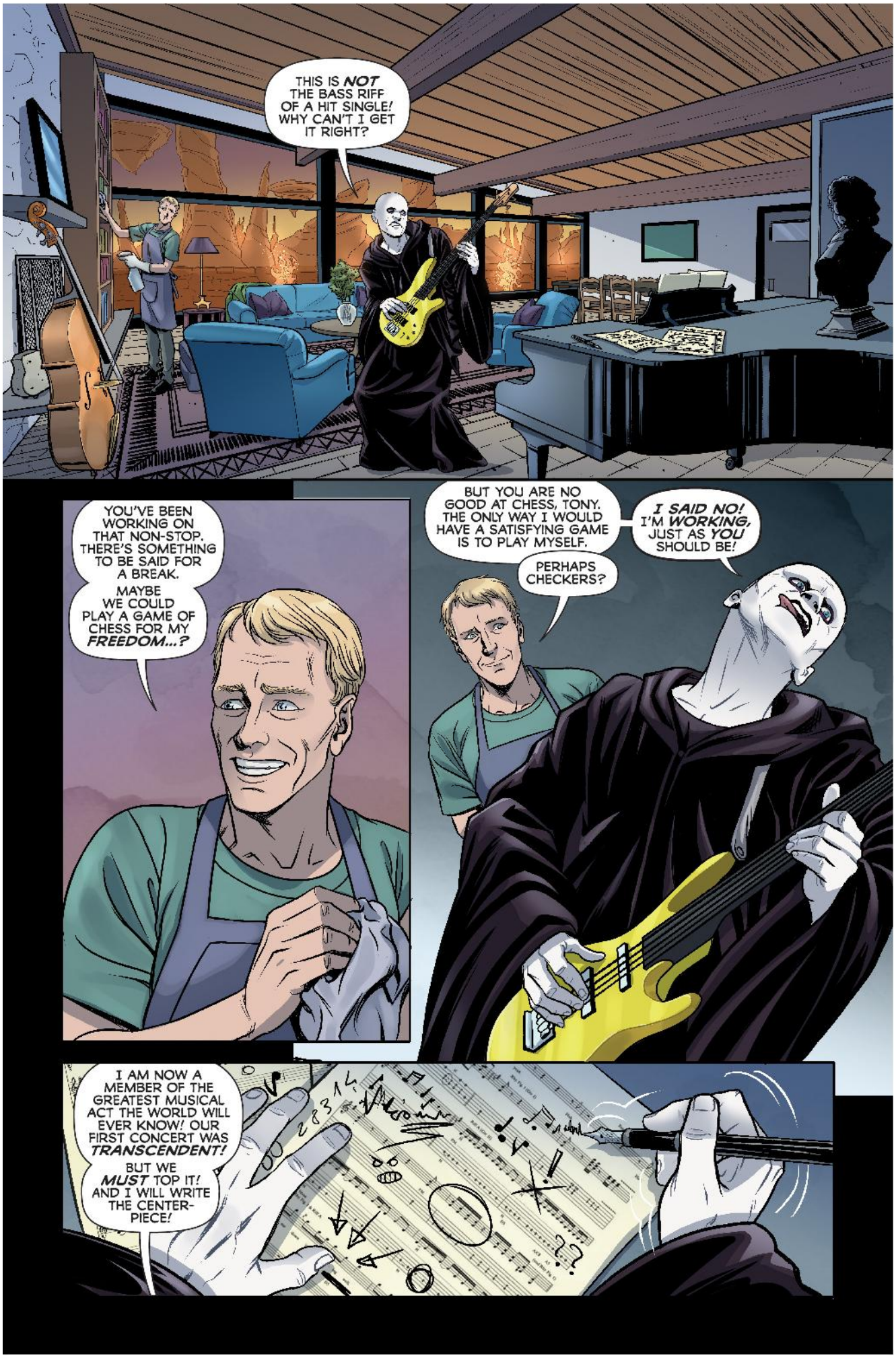
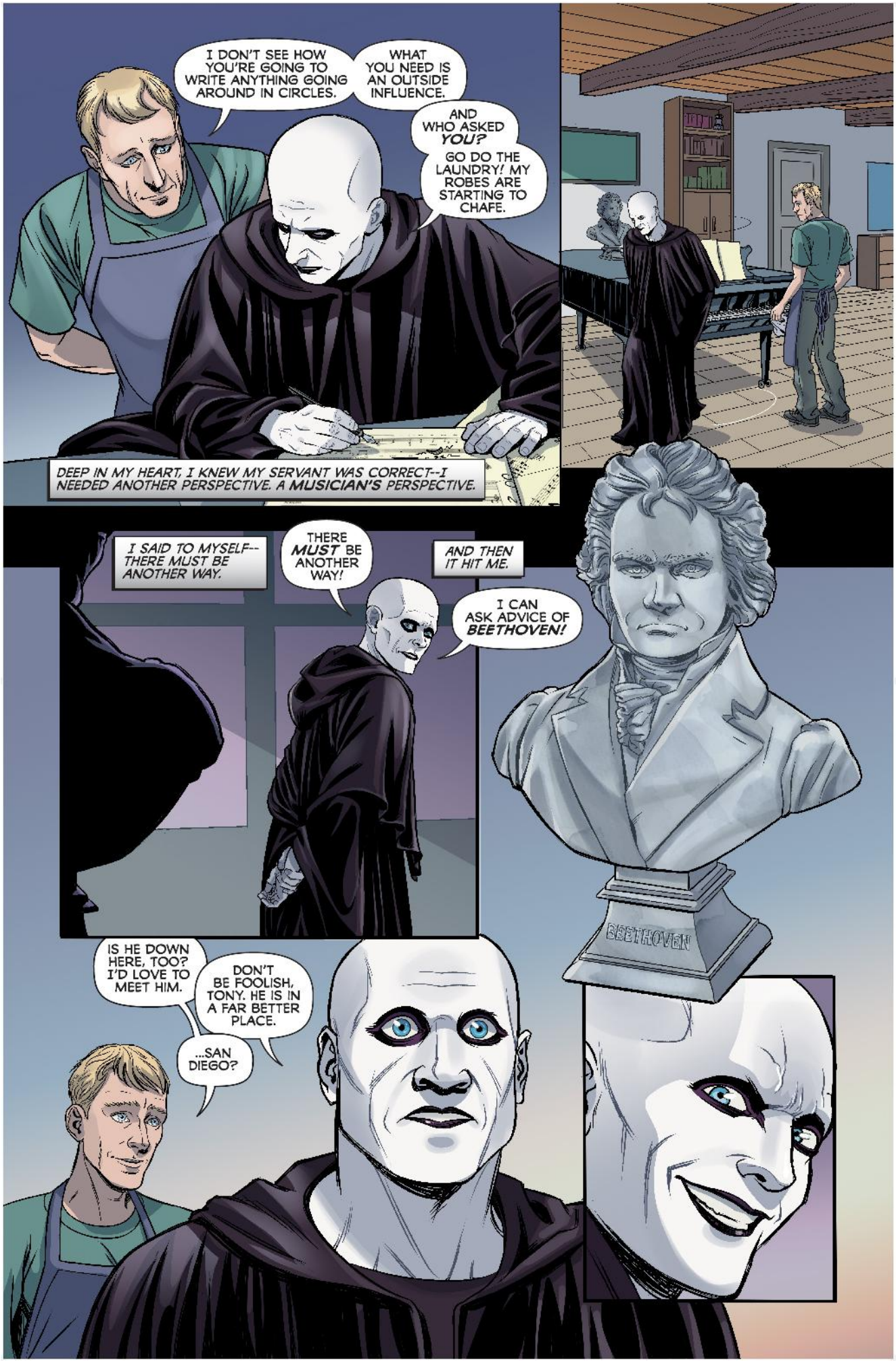
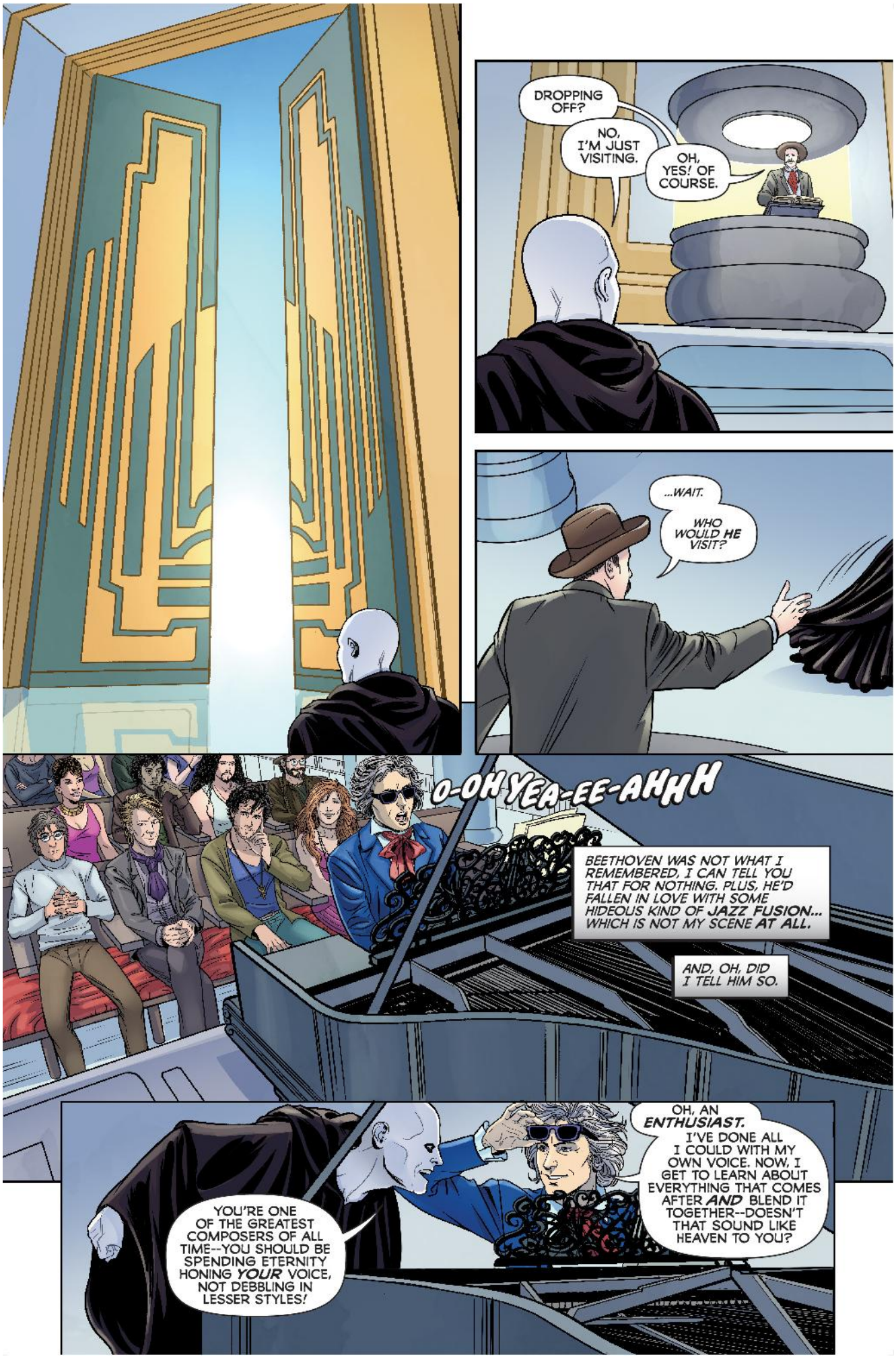
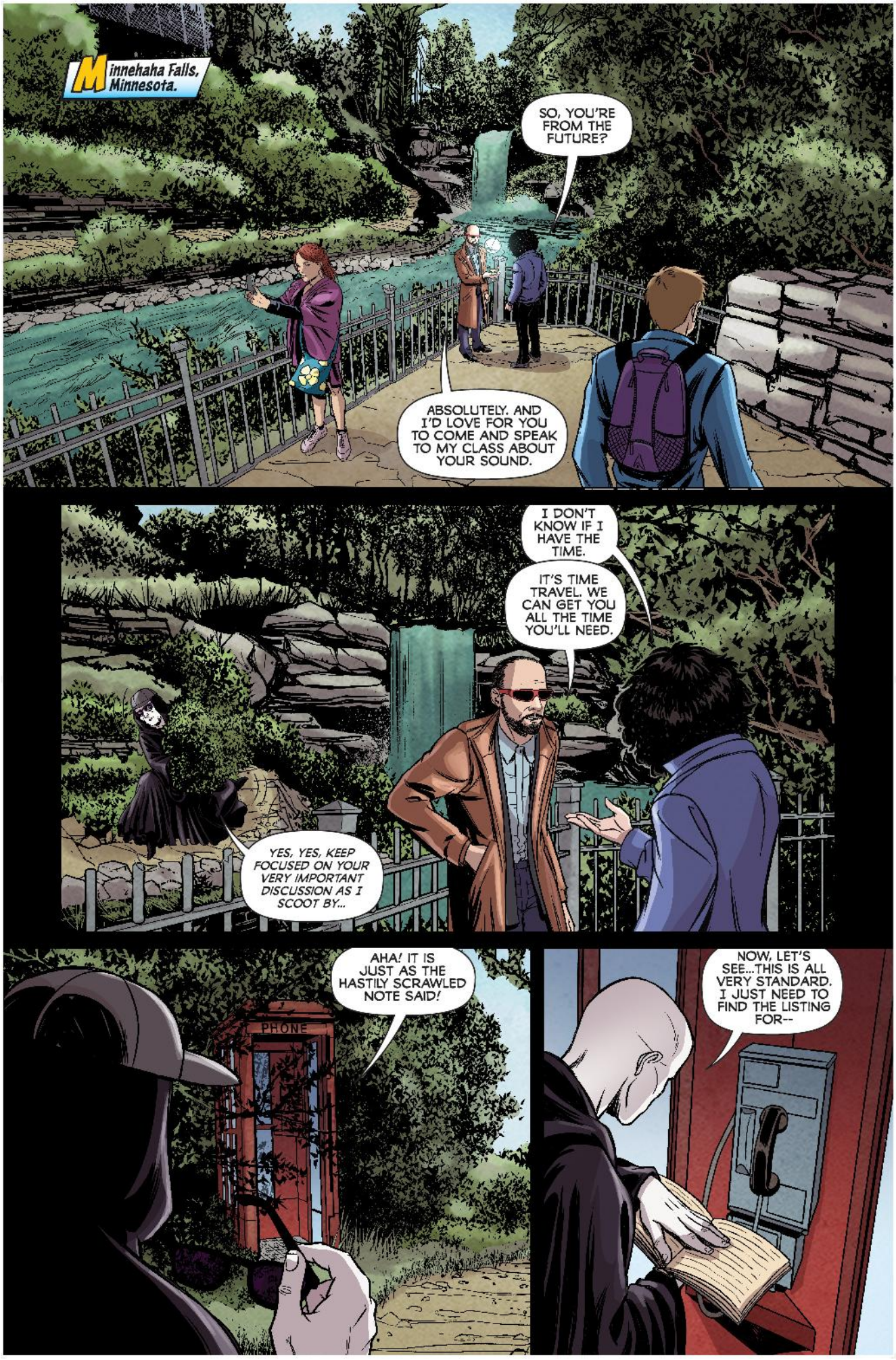
It began, of course, in hell...
WH-WHERE AM I?
WELL, I HAVE GOOD NEWS AND I HAVE BAD NEWS. THE BAD NEWS IS YOU'RE IN HELL.
BUT THE GOOD NEWS IS THAT YOUR TORTURE WILL BE SO SEVERE THAT ETERNITY WILL JUST FLY BY!
BLIDOOMDOOMDOOM
GAH, MAKE IT STOP! THIS IS TOO MUCH! I WAS ONLY A CORRUPT POLITICIAN!
ER--THAT WASN'T THE TORTURE WE WERE TALKING ABOUT.
IT'S WORSE! SO MUCH WORSE!
BLIDOOMWIKAW
WE APOLOGIZE. WE DO WE HAVE HIGHER STANDARDS. COME, LET'S GET YOU TO ORIENTATION.
WHERE THE HERE IS THAT COMING FROM ANYWAY?
WHERE DO YOU THINK?
BLIDOOMDOOMDOOMTWONG
DEMMIT!


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!***
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?


DROPPING OFF?
NO, I'M JUST VISITING.
OH, YES! OF COURSE.
...WAIT.
WHO WOULD HE VISIT?
O-OH YEA-EE-AHHH
BEETHOVEN WAS NOT WHAT I REMEMBERED, I CAN TELL YOU THAT FOR NOTHING. PLUS, HE'D FALLEN IN LOVE WITH SOME HIDEOUS KIND OF JAZZ FUSION... WHICH IS NOT MY SCENE AT ALL.
AND, OH, DID I TELL HIM SO.
OH, AN ENTHUSIAST.
I'VE DONE ALL I COULD WITH MY OWN VOICE. NOW, I GET TO LEARN ABOUT EVERYTHING THAT COMES AFTER AND BLEND IT TOGETHER--DOESN'T THAT SOUND LIKE HEAVEN TO YOU?
YOU'RE ONE OF THE GREATEST COMPOSERS OF ALL TIME--YOU SHOULD BE SPENDING ETERNITY HONING YOUR VOICE, NOT DEBBLING IN LESSER STYLES!

FOR YOU, MAYBE, BUT WHAT ABOUT WHAT I NEED?
IF YOU MUST, SPEAK WITH ME BEFORE MY SENSIBILITIES EVOLVED...
...THERE'S ALWAYS TIME TRAVEL, I SUPPOSE.
THERE IS, ISN'T THERE?!
THE ONLY QUESTION IS-- WHERE TO FIND THE MACHINE. I MAY BE IMMORTAL, BUT I DON'T WANT TO WAIT FOR IT TO BE INVENTED. UNLESS...
WHAT IF I MADE SURE THAT ONCE I FOUND SUCH A MACHINE, I TRAVELED FURTHER BACK IN TIME TO PLACE THE ADDRESS WHERE IT WAS TO BE FOUND IN MY CLOAK?
IF IT WORKED FOR TED...
YES! HA HA! THE TIME MACHINE CAN BE FOUND AT...
WHAT DOES THAT SAY? YOU'D THINK I COULD READ MY OWN WRITING... MIM...MINNY--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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...
PHONE
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--