



**MONSTER
SOUP**

MAN IN BLACK

HAVE YOU GIVEN MUCH THOUGHT TO MY PROPOSAL?

IT IS A TEMPTING OFFER.

REVENGE WILL ALWAYS BE TEMPTING, BUT WHAT I AM ALSO OFFERING IS AN ENDING TO YOUR SUFFERING. HE WILL BE DEAD AND YOU WILL BE FREE.

BUT I WANT TO SEE THE LIFE LEAVE HIM THE WAY HE WATCHED ME DIE.

ORGAN BY ORGAN, HE RIPPED FROM ME TO BE CALLOUSLY TOSSED TO THE FLOOR.

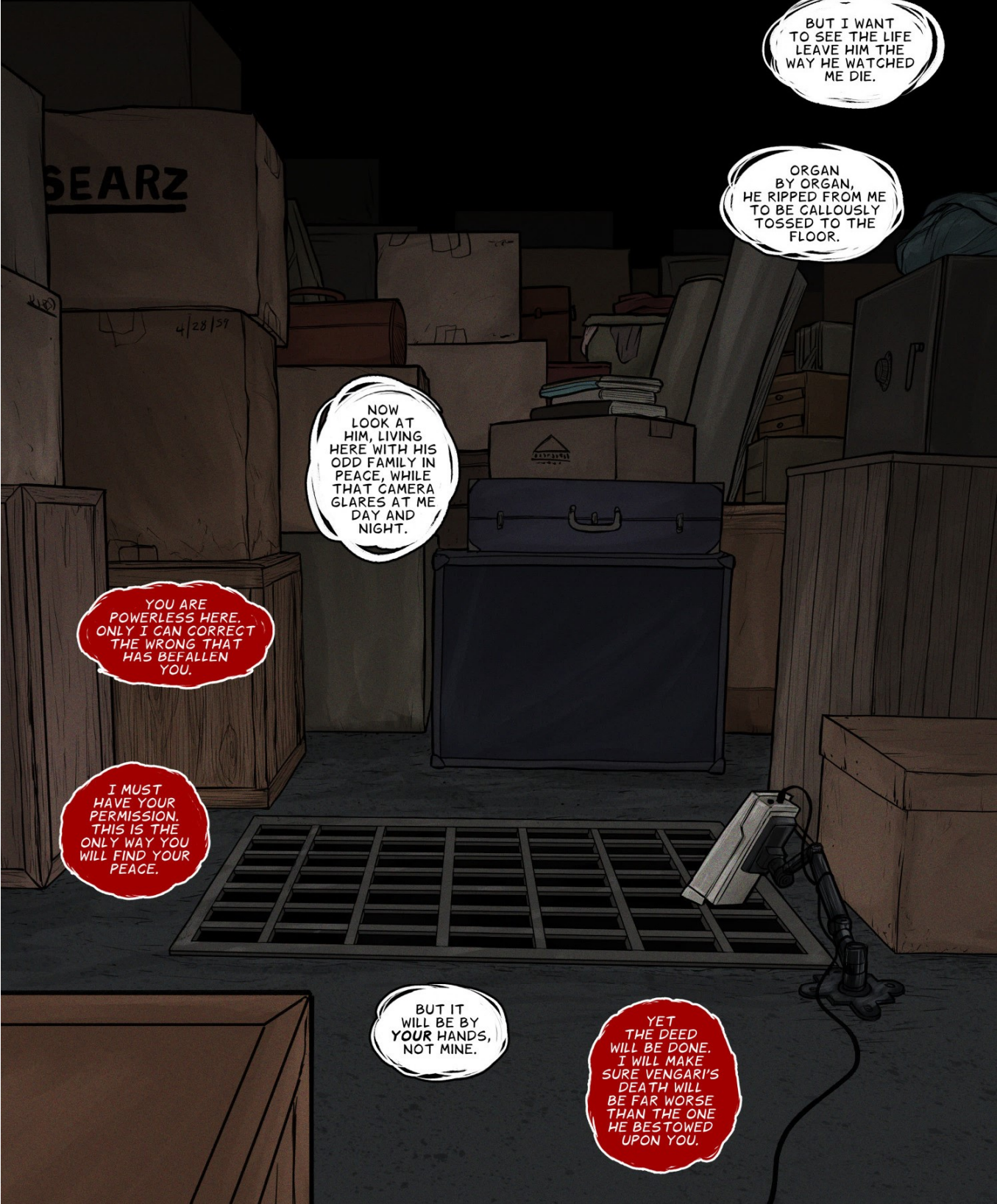
NOW LOOK AT HIM, LIVING HERE WITH HIS ODD FAMILY IN PEACE, WHILE THAT CAMERA GLARES AT ME DAY AND NIGHT.

YOU ARE POWERLESS HERE. ONLY I CAN CORRECT THE WRONG THAT HAS BEFALLEN YOU.

I MUST HAVE YOUR PERMISSION. THIS IS THE ONLY WAY YOU WILL FIND YOUR PEACE.

BUT IT WILL BE BY YOUR HANDS, NOT MINE.

YET THE DEED WILL BE DONE. I WILL MAKE SURE VENGARI'S DEATH WILL BE FAR WORSE THAN THE ONE HE BESTOWED UPON YOU.



WHY ARE YOU HELPING ME?

I AM SYMPATHETIC TO YOUR PLIGHT, AND A RIPE OPPORTUNITY HAS PRESENTED ITSELF. ALL I NEED IS YOUR PERMISSION.



WILL IT HURT?

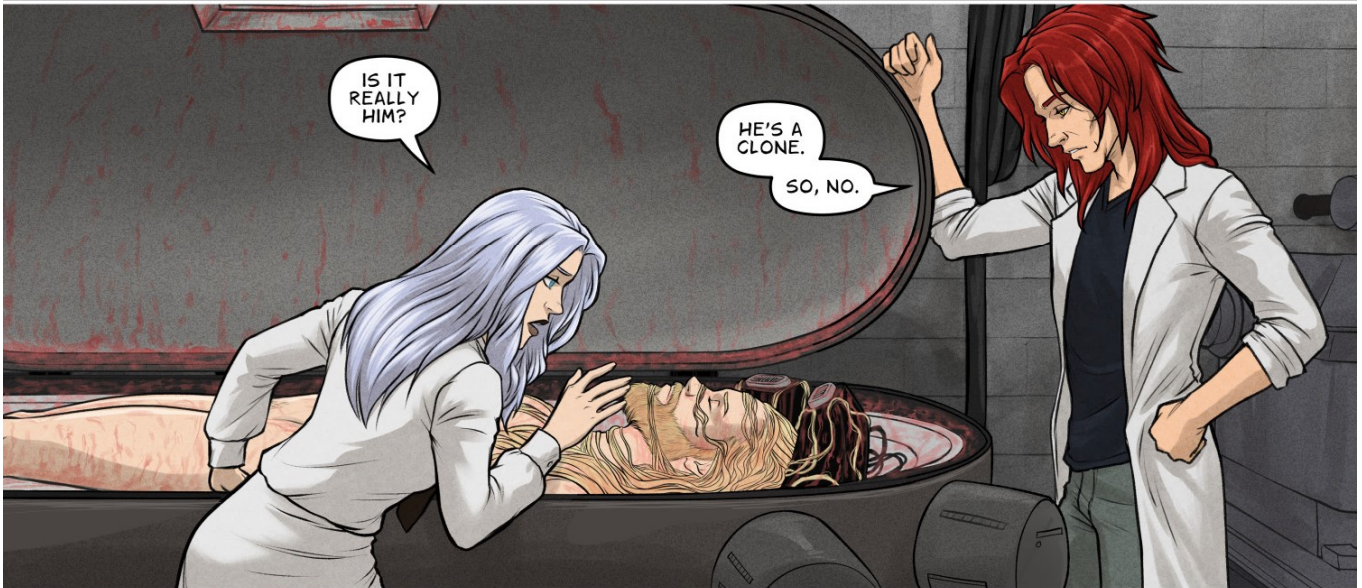
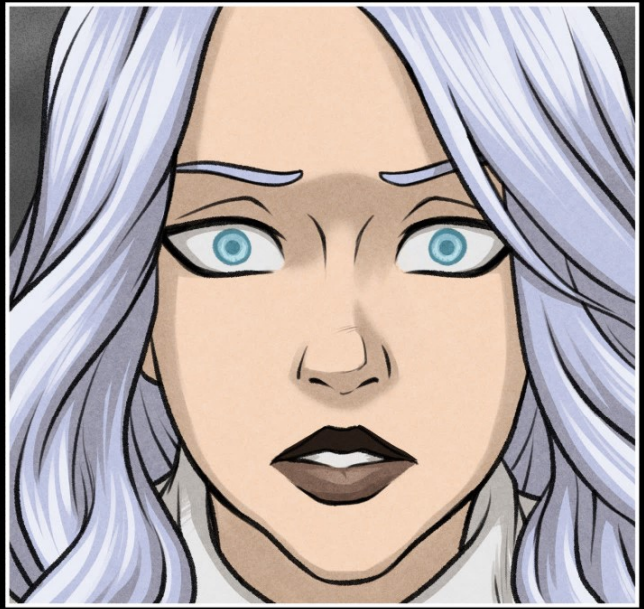
DO YOU REMEMBER THAT MOMENT BEFORE SLEEP TAKES YOU? WHEN EVERYTHING IS CALM AND YOU FEEL YOURSELF SLIPPING INTO NUMBNESS?

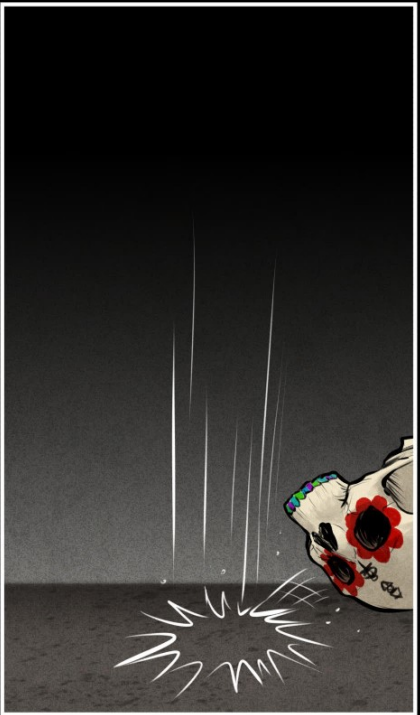
IT WILL BE LIKE THAT, AND YOUR DREADFUL EXISTENCE WITHIN THIS PIT WILL BE OVER.

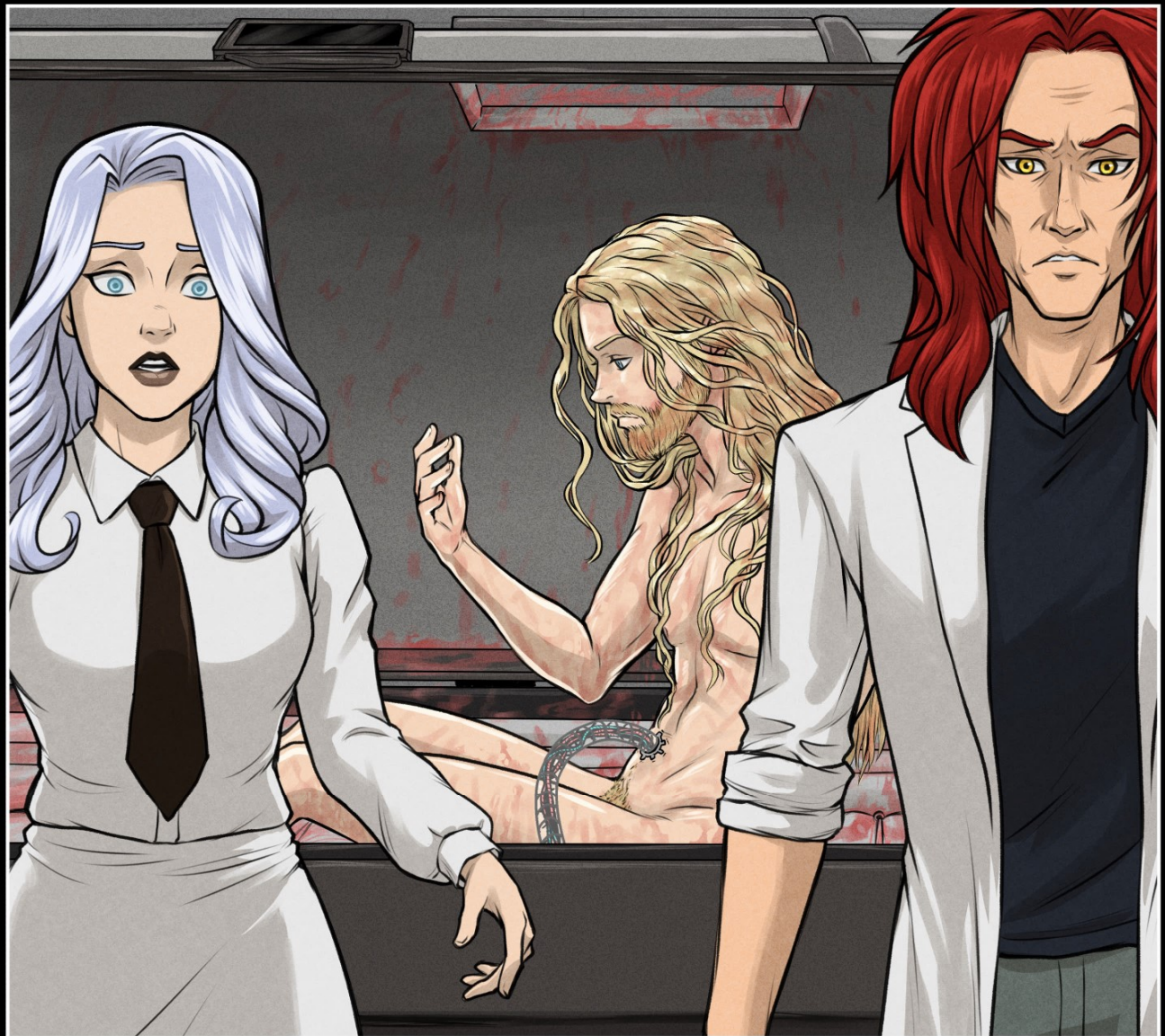
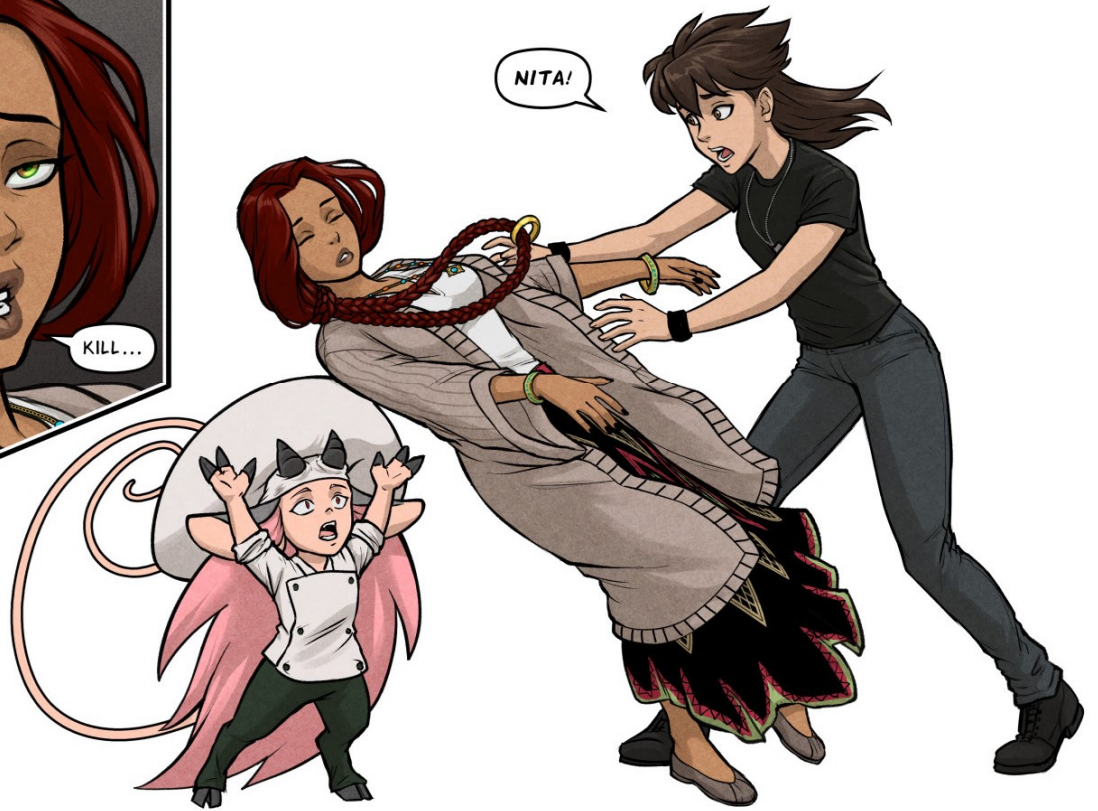
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THEN LET IT BE OVER.

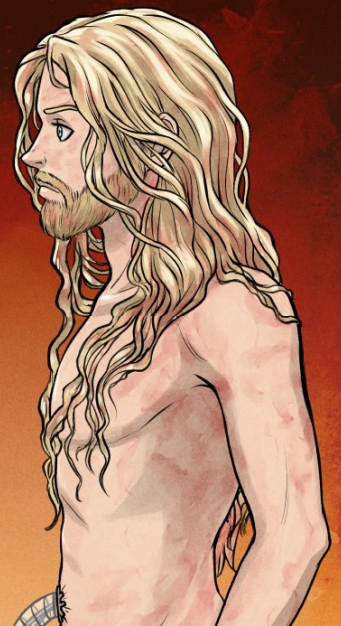
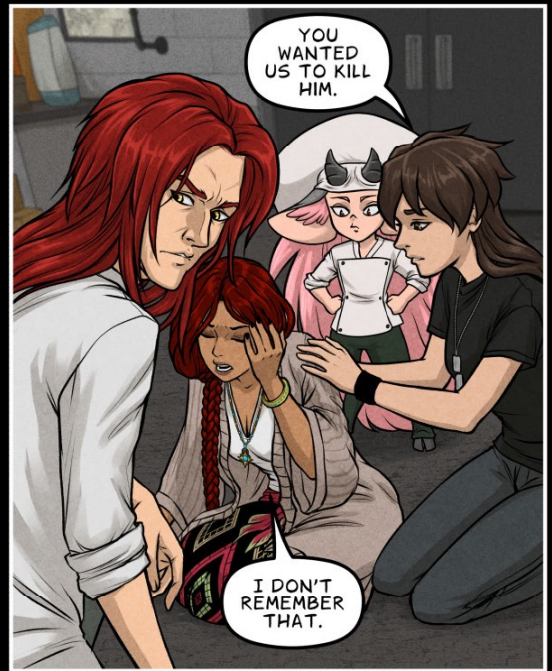
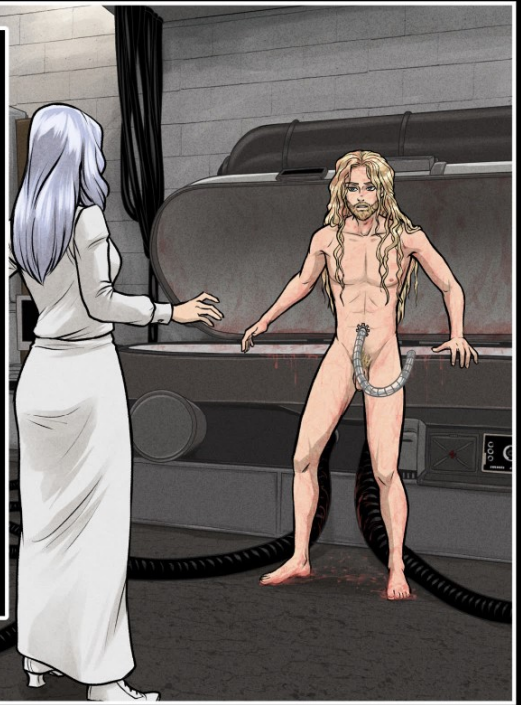
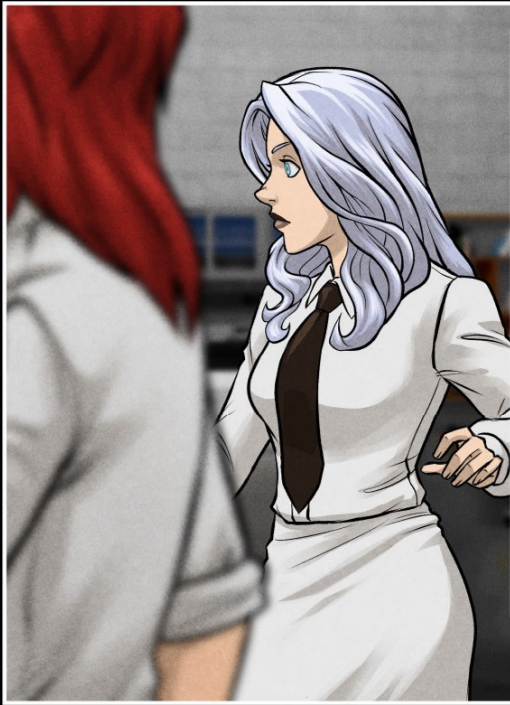


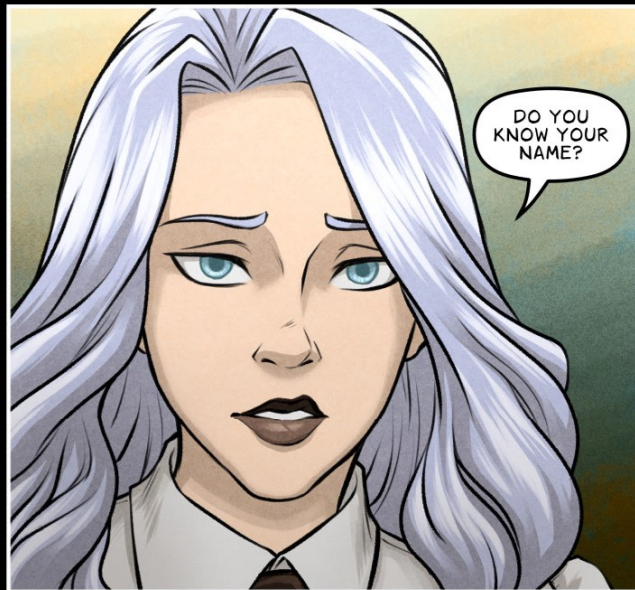
THANK YOU, MY FRIEND.



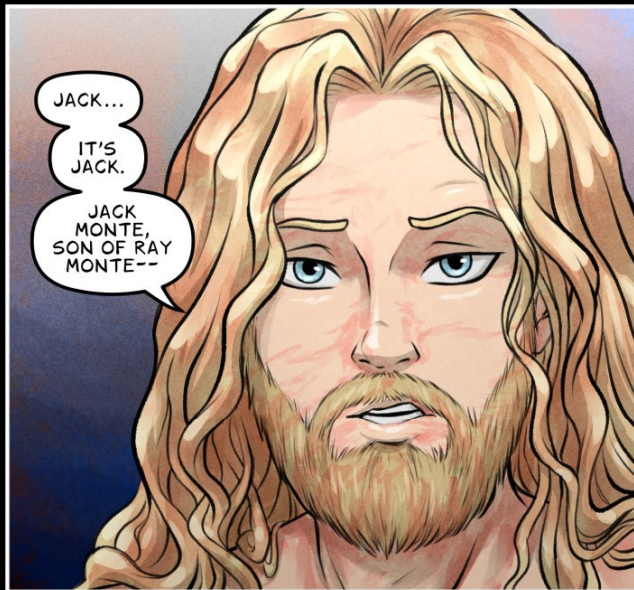




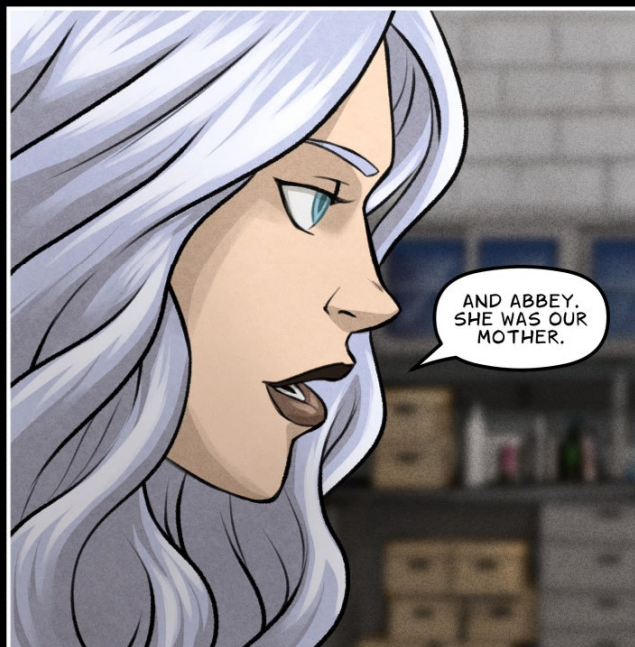




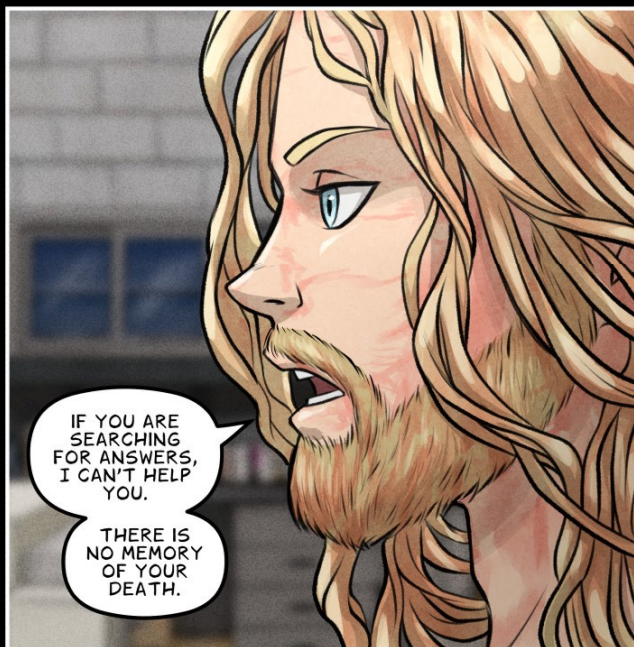
DO YOU KNOW YOUR NAME?



JACK...
IT'S JACK.
JACK MONTE, SON OF RAY MONTE--



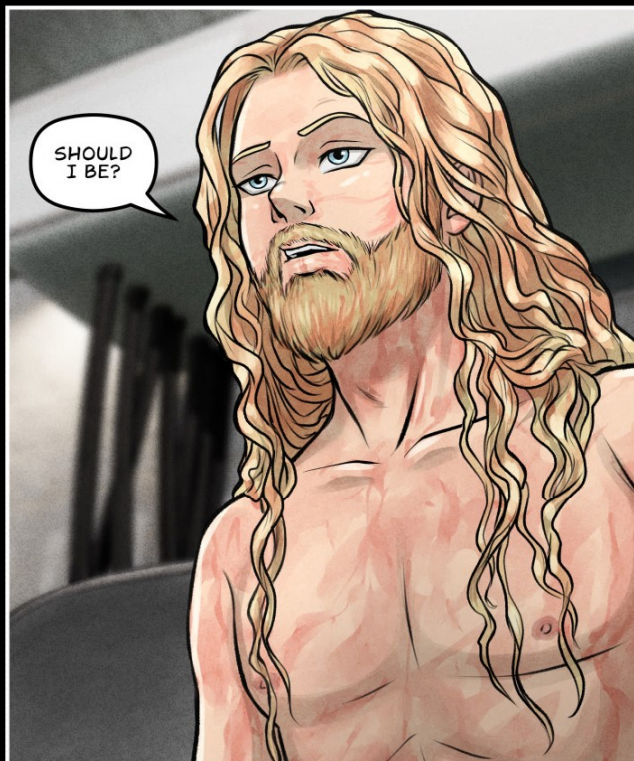
AND ABBEY. SHE WAS OUR MOTHER.



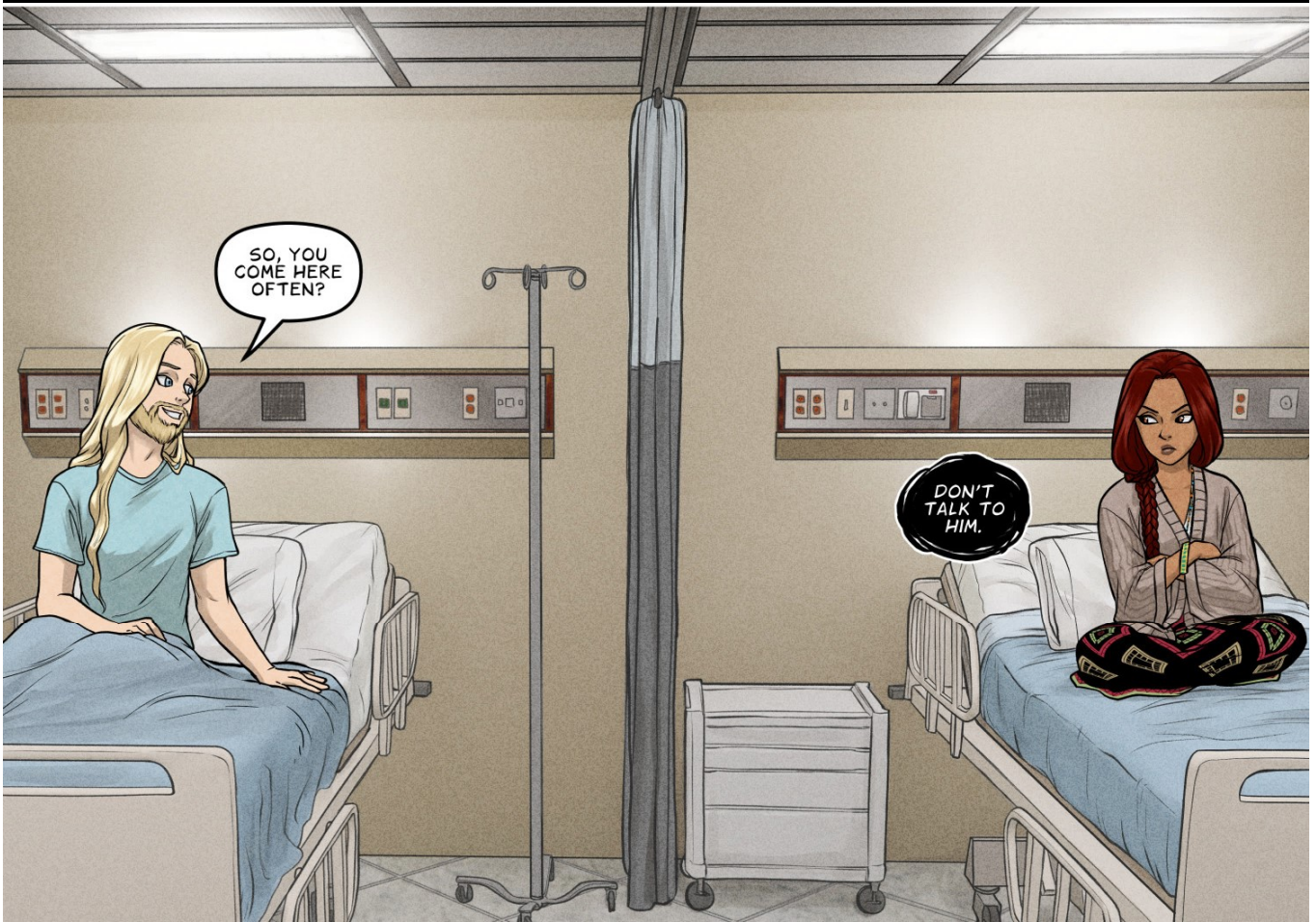
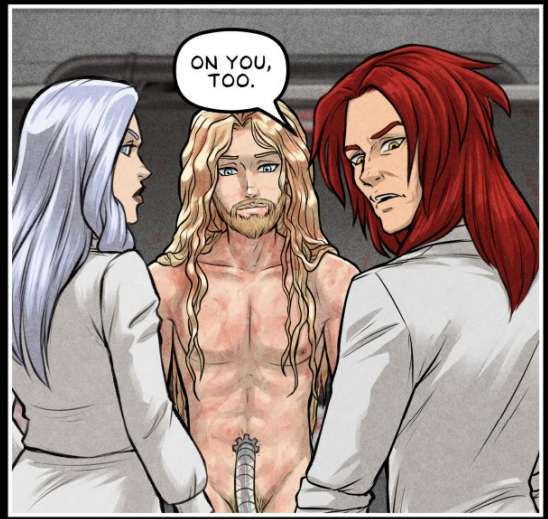
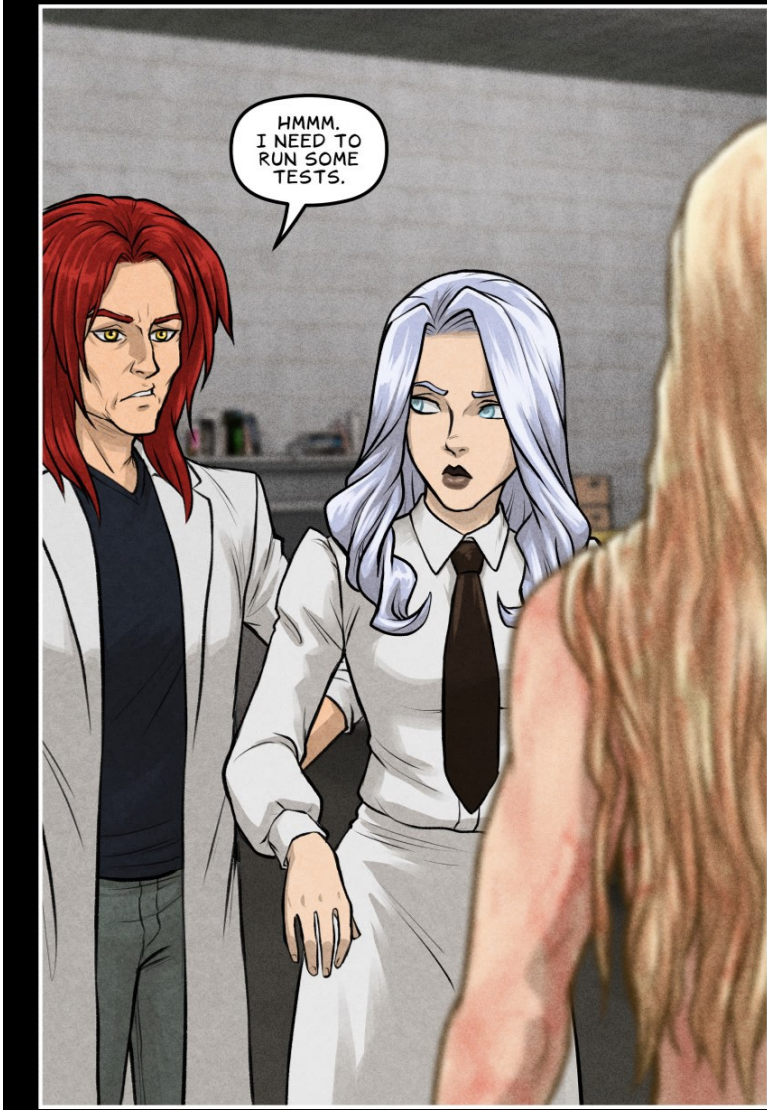
IF YOU ARE SEARCHING FOR ANSWERS, I CAN'T HELP YOU.
THERE IS NO MEMORY OF YOUR DEATH.

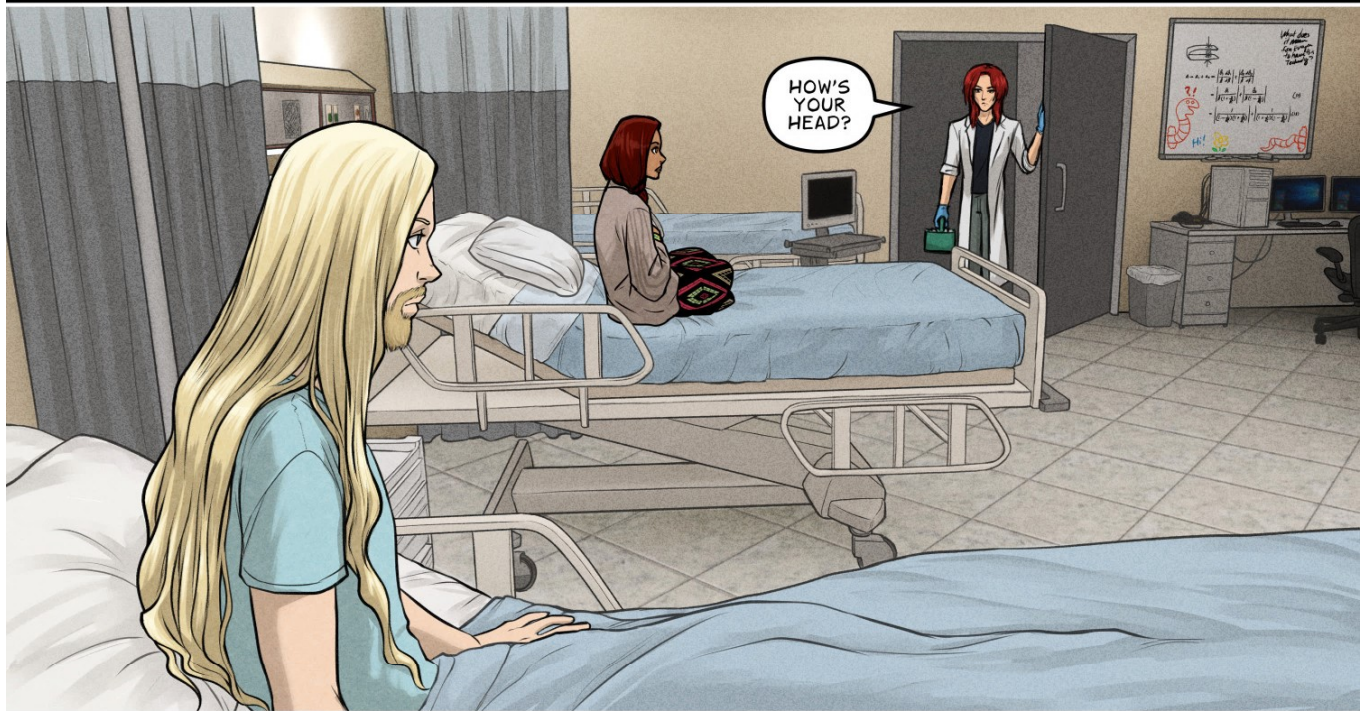


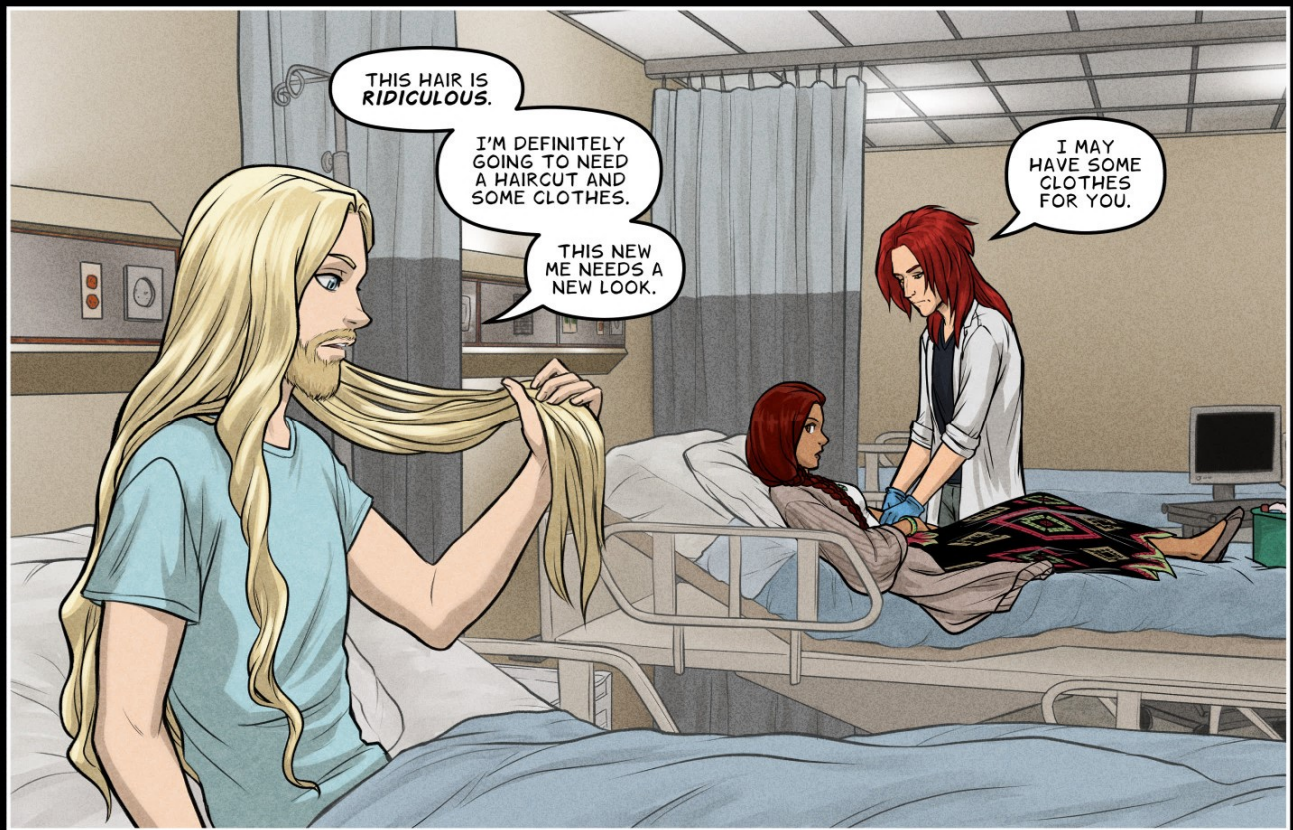
HOW ARE YOU NOT FREAKED OUT BY THIS?



SHOULD I BE?





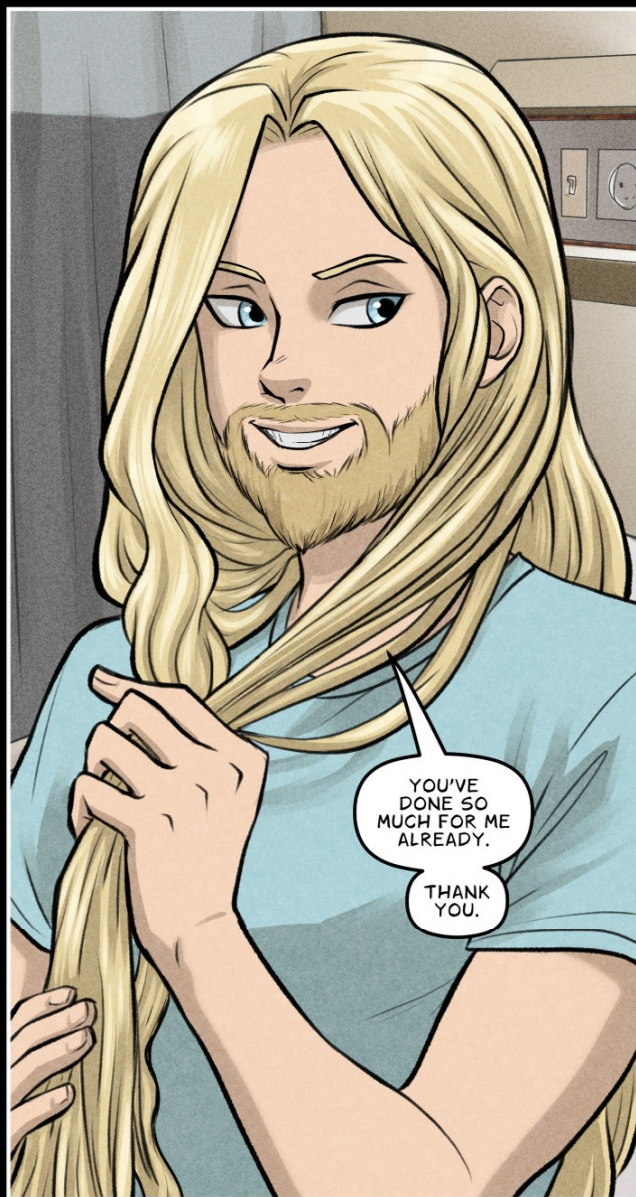


THIS HAIR IS RIDICULOUS.

I'M DEFINITELY GOING TO NEED A HAIRCUT AND SOME CLOTHES.

THIS NEW ME NEEDS A NEW LOOK.

I MAY HAVE SOME CLOTHES FOR YOU.

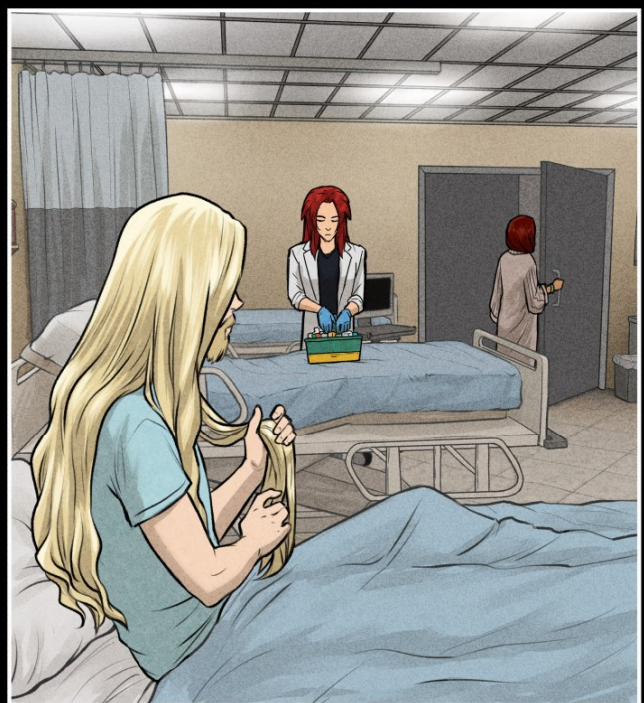


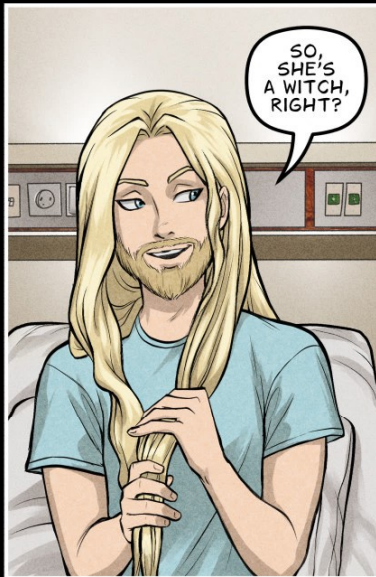
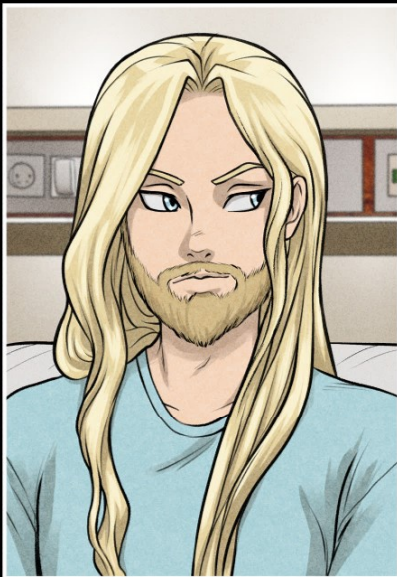
YOU'VE DONE SO MUCH FOR ME ALREADY.

THANK YOU.

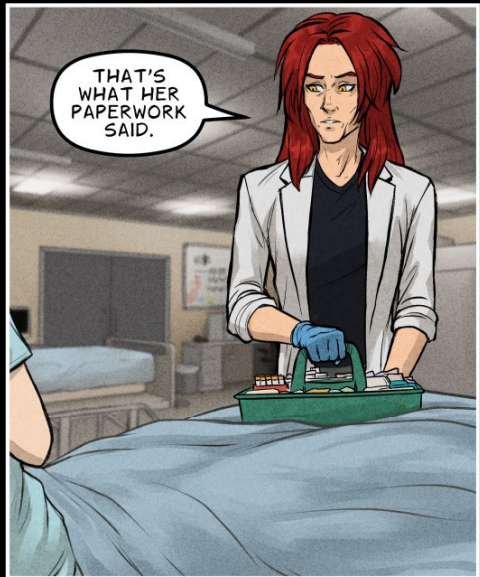


I'M FINISHED. YOU CAN LEAVE.





SO, SHE'S A WITCH, RIGHT?



THAT'S WHAT HER PAPERWORK SAID.



WITCHES ARE VERY SPECIAL.

EVEN THE INEXPERIENCED ONES... SO MUCH RAW POTENTIAL.

IF YOU SAY SO.



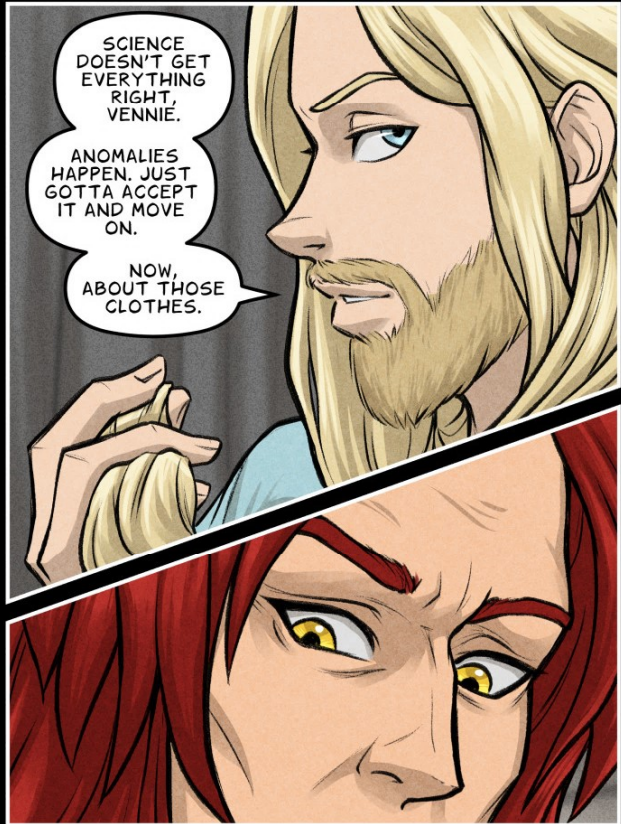
IT'S STILL ODD THAT YOU'RE ABLE TO WALK AND TALK.

CLONES WAKE UP NEEDING TO LEARN EVERYTHING.



ALSO, YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE BRAIN DEAD.

YOU SHOULDN'T BE AWAKE AT ALL.

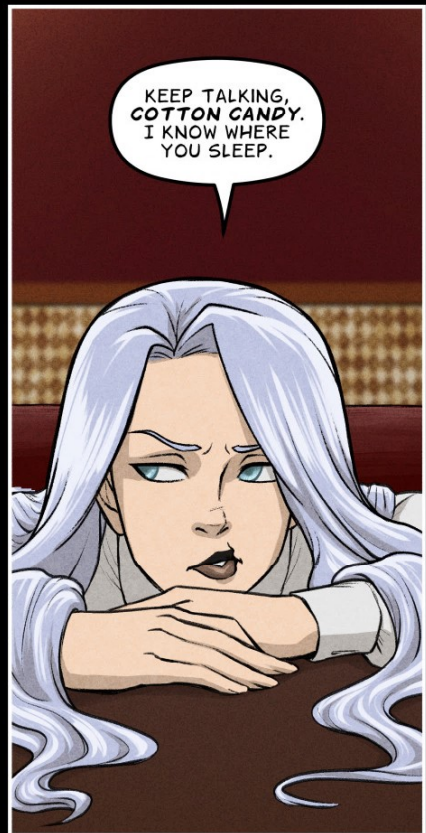
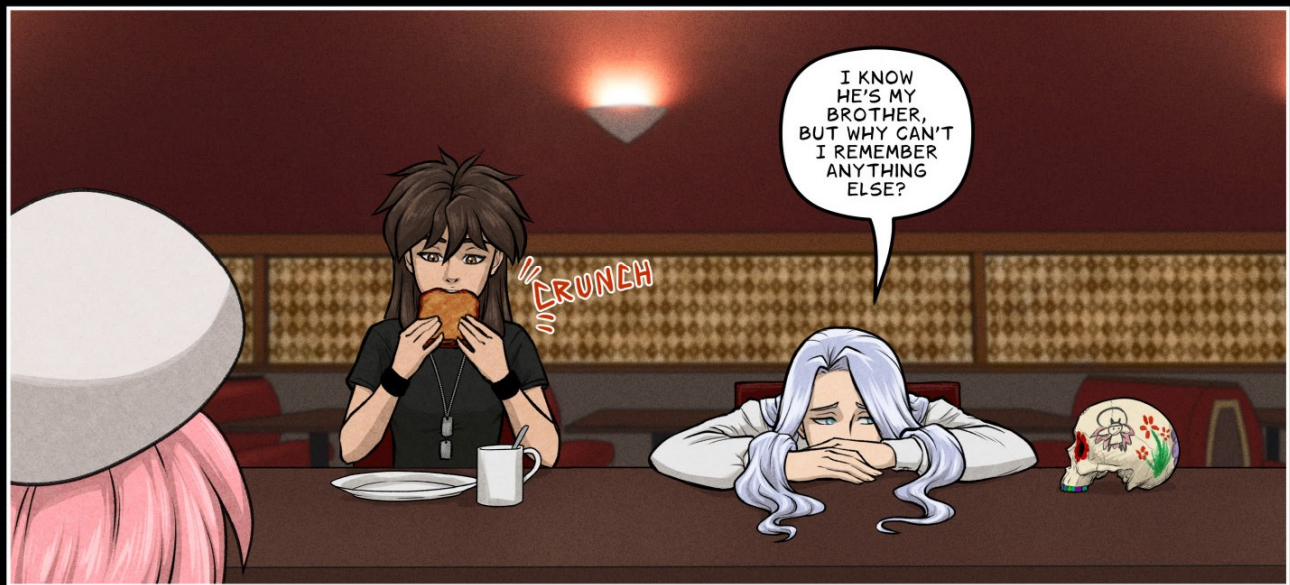
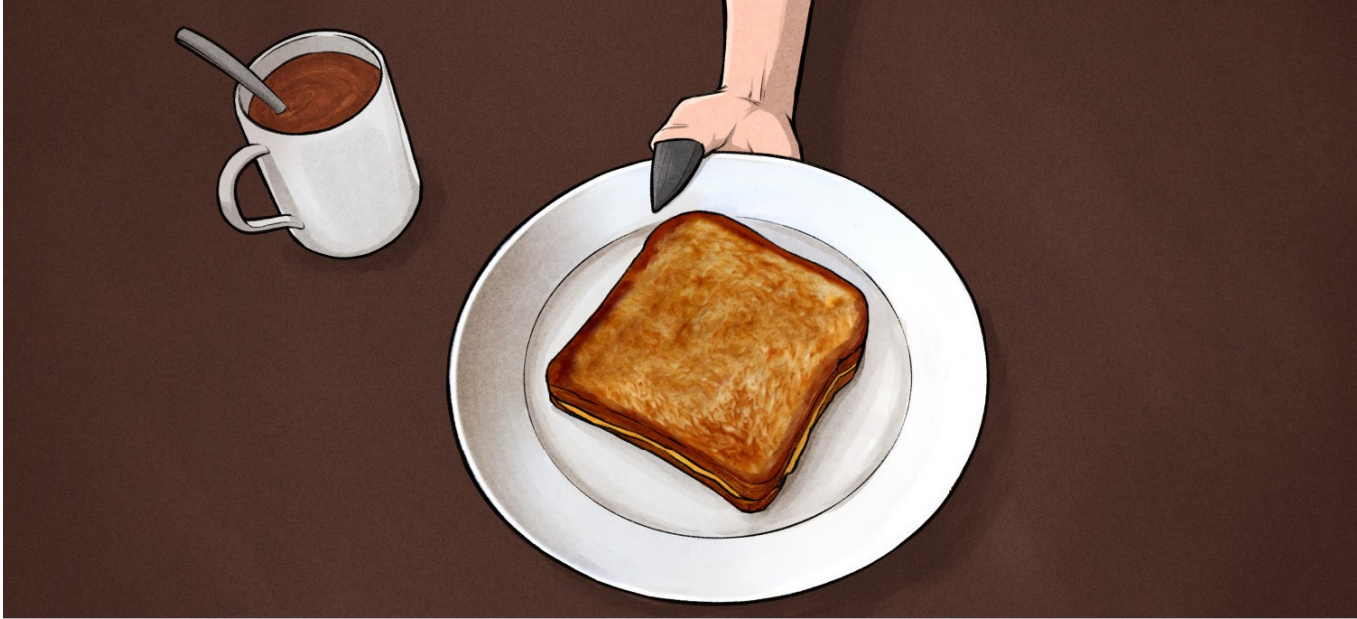


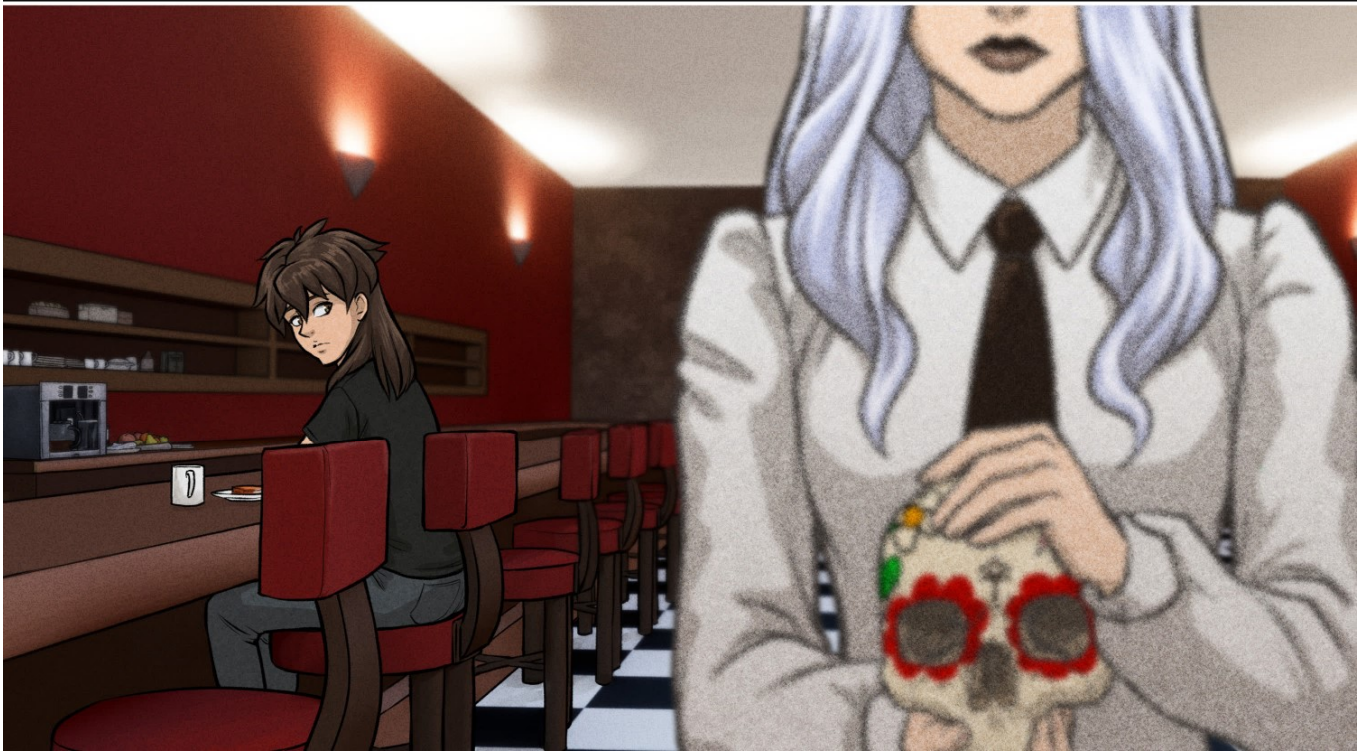
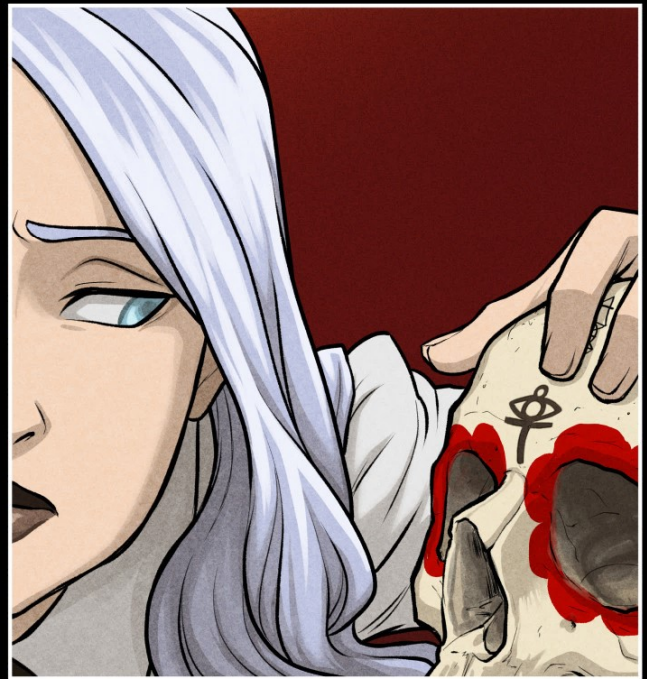
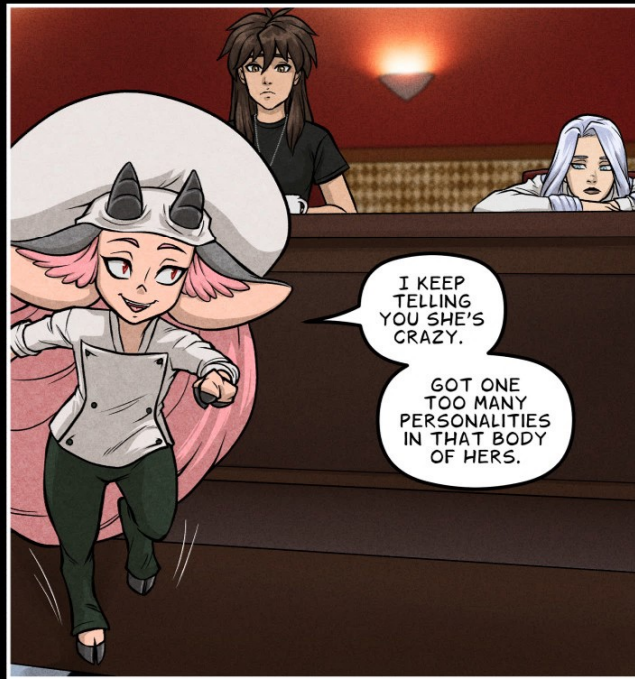
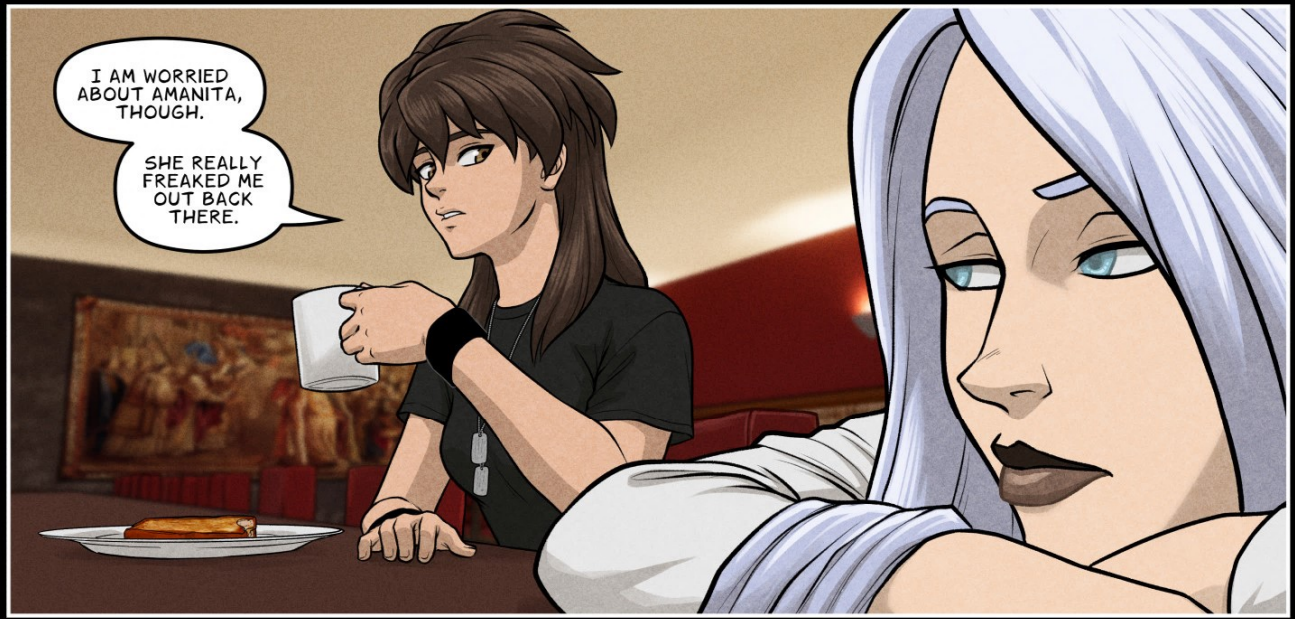
SCIENCE DOESN'T GET EVERYTHING RIGHT, VENNIE.

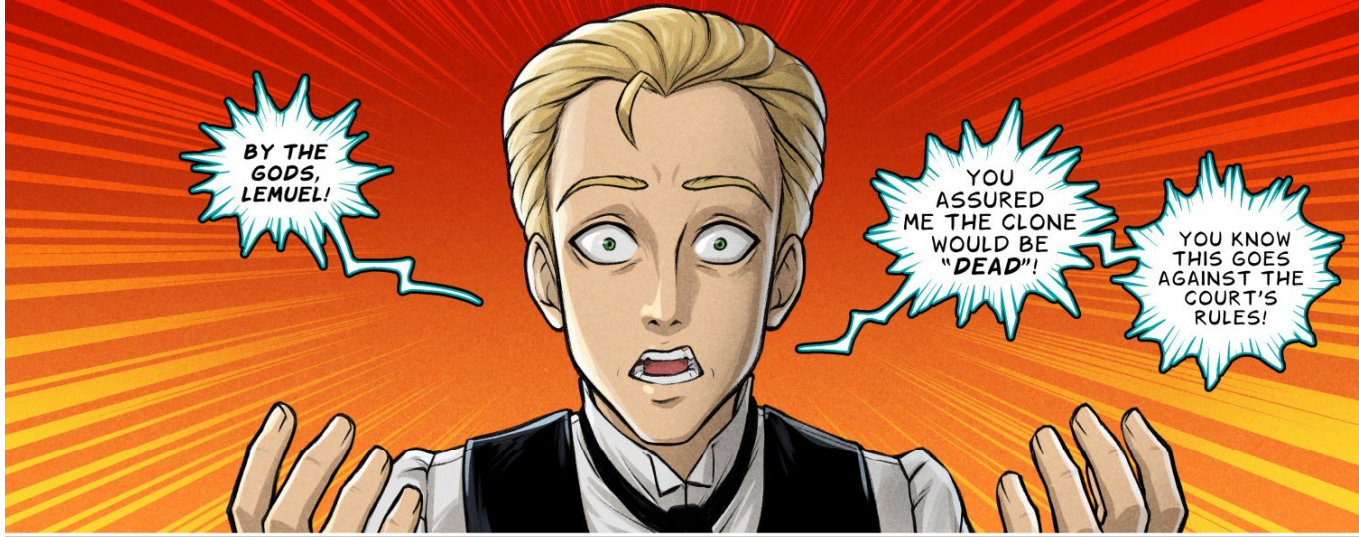
ANOMALIES HAPPEN. JUST GOTTA ACCEPT IT AND MOVE ON.

NOW, ABOUT THOSE CLOTHES.









BY THE GODS, LEMUEL!

YOU ASSURED ME THE CLONE WOULD BE "DEAD"!

YOU KNOW THIS GOES AGAINST THE COURT'S RULES!



I AM AS SURPRISED AS YOU.
HE SHOULDN'T BE AWAKE, YET HE IS.



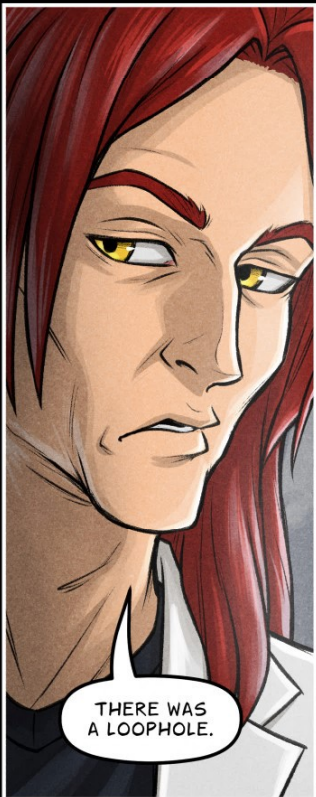
THEN THIS ISN'T YOUR **PRECIOUS SCIENCE!**
SOMETHING ELSE IS INHABITING THE BODY.

IF THAT'S THE CASE, THEN I'M NOT AT FAULT.



YOU STILL CREATED A CLONE, SOMETHING THE COURT **SPECIFICALLY** FORBADE YOU TO ATTEMPT AGAIN.

JUST WHEN I THINK YOU'RE FINALLY LAYING LOW AND OBEYING THEIR RULES, YOU GO AND DO SOMETHING LIKE **THIS!**



THERE WAS A LOOPHOLE.



WAS.
HE'S AWAKE NOW.



WHERE ARE YOU GOING?

TO KILL HIM.



SOLANUM, WAIT.

WE DON'T KNOW WHAT IS TRULY HAPPENING HERE.



LET'S OBSERVE.

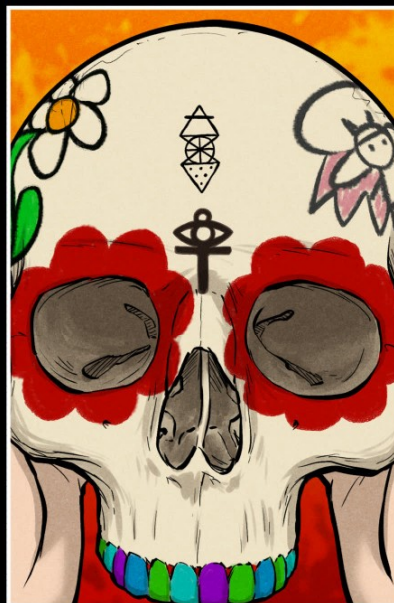
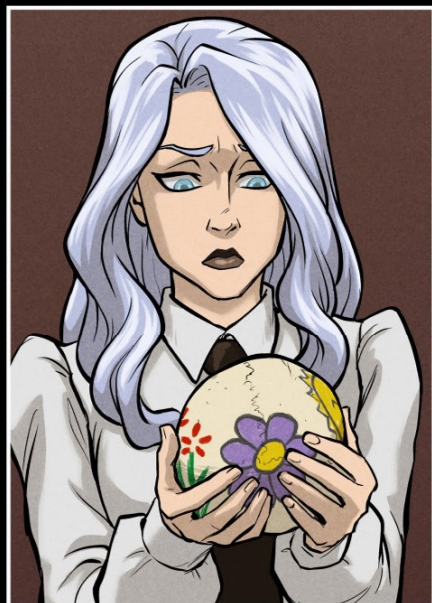
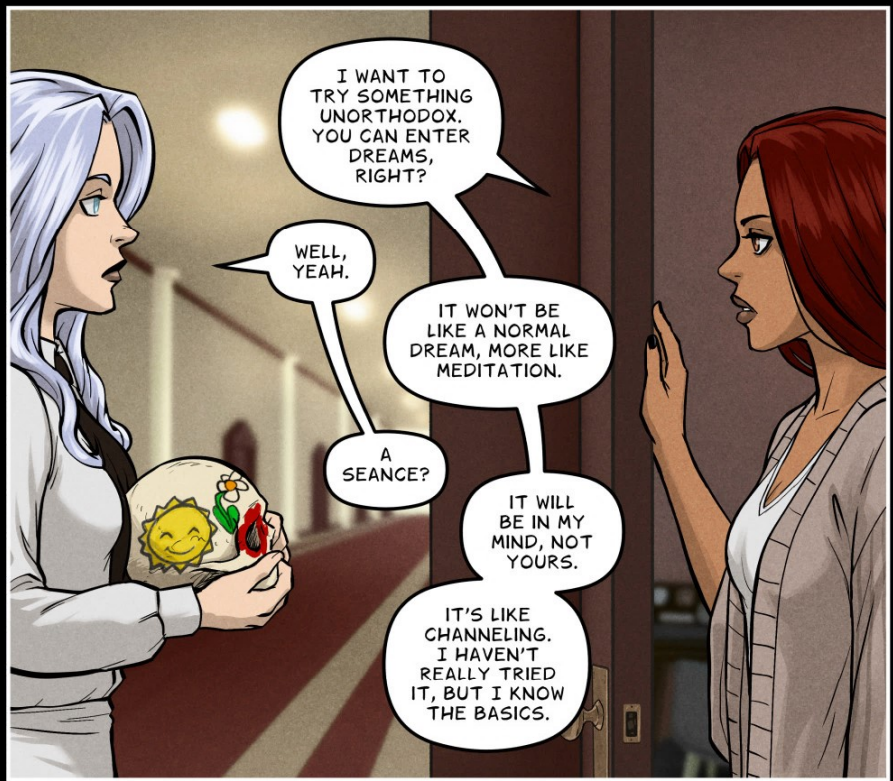
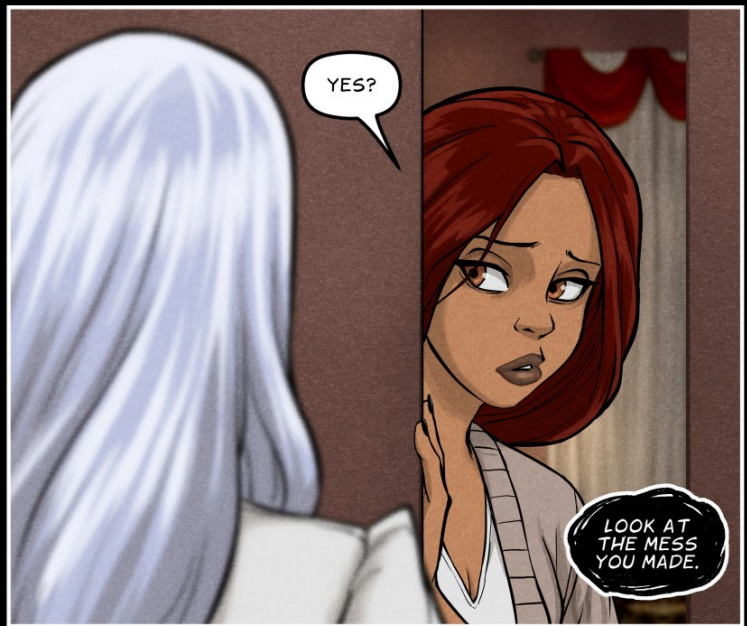
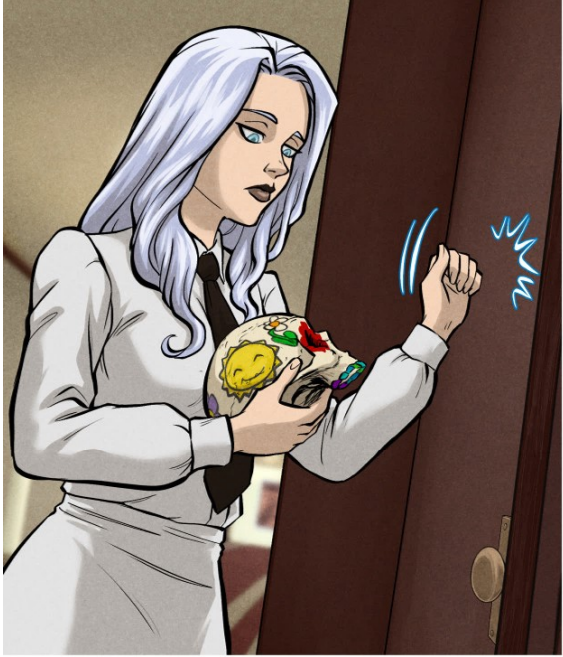


RRRR



SIGH

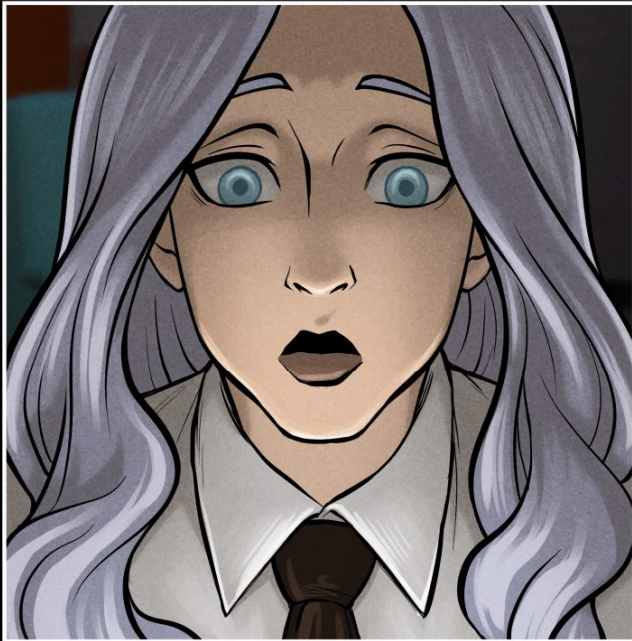
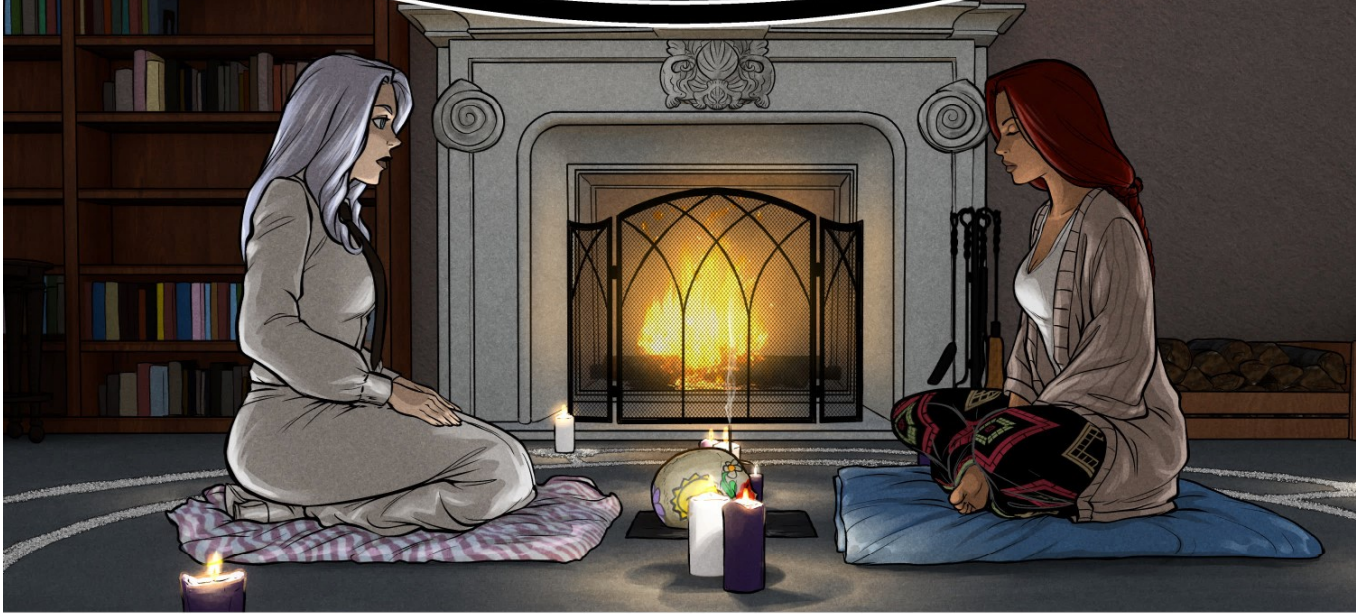
FINE.
I WILL WAIT, FOR NOW.

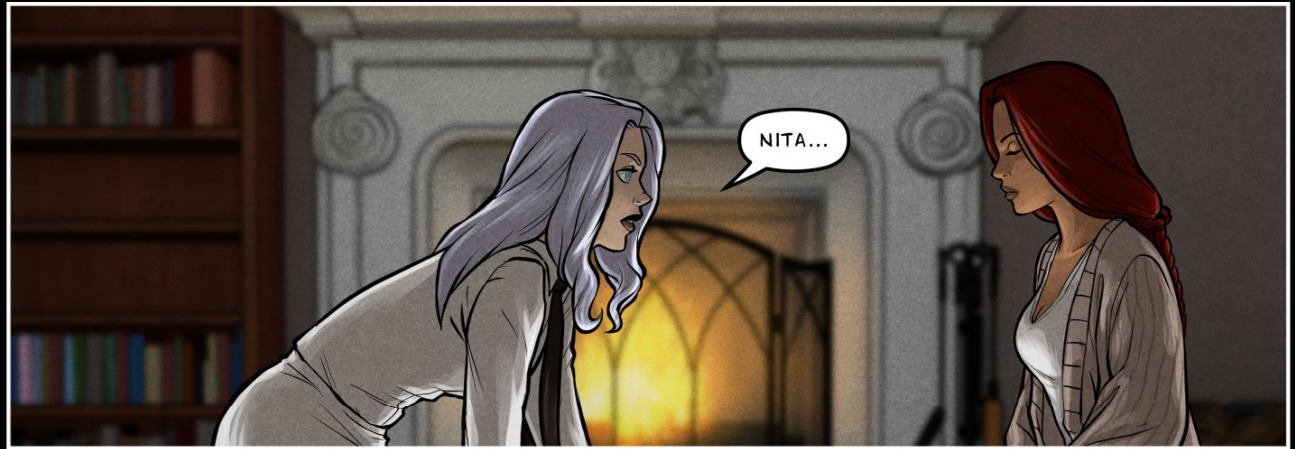




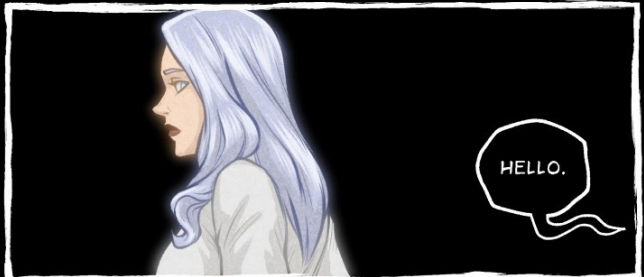
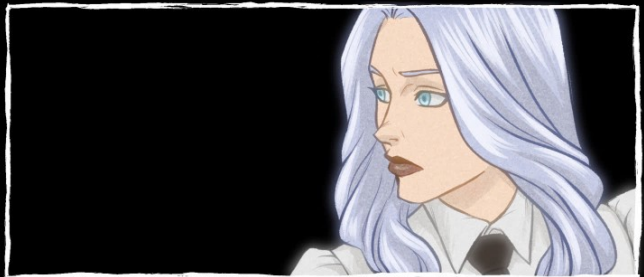
SO...
DO YOU
CHANT OR
SOMETHING?

SHHH.





UHM,
OOKAY.



IT IS NICE
TO FINALLY MEET
YOU FACE TO
FACE, SO TO
SPEAK.



WHAT'S
GOING ON?



DON'T WORRY, I'LL LET YOU SPEAK TO AMANITA IN A MOMENT, BUT FIRST I MUST APOLOGIZE.

THIS WHOLE CLONE THING WAS PARTIALLY MY FAULT.

TAP TAP TAP

THROUGH A FEW CHOICE WORDS, I MAY HAVE NUDGED AMANITA MORE THAN SHE REALIZED.

THIS IS ALL BECAUSE OF YOU?

SOMEWHAT.

PARTLY.

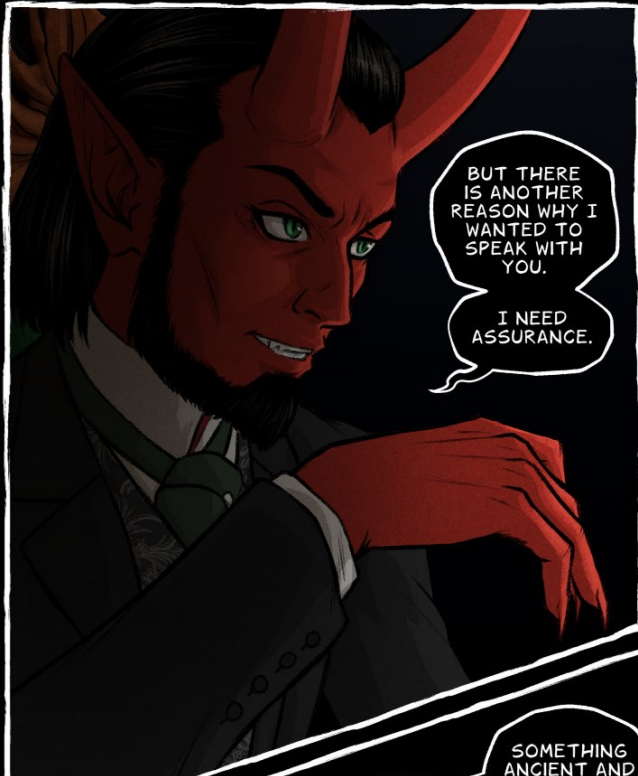
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MOSTLY.

WHY?

MUCH LIKE THAT **ODD SCIENTIST**, I, TOO, WAS BORED AND CURIOUS.

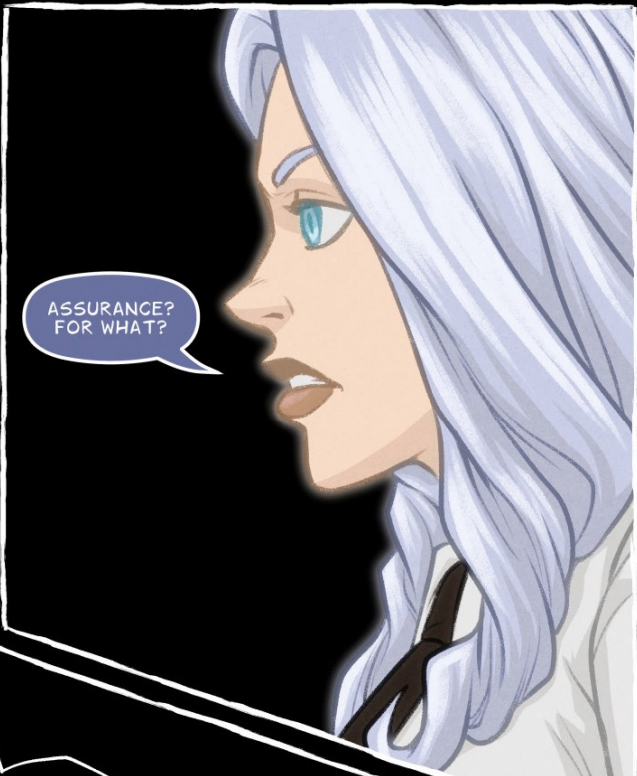
ALSO, I COULD NEVER GET A GOOD READ ON YOU.

I SIMPLY SAW AN OPPORTUNITY.

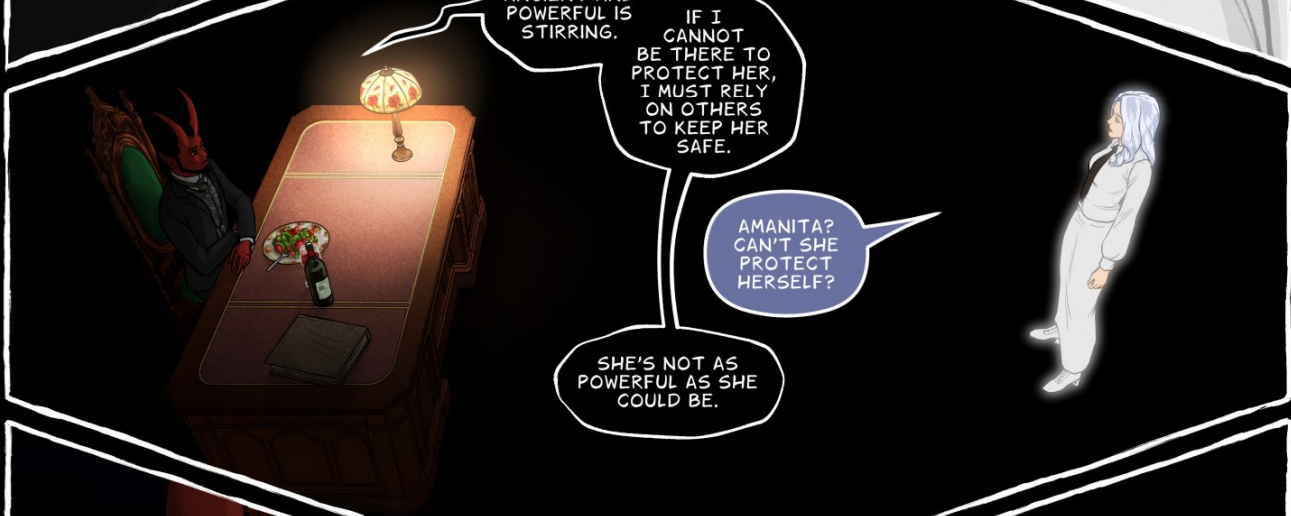


BUT THERE IS ANOTHER REASON WHY I WANTED TO SPEAK WITH YOU.

I NEED ASSURANCE.



ASSURANCE? FOR WHAT?



SOMETHING ANCIENT AND POWERFUL IS STIRRING.

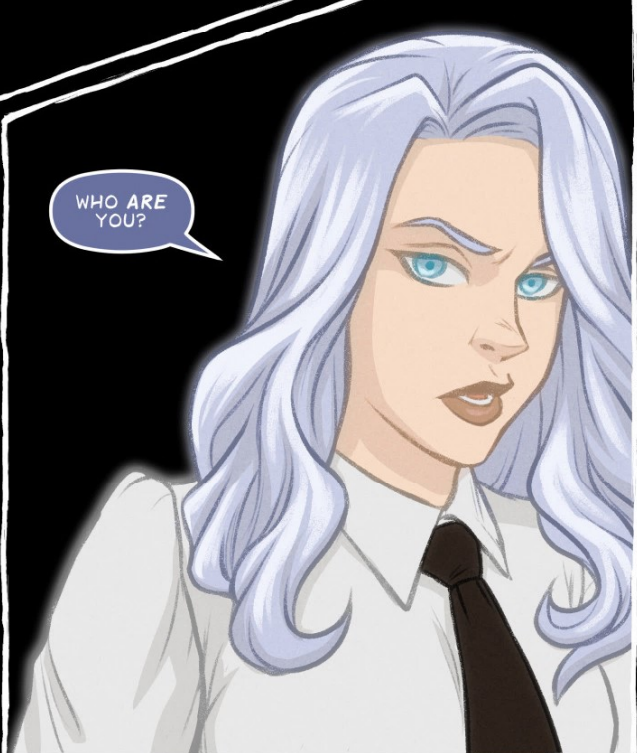
IF I CANNOT BE THERE TO PROTECT HER, I MUST RELY ON OTHERS TO KEEP HER SAFE.

AMANITA? CAN'T SHE PROTECT HERSELF?

SHE'S NOT AS POWERFUL AS SHE COULD BE.



CAN I TRUST YOU?



WHO ARE YOU?



I AM THE BLOODLINE'S FAITHFUL SERVANT.



LET ME REPHRASE THAT.

WHAT ARE YOU?

WHAT I AM, AT PRESENT, IS A MYSTERY EVEN TO ME.

YET IT IS THE MYSTERY OF YOU, MY *SPECTRAL* FRIEND, OF WHICH I CURRENTLY SEEK.



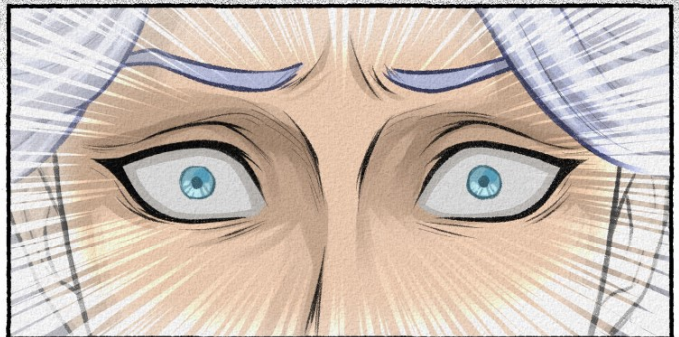
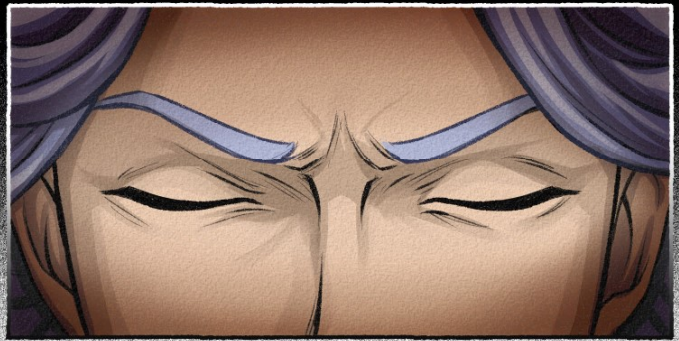
AS FOR *TRUST*, PAST ACTIONS HAVE SHOWN HOW YOU CARE FOR HER AND OTHERS, EVEN THOSE YOU BARELY KNOW.

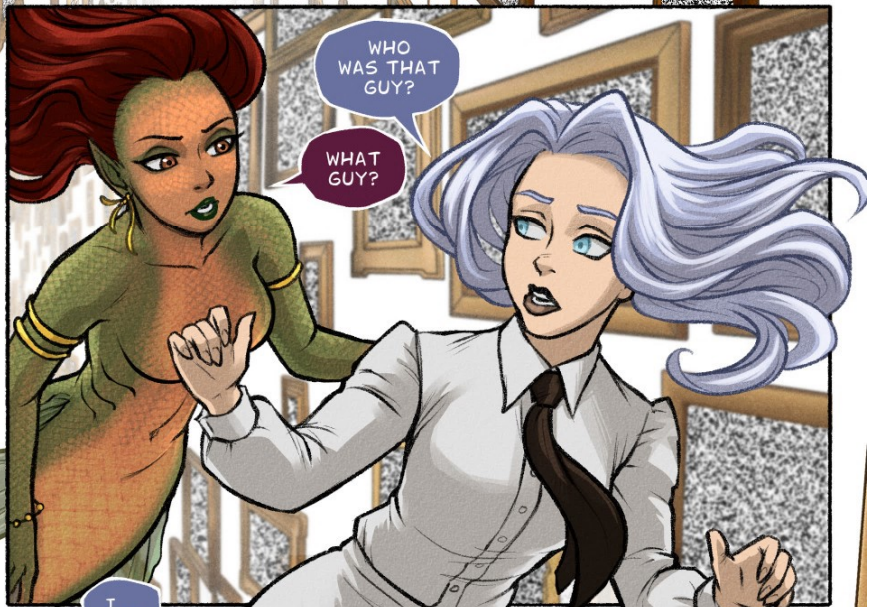
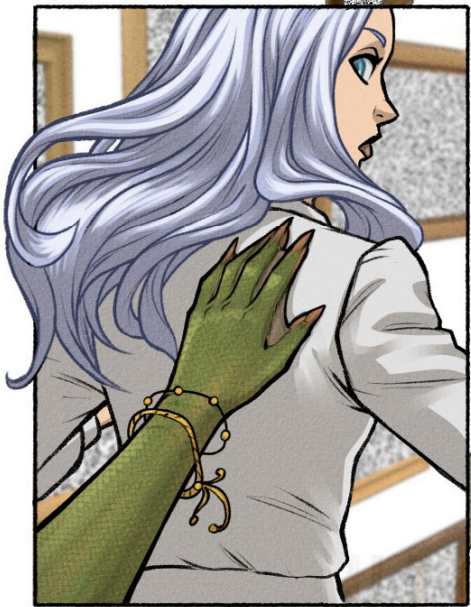
IT WAS NICE TO FINALLY HAVE A TRUE CONVERSATION WITH SOMEONE.

PERHAPS SOME DAY WE SHALL HAVE ANOTHER.



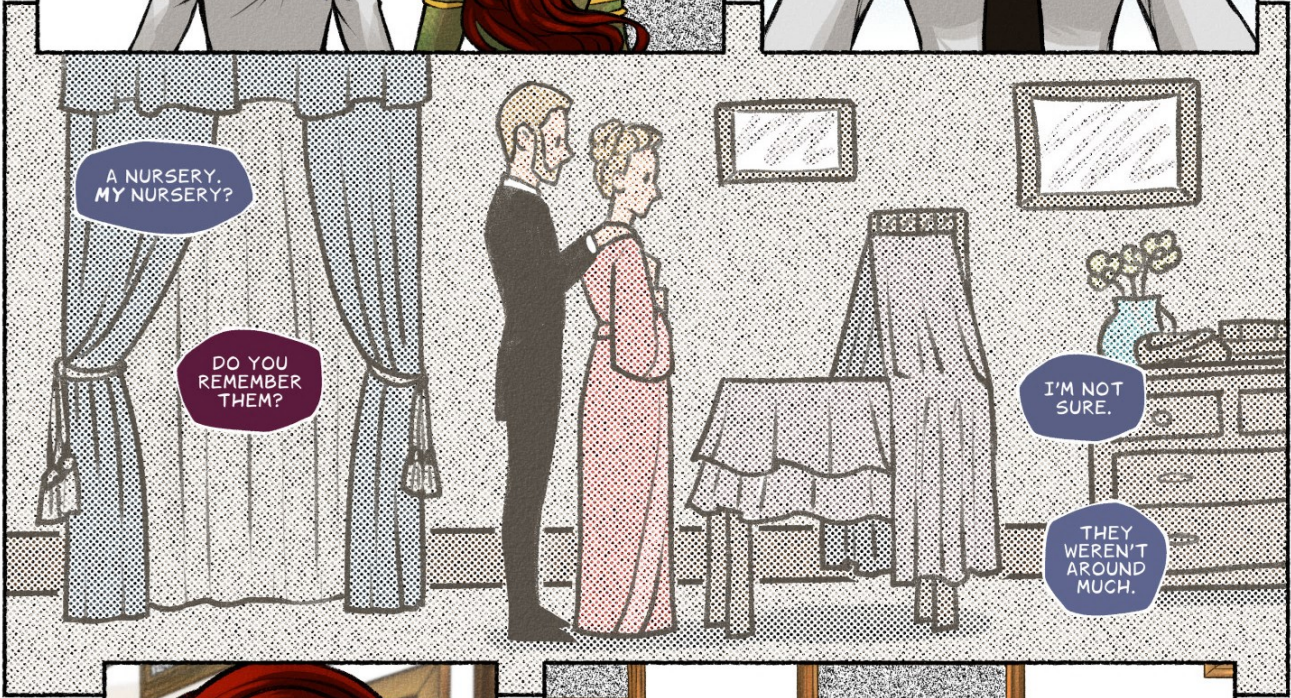
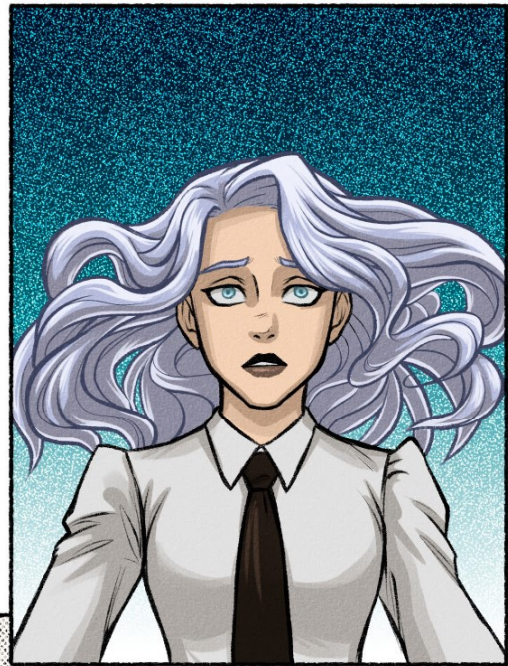
NOW, ON WITH THE SHOW.







WHAT CAN YOU TELL ME ABOUT THIS?

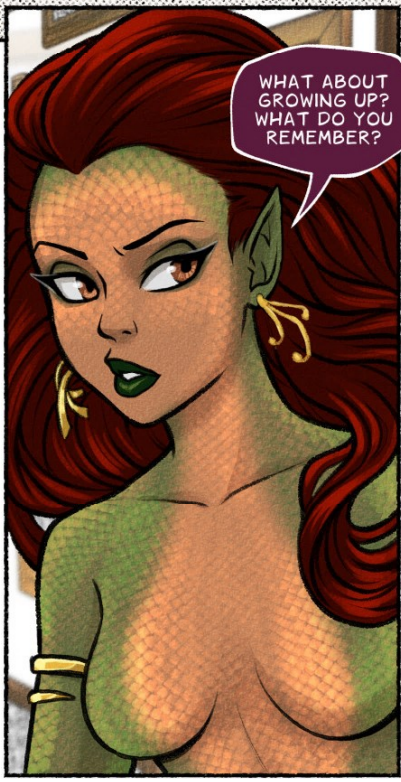


A NURSERY. MY NURSERY?

DO YOU REMEMBER THEM?

I'M NOT SURE.

THEY WEREN'T AROUND MUCH.



WHAT ABOUT GROWING UP?? WHAT DO YOU REMEMBER?



I DON'T...



WAIT... THAT'S RIGHT!

THERE WAS A UNIVERSITY-- I STUDIED WORLD HISTORY.

ARCHAEOLOGY?

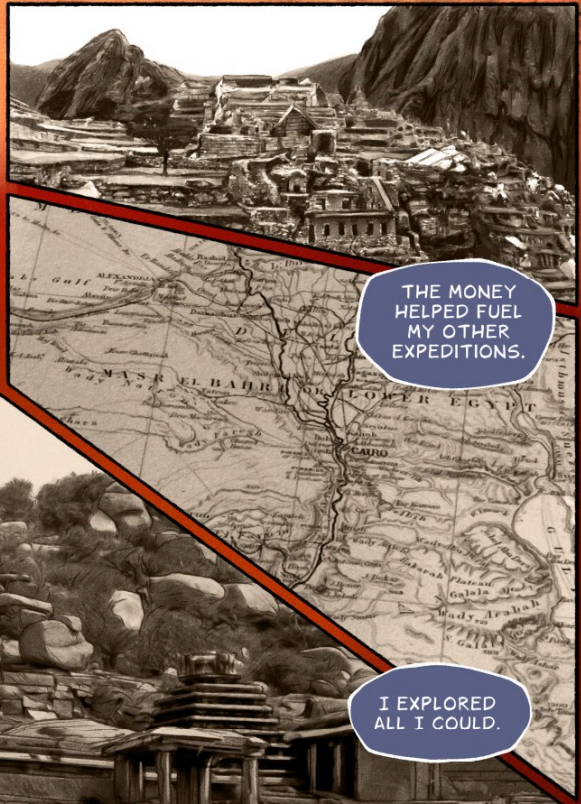
NOT REALLY. I WAS HIRED TO BRING BACK THE GOOD STUFF.



YOU WERE A GRAVE ROBBER?!

FOR THE RIGHT PRICE.

THAT'S TERRIBLE!



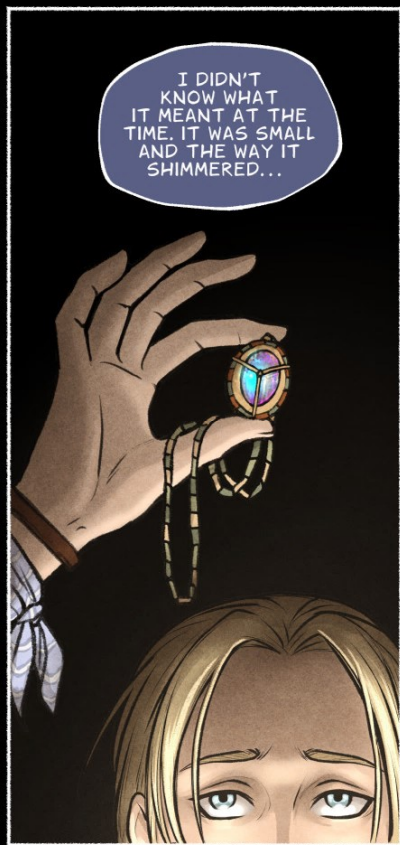
THE MONEY HELPED FUEL MY OTHER EXPEDITIONS.

I EXPLORED ALL I COULD.



SOMETHING IMPORTANT HAPPENED IN EGYPT...





I DIDN'T KNOW WHAT IT MEANT AT THE TIME. IT WAS SMALL AND THE WAY IT SHIMMERED...



SO, I DECIDED TO KEEP IT FOR MYSELF.



IT WAS IN THE TOMB OF A PROMINENT MAN.

WE DIDN'T HAVE TIME TO FULLY INVESTIGATE. WE WERE THERE WITHOUT AN INVITATION AND TIME WAS AGAINST US.

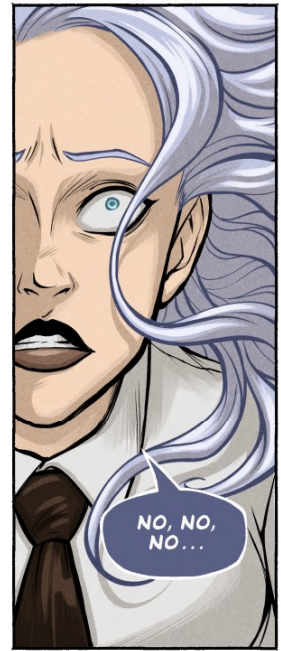
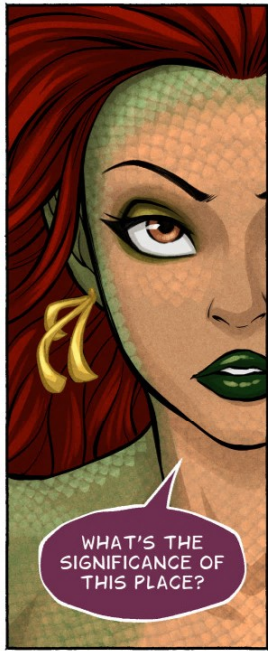
ALL OF THESE TOMBS READY FOR DISCOVERY, SEEING THINGS THAT HAVEN'T BEEN SEEN IN THOUSANDS OF YEARS. IT WAS EXCITING.

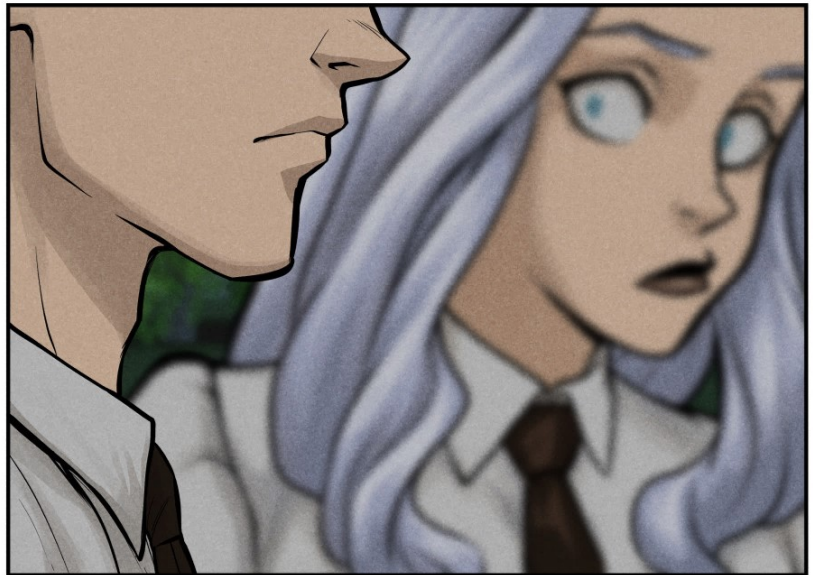
TRUE BURIED TREASURES!

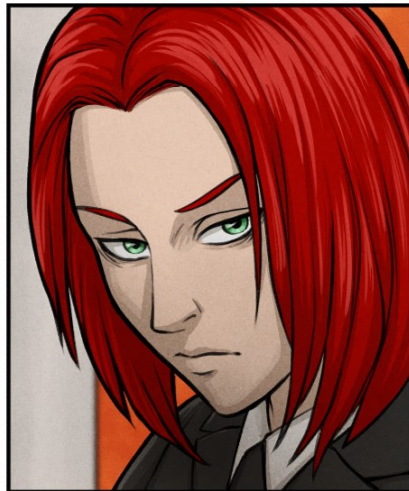


MOST OF THE ARTIFACTS, POTTERY, AND REGULAR ITEMS WENT TO A FEW MUSEUMS, BUT THE OTHER PRECIOUS ITEMS WENT TO PRIVATE COLLECTORS.

WE MADE A SMALL FORTUNE OFF THAT ONE TOMB.









JACK!

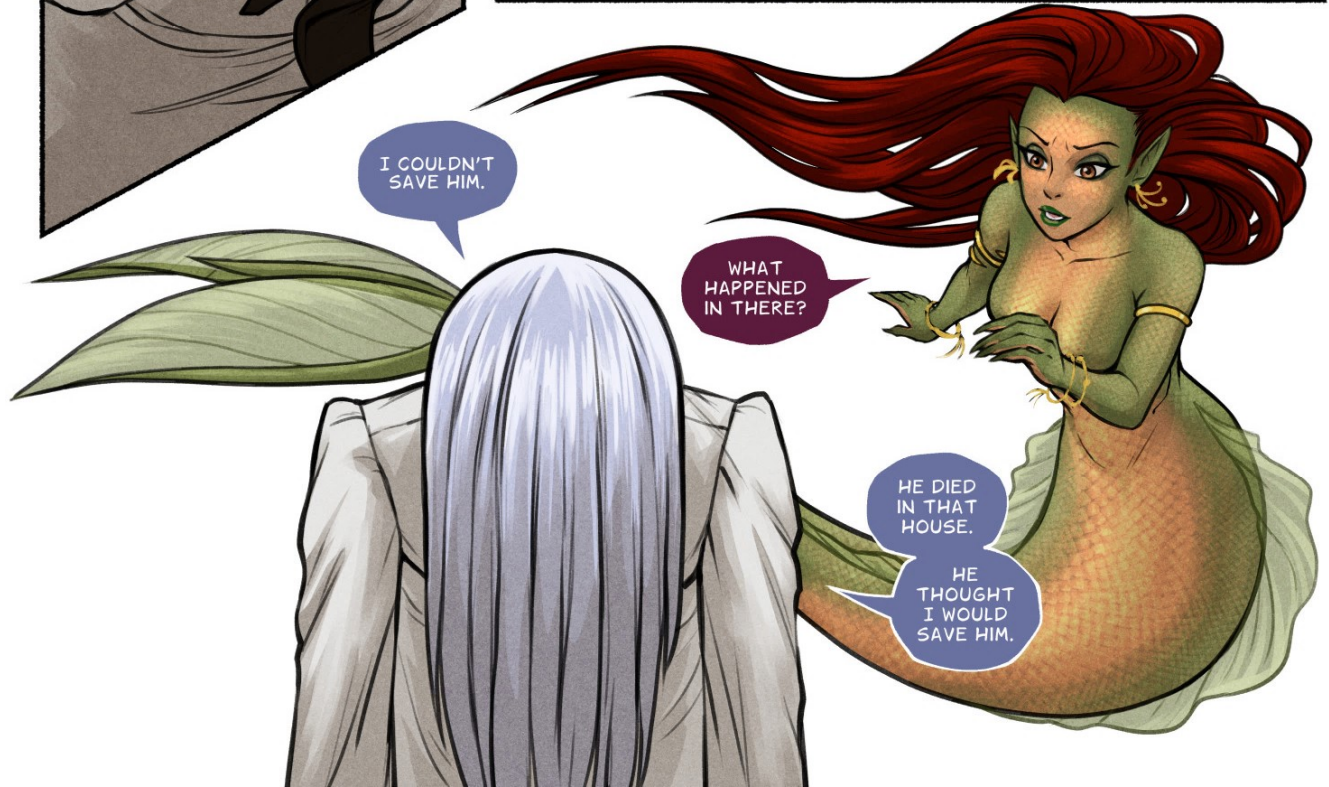


RUN!

GET OUT OF THERE!



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I'M SORRY...

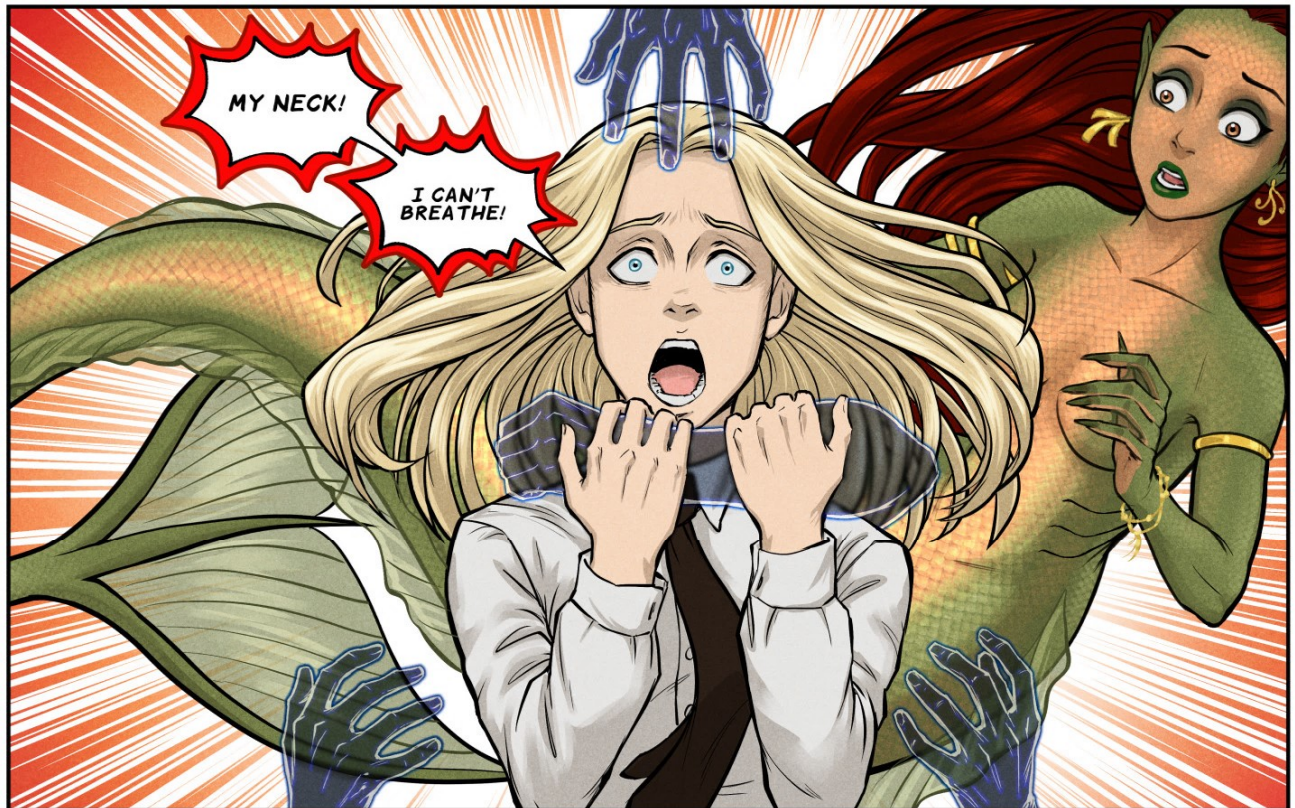
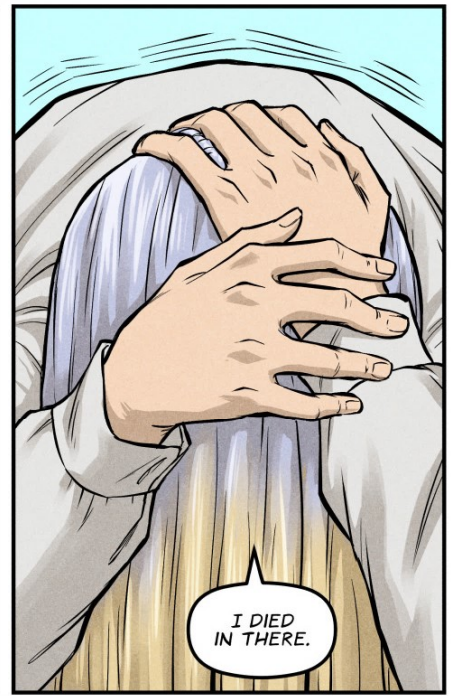
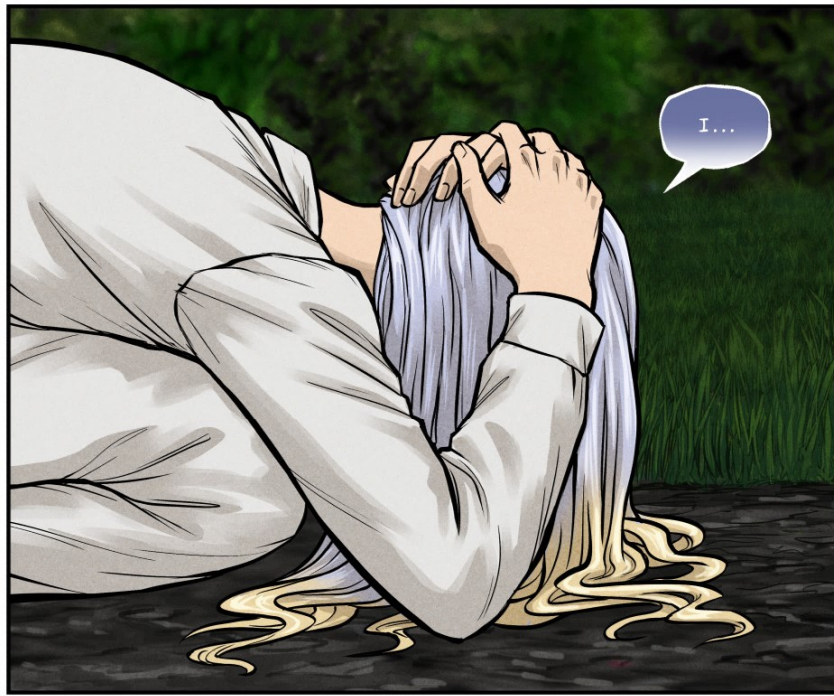


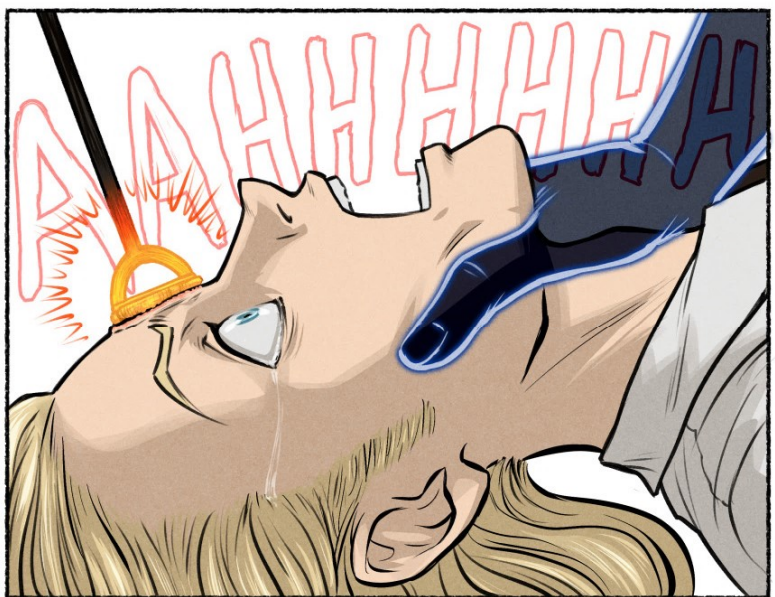
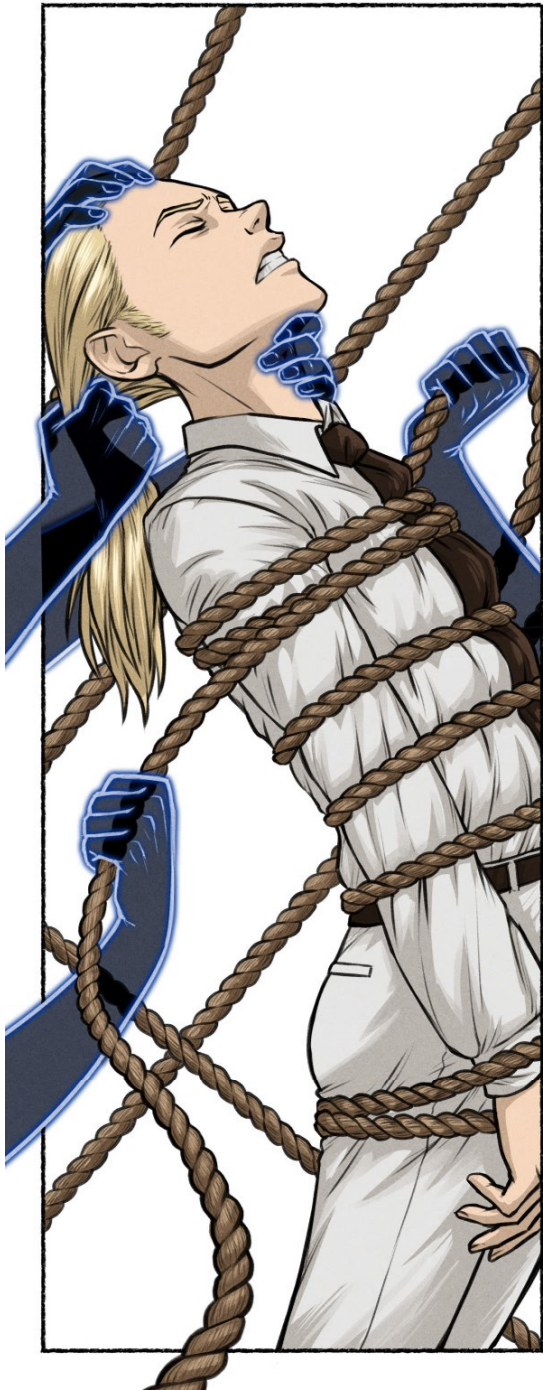
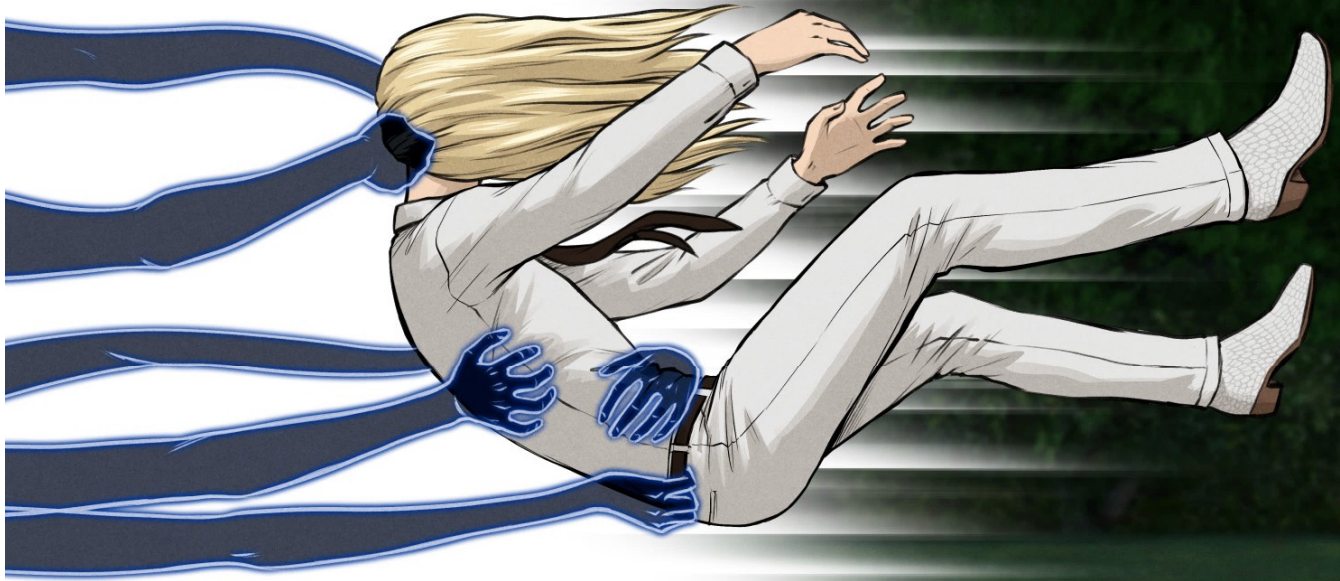
I COULDN'T SAVE HIM.

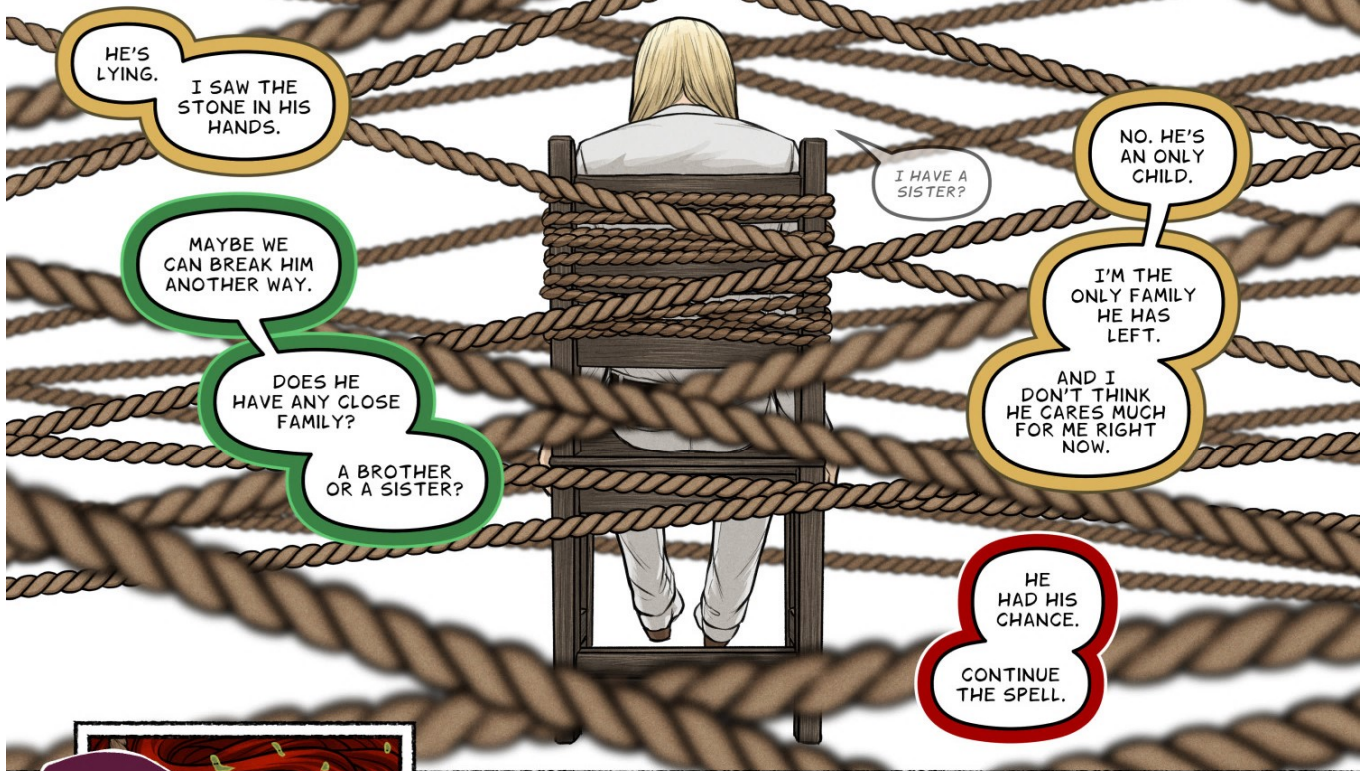
WHAT HAPPENED IN THERE?

HE DIED IN THAT HOUSE.

HE THOUGHT I WOULD SAVE HIM.







HE'S LYING.
I SAW THE STONE IN HIS HANDS.

MAYBE WE CAN BREAK HIM ANOTHER WAY.

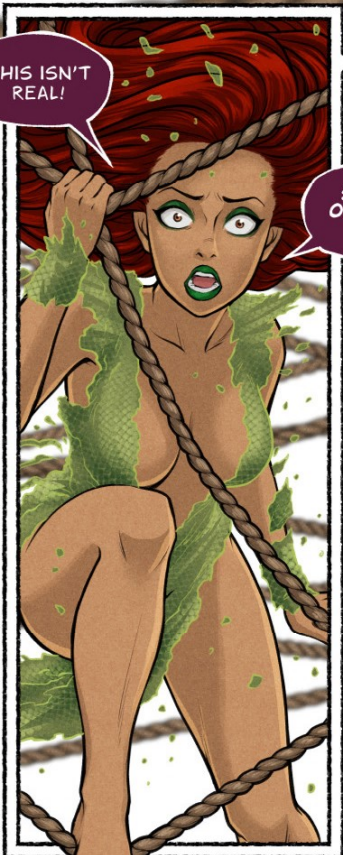
DOES HE HAVE ANY CLOSE FAMILY?
A BROTHER OR A SISTER?

I HAVE A SISTER?

NO. HE'S AN ONLY CHILD.

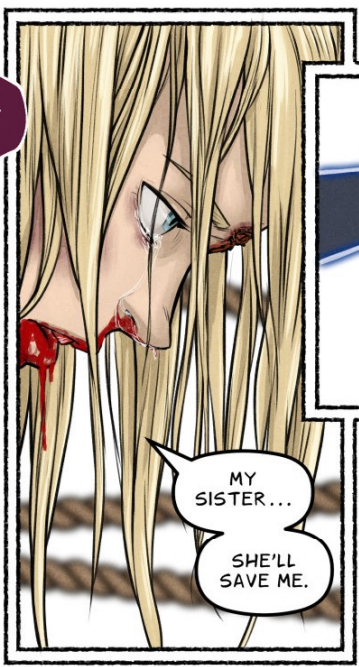
I'M THE ONLY FAMILY HE HAS LEFT.
AND I DON'T THINK HE CARES MUCH FOR ME RIGHT NOW.

HE HAD HIS CHANCE.
CONTINUE THE SPELL.

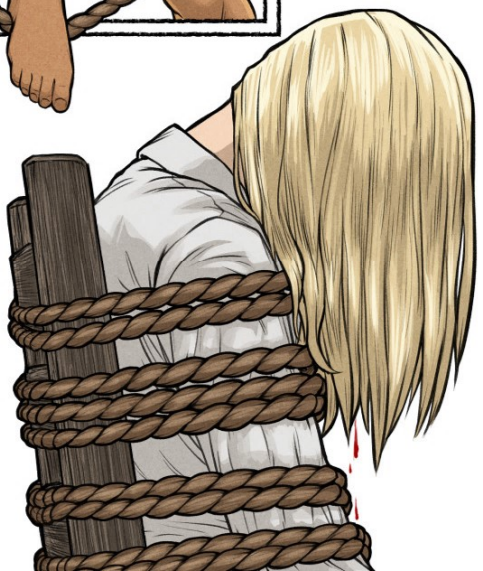
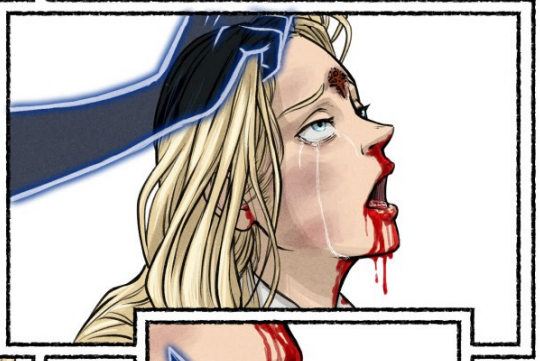


THIS ISN'T REAL!

SNAP OUT OF IT!



MY SISTER...
SHE'LL SAVE ME.



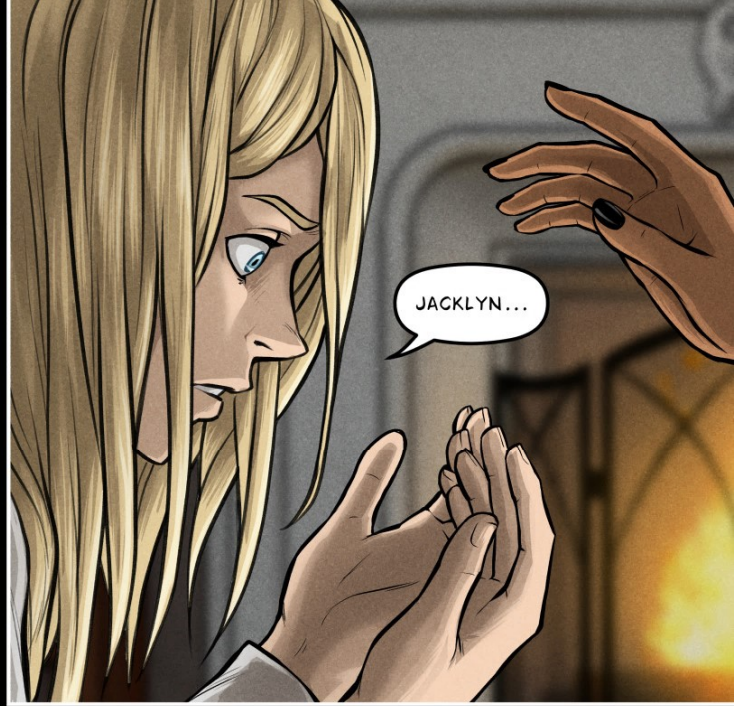


STOP!
WAKE UP!

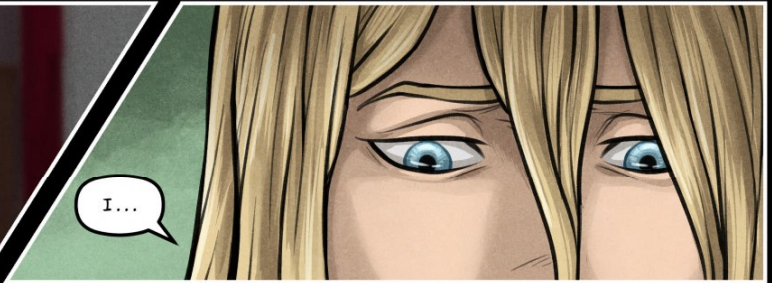


ENOUGH.



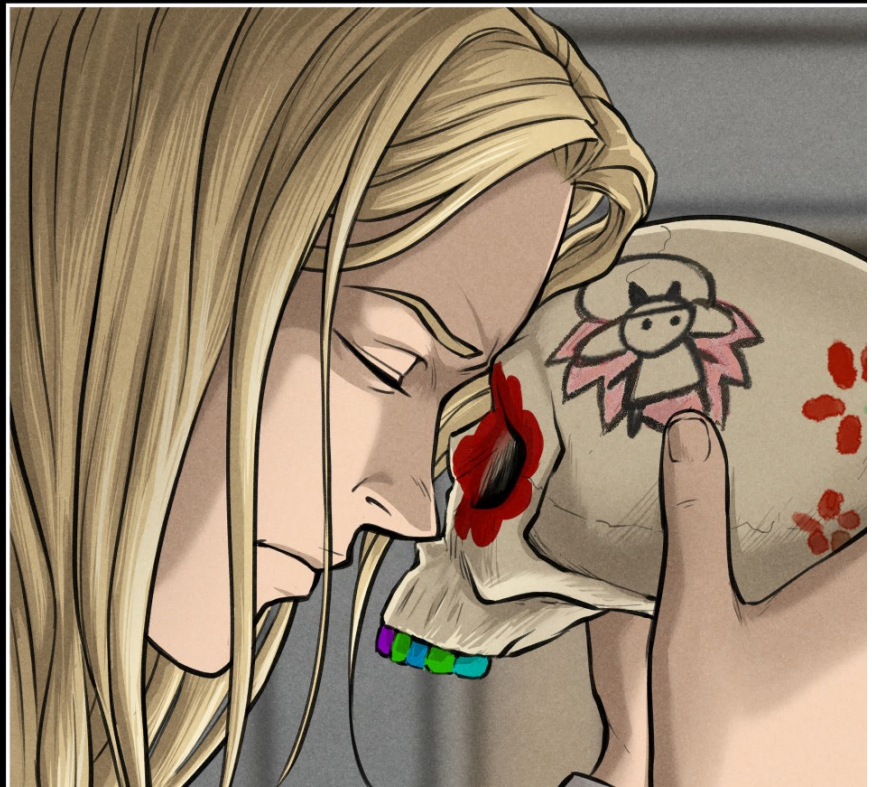
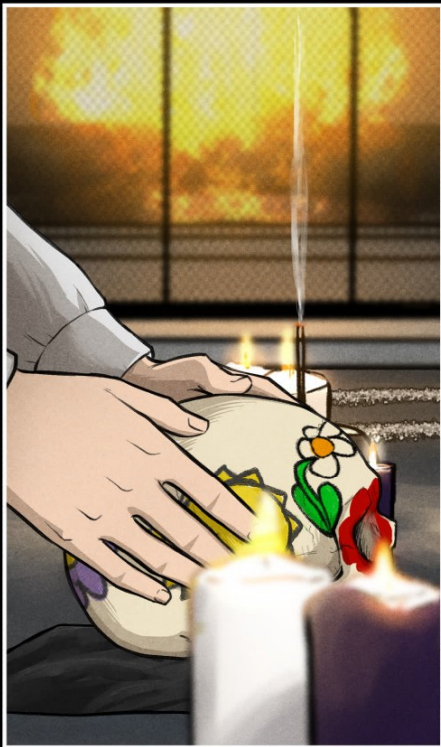


DO YOU REMEMBER WHO THEY WERE?



I WAS WRONG THIS WHOLE TIME.

I COULDN'T SAVE HIM BECAUSE HE WAS ME.





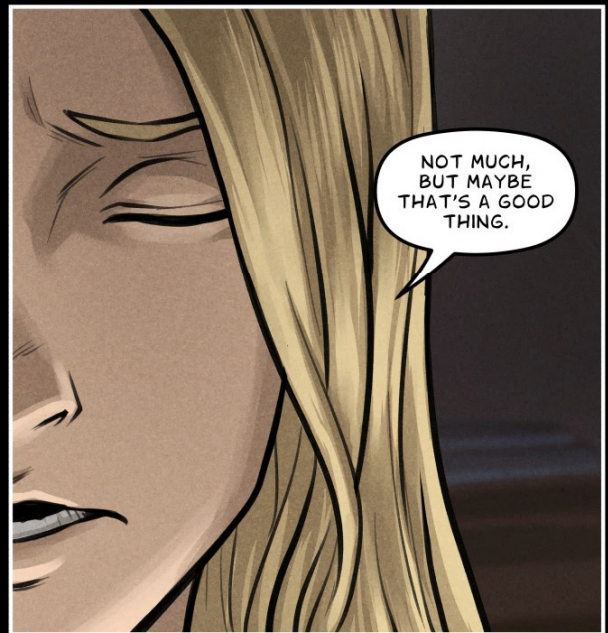
I KNEW SOMETHING WASN'T RIGHT. I KNEW...

I KEPT THINKING I FAILED HIM. HE NEEDED ME BUT I COULDN'T SAVE HIM.

BUT THAT WASN'T THE TRUTH. I SEE IT NOW. NO ONE WAS GOING TO SAVE ME THAT NIGHT.



WHAT DO YOU REMEMBER?



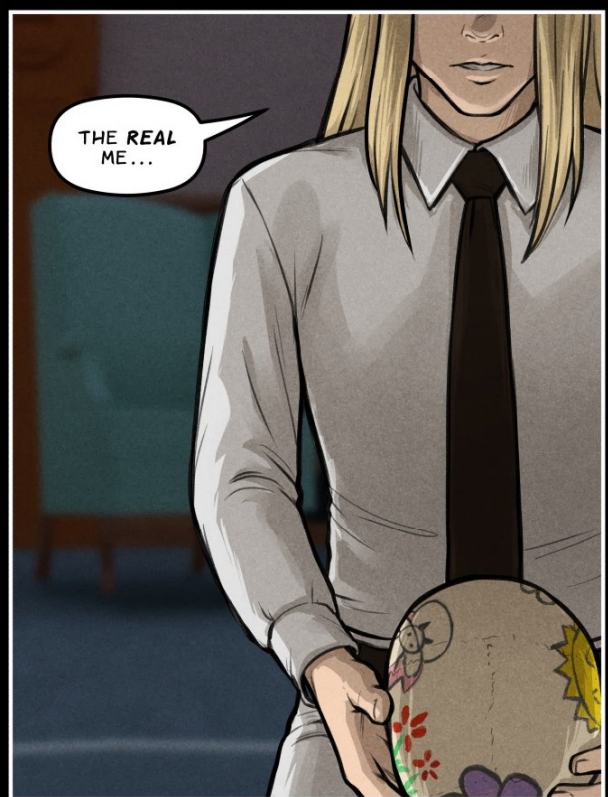
NOT MUCH, BUT MAYBE THAT'S A GOOD THING.



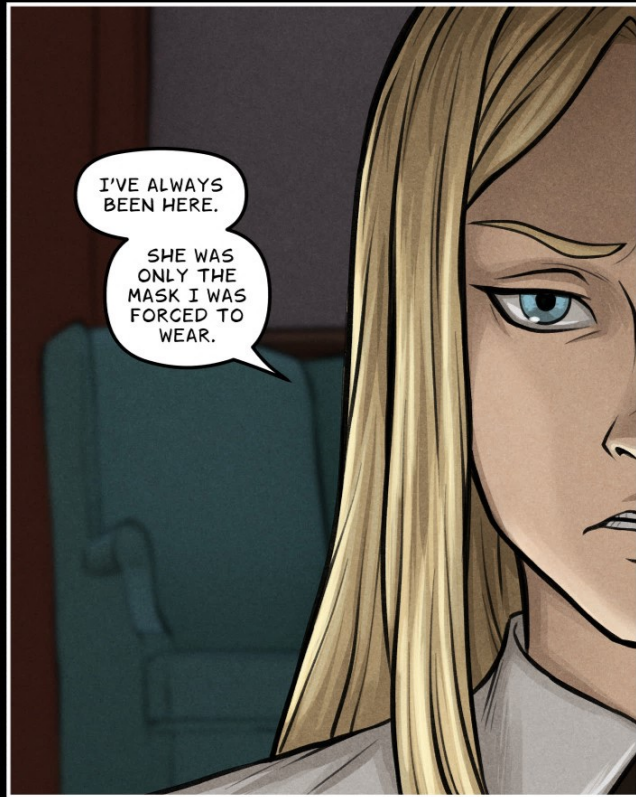
I'M CERTAIN IT'S THE SPELL THEY USED.

THAT'S SOMETHING WE CAN WORK ON.

I AM GOING TO MISS JACKLYN, BUT I'M GLAD TO FINALLY MEET THE REAL YOU.



THE REAL ME...



I'VE ALWAYS BEEN HERE.

SHE WAS ONLY THE MASK I WAS FORCED TO WEAR.

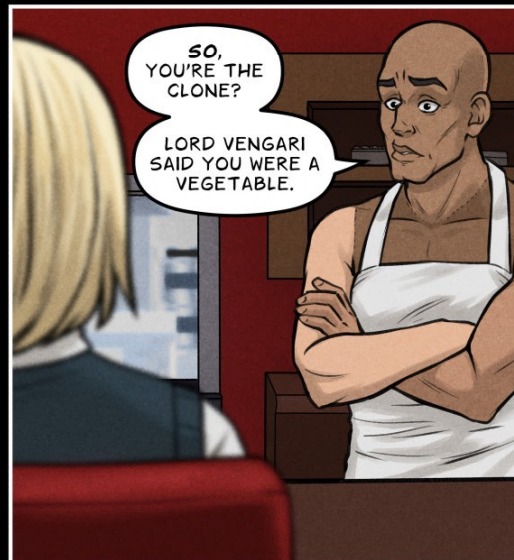


I THINK I'LL HAVE A HAM AND CHEESE.



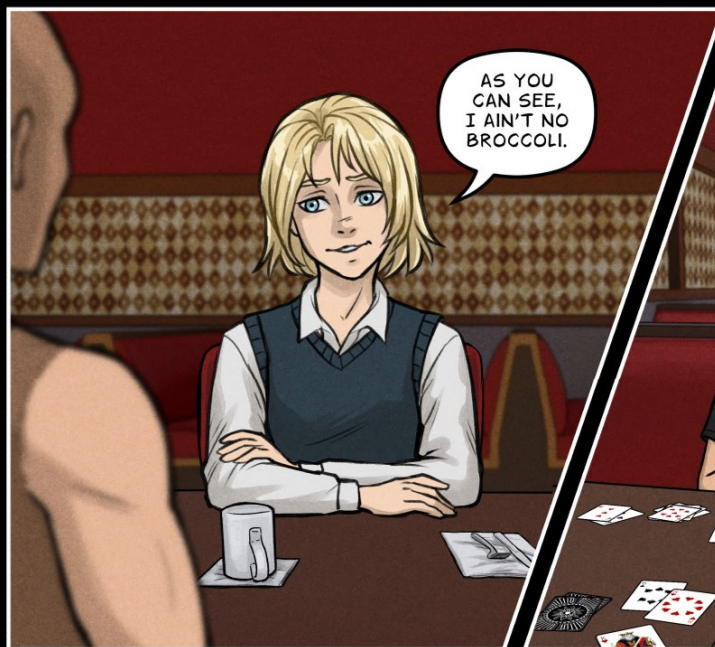
OH, AND COFFEE WITH LOTS OF SUGAR AND CREAM, PLEASE.

IT'LL BE A FEW MINUTES.

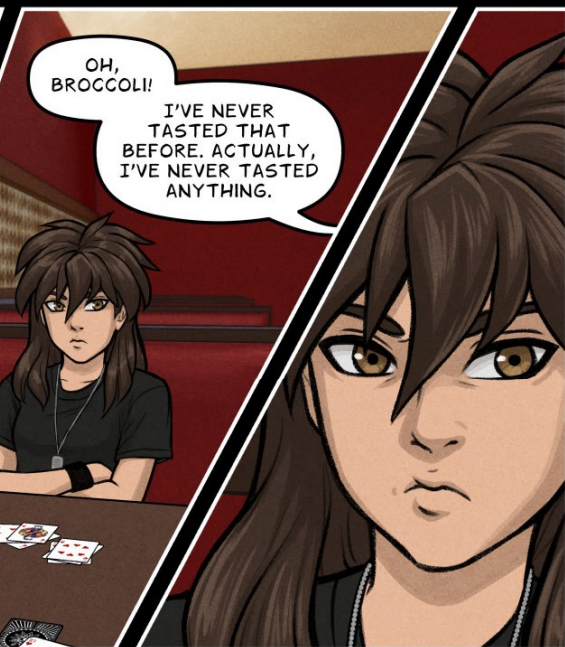


SO, YOU'RE THE CLONE?

LORD VENGARI SAID YOU WERE A VEGETABLE.

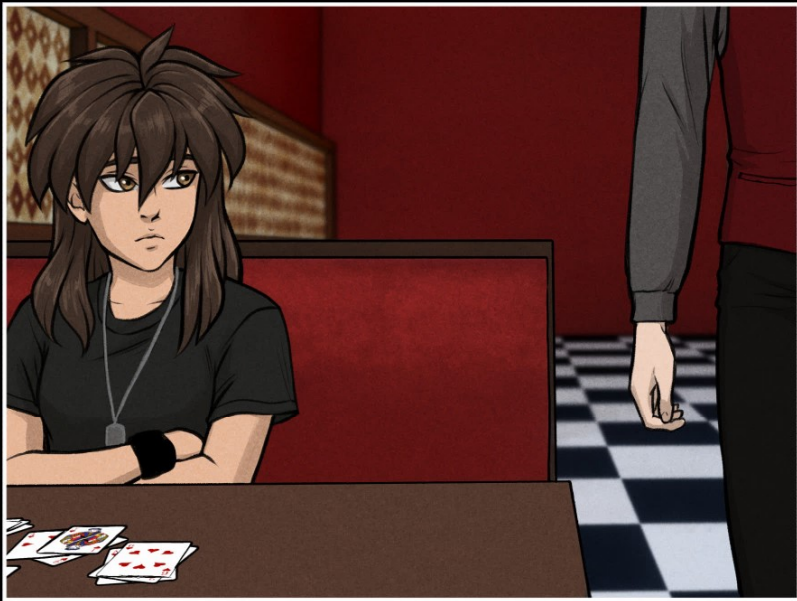


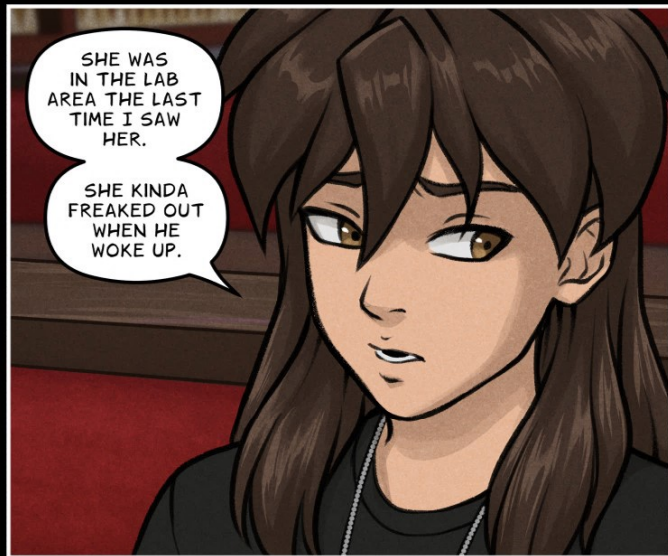
AS YOU CAN SEE, I AIN'T NO BROCCOLI.



OH, BROCCOLI!

I'VE NEVER TASTED THAT BEFORE. ACTUALLY, I'VE NEVER TASTED ANYTHING.



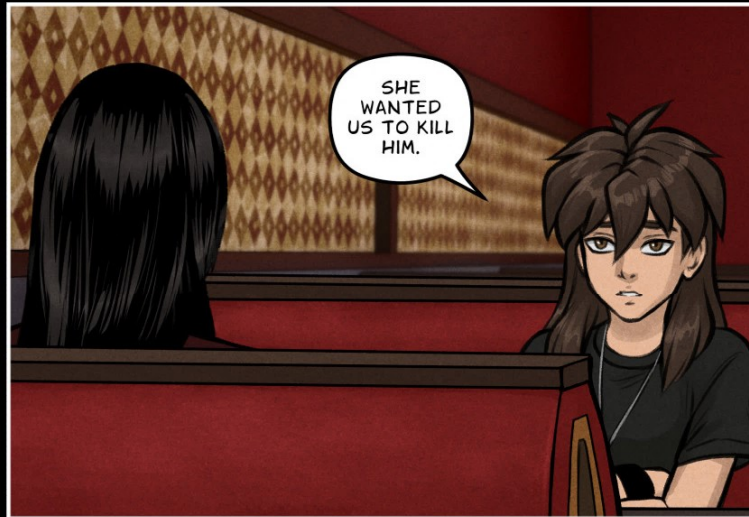


SHE WAS IN THE LAB AREA THE LAST TIME I SAW HER.

SHE KINDA FREAKED OUT WHEN HE WOKE UP.



WHAT DID SHE SAY?



SHE WANTED US TO KILL HIM.



THAT'S NOT JACK.



OF COURSE NOT. HE'S A CLONE.

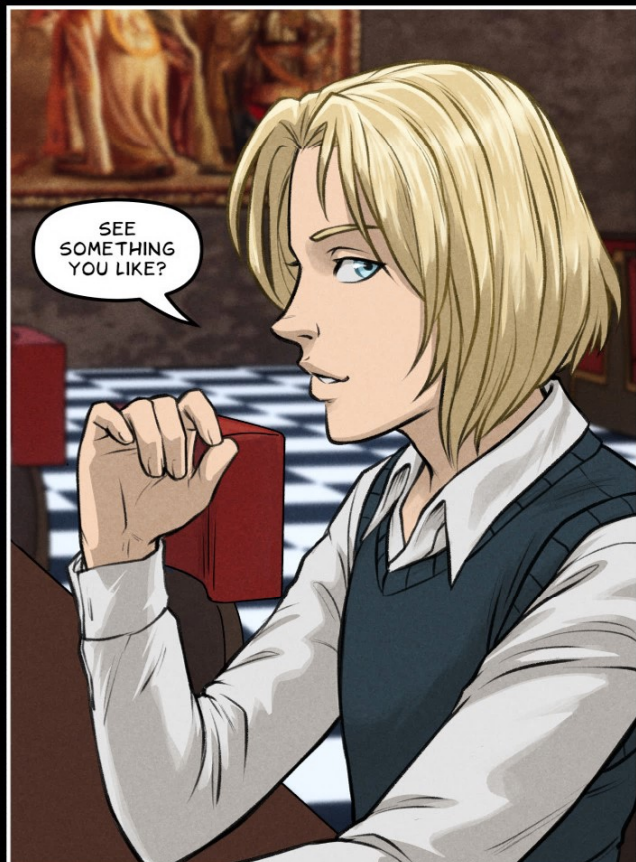


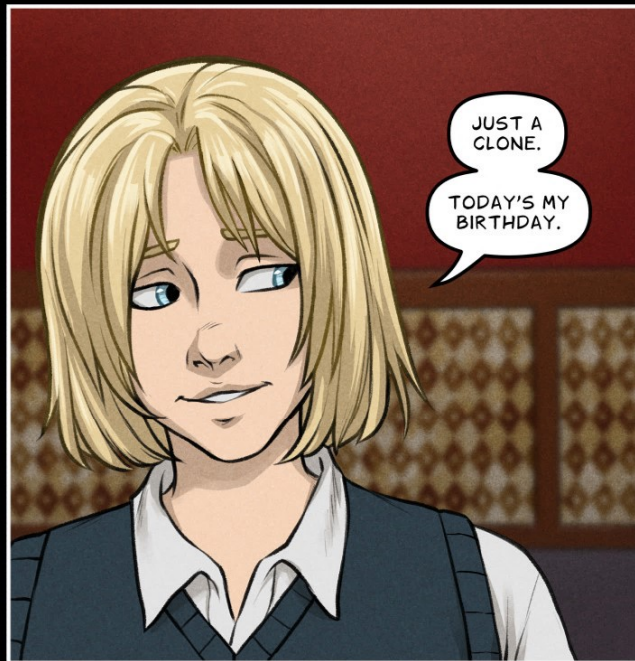
I MEAN, WHAT IS HE?



UH, SMELLS HUMAN TO ME.

PERHAPS...





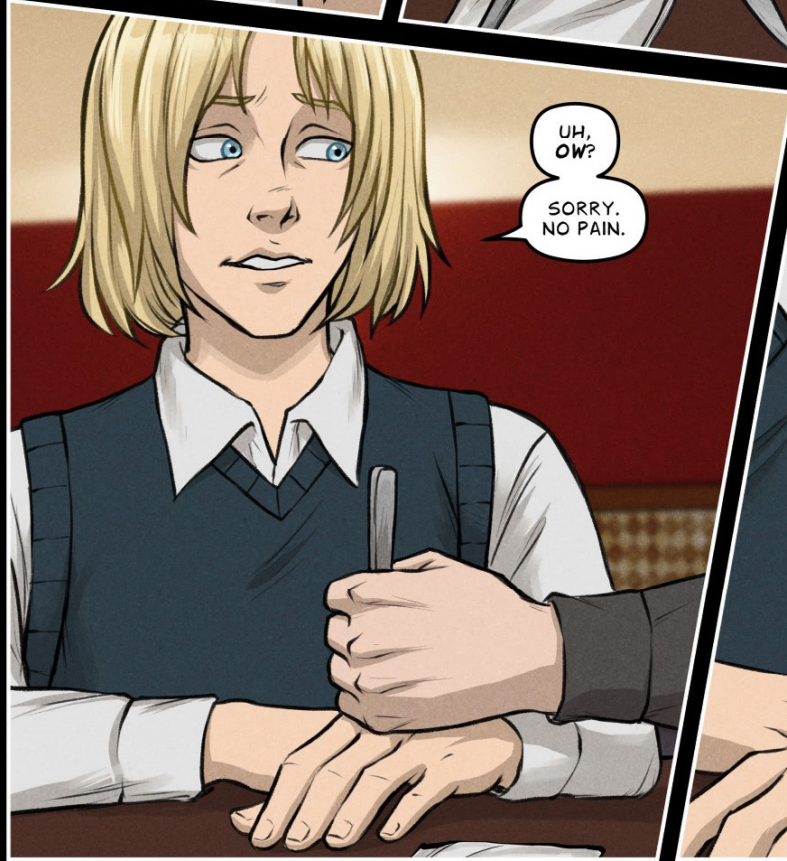
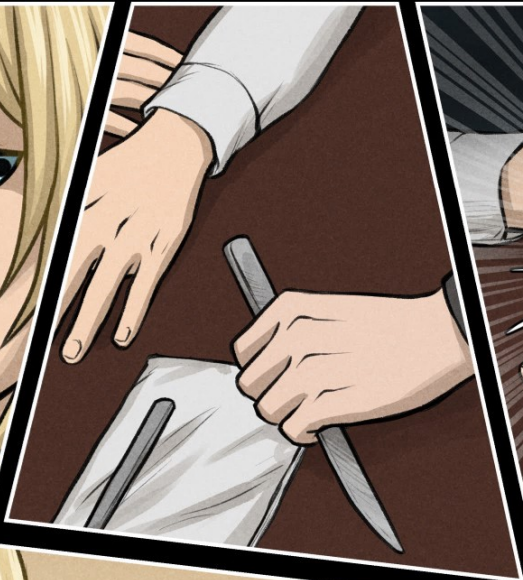
JUST A CLONE.
TODAY'S MY BIRTHDAY.



I SWORE AN OATH NOT TO KILL ANYONE ON THIS ISLAND.
YOU WEREN'T ON THAT LIST.

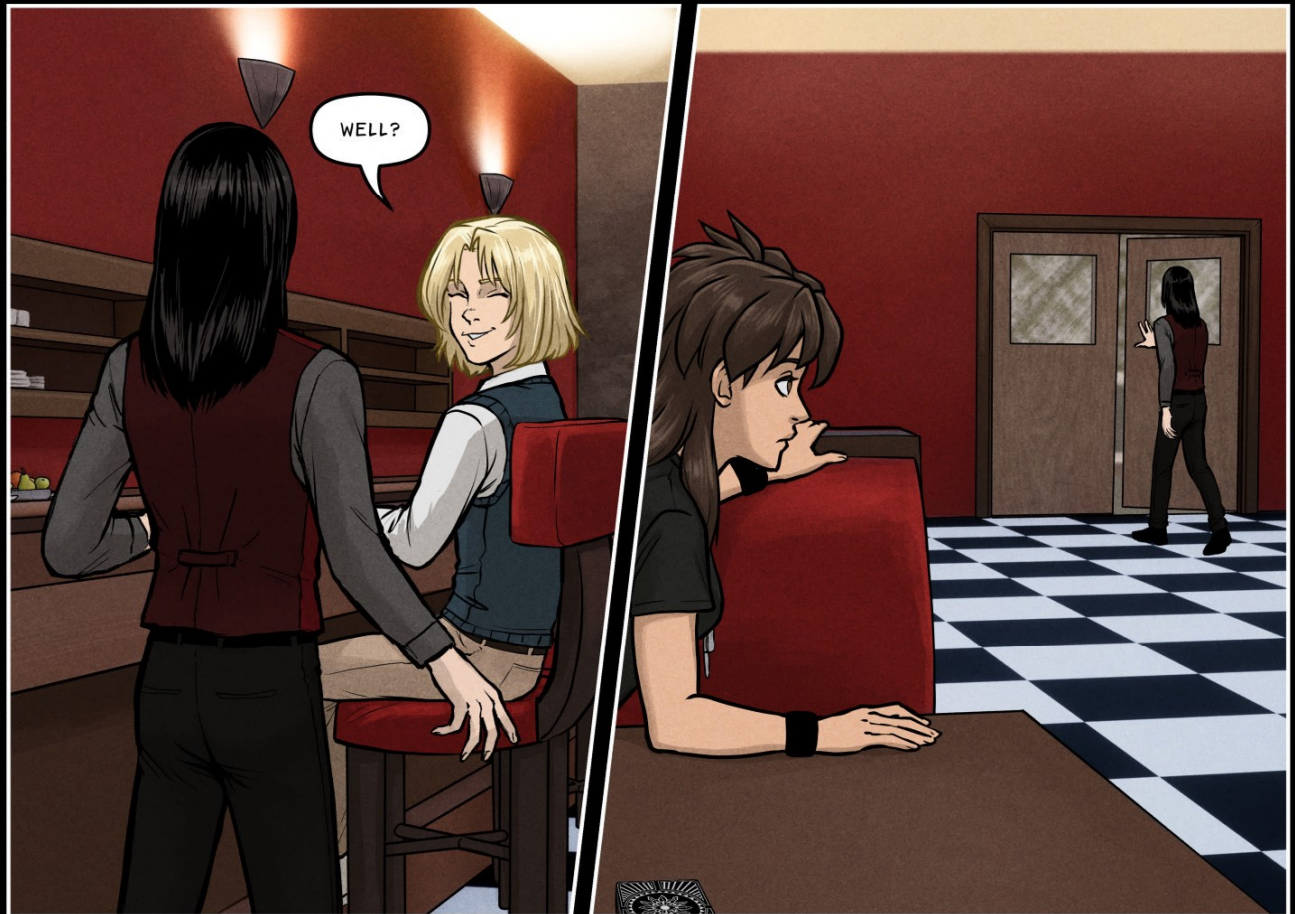
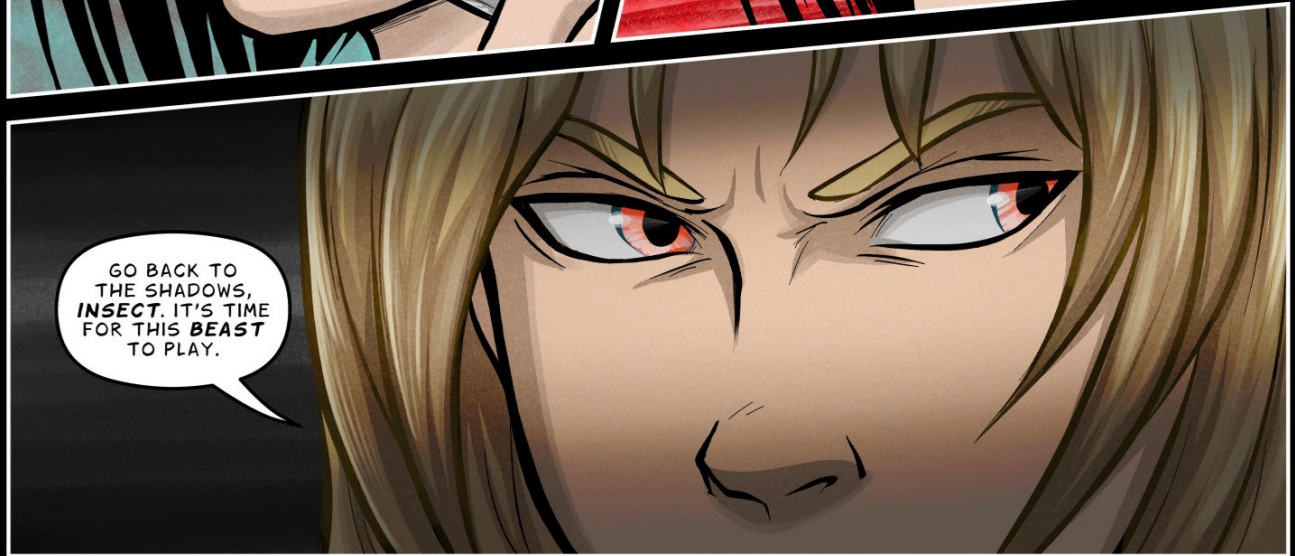
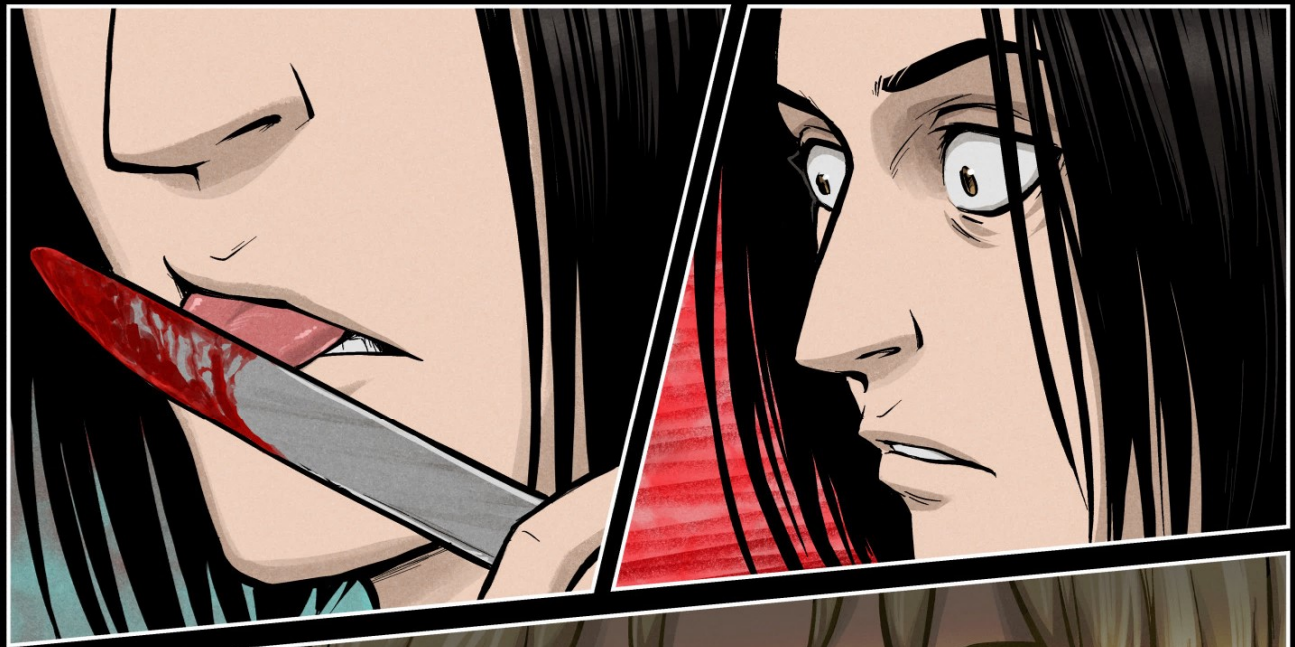


YOU WANT TO KILL ME? WE JUST MET.



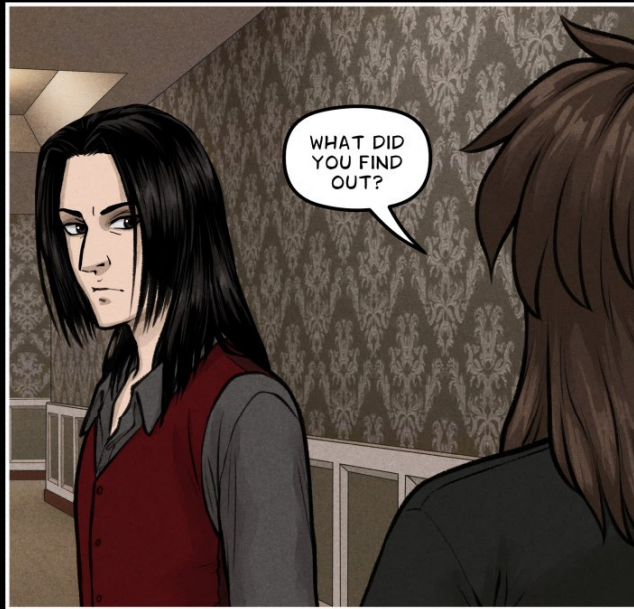
UH, OW?
SORRY. NO PAIN.







LUKE!
WAIT!



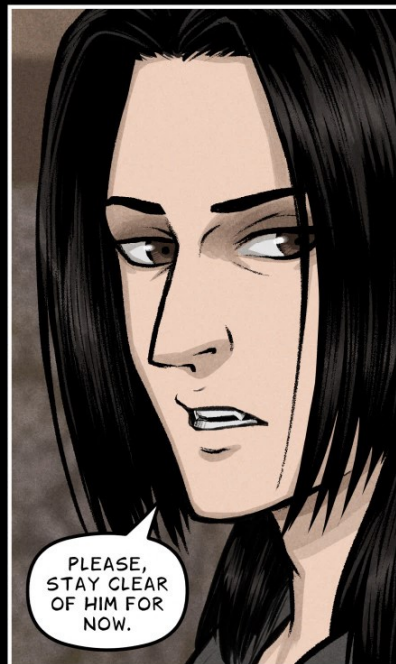
WHAT DID YOU FIND OUT?



SIMPLY KILLING THE VESSEL MAY NOT STOP IT.

VESSEL?

THE BLOOD ISN'T COMPLETELY HUMAN.

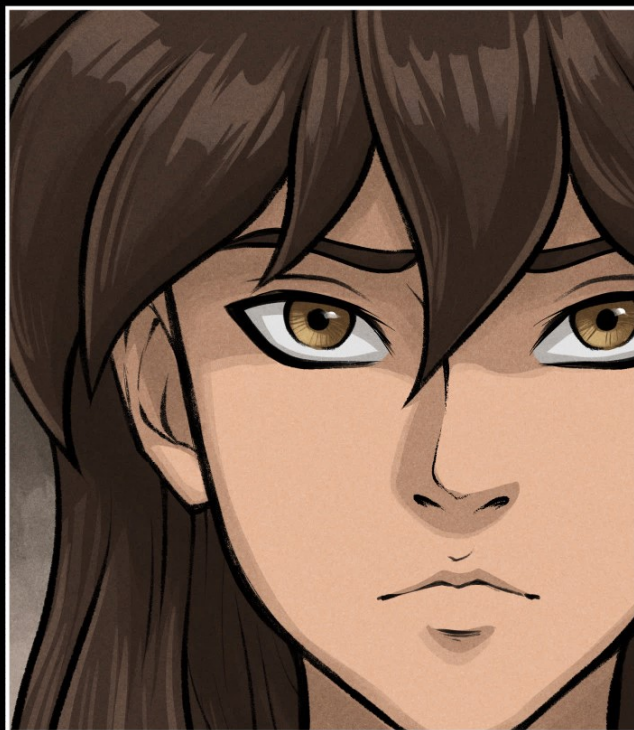


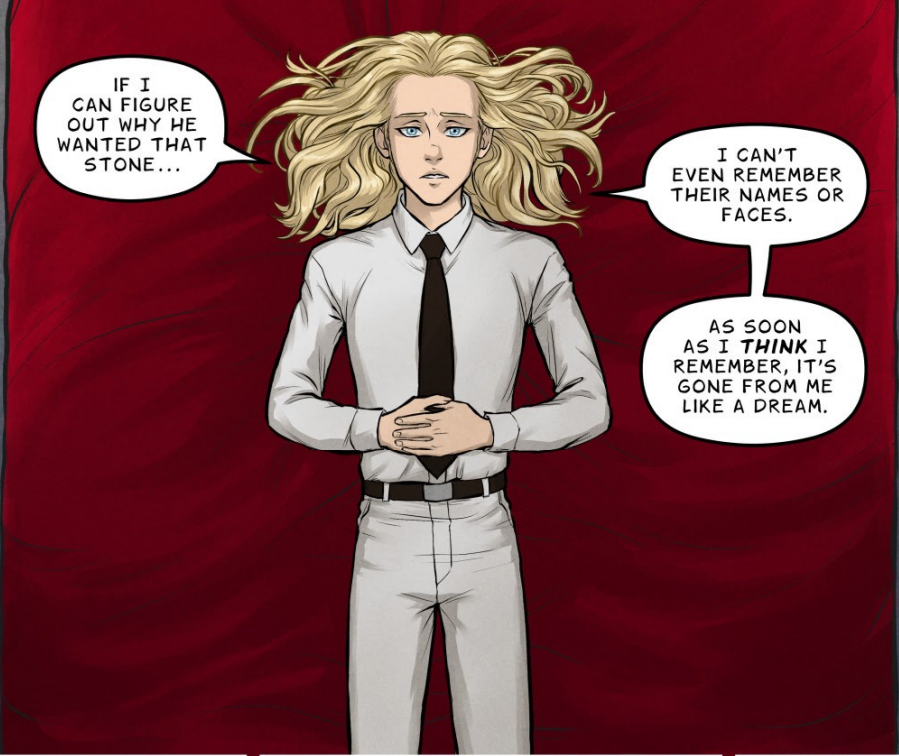
PLEASE, STAY CLEAR OF HIM FOR NOW.



WHERE ARE YOU GOING?

TO WEIGH MY OPTIONS.






IF I CAN FIGURE OUT WHY HE WANTED THAT STONE...

I CAN'T EVEN REMEMBER THEIR NAMES OR FACES.

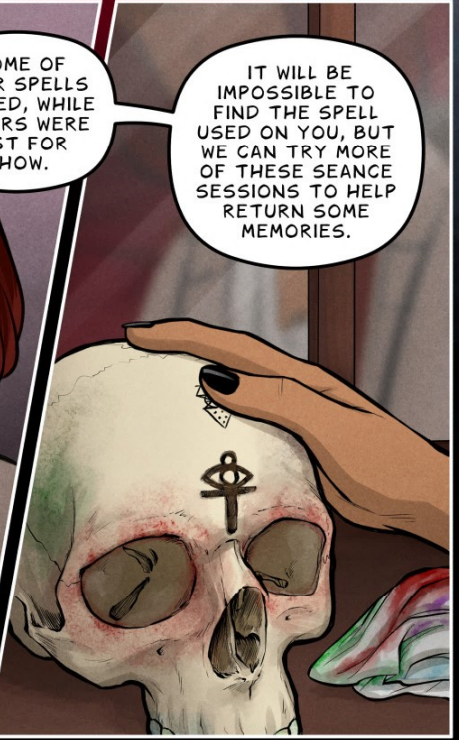
AS SOON AS I **THINK** I REMEMBER, IT'S GONE FROM ME LIKE A DREAM.




THE ANCIENT EGYPTIANS WERE OBSESSED WITH DEATH AND THE AFTERLIFE.



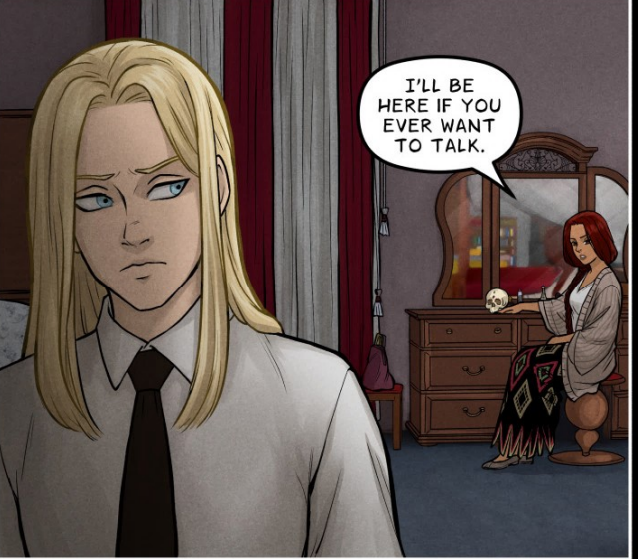
SOME OF THEIR SPELLS WORKED, WHILE OTHERS WERE JUST FOR SHOW.



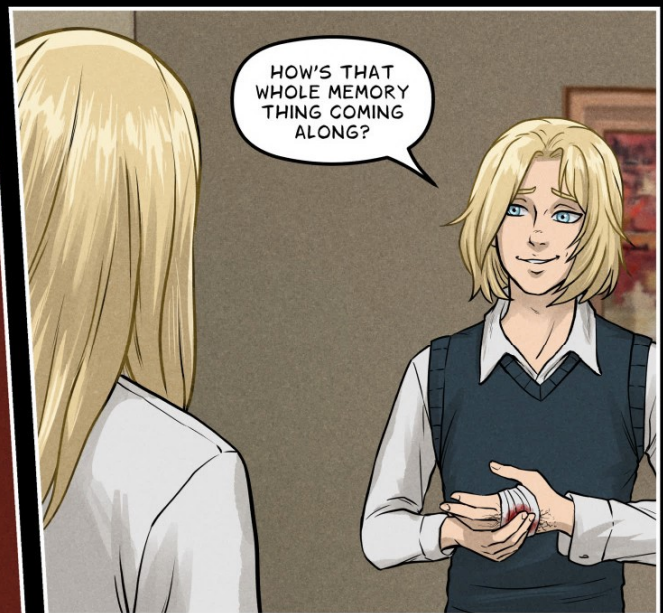
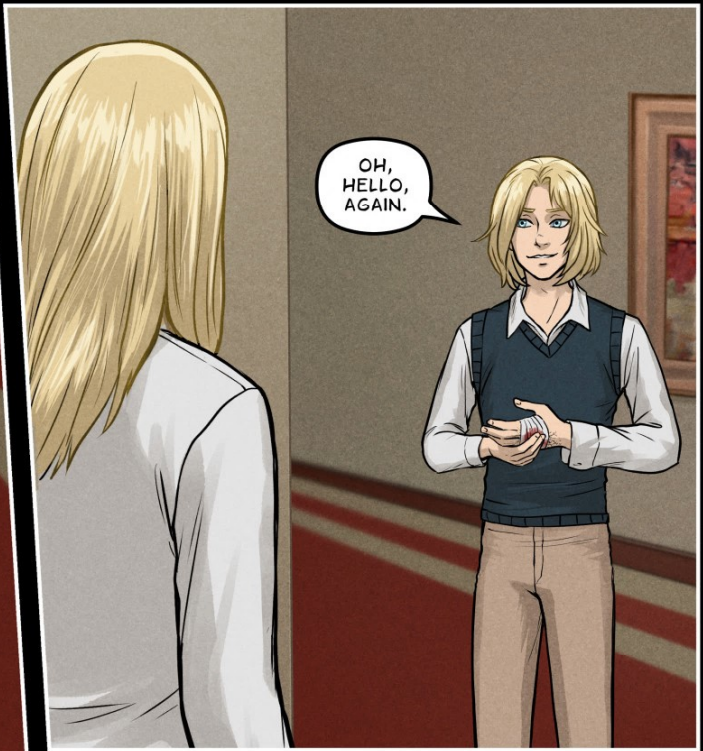
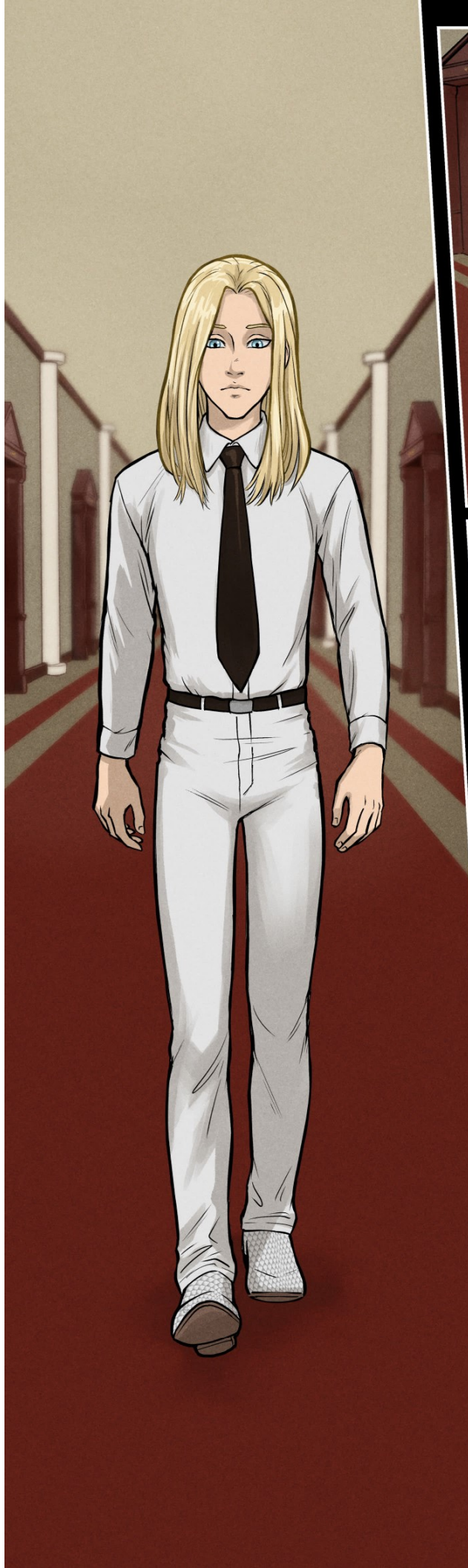
IT WILL BE IMPOSSIBLE TO FIND THE SPELL USED ON YOU, BUT WE CAN TRY MORE OF THESE SEANCE SESSIONS TO HELP RETURN SOME MEMORIES.

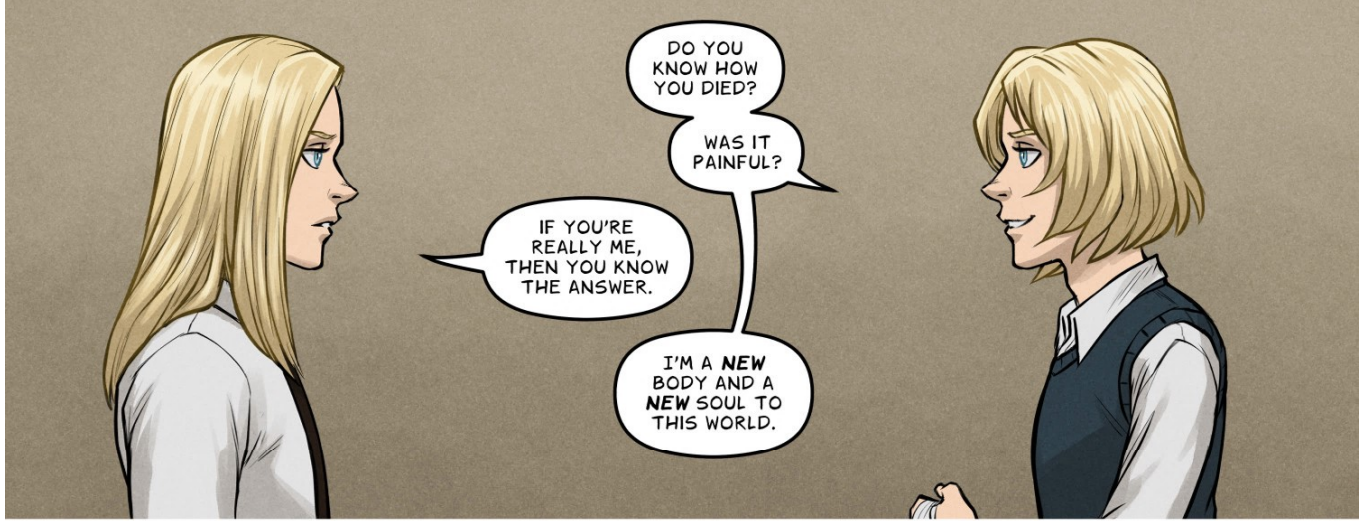


I NEED TO BE ALONE FOR A WHILE.



I'LL BE HERE IF YOU EVER WANT TO TALK.



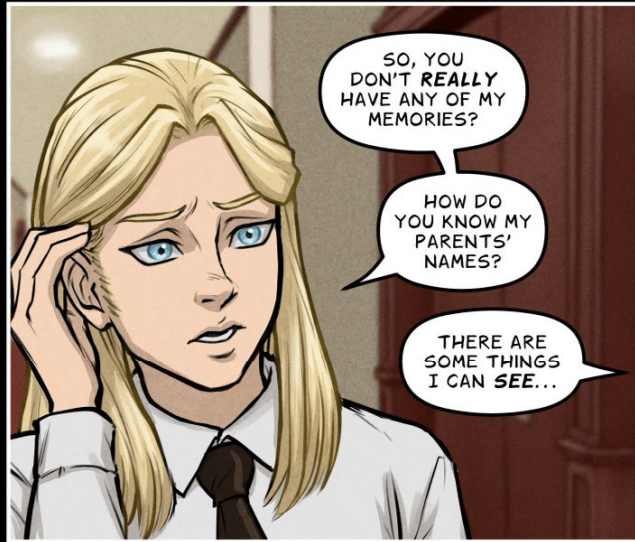


DO YOU KNOW HOW YOU DIED?

IF YOU'RE REALLY ME, THEN YOU KNOW THE ANSWER.

WAS IT PAINFUL?

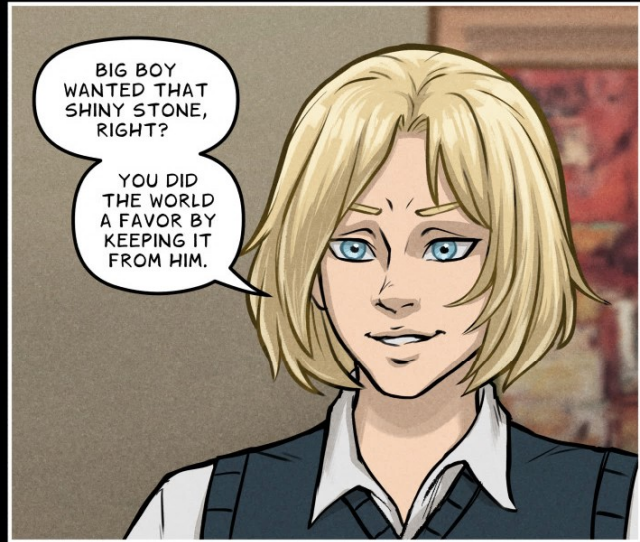
I'M A **NEW** BODY AND A **NEW** SOUL TO THIS WORLD.



SO, YOU DON'T **REALLY** HAVE ANY OF MY MEMORIES?

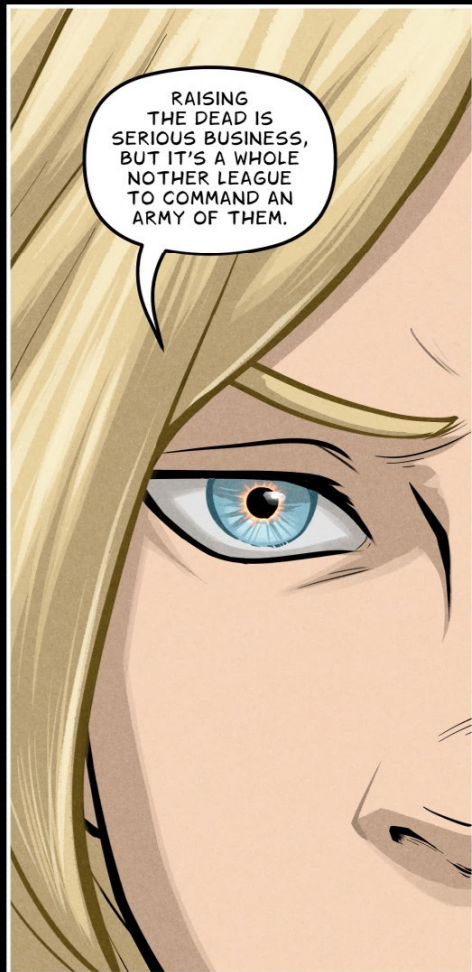
HOW DO YOU KNOW MY PARENTS' NAMES?

THERE ARE SOME THINGS I CAN **SEE**...

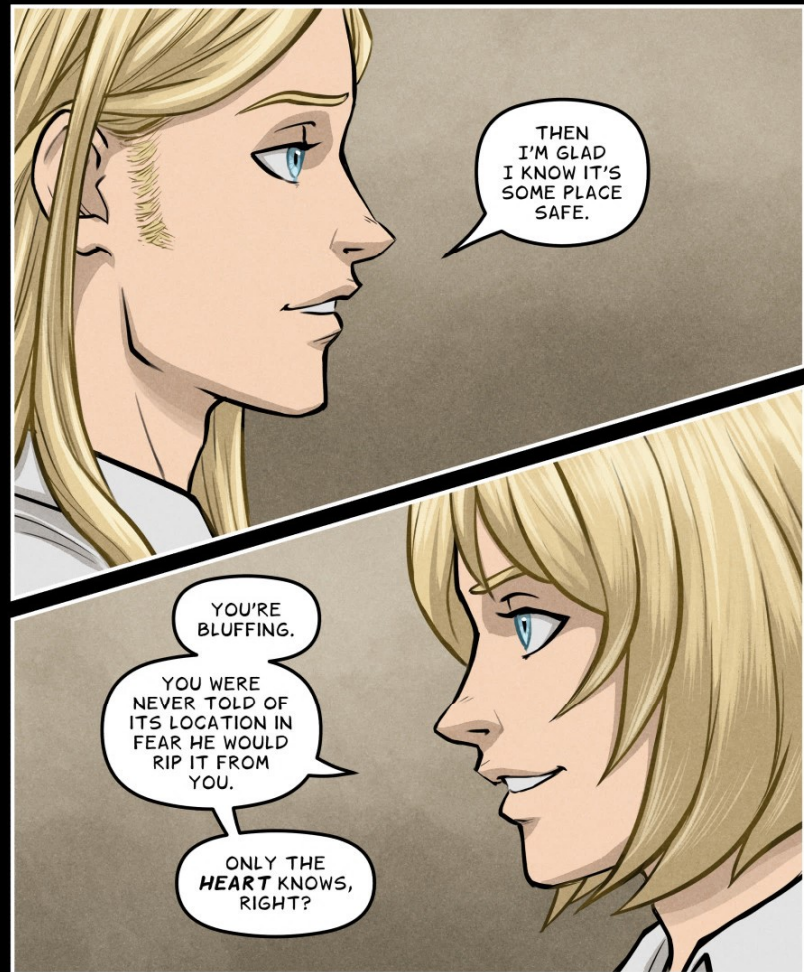


BIG BOY WANTED THAT SHINY STONE, RIGHT?

YOU DID THE WORLD A FAVOR BY KEEPING IT FROM HIM.



RAISING THE DEAD IS SERIOUS BUSINESS, BUT IT'S A WHOLE NOTHER LEAGUE TO COMMAND AN ARMY OF THEM.

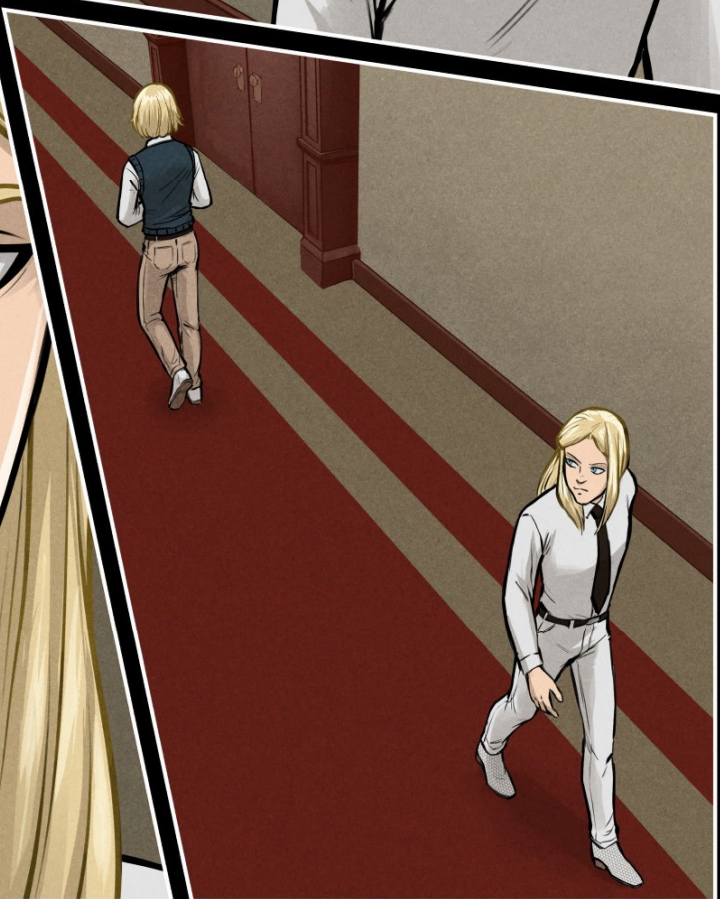
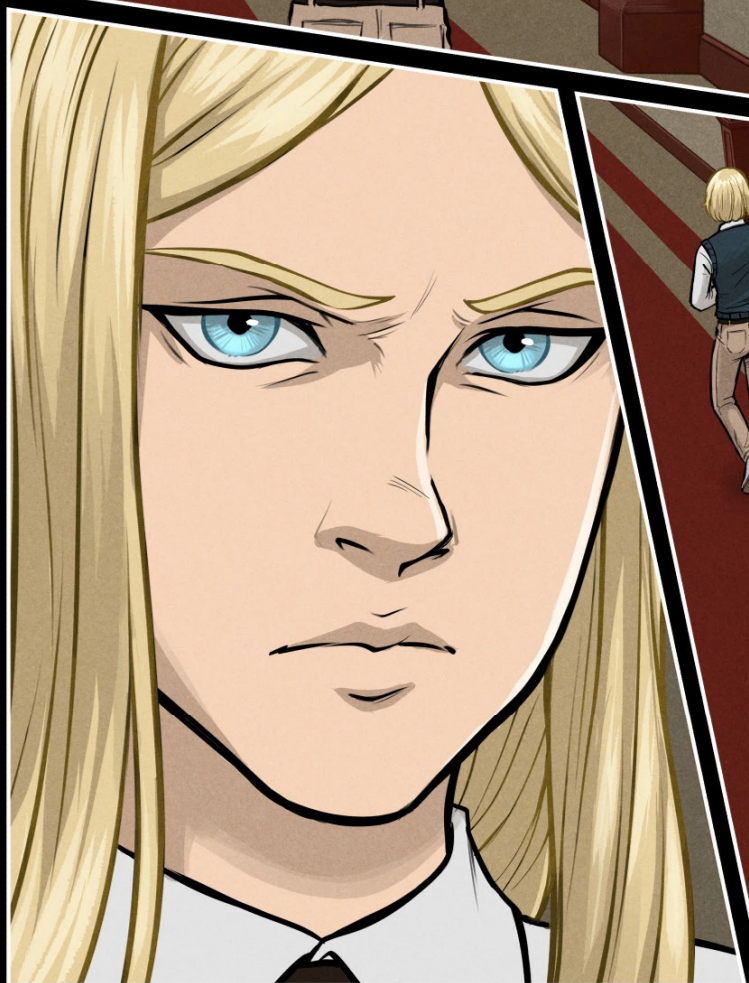
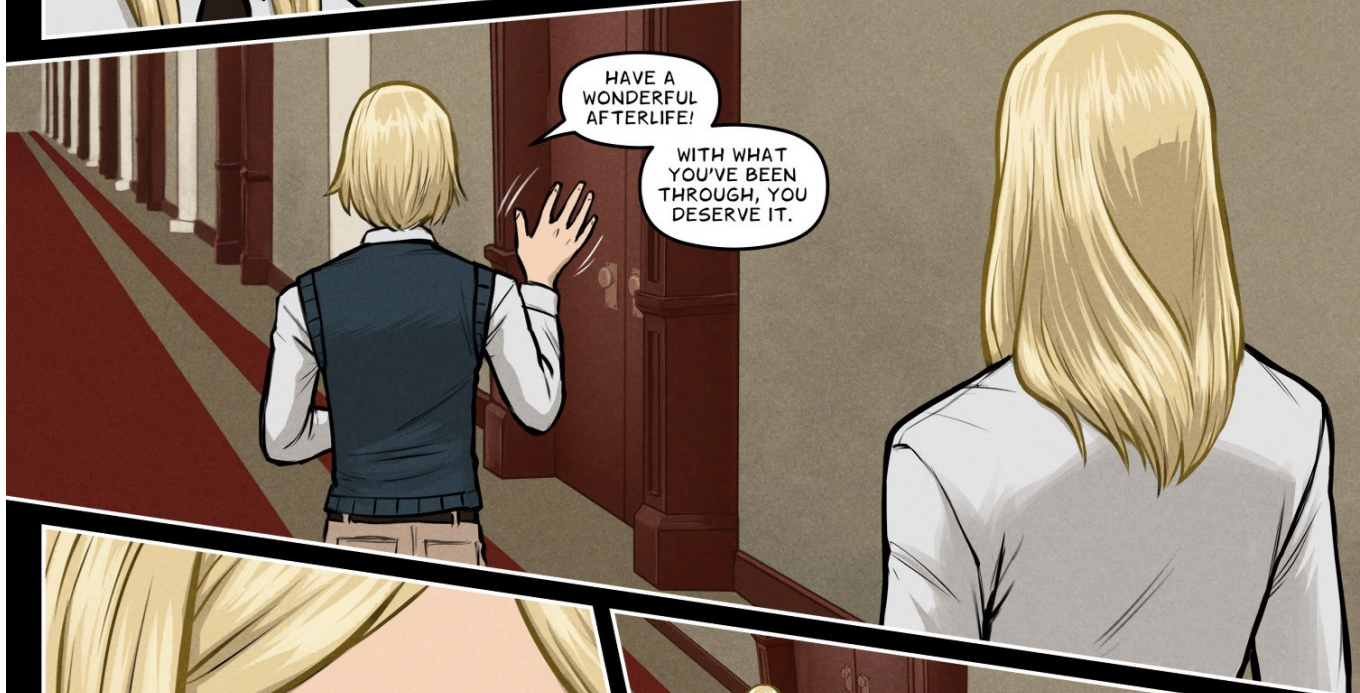
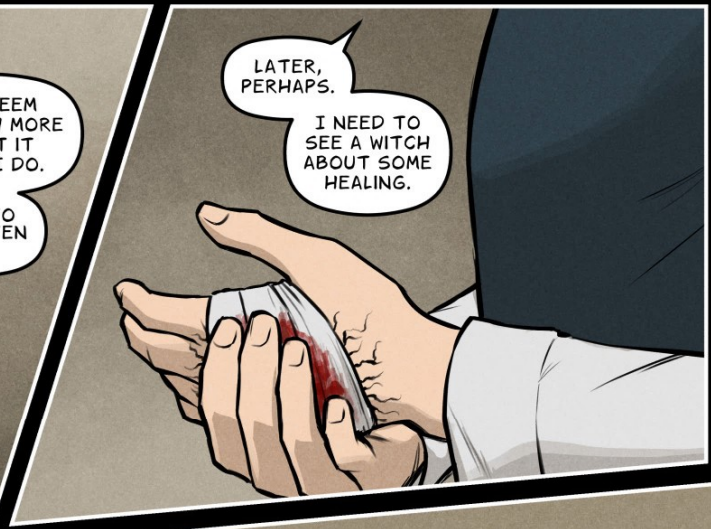
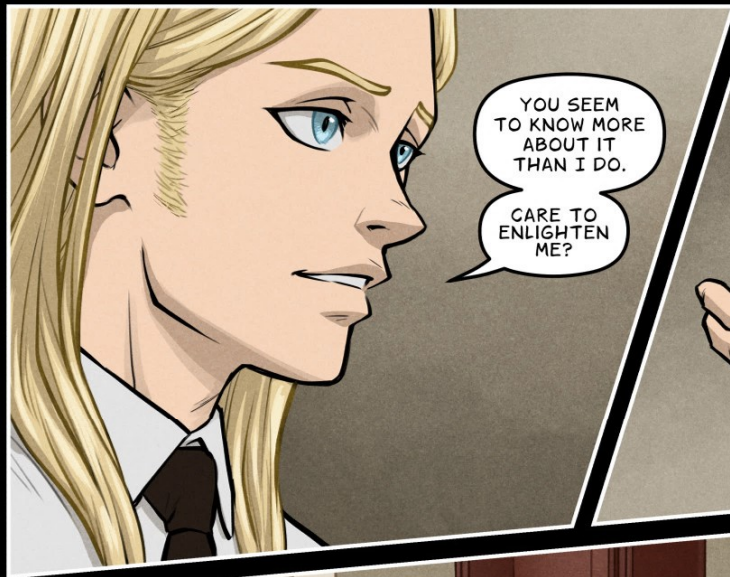


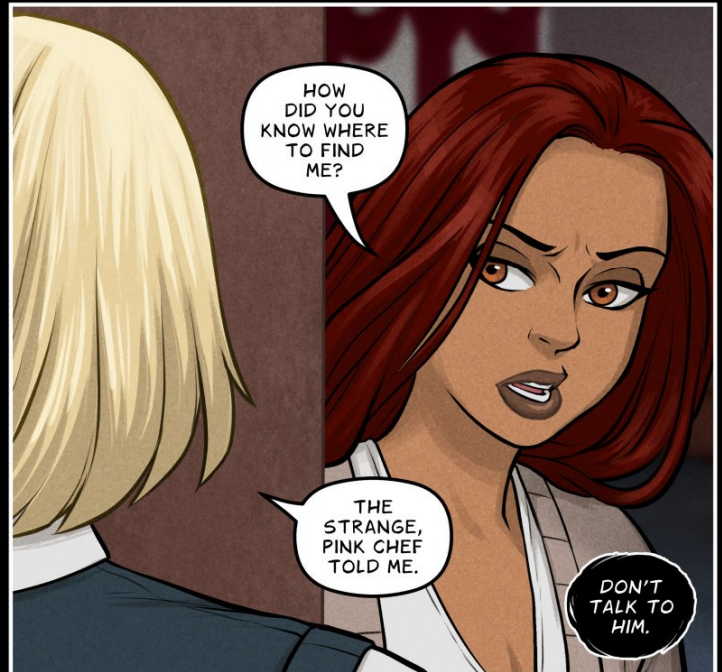
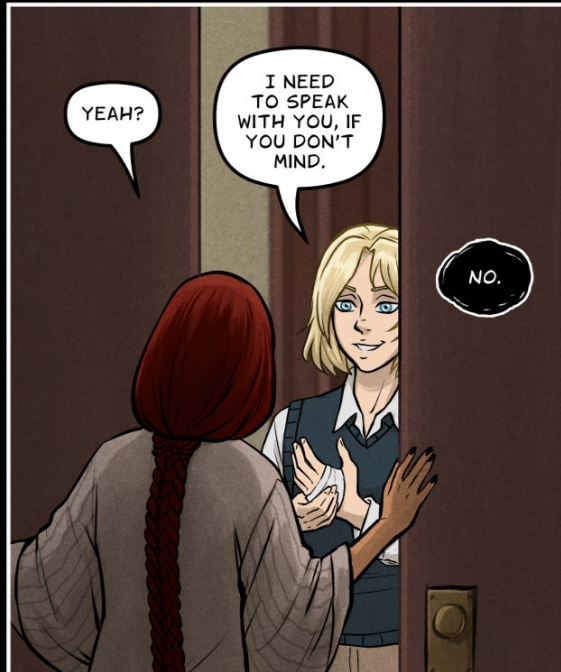
THEN I'M GLAD I KNOW IT'S SOME PLACE SAFE.

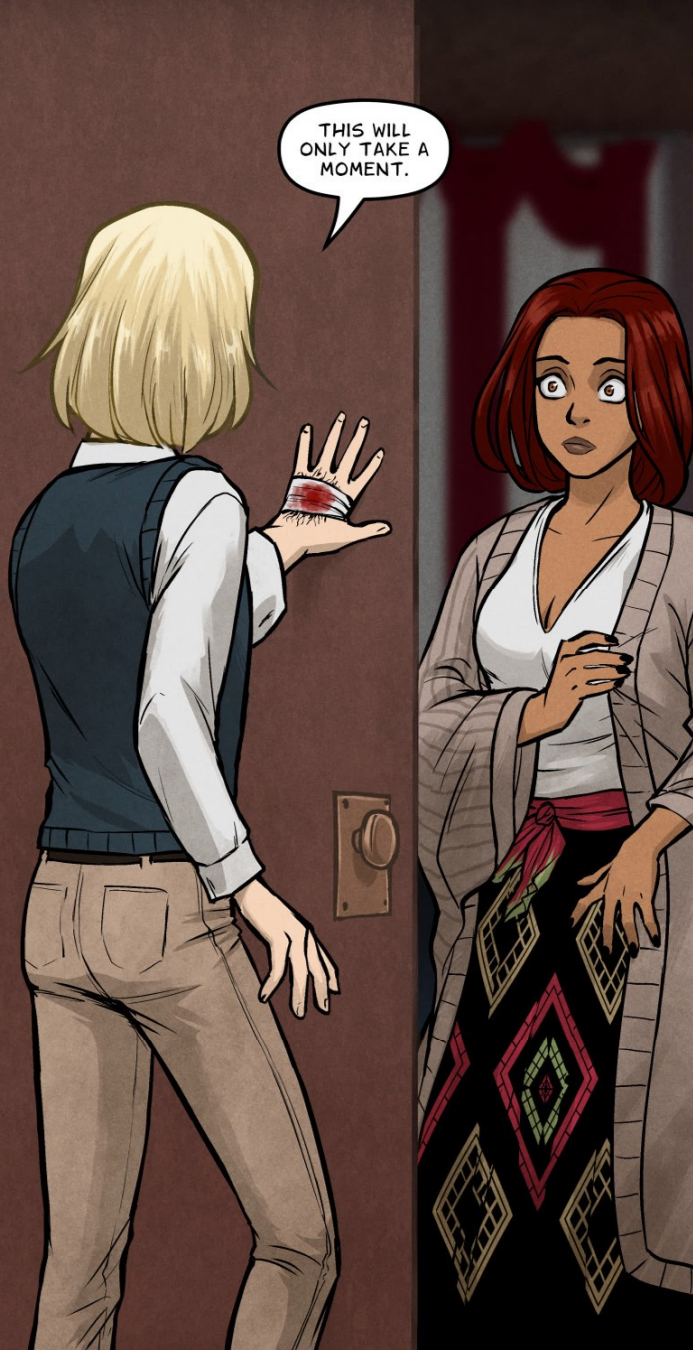
YOU'RE BLUFFING.

YOU WERE NEVER TOLD OF ITS LOCATION IN FEAR HE WOULD RIP IT FROM YOU.

ONLY THE **HEART** KNOWS, RIGHT?



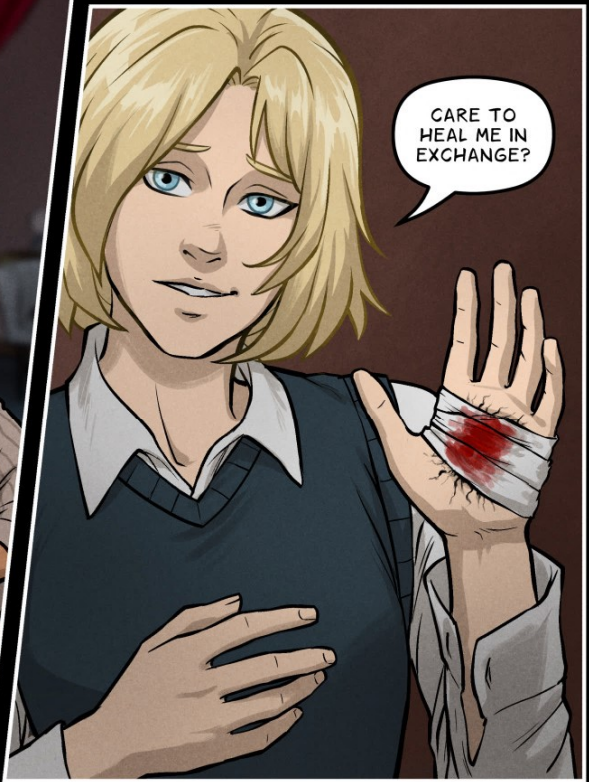






WHAT DID YOU DO?

HEALED YOU AND GAVE YOU A LITTLE BOOST.



CARE TO HEAL ME IN EXCHANGE?



HOW?



I CAN TEACH YOU.

I...

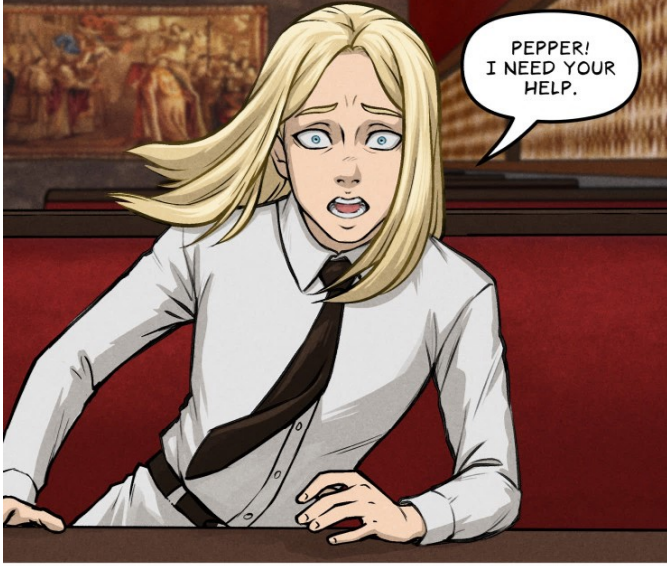


NO MORE MYSTERIOUS VOICE TO GUIDE YOU? IT'S TIME TO START THINKING FOR YOURSELF.

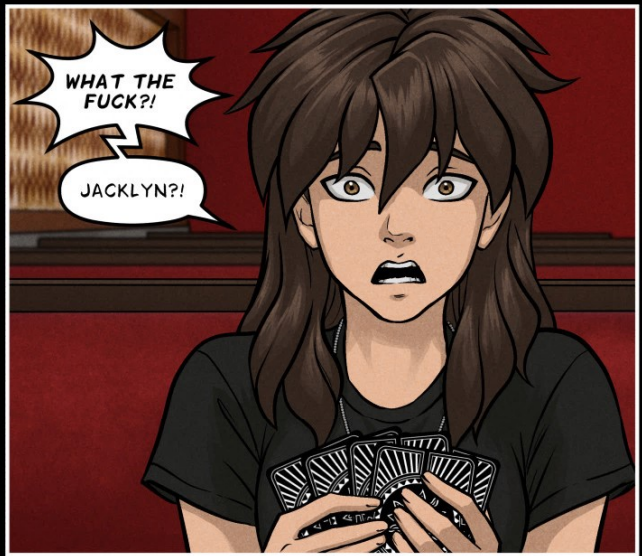
WELL?



I DON'T KNOW...



PEPPER!
I NEED YOUR
HELP.



WHAT THE
FUCK?!

JACKLYN?!



IT'S JACK
NOW, BUT
THAT'S NOT
IMPORTANT.

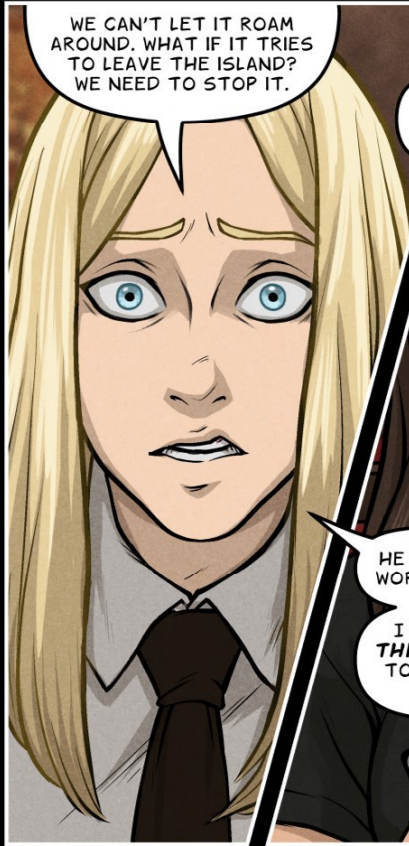
I THINK
THERE'S
A DEMON IN
MY BODY.

THAT
MUCH WE'VE
FIGURED
OUT.

WE?

LUKE
AND I.

WE ALREADY
NOTICED
SOMETHING
STRANGE
ABOUT HIM.



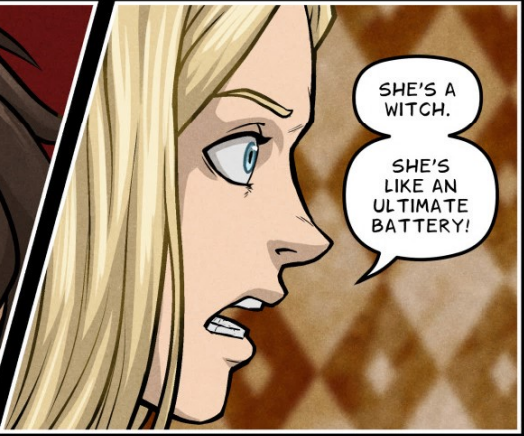
WE CAN'T LET IT ROAM
AROUND. WHAT IF IT TRIES
TO LEAVE THE ISLAND?
WE NEED TO STOP IT.

LUKE'S
WORKING
ON IT.

HE BETTER
WORK FAST!

I SAW THAT
THING HEADING
TO AMANITA'S
ROOM.

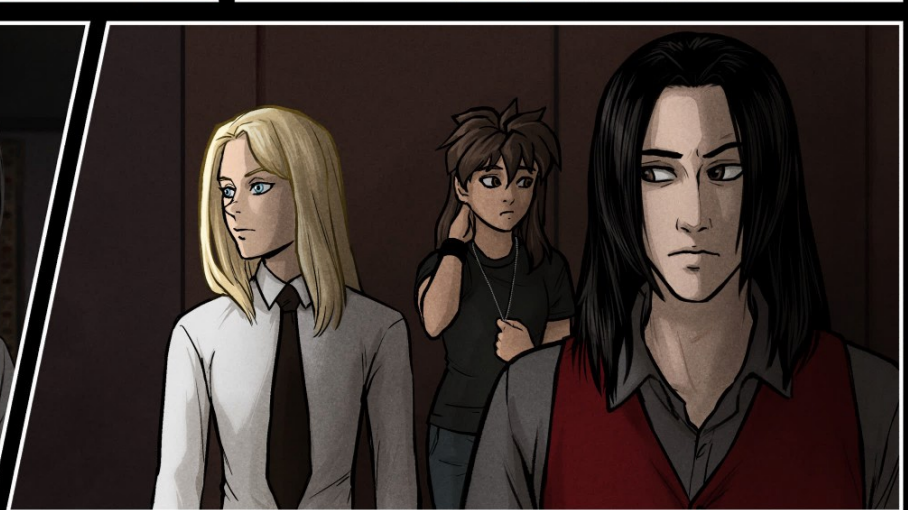
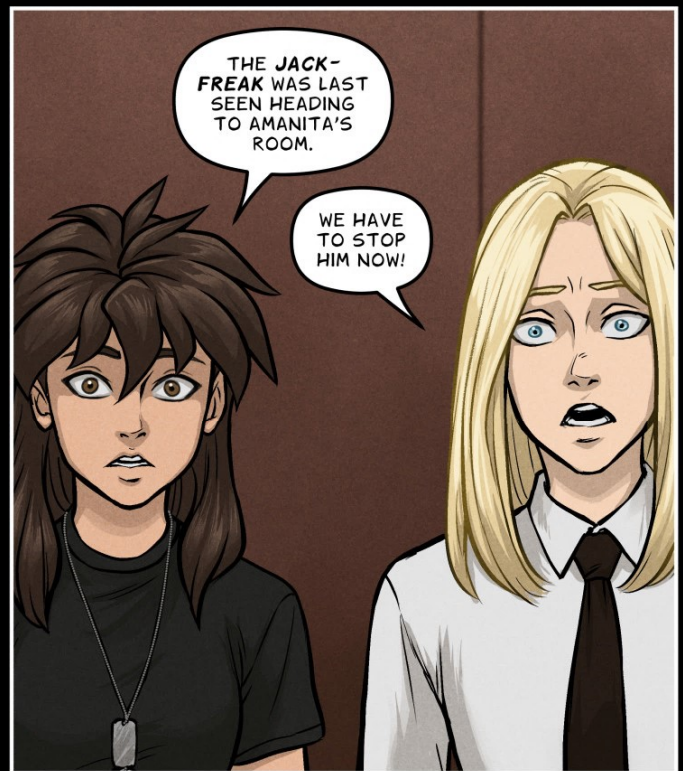
AND?



SHE'S A
WITCH.
SHE'S
LIKE AN
ULTIMATE
BATTERY!



.....
OH.





SIGH

STAY CALM.

RELAX.

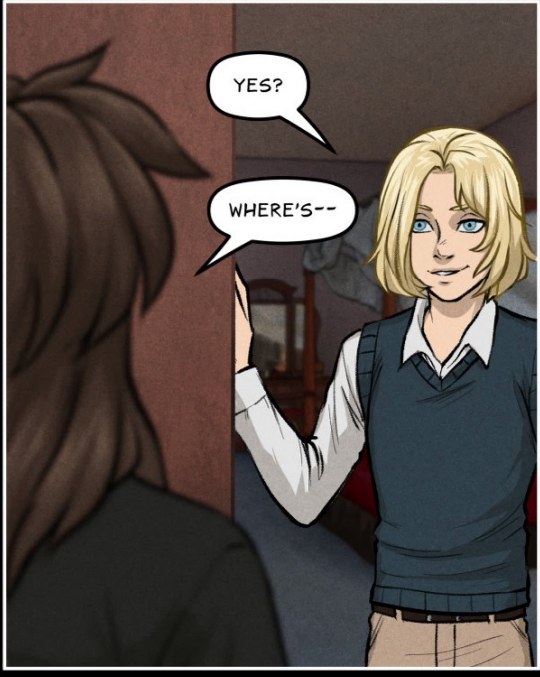
YOU GOT THIS.



KNOCK

KNOCK

KNOCK

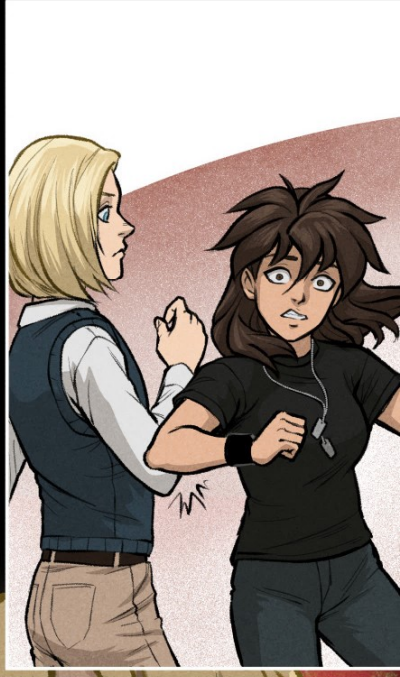


YES?

WHERE'S--



AMANITA!



NITA!
CAN YOU HEAR ME?

I KNOW YOU'RE CONCERNED BUT YOUR WITCH WILL RECOVER.

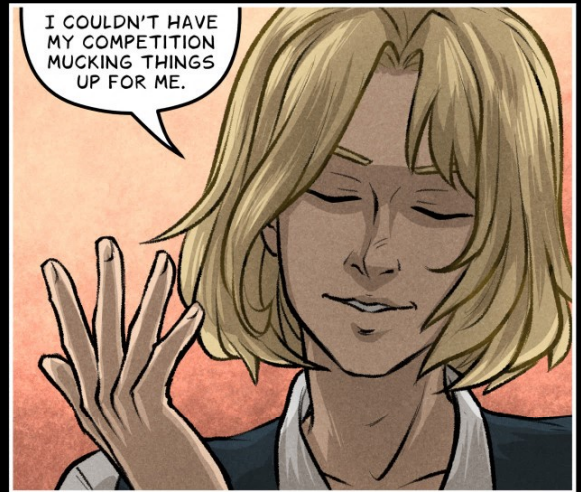
NO HARM DONE.



I DID, HOWEVER, HELP QUIET THAT LITTLE PROBLEM OF HERS.



WHAT DID YOU DO TO HER?



I COULDN'T HAVE MY COMPETITION MUCKING THINGS UP FOR ME.



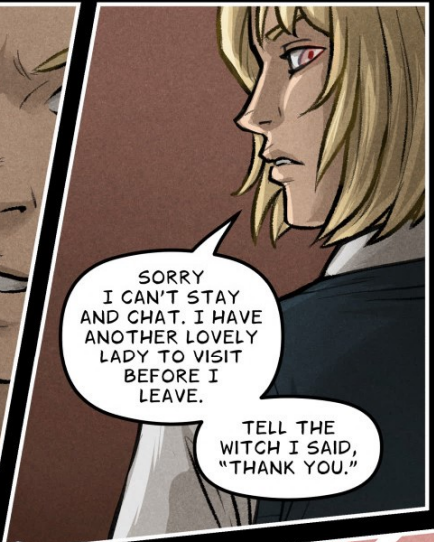
RRRRR



AH-AH! NO ROUGH HOUSING.

THESE ARE NEW CLOTHES.

WELL, NEW TO ME.

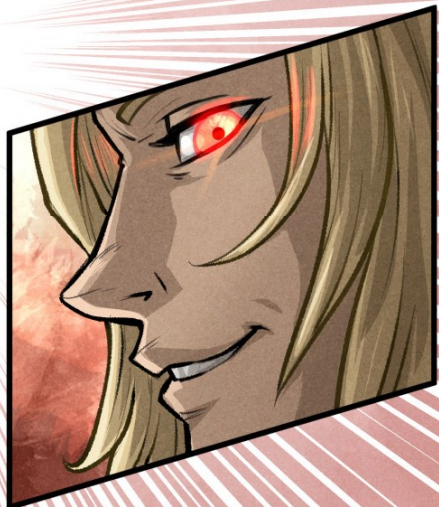


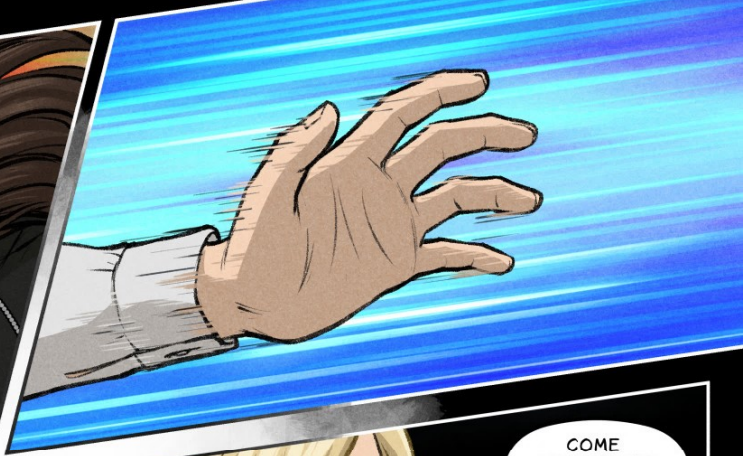
SORRY I CAN'T STAY AND CHAT. I HAVE ANOTHER LOVELY LADY TO VISIT BEFORE I LEAVE.

TELL THE WITCH I SAID, "THANK YOU."



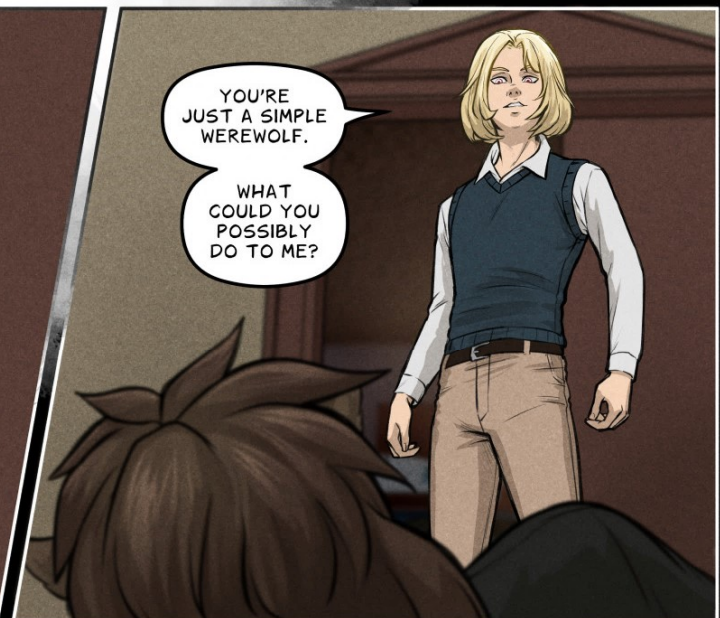
YOU'RE NOT LEAVING THIS ISLAND!





COME ON NOW, DO YOU REALLY THINK YOU CAN HARM ME?

THE VAMPIRE MAY HAVE CAUGHT ME OFF GUARD, BUT YOU?



YOU'RE JUST A SIMPLE WEREWOLF.

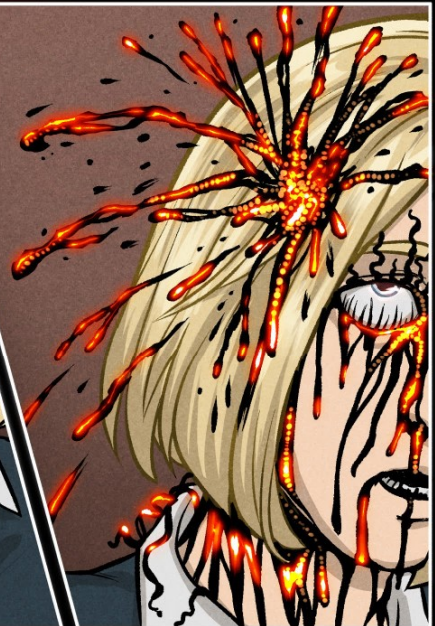
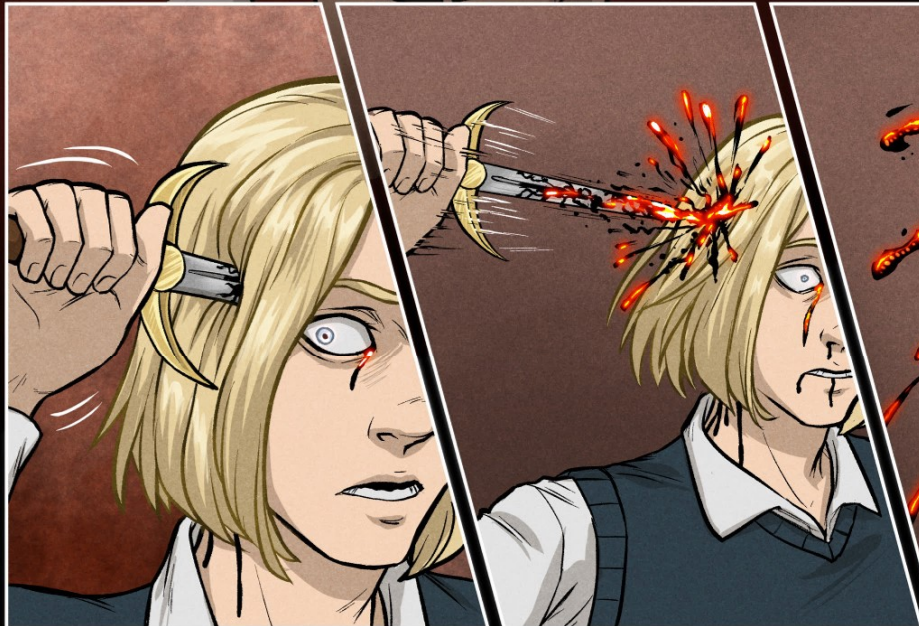
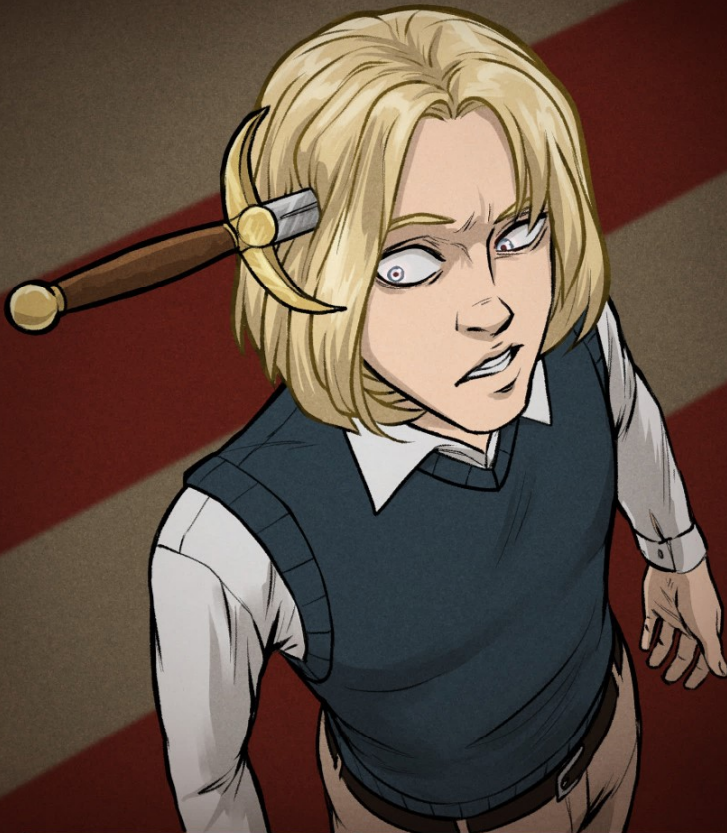
WHAT COULD YOU POSSIBLY DO TO ME?

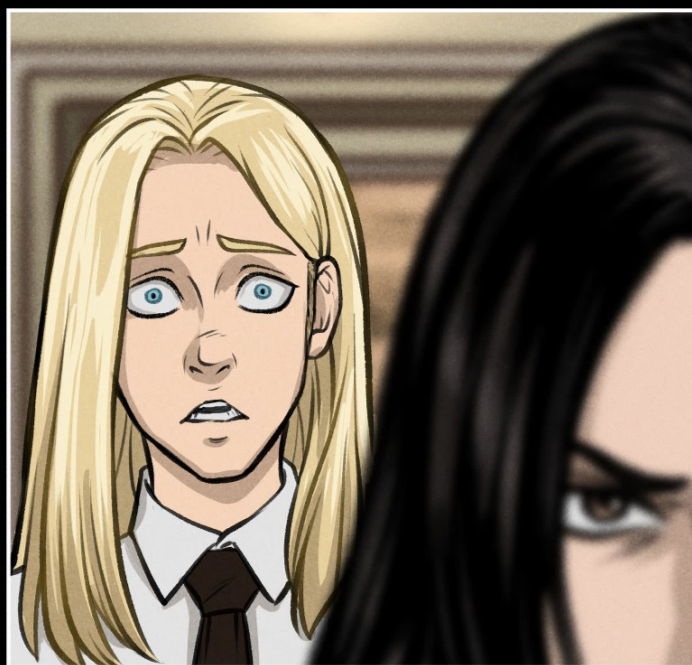
I COULD CRUSH THIS ISLAND IN THE FLUTTER OF AN EYE.

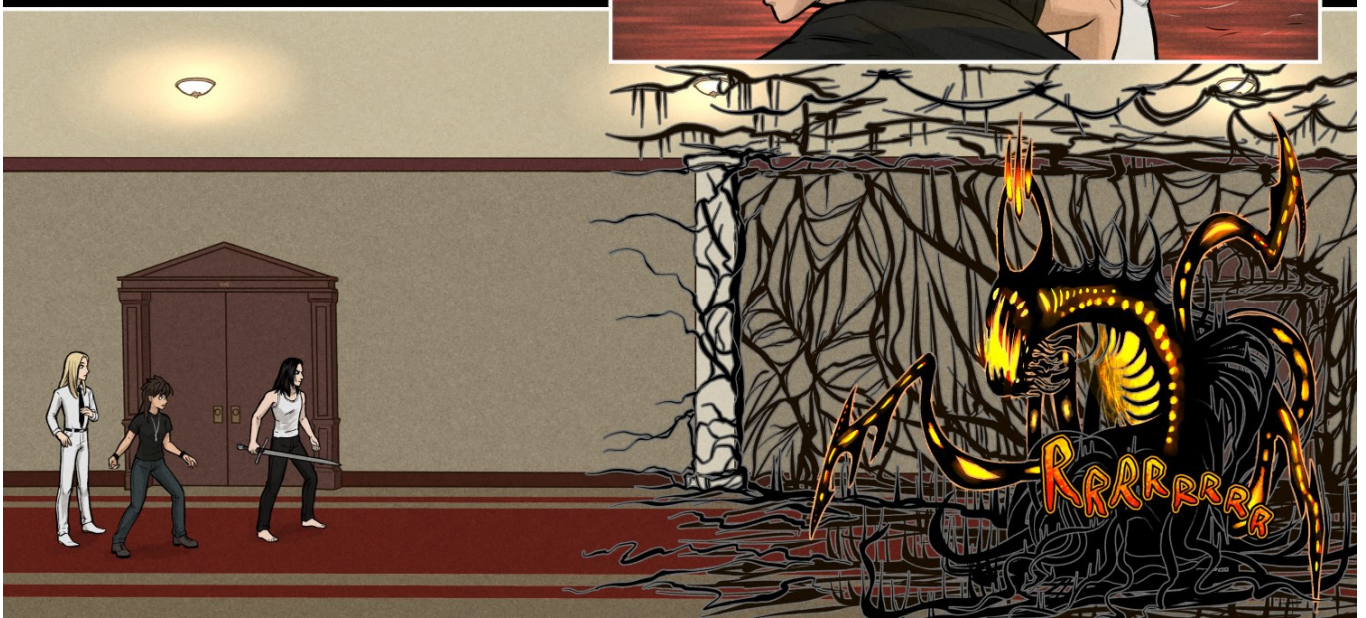
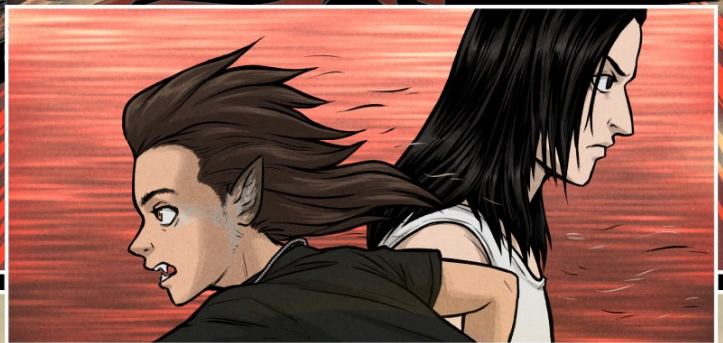
NO ONE ON THIS ROCK HAS THE STRENGTH TO STOP--

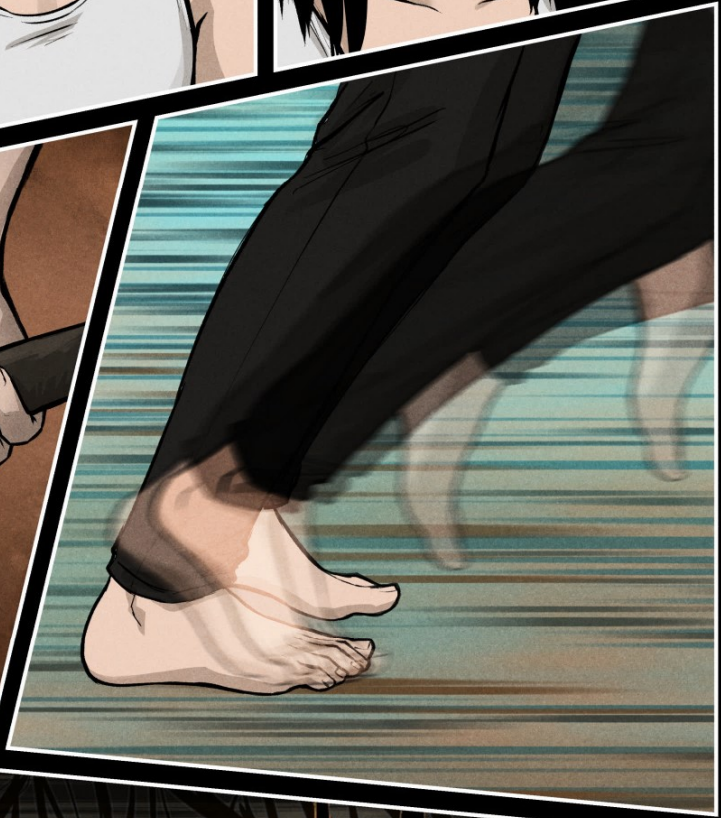
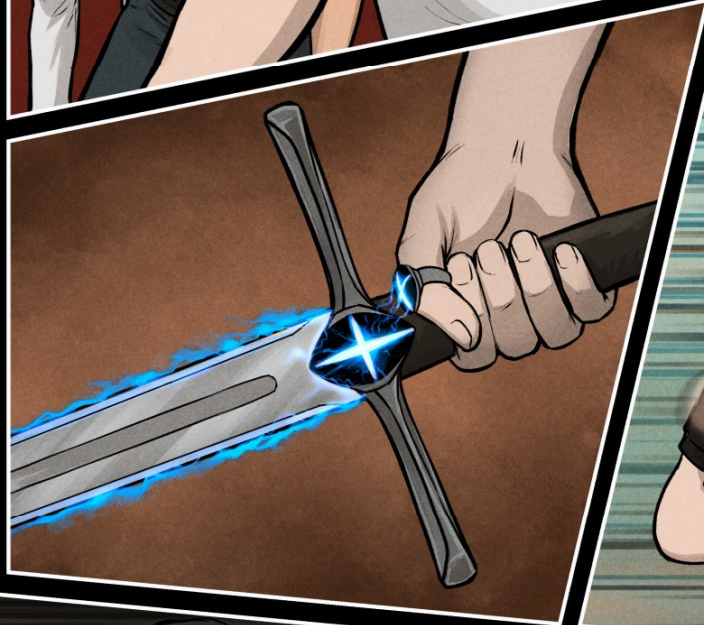


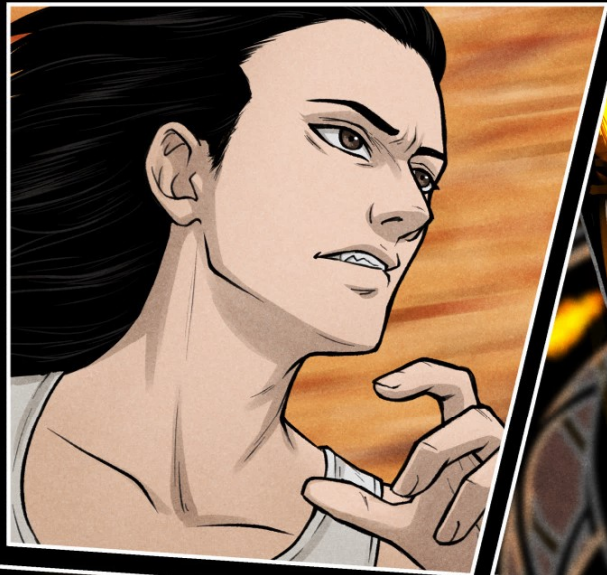
SHACKLE







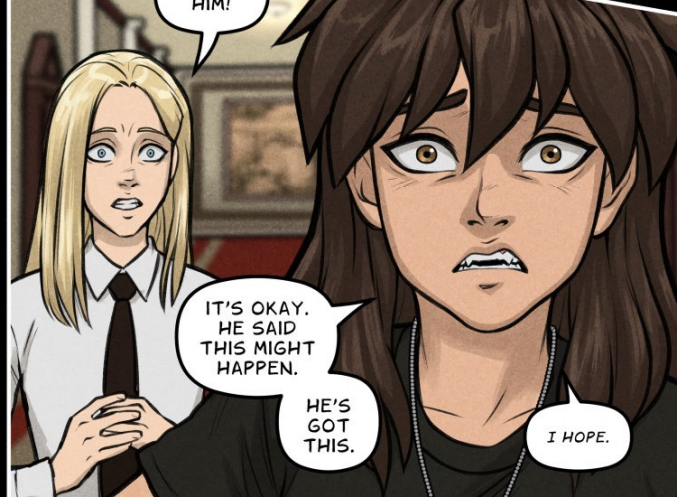
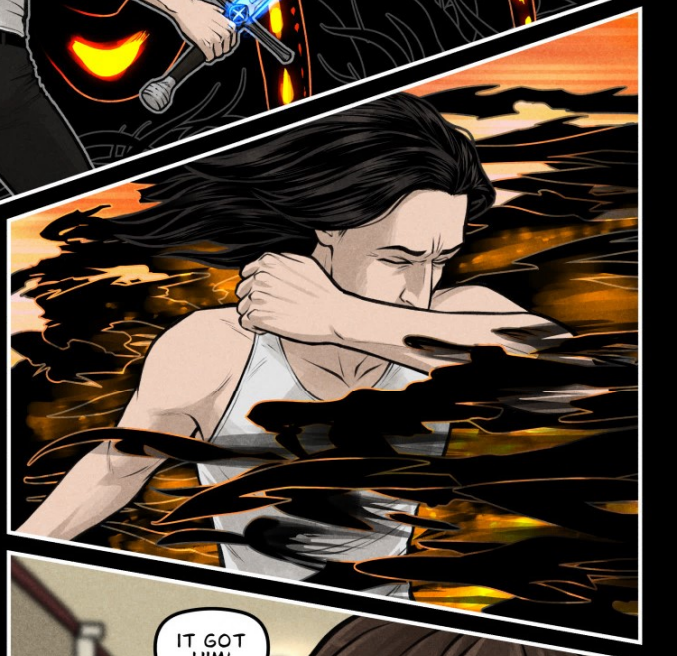
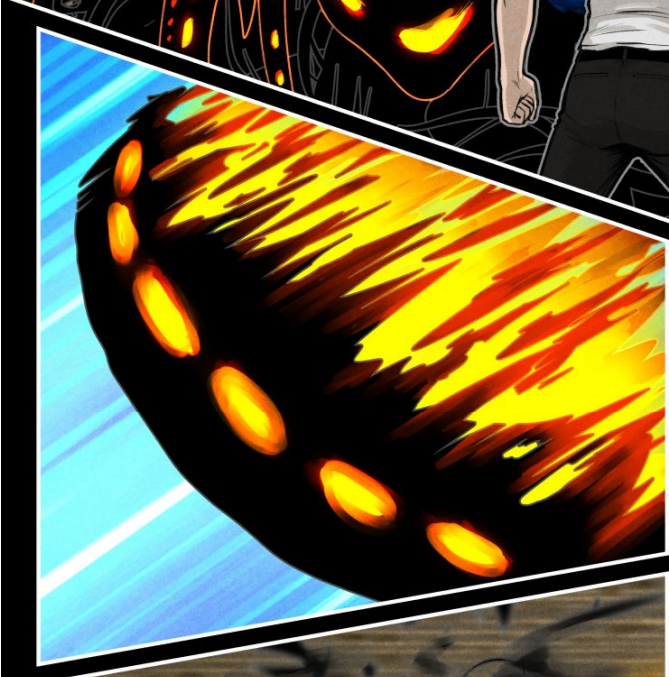






DO YOU TRULY BELIEVE A BLESSED SWORD WILL STOP ME? I AM BEYOND SUCH TRICKS.

NO AMOUNT OF MAGIC CAN SAVE YOU OR ANYONE ELSE ON THIS WRETCHED ISLAND!



IT GOT HIM!

IT'S OKAY. HE SAID THIS MIGHT HAPPEN.

HE'S GOT THIS.

I HOPE.

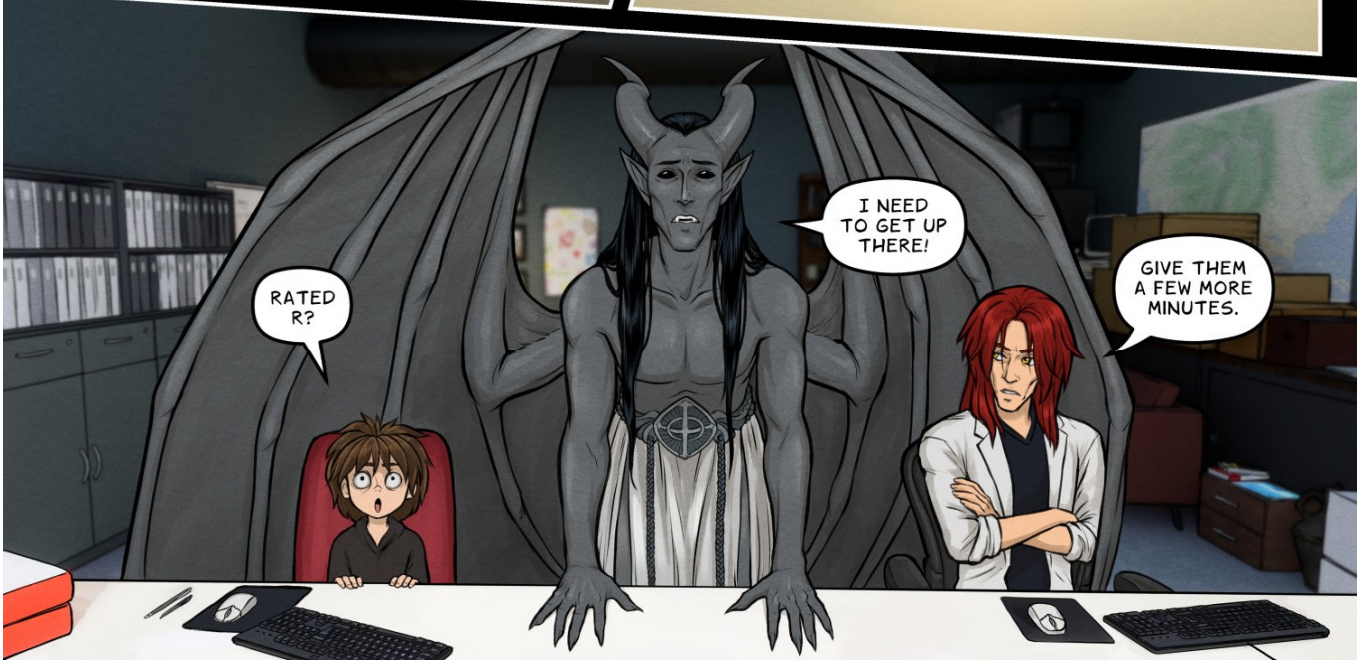
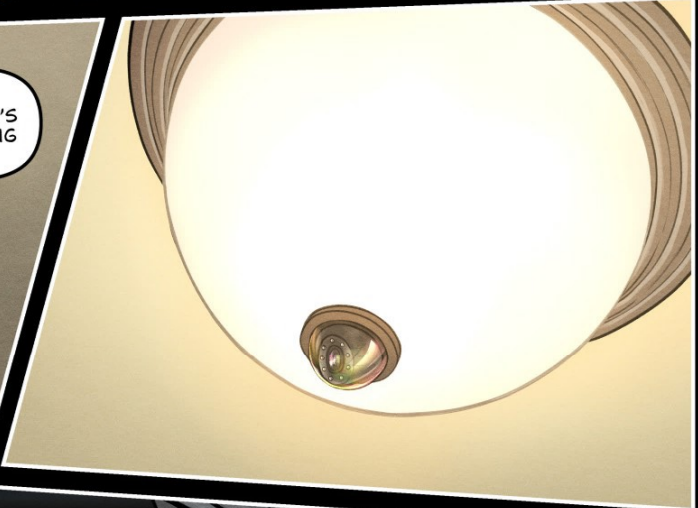


THERE MUST BE SOMETHING WE CAN DO!

YOU'RE DOING NOTHING. ACTUALLY, YOU'RE NOT SUPPOSED TO BE HERE.
HE SAID YOU'RE MADE OF ENERGY AND IT WILL CONSUME YOU.



WAIT, I THINK HE'S WEAKENING IT!



RATED R?

I NEED TO GET UP THERE!

GIVE THEM A FEW MORE MINUTES.



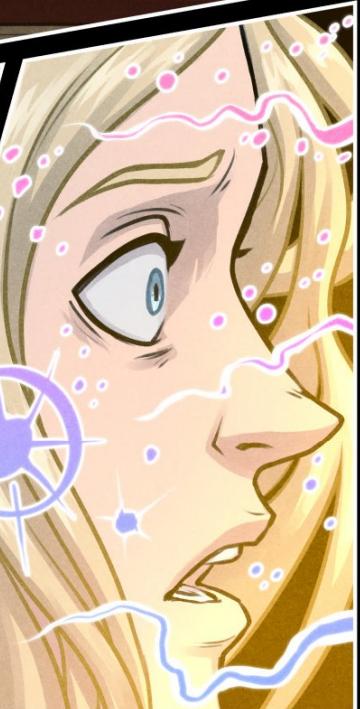
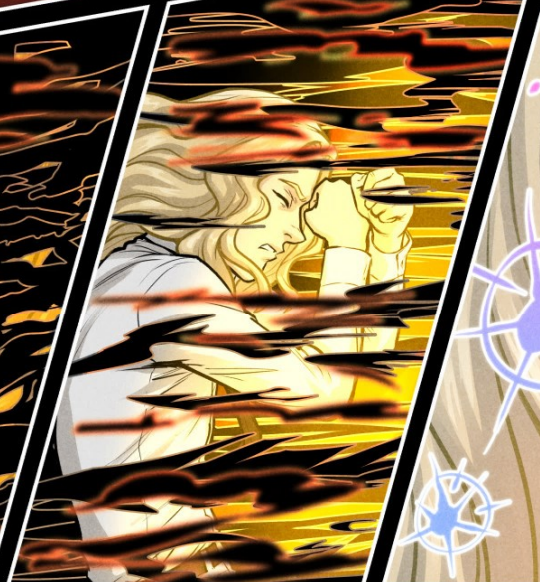
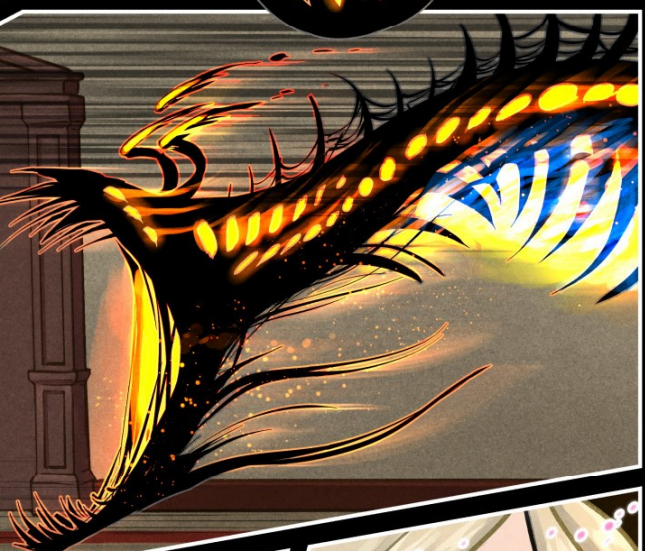
I DON'T HAVE TIME FOR THIS.



I WILL DEVOUR YOU ALL!



RUN!



LISTEN LISTEN LISTEN
LISTEN TO ME!
ME!
ME!
ME!

JACK!
JACK!
JACK!
JACK!

STAY
STAY
STAY
STAY
STAY
STAY

DON'T
DON'T
DON'T
DON'T
GO!
GO!
GO!

Please
Please
Please
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TELL
TELL
TELL ME
ME
ME

I'll
I'll
I'll be fine
fine
fine

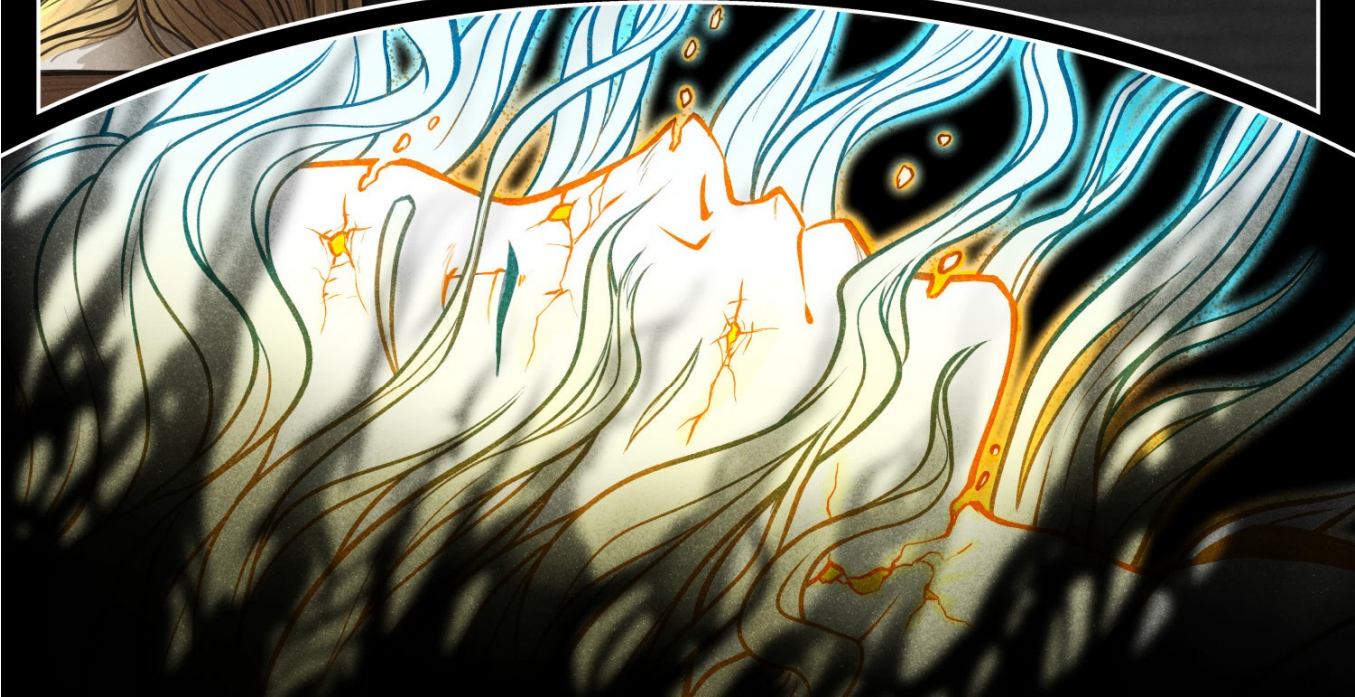
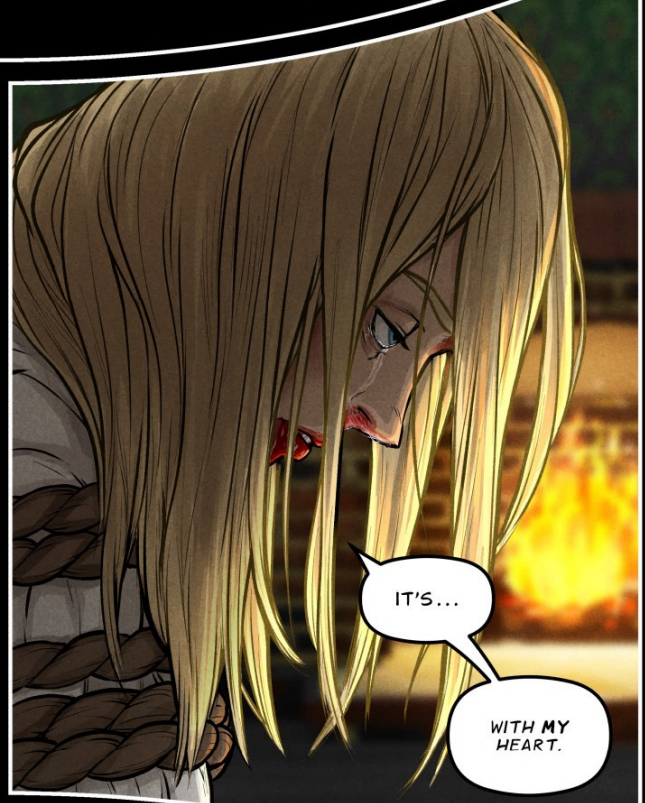
I KNOW
YOU HAVE
OSIRIS'
HEART.

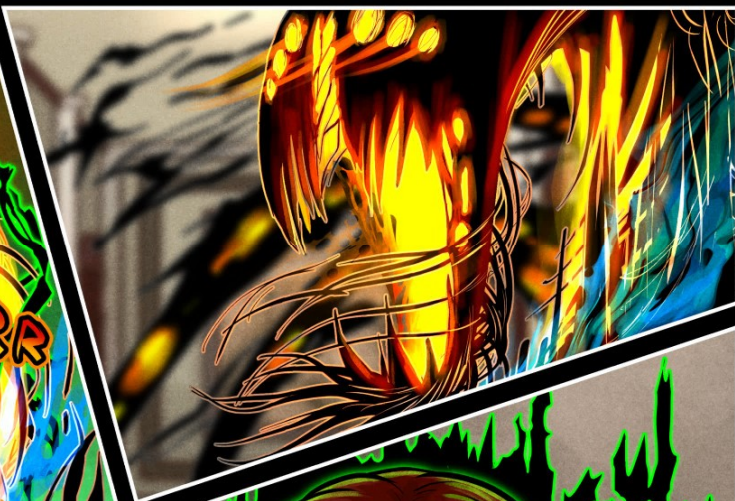
TELL ME
WHERE IT IS
AND THIS WILL
ALL BE OVER.

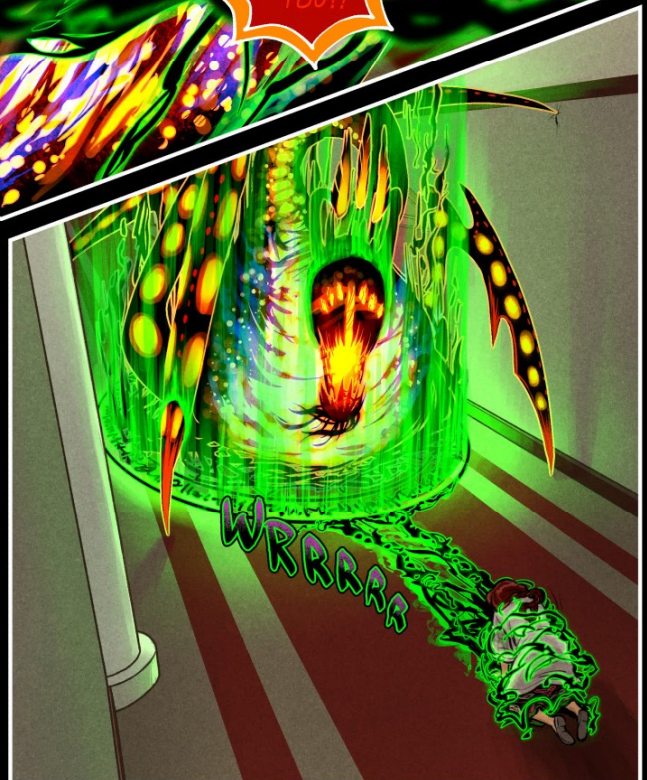
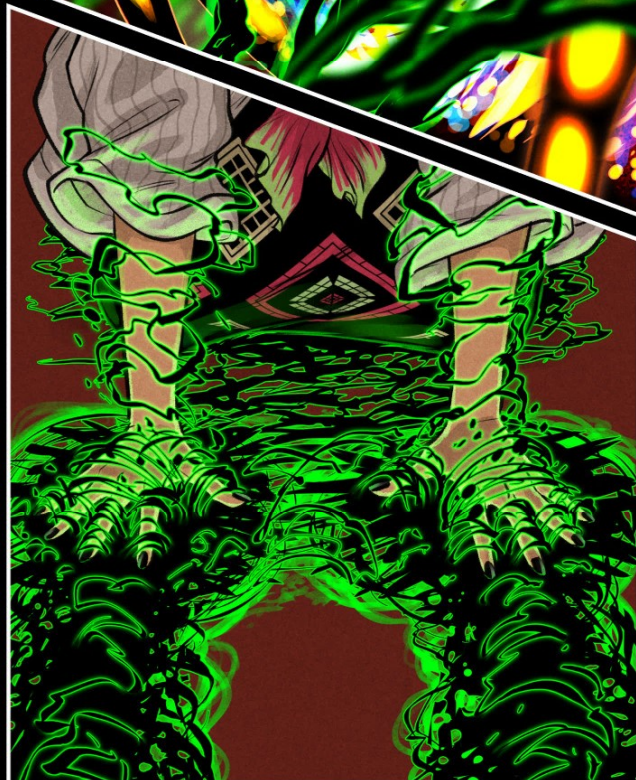
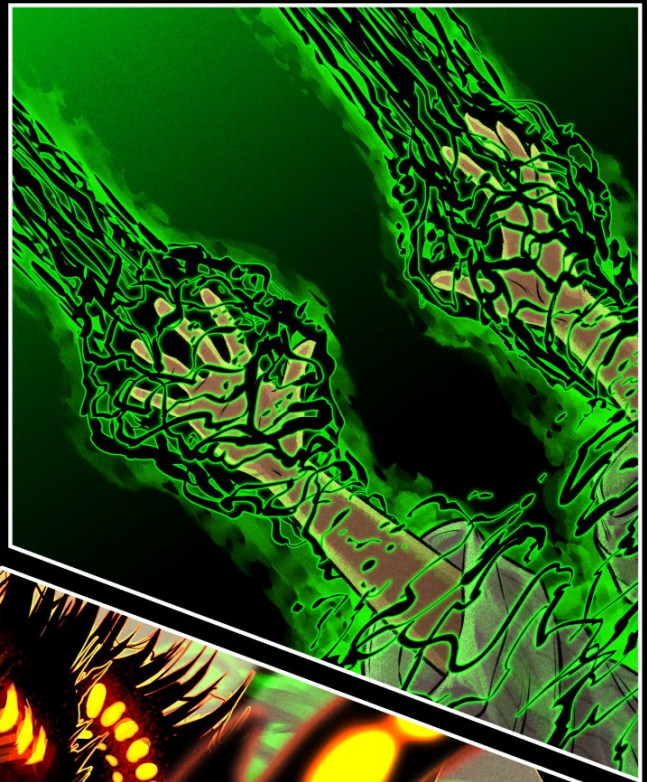
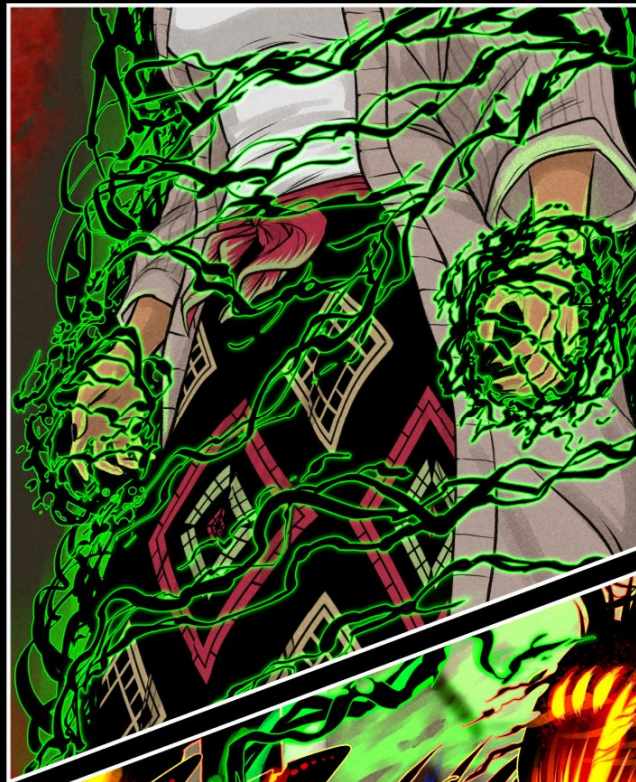


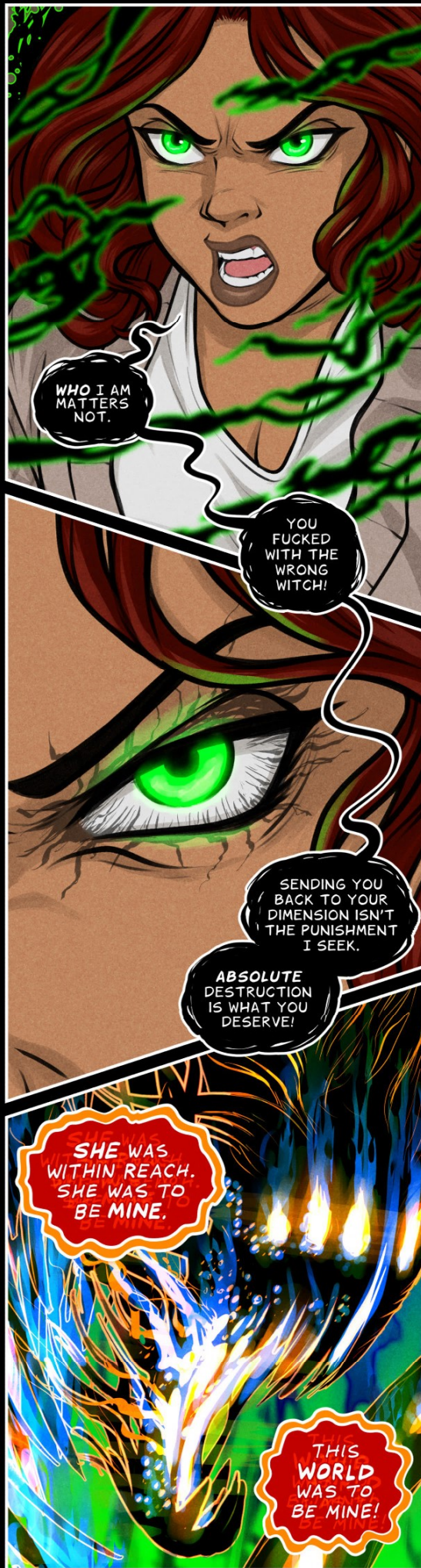
IT'S...

WITH MY
HEART.









WHO I AM
MATTERS
NOT.

YOU
FUCKED
WITH THE
WRONG
WITCH!

SENDING YOU
BACK TO YOUR
DIMENSION ISN'T
THE PUNISHMENT
I SEEK.

ABSOLUTE
DESTRUCTION
IS WHAT YOU
DESERVE!

SHE WAS
WITHIN REACH.
SHE WAS TO
BE MINE.

THIS
WORLD
WAS TO
BE MINE!



AHHHHHH

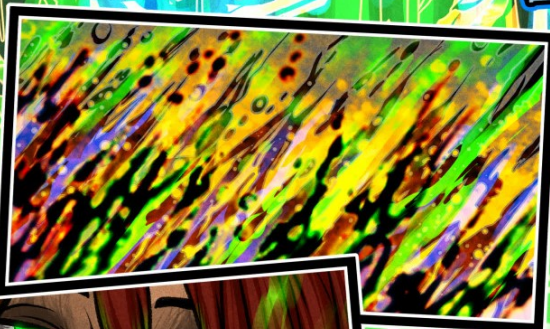
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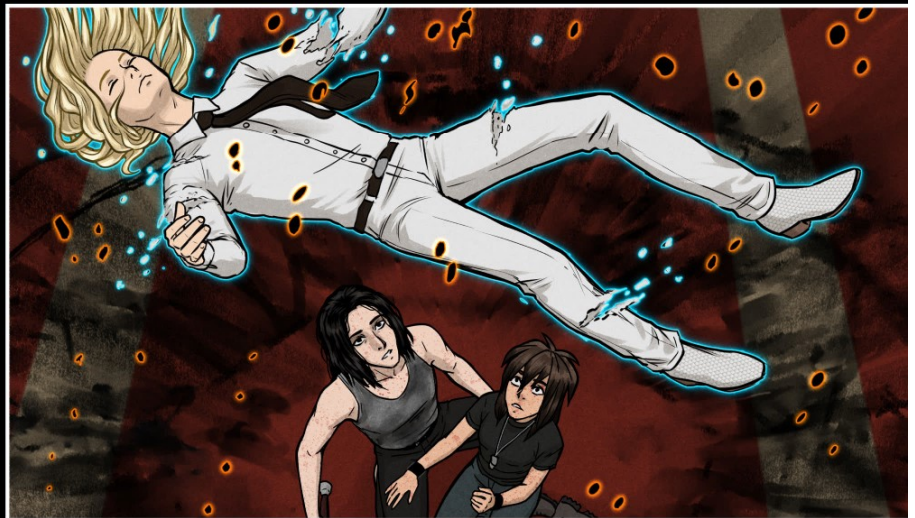
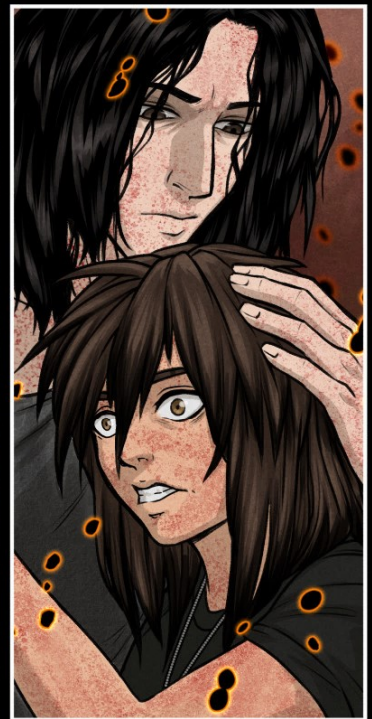
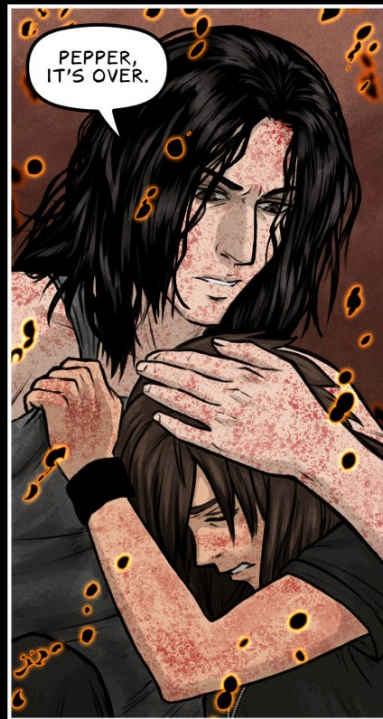


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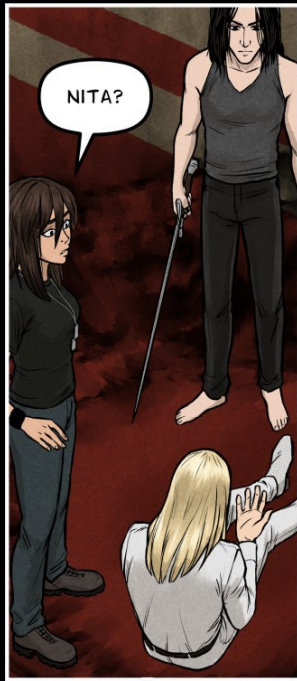
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WAS I ASLEEP?!



NITA?



AMANITA!



CAN YOU HEAR ME?



W-WHAT'S GOING ON?
WHERE AM I? WHAT HAPPENED?



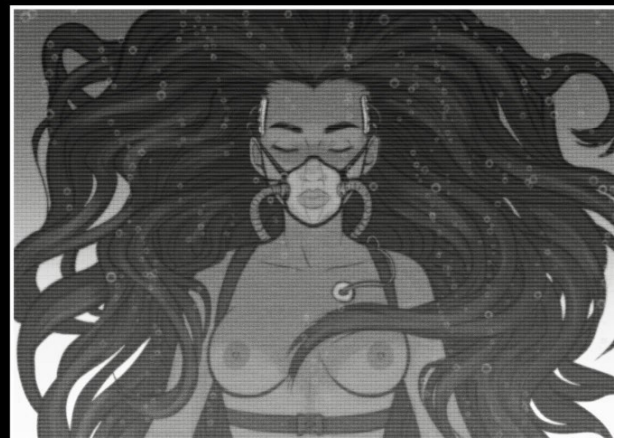
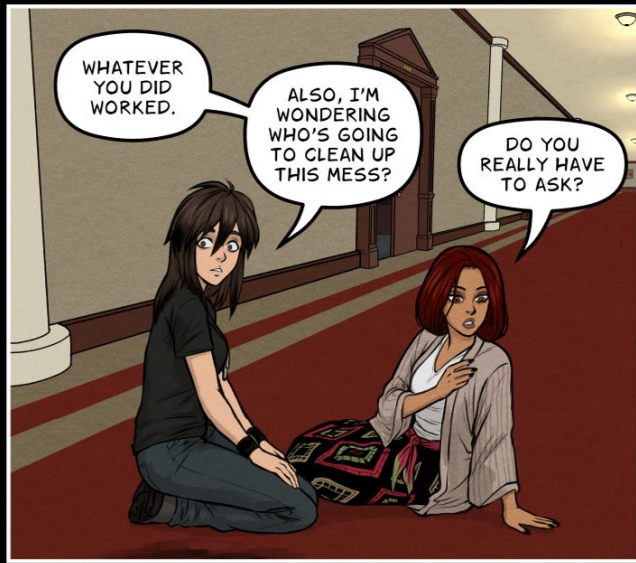
I THINK YOU KILLED IT.

IT?



HOW WERE YOU ABLE TO DO THAT?

I DON'T...
I DON'T REMEMBER ANYTHING.



YOU KNOW NOTHING GOOD WILL COME FROM THIS MEETING.



HE JUST WANTS TO TALK.

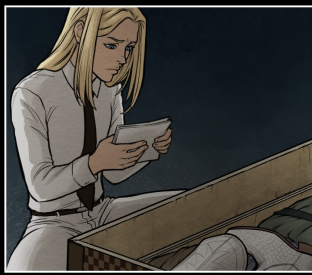


HE'S NO LONGER ON OUR SIDE.

HE'S BEEN SPENDING MORE TIME WITH THOSE BLACKTHORN FREAKS.



HE'S FAMILY. I TRUST HIM.



YOU TRUST HIM MORE THAN ME?

NEVER.

THEN LISTEN TO ME. DON'T GO.

I'LL BE FINE.



I WANT YOU TO TAKE THIS AND HIDE IT.

THIS IS WHAT HE WANTS. ISN'T IT? JUST GIVE IT TO HIM.

I CAN'T.

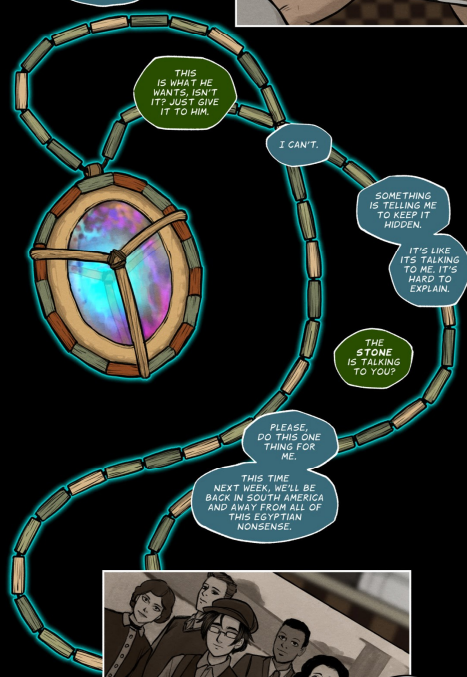
SOMETHING IS TELLING ME TO KEEP IT HIDDEN.

IT'S LIKE IT'S TALKING TO ME. IT'S HARD TO EXPLAIN.

THE STONE IS TALKING TO YOU?

PLEASE. DO THIS ONE THING FOR ME.

THIS TIME NEXT WEEK, WE'LL BE BACK IN SOUTH AMERICA AND AWAY FROM ALL OF THIS EGYPTIAN NONSENSE.

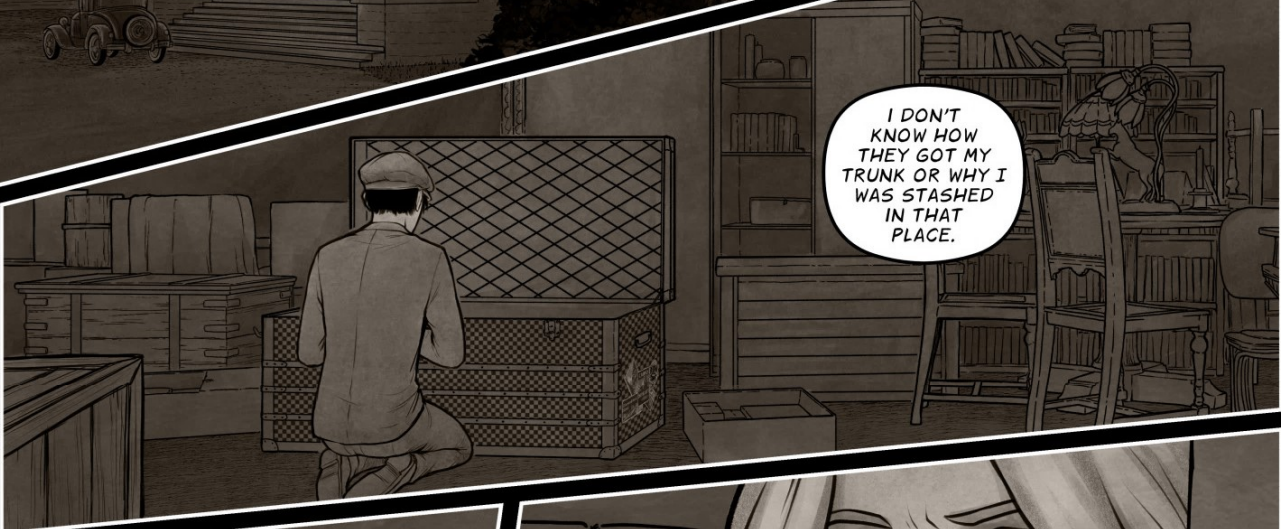


YOU VISITED ME, DIDN'T YOU...

IT WAS A YEAR AFTER THAT NIGHT.

HOW WERE YOU ABLE TO FIND ME?

DID YOU KNOW WHAT HAPPENED?

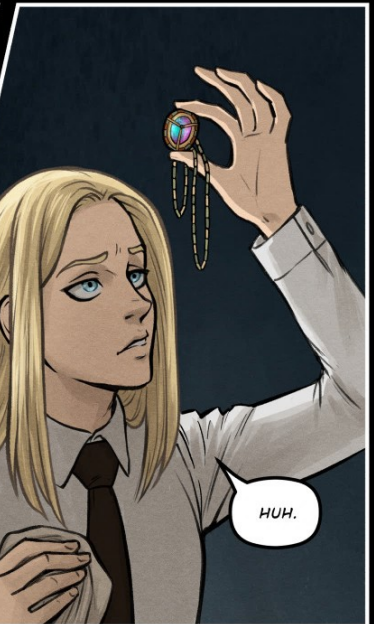
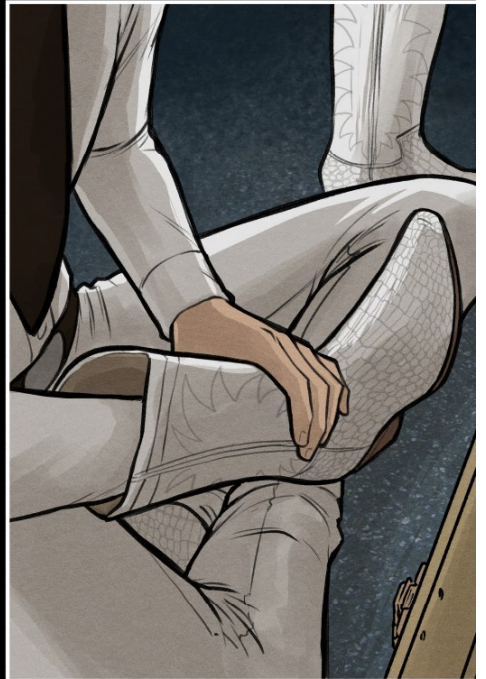
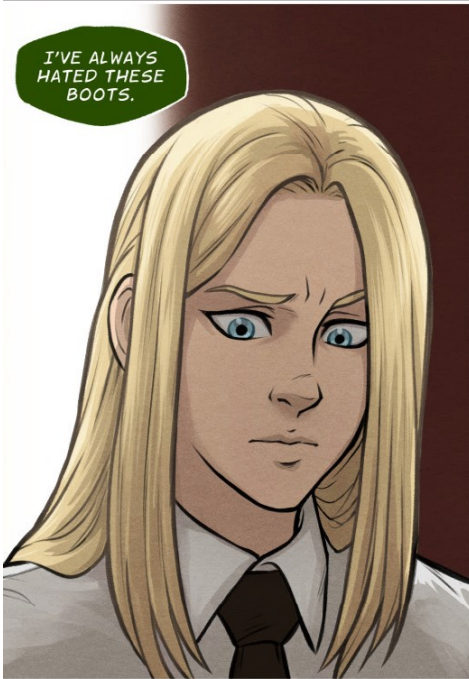
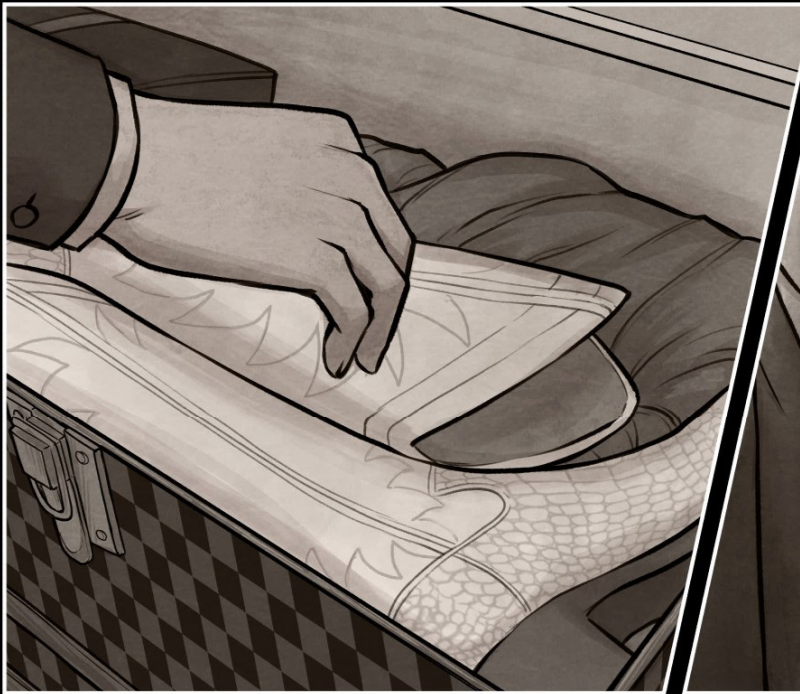


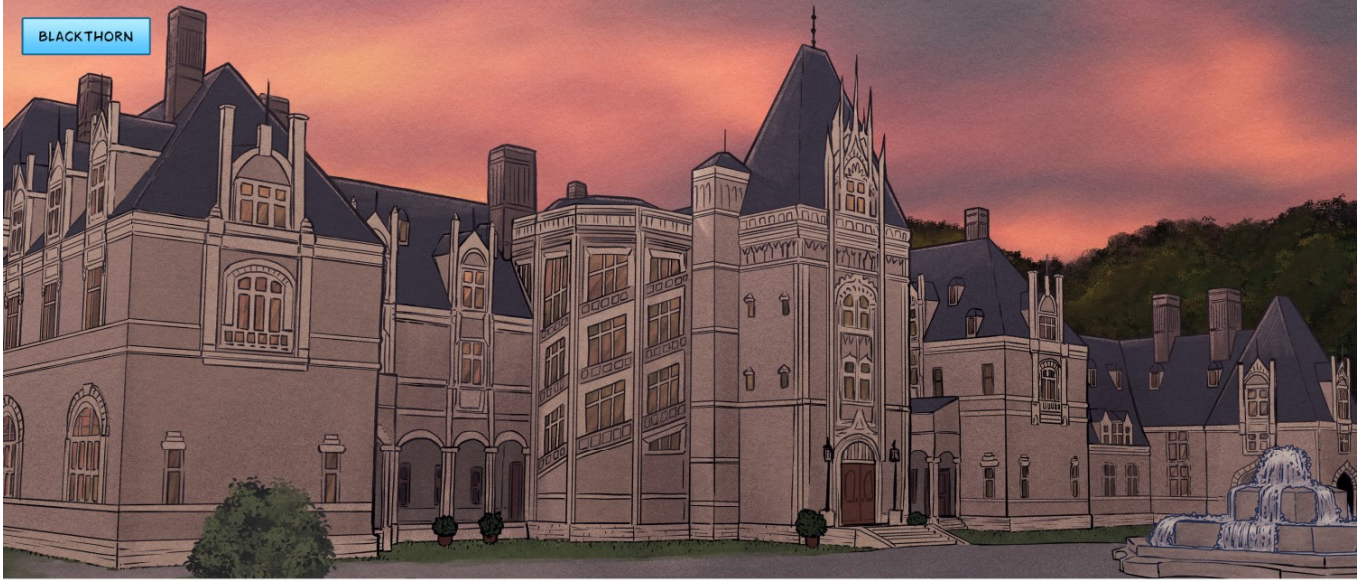
I DON'T KNOW HOW THEY GOT MY TRUNK OR WHY I WAS STASHED IN THAT PLACE.

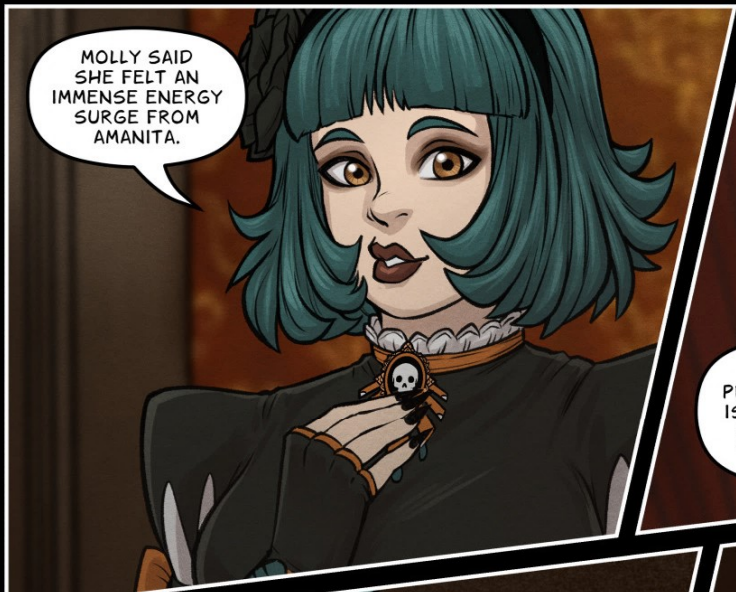


WHAT DID THEY TELL YOU?









MOLLY SAID SHE FELT AN IMMENSE ENERGY SURGE FROM AMANITA.



THAT'S PROMISING, BUT IS SHE STRONG ENOUGH FOR THE RITUAL?



KALE DOESN'T THINK SO, BUT I THOUGHT YOU SHOULD KNOW.



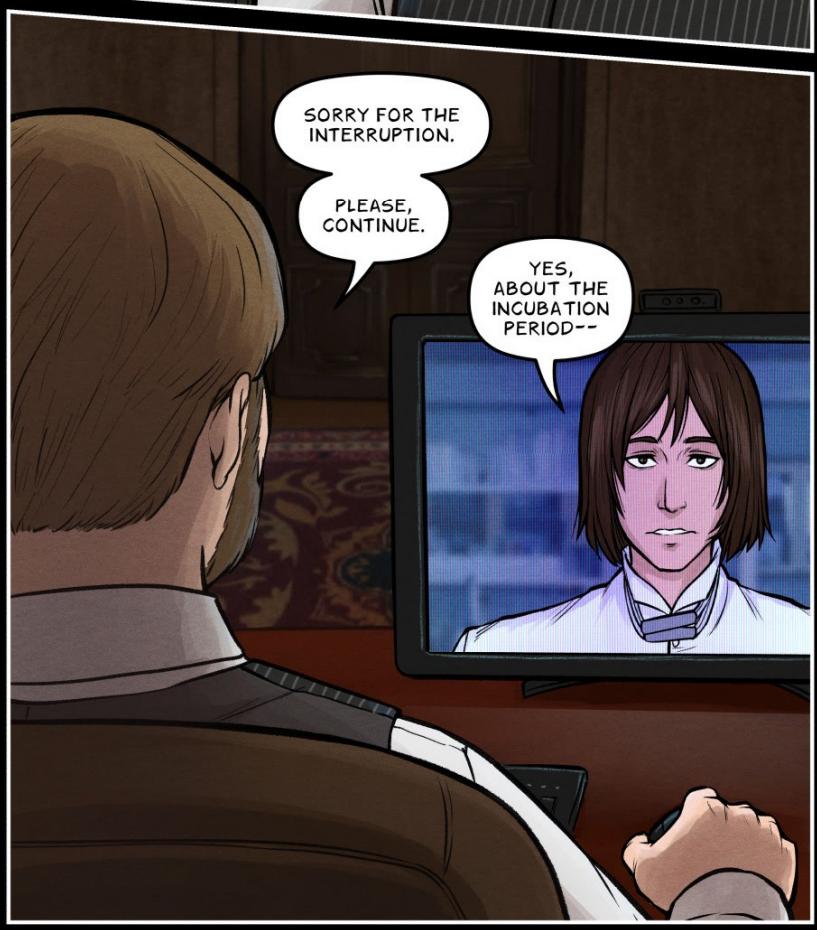
THEN IT'S BUSINESS AS USUAL.

IS THAT ALL?



FOR NOW.
OH, DINNER IS IN THIRTY MINUTES. DON'T BE LATE.

WE'RE HAVING OSSO BUCO TONIGHT!



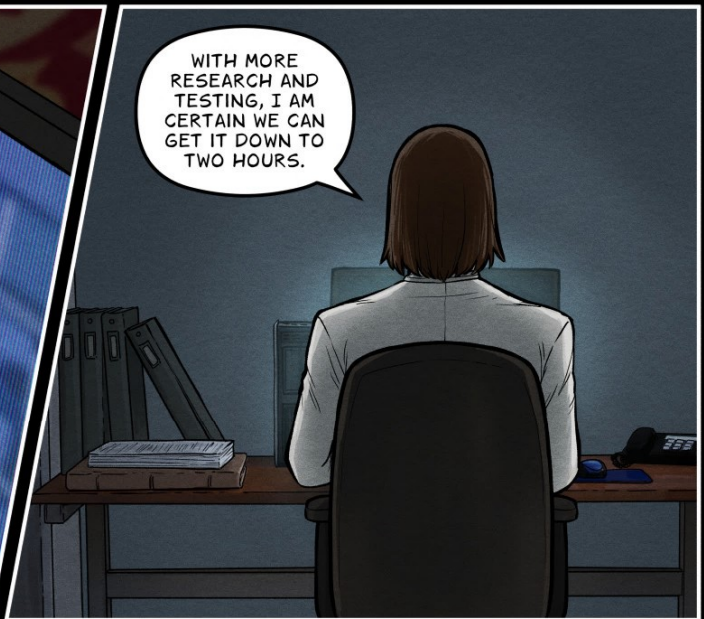
SORRY FOR THE INTERRUPTION.

PLEASE, CONTINUE.

YES, ABOUT THE INCUBATION PERIOD--



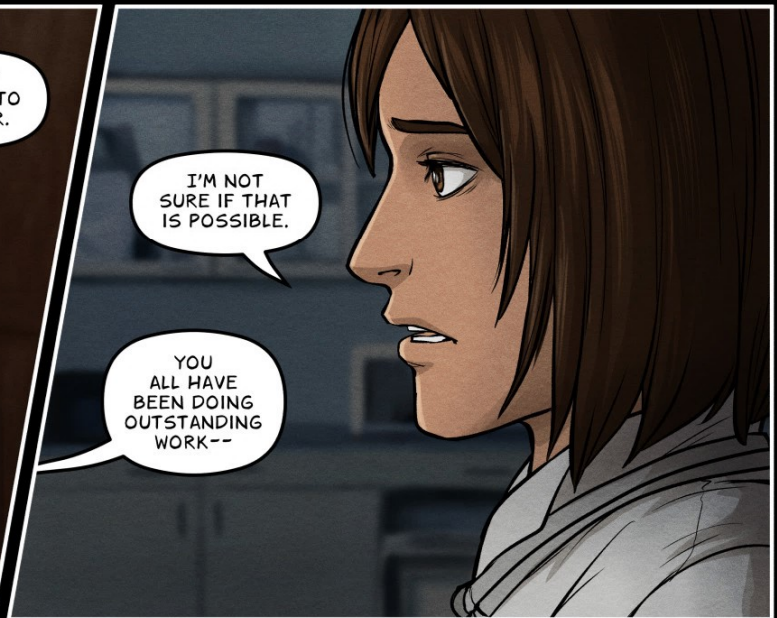
WE MANAGED TO GET IT DOWN TO THREE HOURS.



WITH MORE RESEARCH AND TESTING, I AM CERTAIN WE CAN GET IT DOWN TO TWO HOURS.

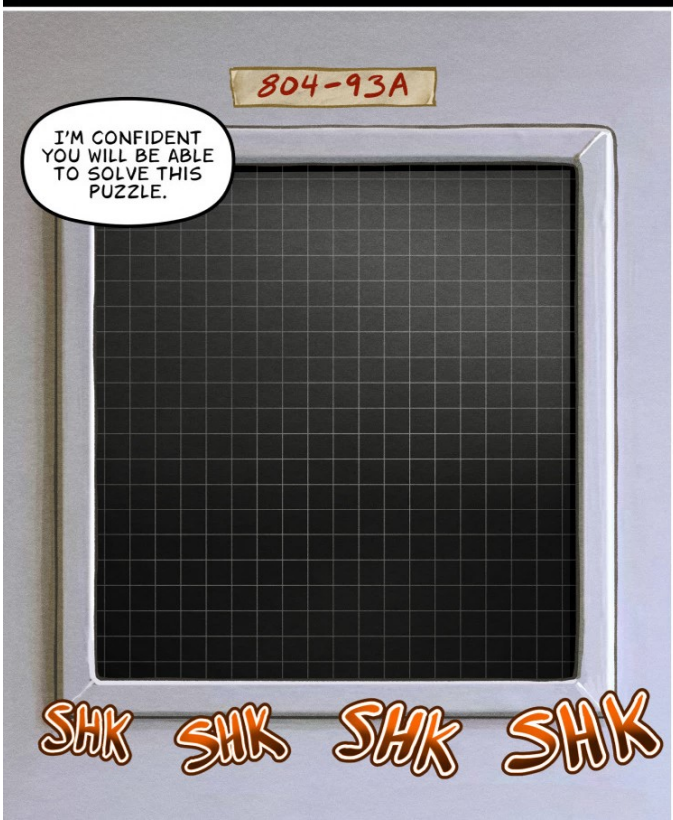


I WANT IT DOWN TO AN HOUR.



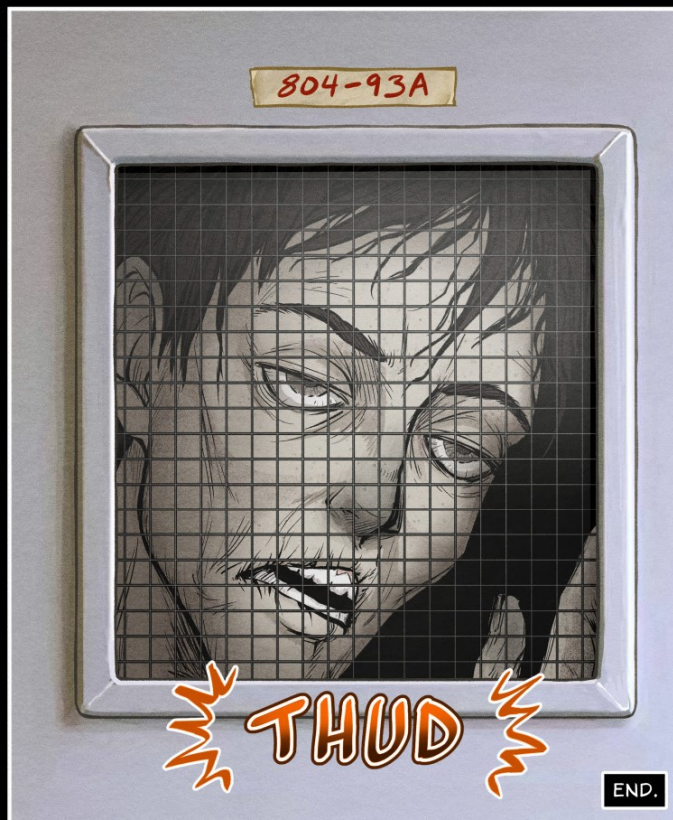
I'M NOT SURE IF THAT IS POSSIBLE.

YOU ALL HAVE BEEN DOING OUTSTANDING WORK--



I'M CONFIDENT YOU WILL BE ABLE TO SOLVE THIS PUZZLE.

SHK SHK SHK SHK



THUD

END.