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PEOPLE NOT SEEN

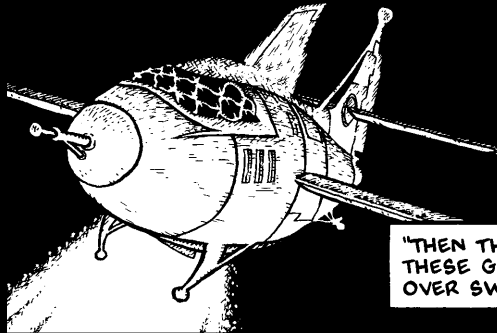
a comic documentary about the Elves in Iceland 2002/2003

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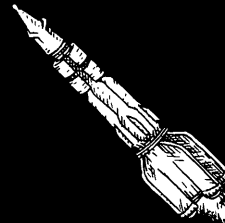
THE ELVES HAVE ALWAYS BEEN ONE STEP AHEAD OF THE HUMANS
IN THEIR TECHNOLOGY, SAYS HILMAR ÖRN HILMARSSON.



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WEIRD PHANTOM
AEROPLANES IN THE
1940s,

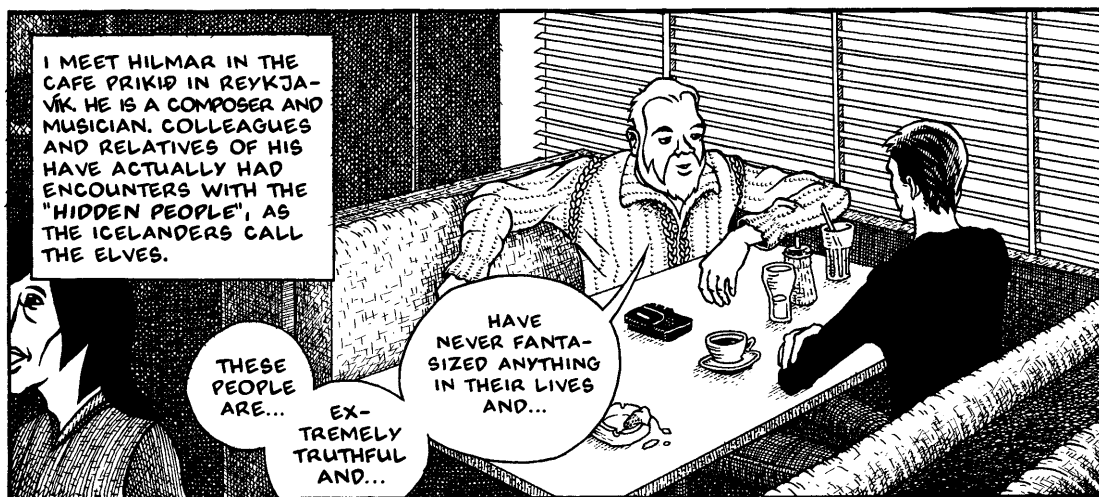


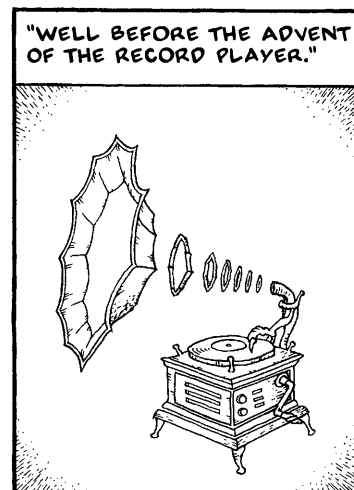
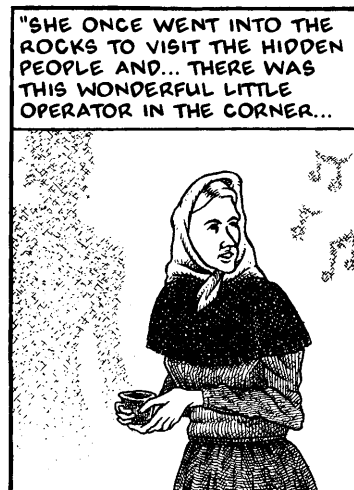
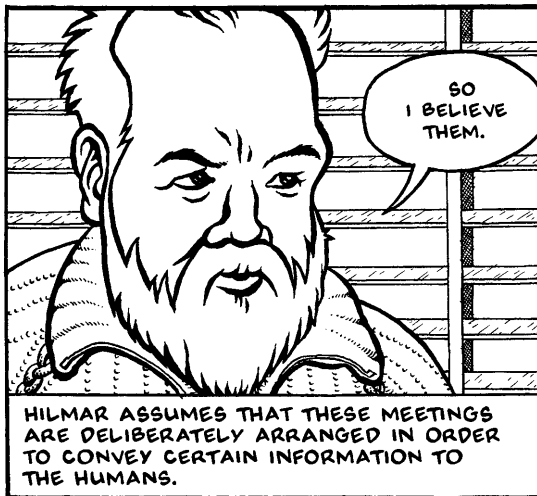
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THESE GHOST ROCKETS
OVER SWEDEN,

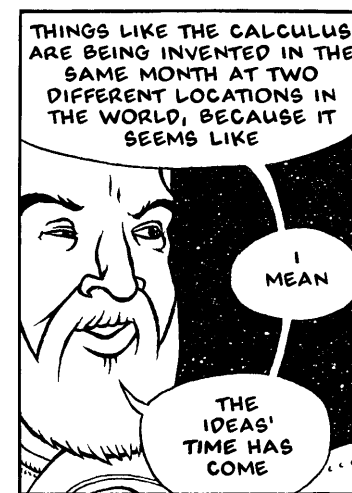
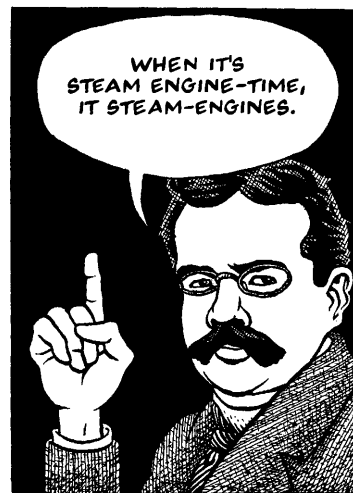
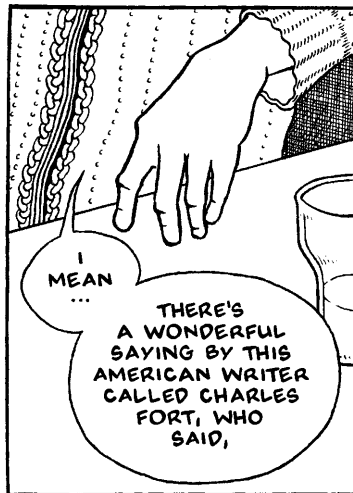


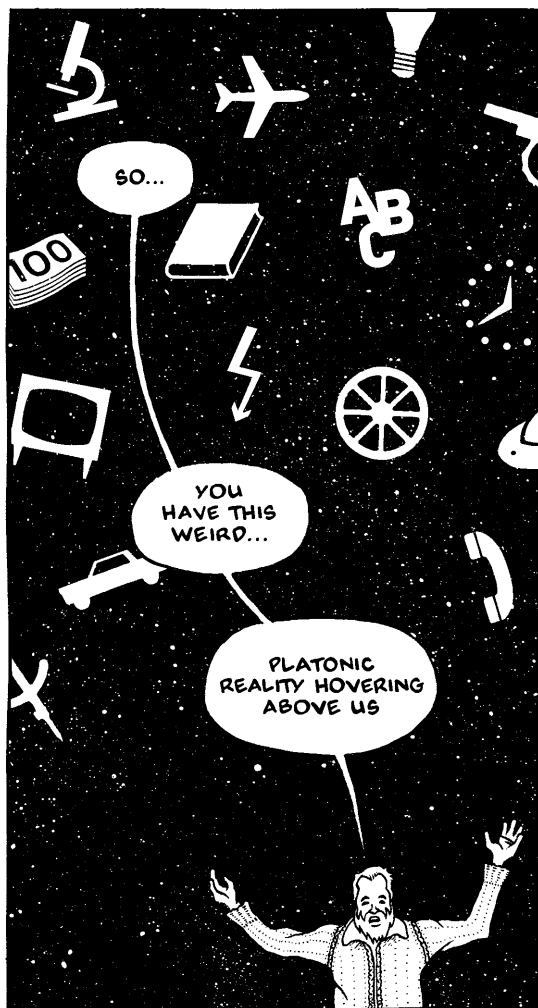
"AND IN 1947, WE
STARTED TO HAVE
FLYING SAUCERS."

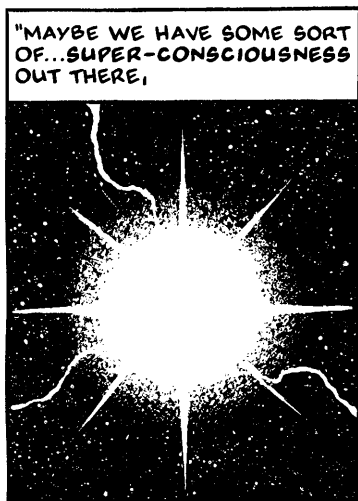
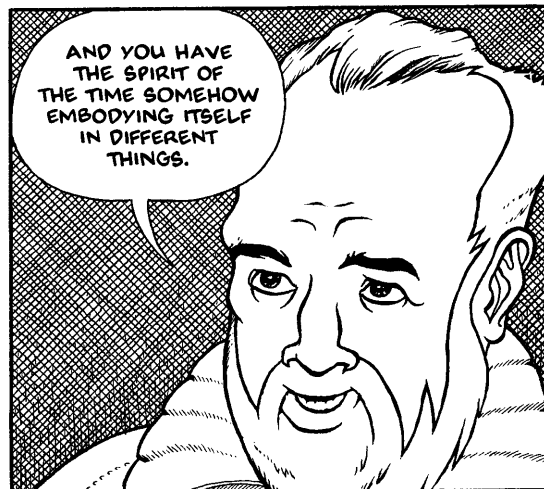
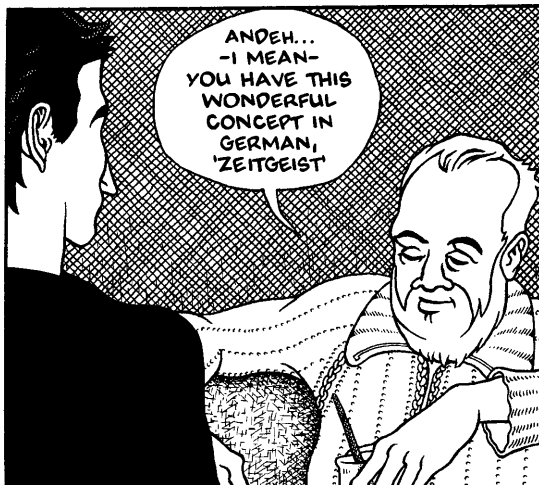


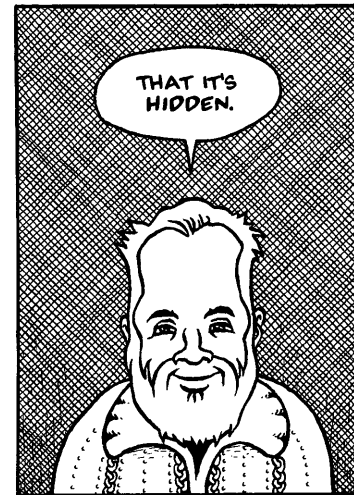
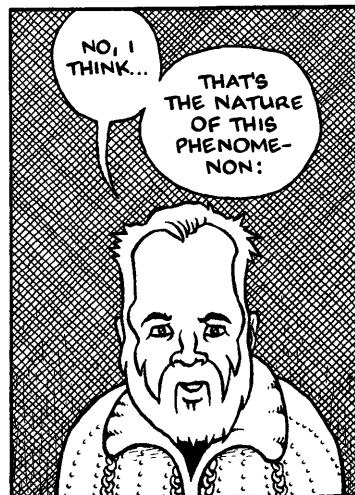
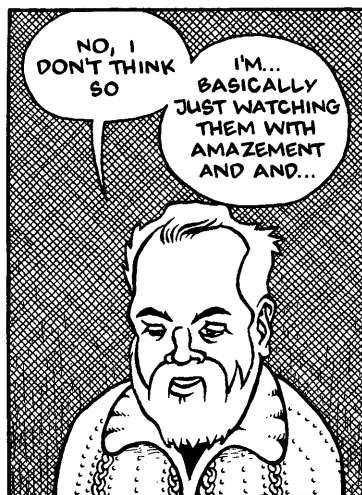
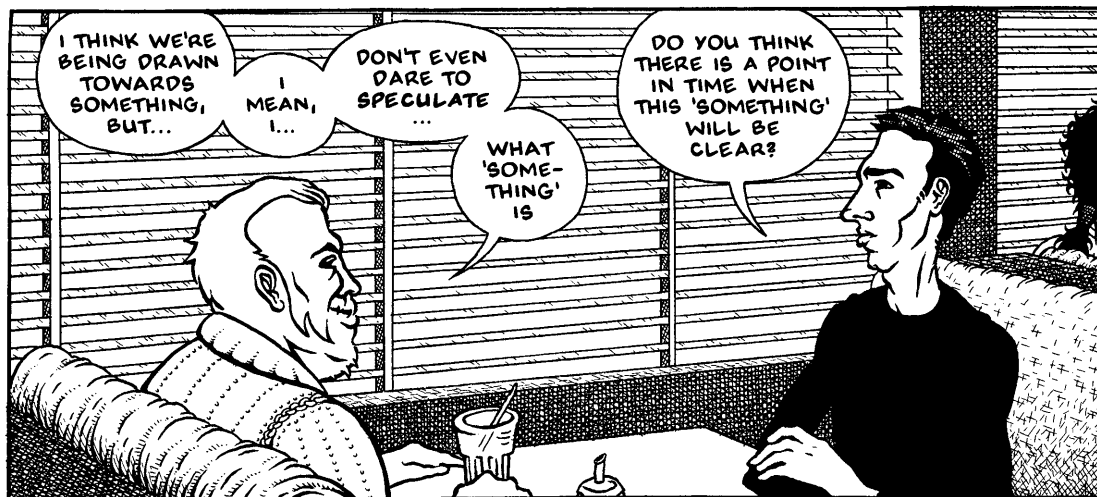












THE MIDWIFE

IN THE HVAMSSVEIT IN THE COUNTY OF DALASÝSLA, THERE LIES A FARMSTEAD BY THE NAME OF ÁSGARÐUR.



THERE ONCE LIVED A YOUNG DILIGENT
FARMER. HE HAD A YOUNG WIFE, LIKEWISE
DILIGENT AND BEAUTIFUL TO LOOK AT.



ONE CHRISTMAS EVE IT HAPPENED THAT
SHE WAS ALONE OUT IN THE
STORE-HOUSE...



...WHEN A STRANGER APPROACHED HER.

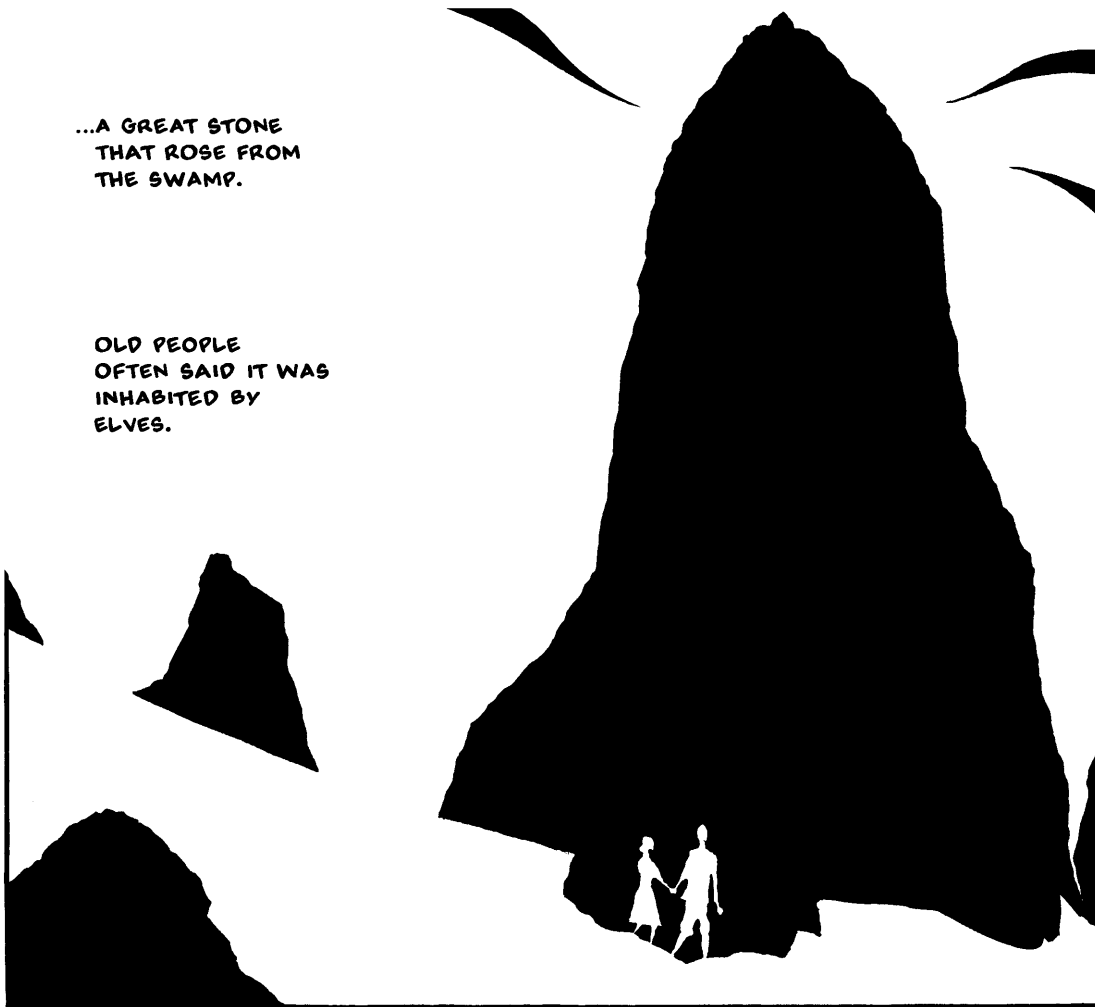


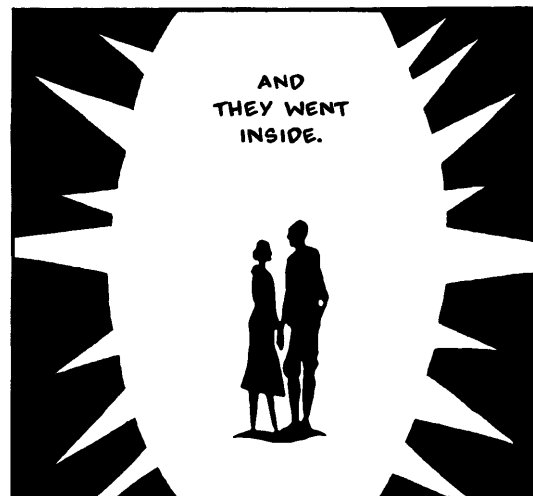
HE LED HER
ALL THE WAY DOWN
TO THE ÁSGARÐSTAPI...

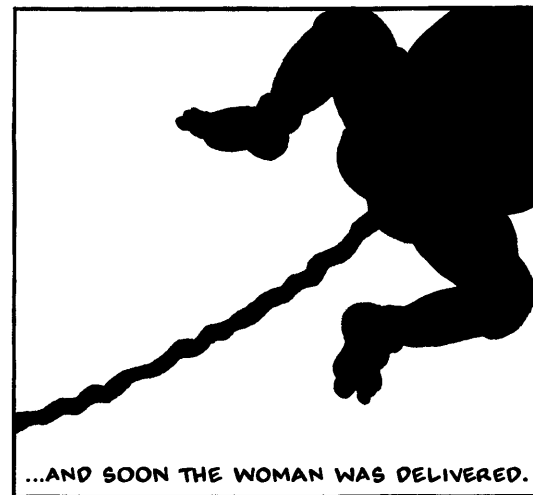
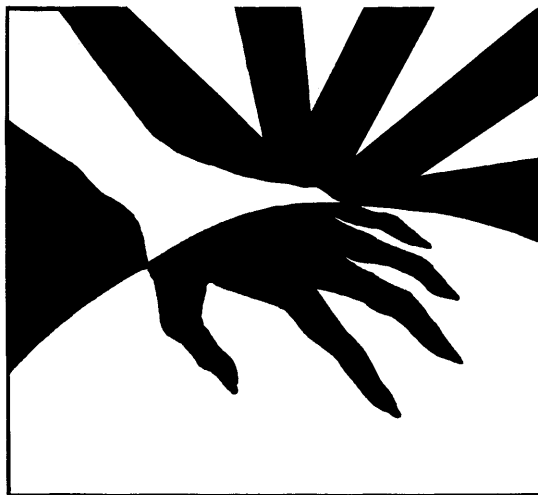


...A GREAT STONE
THAT ROSE FROM
THE SWAMP.

OLD PEOPLE
OFTEN SAID IT WAS
INHABITED BY
ELVES.



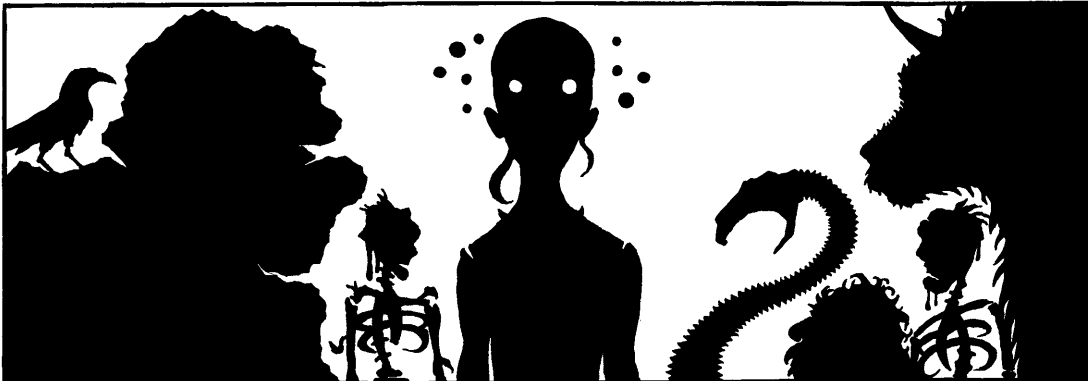




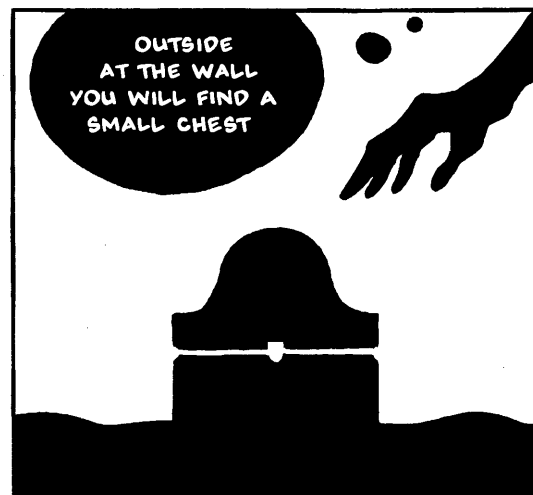
AFTER THE CHILD HAD BEEN
BATHED, THE ELF-WOMAN
PRESENTED A BLACK STONE
AND ASKED THAT THE CHILD'S
EYES BE DAUBED WITH IT.



THE FARMER'S WIFE DID SO, QUICKLY
DAUBING ONE OF HER OWN EYES AS WELL.

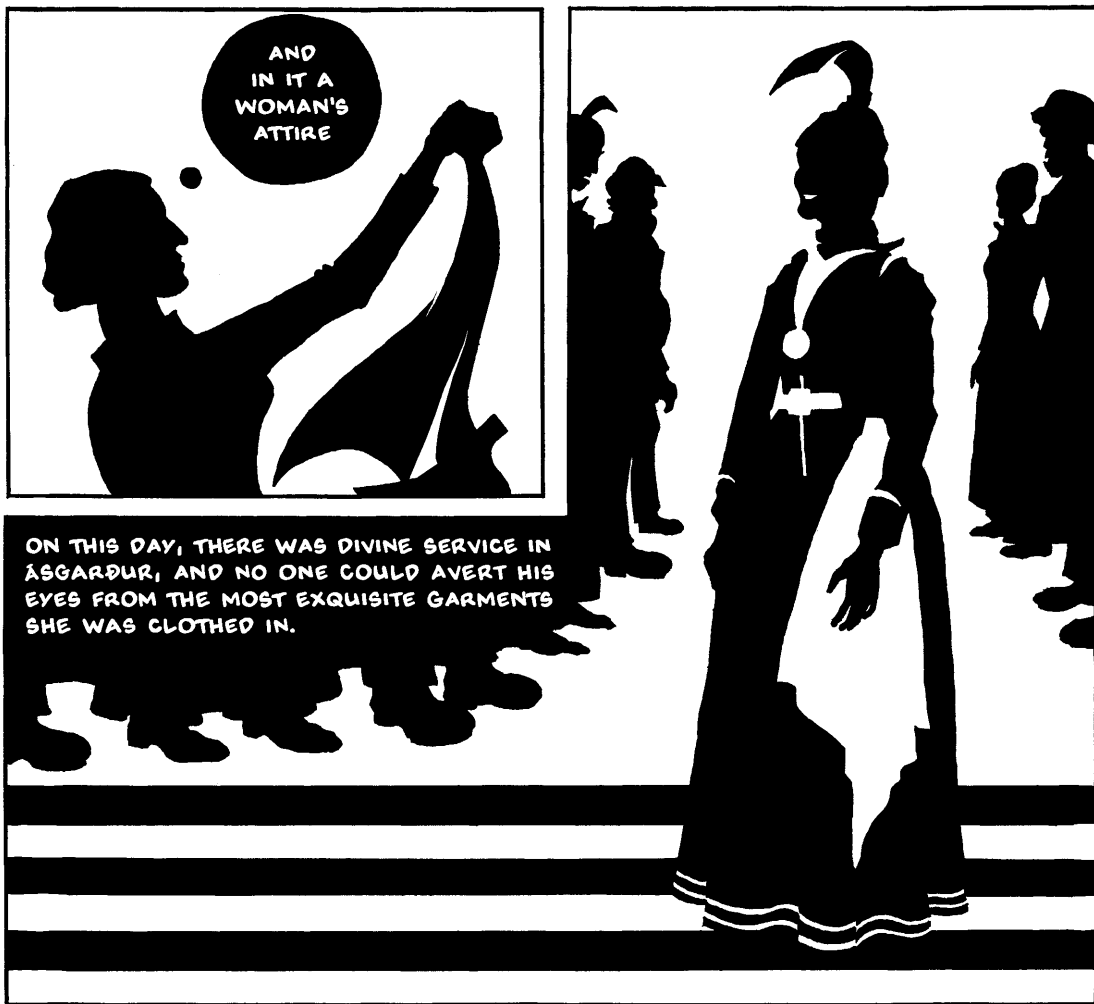


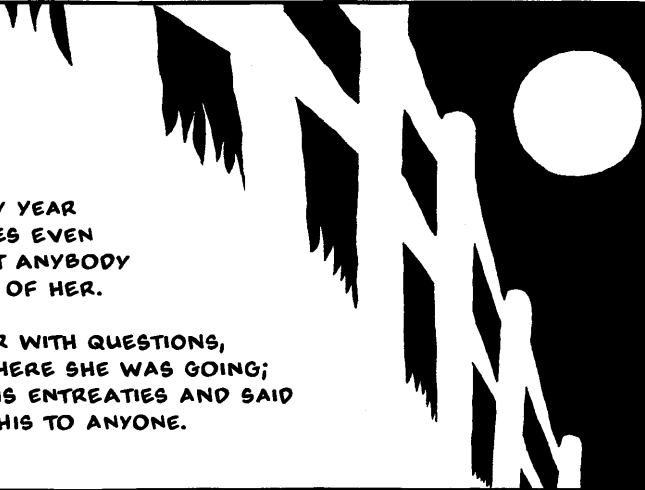
ALL OF A SUDDEN, SHE FELT A CHANGE IN THAT EYE, FOR SHE WAS NOW ABLE TO SEE
ALL THAT WENT ON, BOTH ON THE EARTH AND IN IT, AND GHOSTS NO LESS THAN HUMANS.





ON THIS DAY, THERE WAS DIVINE SERVICE IN
ÁSGARÐUR, AND NO ONE COULD AVERT HIS
EYES FROM THE MOST EXQUISITE GARMENTS
SHE WAS CLOTHED IN.





FOR TEN YEARS IN A ROW,
SHE NOW DISAPPEARED EVERY YEAR
FOR A FEW HOURS, SOMETIMES EVEN
FOR AN ENTIRE DAY, WITHOUT ANYBODY
KNOWING WHAT HAD BECOME OF HER.

THE FARMER OFTEN PLIED HER WITH QUESTIONS,
BEGGING HER TO TELL HIM WHERE SHE WAS GOING;
BUT SHE WAS ADAMANT TO HIS ENTREATIES AND SAID
SHE WOULD NEVER REVEAL THIS TO ANYONE.

THEN IT OCCURRED
ONE MORNING THAT
THE FARMER FAILED
TO FIND HIS WIFE AND
WAS UTTERLY SHOCKED.



EVERYBODY HASTENED TO GET DRESSED, BUT WHEN
THEY WENT OUTSIDE, THEY SAW HER WALKING UP
FROM THE SWAMP.

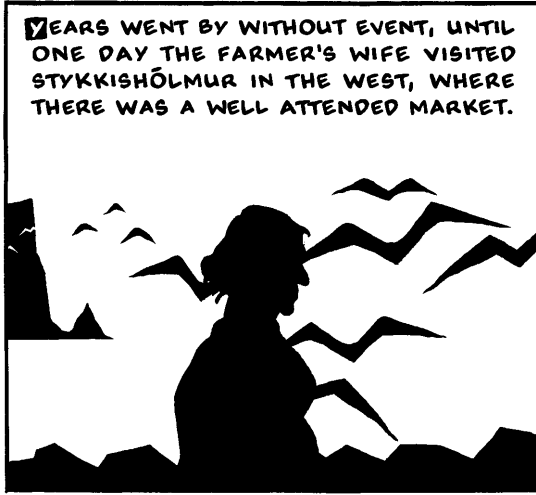


NOW SHE TOLD THE WHOLE STORY FROM THE BEGINNING, THAT SHE WAS TAKEN TO THE WOMAN IN THE
ROCKS YEAR AFTER YEAR...



...BUT THAT THIS TIME THE WOMAN HAD DIED IN CHILDBIRTH.

YEARS WENT BY WITHOUT EVENT, UNTIL
ONE DAY THE FARMER'S WIFE VISITED
STYKKISHÖLMUR IN THE WEST, WHERE
THERE WAS A WELL ATTENDED MARKET.



THERE SHE RECOGNIZED THE ELF-MAN FROM
THE ÁSGARÐSSTAÐI, AND IN HER SURPRISE
SHE UTTERED THE WORDS:





WITHOUT SAYING A WORD, HE WALKED TOWARDS HER AND STABBED HIS FINGER
INTO HER CLAIRVOYANT EYE...

**...AND FROM THAT MOMENT SHE WAS BLIND
IN THIS EYE, NOW DEEPLY REGRETTING HER
THOUGHTLESSNESS.**





NEVERTHELESS, SHE WAS A VERY HAPPY
WOMAN TO THE END OF HER DAYS.



REYKJAVÍK

ICELAND, THE VOLCANIC ISLAND AT THE ARCTIC CIRCLE. A COUNTRY, ROUGHLY THE SIZE OF SCOTLAND AND IRELAND PUT TOGETHER, AND YET POPULATED BY FEWER PEOPLE THAN MY PART OF TOWN BACK HOME IN BERLIN.



I REACH REYKJAVÍK, THE NORTHERNMOST CAPITAL IN THE WORLD, IN SEPTEMBER 2002.

MORE THAN HALF OF ALL ICELANDERS LIVE HERE IN THE "SMOKEY BAY", AS THE CITY WAS NAMED DUE TO ITS NUMEROUS HOT SPRINGS.



HENCE, THE CHIMNEYS ARE DECEPTIVE. ALL BUILDINGS ARE BEING HEATED GEOTHERMALLY...



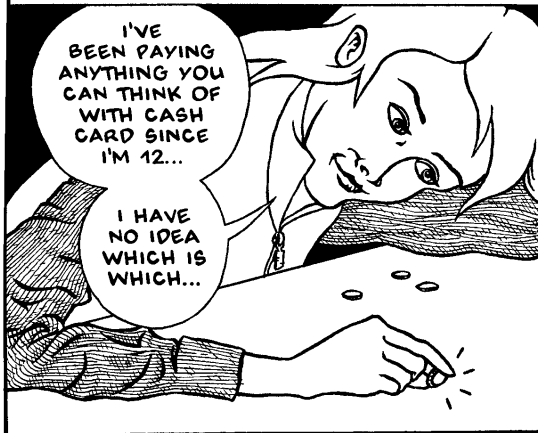
...AND IN THE WINTERTIME EVEN THE CITY'S SIDEWALKS.



UNFORTUNATELY, THE SULPHUROUS TAP WATER REVOLTINGLY STINKS OF ROTTEN EGGS!

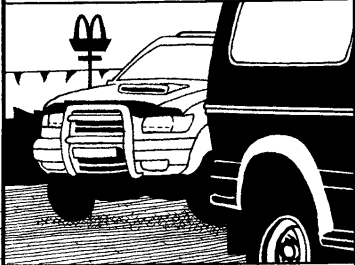


GENERALLY, ICELANDERS ARE TECHNOLOGIZED TO THE EXTREME.



ICELAND HAS THE HIGHEST RATE OF CELL PHONE- AND INTERNET CONNECTIVITY IN THE WORLD, AND RESERVES A TOP SPOT WHEN IT COMES TO TV SETS, DVD-PLAYERS AND SATELLITE DISHES.

ADD TO THIS THE SECOND HIGHEST CAR RATE ON THE PLANET AFTER THE U.S. THE STREETS OF REYKJAVÍK ARE CRAMMED WITH MASSIVE CROSS-COUNTRY CARS...



...WHICH, ACCORDING TO THE CLICHÉ, SCARCELY EVER LEAVE THE CITY.

ON THE MANY GRAVEL ROADS OUTSIDE OF THE CAPITAL, HOWEVER, THE JEEPS ARE ALL BUT INDISPENSABLE.



DEPENDING ON THE REGION, YOU CAN SUDDENLY BE CAUGHT IN A FOG BANK, A ROCK SLIDE OR A SANDSTORM.



THEREFORE, THE ICELANDIC ROAD SYSTEM IS CONSTANTLY BEING OVERHAULED AND EXTENDED.



SOMETIMES, THE STREETS ARE CIRCUITOUSLY BUILT AROUND CERTAIN OBSTACLES.

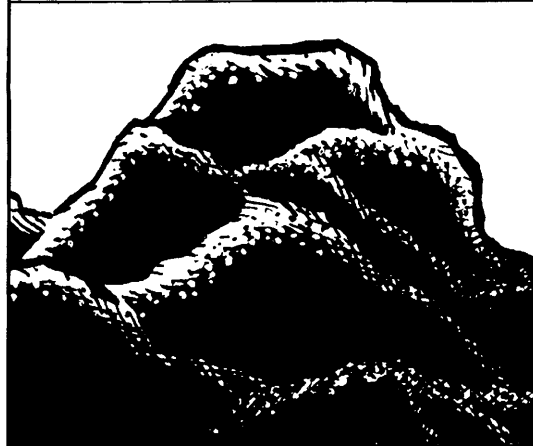


IN THESE CASES, ELF-TERRITORY IS BEING RESPECTED.

BUT WHO OR WHAT IS LIVING INSIDE THE
ROCKS OF ICELAND?



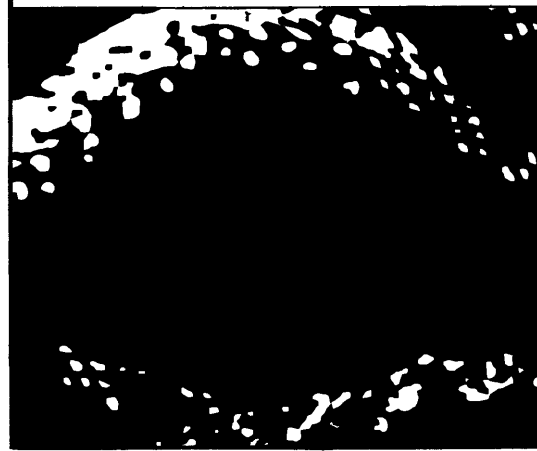
MORE THEORIES ON THE NATURE OF THE ELVES,



INTERVIEWS WITH ICELAND'S MOST FAMOUS
CLAIRVOYANT AND WITH THE HEAD OF THE
ELF SCHOOL IN REYKJAVÍK,



MORE HISTORIC FAIRY TALES,



AND THE FIRST EYE WITNESS ACCOUNTS...



...COMING SOON IN PEOPLE NOT SEEN 1!

**PEOPLE
NOT SEEN**

to be continued ...

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