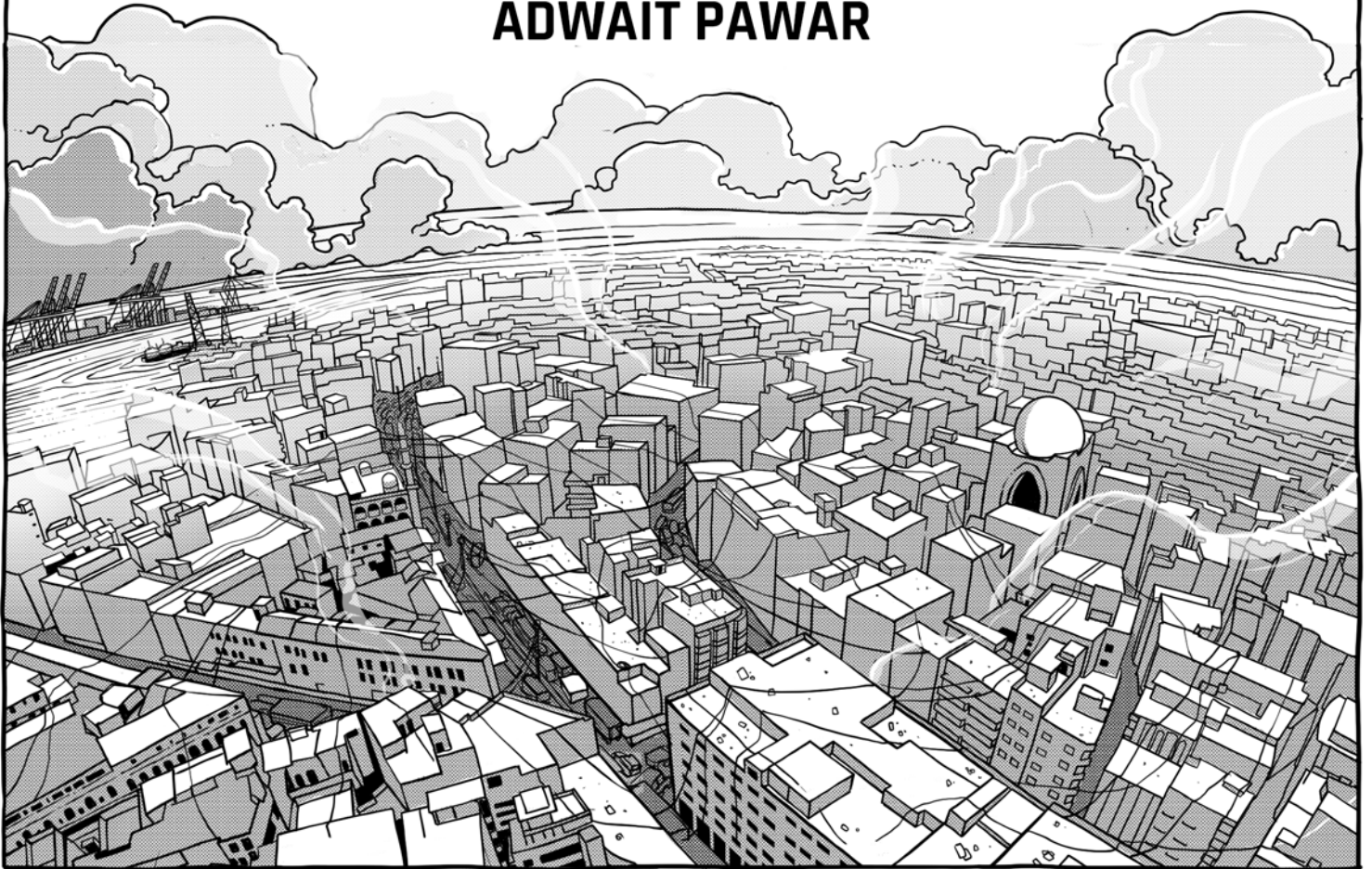


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THE INSURRECTION

THIS IS KWAZULUNATAL,
SOUTH AFRICA

... 2030

... 50°C

... HUMIDITY 83%

CHARLESE SIGWAXA IS MINISTER OF AI PLAYING
A KEY ROLE IN THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT.
SHE LIVES WITH HER DAUGHTER ROSA

ELON MUSK SECRETLY
FINANCING INSURRENCY

IN THE US, THE BIG TECH
COMPANIES HAVE ALL
BEEN BROKEN UP AND
ARE NOW CONTROLLED BY
GOVERNMENTS.
FACEBOOK, GOOGLE AND
AMAZON ARE PUBLIC
UTILITIES WHO LICENSE
THEIR TECH TO OTHER
GOVERNMENTS



TESLA, SPACEX, AND
STARLINK HAVE BEEN
FORCIBLY NATIONALISED
BY PRESIDENT OCASIO-
CORTEZ. ELON MUSK HAS
BEEN DEPORTED BACK TO
SOUTH AFRICA.



HE MAKES THE DALAI LAMA LOOK LIKE A DISCONNECTED ACADEMIC



OH LORD!

HE'S A MORON AND A CRIMINAL



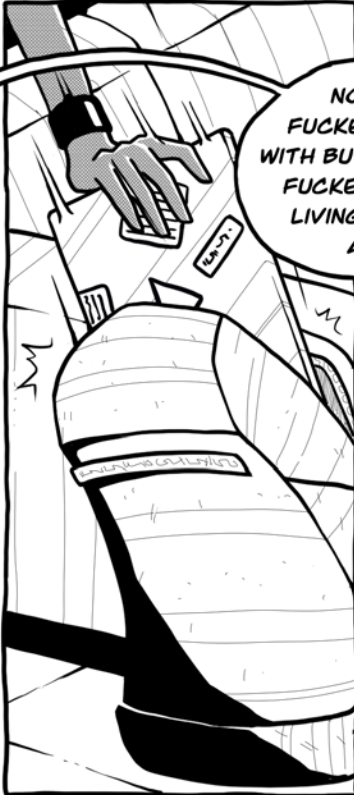
IF ELON MUSK DIED TOMORROW, THE ODDS THAT HUMANITY WOULD MAKE IT TO 2100 DROP BY 20%



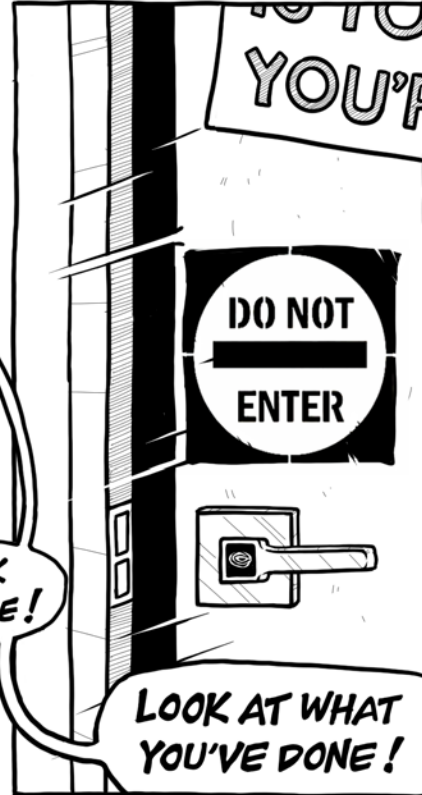
OH COME ON!



IT'S LIKE YOU'RE LIVING IN A BIZARRE DREAM WORLD WHERE THE FUCKEDNESS OF THE GLOBAL SITUATION ISN'T APPARENT TO YOU!



NOT THE LITTLE FUCKEDNESS YOU DEAL WITH BUT THE BIG COMPLEX FUCKEDNESS THAT HE'S LIVING HIS LIFE TO TRY AND ANSWER



LOOK OUTSIDE!

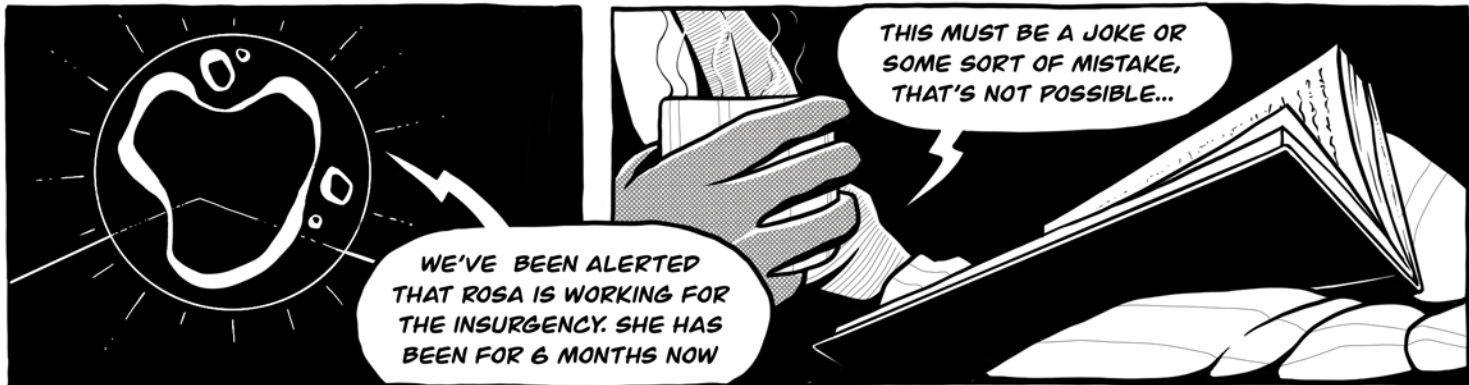
LOOK AT WHAT YOU'VE DONE!



PHONE CALL FROM JACK,
DO YOU WANT TO TAKE IT?

REALLY? IT'S
THE MIDDLE OF
THE NIGHT...

BUT YES ALEXA,
I'LL TAKE IT...



THIS MUST BE A JOKE OR
SOME SORT OF MISTAKE,
THAT'S NOT POSSIBLE...

WE'VE BEEN ALERTED
THAT ROSA IS WORKING FOR
THE INSURGENCY. SHE HAS
BEEN FOR 6 MONTHS NOW



IT SEEMS SHE
WAS AGGRESSIVELY
TARGETED... PROBABLY
BECAUSE OF WHO
YOU ARE

THEY THOUGHT IT
WOULD GIVE THEM
THE PERFECT COVER
TO HAVE HER WORKING
UNDER OUR NOSES

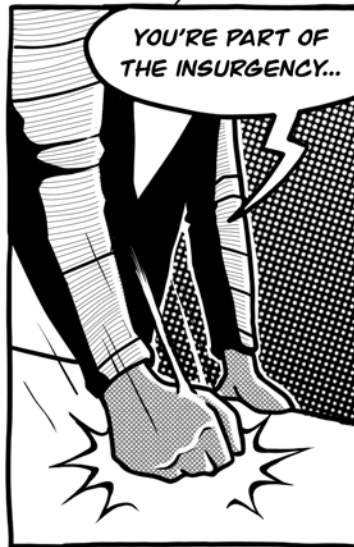
ARE YOU
ABSOLUTELY
SURE ?

HOW MUCH
TIME DO I
HAVE ?

YES

I DON'T
KNOW

GOOD
LUCK



THE NEXT MORNING...



CHARLESE AND ROSA SIGWAXA YOU ARE BOTH UNDER ARREST

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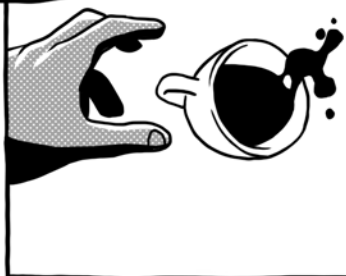
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YOUR RIGHTS ARE NOW SUSPENDED

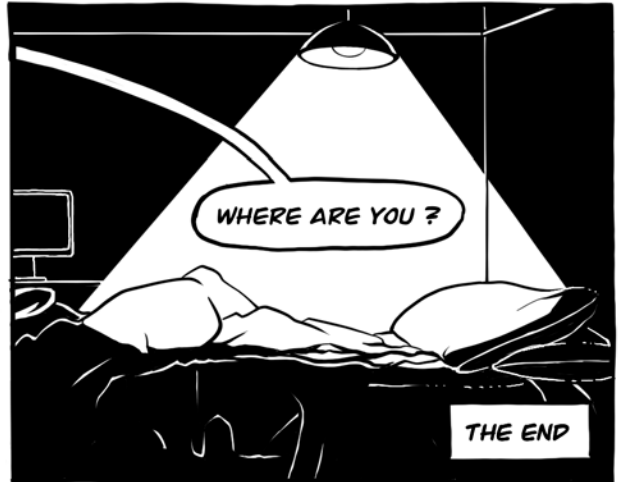
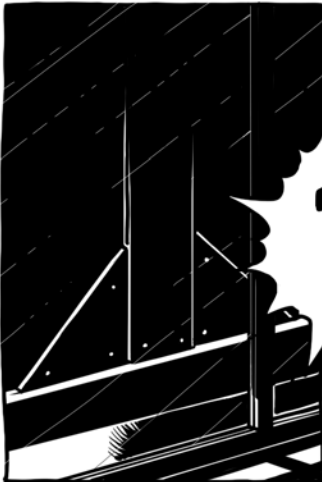
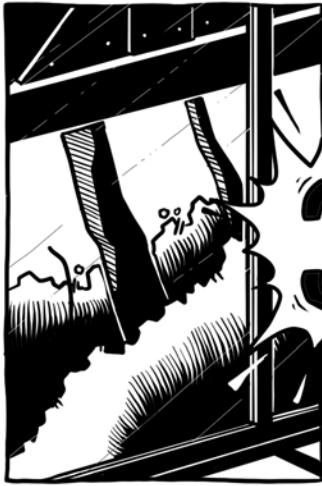
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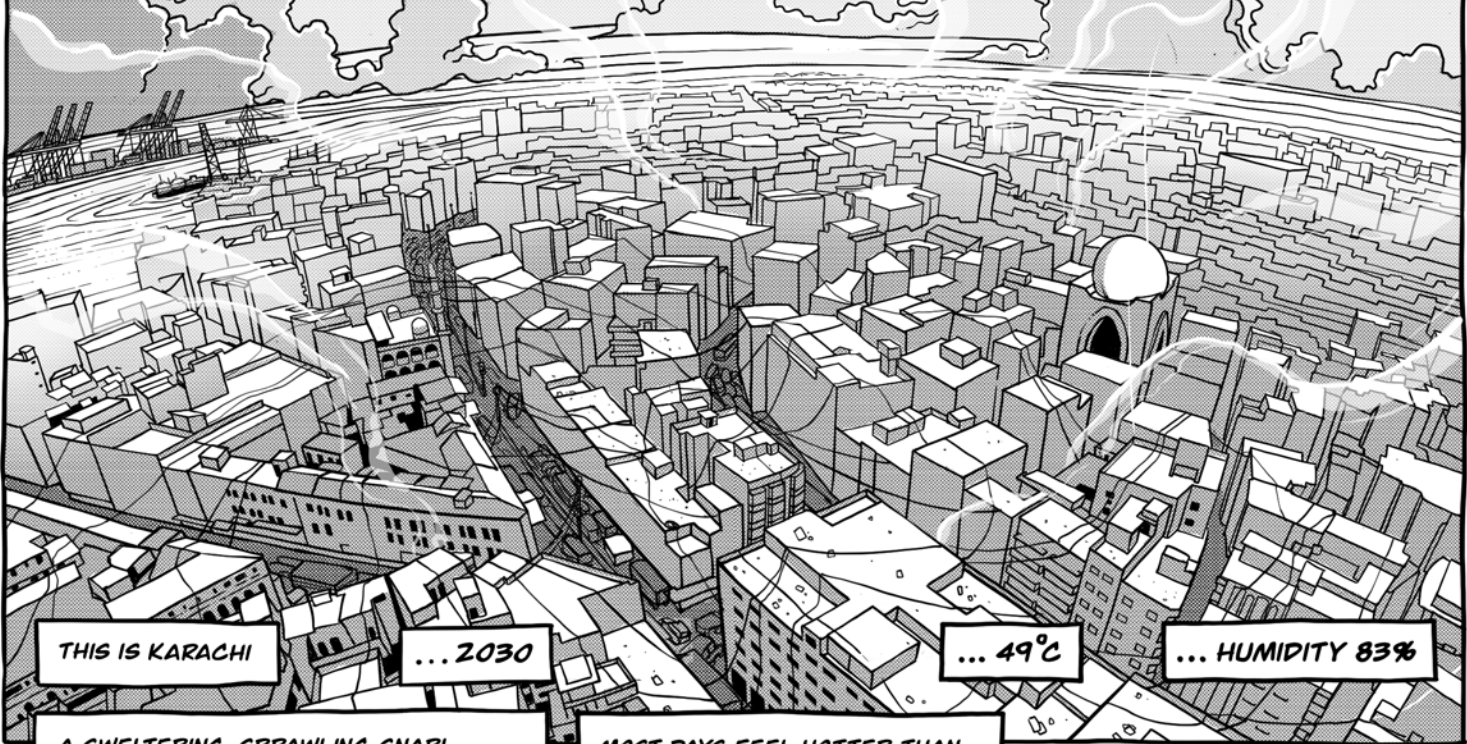
YOUR HOUSE WILL GO INTO LOCKDOWN

YOUR HOUSE WILL GO INTO LOCKDOWN IN...



THE END

THE UPRISING



THIS IS KARACHI

... 2030

... 49°C

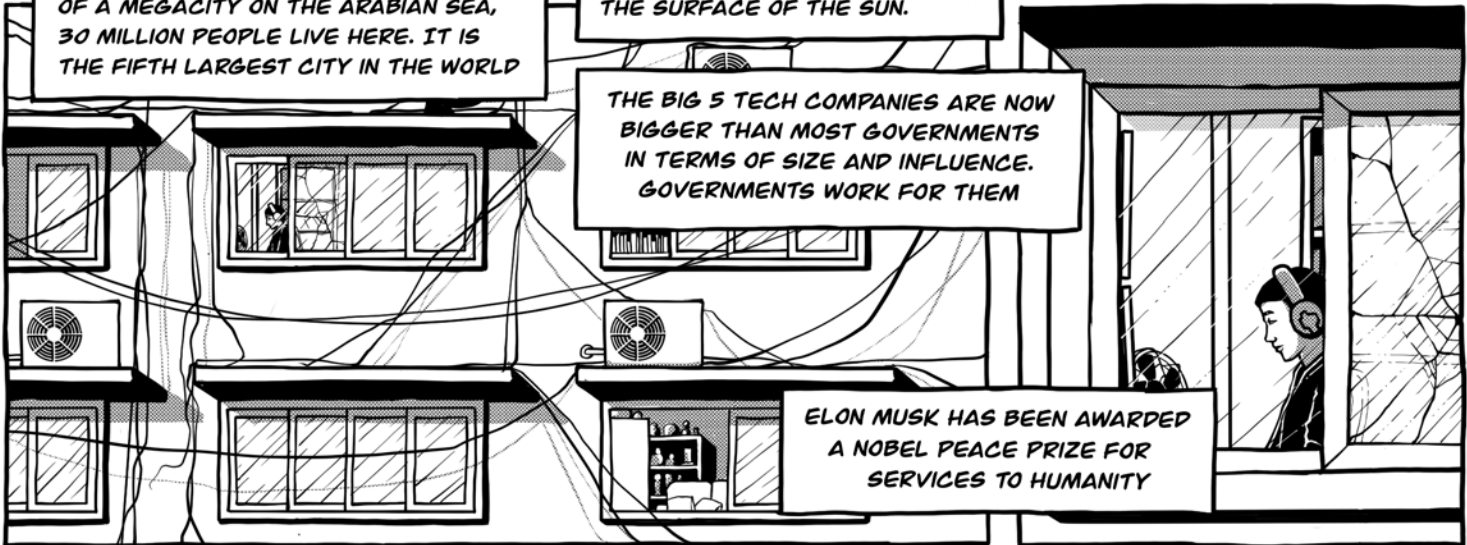
... HUMIDITY 83%

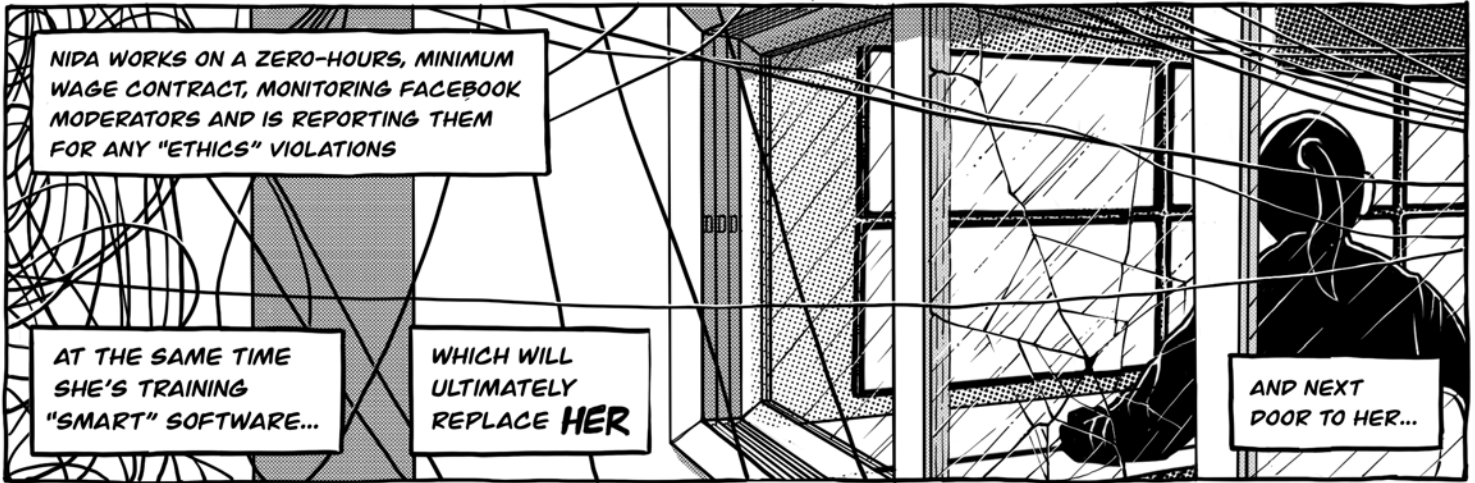
A SWELTERING, SPRAWLING SNARL OF A MEGACITY ON THE ARABIAN SEA, 30 MILLION PEOPLE LIVE HERE. IT IS THE FIFTH LARGEST CITY IN THE WORLD

MOST DAYS FEEL HOTTER THAN THE SURFACE OF THE SUN.

THE BIG 5 TECH COMPANIES ARE NOW BIGGER THAN MOST GOVERNMENTS IN TERMS OF SIZE AND INFLUENCE. GOVERNMENTS WORK FOR THEM

ELON MUSK HAS BEEN AWARDED A NOBEL PEACE PRIZE FOR SERVICES TO HUMANITY





NIDA WORKS ON A ZERO-HOURS, MINIMUM WAGE CONTRACT, MONITORING FACEBOOK MODERATORS AND IS REPORTING THEM FOR ANY "ETHICS" VIOLATIONS

AT THE SAME TIME SHE'S TRAINING "SMART" SOFTWARE...

WHICH WILL ULTIMATELY REPLACE HER

AND NEXT DOOR TO HER...



LIVES ASHAR...

NO SCHOOL AGAIN TODAY?

STOP BANGING THE DOOR ASHAR!

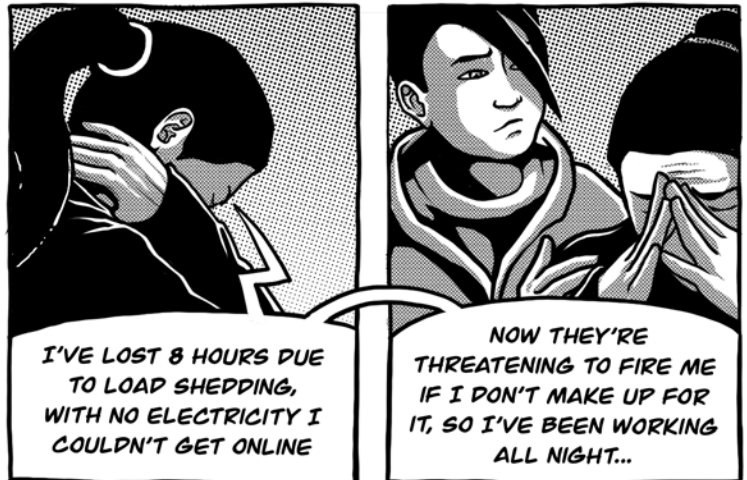
NOPE. THE WET-BULB IS SO BAD THAT YOU WON'T EVEN LAST A FEW MINUTES. WE'RE EVEN NOT ALLOWED TO GO OUTSIDE.

AND NOW THEY'RE SAYING THERE'S ENOUGH POLLUTANTS IN THE SKY IT MIGHT CATCH FIRE!



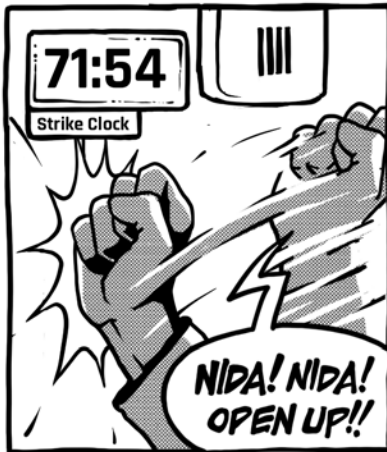
NOT THAT YOU CARE...

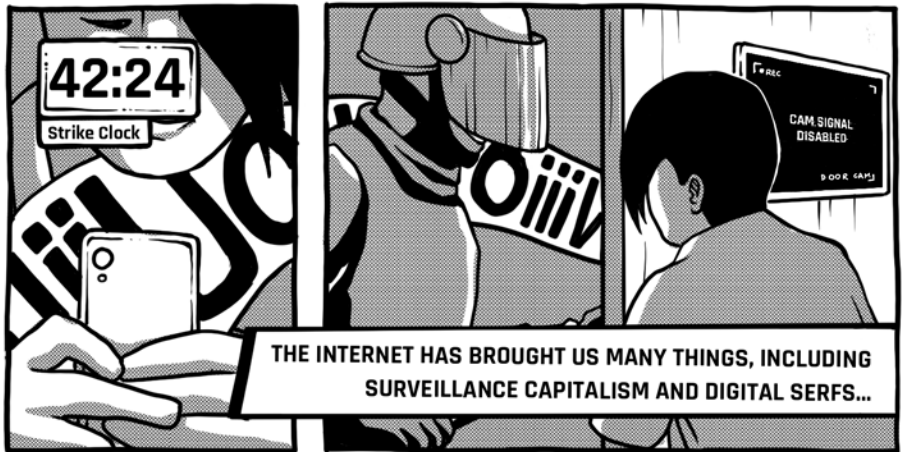
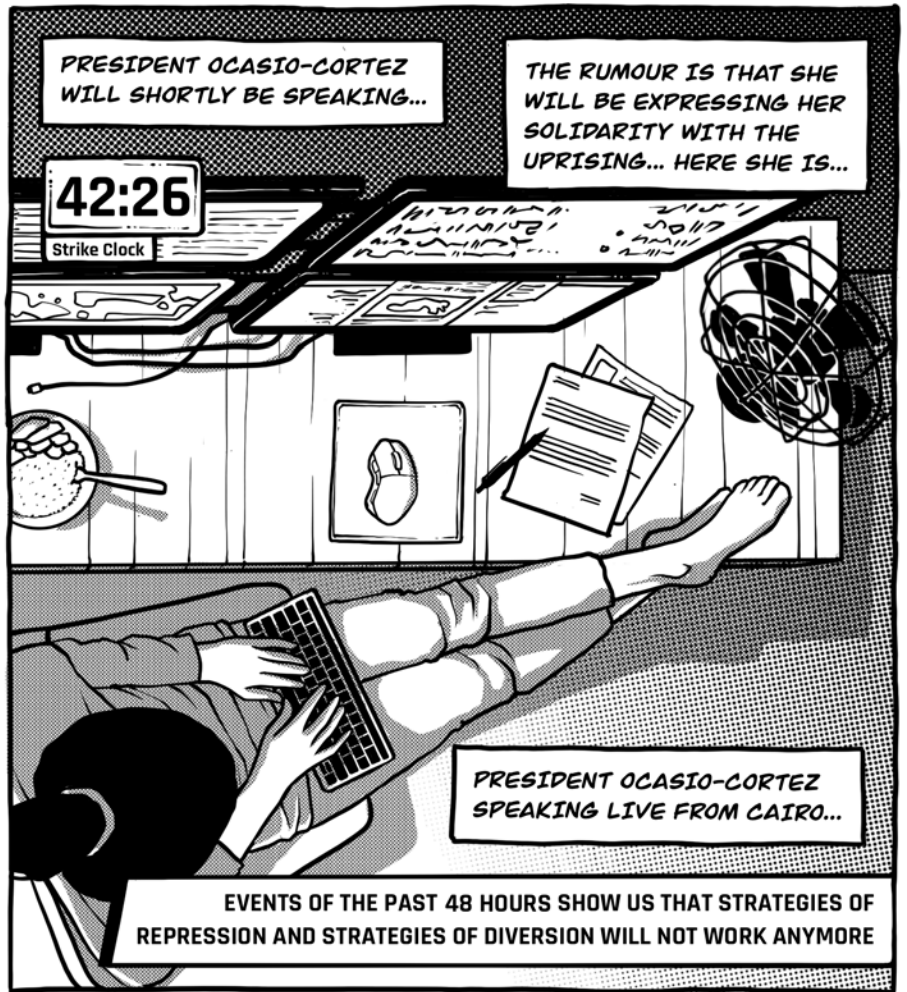
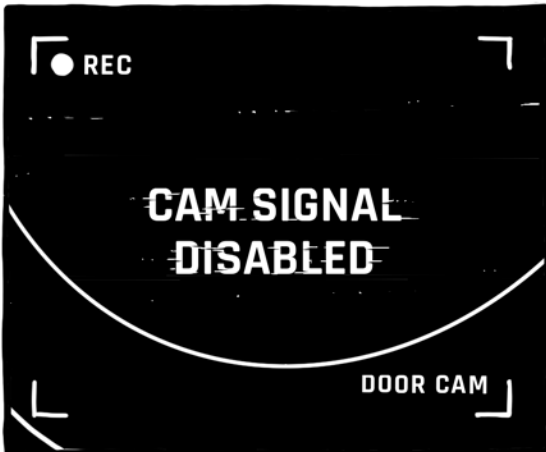
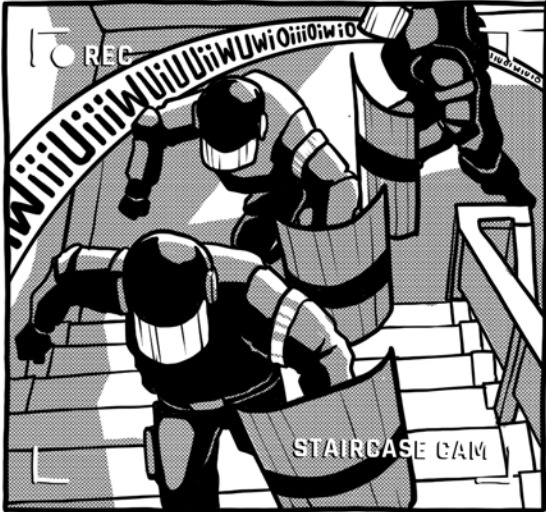
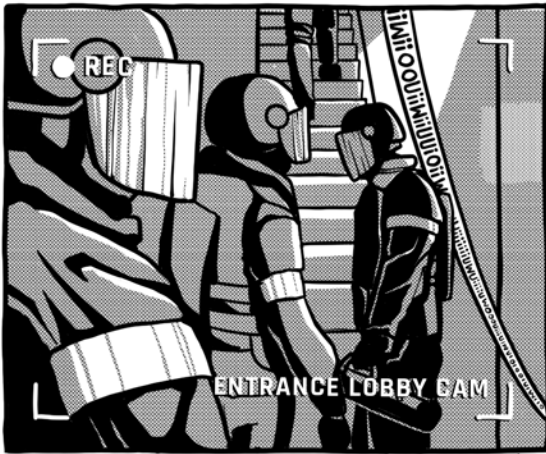
WHAT ARE YOU DOING ANYWAY?

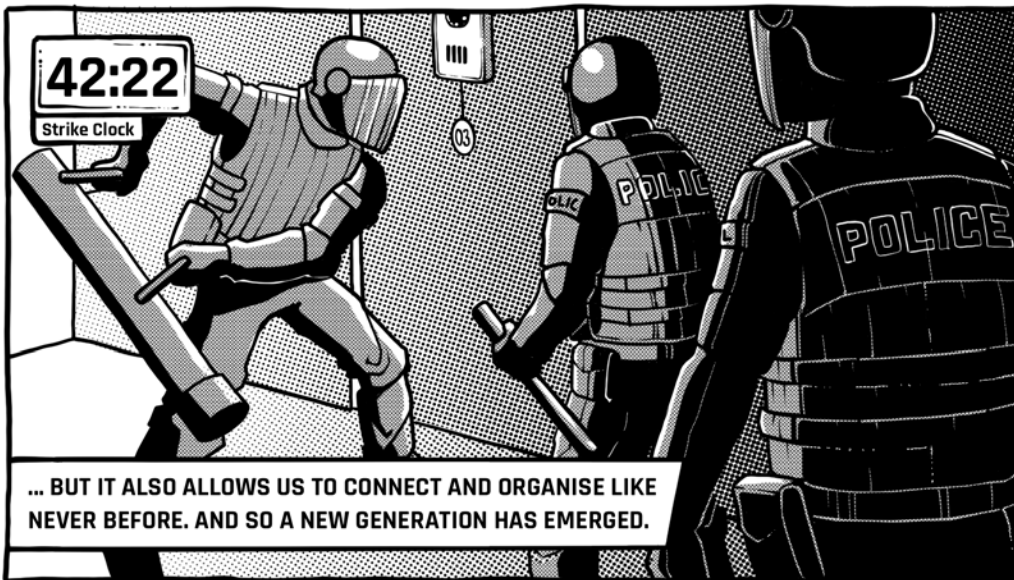


I'VE LOST 8 HOURS DUE TO LOAD SHEDDING, WITH NO ELECTRICITY I COULDN'T GET ONLINE

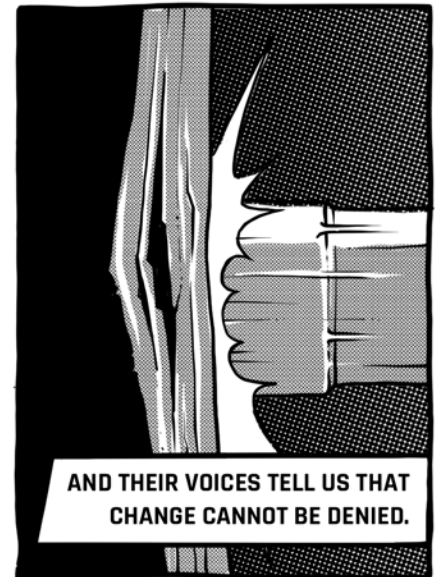
NOW THEY'RE THREATENING TO FIRE ME IF I DON'T MAKE UP FOR IT, SO I'VE BEEN WORKING ALL NIGHT...







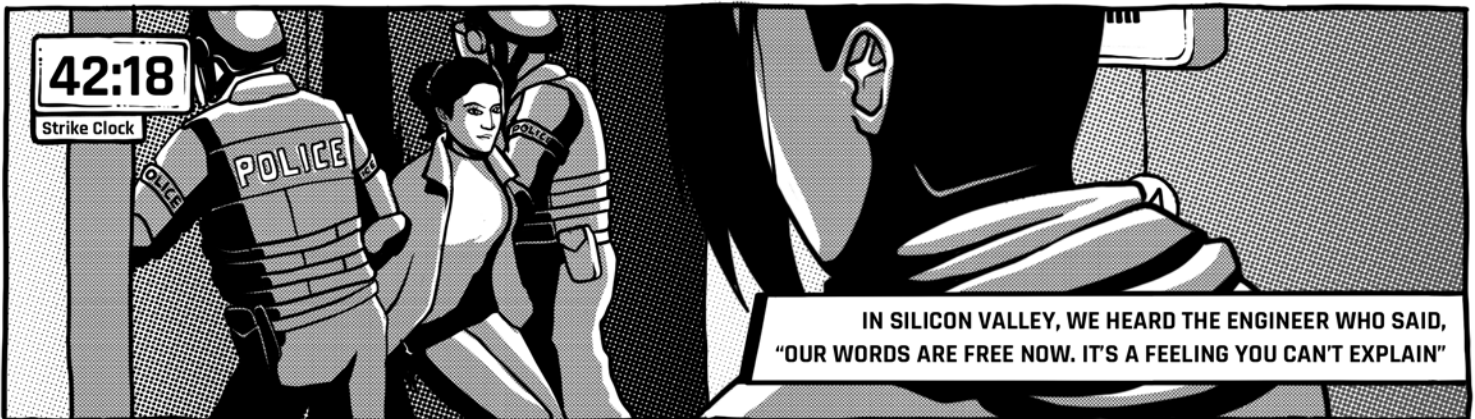
... BUT IT ALSO ALLOWS US TO CONNECT AND ORGANISE LIKE NEVER BEFORE. AND SO A NEW GENERATION HAS EMERGED.



AND THEIR VOICES TELL US THAT CHANGE CANNOT BE DENIED.



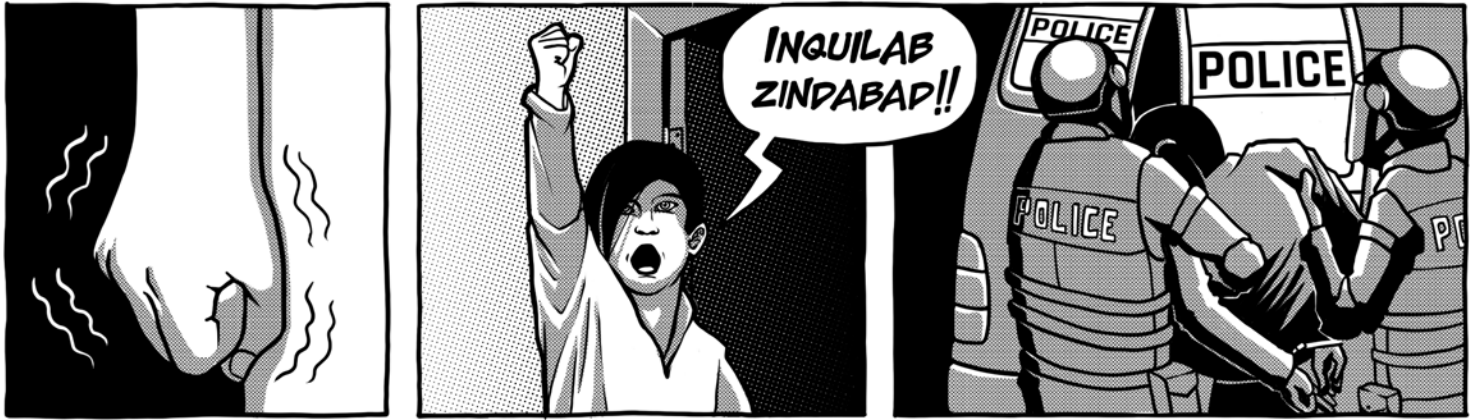
IN CAIRO, WE HEARD THE VOICE OF THE YOUNG MOTHER WHO SAID, "IT'S LIKE I CAN FINALLY BREATHE FRESH AIR FOR THE FIRST TIME."



IN SILICON VALLEY, WE HEARD THE ENGINEER WHO SAID, "OUR WORDS ARE FREE NOW. IT'S A FEELING YOU CAN'T EXPLAIN"



IN LONDON, WE HEARD THE YOUNG MAN WHO SAID,
"AFTER THE FIRST YELLING, THE FIRST SHOUT, YOU FEEL DIGNITY."



IN KARACHI, WE HEARD THE WORKERS WHO CHANTED,
"THE NIGHT MUST COME TO AN END."



THE INVITATION

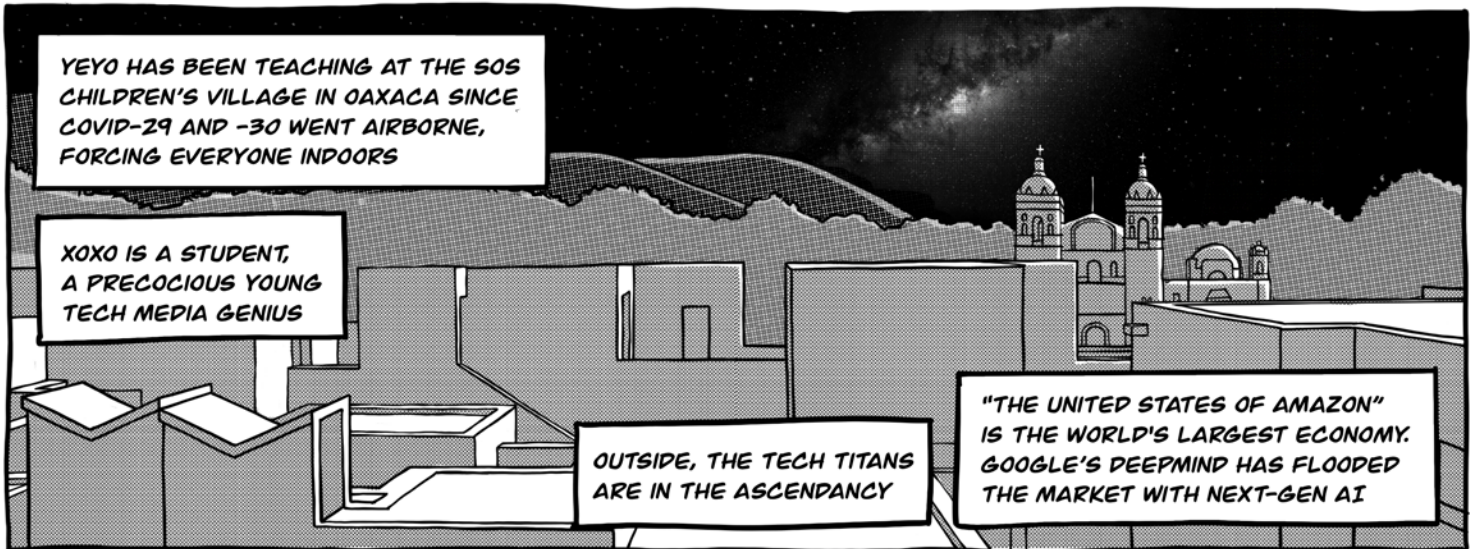


THIS IS OAXACA, MEXICO

... 2030

... 47°C

... HUMIDITY 74%



YEYO HAS BEEN TEACHING AT THE SOS CHILDREN'S VILLAGE IN OAXACA SINCE COVID-29 AND -30 WENT AIRBORNE, FORCING EVERYONE INDOORS

XOXO IS A STUDENT, A PRECOCIOUS YOUNG TECH MEDIA GENIUS

OUTSIDE, THE TECH TITANS ARE IN THE ASCENDANCY

"THE UNITED STATES OF AMAZON" IS THE WORLD'S LARGEST ECONOMY. GOOGLE'S DEEPMIND HAS FLOODED THE MARKET WITH NEXT-GEN AI

SO THEY'RE SAYING ELON
DIED IN A MEDX SURGERY
GONE WRONG AND NOW
TESLA, SPACEX AND
STARLINK ARE BEING RUN
BY AN AI ELON BRAIN.



SO WAIT... DEAD ELON
IS RUNNING MEDX? WHAT,
IN PARTNERSHIP WITH Q?

NO ONE HAS
SEEN HIM
FOR YEARS...

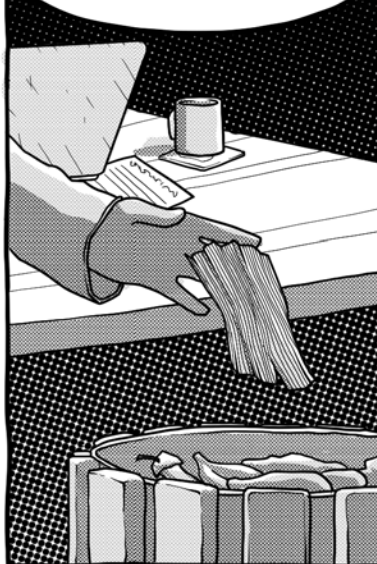
WELL, HE'S
THERE...
PLOTTING
AWAY...



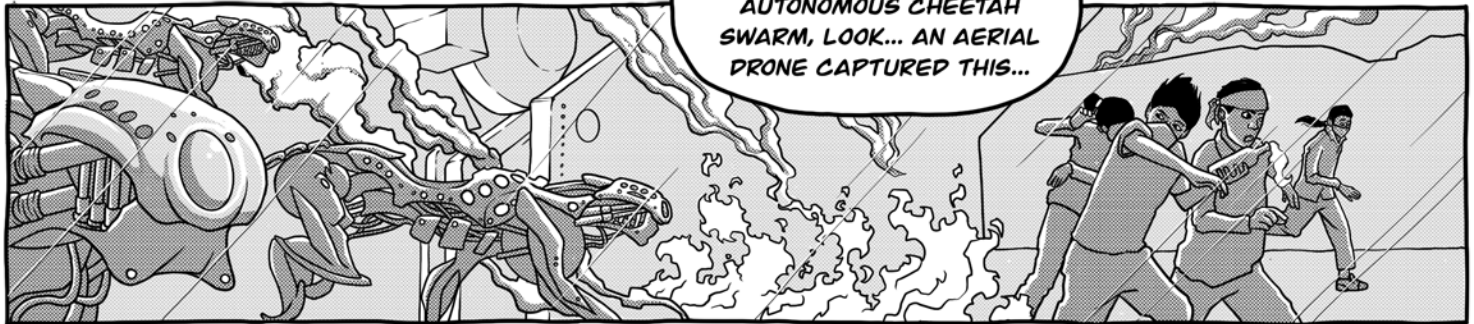
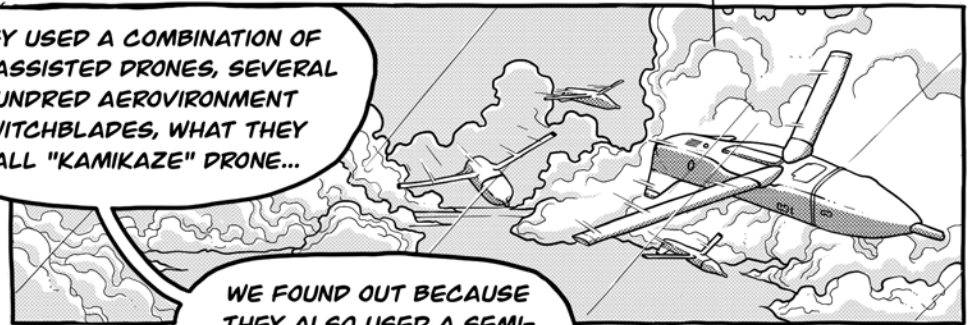
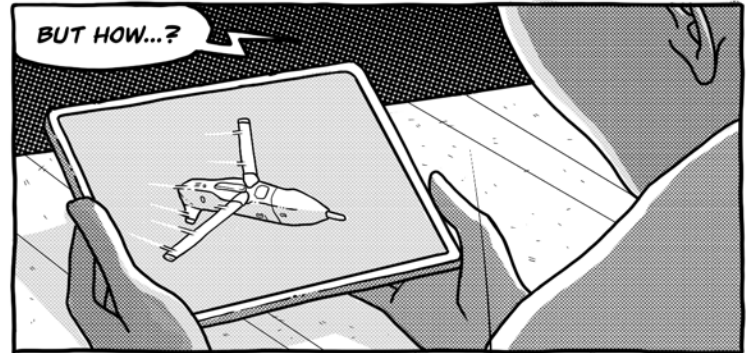
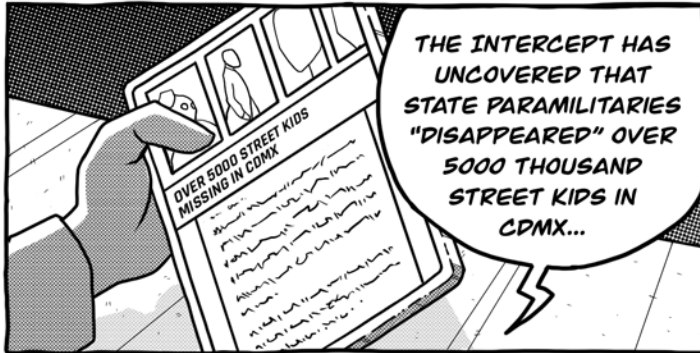
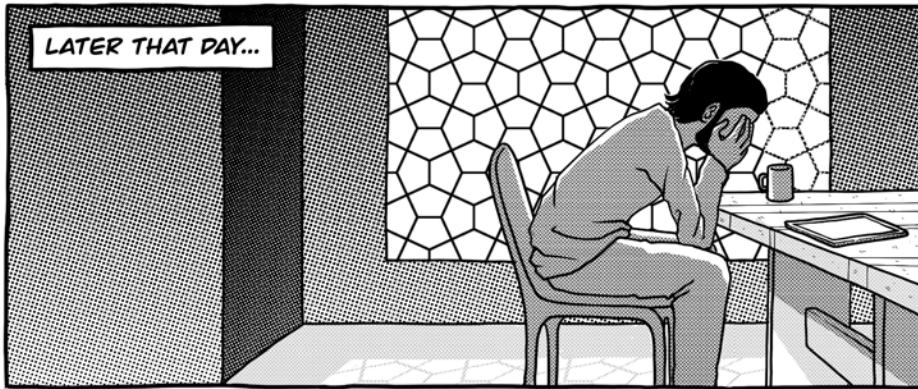
UNDER OUR ESTEEMED
OVERLOADS THE STATE WILL BE
ABOLISHED, TOGETHER WITH ITS
MEANS OF SUPPRESSION.

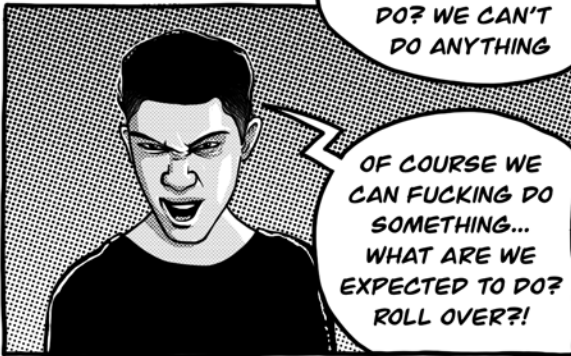
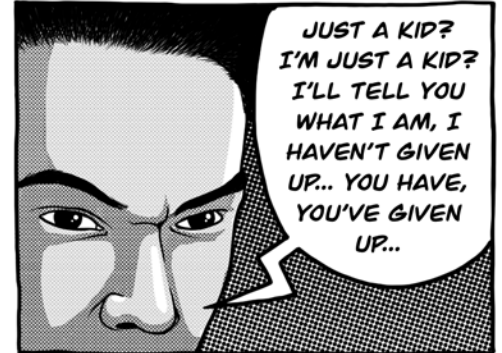
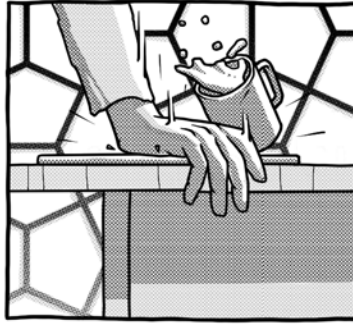
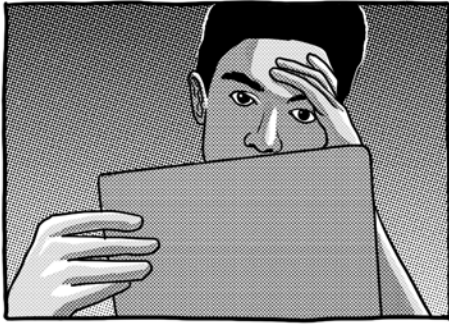


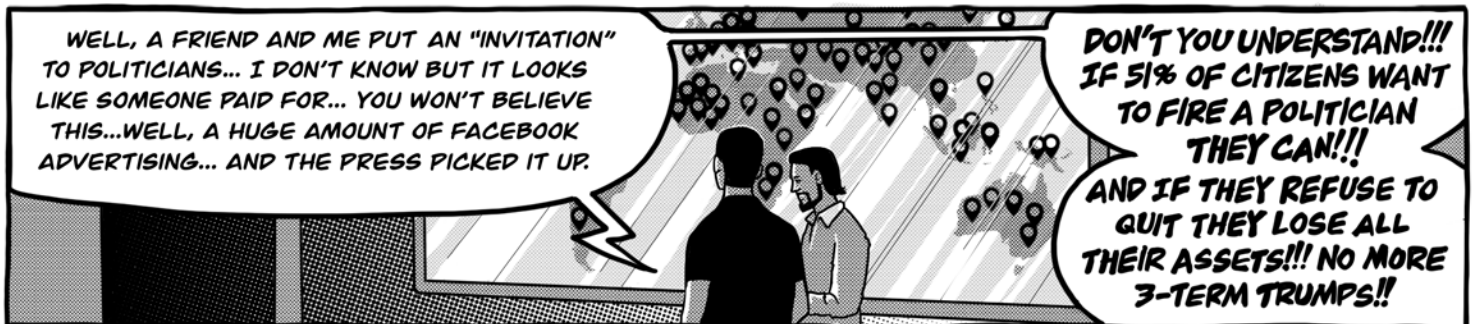
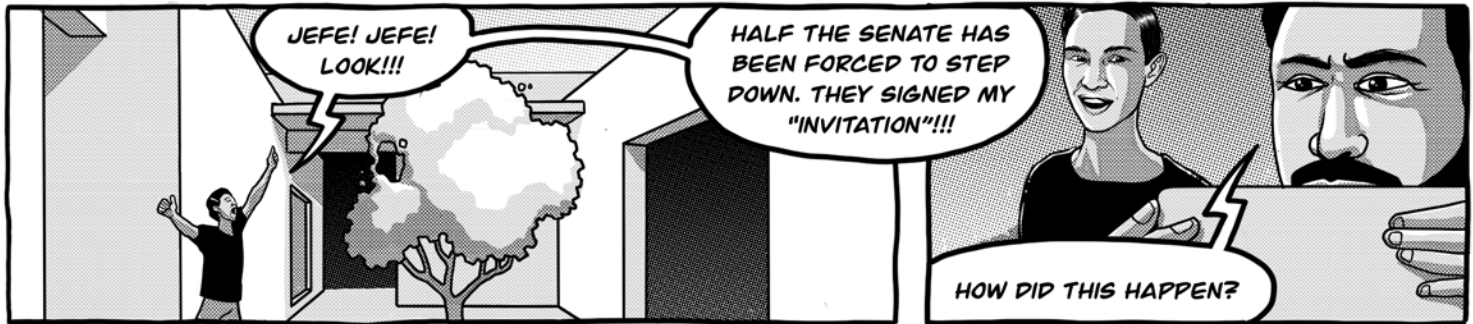
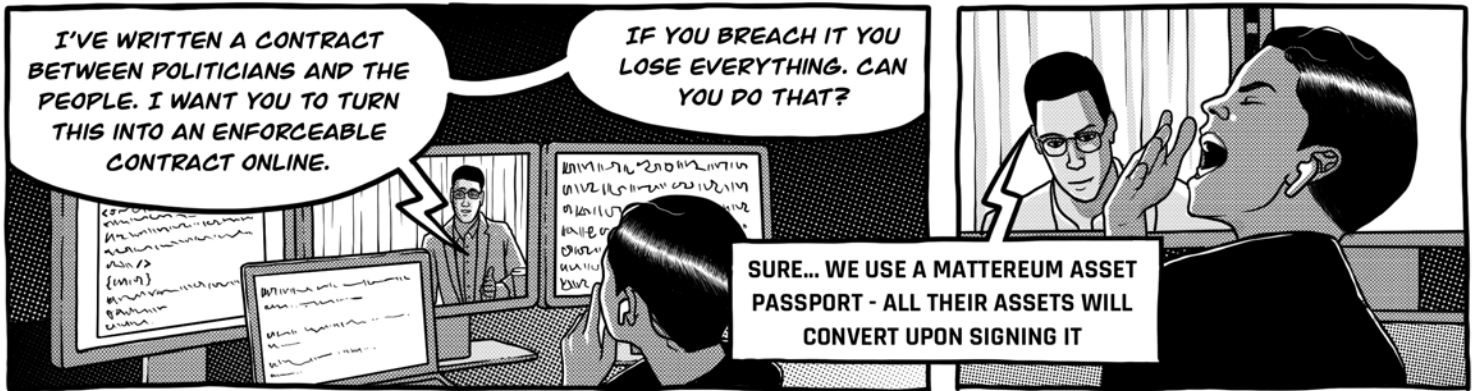
PEOPLE WILL BE GIVEN
THE TECH TO SELF-
ARREST THEMSELVES...
DESIGNED IN CALIFORNIA,
MANUFACTURED BY
UYGHUR SLAVE LABOUR
IN CHINA..

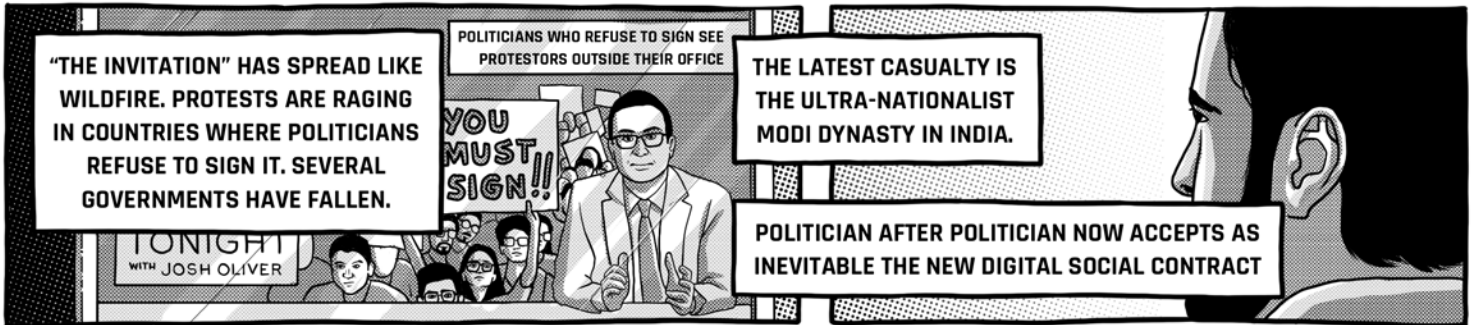


IT'S NOT A JOKE YOU KNOW,
IT'S DEADLY SERIOUS.









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