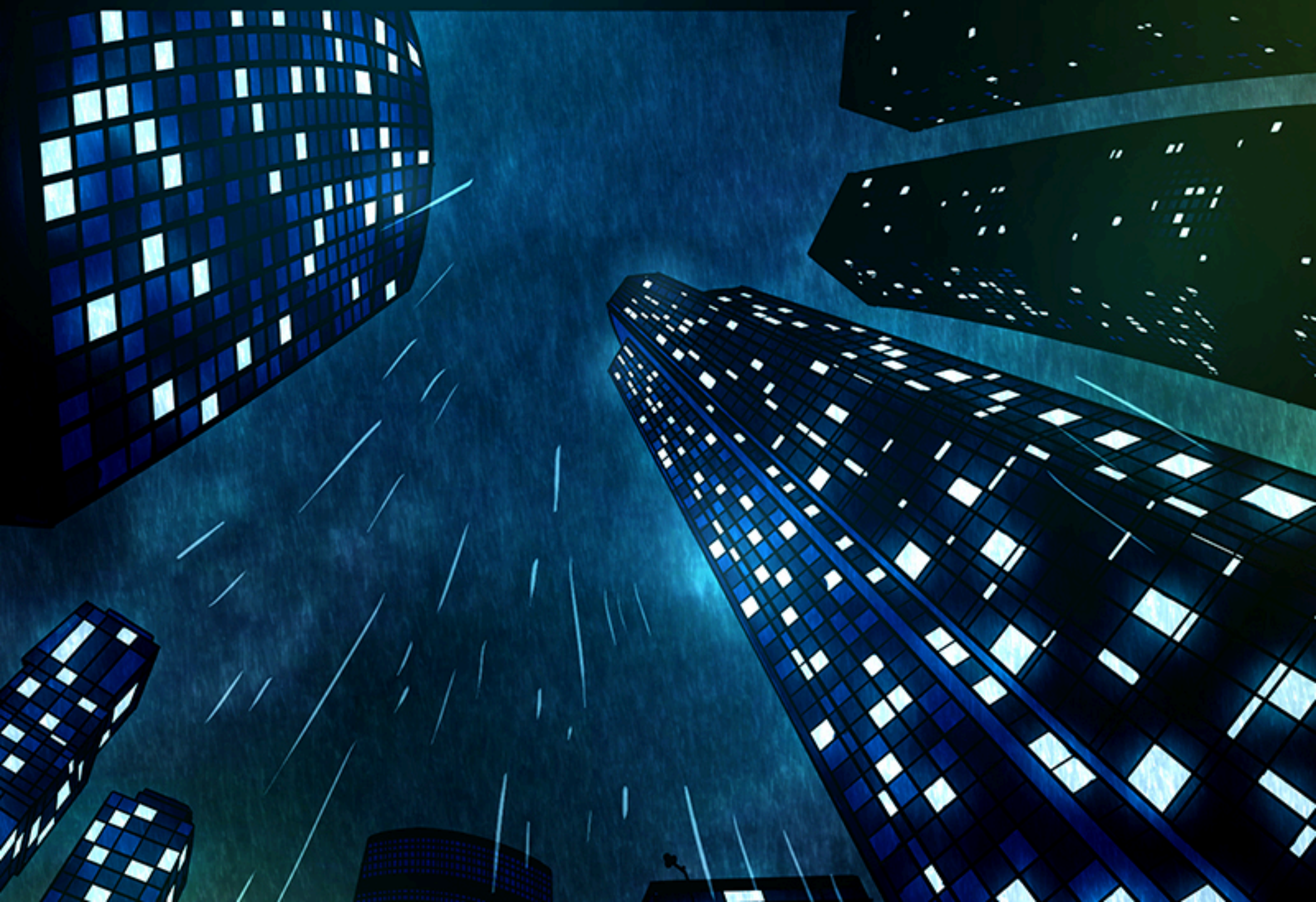
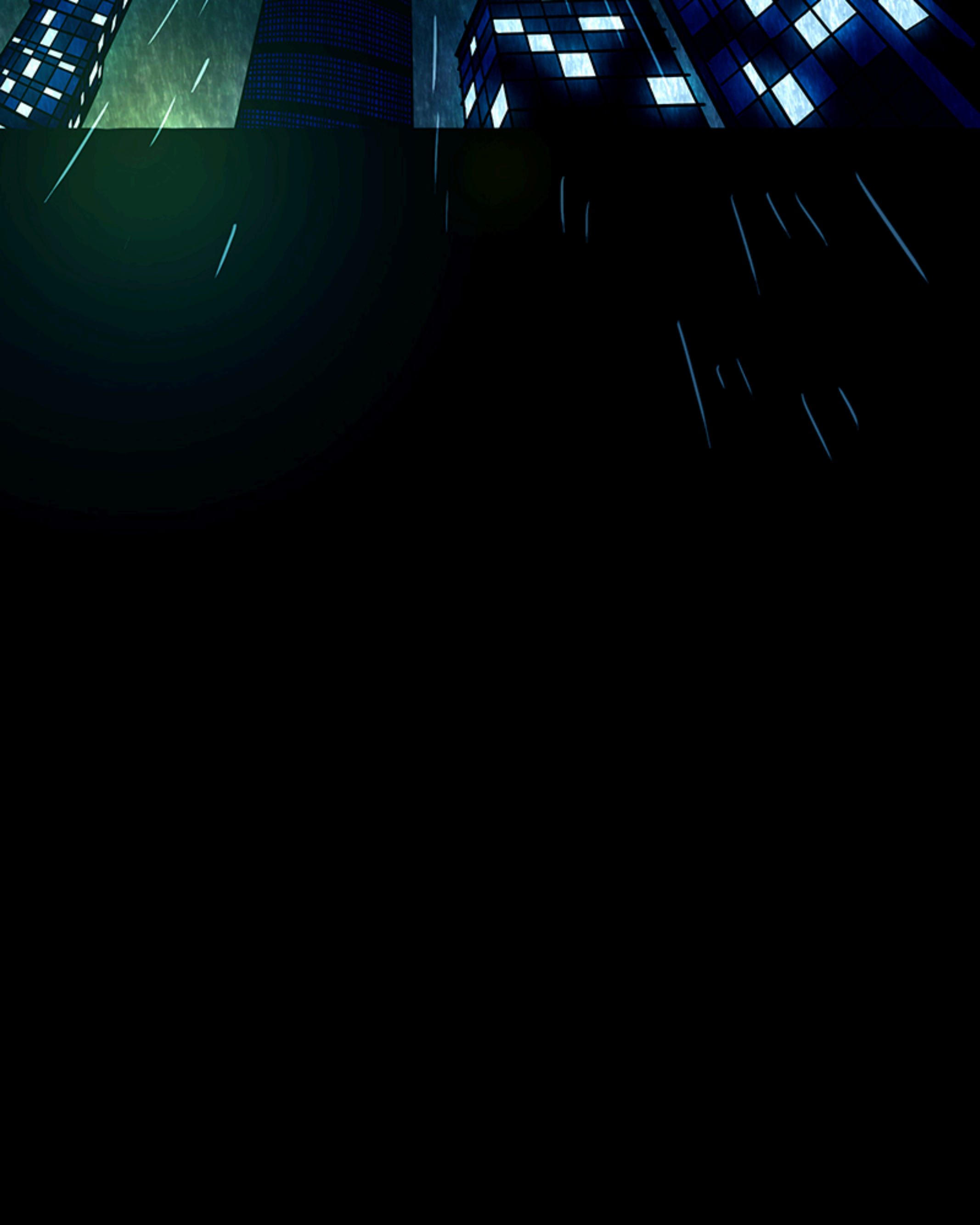


LACEY!!!







LACEY!?

LAC--

COUGH

COUGH







COUGH
COUGH

XADA!!

XADA-





HAHH-

XA-

HAH-



OH MY GOD,
YOU RUN SO
FAST-







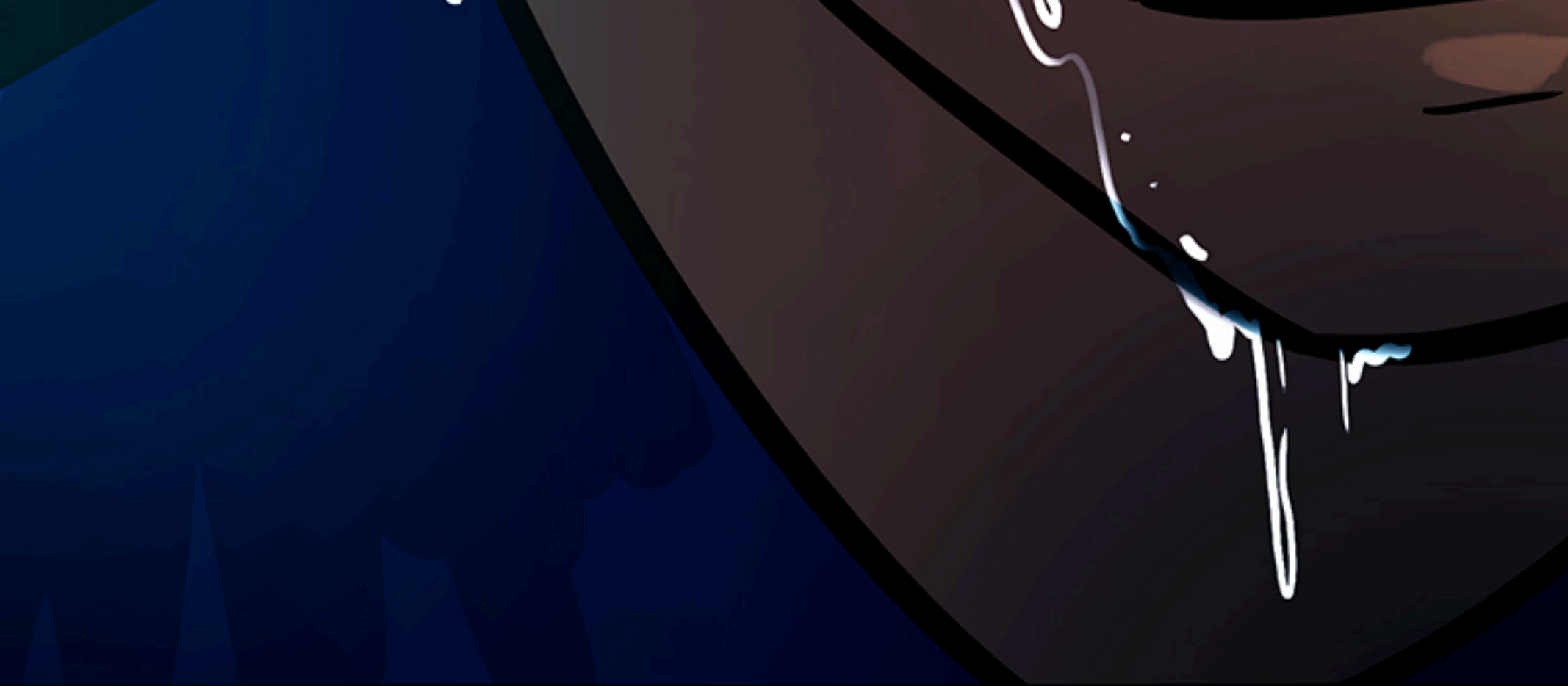
COME ON,
LET'S GO
HOME...





IT'S BETTER
THIS WAY...







A comic book panel featuring two characters. On the left, a man with brown hair and blue eyes, wearing a blue turtleneck, has a shocked expression with wide eyes and an open mouth. On the right, a woman with dark skin and hair in a black beret looks towards him. The background is dark with vertical lines and some light streaks. Two speech bubbles are present: one from the woman asking 'WHAT DID YOU SAY TO HIM...?' and one from the man replying 'WHAT?'.

WHAT DID
YOU SAY TO
HIM...?

WHAT?



WHAT DID
YOU SAY TO
HIM!?

YOU SAID
YOU TALKED TO
HIM DOWNSTAIRS -
WHAT DID YOU SAY
TO MAKE HIM
LEAVE!?





NOTHING
THAT HE DIDN'T
ALREADY KNOW.





YOU-!



I READ
THE LETTER,
XADA!

you?



HE SAID
SO HIMSELF!

HE IS
LEAVING TO
PROTECT
YOU!



you.

ON THAT
WE BOTH
AGREE!

IT'S BETTER
THIS WAY.

A comic book panel with a dark, textured background. In the lower right, a character's head is partially visible, featuring a large, prominent blue eye. A white speech bubble with a black outline is positioned to the left of the character's head. The speech bubble contains the text "YOU DON'T GET IT, VELIX...". The background is dark with some horizontal lines and a grainy texture.

YOU
DON'T GET
IT, VELIX...



HE DOESN'T
HAVE ANYWHERE
TO GO-

A comic book panel featuring a close-up of a character's face. The character has light skin and is wearing a blue garment. Their mouth is wide open in a large, stylized 'O' shape, revealing a pink tongue and white teeth. A speech bubble originates from the mouth, containing the text 'SO WHAT!?' in a bold, black, sans-serif font. The background is a dark, solid color.

**SO
WHAT!?**

A character with dark skin and a blue garment is shown from the chest up, looking upwards. A white speech bubble with a black outline contains the word "WHAT?". The background is a dark blue night sky filled with numerous small white stars. A faint, glowing blue arc is visible on the right side of the frame.

WHAT?



The background is a dark, rainy night scene. A fence is visible on the right side, and rain is falling, creating white streaks. A large, white, oval-shaped speech bubble is positioned in the lower-left quadrant of the image. Inside the speech bubble, the text "WHY IS TAKING CARE OF HIM YOUR RESPONSIBILITY AT ALL!?" is written in a bold, black, sans-serif font, arranged in four lines.

WHY IS TAKING
CARE OF HIM YOUR
RESPONSIBILITY
AT ALL!?





AND-
AND WHY AM I
MADE OUT TO BE
THE BAD GUY-

FOR PRIORITIZING
THE LIFE OF SOMEONE
I'VE KNOWN FOR 10 YEARS-
VERSUS SOMEONE YOU'VE
KNOWN FOR A FEW
DAYS!?

A dark, rainy night scene. The background is a deep black, with vertical streaks of light blue and white representing falling rain. On the right side, there are faint, dark horizontal lines suggesting a railing or a fence. In the lower-left foreground, there is a white, oval-shaped speech bubble with a black outline. Inside the bubble, the text "I JUST WANT TO PROTECT YOU..." is written in a simple, black, sans-serif font, arranged in three lines.

I JUST
WANT TO PROTECT
YOU...

YOU'RE ALWAYS
TAKING CARE OF
OTHERS INSTEAD OF
YOURSELF, AT LEAST
LET ME DO THIS
ONCE-







JUST ONCE,
PLEASE...

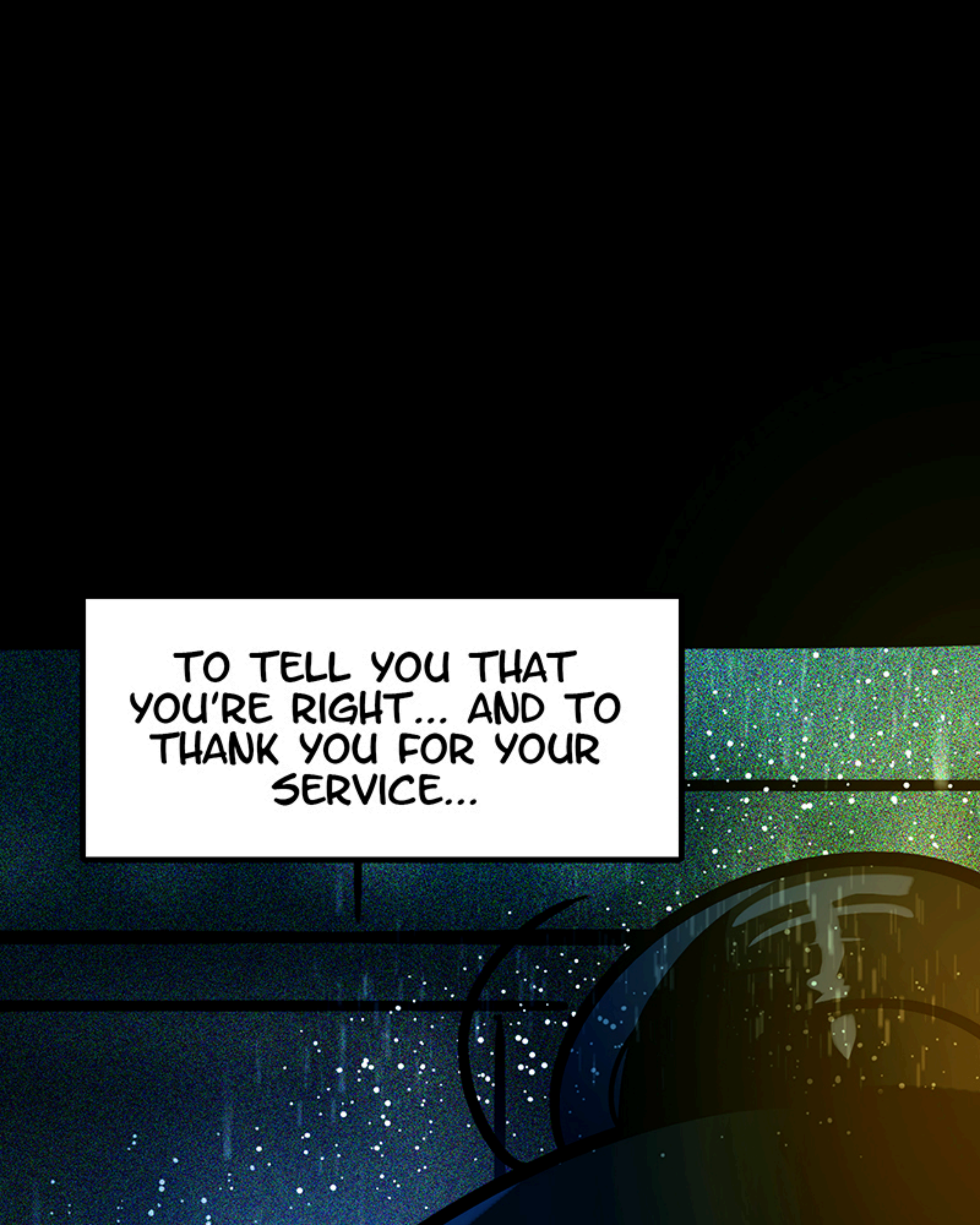


YOU SAY YOU
WANT TO PROTECT
ME...

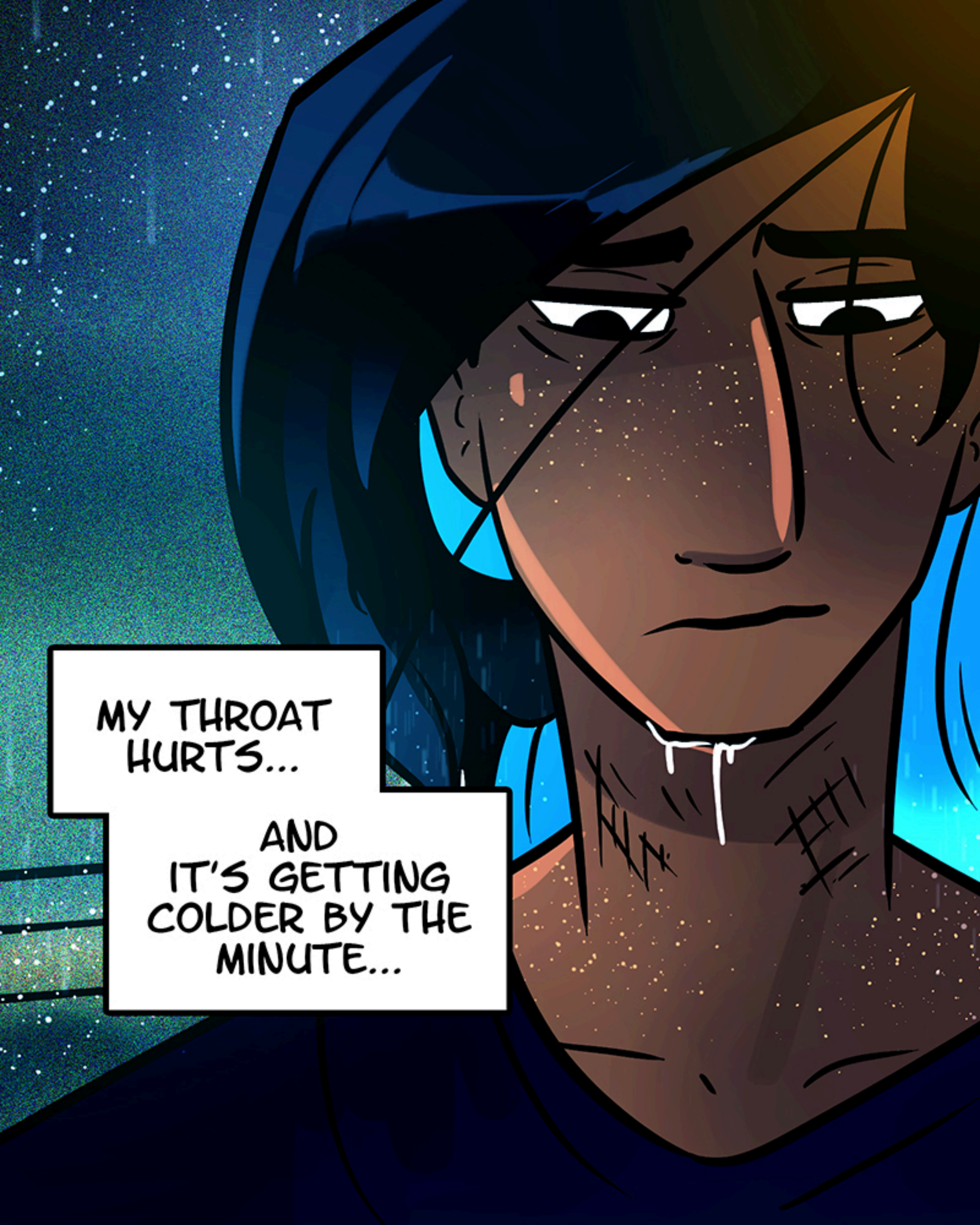
BUT YOU CLEARLY
WANT ME TO COMFORT
YOU...







TO TELL YOU THAT
YOU'RE RIGHT... AND TO
THANK YOU FOR YOUR
SERVICE...



MY THROAT
HURTS...

AND
IT'S GETTING
COLDER BY THE
MINUTE...

BUT SOMEHOW...
WHAT YOU, VELIX, SAID FELT
SO MUCH COLDER TO
ME...

GENTLE
NOW... ALWAYS
STRIVE TO BE
GENTLE...



ESPECIALLY
WITH SOMETHING
NEW... YOU NEVER
KNOW HOW FRAGILE
IT IS.



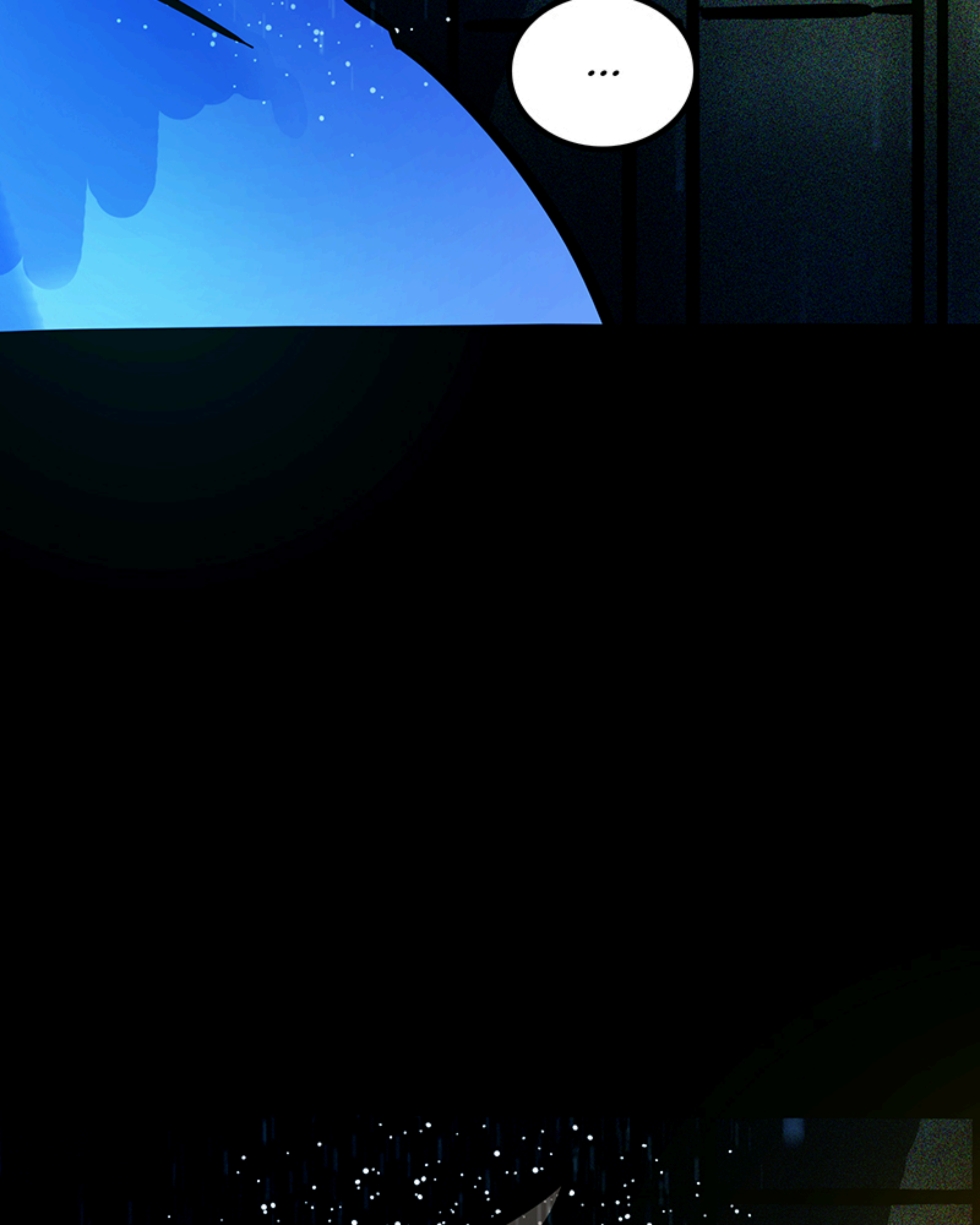


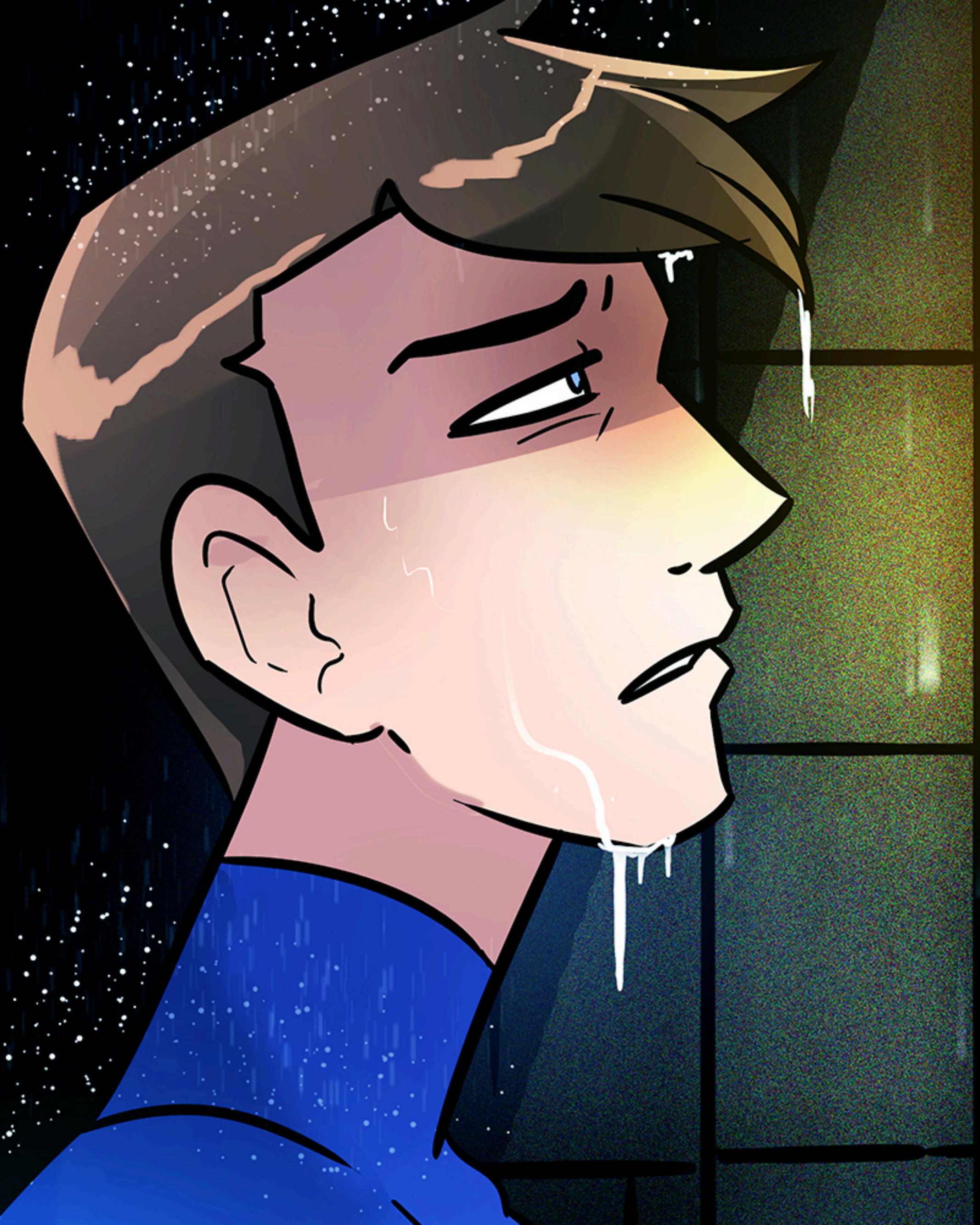
I CAN'T MAKE
YOU UNDERSTAND
WHY YOU SHOULD
CARE ABOUT THE
WELL-BEING OF OTHER
PEOPLE...

REGARDLESS

REGARDLESS
OF HOW WELL YOU
PERSONALLY KNOW
THEM...











THAT THING
IS NOT A PERSON,
XADA.

A comic panel featuring a character in a blue suit on the left, looking towards the right. A large speech bubble originates from the character. The background is dark with vertical lines and a brown tree trunk on the right.

IF I ONLY
KNEW YOU FOR ONE
MINUTE, AND HAD A BOT
MY ENTIRE LIFE...

I WOULD
STILL CHOSE YOU.
BECAUSE YOU'RE
HUMAN.

IT ISN'T
THAT DIFFICULT.
DON'T ACT LIKE THAT'S
SOME STRANGE
CONCEPT...

SO HE FIGURED
OUT WHAT HE IS,
HUH... THAT EXPLAINS
A LOT MORE...





BUT IT
DOESN'T MAKE IT
HURT ANY LESS...

The background of the comic panel features a dark, starry sky. In the upper right, a large, brown, curved object, possibly a planet or a nebula, is visible. In the lower left, a bright, pinkish-purple light source, likely a star or a nebula, illuminates the scene. Two speech bubbles are present, one above the other, both containing text.

IF YOU
KNEW HIM, VELIX...
YOU WOULD REALIZE
IT'S NOT THAT SIMPLE
AT ALL.

THERE IS
A REASON WHY
IT TOOK YOU SO
LONG TO FIGURE OUT
WHAT HE WAS IN THE
FIRST PLACE...

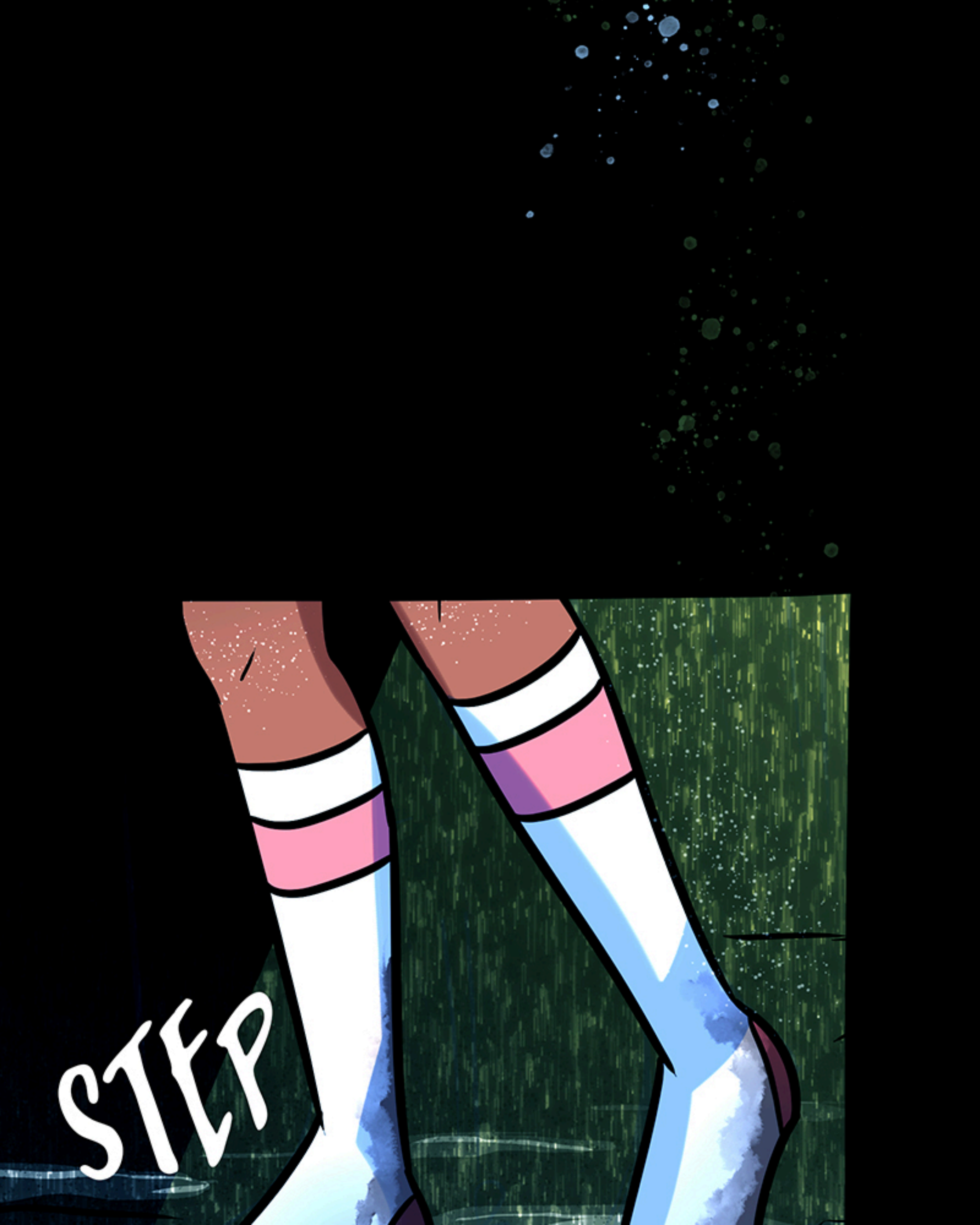


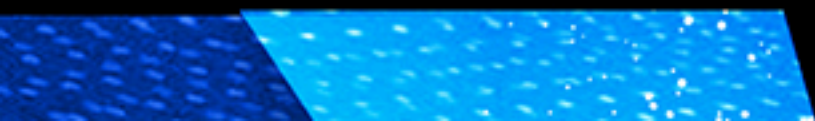


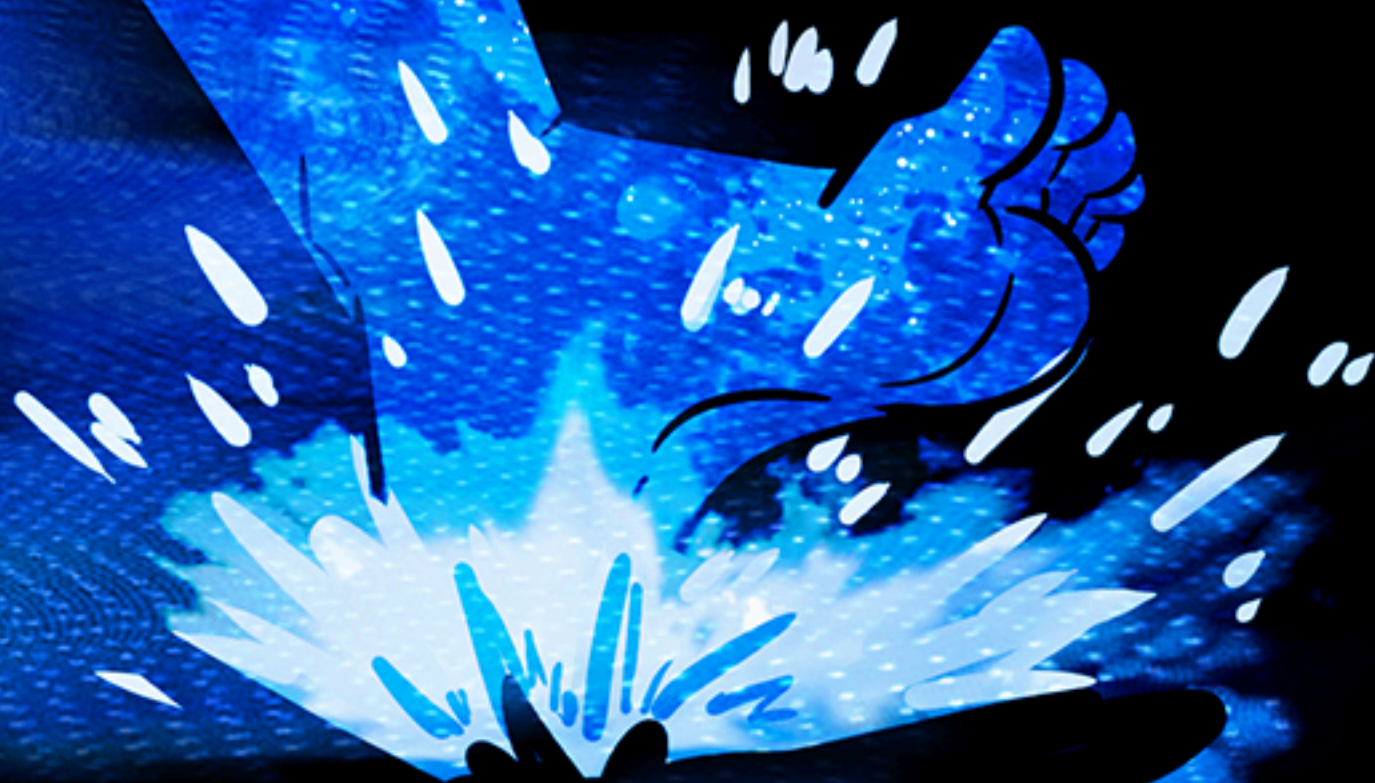
I DON'T
UNDERSTAND
HOW YET... BUT
HE IS AS REAL AS
A PERSON...

AND RIGHT
NOW... HE'S A PERSON
LOST IN SEATTLE WITH
NO WHERE TO GO...









SPLASH

IT'S SO
COLD...

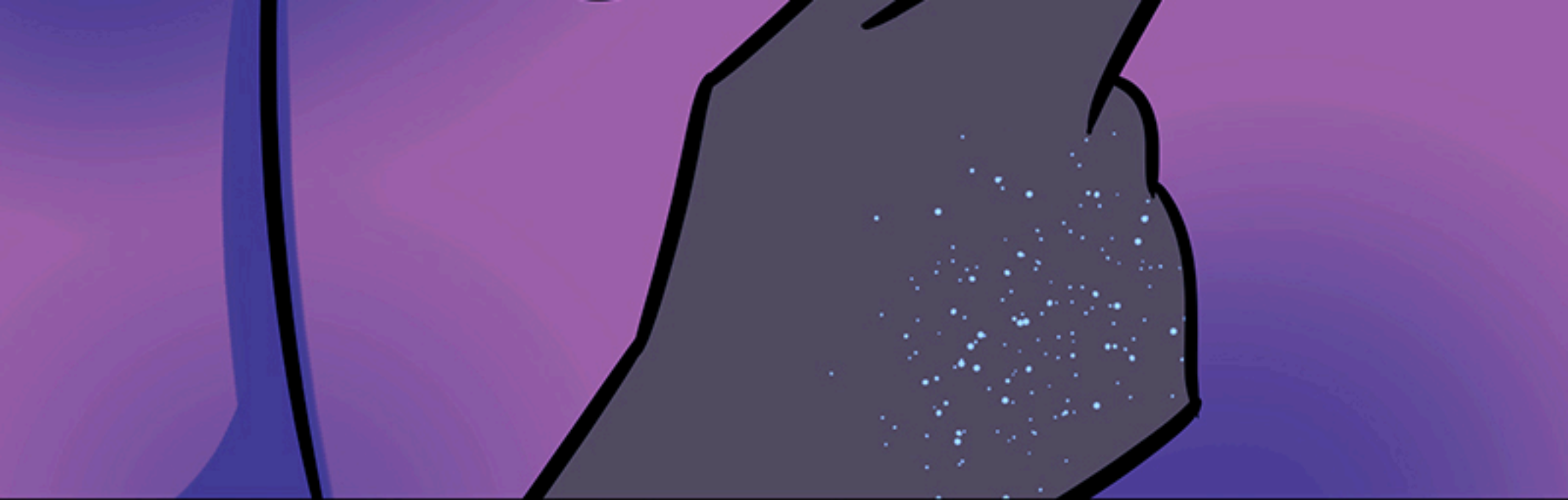




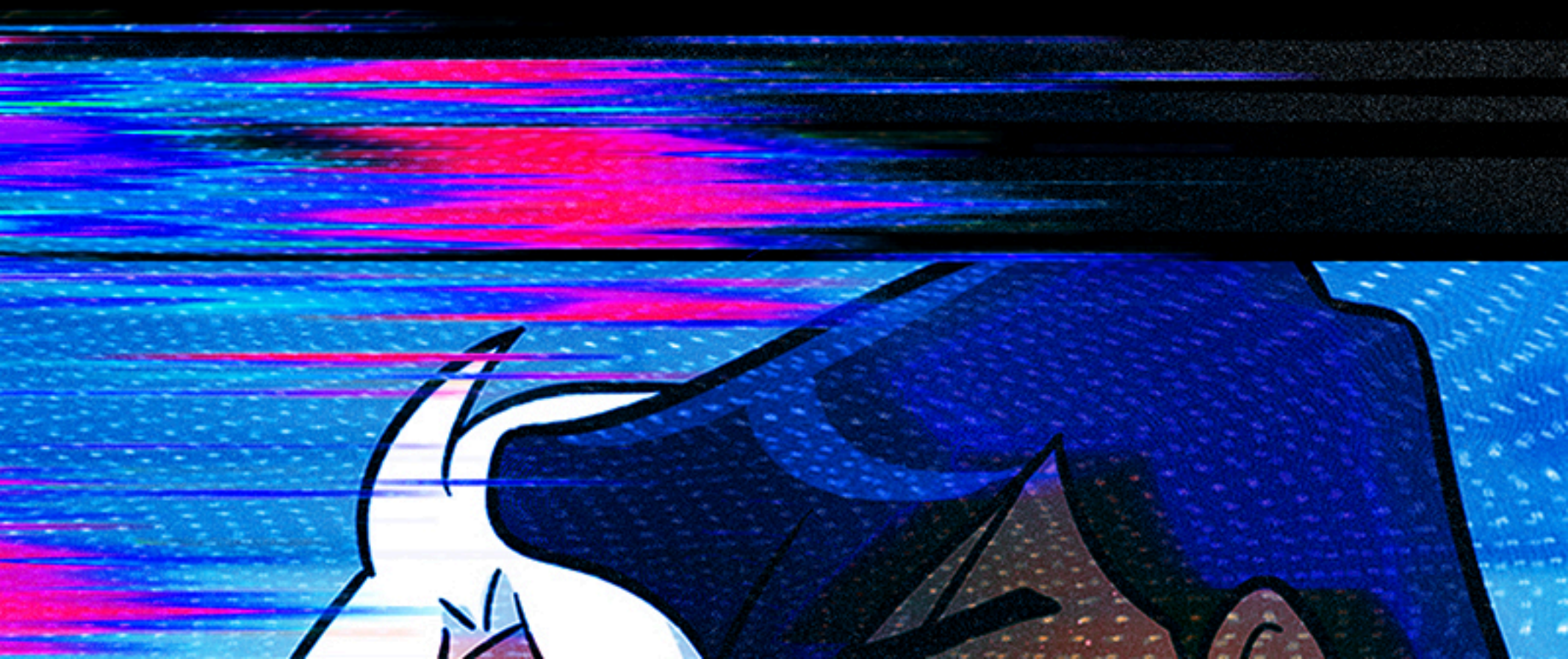
EVEN MORE SO
NOW THAT I KNOW
THE DIFFERENCE...

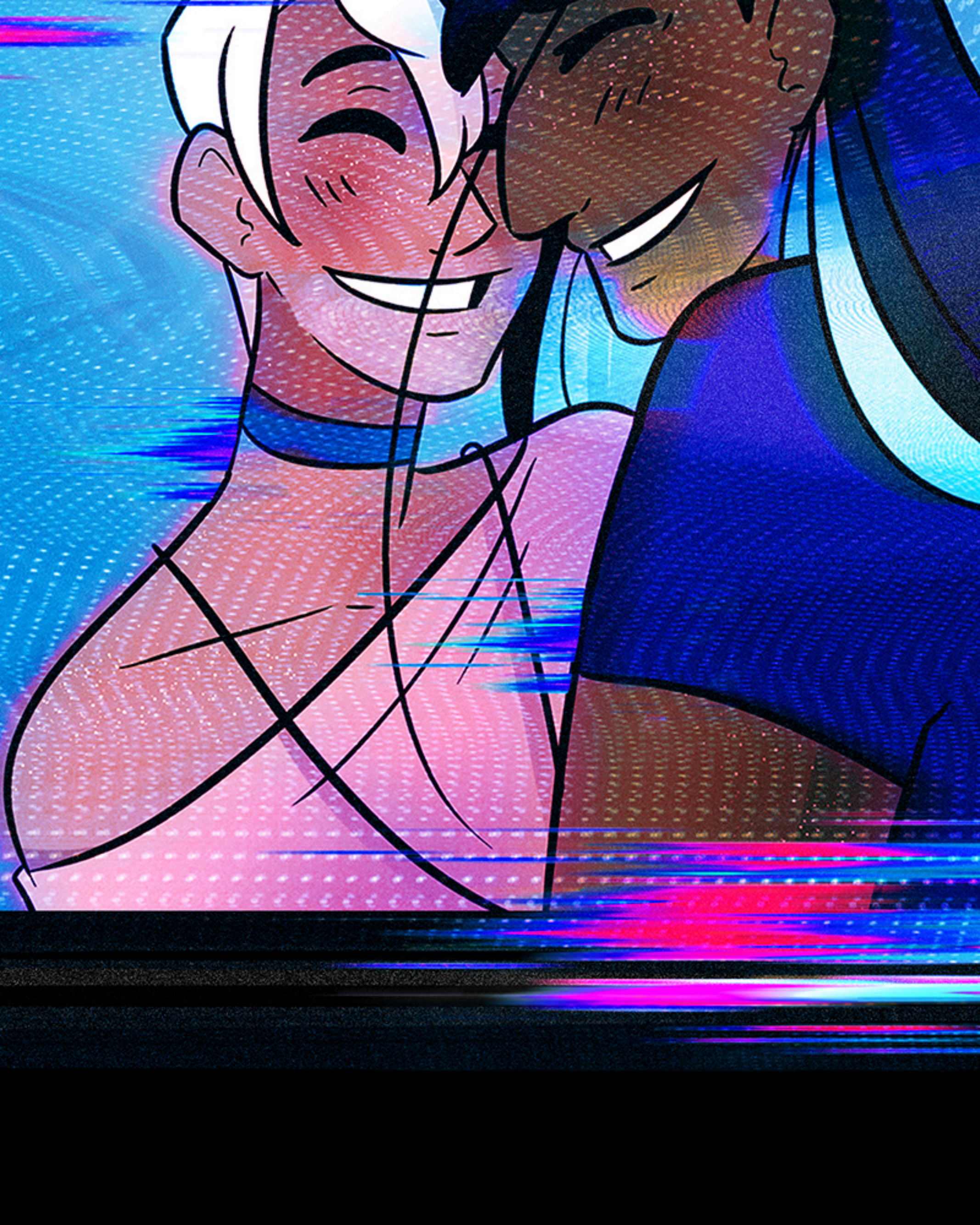






I WISH I COULD
HAVE STAYED IN THAT
WARM SUNNY PLACE...
JUST A LITTLE WHILE
LONGER...



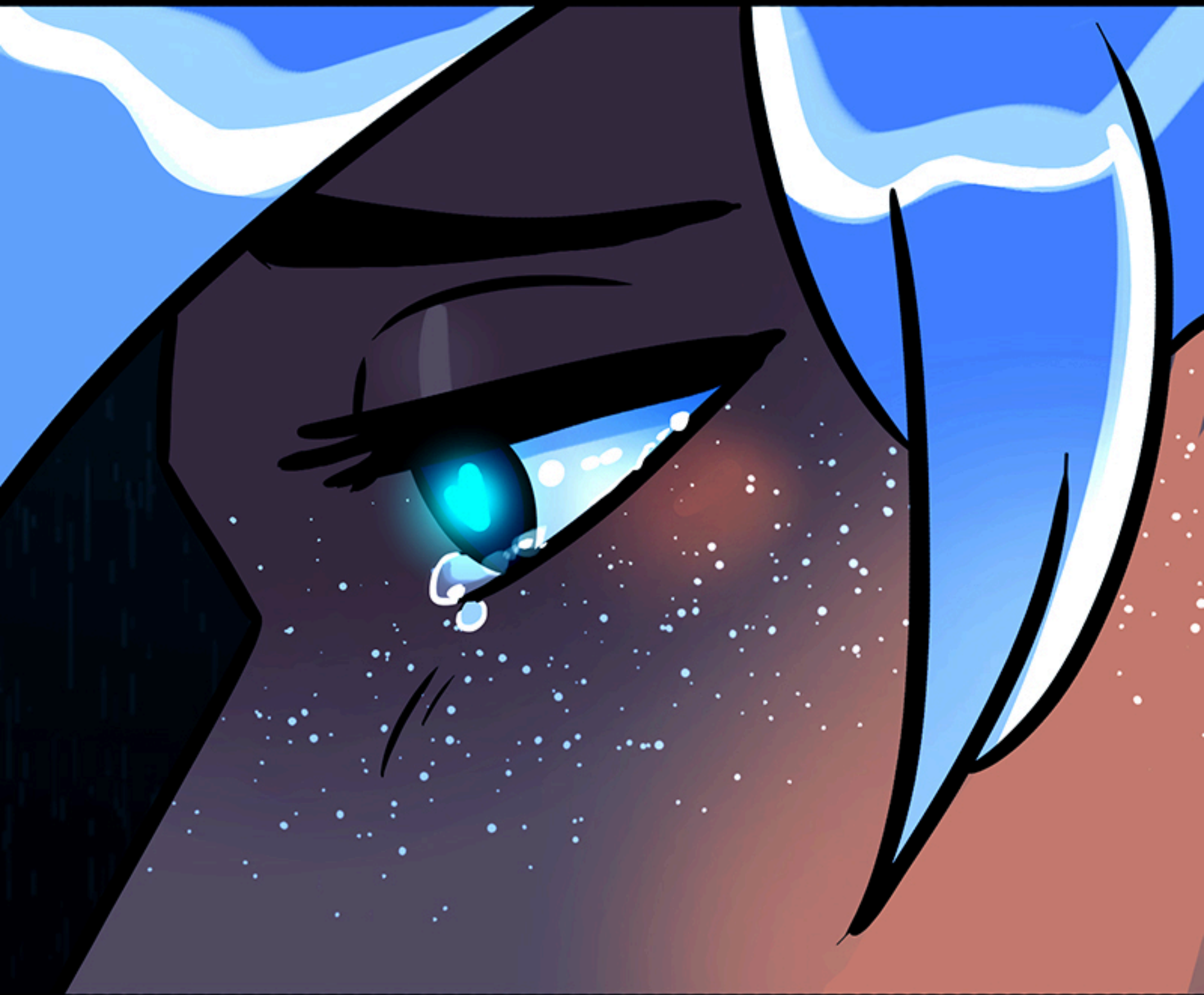


SHOULD I HAVE
LEFT HIM SOMETHING
MORE TO REMEMBER
ME BY...?





AM I EVEN WORTH
REMEMBERING?



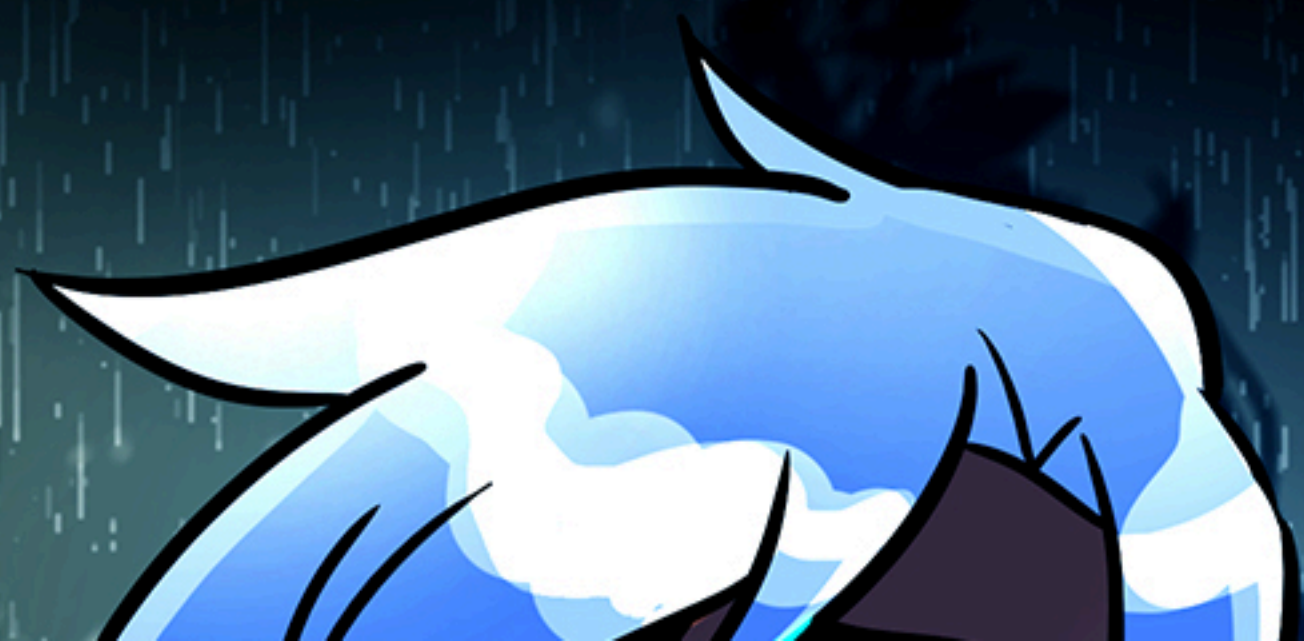
I HOPE...
WHAT REMAINS OF
ME YEARS FROM NOW...
IS A SOFT BUT GENTLE
MEMORY...

THAT'S ALL
I WANT...



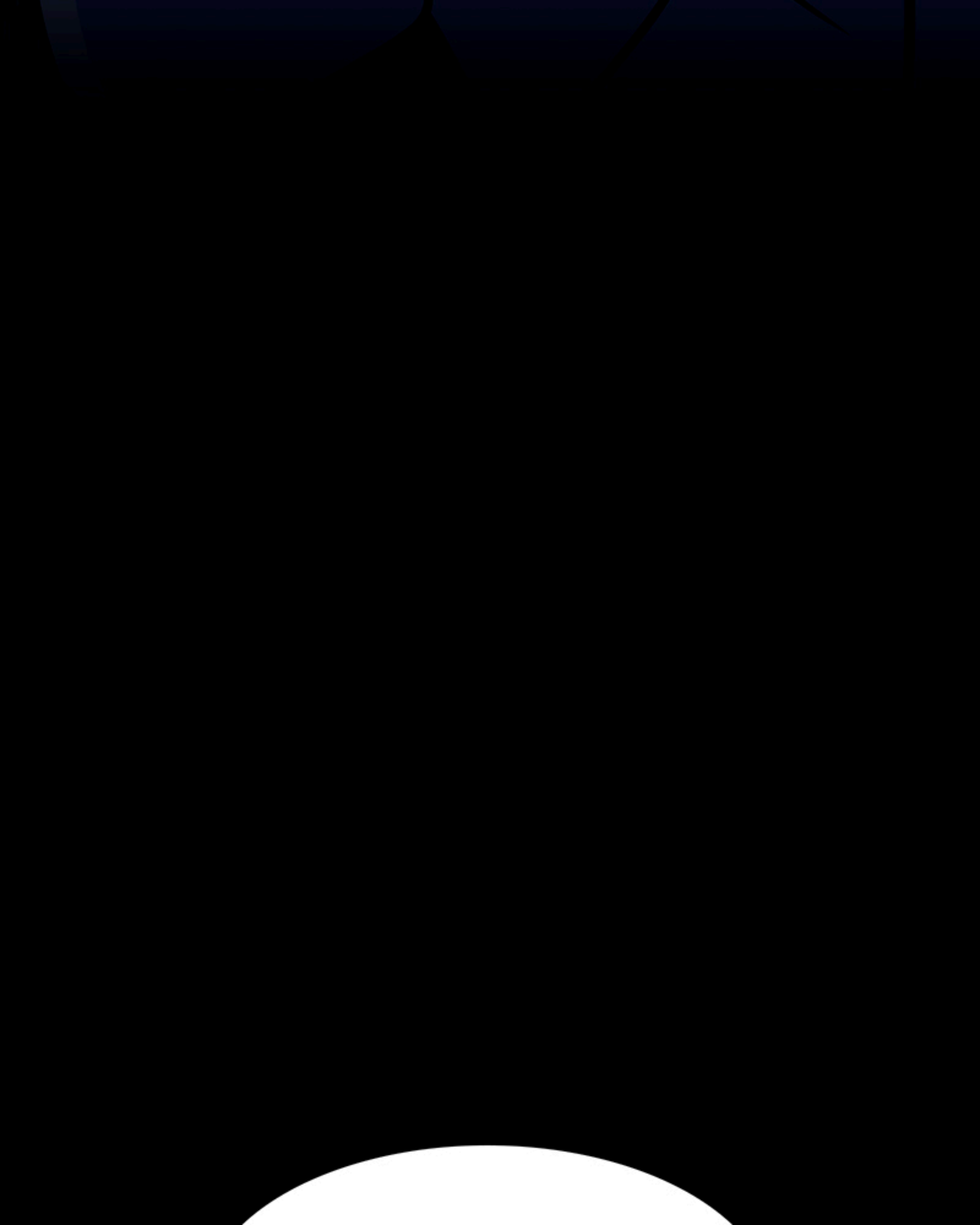




A character with long, flowing blue hair and a dark eye patch is shown from the chest up, looking upwards. The background is a dark night sky with vertical rain streaks and dark silhouettes of trees.

I KNOW
YOU'RE
THERE!





I KNOW
YOU'RE WATCHING
ME...



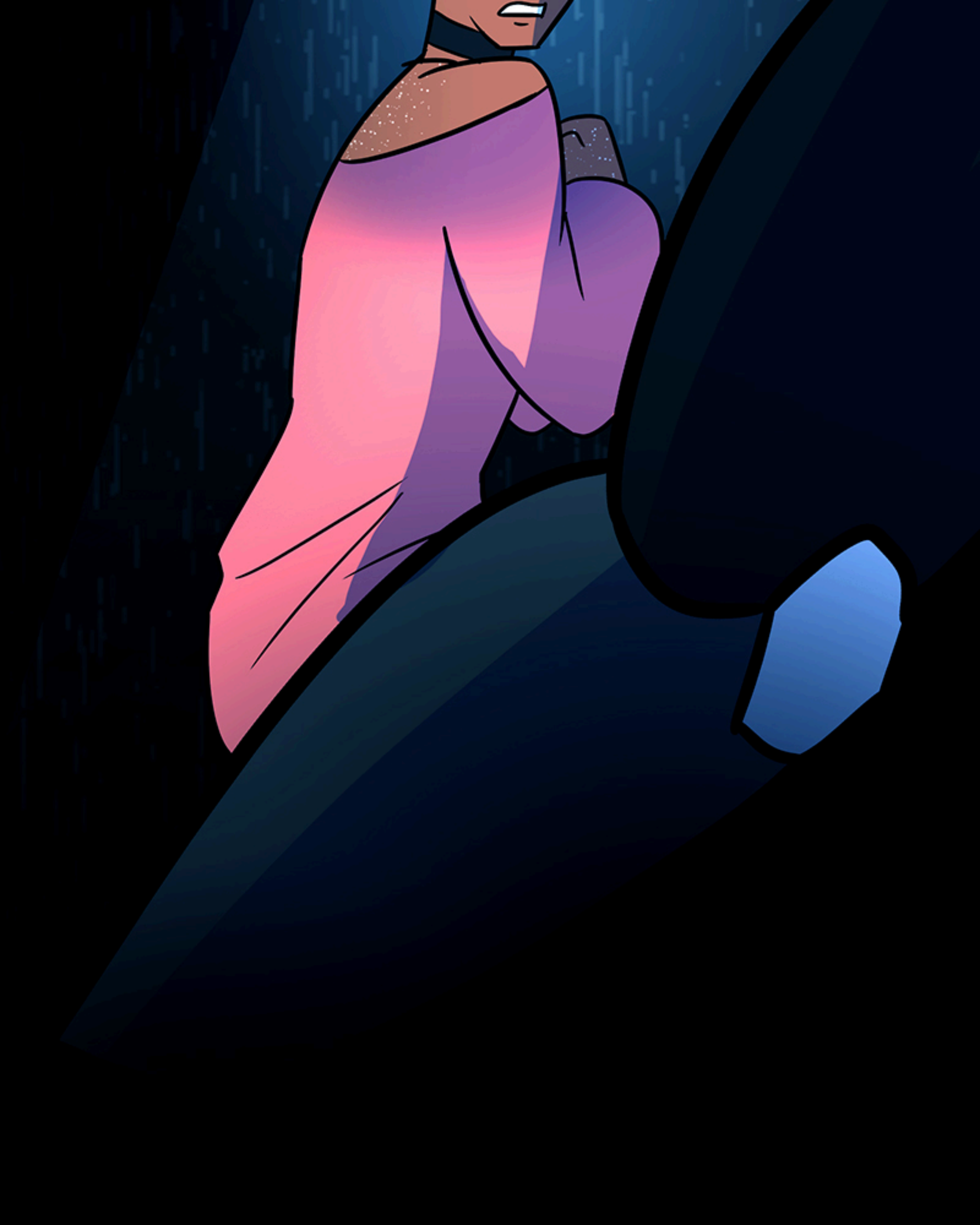




STEP







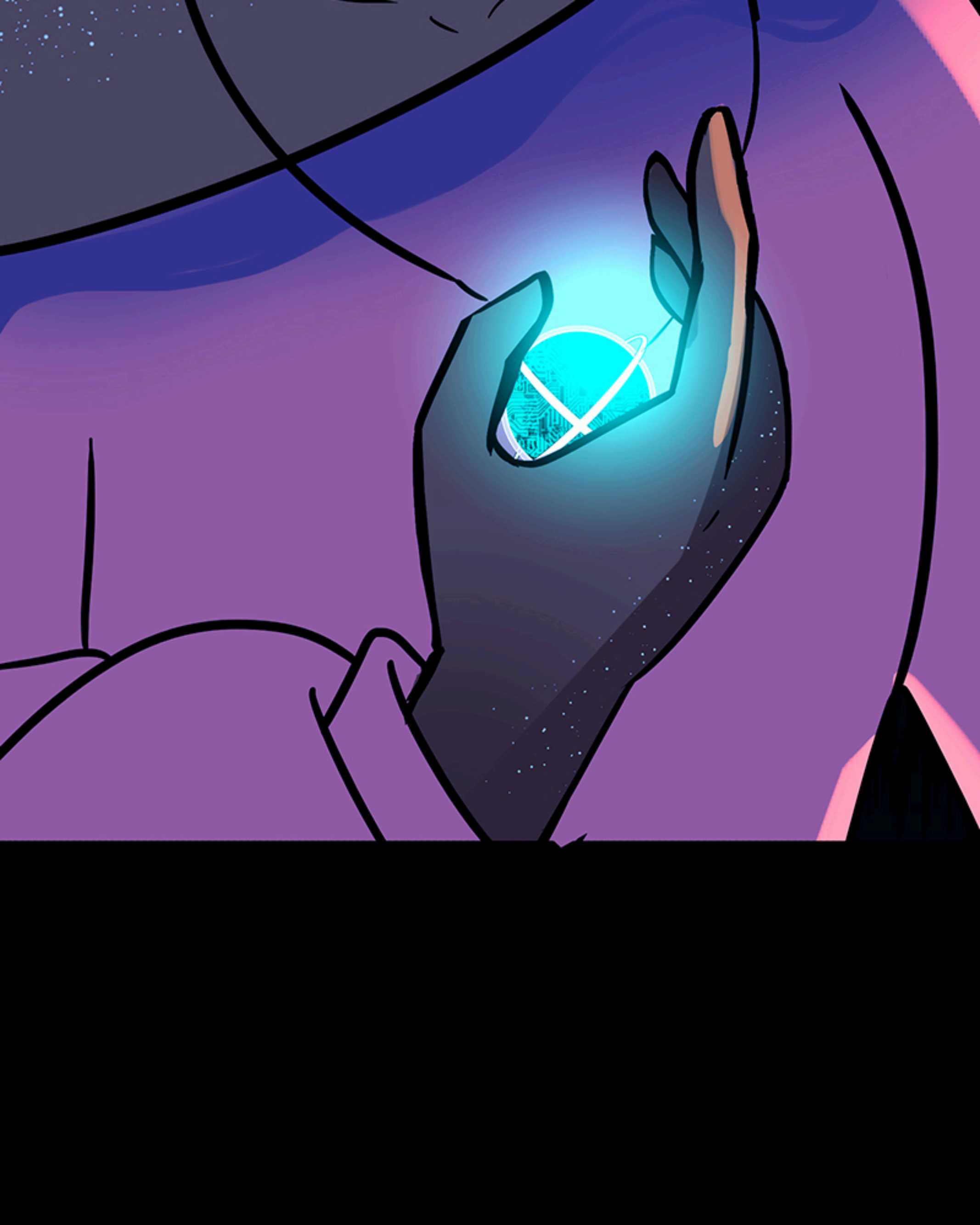






YOU WIN...







TAKE ME
TO A.E.

SEE YOU IN
SEASON 2!



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