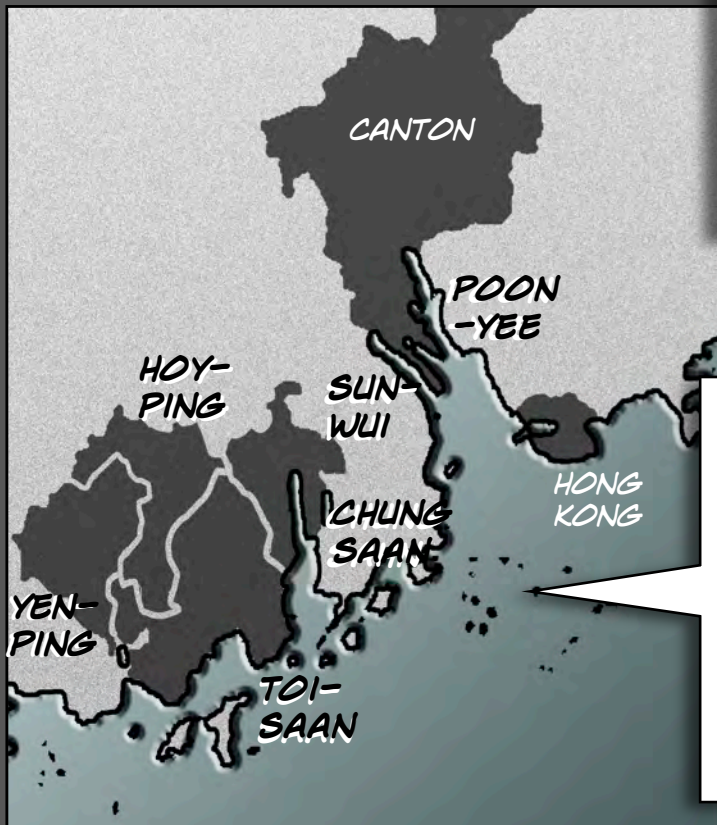


LARGE NUMBERS OF EARLY CHINESE MIGRANTS TO GAM SAAN ORIGINATED FROM THE PEARL RIVER DELTA REGION OF SOUTH CHINA IN KWANGTUNG PROVINCE. THEY EMBARKED BY SHIP FROM THE PORT OF HONG KONG TO SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA...

OTHER CHINESE CONTINUED THEIR TRAVELS NORTHWARD TO THE PORTS OF VICTORIA OR VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA.



MANY OF GAM SAAN'S EARLY CHINESE ORIGINATED FROM THE FOUR COUNTIES (SZE-YUP) LOCATED BY THE PEARL RIVER DELTA - NEAR THE MAIN TRADING PORTS OF HONG KONG AND CANTON.

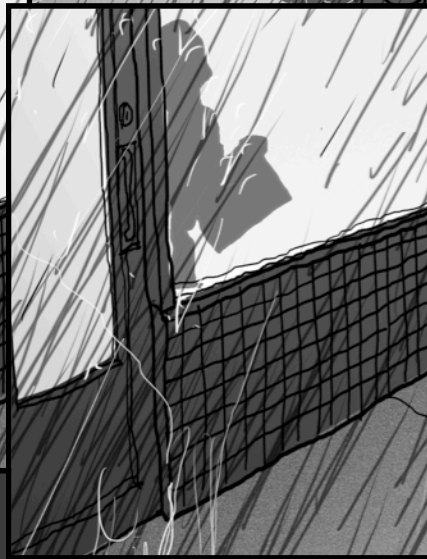
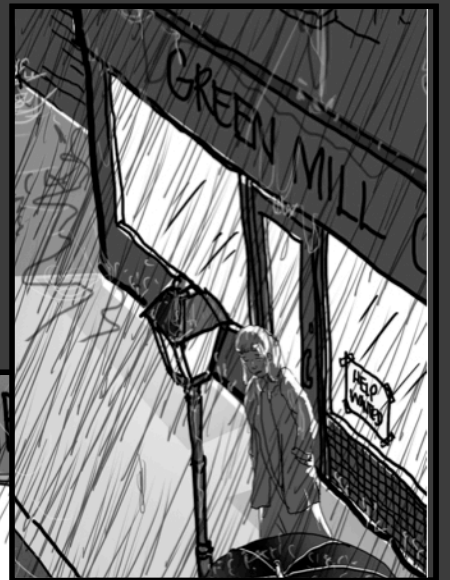
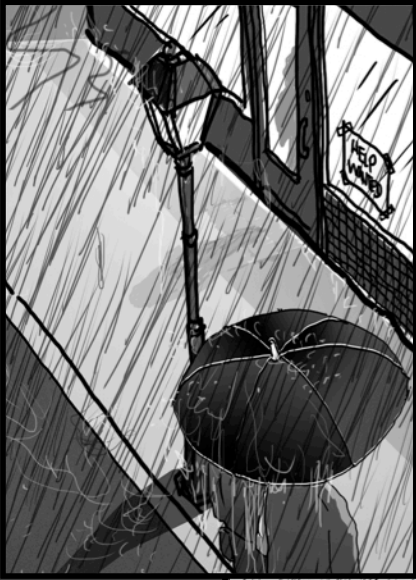
THE FOUR COUNTIES ARE: HOY-PING, SUN-WUI, TOI-SAAN AND YEN-PING.

NEARBY CHUNG SAAN AND POON-YEE COUNTIES ALSO SAW MANY OF THEIR SONS LEAVE FOR GAM SAAN.

OCTOBER, 1905  
NEW WESTMINSTER, BC, CANADA









... MISS KAY...  
PLEASE... **DON'T**  
GIVE UP.  
TRY THE FISH CANNING  
COMPANY... THEY  
HIRE **CHINESE**



DECEMBER 1905  
STEVESTON, CANADA





A FAIRLY NEW CANNERY BUILDING

ONE OF THE BIGGEST ON THE COAST



KAI-AI! LONG HOURS AND I SMELL LIKE PISS!

AH-LEHN, YOU ALWAYS SMELL OF PISS! BUT AT LEAST WE ALL ARE WORKING!



THE BUILDING WAS OPEN TO THE ELEMENTS...

IT'S SO DAMN HOT IN HERE IN THE SUMMER

LIKE AN OVEN

...AND REEKS OF ROTTING FISH!



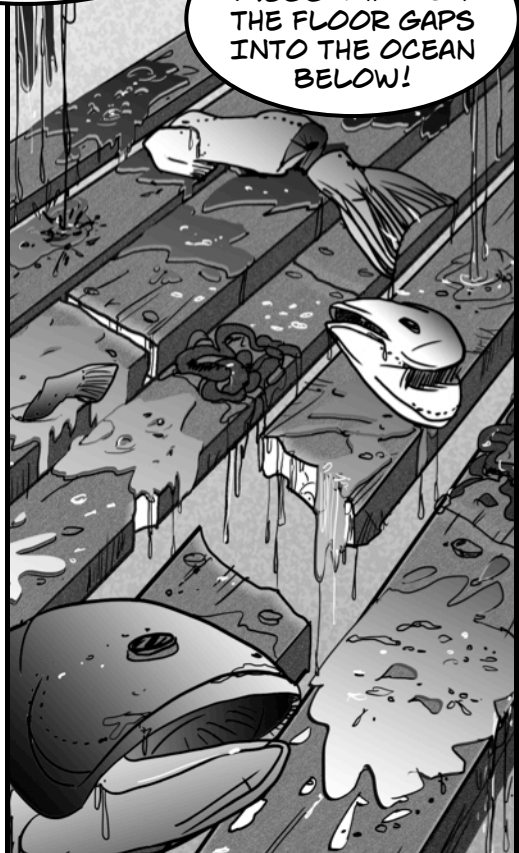
YEAH, BUT I PREFER HOT AND STINKY OVER COLD AND WET IN THE AUTUMN...

HEY! WATCH WHERE YOU SLOP THAT FISH GUT!

THE FLOOR IS PILING UP WITH THE FISH GUTS AND BLOOD. AND IT'S GETTING REALLY SLIPPERY!

... PUSH THE MESS THROUGH THE FLOOR GAPS INTO THE OCEAN BELOW!

IN THE 1900S, AN AMERICAN VISITOR OBSERVED, "...NOT SO MUCH LIKE MEN STRUGGLING WITH INNUMERABLE FISH, AS LIKE HUMAN MAGGOTS WIGGLING AND SQUIRMING AMONG THE SWARMS OF SALMON."\*







YEAH... LAST SEASON WE HARDLY HAD ANY WORK



WE DON'T PAY YOU TO TALK!



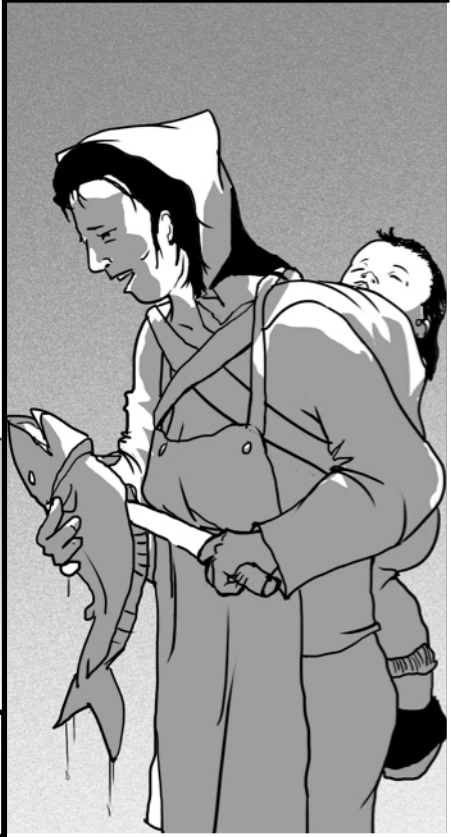


THERE WERE ACCIDENTS



THERE WERE ALWAYS OTHERS TO REPLACE THE SICK AND THE INJURED...

MOTHERS OFTEN BROUGHT THEIR YOUNG ONES TO WORK



WORKERS WERE EFFICIENT. BUT PRODUCTIVITY FELL AS THE LONG HOURS SAW FATIGUE AND MONOTONY SET IN...

THE YEARS PASSED. IT WAS A JOB. THERE WASN'T MUCH ELSE OUT THERE FOR WORK... ESPECIALLY IF YOU WERE CHINESE, JAPANESE, A NATIVE PERSON, OR ANYONE ELSE WHO WAS NOT ENGLISH!



THEN ONE DAY, A STRANGER WALKS INTO THE CANNERY...



HELLO BOSS! HAVE I GOT A BUSINESS SOLUTION FOR YOU!

MODERN! LATEST TECHNOLOGY

SMALL FOOTPRINT

COMPACT HARDWARE

OUR NEWEST MODEL. VERY PORTABLE  
ONLY NINE MEN NEEDED TO MOVE IT!



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EXPANDABLE STORAGE, AND IT'S SCALEABLE...YUP! IT REMOVES SCALES QUICKLY.



RUNS AT 40 CPH!

40 CPH?

**40**  
CHINAMEN PER  
HOUR!

YESSIR, YOU  
GETS YER SLICER  
WITHOUT THEM  
RICERS!

WOW!

IT'S MEAN,  
AND IT  
CLEANS.

WOW!

STATE OF THE  
ART... SOLID  
CAST IRON!

WOW

IT'S CUTTING EDGE,  
UH, NO... MAKE THAT  
GUTTING EDGE  
TECHNOLOGY!

WOW

NO SICK  
DAYS. FULL  
PRODUCTIVITY

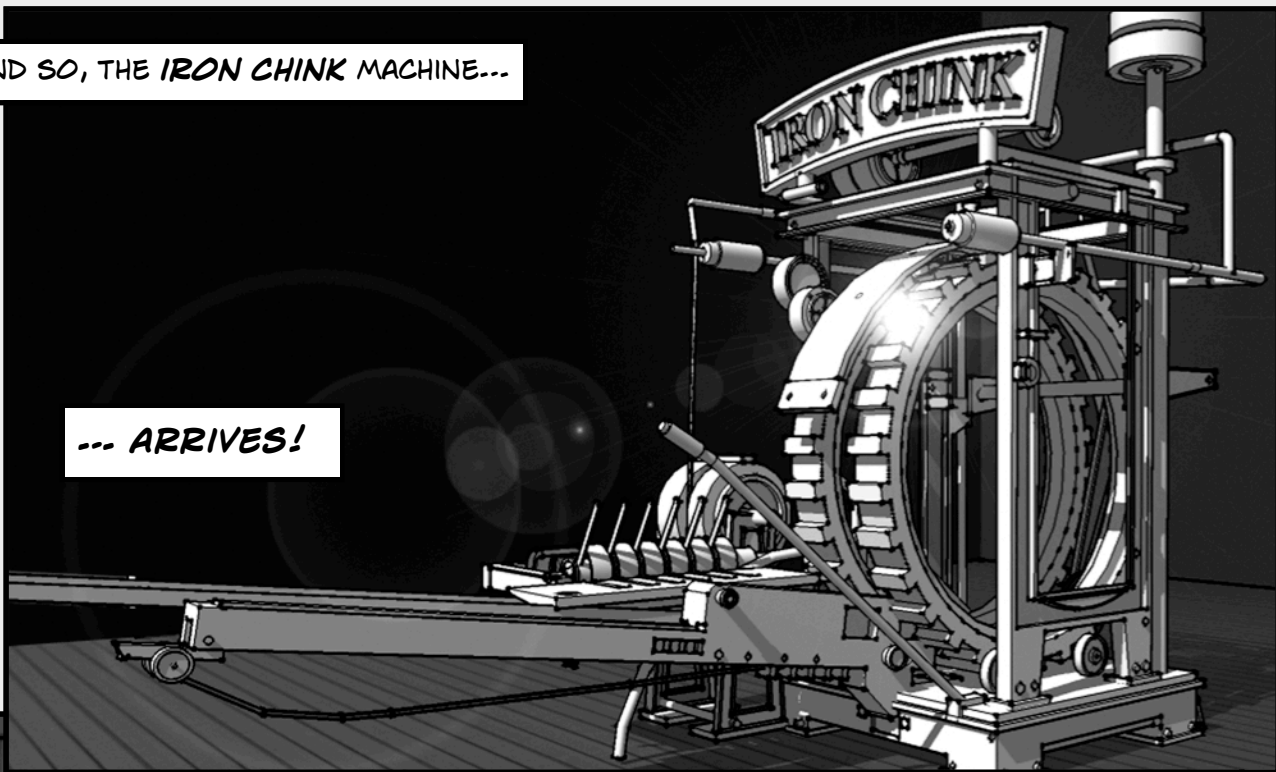
SON OF A  
STRUMPET!

we call it the iron chink!

YES!  
I'LL TAKE A  
BUNCH OF THEM  
MACHINES!!

AND SO, THE IRON CHINK MACHINE...

... ARRIVES!



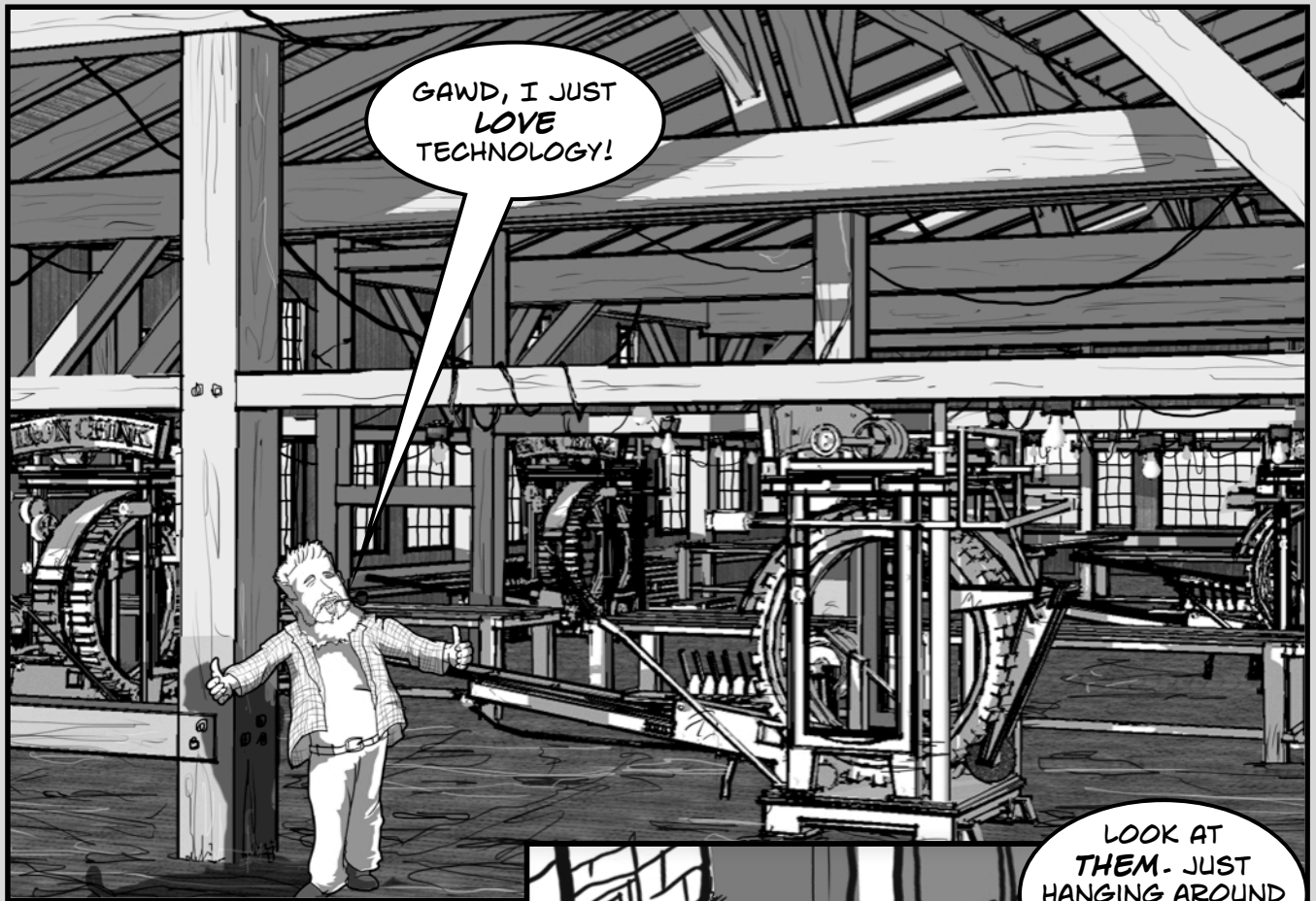
LARGE NUMBERS OF CANNERY JOBS DISAPPEARED ...

YOU AND YOU...  
STAY AND HELP STICK  
LABELS ONTO THE  
CANS...  
EVERYONE  
ELSE ...  
GO HOME

NO  
JOBS  
HERE  
Thank you

NO  
JOBS  
HERE  
Thank you





GAWD, I JUST LOVE TECHNOLOGY!

WITH FEW OTHER EMPLOYMENT OPTIONS, THE LAID OFF CANNERY WORKERS WERE **BACK ON THE STREETS, LOOKING FOR WORK**



LOOK AT **THEM**. JUST HANGING AROUND THEIR OWN KIND.

IN **GROUPS** STANDING ABOUT!

WHY DON'T **THEY** GET JOBS!

LOOK AT ALL **THOSE** CHINESE!

DON'T **THEY** HAVE BETTER THINGS TO DO THAN TO **STARE** AT US?

HOW RUDE! THEY MUST BE **GIBBERING** IN CHINESE ABOUT US!

**NO!** DON'T LET **THEM** STEAL OUR JOBS!