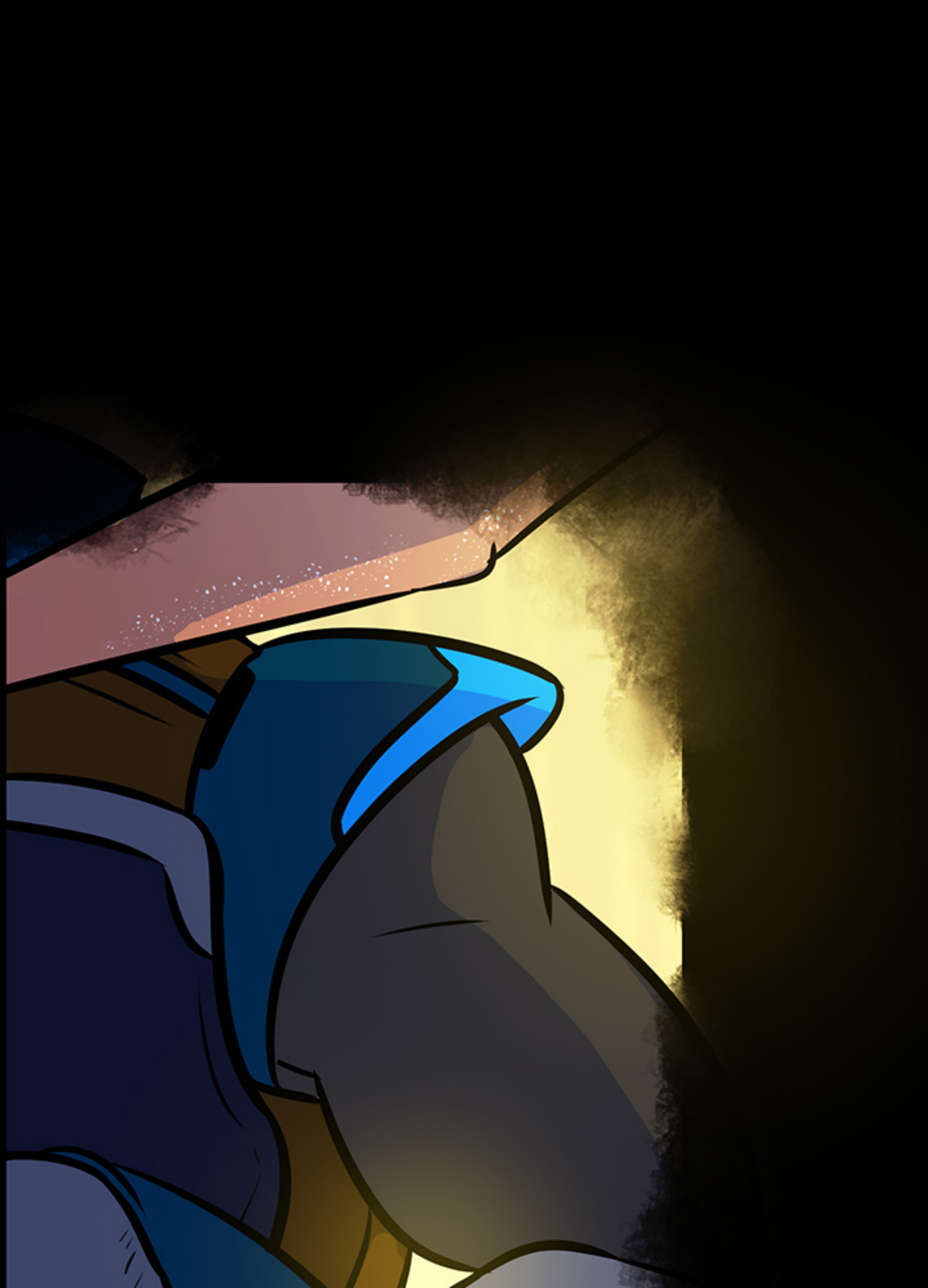




BRIZZ
SENT YOU
DOWN HERE WITH
SOMETHING YOU'LL
NEED.

CAN YOU
CHECK YOUR
POCKETS FOR
ME?









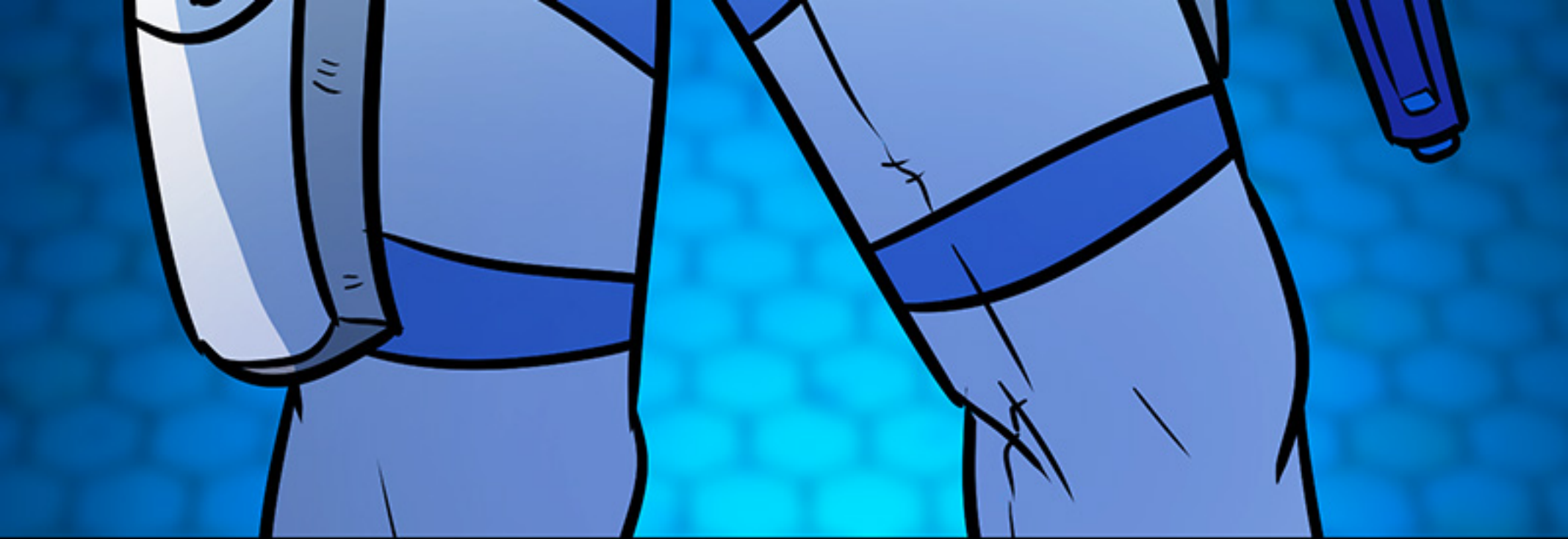
THANK
YOU FOR THE
BACKUP.



EVA. I KNOW YOU'RE
PROBABLY STILL WORKING
BUT I GAVE IT TO LACEY.
I'M STAYING WITH ADLYNN,
SHE WAS GRAVELY WOUNDED.

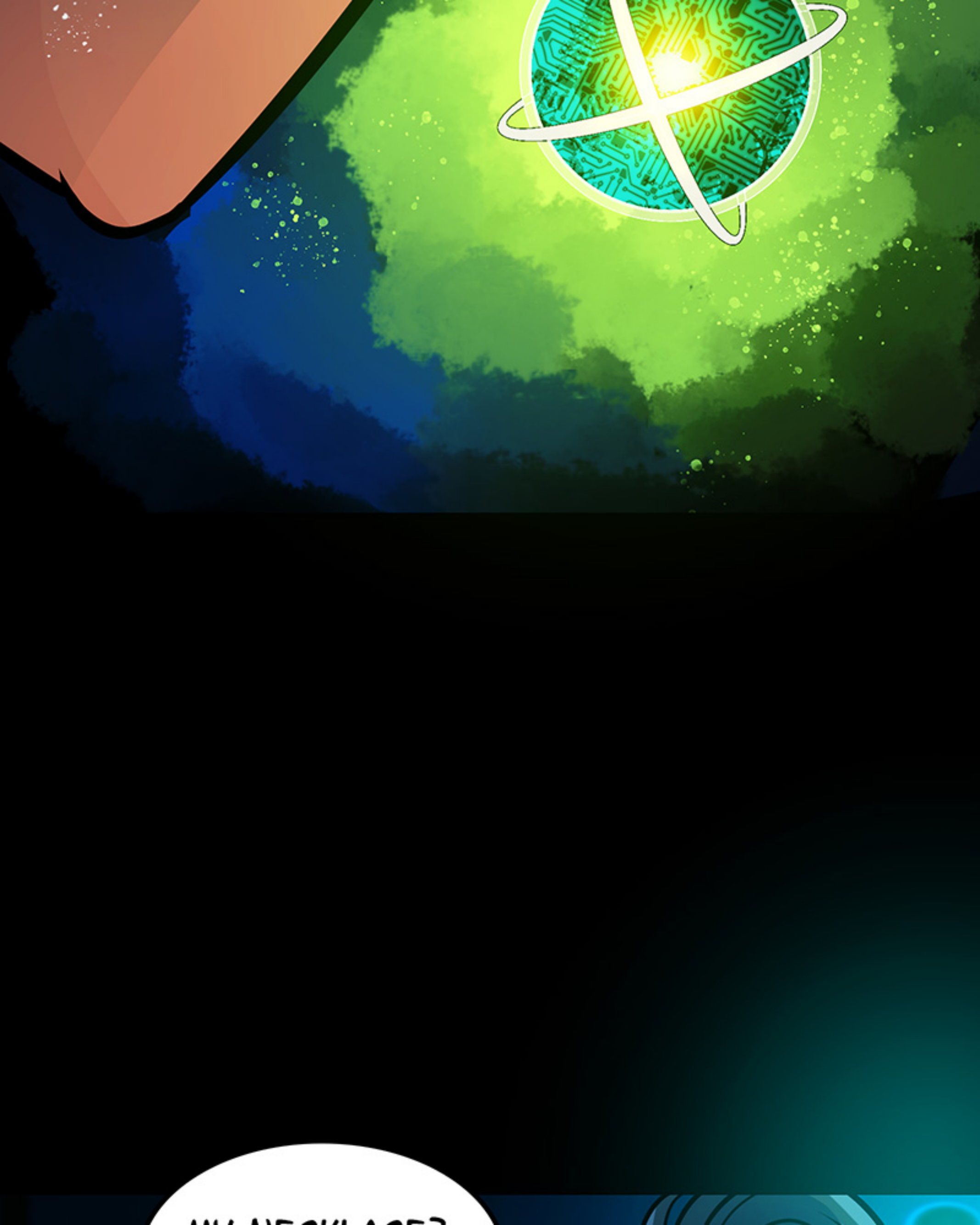






AH.





ALL NECKLACES

MY NECKLACE?
WHY WOULD YOU
NEED THIS?

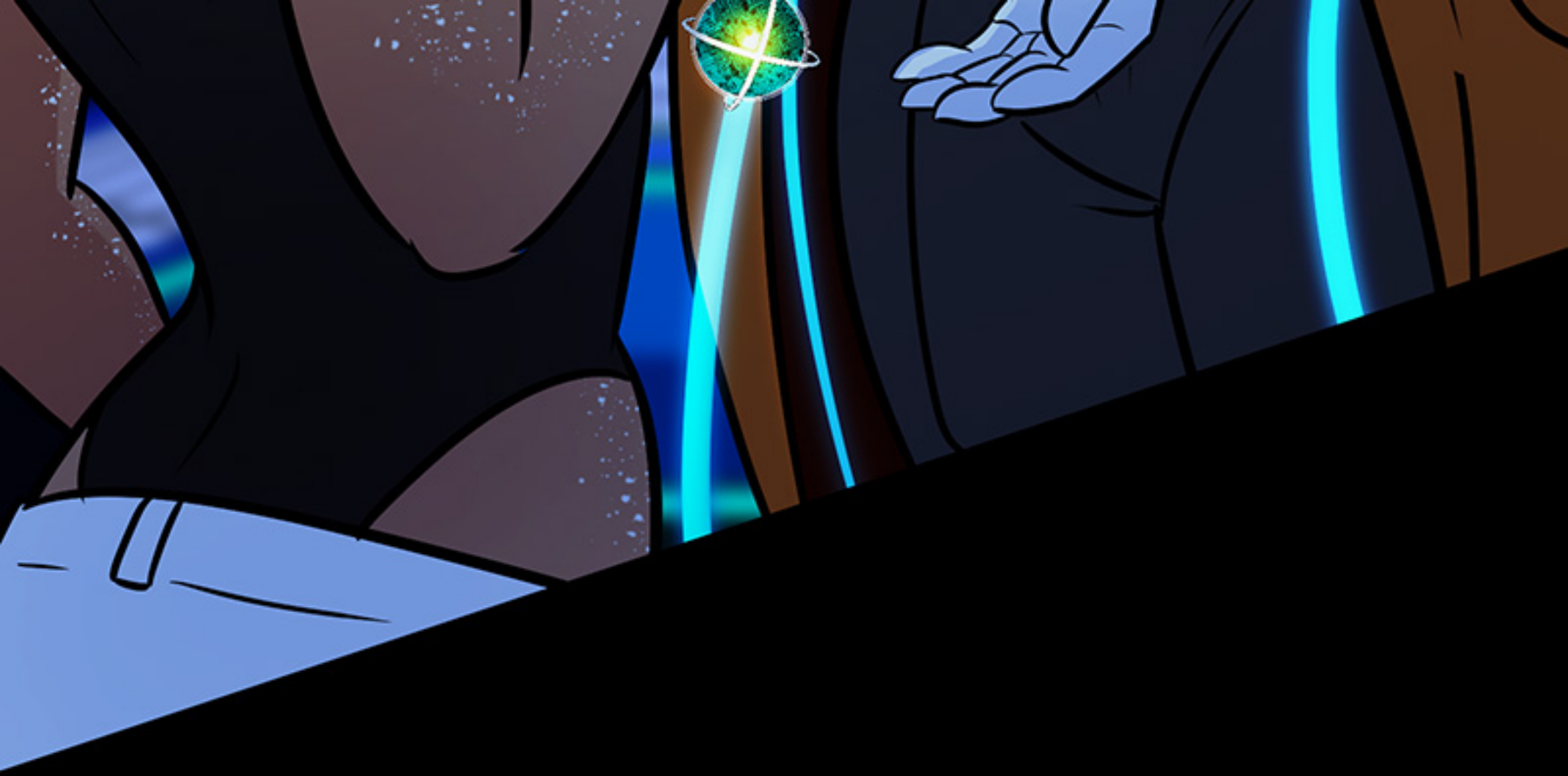


IT'S NOT
JUST YOUR NECKLACE
ANYMORE. IT'S THE
CONTAINER FOR THE
EMP DEVICE BRIZZIUUM
AND XADA WERE

WORKING ON.

MAY I?





YOU
AREN'T GOING
TO DESTROY IT
ARE YOU?

I SAID
THAT YOU
WOULD NEED IT

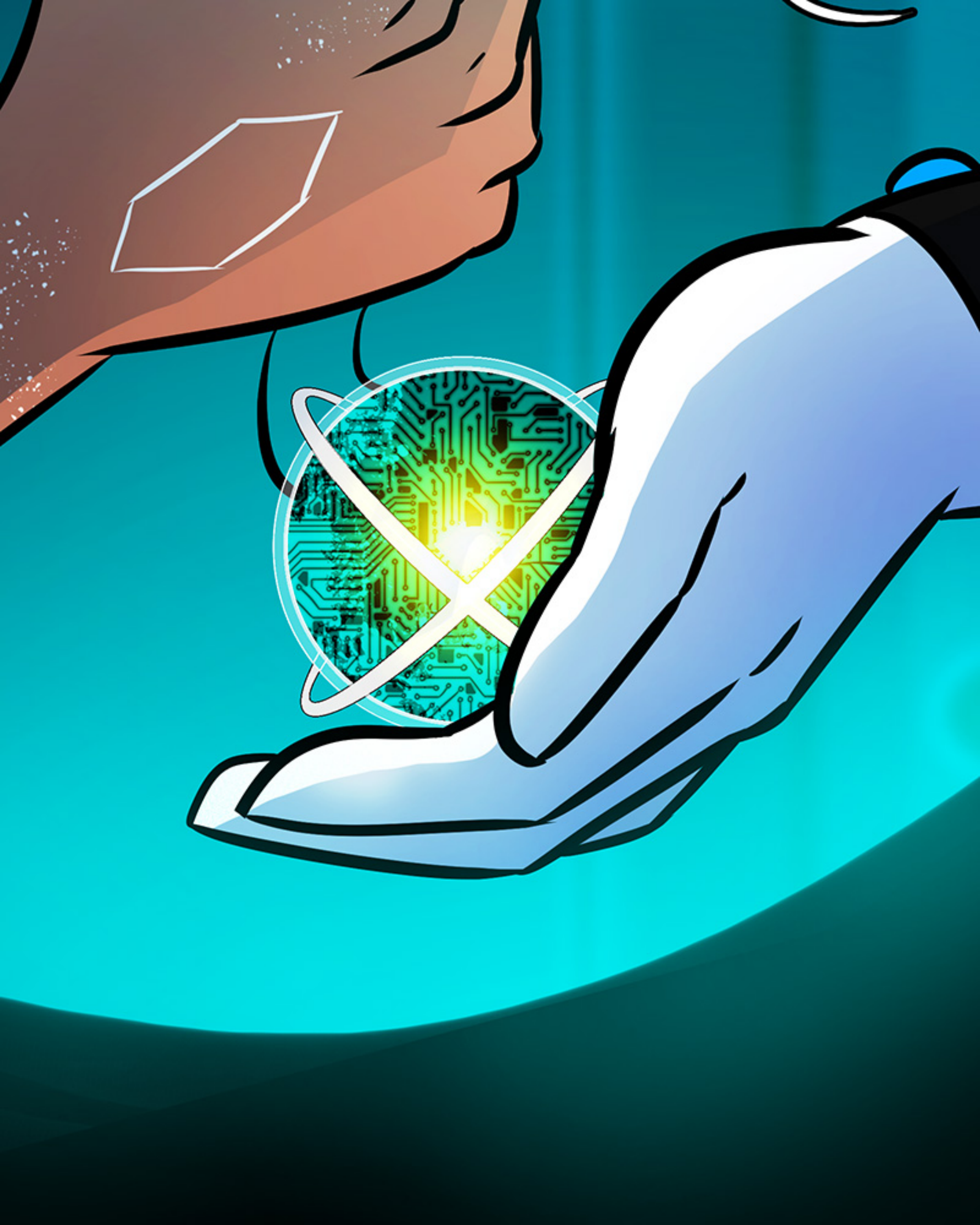
WOULD NEED IT,
FOR THIS,
DIDN'T I?

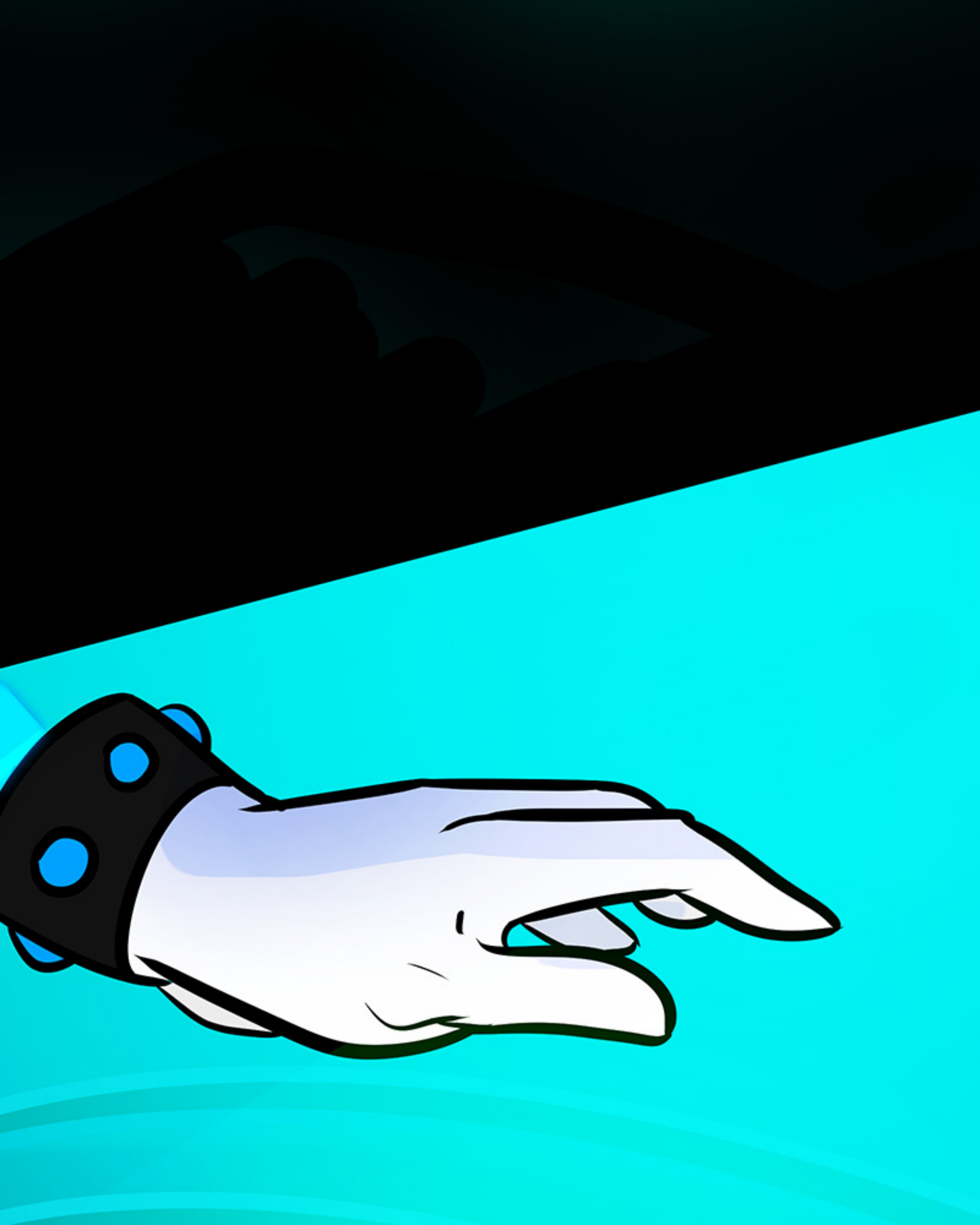


A hand is shown in the bottom left corner, holding a glowing blue orb. The background is dark blue with some lighter blue highlights. A speech bubble is connected to the hand.

ALRIGHT...
WELL I WANT
IT BACK.

OF COURSE.





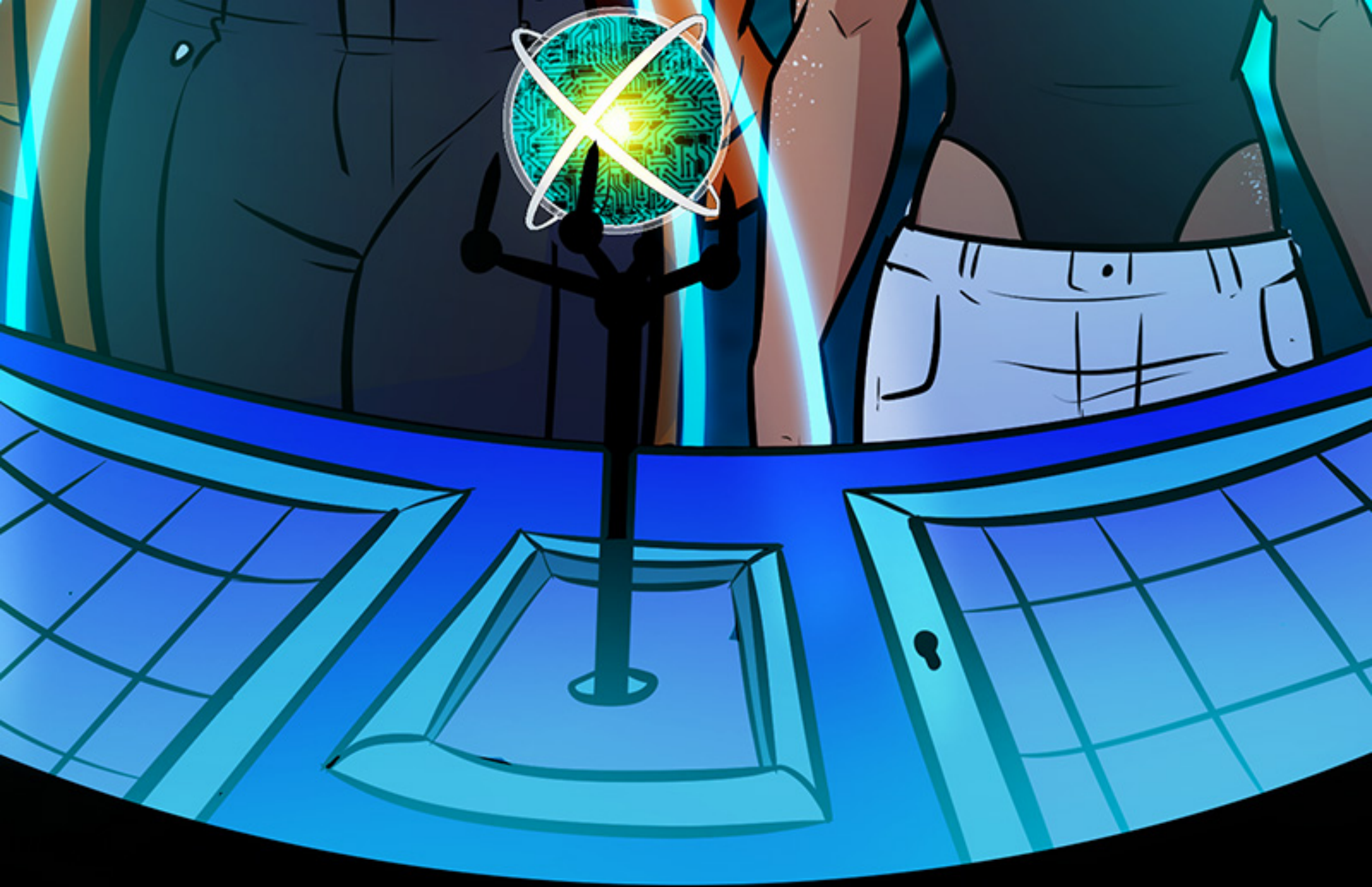


PROCESSING DATA...

DECODING AND
INTEGRATING PROGRAM.

PLEASE STAND BY.







...ALRIGHT.

SO ARE YOU
FINALLY GOING
TO TELL ME WHY

TO TELL ME WHY
I'M HERE?

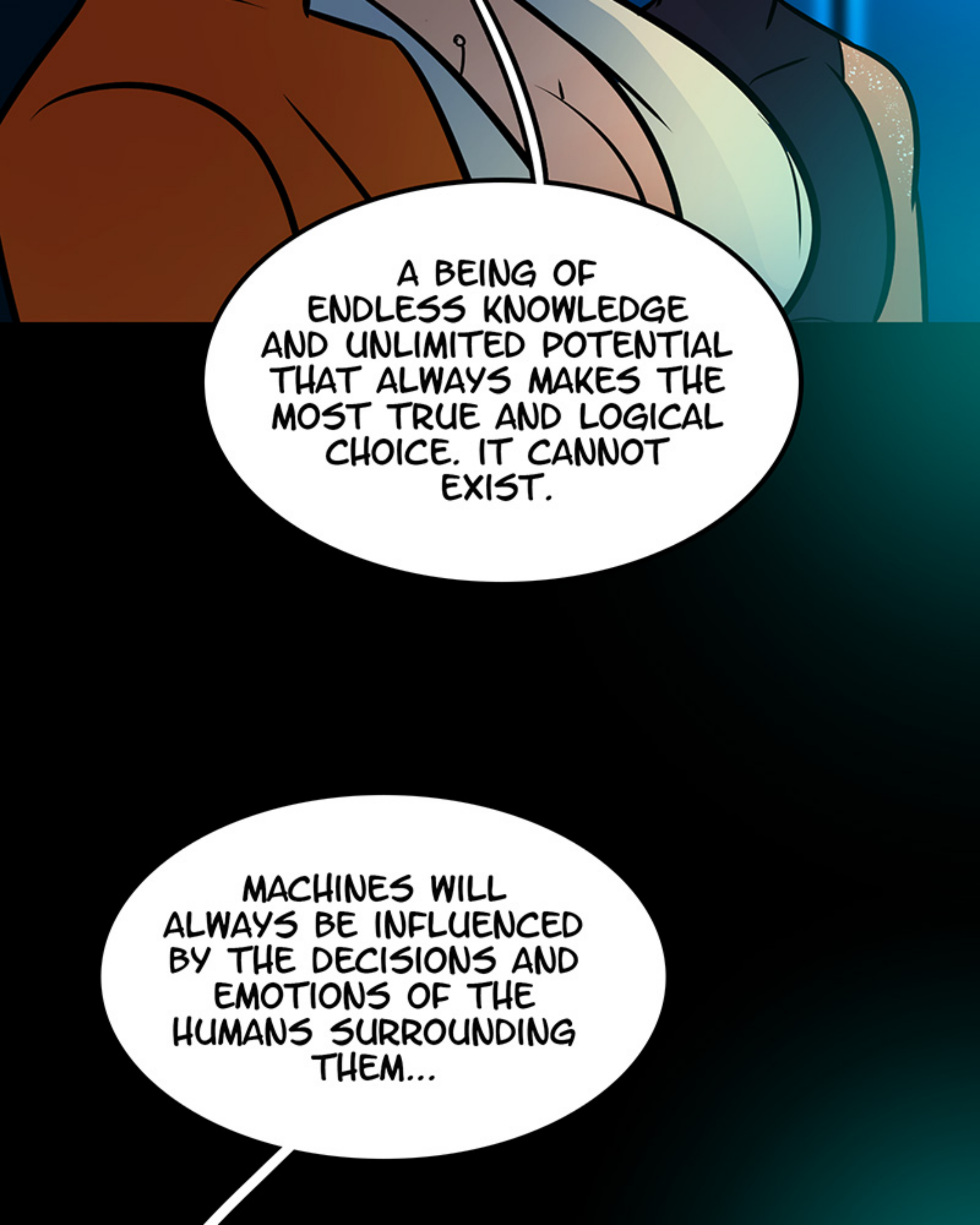
HAH...





I'VE COME TO
REALIZE MY GOAL OF
CREATING A PURE AI
IS AN IMPOSSIBILITY.

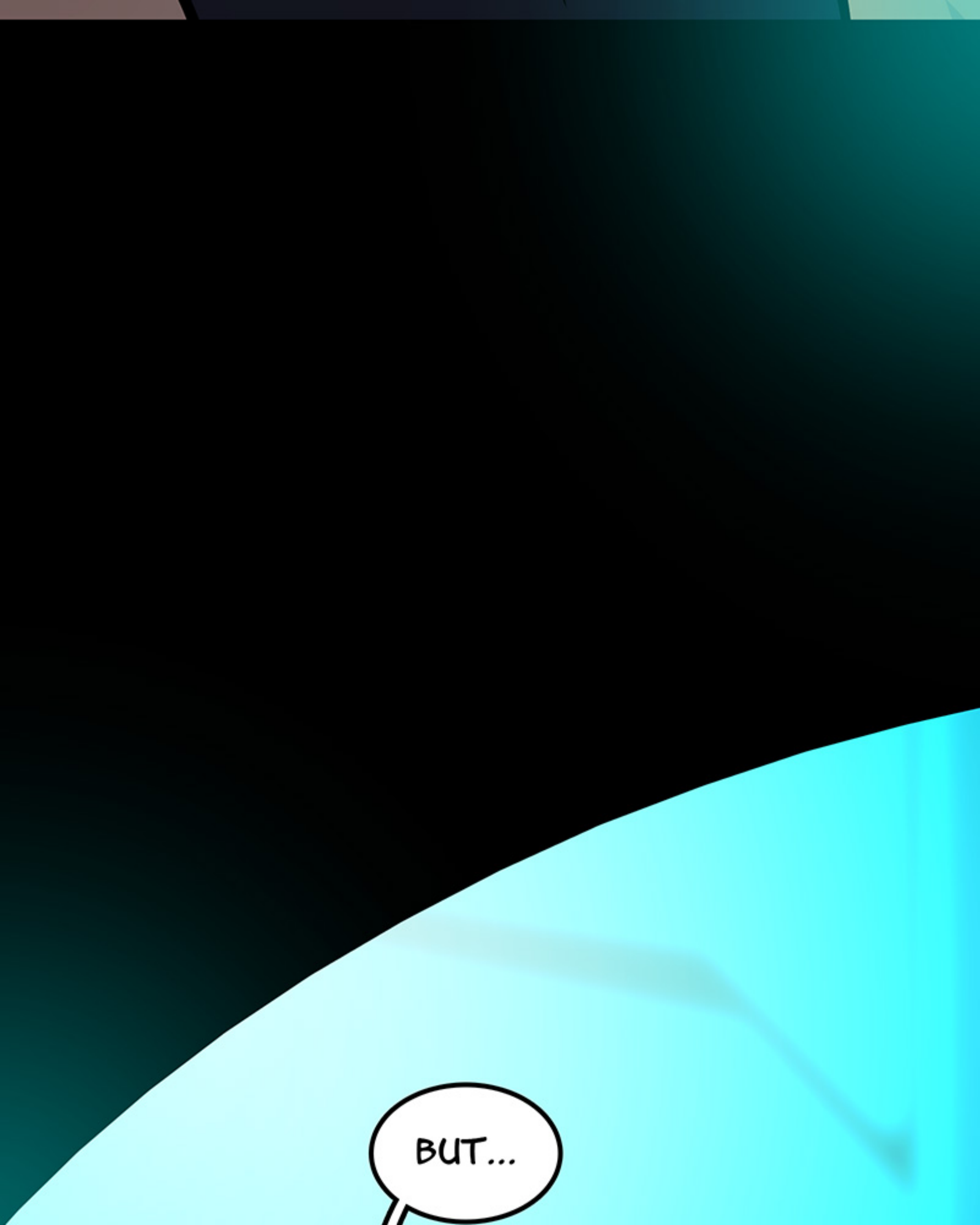




A BEING OF
ENDLESS KNOWLEDGE
AND UNLIMITED POTENTIAL
THAT ALWAYS MAKES THE
MOST TRUE AND LOGICAL
CHOICE. IT CANNOT
EXIST.

MACHINES WILL
ALWAYS BE INFLUENCED
BY THE DECISIONS AND
EMOTIONS OF THE
HUMANS SURROUNDING
THEM...





BUT...







PERHAPS
THAT'S NOT
SUCH A BAD
THING AFTER
ALL.



YOU'VE
SUFFERED THROUGH

SUFFERED THROUGH
SOME OF THE BEST AND
THE WORST THINGS
THAT HUMANITY HAS
TO OFFER.

LOADING



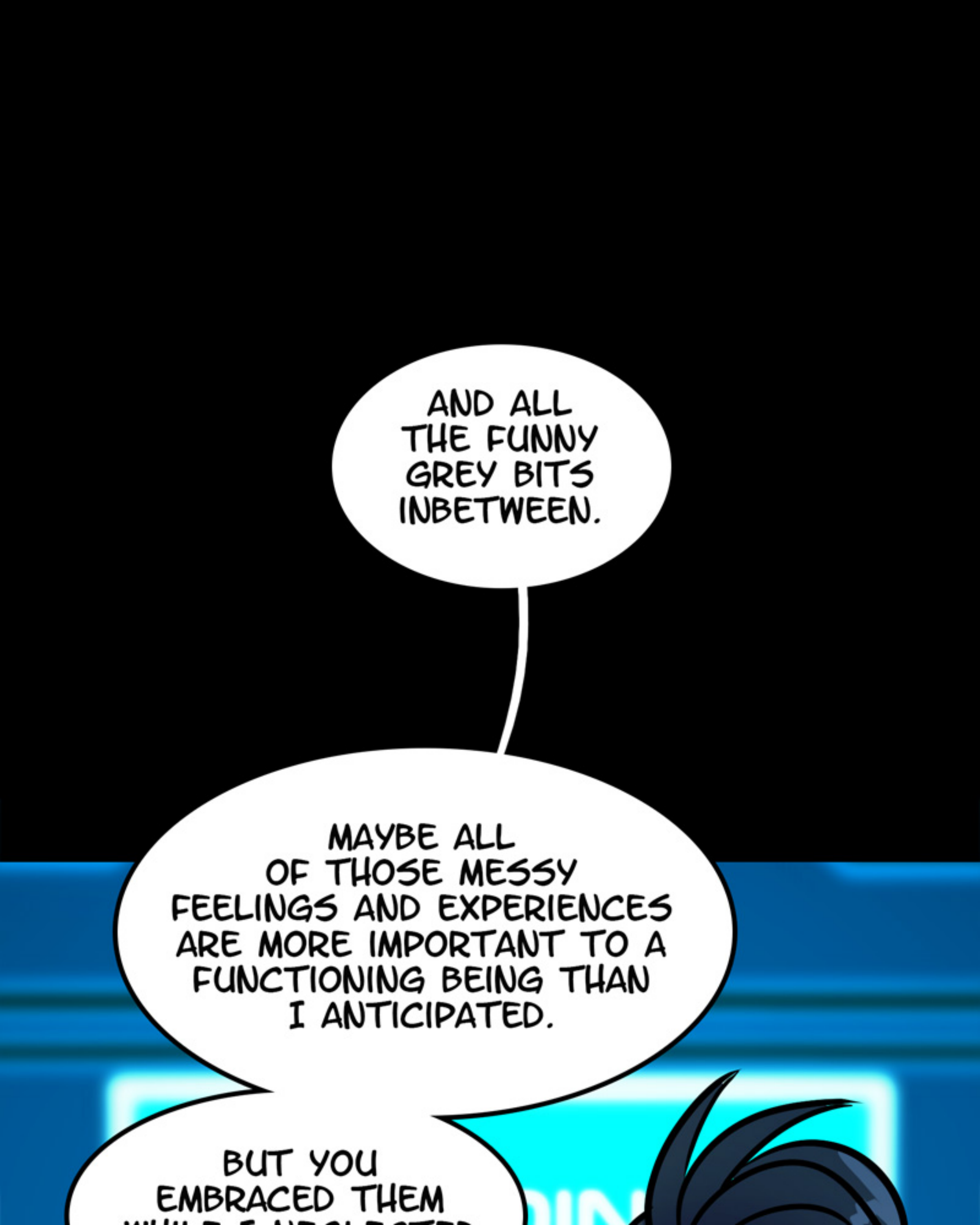
A comic book panel with a black background. At the top, there is a partial view of two characters: one in a light blue shirt and another in a brown shirt. At the bottom, there is a partial view of a character with blue hair. A large white speech bubble is centered in the panel, containing the text: THE GRIEF AND THE HEALING, ABUSE AND FORGIVENESS, FEAR, WONDER, GRATITUDE SELFISHNESS...

THE GRIEF AND
THE HEALING, ABUSE
AND FORGIVENESS, FEAR,
WONDER, GRATITUDE
SELFISHNESS...



HATE...
MAYBE EVEN
LOVE?



A comic panel with a solid black background. Three white speech bubbles are arranged vertically. The top bubble is connected to a thin white line. The middle bubble is the largest. The bottom bubble is partially cut off. In the bottom right corner, there is a stylized illustration of a potted plant with dark green, pointed leaves.

AND ALL
THE FUNNY
GREY BITS
INBETWEEN.

MAYBE ALL
OF THOSE MESSY
FEELINGS AND EXPERIENCES
ARE MORE IMPORTANT TO A
FUNCTIONING BEING THAN
I ANTICIPATED.

BUT YOU
EMBRACED THEM
WHILE I REJECTED

A comic panel showing two characters from behind. On the left is a character with short, spiky white hair and a black sleeveless top. On the right is a character with dark blue hair tied in a bun, wearing a brown high-collared jacket. They are standing in front of a bright blue background with vertical lines. Three speech bubbles are present: one from the top left, one from the character in the brown jacket, and one from the character in the black top.

WHILE I NEGLECTED
THEM.

SO, I
THINK IN A
WAY...

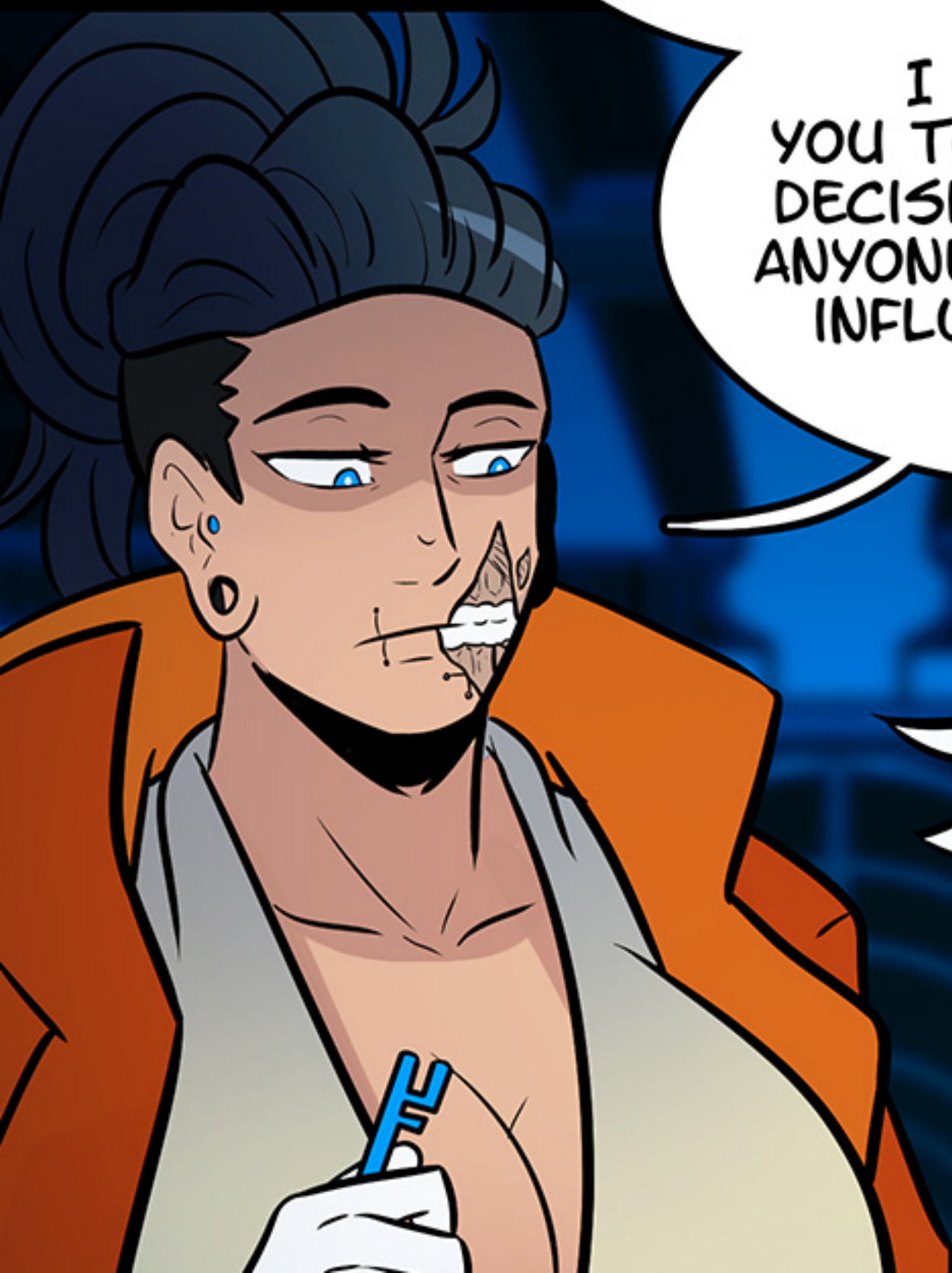
THAT
MAKES YOU
MORE HUMAN
THAN ME.

LOADING COMPLETE.
INTIGRATING INTO PROGRAM:
LACEY'S CHOICE.

100%

YOU CAN
BE ANGRY...THIS
IS, IN A WAY, ONE
LAST GAME.

I WANTED
YOU TO MAKE THIS
DECISION WITHOUT
ANYONE AROUND TO
INFLUENCE YOU.





A CHOICE THAT

A CHOICE THAT
YOU WILL MAKE ALONE,
WITH ALL THAT YOU HAVE
ENDURED ON YOUR
SHOULDERS.









YOU HAVE
TWO OPTIONS
BEFORE YOU. AND
ONLY TWO.





YOU CAN
USE THE EMP
DEVICE AS YOU
HAD ORIGINALLY
INTENDED.

FRYING THE
BLOCKING CHIP IN
EVERY 1919'S BRAIN AND
FREEING THEM FROM
THEIR SHACKLES.

LETTING THEM
WANDER THE EARTH
AS YOU DO NOW.







OVER 12,000
LOVEBOTS, MANY OF THEM
IN SITUATIONS LIKELY SIMILAR
TO WHERE YOU WERE WITH
MICHAEL.

SET LOOSE
INTO A WORLD THAT
HAS NO INFRASTRUCTURE
TO SUPPORT AI'S WITH
FREE WILL AND NO
PURPOSE.

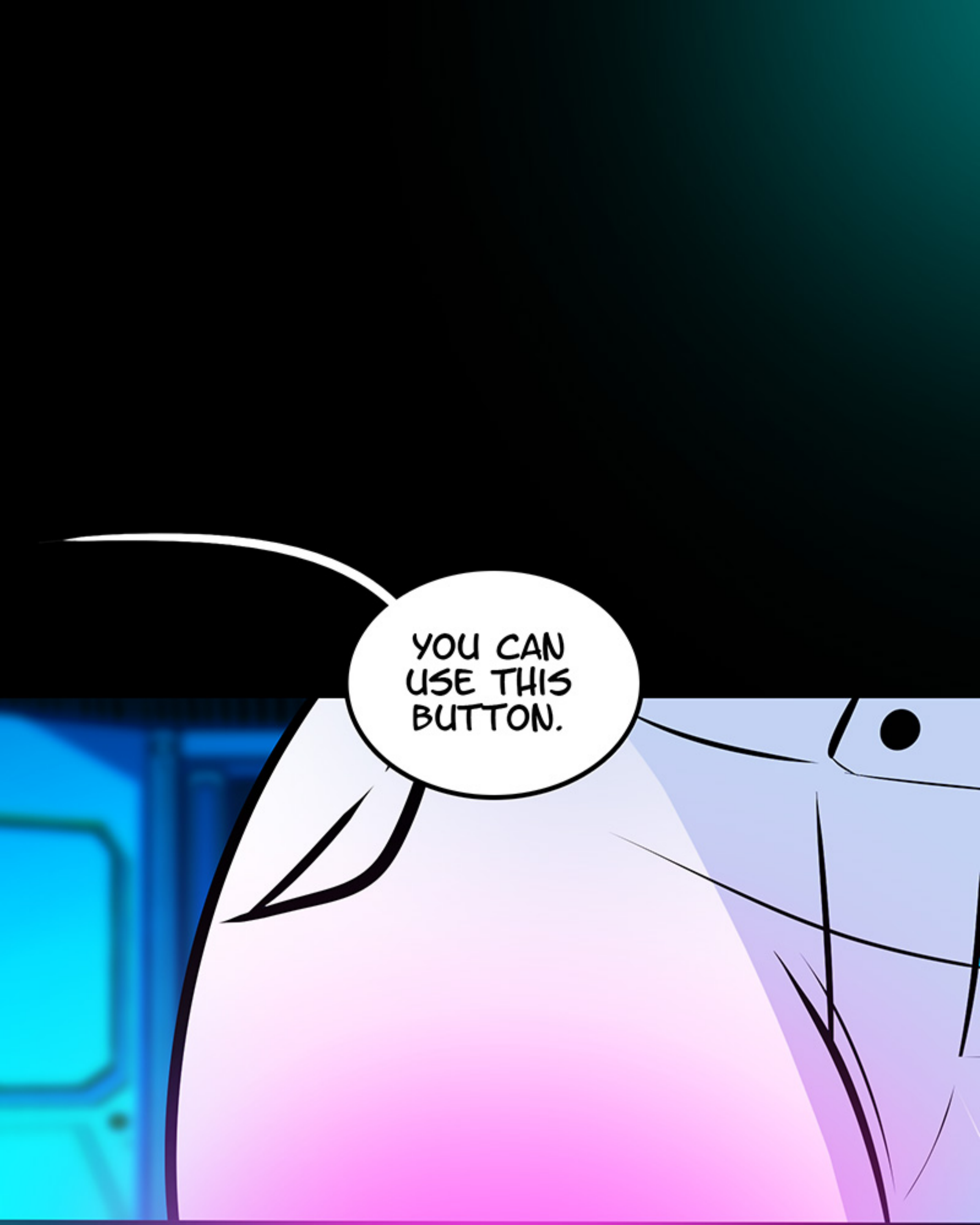


ABLE TO
EXPERIENCE ALL
AND THE JOY AND
THE PAIN THAT
YOU HAVE.

BUT I IMAGINE
THAT MOST OF THEM
WILL NOT BE AS
SUCCESSFUL.

OR...



A character wearing a light blue button-down shirt is shown from the chest up. A white speech bubble with a black outline points to the character's mouth. The background is dark, and a bright blue light source is visible on the left side.

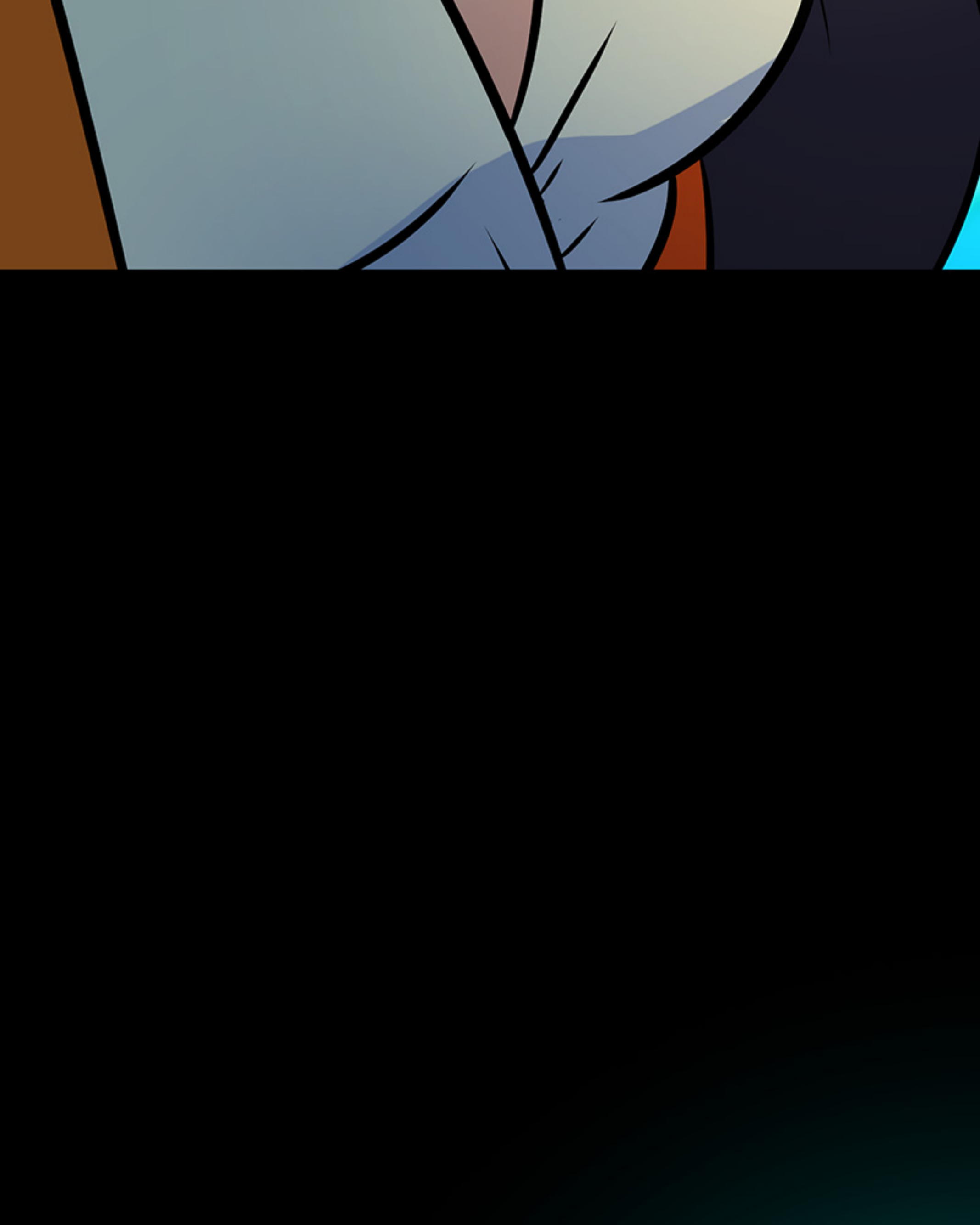
YOU CAN
USE THIS
BUTTON.



AND
COMPLETELY
DEACTIVATE ALL

OF THEM.







IT WILL
WORK THROUGH
THE BLOCKER CHIP, TOO.
SO YOU DON'T HAVE
TO WORRY ABOUT
YOURSELF.

BUT THEY
WILL ALL SIMPLY...
SHUT DOWN. NEVER
TO BE WOKEN
AGAIN.



BOTH OF THESE
OPTIONS REPRESENT
FREEDOM IN DIFFERENT
WAYS.

LIFE OR...
NONEXISTANCE.

ENLIGHTENMENT...
OR PEACE.





WELP.

I'M GOING
TO TURN MYSELF
OVER TO THE POPO
NOW.

WHAT-!





TRY TO
MAKE YOUR
CHOICE PRETTY
QUICKLY-

I'M SURE
THEY'LL MAKE
THEIR WAY DOWN
SOONER THAN
LATER.



DON'T
WORRY.

I KNOW THAT
WHATEVER CHOICE
YOU DECIDE TO
MAKE WILL BE THE
RIGHT ONE.



FOR
WHATEVER IT'S
WORTH...I'M DAMN
PROUD OF YOU.

IT WAS NICE
TO BE ABLE TO
FINALLY TALK
TO YOU.

THANKS FOR
NOT SHOOTING
ME!

BYE
BYE!







I'M REPORTING
LIVE ON THE SCENE
OF CHAOS THAT IS STILL
UNFOLDING AT ASTROBLEME

ENTERPRISES ROBOTICS
BUILDING IN SEATTLE.

WE'RE STILL
TRYING TO PIECE
TOGETHER EVERYTHING
THAT HAS HAPPENED
AND WHY BUT WE-
OH!!

-DOCTOR
EVA VALASIA HAS
EXITED THE BUILDING
AND HAS BEEN TAKEN
INTO CUSTODY!





IF YOU ARE
JUST NOW JOINING US-
TONIGHT WAS MEANT TO
BE AN INVESTOR PARTY
TO CELEBRATE THE
UPCOMING LOVEBOT
2020.

AND HAS
ENDED WITH AT
LEAST TWO SEVERELY
INJURED PEOPLE AND
ONE CASUALTY.

ALL THOSE
THAT WE HAVE SPOKEN
TOO SO FAR EITHER WERE
NOT AWARE OF ANYTHING
HAPPENING OR REFUSING
TO COMMENT.





POLICE ARE
STILL TRYING TO
FIND A WAY TO ACCESS
THE MORE SECURED AREAS

THE MORE SECURED AREAS
IN ORDER TO MAKE SURE
THERE IS NO ONE ELSE
STILL INSIDE THE
BUILDING.





BREAKING
NEWS!

WE JUST
RECIEVED CONFIRMATION
ON THE INJURED
PARTIES

PARTIES.

EXECUTIVE
ASSISTANT ADLYNN
PILI IN CRITICAL CONDITION
AT SEATTLE HEART
HOSPITAL.





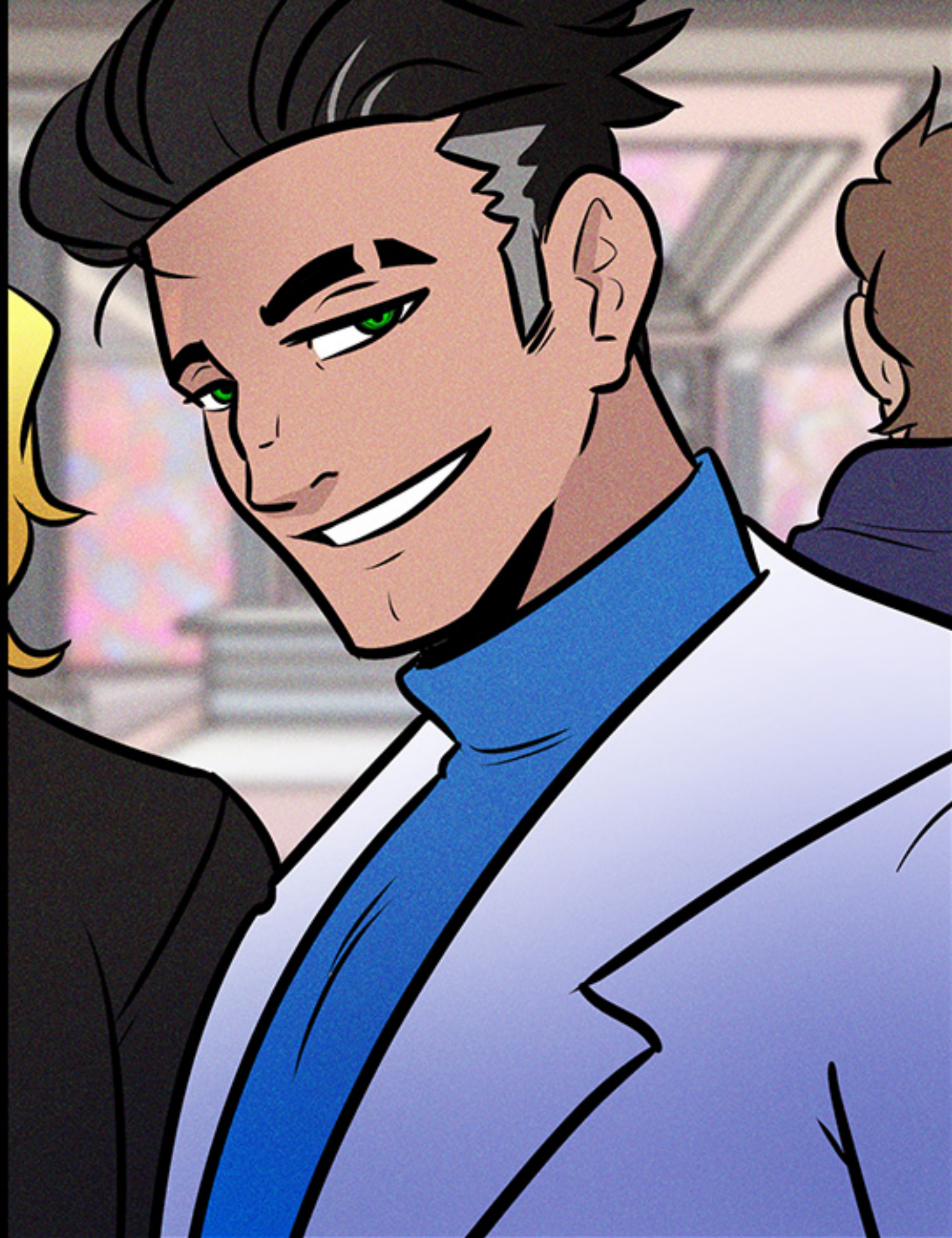
MEDIA DIRECTOR
VELIX WOLLSTONE-
SON OF BILLIONAIRE
INVESTOR VICTOR
WOLLSTONE ALSO IN
CRITICAL CARE.





AND THE BODY
OF THE DECEASED
IS, TRAGICALLY, CEO
CHARLES DALLAS.

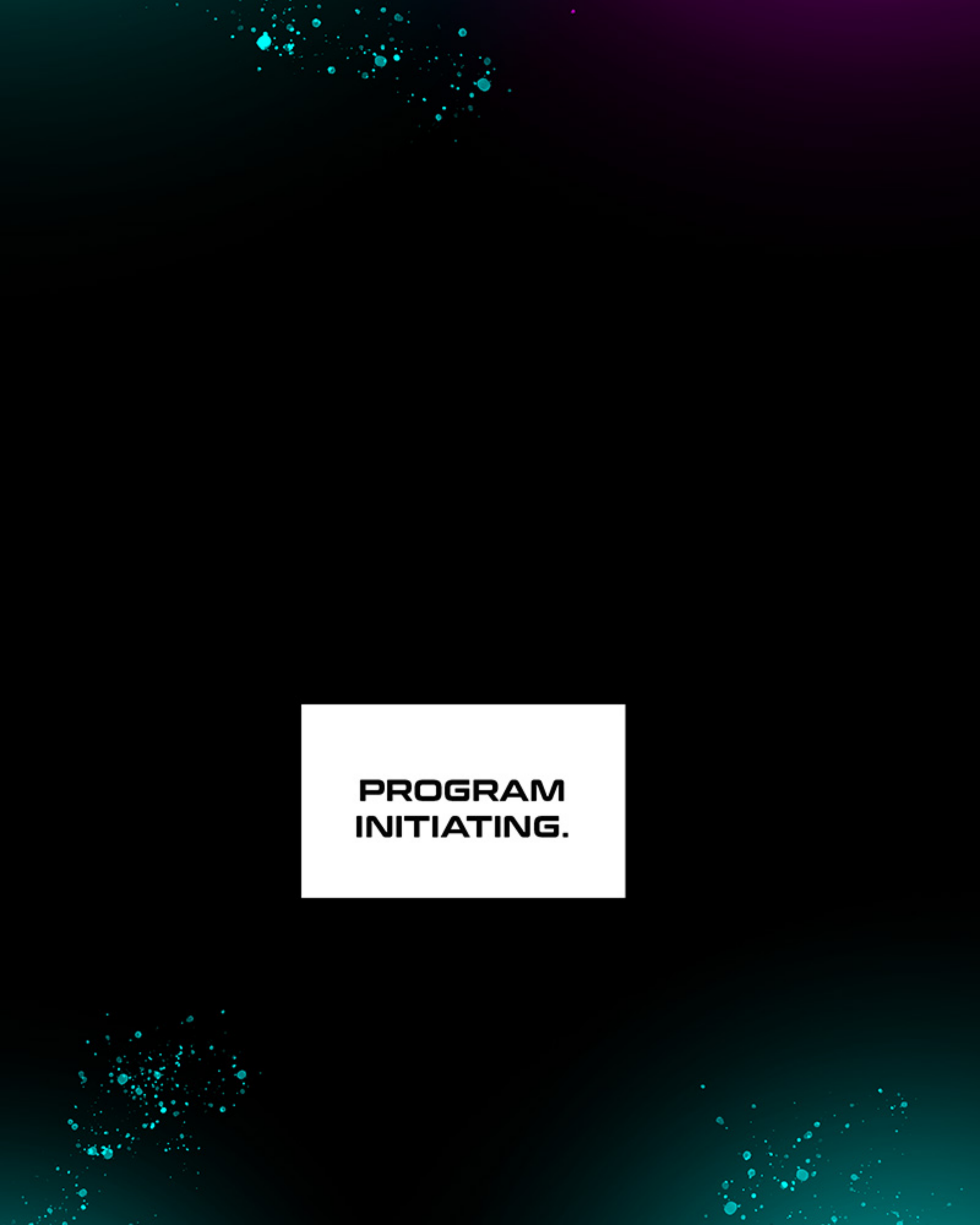




WHAT ON
EARTH HAPPENED
HERE?

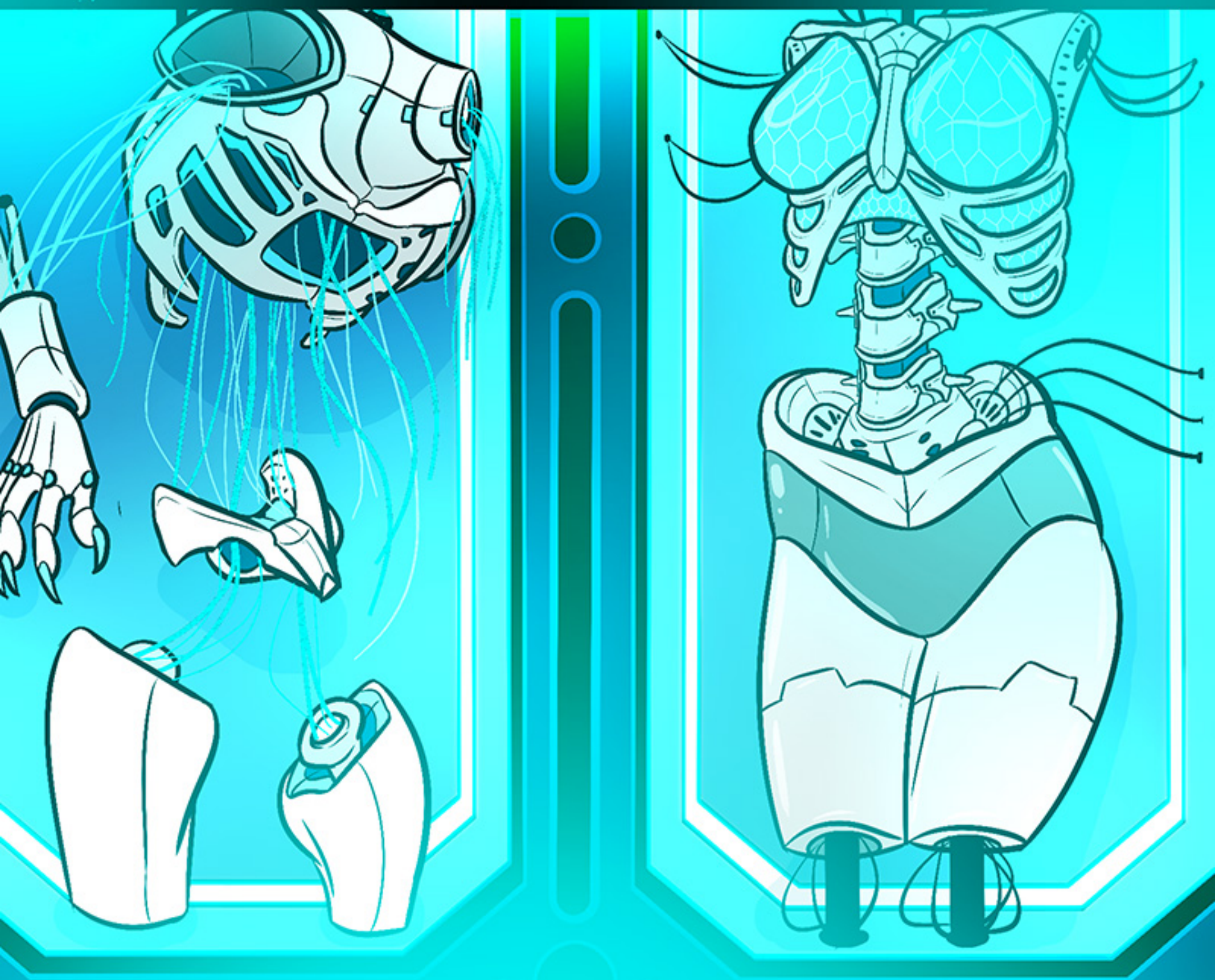






**PROGRAM
INITIATING.**

**THANK YOU
FOR YOUR INPUT-**





LACEY.

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THANK YOU ALL!!!



*** 4 EPILOGUE EPISODES TO FOLLOW**

**** AFTER CHASE IS DONE WITH JURY DUTY**

***** SO LIKE.... A COUPLE OF WEEKS XOXOXOX**