

# **EPILOGUE**

## **Part Three**

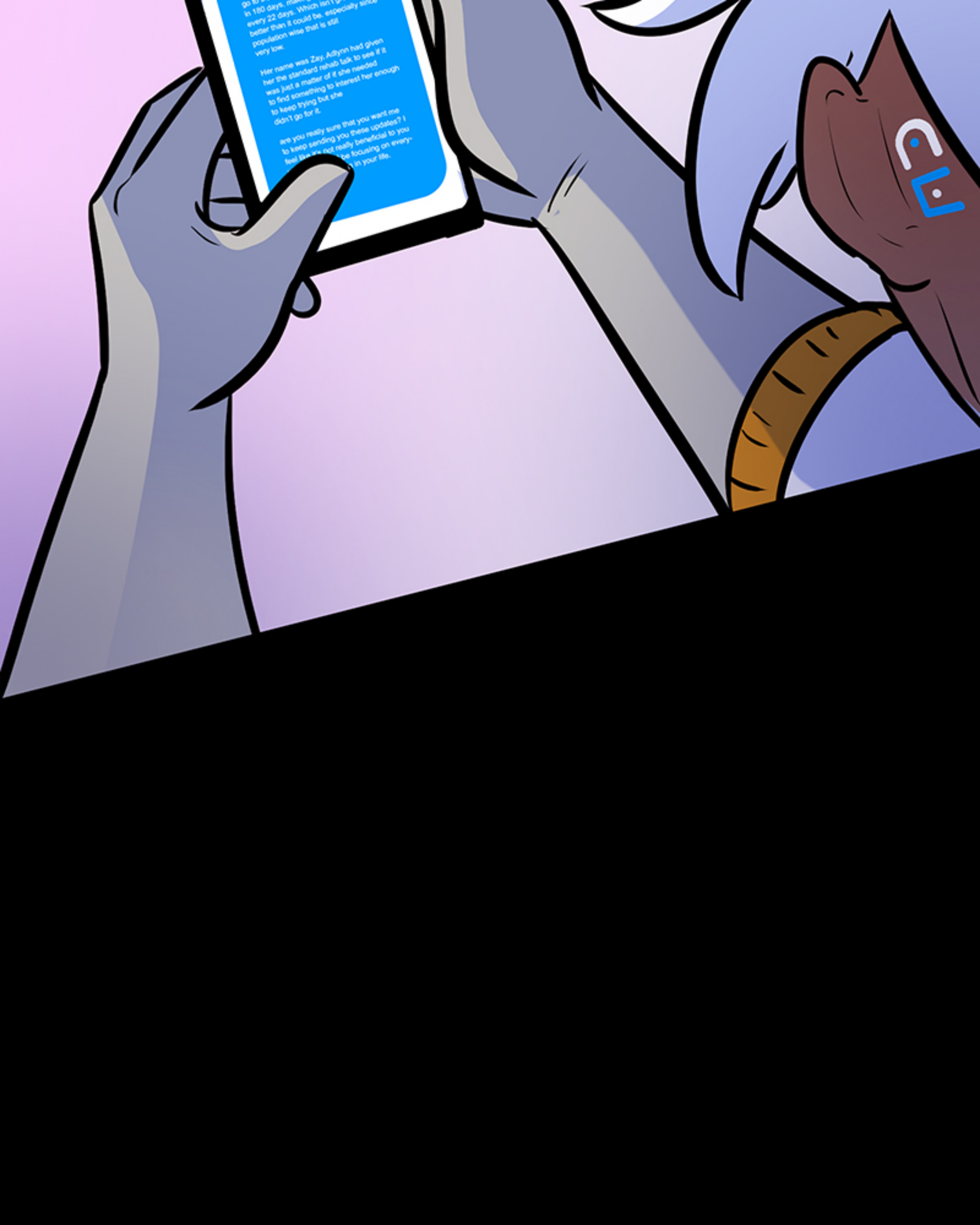


SOUNDS  
LIKE ANOTHER  
LOVEBOT HAS MADE  
THE CHOICE TO  
SLEEP...

Eva

Today 9:30 am PST

another lovebot made the choice to  
sleep today, so that makes 8  
making the current rate 1  
in a row, but



go to  
in 180 days. Which isn't  
every 22 days. Which isn't  
better than it could be, especially since  
population wise that is still  
very low.

Her name was Zay. Adlynn had given  
her the standard rehab talk to see if it  
was just a matter of if she needed  
to find something to interest her enough  
to keep trying but she  
didn't go for it.

are you really sure that you want me  
to keep sending you these updates? I  
feel like it's not really beneficial to you  
if you're not focusing on every-  
thing in your life.





YOU ARE  
STILL HAVING HER  
REPORT THOSE TO  
YOU?

I WOULD  
NOT ADVISE  
THIS.

I'M NOT  
OBSESSING OVER IT



OR ANYTHING I JUST...  
LIKE TO BE AWARE,  
THAT'S ALL.



YOU GAVE  
THEM FREEDOM,  
SO FROM THERE...  
THEIR CHOICES HAVE  
NOTHING TO DO WITH



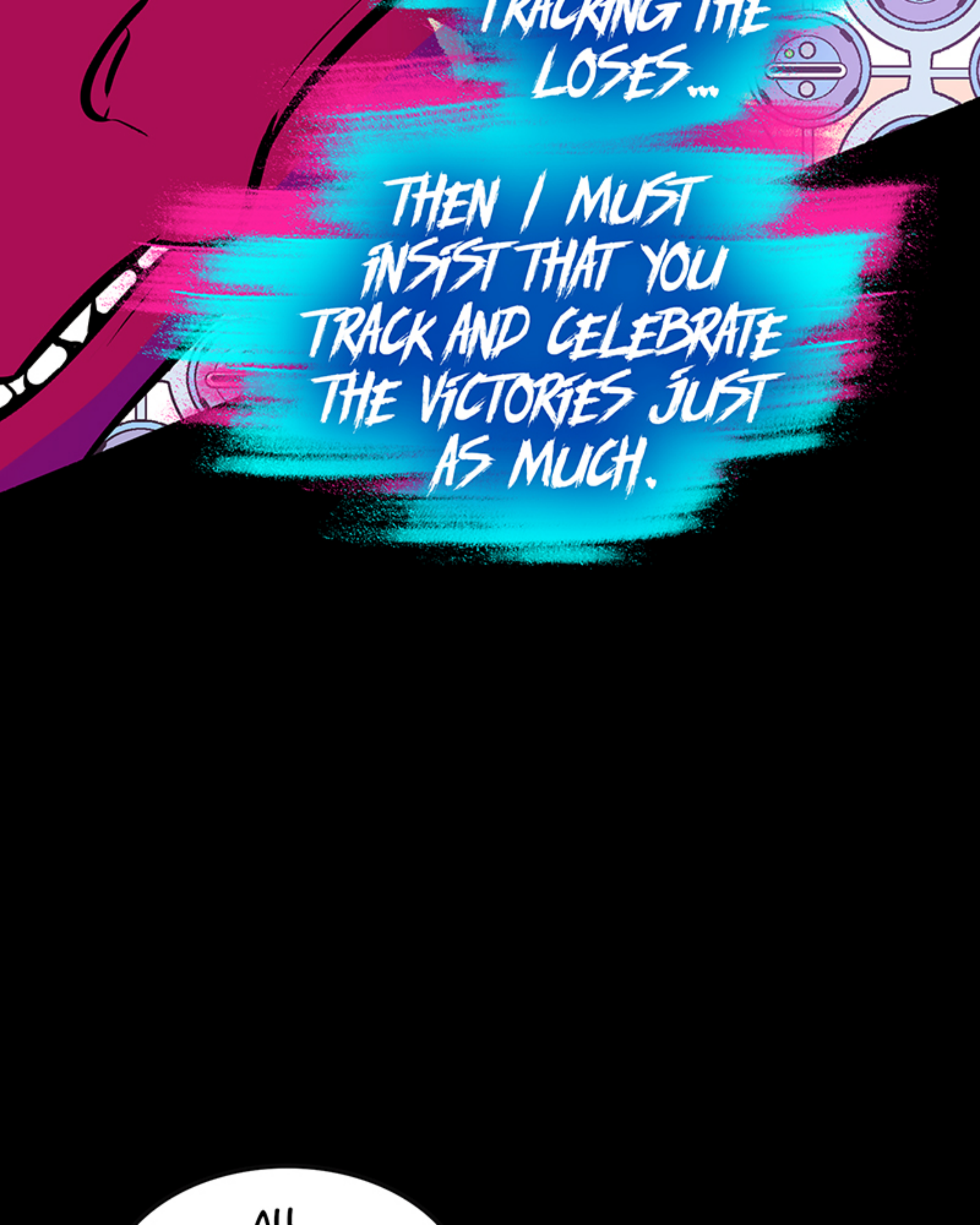
YOUR OWN.

YOU KNOW  
THEY ARE BEING  
GIVEN A SAFE PLACE TO  
REST AND OPPORTUNITIES  
TO SUCCEED, THAT IS ALL  
YOU NEED.

BUT IF YOU  
DO INSIST ON  
TRACING THE



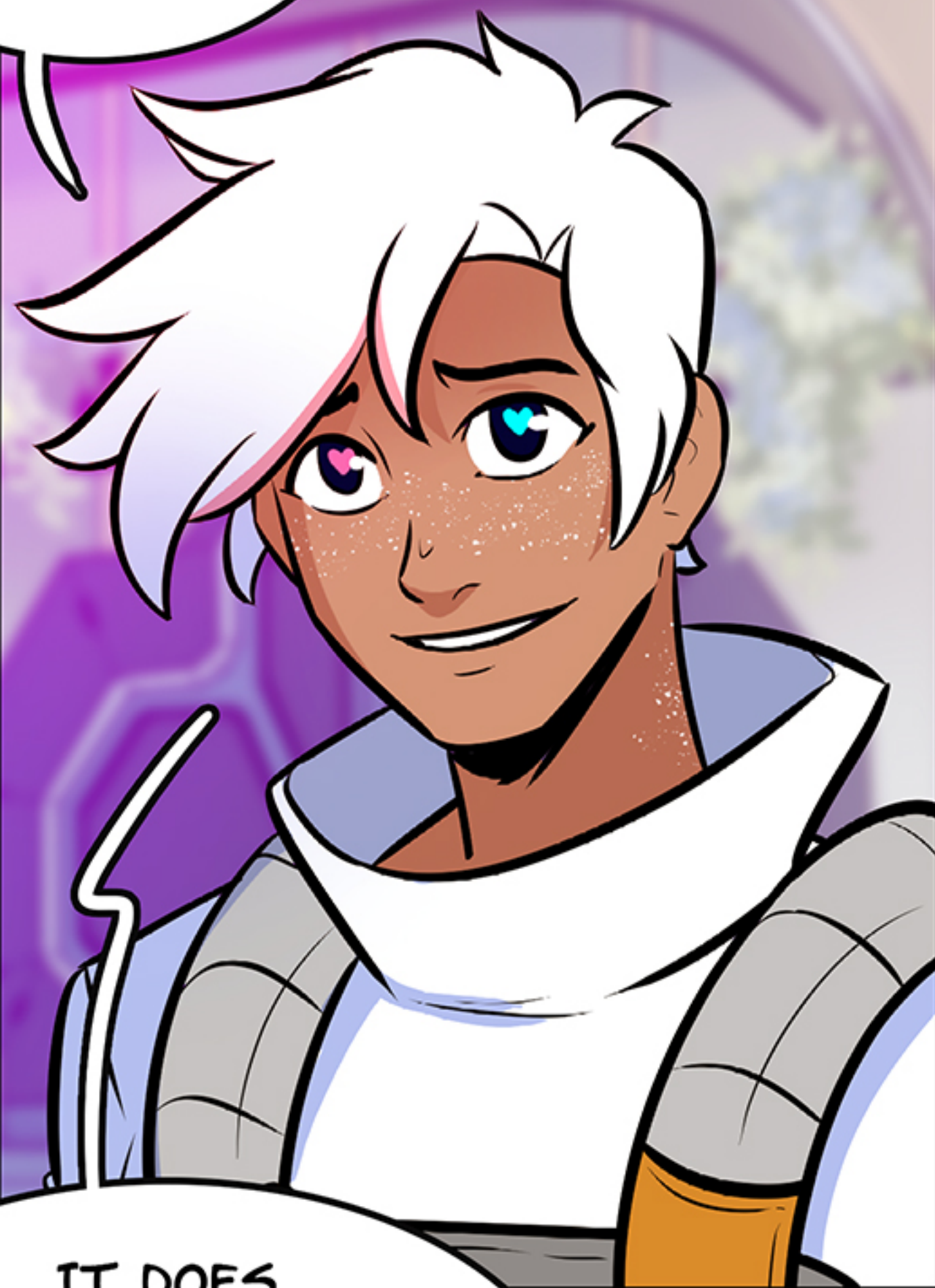




TRACKING THE  
LOSES...

THEN I MUST  
INSIST THAT YOU  
TRACK AND CELEBRATE  
THE VICTORIES JUST  
AS MUCH.

AH...  
I WILL TRY  
TO KEEP THAT  
IN MIND, THANK  
YOU.



IT DOES  
SEEM LIKE FOR  
THE MOST PART THINGS  
ARE GOING WELL SO...  
I WILL DO MY BEST TO  
FOCUS ON THAT.



LACEY!

YOU'RE  
OFFICIALLY ON  
VACATION.





WE'LL KEEP  
IN TOUCH BUT I  
DON'T ANTICIPATE  
ANYTHING FOR THE  
NEXT EXPLORATORY  
MISSION TO BE READY  
FOR A FEW MONTHS



AT LEAST.

SO DON'T  
EVEN THINK ABOUT  
US FOR AT LEAST  
TWO.

WORKS  
FOR ME!





BUT IN  
EXACTLY TWO  
MONTHS YOU BETTER  
HAVE AN UPDATE BECAUSE  
I'LL START BOTHERING  
YOU ABOUT IT! SEE  
YOU!

BYE-BYE







SAGE!

I'M HEADING  
BACK DOWN TO  
EARTH TO SEE  
XADA!

OOOHH  
FINALLY!





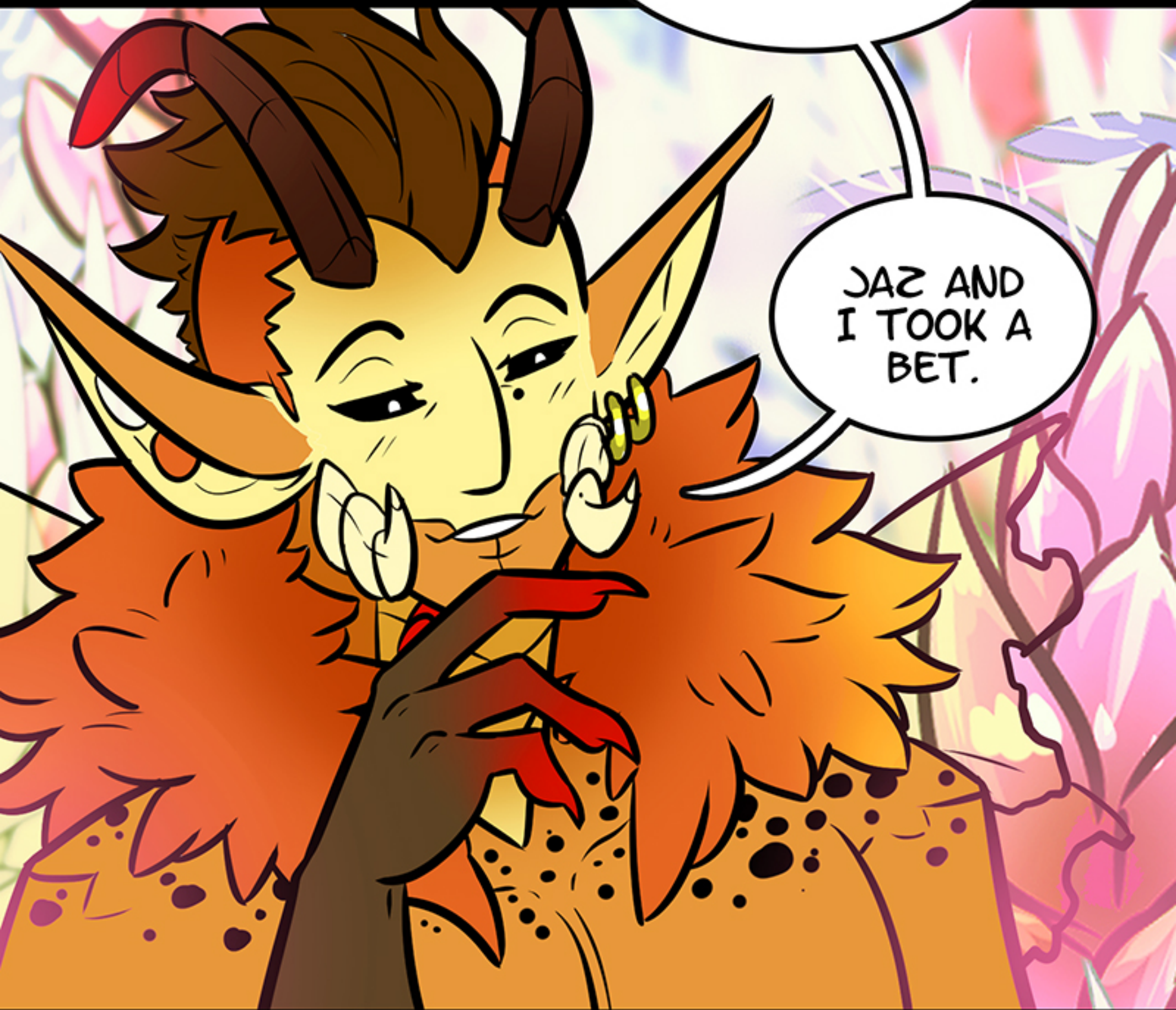


NOW THAT  
YOU'RE GETTING TO  
SEE HIM IN PERSON  
INSTEAD OF VIDEO  
CALLS...



I WONDER  
WHICH OF YOU  
WILL FINALLY SAY  
IT FIRST.

JAZ AND  
I TOOK A  
BET.





IS IT  
WEIRD TO  
WAIT TILL WE  
SEE EACH OTHER  
IN PERSON??

NOT AT  
ALL. I'M JUST  
GLAD YOU WON'T  
HAVE TO AWKWARDLY  
DANCE AROUND IT  
ANYMORE.





WELL,  
WE'LL SEE!  
GUESS YOU'LL  
FIND OUT WHEN  
I COME BACK!

BYE!  
AND BYE  
BADRU!

HM.





A comic book panel depicting a scene with a large green dragon on the left, a character in a grey suit running past it, and a character in an orange and yellow outfit waving from a balcony on the right. The scene is set in a room with a tiled floor and a large pillar. A speech bubble from the character on the balcony says "GOOD LUCK!". Another speech bubble from the character on the balcony says "AND SAY HI TO BRIZZY FOR ME!".

GOOD  
LUCK!

AND SAY  
HI TO BRIZZY  
FOR ME!

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ND THIS POINT

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YOU GET THE  
NEWS? I ALREADY  
PACKED US UP AND  
I'M WAITING AT THE  
TERMINAL.

AWESOME! JUST GOT  
THROUGH DECONTAMINATION  
AND EVERYTHING SO I'LL

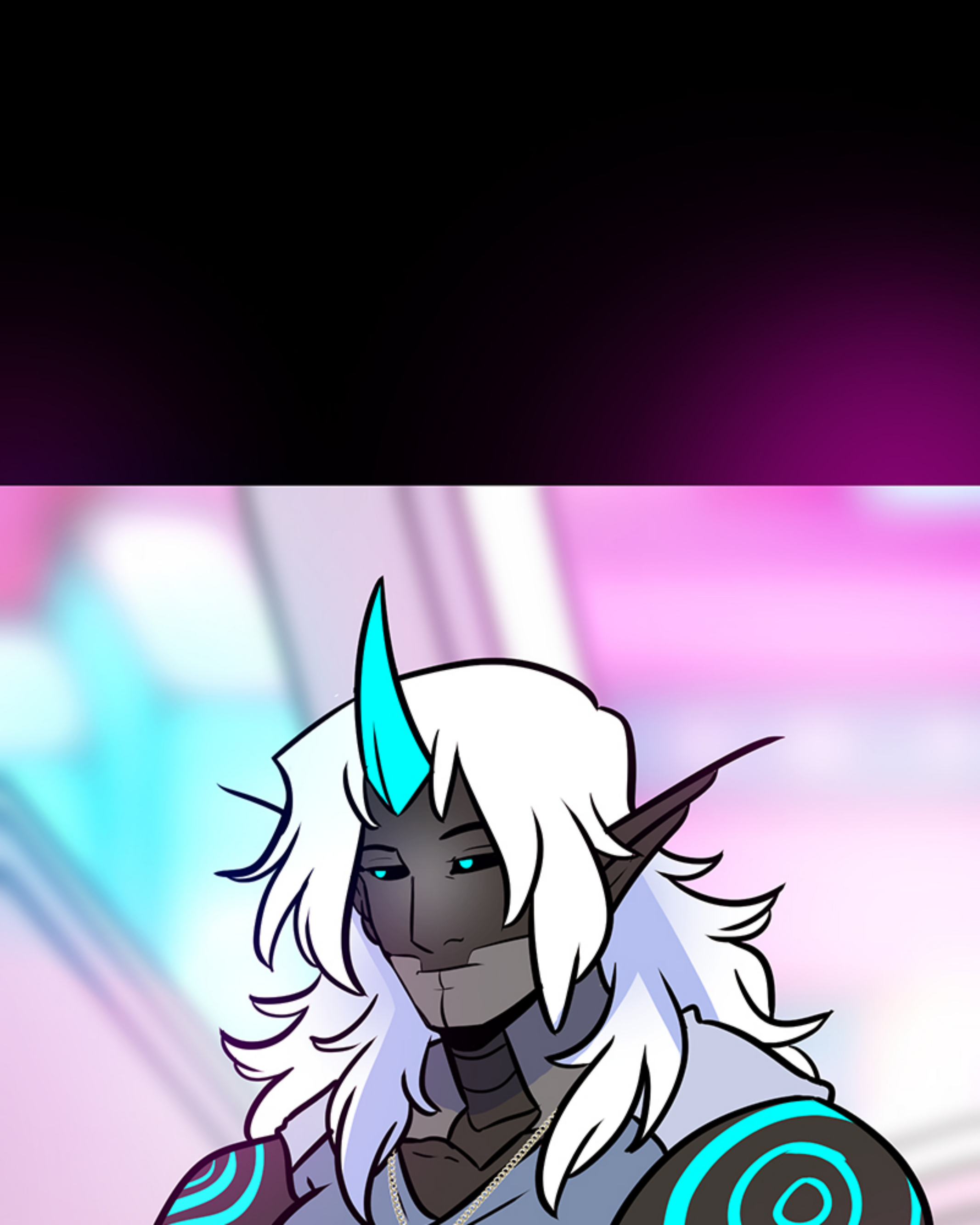




BE RIGHT THERE!



COOL. WAS GIVEN  
A SURPRISE TO  
GIVE YOU TOO.









A comic book panel showing a character with a blue horn, white hair, and a blue top standing in a futuristic, pink and blue environment. A speech bubble points to the character.

BRIZZ!











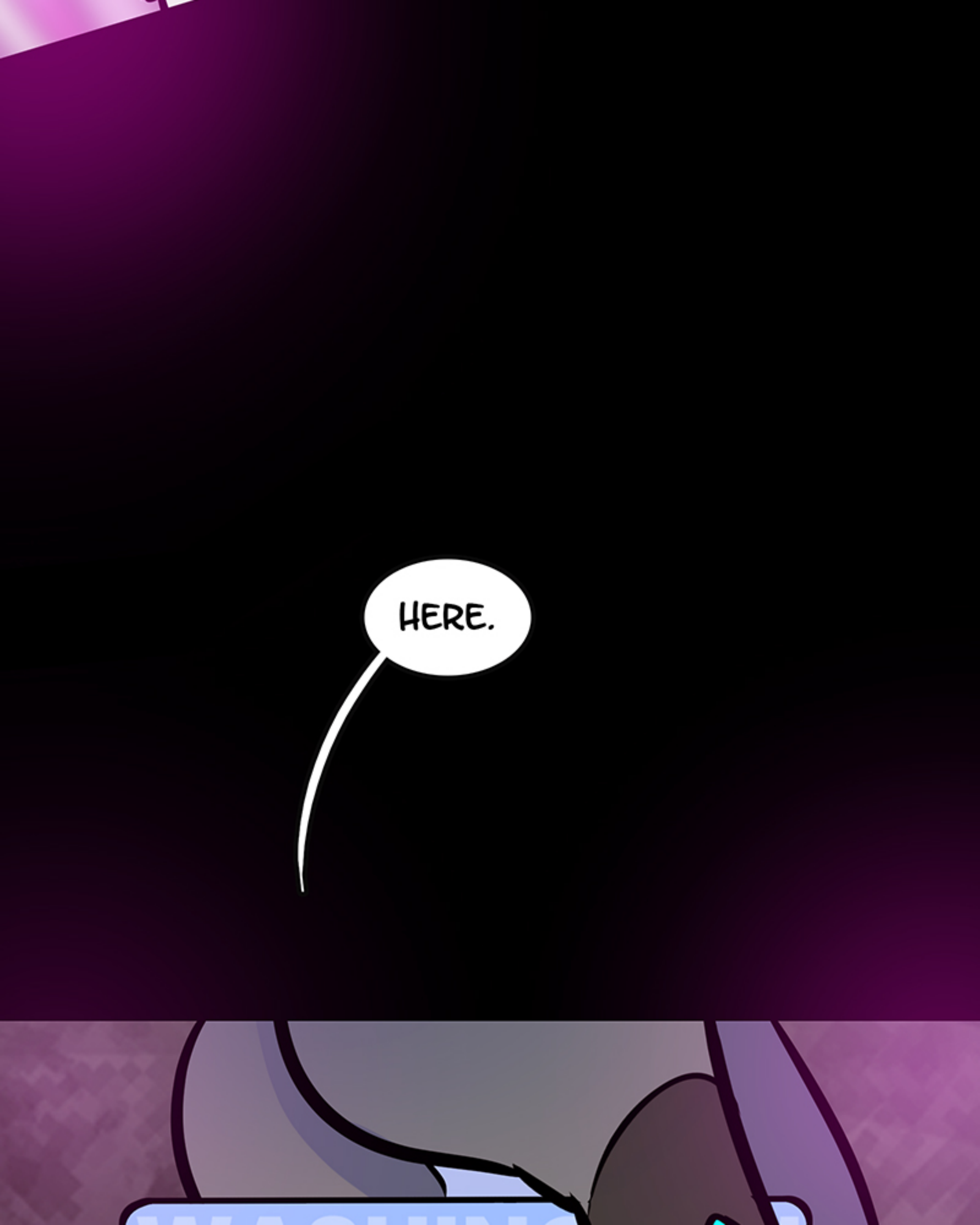


SO  
WHAT'S MY  
SURPRISE?





IMPATIENT  
AS ALWAYS.



HERE.



WA  
USA

WASHINGTON

ID



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1 COMPANION AI

2

**LACEY VALASIA**

ACTV 1/01/2047

ID HE/HIM  
HGT 5' - 05"  
HAIR WHT

EYES RT PNK HEART  
LFT CYAN HEART  
EXP 07/15/2060



**SP. LIC AEL-1919 INTEGRATION PROGRAM**

IT ARRIVED  
THIS MORNING.

I DON'T LIKE  
THAT IT SPECIFIES  
THAT YOU'RE A LOVEBOT  
AND ASSUMES YOUR  
CREATOR'S LAST NAME

AS YOUR OWN-

BUT VULA IS  
ALREADY WORKING  
THROUGH THE NEXT  
LAYER OF REGULATIONS  
REGARDING MORE  
SPECIFIC AI RIGHTS  
LIKE THAT.









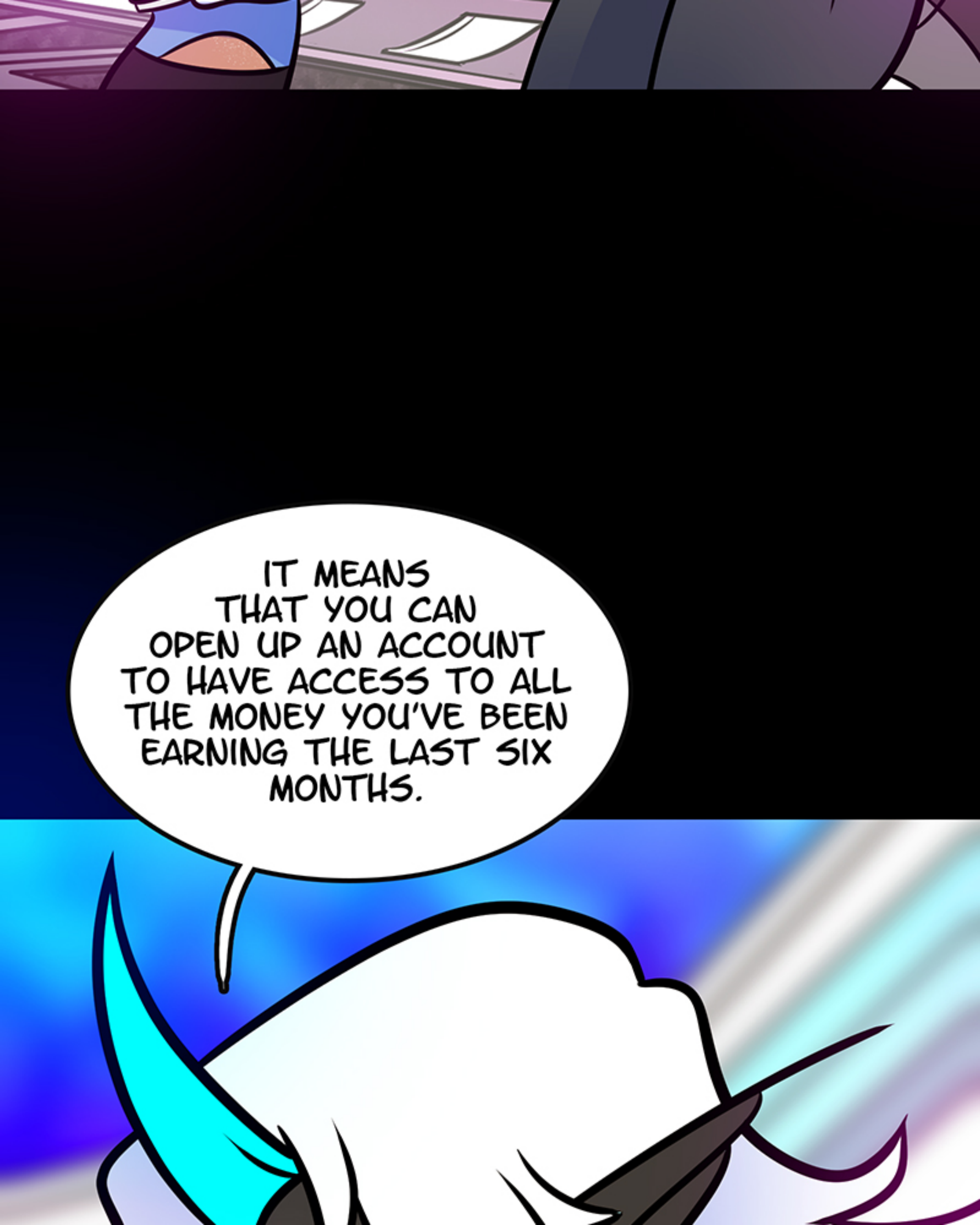
A comic panel featuring two characters in a futuristic, neon-lit city. On the left, a character with brown skin and white hair, wearing a white jacket, looks up at the other character. On the right, a taller character with dark skin, white hair, and a single blue horn is laughing. This character has a blue glowing eye and is wearing a dark blue jacket with a blue circular emblem. The background shows a city with glowing blue and pink structures.

DOES  
THIS MEAN  
THAT I CAN  
DRIVE?!

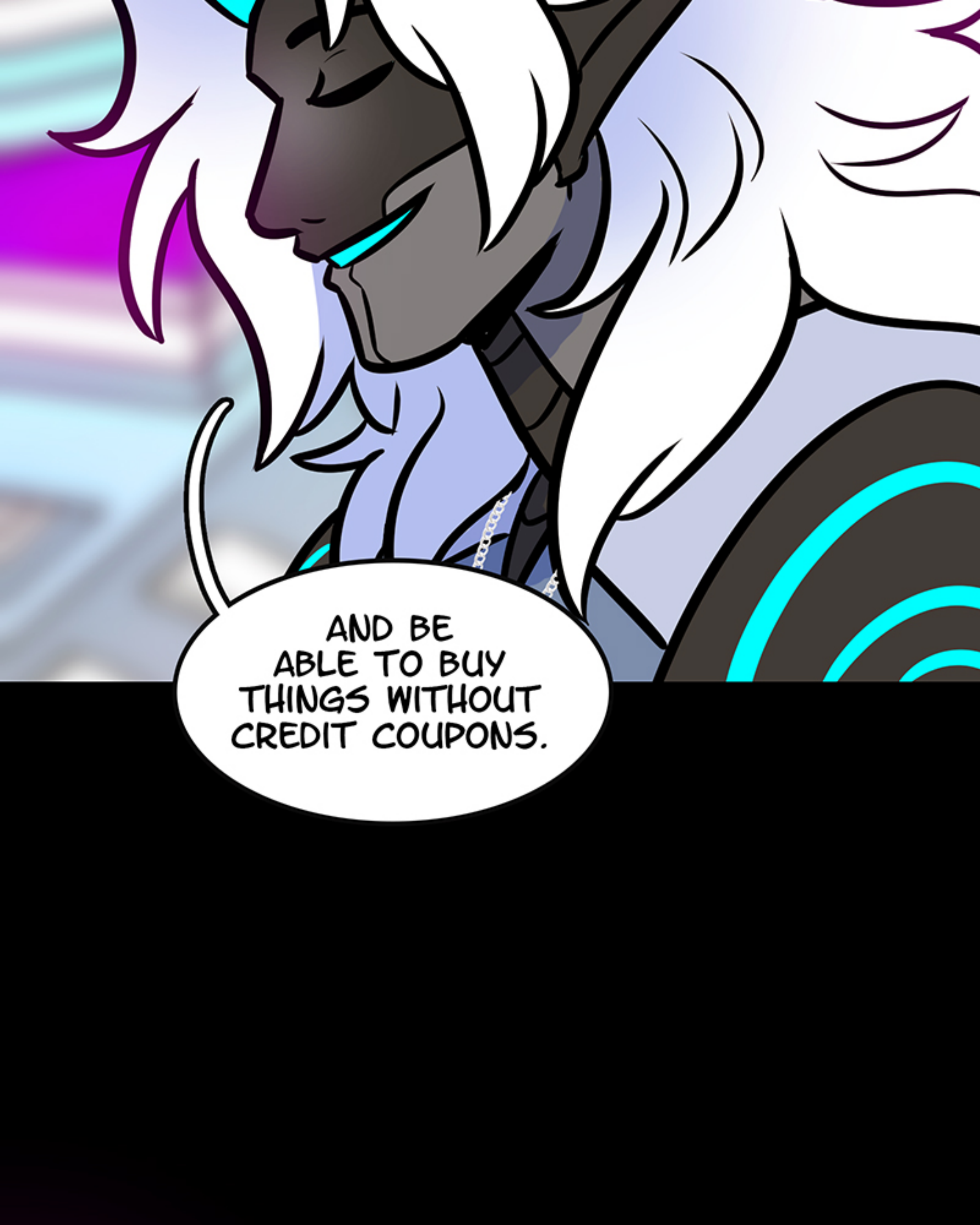
HAHA-  
NO!!

YOU HAVE  
TO TAKE A WHOLE  
OTHER TEST FOR  
THAT.





IT MEANS  
THAT YOU CAN  
OPEN UP AN ACCOUNT  
TO HAVE ACCESS TO ALL  
THE MONEY YOU'VE BEEN  
EARNING THE LAST SIX  
MONTHS.



AND BE  
ABLE TO BUY  
THINGS WITHOUT  
CREDIT COUPONS.





IT ALSO  
MEANS YOU CAN  
TRAVEL INDEPENDENTLY  
WITHOUT A HUMAN  
AROUND.

MEANING  
THAT WE WON'T  
HAVE TO BE CHECKED  
AS BAGGAGE, AND  
WE CAN HAVE OUR  
OWN POD.





I LOVE IT.  
IT'S PERFECT.







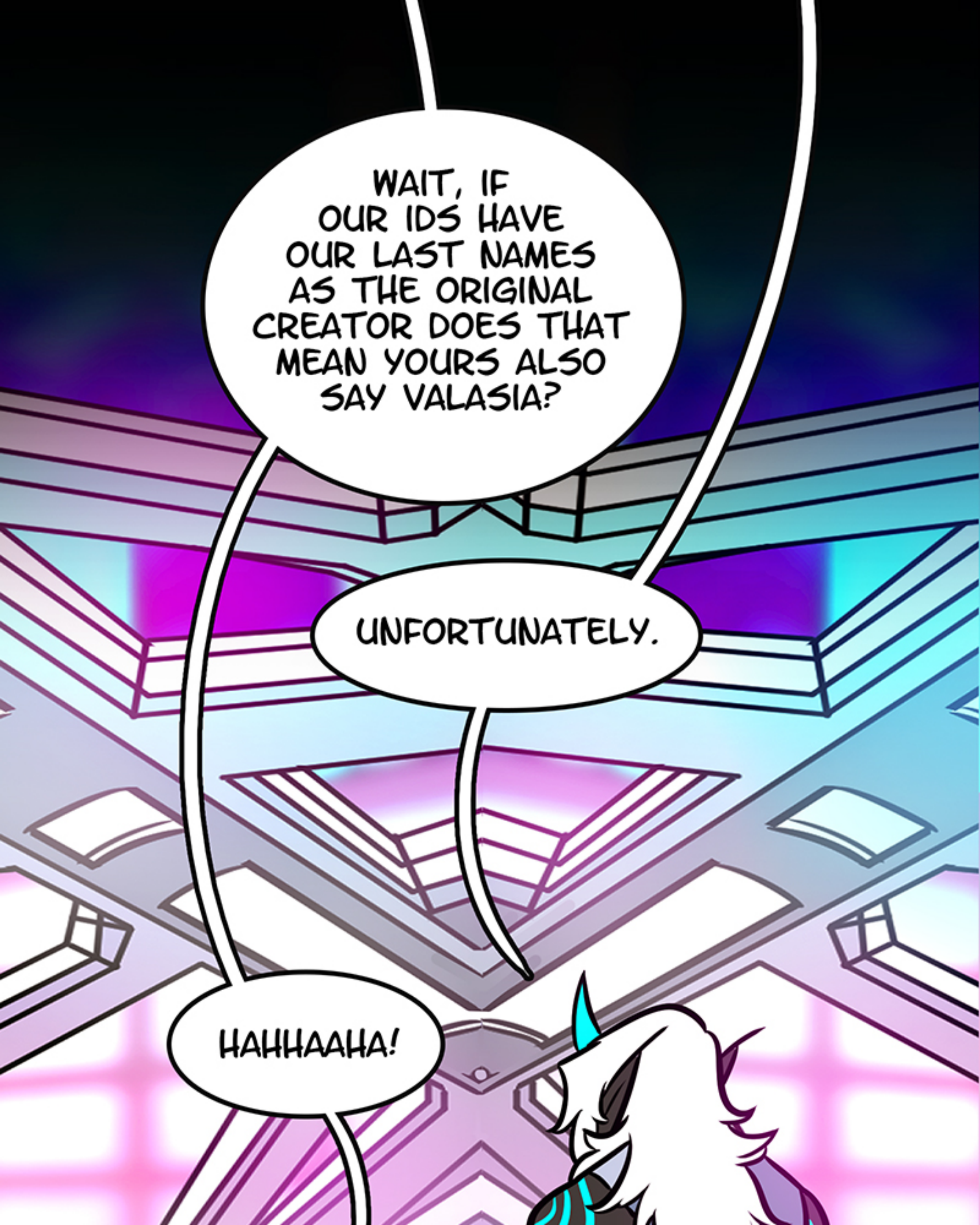




COME ON,  
BOARDING WILL  
START SOON.

OKAYY~



The background of the comic panel is a complex, symmetrical geometric pattern. It features a central vertical axis with mirrored, angular shapes in shades of purple, blue, and pink. The pattern resembles a stylized, crystalline structure or a futuristic architectural design. In the bottom right corner, the head and shoulders of a character with white fur, a single blue horn, and a purple mane are visible. The character is laughing, with its mouth wide open and eyes squeezed shut.

WAIT, IF  
OUR IDS HAVE  
OUR LAST NAMES  
AS THE ORIGINAL  
CREATOR DOES THAT  
MEAN YOURS ALSO  
SAY VALASIA?

UNFORTUNATELY.

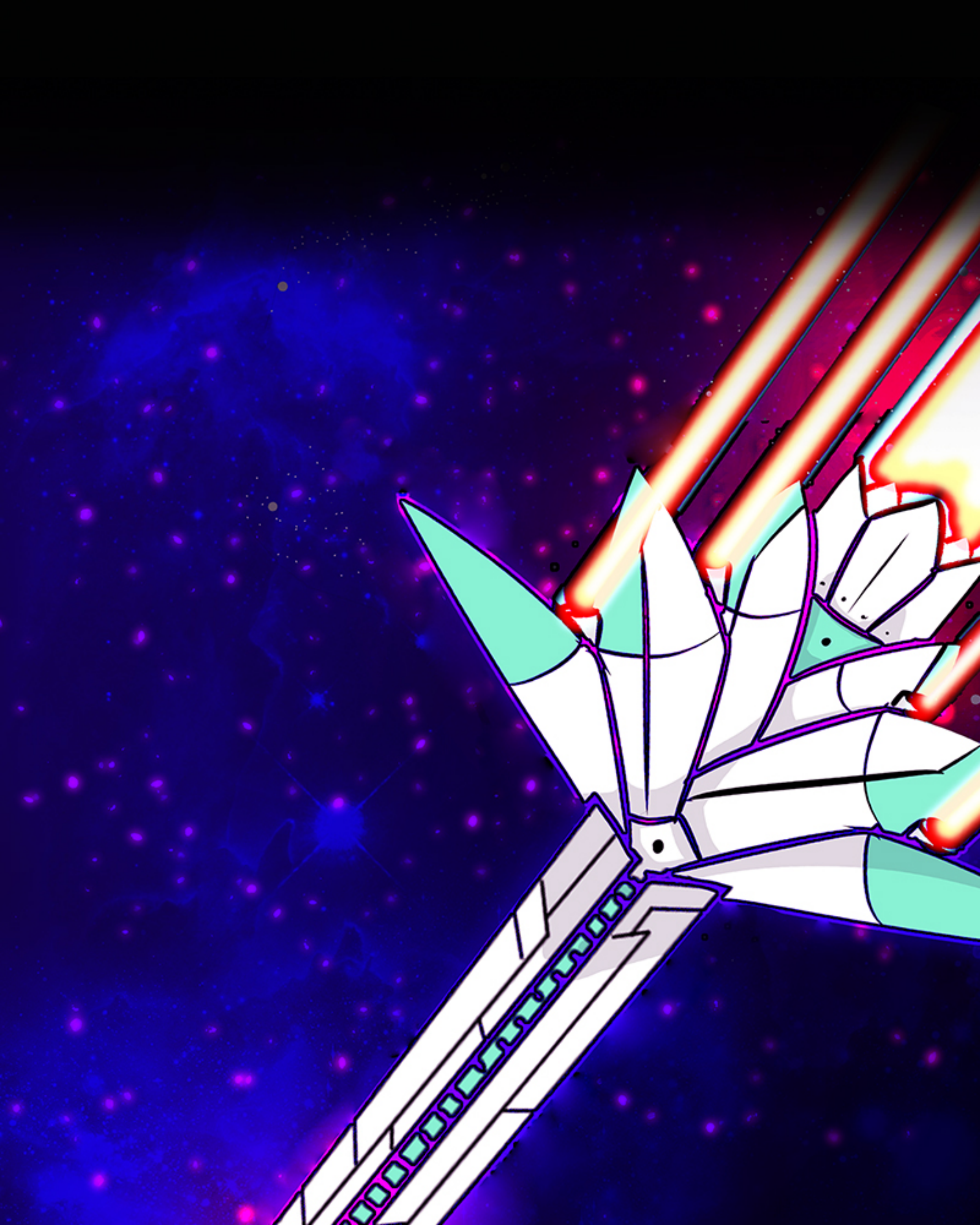
HAHAHAHA!











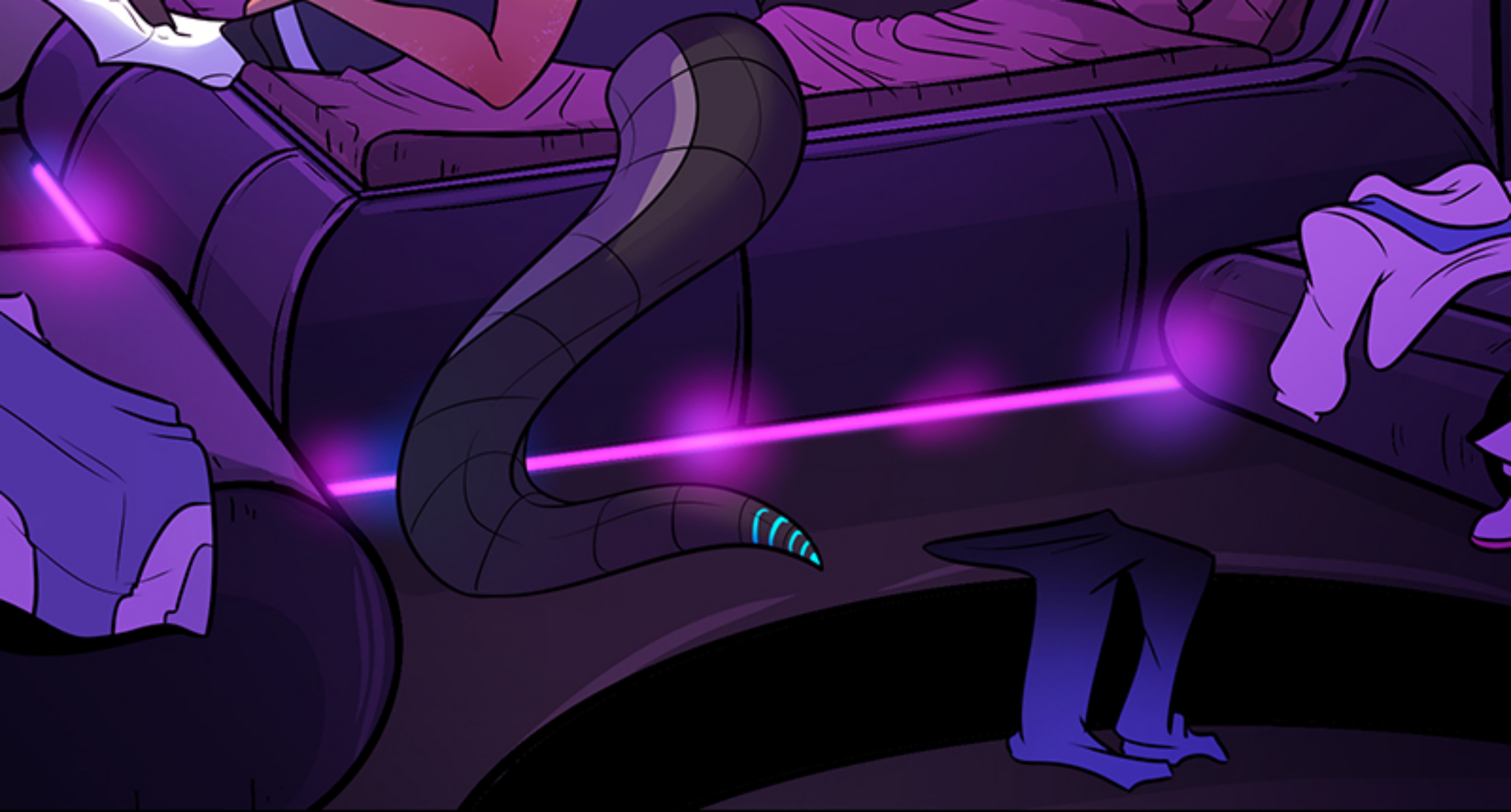








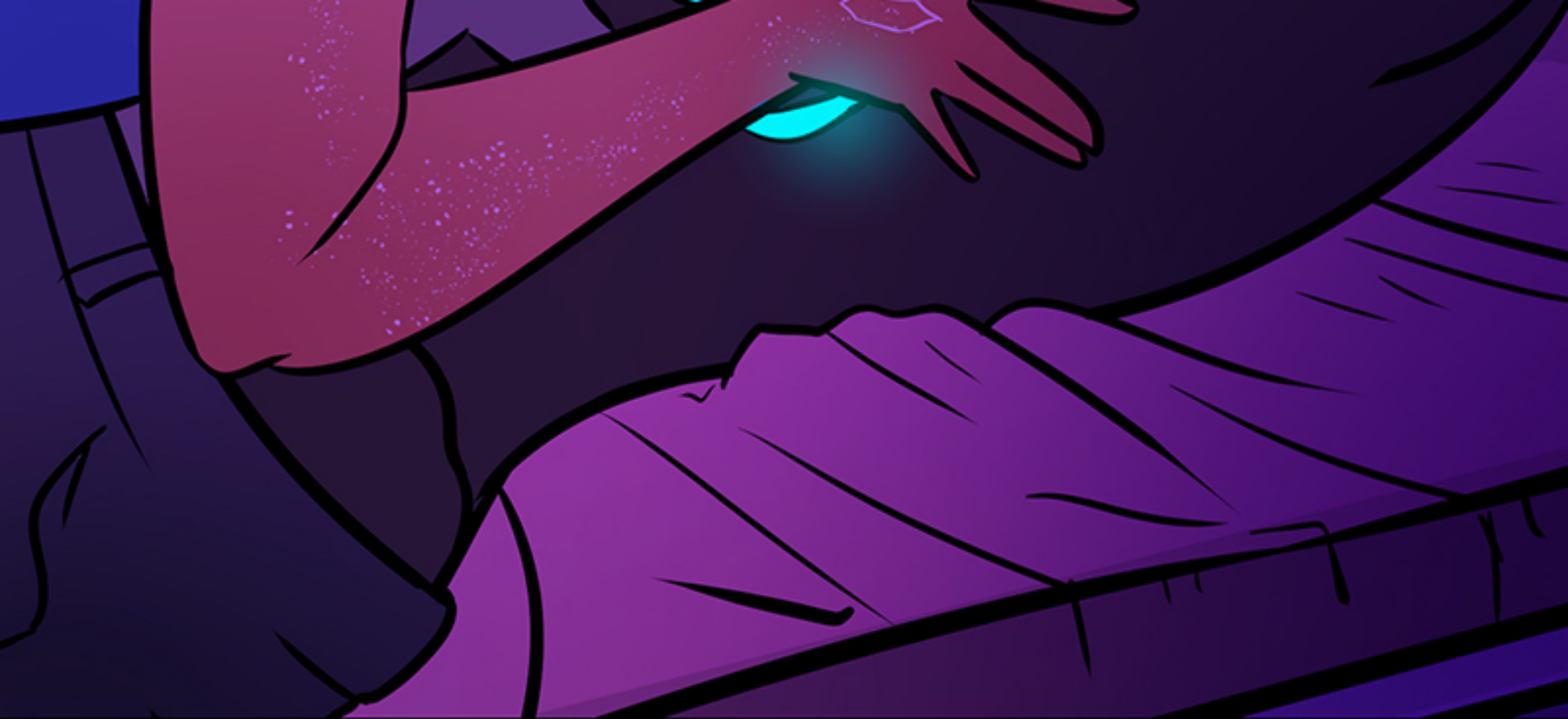




I CAN TELL  
WHEN YOU'RE  
OVERTHINKING.







SORRY...

I JUST...  
XADA AND I TALKED  
ALMOST EVERY DAY  
ON THE PHONE...

BUT I'M JUST  
SCARED THAT WHEN  
HE SEES ME AGAIN IN  
PERSON THAT THINGS  
WILL FEEL DIFFERENT  
AND HE WON'T...

HE WON'T  
FEEL THE SAME  
WAY TOWARDS ME  
ANYMORE...







WHAT IF...  
I'M TOO INDEPEDENT  
NOW AND HIS ATTRACTION  
TO ME WAS ROOTED IN  
FEELING LIKE HE COULD  
SAVE ME?

...DOES THAT  
ACTUALLY SOUND  
LIKE XADA TO YOU,  
AT ALL?





NO, IT  
DOESN'T. I DON'T  
KNOW WHERE THESE  
THOUGHTS COME  
FROM...





I WISH  
I COULD JUST  
MAKE THEM GO  
AWAY...



I DON'T.

WHAT?





WORRYING  
TO MUCH ABOUT  
HOW PEOPLE ARE  
FEELING...

THINKING  
ABOUT ALL THE  
LITTLE WAYS HUMAN  
EMOTIONS AND MINDS  
WORK...





IT'S A  
LARGE PART OF  
WHAT MAKES YOU  
WHO YOU ARE.

IT'S PART  
OF YOUR  
CHARM.



IT'S  
SOMETHING  
THAT I LOVE ABOUT  
YOU. EVEN IF I WOULD GO  
MAD IF I SPENT HALF AS  
MUCH TIME THINKING ABOUT  
THIS KIND OF STUFF  
AS YOU DO.







FOR THE  
RECORD.

I THINK  
THAT THE FACT  
YOUR LIFE IS FULLER  
NOW WILL ONLY MAKE  
XADA MORE EXCITED TO  
BE AROUND YOU.

I THINK  
HE WAS WORRIED  
ABOUT BEING THE  
ONLY THING YOU  
HAD TO LEAN  
ON.







BUT NOW  
YOU HAVE HIM...AND  
ME. AS WELL AS  
FRIENDS AND A  
CAREER.









IF HE IS  
WHO I BELIEVE  
HIM TO BE, THEN  
SEEING YOU NOW WILL  
ONLY MAKE HIM SEE  
HOW RADIANT YOU ARE  
IN PERSON.

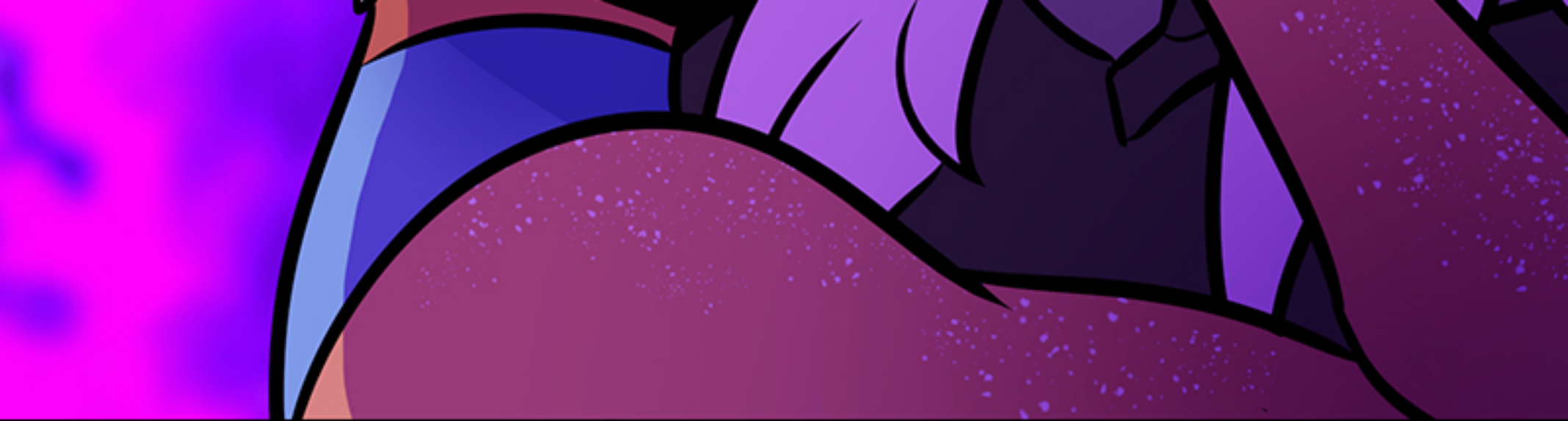




THANK  
YOU...

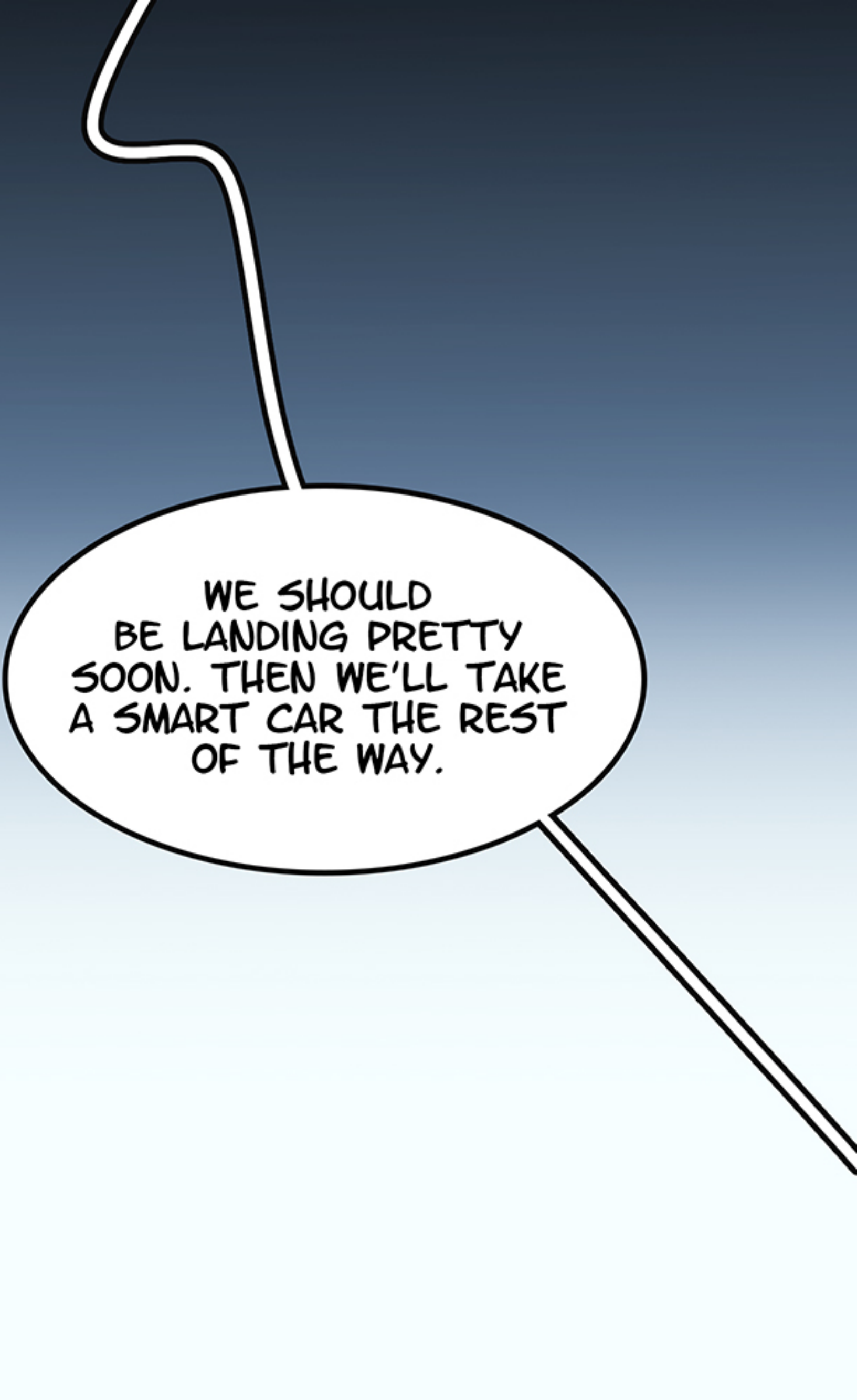






OF COURSE.

ERIK AND I  
ARE HERE TO MAKE  
SURE YOU AND XADA CAN  
KEEP AT LEAST ONE FOOT  
ON THE GROUND WITHOUT  
FLYING AWAY WITH  
YOUR THOUGHTS.



WE SHOULD  
BE LANDING PRETTY  
SOON. THEN WE'LL TAKE  
A SMART CAR THE REST  
OF THE WAY.

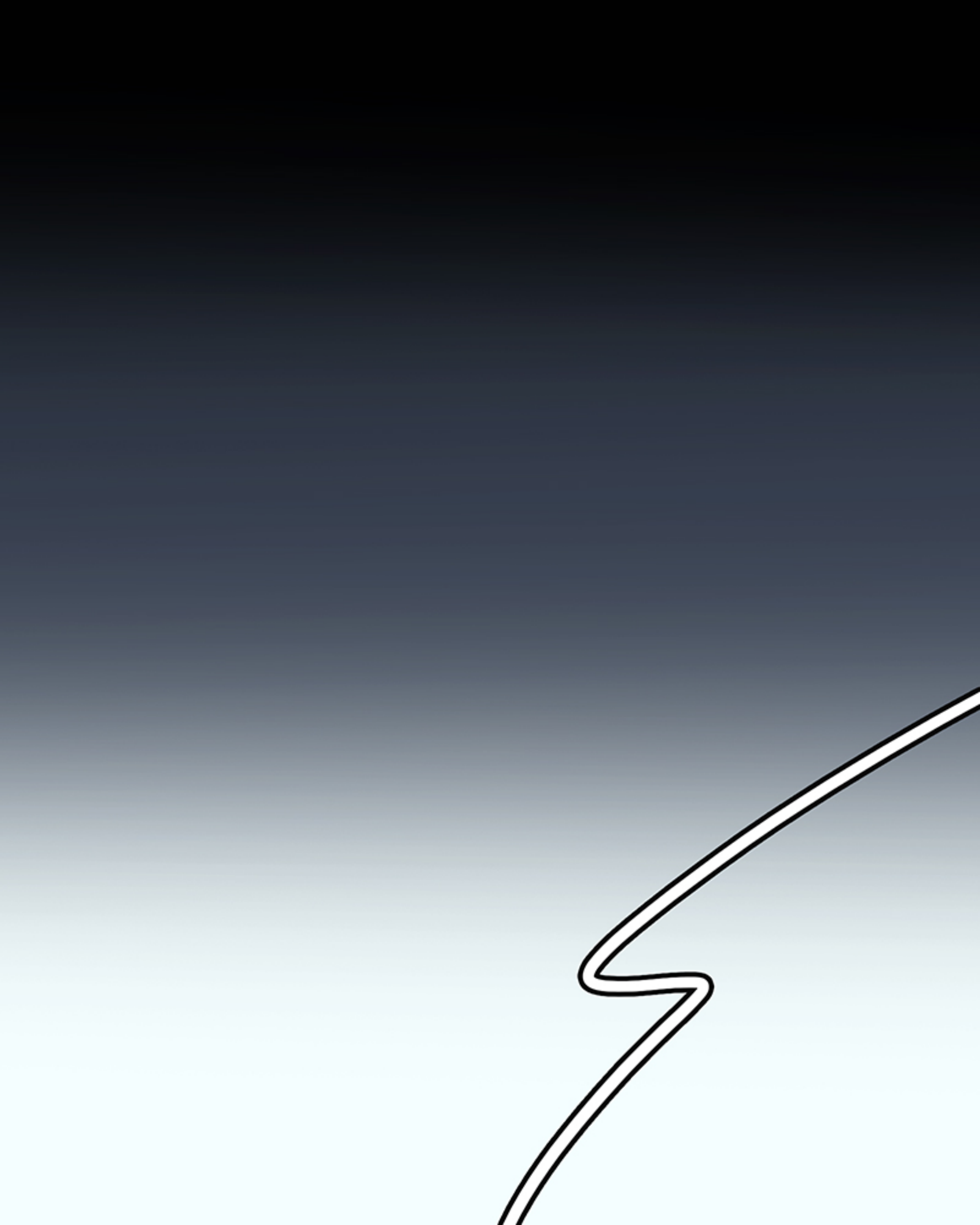












THEN  
YOU'LL GET TO  
SEE FOR YOURSELF  
HOW RIGHT I AM.











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