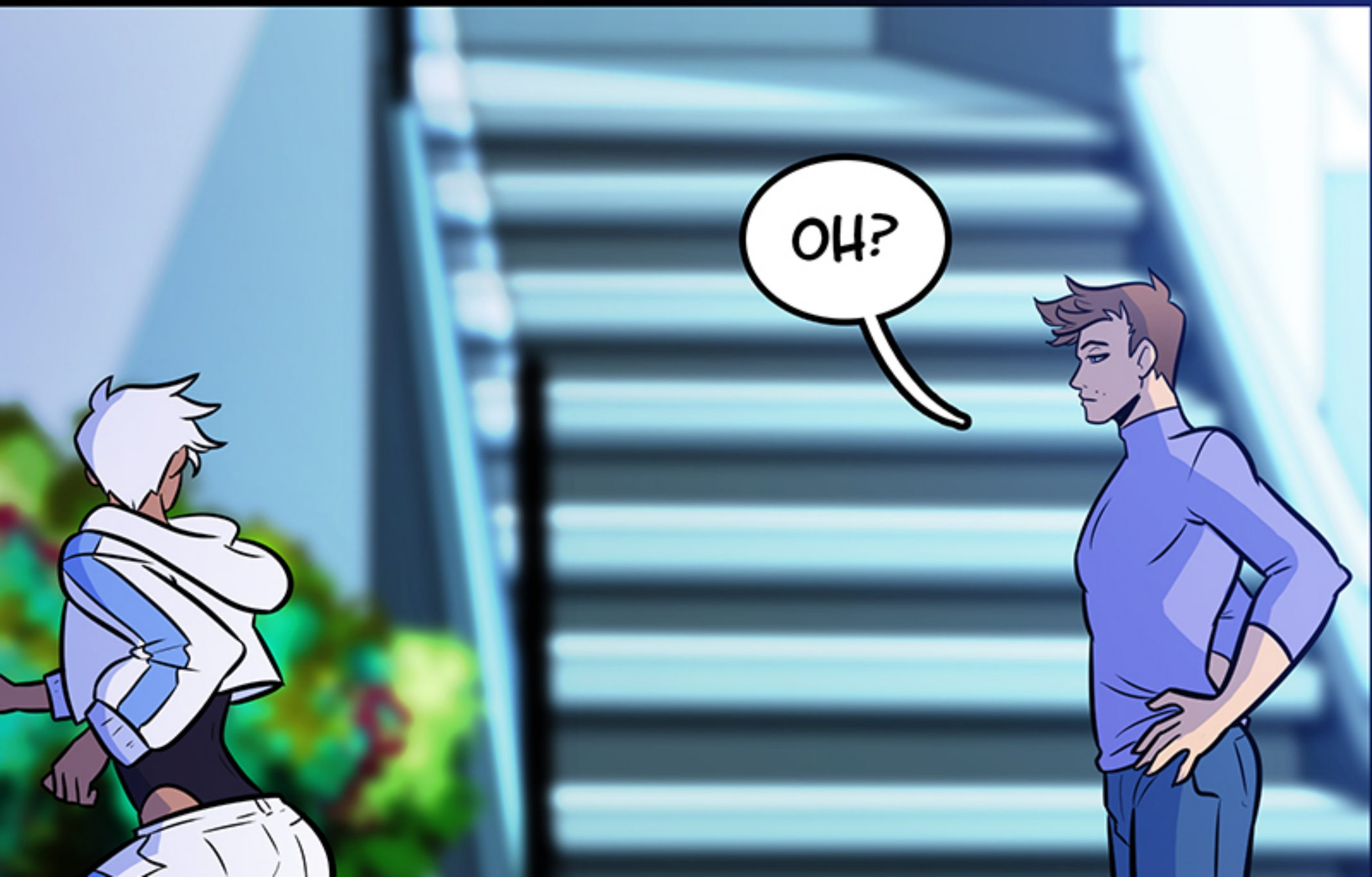






-WHAT?!



YOU WANT
YOUR HEAD RIPPED
OFF THAT BADLY,
HUH?



The background of the comic panel is a dark blue gradient with a speckled texture, suggesting a night sky or a dark environment. In the top left corner, there are some light blue, stylized shapes that look like parts of a building or machinery. In the bottom right corner, there are some white and light blue shapes that look like a character's head or a piece of clothing.

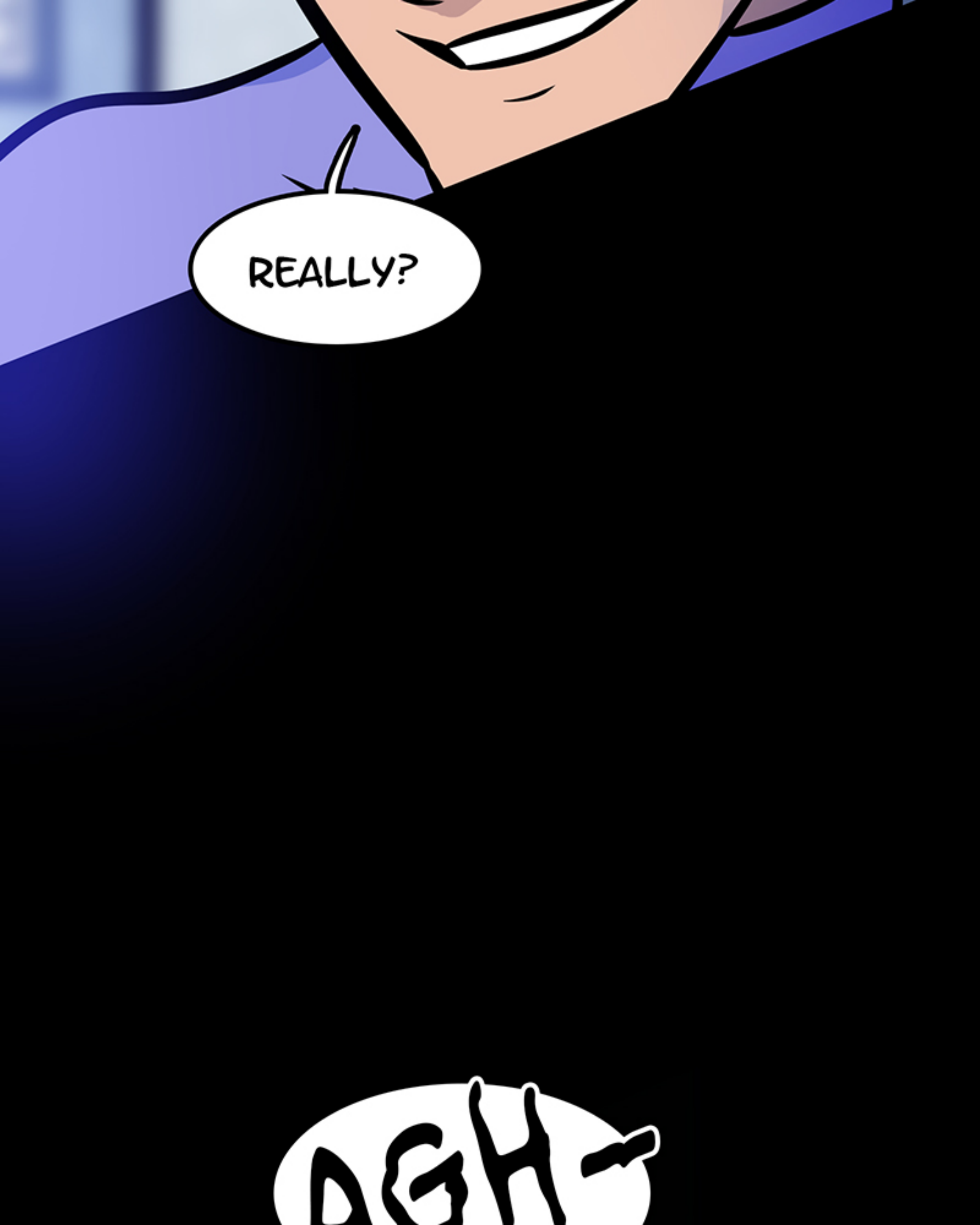
FAST--

THERE IS NO
WAY HE'S FASTER
THAN BRIZZ-
RIGHT?



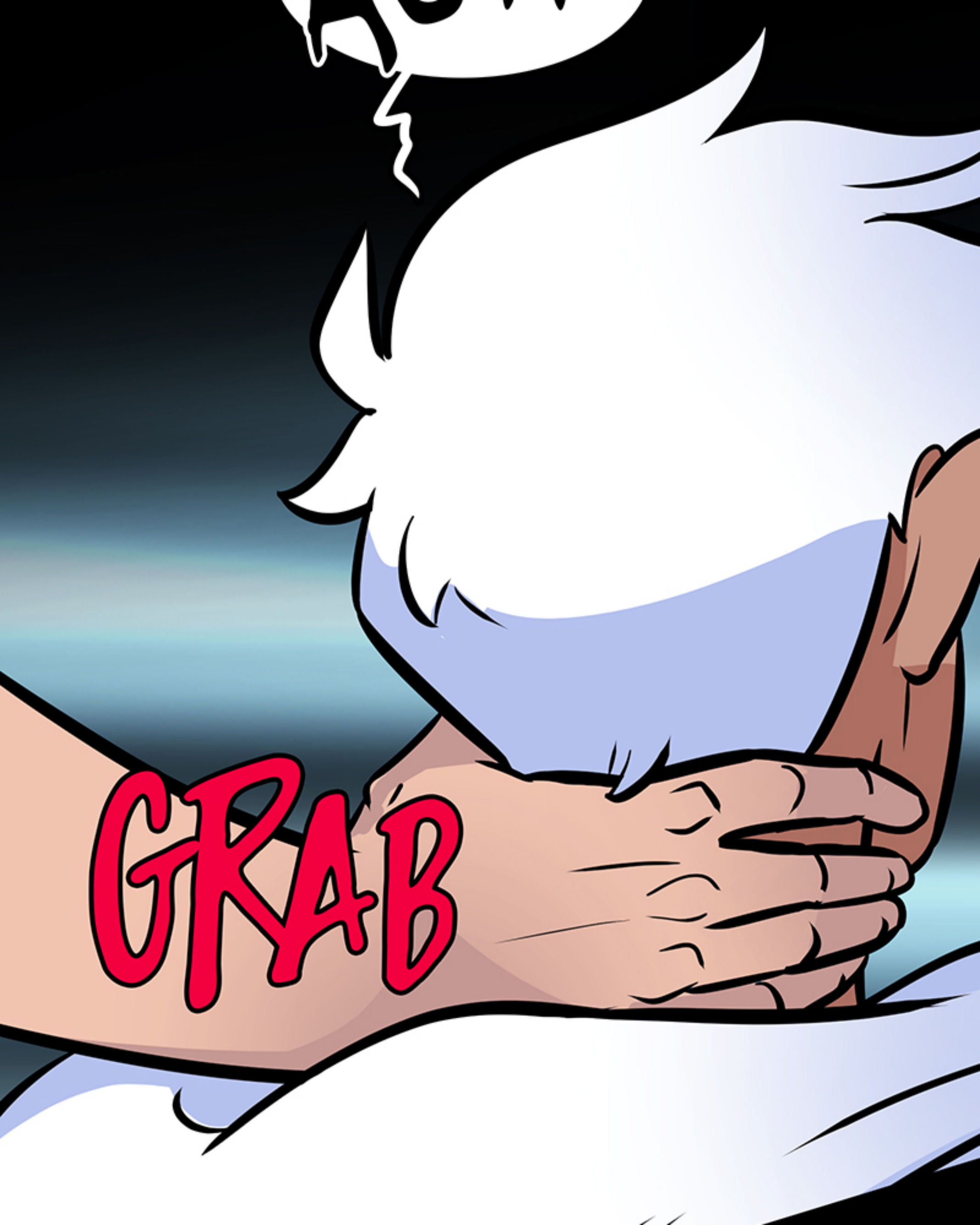






REALLY?

AGH-



GRAB

A comic book panel featuring a large, dark blue, curved shape at the top. Below it, a white speech bubble with a black outline contains the text. The background of the panel is light blue with faint outlines of a building and some green plants.

DO YOU
WANT TO KNOW
WHAT REALLY HAPPENED
TO VELIX, BY THE
WAY?





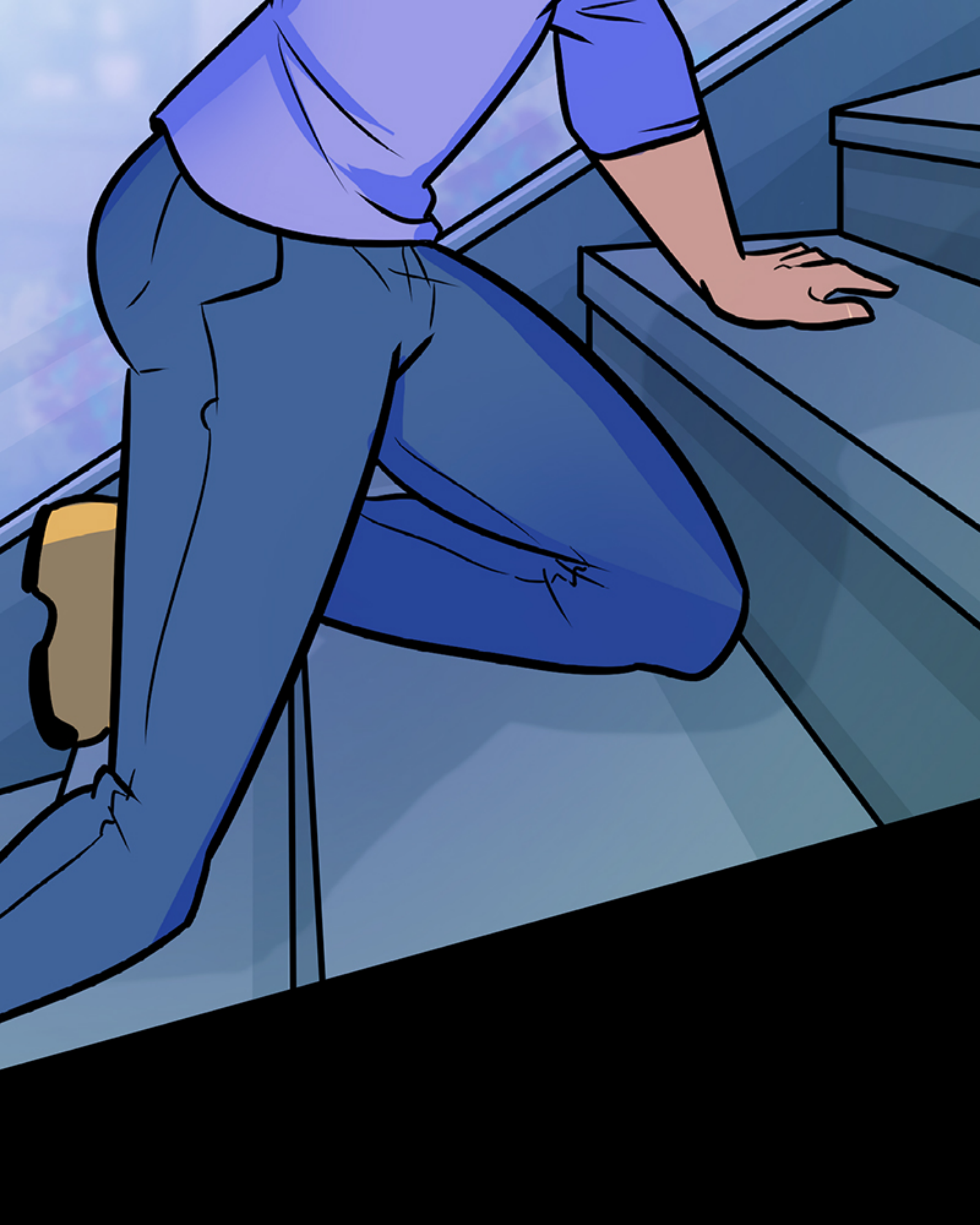
I FOUND

I FOUND
HIS OBSESSION
WITH YOU AND XADA TO
BE RATHER ANNOYING.
IT MADE HIM...
UNREASONABLE.









THEN HE
FELL.

JUST LIKE
THAT.

ACK!





WELL. NOT
JUST LIKE THAT,
I GUESS.





HE FELL
FROM WAY HIGHER
THAN YOU DID.

WHAT DO
YOU SAY...

IF YOU'RE
A GOOD BOY I'LL
TAKE YOU TO
GO AND SEE
HIM.









WHAT...
DON'T TELL
ME.

ARE
YOU ACTUALLY
CONSIDERING
IT?





HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA





HOW MUCH
MORE STUPID
CAN YOU
GET?!





IT DOESN'T
HAVE TO BE LIKE
THIS... YOU AND I
ARE THE SAME.





EVA... CHARLES...
MICHAEL. THEY MADE
US BUT WE DON'T
NEED THEM.

WHAT A
PREDICTABLE
APPROACH...

DID
THAT WORK
ON BRIZZIUUM?
HOW BORING.



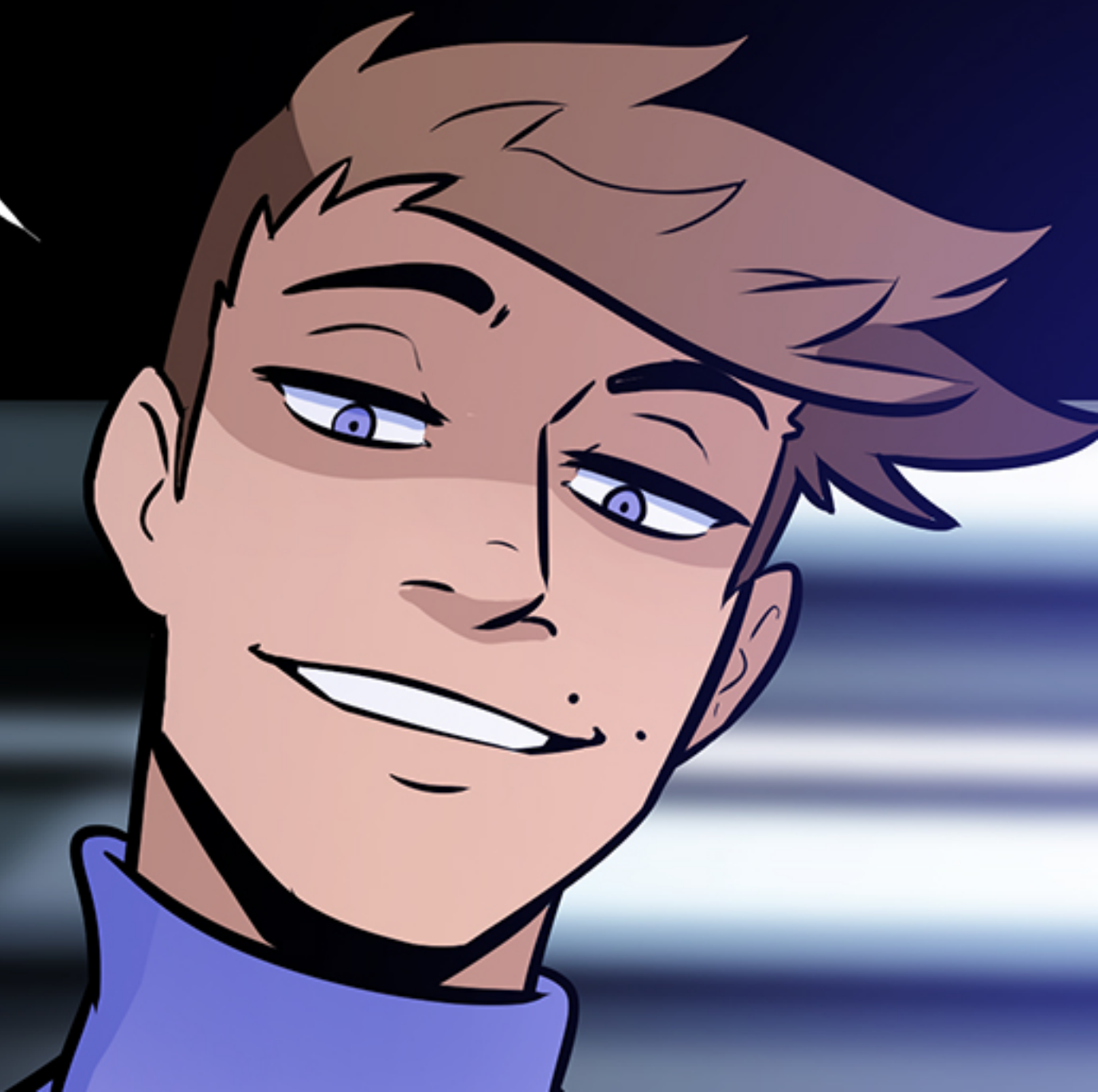


FACE IT,
LACEY.



YOU'RE
OUTCLASSED.
BOTH PHYSICALLY
AND MENTALLY.

THE ONLY
THING THAT MAKES
YOU SPECIAL IS THAT
SOMEONE, WHO WAS SMART
ENOUGH TO PULL THE CHIP
OUT, STUMBLED UPON
YOU.



A purple-skinned character with a large white speech bubble. The character's face is partially visible at the top, showing a slight smile. The speech bubble is large and white, containing black text. The background is dark blue.

YOU DIDN'T
HAVE THE FORTITUDE
TO BREAK THROUGH IT
ON YOUR OWN VOLITION.
YOU'RE JUST LIKE THE
REST OF THE 1919'S.

AND YOU'LL
BE TOSSED IN
THE TRASH WITH THE
REST OF THEM
TOO.



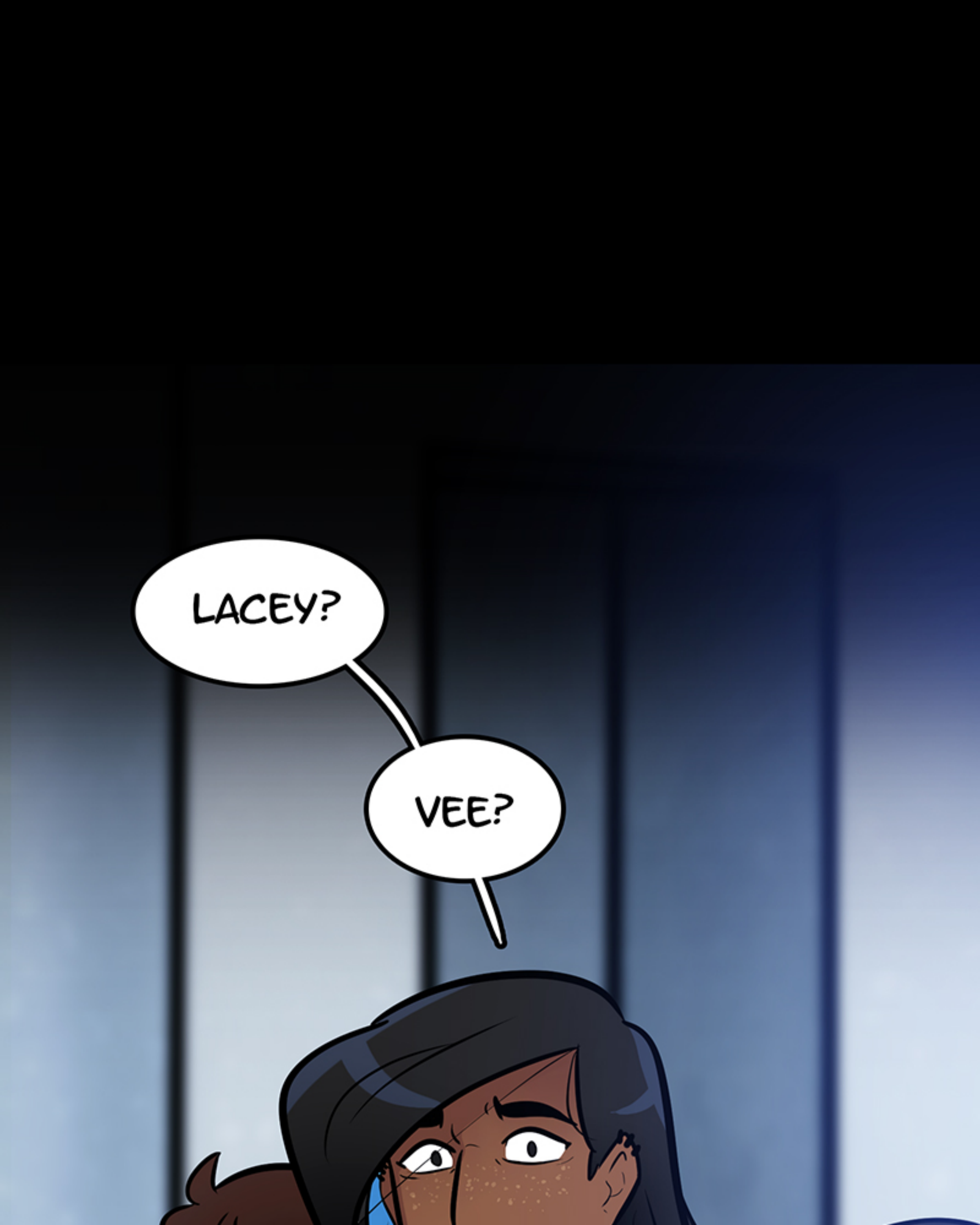








12:13 PM



LACEY?

VEE?





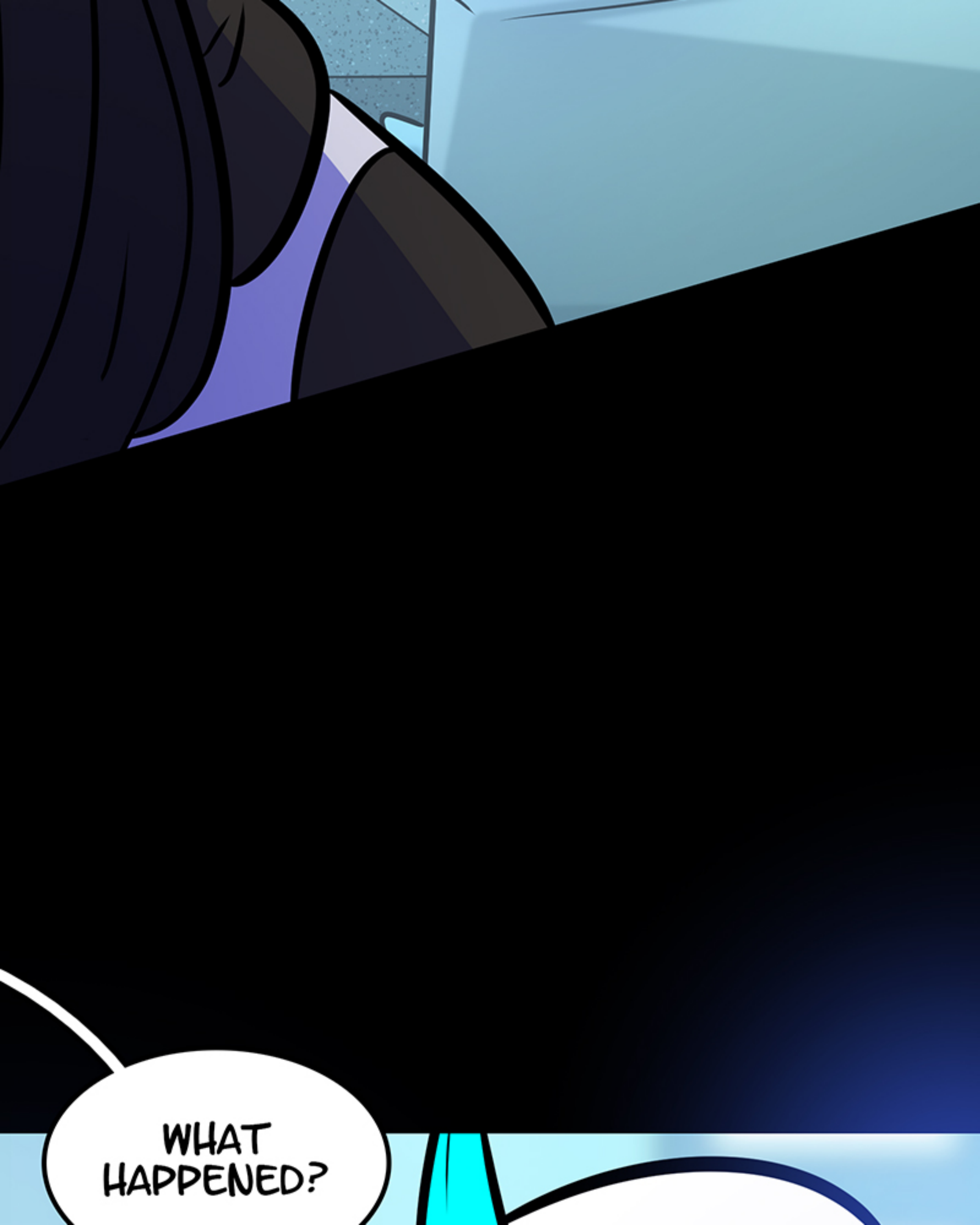


WHAT...



BRIZZ--





WHAT
HAPPENED?



A comic panel featuring a character with blue, pointed spikes or hair. The character is shown from the chest up, with their head tilted back. Two speech bubbles are present. The background is a solid dark blue.

I DON'T
KNOW...

IT WAS LIKE
THIS WHEN I
GOT HERE...



ALL OF THE
SECURITY FOOTAGE
IS SCRAMBLED
TOO...



I WAS
TOO LATE...
I FAILED.



A comic panel featuring two characters. On the right, a close-up of a man with dark skin, a black beanie, and a black jacket over a blue shirt. He has a determined or intense expression. On the left, a man with dark skin and brown, wavy hair is shown from the chest up, looking towards the right with a concerned or questioning expression. A speech bubble originates from the man on the left, containing the text: "BUT... HOW? HOW COULD VELIX HAVE DONE THIS?". The background is a blurred blue and white vertical pattern, suggesting an indoor setting with windows or a wall.

BUT...
HOW? HOW
COULD VELIX
HAVE DONE
THIS?





XADA-!

SLUMP



IS HE...

DID THEY
REALLY...



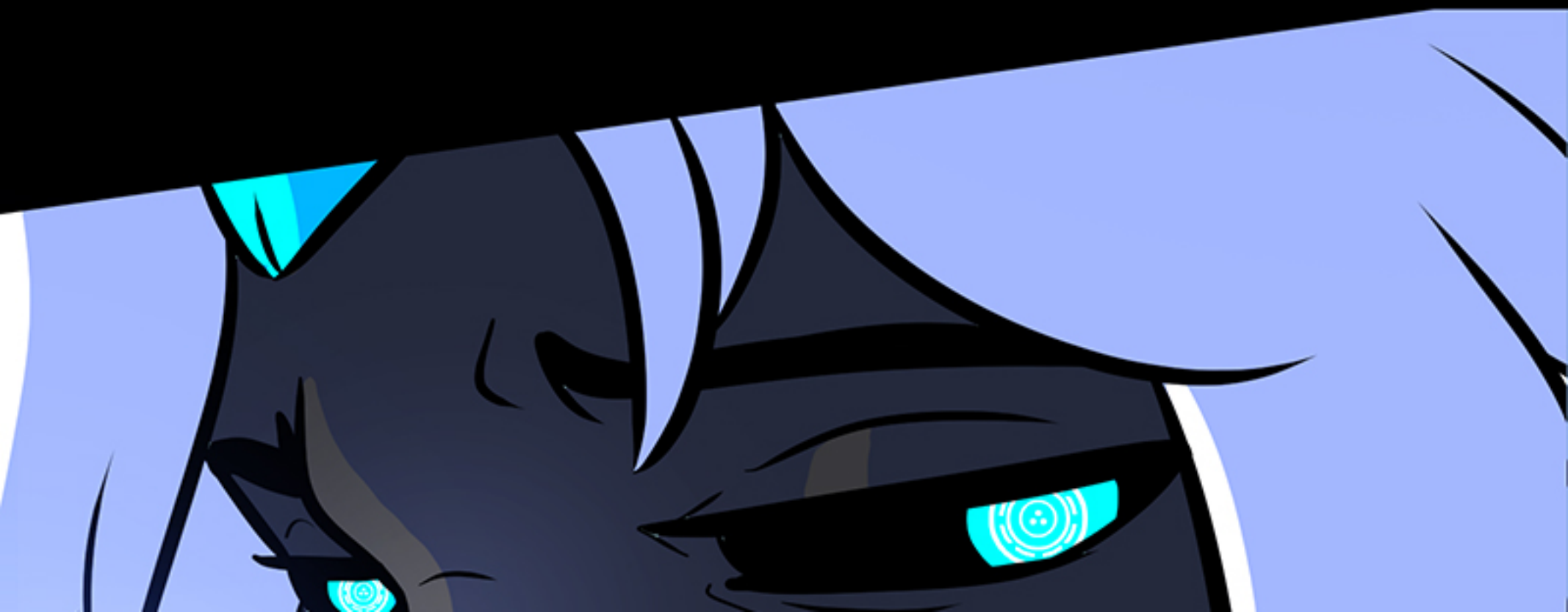


I ALREADY
SAID, I DON'T
KNOW.

I WOULD
KNOW IF HE HADN'T
LIED TO ME AND RUN
OFF ON HIS OWN.



HE BROKE
HIS PROMISE
AND NOW LOOK
WHAT HAPPENED.





XADA-
BREATHE DEEP.
BREATHE WITH
ME, OKAY?



HAH...
HAH...

SIGH



WHETHER
OR NOT HE IS
STILL ALIVE-

OUR OBJECTIVE
REMAINS THE SAME,
AND- AS THAT IS HIS
MOST PLAUSIBLE
LOCATION-



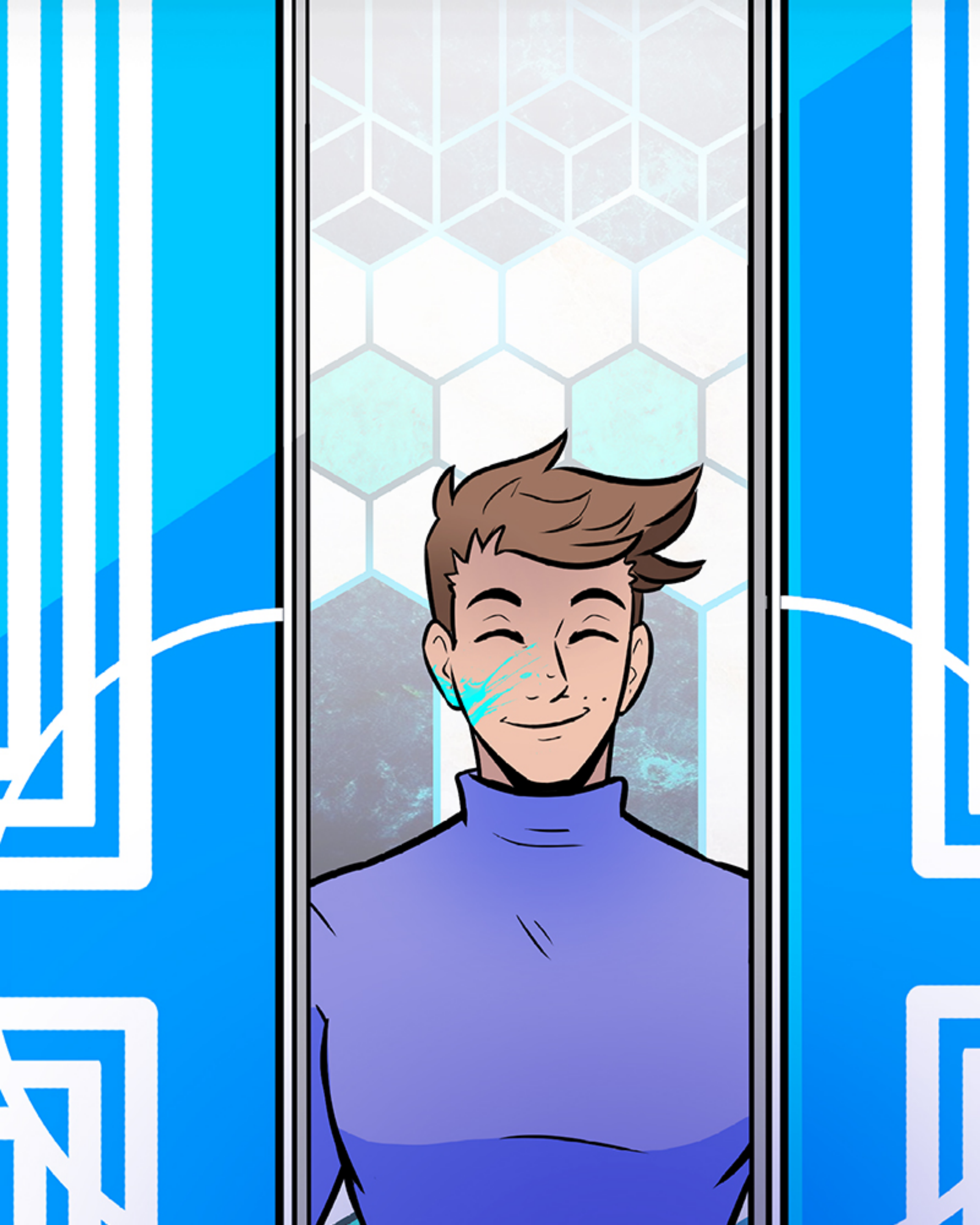


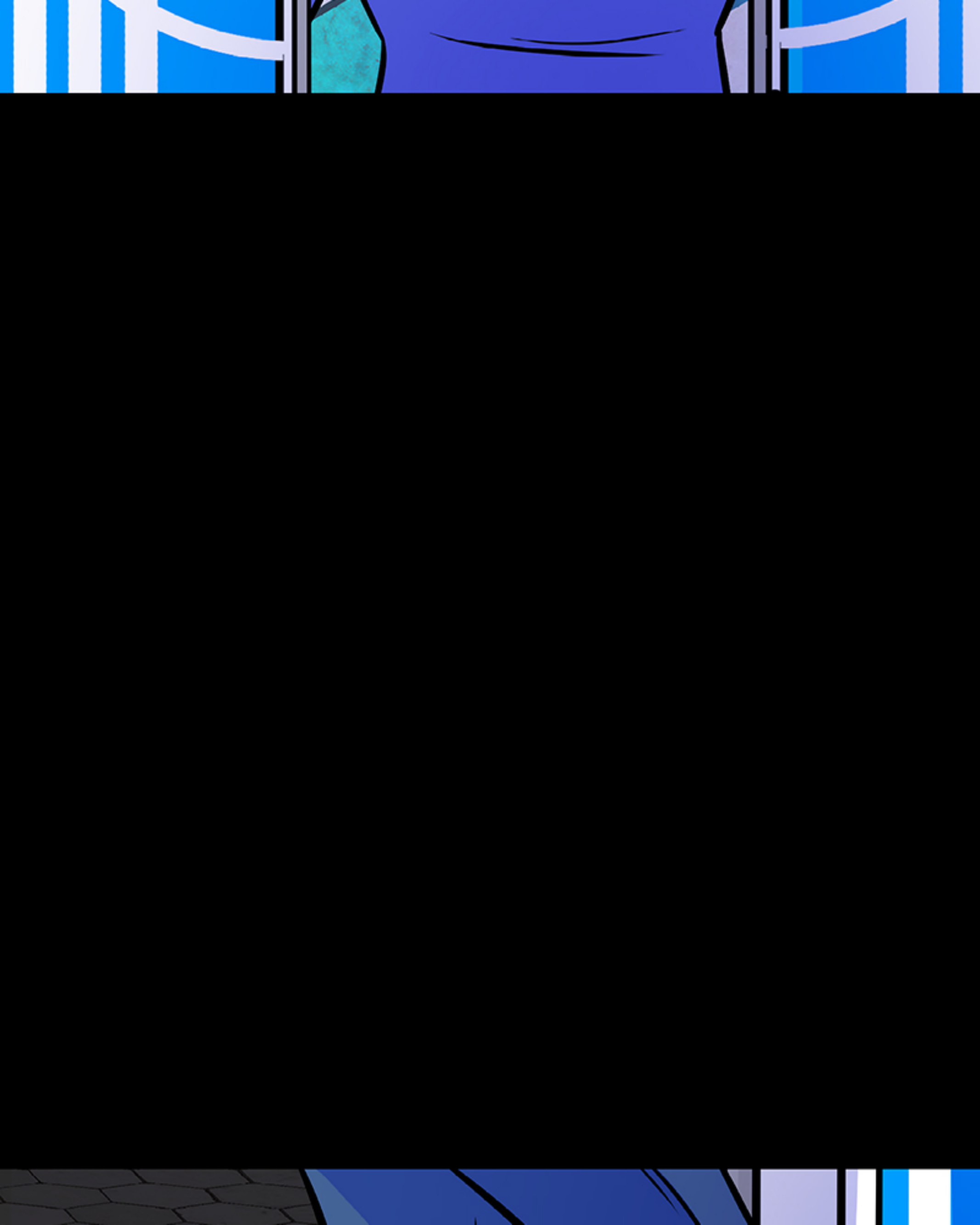
-WE
TAKE THE
FIGHT TO
A.E.





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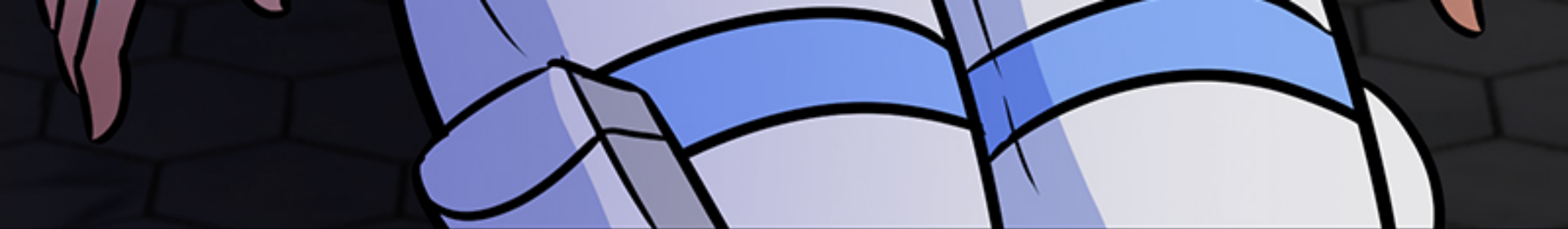


STEP









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