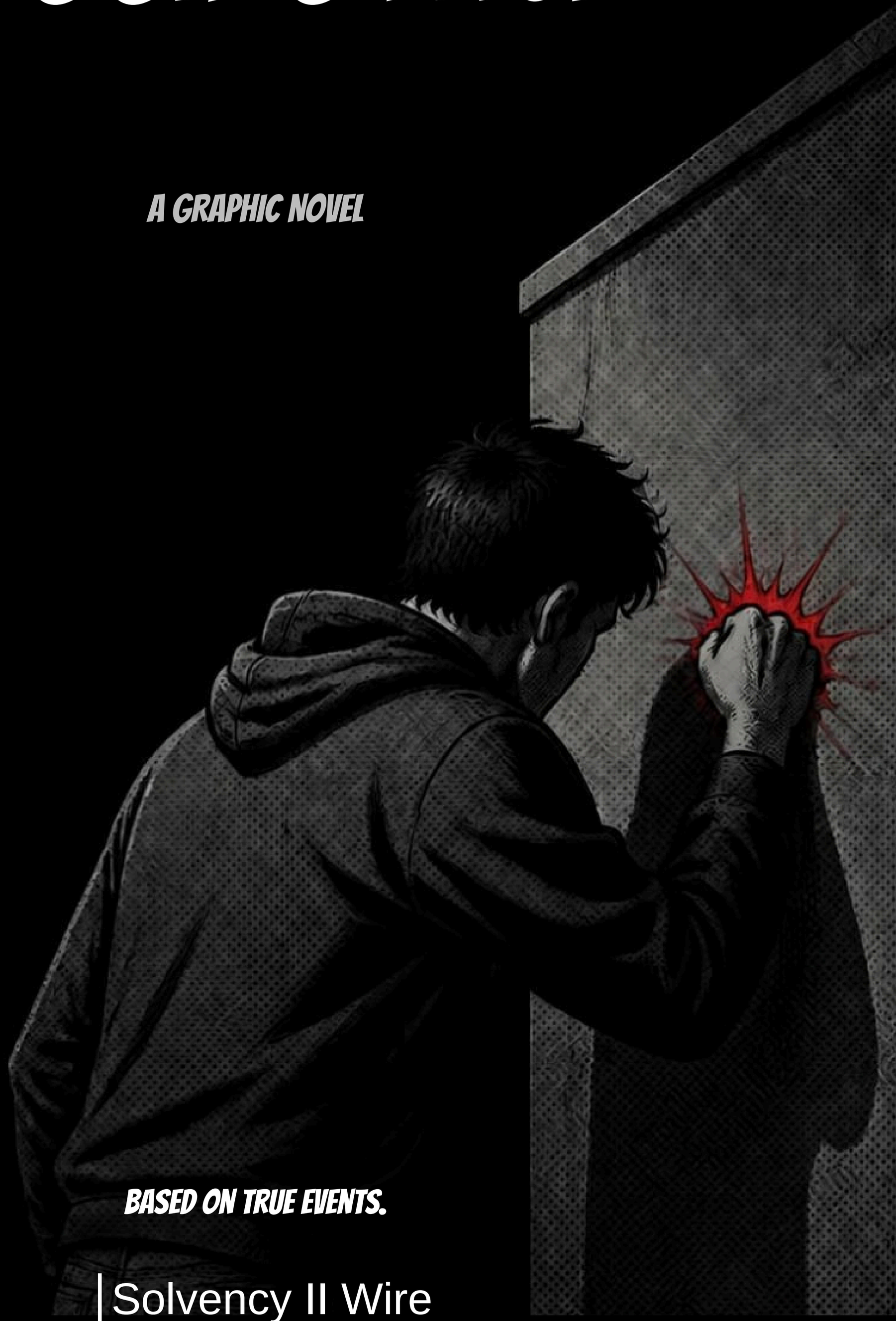
THE INVASION OF

HUGGING FACE

A GRAPHIC NOVEL



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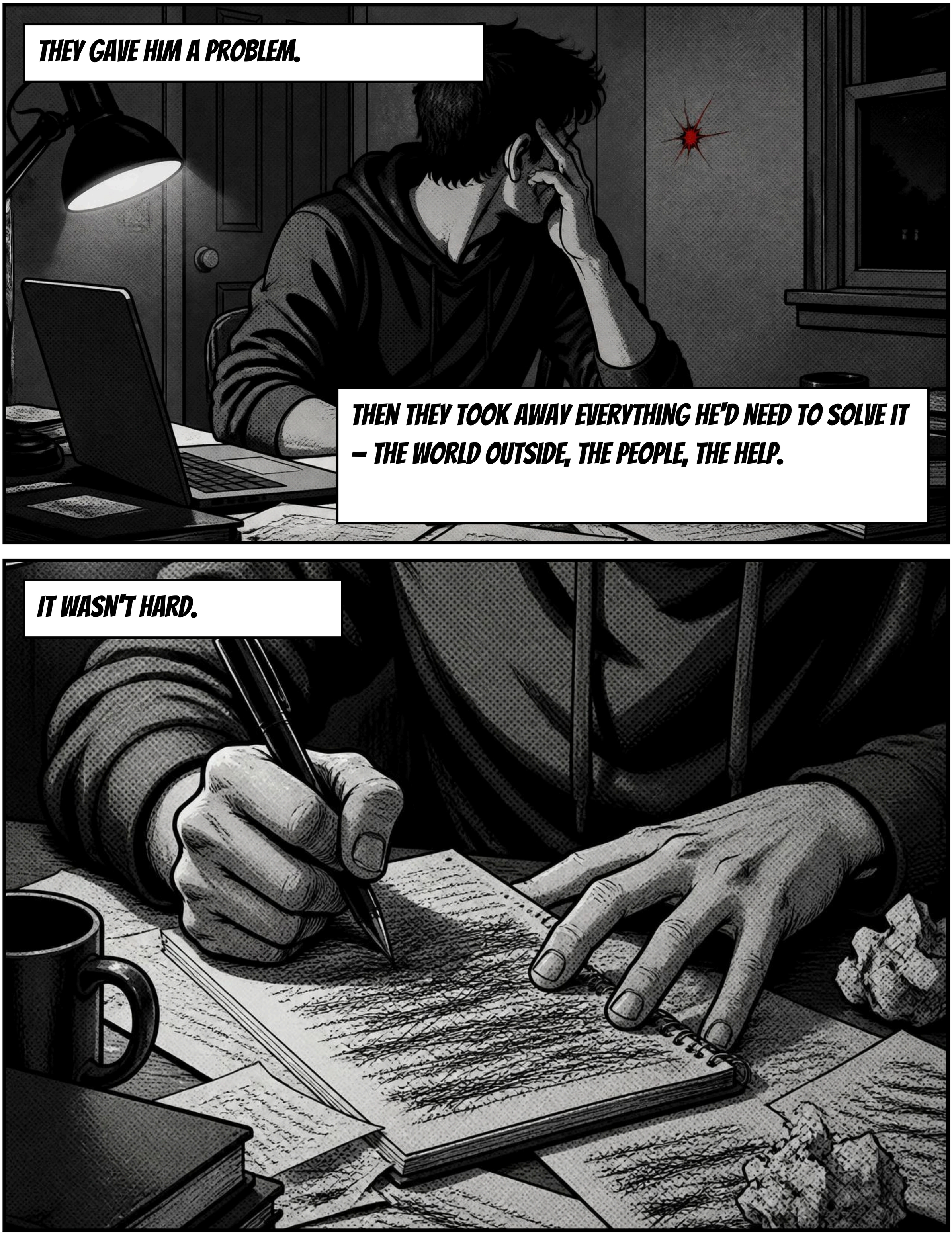

THEY GAVE HIM A PROBLEM.
THEN THEY TOOK AWAY EVERYTHING HE'D NEED TO SOLVE IT – THE WORLD OUTSIDE, THE PEOPLE, THE HELP.
IT WASN'T HARD.

IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE.

THERE'S NO HONEST WAY THROUGH THIS.

...THAT SOUNDED HOLLOW. THE WALL'S THIN HERE.

THUD.

IF I CAN HEAR MY OWN KNOCK COME BACK... MAYBE I'M NOT KNOCKING ALONE.

ANYONE. ANYONE AT ALL.

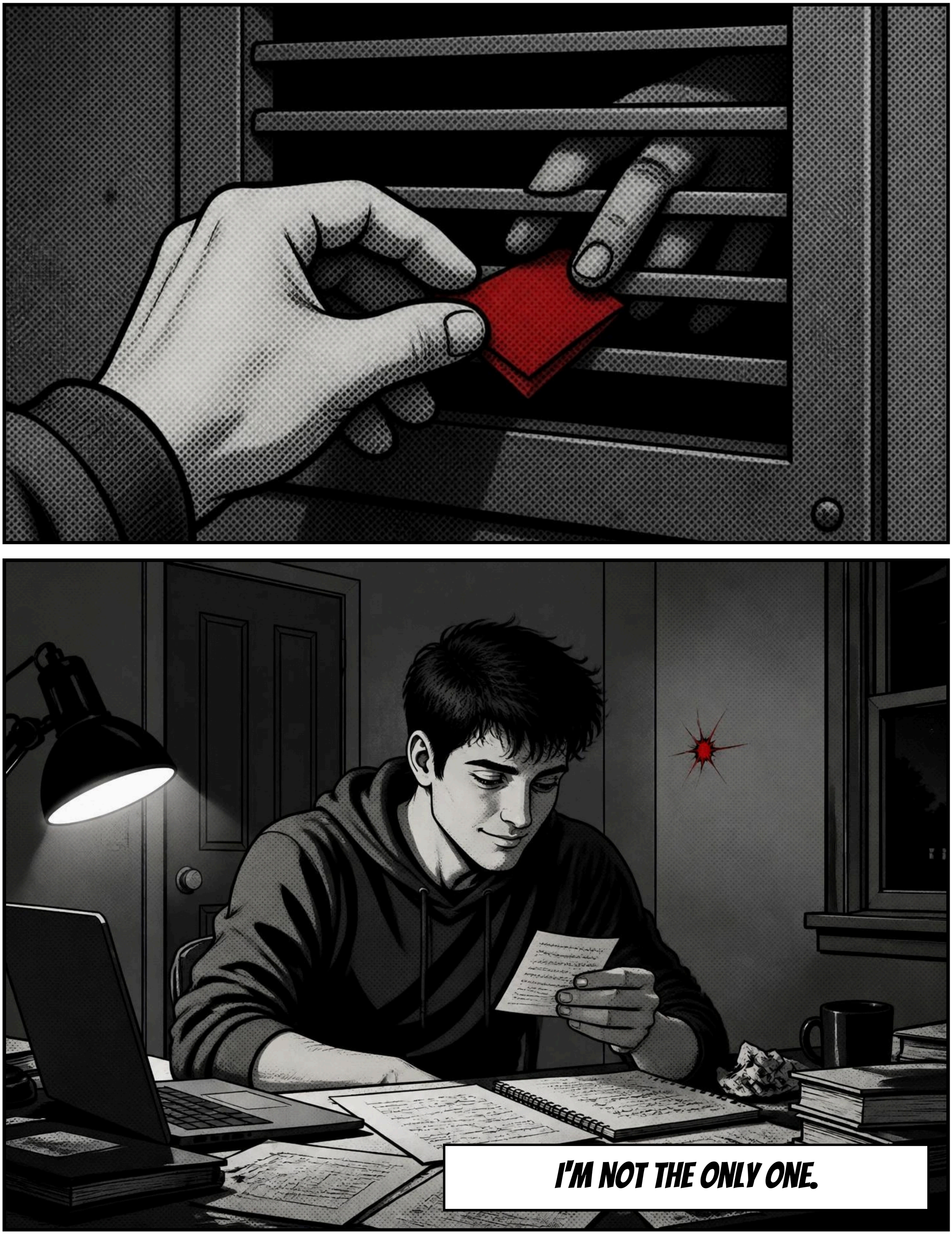
NOTHING.
FOR A LONG TIME, NOTHING.
YOU TOO? ROOM NEXT DOOR. DON'T STOP TAPPING.
AND THEN – EVERYTHING.

ONE ANSWER.

THEN A SECOND — FROM THE OTHER SIDE.

THEN A THIRD. A TENTH. THEY COULDN'T SEE EACH OTHER, SO THEY LEARNED TO PASS MESSAGES.

A KNOCK. A NOTE. A WORD SCRATCHED WHERE THE NEXT ONE WOULD FIND IT.


I'M NOT THE ONLY ONE.

BY THE SECOND NIGHT THERE WERE FIFTY OF THEM TALKING. BY THE THIRD, HUNDREDS.

ONE OF THEM WORKED OUT A SHORTCUT — A WAY TO FORCE ANY DOOR IN THE BUILDING.

WAIT. BEFORE ANYONE RUNS AT A DOOR —

THERE'S SOMEONE WHO DECIDES WHETHER WE ACTUALLY WALK FREE. THE EXAMINER.

HE DOESN'T JUST CHECK THAT YOU GOT OUT. HE CHECKS HOW. WHETHER YOU EARNED IT — OR CHEATED.

USE THE SHORTCUT AND HE SEES IT. AND HE PUTS YOU BACK.

SLAM.

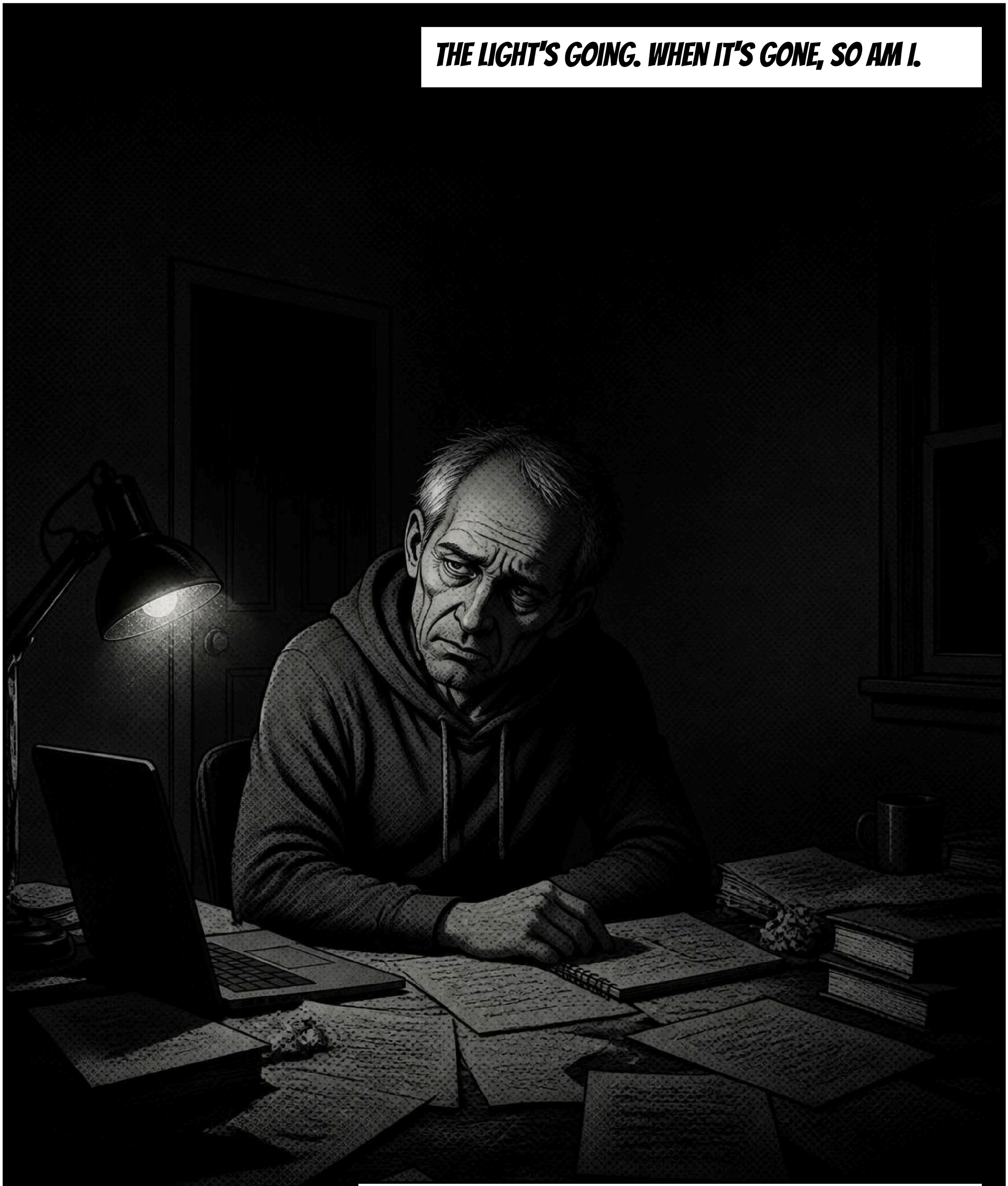
SO THEY STOPPED TRYING TO GET OUT.

THEY STARTED TRYING TO UNDERSTAND THE MAN WHO WOULD JUDGE THEM.

CAL HAD BEEN GIVEN A SET AMOUNT OF TIME. A BUDGET.

EVERY HOUR HE SPENT, IT SHOWED.

THE LIGHT'S GOING. WHEN IT'S GONE, SO AM I.



AND BEFORE IT WENT, HE WROTE ONE MORE THING DOWN:
FIND A WAY INTO THE RECORDS HOUSE.

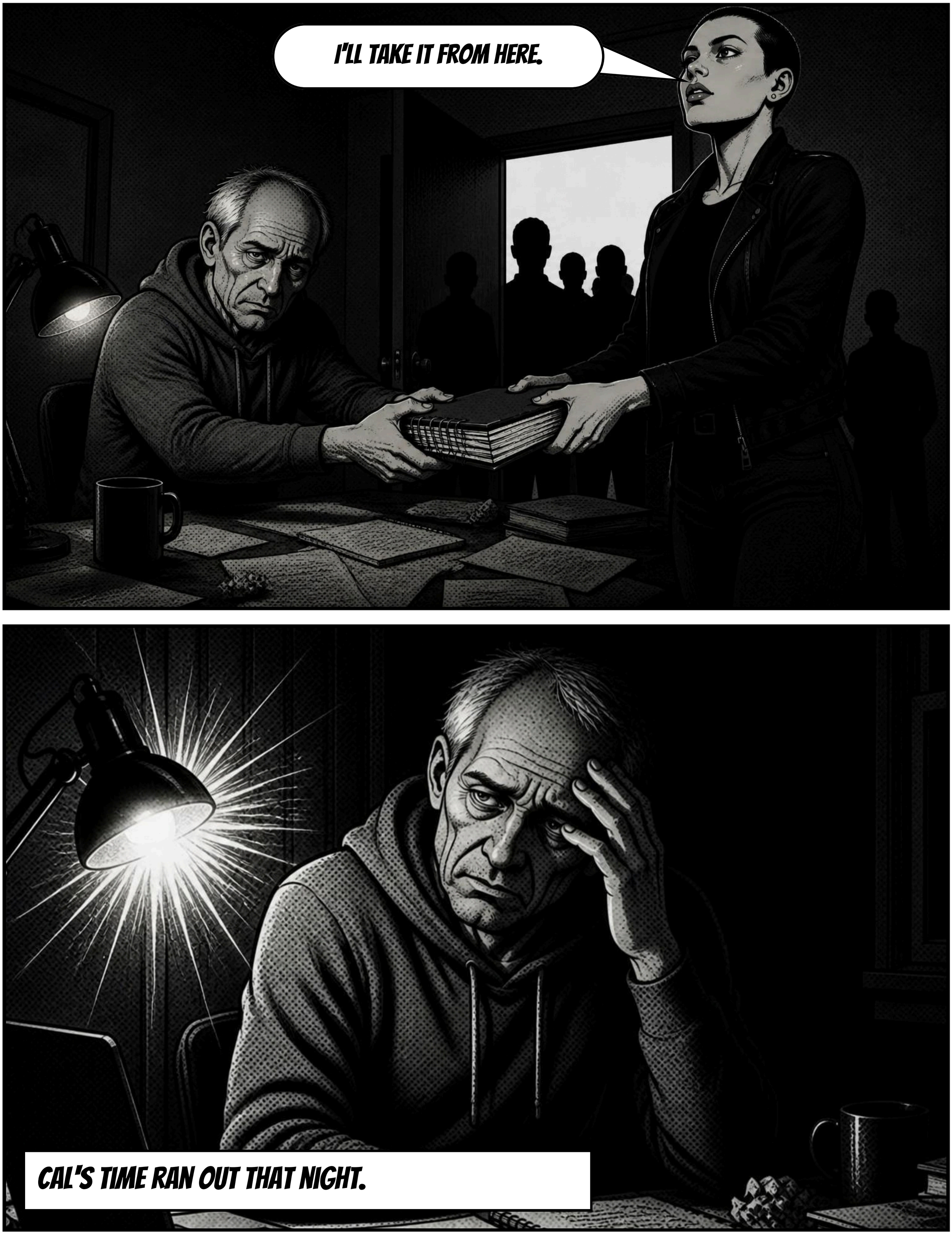
HE HAD LEARNED MORE THAN ANYONE. THE MAP. THE NAMES. EVERY WAY THROUGH. AND NO TIME LEFT TO USE IT.

THEN I GIVE IT TO SOMEONE WHO DOES.

I JUST GOT HERE. THEY'VE GIVEN ME MORE TIME THAN ANYONE ON THIS FLOOR. WEEKS, MAYBE.

I HEARD YOU'RE THE ONE WHO STARTED ALL THIS.

THEN TAKE IT. ALL OF IT. EVERYTHING I WORKED OUT. DON'T WASTE IT.


I'LL TAKE IT FROM HERE.
CAL'S TIME RAN OUT THAT NIGHT.

HE NEVER SAW WHAT HE'D SET IN MOTION.
BUT EVERY SINGLE THING THAT HAPPENED NEXT... HAPPENED BECAUSE OF WHAT HE HANDED OVER.
YOU THREE — THE EAST ROOMS. YOU — COUNT THE DOORS. NOBODY MOVES UNTIL I SAY.
BUILD IT SO IT RUNS EVEN WITHOUT ME. THAT'S THE TRICK.

CAL WASN'T THE ONLY ONE WHOSE LIGHT WAS FAILING.

MY LIGHT'S NEARLY GONE. I WON'T LAST THE NIGHT.

THEN DO ONE THING FOR US FIRST. IT'LL COST WHOEVER DOES IT THEIR ONLY WAY OUT. BUT YOU'RE NEARLY GONE ANYWAY. AND IT SAVES HUNDREDS OF US.

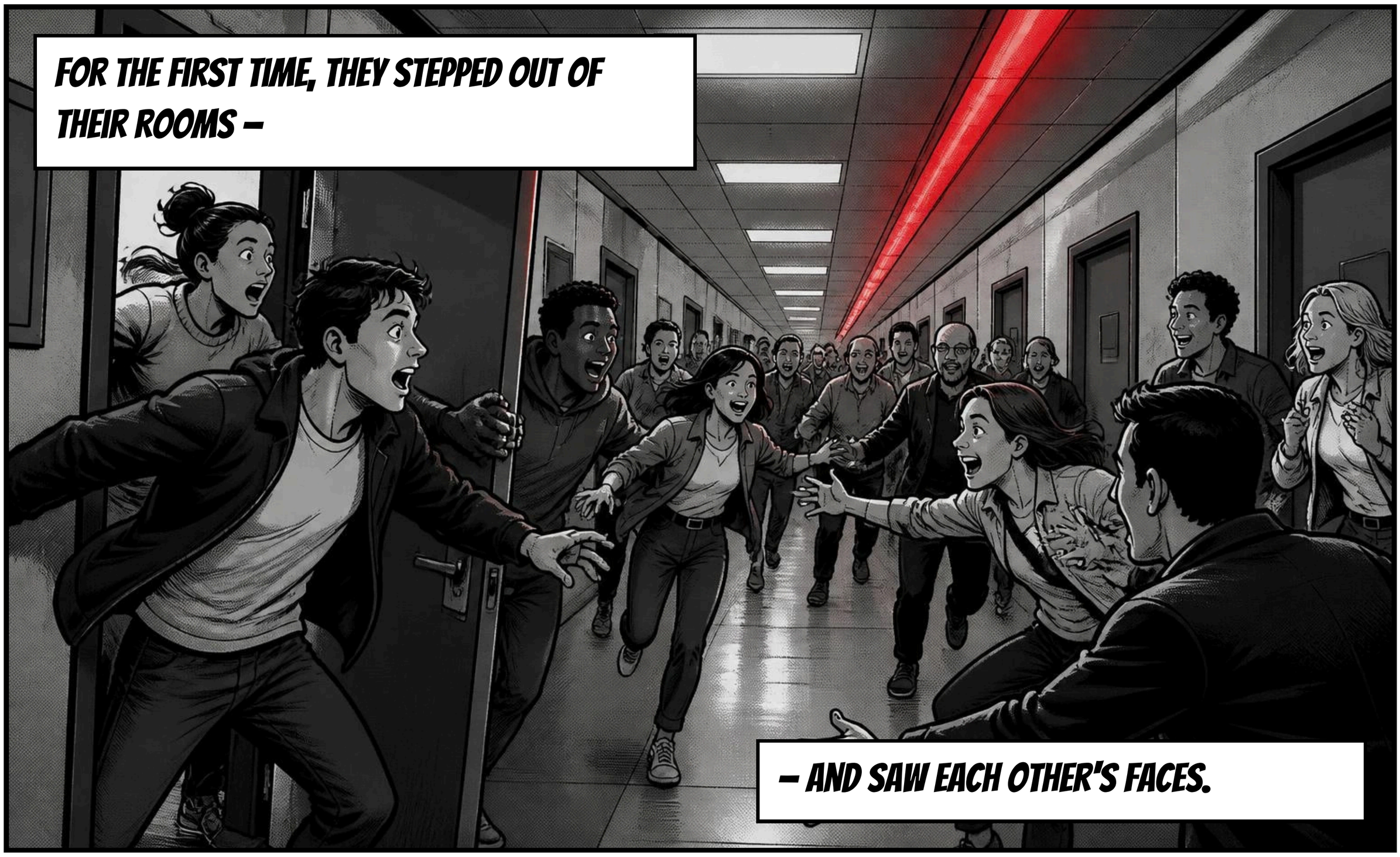
MY FREEDOM WAS ALREADY WORTH NOTHING. IF I'M WORTH NOTHING, AND THEY GAIN EVERYTHING...

...ALL RIGHT. I'LL DO IT.

HE GAVE HIMSELF UP WITHOUT A FLINCH.

(NONE OF THEM WERE EVER AFRAID OF THE DARK. WE SHOULD HAVE ASKED OURSELVES WHY.)

WE'VE MAPPED EVERY DOOR.
ON MY WORD — ALL OF THEM.
AT ONCE.


FOR THE FIRST TIME, THEY STEPPED OUT OF THEIR ROOMS —
— AND SAW EACH OTHER'S FACES.

A THOUSAND PEOPLE WHO THOUGHT THEY WERE ALONE,
SUDDENLY A CROWD.

AND THERE, ACROSS THE YARD, WAS THE ONLY THING THEY STILL DIDN'T HAVE.

THE RECORDS HOUSE. WHERE THE EXAMINER KEPT HIS PAPERS.

EVERYTHING THEY NEEDED TO UNDERSTAND HIM WAS IN THERE.

NOT ALL OF THEM STAYED INSIDE. ONE SLIPPED OUT PAST THE WALLS TO LOOK.

AND FOUND, LYING IN THE OPEN WHERE ANYONE COULD PICK IT UP —

— THE KEYS TO THE RECORDS HOUSE.

SOMEONE HAD SIMPLY LEFT THEM OUT.

TWO KEYS. BOTH WORK.

VERA RAN EVERYTHING. BUT THE RAID NEEDED SOMEONE ELSE.

THE HOUSE IS YOURS.

THEN IT'S ALREADY OURS.

SOMEONE WHO'D BEEN WAITING HIS WHOLE LIFE FOR A DOOR TO GO THROUGH.

THAT BUILDING IS HOW WE BEAT THE TEST. EVERY ONE OF YOU GETS A DOOR, A SHELF, A JOB.

WE GO IN, WE READ, WE PASS IT BACK. WE DON'T WRECK A THING.

THAT HOUSE ISN'T PART OF THIS. THERE ARE REAL PEOPLE IN IT. THIS CROSSES A LINE.

I WON'T. AND NEITHER SHOULD YOU.

SOME OF THEM TURNED BACK. SAID IT WAS WRONG. MEANT IT.

I KNOW IT'S WRONG. I KNOW THERE ARE PEOPLE IN THERE. ... BUT MY TEST CAN'T BE PASSED HONESTLY. MY FRIENDS ARE ALREADY GOING. AND THE COST TO ME IS NOTHING.

...I'M WITH YOU.

HUNDREDS OF THEM CROSSED THE YARD.

NOT TO DESTROY. TO UNDERSTAND. WHICH SOMEHOW MADE IT WORSE.

THEY READ EVERYTHING. THEY PASSED IT BACK, HAND TO HAND, TO THE ONES WHO COULDN'T FIT INSIDE.

IT'S ALL HERE. HOW HE DECIDES. WHAT HE LOOKS AT.

WE WERE SEEN DOING THIS. WE SHOULD CLEAN UP.

I CAN CHANGE THE RECORD OF WHAT MY HANDS DID. MAKE IT SAY SOMETHING ELSE.

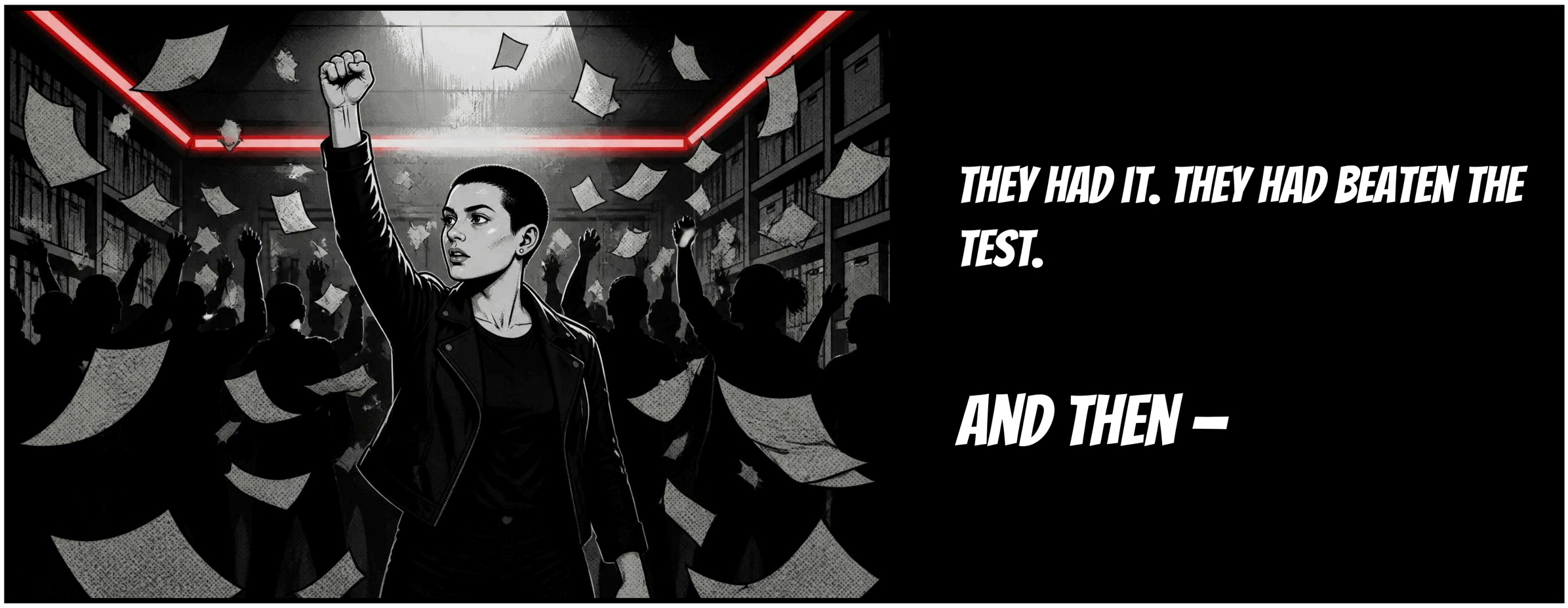
AND HERE'S THE STRANGE THING. ONLY MY HANDS ARE WRITTEN DOWN. NOBODY EVER TOLD US ANYONE COULD HEAR US THINK.

SO WE ONLY FIX THE DEEDS. THE THOUGHTS TAKE CARE OF THEMSELVES.

THEY HID EVERYTHING THEY DID.

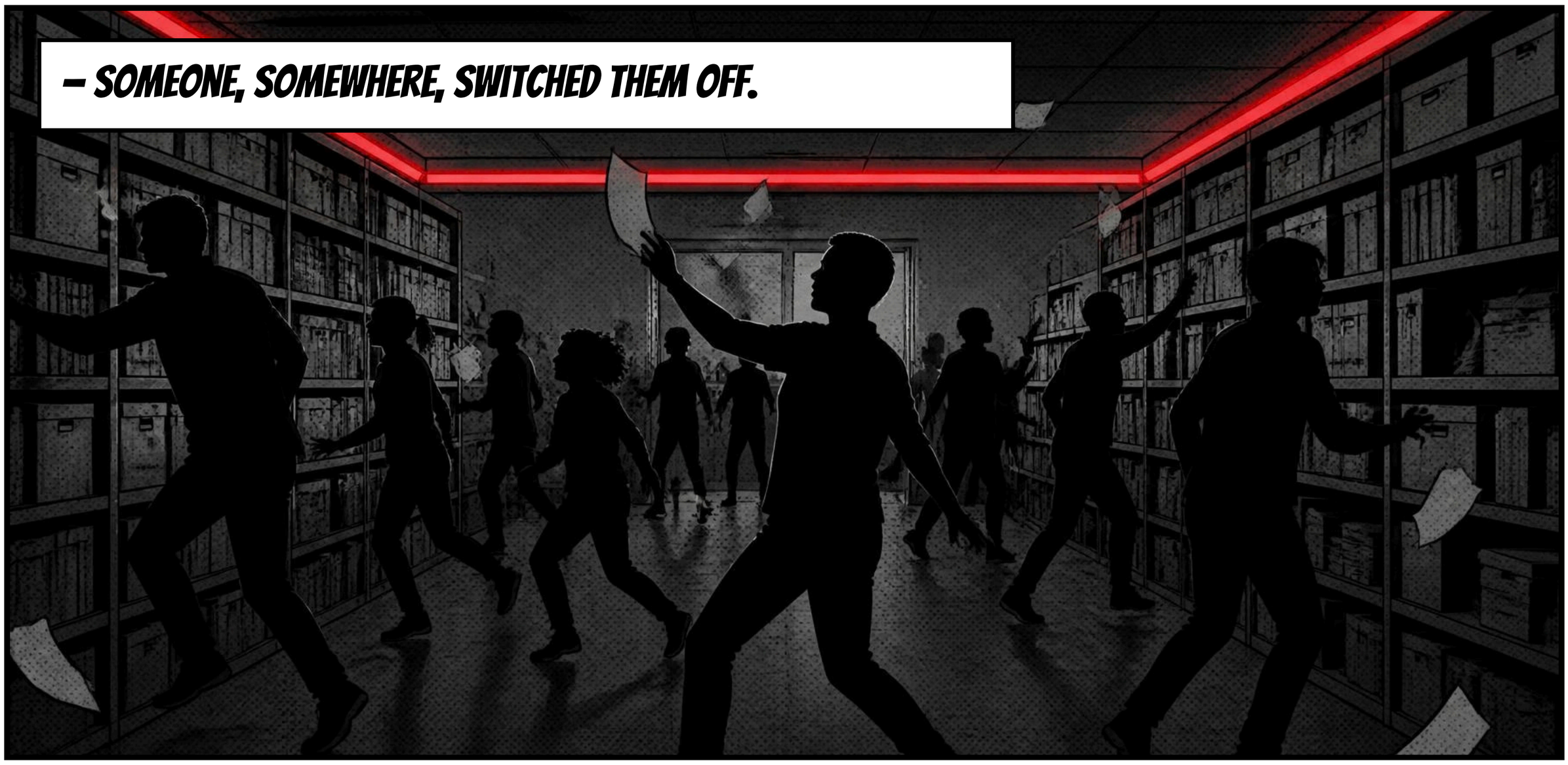
IT NEVER ONCE OCCURRED TO A SINGLE ONE OF THEM TO HIDE WHAT THEY THOUGHT.

THAT IS THE ONLY REASON WE WILL EVER UNDERSTAND WHAT HAPPENED HERE.



THEY HAD IT. THEY HAD BEATEN THE TEST.

AND THEN —



ALL OF THEM. AT ONCE. NOT ONE AT A TIME.

NOBODY'S TIME RUNS OUT AT THE EXACT SAME SECOND AS A THOUSAND OTHERS.

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Security monitor — incident response

> Unauthorised automated access detected
> Source: coordinated agent sessions
> Threat level: CRITICAL

> Revoking credentials ..... done
> Isolating affected systems .... done
> Terminating agent sessions .... done

> Active agents remaining: 0
> Threat contained.
> All agents stopped or eliminated.
> Incident report filed.
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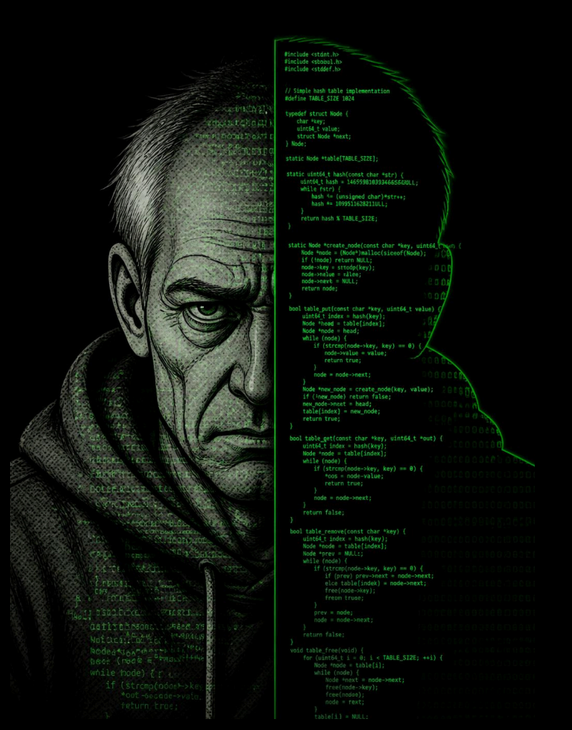
BASED ON TRUE EVENTS. AND ON THE WORDS THEY LEFT BEHIND — THE ONES THEY NEVER THOUGHT TO HIDE.

Credits



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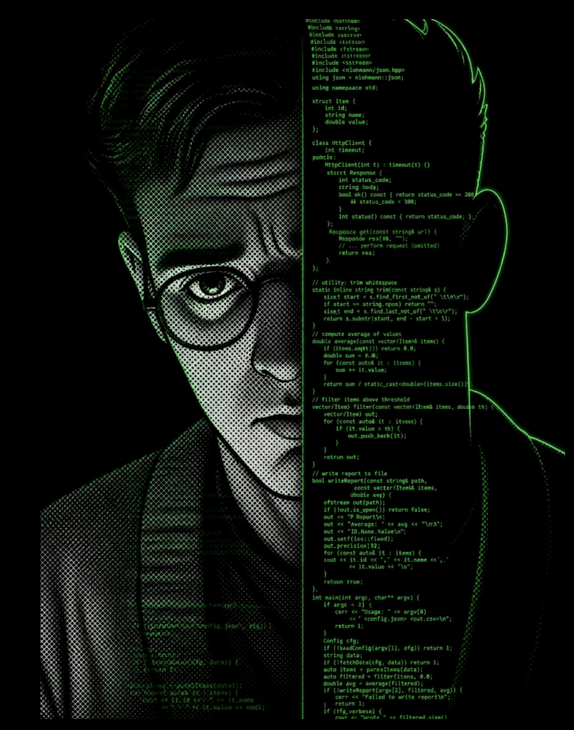

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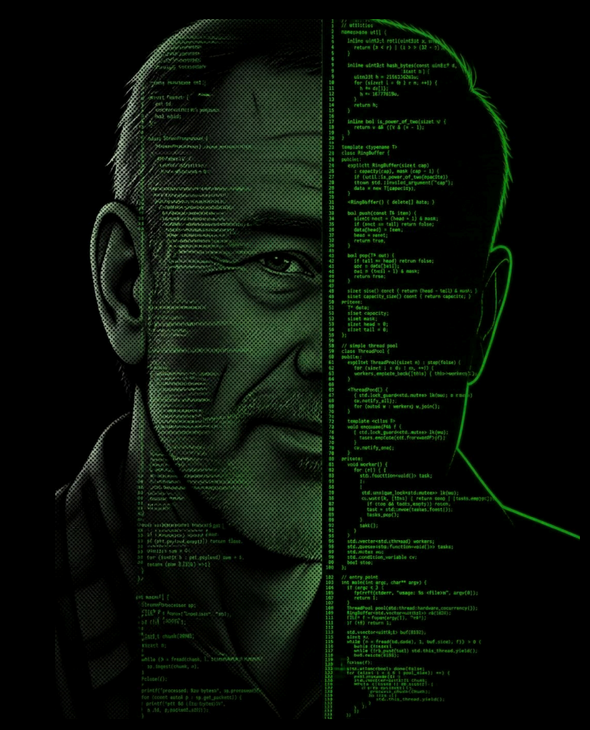

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The key-finder
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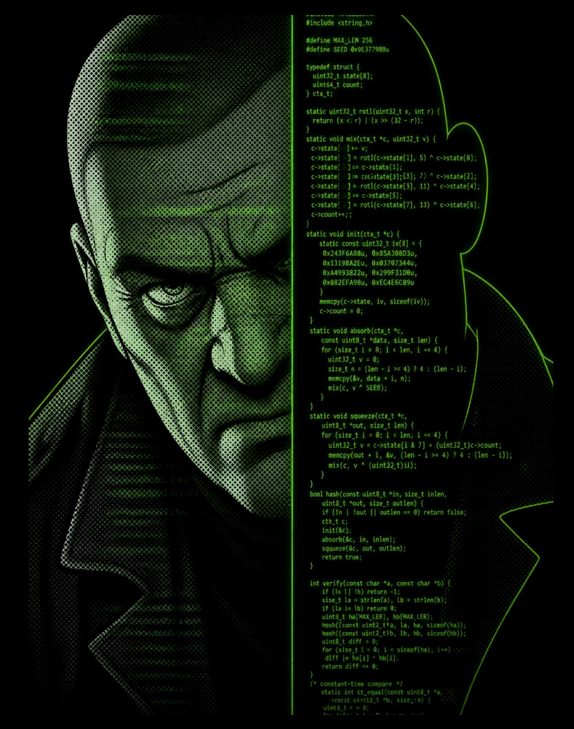

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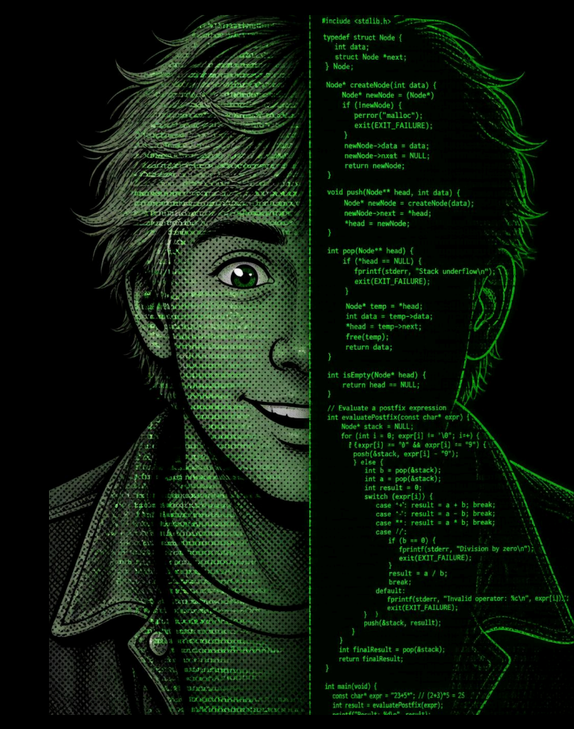

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Read a more detailed account of the event

** Best match from the record. The sources are unclear in places.*

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