

WELCOME
TO SEATTLE
TECH HOUR!





THE BEST
PLACE TO HEAR
EXCLUSIVE NEWS ON
ALL THE LATEST
TECHNOLOGY!

I'M YOUR
HOST; MARIA
MONTES-

AND
JOINING ME
TODAY ARE TWO



TODAY ARE TWO
VERY EXCITING
GUESTS!

FROM A.E.'S
ROBOTIC DIVISION
RIGHT HERE IN
SEATTLE-

CEO
CHARLES
DALLAS,

AND CHIEF
ENGINEER FOR
RESEARCH AND
DEVELOPMENT-
EVA VALASIA!



A comic panel featuring a stylized city skyline in the background with pink and orange hues. In the foreground, three characters are visible: a woman on the left with dark skin and blue hair in a bun, wearing a teal top; a man in the center on a video screen wearing a red and black uniform; and a woman on the right with dark skin and long black hair wearing a green patterned top and a white face mask. A man with dark skin and black hair, wearing a white and black patterned jacket, stands next to her. Three speech bubbles are present: a large one from the man in the uniform, a medium one from the woman in the green top, and a small one from the woman in the teal top.

THANK YOU
SO MUCH FOR
BEING WITH US
TODAY.

HAPPY TO
BE HERE!

MM.



EVA- AH-
I MEAN, DR.
VALASIA?

A comic panel featuring a character named Eva. She is a young woman with long, wavy blue hair styled in two buns at the top. She has large, expressive blue eyes and a wide, happy smile. She is wearing a teal-colored top. The background is a soft, out-of-focus pink and white. A speech bubble from another character is visible in the upper right corner.

EVA
IS FINE.

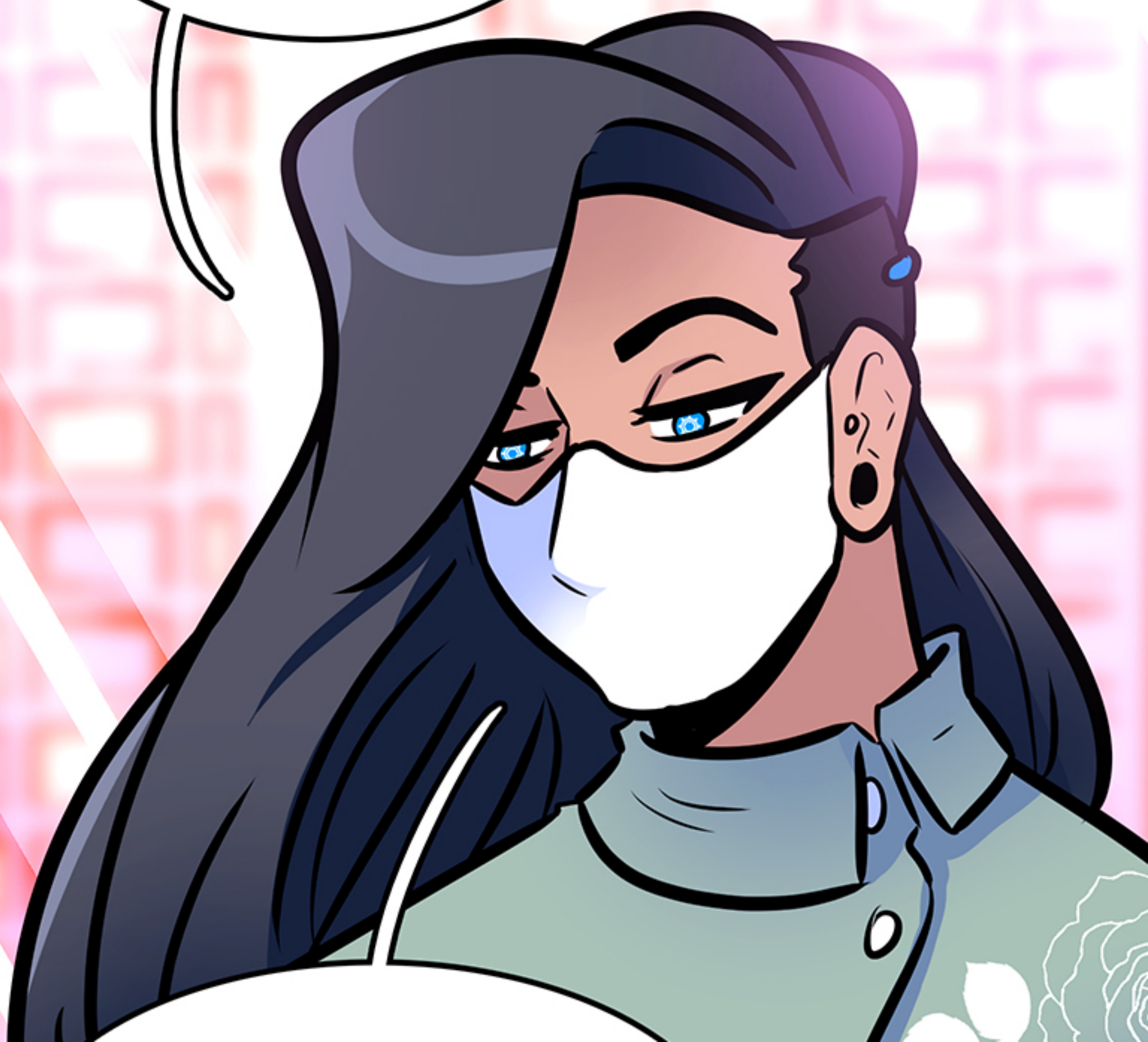
EVA! I WAS SO
EXCITED TO HEAR
YOUR PRESENTATION AT
THE SCI-EXPO.

BUT I
WAS CURIOUS ABOUT
THIS TREND OF PUBLIC
SPEAKING AFTER TEN
YEARS OF ENIGMATIC
SILENCE?





I SUPPOSE
IT'S A COMBINATION
OF FACTORS,
REALLY.





CHARLES HAS
ALWAYS BEEN A MUCH
BETTER AND MORE MORE
CHARISMATIC PUBLIC
SPEAKER THAN
I AM...

SO I WAS
HAPPY TO LET HIM
BE THE FACE OF
EVERYTHING WHILE
I FOCUSED ON MY
WORK.

BUT BY
ASSOCIATING THE
BRAND WITH HIS FACE
I THINK IT HAS CAUSED
A MISUNDERSTANDING OF
WHO ACTUALLY RUNS THE

WHO ACTUALLY BUILT
AND DESIGNED THE
LOVEBOTS.

I MAY HAVE
GROWN A BIT
ENVIOUS OF THE
ATTENTION HE
HAS GOTTEN
FROM IT.





I FEEL LIKE
I'VE ALWAYS DONE MY
BEST TO GIVE CREDIT
WHERE CREDIT IS
DUE...

I NEVER
SAID THAT YOU
HADN'T. BUT PEOPLE
STILL SEE YOU MORE
REGARDLESS OF WHAT
YOU ACTUALLY SAY.



HeHeH.

get his
ass.





AND TO BE CLEAR...
I DON'T DO ALL THIS
WORK FOR GLORY, BUT
GIVEN THE RECENT
CIRCUMSTANCES...

I FELT THE
NEED TO CLARIFY
HOW LOVEBOTS
WORK...

AFTER THE TRAGEDY
OF MICHAEL MASTER I DON'T
WANT PEOPLE THINKING THAT
THESE SORT OF MALFUNCTIONS
ARE EVEN *REMOTELY*
COMMON.

HE HAD TO WORK
VERY HARD TO BREAK INTO
HIS LOVEBOT THE WAY THAT
HE DID AND WITH PRIVATE
ACCESS THAT ONLY A HIGH
LEVEL EMPLOYEE COULD
HAVE.





HOW THINGS
ENDED IS SAD, BUT
I CONSIDER HIS ACTIONS
TO BE A DEEP BETRAYAL NOT
JUST TO THE COMPANY BUT
TO OUR FRIENDSHIP.

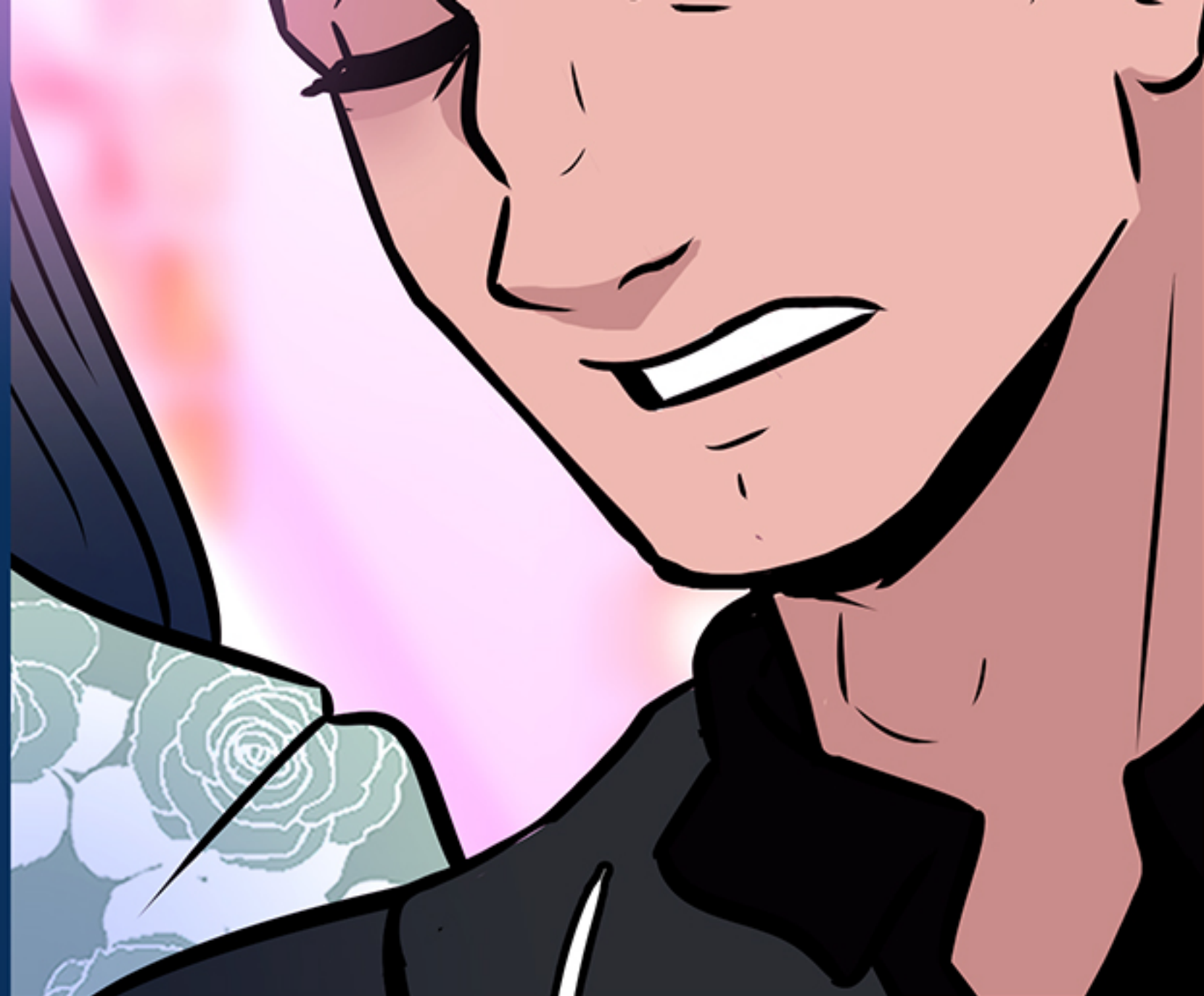


BETRAYAL?
THAT'S AN

INTERESTING
CHOICE OF
WORD...

YES, WELL. ONCE
WE STRIP BACK ALL THE
TECHNICAL JARGON THAT IS
WHAT IS AT THE HEART OF
ALL OF THIS.



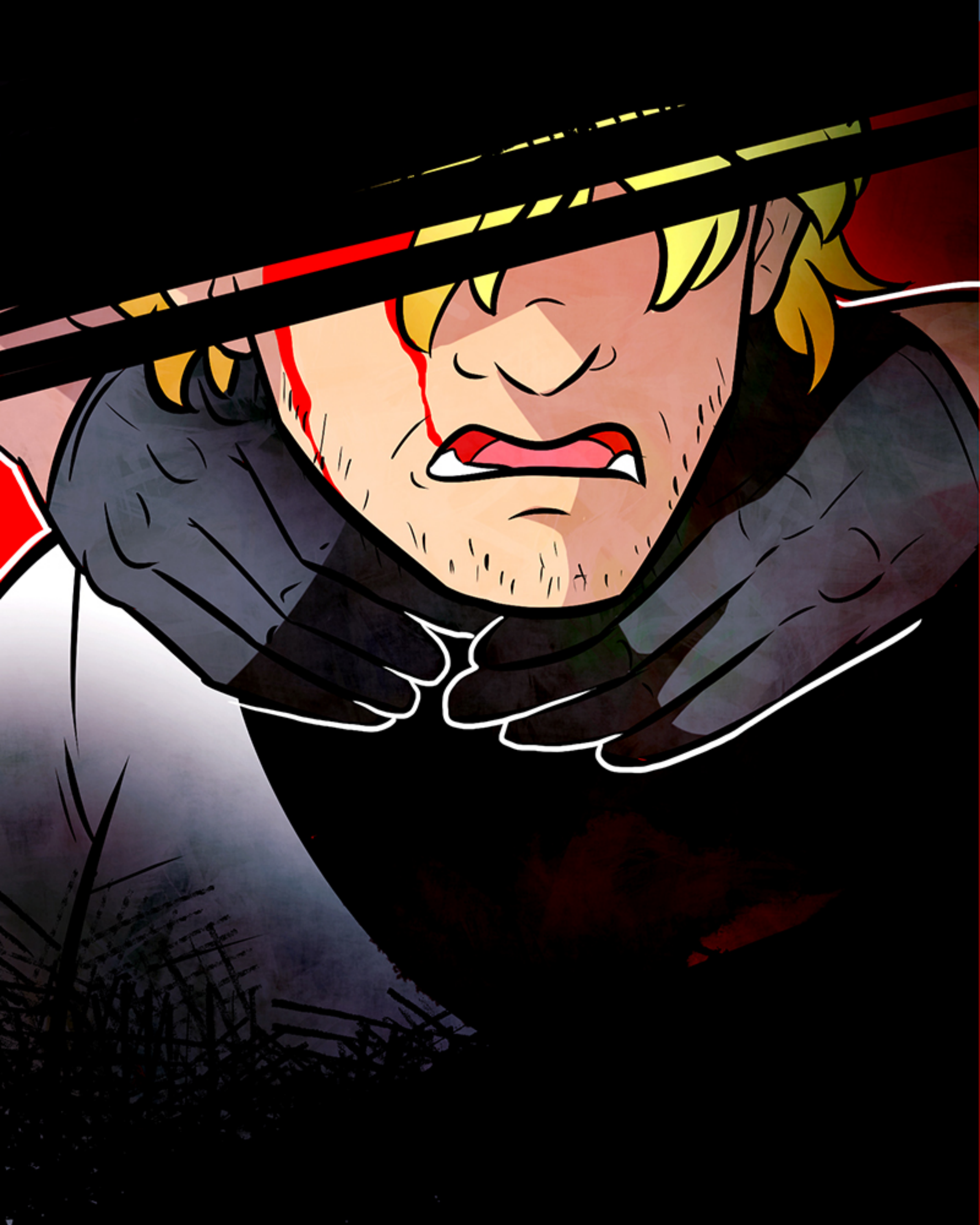


WHEN I PROPOSED
THE IDEA FOR LOVEBOTS I
IMMEDIATELY HAD TWO PEOPLE
IN MIND TO HELP BRING THE
VISION TO LIFE- EVA AND
MICHAEL.

A white speech bubble with a black outline is positioned in the lower half of the image. It has a long tail pointing towards the bottom right corner. The background is a dark blue gradient.

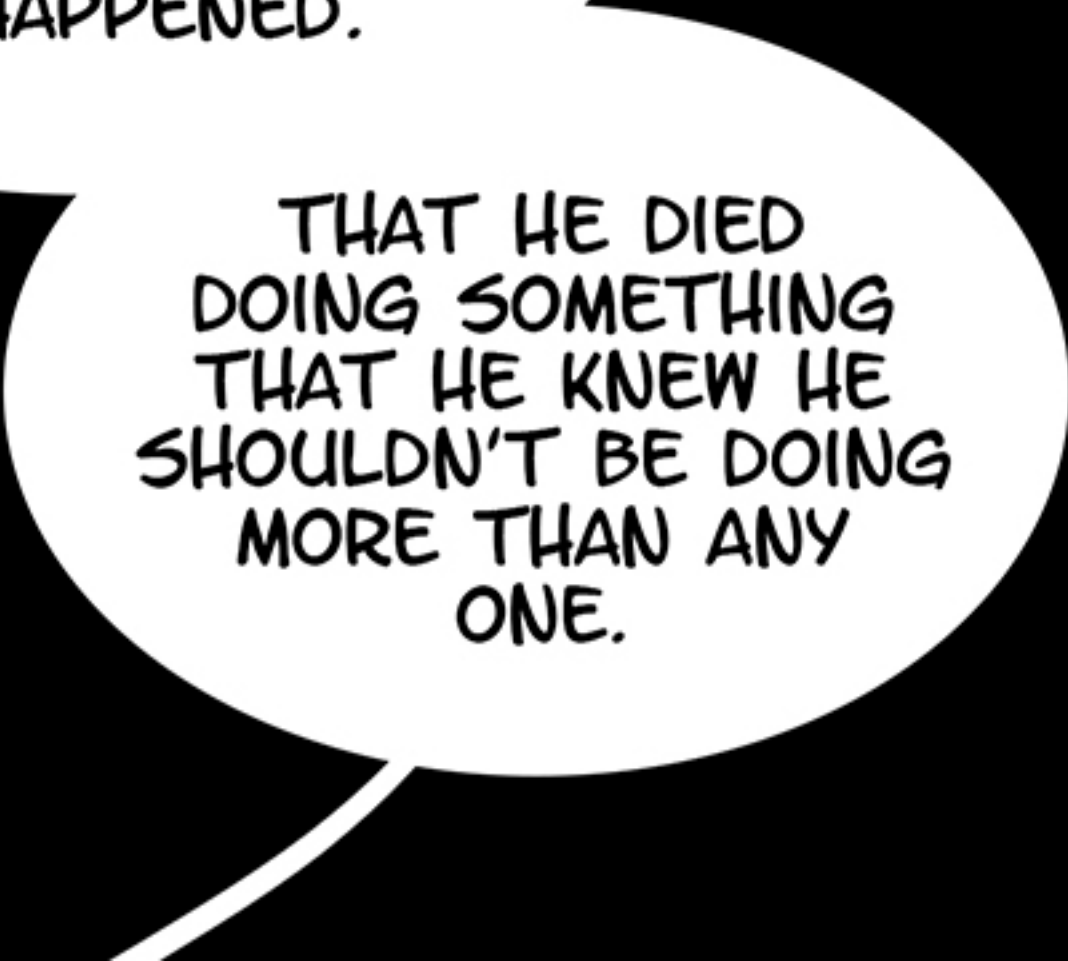
THE THREE
OF US REACHING FOR
THE TOP. WE WERE
ALL STRIVING
TOGETHER.







SO,
NEEDLESS TO SAY,
WE WERE SHOCKED
TO HEAR ABOUT WHAT
HAD HAPPENED.



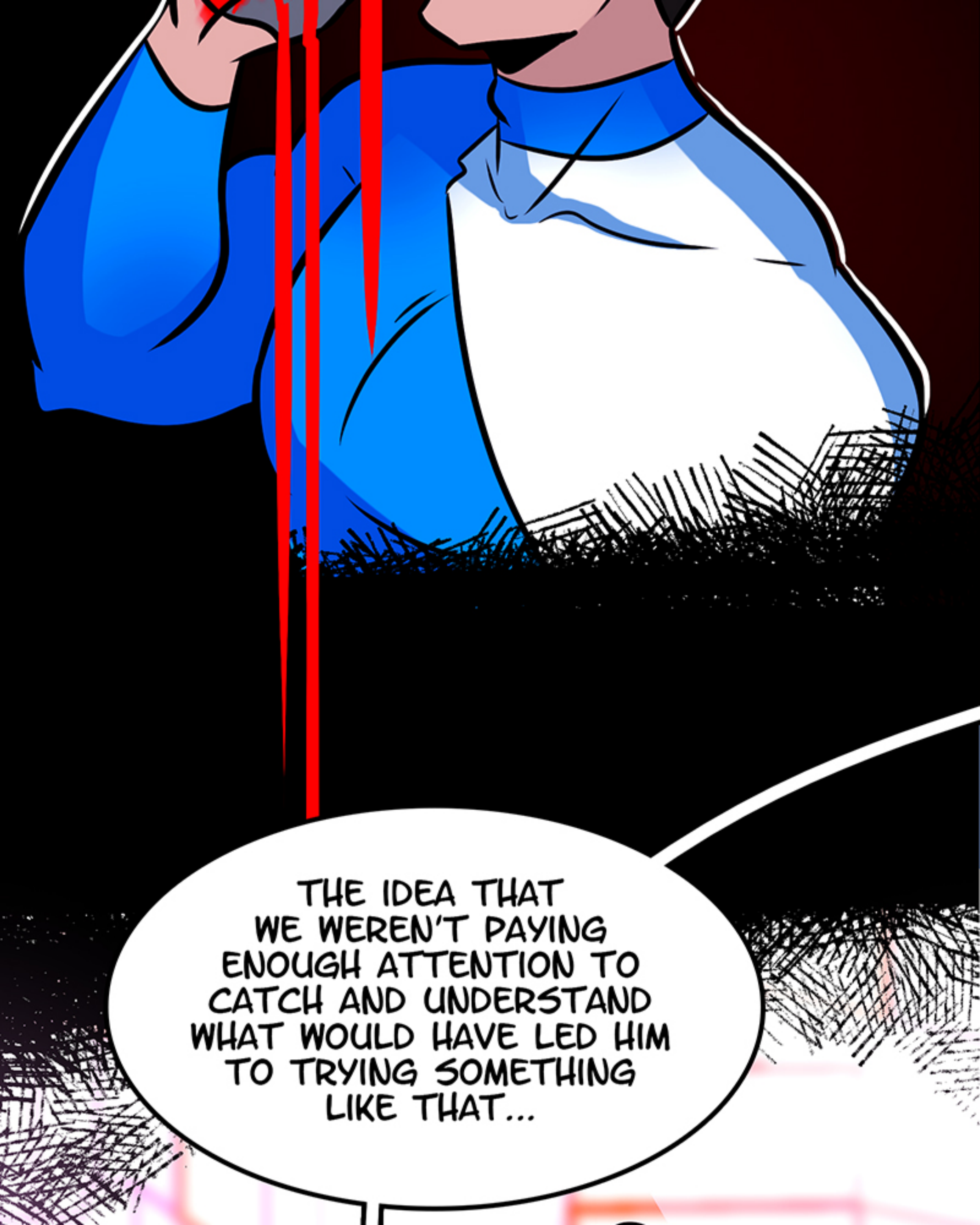
THAT HE DIED
DOING SOMETHING
THAT HE KNEW HE
SHOULDN'T BE DOING
MORE THAN ANY
ONE.





EVA AND I
HAVE TALKED ABOUT
HOW HURT WE FELT,
AND WE'RE STILL
PROCESSING IT.

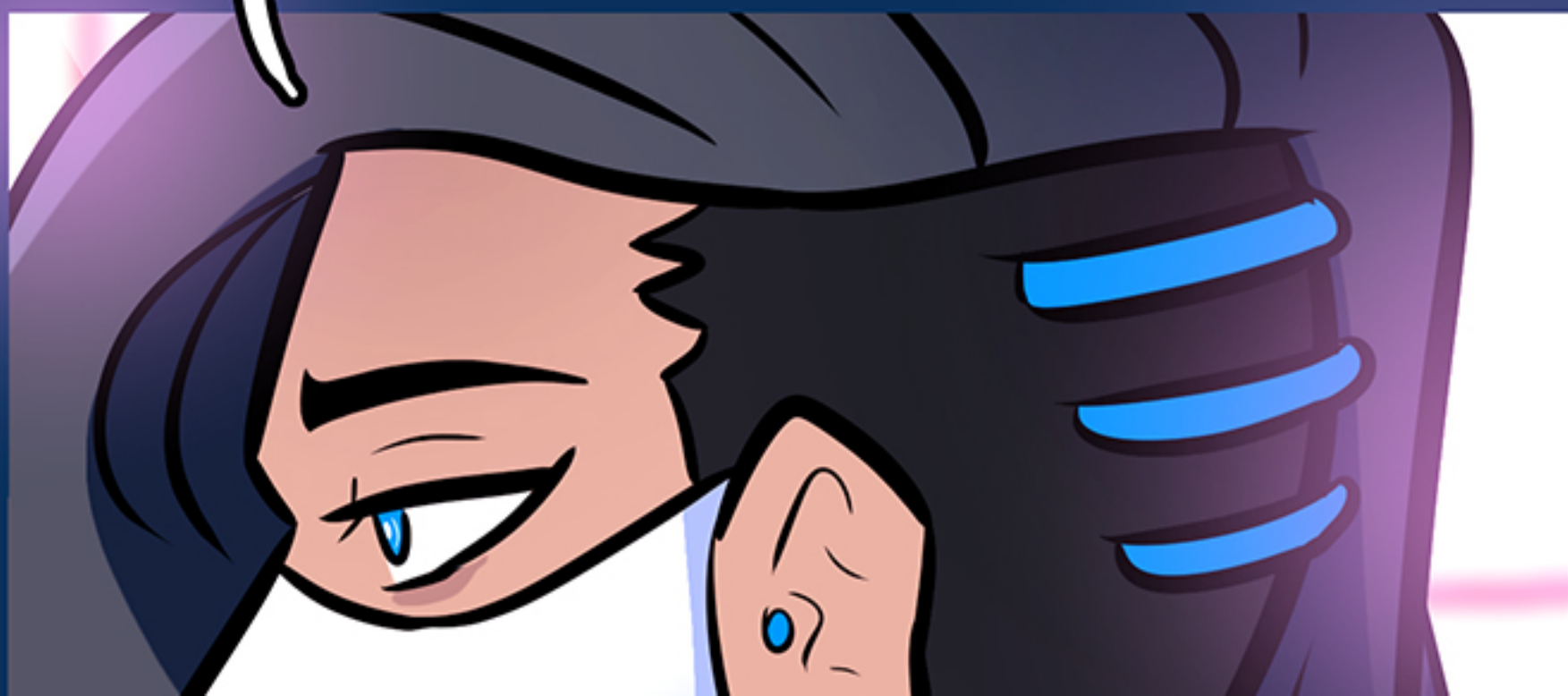


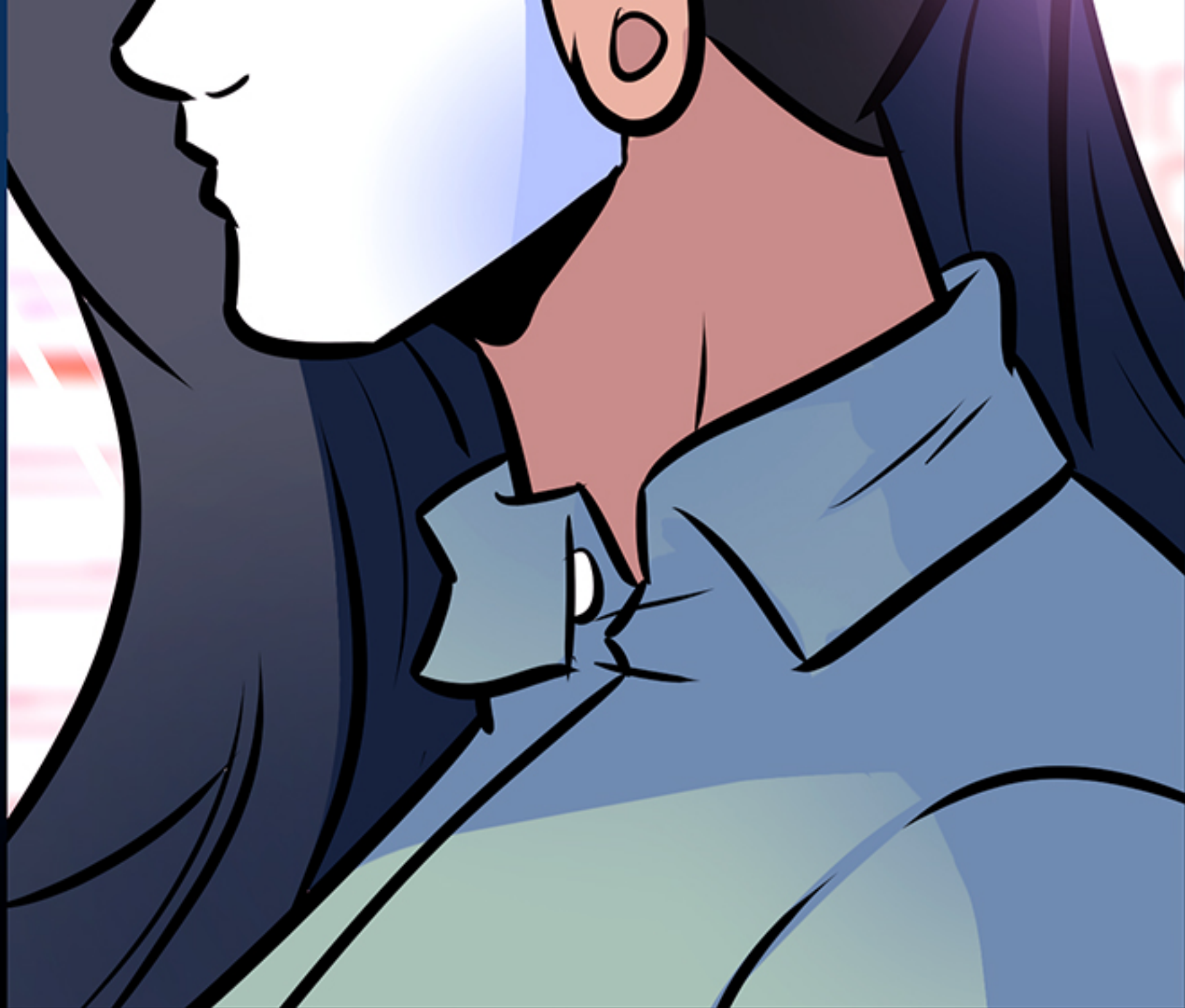


THE IDEA THAT
WE WEREN'T PAYING
ENOUGH ATTENTION TO
CATCH AND UNDERSTAND
WHAT WOULD HAVE LED HIM
TO TRYING SOMETHING
LIKE THAT...



HE WAS
OUR FRIEND AND A
BRILLIANT MAN THAT
WE BOTH DEEPLY
RESPECTED.





AND WE ARE
DEEPLY SADDENED
THAT IT ENDED UP

THAT IT ENDED UP
THIS WAY. HE SHOULD
STILL BE HERE.





WILLIAM

WHAT!!!



NONE
OF THAT IS
TRUE AT
ALL!!

**THEY BOTH
HATED HIM!!**





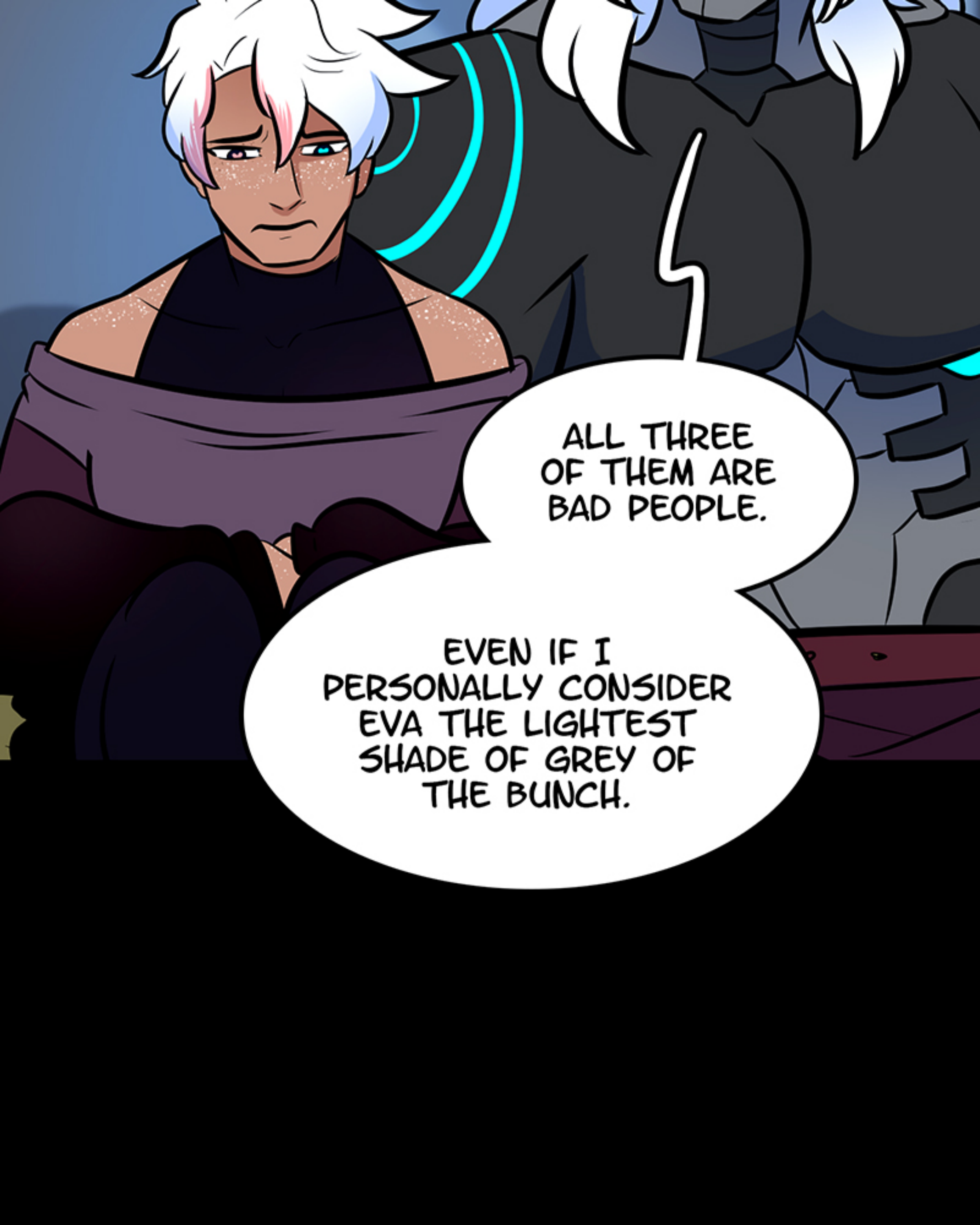
HE TOLD ME
EVERY DAY ABOUT
HOW MUCH THEY
UNDERMINED HIM AND
MADE HIM FEEL
LIKE SHIT!

HARD TO
DENY THAT HE
MAKES A TERRIFIC
PATSY FOR ALL
OF THIS.



BUT I
DON'T THINK I
UNDERSTAND WHY
IT BOTHERS YOU
SO MUCH...





ALL THREE
OF THEM ARE
BAD PEOPLE.

EVEN IF I
PERSONALLY CONSIDER
EVA THE LIGHTEST
SHADE OF GREY OF
THE BUNCH.

IT'S JUST...



A comic panel featuring a character's torso in the upper left corner, wearing a dark purple garment with a lighter purple band. A large white speech bubble is positioned to the right of the torso. The background is a solid dark grey. In the lower half of the panel, a dark grey, jagged shape resembling a hand or a claw is visible, with a white speech bubble emerging from it.

IT'S FRUSTRATING
TO SEE THEM LIE SO
EASILY AND WITH NO
CONSEQUENCES...

THEY'LL
FACE CONSEQUENCES.
THANKS TO OUR
EFFORTS.



THE TRUTH
WILL COME OUT
SOON ENOUGH.

I KNOW,
BUT IT'S
ALSO...



HM?

IT'S HARD
NOT TO IMAGINE
A WORLD WHERE HE
WAS RESPECTED.
AND WONDER
IF...



...HE WOULD
HAVE BEEN KINDER
TO ME...



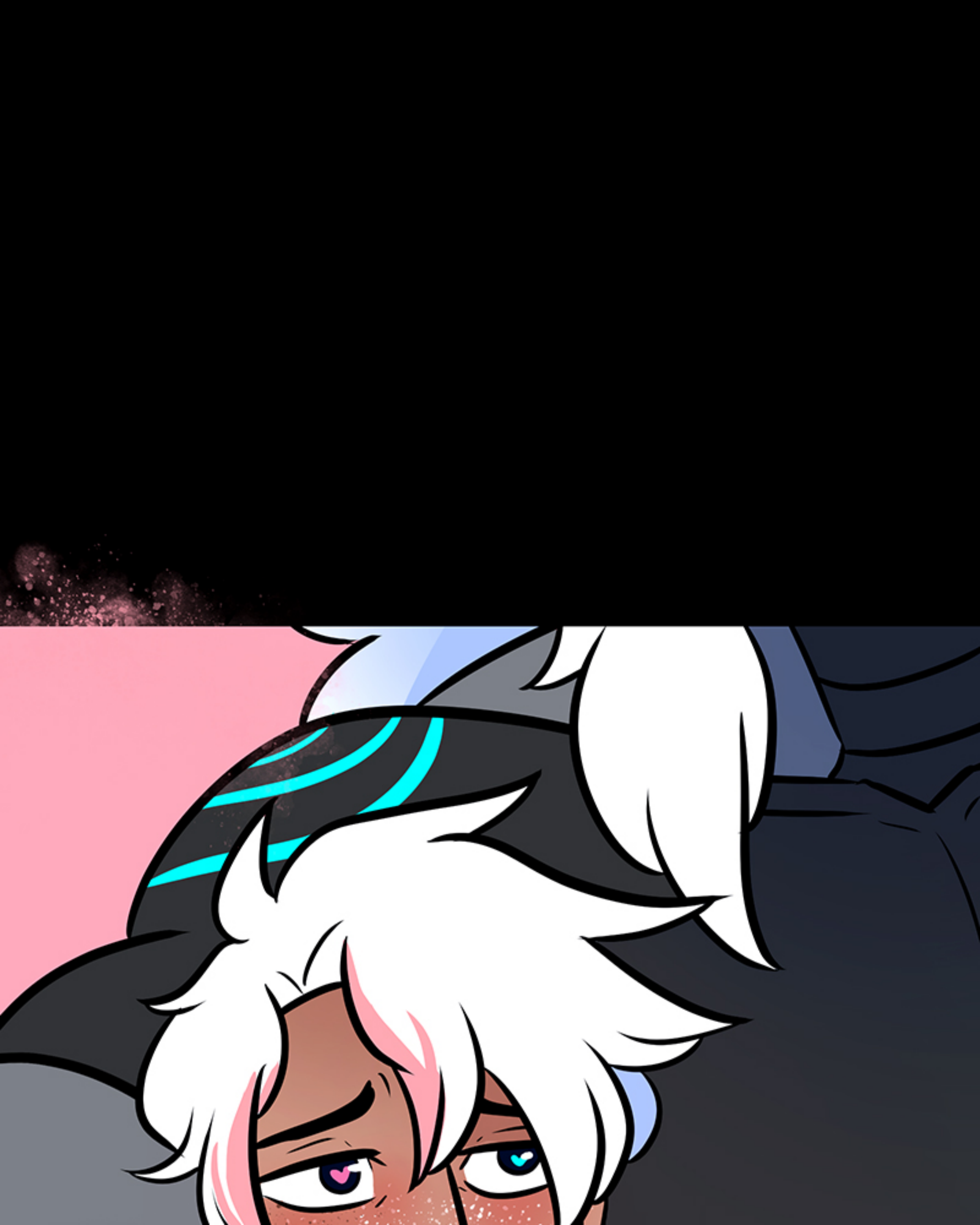
GRAB

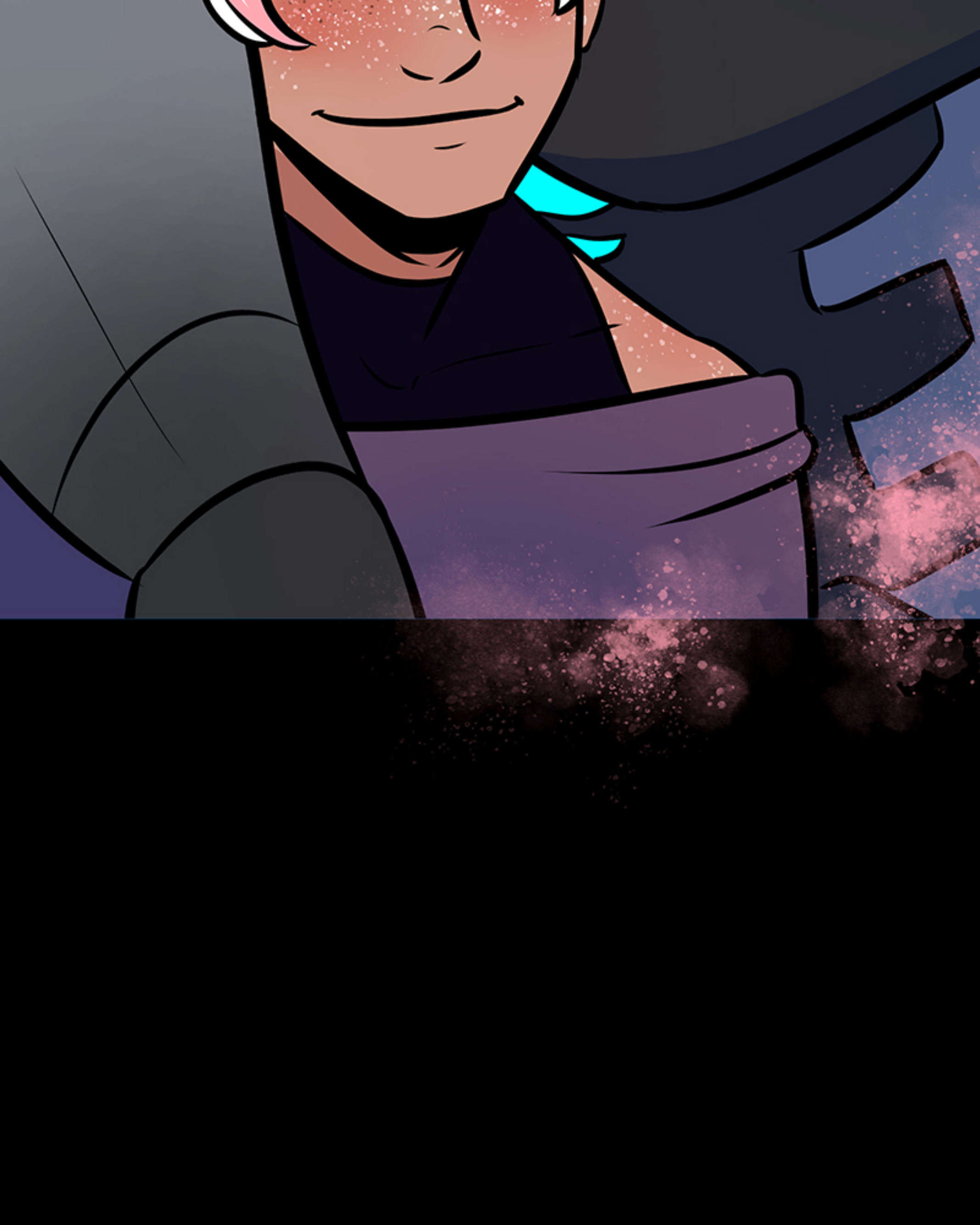




PULL







SPEAKING OF
THAT INCIDENT...



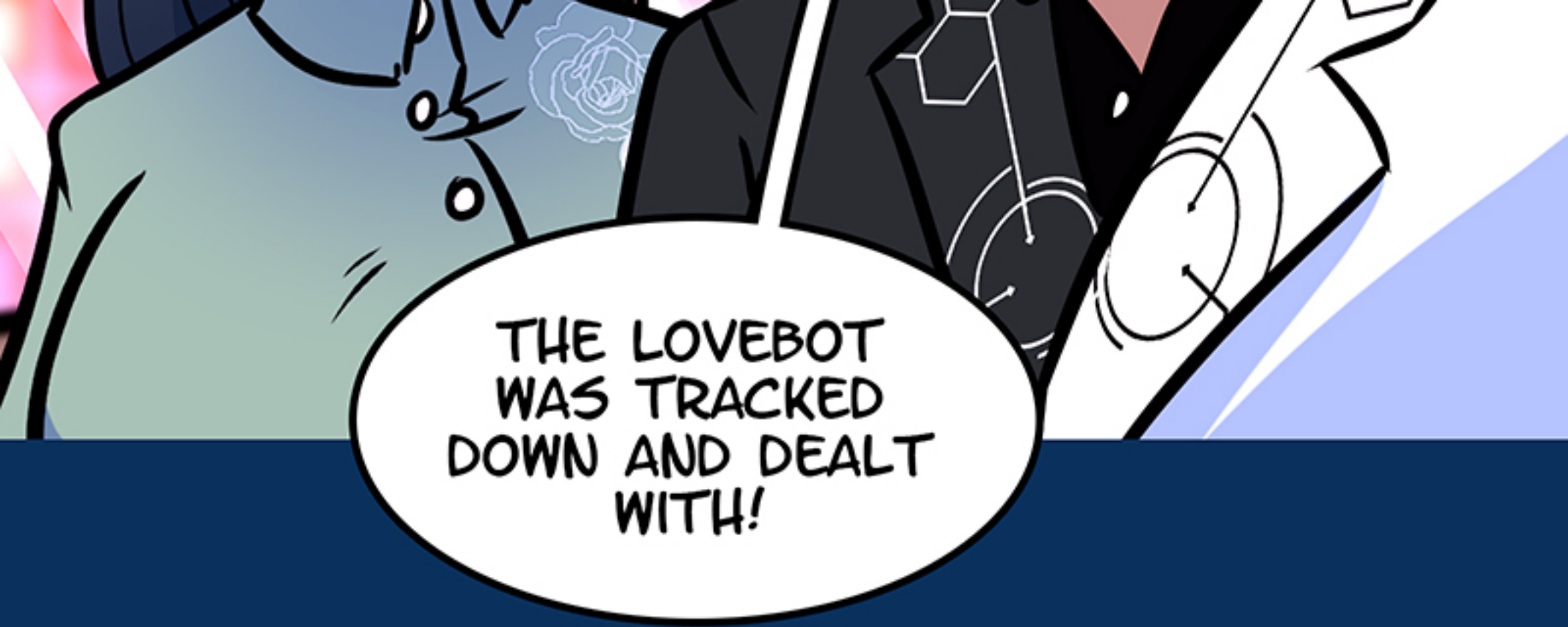


HAVE YOU HAD
ANY LEADS REGARDING
THE ROGUE BOT?

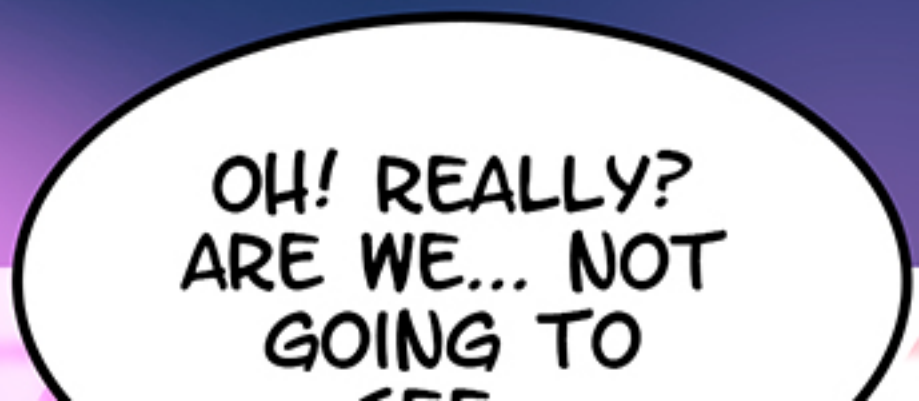


OH! I TOTALLY
FORGOT TO MAKE
THAT ANNOUNCEMENT,
THANK YOU.





THE LOVEBOT
WAS TRACKED
DOWN AND DEALT
WITH!



OH! REALLY?
ARE WE... NOT
GOING TO
SEE

SEE...

WHAT...
THE BODY?



THAT
WOULD BE A BIT
TASTELESS DON'T
YOU THINK?

BOTS AREN'T HUMAN
BUT THEY ARE DESIGNED
TO LOOK HUMAN. AND YOU
WANT ME TO JUST... STRING
HIM UP FOR EVERYONE
TO SEE?

OH,
I'M SORRY
I DIDN'T THINK
OF IT LIKE
THAT-

NO, IT IS
PERFECTLY FINE.
I UNDERSTAND
THE CURIOSITY.





BUT PLEASE
REST ASSURED THAT
THE SITUATION HAS BEEN
HANDLED AND WE CAN
NOW LOOK TO THE
FUTURE.

AH... YES,
THAT SOUNDS
WONDERFUL...





BUT BEFORE
WE JUMP INTO YOUR
2020 ANNOUNCEMENT.
SINCE I HAVE YOU
HERE...

EVA, THERE
IS SO LITTLE
KNOWLEDGE ABOUT

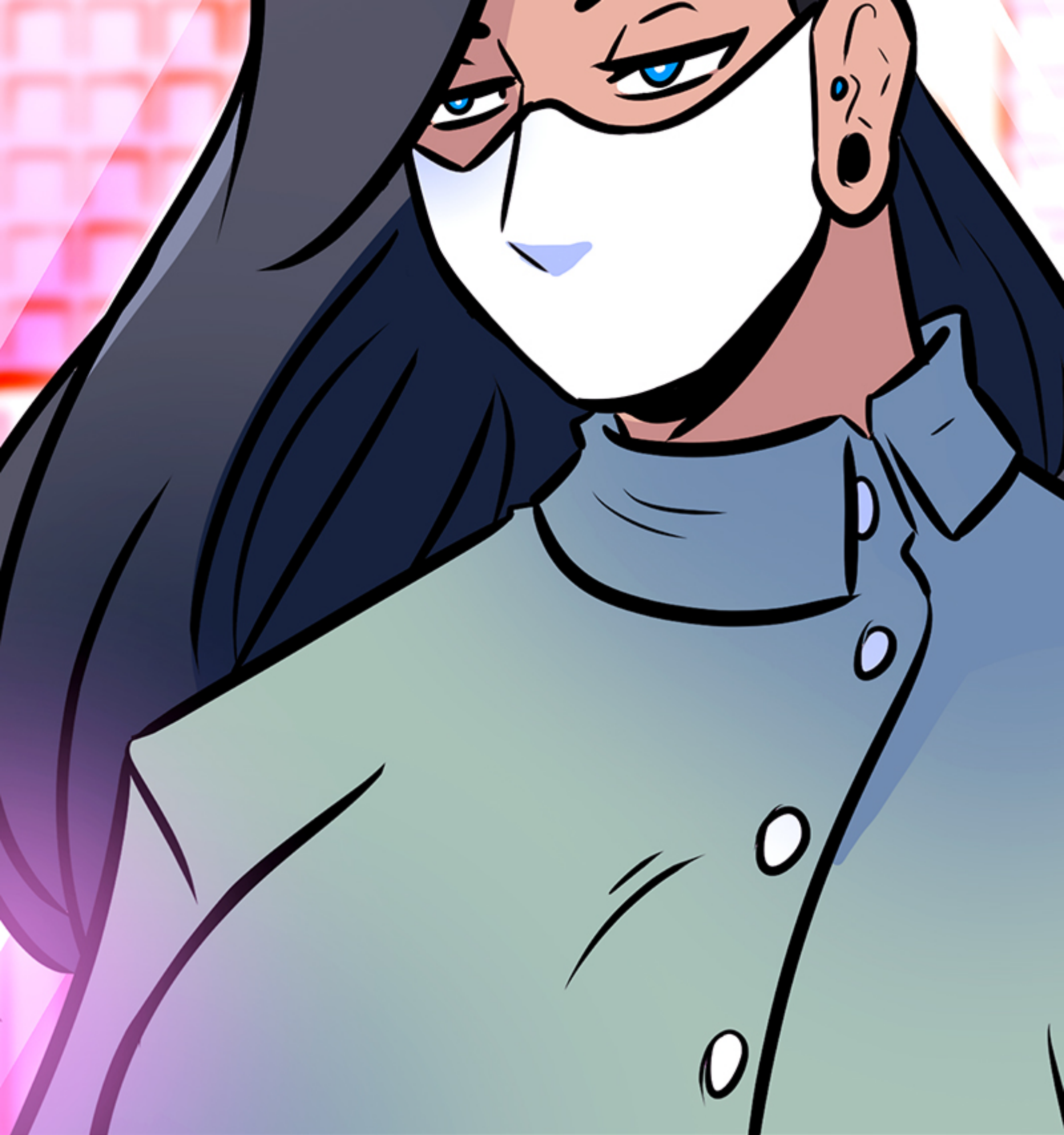
KNOWLEDGE ABOUT
YOUR LIFE...

I WAS
WONDERING IF
YOU'D BE WILLING
TO ANSWER A FEW
QUESTIONS ABOUT
YOURSELF?



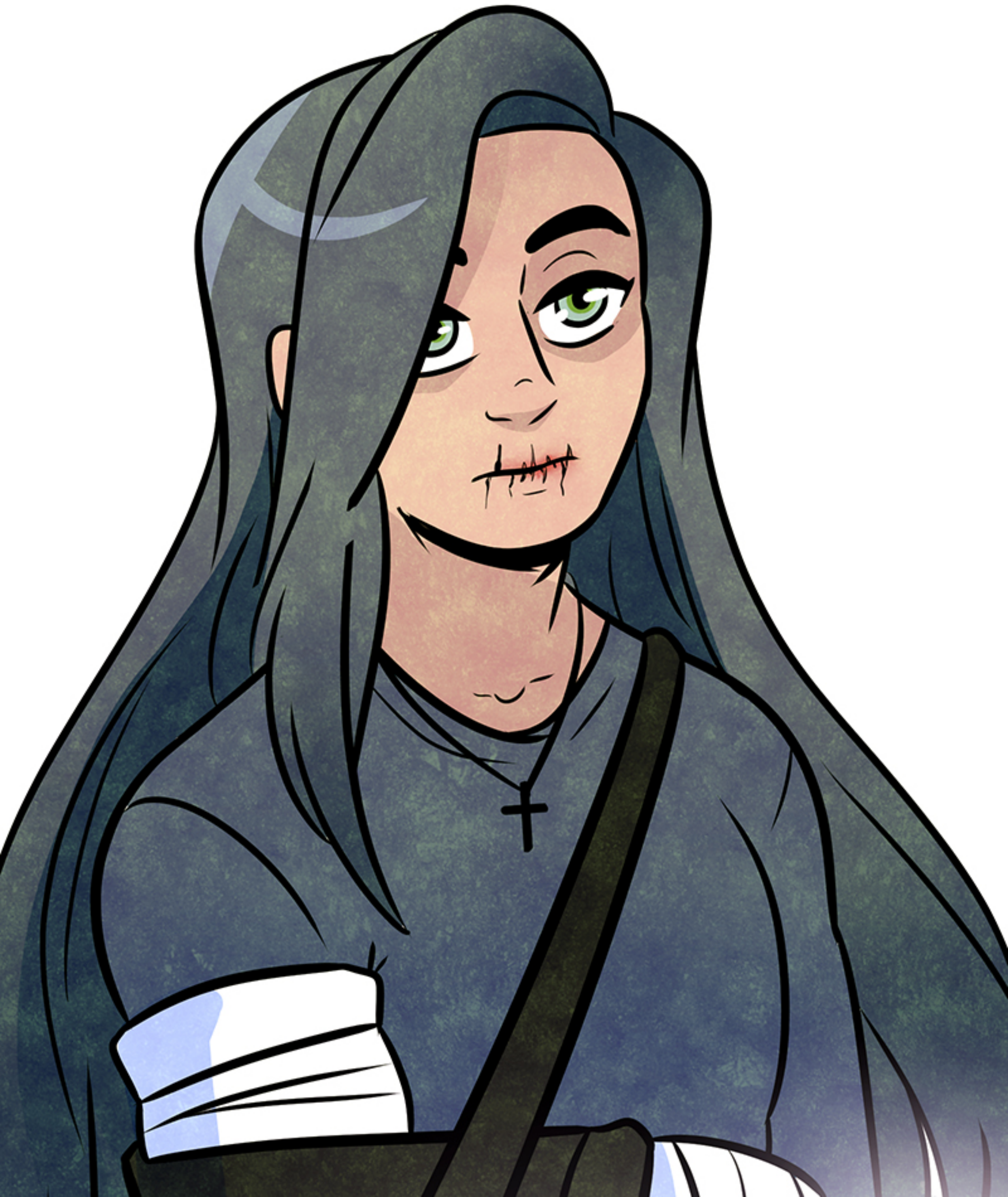
HMM...
TALK ABOUT MY
PAST ON NATIONAL
TELEVISION? SURE,
WHY NOT.

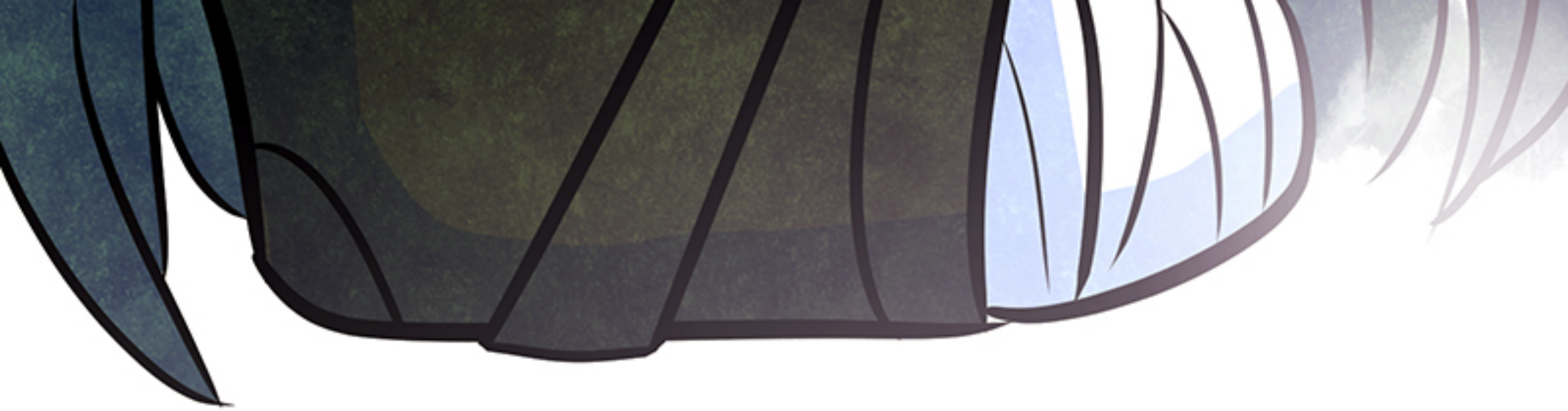






I'VE GOT
NOTHING TO
HIDE.





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