

THE ONLY
SOLUTION-
BEFORE WE CAN
EVEN BEGIN TO
DISCUSS THE
REST.





IS THAT
CAMILLE SEVERIN
NEEDS TO BE
MUTED.





NO.



WHAT??



WHAT DO
YOU MEAN,
"NO"?

THE RULE THAT
DUAL-BLOODED CHILDREN
ARE NOT ALLOWED TO EXIST
IS THE CLEAREST POSSIBLE
LAW WE HAVE-

A dark-skinned hand with a black outline is pointing its index finger towards the left. The background is a dramatic, fiery scene with vertical streaks of orange and red light, suggesting a forest fire or a hellish landscape. The hand is positioned in the lower right quadrant of the frame.

THAT'S
JUST IT.

CHILDREN.

ATHALIE,
DO YOU TRULY
UNDERSTAND WHY
THIS RULE EVEN
EXISTS?



IT'S
PURPOSE
IS TO PROTECT
WITCHES AND
KEEP THEM
SAFE.

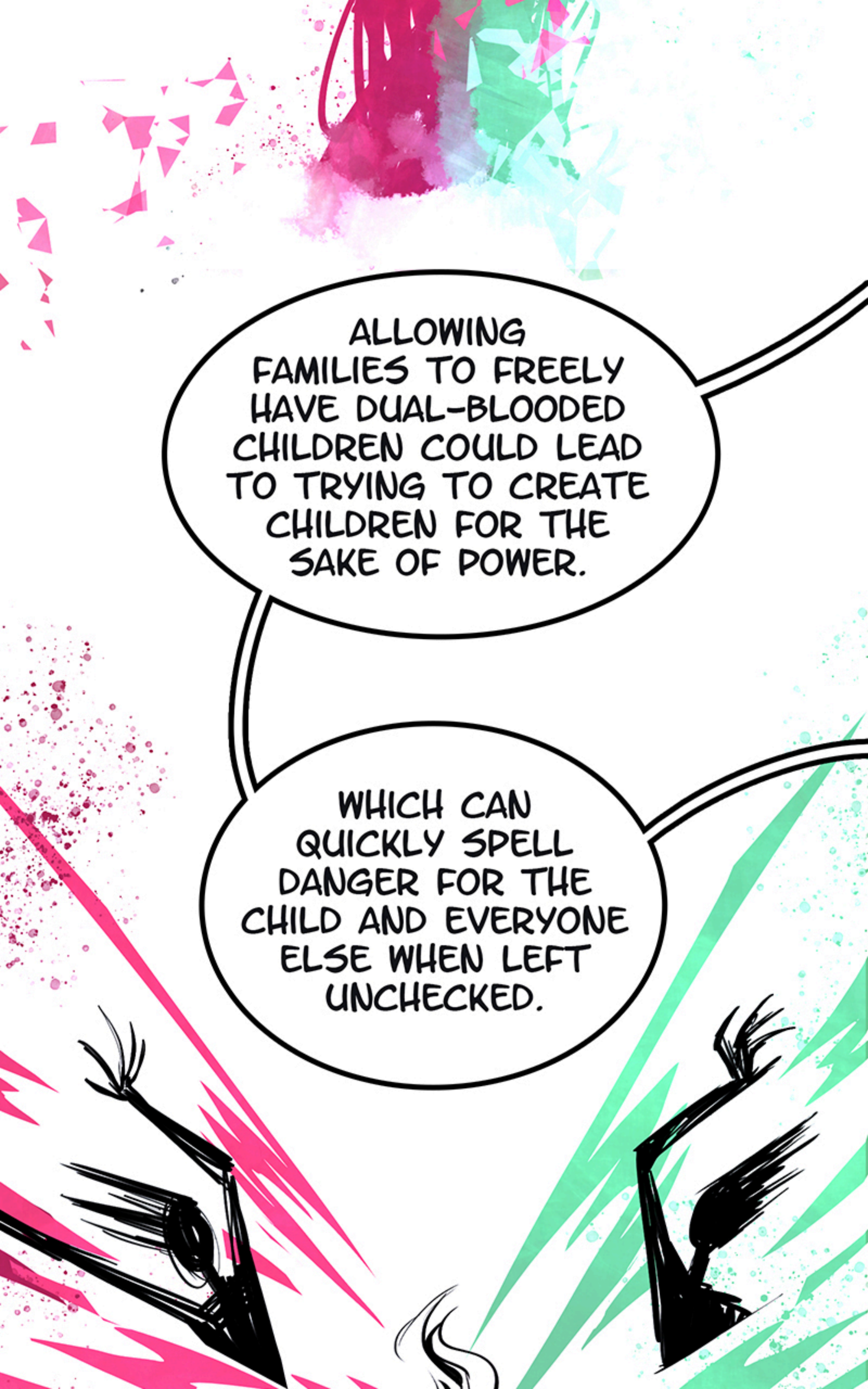
A comic book panel featuring two characters. On the left, a character with long, flowing red hair is shown from the chest up, looking towards the right. On the right, a character with long, flowing green hair is shown from the chest up, looking towards the left. The background is filled with a dense field of small, translucent, geometric shapes (triangles and polygons) in shades of red, pink, and green, creating a magical or ethereal atmosphere. Two speech bubbles are present: one at the top center and one in the lower center.

THERE IS
A REASON WITCH
FAMILIES CAN ONLY
DO CERTAIN TYPE
OF MAGIC.

WE ARE
HUMANS, AND
OUR BODIES CAN
ONLY HANDLE
SO MUCH.

CHILDREN
WITH TWO DIFFERENT
BLOODLINES CAN BE
EXTREMELY UNSTABLE
AND IN SOME CASES DIE
FROM THE STRESS- BUT
THEY ARE WITHOUT
A DOUBT VERY
POWERFUL.





ALLOWING
FAMILIES TO FREELY
HAVE DUAL-BLOODED
CHILDREN COULD LEAD
TO TRYING TO CREATE
CHILDREN FOR THE
SAKE OF POWER.

WHICH CAN
QUICKLY SPELL
DANGER FOR THE
CHILD AND EVERYONE
ELSE WHEN LEFT
UNCHECKED.

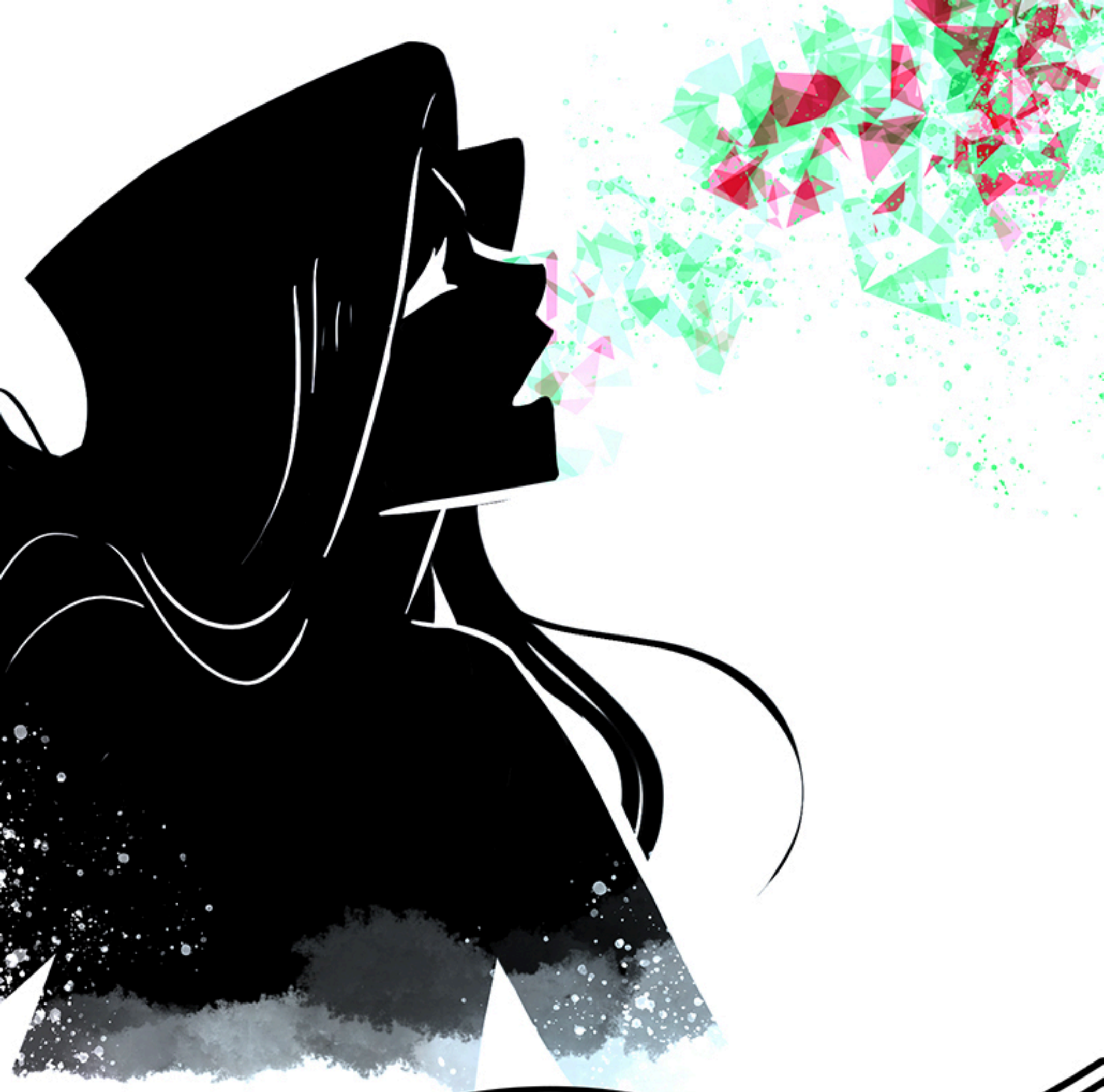


STILL,
I CAN'T MAKE
IT A RULE THAT
TWO PEOPLE CAN'T
FALL IN LOVE.





SO THAT
CHILD SHOULD BE
MUTED BEFORE THEY
SUMMON THEIR FAMILIAR.
BEFORE THEY FULLY COME
IN TO THEIR MAGIC.



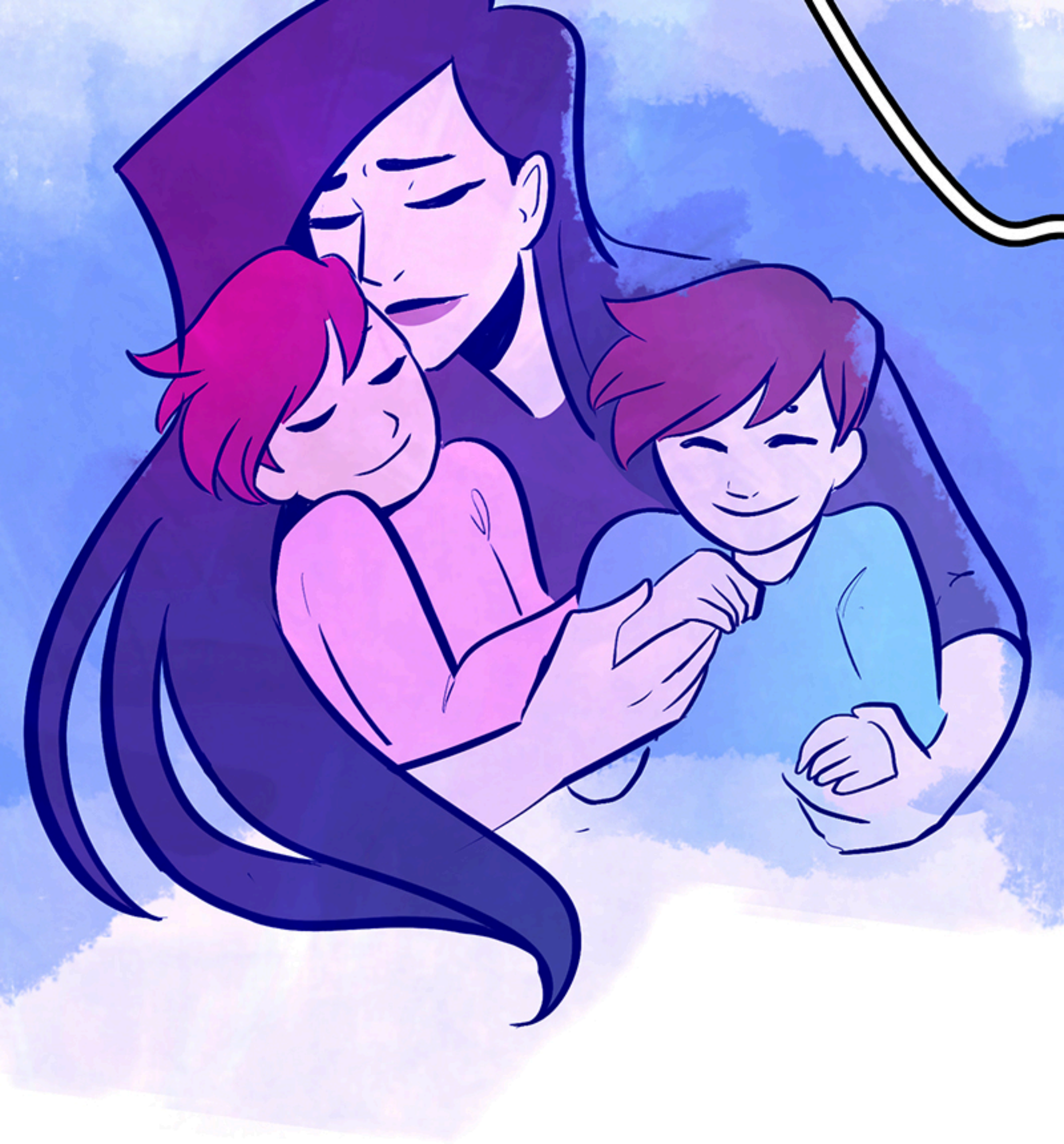
THAT
IS THE PROBLEM
WITH CAMILLE. SHE
IS NOT A CHILD.





PERHAPS
ABRIELLE INTENDED
TO MAKE HER CASE
ABOUT THEM BEFORE
HER DEATH-

TO EITHER HAVE
THEM MUTED OR CONVINCE
US THAT THEY WERE SAFE
TO EXIST AS THEY ARE.
WE WILL NEVER
KNOW.



BUT THE
FACT REMAINS THAT
CAMILLE NOW HAS A
FAMILIAR. WHICH IS
TETHERED TO THIS
REALITY BY BONDING
WITH PART OF HER
SOUL.



MUTING
HER WOULD
COMPLETELY SEVER
HER CONNECTION
TO ANY MAGIC.

AND IN

THE PROCESS
IT WOULD KILL
HER FAMILIAR-



AND THE
BACKLASH
WOULD LEAVE
IRREPARABLE
DAMAGE.

AT BEST
IT WOULD LEAVE
HER A SOULLESS
HUSK.



SHOULD
CANNIBALS BE PUNISHED

CAMILLE SEVERIN
STILL HAVE HER
MAGIC? NO.



BUT THE
CRIME OF BEING
BORN ISN'T ENOUGH
TO TAKE HER MAGIC
NOW. SHE CAN'T BE
MUTED FOR THAT
REASON ALONE.



IT'S NOT
UP TO US.



THEN WHO
IS IT UP TO?



MATRIARCH
ELOI.





WE STILL ARE
GRIEVING FOR THE
LOSS OF DIANA.



HOWEVER,
THERE IS NO
RETRIBUTION
IN MUTING
CAMILLE.



A comic book panel featuring a character with short, wavy, light purple hair and a dark, high-collared tunic. The character is looking upwards with a slightly concerned or questioning expression. The background is a dark, fiery orange and red, suggesting a volcanic or hellish environment. Two speech bubbles are present: one at the top and one in the middle. The top speech bubble contains the text "DIANA ELOI HAS BEEN DEAD FOR MANY MOONS." and the middle speech bubble contains the text "WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?".

DIANA ELOI
HAS BEEN DEAD
FOR MANY
MOONS.

WHAT ARE
YOU TALKING
ABOUT?



THE ELOI
ARE SENSITIVE
SOULS.

EVEN
WITH ALL THE
PRECAUTIONS WE
TAKE TO PROTECT
OURSELVES.

CONTACT
AND POSSESSION
WITH SPIRITS IS
COMMON.



WE CAN
EXORCISE
THEM RATHER
EASILY...

BUT TRUE
DEMONS...



THEY ARE MORE
RARE... AND THEY
ARE LIKE A DEADLY
INFECTION.

IF THEY GET
INSIDE THE BODY
AND AREN'T TREATED
IMMEDIATELY - THERE
IS ALMOST NO WAY
TO CURE IT.



A LITTLE
OVER A WEEK AGO,
A FEW OF MINE WERE
AT A PARTY.



AND THEY
SAW A SPECTOR
THAT REMINDED
THEM OF DIANA.

WHO HAD
GONE MISSING
A COUPLE DAYS
PRIOR.



FEARING
THE WORST-

I REACHED
OUT TO SEE IF

I COULD BRING
HER SOUL BACK
TO US.



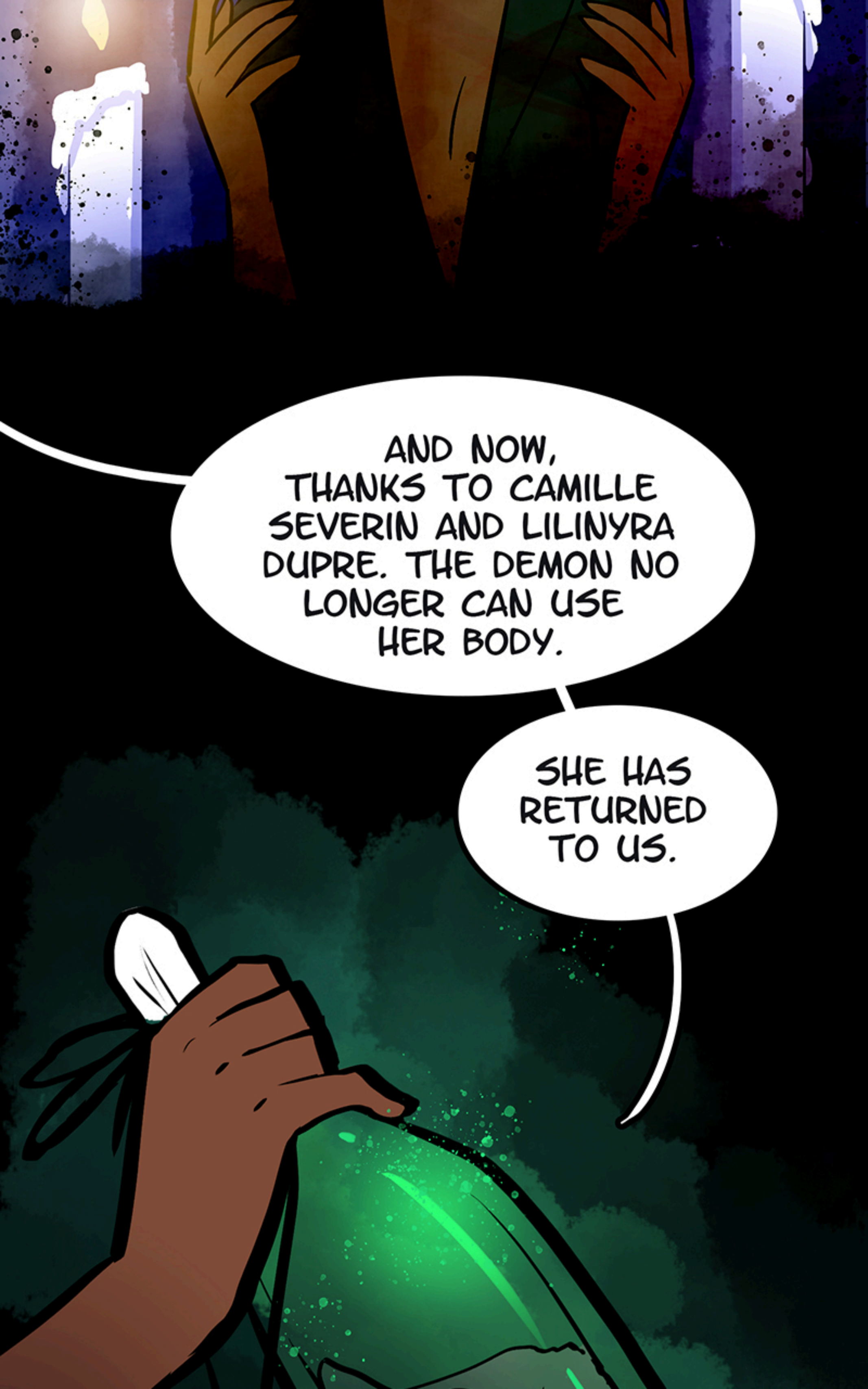


BUT
EVEN IN SUCH
A SHORT AMOUNT
OF TIME...

THERE
WAS BARELY
ANY OF HER
LEFT.



WE PUT
HER TO REST
THAT DAY...

A comic book panel with a dark, textured background. At the top, two hands are visible, one on the left and one on the right, both with fingers spread. To the left of the hands is a lit candle with a yellow flame. In the bottom left corner, a hand is shown holding a glowing green object, possibly a crystal or a piece of fabric, which is emitting a bright green light and small green sparks. Two speech bubbles are present: a large one in the upper middle and a smaller one to its right.

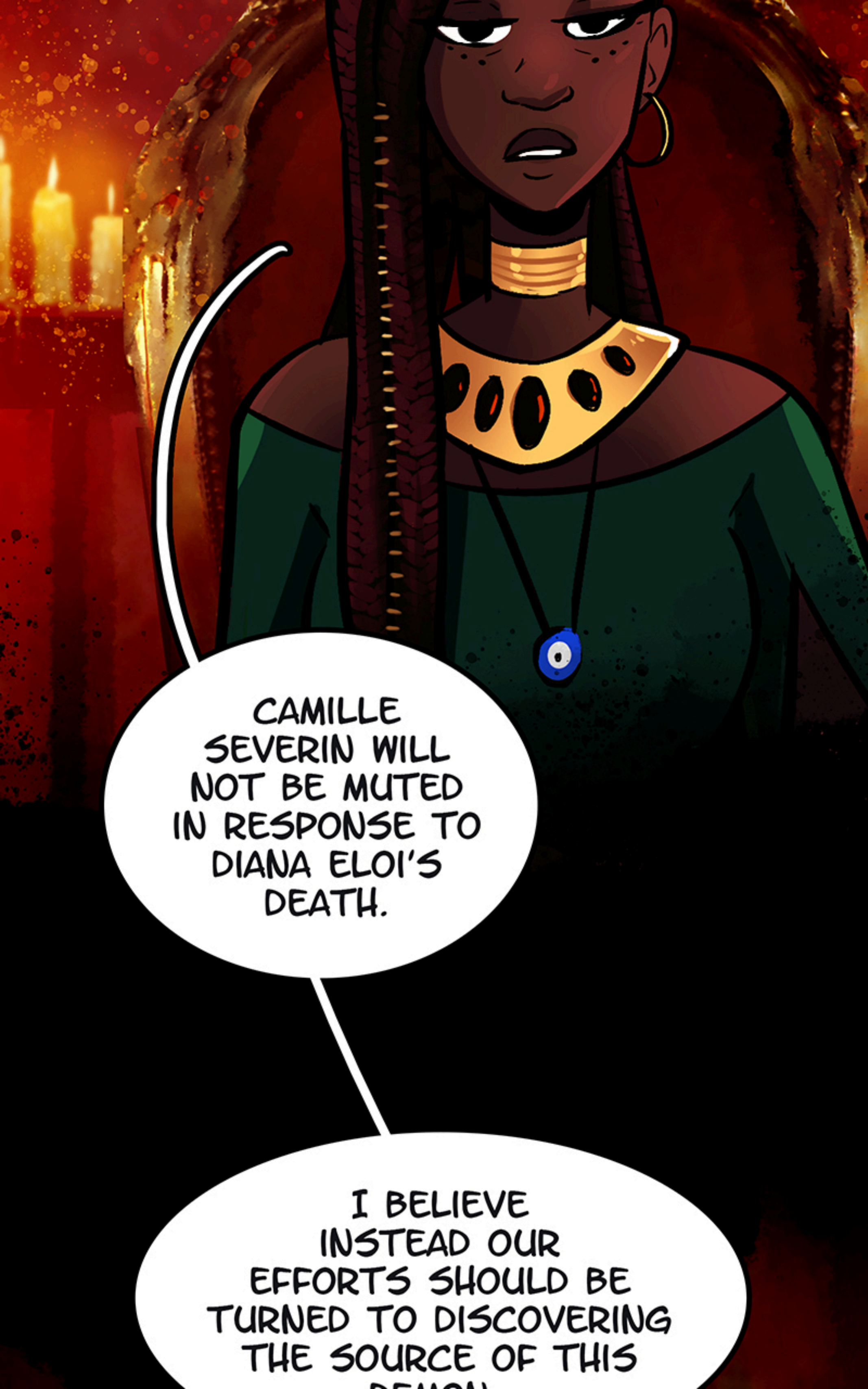
AND NOW,
THANKS TO CAMILLE
SEVERIN AND LILINYRA
DUPRE. THE DEMON NO
LONGER CAN USE
HER BODY.

SHE HAS
RETURNED
TO US.



VERY
WELL...

THEN IT
IS SETTLED.



CAMILLE
SEVERIN WILL
NOT BE MUTED
IN RESPONSE TO
DIANA ELOI'S
DEATH.

I BELIEVE
INSTEAD OUR
EFFORTS SHOULD BE
TURNED TO DISCOVERING
THE SOURCE OF THIS
REASON.

DEMON-



HAVE YOU
ALL COMPLETELY
LOST YOUR



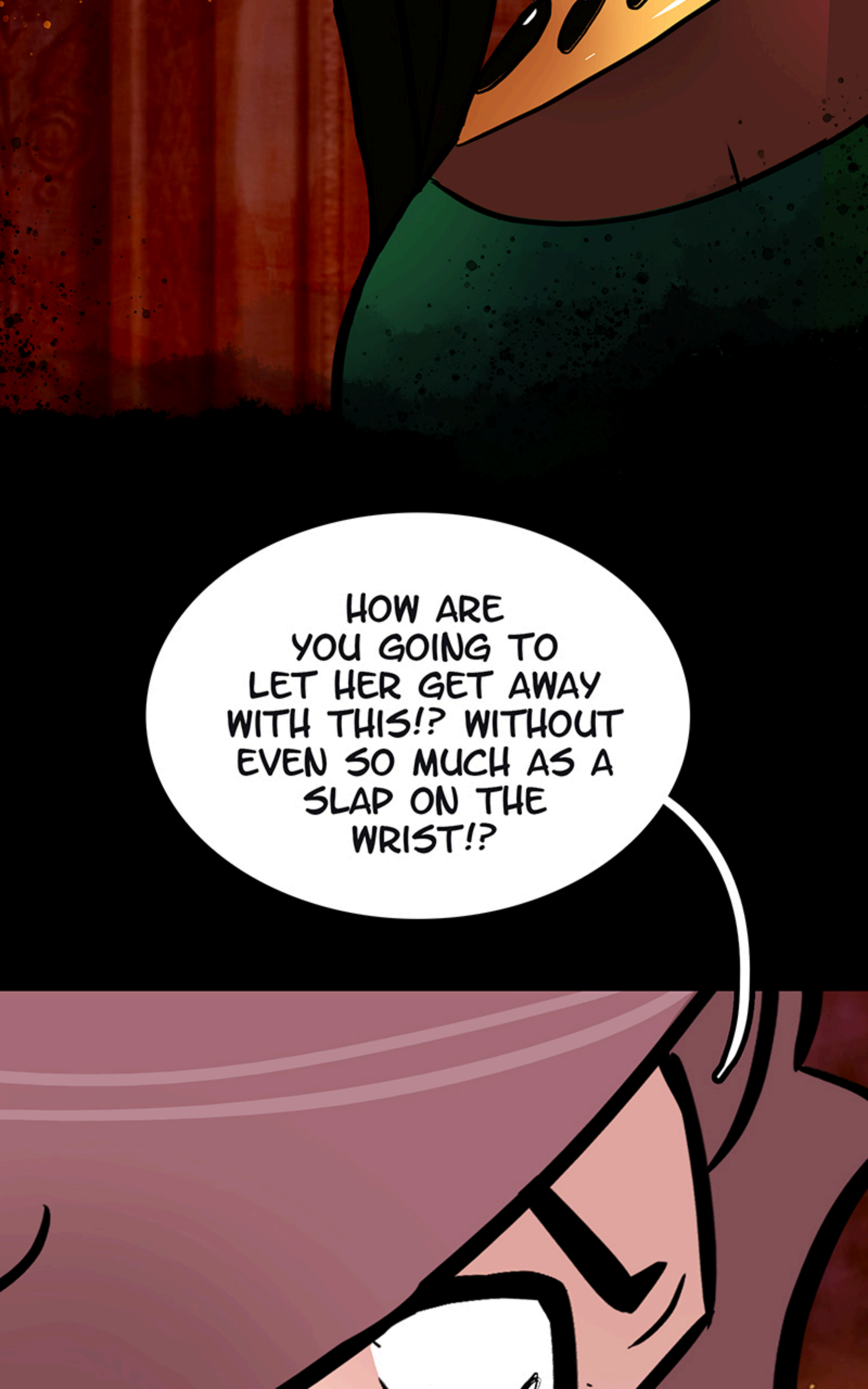
MINDS!?

CAMILLE
IS UNSTABLE!
SHE'S GOING TO
CONTINUE TO BECOME
MORE UNSTABLE! HOW
MUCH DAMAGE DOES
SHE HAVE TO CAUSE

FOR YOU TO SEE
THAT!

ATHALIE,
YOU DON'T GET
TO BEHAVE LIKE
THIS IN MY
HOUSE.





HOW ARE
YOU GOING TO
LET HER GET AWAY
WITH THIS!? WITHOUT
EVEN SO MUCH AS A
SLAP ON THE
WRIST!?

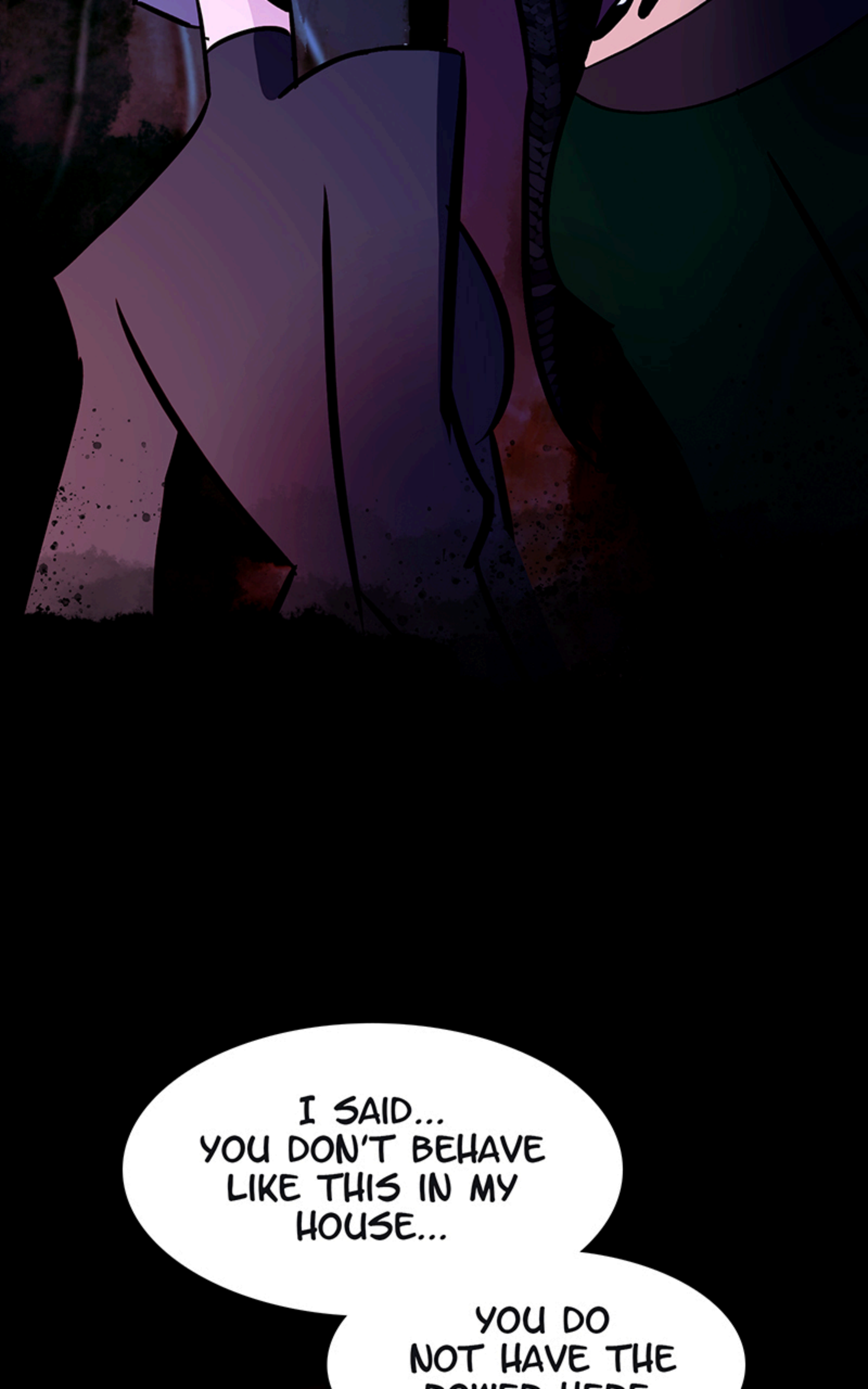


WHAT IS IT
ABOUT ABRIELLE OR
CAMILLE THAT MAKE
YOU ALL BLIND!?

THE RULES
ARE THE RULES!
THE LAW IS THE LAW!
THEY CAN'T KEEP-

FWOOOSH





I SAID...
YOU DON'T BEHAVE
LIKE THIS IN MY
HOUSE...

YOU DO
NOT HAVE THE
POWER HERE

POWER HERE.

WE ARE
NOT HERE TO
DO WHAT YOU
DEMAND.

IF THIS
IS THE SORT OF
BEHAVIOR THAT YOUR
FAMILY DEALS WITH



THOSE RUMORS ABOUT
YOU CERTAINLY CARRY
MORE WEIGHT.

YOU BELIEVE
YOU ARE BEYOND
REPROACH.

YOU'VE
AVOIDED A DIRECT
TRIAL SO FAR ONLY
BECAUSE YOU PUT
ON A GOOD
FACE.





BUT
YOUR MASK IS
SLIPPING.

SO UNLESS
YOU WANT THE
COURT TO JUDGE
YOU...

I SUGGEST
YOU PUT YOUR
MASK BACK
ON.

AND
BEHAVE.





I...APOLOGIZE.

TO YOU AND
TO MATRIARCH ELOI.
I SHOULDN'T HAVE
SPOKEN SO
HARSHLY.



PERHAPS
IT IS BEST TO
BRING THIS MEETING TO
A CLOSE. OR AT LEAST
FOR ME TO DEPART.

YES...
I AGREE THAT
WOULD PROBABLY
BE FOR THE
BEST.

BUT...
BEFORE YOU
GO.



A comic book panel with a dark, textured background. In the bottom left corner, a character with long, wavy purple hair and a pink face is partially visible. A large, white, oval-shaped speech bubble originates from the character and extends upwards, containing text. The speech bubble has a long, thin tail that curves to the right before pointing back towards the character.

WOULD YOU
TELL ME IF THERE
IS ANYTHING THAT
YOU KNOW ABOUT THE
DEMON THAT POSSESSED
DIANA ELOI?



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