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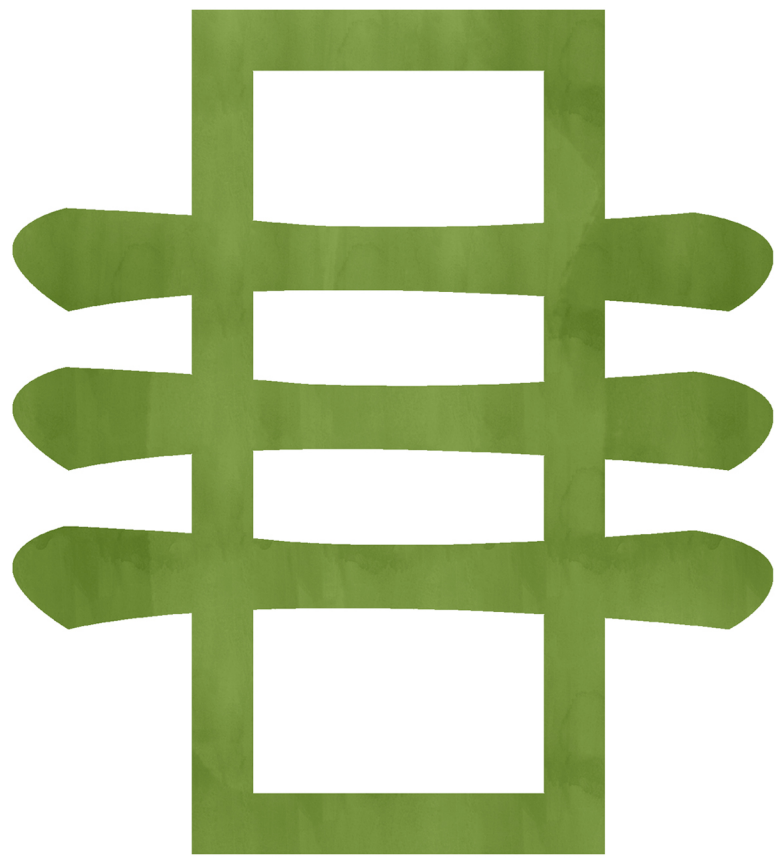


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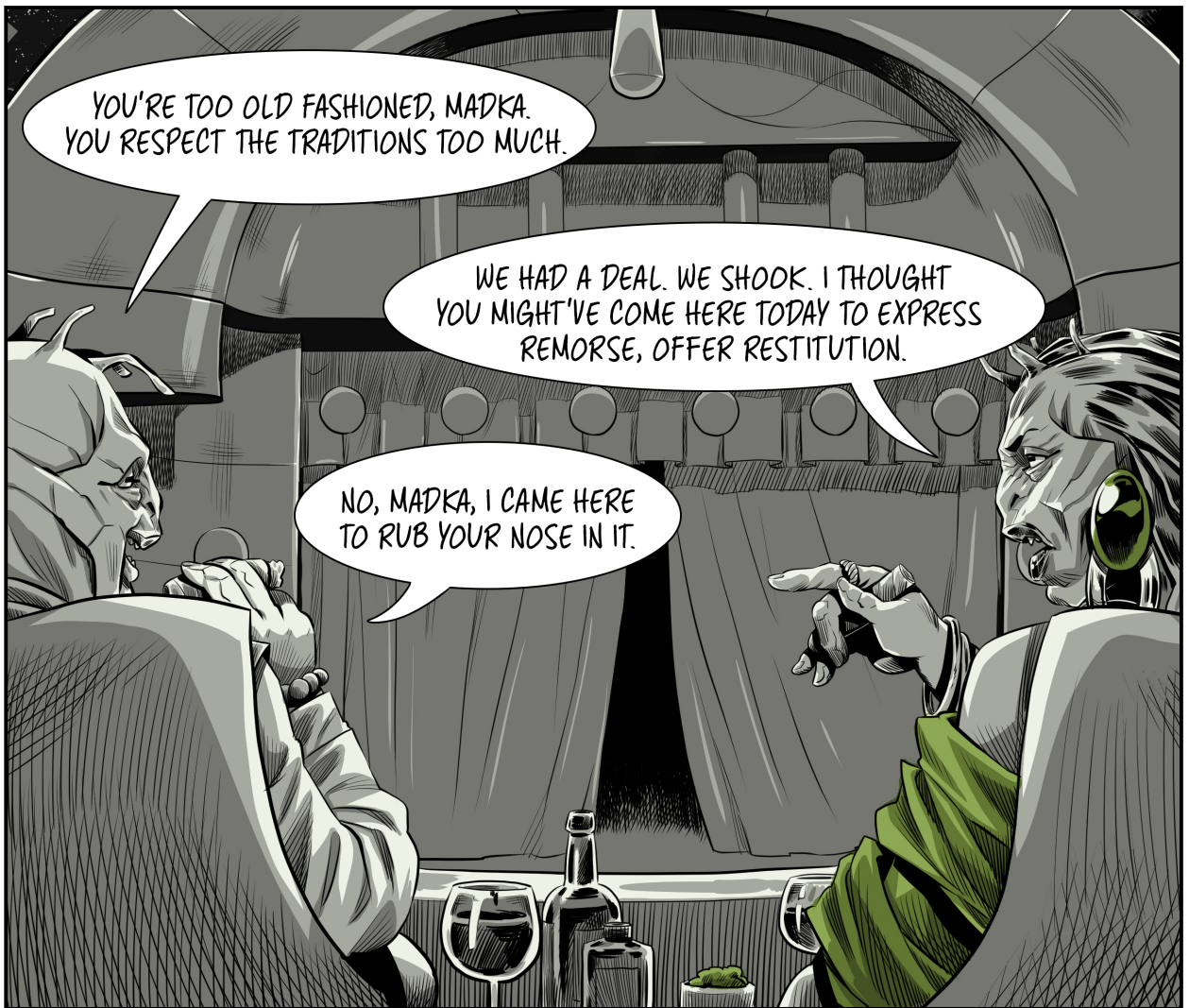
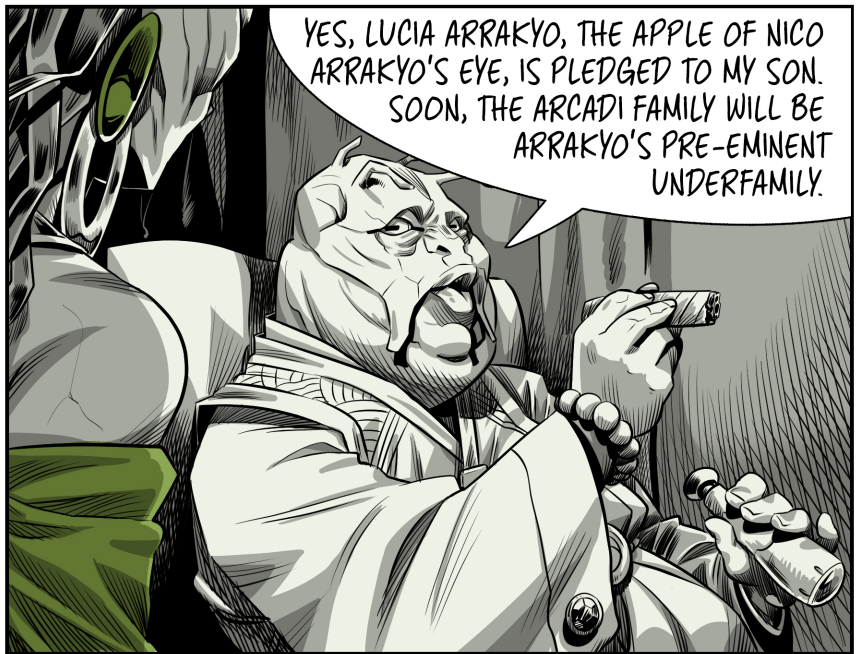


MY ARDENT HEART  
WILL NEVER STOP ACHING  
FOR YOU, MY LOVE.

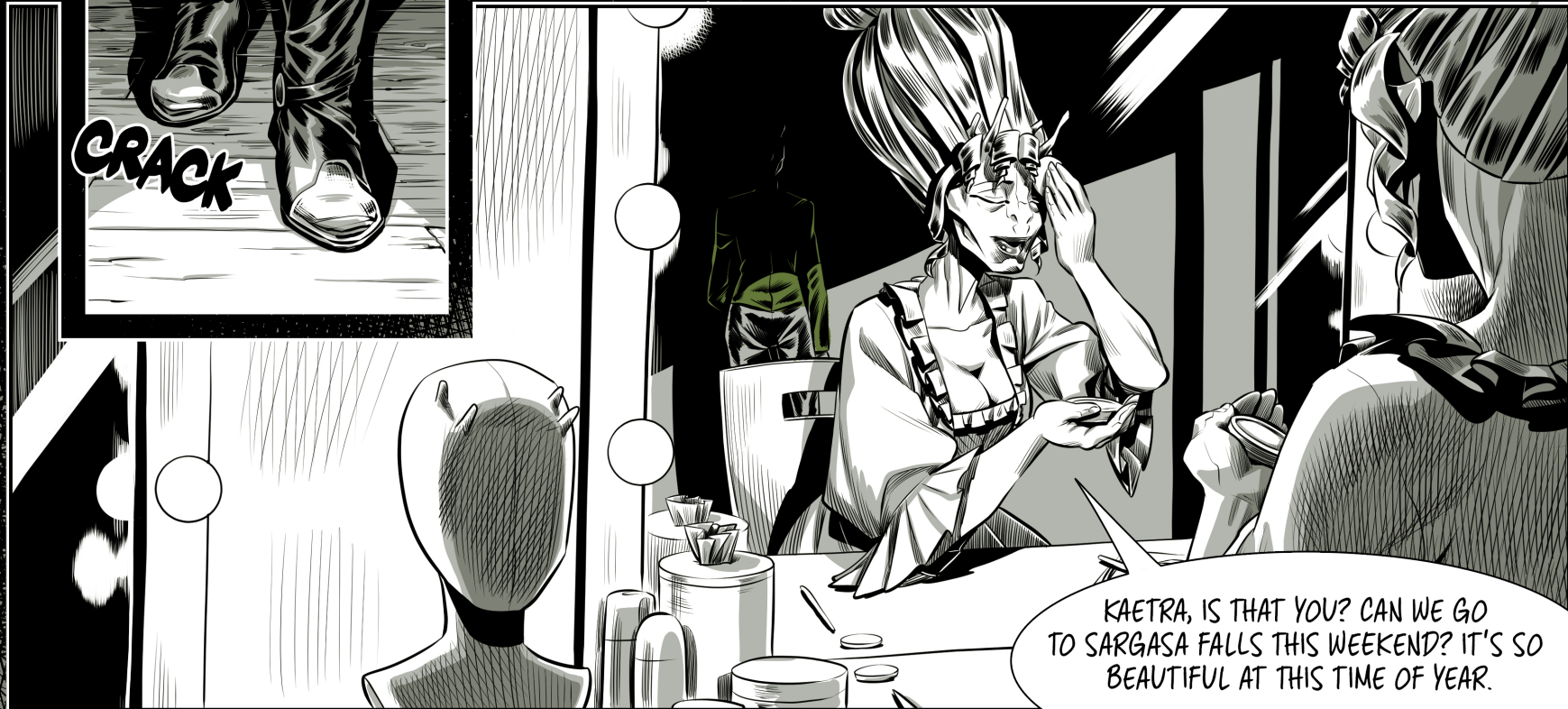
LEADING A FAMILY, EVEN AN UNDERFAMILY, MEANS SEEING ALL THE ANGLES. DON RIZO ARCADI HAD INVITED ME TO A FACE-TO-FACE AT THE LOMBARDI. HE THOUGHT HE'D BE SAFE THERE. HE THOUGHT I, OF ALL PEOPLE, WOULD RESPECT THE TRADITIONS. HE WAS WRONG...

YOU MUST BE VERY PROUD, RIZO. KAETRA HAS INCREDIBLE PRESENCE.

LIKE FATHER, LIKE SON.



DON RIZO DIDN'T KNOW THAT I COULD MOVE WITH THE TIMES TOO. HE HAD NO IDEA HOW RUTHLESS I COULD BE.



KAETRA, IS THAT YOU? CAN WE GO TO SARGASA FALLS THIS WEEKEND? IT'S SO BEAUTIFUL AT THIS TIME OF YEAR.

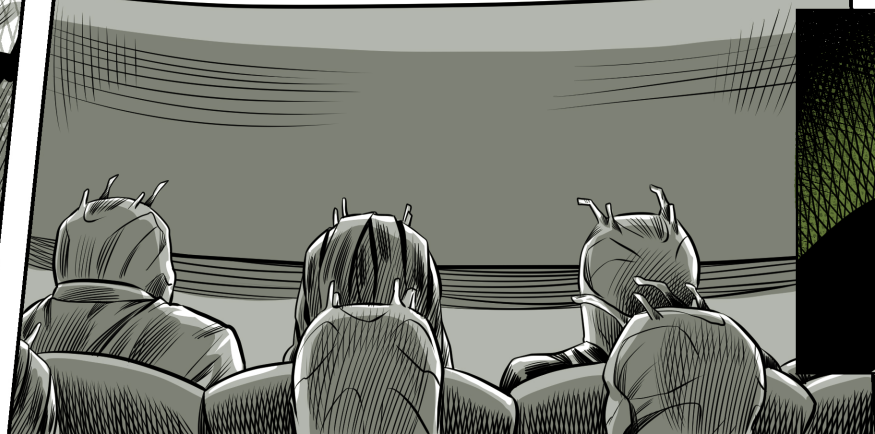
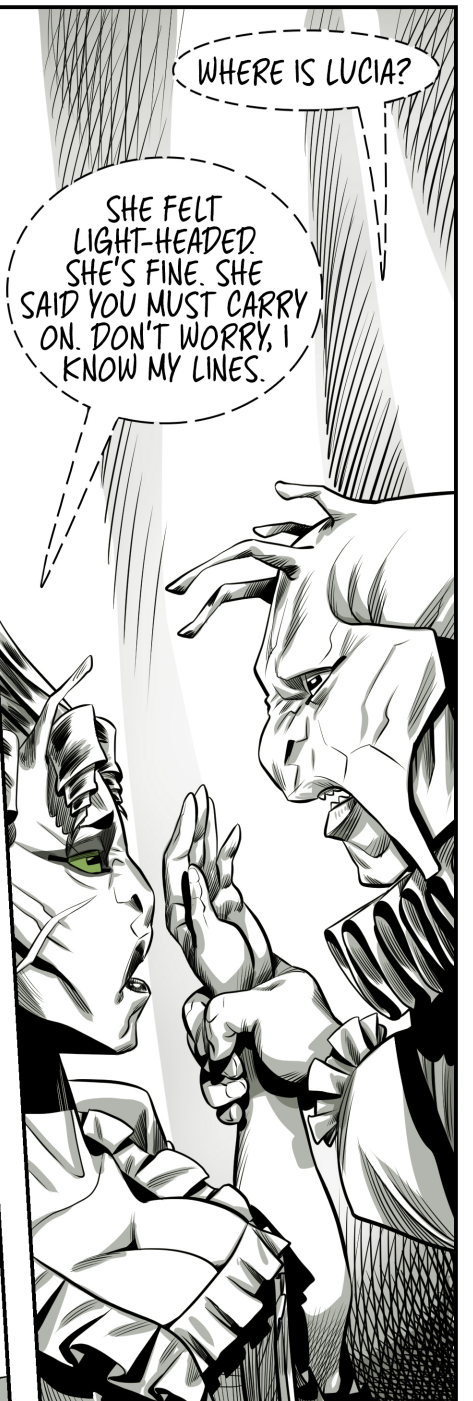


I HOPE YOU DON'T MIND IF I BORROW YOUR CLOTHES, LUCIA ARRAKYO. I PROMISE YOU'LL GET THEM BACK WHEN YOU WAKE UP.

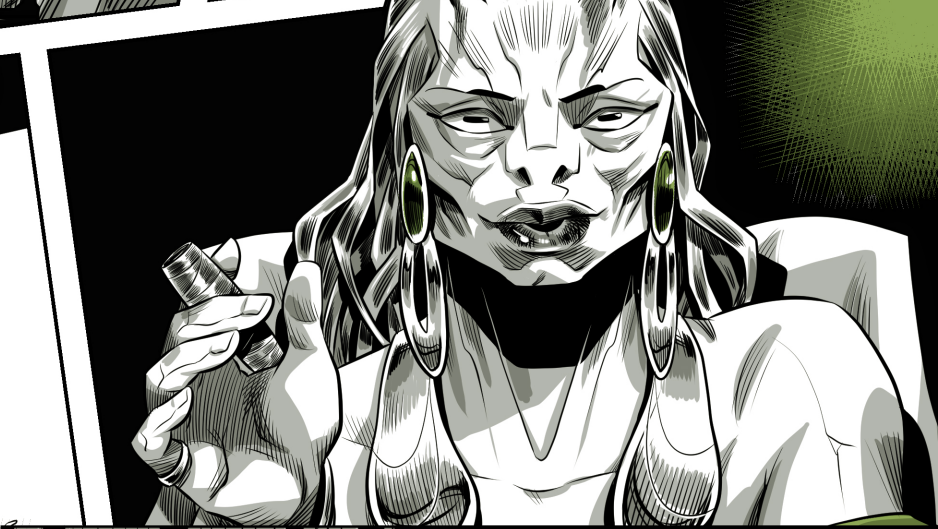
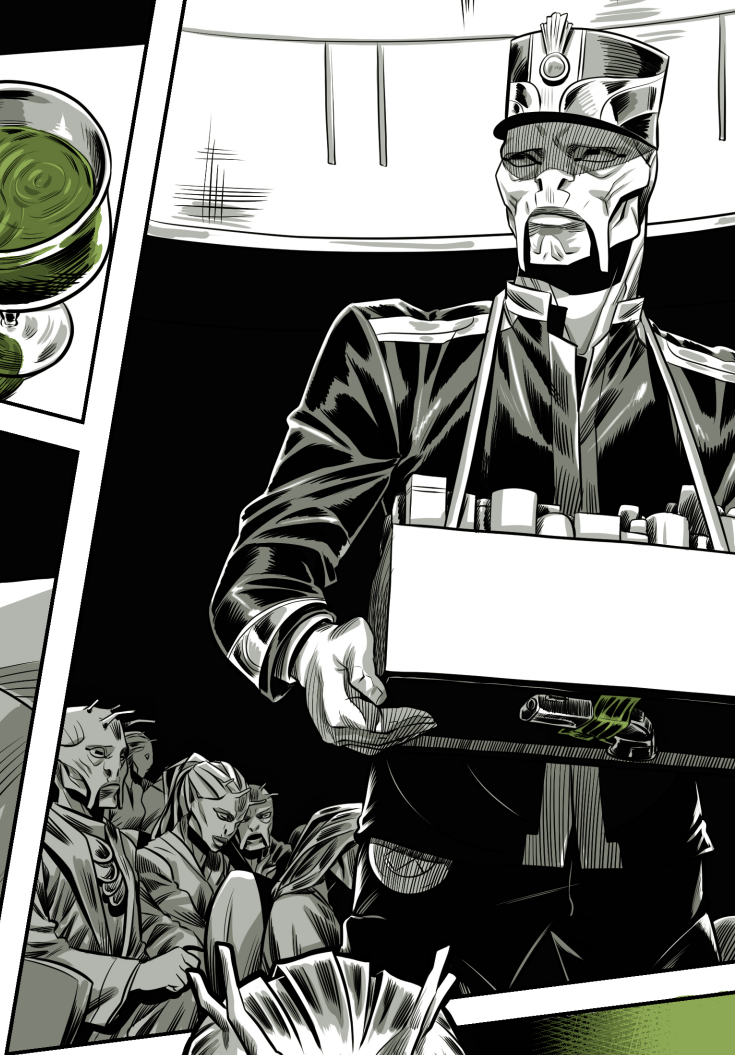
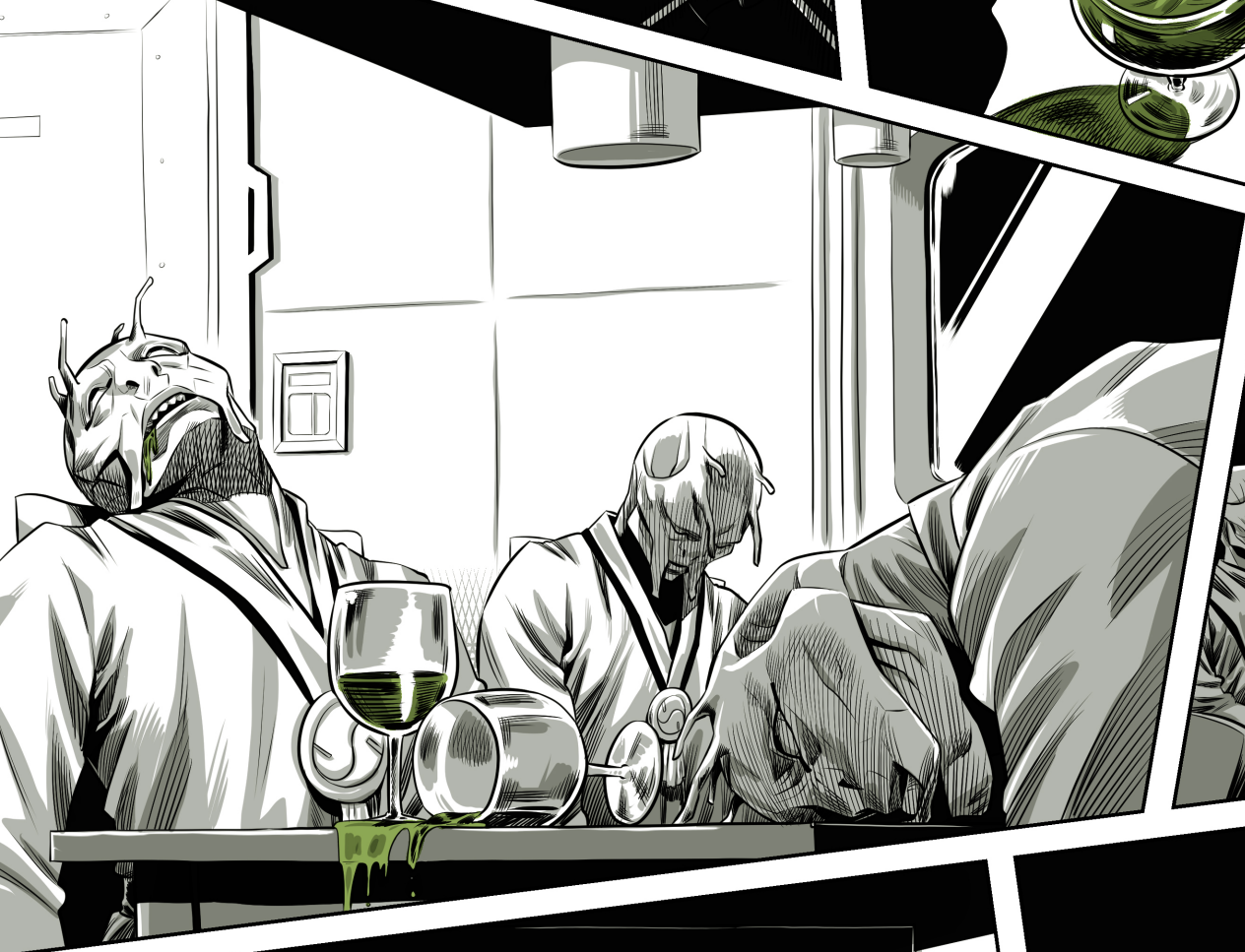




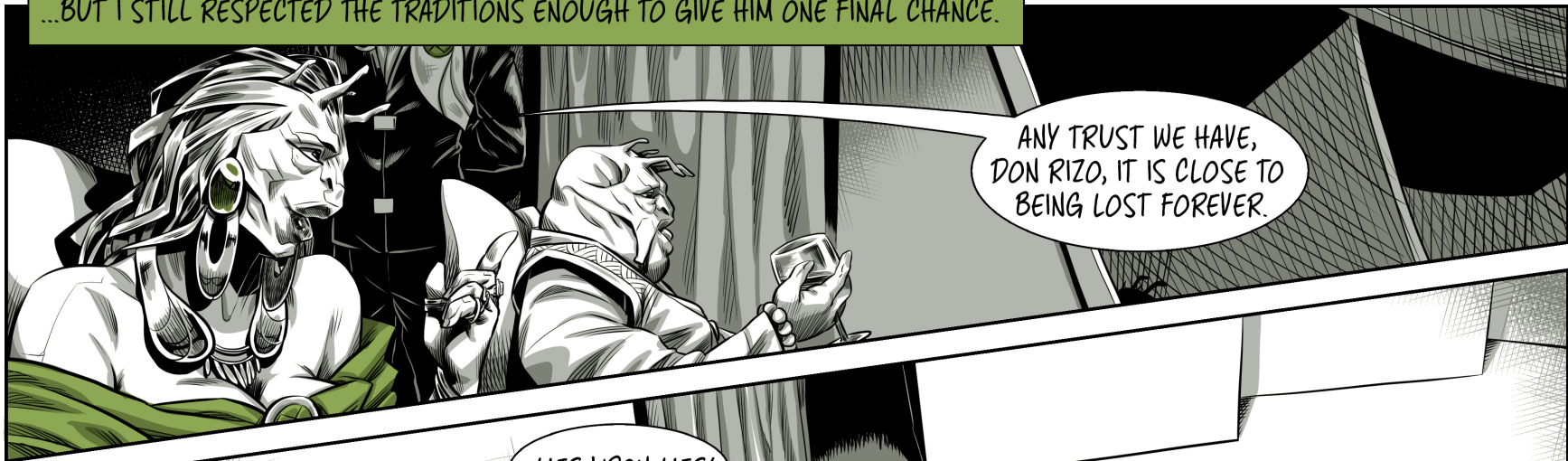
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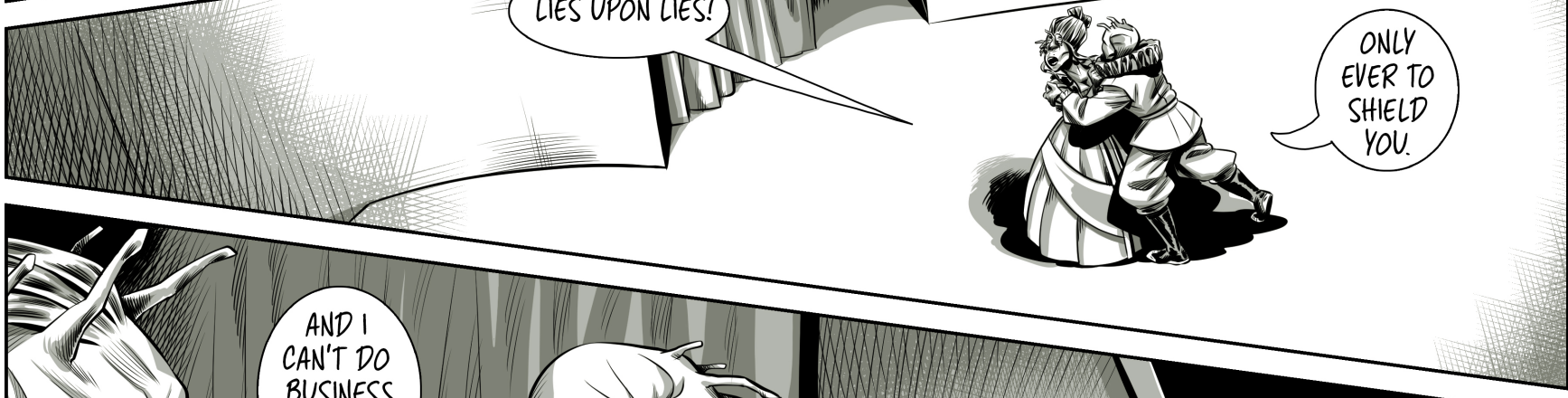
ALL THE PIECES WERE FALLING INTO PLACE,  
EVERY LINE OF HIS DEFENSES NULLIFIED...



...BUT I STILL RESPECTED THE TRADITIONS ENOUGH TO GIVE HIM ONE FINAL CHANCE.



ANY TRUST WE HAVE, DON RIZO, IT IS CLOSE TO BEING LOST FOREVER.



LIES UPON LIES!

ONLY EVER TO SHIELD YOU.



AND I CAN'T DO BUSINESS WITHOUT TRUST.

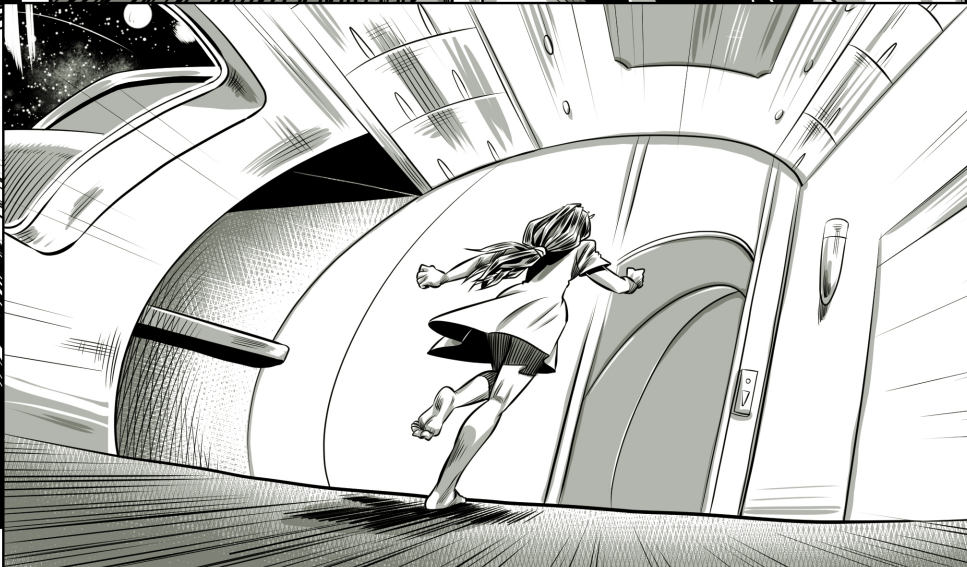
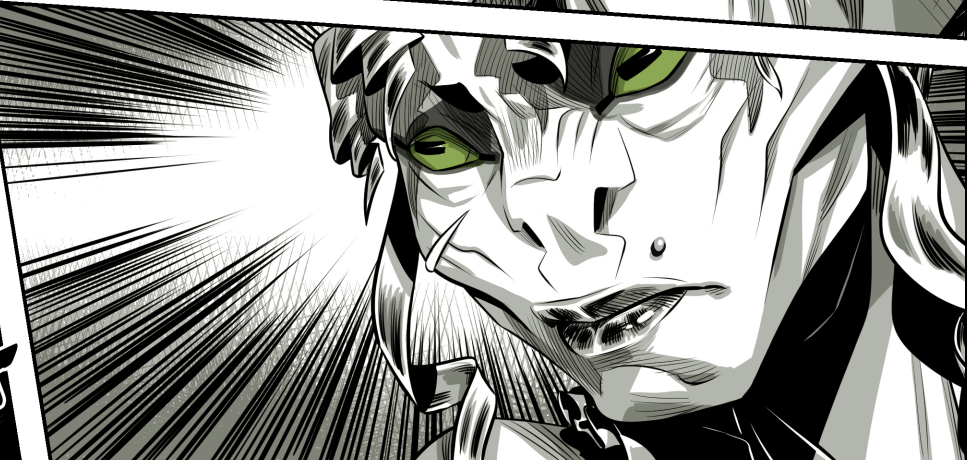
THEN GET LOST.



LIAR!

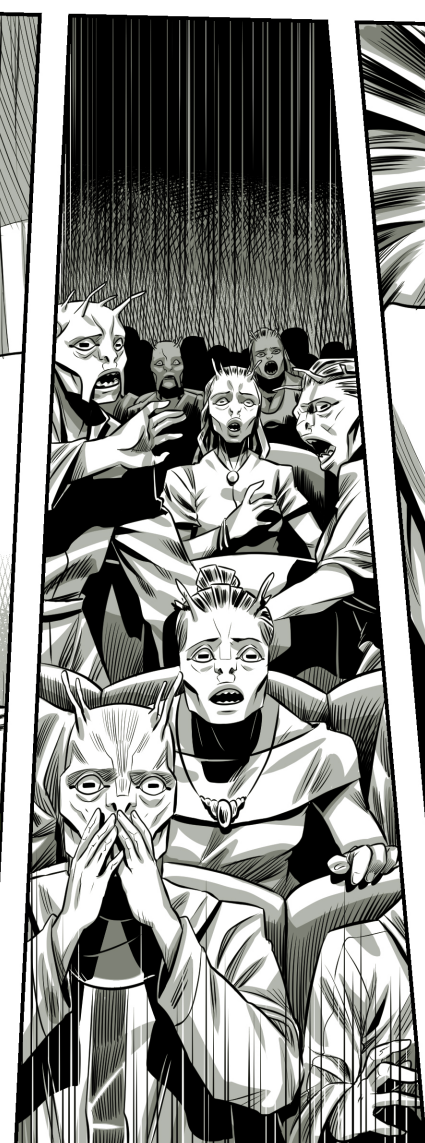
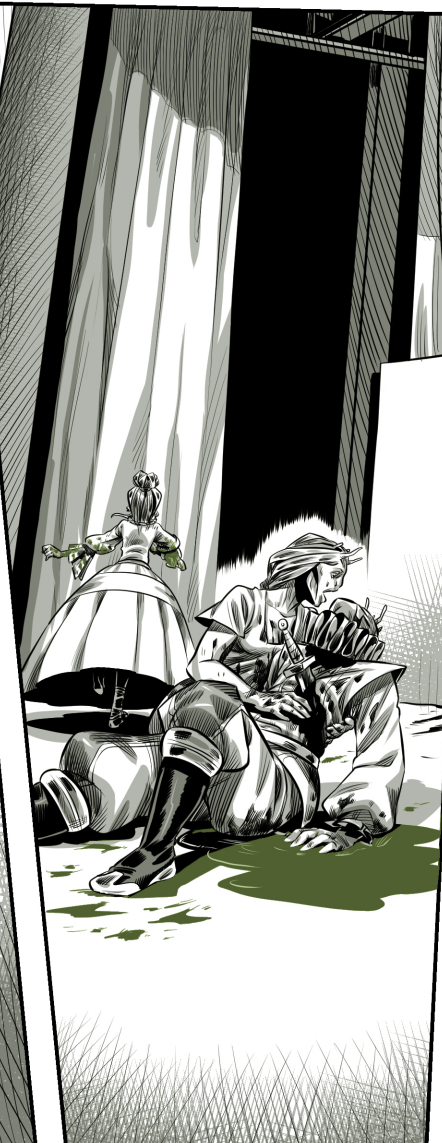
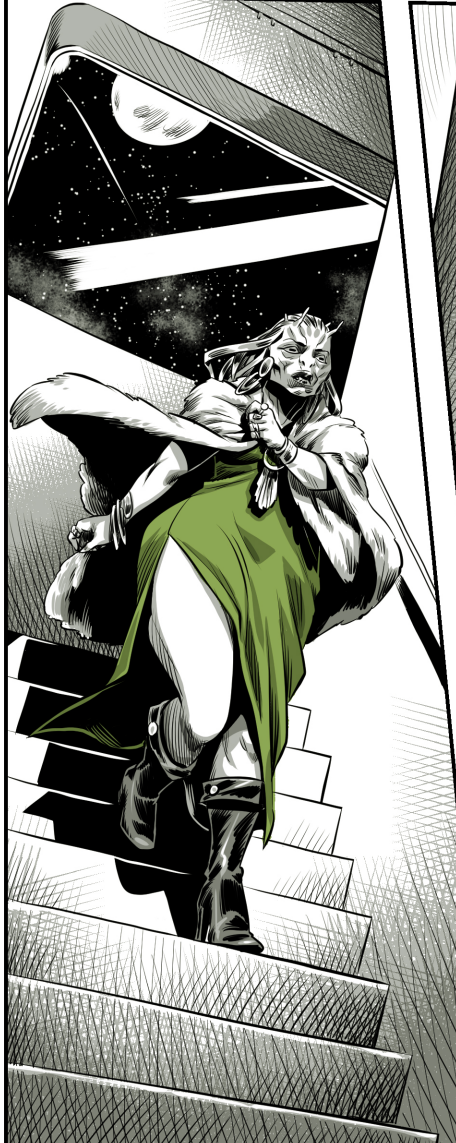
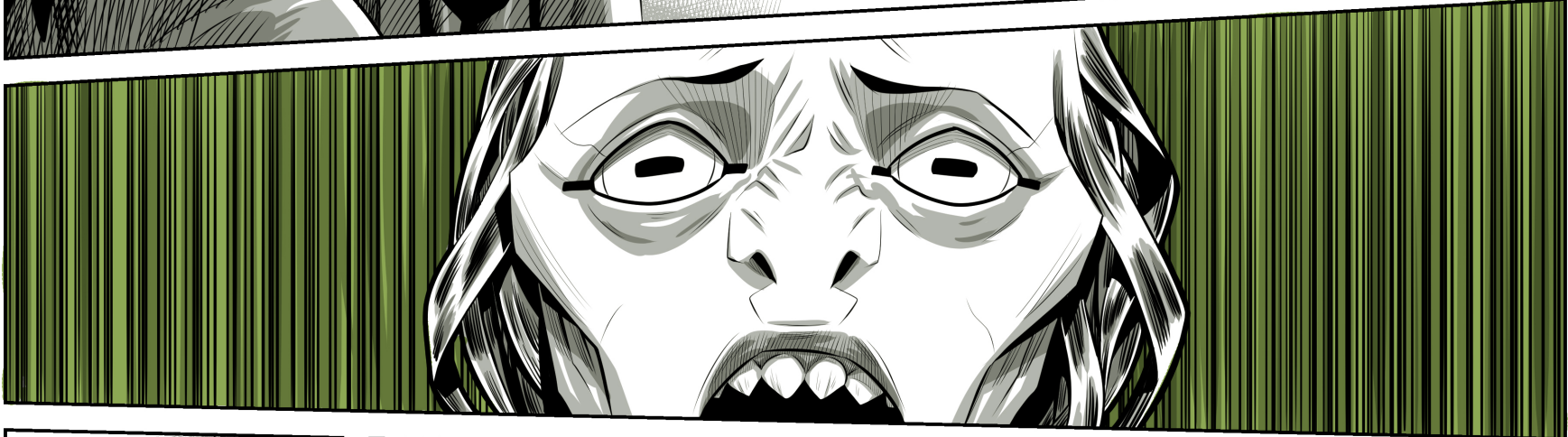


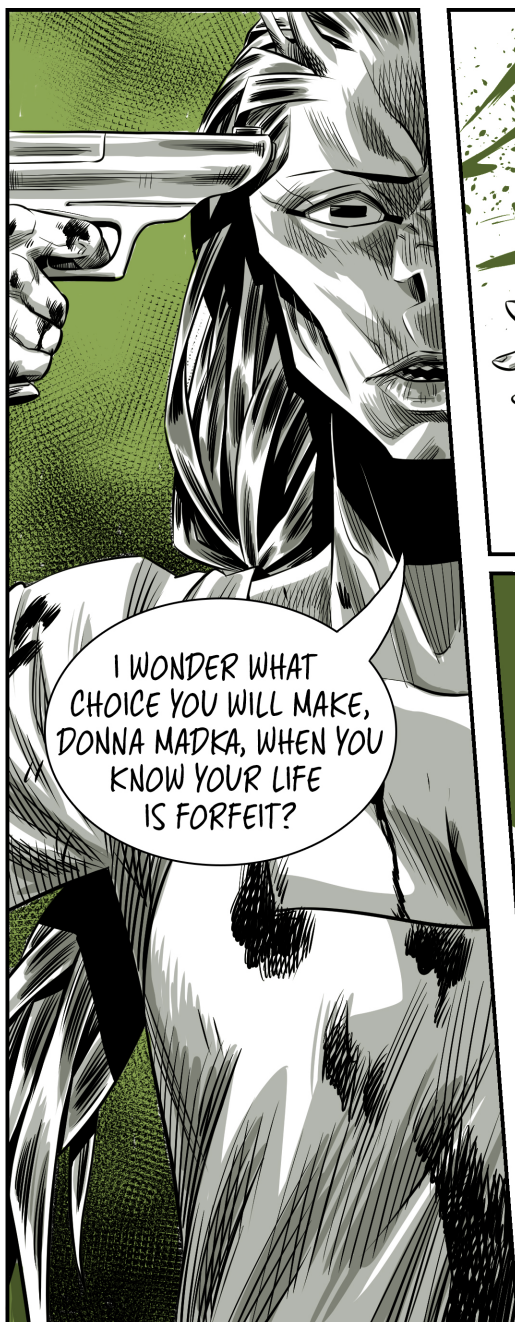
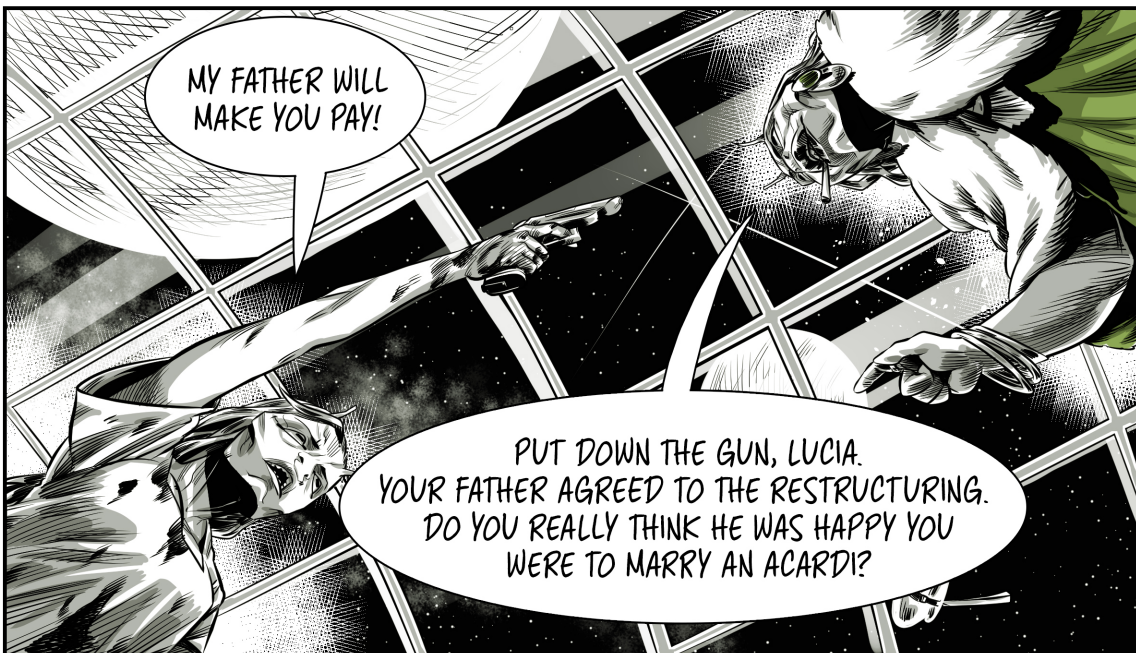
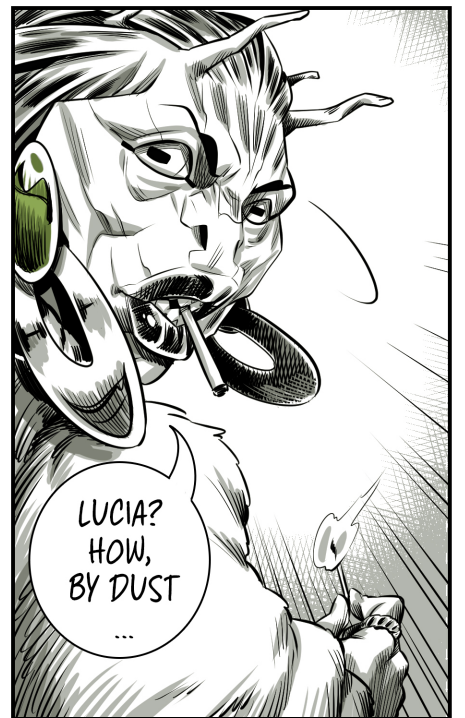
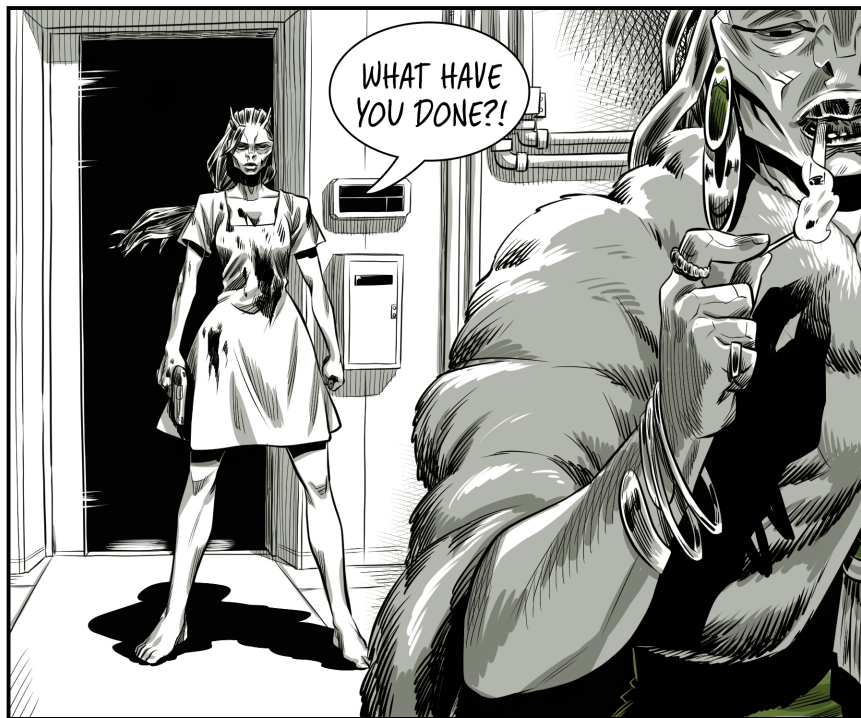
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AS I STOOD THERE, PARALYSED, THE JOY OF NICO ARRAKYO'S LIFE TURNING COLD UNDER MY FEET, I CAME TO UNDERSTAND. FOR SOME, LIFE CAN BE MORE PAINFUL THAN DEATH. SOON I WOULD FEEL IT TOO.

