

NSZR
ENTERTAINMENT

HYPE





In the year 2075, the inner cities have grown into a decadent, overcrowded gang-ridden cesspool. If you're not living uptown, you might as well be dead. Such is the case of Darius Smith, an artistic youth living in the hood, doing his best to avoid trouble and live life. Unfortunately, Darius has a hidden talent—he's an **EXPLOSIVE FIGHTER!**

This makes him the target of many gangs and pits him in many brawls, landing him in the sights of the honorable, Timothy Mustafa, powerful prince and owner of one of the most successful XOgenaSYS teams in the country.

XOgenaSYS is a new MMA-inspired sport and worldwide phenomenon that's currently the most watched event in history. Fighters compete in powerful exoskeletons that allows the user to gain a powerful range of superhuman abilities. Most rosters are comprised of commuted convicts, former prisoners, and trained worldly professionals.

CAN DARIUS HOLD HIS OWN, PROTECT HIS FAMILY, AND BECOME A CHAMPION?

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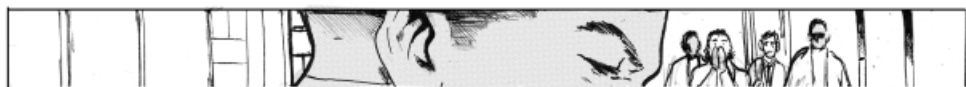
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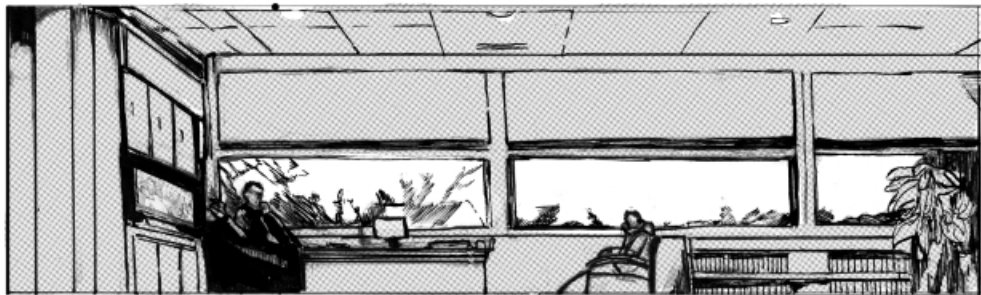




LATER...











ALL RIGHT!!
END OF THE LINE!!



THE LESS PEOPLE I
TALK TO THE BETTER...



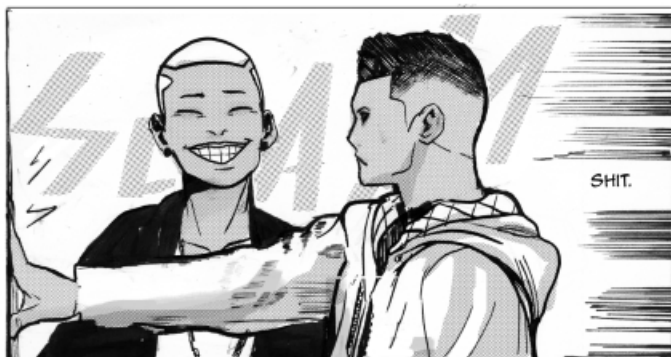
...HOPEFULLY, I WON'T
SEE ANYONE I KNOW
HERE...

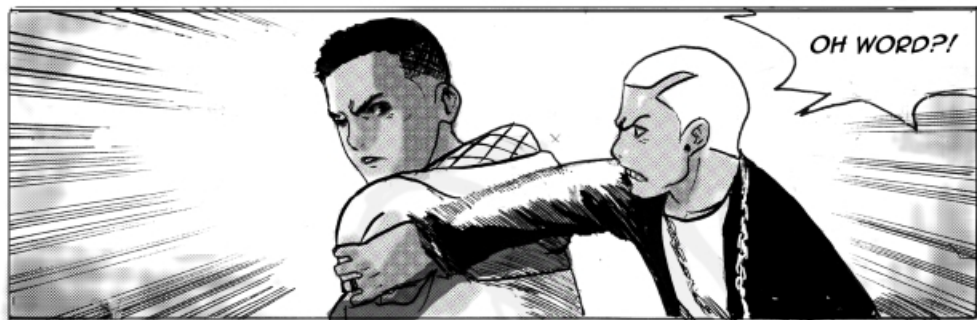


DAMMIT.















SO IT'S
LIKE THAT,
HUH?



IF YOU DON'T
ROLL WITH US
...

THEN YOU'RE
AGAINST US.



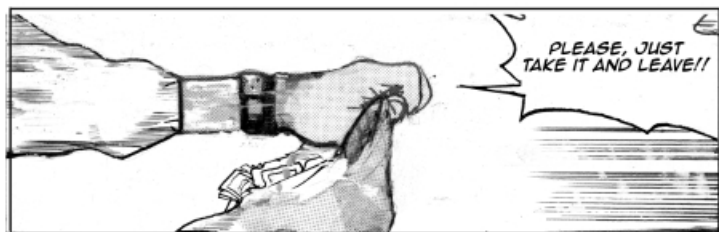
CALL IT WHAT
YOU WANT....

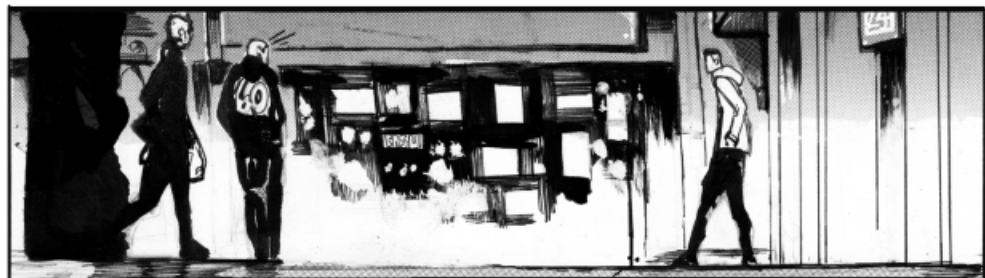
I'M STILL
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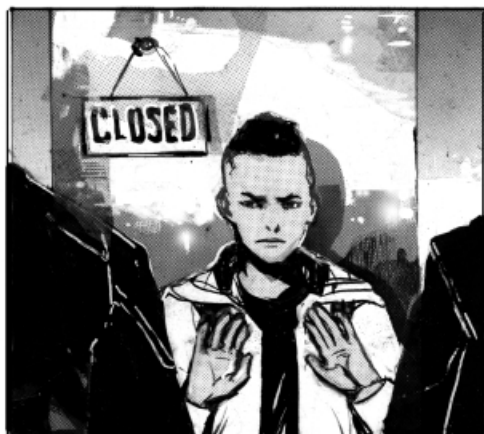


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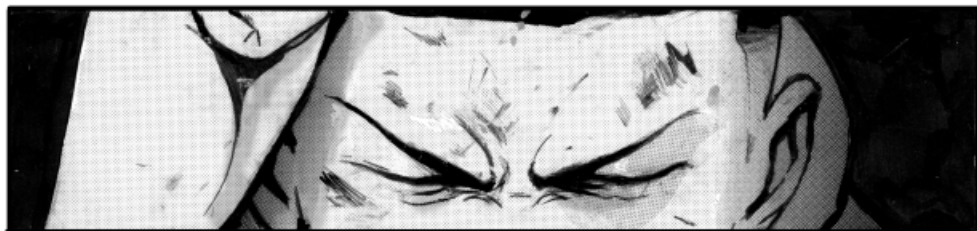




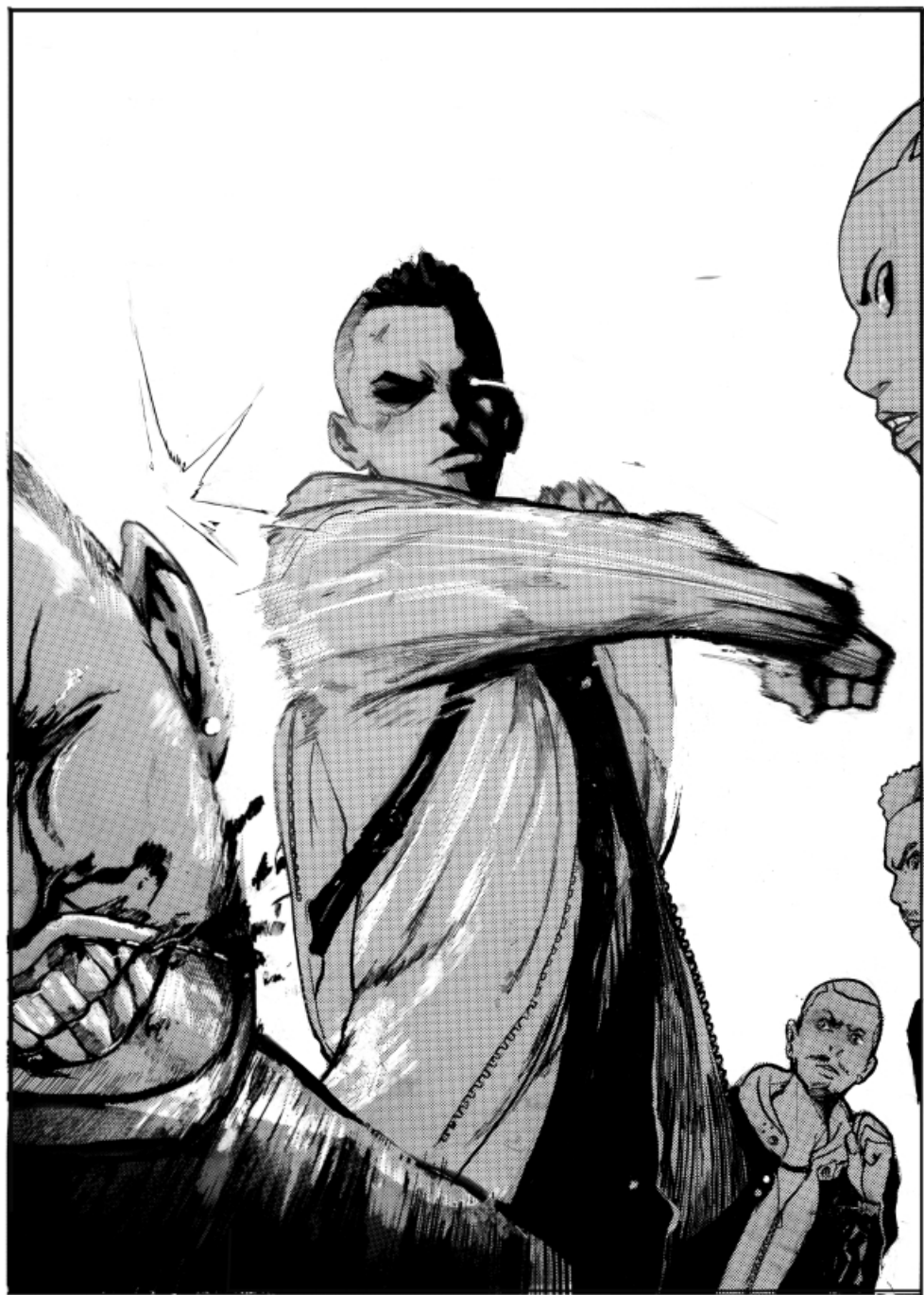




WHERE IS HE?
HE'S GONNA BE LATE.



PLEASE STOP...PLEASE....STOP....PLEASE...









NOT AS FAST
AS YOU USED TO
BE. DAMN SHAME.

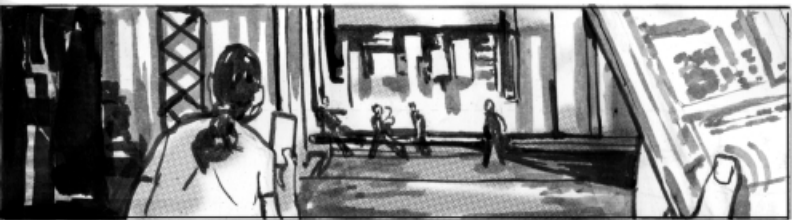


HOLD STILL.















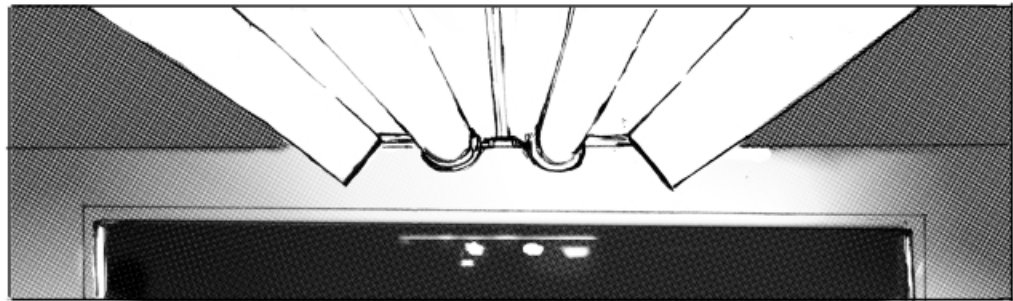










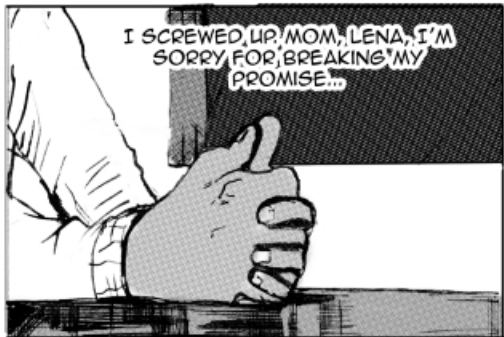


THAT'S IT...

MY LIFE IS OVER...



I SCREWED UP, MOM, LENA, I'M
SORRY FOR BREAKING MY
PROMISE...



... I'M SORRY I WON'T
BE THERE FOR YOU.





HELLO, MR. SMITH.
YOU'VE HAD A VERY
BUSY WEEK.



I TAKE IT YOU KNOW
WHO I AM? THIS BEING
A NEW SEASON, MY
PICTURES BEEN ALL
OVER THE PLACE.

THE HONORABLE
TIMOTHY MUSTARD,
YOU OWN ONE OF THE
BIGGEST TEAMS IN
XOGENESIS.



SO YOU
ARE A FAN!

THEN AGAIN,
SOMEONE WITH HANDS LIKE
YOURS, THAT COMES AS NO
SURPRISE. WHAT IS
SURPRISING IS THAT YOU DON'T
APPLY TO
JOIN YOURSELF.



I'M TOO
YOUNG.

FIFTEEN YEARS OLD
AND YOU'VE ALREADY GONE
VIRAL. GRANTED, THAT'S
NORMAL FOR
KIDS THESE-

VIDEO?

OH CRAP.

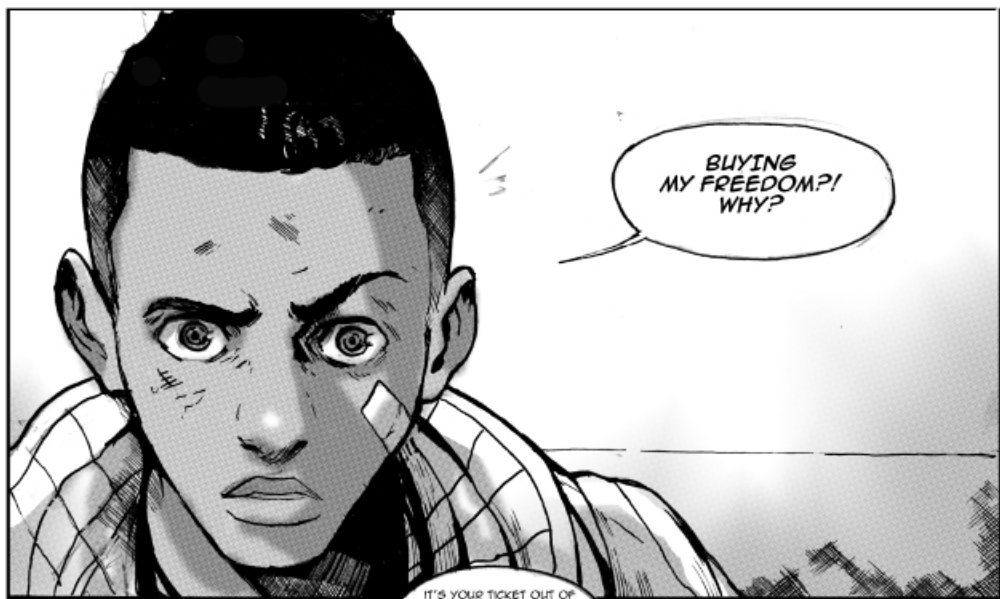
I'M
SURPRISED YOU
DIDN'T KILL ANY OF
THEM., YOU MUST
LIKE FIGHTING.

IT'S LIKE A DRUG FOR
YOU, AND YOU TOOK
THE HIT TO THE HEAD.

YEAH, I DID ENJOY IT.
BUT LOOK WHERE I AM
NOW?

THAT'S JUST IT THOUGH.
YOU DIDN'T ENJOY IT.
NOT LIKE THAT... I'M GONE
TO CUT TO THE CHASE...

I'M
BUYING YOUR
FREEDOM,
MR. SMITH.



IT'S YOUR TICKET OUT OF THIS. FIGHTING SKILLS LIKE YOURS CAN'T WASTE AWAY IN A DETENTION CENTER, CAN THEY?



YOU'LL BE AN INSPIRATION FOR OTHERS LIKE YOU, WANTING TO RISE UP AND SHOW THIS SYSTEM IT CAN'T KEEP THEM DOWN...



10 MATCHES IN THE CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENTS CAN TURN INTO DEATH DUELS, RIGHT? IT'LL TURN INTO A BLOOD SPORT IF—

ONLY IF YOU LET IT DRAG ON THAT LONG. YOU'VE GOT THE SKILL, YOU GOT THE DRIVE. AND RIGHT NOW, YOUR MOTHER'S BILLS ARE PAID IN FULL.





WAIT,
WHAT?!



ALL OF HER DEBT FROM
THE PAST, CLEARED. HER LATE BILLS, PAID,
EVEN GAVE HER SOME SEED MONEY TO
GET A DECENT PLACE UPTOWN. YOU CAN
PUT HER IN A BIGGER PLACE, IF THAT'S
YOUR THING,



IT'S FOR THEM.
IT'S FOR THE FUTURE...



...AND IT'LL KEEP ME
OUT OF JAIL, SO.....



DEAL.
WHERE
DO I
SIGN?

END.
HOGENASYS WILL RETURN IN OCTOBER.