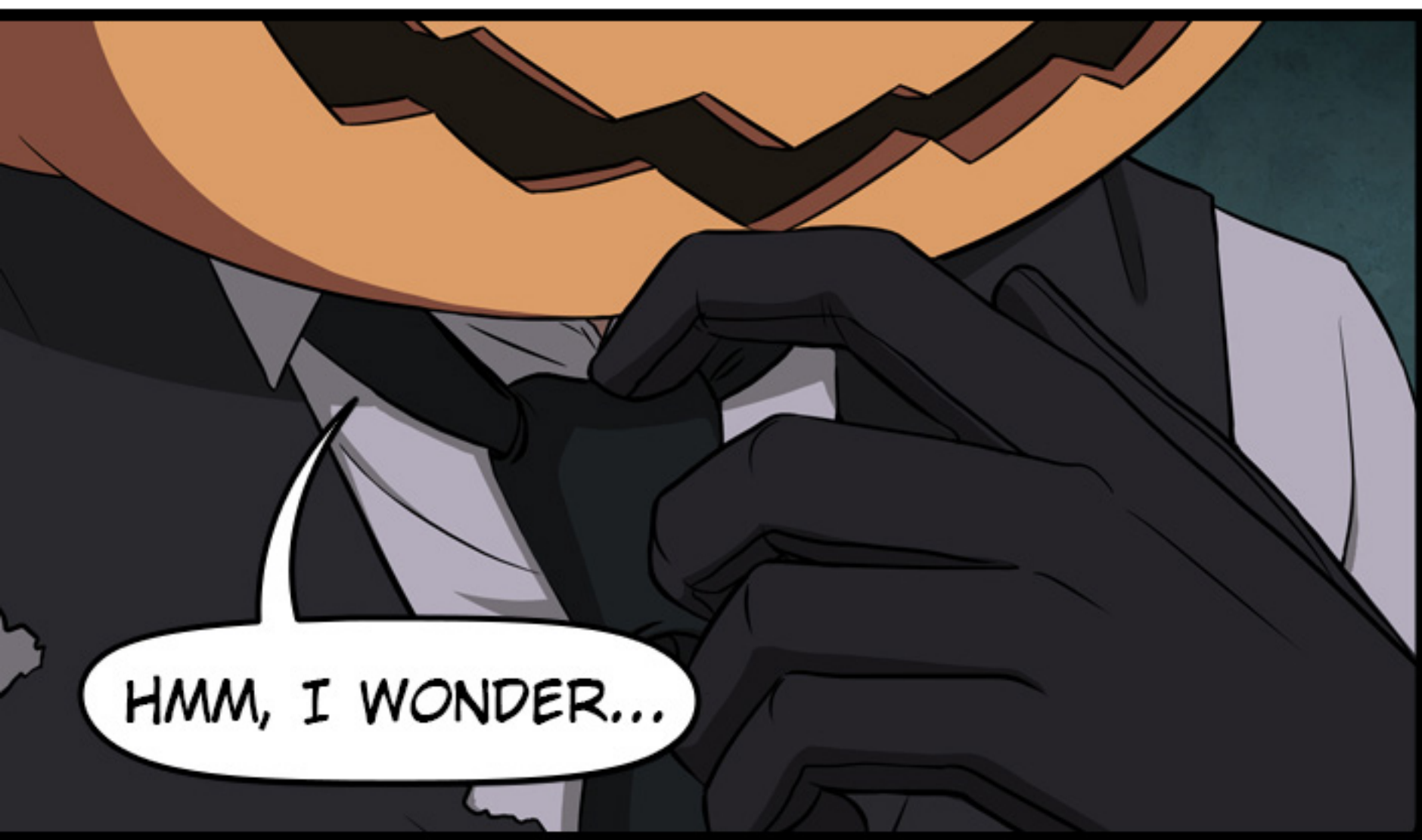
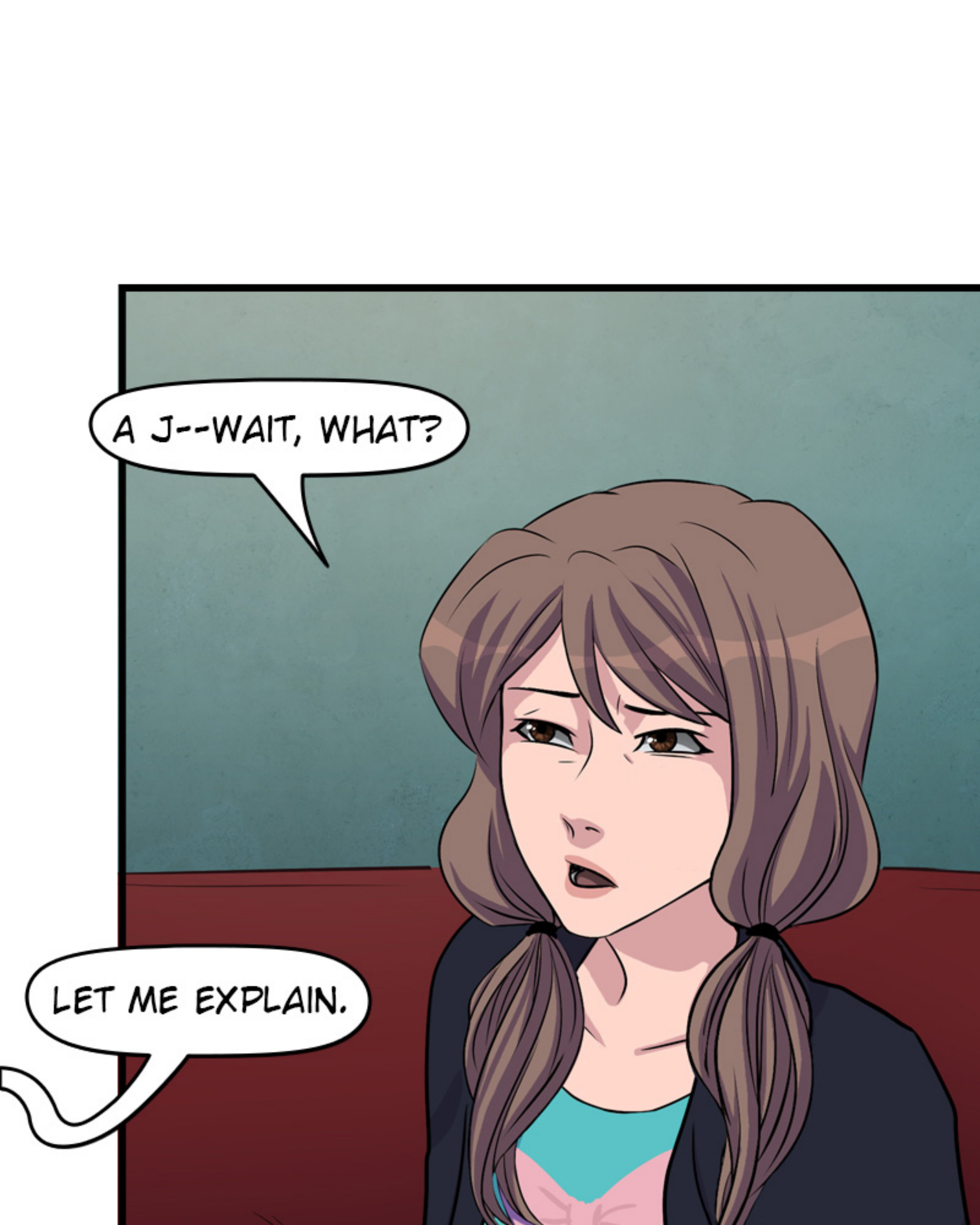




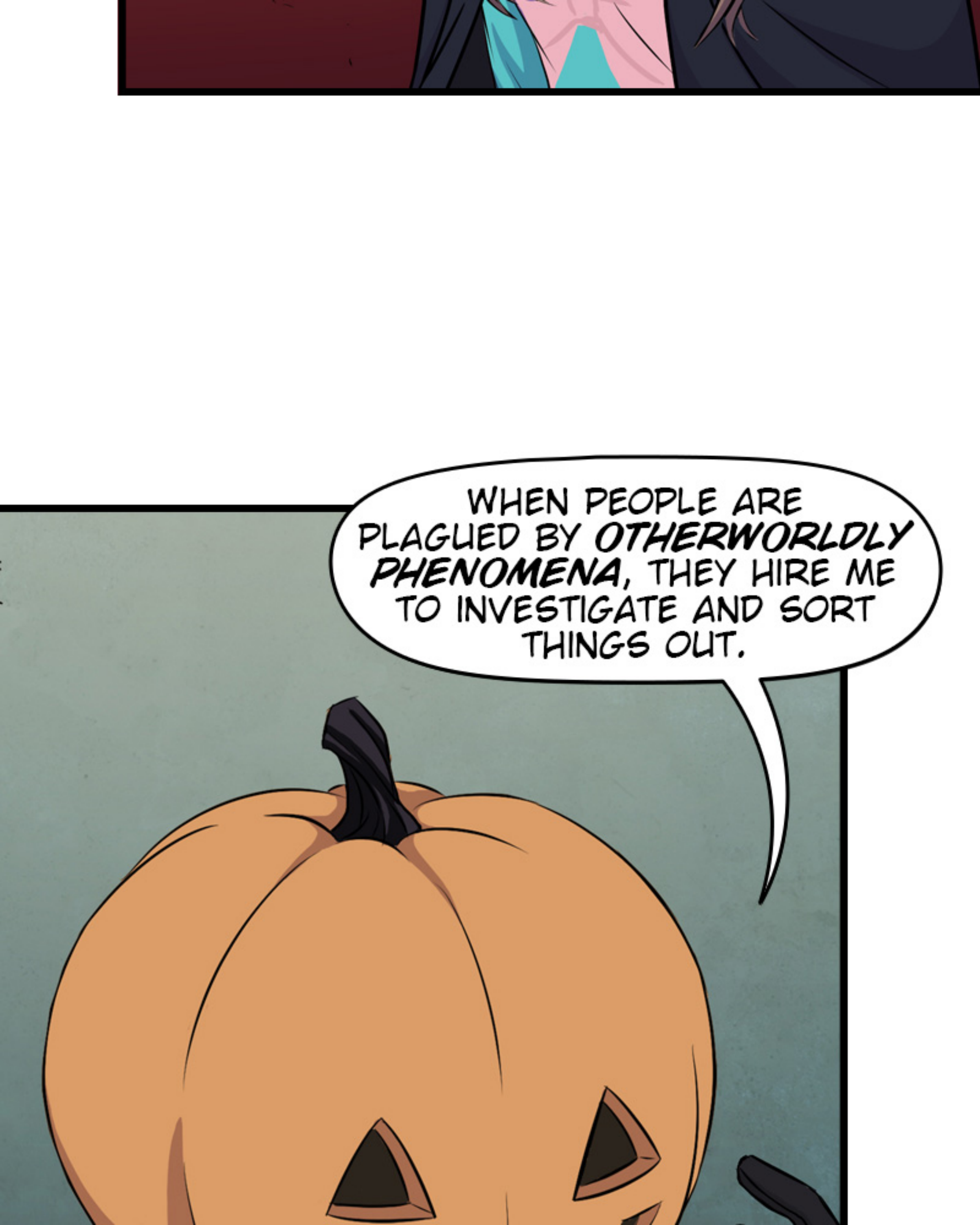
ELLIE, WHAT
WOULD YOU SAY IF
I OFFERED YOU
A JOB?



A comic panel featuring a young woman with shoulder-length brown hair styled in two pigtails. She has a confused or questioning expression on her face, with slightly furrowed brows and a small open mouth. She is wearing a dark blue or black jacket over a light blue top with a pink bow at the collar. The background is a simple teal wall with a dark red baseboard. Two speech bubbles are present: one above her head and one to her left.

A J--WAIT, WHAT?

LET ME EXPLAIN.

A comic book panel with a light blue background. In the foreground, a large orange jack-o'-lantern with a black stem and triangular eye cutouts is shown. A speech bubble originates from the right side of the panel. At the very top, a small portion of another panel is visible, showing a character with pink hair and a blue and pink outfit.

WHEN PEOPLE ARE
PLAGUED BY *OTHERWORLDLY*
PHENOMENA, THEY HIRE ME
TO INVESTIGATE AND SORT
THINGS OUT.



SO YOU'RE
SOME KIND OF GHOST
HUNTER?

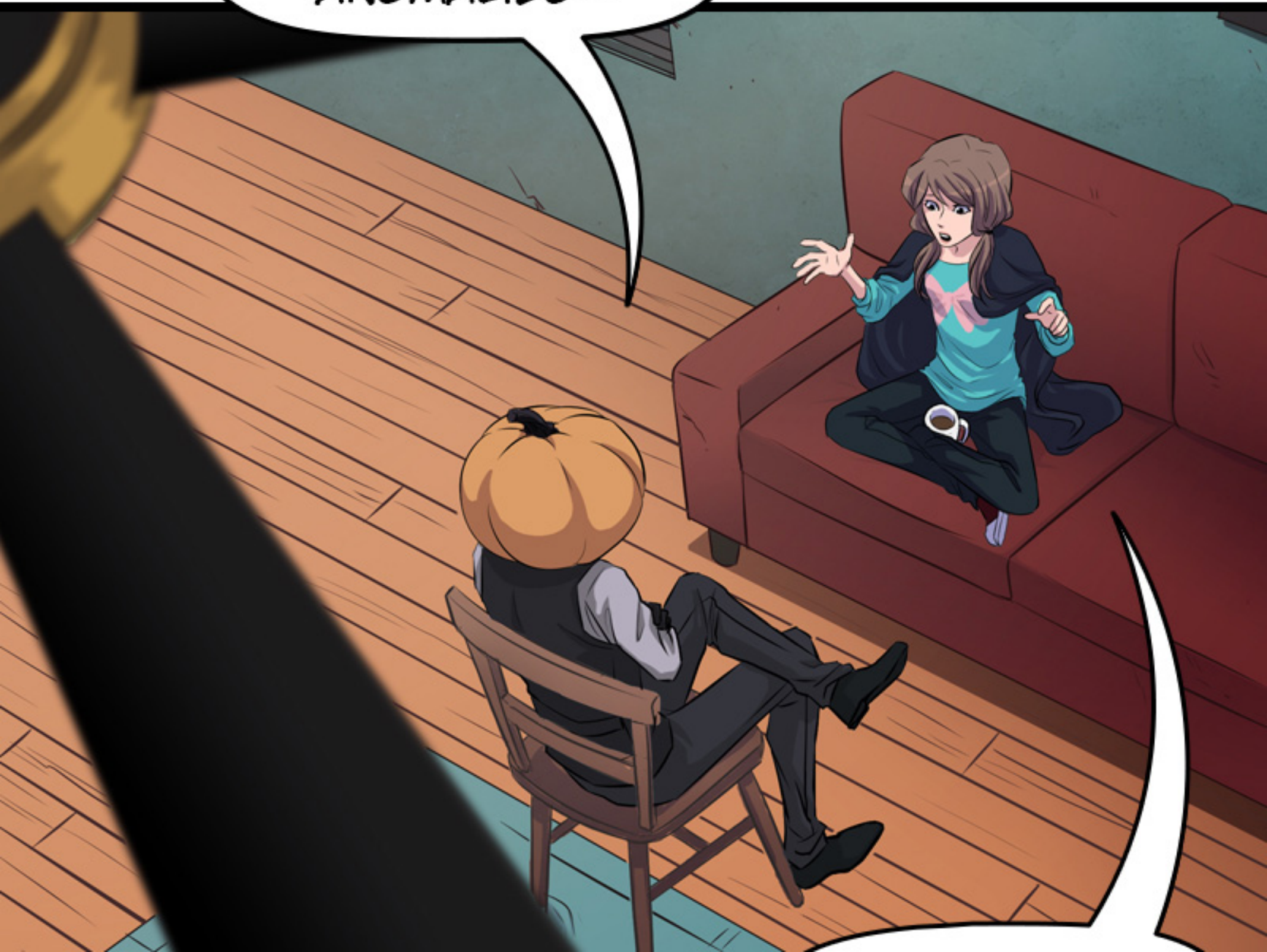




I PREFER
"PARANORMAL DETECTIVE."
BEST NOT TO BOX
ONESELF IN.

THIS CITY HAS ALWAYS HAD ITS SHARE OF SUPERNATURAL ACTIVITY, BUT LATELY THERE'S BEEN A SHARP INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF INCIDENTS.

UNEXPLAINED HAUNTINGS, ENERGY ANOMALIES--



SKULL-HEADED
MONSTERS THAT
KNOCK PEOPLE OUT
WINDOWS?



MM. THE
HELLBEAST.
ANOTHER STRANGE
CASE.

BESIDES
BEING LARGE,
AGGRESSIVE, AND
INCREDIBLY
DESTRUCTIVE,
THEY'RE ALSO
RARELY SEEN IN
THE MUNDANE
WORLD.





I SHOULD THINK
ANY *WITCH* SKILLED
ENOUGH TO CREATE SUCH A
CREATURE WOULD KNOW THE
RISKS OF LETTING IT RUN
LOOSE...



AT ANY RATE,
THE WORKLOAD
HAS BECOME TOO
MUCH TO HANDLE
ALONE.

I NEED A *PARTNER*,
SOMEONE I CAN TRUST
TO WATCH MY BACK. I THINK
YOU WOULD BE PERFECT
FOR THE JOB.



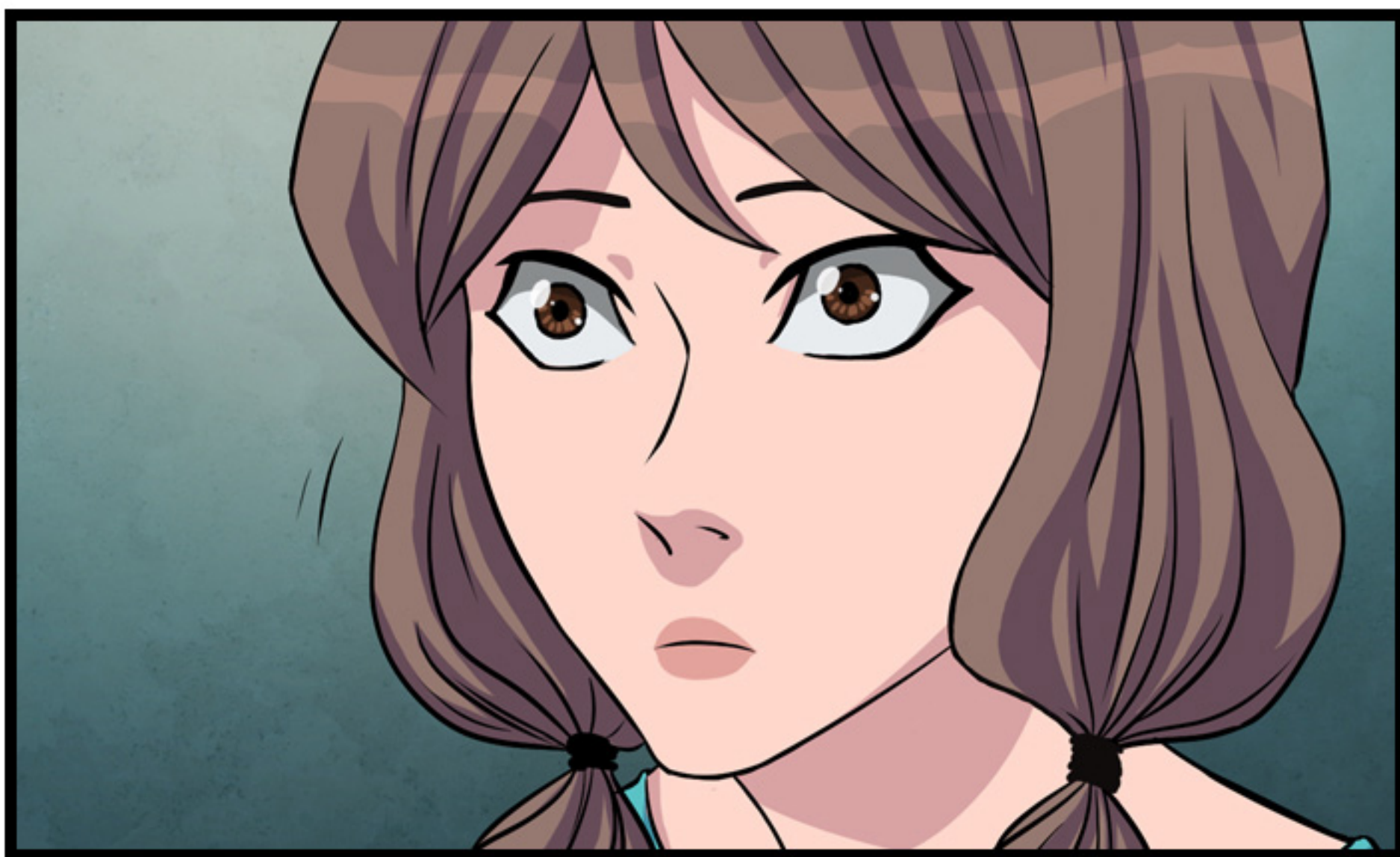
I REALIZE
THIS IS SUDDEN,
AND AFTER WHAT
YOU'VE SEEN TODAY,
I'D UNDERSTAND IF YOU
CHOSE TO WALK OUT OF
HERE AND PRETEND
NONE OF THIS EVER
HAPPENED.

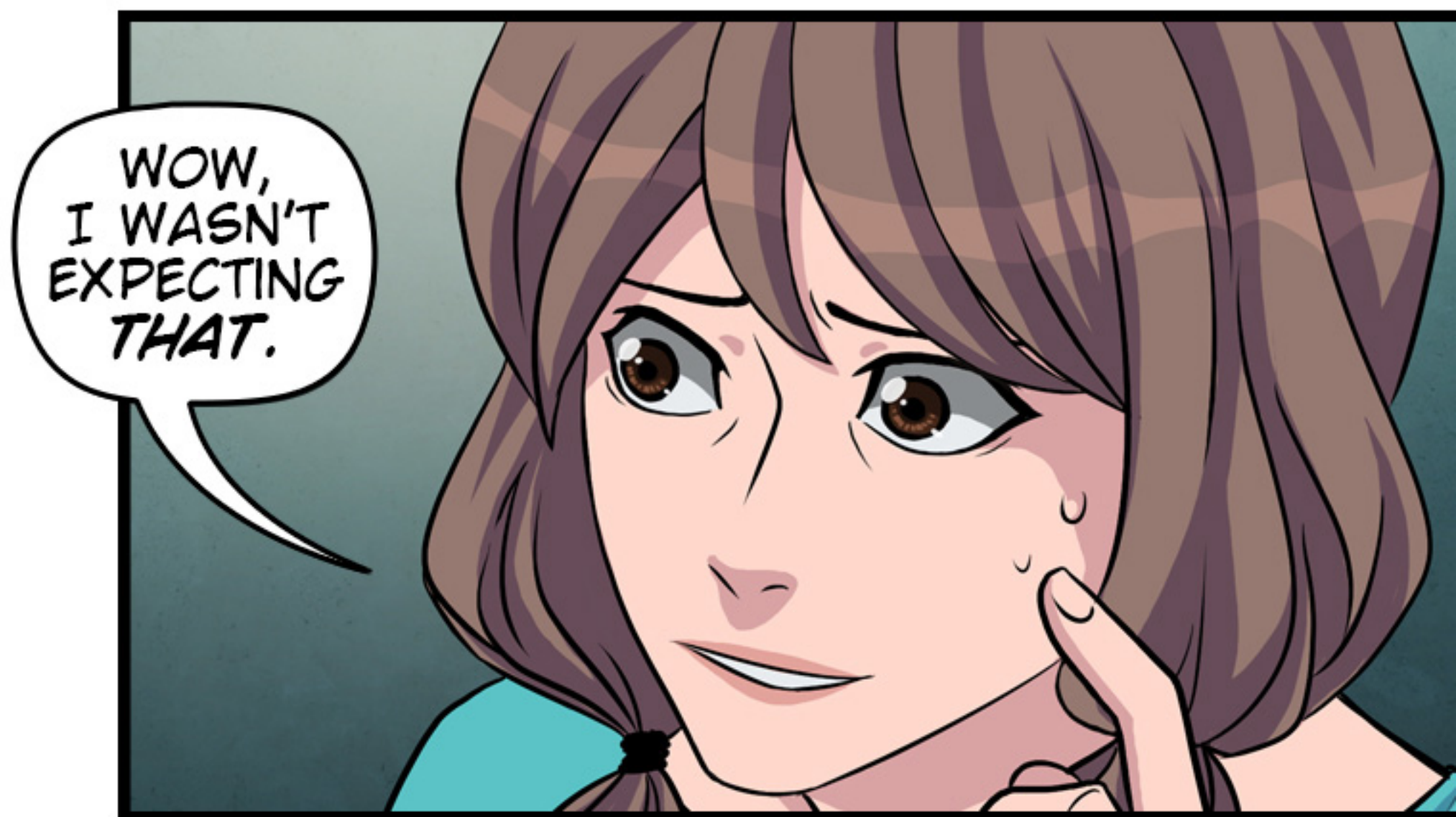




BUT IF YOU'RE
WILLING TO TAKE
A CHANCE, I'D BE
HAPPY TO HAVE
YOU AS MY
PARTNER.



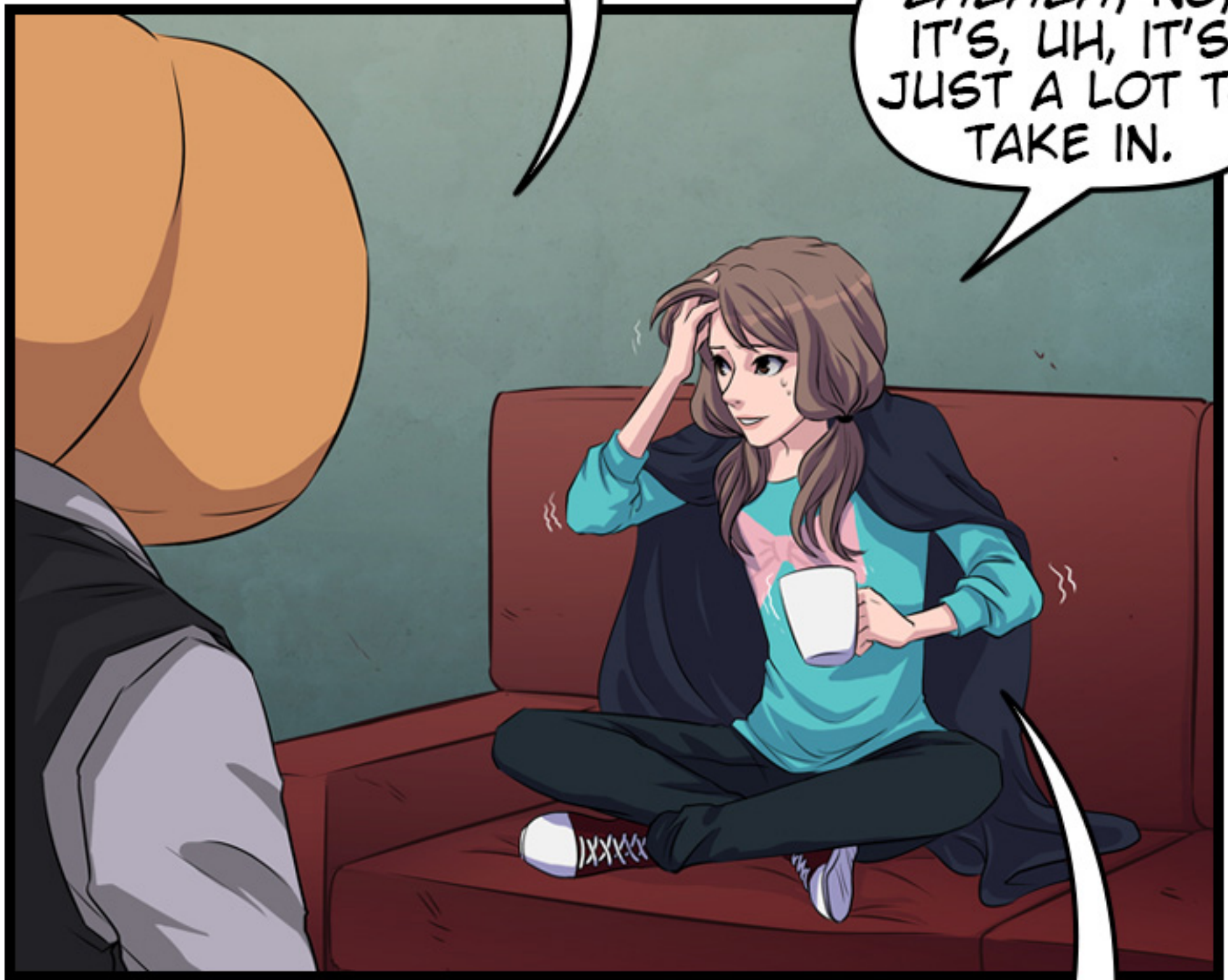




DO YOU NEED TO
LIE DOWN? YOU LOOK
A BIT PALE

A BIT PALE.

EHEHEH, NO,
IT'S, UH, IT'S
JUST A LOT TO
TAKE IN.



WITCHES AND
HELLBEASTS...I'D THINK
YOU WERE MESSING
WITH ME IF I HADN'T
PUNCHED I--

**OOOOHH SHIT
FIRE HANDS!!**



**AUGHH,
WHY IS THIS
HAPPENING NOW?!
THERE AREN'T ANY
GIANT MONSTERS
AROUND OR
ANYTHING!**

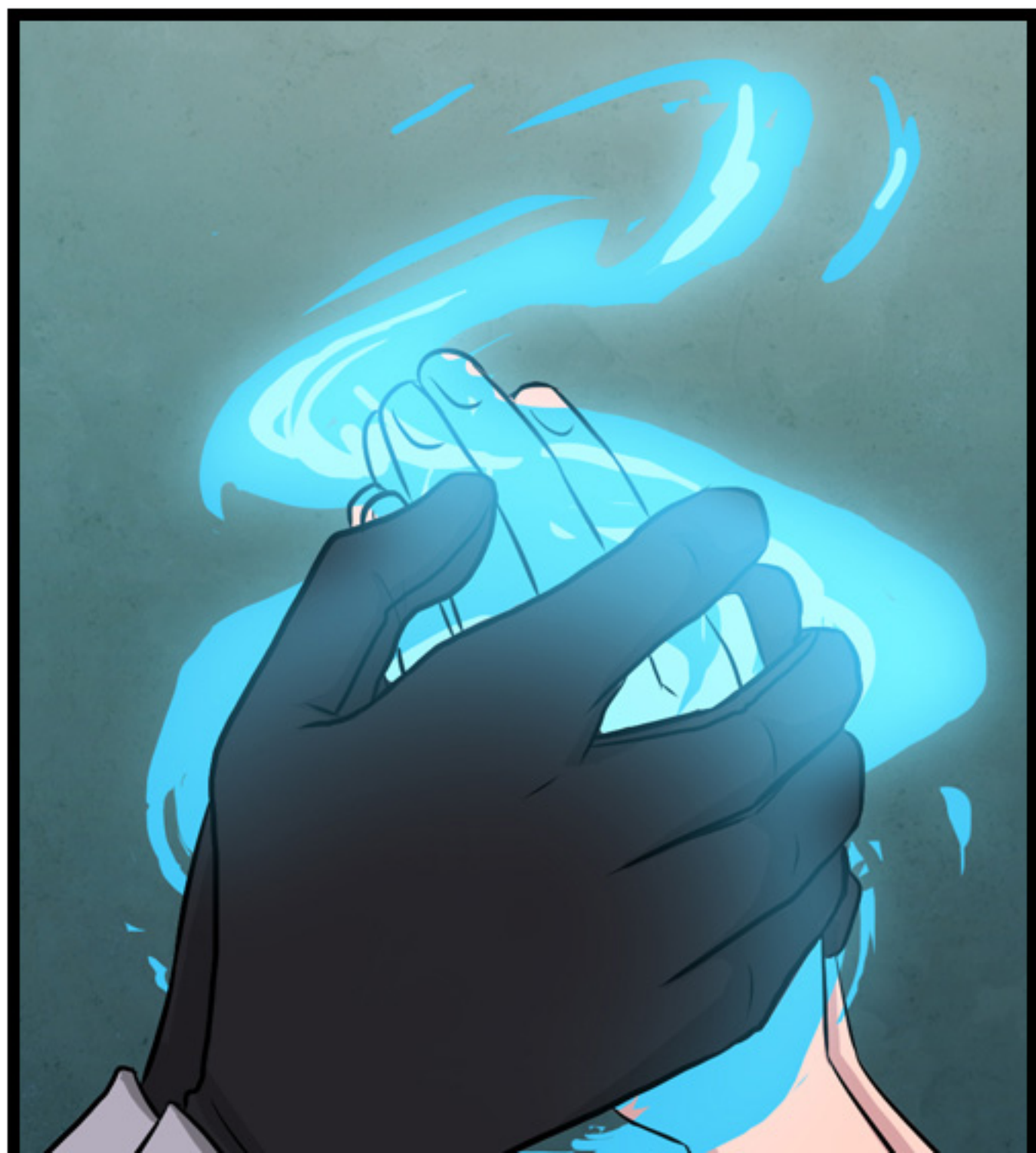




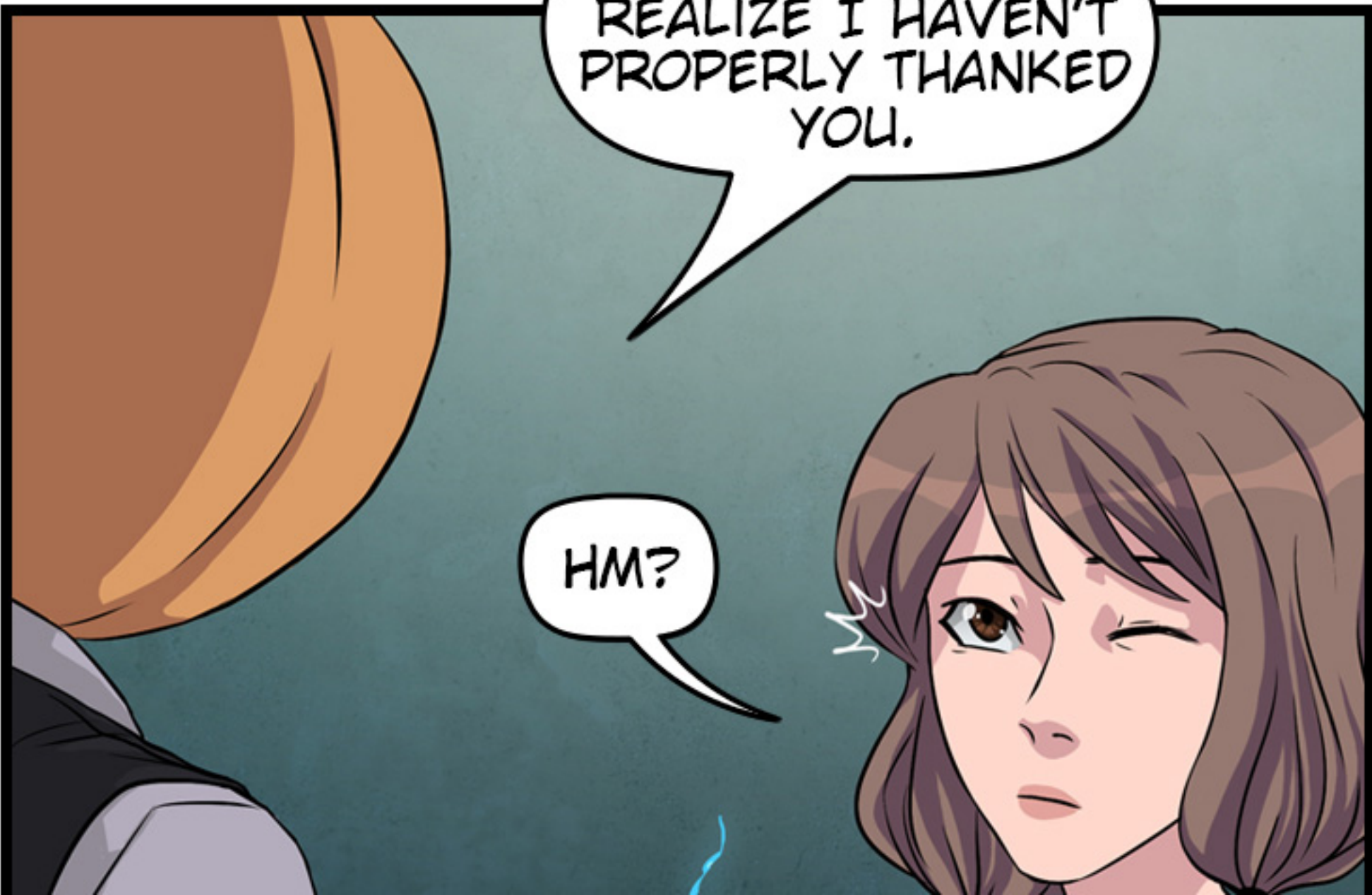
A comic book panel. On the left, a person with a large, carved jack-o'-lantern for a head is shown in profile, facing right. They are wearing a dark vest over a light-colored shirt. In their gloved hand, they hold a glowing, translucent blue sphere. On the right, a young woman with long brown hair tied in a ponytail looks at the sphere with a curious expression. A speech bubble originates from the jack-o'-lantern head, containing the text: "JUST CALM DOWN. CLOSE YOUR EYES AND TAKE DEEP BREATHS." The background features a window with horizontal blinds and a dark interior.

JUST CALM DOWN.
CLOSE YOUR EYES AND
TAKE DEEP BREATHS.









BY THE WAY, I
REALIZE I HAVEN'T
PROPERLY THANKED
YOU.

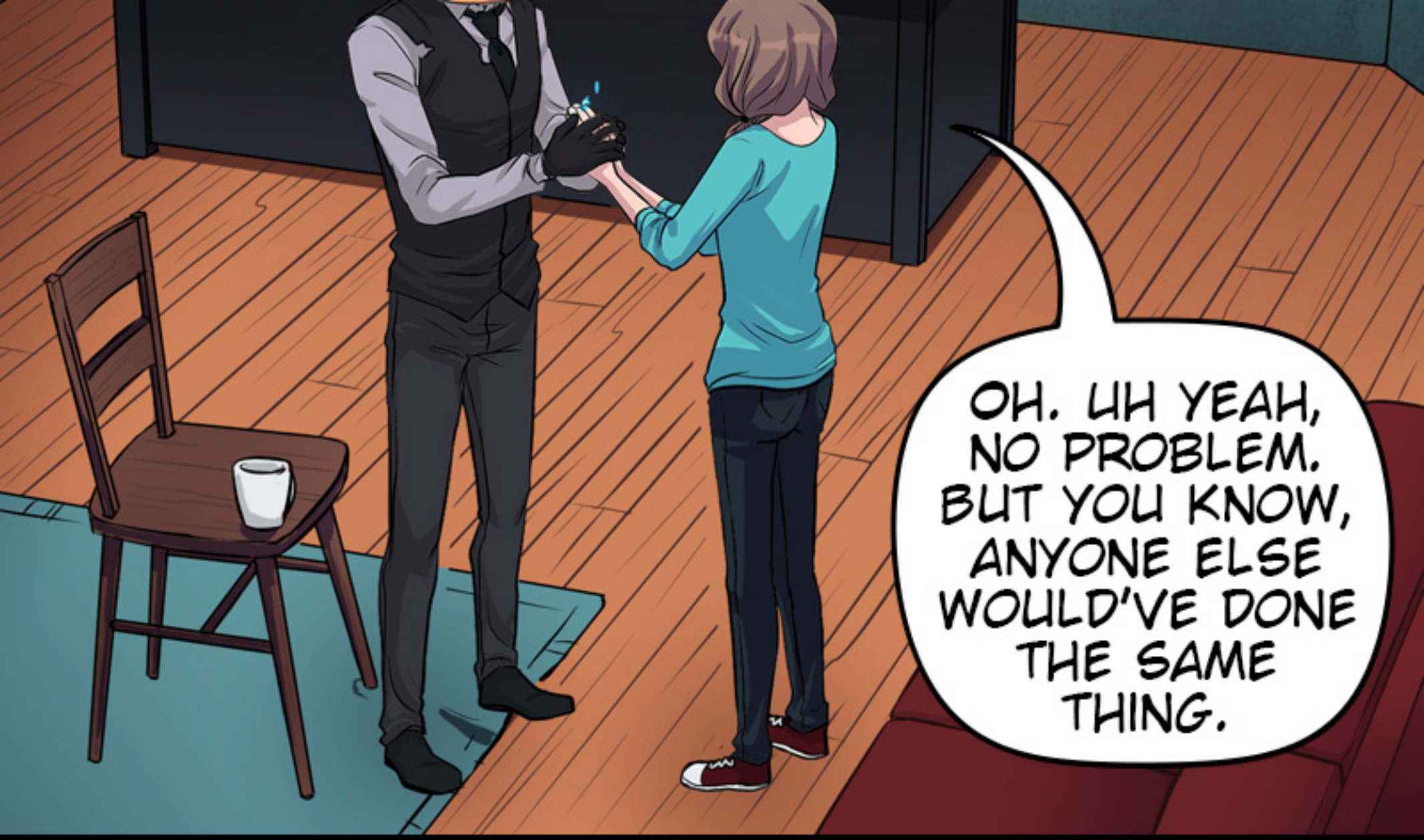
HM?

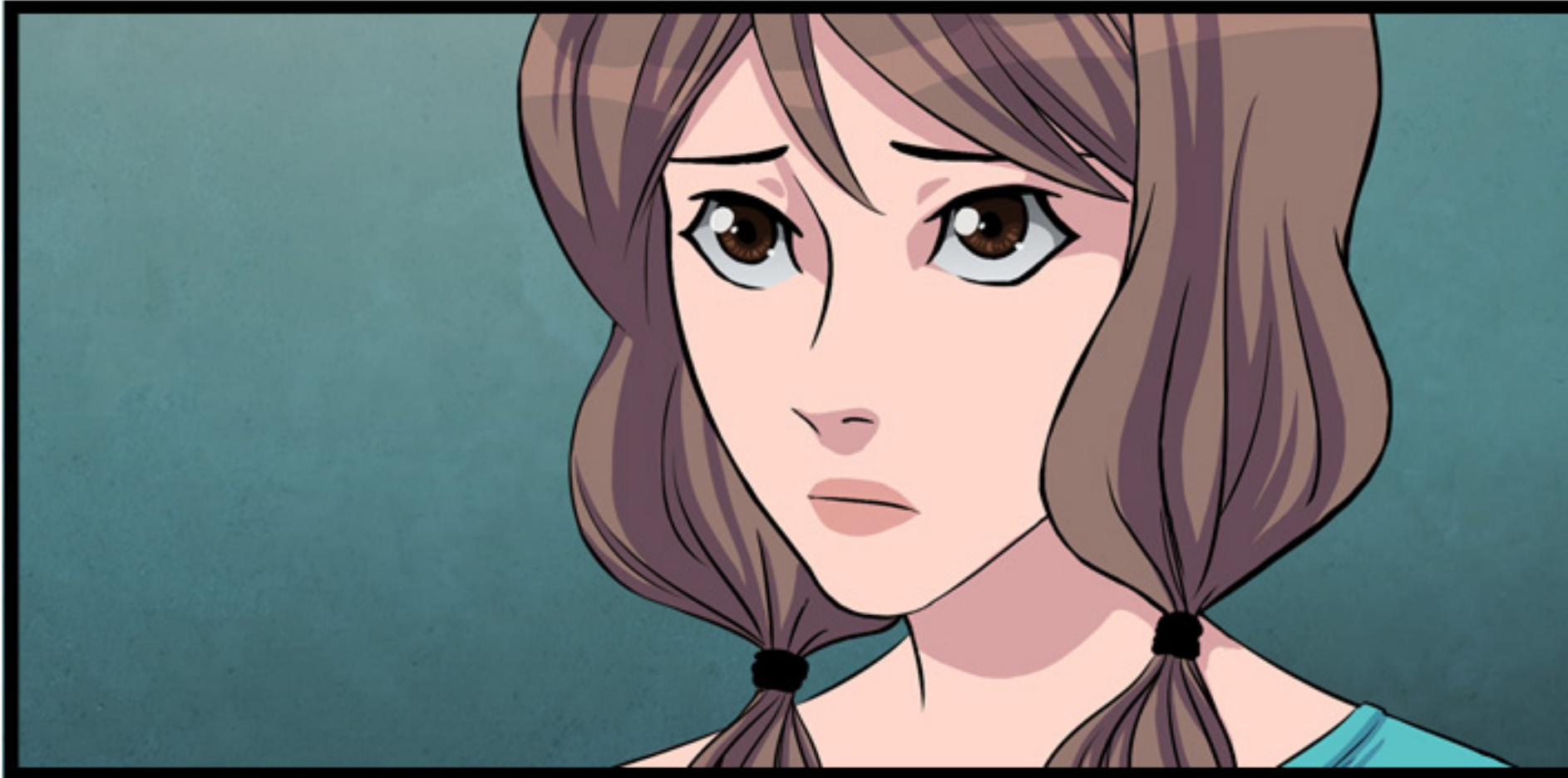


THE HELLBEAST.

IF YOU HADN'T
BEEN THERE...WELL,
THAT ENCOUNTER MIGHT
HAVE ENDED RATHER
DIFFERENTLY.







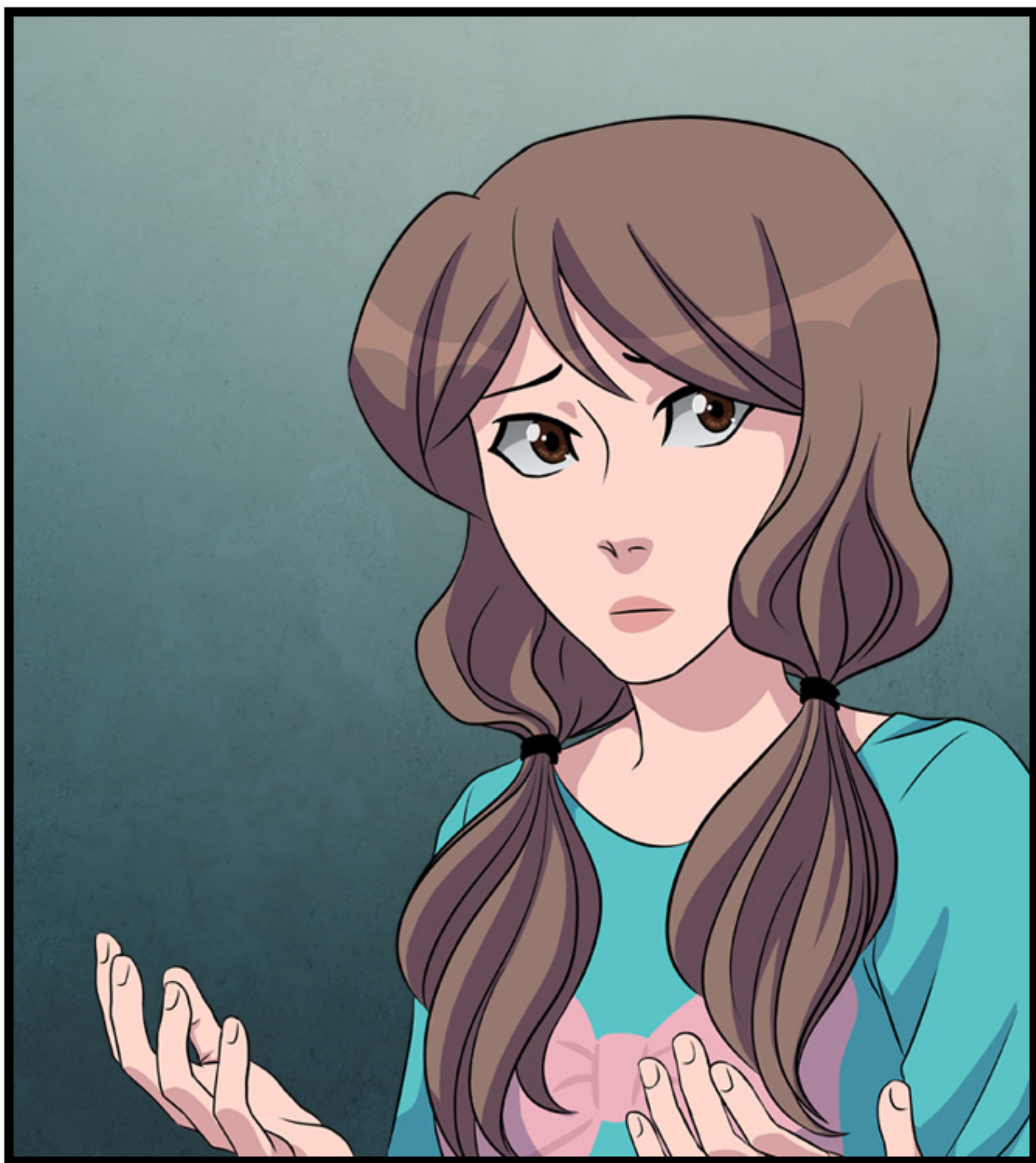
THERE NOW.

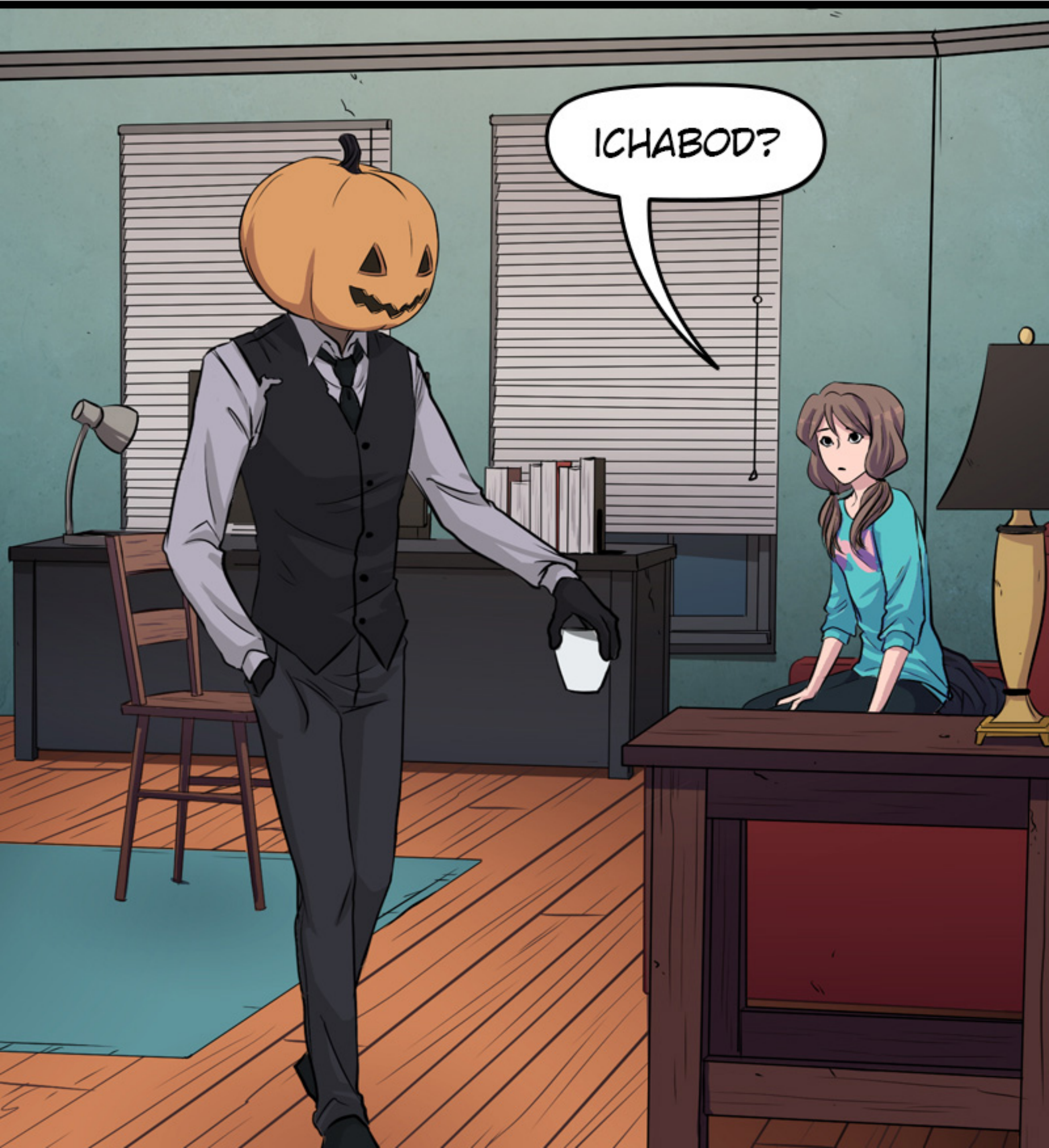




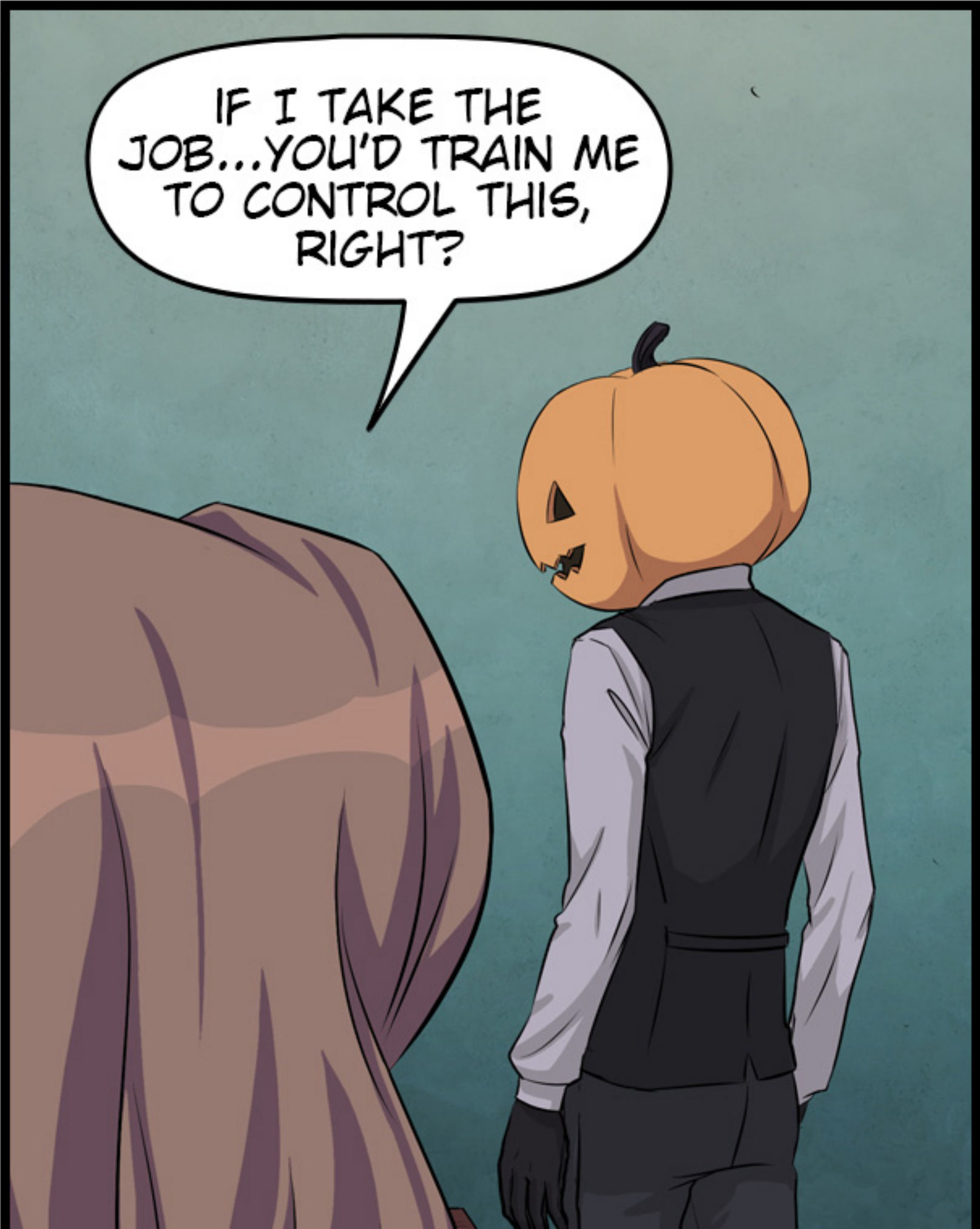
*HRMM...THIS IS
GOING TO TAKE SOME
GETTING USED TO.*







ICHABOD?

A comic book panel. In the foreground, the back of a person with long, wavy brown hair is visible. They are facing a character whose head is a carved jack-o'-lantern. The pumpkin head has triangular eyes and a jagged, toothy mouth. This character is wearing a light blue long-sleeved shirt under a dark grey vest and dark trousers. A speech bubble originates from the pumpkin head, containing the text: "IF I TAKE THE JOB...YOU'D TRAIN ME TO CONTROL THIS, RIGHT?". The background is a plain, teal-colored wall. The top of the page shows a wooden floor and a black shoe, suggesting the character is standing on a raised platform or stairs.

IF I TAKE THE
JOB...YOU'D TRAIN ME
TO CONTROL THIS,
RIGHT?



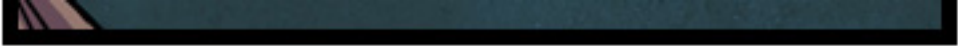
I'M READY TO
TEACH IF YOU'RE
READY TO LEARN. NO
DOUBT YOUR ABILITIES
WOULD COME IN
HANDY.



YEAH?





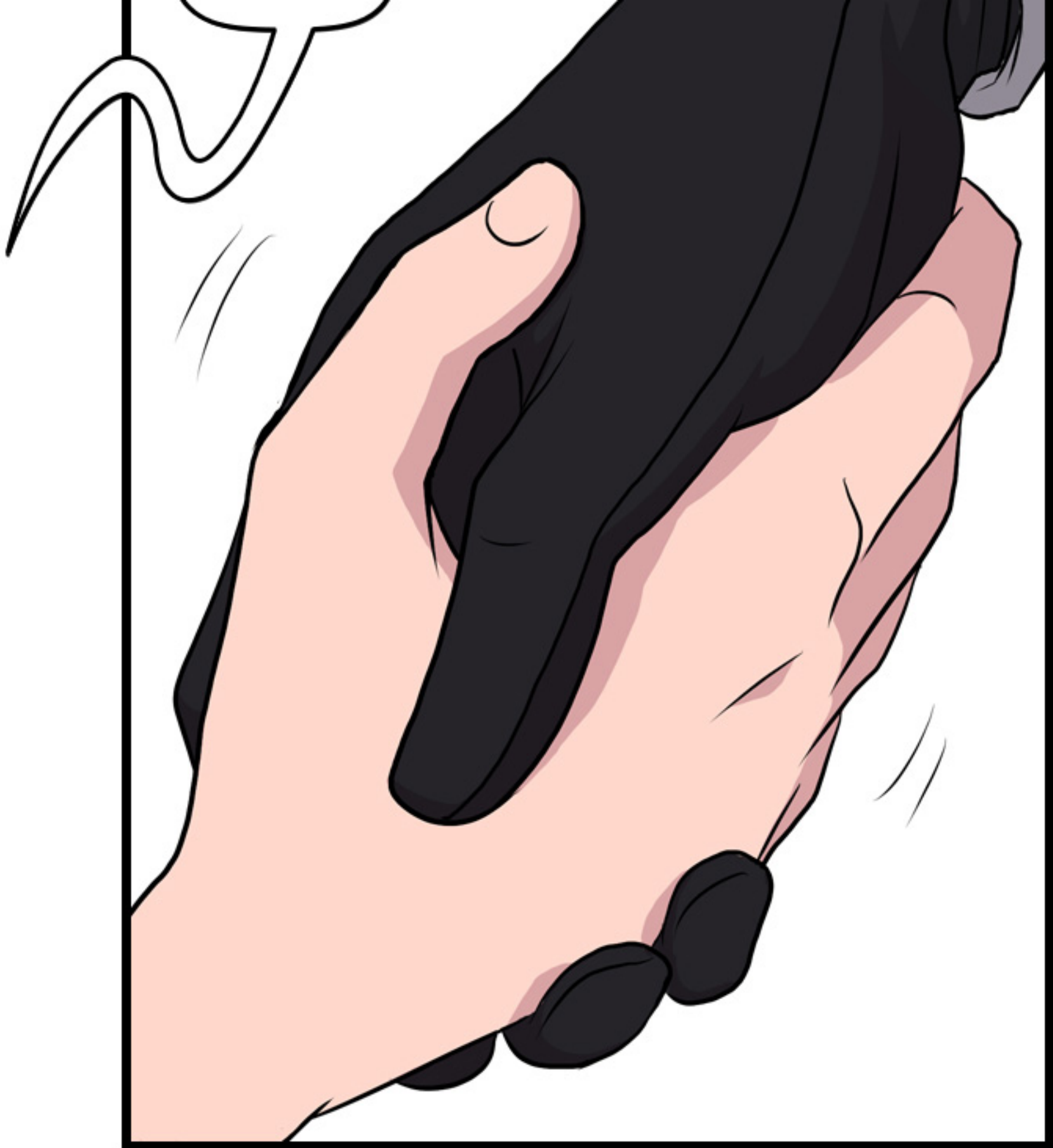




HEH. OK,
WHAT THE
HELL.



I'M IN.



FWOOSH

OH GOD

**OH GOD
NOT AGAIN!!**





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