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I've had some really weird first days on the job.

There was the Pegasus Espresso when the manager left me alone on my first day to try to comprehend "double tall split shot soy with extra foam" and "grande skinny hazelnut cap."

I'M NOT TAKING THAT GIRL WITH ME!

I snuck out the back door in the middle of steaming milk.

BE REASONABLE, ALBERT.

REASONABLE ISN'T SOMETHING I DO, BEATRICE.



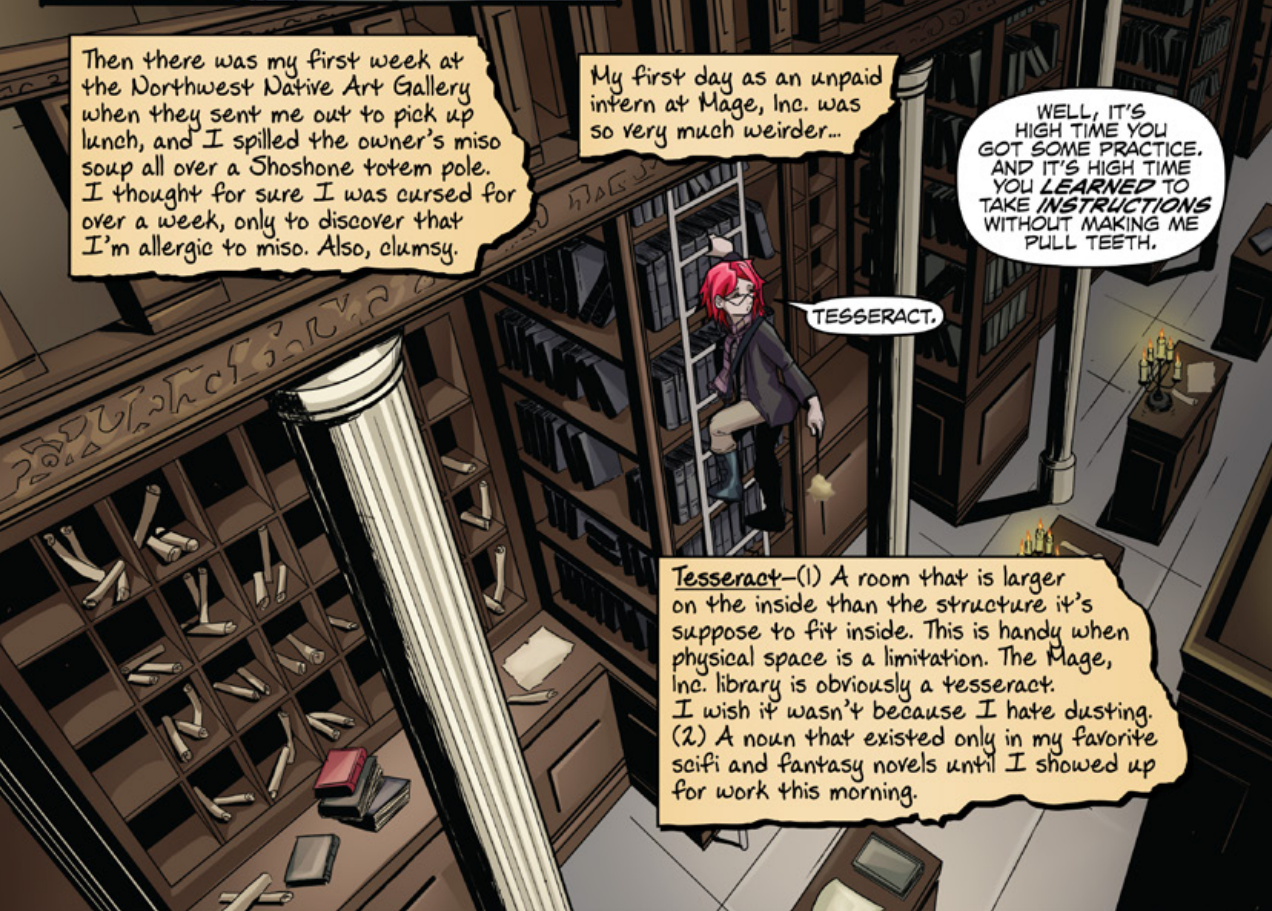
Then there was my first week at the Northwest Native Art Gallery when they sent me out to pick up miso lunch, and I spilled the owner's miso soup all over a Shoshone totem pole. I thought for sure I was cursed for over a week, only to discover that I'm allergic to miso. Also, clumsy.

My first day as an unpaid intern at Mage, Inc. was so very much weirder...

WELL, IT'S HIGH TIME YOU GOT SOME PRACTICE. AND IT'S HIGH TIME YOU **LEARNED** TO TAKE **INSTRUCTIONS** WITHOUT MAKING ME PULL TEETH.

TESSERACT.

**Tesseract**—(1) A room that is larger on the inside than the structure it's suppose to fit inside. This is handy when physical space is a limitation. The Mage, Inc. library is obviously a tesseract. I wish it wasn't because I hate dusting. (2) A noun that existed only in my favorite sci-fi and fantasy novels until I showed up for work this morning.



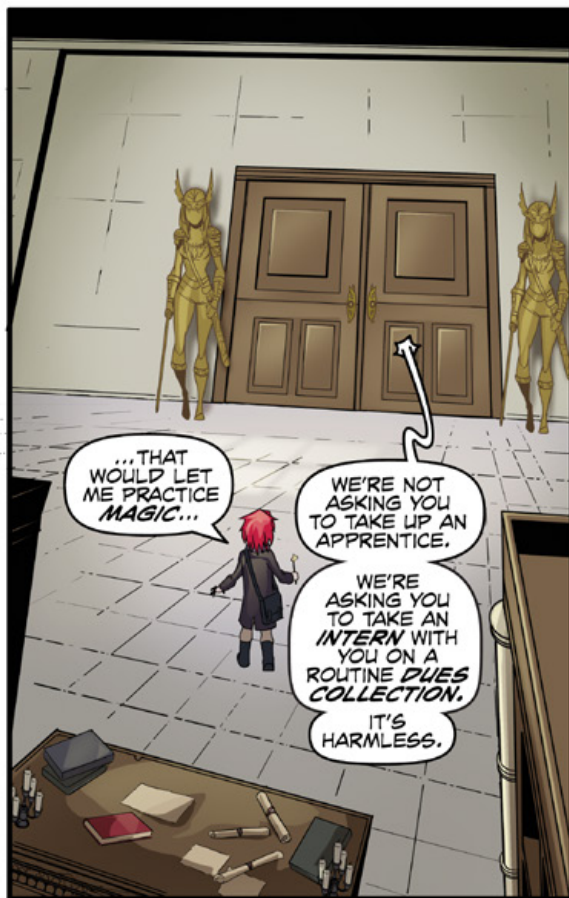


INSTRUCTIONS?  
SOUNDS MORE LIKE  
**ORDERS** TO ME.

AS YOU  
LIKE.

SOMEONE  
PLEASE REMIND  
ME WHY I TOOK  
AN INTERNSHIP AT  
HOGWARTS, INC?

OH, RIGHT.  
BECAUSE I  
**FLUNKED** OUT  
OF STATE AND  
THIS IS THE ONLY  
GIG I COULD  
GET...



...THAT  
WOULD LET  
ME PRACTICE  
**MAGIC**...

WE'RE NOT  
ASKING YOU  
TO TAKE UP AN  
APPRENTICE.

WE'RE  
ASKING YOU  
TO TAKE AN  
**INTERN** WITH  
YOU ON A  
**ROUTINE DUES**  
**COLLECTION.**

IT'S  
HARMLESS.



SHE NEEDS THE  
**EXPERIENCE.**

ROUTINE?  
HARMLESS?



ROUTINE?

HARMLESS?

WOW, HIS VOICE CARRIES.

ROUTINE.

AND HARMLESS.

NOW, ALBERT—

CLICK



THERE'S NO SUCH THING AS A "ROUTINE DUES COLLECTION," WOMAN! UNLESS YOU'RE ACCOUNTING FOR THE NUMBER OF MAGES THAT ROUTINELY DIE.

ALBERT, THAT IS A GROSS EXAGGERATION OF—

- WEAVER.
- GREVIOLX.
- LAVERCAM.
- DIRK BAIGENT.
- FELIX FAUSTILLA!

SKREK



- CAMPUS.
- LE CROIX.
- GUTROT JENKINS.
- ALBERT LAMUS!

Excuse me...

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