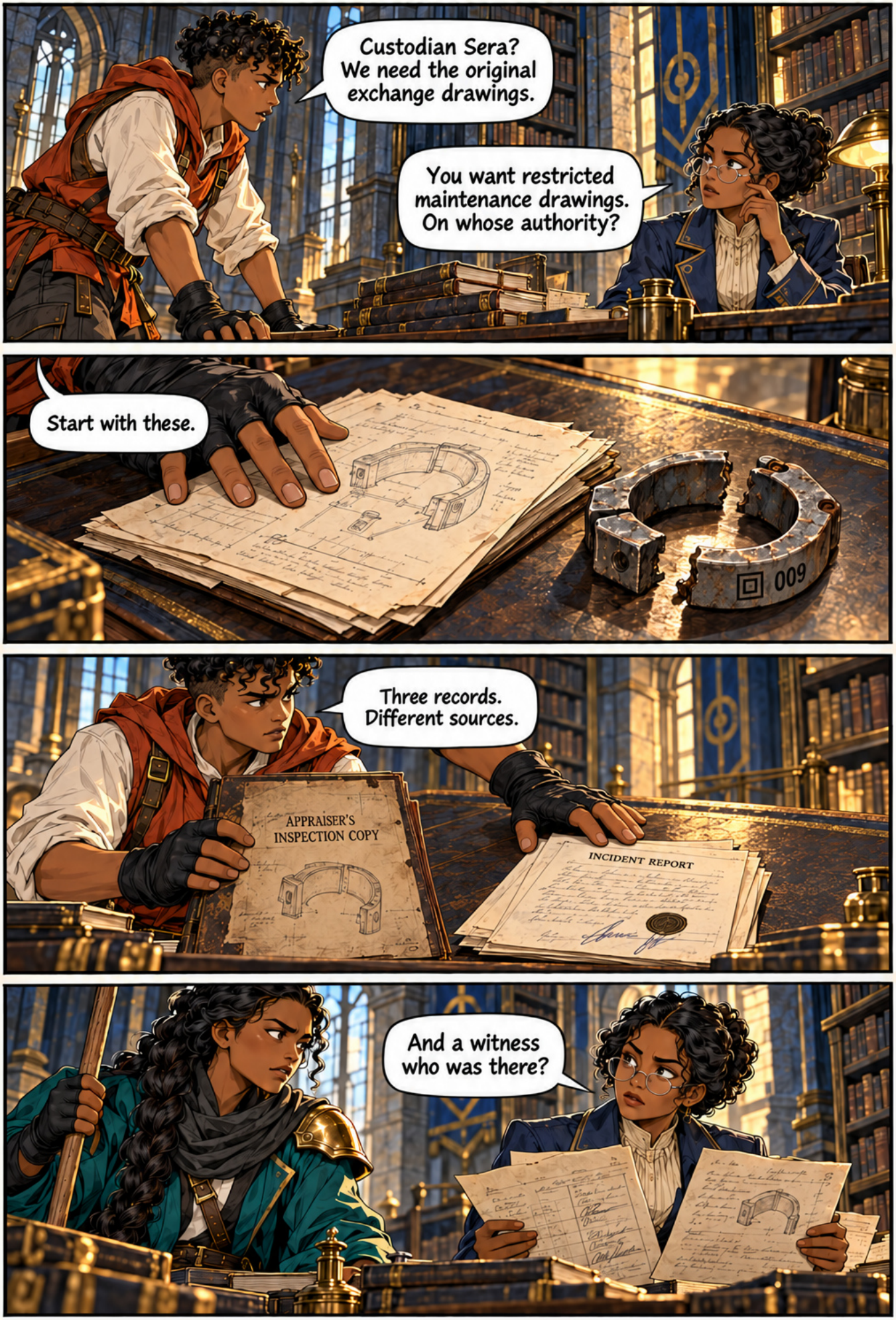

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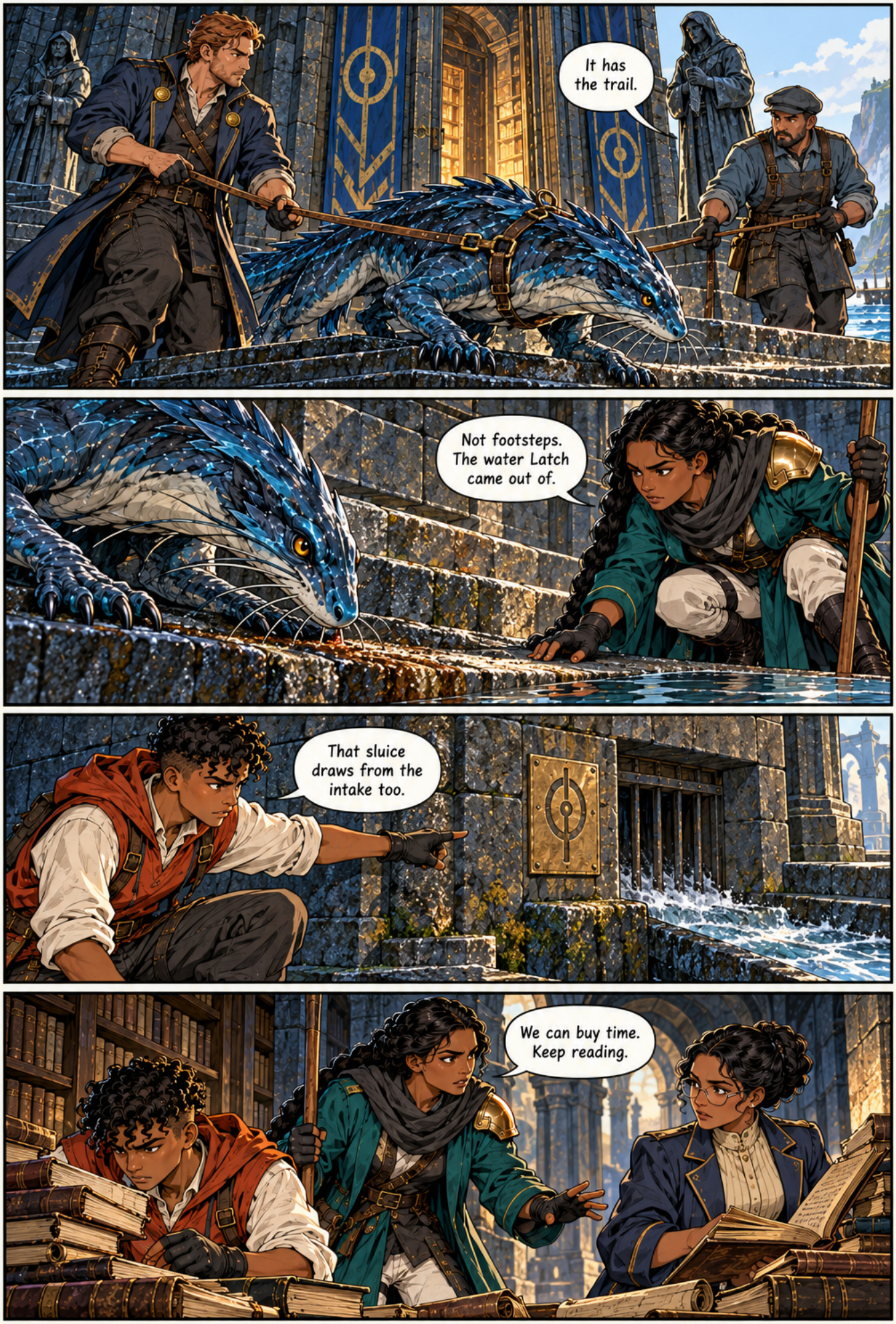

THE NEXT MORNING.
All of it.
I escorted six museum transfers.
Living specimens?
009
They called them sealed relics. I accepted that.


I needed the work. I stopped asking what was inside.
Then one of them cried out.
I reported it. They reassigned me. I quit.
But I didn't get the crates back.

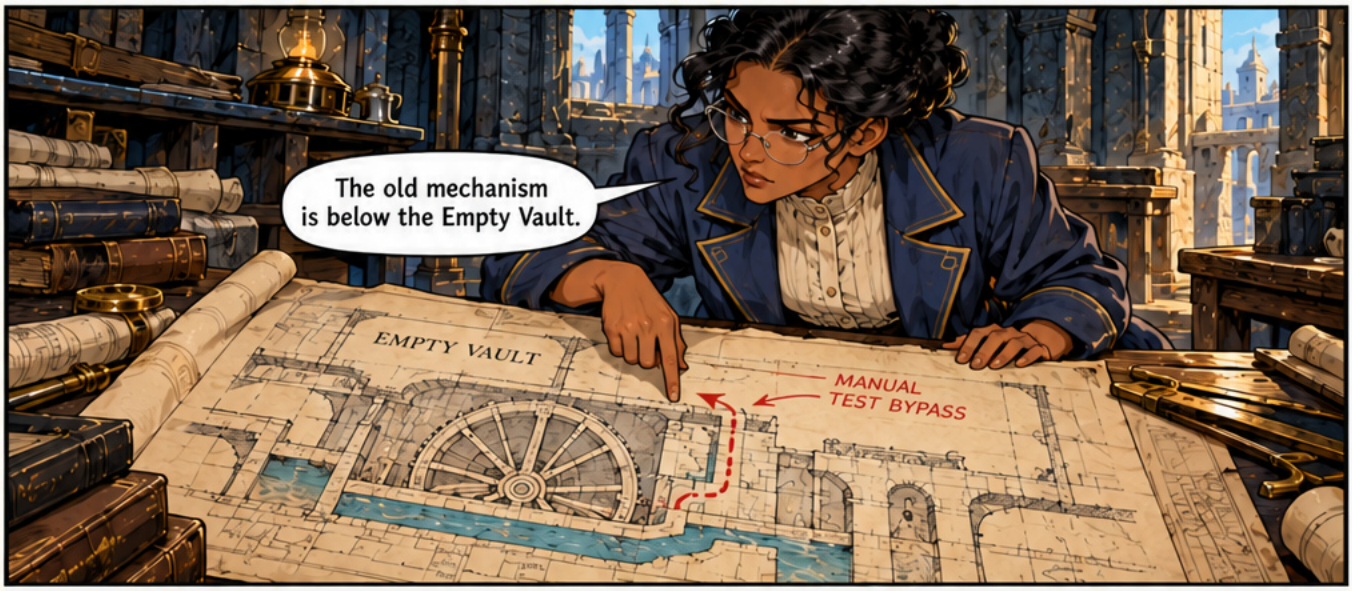

You could have told me.
I should have.
Then help me find the ones you left.
That's why I'm here.


Custodian Sera? We need the original exchange drawings.
You want restricted maintenance drawings. On whose authority?
Start with these.
009
Three records. Different sources.
APPRAISER'S INSPECTION COPY
INCIDENT REPORT
And a witness who was there?


Tamsin Marr.
Former harbor ranger.
This stays on file,
even if it implicates you.
It should.
Then let's find what
the records disagree about.


It has the trail.
Not footsteps. The water Latch came out of.
That sluice draws from the intake too.
We can buy time. Keep reading.


SHHH
This way.
Time.
Not a miracle.
Still reading
the ground.


The old mechanism is below the Empty Vault.
EMPTY VAULT
MANUAL TEST BYPASS


MUSEUM COLLECTIONS
CERTIFICATE OF REMOVAL
The Tidal Wheel was removed from the Empty Vault and transferred to museum care on the 13th day of Last Spring.
Vey says it's gone.


Then someone inspected a ghost four days ago.
GUILD LUBRICATION LOG
Date | Location | Work Performed | Initials
6 DAYS AGO | Intake Gates | Grease · Check | M.R.
5 DAYS AGO | Sluice Racks | Oil · Align | T.K.
4 DAYS AGO | Tidal Wheel | Lubricate · Inspect | H.D.
3 DAYS AGO | Tidal Wheel | Check · Tighten | H.D.
2 DAYS AGO | Outflow Gate | Grease


One day to find out which record is true.
HARBOR ENGINE COMMISSIONING
DAY 4
HIGH WATER


WHINE
Stop pulling.
You can see what that thing is doing to it.
Unclip it. We'll record its condition.


Easy. No one's chasing you.
Leave the gate open toward the pool.
That's museum property.
Then the museum can answer for the harness.
If your records are wrong, Marr, I can't shield you.


Copies. The originals stay here.
You know the route.
And you check what I miss.
Together.


They built the town over it.
It wasn't always a vault.
THE HOARD
We can reach it this afternoon.
NEXT: THE EMPTY VAULT.