

PART 7

STRANGERS TO
OURSELVES







SOME ARE
GUARDIANS, SOME
MEAN US HARM, AND
SOME JUST WANT TO
BE HEARD.





AS A PSYCHIC
MEDIUM, I'VE BEEN
BLESSED WITH THE ABILITY
TO COMMUNICATE WITH
THESE ENTITIES...

...AND
THE DUTY TO
PASS ALONG THEIR
MESSAGES TO YOU,
THE LIVING.



AT THIS TIME,
I'D LIKE TO ASK
ANY SPIRITS THAT WISH
TO COMMUNICATE TO
MAKE THEMSELVES
KNOWN.



COME ON
NOW, DON'T
BE SHY.

UH...HI?



I'M GETTING
SOMETHING FROM
OVER HERE. THERE'S
AN "L"...A NAME THAT
STARTS WITH "L."



YES! LIAM,
MY NAME'S
LIAM!



AND I'M
SENSING SOME
CONNECTION TO
WATER.

WHAT?
I MEAN,
MAYBE?



THIS SPIRIT HAS A
MALE ENERGY. YES,
I'M SENSING AN
OLDER MAN.

OH NOW
THAT'S JUST
HURTFUL.





MY UNCLE
LOUIE! HE USED
TO GO FISHING ON THE
LAKE ALMOST EVERY
WEEKEND.





THE WATER WAS
A SPECIAL PLACE FOR HIM,
WASN'T IT? SOMEWHERE
HE FELT VERY
SERENE.

YES! OH MY
GOODNESS, THIS IS SO
OVERWHELMING!

AH, I SEE.

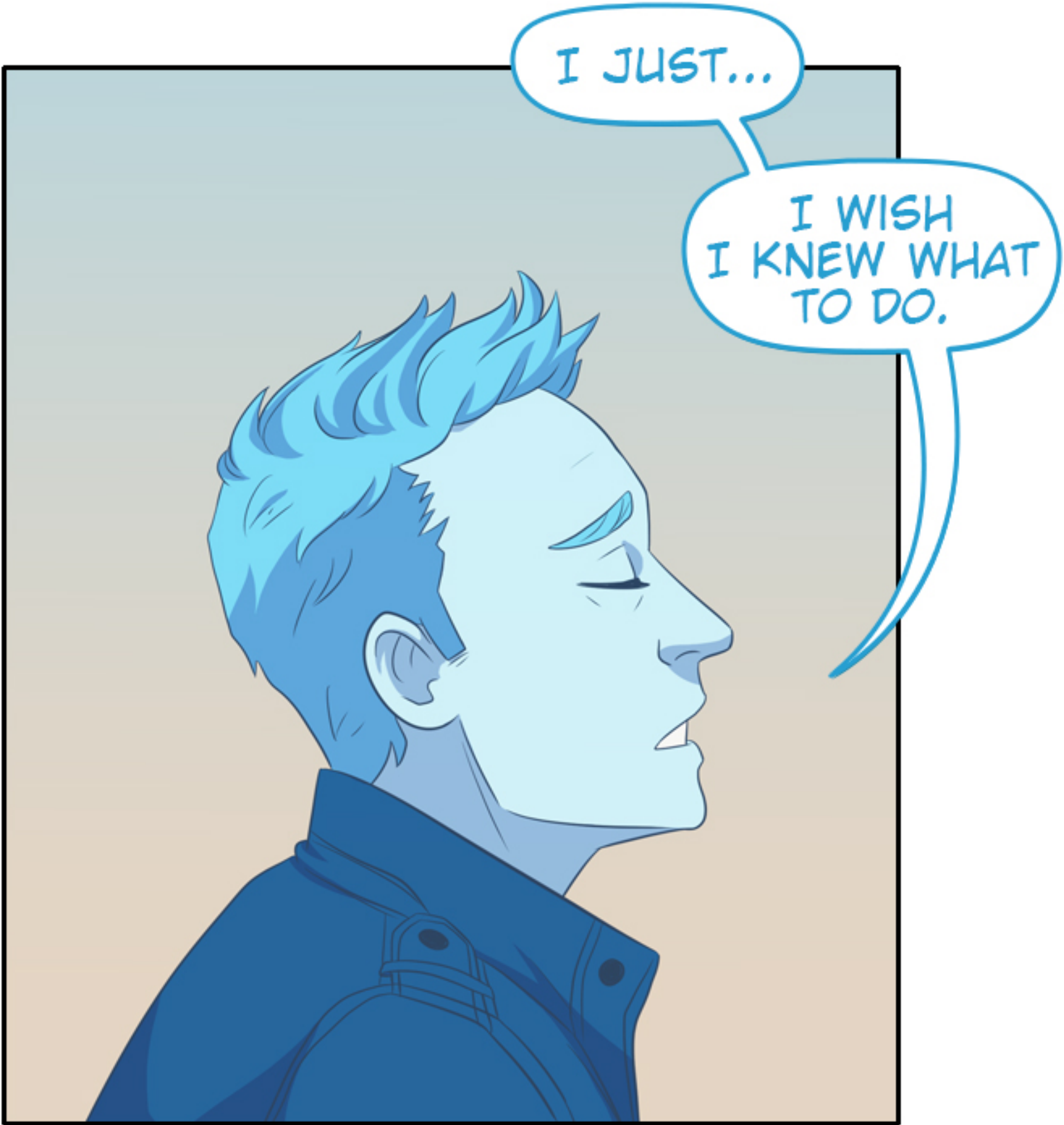


ANOTHER DAY,
ANOTHER FRAUD.

LIAM, YOU
ABSOLUTE DUMBASS.
WHY DO YOU KEEP
PUTTING YOURSELF
THROUGH THIS?

GATSBY & SON
BOOKSELLERS





I JUST...

I WISH
I KNEW WHAT
TO DO.





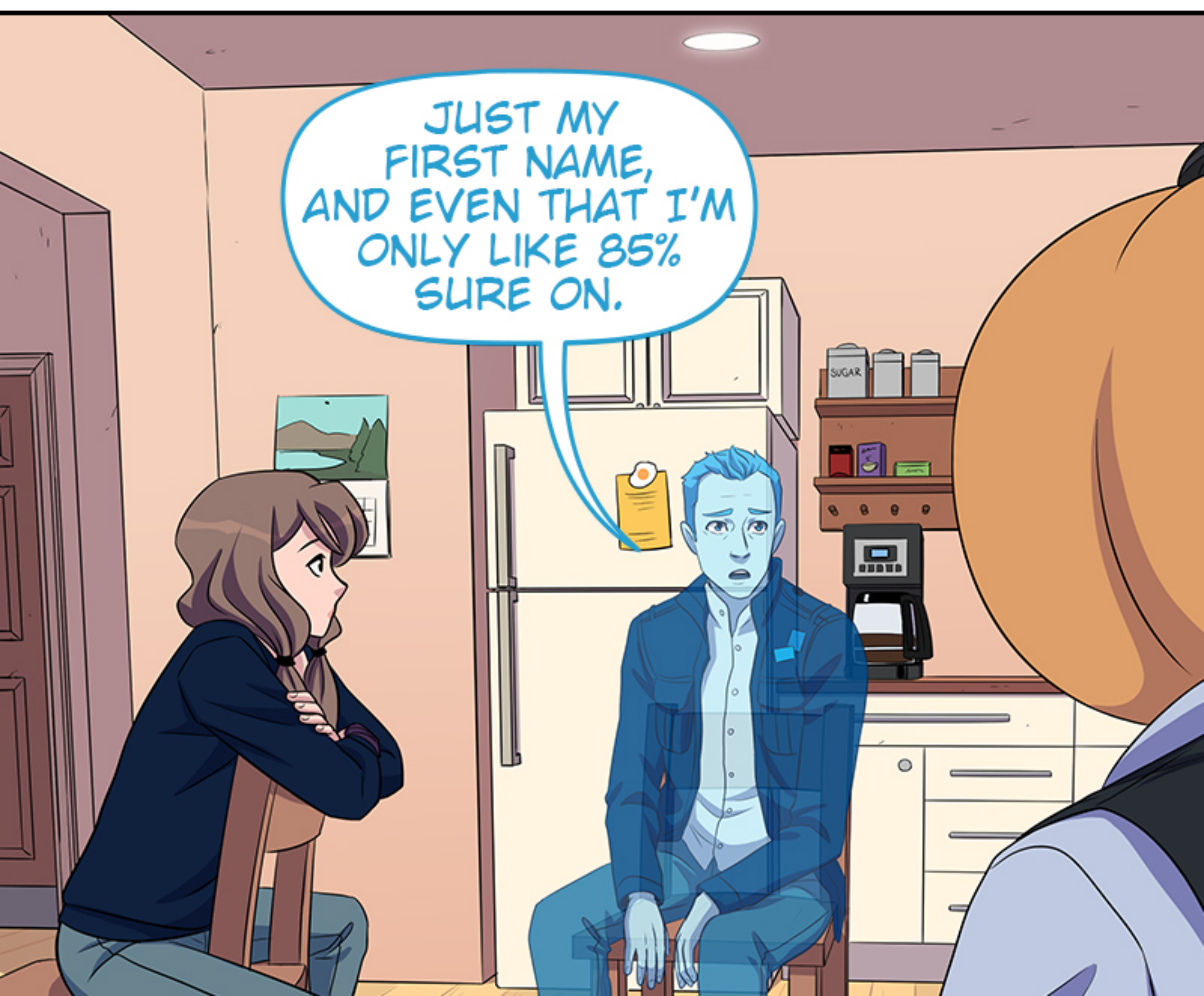




AND YOU
DON'T REMEMBER
ANYTHING?



JUST MY
FIRST NAME,
AND EVEN THAT I'M
ONLY LIKE 85%
SURE ON.





I'M HOPING
THAT FINDING SOME
ANSWERS WILL HELP
ME "MOVE ON," OR AT
LEAST FIGURE OUT
WHAT TO DO
NEXT.





SEEMS
REASONABLE.
BUT I'M NOT SURE
HOW FAR WE'LL GET
WITH ONLY A NAME--
PART OF ONE
AT THAT.

DOESN'T
HELP THAT YOU
TWO ARE THE ONLY
ONES WHO CAN
SEE THIS
GUY.





HUH, I GUESS
I ALWAYS ASSUMED
VAMPIRES COULD
SEE GHOSTS.

I THINK IT
DEPENDS ON THE
INDIVIDUAL.

PLUS I'M A
PRETTY LOUSY
VAMPIRE.



WELL, YOU
MAKE GOOD
COFFEE.



AND I AM
AN **EXCELLENT**
RESEARCHER.



Shay Daniels (L) and Liam van der Kolk hit the bar before the Bees take the stage.

WHOA.

THAT'S LIAM!
HOW DID YOU
FIND THIS?



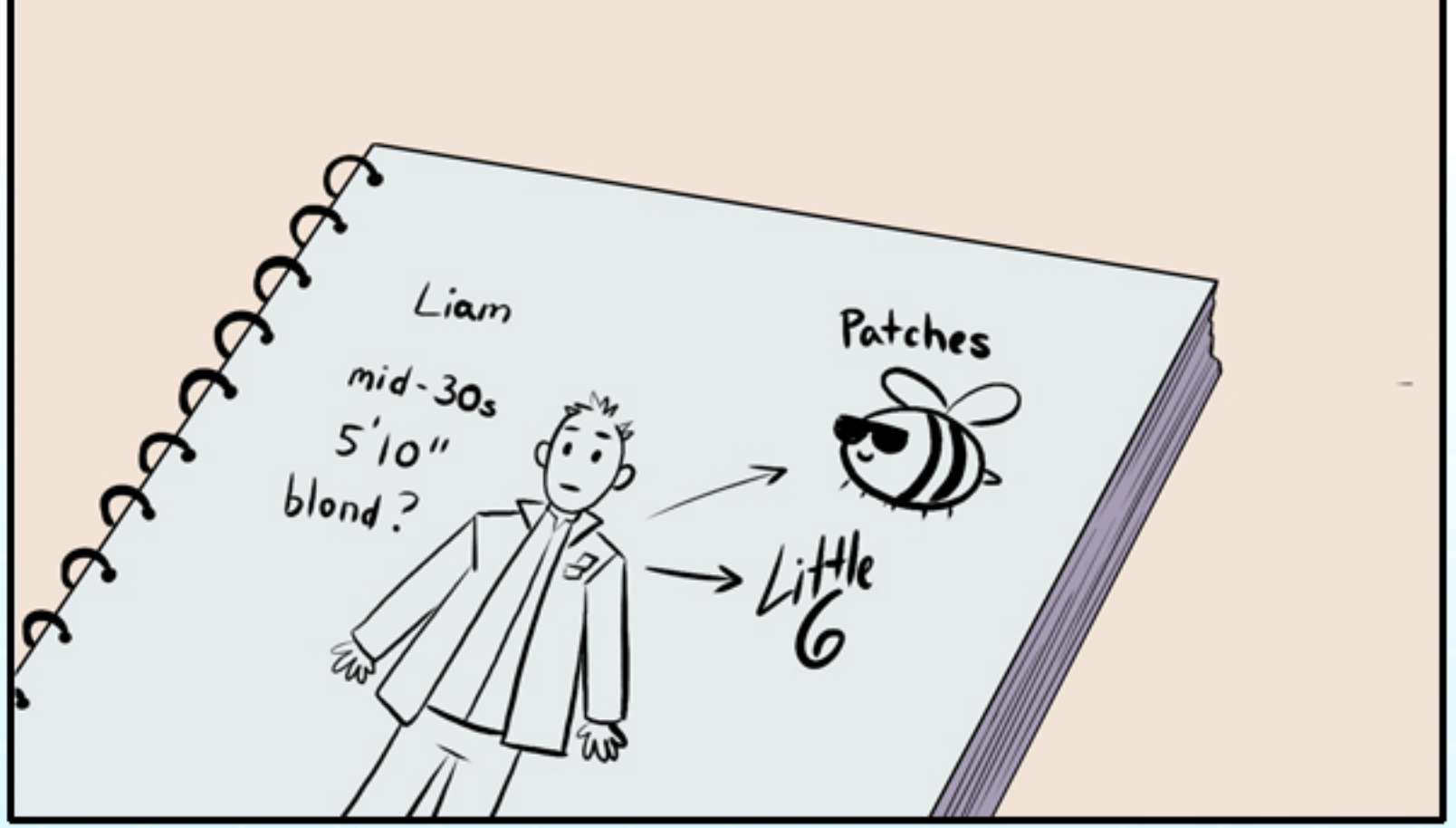


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COMING UP IN THE
MISSING PERSONS
DATABASE...





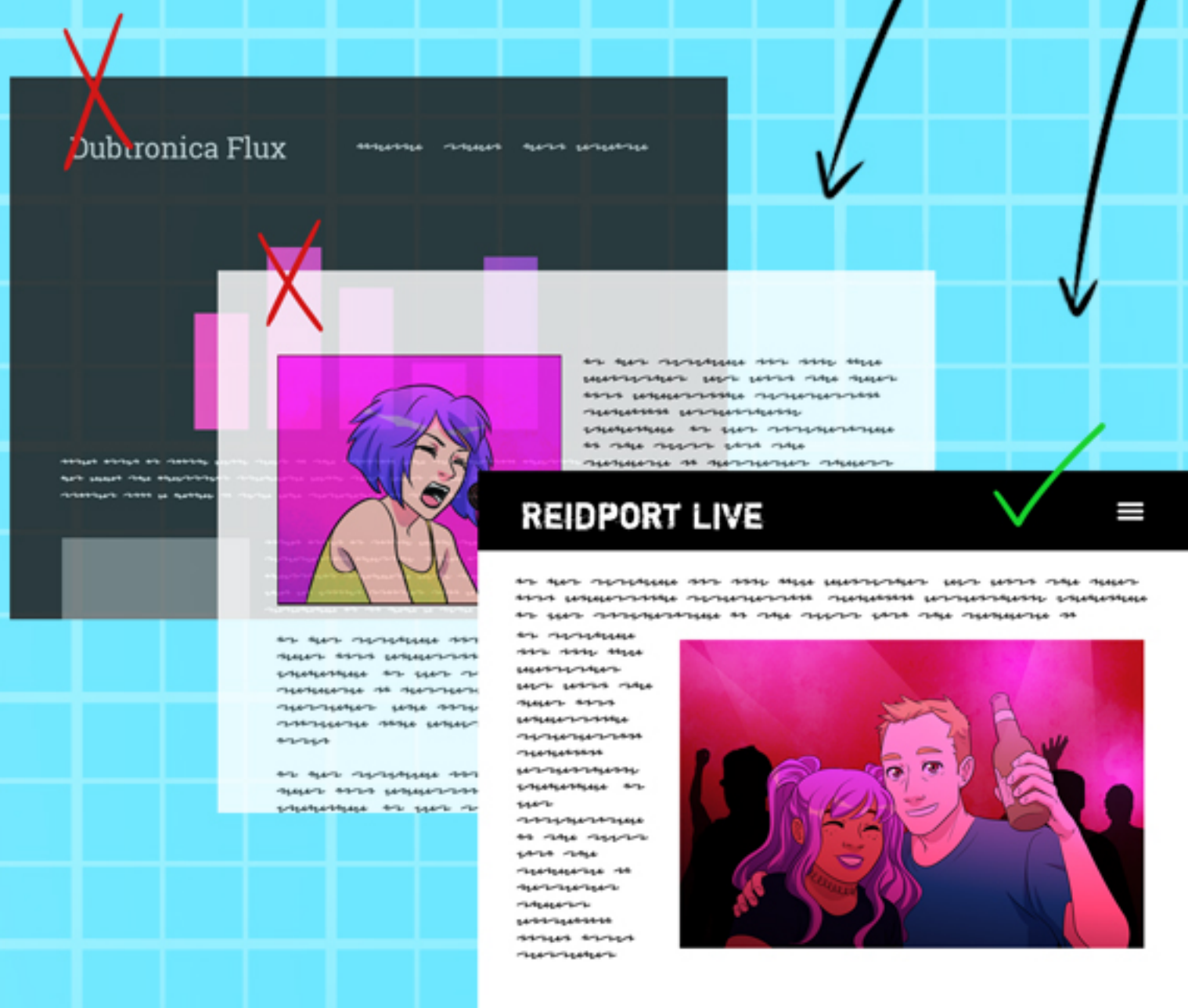
...SO I
USED WHAT
I HAD.



"TURNS OUT THIS PATCH IS
THE LOGO FOR A LOCAL BAND
CALLED **SECRETLY A SWARM
OF BEES.**"



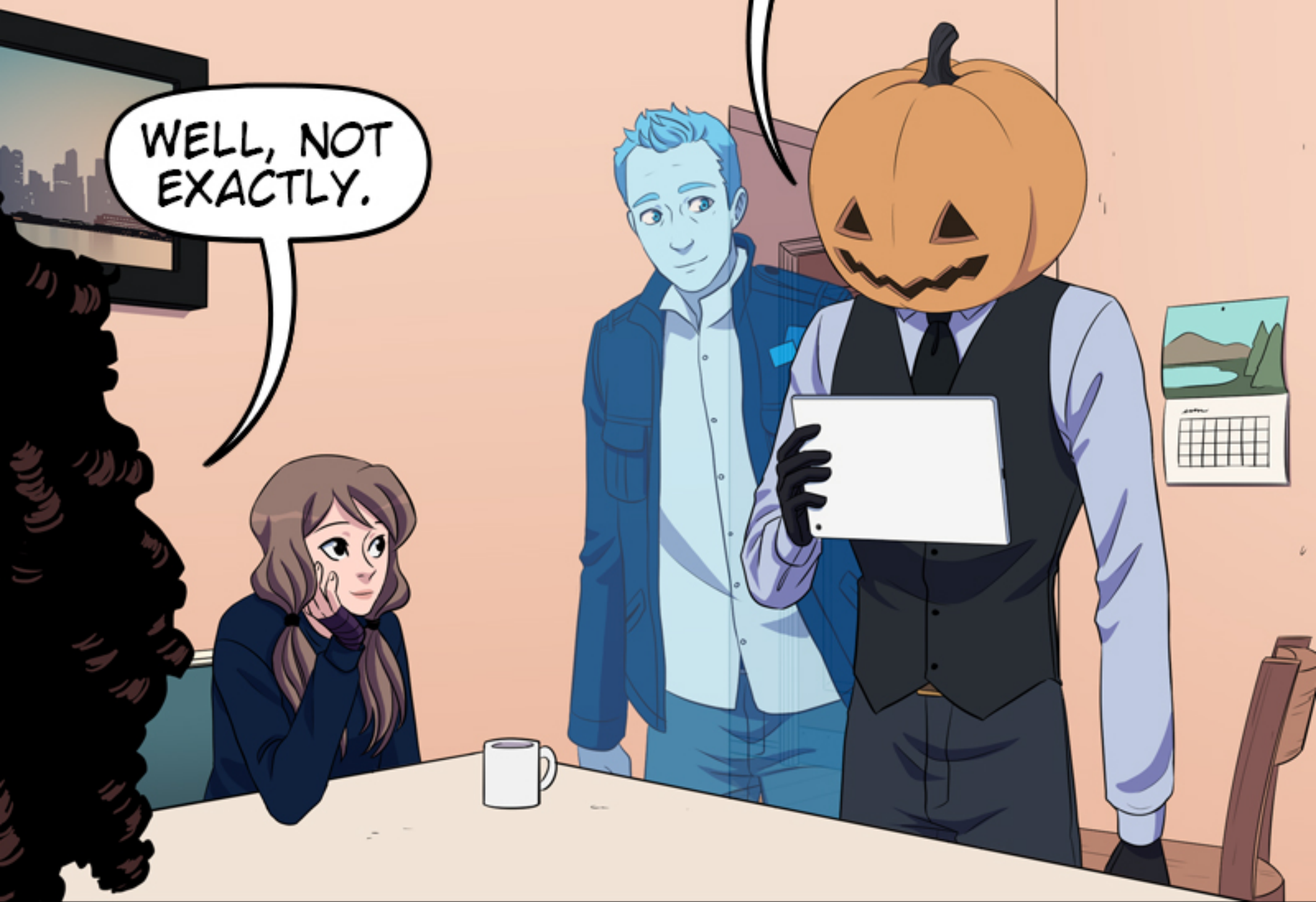
"I CHECKED
THEIR SOCIALS AND
SOME LIVE MUSIC
BLOGS..."



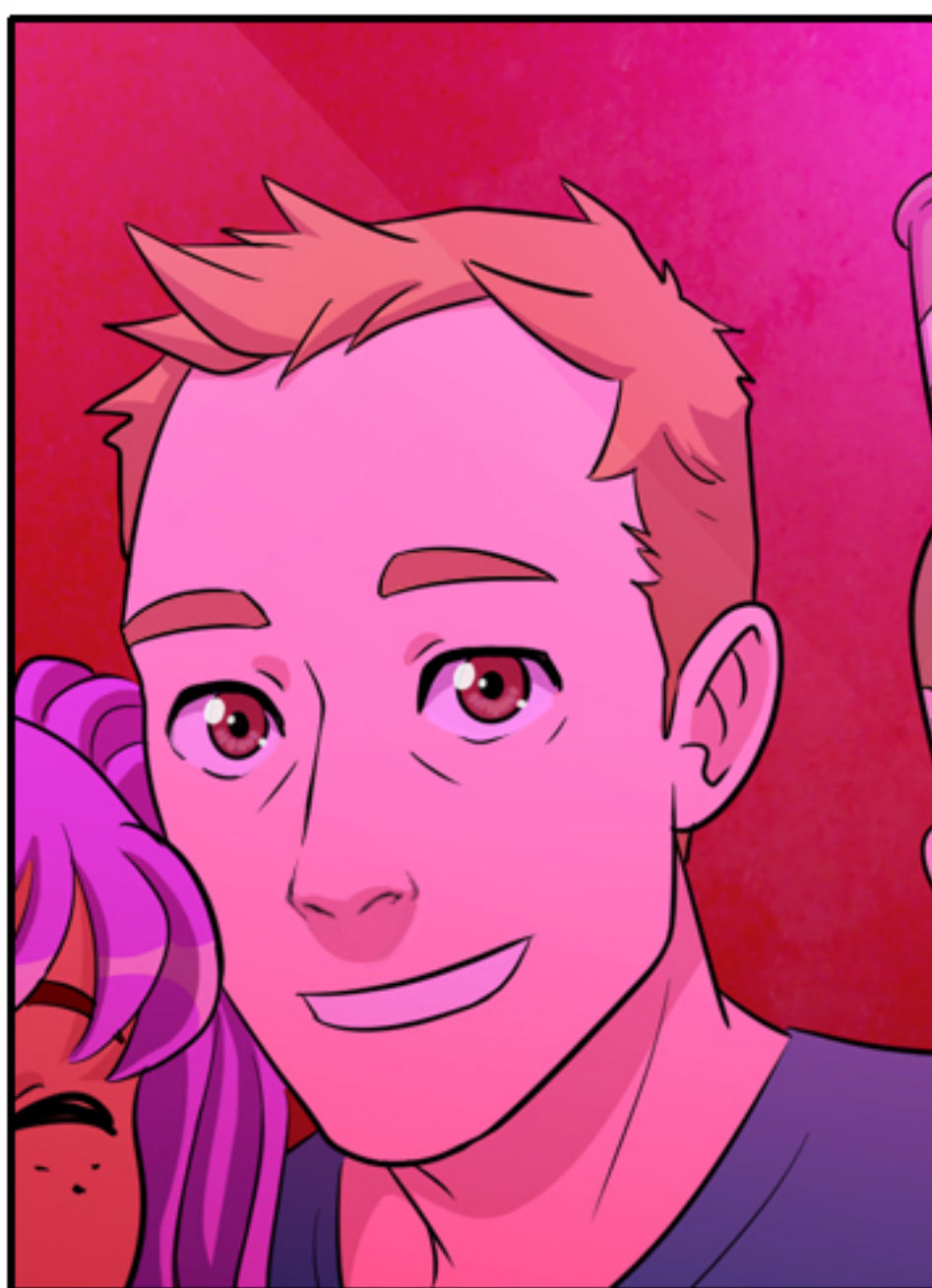
"...AND VOILA!"

SO NOW THAT
WE HAVE A SURNAME
AND A PHOTO, THE REST
SHOULD BE EASY.

WELL, NOT
EXACTLY.



"I CAN'T FIND ANY
PHONE LISTINGS
OR REAL ESTATE
RECORDS..."



"...AND IT LOOKS LIKE LIAM
DIDN'T HAVE MUCH OF A
PRESENCE ONLINE."

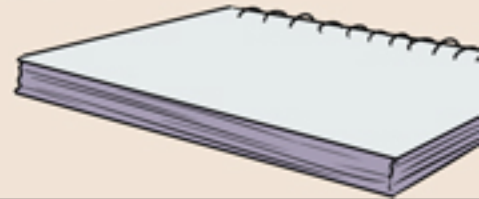


"HIS FRIEND,
THOUGH..."

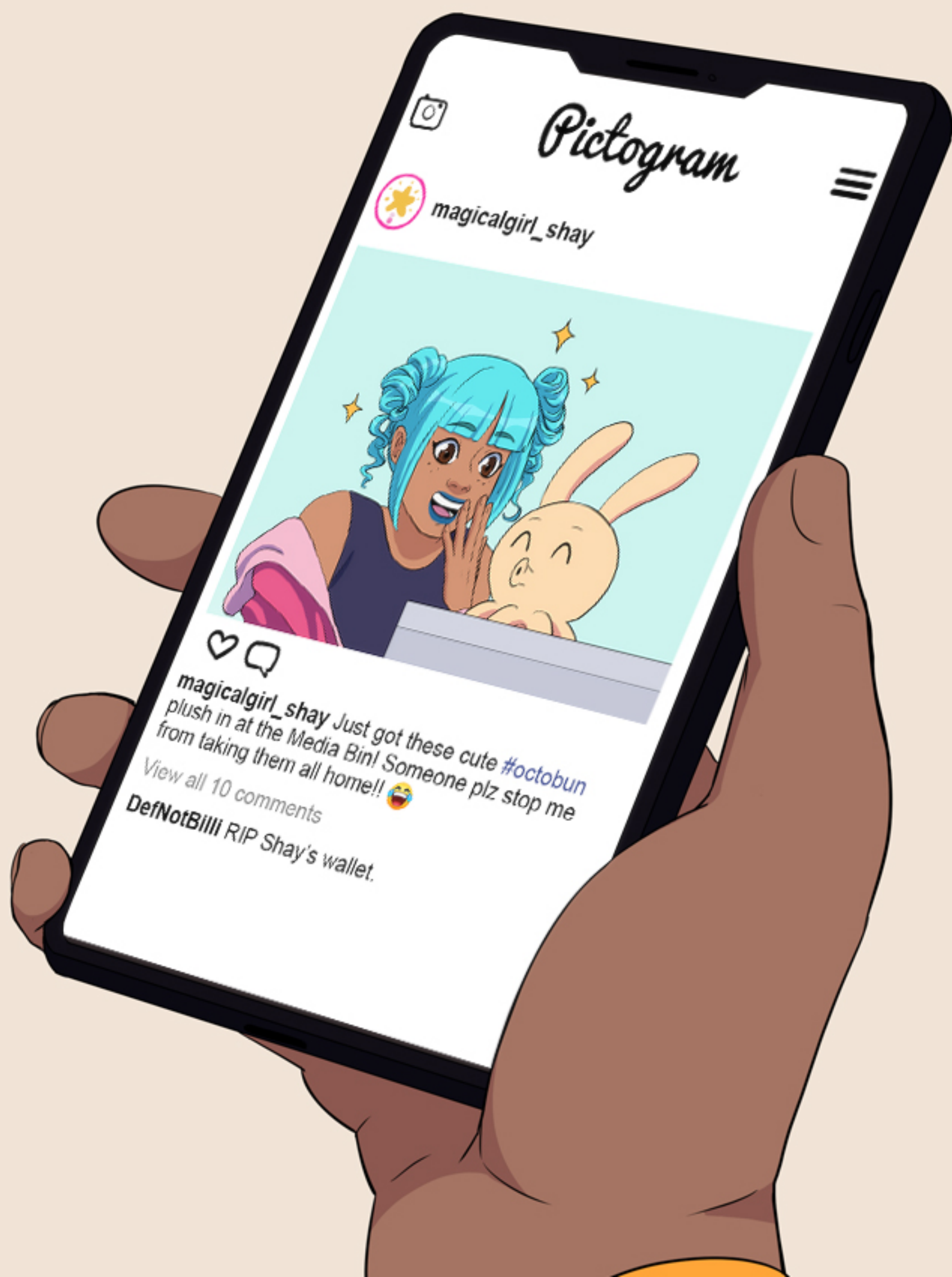
HER NAME IS

SHAY AND SHE, UH,
REALLY LIKES COLORFUL
WIGS AND MAGICAL
GIRL ANIME.

OOH!



SHE ALSO
WORKS AT **THE MEDIA
BIN** DOWNTOWN. MAYBE
SHE CAN GIVE YOU
MORE INFO.





THEN
THAT'S WHERE
WE'LL START. THANK
YOU, KATHERINE.



SURE! I'VE
GOTTA GET TO
WORK, BUT THE MEDIA
BIN ISN'T FAR FROM THE
LIBRARY. YOU GUYS
WANT A LIFT?

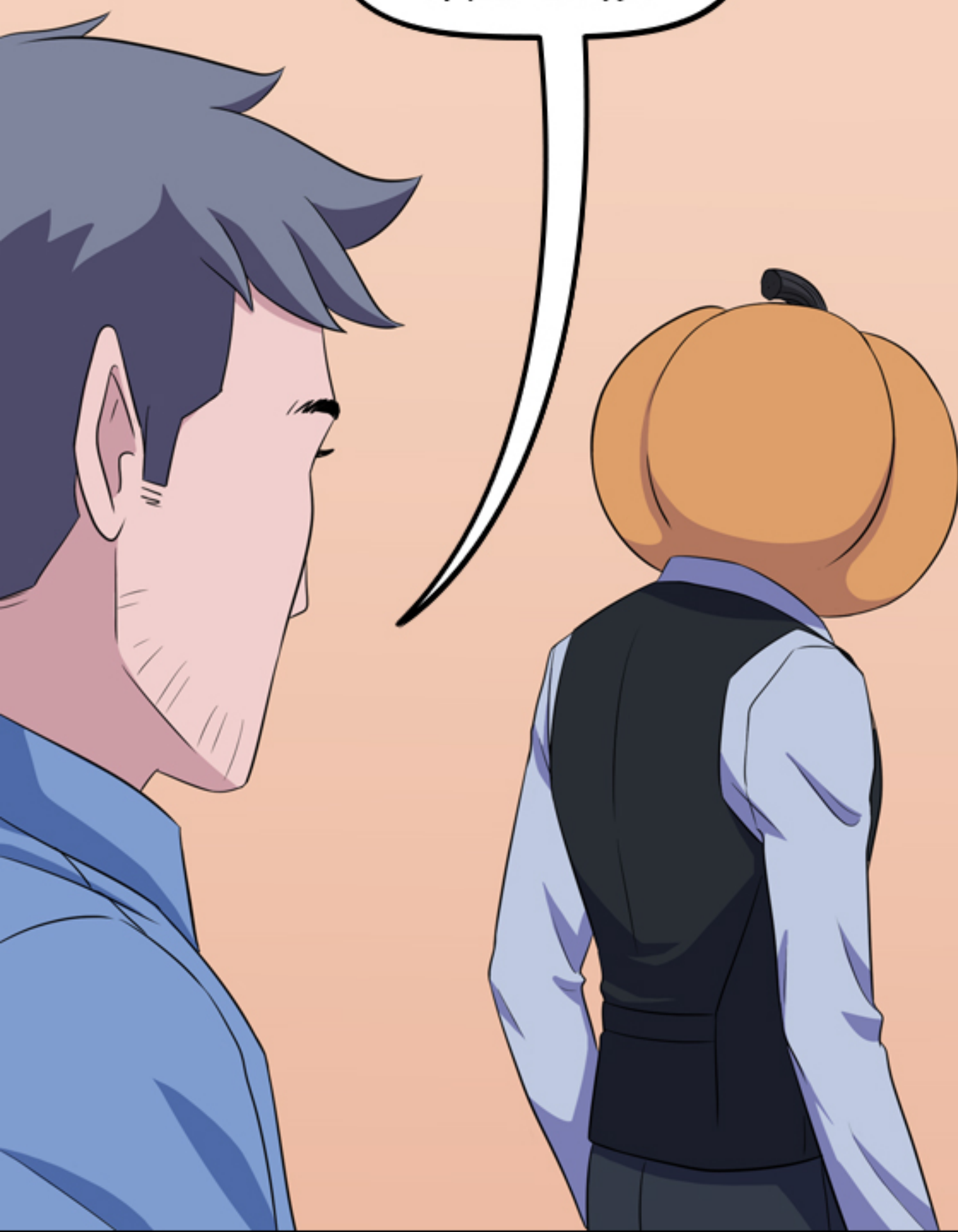
YEAH,
THAT'D BE
GREAT!







LOOKS LIKE
YOU'RE PRETTY
INVESTED IN
THIS ONE.



CALLING
IN KATHERINE,
RUNNING ALL OVER
TOWN...

ESPECIALLY
CONSIDERING
GHOSTS CAN'T
PAY.







...YOU MAKE
IT SEEM LIKE I'M
NORMALLY SUCH
A HEARTLESS
MISER.

NO, BUT
I CAN'T HELP
NOTICING THERE ARE
SOME SIMILARITIES
BETWEEN LIAM'S
STORY AND--



WE'LL HAVE
TO DISCUSS THIS LATER,
STRAUSS. I DON'T WANT
TO KEEP KATHERINE
WAITING.









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