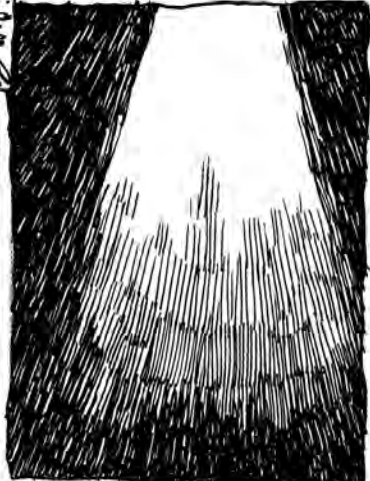


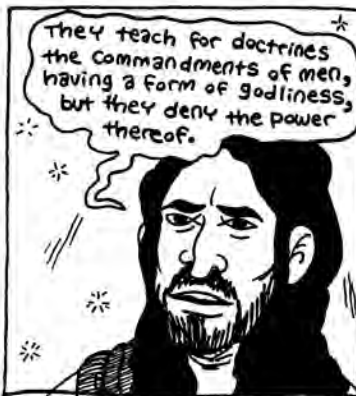
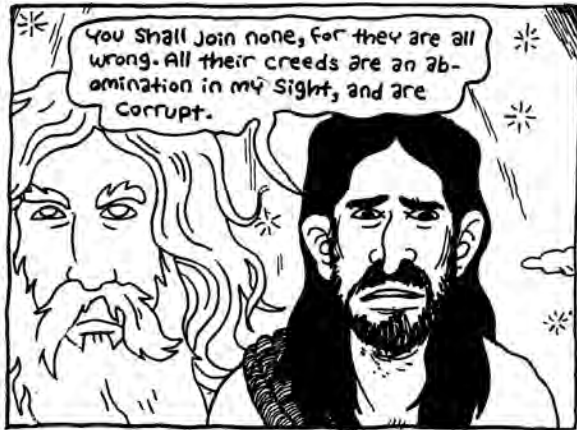
If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask god, that giveth to all men liberally, and it shall be given him.

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-Epistle of James
first chapter and 5th verse



Noah Van Schuer





Joseph Smith Jr.,
I am a messenger sent
from the Presence of God,
my name is MoRONI.



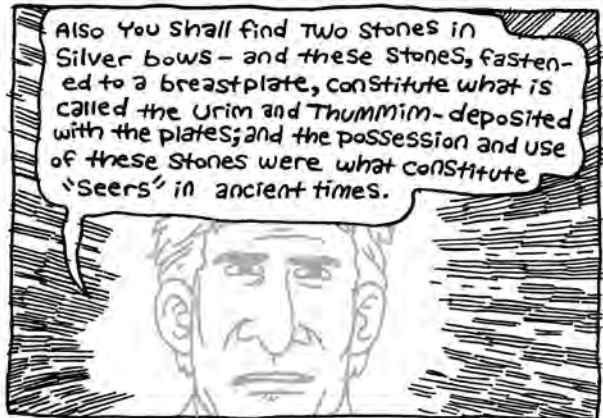
God has work for you.
Your name should be had
for good and evil among all
nations, kindreds and tongues.



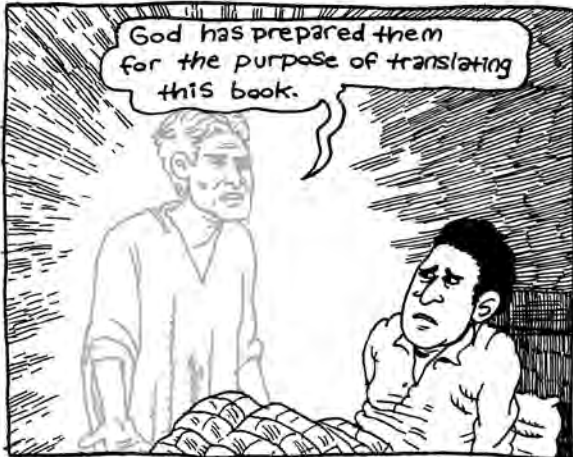
There is a book deposited, written upon gold
plates, giving an account of the former
inhabitants of this continent, and the source
from whence they sprang.



The everlasting gospel is contained in
it, as delivered by the savior to the
ancient inhabitants.



Also you shall find two stones in
silver bows - and these stones, fasten-
ed to a breastplate, constitute what is
called the Urim and Thummim - deposited
with the plates; and the possession and use
of these stones were what constitute
"seers" in ancient times.



God has prepared them
for the purpose of translating
this book.



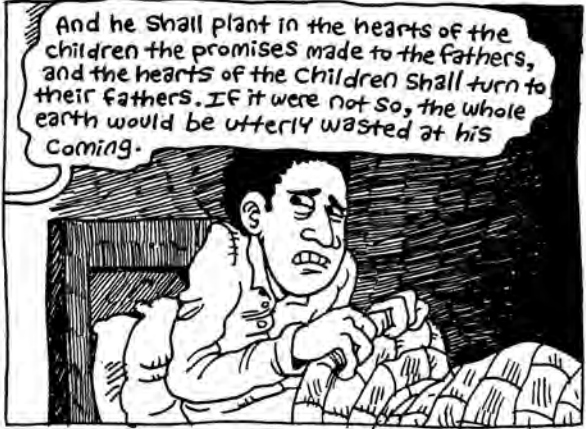
For behold,
the day cometh
that shall burn as
an oven -



And all the proud, yea, and all that do wickedly shall burn as stubble; for they that come shall burn them, saith the Lord of Hosts, that it shall leave them neither root nor branch.



Behold, I will reveal unto you the Priesthood, by the hand of Elijah the prophet, before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord.



And he shall plant in the hearts of the children the promises made to the fathers, and the hearts of the children shall turn to their fathers. If it were not so, the whole earth would be utterly wasted at his coming.



When you get the plates of which I have spoken, you should not show them to any person; neither the breastplate with the Urim and Thummim; only those whom I shall command you to show.



If you do, you shall be destroyed.

It was at this time that a vision was put into Joseph's mind, and he could see where the plates were deposited.



The hill Cumorah in upstate NEW YORK.

Two Years later...

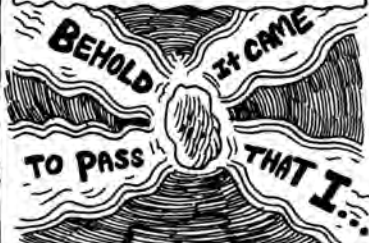
"Yea, I make a record in the Language of my father, which consists of the Learnings of the Jews and the Language of the Egyptians..."



Joseph's friend Martin Harris acted as a scribe while Joseph translated the plates -



which were written in what Joseph called "Reformed Egyptian." Only Joseph could read it. And only by placing the "Seer Stone" in his hat and reading the sentences that would form inside.



Martin's wife didn't approve of her husband's collaboration with Joseph. Martin asked Joseph if he could take the first 116 pages to show to his wife to convince her of Joseph's authenticity. Joseph prayed, and agreed to allow it.

Soon after showing the manuscript to his wife, it vanished from his home.



For this setback, Joseph used different scribes from then on. Mainly Oliver Cowdery.



Although Martin continued to financially support Smith.

By mortgaging his farm, Joseph guaranteed him in writing that he would share in any profits made from the book.



When the translation of the plates through the stones was complete Harris paid for its publication in 1830 -

In the Spring Harris walked the streets of Palmyra, trying to sell copies of THE BOOK OF MORMON to the townspeople.



End Of Part One