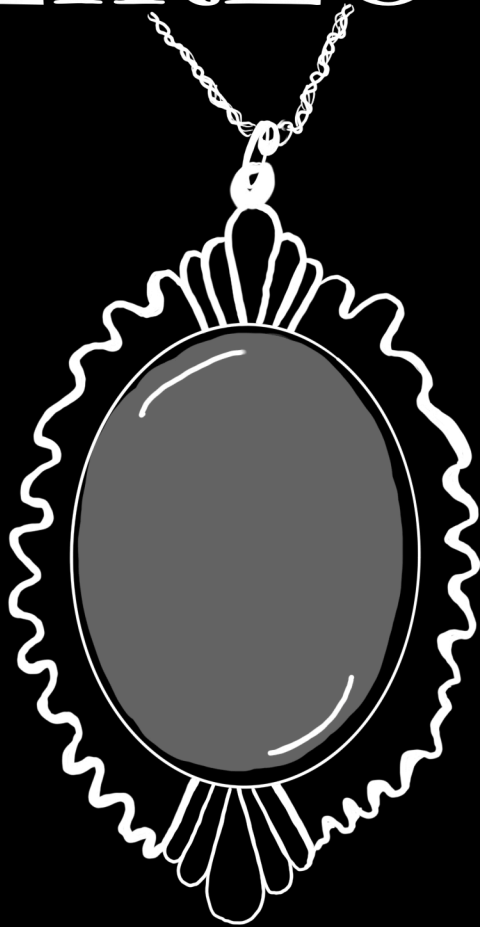


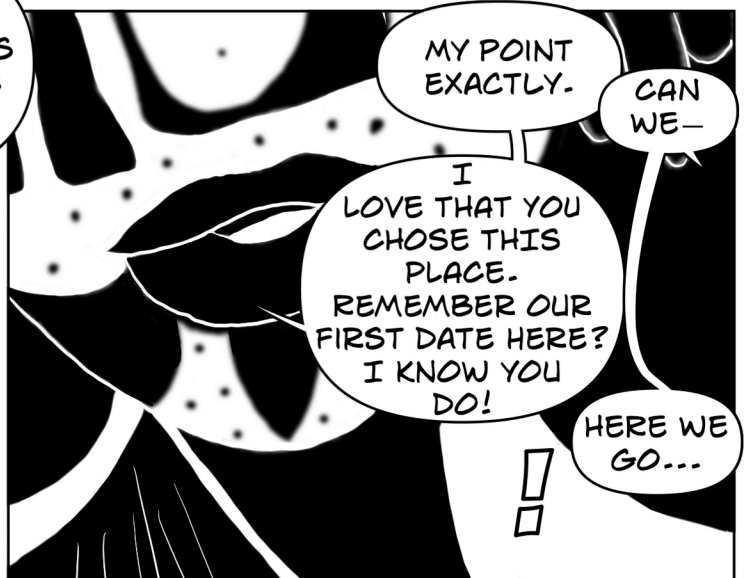
The HEIRLOOM



A Short Graphic Novel
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INSIDE THE VELVET
CLOUD LOUNGE





TWO YEARS AGO...





I DIDN'T COME HERE TO REMINISCE.



COME ON! WE HAVEN'T TALKED SINCE YOU LEFT. PLEASE DON'T ACT LIKE A STRANGER. I WANT US TO MOVE PAST THIS.



HOW CAN I? YOU JUST GAVE AWAY MY ANCESTRAL PENDANT TO YOUR BOSS!

ROUX...

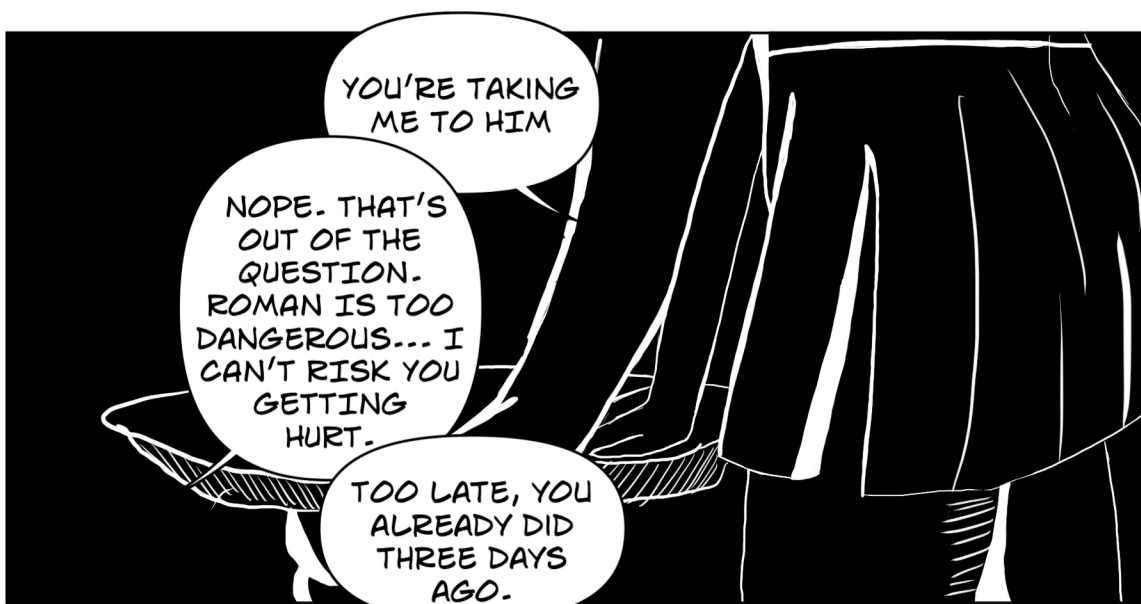


I ONLY GAVE IT TO YOU FOR THE NIGHT BECAUSE YOU SAID YOU HAD TO RUN SOME SKETCHY ASS ERRANDS.

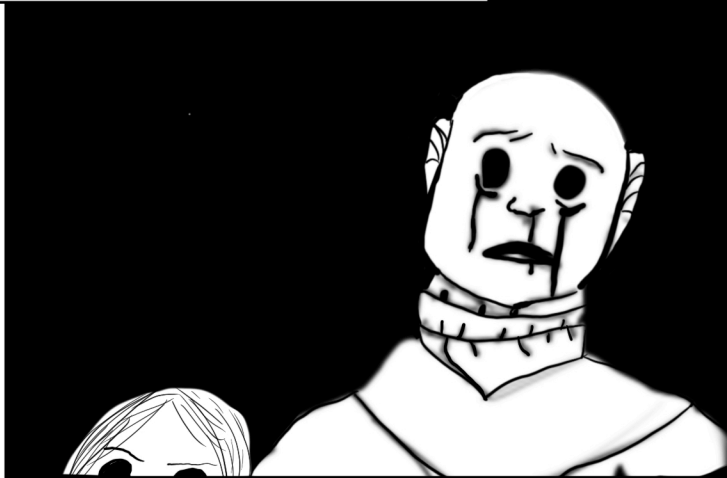


I JUST REALLY NEEDED THE MONEY AND I'VE NEVER SEEN SO MANY ZEROES—

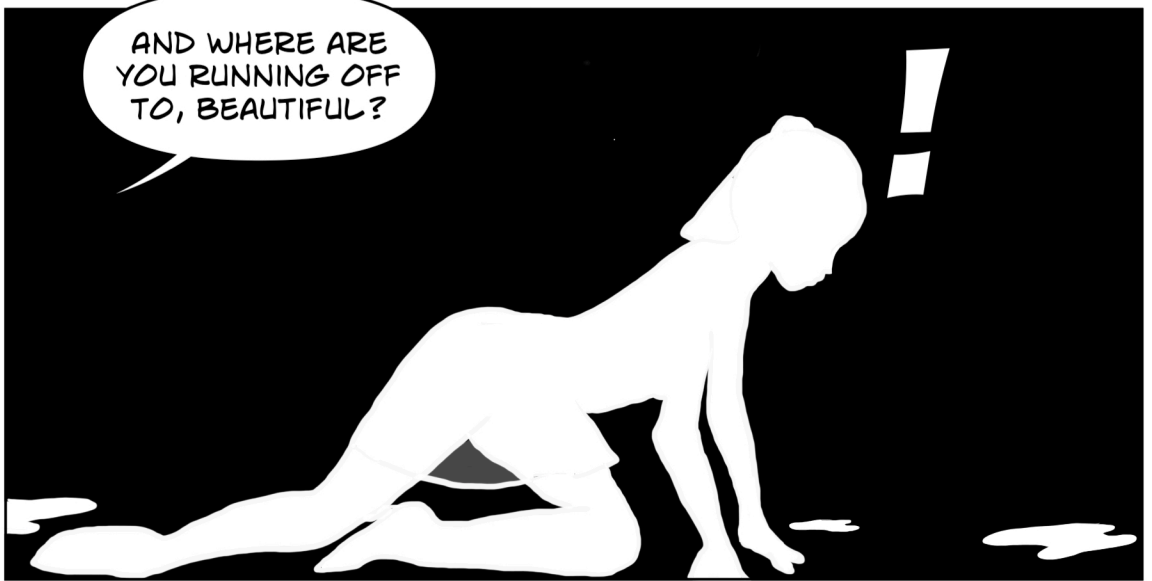
DO YOU REALIZE WHAT YOU JUST STARTED?



MEANWHILE, UNDER THE
VELVET CLOUD LIES THE RED
LOUNGE

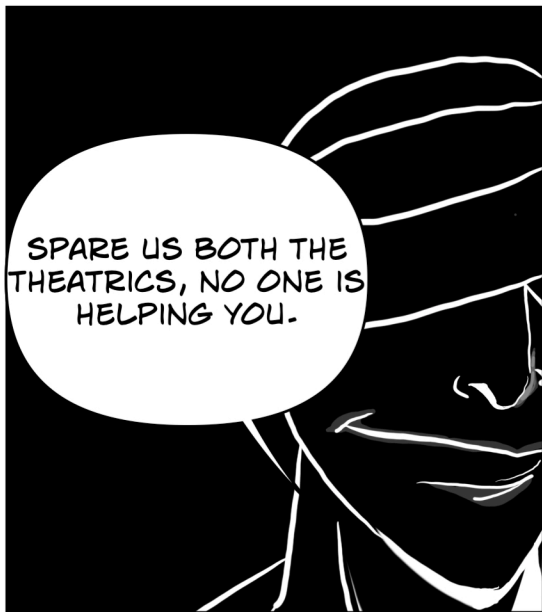


AND WHERE ARE
YOU RUNNING OFF
TO, BEAUTIFUL?

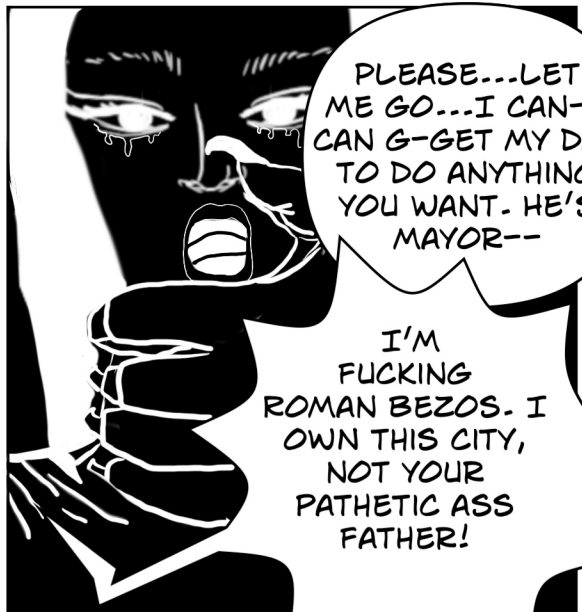


DID YOU NOT
ENJOY THE
AFTER PARTY?
YOU SURE WAS
BEGGING TO GET
IN---





SPARE US BOTH THE
THEATRICKS, NO ONE IS
HELPING YOU.



PLEASE...LET
ME GO...I CAN-I
CAN G-GET MY DAD
TO DO ANYTHING
YOU WANT. HE'S
MAYOR--

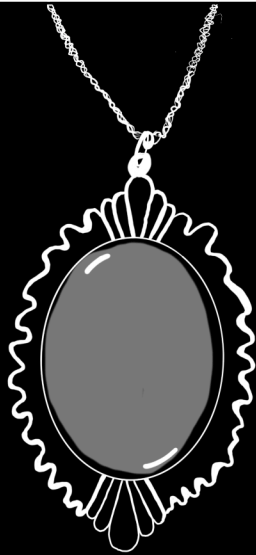
I'M
FUCKING
ROMAN BEZOS. I
OWN THIS CITY,
NOT YOUR
PATHETIC ASS
FATHER!



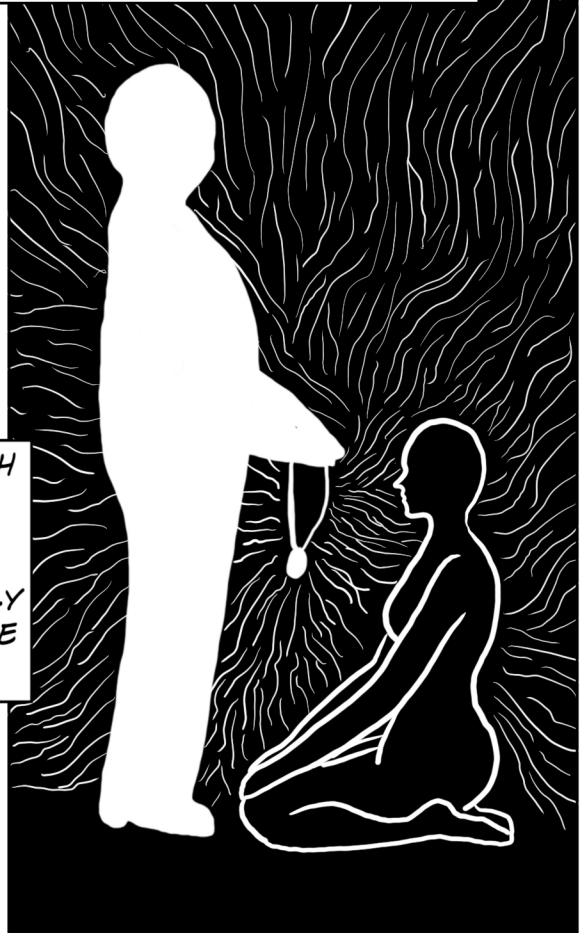
SLASHHHH



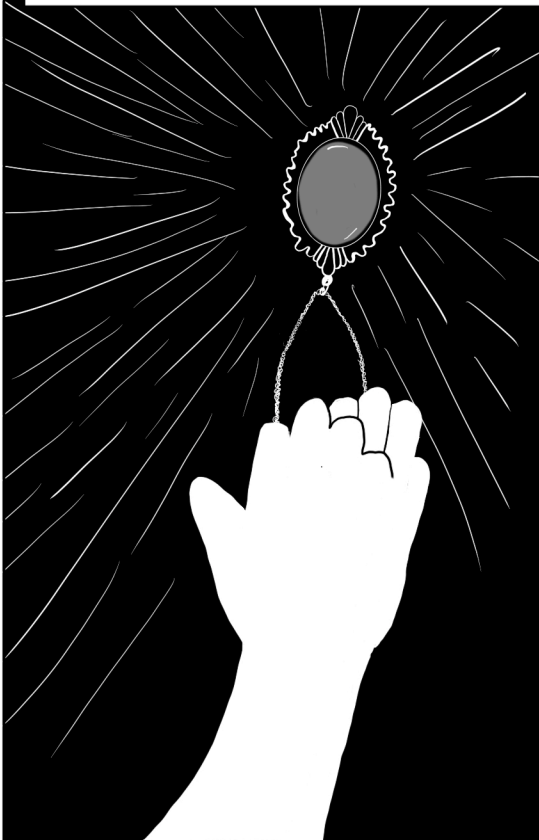
ROUX'S
FAMILY
HEIRLOOM
HAS BEEN
PASSED
DOWN FROM
HUNDREDS OF
GENERATIONS
OF
POWERFUL
WITCHES.



AS THE ELDEST MATRIARCH
PASSES AWAY, A CEREMONY IS
HELD TO CELEBRATE BOTH
THE ELDER AND THE NEXT
BEARER OF THE NECKLACE.

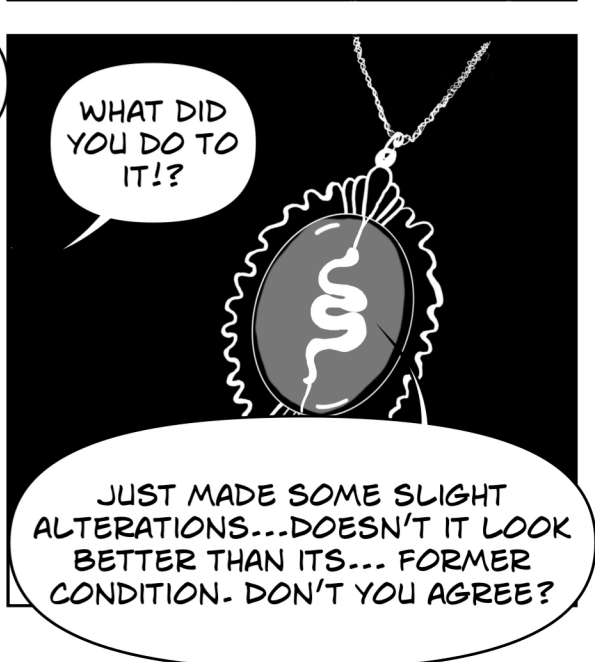


THE NECKLACE, BLESSED BY EACH
ANCESTOR, TRANSFERS THEIR
REMAINING POWERS. THIS
ACCUMULATION OF RAW,
ANCESTRAL POWER SIGNIFICANTLY
ENHANCES THE POWER OF ANYONE
THAT WEARS IT.

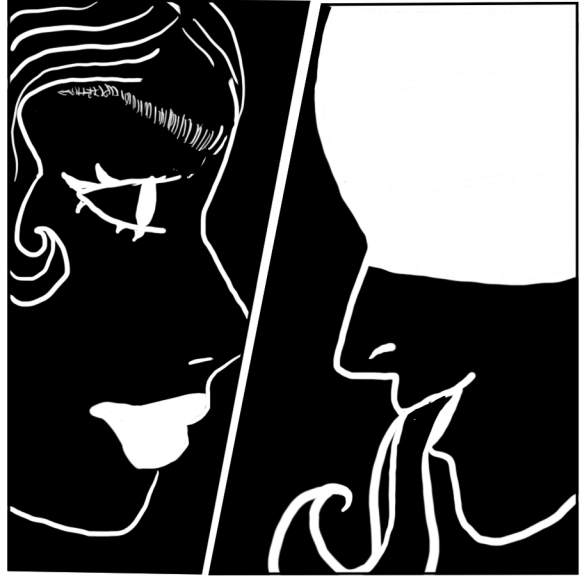


IT WAS CREATED BY THE FIRST
WITCH TO PROTECT AND
PRESERVE THE FAMILY
LINEAGE. ANYONE THAT WEARS
THIS NECKLACE IS GRANTED
PROTECTION, BUT ONLY THE
BEARER CAN ACCESS THE
HARNESSED POWERS...UNLESS
SOMEONE WERE TO REMOVE
THE PROTECTION SPELL.

BACK INSIDE ROMAN'S
RED LOUNGE







TO BE CONTINUED...

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