

A close-up cartoon illustration of a character with voluminous brown hair and black-rimmed glasses. The character has a serious expression and is looking slightly to the right. The background is a soft-focus blue sky with white clouds.

XADA,
CAN I SPEAK
WITH YOU FOR A
MOMENT?

IN PRIVATE?





UH...
YEAH,
SURE.



LACEY CAN YOU
WAIT IN THE
LOBBY FOR ME,
PLEASE?

OKAY...



NICE TO
MEET YOU
DOCTOR
ERIK.



A comic panel with a light blue sky and white clouds. In the bottom left, the top of a character's head with brown hair is visible. In the bottom right, a dark purple, pointed shape, possibly a hat or part of a costume, is shown. A large white speech bubble with a black outline is positioned in the center-left, containing the text "NICE TO MEET YOU TOO, LACEY...".

NICE
TO MEET YOU
TOO, LACEY...



SO...
WHAT'S
UP?

HM...





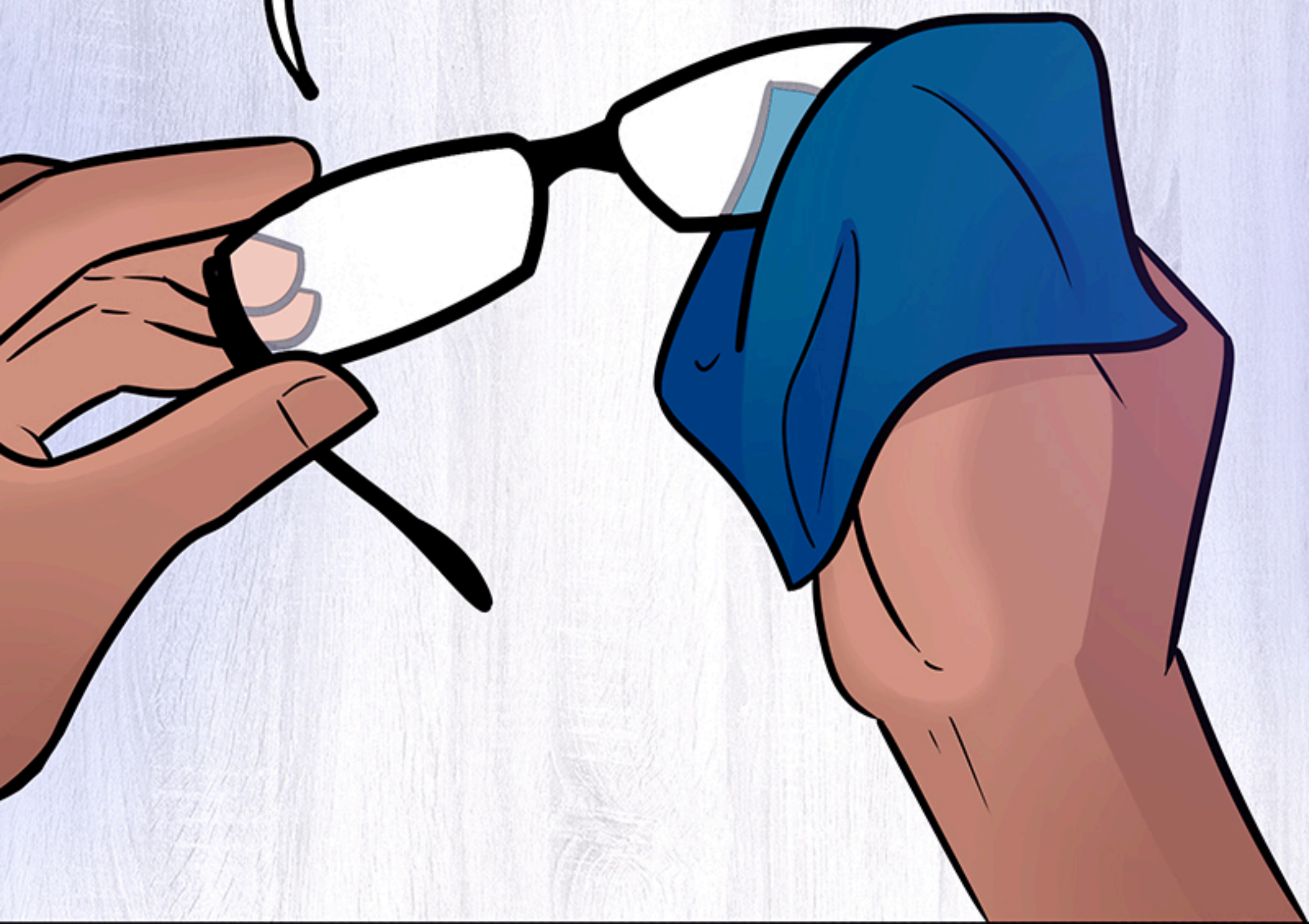
I HAD AN
INTERESTING
TALK WITH HIM IN
THE HALLWAY.







IN FRONT
OF THE LOVEBOT
POSTER.



MHM.





AND AFTER
HE SAID SOME...
STRANGE THINGS
FOR A PERSON
TO SAY...





I COULDN'T
HELP BUT NOTICE HE
HAS A BANDAID OVER
WHERE THE AE LOGO
NORMALLY WOULD
GO.





IS HE
YOURS?

YOURS.

SOME SORT
OF MODDING
EXPERIMENT?



I DIDN'T
THINK YOU WERE
THE TYPE TO BUY
ONE OF THOSE
THINGS.



HE'S NOT-



VELIX'S?



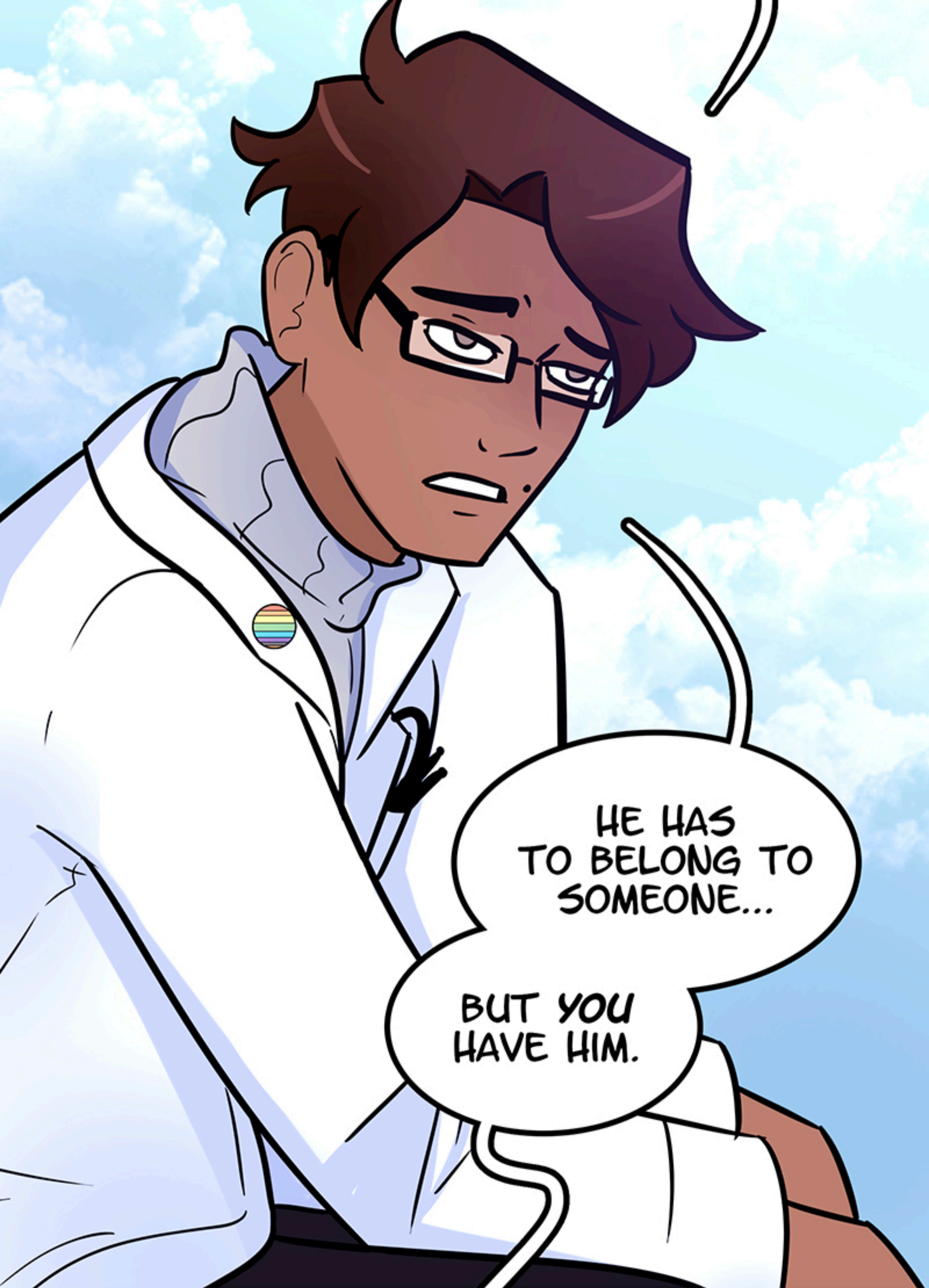


NO!



SO THEN
THAT'S
WORSE...

YOU KNOW HOW
THAT IS WORSE
RIGHT?



HE HAS
TO BELONG TO
SOMEONE...

BUT YOU
HAVE HIM.

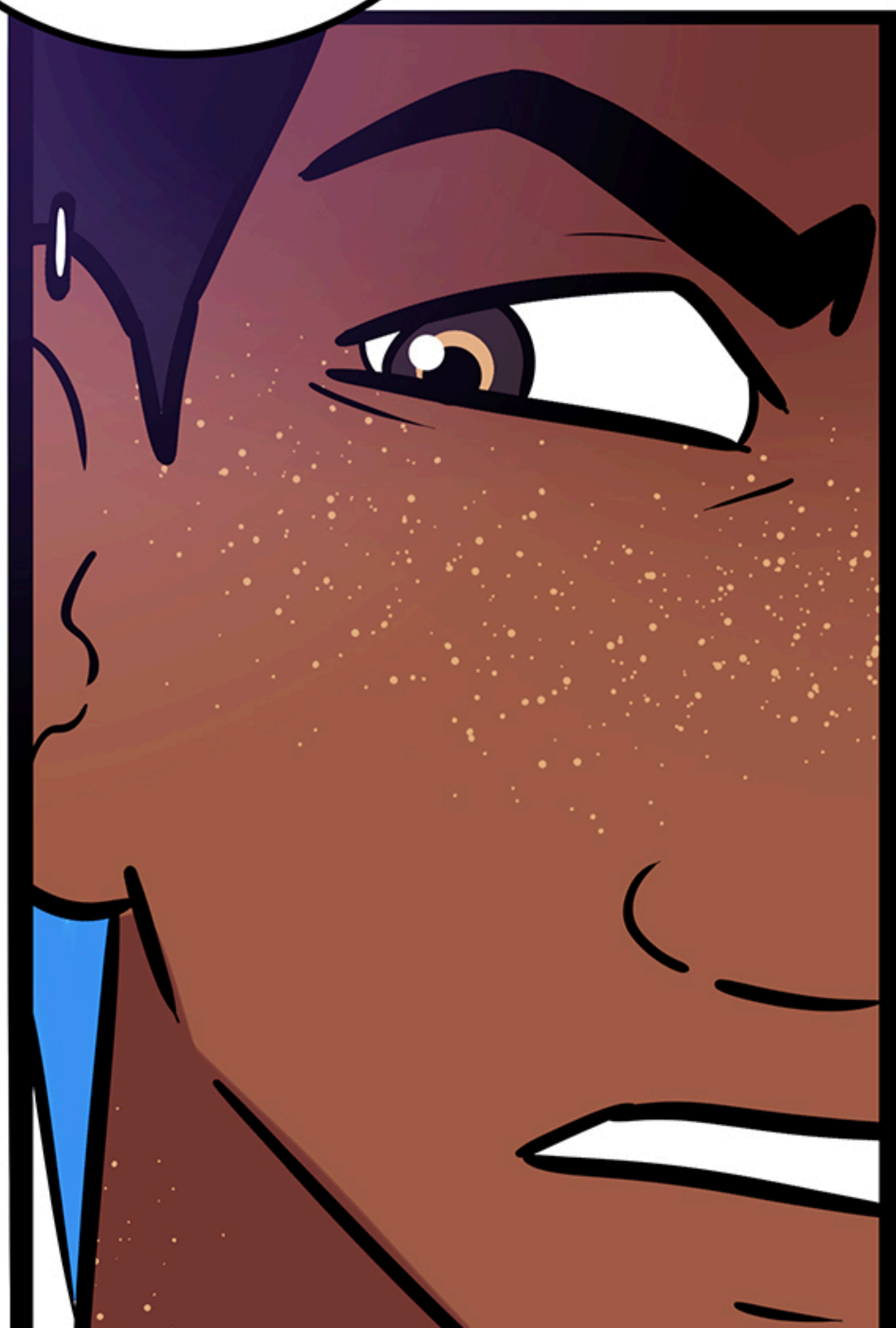
HIS

CUSTOMIZATION
IS VERY HIGH
END.

I CAN'T EVEN
IMAGINE HOW MUCH
THAT WOULD HAVE
COST.



HE DOESN'T
BELONG TO
ANYONE.







XADA...

I'M NOT
TRYING TO GET
YOU IN TROUBLE.

THE EXACT
OPPOSITE,
ACTUALLY.





I WANT
TO HELP, IF YOU'D
LET ME...





I JUST
WANT TO MAKE SURE
THAT YOU'RE SAFE AND
NOT GETTING YOURSELF
INTO SOMETHING REALLY
BAD WITH... *WHATEVER
THIS IS.*



YOU HAVE A
KIND HEART.

HONESTLY, I
WOULD SAY TOO
KIND.



A close-up of a person's chest and shoulder. They are wearing a light blue jacket with a rainbow-colored circular pin on the left side. A speech bubble is coming from their mouth.

I DON'T WANT
TO SEE THAT USED
AGAINST YOU.

A person with dark, wavy hair is shown from the chest up, looking towards the top of the frame. They have a speech bubble coming from their mouth.

AH... I
APPRECIATE
IT...

BUT I'M
FINE. I'VE GOT
IT COVERED.



SORRY ERIK...
THERE IS STILL
TOO MUCH I HAVE TO
FIGURE OUT FIRST.

AND AS LONG
AS THAT GUY IS
STILL AFTER US...





I DON'T FEEL
SAFE GETTING YOU
INVOLVED...

ISOLATING
YOURSELF WITH
THIS PROBLEM ISN'T
ANY BETTER.

IF YOU
AREN'T GOING TO
TALK TO ME ABOUT
IT-





IS THERE AT
LEAST SOMEONE
ELSE YOU CAN
LEAN ON?

A comic panel featuring two characters. On the left, a person with short brown hair and glasses, wearing a white lab coat over a grey shirt with a rainbow pride pin, is embracing another person. On the right, a person with long dark hair in a high ponytail, wearing a grey lab coat, looks back at them with a slight smile. The background is a bright blue sky with soft white clouds. A speech bubble from the person on the right contains the text: 'IS THERE AT LEAST SOMEONE ELSE YOU CAN LEAN ON?'.

DOES VELIX
KNOW...?

A second comic panel showing a speech bubble with the text: 'DOES VELIX KNOW...?'.

UH...

HE'S NOT
TALKING TO ME
RIGHT NOW.



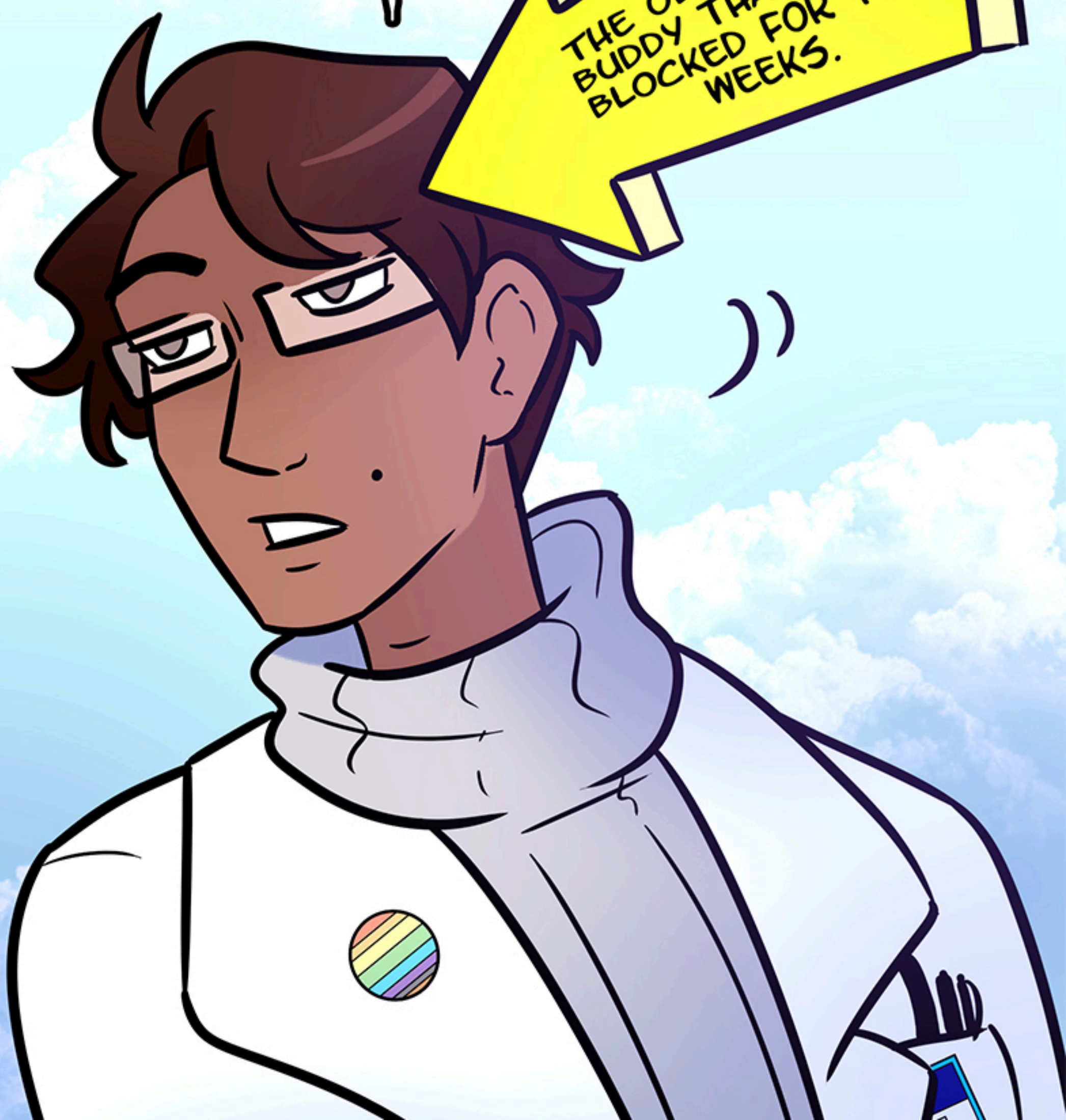
DON'T MAKE
THAT FACE!

I ALREADY
KNOW YOU DON'T
LIKE HIM!



HE'S FINE,
HE'S JUST A
DRAMATIC BABY.

THE OLD COLLEGE
BUDDY THAT VELIX
BLOCKED FOR TWO
WEEKS.





HE JUST
GETS WORKED UP
EASILY BECAUSE HE
CARES...

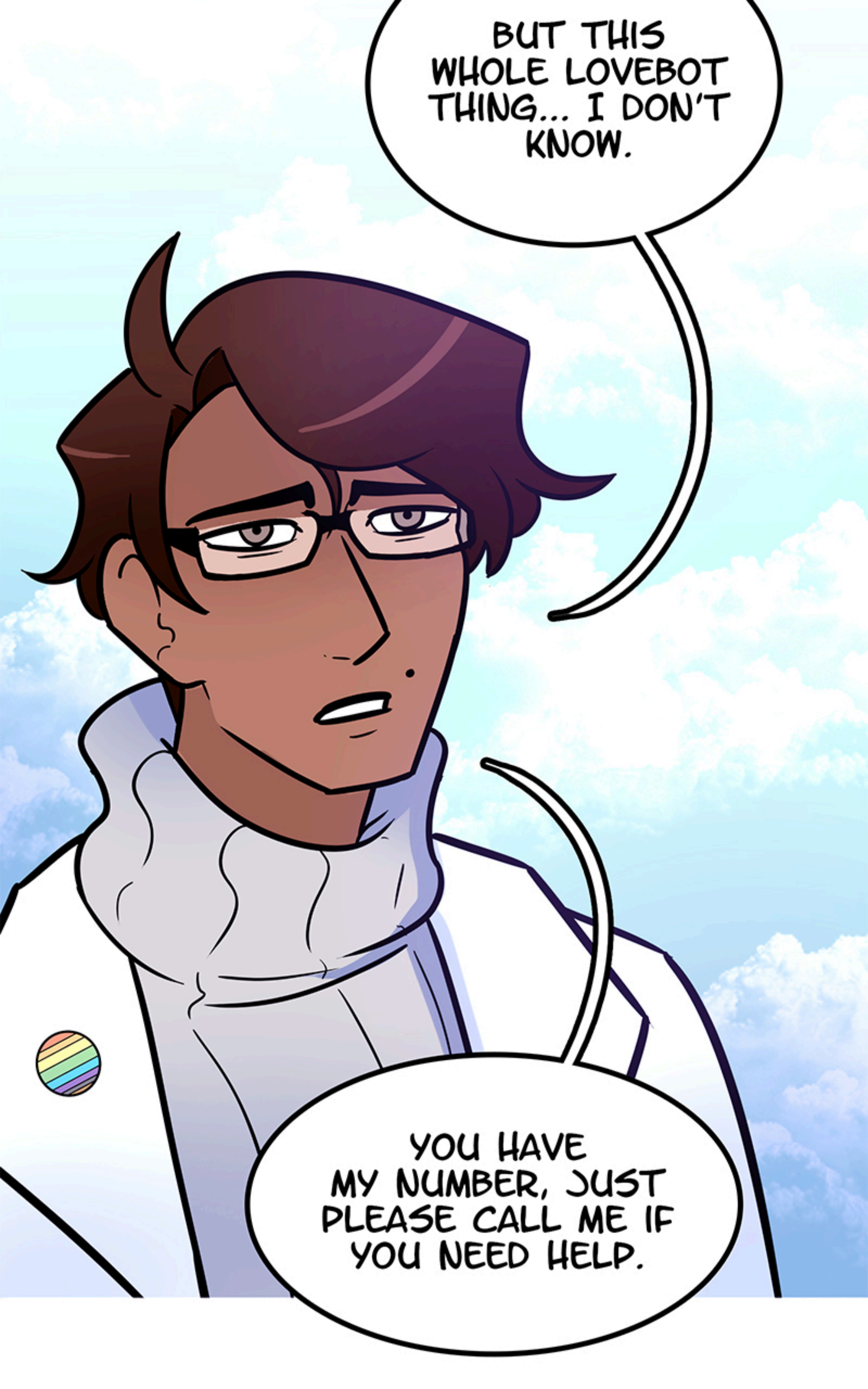




SURE,
FINE.

I DON'T
LIVE WITH HIM
SO YOU DON'T HAVE
TO CONVINCE ME.





BUT THIS
WHOLE LOVEBOT
THING... I DON'T
KNOW.

YOU HAVE
MY NUMBER, JUST
PLEASE CALL ME IF
YOU NEED HELP.

THANKS...
AND THANKS FOR NOT
WANTING TO TELL
ANYONE.





I REALLY
APPRECIATE IT...

YOU DESERVE
A BEAR HUG.







JUST GO ON
YOUR SHOPPING
TRIP, NERD!!

OKAAAYY
BYE BYE!

SEE YOU
LATER!

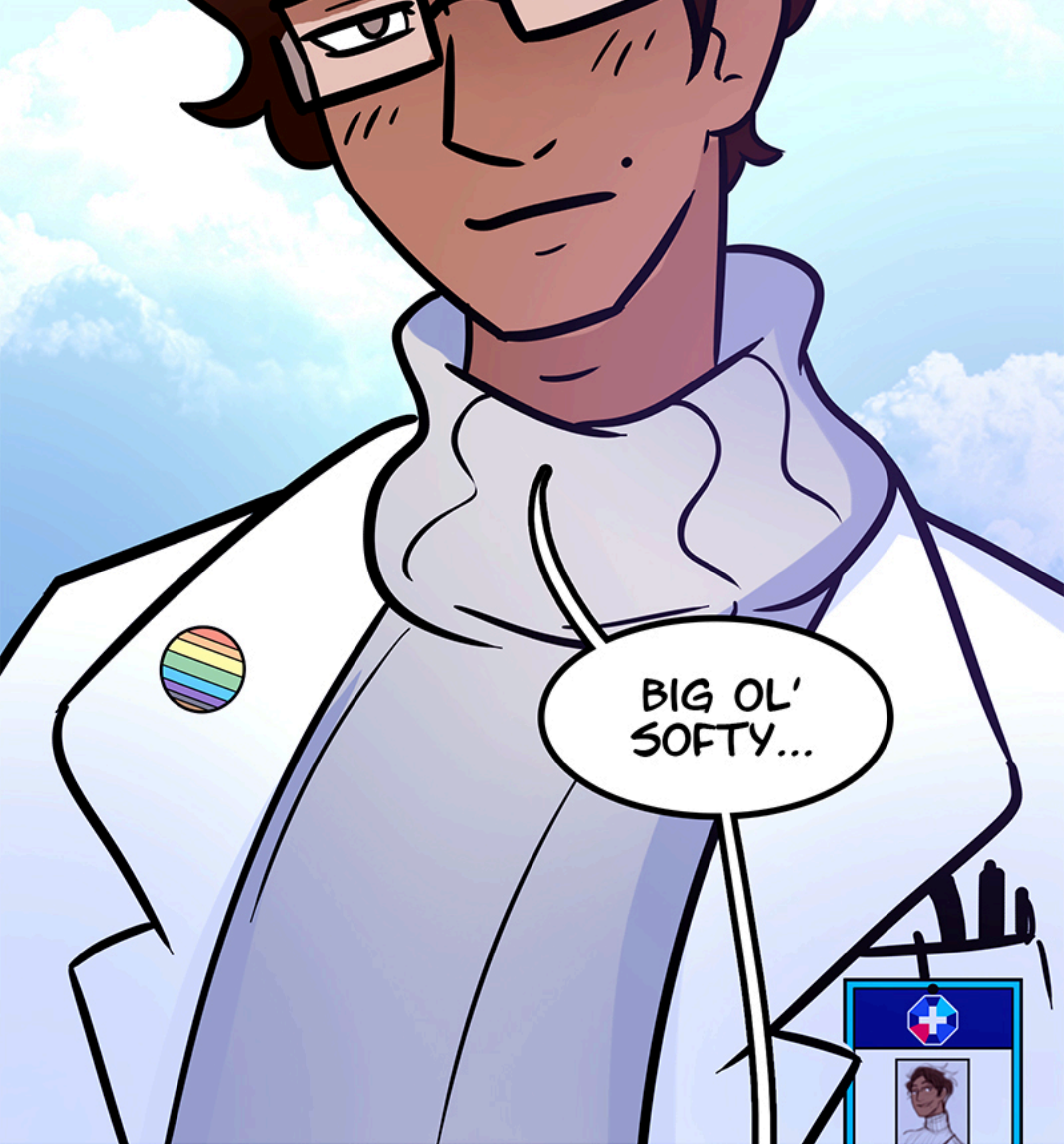
YEAH,
YEAH.





TSH...





I HOPE YOU
REALLY KNOW WHAT
YOU'RE DOING...



AND I
HOPE IT'S
WORTH IT.



HEY!

EVERYTHING
IS ALL SET!
THANKS FOR
WAITING.

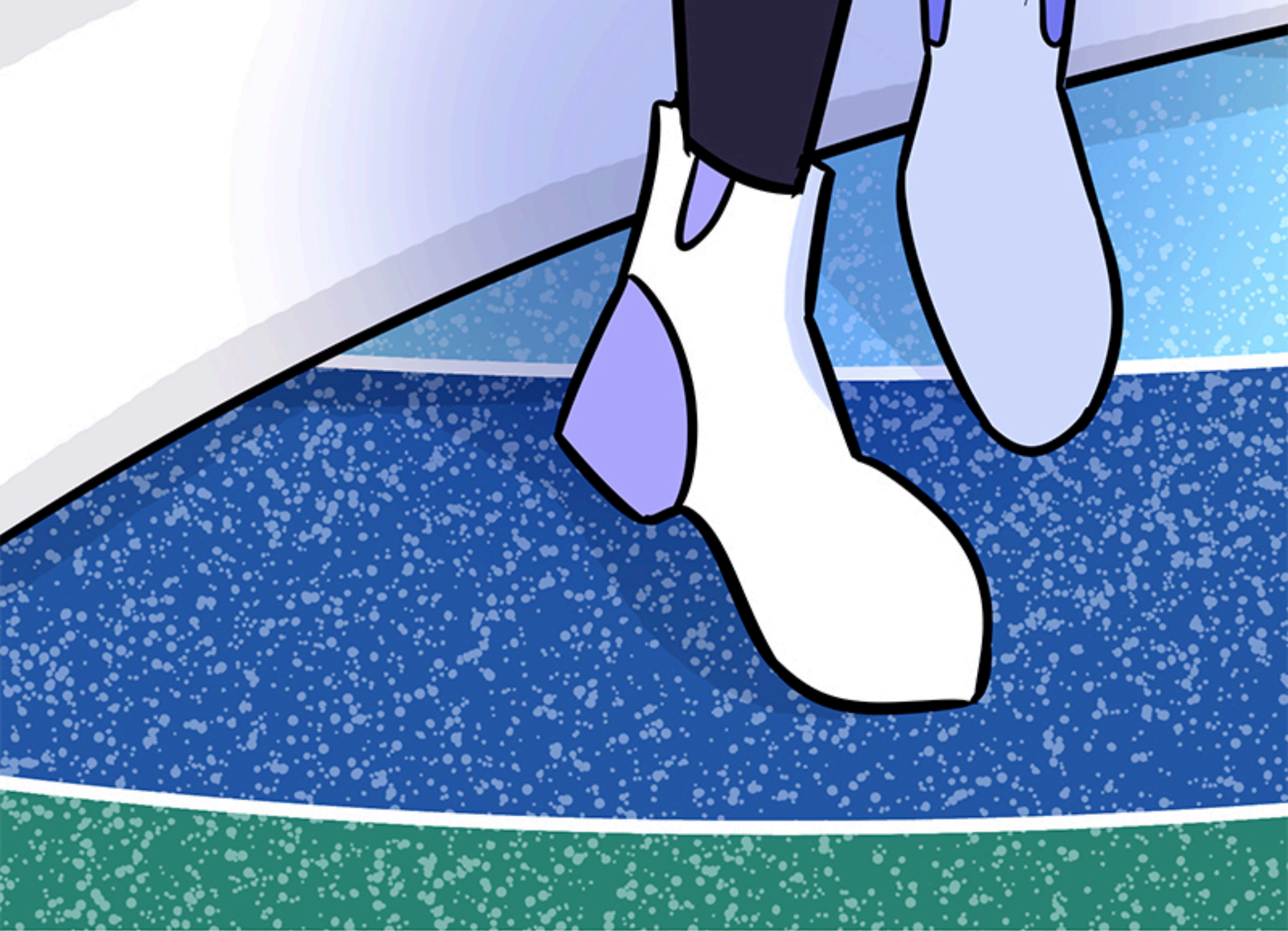


YOU
READY TO
GO?



BLEP







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