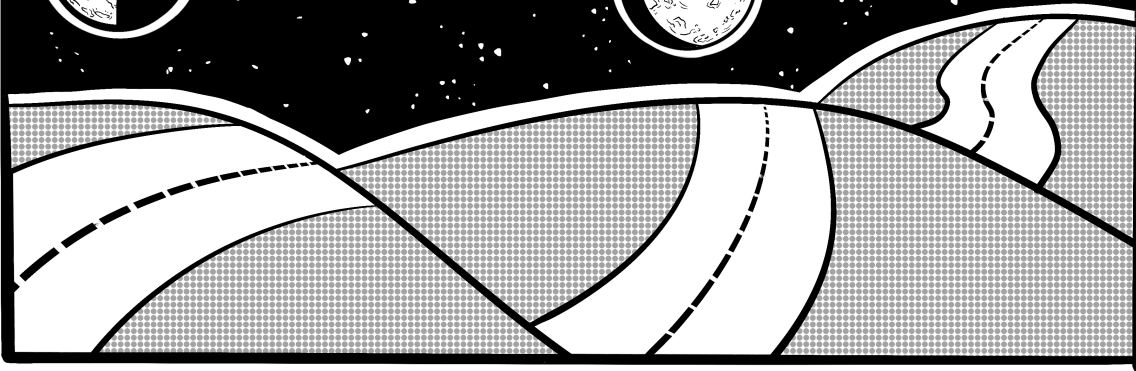
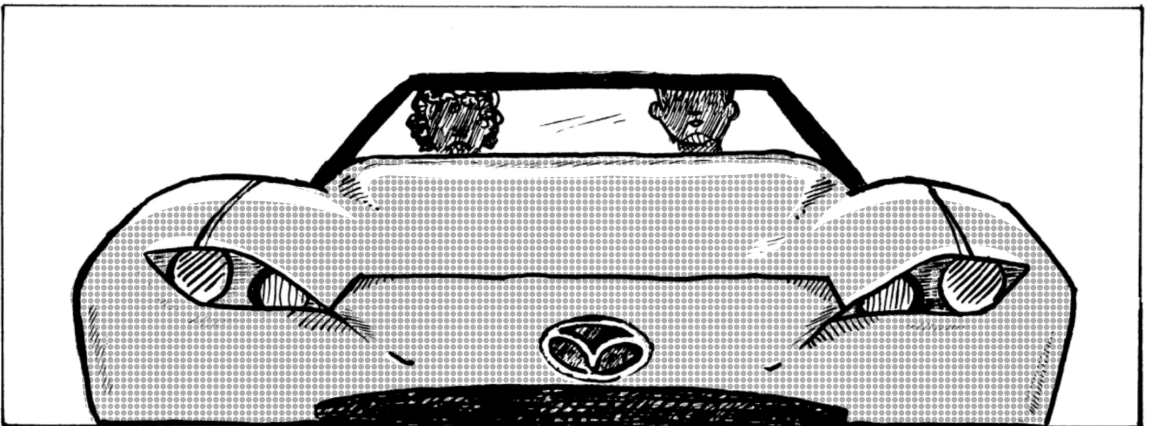


NAVI- GATORS

STORY BY ELIAS
ART BY ZOE





IN JUST FOUR SHORT HOURS, WE'LL BE IN THE PORTUGUESE SAILORS' CAPE OF PROVINCETOWN.

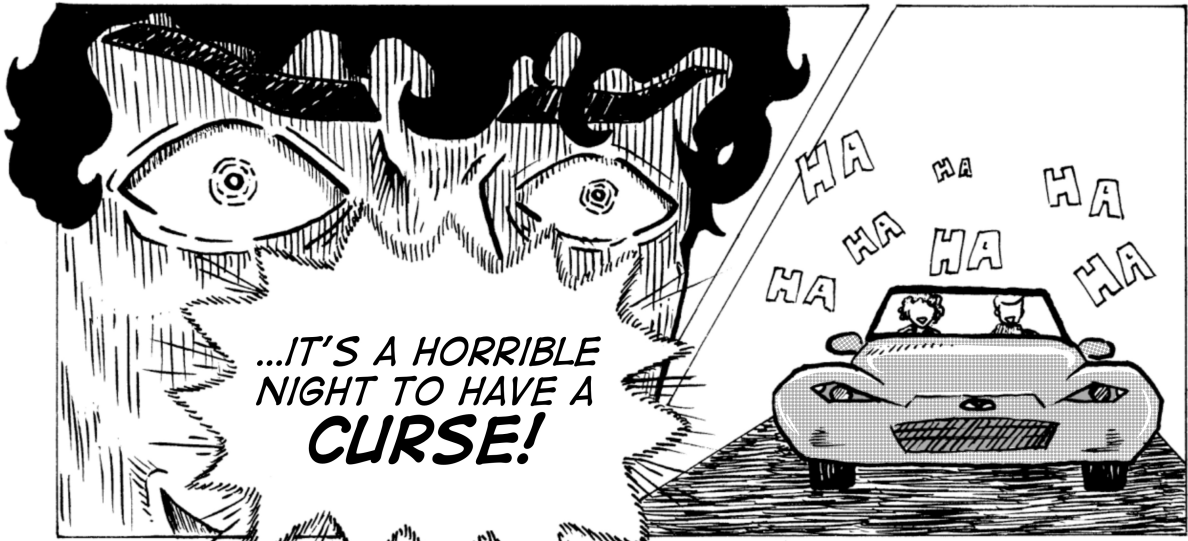


UNTIL THEN,

WHAT DO YOU WANT TO LISTEN TO?

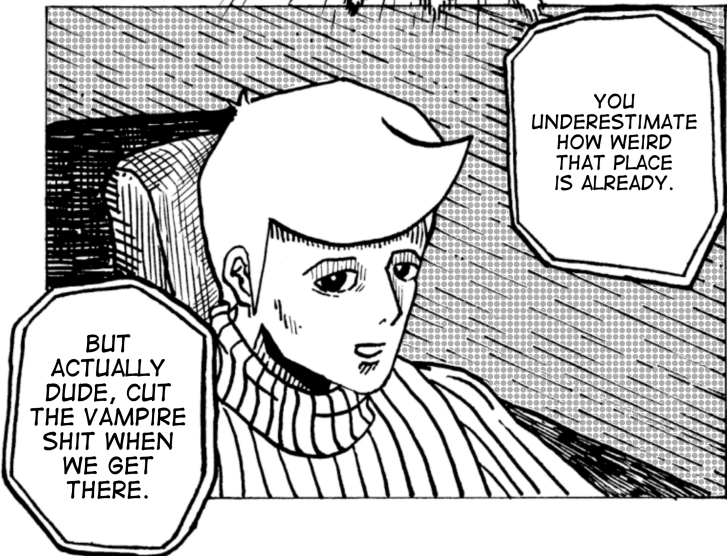
I'M FEELING SABBATH BECAUSE...

I KNOW WE GAVE UP ON CLASSIC ROCK BUT...



...IT'S A HORRIBLE NIGHT TO HAVE A CURSE!

HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA



BUT ACTUALLY DUDE, CUT THE VAMPIRE SHIT WHEN WE GET THERE.

YOU UNDERESTIMATE HOW WEIRD THAT PLACE IS ALREADY.



DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT,

I'VE GOT MY WRITERLY TASKS AHEAD OF ME.

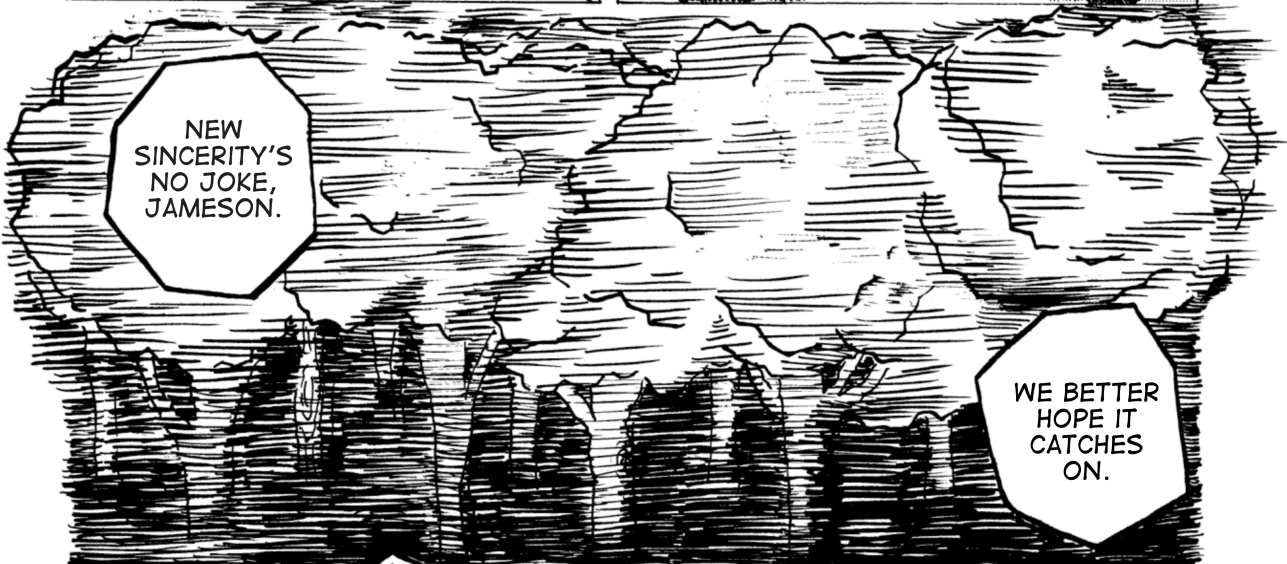
PRAY
TELL.



WINNING THE
ROMANTICS
WITH YOUR
KNOWLEDGE OF
DAVID FOSTER
WALLACE?

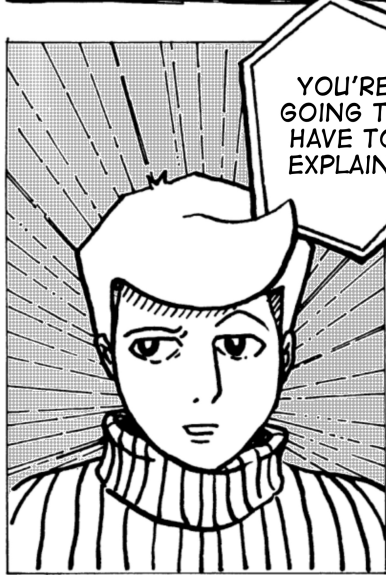
MOSTLY
NETWORKING AT
BOOKSTORES.

POTENTIALLY
SCOUTING
MUSES.



NEW
SINCERITY'S
NO JOKE,
JAMESON.

WE BETTER
HOPE IT
CATCHES
ON.

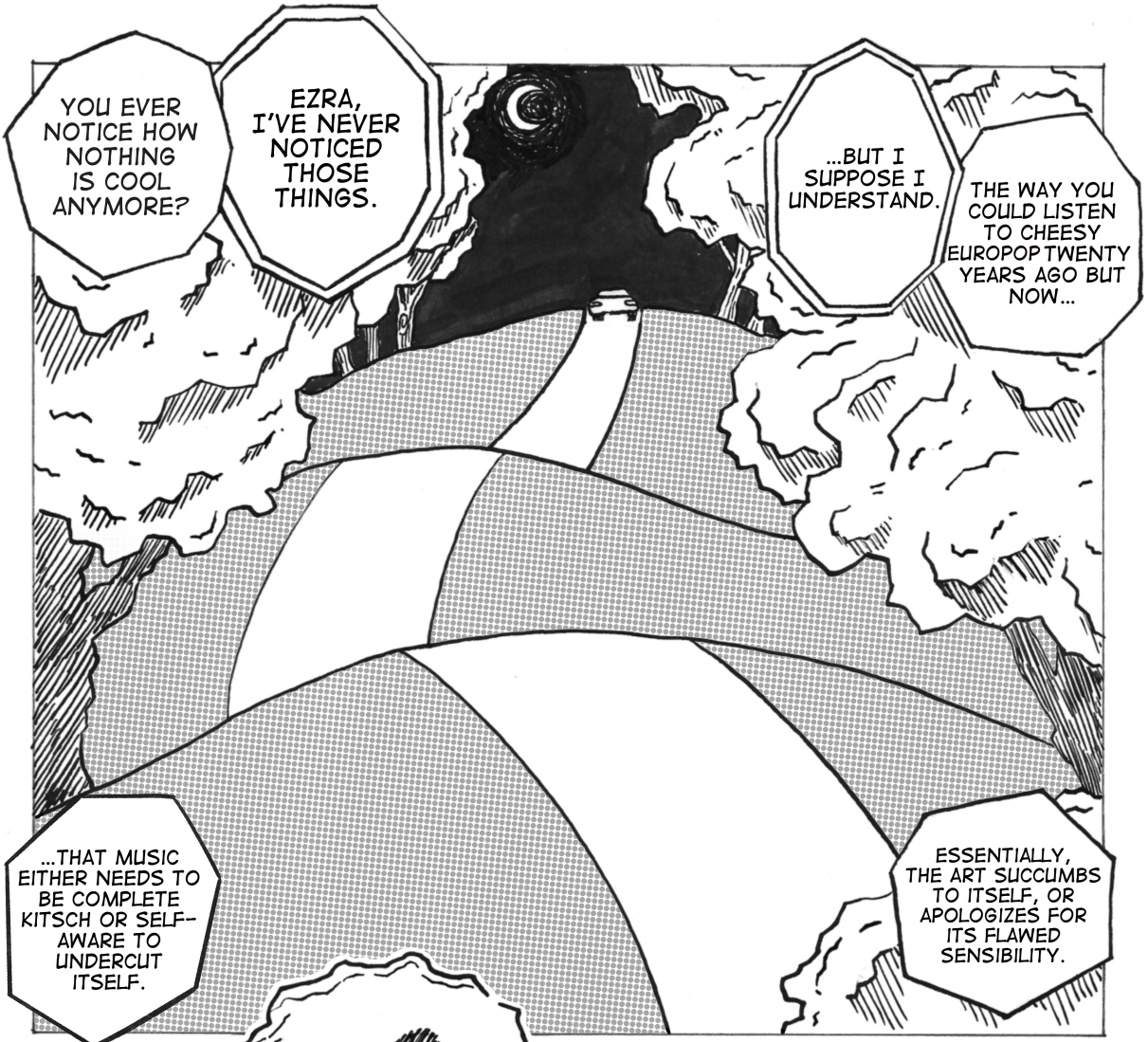


YOU'RE
GOING TO
HAVE TO
EXPLAIN.

WELL...

THIS IS
A STICK
SHIFT.





YOU EVER NOTICE HOW NOTHING IS COOL ANYMORE?

EZRA, I'VE NEVER NOTICED THOSE THINGS.

...BUT I SUPPOSE I UNDERSTAND.

THE WAY YOU COULD LISTEN TO CHEESY EUROPOPOP TWENTY YEARS AGO BUT NOW...

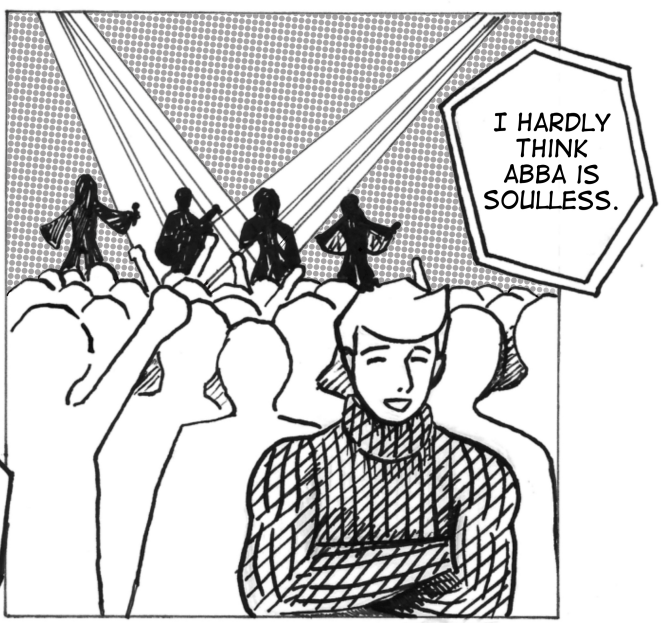
...THAT MUSIC EITHER NEEDS TO BE COMPLETE KITSCH OR SELF-AWARE TO UNDERCUT ITSELF.

ESSENTIALLY, THE ART SUCCUMBS TO ITSELF, OR APOLOGIZES FOR ITS FLAWED SENSIBILITY.



IN ANY CASE, ITS ANXIETIES MAKE IT SOULLESS.

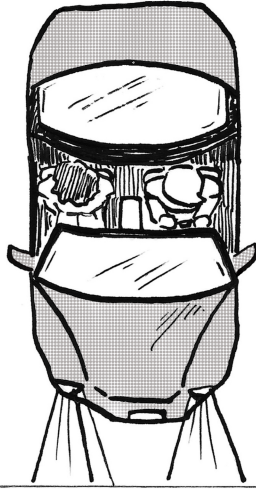
LIKE A RED DRAGON MISSING FROM A LAKE.



I HARDLY THINK ABBA IS SOULLESS.



BUT YOU KNOW WHAT I MEAN.



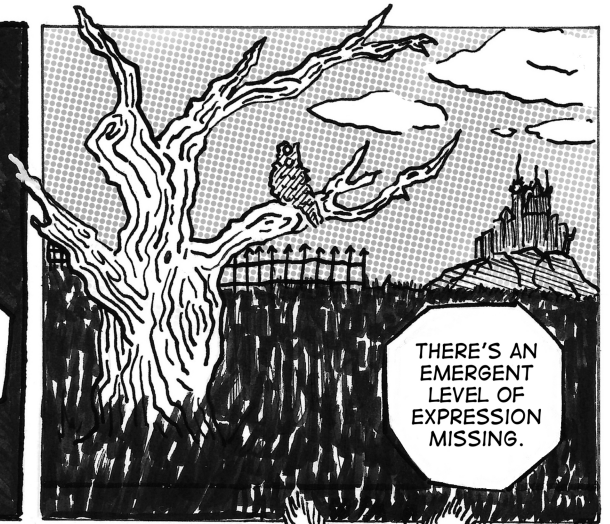
YES. THERE IS AN INEFFABLE QUALITY MISSING.

EXACTLY.

TOO POIGNANT,
TOO CLEAN,

TOO PRECISE,

TOO EASY.



THERE'S AN EMERGENT LEVEL OF EXPRESSION MISSING.



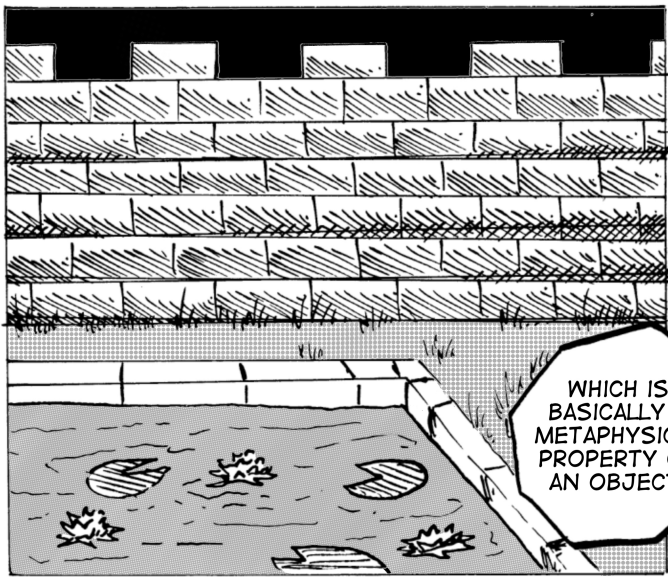
AND NOW WE CAN'T HAVE EUROPOP.

DAMN ART SCHOOLS!

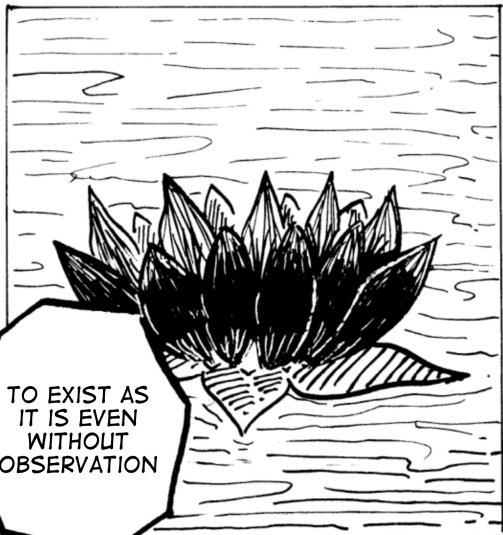




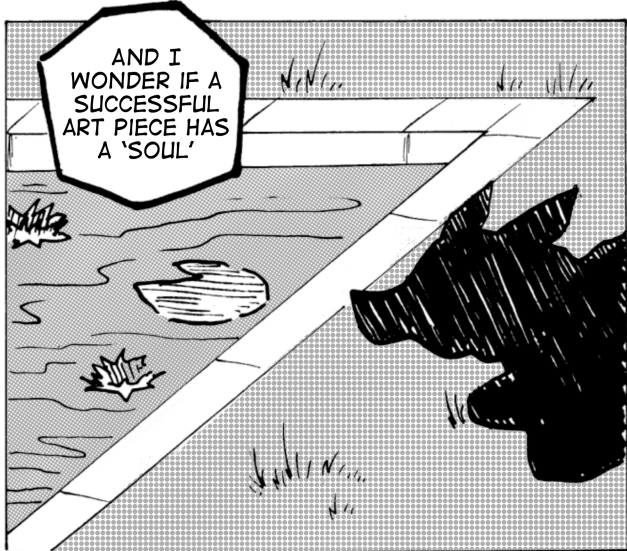
IT MAKES ME
THINK ABOUT
KANT'S "THING
IN ITSELF"



WHICH IS
BASICALLY A
METAPHYSICAL
PROPERTY OF
AN OBJECT.



TO EXIST AS
IT IS EVEN
WITHOUT
OBSERVATION



AND I
WONDER IF A
SUCCESSFUL
ART PIECE HAS
A 'SOUL'

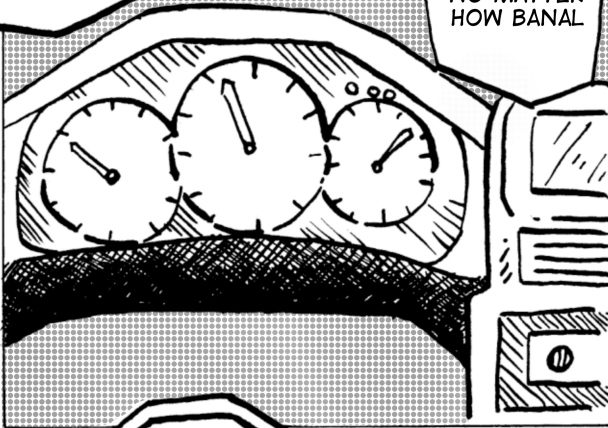


AND CAN
ACTUALLY,
THEN, BE
"SOULLESS"

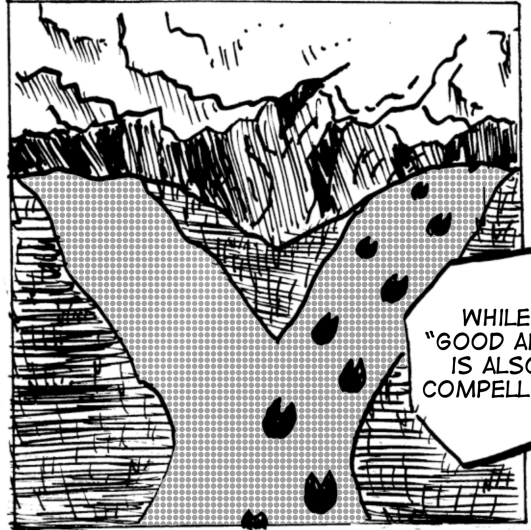


WHAT
DO YOU
MEAN BY
SUCCESSFUL
ART?

SUCCESSFUL
ART ACHIEVES
ITS GOAL



NO MATTER
HOW BANAL



WHILE
"GOOD ART"
IS ALSO
COMPELLING

INTERESTING,

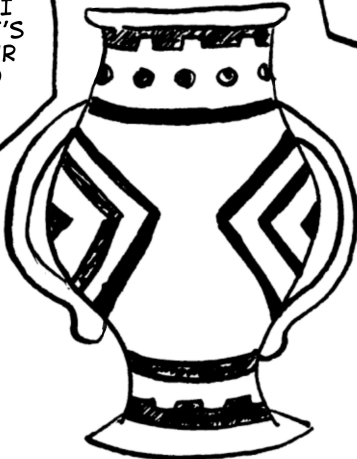
SO YOU'RE
SAYING WE
HAVE A
LOT OF
SUCCESSFUL
ART



YET MUCH
OF IT ISN'T
GOOD?

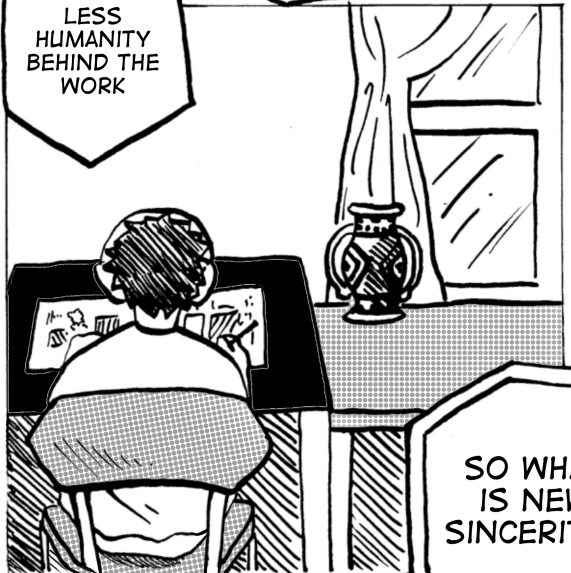
AND WE CAN
TELL THAT
JUST FROM
KNOWING

YES, AND I
THINK THAT'S
A VERY FAIR
POINT TO
MAKE.

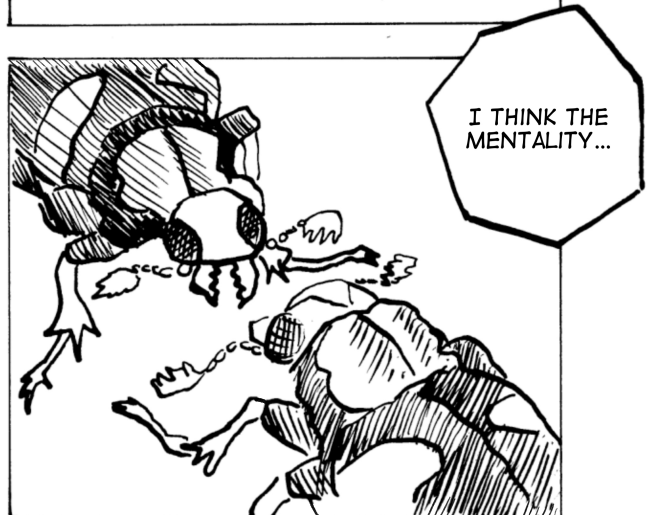


MORE
SKILL,

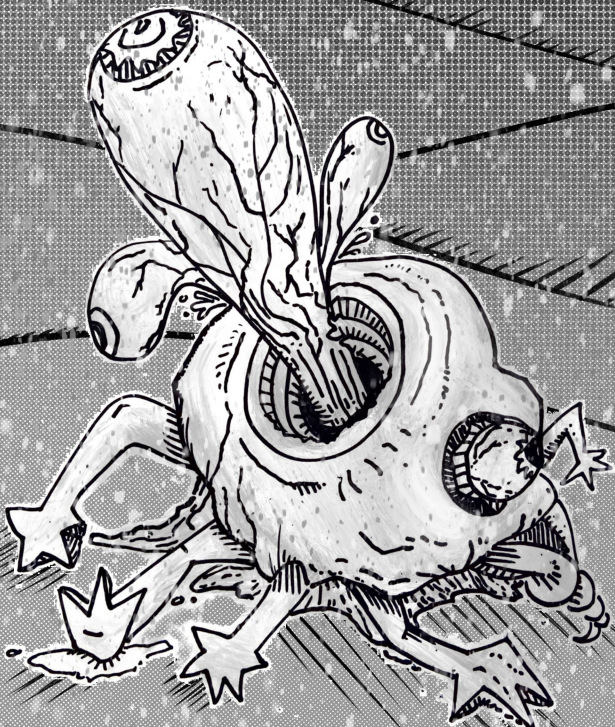
LESS
HUMANITY
BEHIND THE
WORK



SO WHAT
IS NEW
SINCERITY?



...GOES
WAY
DEEPER
THAN ART.



DID YOU LEARN ALL THIS IN GRAD SCHOOL?

EXIT
22

I LEARNED DURING MY DAMNATION!

WELL WE'LL BOTH BE DAMNED IF I DON'T STOP FOR GAS

WHAT IS A "WAR PIG" ANYWAY?

THIS IS CAPE COD. I DOUBT THERE'S A PIG FOR MILES.

DO YOU THINK THEY LIVE IN THESE WOODS?

DO PIGS HAVE AN ANTITHESIS?

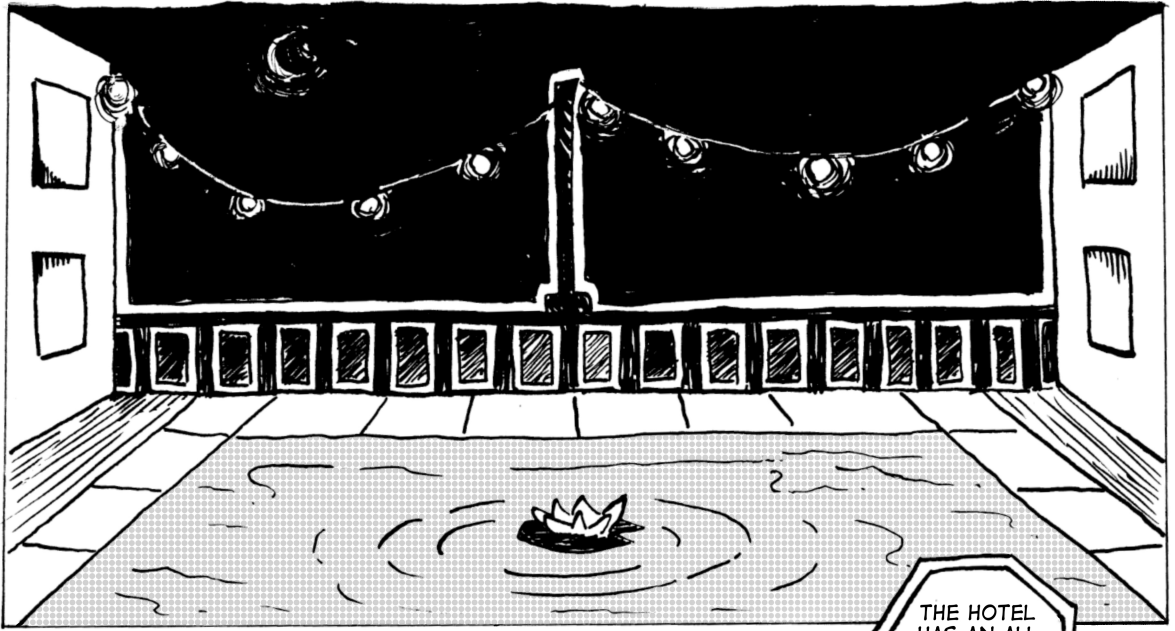
PIGS HAVE A LOT OF SYMBOLISM. ALWAYS KIND OF EVIL.

I'M SURE THEY DO, BUDDY

PRAISE BAAL!

CALLING ALL GOONS!

I FORGOT TO TELL YOU...



THE HOTEL
HAS AN ALL
NIGHT
SWIMMING
POOL.