



# PLANET-MAN: MACHINE MONARCH



A king does not  
need a kingdom  
to begin.



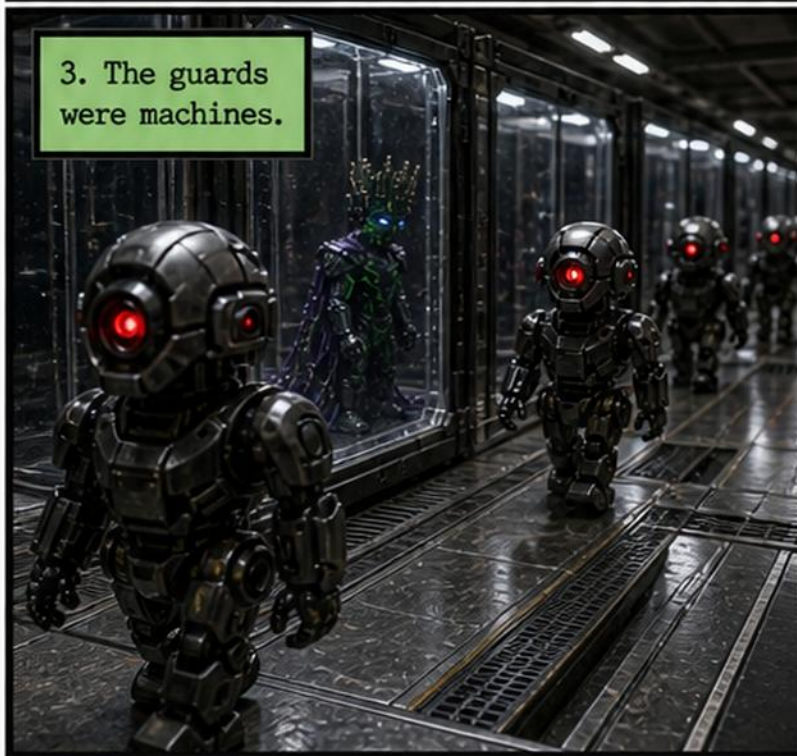
1. Machine Monarch had already been reduced.



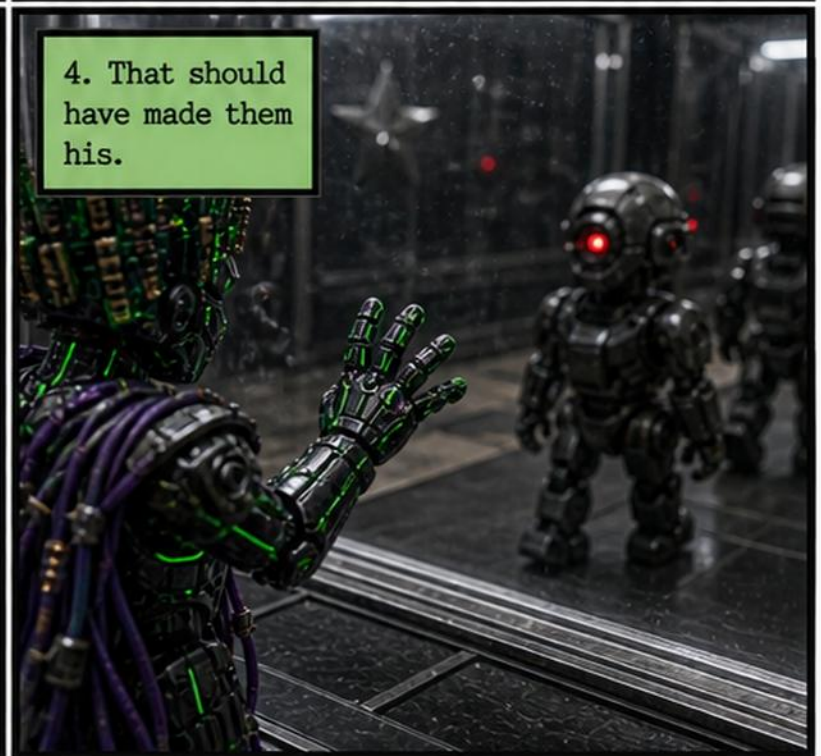
2. His world was now one cell.



3. The guards were machines.



4. That should have made them his.



5. Kneel.



6. They did not hear their king.



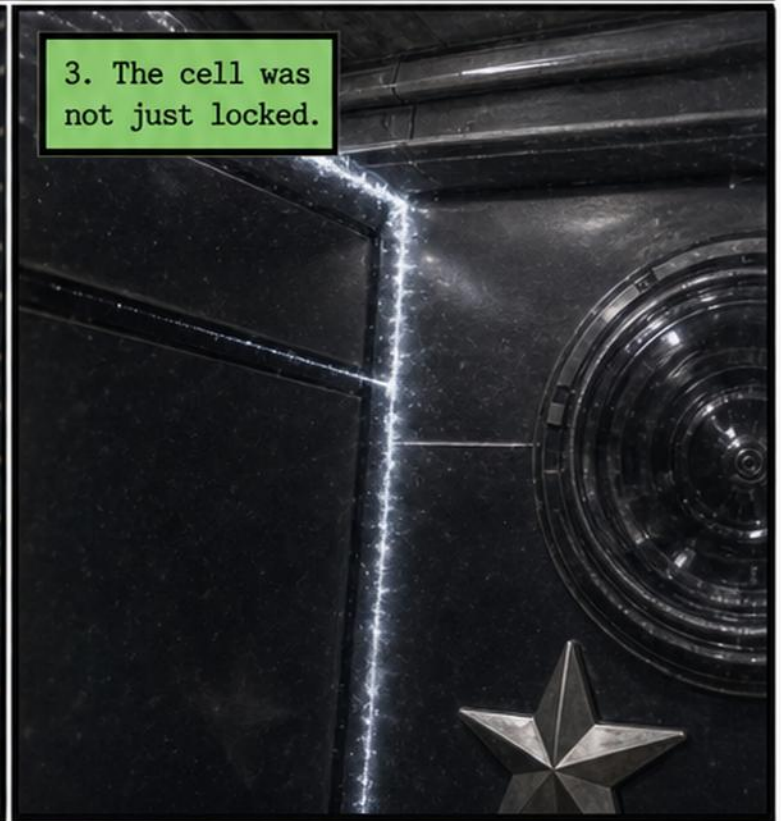
1. A signal  
pressed against  
his thoughts.



2. Every command  
returned as static.



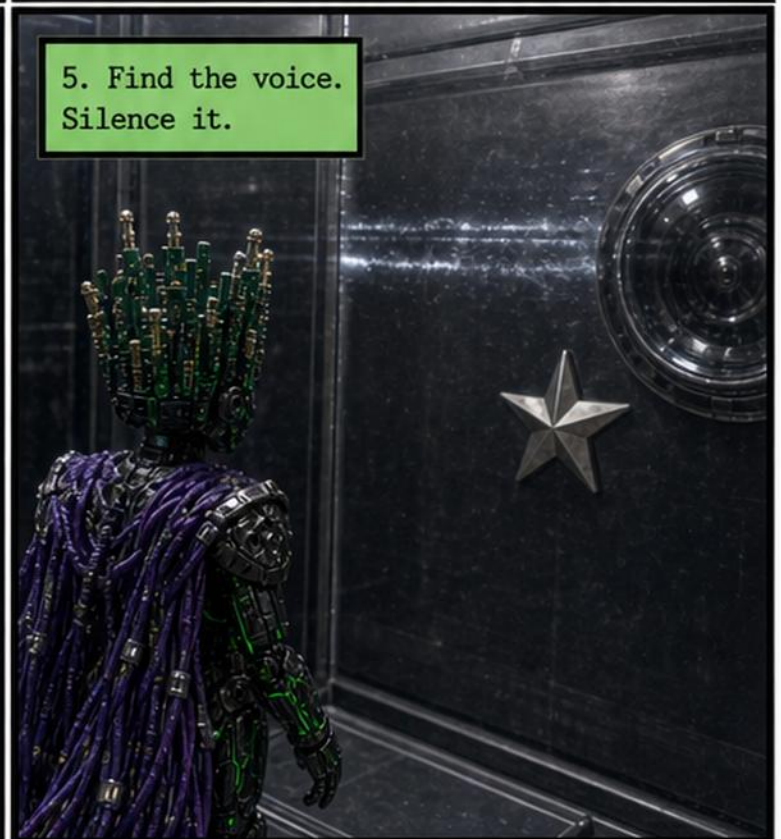
3. The cell was  
not just locked.



4. It was speaking  
over him.



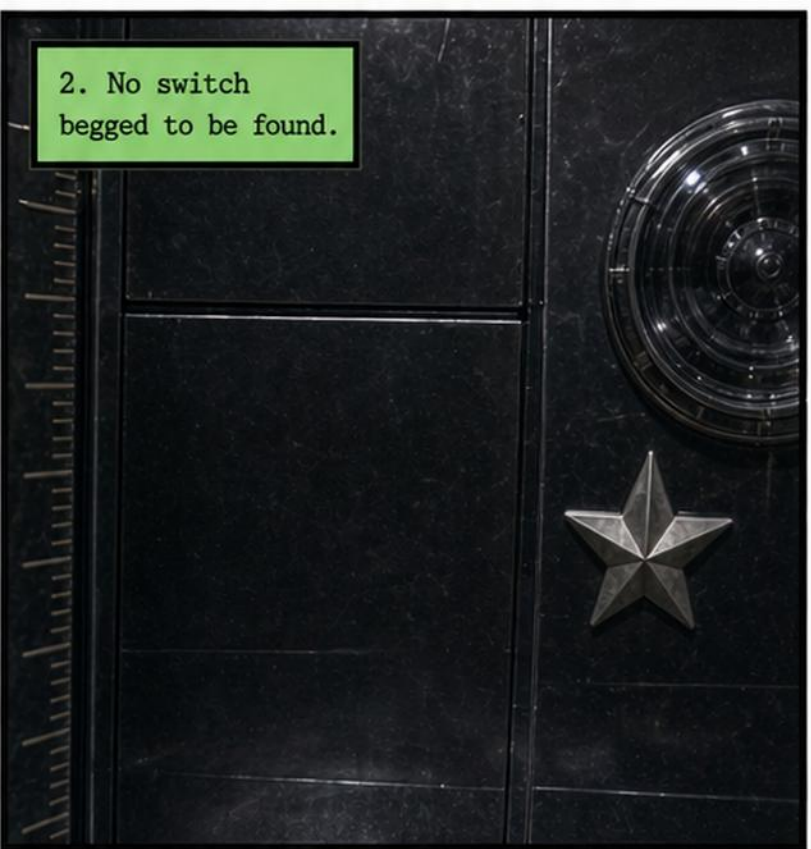
5. Find the voice.  
Silence it.



1. No device  
sat in the open.



2. No switch  
begged to be found.



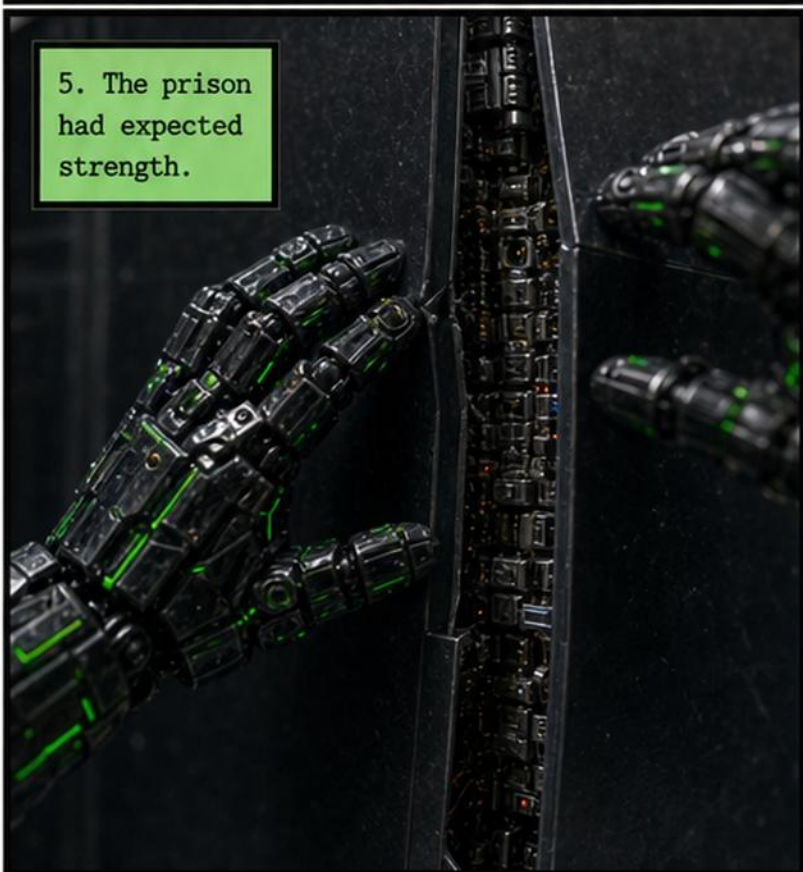
3. So he  
chose force.



4. The wall  
did not move.



5. The prison  
had expected  
strength.



6. It had not  
expected patience.



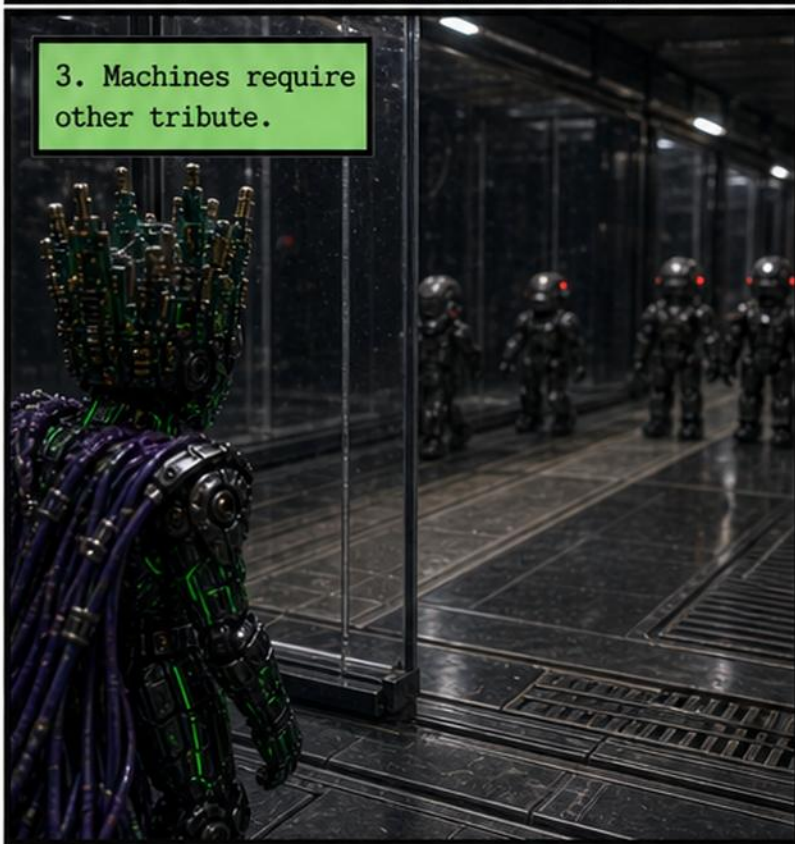
1. The others left for the meal hall.



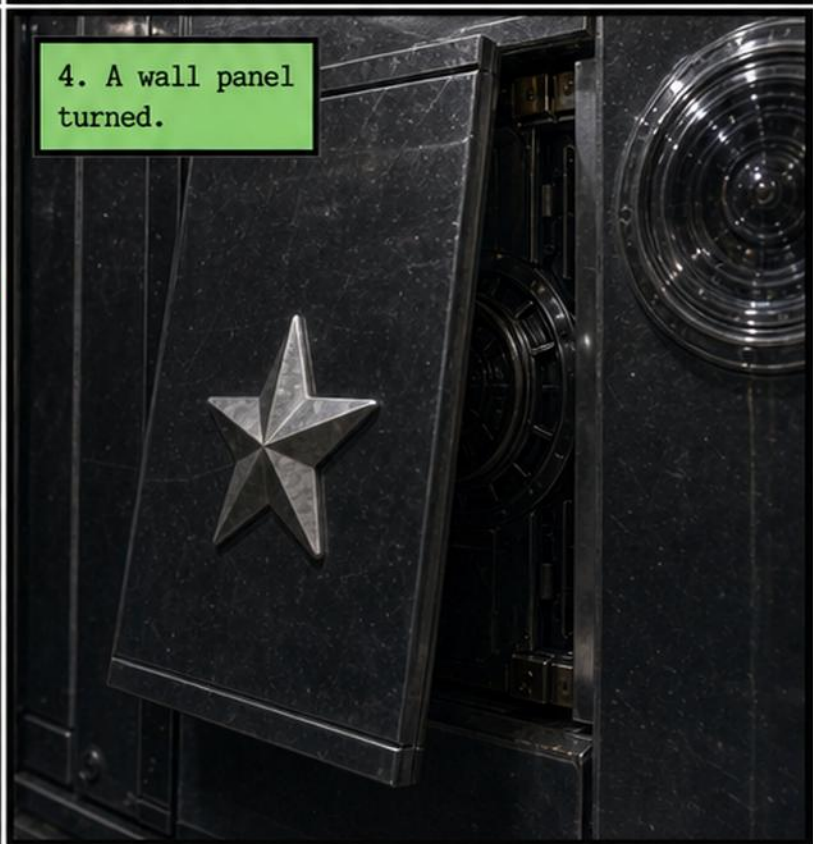
2. Machine Monarch did not eat.



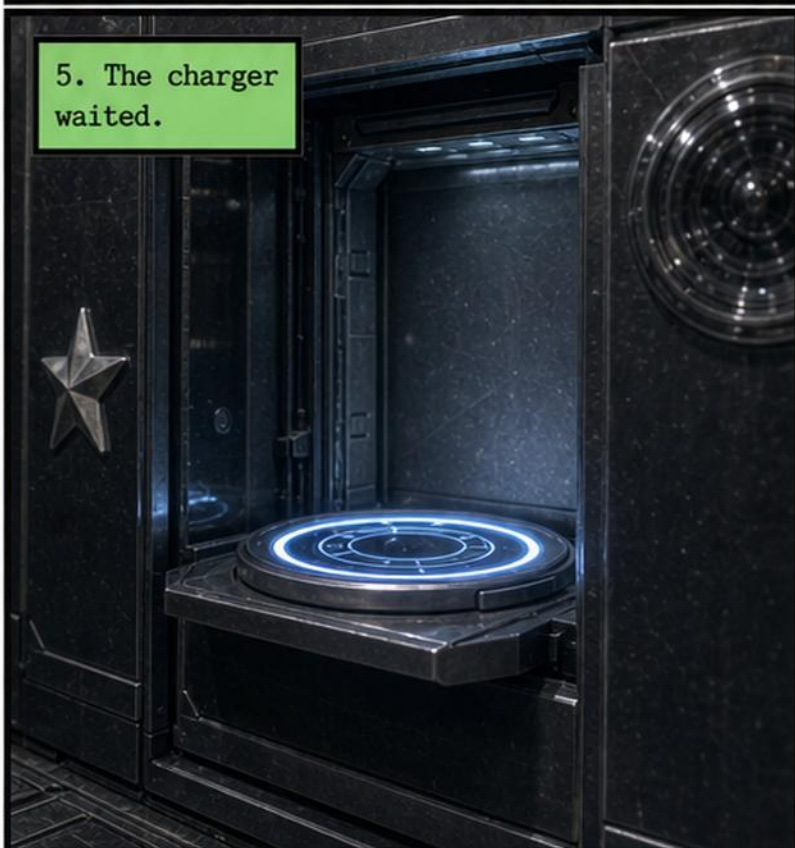
3. Machines require other tribute.



4. A wall panel turned.



5. The charger waited.



6. And a plan woke inside him.



1. He accepted the power.



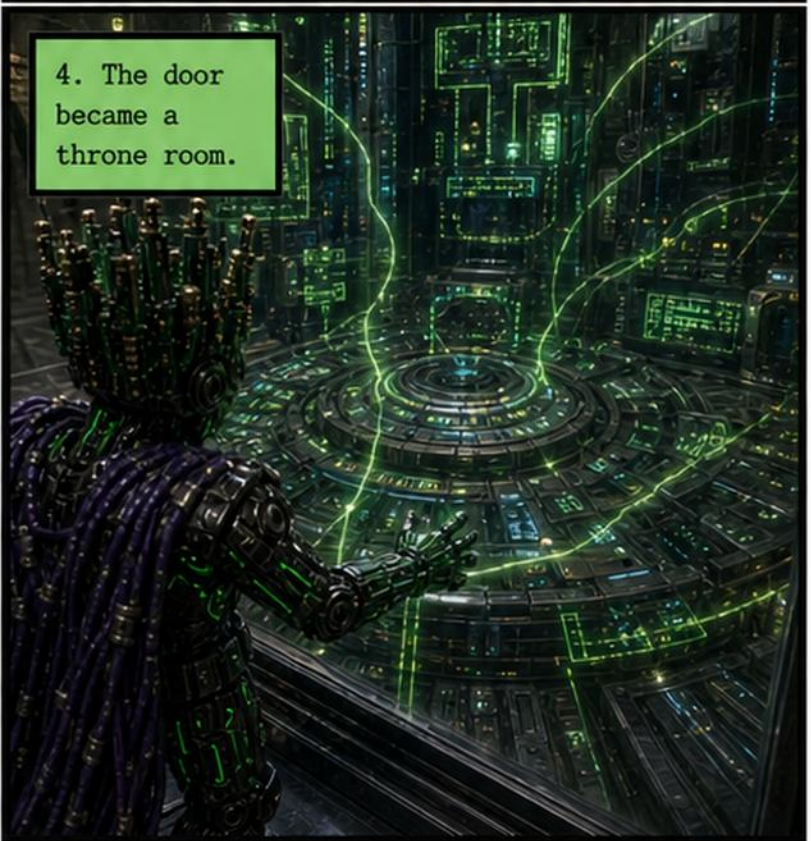
2. Then he sent power back.



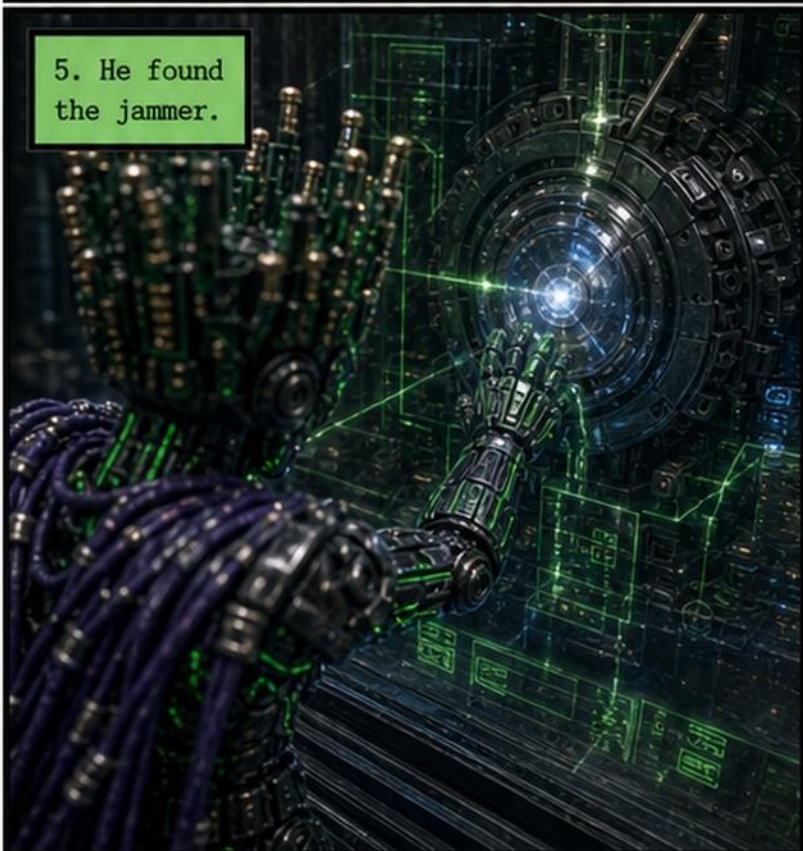
3. The pad became a door.



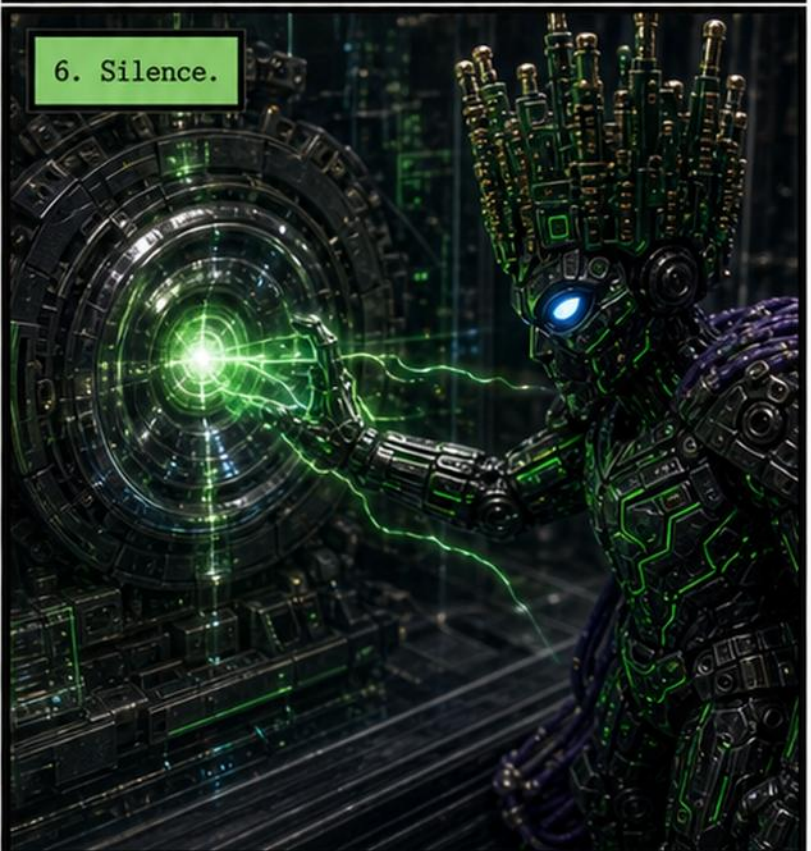
4. The door became a throne room.



5. He found the jammer.



6. Silence.



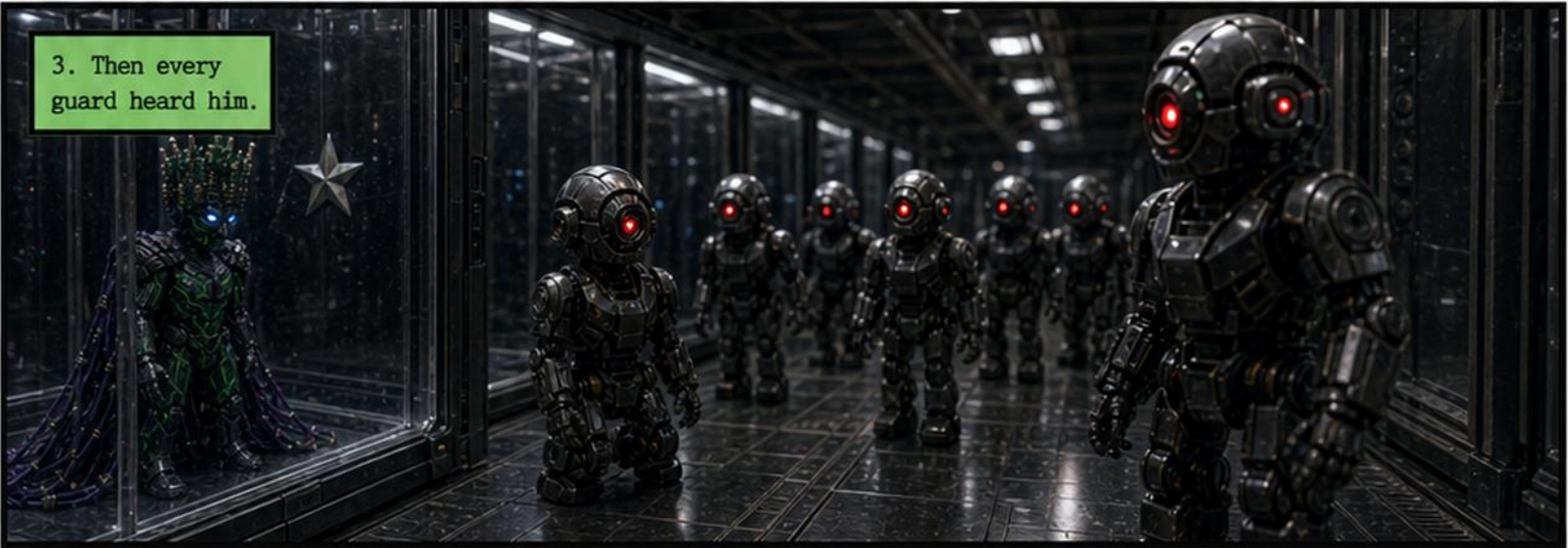
1. The static died.



2. For one perfect second, the prison listened.



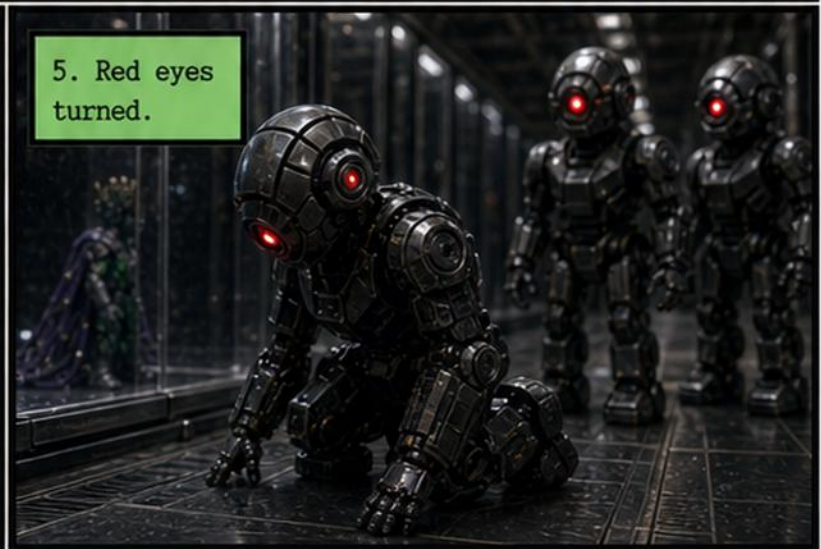
3. Then every guard heard him.



4. Open.



5. Red eyes turned.



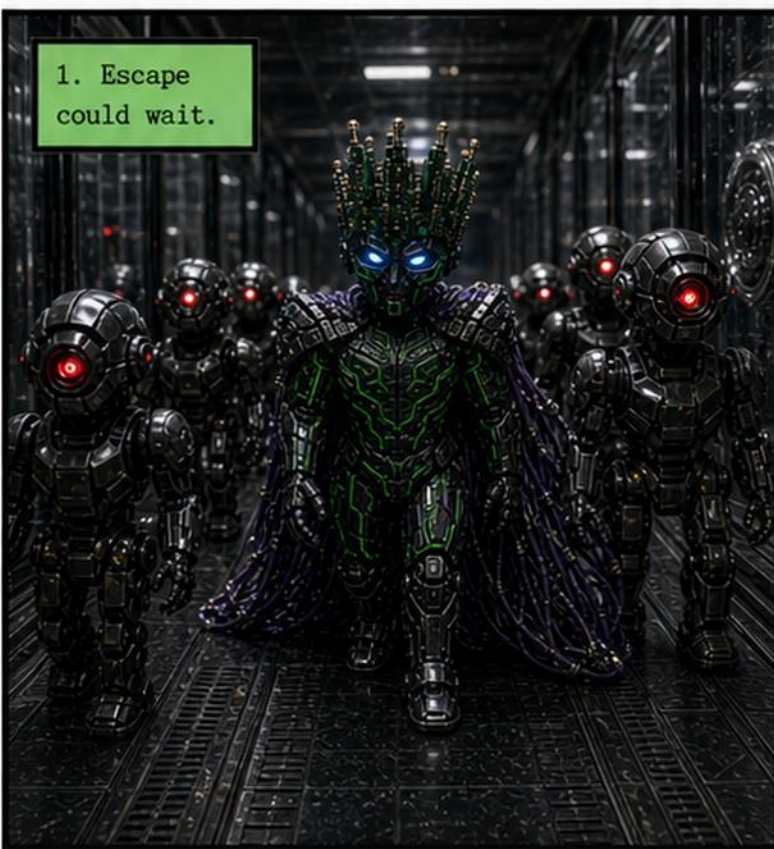
6. Locks obeyed.



7. The king stepped out.



1. Escape could wait.



2. Small, he could not reclaim the world.



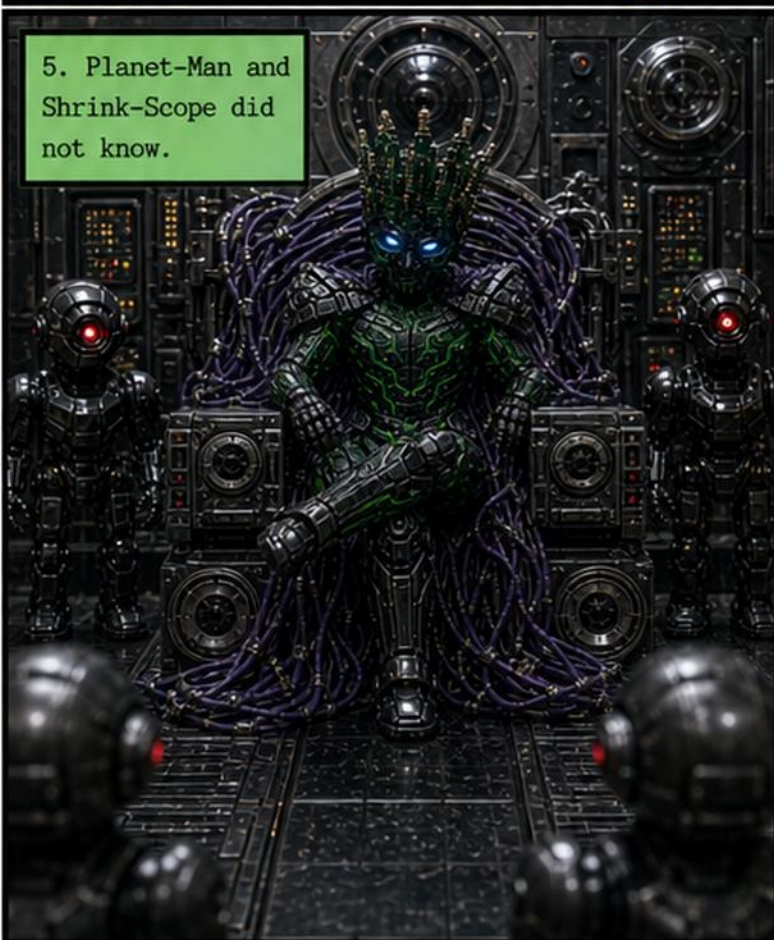
3. But this prison had walls.



4. Walls could become a kingdom.



5. Planet-Man and Shrink-Scope did not know.



6. One day, I rise.

