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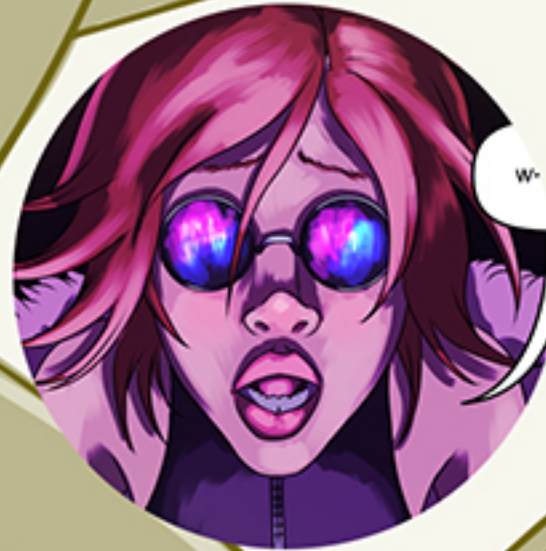
Act I: In the Court of the Crimson Queen Part 5

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Dedicated to
Chéjan Outram

without whom this release would
literally not be possible

Previously:



Jackal and Lady have been captured by Grekka. What is to become of them? Meanwhile Cutter paid a visit to an old acquaintance with unintended results. Abigail seems to be having a simply revelatory time at Bloody Leviathan's concert, Not to mention the dude who seems to have woken from a deep slumber...

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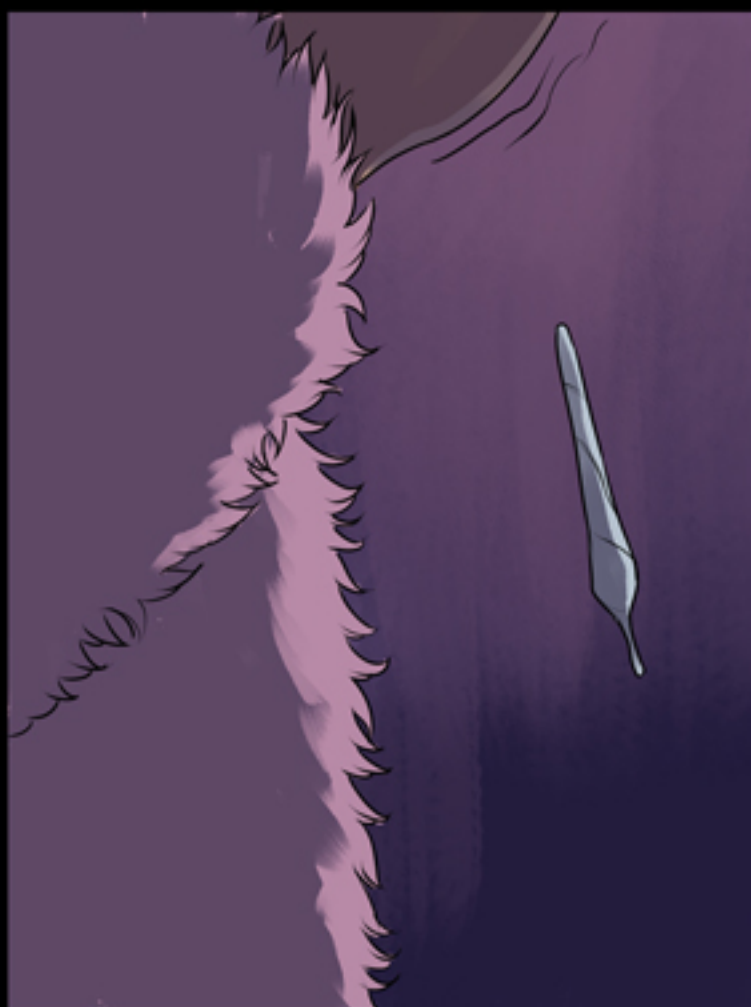


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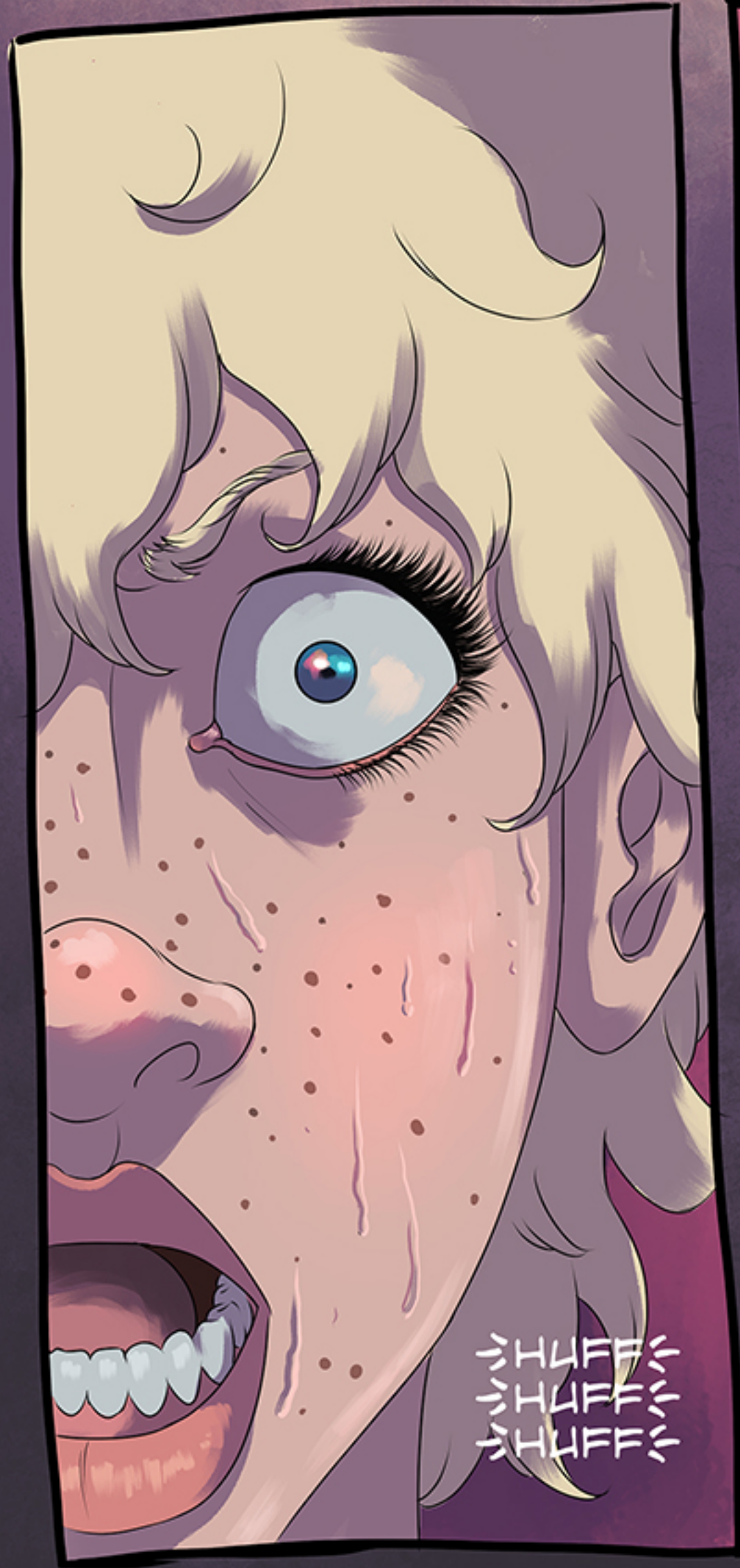




SQUIDDY!!!



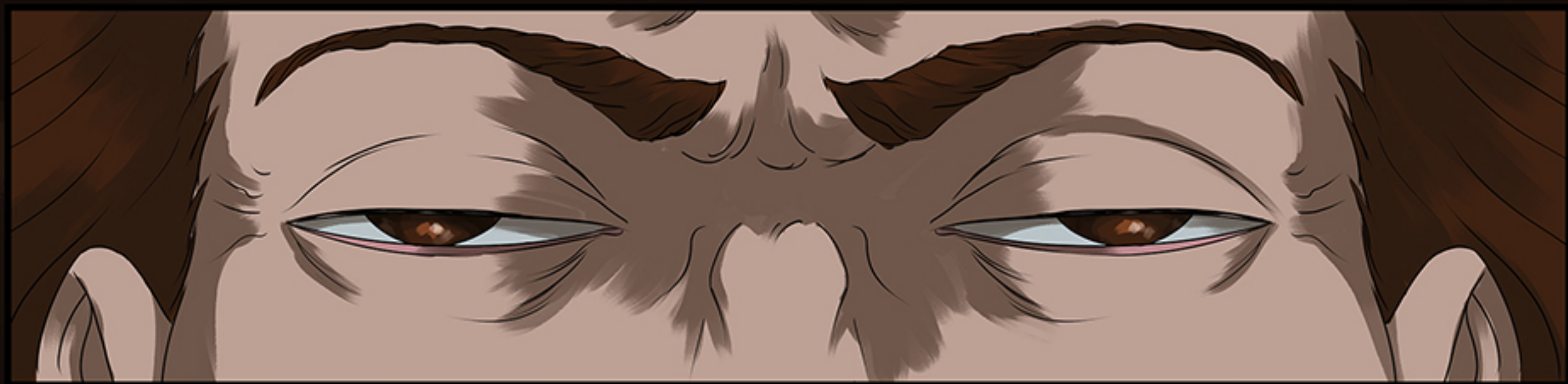
STOP
STOP
STOOOOOP!!



~HUFF~
~HUFF~
~HUFF~



AAAAAAA
AAAAAAA
AAAAAAHHHH
HHHHH!!!!



HE CLOCKED
YOU PRETTY
GOOD DIDN'T
HE?



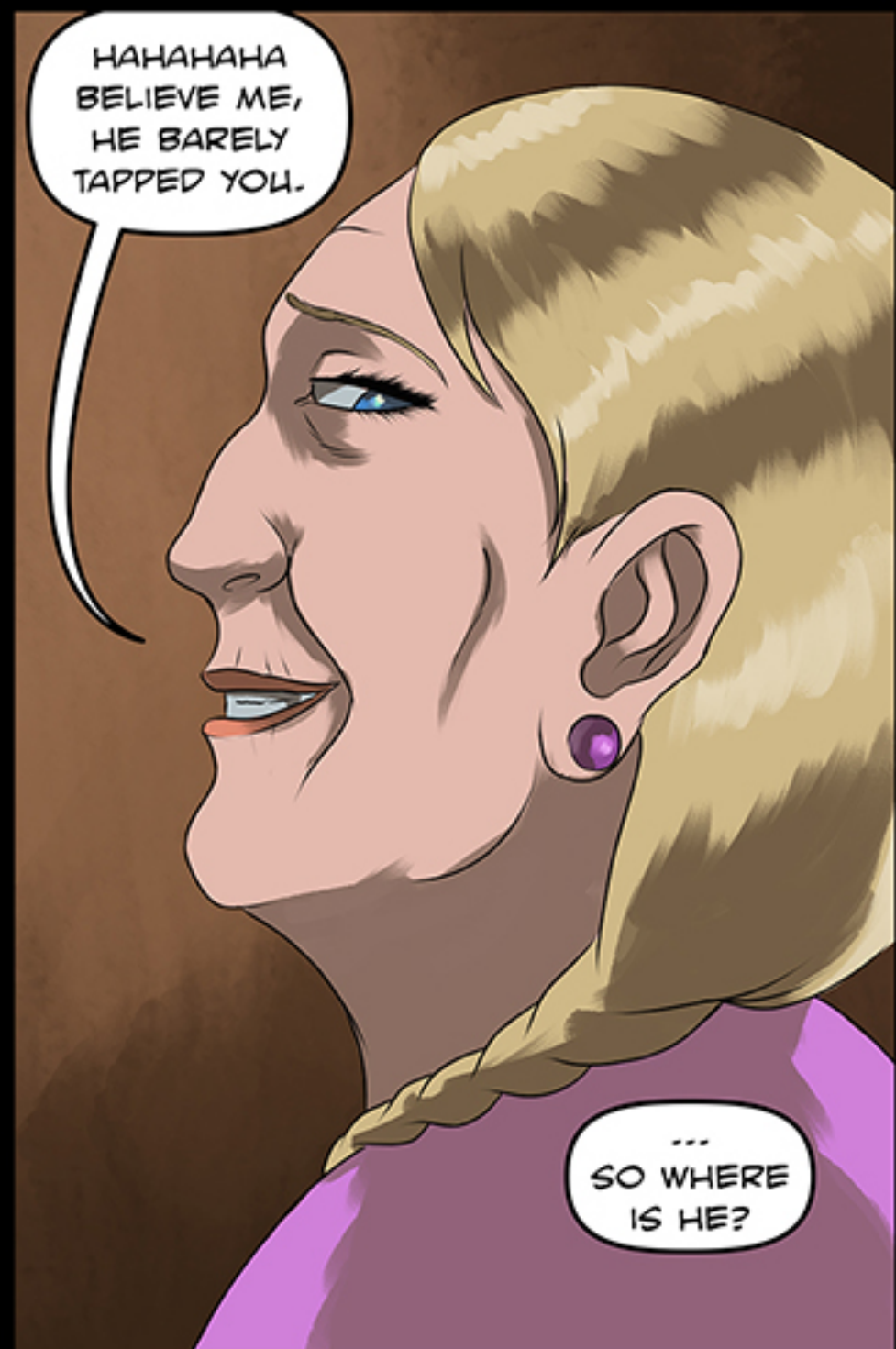
MY GOERGIE
USED TO STREET
BOX WHEN HE
WAS YOUNG
HE WAS
A LEGEND IN
HIS DAY.

AH. SO THAT'S
WHY IT FEELS LIKE
I WAS HIT WITH A
SLEDGEHAMMER



HAHAHAHA
BELIEVE ME,
HE BARELY
TAPPED YOU.

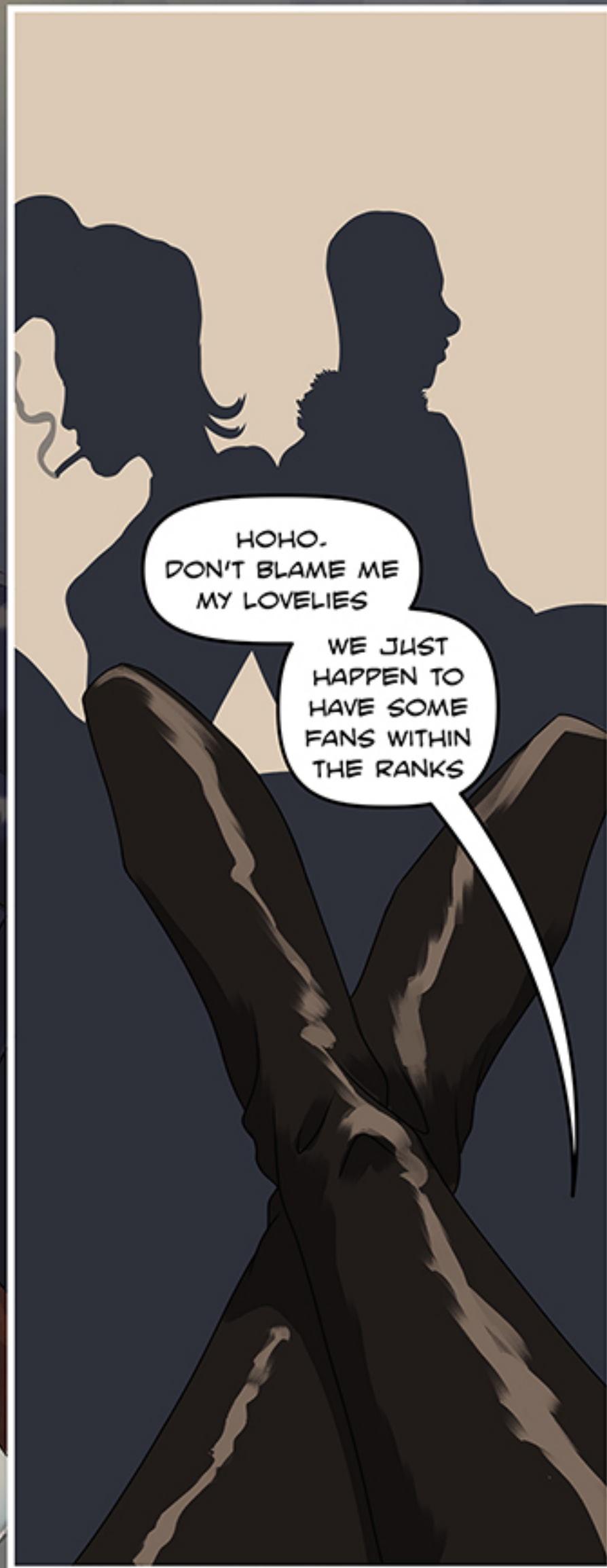
...
SO WHERE
IS HE?

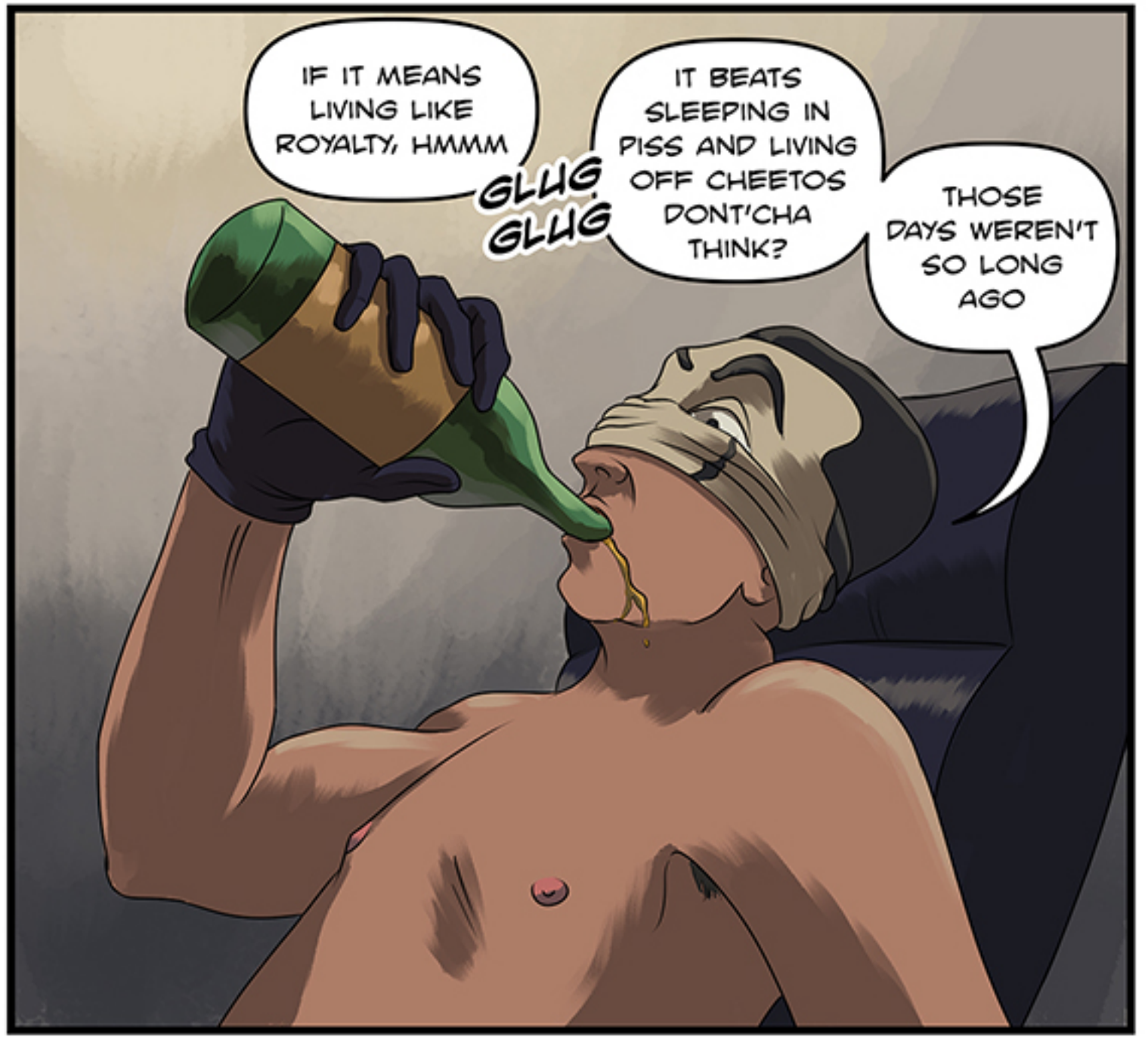


DON'T
WORRY, HE'LL
BE RIGHT WITH
YOU.

ENJOY MY
HOMEMADE
COOKIES
WHILE YOU
WAIT.







WE ARE **BARDS**;
CHRONICLERS OF
TIME.

WE EXIST SOLELY
TO FAITHFULLY RETELL
FANCIFUL CHAPTERS OF
HER STORY TO THOSE
WHO WOULD HEAR
IT.

WHAT NEED HAVE
WE FOR MASTERS WHO
WOULD CONTROL OUR
POWERS AND INFLUENCE
US TO SPIN AN INANE
NARRATIVE TO SERVE
THEIR ENDS?



I'VE BEEN DOING
THIS FOR A VERY,
VERY LONG TIME

I DECIDE
WHAT IS
TRUTH



AND NO ONE
HAS **EVER** HELD
MY CHRONICLING
PEN BUT ME



FEAR NOT



BUT ENJOY THE VIP
TREATMENT.

THERE'S NOTHING
WRONG WITH BEING
CELEBRATED.

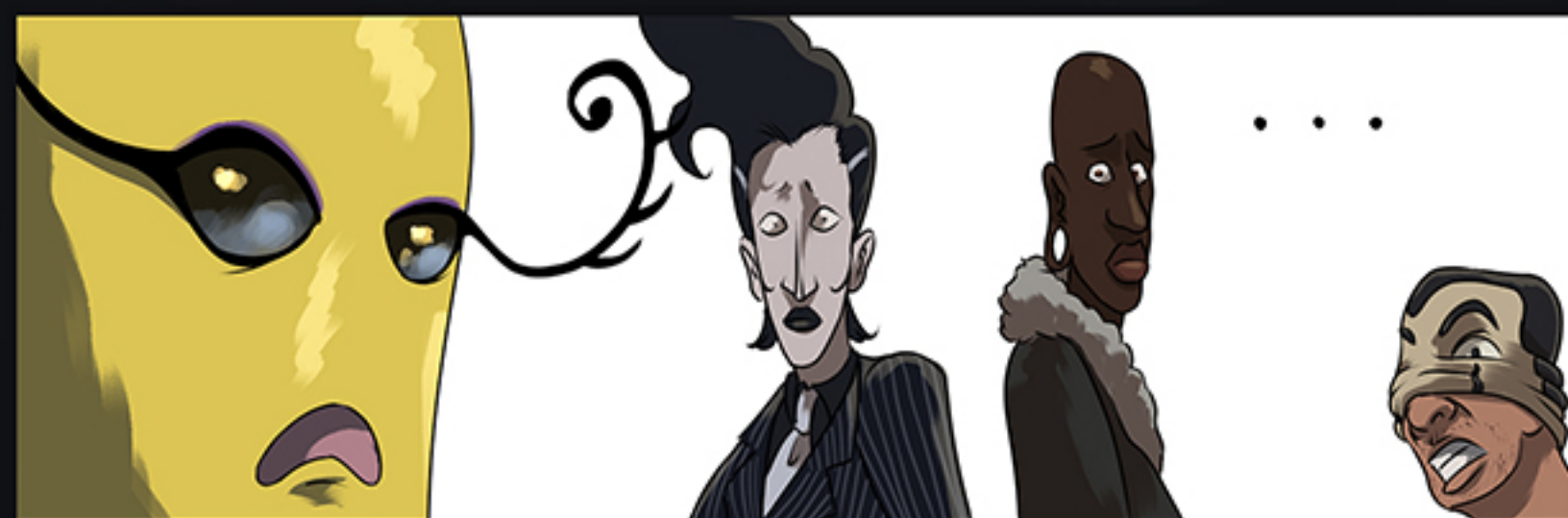


AFTER ALL
WE'RE
ROCKSTARS.



L-LEVI,
LOOK!













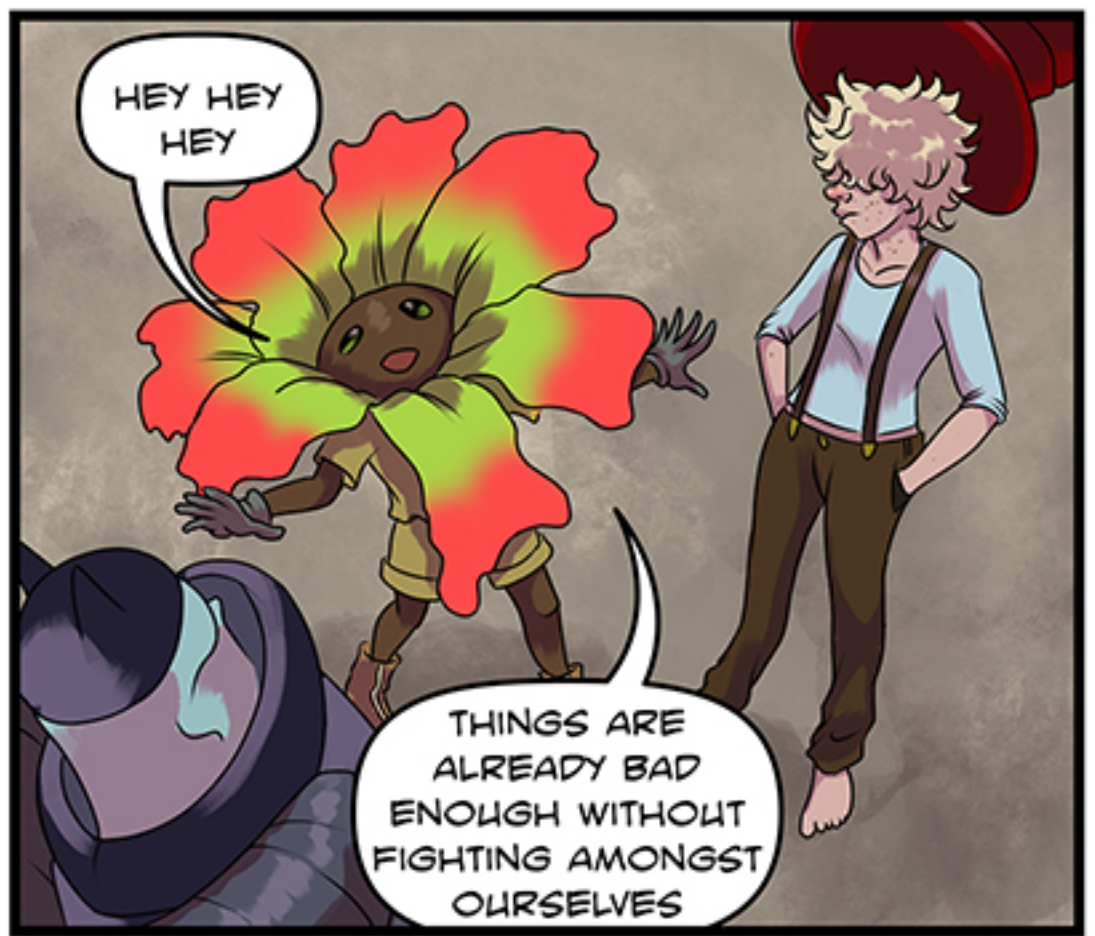
WHAT DID YOU SAY YOU LITTLE SHIT?!



YOU GOT A HEARING PROBLEM?

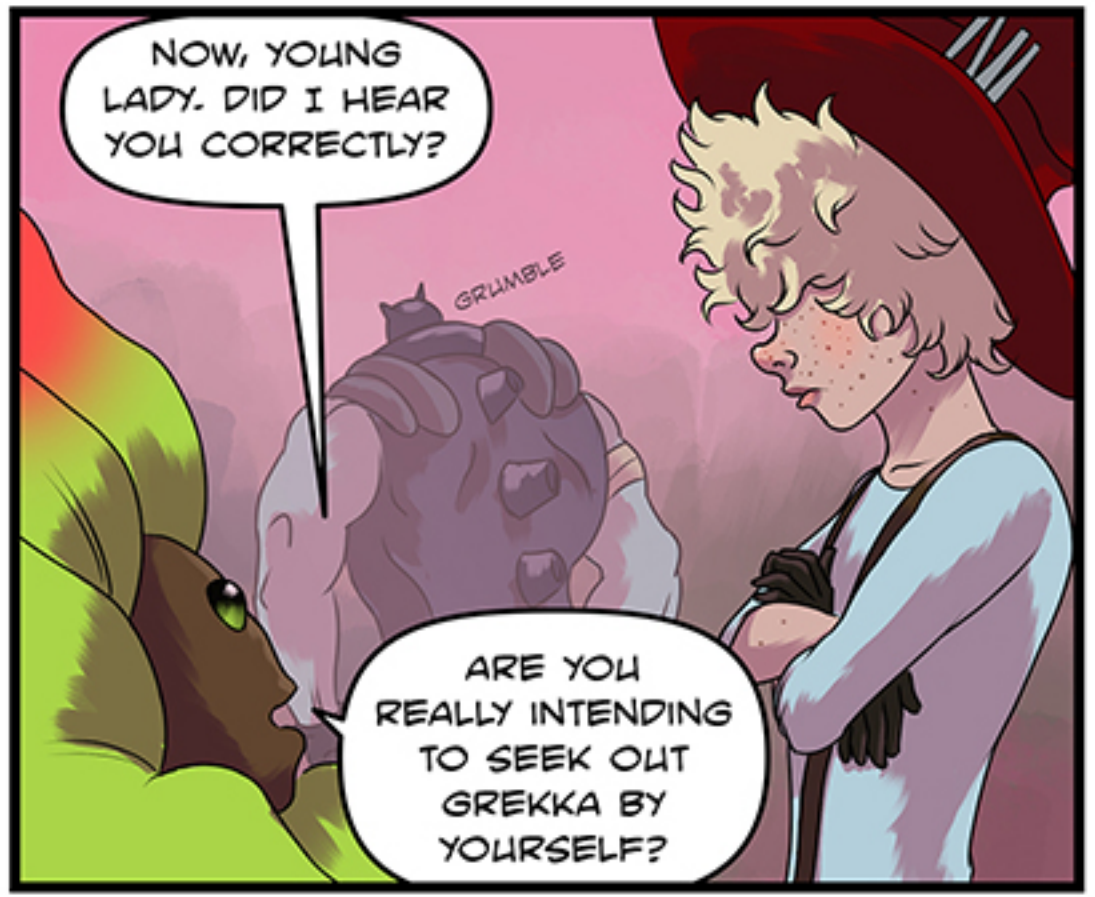


I SAID--



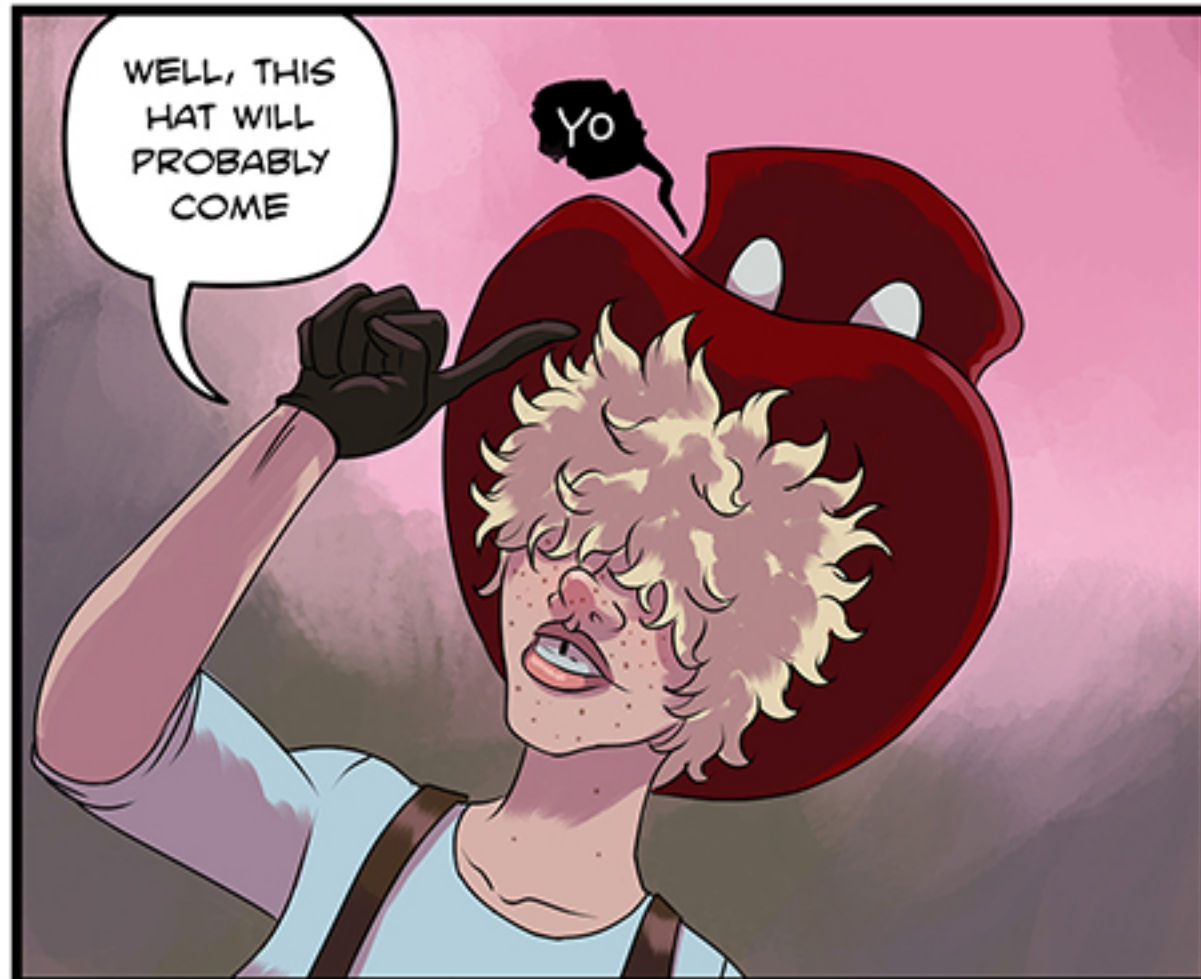
HEY HEY HEY

THINGS ARE ALREADY BAD ENOUGH WITHOUT FIGHTING AMONGST OURSELVES



NOW, YOUNG LADY. DID I HEAR YOU CORRECTLY?

ARE YOU REALLY INTENDING TO SEEK OUT GREKKA BY YOURSELF?

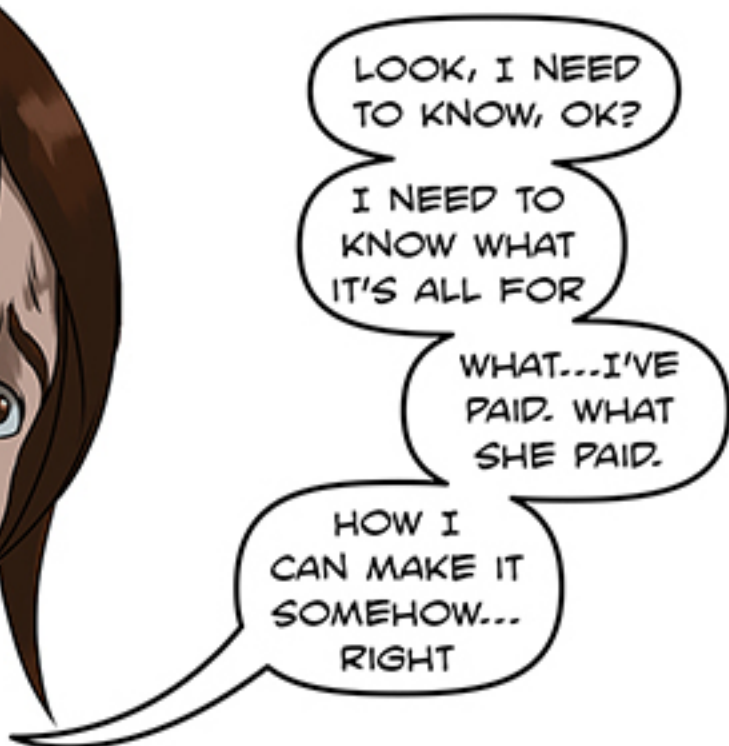
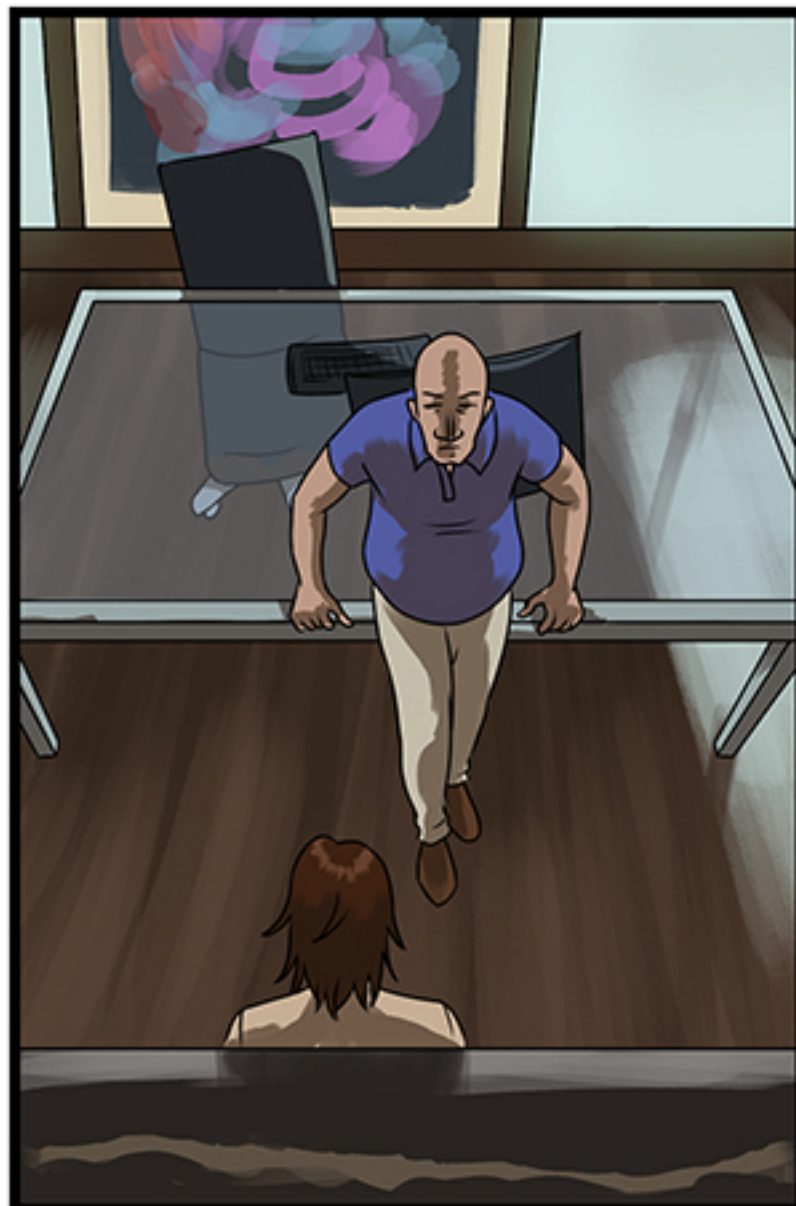


WELL, THIS HAT WILL PROBABLY COME


Yo



WHEW, YOU HAVE A BIT OF A TASK AHEAD OF YOU TO BE SURE







I CAN'T BEGIN TO EXPLAIN THE EFFECT THEIR INFLUENCE HAS HAD ON...EVERYTHING. BUT WHO *THEY* ARE...

THEY'VE BEEN AROUND FOR A LOT LONGER THAN THAT THOUGH.

I WAS JUST A LOWLY OPERATIONS MANAGER AT FAUST AFTER ALL.

MEPHYS MEDIA IS SIMPLY WHAT THEY CALL THEMSELVES THESE DAYS.

NOT EVEN I KNOW JUST HOW DEEP INTO THE WORLD'S GUTS THEIR FILTHY TENDRILS REACH.

THERE ARE SEVEN FOUNDING MEMBERS AT ITS CORE; THE BOARD. ALL OF THEM ARE...MONSTERS.

Kashka-Mendari

THE PRIME MOVER, THE ONE WITH THE VISION WHO STARTED IT ALL.

Iverna-DesKerna

KASHKA'S PARTNER AND SUCCESSOR. SHE CREATED THE PUBLIC FACE OF MEPHYS AND STEERED THE SHIP INTO PRESENT DAY.

Mr.-Maker

THE ENGINEER, THE MAD SCIENTIST, THE CREATOR OF FAUST AND WORSE I FEAR...

Oliver-Von-Christ

THE MONEY...

Erlicifixus

HOLDER OF ARCAINE KNOWLEDGE, DWELLER OF SPACES OUTSIDE OF TIME.

Alex-Reels

THE WATCHDOG, THE GUARDIAN OF SECRETS AND KEEPER OF ORDER.

Krystoper-Seers

I ONLY KNOW TWO THINGS ABOUT HIM: HIS NAME AND THAT HE WAS DECLARED DECEASED LONG BEFORE I EVER JOINED THE COMPANY.



ASIDE FROM SEERS, MENDARI AND VON CHRIST ARE ALSO LISTED AS DECEASED.

OLIVER HAS BEEN SUCCEEDED BY HIS CHILDREN AND CURRENTLY HIS GRANDSON VICTOR LEADS THE FAMILY



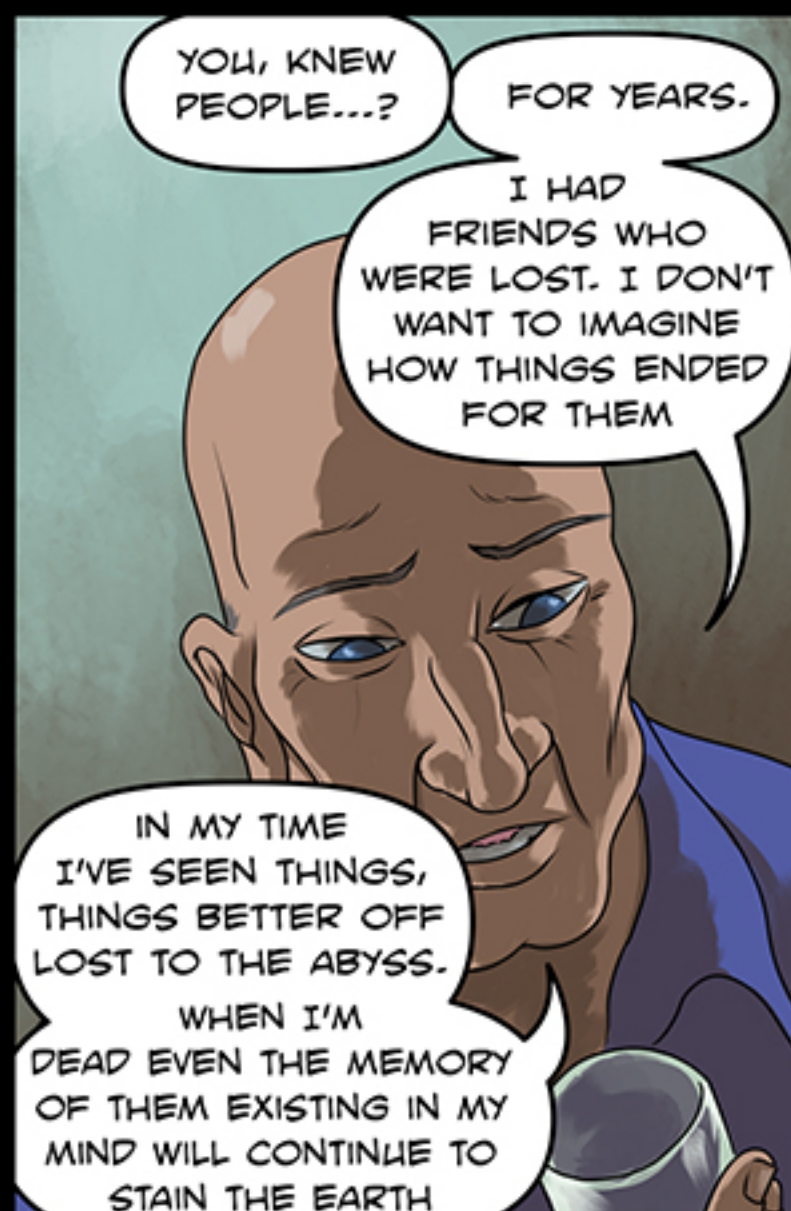
NOT INCLUDING HIM, ONLY THREE OF THE ORIGINAL FOUNDERS ARE STILL ACTIVE IN THE ORGANIZATION

CHAIRMAN-OF-THE BOARD AND CEO OF NEYJ IVERNA DESKERNA OF COURSE, RESIGNED FIVE YEARS AGO.



BEFORE YOU ASK; NO. I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT THEY'RE UP TO THESE DAYS.

I CASHED OUT RIGHT AFTER THE FAUST INCIDENT. I WAS LUCKY TO BE SPARED THAT.



YOU, KNEW PEOPLE...?

FOR YEARS.

I HAD FRIENDS WHO WERE LOST. I DON'T WANT TO IMAGINE HOW THINGS ENDED FOR THEM

IN MY TIME I'VE SEEN THINGS, THINGS BETTER OFF LOST TO THE ABYSS.

WHEN I'M DEAD EVEN THE MEMORY OF THEM EXISTING IN MY MIND WILL CONTINUE TO STAIN THE EARTH



I'M SORRY

I DON'T NEED PITY FROM SOMEONE WHO WOULD WILLINGLY WALK INTO THIS SHIT



NONE OF US KNEW WHAT WE WERE GETTING INTO.



WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THE CURRENT NEYJ?

THE GUY RUNNING IT NOW, CHARLES GRYNN.

WHO IS HE?



HONESTLY, I HAVEN'T A CLUE. THERE ARE SO MANY JACKALS WAITING FOR A CHANCE TO GRAB AT THE SCRAPS THAT FALL FROM THE TABLE.

WITH SO MANY FACTIONS I EXPECTED THERE TO BE A LOT OF INFIGHTING; A BUNCH OF MID-LEVEL TOADIES WHO'VE BEEN EATING ASS FOR YEARS FINALLY SEEING THEIR CHANCE IN THE MASSIVE POWER VACUUM OL' IVY LEFT BEHIND.

THEN IN COMES THIS GUY
OFF THE STREET THAT NO
ONE'S EVER HEARD OF AND
JUST TAKES THE SEAT.

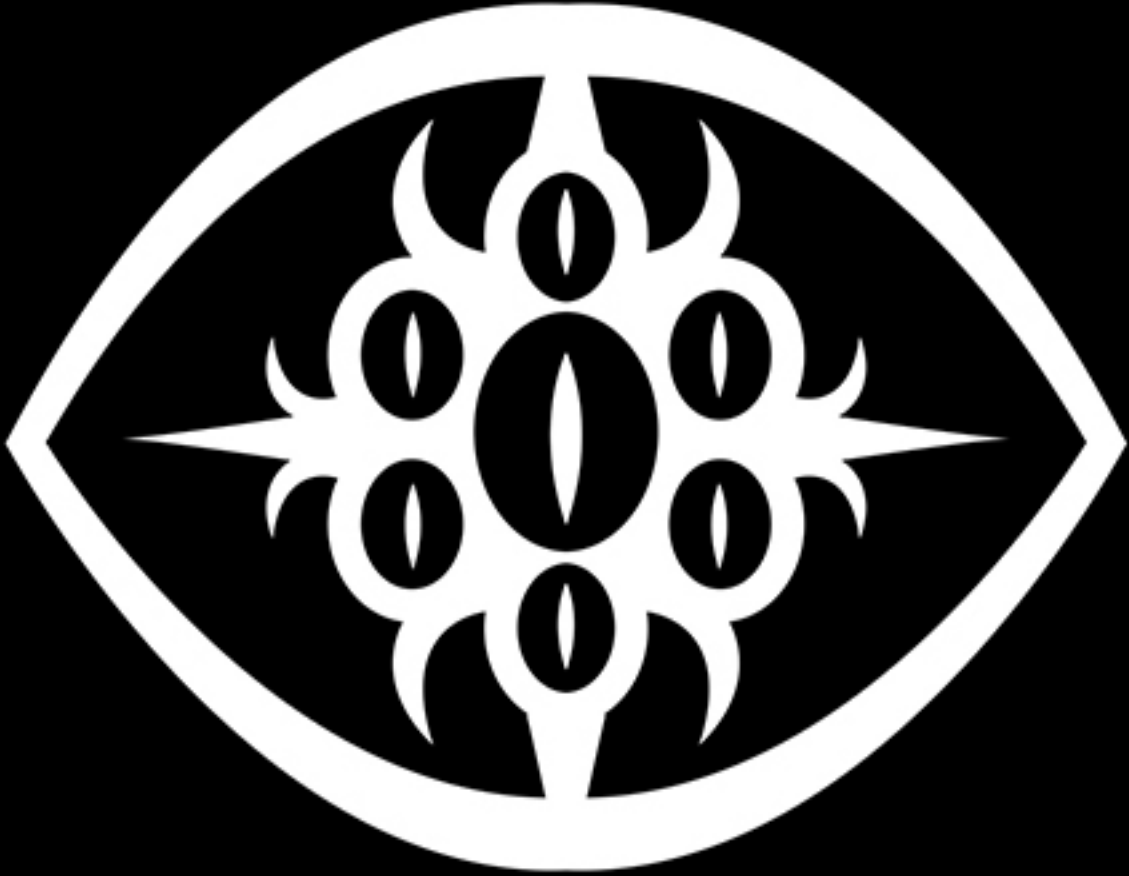


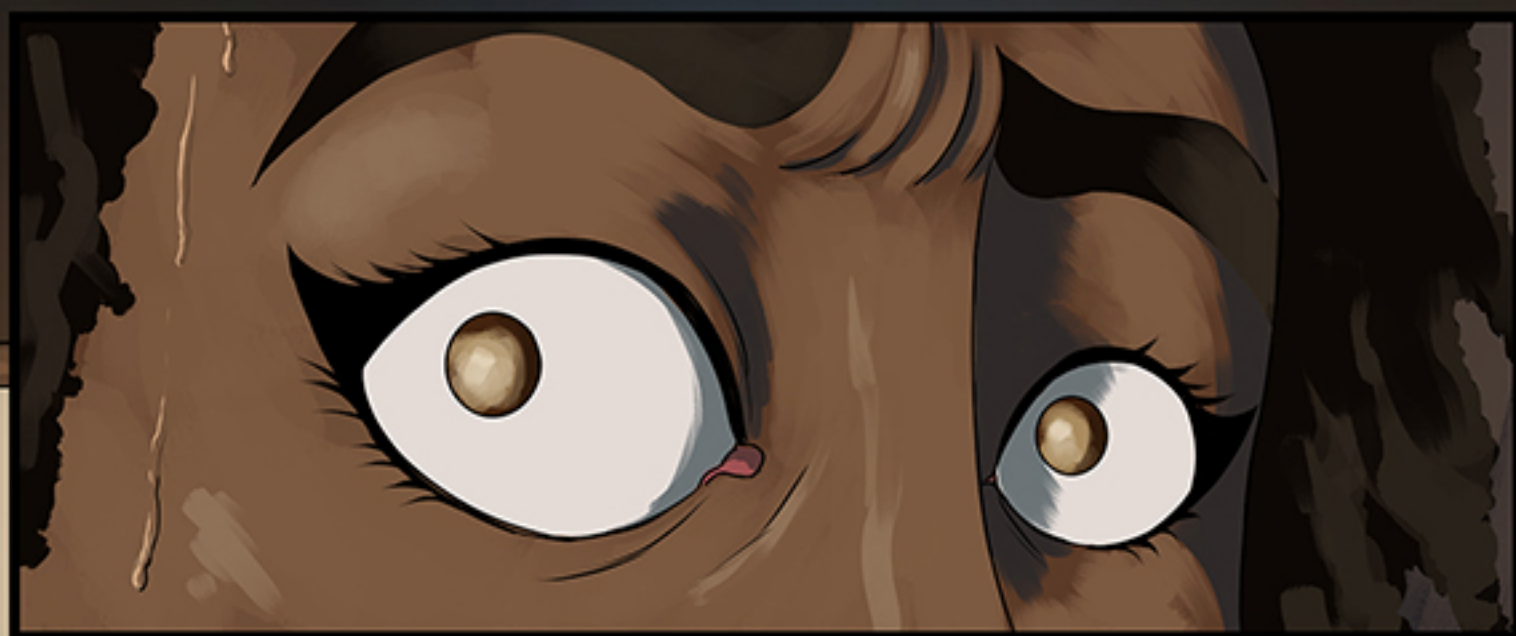
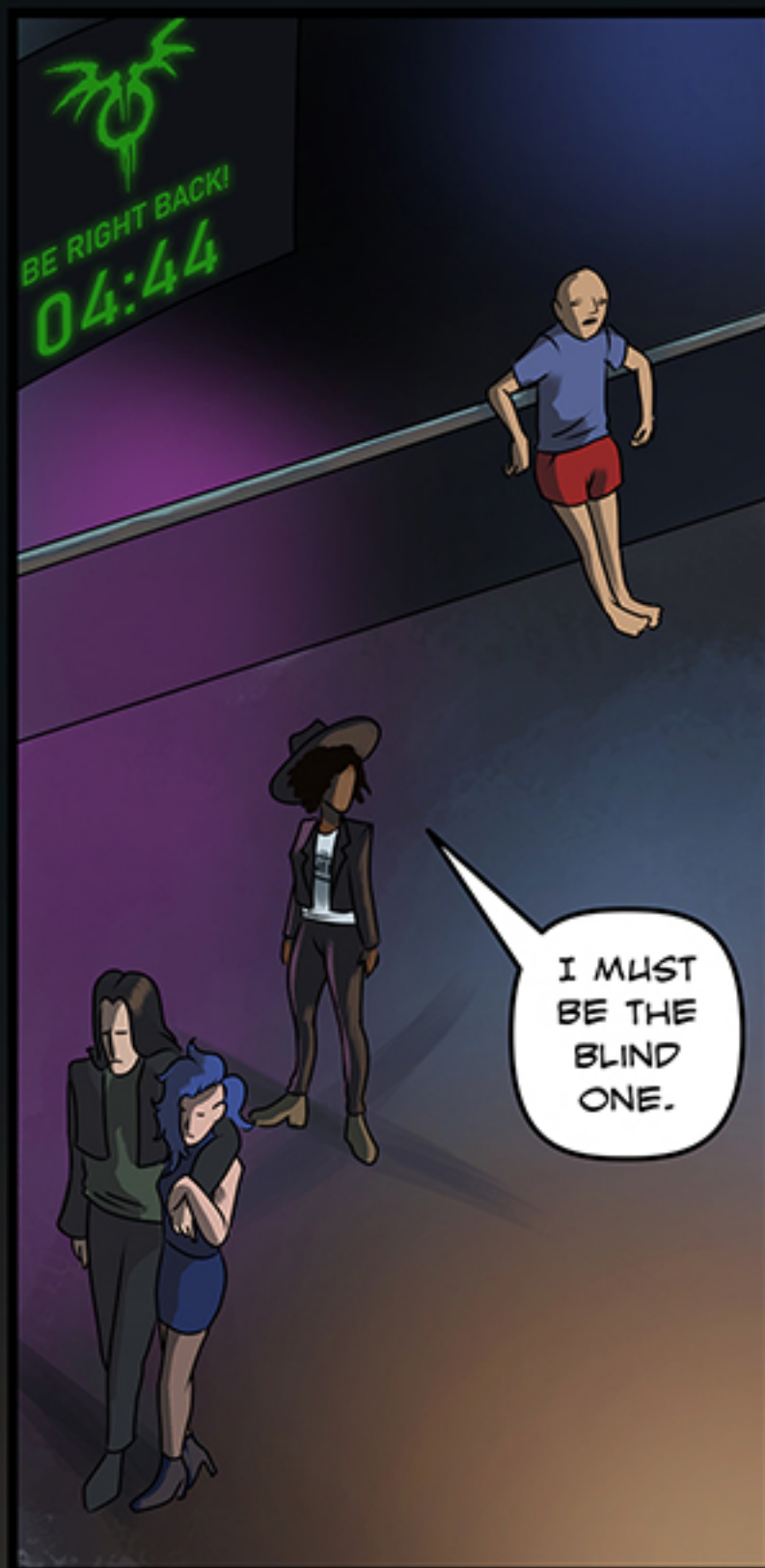
IT'S CRAZY. WHO EVEN
KNOWS WHAT THE BOARD
IS THINKING.

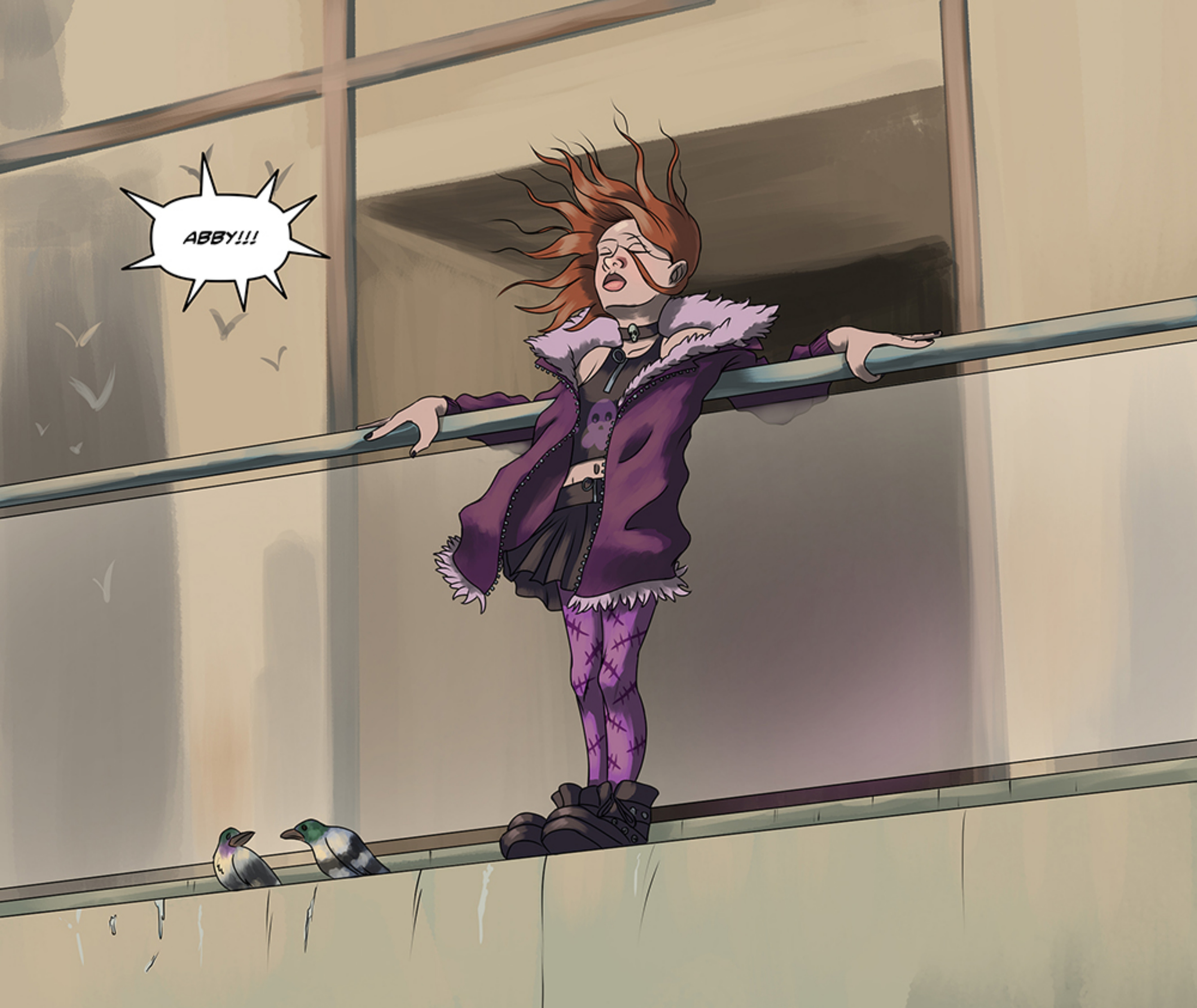


YOU CAN
THANK ME BY
GETTING OUTTA
HERE AND NEVER
COMING BACK.

THE CONSEQUENCES
OF HEARING THE NAMES,
THE INFORMATION WILL BE
ON YOUR HEAD
ALONE.









ABBY,
DON'T
MOVE!

THE CALL
OF THE VOID; THE
IMPULSE WE ALL
HAVE TO LET GO

TO GIVE
IN TO
OBLIVION



ABBY,
PLEASE
LISTEN TO
MY VOICE!

I REMEMBER
EVERYTHING
YOU KNOW



I MEAN,
I NEVER
FORGOT

I JUST LIED
SO I WOULDN'T
HAVE TO TALK
ABOUT IT.



SHE WAS A
REAL FUCKING
MONSTER AT
THE END.

SHE HURT ME
BECAUSE IT WAS
THE BEST WAY
TO HURT
HERSELF

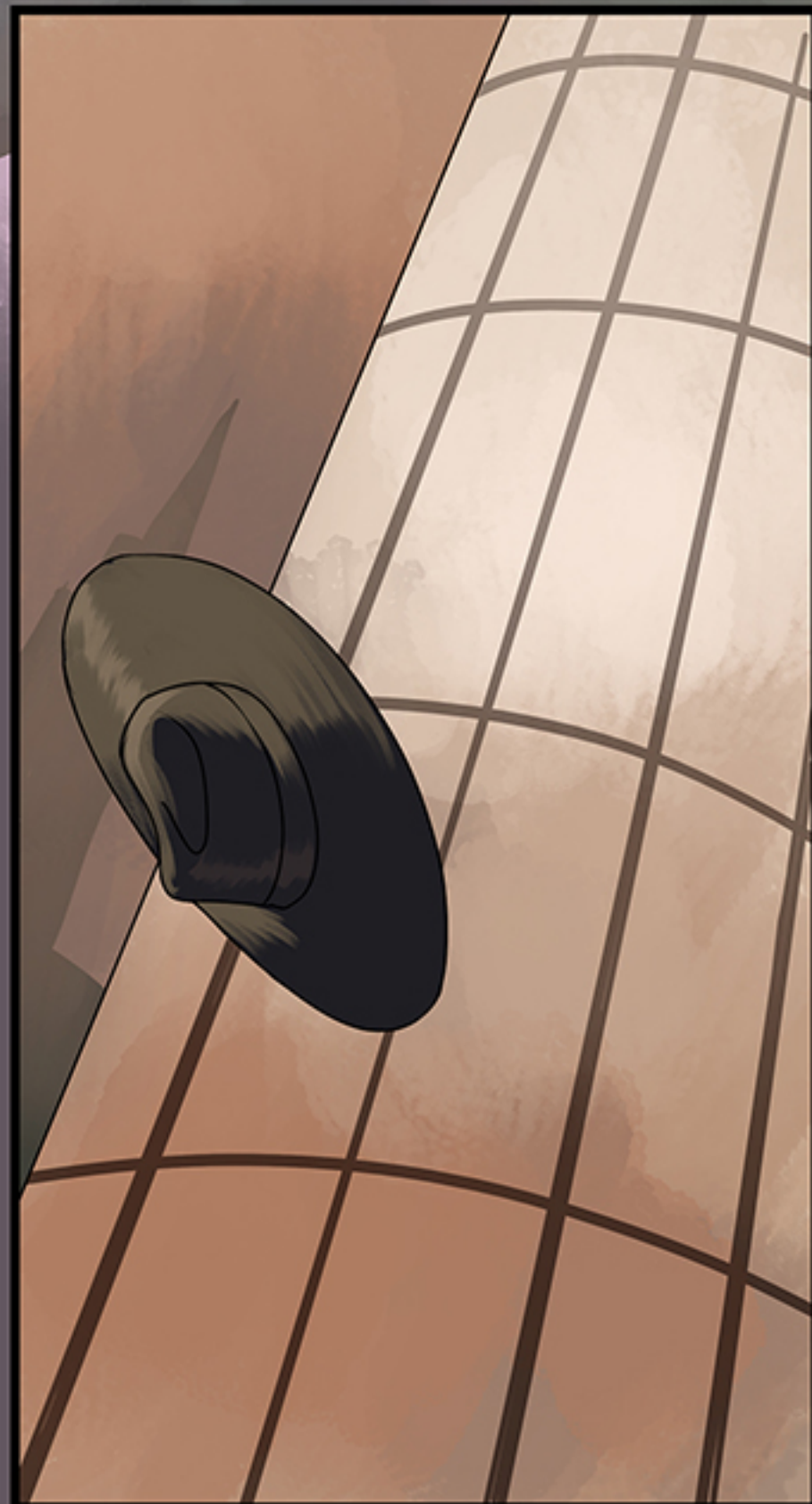
I REALIZE
THAT NOW.

SHE TRIED TO
BURN EVERYTHING
I LOVED, EVERYTHING
I WAS FROM THE
WORLD.

I ONLY
SURVIVED BECAUSE
PINELLO SAVED
ME.



BUT DO YOU
WANT TO KNOW
WHAT THE MOST
FUCKED UP THING
OF ALL IS?





So, there's really no path to get to where they're at?



THAT'S NOT EXACTLY WHAT I'M SAYING.
NO ONE KNOWS EXACTLY WHERE GREKKA'S DOMAIN IS.

IT CERTAINLY DOESN'T LIE ALONG THE BLUE OR RED TRACKS



he's gotta be set up in one of the dead dimensions

THAT'S WHAT I WAS ALSO THINKING



'DEAD DIMENSION'?

Yeah. Like, where we were hiding out for so long

Jackal found it and closed it off so we were safe as long as we stayed inside it.



JACKAL BLACK? HE'S THE FRIEND YOU WANT TO SAVE?

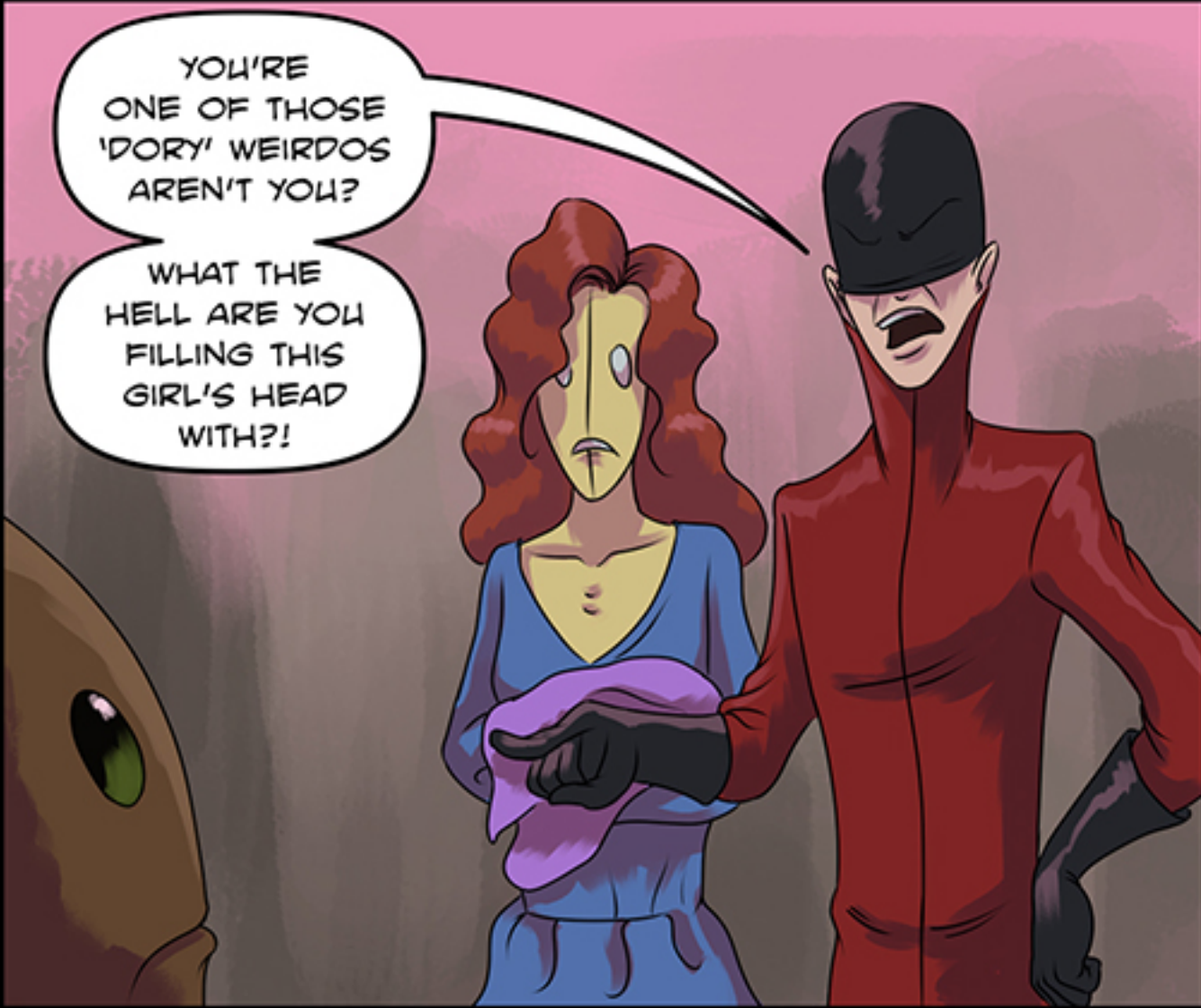
EH? you know him?



MMHMM. DELIGHTFUL FELLOW. QUITE BRILLIANT.

AND DRIVEN.

THAT YOUNG MAN IS ON A MISSION.



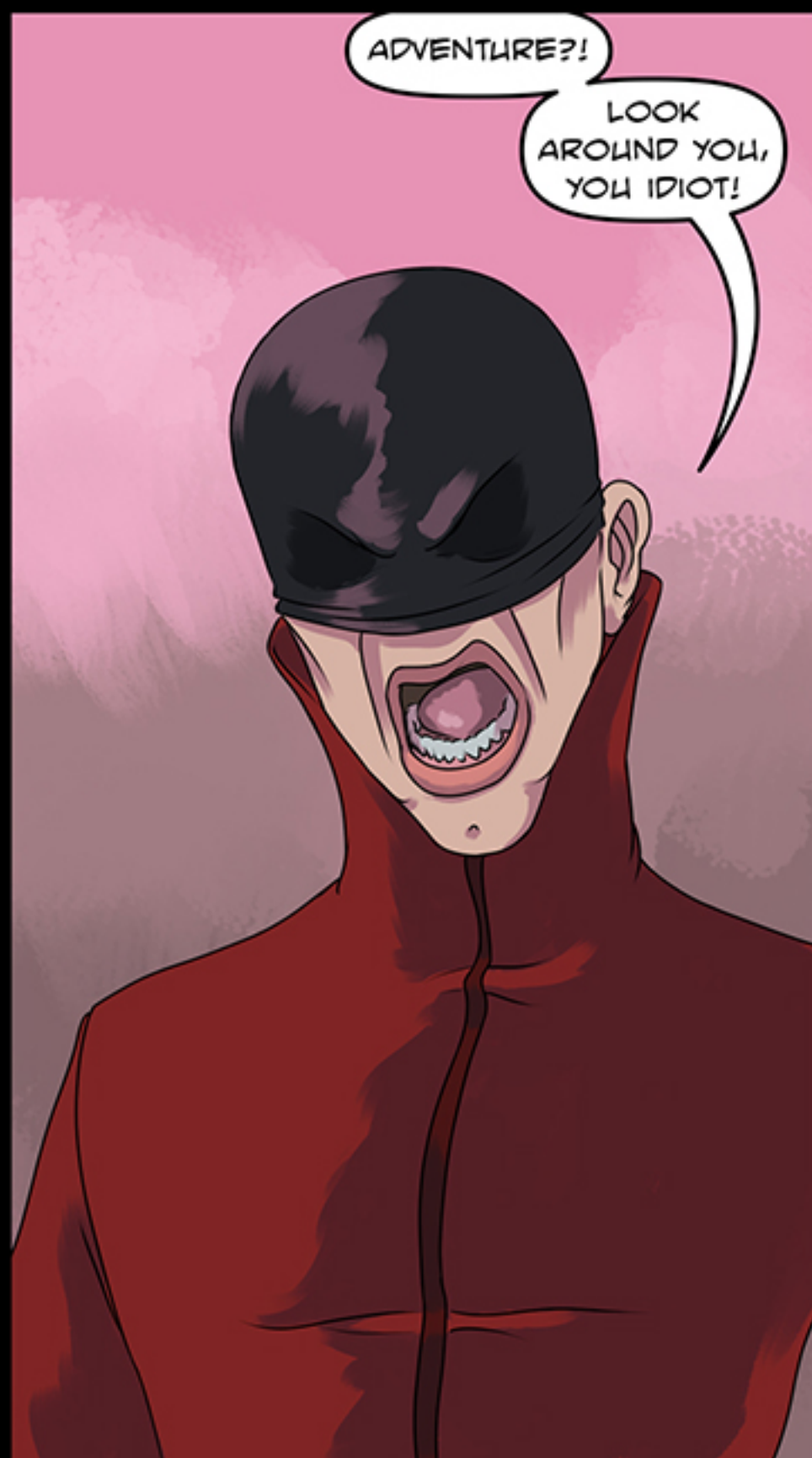
YOU'RE ONE OF THOSE 'DORY' WEIRDOS AREN'T YOU?

WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU FILLING THIS GIRL'S HEAD WITH?!



I AM A PROUD FOLLOWER OF ISADORA'S PATH

I REPRESENT THE GRAND LEGACY OF ADVENTURE SHE LEFT BEHIND.



ADVENTURE?!

LOOK
AROUND YOU,
YOU IDIOT!



THIS WORLD
EXISTS JUST A
STEP AWAY
FROM HELL.



ALL WE
CAN DO IS
FOCUS ON
SURVIVING

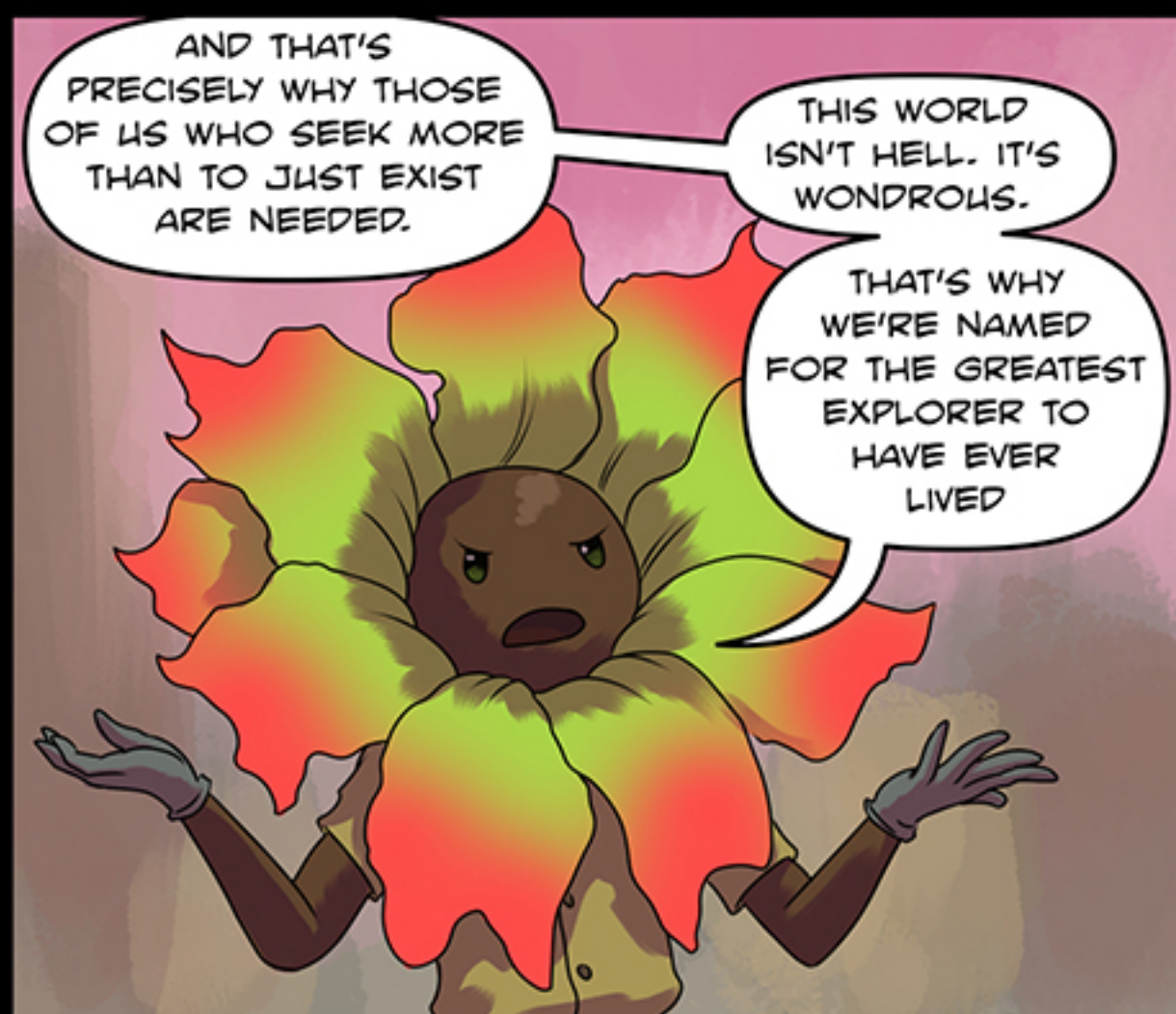


EVEN IN THIS
PLACE WHERE
WE MAKE-BELIEVE
THAT CIVILISATION
EXISTS.

WE'RE LIKE
FRIGGIN' ANTS
WAITING TO BE
CRUSHED BY WHATEVER
MONSTER HAPPENS TO
PASS BY



OUR FRAGILE
LITTLE ILLUSION
CAN VANISH AT
ANY TIME.



AND THAT'S
PRECISELY WHY THOSE
OF US WHO SEEK MORE
THAN TO JUST EXIST
ARE NEEDED.

THIS WORLD
ISN'T HELL. IT'S
WONDROUS.

THAT'S WHY
WE'RE NAMED
FOR THE GREATEST
EXPLORER TO
HAVE EVER
LIVED



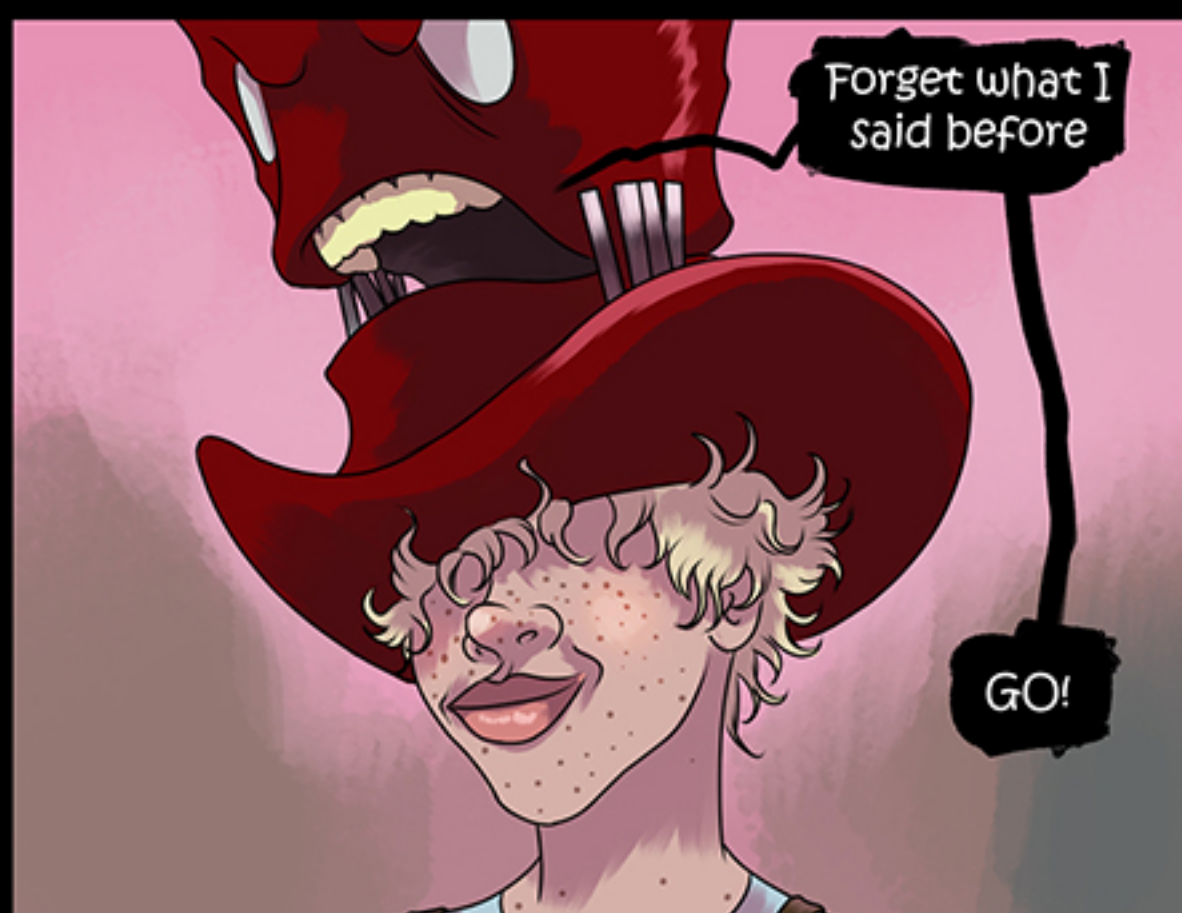
WHY'RE YOU
TRYING TO REASON
WITH THESE FANATICS
AND THEIR MADE-UP
DEITY?

I SAY WE
PUT THEM ALL
IN CHAINS. THEIR
RAVING IS JUST
UPSETTING
EVERYONE



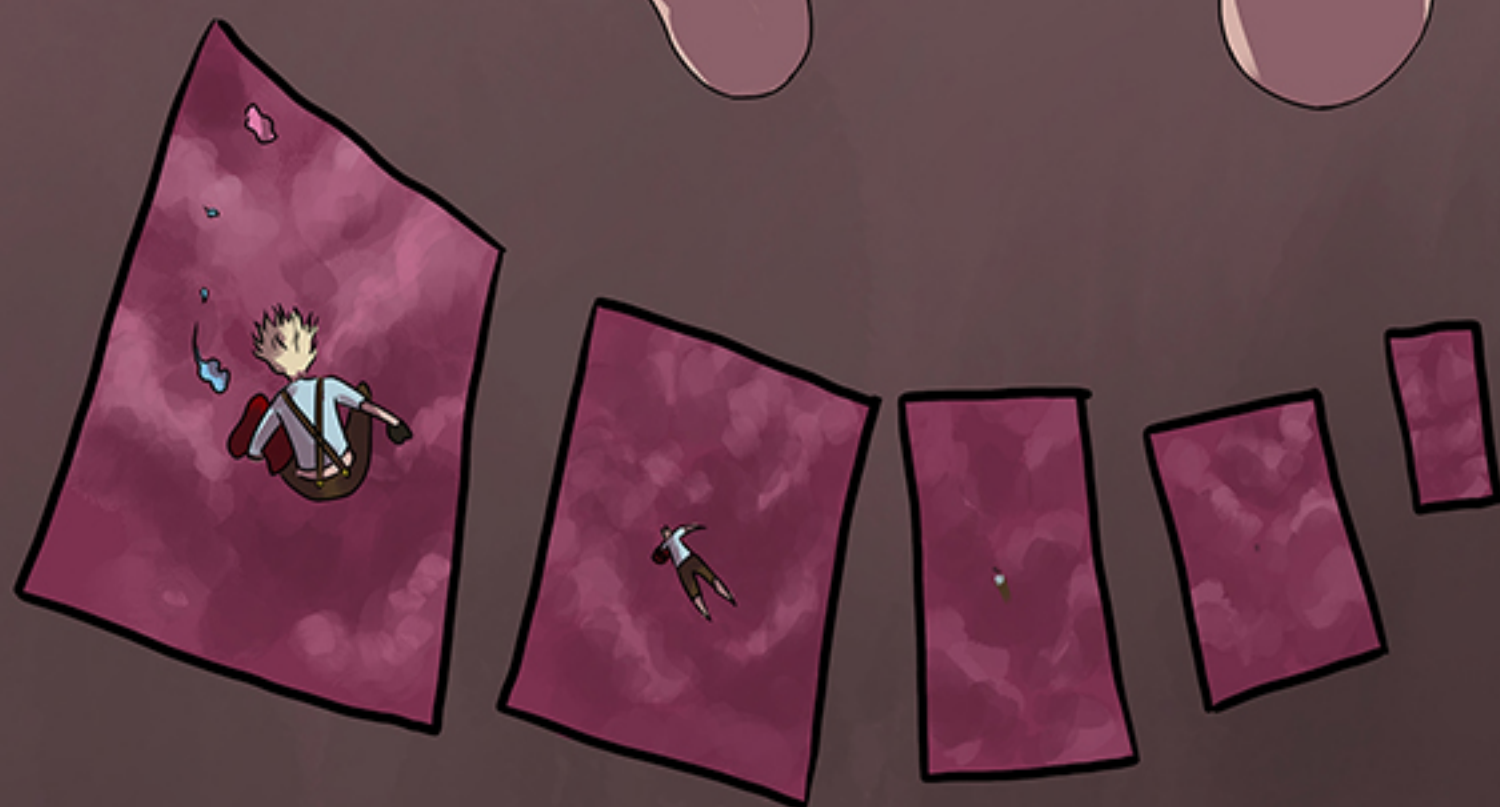
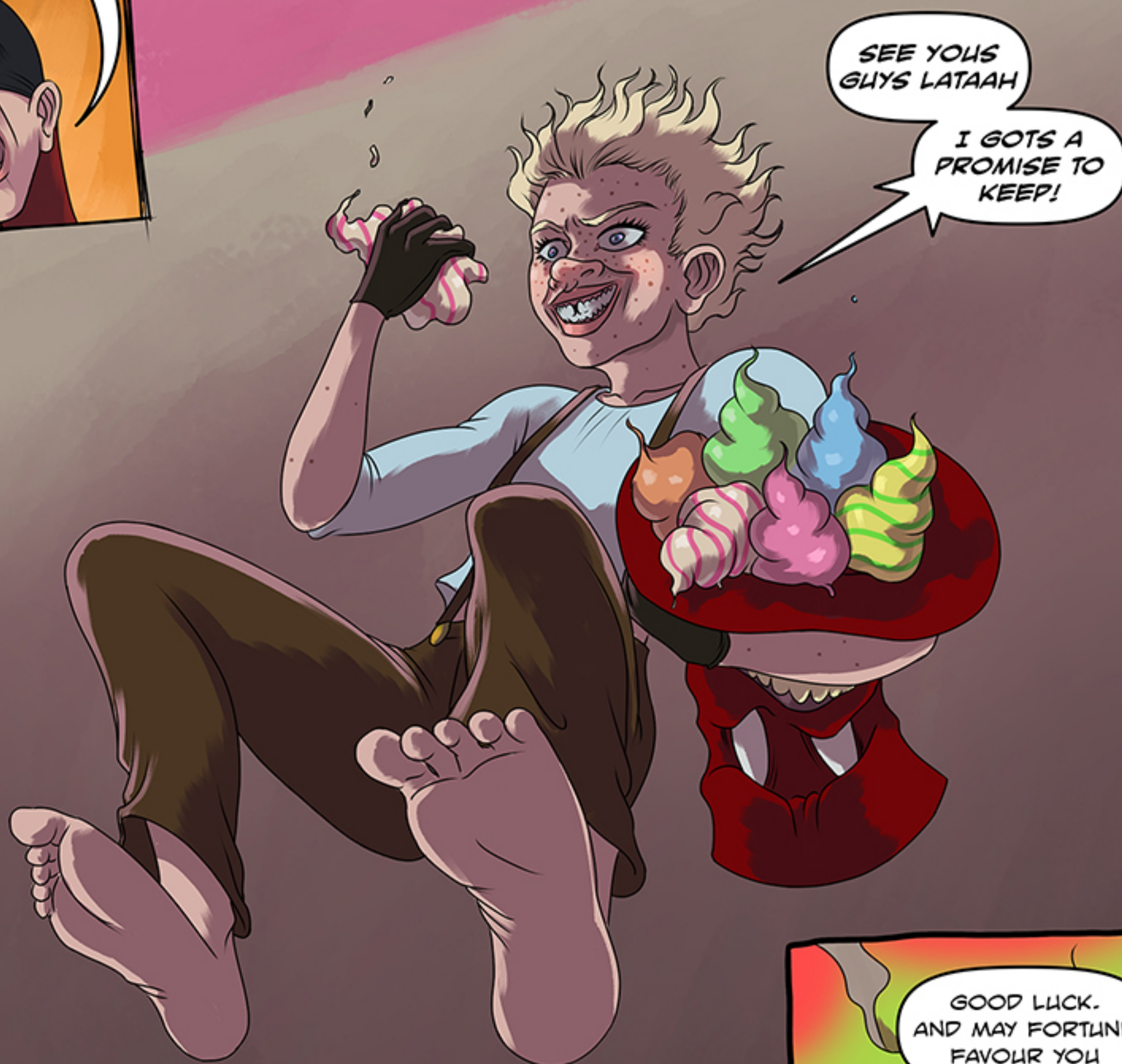
Squiddy, they
aren't gonna
help us

MM?



Forget what I
said before

GO!



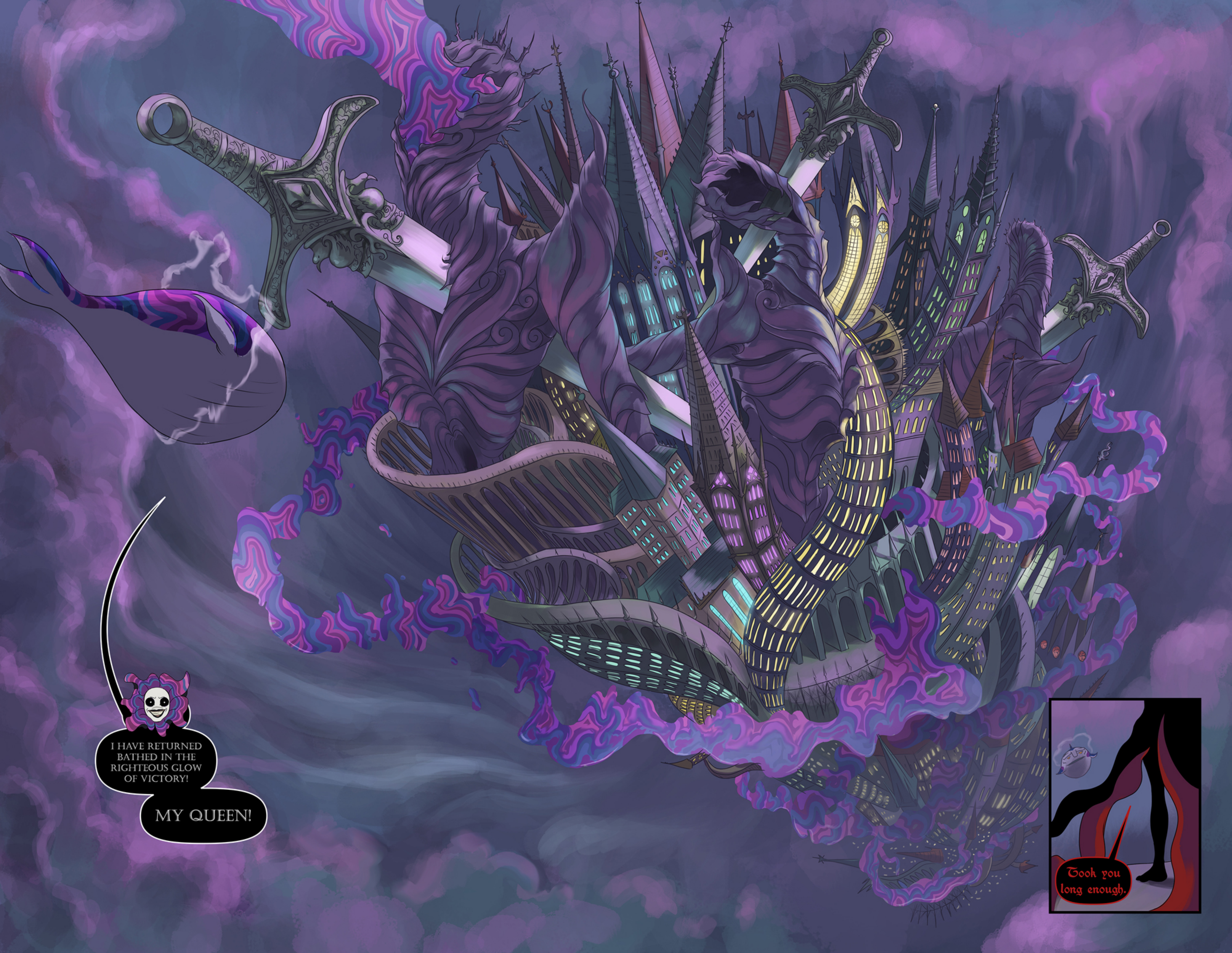






BOOM





I HAVE RETURNED
BATHED IN THE
RIGHTEOUS GLOW
OF VICTORY!

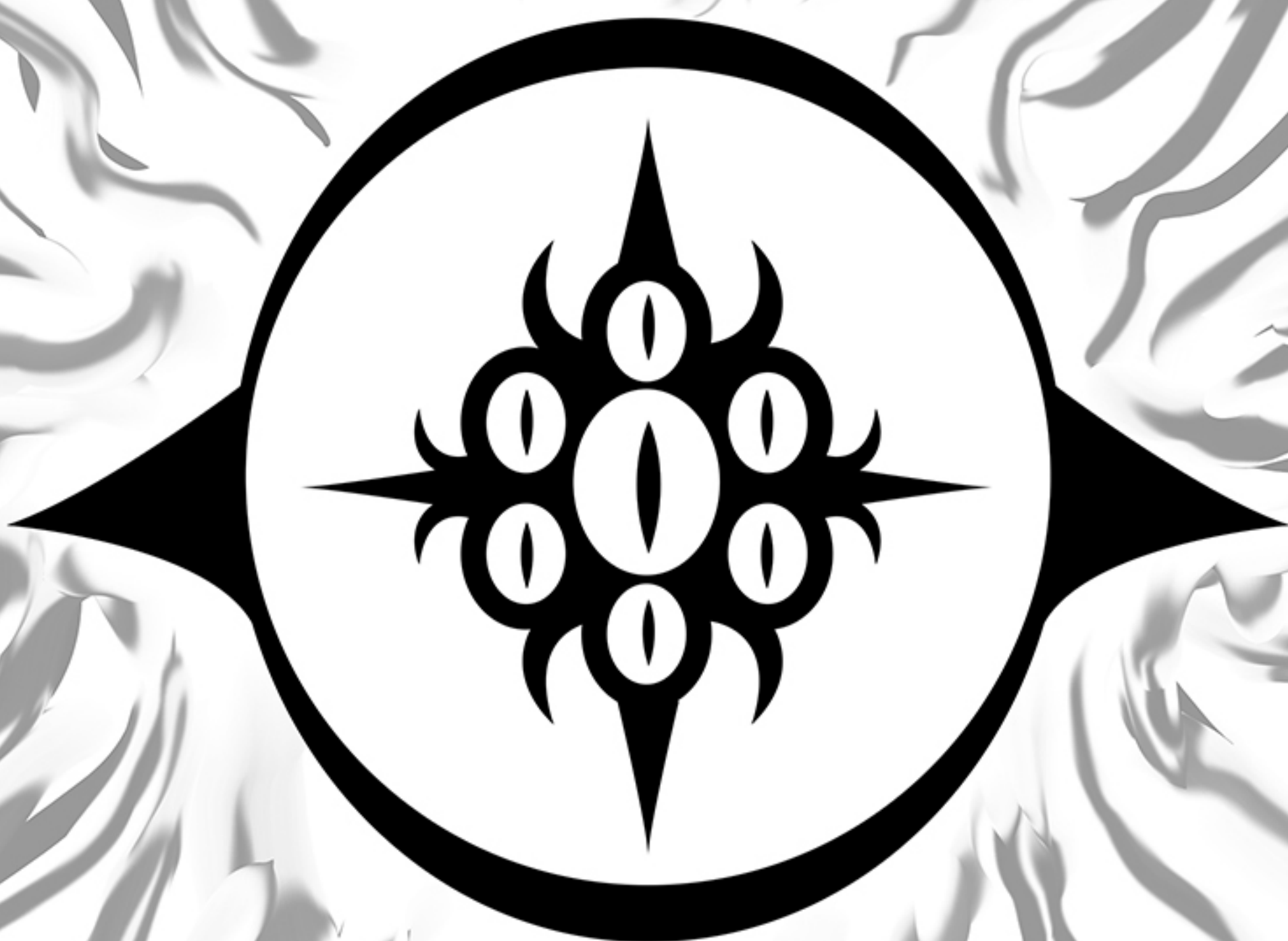
MY QUEEN!



Took you
long enough.

I've been
waiting for far
too long as
it is.





End of ACT 1

FAERIE

The Fae were the inhabitants of the world referred to as Faerie. Faerie is one of the oldest realms within foundation to have any record of its existence still surviving. For reference: this world was known as an ancient part of history long before even the first great Rot of Wormwood.

The exact reason this world perished like so many before and since is unknown. However it is assumed that it is linked to the 'Cycle Theory' first expoused by Professor Terra (More on their writings in Chapter 56)



THE FAE

Because of how far removed the existence of the Fae is from our own a great deal of mundane facts about their lives appear as fascinating intrigue for us.

1. Age and sickness do not exist for these creatures. Instead their life force is tied inextricably to the 'trees' that birthed them. And so long as their tree lives and flourishes so do they. The Fae can be killed separately however due to accident or violence



2. Each tree gives birth to only one creature at a time and will only reproduce again once its child has met its demise. It has been theorized that the 'soul' or 'Anima' of the child is recycled so it's simply an endless rebirth of the same creature. (This is unproven speculation) The only exception to this rule are the 'Shroom kids'; tiny fodder creatures that have been speculated to exist as separate bodies of one collective consciousness. If true it would mean they aren't actually an exception at all.



3. Carnal pleasure does exist for the fae, however as it serves no reproductive purpose it seems to be an act simply for pleasure and play. The fae do not recognize the kind of cultural restrictions or norms that exist within more contemporary civilisations.

4. Despite the existence of genitals, gender does not exist for the fae. There is no distinction between male and female secondary sex characteristics

Excerpted from 'A Study of the Old Worlds' by Zorra Hedrof in association with The Society of Isadora's Path
Article referenced: 'The infinite Cycle' By Professor Ron Terra

Trevor Isles asks: *Could we learn more about squiddies squids? I formally request squid lore for all*

A: Certainly. here goes. First of all Squiddy doesn't have squids. What she has been most often seen wearing are octopi. Why does she call herself Squidgirl then? Well she likes the sound of it.

Anyway, the Octopi and other varying sea dwellers find the surface of her head particularly comfy. almost like the sea bed itself with the added bonus that they get to see much more of the world than the cold and dark sea floor. I mean, would you mind being carted around like a tourist on the most comfortable litter in the world? Squidgirl herself feels almost naked without some sea creature warming her scalp, plus it beats having to go through the effort of grooming her golden locks. With this she always has the perfect excuse for her perpetual hat hair



totally enjoying
itself

Paul Hyson asks: *Who the Hell was the guy with the heart-shaped glasses and will we see him again?*

A: Ah, **Mr. Love** (He likes to be referred to by this name. Whether it's the only one he possesses remains to be seen) Pretty cool guy huh? I wonder what role he'll play in future events with his classic swagger and devastating martial skills. Well, I already know but I'll bet you're wondering. What's that? I have to give them something other than just his name? Ok Ok, um well let's see, he's not an only child and he's the black sheep in his family. There you go.





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