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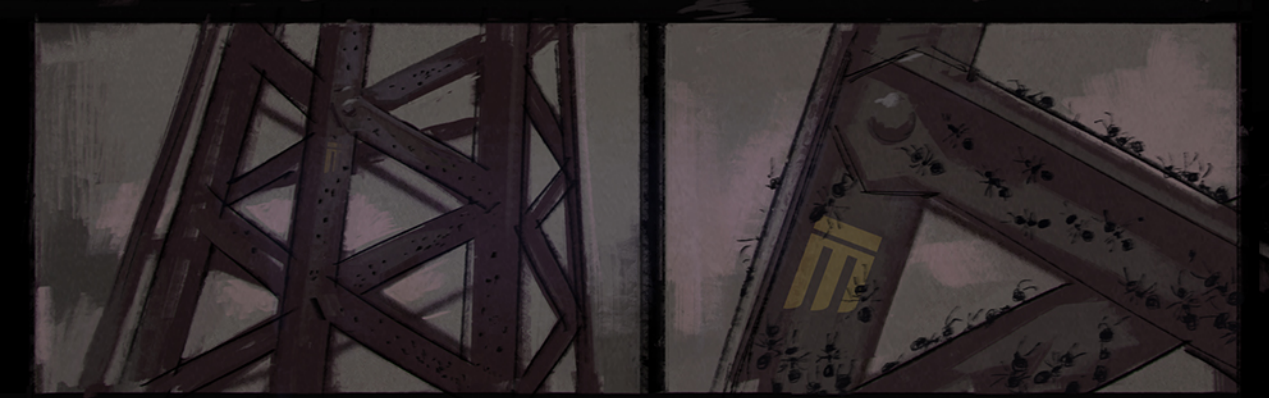
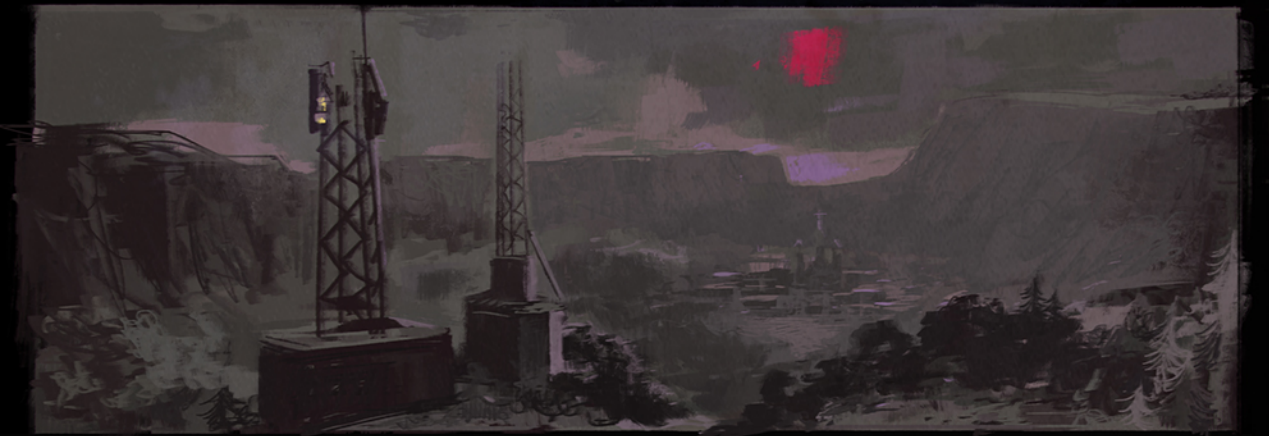
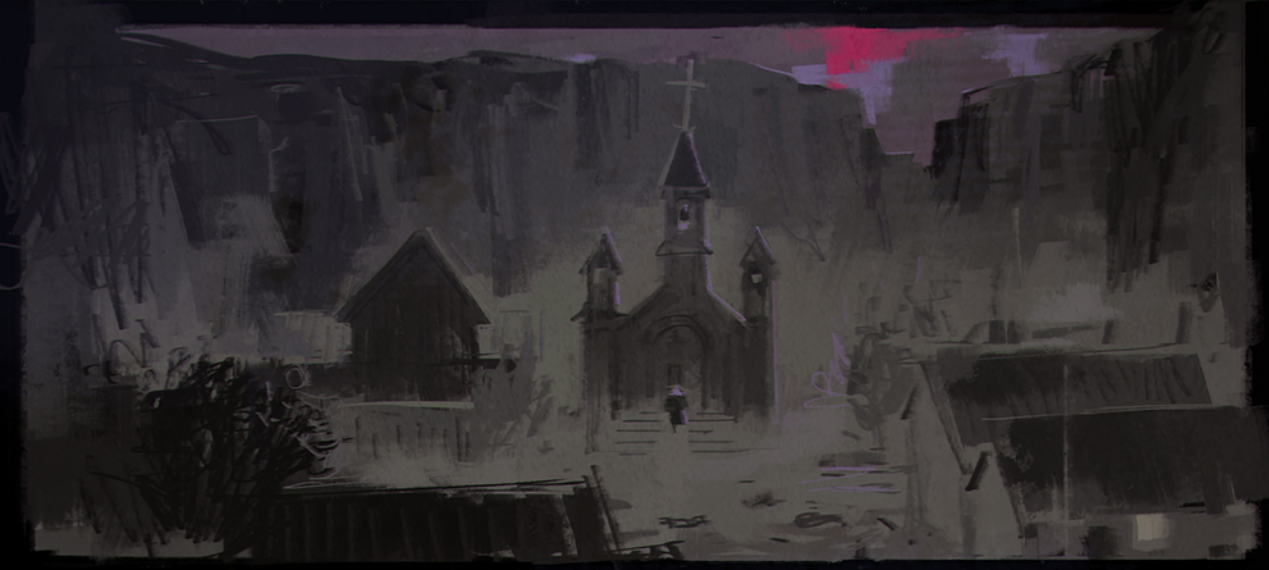
THERE WE GO, MY CHILD,
EVERY LAST DROP OF SALVATION,
YOUR CHILDREN ARE WAITING
FOR YOU IN HEAVEN,

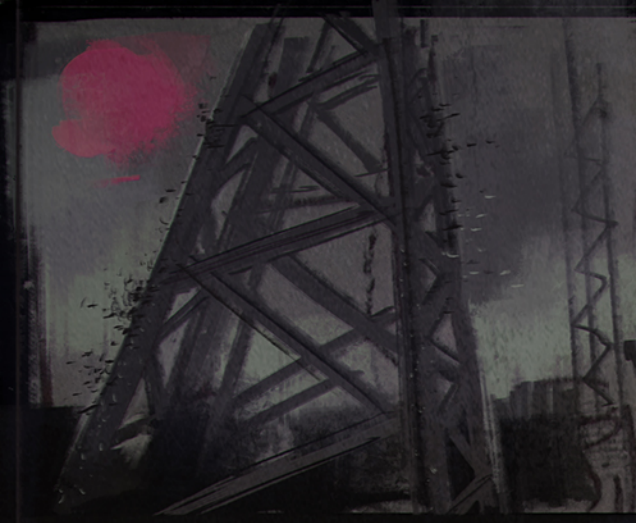
GOD
DOES NOT POUR
HALF MEASURES,



THE STORM IS ABATING,
ALL THESE UNDESERVED
BLESSINGS,







SEVEN HOURS LATER.

SORRY,
AGENT GLICK,
HE'S STILL NOT
ANSWERING.

WHERE'S
PAUL MARION?

SEND
PEOPLE TO
HIS HOUSE,
HE WAS IN
TEMPLE GATE
WEEKS AGO.

SOMEBODY OUTSIDE
MURKOFF CONNECTED
THE DOTS BETWEEN MOUNT
MASSIVE AND TEMPLE GATE
AND THEY'VE BEEN FEEDING
MARION INFORMATION.


THAT'S
NO GOOD.

I'D PUT MY MONEY ON
SIMON PEACOCK, AND IF WE FIND
HIM, I'LL PUT ELECTRODES ON
SIMON PEACOCK.


HOW MANY
BODIES WE
LOOKING AT?

HUNDREDS,
IT'LL TAKE US DAYS TO GET
THEM ALL SORTED, LOT OF
THESE LOCAL CORPSES SHOW
SIGNS OF CYANIDE
POISONING.


GOD DAMN THIS
GUY'S HEAVY...




THAT DOESN'T
LOOK LIKE
CYANIDE,




YEAH, A LOT
OF THEM GOT
CREATIVE
ABOUT DYING,




THE
WOMAN'S
THE REAL
MYSTERY,




MULTIPLE TRAUMAS, TOOK A LOT OF
WHATEVER KILLED HER TO GET THE JOB
DONE, BY HER TEETH I'D GUESS SHE'S
NOT A LOCAL,




THIS IS HER, RIGHT?
LYNN SOMETHING, LAST
NAME SOUNDS LIKE A
CRUSTACEAN YOU'RE NOT
SUPPOSED TO EAT,



LANGERMAN,
HOW DID YOU KNOW?



SHE WAS
AT THE HOSPITAL
LAST WEEK,
ASKING QUESTIONS ABOUT
THE ESCAPED TEMPLE
GATE WOMAN,



FUCKING PAUL MARION,
HE WAS SUPPOSED TO
BE MAKING SURE
SHE AND HER HUSBAND
BLAKE DIDN'T FIND
THIS PLACE,



WE GOT ONE BREATHING HERE!



"AND I ONLY AM ESCAPED ALONE TO TELL THEE."

IS THAT FROM WRATH OF KHAN?


IT'S ACTUALLY THE BOOK OF JOB, BY WAY OF MOBY,...

I KNOW WHAT IT IS, AGENT, YOU DON'T HAVE TO TRY TO IMPRESS ME.



WELL, HOLY SHIT, IT'S HIM, IT'S BLAKE,

THOUGH HIS EYES ARE ALL PUPIL, COMPLETELY CATATONIC.



WHAT'S THE CLOSEST
BLACK FACILITY WITH M.E.,
COMPATIBLE FORENSIC
PSYCH? ELRICH?


AFRAID SO.

WELL,
TAKE HIM THERE,
WE NEED TO DIG IN
HIS HEAD, DON'T BE
GENTLE.

THEY
RARELY
ARE.




AGENT GLICK?
OUR GUYS JUST BROKE DOWN
THE DOOR TO PAUL MARION'S,
NO SIGN OF HIM OR HIS DAUGHTER,
BUT THERE'S BLOOD ON THE WALLS,
LOOKS LIKE SOMETHING WAS
WRITTEN AND SMEARED AWAY,



AGENT GLICK?
WHAT DO YOU
WANT TO DO?



FIND
PAUL MARION.



ACTUALLY, NO,
DO ME A FAVOR AND
FIND HIS CORPSE, BECAUSE
IF HE'S STILL ALIVE, HE'S
FUCKING DANGEROUS.



WHERE'S MY DAUGHTER?

YOU'RE ASKING THE WRONG QUESTION, I'LL STILL HELP YOU FIND THE ANSWER, BUT YOU'LL NEED TO TRUST ME, WE HAVE TO FIND THE WALRIDER.

MURKOFF DESTROYED THE WALRIDER.



WHAT ABOUT MILES UPSHUR?

DEAD.

AND BILLY HOPE?

DEAD, TWICE.

AND YOU FOUND NOTHING IN TEMPLE GATE?

HOW ABOUT YOU JUST TELL ME WHATEVER IT IS YOU WANT TO TELL ME,



I DON'T KNOW MUCH, EXCEPT THAT WHAT MURKOFF MADE OF ME WAS A ROUGH DRAFT, AND WHAT THEY STUMBLE ON TO WHEN MILES UPSHUR FOUND BILLY HOPE AND THE WALRIDER IS THE MASTERPIECE,

THE MORPHOGENIC ENGINE PROCESS NEEDS A DELIVERY MECHANISM, A METHOD OF INFECTION,

AT MOUNT MASSIVE, IN THE LAB, THEY COULD CUSTOMIZE THE PROCESS TO THE PATIENT, FORCE IT INTO THEIR BRAINS WITH VIDEO, MOLD THE NIGHTMARES TO OPEN THEIR MINDS, BUT OUT IN THE WORLD...

IT'S NOT SURPRISING RELIGION WOULD BE SUCH AN EFFECTIVE DELIVERY MECHANISM,

GODS COMMUNICATING WITH MEN, GODS DIVIDING THEMSELVES INTO COMPONENTS THAT MEN COULD UNDERSTAND, A TRINITY,



EVEN IN TEMPLE GATE, THEY PRACTICED THE SIGN OF THE CROSS...



IN THE NAME
OF THE
FATHER,...



AND OF THE
SON,...



AND OF THE
HOLY SPIRIT,



AMEN.



