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# MASKARADO

FEATURING  
**DAI-HANSHI**  
GUARD



VOL. 2: INTERNATIONAL INCIDENT

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**maskarado** (masked)

1. using or wearing a mask or masks
2. disguised, concealed, hidden



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# PURSUIT

A QUIET NIGHT FOR THE MEN INSIDE THIS OLD WAREHOUSE. BUT THE SILENCE IS SUDDENLY SHATTERED WITH THE ARRIVAL OF **RAYMOND PACHECO**, BETTER KNOWN BY HIS SUPER-POWERED NOMENCLATURE...

**MASKARADO!**

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LOOKS LIKE MY INFORMANT WAS RIGHT ON THE MONEY...

ONE OF THE BIGGEST DRUG CARTELS IN METRO MANILA, OPERATING OUT OF THIS ABANDONED WAREHOUSE!



AND NOW THAT I'VE DISCOVERED WHERE THEY STASH THEIR GOODS, IT'S TIME TO BREAK UP THEIR OPERATION FOR GOOD!



**MASKARADO!**

WHAT THE HECK-!?



WHEW! I ACTUALLY PREFER THIS, FIGHTING ORDINARY GOONS...



NOT LIKE THAT NIGHT A WHILE BACK, WHEN THOSE DEMONS RAN AMUCK ON EARTH!

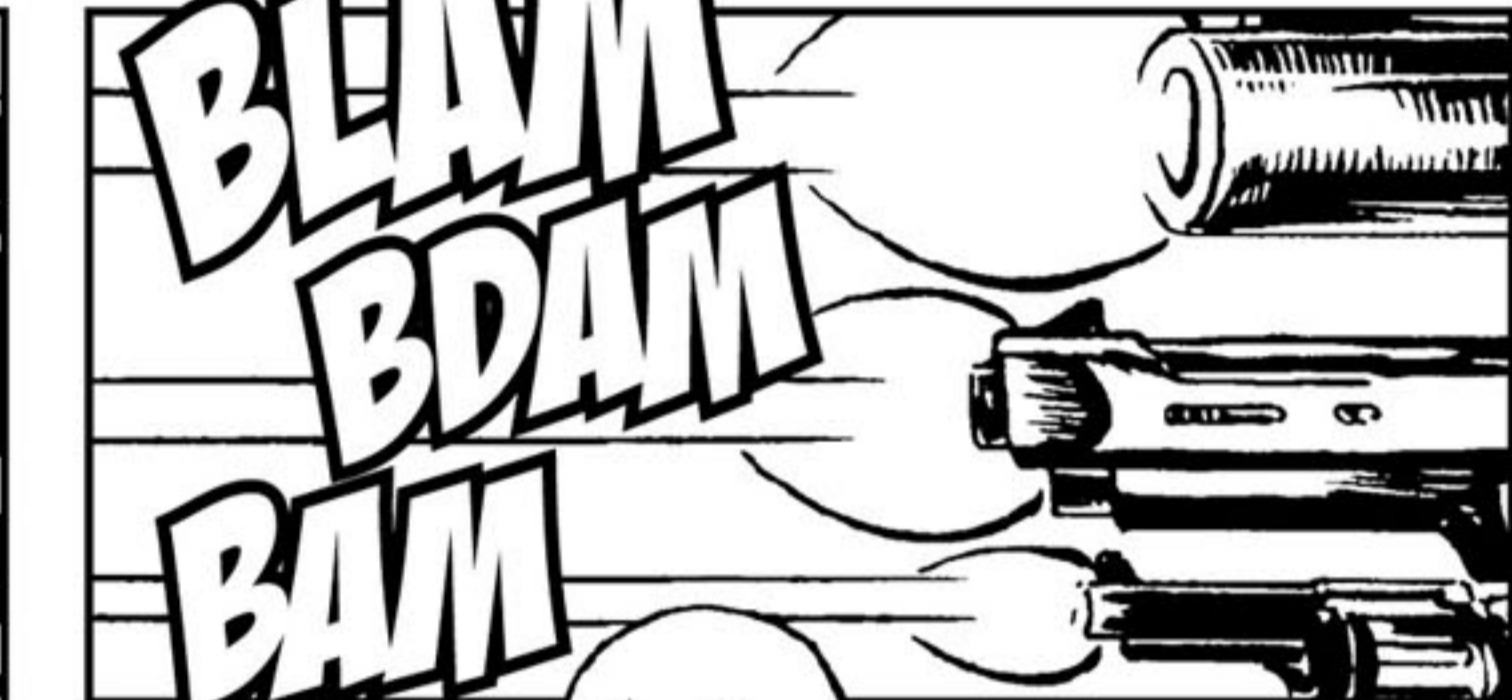


DID YOU THINK YOU CAN JUST BARGE IN HERE AND BUST UP OUR OPERATION?!

TIME TO TEACH YOU THE ERROR OF YOUR WAYS!



BOYS... TOAST HIM!



I THINK YOU SHOULD START READING THE PAPERS, MISS...



SO YOU'LL KNOW THAT BULLETS CAN'T HARM ME!

SON OF A--!

OOOOFF!



A LITTLE KNOWLEDGE CAN GO A LONG WAY, DON'T YOU THINK?

HUPS!

SH--! THIRTY GRAND TO THE ONE WHO KILLS HIM!

WUD

GRAAAHHH!

HUH GK!

FUUHH!

WHROK!!

THAT'S A NASTY SORE THROAT YOU'VE GOT THERE! THIS KICK SHOULD HELP CURE IT!





THANK GOODNESS. I WAS GETTING BORED OF ALL THIS. BYE NOW!

UUHFF!

IT SEEMS LIKE HE'S FORGOTTEN ALL ABOUT ME! THAT'S MY CUE TO EXIT!



DAMN IT! I HAD TO LEAVE ALL THE MERCHANDISE BEHIND!

BUT LEAVING ALL THOSE DRUGS IS BETTER THAN LANDING IN JAIL!



I HAVEN'T ESCAPED THE LAW ALL THIS TIME JUST TO BE CAUGHT BY -- ULP!?

WHOA, THERE... MISS VIRULINA. LEAVING THE PARTY SO SOON?





WHO...?

POLICE INSPECTOR JAY SINGSON, AT YOUR SERVICE.

WE'VE GOT THE PLACE SURROUNDED. I GUESS YOU'D BETTER SURRENDER, EH?



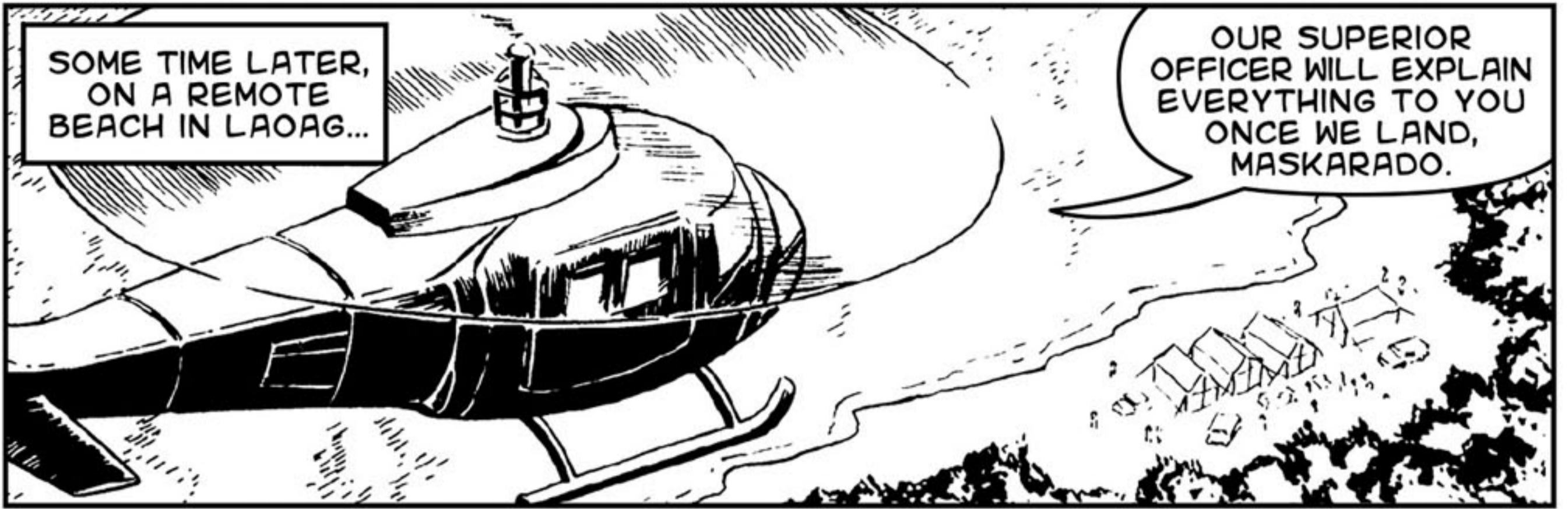
MASKARADO!

DAMN IT! YOU'VE BEATEN US TO THE PUNCH AGAIN! YOU'RE MAKING MY MEN LOOK BAD!

IT'S NOT MY FAULT THAT YOU'RE SO SLOW! AT LEAST YOU CAPTURED THEIR BIG BOSS, RIGHT?

HA HA! WELL, THE LEAST YOU CAN DO IS HELP US CLEAN UP THIS MESS!





SOME TIME LATER,  
ON A REMOTE  
BEACH IN LAOAG...

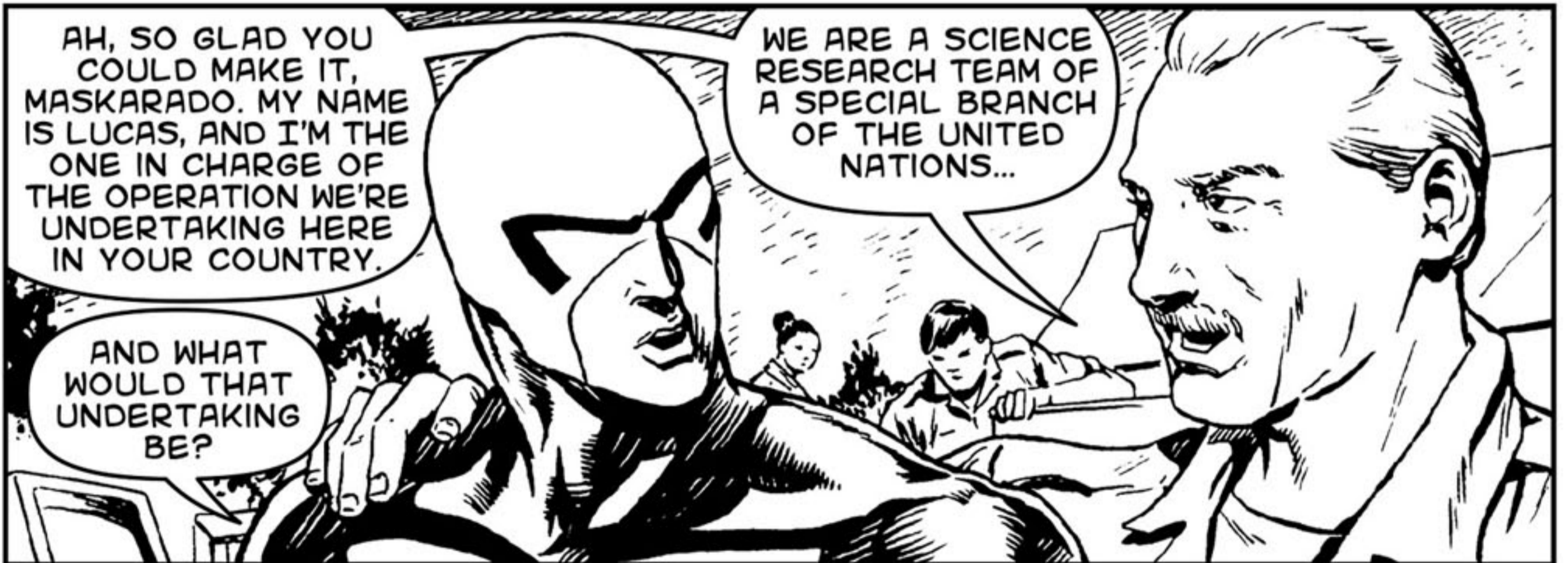
OUR SUPERIOR  
OFFICER WILL EXPLAIN  
EVERYTHING TO YOU  
ONCE WE LAND,  
MASKARADO.



AGENT  
LUCAS...

HM?

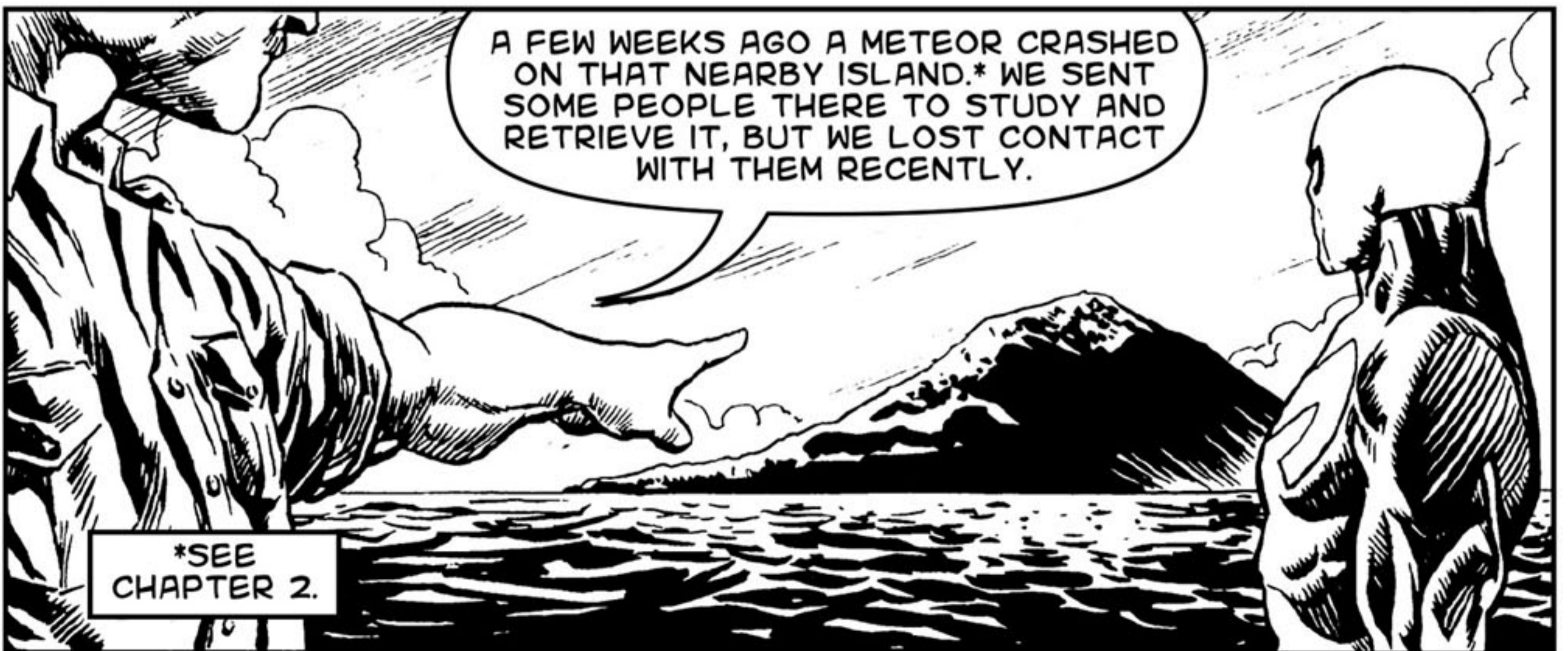
MASKARADO  
IS HERE.



AH, SO GLAD YOU  
COULD MAKE IT,  
MASKARADO. MY NAME  
IS LUCAS, AND I'M THE  
ONE IN CHARGE OF  
THE OPERATION WE'RE  
UNDERTAKING HERE  
IN YOUR COUNTRY.

WE ARE A SCIENCE  
RESEARCH TEAM OF  
A SPECIAL BRANCH  
OF THE UNITED  
NATIONS...

AND WHAT  
WOULD THAT  
UNDERTAKING  
BE?



A FEW WEEKS AGO A METEOR CRASHED  
ON THAT NEARBY ISLAND.\* WE SENT  
SOME PEOPLE THERE TO STUDY AND  
RETRIEVE IT, BUT WE LOST CONTACT  
WITH THEM RECENTLY.

\*SEE  
CHAPTER 2.



"AND THAT'S NOT ALL. A FEW NIGHTS AGO, TWO LOCALS WERE COMING IN LATE AFTER A DAY OF FISHING..."



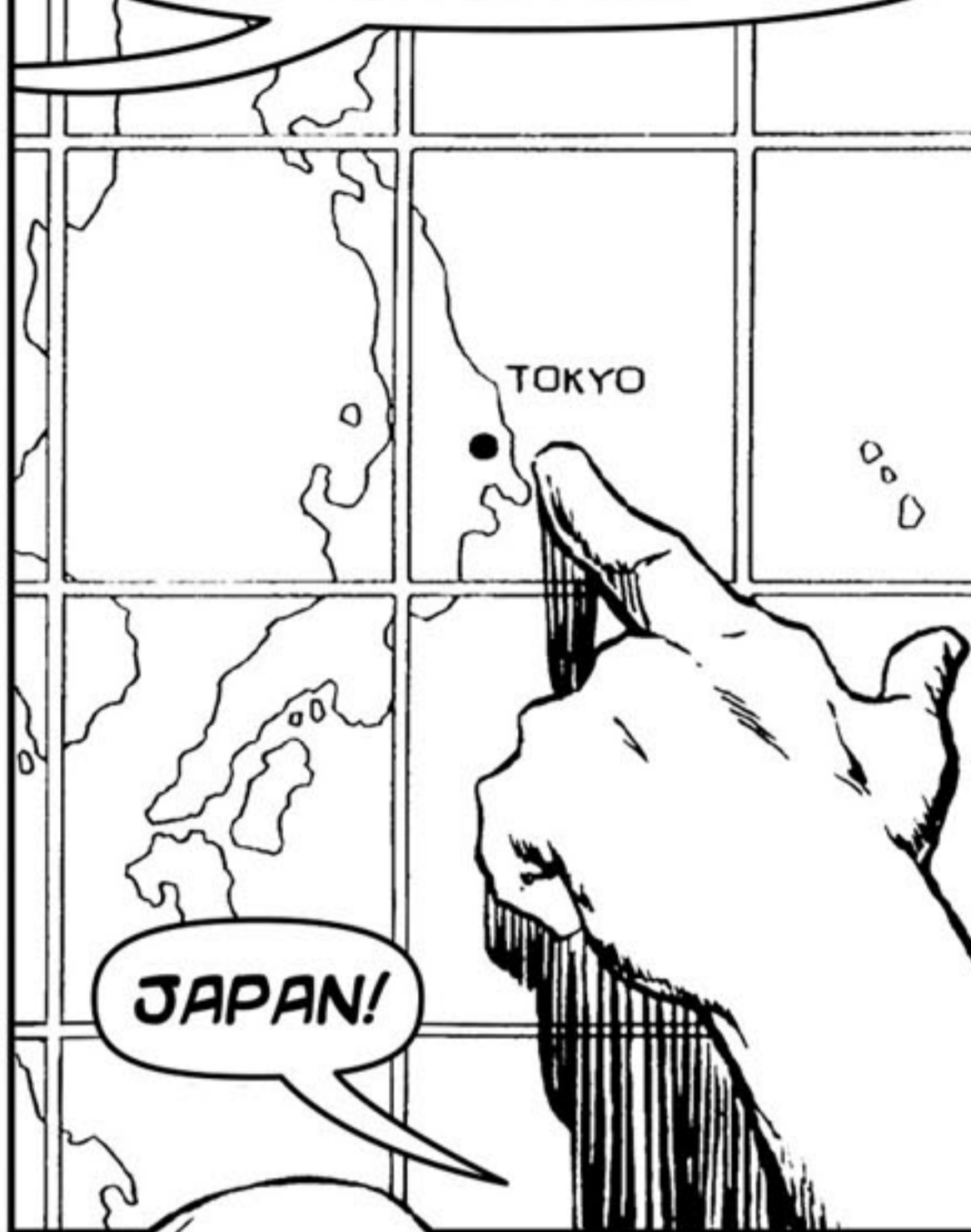
"WHEN A MONSTROUS FIGURE SUDDENLY EMERGED FROM THE WATER, CAPSIZING THEIR BOAT AND THROWING BOTH MEN OVERBOARD. THEY ESTIMATE THE CREATURE TO BE ABOUT FIFTEEN FEET IN HEIGHT."



AT THAT MOMENT, OUR EQUIPMENT ALSO PICKED UP A LARGE OBJECT MOVING RATHER QUICKLY TO THE NORTH.



BUT THIS MORNING, THAT OBJECT DISAPPEARED FROM OUR RADAR. ACCORDING TO OUR CALCULATIONS, IT WOULD SEEM THE CREATURE IS HEADED FOR...



SO, WHAT IS IT THAT YOU NEED ME TO DO?



WE NEED YOU TO GO TO JAPAN TO HEAD OFF AND POSSIBLY CAPTURE THIS CREATURE!

WELL, SURE. I'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO GO TO JAPAN.

BUT WHAT ABOUT THE MYSTERIOUS ISLAND?





WE'VE ALREADY SENT IN ONE OF OUR OPERATIVES, HAMMER MAN, TO FIND OUT WHAT HAPPENED TO OUR TEAM. YOU KNOW HIM, RIGHT?

WE'VE HAD OUR... ENCOUNTERS.



HAMMER MAN... ONE OF THE ADVERSARIES OF THE ORIGINAL MASKARADO. BUT HE'S REFORMED NOW.

AND I GUESS HE'S PUTTING HIS TALENTS TO GOOD USE AS AN AGENT OF THE U.N. I WONDER IF WE'LL EVER MEET EACH OTHER?

MASKARADO?



UH... YEAH?

YOU NEED TO GO TO JAPAN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. WOULD YOU LIKE US TO ARRANGE TRANSPORT FOR YOU?



AH, NO NEED. I'VE GOT THIS.

THERE'S SOMETHING I'VE BEEN MEANING TO TRY EVER SINCE I GOT THESE POWERS. THIS IS THE PERFECT OPPORTUNITY TO DO IT!



MORNING... ON A COMMERCIAL FLIGHT HEADED NORTH FROM THE PHILIPPINES...

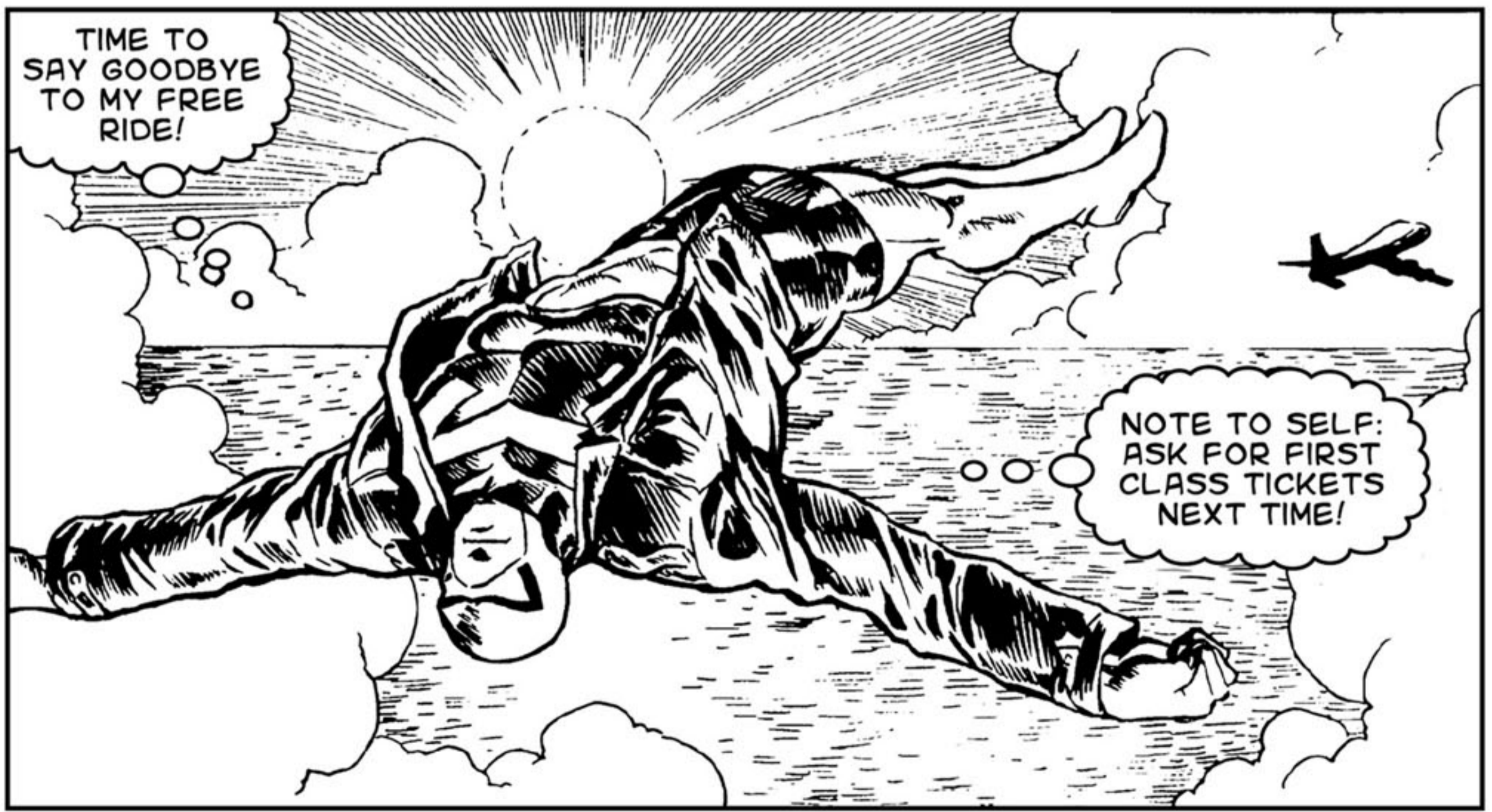


...WE FIND A VERY FAMILIAR HITCHHIKER!

BRRRR!  
I DIDN'T KNOW IT WAS GOING TO BE SO COLD UP HERE! GOOD THING I BROUGHT A JACKET!

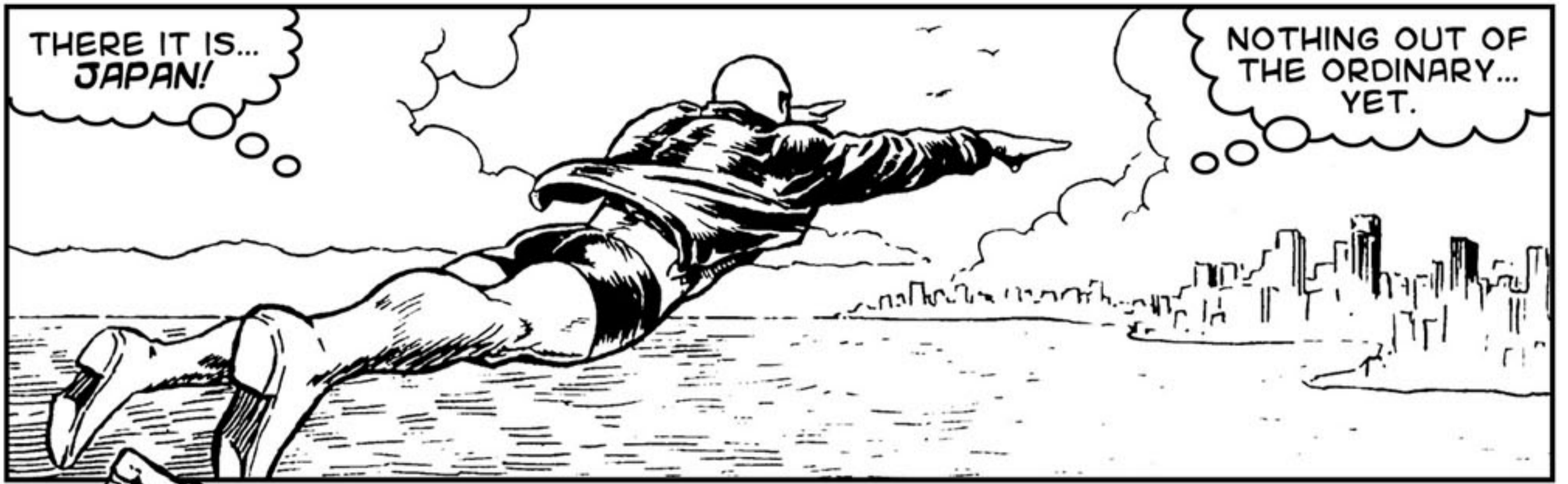


HMMM... LOOKS LIKE THIS IS MY STOP!



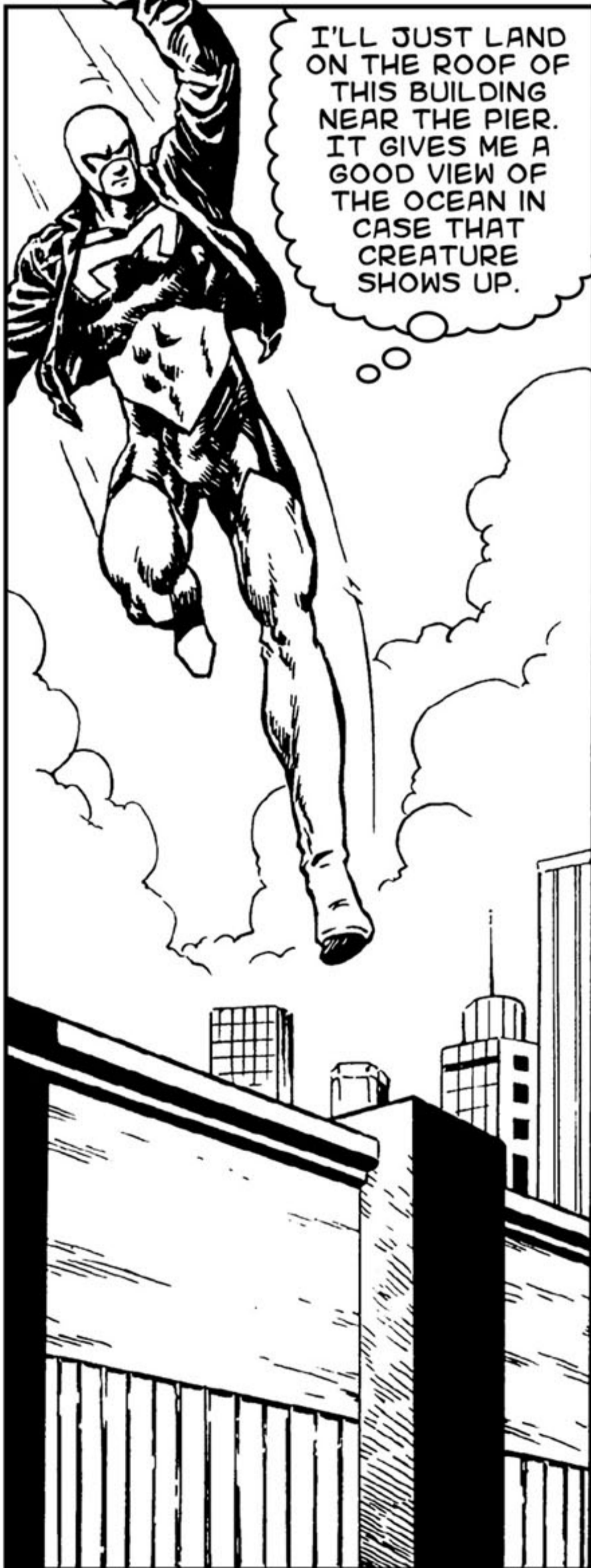
TIME TO SAY GOODBYE TO MY FREE RIDE!

NOTE TO SELF:  
ASK FOR FIRST CLASS TICKETS NEXT TIME!



THERE IT IS...  
JAPAN!

NOTHING OUT OF  
THE ORDINARY...  
YET.



I'LL JUST LAND  
ON THE ROOF OF  
THIS BUILDING  
NEAR THE PIER.  
IT GIVES ME A  
GOOD VIEW OF  
THE OCEAN IN  
CASE THAT  
CREATURE  
SHOWS UP.



I WONDER WHY  
THOSE U.N. GUYS FELT  
THE NEED TO SEND ME  
HERE? I'M PRETTY SURE  
JAPAN HAS ITS OWN  
SUPER-FOLK WHO CAN  
HANDLE THIS SORT  
OF STUFF.



(ACTUALLY,  
YES, WE DO HAVE  
SUPER PEOPLE HERE,  
MASKARADO.)\*

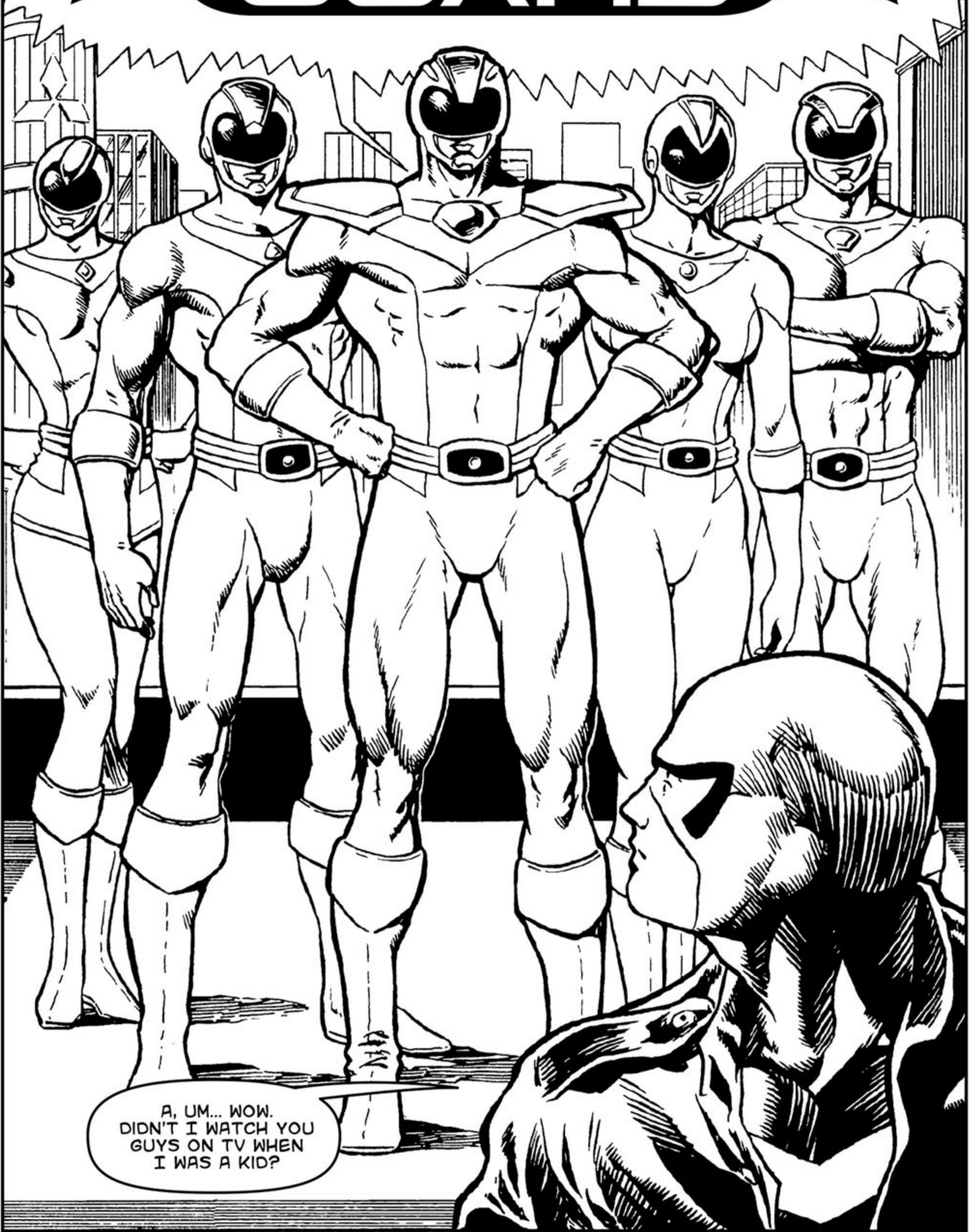
- WHO  
THE ---?

\*TRANSLATED  
FROM JAPANESE.



ALLOW ME TO INTRODUCE THE...

# DAI-HANSHI GUARD



A, UM... WOW.  
DIDN'T I WATCH YOU  
GUYS ON TV WHEN  
I WAS A KID?



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NEXT?  
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