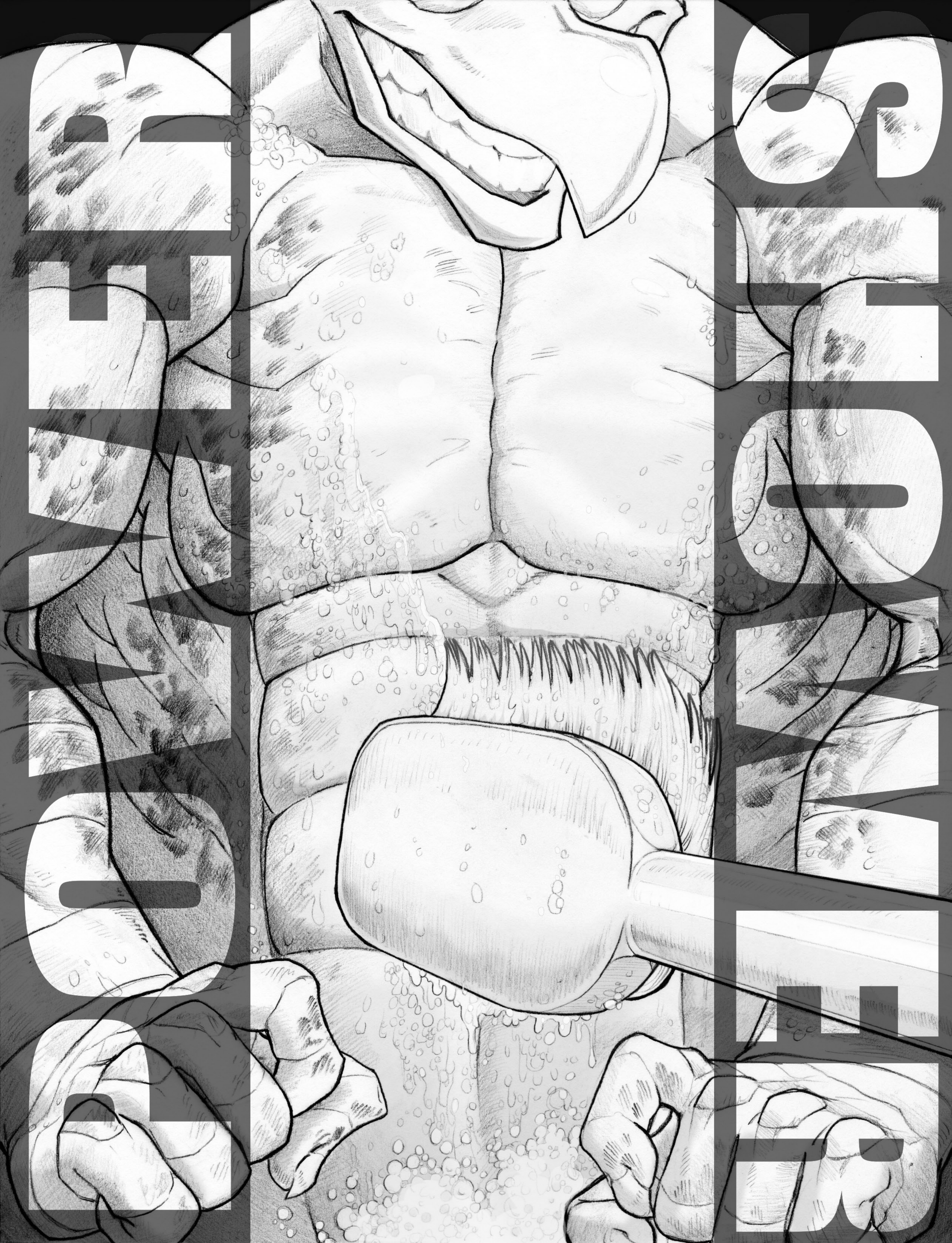




GAVOL AND LYRE IN
POWER SHOWER

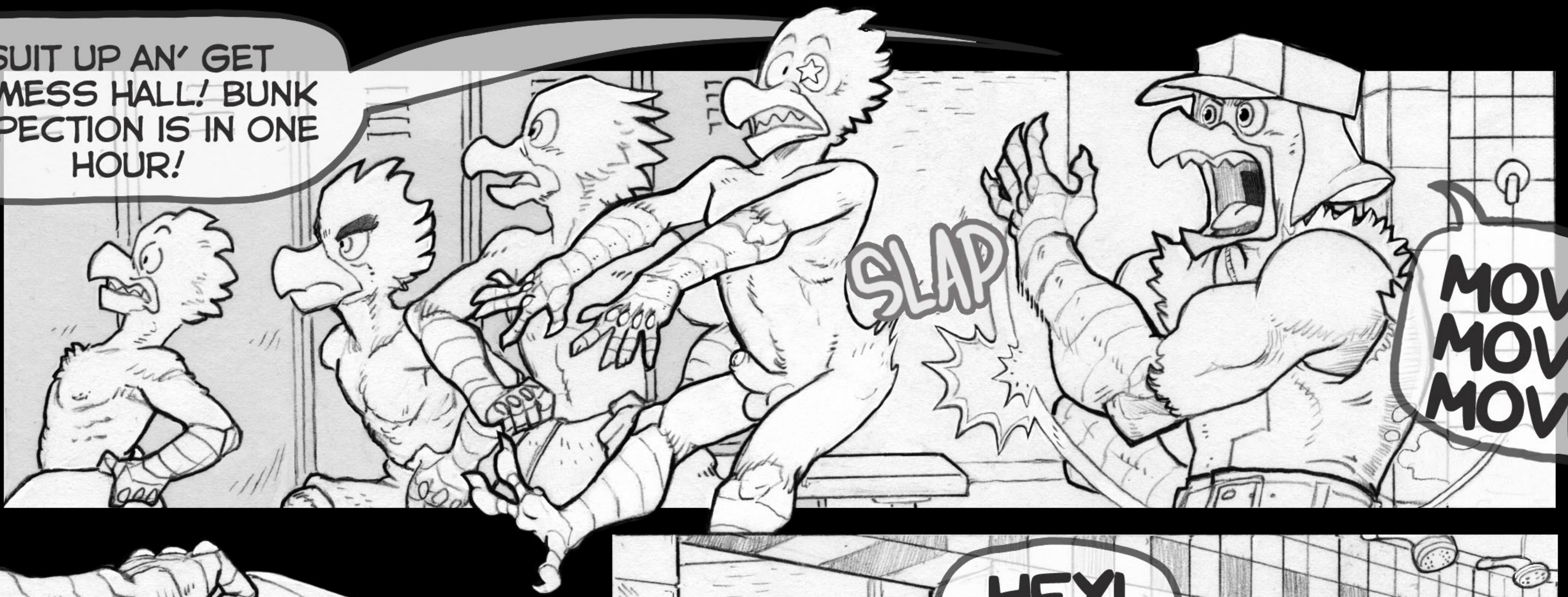
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SUIT UP AN' GET
TO MESS HALL! BUNK
INSPECTION IS IN ONE
HOUR!



SLAP

MOVE!
MOVE!
MOVE!



OH YEAH!
GRUB SURE
DOES SOUND
GOOD 'BOUT
NOW!

FIRST
GET THE
STINK
OFF OF ME!



HEY!
COMM
RUNT!

hop

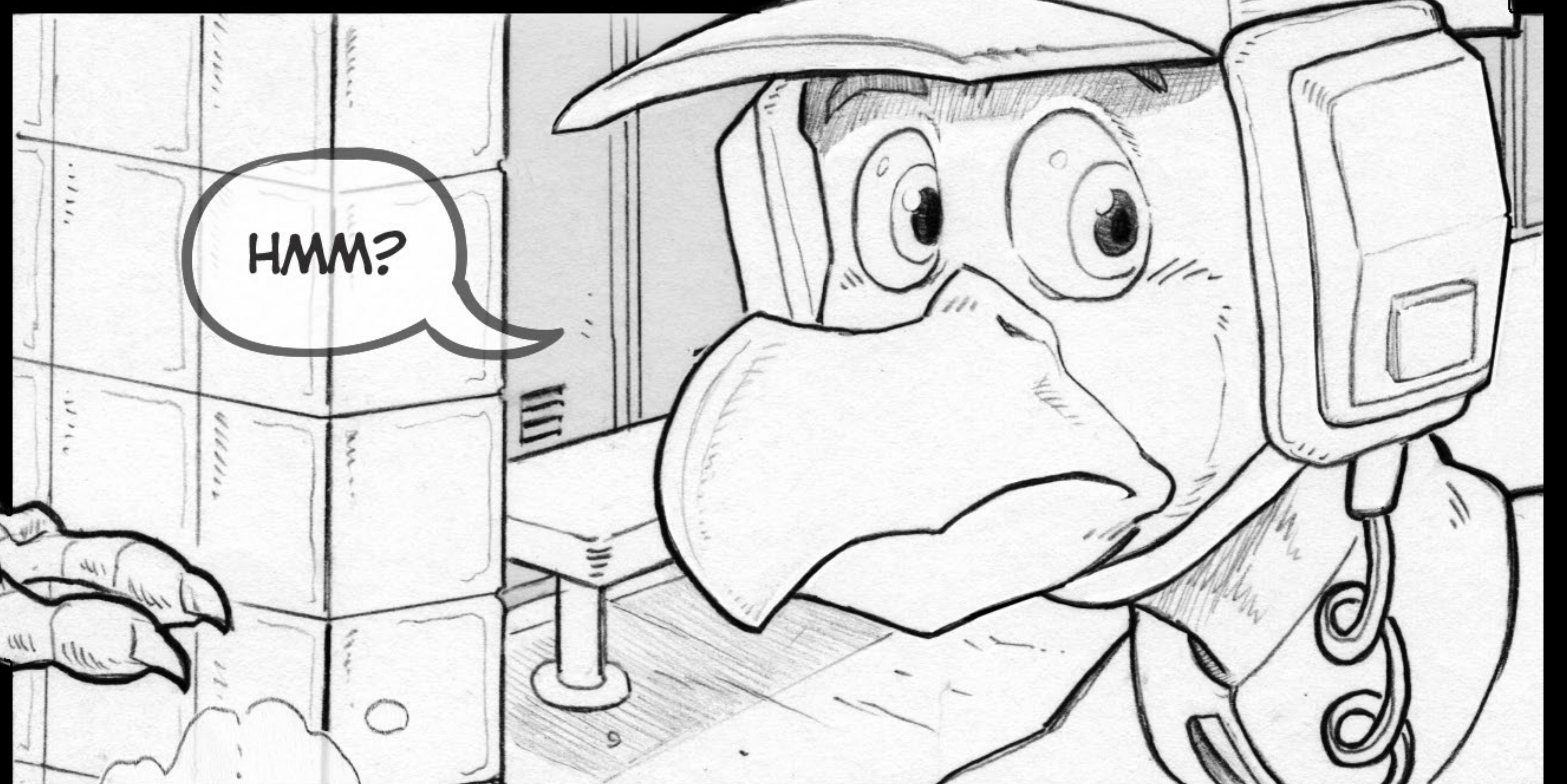
hop

hop



FSHA!

C'ERE!



HMM?



CATCH ME UP
WITH THE LATEST
ON THE FIELD!



I...I...

DAY FIFTY A-AND...

N-NO SIGN OF
DE-DETECTION YET BY
S-S-STRIX RECON...



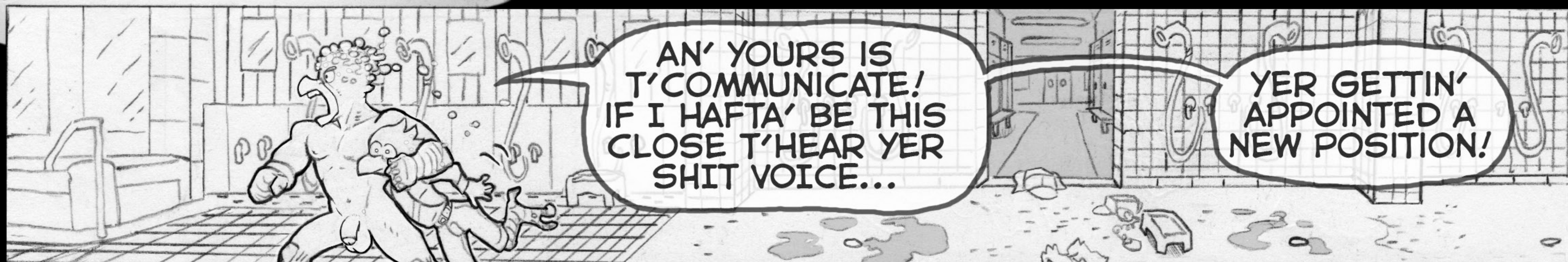
A-AND
PERMISSION
TO LEAVE,
SIR!



DENIED!



ALL SOLDIERS
HAVE A PURPOSE
HERE!



AN' YOURS IS
T'COMMUNICATE!
IF I HAFTA' BE THIS
CLOSE T'HEAR YER
SHIT VOICE...

YER GETTIN'
APPOINTED A
NEW POSITION!



**BACK
SCRUB!**

**CLEAN
IT'TILL IT
SKA-WEAKS!**





GOOD! GIVE
THOSE LOWER
QUADRANTS SOME
ATTENTION...

Press

BUT KEEP YER
BACK STRAIGHT,
SOLDIER!

I WON'T HAVE
MY MEN STOOP WHILE
SERVICING THEIR
COMMANDIN' OFFICER!

NOW GIT
BACK T'DOIN'
YER DUTIES!

AH-HA!

G LOMP

KEEN EYE!
TH'GLUTES NEED
ATTENTION TOO!

SPREAD

YER DOIN' A
FINE JOB! MIGHTY
FINE!

LEAVE NO
MUSCLE UNTURNED!
THAT'S AN ORDER!

PANT!
PANT!
PANT!

SWELL



GETTIN'
THE HANG OF
THINGS?

HOW YOU
LIKIN' TH'NEW
JOB I'VE GIVEN'
YA', COMM
RUNT?

TIME
T'MOVE
ON!

WRAP THOSE
HANDS ON MY
TREE TRUNK
LEGS AN'--

SHLRP!

HOH!

Spurt!

AH!

FUCK!

Pulse!
Throb!

MM-FFU--

H-HOLD
ON...
SHEE-IIT...!!

FUH-

FUKKIN'--

THAT'S
NOT WHAT
I MEANT
BY--

THROB

**SLRPP!
SHLRP!**



AH!

SSK

AH!

SHI-

-I-

IT!

GASP!

PANT! PANT!

MY ASS!
Y-YOU'RE UN-
STOPPABLE!

DON'T
YOU--

AAAAH...

DON'T
FUKKIN'
STOP!

SLURP!

SPLRP
SPLP
SPLP

THROB!

THROB
THROB
BOUNCE
PULSE
SPET

SPLT

SPLAT

WHIMPER

LICK!

NGAH!

BULGE

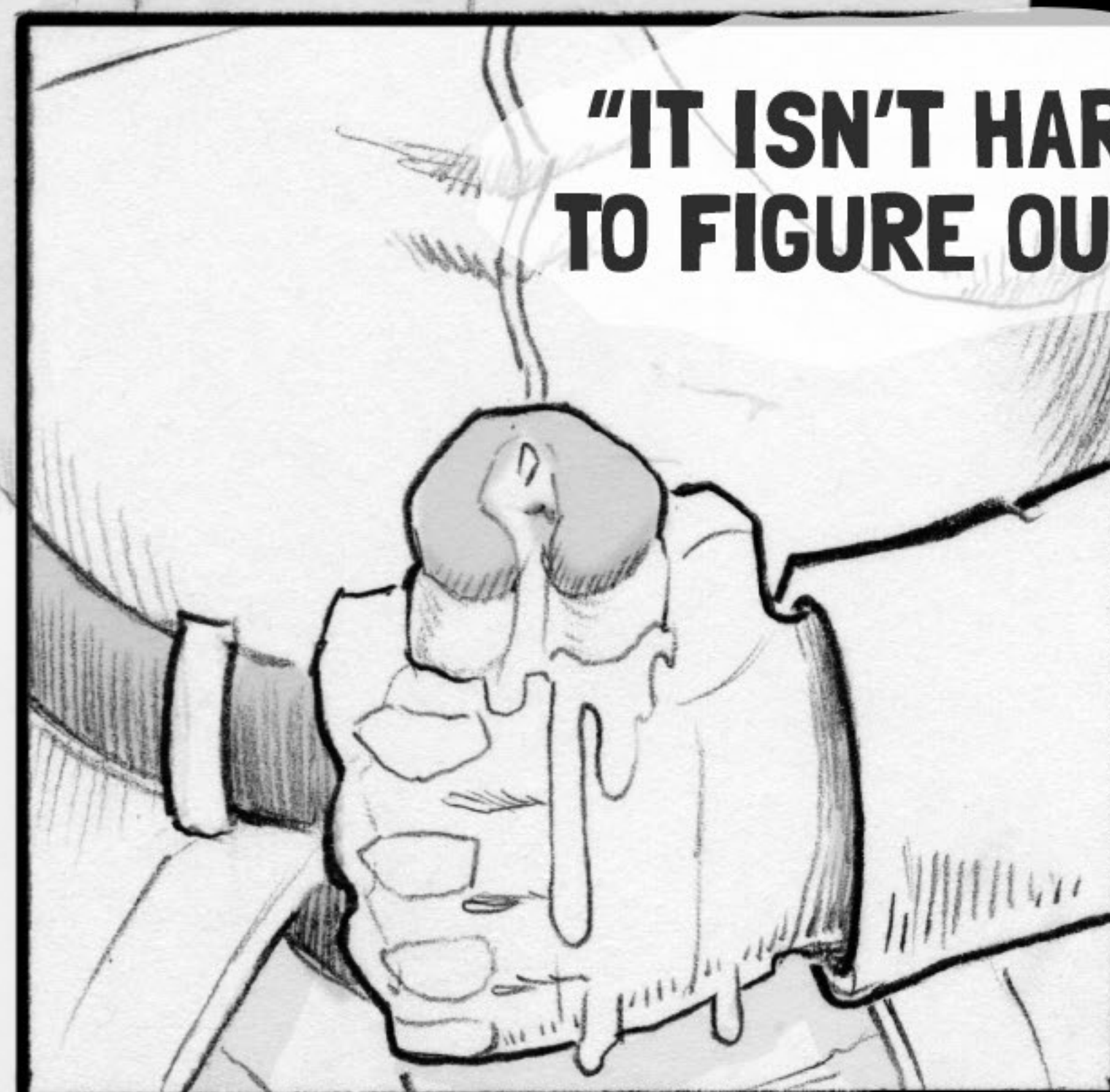
**"IN THIS LIFE, IT'S
HARD. SOLDIER LIFE I
MEAN. INFANTRY LIFE."**

**"SOME WILL TAKE THE
EASY ROUTE, THIS LIFE
I'M TALKING ABOUT."**

**"I GET IT. YOU
GET IT TOO."**



**"IT ISN'T HARD
TO FIGURE OUT."**



**"MEN AND
WOMEN DIE."**



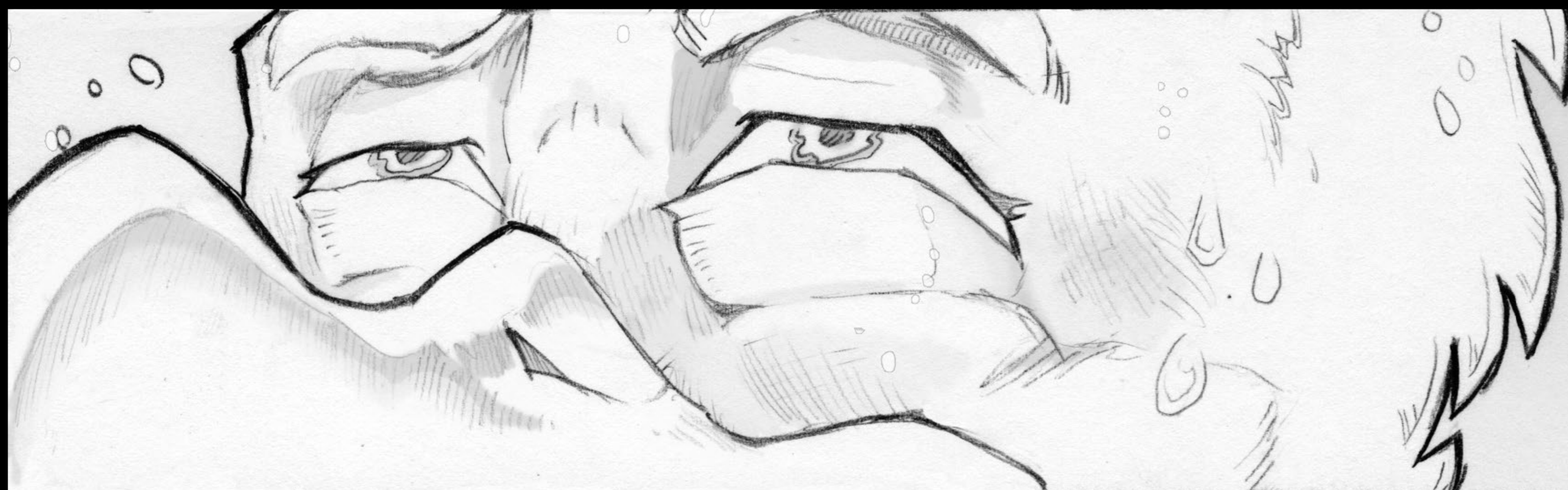
**"IN A BLINK
OF AN EYE."**



**"WHY BEFRIEND
THEM?"**



**"WHY...MAKE IT
SOMETHING MORE?
WHY BOND?"**



**"NO ONE EVER ASKS
ME, BUT IF THEY DID..."**

**"I'D SAY SOLDIERS ARE
THE MOST VALUABLE ASSET
WE GOT."**

**"WE NEED TO
PROTECT ONE
ANOTHER."**

**"EMBRACE ONE
ANOTHER."**

**"GIVE OURSELVES
TO EACH OTHER."**

**"WE BUILD A BOND LIKE
NO OTHER. UNBREAKABLE.
TOGETHER WE ARE
INVINCIBLE."**



H-HA!

YEAH!

YEAH

YEAH

FUCKIN'

YEAH!

**SPLP
PTP**

RELAX

SPLAP

SPLAP

**PLAT
PLAT**

**PLAT
PLAT**

Y-YEAH!

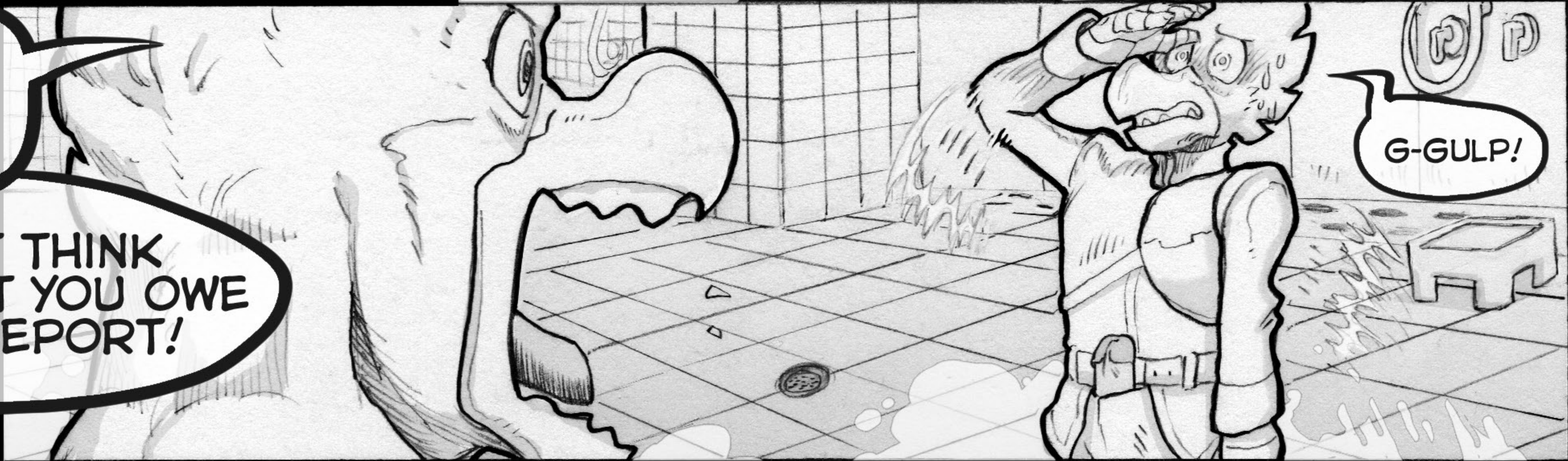
SHUDDER



WHEW!



NOW THAT'S A
WHOLE NEW WAY
TO GIT THIS FINE
TUNED BOSIC
FIGHTIN' MACHINE
REVVED UP!



AS FOR
YOU,
SOLDIER!

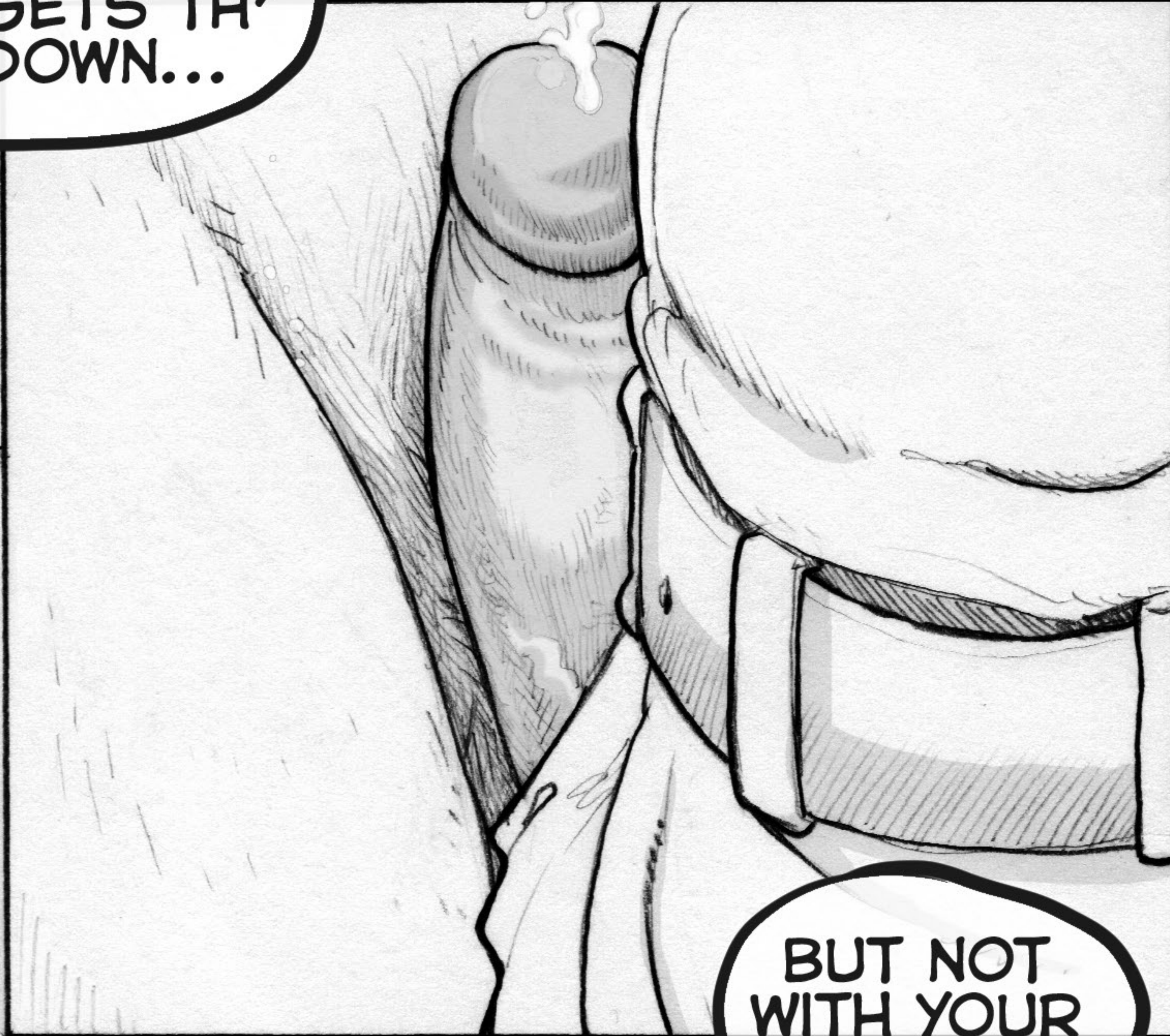
DON'T THINK
I FORGOT YOU OWE
ME A REPORT!

G-GULP!



DEBRIEFING WILL
HAPPEN AS YOU
FINISH THE JOB
Y'STARTED!

THIS TIME
IT'S THE FRONT
THAT GETS TH'
RUBDOWN...



BUT NOT
WITH YOUR
HANDS!



HEH!
HUH!

HUU~*

PANT
PANT
PANT

C'MON!
LEMME
HAVE IT!

UP N'
DOWN!

GETT'IN
THERE!

LEMME
FUCKIN'
HAVE IT!

DAMN, BOY.
NOT EVEN A
PEEP OUTTA'
YA'!

THOUGHT
FOR SURE
THAT SHELL
WOULD
CRACK.

NO
SWEAT
THO'.

ACTIONS
SPEAK LOUDER
TH'N WORDS!

THE FOLLOWING
SOLAR CYCLE...

WELL LOOKIT'
WHAT WE HAVE HERE!
I'VE GOT ME SOME
RUNTS TO TRAIN.

GONNA'
WORK UP A
SWEAT!

AW
YEAH!



UNLIKE YESTERDAY
MAYBE I CAN GET TH'
DEBRIEFIN' OWED
ALONG WITH--



SERGEANT
SIR!

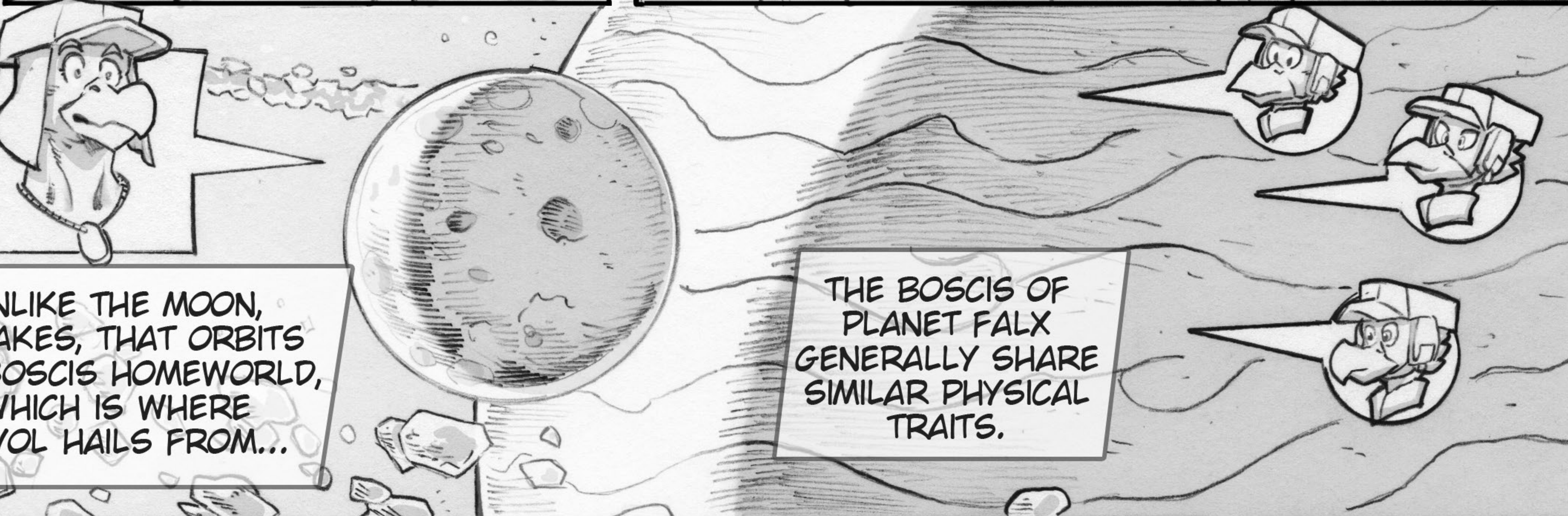
I WAS UNAWARE
I WAS MEANT TO
DO THAT, SIR!

EXPECT IT
BEFORE TRAIN-
ING EXERCISES
BEGIN, SIR!



UNLIKE THE MOON,
HERAKES, THAT ORBITS
THE BOSCIS HOMEWORLD,
WHICH IS WHERE
GAVOL HAILS FROM...

THE BOSCIS OF
PLANET FALX
GENERALLY SHARE
SIMILAR PHYSICAL
TRAITS.



AND OUR SERGEANT
IS UNFORTUNATELY NOT
THE BRIGHTEST.



FORTUNATELY...



HE STANDS OUT
AMONG THE RANKS.

THE END

BONUS SKETCHES

Samples of rough thumbnails of the pages Brandon used to create the comic

