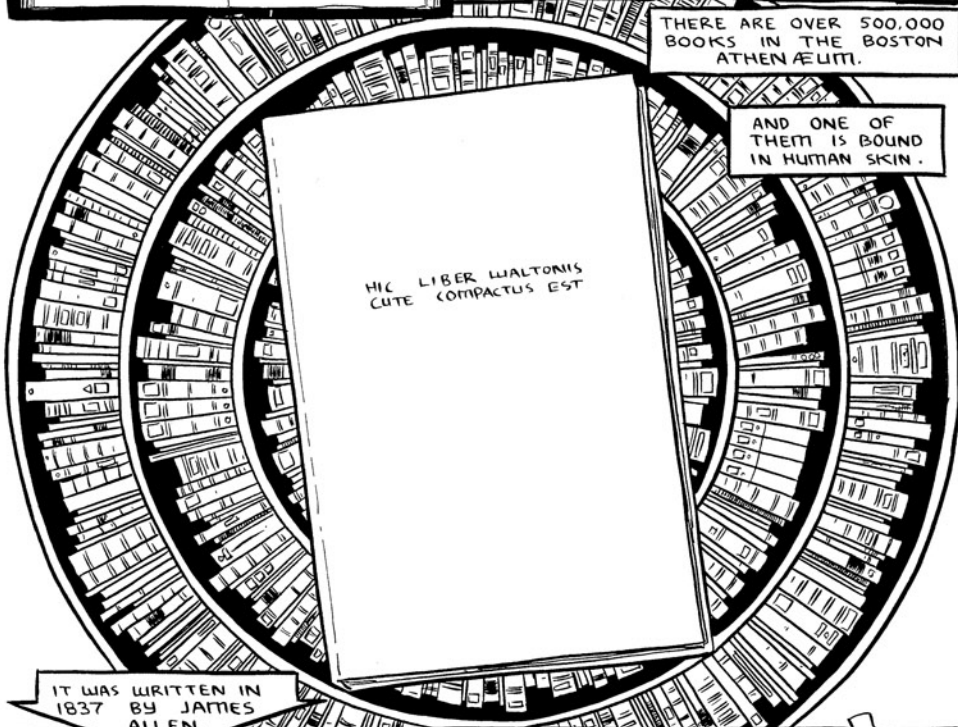


THERE ARE OVER 500,000
BOOKS IN THE BOSTON
ATHENÆUM.



AND ONE OF
THEM IS BOUND
IN HUMAN SKIN.

IT WAS WRITTEN IN
1837 BY JAMES
ALLEN.



HE HAD ASPIRED TO
BE A BANKROBBER.

YOUR MONEY
OR YOUR LIFE.



BUT AFTER A NUMBER OF
FAILED BANK ATTEMPTS HE
HE SETTLED FOR ROBBING
TRAVELERS AT GUNPOINT
ON THE HIGHWAYS
AROUND BOSTON.



HE NEVER MET
ANY RESISTANCE.

UNTIL HE TRIED TO
ROB JOHN FENNO AND
FENNO'S BUSINESS PARTNER.



FENNO'S PARTNER
TOOK OFF RUNNING.



BUT FENNO WAS
DIFFERENT.



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BEFORE HE DIED HE DICTATED HIS LIFE STORY TO THE PRISON WARDEN.

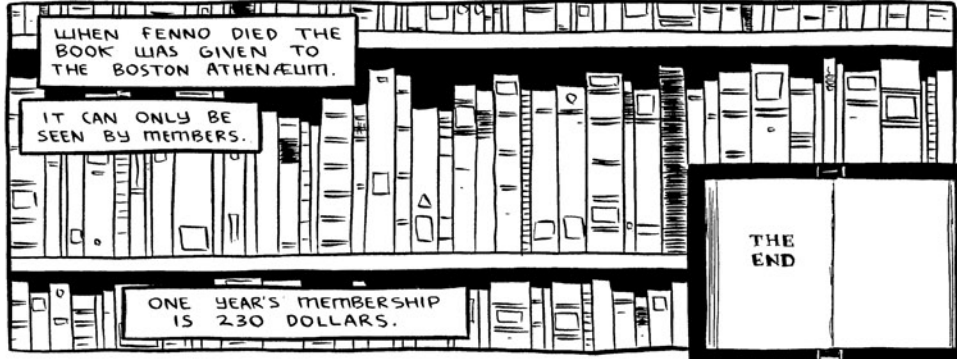
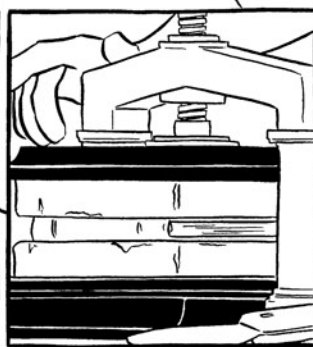


WITH A SPECIAL REQUEST.

I WANT IT BOUND IN MY OWN FLESH.

AND I WANT IT GIVEN TO JOHN FENNO: THE ONLY MAN BRAVE ENOUGH TO STAND UP TO ME.

UPON ALLEN'S DEATH HIS WISHES WERE HONORED.



WHEN FENNO DIED THE BOOK WAS GIVEN TO THE BOSTON ATHENÆUM.

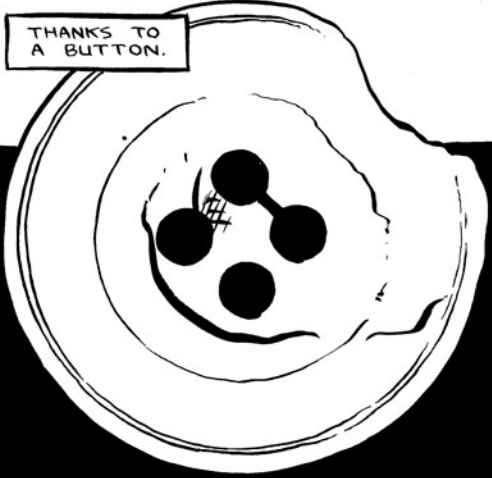
IT CAN ONLY BE SEEN BY MEMBERS.

ONE YEAR'S MEMBERSHIP IS 230 DOLLARS.

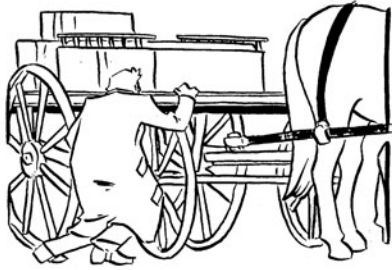




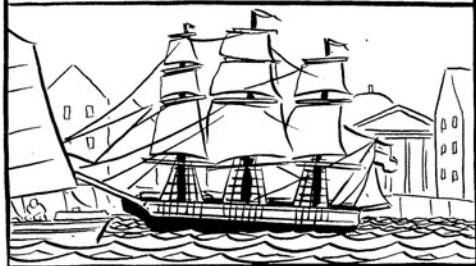
AMAZINGLY,
FENNO WAS
ALL RIGHT.

THANKS TO
A BUTTON.



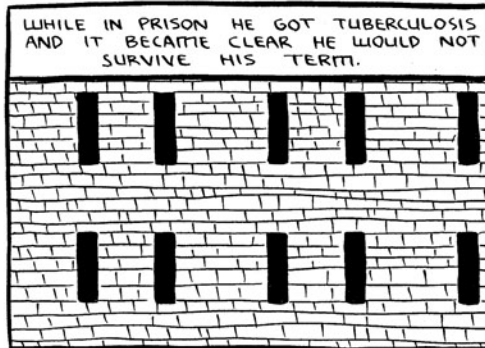
KNOWING HE WAS BEING LOOKED
FOR, ALLEN TRIED TO ESCAPE ON
A SHIP HEADING TO THE WEST INDIES.



BUT HE WAS CAPTURED IN HIS ROOM
WHILE PACKING HIS BELONGINGS.



WHILE IN PRISON HE GOT TUBERCULOSIS
AND IT BECAME CLEAR HE WOULD NOT
SURVIVE HIS TERM.



COUGH.

