

NINJAK SPECIFICATIONS
& INSIGHTS

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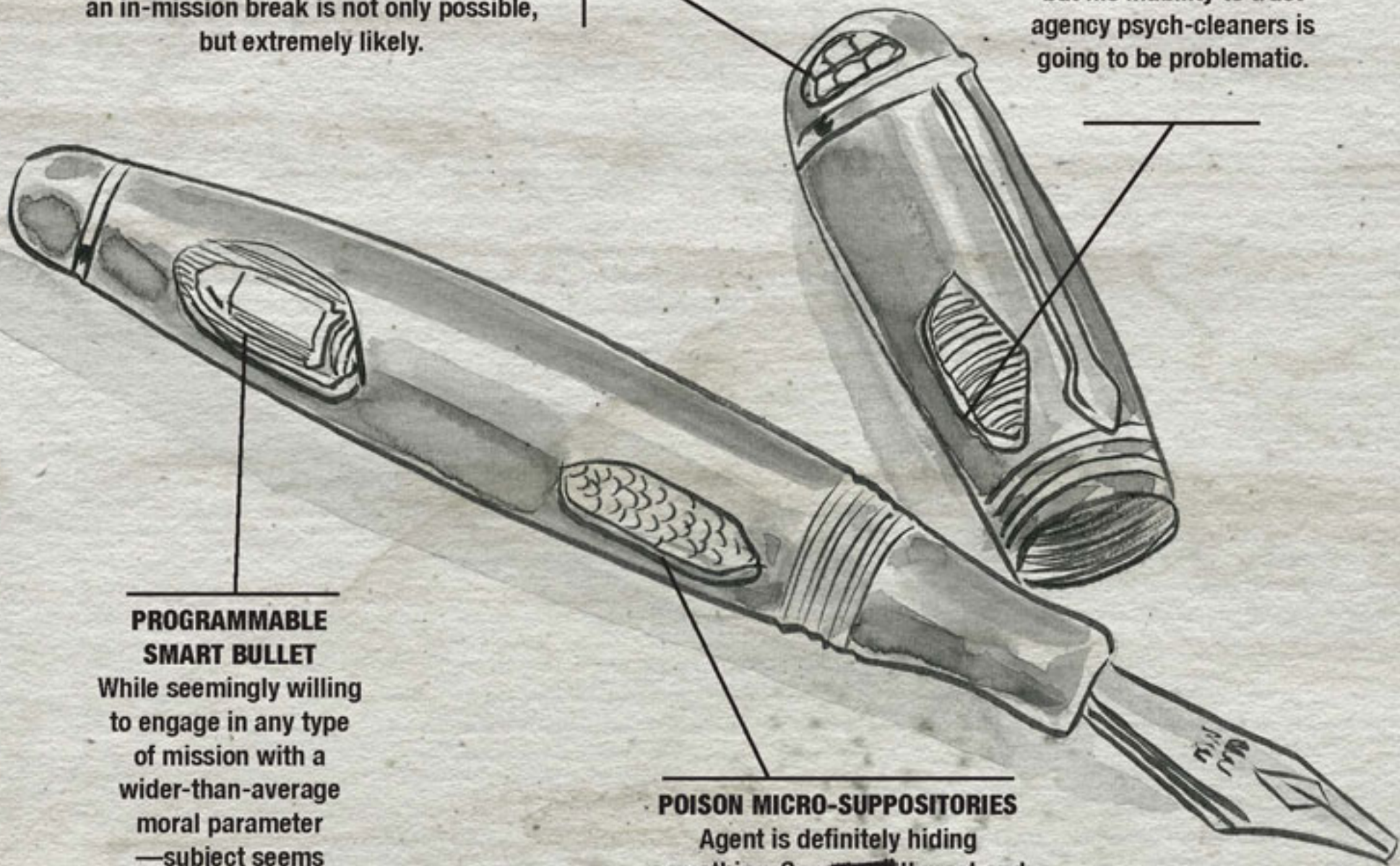
MINIATURE C-4

(DESIGNED FOR INNER-EAR DEPLOYMENT)

While there has never been an incident in the field, predictive data on the agent suggests an in-mission break is not only possible, but extremely likely.

DETACHABLE RINGS FOR MICRO-GARROTE

Agent's inability to confide in others is to be commended, but his inability to trust agency psych-cleaners is going to be problematic.



PROGRAMMABLE SMART BULLET

While seemingly willing to engage in any type of mission with a wider-than-average moral parameter—subject seems obsessed with a

POISON MICRO-SUPPOSITORIES

Agent is definitely hiding something. ~~Something~~ with past and present—which in all likelihood has led to his break from agency programming.

THE SHADOW WARS - PART 1

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PREVIOUSLY IN NINJAK...

His name is Ninjak—spy and mercenary for hire. He is also Colin King, wealthy son of privilege.

The British espionage organization MI-6 tasked Colin with infiltrating and destroying Weaponeer, a criminal empire that designs arms for the highest, most illicit bidder. Disguised as businessman Henry Collins, Ninjak ingratiated himself to the group's imposing leader, Kannon. He also met Kannon's right-hand woman, Roku, an assassin so feared that skilled warriors have taken their own lives rather than face her razor-sharp locks of hair and her deadly skills.

Ninjak eventually engaged Kannon in open combat, dismembering him and leaving him in the custody of MI-6 director Neville Alcott. Colin then took over as CEO of Weaponeer. He aims to take down Weaponeer from the inside...

Ninjak is hunting the Shadow Seven. First up: La Barbe...

TOKYO. WEAPONER HEADQUARTERS.

EVEN WITH UNFETTERED ACCESS TO WEAPONER'S FILES, FINDING THE REMAINING SHADOW SEVEN IS GOING TO BE TOUGH.



THESE AREN'T YOUR EVERY DAY EXECUTIVES PUSHING MONEY AROUND ALL DAY.

FIRST ON MY LIST. LA BARBE. QUIETLY, HE'S BECOME THE RICHEST MAN ON EARTH THAT NO ONE HAS EVER HEARD OF. A RECLUSE.



WHAT DOES ALL HIS MONEY BUY? ANONYMITY. SECLUSION. I'VE SEEN HIS TYPE BEFORE. WHEN YOU'VE AMASSED AS MUCH WEALTH AS HE HAS, IT'S NOT ABOUT THE MONEY ANYMORE. THE MONEY IS JUST A WAY OF KEEPING SCORE.

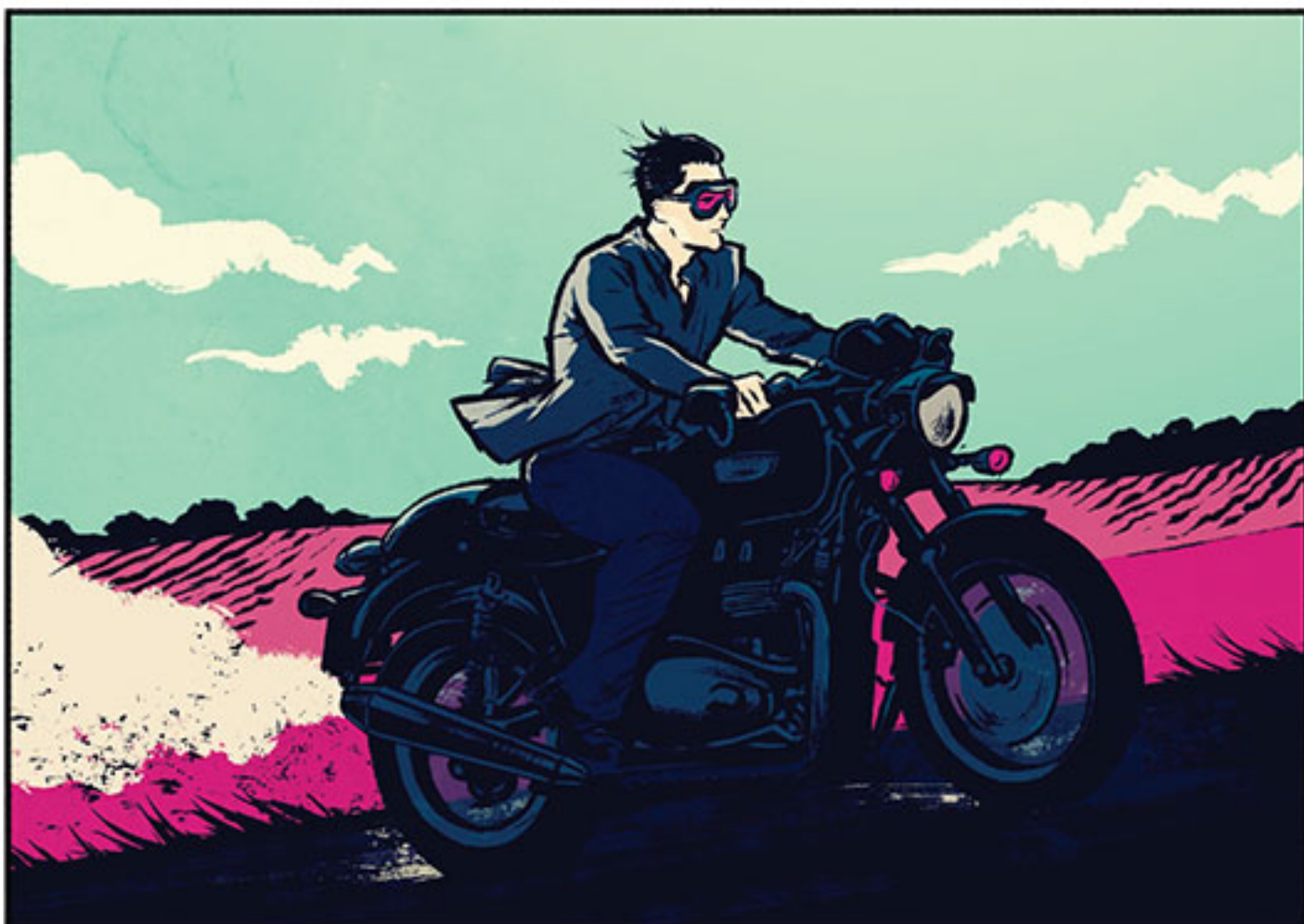


AND SINCE HE'S RUN OUT OF WORTHY COMPETITION, HE'S JUST MELTED AWAY.

LAST SEEN IN SOUTH FRANCE.



PROVENCE TO BE EXACT.



SOUTH FRANCE...BRINGS BACK A LOT OF MEMORIES.



THEN.



NOW.

THE LOCAL COUNTY CLERK IS EASY ENOUGH TO BOTH IDENTIFY, AND THEN FLATTER ENOUGH TO RELEASE WORK ORDERS FOR "UNUSUAL" CONSTRUCTION IN THE AREA.

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LA BARBE ISN'T STUPID ENOUGH TO LEAVE A PAPER TRAIL. BUT HE CAN'T KEEP CIVILIANS FROM BEING NOSY AND SUSPICIOUS.

SOMETIMES GOSSIP IS A SPY'S BEST FRIEND.

THE CLERK WAS FRIENDS WITH A LOCAL WORKER WHO SAW SOME STRANGE THINGS GOING ON. HELPED OUT ON AN "ODD" CONSTRUCTION PROJECT.

HE WAS A SKILLED LABORER LIVING ON THE EDGE OF TOWN.

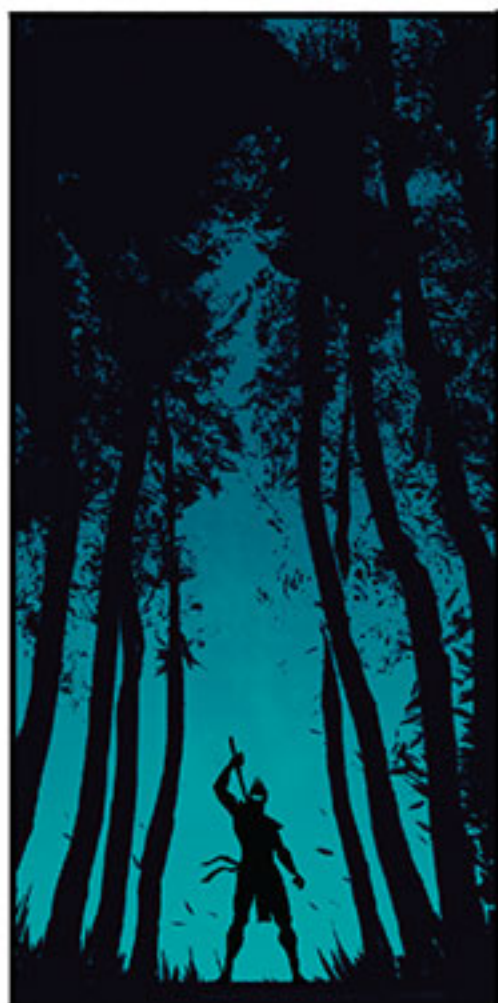
AN EASY MARK.

SCARED AT FIRST...

BUT JUST AS EASY TO FLATTER.

HE GIVES UP LA BARBE'S PROBABLE LOCATION WITH SHOCKING EASE.

NOT A BAD PLACE TO GO OFF THE GRID. LOCALS TEND TO BE PROTECTIVE AND SUSPICIOUS. LUCKILY I SPENT A LOT OF TIME HERE AS A CHILD. SPEAK FRENCH WITH THE REGIONAL ACCENT.



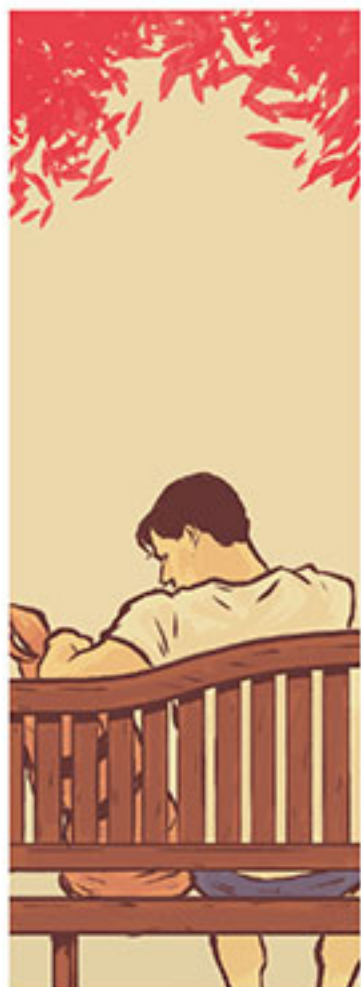
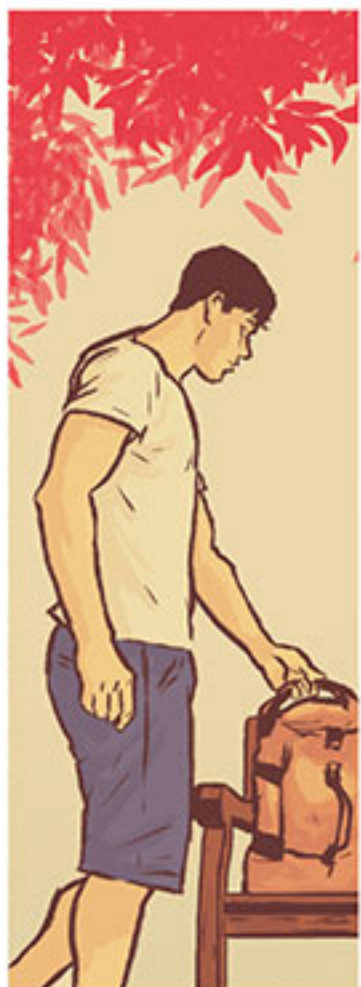
SCANNING ALL FREQUENCIES -- STRANGE -- I SEE NO SIGNS OF ELECTRICITY OR TECH OF ANY KIND. I'M TRULY IN THE MIDDLE OF NO MAN'S LAND.



BUT POKE AROUND IN THE RIGHT AREA LONG ENOUGH... YOU USUALLY FIND WHAT YOU'RE LOOKING FOR.



THEN.

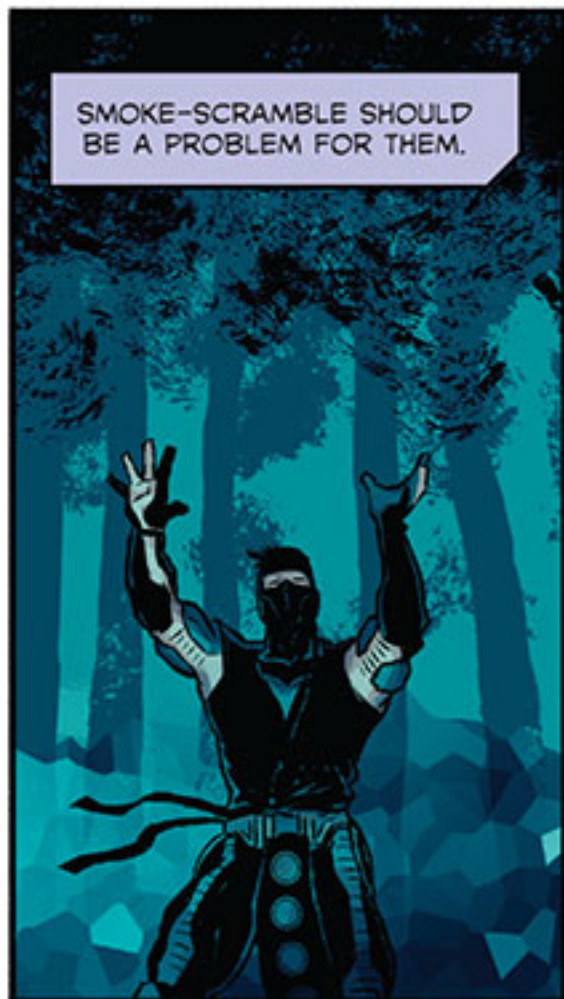
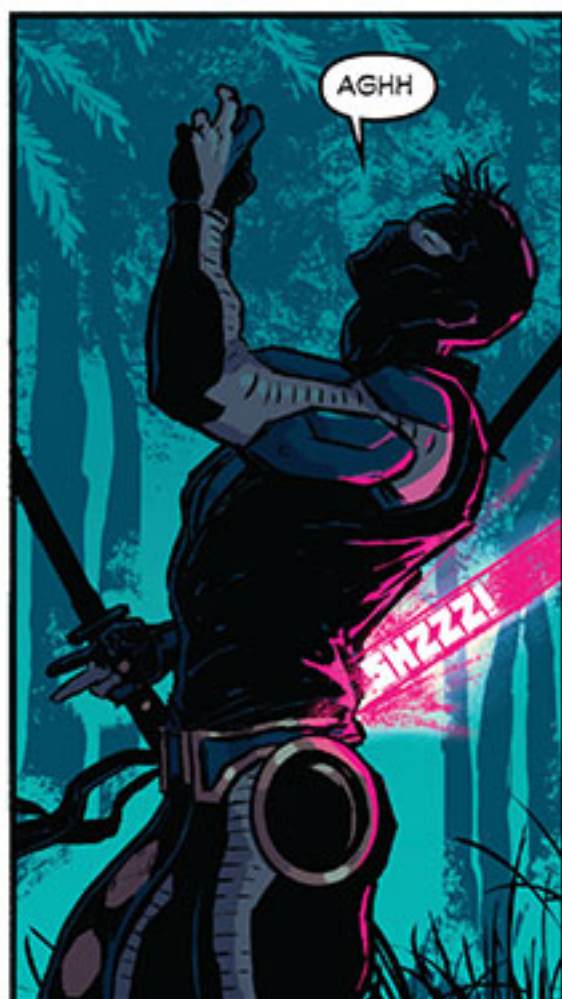




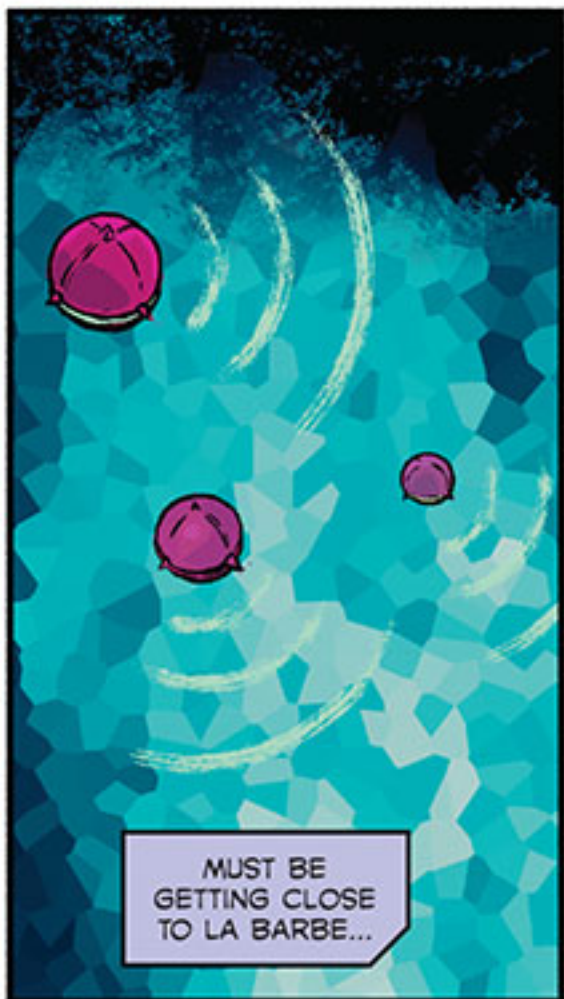
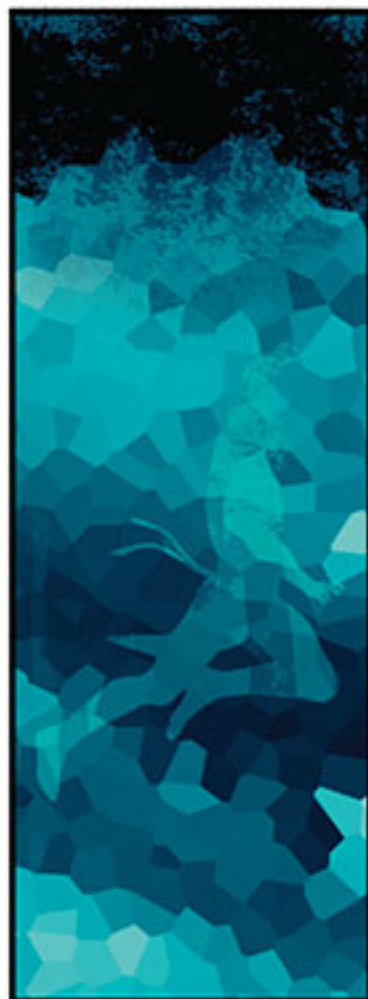
DRONES.



THEIR CLOAKING IS EXTRAORDINARY. DIDN'T EVEN REGISTER--



SMOKE-SCRAMBLE SHOULD BE A PROBLEM FOR THEM.



MUST BE GETTING CLOSE TO LA BARBE...



UP UNTIL NOW HE'S LEFT NO OBVIOUS SIGNS OF HIS EXISTENCE.