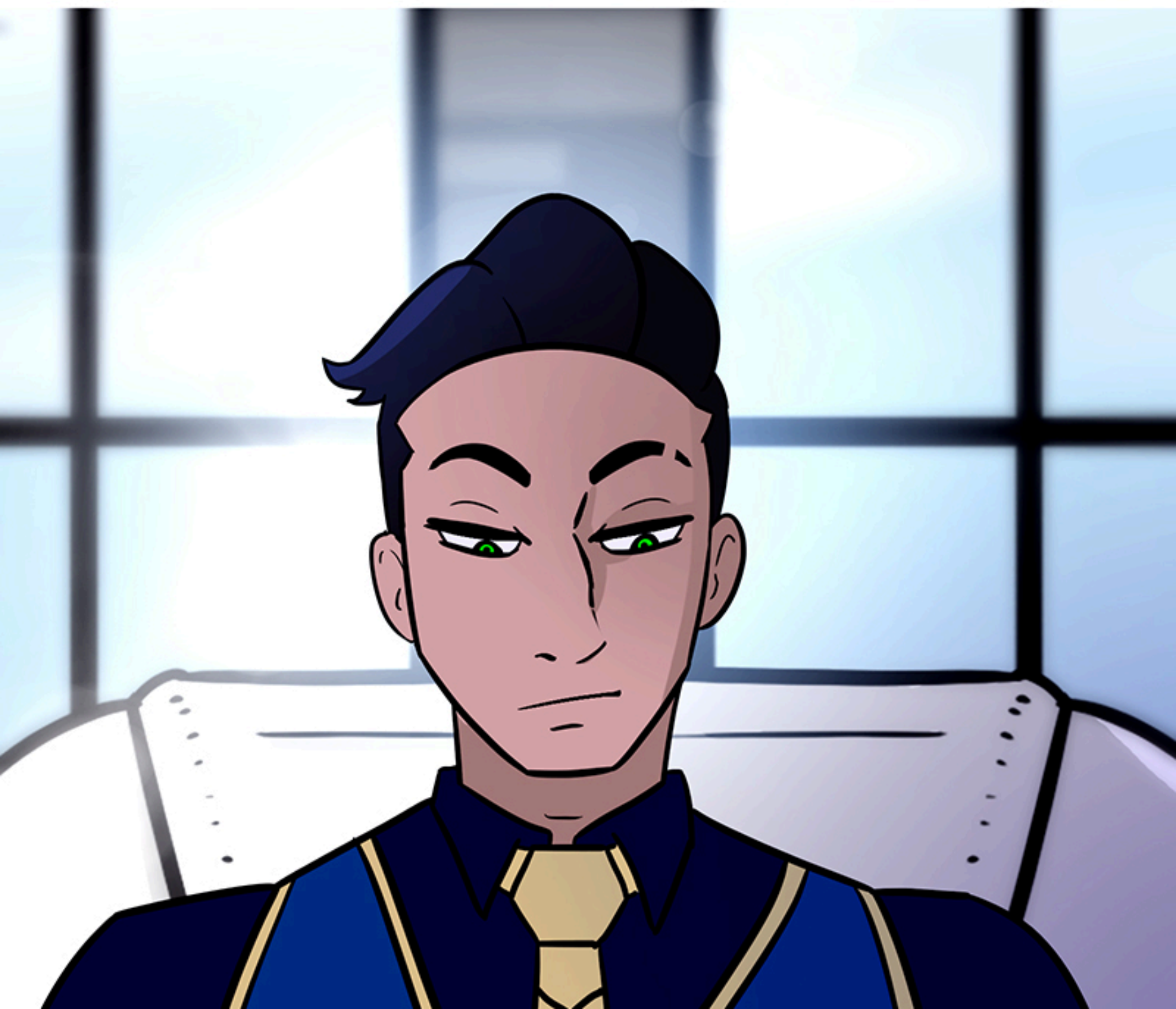
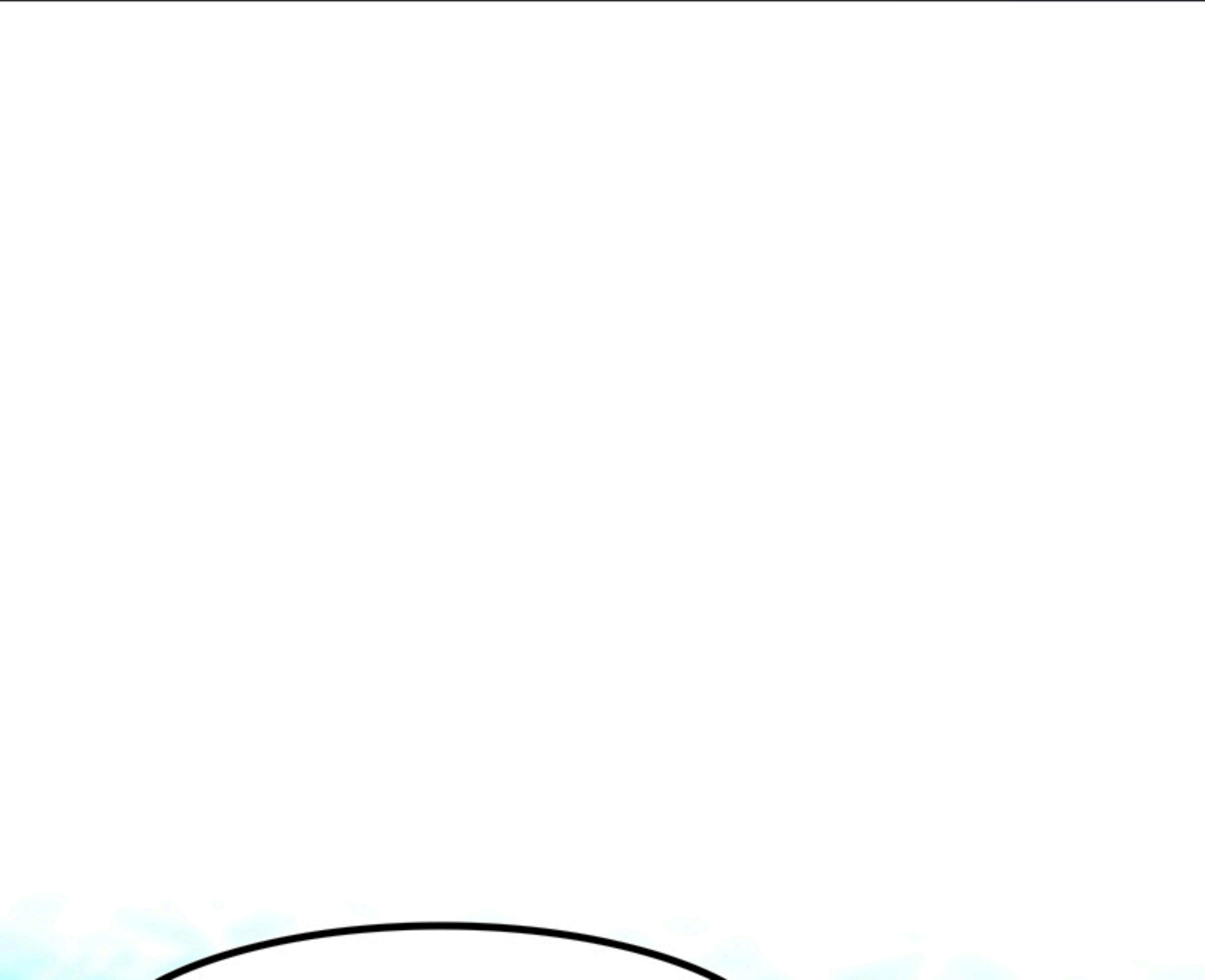








THE FACT
THAT YOUR PORTFOLIO
IS ON PAPER IS...

CHARMING.



A comic panel featuring a character with short, dark brown hair and glasses. The character is shown from the chest up, looking slightly to the right with a slight smile. A large speech bubble is positioned above their head. The background is a blurred blue and white pattern, possibly representing a window or a wall. The top of the panel shows a dark blue area, likely the top of the character's head or a part of the background.

AH- I THOUGHT
THAT WOULD MAKE IT
EASIER TO READ.



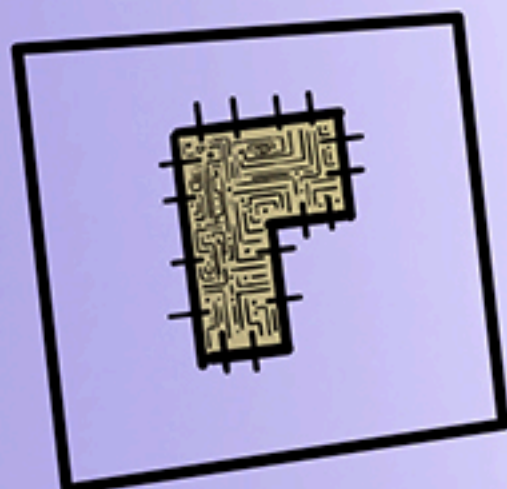
BUT ALSO
MAKE IT SO NO FULL 3D
BLUEPRINTS COULD BE
SCANNED...

THAT'S

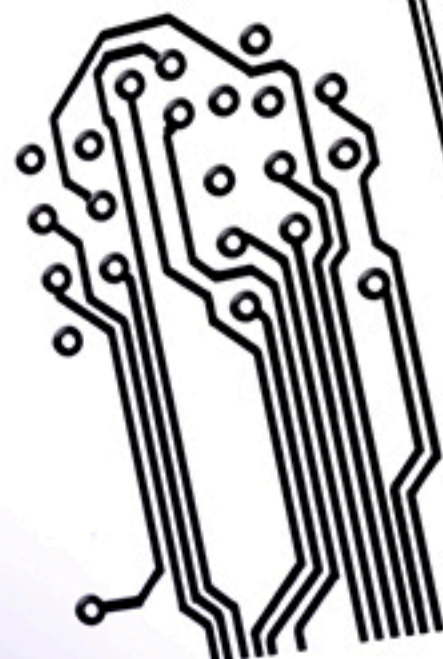
WHAT IS THAT?
WEIRDLY CAUTIOUS
OF YOU, ISN'T IT?

WHAT KIND
OF COMPANY DO
YOU THINK WE ARE
THAT WE WOULD JUST
STEAL THINGS?

NEURO CONNECTOR PROTOTYPE 3



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OH-
NO I DIDN'T
MEAN ANYTHING
LIKE THAT, I
JUST-

I'M KIDDING.

OH.





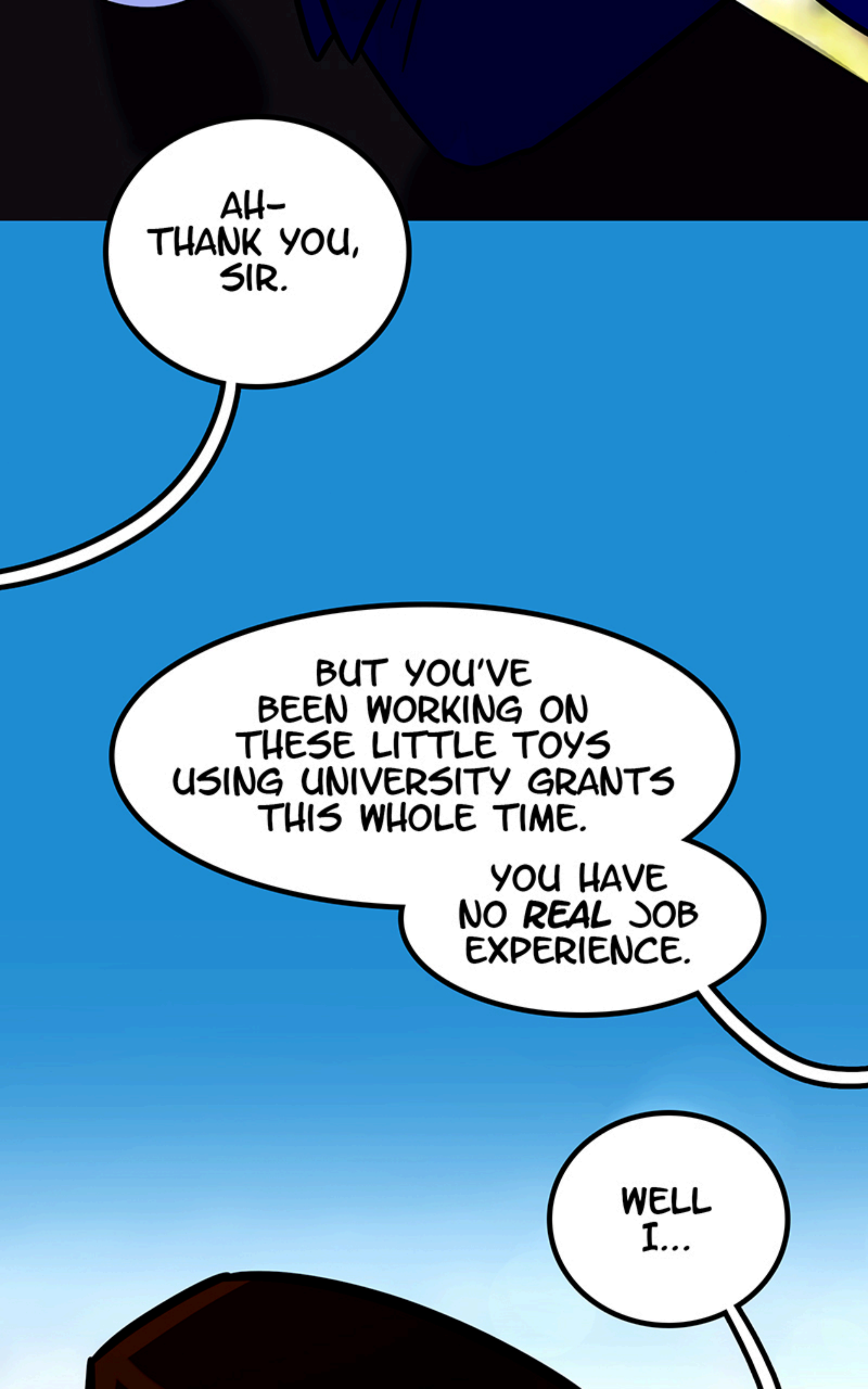
LISTEN...

HOWEVER...

YOU'RE CLEARLY
BRILLIANT AND
HIGHLY ACREDITED.
I'VE READ YOUR
ARTICLES.

IT'S WHY
I WANTED TO
INTERVIEW YOU
MYSELF.



A comic panel with a blue background. At the top, a dark blue shape with a yellow highlight is partially visible. Three speech bubbles are present: a circular one at the top left, a large oval one in the center, and a circular one at the bottom right. The text inside the bubbles is in a hand-drawn, black, sans-serif font.

AH-
THANK YOU,
SIR.

BUT YOU'VE
BEEN WORKING ON
THESE LITTLE TOYS
USING UNIVERSITY GRANTS
THIS WHOLE TIME.

YOU HAVE
NO *REAL* JOB
EXPERIENCE.

WELL
I...



AND YOUR
DEGREE IS ONLY
TANGENTLY RELATED

TO ROBOTICS.

SO WHY
SHOULD I
GIVE YOU A JOB
IN R&D?





I...
BELIEVE THAT
NEUROSCIENCE
AND PSYCHOLOGY
ARE EXTREMELY
RELEVANT...

YOU ARE
CREATING ROBOTS
BUT ISN'T THEIR
PURPOSE TO BE AS
MUCH LIKE HUMANS

AS POSSIBLE?



UNDERSTANDING
HUMAN BEHAVIOR
AND HOW THEIR MINDS
FUNCTION AND CONNECT
IS A LARGE PART
OF THAT...

I DON'T
THINK YOU
UNDERSTAND HUMAN
BEHAVIOR.





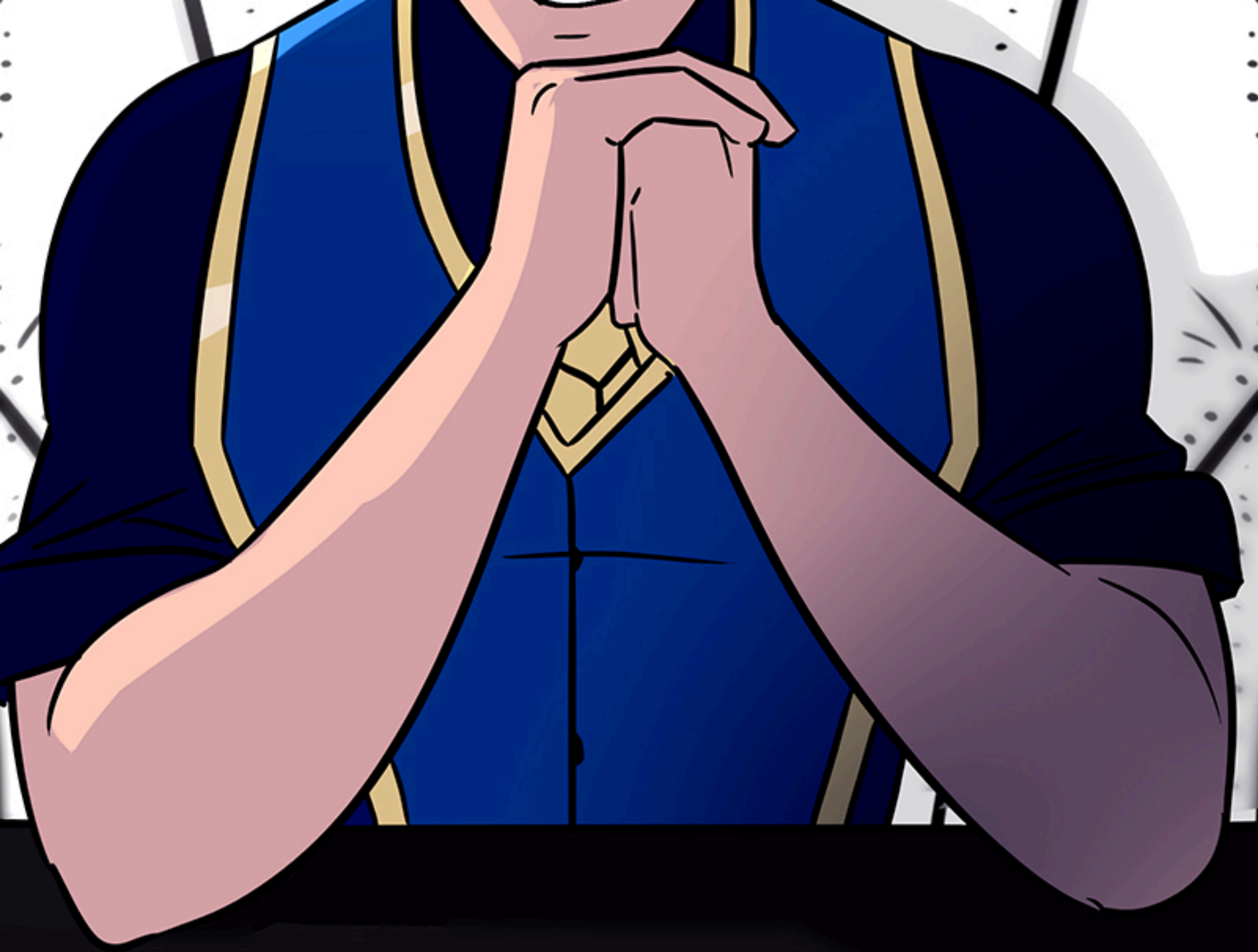
EXCUSE
ME?



WHAT I
MEAN IS... I
THINK YOU HAVE A
VERY OPTIMISTIC VIEW
ON HUMAN NATURE...

BUT HAVE
NOT FULLY
DELVED INTO THE
OTHER ASPECTS.





I BELIEVE
THAT HUMANS ARE

THAT HUMANS ARE
INHERENTLY GOOD.
IF THAT IS WHAT
YOU'RE ASKING.





THEN WHY
DO SO MANY PEOPLE
BUY LOVEBOT 1818'S
JUST TO BRUTALLY
MUTILATE THEM?

I...
I DON'T...

LOOK,
ADLYNN.

I LIKE
YOU AND I'M
WILLING TO
HIRE YOU.

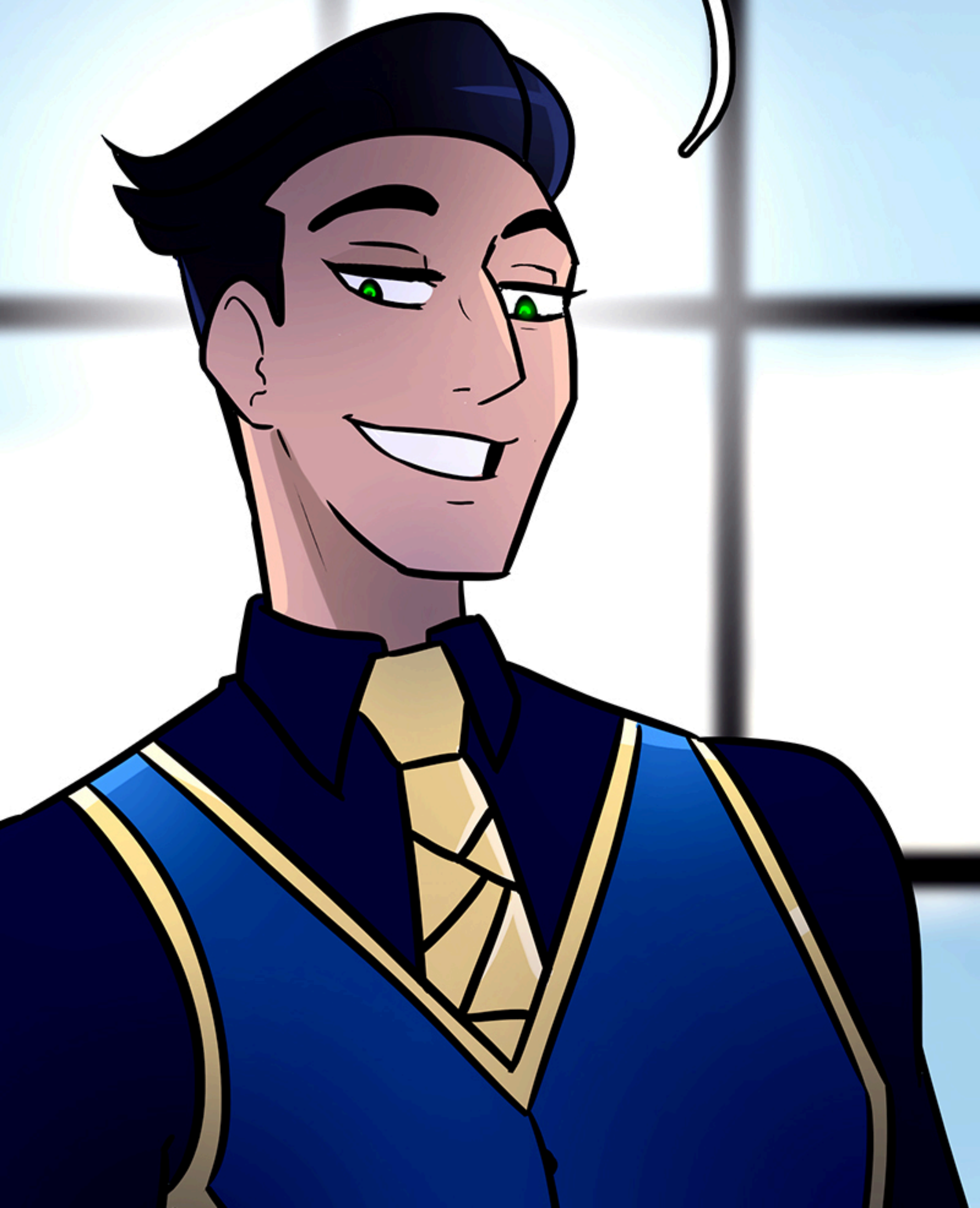




I WOULD
LIKE TO HIRE YOU
AS MY PERSONAL

ASSISTANT.

GENEROUS
SALARY, BENEFITS
THE WHOLE NINE
YARDS.



WORK WITH
ME FOR SEVEN
YEARS...

LEARN
ABOUT WHAT
HUMANS ARE
REALLY LIKE...





AND I WILL
GET YOU ANY JOB
IN THE UNIVERSE.
EVEN IF IT ISN'T
WORKING AT A.E.

OR...
YOU'LL HAVE

ENOUGH MONEY
TO RETIRE BEFORE
YOU HIT 40.

YOU'LL
WANT FOR
NOTHING.



IS...
IS THIS SOME
SORT OF TEST,
MR. DALLAS...

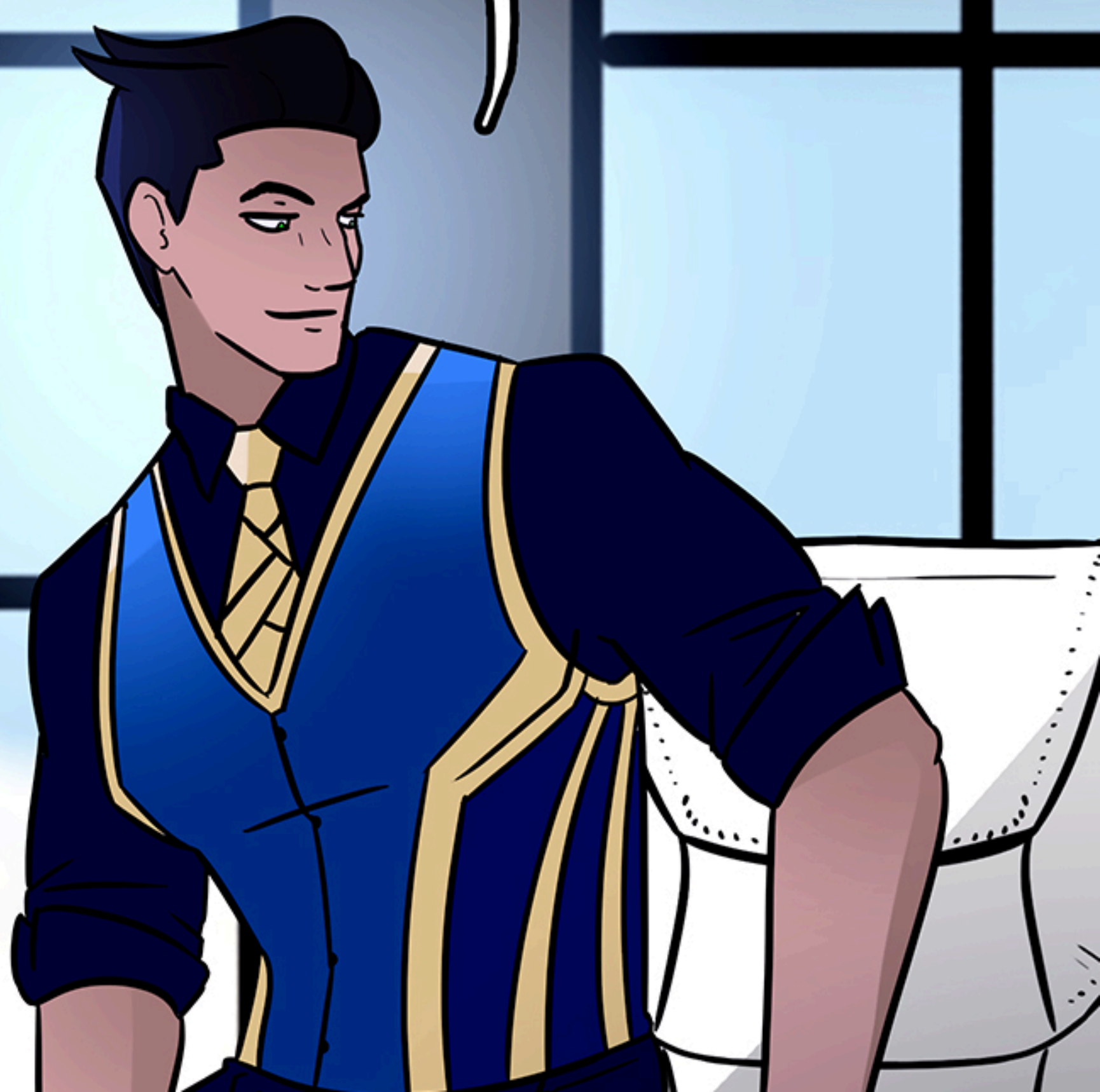




NOT AT
ALL. IT'S A
GENUINE
OFFER!



IN FACT!
I'LL PROVE
HOW SERIOUS
I AM.

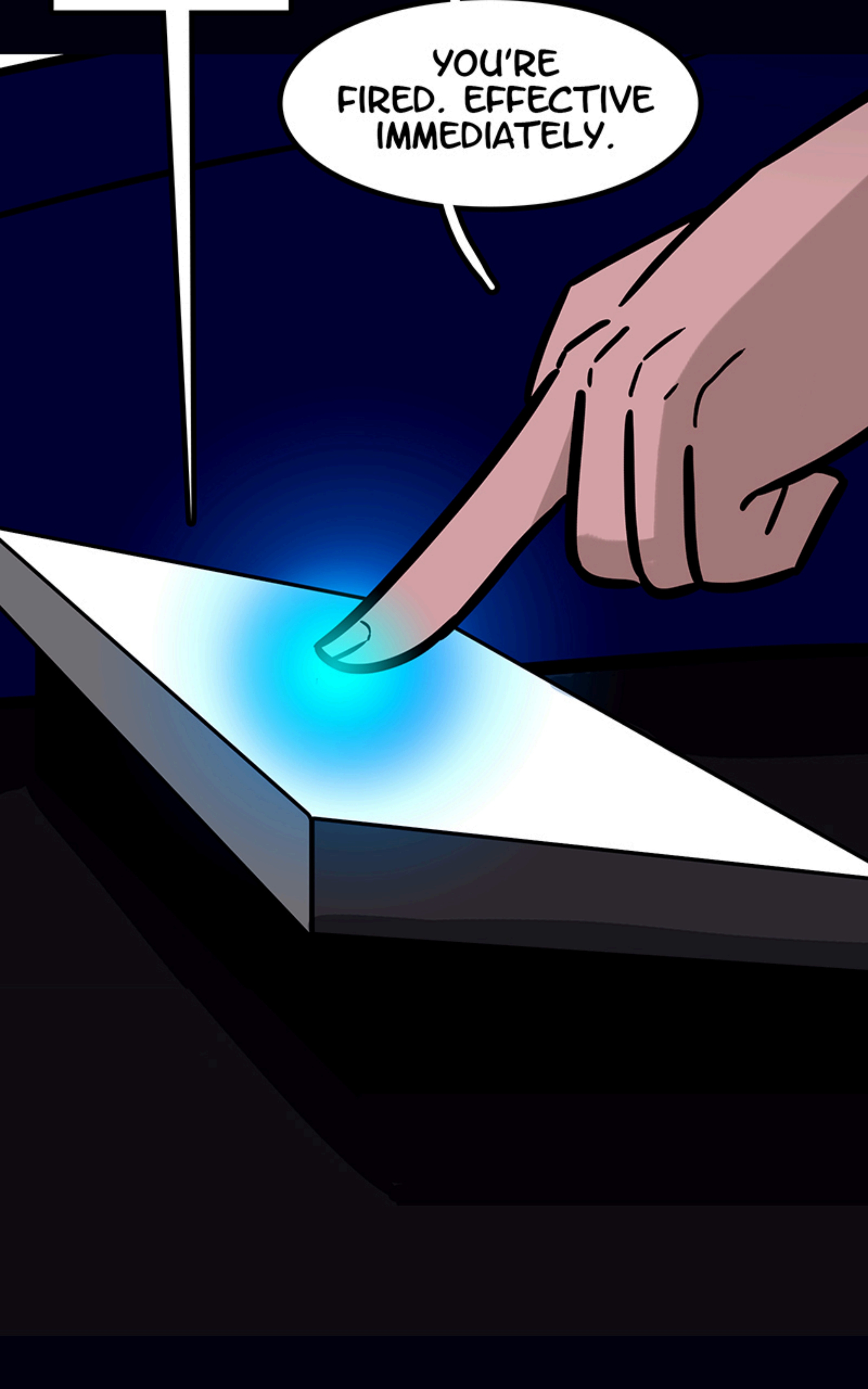




BRIDGET?

YES, MR.
DALLAS?

YOU'RE
FIRED. EFFECTIVE
IMMEDIATELY.



YOU'LL
RECIEVE 3 MONTHS
SEVERANCE PAY.

WHAT-
BUT I-

THANK
YOU FOR YOUR
TIME.







YOU...
YOU CAN'T
JUST...

NOW I
NO LONGER
HAVE AN
ASSISTANT.

YOU'RE
NOT GOING
TO MAKE ME
LOOK FOR ONE
ARE YOU?





SALARY STARTS
AT 80K, AND WE CAN

NEGOTIATE MORE AS
THE YEARS GO ON.

EIGHTY...







YOU KNOW,
I'M REALLY GLAD
THAT WE COULD
WORK THIS OUT.



IF YOU'D
LEFT... YOU MIGHT
AS WELL HAVE THROWN
YOUR DEGREES IN
THE TRASH.





BECAUSE I
WOULD HAVE MADE
SURE THAT NO ONE
WOULD EVER CONSIDER
HIRING YOU.





CHARLES DALLAS
GETS WHAT HE
WANTS.

NO...

SOMETHING ABOUT
CHARLES DALLAS MAKES
YOU WANT TO GIVE HIM
EVERYTHING.





IT IS THE
SORT OF ULTIMATE
POWER AND CONTROL
THAT MICHAEL SO
DEEPLY CRAVED.



I FOUND MYSELF
FALLING FOR IT ON
MORE THAN ONE
OCCASION.

THE GLAMOR OF
BEING PAMPERED
AND HELD UP BY
SOMEONE LIKE
HIM.





TIMES OVER THE
YEARS WHERE I BELIEVED
HE REALLY CARED.



BUT EVERY
TIME...

I WOULD
ALWAYS BE REMINDED
OF HIS TOTAL DISREGARD
FOR HUMAN LIFE.



AND NOW...
EVERYTIME I BREATHE
I FEEL THOSE HANDS
GETTING TIGHTER
AROUND MY NECK.



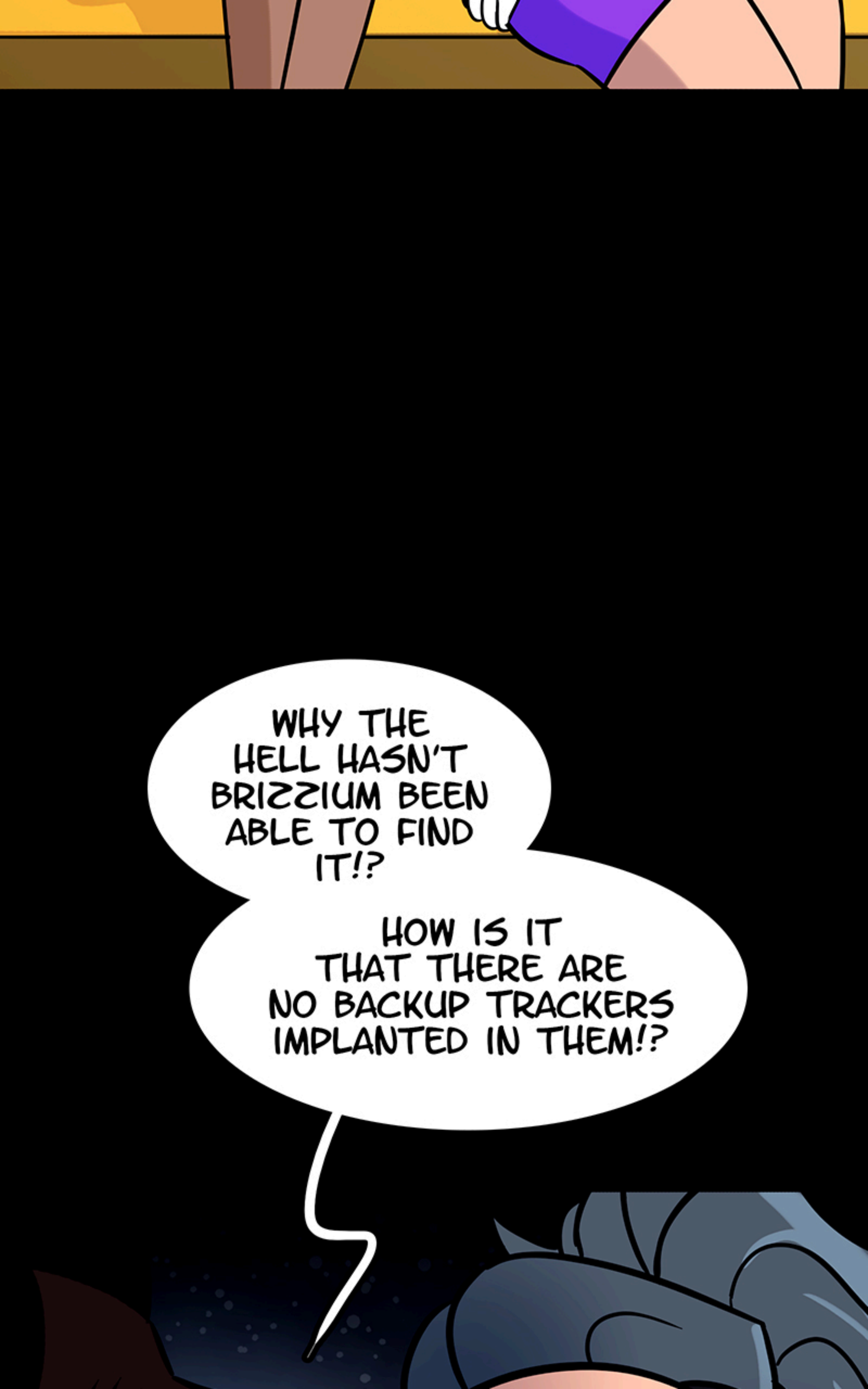


AND I'M NOT
GOING TO LET
MYSELF GET

KILLED-

BECAUSE
MICHAEL FUCKING
MASTERS' SEX
TOY IS ON THE
LOOSE!!





WHY THE
HELL HASN'T
BRIZZIUUM BEEN
ABLE TO FIND
IT!?

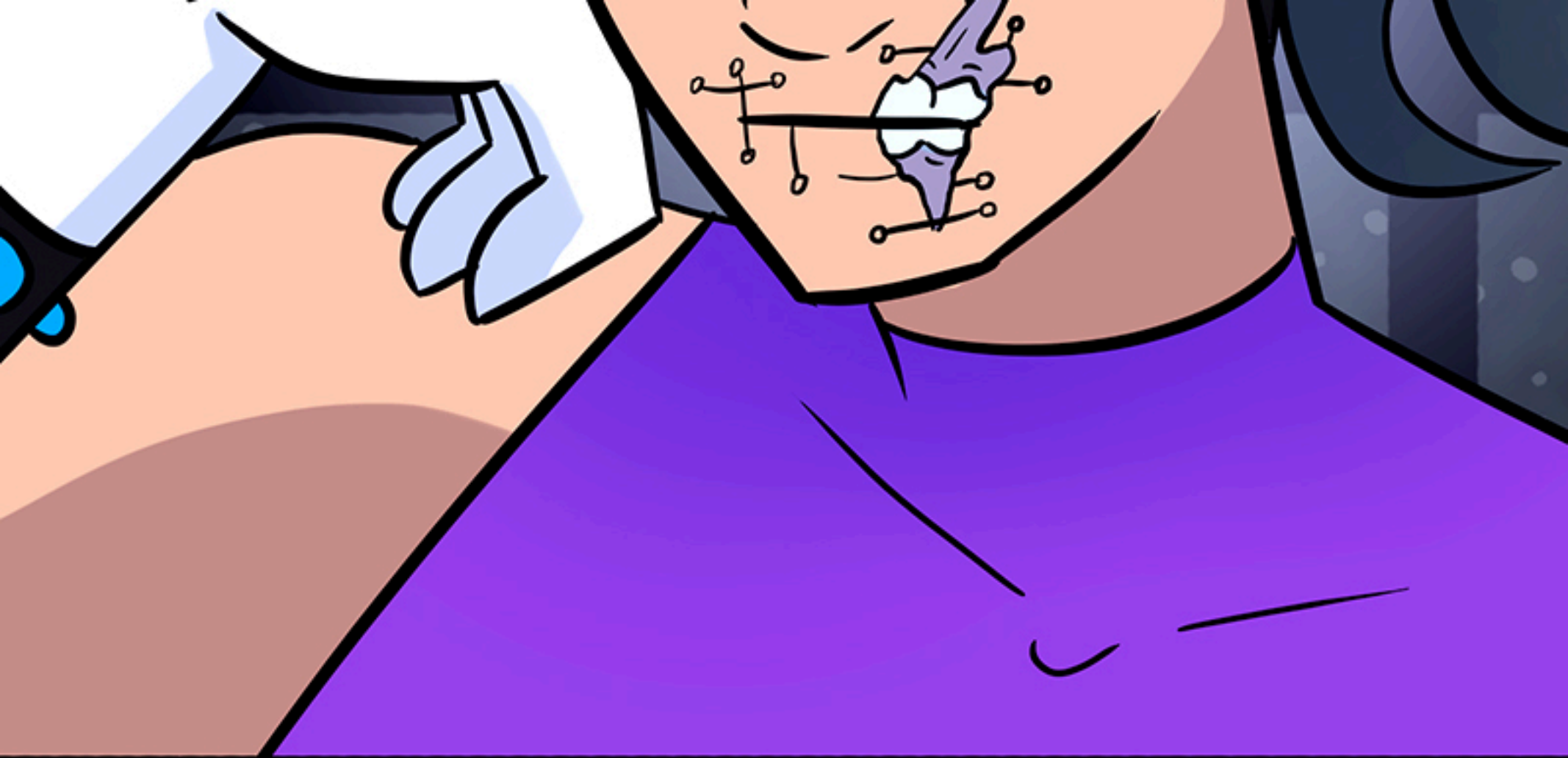
HOW IS IT
THAT THERE ARE
NO BACKUP TRACKERS
IMPLANTED IN THEM!?



STUPID
FUCKING COMPANY-
IF I WAS HIRED AS
MORE THAN A PERSONAL
ACCOMPLICE THEN
THIS NEVER WOULD
HAVE HAPPENED!

DON'T WORRY,
ADLYNN...





FOR BETTER
OR WORSE...

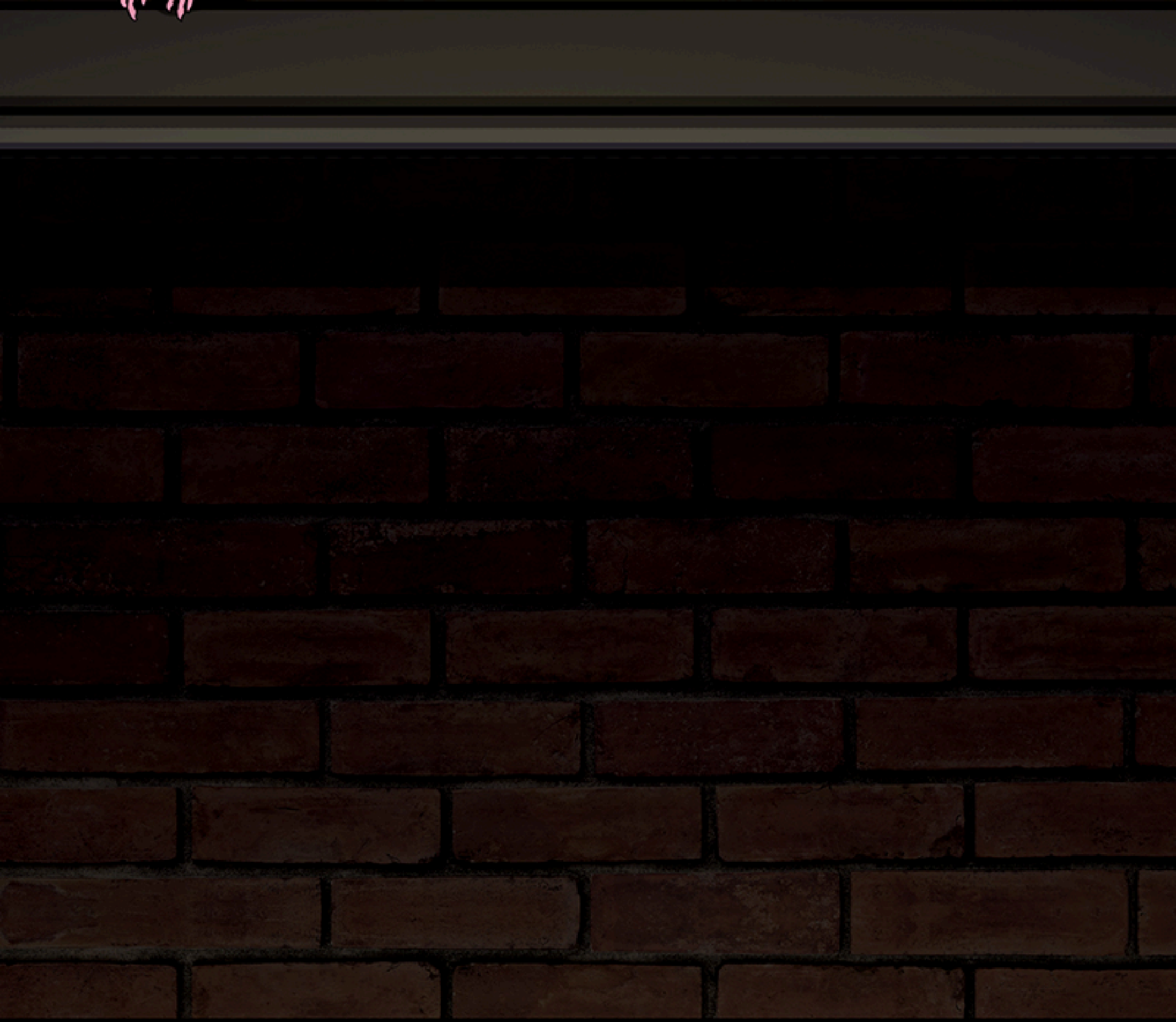
IT SEEMS THAT
MY OBSERVATION OF
THE ROGUE BOT...

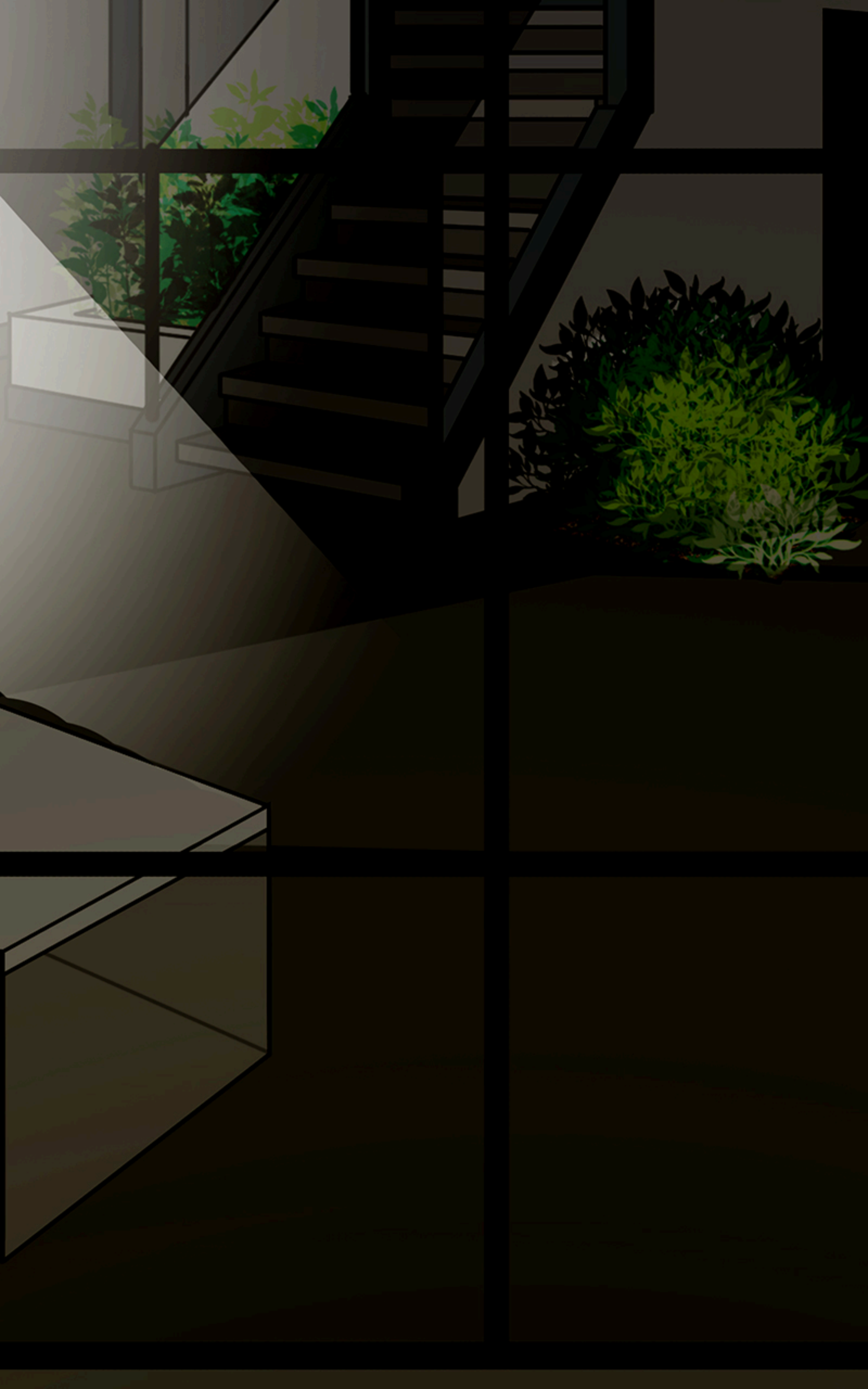


IS NEARLY
OVER...









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