

"NONE MORE SO THAN THIS ONE."

DOCTORS MIWA, SHONJI-- THESE ARE AGENTS SANSOM, ENDS, AND HASHIMOTO.

THE AGENTS FROM THE BUREAU! YOU ARE HERE AND YOU ARE SAFE.



SAFE BEING A RELATIVE TERM, I'M TOLD.

SAFE ENOUGH FOR ME!



KEEP IT IN YOUR PANTS, OSCAR. YOU'RE JUST HERE AS A TRANSLATOR-- WHICH WE APPARENTLY DON'T NEED.



OH! WE SHOULD DO SOMETHING ABOUT THIS.

I GUESS SO, BUT FIRST, TELL US WHY WE'RE HERE--TELL US ABOUT THIS PLACE. HOW'S IT GOING TO HELP US KILL THESE MONSTERS?



THAT'S A LITTLE HARD TO SAY. WHEN WE CALLED YOU, THINGS WERE MORE STABLE.

WE WERE INTERESTED MORE IN AN EXCHANGE OF IDEAS.



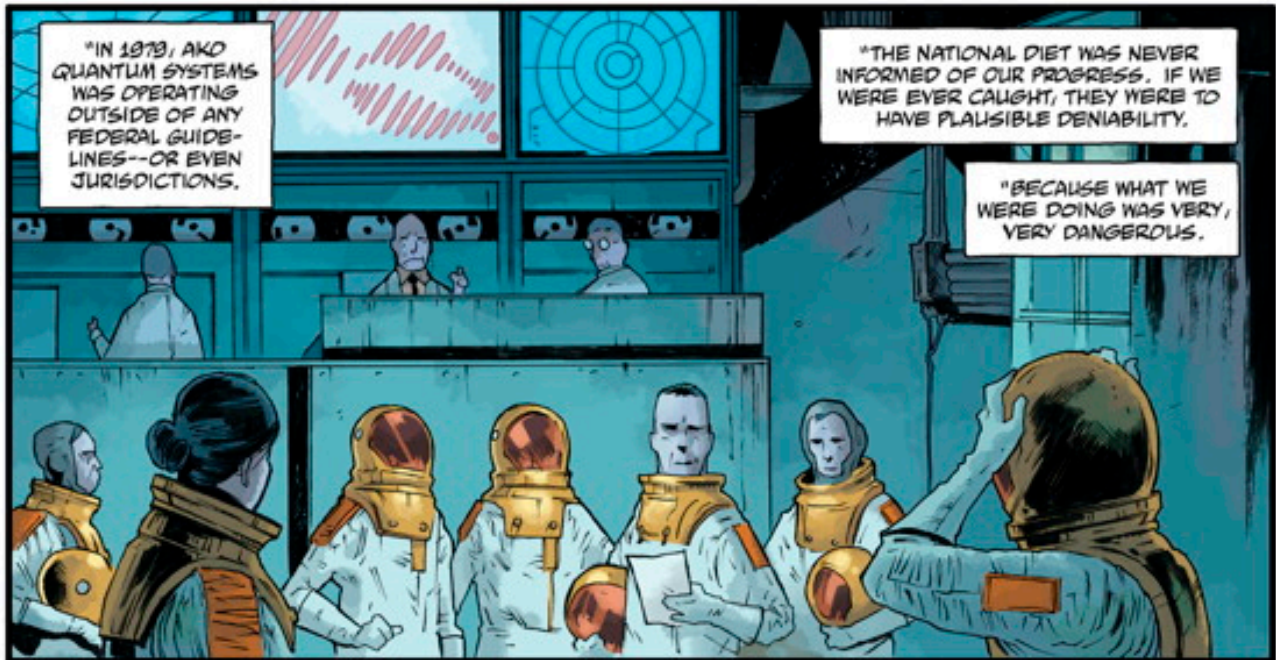
NOW, OF COURSE, THERE'S MORE URGENCY TO OUR MOVEMENTS.





WHAT IN BURNING HELL IS GOING ON IN THIS PLACE?!

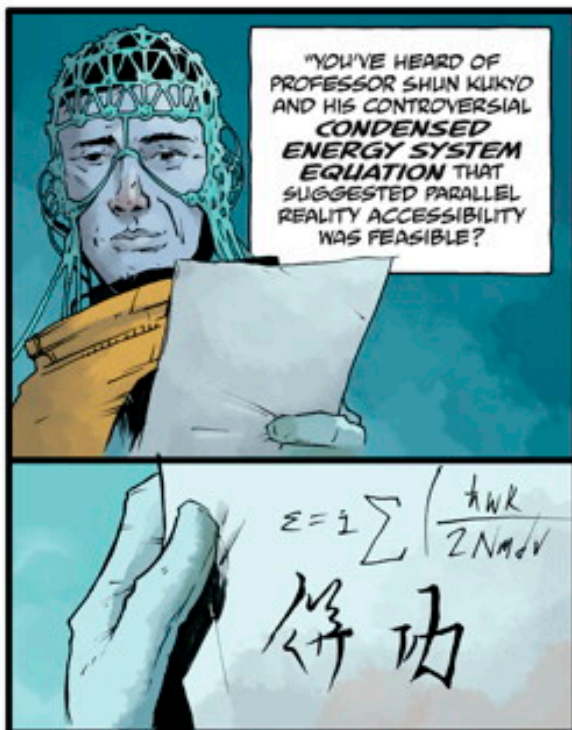
IT'S A LONG STORY, AGENT SANSON, BUT I FEEL THAT YOU HAVE THE TIME TO HEAR IT.



"IN 1978, AKO QUANTUM SYSTEMS WAS OPERATING OUTSIDE OF ANY FEDERAL GUIDELINES--OR EVEN JURISDICTIONS.

"THE NATIONAL DIET WAS NEVER INFORMED OF OUR PROGRESS. IF WE WERE EVER CAUGHT, THEY WERE TO HAVE PLAUSIBLE DENIABILITY.

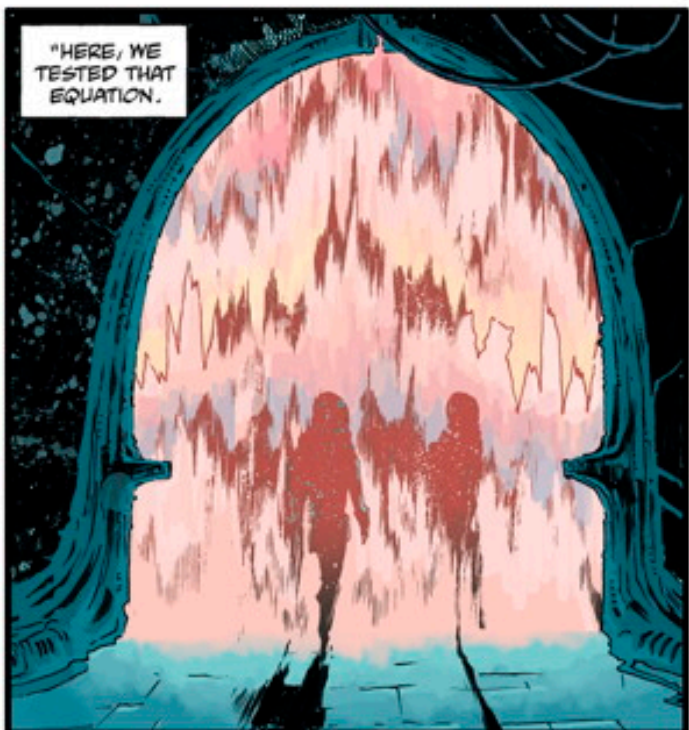
"BECAUSE WHAT WE WERE DOING WAS VERY, VERY DANGEROUS.



"YOU'VE HEARD OF PROFESSOR SHUN KUKYO AND HIS CONTROVERSIAL **CONDENSED ENERGY SYSTEM EQUATION** THAT SUGGESTED PARALLEL REALITY ACCESSIBILITY WAS FEASIBLE?

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"HERE, WE TESTED THAT EQUATION.

"WE CONDUCTED NO TRIALS. WE SIMPLY GATHERED VOLUNTEERS AND JUST DID IT. **HUBRIS!**"

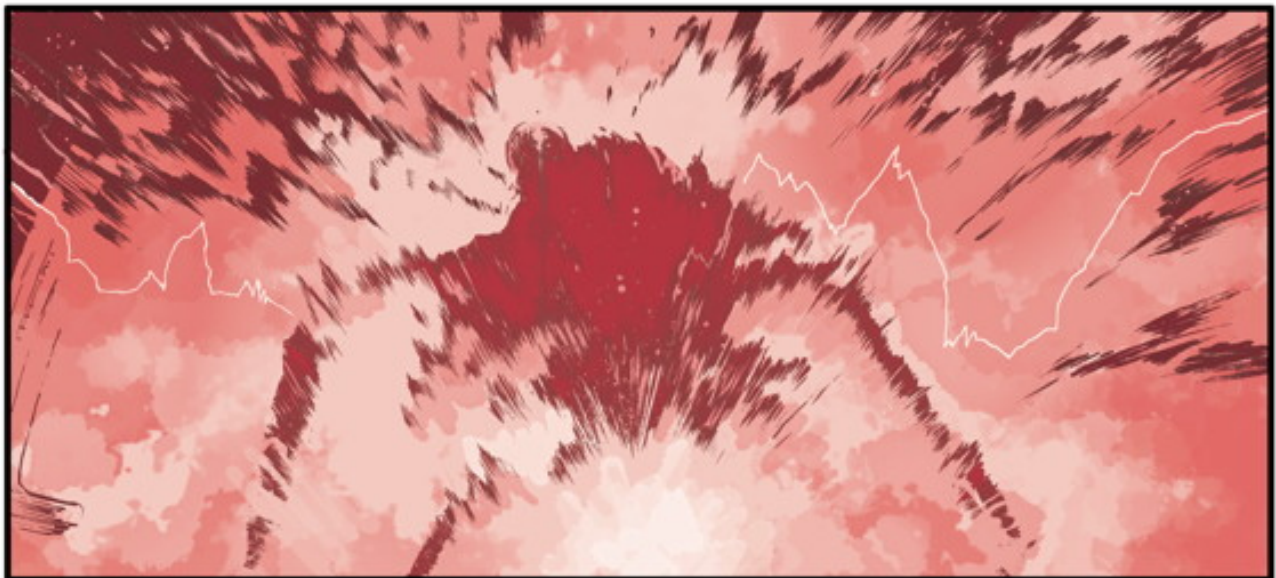
"THE VOLUNTEERS WERE ALL OUTFITTED WITH E.E.G. HEADGEAR. SOUND WAVES COULDN'T TRANSMIT THROUGH THE PORTAL SO WE COULDN'T MAINTAIN RADIO CONTACT, BUT BASIC ELECTRICAL ACTIVITY WAS ANOTHER STORY."

"OUR MONITORS DISPLAYED A RANGE OF EVOKED POTENTIAL AMPLITUDES, APPROXIMATING EXCITEMENT, BLISS, PANIC, AND EVEN MUSICAL STIMULATION RESPONSE."

"AND THEN WE STARTED SEEING WAVE PATTERNS WE DIDN'T RECOGNIZE AT ALL."

"AND THEN, IMPOSSIBLY, WE STARTED TO **HEAR** THE PATTERNS."

"SINCE THAT MOMENT, THE WORD 'IMPOSSIBLE' HAS LOST ALL MEANING FOR ME."



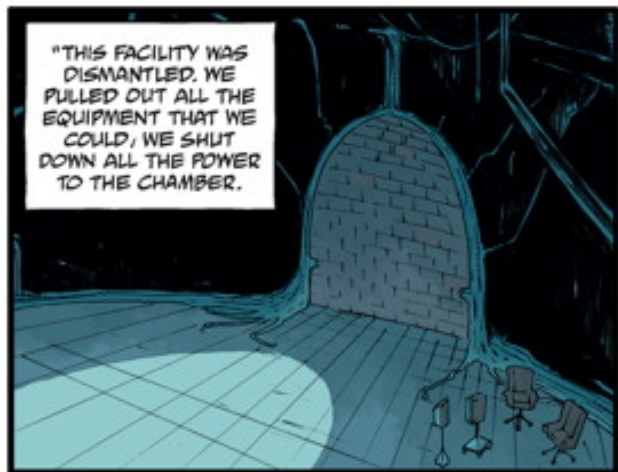




"WHAT WOULD THAT CREATURE HAVE DONE HAD I NOT STOPPED IT?"



"WHAT ELSE WOULD HAVE COME THROUGH OUR PORTAL IF IT HAD BEEN LEFT RUNNING?"



"THIS FACILITY WAS DISMANTLED. WE PULLED OUT ALL THE EQUIPMENT THAT WE COULD, WE SHUT DOWN ALL THE POWER TO THE CHAMBER."



"ITS ENTIRE EXISTENCE WAS BRASED."

"SIX MONTHS LATER, I WAS INFORMED OF AN ANOMALY."



"THE NUCLEAR SAFETY COMMISSION WAS REGISTERING READINGS OF UNUSUAL RADIOACTIVITY UNDER SAITAMA'S SEWERS--"