

From the pages of SELECT

# GREY LITERATURE

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TWO WEEKS AGO

MISTRESS CHLOE,  
ALLOW ME TO  
INTRODUCE MISS  
BECKY TEMPLE.

YOU CAN  
CALL ME BECKI


I'M LOOKING  
FORWARD TO  
WORKING WITH  
YOU!



MISS QUINN,  
MAY I HAVE  
A WORD IN  
PRIVATE,  
PLEASE?


OF  
COURSE.






YOUR SENSE  
OF HUMOR  
ELUDES ME.

I WASN'T  
TRYING TO  
BE FUNNY.



DID YOU AT  
LEAST CONSIDER  
ANY OF THE NAMES  
I GAVE YOU?


OF COURSE,  
BUT BECKY WAS  
ALREADY HERE,  
AND YOU SAID  
YOU WANTED THIS  
DONE AS QUICKLY  
AS POSSIBLE.



BY AN  
ADULT!

SOMEONE WHO  
KNOWS WHAT  
THEY'RE DOING!

THIS LIBRARY  
REQUIRES SPECIAL  
ATTENTION! I CAN'T  
RISK HAVING SOME KID  
RUNNING AROUND  
UNATTENDED!



CHLOE, TRUST  
ME! I KNOW THIS  
GIRL! SHE'S  
GOING TO DO A  
GREAT JOB!

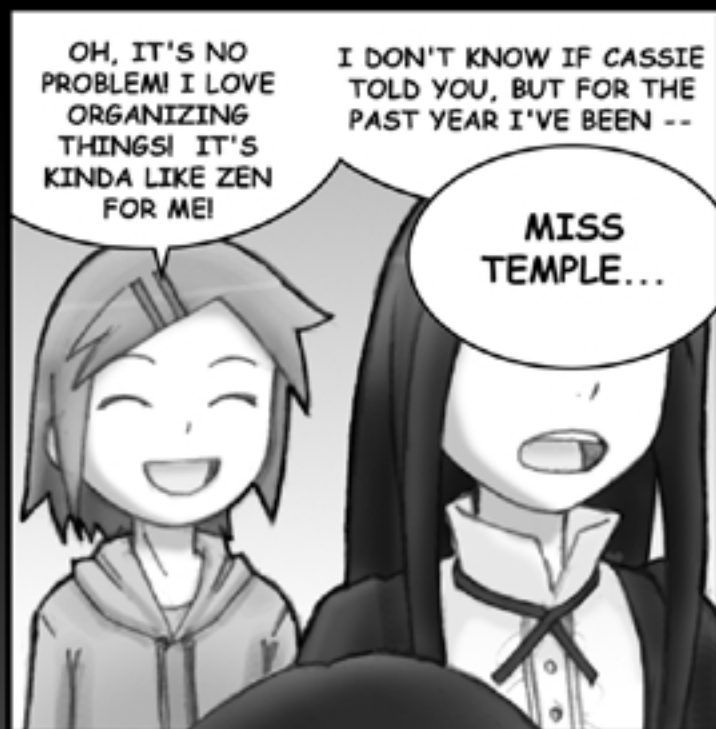
JUST TRY  
HER OUT  
FOR A WEEK.  
PLEASE?





WOW....  
THIS IS  
DEFINITELY  
GOING TO TAKE  
A WHILE.

FEEL FREE  
TO QUIT  
ANYTIME.



OH, IT'S NO  
PROBLEM! I LOVE  
ORGANIZING  
THINGS! IT'S  
KINDA LIKE ZEN  
FOR ME!

I DON'T KNOW IF CASSIE  
TOLD YOU, BUT FOR THE  
PAST YEAR I'VE BEEN --

MISS  
TEMPLE...

THE INSTALLATION  
OF A COMPUTER NETWORK  
WAS NOT MY IDEA.  
INFAC, I'VE BEEN  
AGAINST IT  
FROM THE START.

UNFORTUNATELY,  
IF THIS LIBRARY IS  
GOING TO CONTINUE  
TO BE OF ANY USE,  
THEN I HAVE TO MAKE  
SOME COMPROMISES.

I ACCEPT THAT  
A COMPUTER WILL  
BE AN ASSET,  
WHETHER I LIKE  
IT OR NOT.

NOW, MISS QUINN  
INSISTS THAT YOU  
ARE THE PERFECT  
PERSON FOR THIS  
SORT OF WORK. SHE  
IS ONE OF THE FEW  
PEOPLE THAT I TRUST  
IMPLICITELY...





...SO THE  
JOB IS  
YOURS.

FOR  
NOW.

YES! THANK  
YOU SO MUCH!



A FEW THINGS  
YOU SHOULD  
BEAR IN MIND.

NUMBER ONE:  
I MUST INSIST  
THAT YOU REFRAIN  
FROM TOUCHING ME.

FOR YOUR  
OWN SAFETY.

FAIR  
ENOUGH.



NUMBER TWO:  
EVERYTHING IN THIS  
LIBRARY IS PRICELESS,  
SO IT SHALL ALL BE  
HANDLED WITH  
THE UPMOST CARE.

AND NUMBER THREE:  
I AM IN THE MIDDLE OF  
IMPORTANT RESEARCH,  
SO I AM NOT TO BE  
DISTURBED.



HEH  
HEH  
HEH

DON'T WORRY!  
YOU WON'T EVEN  
KNOW I'M HERE!

MONDAY

WHAT...  
IS...  
THAT?!

WE AGREED  
ON ONE  
COMPUTER!

THIS IS  
ONE  
COMPUTER.

TUESDAY

STOP MESSING  
WITH THE  
THERMOSTAT!  
IT'S BAD FOR  
THE BOOKS!

BUT  
IT'S COLD  
IN HERE.

WEAR A  
JACKET!

WEDNESDAY

ARE YOU  
DRILLING  
HOLES IN  
MY HOUSE?!

THURSDAY

ONE  
MORE DAY.

**WRRRRRRR**

**KLAK  
KLAK  
KLAK**

**REEEEEE**

ONE  
MORE DAY  
AND I CAN  
FIRE HER.



FRIDAY: NOW

SO WHAT'VE YOU BEEN WORKING ON ALL WEEK?

YOU WRITING A NOVEL OR SOMETHING?

CHEW  
CHEW

I'M CONDUCTING HISTORICAL RESEARCH. I'M AFRAID I CAN'T GO INTO ANY DETAILS.

THERE'D BETTER NOT BE GARLIC ON THIS.

WHY NOT? IS IT CLASSIFIED?! VERY COOL! YOU KNOW, I DO HAVE LEVEL SIX SECURITY CLEARANCE!

I'M SORRY, BUT YOU MENTIONED WE WERE CELEBRATING SOMETHING?

YEAH WE ARE! YOUR NEW COMPUTER IS DONE!

REALLY? YOU'RE FINISHED?

WELL HOW ABOUT THAT? GUESS I WON'T HAVE TO FIRE HER AFTER ALL.

OH HECK NO! NOT EVEN CLOSE! DATA ENTRY IS GOING TO TAKE FOREVER!

WE'RE TALKING MONTHS!

I'LL GET STARTED ON THAT NEXT WEEK.

THE HELL YOU WILL!

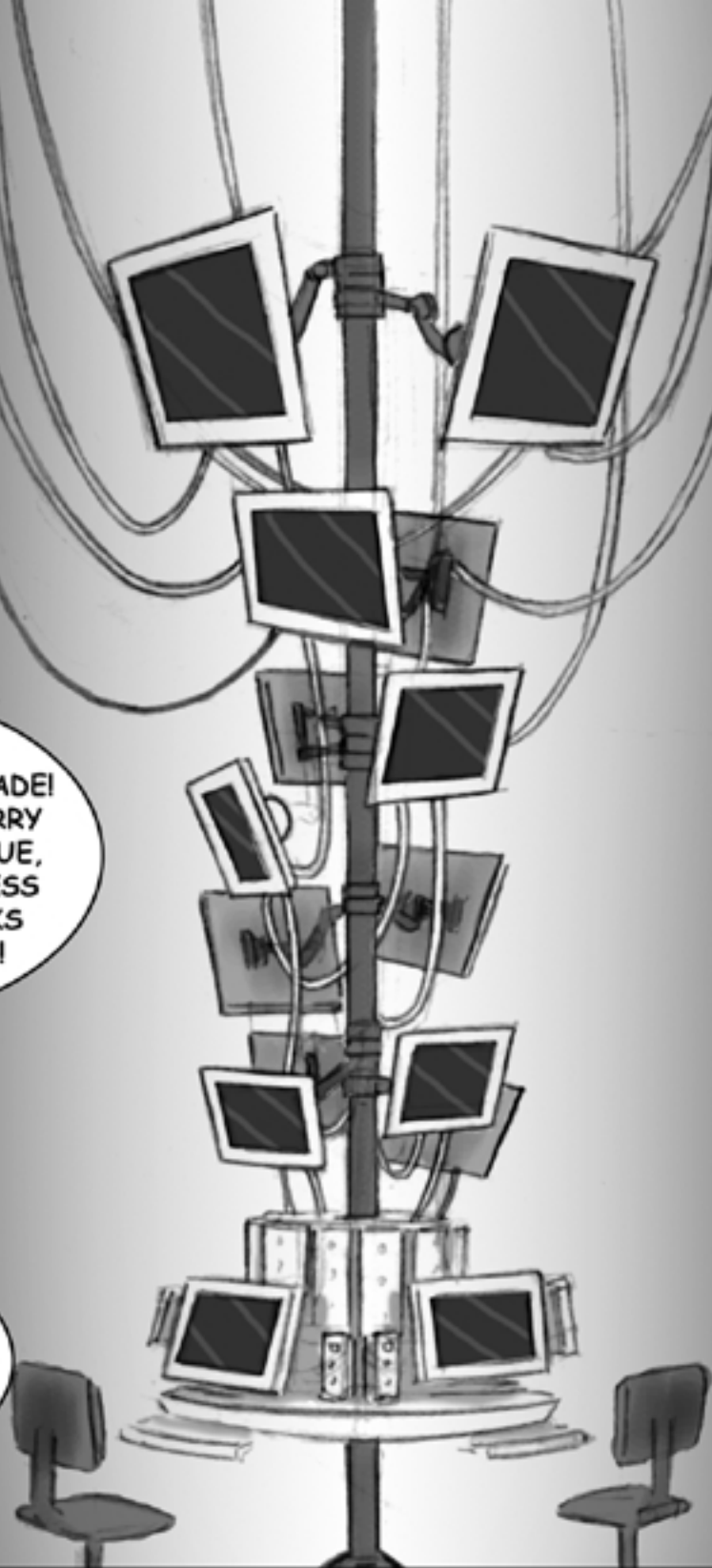
BUT THE COMPUTER ITSELF  
IS UP AND RUNNING!



THIS IS THE BEST  
COMPUTER I'VE EVER MADE!  
NOT ONLY WILL IT CARRY  
YOUR ENTIRE CATALOGUE,  
BUT YOU'LL HAVE ACCESS  
TO LIBRARY NETWORKS  
AROUND THE WORLD!

YOU'LL ALSO HAVE  
INSTANT ACCESS  
TO THE FBI, CIA, AND  
INTERPOL DATABASES,  
JUST TO NAME A FEW!

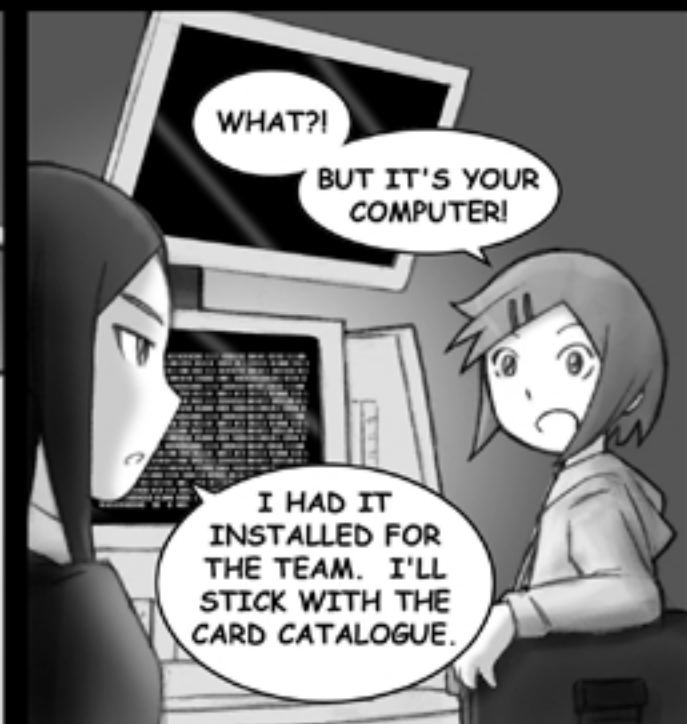
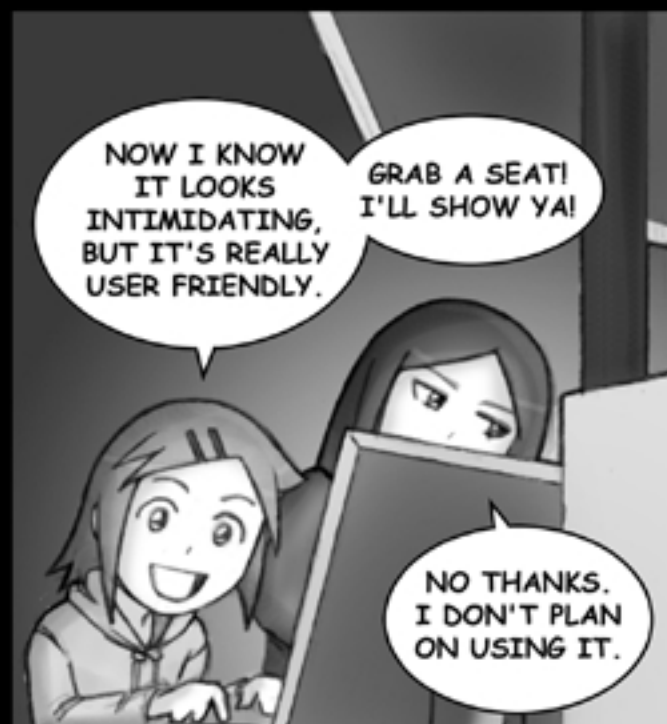
IT'S FAST ENOUGH  
TO INFILTRATE ANY  
SYSTEM, AND SMART  
ENOUGH TO DO IT  
WITHOUT LEAVING  
A TRACE!




SIGH...  
SO BEAUTIFUL.



WHAT AN  
EYESORE!






YES, THAT WOULD CHANGE THE BOOK THAT YOU'RE HOLDING.

AND IT WOULD BE OBVIOUS.

BUT YOU'D HAVE TO ALTER EVERY COPY OF THE BOOK EVER MADE. AN IMPOSSIBLE TASK.

AH, SAFE!



WELL... WITH THE COMPUTER YOU CAN MAKE AS MANY BACK UP COPIES AS YOU LIKE!


AND WITH A COMPUTER SOMEONE COULD ALTER ALL OF THEM.

ALTERING INFORMATION ON THE NET ISN'T AS EASY AS YOU THINK!

BUT IT CAN BE DONE. IN FACT, PEOPLE CAN POST WHATEVER THEY WANT AND SAY THAT IT'S TRUE.

THAT'S NOT THE SAME THING!

ISN'T IT?



YOU'RE MISSING THE POINT!

NO, YOU'RE MISSING THE POINT!

THESE BOOKS ARE PRICELESS TREASURES! THEY DESERVE LOVE AND RESPECT!

REALLY? WELL I THINK THEY'RE OLD, DUSTY, AND A WASTE OF SPACE! I COULD FIT THE CONTENTS OF THIS ENTIRE LIBRARY ON A HARD DRIVE THE SIZE OF A SINGLE BOOK!

AND THEY SMELL!

VERY WELL! THEN I PROPOSE A WAGER!

YOU MEAN  
A BET?

NO, A  
WAGER.

A LADY  
NEVER  
BETS.

I GIVE YOU A  
PIECE OF INFORMATION  
TO REFERENCE ON YOUR  
COMPUTER. YOU GIVE ME  
SOMETHING TO REFERENCE  
IN MY LIBRARY.

WE MEET  
BACK HERE IN  
TEN MINUTES.  
WHOEVER COMES  
BACK EMPTY  
HANDED LOSES.

THAT...  
SOUNDS A  
AWFUL LOT  
LIKE A BET.

IT'S NOT A BET!  
IT'S A WAGER!  
TOTALLY DIFFERENT!

OOOOOKAY...  
SO IF I WIN,  
DO I GET  
ANYTHING?



OF COURSE.  
IT WOULDN'T BE  
A WAGER WITHOUT  
SOMETHING AT  
STAKE. NAME YOUR  
TERMS.

ALRIGHT.  
IF I WIN...

YOU HAVE TO  
PUT A YOUNG  
ADULT SECTION  
IN THE LIBRARY.

VERY  
WELL.

AND IF  
I WIN...



YOU HAVE TO WEAR A PROPER DRESS!

A FRILLY ONE! WITH RIBBONS! AND PUFFED SLEEVES!

THE WHOLE NINE YARDS!

HA HA HA HA HA

OKAY.

WHAT?! REALLY?!

WHY NOT? I AM A GIRL. I LOOK GOOD IN A DRESS.

SHE'S SUCH A TOMBOY, I DIDN'T THINK SHE'D GO FOR IT!

WHAT A WASTE OF A WAGER!

I HAVEN'T DRESSED UP IN A LONG TIME. THIS'LL BE FUN.

STILL... I WON'T LOSE TO HER!

I'LL SHOW HER THE TRUE VALUE OF THIS LIBRARY!

AND YOU HAVE TO WEAR MAKE UP!

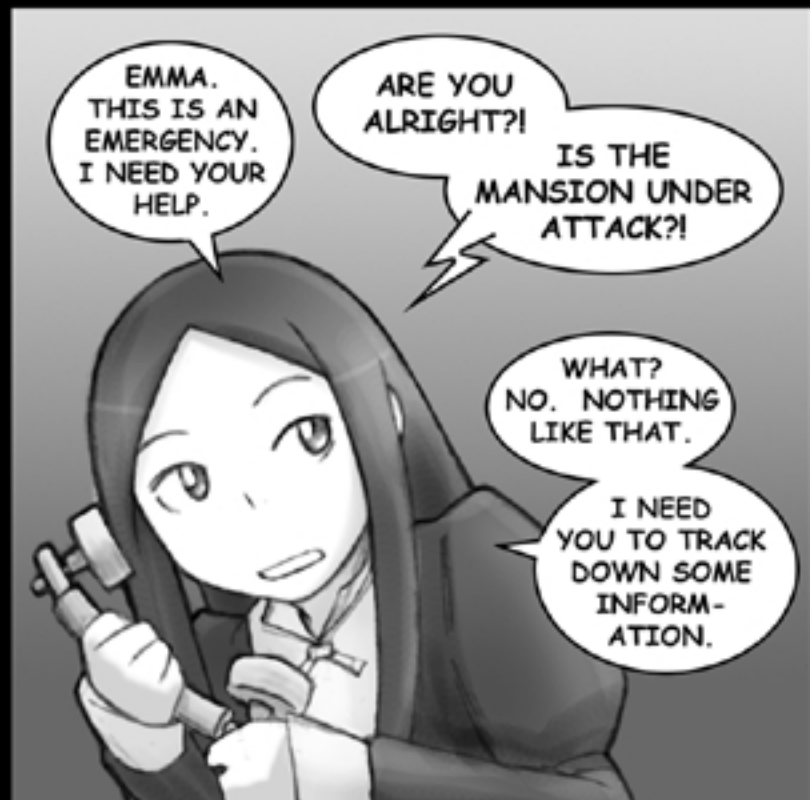
OBVIOUSLY. AND YOU HAVE TO ADD A COMIC AND MANGA SECTION.

FINE!











YOU'RE...  
YOU'RE NOT  
SERIOUS...  
ARE YOU?

I'M ALWAYS  
SERIOUS!

SNICKER

OKAY. OKAY...  
I...DIDN'T KNOW  
YOU WERE SUCH  
A FAN.

I'M NOT!  
IT'S FOR  
BECKY!



WHAT'S  
GOING ON?

IT'S CHLOE.  
SHE NEEDS YOUR  
HELP TRACKING  
SOMETHING  
DOWN.

EMMA?  
EMMA, ARE  
YOU THERE?



CHLOE?

MISTER  
RENNER?

EMMA  
SAID YOU  
NEEDED  
SOME-  
THING?

YES!  
I REQUIRE  
JUSTIN BIEBER'S  
PHONE  
NUMBER.



HEY, CASSIE.  
CHLOE NEEDS  
TO ASK YOU  
SOMETHING.

WHAT?!  
NO WAIT!





CAUGHT YOU CHEATING!

YOU MOST CERTAINLY DID NOT! THE PHONE IS AN ESSENTIAL LIBRARY TOOL!

YEAH, YEAH, WHATEVER. DID YOU GET THE NUMBER?



...NO.

WELL, I FOUND SOME GOOD STUFF!



THE NECRONOMICON: A FICTIONAL BOOK OF DARK MAGIC CREATED BY SCIENCE FICTION AND HORROR WRITER H.P. LOVECRAFT.

I ALSO HAVE A LIST OF STORIES AND FILMS IT'S REFERENCED IN, AND QUOTATIONS FROM THE BOOK ITSELF.

IT'S PRETTY COOL STUFF! I'M DEFINITELY GOING TO READ SOME LOVECRAFT WHEN I HAVE THE CHANCE.



IS THAT ALL?

WHAT ABOUT A COPY OF THE BOOK ITSELF?

UH...I JUST TOLD YOU, IT'S NOT A REAL BOOK.

WEREN'T YOU LISTENING?



REALLY?

I GIVE YOU...

# THE NECRONOMICON!

WRITTEN IN 738, BY THE  
MAD ARAB ABDUL ALHAZRED!



NO WAY!  
THIS BOOK  
IS REAL?

IT IS.

AND LIKE  
SO MANY  
BOOKS IN THIS  
LIBRARY, IT IS  
ONE OF ONLY A  
HANDFUL OF  
COPIES IN  
EXISTENCE.

WOW

ONLY A  
HANDFUL?

NO COPIES  
ON THE  
INTERNET?

CORRECT.

YOU SAW  
FOR YOURSELF,  
DIDN'T YOU?

HEY!  
WHERE  
ARE YOU  
TAKING  
THAT?!

YOINK

TO MY  
SCANNER! I'M  
GONNA SHARE THIS  
PUPPY WITH THE  
WORLD!



YOU CAN'T  
DO THAT!  
THIS BOOK IS  
DANGEROUS!

HOW CAN  
IT BE  
DANGEROUS?  
IT'S JUST  
A BOOK!



THIS BOOK...  
IS THE SUM OF  
ALL EVIL!

DO YOU  
REALLY...WANT  
TO SHARE THAT...  
WITH THE  
WORLD?



PEOPLE ARE  
SMART...THEY  
CAN HANDLE IT!

NO! I...  
FORBID IT!

YOU CAN'T...  
FORBID...  
A BOOK!



**WIPEOUT!**

THIS HAS GONE FAR ENOUGH!

OW

SORRY. MY BAD.

I SHOULD SAY SO! THAT BOOK IS AN ANTIQUE! YOU CAN'T JUST-

I SAID I WAS SORRY! AND I WASN'T REALLY GOING TO SCAN IT. I WAS JUST...

UH... SOMETHING WRONG?

SNIFF  
SNIFF

ARE YOU... BLEEDING?

AM I?  
OH YEAH. I GUESS I AM.

WHAT?!

RELAX. I'M FINE.

IT'S JUST A PAPER CUT.

NOT YOU!  
THE BOOK!

UH, YEAH. THANKS A LOT.

WE HAVE TO GO!  
NOW!



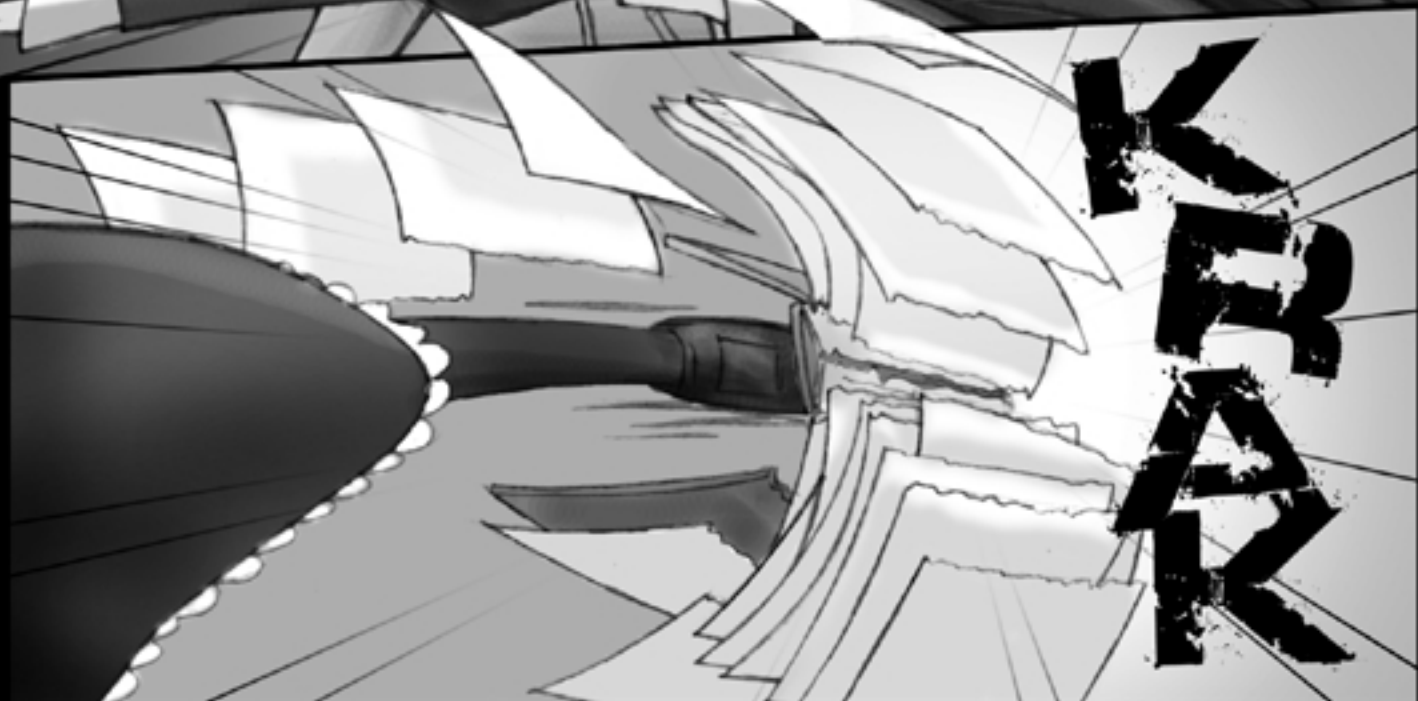


I TOLD YOU  
THAT BOOK  
WAS EVIL!

IT'S THE  
ONLY ONE  
OF ITS  
KIND!

IF IT'S EVIL,  
WHY DO YOU  
EVEN HAVE IT?!

I DON'T  
WANT THERE  
TO BE ANY  
OF ITS KIND!





5 MINUTES LATER



HERE'S WHAT WE'RE GOING TO DO. WE'RE GOING TO MAKE OUR WAY AROUND TO THE SOUTH WING.

IF WE TAKE IT SLOW AND QUIET, THEN WE CAN-

WHAT IN THE WORLD?

WWWRRRRRRRR

REEE  
REEEE  
REEE

WWWRRRRRRRR

THERE!  
AT THE  
COMPUTER.

WHAT'S  
IT DOING?

IT'S TRYING  
TO PUT ITSELF  
ON THE INTERNET!

I THINK IT'S...  
TRYING TO SCAN  
ITSELF.

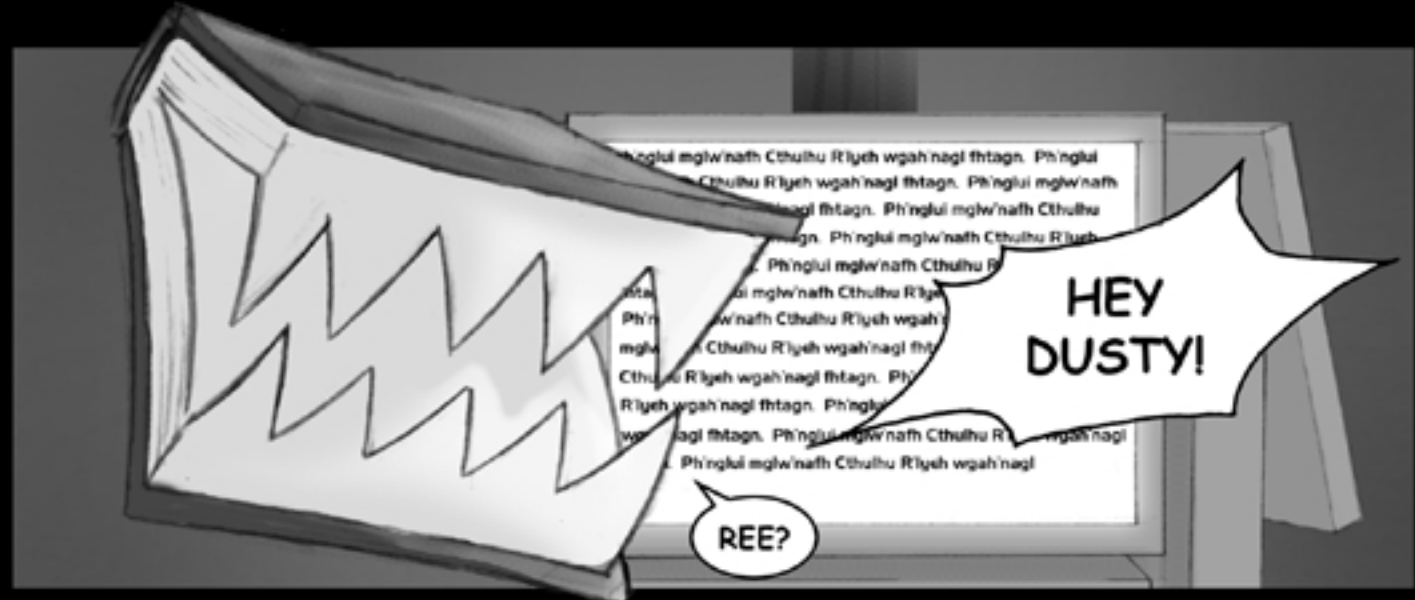
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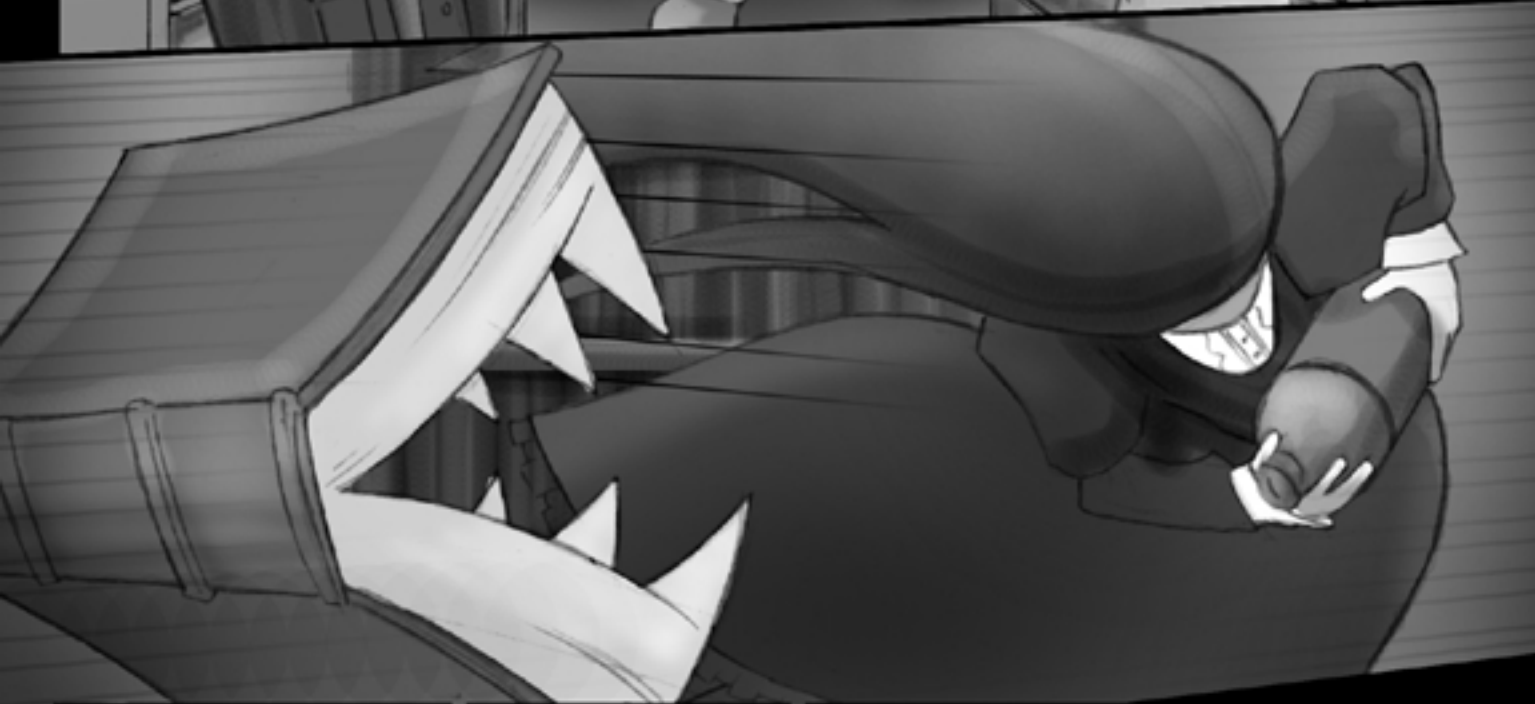
IF THE NECRO-  
NOMICON HAS ACCESS  
TO THE INTERNET...  
IT'S POWERS WILL BE  
LIMITLESS! THE ENTIRE  
WORLD WILL BE SUBJECT  
TO IT'S INFLUENCE!

EVERYONE WILL  
HEAR IT'S CALL TO  
MADNESS! THE GREAT  
OLD ONES WILL HOLD  
DOMINION OVER ALL,  
AND A NEW DARK AGE  
WILL BEGIN!

THE WORLD  
WILL BECOME A  
LIVING, BREATHING,  
INESCAPABLE  
HELL!







INDEED.

THIS IS GOING  
TO TAKE FOREVER  
TO CLEAN UP.

WOW...

THAT WORKED EVEN  
BETTER THAN I'D  
THOUGHT IT WOULD.

SO...  
IS IT  
TOTALLED?

IT WAS IN  
BAD SHAPE  
TO BEGIN  
WITH, BUT I  
THINK I CAN  
SALVAGE IT.

SORRY  
ABOUT THAT.

SIGH

IT'S NOT  
A VERY GOOD  
BOOK ANYWAY.  
DON'T WORRY  
ABOUT IT.

IT DID  
TRY TO EAT  
YOU AFTER  
ALL.







DO YOU LIKE TEA?

TEA? YEAH, I GUESS SO.

EXCELLENT. THEN I SAY WE CLOSE UP FOR THE NIGHT.



WHAT ABOUT CLEANING? AND YOUR RESEARCH?

IT CAN WAIT TILL MONDAY.



WHAT ABOUT THE WAGER? YOU KNOW I WON RIGHT?

YES, I DID!

NO, YOU DID NOT.

YOUR INFORMATION WAS INCOMPLETE AND ENTIRELY INACCURATE.



SAYS THE GIRL THAT CAME BACK EMPTY HANDED!

DOESN'T COUNT!

BUT I PROVED THAT THE LIBRARY HAS THE RESOURCES TO OBTAIN THE INFORMATION.

*Fin*

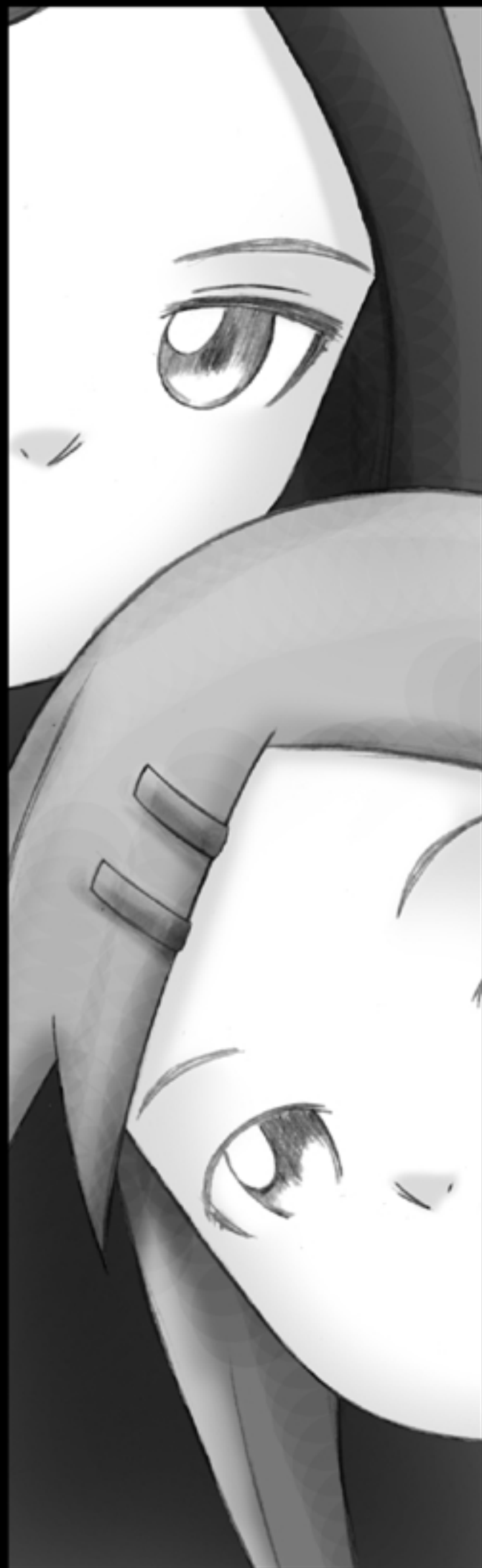


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IT'S THE MOST  
POWERFUL  
COMPUTER I'VE  
EVER BUILT!

I CALL IT...  
**ARTEMIS!**



ARTEMIS.  
THE  
HUNTRESS.  
GODDESS  
OF THE  
WILDERNESS.  
YES...IT IS  
THE PERFECT  
NAME.

WELL  
DONE.



ACTUALLY...  
I WAS THINKING  
ARTEMIS FOWL.

KID GENIUS...  
INTERNATION  
CRIMINAL...



Thanks for Reading!

