









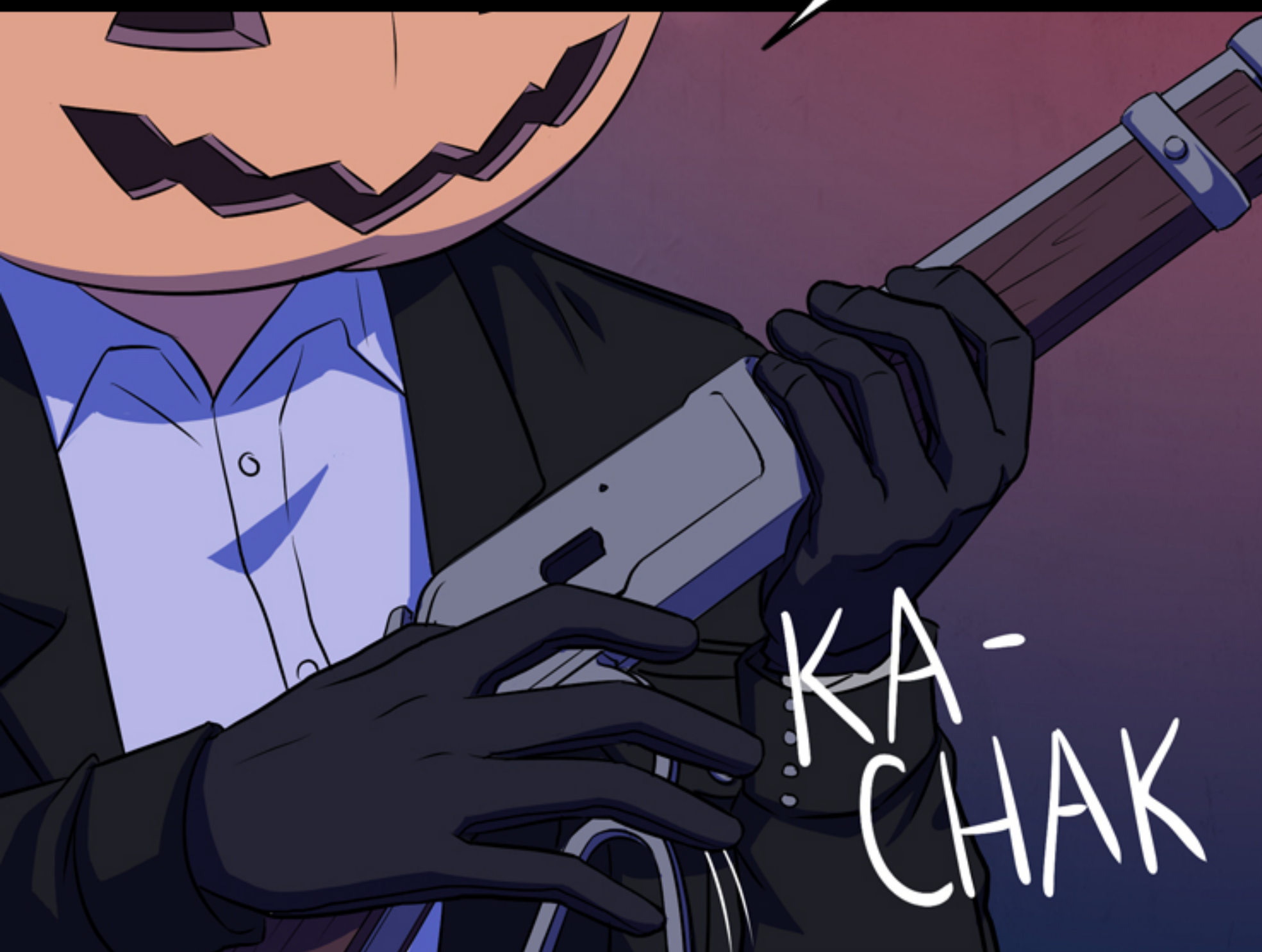
DIRECTOR, THE BOOKS.

Y-YES,
OF COURSE.
AH...FIFTH ROW
DOWN.





RIGHT THEN.



I'LL KEEP
OUR **SERPENT**
FRIENDS
BUSY.

ELLIE, YOU
KNOW WHAT
TO DO.











FWOOSH











THAT'S FIVE
DONE. I NEED MORE
BOOKS!





AAH!





ICHABOD!
THEY'RE GETTING
THROUGH!



NOT YET,
NOT YET...









WHAT THE...?

BOTTLED SHIELD
SPELL.



STRAUSS
AGREED TO HOLD
ONTO A FEW FOR ME.
THEY'RE FAIRLY
STURDY...



WHAM



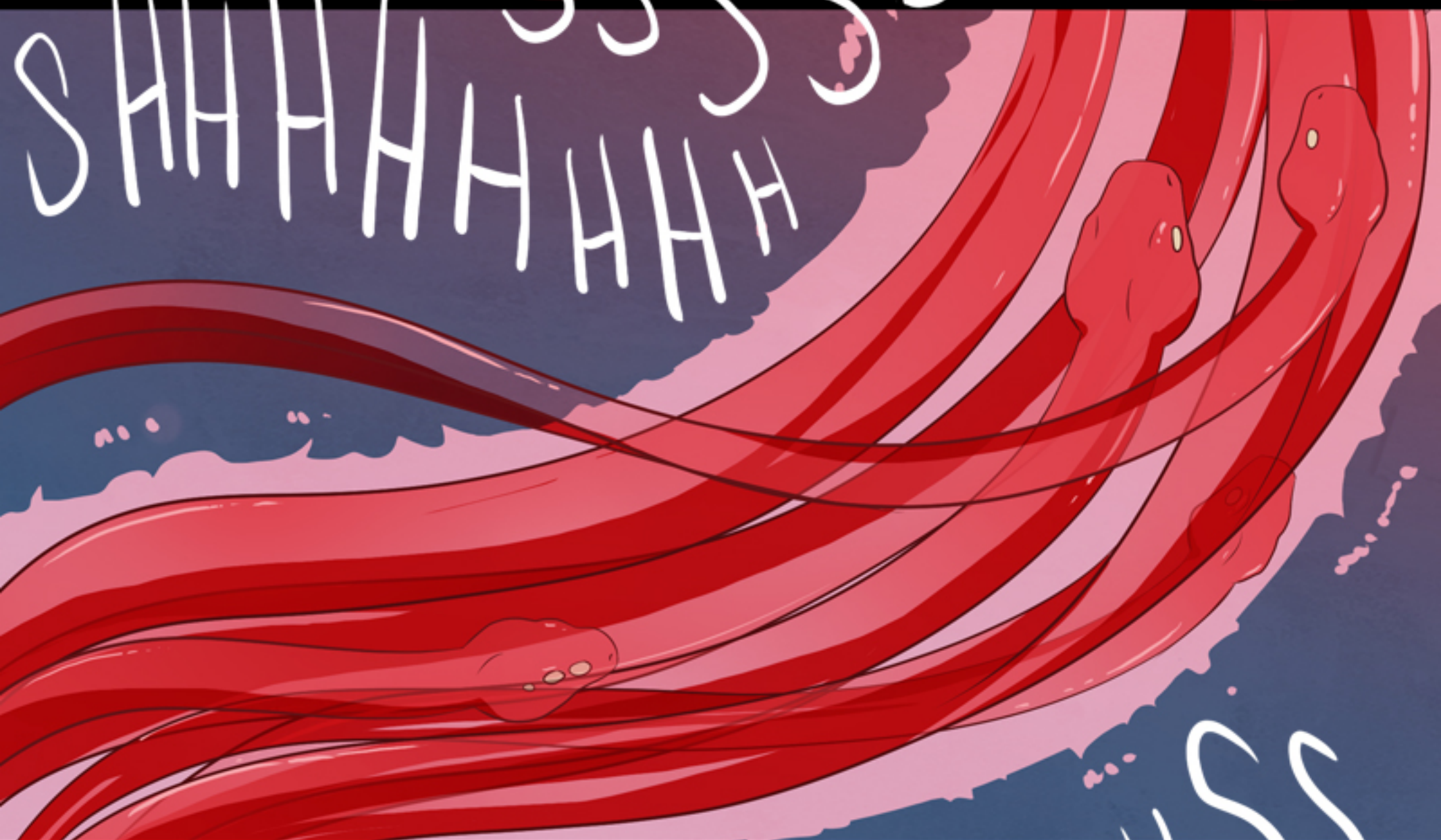
BUT THEY DON'T
LAST FOREVER. AND
UNFORTUNATELY, THIS
IS MY ONLY ACE IN
THE HOLE.



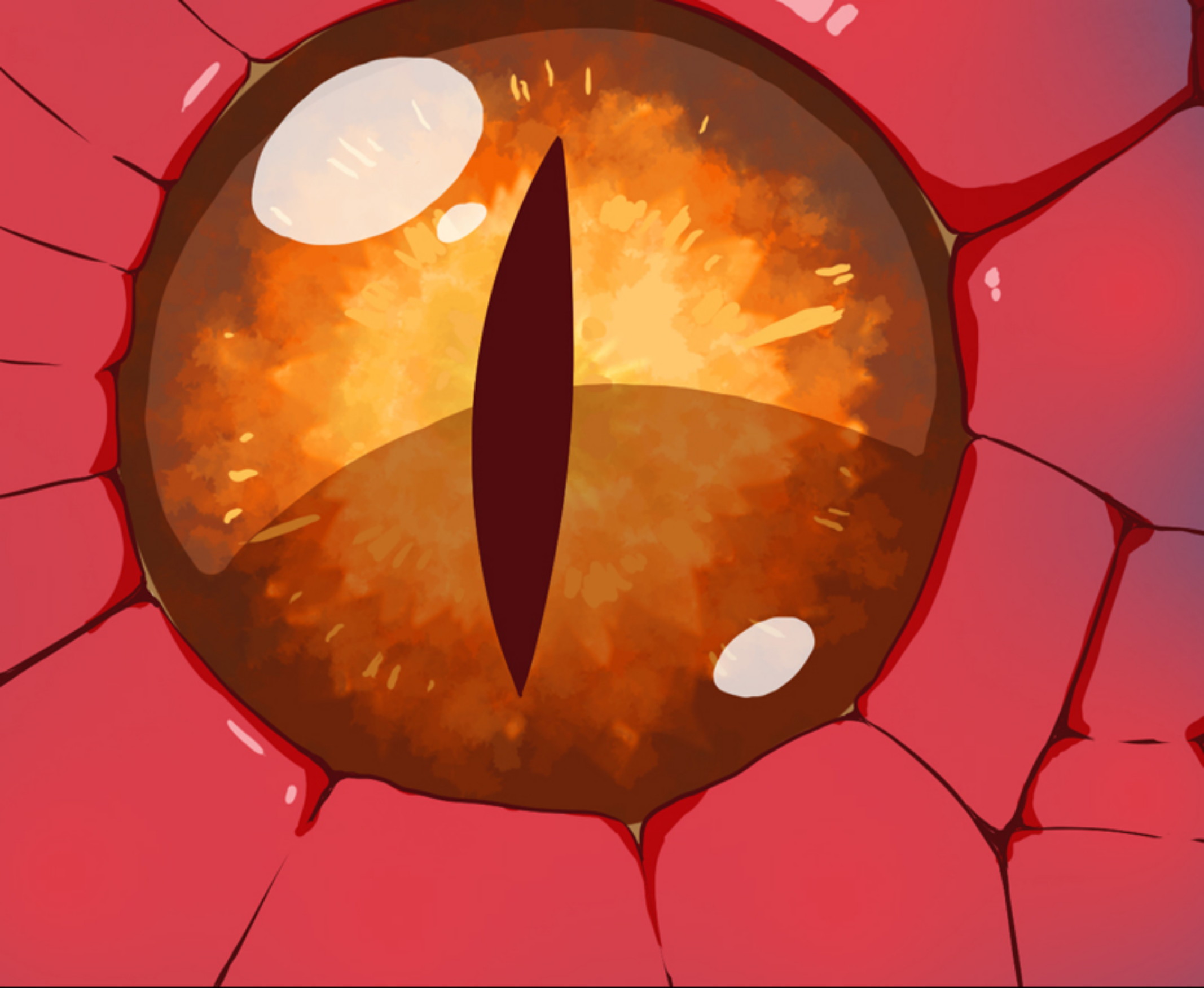




SHHHHHHH SSSSSS



HISS





...DO YOU
GUYS HEAR
SOMETHING?

SSS

SHHH



**ELLIE! PILE
UP THE REMAINING**

**BOOKS! YOU'LL HAVE
TO CLEAR THEM
ALL AT ONCE!**

RIGHT!





ALL AT
ONCE...?

WAIT!

I SAW
WHAT YOU DID
TO THAT BOOK
UPSTAIRS--



DIRECTOR
MAJUMDAR, I
KNOW THESE ARE
SUPER RARE AND
VALUABLE,

BUT WE ARE
LITERALLY ABOUT
TO BE *MURDERED*
BY *SNAKES*!



IT'S NOT
THAT. LOOK
AROUND!

OLD BOOKS,
DOCUMENTS,
PAINTINGS--THIS
PLACE IS A
TINDERBOX.

IF THAT PILE
IGNITES...





...THE **ENTIRE**
ARCHIVE WILL GO
UP IN FLAMES!







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