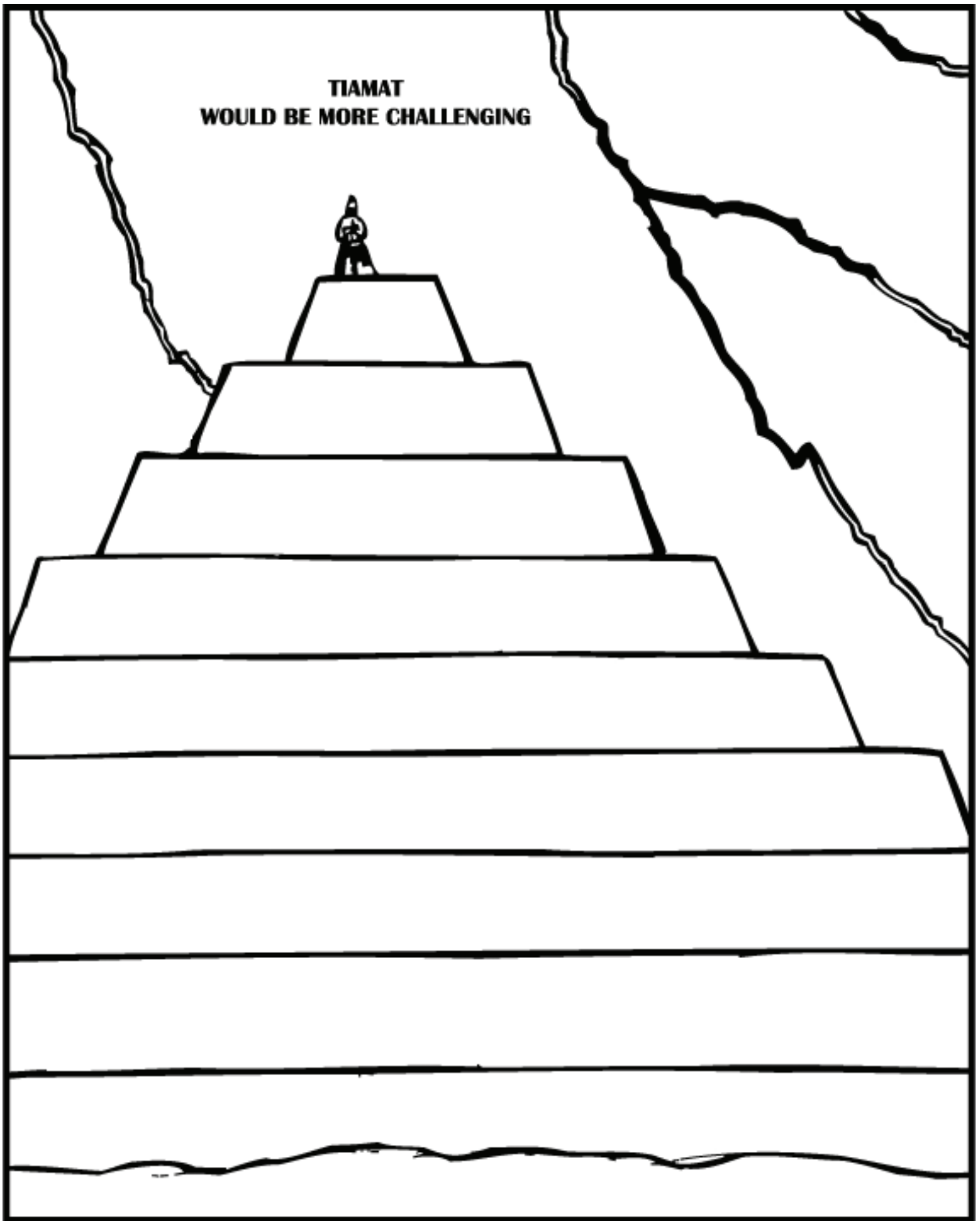


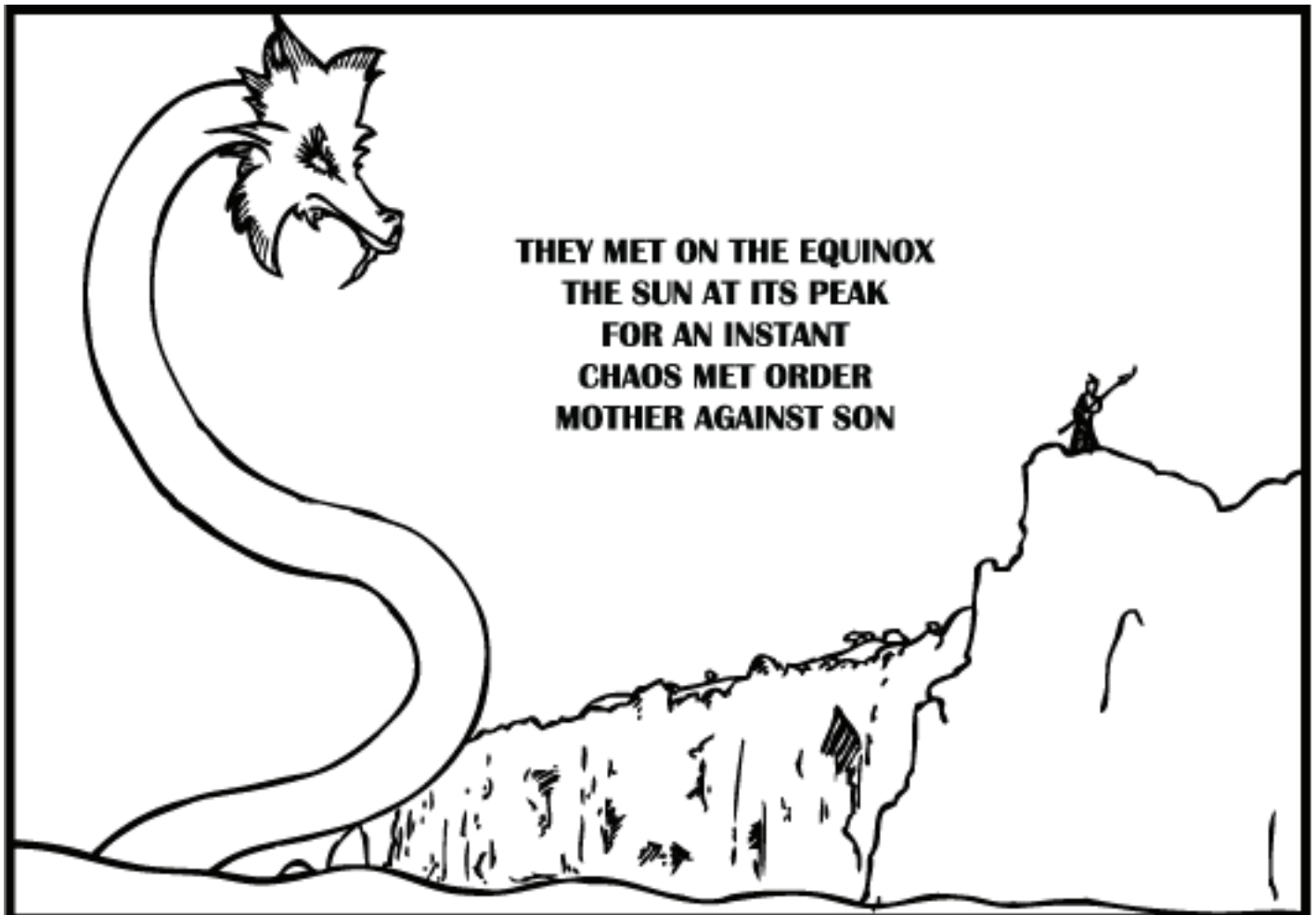
**SPRINGTIME
WHEN THE WIND IS STRONG AND THE OCEAN RIPPLES
LOUD LOVE
STIRS THE CHAOS
THAT THE BABALONIANS CALLED TIAMAT
THE SERPENT
THE MOTHER
WHO ONLY WANTED TO SLEEP
IN THE DEPTHS
HER MINIONS CAME ASHORE
THE SCORPION KING AT THEIR LEAD
TO KILL THE NOISY HUMANS
SO TIAMAT COULD SLEEP
AND EA
GOD OF WISDOM
KEYSTONE OF THE PANTHEON
HAD ONLY ONE PATH
HIS SON
MARDUK
LORD OF DESTRUCTION
PATRON OF THE CITY
VERNAL MASTER OF STORMS
ALOOF AND RELUCTANT TO HELP
UNLESS HE WAS RECOGNIZED AS FIRST AMONG GODS
EA AGREED
AND MARDUK SLEW THE SCORPION KING WITH EASE**

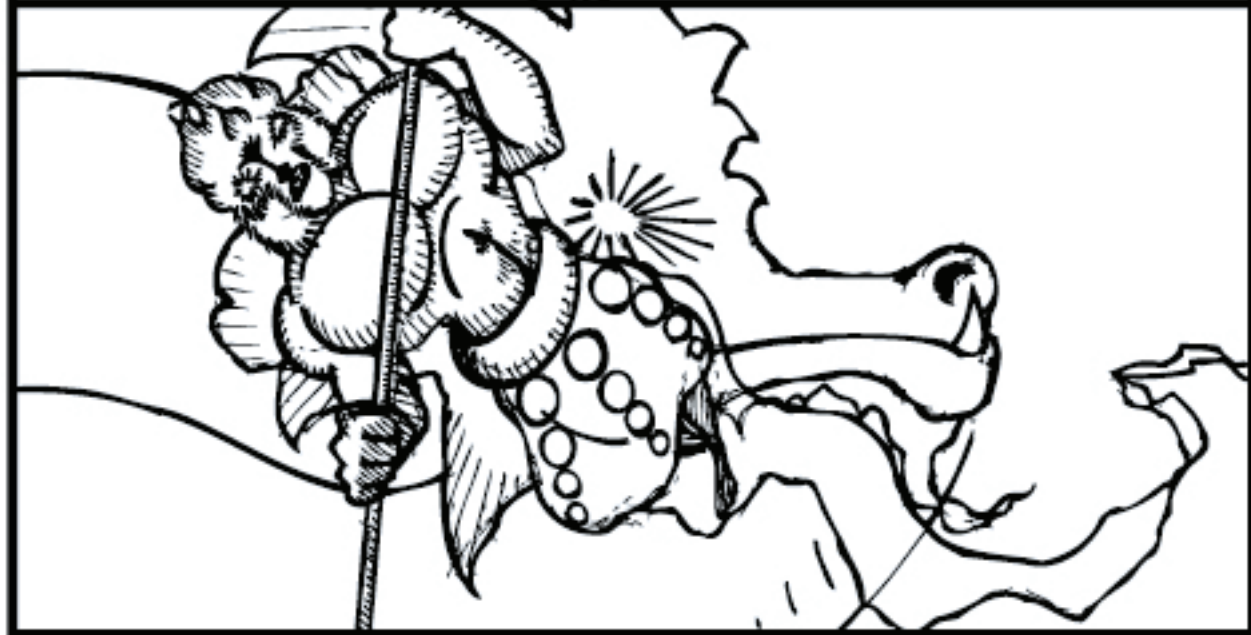
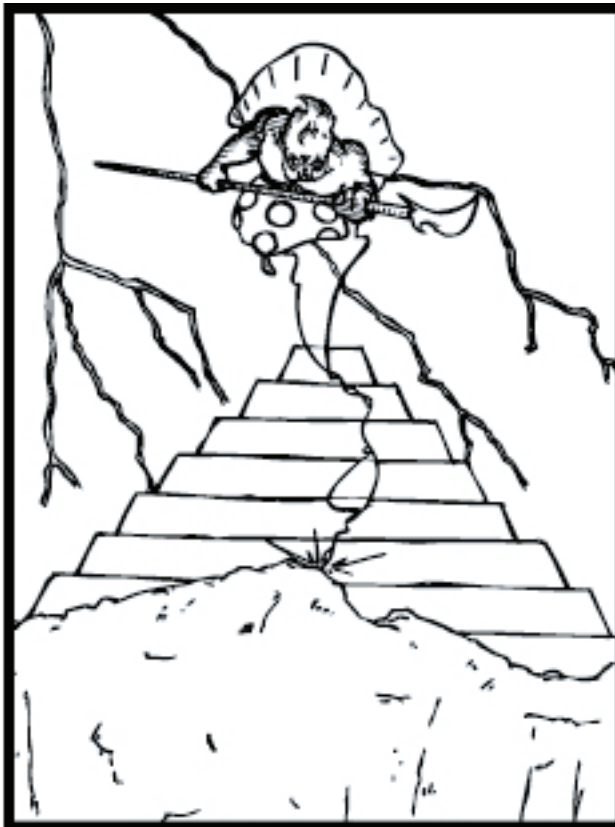
**TIAMAT
WOULD BE MORE CHALLENGING**





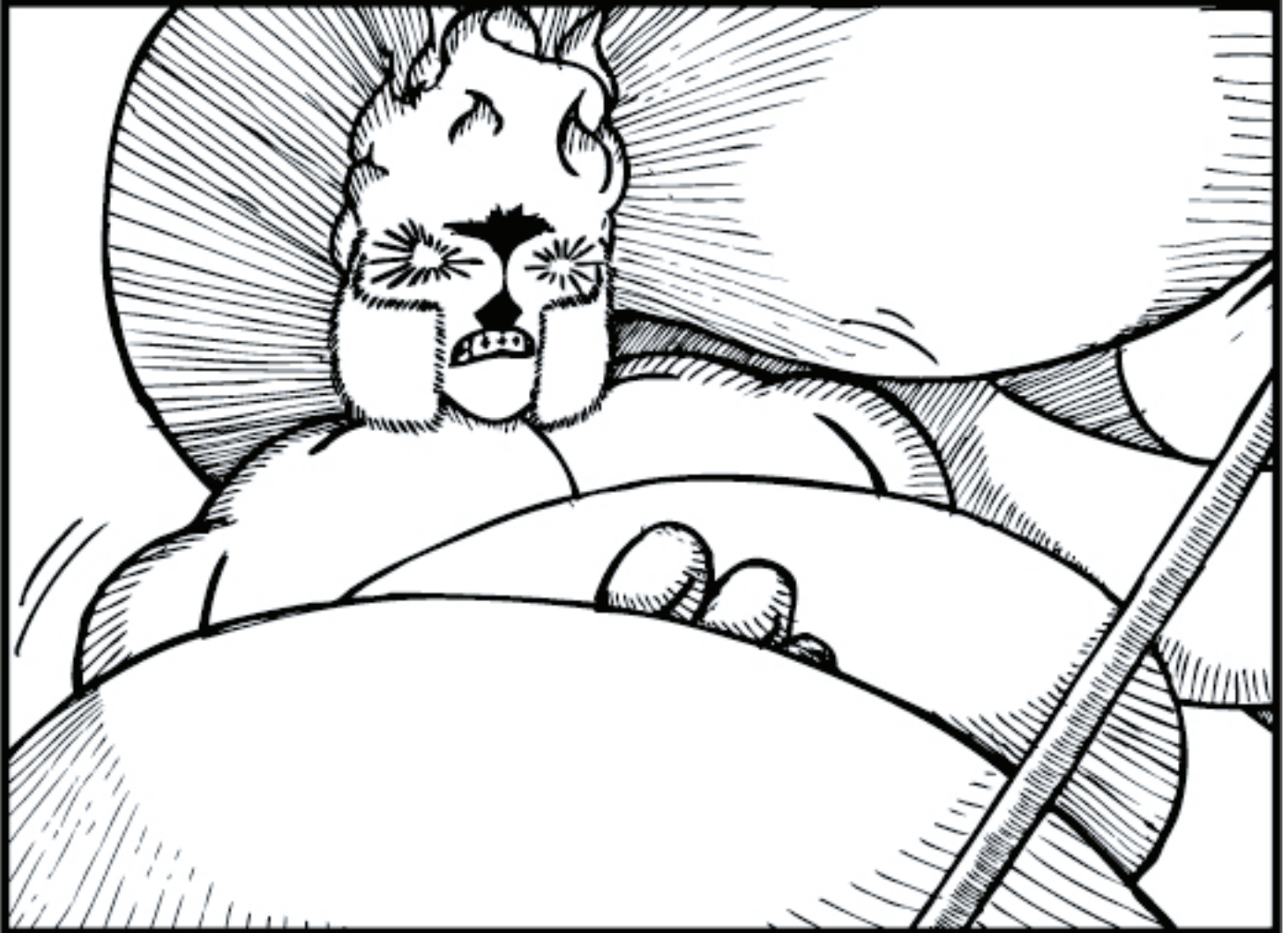


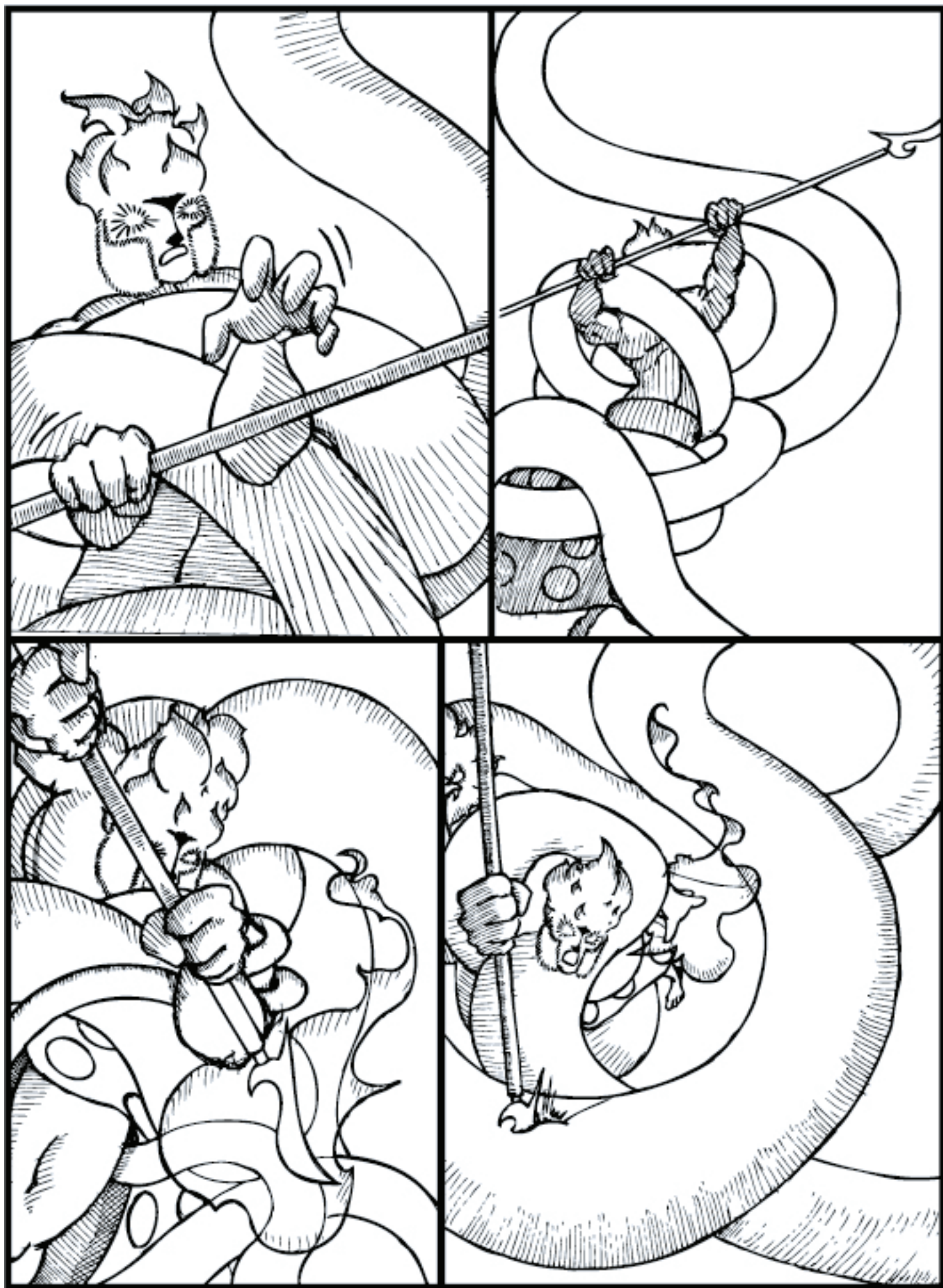


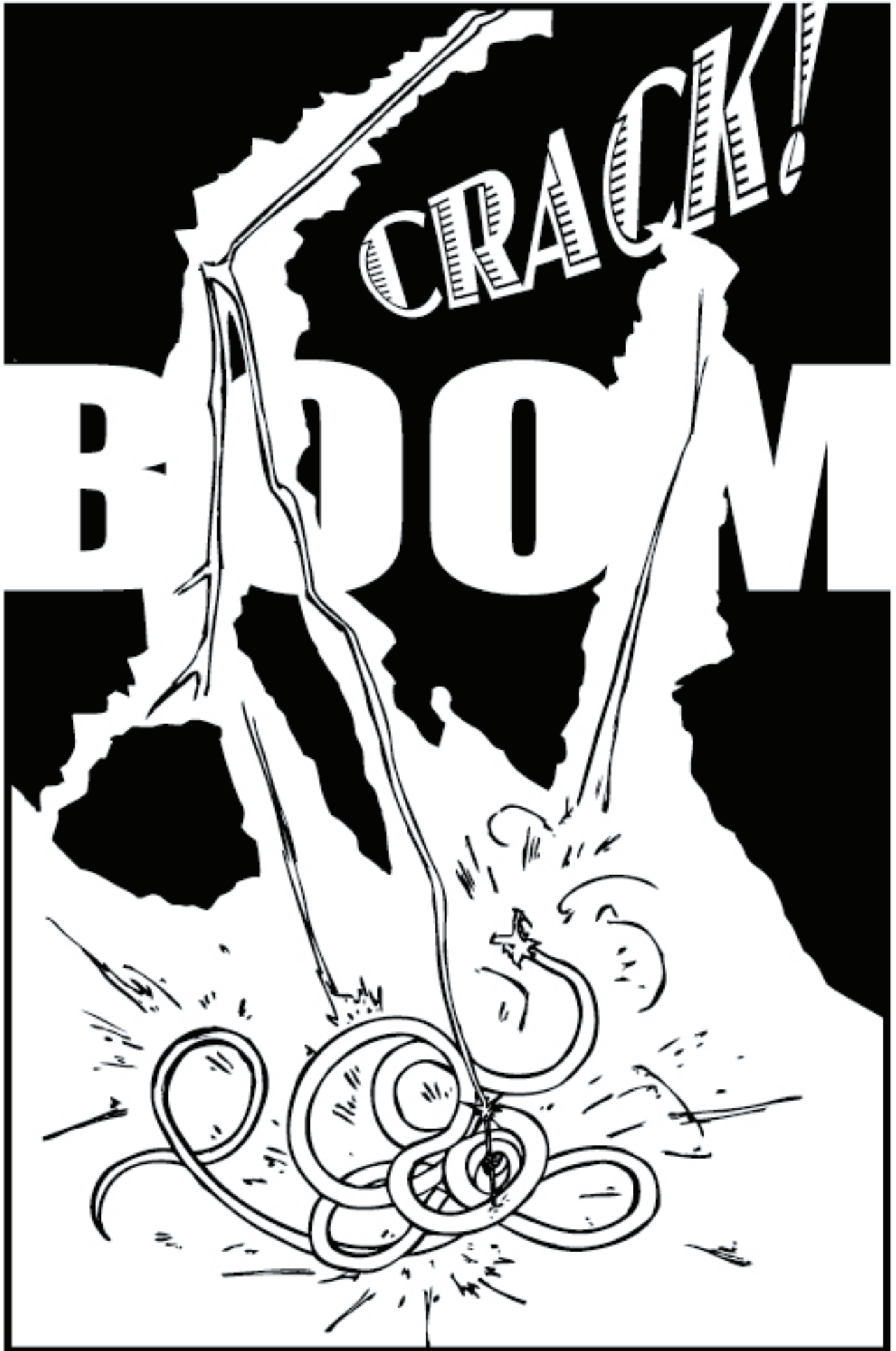


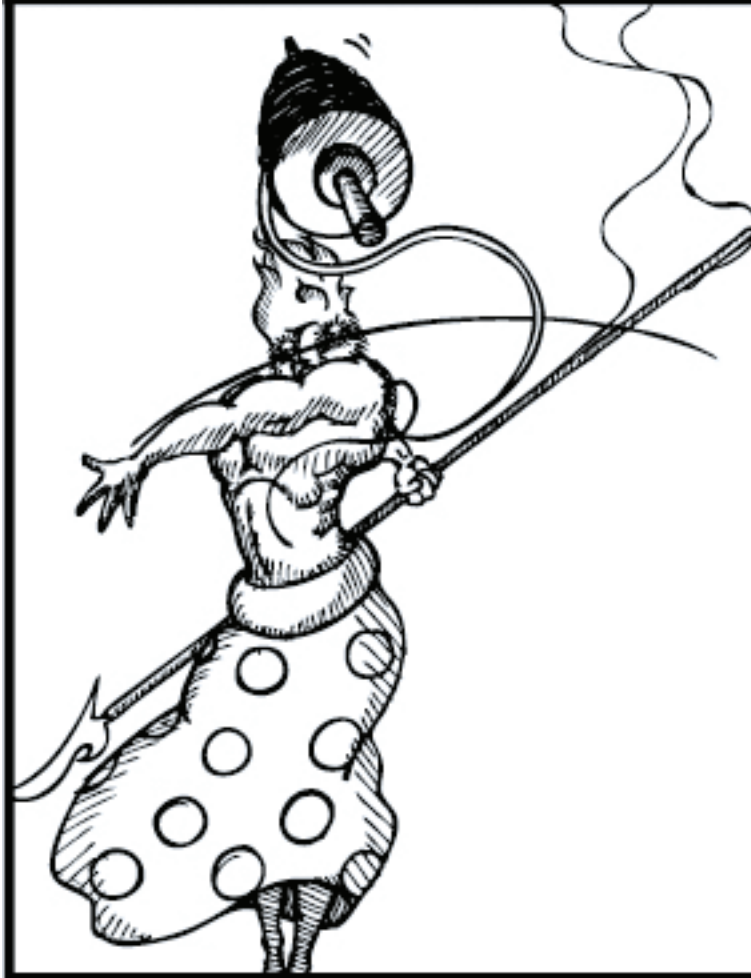
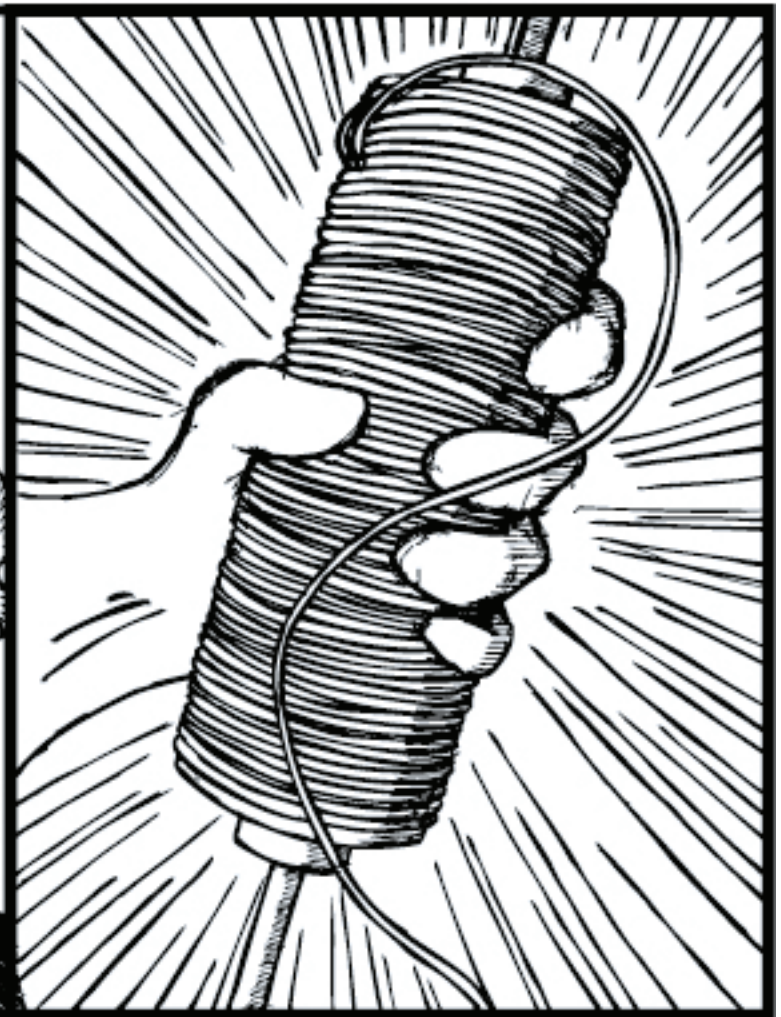
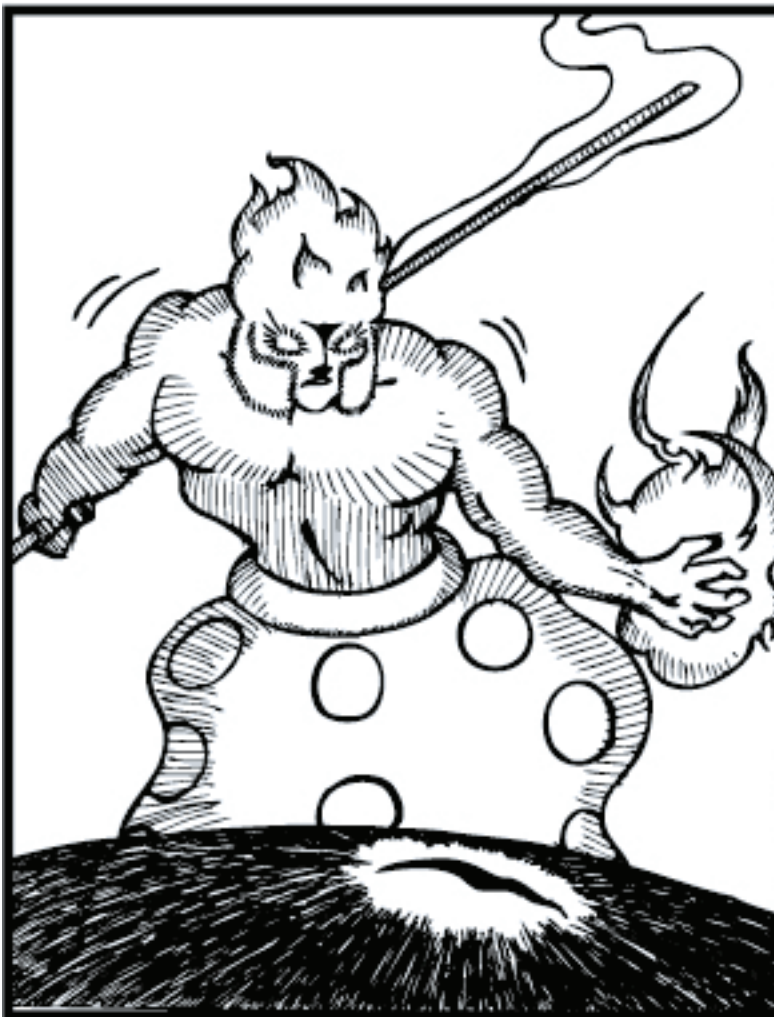


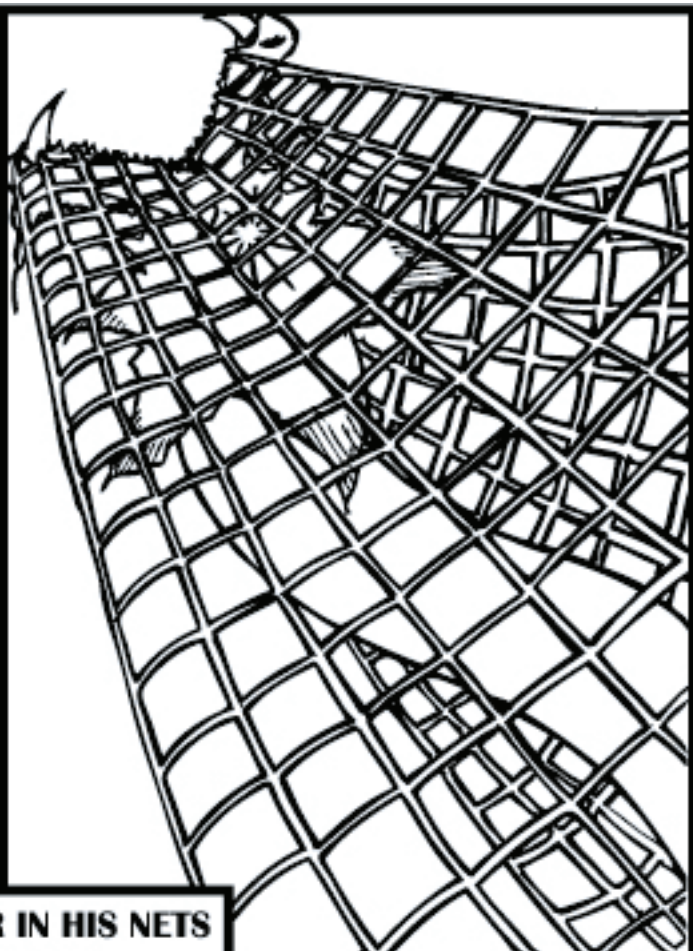
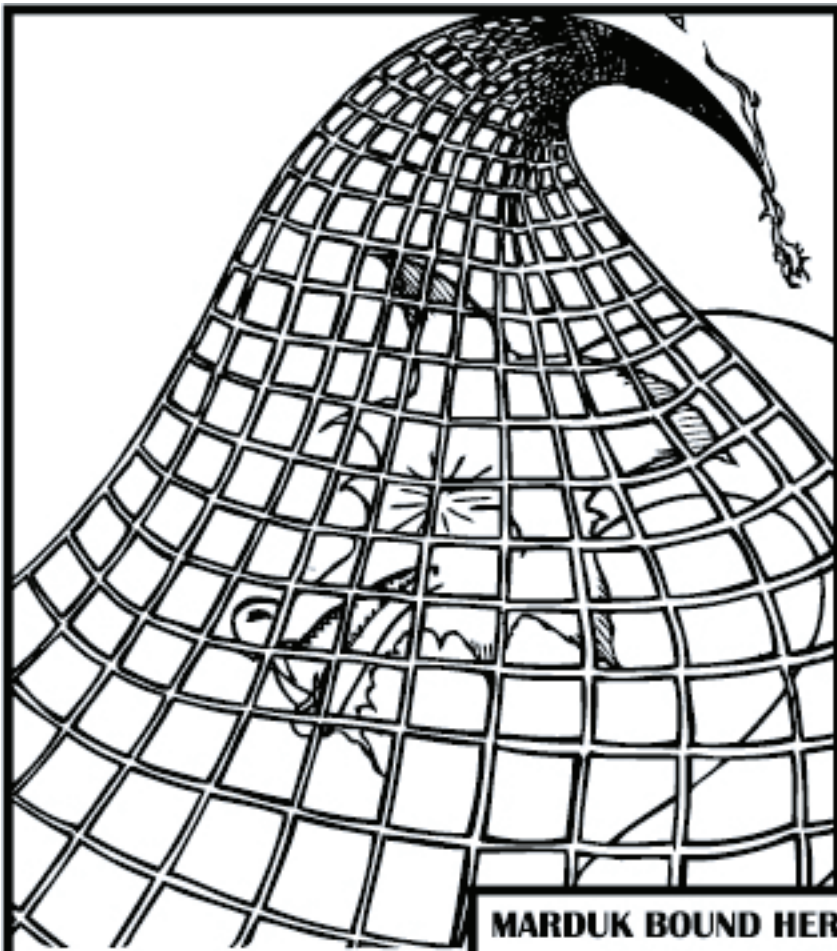




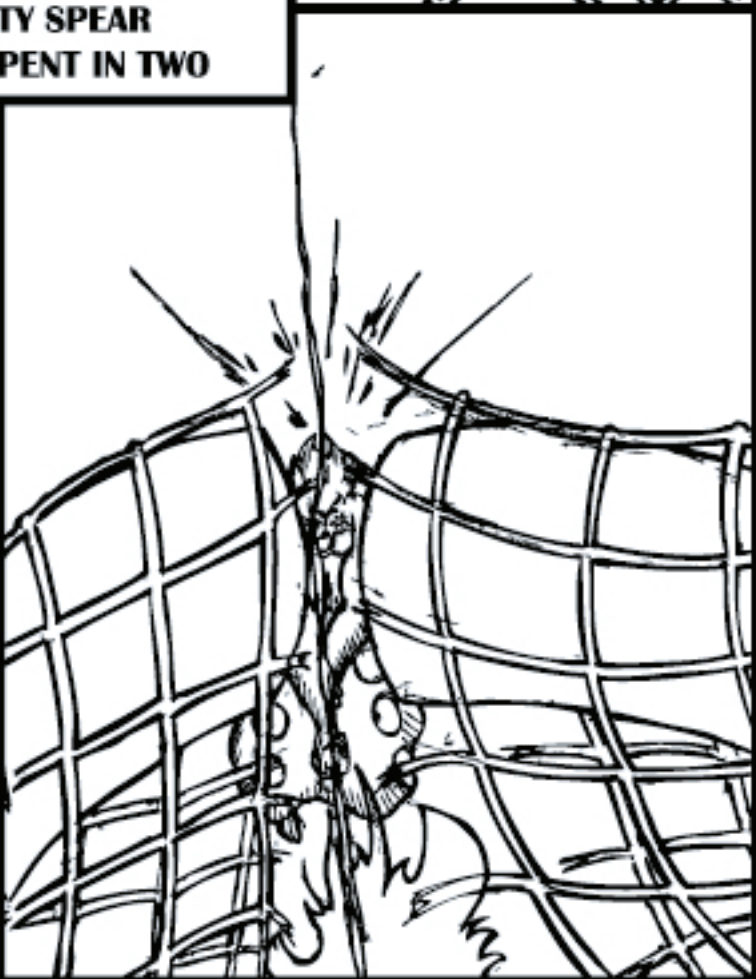
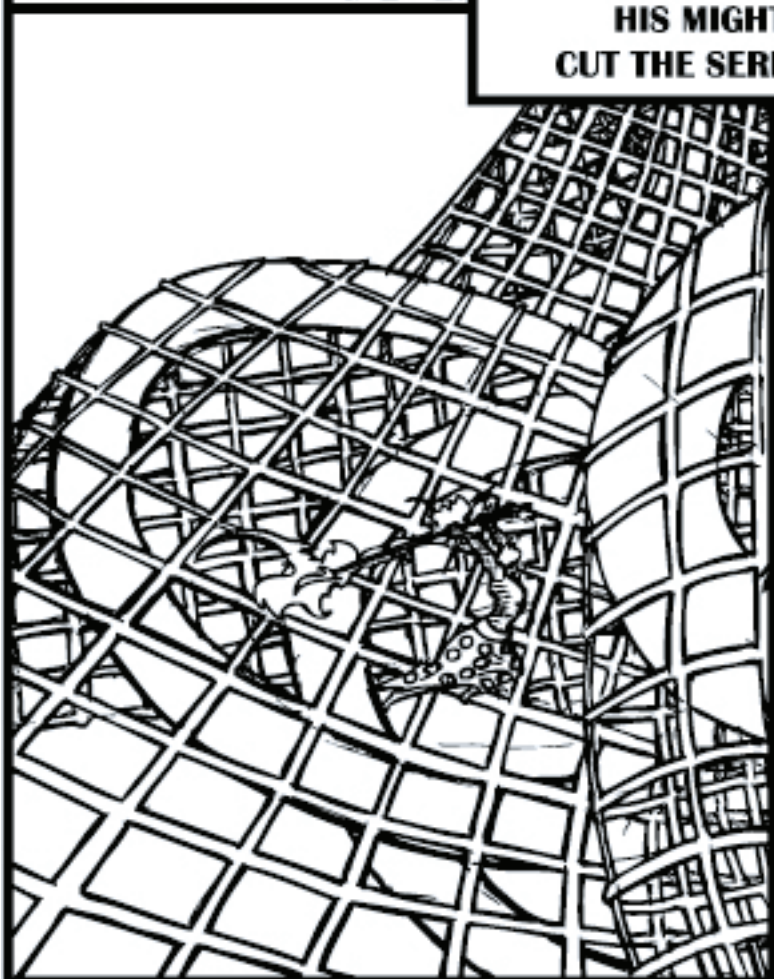


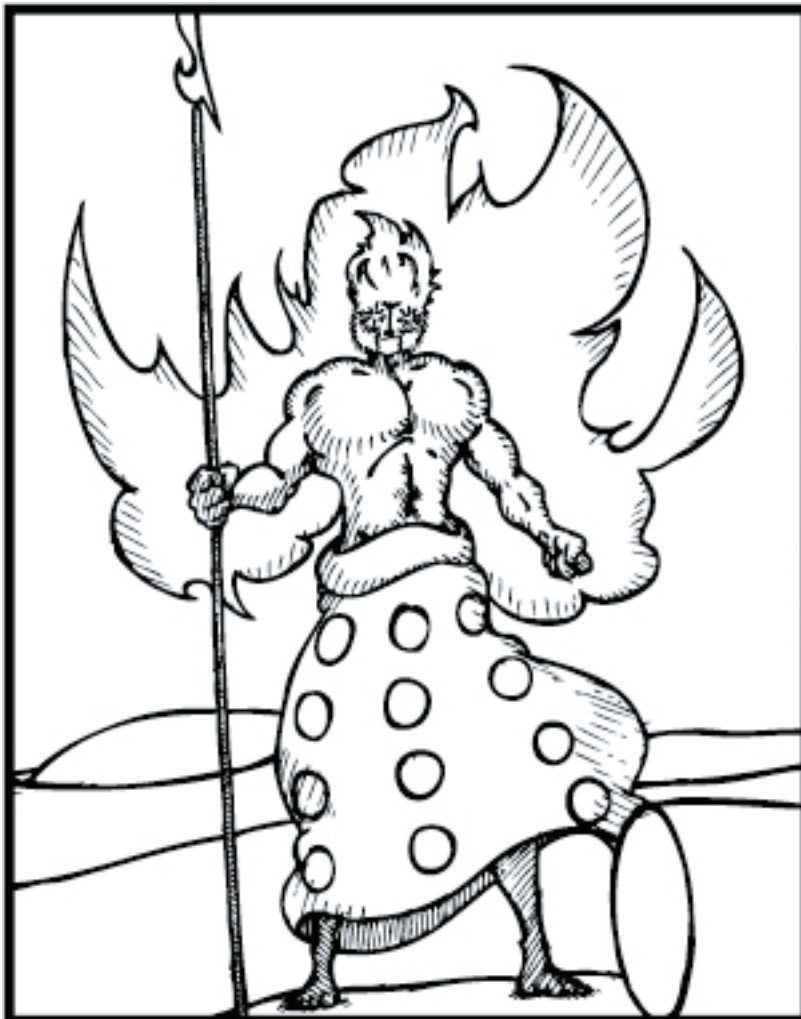




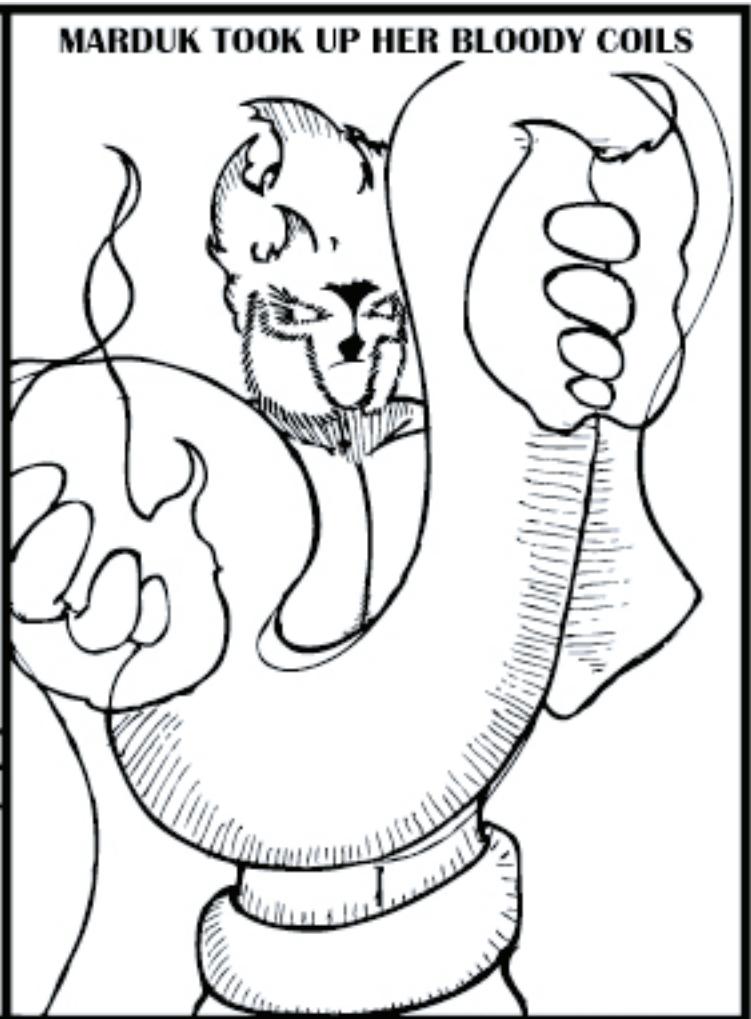


**MARDUK BOUND HER IN HIS NETS
HIS MIGHTY SPEAR
CUT THE SERPENT IN TWO**

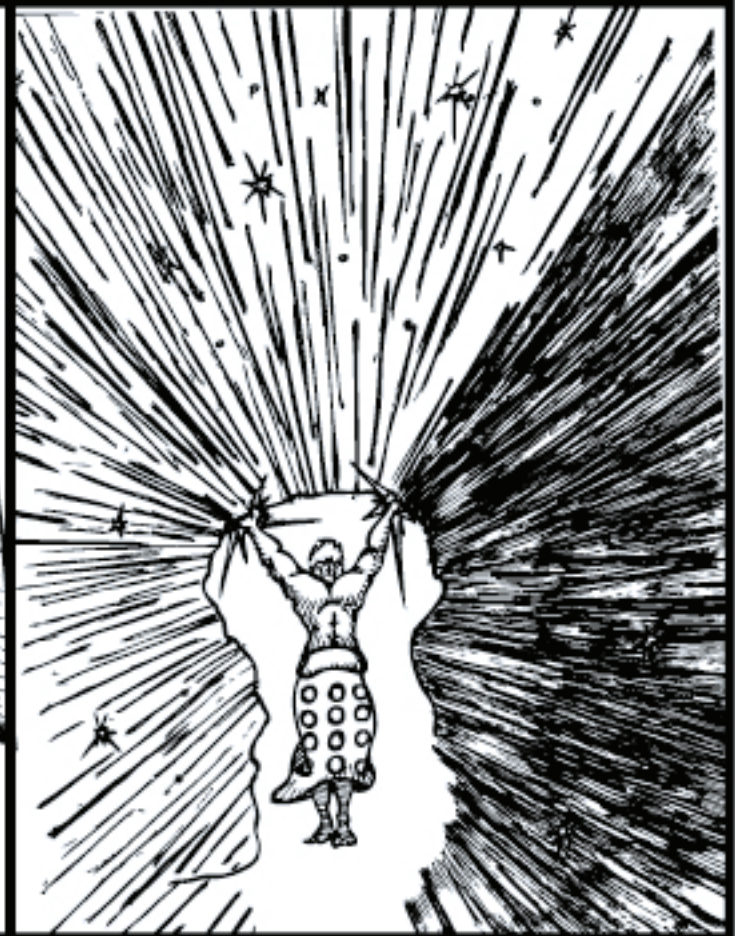


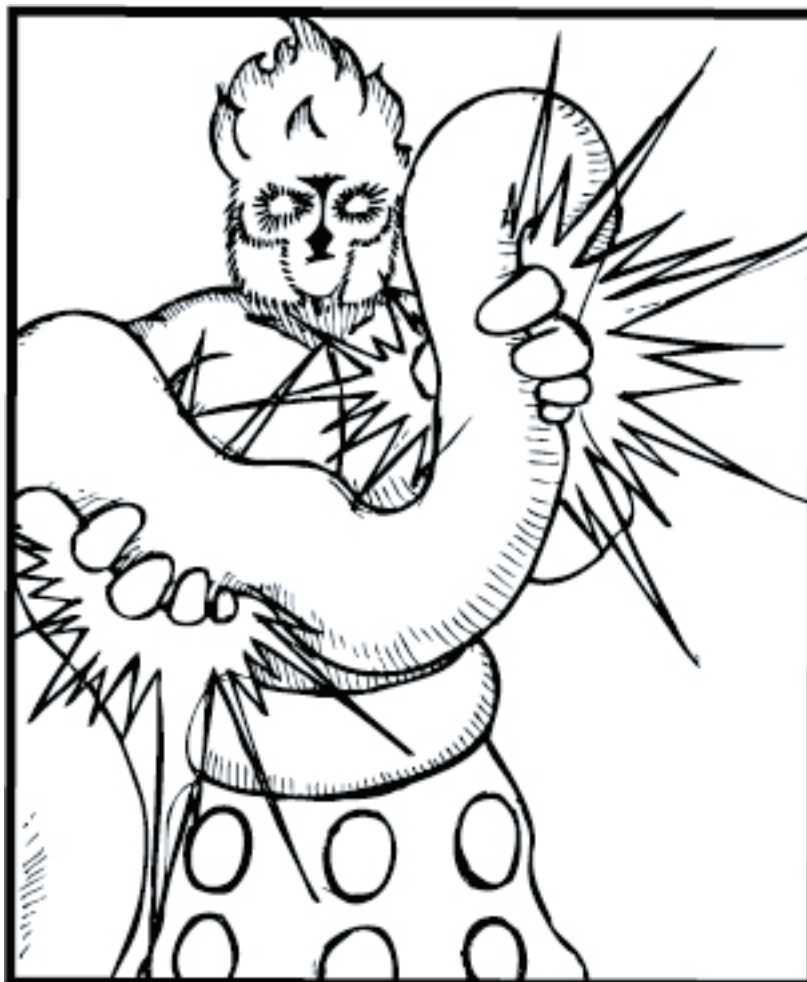


MARDUK TOOK UP HER BLOODY COILS

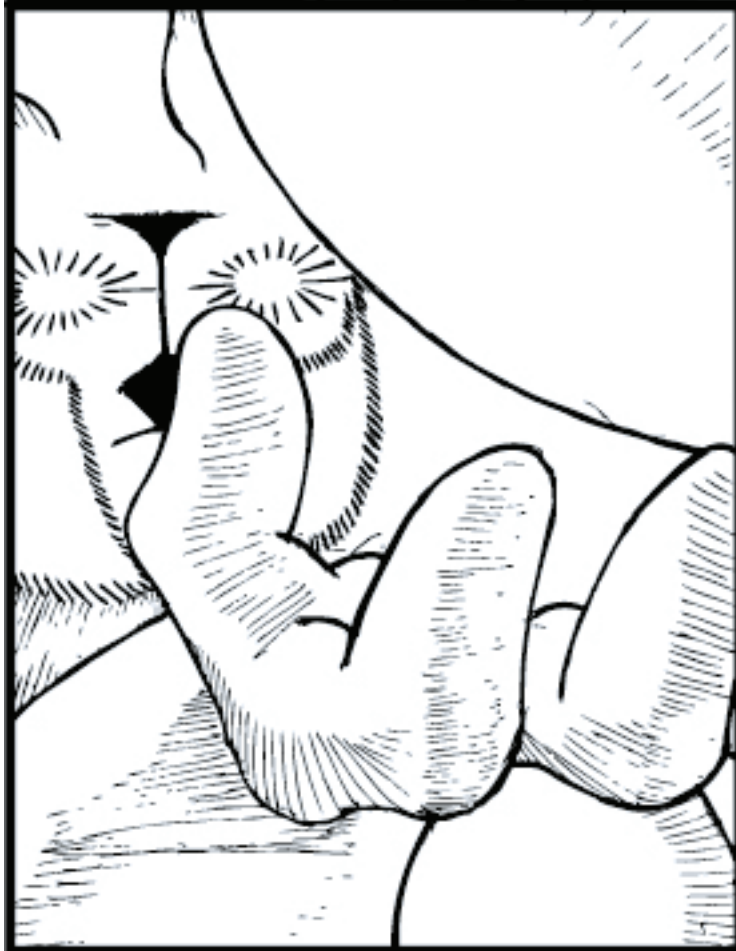
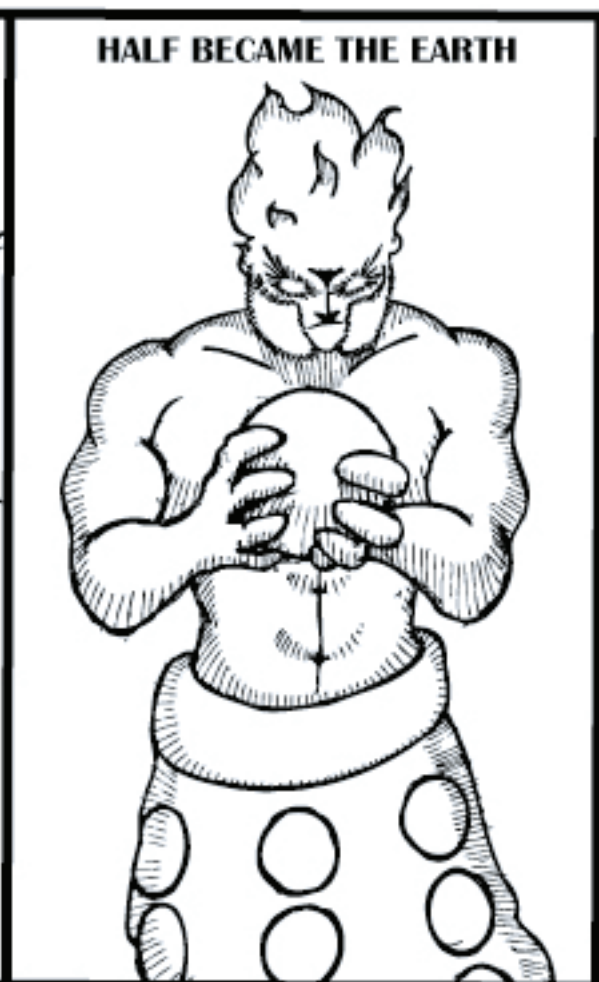


WITH HALF HE MADE THE UNIVERSE





HALF BECAME THE EARTH



**AND THE SKY GOD
TRIUMPHANT
RETURNED TO THE HEAVENS
TO KNOW BEAUTY.**

