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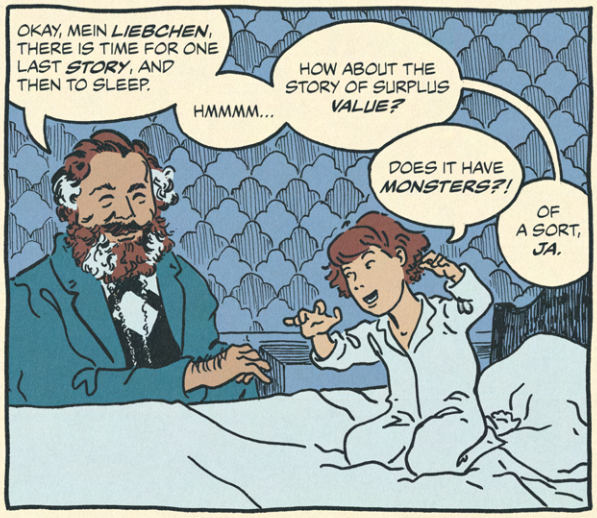
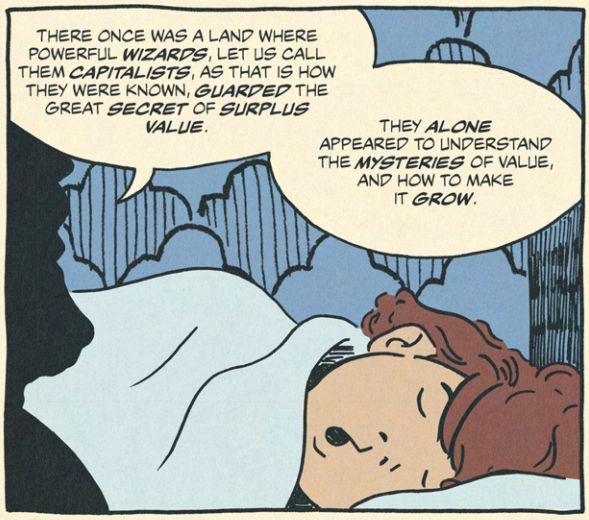
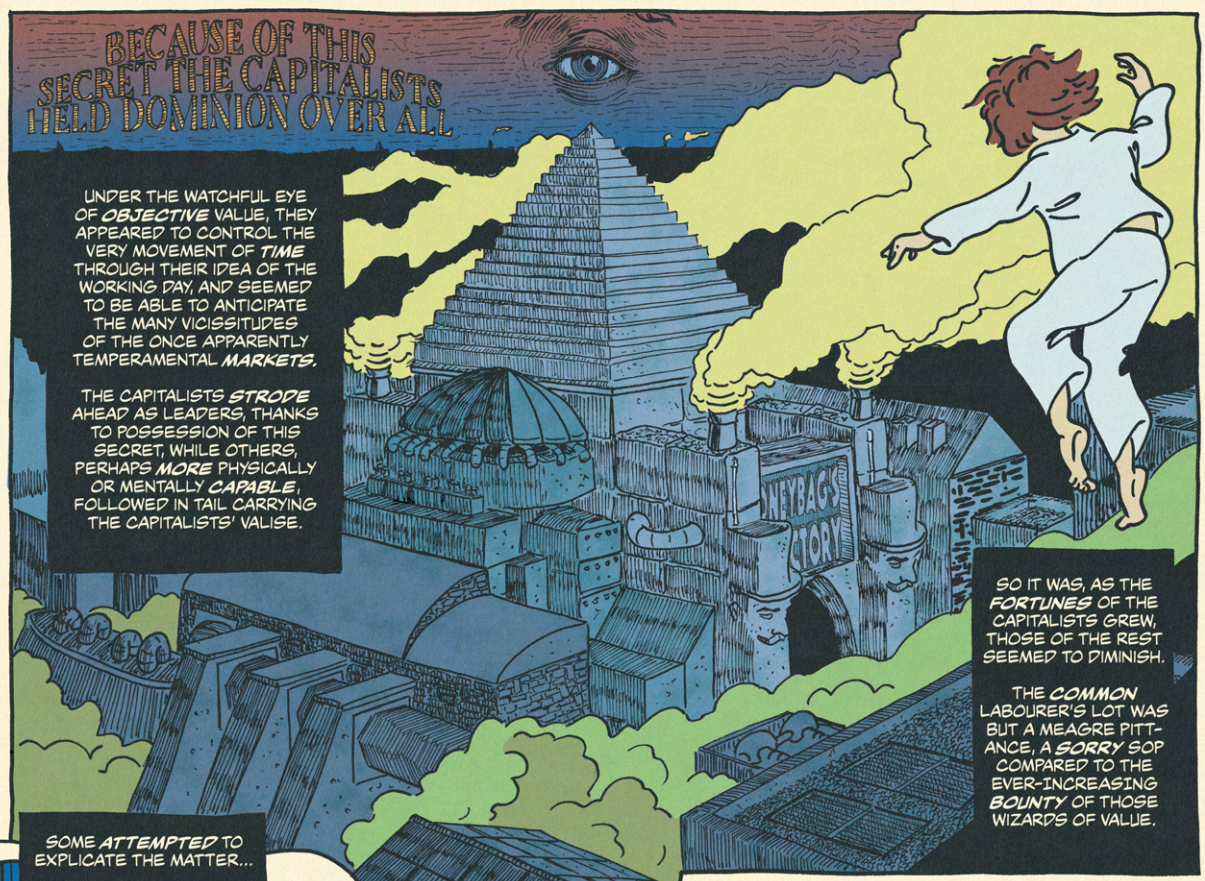
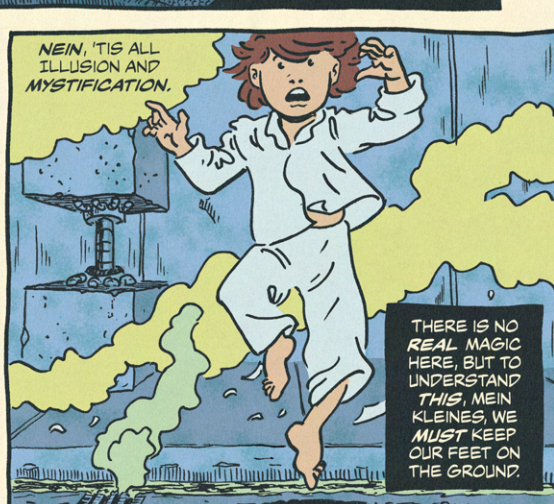

OKAY, MEIN LIEBCHEN, THERE IS TIME FOR ONE LAST STORY, AND THEN TO SLEEP.
HMMMM...
HOW ABOUT THE STORY OF SURPLUS VALUE?
DOES IT HAVE MONSTERS?!
OF A SORT, JA.


THERE ONCE WAS A LAND WHERE POWERFUL WIZARDS, LET US CALL THEM CAPITALISTS, AS THAT IS HOW THEY WERE KNOWN, GUARDED THE GREAT SECRET OF SURPLUS VALUE.
THEY ALONE APPEARED TO UNDERSTAND THE MYSTERIES OF VALUE, AND HOW TO MAKE IT GROW.


BECAUSE OF THIS SECRET THE CAPITALISTS HELD DOMINION OVER ALL
UNDER THE WATCHFUL EYE OF OBJECTIVE VALUE, THEY APPEARED TO CONTROL THE VERY MOVEMENT OF TIME THROUGH THEIR IDEA OF THE WORKING DAY, AND SEEMED TO BE ABLE TO ANTICIPATE THE MANY VICISSITUDES OF THE ONCE APPARENTLY TEMPERAMENTAL MARKETS.
THE CAPITALISTS STRODE AHEAD AS LEADERS, THANKS TO POSSESSION OF THIS SECRET, WHILE OTHERS, PERHAPS MORE PHYSICALLY OR MENTALLY CAPABLE, FOLLOWED IN TAIL CARRYING THE CAPITALISTS' VALISE.
SO IT WAS, AS THE FORTUNES OF THE CAPITALISTS GREW, THOSE OF THE REST SEEMED TO DIMINISH.
THE COMMON LABOURER'S LOT WAS BUT A MEAGRE PITTANCE, A SORRY SOP COMPARED TO THE EVER-INCREASING BOUNTY OF THOSE WIZARDS OF VALUE.


SOME ATTEMPTED TO EXPLICATE THE MATTER...
IT'S MASTERY OF SUPPLY AND DEMAND!
BUT THIS COULDN'T BE, AS WHEN SUPPLY AND DEMAND WERE IN PERFECT EQUILIBRIUM, THE CAPITAL STILL GREW.
IT'S GREATER EFFICIENCY!
KOMM JETZT! ARE WE EVEN ECONOMISTS? EFFICIENCY DRIVES COSTS DOWN, NOT UP!


NEIN, 'TIS ALL ILLUSION AND MYSTIFICATION.
THERE IS NO REAL MAGIC HERE, BUT TO UNDERSTAND THIS, MEIN KLEINES, WE MUST KEEP OUR FEET ON THE GROUND.

ONLY BY *MEASURING* VALUE AND *OBSERVING* THE PROCESS BY WHICH SURPLUS VALUE IS GENERATED WILL ITS SECRET BE REVEALED.

THIS CAPITALIST *PROCESS* IS THE *KEY*, RATHER THAN THE *STATIC* COMMODITIES THEY TAKE TO MARKET.

NO ADMITTANCE EXCEPT ON BUSINESS

BUT, FIRST, WE MUST CONSIDER THE ROLE OF *MONEY*, THE CAPITALISTS' MEASURE OF *VALUE*, AND THEIR MEANS OF *REALISING* THE HIDDEN SOCIAL RELATIONS THAT ENABLE THE *MOVEMENT* OF VALUE *FROM* MONEY *TO* COMMODITY AND *THEN*, ULTIMATELY, INTO *PROFIT*.

IN THE *HOUSE* OF *PRODUCTION* THIS MOVEMENT IS THE CAPITALIST'S FASCINATION, THE *FLOW* OF VALUE BETWEEN ITS MONEY FORM AND ITS *COMMODITY* FORM THROUGH TYPES OF *MARKET* EXCHANGE.

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IN FACT, THESE WIZARDS SEE *CAPITAL*, THEIR FUNNY *MAGIC*, AS VALUE IN *MOTION*.

THE PROCESS BEGINS WITH MONEY, WHICH THE CAPITALIST *EXCHANGES* FOR PARTICULAR COMMODITIES- USUALY VARIED *MEANS* OF PRODUCTION, SUCH AS MATERIALS, TOOLS AND MACHINERY, FROM WHICH ARE *FASHIONED* NEW COMMODITIES FOR *MARKET*.

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AND THIS IS WHERE, THROUGH SALES, THE CAPITALIST *SHIFTS* VALUE BACK INTO ITS MONEY FORM AND WE NOW SEE *PROFIT*...

BUT WAIT!

IN A *PERFECTLY* FUNCTIONING MARKET, WITH EQUILIBRIUM BETWEEN SUPPLY AND DEMAND, WHERE DOES THIS PROFIT, THIS *SURPLUS VALUE*, COME FROM?

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THE CAPITALIST MUST HAVE PURCHASED *ANOTHER*, LESS OBVIOUS TYPE OF COMMODITY WHICH HAS THE *UNIQUE* ABILITY TO *GENERATE* SURPLUS VALUE.

ALRIGHT, YOU'VE *GOT* ME.

I DID *INDEED* PURCHASE SUCH A COMMODITY IN THE FORM OF *LABOUR-POWER*. AND FOR A FINE PRICE TOO!

HA! HA! HA!

ACH DU MEINE GÜTE! THIS IS YOUR *MAGIC*.

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LABOUR-POWER

OWNED BY THE *WORKER*, IS THE ONLY COMMODITY IN THE KNOWN UNIVERSE *CAPABLE* OF ADDING VALUE, OF CREATING *MORE* THAN WAS THERE BEFORE.

I AM ABLE TO *PURCHASE* THIS UNIQUE COMMODITY ON THE MARKET, IN THE FORM OF THE BEARER'S TIME, VIA THE *MECHANISM* OF WAGES. A WORKER PRODUCES THE VALUE OF THEIR OWN WAGES IN JUST A...

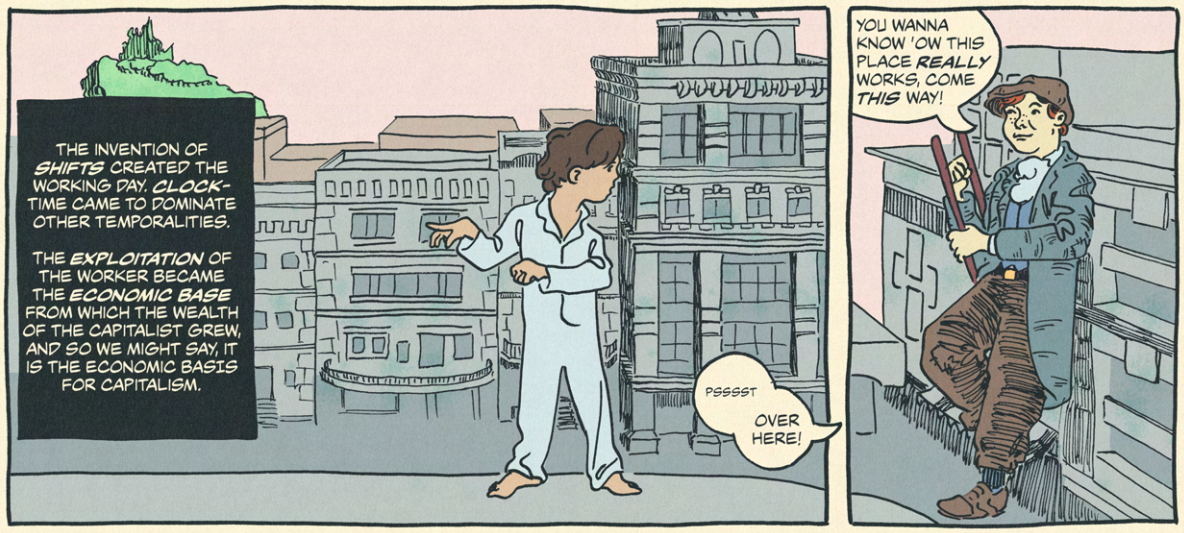
...FRACTION OF THE WORKING DAY, *ALL* THE REST OF THE *VALUE* THEY PRODUCE IN THAT DAY IS SURPLUS BELONGING TO MYSELF. FOR ME, WAGES ARE *ABSORBED* IN THE COST OF PRODUCTION, *BUT* TO A WORKER, WAGES ARE THEIR *ONLY* WAY TO BUY THE VERY *STUFF* OF LIFE, NAMELY, THE COMMODITIES *THEY* MAKE IN *MY* FACTORIES!

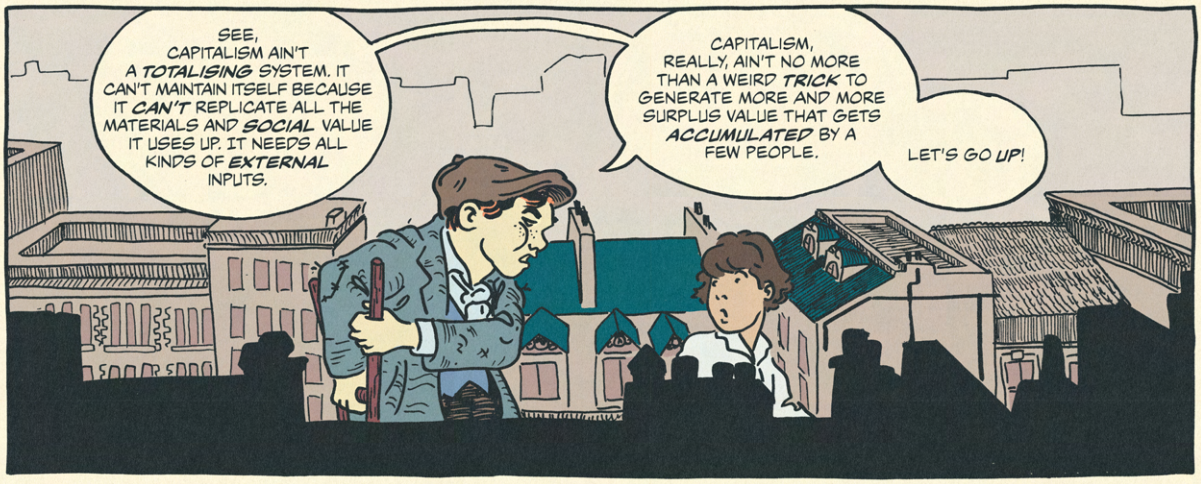
THERE IS *NO* MAGIC TO THE *TRICK* OF SURPLUS VALUE. PRIVATE OWNERSHIP OF THE MEANS OF PRODUCTION MEANS WORKERS HAVE *NO* OPTIONS BUT TO SELL THEIR LABOUR POWER AT THE RATE SET BY THE BOSSES. *BUT*, THE QUESTION IS: *HOW* DID IT GET LIKE THIS?


IN THIS LAND WHERE THE CAPITALIST RULES ALL, THERE ONCE EXISTED A SET OF SOCIAL AND HISTORICAL CONDITIONS, FROM WHICH AROSE THE MARKET FOR WAGED LABOUR.
THINGS DEVELOPED IN MUCH THE SAME WAY AS IN ANOTHER FANTASTICAL LAND OF GREAT HYPOCRISY AND CANT: ENGLAND.


LANDGRABBING ON A GREAT SCALE WAS THE FIRST STEP. THE LABOURERS WERE DRIVEN FROM THE LAND THROUGH LEGAL MEANS AND BLOODY FORCE TO MAKE ROOM FOR MORE OF THE LANDLORD'S SHEEP. THESE ENCLOSURES CAUSED WIDESPREAD DISPOSSESSION OF THE PEASANTRY AND PEOPLE'S CUSTOMARY RIGHTS TO THE COMMONS WERE LOST. THIS DISRUPTED THE SELF-SUFFICIENCY THAT THE LAND AND THEIR SOCIAL RELATIONS AFFORDED THEM.


NATURE WAS BEING RE-IMAGINED, TOO, IN ECONOMIC TERMS, AS STOCKS OF RESOURCES. CONTROL WAS CONCENTRATED IN THE HANDS OF A FEW AS 'PRIVATE PROPERTY'.
AS THEIR BONDS TO THE LAND WERE BROKEN, AND WITH NO PROPERTY OF THEIR OWN, THE NEW LANDLESS HAD FEW OPTIONS BUT TO SELL THEIR OWN ABILITY TO WORK, THEIR LABOUR-POWER.
PEOPLE WERE FORCED INTO FACTORY TOWNS AND MINING ENCLAVES THAT GREW INTO CITIES. HERE THEY COULD SELL THEIR LABOUR-POWER FOR WAGES.

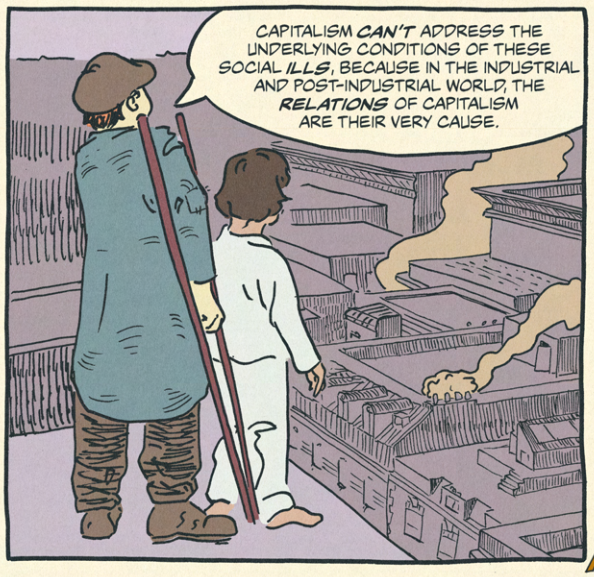

THE INVENTION OF SHIFTS CREATED THE WORKING DAY. CLOCK-TIME CAME TO DOMINATE OTHER TEMPORALITIES.
THE EXPLOITATION OF THE WORKER BECAME THE ECONOMIC BASE FROM WHICH THE WEALTH OF THE CAPITALIST GREW, AND SO WE MIGHT SAY, IT IS THE ECONOMIC BASIS FOR CAPITALISM.
PSSSST
OVER HERE!
YOU WANNA KNOW 'OW THIS PLACE REALLY WORKS, COME THIS WAY!

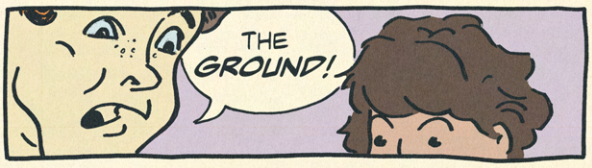

SEE, CAPITALISM AIN'T A TOTALISING SYSTEM. IT CAN'T MAINTAIN ITSELF BECAUSE IT CAN'T REPLICATE ALL THE MATERIALS AND SOCIAL VALUE IT USES UP. IT NEEDS ALL KINDS OF EXTERNAL INPUTS.
CAPITALISM, REALLY, AIN'T NO MORE THAN A WEIRD TRICK TO GENERATE MORE AND MORE SURPLUS VALUE THAT GETS ACCUMULATED BY A FEW PEOPLE.
LET'S GO UP!


ITS INTERNAL LOGIC IS BASED ON THE NEED FOR CONSTANT GROWTH, AND ITS MECHANISMS ALWAYS NEED QUICKER THROUGHPUT - MORE 'N CHEAPER RESOURCES AND MORE 'EFFICIENT' WORK. THESE THINGS ARE BASED ON THE EXPLOITATION OF...

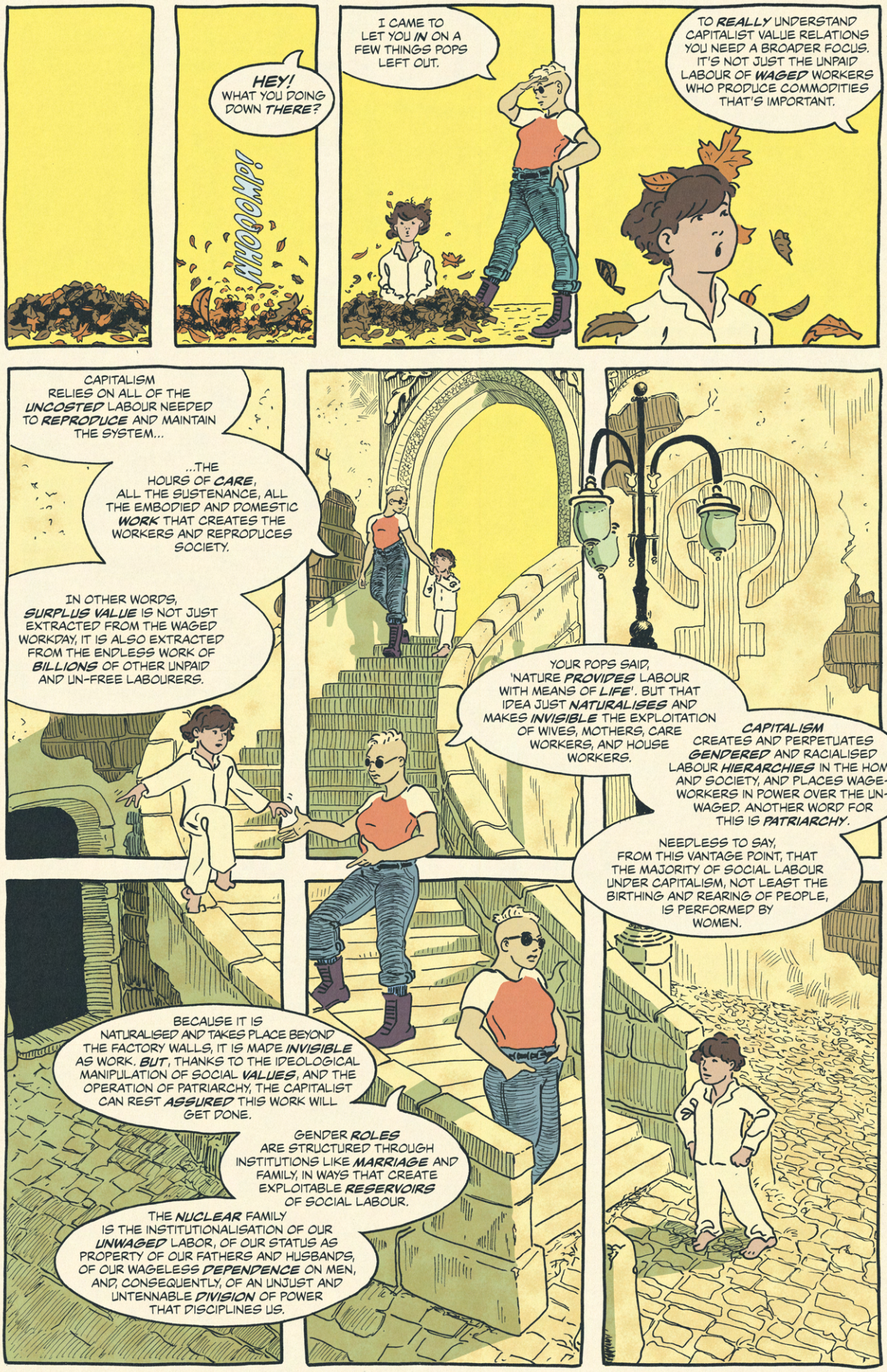

...PEOPLE, NATURE AND ALL SORTS OF NON-MARKET VALUES. WITHOUT THEM, CAPITALISM CAN'T SURVIVE. THIS CREATES TENSIONS AND CONTRADICTIONS BECAUSE CAPITALISM AIN'T A SOUND SYSTEM OF SOCIAL GOVERNANCE, CAPITALISTS HAVE TO CO-OPT SOCIAL AND GOVERNMENT INSTITUTIONS TO DEAL WITH...


...THE INEVITABLE CRISES THESE TENSIONS AND INHERENT CONTRADICTIONS CREATE. WORTH IS TOTTED-UP IN TERMS OF USEFULNESS TO CAPITAL.
SOME PEOPLE GET USED UP, IGNORED OR PUSHED TO THE FRINGES OF THE ECONOMIC ORDER.

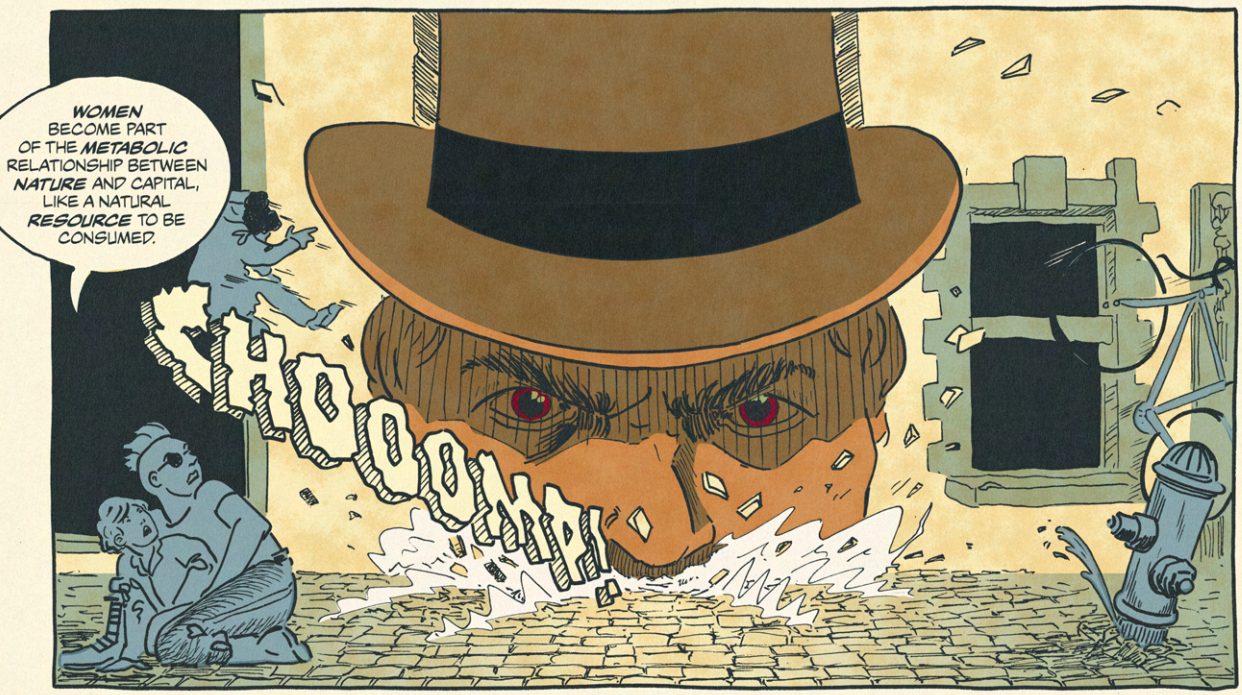

CAPITALISM CAN'T ADDRESS THE UNDERLYING CONDITIONS OF THESE SOCIAL ILLS, BECAUSE IN THE INDUSTRIAL AND POST-INDUSTRIAL WORLD, THE RELATIONS OF CAPITALISM ARE THEIR VERY CAUSE.


THE GROUND!


IT'S... SHAKING!
RUUUUUUMBLEE!!


HEY! WHAT YOU DOING DOWN THERE?
AHOOAH!
I CAME TO LET YOU IN ON A FEW THINGS POPS LEFT OUT.
TO REALLY UNDERSTAND CAPITALIST VALUE RELATIONS YOU NEED A BROADER FOCUS. IT'S NOT JUST THE UNPAID LABOUR OF WAGED WORKERS WHO PRODUCE COMMODITIES THAT'S IMPORTANT.
CAPITALISM RELIES ON ALL OF THE UNCOSTED LABOUR NEEDED TO REPRODUCE AND MAINTAIN THE SYSTEM...
...THE HOURS OF CARE, ALL THE SUSTENANCE, ALL THE EMBODIED AND DOMESTIC WORK THAT CREATES THE WORKERS AND REPRODUCES SOCIETY.
IN OTHER WORDS, SURPLUS VALUE IS NOT JUST EXTRACTED FROM THE WAGED WORKDAY, IT IS ALSO EXTRACTED FROM THE ENDLESS WORK OF BILLIONS OF OTHER UNPAID AND UN-FREE LABOURERS.
YOUR POPS SAID, 'NATURE PROVIDES LABOUR WITH MEANS OF LIFE'. BUT THAT IDEA JUST NATURALISES AND MAKES INVISIBLE THE EXPLOITATION OF WIVES, MOTHERS, CARE WORKERS, AND HOUSE WORKERS.
CAPITALISM CREATES AND PERPETUATES GENDERED AND RACIALISED LABOUR HIERARCHIES IN THE HOME AND SOCIETY, AND PLACES WAGE-WORKERS IN POWER OVER THE UN-WAGED. ANOTHER WORD FOR THIS IS PATRIARCHY.
NEEDLESS TO SAY, FROM THIS VANTAGE POINT, THAT THE MAJORITY OF SOCIAL LABOUR UNDER CAPITALISM, NOT LEAST THE BIRTHING AND REARING OF PEOPLE, IS PERFORMED BY WOMEN.
BECAUSE IT IS NATURALISED AND TAKES PLACE BEYOND THE FACTORY WALLS, IT IS MADE INVISIBLE AS WORK. BUT, THANKS TO THE IDEOLOGICAL MANIPULATION OF SOCIAL VALUES, AND THE OPERATION OF PATRIARCHY, THE CAPITALIST CAN REST ASSURED THIS WORK WILL GET DONE.
GENDER ROLES ARE STRUCTURED THROUGH INSTITUTIONS LIKE MARRIAGE AND FAMILY, IN WAYS THAT CREATE EXPLOITABLE RESERVOIRS OF SOCIAL LABOUR.
THE NUCLEAR FAMILY IS THE INSTITUTIONALISATION OF OUR UNWAGED LABOR, OF OUR STATUS AS PROPERTY OF OUR FATHERS AND HUSBANDS, OF OUR WAGELESS DEPENDENCE ON MEN, AND, CONSEQUENTLY, OF AN UNJUST AND UNTENNABLE DIVISION OF POWER THAT DISCIPLINES US.


BY DENYING THE ROLE OF DOMESTIC WORK AS LABOUR FOR CAPITAL, AND KEEPING ITS ROLE IN GENERATING SURPLUS VALUE INVISIBLE, THE CAPITALIST IS ABLE TO TREAT IT AS ANY...
...OTHER 'BACK-GROUND CONDITION' OF LIFE, AND THE DOMESTIC SPACE BECOMES A SPACE OF ENCLOSURE AND EXTRACTION.


WOMEN BECOME PART OF THE METABOLIC RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN NATURE AND CAPITAL, LIKE A NATURAL RESOURCE TO BE CONSUMED.
SHOOOMP!


OUR BODIES BELONGING TO OUR FAMILY, OUR UPKEEP THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE BEARERS OF LABOUR-POWER, AND THE CAPITALIST AS THE ULTIMATE BENEFICIARY OF OUR WORK.
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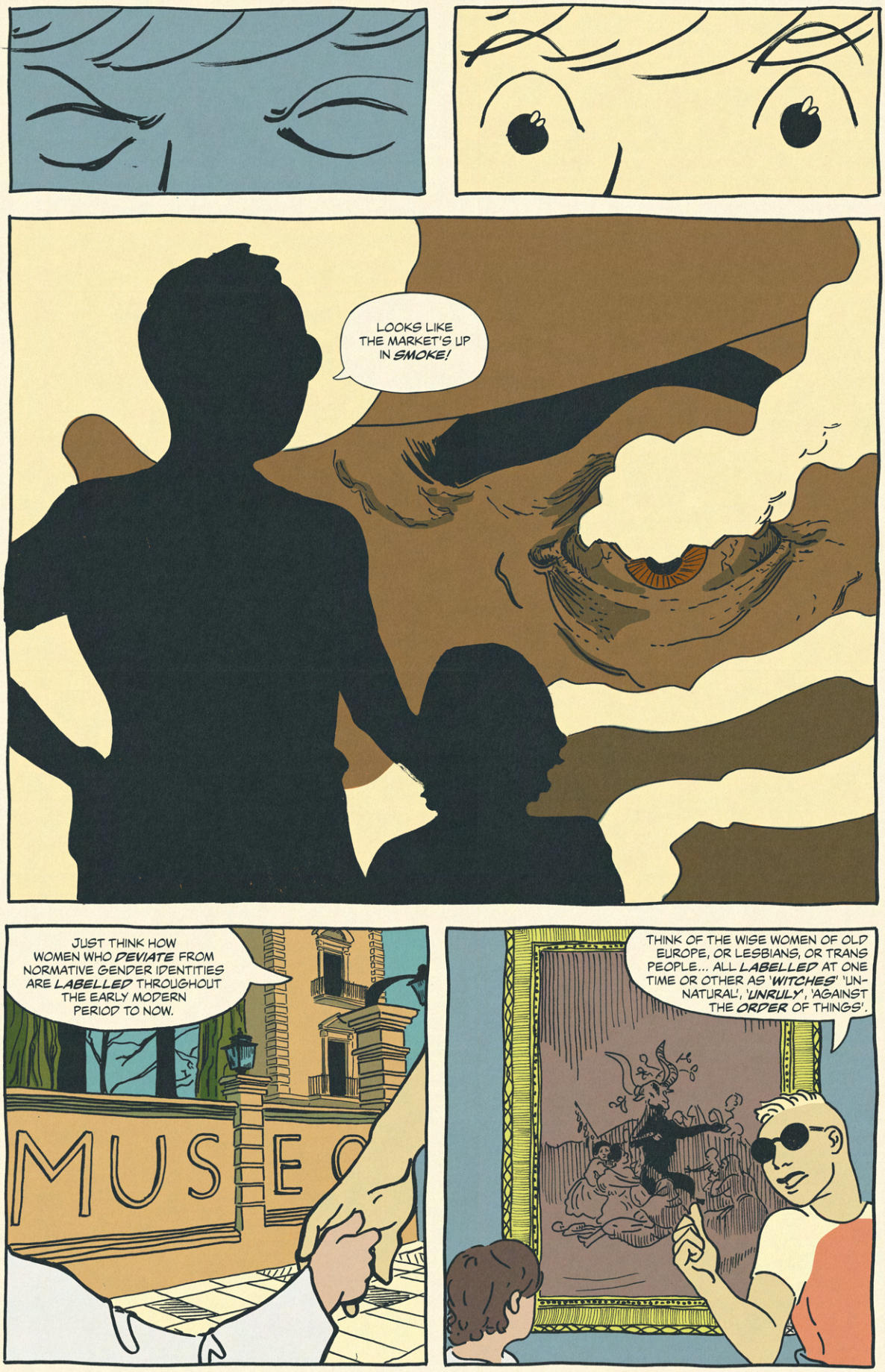
TRAAAA
BOOM


LOOKS LIKE THE MARKET'S UP IN SMOKE!
JUST THINK HOW WOMEN WHO DEVIATE FROM NORMATIVE GENDER IDENTITIES ARE LABELLED THROUGHOUT THE EARLY MODERN PERIOD TO NOW.
MUSEO
THINK OF THE WISE WOMEN OF OLD EUROPE, OR LESBIANS, OR TRANS PEOPLE... ALL LABELLED AT ONE TIME OR OTHER AS 'WITCHES' 'UNNATURAL', 'UNRULY', 'AGAINST THE ORDER OF THINGS'.



RED WOMEN'S WORKSHOP
(1975)

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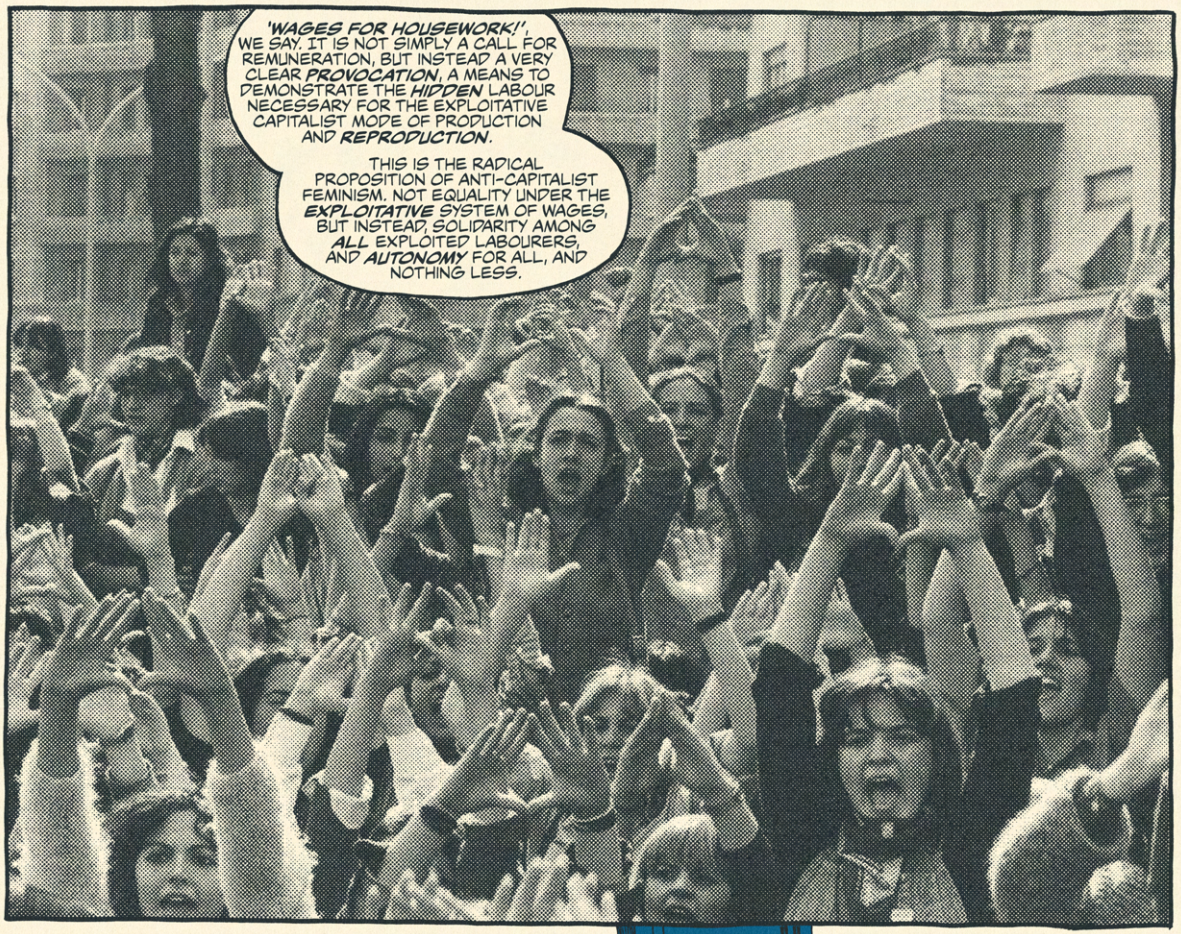
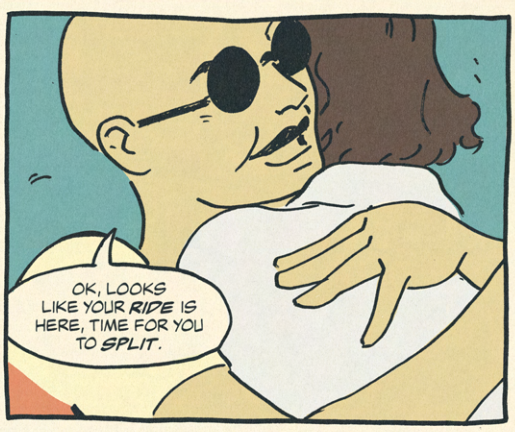







DON'T BE SCARED, YOU KNOW, ITS PROBABLY NOT A BAD THING TO GET A BIT OF AN ELEVATED PERSPECTIVE.
MUCH OF THE STORY SO FAR HAS BEEN FOCUSED ON THE PLACES WHERE CAPITALISM DEVELOPED, AND YOU'VE BEEN TOLD ABOUT ITS BEGINNINGS AS IF HISTORY PROGRESSED IN CLEAR, LINEAR STAGES.
BUT UP HERE YOU ARE REMINDED THAT IT IS A WIDE WORLD, AND NOT ALL PLACES EXPERIENCE THIS HISTORY THE SAME. NO ONE ORIGIN STORY CAN ENCAPSULATE IT ALL.
FOR EXAMPLE, IT'S WRONG TO SEE ENCLOSURE AS A ONE-OFF EVENT, SOMETHING THAT HAPPENED LONG AGO IN A STRANGE PLACE CALLED ENGLAND. SOMETHING ONCE DONE AND NEVER REPEATED.
EUROPEAN INDUSTRIALISATION WOULD HAVE BEEN IMPOSSIBLE WITHOUT EXPORTING PROCESSES OF ENCLOSURE AND EXPROPRIATION, -WITHOUT THE GLOBAL SCALE OF PRIMITIVE ACCUMULATION...
...THE TAKING OF RESOURCES, LAND AND FORCED LABOUR, THAT ACCOMPANIED WARS OF COLONIAL EXPANSION. THINK OF THE SLAVE TRADE, AND SLAVE-PLANTATION ECONOMIES WHICH PRODUCED 'CHEAP' SUGAR, FOR EXAMPLE, AND THE GENOCIDE OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLE AROUND THE WORLD.



WHILE *INDUSTRIAL* CAPITALISM MAY HAVE TAKEN ADVANTAGE OF THE COLONIAL CONTEXT FROM WHICH IT EMERGED, THE NEWER FORM OF *FINANCIAL* CAPITALISM IS EVEN MORE RELIANT ON THE PRIMITIVE ACCUMULATION ASSOCIATED WITH ENCLOSURE AND EXPROPRIATION OF VALUE, AND IN WHOLE NEW WAYS.



FINANCIAL CAPITALISM, PROMOTED DURING THE *NEOLIBERAL* CONSENSUS OF THE POST-WWII YEARS, IS BASICALLY A WAY OF ACCELERATING THE PROCESSES OF ENCLOSURE, CAPTURING *RENTS* AND INTENSIFYING COMPETITION. WITH THE GRUNTS WHO TRADE IN FINANCIAL MARKETS *BETTING* ON - OR AGAINST - ANYTHING. A *CATASTROPHE* IS AS MUCH AN OPPORTUNITY FOR PROFIT MAKING AS MARKET GROWTH.

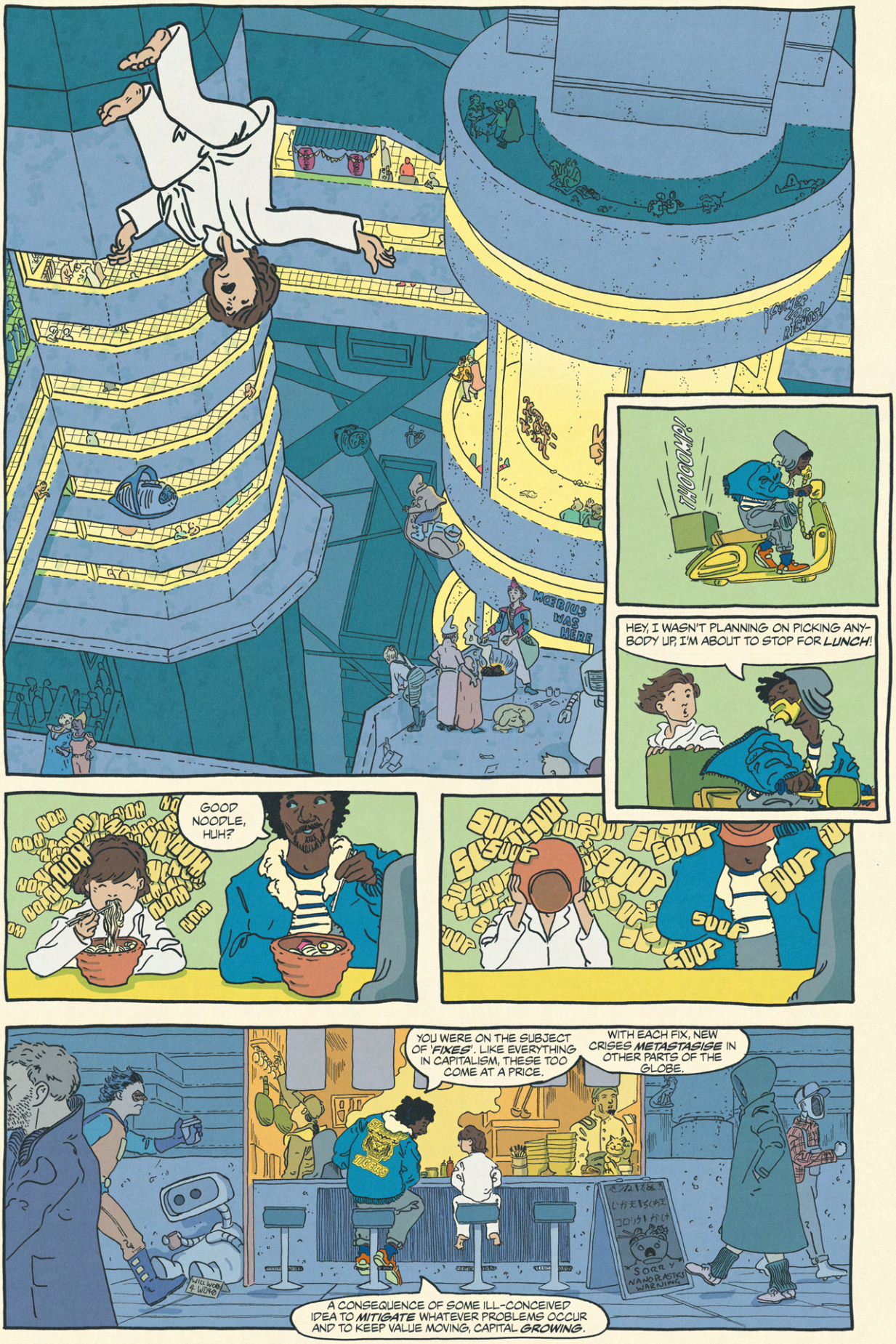
BUT THE *ONLY* 'THING' THESE MARKETS ACTUALLY *PRODUCE* IS MORE *DISCIPLINE*.

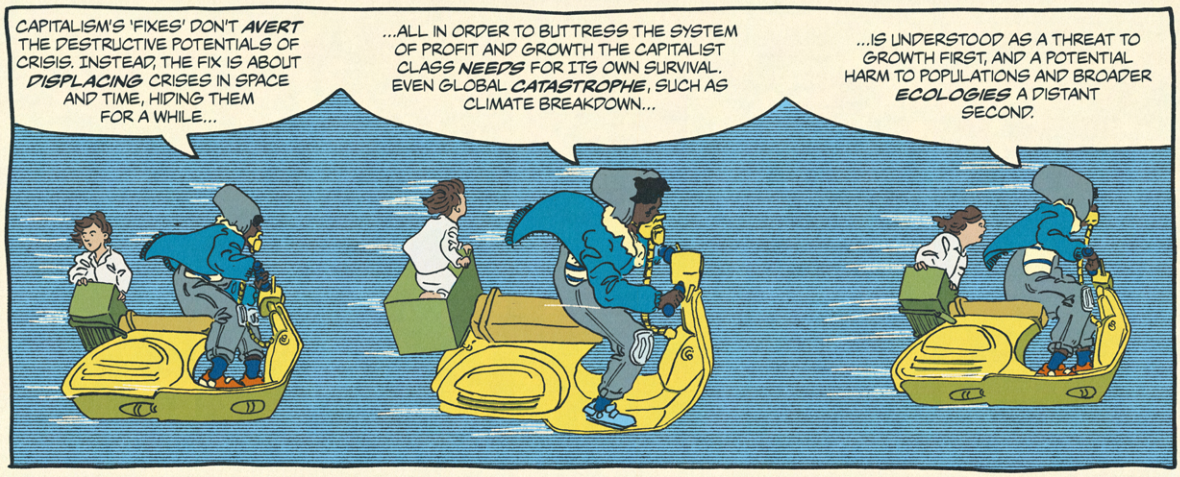


INDUSTRIAL *EXTRACTION* AND PRODUCTION CONTINUES, OF COURSE, BUT *OFTEN* GETS OUTSOURCED TO PLACES WITH CHEAPER LABOUR COSTS OR *WEAK* ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATIONS.

THIS IS MADE POSSIBLE BY *LEGAL* FRAMEWORKS SUPPORTED BY INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTIONS, *MILITARISATION* AND POLICING, EITHER BY GOVERNMENTS *ALIGNED* WITH CAPITAL OR BY PRIVATE SECURITY CONTRACTORS.


POP
AHOOOOH!
THE CLAIMING OF NEW, EXTRACTIVE RESOURCE FRONTIERS TO FEED PRODUCTION IS ONE OF THE GREAT 'FIXES' TO THE CRISES CREATED BY THE INTERNAL CONTRADICTIONS OF CAPITALISM.
FAR FROM BEING A SELF-SUSTAINING SYSTEM, THE CAPITALIST GROWTH MODEL ALWAYS REQUIRES NEW INPUTS AND GREATER CONSUMPTION, AND NOWHERE IS THE COST FELT MORE THAN IN THE TERRITORIES THE CAPITALIST SEEKS TO 'DEVELOP'.


¡CUMBRE COLOR RIENDOS!
MŒBIUS WAS HERE
THOOOMP!
HEY, I WASN'T PLANNING ON PICKING ANYBODY UP, I'M ABOUT TO STOP FOR LUNCH!
NOM
GOOD NOODLE, HUH?
SUUP
YOU WERE ON THE SUBJECT OF 'FIXES'. LIKE EVERYTHING IN CAPITALISM, THESE TOO COME AT A PRICE.
WITH EACH FIX, NEW CRISES METASTASISE IN OTHER PARTS OF THE GLOBE.
SORRY NANOPLASTICS WARNING
A CONSEQUENCE OF SOME ILL-CONCEIVED IDEA TO MITIGATE WHATEVER PROBLEMS OCCUR AND TO KEEP VALUE MOVING, CAPITAL GROWING.


CAPITALISM'S 'FIXES' DON'T AVERT THE DESTRUCTIVE POTENTIALS OF CRISIS. INSTEAD, THE FIX IS ABOUT DISPLACING CRISES IN SPACE AND TIME, HIDING THEM FOR A WHILE...
...ALL IN ORDER TO BUTTRESS THE SYSTEM OF PROFIT AND GROWTH THE CAPITALIST CLASS NEEDS FOR ITS OWN SURVIVAL. EVEN GLOBAL CATASTROPHE, SUCH AS CLIMATE BREAKDOWN...
...IS UNDERSTOOD AS A THREAT TO GROWTH FIRST, AND A POTENTIAL HARM TO POPULATIONS AND BROADER ECOLOGIES A DISTANT SECOND.


TAKE THE 'GREEN TRANSITION', A WHOLE SUITE OF FIXES THAT PRETENDED TO BE ADDRESSING ONE PROBLEM, BUT WERE ACTUALLY JUST A SLUICE TO CATCH WHATEVER SPECKS OF SURPLUS VALUE REMAINED FLOWING IN THE SYSTEM. MUCH OF THEM FOCUSED ON TECHNOLOGICAL INNOVATIONS AND REFITTING INFRASTRUCTURE TO REDUCE RELIANCE ON FOSSIL FUELS. THE PROBLEM WAS THAT THESE NEW RENEWABLE TECHS REQUIRED NOT ONLY AS MUCH HEAVY INDUSTRY AS BEFORE, BUT NEW SOURCES FOR MINERAL EXTRACTION TO BUILD THE TECH. A NEW SET OF INDUSTRIES AND GROWTH OPPORTUNITIES, AND NO HOPE OF REPAIRING THE DAMAGE ALREADY DONE.
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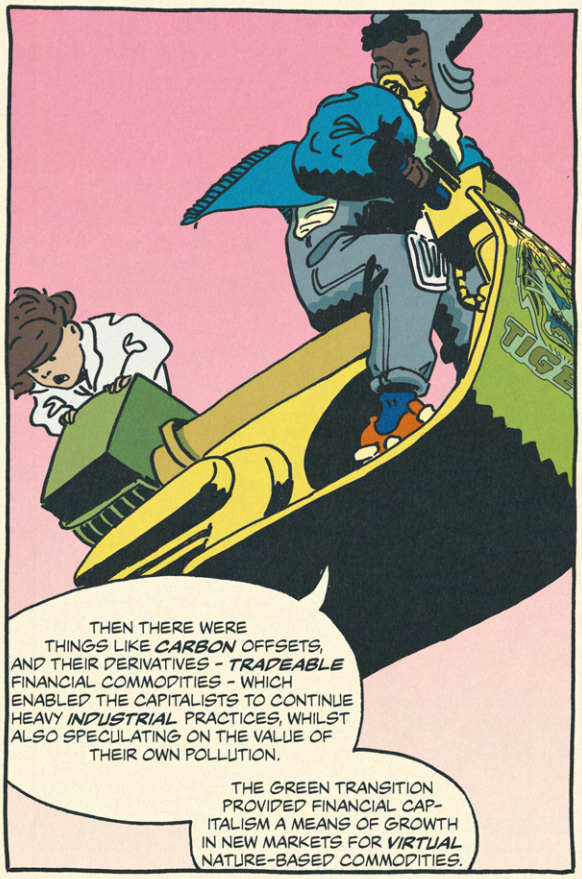
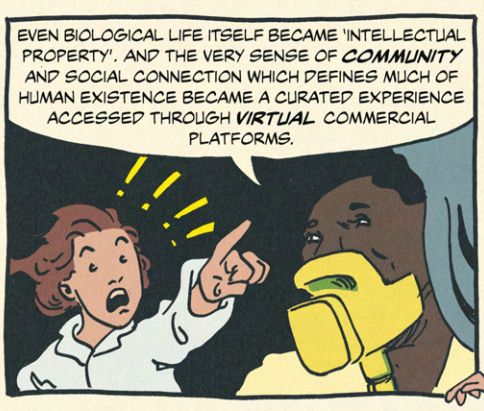
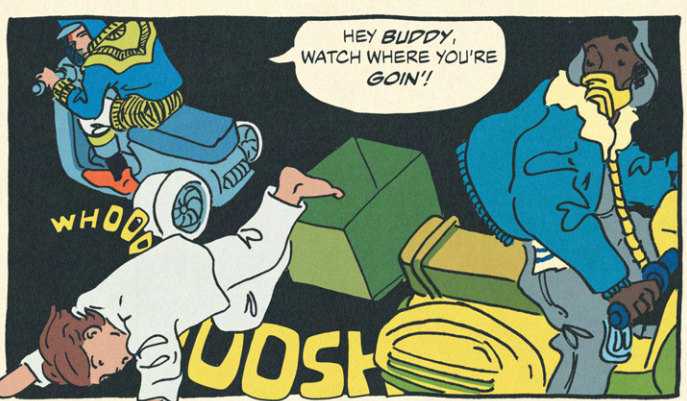
TIGERS


THEN THERE WERE THINGS LIKE CARBON OFFSETS, AND THEIR DERIVATIVES - TRADEABLE FINANCIAL COMMODITIES - WHICH ENABLED THE CAPITALISTS TO CONTINUE HEAVY INDUSTRIAL PRACTICES, WHILST ALSO SPECULATING ON THE VALUE OF THEIR OWN POLLUTION.
THE GREEN TRANSITION PROVIDED FINANCIAL CAPITALISM A MEANS OF GROWTH IN NEW MARKETS FOR VIRTUAL NATURE-BASED COMMODITIES.


THIS VIRTUAL FIX IS COMMODITY FETISHISM AT ITS MOST DISTRACTIVE. FOSTERING AN OBSESSION WITH THE THINGS CAPITALISM MAKES RATHER THAN THE PROCESSES THROUGH WHICH IT MAKES THEM.
THE CAPITALISTS BECOME TECHNO-WIZARDS, PLAYING THE SAME TRICKS BUT IN NEW ROBES.


THESE TECHNO-WIZARDS PROMISED THAT THESE VIRTUAL COMMODITIES, FINANCIAL MARKETS AND NEW ACCOUNTING TECHNIQUES WOULD 'DECOUPLE' GROWTH FROM THE HARMFUL ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL IMPACTS OF PRODUCTION.
BUT THIS GAVE RISE TO NEW, ABSTRACTED AND PIXELLATED NOTIONS OF 'NATURE' AND 'SOCIETY' THAT WORKED LIKE A DIGITAL BALANCE SHEET...
...WHERE 'BADS' HAPPENING IN ONE PLACE COULD BE CANCELLED OUT BY CREATING 'GOODS' IN ANOTHER; INEQUALITIES IN WEALTH COULD BE SMOOTHED OUT BECAUSE IT WAS THE AGGREGATE GROWTH THAT MATTERED.
THE TECHNO-WIZARDS WERE ABLE TO DO THIS BECAUSE THEY CONTROLLED AND MANIPULATED DATA AND KNOWLEDGE IN WAYS THAT CREATED SLIPPAGES BETWEEN THE WORLD WE LIVE IN AND ITS VIRTUAL REPRESENTATIONS. THE REAL WORLD UNDERCUT BY ITS DEADLY SIMULACRA.
IN THE WORLD WHERE REAL PEOPLE LIVE, ENCLOSURES CONTINUED TO EXPAND AND MULTIPLY, NOT JUST TO LAND AND RESOURCES, BUT ALSO, THANKS TO THE TECHNO-WIZARDS' DIGITAL DOPPELGÄNGER, TO THE FRAMING OF NATURE AND SOCIAL LIFE THROUGH THE LENS OF 'CAPITAL' AND 'GROWTH'.


EVEN BIOLOGICAL LIFE ITSELF BECAME 'INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY'. AND THE VERY SENSE OF COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL CONNECTION WHICH DEFINES MUCH OF HUMAN EXISTENCE BECAME A CURATED EXPERIENCE ACCESSED THROUGH VIRTUAL COMMERCIAL PLATFORMS.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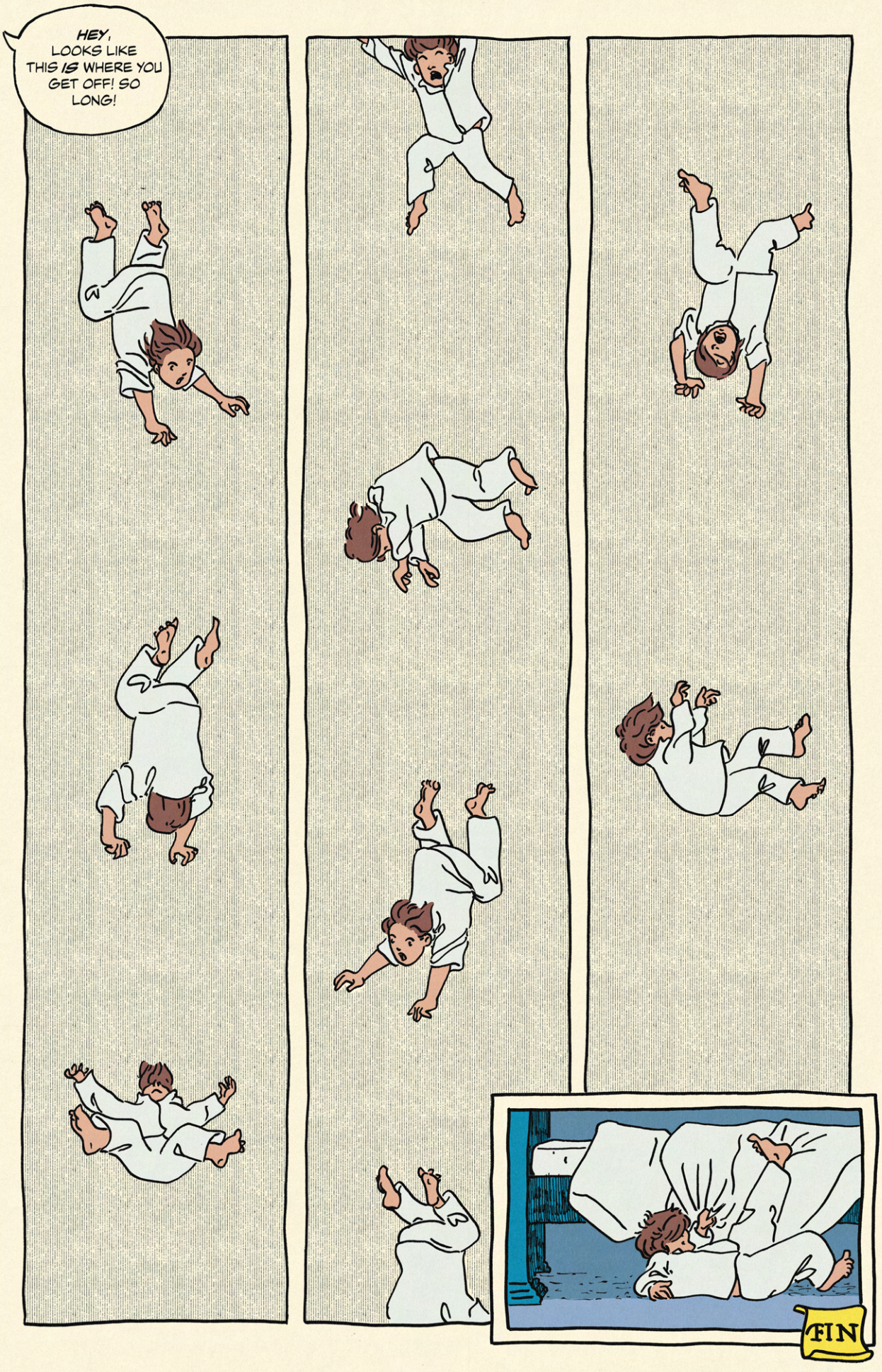
HEY, LOOKS LIKE THIS IS WHERE YOU GET OFF! SO LONG!
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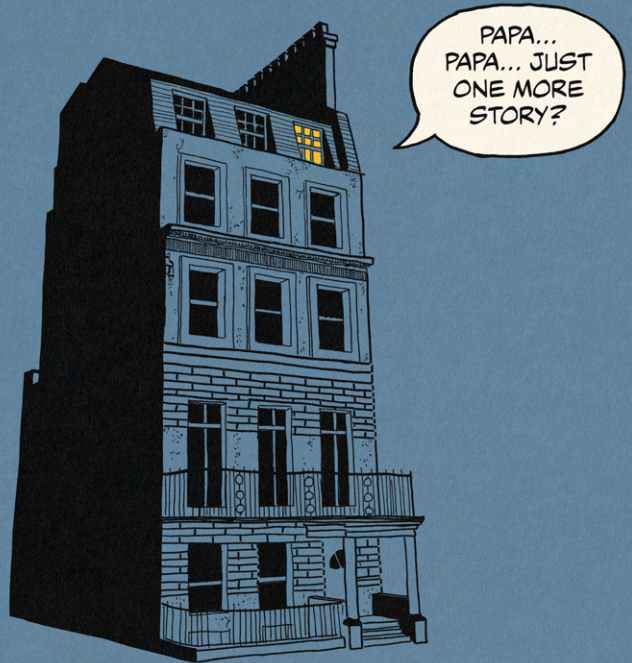
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