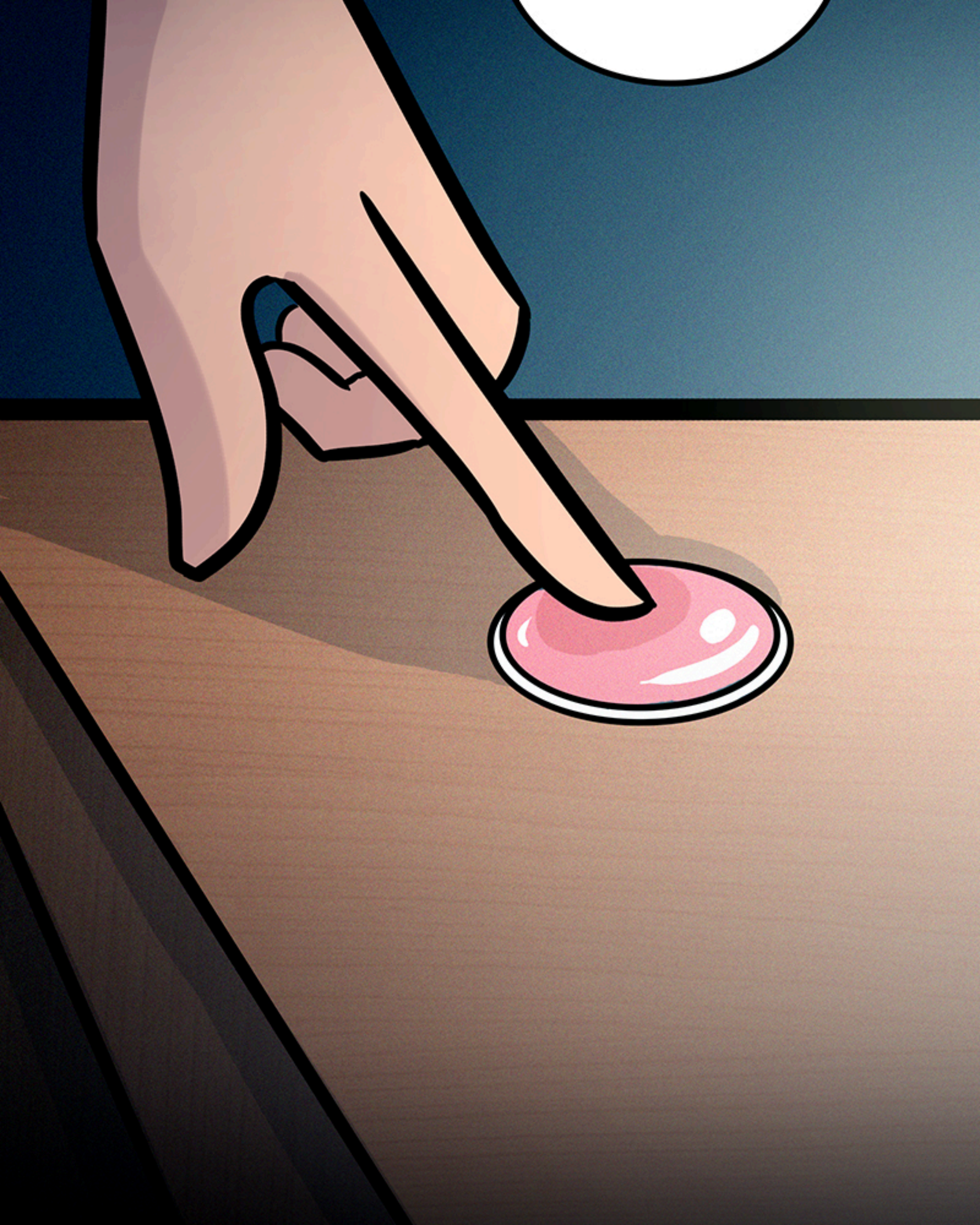


A hand with a pinkish skin tone is visible on the left side of the frame, holding a glowing, translucent blue orb. A white speech bubble with a black outline extends from the hand, containing the text "HERE YOU GO." The background is a dark, gradient blue.

HERE
YOU GO.

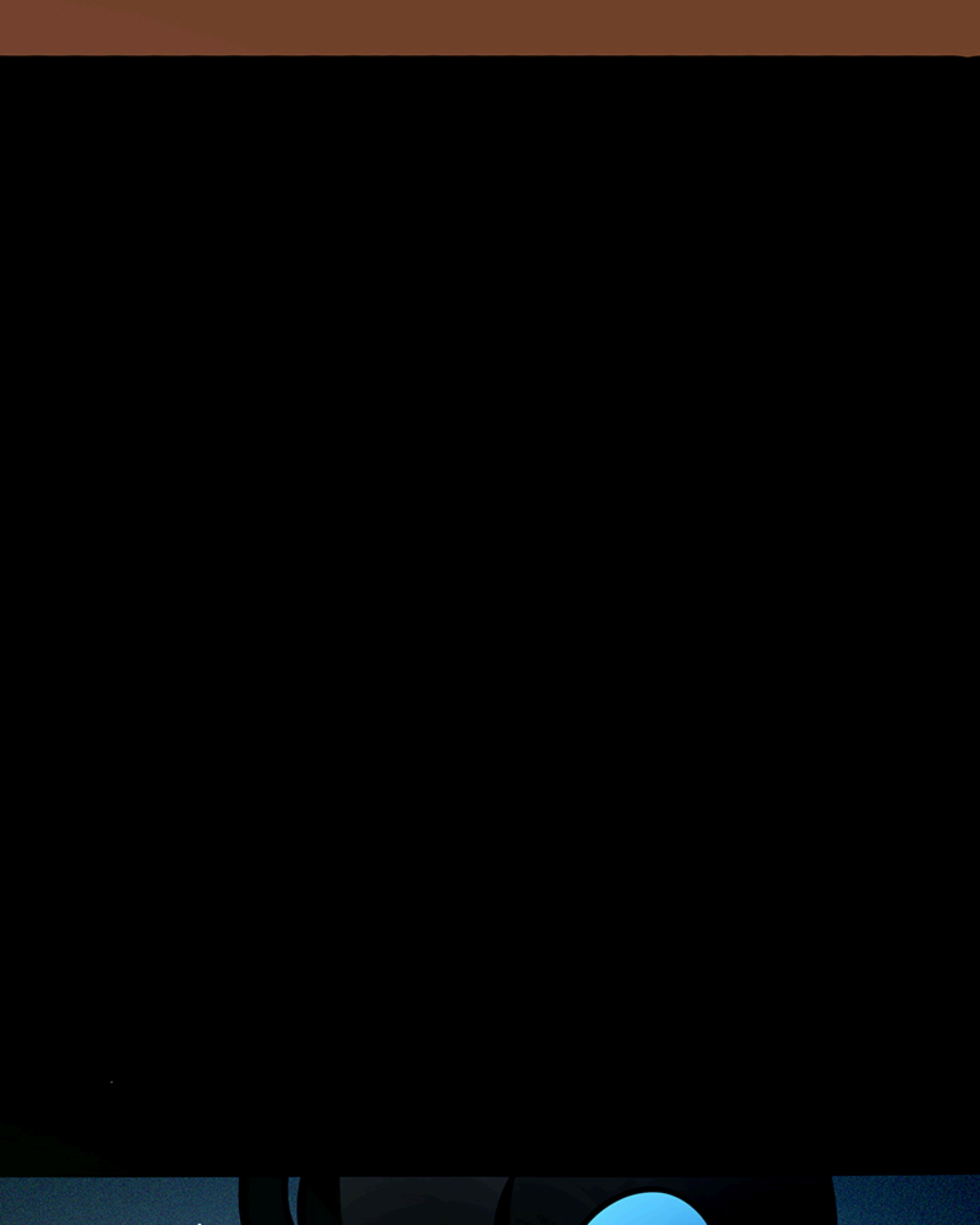




A comic book panel featuring a character with black hair and a blue eye. The character is looking down and to the right, with a speech bubble above them that says "THANK YOU...". The background is dark and moody, with a large, textured sphere on the left and a blue, curved shape on the right.

THANK
YOU...





SQUINT



RADIATION PROTECTION
RADATION PROTECTION ELECTRONICS MAY COMPLY BY 2015 TO PROTECT CREW AGAINST COSMIC RADIATION

POWER AND PROPULSION
ORION'S POWER AND PROPULSION SYSTEMS WILL BE DESIGNED TO WITHSTAND TEMPERATURES NEARING 5,000°F DURING RE-ENTRY. THAT'S 2,000°F DEGREES HOTTER THAN RETURNING FROM THE INTERNATIONAL SPACE STATION.

HEAT SHIELD
ORION'S HEAT SHIELD WILL WITHSTAND TEMPERATURES NEARING 5,000°F DURING RE-ENTRY. THAT'S 2,000°F DEGREES HOTTER THAN RETURNING FROM THE INTERNATIONAL SPACE STATION.

CREW HEALTH
LIFE SUPPORT SYSTEM, EXERCISE EQUIPMENT GALLEY AND A BATHROOM FOR LONG DURATION MISSIONS. SPACE SUITS ACT AS BACKUP, PROTECTING CREW FOR 6 DAYS IN CASE OF EMERGENCY.

BUILT TO LAST
CAN SUSTAIN A CREW FOR 3 WEEKS. CAN STAY DOCKED TO THE GATEWAY FOR MORE THAN 6 MONTHS.

REENTRY SPEED: 23,000 MPH

OUTBOUND FLIGHT

DISTANCE TO MOON
231,000 MI

RETURN FLIGHT

MOON

GATEWAY

VAN ALLEN
RADIATION BELT

WAIT-





A comic book panel featuring two characters. On the left, a woman with dark skin and black hair tied in a ponytail with a large light blue bow looks upwards and to the right. She has freckles and a small mark on her neck. She is wearing a dark blue shirt and holding a small object. On the right, a man with light skin and brown hair stands looking back at her. He is wearing a light blue long-sleeved shirt. A speech bubble from the woman contains the text 'WHERE'S LACEY??'. The background is dark and indistinct.

WHERE'S
LACEY??



AH...

HE HELPED ME
CLEAN UP
THEN...



...SAID HE
WANTED TO MAKE
A SNACK FOR YOU
OR SOMETHING.



OH...
OKAY,

THAT SOUNDS
LIKE HIM...



DESIGNED FOR DEEP SPACE

RADIATION PROTECTION
RADIATION HAZARDOUS ELECTRONICS AND COMPUTERS NEUTRAL TO PROTECT CREW AGAINST COSMIC RADIATION

HEAT SHIELD

POWER & PROPULSION
CREW'S EARTH ORBITAL MOBILE PROTECTS THE SPACECRAFT FROM EXTREME HOT & COLD TEMPERATURES. GENERATES POWER, SUPPLIES AIR & WATER TO CREW PROTECTS CREW HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF MILES BEYOND EARTH

"SOUNDS LIKE HIM",
PLEASE.

EARTH

UNW ALLEN
RADIATION BELT

MAIN FLOOR

FOR
DEEP
MORE

EWAY





IT'S NOT A PERSONAL
THING- IT'S CODED INTO
HIM!





LOVEBOTS ARE
DESIGNED TO TAKE CARE
OF HUMAN NEEDS - WHICH
USUALLY INCLUDE FOOD!!

BUT WHAT THE
HELL WAS ALL THAT
WHOLE BREAKDOWN
ABOUT...





THE WHOLE TAGLINE
FOR LOVEBOTS IS THAT
THEY ARE "BETTER THAN
REAL."





SO WHY WOULD
MICHAEL WANT A BOT
MODIFIED TO CRY, WHINE
OR ATTACK HIM.

I JUST DON'T
GET WHY XADA WOULD
PUT HIMSELF IN THIS
KIND OF DANGER-





HOW LONG
UNTIL THAT THING
ATTACKS HIM??

OR HE'S FOUND
OUT AND ARRESTED?

I DOUBT MICHAEL
WOULD BE SATISFIED
WITH HIM GETTING A FINE-
HE'D DEMAND JAIL TIME
FOR SURE.



A comic panel featuring a man from the chest up, wearing a blue turtleneck. He has a frustrated expression with his mouth wide open in a shout. A large white rectangular speech bubble is positioned in front of his chest. The background is dark blue.

FUCK-! HOW COULD
YOU BE SO STUPID,
XADA! WHAT THE HELL
WERE YOU THINKING!?

A comic panel showing the top of a character's head with brown hair. A white oval speech bubble with a tail pointing towards the character is located in the upper left area of the panel. The background is dark blue.

VELIX?



ARE YOU

ARE YOU
ALRIGHT?



A comic panel featuring a character in a blue suit, partially visible on the left side. The character has a speech bubble coming from their mouth. The background is dark and indistinct.

YOU'RE
JUST... HOVERING
AND LOOKING
UPSET...

OF COURSE
I'M UPSET!!

AH... I'M
JUST STILL PRETTY
SHAKEN UP ABOUT
ALL THIS...



A comic book panel featuring a character from the chest up. The character is wearing a blue turtleneck sweater. Only the lower part of their face, including their mouth and chin, is visible at the top of the frame. A white speech bubble with a black outline is positioned in front of the character's chest. The background is a dark blue gradient.

AND I'M JUST
TRYING TO FIGURE
OUT ALL THE HOLES
IN THE STORY WITH
WHAT I KNOW...



RIGHT...

A person with dark skin is shown from the chest up, wearing a dark blue long-sleeved shirt. A white speech bubble with a black outline is positioned in front of their chest. The background is a gradient of blue and green, with a dark horizontal band at the bottom.

I GUESS
I SHOULD EXPLAIN
THAT NOW, HUH...



IF YOU'RE
NOT READY YET
IT'S FINE...

IT'S
JUST...

YOU
KNOW...

A comic book panel featuring two characters. In the foreground, a young woman with dark skin and black hair tied in a high ponytail with blue highlights looks slightly to the right with a neutral expression. In the background, a young man with light skin and brown hair stands with his arms crossed, looking down with a somber or thoughtful expression. A speech bubble from the man contains the text "YEAH...".

YEAH...



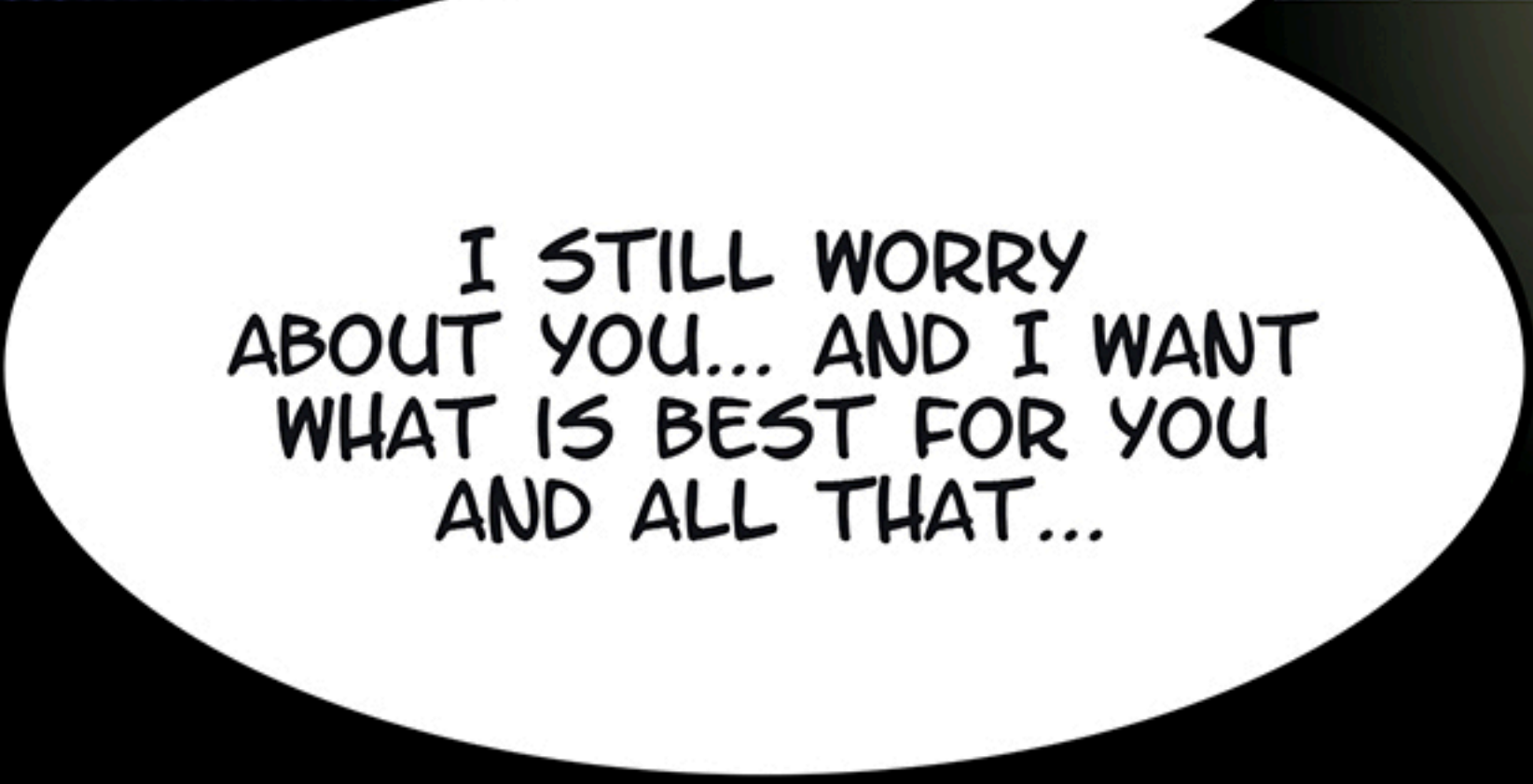
YOU'RE MY
BEST FRIEND IN THE
WHOLE UNIVERSE...

AND I...
HOPE I'M STILL
YOURS?



A close-up of a person's chest and shoulders wearing a blue t-shirt. A white speech bubble tail extends from the top of the frame down to a circular speech bubble.

EVEN IF...
EVEN IF I'M
NOT...

A large, white, oval-shaped speech bubble is centered on a solid black background.

I STILL WORRY
ABOUT YOU... AND I WANT
WHAT IS BEST FOR YOU
AND ALL THAT...



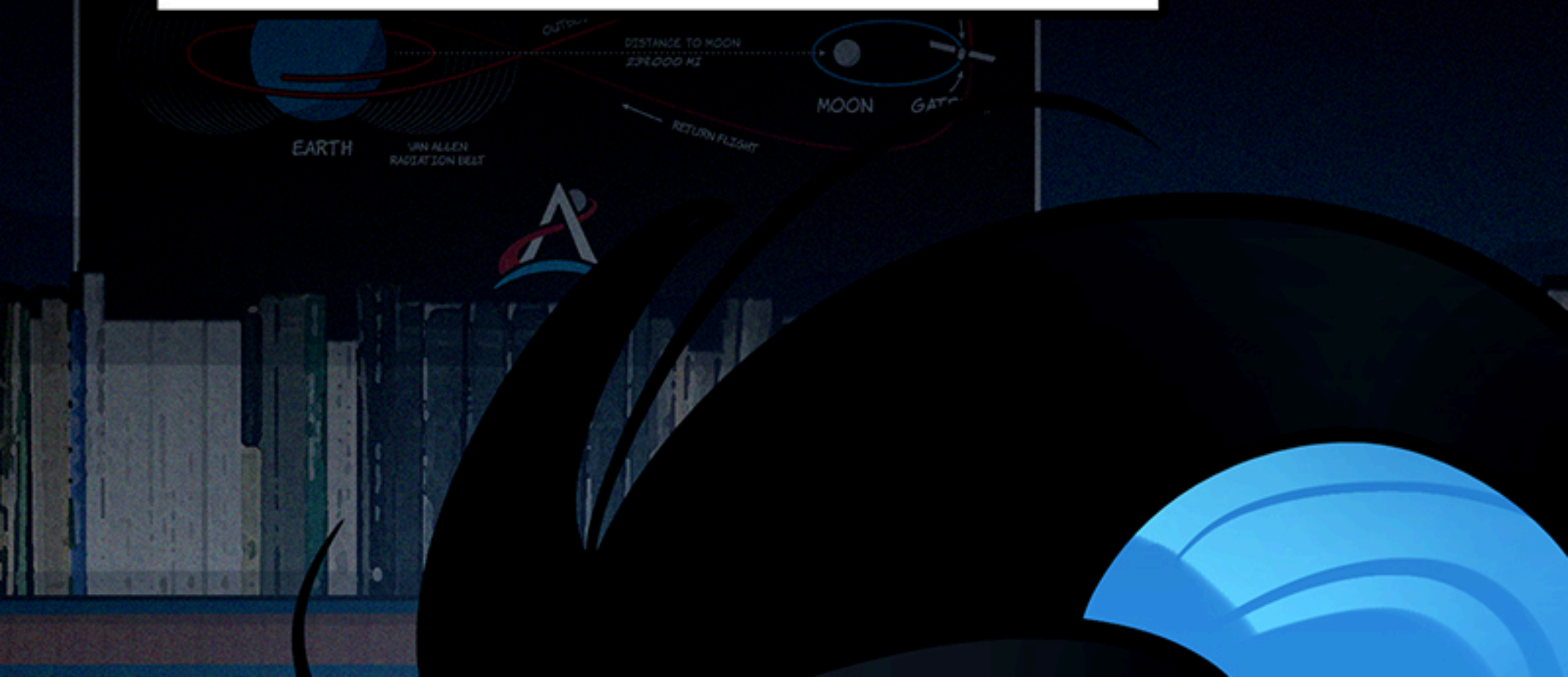
AND I KNOW
LACEY WANTS
THAT TOO... HE
TOLD ME...

The background features a technical diagram of a space mission. It includes a globe labeled 'EARTH' with an orbital path. Text labels include 'REENTRY SPEED: 23,000 MPH', 'CREW HEALTH', 'VAN ALLEN RADIATION BELT', 'OUTBOUND FLIGHT', 'RETURN FLIGHT', and 'DISTANCE: 239,000'. A stylized logo is also visible.



RIGHT...

IS HE STILL
MY BEST FRIEND?
WE'VE KNOWN EACH OTHER
FOR NEARLY 10 YEARS
NOW BUT...

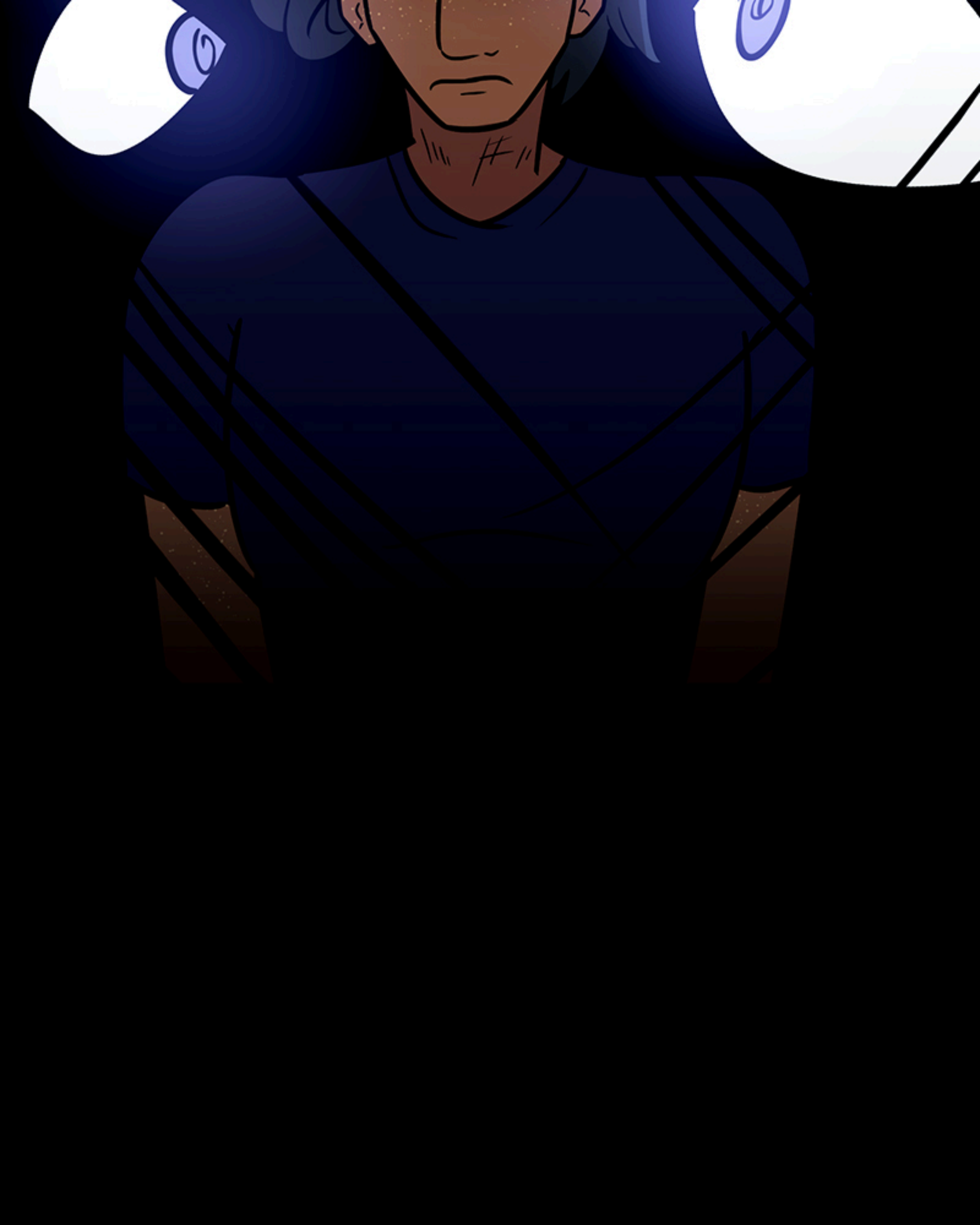




YEAH IT'S
JUST... YOU
KNOW...

WHEN DID
TELLING HIM
PERSONAL STUFF...
BECOME SO HARD?

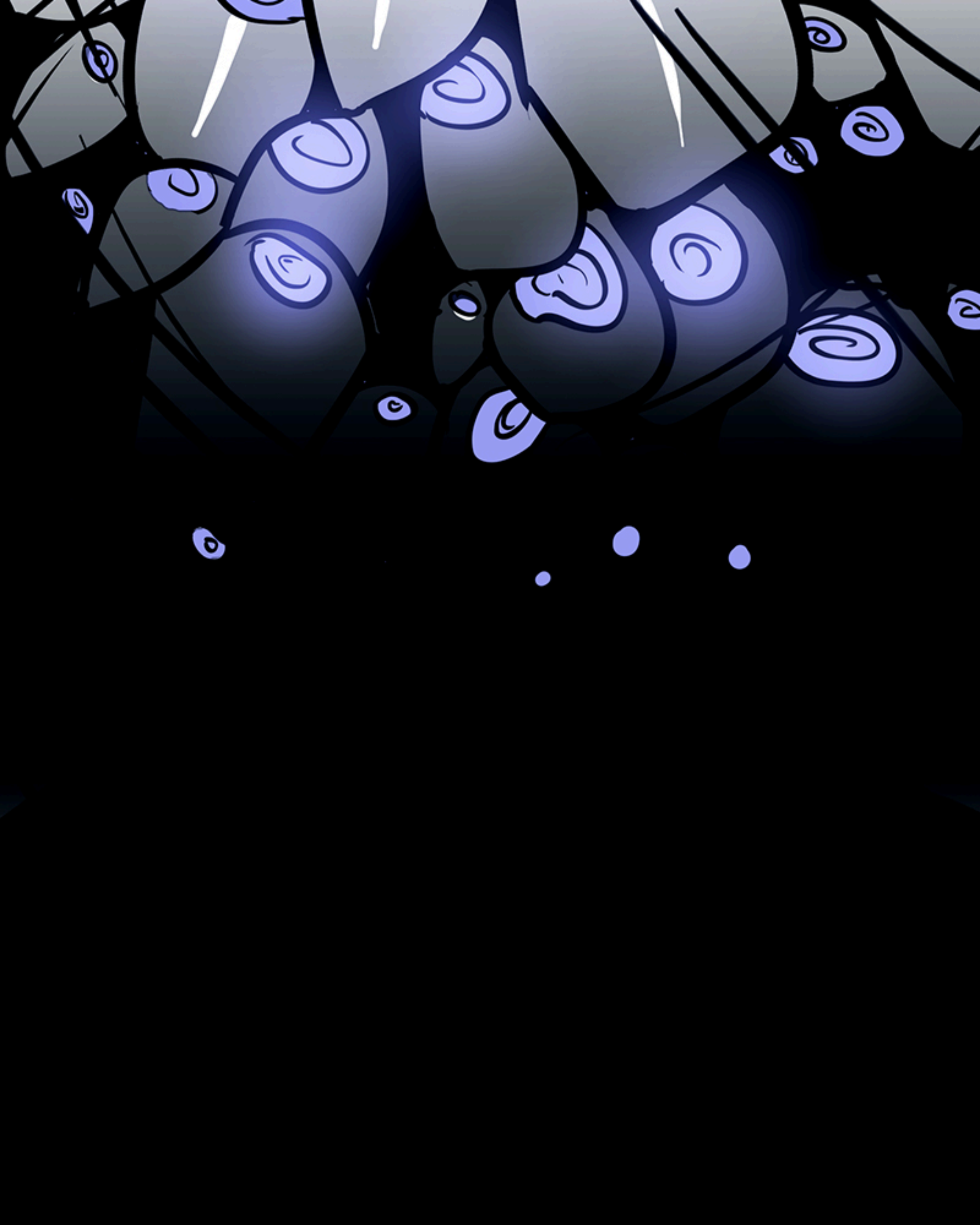






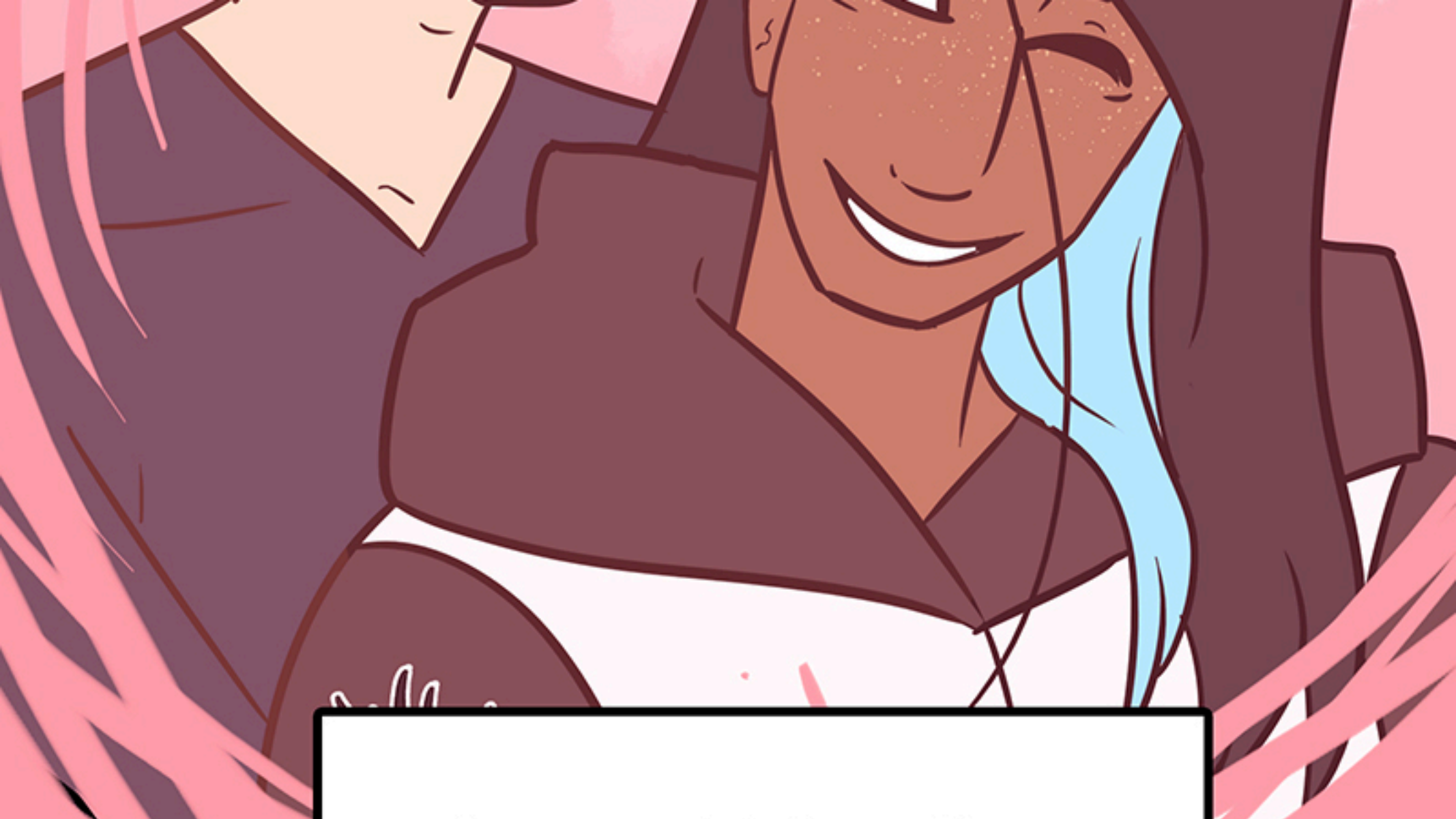
MY STOMACH
STARTS TURNING
AND I FEEL HOT AND
COLD AT THE SAME TIME...
WAITING FOR HIM TO
JUDGE ME...





HE'S ALWAYS BEEN
SUPPORTIVE OF MY
DREAMS AND GOALS...





I WOULDN'T BE HERE
NOW IF IT WASN'T
FOR HIM... BUT...

THE LITTLE

GRINDING THINGS...
BUILT UP OVER
TIME...

"MAN, THIS
SONG SUCKS."

WEIRD

"WHAT ARE YOU
EATING?? SMELLS
WEIRD."

"HUH? YOU
SERIOUSLY LIKE
THIS SHOW?"

STUPID

FAKE

"DO YOU
ACTUALLY LIKE
FRANKENSTEIN OR IS
IT JUST SENTIMENTAL
BECAUSE YOUR MOM
GAVE IT TO YOU?"

SHAME

FAKE

WASTING

FAKE

"PRETEND
YOU STILL WORK AT
A.E. LIKE ME, THAT'S
WHAT I TOLD MY
PARENTS.

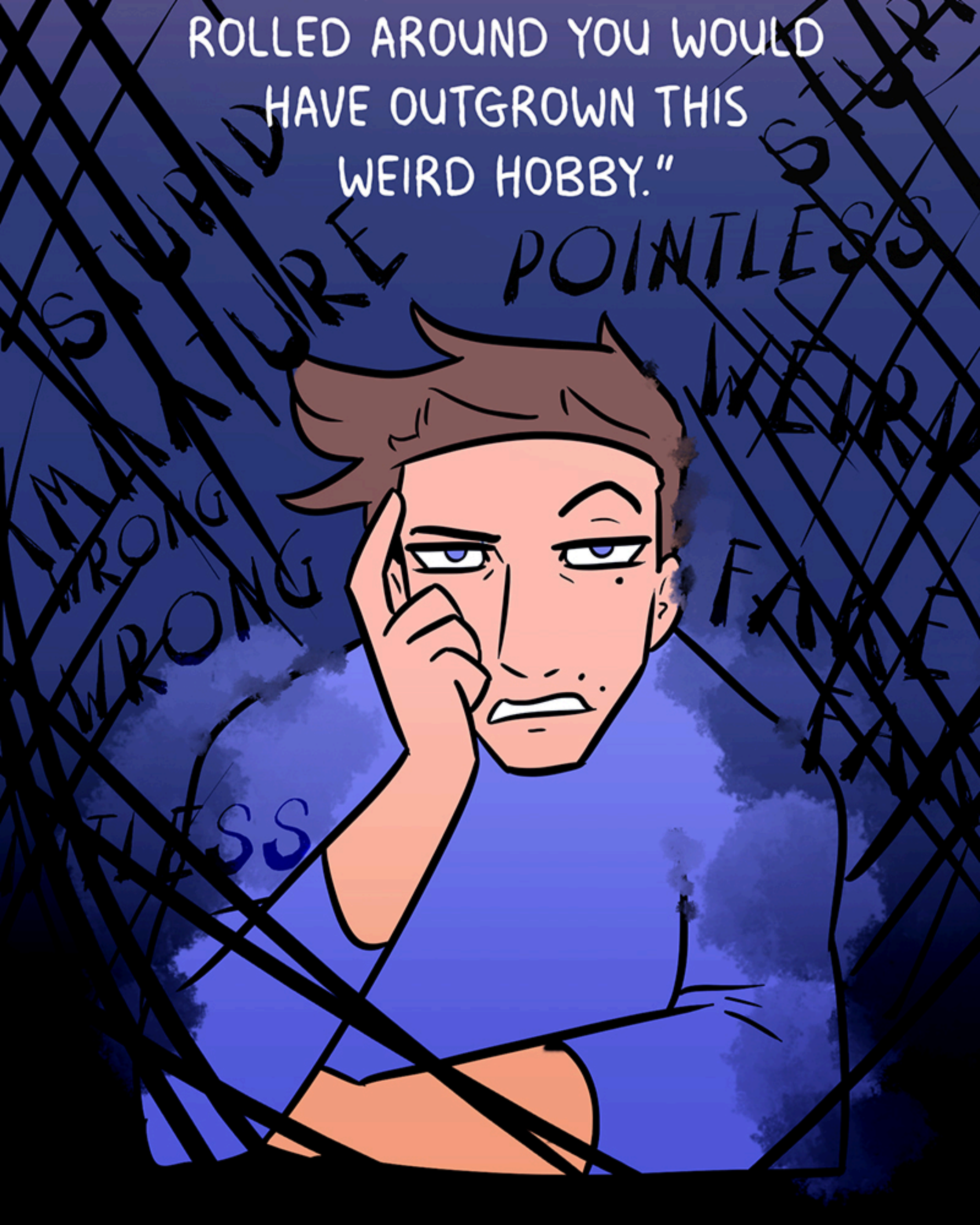
"THEY DON'T
REALLY GET WHAT
IT IS YOU DO."

"CAN YOU
WEAR SOMETHING
ELSE? MY DAD IS
GOING TO BE THERE
AND I DON'T WANT
HIM MAKING A
FACE."



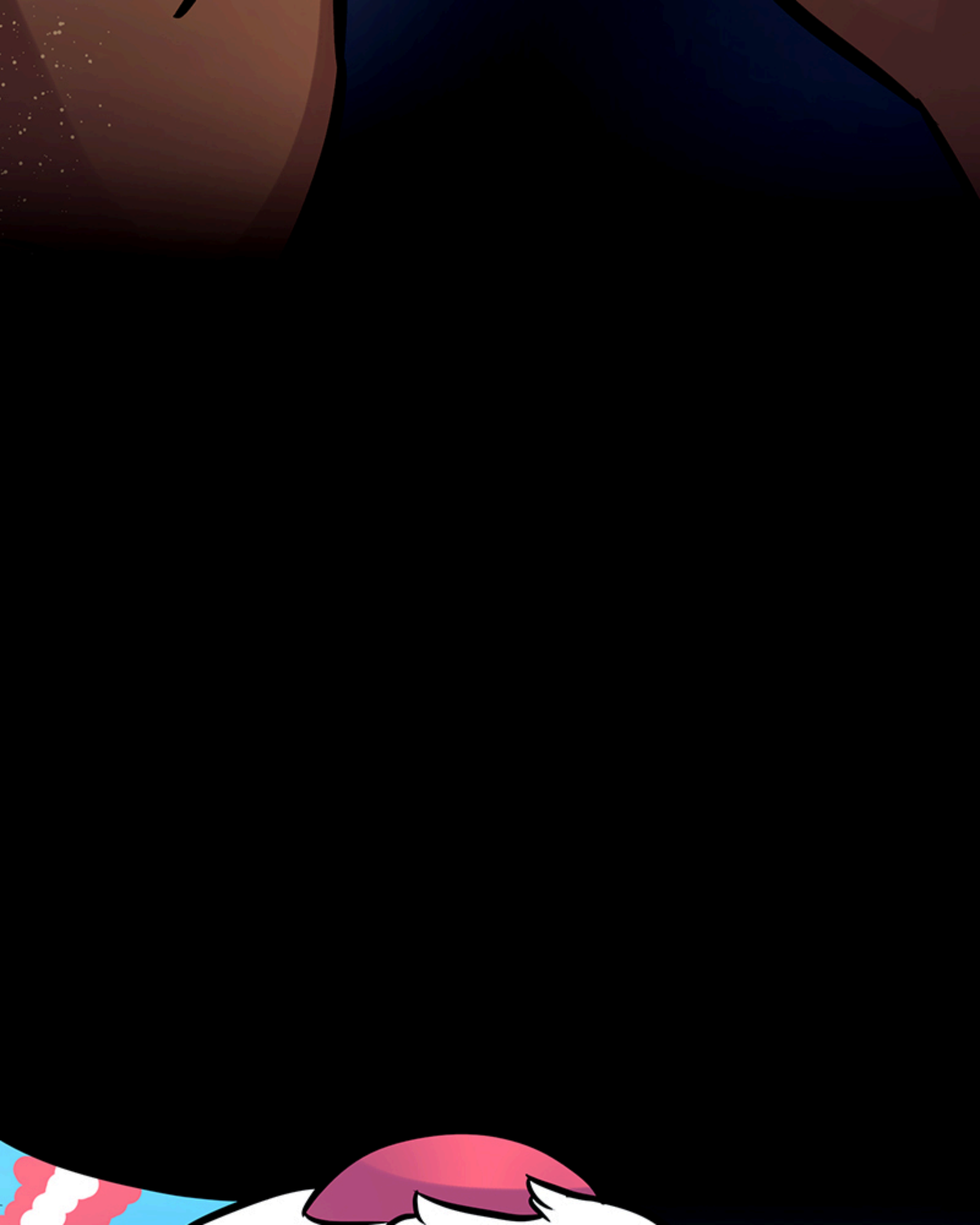
"I WAS HOPING
BY THE TIME THE 1919'S

ROLLED AROUND YOU WOULD
HAVE OUTGROWN THIS
WEIRD HOBBY."



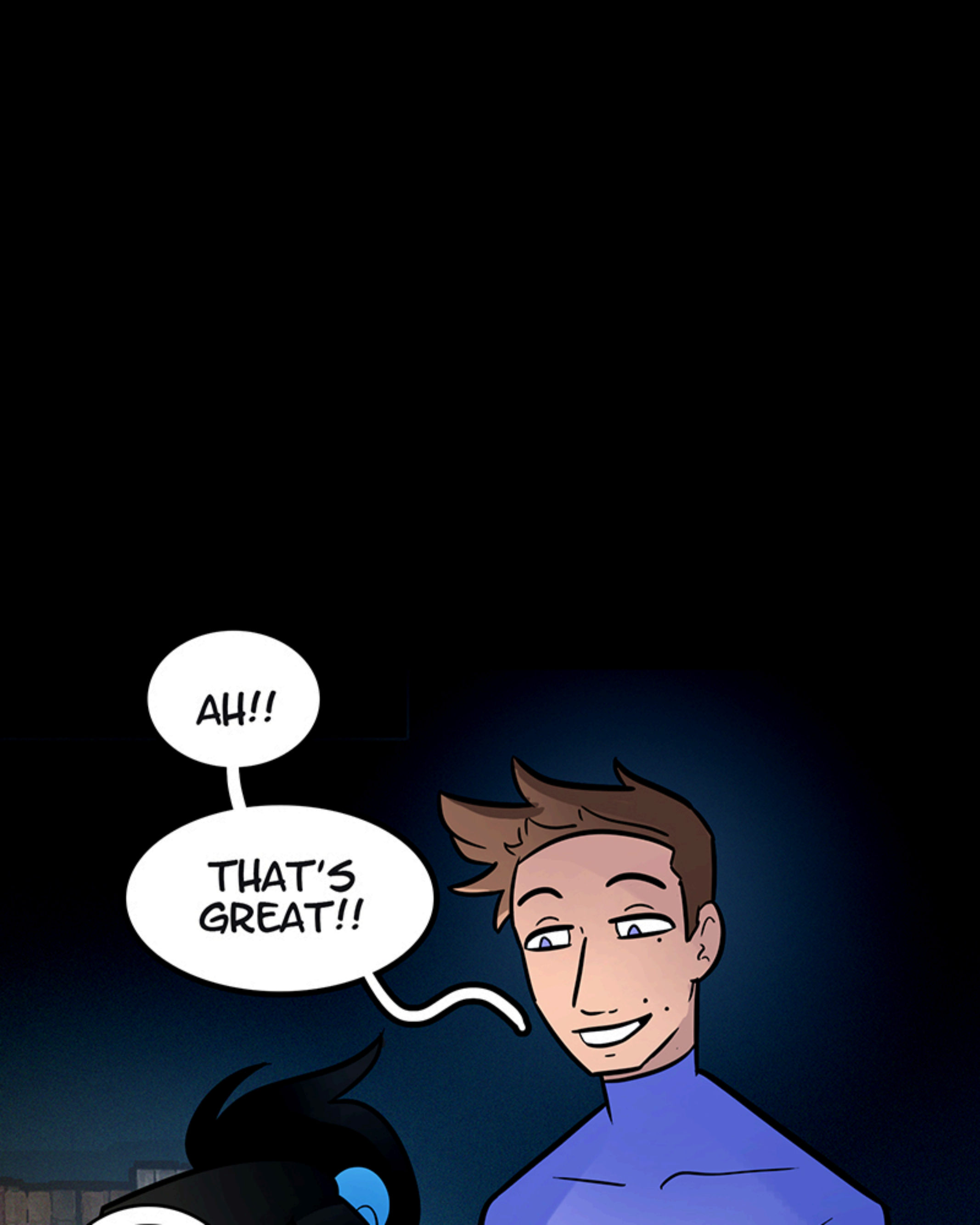
IT'S STARTED TO
FEEL LIKE EVERYTHING
THAT MAKES ME WHO I AM
ISN'T ENOUGH...







**FRONT
DOOR...**



AH!!

THAT'S
GREAT!!







THE
FRONT DOOR
SENSORS...

A cartoon illustration of a man with brown hair and a worried expression, wearing a blue turtleneck sweater. He is standing in a dark, textured environment. A speech bubble above him says "LACEY!!". To his left, another speech bubble says "WH-XADA!!". In the bottom left corner, a magnifying glass is shown, focusing on a small, blurry, pinkish object. The background is dark blue and black with some vertical lines, suggesting a night scene or a cave.

LACEY!!

WH-
XADA!!



LACEY!?







XADA!



NO-

NO NO
NO, NO!!





LACEY!!!



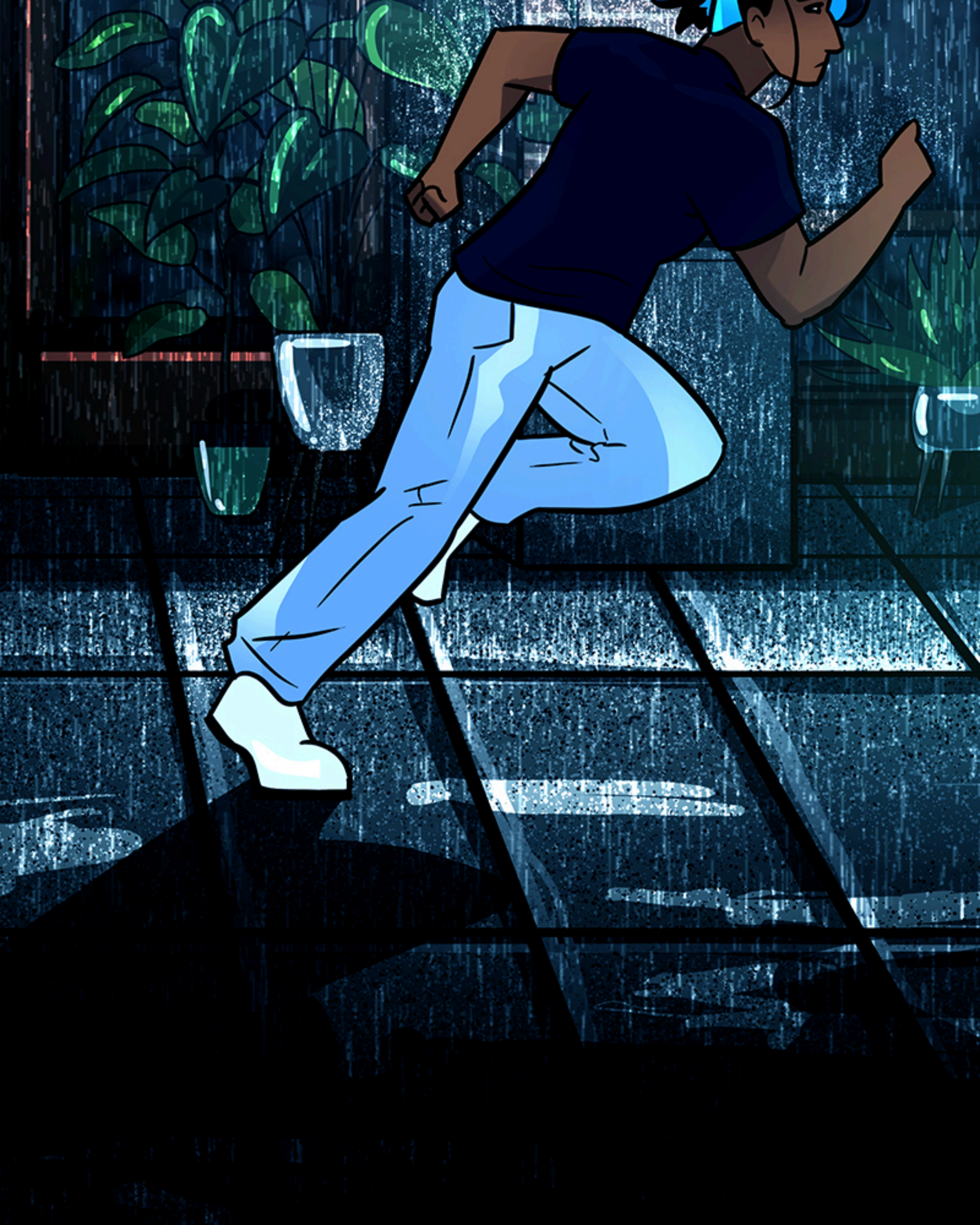


dear Kada,

dear Kada,

I CAN'T EVEN BEGIN TO
THANK YOU FOR ALL THAT
YOU'VE DONE FOR ME.





THOUGH OUR
TIME TOGETHER WAS BRIEF
IT GAVE ME A LIFETIME OF
INCREDIBLE MEMORIES.

YOU GAVE ME A LIFE,
YOU SAVED ME.

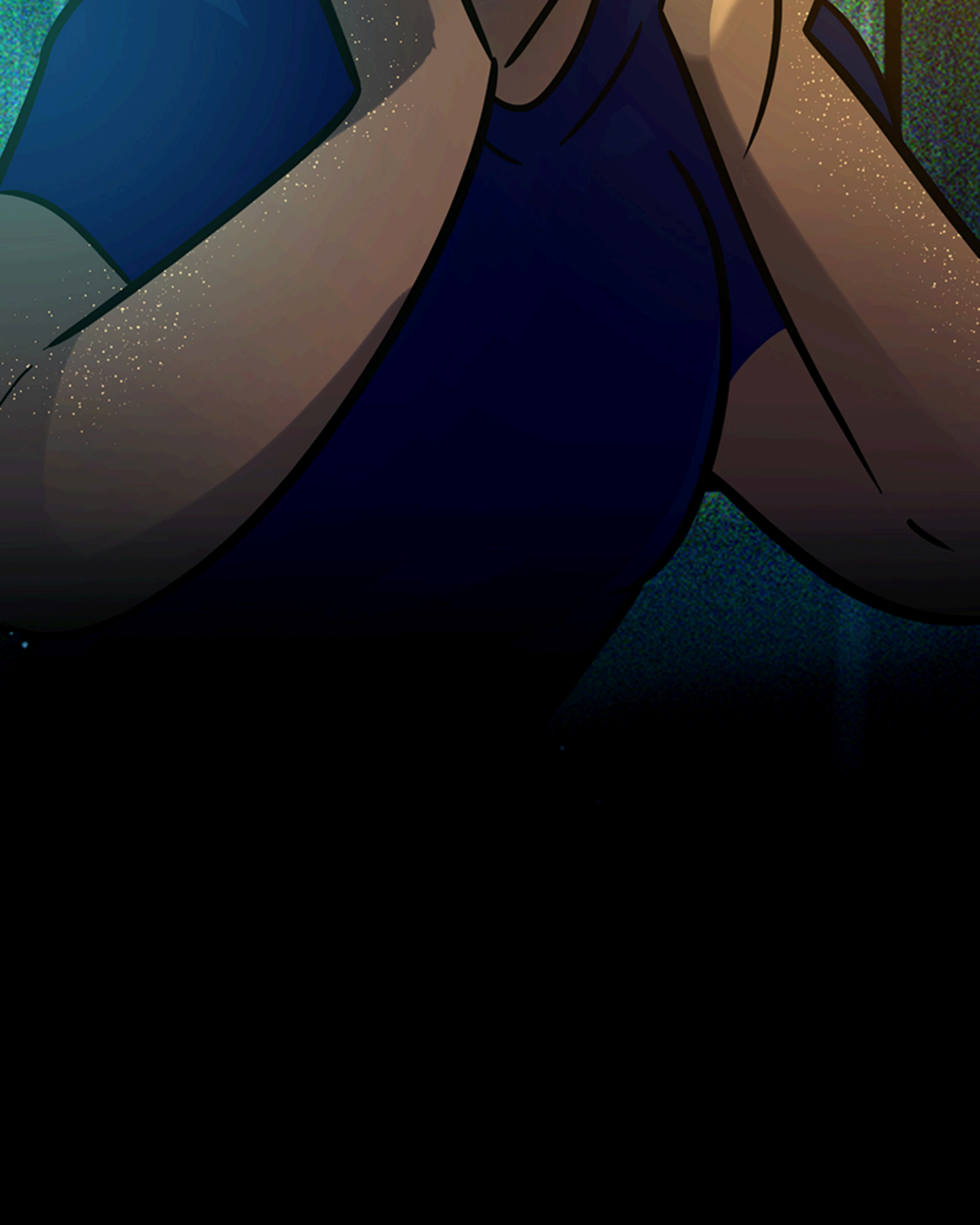




I WISH WE COULD HAVE
SPENT MORE OF IT
TOGETHER

TOGETHER.



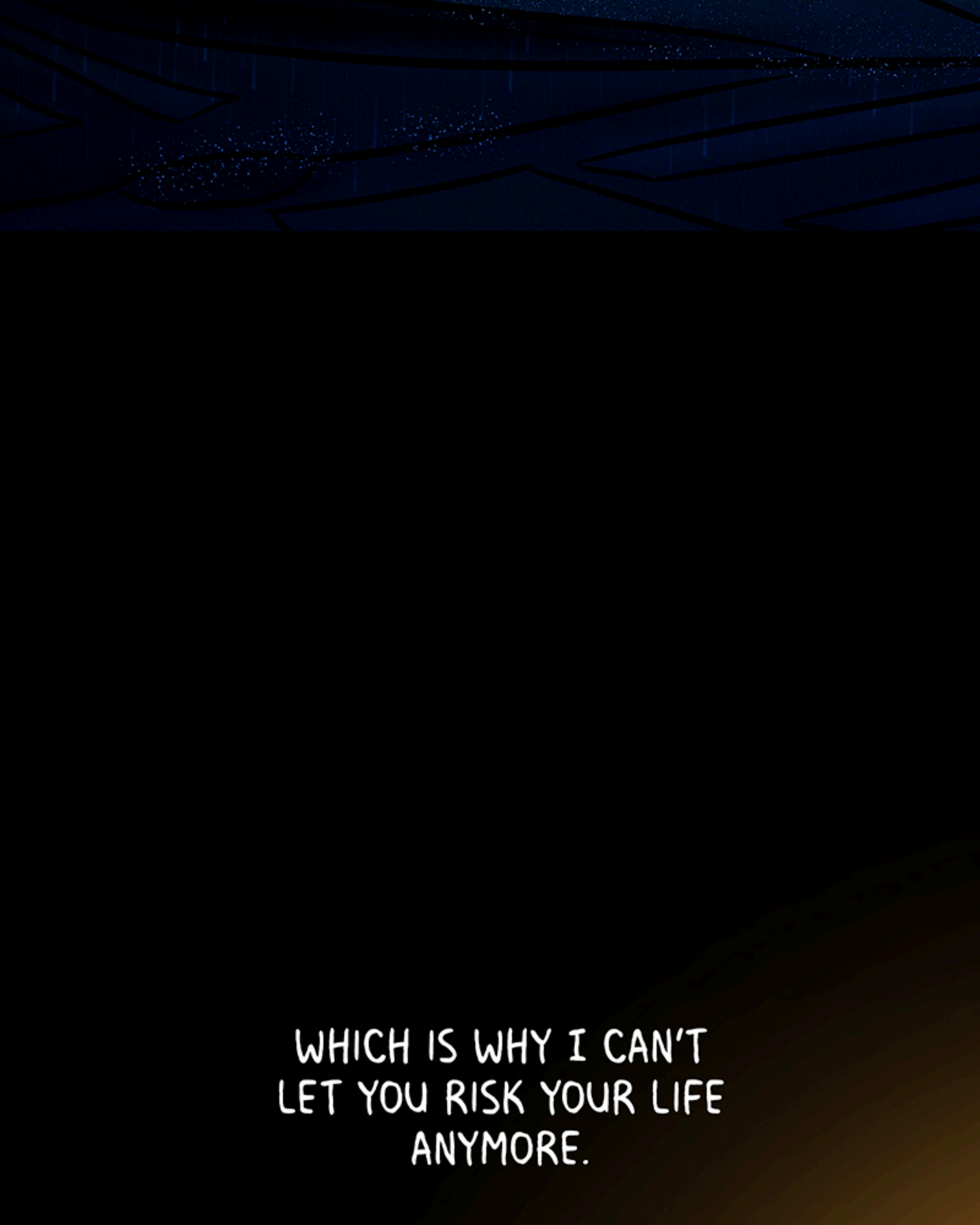


YOU ARE SO WONDERFUL,

AND ALL OF YOUR
FRIENDS ARE SO WONDERFUL,

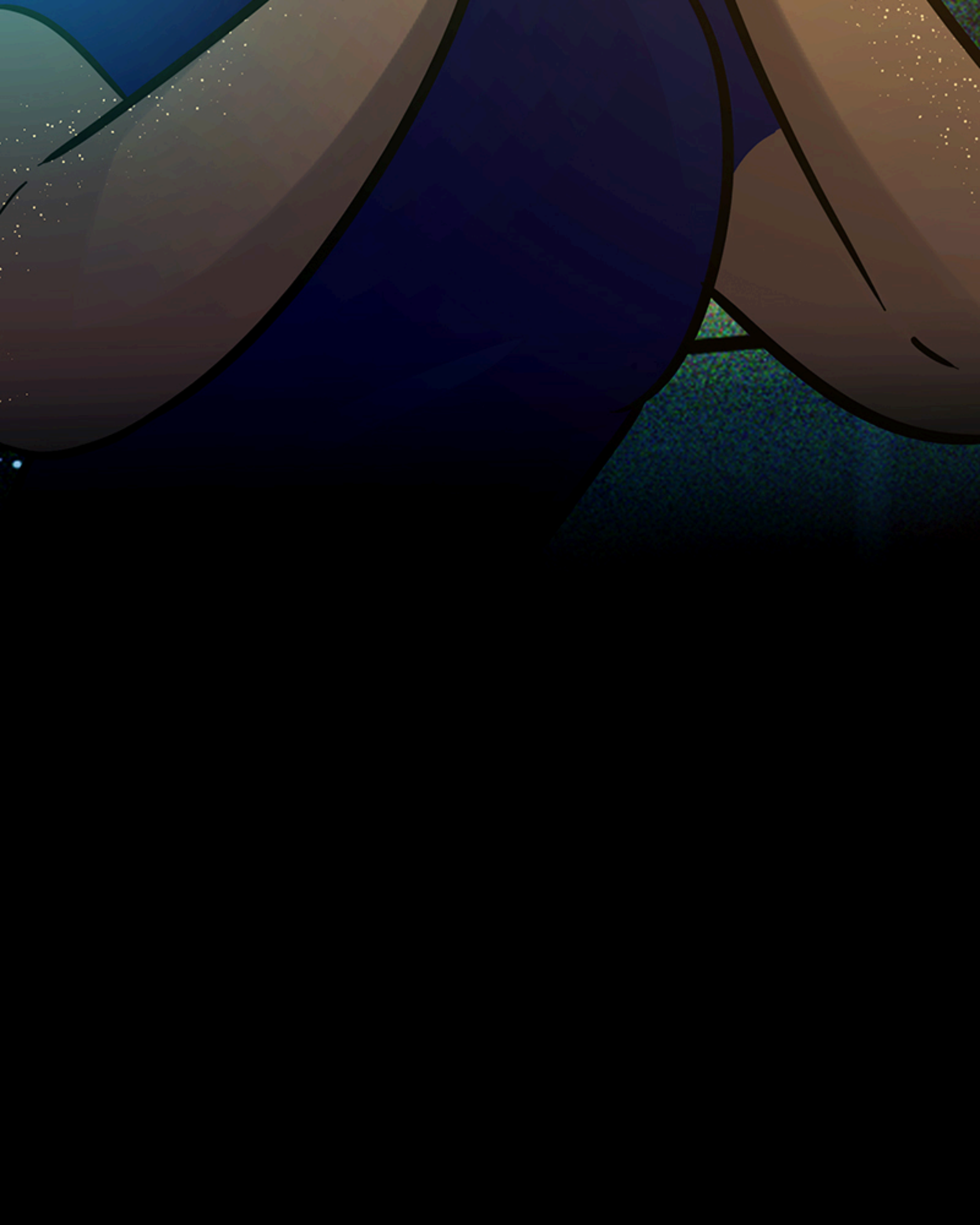
AND EVERYTHING YOU
CREATE AND DO IS SO
IMPORTANT TO SO
MANY PEOPLE.





WHICH IS WHY I CAN'T
LET YOU RISK YOUR LIFE
ANYMORE.





I WANT YOU TO BE HAPPY,

BUT
BEFORE YOU CAN
BE HAPPY

YOU NEED TO BE SAFE.

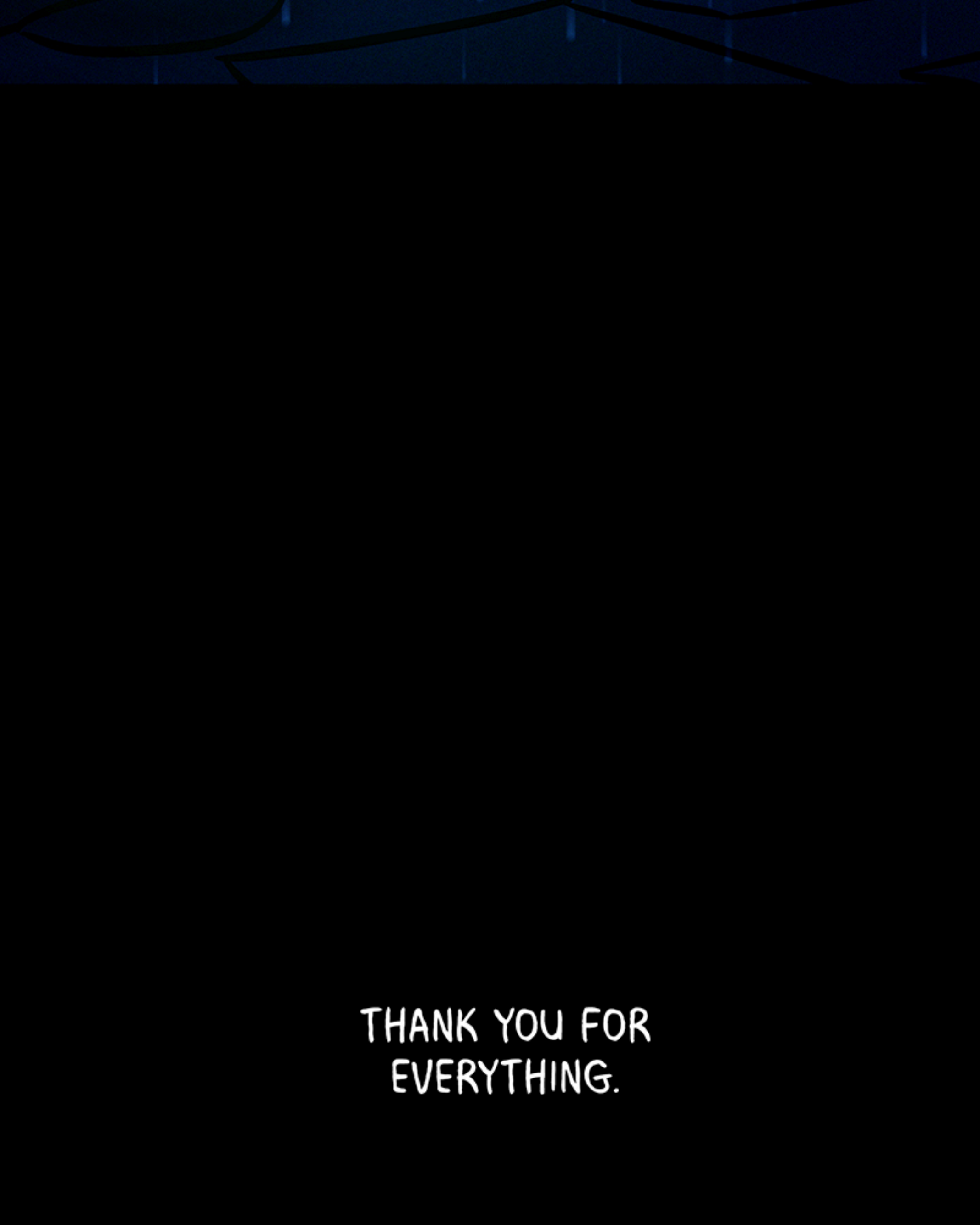




AND YOU WOULD NEVER BE
SAFE WITH ME...







THANK YOU FOR
EVERYTHING.

with Love,

Lacey

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