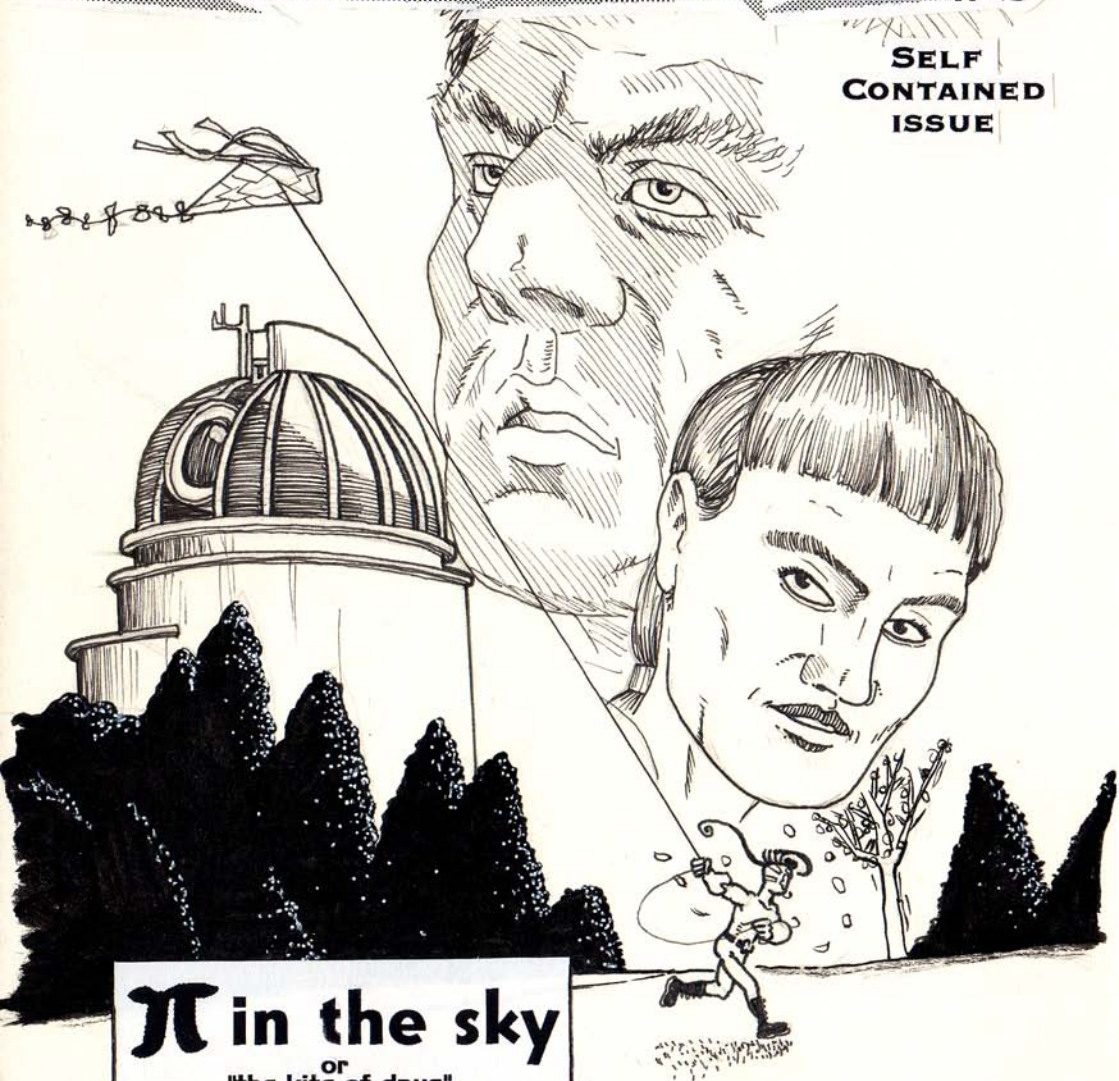


MAGIC LAMP BOY

#9

SELF
CONTAINED
ISSUE



π in the sky
or
"the kite of days"

Lens Flare

Ballad of a lazy Bastard

#9

Well, what can I give but my most sincere apology for the lateness of this issue. I'd really like to say I had a good reason for it, there are many I could give, the most significant of which was that I "accidentally" wrote myself into this issue because I didn't have any reference pictures for a new character (, a dangerous exercise for any depressed egocentric) and ended up opening a whole can of worms about.....But none of my excuses will really hold water with my slowly increasing and loyal readership (you know who you are).

The only event that I consciously put MLB on hold for between last issue and this is a short film that I'm appearing in sometime in March on channel 4. God knows how I landed it, maybe I was a natural to play a religious fanatic with big hair (you heard right), but I'm putting it down to 'the right place at the right time' and leaving it at that, more news about air dates when it happens.

The rest of my melancholic life over the last few months can be summed up into three distinct categories; 'missed opportunities', 'dealing with stress' and 'death threats to be taken seriously',.....but enough. If you're still reading this, or if you just take pleasure in the suffering of others, then I wish you all the best in 1999, and promise the next issue won't take as long as this one.

RECENT PLOT PROCEEDINGS...

A STRANGE AND SILENT FIGURE HAS BEEN FOUND AT THE HOUSE OF A RECENTLY DECEASED EXPERIMENTAL PAINTER (, MAXIM LUDWIG). HAVING BEEN TAKEN IN BY THE POLICE AND SUBSEQUENTLY CLEARED OF ANY CHARGES, THE FIGURE RAISES THE ATTENTION OF PSYCHOLOGIST DR. 'STAN' KRISTOFF.

UNAWARE TO THE DOCTOR, OR THE INVESTIGATING DETECTIVE, BARRY RYDER, THE FIGURE (NAMED BY THE POLICE AS A 'JON DOE') IS A "GESTALT MACHINE", A COLLECTION OF ASPECTS AND IDEAS CREATED BY BEINGS SIMILAR TO ITSELF, EXISTING IN A 1 DIMENSIONAL PLANE.

IN AN ATTEMPT TO DISCOVER MORE, KRISTOFF HAS GIVEN 'JON DOE' SHELTER IN HIS PRIVATE CLINIC...

NEXT ISSUE: AN EXPOSITION TO FAR AWAY LANDS.

A PROLOGUE TO MLB BOOK II SEE'S PROFESSOR MUTHESIUS TRYING HIS BEST TO GIVE AN ACCOUNT OF HIS INVESTIGATIVE RESEARCH, AND ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN REGARDING HIS DISCOVERY OF MLB. MEANWHILE, DETECTIVE RYDER GOES DOWN THE ROAD TO THE CAFE FOR A CUP OF TEA AND A STICKY BUN.



I THINK YOU'LL
AGREE WHEN YOU
SEE THE PATIENT,

I'LL TAKE OVER
THE TREATMENT OF
DANIEL EMERSON, I
NEED YOU IN ON
THIS...

HE'S SOMETHING...

...SPECIAL.



HI, I'M DR. KELLER.
GLAD TO MEET YOU.

"SO, WHAT DO YOU WANT
ME TO DO.....?"

ARTMENT
C ROOM
JARD 12 ↑



"...JUST SPEND SOME
TIME WITH HIM, SHOW
HIM AROUND, ANSWER
HIS QUESTIONS..."

"...AND FIND OUT
WHAT YOU CAN ABOUT
HIM."

Patient Study Notes.

Reviewer: Rose Keller

Patient: UNKNOWN ("JON DOE")

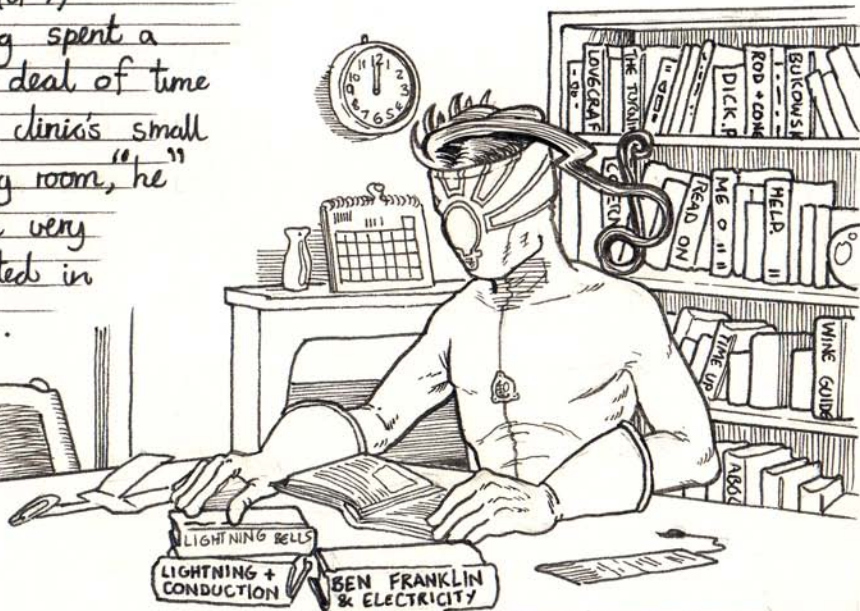
F.A.O. Dr. S. Kriestoff



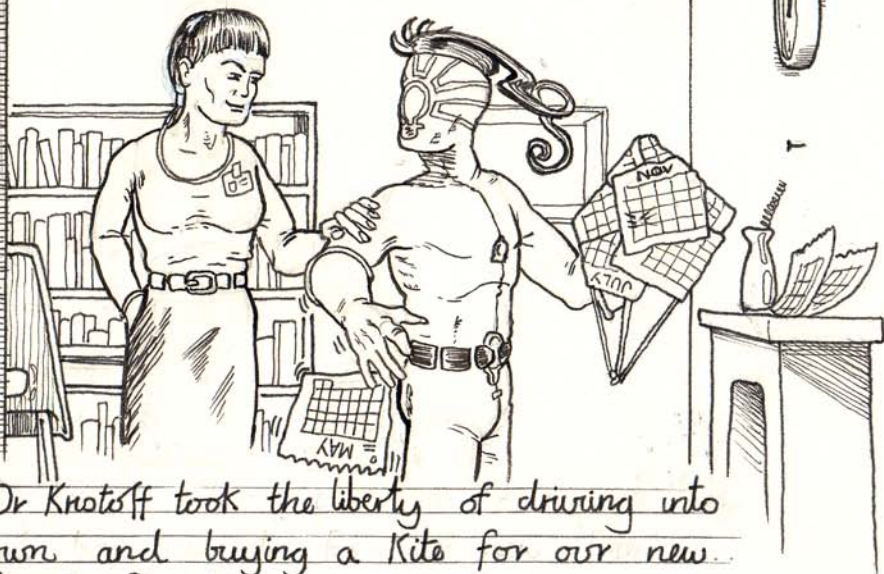
Despite being named a "JON DOE" by the police, the gender of the unknown patient has still to be ascertained. Another question remaining to be answered is..., why does the patient not want to eat or sleep when given the opportunity to do so.

DAY 2 (of 7)

Having spent a great deal of time in the clinic's small reading room, "he" became very interested in Kites....



So much so, that he had to be dissuaded from constructing one from the wall calendar..!



Dr Knotoff took the liberty of driving into town and buying a Kite for our new found friend...

RESIDENTS



but on returning,
with it, the gift
was taken with great
bemusement...

DAY 3 (of 7)

At approximately
6:35 am, the
new patient was
found on top
of a Kitchen
store cupboard,
- completing his
original Kite using
another calendar
he had found...



.....and so, later
that day, we
went flying.





YES, HERE.

IT'S....ABOUT 3 PEOPLE,
AND THEY ALL LOOK LIKE ME,
ANDTHEY'RE....ER...IN A BIG ROOM
SHAPED LIKE A.....LIKE A DOME,
BUT THERE'S NO.....CHAIRS
IN IT.....

SO I,....I MEAN
THESE GUYS CAN'T
SIT AND REST.



THEN ONE OF THEM
COMES UP WITH AN IDEA....

"AN UNSUPPORTED CIRCLE",
WHERE THEY ALL STAND
TIGHT TOGETHER, AND
SIT SIMULTANEOUSLY
USING EACH OTHER
AS SUPPORT.

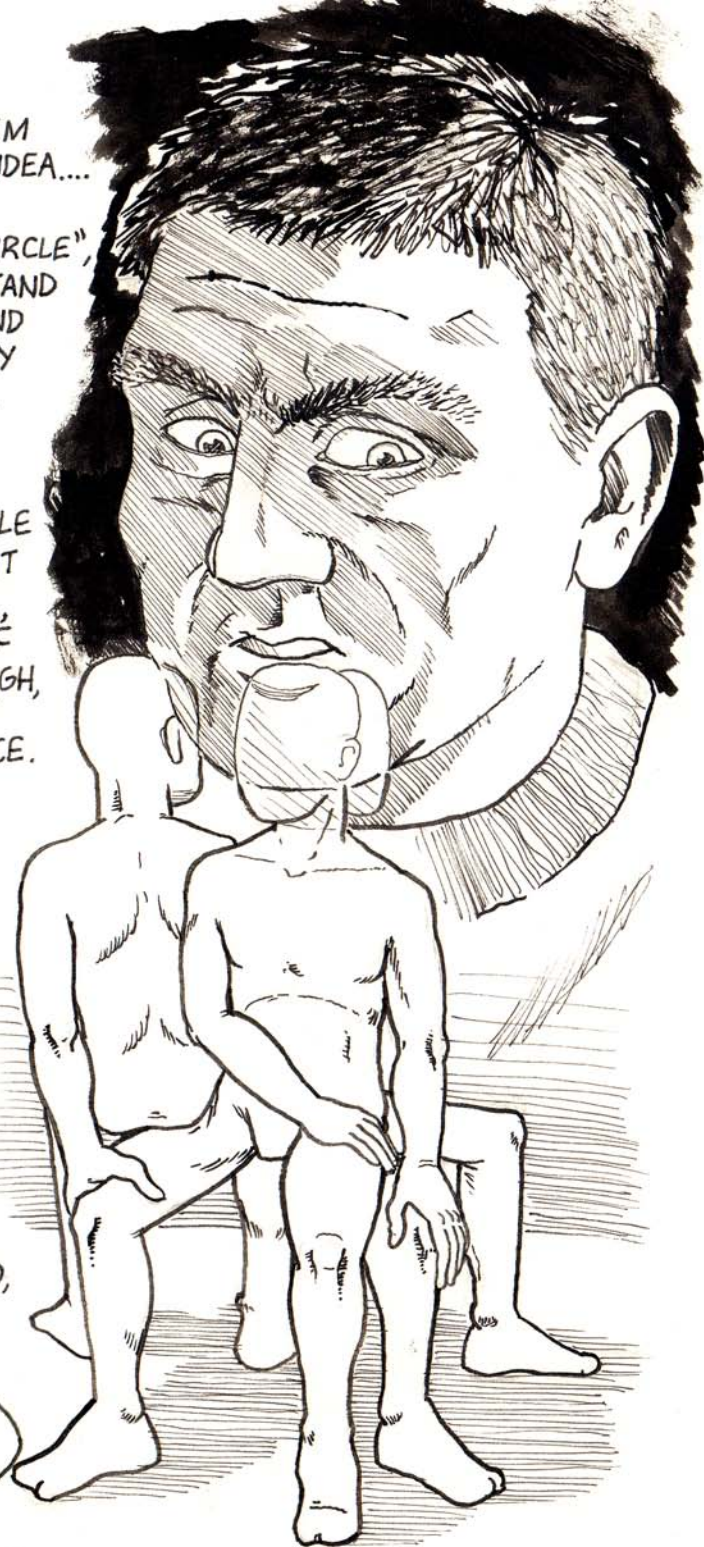
THEY SIT FOR A WHILE
AND ARE CONTENT
TO JUST, JUST "BE",
BUT FINALLY ONE OF
THEM HAS HAD ENOUGH,
AND WANTS TO GET
UP, NEEDS SOME SPACE.

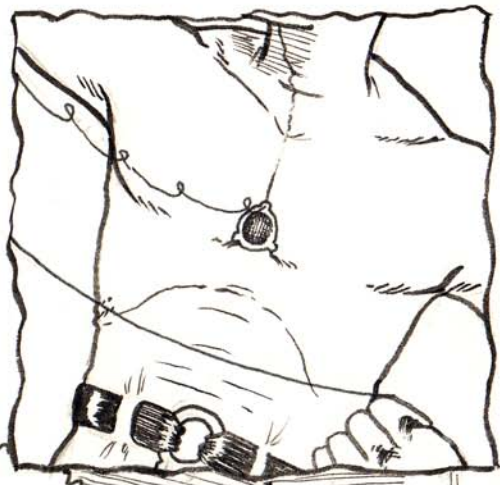
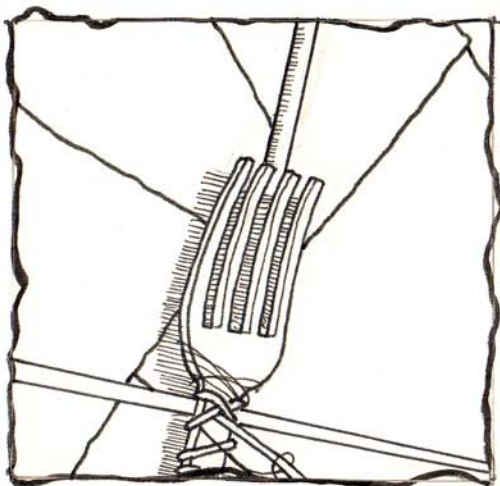
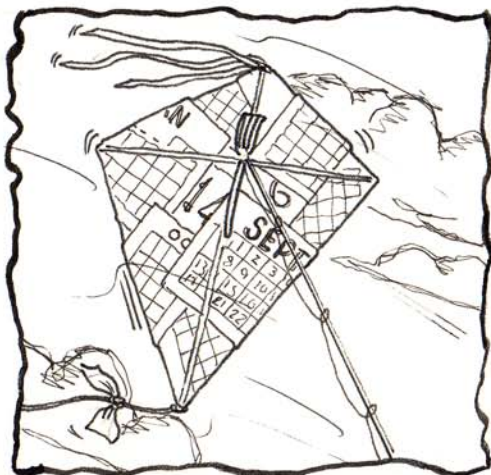
BUT THE OTHERS
DON'T WANT THIS,
BECAUSE IF ONE
STANDS, THE OTHERS,
....THE OTHERS.....

WHAT HAPPENS
TO THE OTHERS,
DANIEL?

...I WANT TO STAND,
DOCTOR, I REALLY DO,
BUT, THEY'RE ALL
ME, AND.....

ALRIGHT DANIEL,
THAT'S ENOUGH FOR
TODAY.





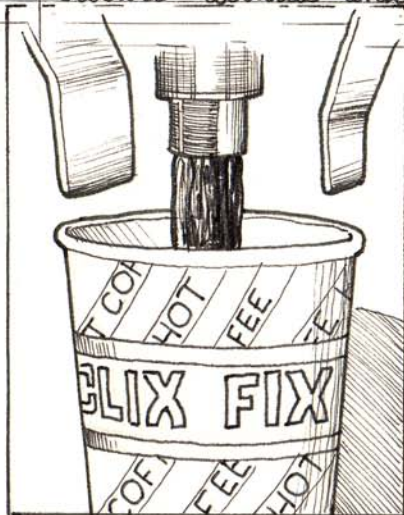
fly me to the moon
and let... zzzkweeooooeee...!
BOO WIPP!... BOO WIPP WIPP...
weeeooKzzz...! among
the stars

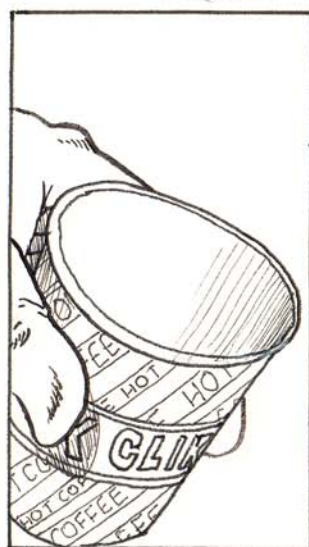


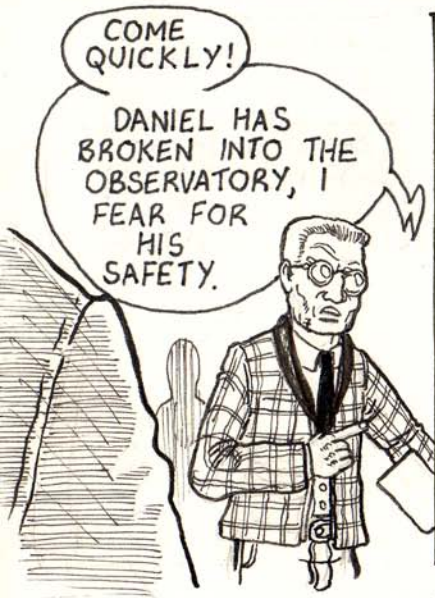
DAY 5 (of 7) F.A.O. Dr. Kristoff

Today, I witnessed first hand evidence which supports Dr. Kristoff's supposition concerning our
JON DOE

I am certain that the event recorded here involves abilities which lie outside "natural law"...









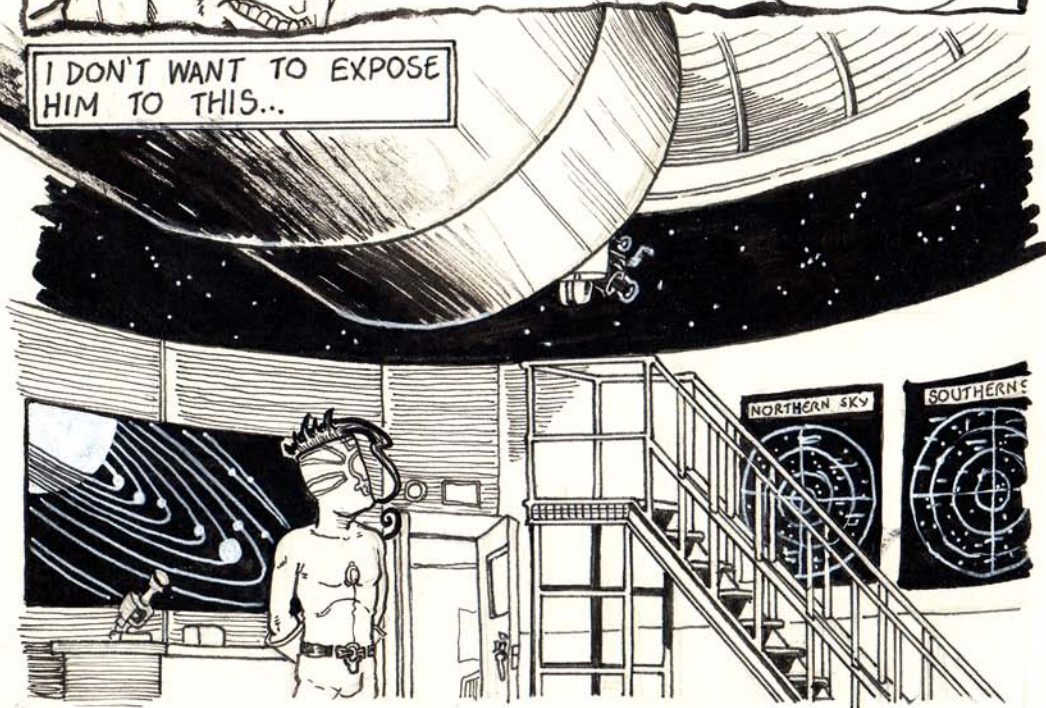
I DON'T WANT TO APPROACH HIM UNTIL THE FIRE BRIGADE GET HERE, HE'S BEEN SEEN FROM OUTSIDE, ON THE DOME.



I WANT YOU TO KEEP THE AREA, AND THE OTHER STAFF AND PATIENTS CALM...

...ESPECIALLY OUR NEW ARRIVAL

I DON'T WANT TO EXPOSE HIM TO THIS...





"IT'S...ABOUT 3 PEOPLE,
AND THEY ALL LOOK LIKE
ME"

Things changed so
much....in a short
space of time

"...AND SIT SIMULTANEOUSLY,
USING EACH OTHER AS
SUPPORT..."

what i wanted became....
no. i became out of
context...with my environment

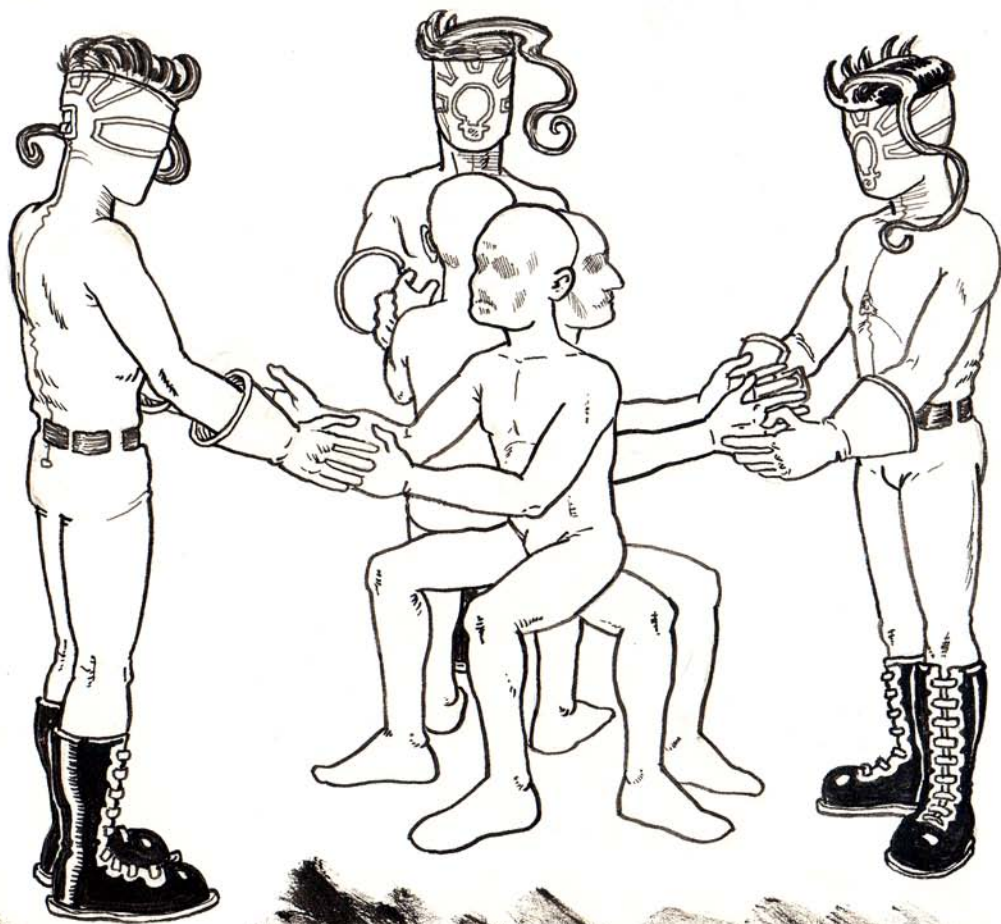
"THEY SIT FOR
A WHILE AND
ARE...CONTENT"

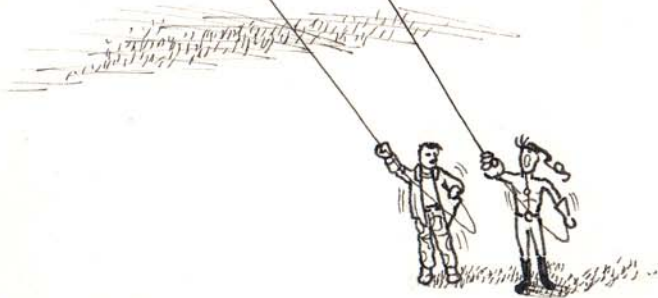
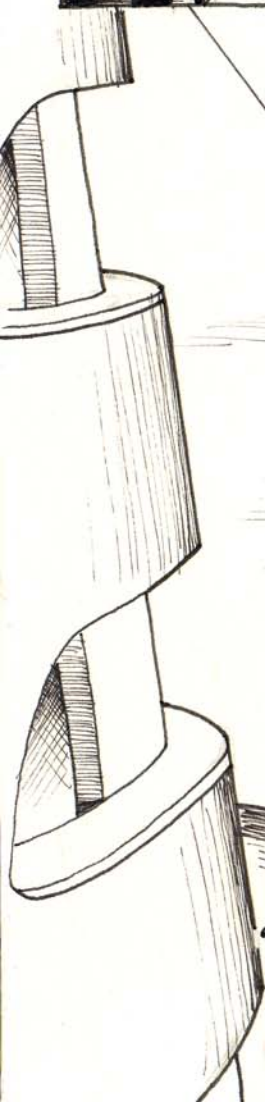
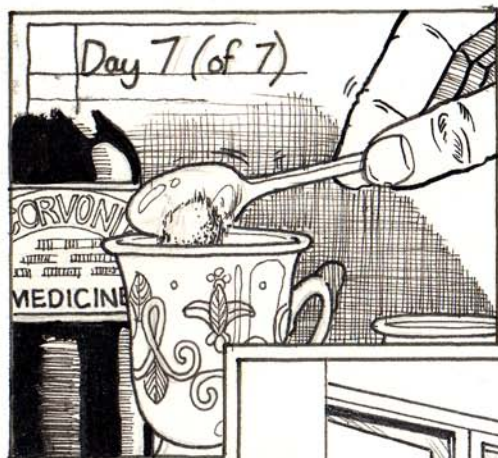
I began to
DOUBT myself...



"I WANT TO STAND
DOCTOR, I REALLY
DO...."

...and having that
doubt...
I could FALL





"What I give form to in daylight is only one percent of what I have seen in darkness"
M.C. ESCHER.



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