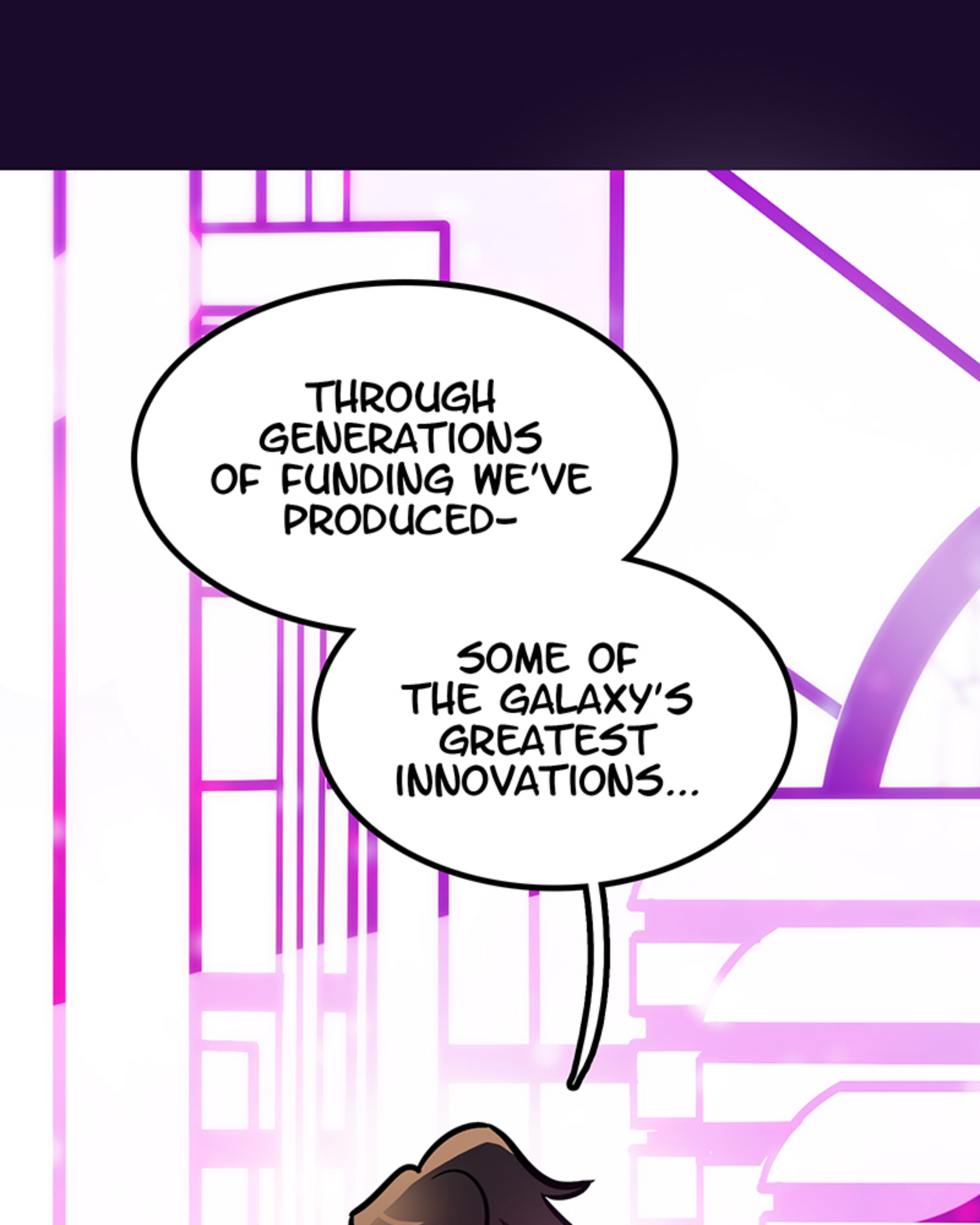


CHARLES...





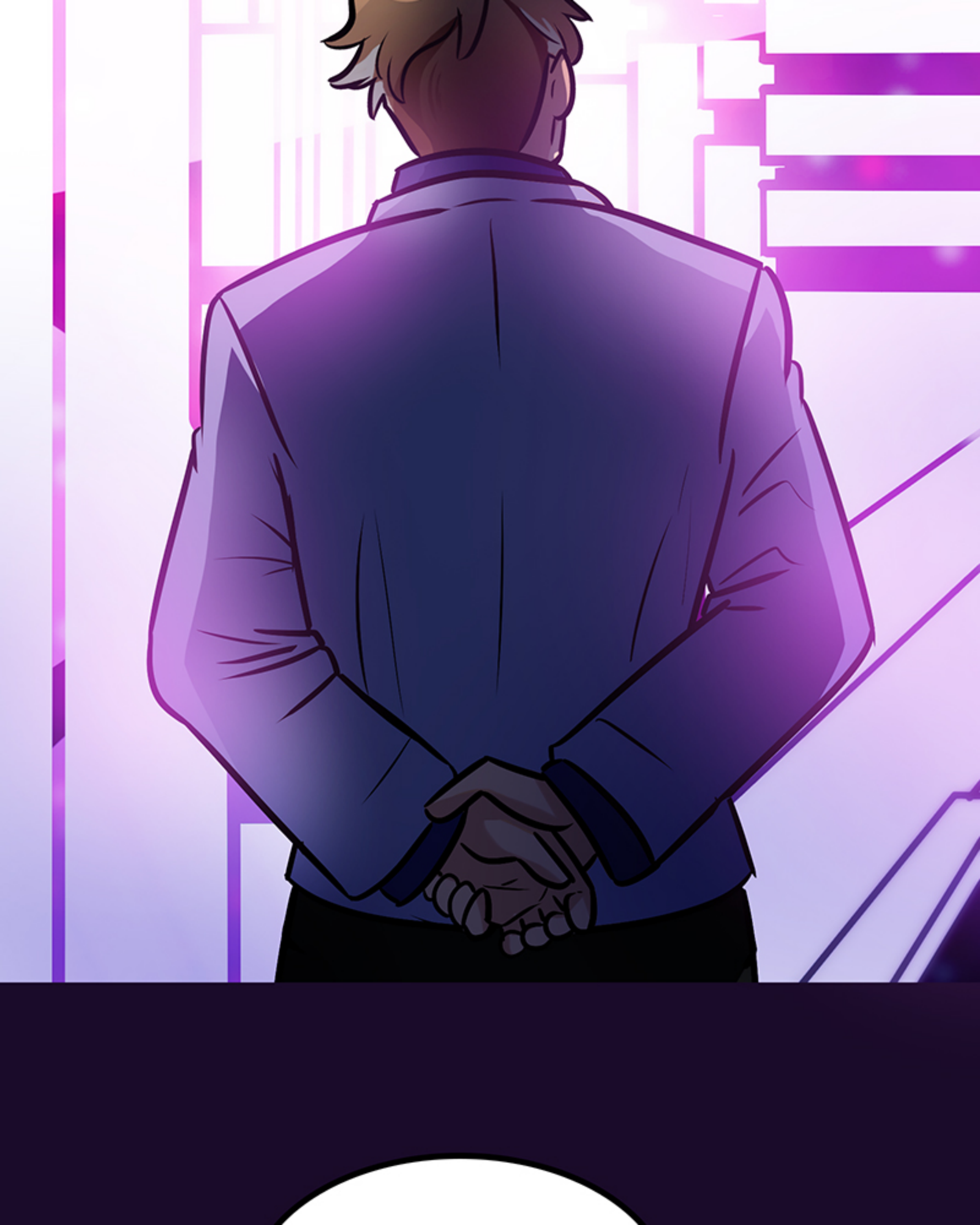
THE
WOLLSTONE
HAVE ALWAYS
PRIDED OURSELVES
IN INVESTING IN
PEOPLE'S
POTENTIAL.



THROUGH
GENERATIONS
OF FUNDING WE'VE
PRODUCED-

SOME OF
THE GALAXY'S
GREATEST
INNOVATIONS...

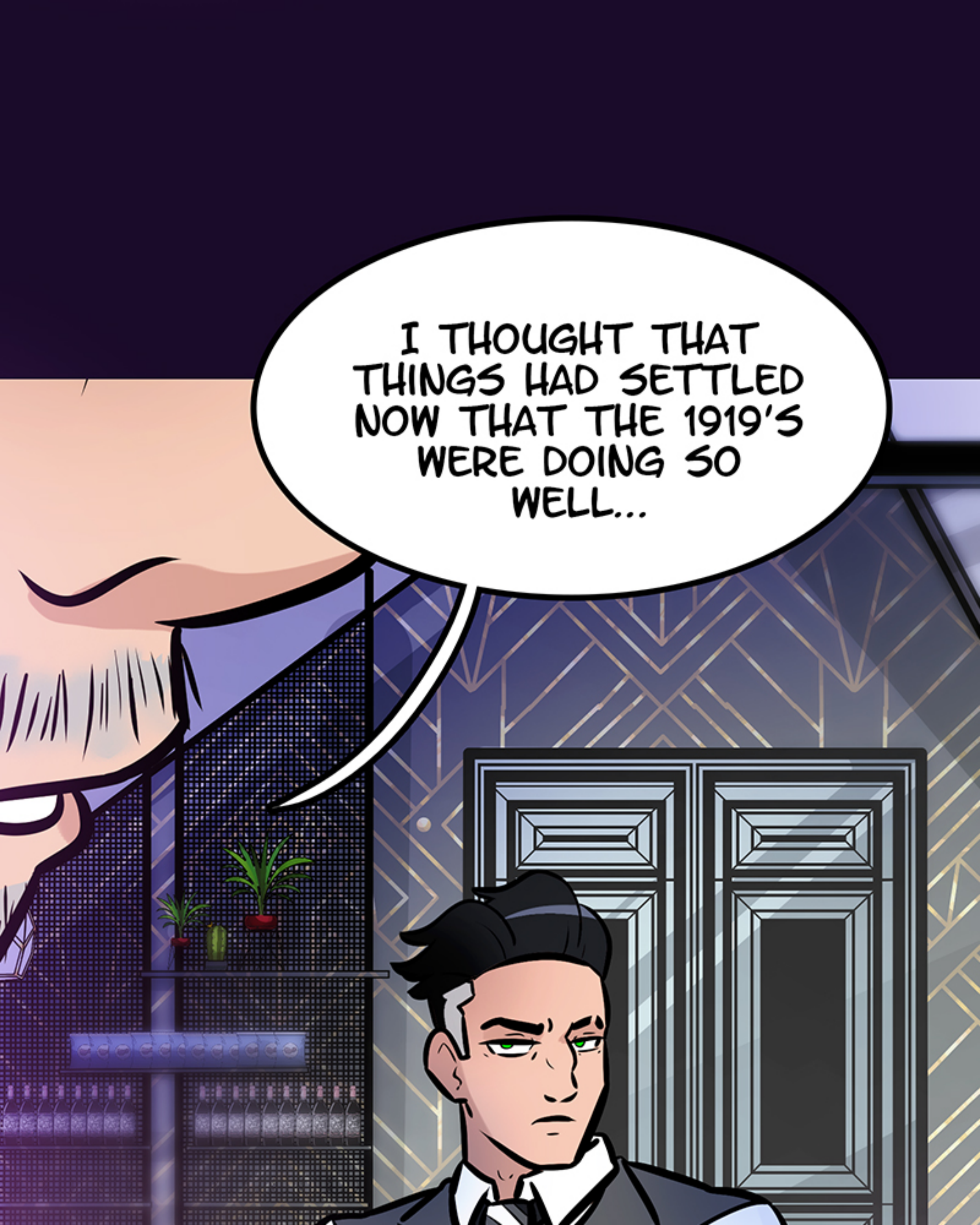




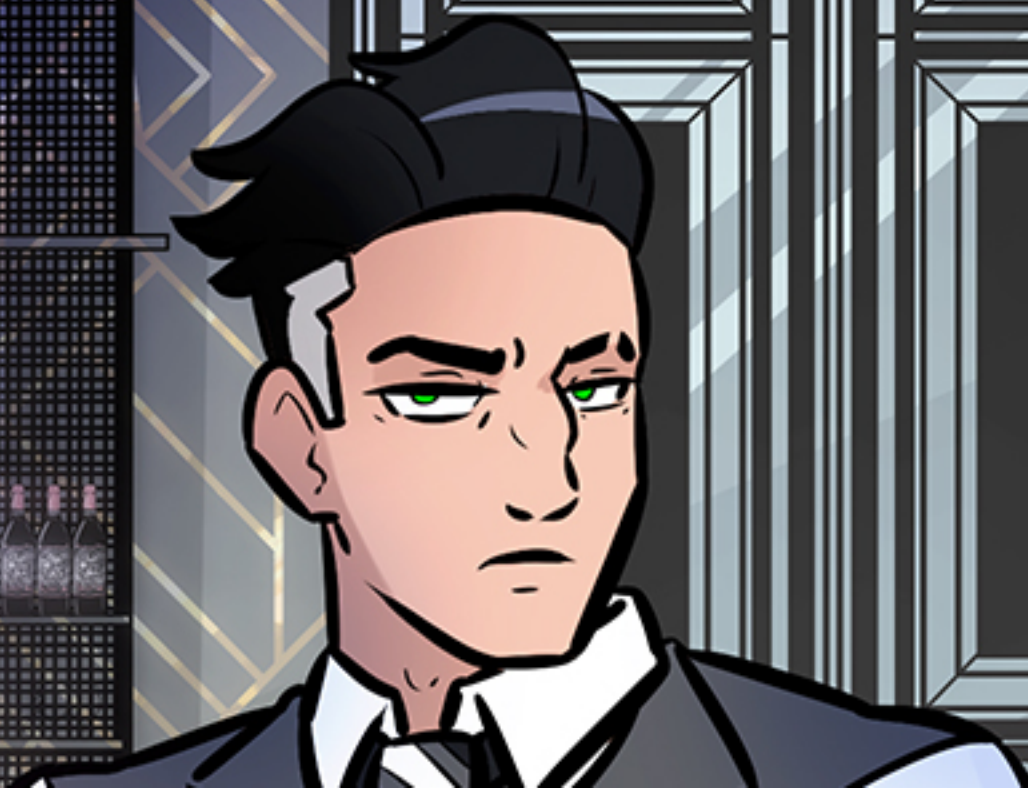
BUT THEY
CAN'T ALL BE
WINNERS...







I THOUGHT THAT
THINGS HAD SETTLED
NOW THAT THE 1919'S
WERE DOING SO
WELL...





BUT BETWEEN
RECENT INCIDENTS
AND YOUR BEHAVIOR
TONIGHT...



A comic book panel featuring a man with a beard and brown hair, wearing a blue jacket. He is shown in profile, looking down with his hand resting on his chin in a thoughtful pose. A speech bubble above him contains the text "I HAVE TO WONDER....". The background is a solid dark blue, and the top of the frame shows a portion of another character's face and a gold chain.

I HAVE
TO WONDER....



CAN YOU CLARIFY
WHAT EXACTLY ABOUT
MY BEHAVIOR TONIGHT
BOTHERED YOU?





XADA'S
INSINUATION ABOUT
YOUR LEGITIMACY WAS
BAD ENOUGH...



BUT IT
MAKES ME EVEN MORE
SUSPICIOUS WHEN
YOU'RE **GRABBING** HIM
IN THE HALLWAY.

I
DIDN'T-





I DON'T
KNOW WHY
HE COVERED
FOR YOU
BUT-

I
HAVE EYES,
CHARLES.



**MICHAEL
MASTERS REVOLUTIONIZED
DERMAL TECHNOLOGY.**

**AFFORDABLE
AND LIFELIKE ON
HUMANS AS WELL
AS LOVEBOTS.**



THAT WAS
GENIUS.





MICHAEL
WASN'T-



DR. VALASIA
WAS ONE OF THE
MOST RENOWNED
SCIENTISTS IN
HER FIELD.

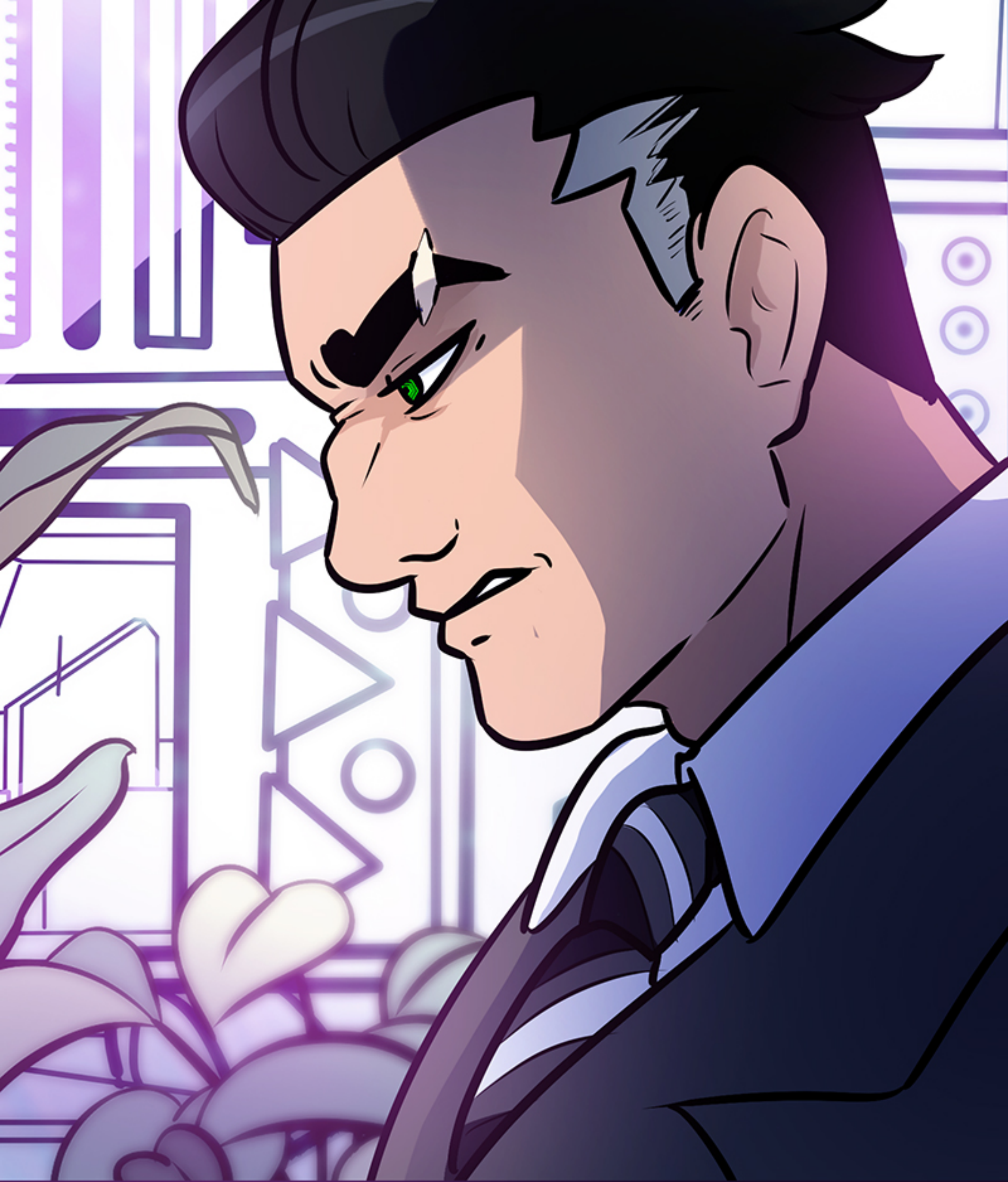
A PRODIGY.

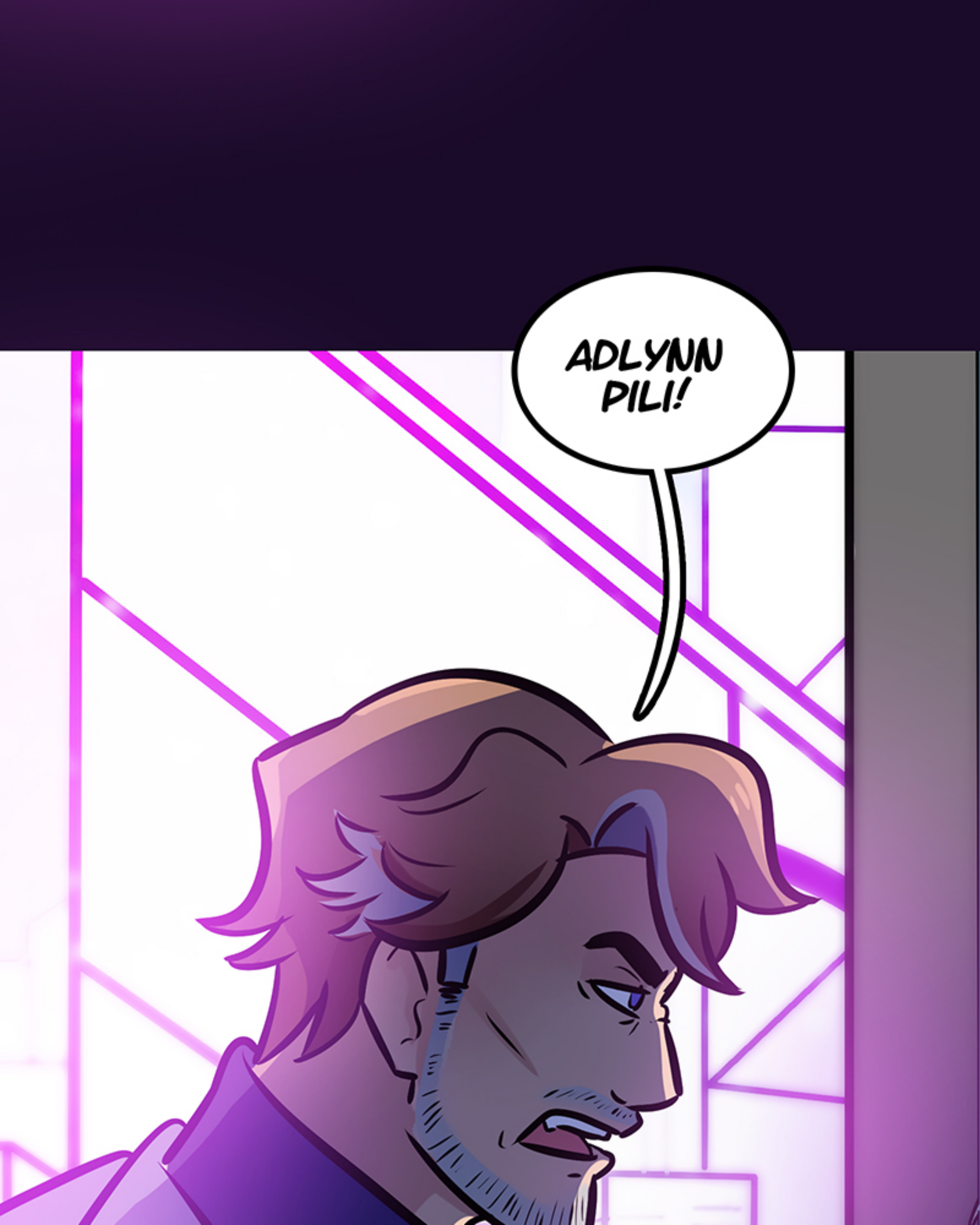


AND YOU
HAVE HER MAKING
SEX TOYS.

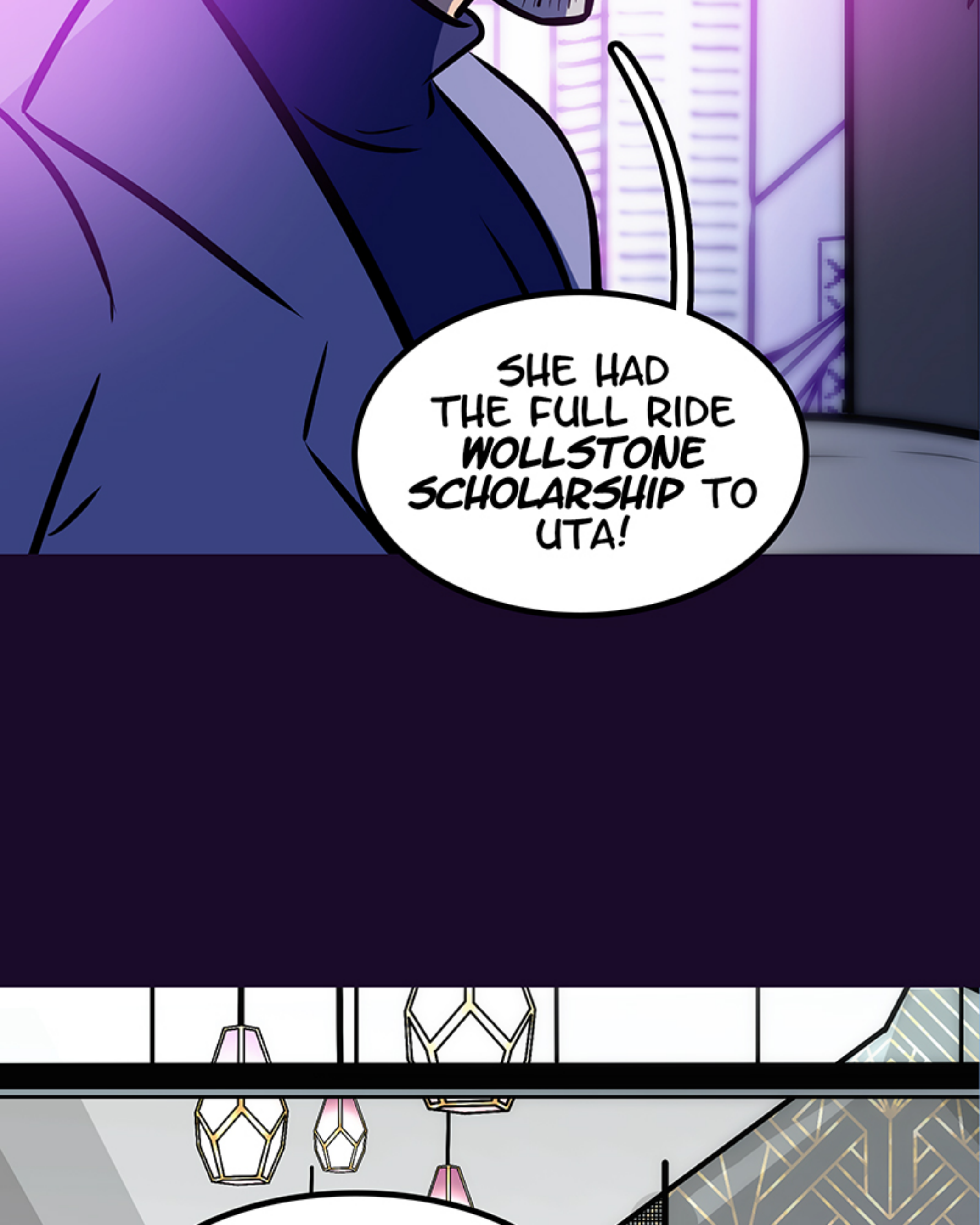


IF YOU THOUGHT
THAT WAS ALL THEY
WERE YOU WOULDN'T
HAVE INVESTED-





ADLYNN
PILI!

A comic book panel featuring a character with a long, white, cat-like ear and a blue jacket. The character is shown from the chest up, with their mouth open as if speaking. A large, white, oval speech bubble is positioned in front of the character's chest. The background is a dark blue/purple gradient with some stylized, light-colored lines suggesting an interior setting. The overall style is that of a modern comic book.

**SHE HAD
THE FULL RIDE
WOLLSTONE
SCHOLARSHIP TO
UTA!**

YOU MADE HER
YOUR ARM CANDY
ON PAYROLL!





SHE DIDN'T
HAVE THE
NECESSARY
EXPERIENCE
FOR-

AND NOW-

ON TOP OF
ALL OF THAT-

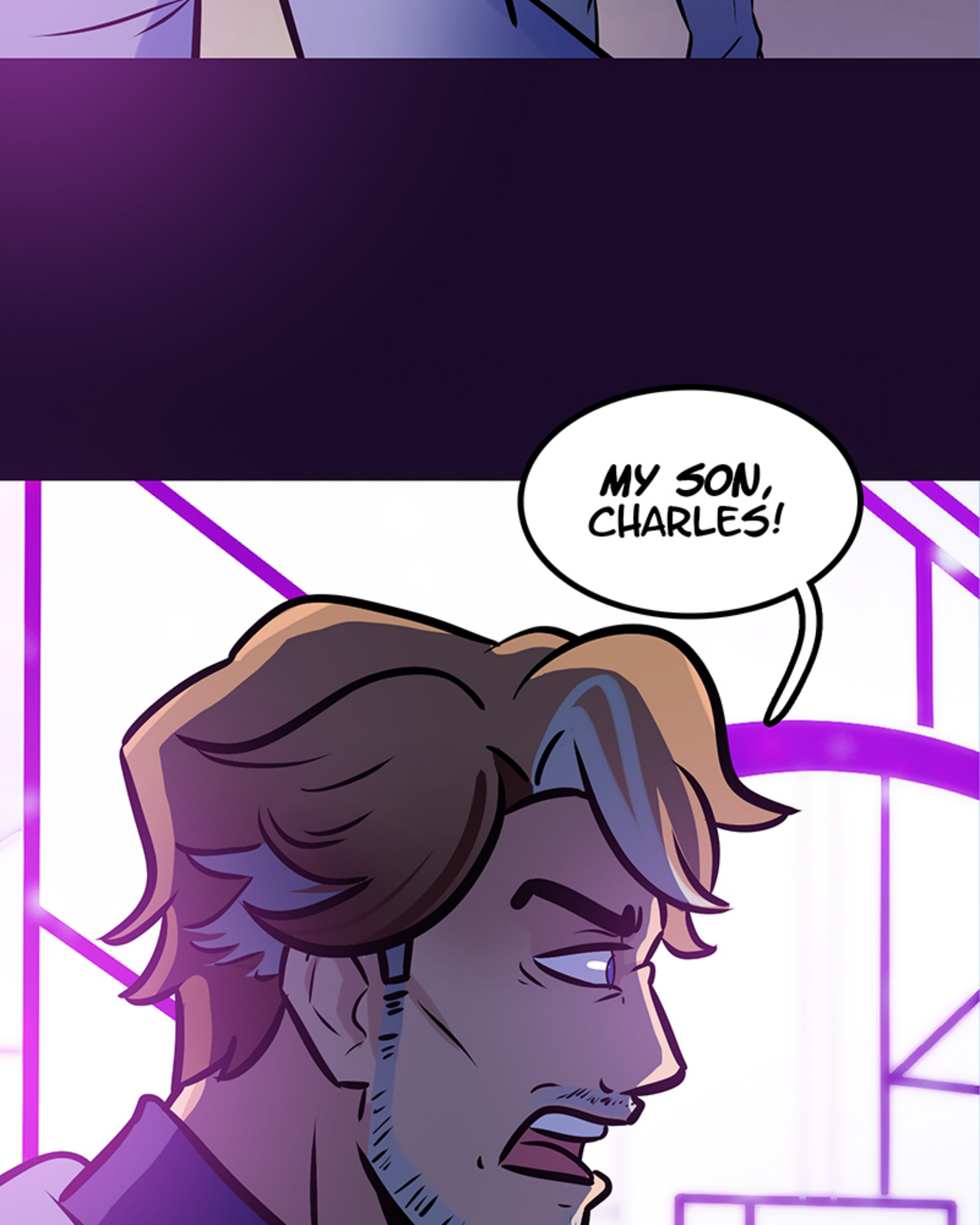




VELIX WAS

VEDIA WAS
PUT IN CHARGE OF
THE REBRANDING AND
MARKETING WHEN HE
HASN'T EVEN BEEN
PROMOTED TO
CMO!



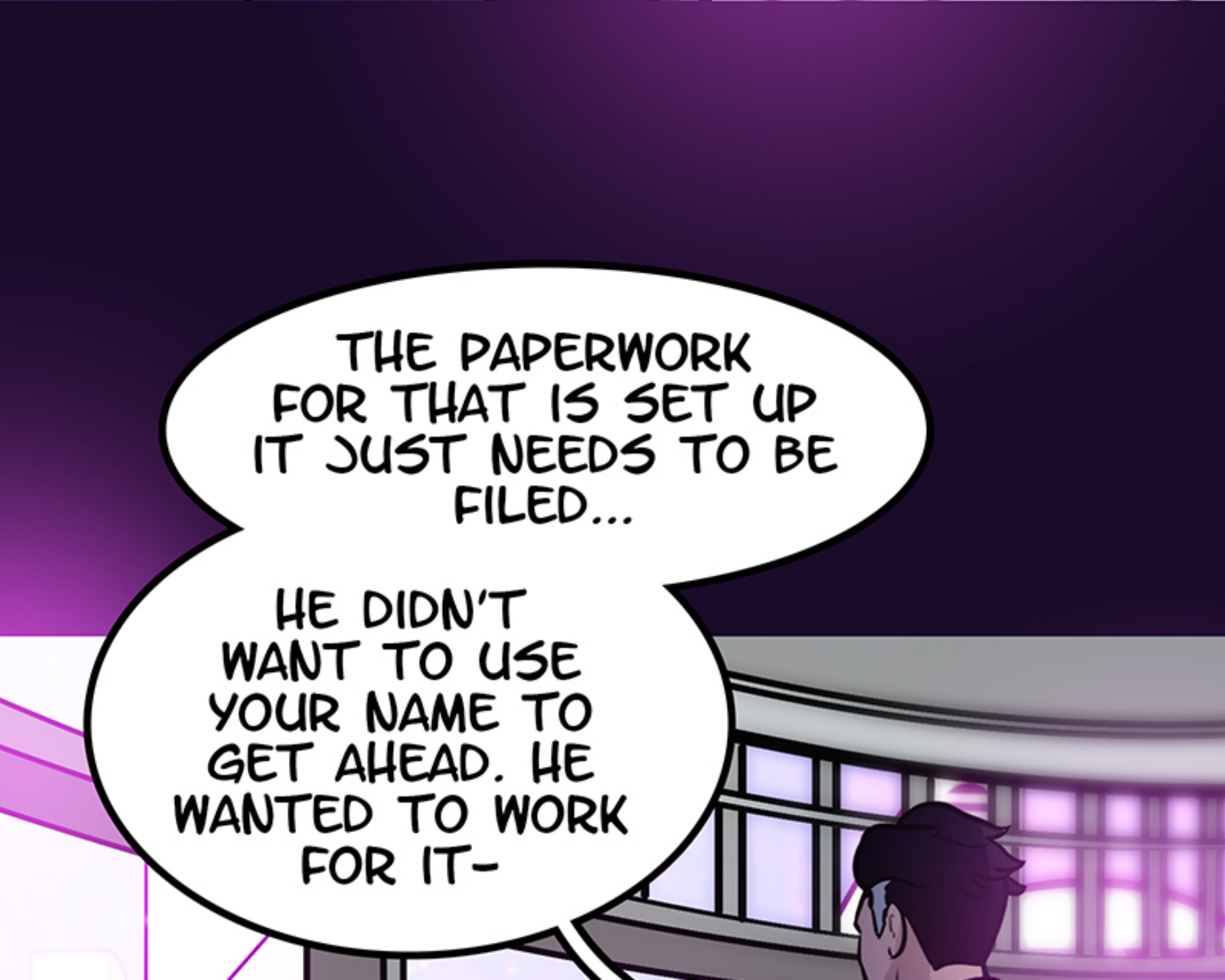


MY SON,
CHARLES!



THE PAPERWORK
FOR THAT IS SET UP
IT JUST NEEDS TO BE
FILED...

HE DIDN'T
WANT TO USE
YOUR NAME TO
GET AHEAD. HE
WANTED TO WORK
FOR IT-







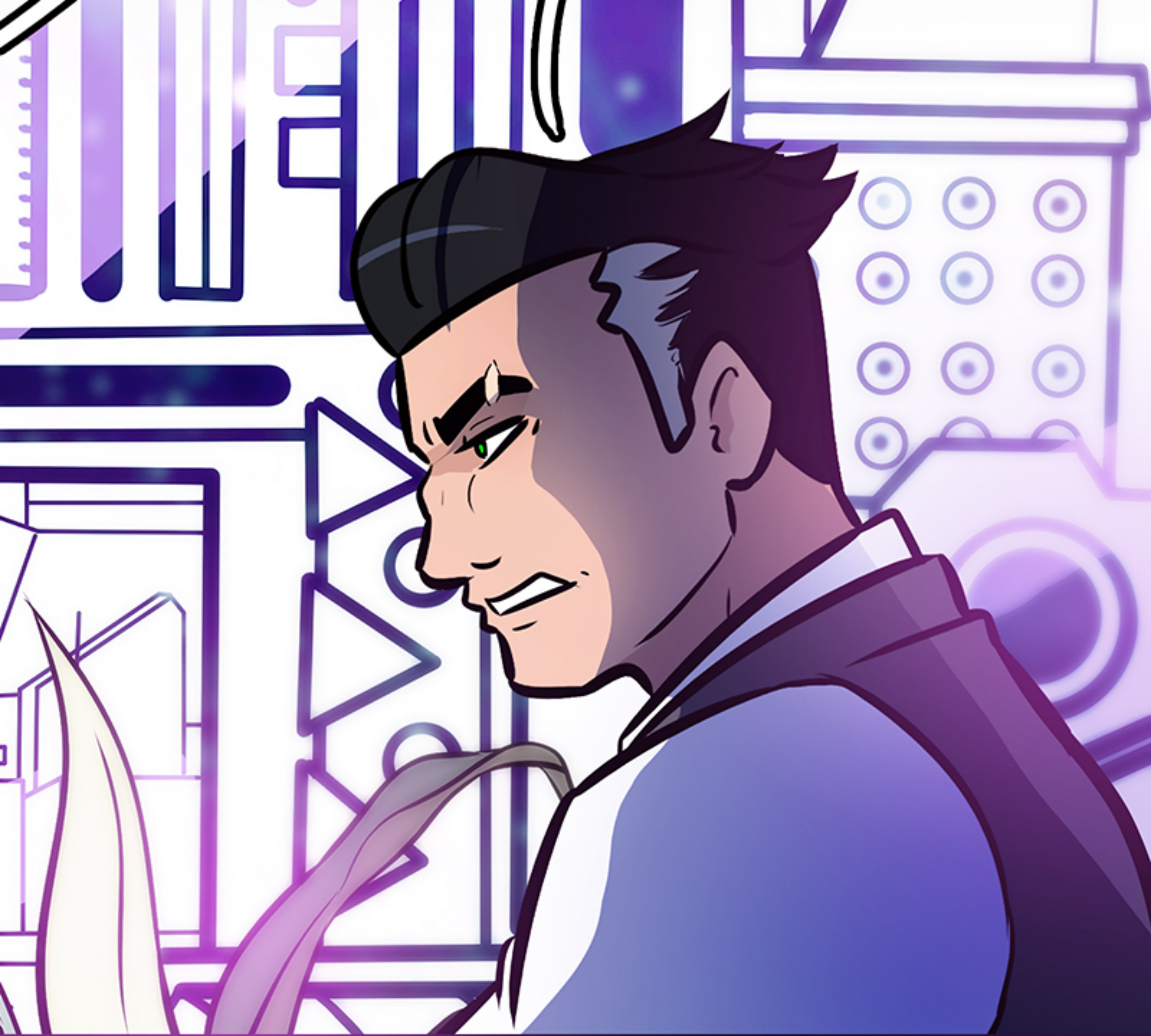
HE CLEARLY
HAS WORKED!

AND I HAD TO
HEAR THAT FROM
XADA OF ALL
PEOPLE!



THE MAN
THAT I WAS CONVINCED
WOULD INFLUENCE VELIX
INTO SOME DEAD END
VOLUNTEER WORK.

WELL...
YOUR SON
IS EASY TO
INFLUENCE-









... I MAKE IT MY
JOB TO RAISE PEOPLE
TO THEIR HIGHEST
POTENTIAL...

BECAUSE
I SEE THE LONG
TERM REWARDS.



A comic book panel featuring two characters. On the left, a character with dark skin and a purple shirt is shown from the chest up, looking towards the right. On the right, a character with dark skin and a blue shirt is shown from the chest up, looking towards the left. They are both wearing black gloves. The background is a dark purple gradient. Two speech bubbles are present: one from the character on the left and one from the character on the right.

BUT YOU
SEEM TO ENJOY
SQUANDERING IT-

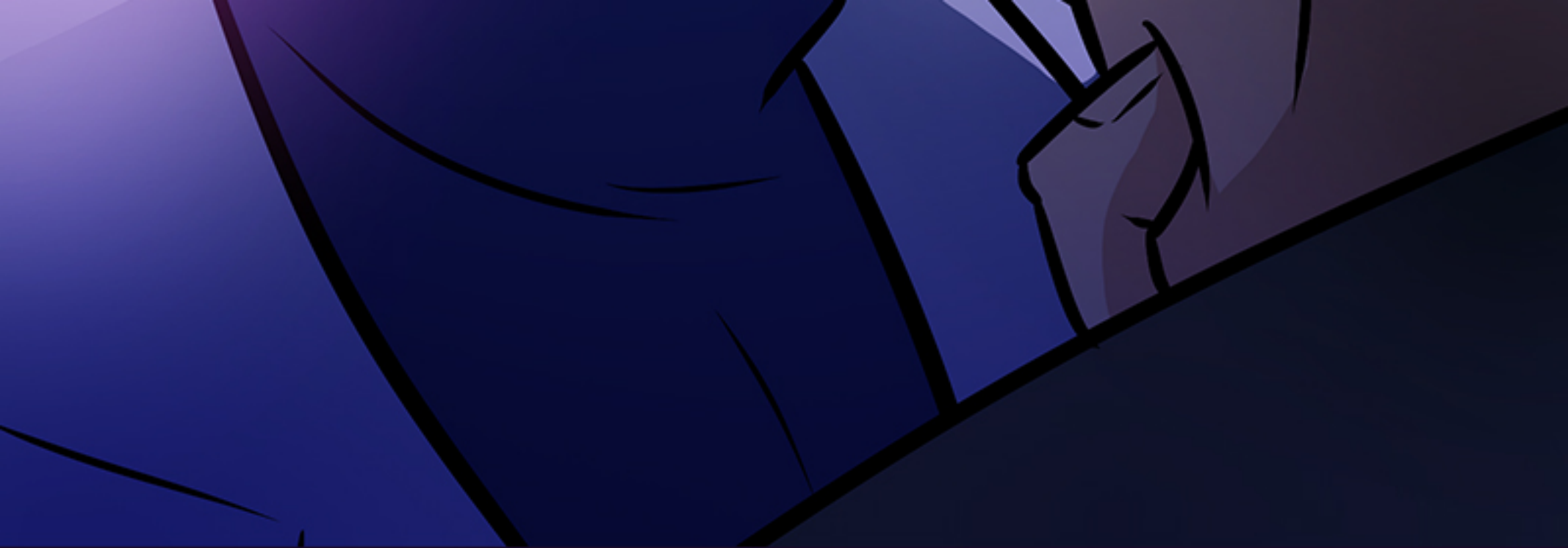
SO LONG
AS YOU GET
YOURS... WHO CARES
ABOUT THE REST-
IS THAT
IT?



I CAN STAND TO
LOSE THE MONEY IF
LOVEBOTS FAILED,

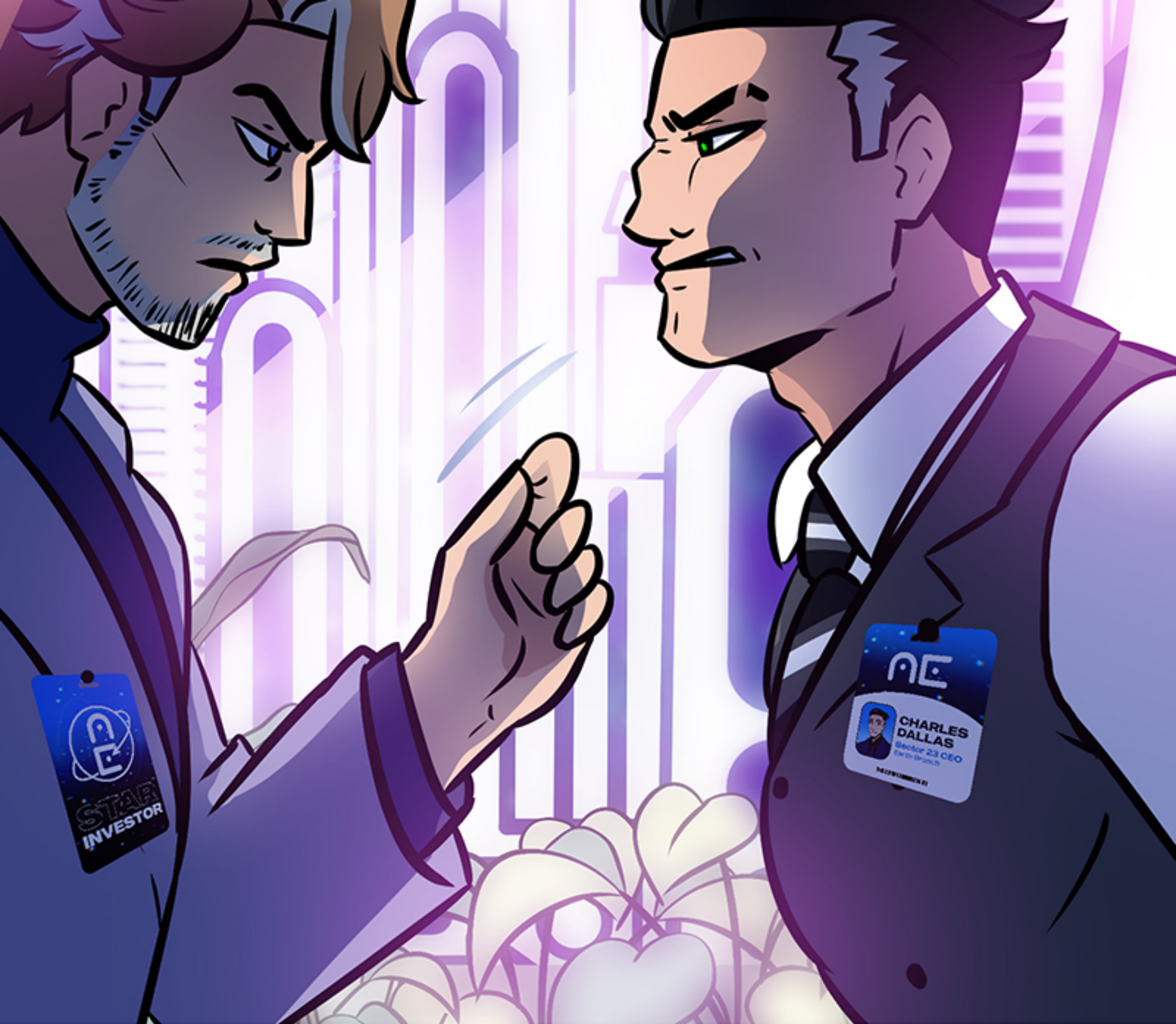
BUT I CANNOT
STAND TO BE HUMILIATED
IF MY NAME IS DRAGGED
FOR INVESTING IN SOMEONE
LIKE YOU.





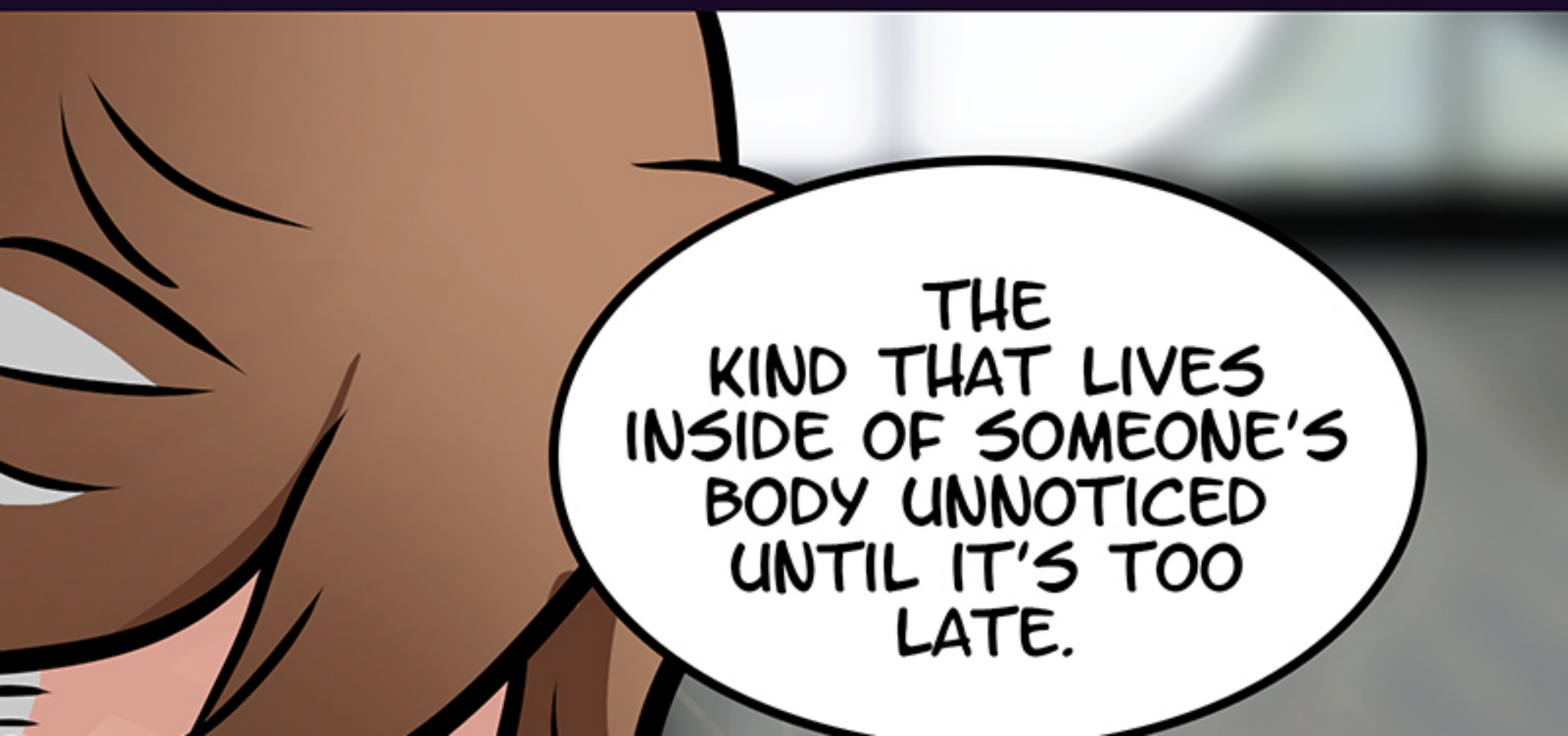
SOMEONE
LIKE ME....?

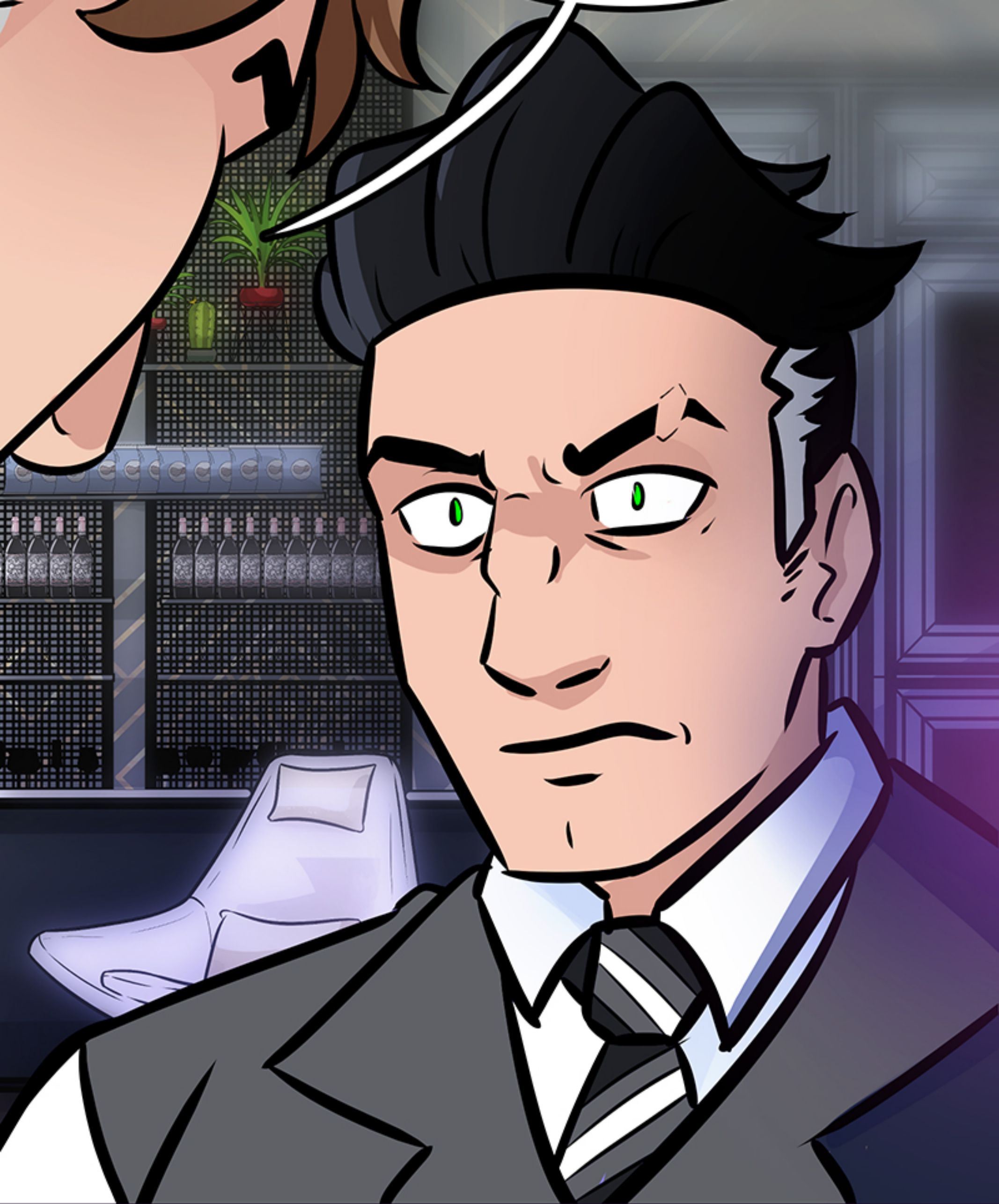




YOU'RE
A PARASITE,
CHARLES.

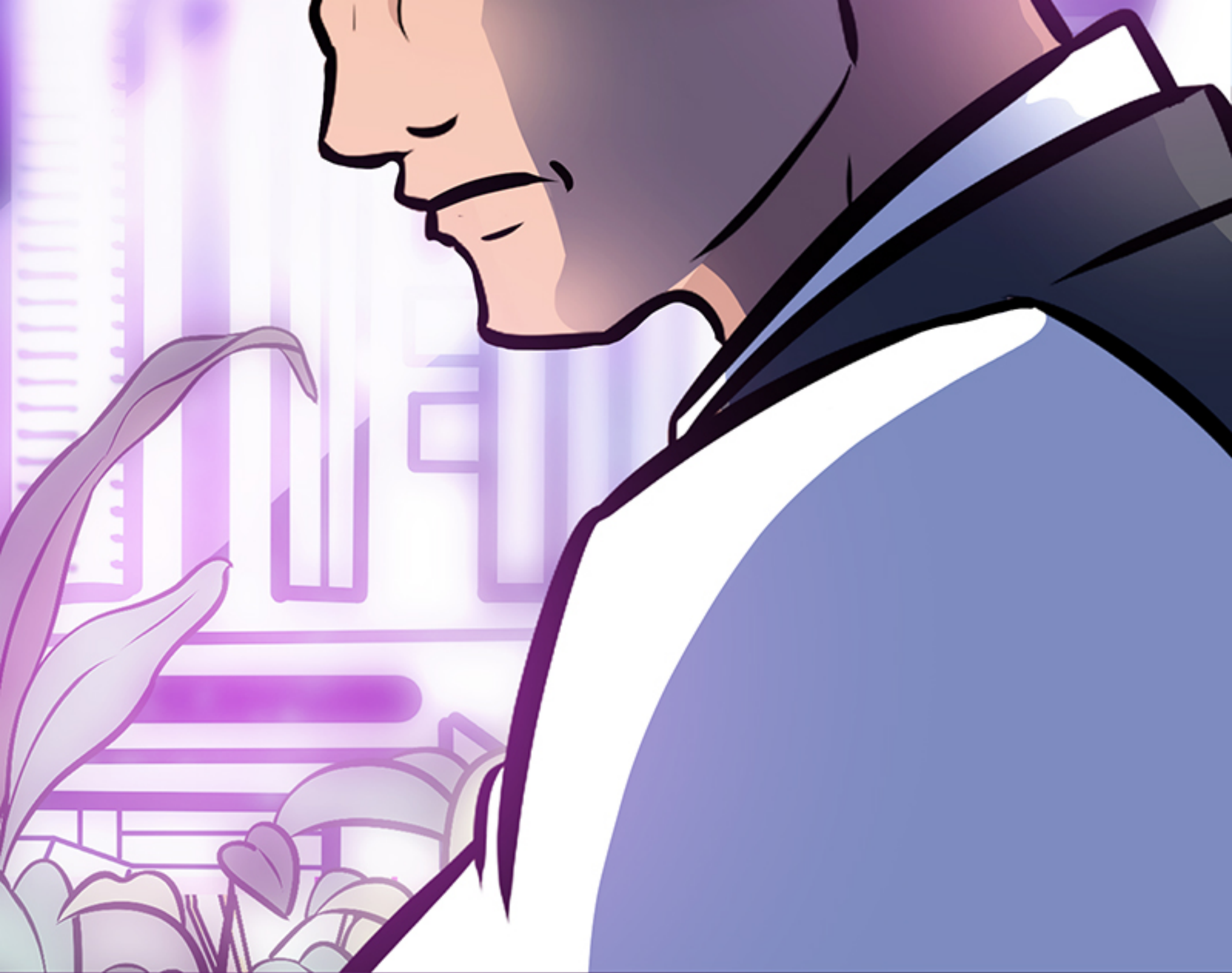






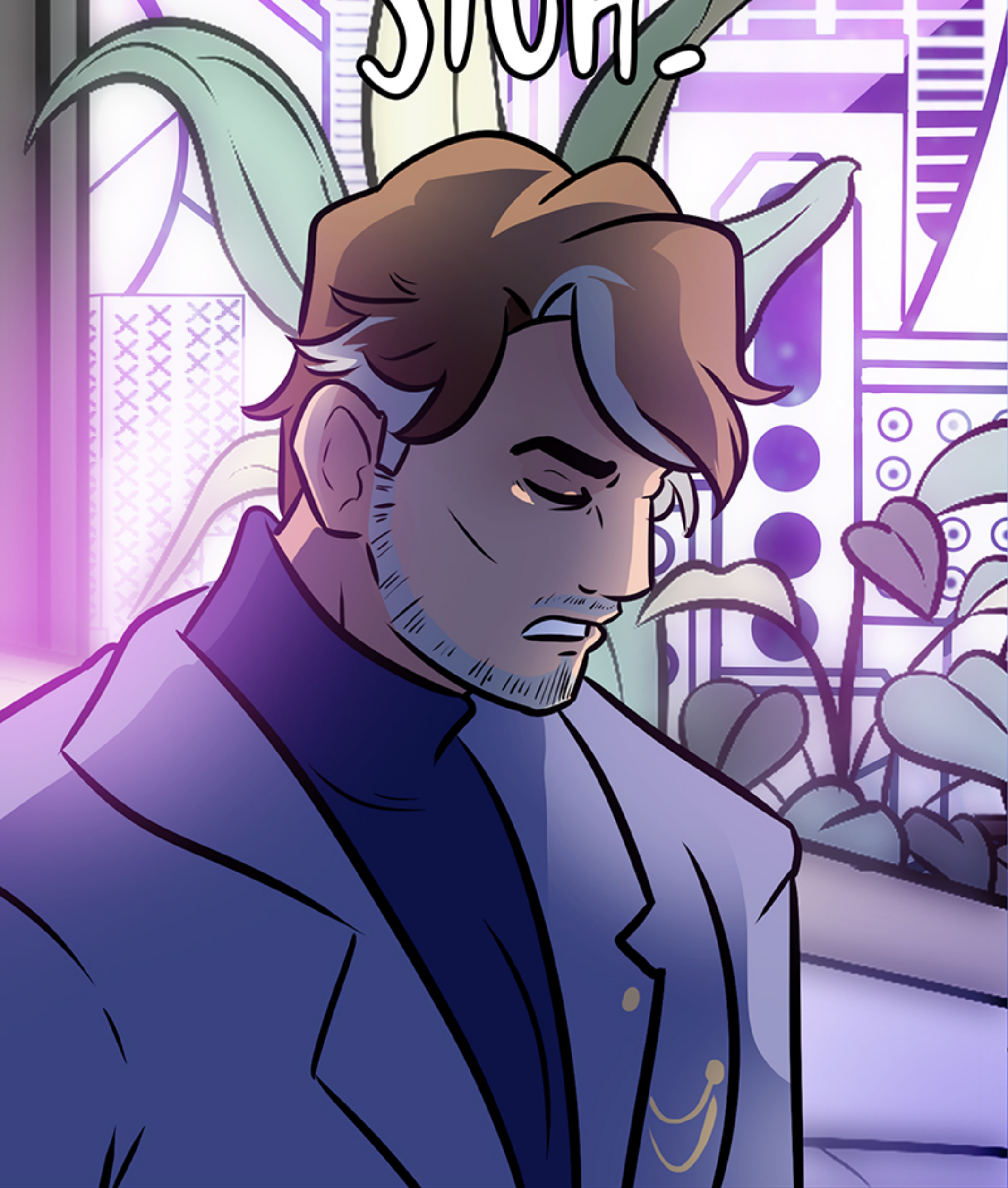
YOU
EVEN HAD ME
FOOLED FOR A
WHILE, WHICH IS
IMPRESSIVE...TO
A POINT.





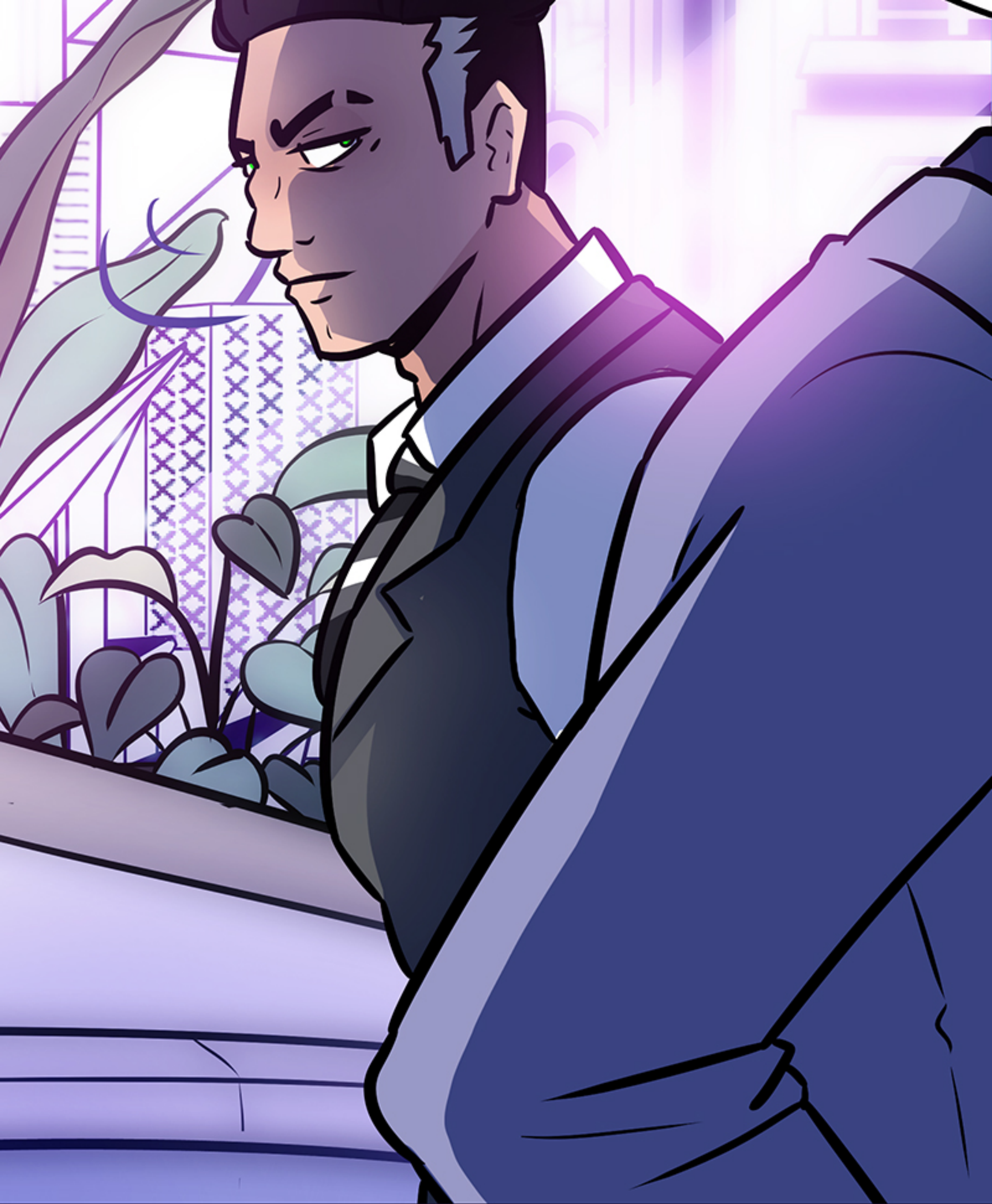


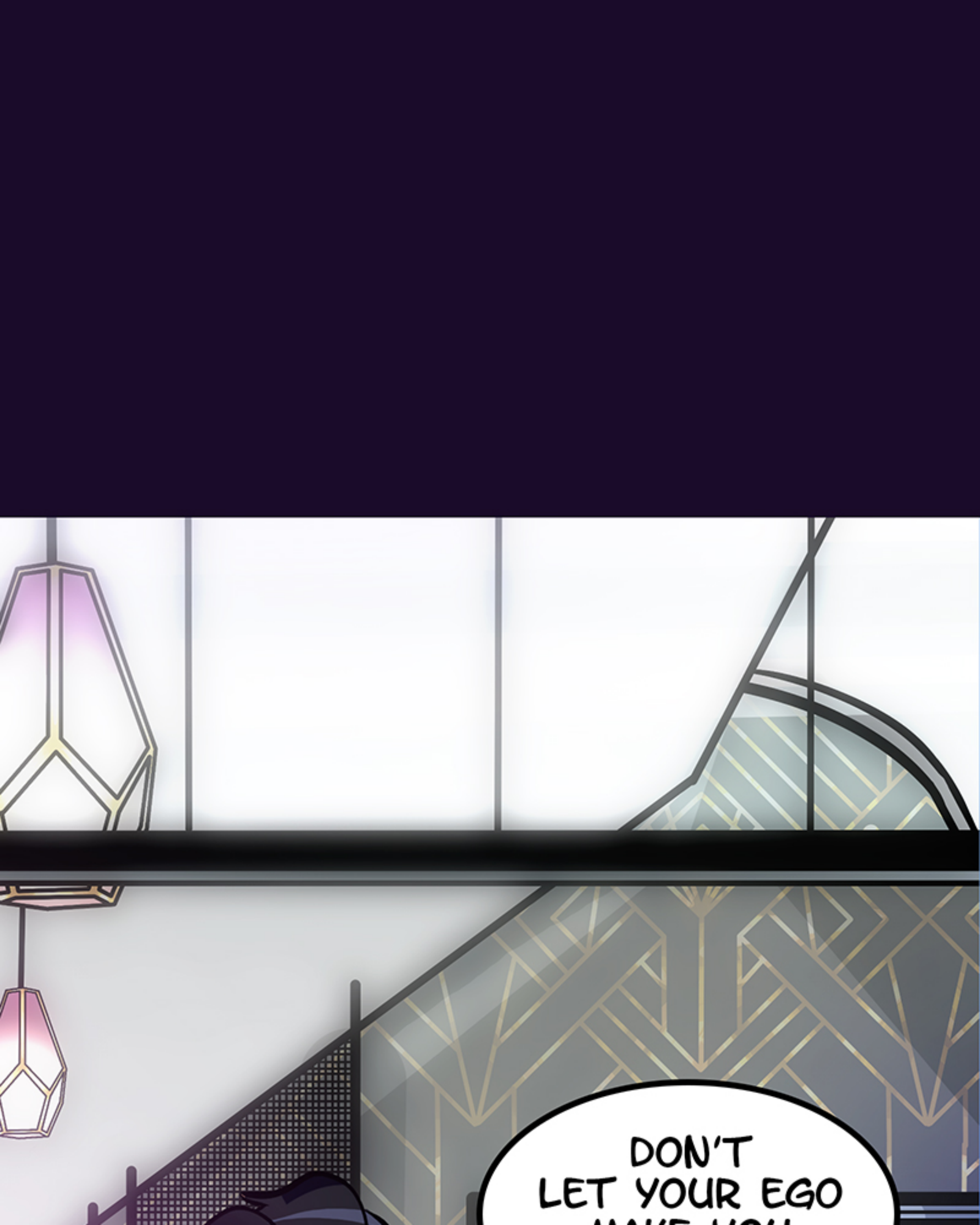




A character with dark, spiky hair is shown from the back of their head in the bottom left corner. They are speaking into a large, white, oval-shaped speech bubble. The background is a dark purple space with a futuristic, glowing structure featuring vertical bars and horizontal lines, illuminated with a soft purple light. The overall style is that of a comic book or animated series.

GET YOUR
SHIT TOGETHER
CHARLES.

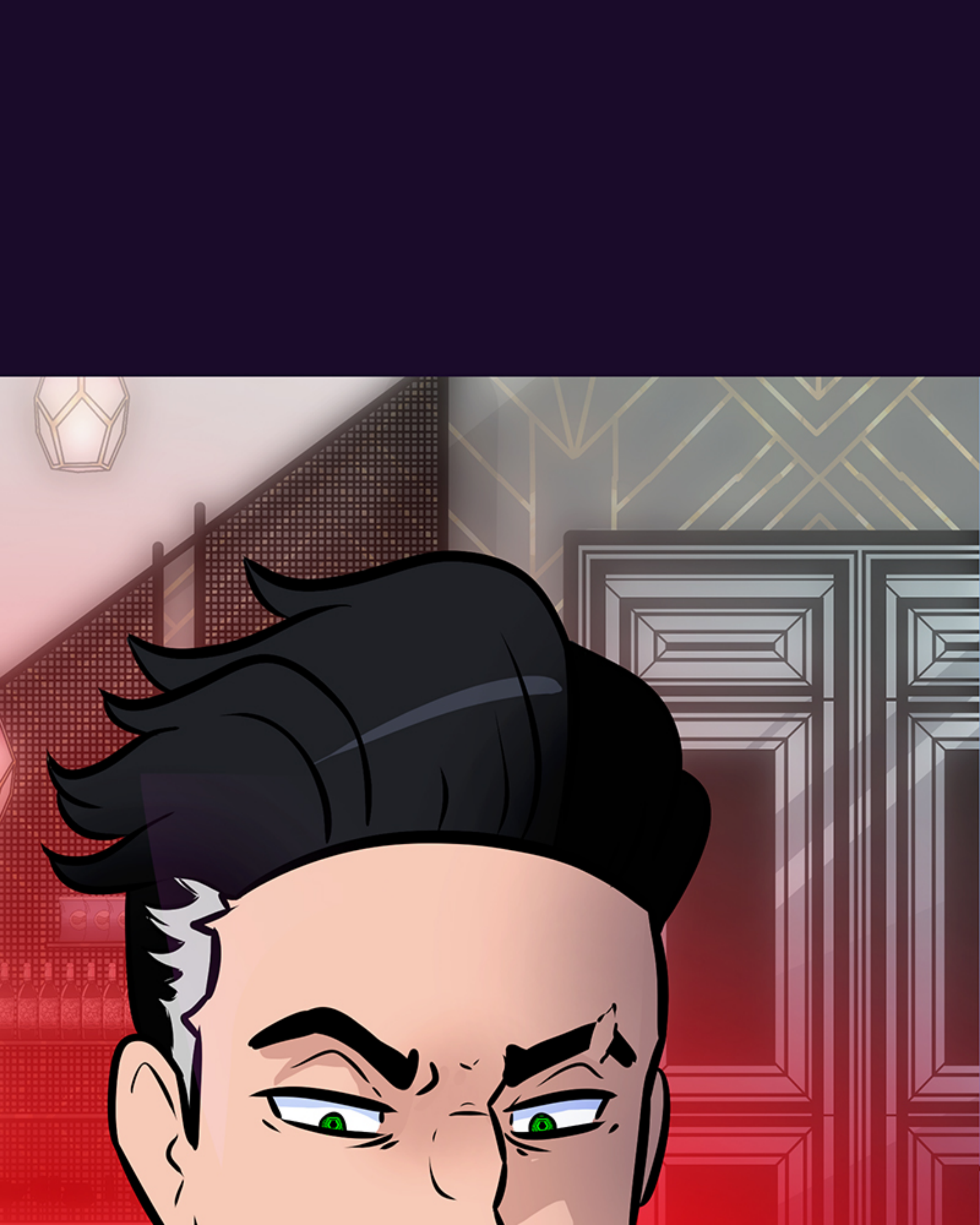




DON'T
LET YOUR EGO
HAVE YOU

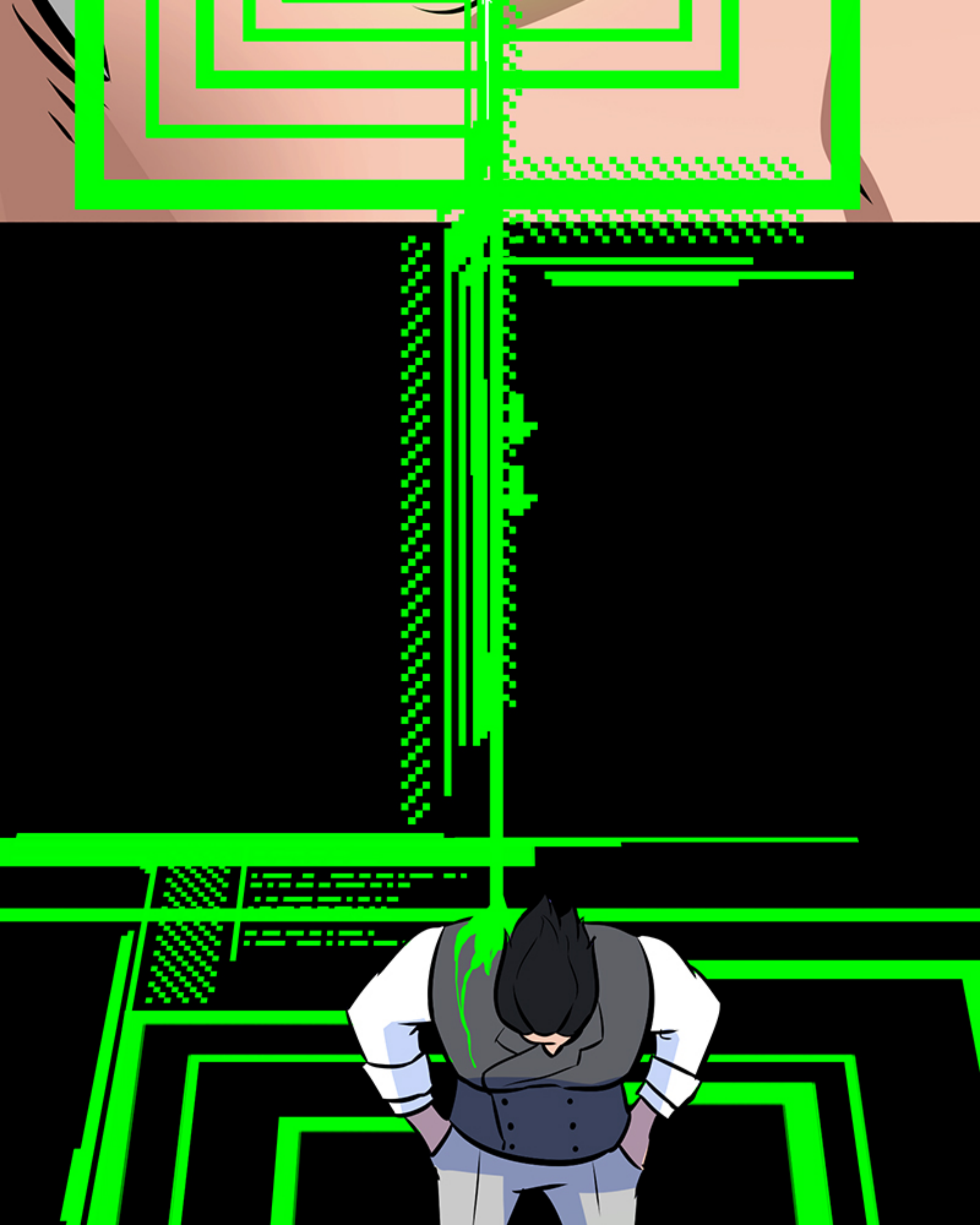


MAKE YOU
STUPID.









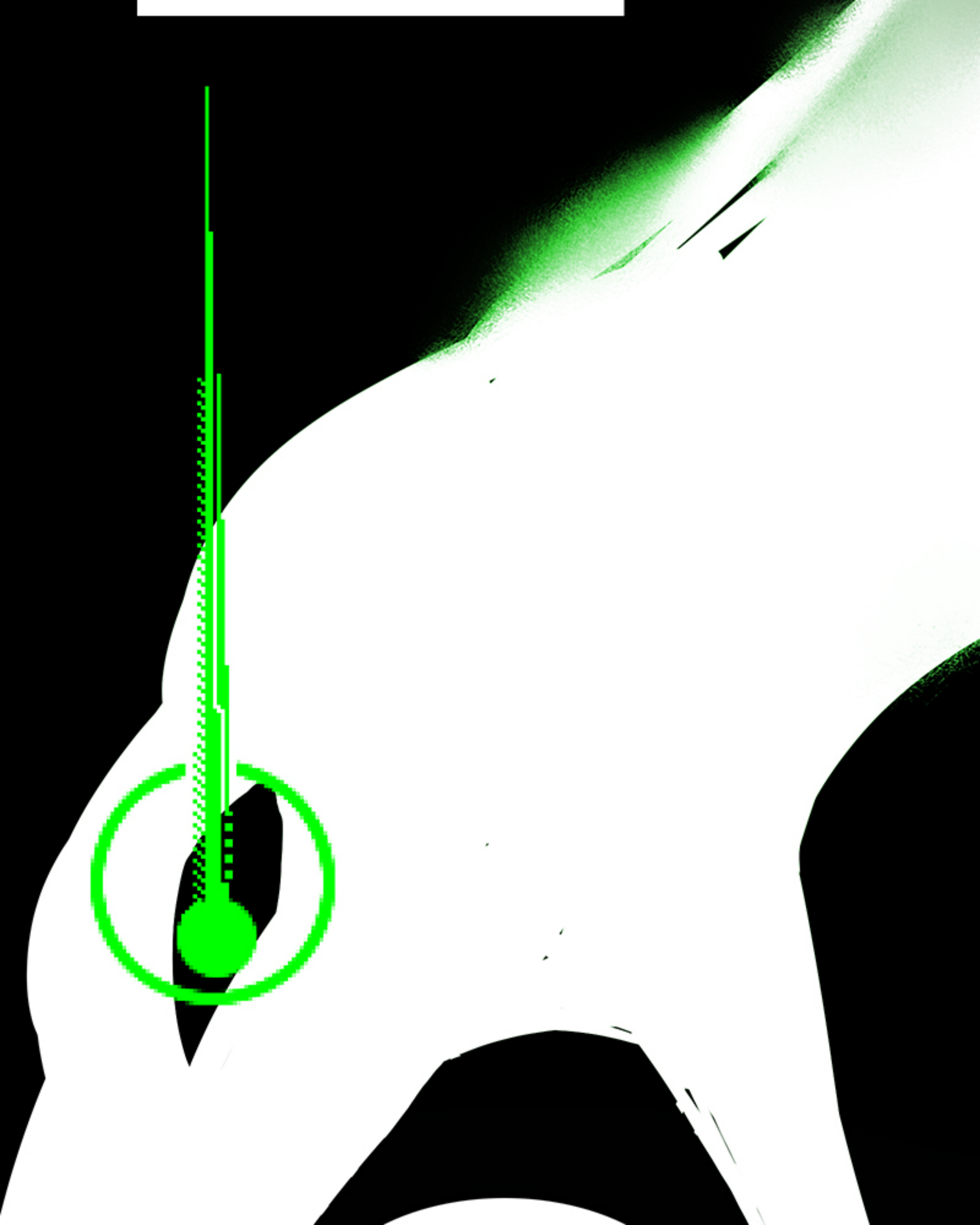


C-CHARLES?



PLEASE-
I NEED TO TELL
YOU SOMETHING
IMPORTANT BUT...

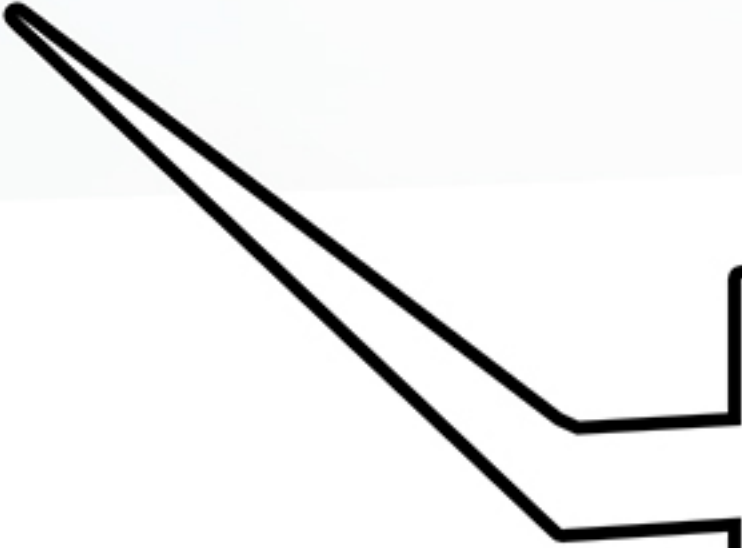
YOU HAVE TO
PROMISE ME
SOMETHING FIRST...





AND WHAT
WOULD THAT
BE, VELIX?

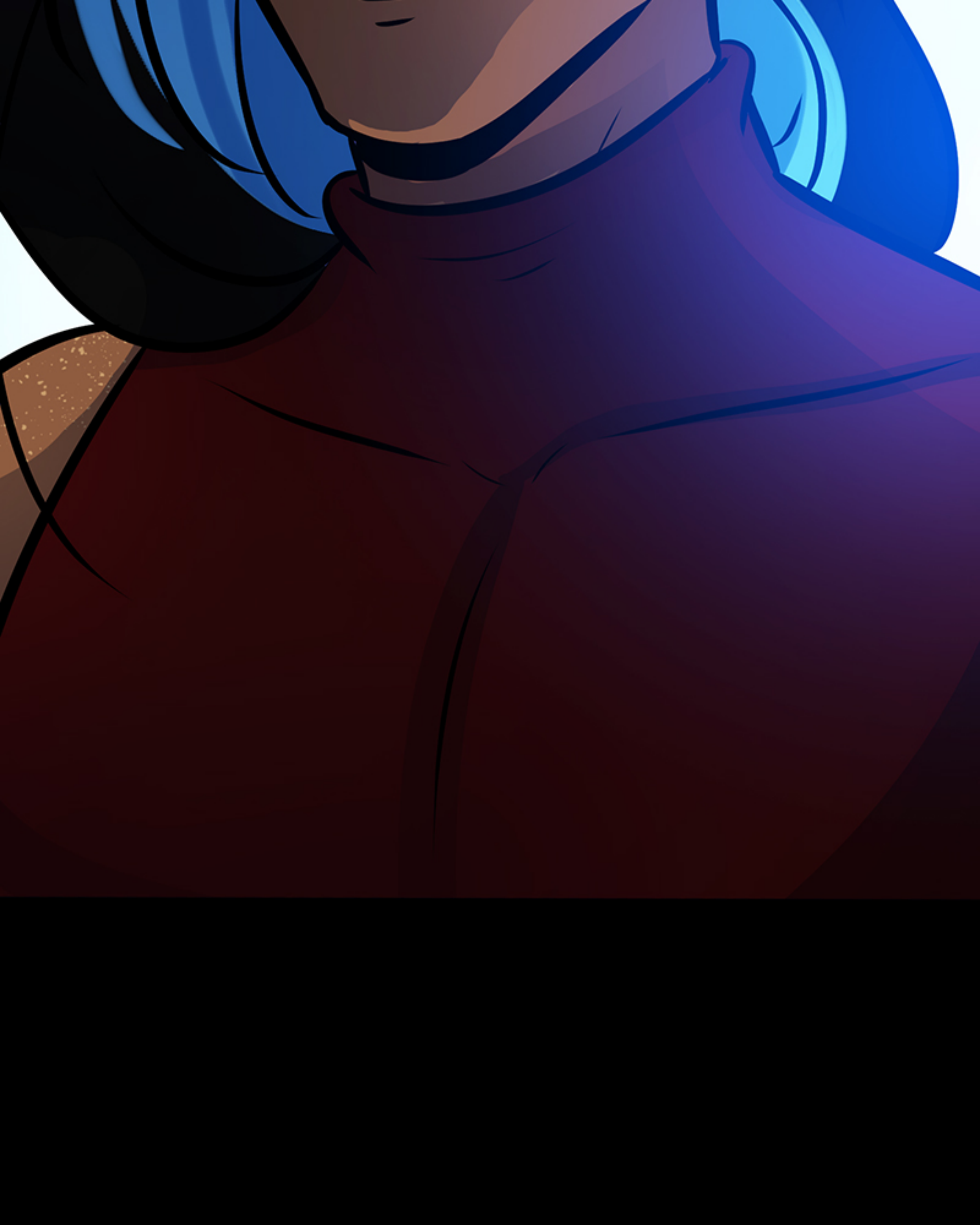




HE CAN'T
GET HURT.

LACEY?





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