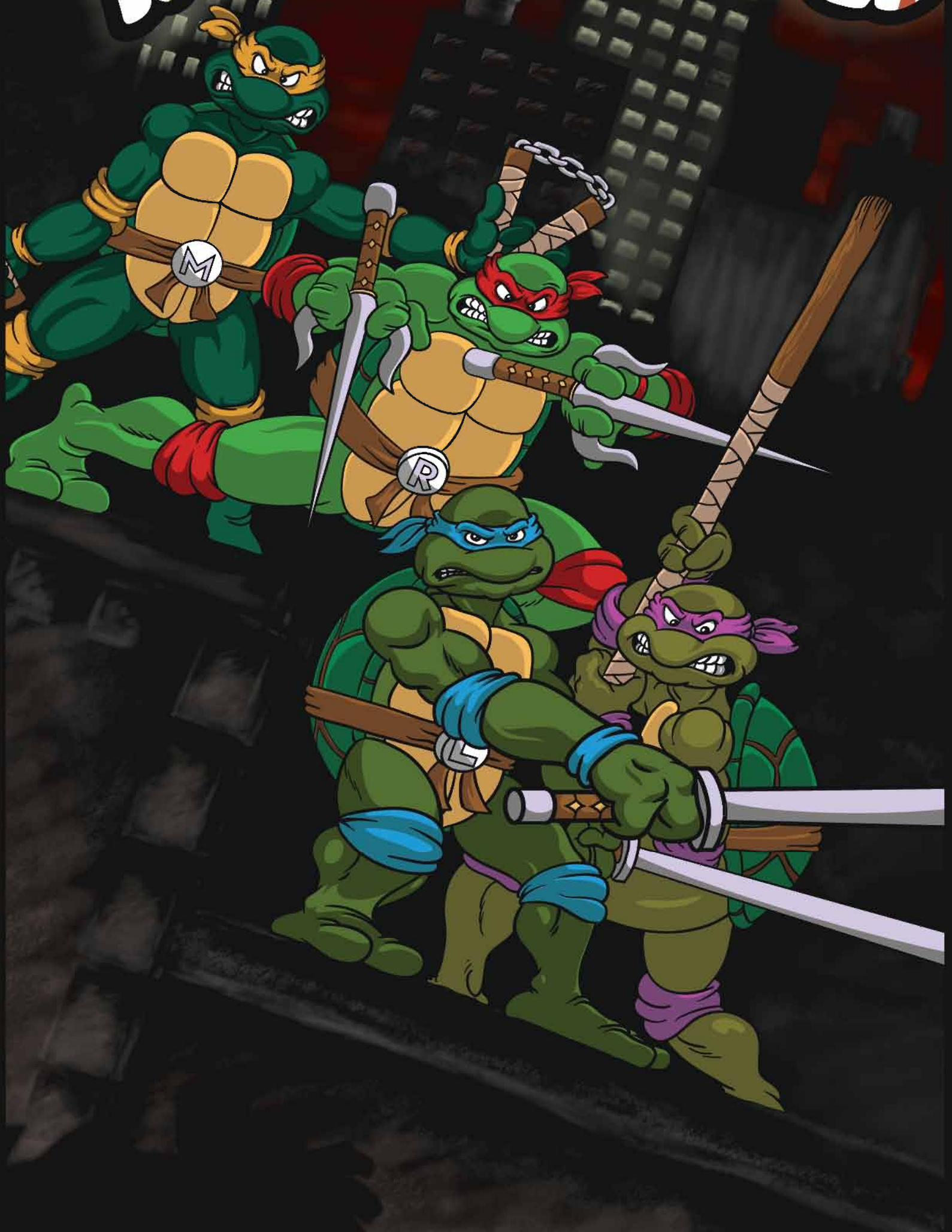



EASTMAN AND LAIRD'S


TEENAGE MUTANT NINJA

TURTLES





MY NAME IS LEONARDO. WE MADE
A WRONG TURN SOMEWHERE.
NOW WE'RE CAUGHT, OUR BACKS
TO THE WALL IN THIS TRASH
STREWN ALLEY. BARRING THE
WAY OUT ARE FIFTEEN MEMBERS
OF THE PURPLE DRAGONS, THE
TOUGHEST STREET GANG ON
THE EAST SIDE. THE ONLY WAY
THEY'LL LET US OUT OF HERE IS
IF WE'RE DEAD!!!



I HOLD MY KATANA IN A RELAXED READY POSITION. TO MY
LEFT DONATELLO AND MICHAELANGELO FOLLOW SUIT WITH
STAFF AND NUNCHAKU. RAPHAEL GUARDS MY RIGHT SIDE... I
SENSE HIS BODY QUIVERING WITH TENSE ENERGY, WAITING TO
BE TRIGGERED INTO SAVAGE, SLASHING RELEASE!!

YOU'RE DEAD FREAKS!!!
NOBODY TRESPASSES ON PURPLE DRAGON
TURF AND GETS AWAY WITH IT... ESPECIALLY
WHEN THEY'RE WEARING STUPID
TURTLE COSTUMES!

HE'S WRONG...
WE'RE NOT WEARING COSTUMES.



EASTMAN AND LAYARD'S TEENAGE MUTANT NINJA TURTLES

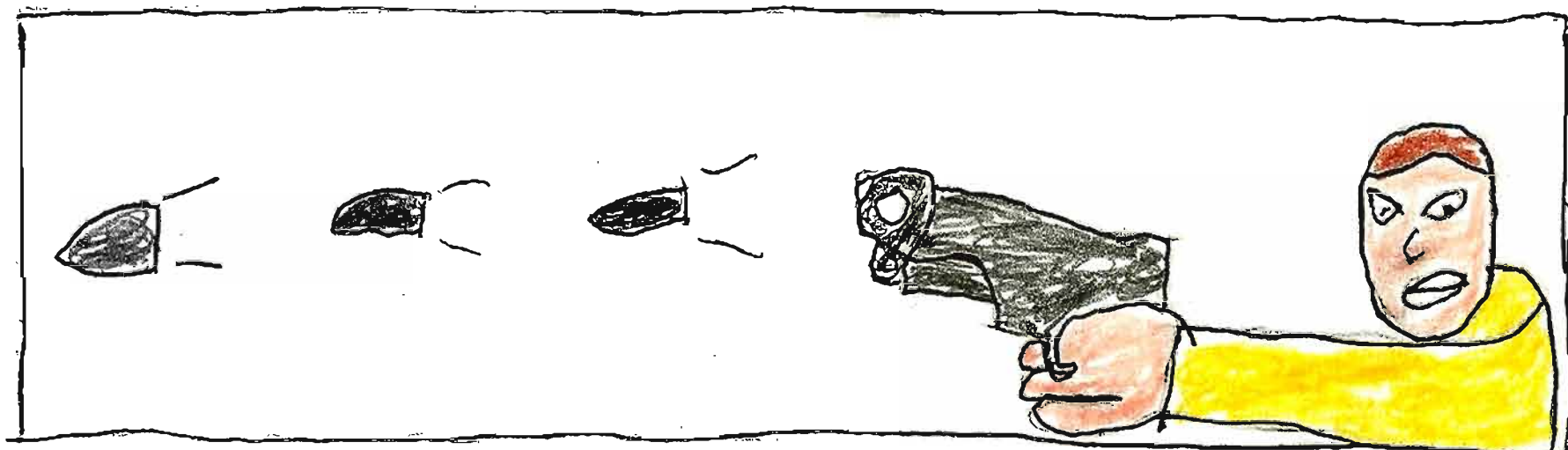


THESE GUYS ARE YOUNG BUT NO ROOKIES. THEY'VE BEEN AROUND TOUGHENED BY THE STREETS. THEY'VE FOUGHT AND BEAT EVERYTHING ON TWO LEGS IN THIS AREA.....EXCEPT US.

WE HIT THEM AIRBORNE. I CUT TWO ON THE WAY DOWN. DONATELLO TAKES OUT A THIRD WITH HIS STAFF.



THE PUNKS DON'T WASTE MUCH TIME ON HAND-TO-HAND. THEY BREAK INTO SMALL GROUPS AND OPEN UP WITH THEIR ARTILLERY!



RAPHAEL LOVES THIS STUFF...
THERE'S A FLASH AS HIS SAIS COME OUT...

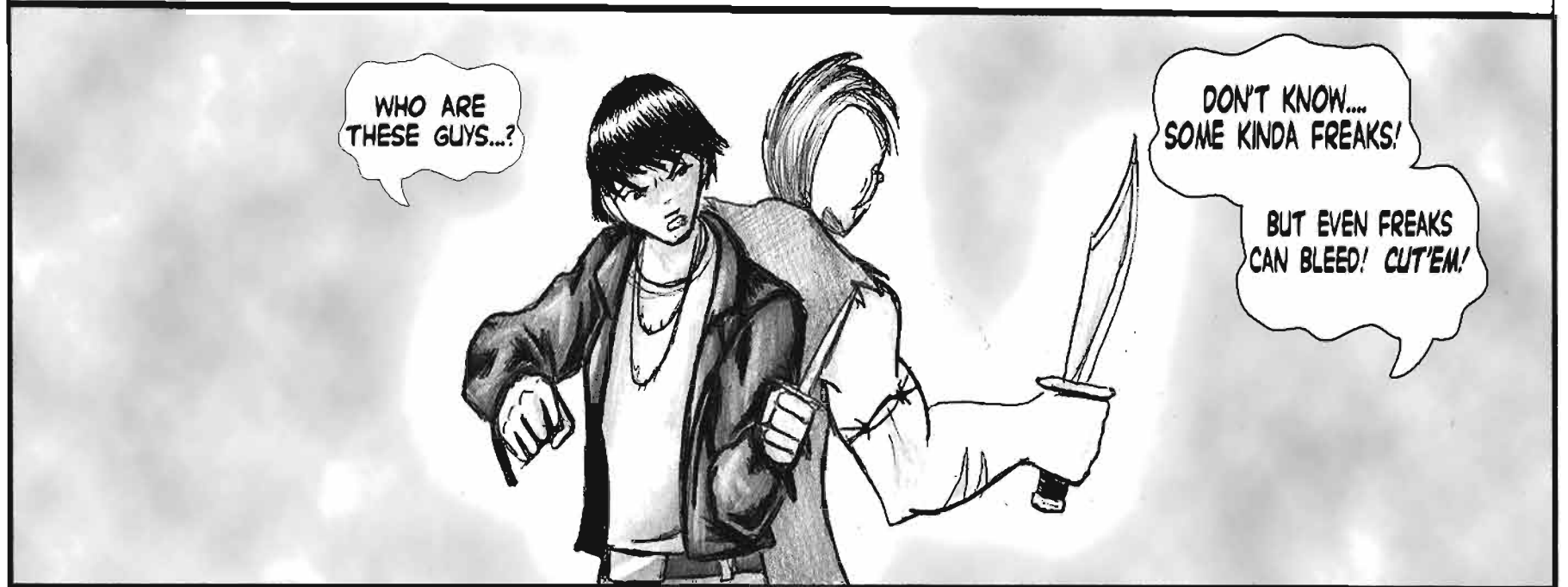
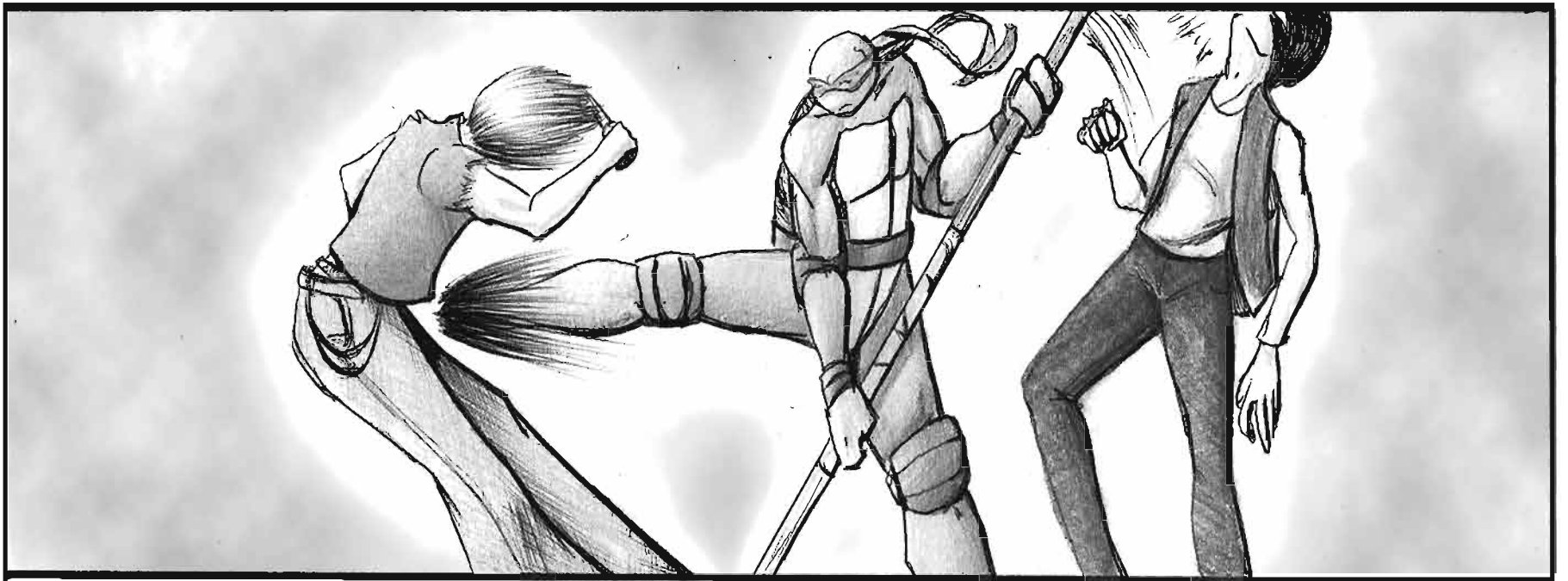


...THE THREE TOUGHS
DON'T EVEN SEE THAT.

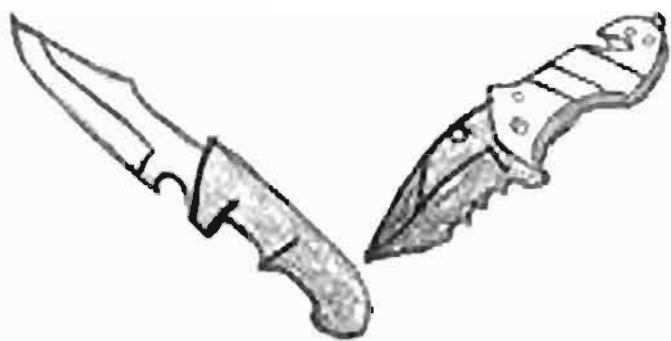


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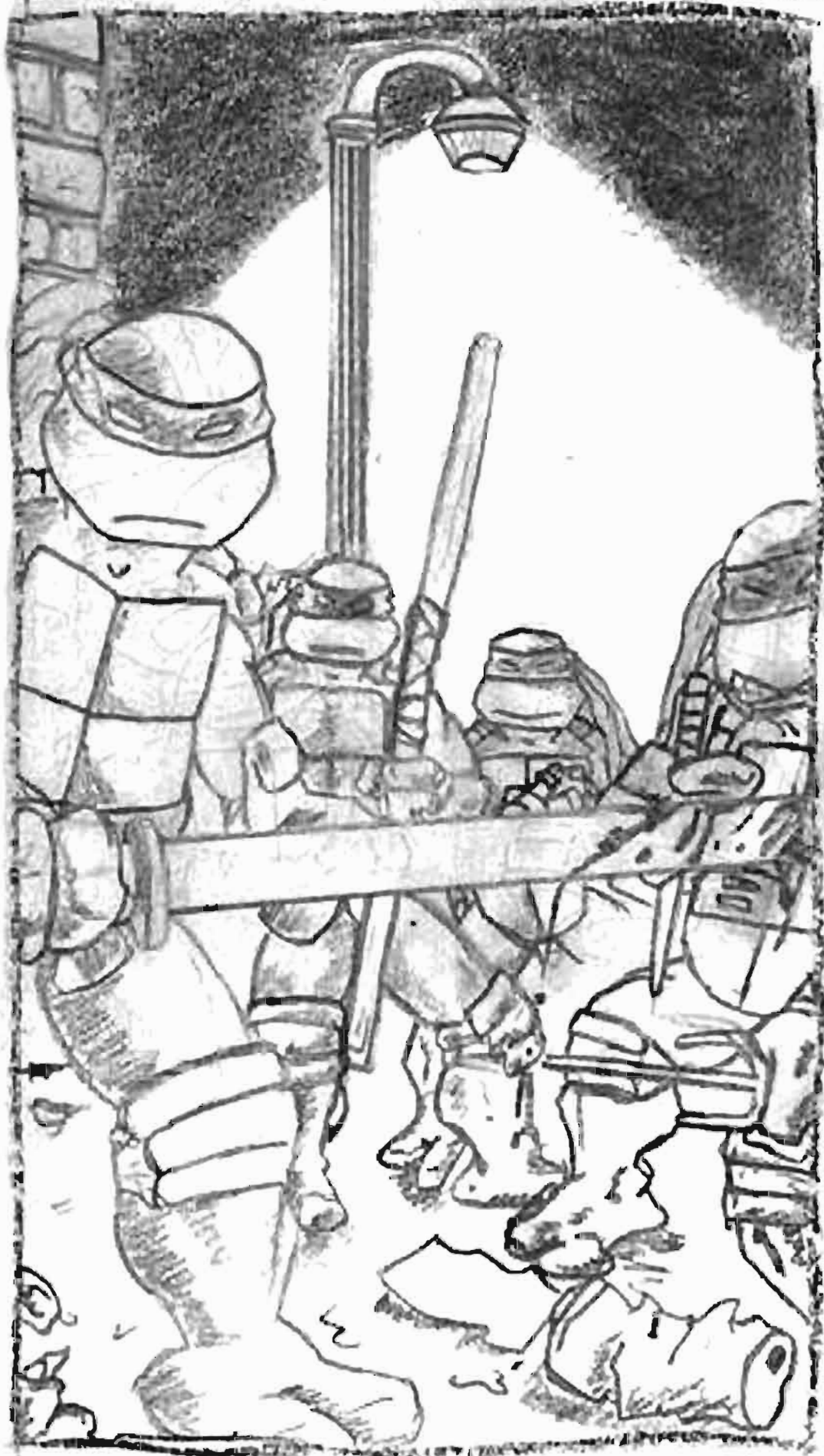




...AND SO CAN YOU!



OUR FIRST MAJOR SKIRMISH IS OVER AND WE ARE STILL STANDING. OUR TRAINING HAS SERVED US WELL. SPLINTER WILL BE PLEASED.



A POLICE SIREN WAILS CLOSE BY, COMING FAST. WHEN THEY ARRIVE, THEY WILL FIND ONLY WHAT IS LEFT OF THE PURPLE DRAGON GANG.

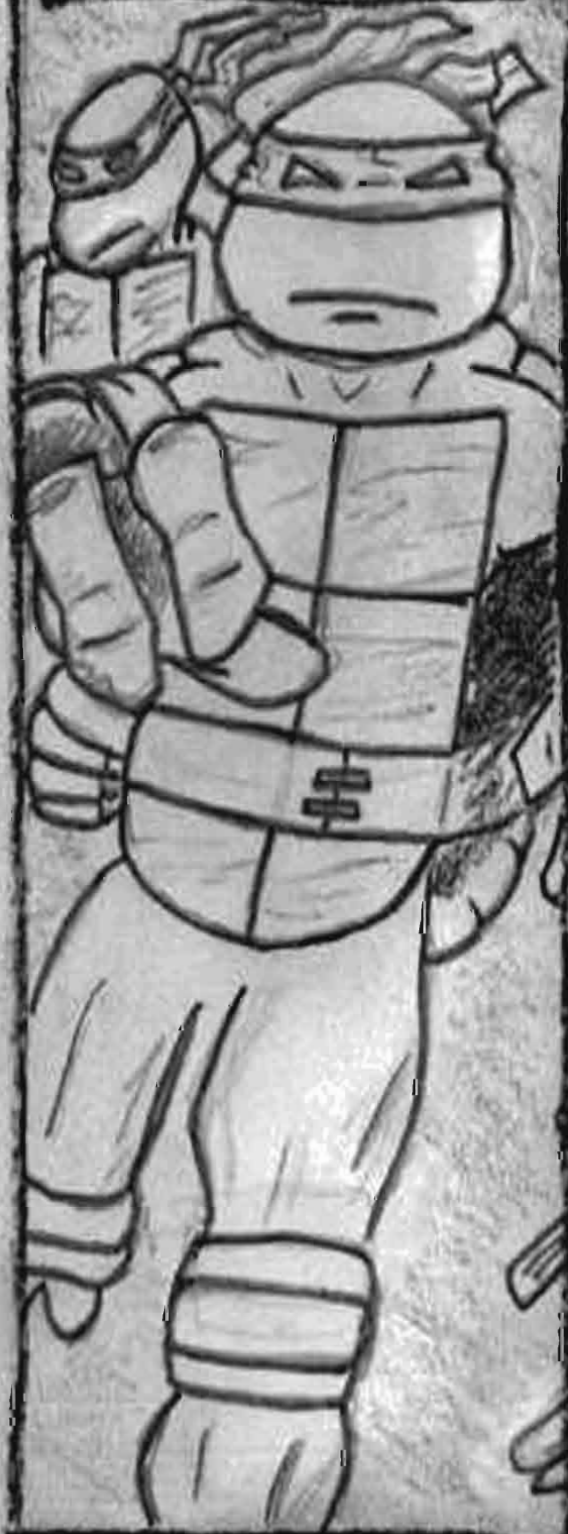


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WE DO NOT LIKE TO
RUN FROM THOSE WHO
WOULD BE OUR ALLIES,
BUT WE MUST. THEY
WOULD NOT UNDER-
STAND US

THE STORM DRAIN
BECKONS. WE ARE
NEVER FAR FROM A
MEANS OF ESCAPE...

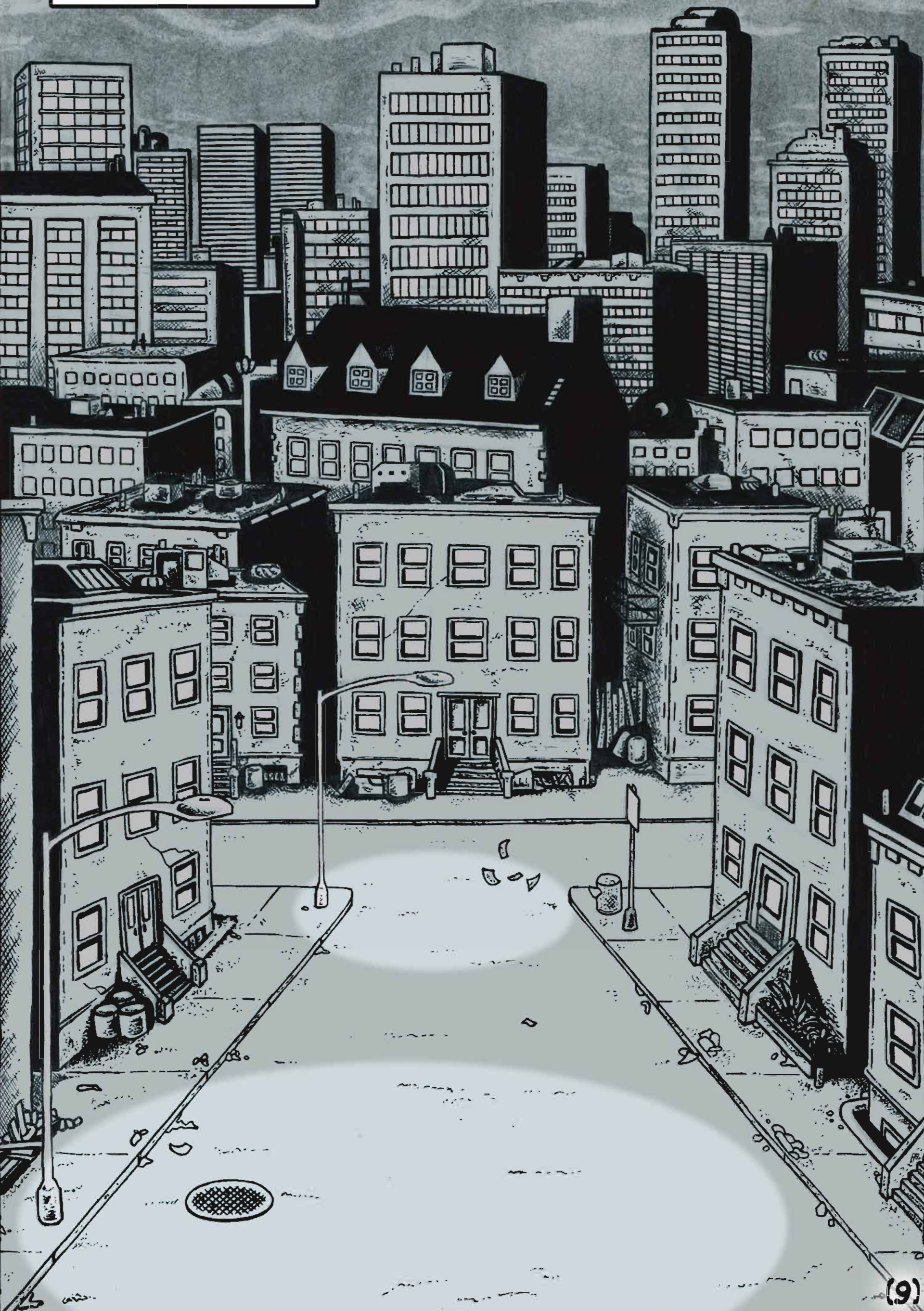
...FOR WE ARE
TRAINED IN THE WAYS
OF NINJITSU...



WE STRIKE HARD AND
FADE AWAY...



...INTO THE NIGHT.

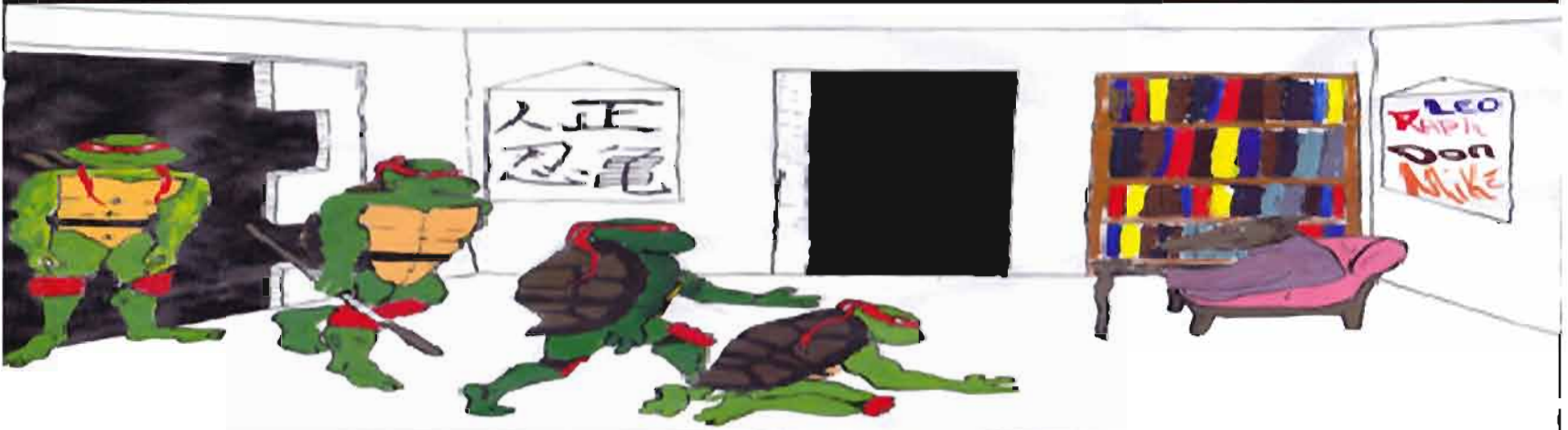


THE STORM DRAINS ARE OUR HOME. WE KNOW EVERY INCH OF THESE SUBTERRANEAN PASSAGES.

FOR ALL OUR YEARS WE HAVE DWELT IN THESE DARK DEPTHS...



...LEARNING, GROWING, AND BUILDING...



AH, YOU HAVE DONE WELL...
YOUR SKILLS ARE AT THEIR
PEAK...

I HAVE FORSEEN THIS
NIGHT FOR MANY YEARS.
NOW IT IS TIME...

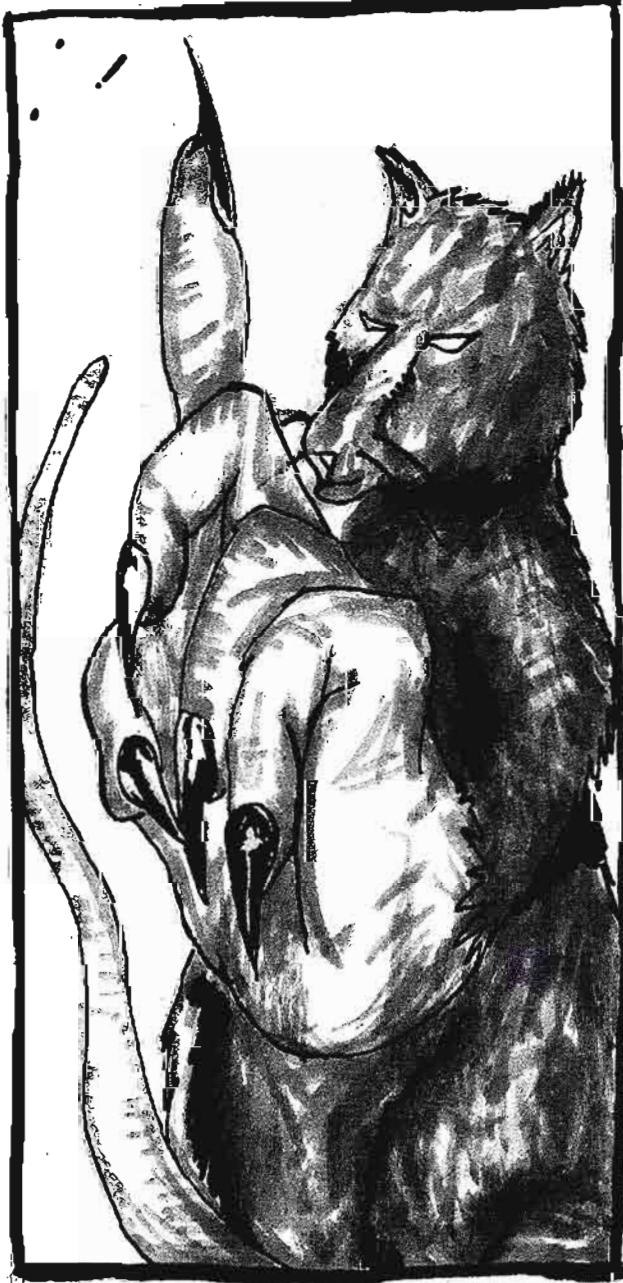
...TIME FOR YOU TO BE TOLD
OF THE MISSION FOR WHICH I
HAVE TRAINED YOU THESE
PAST THIRTEEN YEARS.

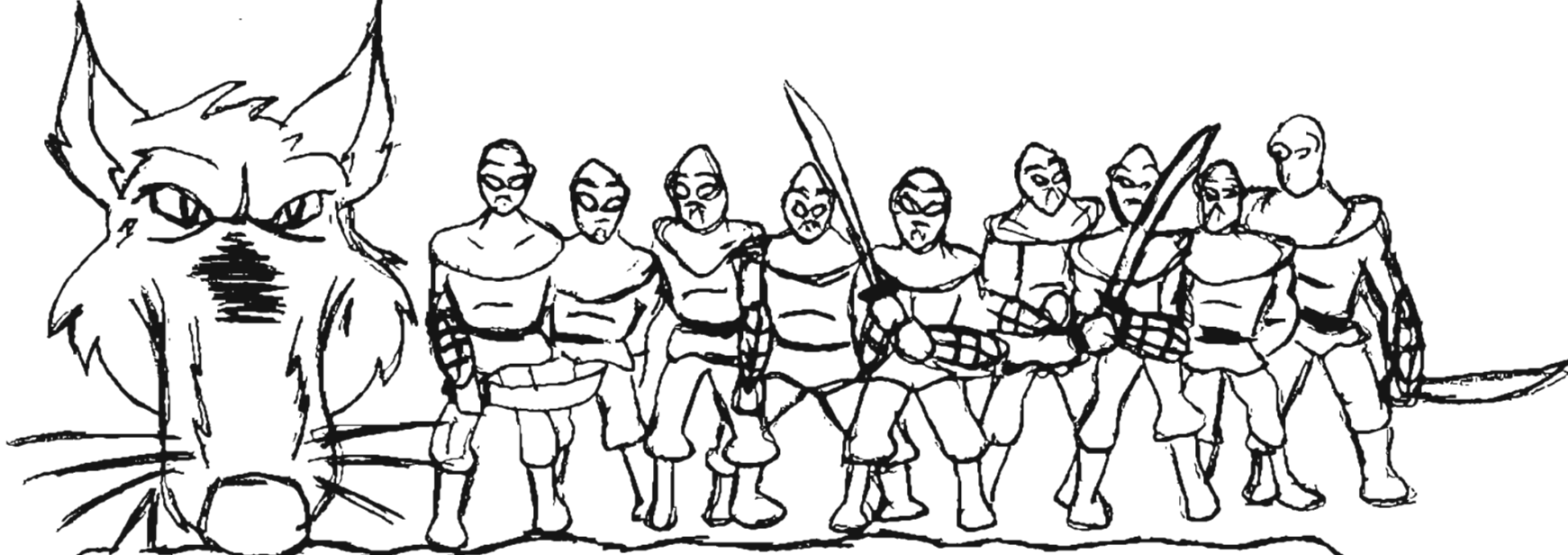
YOU WILL LEARN OF MY
LIFE AND HOW YOU CAME
TO BE.



MY TALE
BEGINS SOME
TWENTY YEARS
AGO...

I WAS A YOUNG RAT, A PET BOUGHT AND
CARED FOR BY MY BELOVED MASTER HAMATO
YOSHI. MY CAGE WAS KEPT IN HIS DOJO, AND I
WATCHED HIS DAILY PRACTICE. IT AMUSED HIM
TO SEE ME MIMIC HIS MOVEMENTS... BUT IT
WAS MORE THAN MERE MIMICRY. SLOWLY I
LEARNED HIS ART, THE MYSTERIOUS
MARTIAL ART OF NINJITSU.
I COULD NOT HAVE HAD A BETTER TEACHER,
FOR IT WAS SAID THAT HAMATO YOSHI WAS
THE GREATEST SHADOW WARRIOR OF HIS CLAN.





HE WAS ONE OF THE FAMOUS "FOOT" CLAN, THE MOST FEARED WARRIORS AND ASSASSINS IN ALL JAPAN. ANOTHER MEMBER OF THE "FOOT" CLAN WAS OROKU NAGI. HE AND MY MASTER YOSHI COMPETED FIERCELY IN ALL THINGS, ESPECIALLY FOR THE LOVE OF A YOUNG WOMAN, TANG SHEN.



BOTH TRIED TO WIN HER BUT FROM THE START SHE LOVED ONLY ONE: MY MASTER, YOSHI.





NAGI WAS INSANELY JEALOUS. ONE FATEFUL NIGHT, HE WENT TO TANG SHEN'S HOME AND DEMANDED THAT SHE LOVE HIM. SHEN REFUSED, SAYING THAT SHE WANTED ONLY YOSHI. IN A JEALOUS RAGE, NAGI BEGAN TO BEAT HER. AT THAT MOMENT YOSHI, COMING INTO THE ROOM AND SAW NAGI POISED TO STRIKE!!!



SHEN!
OH, GODS...
NO...!



HAH, YOSHI DOG!
IF I CAN'T HAVE THIS WENCH...
THEN NO ONE WILL!



YOSHI'S WORLD VANISHED IN
A RED HAZE...

AND WHEN IT CLEARED, NAGI WAS NO MORE.



YOSHI'S SHAME WAS GREAT. BY KILLING ANOTHER MEMBER OF HIS CLAN, HE HAD DISHONORED HIMSELF, HIS CHOICES WERE SIMPLE, BUT NOT EASY: TO TAKE HIS OWN LIFE AND HOPE FOR HONOR IN THE NEXT LIFE; OR FLEE WITH SHEN TO ANOTHER COUNTRY AND TRY TO START LIFE AGAIN.

HE CHOSE THE LATTER, TAKING WITH HIM A FEW BELONGINGS, INCLUDING ME, AND CAME WITH SHEN TO NEW YORK. HERE MY MASTER FORMED A SMALL MARTIAL ARTS SCHOOL.



MEANWHILE, IN JAPAN...



...NAGI'S FAMILY, ESPECIALLY HIS YOUNGER BROTHER SAKI, WERE MOURNING HIS DEATH. THE SEVEN YEAR OLD SAKI VOWED VENGEANCE ON YOSHI. THE FOOT TOOK HOLD OF SAKI'S ANGER AND USED IT TO BEND HIM TO THEIR OWN PURPOSES. SAKI BEGAN INTENSIVE TRAINING IN THE NINJA'S ART, AND SOON SURPASSED HIS TEACHERS. AS HE GREW OLDER HIS HATRED OF YOSHI GREW DEEP AND BITTER.



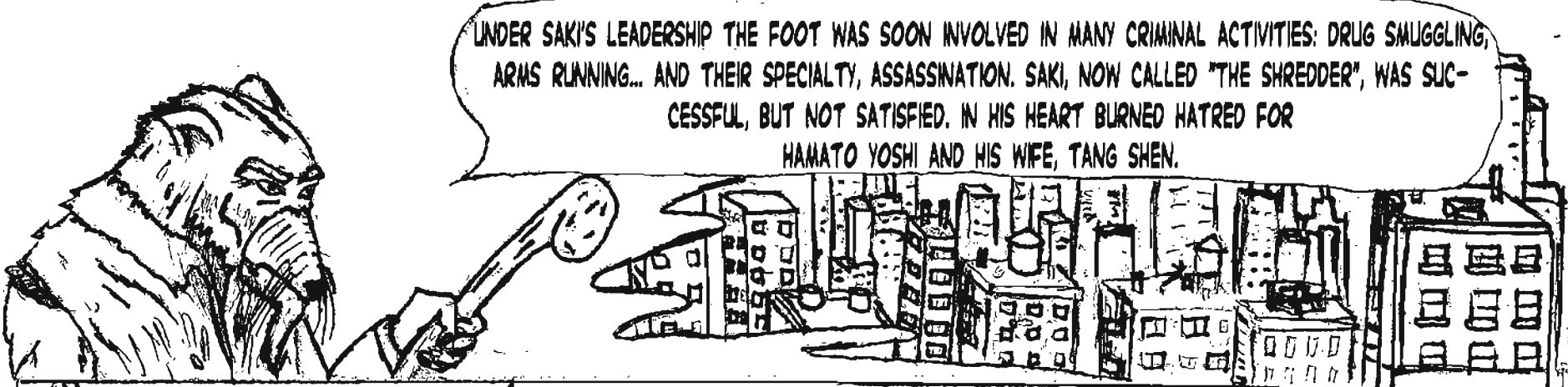
OROKU SAKI, YOU HAVE PROVEN YOURSELF. THOUGH YOU ARE ONLY EIGHTEEN, YOU ARE OUR MOST CUNNING ASSASSIN...

...AND AN ABLE LEADER. THEREFORE, WE HAVE CHOSEN YOU TO GO TO THE U.S. AND HEAD THE NEW YORK BRANCH OF THE "FOOT!"

AT LAST! A CHANCE TO AVENGE MY BROTHER'S DEATH!

SAKI MOVED QUICKLY. WITHIN A YEAR HE HAD BUILT THE NEW YORK "FOOT" INTO A FORCE TO BE RECKONED WITH.





UNDER SAKI'S LEADERSHIP THE FOOT WAS SOON INVOLVED IN MANY CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES: DRUG SMUGGLING, ARMS RUNNING... AND THEIR SPECIALTY, ASSASSINATION. SAKI, NOW CALLED "THE SHREDDER", WAS SUCCESSFUL, BUT NOT SATISFIED. IN HIS HEART BURNED HATRED FOR HAMATO YOSHI AND HIS WIFE, TANG SHEN.



ON A NIGHT NEARLY FIFTEEN YEARS AGO, SAKI FINALLY MADE HIS MOVE...

THE TIME IS RIGHT... I HAVE TRACKED THEM DOWN...

...FOR THE MURDERER OF MY BROTHER, THERE WILL BE NO ESCAPE!!!

MY MASTER YOSHI CAME HOME THAT EVENING, NEVER EXPECTING THAT HIS MOST DANGEROUS ENEMY WAS LYING IN WAIT. ENTERING THE APARTMENT HIS GAZE FELL ON THE STILL, SILENT FORM OF HIS BELOVED SHEN.



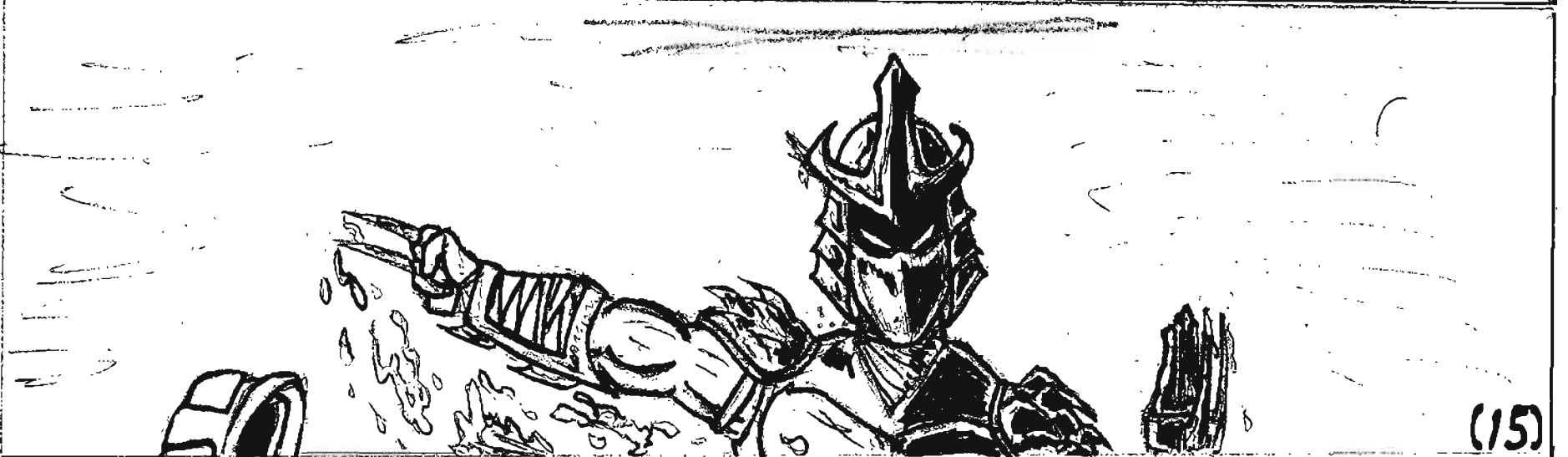
THEN HE SAW HER KILLER...

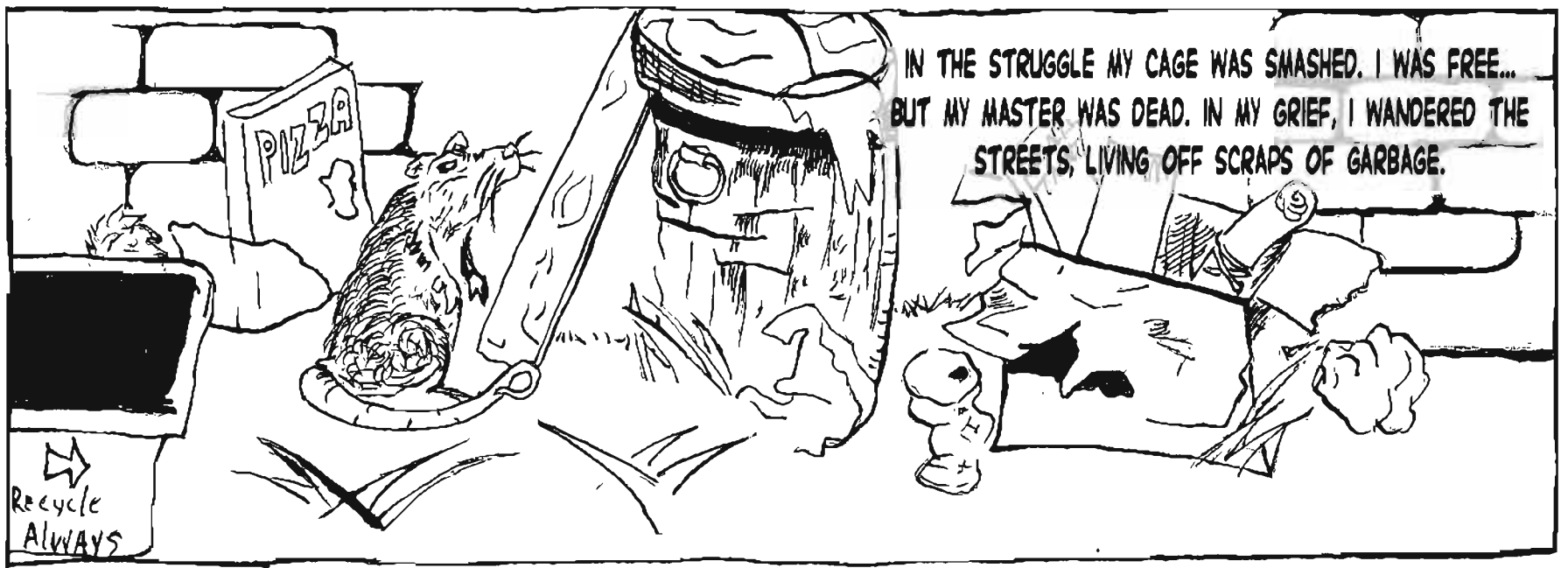


I AM OROKU SAKI!

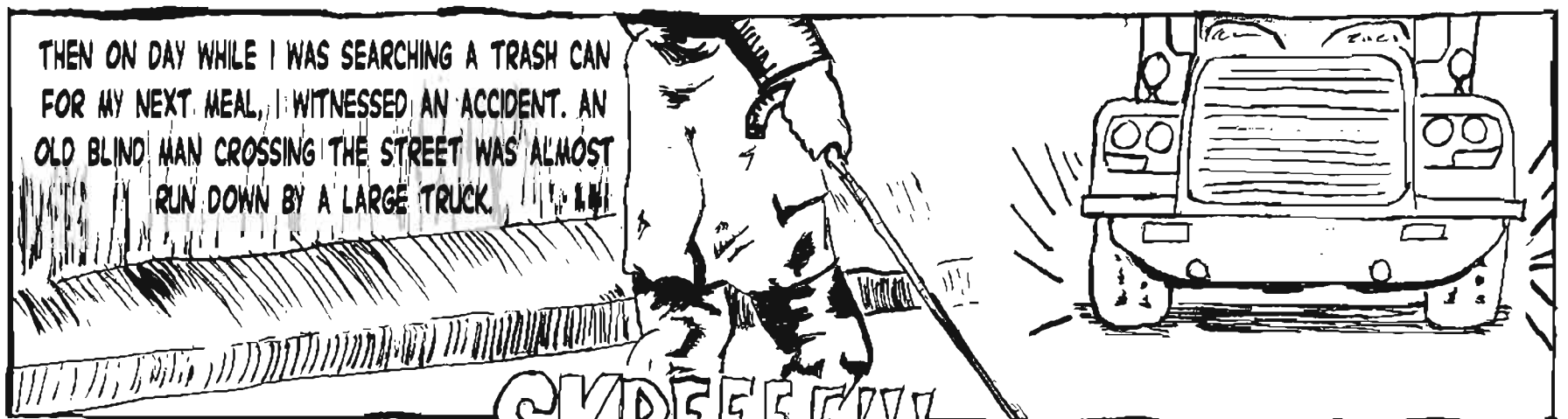
GOOD LORD!!
"CHOKE"
WHO ARE YOU?!

OH NO!



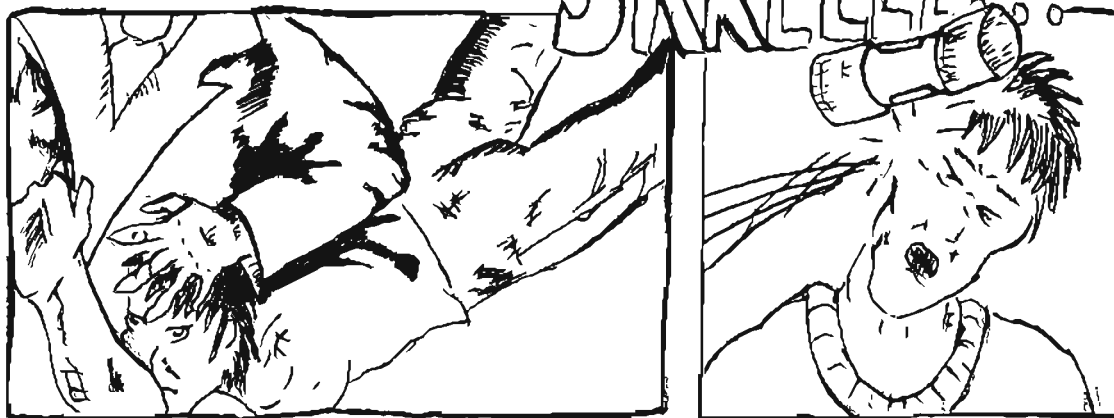


IN THE STRUGGLE MY CAGE WAS SMASHED. I WAS FREE...
BUT MY MASTER WAS DEAD. IN MY GRIEF, I WANDERED THE
STREETS, LIVING OFF SCRAPS OF GARBAGE.

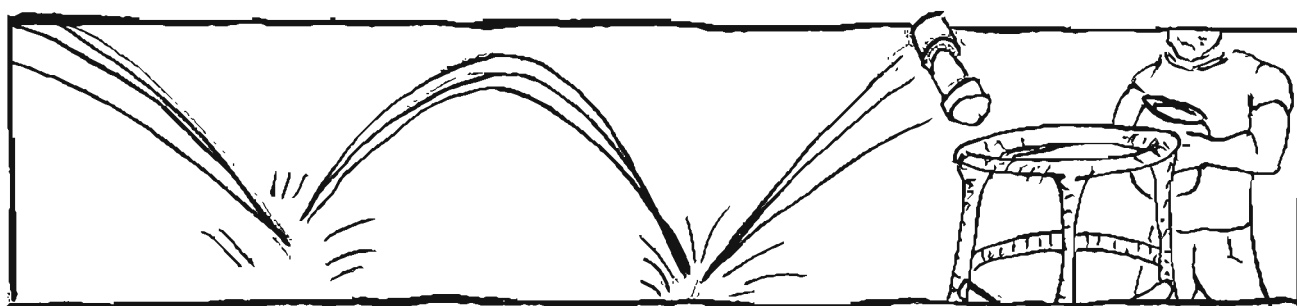


THEN ON DAY WHILE I WAS SEARCHING A TRASH CAN
FOR MY NEXT MEAL, I WITNESSED AN ACCIDENT. AN
OLD BLIND MAN CROSSING THE STREET WAS ALMOST
RUN DOWN BY A LARGE TRUCK.

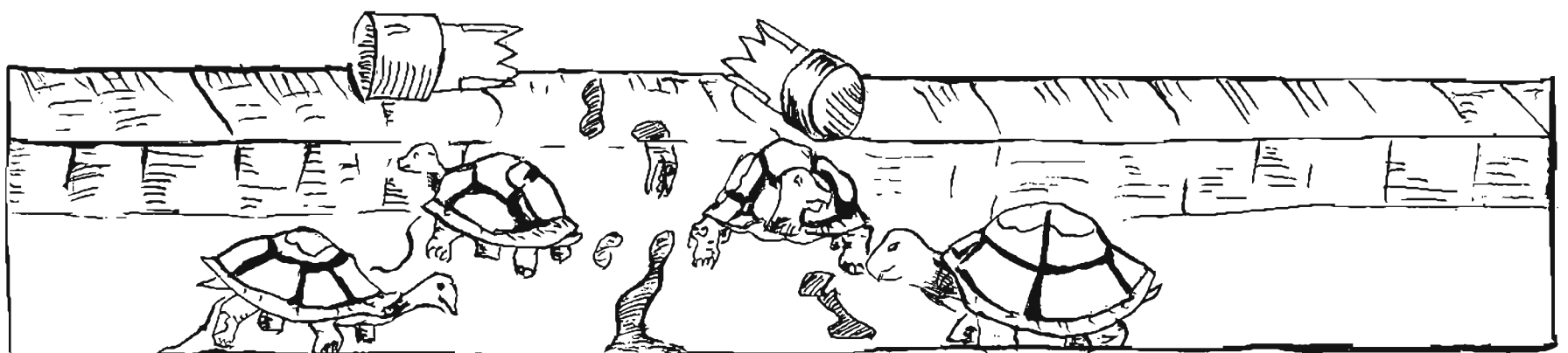
SKREEEE!!



AT THE LAST MOMENT A YOUNG MAN LEAPED
AT THE BLIND MAN AND KNOCKED HIM OUT OF
THE TRUCK'S WAY. AS THE TRUCK SCREECHED
TO A JARRING STOP A METAL CANISTER
BOUNCHED OUT OF THE BACK OF THE TURCK
AND STRUCK THE YOUNG MAN NEAR HIS EYES.



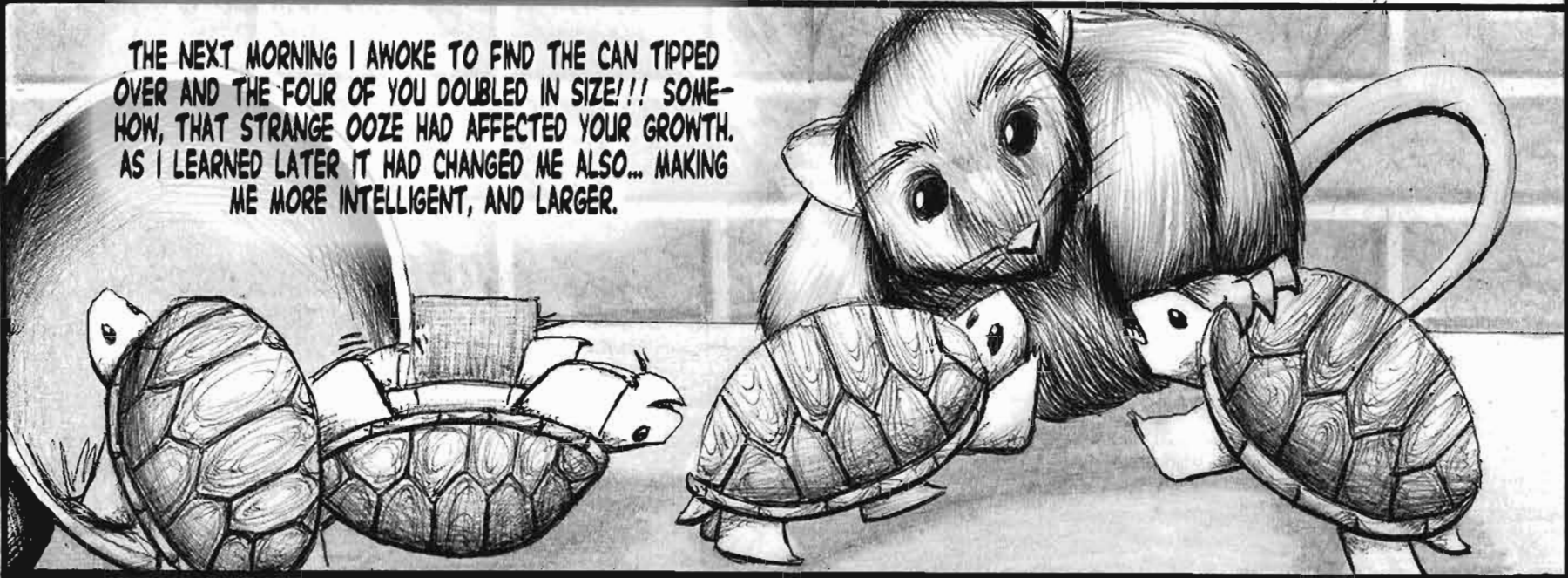
UNNOTICED BY THE CROWD, THE STRANGE CANISTER BOUNCHED SEVERAL MORE TIMES STRIKING AND
SMASHING A GLASS JAR WHICH HELD FOUR SMALL TURTLES... YOU FOUR, AS INFANTS!!
YOU FELL INTO THE MANHOLE, FOLLOWED BY THE CANISTER. FORTUNATELY A PILE OF DEAD LEAVES
AND PAPERS BROKE YOUR FALL...BUT THE CANISTER SMASHED OPEN, RELEASING A GLOWING OOZE
WHICH COVERED YOUR BODIES AS YOU CRAWLED AROUND IN IT...



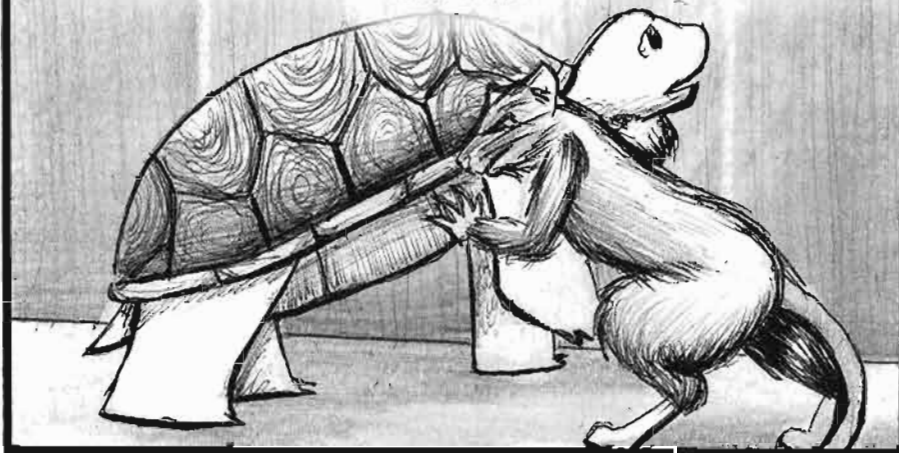
I FOLLOWED YOU DOWN INTO THE STORM DRAIN, AND NOT KNOWING EXACTLY WHY, GATHERED YOU UP IN A COFFEE CAN. I TOOK YOU TO MY BURROW AND WASHED OFF AS MUCH OF GOO AS I COULD.



THE NEXT MORNING I AWOKE TO FIND THE CAN TIPPED OVER AND THE FOUR OF YOU DOUBLED IN SIZE!!! SOMEHOW, THAT STRANGE OOZE HAD AFFECTED YOUR GROWTH. AS I LEARNED LATER IT HAD CHANGED ME ALSO... MAKING ME MORE INTELLIGENT, AND LARGER.



BUT I DIDN'T GROW AS FAST AS YOU DID. WITHIN A YEAR, YOU HAD REACHED YOUR CURRENT SIZE. YOU FOLLOWED ME EVERYWHERE I WENT, EXCEPT ABOVE GROUND. I COULD NOT RISK YOUR BEING DISCOVERED.



I WAS AMAZED AT HOW INTELLIGENT YOU SEEMED, BUT EVEN SO I WAS NO READY FOR WHAT HAPPENED ONE DAY...

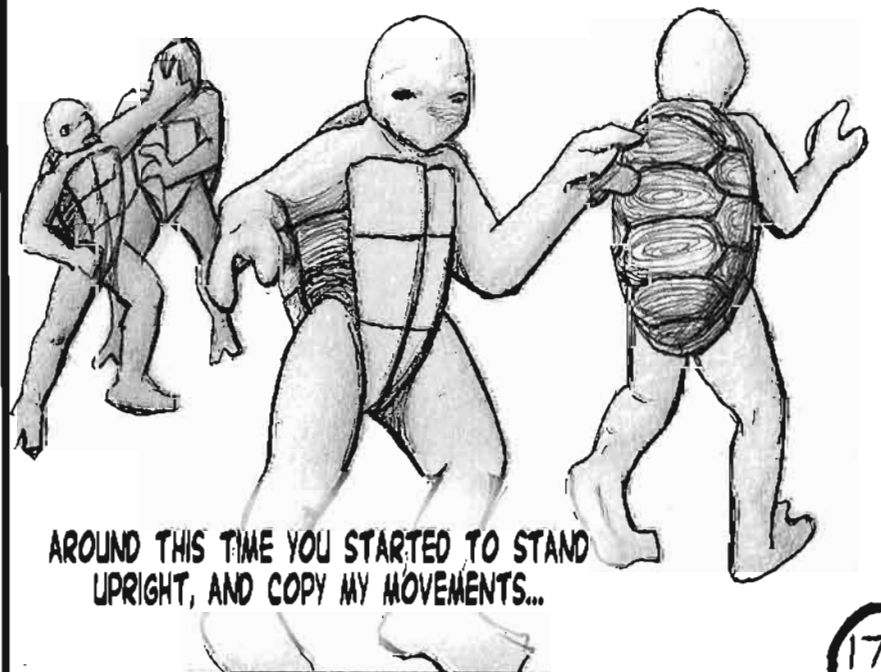
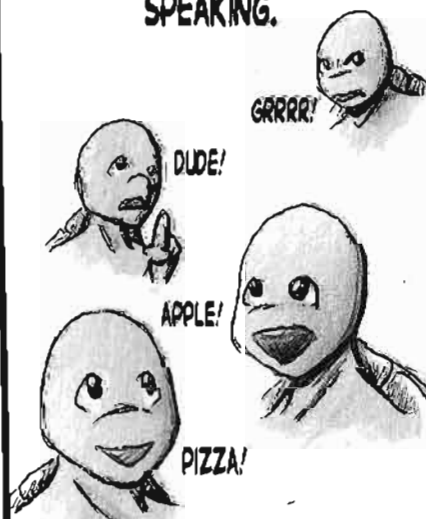


Splin-ter?



...ONE OF YOU ACTUALLY SAID A WORD... MY NAME!!!

MORE WORDS FOLLOWED, AND SOON YOU ALL WERE SPEAKING.

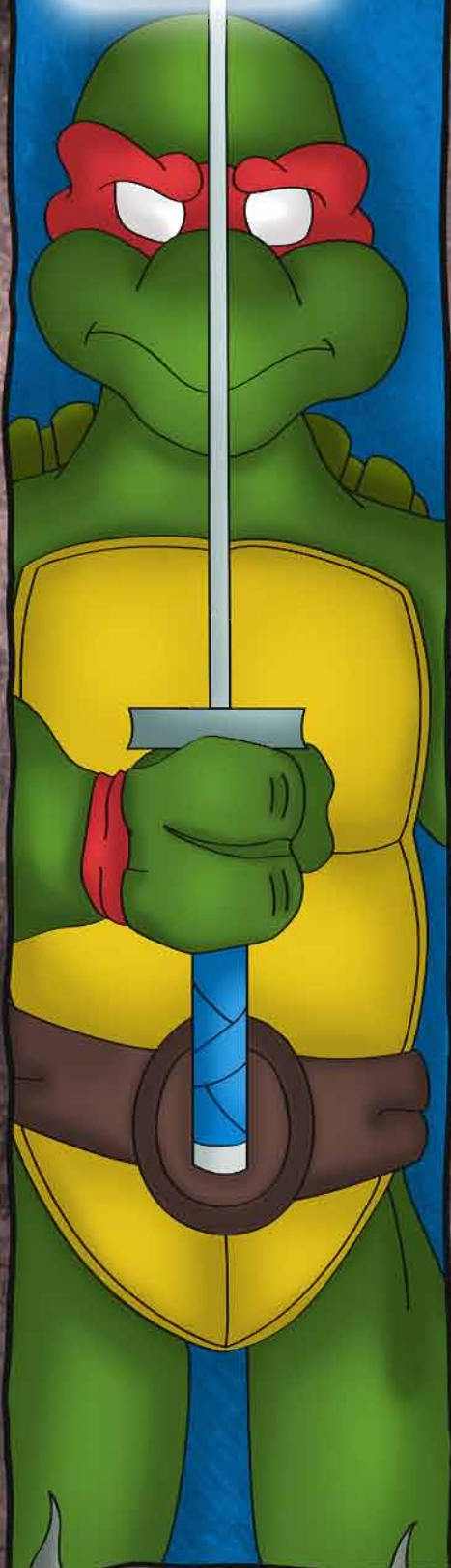


AROUND THIS TIME YOU STARTED TO STAND UPRIGHT, AND COPY MY MOVEMENTS...



I BEGAN TRAINING YOU THEN TEACHING YOU ALL THAT I HAD LEARNED FROM WATCHING MASTER YOSHI. I TAUGHT YOU THE USE OF WEAPONS, THE ART OF STEALTH, AND ALL THAT I KNEW OF THIS WORLD. IN TIME YOU SURPASSED MY LESSONS, AND BECAME TRUE NINJA. USING A BATTERED COPY OF A BOOK ON RENNAISSANCE ART THAT I HAD FISHED OUT OF THE STORM DRAIN, I CHOSE NAMES FOR EACH OF YOU!

LEONARDO



MICHAELANGELO



DONATELLO



AND RAPHAEL.



NOW, I AM OLD AND THERE IS A TASK THAT I WOULD HAVE YOU PERFORM BEFORE I LEAVE THIS LIFE. NOW, I MUST ASK YOU TO DO THAT WHICH NO BEING SHOULD ASK OF ANOTHER. I ASK YOU TO AVENGE THE CRUEL DEATH OF MY MASTER, HAMATO YOSHI, AND HIS WIFE TANG SHEN. I ASK YOU TO CHALLENGE AND KILL THE MURDERER OROKU SAKI... THE SHREDDER!!!

AH, THE NIGHT AIR...
I LOVE IT.

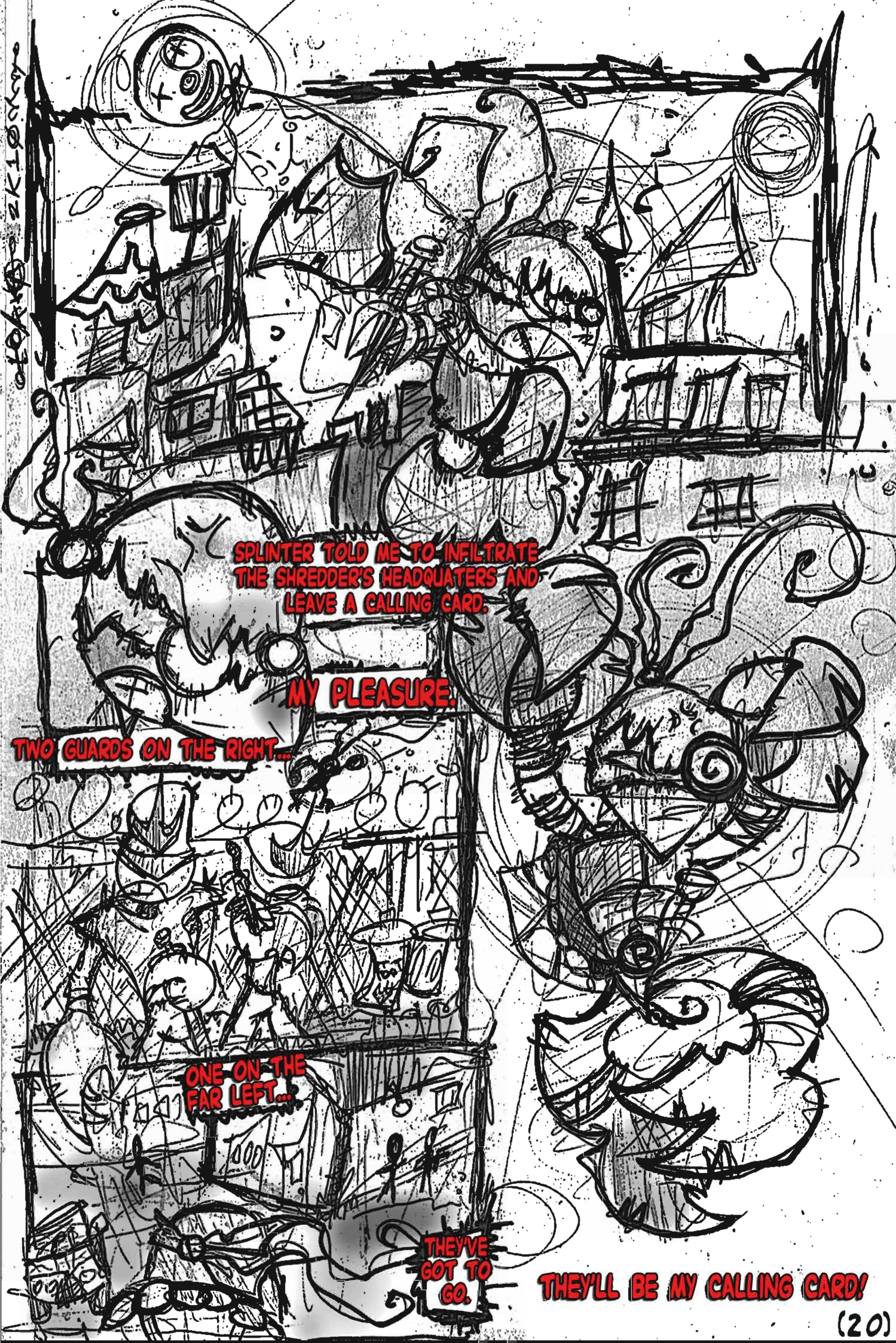
I DESPISE THE DAMP, DANK UNDER-
GROUND. MY BROTHERS DON'T SEEM
TO MIND IT...

...BUT THIS IS WHERE I BELONG.
SUCH A FEELING OF FREEDOM, SO
MUCH ROOM TO MOVE ABOUT!



I AM RAPHAEL, NINJA TURTLE... AND
MY MASTER SPLINTER CHOSE ME
FOR THIS TASK...

...TO DELIVER A MESSAGE OF
CHALLENGE TO THE SHREDDER!



SPLINTER TOLD ME TO INFILTRATE
THE SHREDDER'S HEADQUARTERS AND
LEAVE A CALLING CARD.

MY PLEASURE.

TWO GUARDS ON THE RIGHT...

ONE ON THE
FAR LEFT...

THEY'VE
GOT TO
GO.

THEY'LL BE MY CALLING CARD!

INTRUDER!

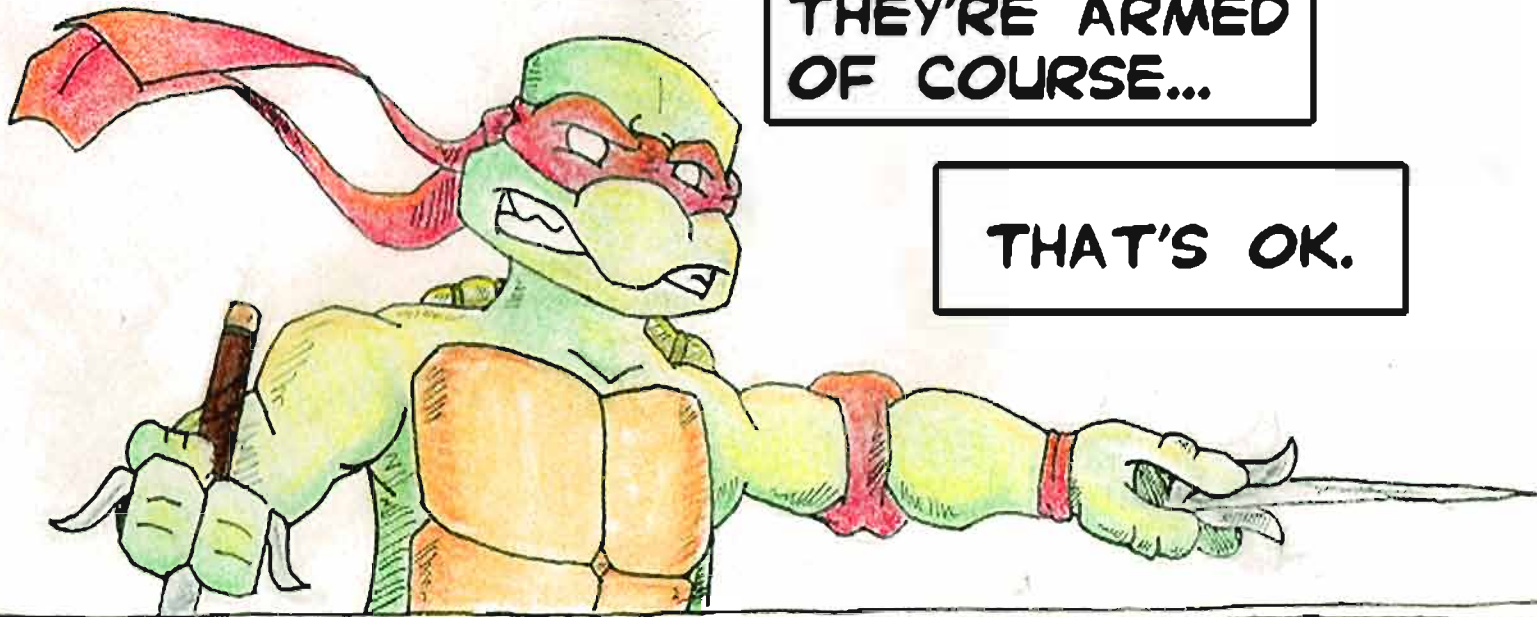


STOP HIM!!



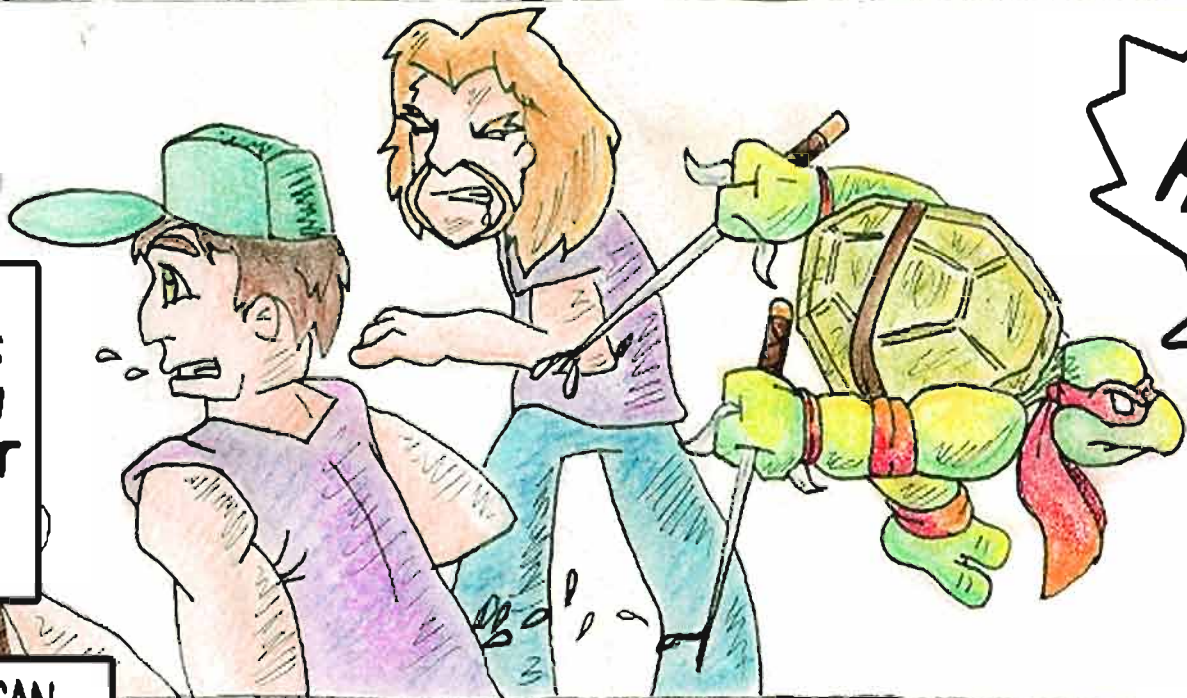
THEY'RE ARMED
OF COURSE...

THAT'S OK.



I AM TOO.

THE THIRD
GUARD SEES
THE ACTION
BUT DOESN'T
SOUND THE
ALARM...



HAH!!

...HE THINKS HE CAN
TAKE ME OUT HIMSELF.

WHO ARE YOU?

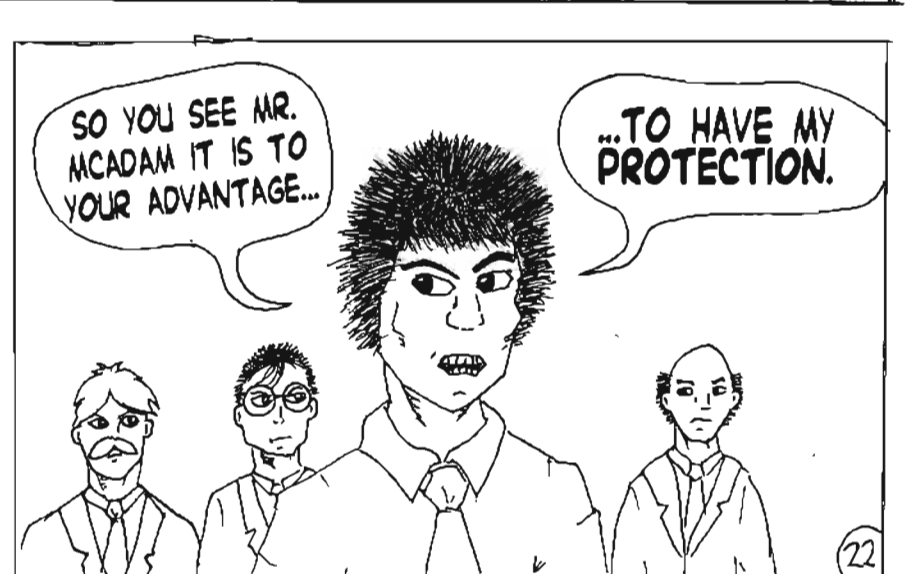
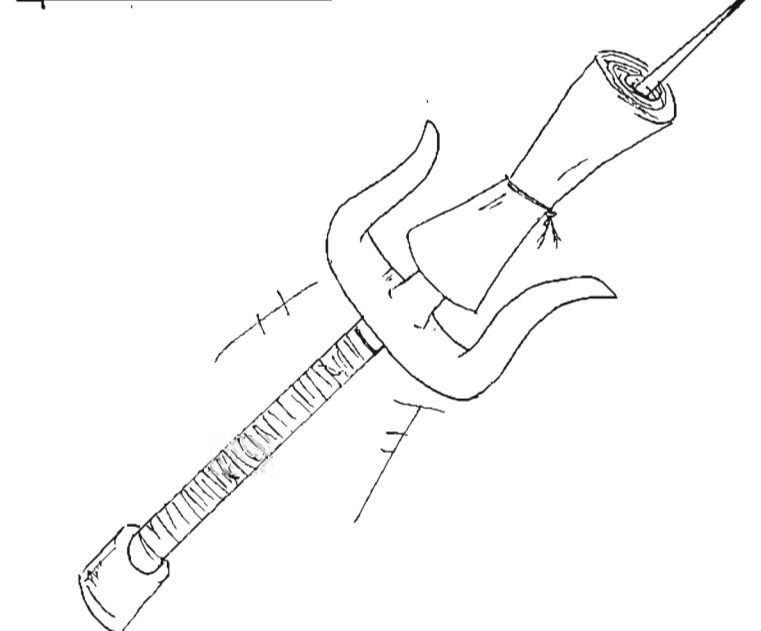
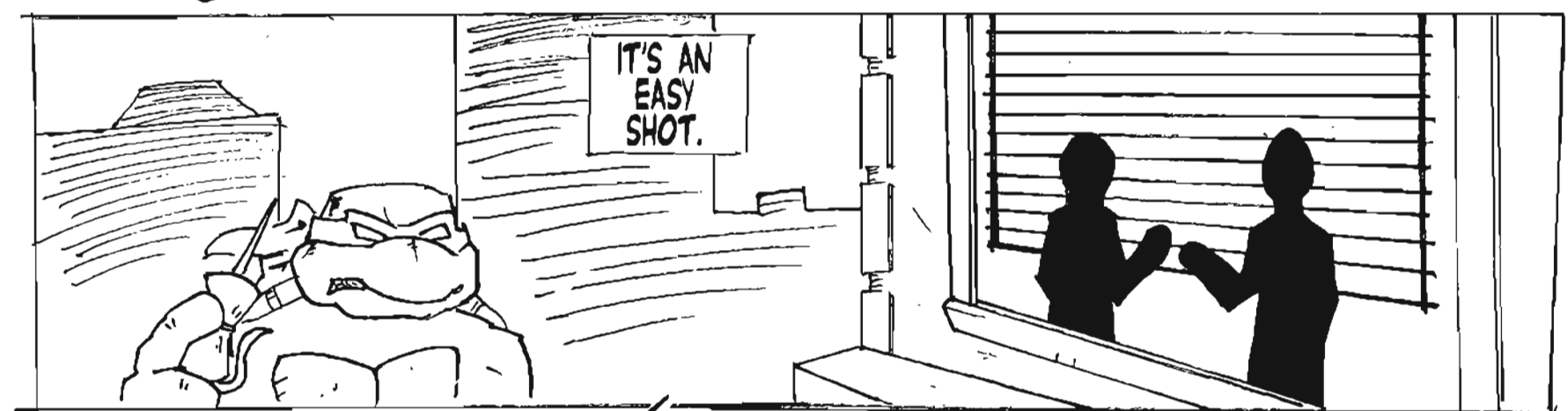
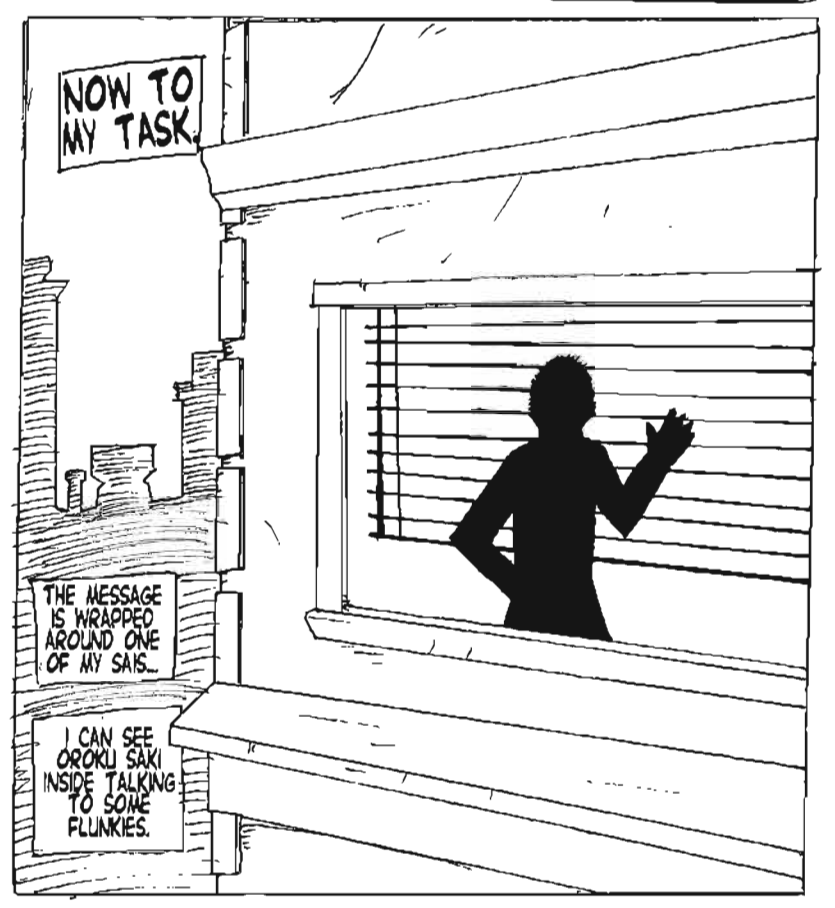
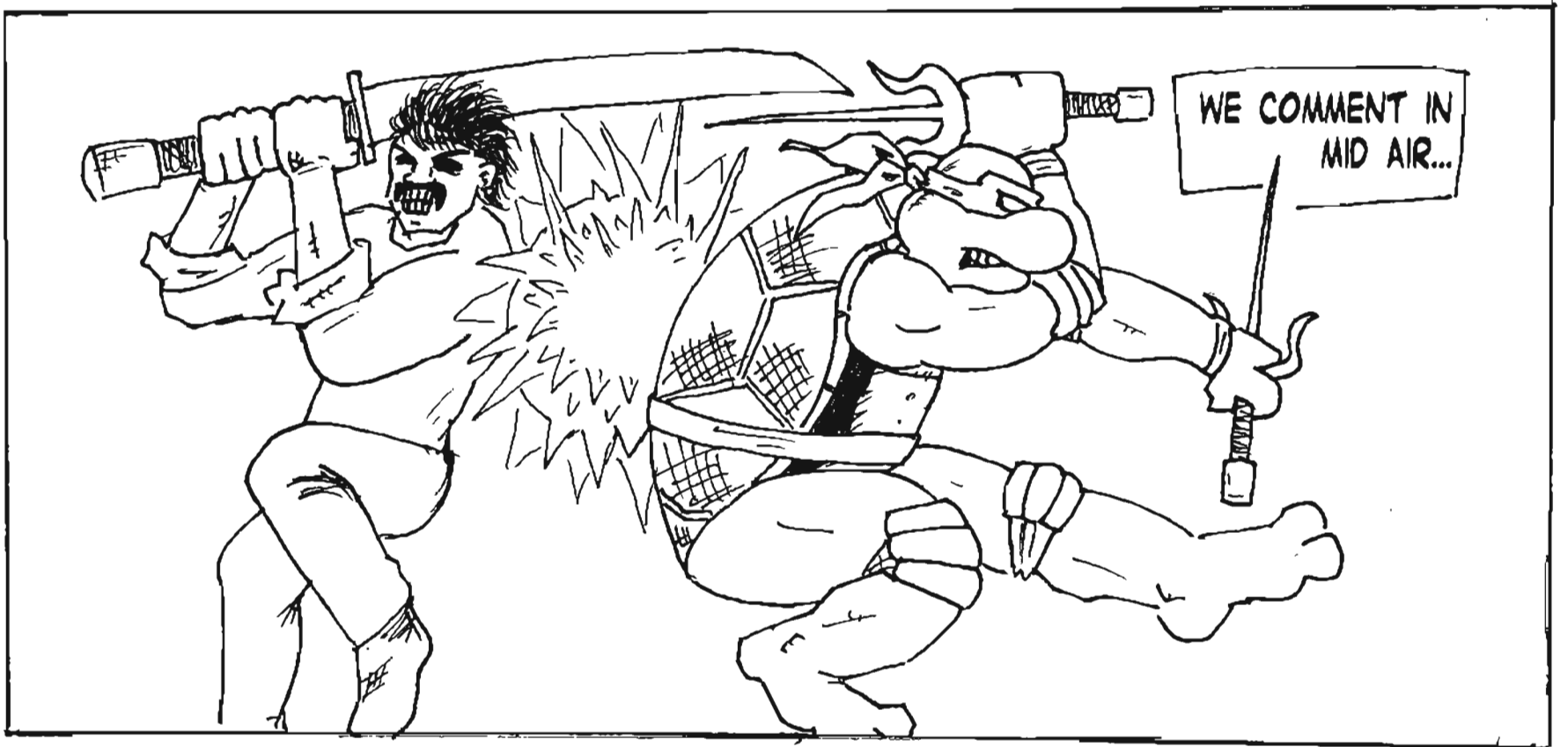


NINJA?



TURTLE!

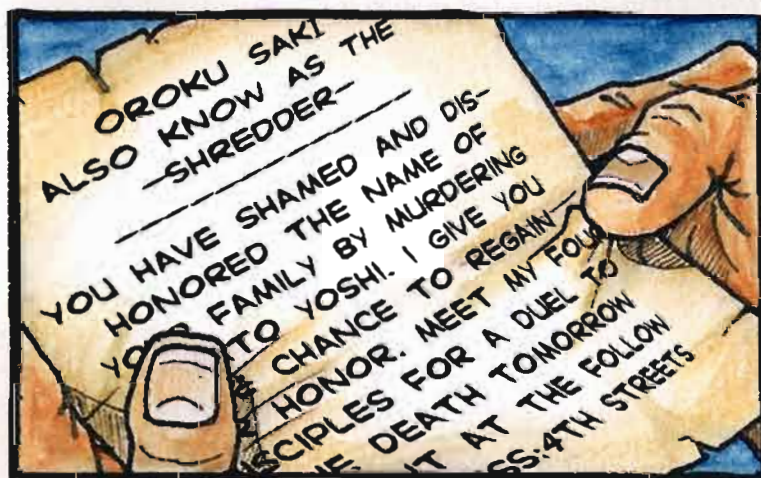






HEY!

GOOD LORD!
WHAT IS
THAT!?!



OROKU SAKI
ALSO KNOW AS THE
SHREDDER—

YOU HAVE SHAMED AND DIS-
HONORED THE NAME OF
YOUR FAMILY BY MURDERING
YOSHITO YOSHI. I GIVE YOU
A CHANCE TO REGAIN
HONOR. MEET MY FOU
DISCIPLES FOR A DUEL TO
DEATH TOMORROW
AT THE FOLLOW
STREETS



MR. OROKU, IS THIS THE PROTECTION
YOU WOULD HAVE US PURCHASE? IF
YOU CAN NOT KEEP YOUR OWN COM-
PLEX SECURE...



OUTRAGEOUS!

... THEN WE CANNOT BELIEVE
THAT YOUR PROTECTION IS
WORTH ANYTHING!!!

GOODBYE, SIR!



WHO
CAN THIS
CHALLENGE
COME FROM?
WHAT FOOL
WOULD PIT HIS
MINIONS
AGAINST THE
MIGHT OF THE
SHREDDER?

IT DOESN'T
MATTER..HIS
EFFRONTERY
WILL COME TO
GRIEF SOON
ENOUGH.



THERE WILL BE A
DUEL. AND THERE
WILL BE DEATH...

THEIRS!

THE FOLLOWING
NIGHT...



...USE YOUR
CLIMBING
CLAWS...

...AND GO
SILENTLY!



**SHREDDER
WE ARE
HERE!!**





**SHREDDER...
FACE US!!**



**WHO ARE
THESE
FOOLS?**

I STILL DO NOT
QUITE UNDERSTAND
WHY AFTER SO LONG
THIS COMES BACK TO
HAUNT ME...

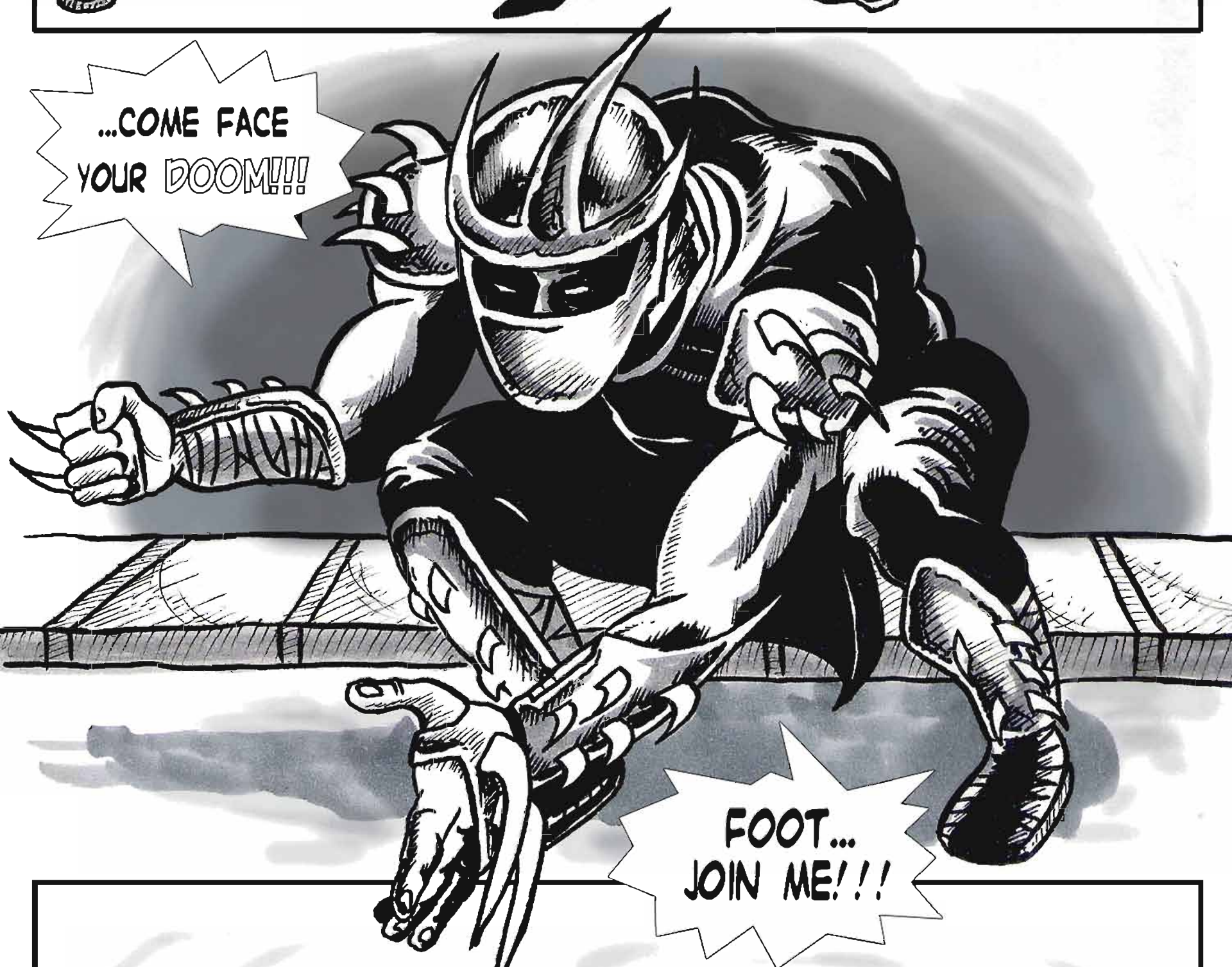
I KILLED YOSHI FIFTEEN
YEARS AGO!
NO MATTER, MY MEN ARE
IN PLACE...

...AND THE TIME
IS NEAR.

I SHALL FINISH
THIS BUSINESS
ONCE AND FOR
ALL!

SHREDDER,
DO YOU FEAR
US?









THESE GUYS
ARE GOOD!



ARRG!
TOO GOOD!

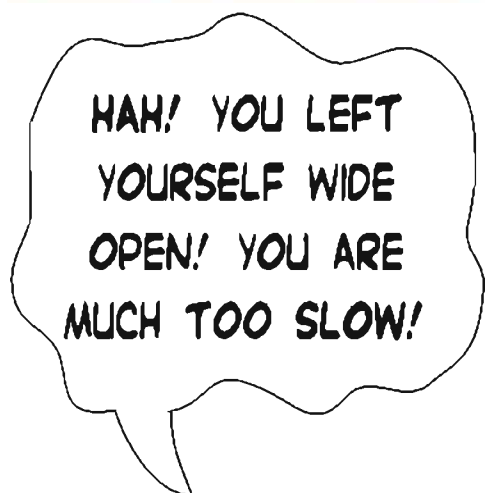
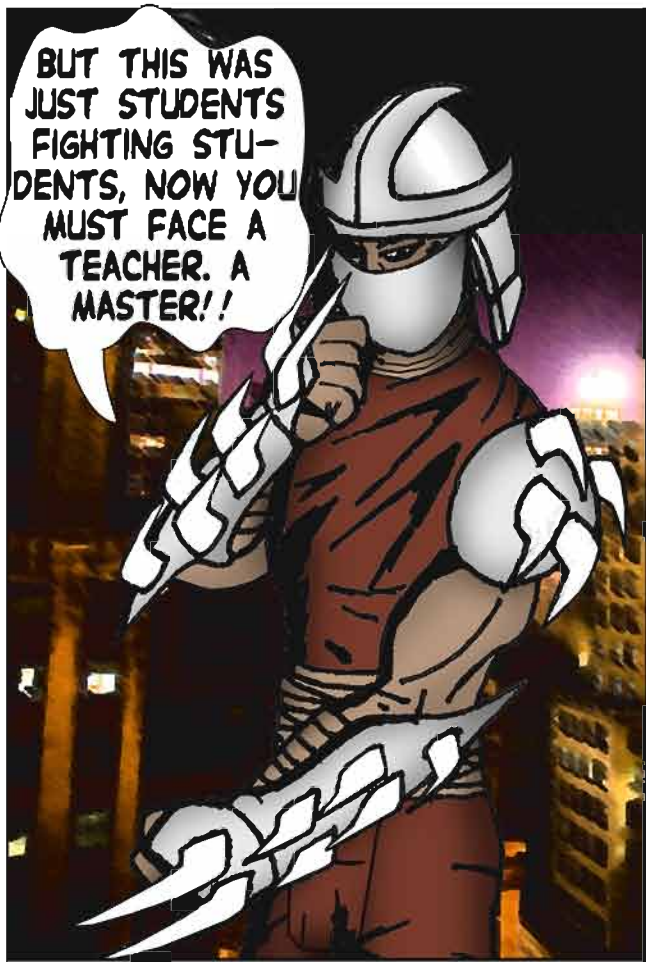
BUT
WE...

...ARE...



...BETTER!







ARRG!



AMATEURS!!



COME, GAISIN...
YOUR BROTHERS
HAVE FALLEN!
YOU ARE
NEXT!



YAAA!!



UNGH!



BAH..
FOUR
FOOLS!



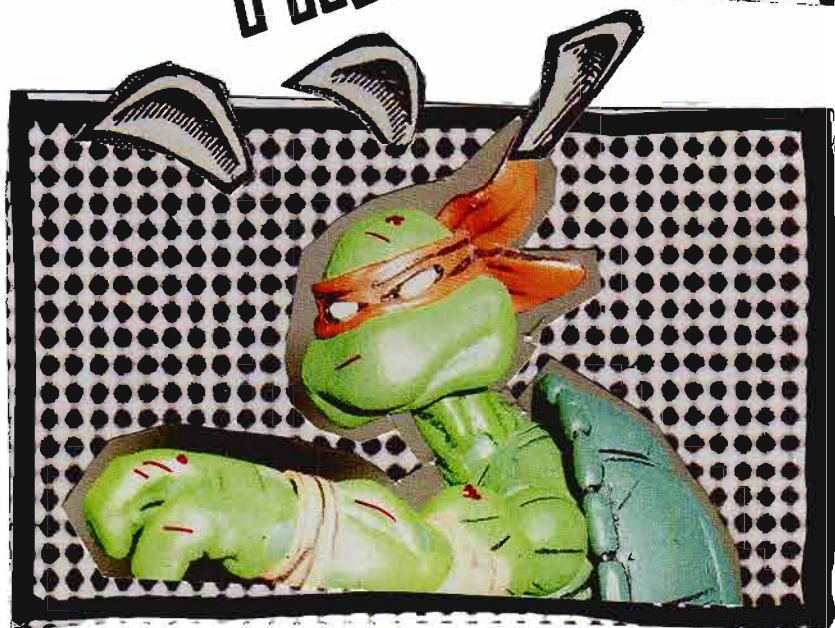
HE IS TOO SKILLED FOR
US TO FIGHT ONE ON
ONE, BROTHERS! USE
GROUP TACTICS...AND HIT
FROM A DISTANCE!!



UNN!



THUNK!

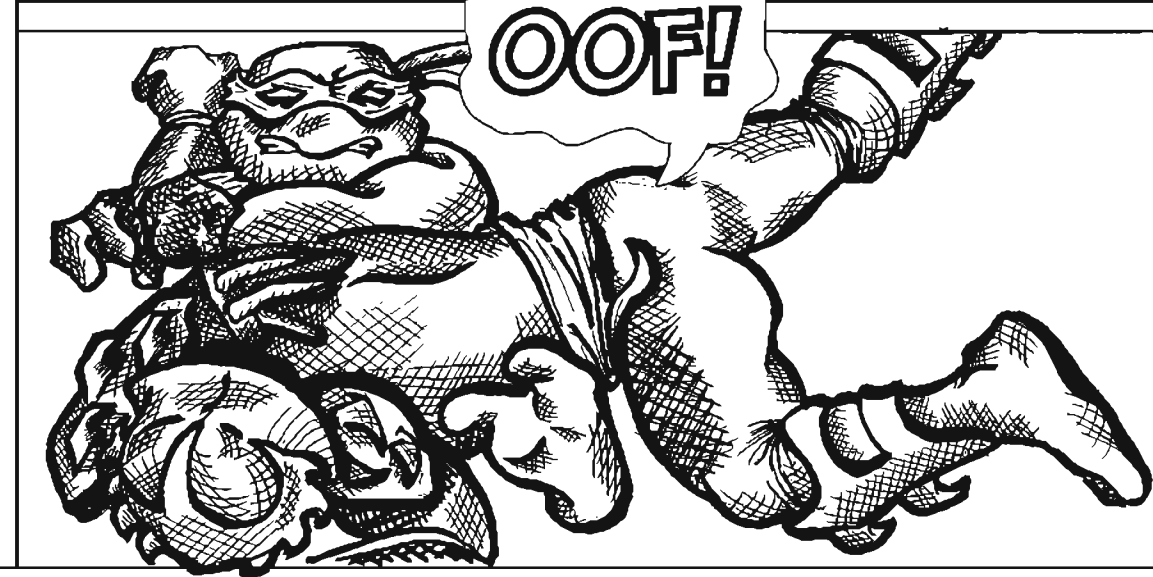
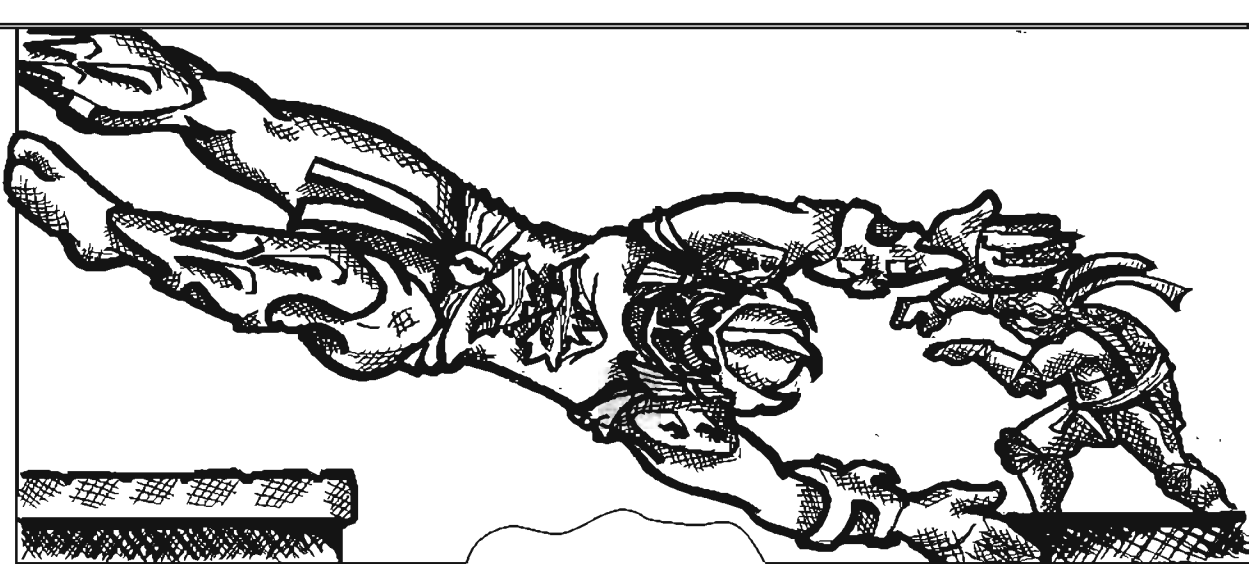


THUP!

AGH!



**DODGE
THESE
"MASTER"!**



OOF!

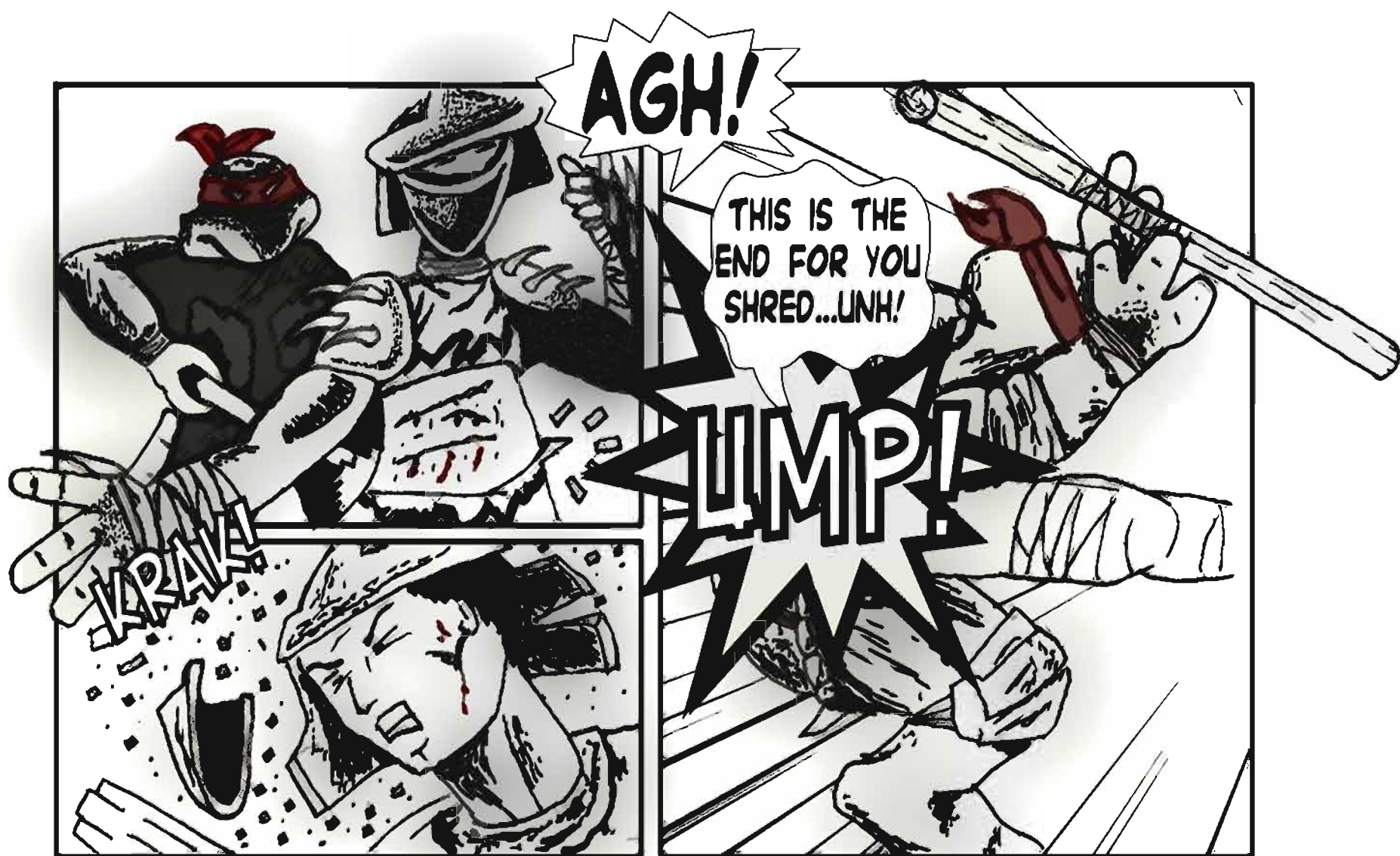


**CURSE
YOU!!**



UNGH!

HAH!





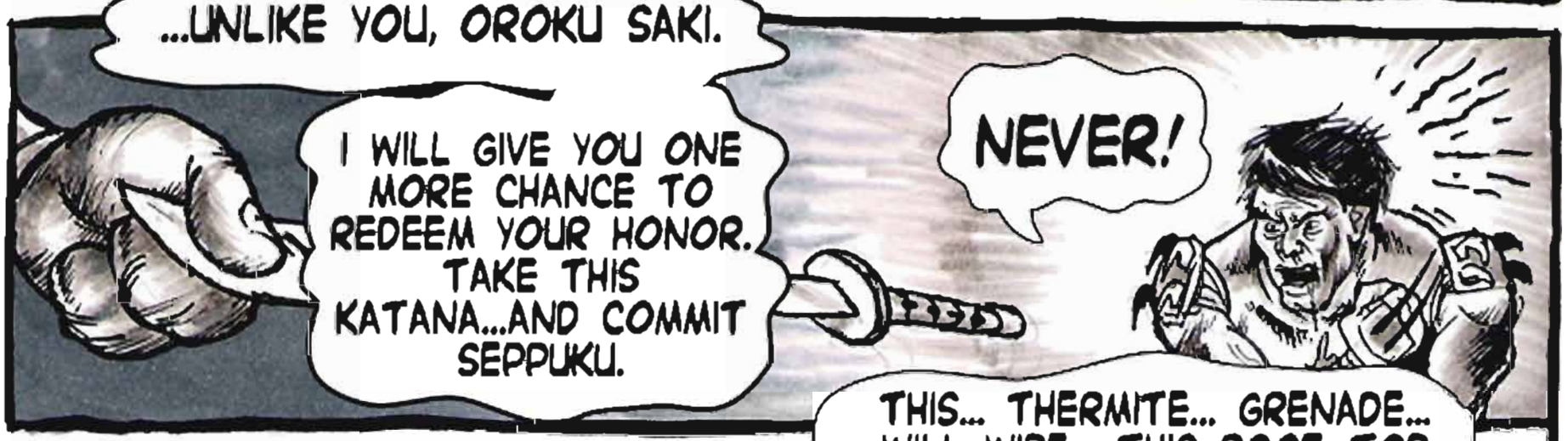
NOW...YOU ARE
BEATEN.



SO...FINISH...IT
FOOLS! I AM...
HELPLESS...SLAY ME
NOW!!



WE TURTLES ARE
NOT DOGS WITH-
OUT HONOR...



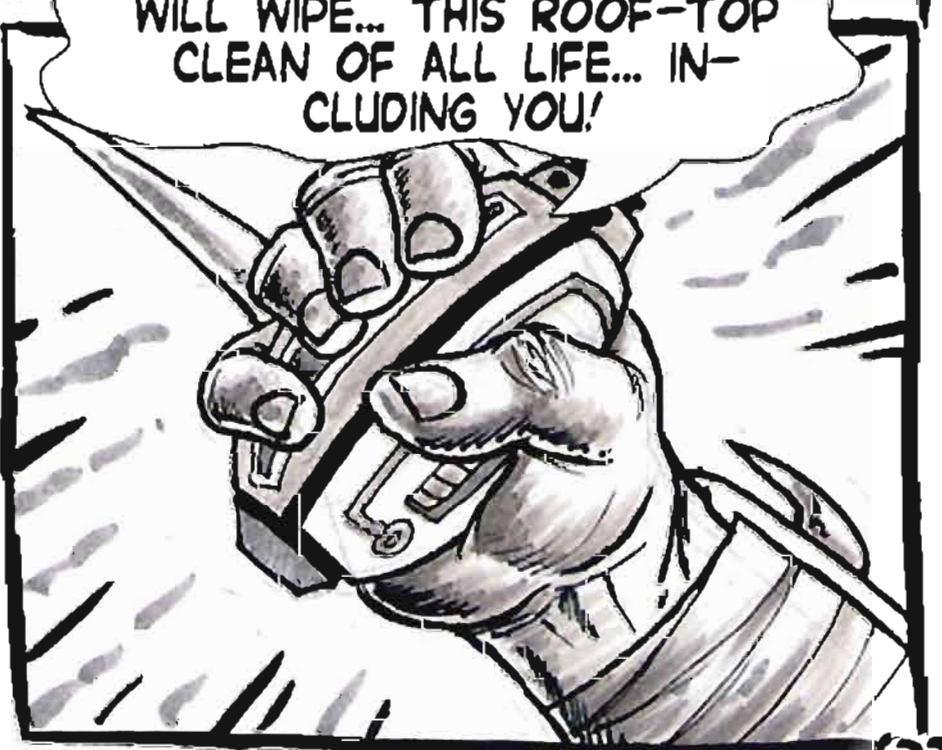
...UNLIKE YOU, OROKU SAKI.

I WILL GIVE YOU ONE
MORE CHANCE TO
REDEEM YOUR HONOR.
TAKE THIS
KATANA...AND COMMIT
SEPPUKU.

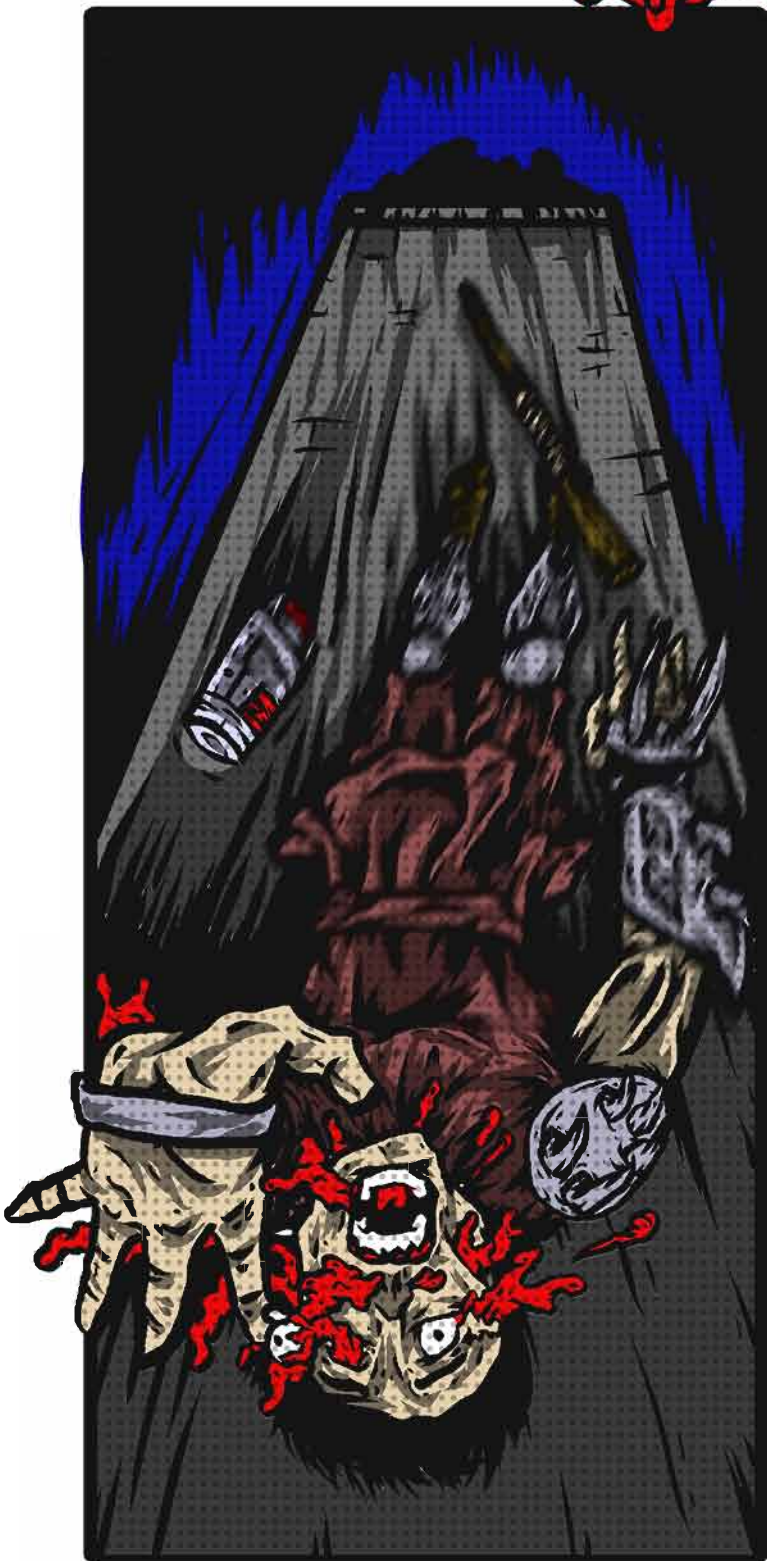
NEVER!



IF...I MUST...KILL
MYSELF...I WILL
TAKE...ALL OF YOU...
TURTLES..WITH ME!



THIS... THERMITE... GRENADE...
WILL WIPE... THIS ROOF-TOP
CLEAN OF ALL LIFE... IN-
CLUDING YOU!

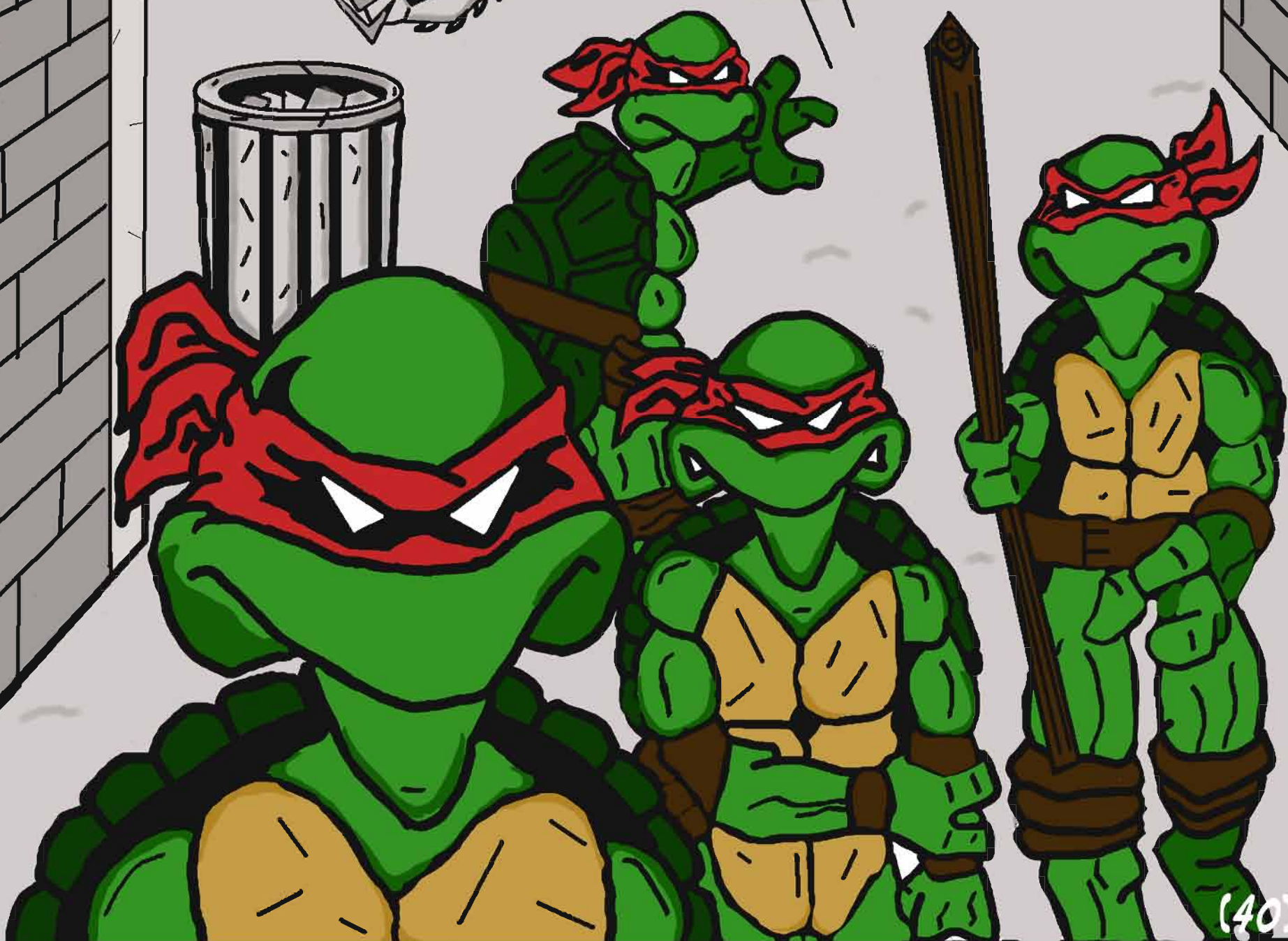




WE ARE THE TEENAGE
MUTANT NINJA TURTLES...

...WE STRIKE HARD AND
FADE AWAY...

INTO THE NIGHT!



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