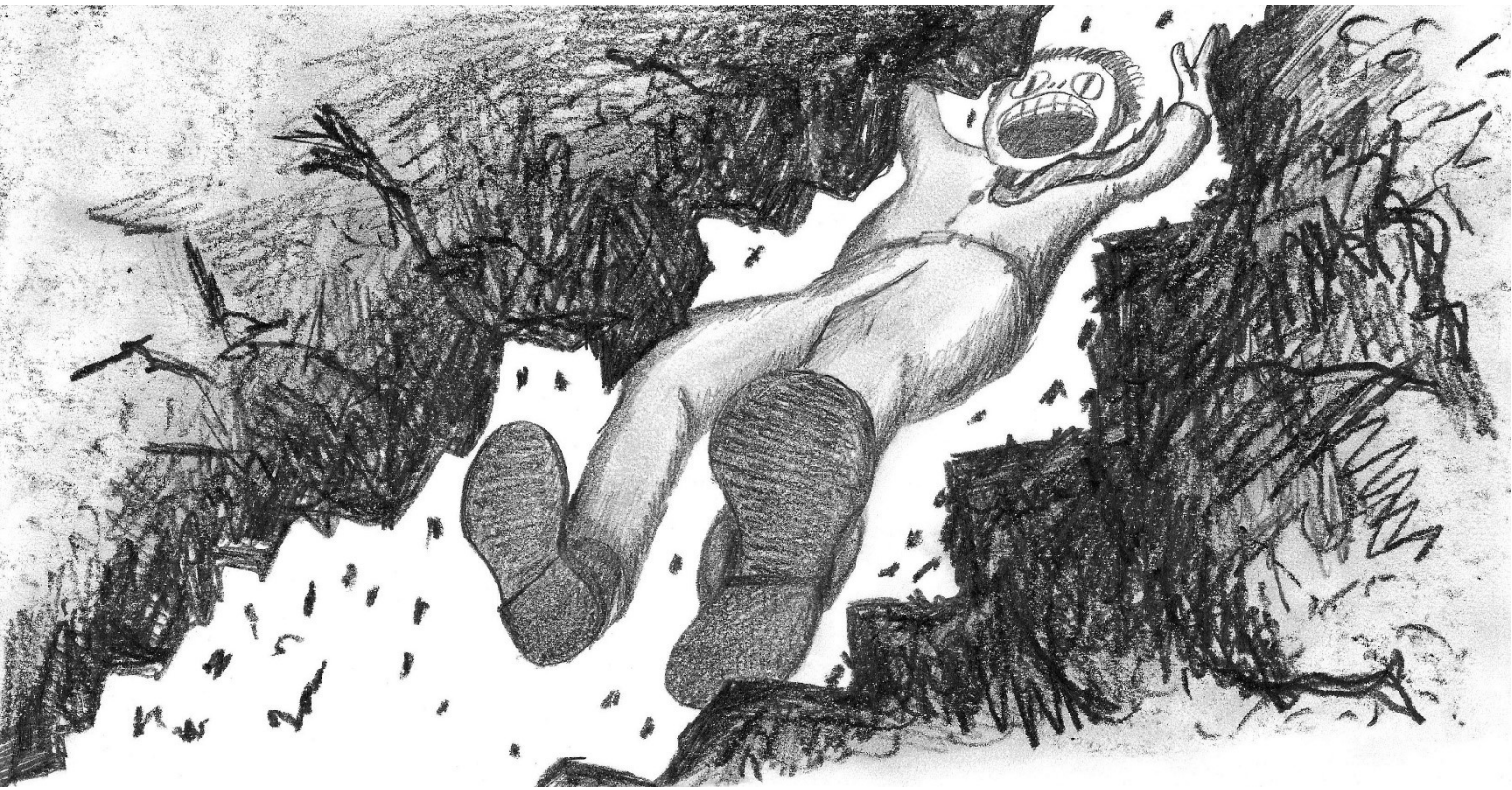


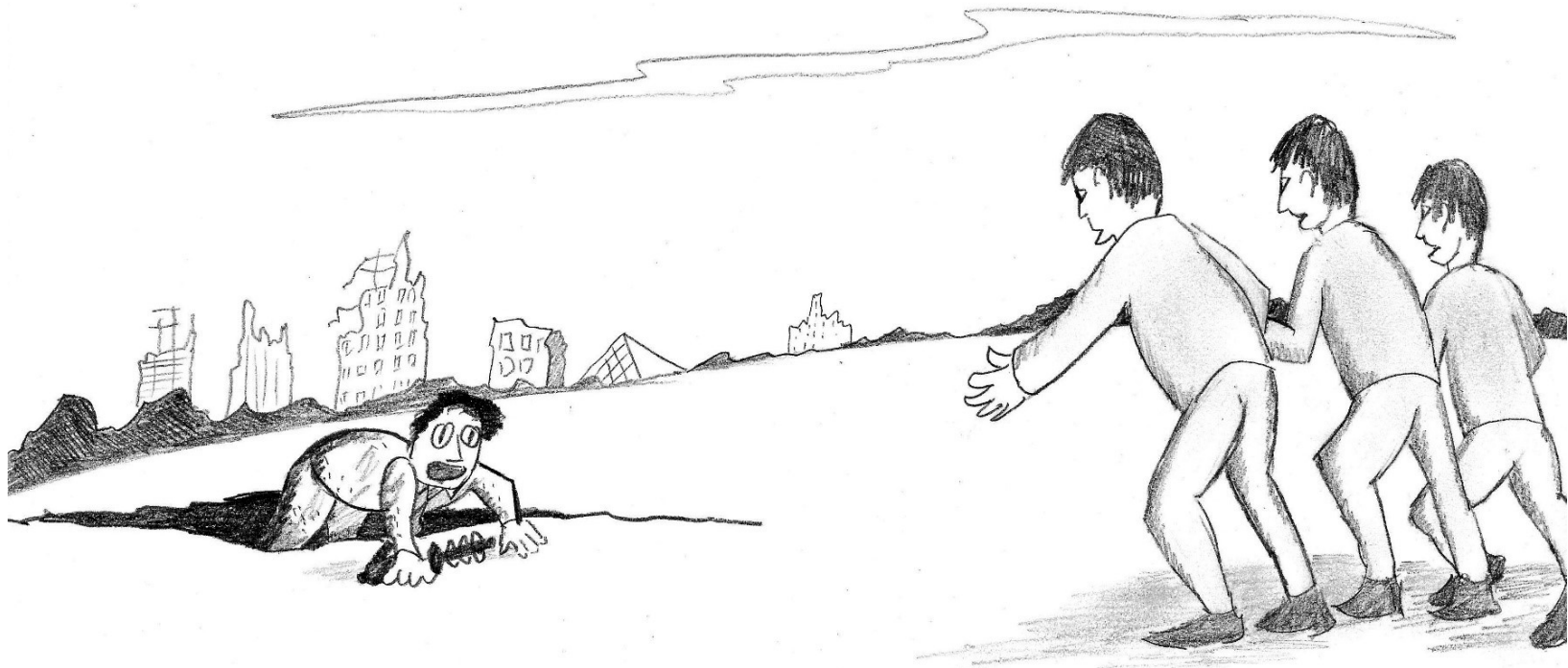


I. The “New Jersey” Project

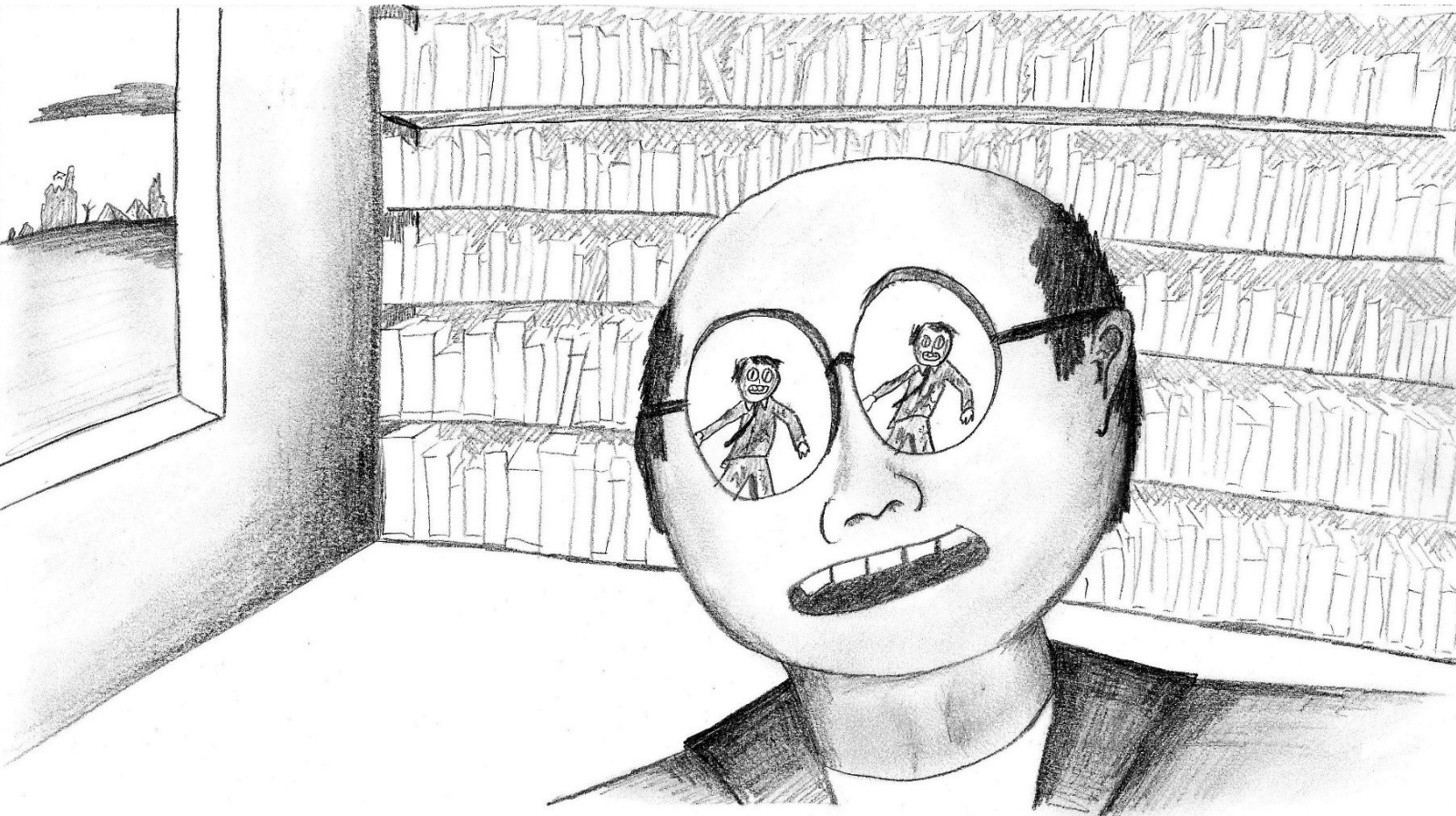
It was a clear day even though this day was the most disastrous date in the earth’s history. A terrible nuclear war had just ended a month before: on October 8, 2033.



Jack Commer, pilot of the world's first nuclear powered spaceship, the *Typhoon I*, which had dropped the Xon bomb on Russia to end the war, was walking to a friend's house when he heard an ominous rumbling from the background. It came closer. Suddenly a wide crack opened up in the ground and Commer fell into it. The crack closed up and Commer was trapped 18 feet beneath the earth's surface.



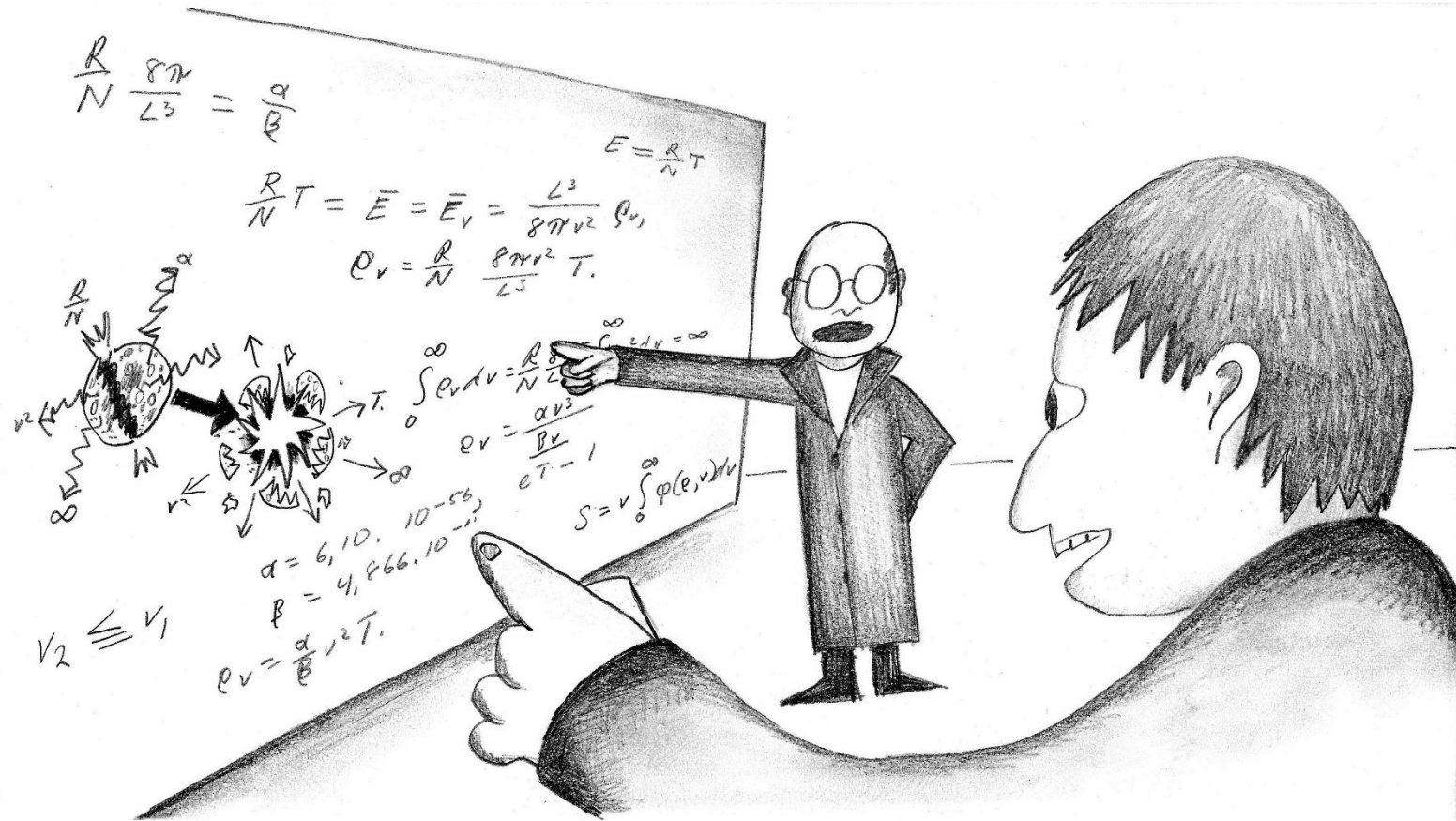
He slowly drew his atom powered ray gun, aimed it, and fired up at the top of his underground prison. It made a hole in the ground and Commer, a bit dusty and dirty, climbed out. He then rushed to his friend's house where he was met by his three brothers, John, Joe, and Jim Commer.



His friend, a scientist, was welcoming him when he noticed how dirty Jack was.

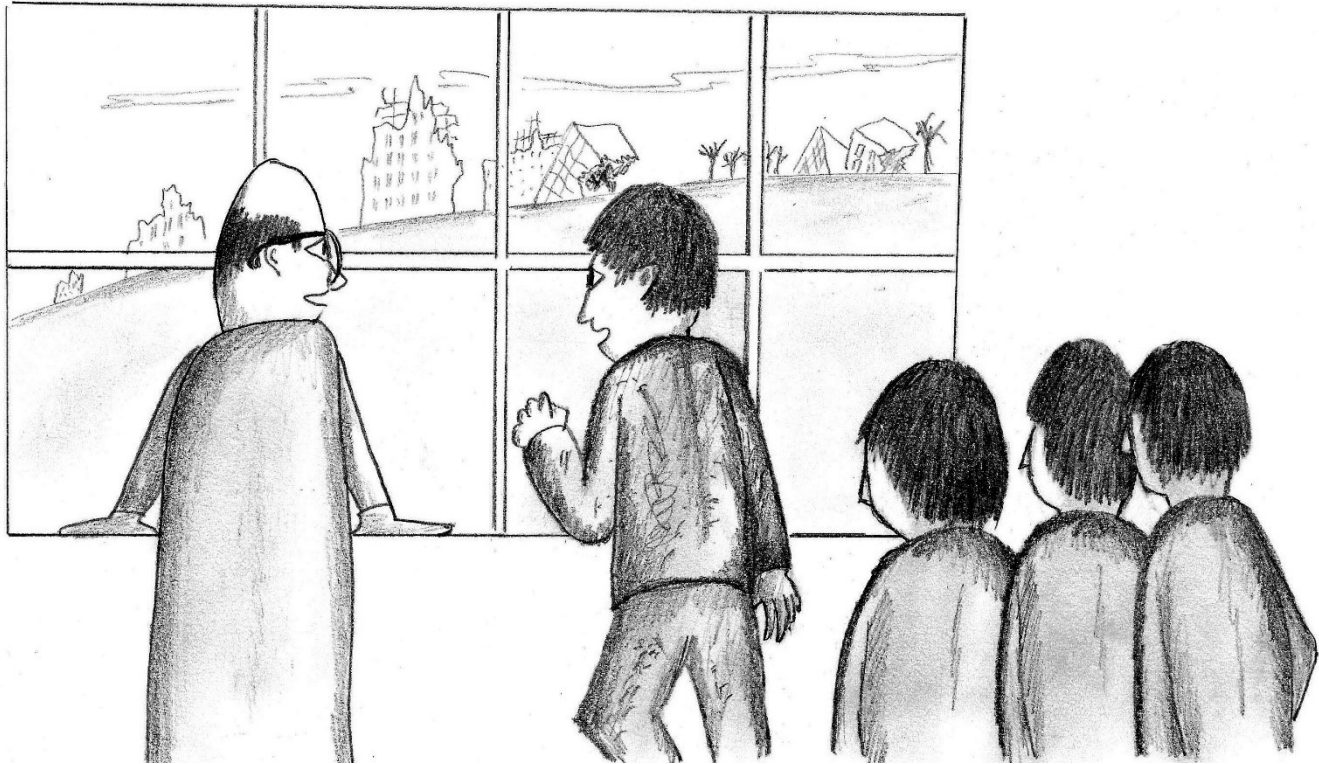
“What happened to you?” he said.

Quickly Jack told of what had happened.



“It’s just as I figured. You see, I have observed that the moon is sending radioactive rays making cracks in the earth. And that would mean--”

“That the moon would explode in a few days,” finished Jim.



“Yes,” the scientist answered. “I have already contacted the President about this. He is going to hold a United Nations meeting. You four and I are invited to attend.”

“Okay,” said Jack. “We’ll get a hotel here tonight and go to the meeting tomorrow.”