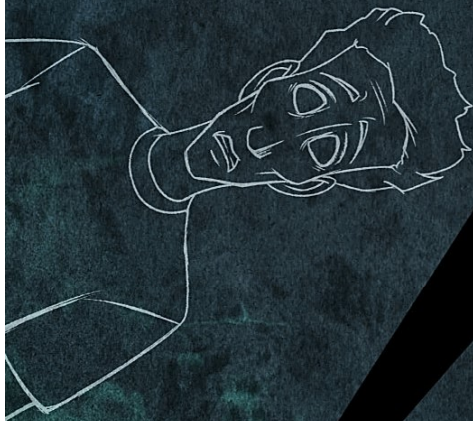


# MONSTER SOUP



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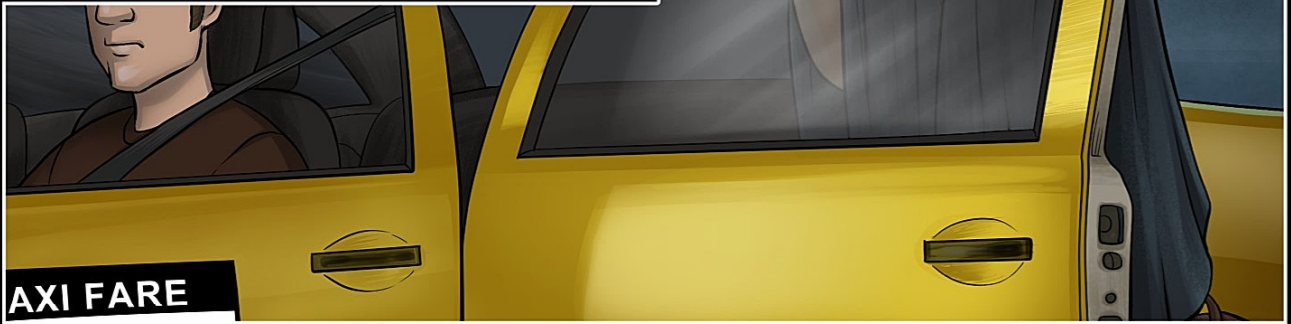
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OIL + WATER





I WAS DOING YOU A FAVOR, JERK.



AXI FARE



JEEZ! YOU'D THINK A GUY WOULD WANT TO KNOW IF HIS GIRL IS CHEATING ON HIM.



THERE'S A LITTLE EXTRA IN THERE FOR YOU TO BUY A SET OF BALLS.



GEE, THANKS.

TAXI FARE

\$2.50	INITIAL CHARGE
40¢	Per 1/5
40¢	Per M
40¢	Stop
\$1.00	Week 4 pm
50¢	Night 8 pm - 6 am

SEE YOU NEXT TUESDAY, FREAK.



TOO BAD HE DIDN'T WANT TO KNOW WHO SHE WAS SLEEPING WITH.

I GUESS HE'LL FIND OUT WHEN THE ITCHING AND BURNING STARTS.



AND NO AMOUNT OF ANTIBIOTICS WILL GET RID OF THE PARASITE LIVING INSIDE HER NOW.



OH, I DIDN'T SEE YOU THERE.



SO, WHAT DID YOU DO TO WIN THIS LOVELY VACATION?



I'M NOT ON VACATION.



I'M SORRY. I FORGOT ABOUT THE WHOLE SLOW ZOMBIE THING.

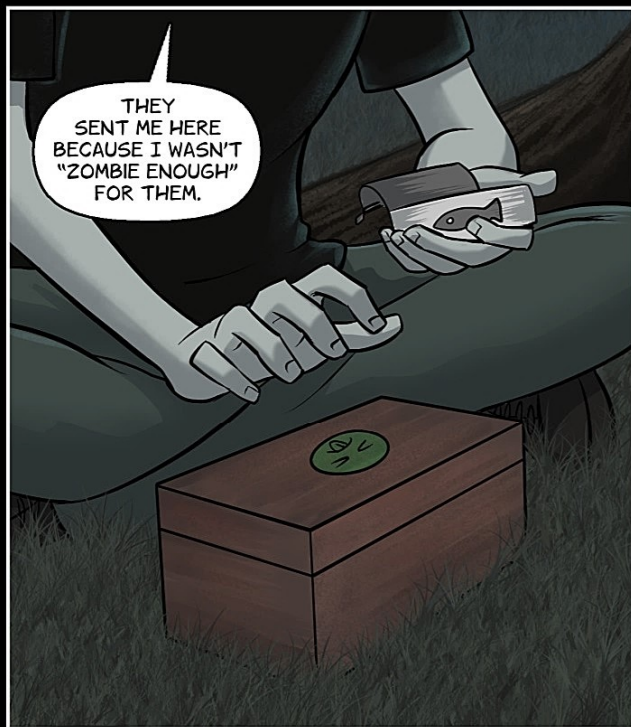
LET ME REPHRASE.

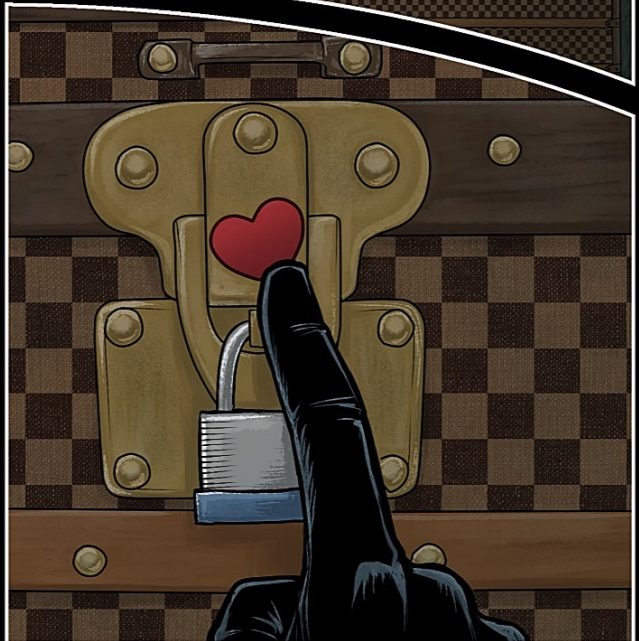
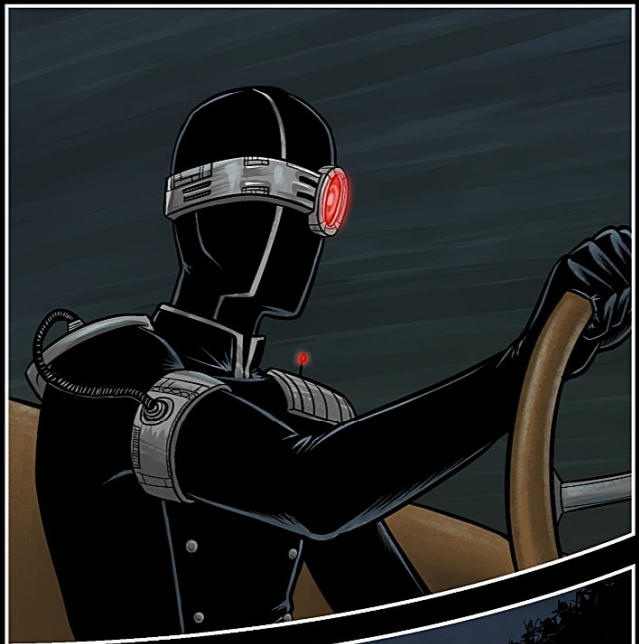


WHYYYY YOOOOOU HEEERE?

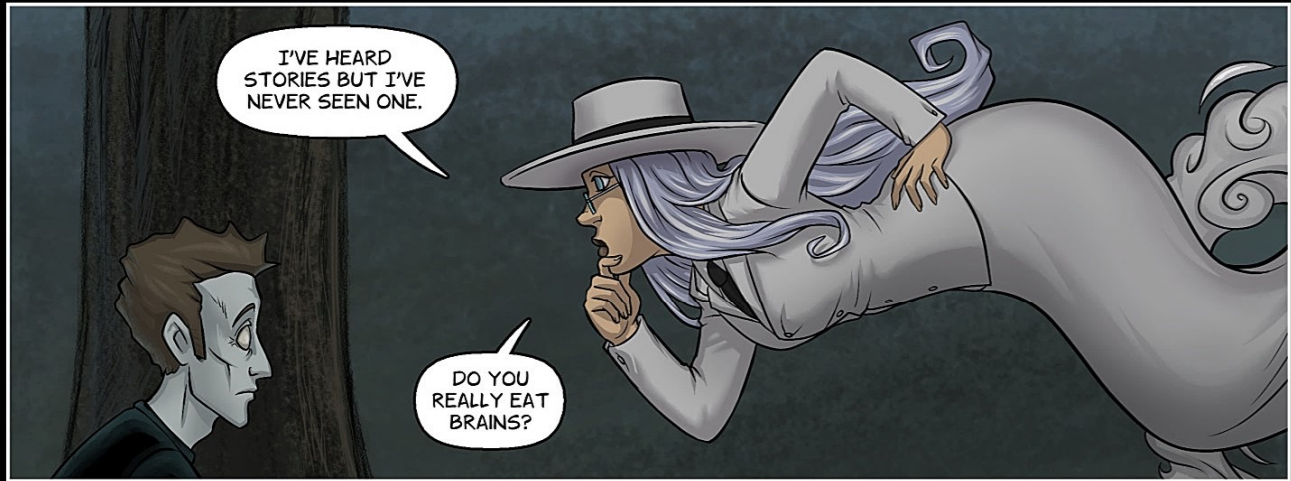


I'M A ZOMBIE. I'M NOT DEAF.





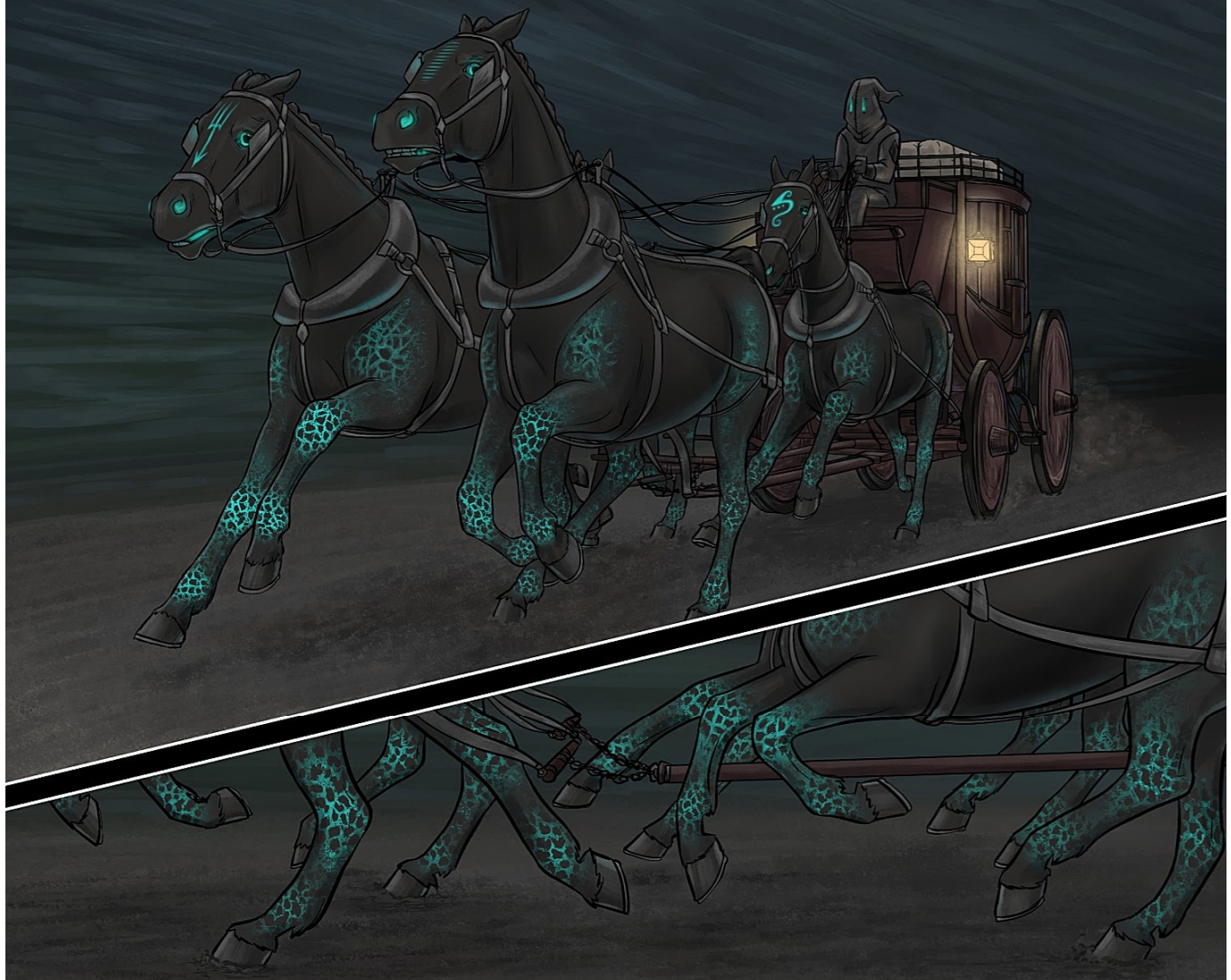


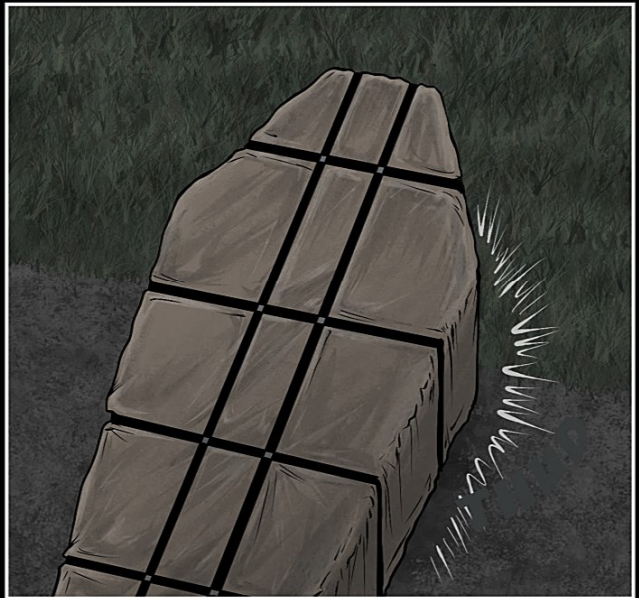


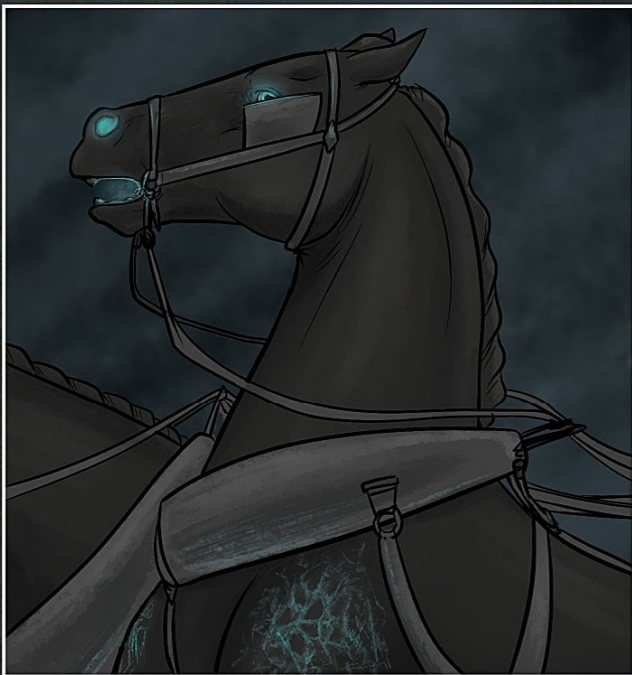


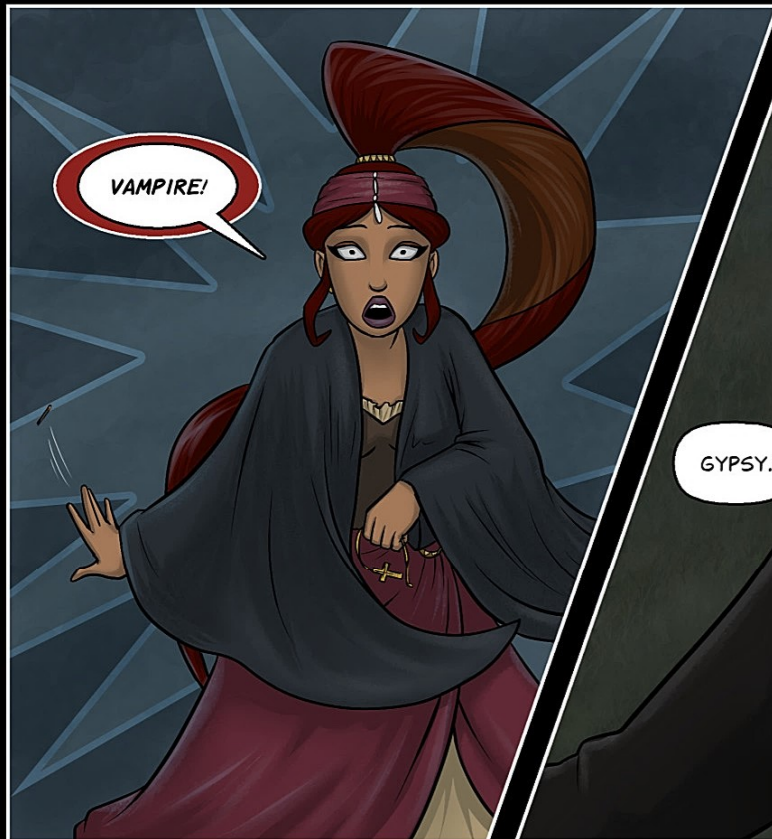


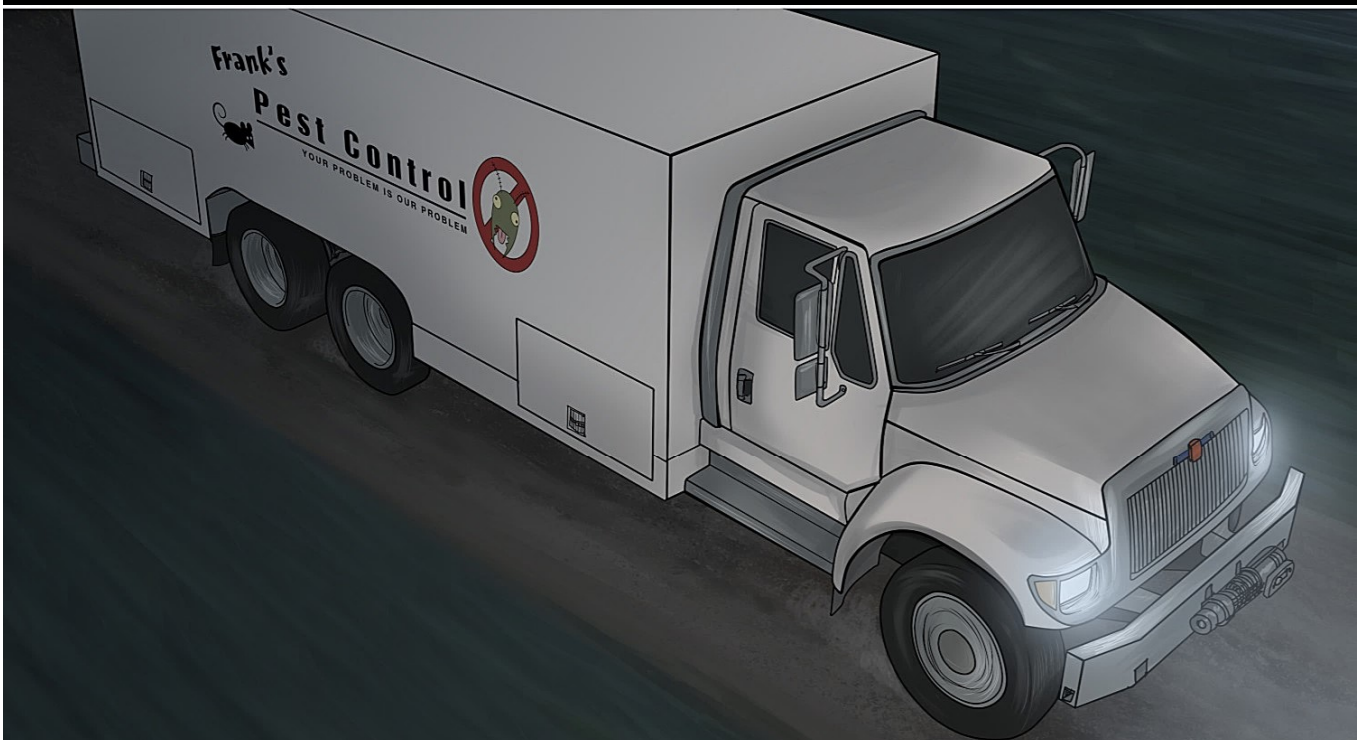
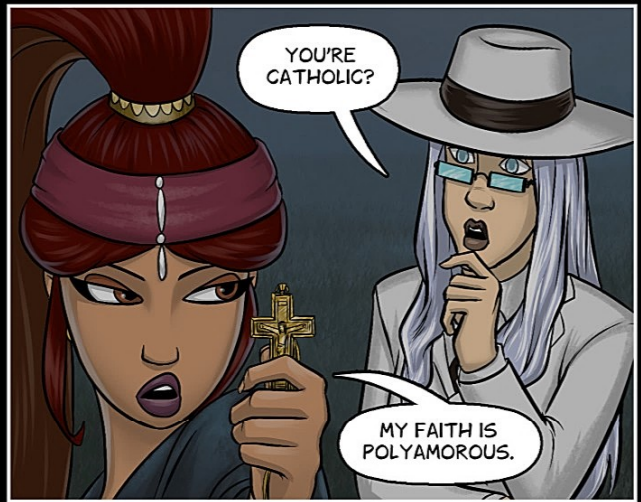
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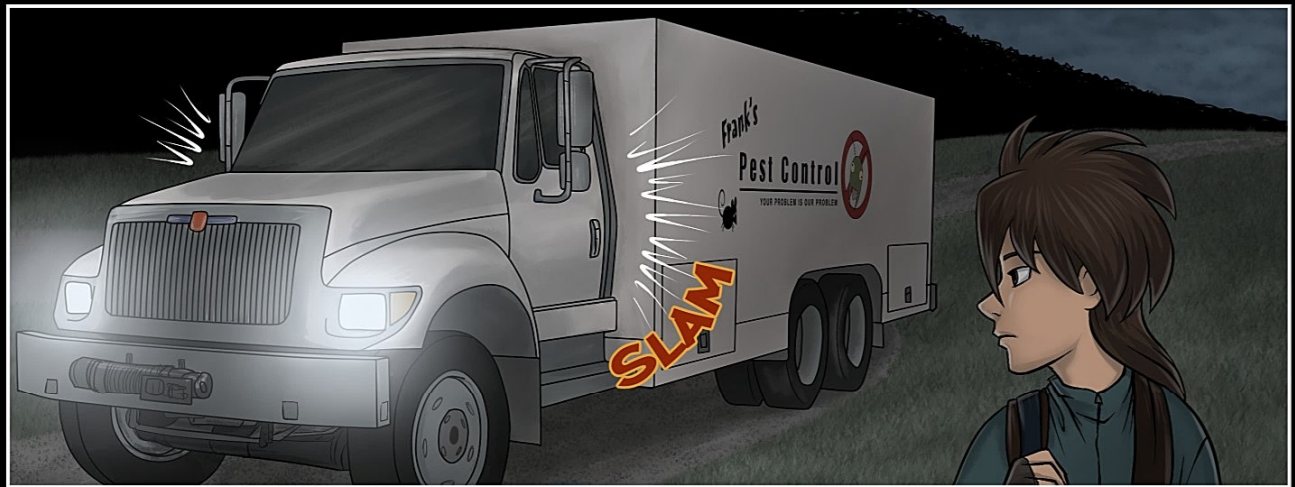














THAT WAS SOME SERIOUS FIREPOWER THEY WERE PACKIN'.

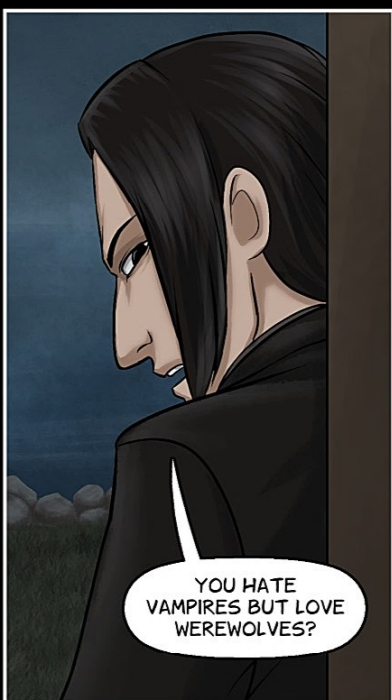
WHAT ARE YOU?



SHE'S A WEREWOLF.



OOOO! REALLY?



YOU HATE VAMPIRES BUT LOVE WEREWOLVES?



WEREWOLVES ARE THE MOST LOYAL, LOVING, AND FLUFFY THINGS IN THE WHOLE WIDE WORLD!

\*SUPER-SQUEE\*



WHO COULD HATE SOMETHING THIS CUTE?



I BET YOU WANT TO RIP HIS FACE OFF, DON'T CHA?

YEAH, I KNOW YOU DO.





WEREWOLVES ARE OVERRATED.



SAYS THE BROODING VAMPIRE.



I WONDER WHO'S NEXT?



A SWAMP MONSTER?

OOO! A YETI!



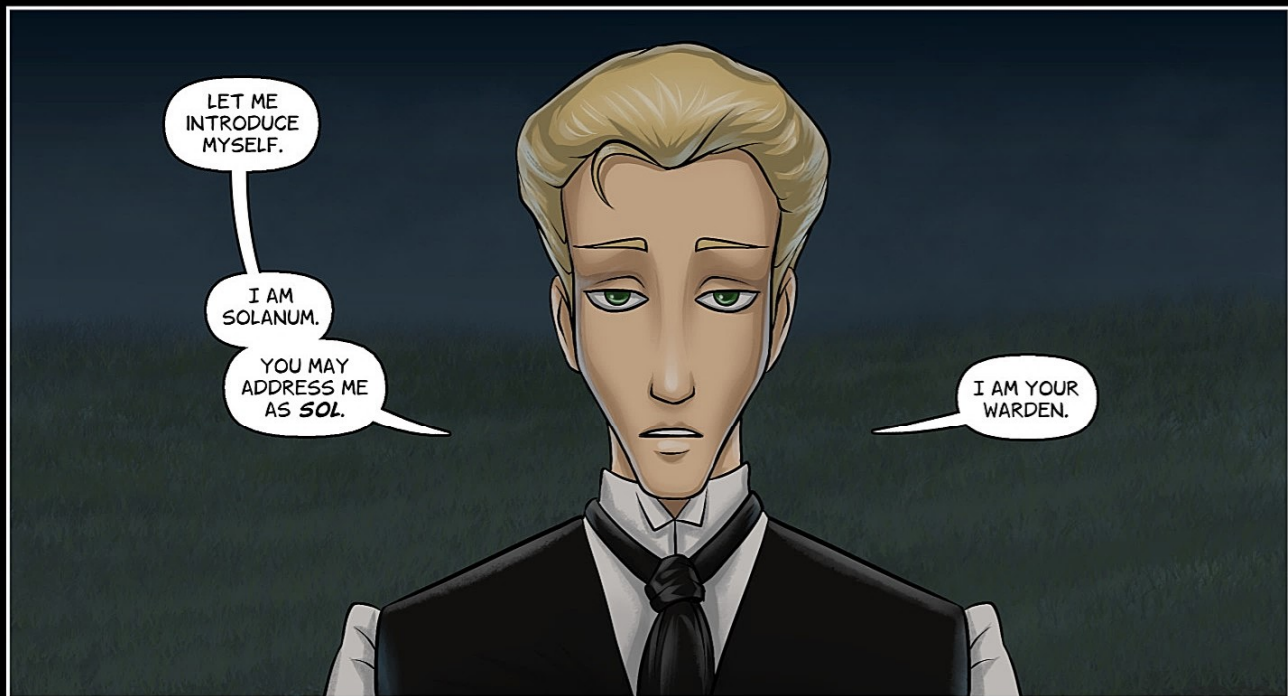
I WAS IN THE HIMALAYAS ONCE AND COULD HAVE SWORN I HEARD A YETI MATING CALL.

THOUGH IT COULD'VE BEEN OUR SHERPA'S IRRITABLE BOWELS.

WE THOUGHT IT WOULD BE FUNNY TO FEED HIM SOME WESTERN FOOD.



I SEE THAT EVERYONE HAS ARRIVED.

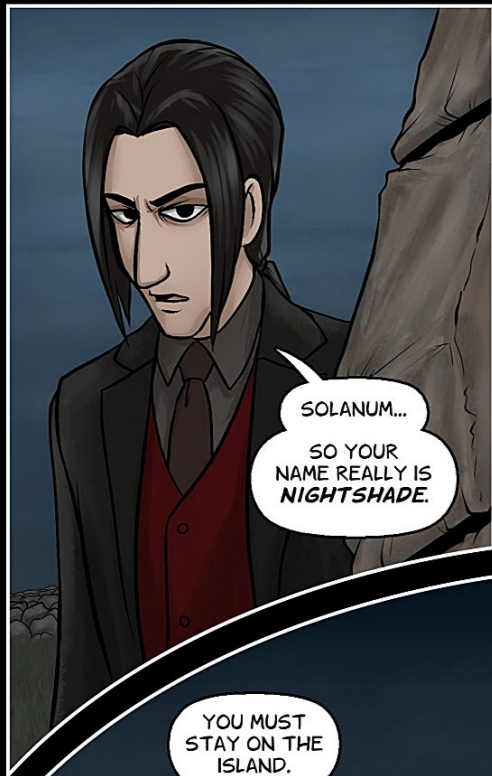


LET ME INTRODUCE MYSELF.

I AM SOLANUM.

YOU MAY ADDRESS ME AS *SOL*.

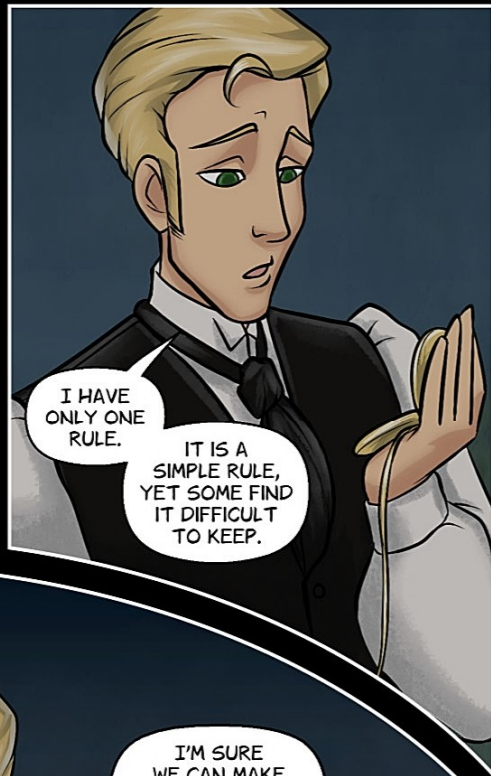
I AM YOUR WARDEN.



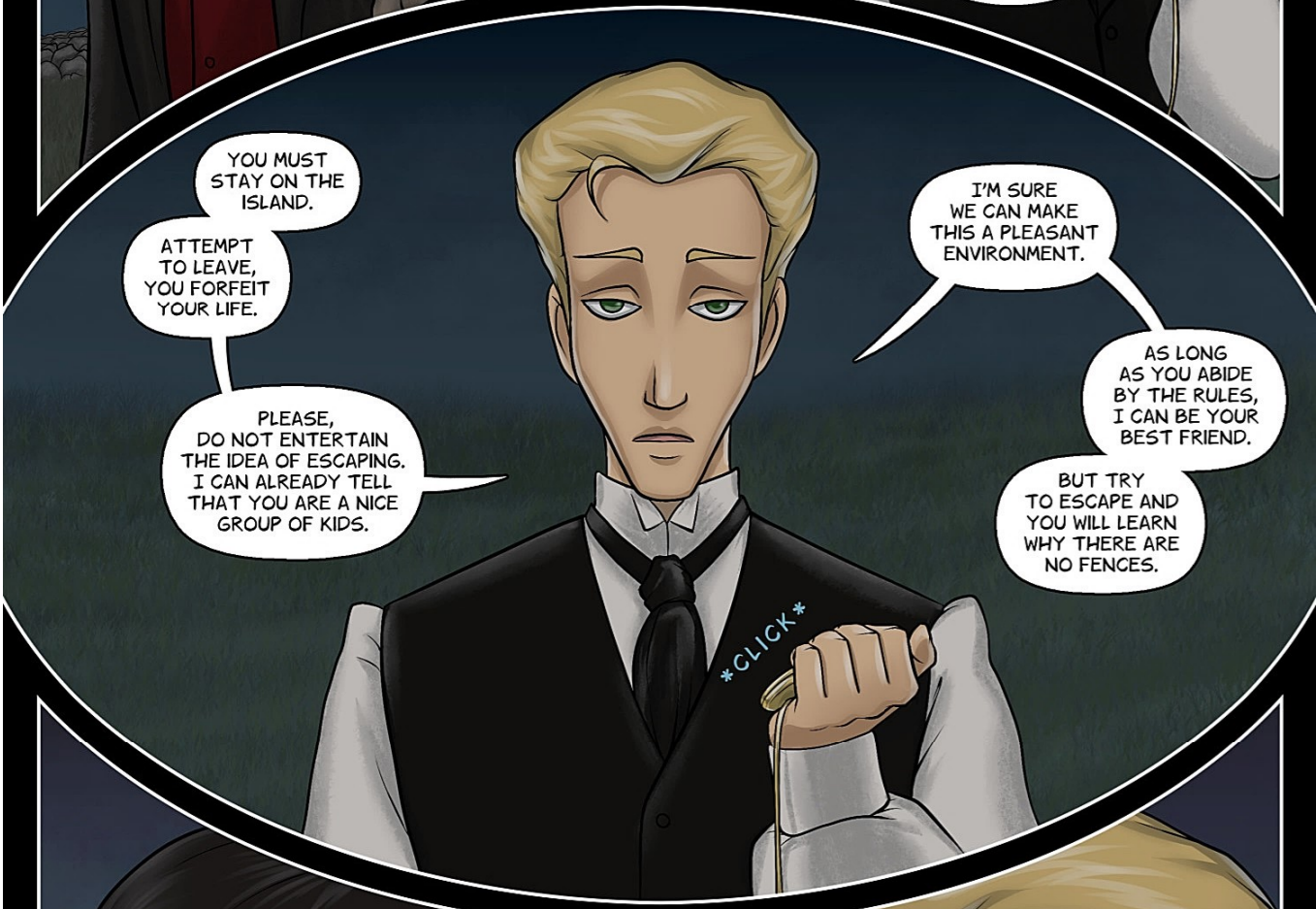
SOLANUM...  
SO YOUR NAME REALLY IS NIGHTSHADE.



HMMM,  
A STRONG  
AND SEXY  
NAME.



I HAVE  
ONLY ONE  
RULE.  
IT IS A  
SIMPLE RULE,  
YET SOME FIND  
IT DIFFICULT  
TO KEEP.



YOU MUST  
STAY ON THE  
ISLAND.  
ATTEMPT  
TO LEAVE,  
YOU FORFEIT  
YOUR LIFE.

PLEASE,  
DO NOT ENTERTAIN  
THE IDEA OF ESCAPING.  
I CAN ALREADY TELL  
THAT YOU ARE A NICE  
GROUP OF KIDS.

I'M SURE  
WE CAN MAKE  
THIS A PLEASANT  
ENVIRONMENT.

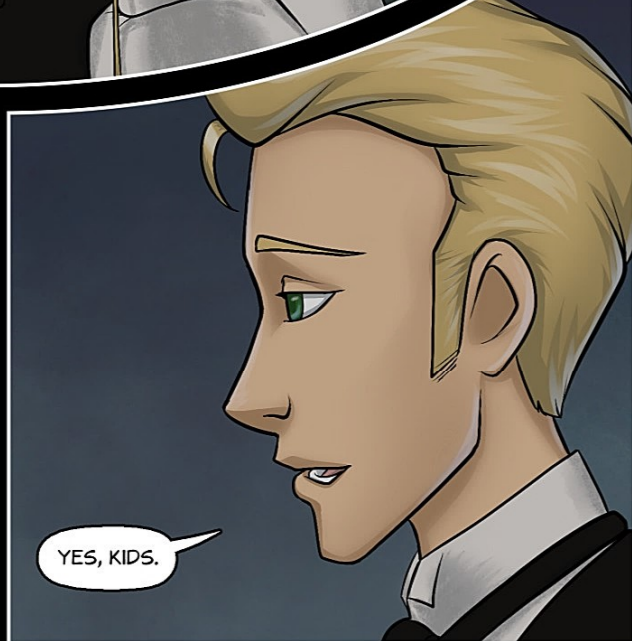
AS LONG  
AS YOU ABIDE  
BY THE RULES,  
I CAN BE YOUR  
BEST FRIEND.

BUT TRY  
TO ESCAPE AND  
YOU WILL LEARN  
WHY THERE ARE  
NO FENCES.

\*CLICK\*



KIDS?



YES, KIDS.



THE FERRY  
WILL BE HERE  
SOON.

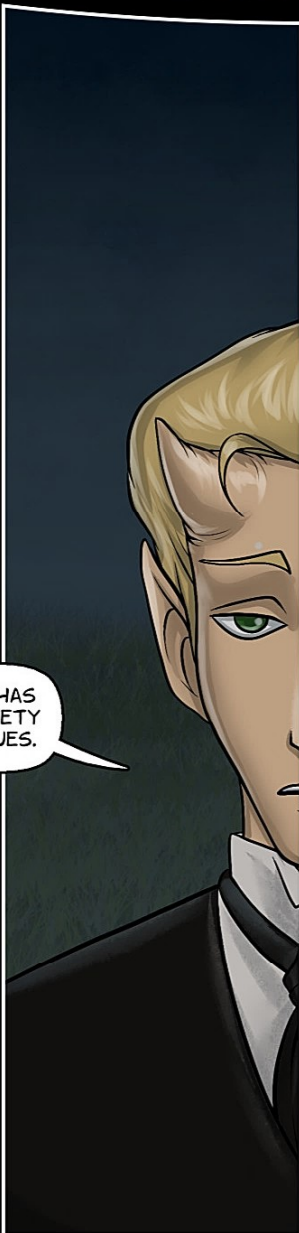


GIVE THIS  
TO HIM AS  
PAYMENT.



AND TRY  
NOT TO STARE  
AT THE POOR  
FELLOW.

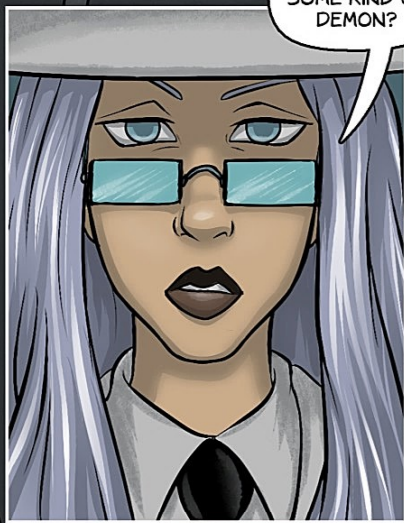
HE HAS  
ANXIETY  
ISSUES.





ANY QUESTIONS?

ARE YOU SOME KIND OF DEMON?



CAN'T BE. DEMONS AREN'T MADE OF STONE.



WHERE DID HIS CLOTHES GO?



I MEANT QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR NEW HOME.



ARE YOU SURE YOU'RE FAST ENOUGH TO CATCH ALL OF US?



CARE TO TRY?  
THESE OLD WINGS HAVEN'T HAD A NICE WORK OUT IN YEARS.



LET'S SEE, THE ZOMBIE WILL BE EASY TO CRUSH, JUST ONE STRIKE TO THE SKULL.



THE GHOST CAN'T RUN EVEN IF IT TRIED.



THE HUMAN, THOUGH SKILLED IN MAGIC, IS STILL AS SLOW AS ANY LIVING MAMMAL.



THE WEREWOLF, IN THIS FORM, WILL BE NO MATCH FOR ME.



AND YOU...

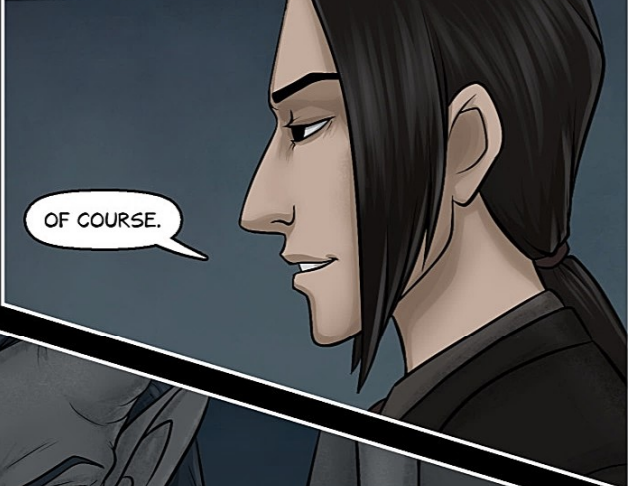


I WOULD GO AFTER YOU FIRST, SINCE I CAN TELL YOU ARE THE MOST **ARROGANT** AND **IGNORANT** OF MY CHARGES.



CONGRATULATIONS.

YOU ARE NOW ON MY RADAR.



OF COURSE.



IF THERE ARE NO **SERIOUS** QUESTIONS, I WILL BID YOU ALL FAREWELL.

I HOPE THAT THE NEXT TIME WE MEET, IT WILL BE ON THE DAY OF YOUR RELEASE.



**WHOOSH**



NICE JOB, LEECH.

ANGERING THE WARDEN ON THE FIRST DAY WAS SOMETHING I WAS HOPING TO AVOID.

SORRY, BUT I DON'T TRUST ANYTHING WITH FANGS LARGER THAN MINE.



WHAT A STRANGE FELLOW.



I THINK HE'S A GARGOYLE.

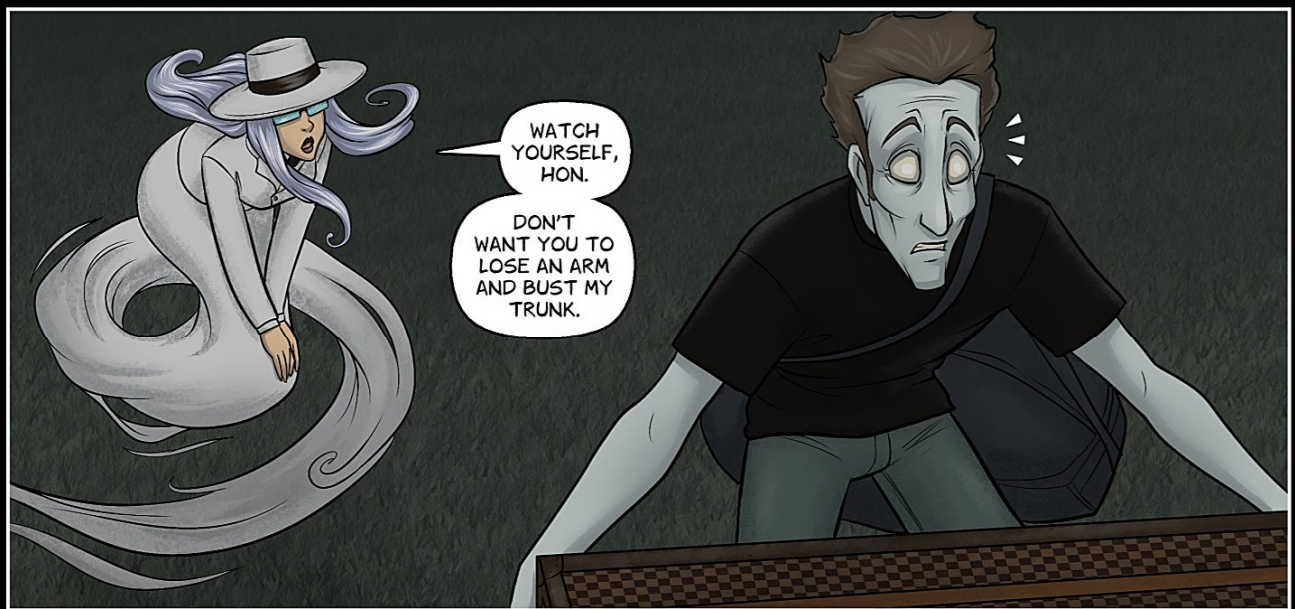
THEY ONCE GUARDED *HOLY GROUNDS*, BUT NOW THEY WORK FOR *THE COURT*.

THESE DAYS, THEY USE FAKE GARGOYLES ON BUILDINGS.



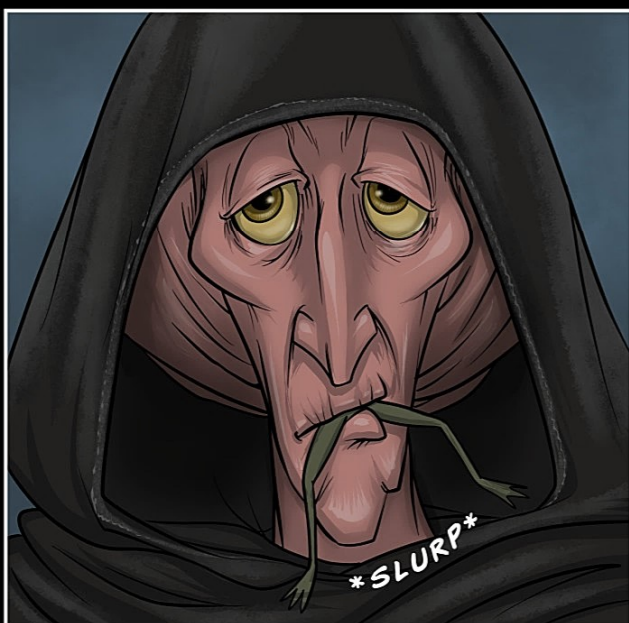
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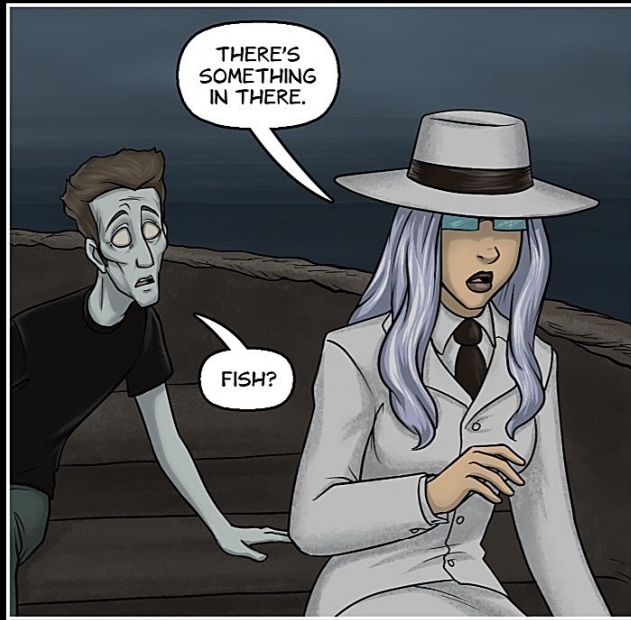


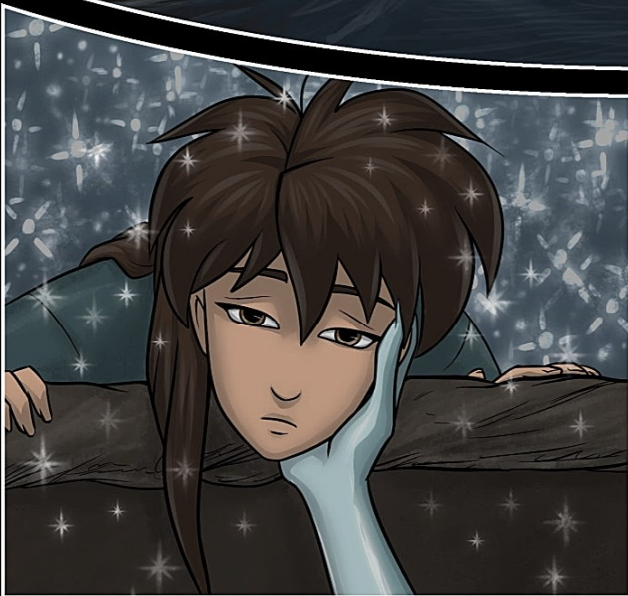
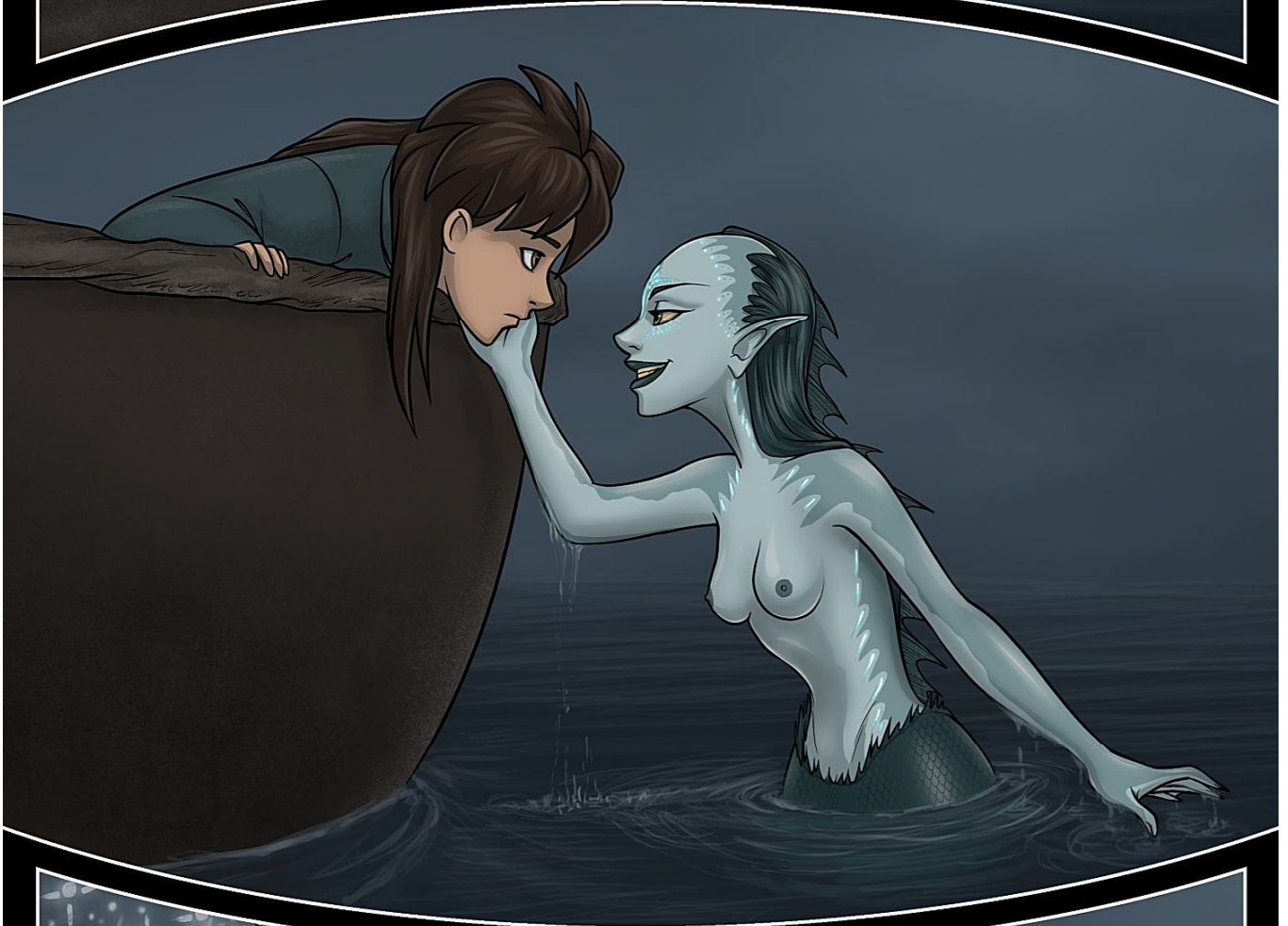
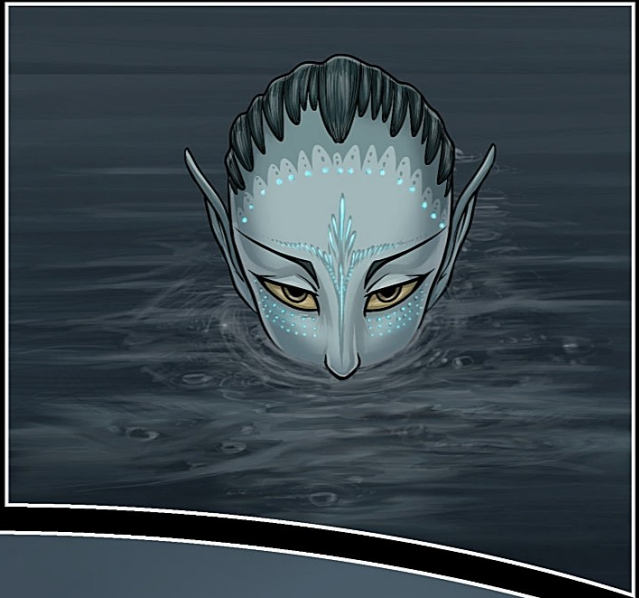


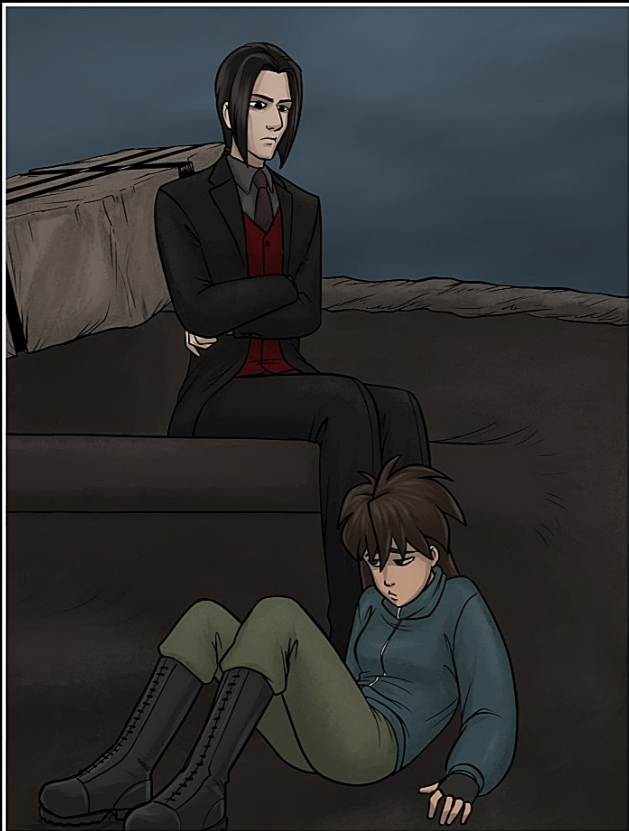
















FORTY MINUTES LATER.



