

WAIT, WAIT-





BEFORE
YOU TELL ME
ANYTHING-

THAT ISN'T
WHAT I CALLED YOU
TO WISH FOR.

I HAVE
ANOTHER
WISH.



OH? OF
COURSE.

BY ALL
MEANS.

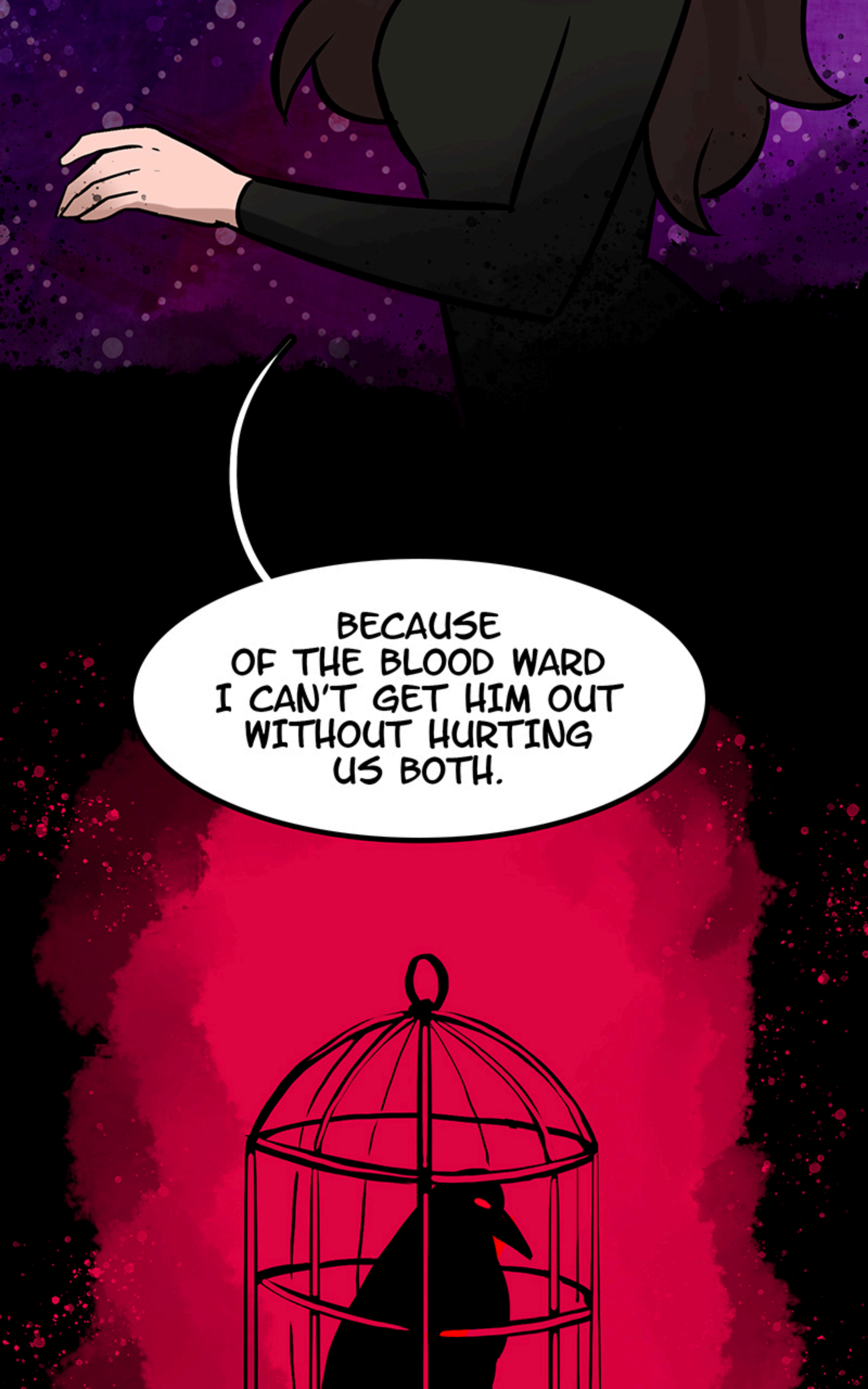




I WANT
YOU TO TAKE
BEAU.

AND...
KEEP HIM
AWAY FROM MY
MOTHER.



A hand with long, dark hair reaches out from the top of the frame against a dark purple, starry background. Below, a bright red, nebula-like glow surrounds a black bird in a wire cage. A white speech bubble connects the hand to the bird.

BECAUSE
OF THE BLOOD WARD
I CAN'T GET HIM OUT
WITHOUT HURTING
US BOTH.



YOU WOULD
BE PLACING AN
AWFUL LOT OF
TRUST IN ME TO
BE HANDLING YOUR
FAMILIAR.



IF I CHOSE
TO CRUSH HIM THE
DAMAGE WOULD BE
IRREPARABLE.



HONESTLY?
AT THIS POINT YOU
PROBABLY WOULD
BE DOING ME A
FAVOR.



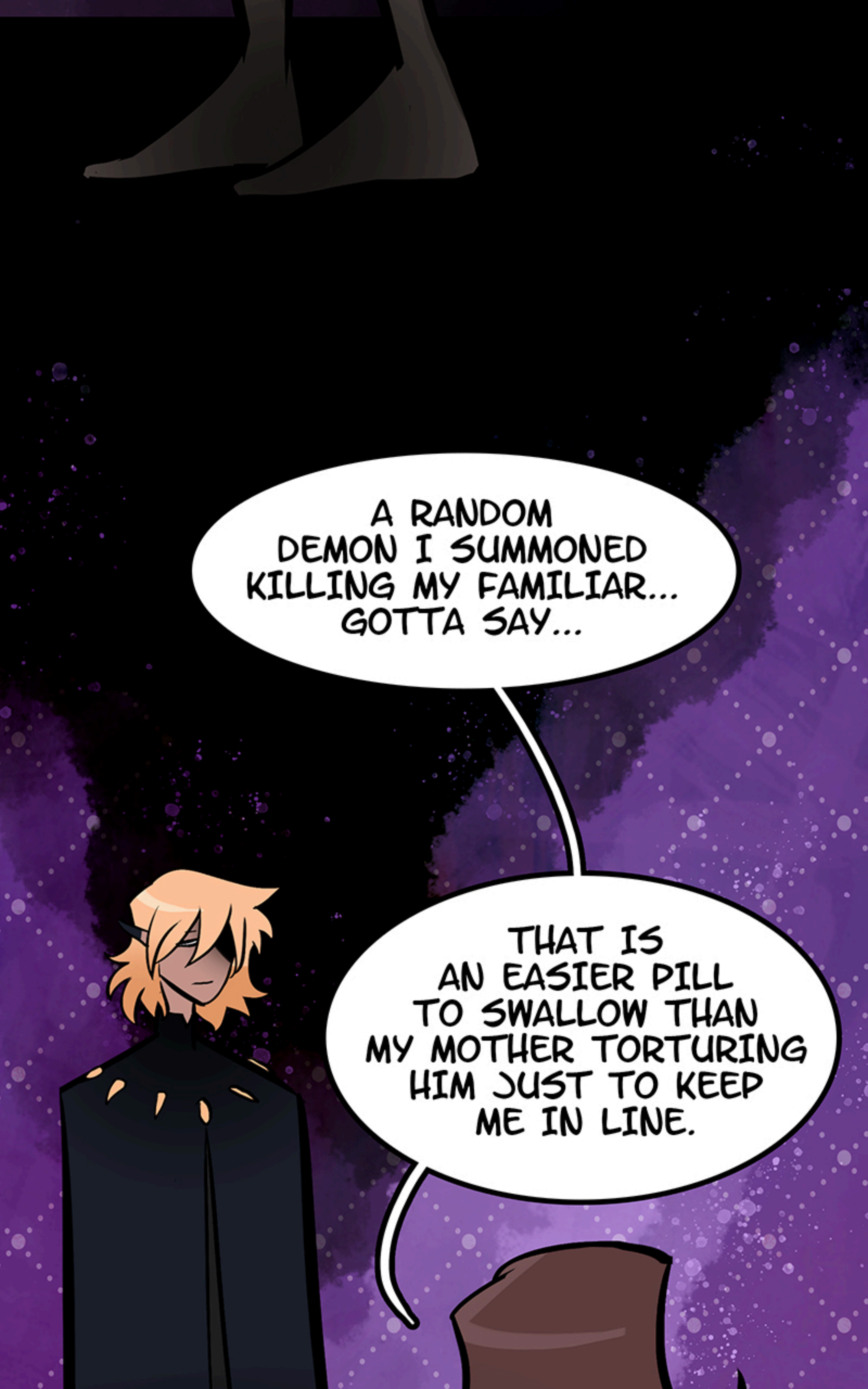


WITH THE
WAY MY LIFE HAS
BEEN GOING
RECENTLY...

AH,
WHO AM I
KIDDING...

IT'S ALWAYS
BEEN BAD IT'S
JUST NOW I'M
ADMITTING IT.





A RANDOM
DEMON I SUMMONED
KILLING MY FAMILIAR...
GOTTA SAY...

THAT IS
AN EASIER PILL
TO SWALLOW THAN
MY MOTHER TORTURING
HIM JUST TO KEEP
ME IN LINE.



I'M JUST...
TIRED... AND
STUCK.







VERY WELL.
I WILL TAKE HIM
UNTIL IT IS SAFE
FOR HIM TO
RETURN.



HIS FREEDOM
WILL BE YOURS.

THOUGH
I WISH YOU
WOULD WISH
TO LEAVE AS
WELL.



I CAN'T
LEAVE YET... THERE
ARE STILL THINGS I
NEED TO TAKE CARE
OF.





WHATEVER
I HEAR FROM YOU...
I'M GOING TO NEED
TO HEAR IT FROM HER...
THEN I NEED TO REACH
OUT TO CAMILLE
AGAIN.



I WOULD
REASSURE YOU
THE TRUTH ISN'T
THAT BAD
BUT...

IT ISN'T
GOOD.

HM...



WHAT DO
I OWE YOU THEN...
WHAT IS THE PAYMENT
FOR THIS WISH? FOR
BEAU AND THE INFO.







SOMETHING
SHINY!





SOMETHING
SHINY??





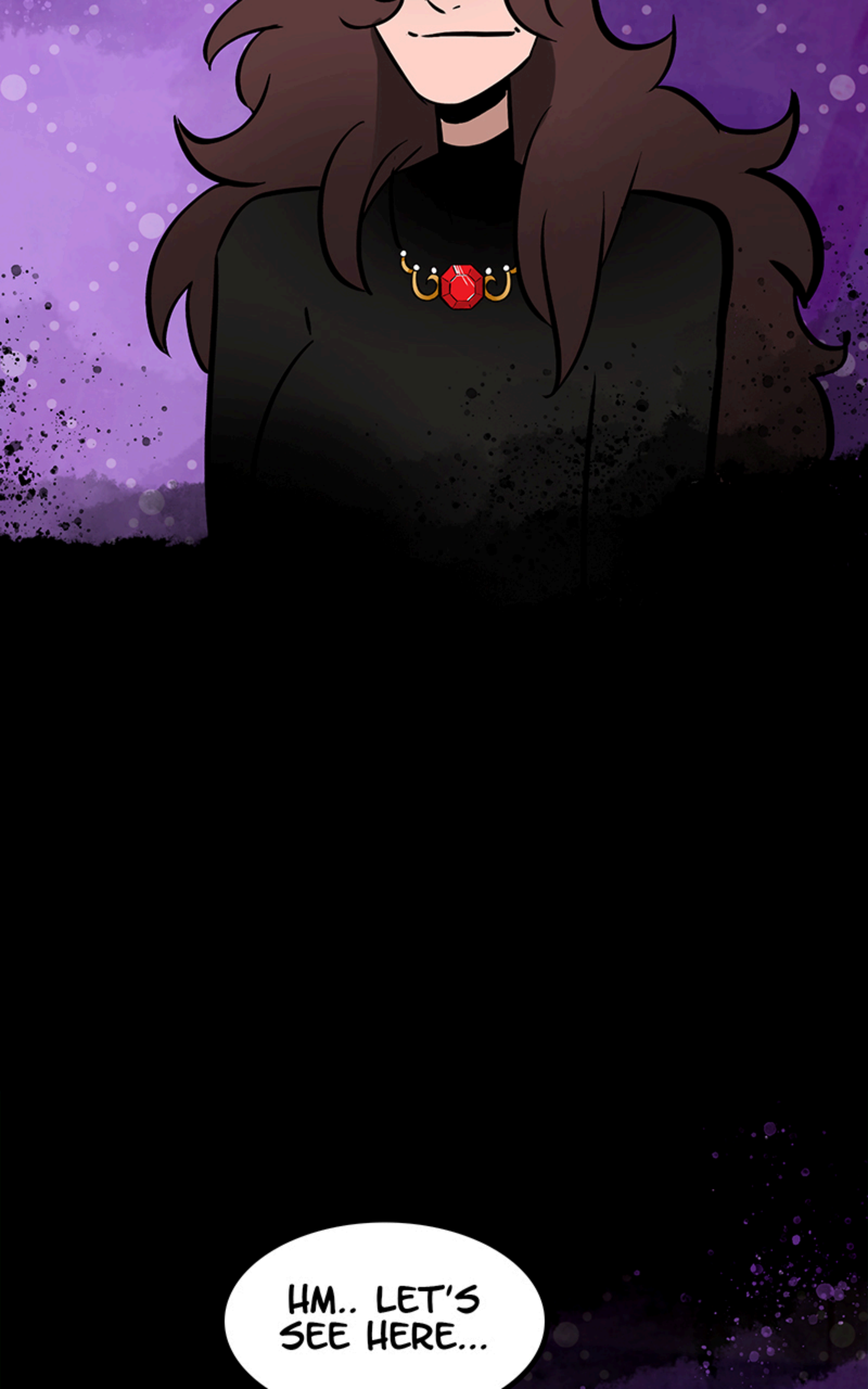
YEAH! YOU
KNOW.

JEWELRY
OR SOMETHING
LIKE THAT.
SHINY.





FAIR
ENOUGH. CAN'T
ARGUE WITH
THAT...



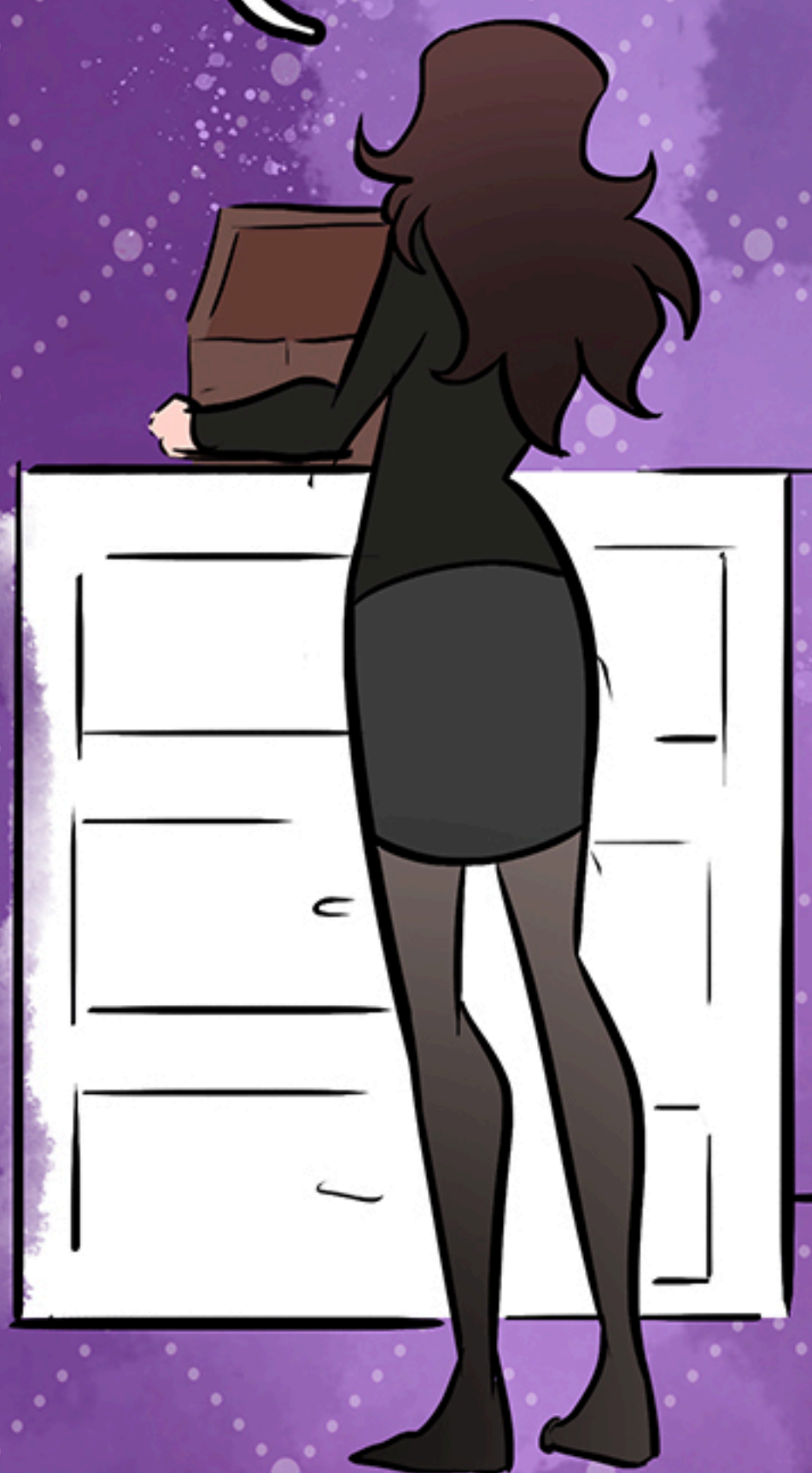
HM.. LET'S
SEE HERE...

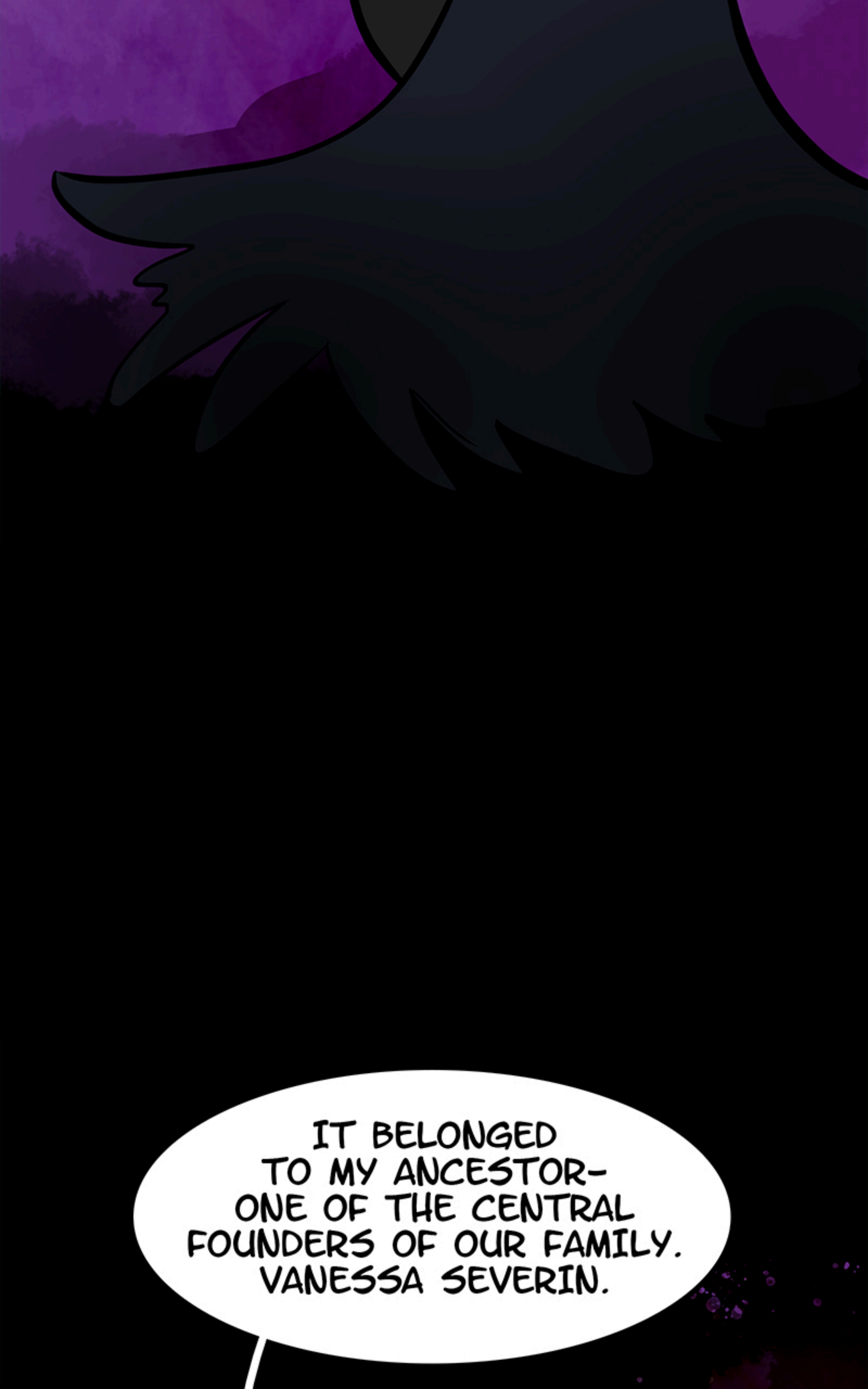




AH... HERE
WE GO...

THIS
SHOULD DO IT
I THINK.





IT BELONGED
TO MY ANCESTOR-
ONE OF THE CENTRAL
FOUNDERS OF OUR FAMILY.
VANESSA SEVERIN.

WITH HER
WISH SHE MARRIED
A LORD.

OUR VAULTS
ARE FILLED WITH
STUFF LIKE THIS
STILL.





WHOA,
THAT'S
BEAUTIFUL.

A GENUINE
TREAN RELIC!

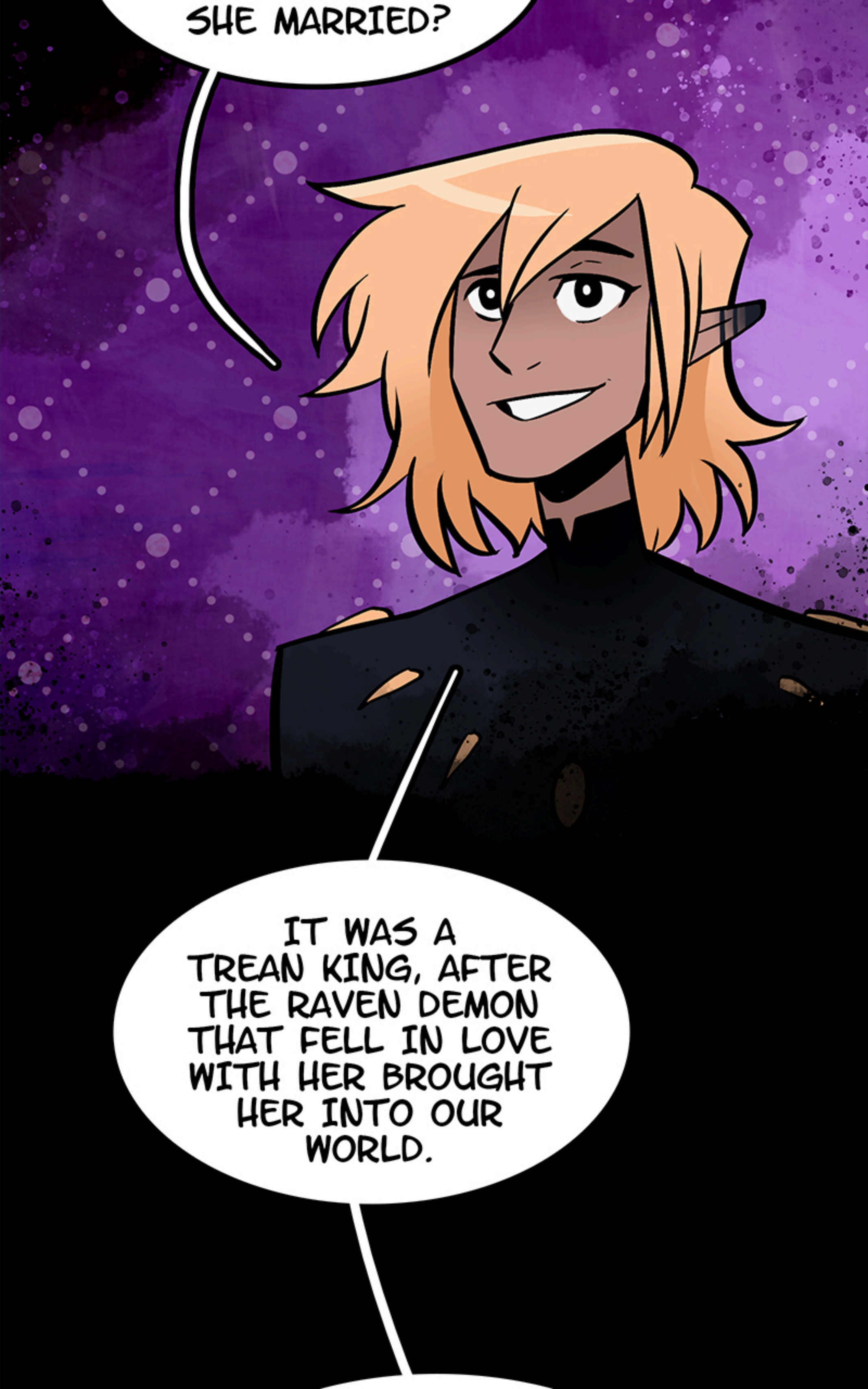




TREAN?

YEAH-
TREA. IT'S
WHERE ALL DEMONS
ARE FROM. AMONG
OTHER THINGS.

DID UH..
DID YOUR FAMILY
NOT KEEP TRACK OF
WHO IT WAS THAT



SHE MARRIED?

IT WAS A
TREAN KING, AFTER
THE RAVEN DEMON
THAT FELL IN LOVE
WITH HER BROUGHT
HER INTO OUR
WORLD.

SHE BASICALLY
BANKRUPTED HIS LAND-
PUT IT ON THE BRINK
OF RUIN.... AND AFTER SHE
WAS KILLED NO ONE
COULD FIND WHERE SHE
HAD PUT ALL OF
THE GOLD.





SHE WAS A
TERROR... EVEN
HUNDREDS OF YEARS
LATER PEOPLE STILL
ARE PARANOID OF 'THE
CROW WITCH'.



A comic panel featuring a character with long brown hair and a black turtleneck, looking down with a somber expression. The background is a deep purple with a bokeh effect of light spots. A speech bubble above the character contains the text "... WE WERE ALWAYS TAUGHT TO THINK OF HER LIKE A HERO." In the top left corner, there is a small inset showing a close-up of a dark, textured surface with a small red light.

... WE
WERE ALWAYS
TAUGHT TO THINK
OF HER LIKE A
HERO.

A comic panel featuring a character with short, spiky orange hair and a determined expression. The character is looking upwards and to the left. A large white speech bubble is positioned above the character's head, containing text. The background is a dark purple with a bokeh effect of light spots. In the top left corner, a portion of another character is visible, wearing a green and purple outfit with a red gem on their chest.

OOF...
NO, SORRY.
BUT TO BE FAIR
I'M SURE VANESSA
WASN'T ACTUALLY
HONEST WITH HOW
SHE GOT THE
GOLD.



SO
YOUR FAMILY
JUST INVENTED
A STORY.

BUT...
SEEMS LIKE
THAT STORY SET
THE TONE FOR HOW
YOU'VE BEEN DOING
THINGS EVER SINCE,
HUH...



SEEMS
LIKE IT HAS...
THIS WHOLE ENTIRE
FAMILY THEN... IS
BUILT ON NOTHING
BUT PAIN AND
LIES...





WELL...
THAT MAY BE
TRUE...



BUT
YOU CAN
BREAK THE
CYCLE.



A hand with a dark skin tone is holding a purple, starry object. The object has a mottled texture with many small white dots, resembling a nebula or a cluster of stars. The background is dark and textured.

I ACCEPT
YOUR PAYMENT.
AND I WILL HAVE IT
RETURNED TO IT'S
RIGHTFUL
OWNER.

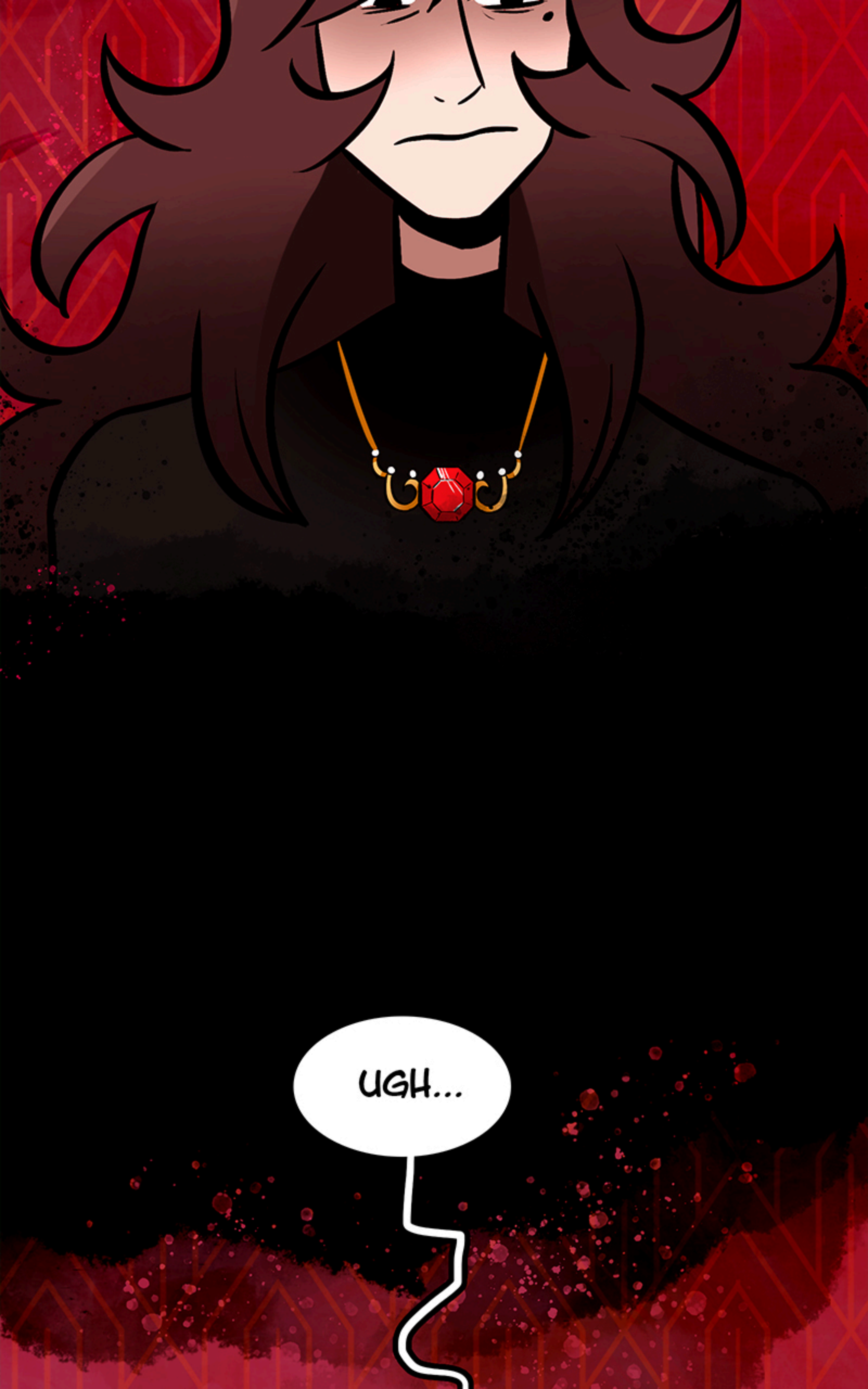
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AND NOW,
I WIL GIVE YOU
THE TRUTH...







UGH...



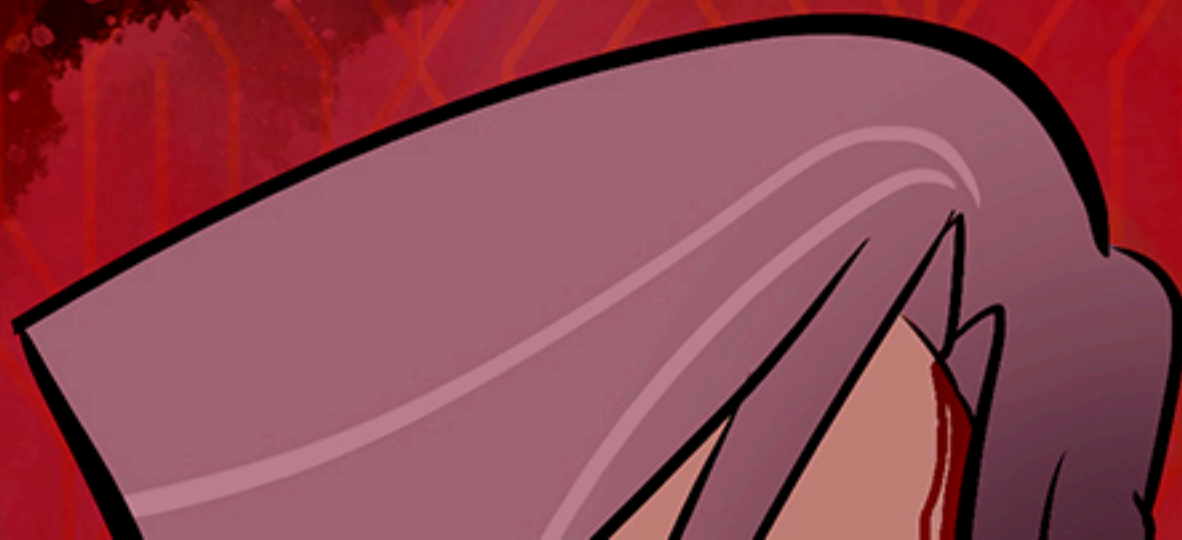
WHAT...







WHAT
EXACTLY ARE
YOU PLAYING AT...
AVALINE...





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