

AN OFFICIAL
TOUR THEN-





BUT BEFORE
THAT UH...

LET ME
FIND YOU A SHIRT
THAT FITS BETTER

HUH? I'M SURE I
CAN FIND ONE.



HUH?

SO IS
THIS SHIRT NOT
ALSO A GIFT?





WELL- IT
WAS A GIFT, BUT
IT WAS TO ME FROM
MY GRANDMA.

SO I CAN'T
REALLY GIVE IT
AWAY TO SOMEONE
ELSE, YEAH?

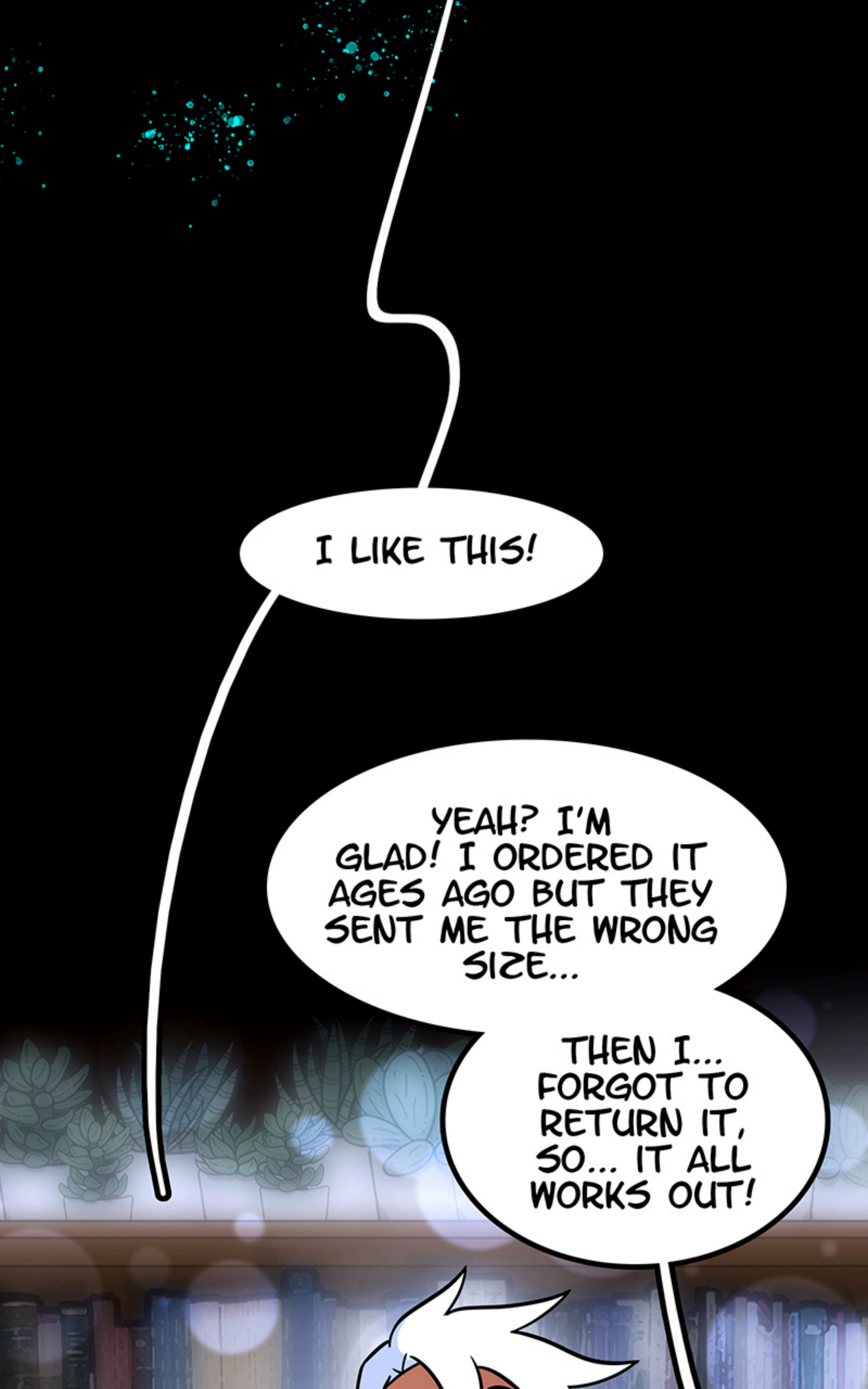
OH,
OKAY!





I JUST... CAN'T
TAKE YOU SERIOUSLY
WHILE YOU'RE WEARING
THAT, PLEASE.

OH!

The background of the comic panel features a row of various potted plants on a shelf in the middle ground. In the foreground, the top of a bookshelf filled with books is visible. The top of a character's head with spiky white hair and a red collar is at the bottom center. A large white speech bubble originates from the character and extends upwards towards the top of the frame, where it is surrounded by a cluster of small, glowing blue and green particles.

I LIKE THIS!

YEAH? I'M
GLAD! I ORDERED IT
AGES AGO BUT THEY
SENT ME THE WRONG
SIZE...

THEN I...
FORGOT TO
RETURN IT,
SO... IT ALL
WORKS OUT!



A comic panel featuring two characters in a celebratory pose. On the left, a Black woman with her hair in a bun with blue streaks, wearing a white tank top with four rainbow-colored battery icons, has her right fist raised high and her left hand near her chest. On the right, a white man with spiky white hair, wearing a white hoodie with a pink heart on the chest and pink sleeves, also has his right fist raised high. The background is a blurred crowd in a stadium.

NOW FOR
THE TOUR!

YEAH!

A comic panel depicting an office scene. In the foreground, a Black woman with her hair in a bun and a white crop top with rainbow-colored pockets stands with her arms outstretched. Next to her, a white woman with short hair, wearing a blue and white crop top with a pink heart and white pants, also has her arms outstretched. Behind them is a large wooden bookshelf filled with books, with several potted plants on the top shelf. To the left, a whiteboard is mounted on the wall. Two speech bubbles are present: one from the Black woman saying "THIS IS... MY OFFICE!" and another from the white woman saying "WOW!".

THIS IS...
MY OFFICE!

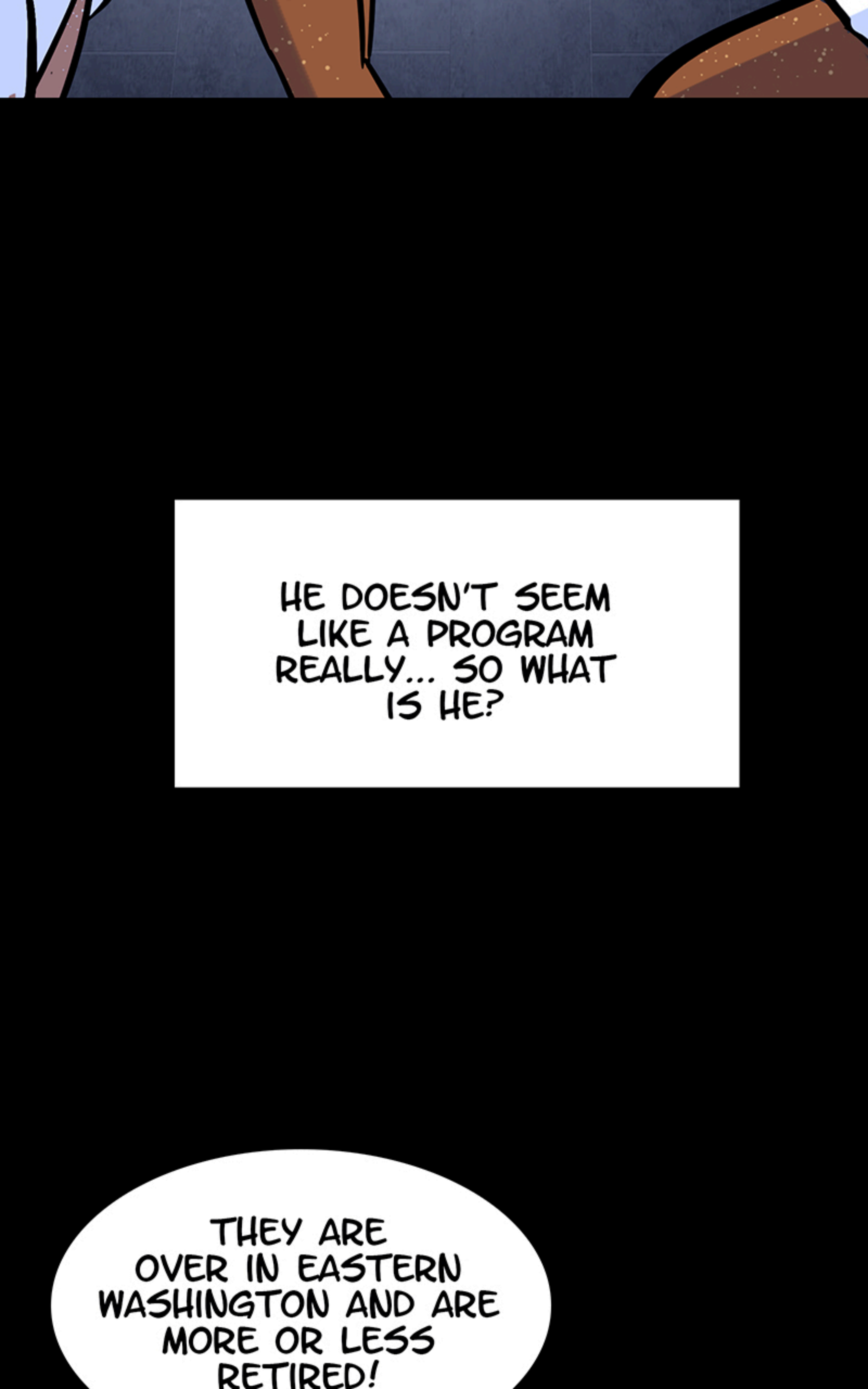
WOW!



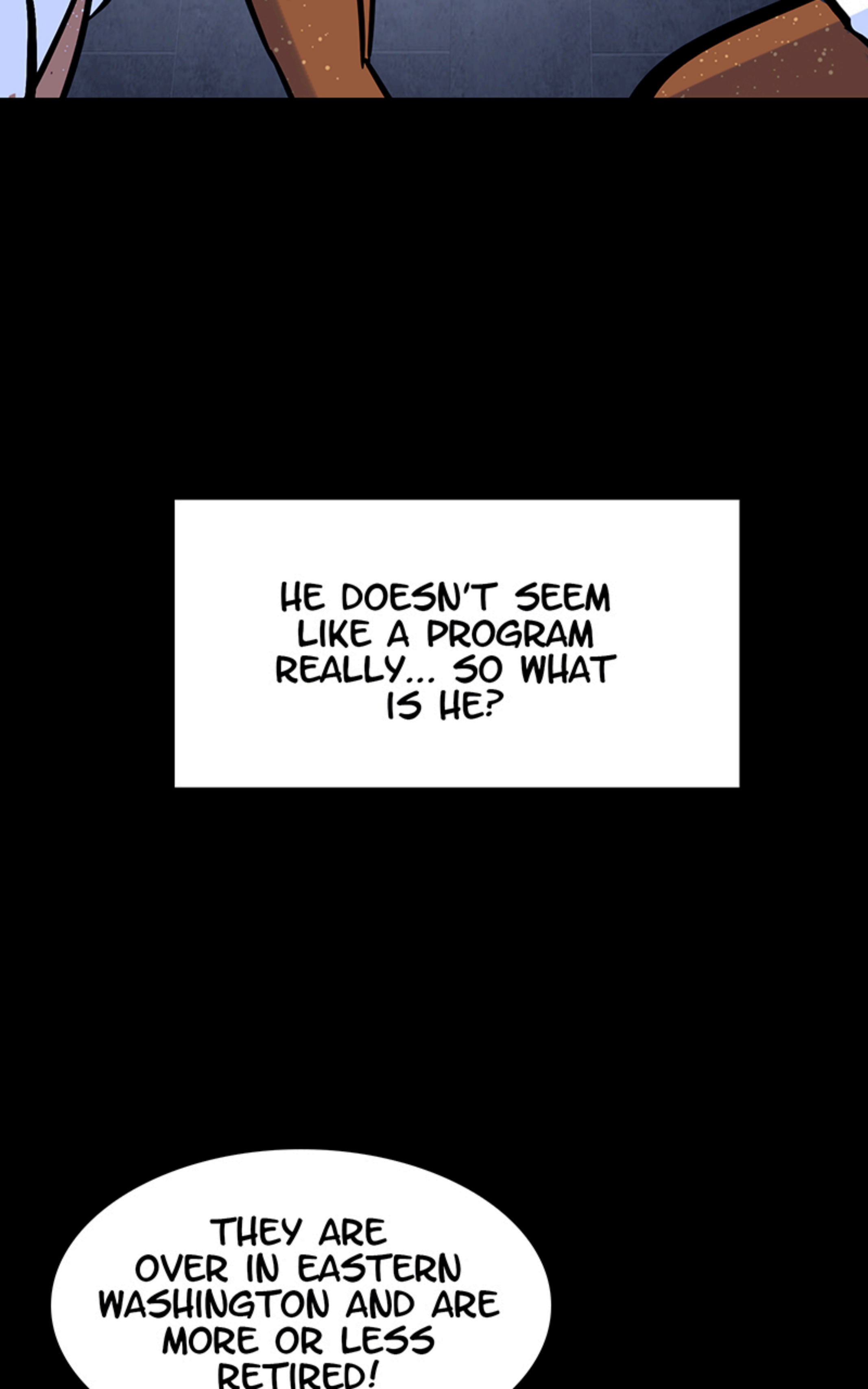
HE IS LEARNING A
LOT FROM WATCHING
ME WHICH IS... KIND OF
INTIMIDATING.

THIS IS
A PICTURE OF
MY PARENTS AND
I!





HE DOESN'T SEEM
LIKE A PROGRAM
REALLY... SO WHAT
IS HE?



THEY ARE
OVER IN EASTERN
WASHINGTON AND ARE
MORE OR LESS
RETIRED!



HE'S SO SMART ABOUT SOME
THINGS BUT OTHER CONCEPTS
HE HAS NEVER EVEN
CONSIDERED.. I SUPPOSE
THAT IS BECAUSE MICHEAL
DIDN'T THINK SOME THINGS
WERE IMPORTANT...

PARENTS...



HE PROCESSES

HE PROCESSES
INFORMATION AS QUICKLY
AS A COMPUTER WOULD,
AND HE'S VERY CURIOUS
ABOUT LEARNING.

THIS IS
TRAVIS!

A CLEANING
BOT - HE'S A
HUMIDIFIER BUT
ALSO A VACUUM.

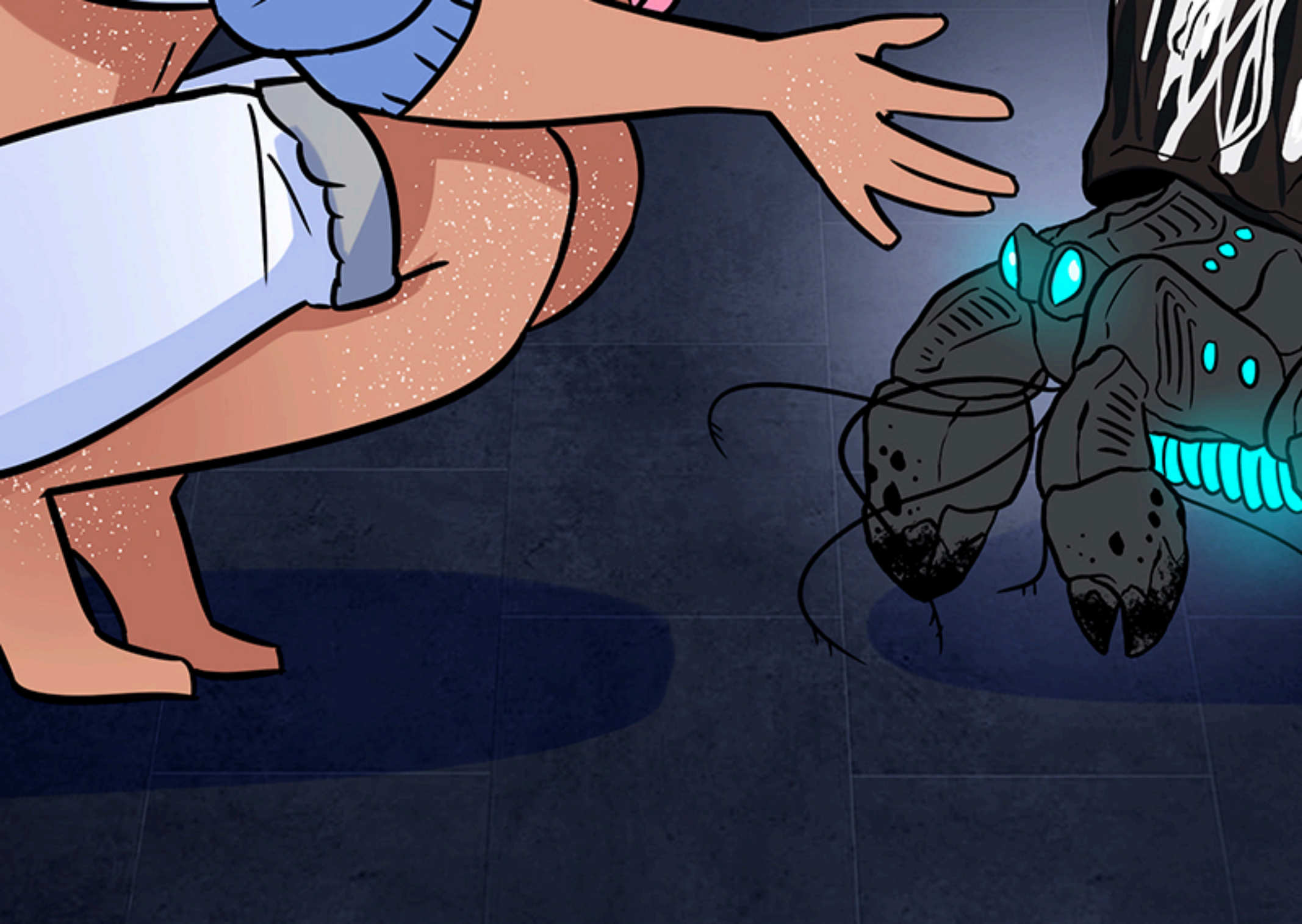
HE'S MODELED
AFTER A MOUNTAIN
CRAB.







HELLO
TRAVIS, I'M
LACEY!



BUT ON THE OTHER SIDE
HE SEEMS TO REACT WITH
VERY STRONG AND REAL
HUMAN EMOTIONS.

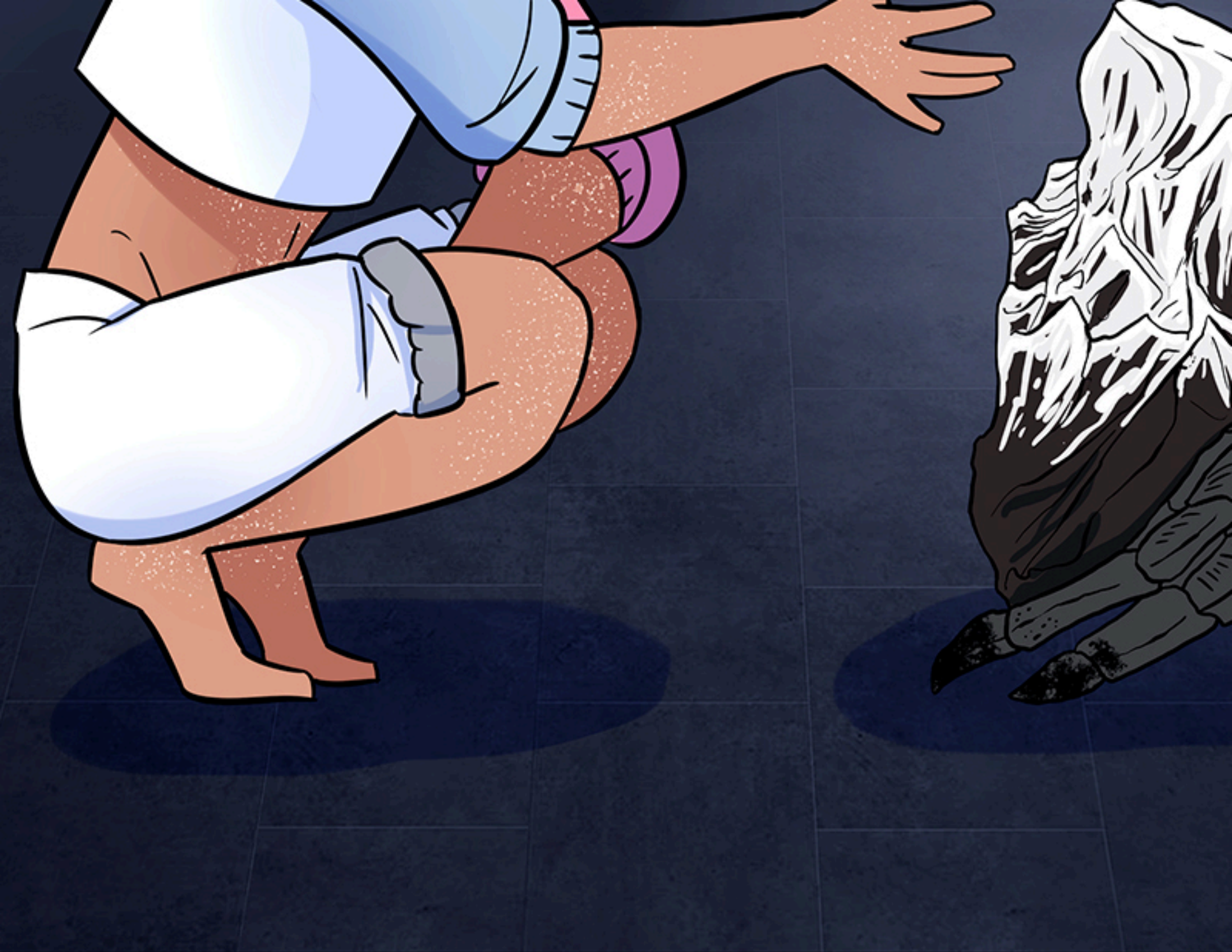


SCANNING.



CLEAN.





TAK
TAK
TAK

NO IT'S
OKAY! YOU DON'T
HAVE TO BE SAD-
HE IS JUST A BASIC
V.I. HE DOESN'T HAVE
CONVERSATIONS!



BUT AFTER THE
TOUR IT WAS HARD TO
GET HIM TO LOOK
AROUND ON HIS OWN...

WELL...
WHAT WOULD
YOU LIKE TO
DO NOW?

WHAT

WHAT
WOULD YOU
LIKE TO
DO?



AH...
UM... I'M
STILL PRETTY
TIRED. I DIDN'T
GET MUCH
SLEEP...

...WITHOUT CONSTANTLY
HAVING TO BE CLOSE TO
ME AND JUST STANDING
THERE WAITING TO SEE IF
I NEED ANYTHING.

HE'S CLEARLY USED TO
WAITING FOR ORDERS AND ISN'T
SURE WHAT TO DO WITH HIS
TIME UNLESS IT'S PHYSICAL.

WOULD YOU
LIKE ME TO LAY
WITH YOU?

I CAN ADJUST
MY BODY TEMPRATURE
TO WHATEVER MAKES
YOU THE MOST
COMFORTABLE!



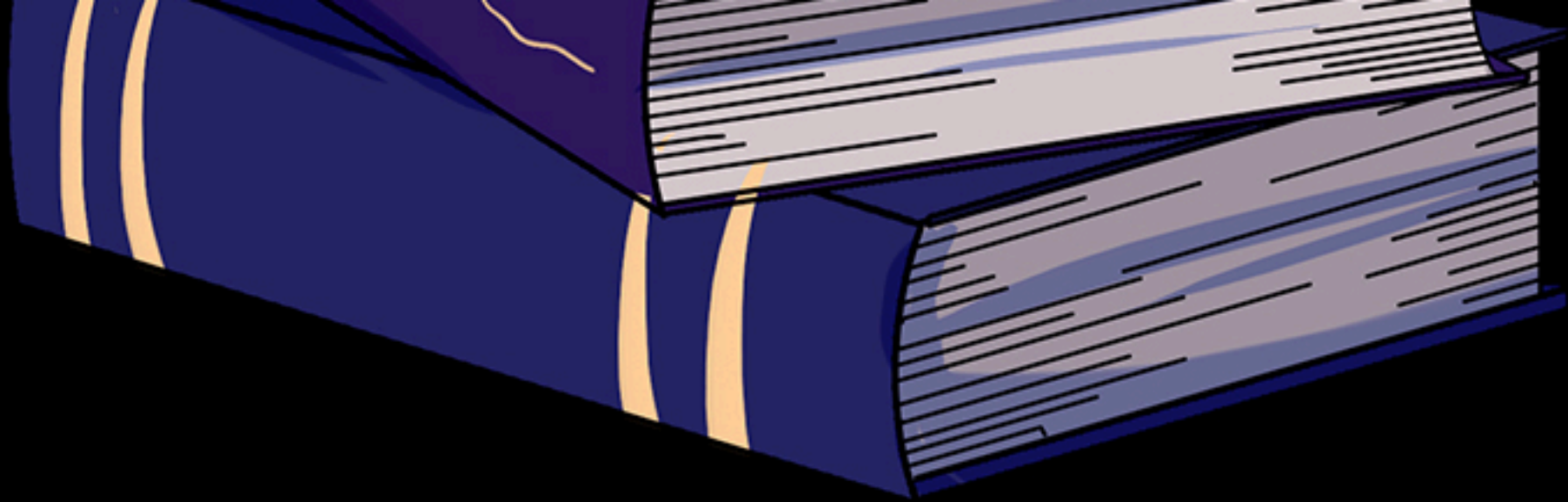
I CAN'T LOOK HIM IN
THE EYE WHEN HE ASKS
BECAUSE IT'S TEMPTING...
BUT I'M STILL WRAPPING
MY HEAD AROUND ALL OF
THIS...

AH... NO,
THAT'S OKAY!



HOW ABOUT
READING? I HAVE THAT
WHOLE BOOKSHELF...
I THINK YOU COULD
FIND SOME YOU
LIKE...



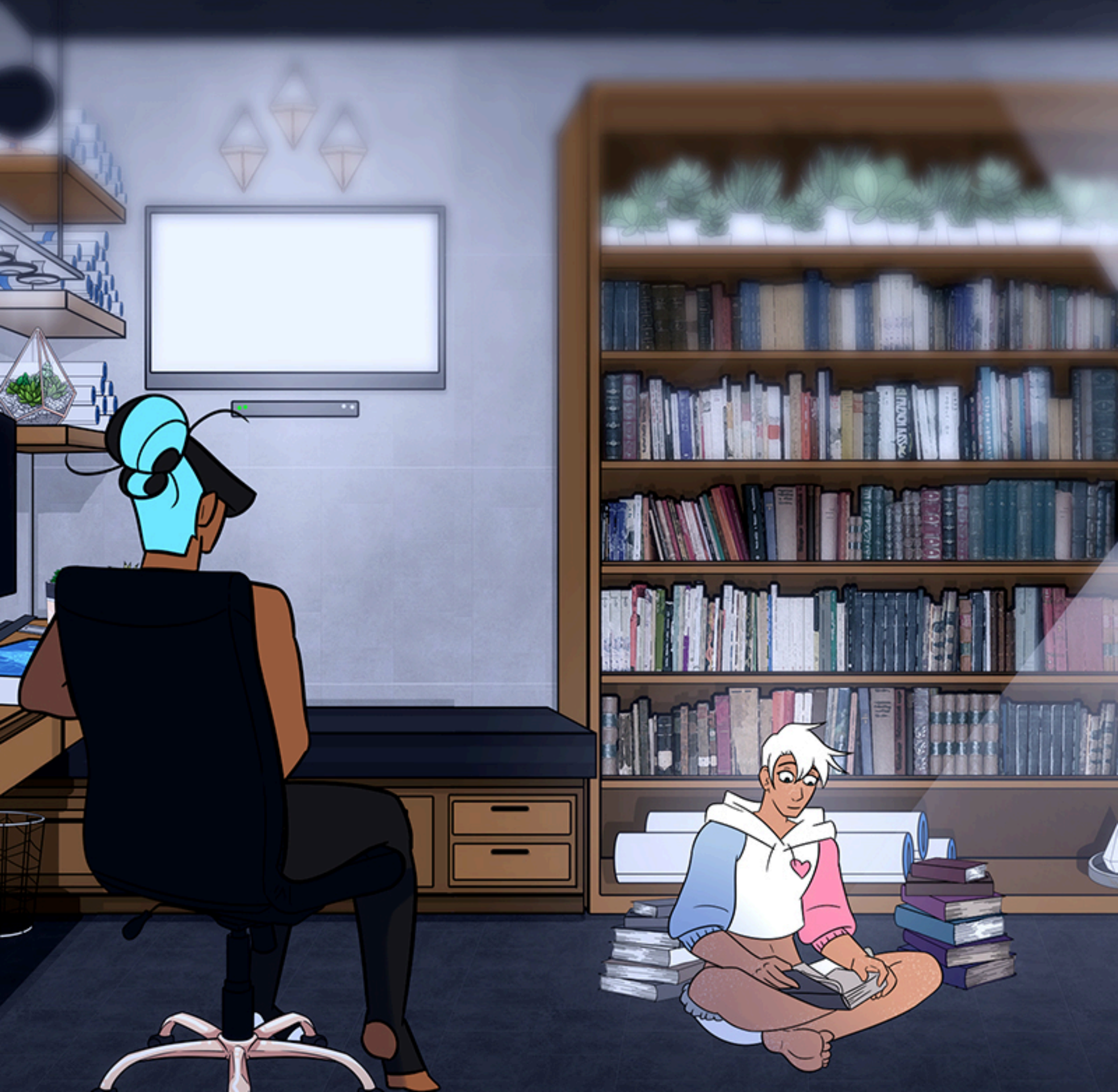


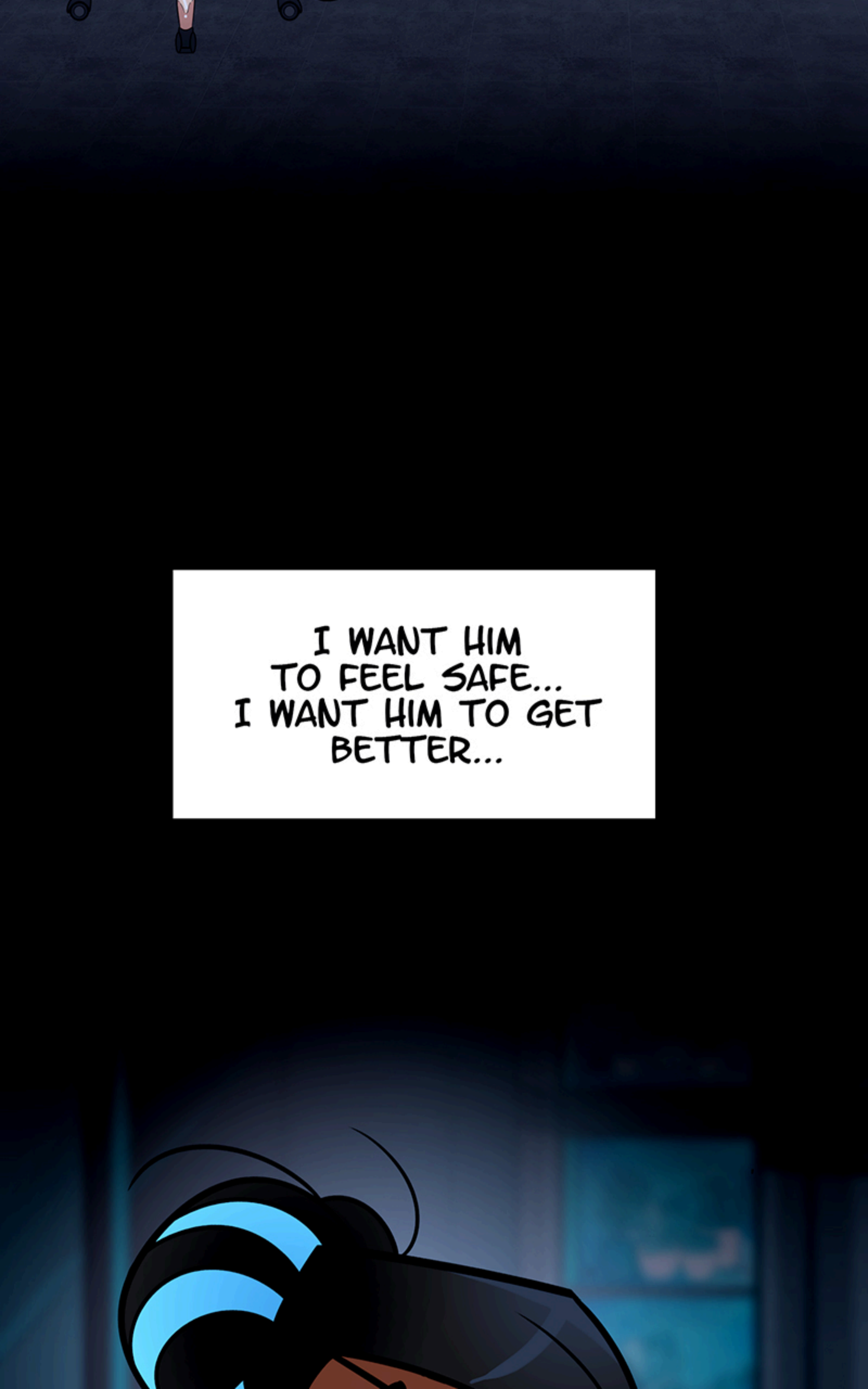
I WANT TO
ASK HIM ABOUT
MIKE...





BUT I DON'T
WANT HIM TO CLOSE
UP... HE'LL TELL ME
MORE WHEN HE'S
READY...



The background is a dark, textured blue-grey. In the top left corner, there are small, stylized icons of a camera lens, a hand holding a pen, and another camera lens. In the bottom left corner, the back of a character's head is visible, featuring a black cap with two prominent light blue curved stripes. The character's hair is dark and messy. In the bottom right, a blurred window shows a bright blue sky with white clouds.

I WANT HIM
TO FEEL SAFE...
I WANT HIM TO GET
BETTER...



OR AT LEAST
THAT'S WHAT I
WANT TO SAY.



IF MIKE FINDS OUT THAT
I HAVE HIM, I COULD GET
THROWN IN JAIL FOR
STEALING... OR MORE IF HE
TRIES TO PIN THAT HEAD
WOUND VELIX MENTIONED
ON ME...







NO - NO WAY!

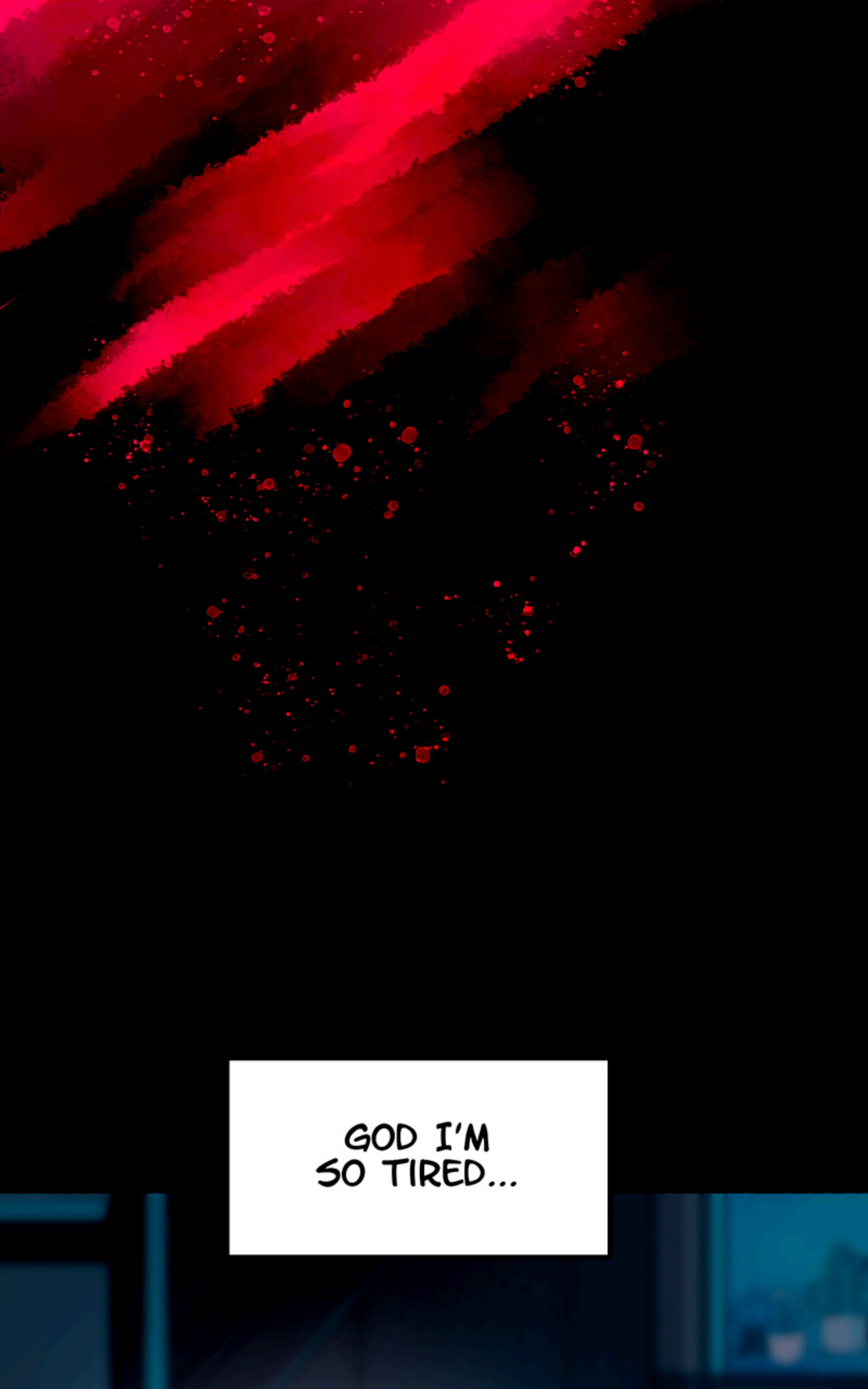




I COULDN'T LIVE
WITH MYSELF... ANDROID
OR NOT-

I CAN'T SEND
LACEY BACK TO
THAT *WOLF*.





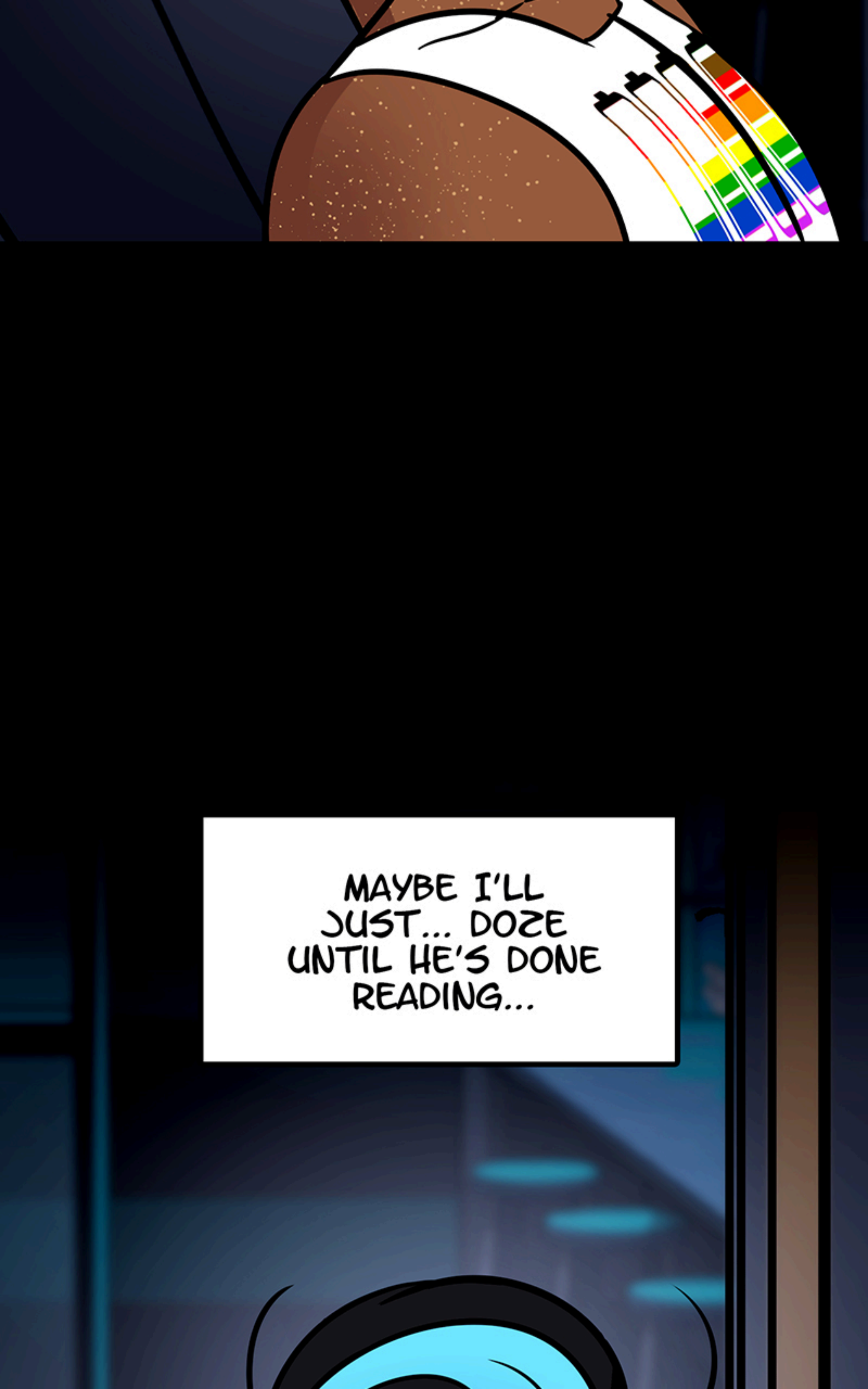
GOD I'M
SO TIRED...



HOW MUCH SLEEP

HOW MUCH SLEEP
HAVE I HAD THE LAST
48 HOURS...?

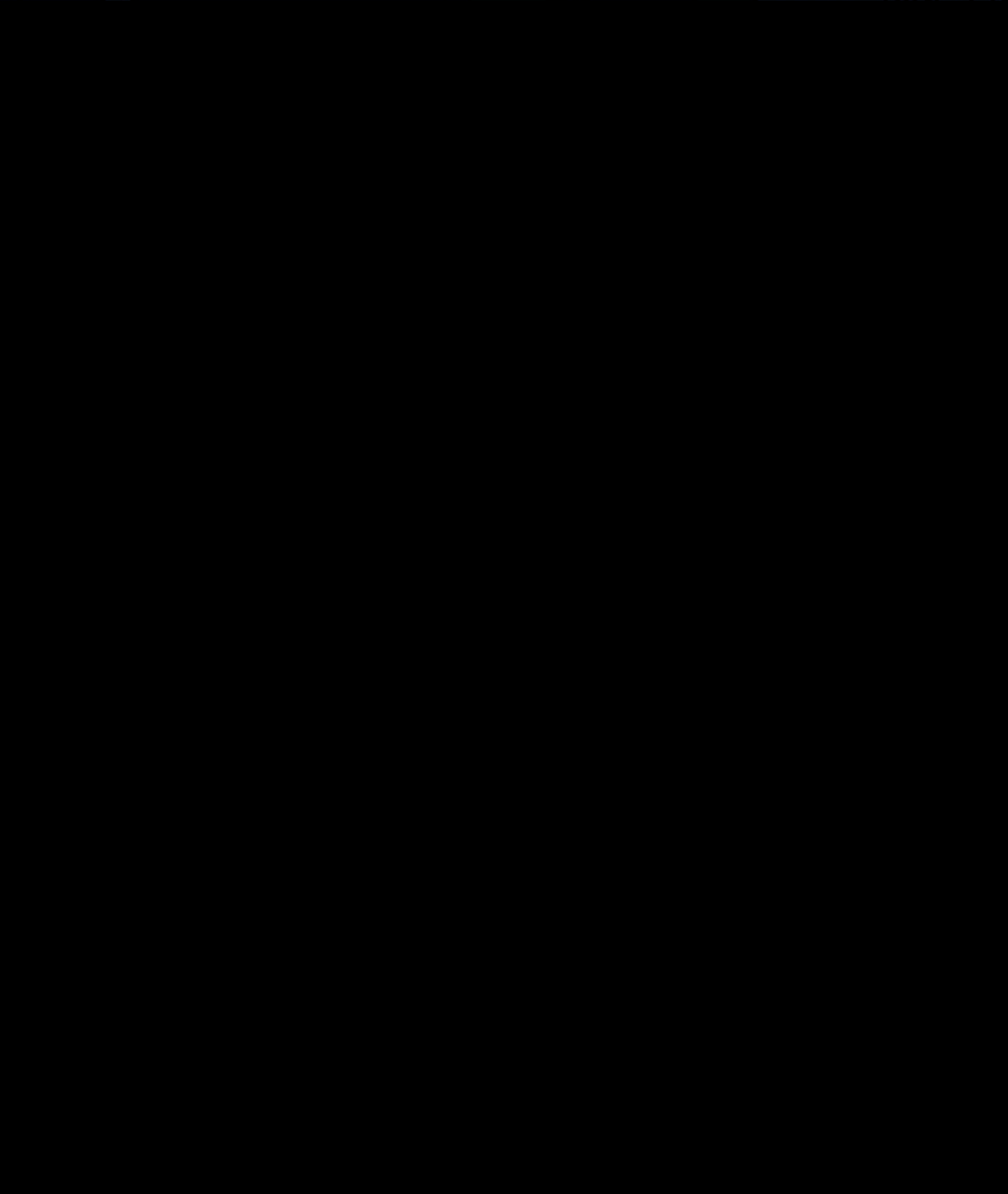




MAYBE I'LL
JUST... DOZE
UNTIL HE'S DONE
READING...















I'M LEARNING
ABOUT A LOT OF
FEELINGS FROM
THESE BOOKS...



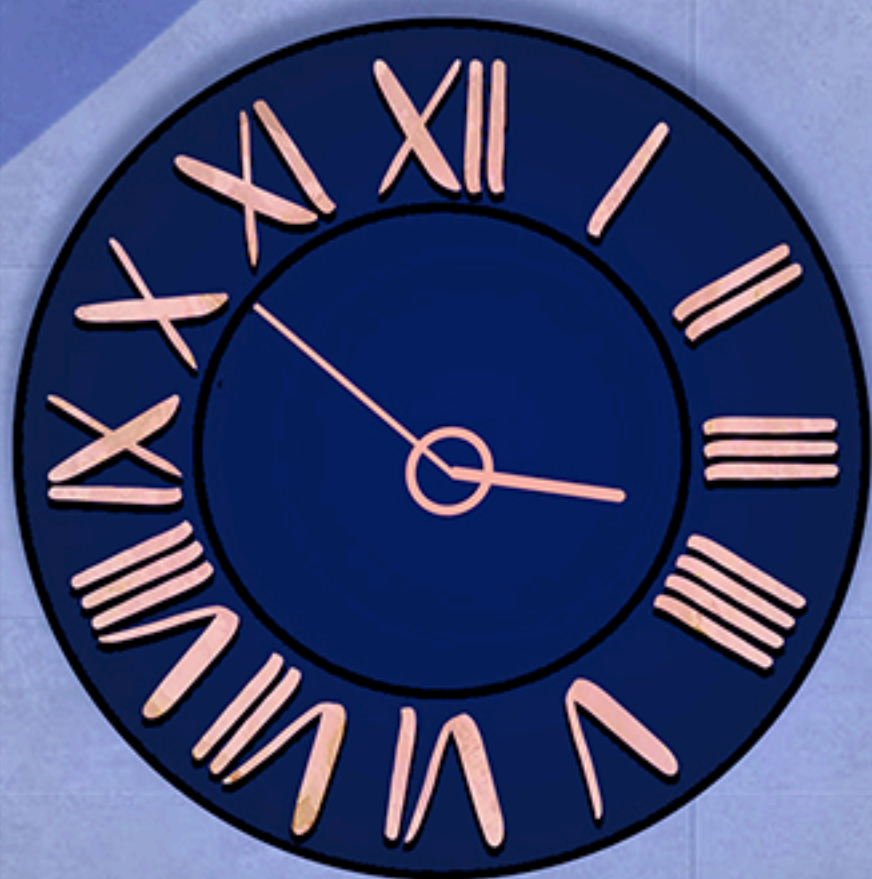


LONLINESS...
ENVY...

HUMANS SLEEP...
HUMANS DREAM...
I WISH I COULD.
I WANT TO JOIN YOU...



BUT INSTEAD
I AM AWAKE... AND
I AM ALONE...





GUESS I'LL
FINISH THE REST

FINISH THE REST
OF THOSE BOOKS...





CRASH



BUH-



LACEY!?



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