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IT WAS AN EXCITING TIME, BACK THEN

IN LOS ANGELES

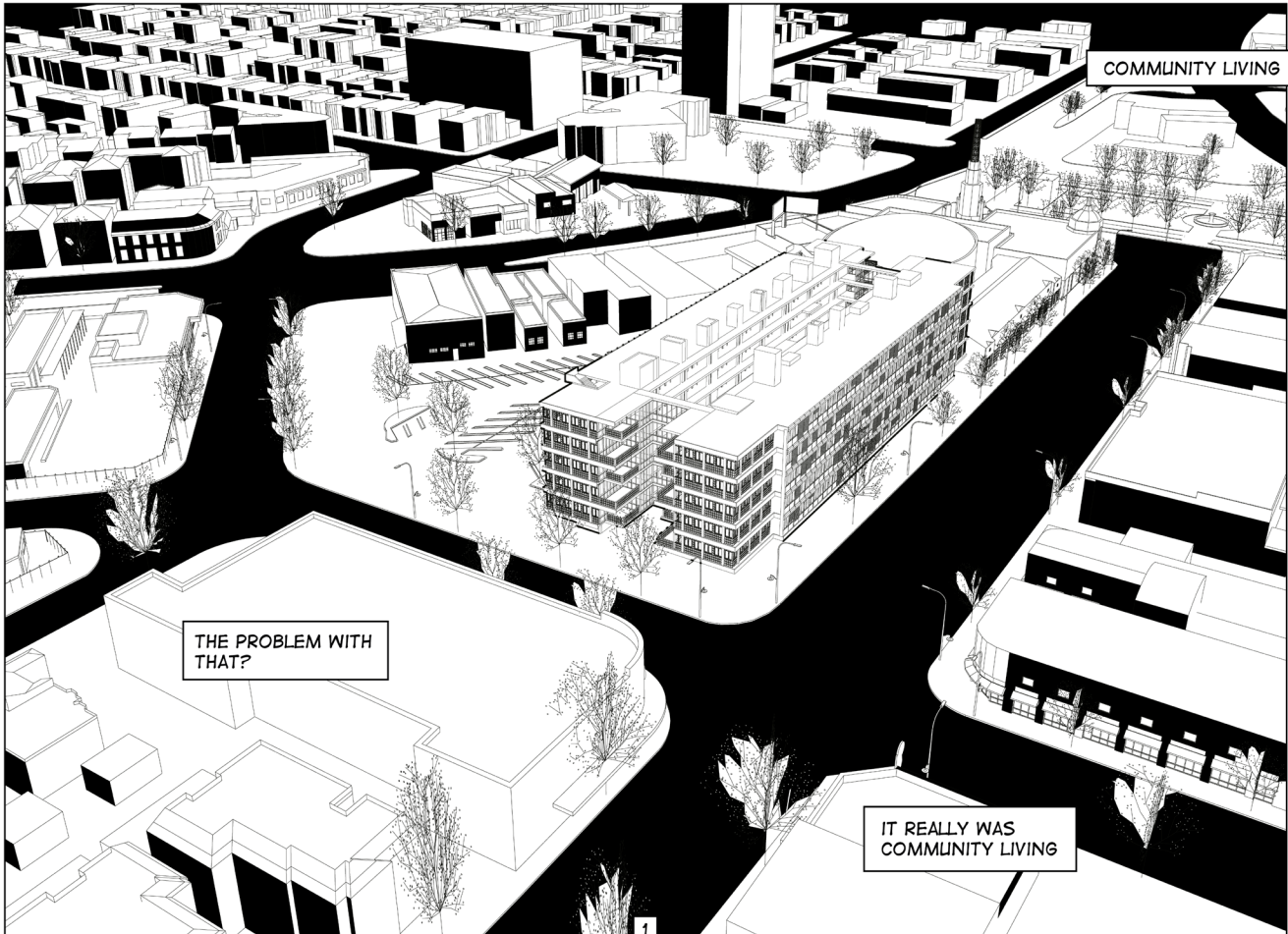


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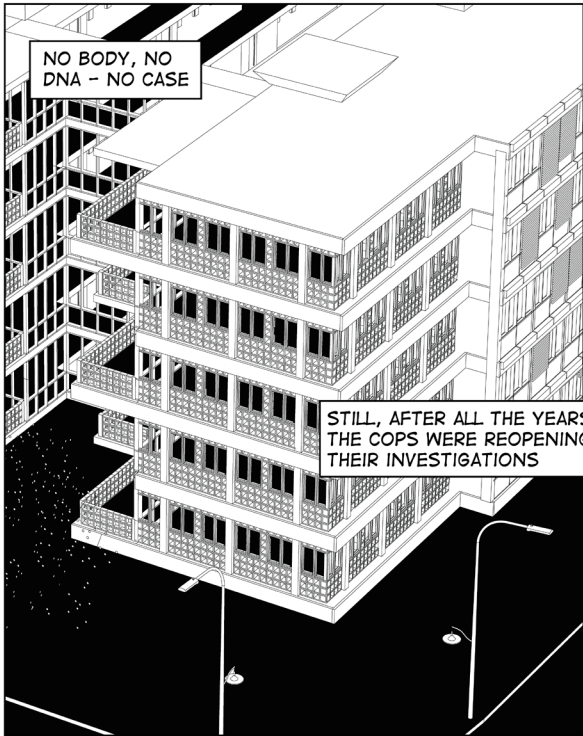
WE ALL CAME BECAUSE OF A PROMISE:

WHA- WHAT DID YOU DO???



THE PROBLEM WITH THAT?

IT REALLY WAS COMMUNITY LIVING



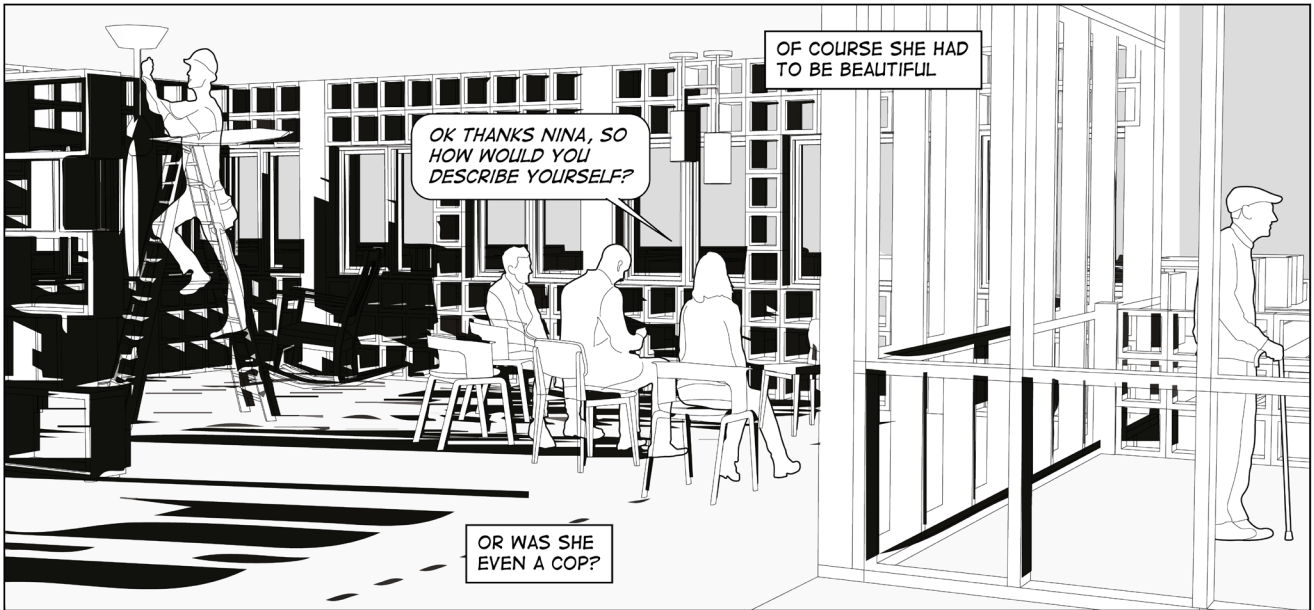
NO BODY, NO DNA - NO CASE

STILL, AFTER ALL THE YEARS, THE COPS WERE REOPENING THEIR INVESTIGATIONS



BY SENDING A BLACK CHICK

BLOGGER / INFLUENCER



OF COURSE SHE HAD TO BE BEAUTIFUL

OK THANKS NINA, SO HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE YOURSELF?

OR WAS SHE EVEN A COP?



UMM, CRAZY ASS BITCH WITH DADDY ISSUES.. AT LEAST THAT'S MY TINDER BIO

BUT IF NOT ..



...



I'M SHITTING YOU. I GUESS I JUST LIKE PEOPLE, YOU KNOW?

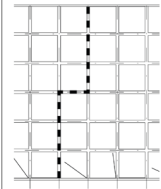
WHAT ELSE WAS SHE DOING HERE?

MOVE
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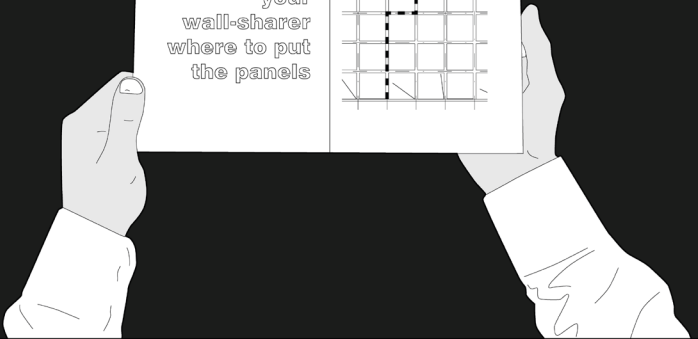
I GOT MY
"VOLUNTARY
SUBDIVISION"
3 WEEKS AFTER
THE JURY
INTERVIEW



STEP 1
agree with
your
wall-sharer
where to put
the panels

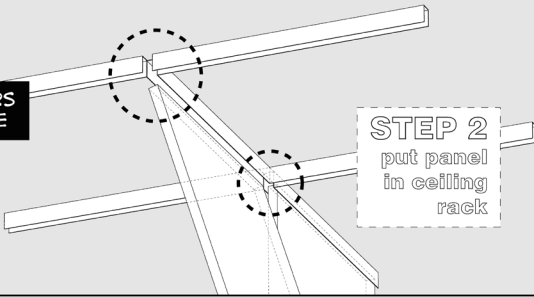


THE BUILDING'S
BUREOCRACY
WHEEL TURNED
OUT TO BE
SLOW-GRINDING,
BUT PRECISE



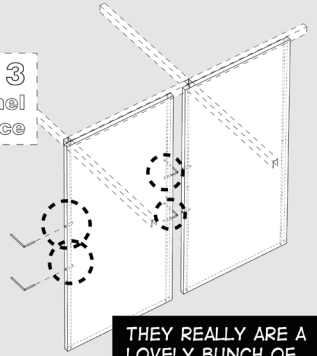
FIRST TIME IN
MY LIFE:

HELPFUL NEIGHBORS
WHO SEEM TO CARE



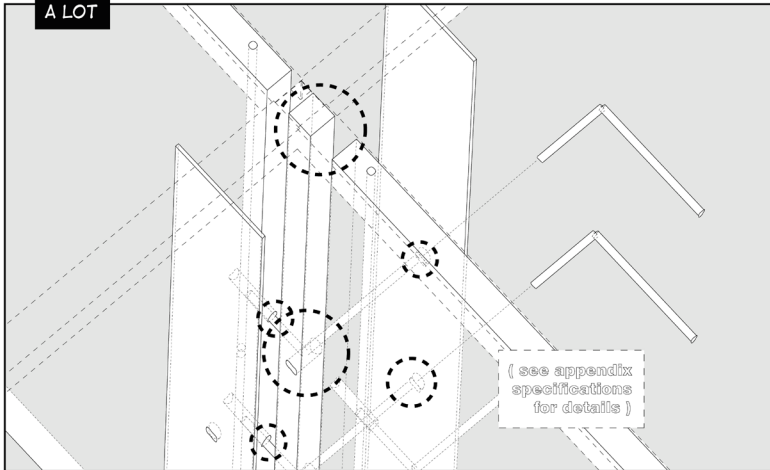
STEP 2
put panel
in ceiling
rack

STEP 3
lock panel
in place



THEY REALLY ARE A
LOVELY BUNCH OF
WACKOS

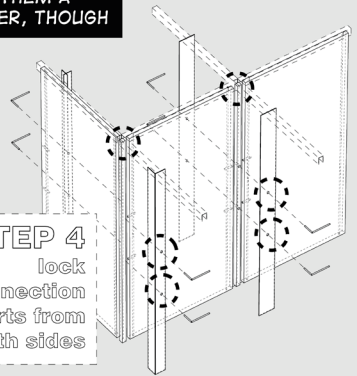
A LOT



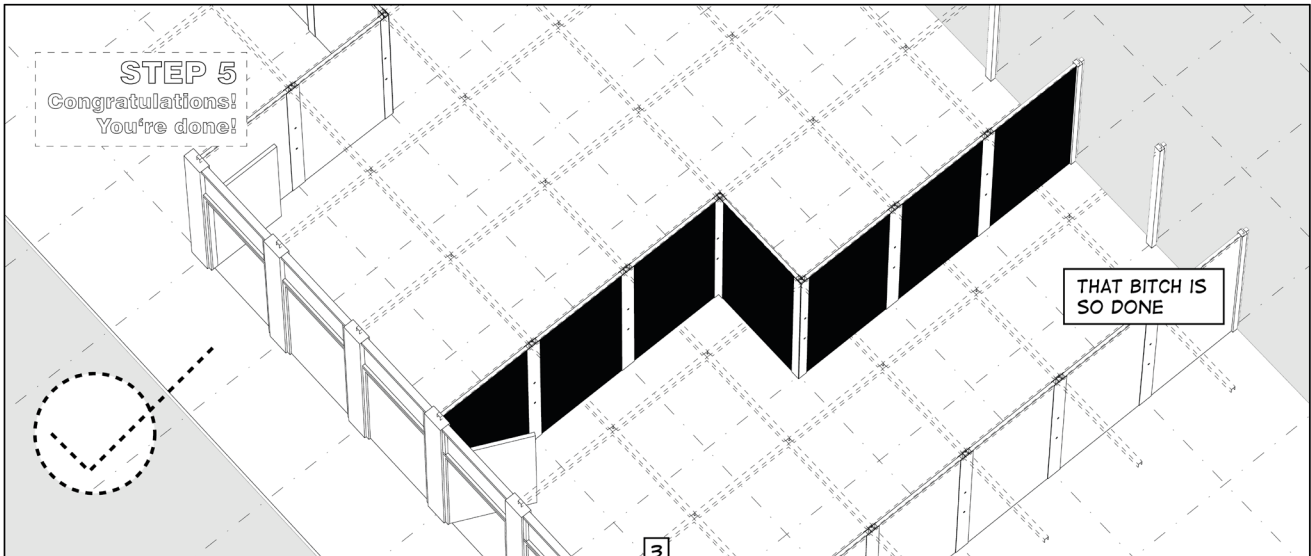
(see appendix
specifications
for details)

ONE OF THEM A
MURDERER, THOUGH

STEP 4
lock
connection
parts from
both sides



STEP 5
Congratulations!
You're done!



THAT BITCH IS
SO DONE

I TOOK EVERY OPPORTUNITY TO SNOOP AROUND

I'M DOING A BLOG NOW, ABOUT THIS BUILDING AND THE PEOPLE LIVING HERE

THAT SOUNDS GREAT! DID YOU ALREADY MEET MY HUSBAND?

JOHN - NINA,
NINA - JOHN

SURE COME IN NINA!

BUT I DIDN'T MAKE MUCH PROGRESS

THESE PEOPLE ARE WAY TOO NICE

HELLO JOHN

HOW ARE YA DOIN'?

LOOKS LOVELY. CAN I TAKE SOME PICTURES?

WE ARE VERY ORGANIZED. FOR US THREE, THAT'S PLENTY OF SPACE

ERRM, MAYBE ANOTHER TIME. IT'S WAY TOO MESSY!

WHAT DID I EVEN EXPECT TO FIND THERE?

I WAS 6 MONTHS IN NOW, AND JUST ABOUT TO GIVE UP

AAARGHH!

RAIN MY GIRL, WHAT ARE YOU DOING UP THERE?

I WON'T DO SERVICE DUTY TODAY!

IF YOU COME DOWN RIGHT NOW, YOU'LL GET A HUG



I'LL JUMP IN 3 .. 2 ..

OK THEN, ENJOY THE FALL LITTLE BRAT!

I APOLOGIZE, LADY IS IN A DIFFICULT PHASE RIGHT NOW

DAMN, NOT HIM. AGAIN.

BY THE WAY NINA ...

DID I TELL YOU ALREADY ABOUT THIS NEW CRYPTO COIN?

IT CAN GLOW IN THE DARK AND CURE CANCER, HUH?

AT LEAST LIFE HERE IS NEVER BORING

I WAS THINKING
AND THINKING ..

MMM, FEEL IT..

WHAT WAS I EVEN
TRYING TO PROVE?

THESE RAYS

BUT THEN I
MET HUEL

TRAVELING MILLIONS AND
MILLIONS OF MILES

PERMEATING SKIN

DO YOU SENSE
THEIR COLD ..

THE DARKNESS OF
THEIR PATH?

YOU CAME HERE
FOR ERIKA

IS IT THAT OBVIOUS
THAT I LOVED HER?

IT'S BEEN 8 YEARS NOW.
SHE'D BE MY AGE, IF ..

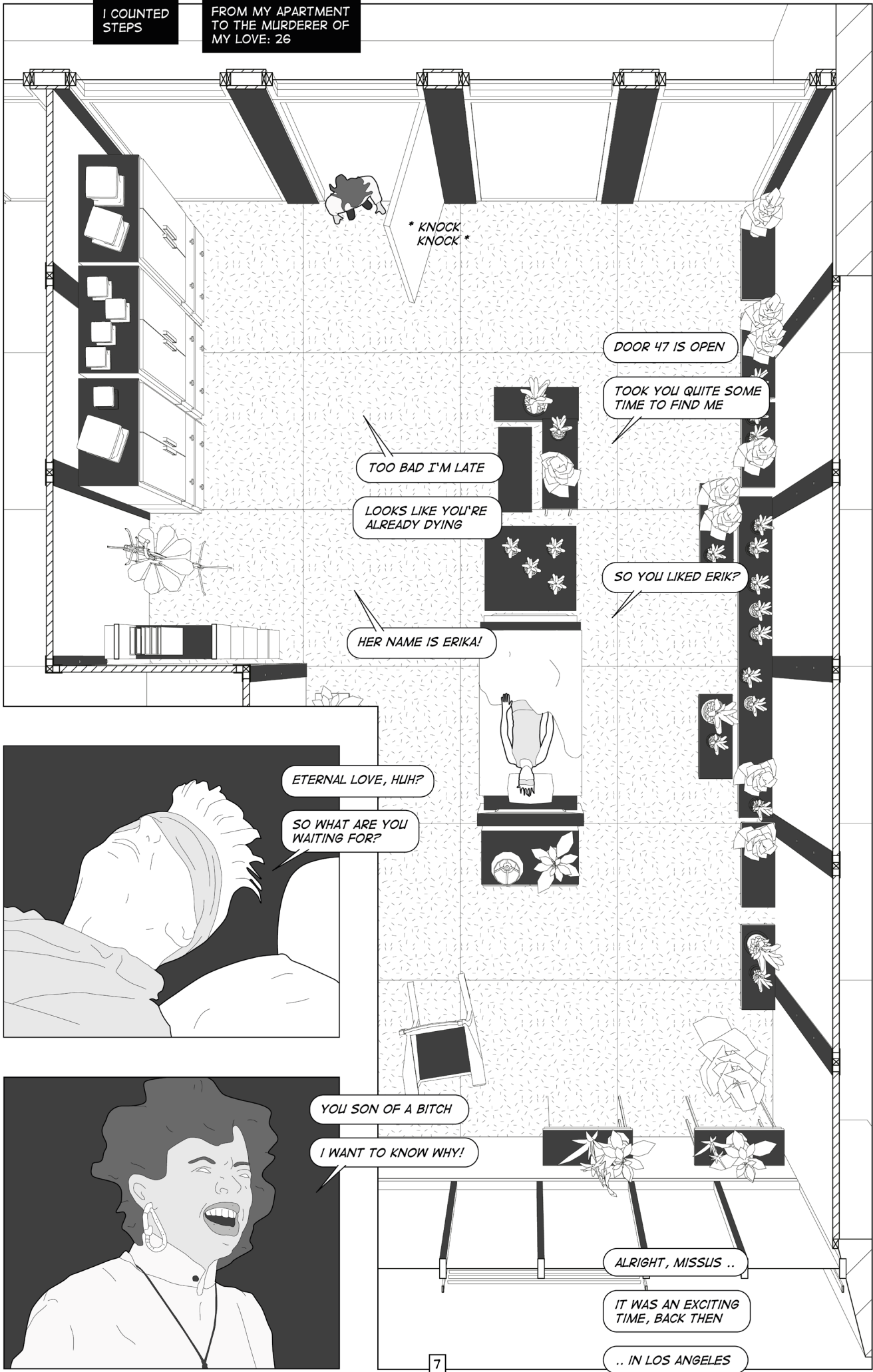
I LIVE HERE FOR QUITE
SOME TIME NOW

I KNOW WHO YOU
SHOULD MEET

TURN

I COLUNTED STEPS

FROM MY APARTMENT TO THE MURDERER OF MY LOVE: 26



* KNOCK KNOCK *

DOOR 47 IS OPEN

TOOK YOU QUITE SOME TIME TO FIND ME

TOO BAD I'M LATE

LOOKS LIKE YOU'RE ALREADY DYING

SO YOU LIKED ERIK?

HER NAME IS ERIKA!



ETERNAL LOVE, HUH?

SO WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR?



YOU SON OF A BITCH

I WANT TO KNOW WHY!

ALRIGHT, MISSUS ..

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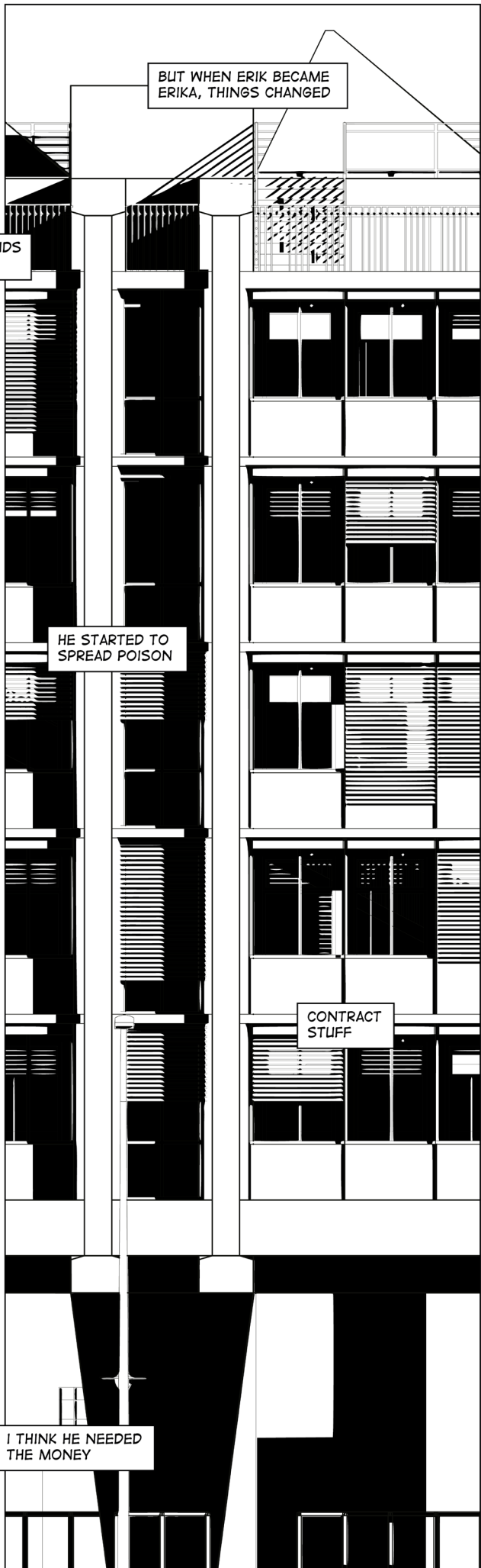
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THE BEAUTY AND DANGER
OF A METROPOLIS:



YOU CAN FIND ALL KINDS
OF PEOPLE THERE

BUT WHEN ERIK BECAME
ERIKA, THINGS CHANGED



HE STARTED TO
SPREAD POISON

CONTRACT
STUFF

I THINK HE NEEDED
THE MONEY

ME AND ERIK WERE AMONG
THE FIRST IN THE GROUP

WE KNEW THAT SOCIETY
WAS ROTTEN

INSIDE

OUTSIDE

AND EVERYWHERE
INBETWEEN

SO WE BUILT OUR
OWN PLACE

IN MY MIND, THE BUILDING BECAME A SENTIENT ENTITY

concrete roof frame spanning over atrium

sawtooth skylight oriented north 70°

steel bridges

PLANT

WITH ITS OWN INTERESTS, BEHAVIOR, AND NEEDS

ERIK KNEW THE BUILDING LIKE ME

ATRIUM

AND HE KNEW HOW TO MAKE FRIENDS

GLASS FLOOR

BUT HE DIDN'T CARE

THEY DIDN'T REALIZE THAT HE USED THEM

APMTS. EAST

POLARIZE, MONETIZE!

THAT HUGE FUCKING SMILE

concrete core w/ shower

HE ALMOST KILLED OUR THRIVING COMMUNITY

I DID WHAT WAS
NECESSARY

MY BUILDING IS
NOT FOR SALE

WHAT IS ONE
SINGLE LIFE ..

AGAINST THE SOUL
OF A COMMUNITY?



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