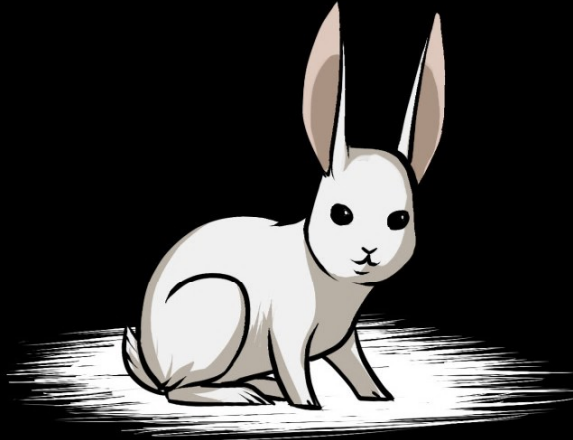


MONSTER SOUP



CHAPTER 1 MONSTER MAYHEM

WHAT IS A MONSTER?



THE DICTIONARY DEFINES
A MONSTER AS "AN *ANIMAL*
OR *PLANT* OF ABNORMAL
FORM OR *STRUCTURE*."



OR "ONE WHO *DEVIATES*
FROM NORMAL OR ACCEPTABLE
BEHAVIOR OR CHARACTER."

WHO'S A CUTEY?

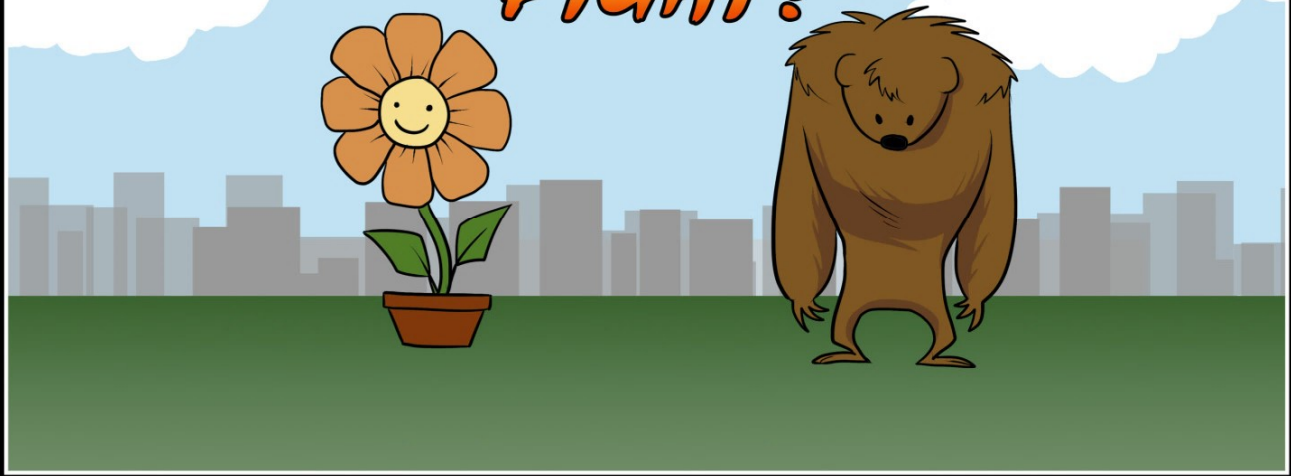
YOU'RE A CUTEY.

YES, YOU ARE!



PERHAPS IT IS "A THREATENING FORCE" OR "AN ANIMAL OF STRANGE OR TERRIFYING SHAPE."

FLOWER vs. BEAR FIGHT!



EEEEYAAAH!



FLOWER WINS!

MEANWHILE . . .

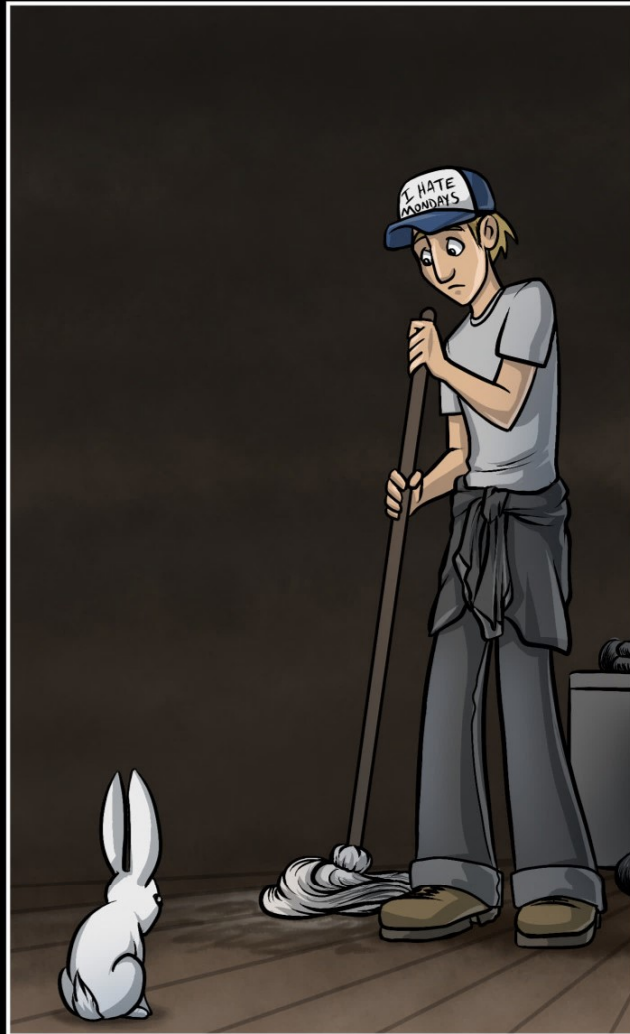
I DON'T CARE HOW MUCH LUCK THEY BRING.
THAT CAN'T BE NORMAL.



OR IT COULD BE "A PERSON OF UNNATURAL OR EXTREME UGLINESS, DEFORMITY, WICKEDNESS, OR CRUELTY"?



OUT OF ALL OF THESE
DEFINITIONS, ONE
THING IS CERTAIN . . .



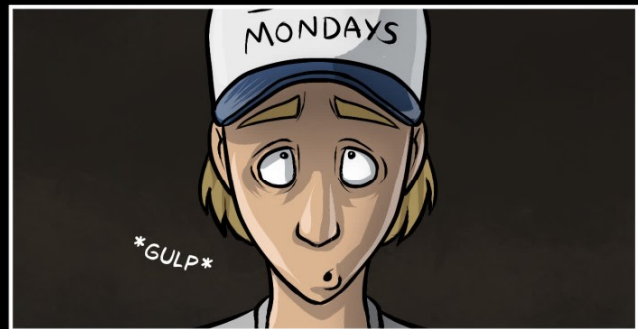
HEY
THERE,
LITTLE
GUY.



ARE YOU
LOST?



WHAT
IN THE...



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SOME MONSTERS
CANNOT BE TRUSTED.



Case No. _____
Last Name _____
Date of Birth _____
Classification _____
Scars/Tattoos _____
Hair Color _____
Demeanor _____
Other _____

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Date	Arrest Date	Arresting Officer
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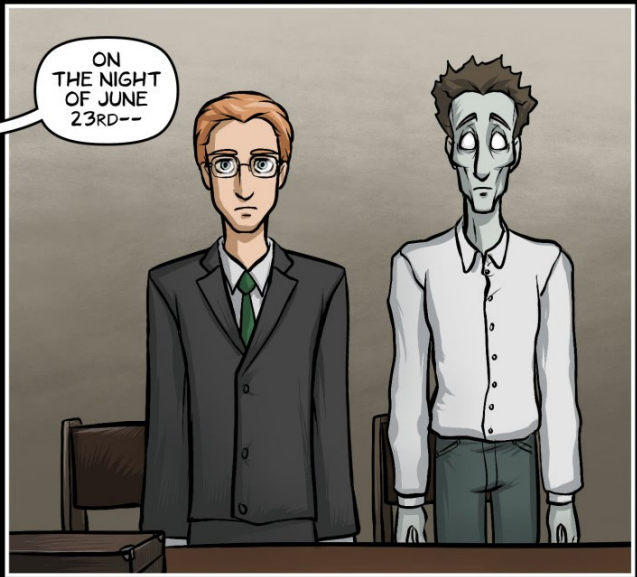
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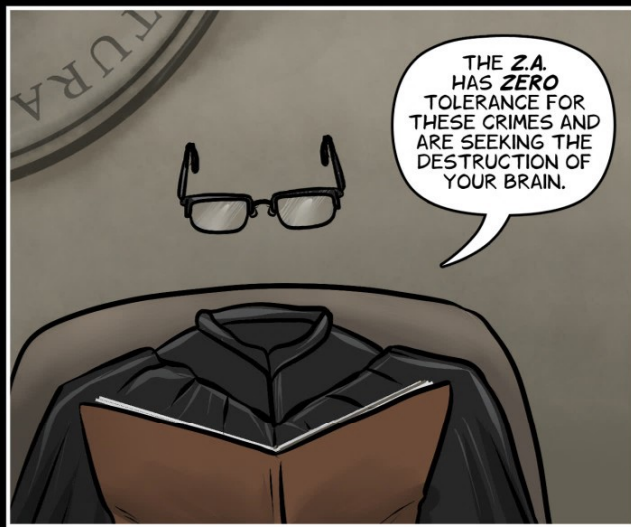
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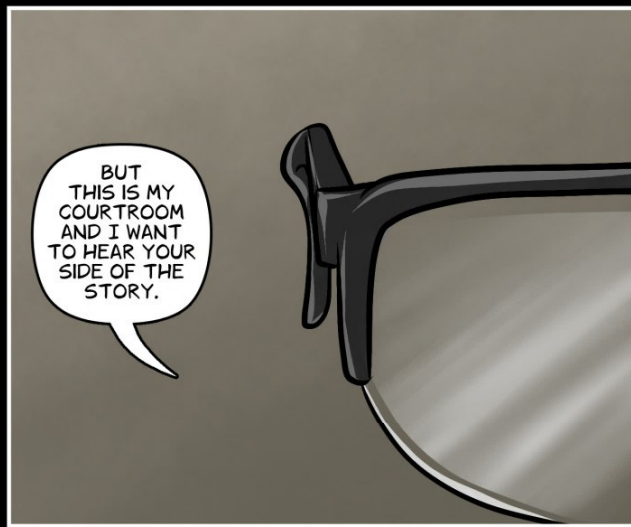
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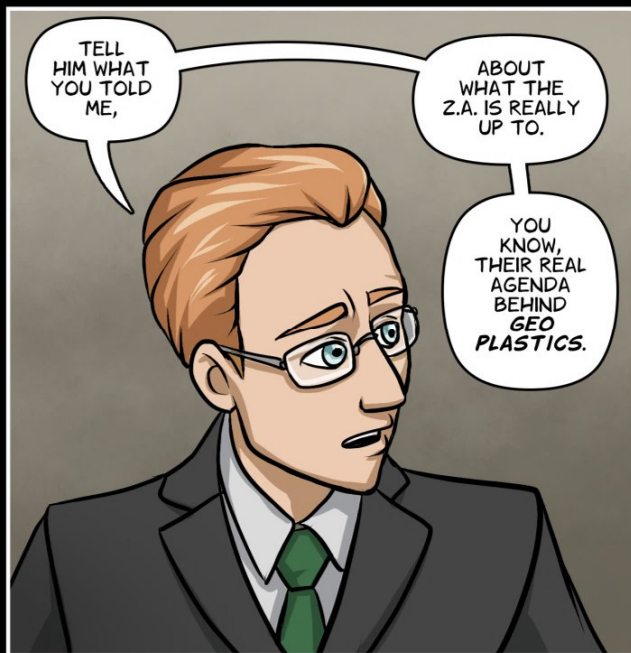




THE Z.A. HAS ZERO TOLERANCE FOR THESE CRIMES AND ARE SEEKING THE DESTRUCTION OF YOUR BRAIN.



BUT THIS IS MY COURTROOM AND I WANT TO HEAR YOUR SIDE OF THE STORY.



TELL HIM WHAT YOU TOLD ME,

ABOUT WHAT THE Z.A. IS REALLY UP TO.

YOU KNOW, THEIR REAL AGENDA BEHIND GEO PLASTICS.



UH...

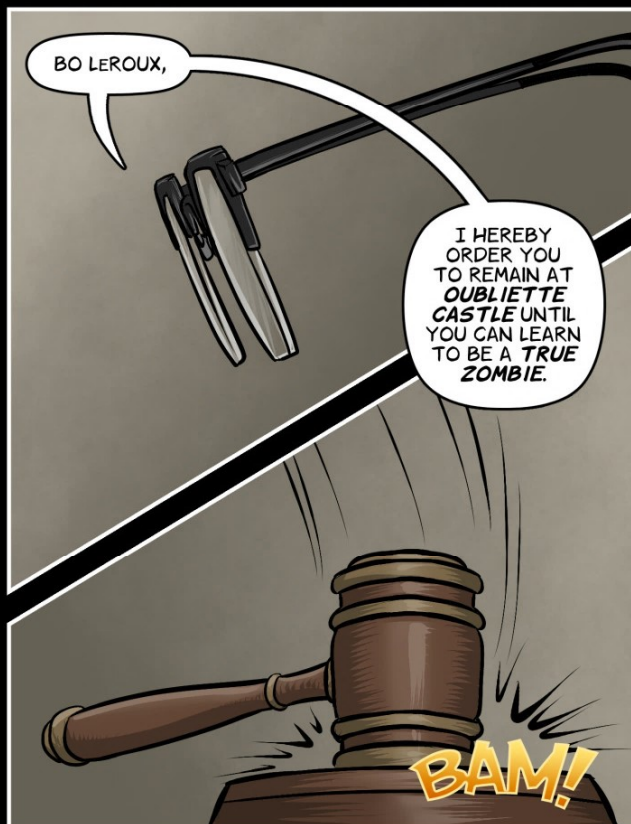


WELL?



GUILTY.

-SIGH-



BO LEROUX,

I HEREBY ORDER YOU TO REMAIN AT OUBLIETTE CASTLE UNTIL YOU CAN LEARN TO BE A TRUE ZOMBIE.

BAM!



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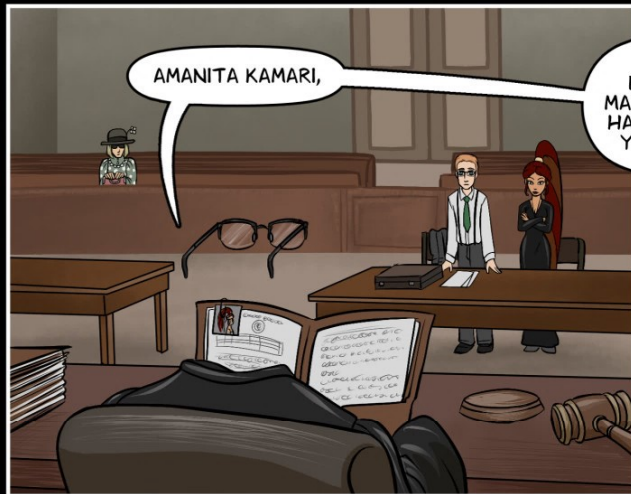
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	JKL Corp	MNO Inc	01/05/2024	Real Estate Dispute	Appealed
	PQR Ltd	STU LLC	02/20/2024	Intellectual Property	Settled
	VWX Corp	YZA Inc	03/10/2024	Contract Dispute	Pending

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AMANITA KAMARI,

YOU ARE HERE BECAUSE OF THE MANY COMPLAINTS WE HAVE RECEIVED FROM YOUR CUSTOMERS.



ON THE NIGHT OF MARCH 17TH, YOU GAVE A READING TO A MRS. JOHNSON.



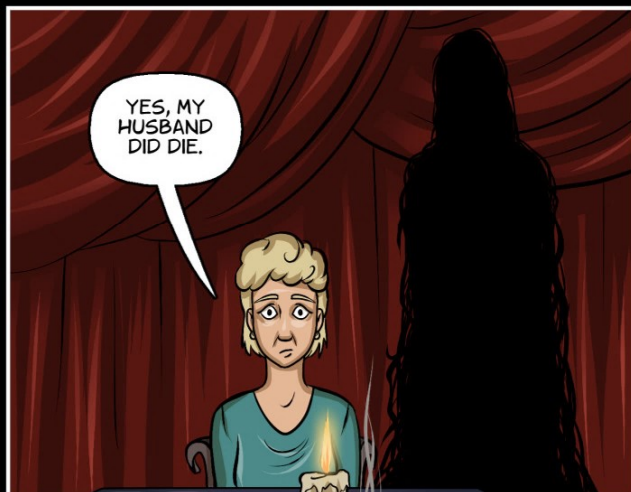
THE POOR WIDOW WAS TRYING TO FIND CLOSURE OVER THE LOSS OF HER HUSBAND.



BUT AS THE READING BEGAN, YOU STARTED SCREAMING ABOUT DEATH.



DEATH!



YES, MY HUSBAND DID DIE.



AHHHHHH!





I HAVE A WHOLE STACK HERE WITH INCIDENT AFTER INCIDENT.

NOT ONLY DO YOU CLAIM TO SEE DEATH,

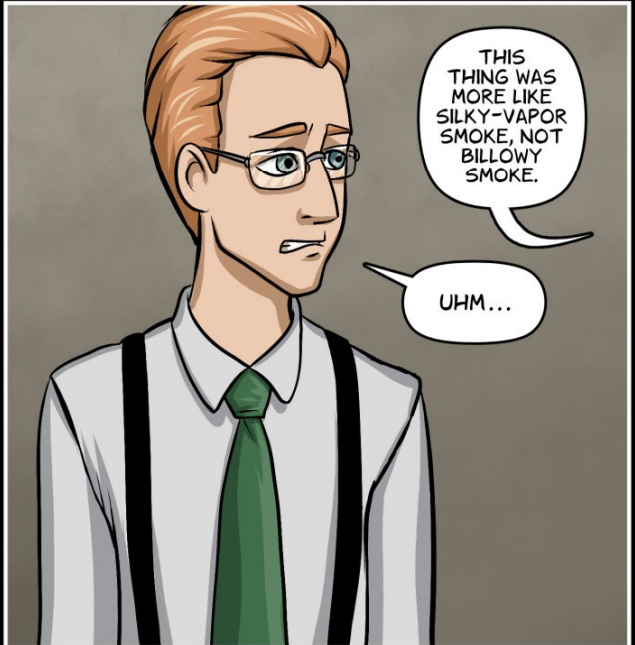


BUT YOU ALSO CLAIM TO HAVE SEEN **GENGHIS KHAN, ABRAHAM LINCOLN,** AND THE **SMOKE MONSTER** FROM THE SHOW **LOST**.



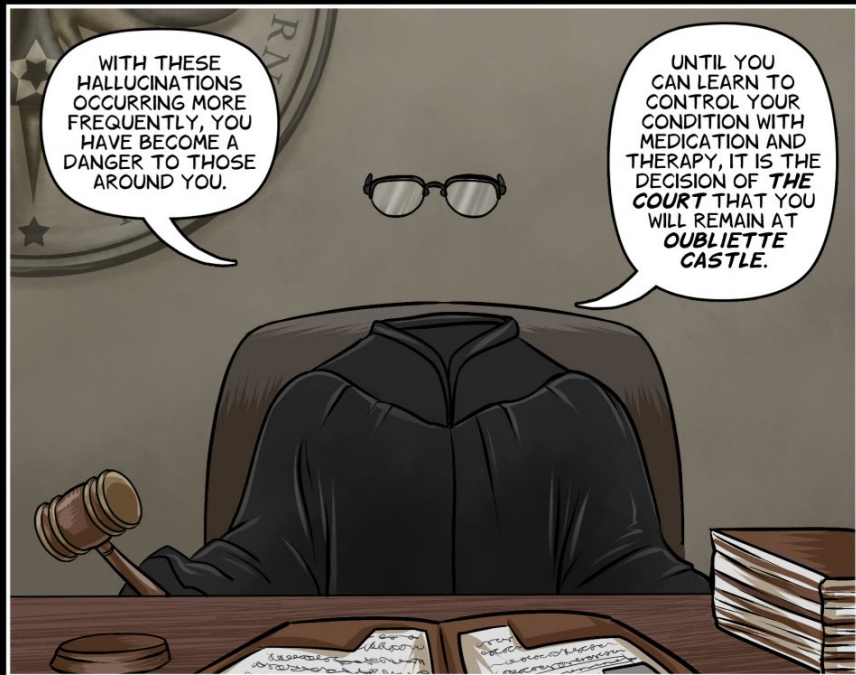
NO, I DIDN'T SAY IT WAS THE SMOKE MONSTER FROM **LOST**.

I SAID THAT IT **LOOKED** LIKE IT.



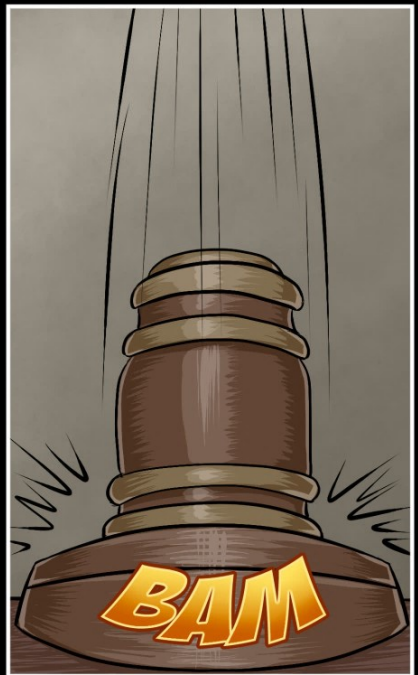
THIS THING WAS MORE LIKE SILKY-VAPOR SMOKE, NOT BILLOWY SMOKE.

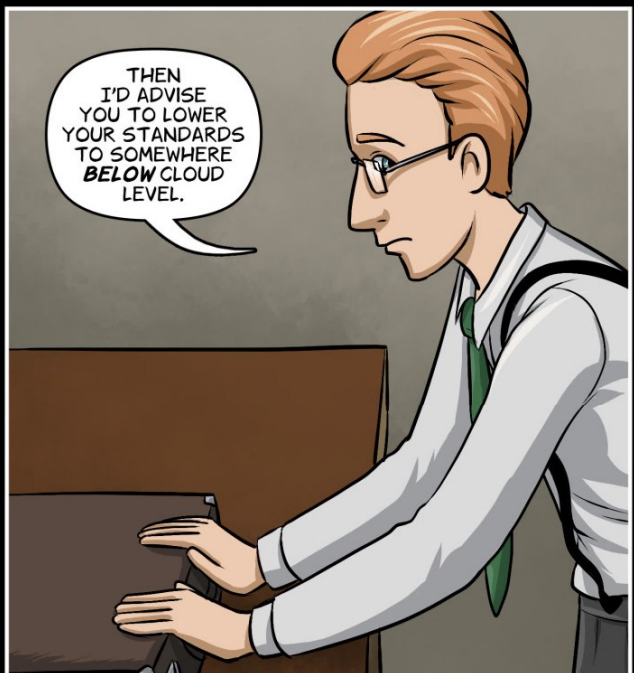
UHM...



WITH THESE HALLUCINATIONS OCCURRING MORE FREQUENTLY, YOU HAVE BECOME A DANGER TO THOSE AROUND YOU.

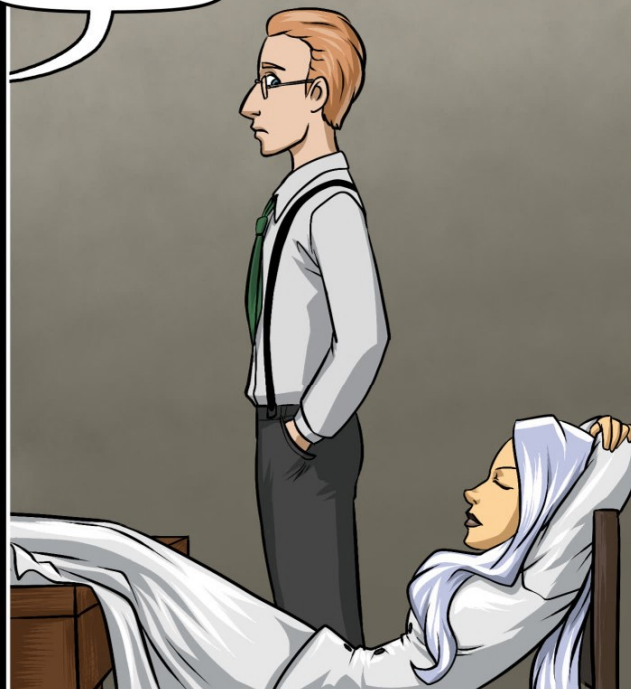
UNTIL YOU CAN LEARN TO CONTROL YOUR CONDITION WITH MEDICATION AND THERAPY, IT IS THE DECISION OF **THE COURT** THAT YOU WILL REMAIN AT **OUBLIETTE CASTLE**.







JACKLYN REI MONTE,



YOU ARE AWARE THAT GHOSTS MUST ADHERE TO A SPECIFIC SET OF RULES.



HUMANS MUST RETAIN THEIR DOUBT IN AN AFTERLIFE.



IF THEY KNOW FOR A FACT THERE IS LIFE AFTER DEATH--



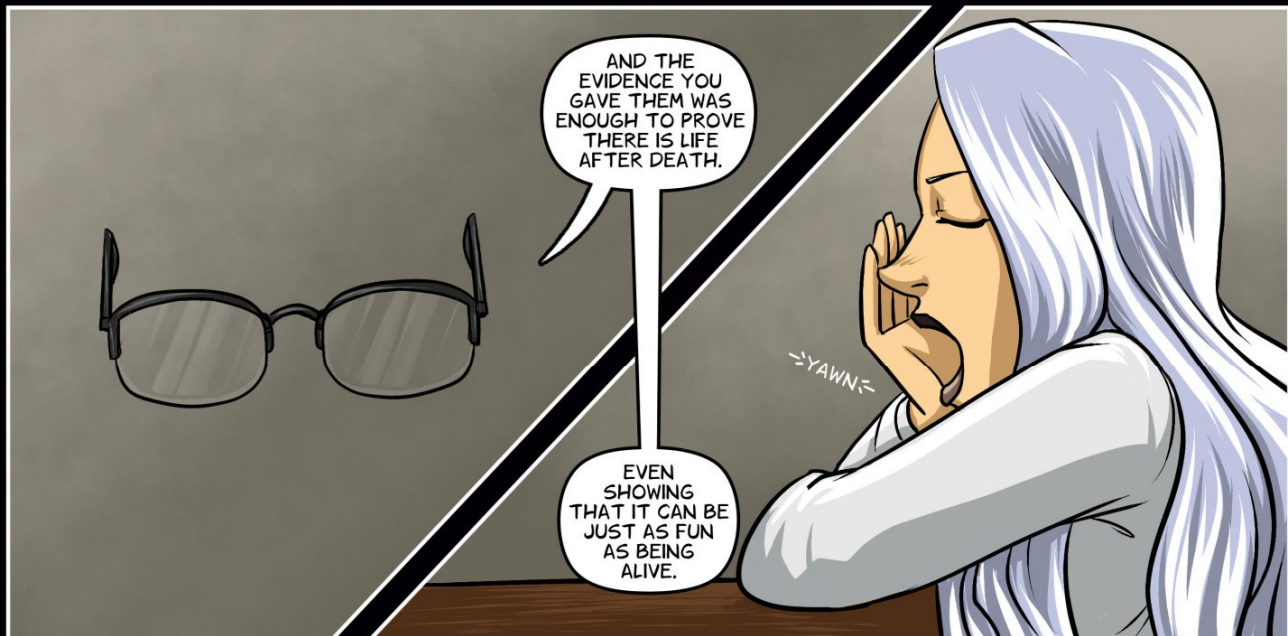
DEATH NO LONGER HAS THE SAME IMPACT.



HUMANS NEED TO QUESTION EVERYTHING TO KEEP THE BALL OF EVOLUTION ROLLING.



THIS IS WHY THERE ARE RULES.



AND THE EVIDENCE YOU GAVE THEM WAS ENOUGH TO PROVE THERE IS LIFE AFTER DEATH.

-YAWN-

EVEN SHOWING THAT IT CAN BE JUST AS FUN AS BEING ALIVE.

ON THE NIGHT OF SEPTEMBER 18TH--

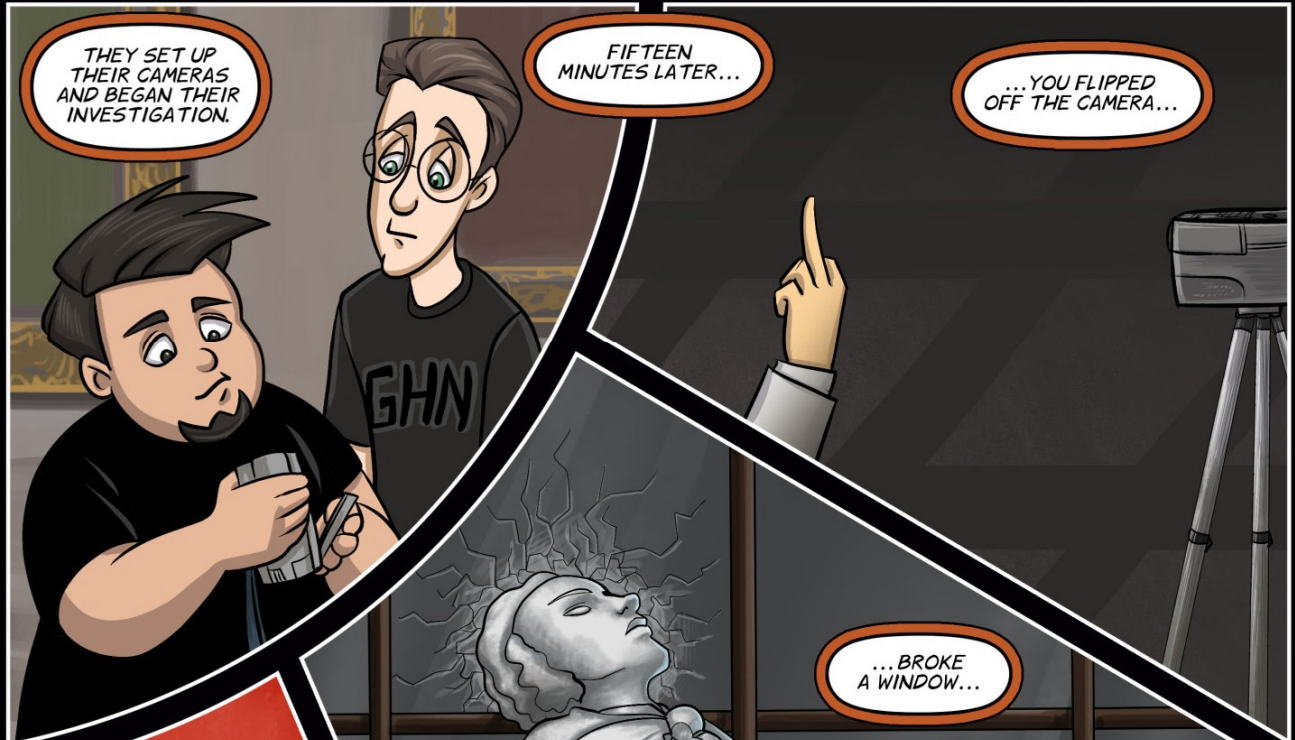
A TEAM OF PARANORMAL INVESTIGATORS ENTERED THE OLD WILLBROOK MUSEUM.



THEY SET UP THEIR CAMERAS AND BEGAN THEIR INVESTIGATION.

FIFTEEN MINUTES LATER...

... YOU FLIPPED OFF THE CAMERA...



... BROKE A WINDOW...

... AND FLASHED THEIR INFRARED CAMERA.

YEAH, I DIDN'T THINK THAT ONE THROUGH.





BUT THE WORST OF ALL, YOU SENT ONE OF THEM TO THE HOSPITAL.

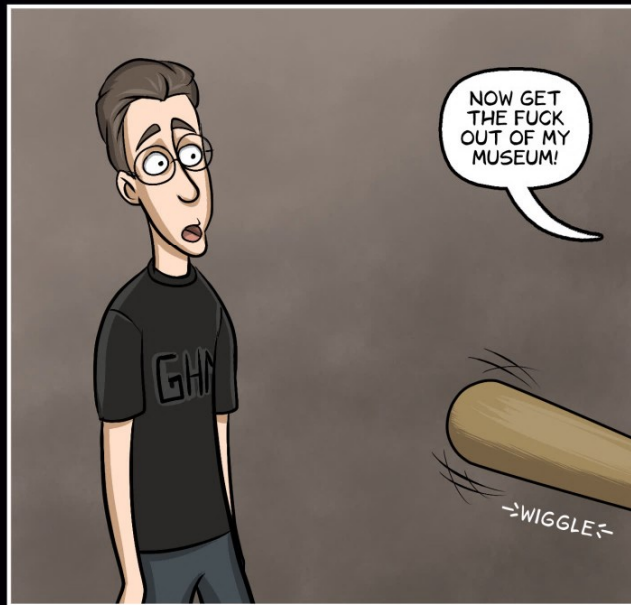
ARE THOSE BOOBS?



SHAZAM!



HOW'S THAT FOR EVIDENCE, ASSHOLE!



NOW GET THE FUCK OUT OF MY MUSEUM!

->WIGGLE<-



THIS IS THE **THIRD** TIME YOU'VE BEEN CAUGHT BREAKING THE RULES.

BUT THIS IS THE FIRST TIME YOU ALMOST KILLED SOMEONE.

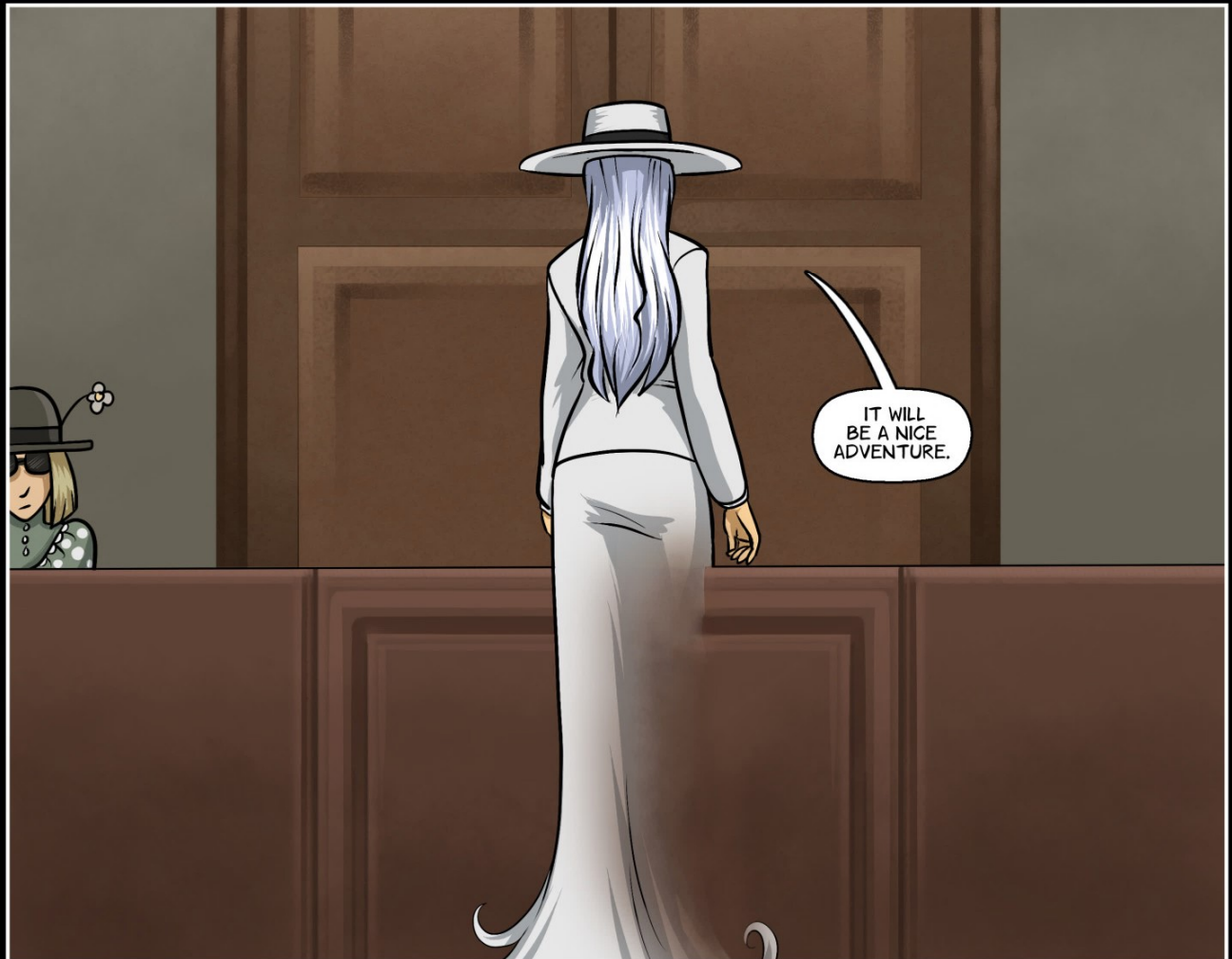
THUS IT IS THE RULING OF THE COURT THAT YOU WILL BE REMOVED FROM **WILLBROOK** AND PLACED WHERE YOU CAN'T HARM ANYONE OF IMPORTANCE.

PEOPLE MUST BELIEVE THAT THE ONLY FRIGHTENING THING A GHOST CAN DO IS MOVE OBJECTS, BE GLIMPSED, OR WHISPER NAMES.



GHOSTS ARE NEVER TO HARM OR KILL.

AN OFFICER OF THE COURT WILL ACCOMPANY YOU TO YOUR NEW HAUNT, A PLACE WHERE YOU WILL REMAIN UNTIL YOU DECIDE TO MOVE ON.





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PEPPER RIKA WHITE,

IT IS A FACT THAT YOU ARE NO STRANGER TO A COURTROOM.

IN MY COURTROOM, HOWEVER, IT IS UNLIKE THOSE IN THE JUVENILE SYSTEM.



I DO NOT TOLERATE REPEAT OFFENDERS.



AND IN LOOKING OVER YOUR HISTORY, I CAN DEDUCE THAT YOU'RE DOOMED TO REPEAT YOUR DESTRUCTIVE BEHAVIOR.



ON THE NIGHT OF APRIL 12TH, YOU DOWNED ENOUGH ENERGY DRINKS AND VODKA TO KILL TEN ADULT HUMANS.

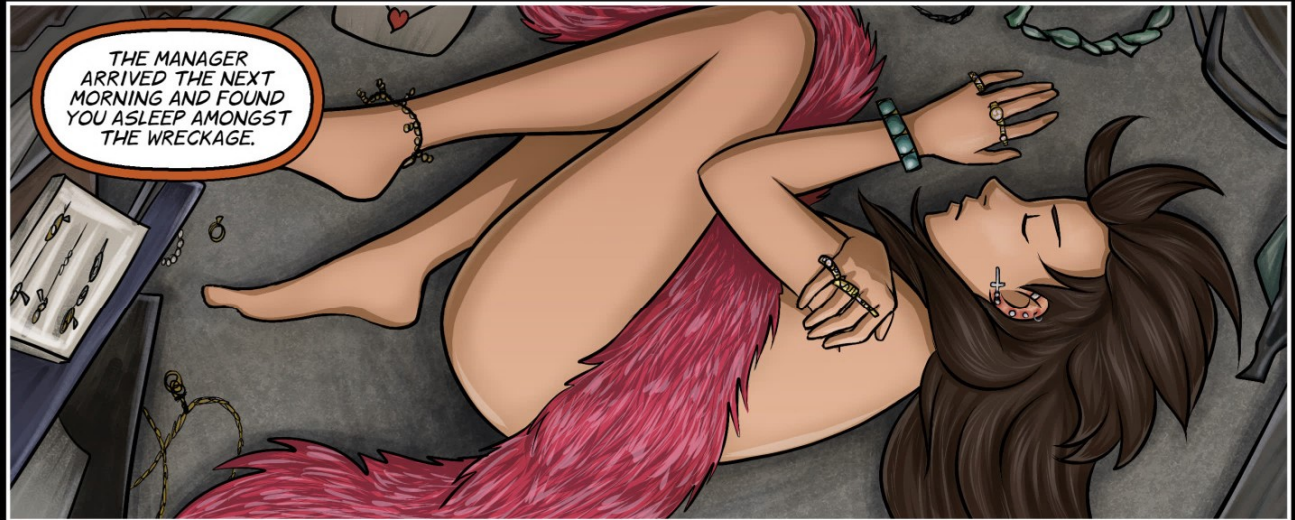
WHAT FOLLOWED WAS A RAMPAGE THAT TOOK WEEKS TO CLEAN UP IN THE LOCAL MEDIA.



YOU BROKE INTO THE BARBARA BOUTIQUE AND TORE THROUGH THE STORE--



DESTROYING MERCHANDISE, DEVOURING MAKEUP, AND DAMAGING THEIR PIERCING GUN.



THE MANAGER ARRIVED THE NEXT MORNING AND FOUND YOU ASLEEP AMONGST THE WRECKAGE.



THE RESPONDING WEREWOLF WRANGLERS HAD TO INFORM HER THAT YOU'D ESCAPED FROM THE NEARBY MENTAL HOSPITAL.



SHE WAS COMPENSATED FOR THE DAMAGES, ALL OF WHICH WILL BE BILLED TO YOU.

THEN THERE IS THE MATTER OF HUMAN SAFETY.

THIS BAD HABIT OF YOURS NEEDS TO BE SQUASHED.



YOU ARE A GIRL, YET YOU TALK AND DRESS LIKE A BOY.

TSK! TSK!
What a Mess!

Mullet →

Boy's shirt →

Does she wear a bra? ←

Dog Tags ←

Fingerless gloves →

I bet she pees standing up.

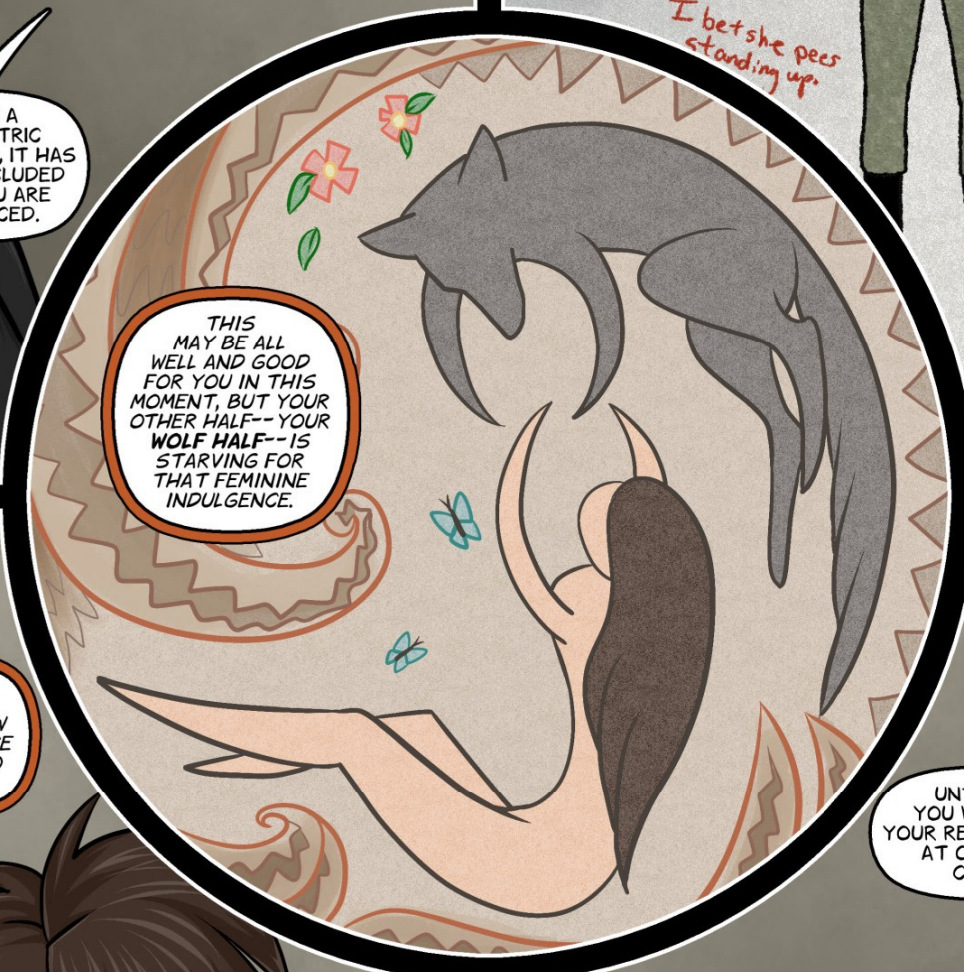
ARMY PANTS? ←

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Combat Boots!



AFTER A PSYCHIATRIC EVALUATION, IT HAS BEEN CONCLUDED THAT YOU ARE IMBALANCED.

THIS MAY BE ALL WELL AND GOOD FOR YOU IN THIS MOMENT, BUT YOUR OTHER HALF-- YOUR WOLF HALF-- IS STARVING FOR THAT FEMININE INDULGENCE.

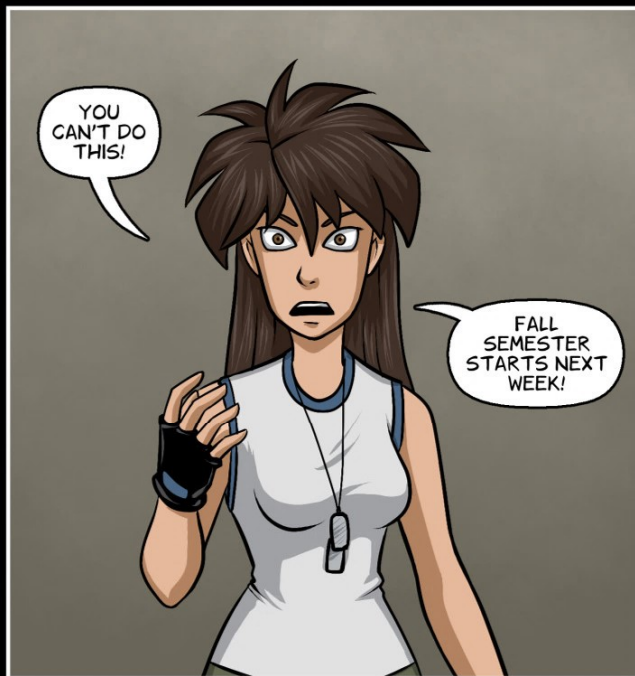


YOU NEED TO LEARN HOW TO BALANCE YOUR TWO HALVES.

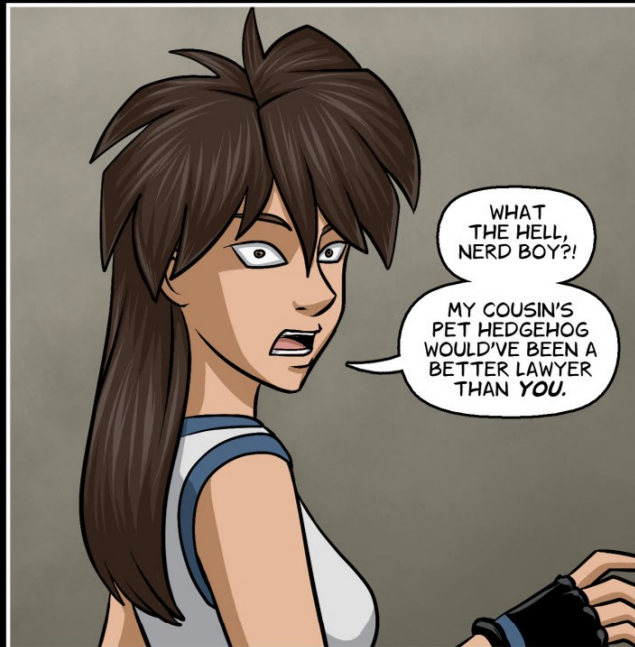
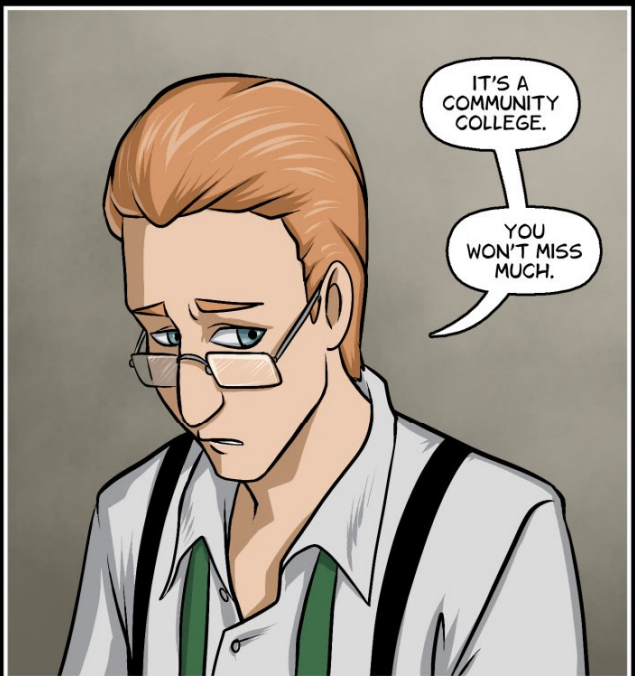
UNTIL THEN, YOU WILL SPEND YOUR REHABILITATION AT OUBLIETTE CASTLE.

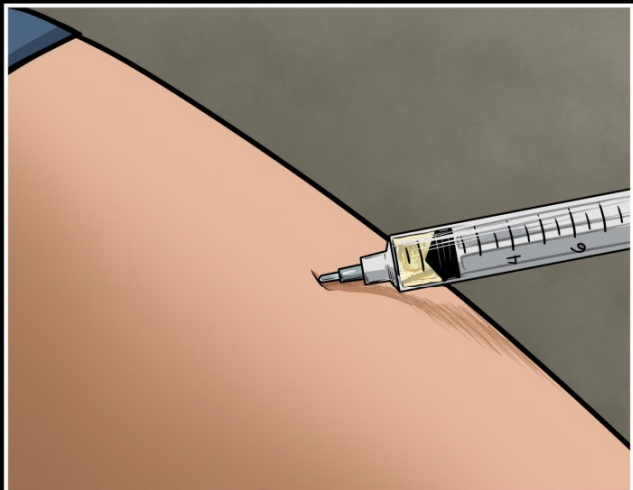
ONCE YOU CAN PROVE TO THE COURT THAT YOU HAVE BECOME A WELL-BALANCED INDIVIDUAL, YOU CAN RETURN TO YOUR MUNDANE LIFE.



FALL SEMESTER STARTS NEXT WEEK!







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Arrest Date	
Charges	
Threat Level	High
Hearing Date	6-18
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1. The defendant is a male, born on [redacted], residing at [redacted].
 2. The defendant was arrested on [redacted] at [redacted].
 3. The defendant is charged with [redacted].
 4. The defendant's threat level is assessed as High.
 5. The defendant's hearing date is set for 6-18.
 6. The defendant is represented by the Court.
 7. The defendant's sentence is [redacted].
 8. The defendant's evaluation date is [redacted].
 9. The defendant's completion date is [redacted].



LUKE GILRAC WARMOTH.



AS THE TRIAL HAS SHOWN, YOU ARE IN SERIOUS NEED OF REHABILITATION.

VAMPIRES IN THIS MODERN AGE DO NOT GO AROUND KILLING JUST TO BE KILLING.

THEY USE OTHER METHODS FOR SURVIVAL.



ANIMAL BLOOD HAS BEEN PROVEN TO BE JUST AS LIFE-SUSTAINING AS HUMAN BLOOD.

YET YOU CONTINUE TO UNNECESSARILY FEED FROM HUMANS.



THE LAST TIME YOU STOOD IN THIS COURTROOM, YOU PROMISED THAT YOU WOULD NEVER HARM ANOTHER HUMAN.

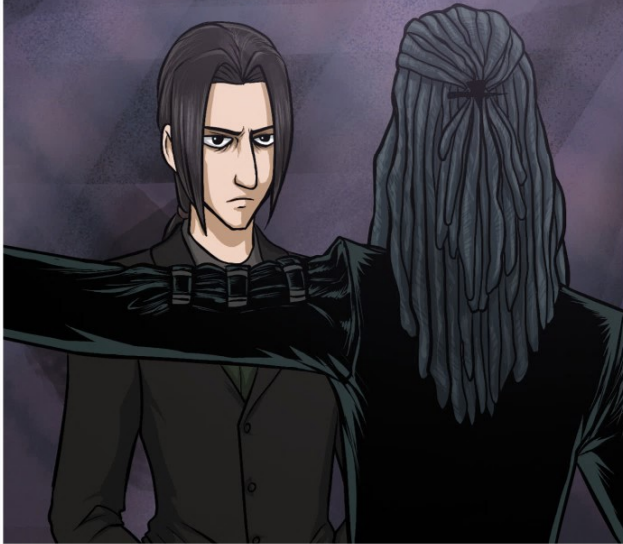


HOWEVER, ON THE NIGHT OF AUGUST 5TH, YOU BROKE THAT PROMISE.

SURVEILLANCE
FOOTAGE SHOWS
YOU ENTERING CLUB
STARLIGHT AT
12:14 A.M.



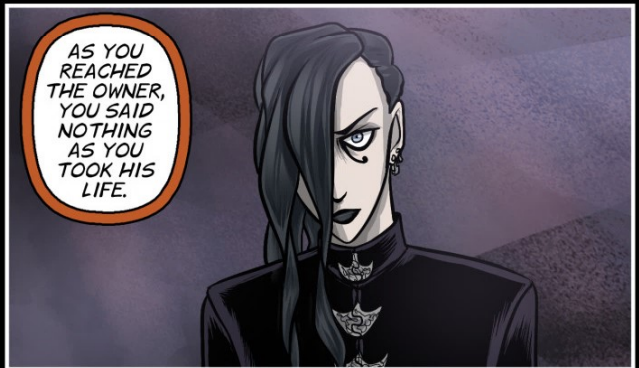
YOU MADE
YOUR WAY TO
THE V.I.P. AREA
WHERE YOU ASKED
TO SPEAK WITH
THE OWNER.

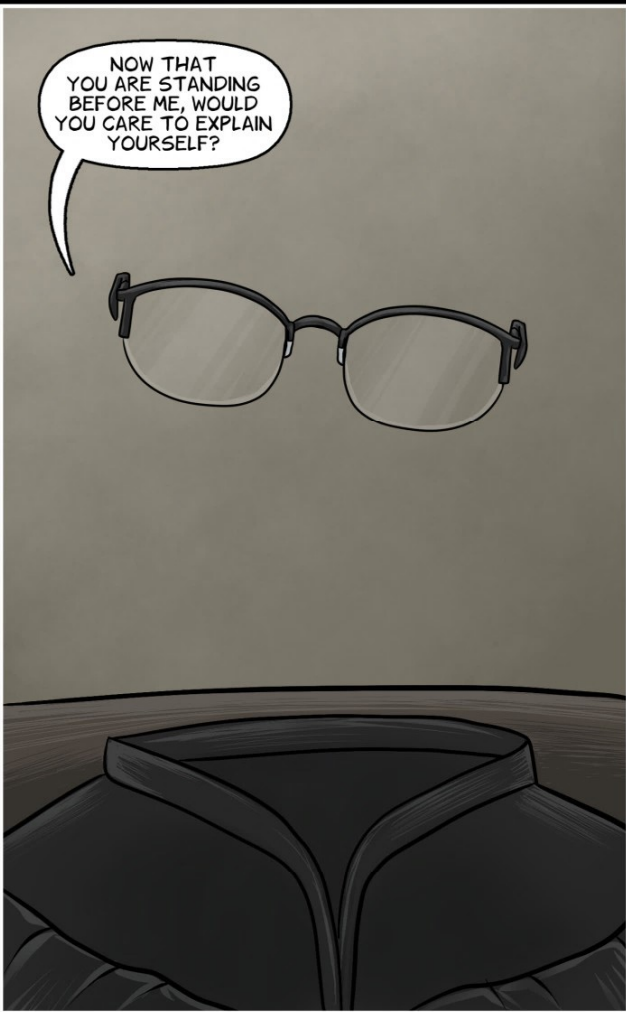


WHEN
YOU WERE
TURNED AWAY,
THE MASSACRE
BEGAN.



AS YOU
REACHED
THE OWNER,
YOU SAID
NOTHING
AS YOU
TOOK HIS
LIFE.





NOW THAT YOU ARE STANDING BEFORE ME, WOULD YOU CARE TO EXPLAIN YOURSELF?



THE **IRREVERENT NYGHTSHADE...**

I'M SORRY, **BARRY SAUL'S**, WAS BEGGING TO DIE.

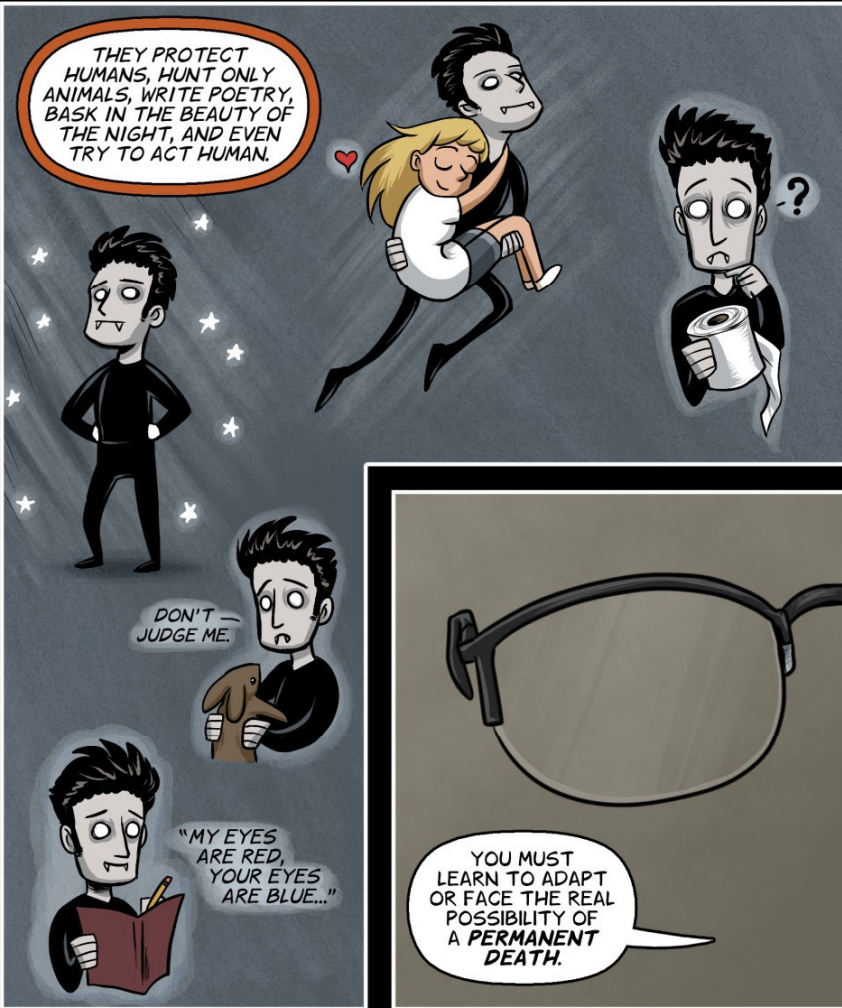
WHY WOULD ANY HUMAN ADVERTISE THEMSELVES AS A VAMPIRE AND NOT EXPECT A CHALLENGE FROM THE REAL THING?



THE **REAL THING?**

LET ME REMIND YOU OF THE **REAL THING.**

VAMPIRES ARE NO LONGER SEEN AS THESE FEARFUL CREATURES OF THE NIGHT.



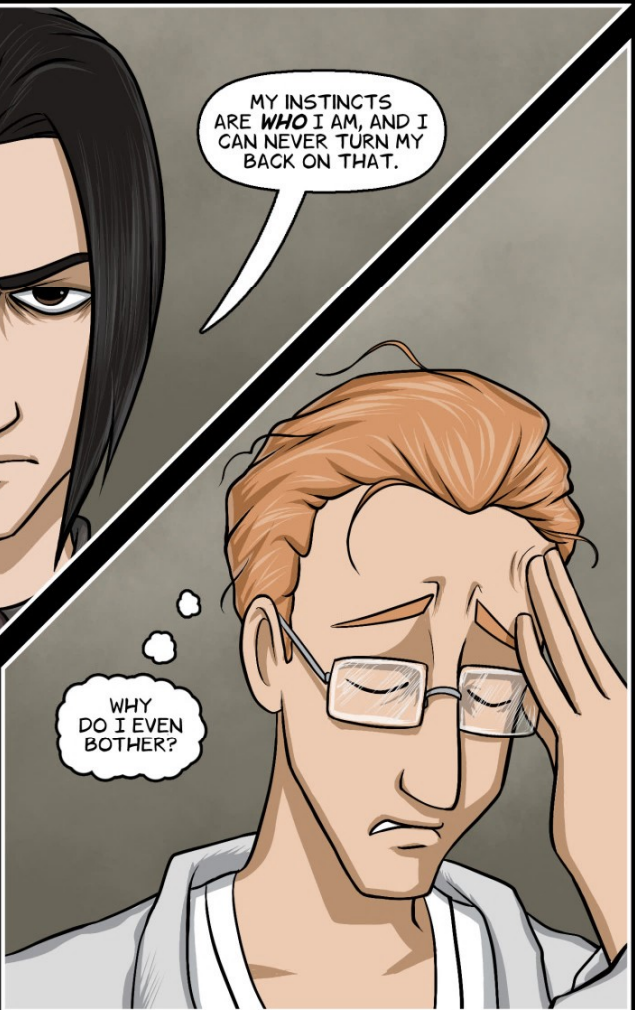
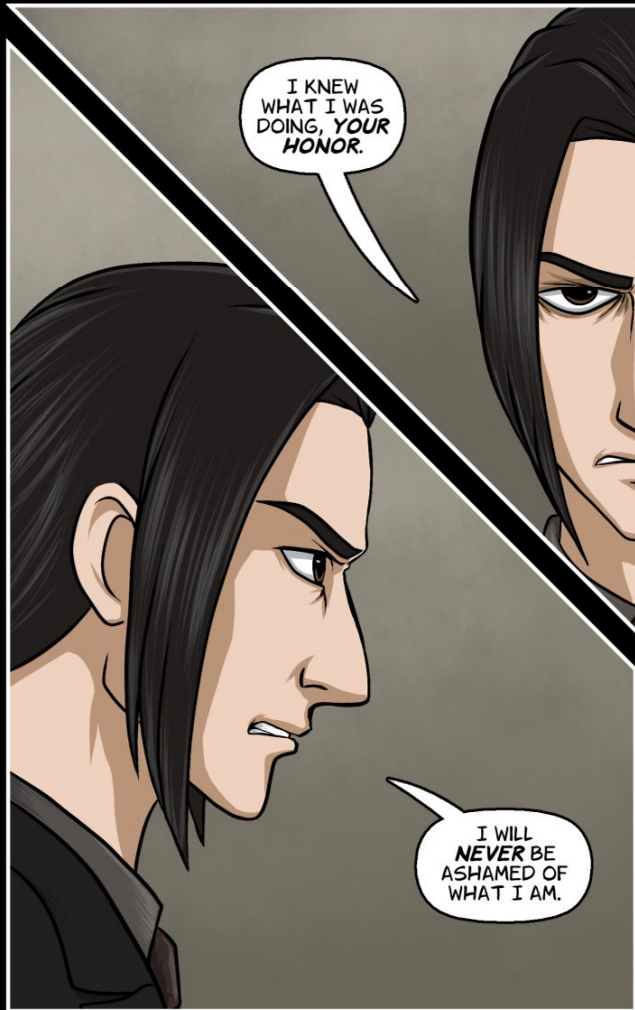
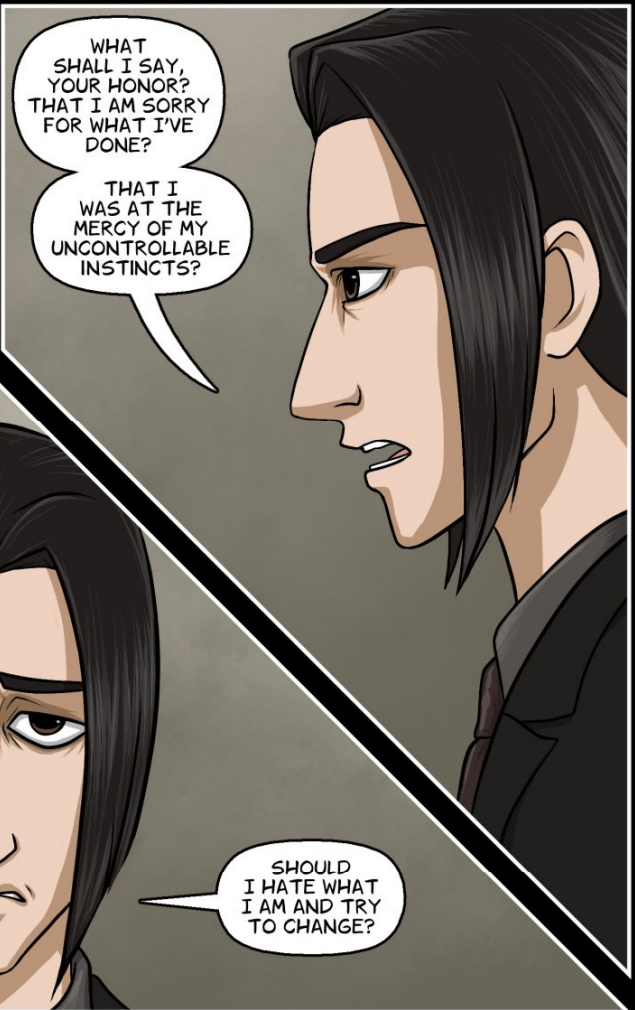
THEY PROTECT HUMANS, HUNT ONLY ANIMALS, WRITE POETRY, BASK IN THE BEAUTY OF THE NIGHT, AND EVEN TRY TO ACT HUMAN.

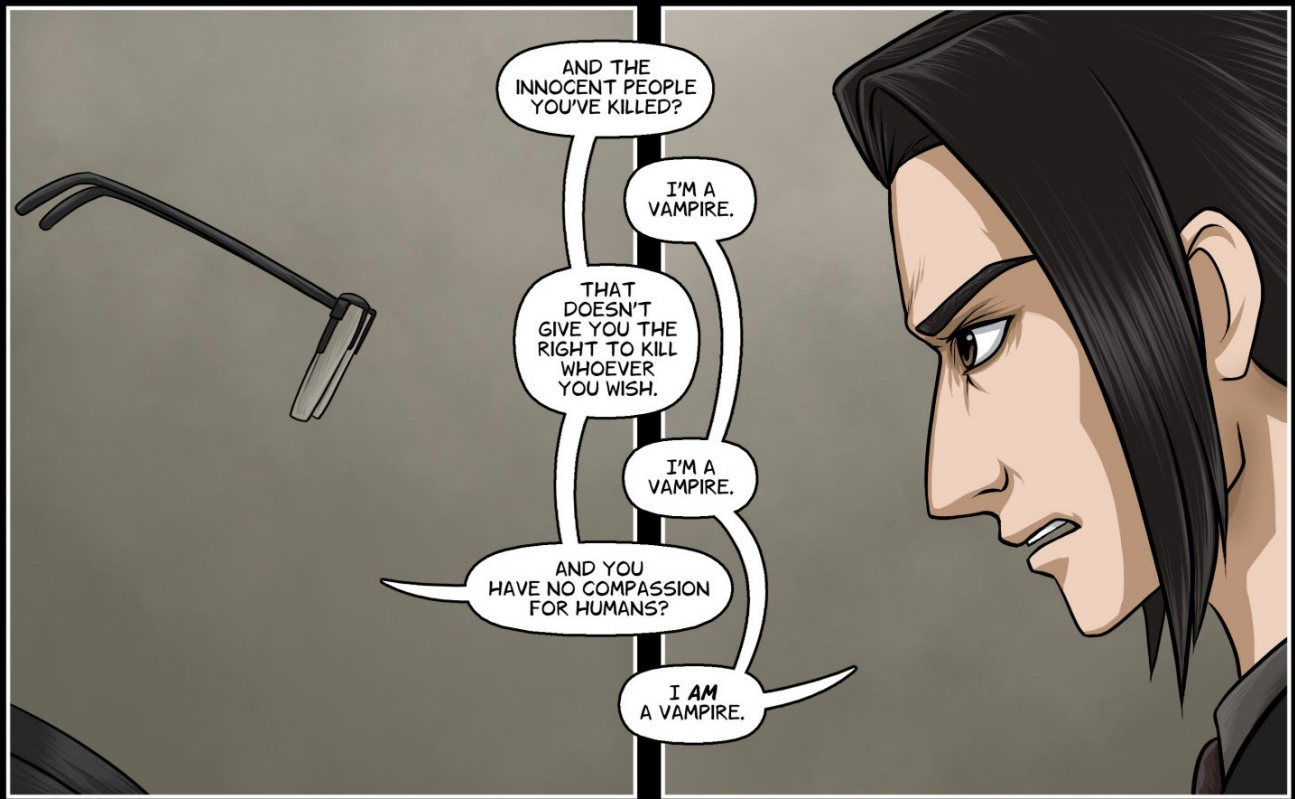
DON'T JUDGE ME.

"MY EYES ARE RED, YOUR EYES ARE BLUE..."



YOU MUST LEARN TO ADAPT OR FACE THE REAL POSSIBILITY OF A **PERMANENT DEATH.**





AND THE INNOCENT PEOPLE YOU'VE KILLED?

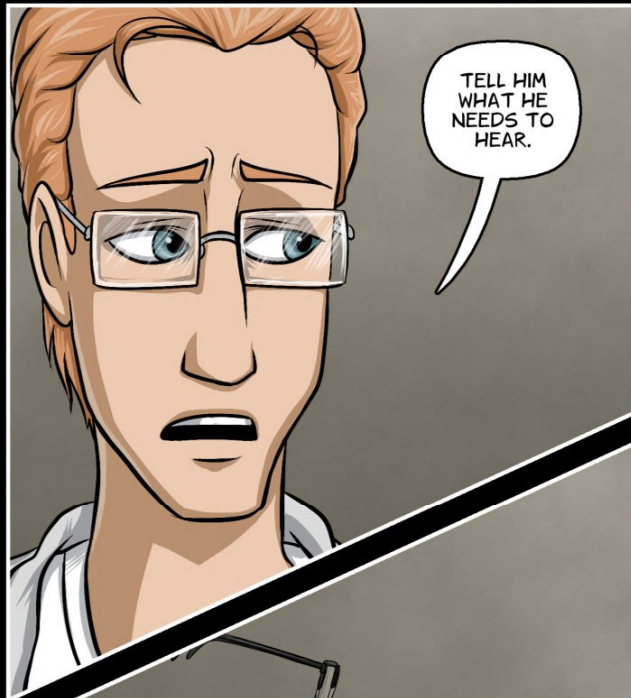
I'M A VAMPIRE.

THAT DOESN'T GIVE YOU THE RIGHT TO KILL WHOEVER YOU WISH.

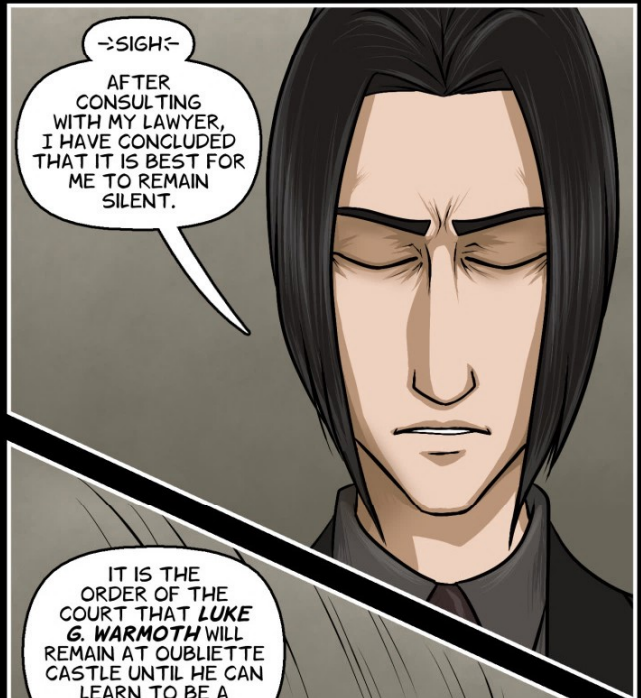
I'M A VAMPIRE.

AND YOU HAVE NO COMPASSION FOR HUMANS?

I AM A VAMPIRE.



TELL HIM WHAT HE NEEDS TO HEAR.



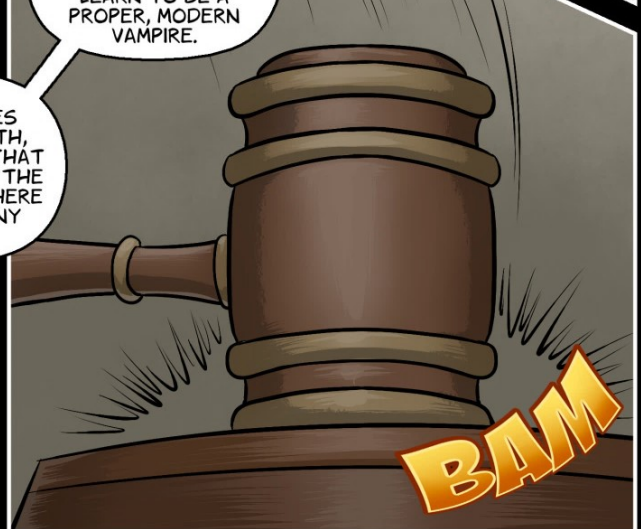
->SIGH<-

AFTER CONSULTING WITH MY LAWYER, I HAVE CONCLUDED THAT IT IS BEST FOR ME TO REMAIN SILENT.



VERY WELL.

WITH THE ADDITIONAL CHARGES AGAINST MR. WARMOTH, I FIND IT IMPERATIVE THAT HE BE REMOVED FROM THE PUBLIC AND PLACED WHERE HE CANNOT HARM ANY INNOCENT LIVES.



IT IS THE ORDER OF THE COURT THAT **LUKE G. WARMOTH** WILL REMAIN AT OUBLIETTE CASTLE UNTIL HE CAN LEARN TO BE A PROPER, MODERN VAMPIRE.

BAM

