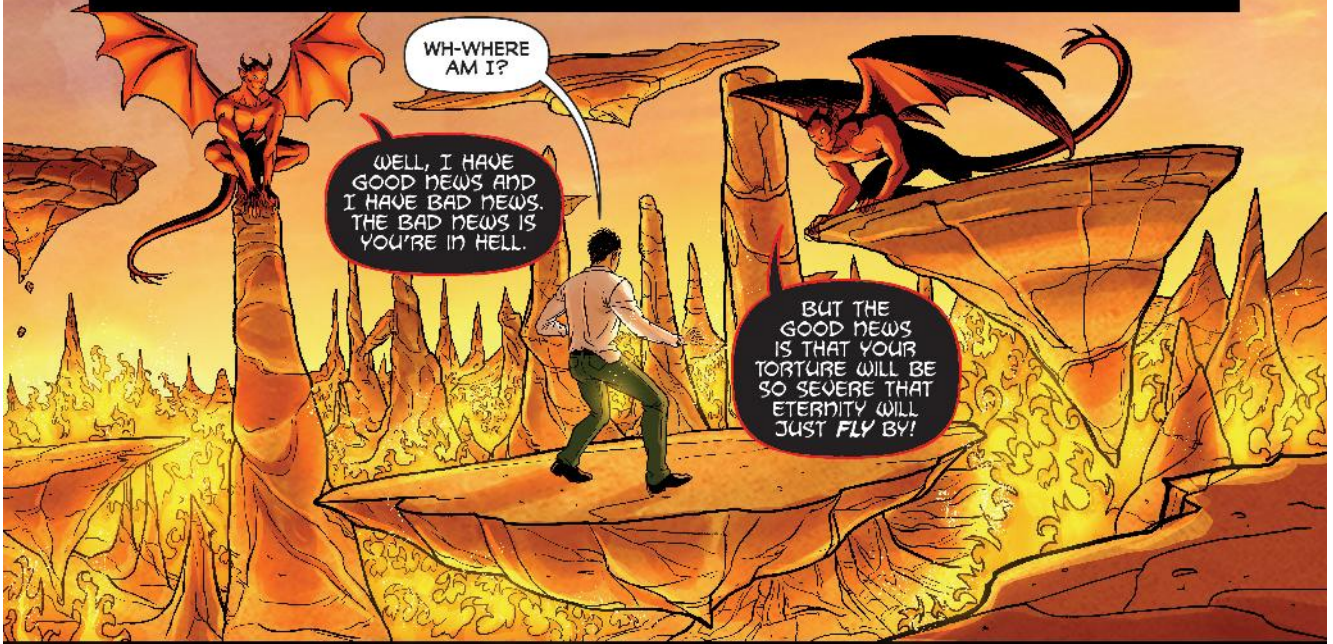


**IT** BEGAN, OF COURSE, IN HELL...





THIS IS *NOT* THE BASS RIFF OF A HIT SINGLE! WHY CAN'T I GET IT RIGHT?



YOU'VE BEEN WORKING ON THAT NON-STOP. THERE'S SOMETHING TO BE SAID FOR A BREAK. MAYBE WE COULD PLAY A GAME OF CHESS FOR MY FREEDOM...?



BUT YOU ARE NO GOOD AT CHESS, TONY. THE ONLY WAY I WOULD HAVE A SATISFYING GAME IS TO PLAY MYSELF.

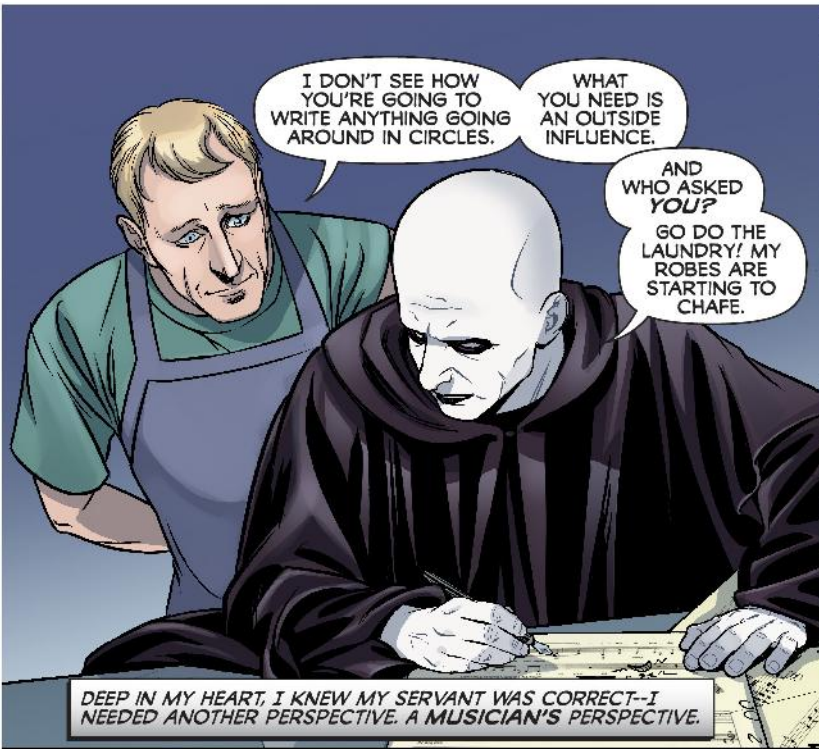
*I SAID NO!* I'M WORKING, JUST AS YOU SHOULD BE!

PERHAPS CHECKERS?



I AM NOW A MEMBER OF THE GREATEST MUSICAL ACT THE WORLD WILL EVER KNOW! OUR FIRST CONCERT WAS *TRANSCENDENT!*

BUT WE *MUST* TOP IT! AND I WILL WRITE THE CENTER-PIECE!



I DON'T SEE HOW YOU'RE GOING TO WRITE ANYTHING GOING AROUND IN CIRCLES.

WHAT YOU NEED IS AN OUTSIDE INFLUENCE.

AND WHO ASKED YOU? GO DO THE LAUNDRY! MY ROBES ARE STARTING TO CHAFE.

DEEP IN MY HEART, I KNEW MY SERVANT WAS CORRECT--I NEEDED ANOTHER PERSPECTIVE. A MUSICIAN'S PERSPECTIVE.

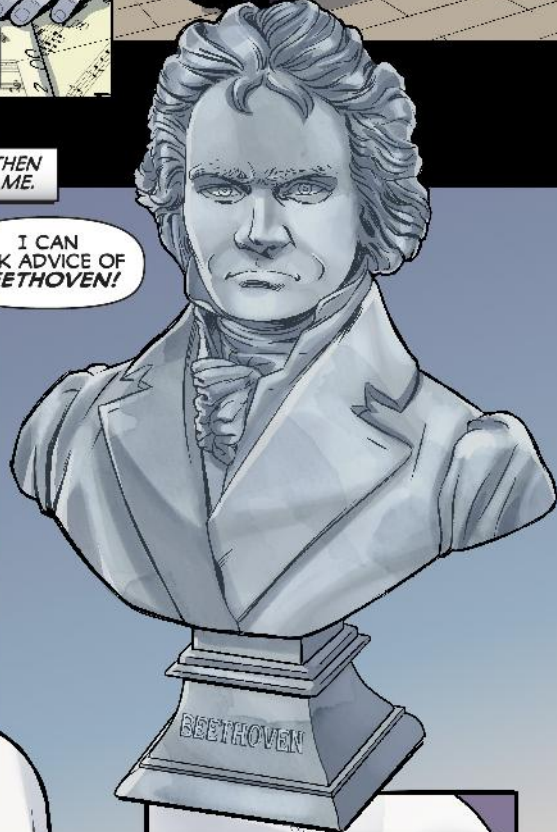


I SAID TO MYSELF-- THERE MUST BE ANOTHER WAY.

THERE **MUST** BE ANOTHER WAY!

AND THEN IT HIT ME.

I CAN ASK ADVICE OF **BEETHOVEN!**

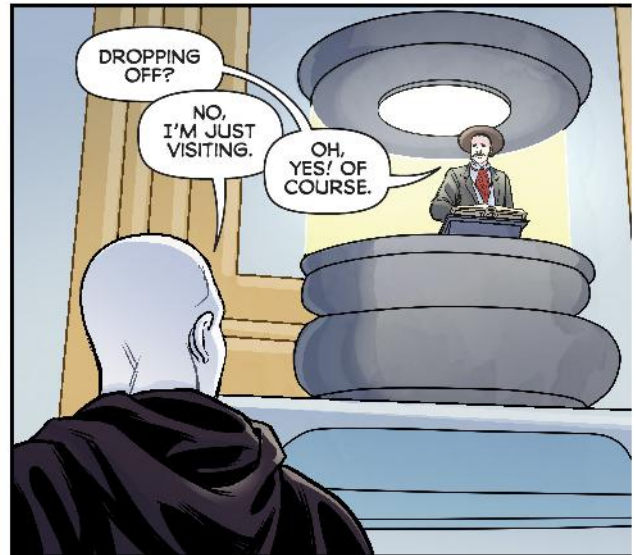
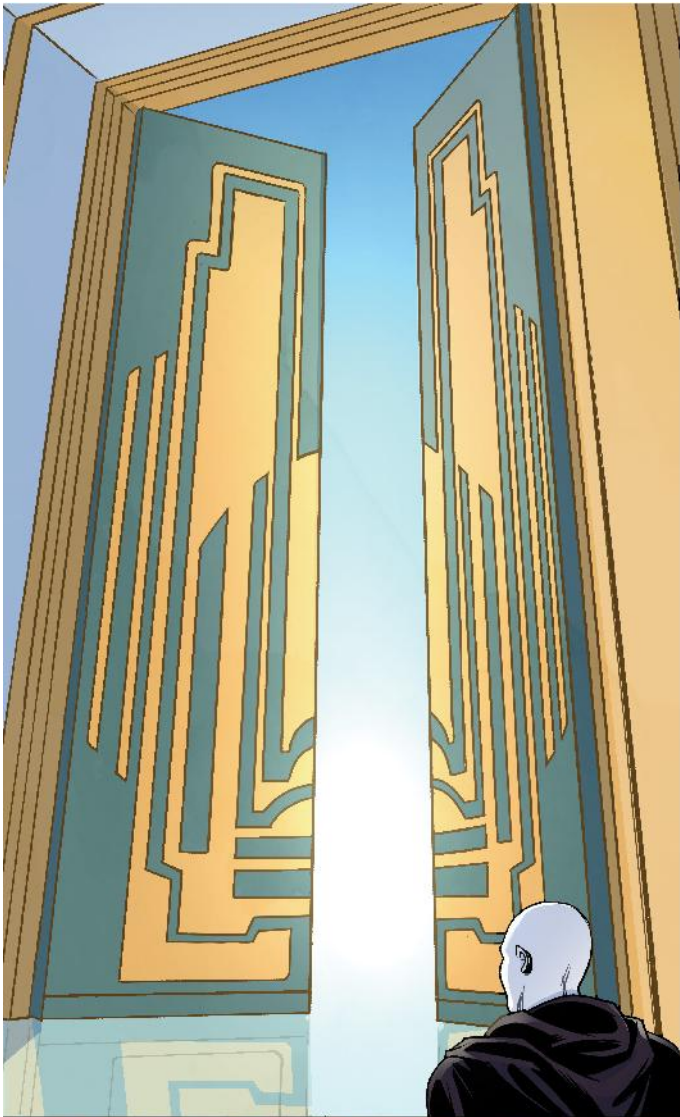


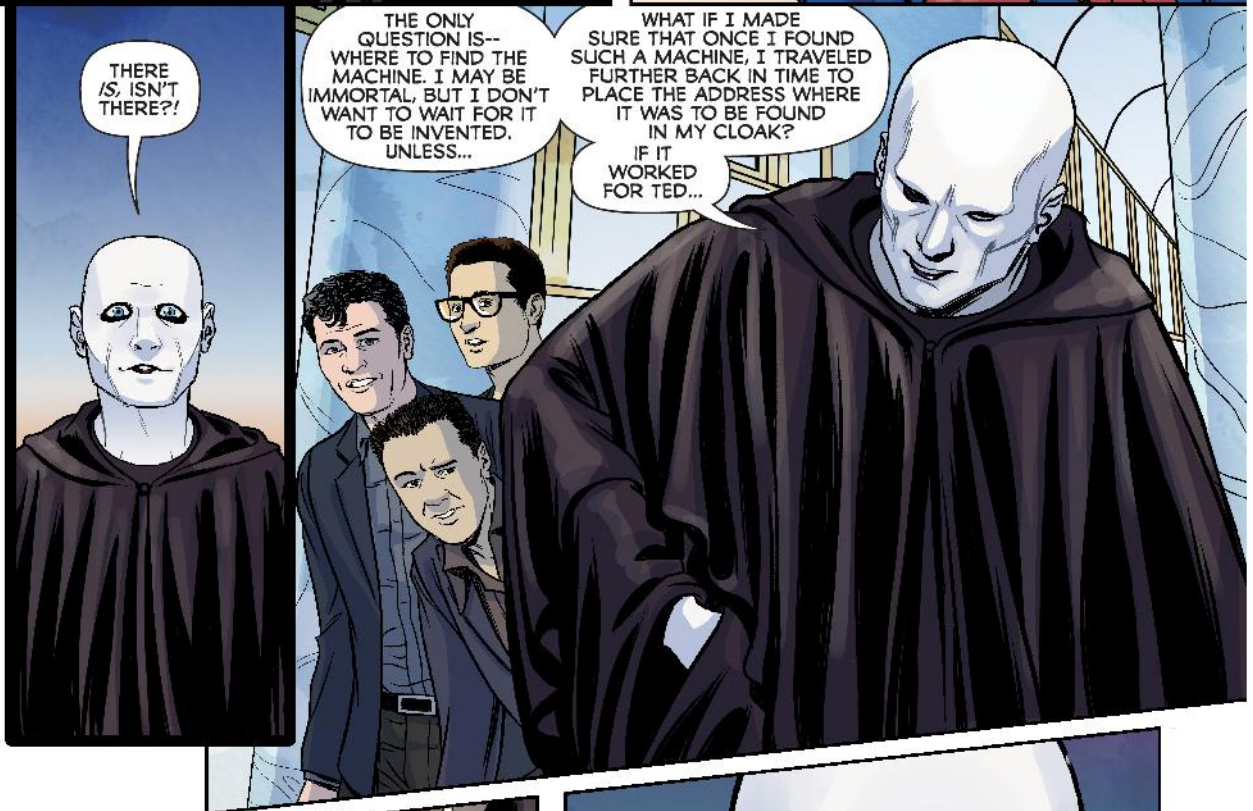
IS HE DOWN HERE, TOO? I'D LOVE TO MEET HIM.

DON'T BE FOOLISH, TONY. HE IS IN A FAR BETTER PLACE.

...SAN DIEGO?







**M**innehaha Falls,  
Minnesota.

SO, YOU'RE FROM THE FUTURE?

ABSOLUTELY. AND I'D LOVE FOR YOU TO COME AND SPEAK TO MY CLASS ABOUT YOUR SOUND.

I DON'T KNOW IF I HAVE THE TIME.

IT'S TIME TRAVEL. WE CAN GET YOU ALL THE TIME YOU'LL NEED.

YES, YES, KEEP FOCUSED ON YOUR VERY IMPORTANT DISCUSSION AS I SCOOT BY...

AHA! IT IS JUST AS THE HASTILY SCRAWLED NOTE SAID!

NOW, LET'S SEE... THIS IS ALL VERY STANDARD. I JUST NEED TO FIND THE LISTING FOR--