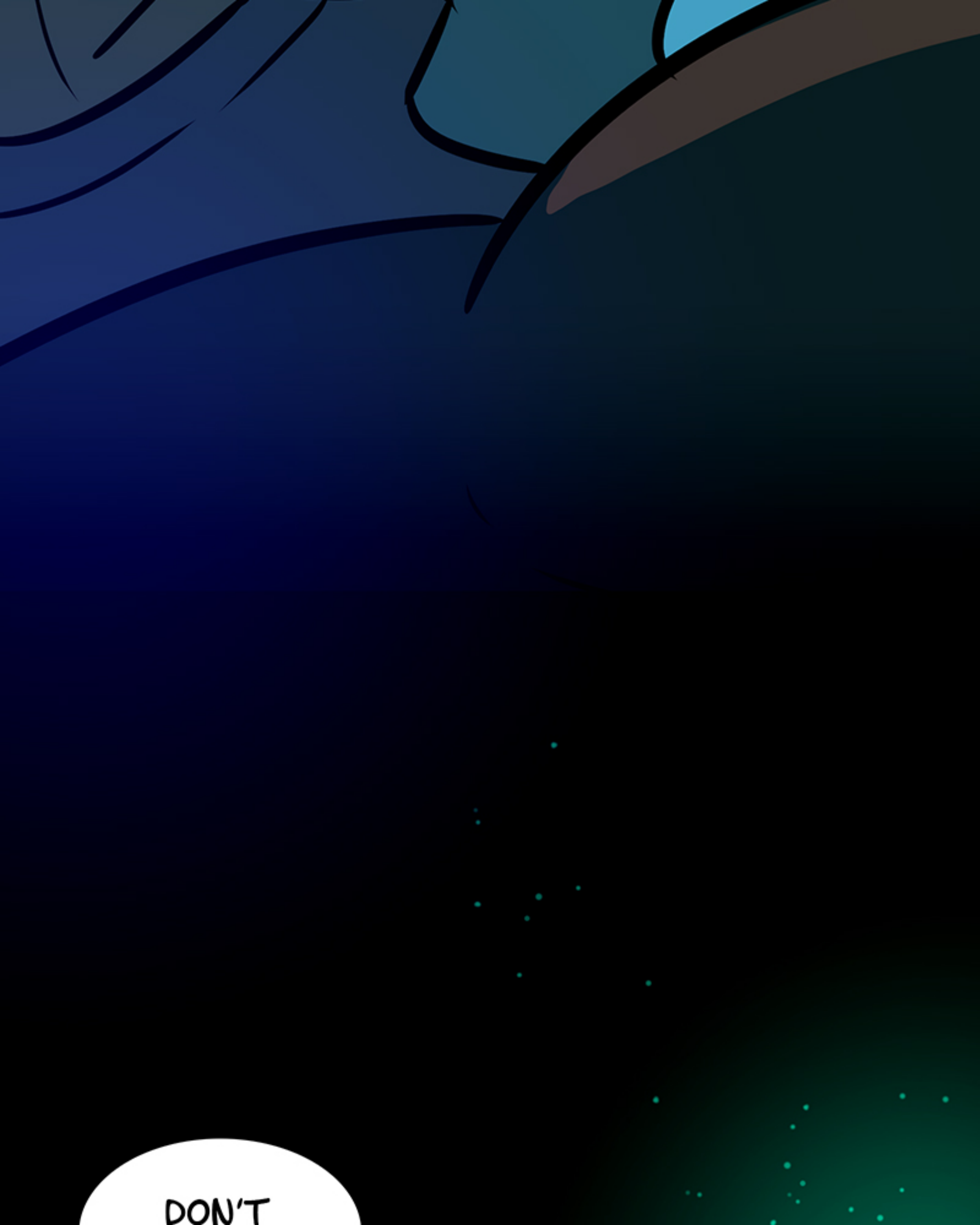




WHAT...
JUST LIKE
THAT?





DON'T

BE NAIVE!

IF I
FORGOT ABOUT
YOU AND XADA AND
I WAS ORDERED TO
HUNT YOU AGAIN THEN
YOU'D BE DEAD!





MMMM...
NAH.

I THINK
THAT YOU WOULD
SIMPLY FAIL A
SECOND TIME.





WHAT!

YOU DIDN'T
FAIL BECAUSE
YOU ALREADY
KNEW ME.

YOU FAILED
BECAUSE I SAID
THINGS THAT MADE
YOU FEEL ALL

YOU'RE ALL
FUNNY INSIDE.

AND I'D BE
MORE PREPARED
THIS TIME.





NO.

I FAILED BECAUSE
I HAD TO INTERROGATE
XADA FOR PROOF THAT
HE KNEW YOU.



IF I WENT IN
WITH CERTAINTY
ABOUT YOUR
LOCATION...

YOU MIGHT
OUTSMART ME
BUT HE AT LEAST
WOULD BE DEAD
FOR SURE.

IF I
COULDN'T GET
THROUGH TO
YOU...

AND YOU
TOUCHED EVEN
A SINGLE HAIR ON
HIS HEAD...





I WOULD
KILL YOU.







ANYWAY, BRAT.
I DON'T **ACTUALLY**
WANT TO FORGET
YOU LIKE THAT.

JUST
EXPLAINING
WHAT WAS ON
MY MIND. I'LL DO
BETTER NOT TO
LASH OUT WHEN
I'M NERVOUS.



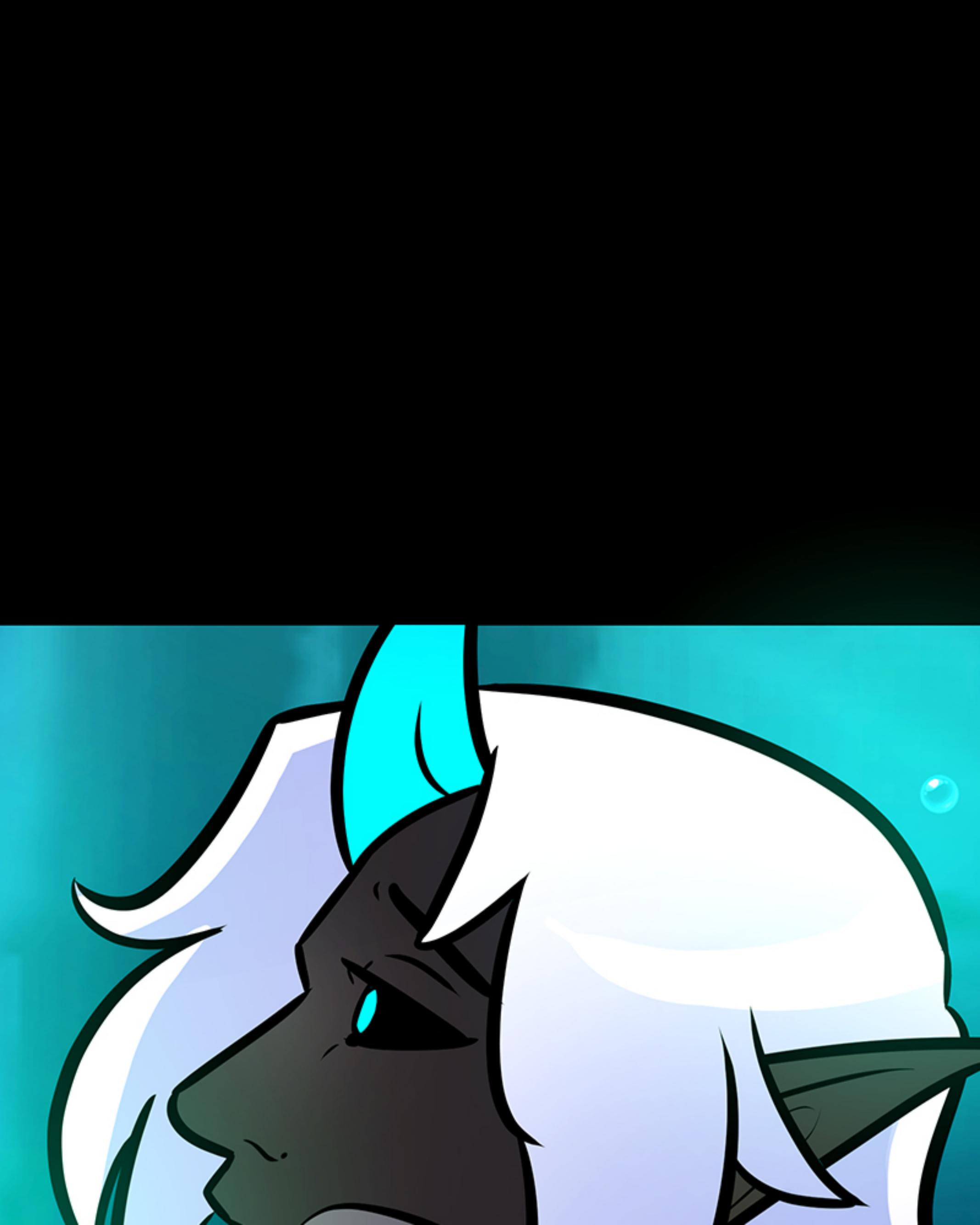


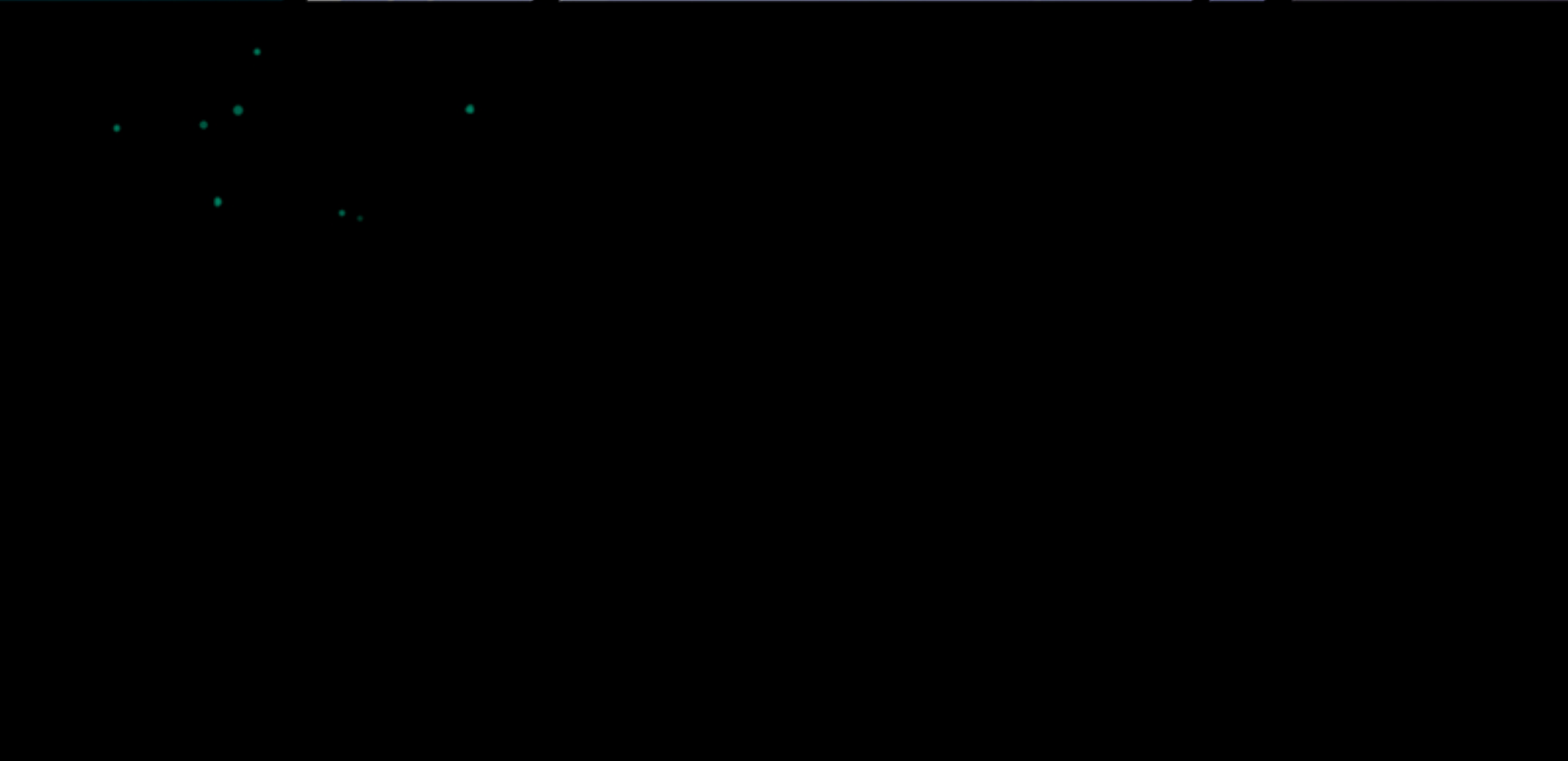
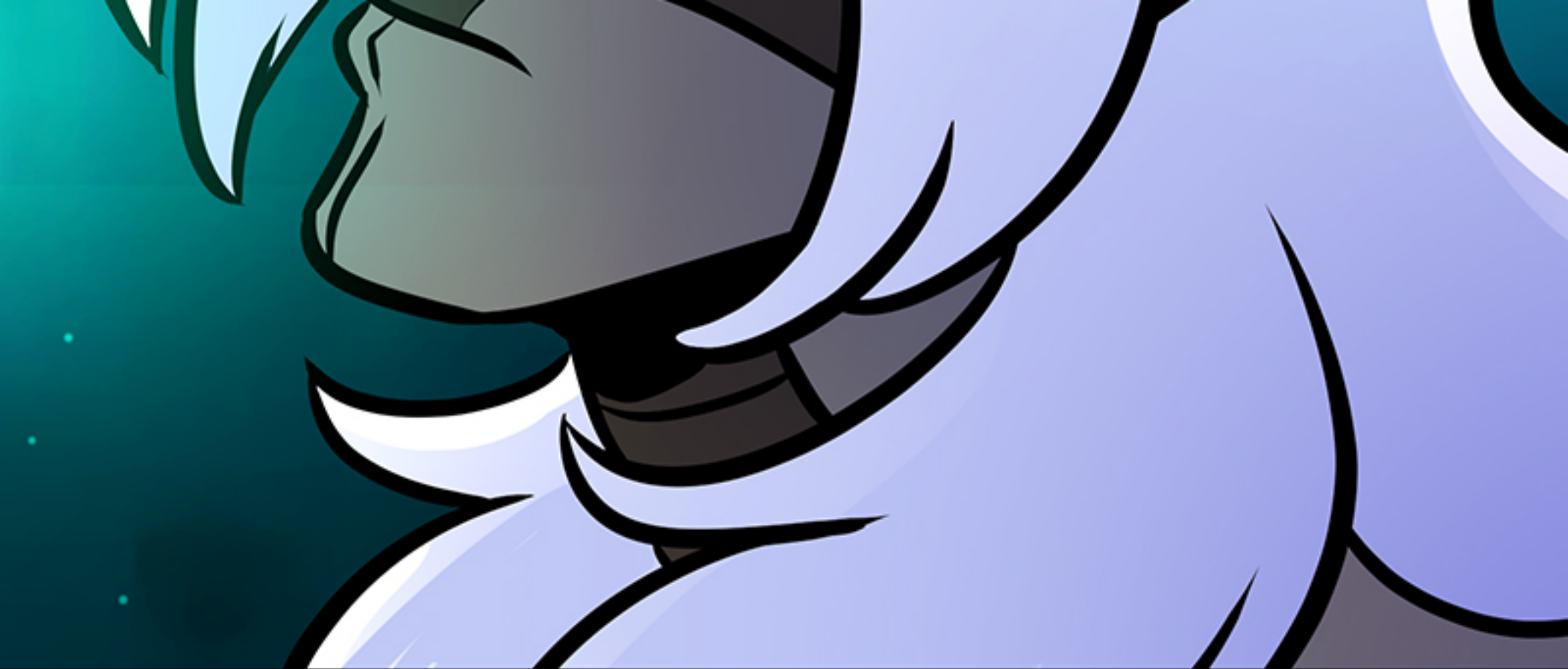


VERY WELL,
BRIZZ...

THEN WHAT
DO YOU REALLY
WANT...

















I...





**I WANT
YOU TO BE MORE
SELFISH.**

**XADA
EXPLAINED TO ME
THAT HE'S TRYING
TO MAKE SURE YOU'RE
MAKING YOUR OWN
CHOICES...**

I JUST WANT
TO MAKE SURE THAT
YOU KEEP LEARNING TO
KICK AND SCREAM FOR
WHAT YOU ACTUALLY
WANT.

LIKE...
SAYING THAT I SHOULD
FORGET ABOUT YOU,
JUST BECAUSE I'M A LITTLE
BIT UNCOMFORTABLE WITH
HAVING EMOTIONS....





YOU WOULD
JUST... LET ME
LEAVE LIKE THAT?
IT WOULDN'T HURT
YOU AT ALL?

OR IF
XADA DECIDED
HE WANTED TO DATE
ERIK AGAIN. OR SOME

OTHER HUMAN. WOULD
YOU JUST LET HIM
DO IT?





OR IF YOU
GOT THE OPPORTUNITY
TO DO SOMETHING AMAZING
BUT WE COULDN'T GO
WITH YOU...

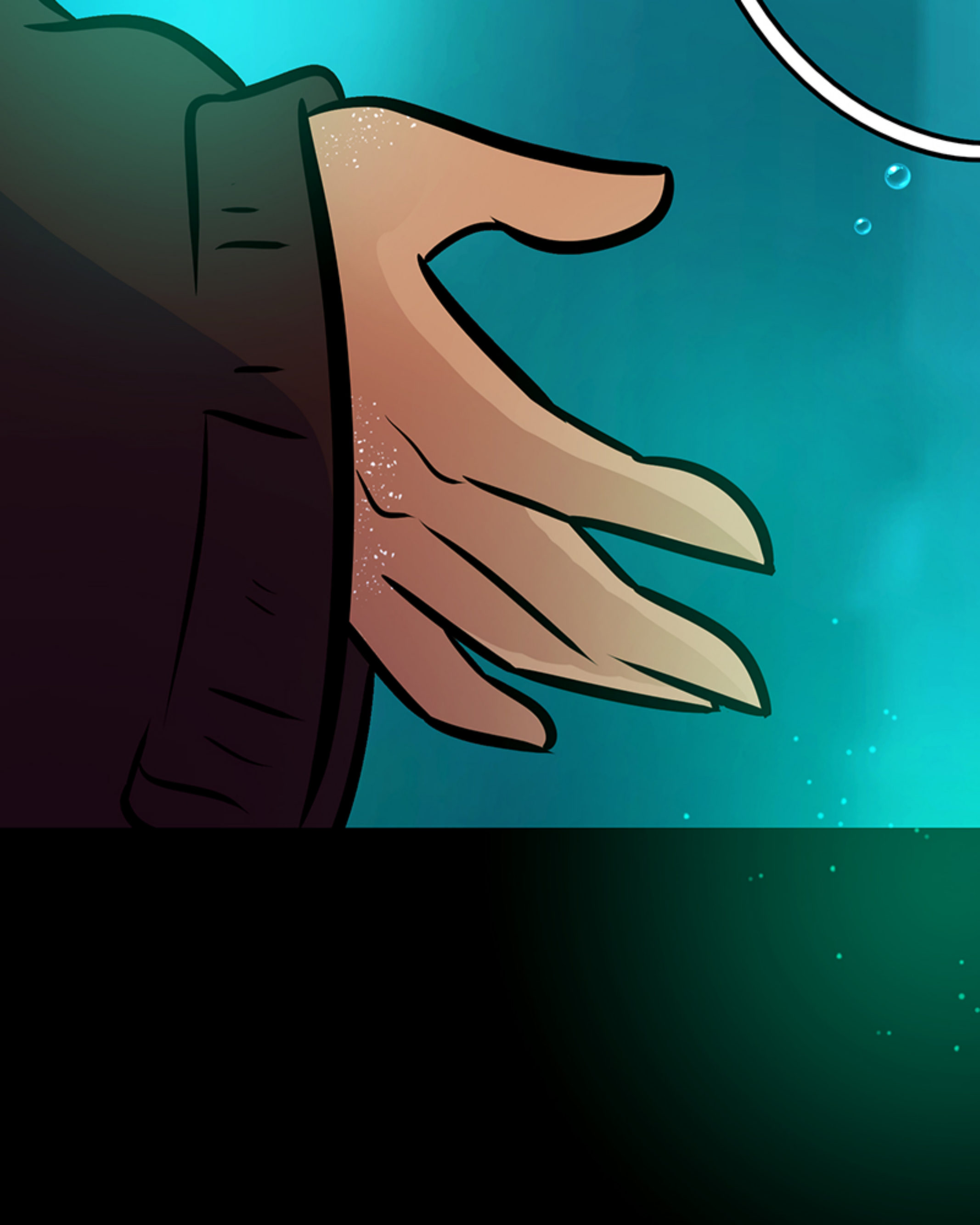
WOULD
YOU SIMPLY NOT
GO... JUST BECAUSE
YOU WOULD FEEL BAD
FOR LEAVING US
BEHIND?



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SO I'LL ASK
YOU INSTEAD.
WHAT DO YOU
WANT.

NO MATTER
HOW STUPID OR
CRAZY. LET ME
HEAR IT.



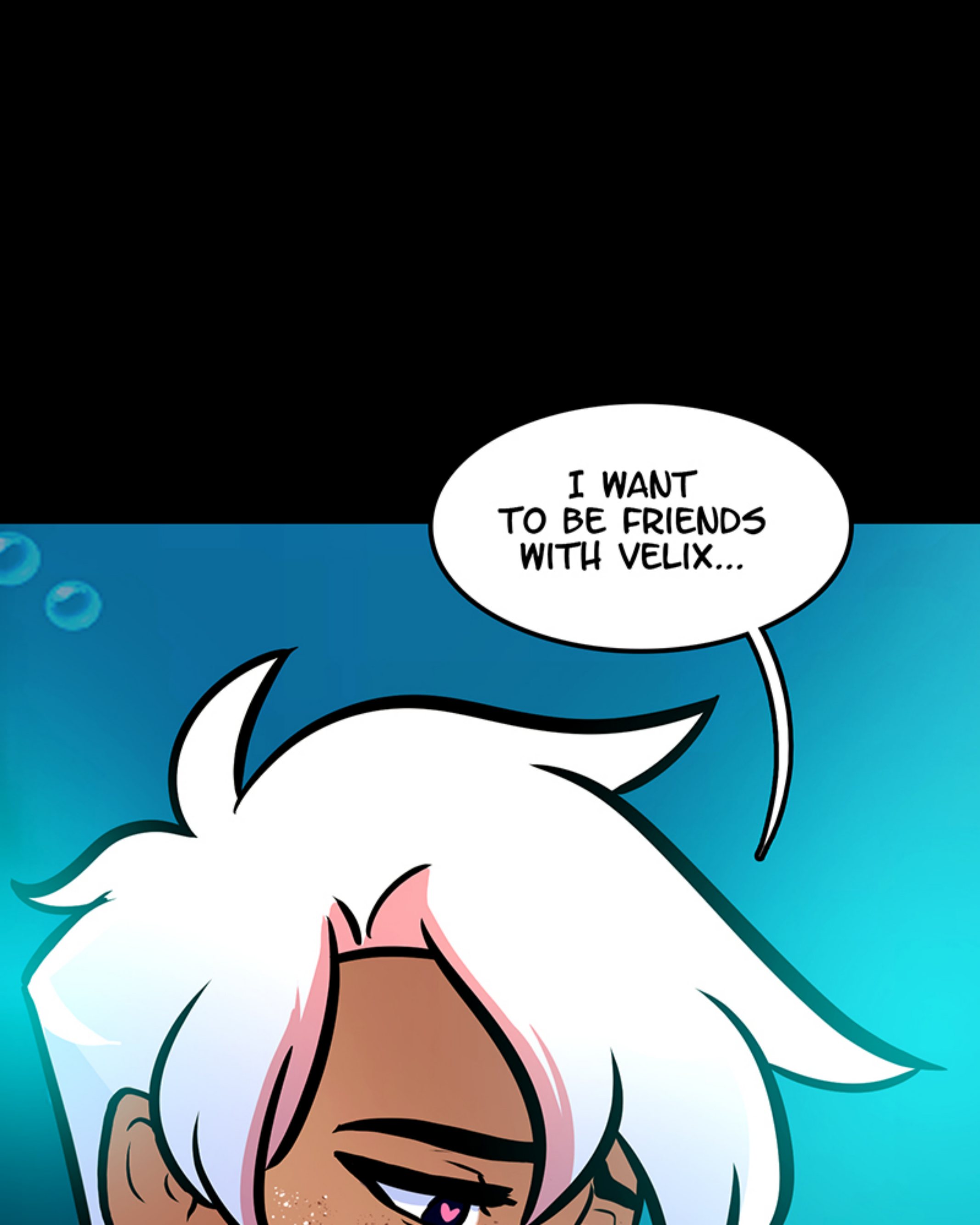


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TO START...

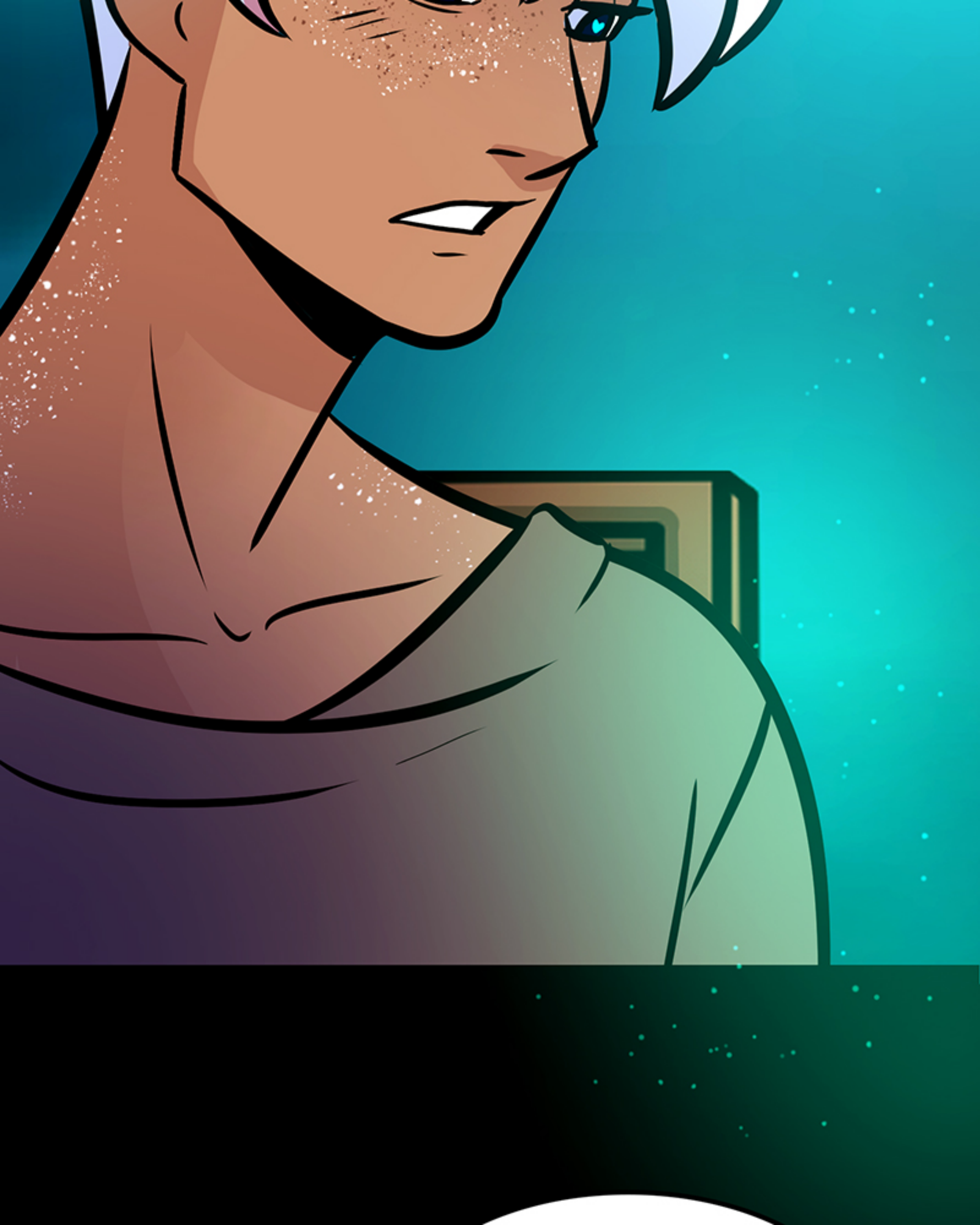
I DON'T
WANT TO BE
FORGOTTEN.... THAT
ACTUALLY SOUNDS
HORRIFIC.

HAH,
GLAD WE
CLEARED THAT
UP.





I WANT
TO BE FRIENDS
WITH VELIX...



I HAVE TO
WONDER IF THAT
REALLY STEMS FROM
YOU OR FROM
XADA-

I WANT
HIM TO ACCEPT
THAT I'M MORE
THAN JUST A
BOT.

AH, THAT'S
FAIR.



I WANT...
I WANT YOU TO
HELP ME FREE
EVERY AEL-1919.



AND STOP
THE RELEASE OF
THE 2020'S BY BURNING
THE SEATTLE LAB TO
THE GROUND.



EXCELLENT.
THAT I CAN
CERTAINLY
HELP WITH.



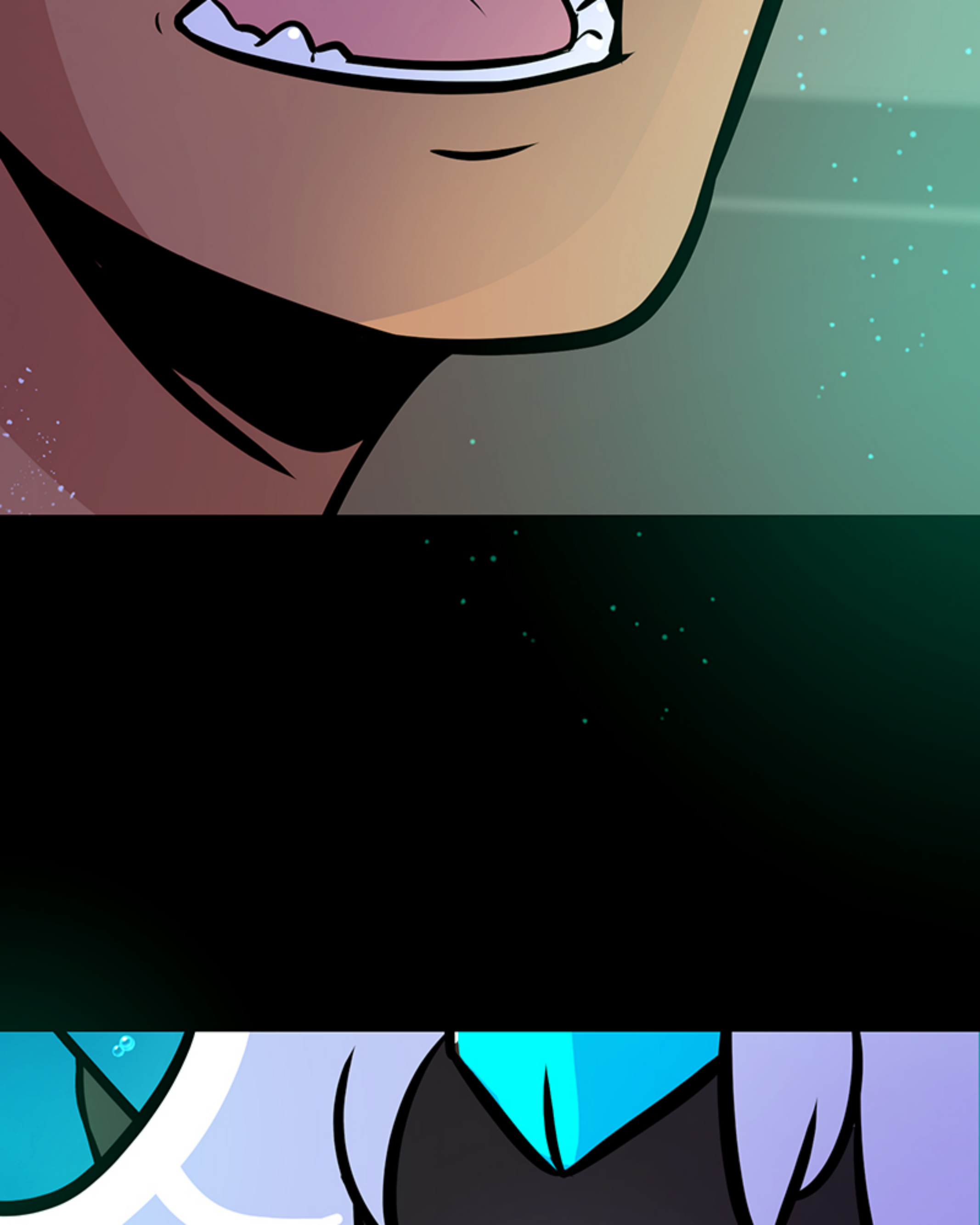


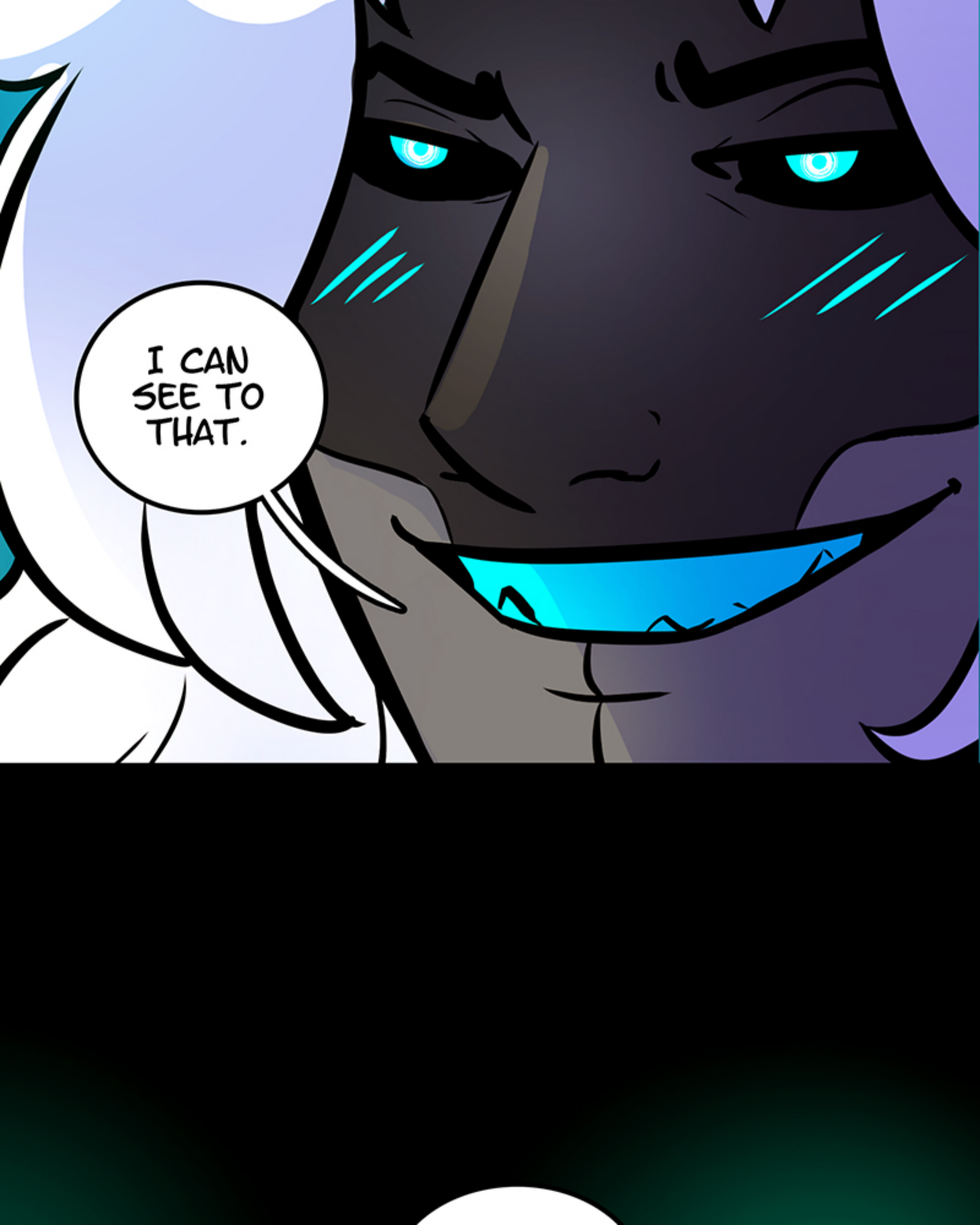
...I WANT
TO KILL CHARLES
DALLAS.



WITH MY
OWN HANDS... AND
I WANT IT TO BE
PAINFUL...







I CAN
SEE TO
THAT.

AND I
WANT...

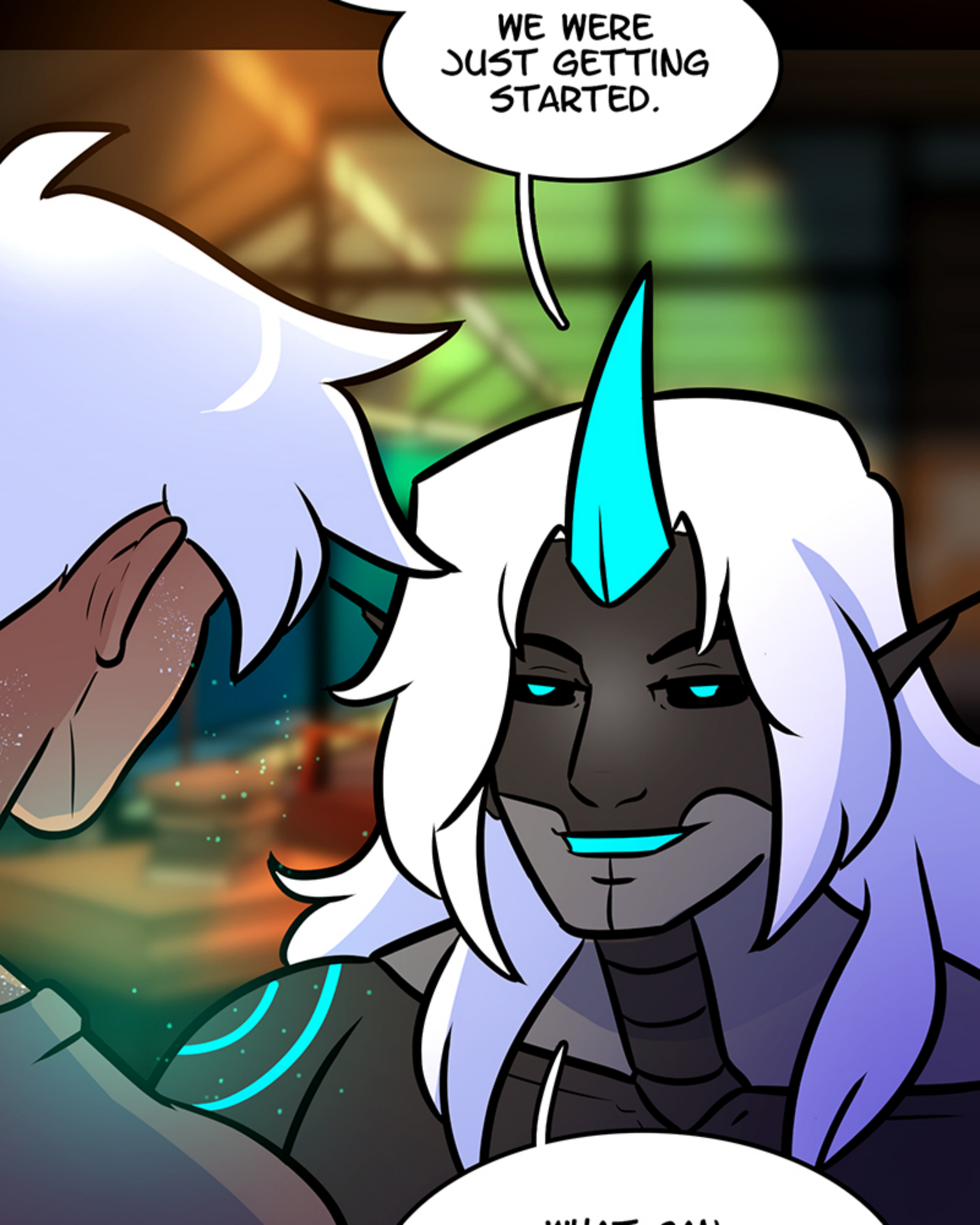






AW, COME
ON...

WE WERE
JUST GETTING
STARTED.



WHAT CAN

WHAT CAN
BE CRAZIER THAN
A LOVEBOT DESPERATELY
WANTING TO KILL A MAN
IN COLD BLOOD?





I WANT
TO TELL XADA

THAT I LOVE
HIM...

AH...

I SEE.



BUT EVEN
MORE THAN
THAT...



I WANT HIM
TO SAY IT FIRST.
I WANT HIM TO DECLARE
IT PROUDLY... I WANT
HIM TO MEAN IT...

I DON'T
WANT TO FEEL...
LIKE HE IS AGREEING
OUT OF SURPRISE...





I JUST THINK
THAT... WITHHOLDING
ANY LOVE THAT I
FEEL...

OUT OF THE
DESIRE FOR SOME
GRAND GESTURE...
OR FEAR THAT IT
WOULDN'T BE PROPERLY
RECIPROCATED...



THAT'S
THE MOST SELFISH
THING THAT I CAN
THINK OF...



I BET YOU
THINK THAT ONE
DOESN'T REALLY
COUNT, HUH...



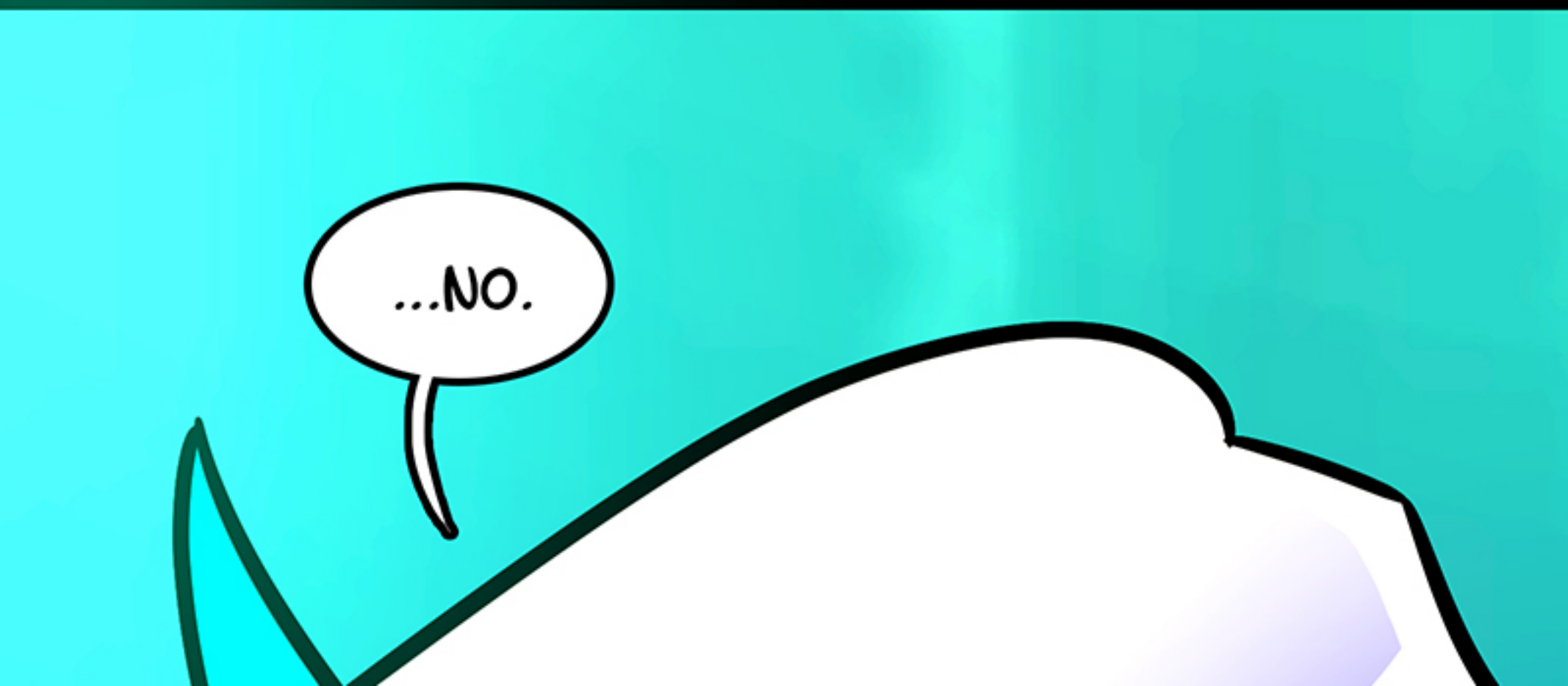
SINCE
I'M NOT FIGHTING
FOR ANYTHING...
JUST WAITING...

OR THAT I'M
DUMB FOR THINKING



DUMB FOR THINKING
A HUMAN COULD LOVE
ME THE WAY I LOVE
THEM.

OR THAT I
EVEN KNOW WHAT
LOVE ACTUALLY
IS AT ALL...



...NO.



THAT'S NOT
ANYTHING LIKE WHAT
I WAS THINKING...



YOU
DESERVE
THAT GRAND
GESTURE, IT
JUST...



...FEELS LIKE
WE'VE CIRCLED BACK

AROUND TO THINGS THAT
I CAN'T HELP YOU
WITH...





AAAGHH
I'M BACK...

GOT
ALL THAT I
COULD THINK OF THAT
WE MIGHT NEED- THAT
I COULD CARRY,
ANYWAY...







AH-!!
LACEY!



LACEY!



LACEY!

YOU'RE
AWAKE!

XADA!





THANK
GOD...

I WAS SO
WORRIED...



WORRIED!





FOR YOU... I CAN SEE
HOW WITHHOLDING YOUR
FEELINGS IS A SELFISH
ACT...





BUT FOR
ME...

SEEING HOW
HAPPY YOU ARE...
I DON'T WANT TO
CONFUSE YOU...



SO... IT'S
PROBABLY FOR
THE BEST IF...

WHOA,
HEY-

WERE YOU
CRYING?

WHAT
HAPPENED??

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