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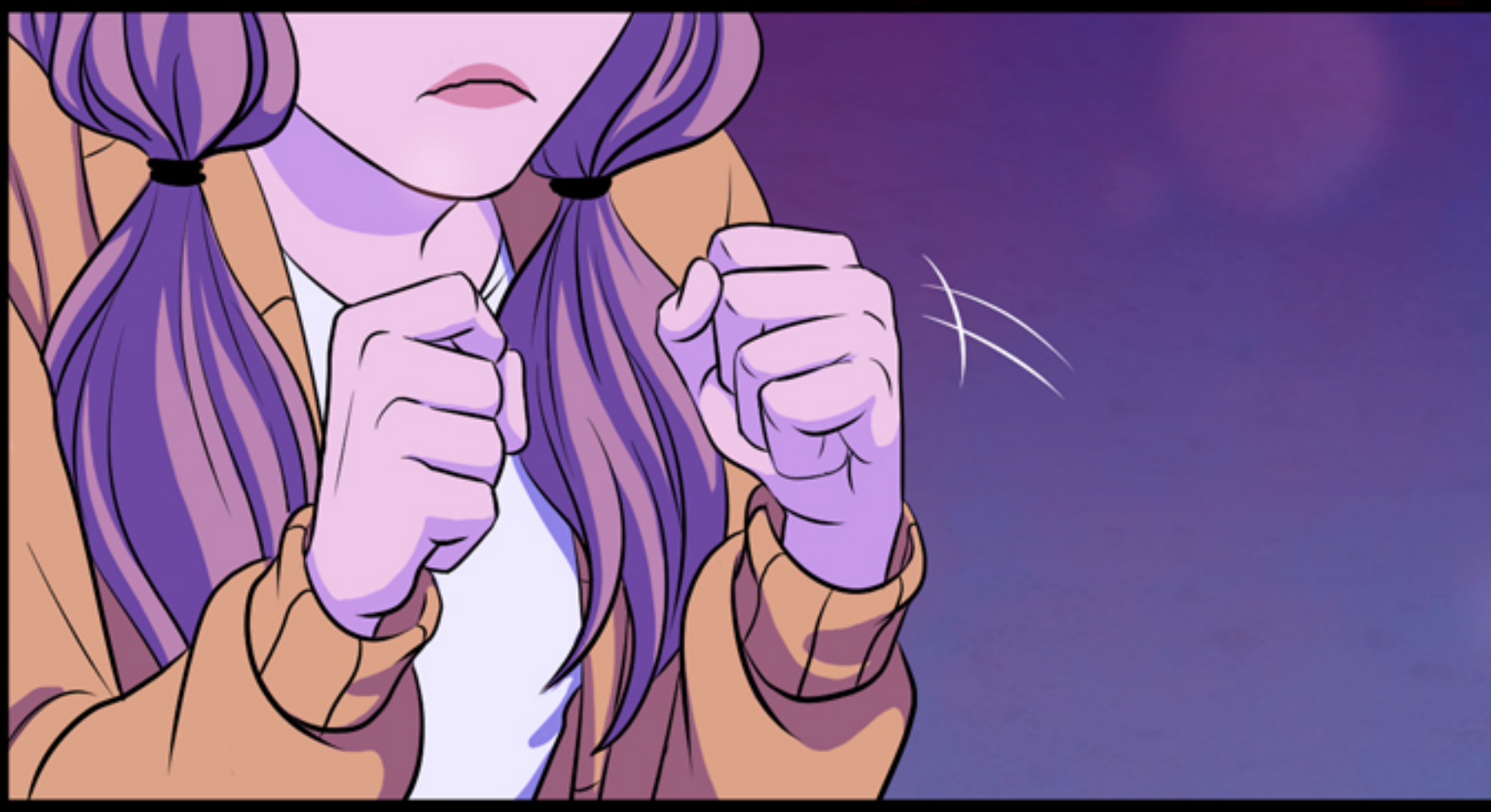


ELLIE? WHAT'S WRONG?

EHEHEH, OH YOU KNOW, NOT MUCH.

IT'S BREAKING THROUGH!

JUST THAT WE'RE EITHER GOING TO BURN TO DEATH OR GET EATEN BY THAT BIG SNAKE GUY AND IT'LL BE ALL MY FAULT.

WHAT?

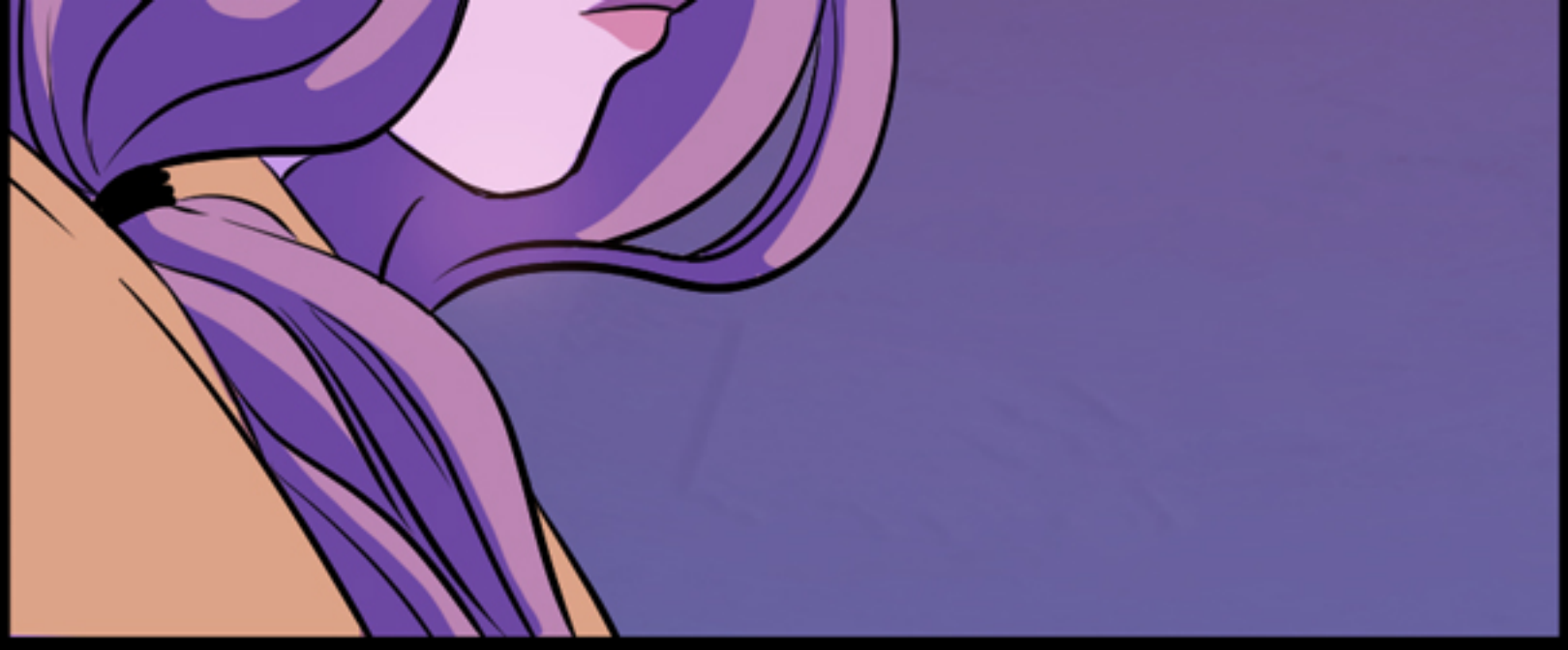
ELLIE, LISTEN TO ME. I'VE BEEN TRAINING YOU FOR SIX MONTHS NOW, AND I KNOW WHAT YOU'RE CAPABLE OF.

REGARDLESS OF HOW YOU FEEL AT THE MOMENT, I'M CERTAIN YOU CAN DO THIS.

BUT EVEN IF THE UNTHINKABLE HAPPENS...

EVEN IF IT ALL GOES WRONG AND EVERYTHING COMES CRASHING DOWN...

I PROMISE YOU WE ***WILL*** GET THROUGH THIS, AND WE ***WILL*** MAKE THINGS RIGHT.



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THEY'RE... GONE?

WOOOOOO!

HAHAHA, I KNOW I SHOULDN'T BE LAUGHING--THAT WAS LEGITIMATELY TERRIFYING! I SUPPOSE I'M JUST HAPPY

TO BE ALIVE!

GHOSTLY FLYING
MY MUSEUM. HOW C
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THOUGH RIGHT NOW
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PROBABLY SHOULD HAVE SEEN THAT COMING.

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SLEEPING SOUNDLY.

YOU'RE SURE SHE DOESN'T NEED A DOCTOR?

NO, A GOOD NIGHT'S SLEEP SHOULD SUFFICE. AND WHAT ABOUT YOU, DIRECTOR?

ME?

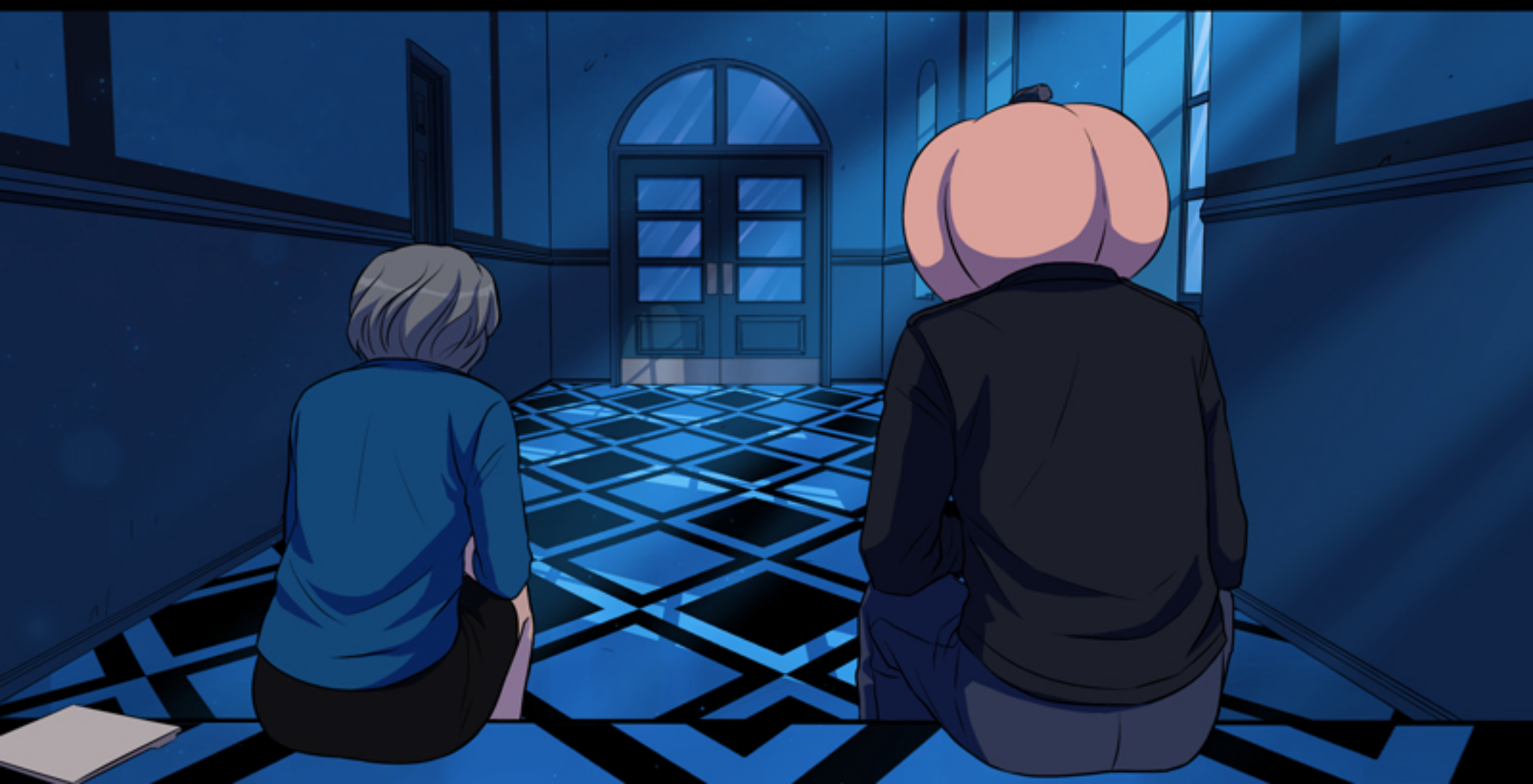
WELL, I'M STILL IN *ONE PIECE.* PERHAPS YOU SHOULD ASK ME AGAIN AFTER I MEET WITH THE BOARD TOMORROW.

HONESTLY IT'LL BE A *MIRACLE* IF THEY DON'T FIRE ME ON THE SPOT.

THAT'S NOT REALLY WHAT I MEANT.

:SIGH:
OF COURSE.

IT...IT'S BEEN A LONG NIGHT.



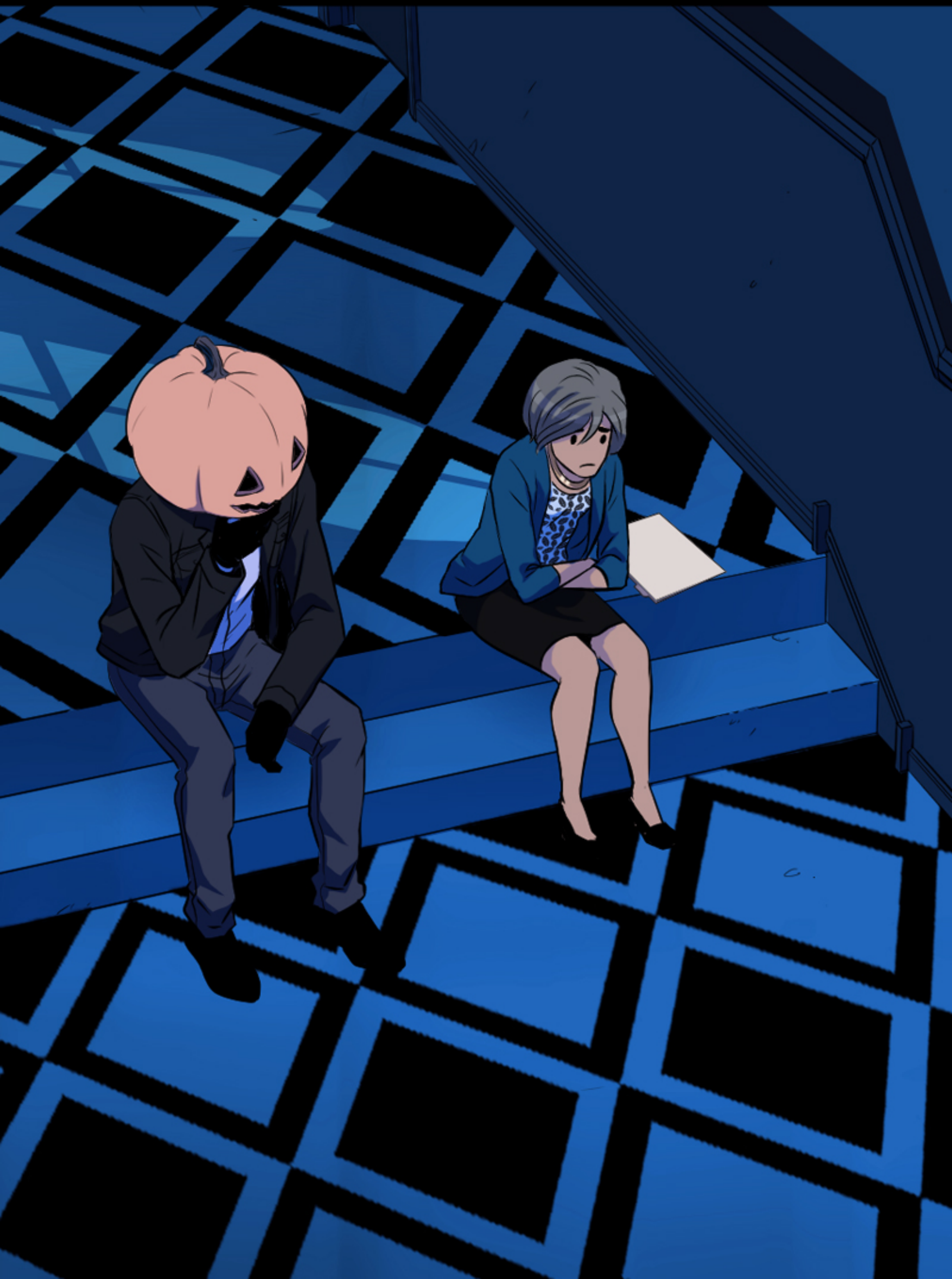
YOU KNOW, IT'S NOT SO UNUSUAL TO SEE SUPPOSEDLY CURSED ITEMS IN THIS PROFESSION.

NATURALLY THE PREVAILING WISDOM IS TO LOOK AT THESE OBJECTS AND THEIR STORIES THROUGH A CULTURAL LENS RATHER THAN SUCCUMBING TO SUPERSTITION...

BUT TONIGHT'S EVENTS SOMEWHAT...

COMPLICATE MATTERS.

I SEE.

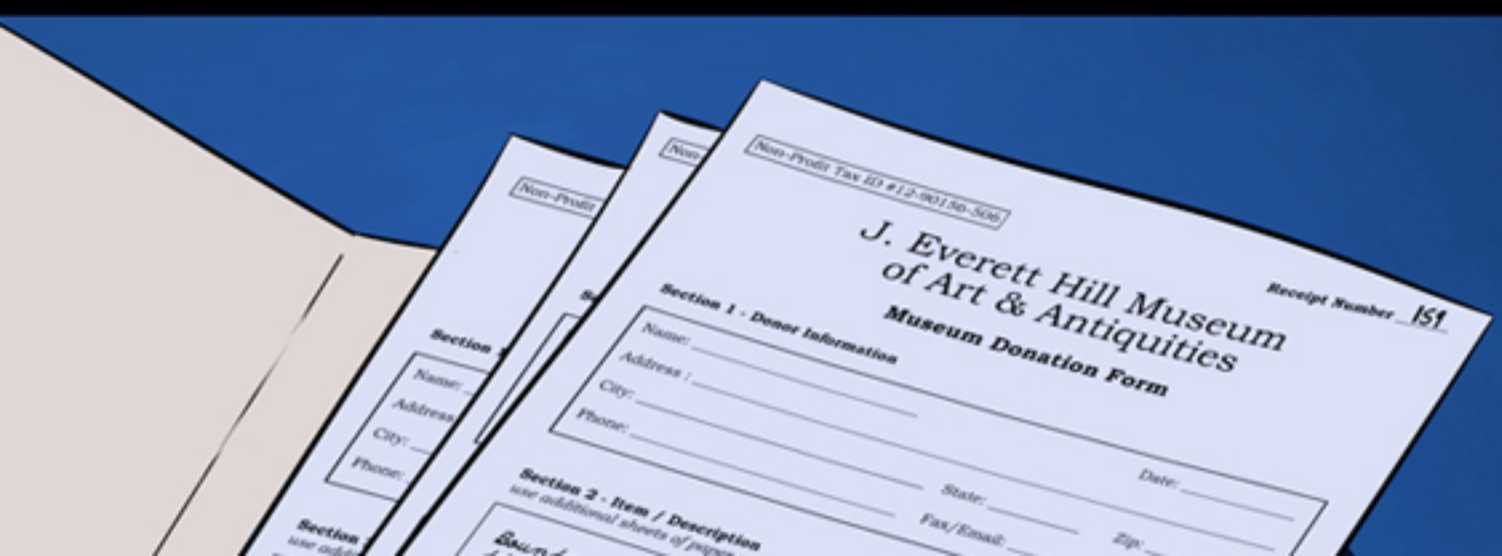


FORGIVE ME FOR ASKING AGAIN, BUT YOU'RE CERTAIN YOU CAN'T TELL ME WHO DONATED THOSE BOOKS?

NO, BUT NOT BECAUSE I DON'T WANT TO.

THE RECORDS FOR THOSE ITEMS DON'T LIST A NAME OR ANY CONTACT DETAILS.

IT'S POSSIBLE SOMEONE ON THE BOARD MIGHT KNOW. PERHAPS I COULD INQUIRE--

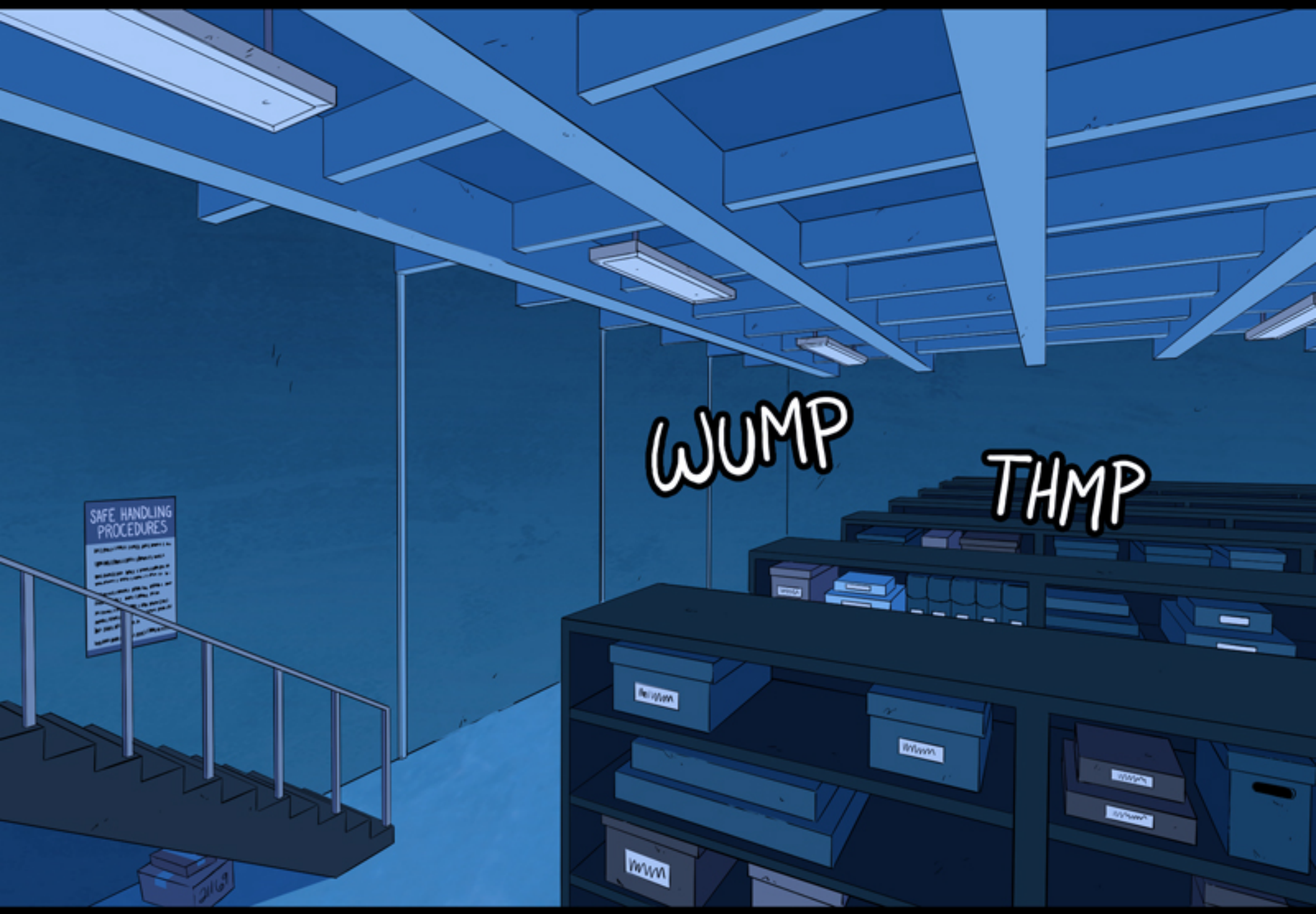


WAIT, YOU THINK SOMEONE DONATED THE BOOKS *KNOWING* THIS WOULD HAPPEN?

THE THOUGHT HAD CROSSED MY MIND.

BUT WHO WOULD GO THROUGH THE TROUBLE TO DO SUCH A THING?

AND MORE IMPORTANTLY, WHY?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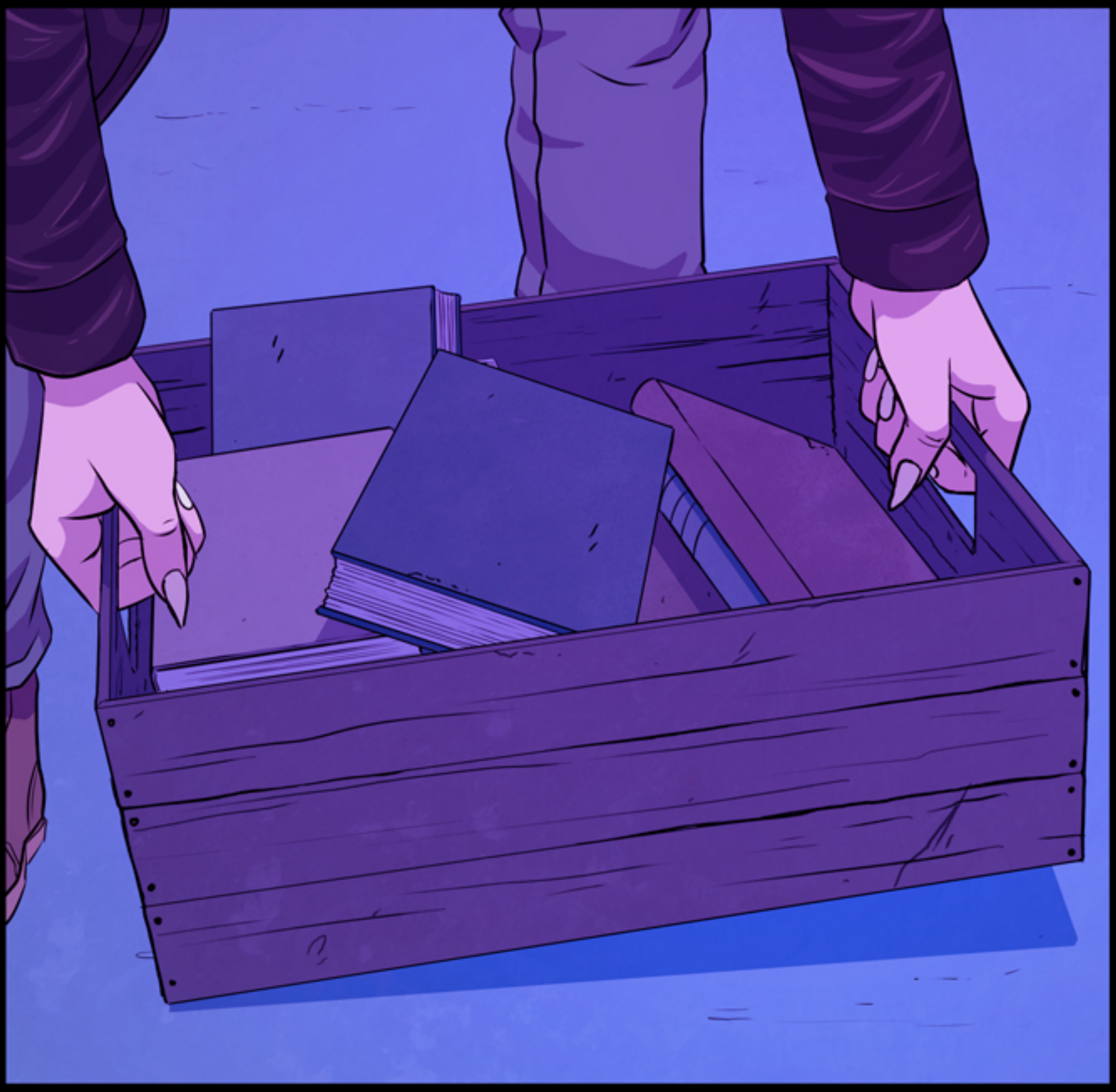
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