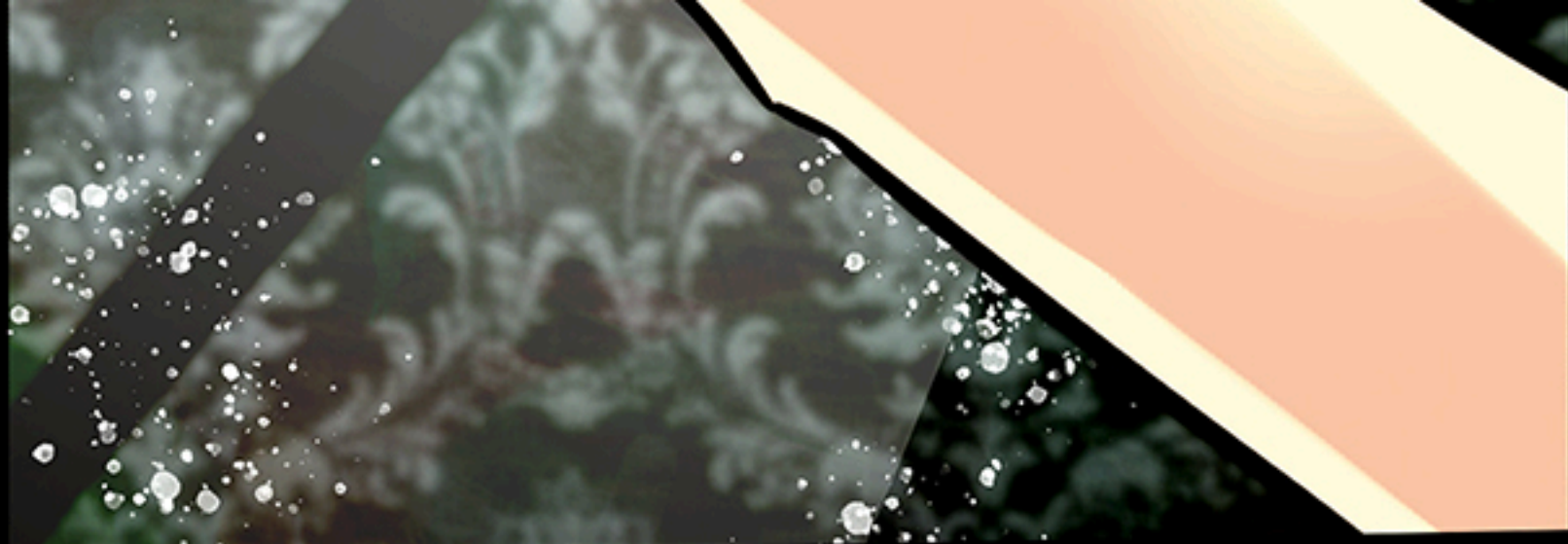


I KNOW I HAD
GRABBED ALL THE SAME
COLOR SWATCHES - HOW
THE FUCK DID THIS GET
IN HERE?!

NOW I
GOTTA TAKE
THAT OUT AND
RE-PATCH
IT.



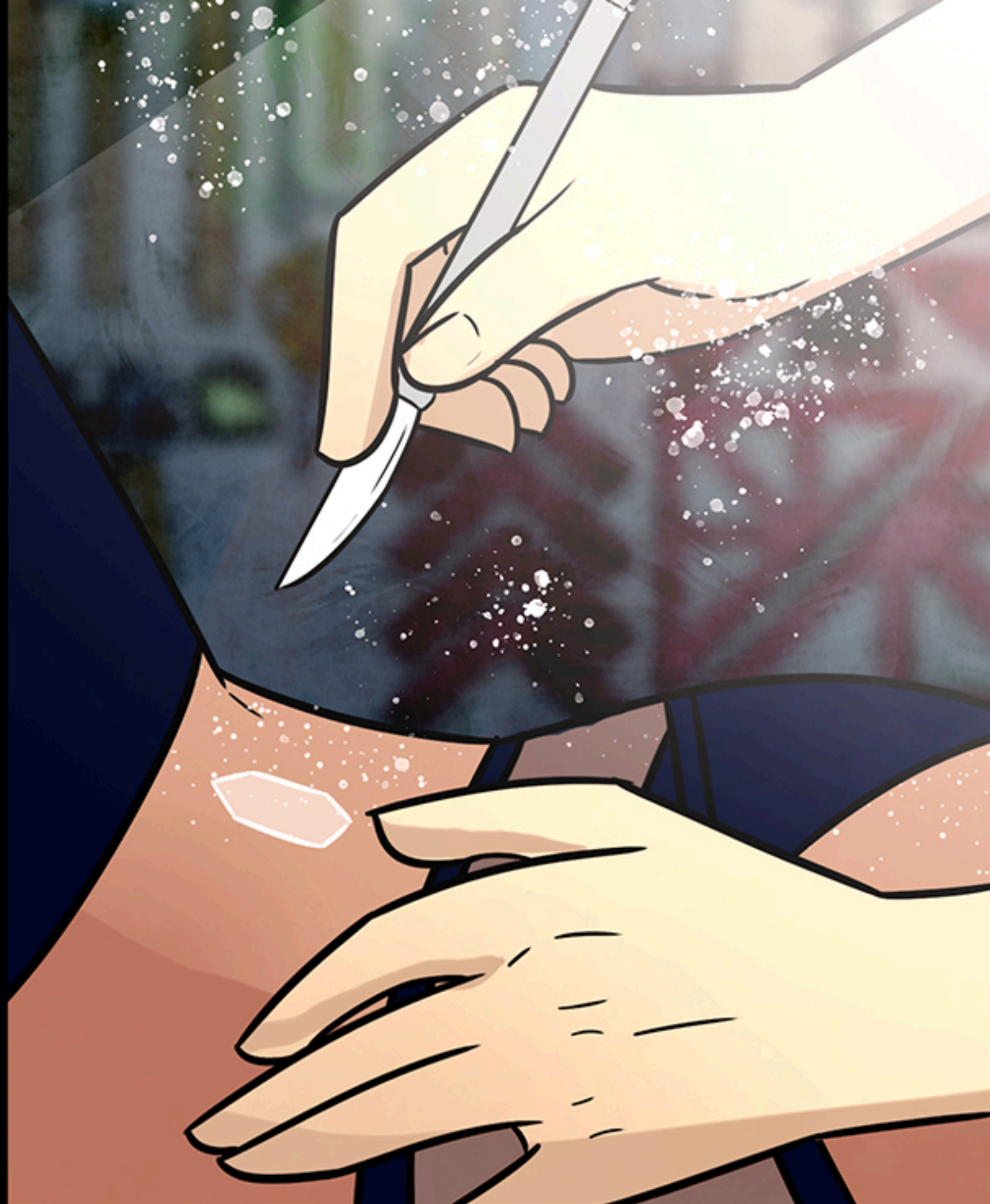






WAIT!





DO YOU...
HAVE THE REPLACEMENT
PATCH HERE?

WHY DON'T
YOU GO AND GET ONE
WHILE I SEE WHAT I CAN
DO ABOUT THAT INTERNAL
MOD THAT YOU

WANTED...

THEN I CAN
GET OUT OF YOUR
HAIR...







YOU HAVE
ONE HOUR.

BY THEN YOU
BETTER BE GONE.

AND THE
JOB BETTER BE
DONE.



SLAM





HEY...



ARE YOU
OKAY?

WHY
WOULDN'T
I BE?





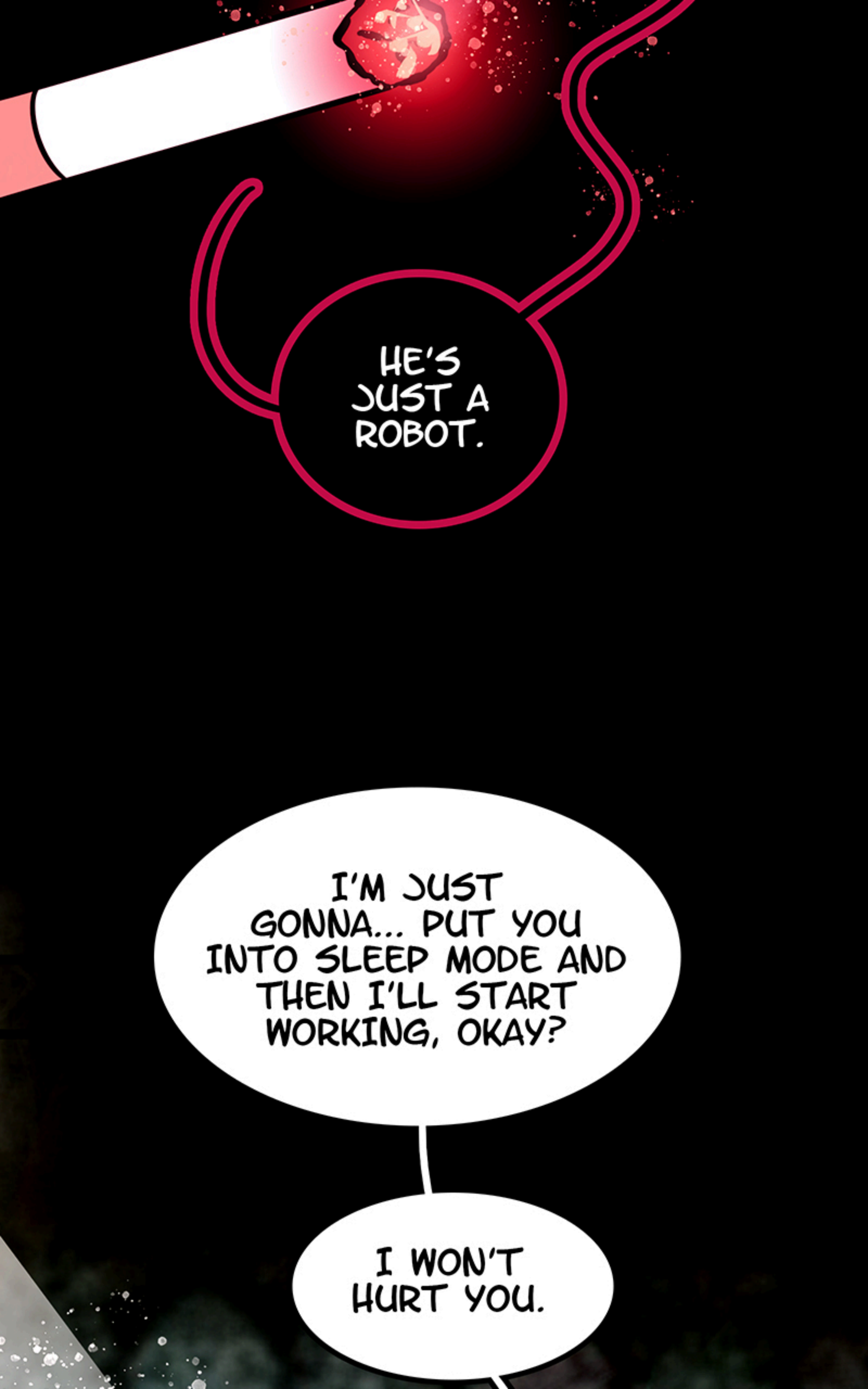
HE JUST
WANTS ME TO BE
PERFECT.

RIGHT...





HE DOESN'T
FEEL REAL
PAIN.



HE'S
JUST A
ROBOT.

I'M JUST
GONNA... PUT YOU
INTO SLEEP MODE AND
THEN I'LL START
WORKING, OKAY?

I WON'T
HURT YOU.

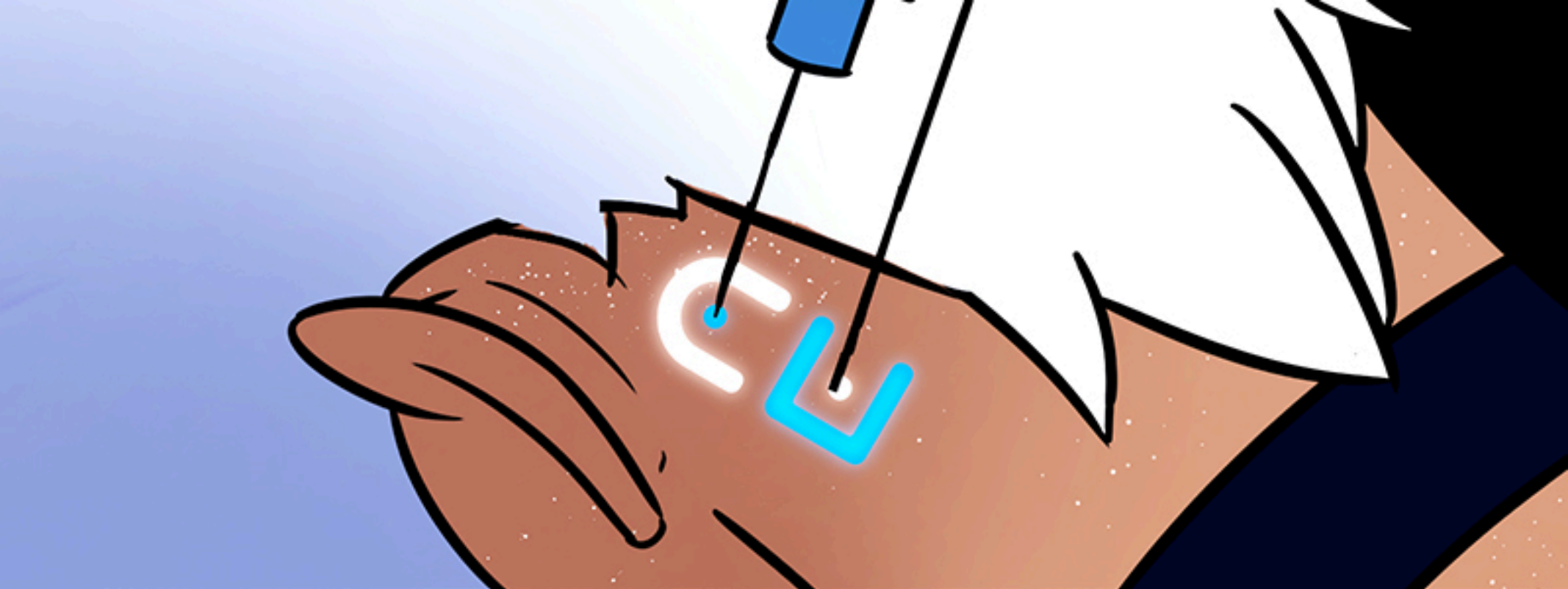


THANK YOU.

THAT'S VERY
SWEET OF YOU.

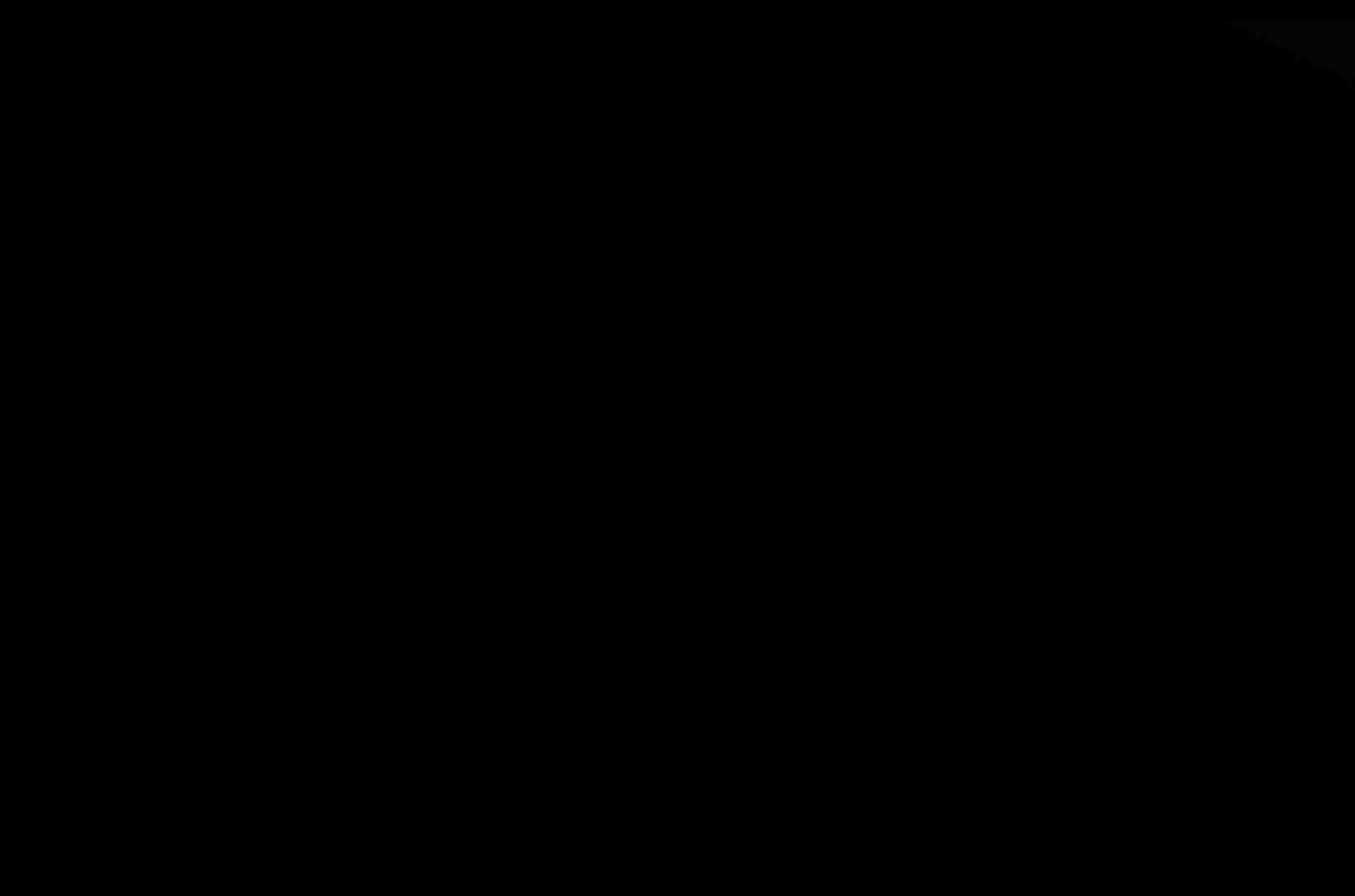






SLEEP MODE: ACTIVATED.









I CAN'T...

HE CAN'T
EXPECT ME TO
DO THIS...



I UNDERSTAND
THAT HE ISN'T A
PERSON BUT IT
JUST...

IT'S STILL
SUPER MESSED
UP...



THEY HAVE
TO SHUT DOWN WHEN
THEY ARE IN PAIN
FOR A REASON...

PUTTING
HIS SYSTEMS
UNDER THAT LEVEL OF
STRESS IS PROBABLY
A HUGE RISK FOR
HIM...

MIGHT
EVEN CRY HIM

EVEN FRY HIM
IF IT'S
TOO MUCH.

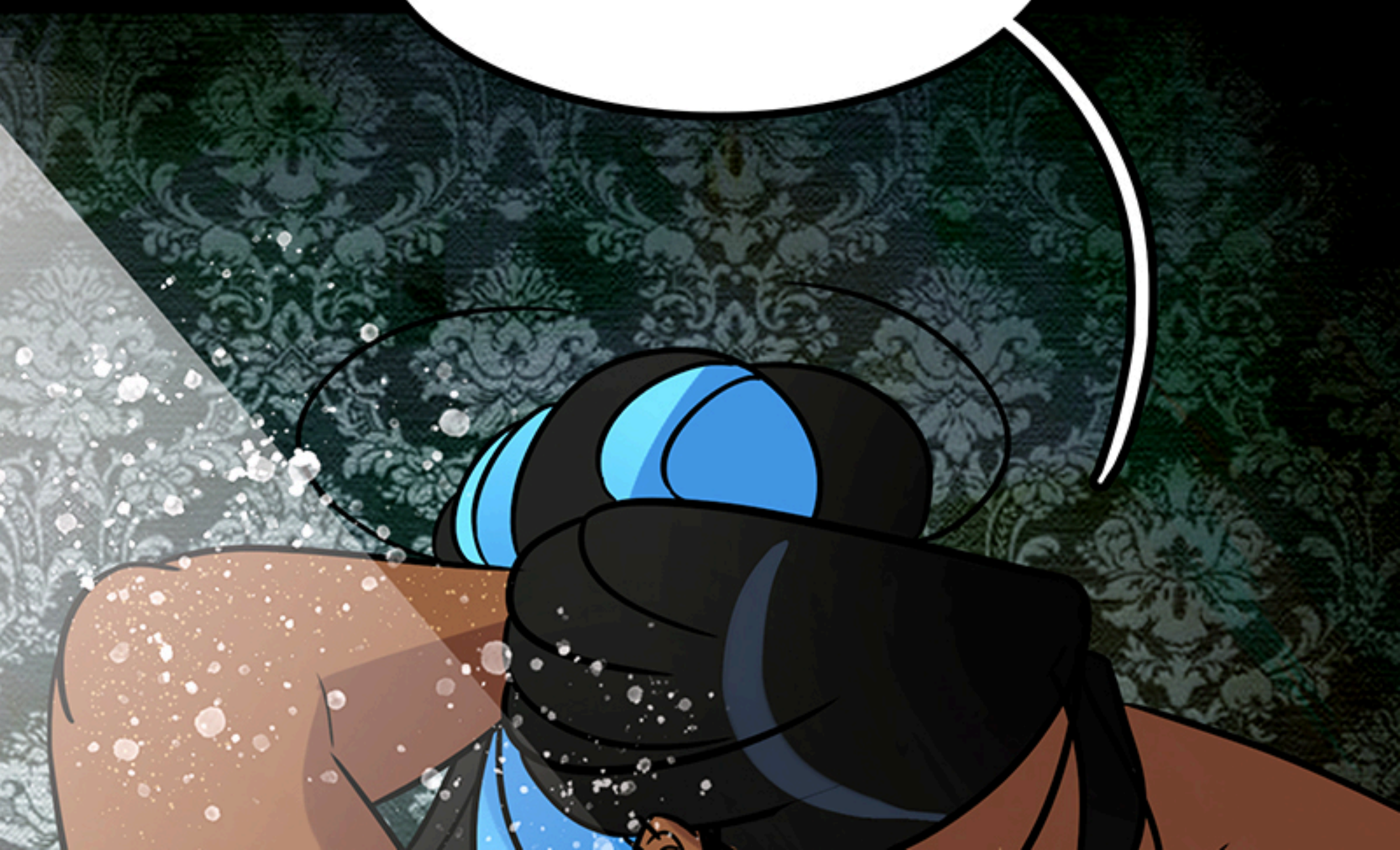


UGH!!





ALRIGHT,
FUCK THIS.





I'LL RUN MY
PROGRAM AND DO
A SCAN...

THEN TELL HIM
I COULDN'T FIND
A WAY TO DO WHAT
HE WANTS.





AND I'LL SEND
HIM A REFUND OF ALL
HIS MONEY... THEN
PROBABLY BLOCK
HIS CONTACT.

REED



IF NOTHING
ELSE... I'M EXCITED
TO SEE THE SYSTEM
OF A 1919...

WRRRR





HUH... THAT'S...
UNDERWHELMING?

THE INTERIOR
LOOKS BASICALLY
THE SAME AS THE 1818'S.
BUT I'M SURE THERE IS
MORE TO IT THAN THAT.
ADLYNN MENTIONED THE
PROCESSING SPEED IN
HER INTERVIEW...





98% 10:05 AM

CONNECTING TO:

AEL - 1313

ID #:

XX1123 CM

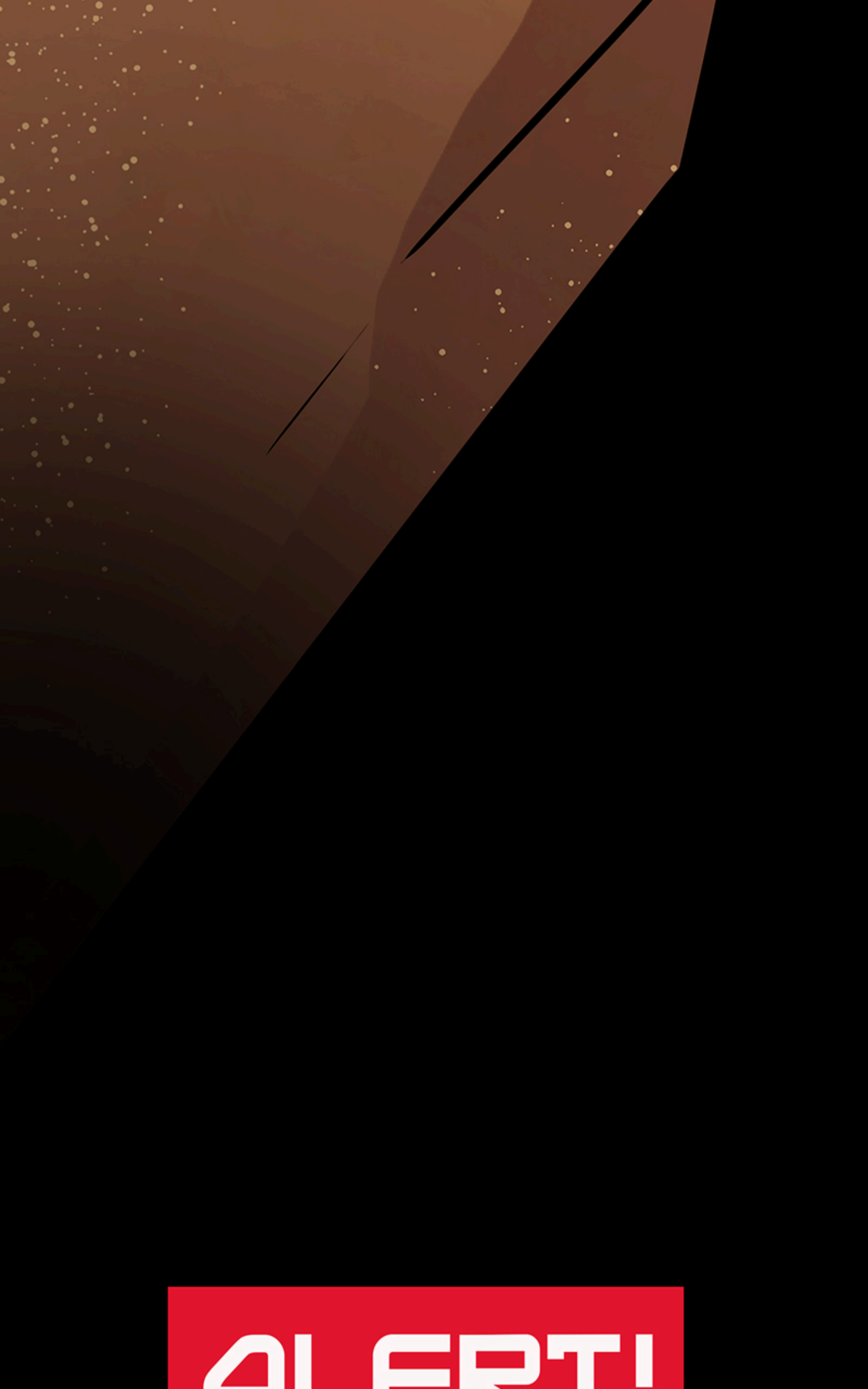
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 98%  10:05 AM

**CONNECTED!
RUNNING
JACKALOPE
PROGRAM...**

Handwritten signature





AI EPTI

OH...
WELL THAT'S
NEW...





SOME KIND
OF FANCY NEW
HARDWARE....?



VITALS;
STABLE
BATTERY FUNCTION;
NORMAL

ERROR!

**UNEXPECTED HARDWARE
ENCOUNTERED**

WARNING!



**UNAUTHORIZED
USER DETECTED.**



**IF YOU ARE A LICENSED
A.E. TECHNICIAN- ENTER
YOUR EMPLOYEE ACCESS
CODE IMMEDIATELY**

**OTHERWISE,
PLEASE RETURN
LOVEBOT TO
DEFAULT SLEEP
STATE.**

OH SHIT!!





AH!!!

**FAILURE
TO COOPERATE WILL
RESULT IN THE APPROPRIATE
AUTHORITIES BEING SENT TO
YOUR LOCATION.**

**LACK OF COMPLIANCE
MEANS YOU ARE BREAKING
YOUR CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT
YOU SIGNED FOR YOUR LOVEBOT
PURCHASE.**

**RUN JACKALOPE
GHOST PROTOCOL
#6!**



YOU HAVE
30 SECONDS
TO COMPLY.

30
30

COME ON,
COME ON-



CRAP.

CRAP.

29

28

CRAP.

CRAP.





9

GOT IT!

8

7

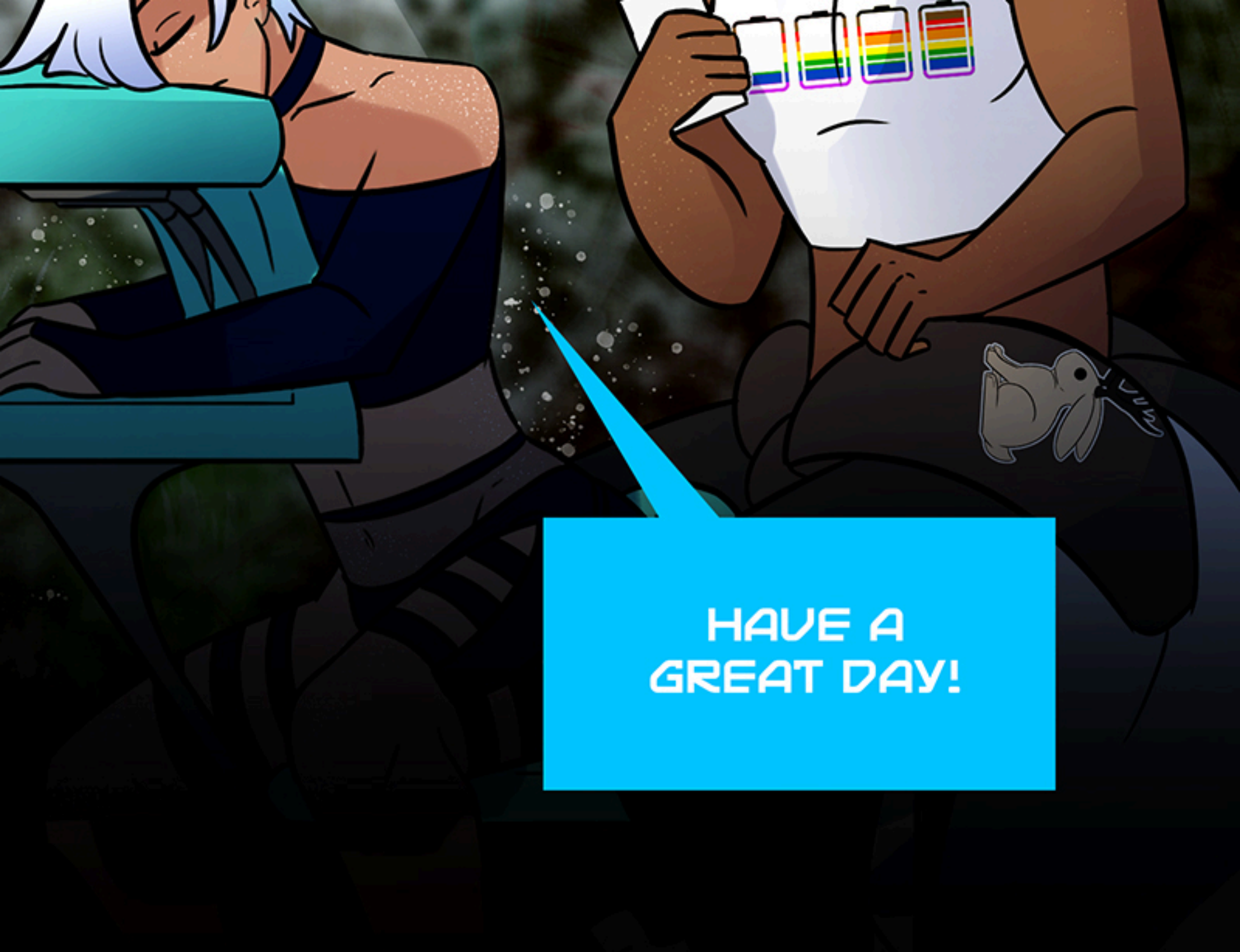


THANK YOU FOR
YOUR COOPERATION!

IF YOU ARE EXPERIENCING
ANY ISSUE WITH YOUR LOVEBOT-
PLEASE CONTACT
ASTROBLEME ENTERPRISES
SO THAT AN
OFFICIAL A.E. TECH CAN
ASSIST YOU!

OH, THANK
GOD.





HAVE A
GREAT DAY!

MAN, THAT
WAS INTENSE...

VELIX WASN'T
KIDDING ABOUT THEM
GETTING MORE
STRICT.



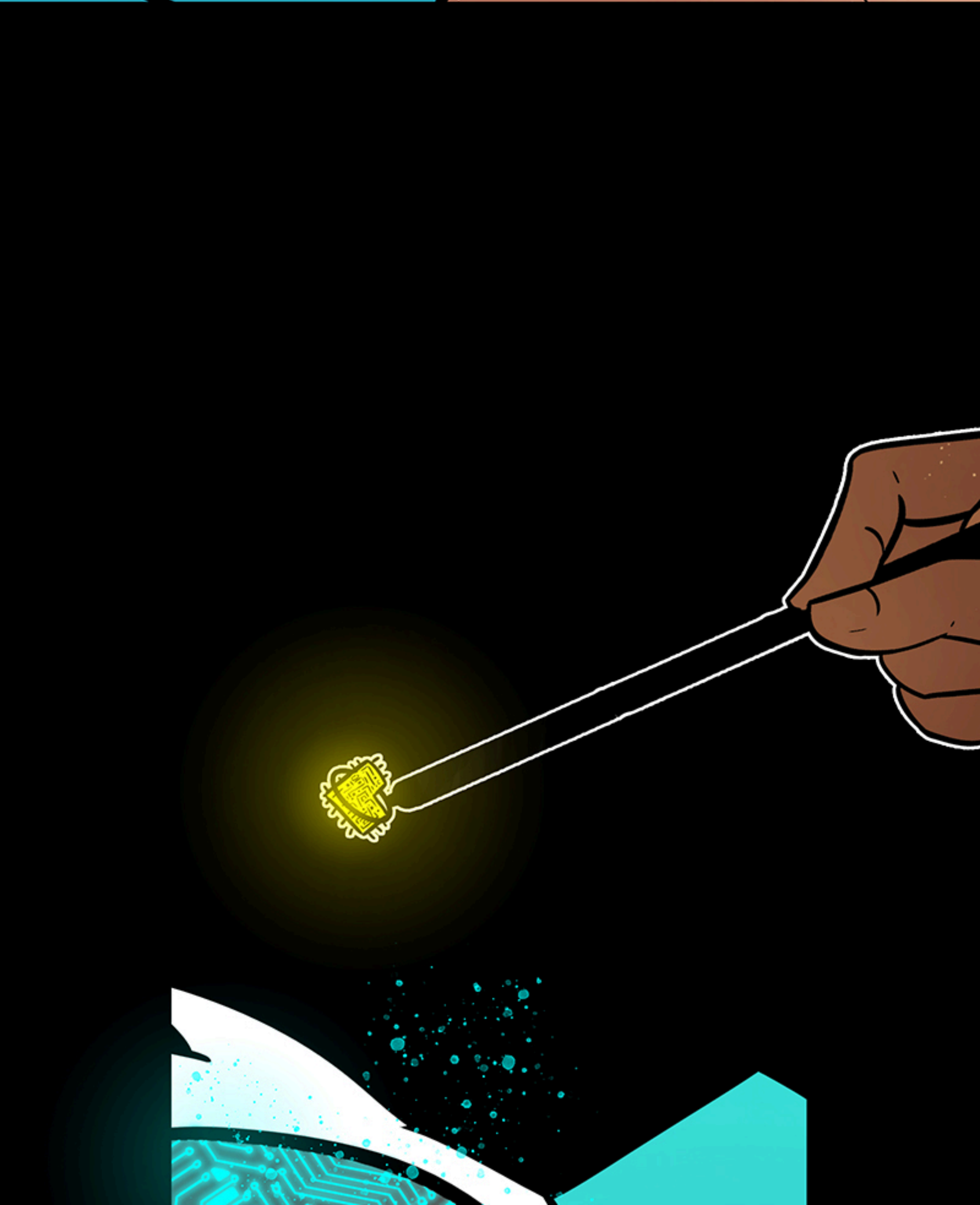
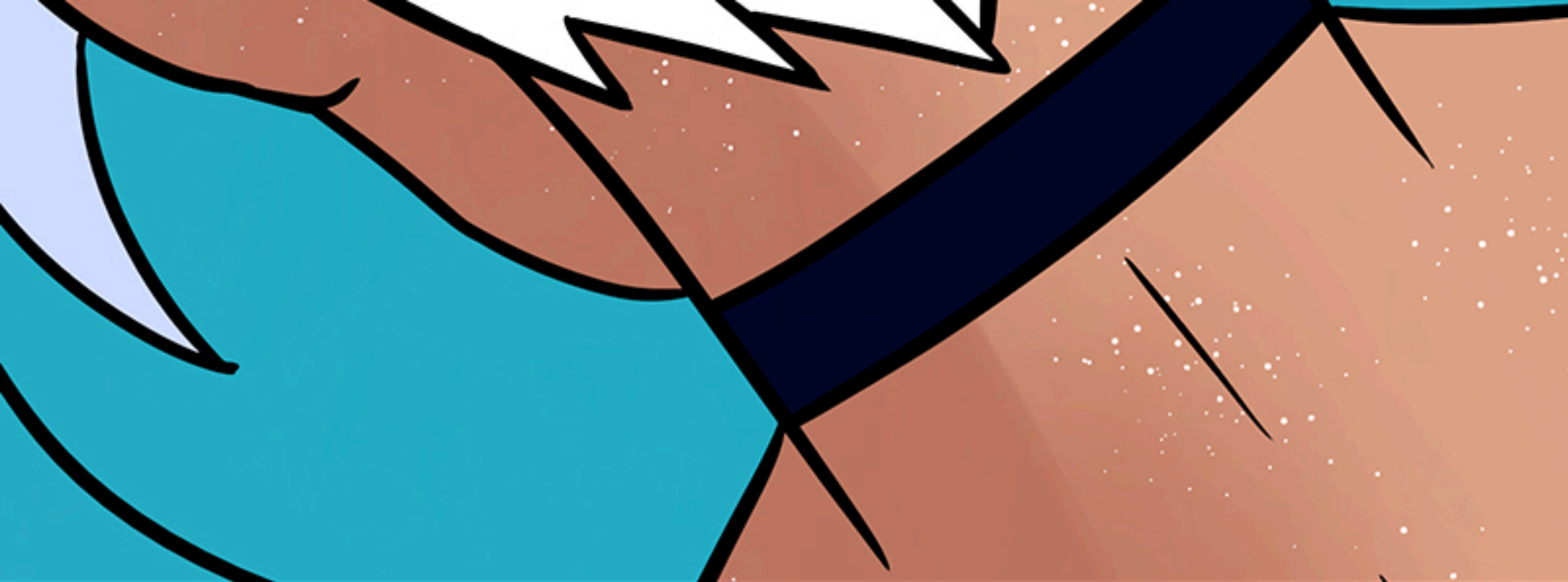


IS ALL
THIS BECAUSE OF
THIS NEW LITTLE
PIECE?











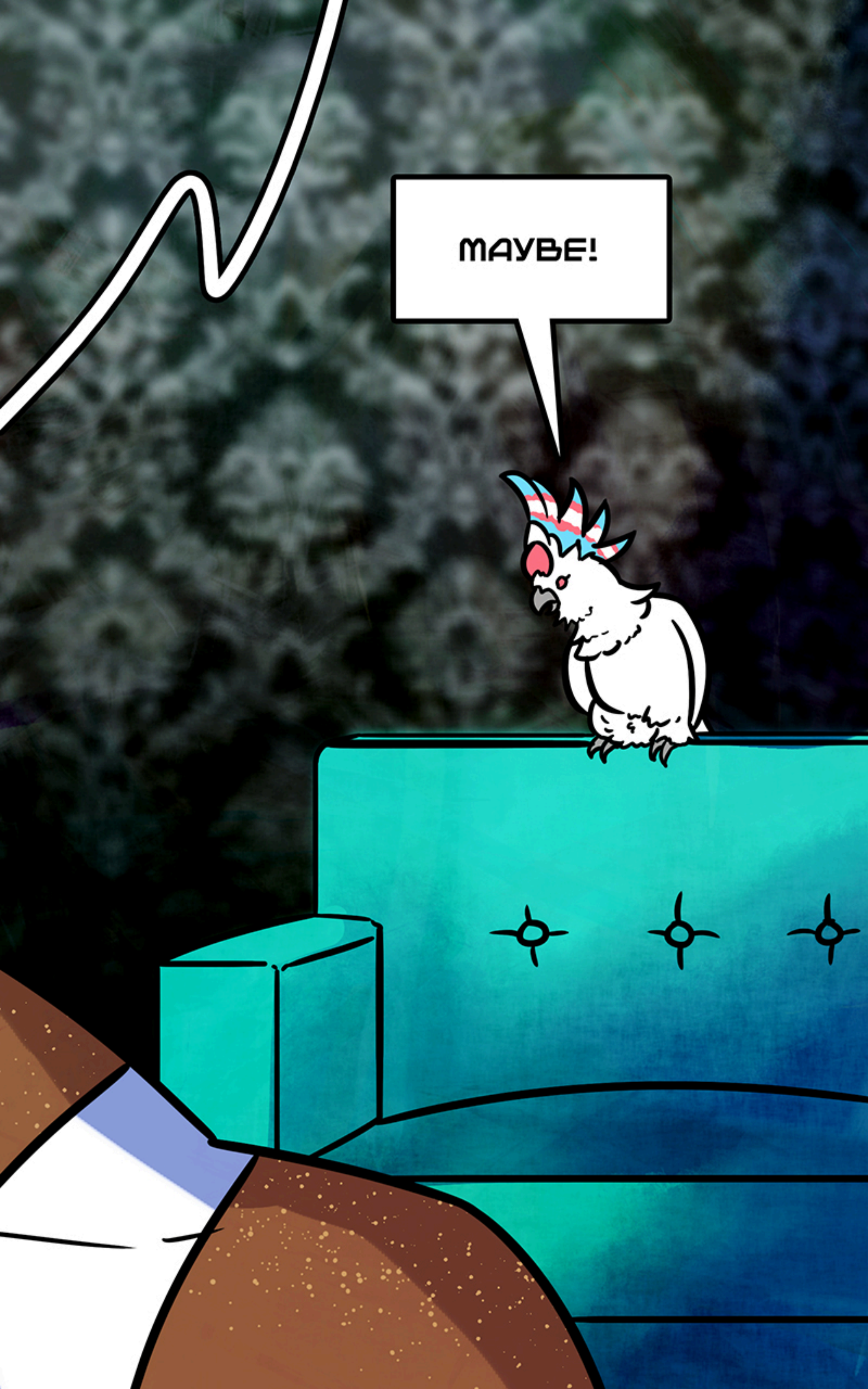
I NEVER
SAW ANYTHING
LIKE THIS IN A
1818...





MAYBE
IF I TAKE THIS...
WHEN THE BOT WAKES
UP THE ALARM WILL
GO OFF AGAIN.

THEN MIKE
WILL PROBABLY GET
BLACKLISTED FROM OWNING
AE PRODUCTS OR... GET FIRED
OR... GO TO JAIL OR...
SOMETHING!



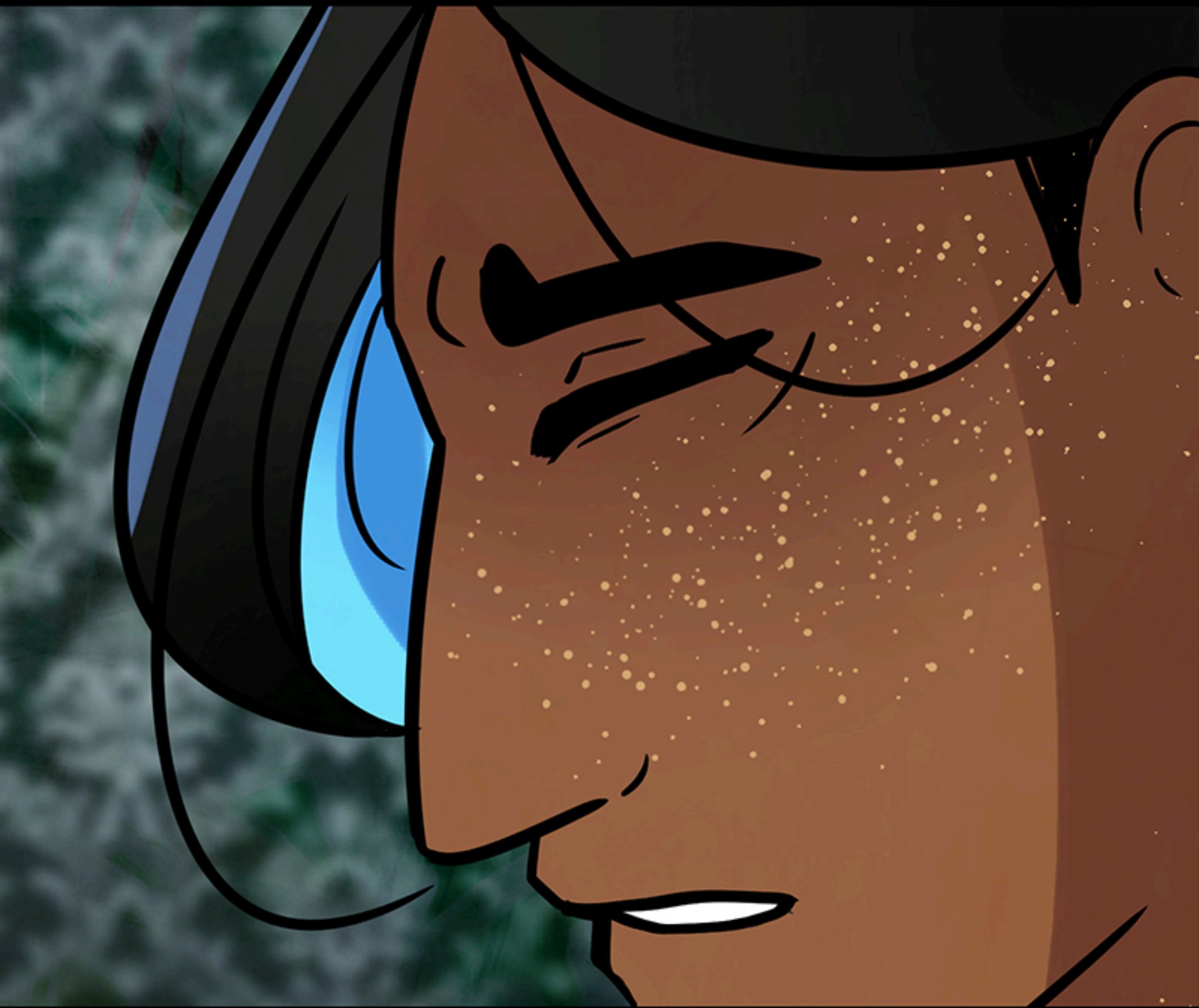
MAYBE!



YEAH, THAT
MIGHT BE A LONG
SHOT... BUT THAT GUY
CAN'T KEEP PLAYING GOD
THE WAY HE CLEARLY
WANTS TO FOREVER...
RIGHT?

SO I
GOTTA HOPE
THIS WORKS...





SIGH



ALRIGHT...

A comic panel with a dark background. At the top, there are some abstract shapes in blue, grey, and brown. The main area is black. Two white speech bubbles are centered. The top bubble contains the text 'I'M SORRY THAT I CAN'T DO MORE FOR YOU...'. The bottom bubble contains the text 'BUT I CAN'T JUST... CALL THE COPS. THEY WOULD AGREE THAT MIKE ISN'T COMMITTING A CRIME SINCE YOU'RE NOT...'. A white line connects the bottom of the second bubble to a dark red rectangular box at the very bottom of the frame.

I'M SORRY
THAT I CAN'T
DO MORE FOR
YOU...

BUT I CAN'T
JUST... CALL THE COPS.
THEY WOULD AGREE THAT
MIKE ISN'T COMMITTING
A CRIME SINCE
YOU'RE NOT...



YOU'RE
NOT...



HUMAN...





WELL...

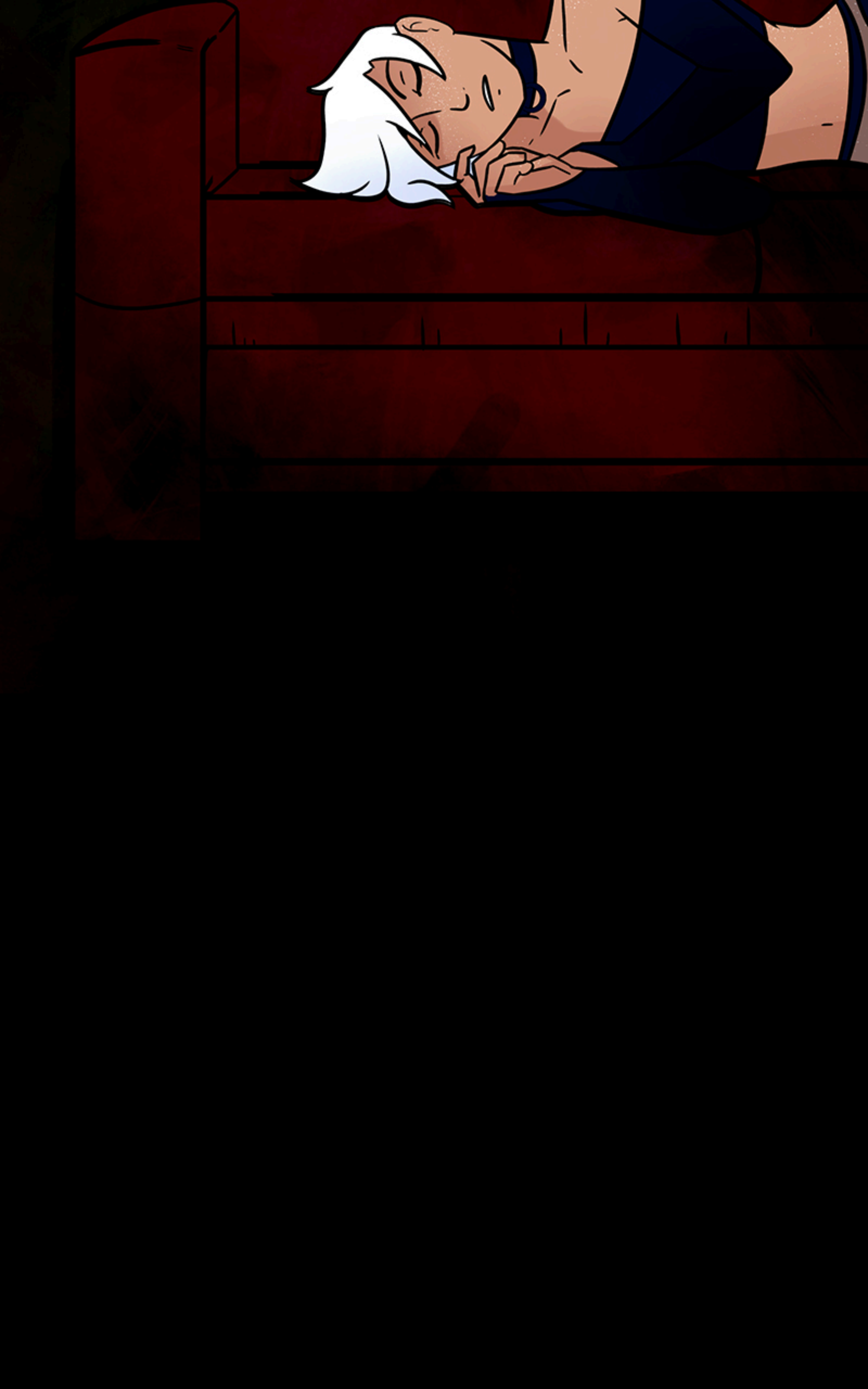




TAKE CARE
OF YOURSELF...

I HOPE YOUR
FUTURE... WHATEVER
IT HOLDS... REMAINS
PAINLESS.





11:05 AM

RUNNING DIAGNOSTICS...

>NORMAL

BATTERY65%

SYSTEMS:

> ALL CURRENT

> NO UPDATES AVAILABLE

WELCOME BACK

>XX1123-CM

>AEL-1919

ML





AH...



I FEEL...

DIFFERENT...



I CAN...

MOVE FREELY?





BY CHASE KEELS AND MIRANDA MUNDT
EDITED BY BRE BOSWELL

LOVEBOT

LOVEBOT

FOLLOW US ON TWITTER

@LOVEBOT_WEBTOON

TUMBLR

@ASTROBLEME-ENTERPRISES

PLEASE  THE EPISODES!