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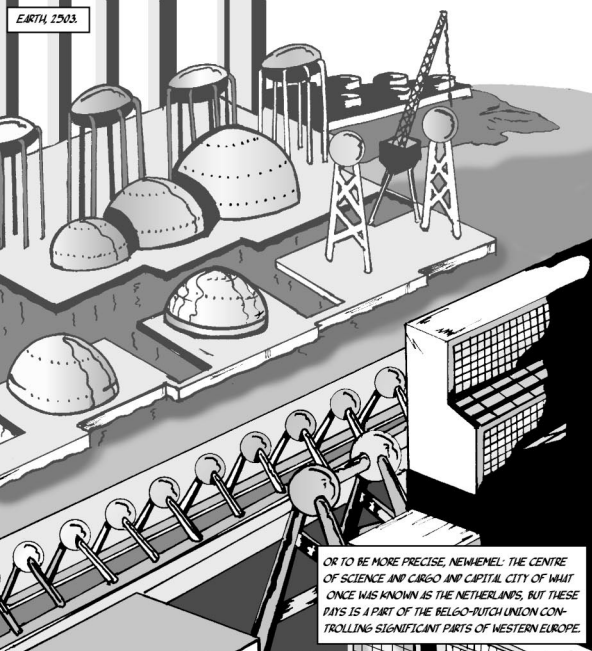
"WE'RE EXPERIENCING SIGNAL DISTURBANCES. SOMETHING IS AFFECTING OUR INSTRUMENTS. READINGS HAVE BECOME IRRELLIABLE. HOW ARE YOU HOLDING DOWN THERE? OVER."

"NO MALFUNCTIONS NOTED. MINOR DISRUPTIONS CAUSED BY ELECTROMAGNETIC INTERFERENCE OF UNKNOWN SOURCE, BUT THAT'S ALL. OVER."

"PREVIOUS READINGS INDICATED A PARTICLE STORM IN THE VICINITY OF PLANET SATURN, BUT WE HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO DETERMINE WHAT CAUSED IT, WHAT ARE OUR ORDERS? OVER."

"STAND BY. OVER AND OUT."





NIUEWEMEL IS ALSO THE HOME OF MANY STUDENTS...

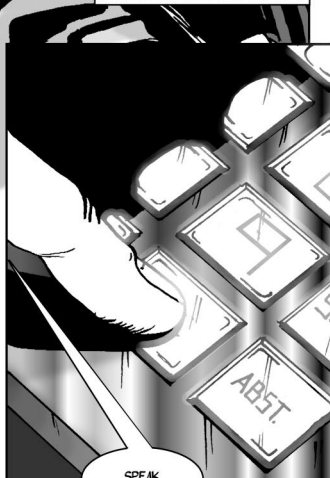


OR TO BE MORE PRECISE, NIUEWEMEL: THE CENTRE OF SCIENCE AND COMMERCE AND CAPITAL CITY OF WHAT ONCE WAS KNOWN AS THE NETHERLANDS, BUT THESE DAYS IS A PART OF THE BELGO-LUXEMBOURG UNION CONTROLLING SIGNIFICANT PARTS OF WESTERN EUROPE.

25 YEARS OLD ZACHARY BURPH IS ONLY ONE OF THEM...



...STUPIDLY HARD FOR UNCLEAR PURPOSES.



SPEAK.

BEEP BEEP BEEP BEEP



HI MUM, YES  
MUM, I TO THE LAUNDRY ONCE  
A WEEK. ...NO I DON'T EAT  
WELL...



WHAT DO YOU MEAN  
WHAT DO I TO WITH MY MONEY?  
WHAT MONEY?!



I MUST GO NOW, OR  
I'LL BE LATE FOR THE TESTS.  
NO, TESTS, MOST EXAMS... I'LL  
CALL YOU LATER.



LIKE MANY STUDENTS, ZACHARY TRIES TO INCREASE  
HIS INSUFFICIENT INCOME BY LENDING HIS BODY TO  
BENEFIT THE PROGRESS OF RESEARCH...



ALL IN THE NAME OF SCIENCE.

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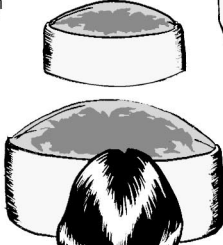
NEUHEMEL  
TRANSPORTS

NIEMIEMI TRANSPORTS STARTED OUT AS A SMALL DELIVERY FIRM, BUT OVER THREE CENTURIES THE COMPANY EXPANDED AND EVOLVED TO BECOME NOT ONLY ONE OF THE LEADING TRANSPORT COMPANIES OF THE WORLD, BUT ALSO A CENTRE FOR HIGH TECHNOLOGY SINCE RECIPIES STRUGGLING TO SOLVE THE HOOKING PUZZLE OF TELEPORTATION.



USING A DATA TRANSFERRING TECHNIQUE, THE RESEARCH TEAMS DISCOVERED HOW THEY WOULD BE ABLE TO DISINTEGRATE THE TEST OBJECTS INTO DIGITAL PATTERNS AND TRANSFER THEM THROUGH THE AETHER BEFORE RECONSTRUCTING THEM. NIEMIEMI TRANSPORTS WERE SUCCESSFUL, AND VERY SOON THE COMPANY BECAME RENOWNED WORLD WIDE.

BEING ABLE TO TRANSPORT OBJECTS LONG DISTANCES THIS WAY WAS HOWEVER NOT ENOUGH FOR THE MANAGERS AND SCIENTISTS OF THE NTS, WHO MADE UP NEW AMBITIONS: FINDING A SAFE WAY TO TELEPORT LIVING CREATURES. SUCCESSFUL TESTS WERE MADE ON SMALL ANIMALS, AND AGAIN NTS WERE PRAISED FOR THEIR ADVANCED SCIENCE.



EVENTUALLY THEY WANTED TO PROCEED WITH PERFORMING THE TESTS ON HUMANS. GREAT CONTROVERSY OCCURRED AND IT WAS SAID THAT SUCH A THING WOULD BE TOO DANGEROUS. AFTER ALL, NOBODY KNEW HOW IT WOULD AFFECT A MIND WITH A KNOWN CONSCIOUSNESS. - A HUMAN MIND COULD SIMPLY BE ERASED.



GOOD MORNING, ZAC  
CARE FOR A SANDWICH? THEY'RE WITH  
CHOCOLATE SPRINKLES!



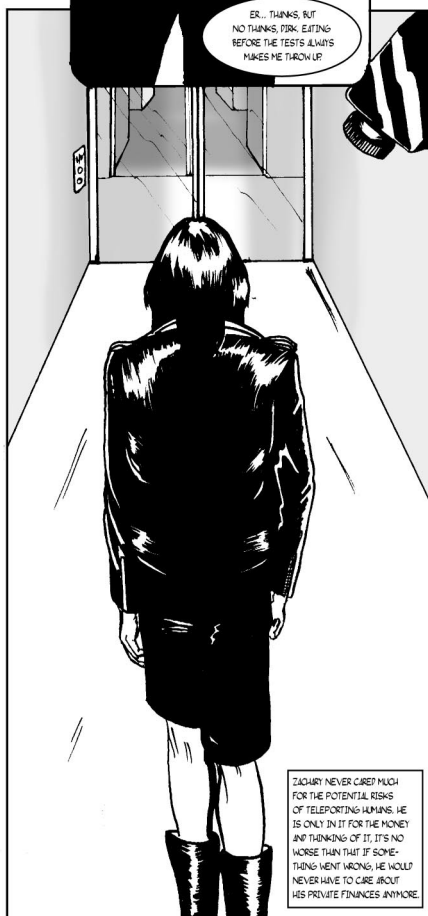
ER... THANKS, BUT  
NO THANKS. I'M... EATING  
BEFORE THE TEST'S LEADS  
MIGHT BE TROUPE!



OKAY, I'LL JUST  
SAVE YOU ONE FOR  
LATER THEN



SEE YA!



ZACHARY NEVER CARES MUCH  
FOR THE POTENTIAL RISKS  
OF TELEPORTING HUMANS. HE  
IS ONLY IN IT FOR THE MONEY  
AND THINKING OF IT, IT'S NO  
WORSE THAN THAT IF SOMETHING  
WENT WRONG, HE WOULD  
NEVER HAVE TO CARE ABOUT  
HIS PRIVATE FINANCES ANYMORE.



THIS SUCKS  
SO INCREDIBLY  
MUCH...

NOT ONLY AM I  
FORCED TO WEAR A PRESS,  
BUT AFTER LAST TIME I  
FELT SICK FOR A WEEK...

...CAN'T DO  
WITHOUT THE  
MONEY.

BUT I  
REALLY DON'T HAVE  
A CHOICE...



BARPA ZACHARY W.  
4976123-11645. HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY LENGTH  
172 CM.

THE WAVE INTERFERENCE  
REGISTERED THIS MORNING REMAINS AND  
INCREASES. MY APPRAISAL OF THE SITUATION  
IS THAT IT WOULD NOT BE SAFE TO RUN  
THE EXPERIMENT NOW.





I SUGGEST THAT WE PUT IT ALL ON HOLD UNTIL AFTER THE HOLIDAYS.



PUT IT ON HOLD? TOMORROW IS CHRISTMAS EVE AND IF THIS TURNS OUT SUCCESSFUL WE'LL ALL BE ABLE TO EXPERIENCE SOME REAL CHRISTMAS SPIRIT. WERE NOT PUTTING ANYTHING ON HOLD.



BUT UNDER THE CURRENT CIRCUMSTANCES IT ISN'T RECOMMENDED.

HET. HAD'S IN CHARGE HERE?



URGENT! URGENT!



NOW LET'S GET THIS SHOW ON THE ROAD!

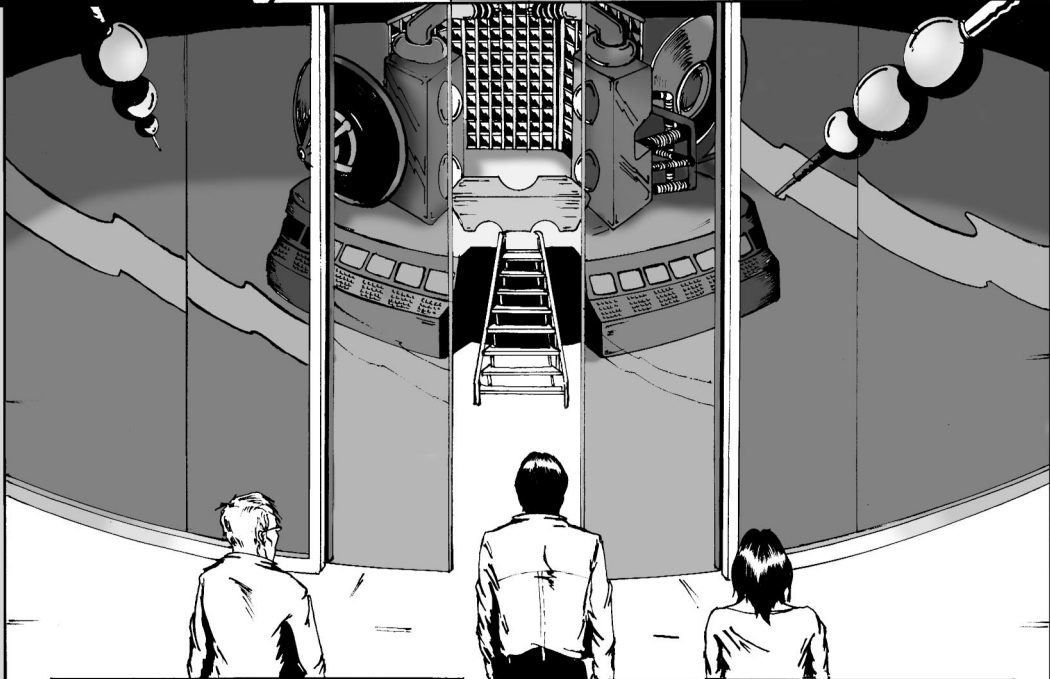


ARE YOU READY, BARRY?





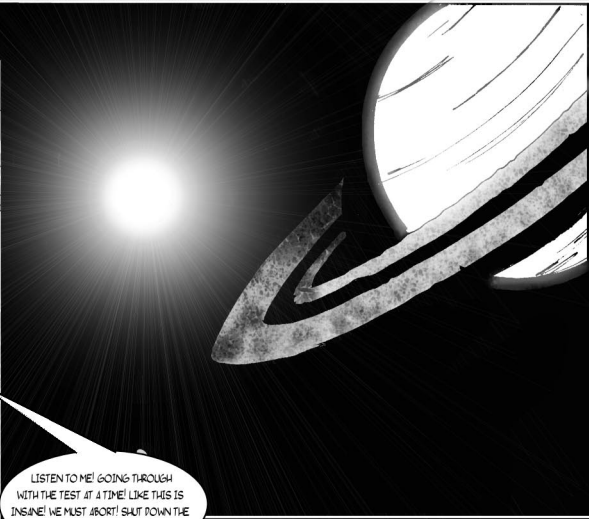
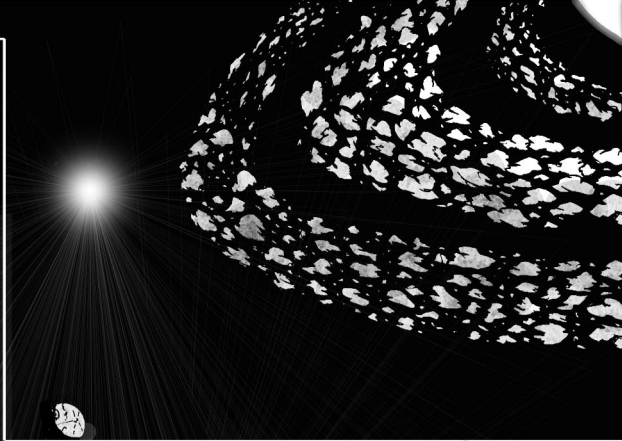
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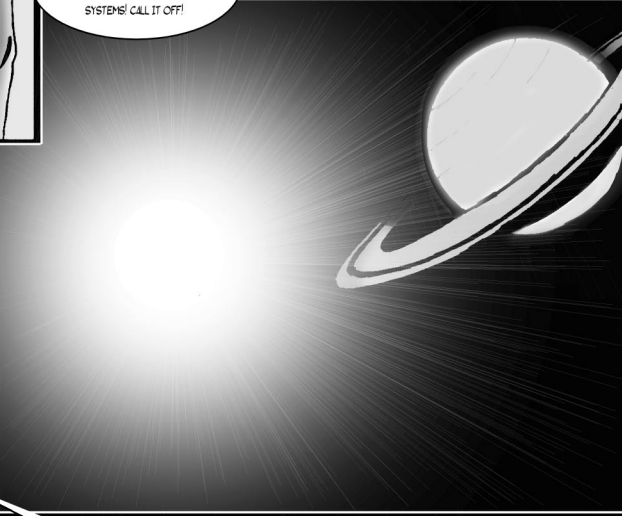
HERE WE GO AGAIN...



THEY'LL BETTER PAY UP  
GOOD OR I WON'T BE ABLE TO GO  
OUT AND CELEBRATE  
TONIGHT.



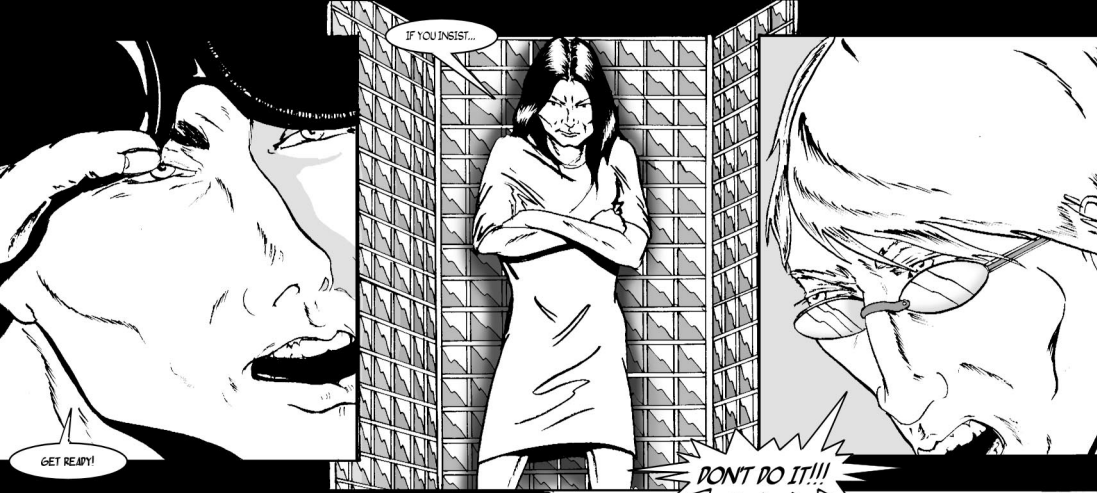
LISTEN TO ME! GOING THROUGH WITH THE TEST AT A TIME LIKE THIS IS INSANE! WE MUST ABORT! SHUT DOWN THE SYSTEMS! CALL IT OFF!



NO ONE IS CALLING ANYTHING OFF! WE'RE GOING TO DO THIS RIGHT NOW!



WHAT THE HELL  
ARE THEY WAITING  
FOR?!



IF YOU INSIST...

GET READY!

**DONT DO IT!!!**



"IT'S ALREADY BEEN DONE"



