

THERE WE
GO...

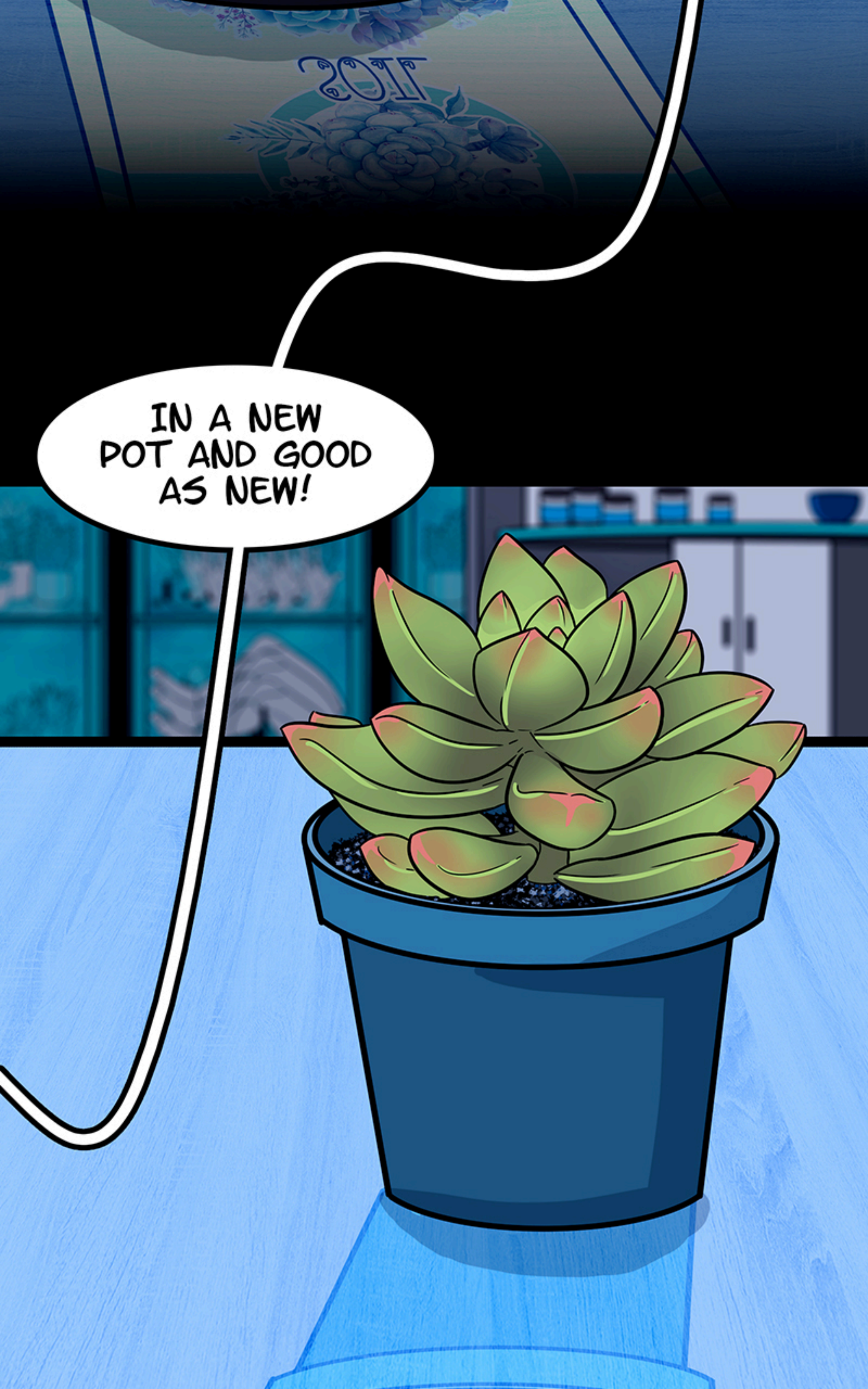
SUCCULENT



SOIL

SEE?

POTTING MIX

A comic-style illustration of a succulent in a blue pot. The succulent has thick, pointed, green leaves with reddish-pink tips. It is in a simple blue pot, which sits on a blue surface. A speech bubble originates from the succulent, containing the text 'IN A NEW POT AND GOOD AS NEW!'. In the background, there are blue shelves with various items, and a large, dark, curved shape at the top contains a faint illustration of a succulent and the year '2017'.

IN A NEW
POT AND GOOD
AS NEW!



GOOD AS
NEW...

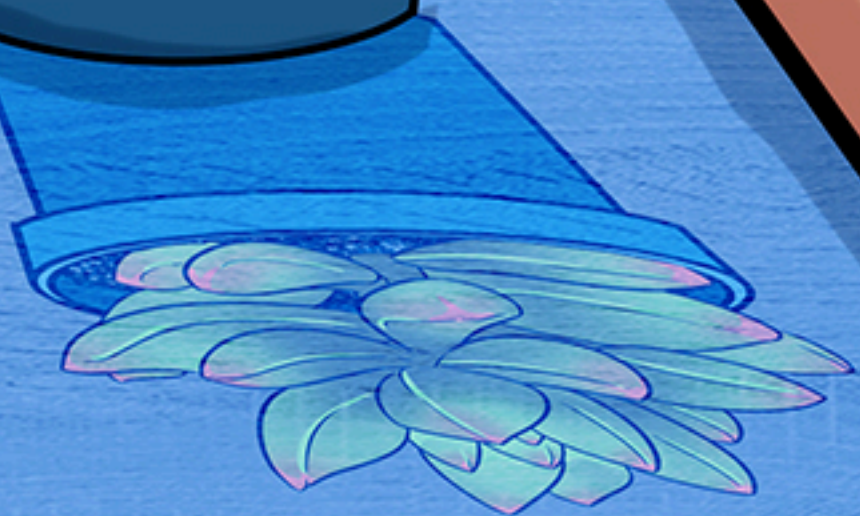


THE PIECE
YOU BROKE OFF
WILL BE FINE,
TOO!





REALLY?

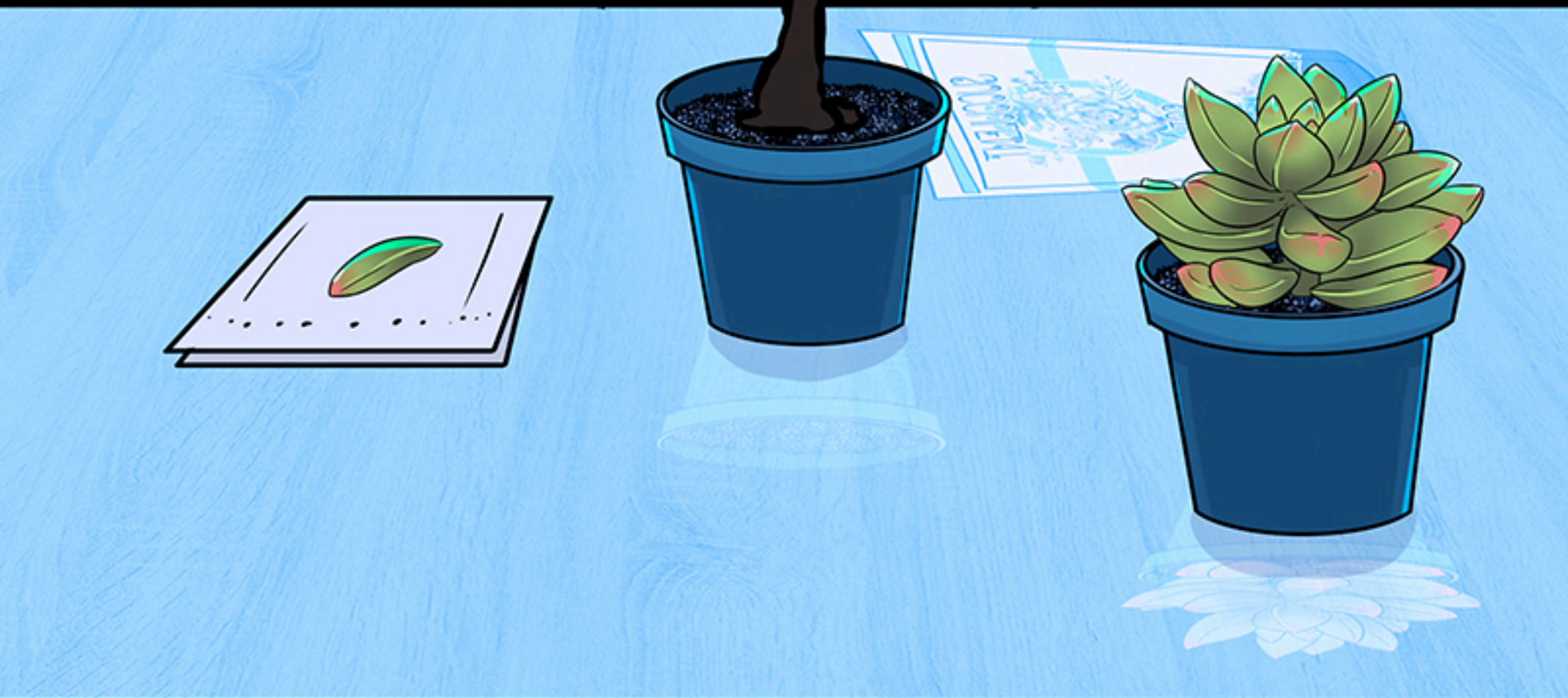
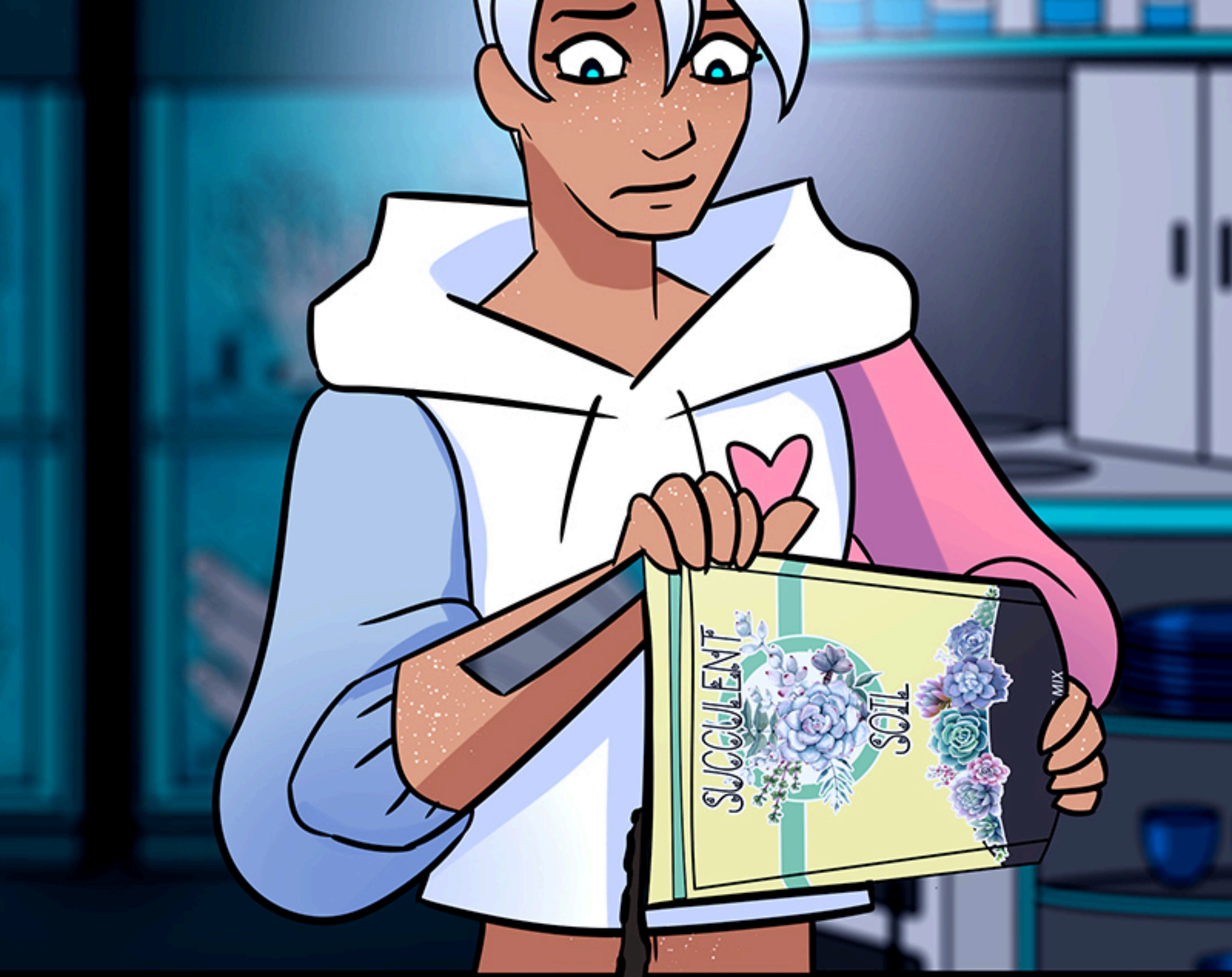




YUP! THEY
PROPOGATE FROM
PIECES LIKE
THIS!

GO AHEAD
AND GET THE
EMPTY POT SET
UP AND THEN YOU
CAN PUT THIS
IN THERE.







LIKE THIS
MUCH?

THAT'S
PERFECT.



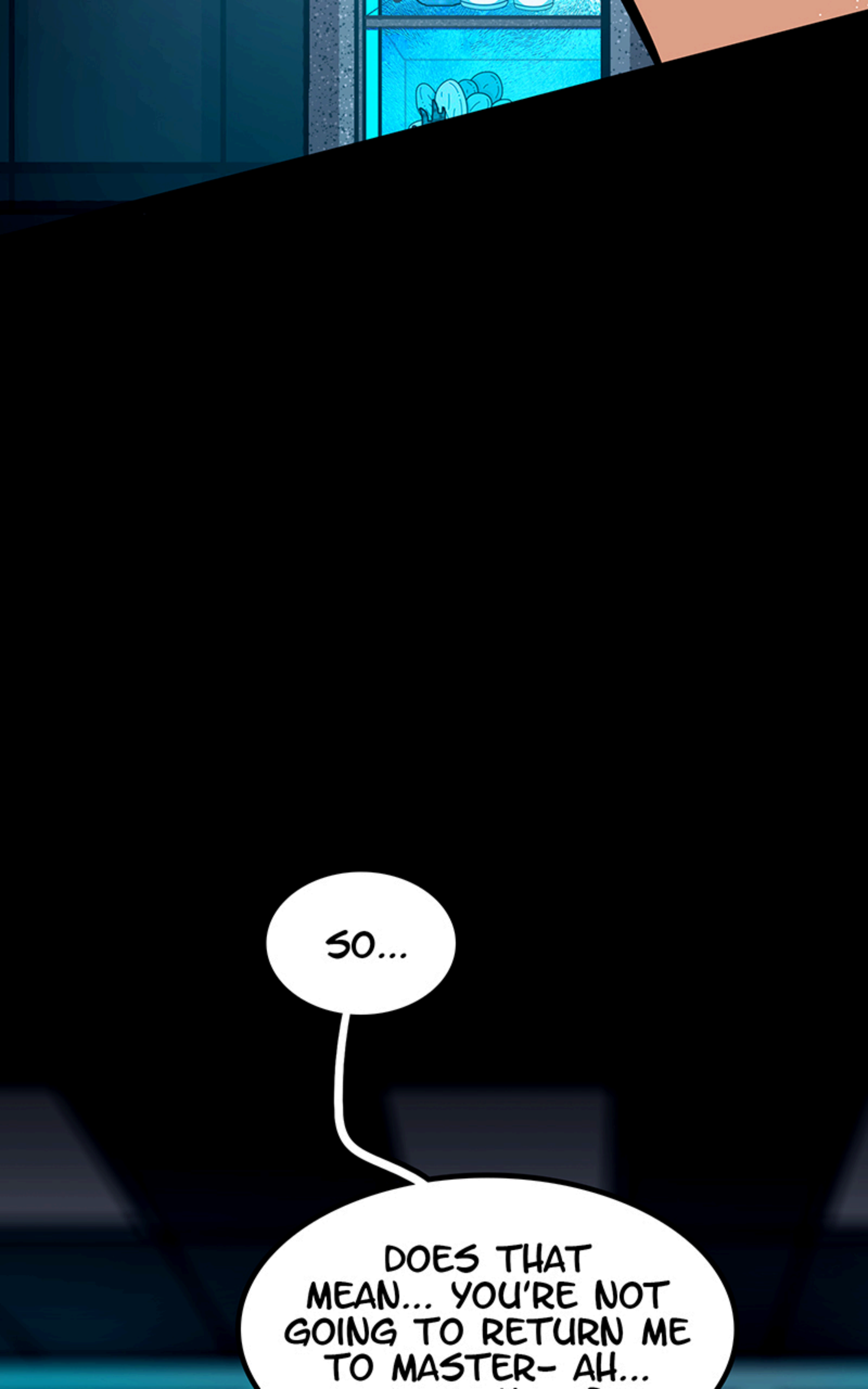
TRYING NOT
TO FALL ASLEEP
AGAIN.

IN A FEW
DAYS YOU'LL SEE
THAT IT'S STARTING
TO SPROUT AGAIN!



A FEW
DAYS...



The background of the comic panel is a dark, blue-toned scene. At the top, there's a window or opening showing a bright blue light and some indistinct shapes. The rest of the background is dark and textured, suggesting an interior space.

SO...

DOES THAT
MEAN... YOU'RE NOT
GOING TO RETURN ME
TO MASTER- AH...

TO MICHAEL?





DO...
YOU WANT
TO GO BACK?



NO!!!





I MEAN
AT LEAST...
I KNOW THAT
I SHOULDN'T
WANT TO...

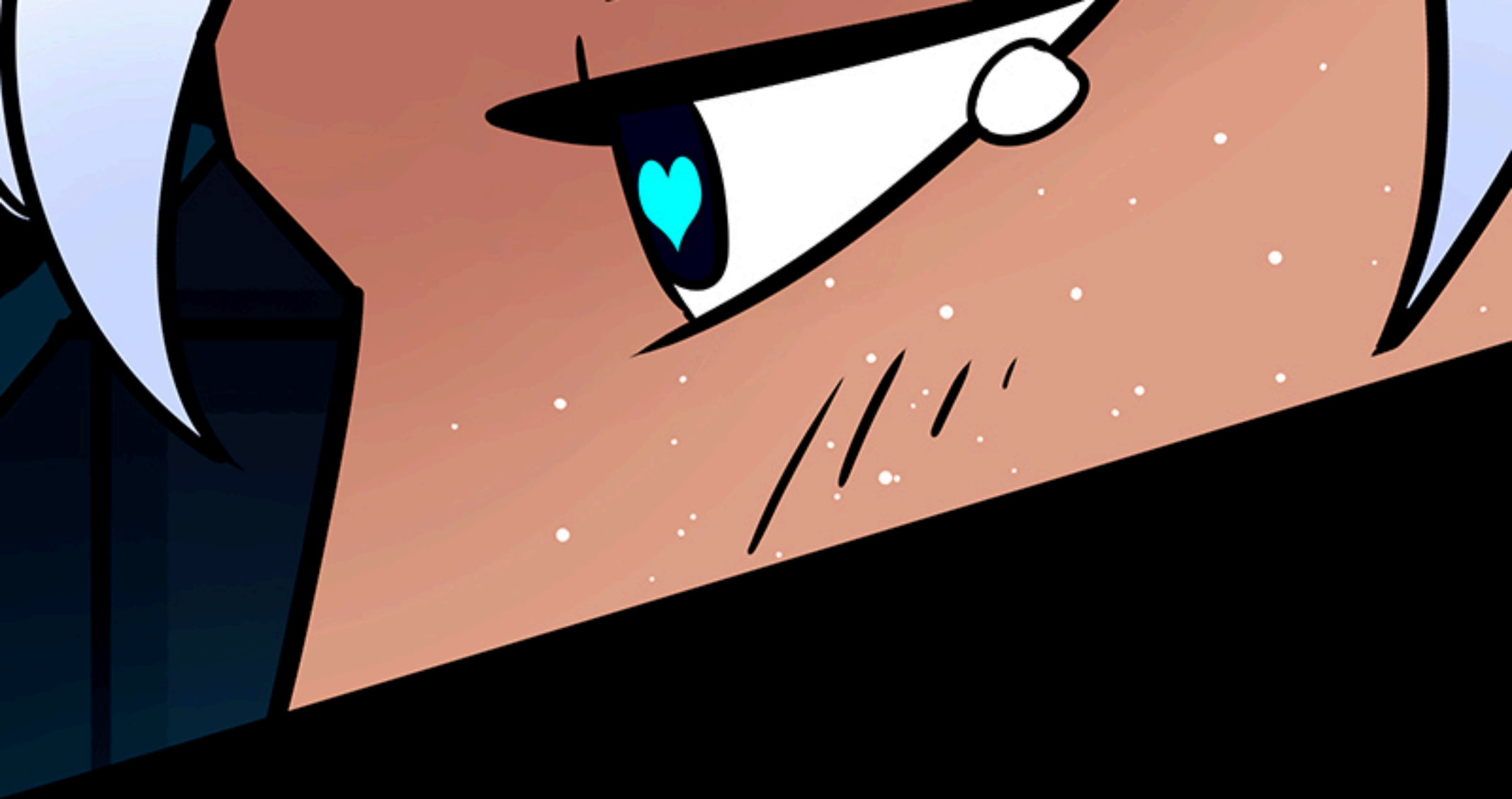
THERE
IS A SMALL
PART OF ME
THAT...

EVEN...
EVEN AFTER ALL
THAT HE DID





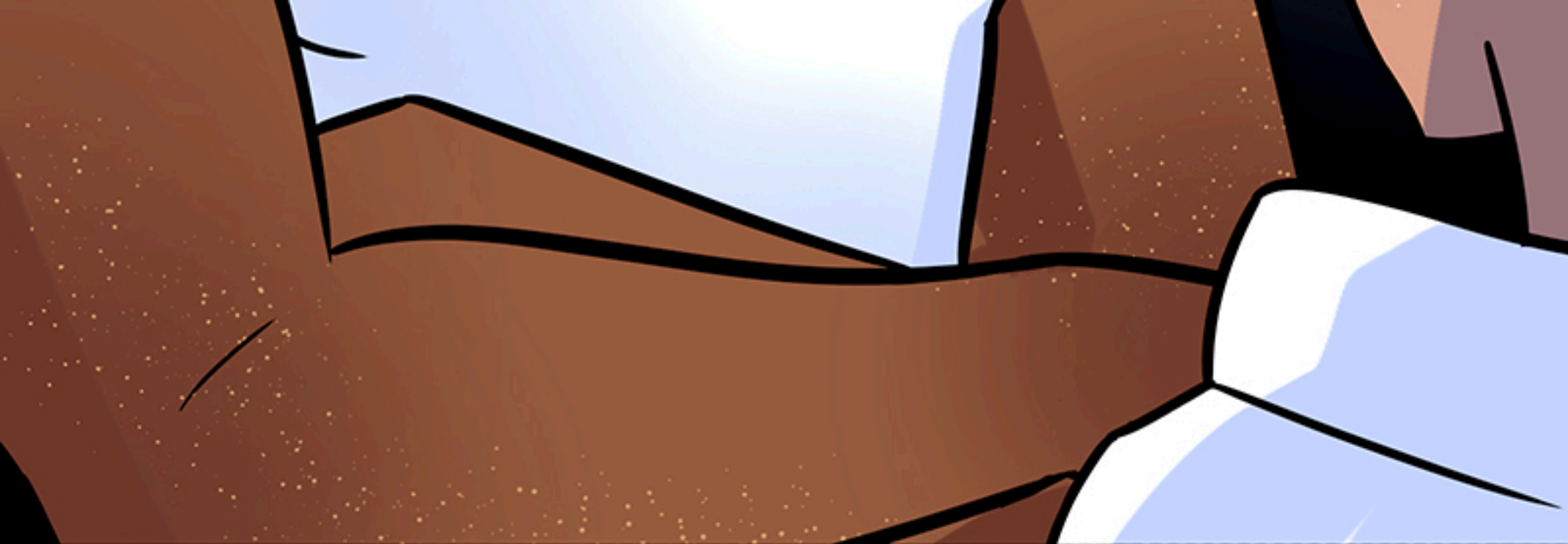
BUT AT
THE SAME TIME...
HOW I FEEL DOESN'T
REALLY MATTER,
DOES IT?



I'M NOT
STUPID...

YOU CAN
GET IN A LOT OF
TROUBLE IF YOU'RE
CAUGHT WITH ME...
I'M JUST A STOLEN
OBJECT. AN EXPENSIVE
TOY...





AND
EVEN IF...
EVEN IF I WAS
HUMAN...

I CAN
SEE HOW MUCH
ME BEING HERE IS
HURTING YOU-



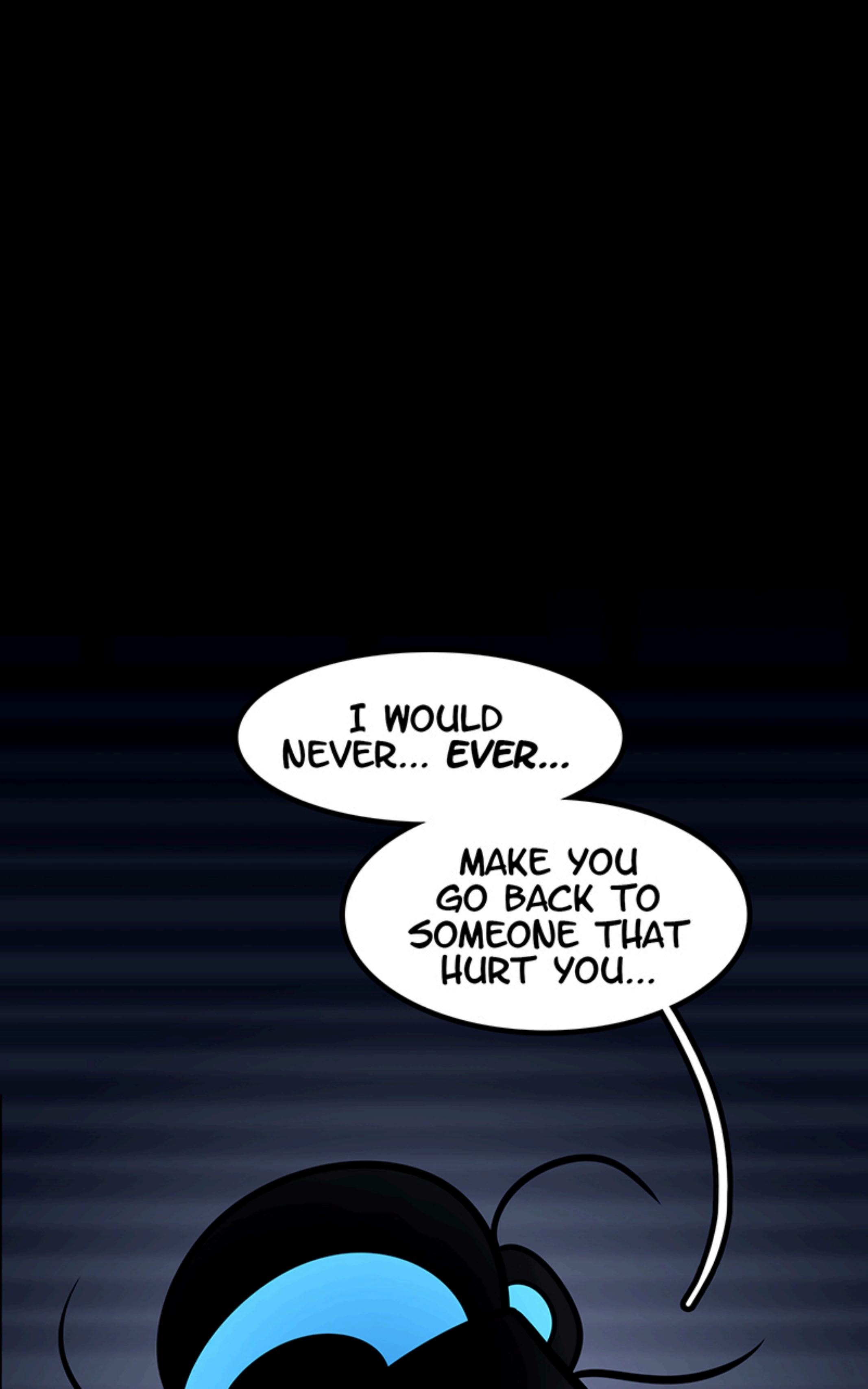
WHENEVER
I SCAN YOUR

VITALS... I CAN SEE
THE STRESS I'M
PUTTING ON YOU IS
UNHEALTHY...

I JUST-



XADA?



I WOULD
NEVER... *EVER...*

MAKE YOU
GO BACK TO
SOMEONE THAT
HURT YOU...





IT'S COMPLETELY
NORMAL TO MISS
SOMEONE AND STILL
ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THEY
ARE BAD FOR YOU,
ESPECIALLY IN
ABUSIVE SITUATIONS..

WHAT'S IMPORTANT
IS THAT YOU KNOW
YOU DESERVE BETTER.
EVERYTHING ELSE
COMES WITH
TIME.

YOU'RE NOT
HIS PROPERTY-
YOU'RE YOUR OWN

YOU'RE YOUR OWN.
HE'LL NEVER GET THE
CHANCE TO HURT YOU
AGAIN...





THANK YOU,
XADA...



HIS ARMS ARE
SO STRONG AND
SAFE... HE SMELLS
GOOD TOO...



MICHAEL SMELLED
LIKE CIGARETTES
AND THAT COLOGNE
HE ALWAYS BOUGHT...



XADA SMELLS...
WARM AND... NATURAL?
I DON'T KNOW ENOUGH
ABOUT SCENTS BUT...
I LIKE IT...





I WISH I COULD
MAKE HIM UNDERSTAND
HOW GRATEFUL I AM
FOR ALL THAT HE'S
DONE...



I WANT HIM
TO HOLD ME MORE...
TOUCH ME MORE... I WANT
TO CONNECT TO HIM MORE
DEEPLY...



HE'LL PROBABLY
JUST THINK THAT IT'S
MY BASE PROGRAMMING...
THAT'S PROBABLY WHY
HE PUSHED ME AWAY
LAST TIME...



BUT...

XADA...
I DO LIKE YOU
VERY MUCH...

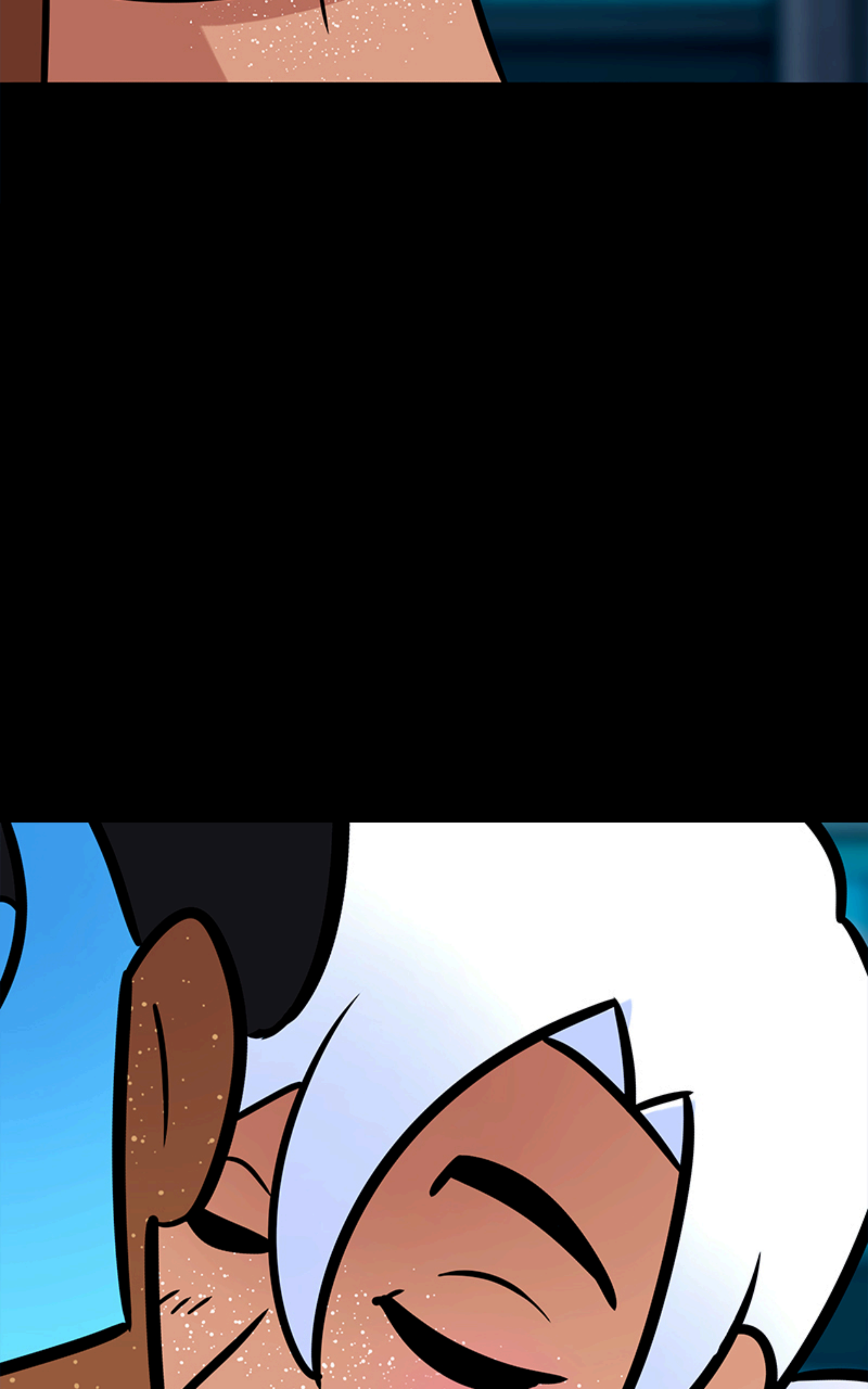
CAN I
SHOW YOU
HOW MUCH?

MMM,
SURE.

DOZING

DOZING
OFF AGAIN.











AH...



LACEY...



I...
I AM NOT
GOING TO DENY

GOING TO DENY
THAT I AM... VERY
ATTRACTED TO
YOU...

THEN
WHY DO YOU
KEEP PUSHING
ME AWAY?





BECAUSE

I... I STILL
HAVEN'T WRAPPED
MY HEAD AROUND...
ALL THAT YOU'VE
BEEN THROUGH...

I DON'T
WANT YOU TO
DO ANYTHING THAT
YOU WOULD REGRET
JUST BECAUSE IT IS
ALL THAT YOU
KNOW...





YOU SAID
YOURSELF THAT
PART OF YOU STILL
MISSES MICHAEL...
YOU NEED MORE
TIME...

YOU SAID
THAT I WAS MY

OWN PERSON-
SHOULDN'T I BE ABLE
TO MAKE THAT
CHOICE?



XADA,
EVERYTIME
YOU PULL AWAY I
FEEL SO CONFUSED
AND ALONE

AND ALONE I-

I JUST
WANT-

**PROXIMITY
ALERT**



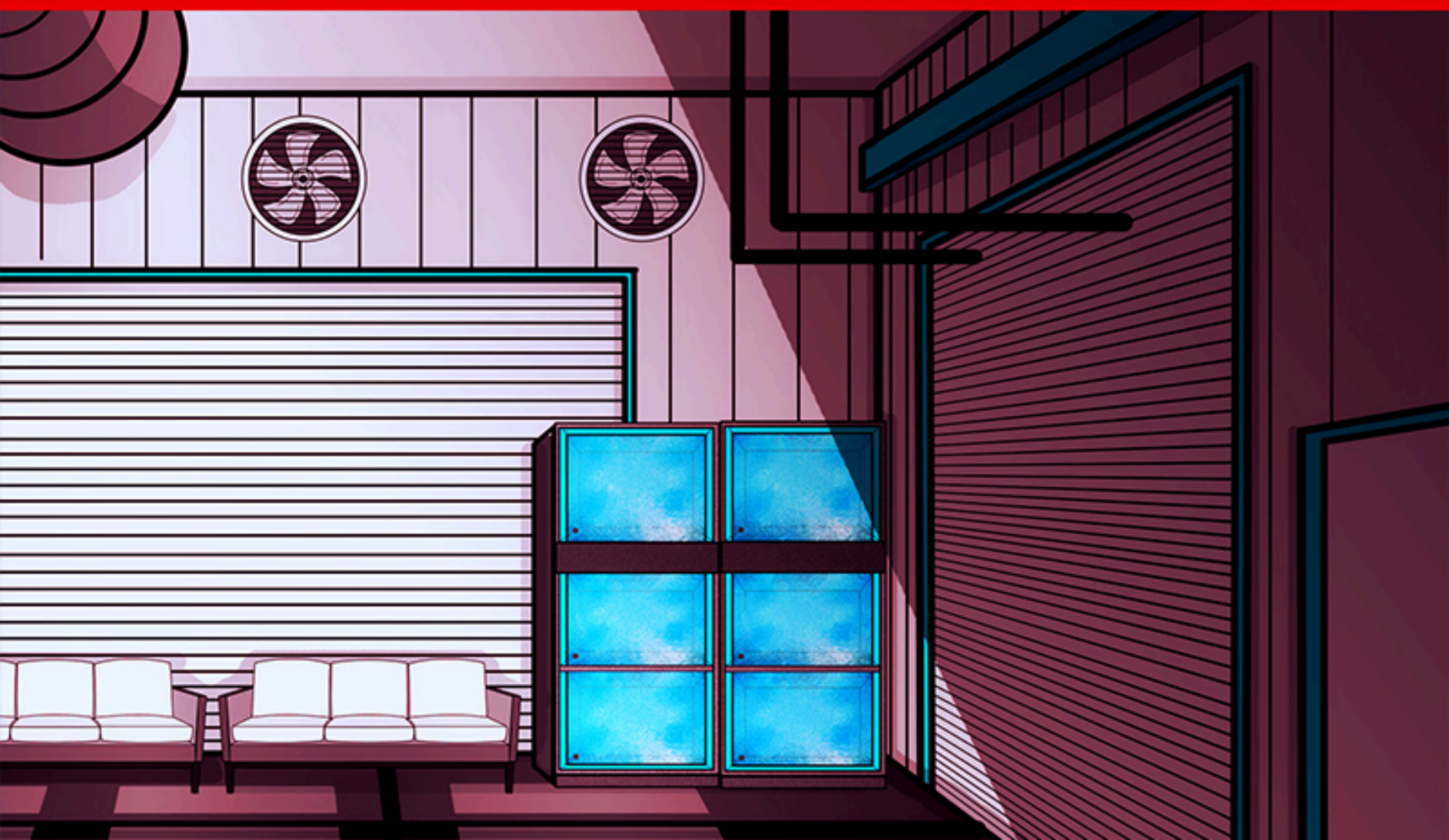


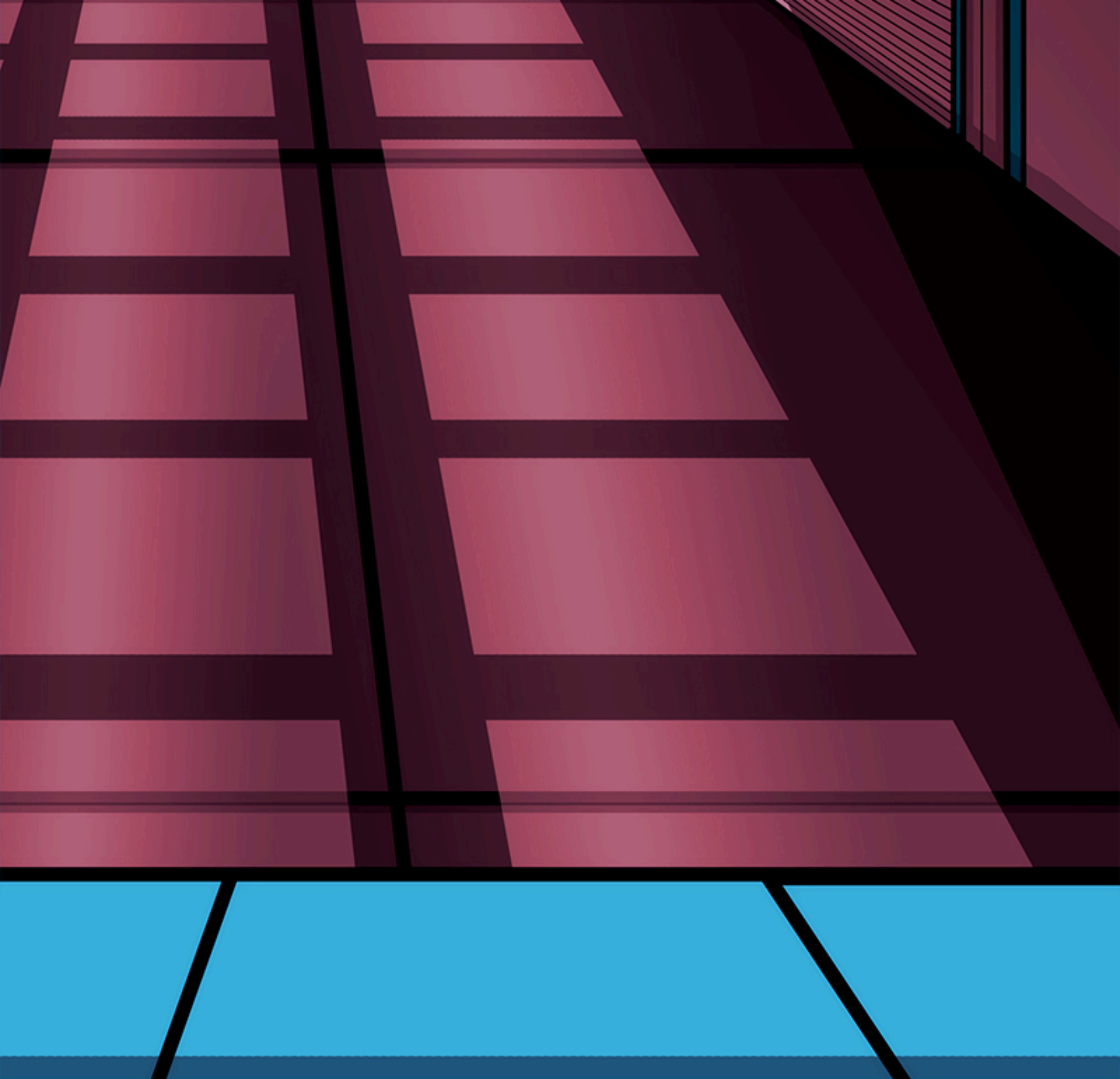
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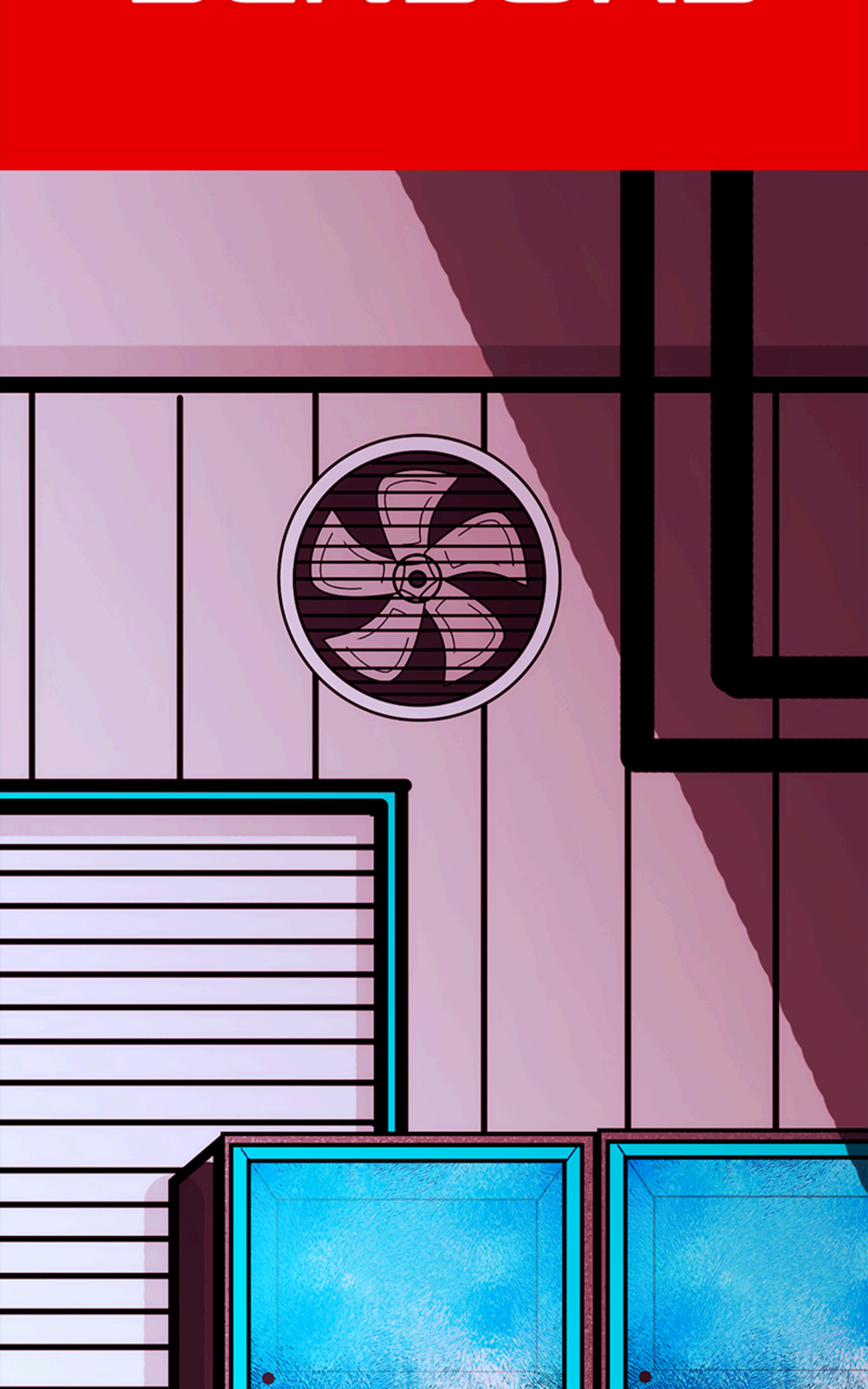


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ENTITY-

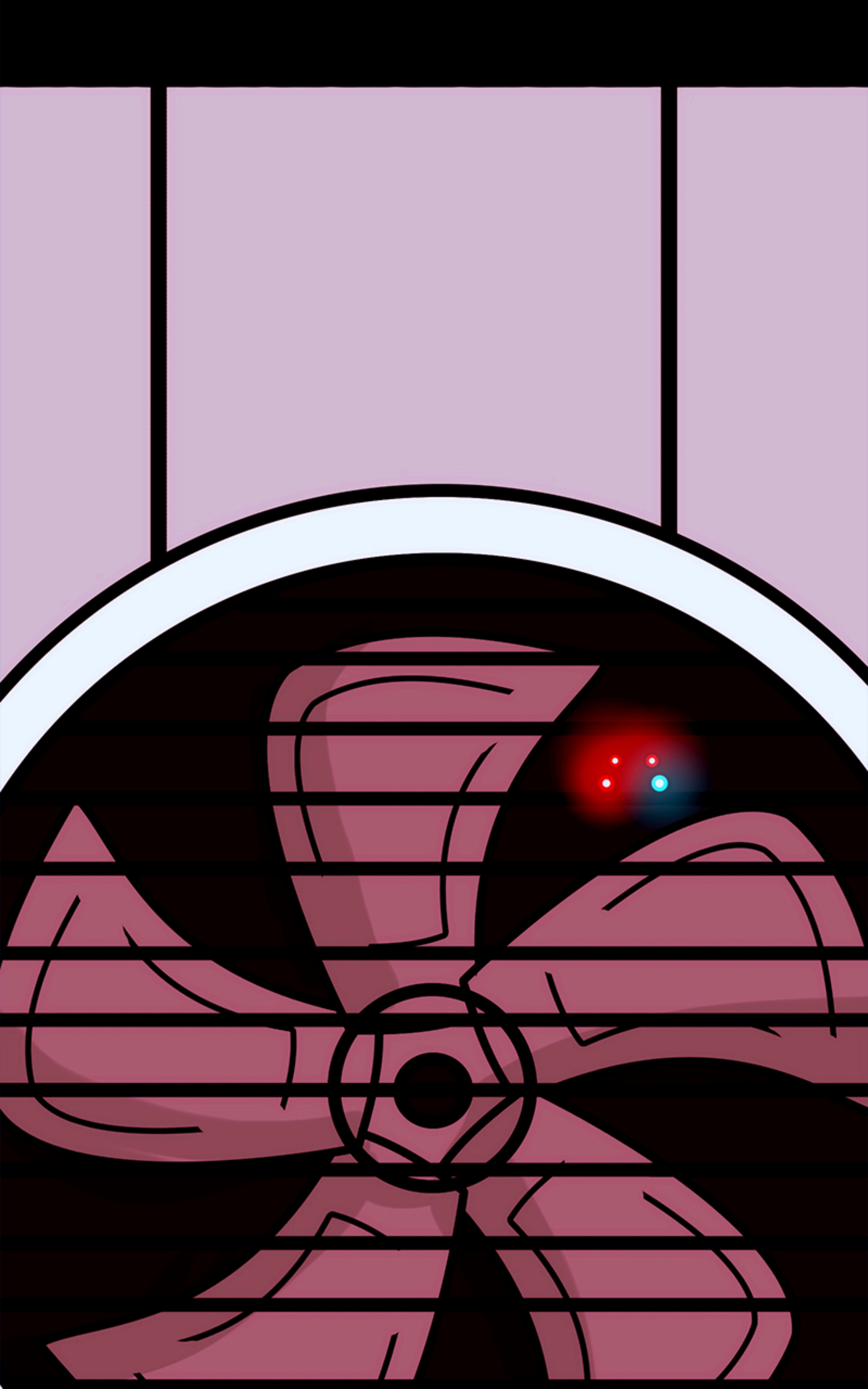


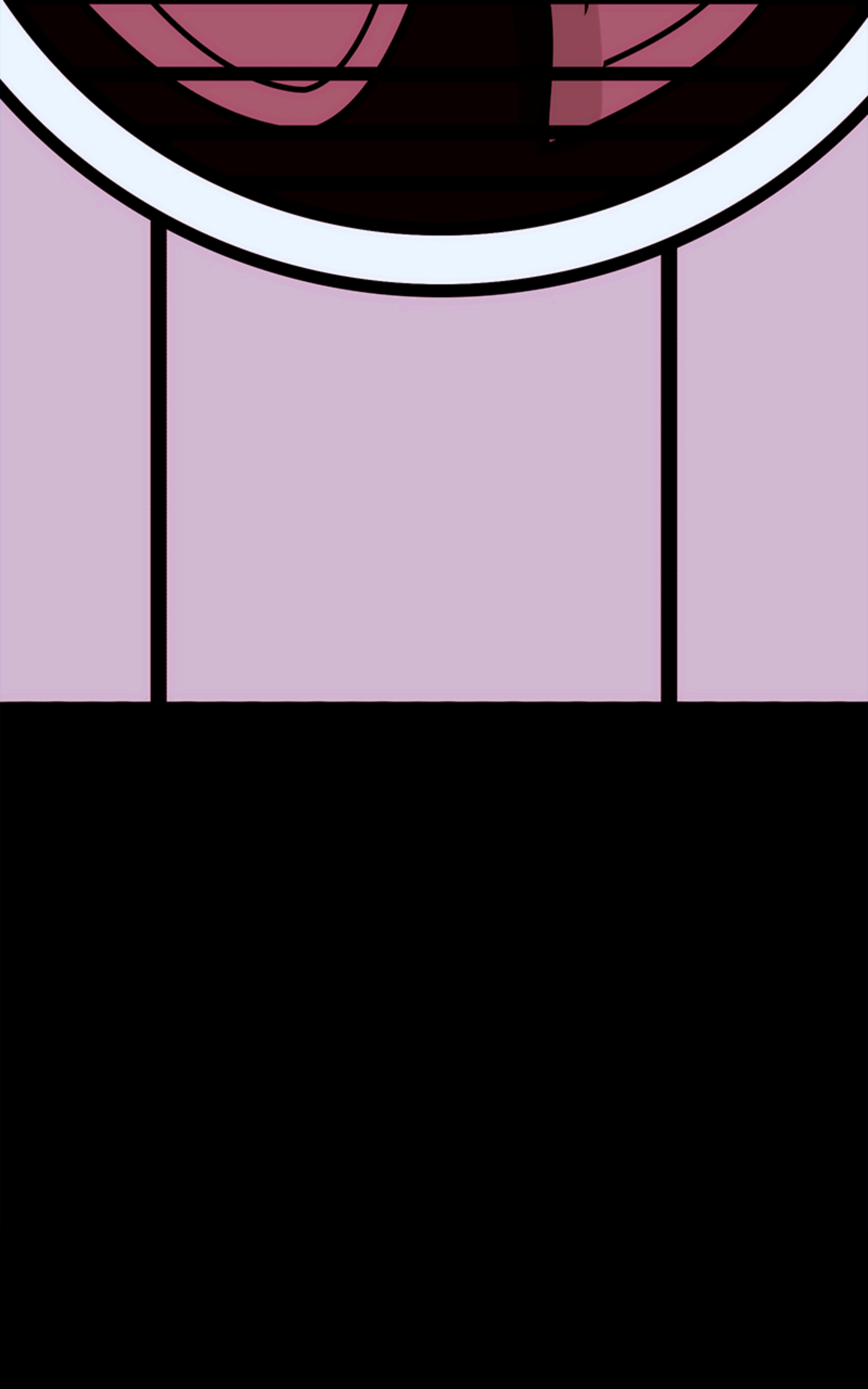


HAS
TRIGGERED
THE ROOF
SENSORS









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