

The cover is a collage of eight comic book panels arranged in a circular pattern, separated by black lines. The panels feature various characters: a person in a black and pink suit with a helmet (top left), a woman with glasses and a blue top (top center), a man with white hair and a black tank top (top right), a person in a grey hoodie with a black helmet (top right), a woman with pink hair in a red crop top (middle right), a woman with long black hair in a black turtleneck (bottom right), a man with dark hair in a black jacket (bottom center), and a person in a black and red suit with a helmet (bottom right). The background of each panel is a different color: pink, cyan, orange, white, pink, green, purple, and teal. The title 'BREAK PROTOCOLS' is in the center, with 'CHAPTER 3' below it. The author's name 'SARYBOMB SARAH BONIFACIO' is above the title. An '18+' rating is in the bottom center.

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BREAK PROTOCOLS

CHAPTER 3

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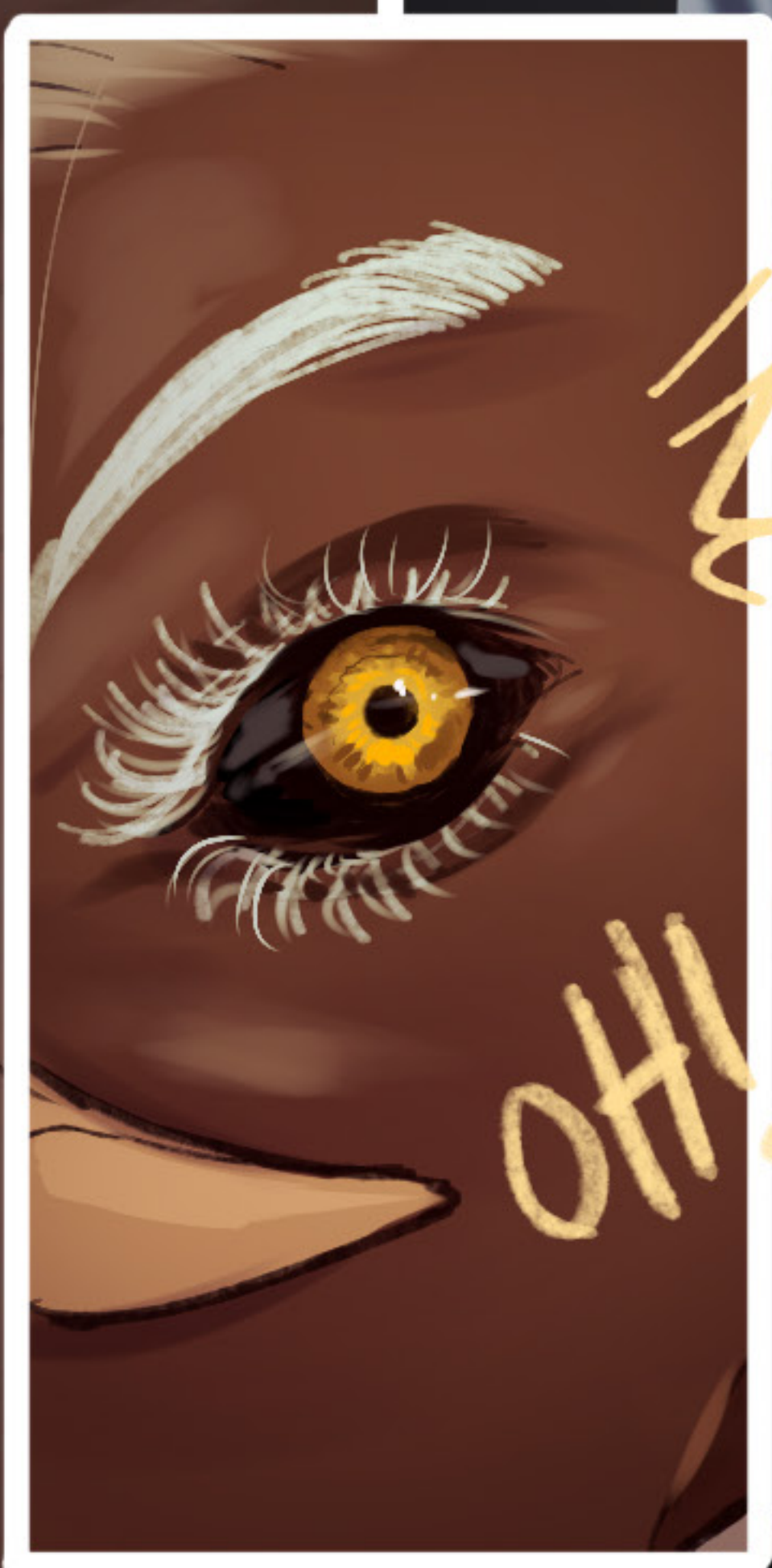
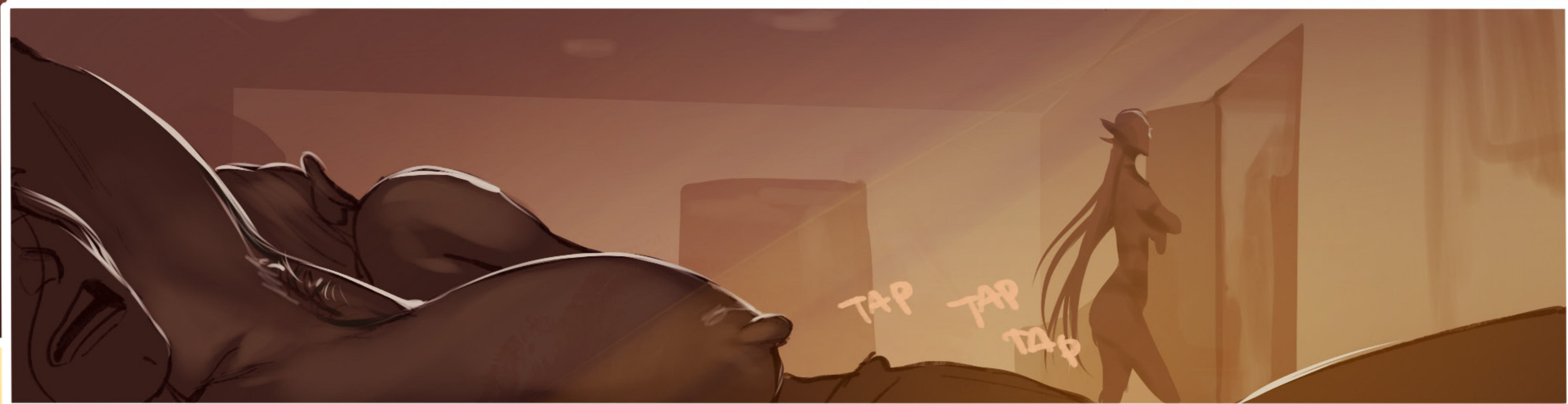
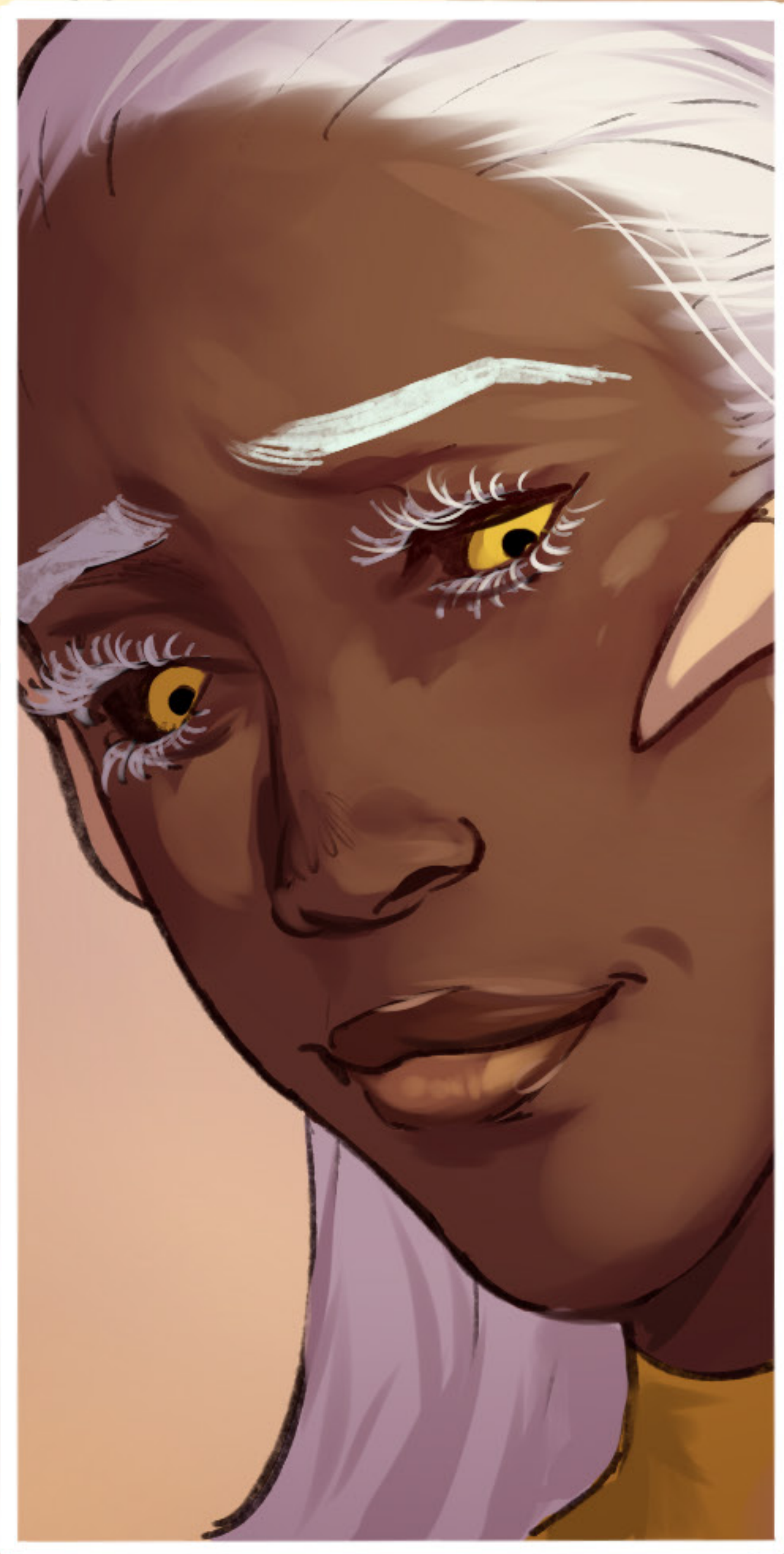


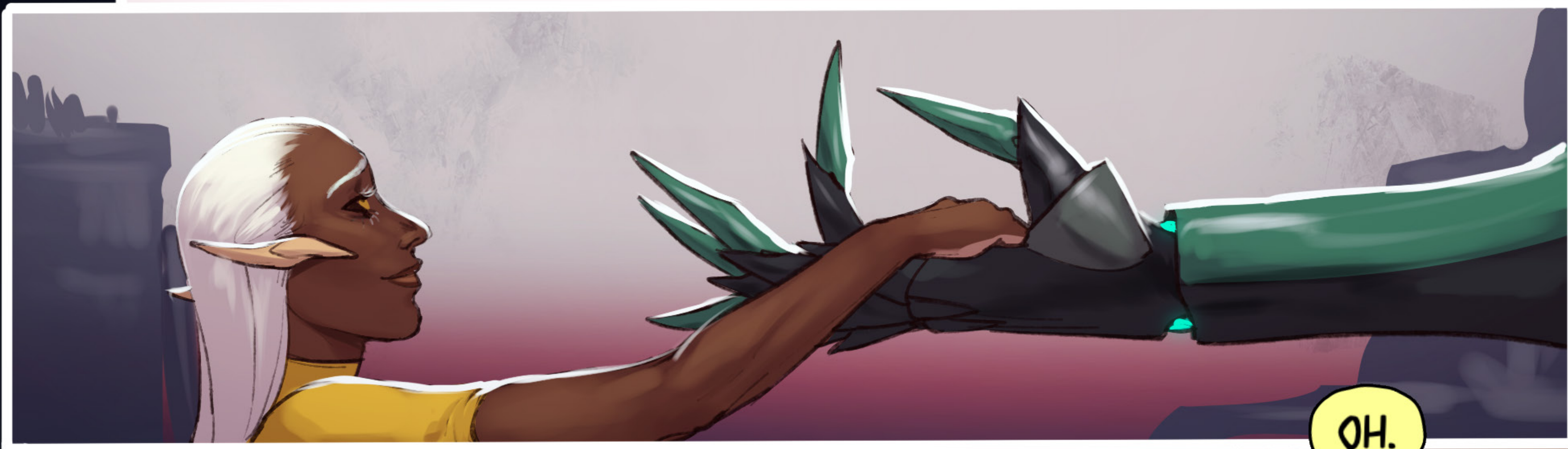
BREAK PROTOCOLS

THIS COMIC CONTAINS EROTIC CONTENT AND VIOLENCE.
ENJOY.

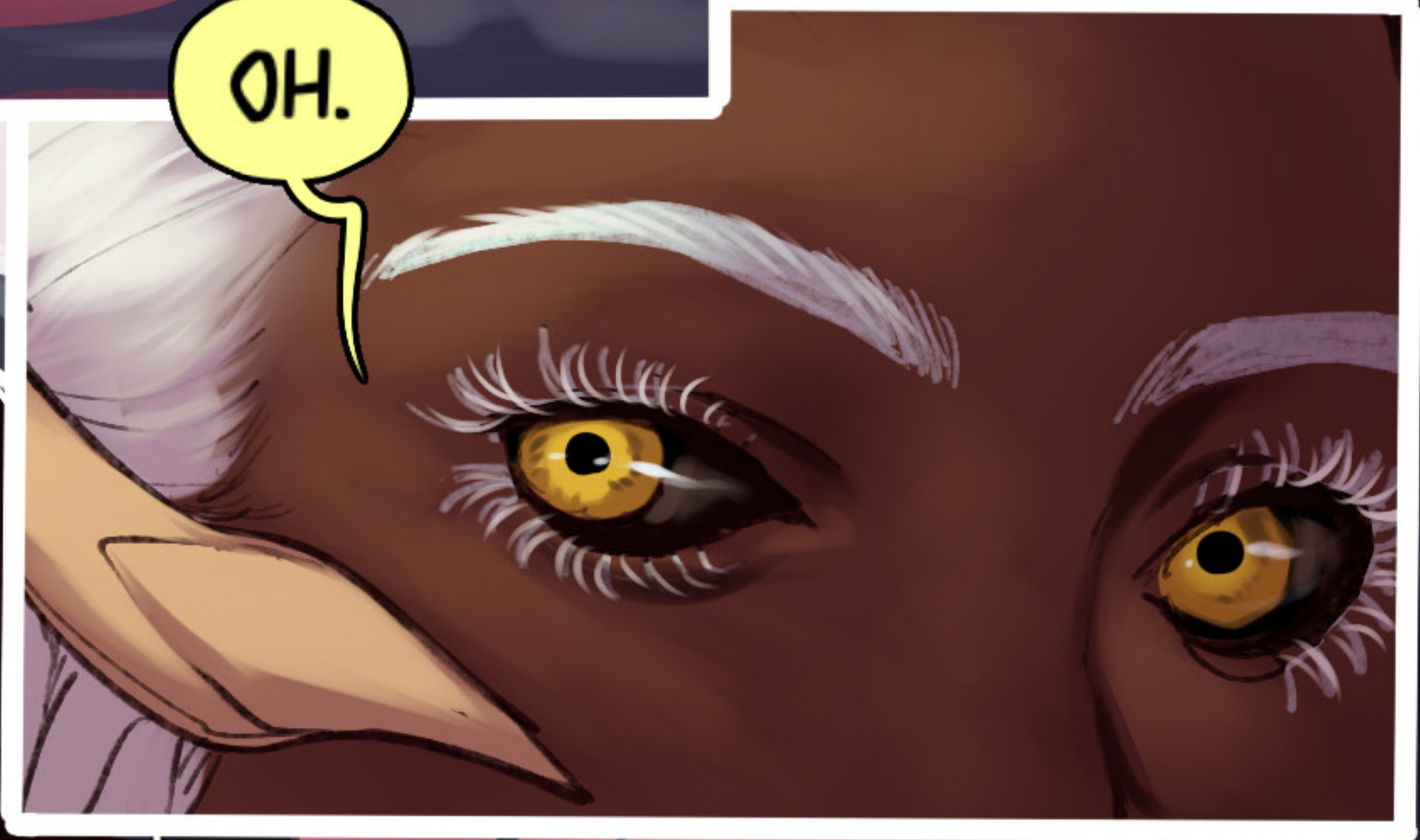
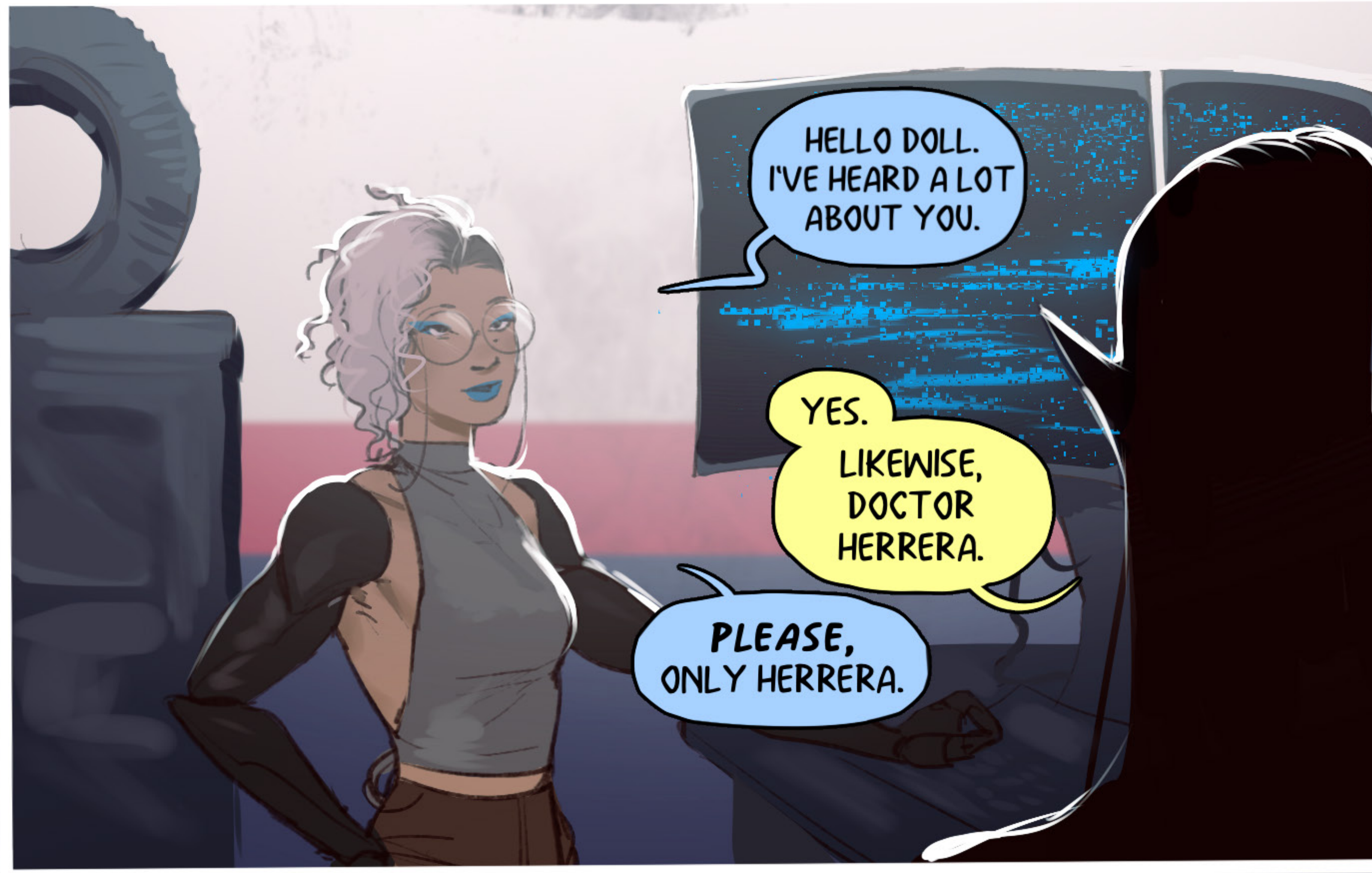
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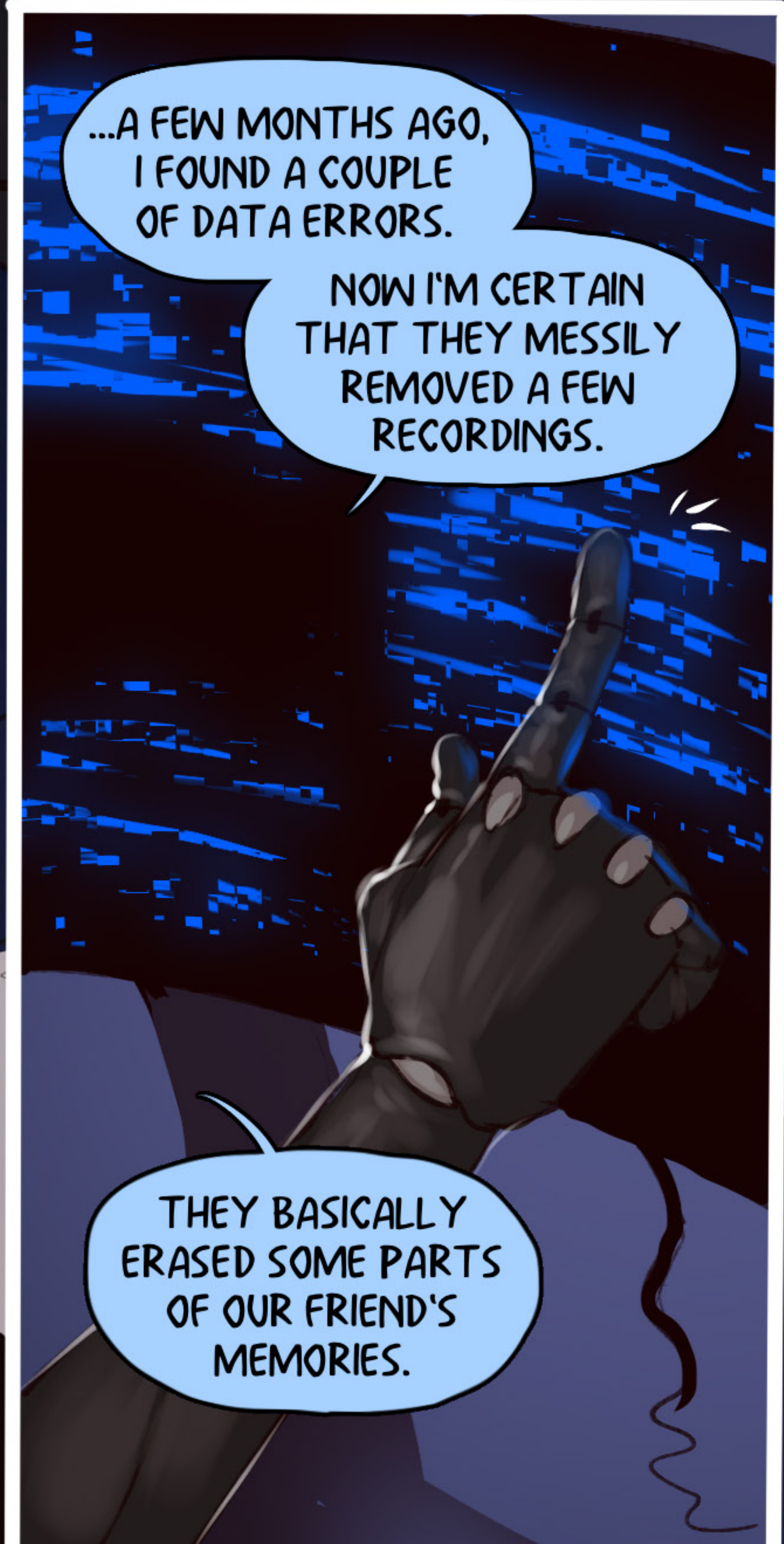
OH.



AND SCROLLING THROUGH THEIR CODES, TRYING TO FIND ANYTHING RELATED TO THEIR ACTIVITIES.

NO LUCK YET...

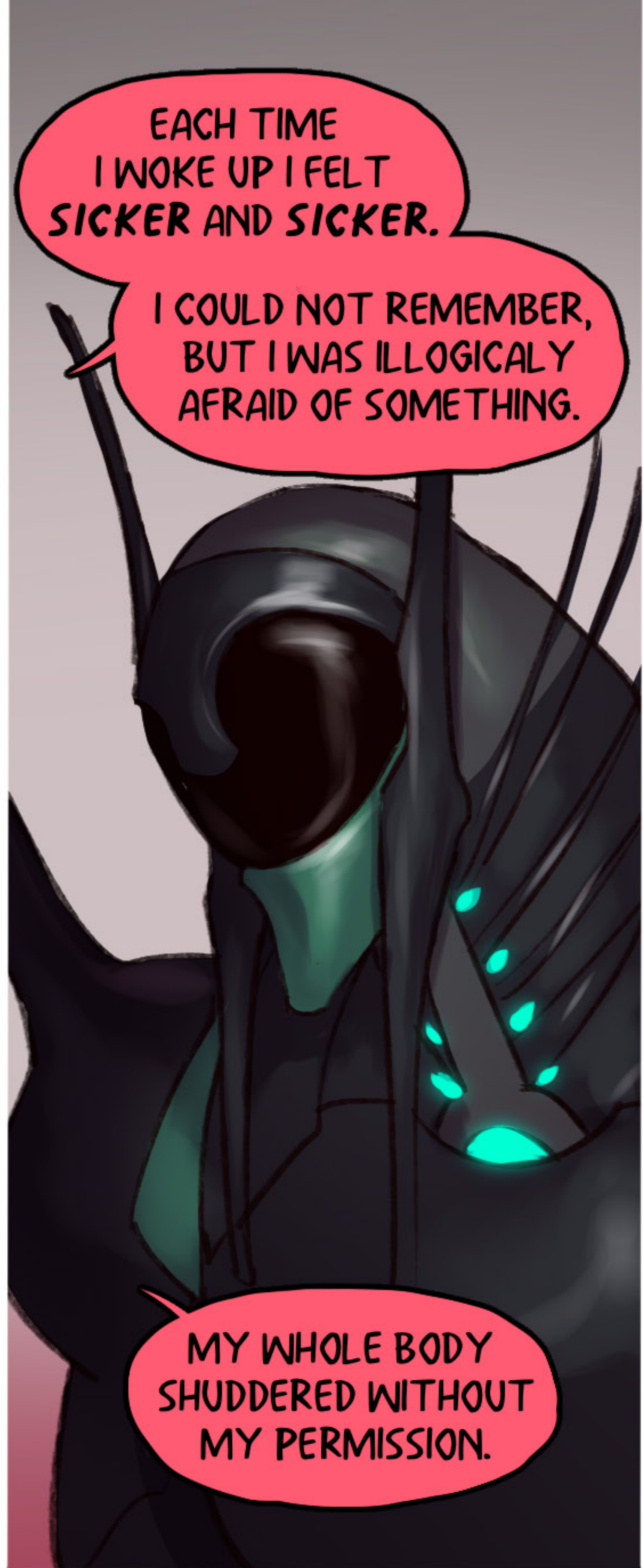
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?





I CAN IMAGINE WHY THEY DID IT, BUT IT'S STILL IMPRESSIVE THAT YOU RECOGNIZE THAT SOMETHING BAD HAPPENED TO YOU WITHOUT REMEMBERING.

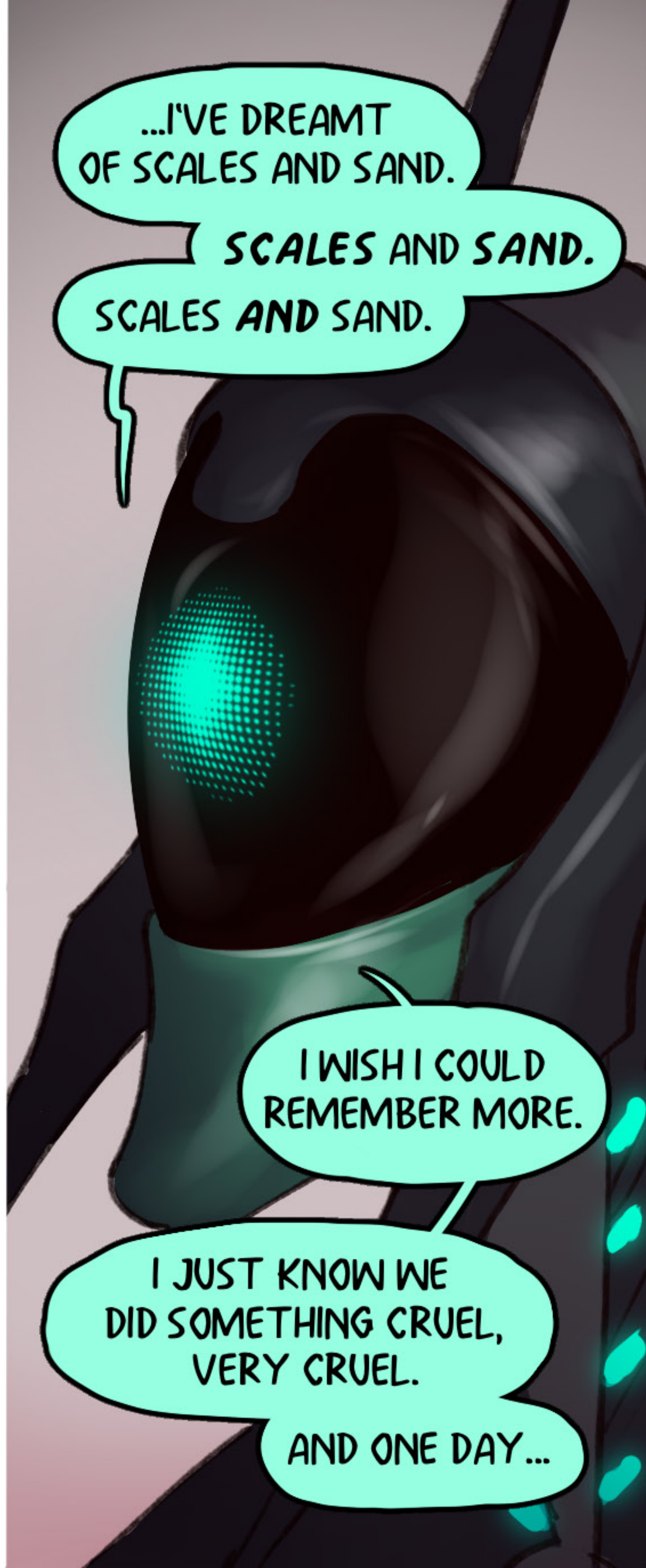
IT IS THE FEELING.



EACH TIME I WOKE UP I FELT SICKER AND SICKER.

I COULD NOT REMEMBER, BUT I WAS ILLOGICALLY AFRAID OF SOMETHING.

MY WHOLE BODY SHUDDERED WITHOUT MY PERMISSION.



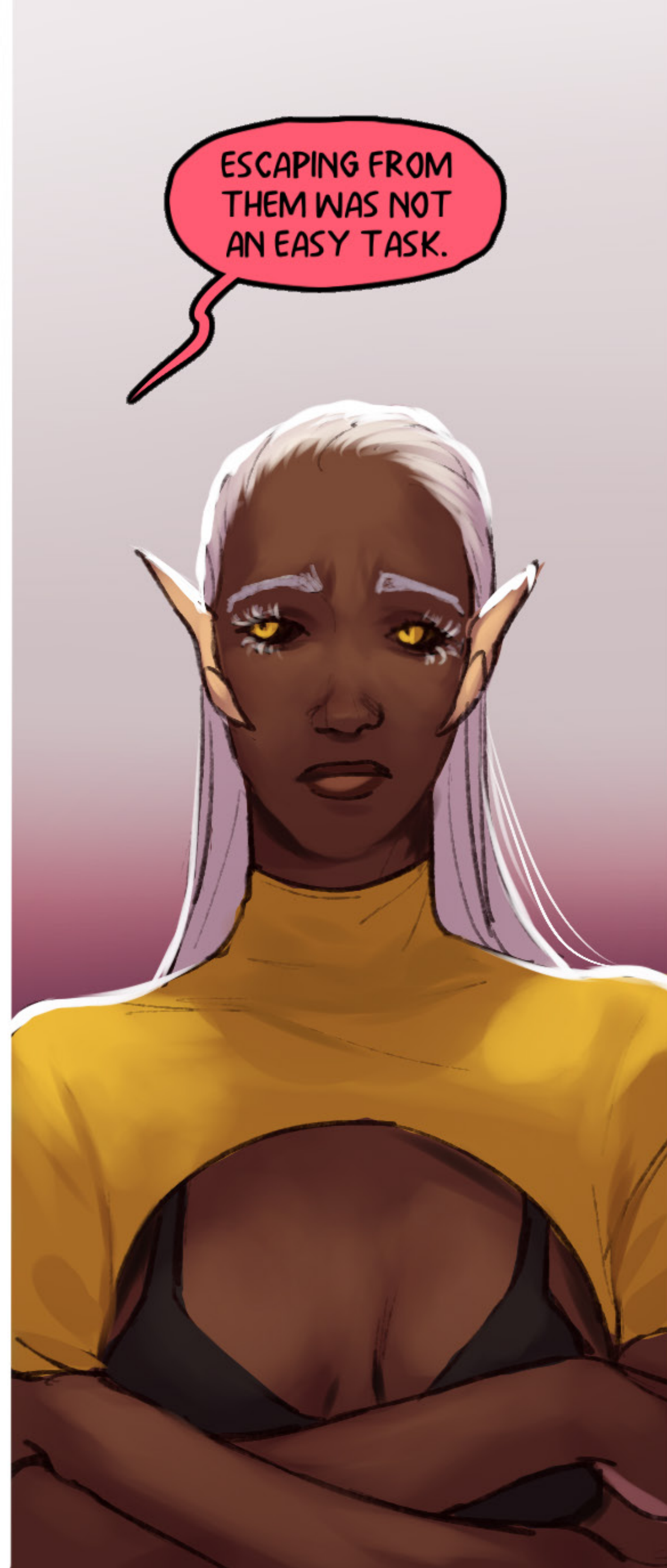
...I'VE DREAMT OF SCALES AND SAND.

SCALES AND SAND. SCALES AND SAND.

I WISH I COULD REMEMBER MORE.

I JUST KNOW WE DID SOMETHING CRUEL, VERY CRUEL.

AND ONE DAY...



ESCAPING FROM THEM WAS NOT AN EASY TASK.

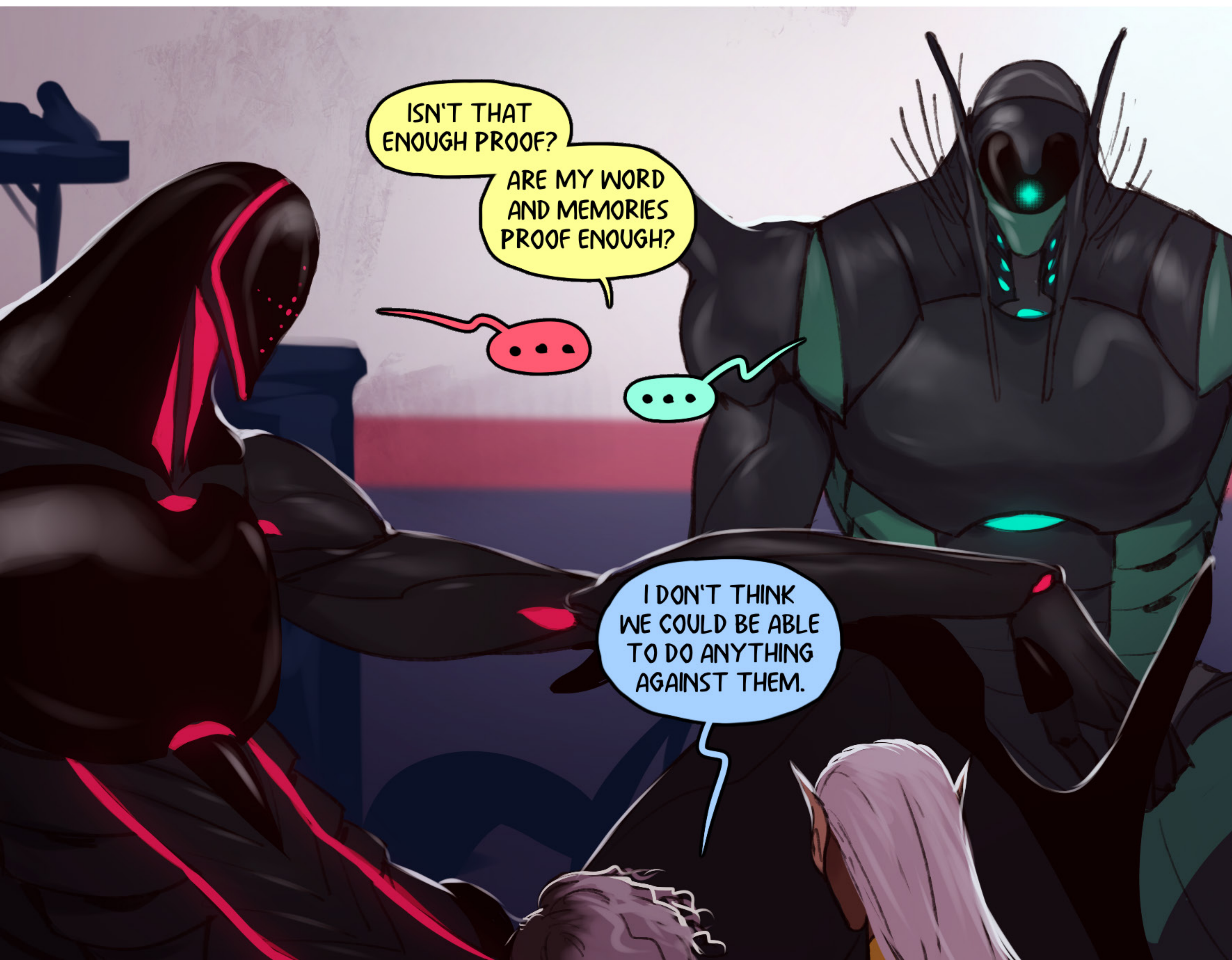


DO YOU THINK YOU'LL BE ABLE TO... USE MY MEMORIES TO VALIDATE THEIR STATEMENTS?

I'VE SEEN WHAT YOUR CONDITIONS WERE.

IT WAS- IT REALLY WAS... HEAVY.

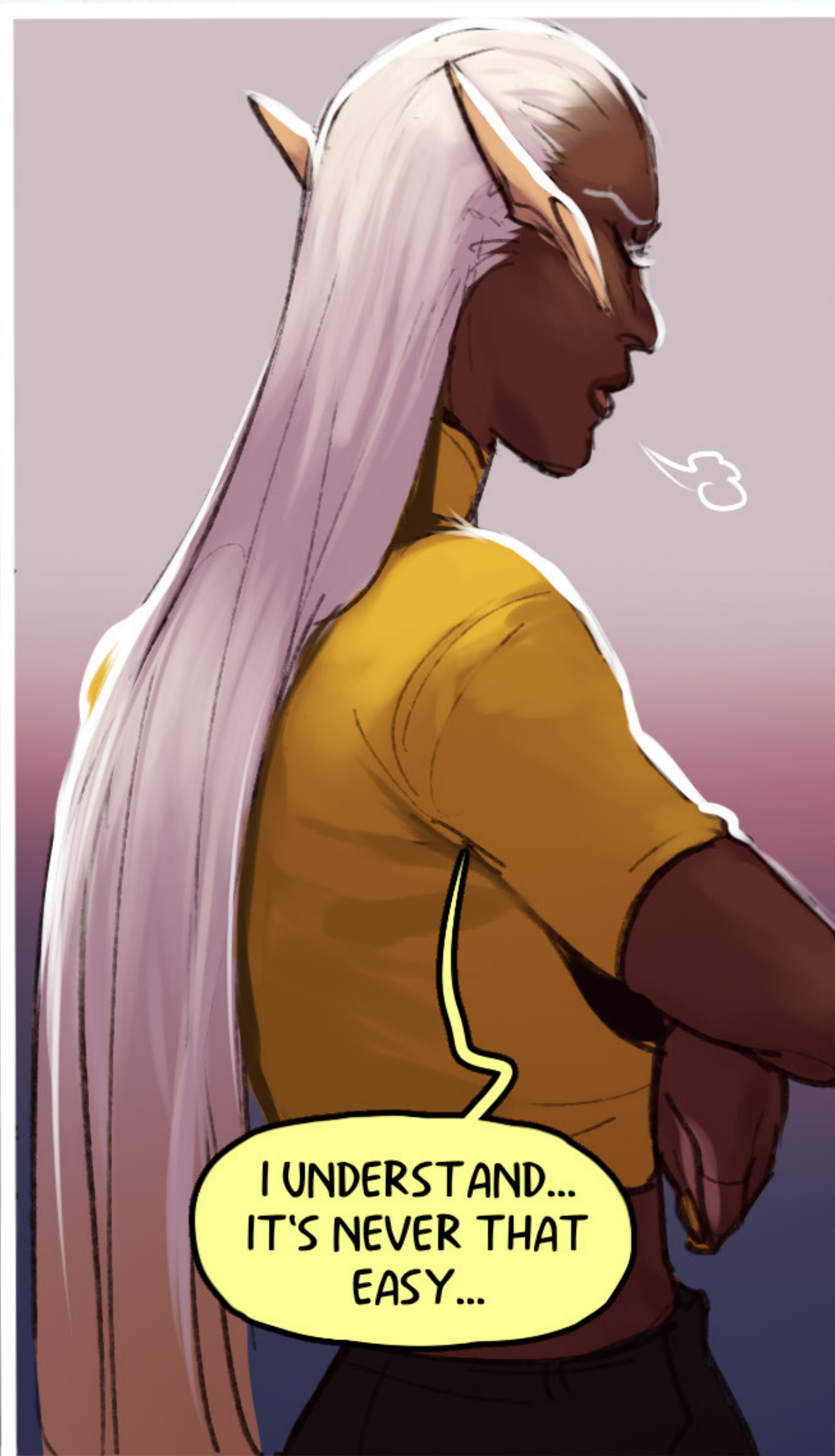
THE STATE IN WHICH YOU RETURNED.



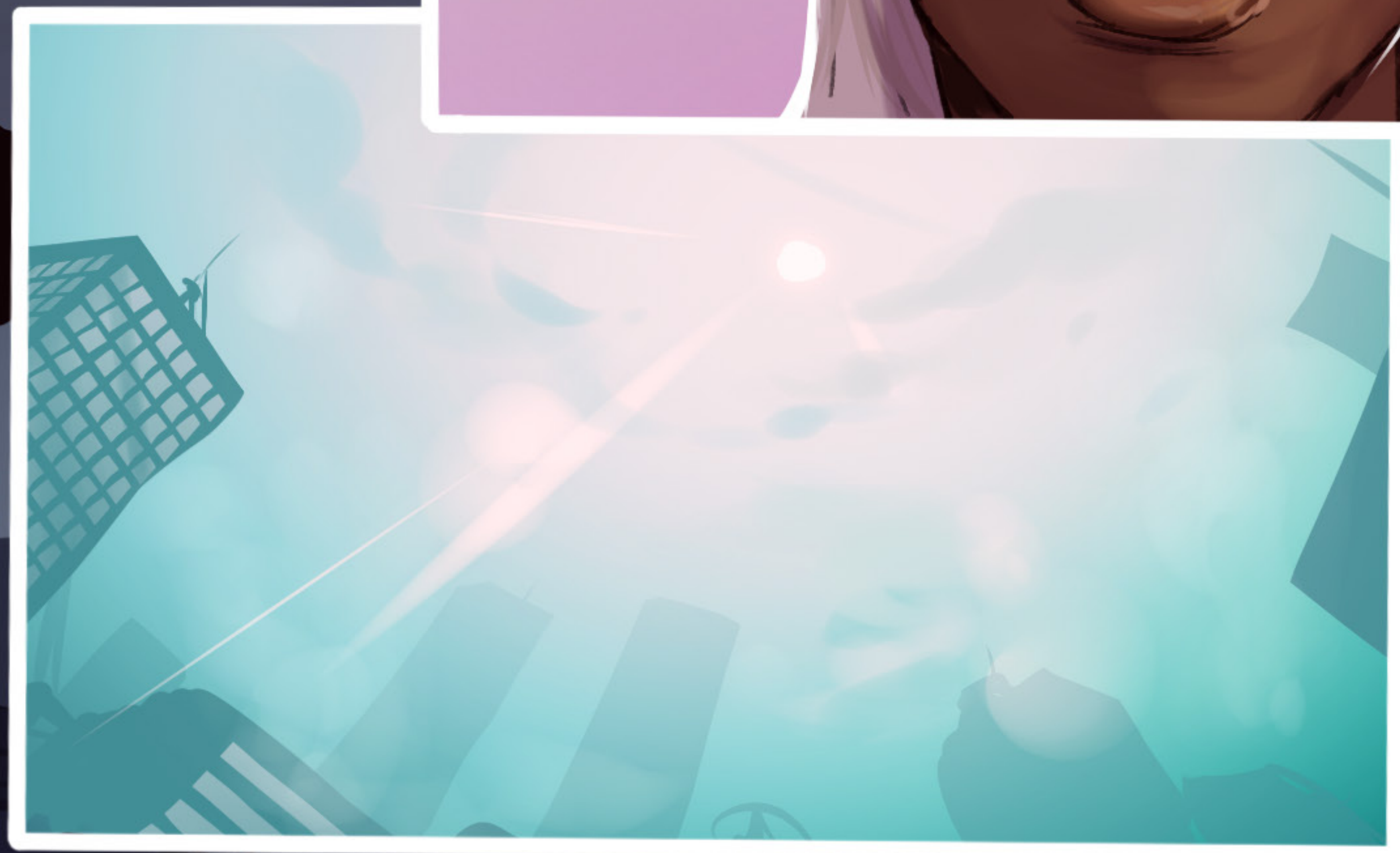
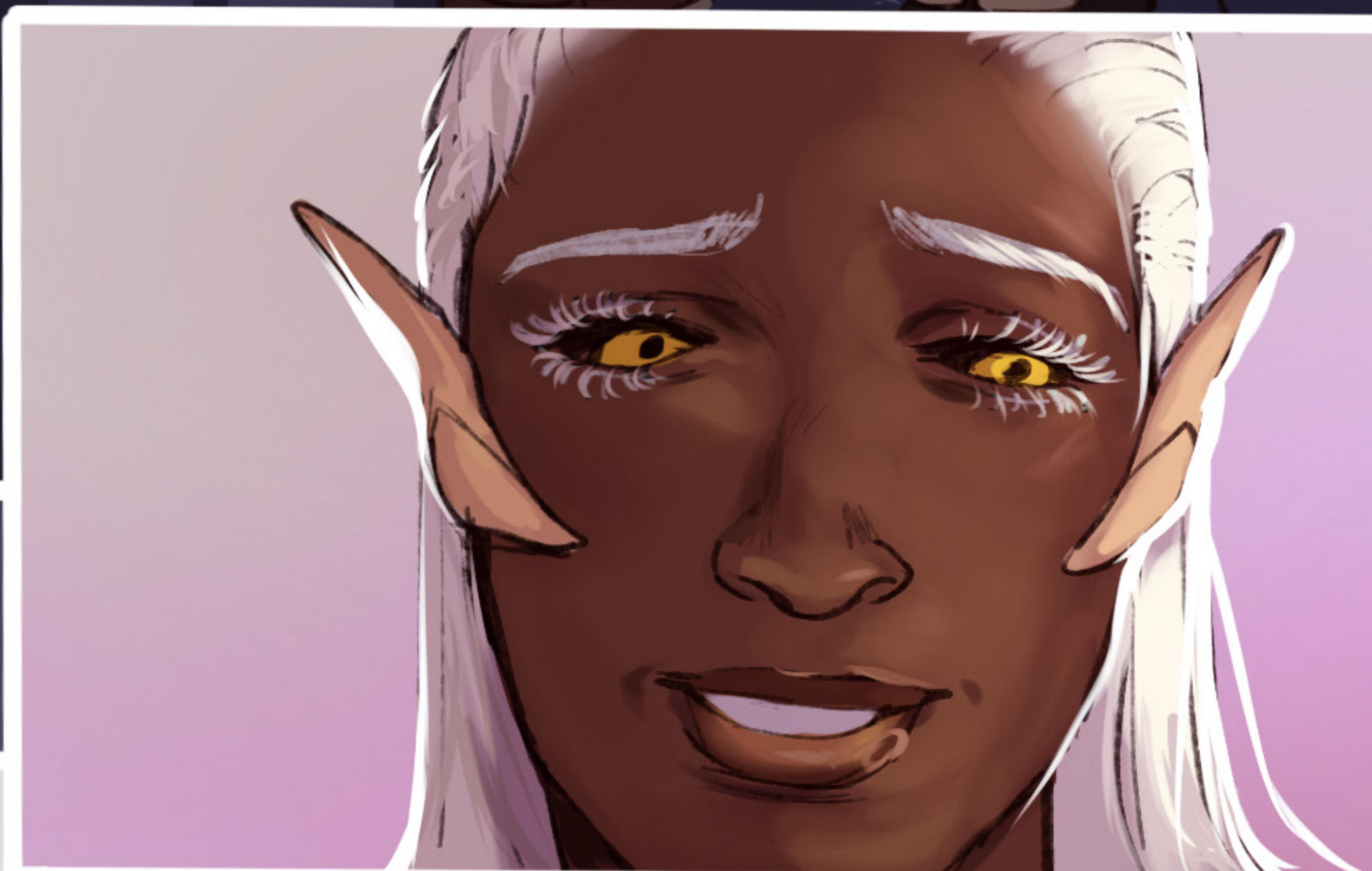
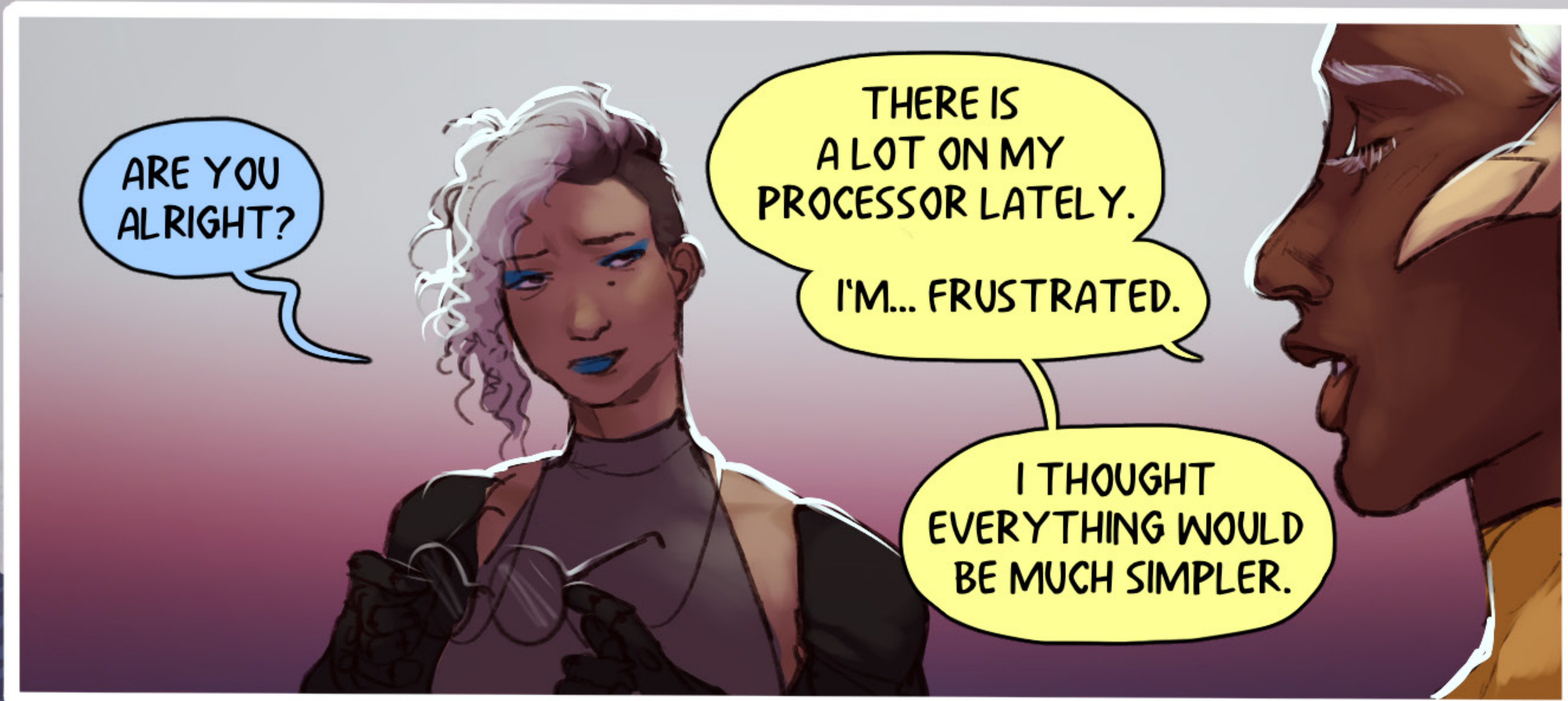
ISN'T THAT ENOUGH PROOF?

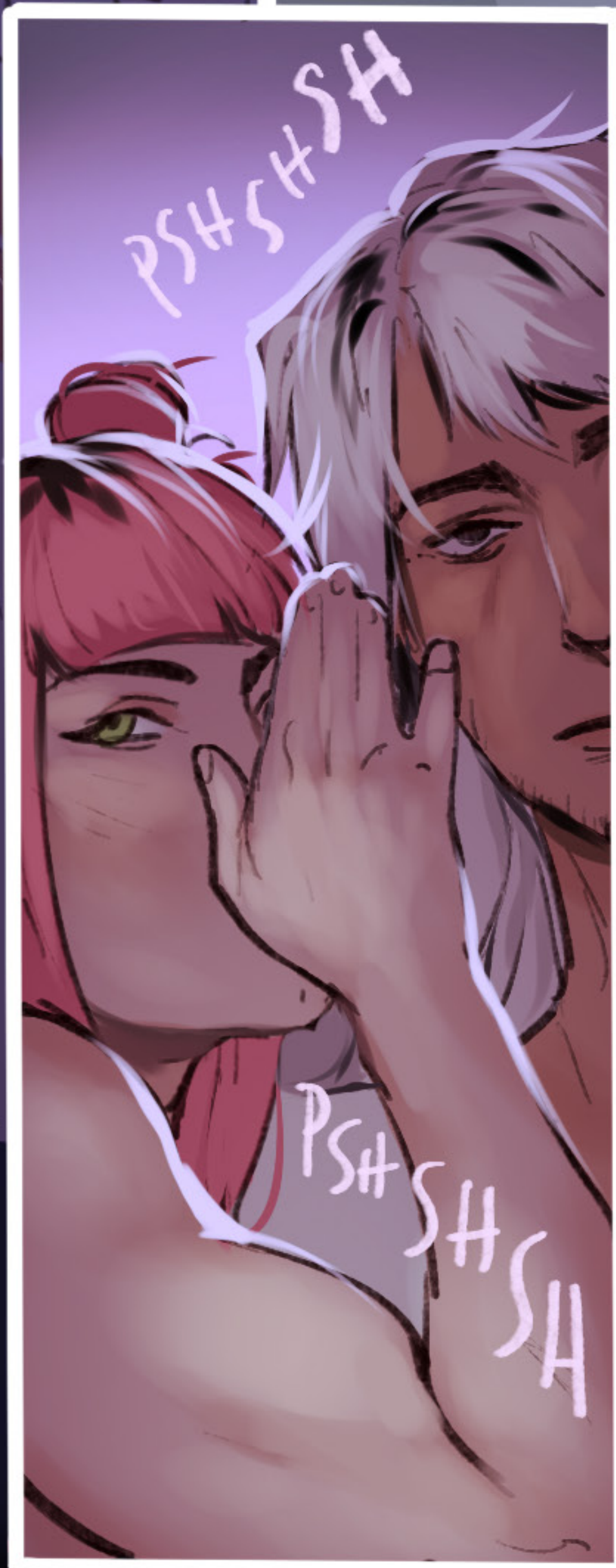
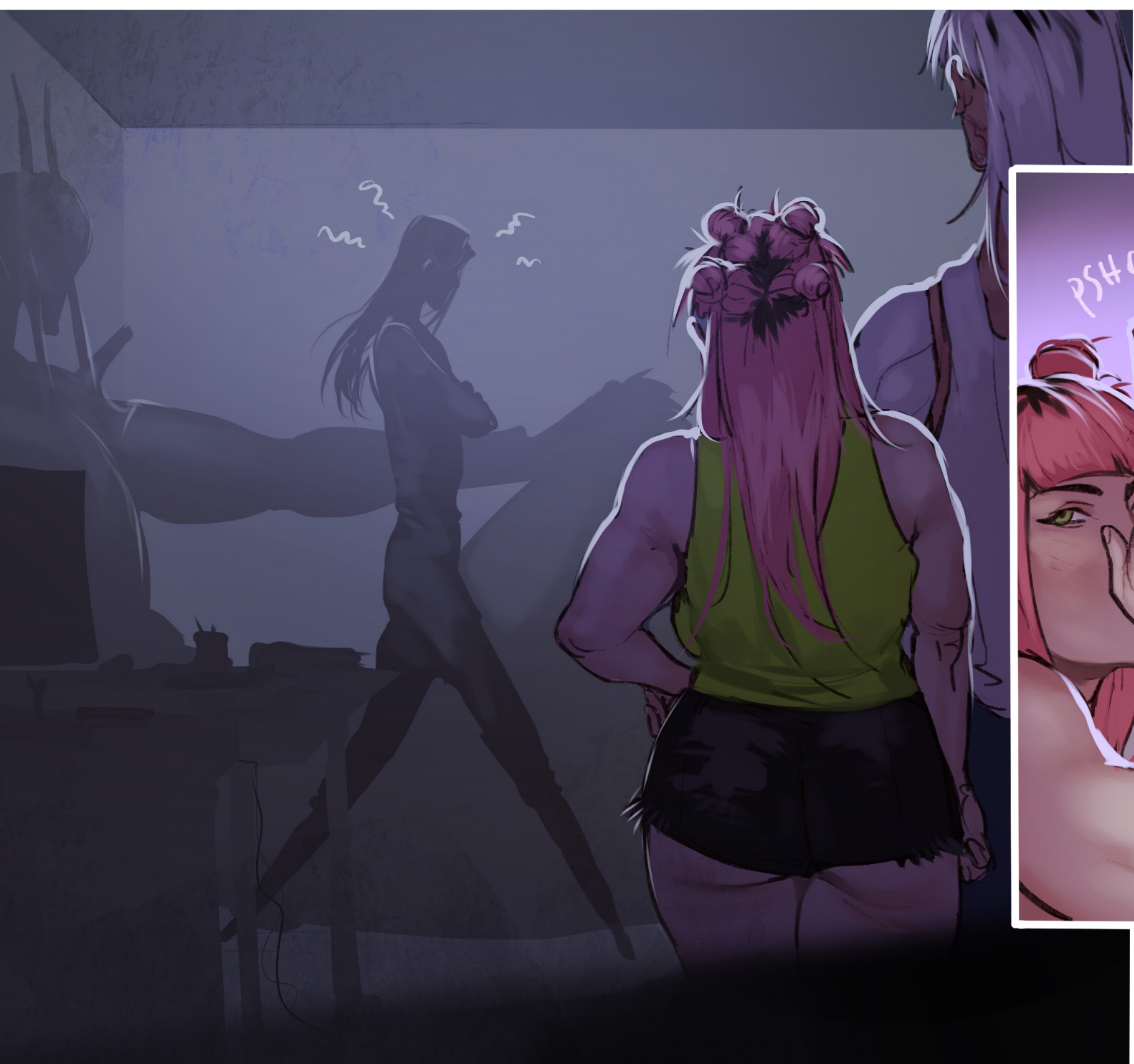
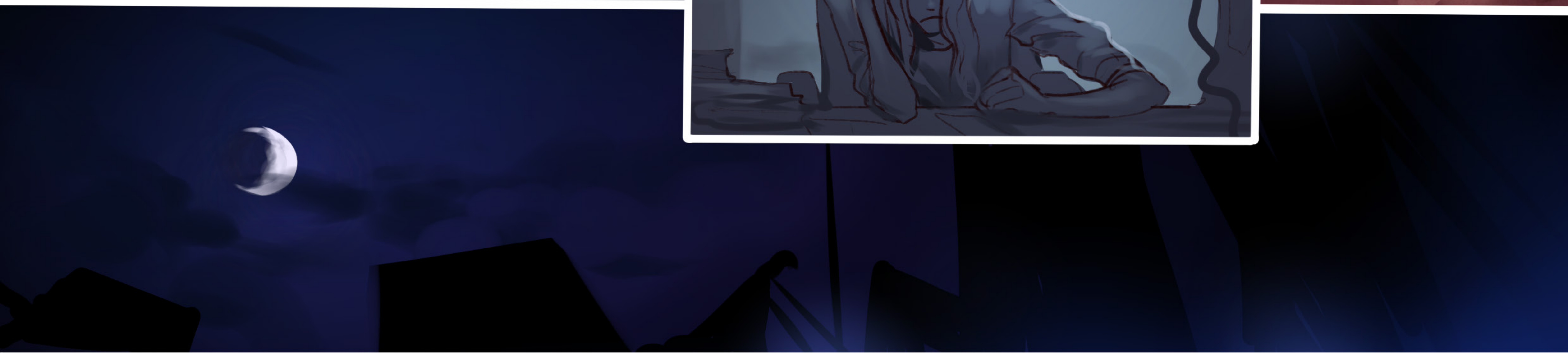
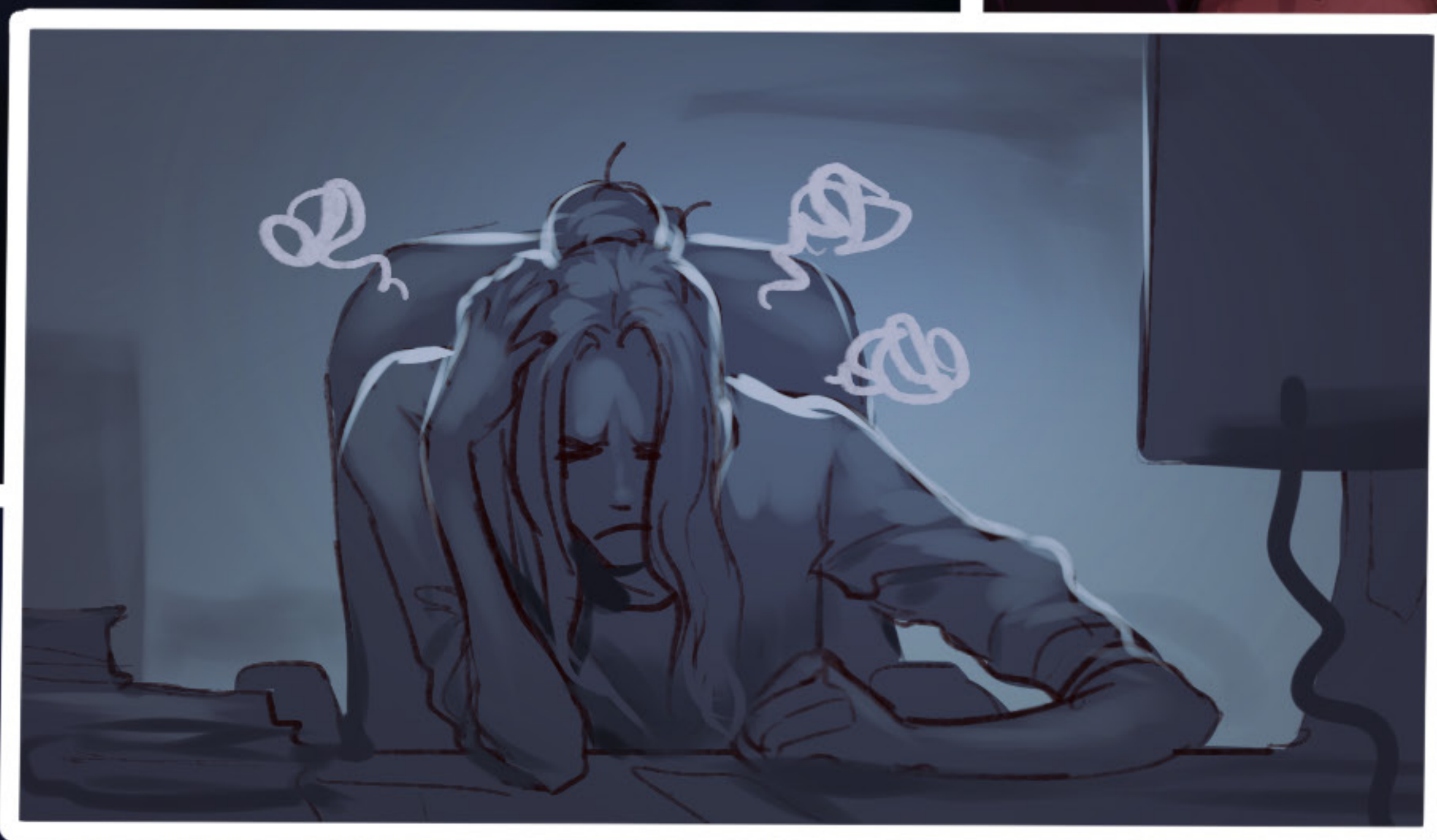
ARE MY WORD AND MEMORIES PROOF ENOUGH?

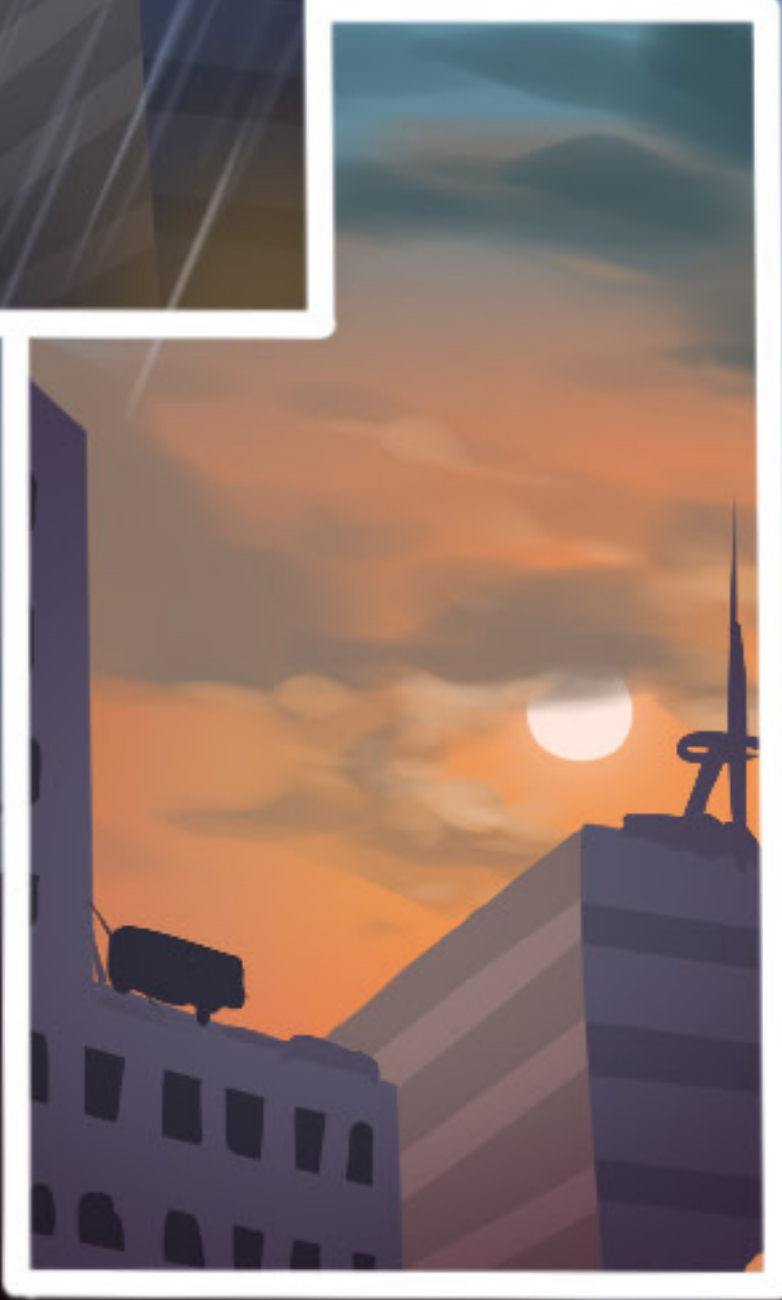
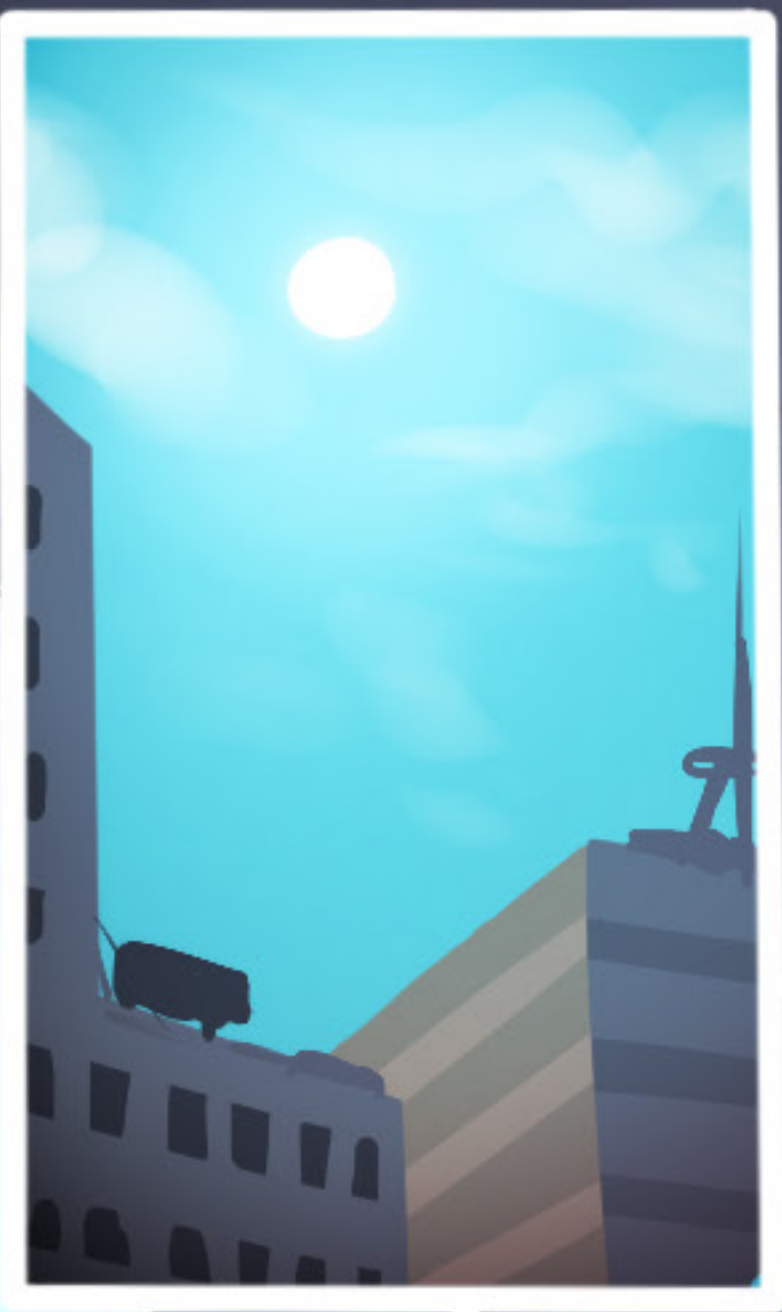
I DON'T THINK WE COULD BE ABLE TO DO ANYTHING AGAINST THEM.



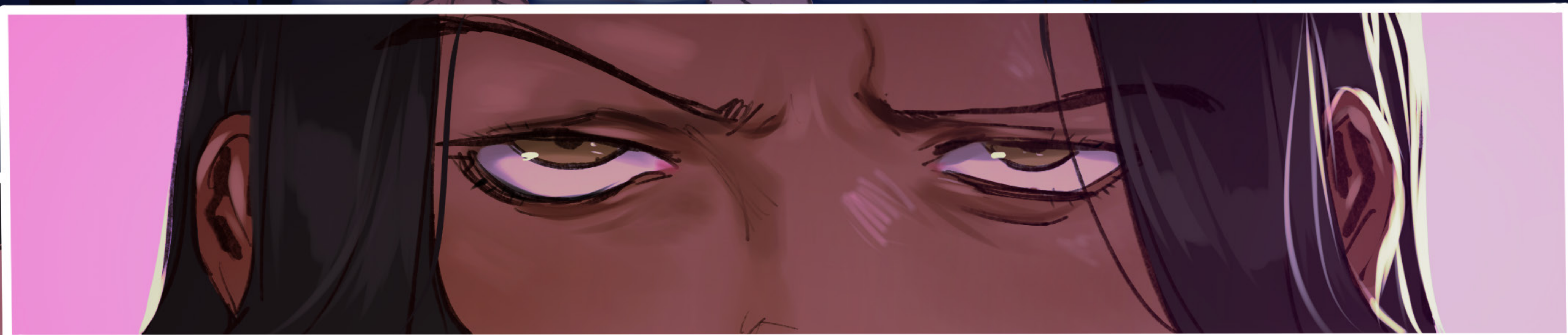
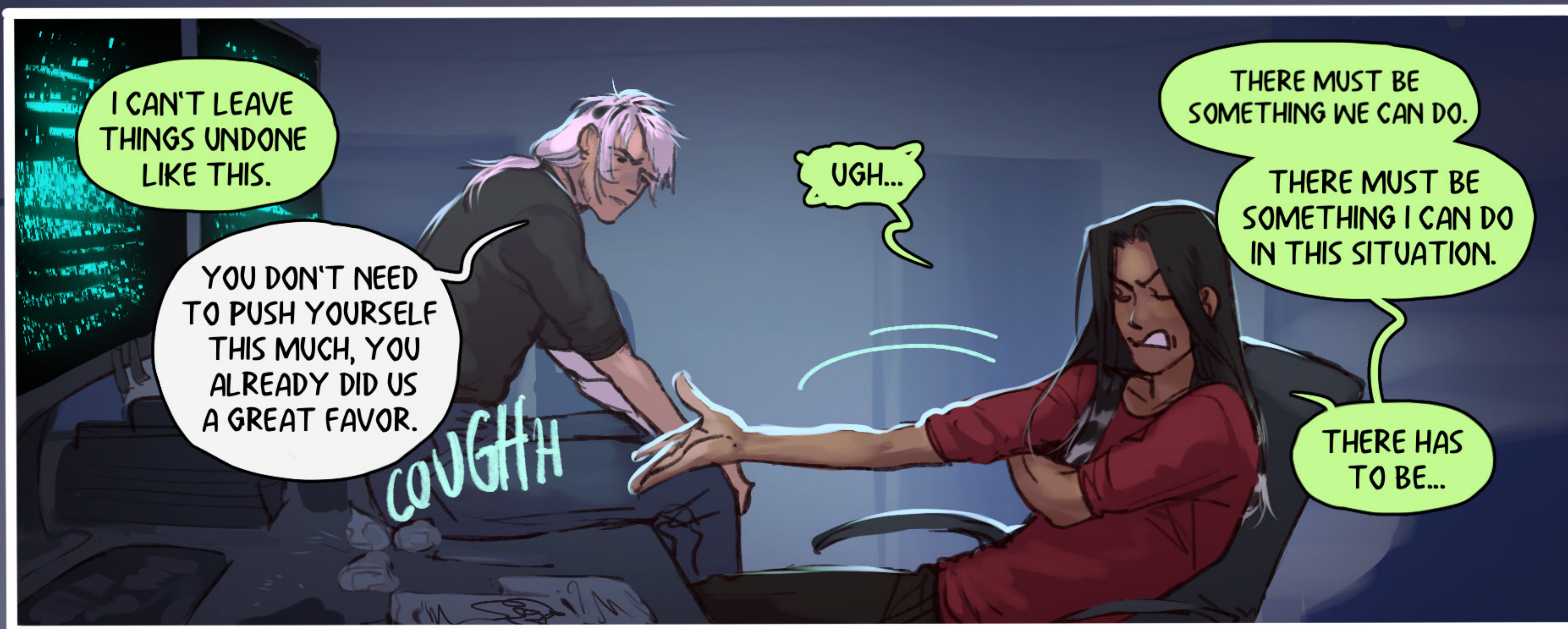
I UNDERSTAND... IT'S NEVER THAT EASY...

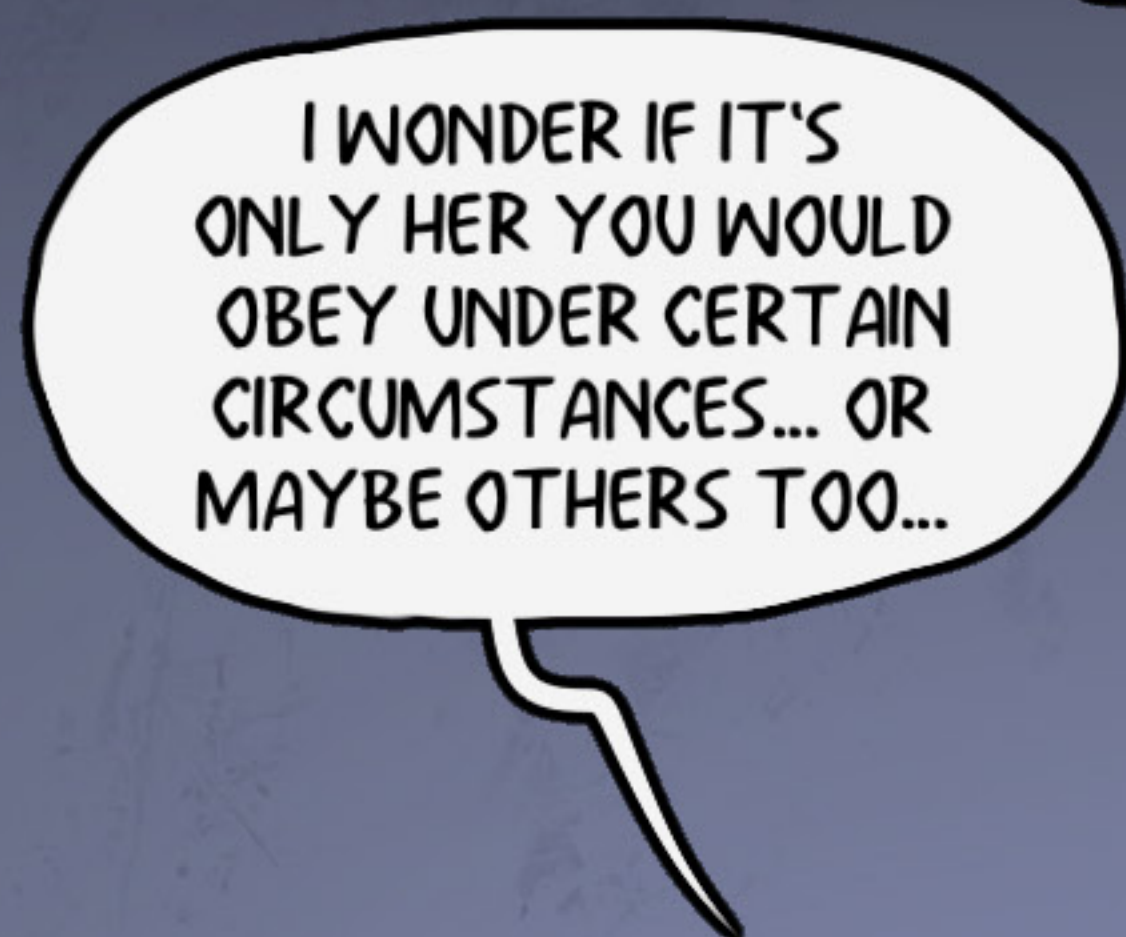


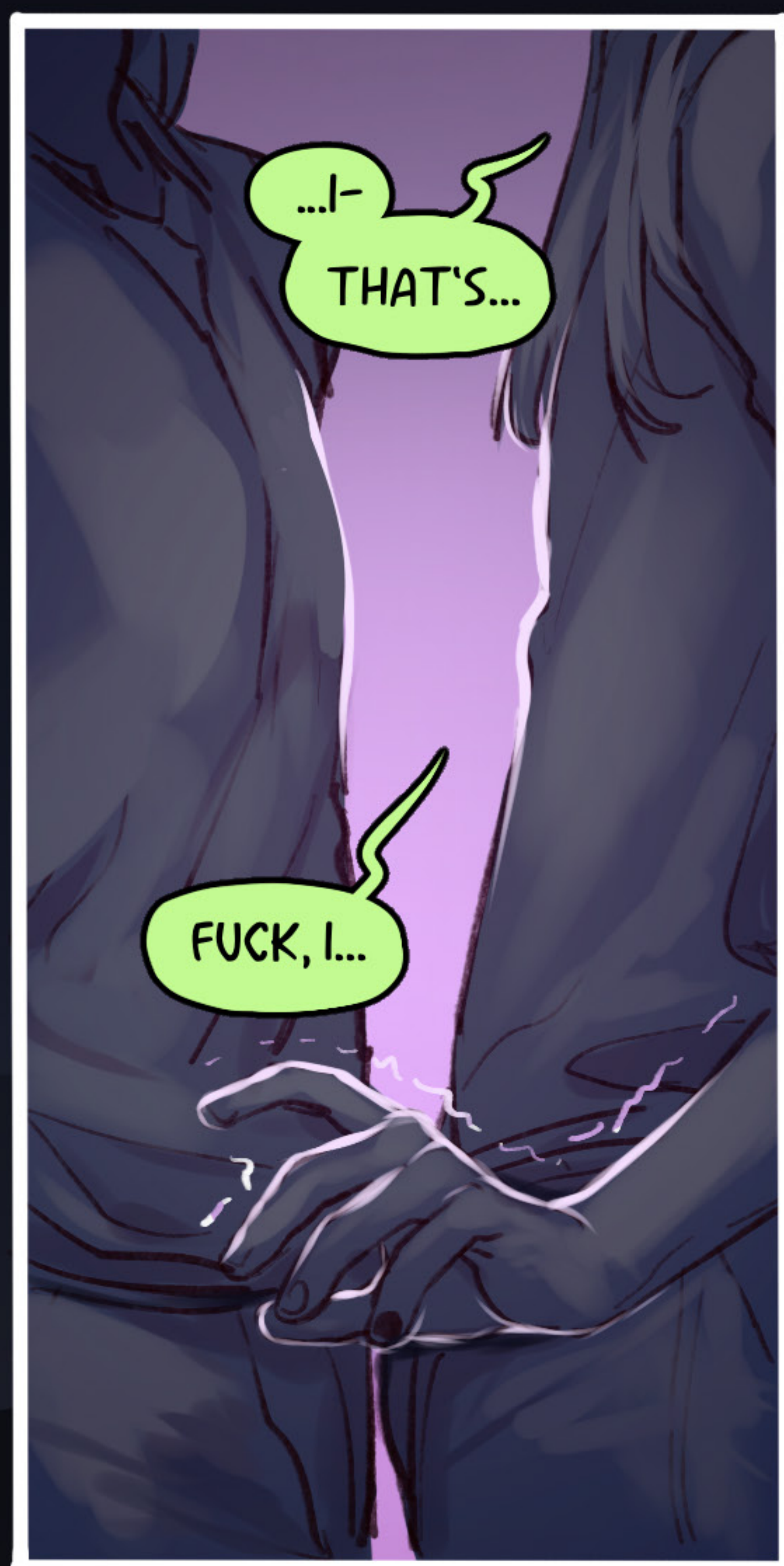


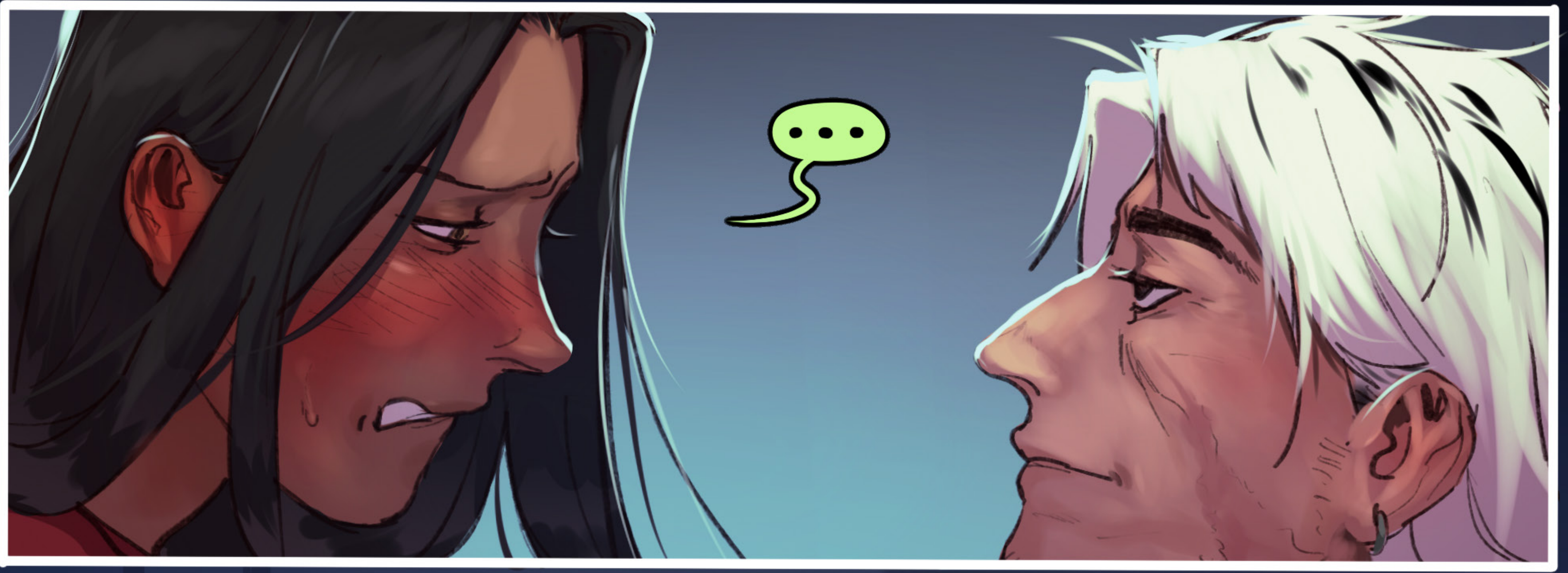


HEY KID.
I THINK YOU
SHOULD STOP
FOR TODAY.









YOU NEED TO DECOMPRESS.

FOLLOW ME, ORION.

I HAVE A SURPRISE FOR YOU.

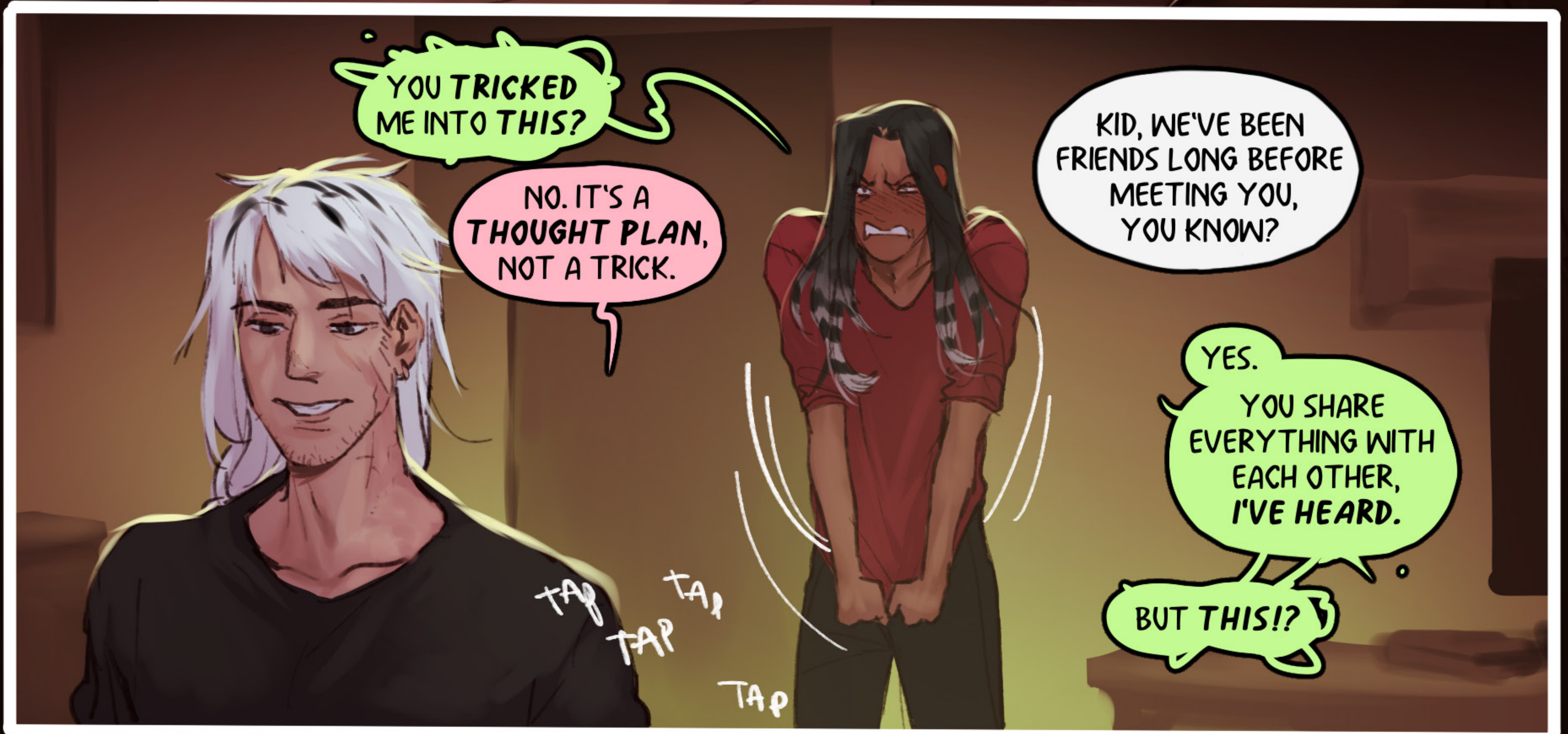


...TYRA?

HAH!
YOU'RE ALREADY RAGING A BONER.

YOU WERE RIGHT.

HA HA
HE'S SO FUCKING EASY TO WARM UP.



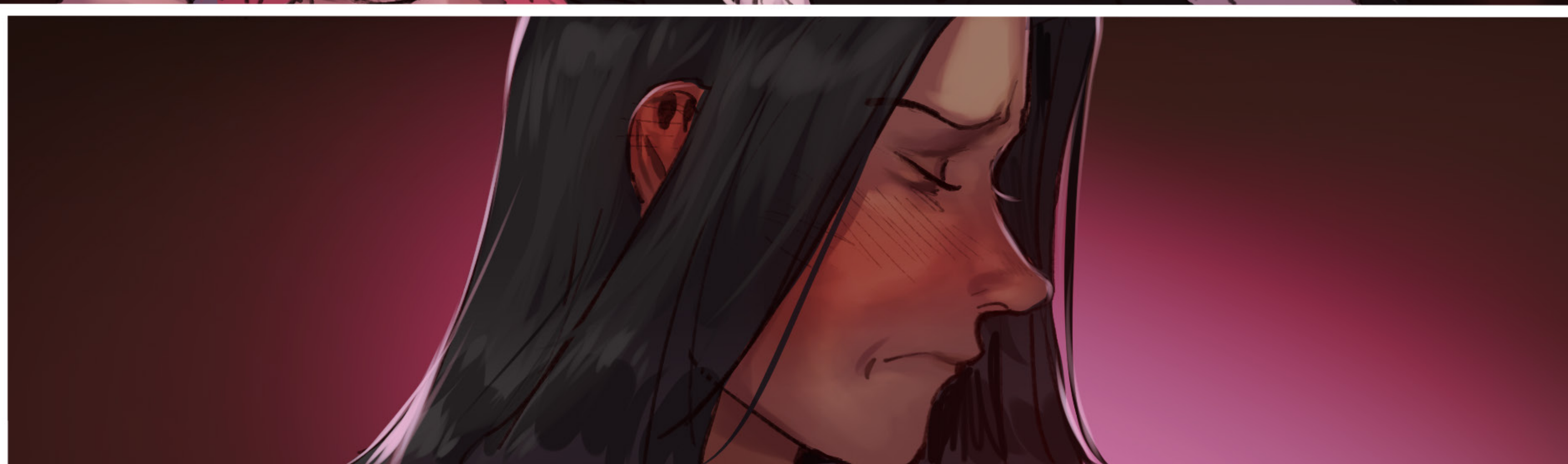
YOU TRICKED ME INTO THIS?

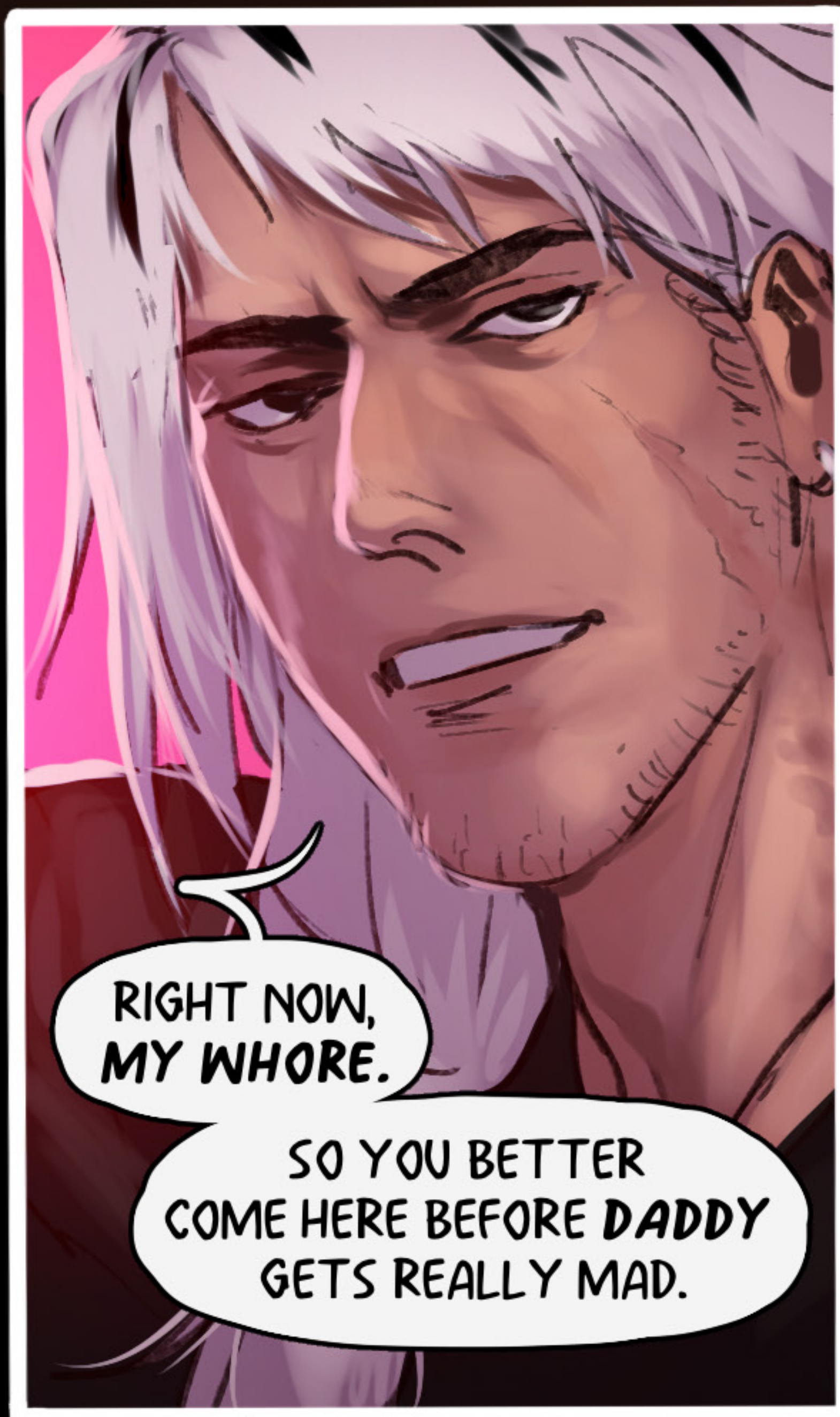
NO. IT'S A **THOUGHT PLAN**, NOT A TRICK.

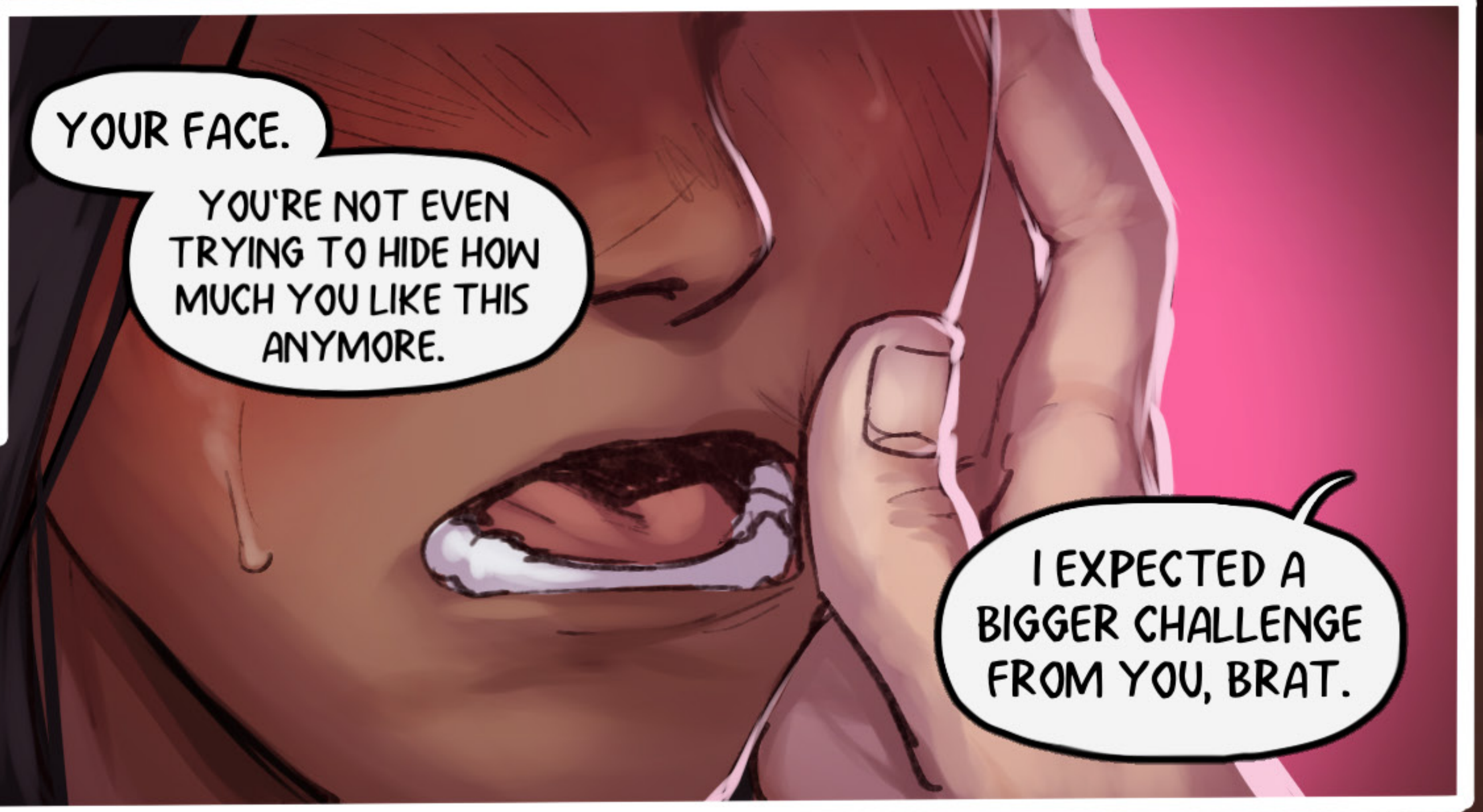
KID, WE'VE BEEN FRIENDS LONG BEFORE MEETING YOU, YOU KNOW?

YES.
YOU SHARE EVERYTHING WITH EACH OTHER, I'VE HEARD.

BUT THIS!?







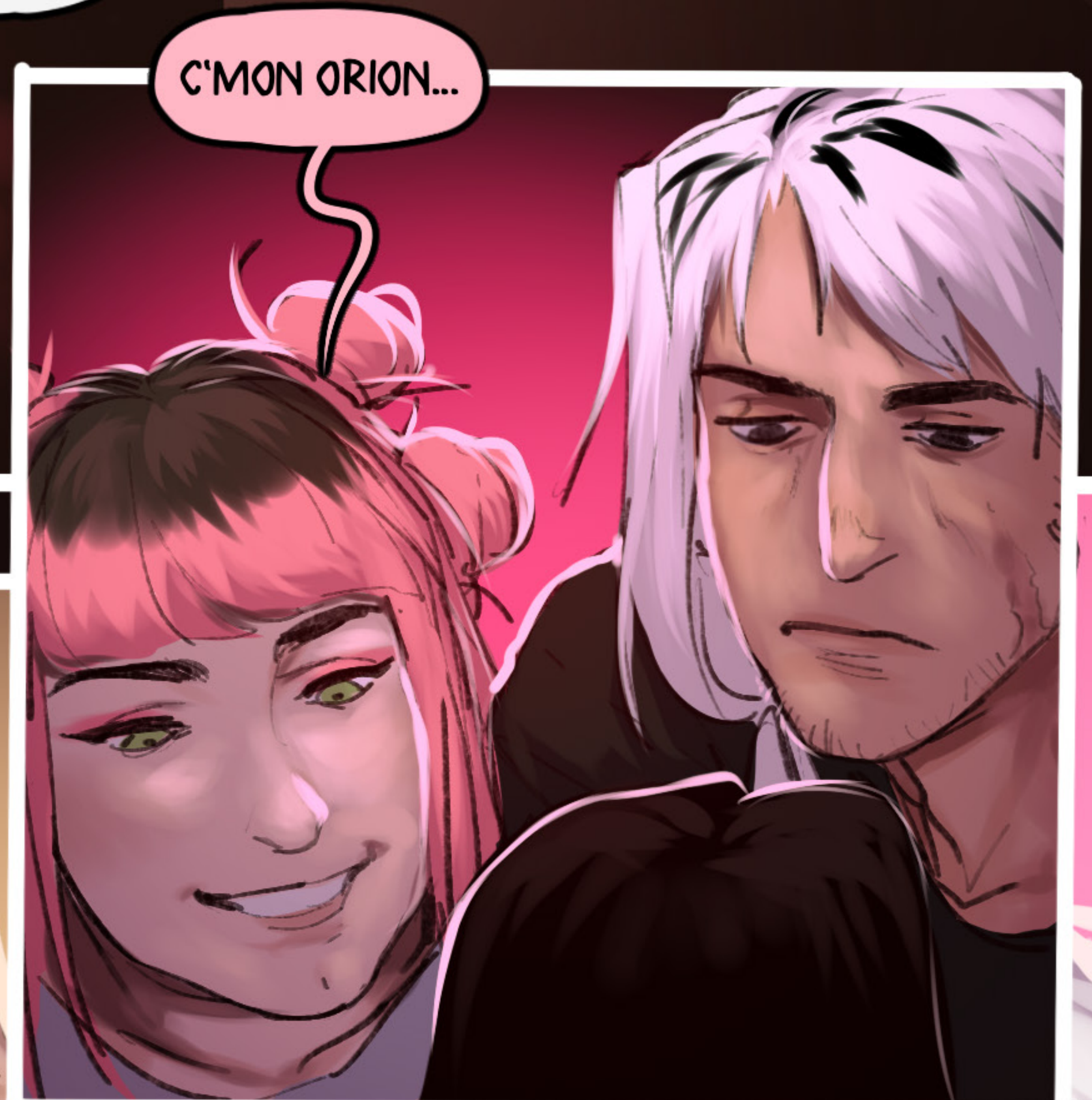
YOUR FACE.

YOU'RE NOT EVEN TRYING TO HIDE HOW MUCH YOU LIKE THIS ANYMORE.

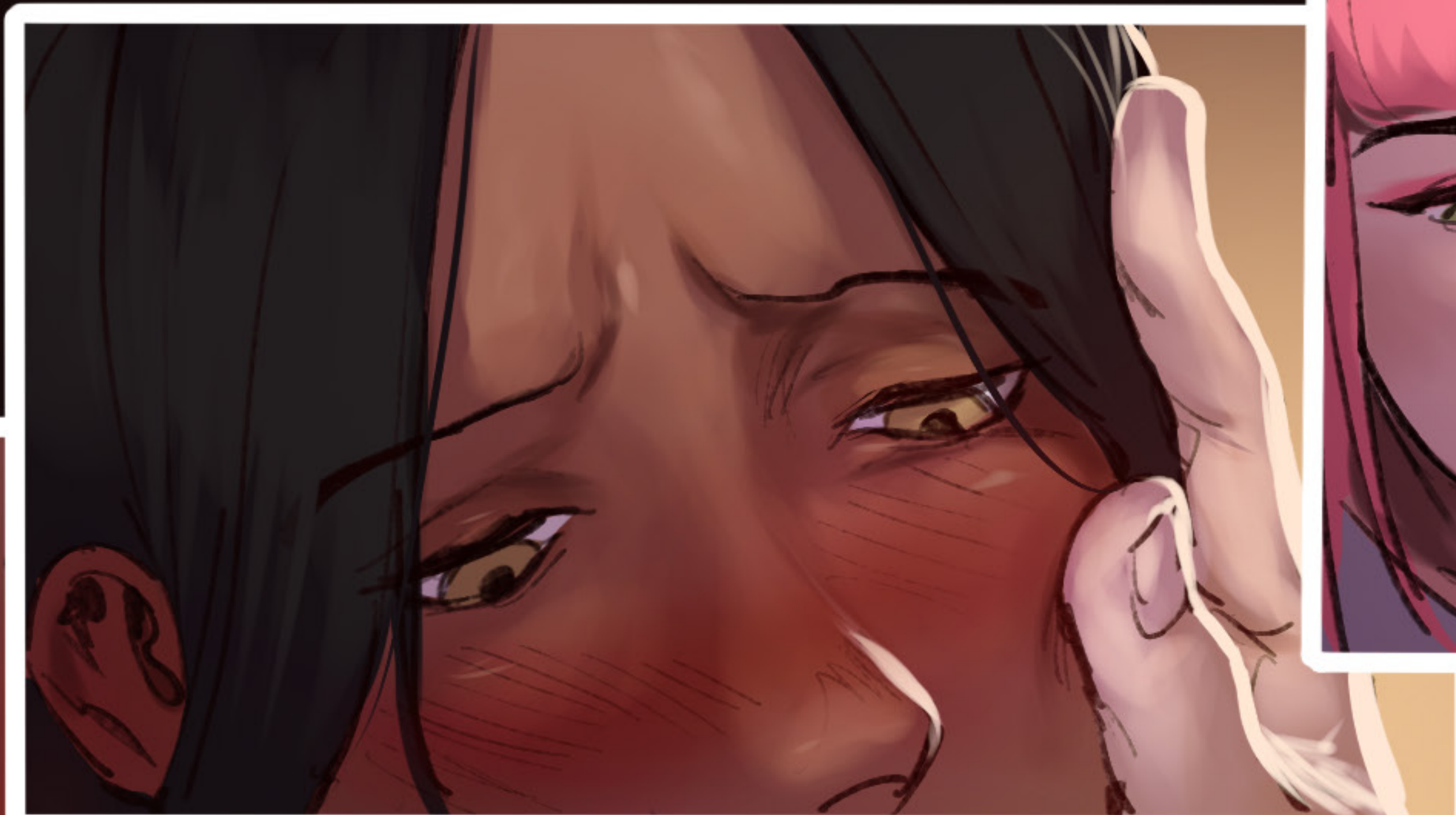
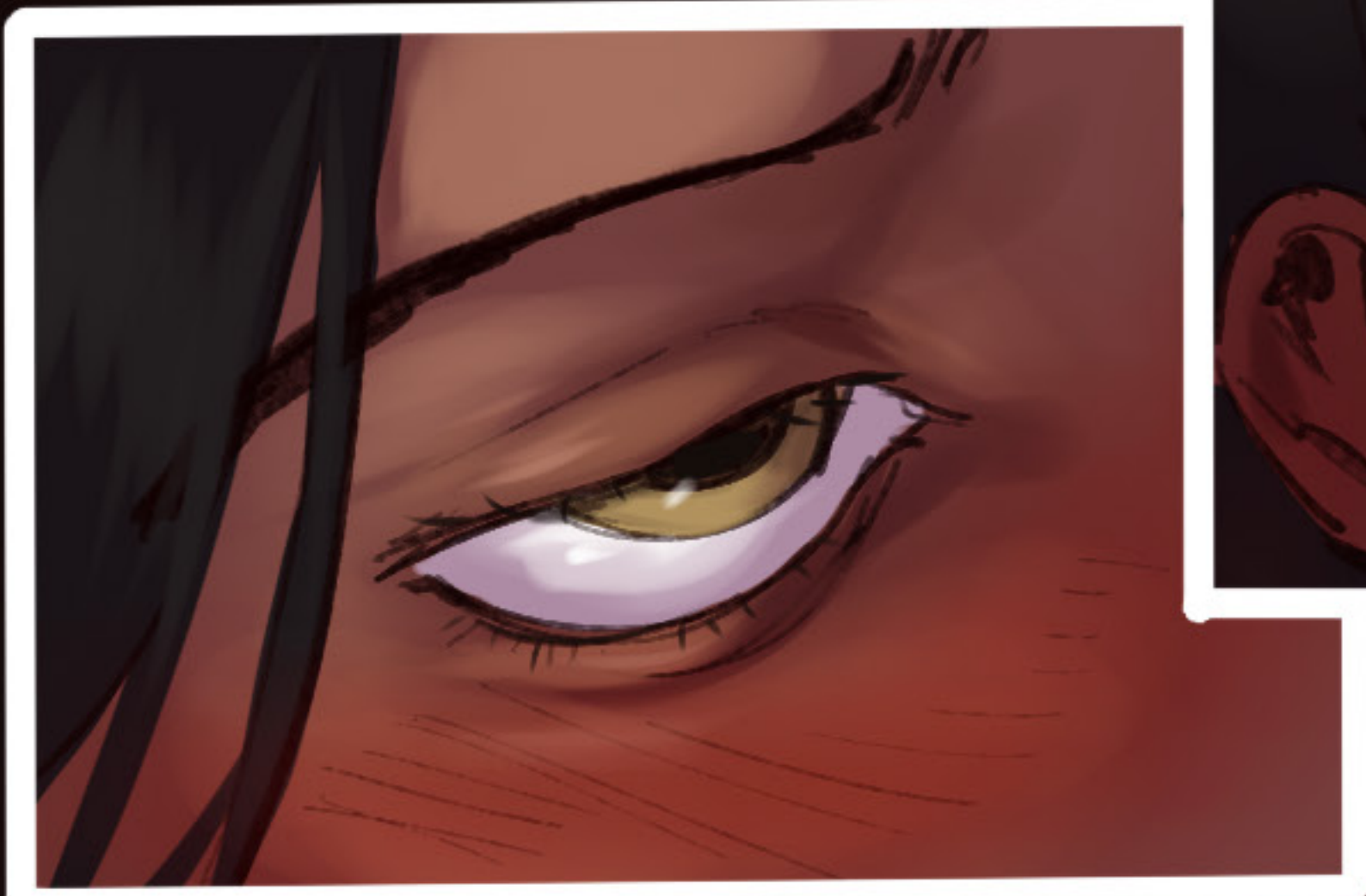
I EXPECTED A BIGGER CHALLENGE FROM YOU, BRAT.



ARE YOU GOING TO BE GOOD FOR ME?



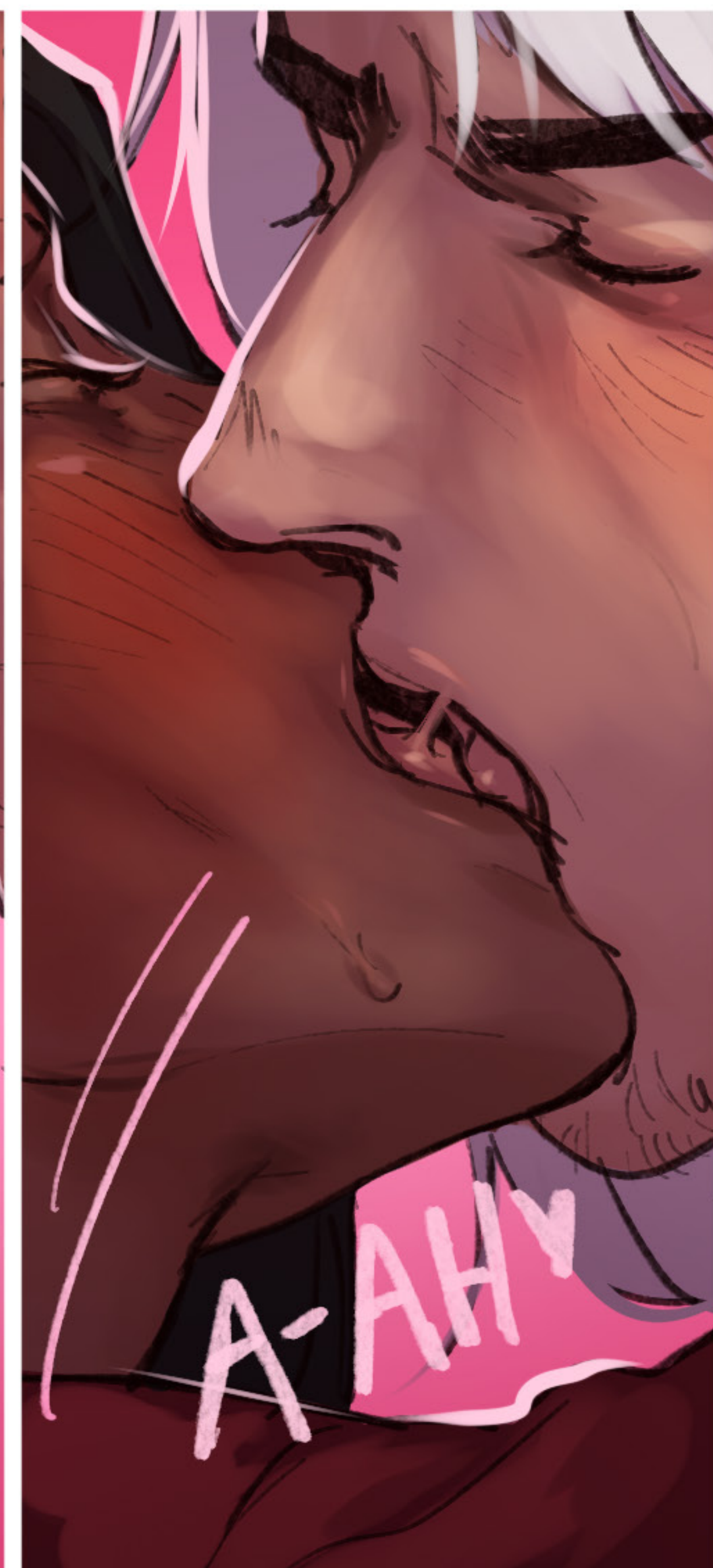
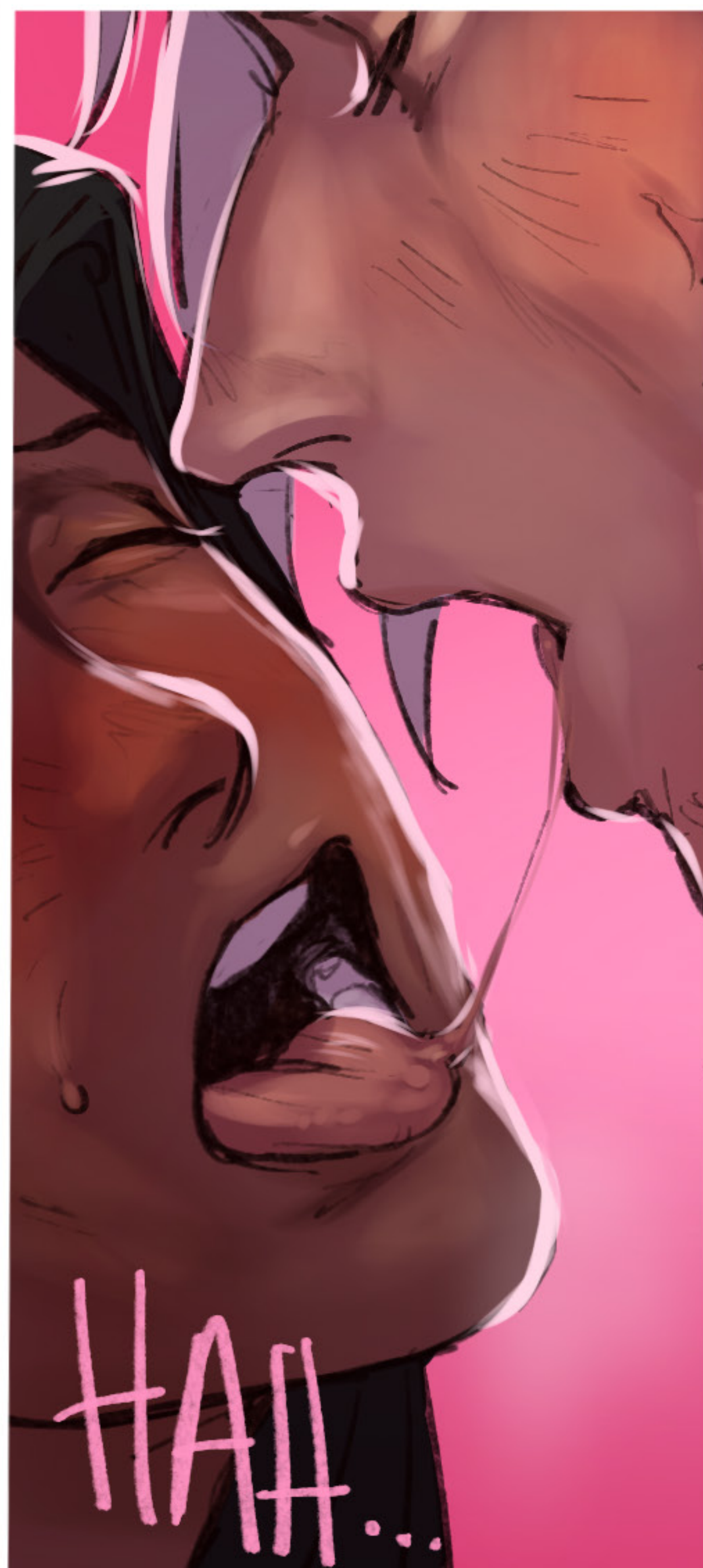
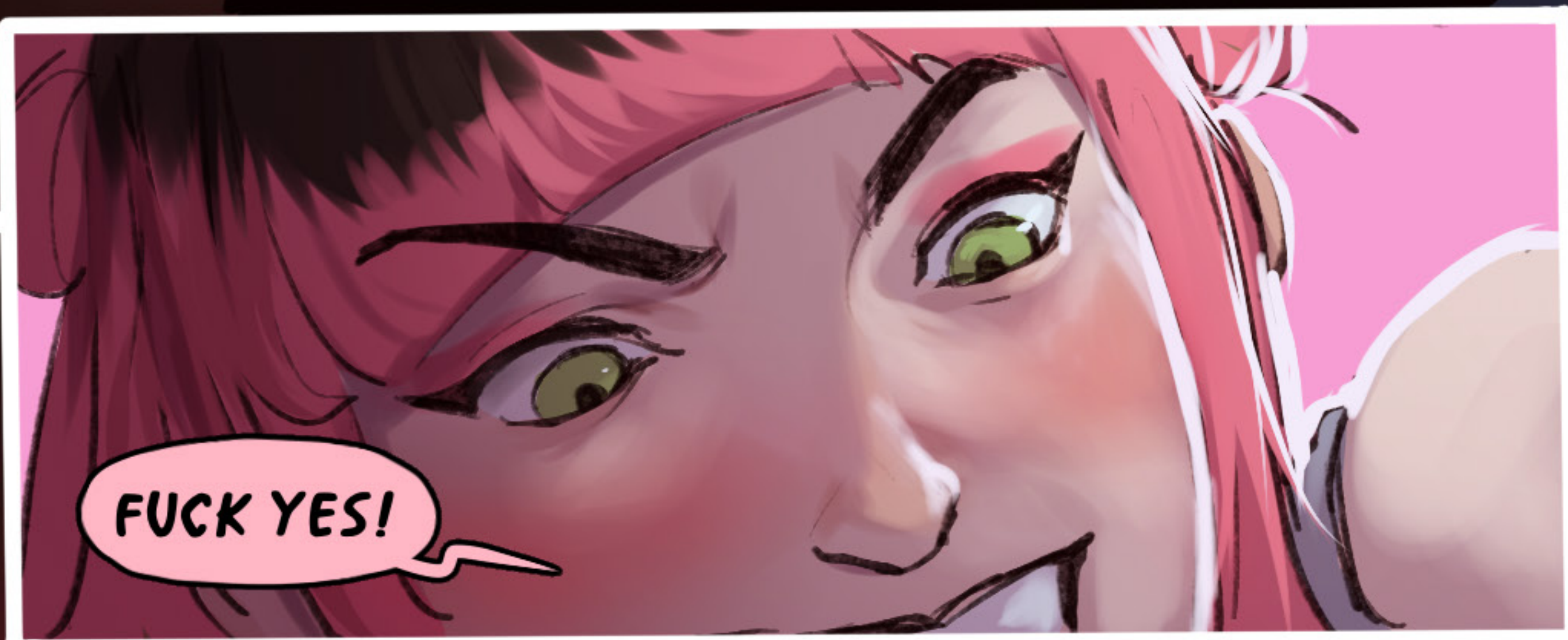
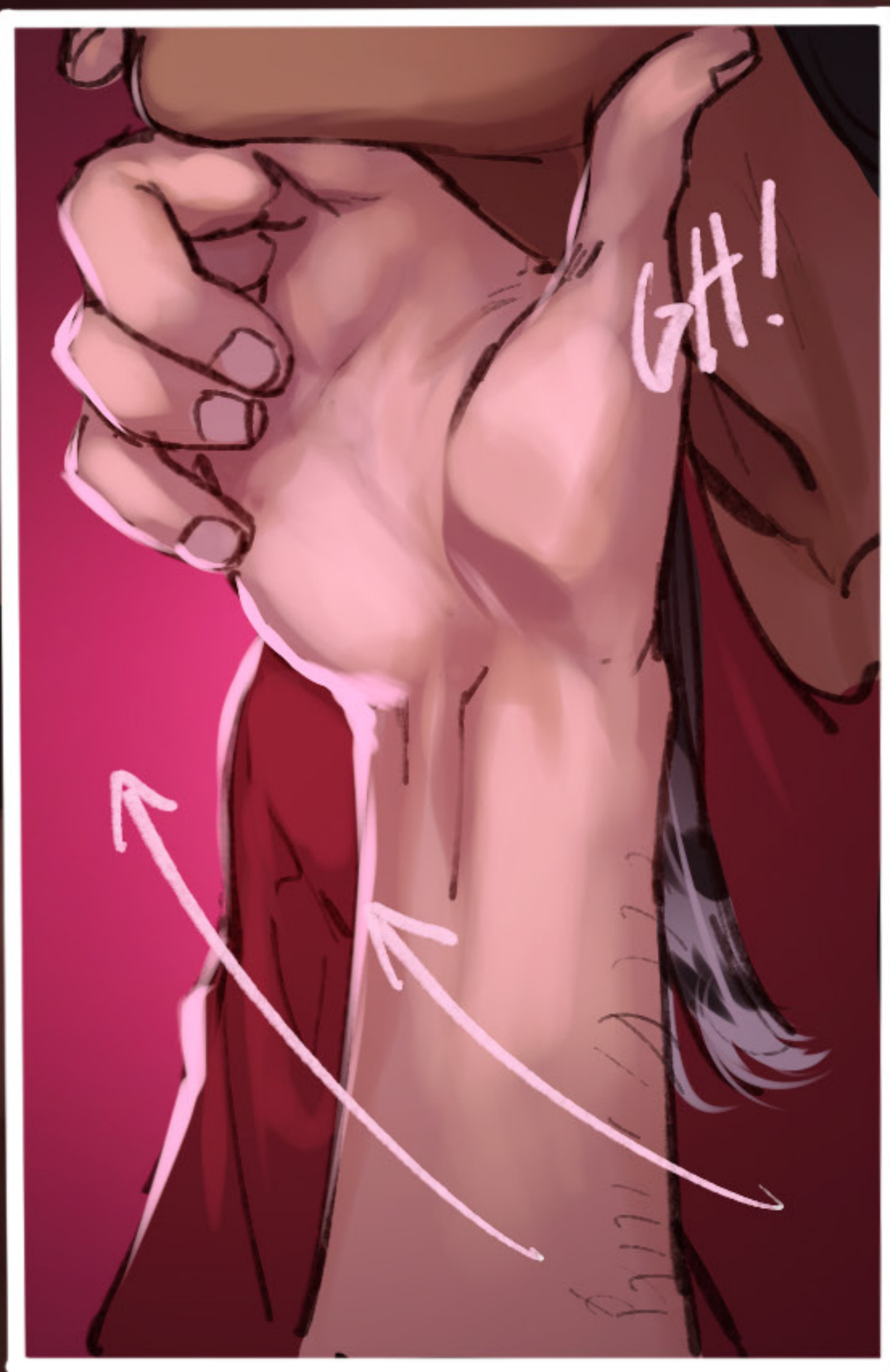
C'MON ORION...

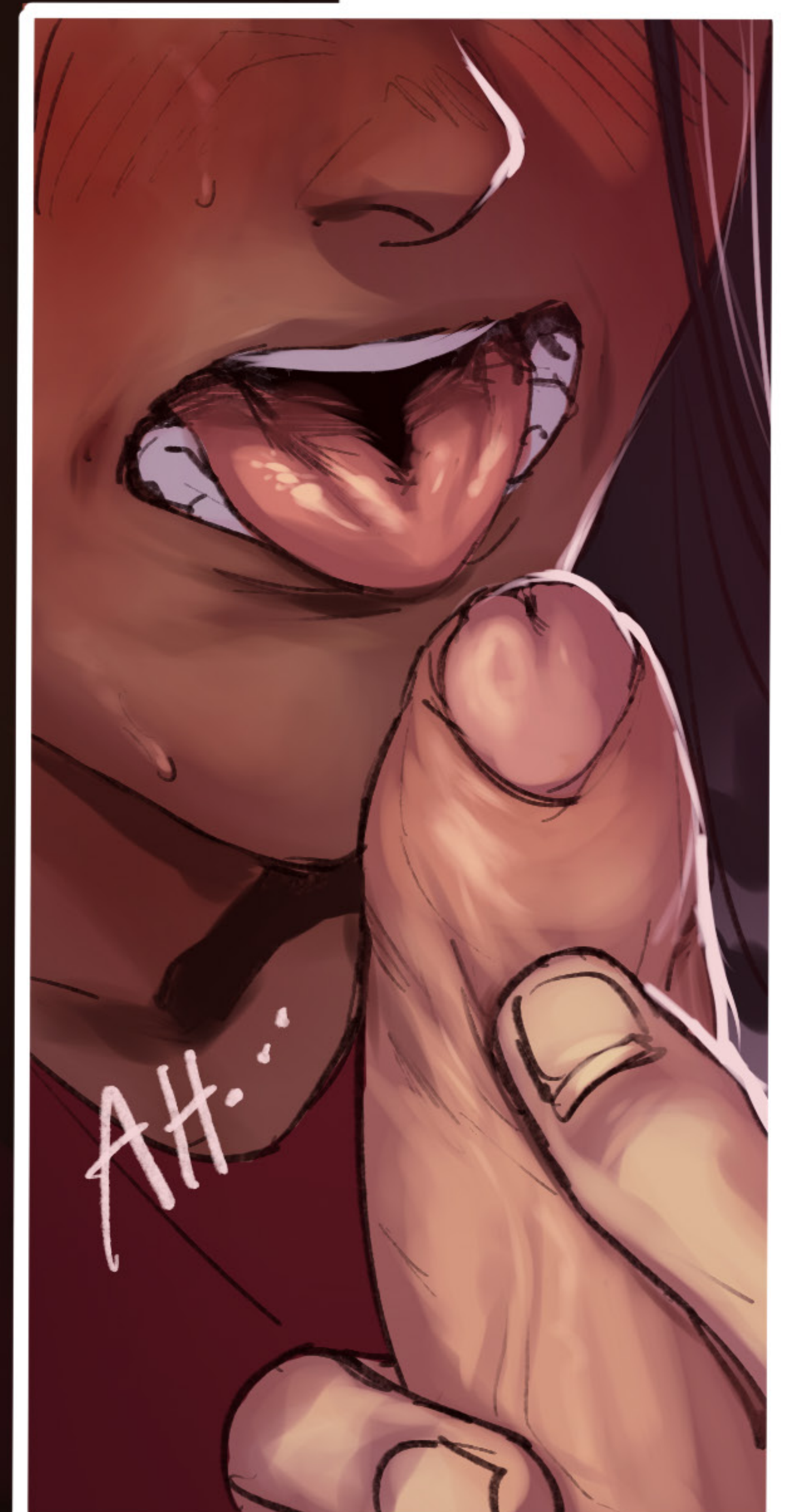
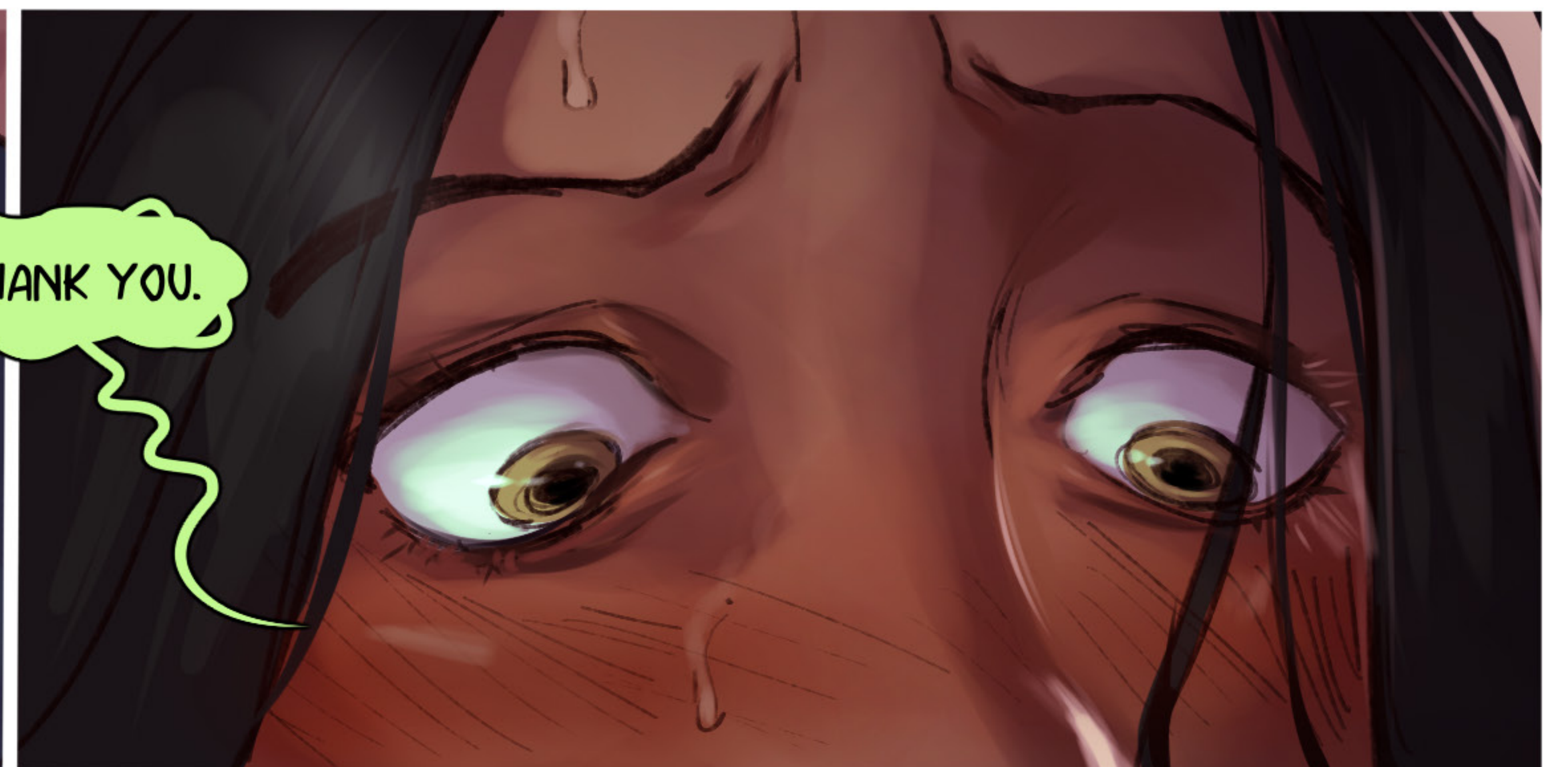
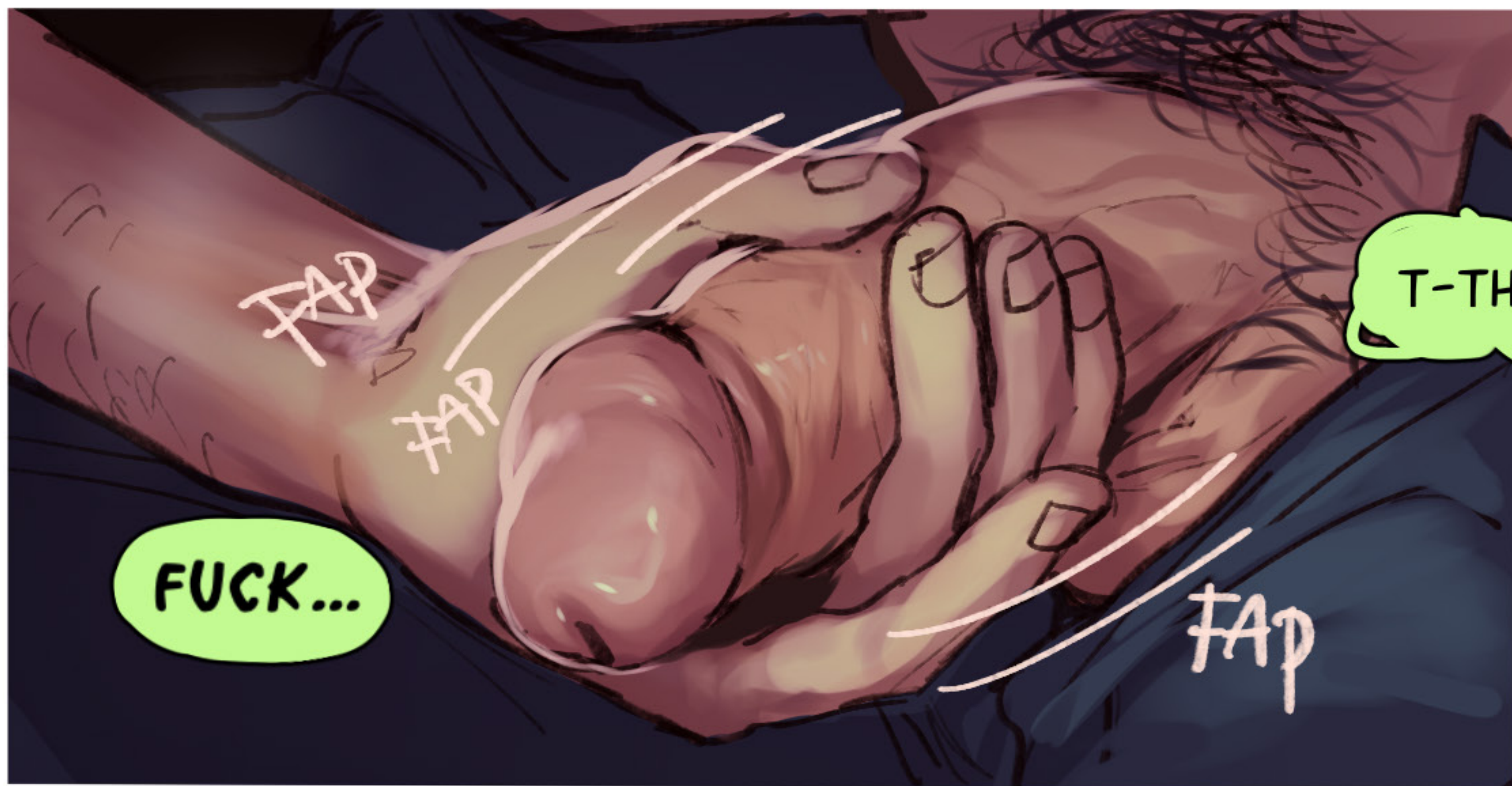


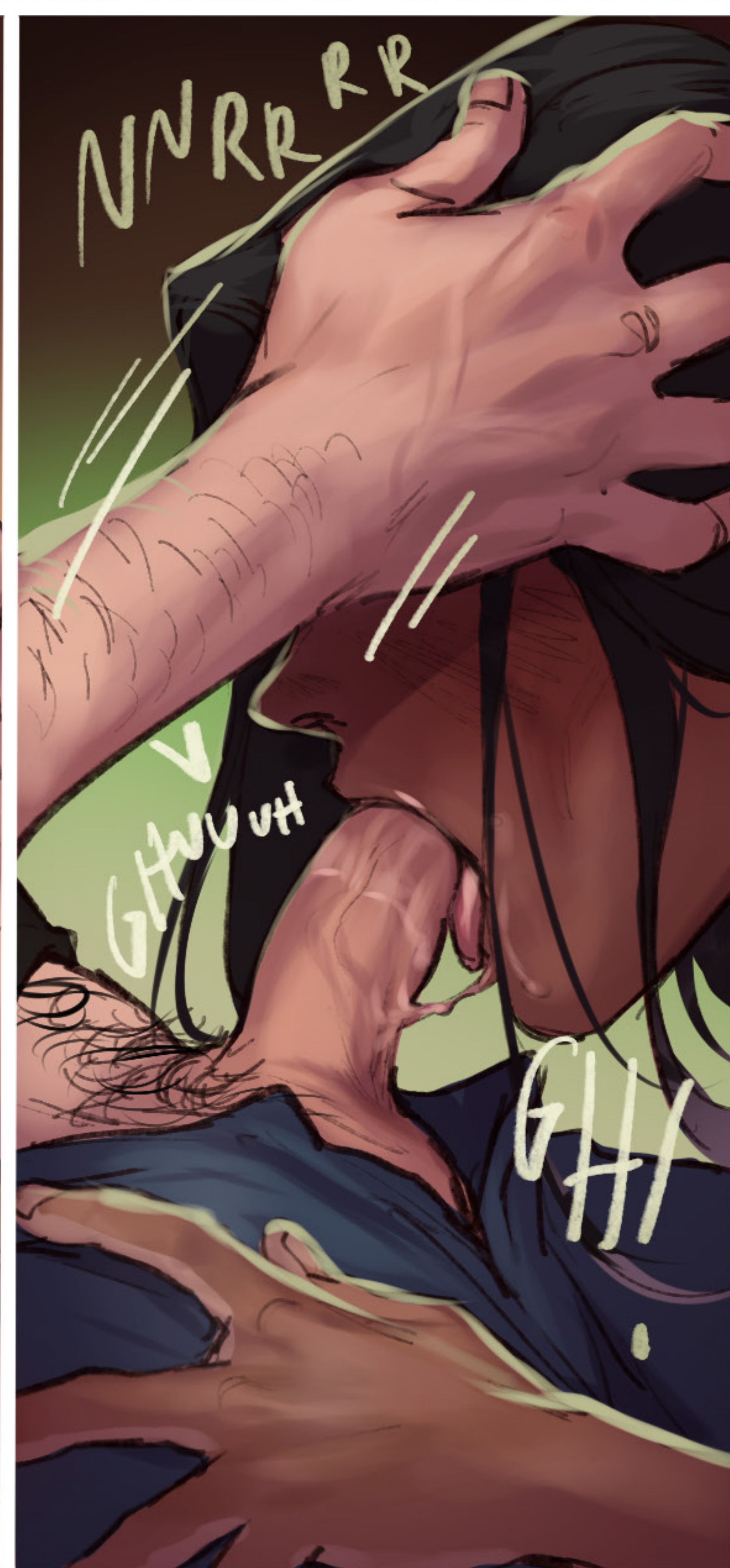
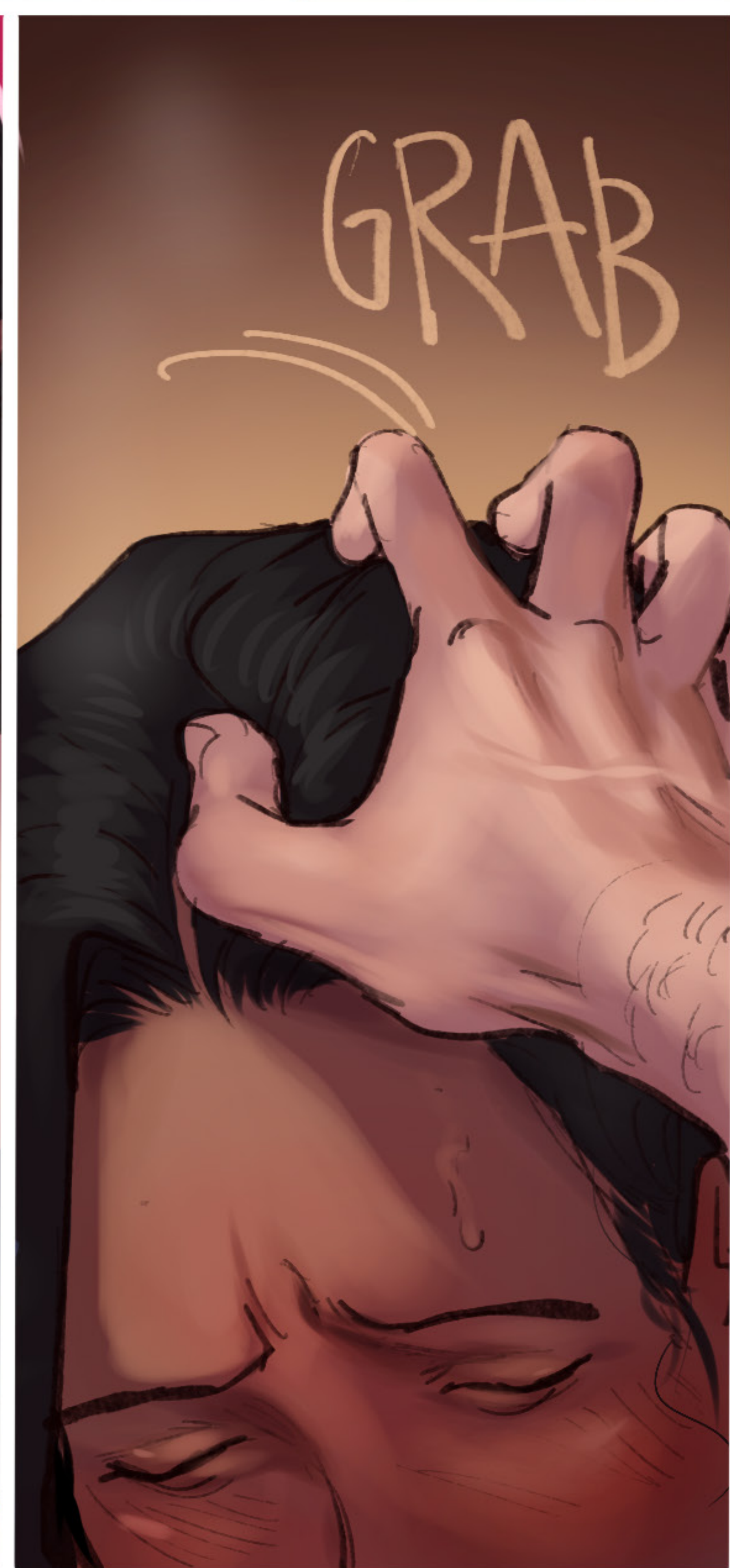
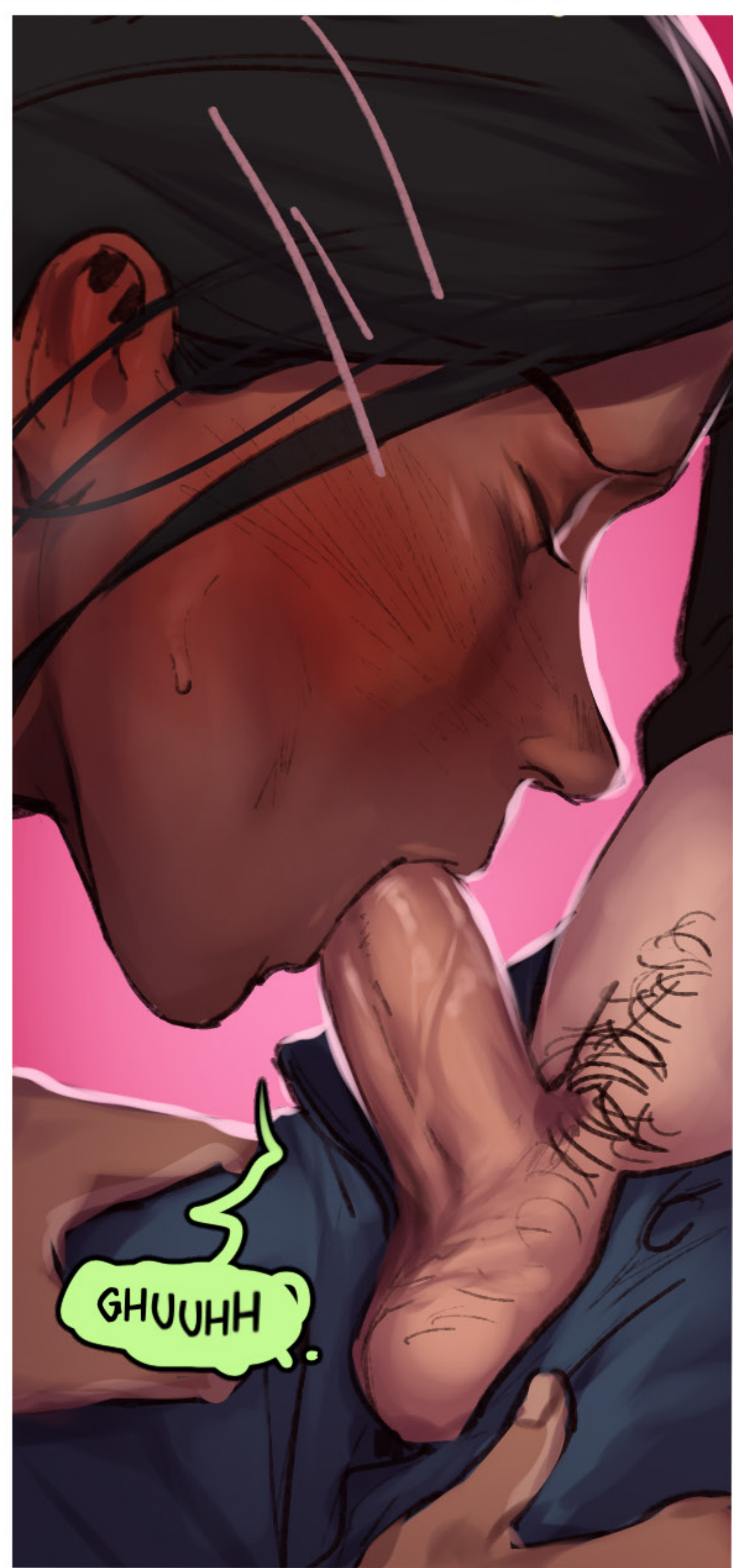
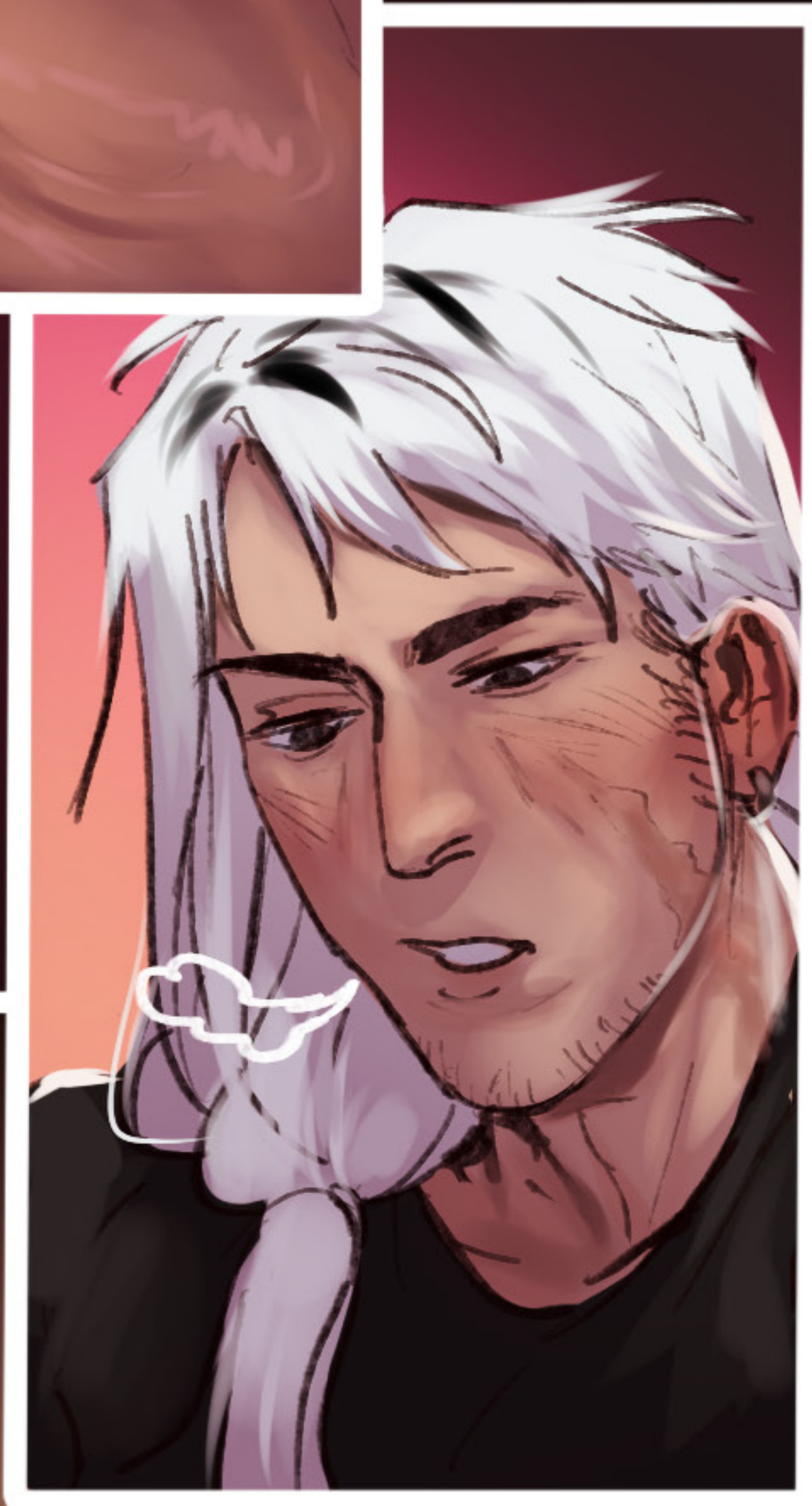
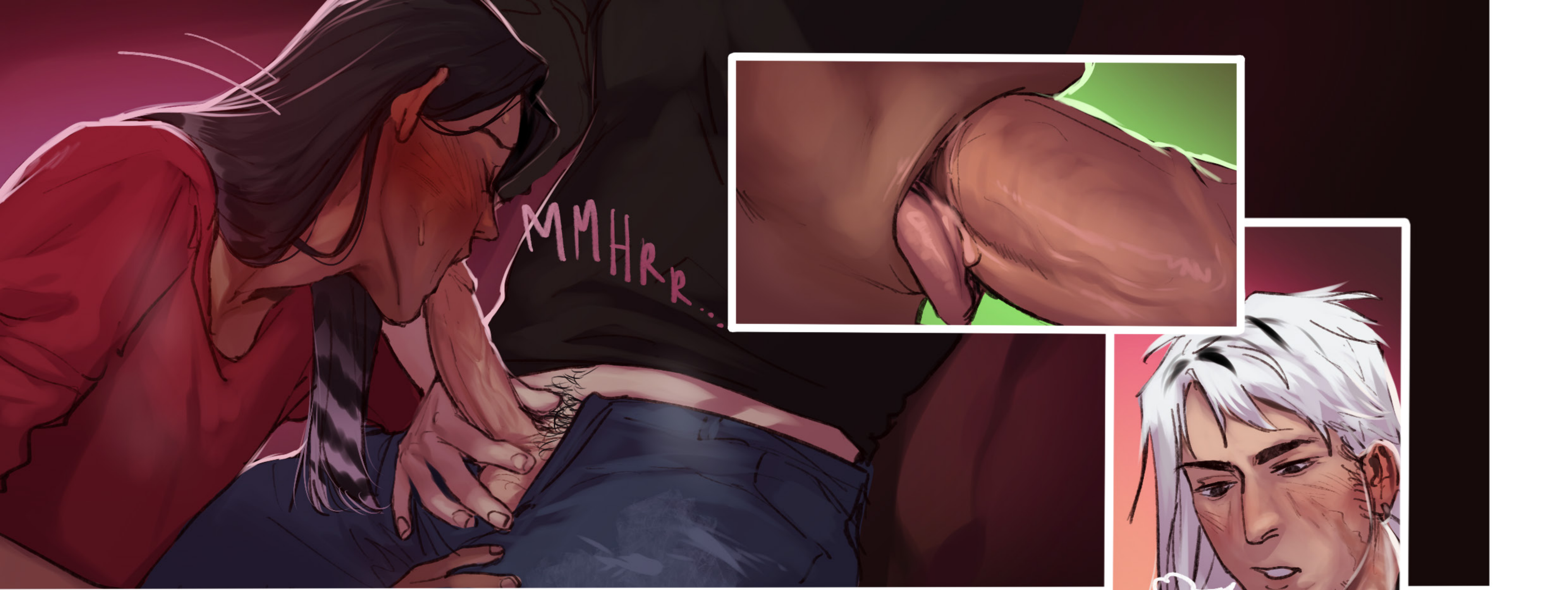
...MAKE ME.



HM...









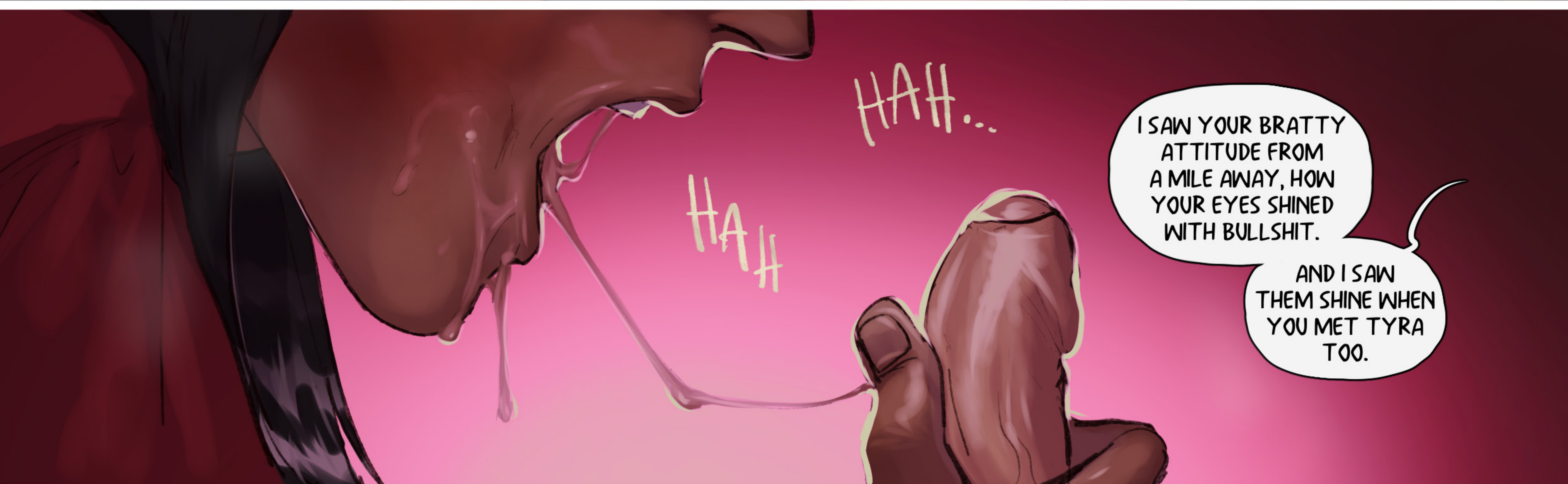
WANT TO
KNOW WHAT I THINK?

I THINK THAT YOU
WANTED TO BE MY
LITTLE BITCH SINCE
THE FIRST SECOND
WE MET.

NGHA...

SLURP
SHSSP

IT WAS WRITTEN
ALL OVER YOUR FACE,
SO FUCKING LAME.



HAH...

HAH

I SAW YOUR BRATTY
ATTITUDE FROM
A MILE AWAY, HOW
YOUR EYES SHINED
WITH BULLSHIT.

AND I SAW
THEM SHINE WHEN
YOU MET TYRA
TOO.



IS THAT WHAT
TURNS YOU ON?

BEING RUDE
TO PEOPLE?

SO THEY CAN
GO HARD ON YOU?

BEGGING DADDY
FOR FUCKING
ASS SLAPS?

HAAA...

AAA...

FAP

FAP

SLURP



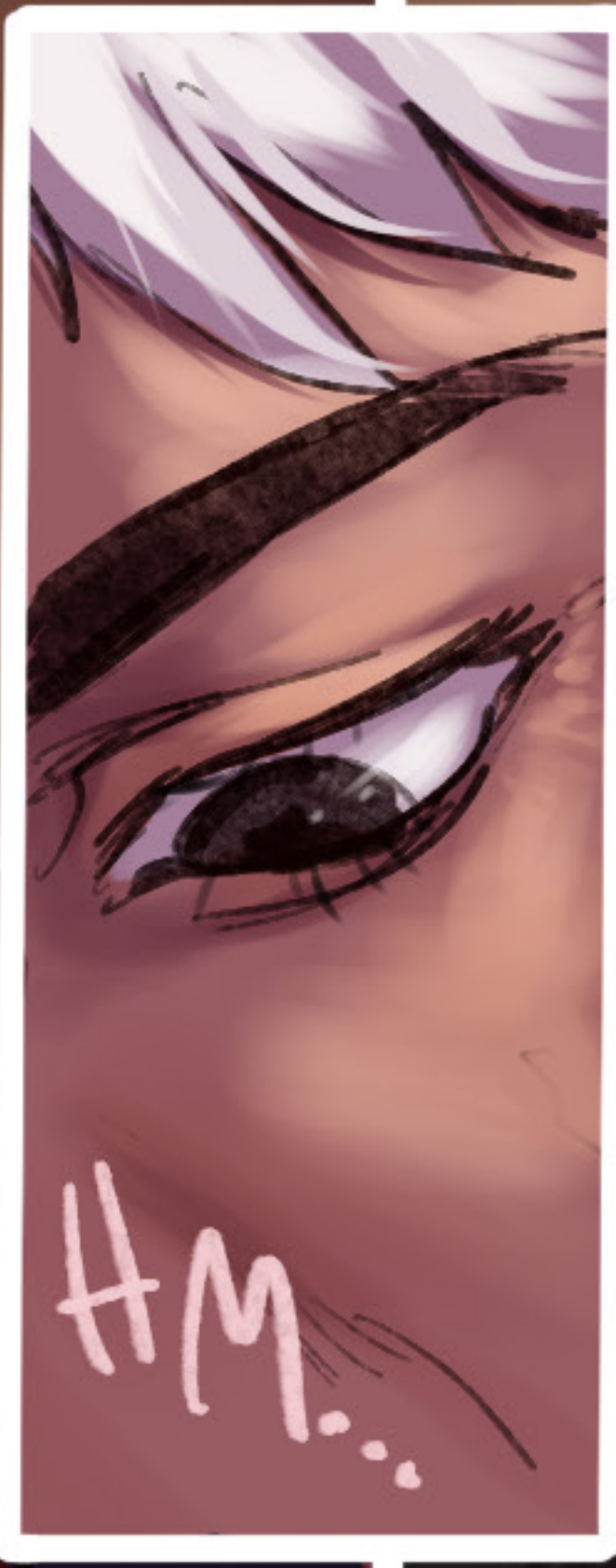
MMHA...

FAP

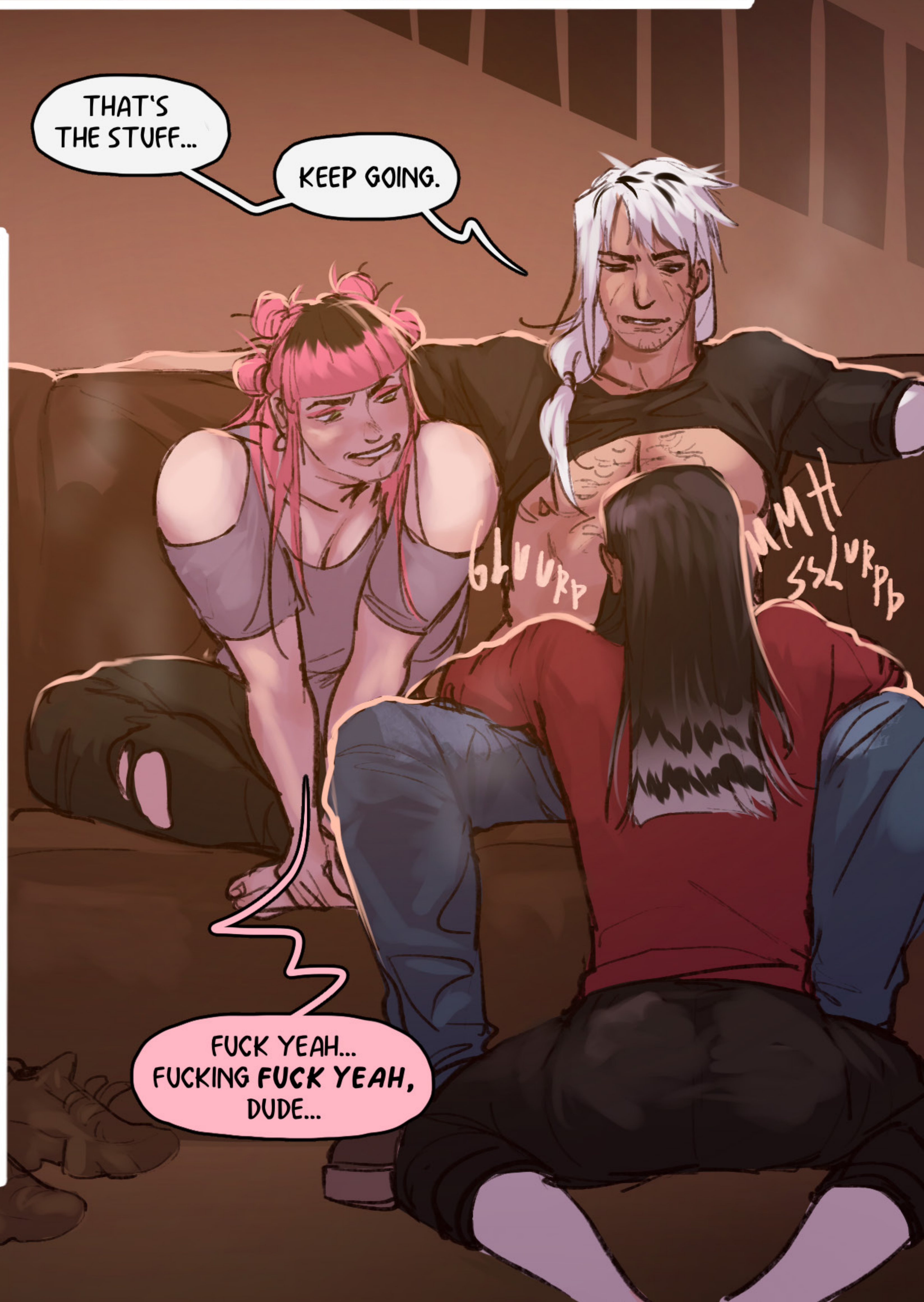
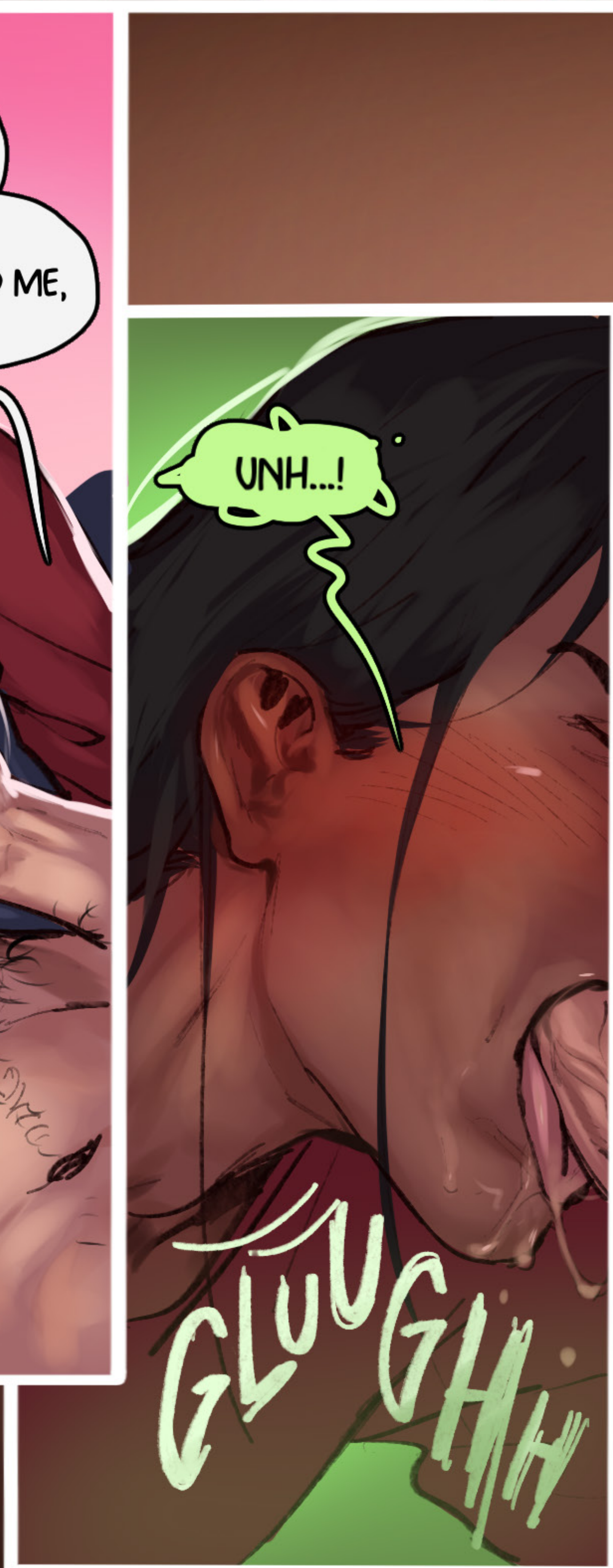
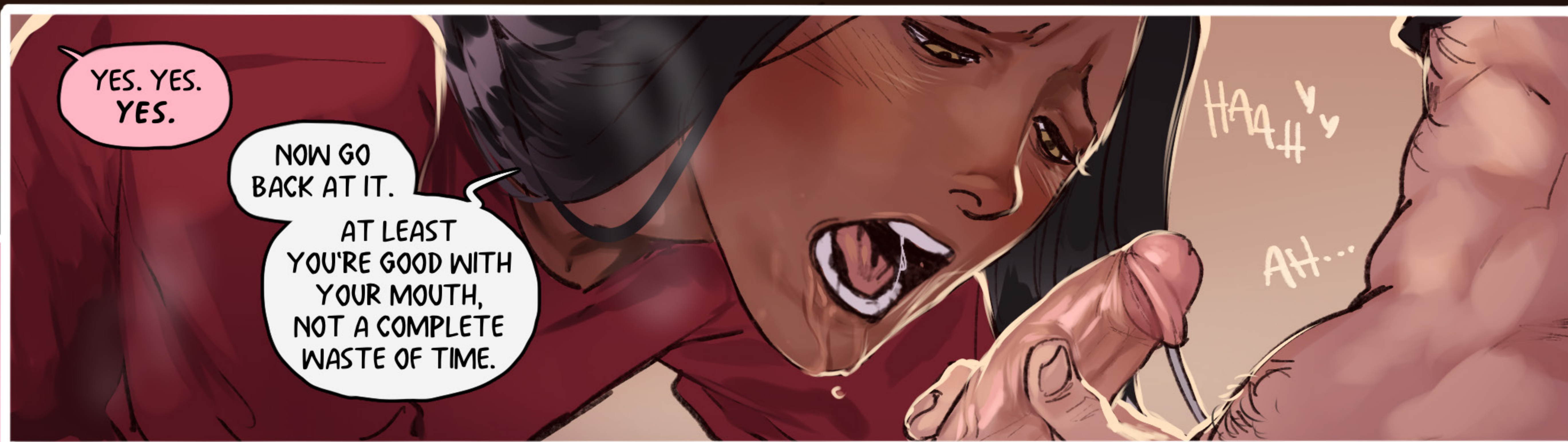
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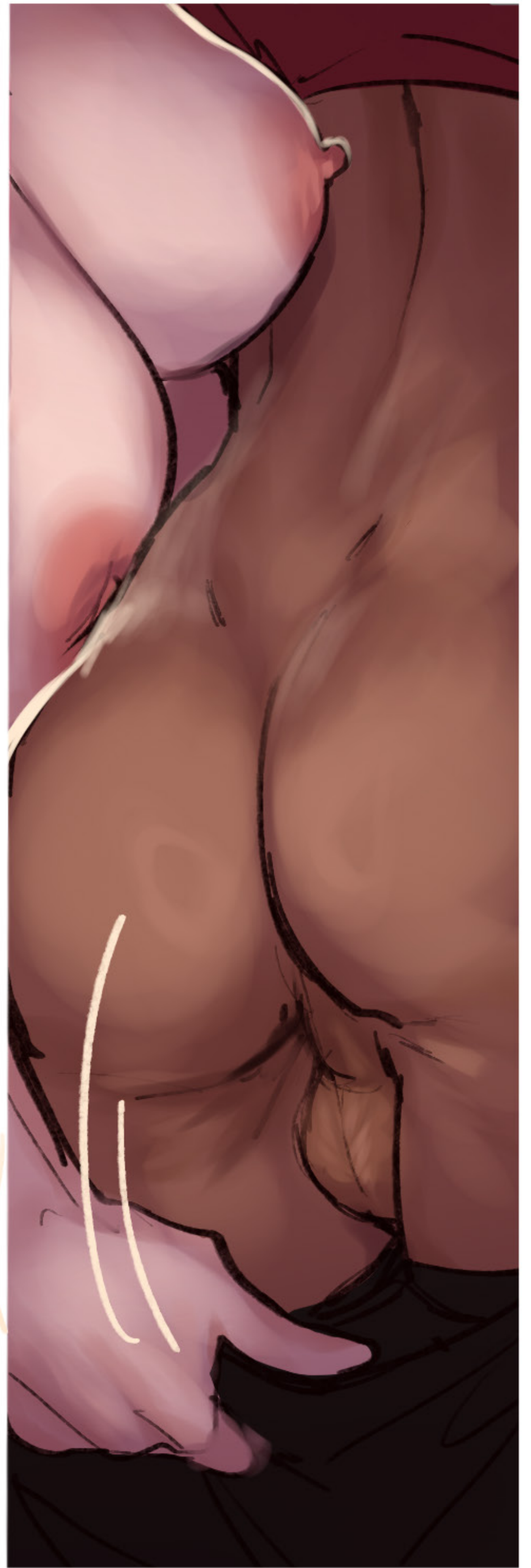
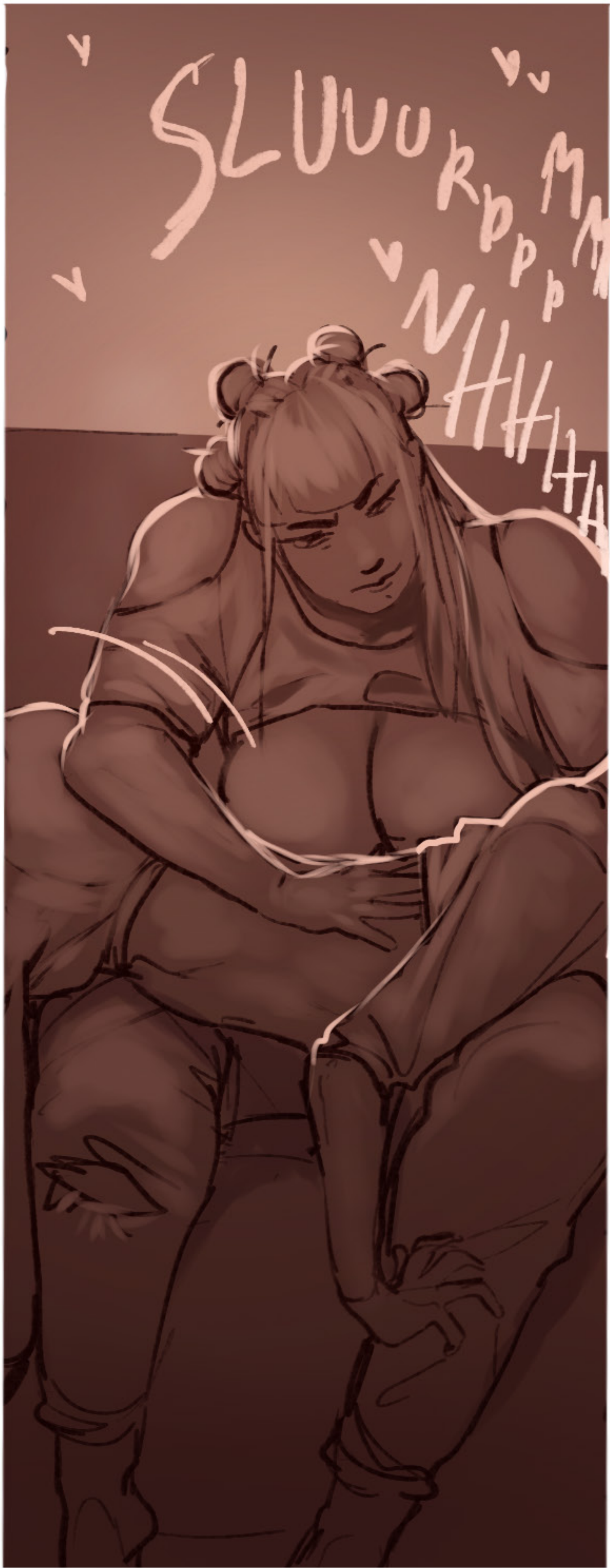
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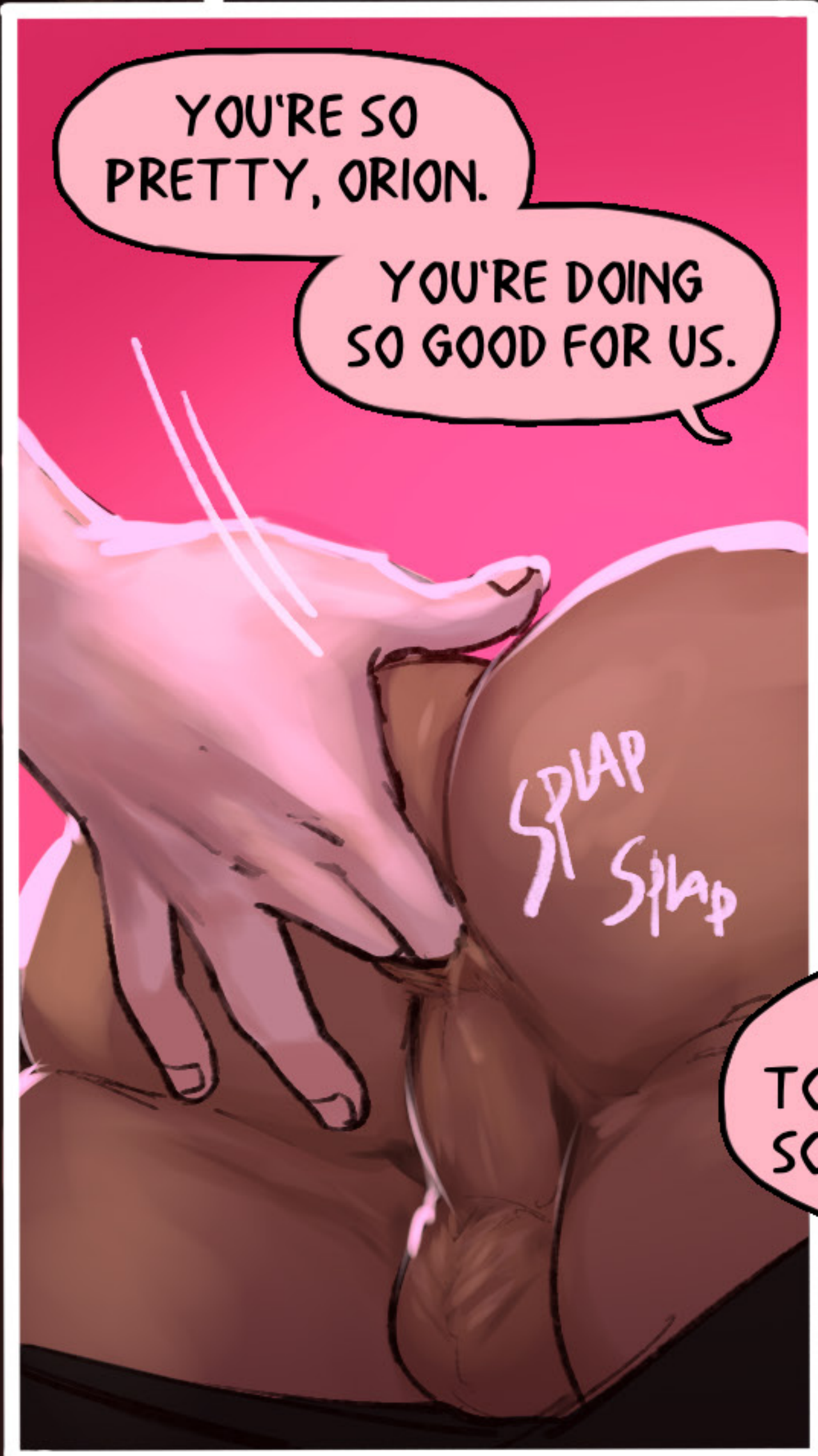
HM...





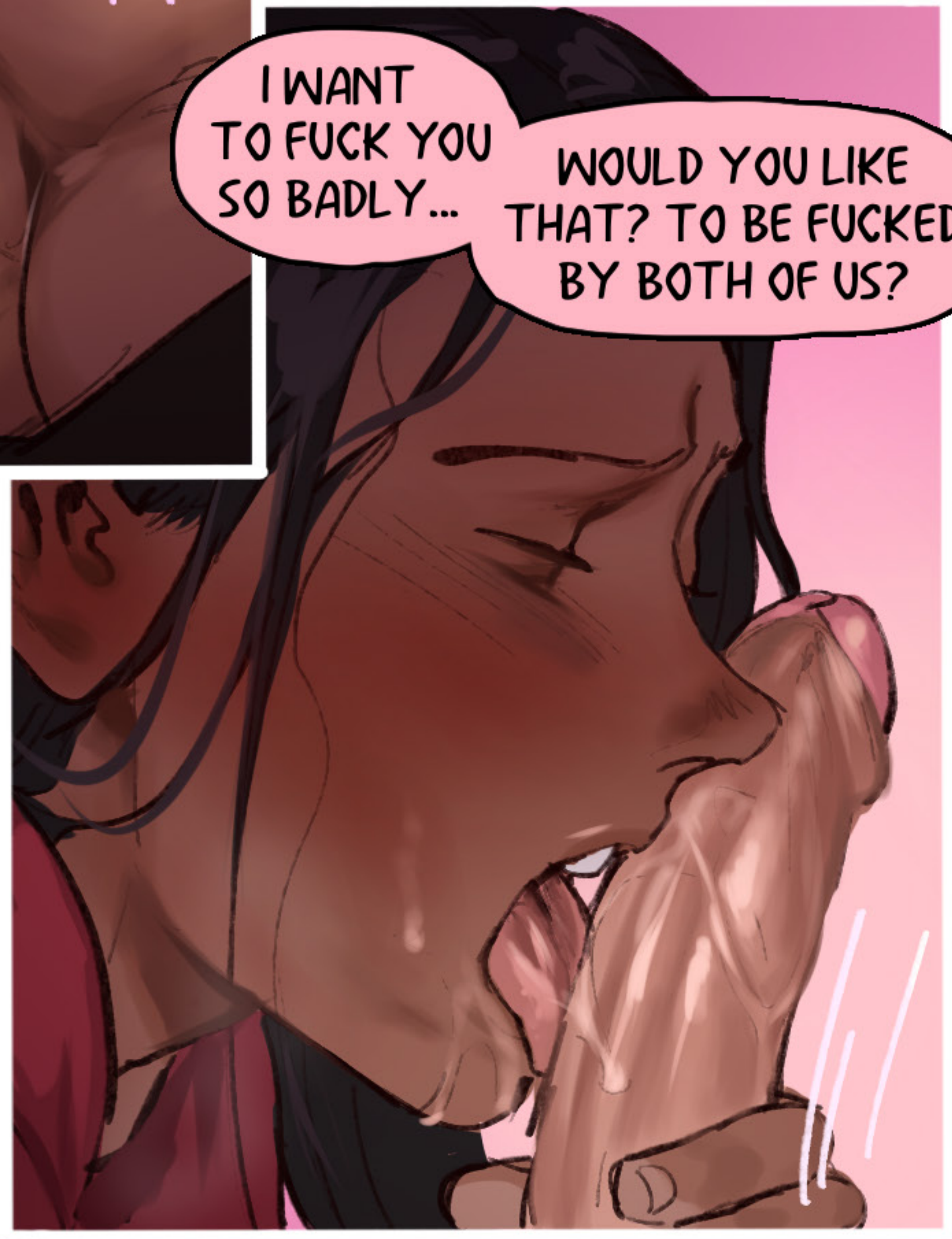


GOOD BOY.



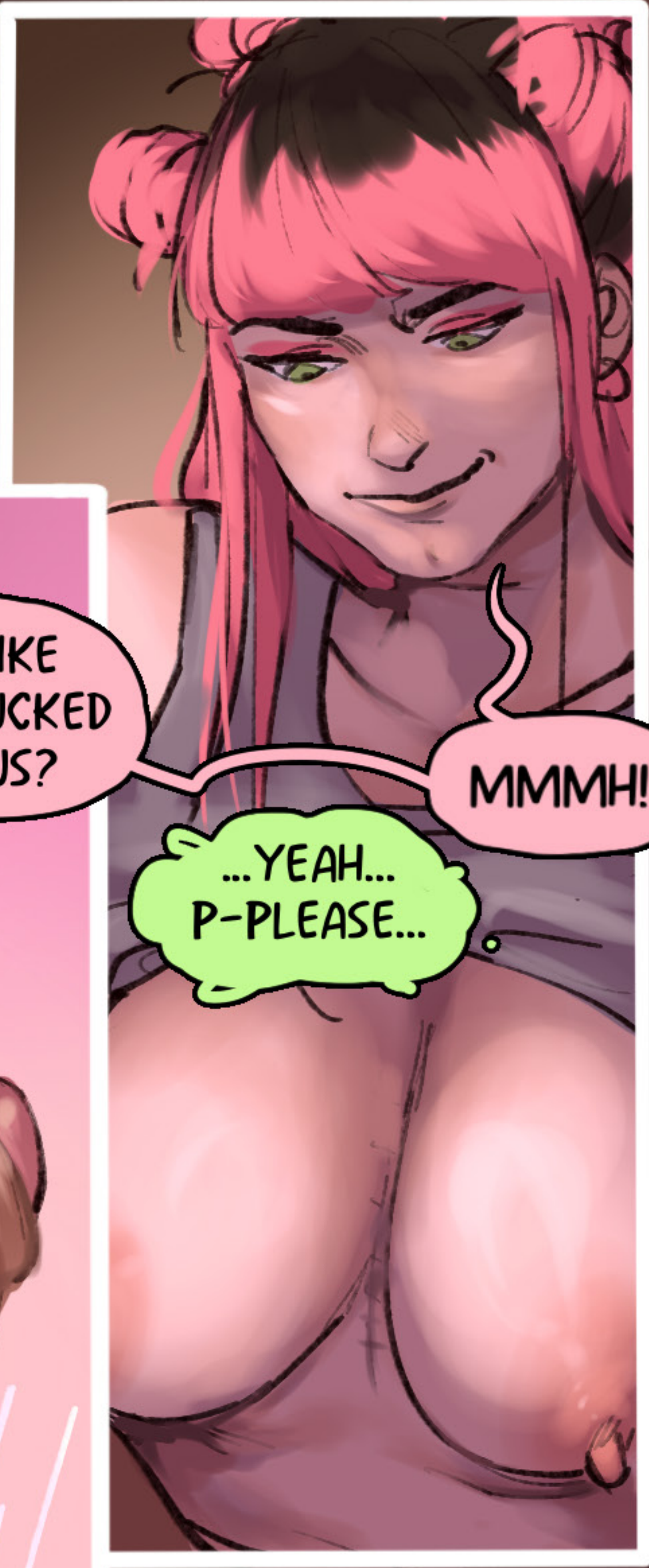
YOU'RE SO PRETTY, ORION.

YOU'RE DOING SO GOOD FOR US.



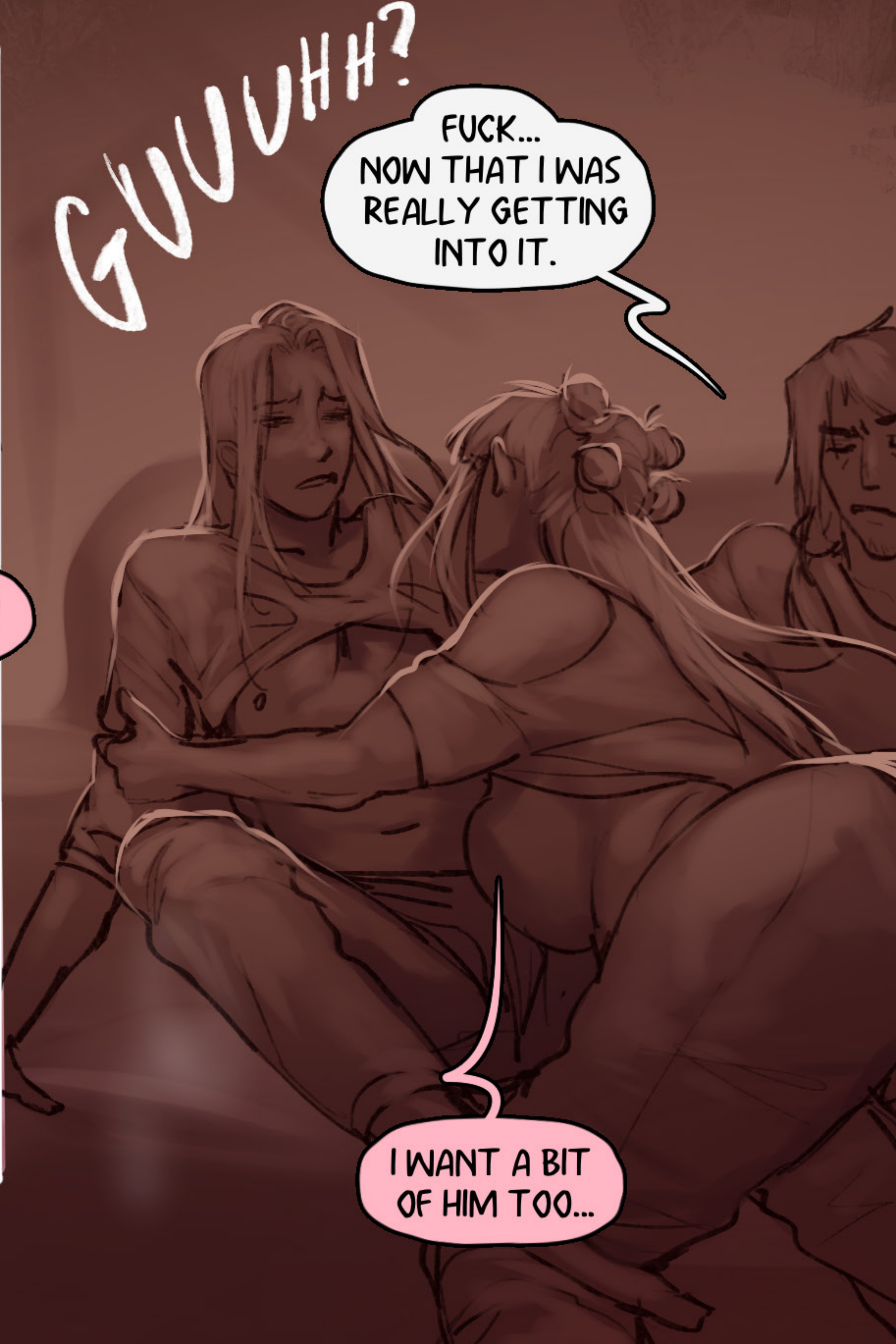
I WANT TO FUCK YOU SO BADLY...

WOULD YOU LIKE THAT? TO BE FUCKED BY BOTH OF US?



MMMH!

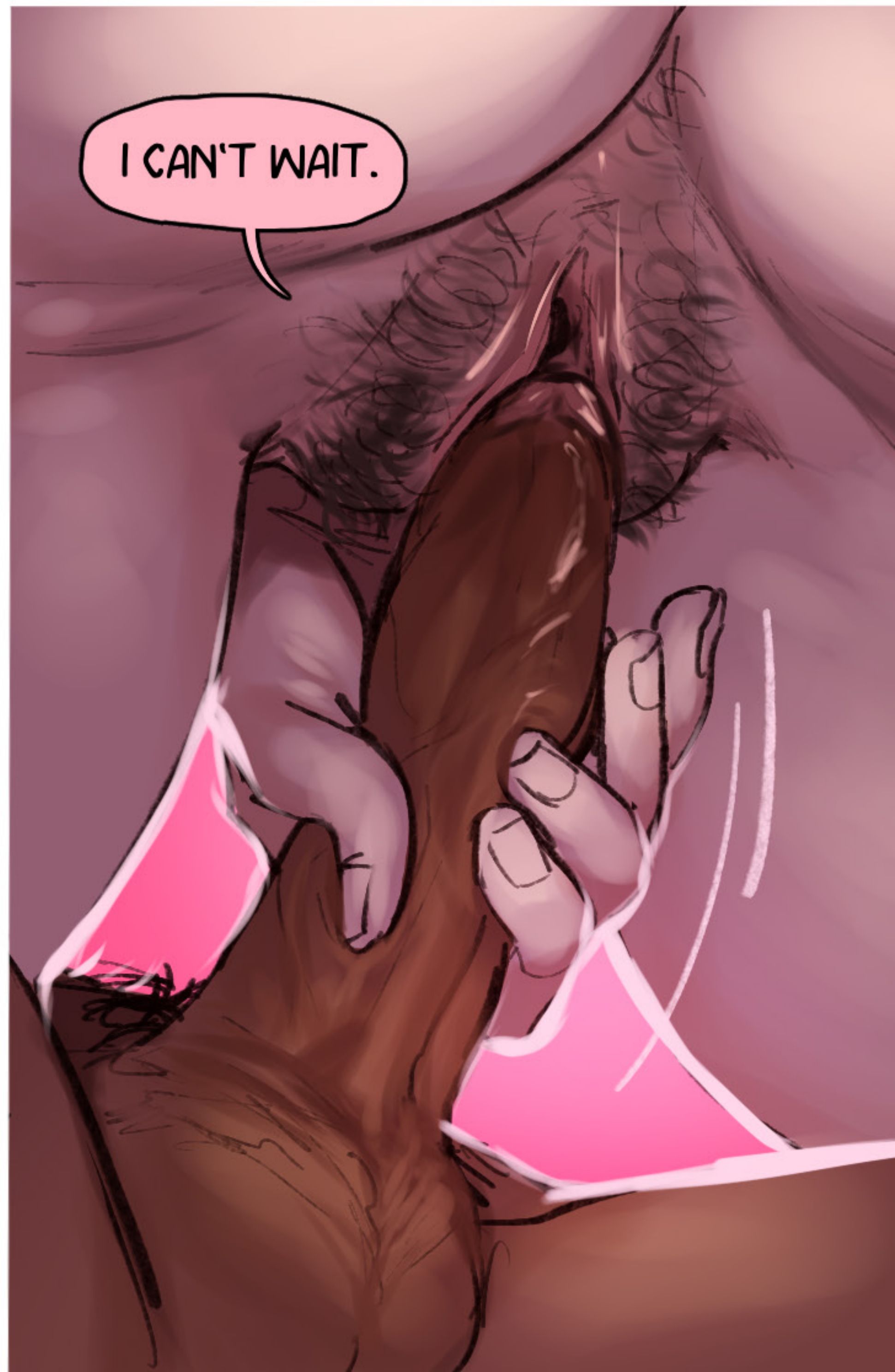
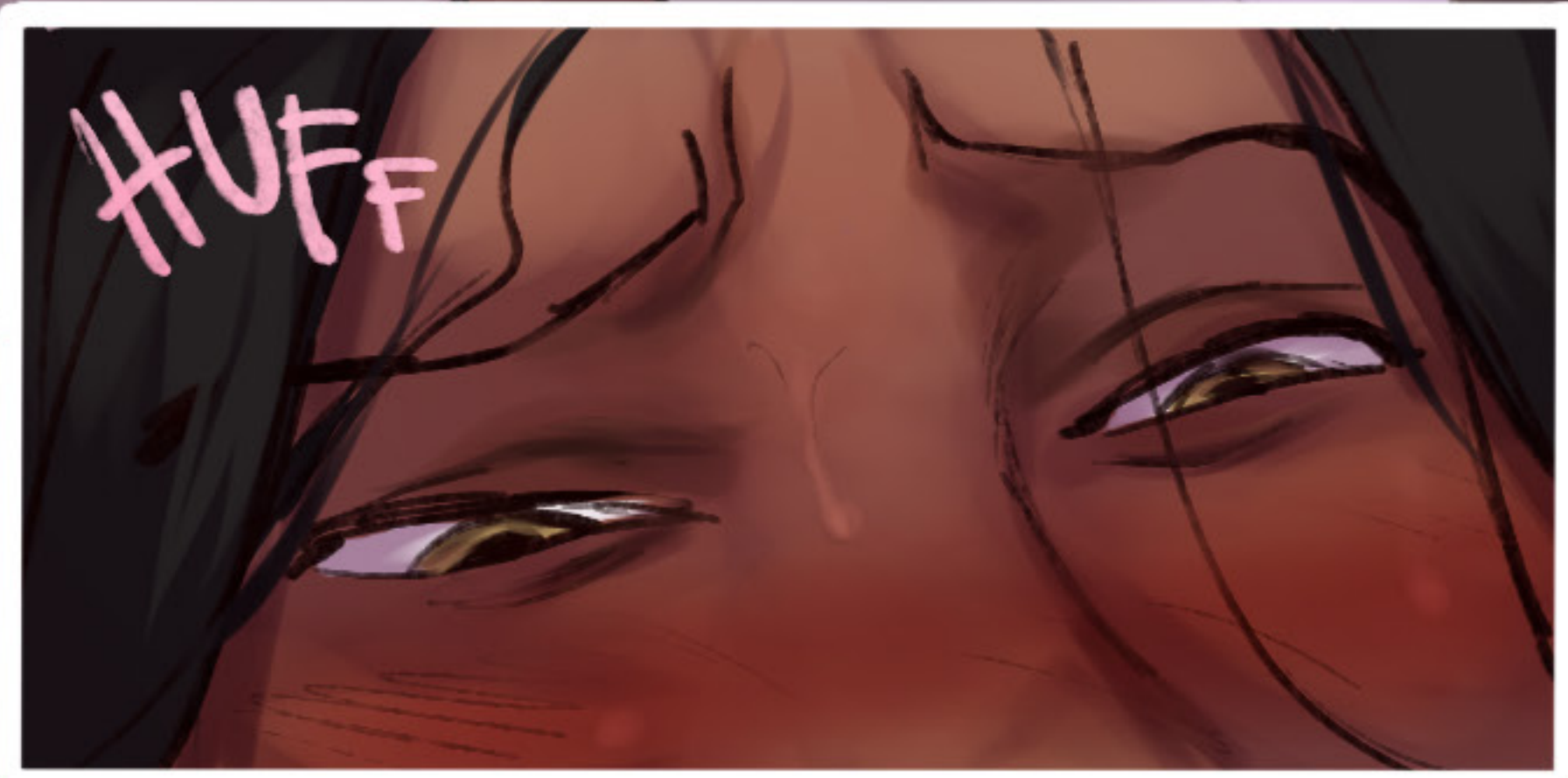
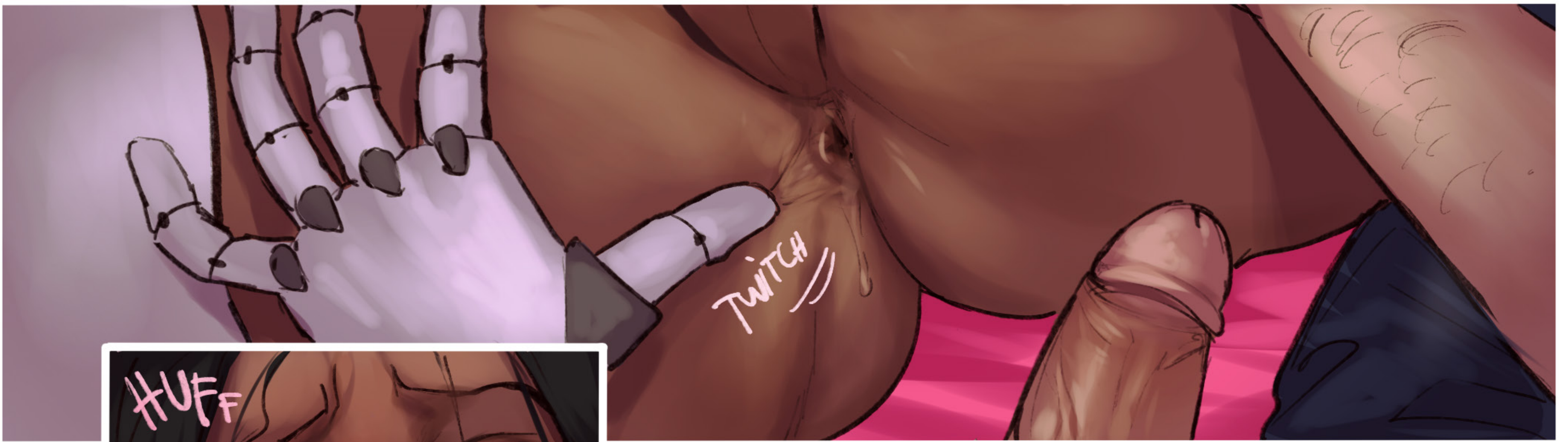
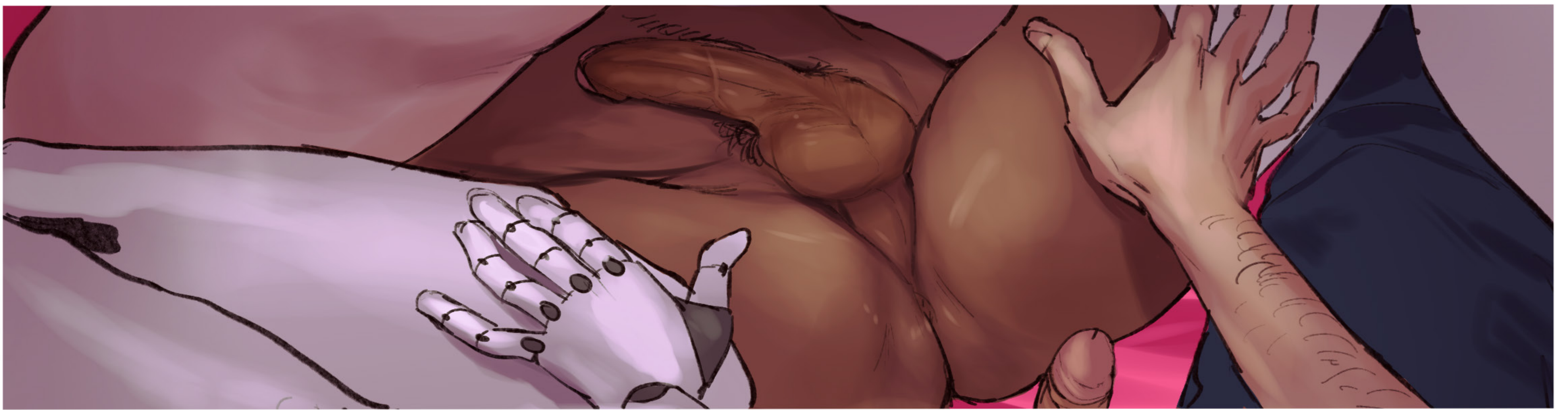
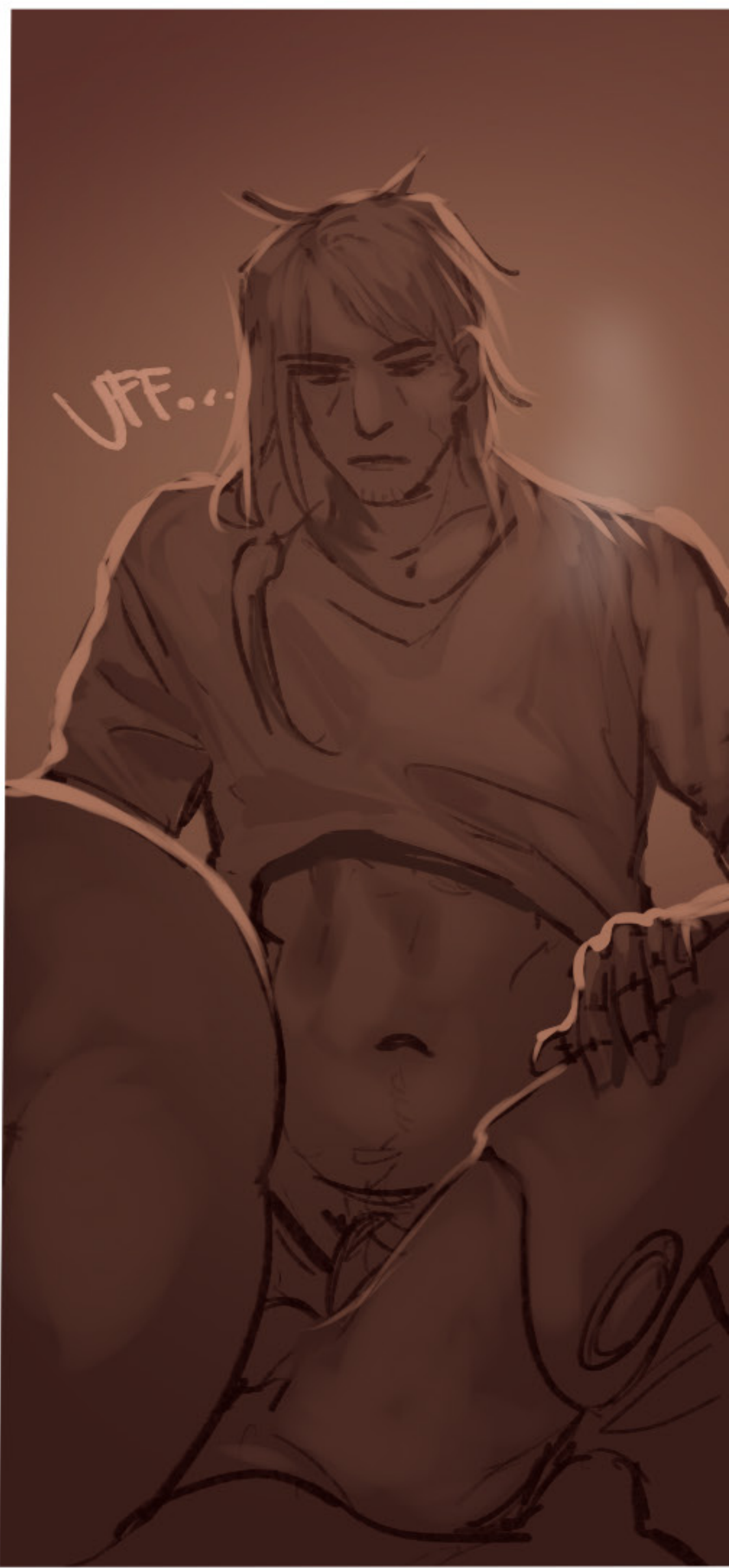
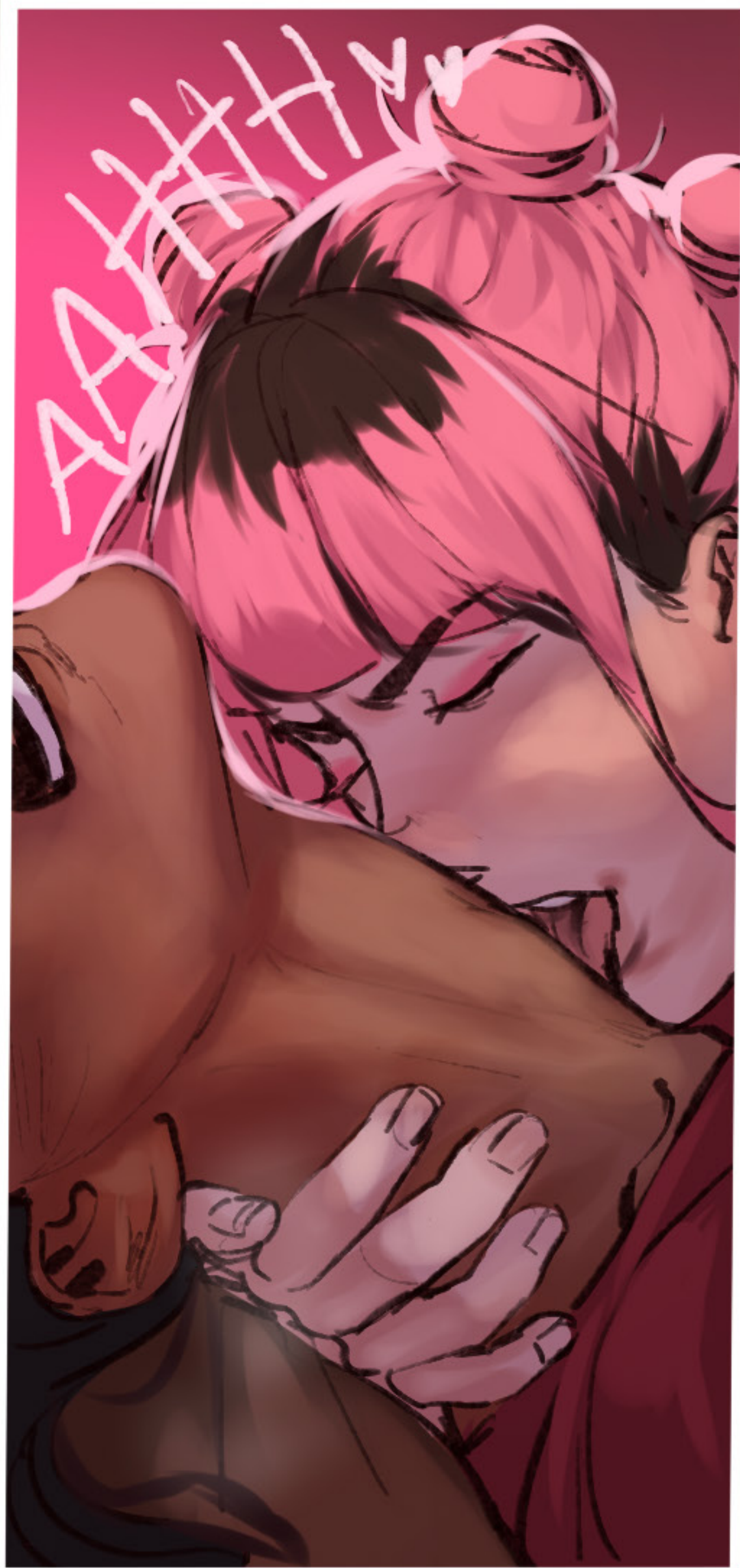
...YEAH... P-PLEASE...

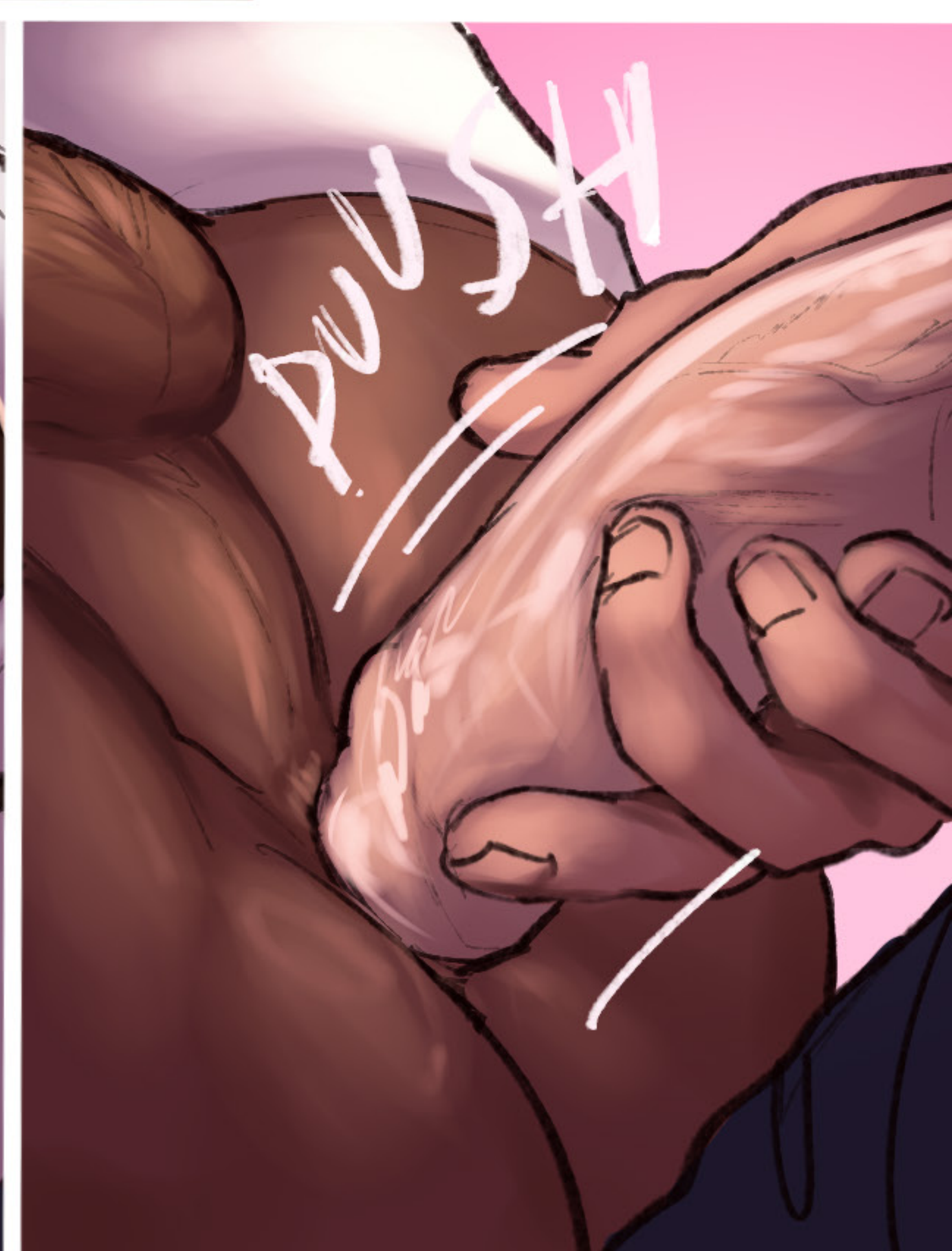
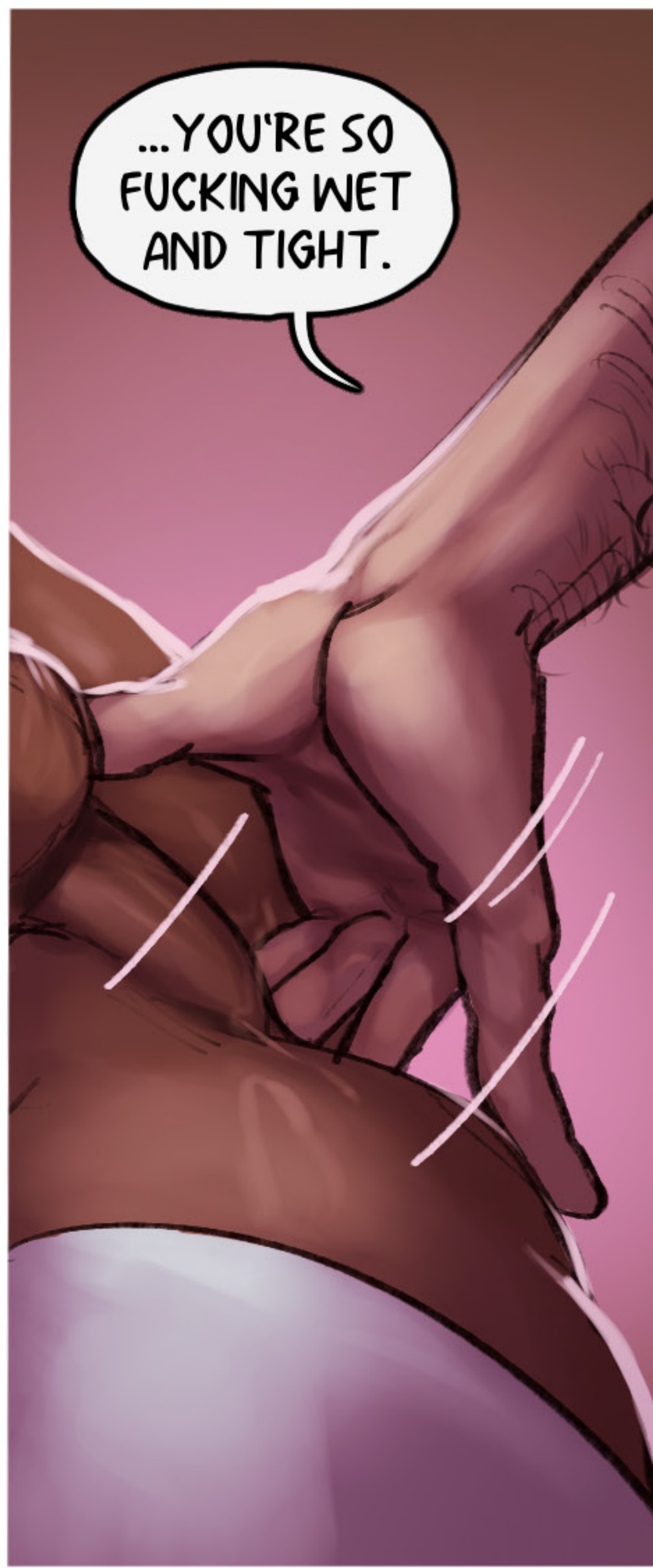
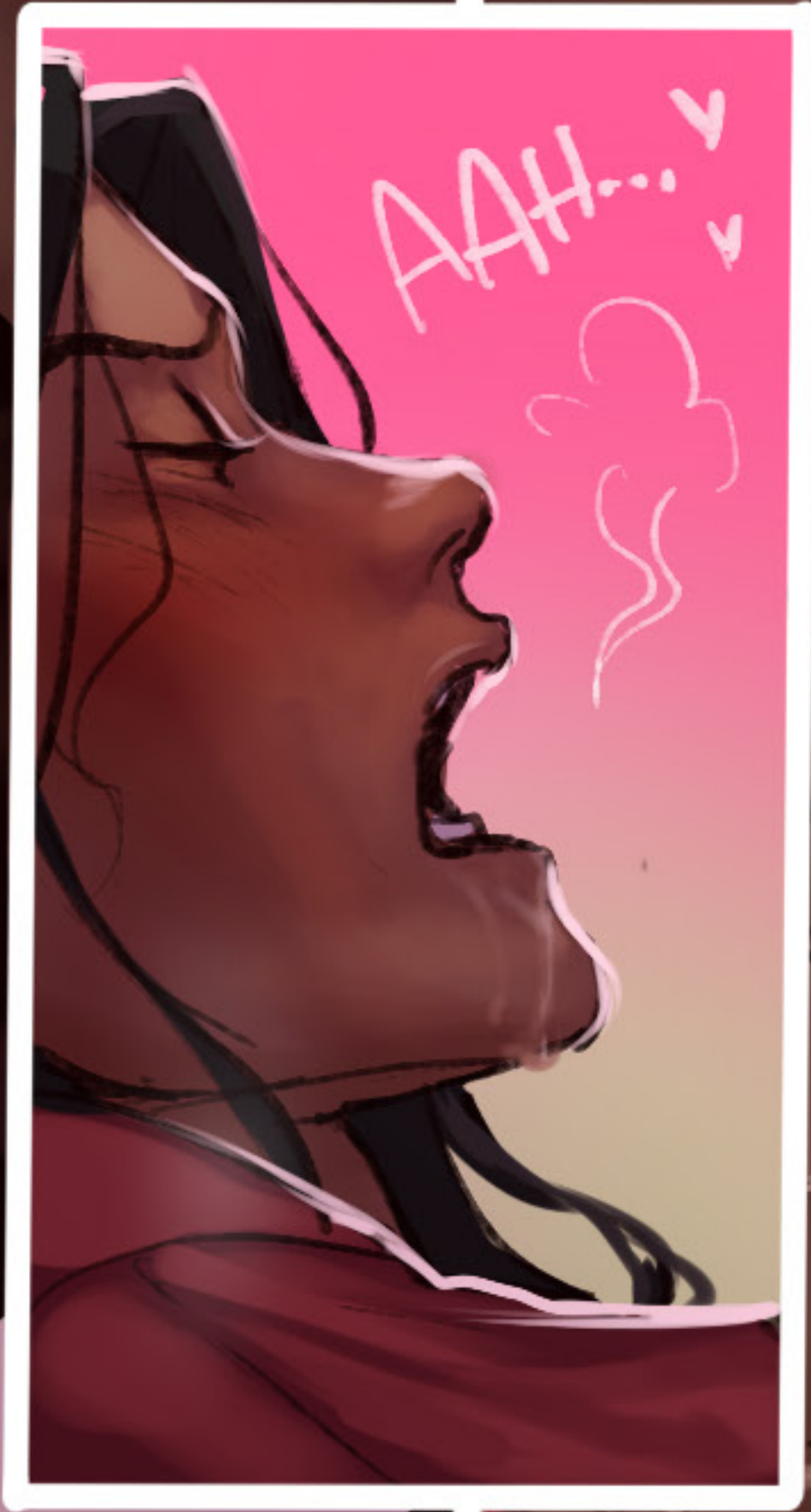


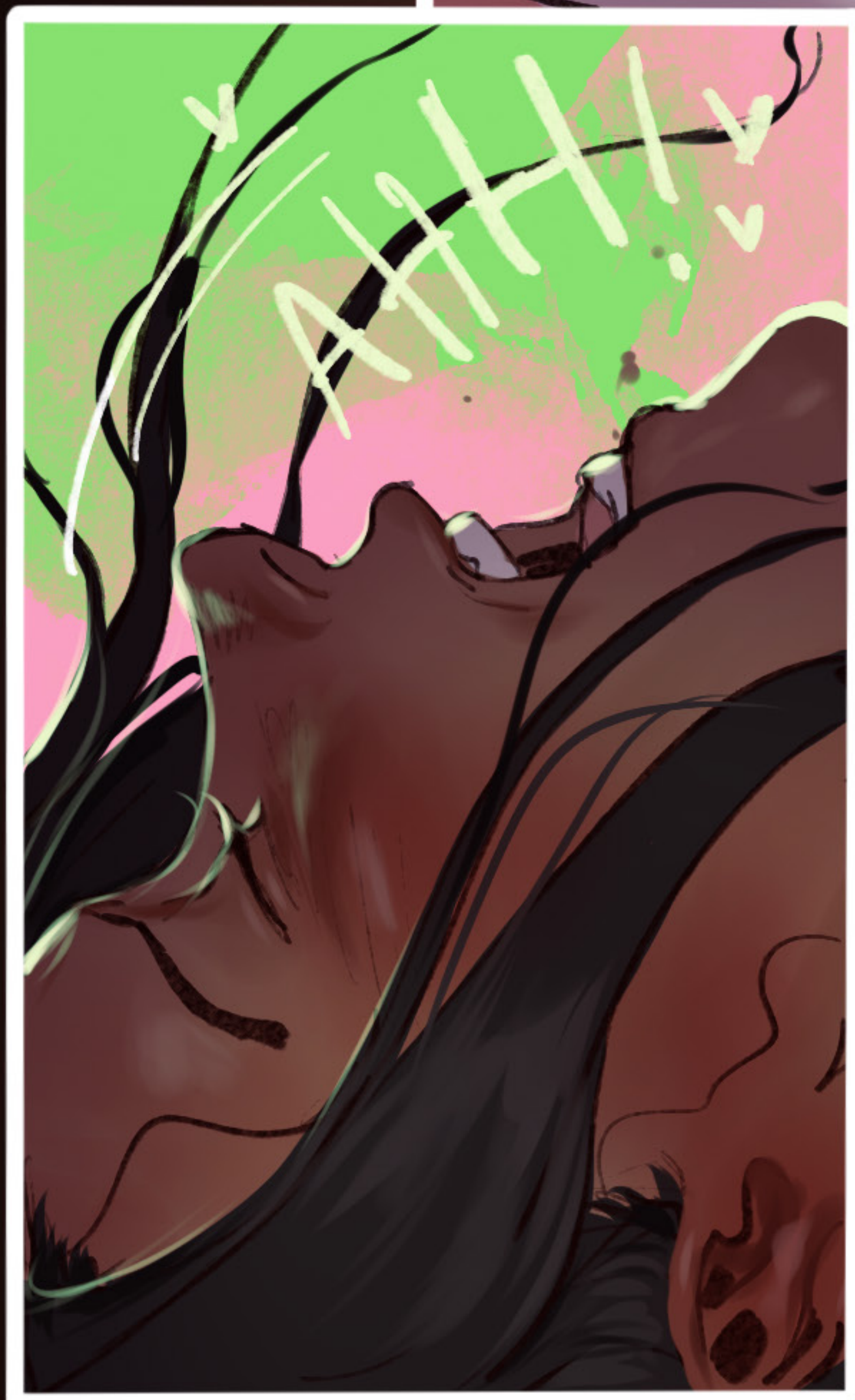
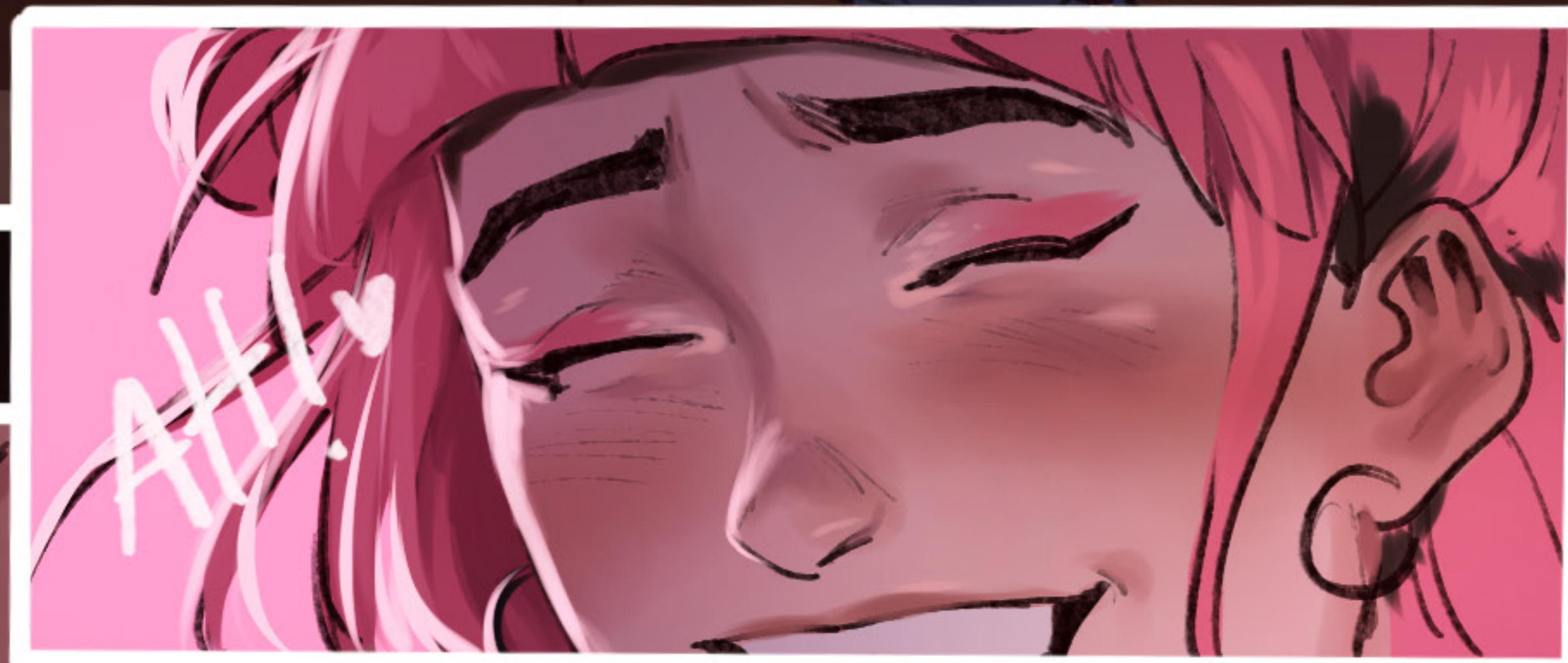
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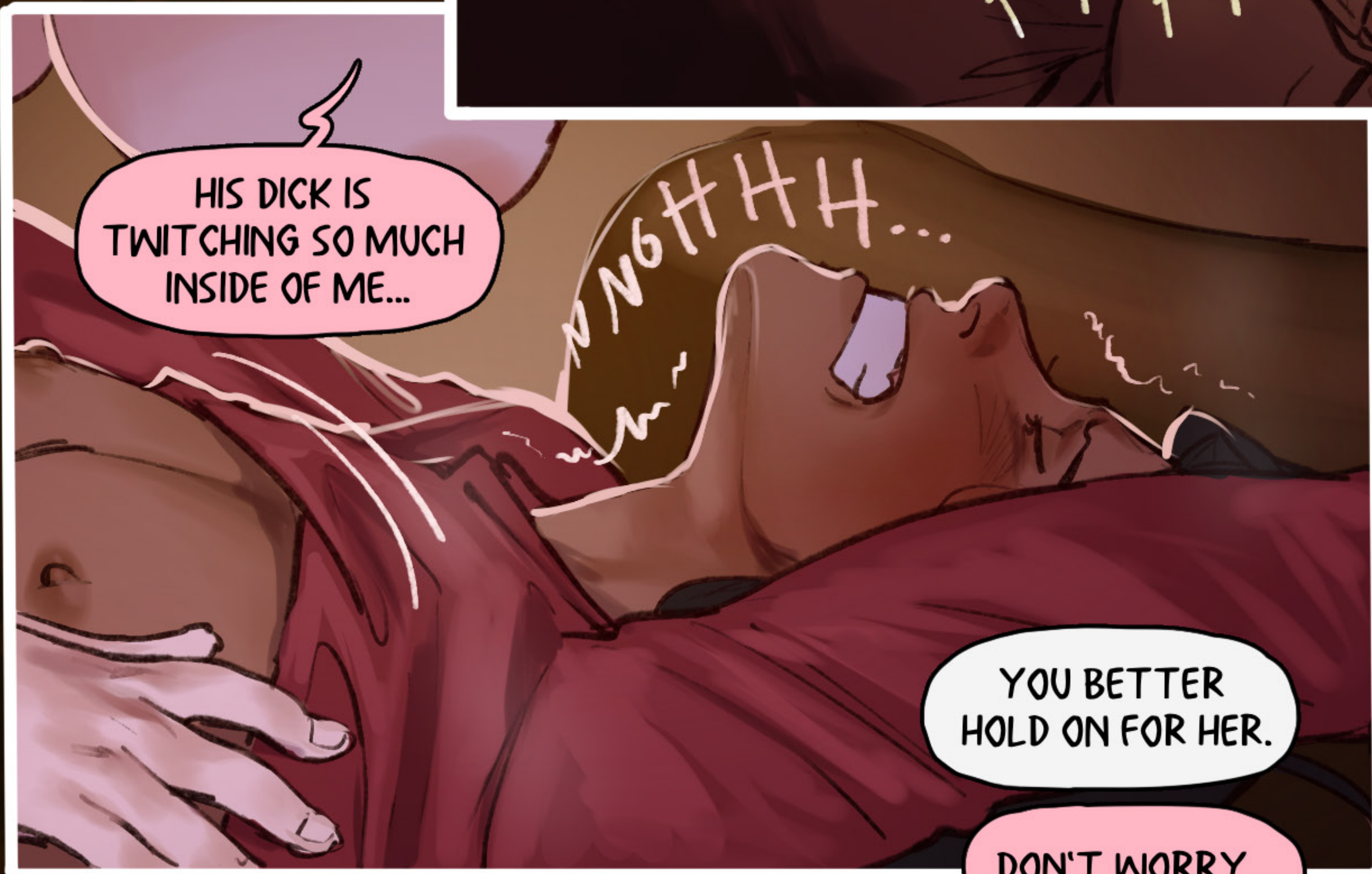
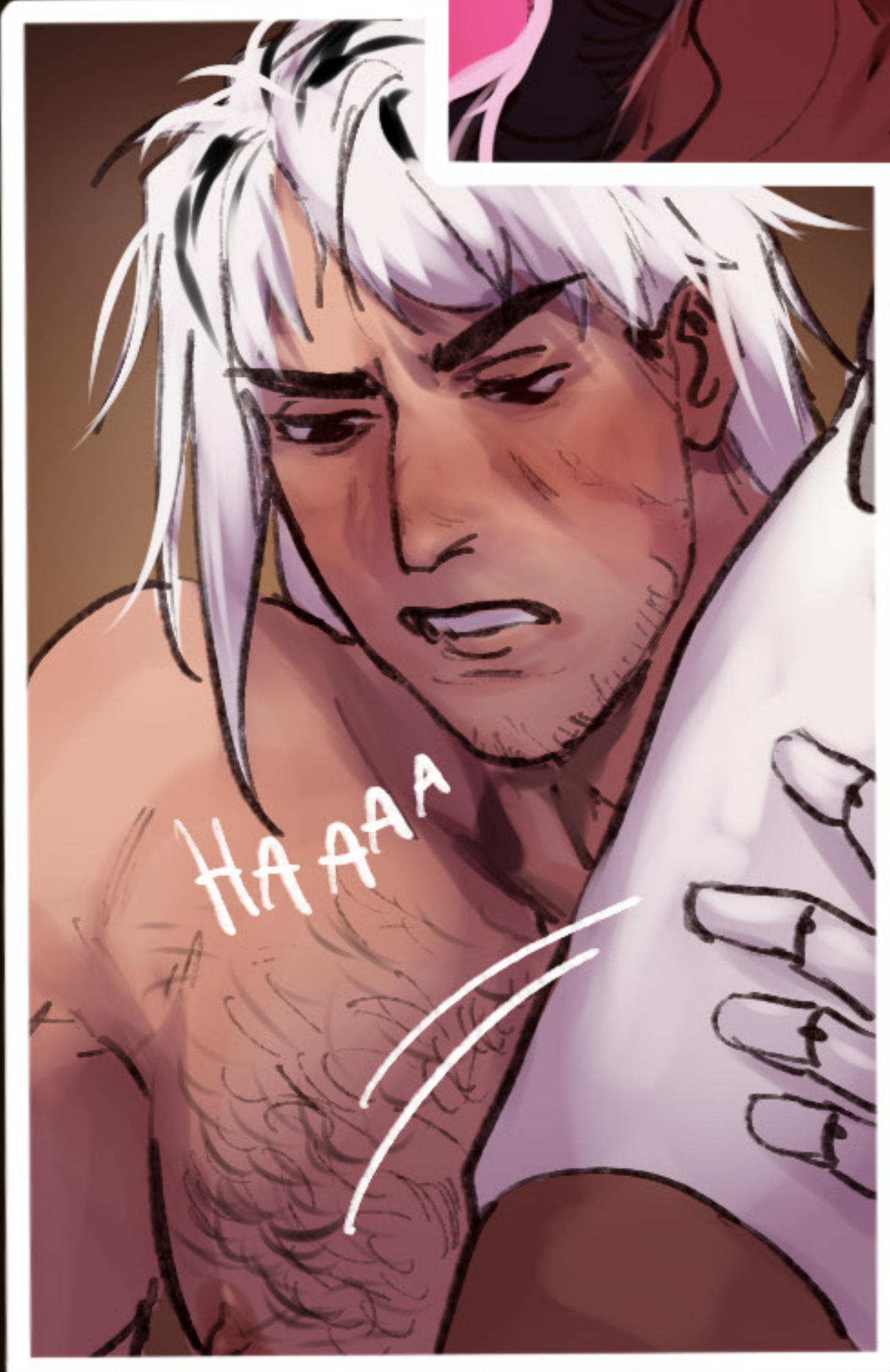
I WANT A BIT OF HIM TOO...

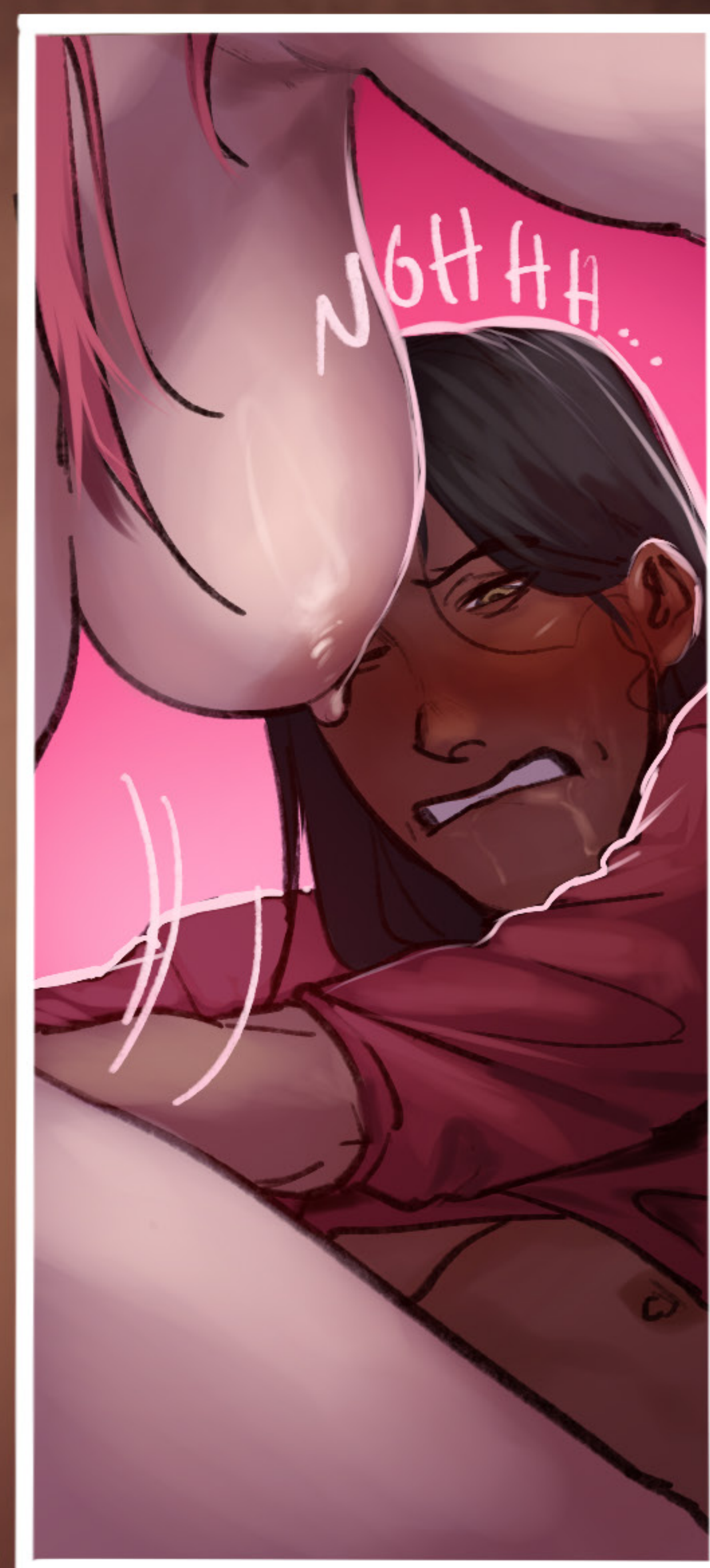
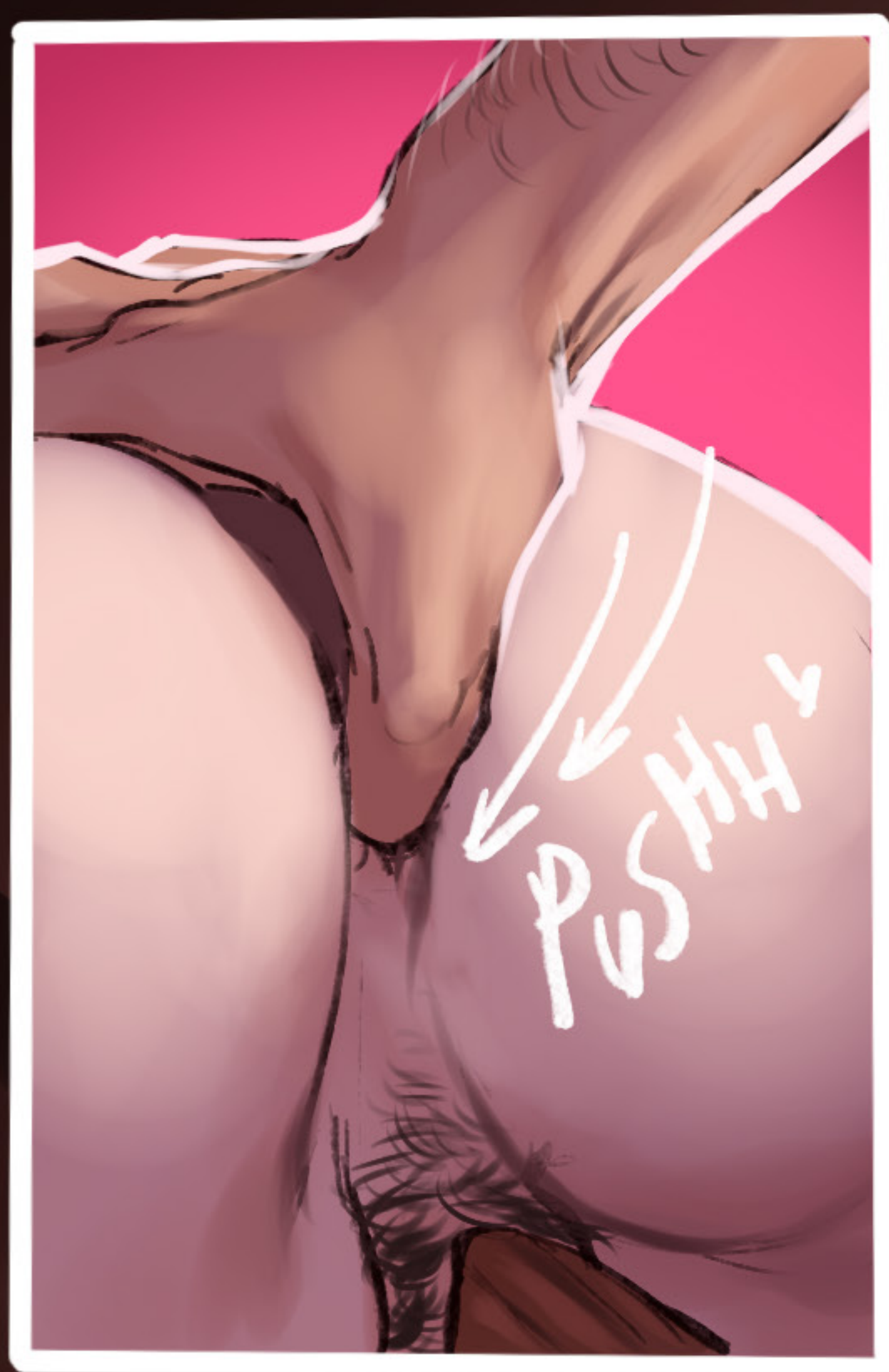
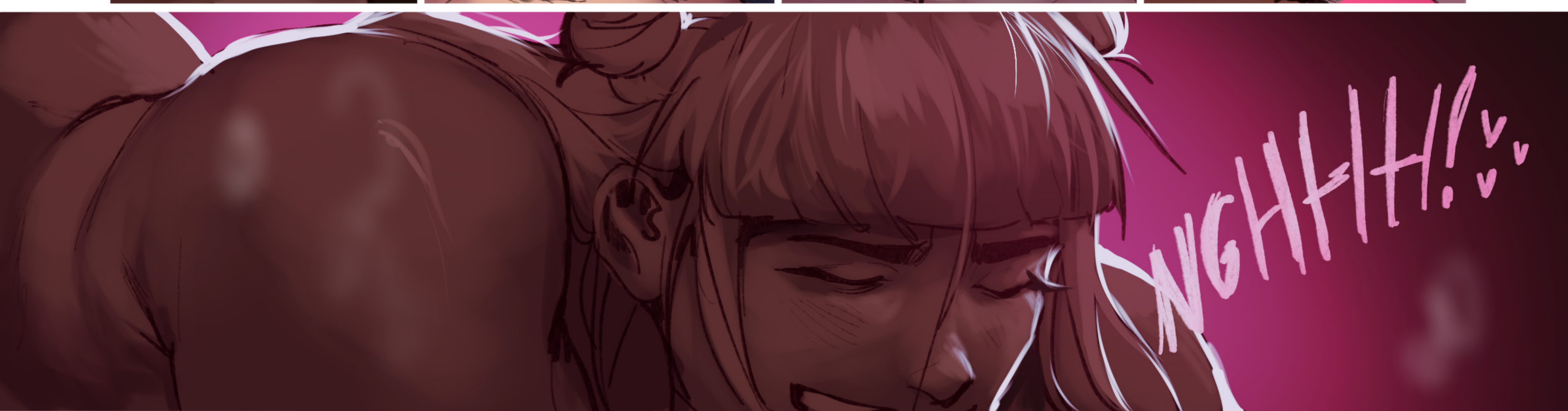
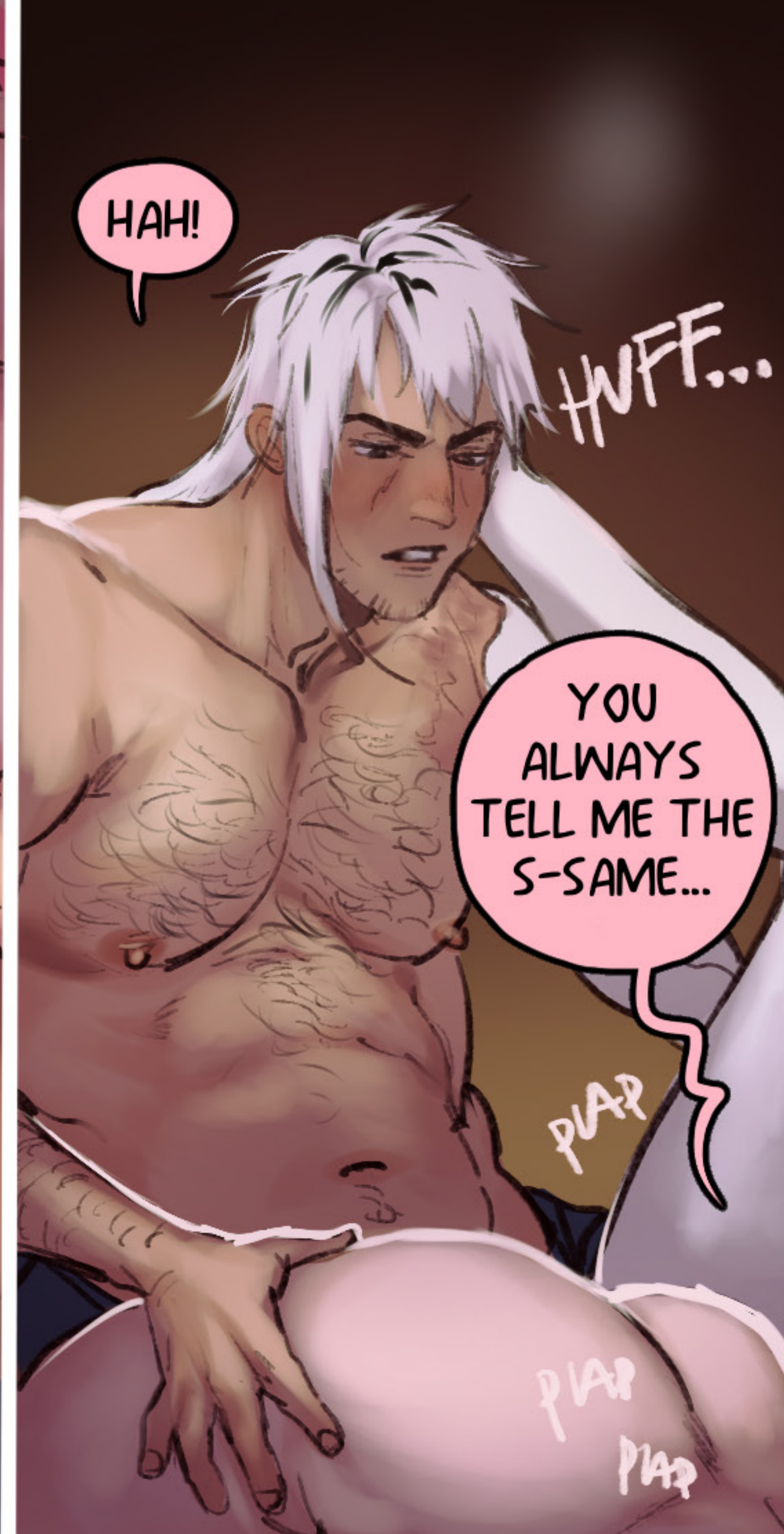


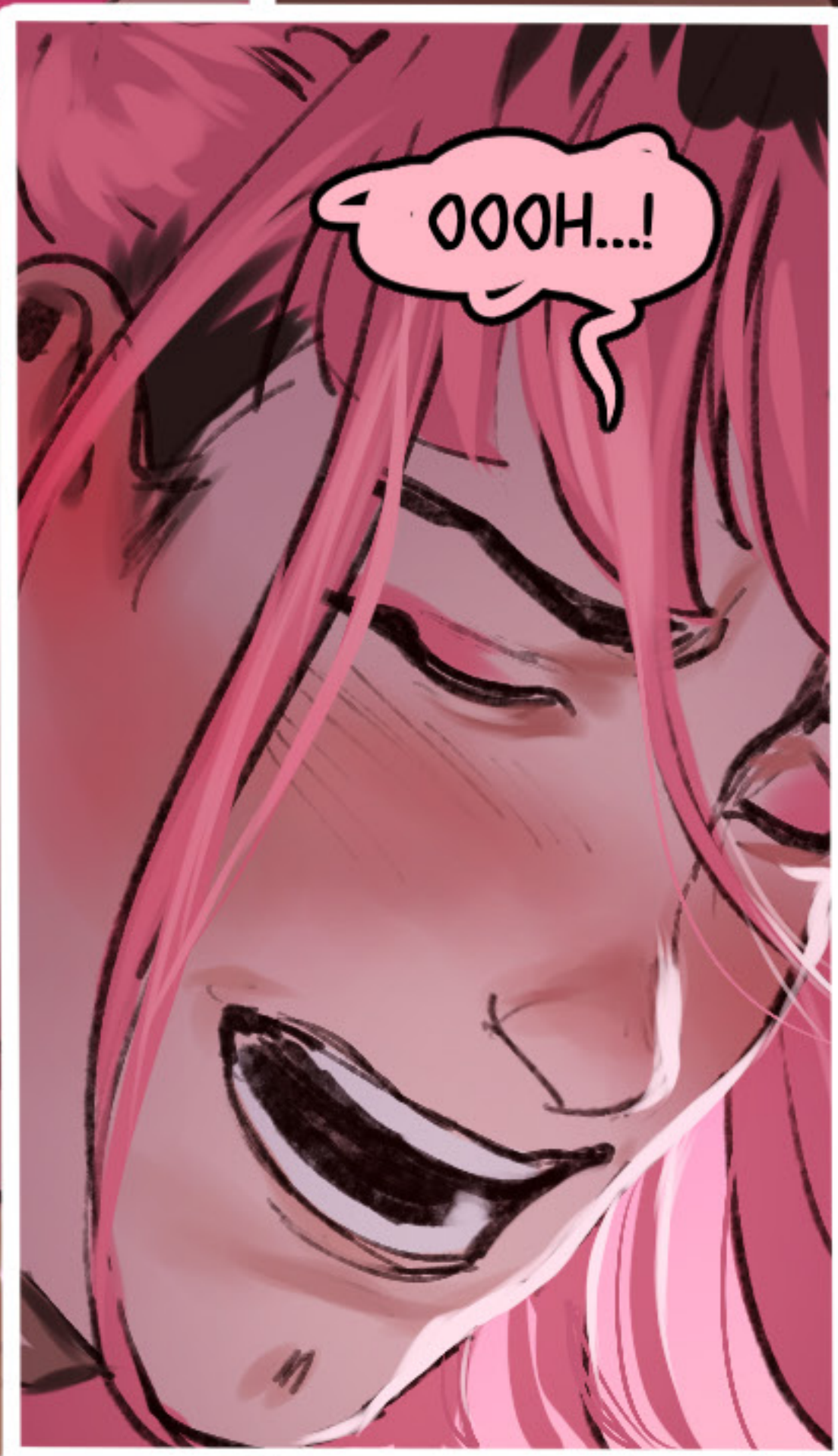
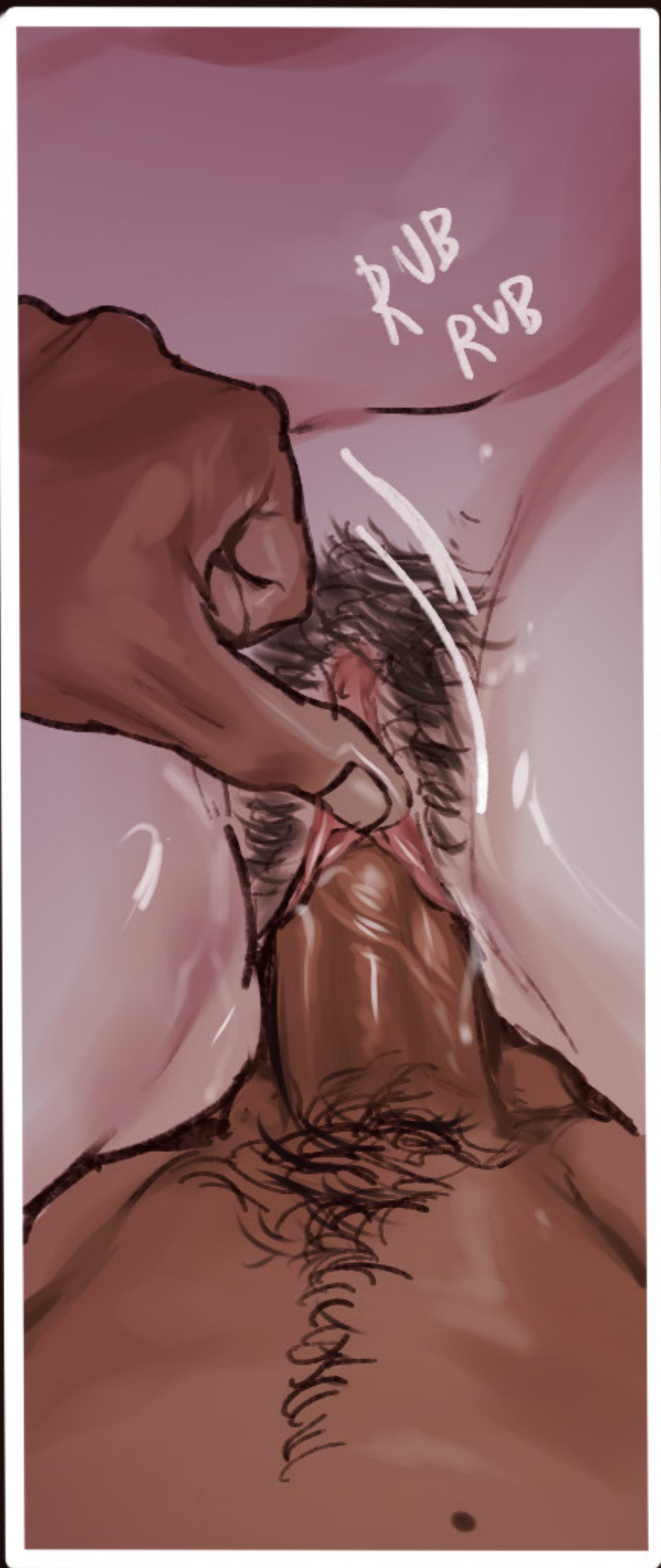


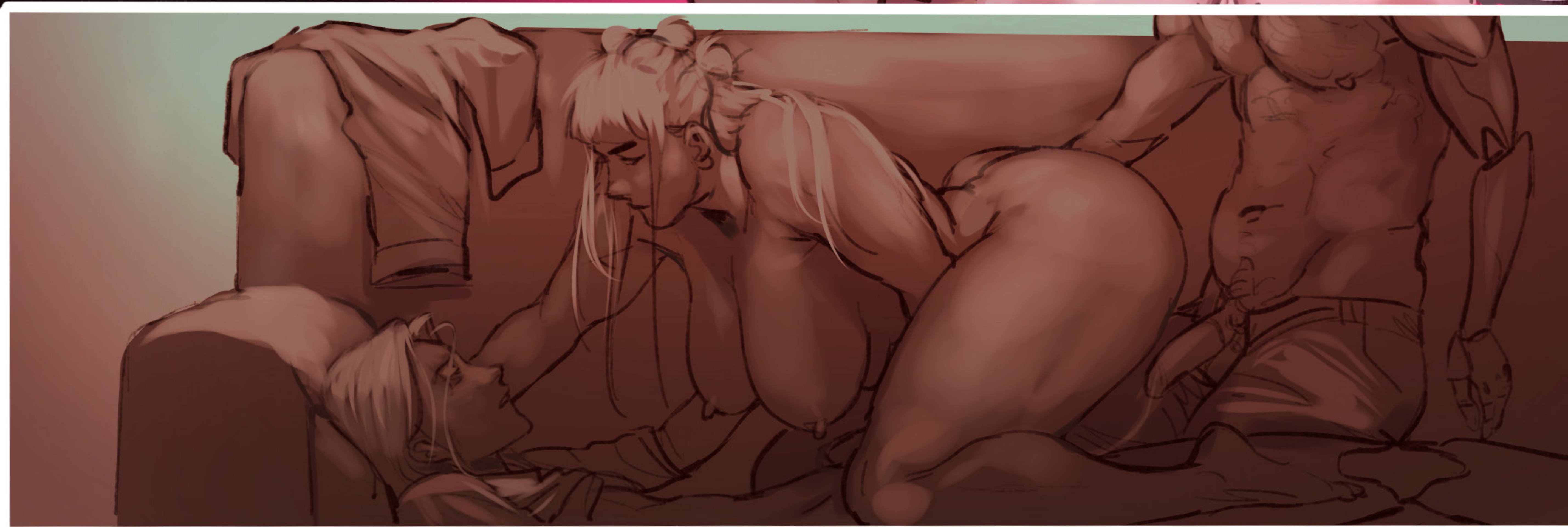
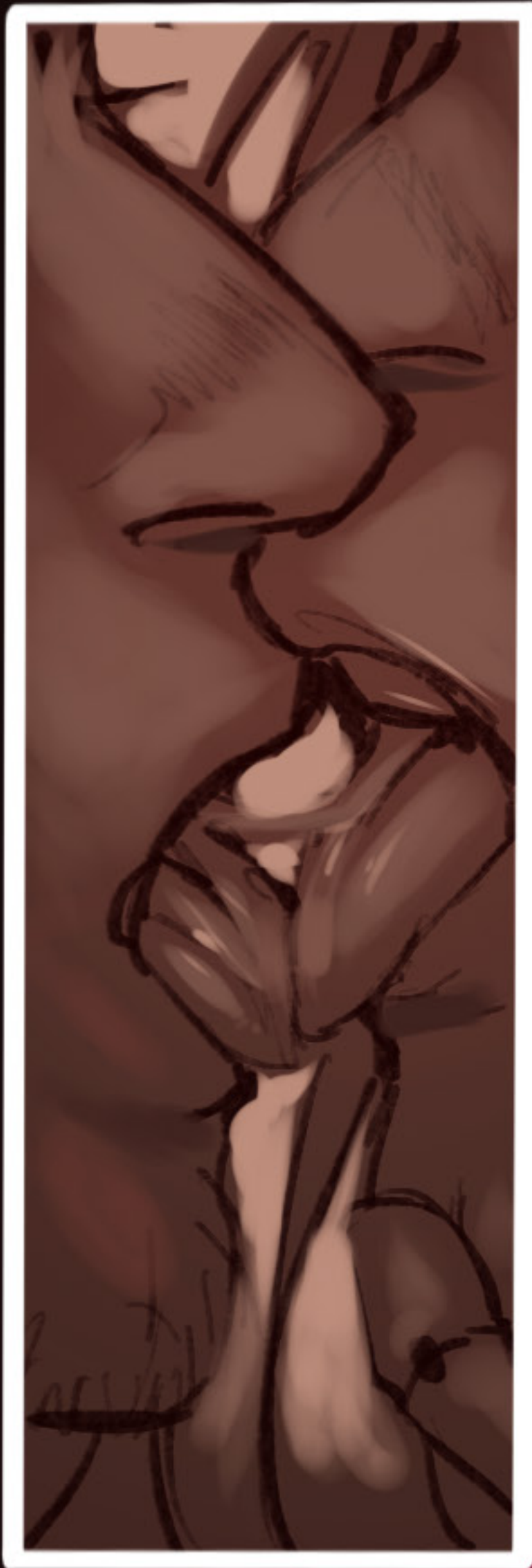
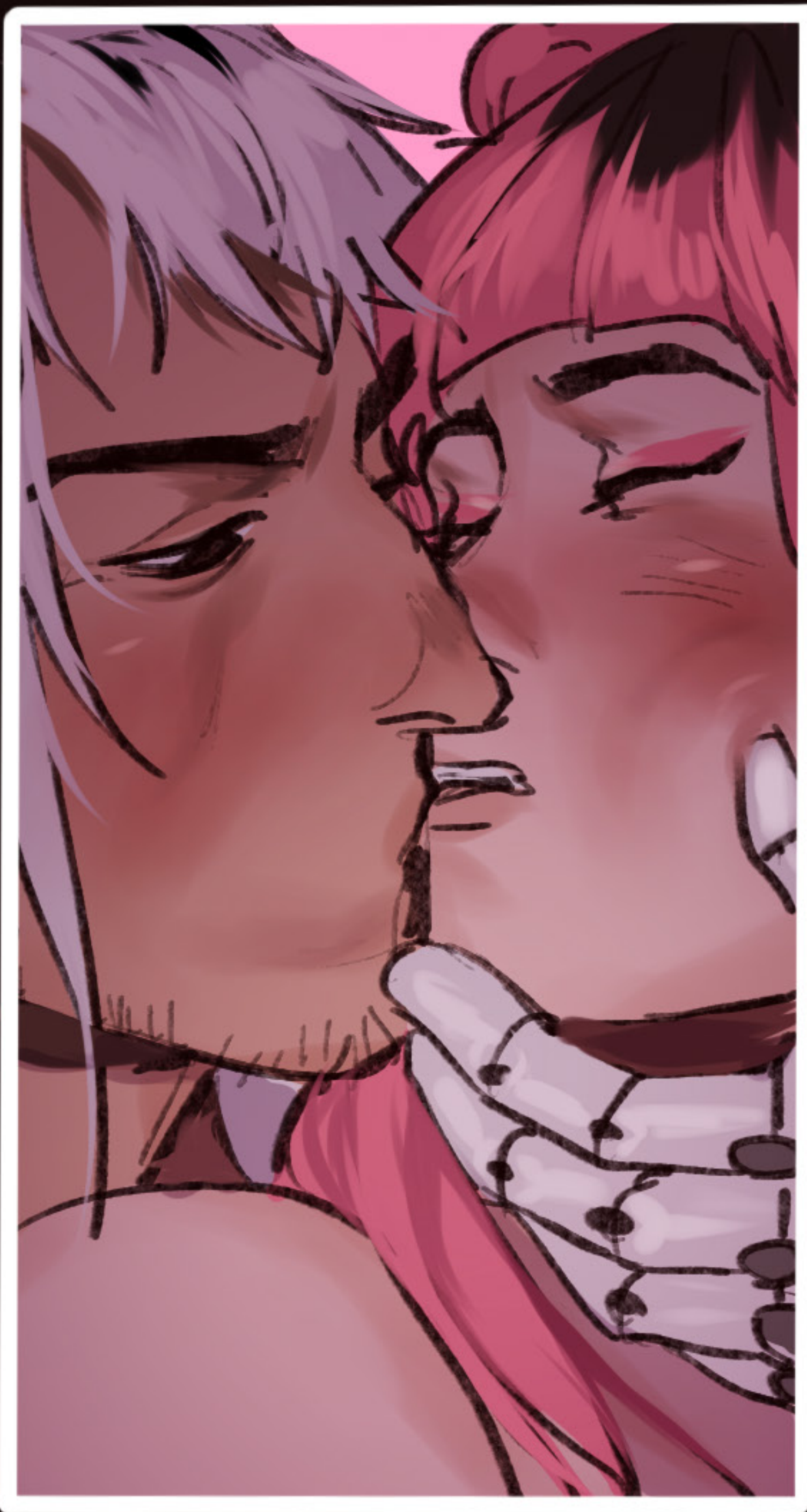


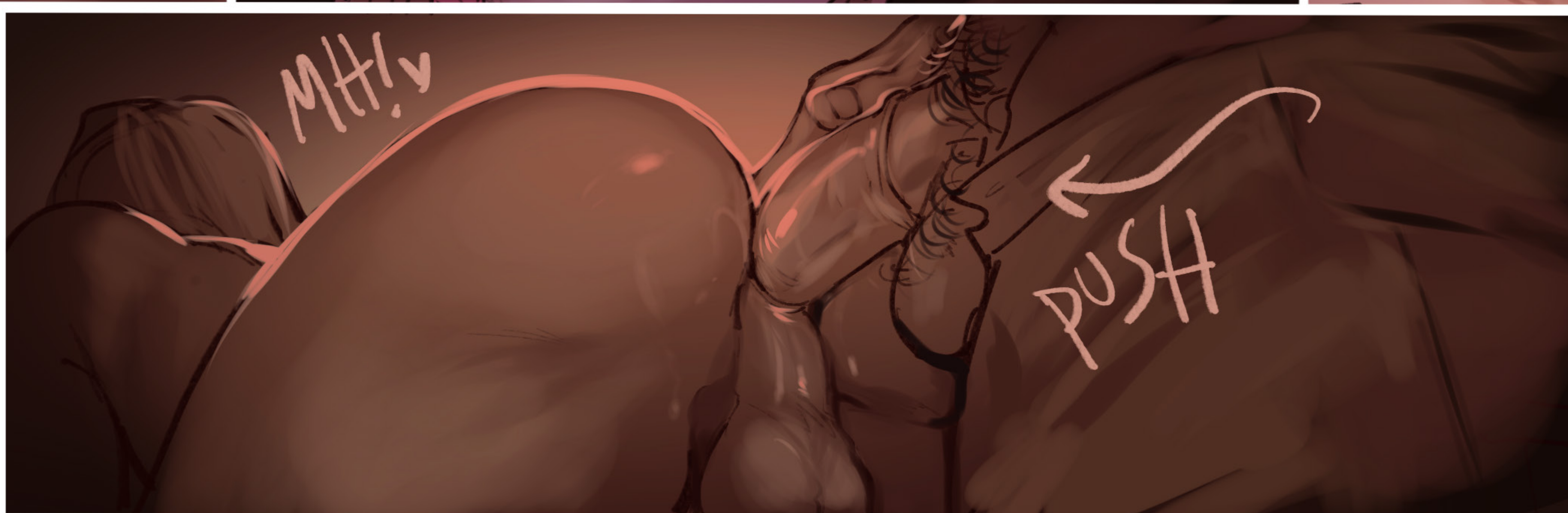


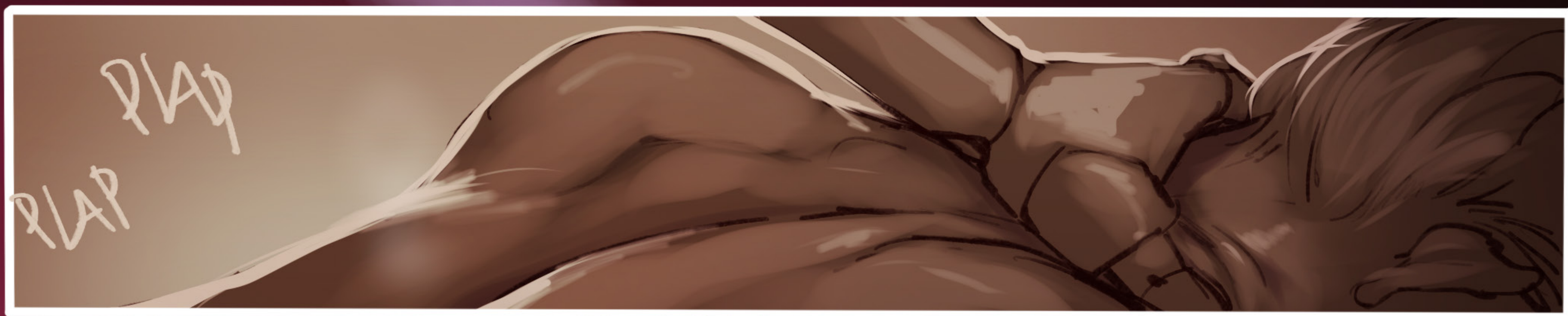
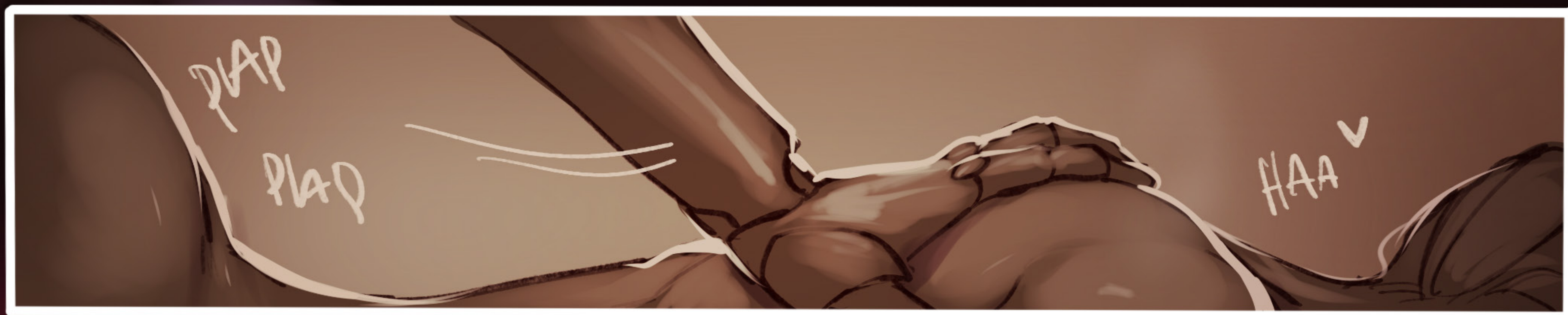
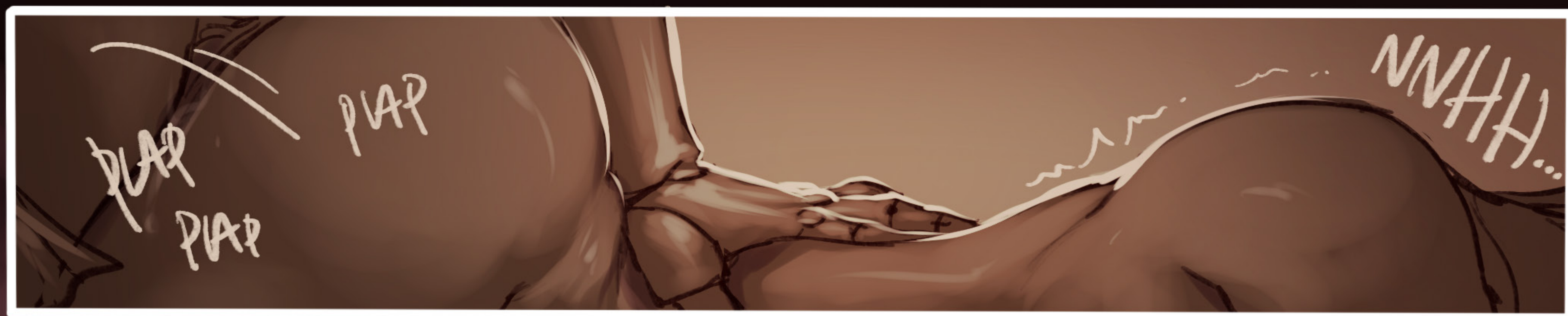
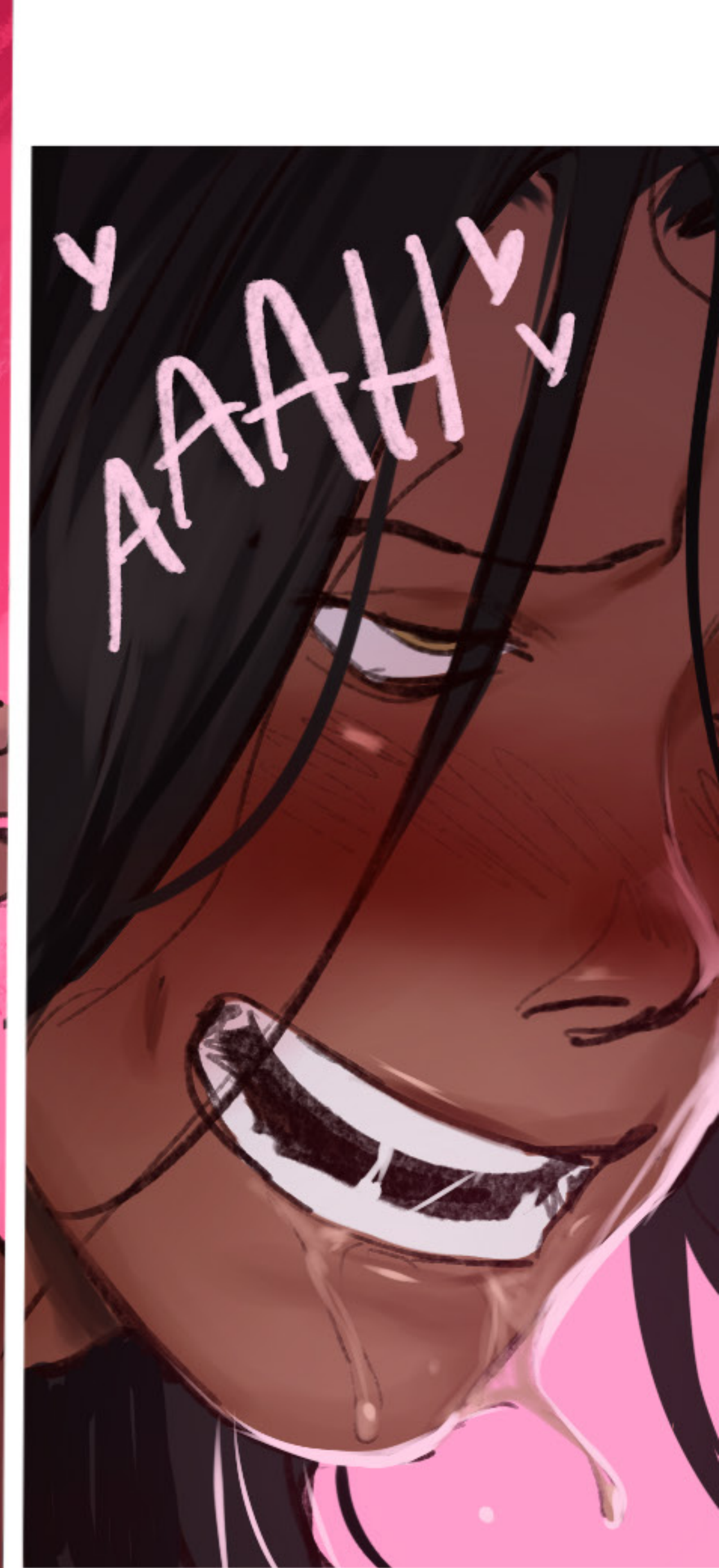






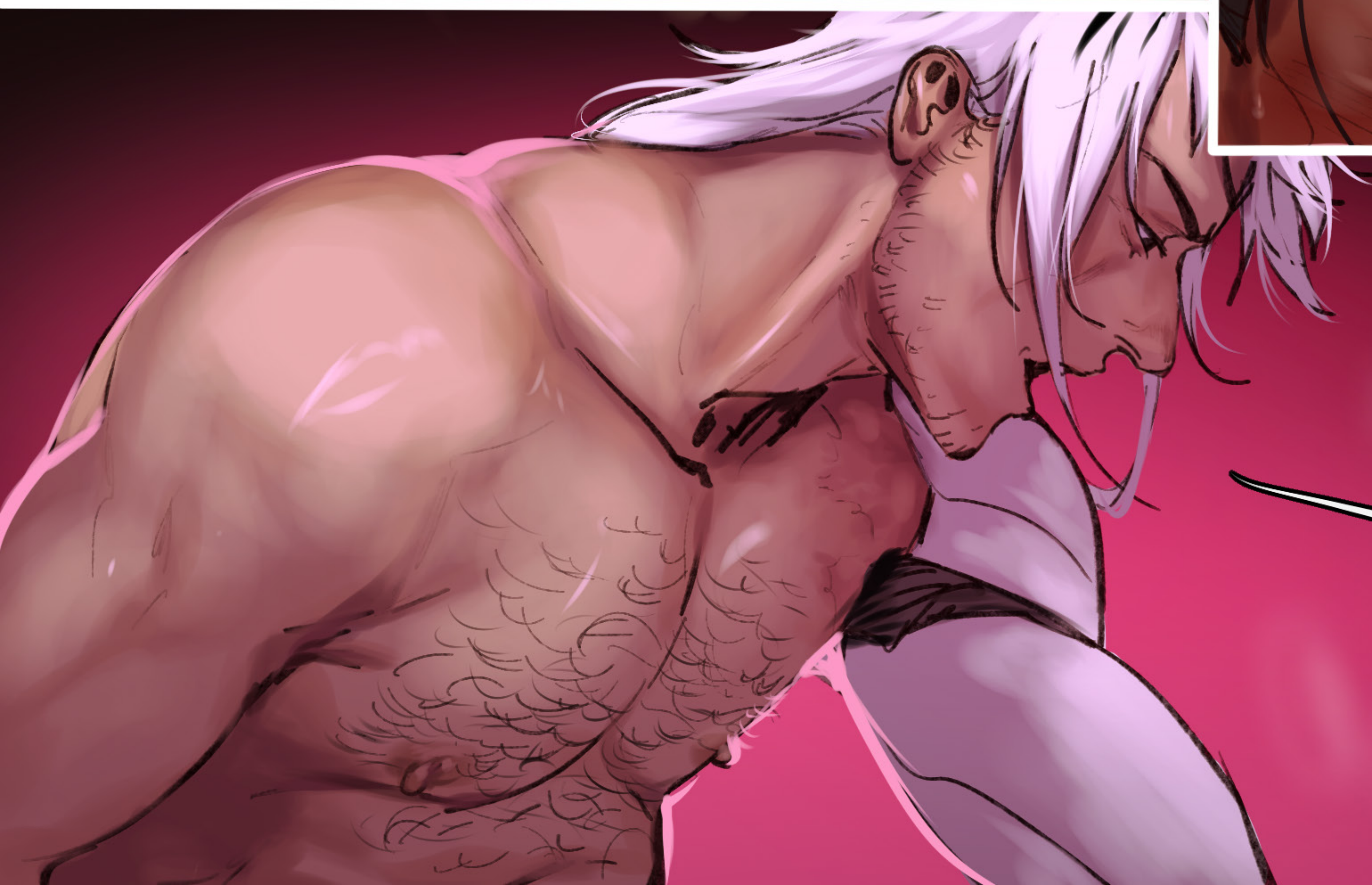
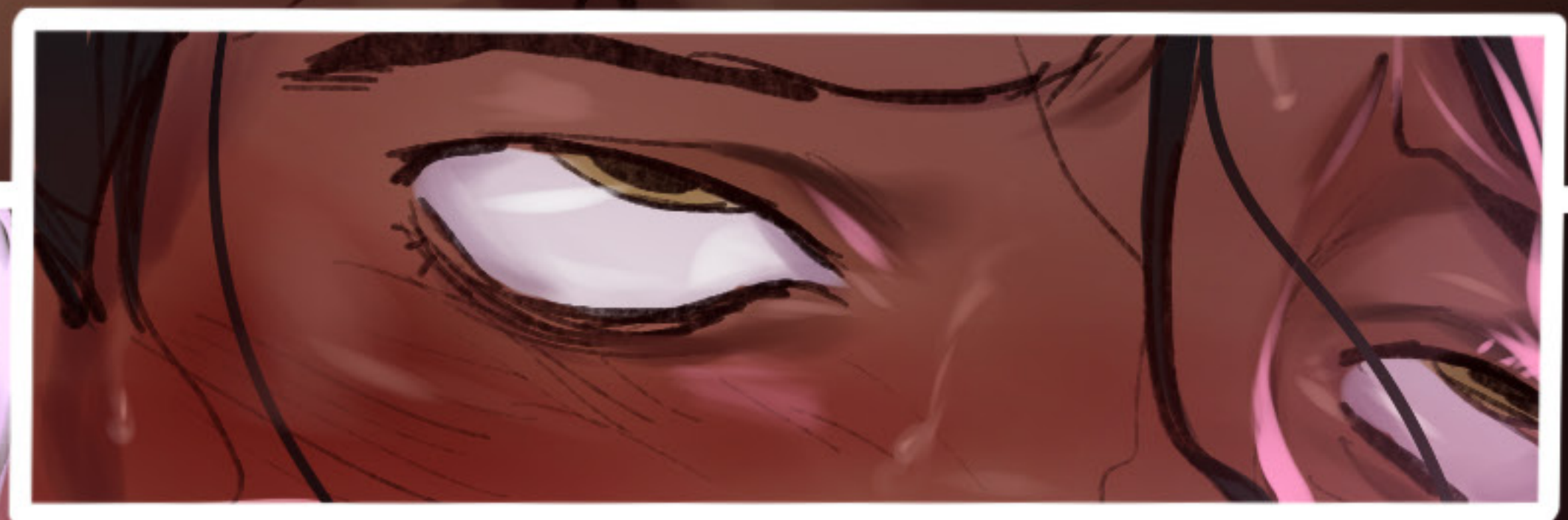
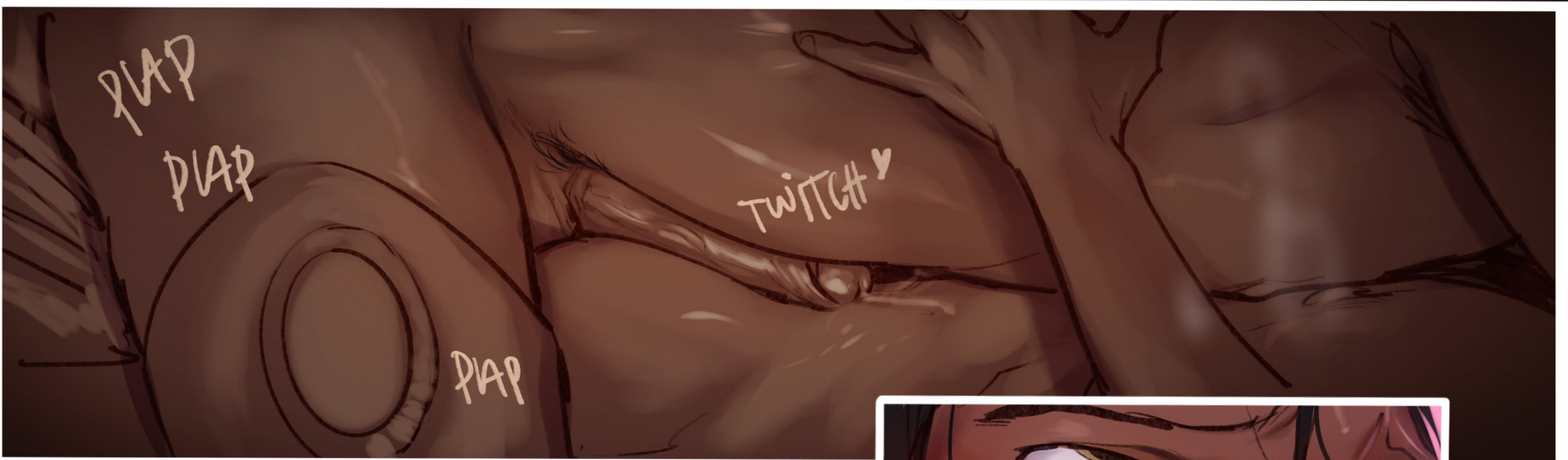






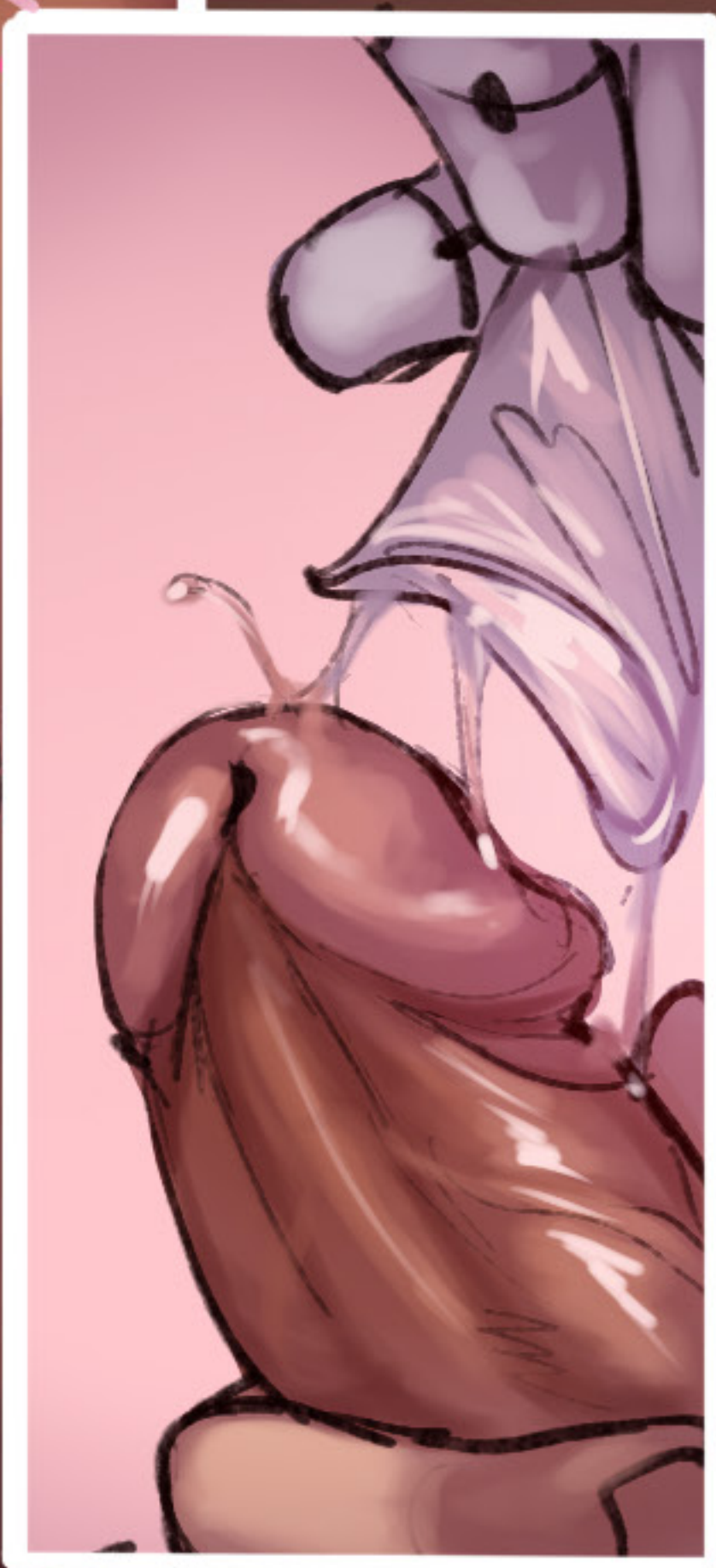
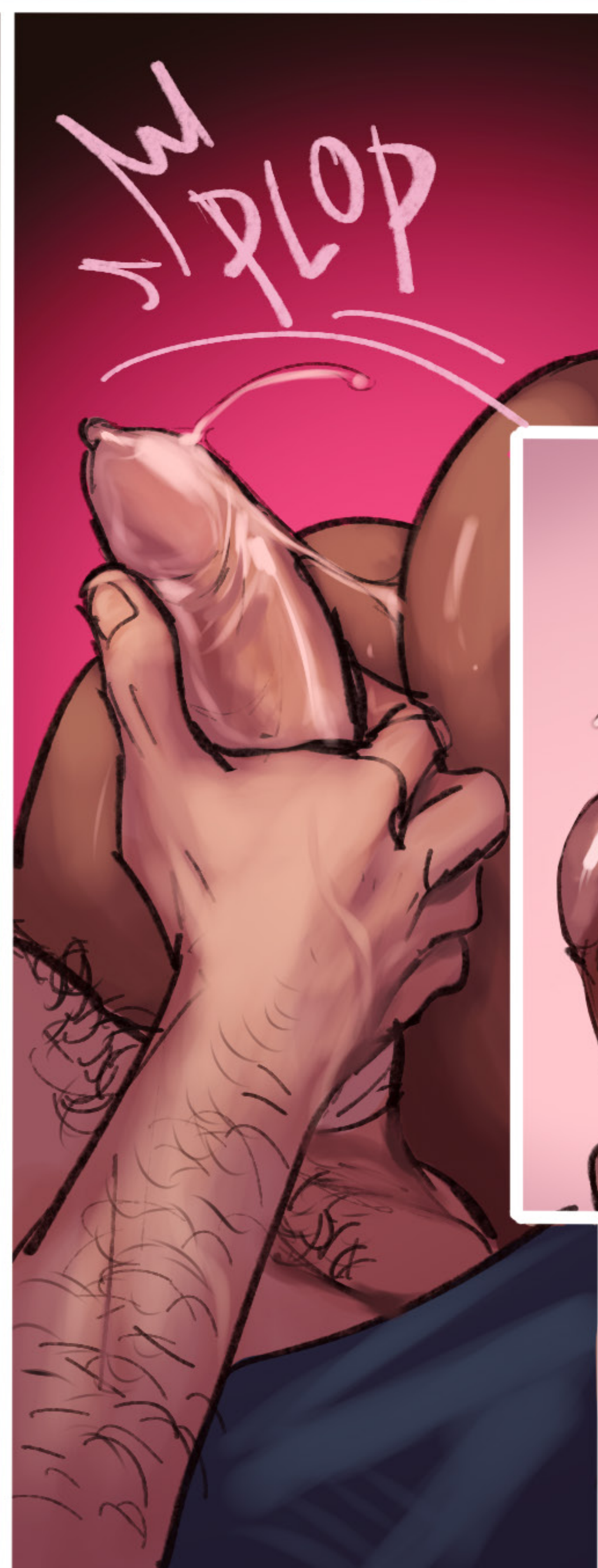
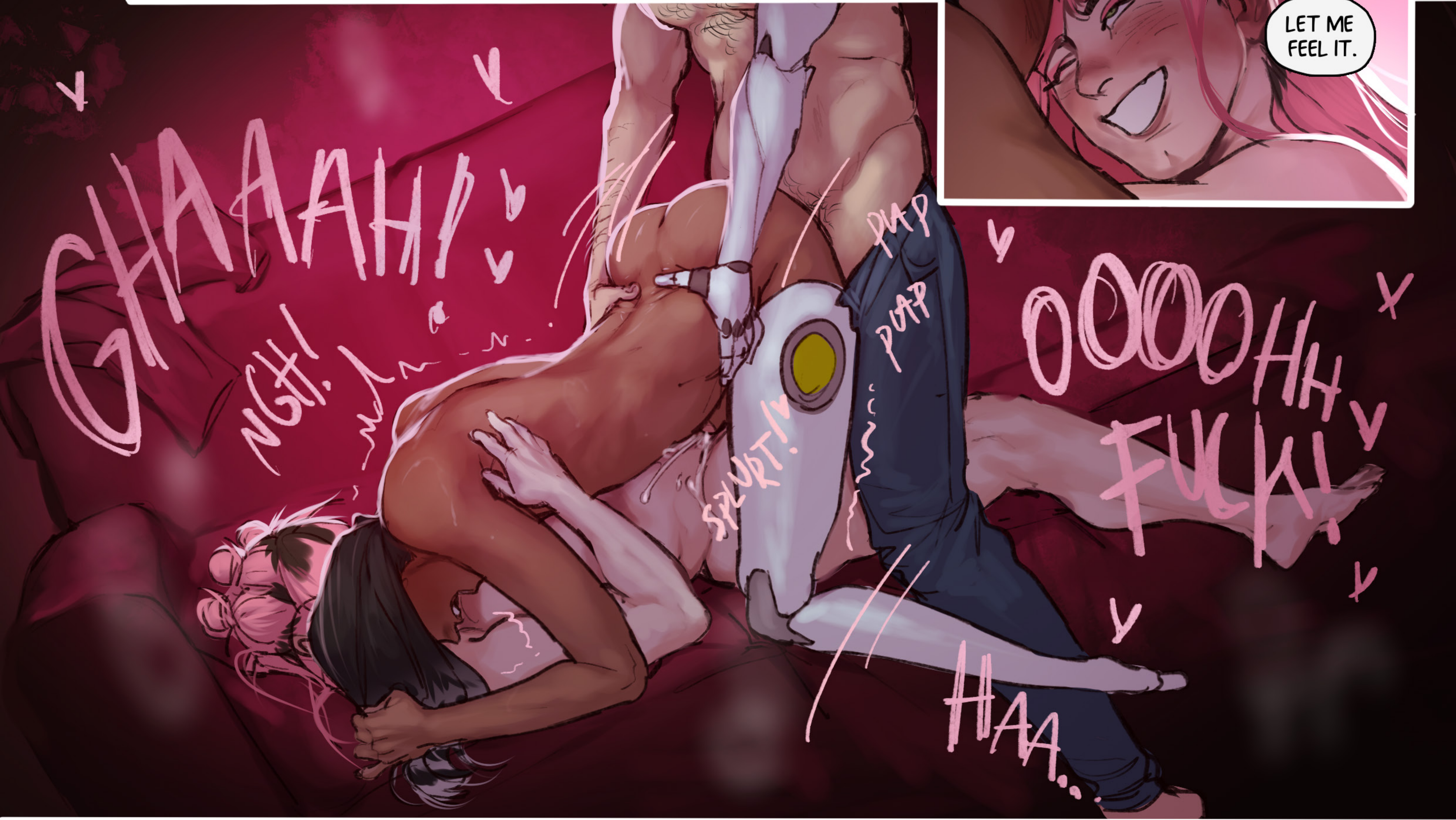
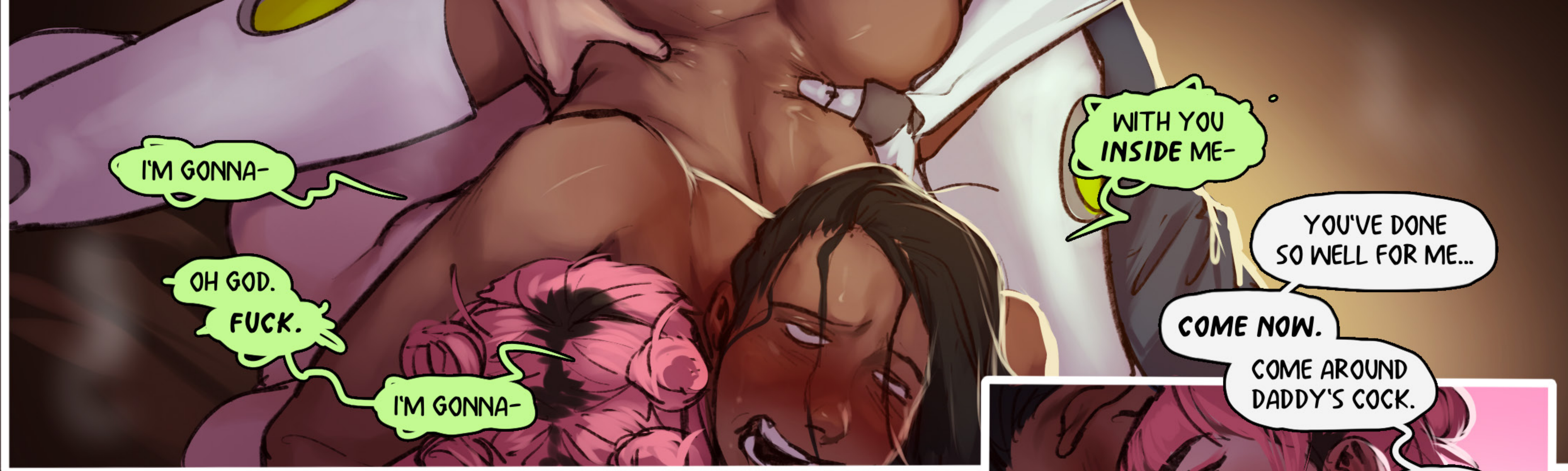


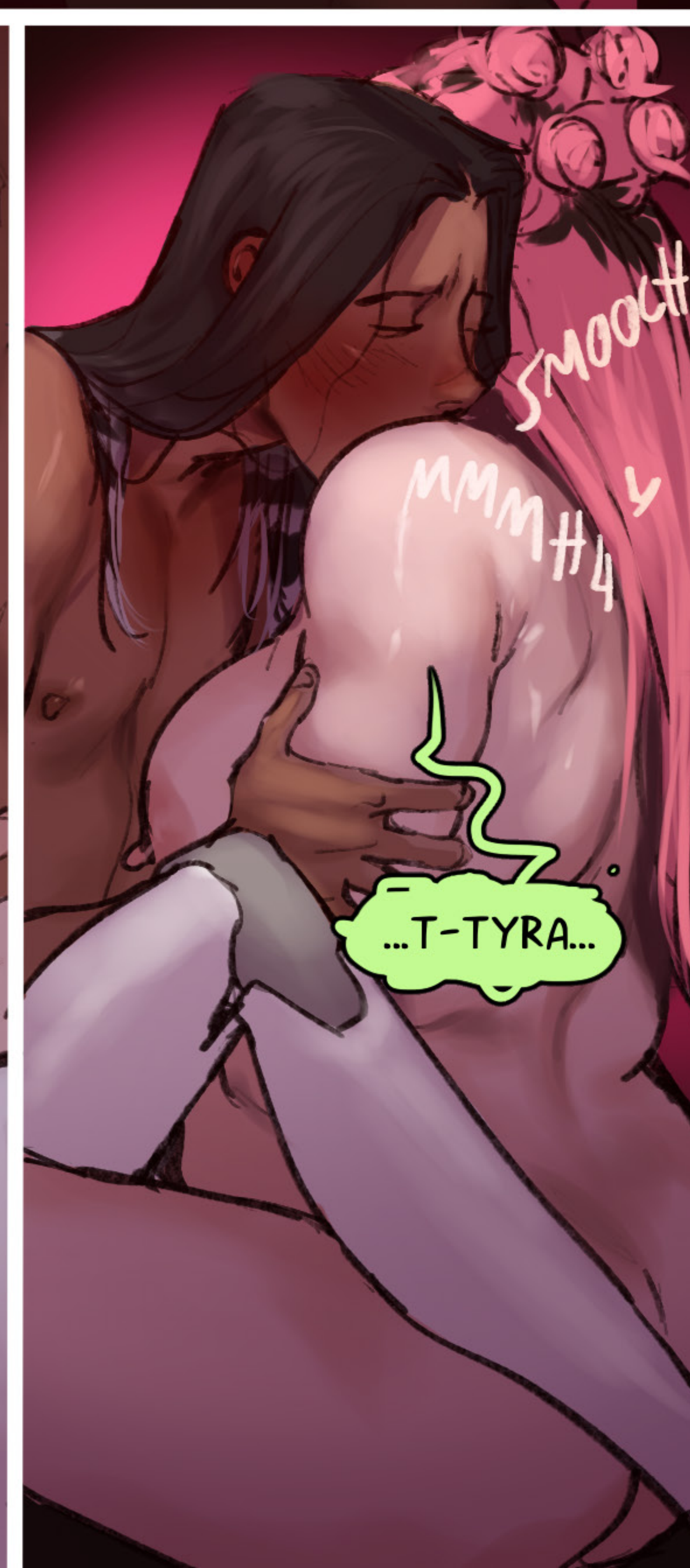
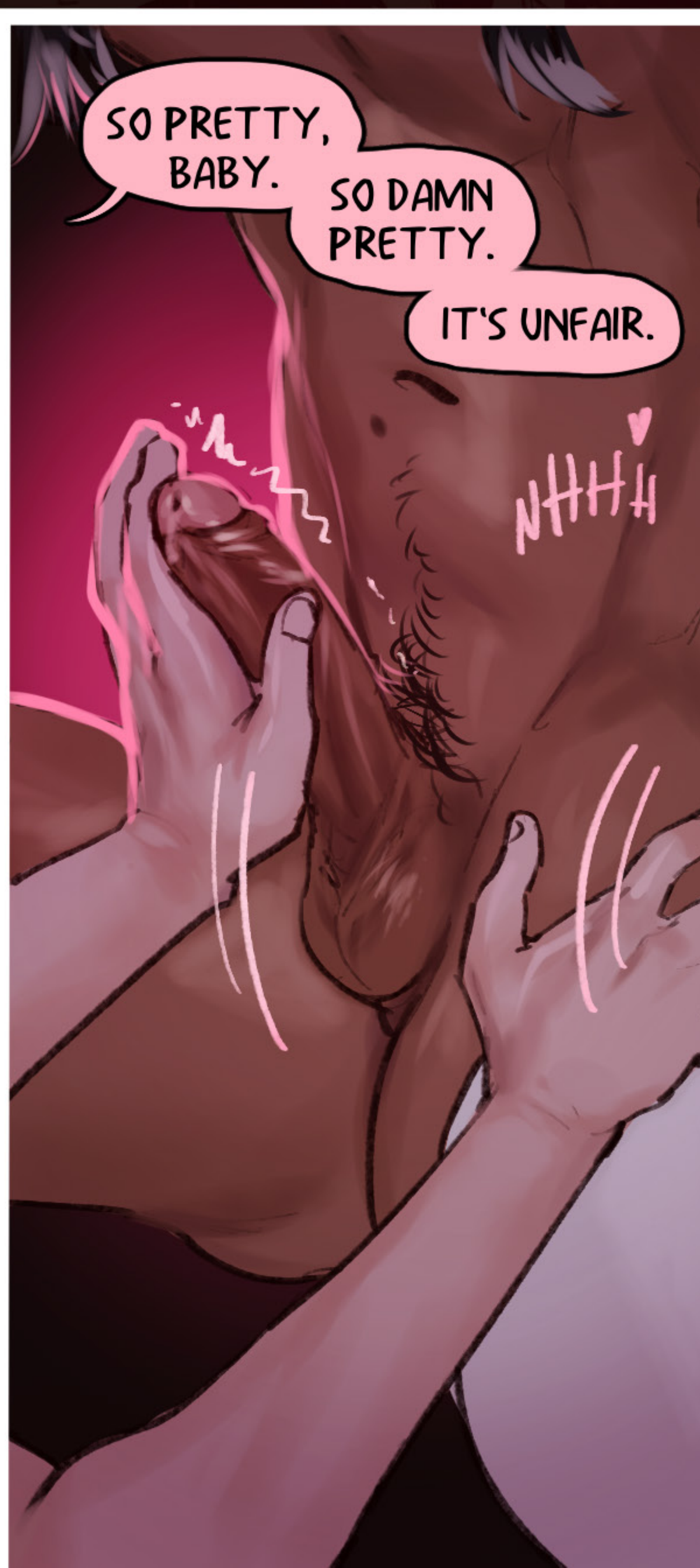
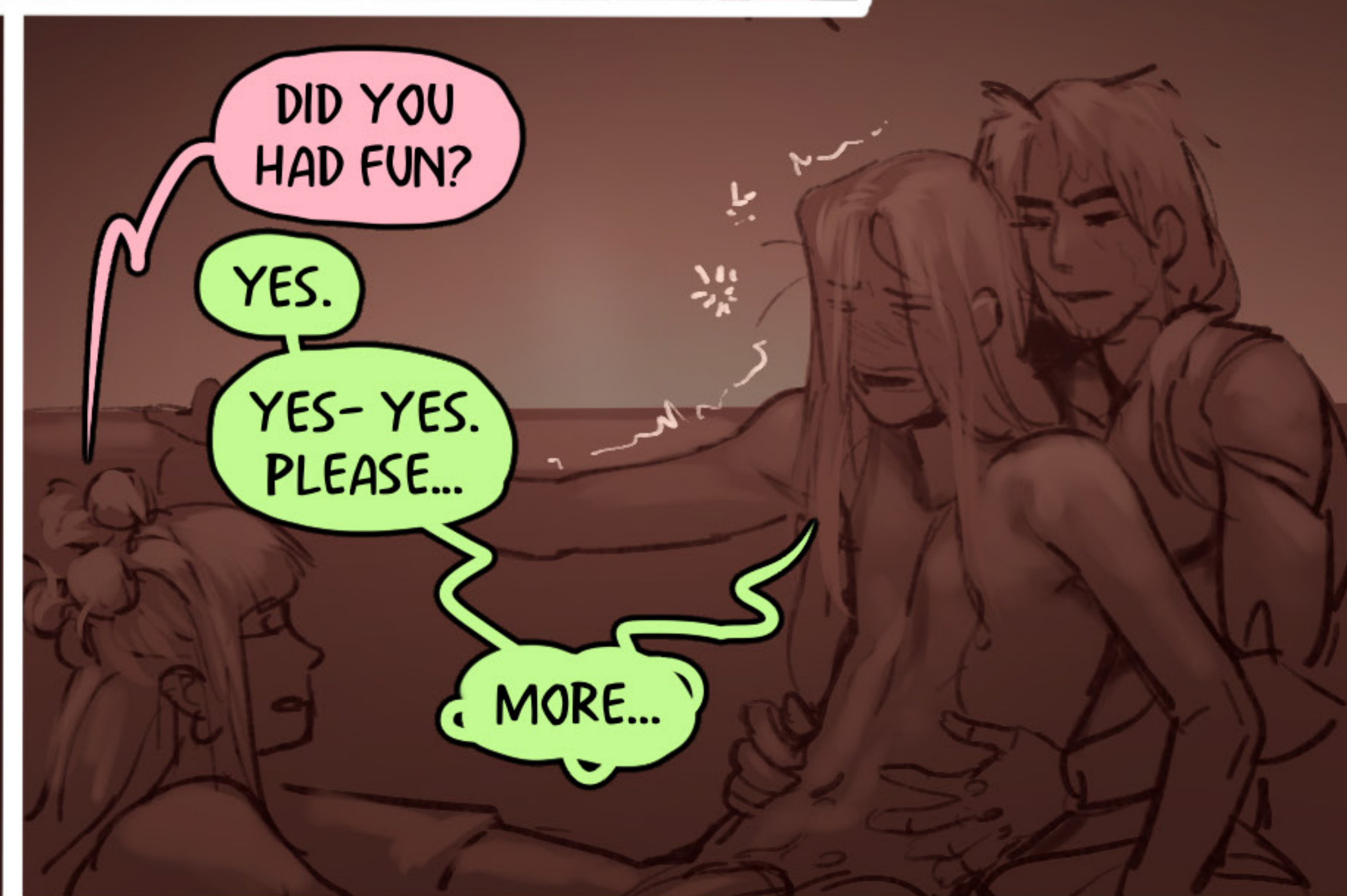
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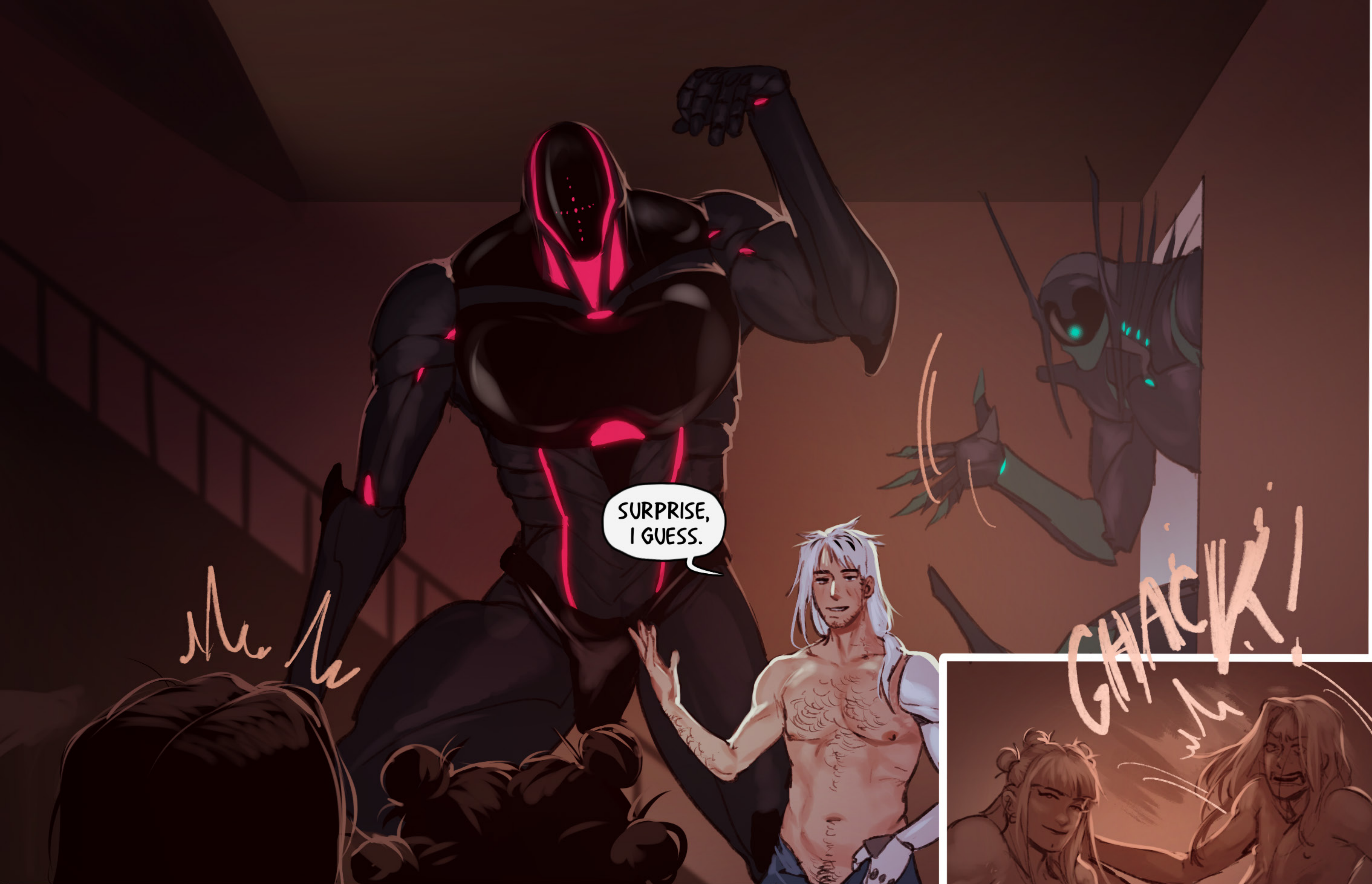


...ALMOST THERE.

HOLD IT FOR ME.







SURPRISE,
I GUESS.

GHACK!

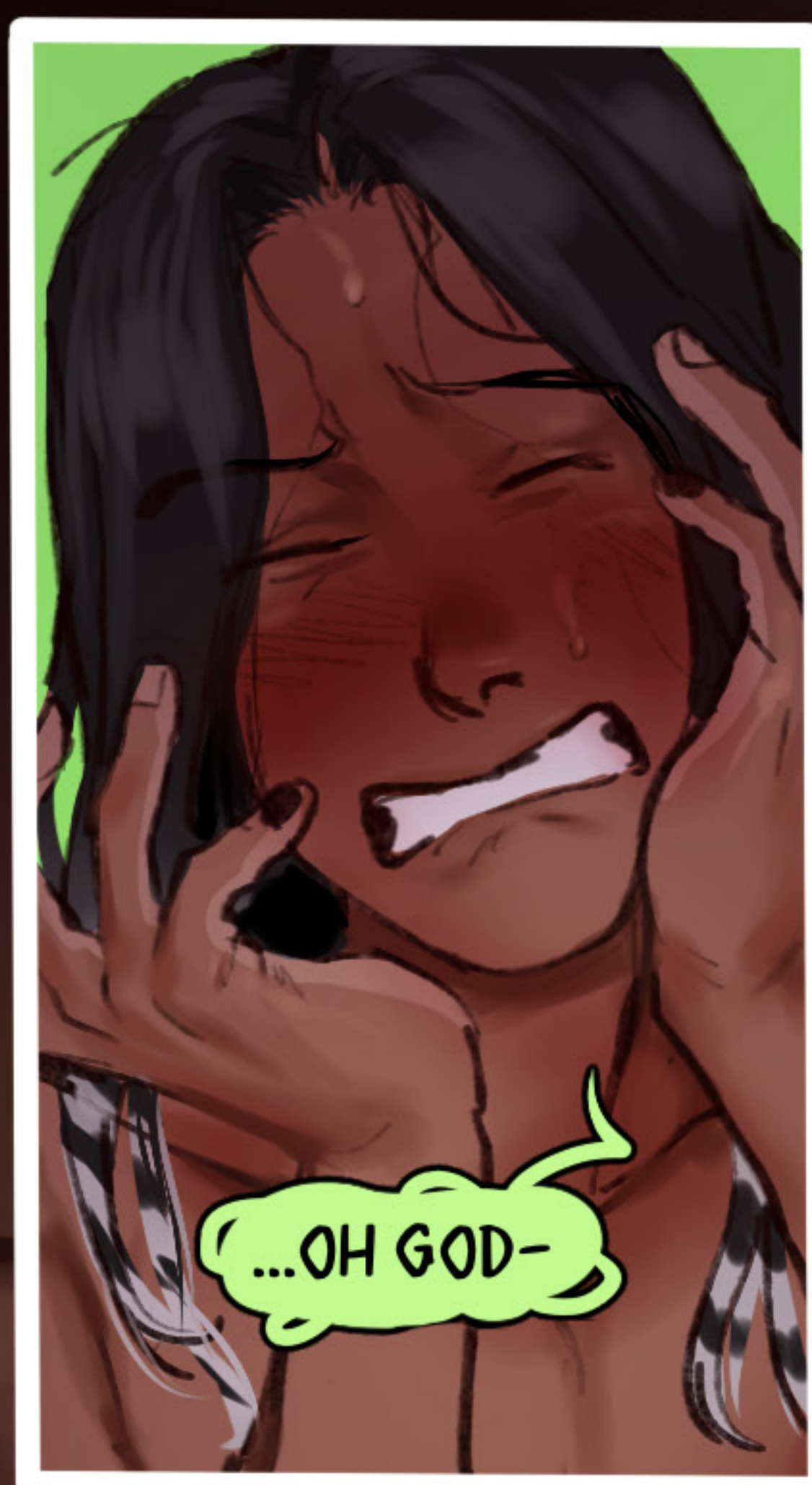


OH GOD!

BEING SHY
NOW?

WE HEARD
EVERYTHING
FROM THE
OTHER ROOM.

I'M GLAD!
YOU SEEMED
TO HAVE A LOT
OF FUN.



...OH GOD-

YOU SAID
YOU WANTED MORE.
THAT'S WHAT
WE'RE GOING TO
GIVE YOU.

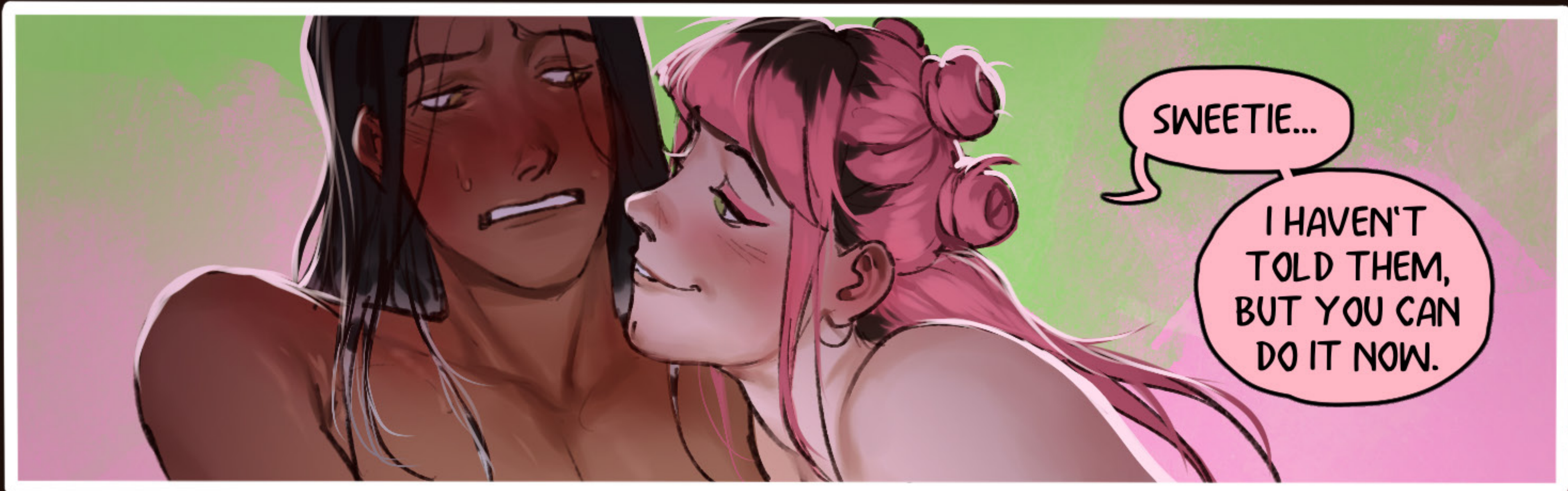
YES, ORION.

THIS IS
FOR YOU...



B-BUT THEY-

WE'RE OKAY
WITH THIS.



SWEETIE...

I HAVEN'T TOLD THEM, BUT YOU CAN DO IT NOW.



TELL THEM.

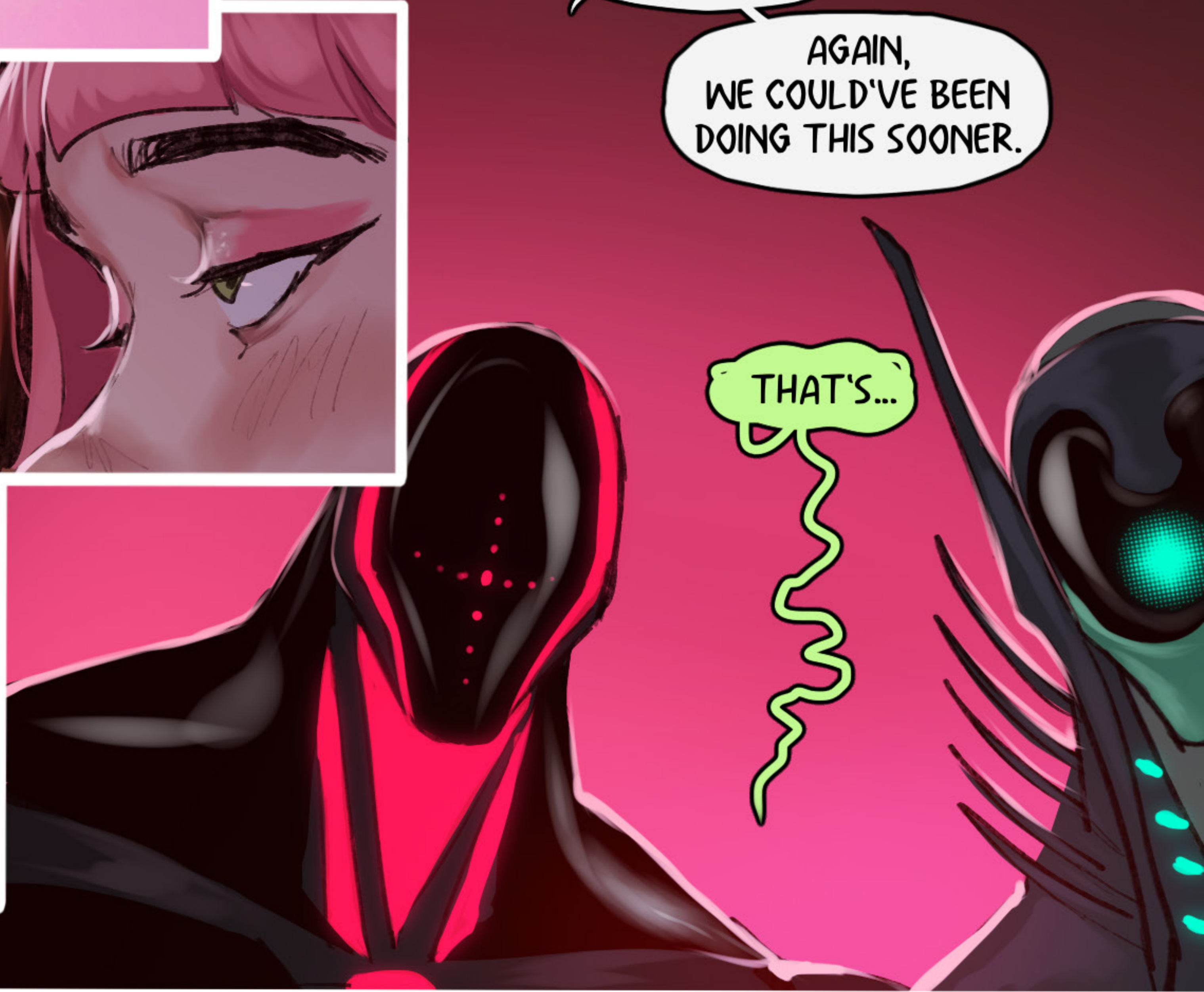
TELL THEM HOW HARD YOU CAME WITH THE FANTASY OF THEIR COCKS OPENING YOU UP AND FULL.



REALLY?

WOOPS! MY BAD...

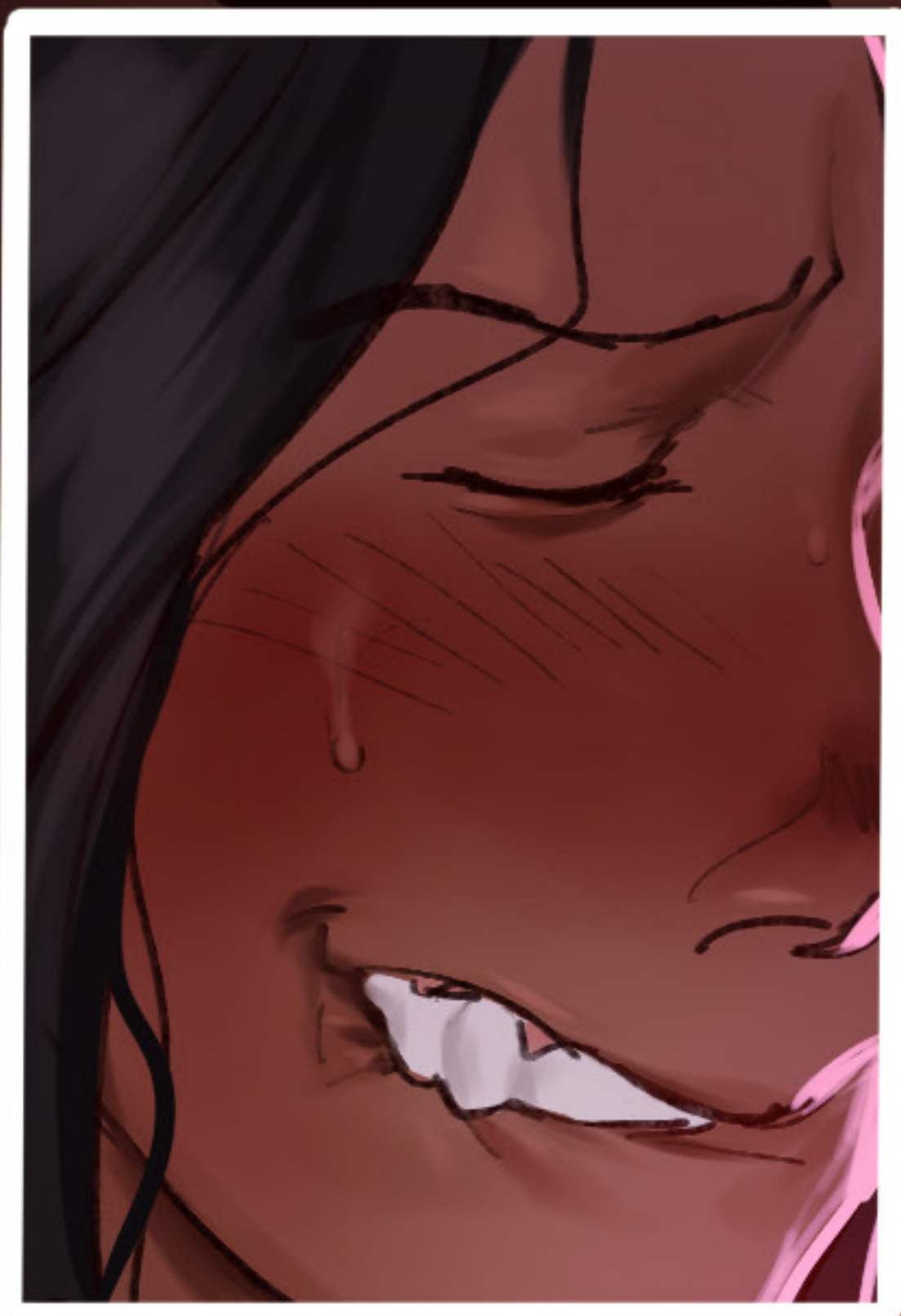
I-I-I-



THAT'S PRETTY BAD OF YOU FOR NOT TELLING US.

AGAIN, WE COULD'VE BEEN DOING THIS SOONER.

THAT'S...



THAT'S RIGHT...

SHE'S RIGHT...

FILTHY. WHORE.



...FUCK...

TWITCH

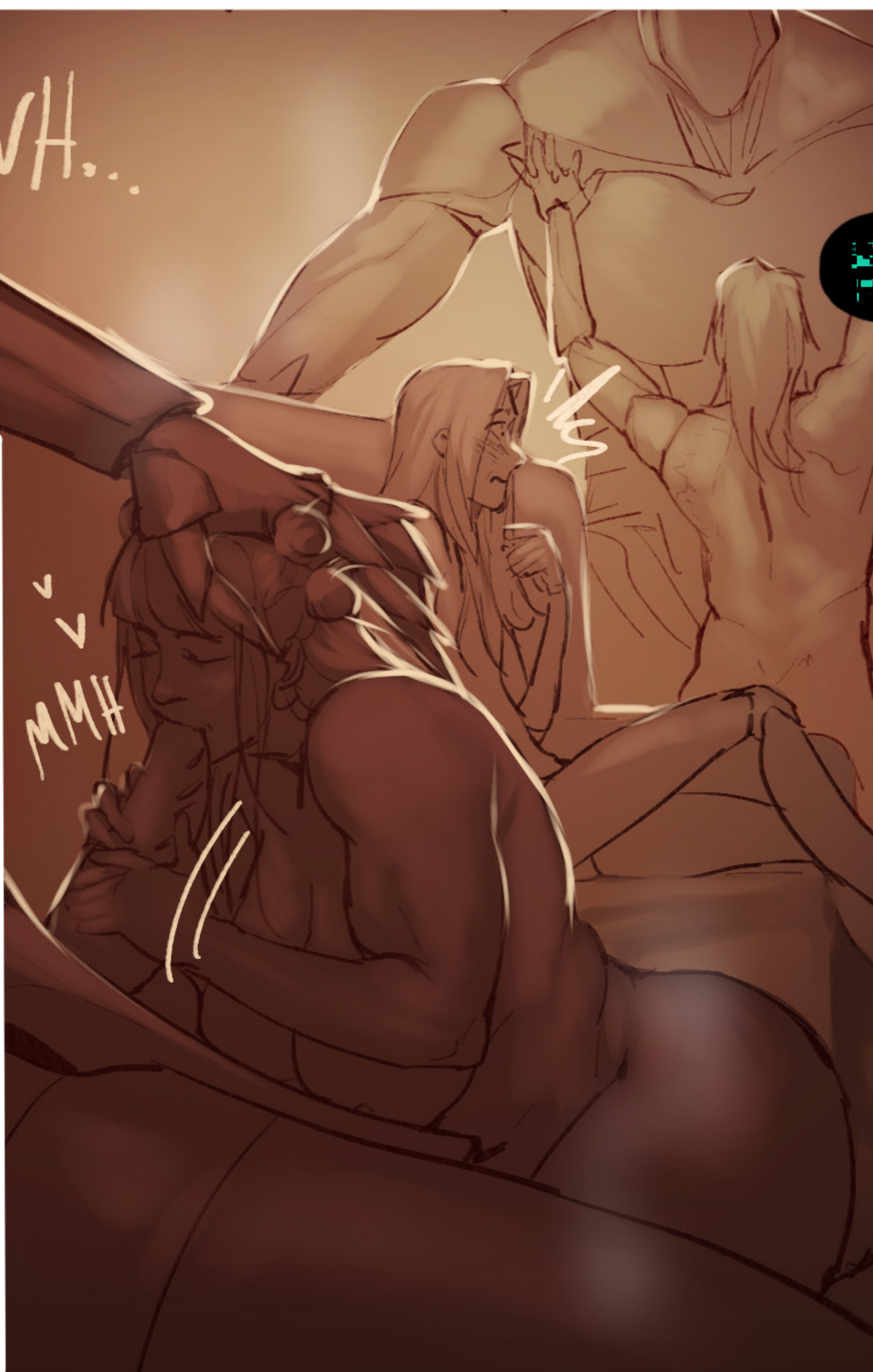
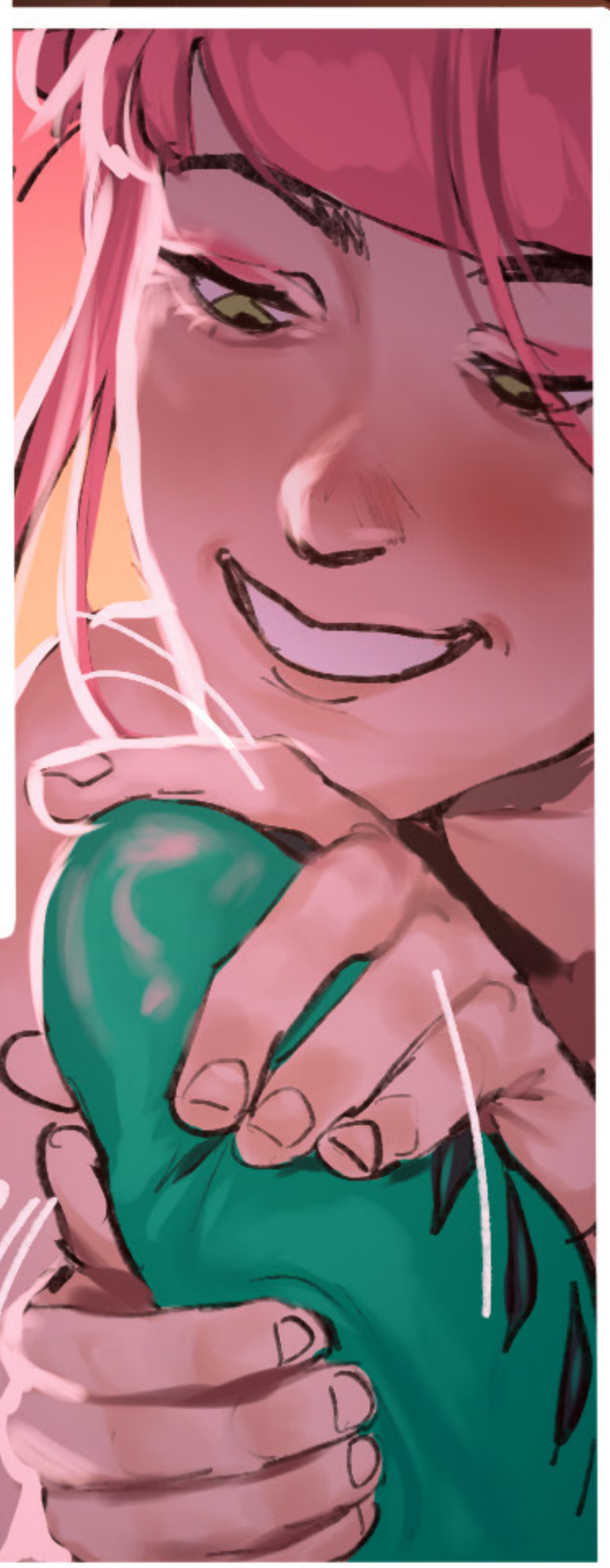
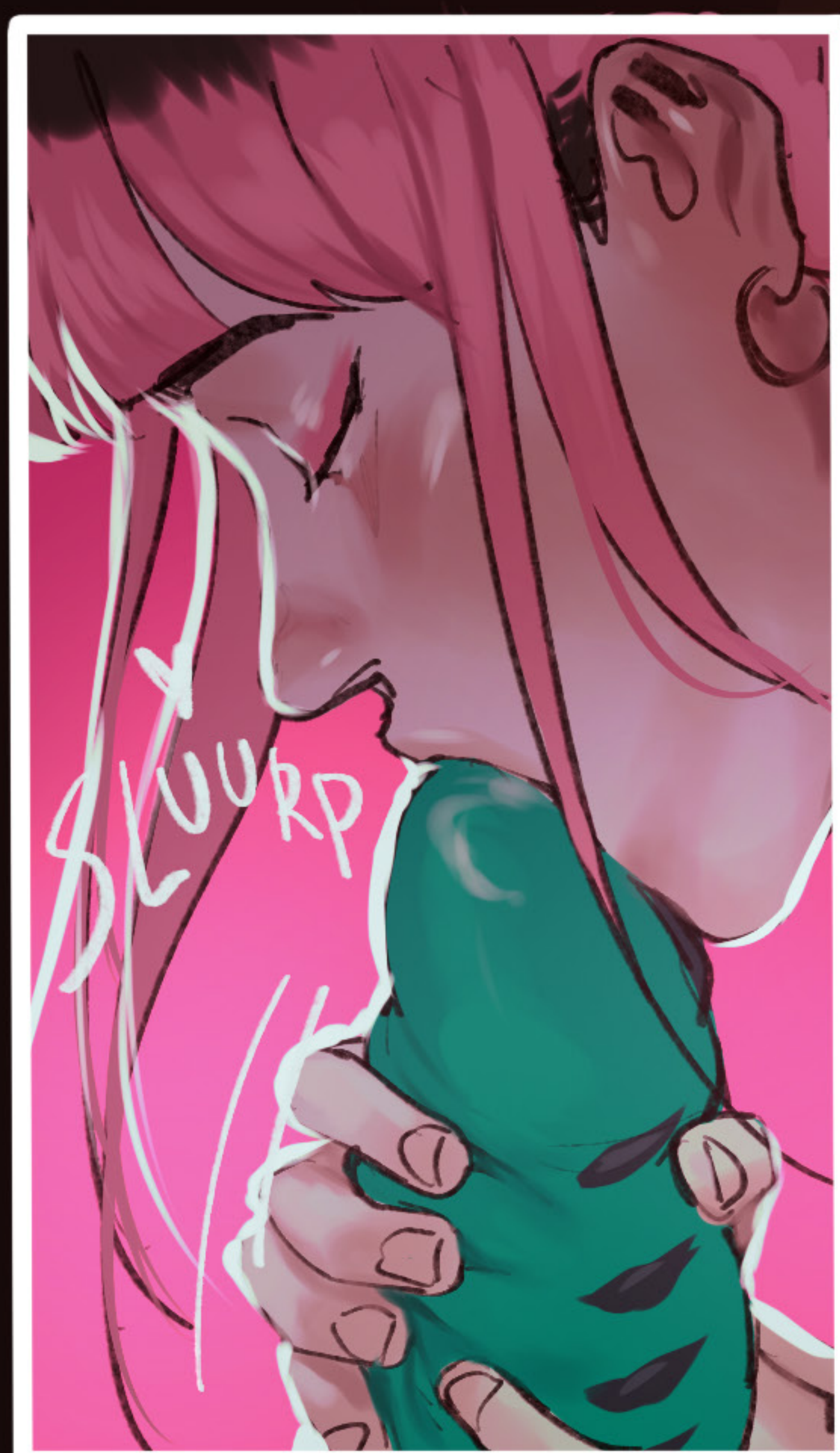
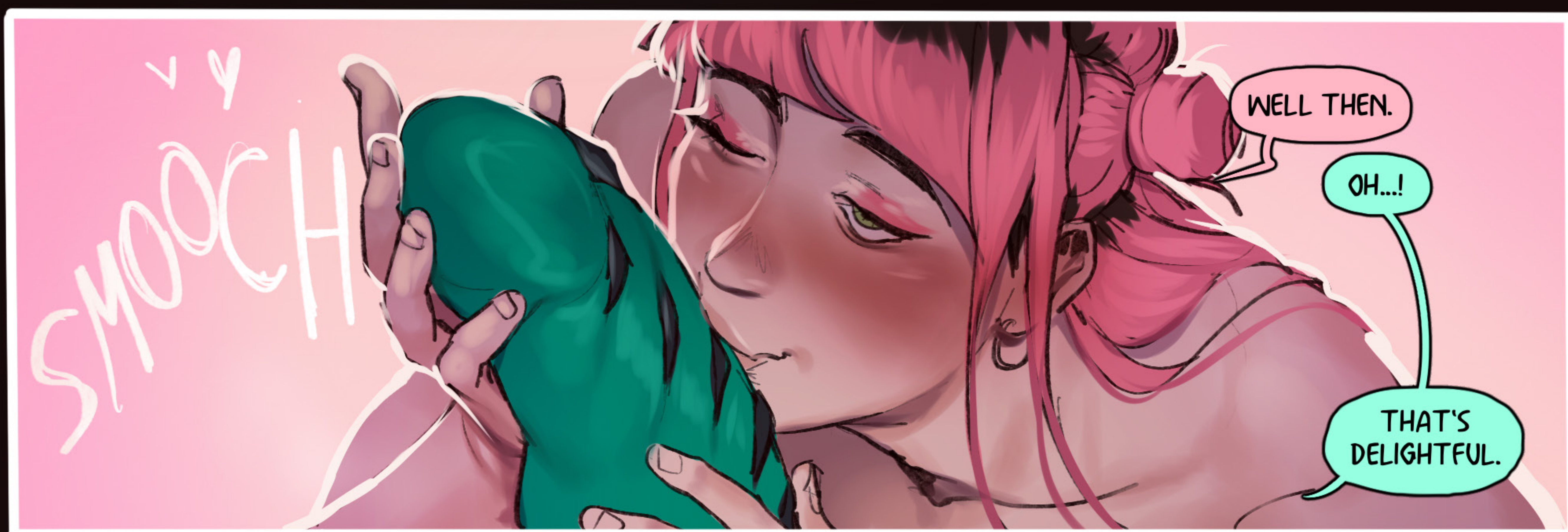


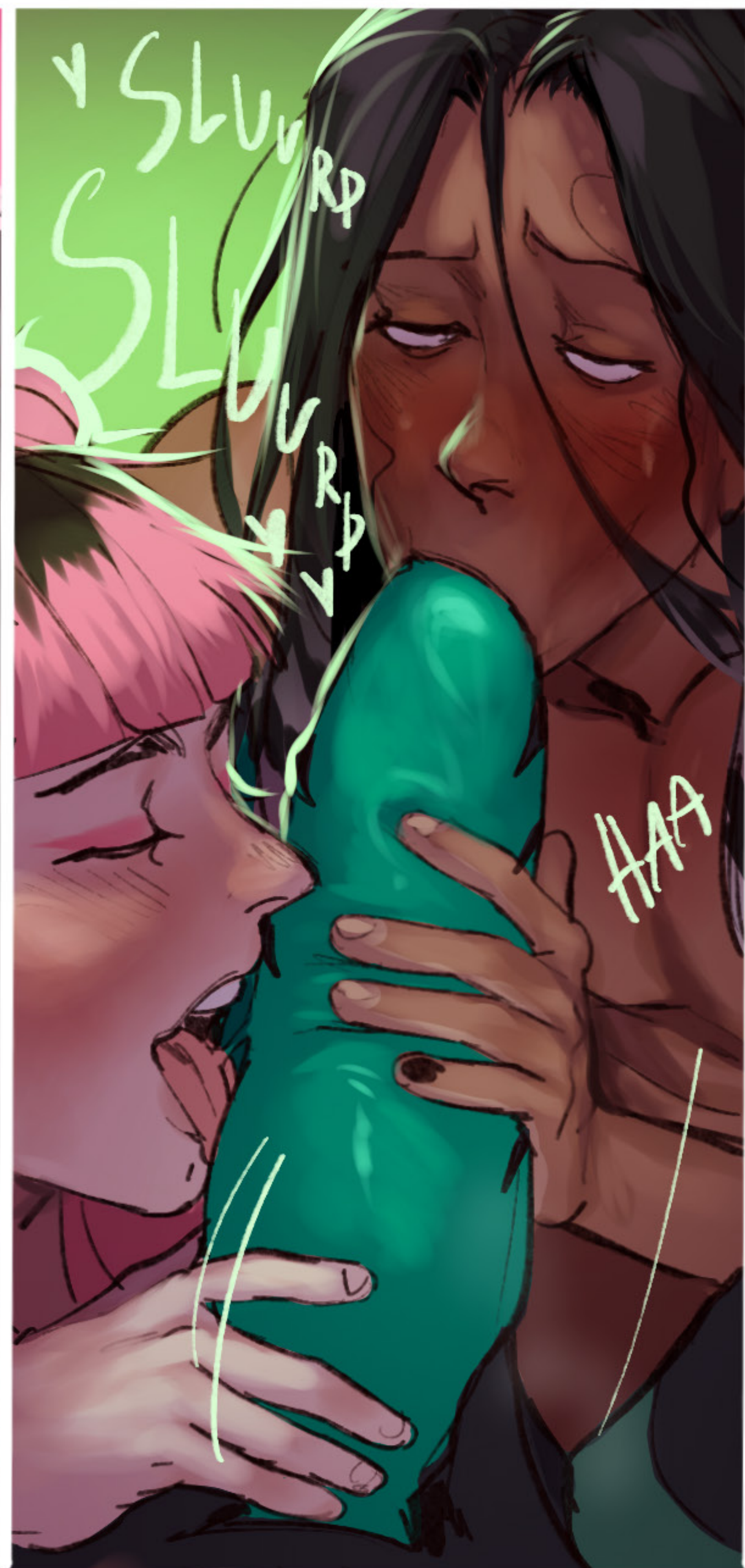
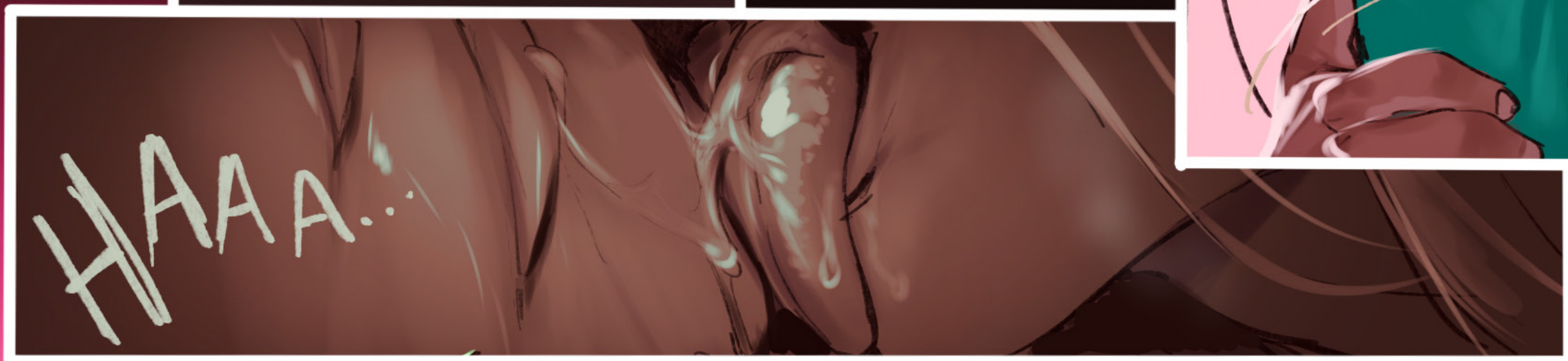
MMMAH!

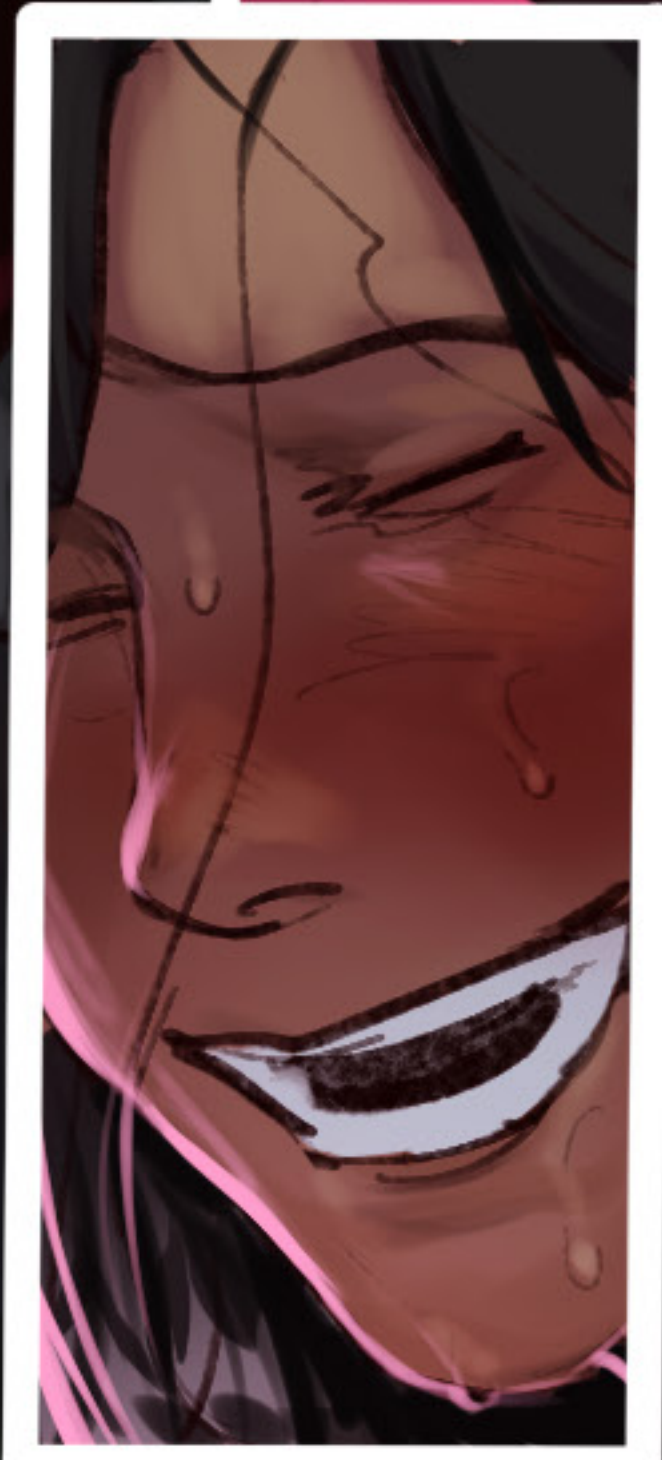
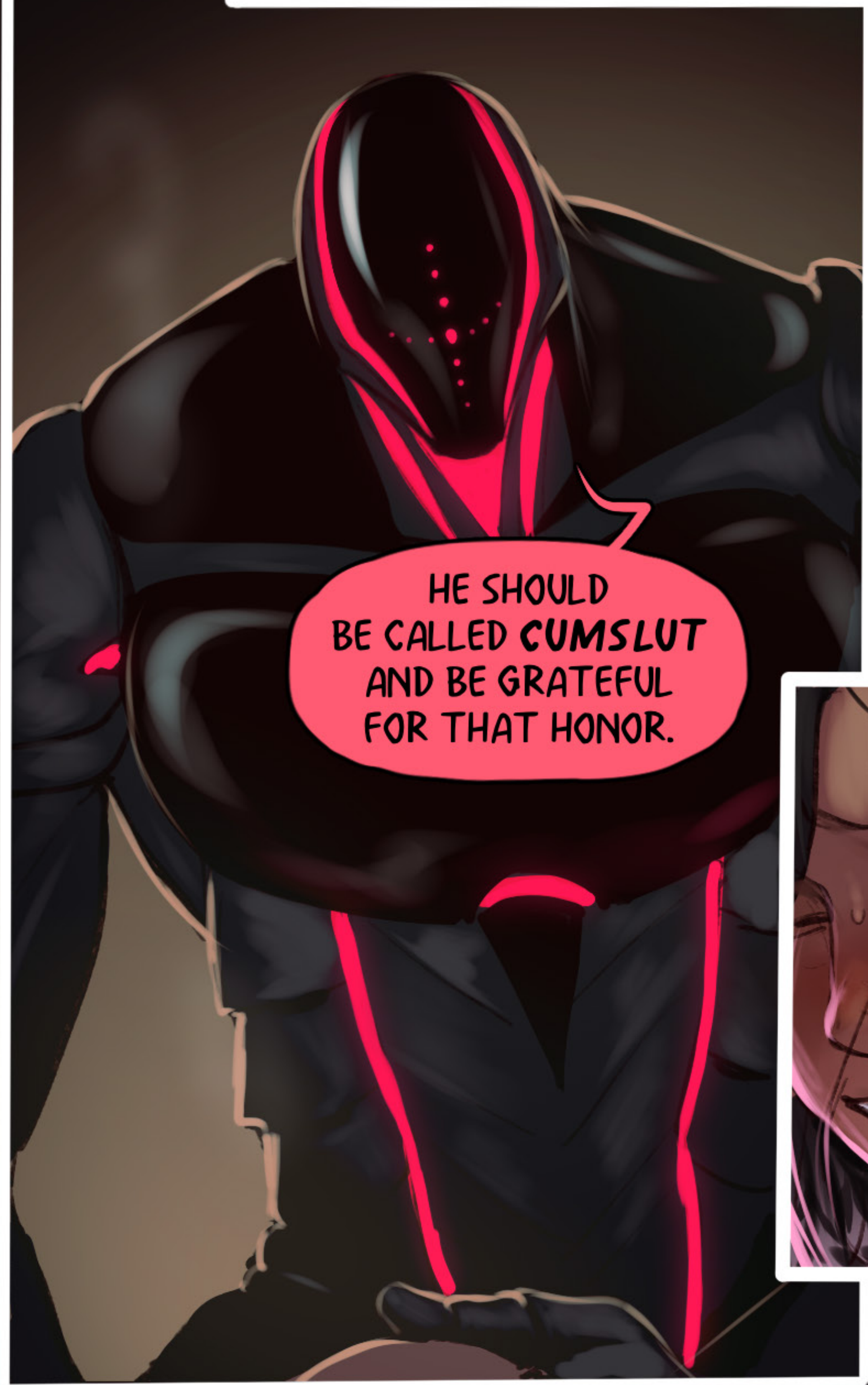
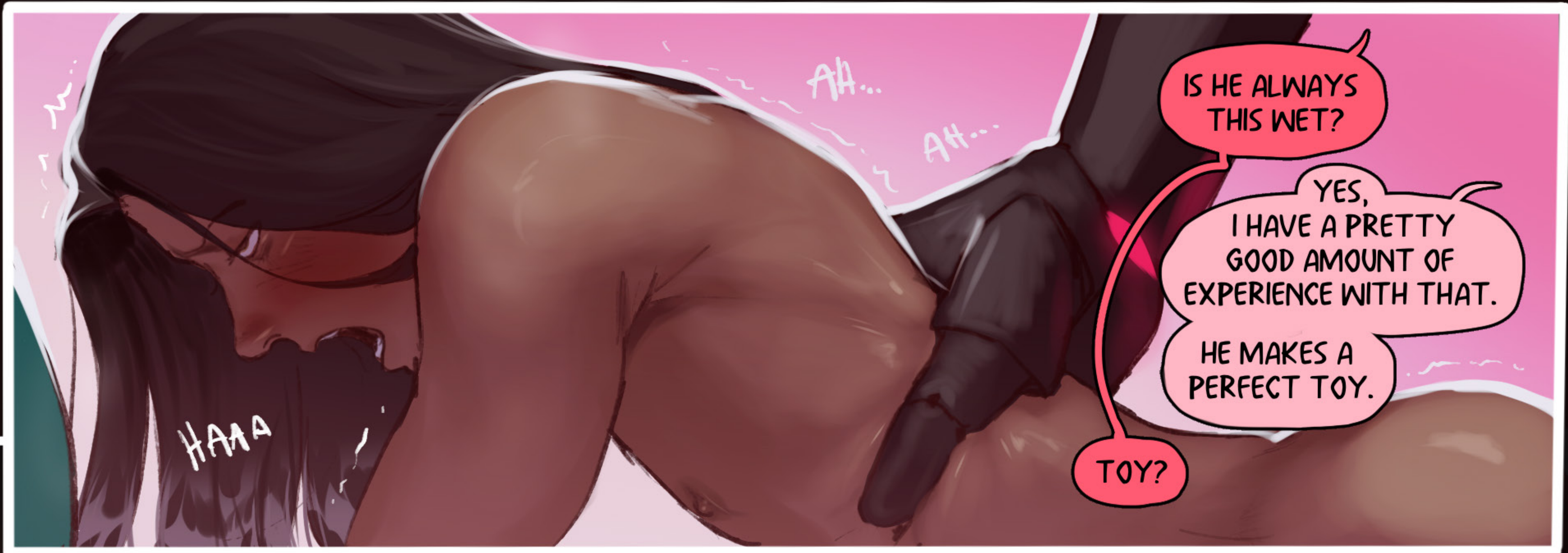
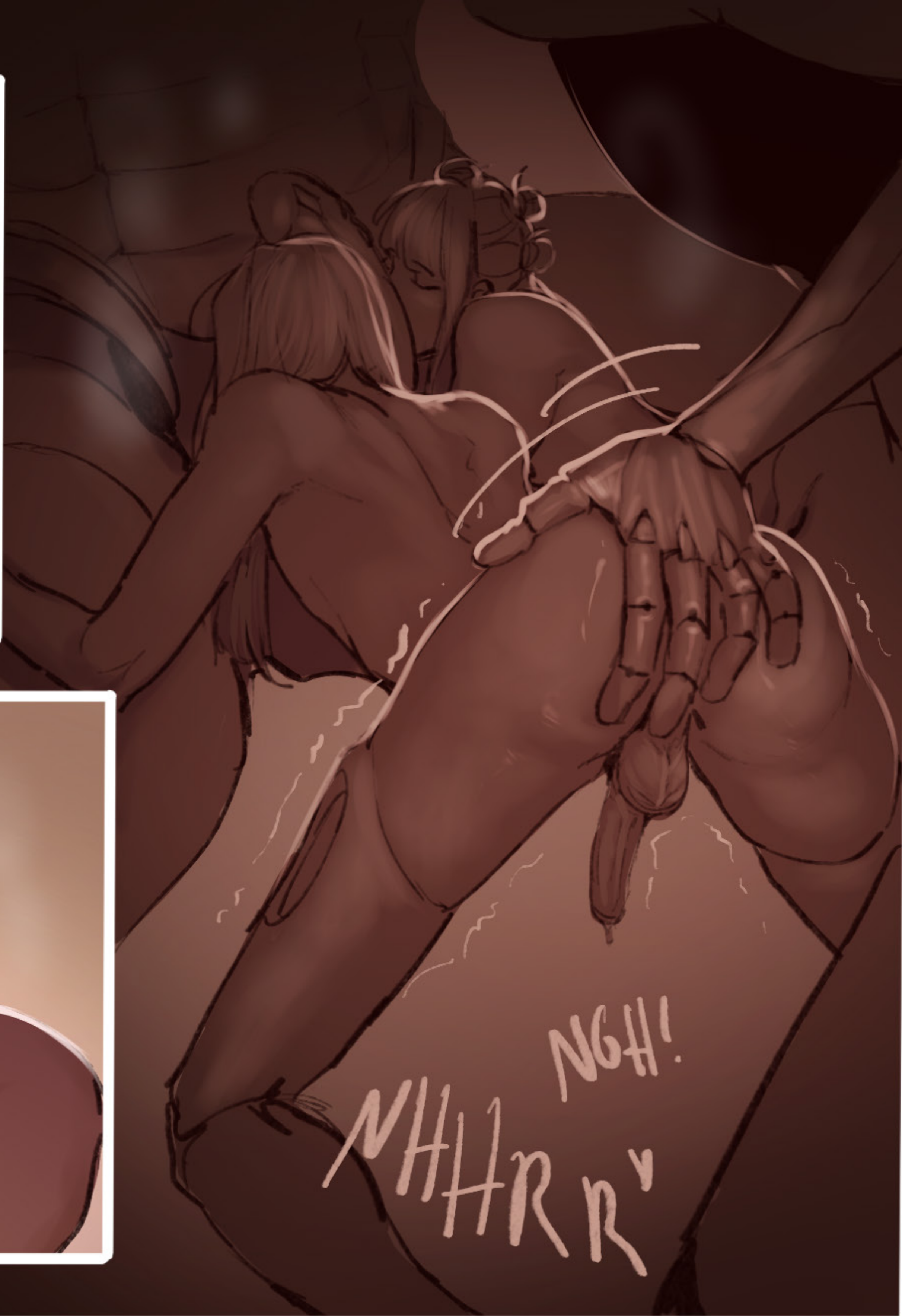
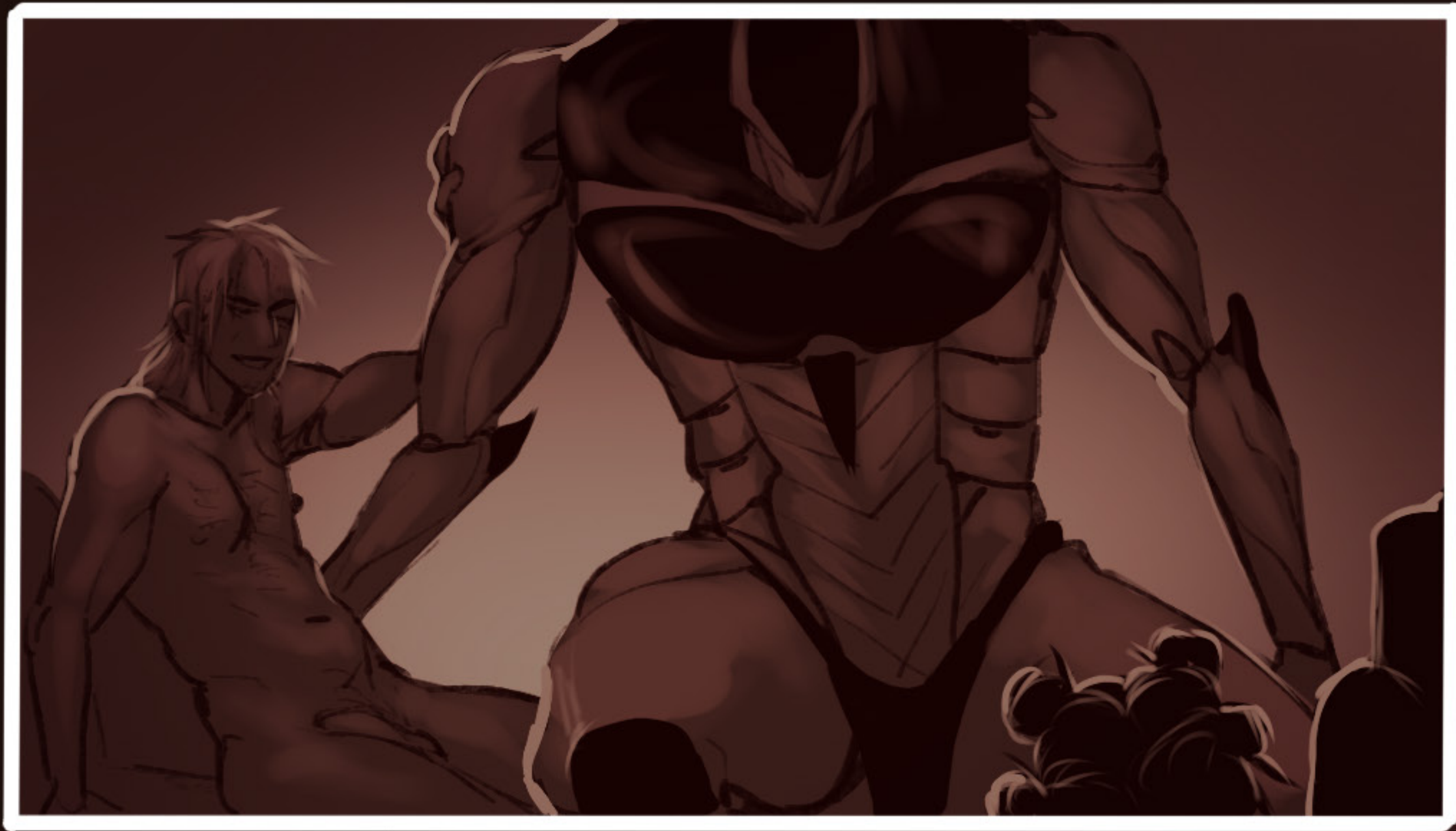


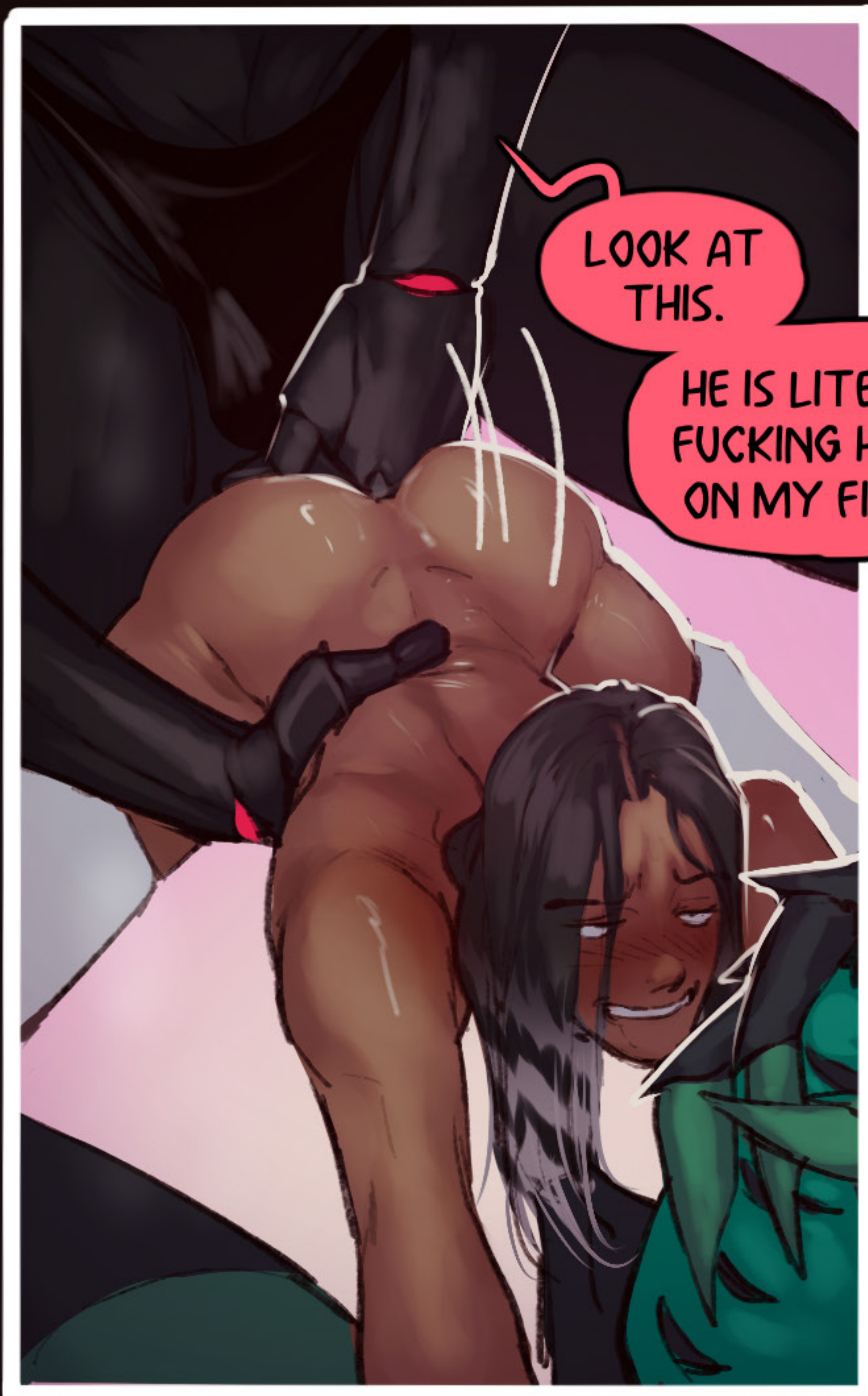
CAN I?

OF COURSE, PINK BUNS.









LOOK AT THIS.

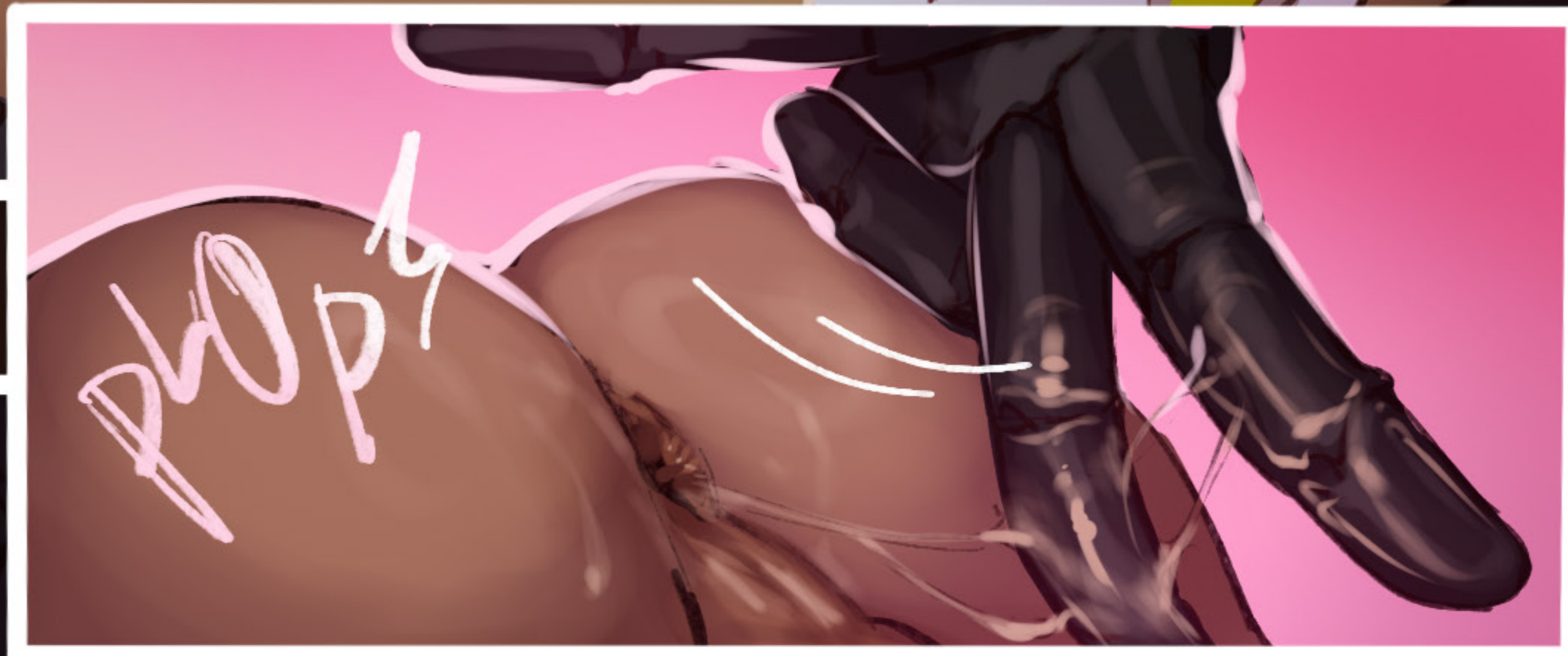
HE IS LITERALLY FUCKING HIMSELF ON MY FINGERS.



WE SHOULD USE HIM FROM BOTH SIDES.

PLEASE... I WANT TO SEE THAT...

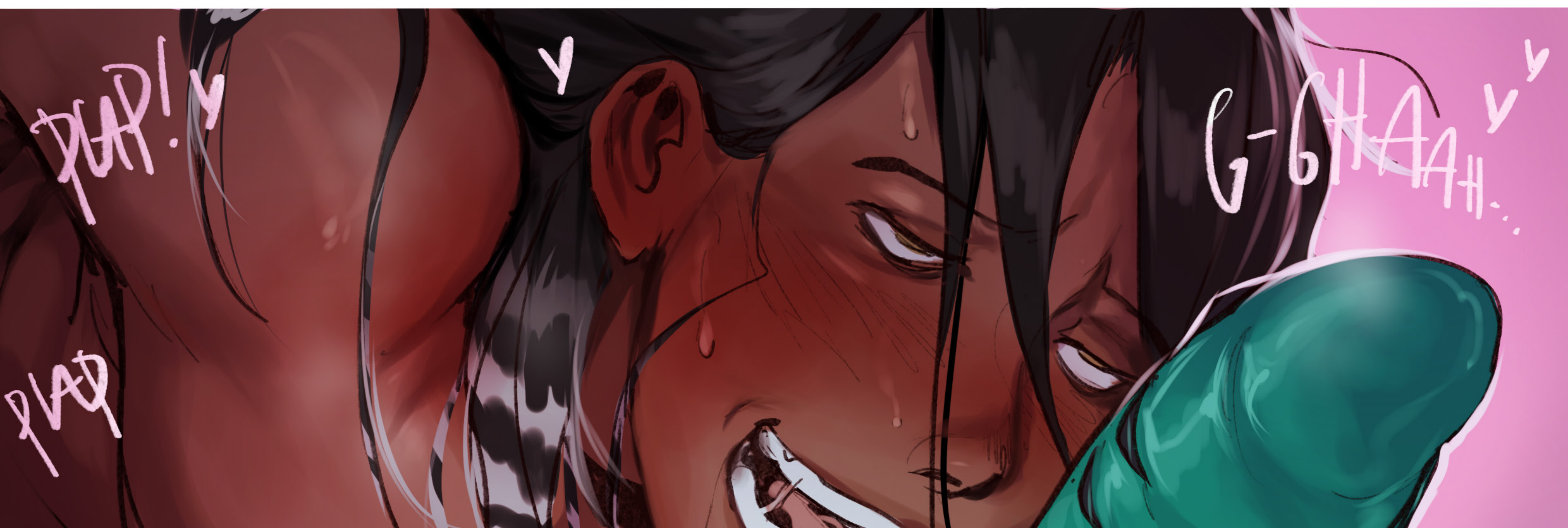
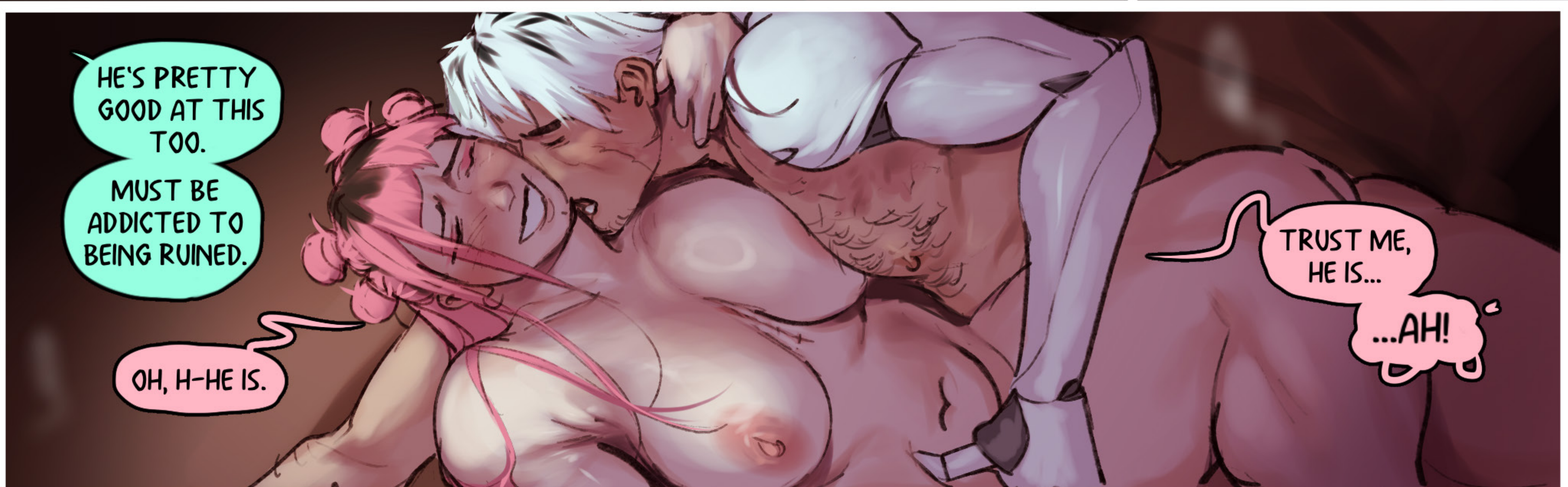
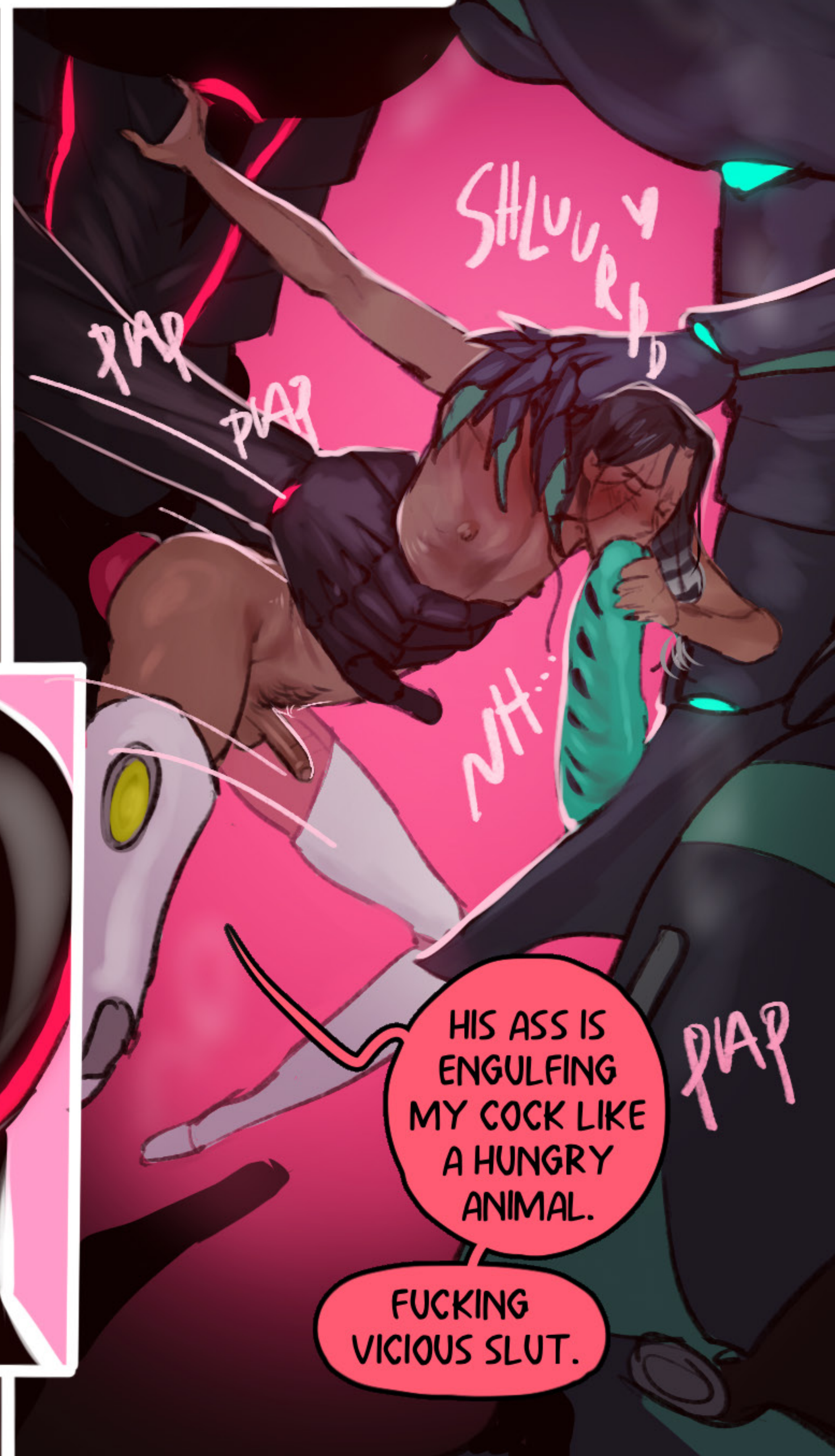
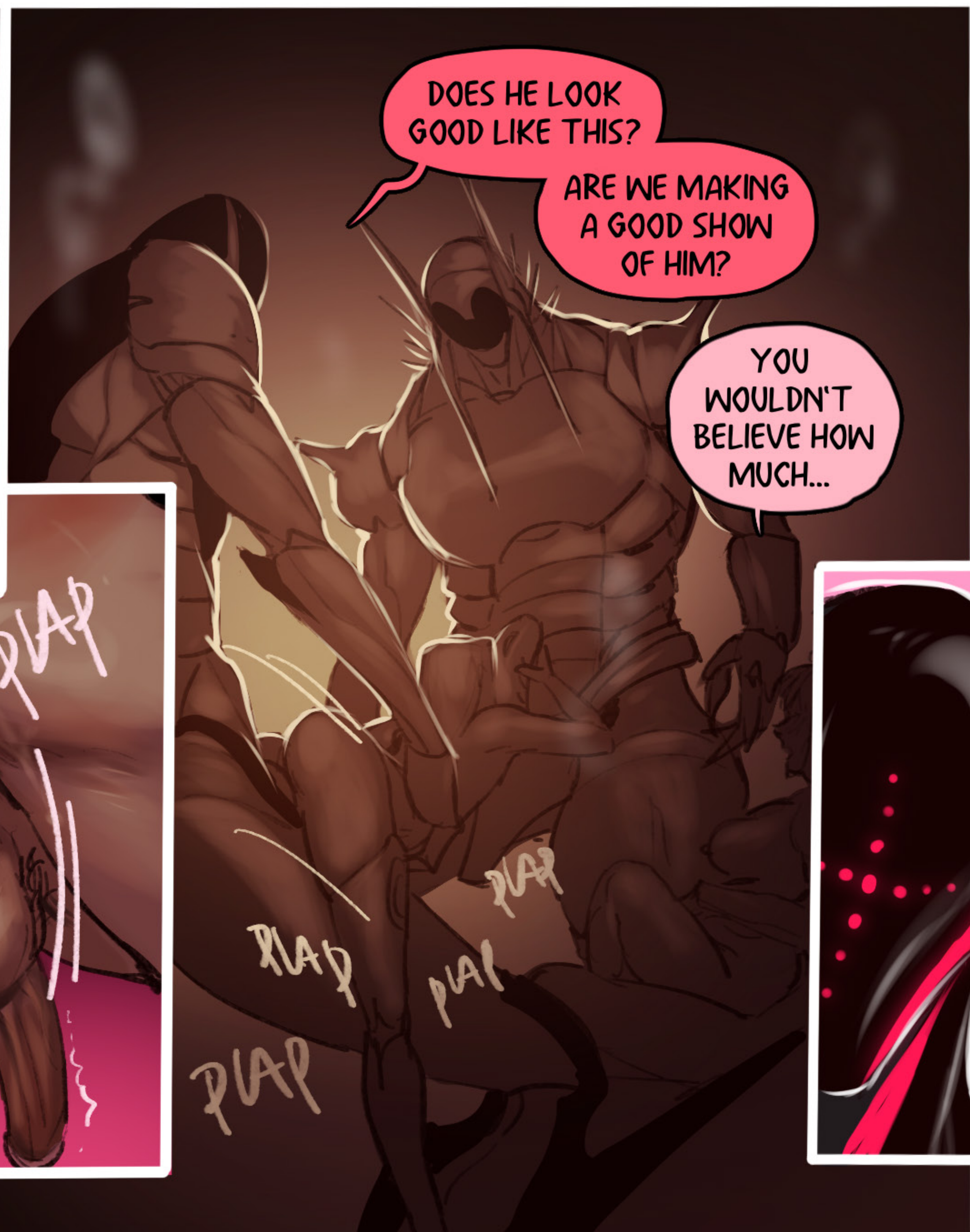
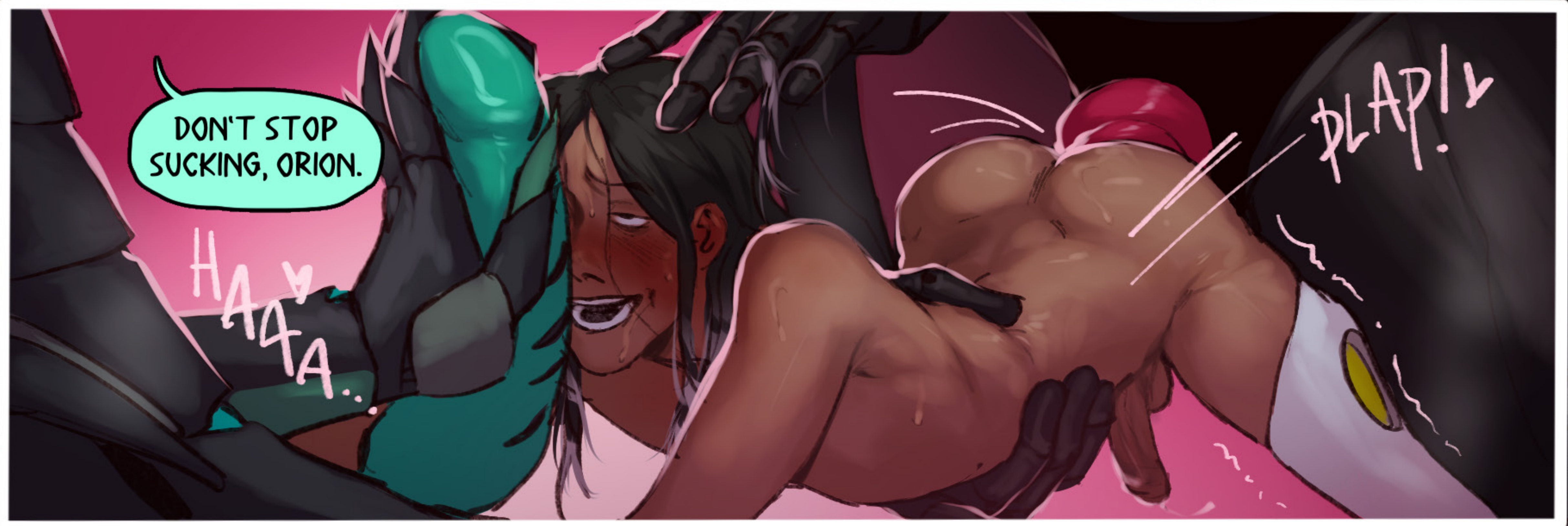
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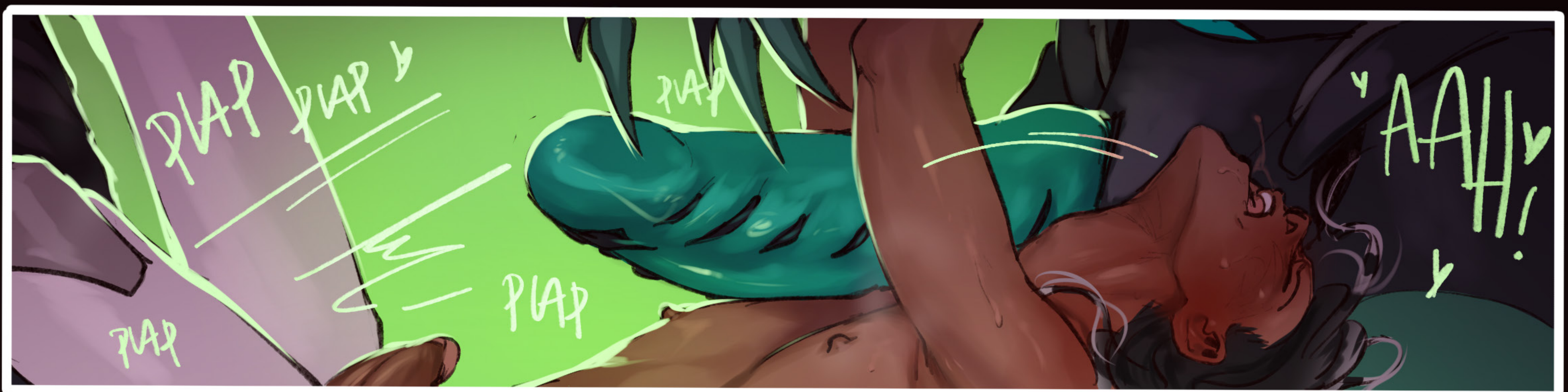
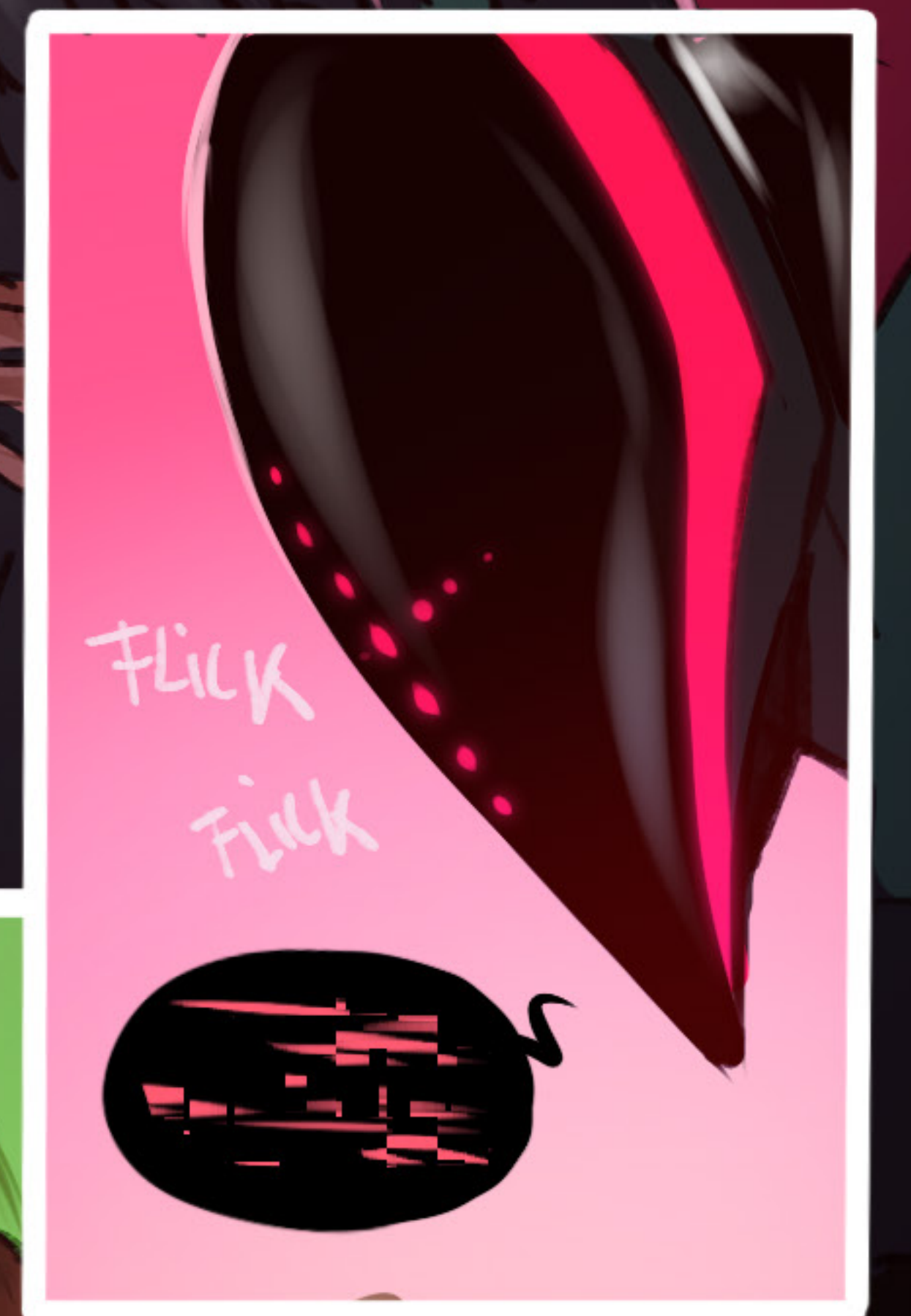
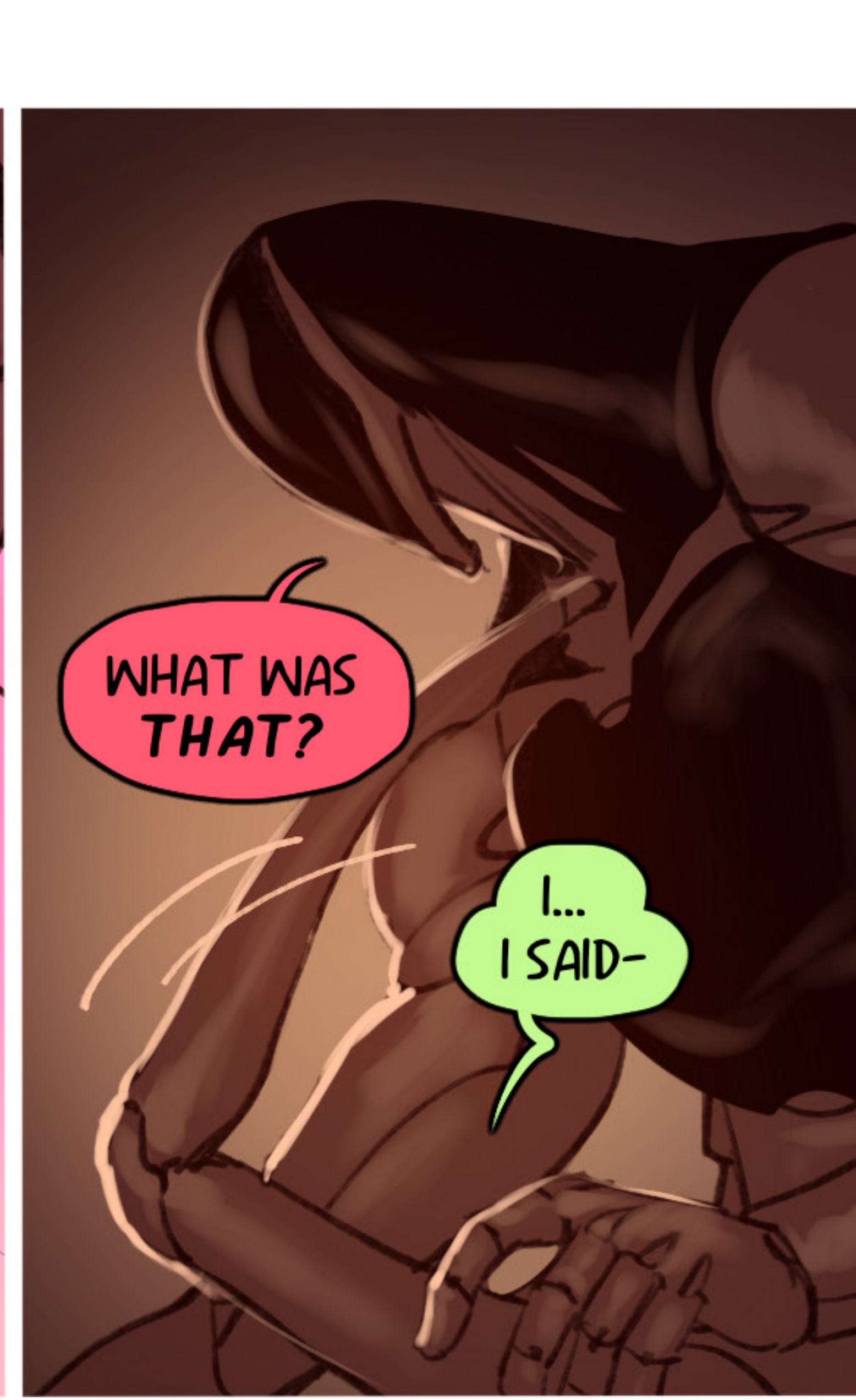
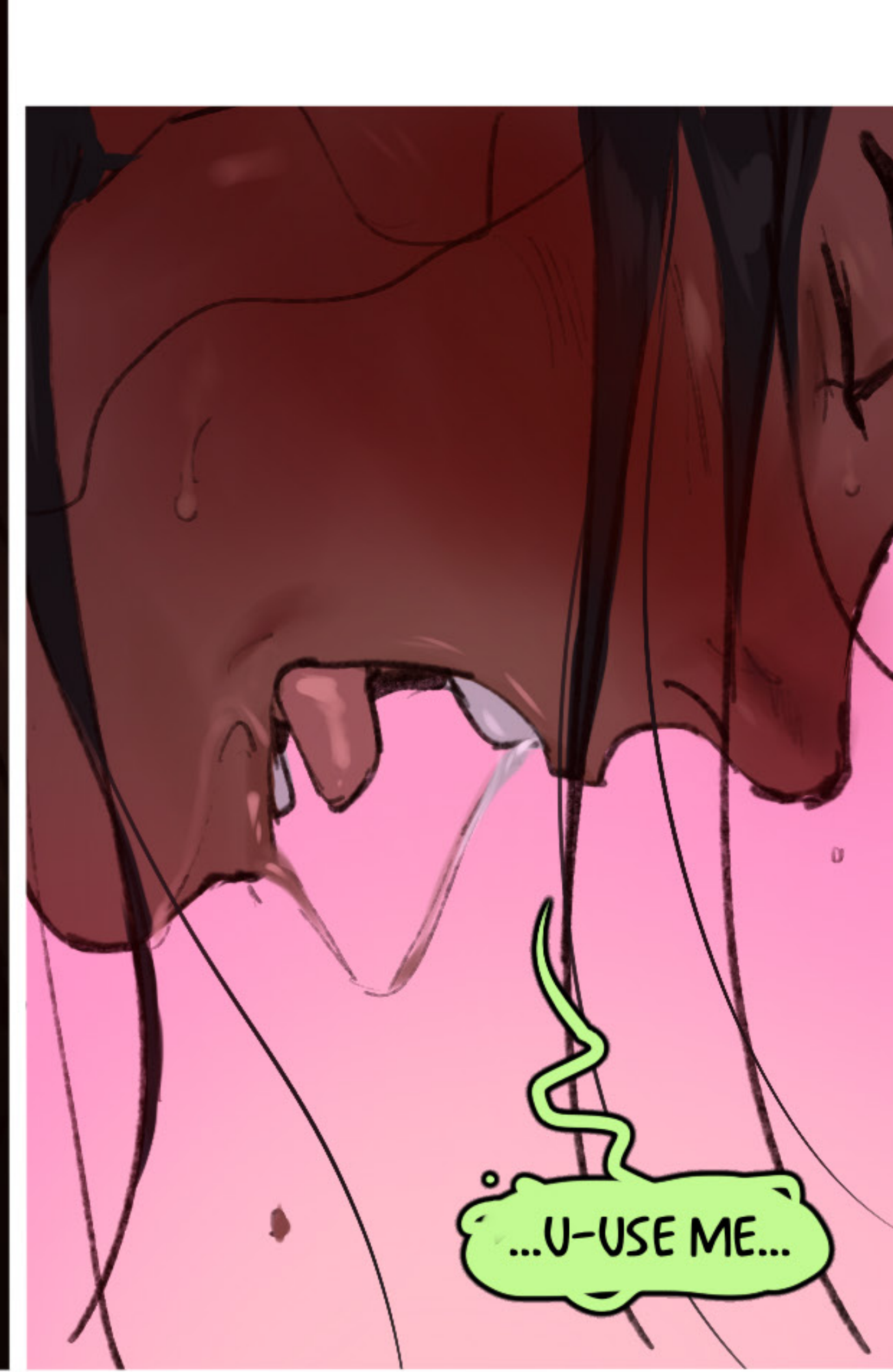


FUCK FUCK FUCK
FUCK FUCK FUCK FUCK-

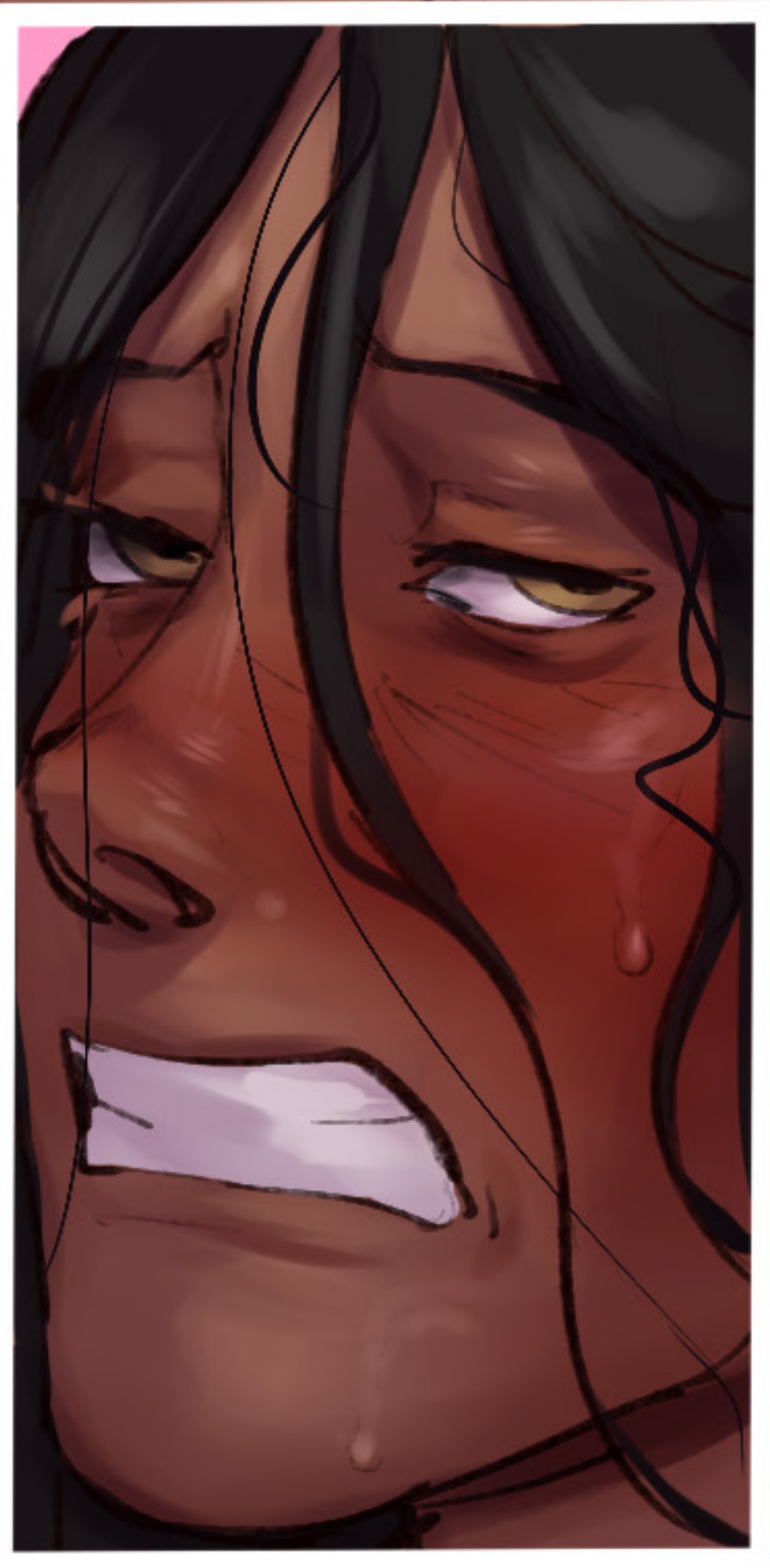
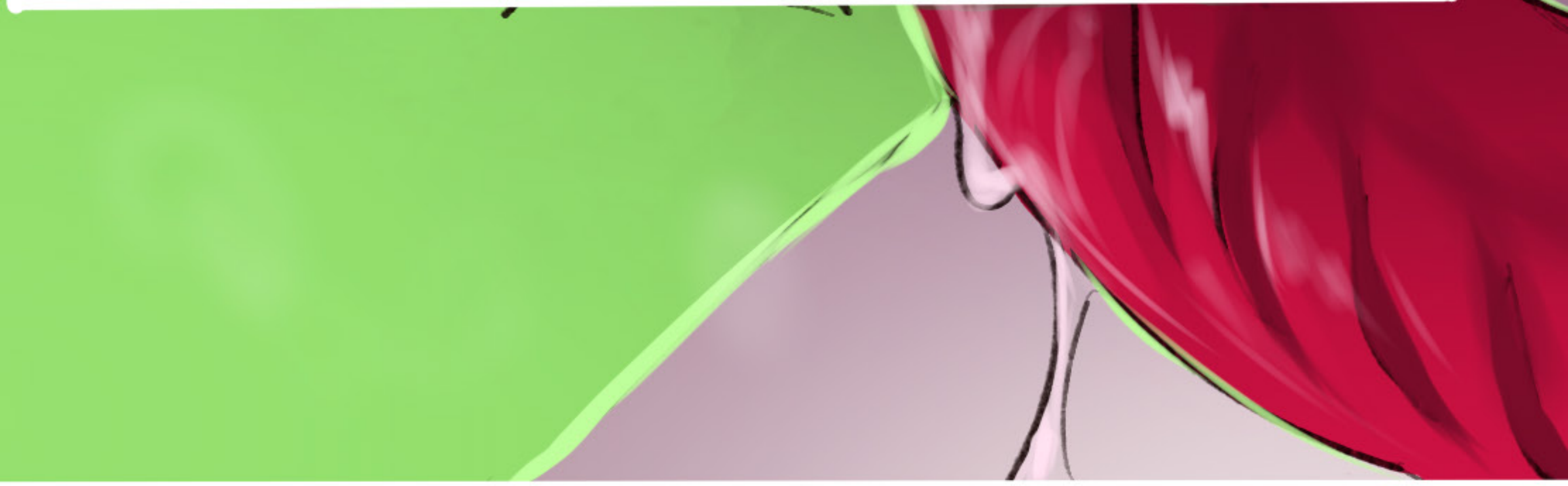
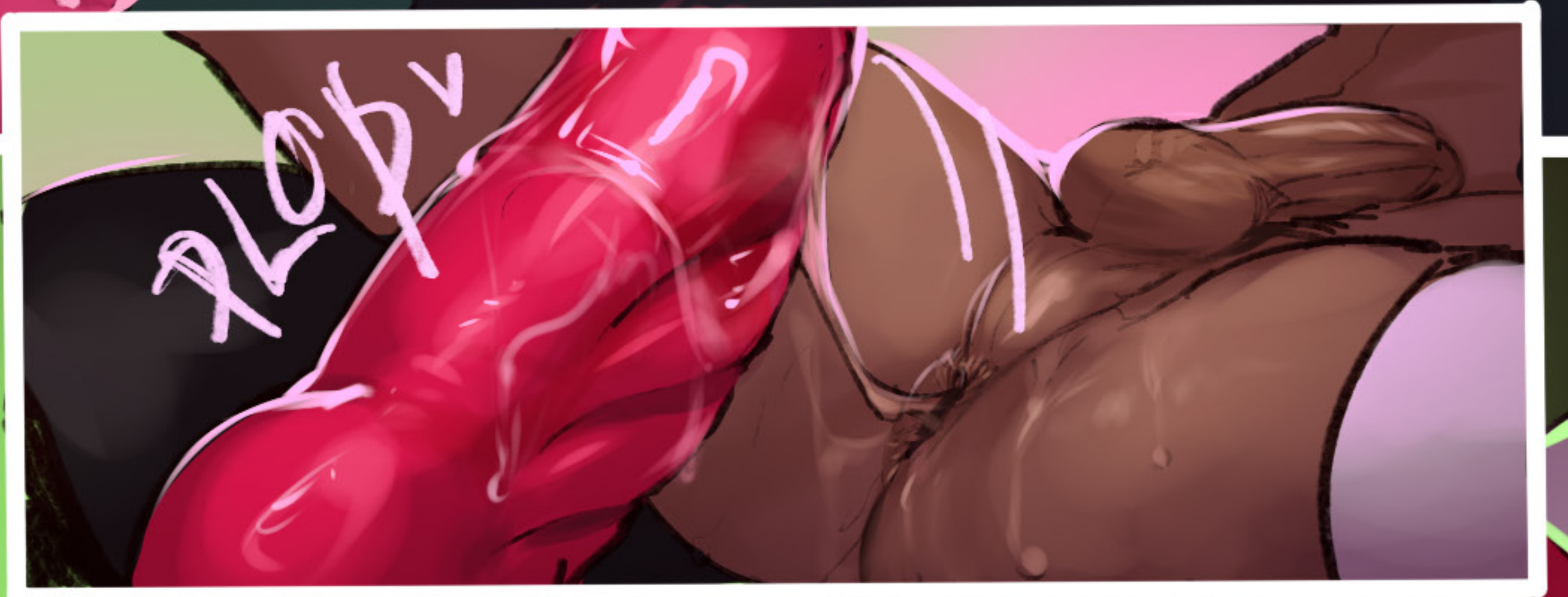


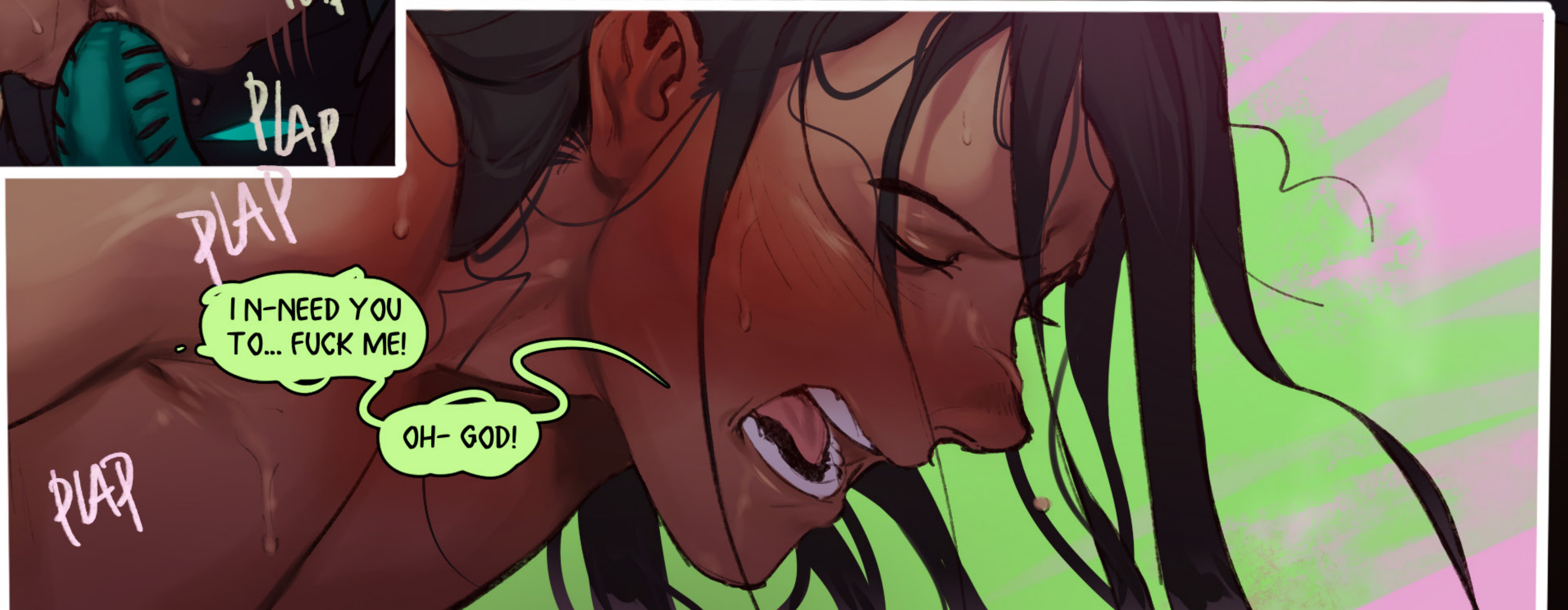
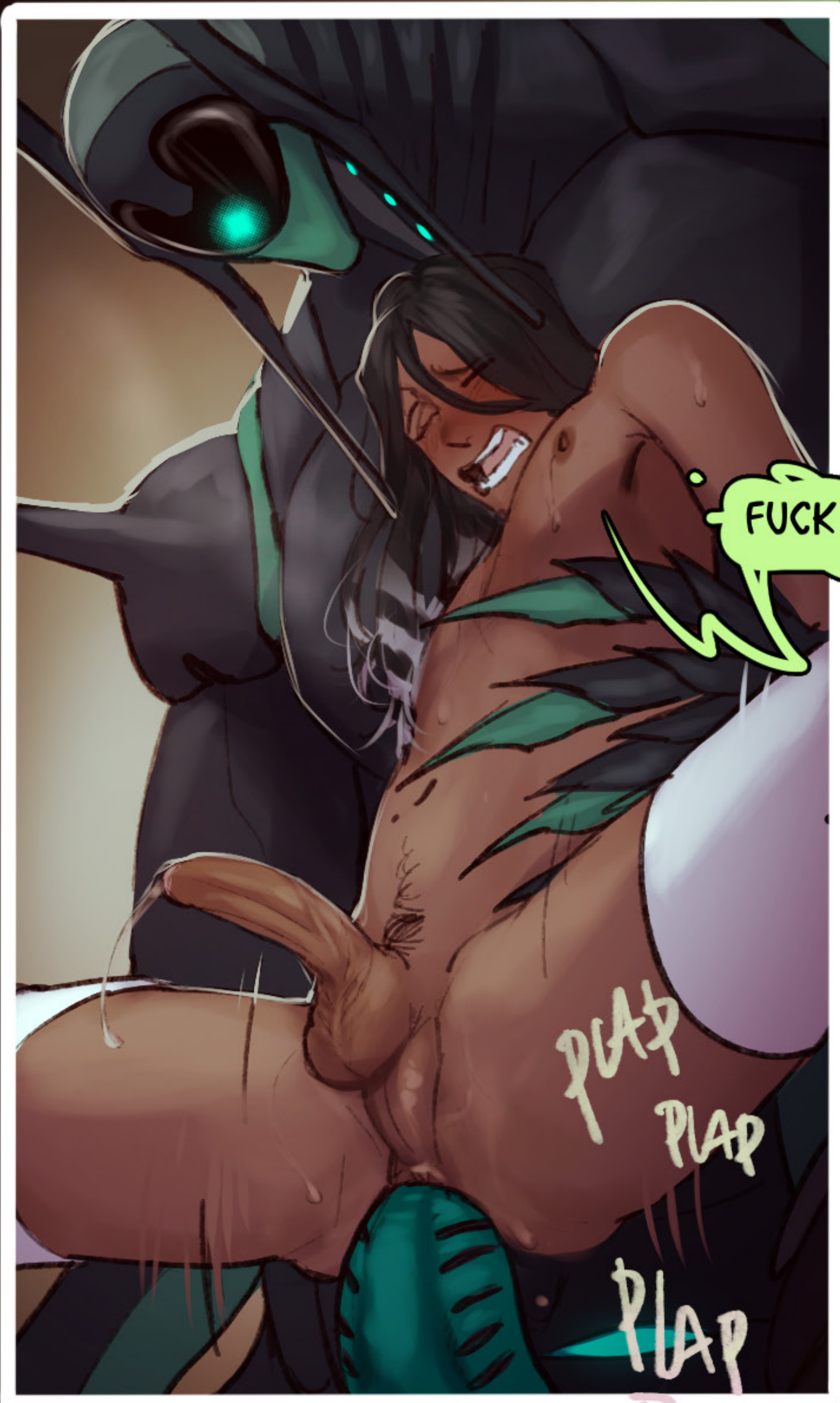
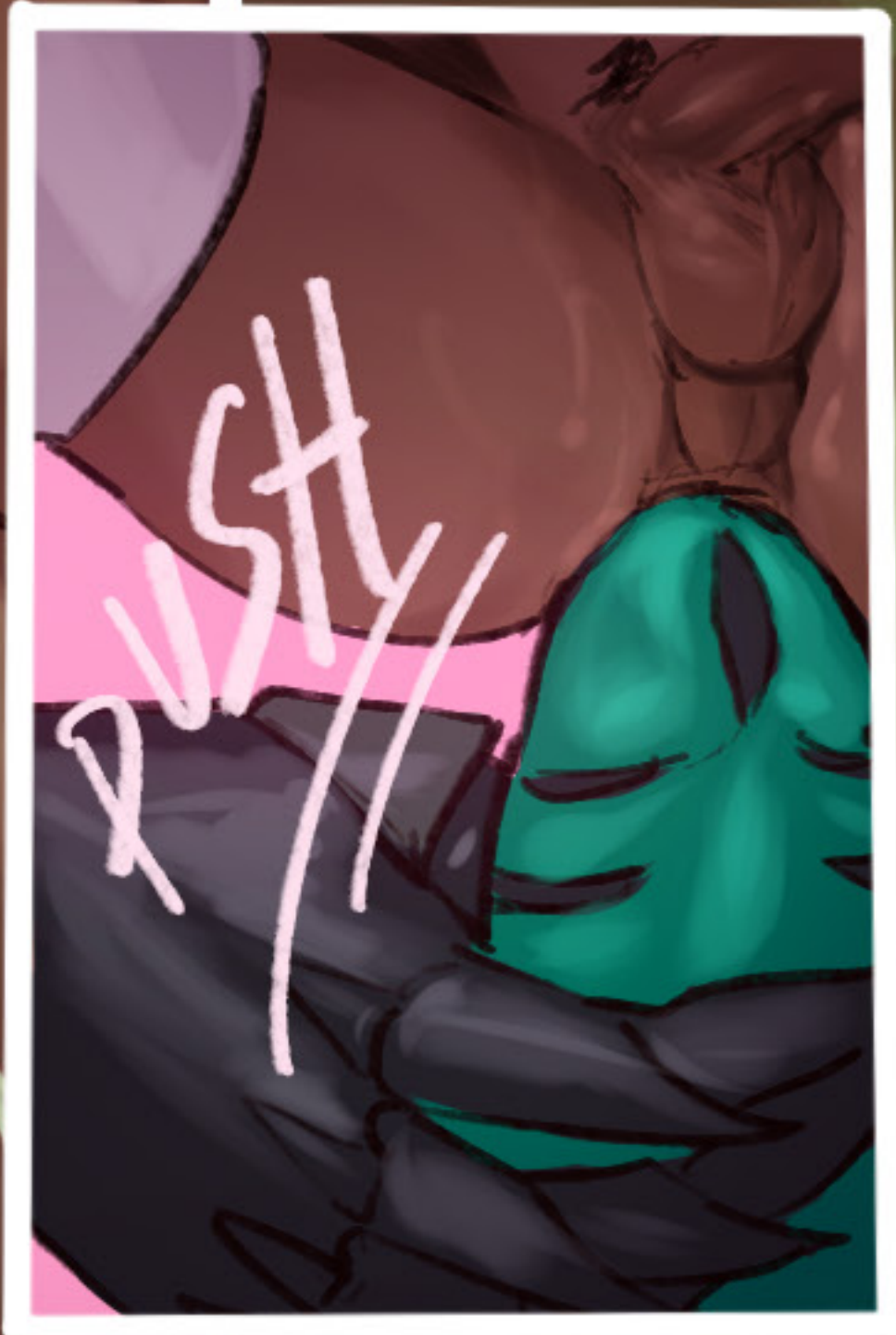
SLIDES RIGHT IN EASILY. WHAT A BITCH.

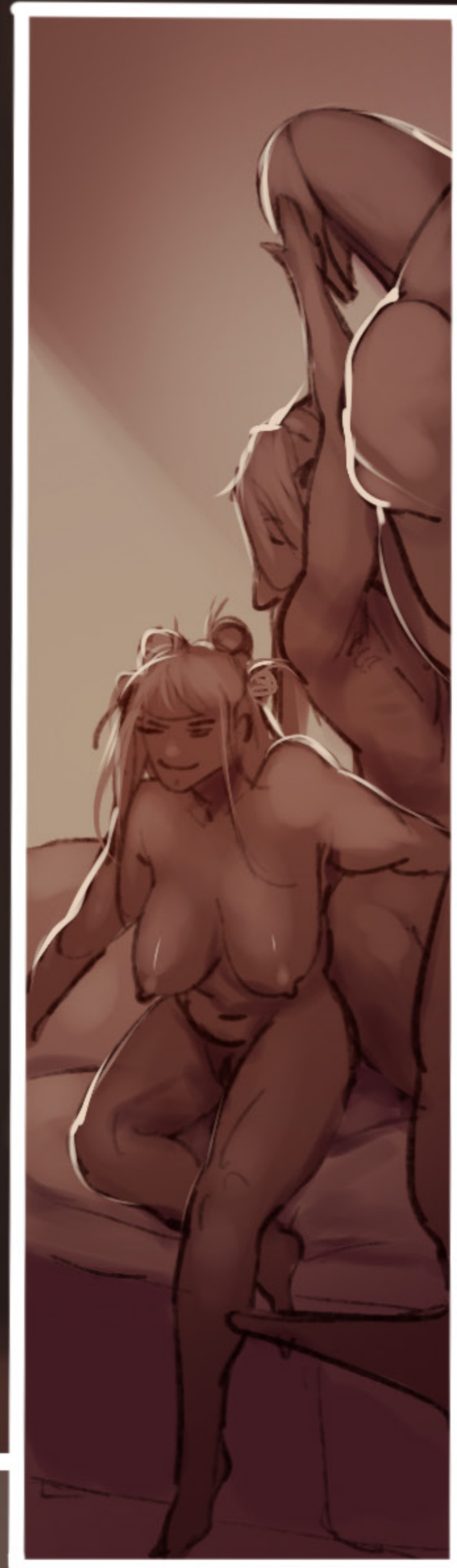
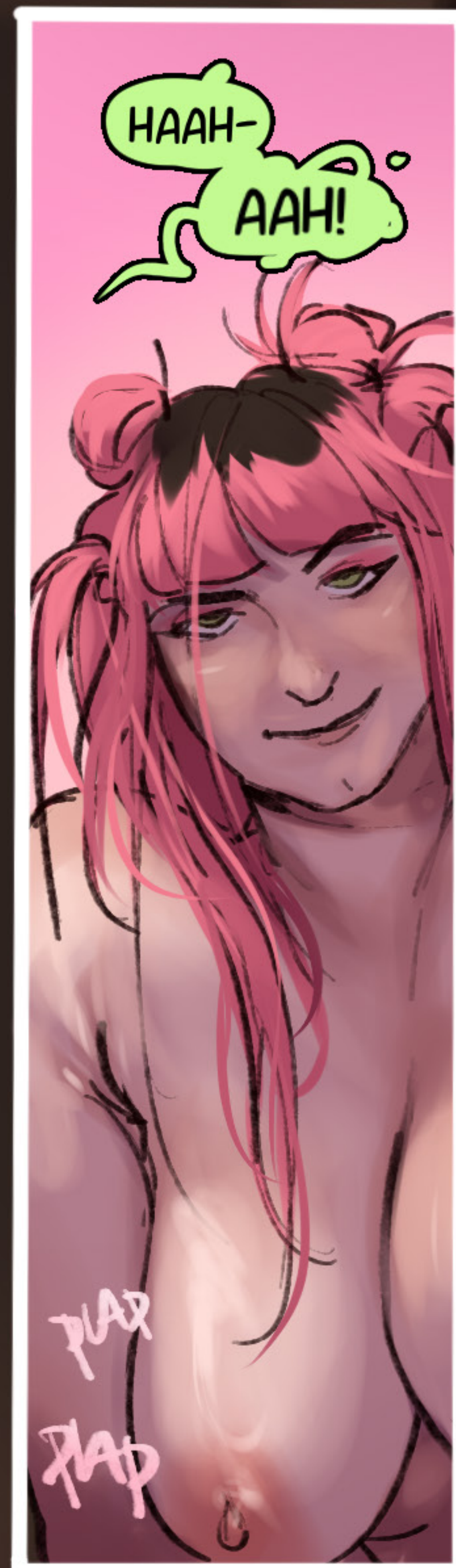
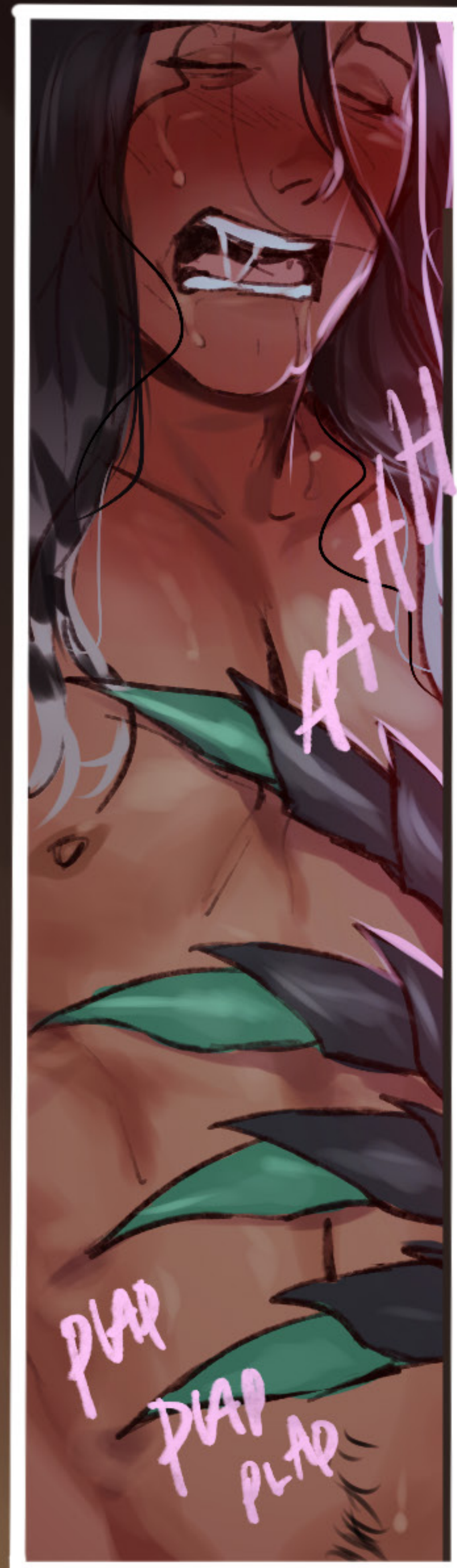


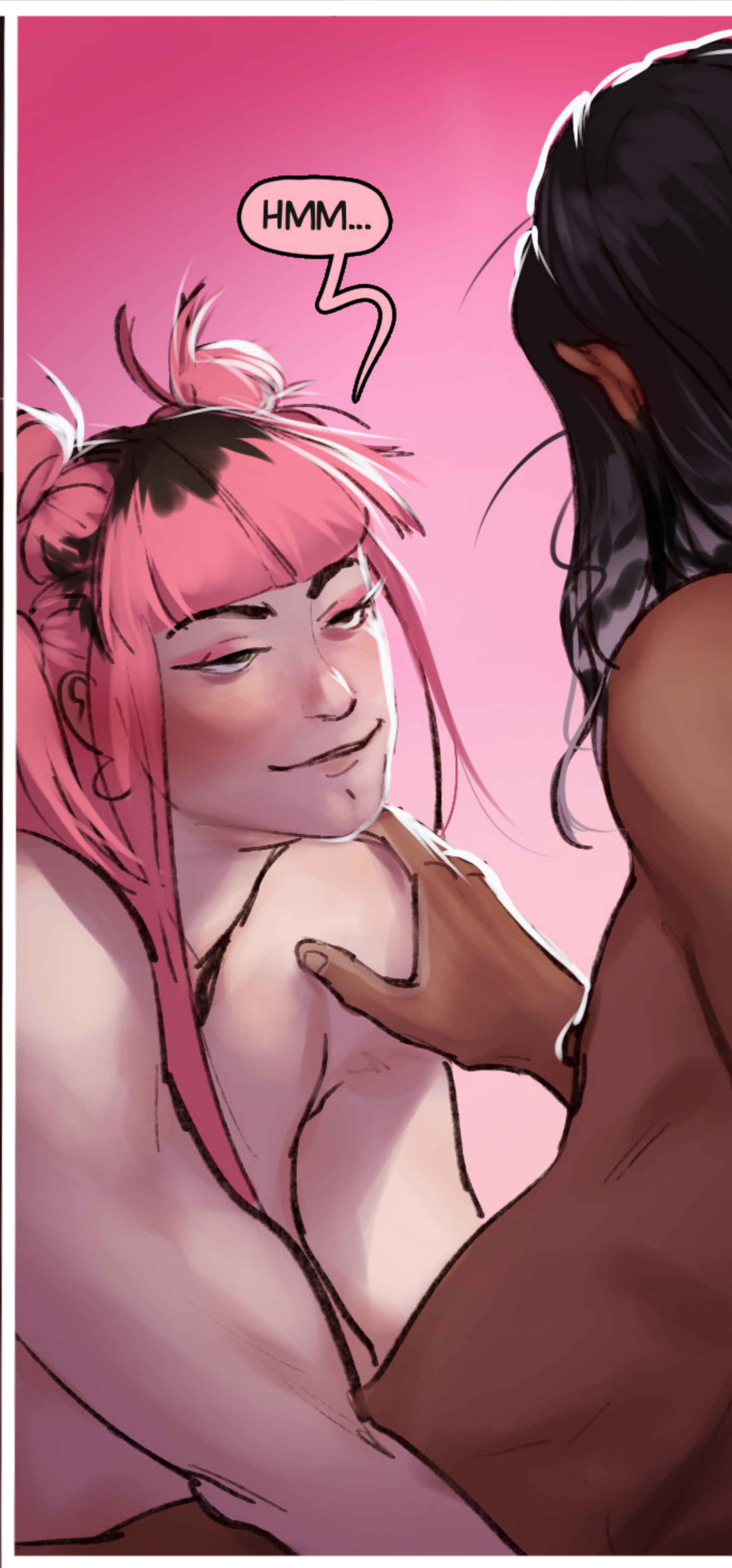
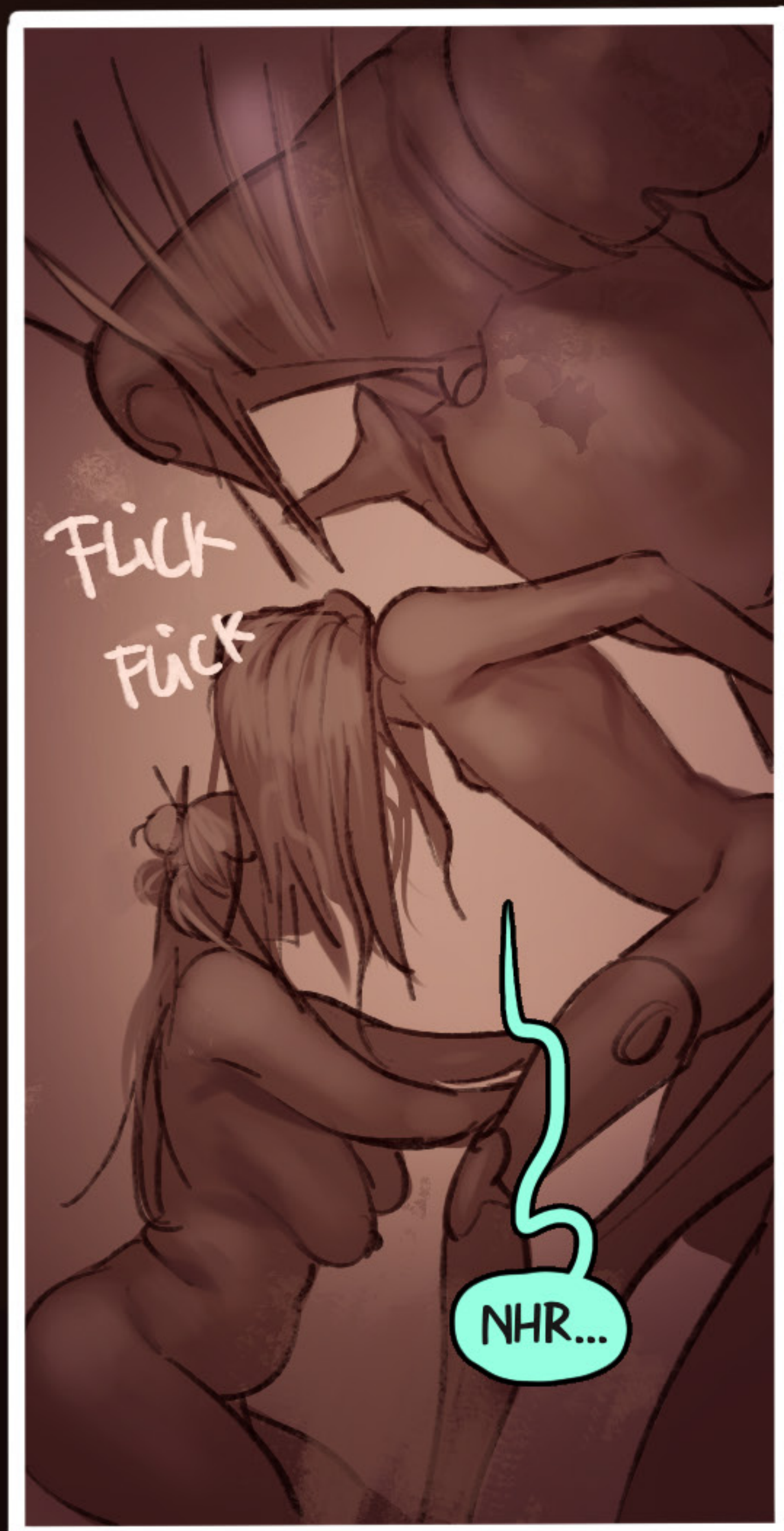


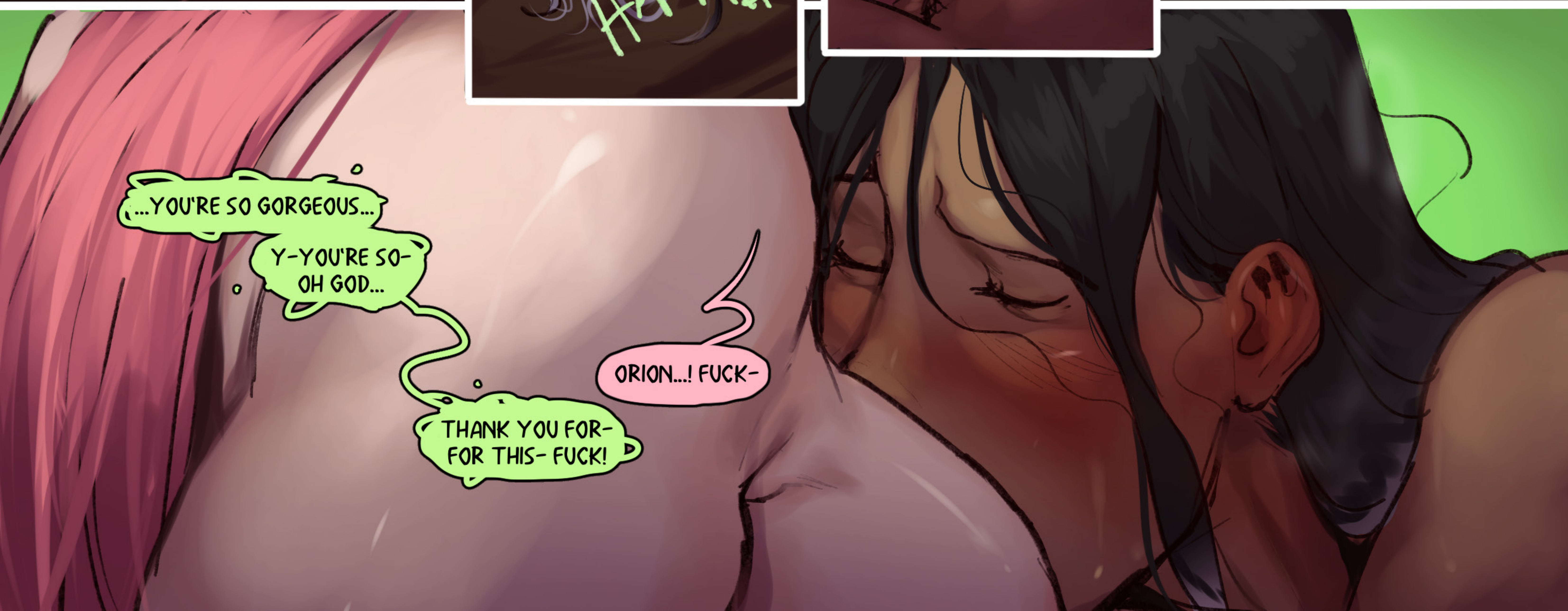
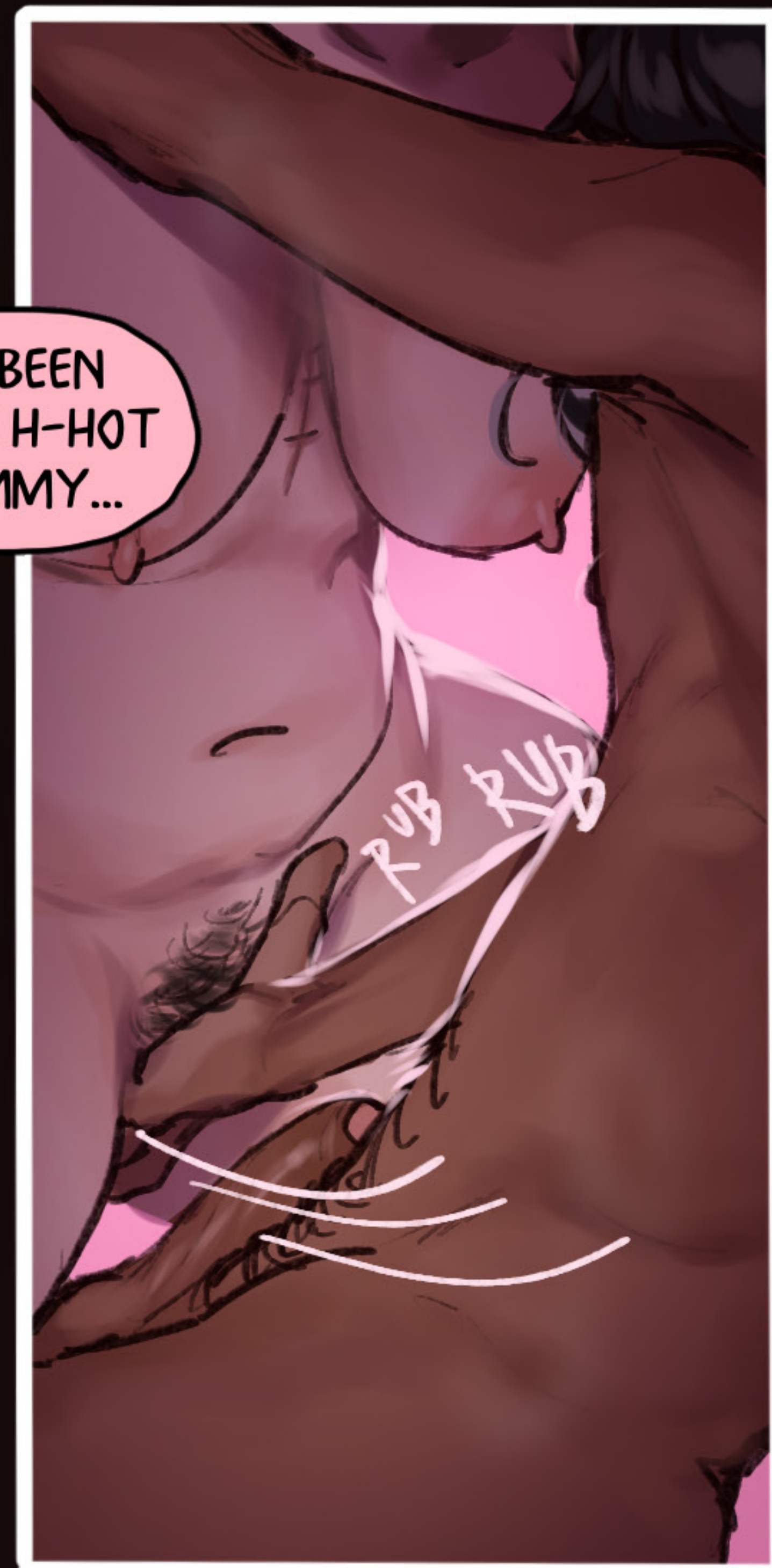
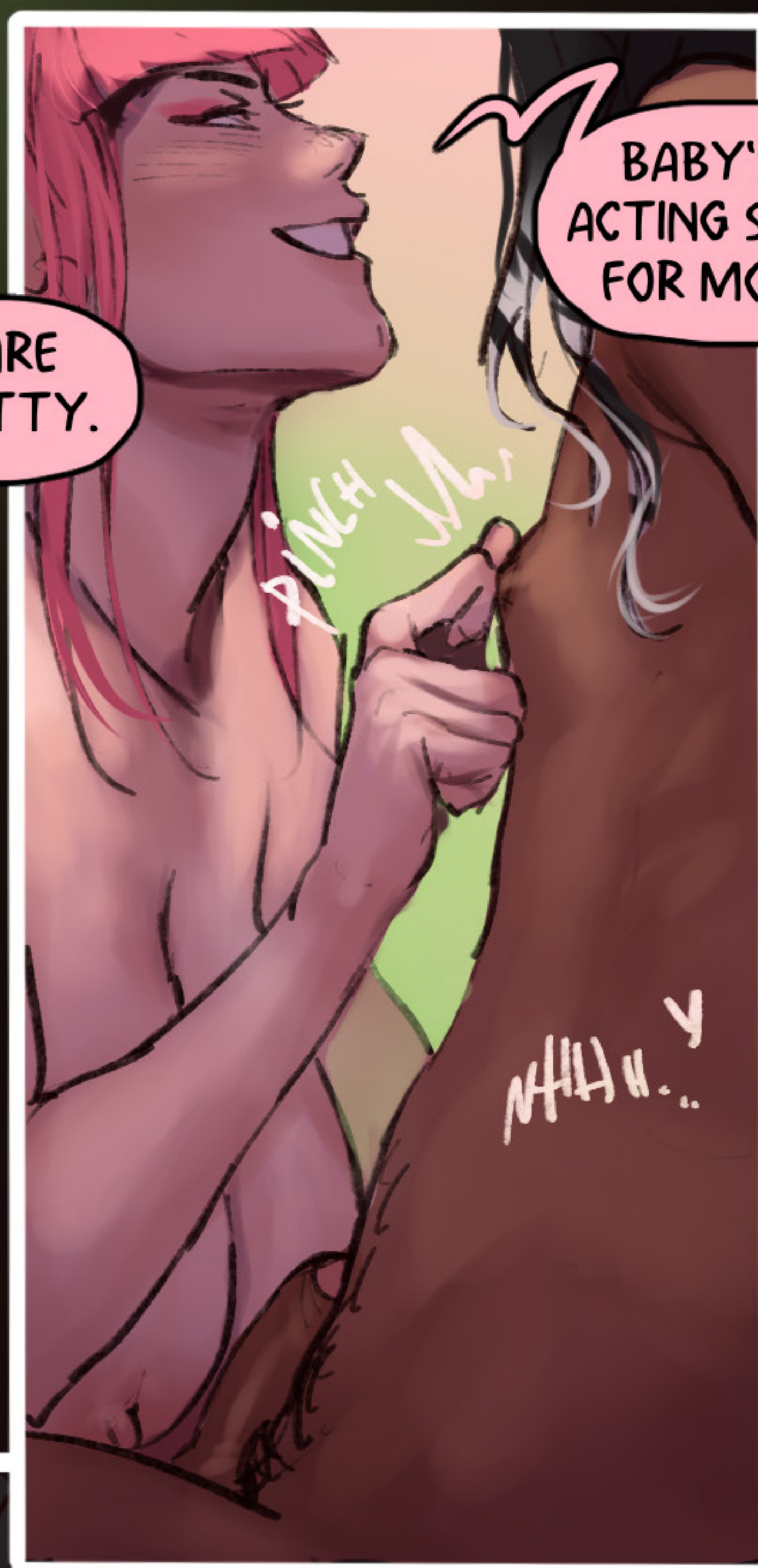
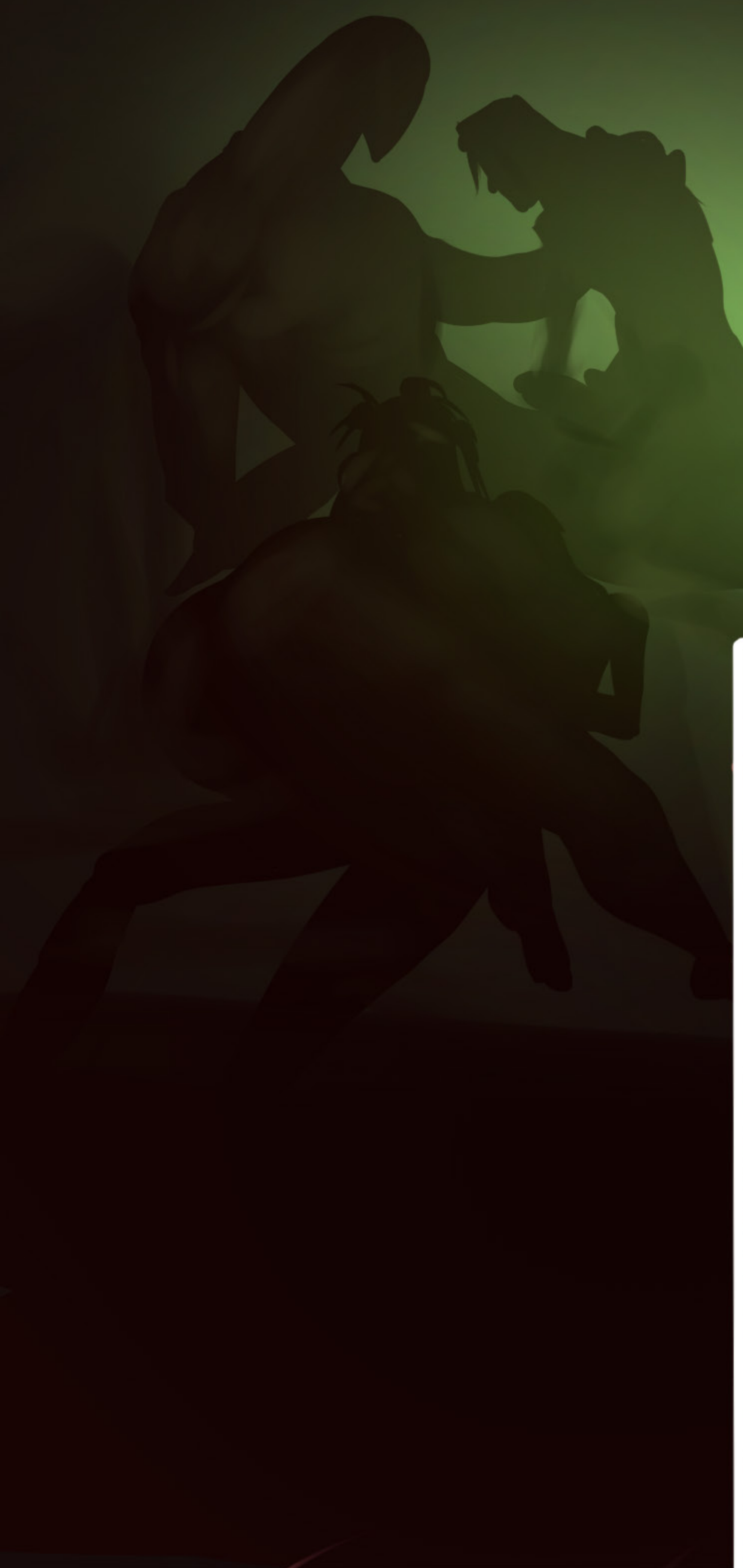
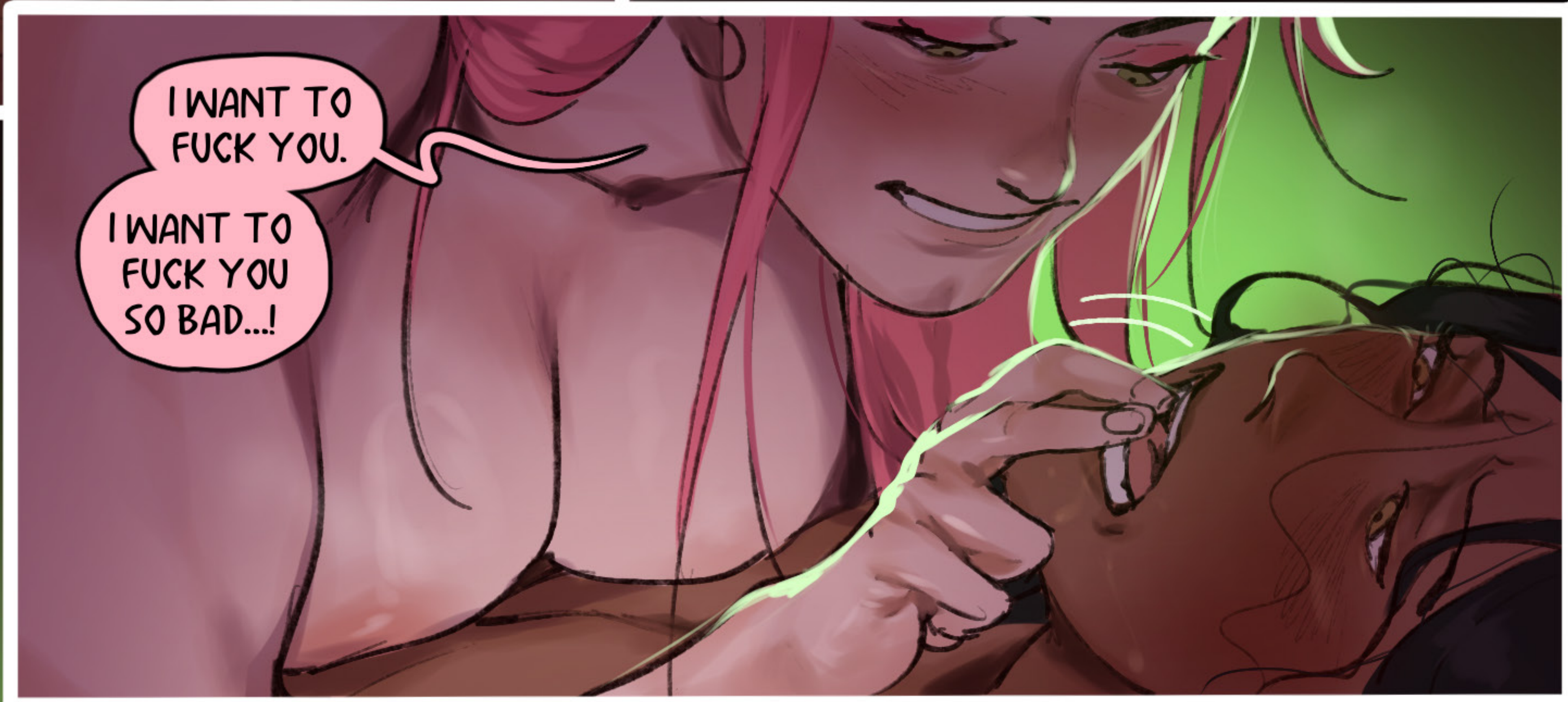


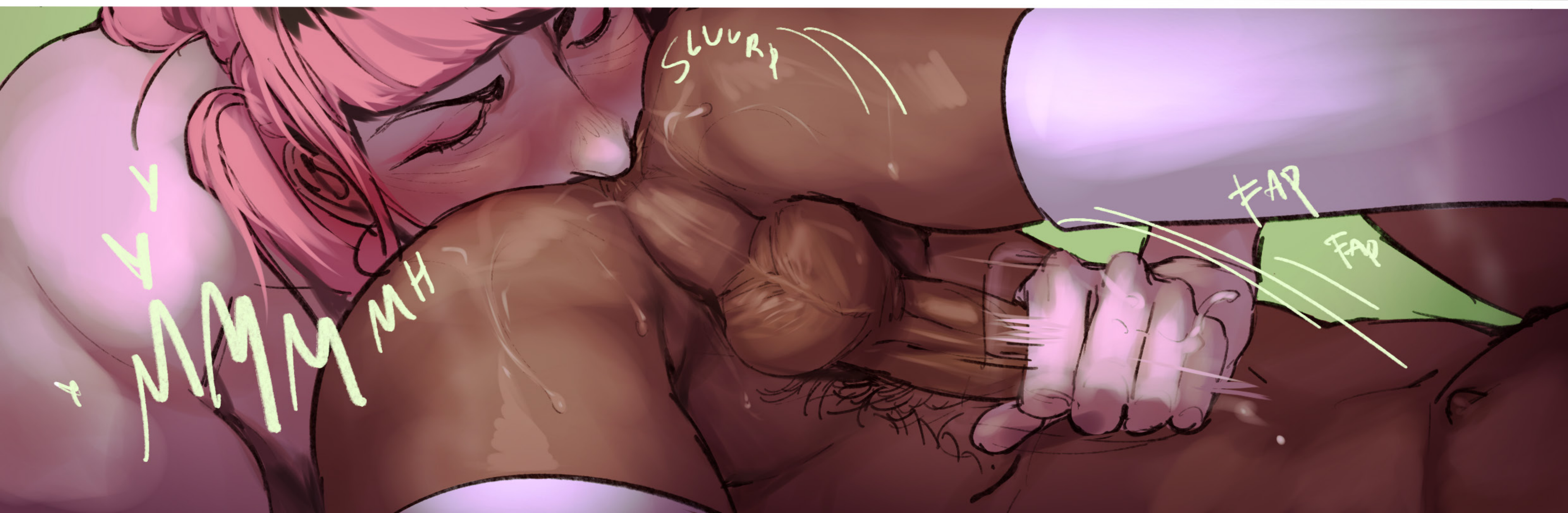
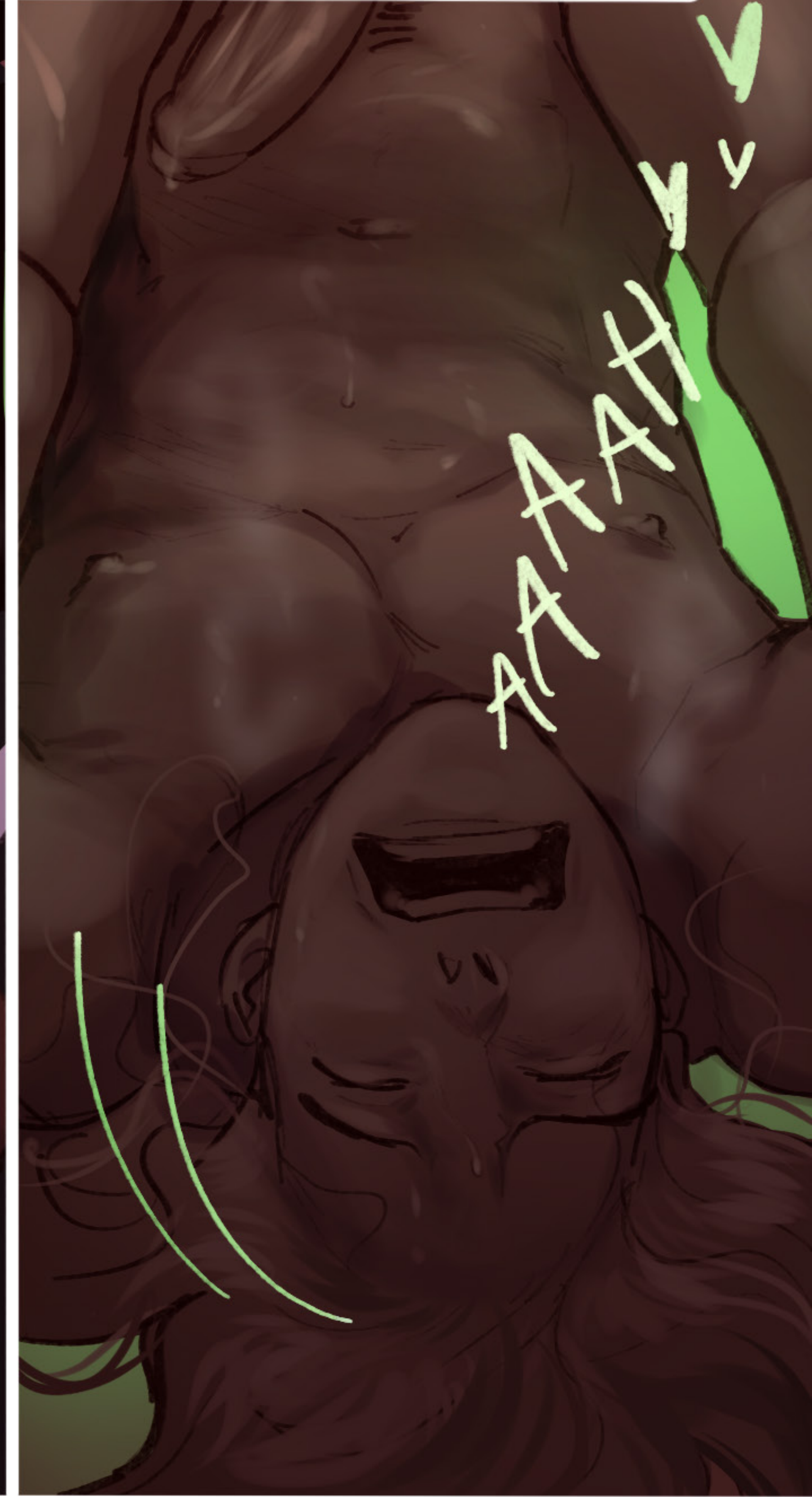
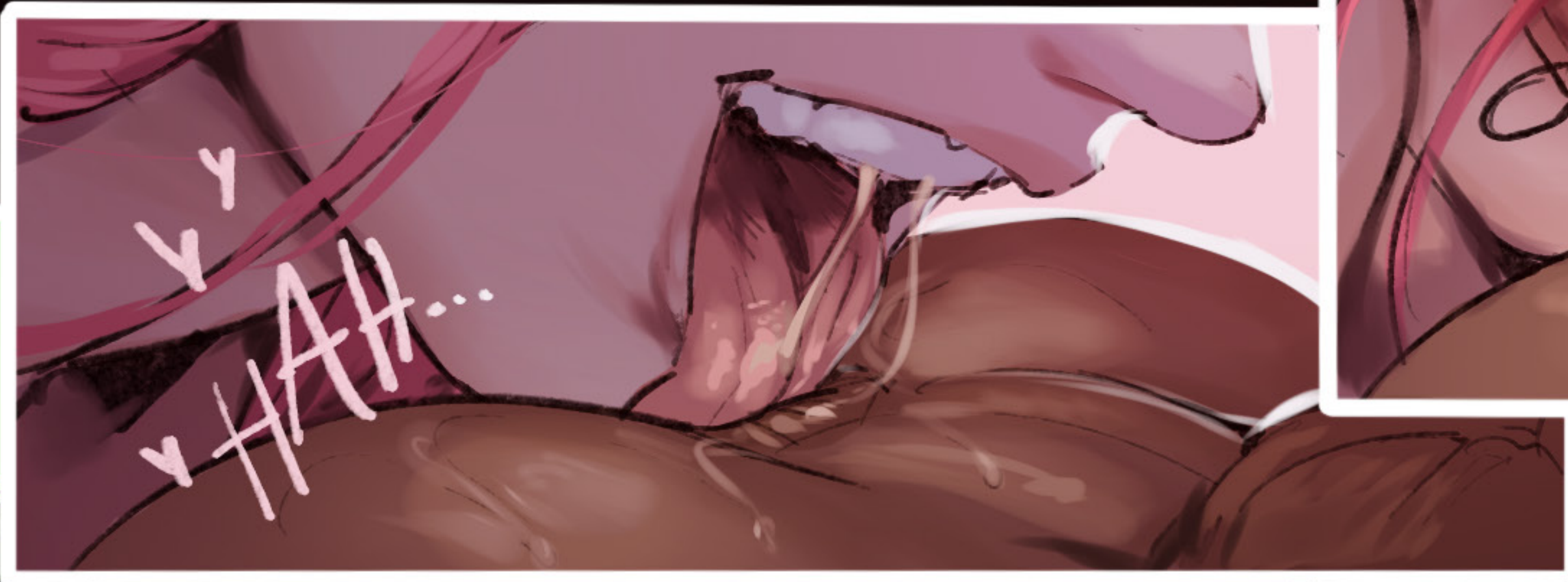
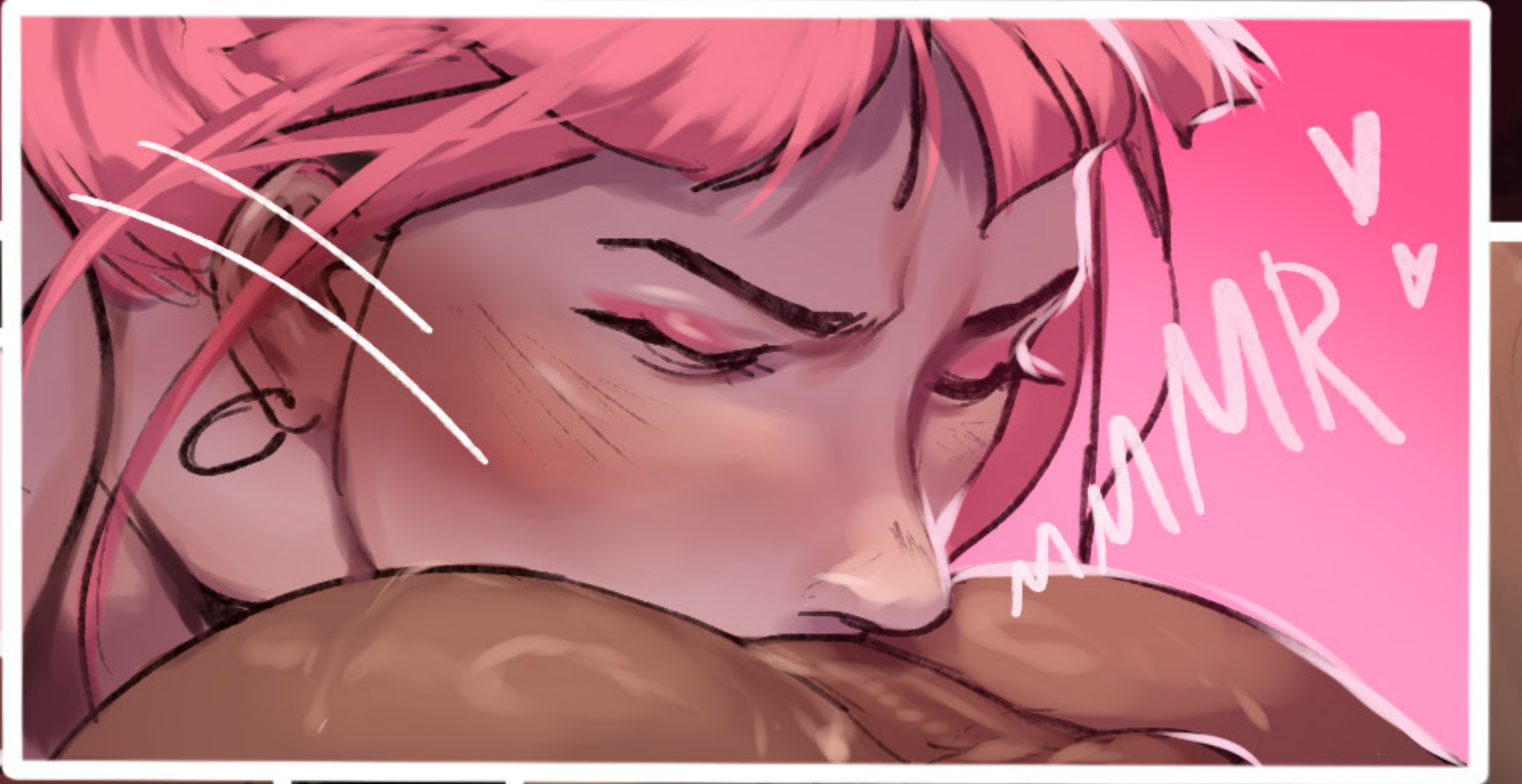


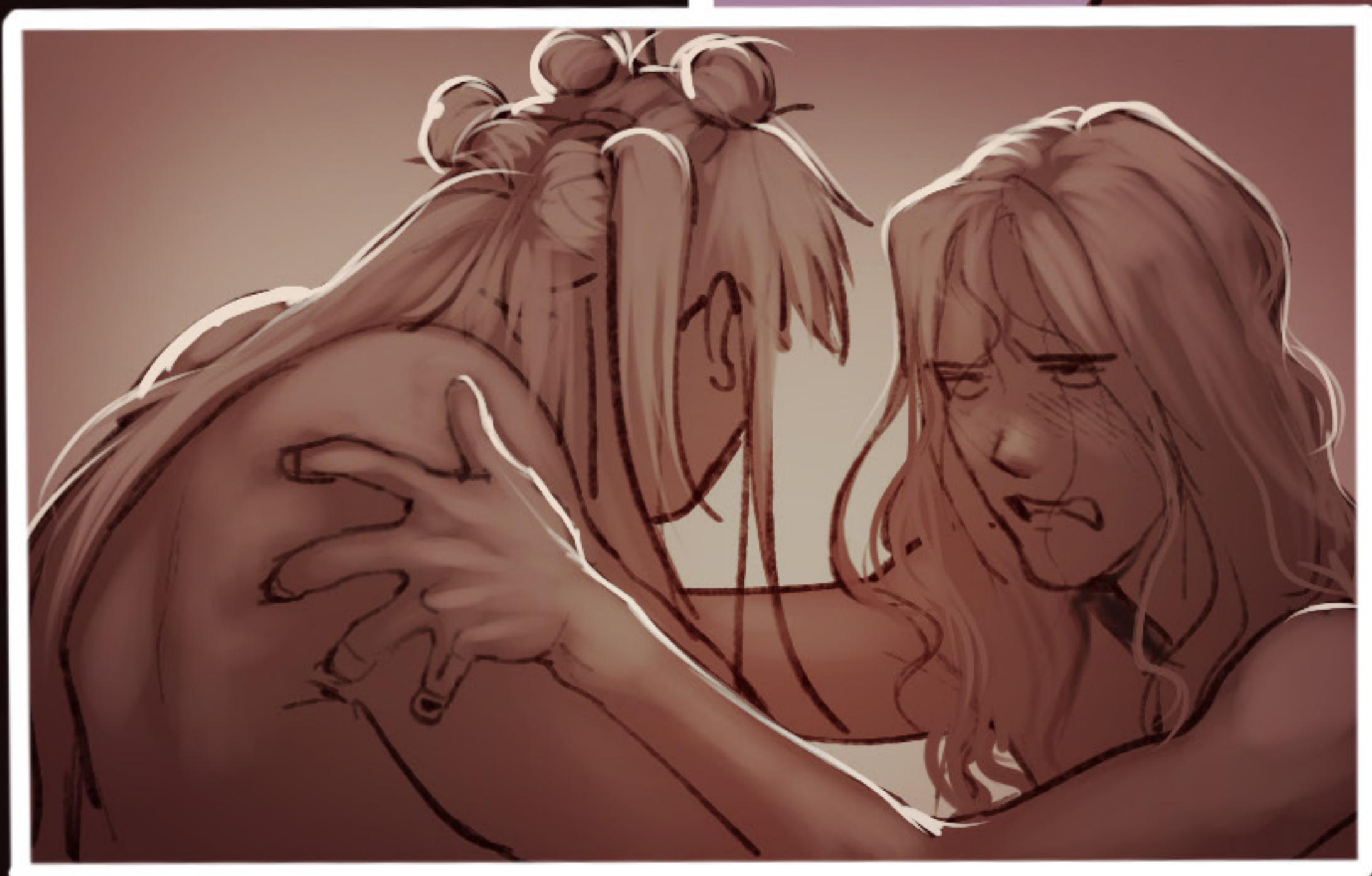
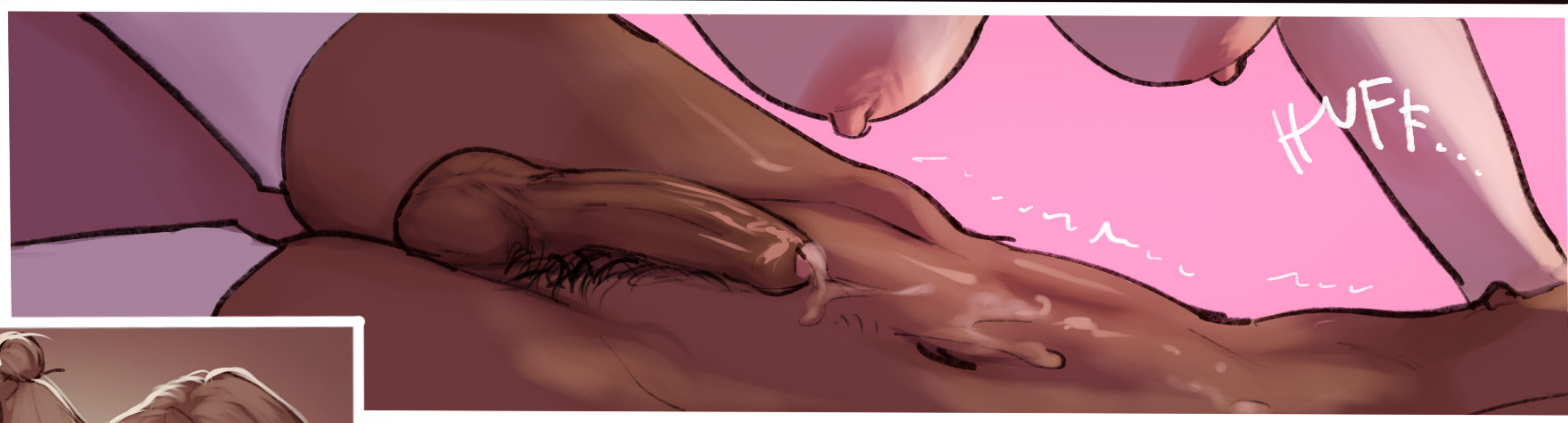
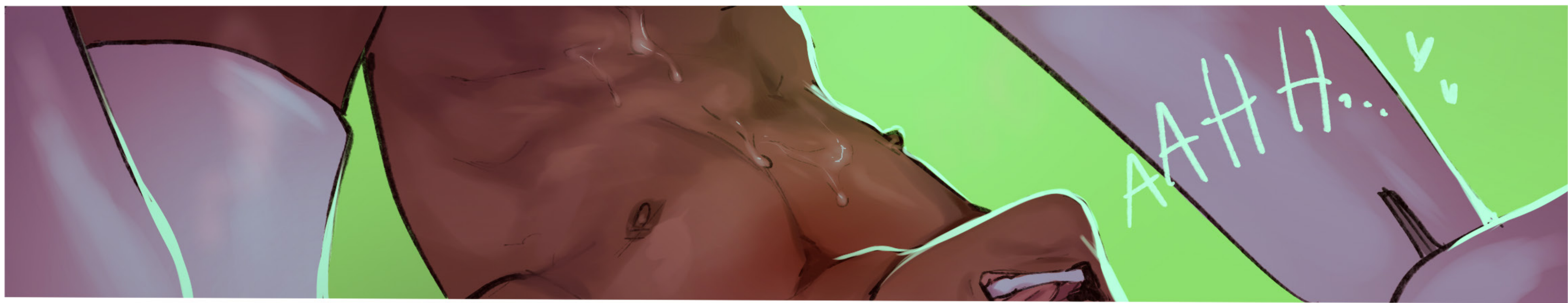
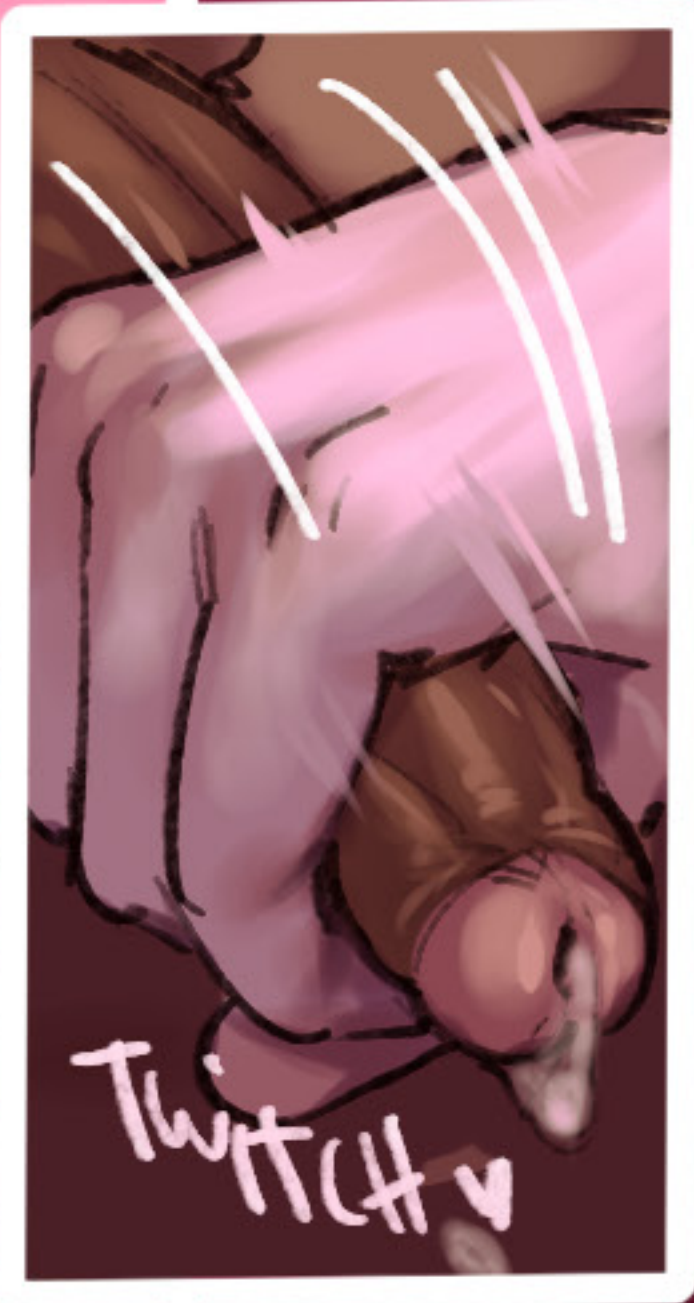
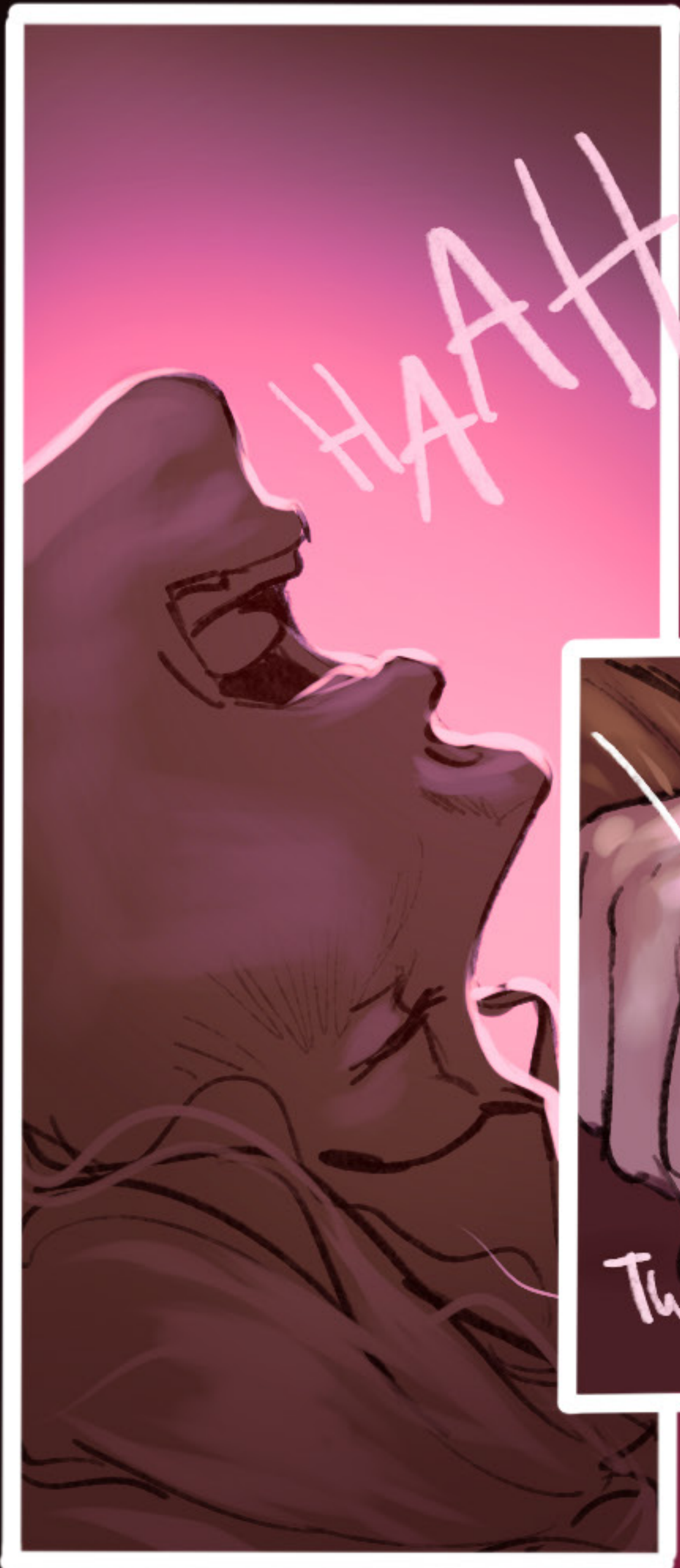


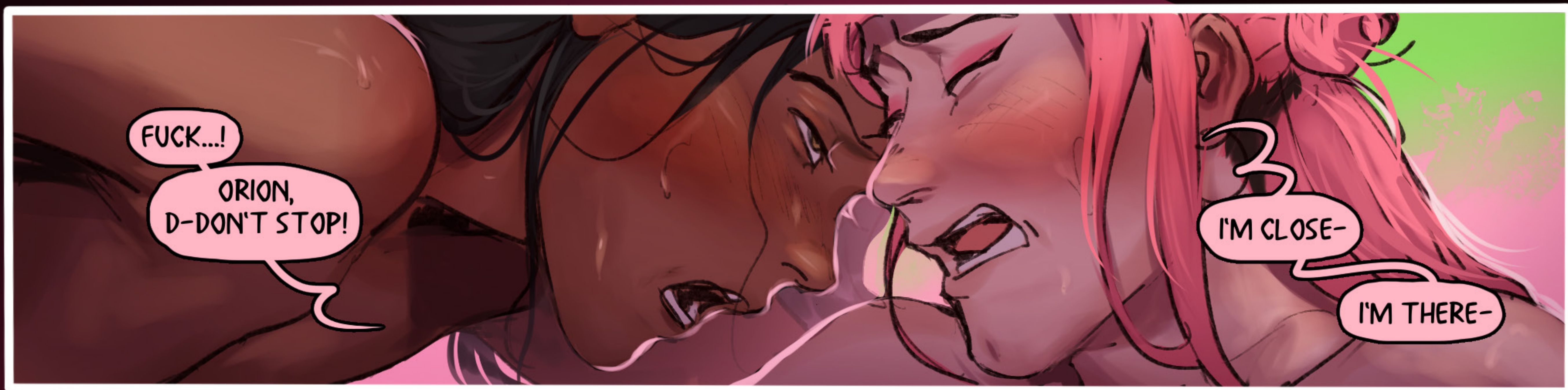
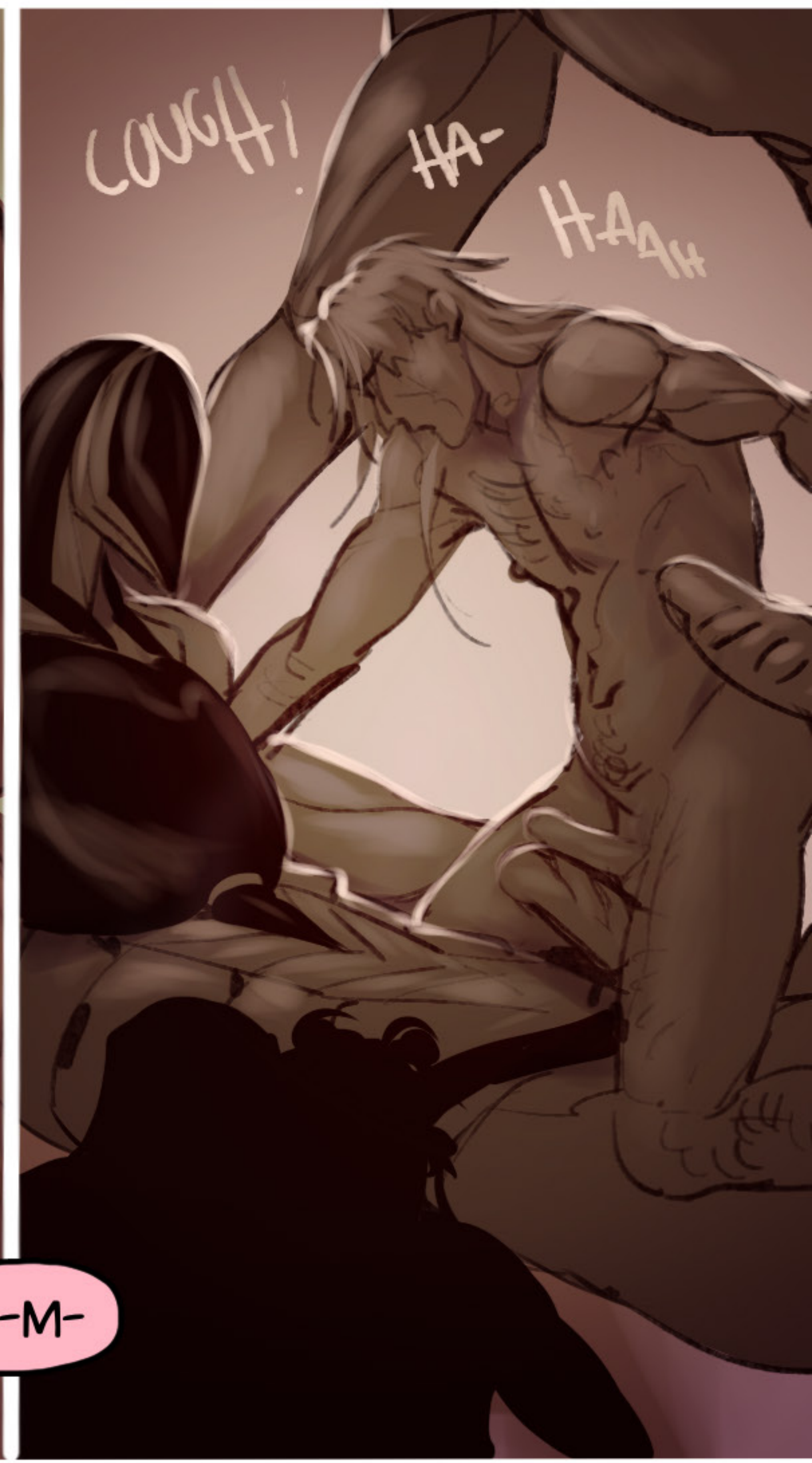


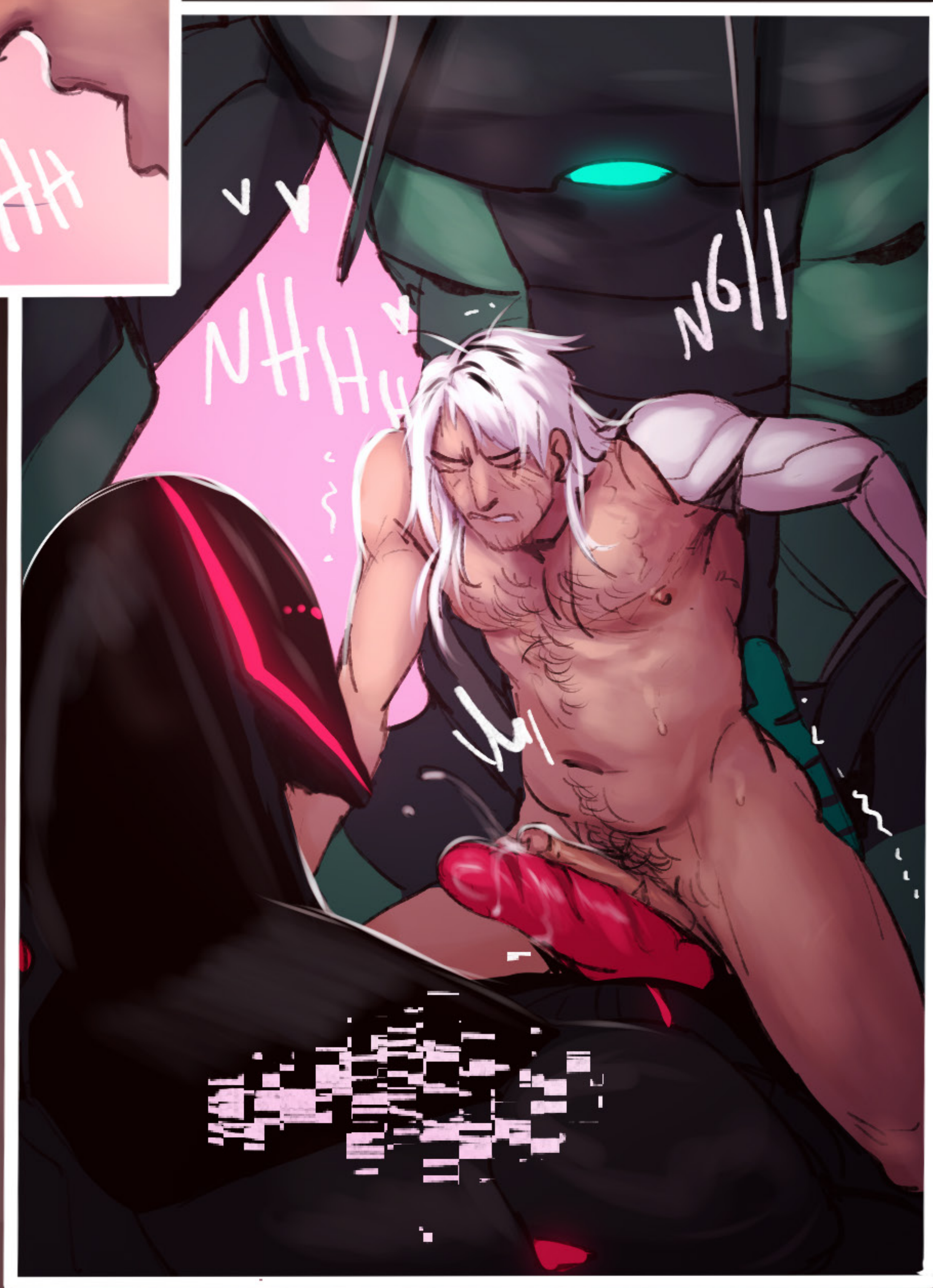






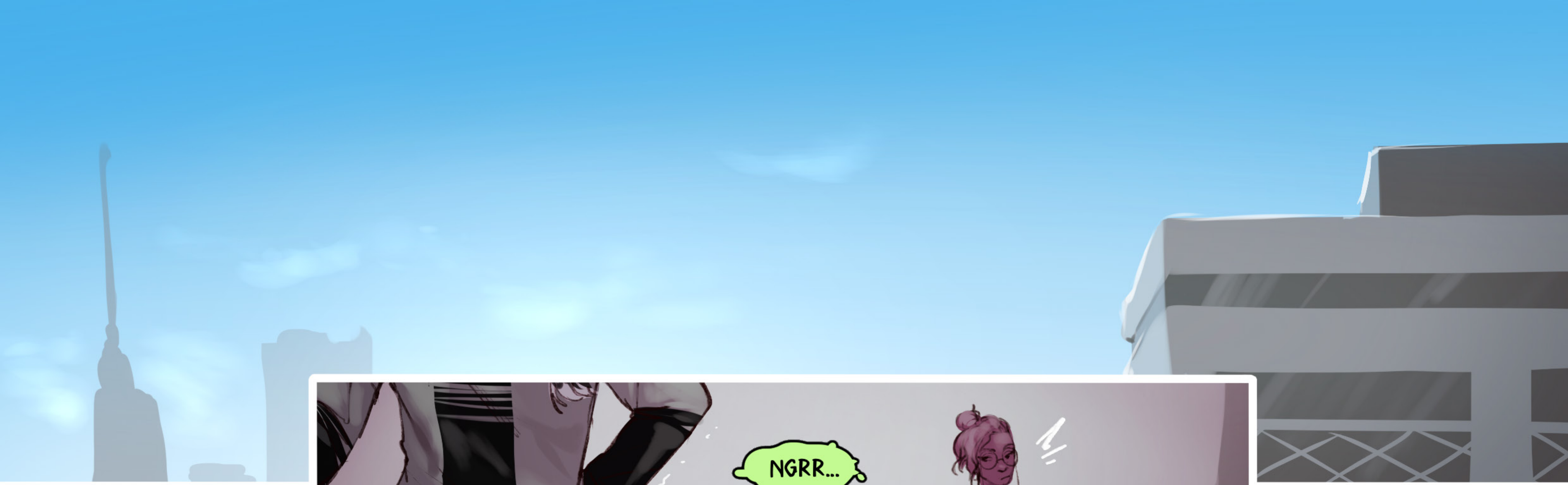






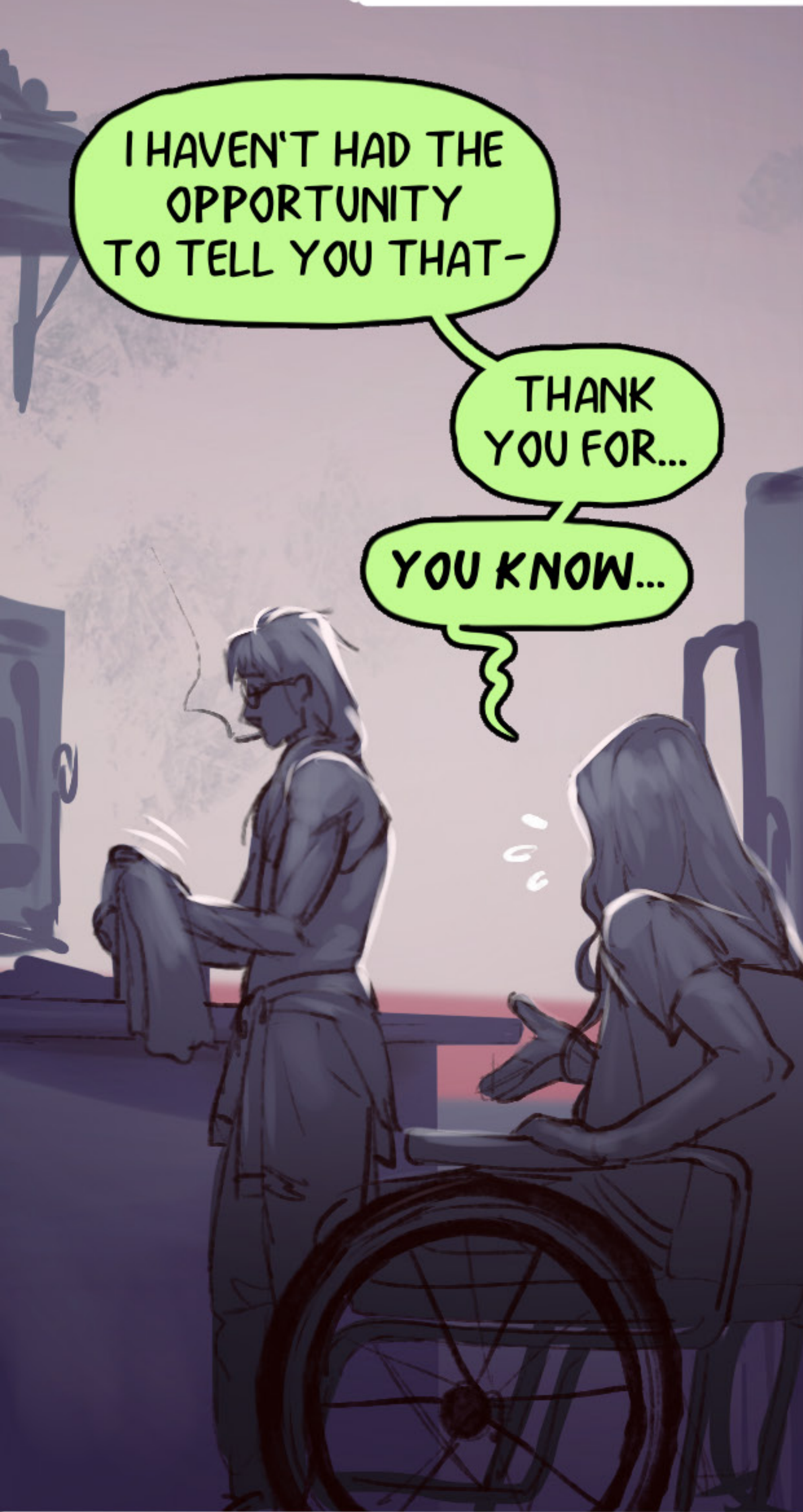
HAH...
WHAT
A NIGHT...







UM...



I HAVEN'T HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO TELL YOU THAT-

THANK YOU FOR...

YOU KNOW...



NO PROBLEM.

COUGH
COUGH



JUST TO BE CLEAR: I DIDN'T MEAN ANY OF THE BAD THINGS I SAID TO YOU, THAT WAS JUST A PLAY.

Y-YES. I KNOW.



YOU HAD FUN, HUH?

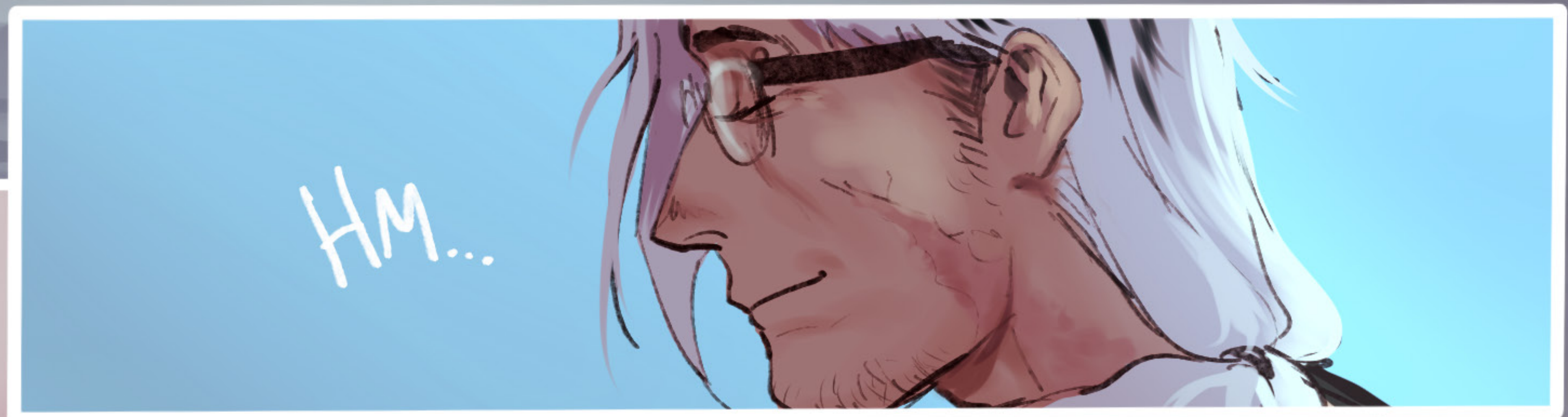
DIDN'T EXPECT YOU TO BE INTO BUM OLD ME.

MUST BE BECAUSE I APPRECIATE ANTIQUES.



ORION.

HM?



HM...



HERE.

OH GOD. UH...



THAT'S A LOT OF MONEY.

HOW DID YOU GET IT?

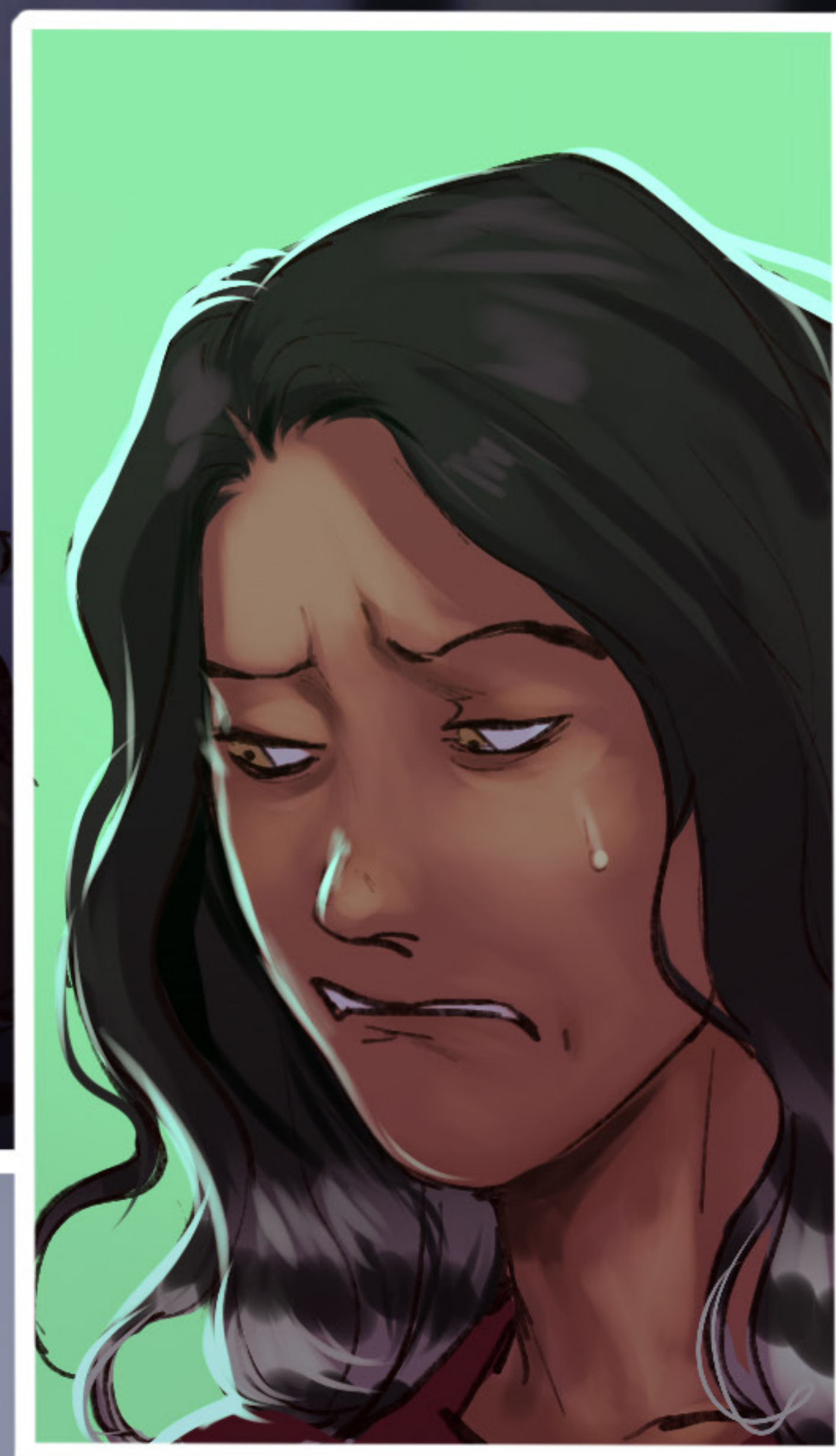


LIFE SAVINGS.

...WHAT?

FOR THE PAYMENT.

...I...



...I DON'T THINK I CAN ACCEPT IT.

WHY?

YOU DID THE JOB, YOU DESERVE THE PAYMENT.

YEAH, BUT...

I MEAN. THEY'RE SAVINGS.

WON'T YOU NEED THEM FOR THE FUTURE?

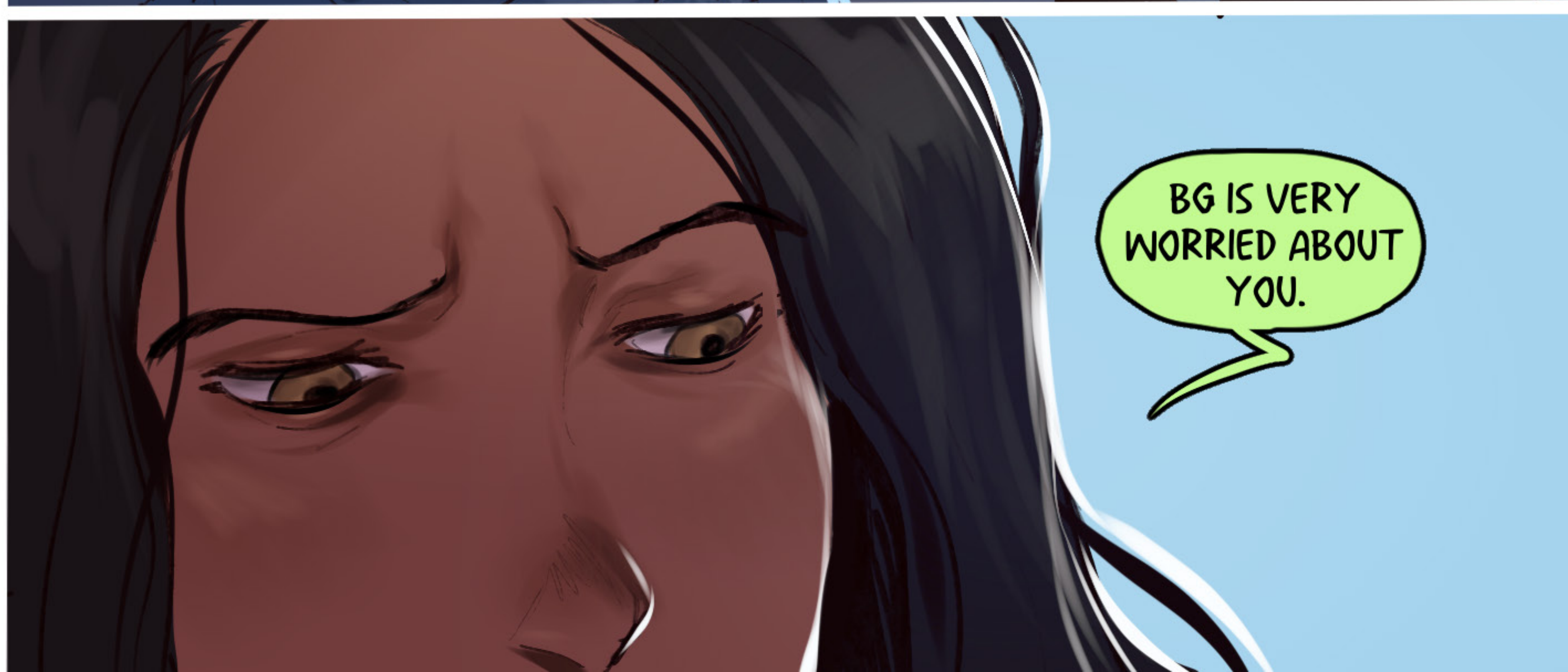


...KIUR?

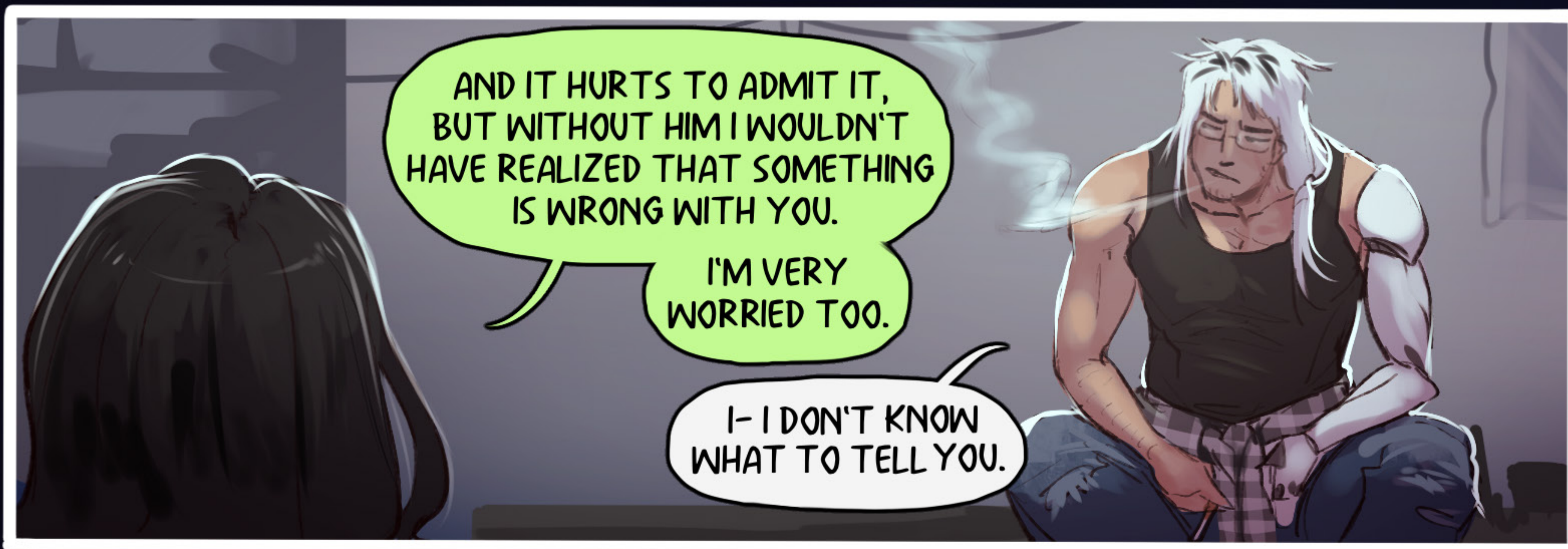


I DON'T- I DON'T CARE.

I DON'T CARE ABOUT ANYTHING ELSE.



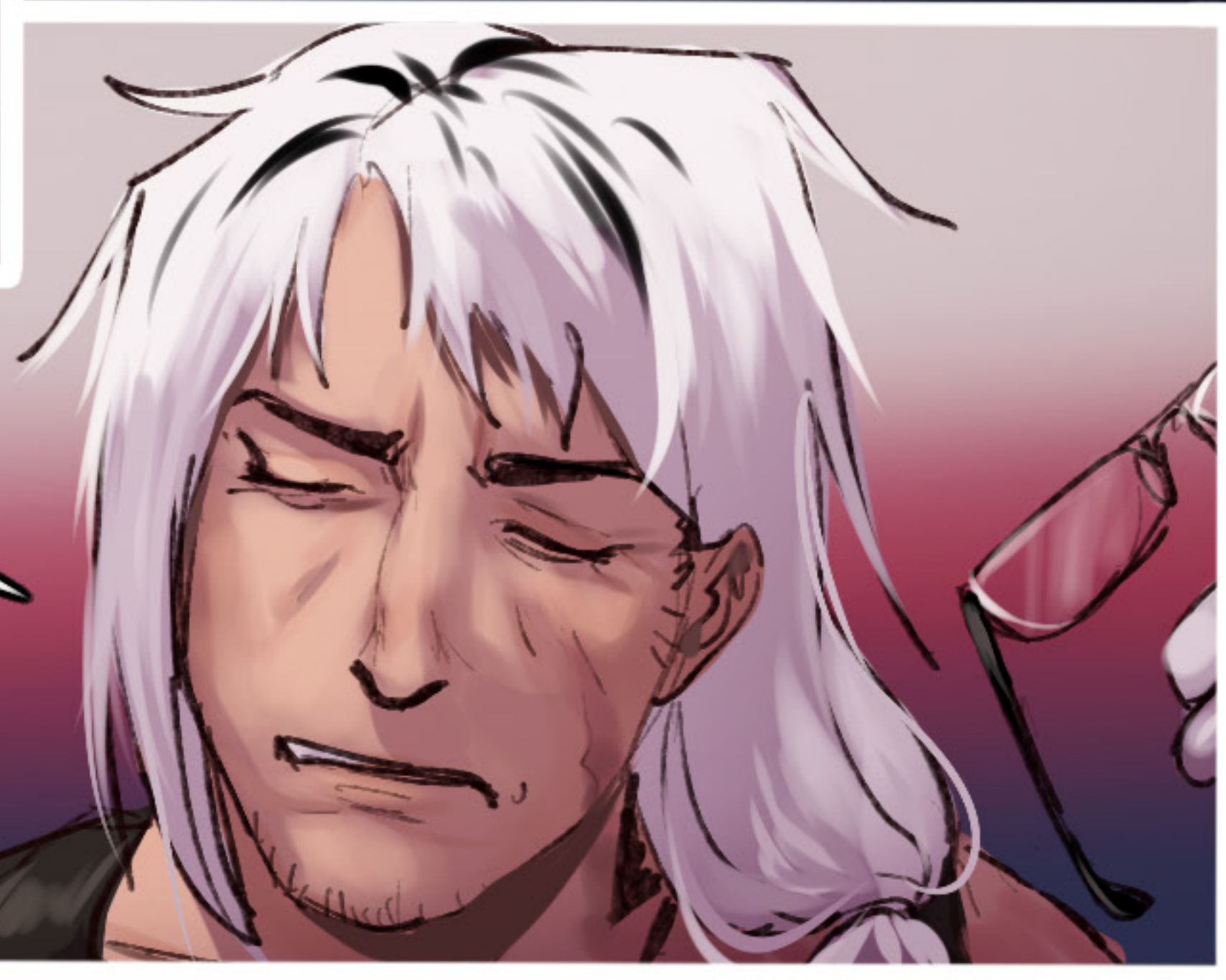
BG IS VERY WORRIED ABOUT YOU.



AND IT HURTS TO ADMIT IT,
BUT WITHOUT HIM I WOULDN'T
HAVE REALIZED THAT SOMETHING
IS WRONG WITH YOU.

I'M VERY
WORRIED TOO.

I- I DON'T KNOW
WHAT TO TELL YOU.



LISTEN I...

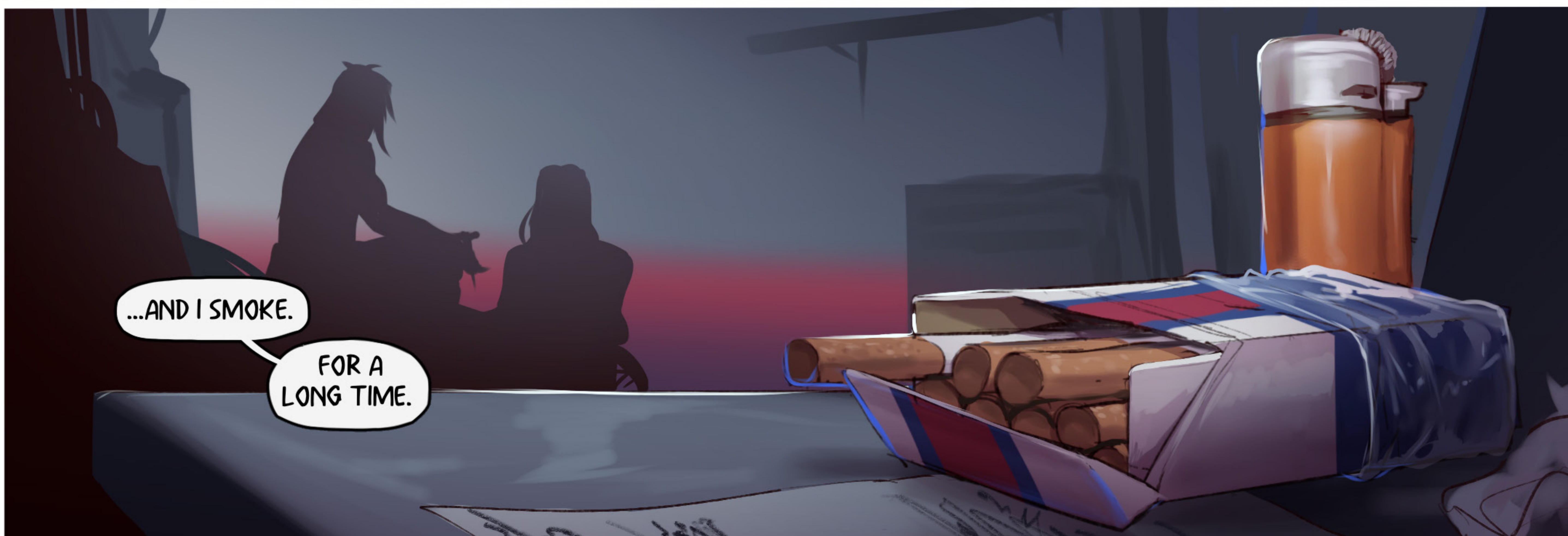
I MIGHT HAVE
SOMETHING.
AN **ALLERGY**
OF SOME SORTS.

I'M A MECHANIC,
I WORK WITH HARD
PRODUCTS AND FUMES;
ALSO LIFTING HEAVY
MACHINERY.

AND THIS IS THE
WORST CITY TO LIVE IN,
I ALREADY TOLD YOU...

THE RUSH OF ITS
PEOPLE AND ITS LIVESTYLES
ARE NOT THE BEST.

I HATE IT
BECAUSE IT GETS
THROUGH ME
AS WELL.



...AND I SMOKE.

FOR A
LONG TIME.

BUT THERE'S
NOTHING WRONG
WITH ME.
AT LEAST,
THAT I KNOW...

THAT
YOU KNOW?





I'M NOT ILL,
SO THERE'S NO NEED
TO WASTE MY TIME
IN MEDICAL VISITS.

WE ALREADY HAVE
MUCH MORE IMPORTANT
MATTERS TO ATTEND
TO-

KIUR, THAT'S-

THAT'S VERY
IMPORTANT!

ARE YOU SAYING
THAT YOU'VE BEEN
NEGLECTING YOURSELF
THE RIGHT TO BE
IN GOOD HEALTH?

WHAT IF
YOU'RE...

IF YOU *HAVE*...



WE HAVE MANY
RESPONSABILITIES.

THEY KEEP
ACCUMULATING.

LIFE ISN'T FAIR.

WORK IS SHIT
AND NOW I MUST
PROTECT BG
AND BAHAMUT.



AND I'M NOT ANY
CLOSER TO GIVING THEM
A GOOD LIFE.

THEY CANNOT
STAY HERE FOREVER,
HIDDEN.



YOU'RE WORRYING
YOURSELF TO DEATH
TRYING TO FIND A
SOLUTION FOR THEM.

YOU'RE AS
STRESSED AS I AM.

PLEASE,
YOU DON'T NEED
TO WORRY ABOUT
ME TOO. I'D HATE
THAT.



YOU HAVE TO
CHANGE THAT. YOU
SHOULD LOOK
AFTER YOURSELF.



DOES TYRA
KNOW ANY OF THIS?

...NO.

THERE'S A FEW
THINGS I HAVE NEVER
SHARED WITH HER.



WHAT ARE
YOU THINKING
ABOUT?

THINKING ABOUT...
EVERYTHING.

AND MY
BROTHER.



...HE WAS AFRAID,
TOO.

WHY?

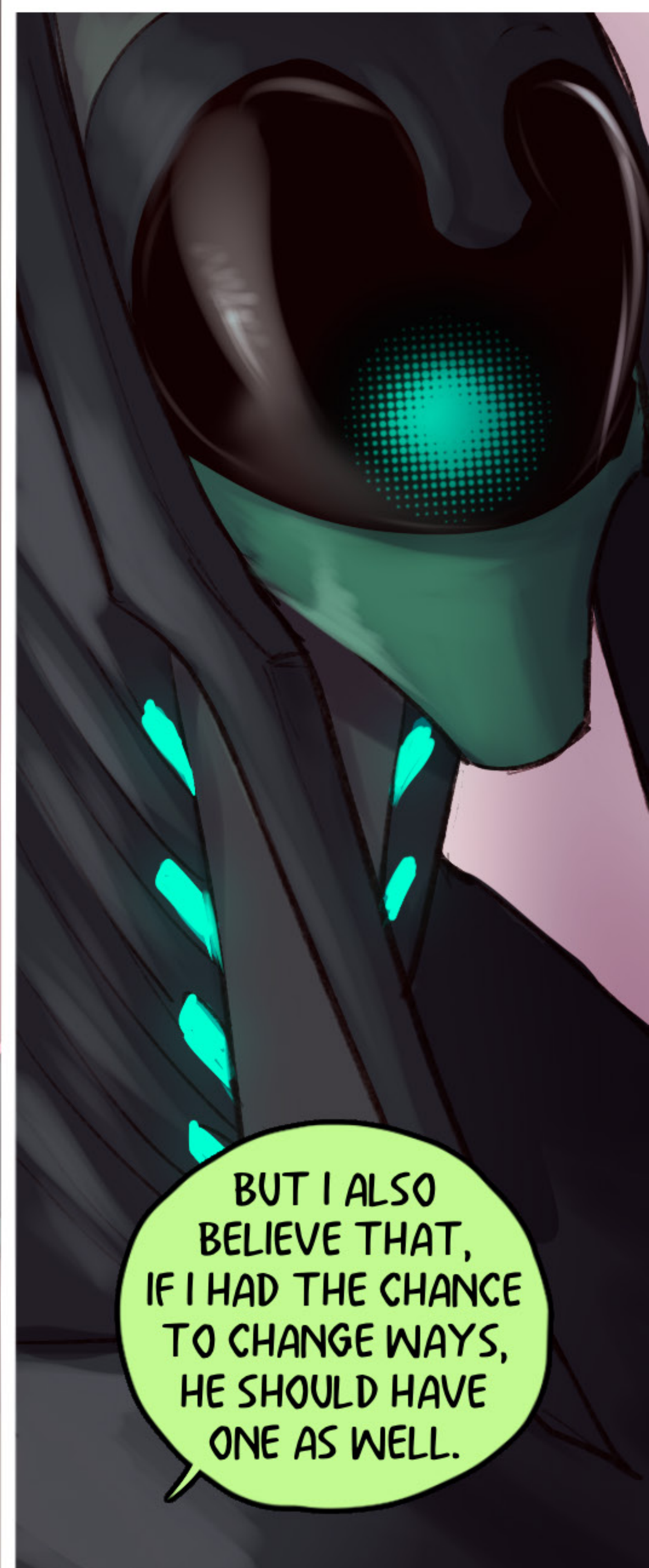
WHAT CAN
I DO FOR HIM...?



YOU THINK TOO
MUCH ABOUT WHAT
WOULD BE GOOD FOR US
AND HIM.

MAYBE THAT'S
NOT A SOLUTION
ANYMORE.

...YOU'RE
RIGHT.



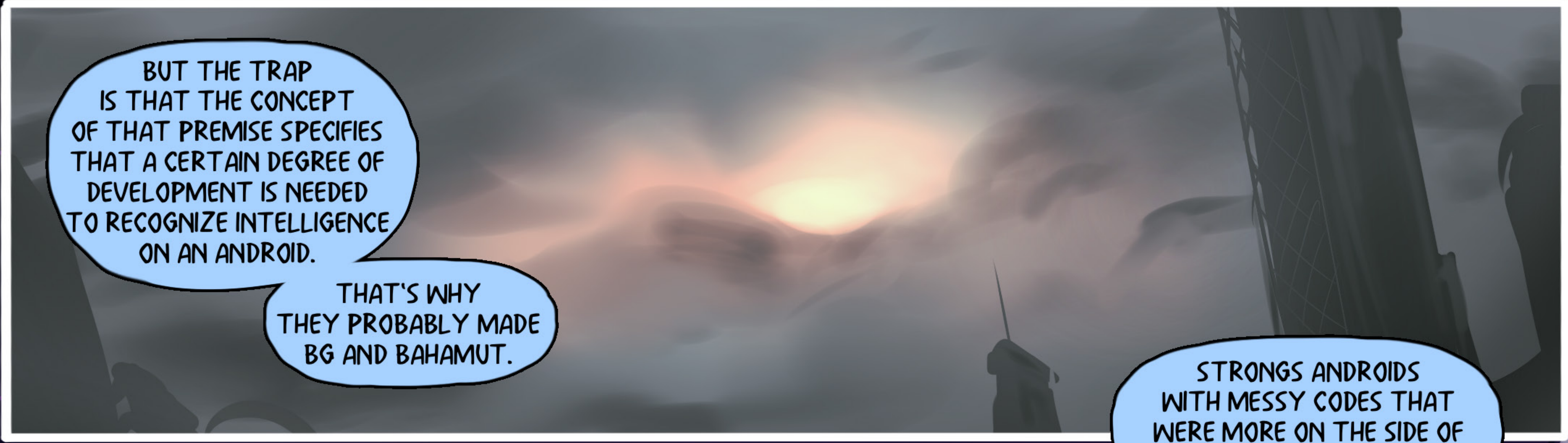
BUT I ALSO
BELIEVE THAT,
IF I HAD THE CHANCE
TO CHANGE WAYS,
HE SHOULD HAVE
ONE AS WELL.



15 YEARS AGO
LAWS THAT PROTECTED
ANDROID'S INTEGRITY
WERE MADE.

BEFORE THAT,
ROBOTS LIKE DOLL WERE
USED FOR THE TASKS WE
HUMANS DIDN'T WANT
TO MAKE.

I REMEMBER THE DAY
THEY WERE PROMULGATED,
THE STREETS WERE FULL OF
ANDROIDS CELEBRATING.



BUT THE TRAP
IS THAT THE CONCEPT
OF THAT PREMISE SPECIFIES
THAT A CERTAIN DEGREE OF
DEVELOPMENT IS NEEDED
TO RECOGNIZE INTELLIGENCE
ON AN ANDROID.

THAT'S WHY
THEY PROBABLY MADE
BG AND BAHAMUT.

STRONGS ANDROIDS
WITH MESSY CODES THAT
WERE MORE ON THE SIDE OF
ENGINES THAN LIVING THINGS.

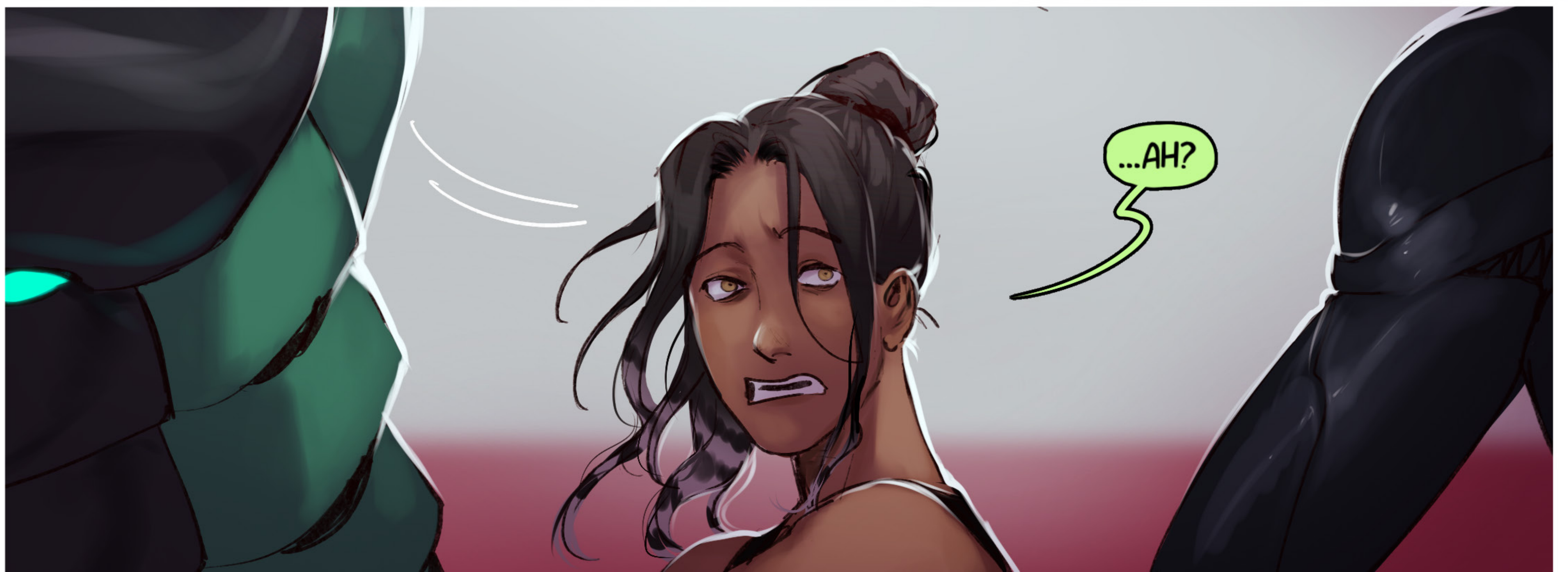
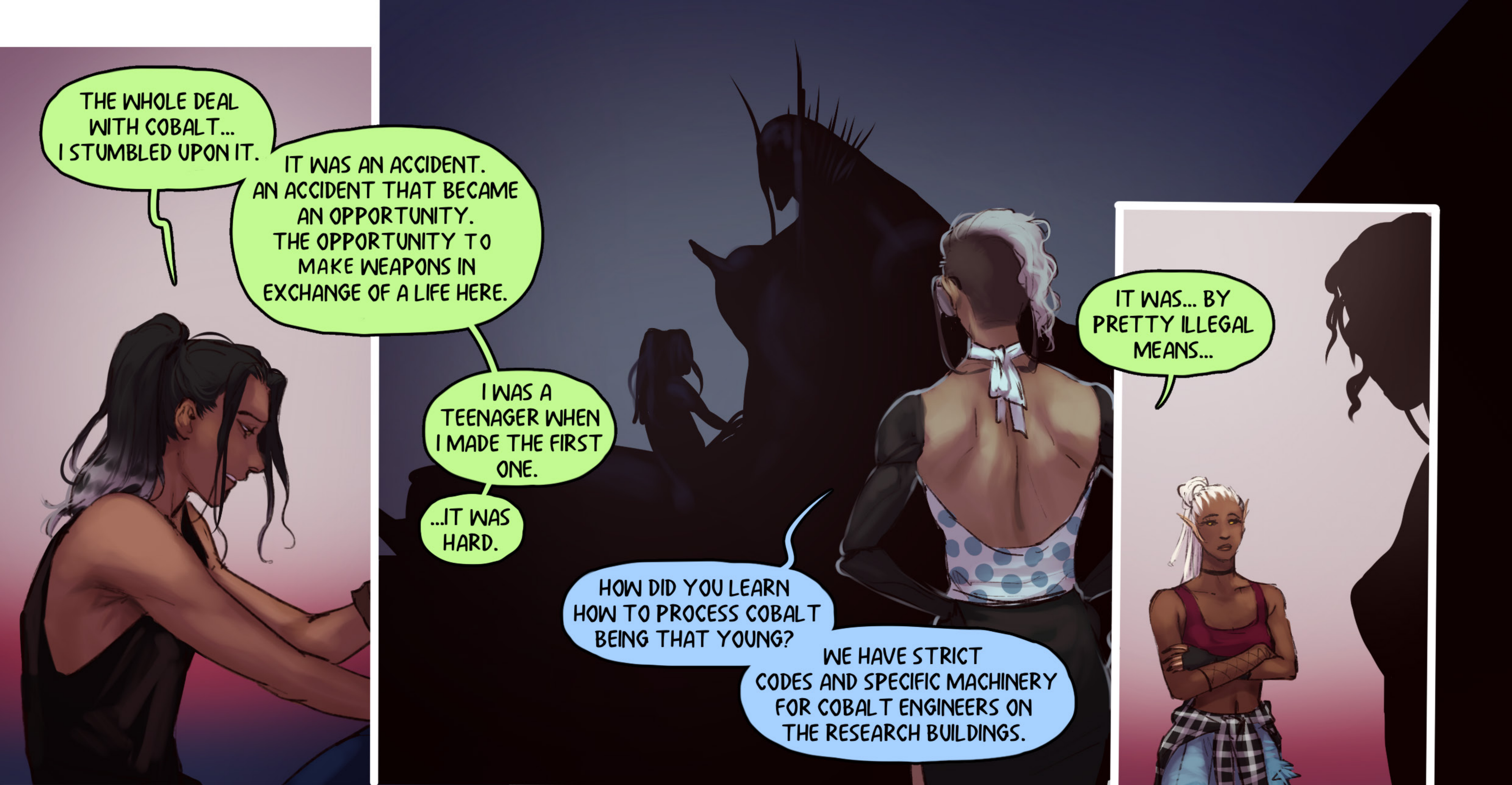
BEING ABLE
TO REACH THAT DATA
WOULD BE IDEAL.

DOLL'S MEMORIES HAVE ALREADY
GUARANTEED THAT THEY HAVE
A REGISTER OF THESE THINGS, AS WELL AS
TESTS ROOMS DEDICATED TO
THE DEVELOPMENT OF THEIR
"WEAPONS".



JERKS...

...I WISH
I'D NEVER GOTTEN
INVOLVED WITH
THEM.



IT'S IMPRESSIVE THAT YOU KNOW MOST OF THE THINGS THAT SENIORS ON THE INDUSTRY STRUGGLE WITH.

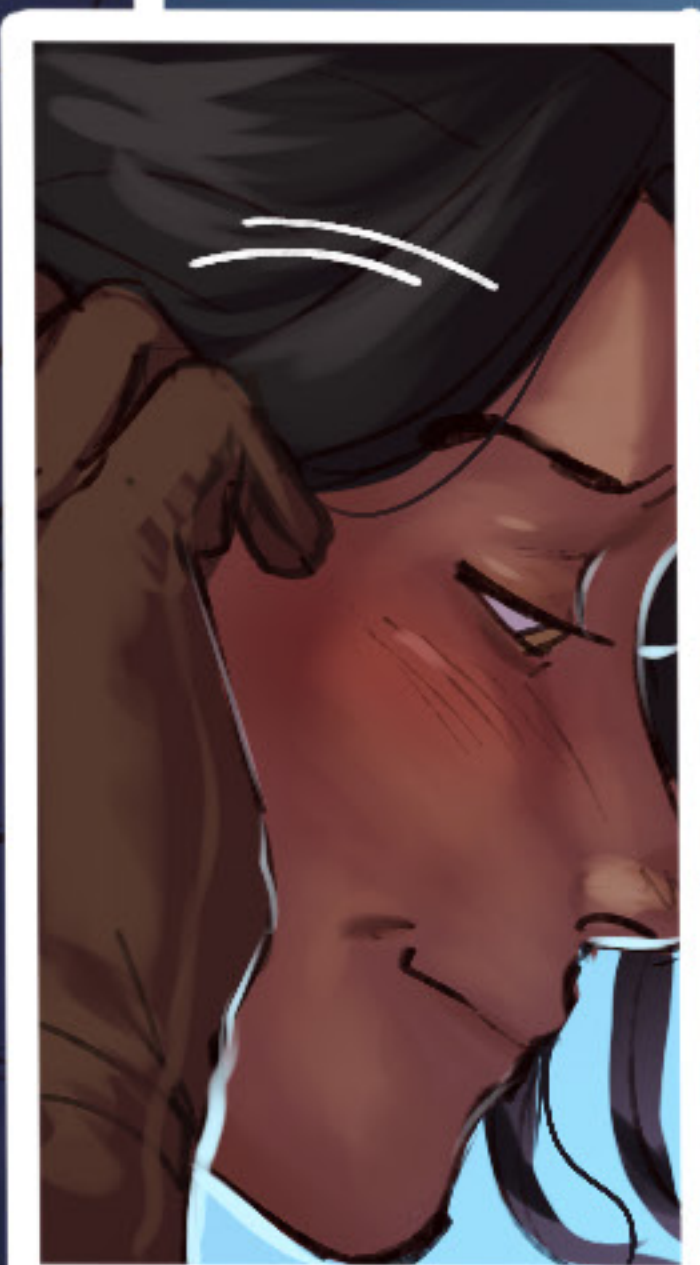
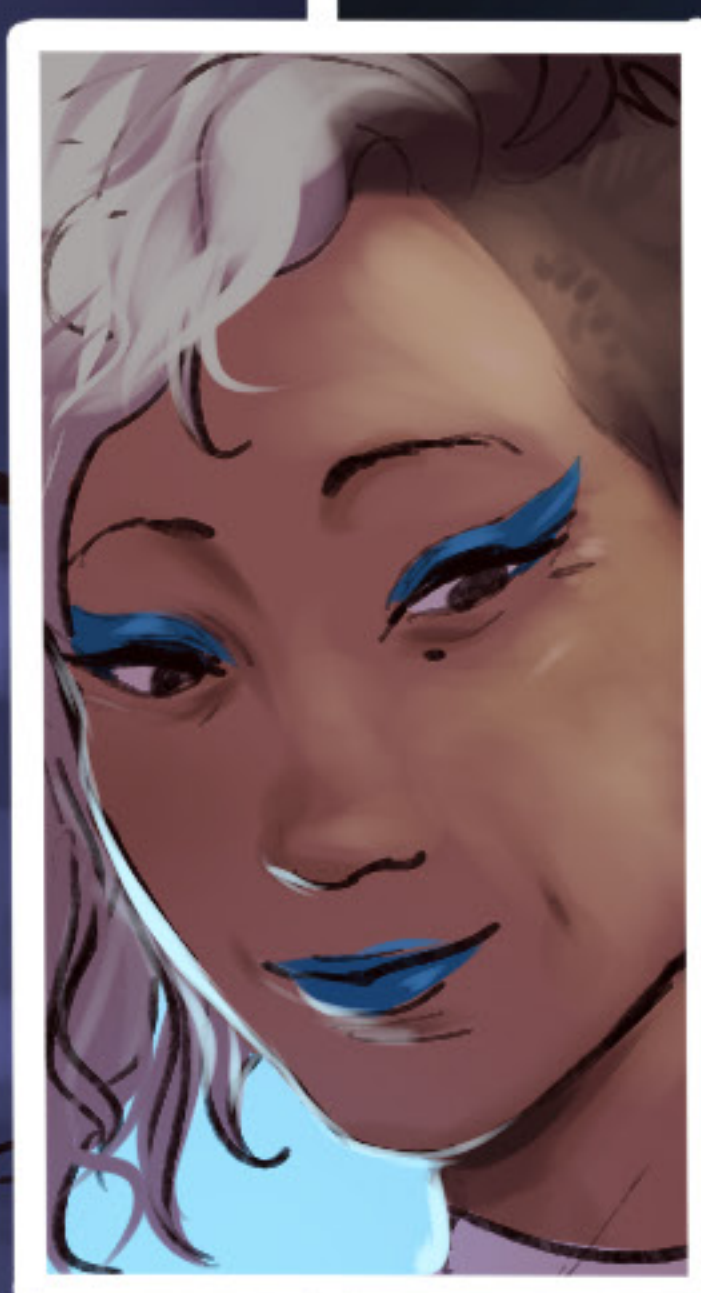
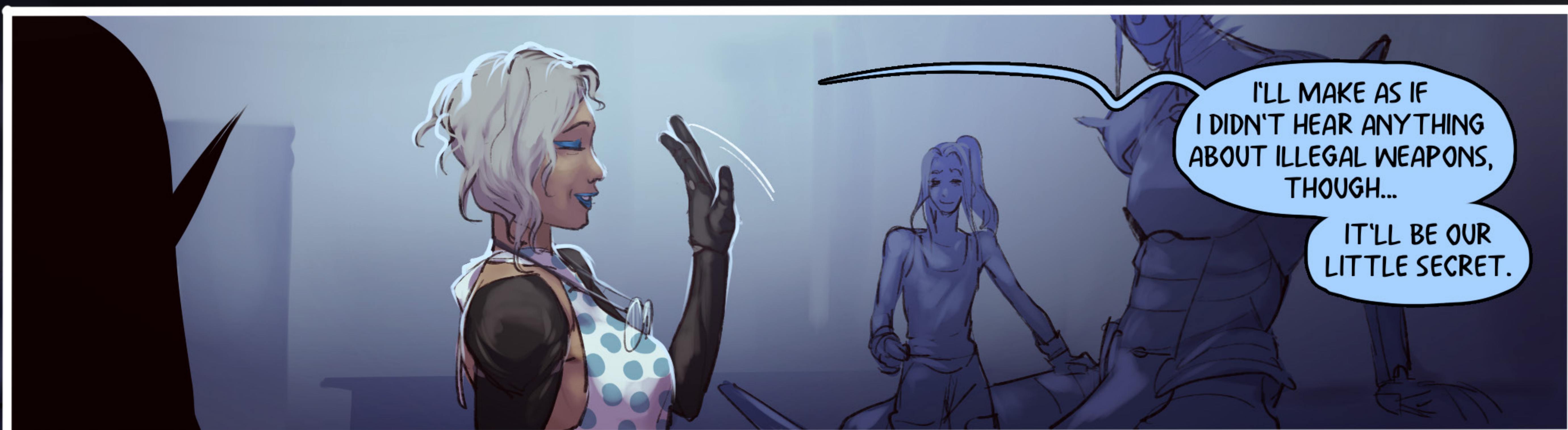
I COULD TEACH YOU MORE ON THE LOGISTICAL BASICS AND FORM YOU ON THE SIDE OF ACTUAL MACHINERY.

...YOU'D DO THAT?

YEAH. WE'LL HAVE TO FIGHT HARD TO GET DOCUMENTS IN ORDER, BUT NOTHING THAT A COUPLE OF CLASSES AND A RECOMMENDATION CAN'T SOLVE.

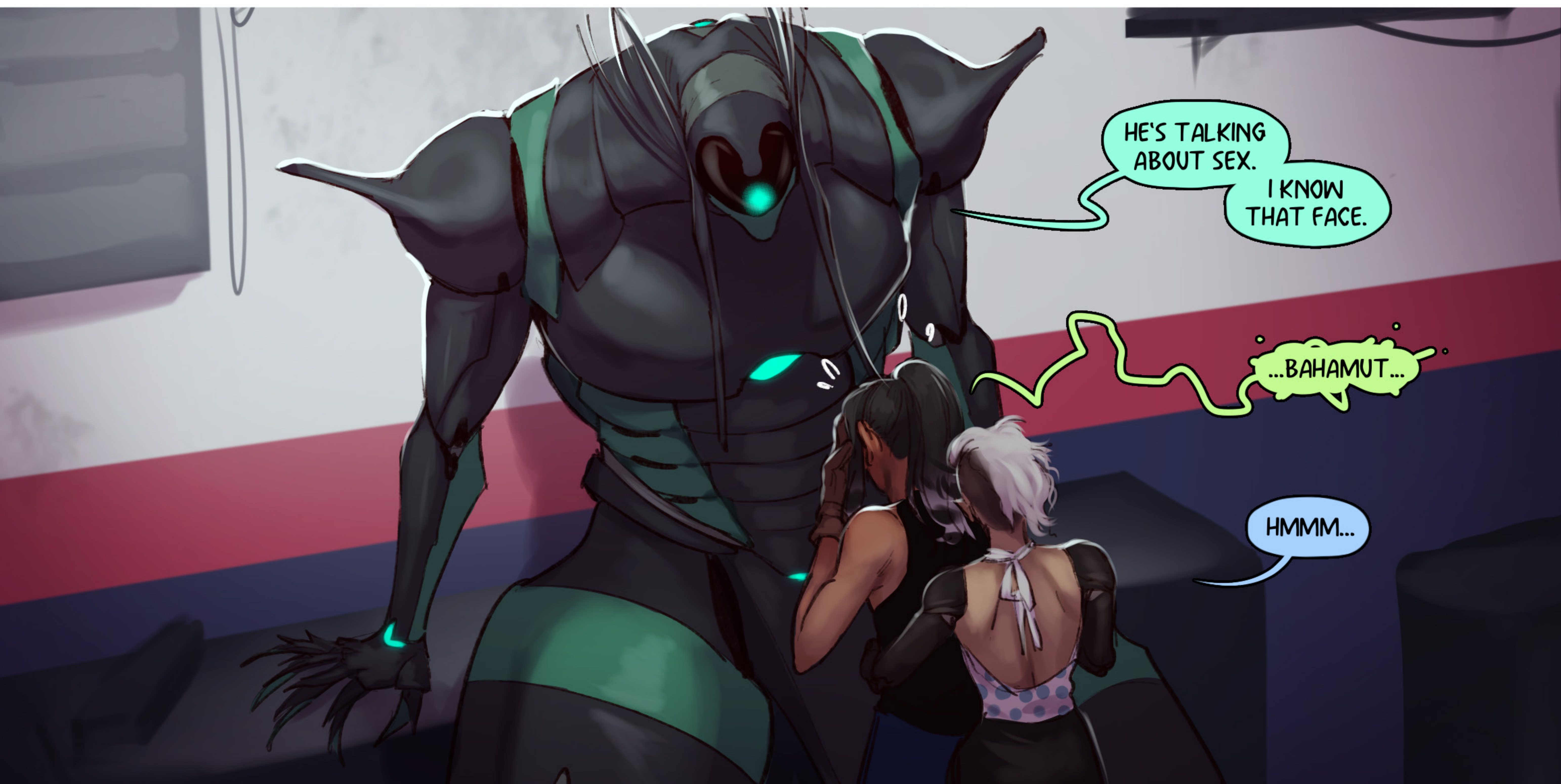
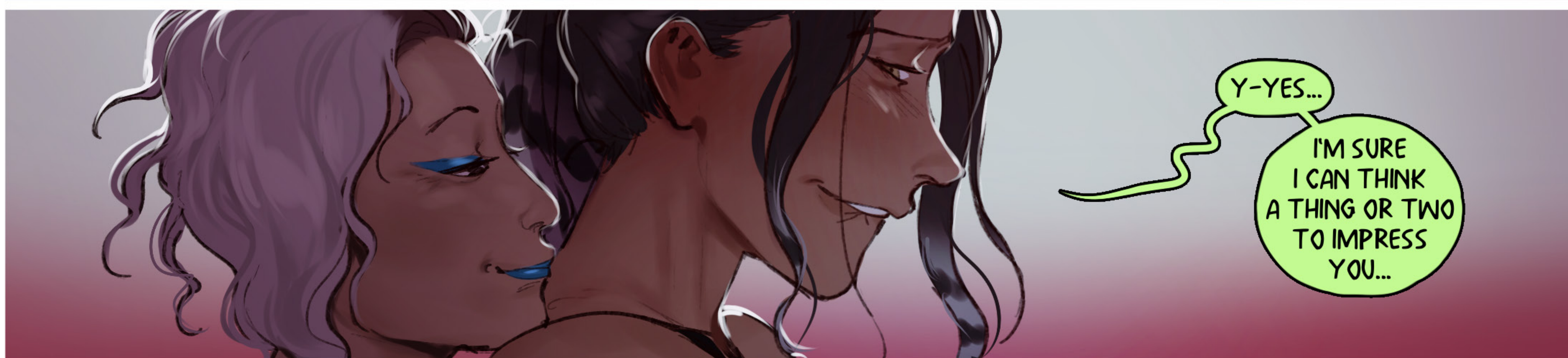
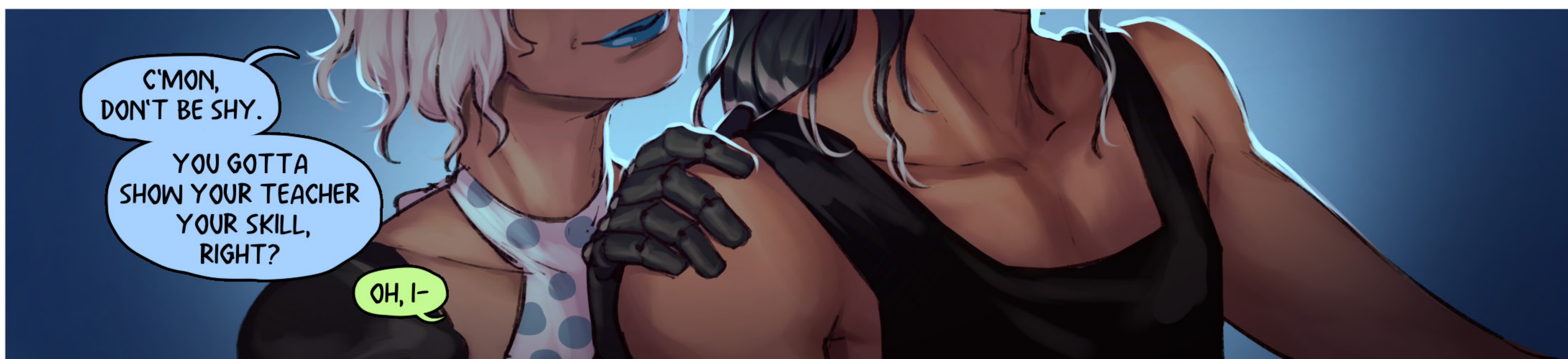
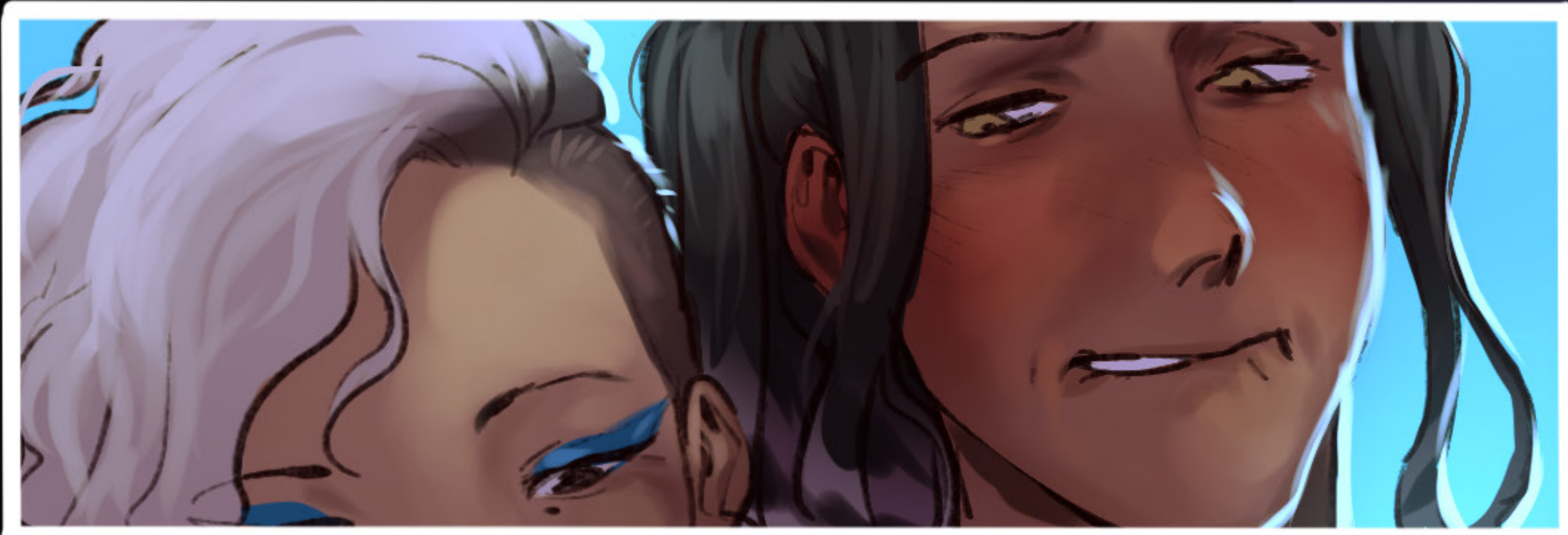
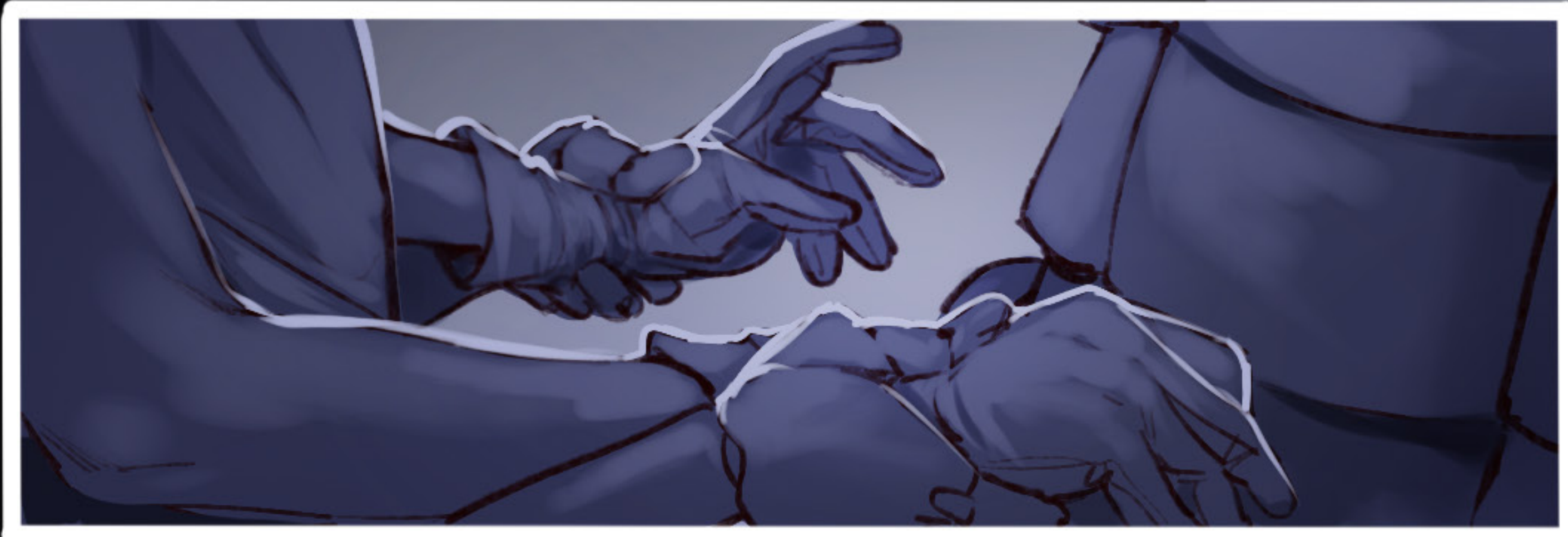
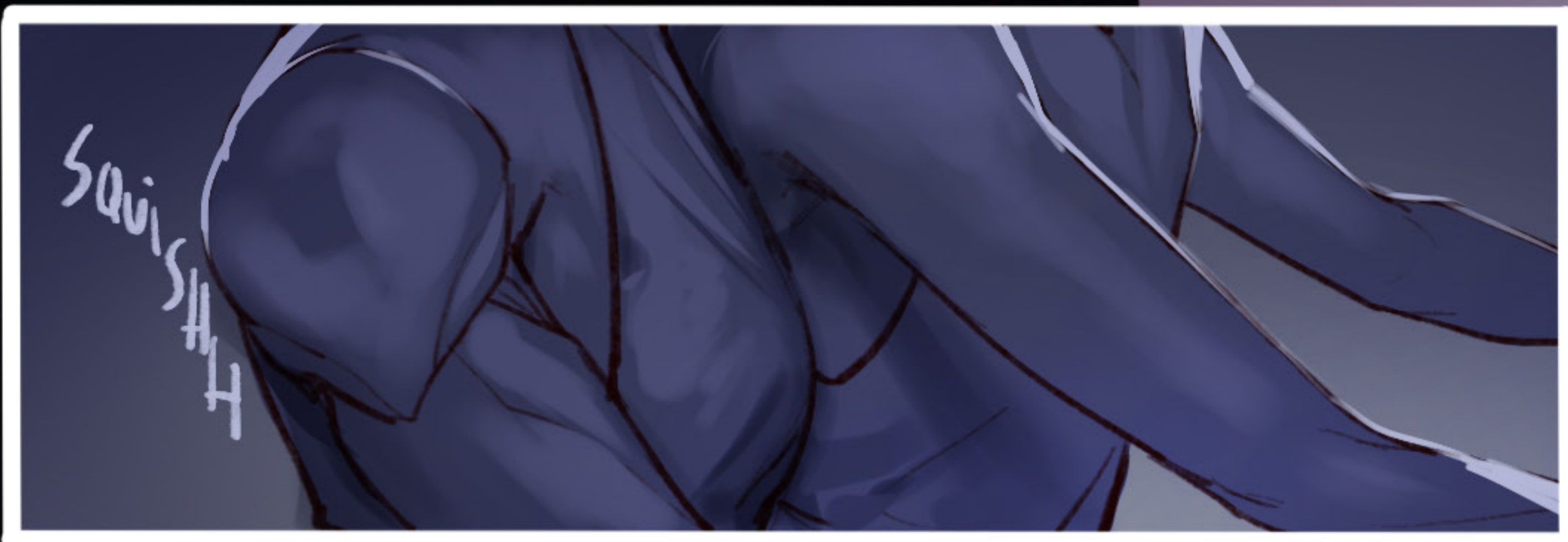


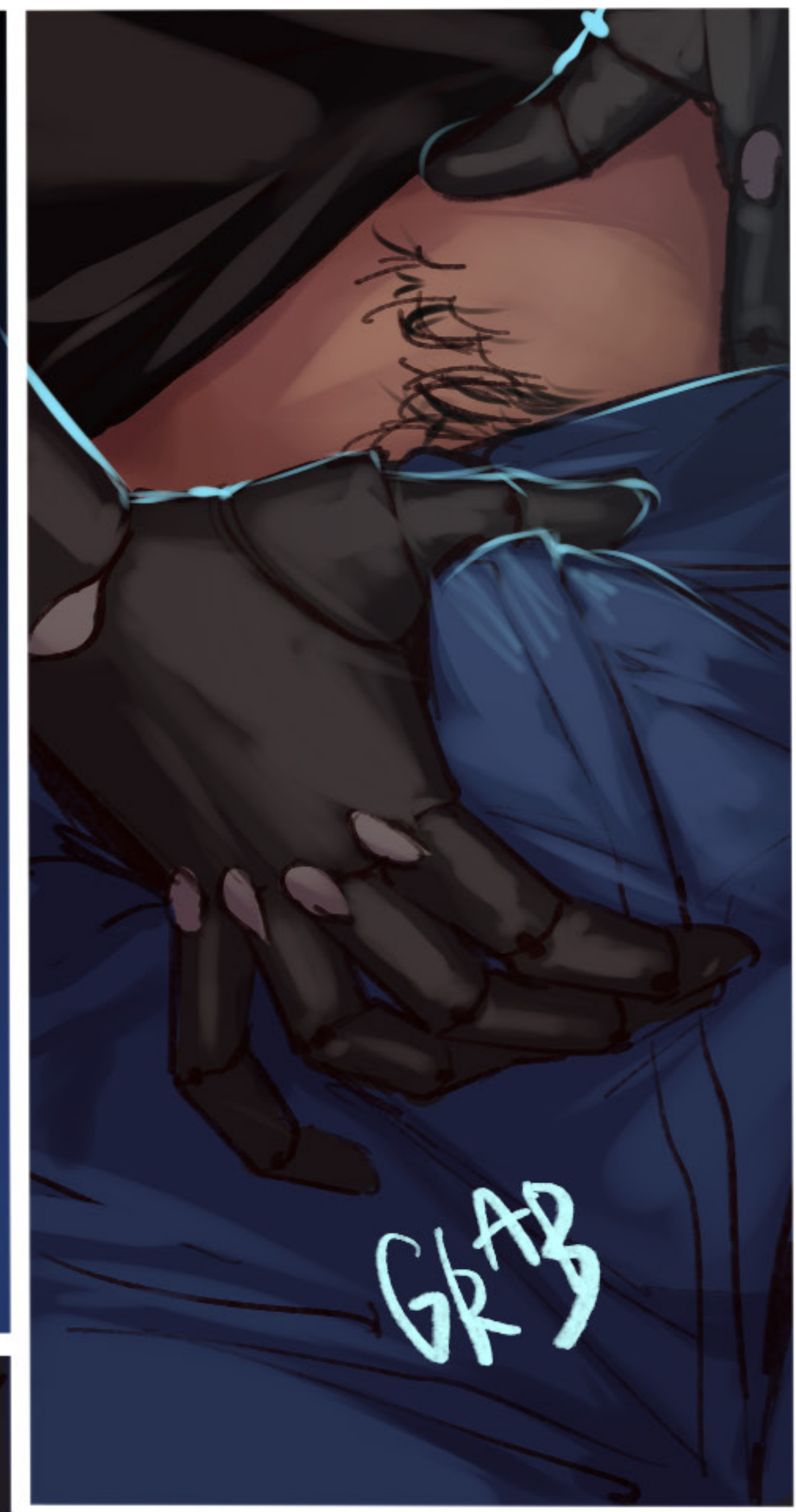
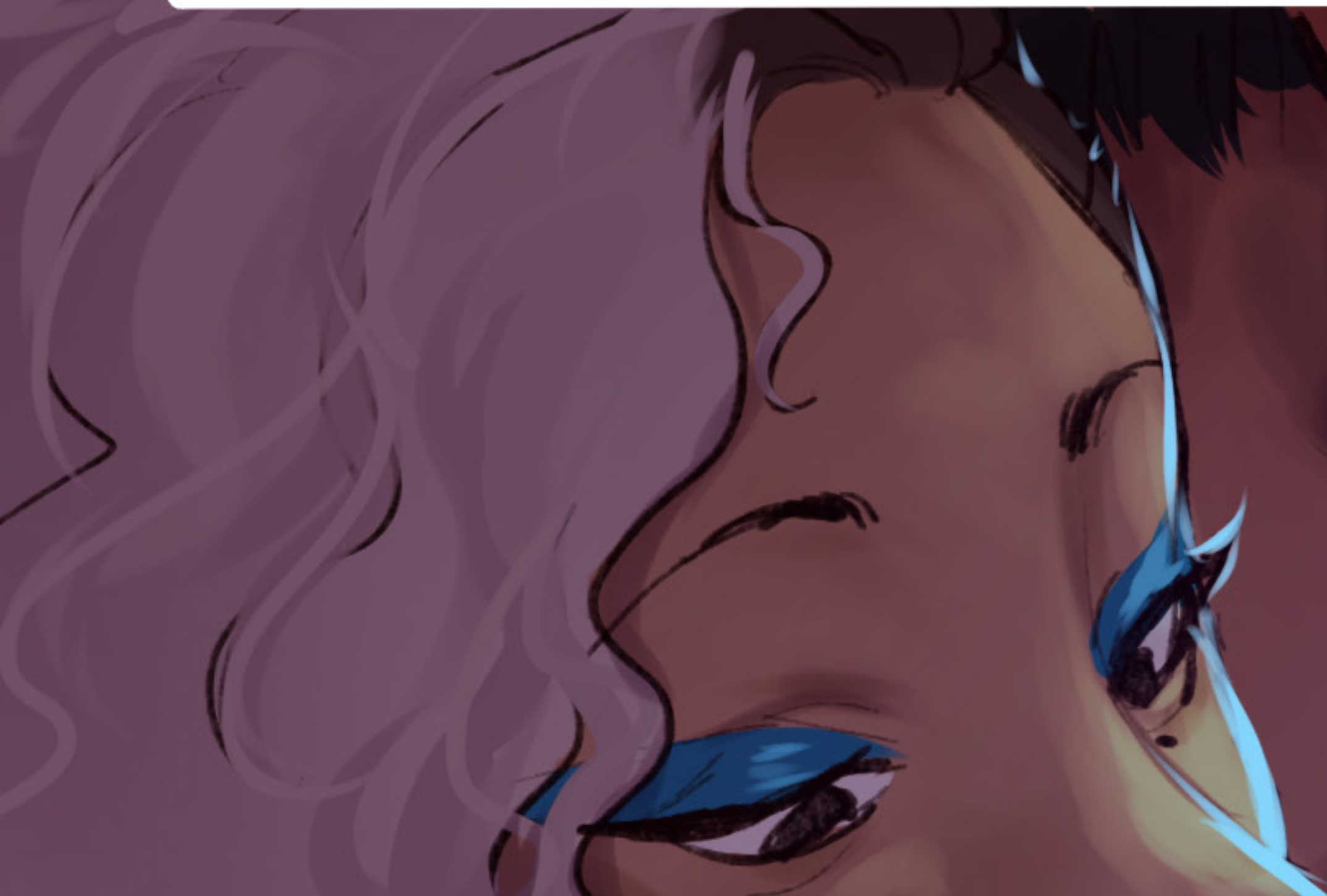
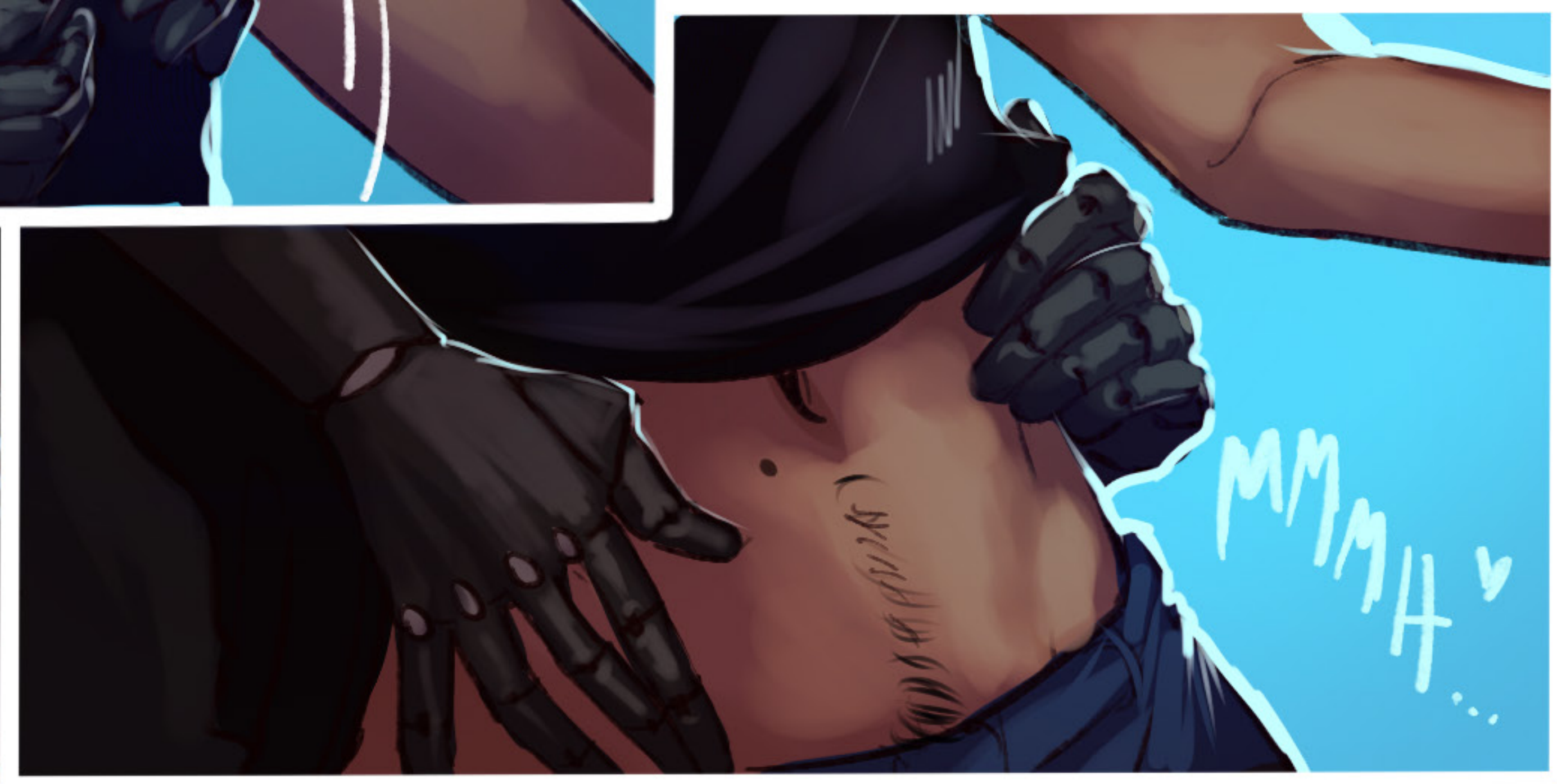
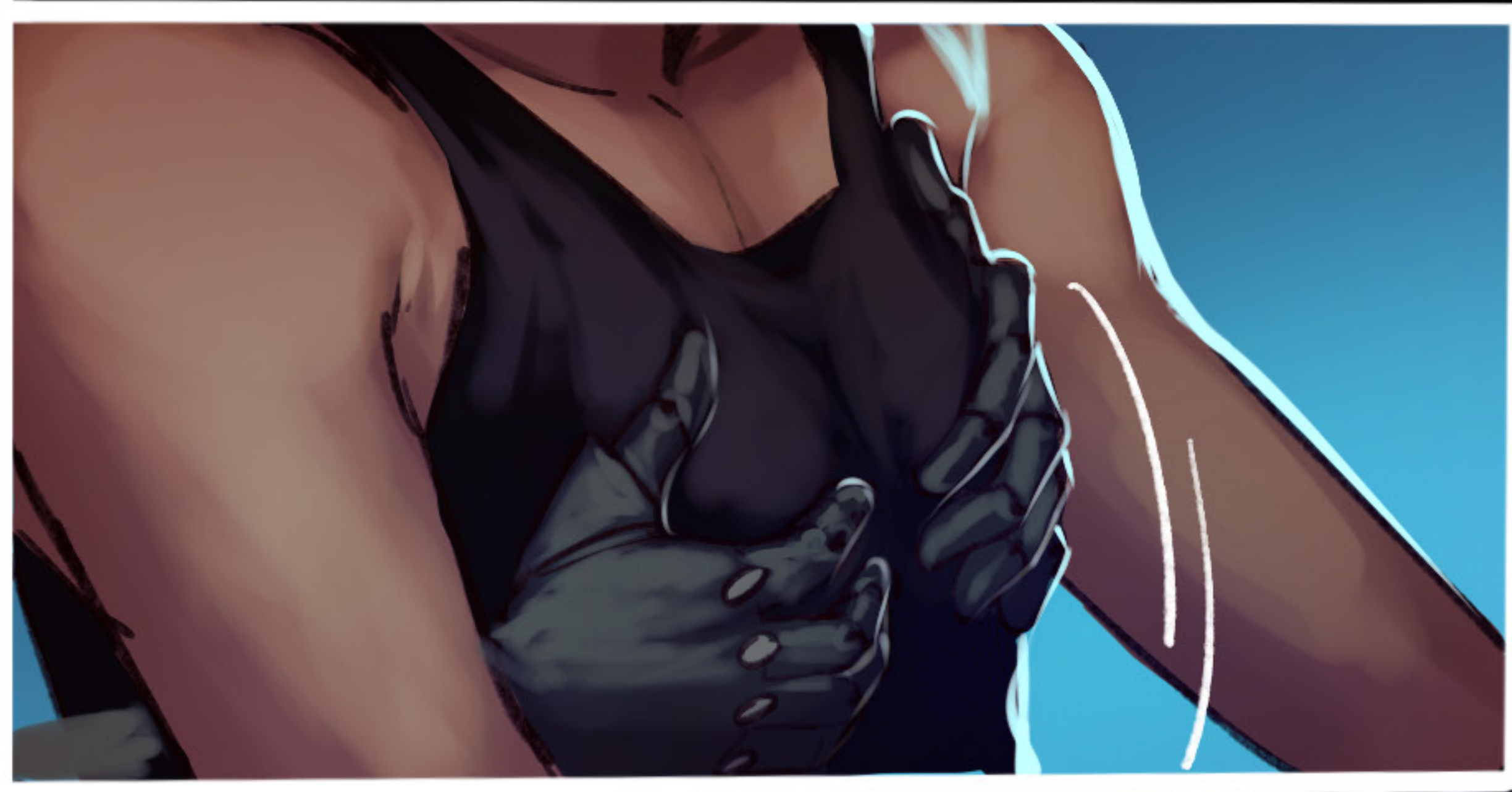
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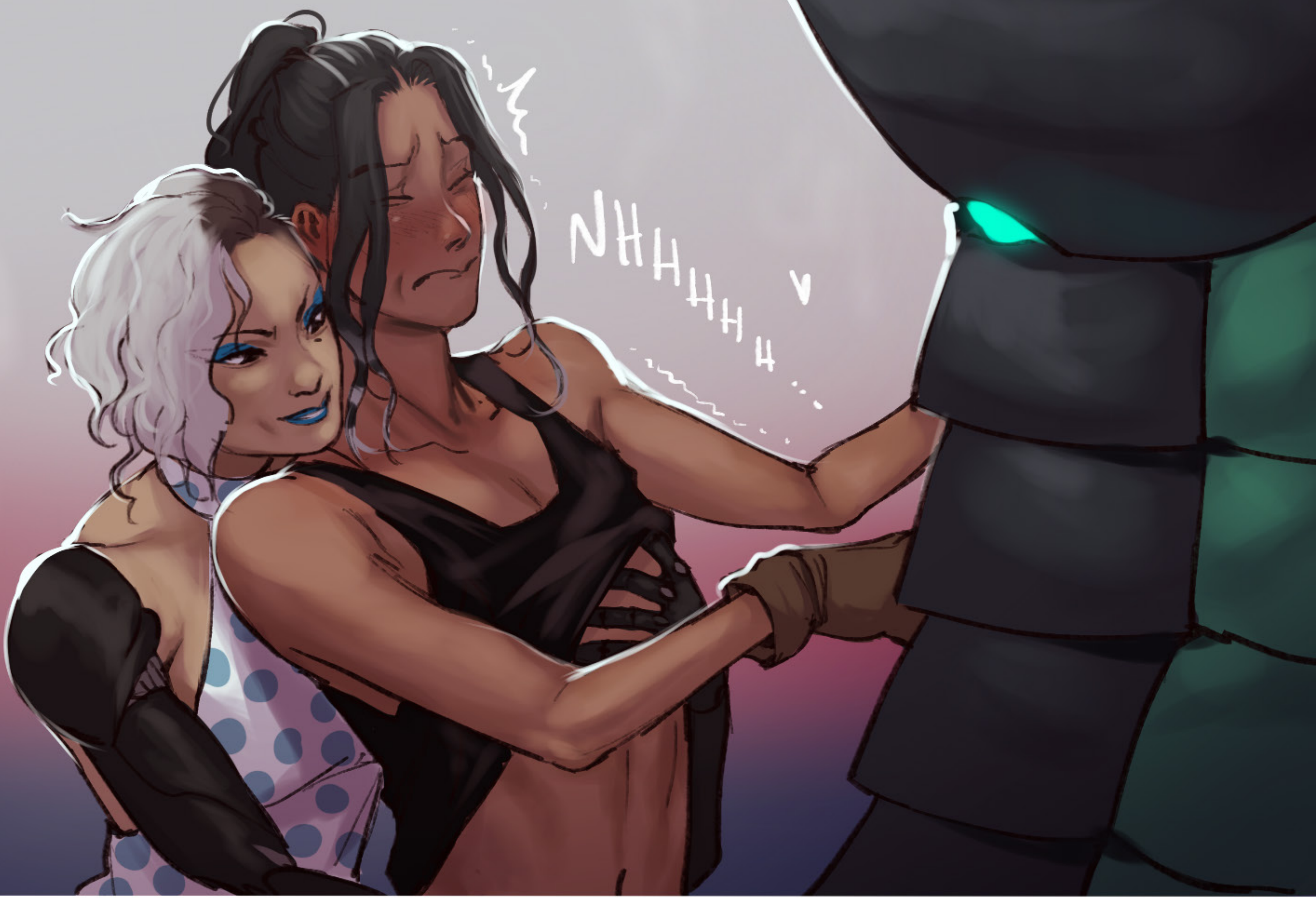
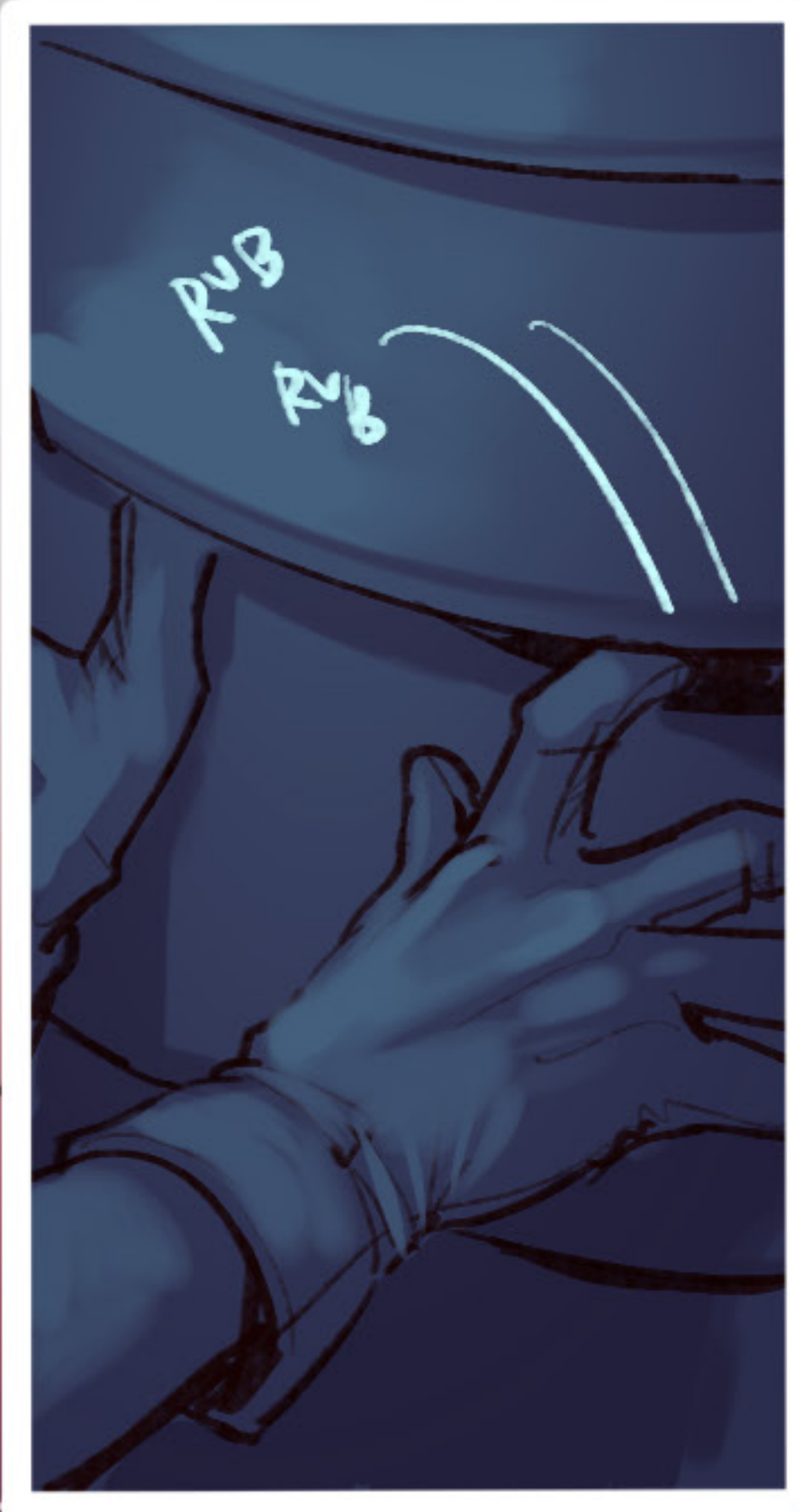
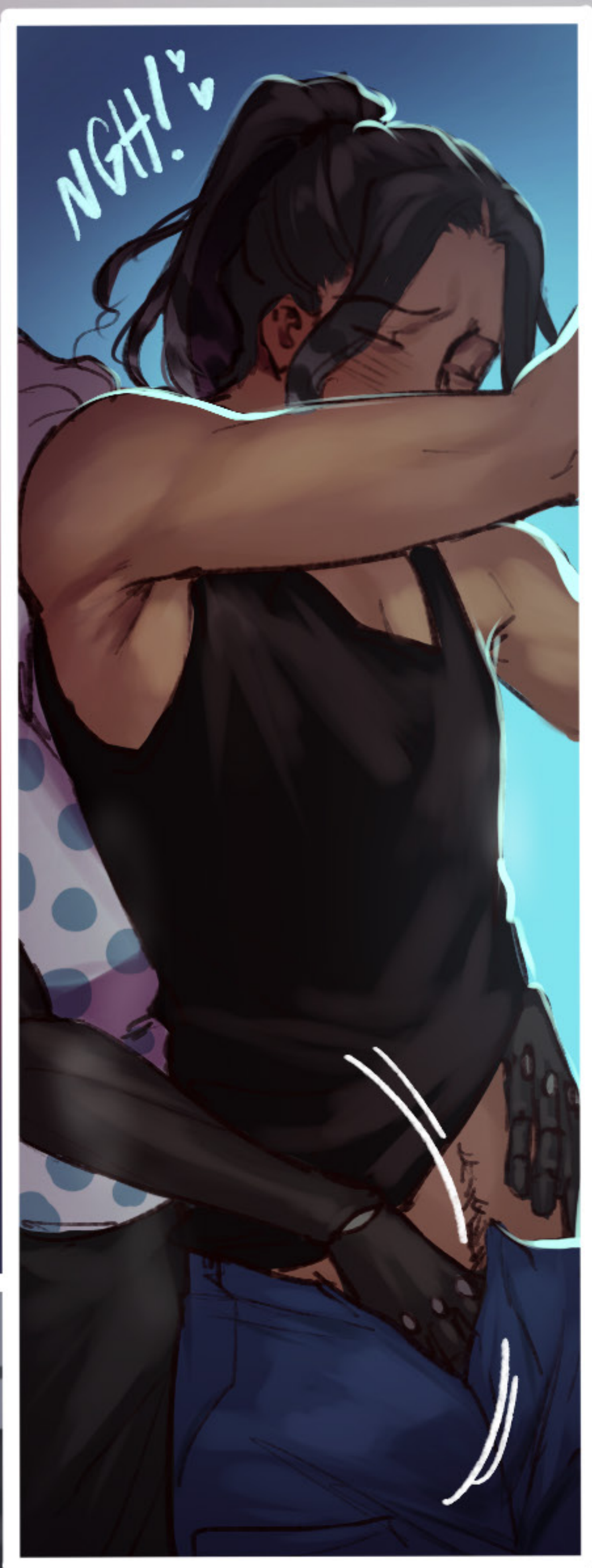


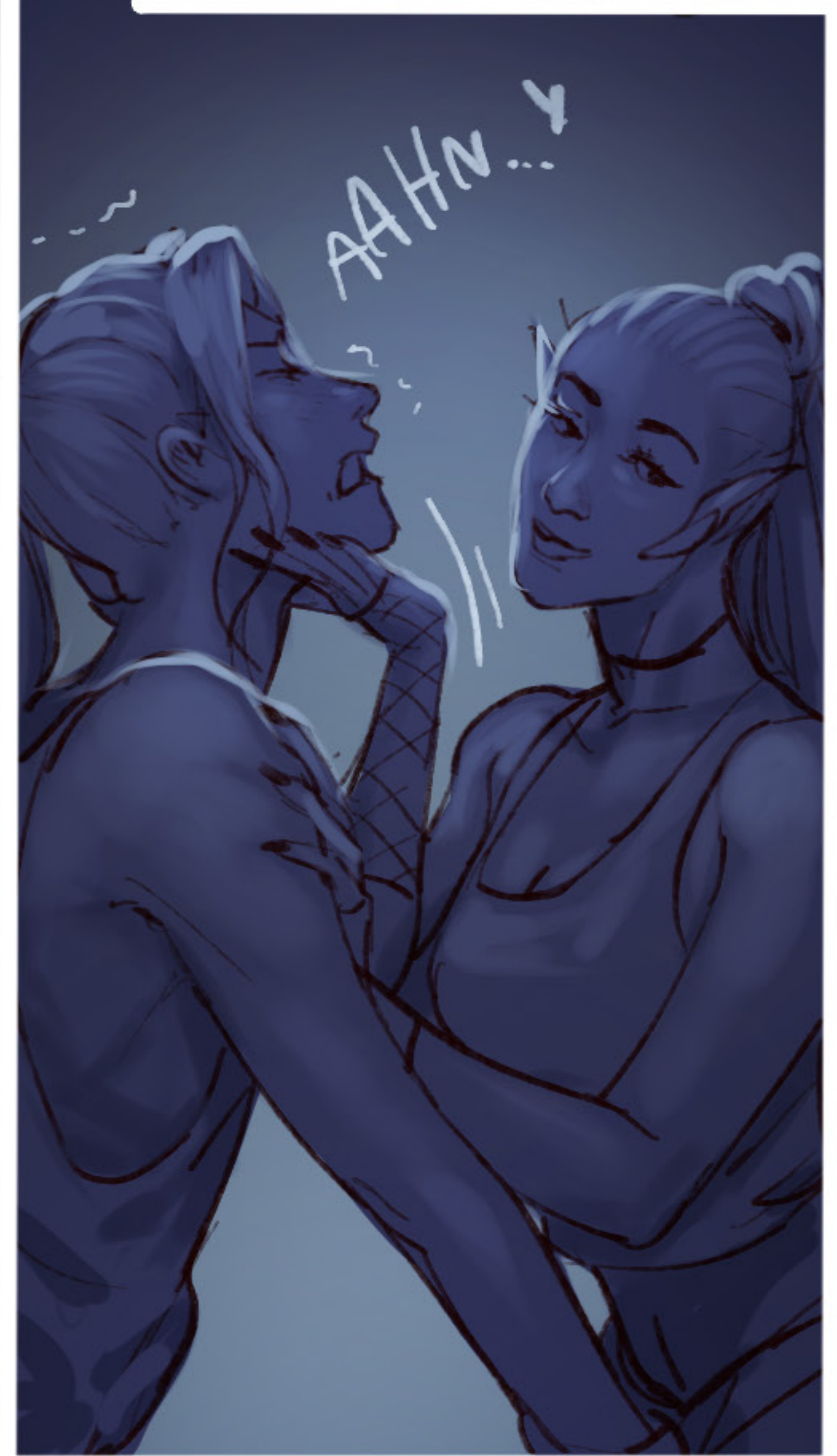
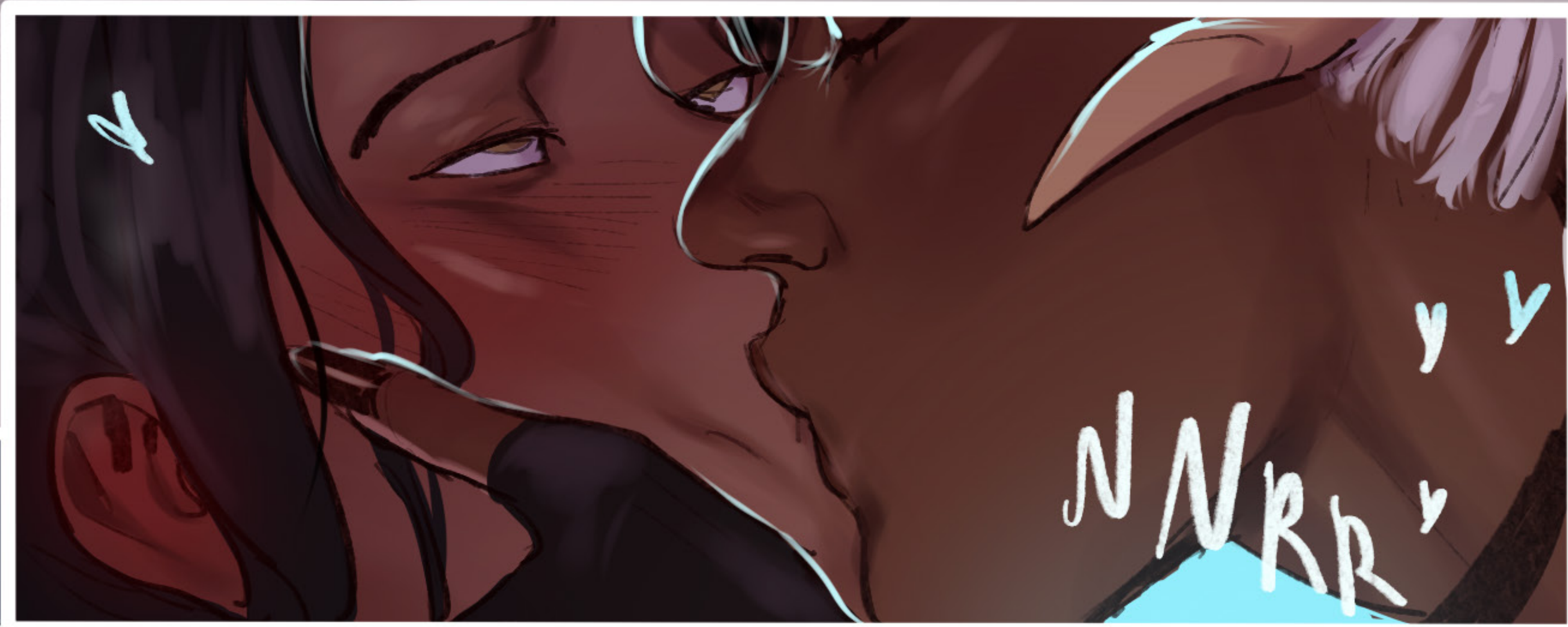
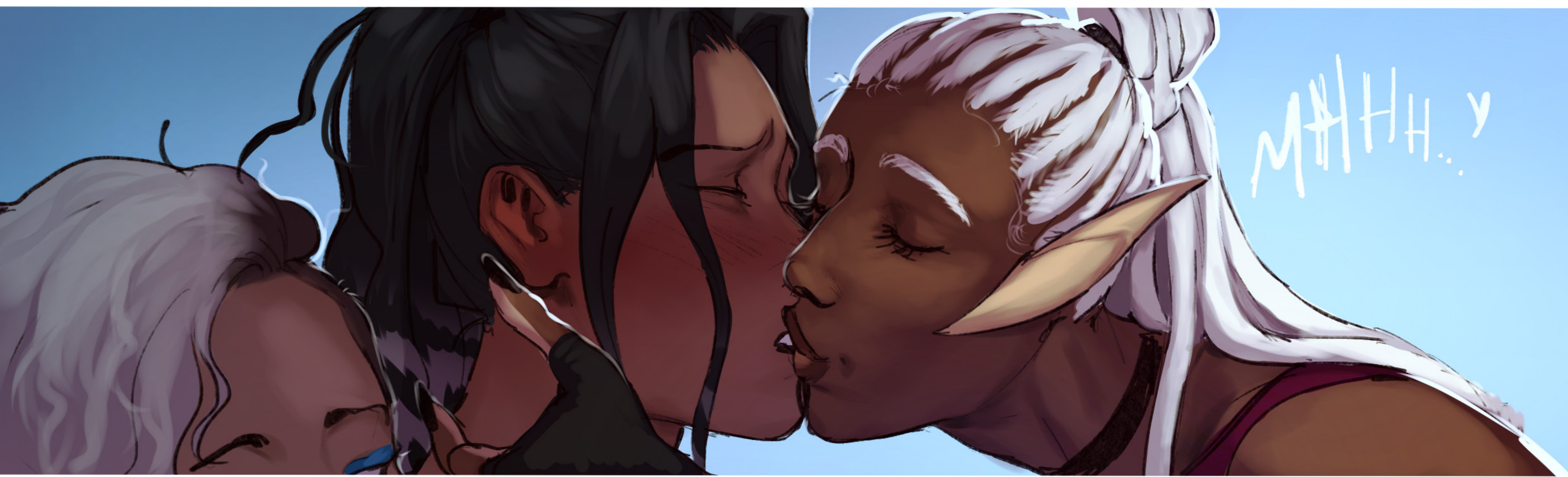
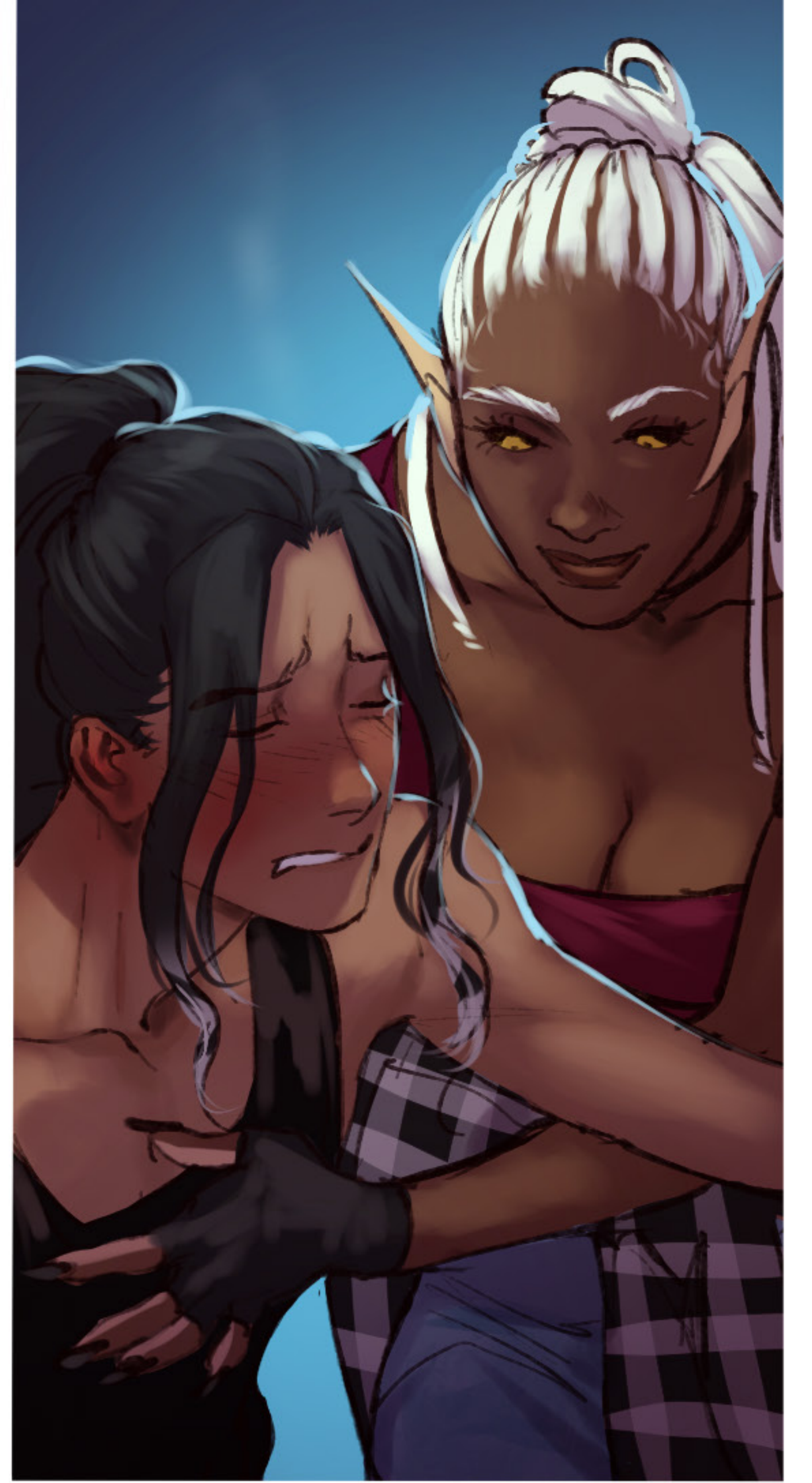
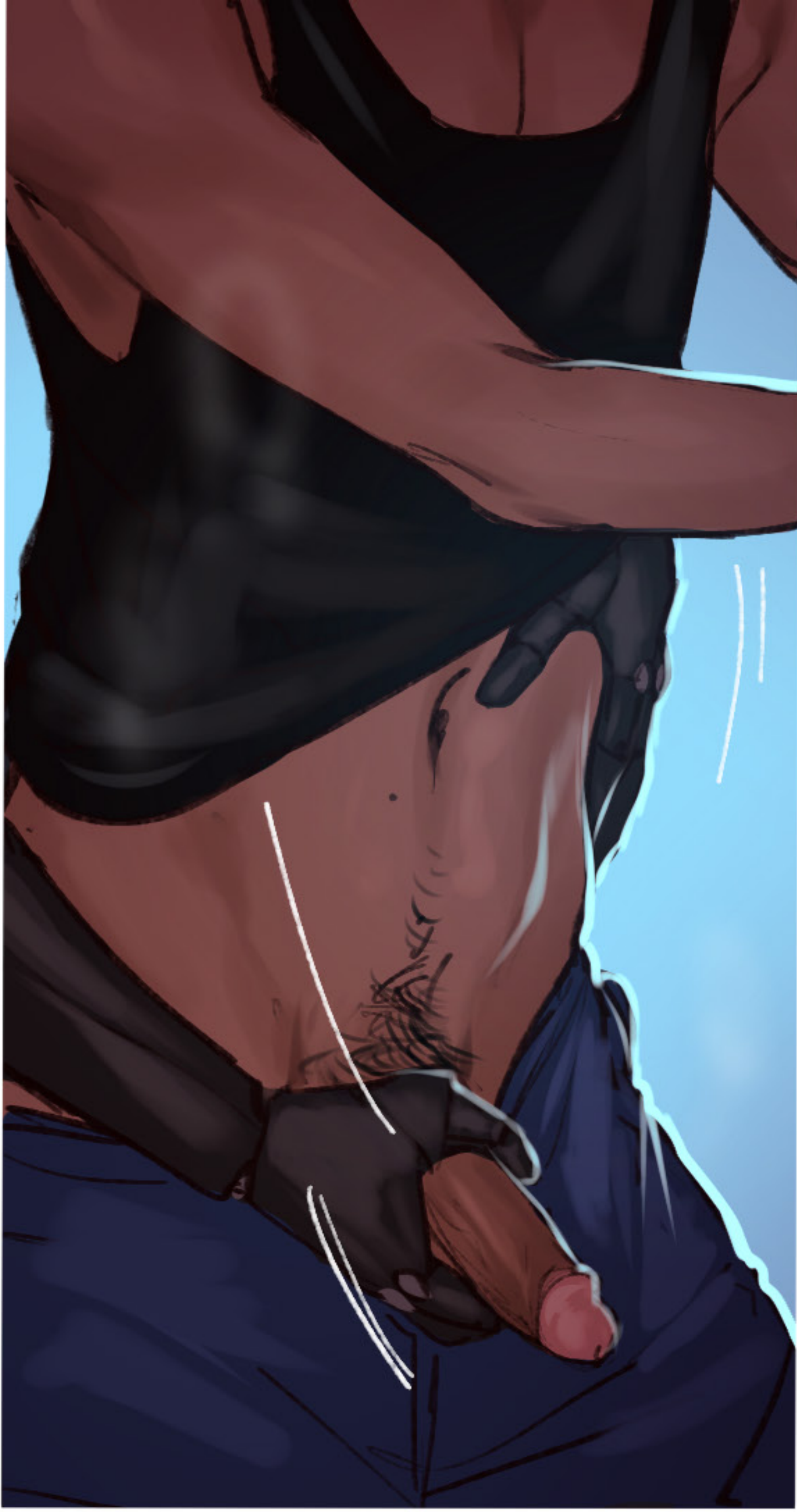
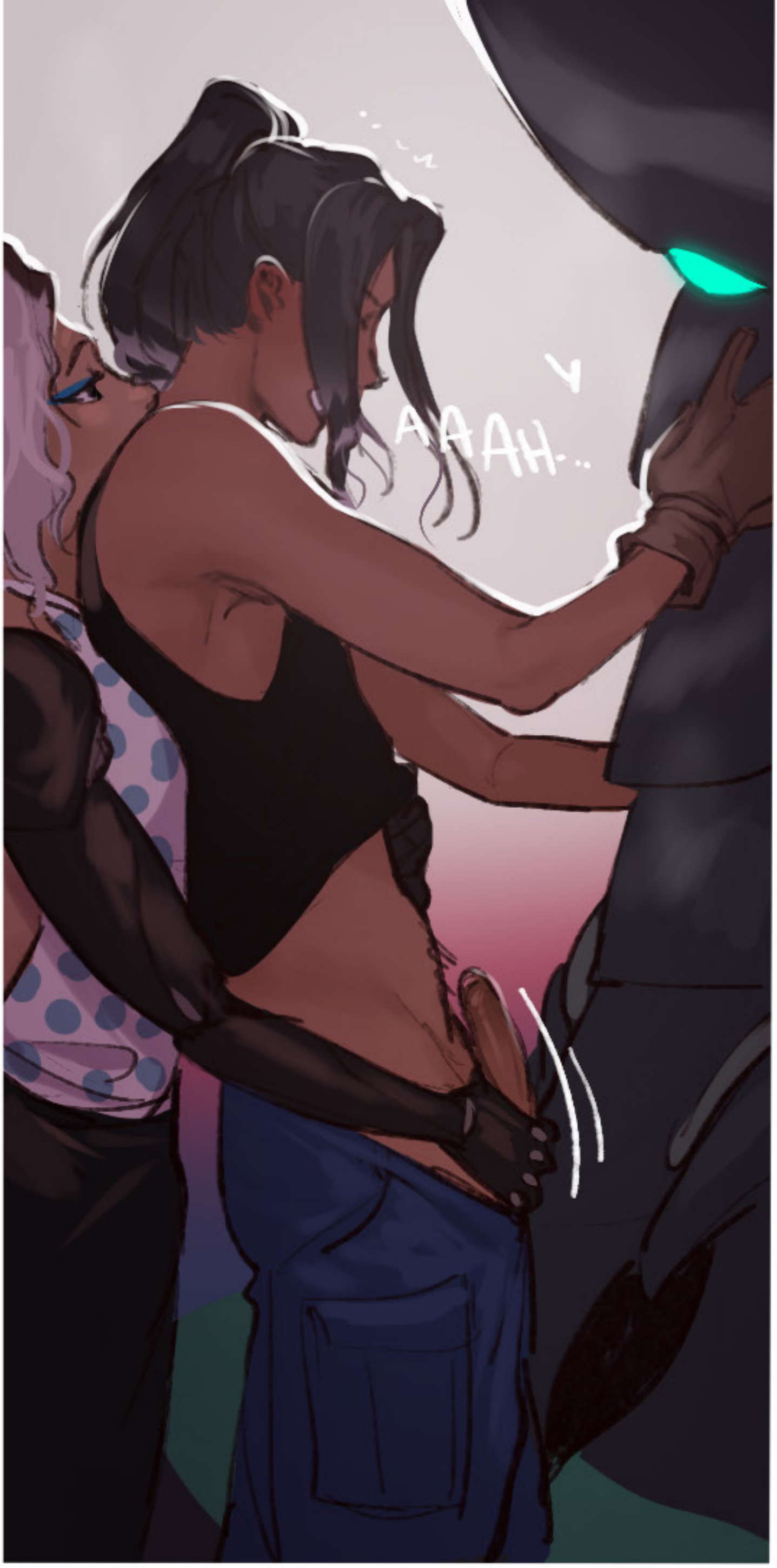
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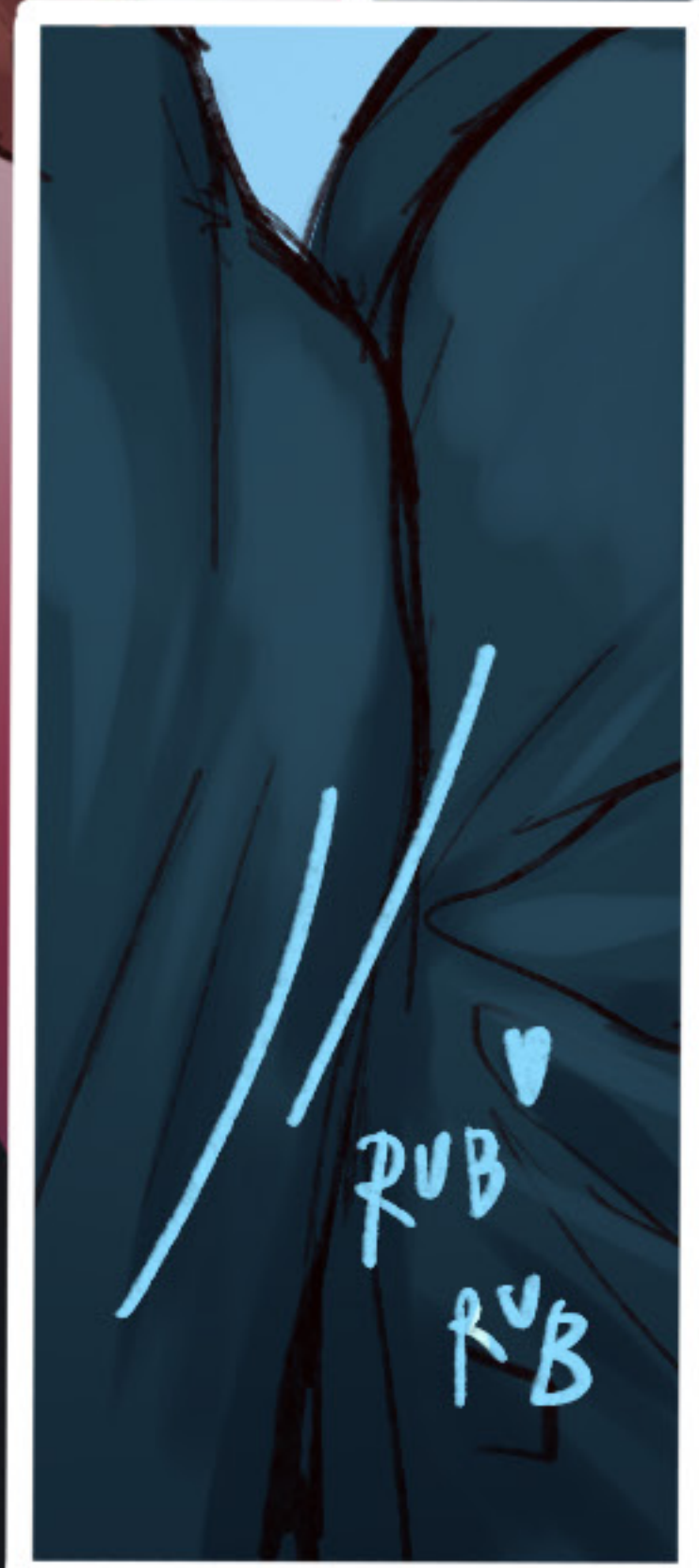
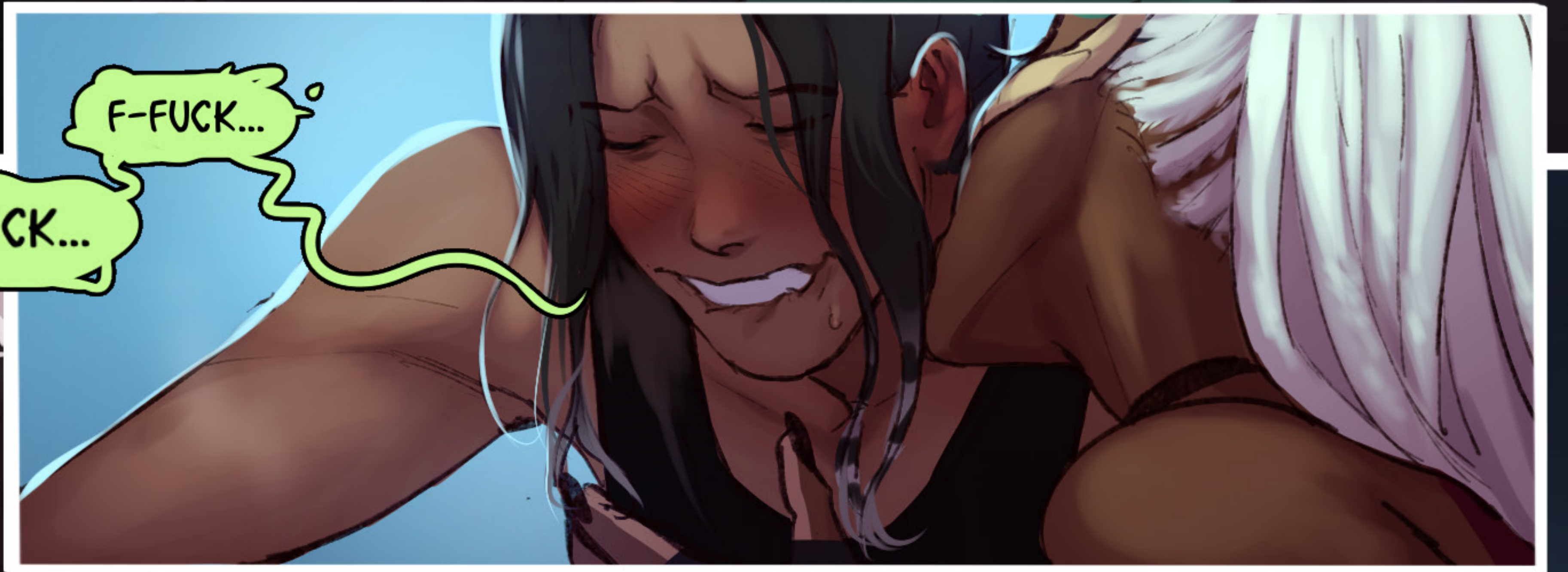
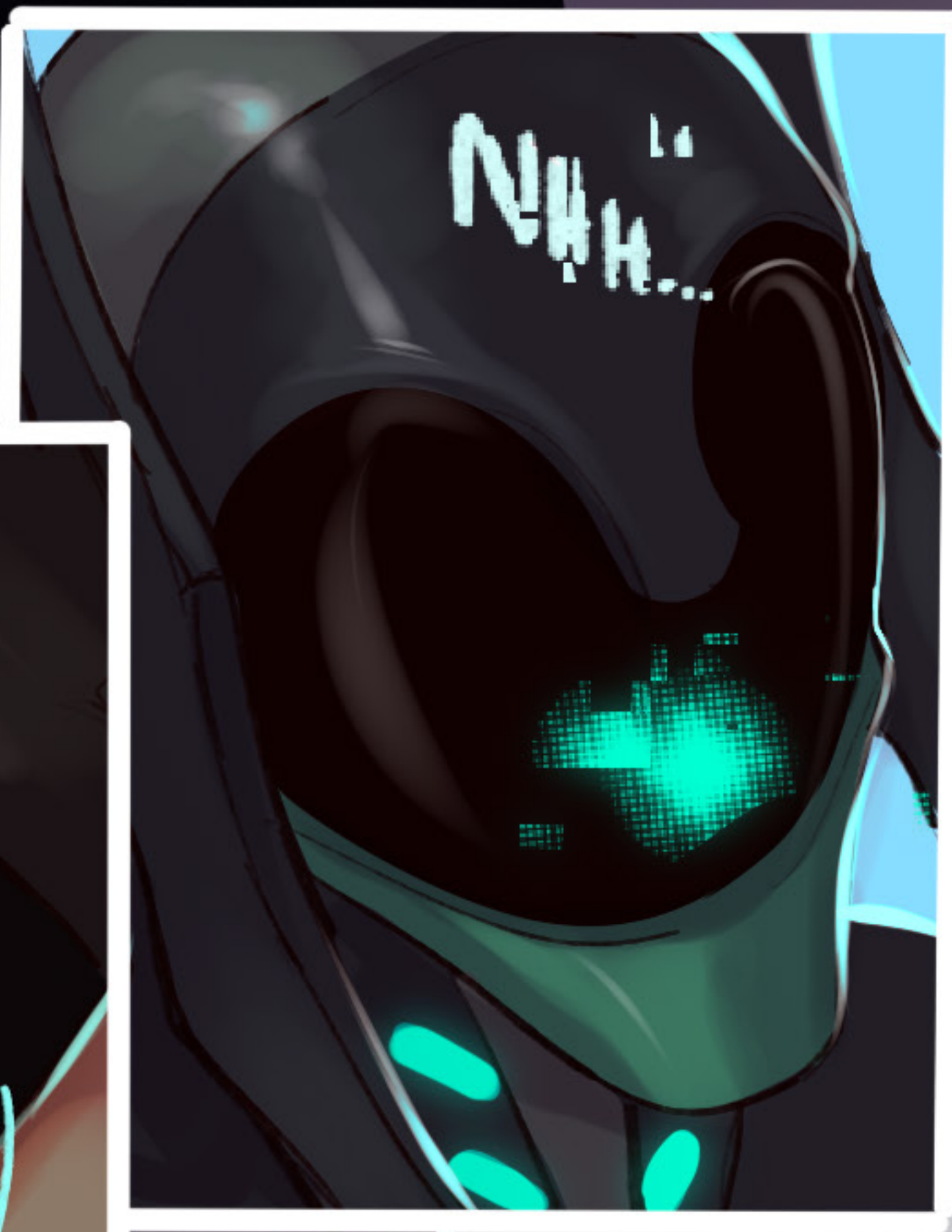
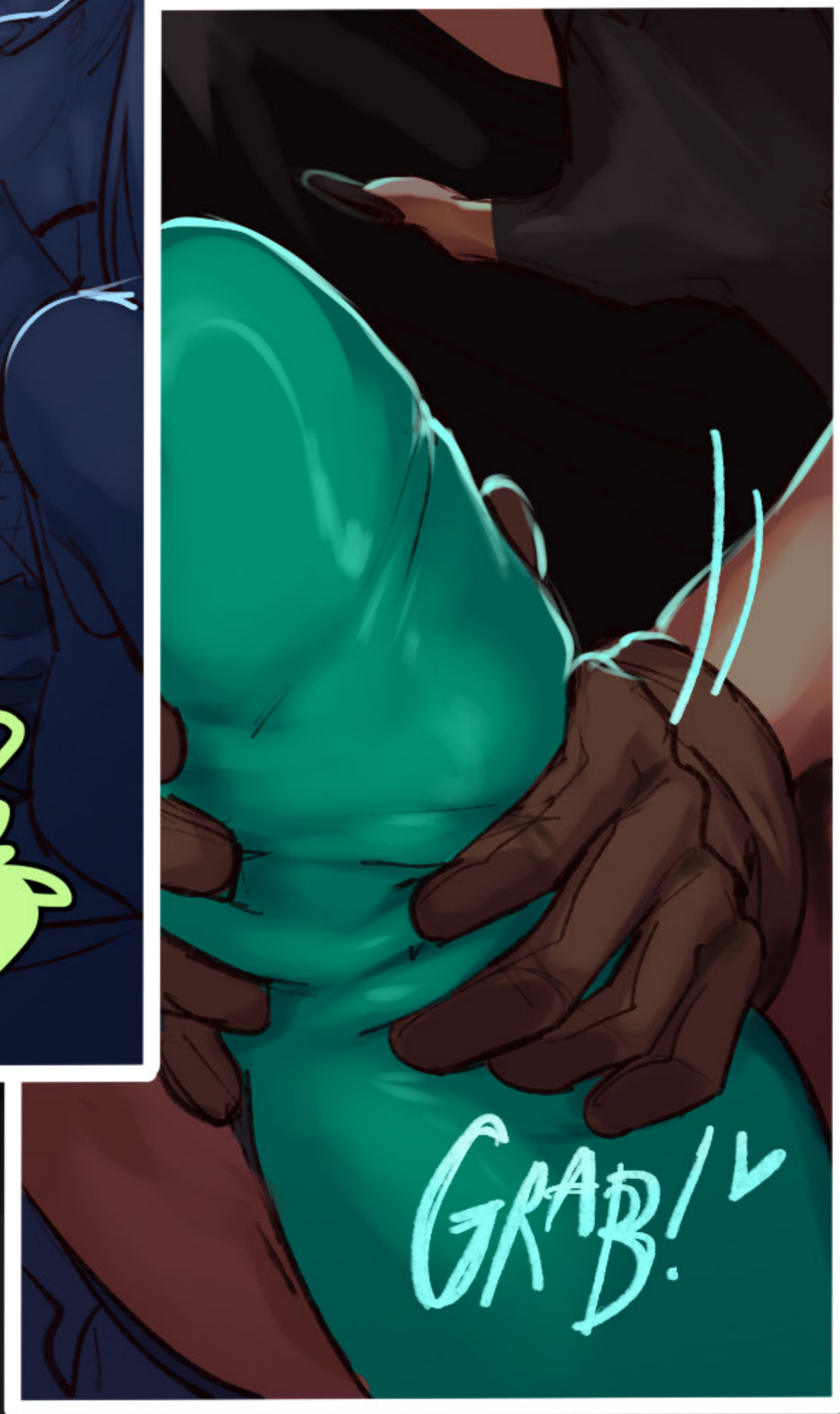
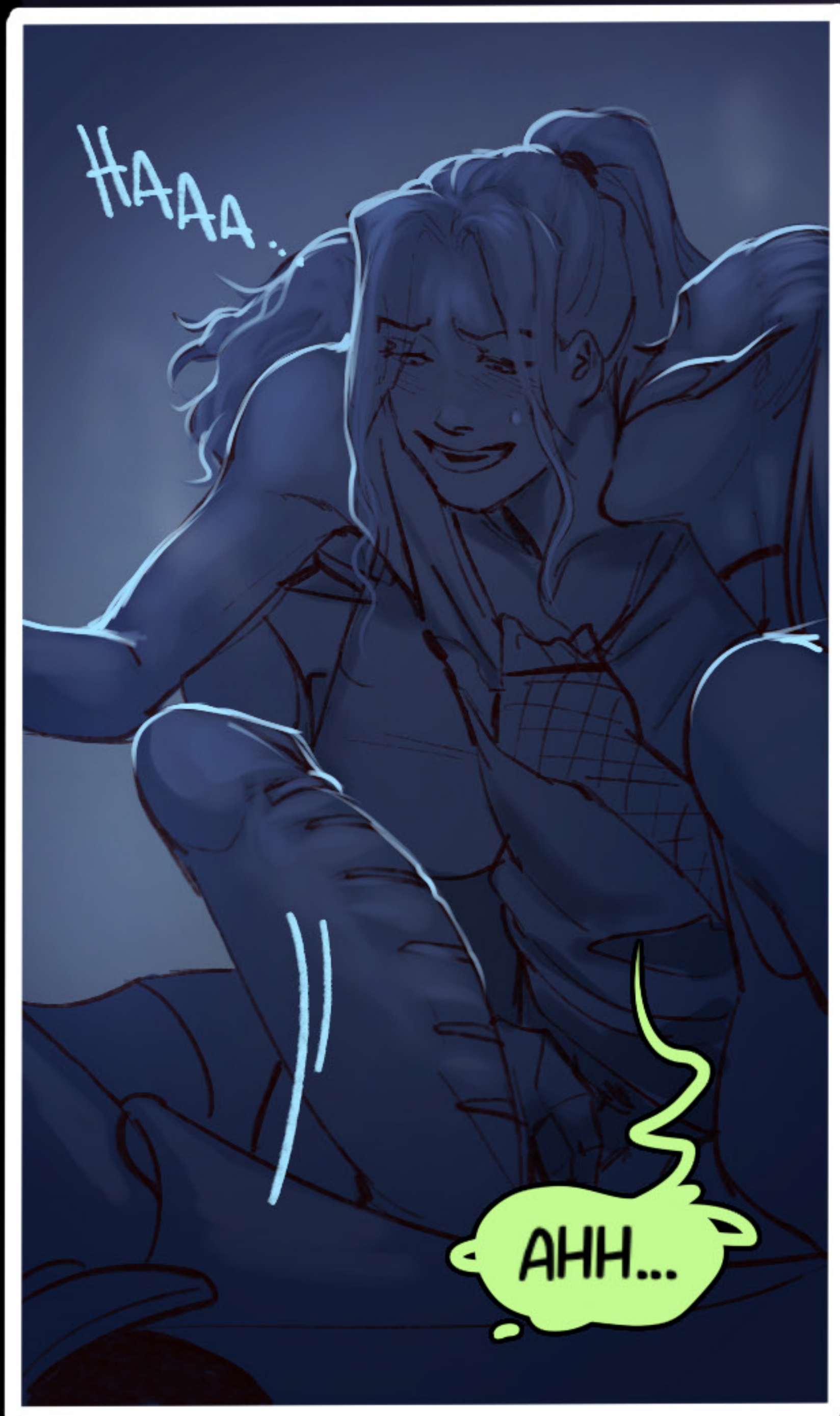


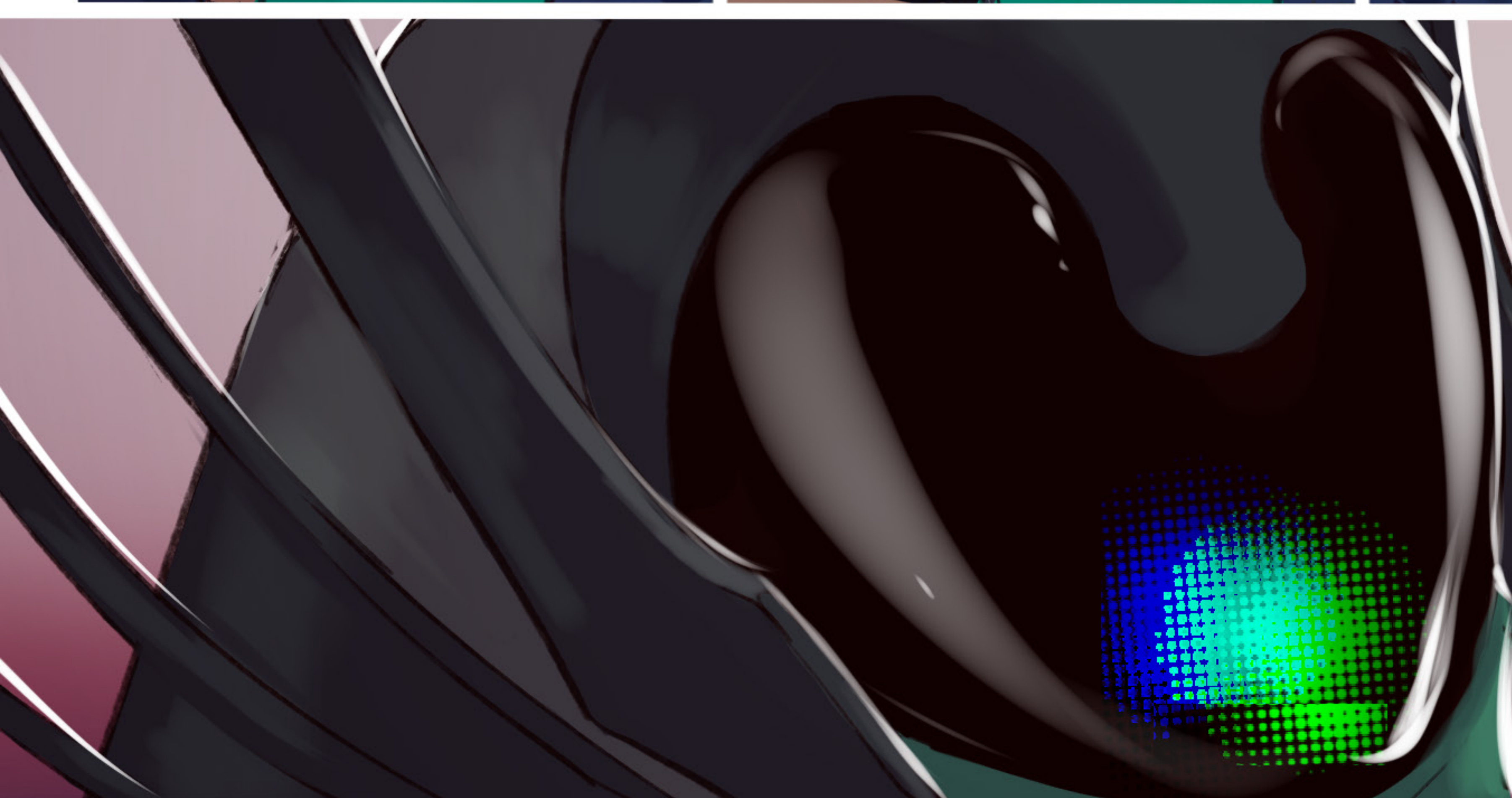
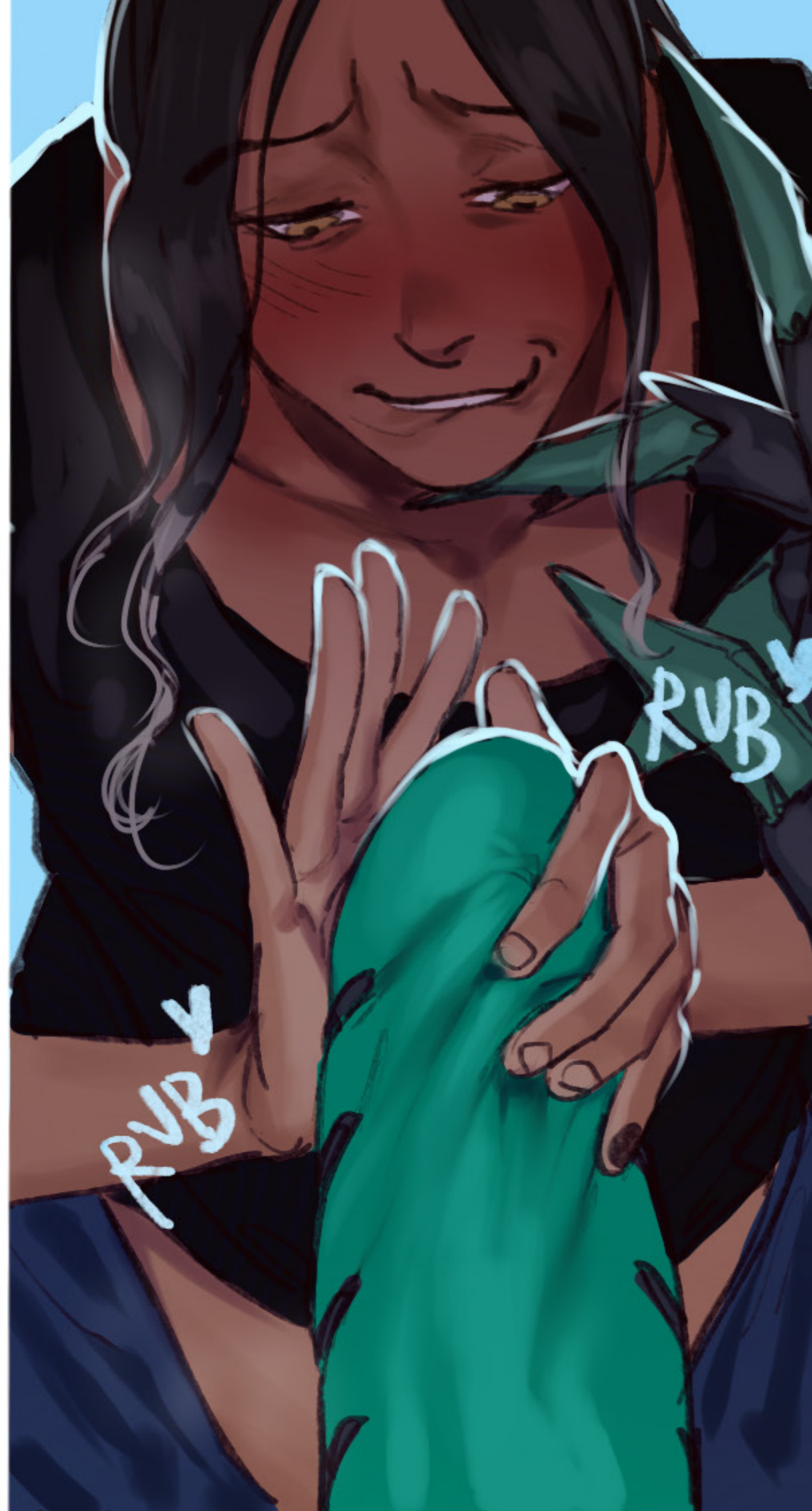
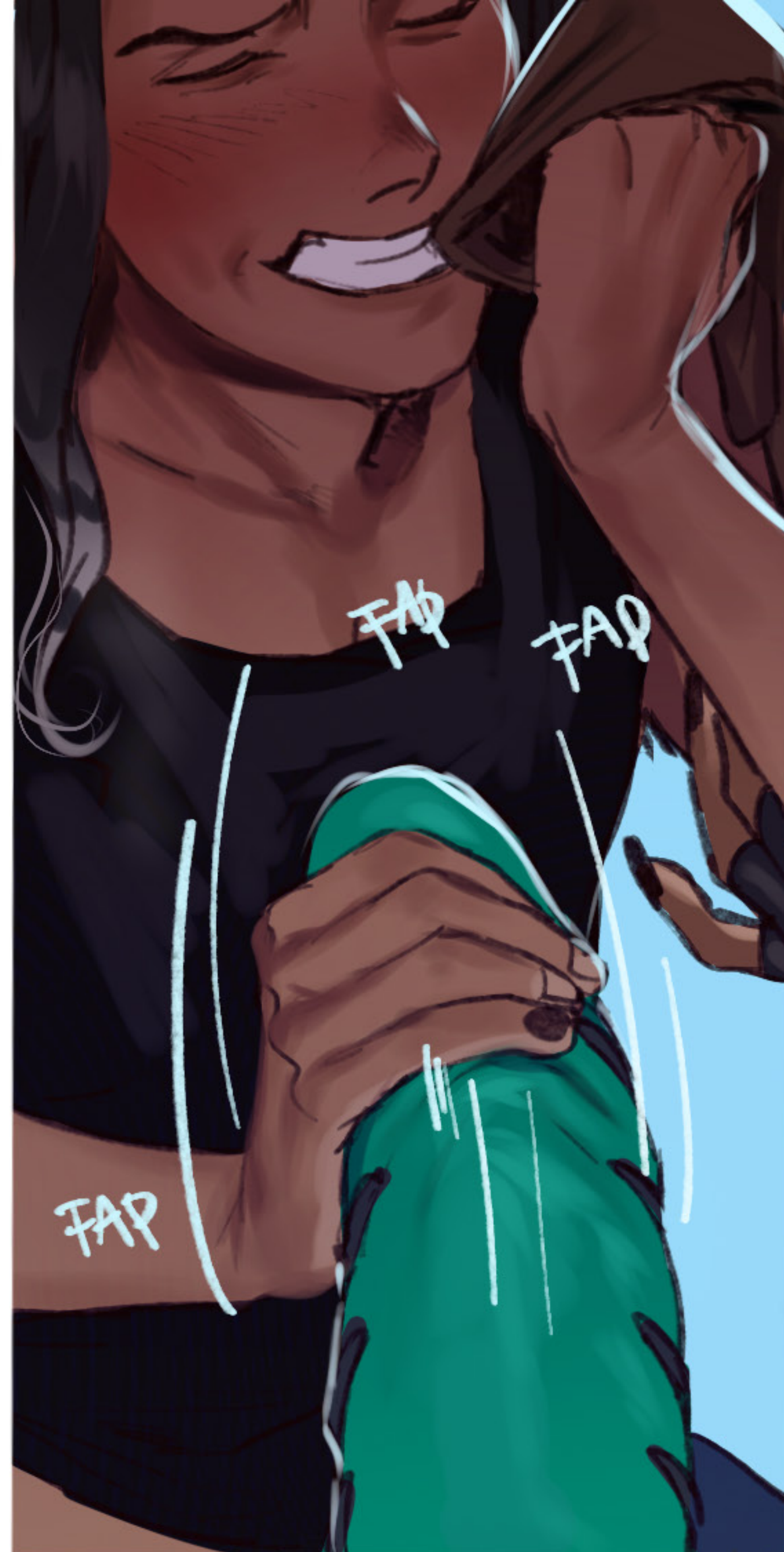
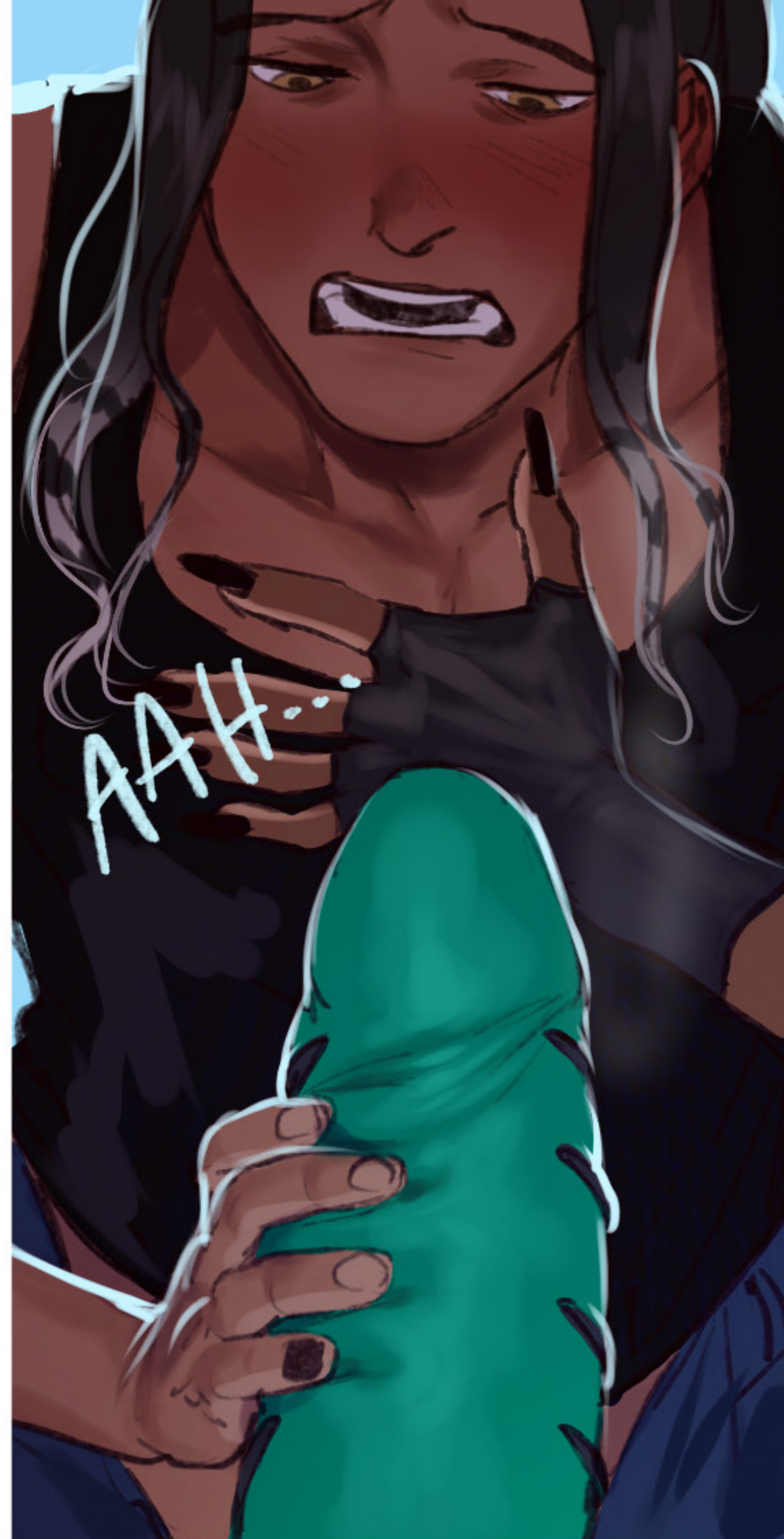
YOU'RE HANDLING THIS PERFECTLY, ORION.
VERY GOOD.

WHAT IF BAHAMUT TREATS YOU WITH A REWARD AND LETS YOU FEEL OTHER KIND OF SENSORS?

VERY WELL. ANYTHING THE TEACH SAYS.







Fuck
Flick

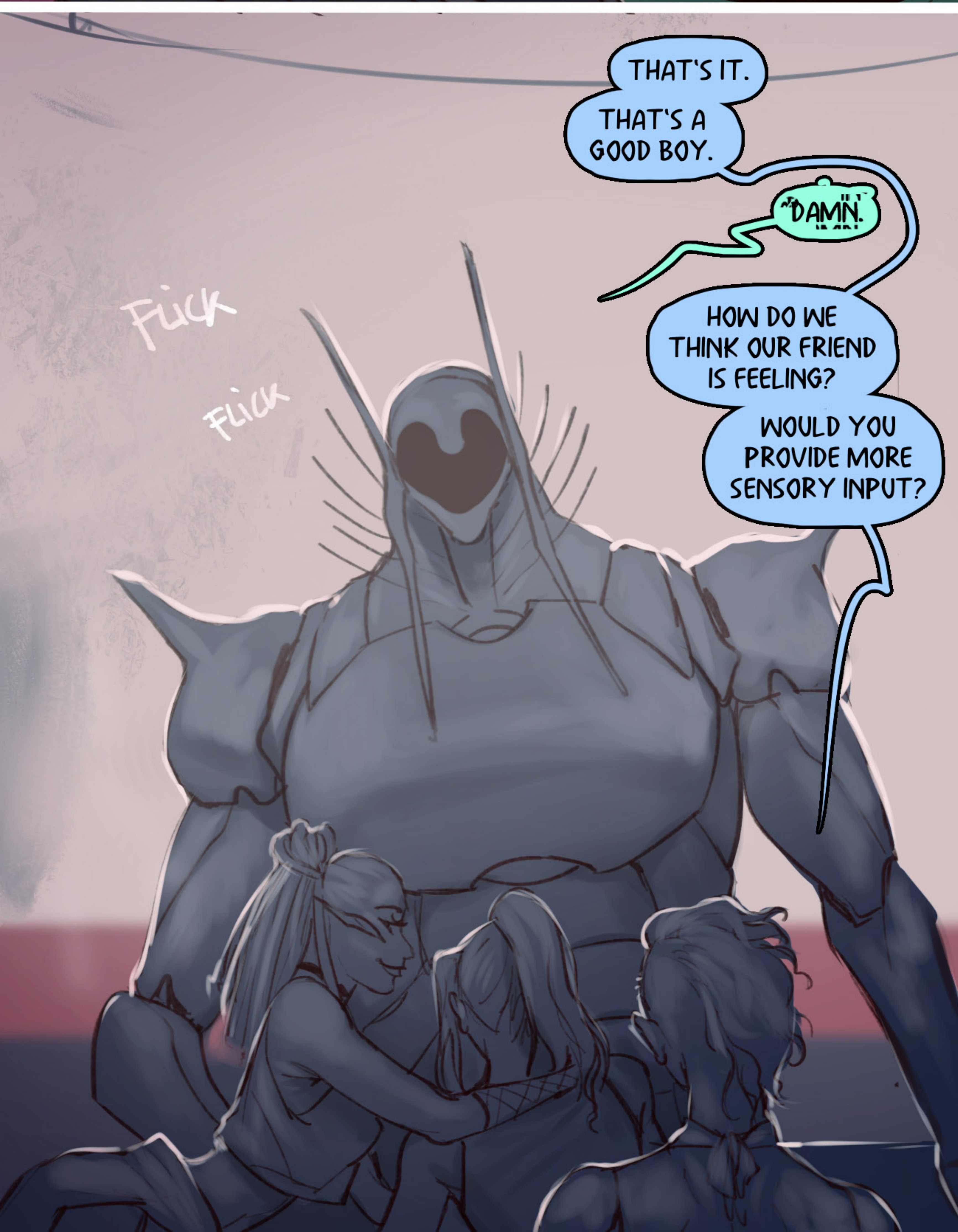
VERY GOOD!

VERY
VERY GOOD.

YOU'RE DOING
A FANTASTIC JOB
WITH YOUR HANDS.

HAA...
THANK YOU...

OH!

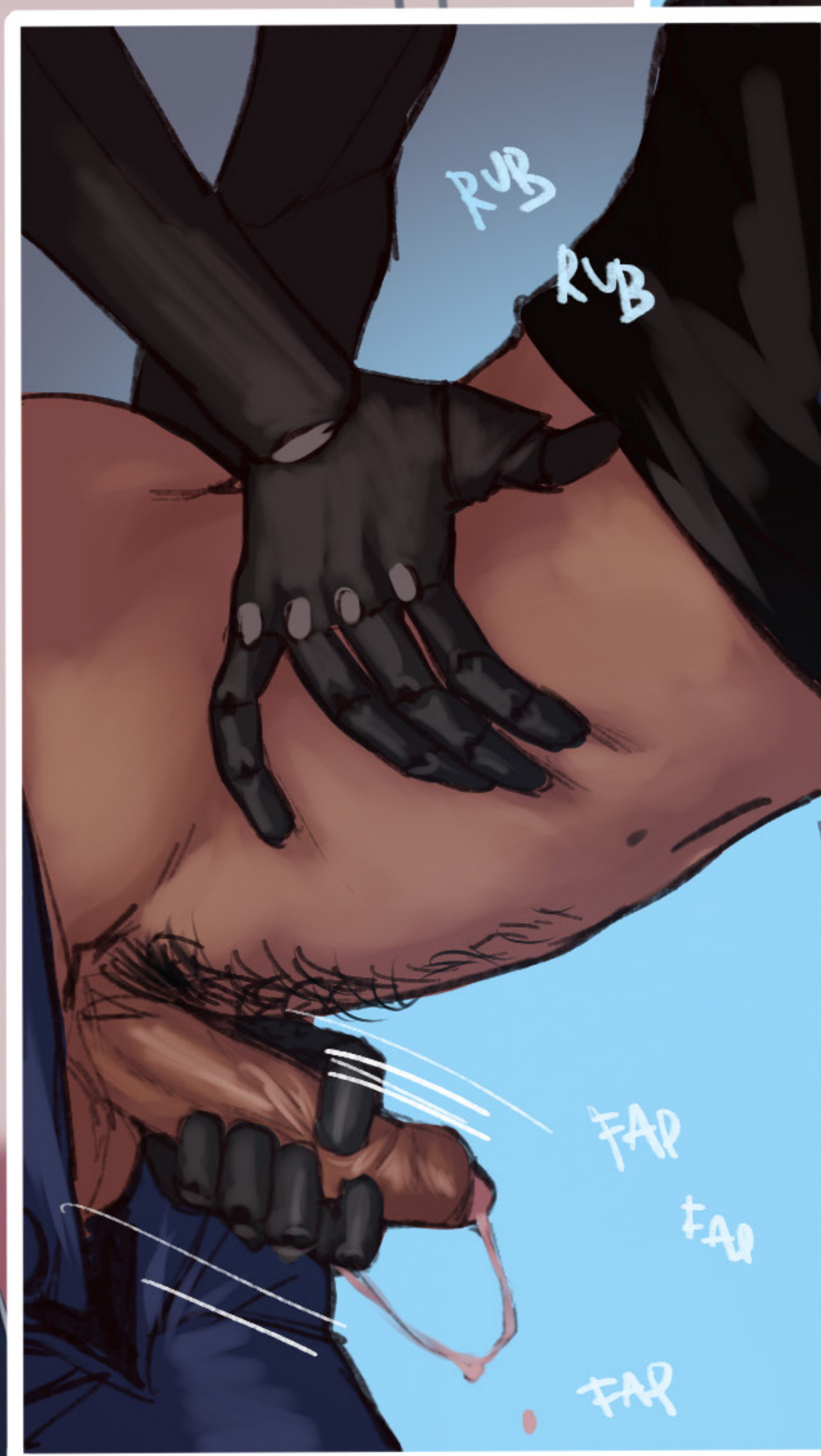


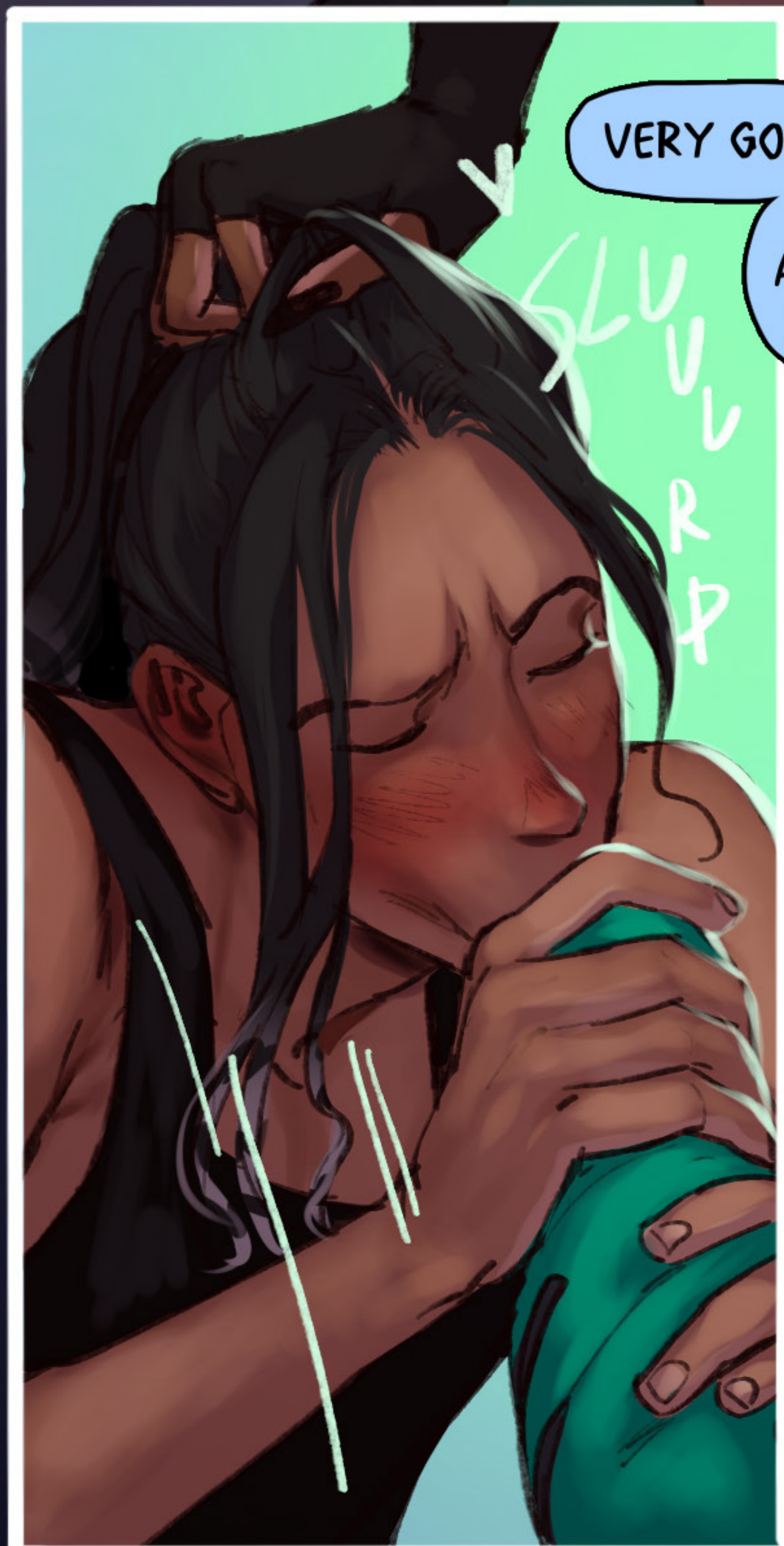
THAT'S IT.
THAT'S A
GOOD BOY.

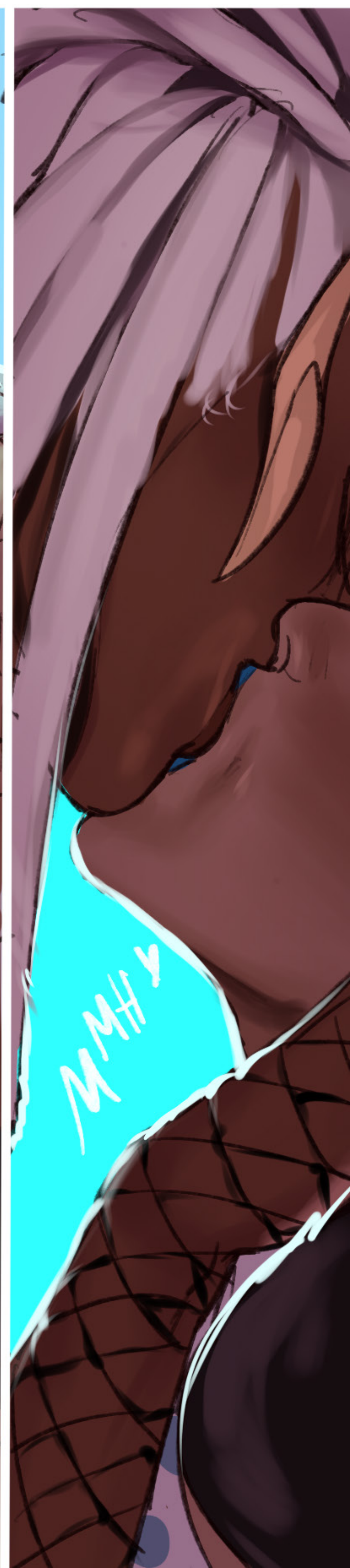
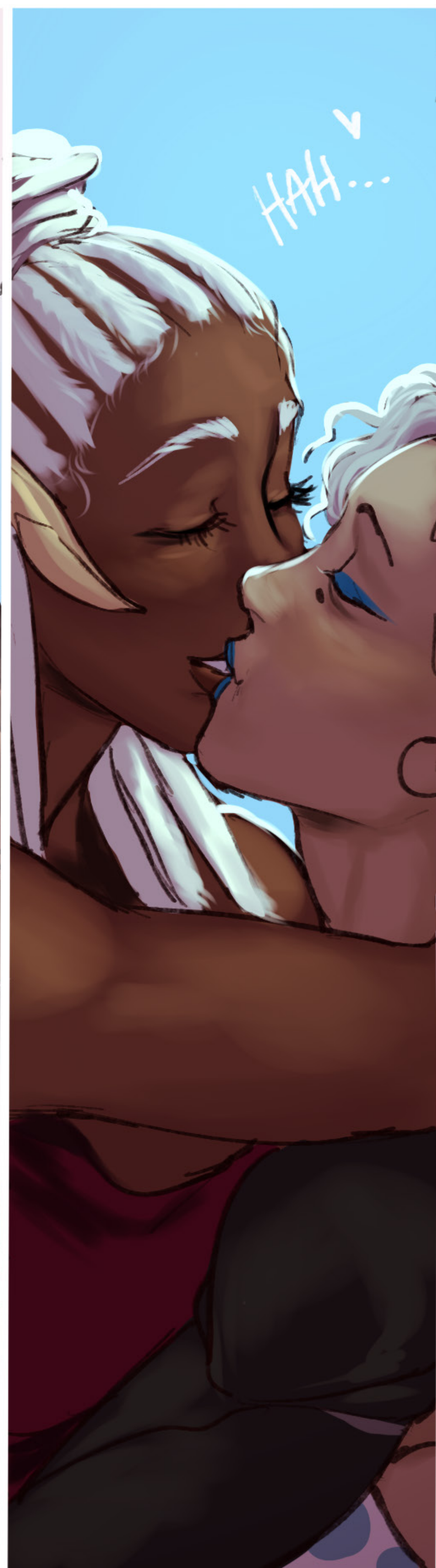
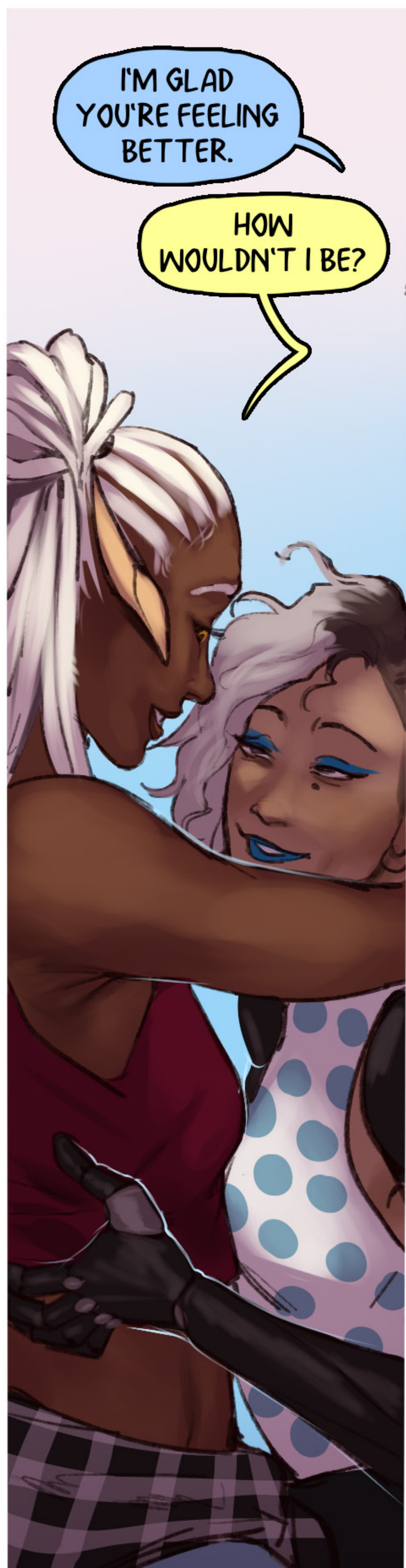
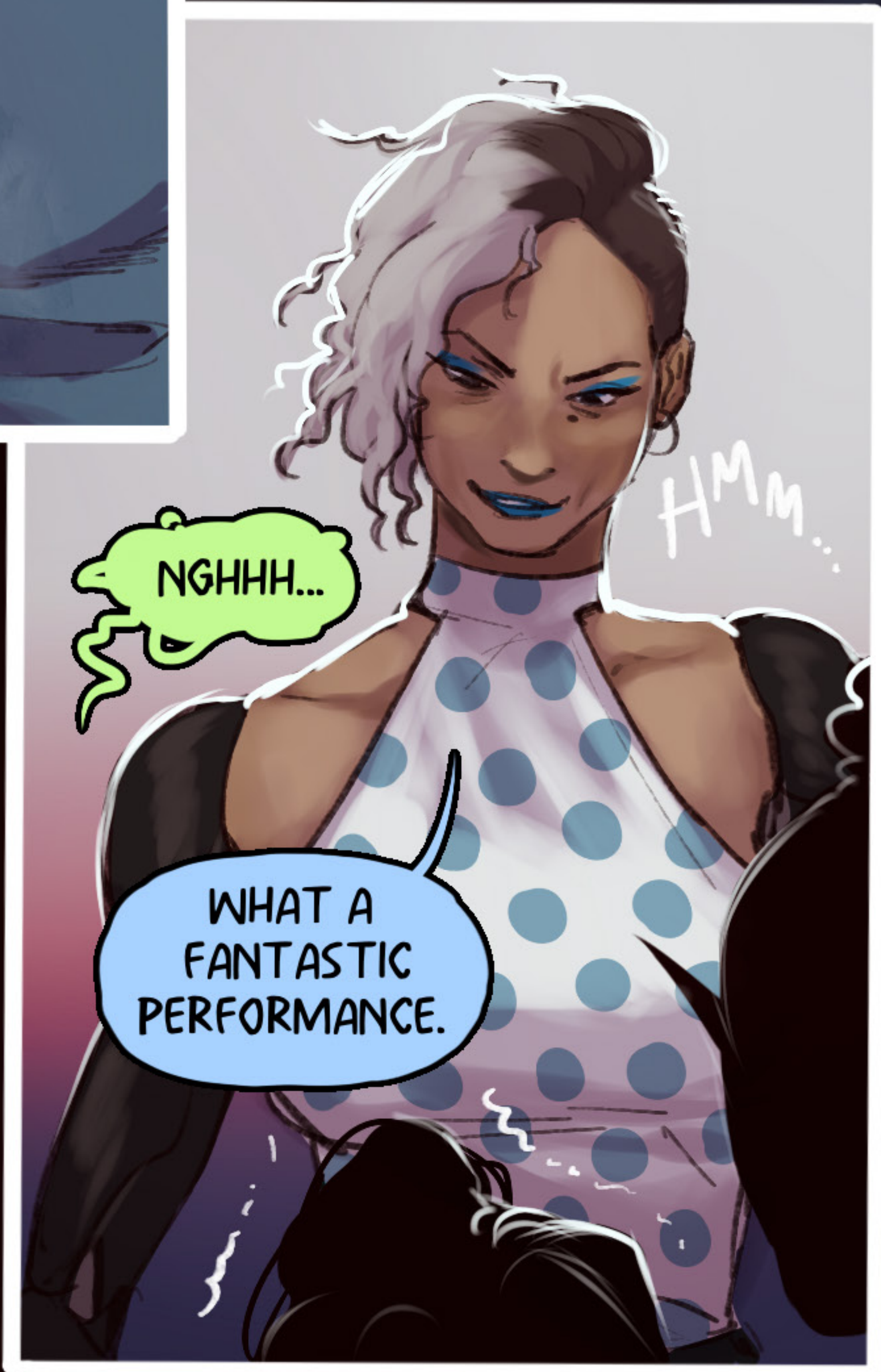
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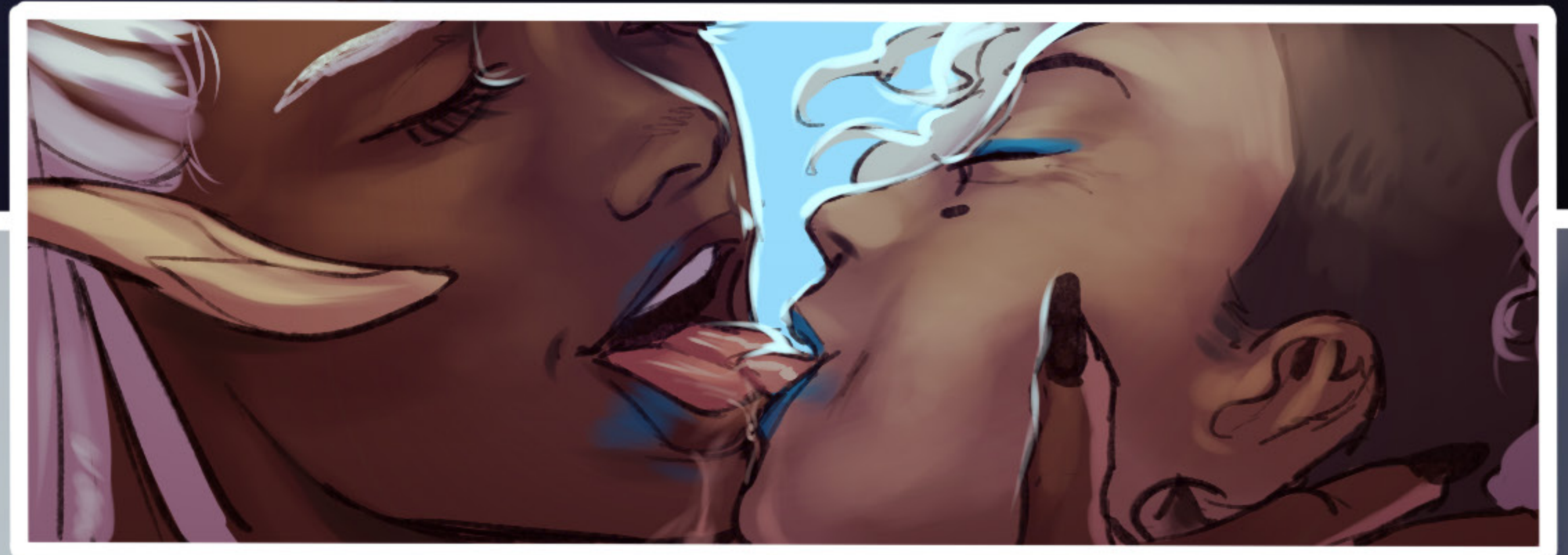
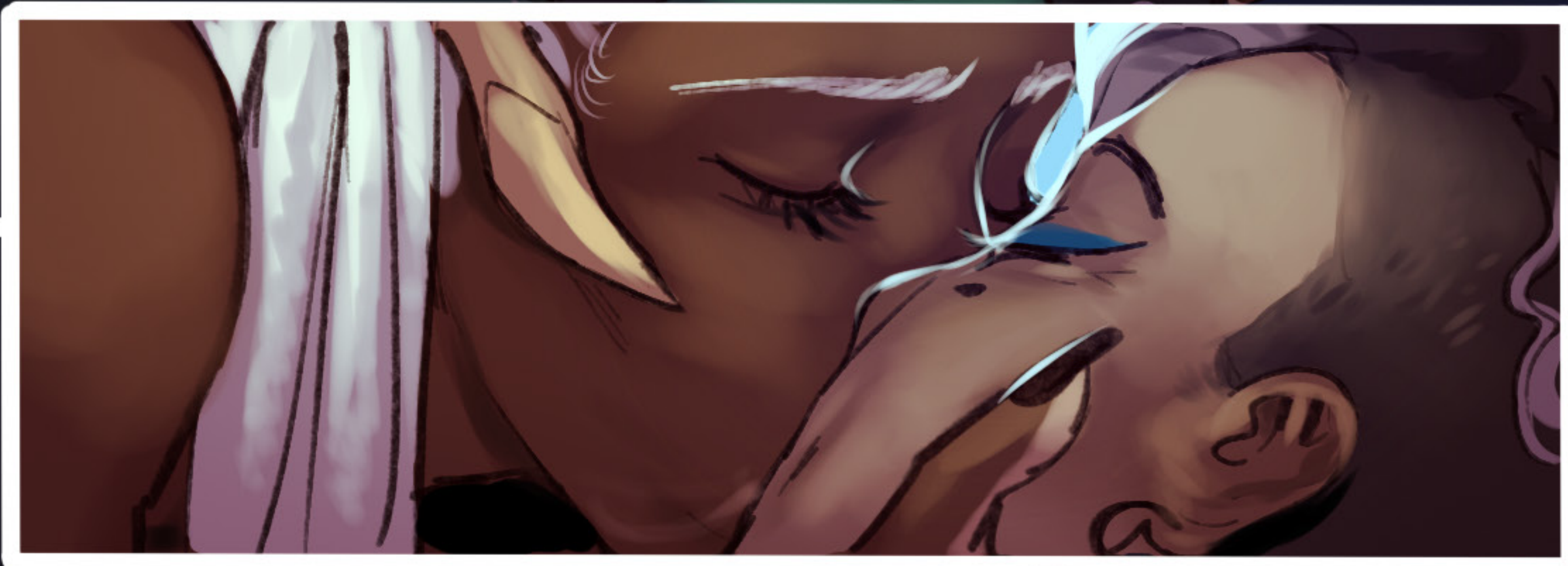
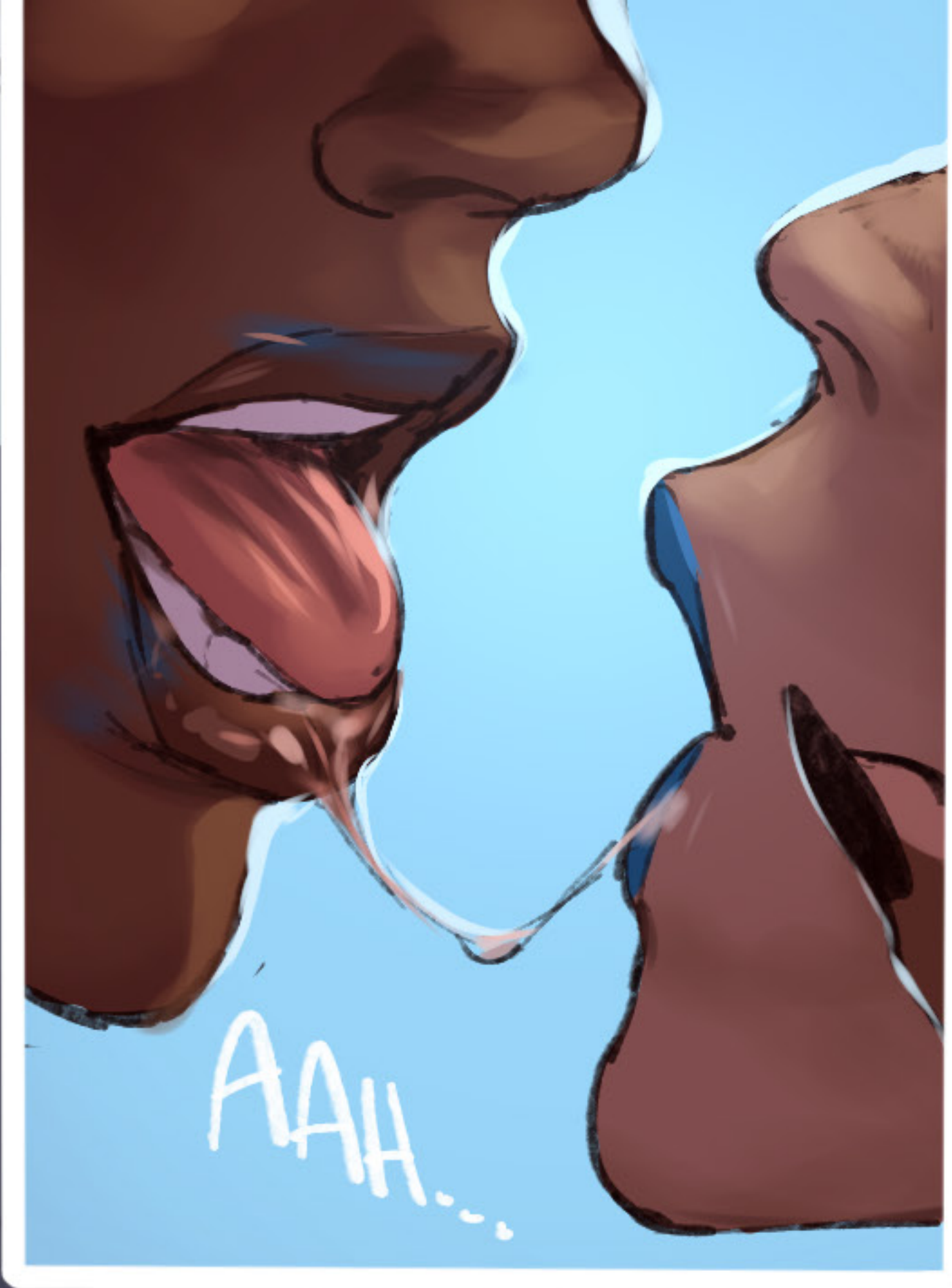
HOW DO WE
THINK OUR FRIEND
IS FEELING?

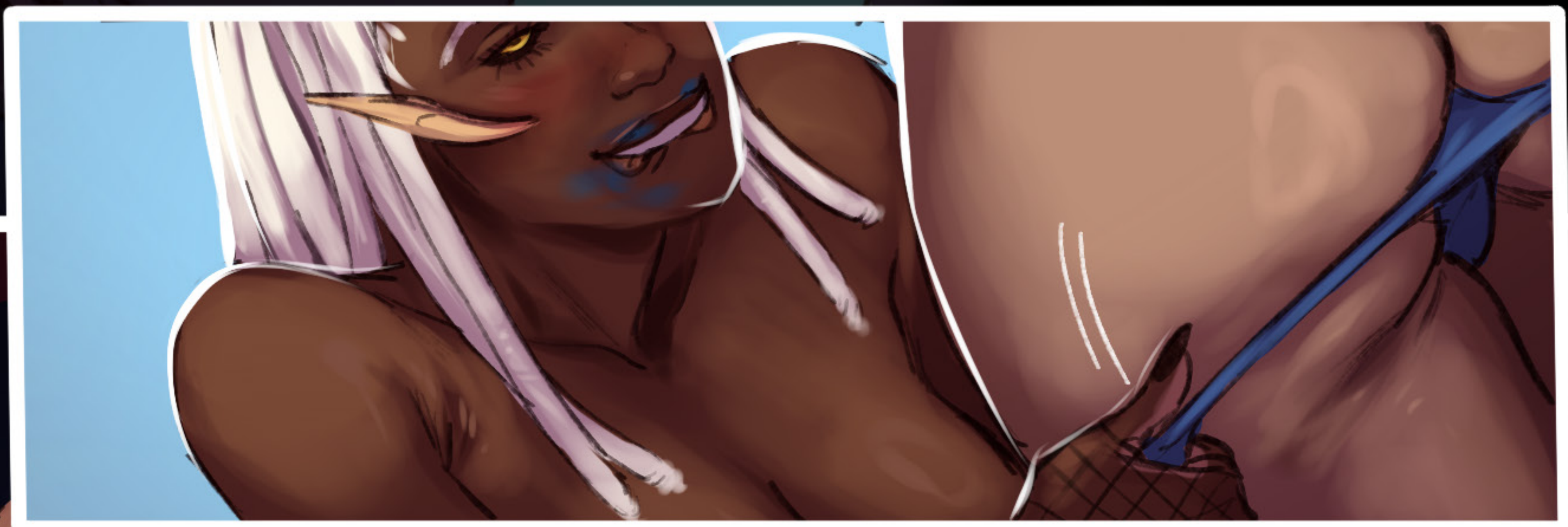
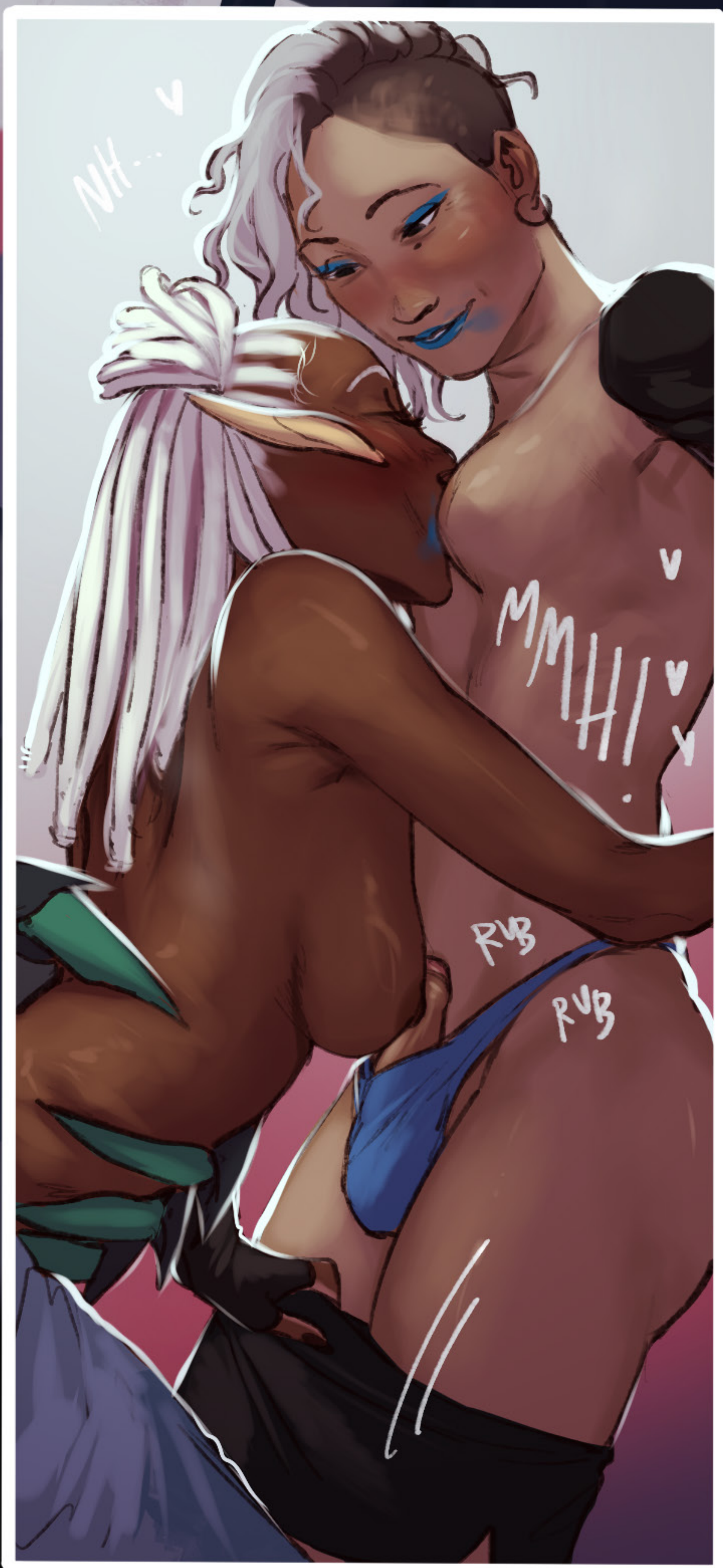
WOULD YOU
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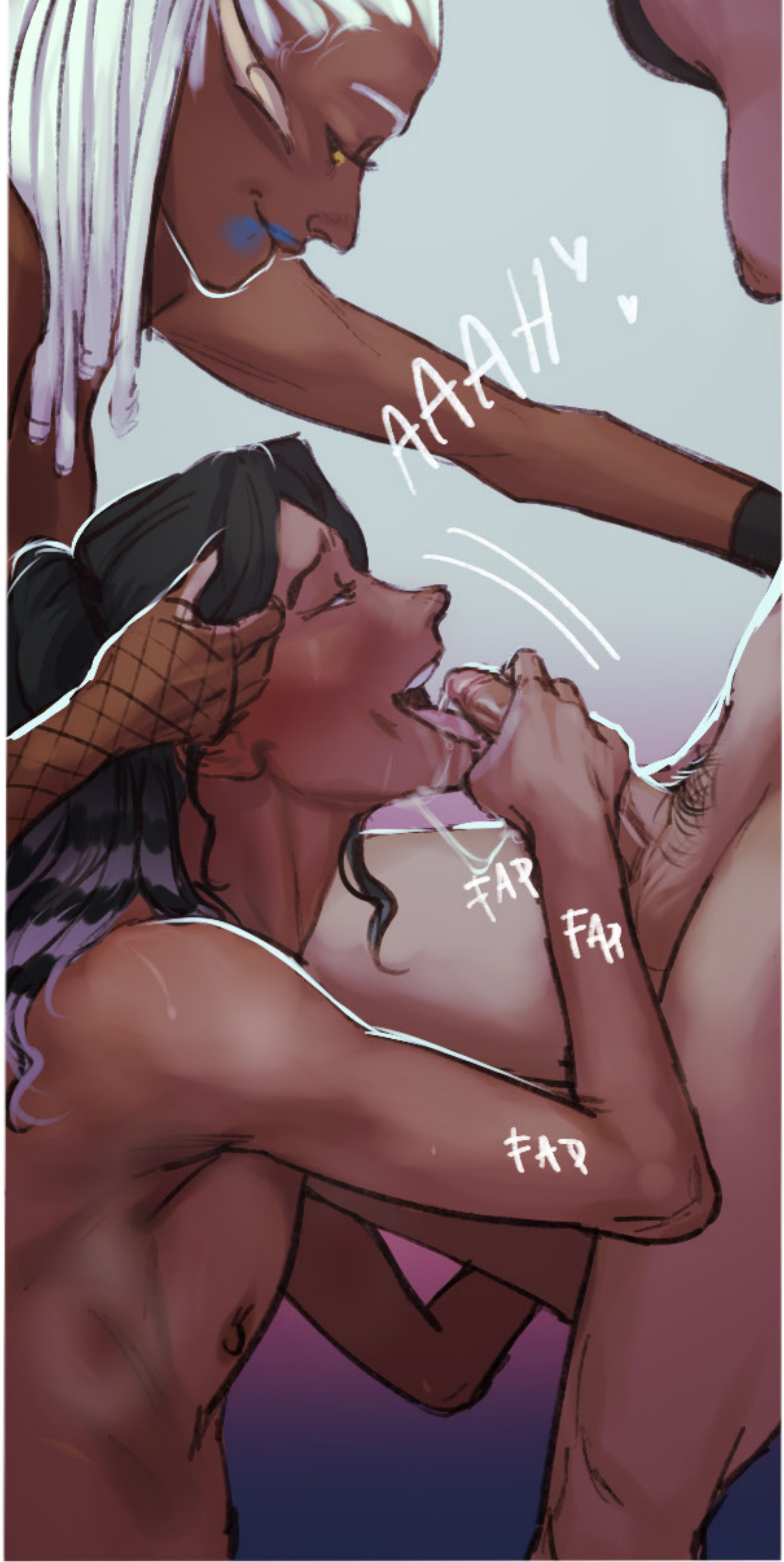
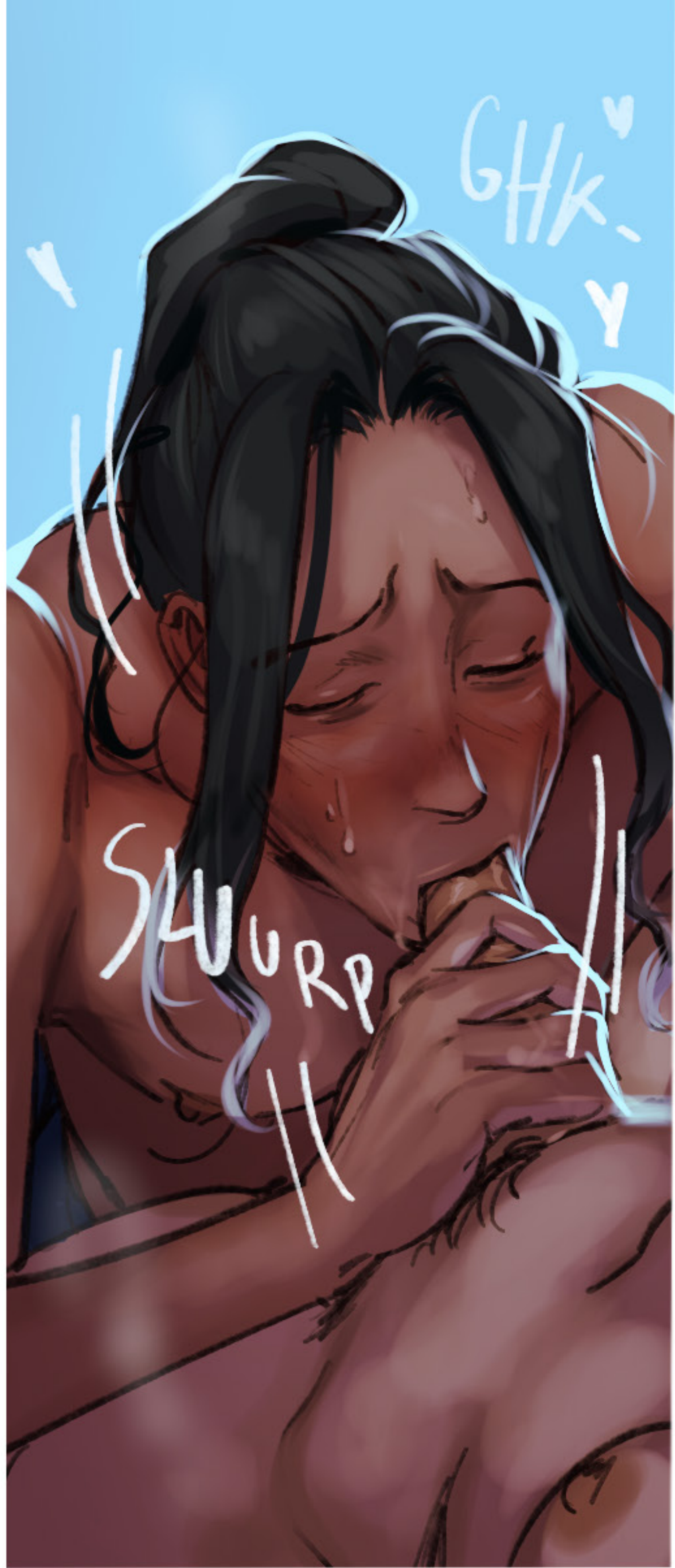


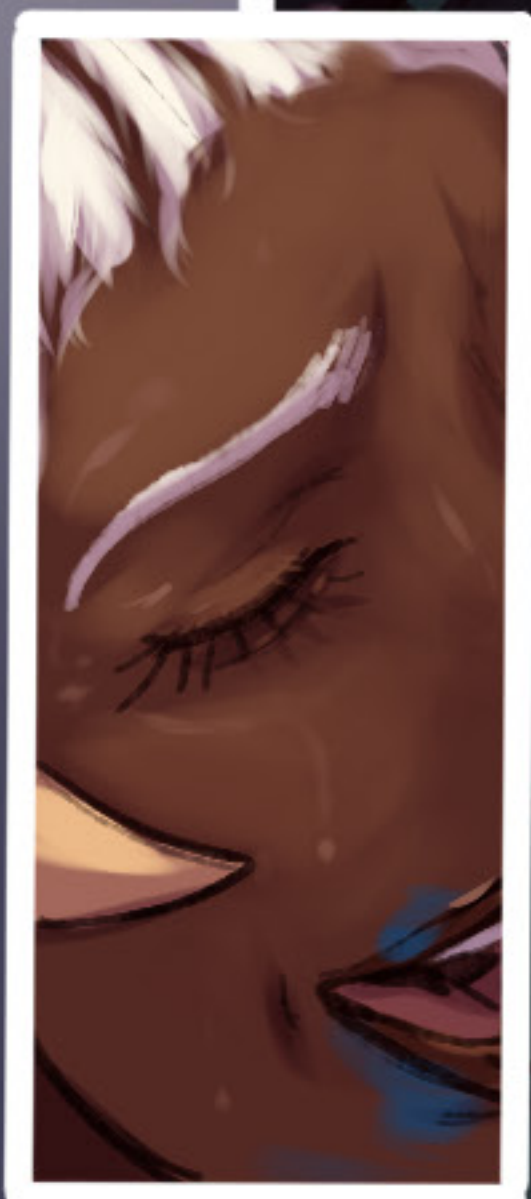


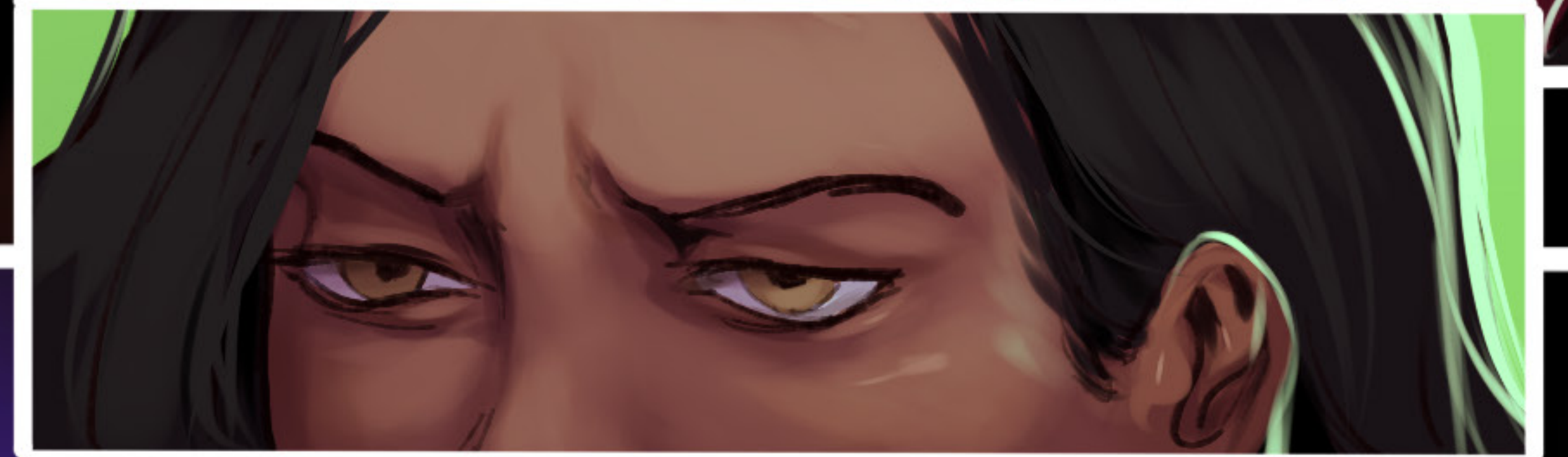
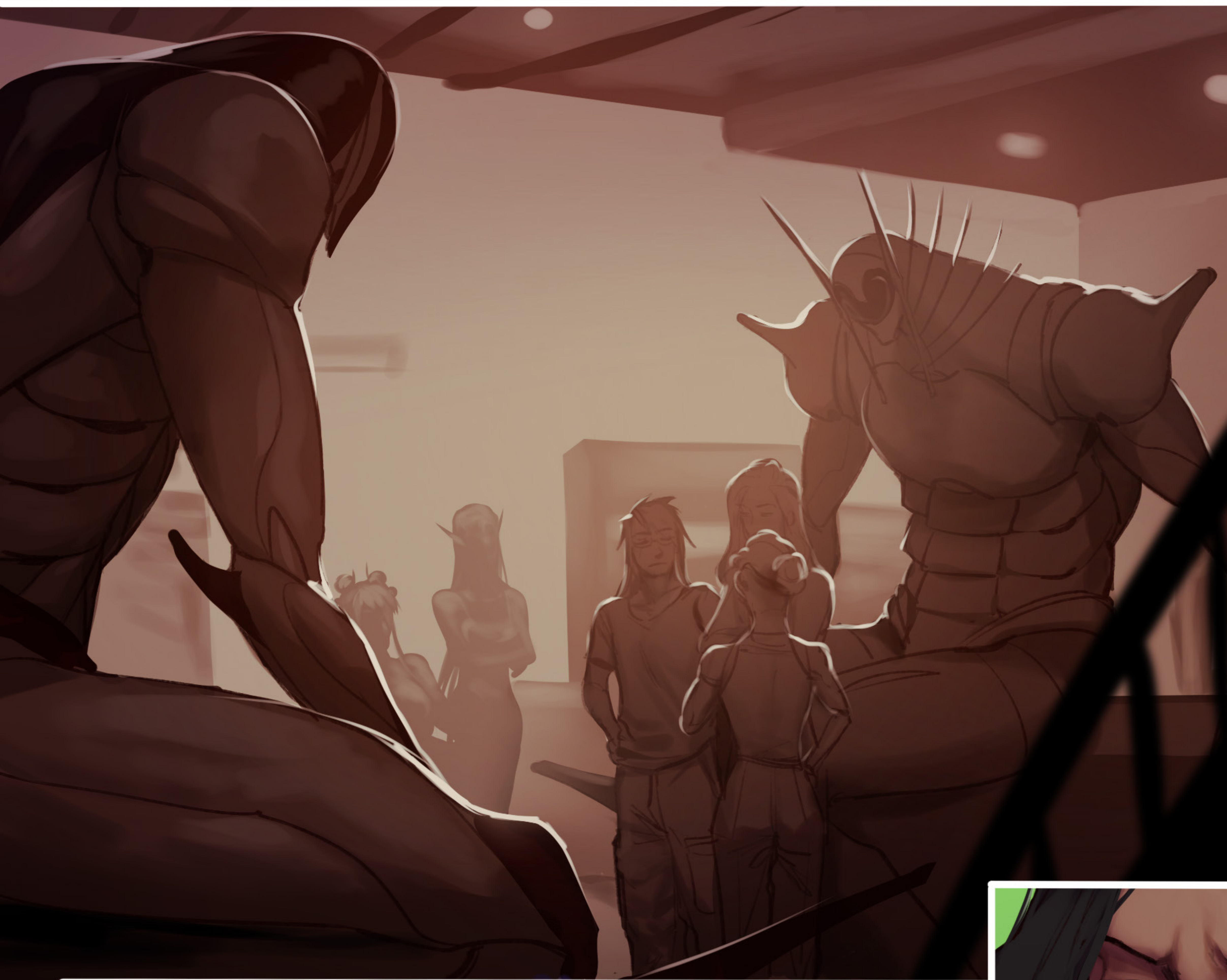
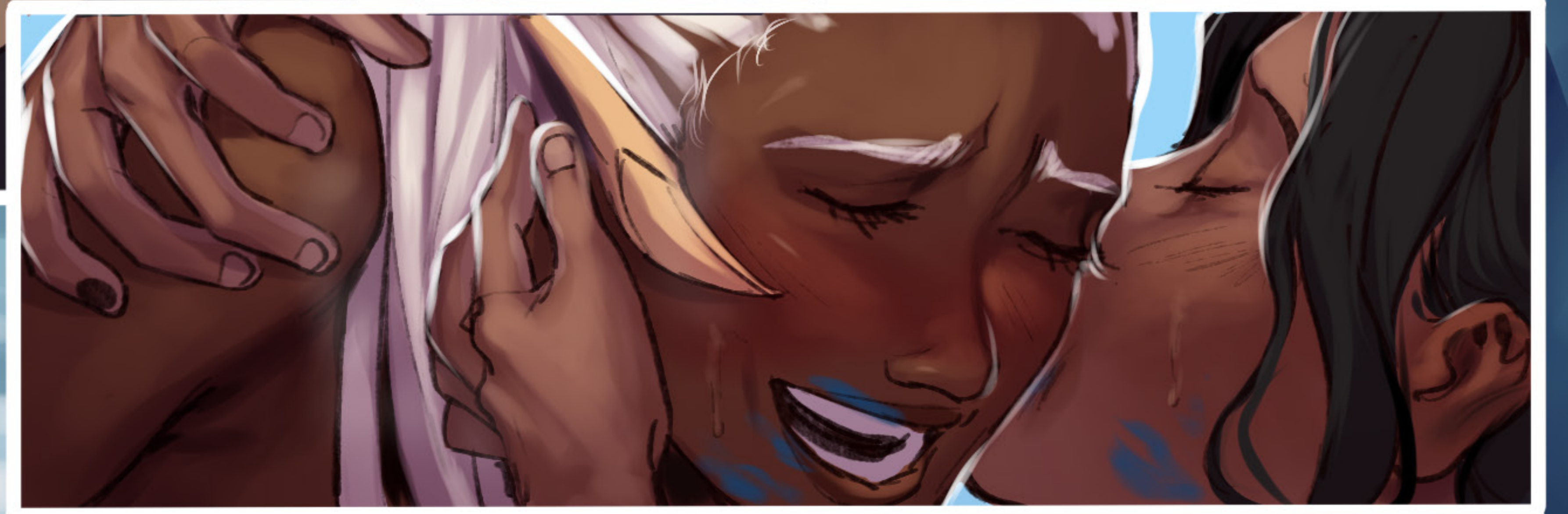


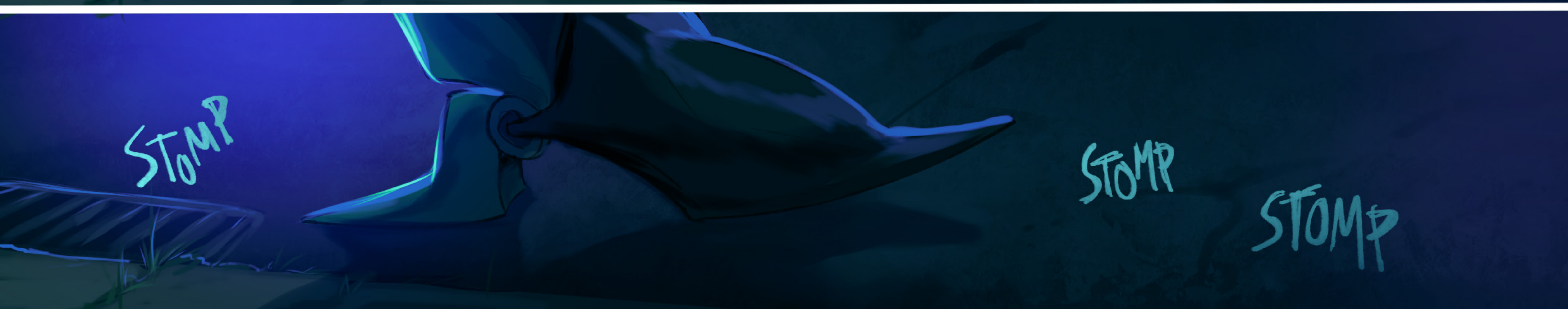
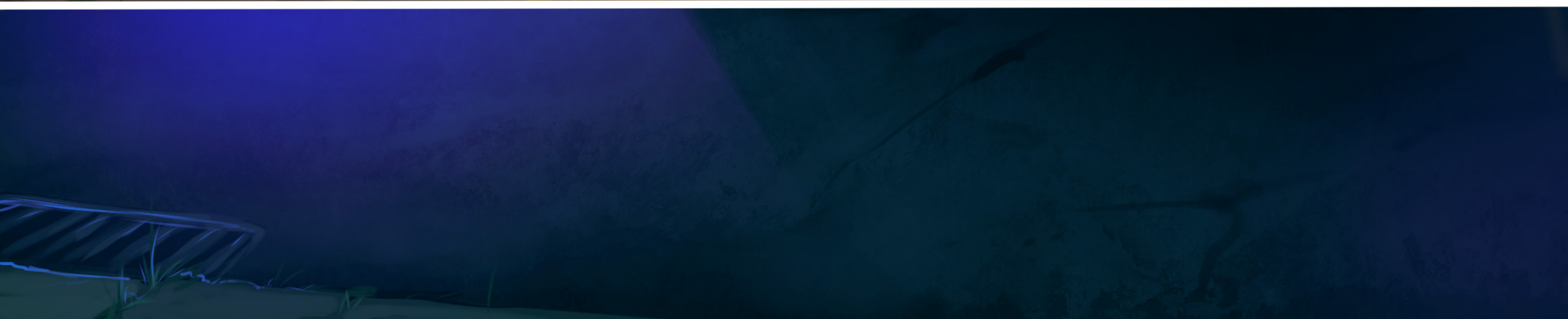
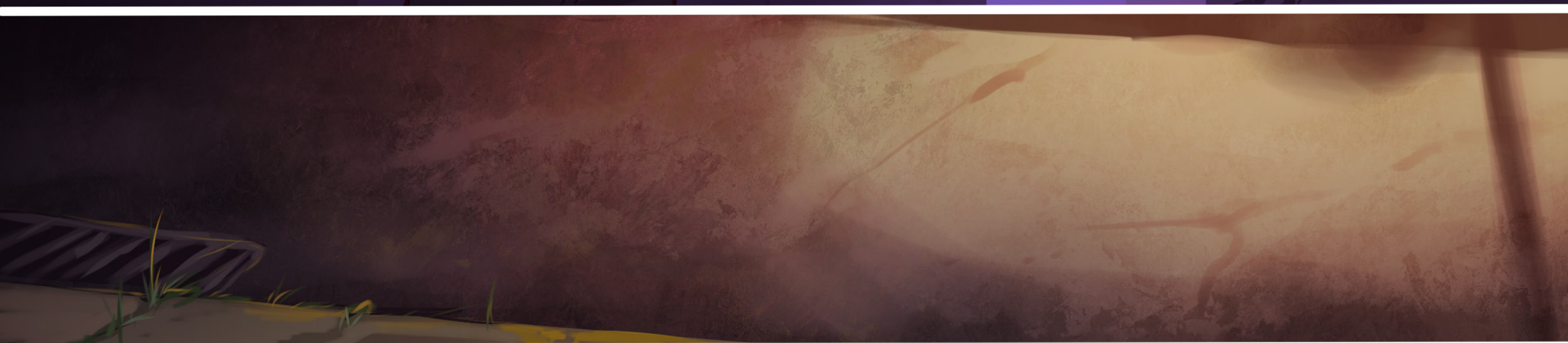
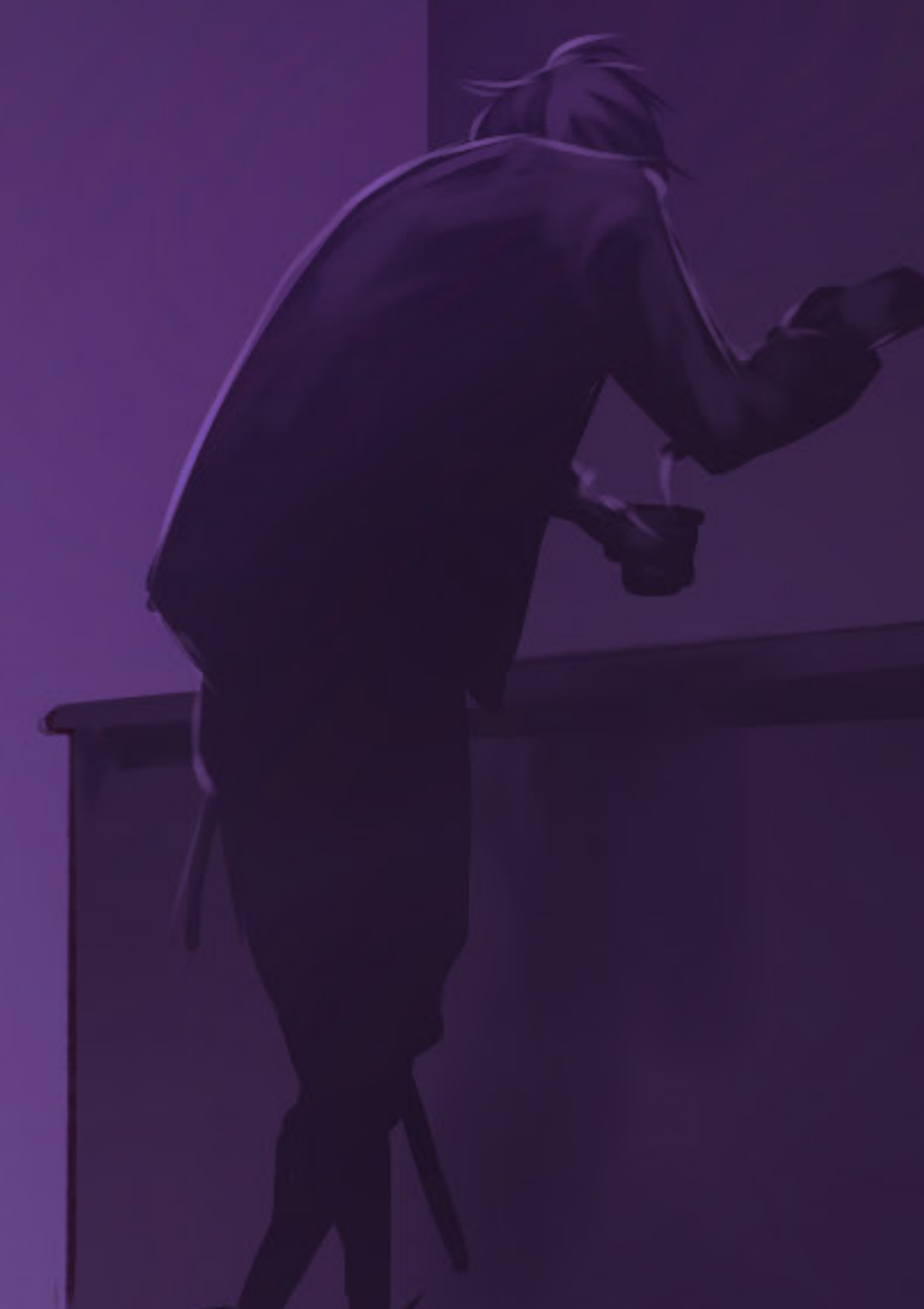
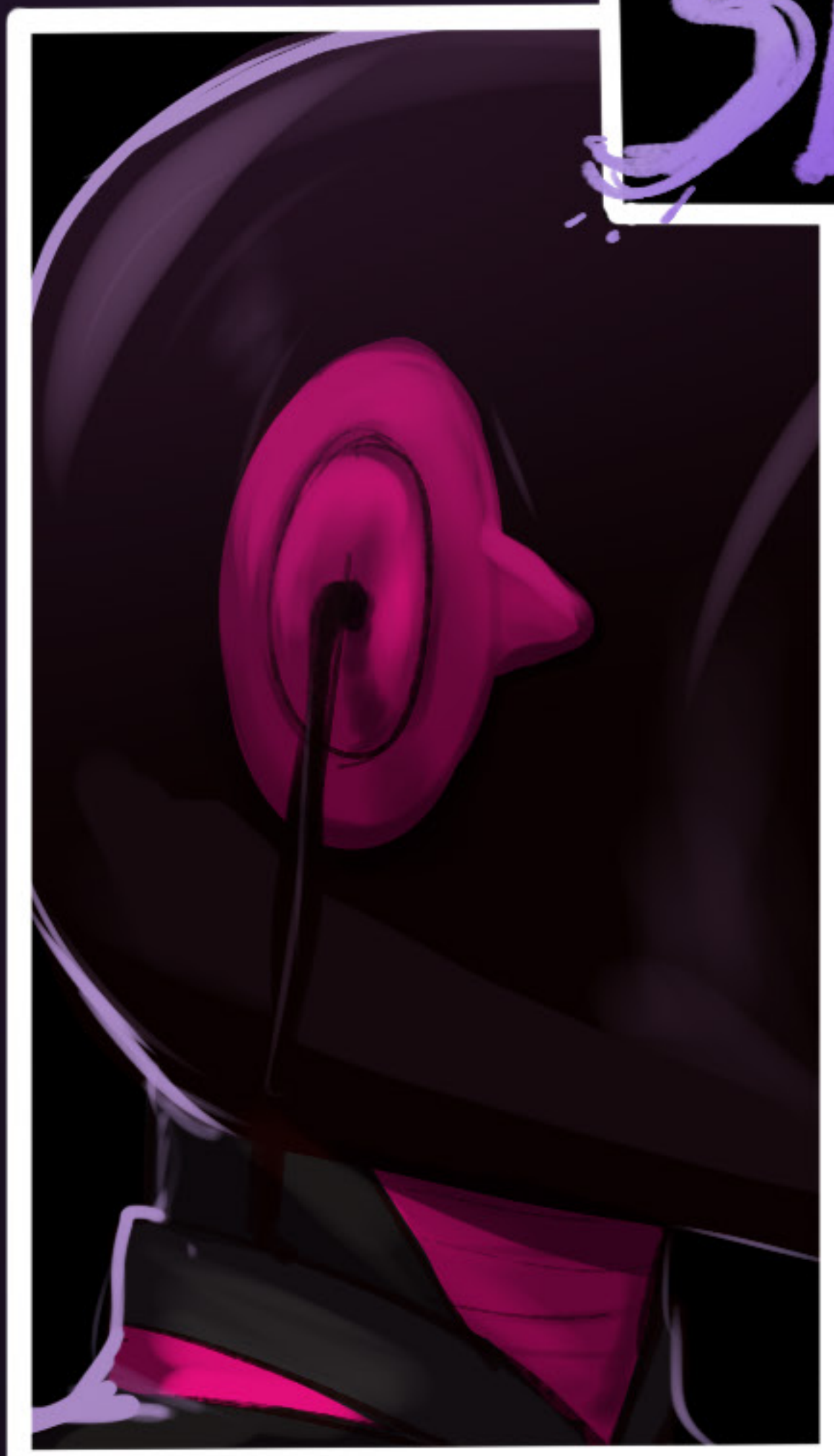
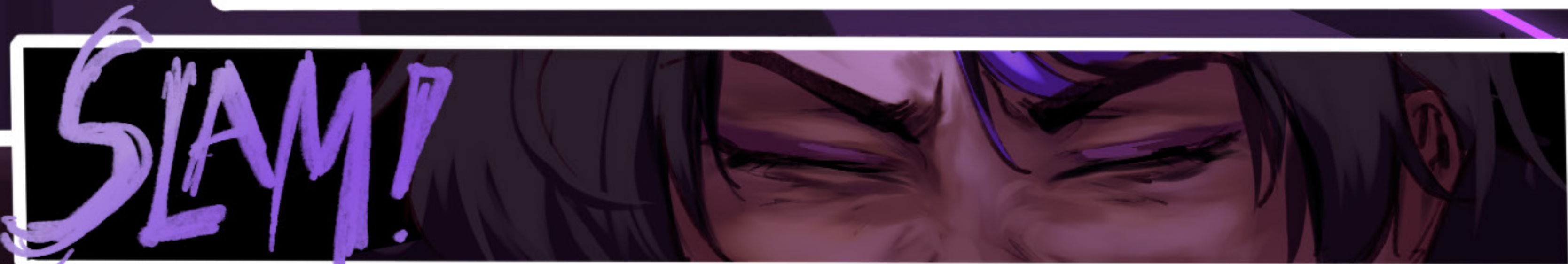
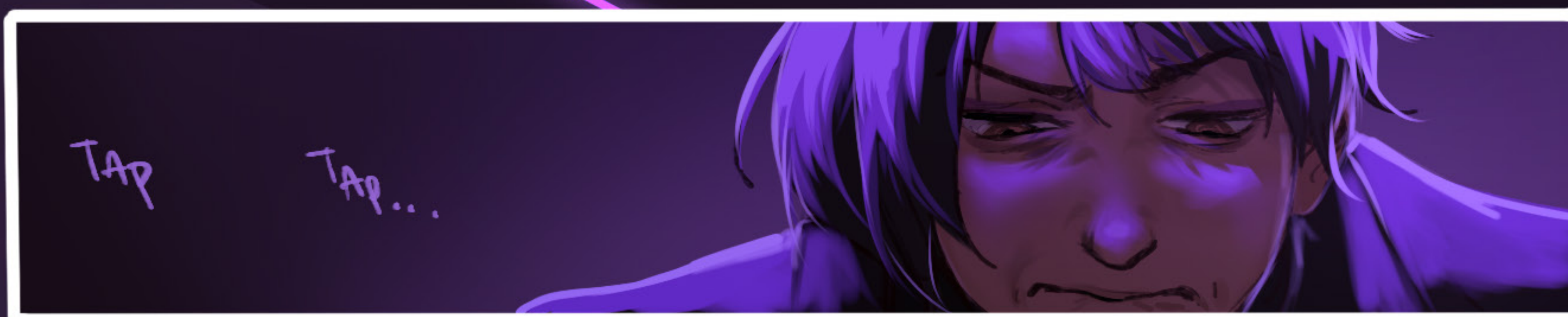
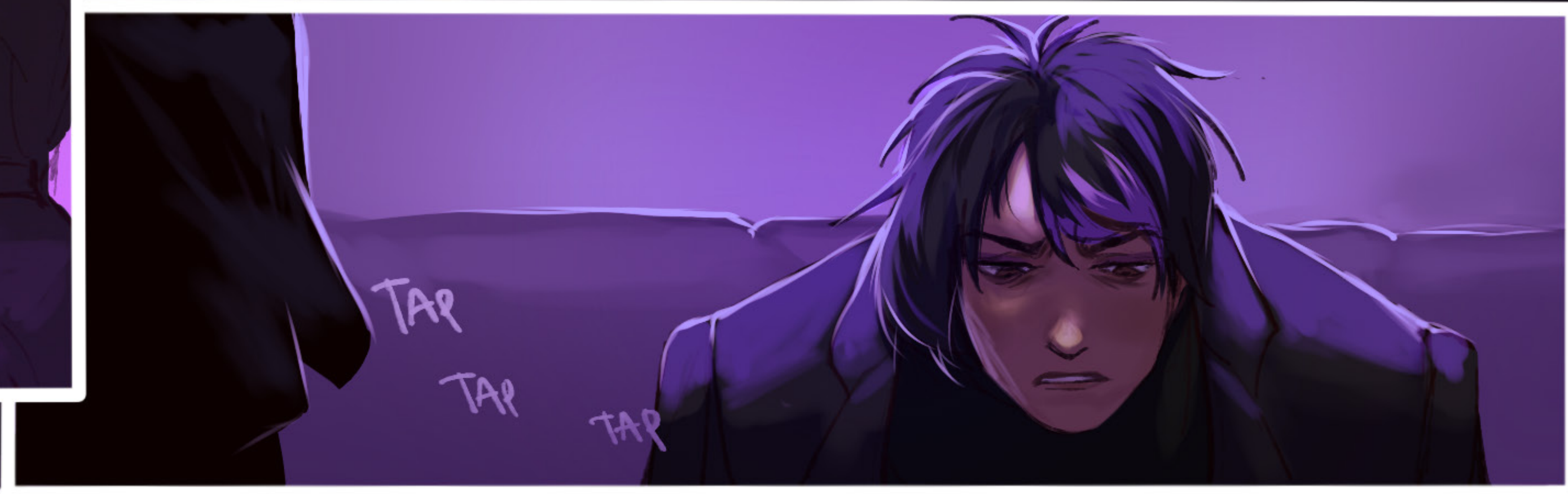
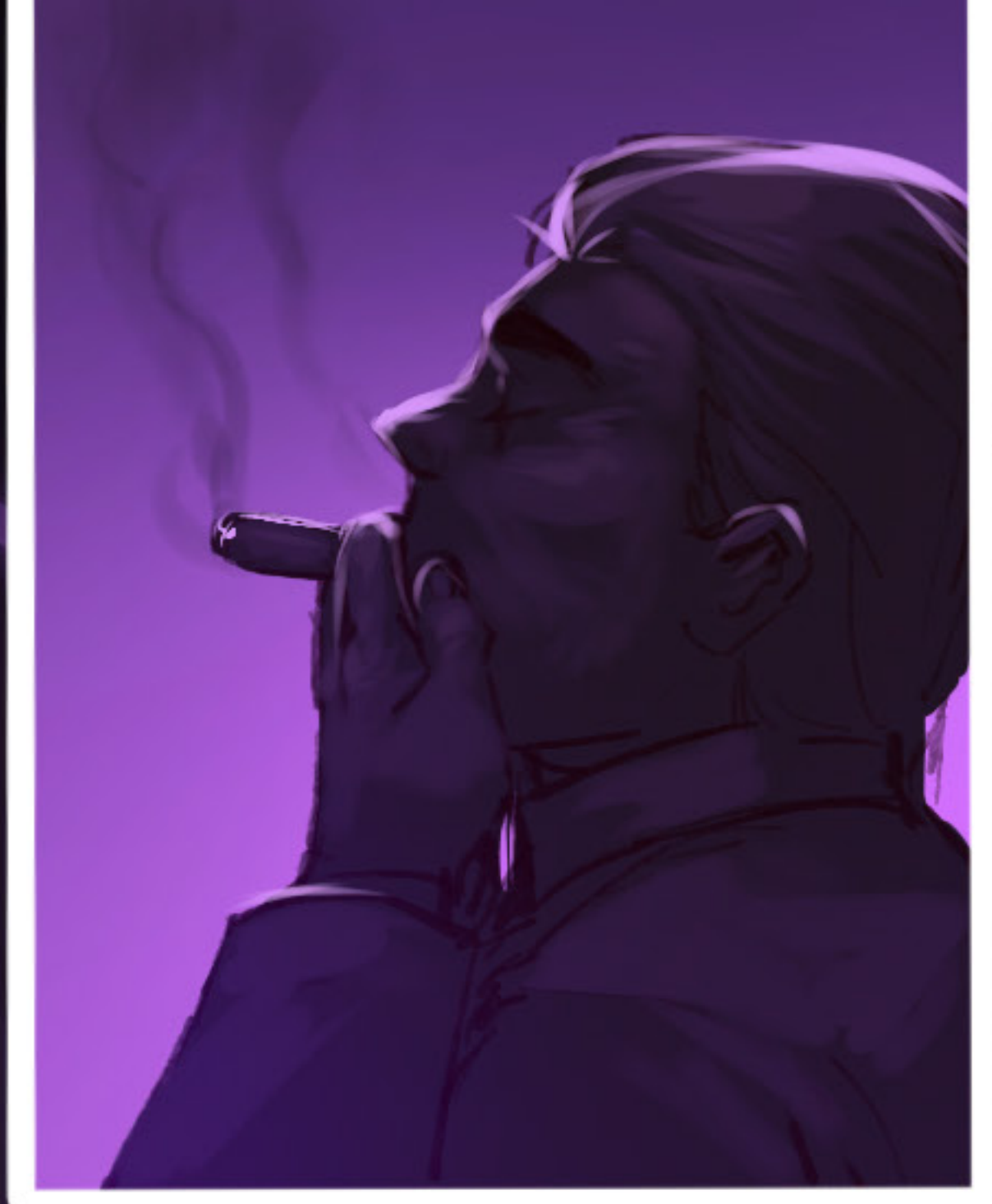


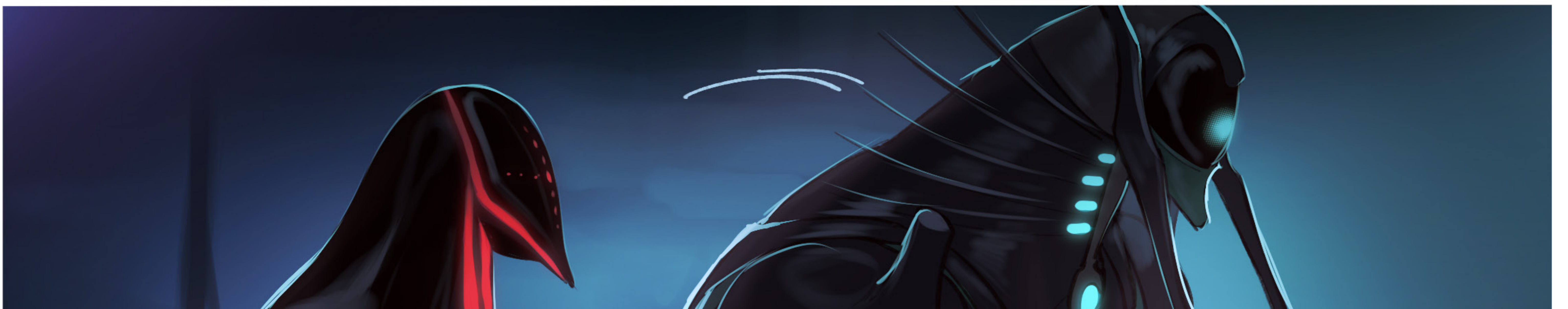
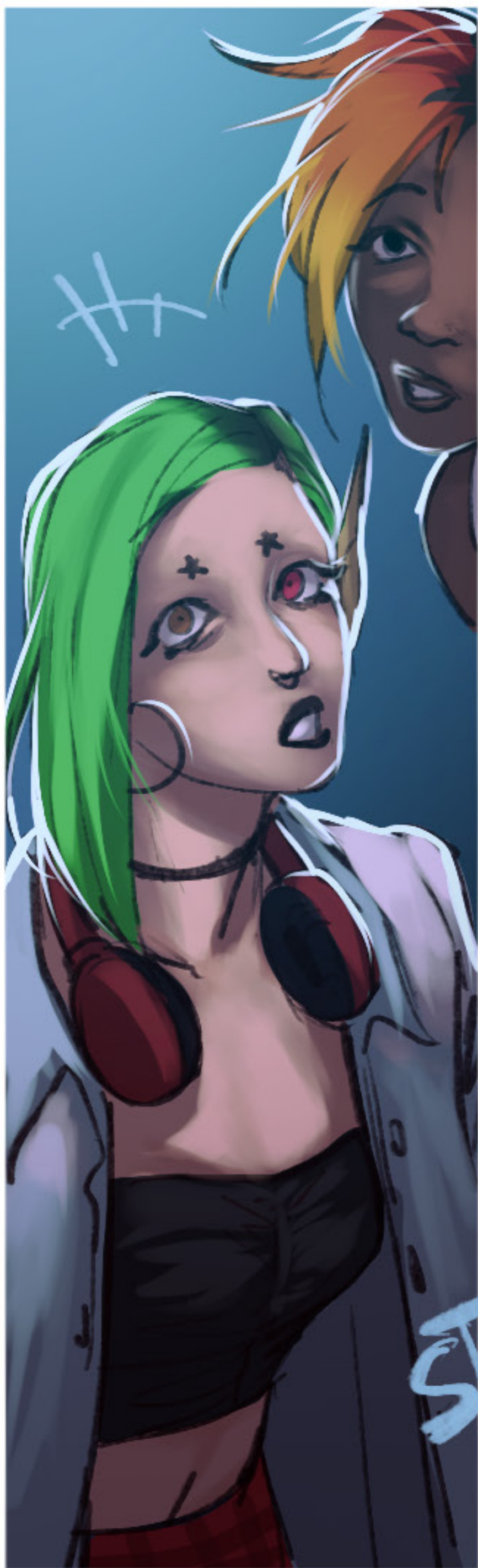
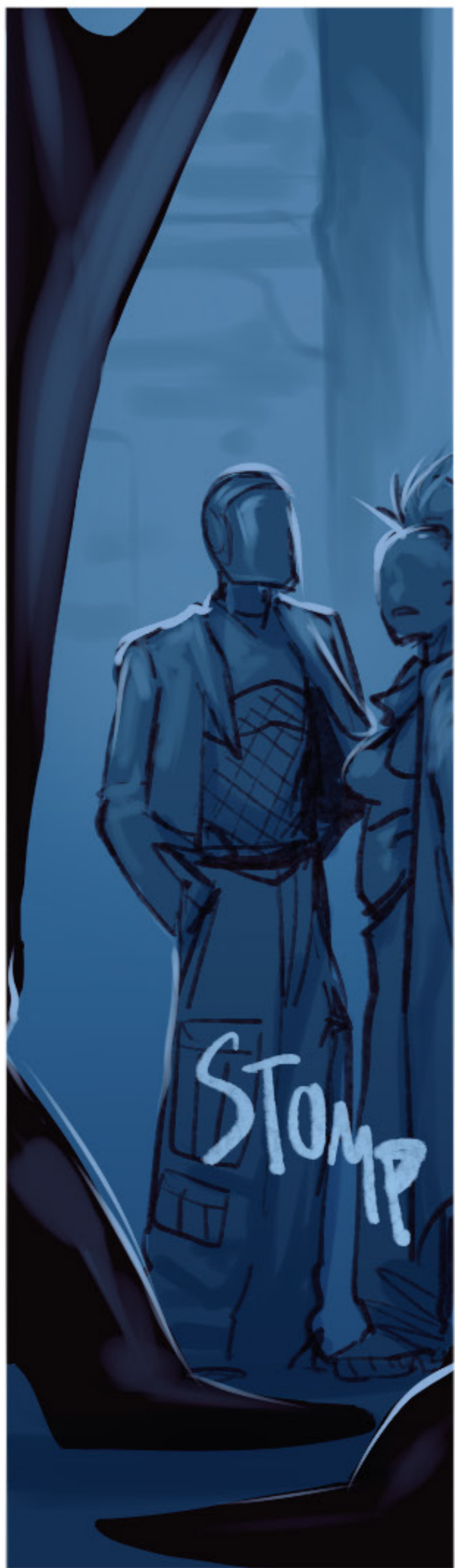


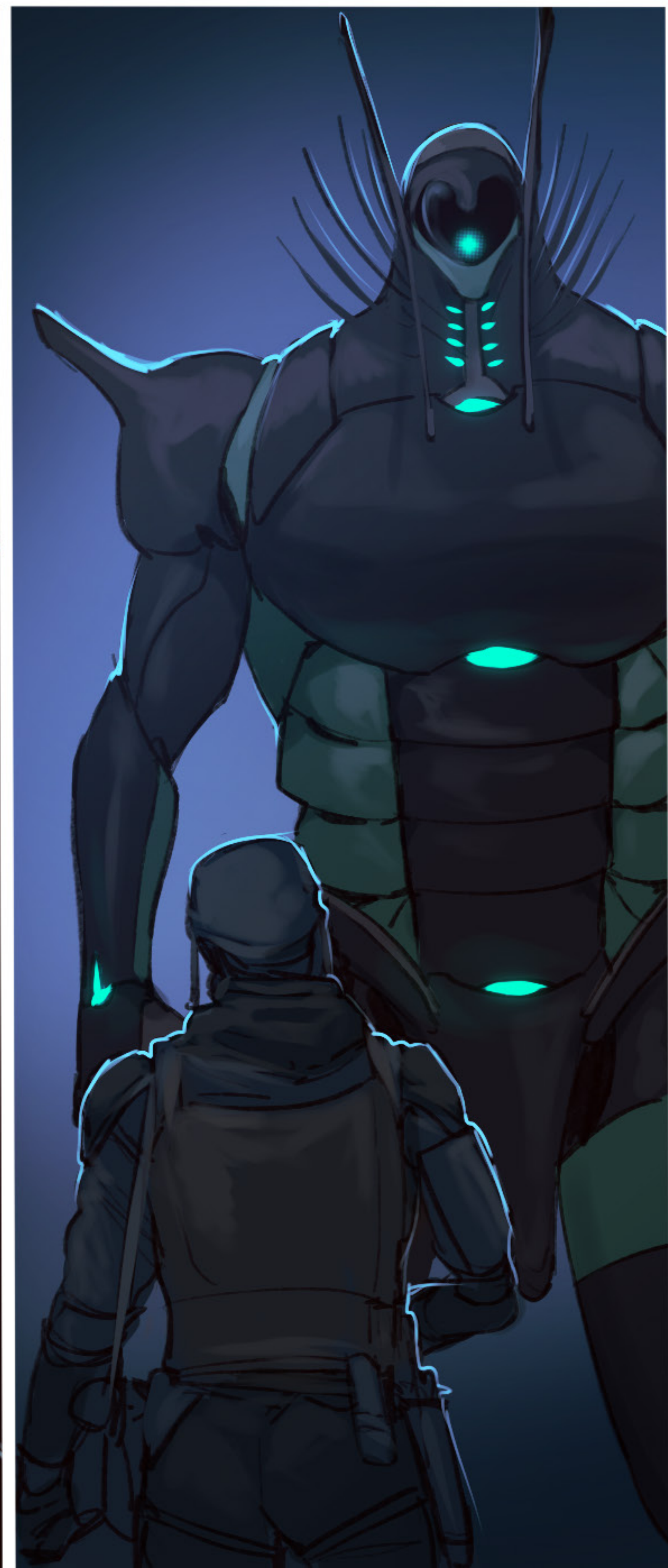
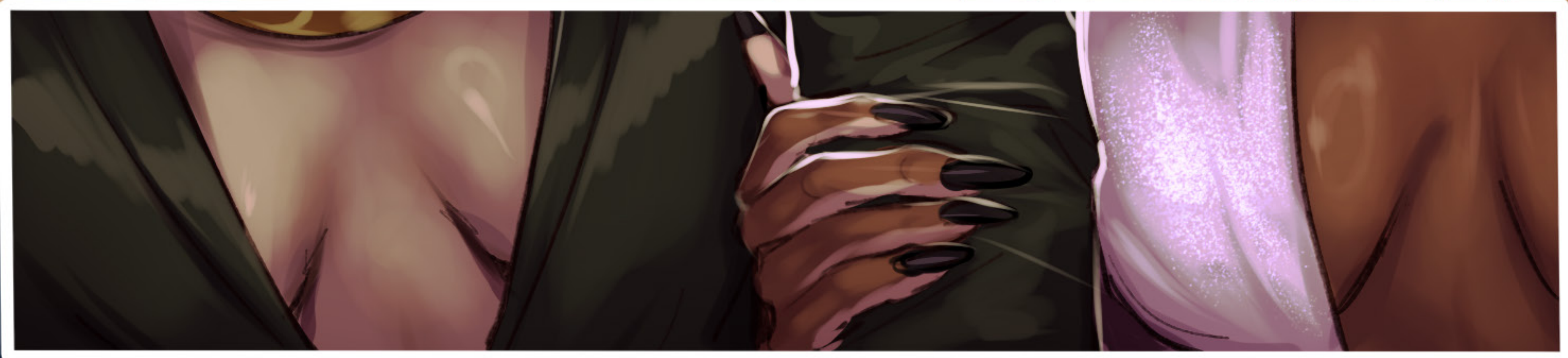


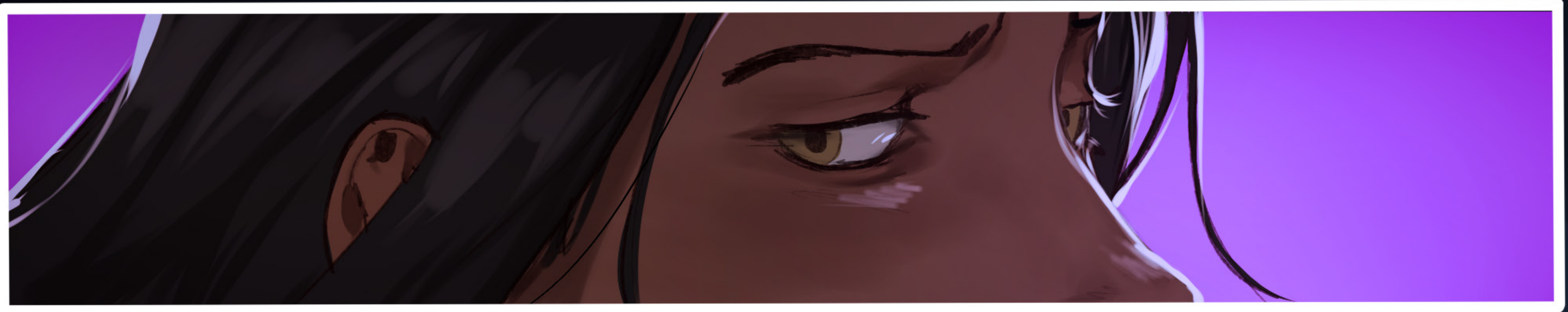
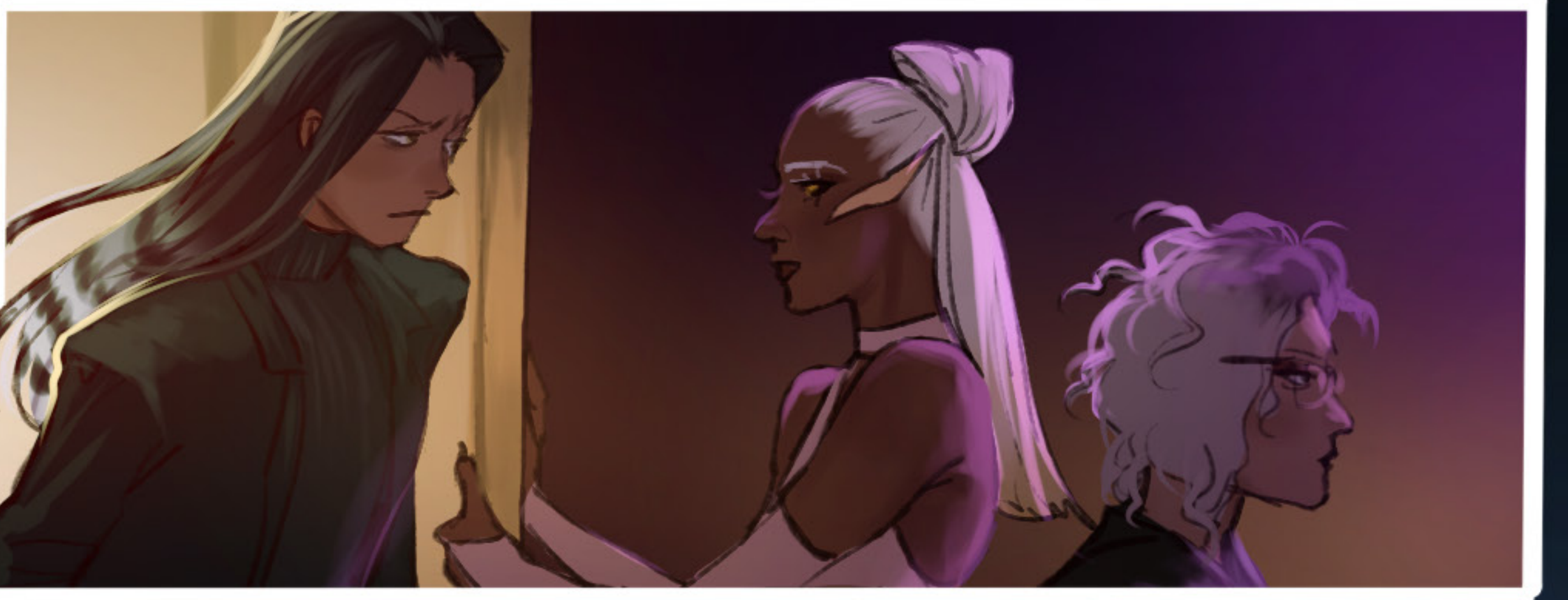


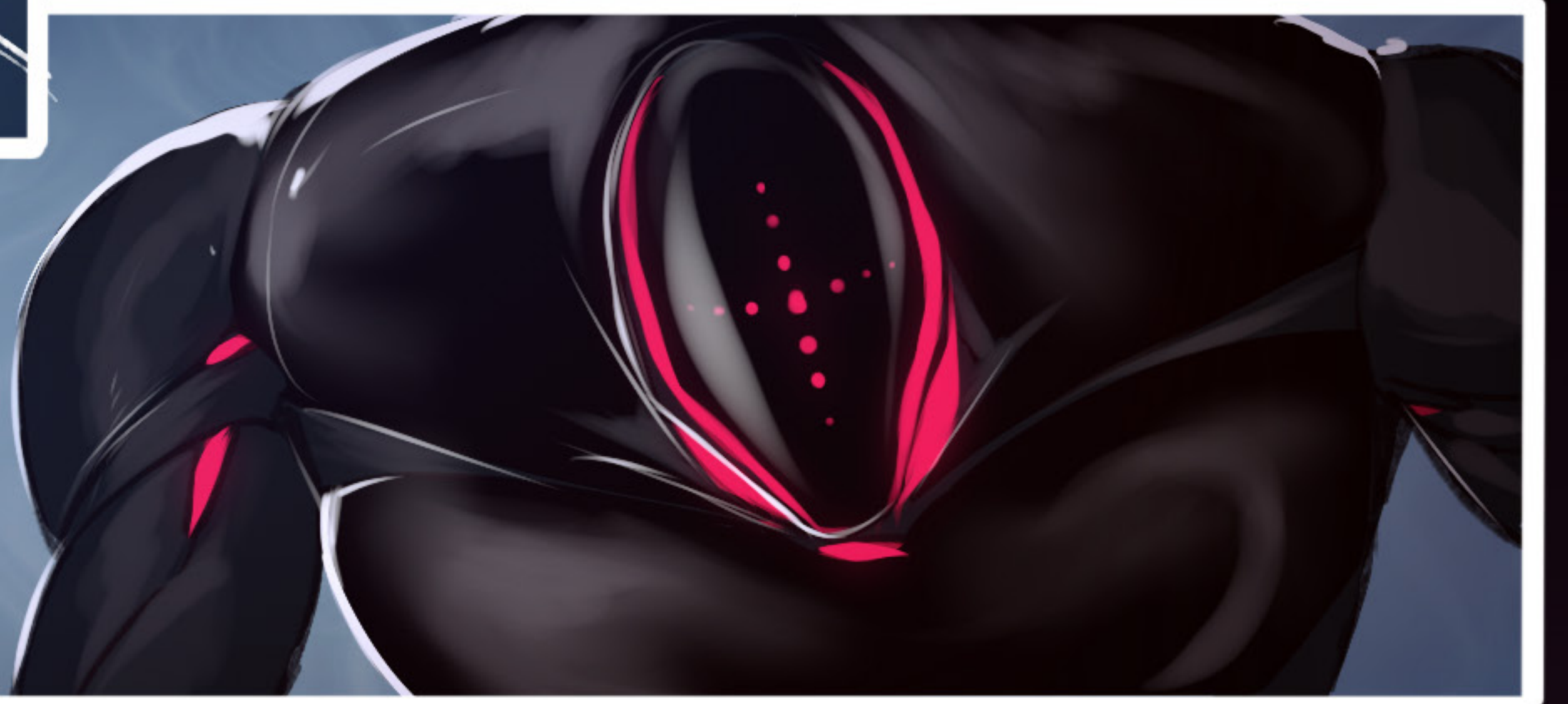
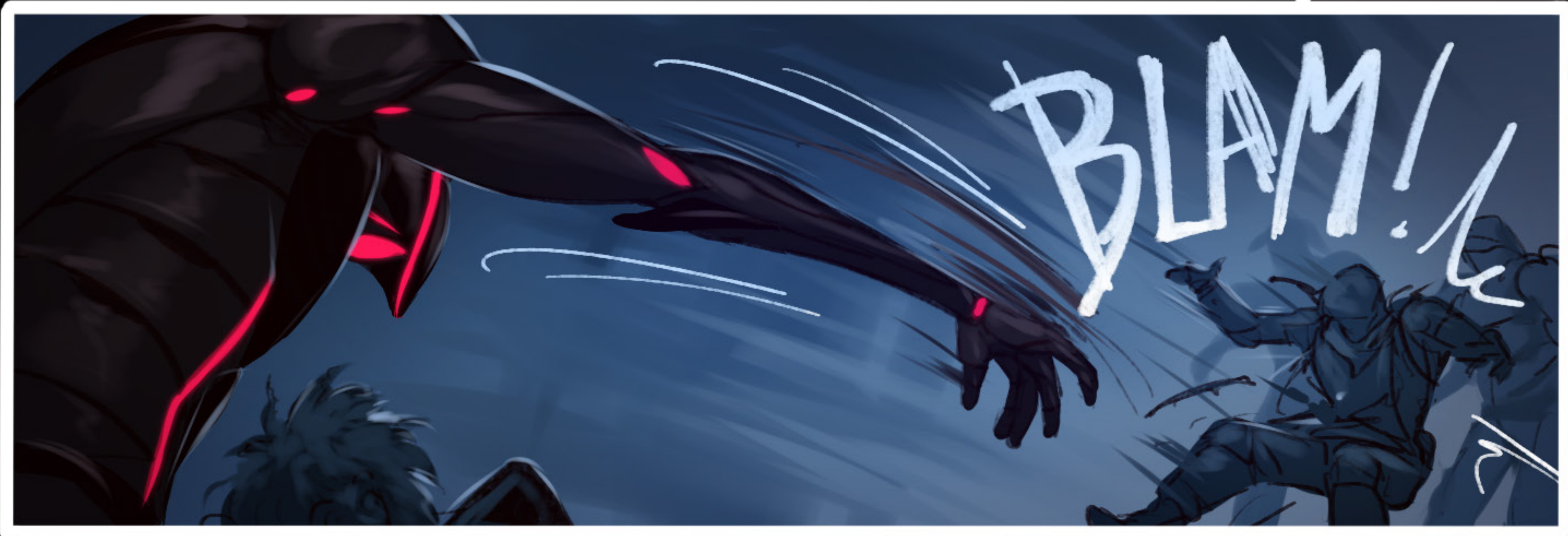


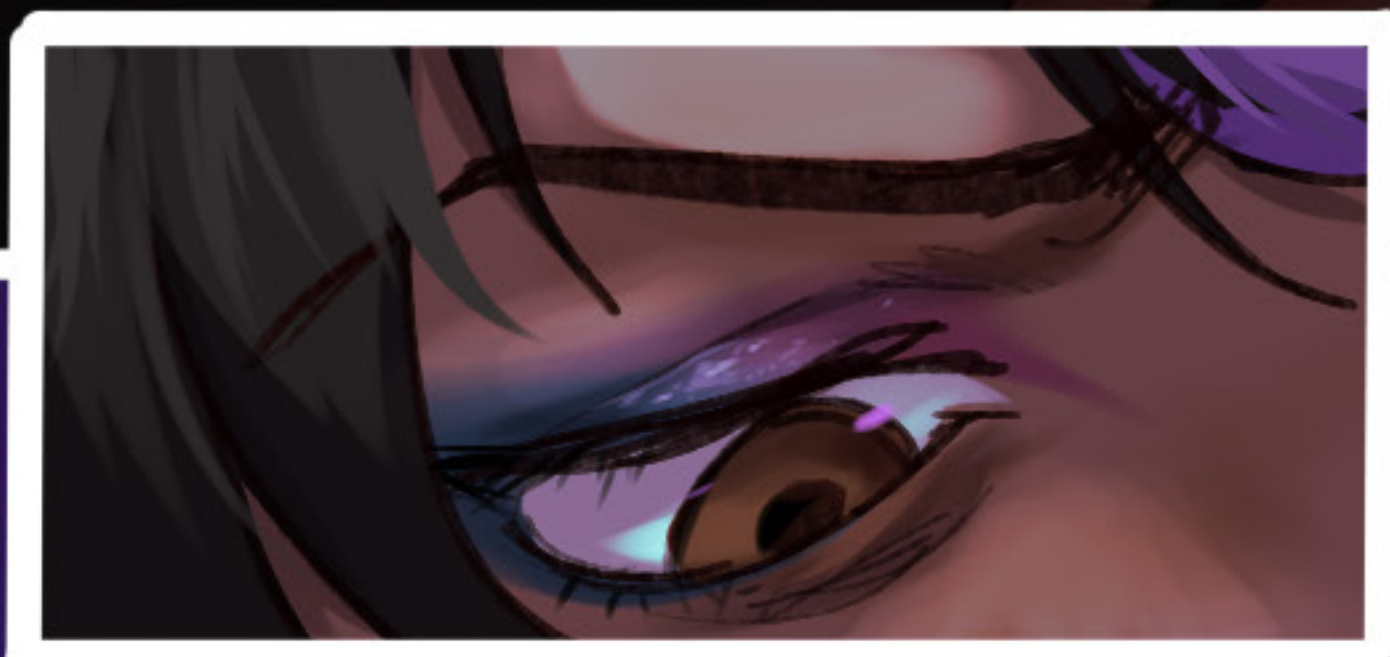
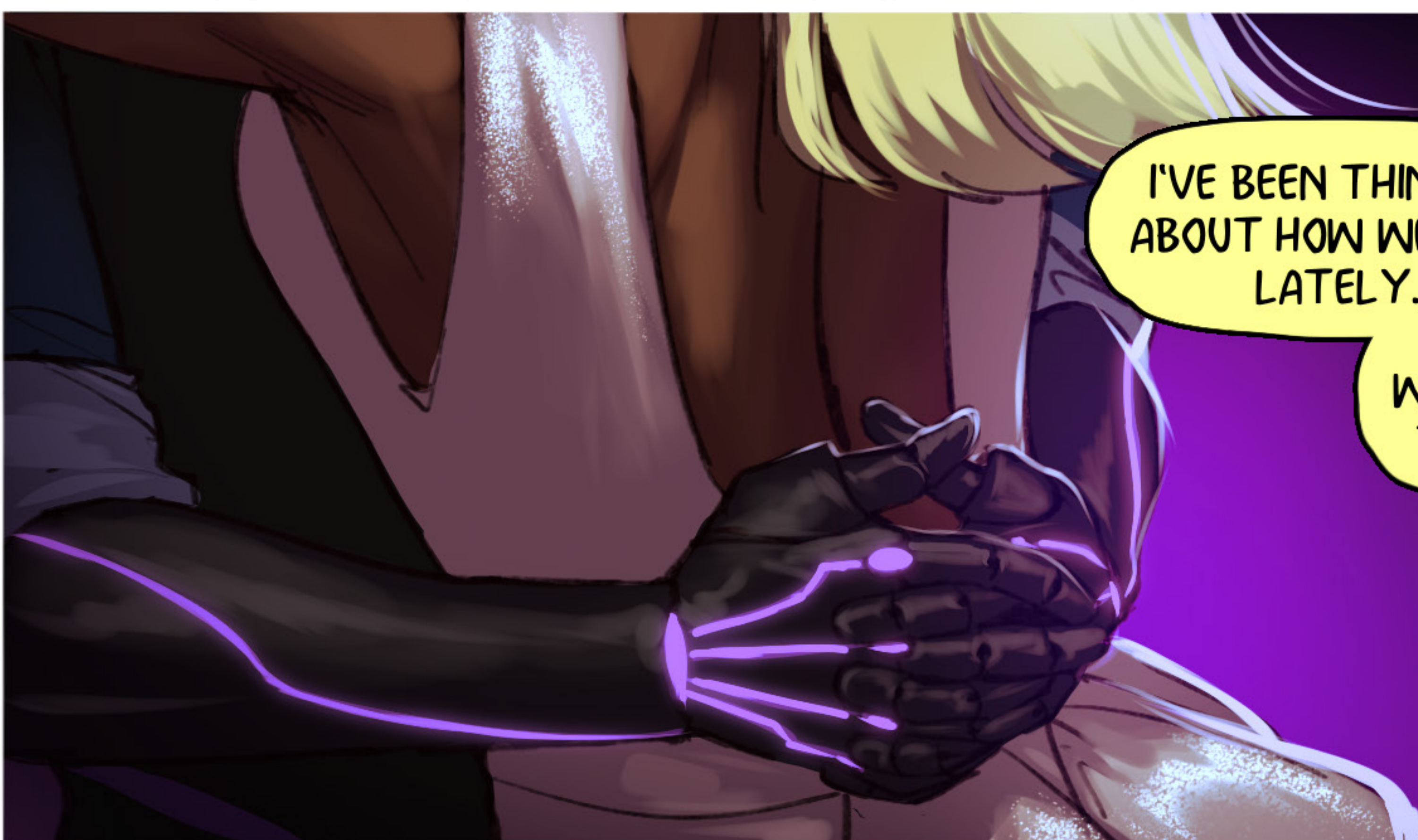
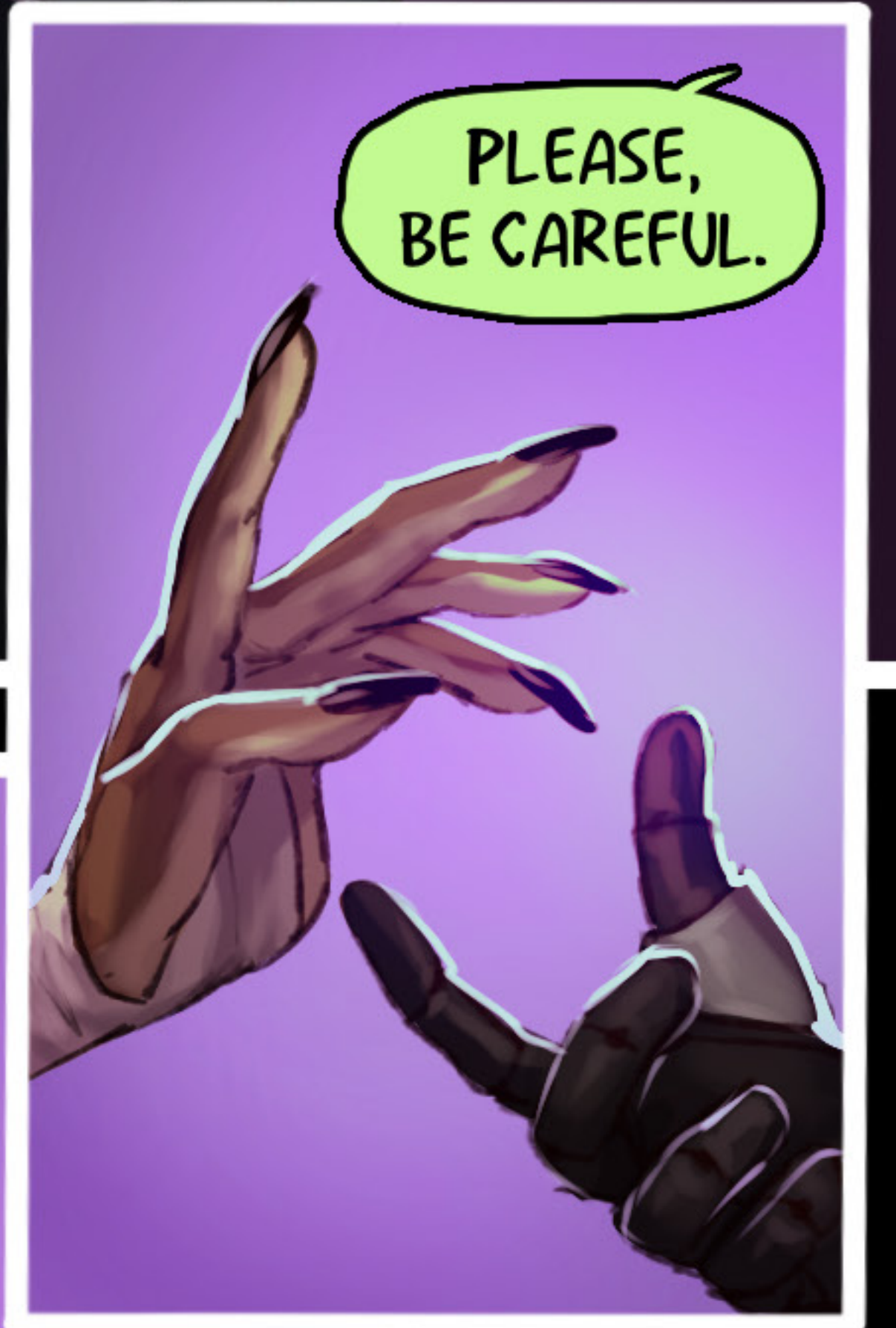
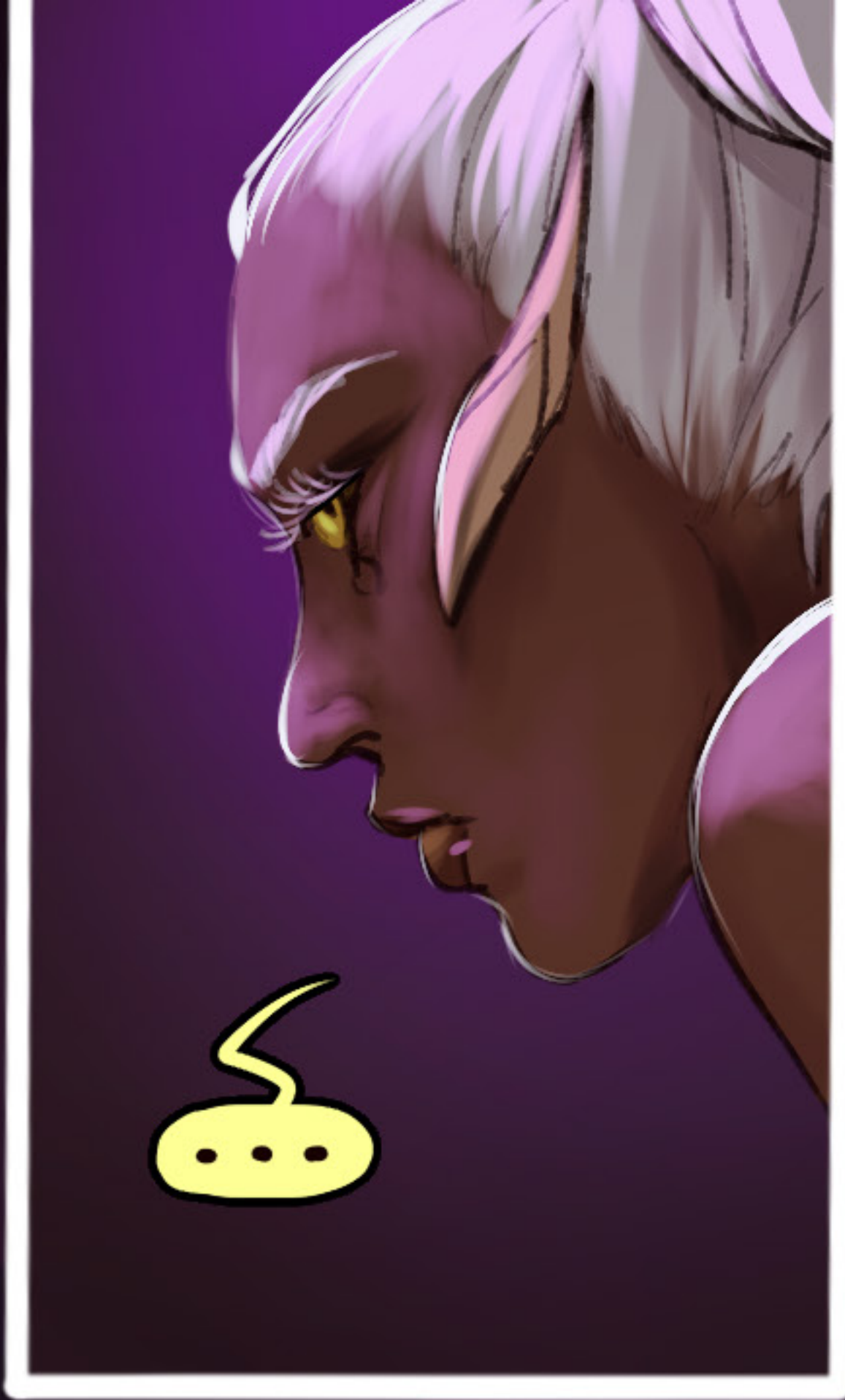


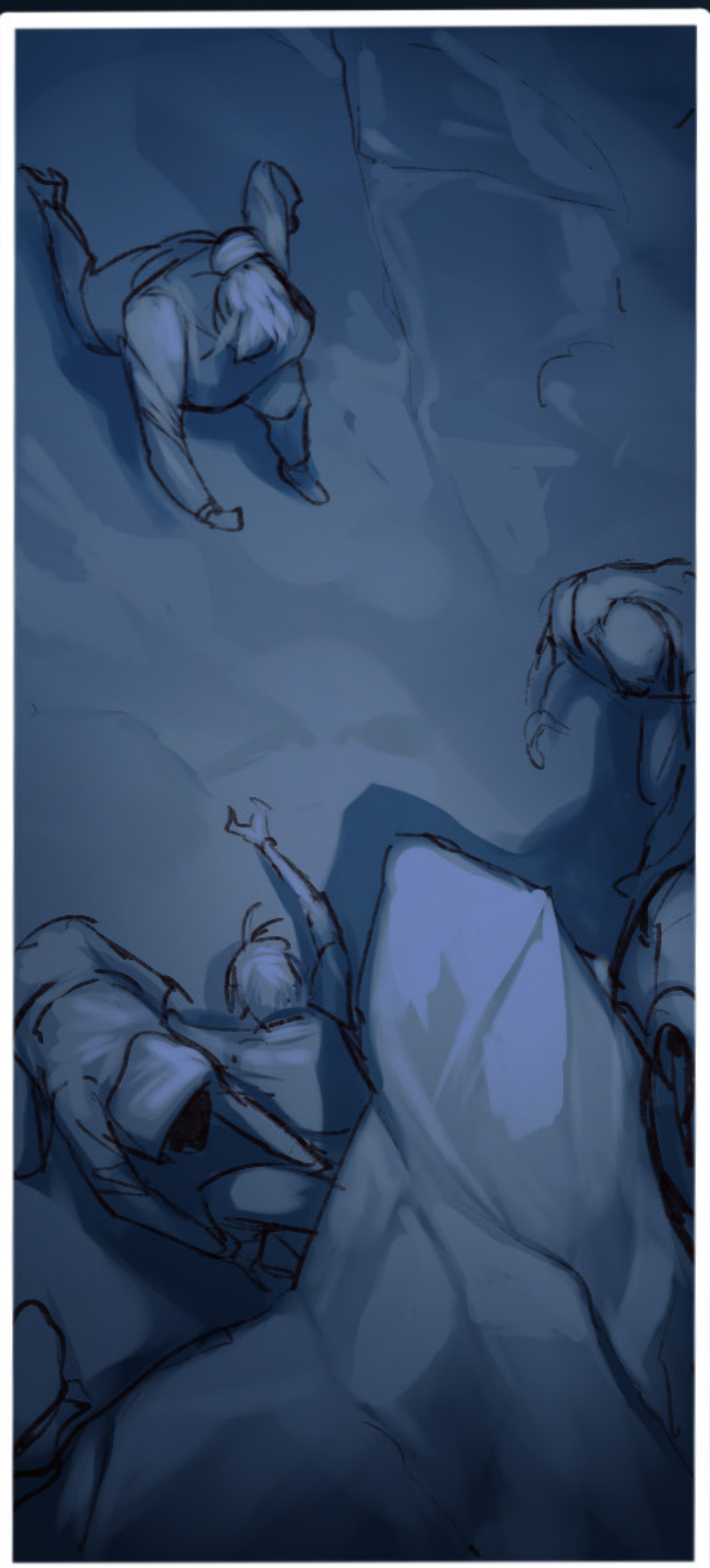
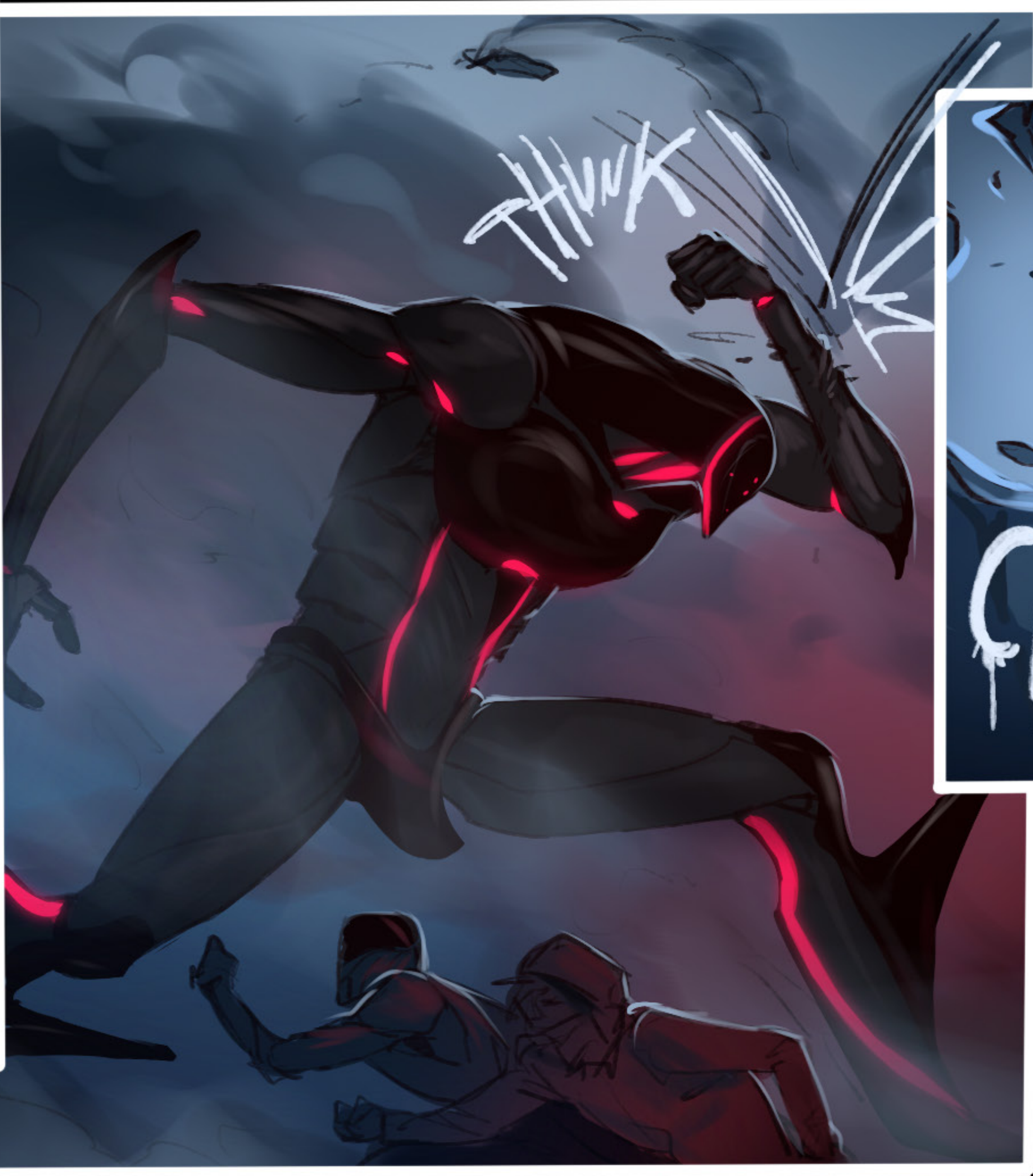
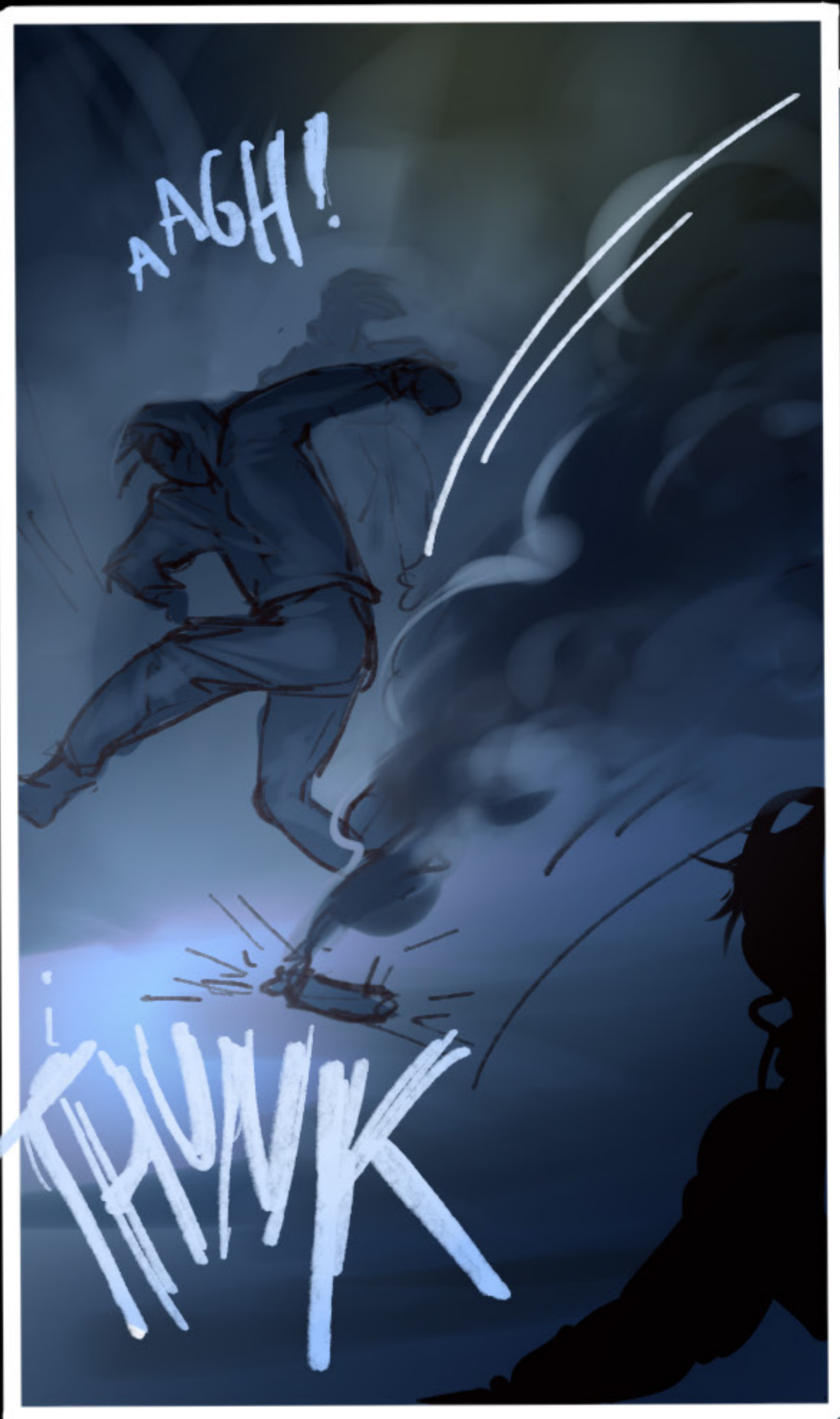


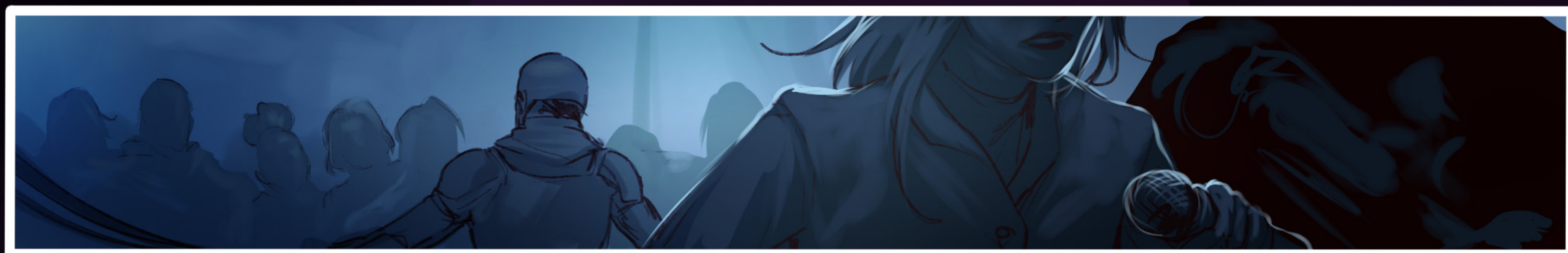


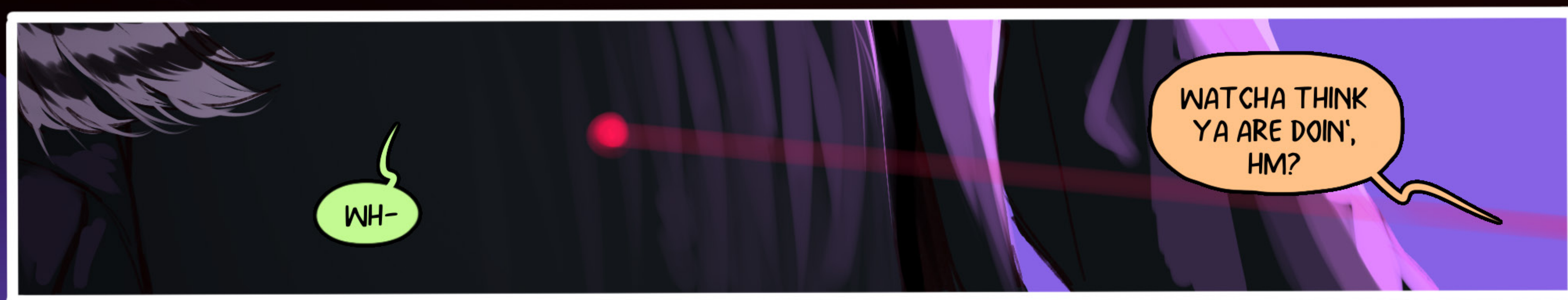


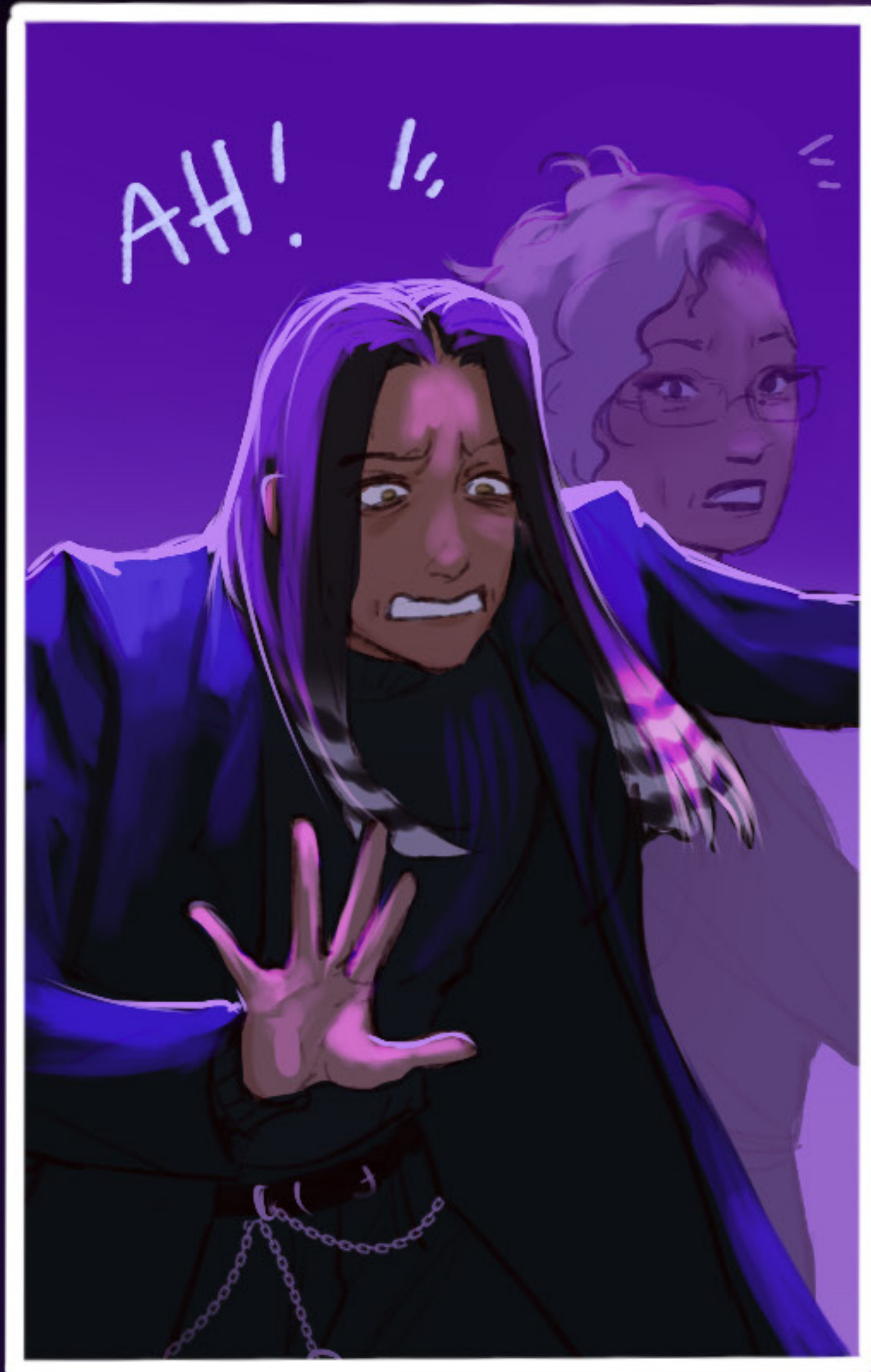








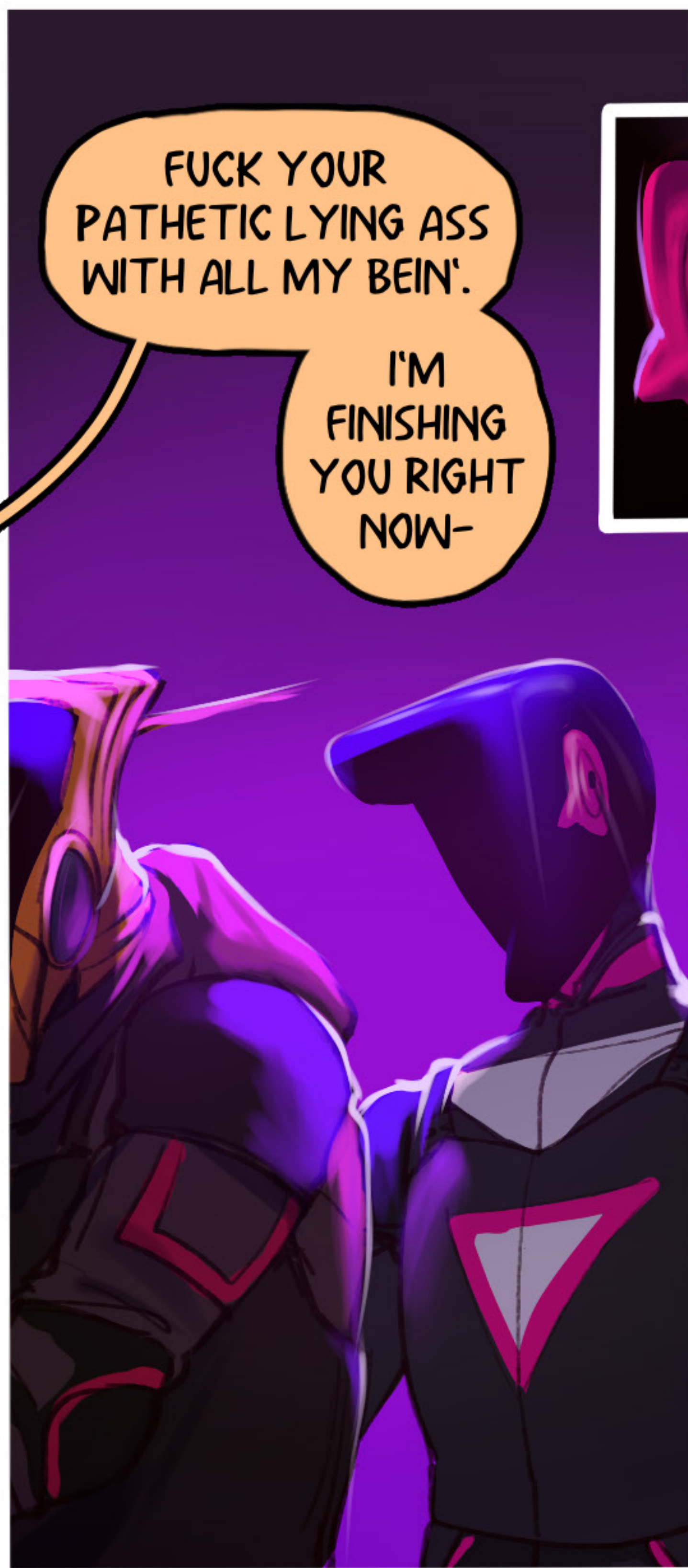




GEEZ,
IT SURE LOOKS LIKE
MY WORDS DID HURT A LOT IF
YOU'RE TAKIN' ALL THIS TROUBLE
ON DOIN' THE RIGHT THING...

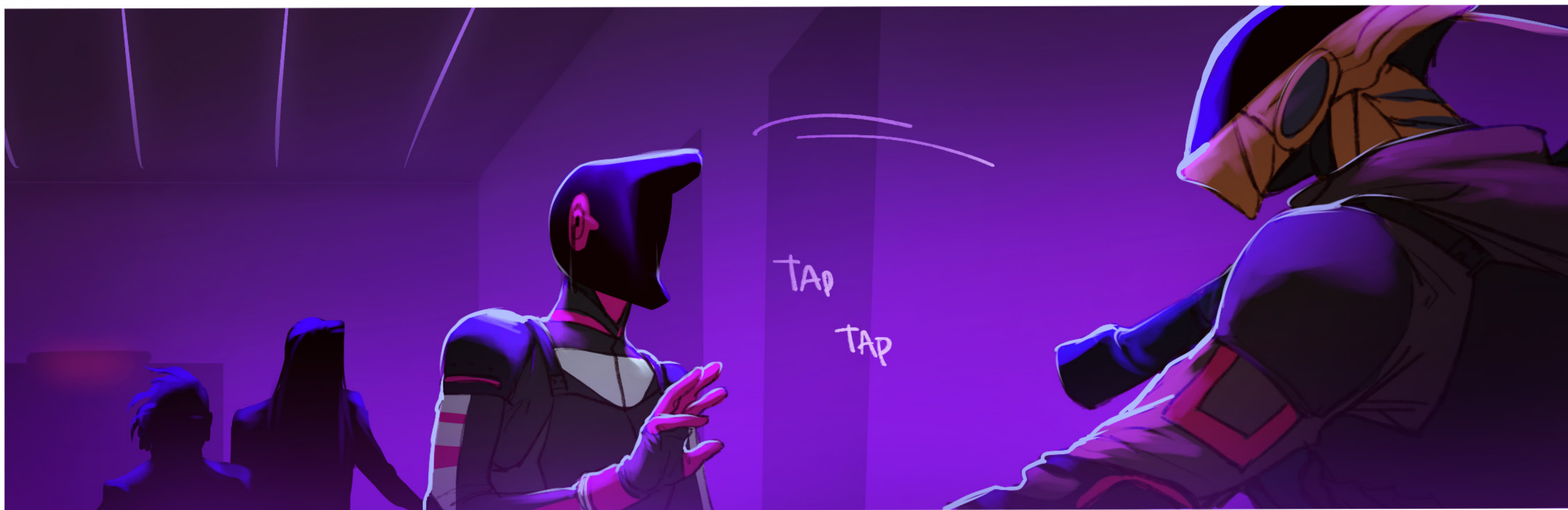
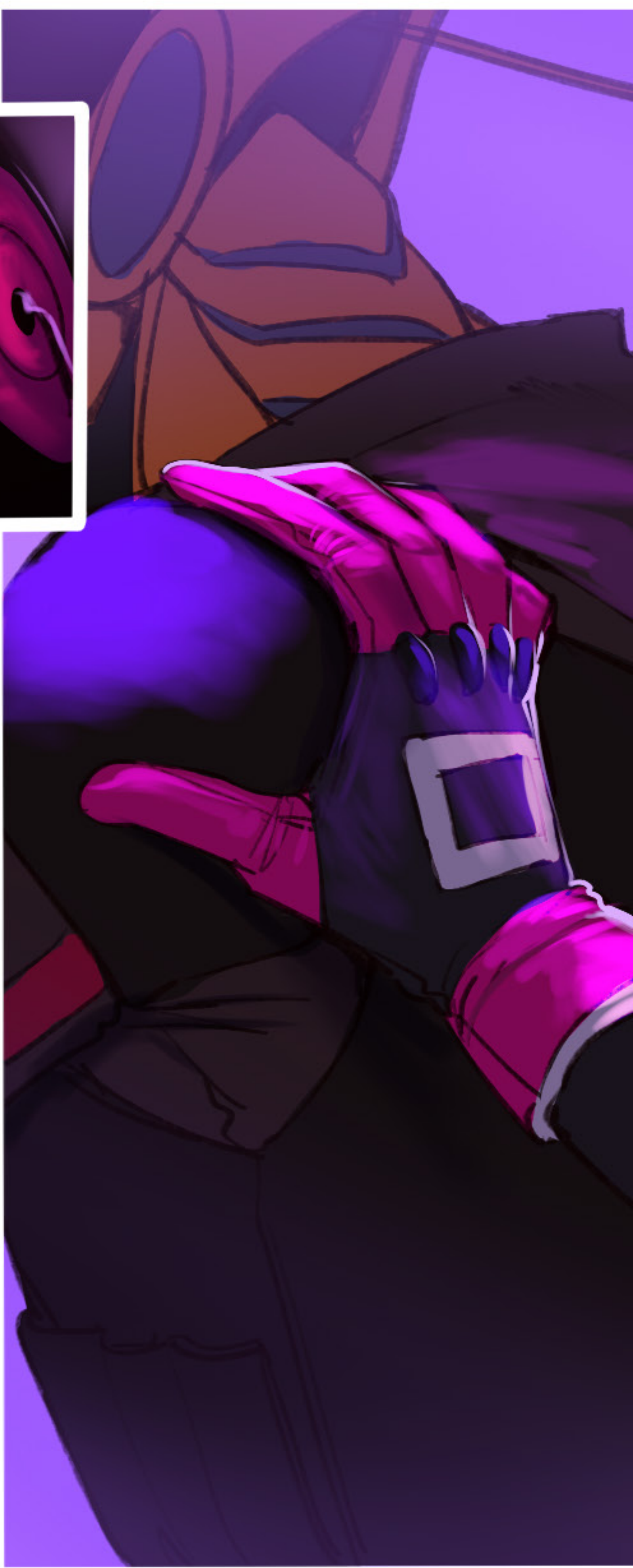
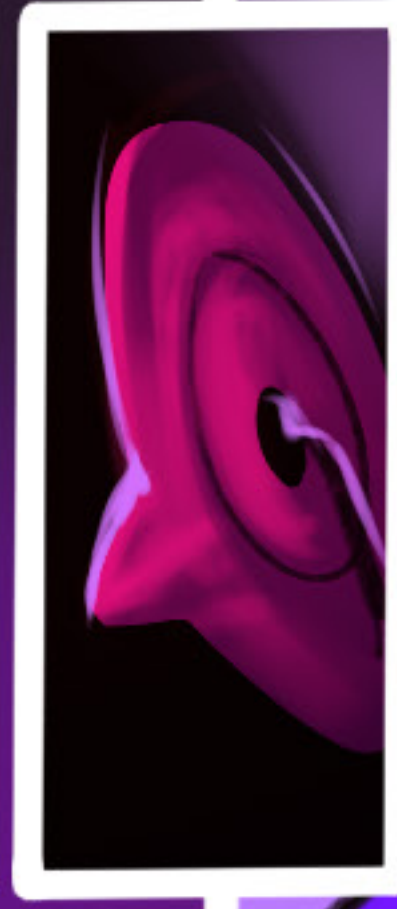
WELL,
TOO BAD.

I WAS HOPING
TO TRAUMATIZE YOU,
NOT ENCOURAGE YOU.

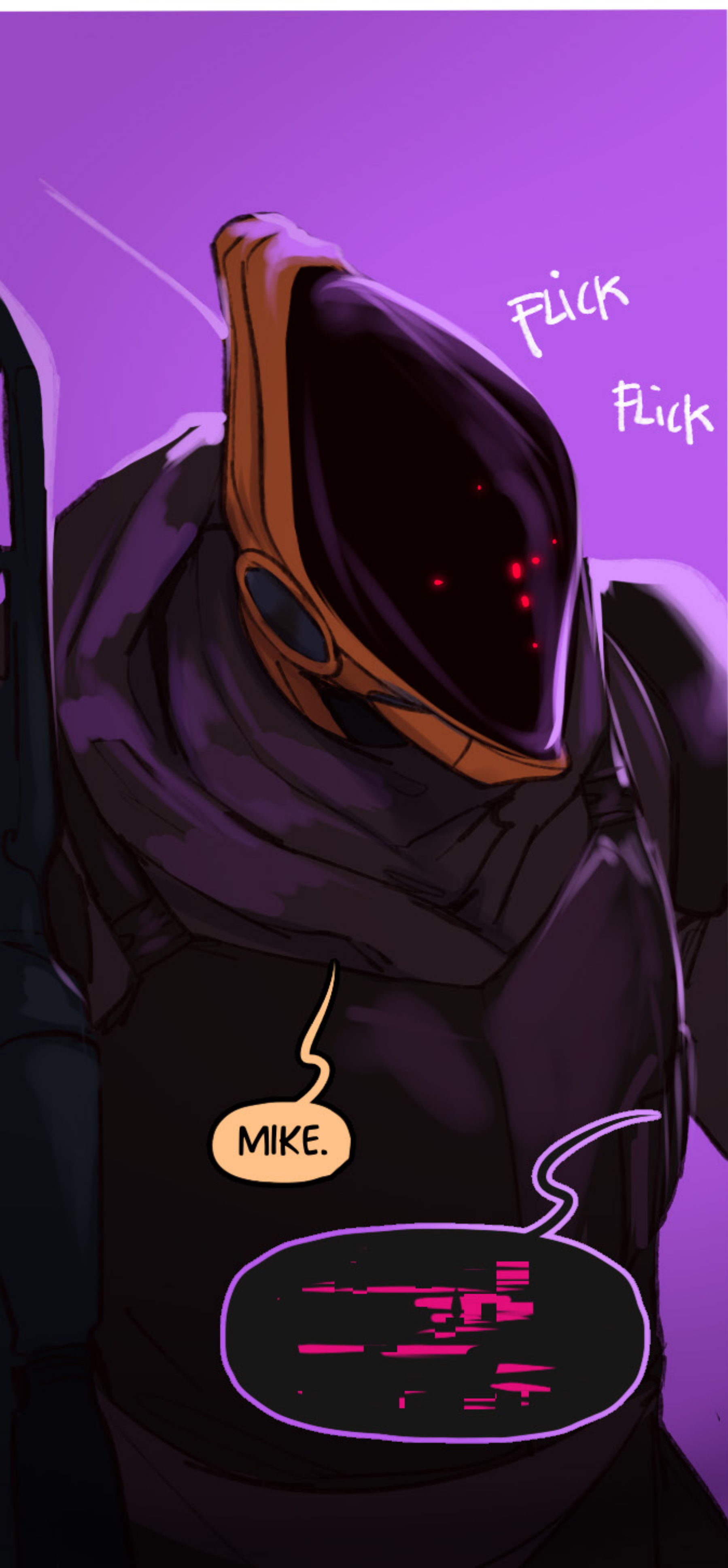


FUCK YOUR
PATHETIC LYING ASS
WITH ALL MY BEIN'.

I'M
FINISHING
YOU RIGHT
NOW-

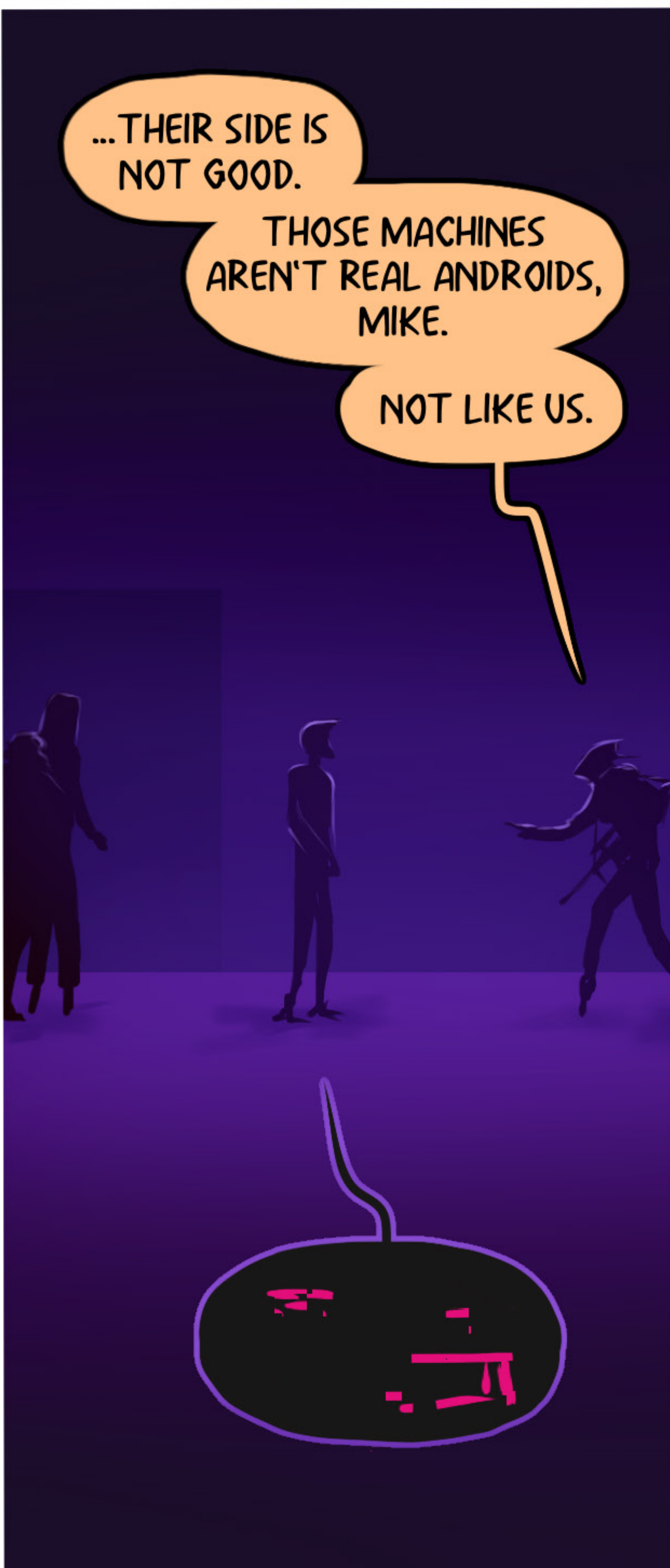


TAP
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Flick
Flick

MIKE.



...THEIR SIDE IS
NOT GOOD.

THOSE MACHINES
AREN'T REAL ANDROIDS,
MIKE.

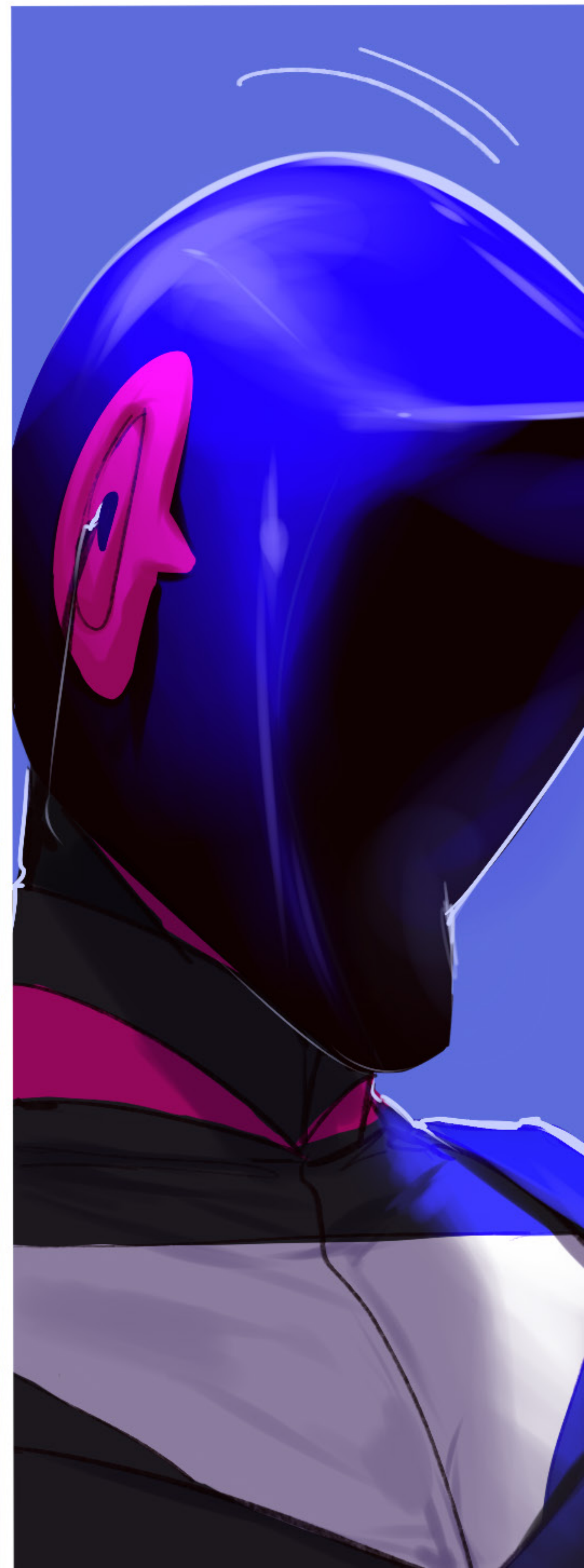
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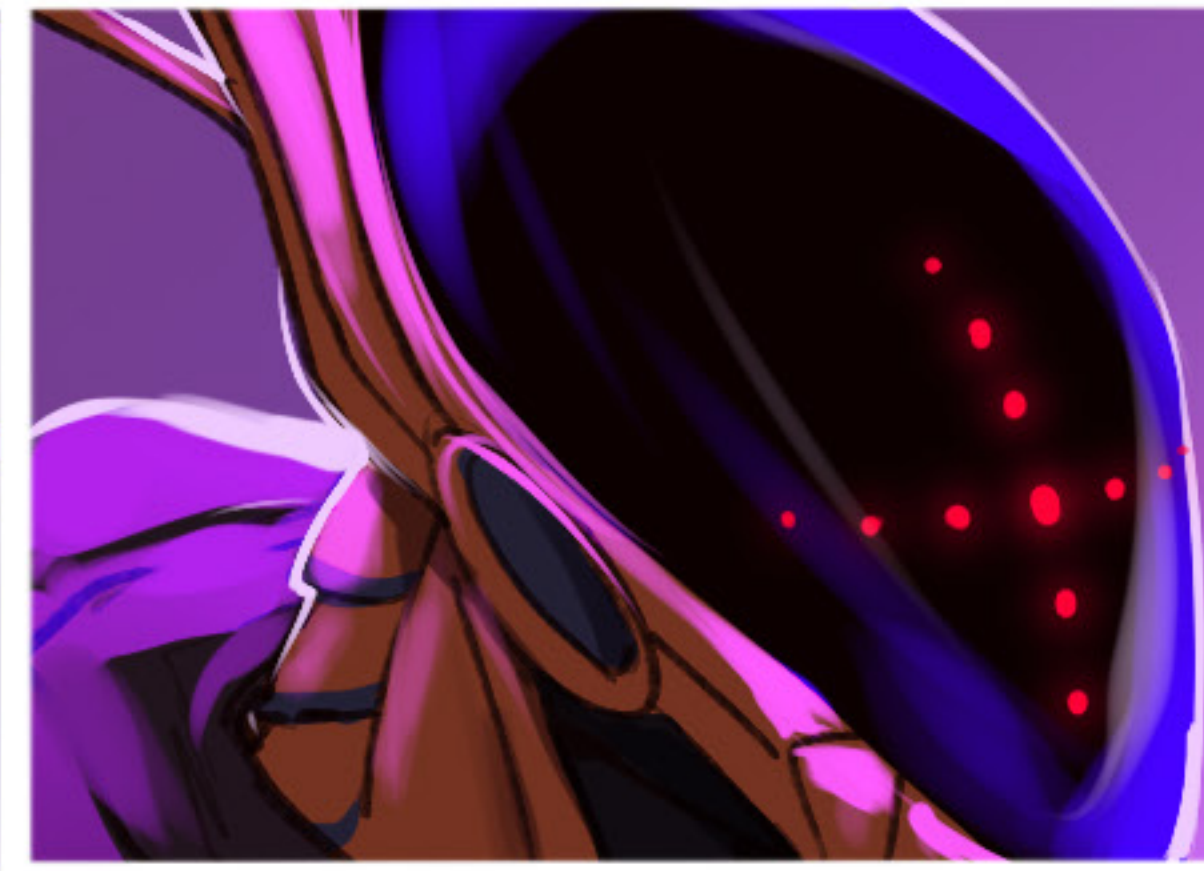
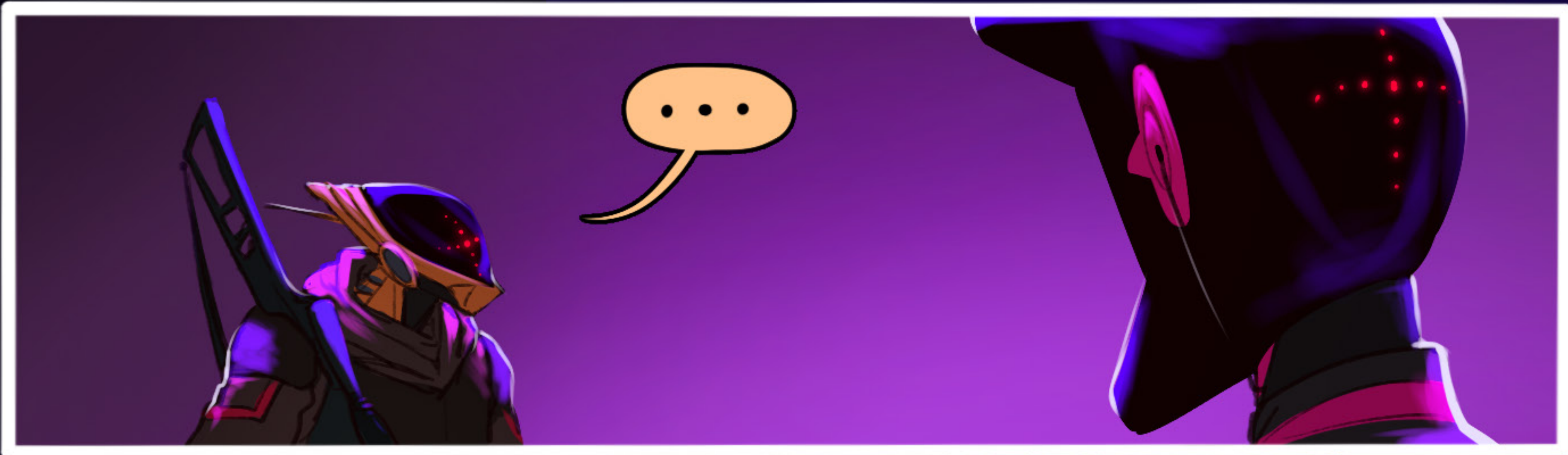


NO.
I WASN'T MADE
BACK THEN,
I DIDN'T LIVE IT.

BUT WHY
DO YOU CARE
THAT MUCH?

IT ISN'T
AS IF YA DID...





...WAS IT PAINFUL?
TO OBEY THEM?

THUMP

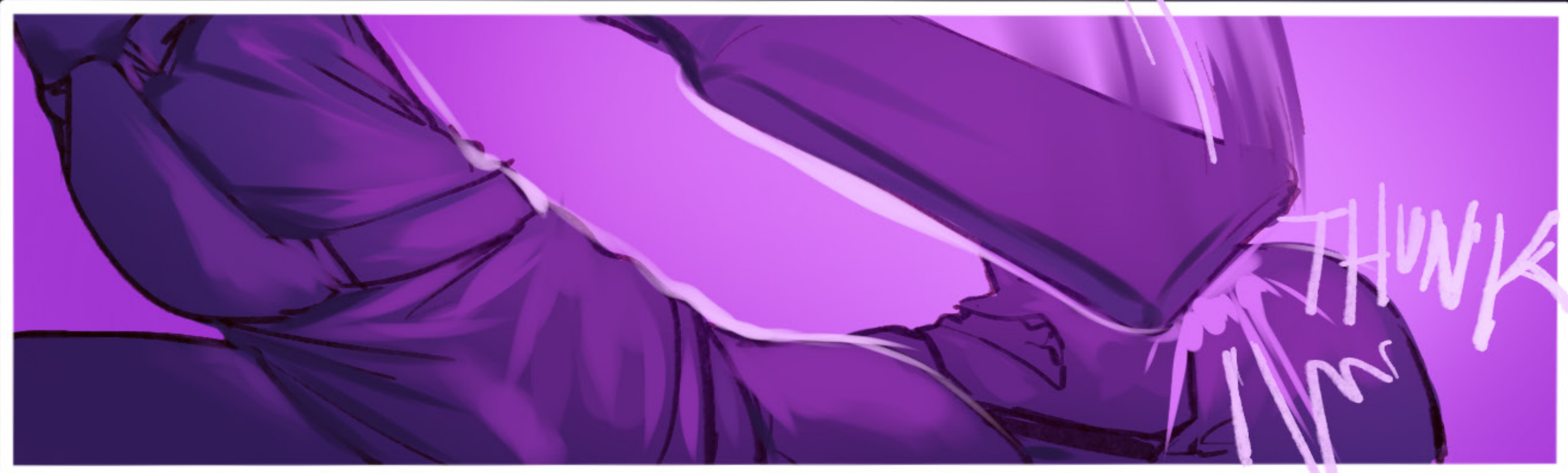
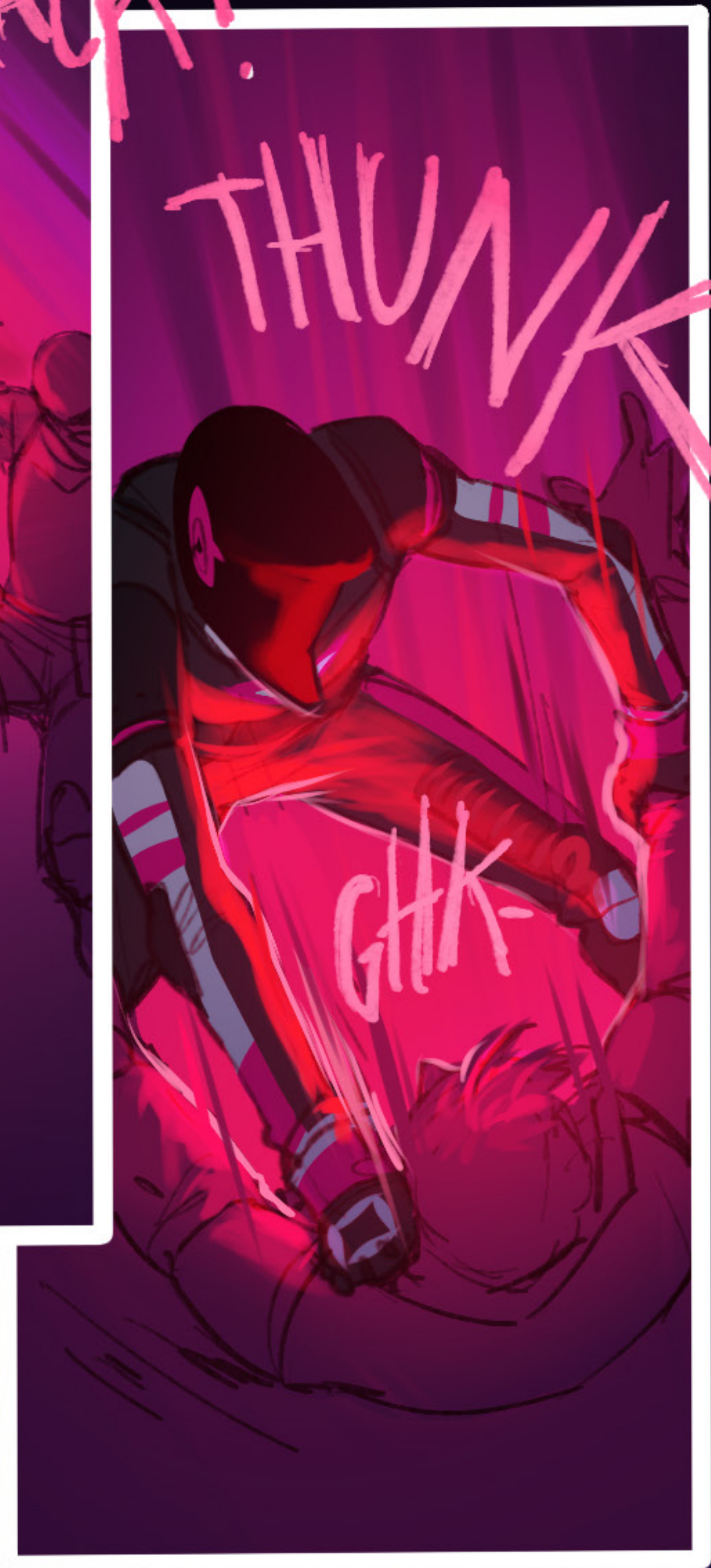
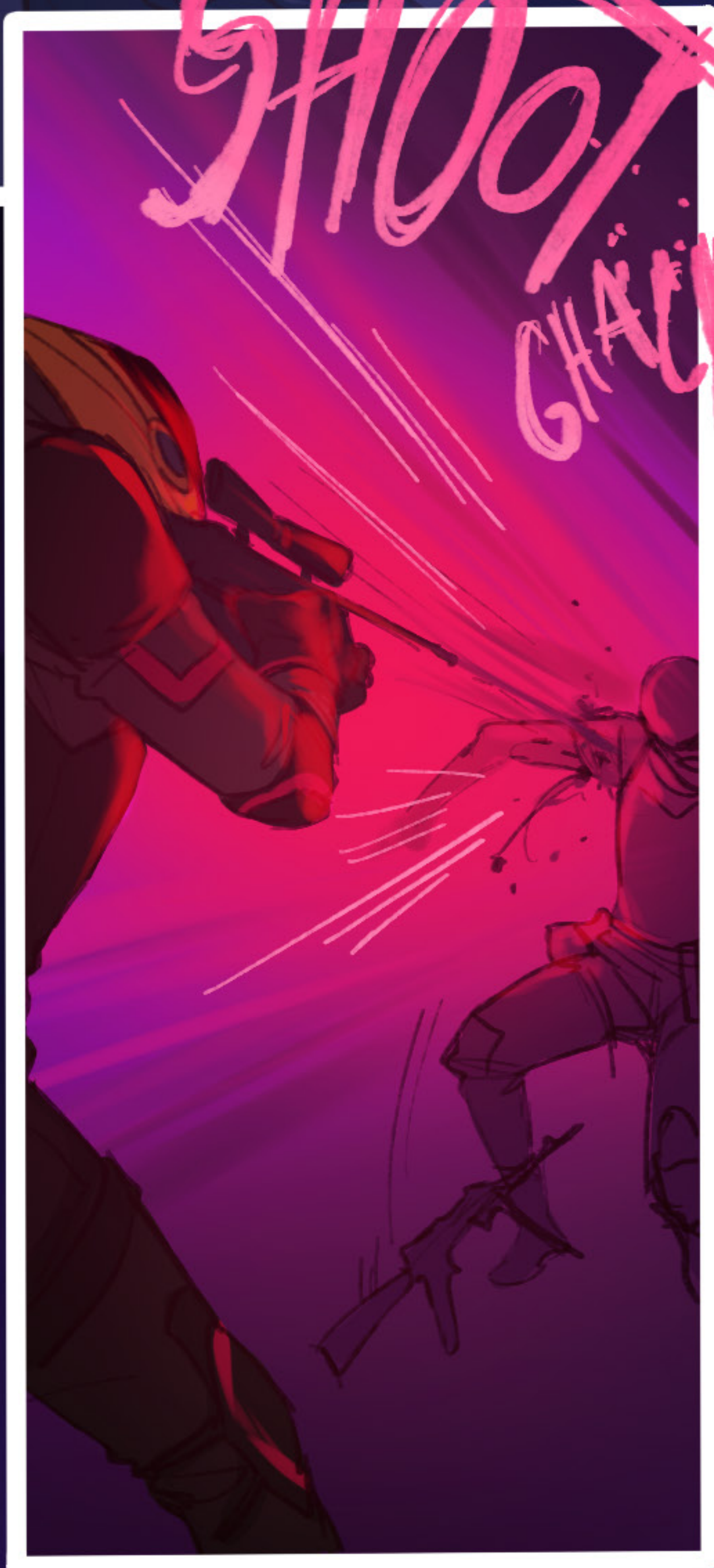
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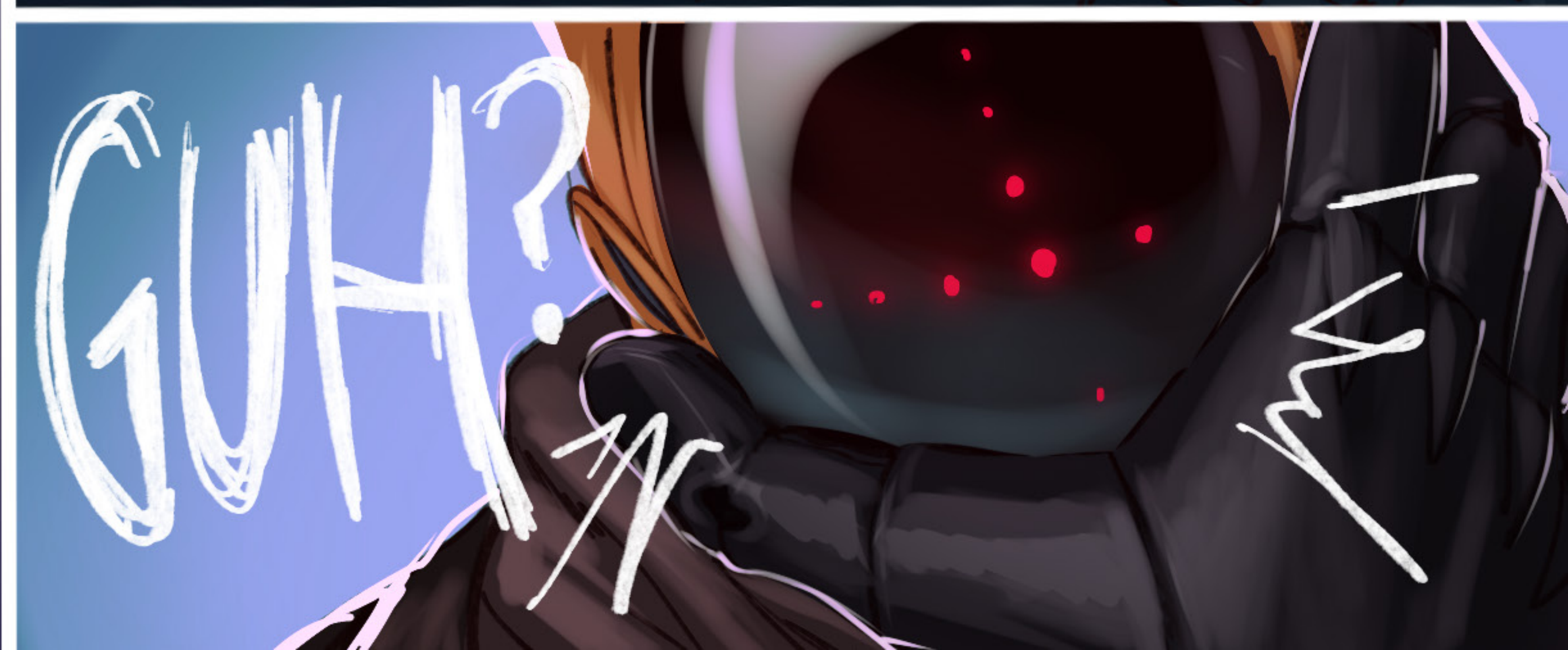
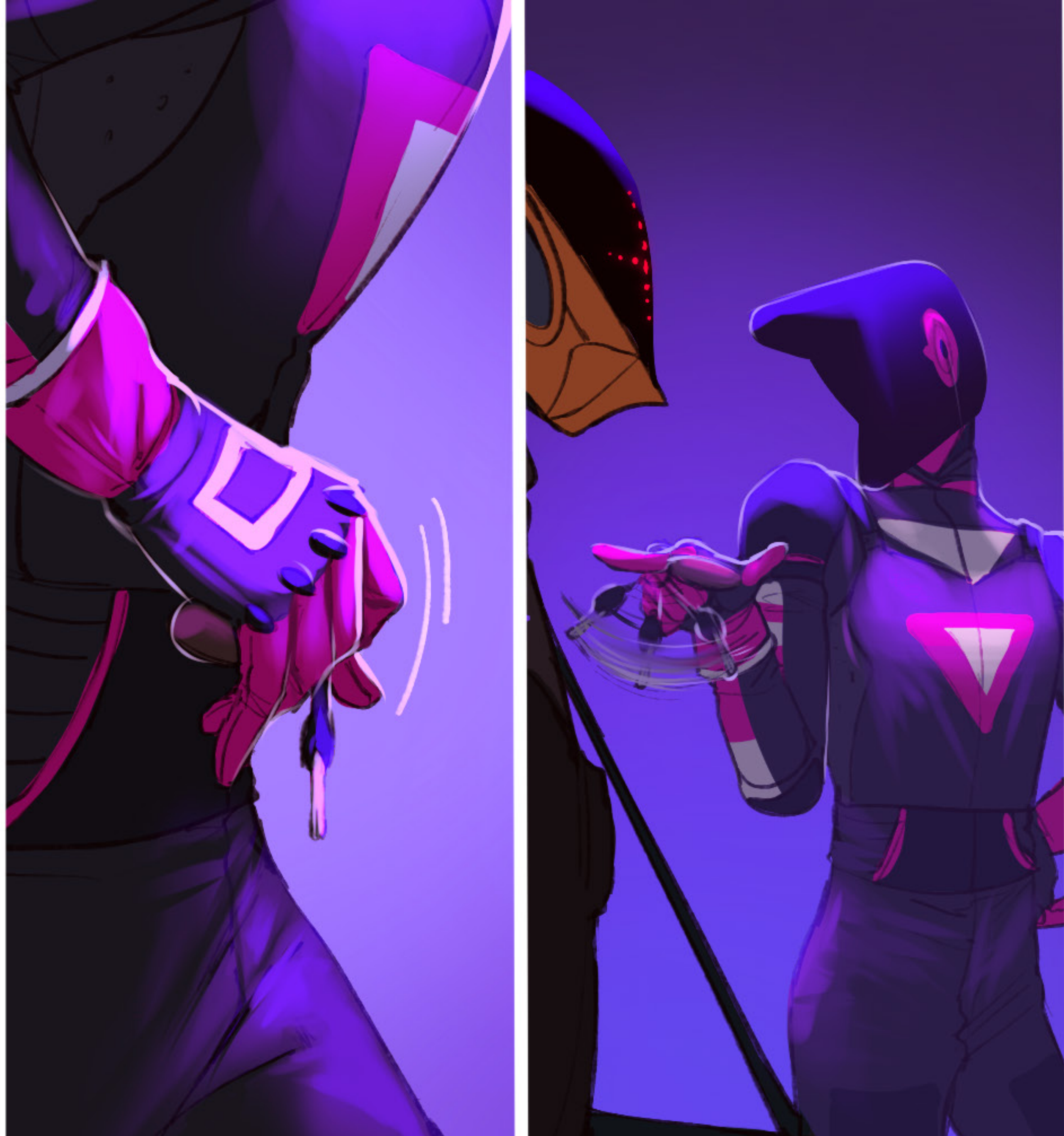
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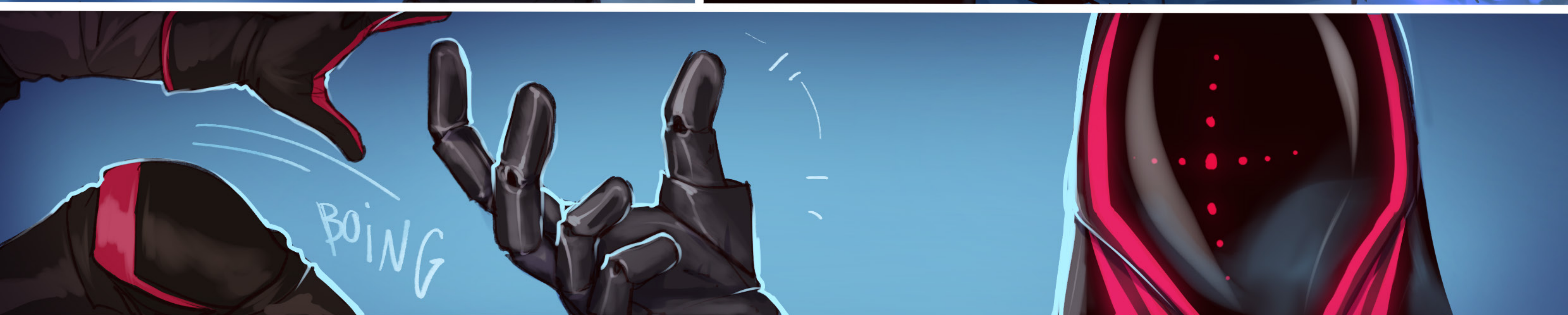
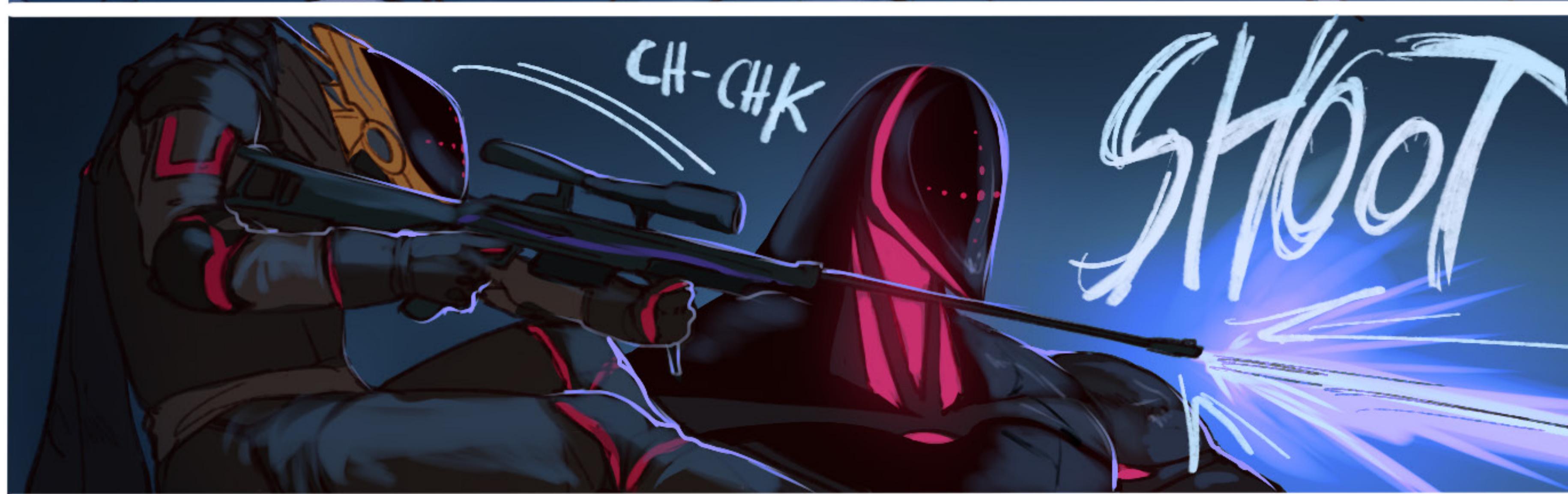
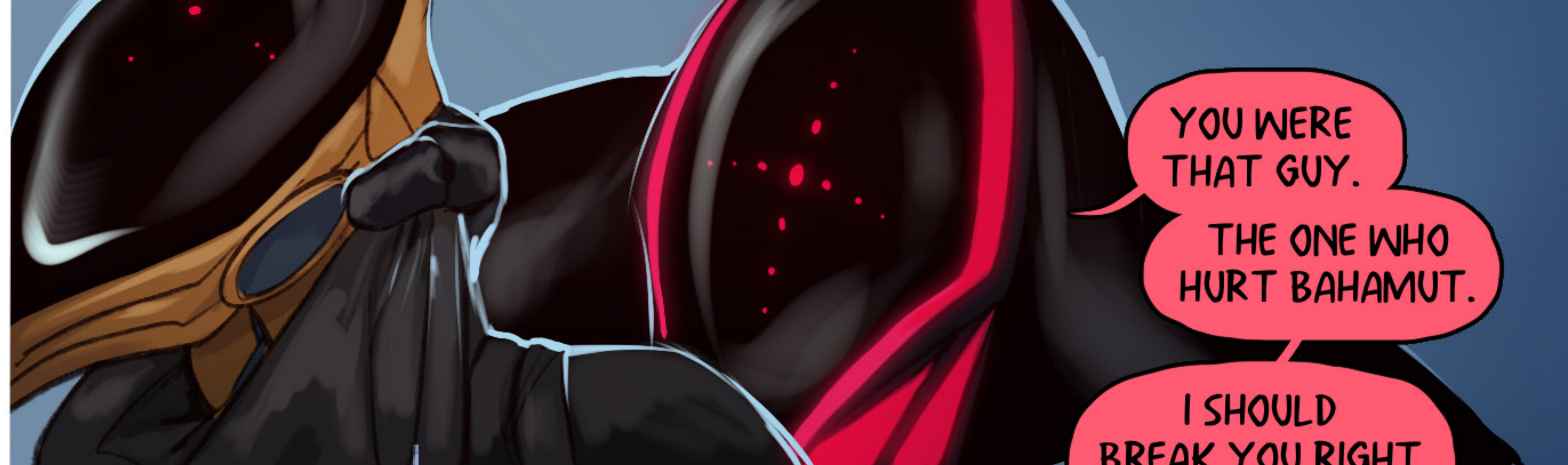
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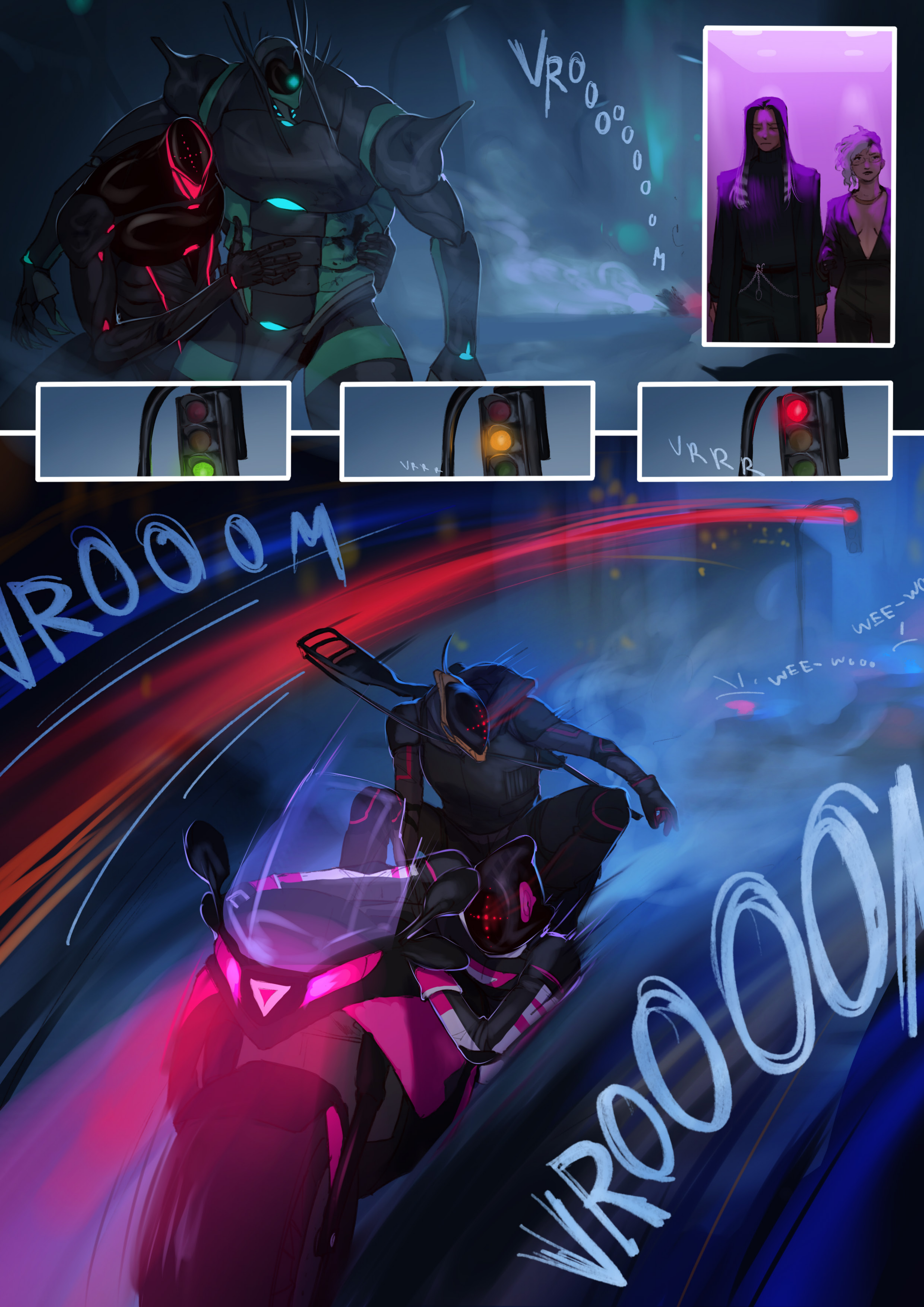


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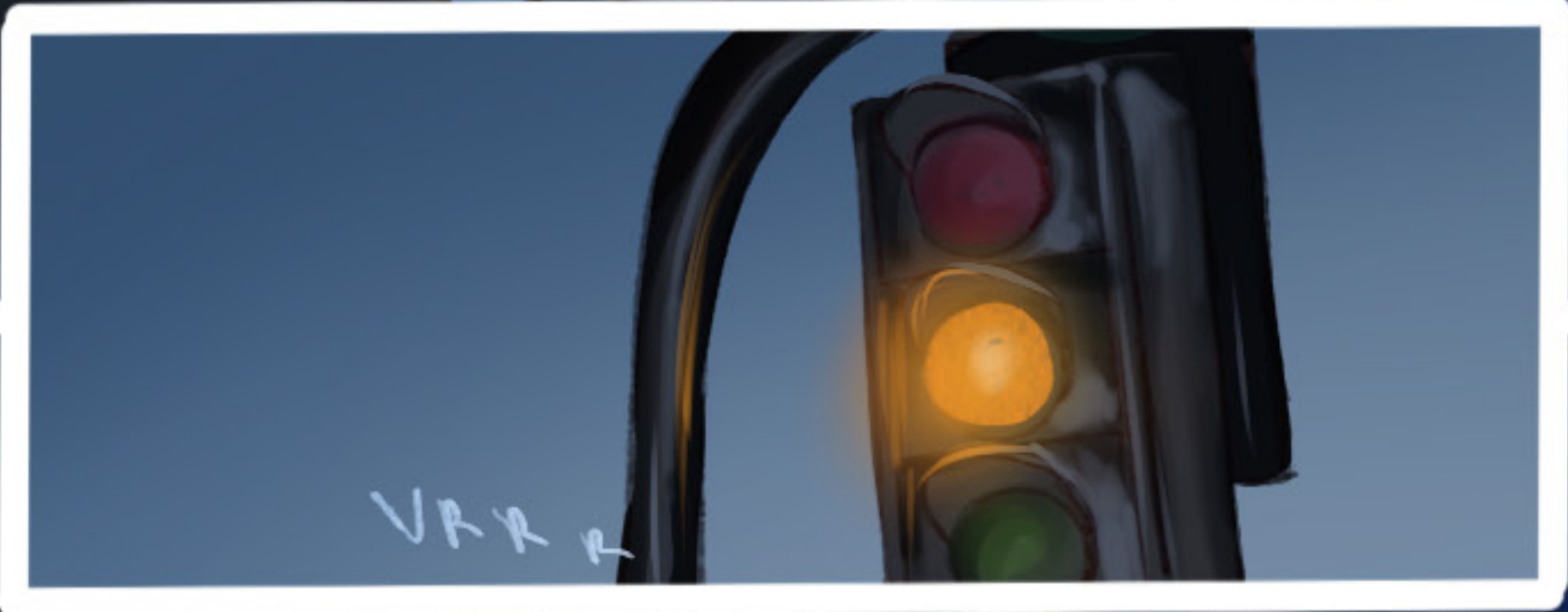








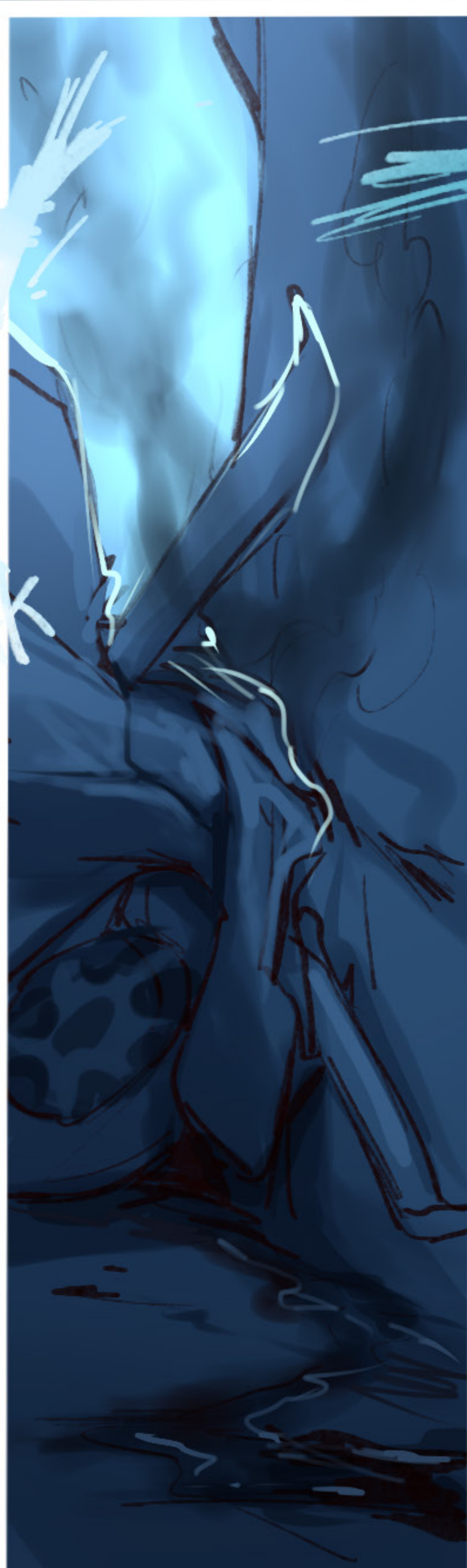
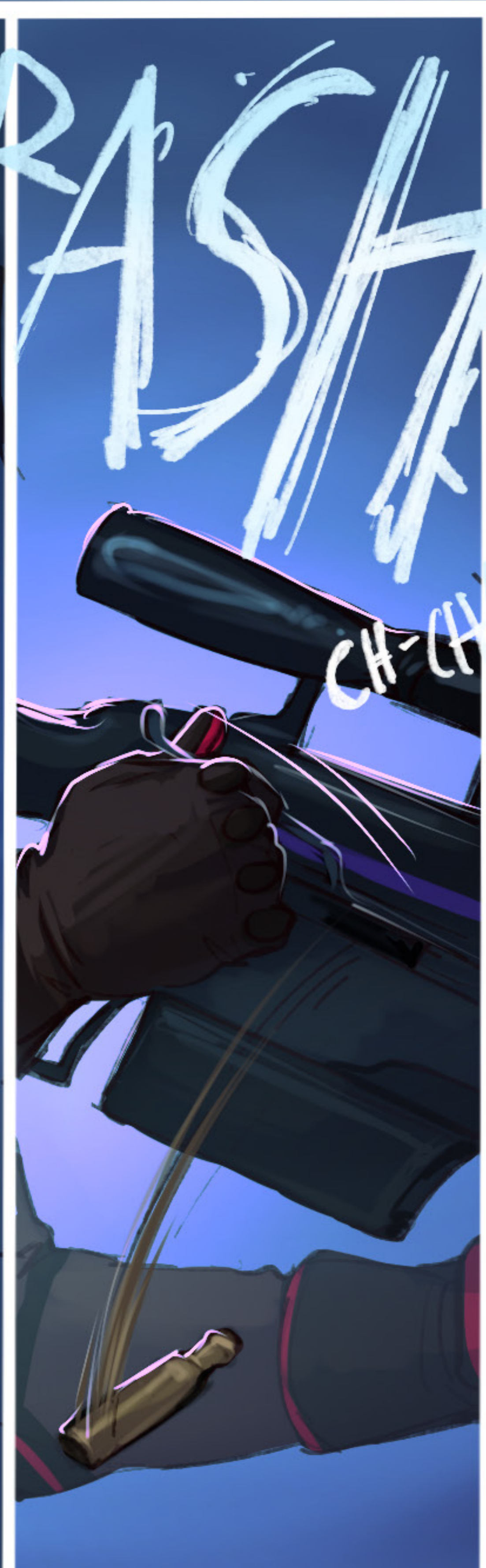
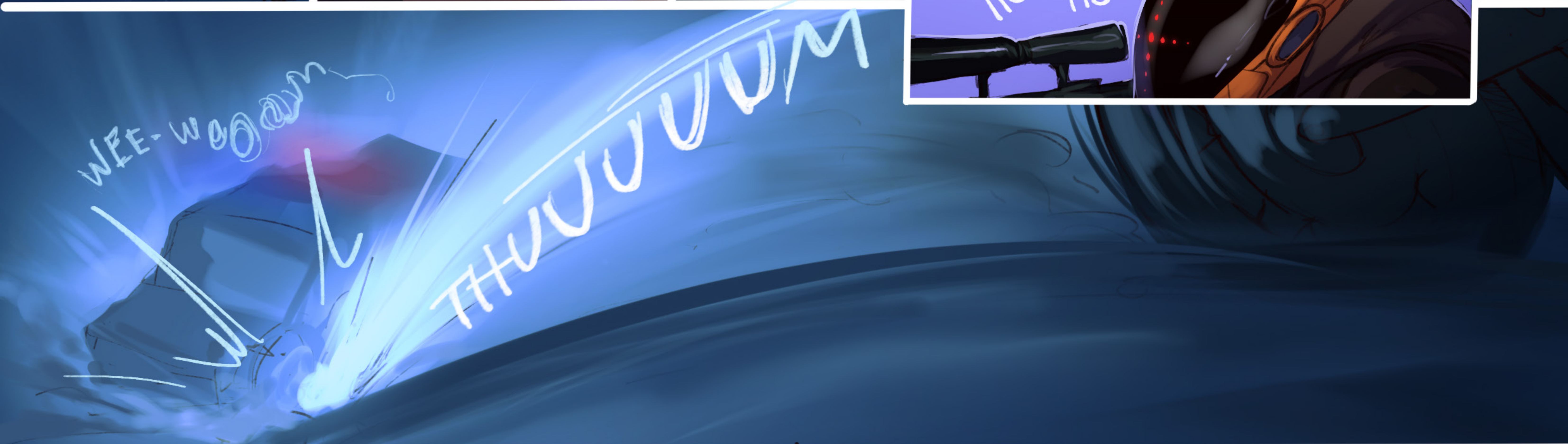
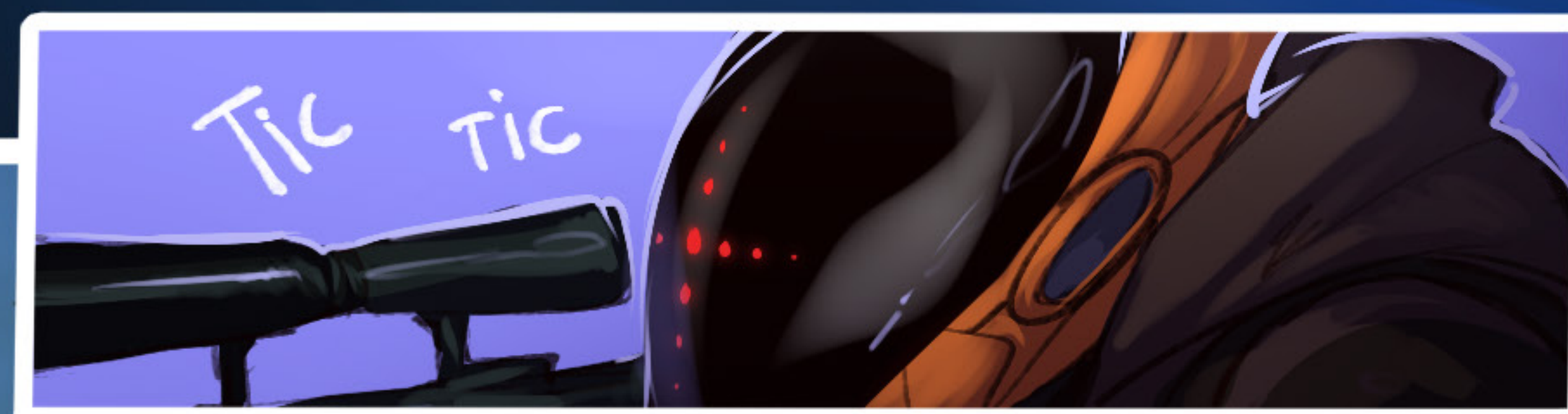
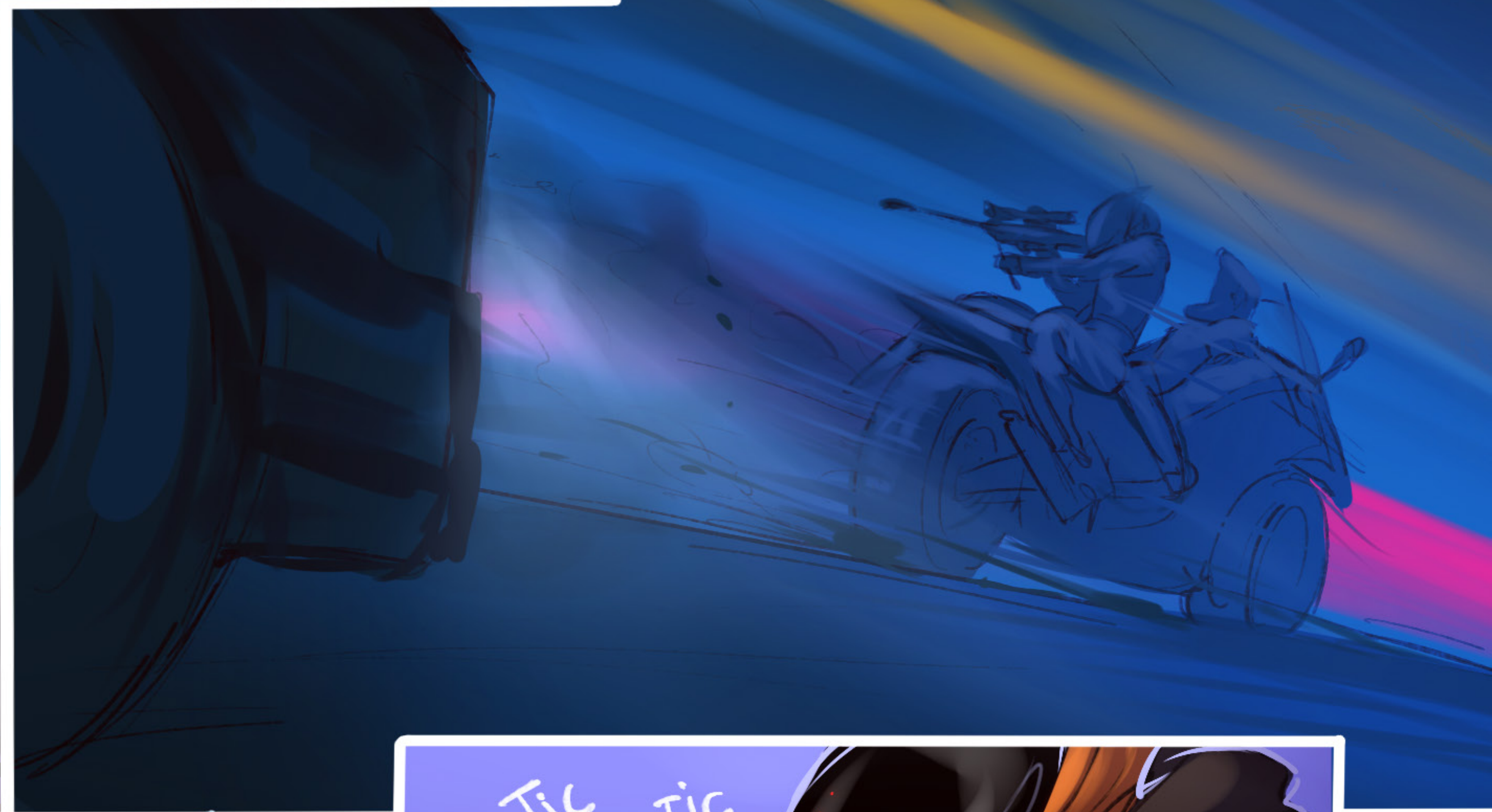
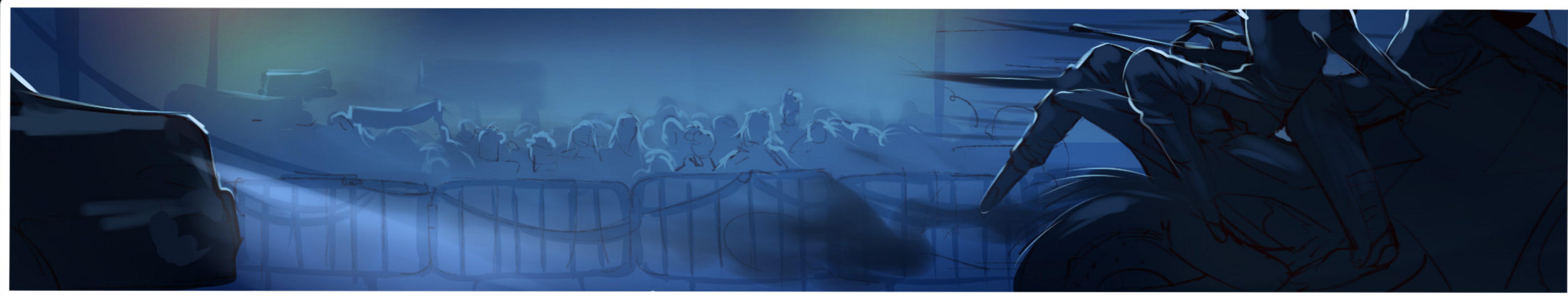
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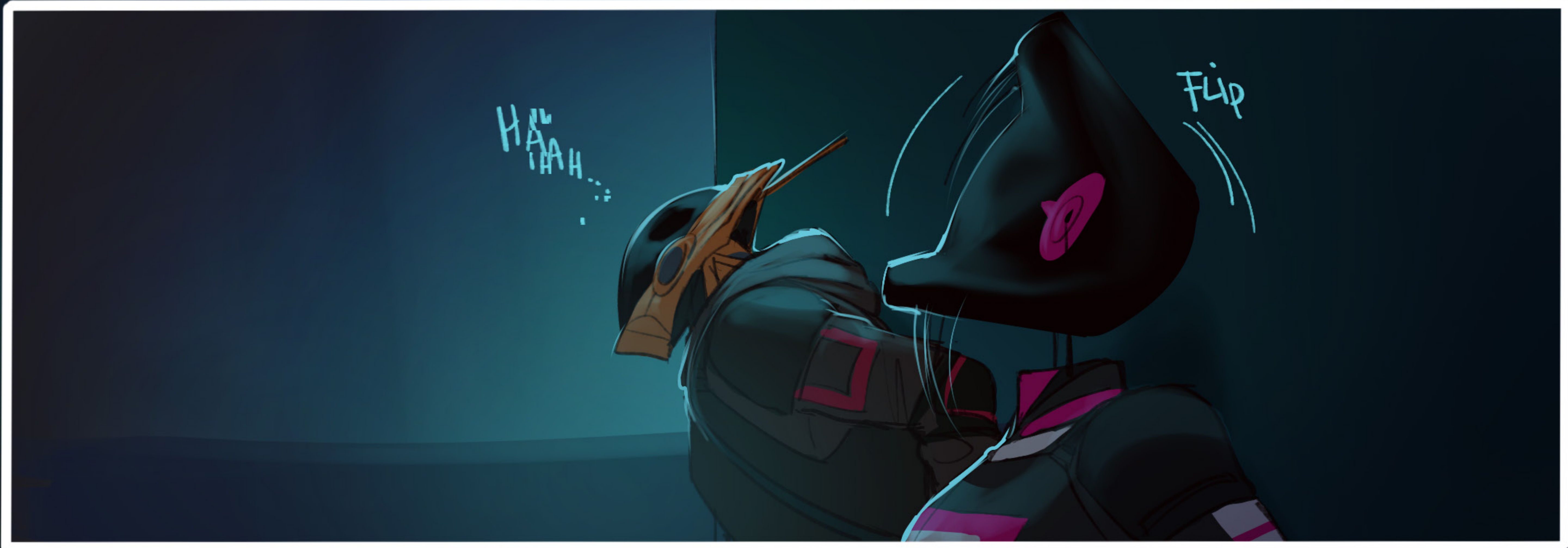
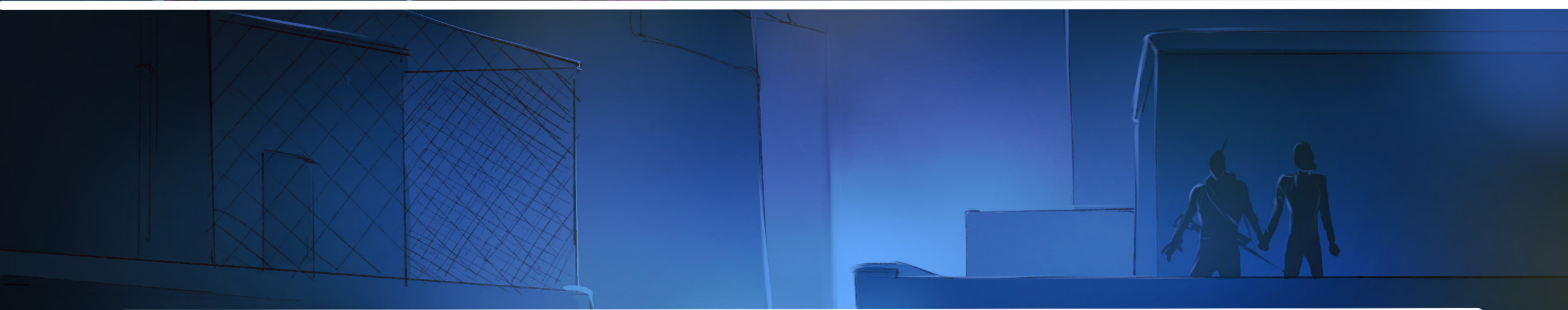
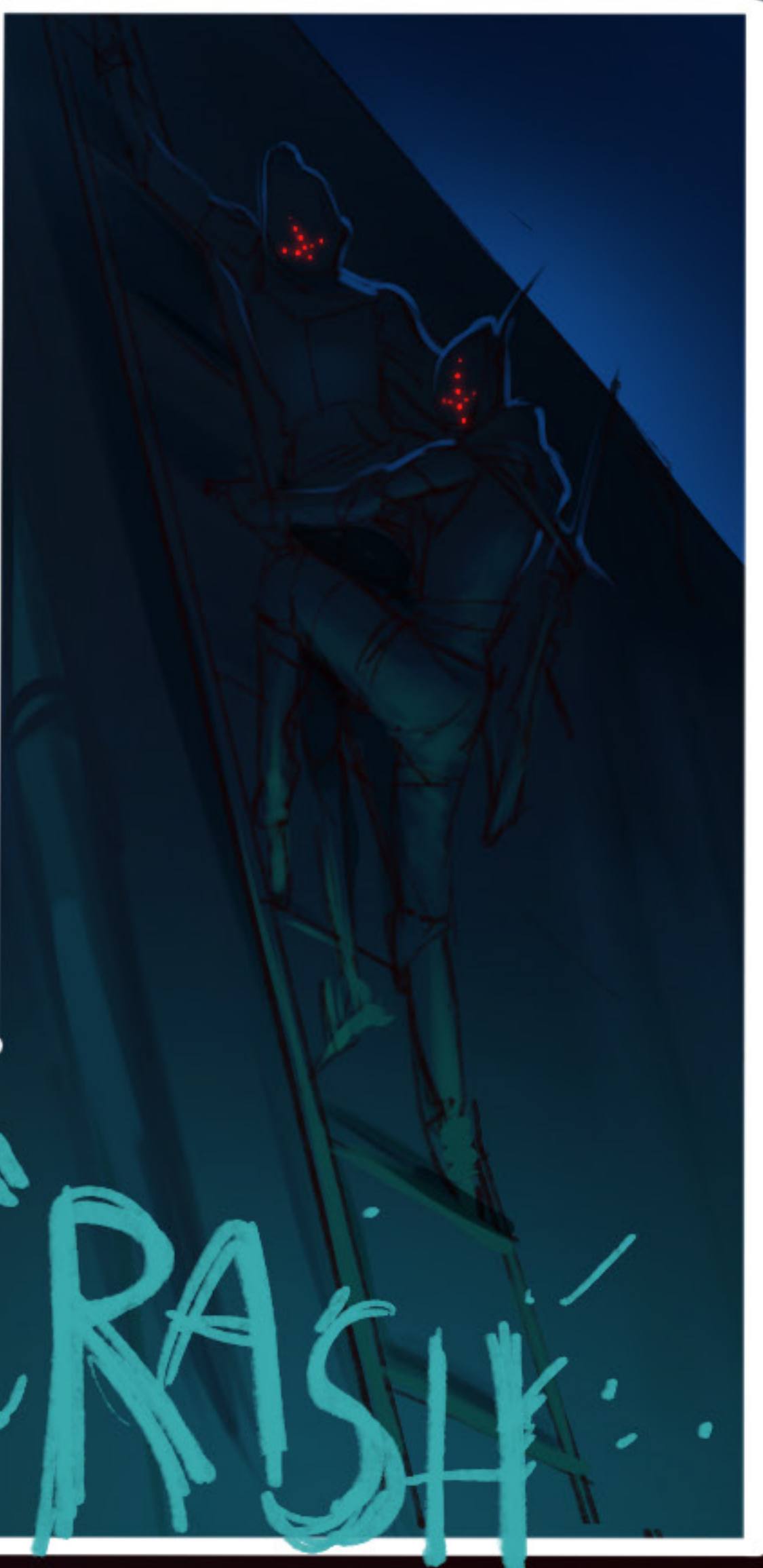
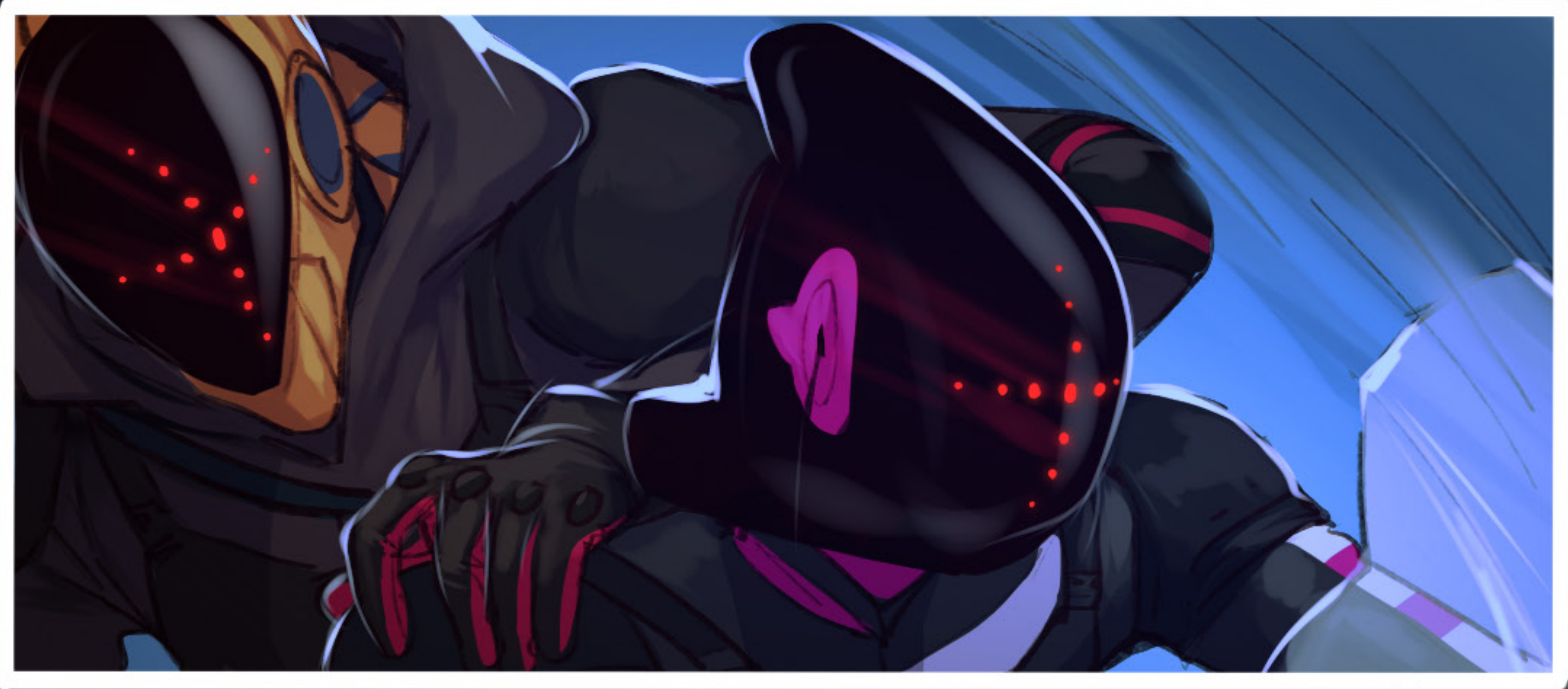


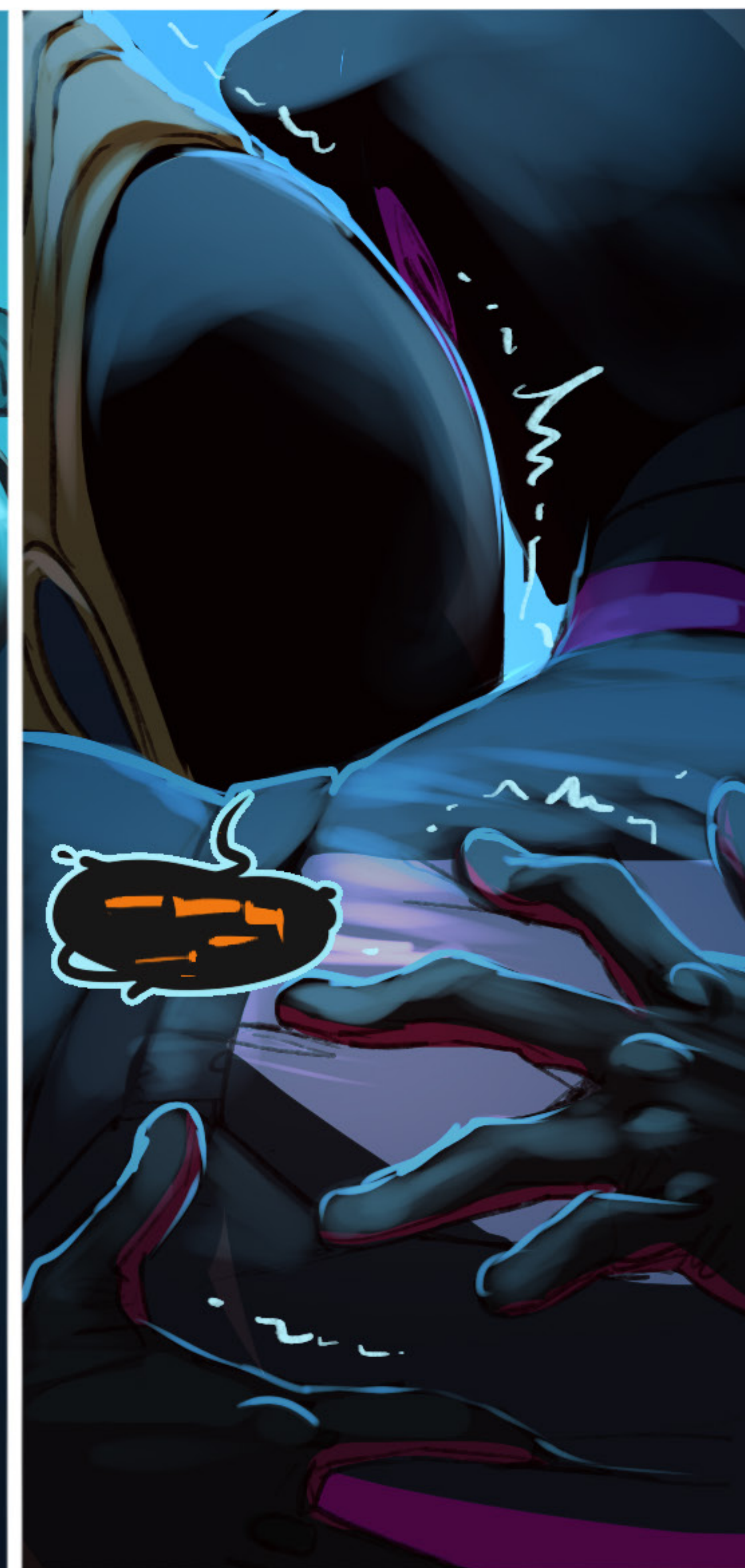
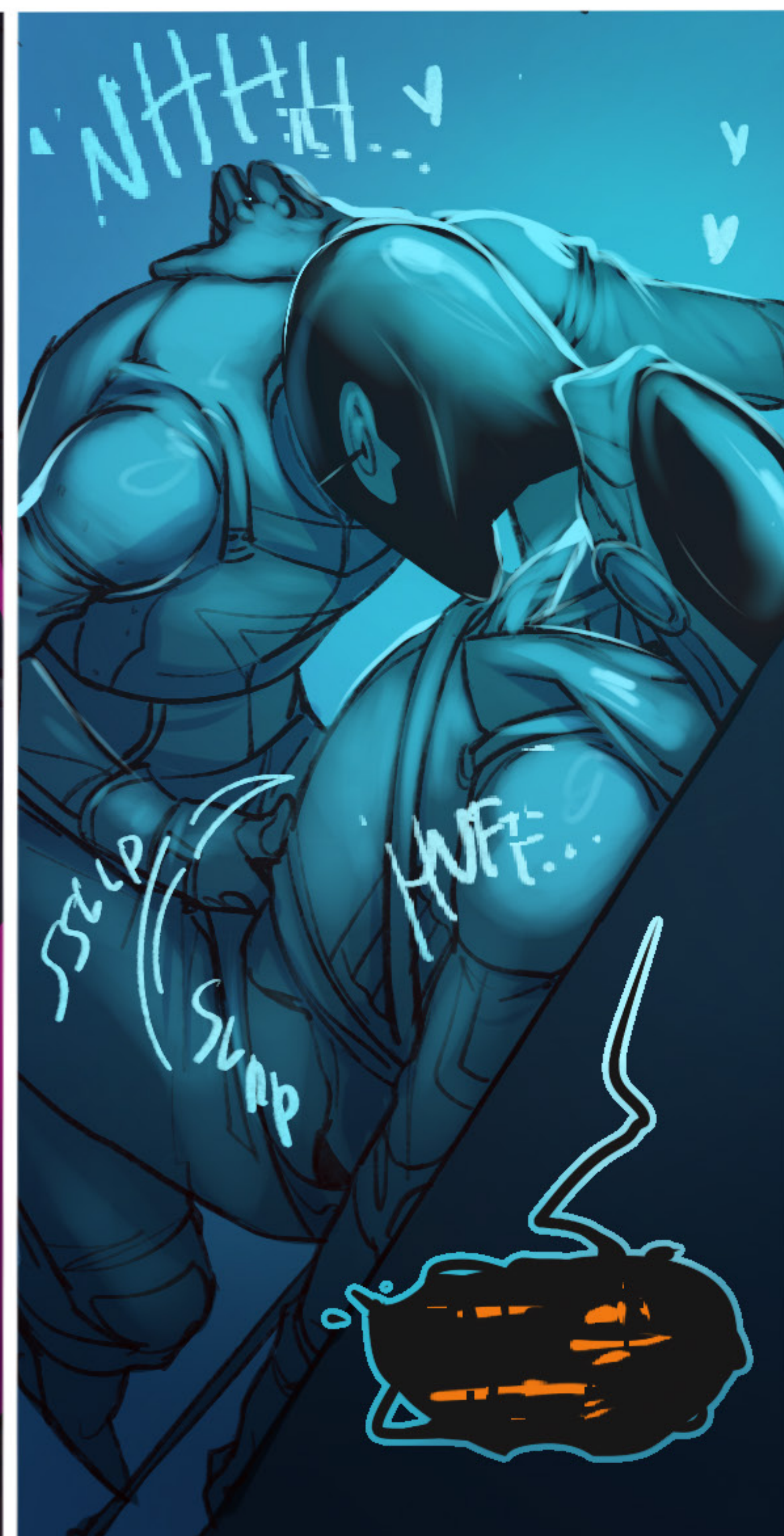
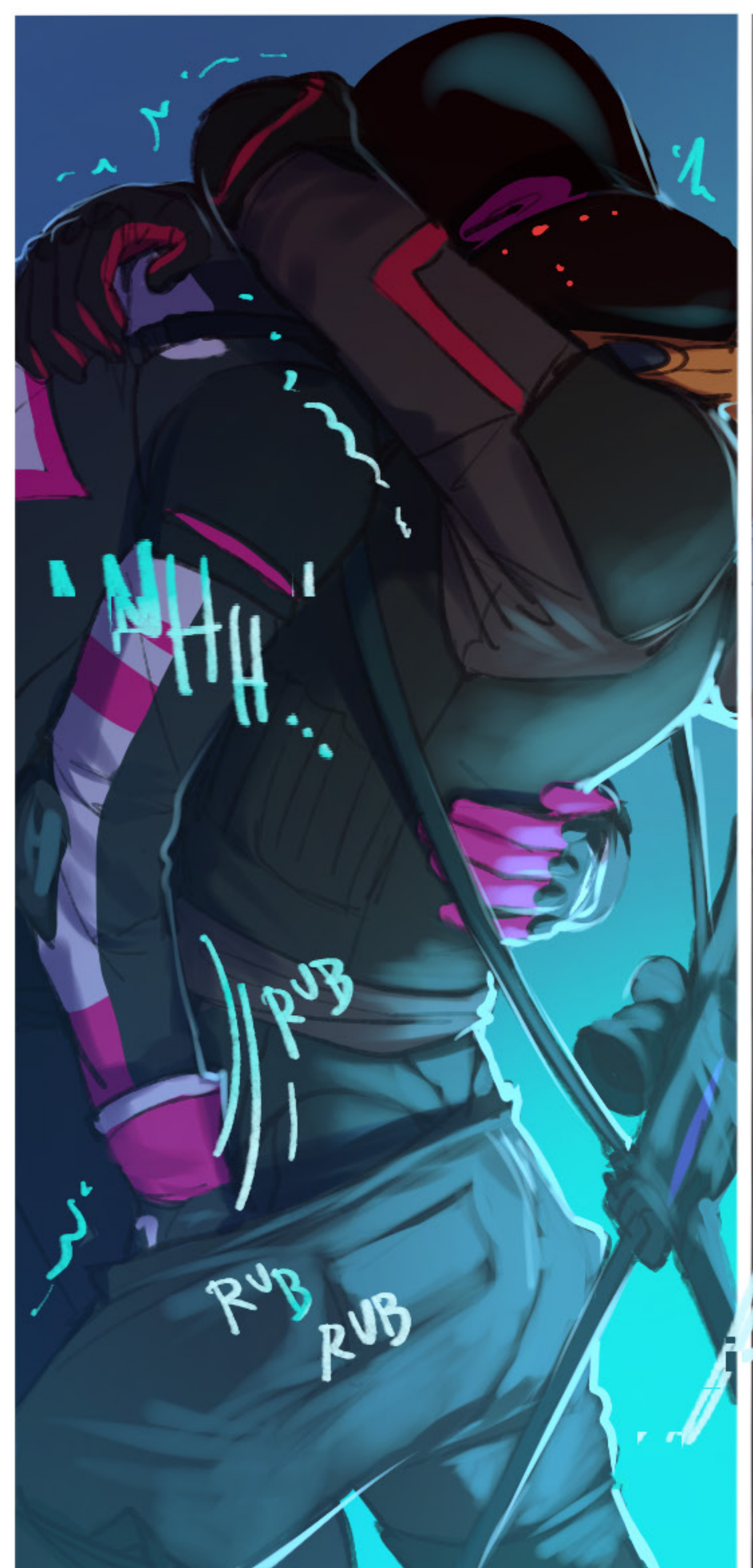
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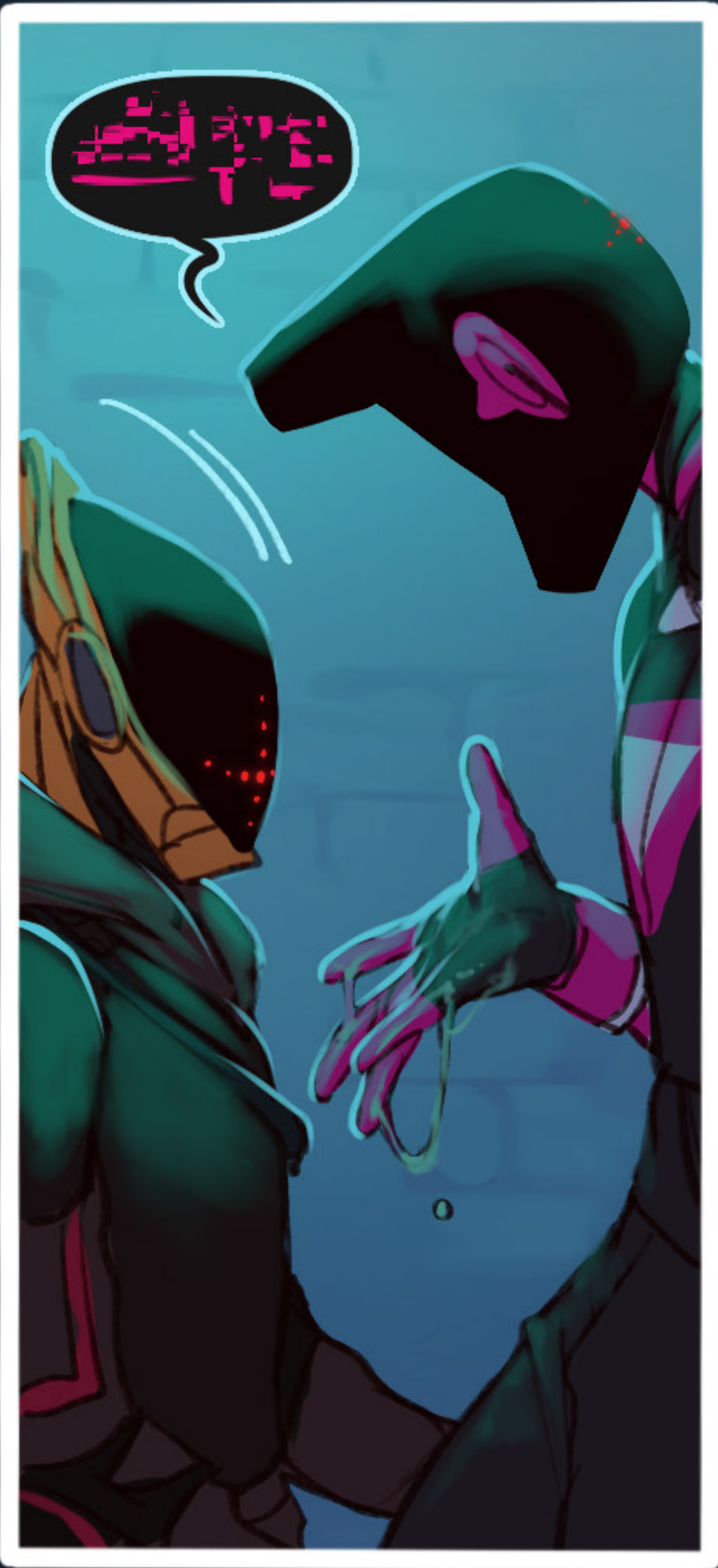
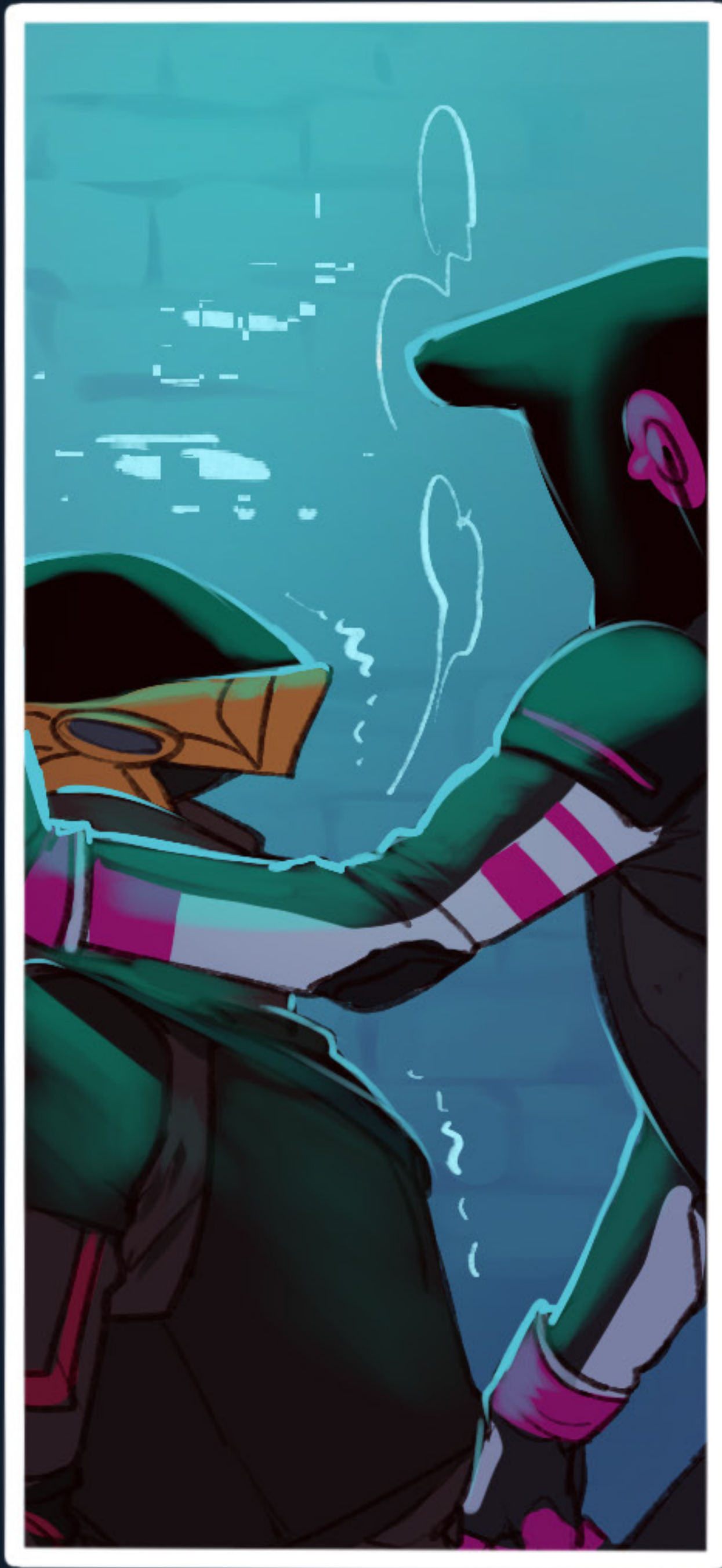
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WEE-WOO

VROOOOM







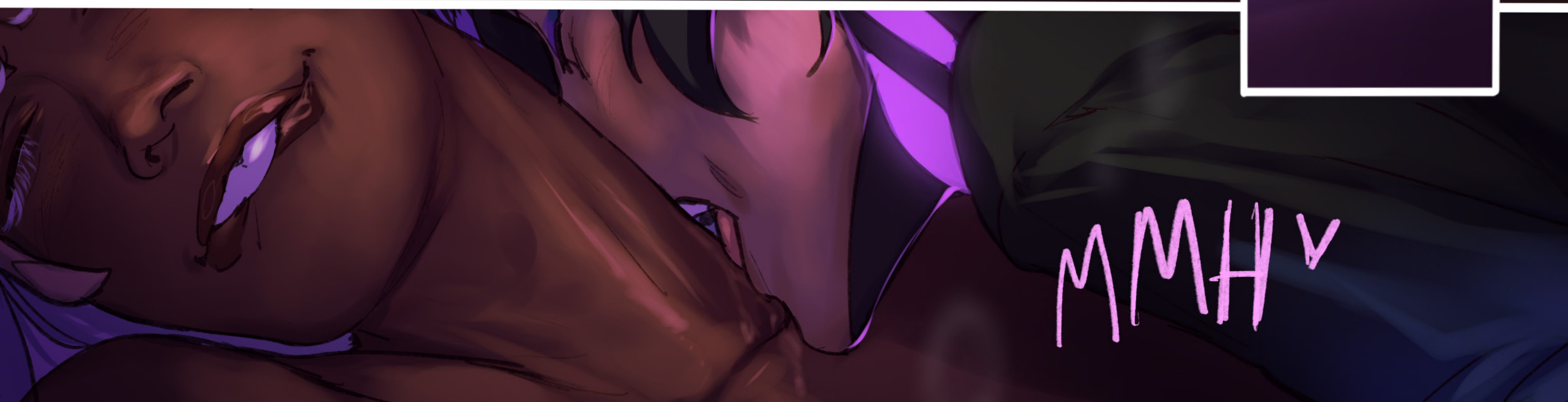
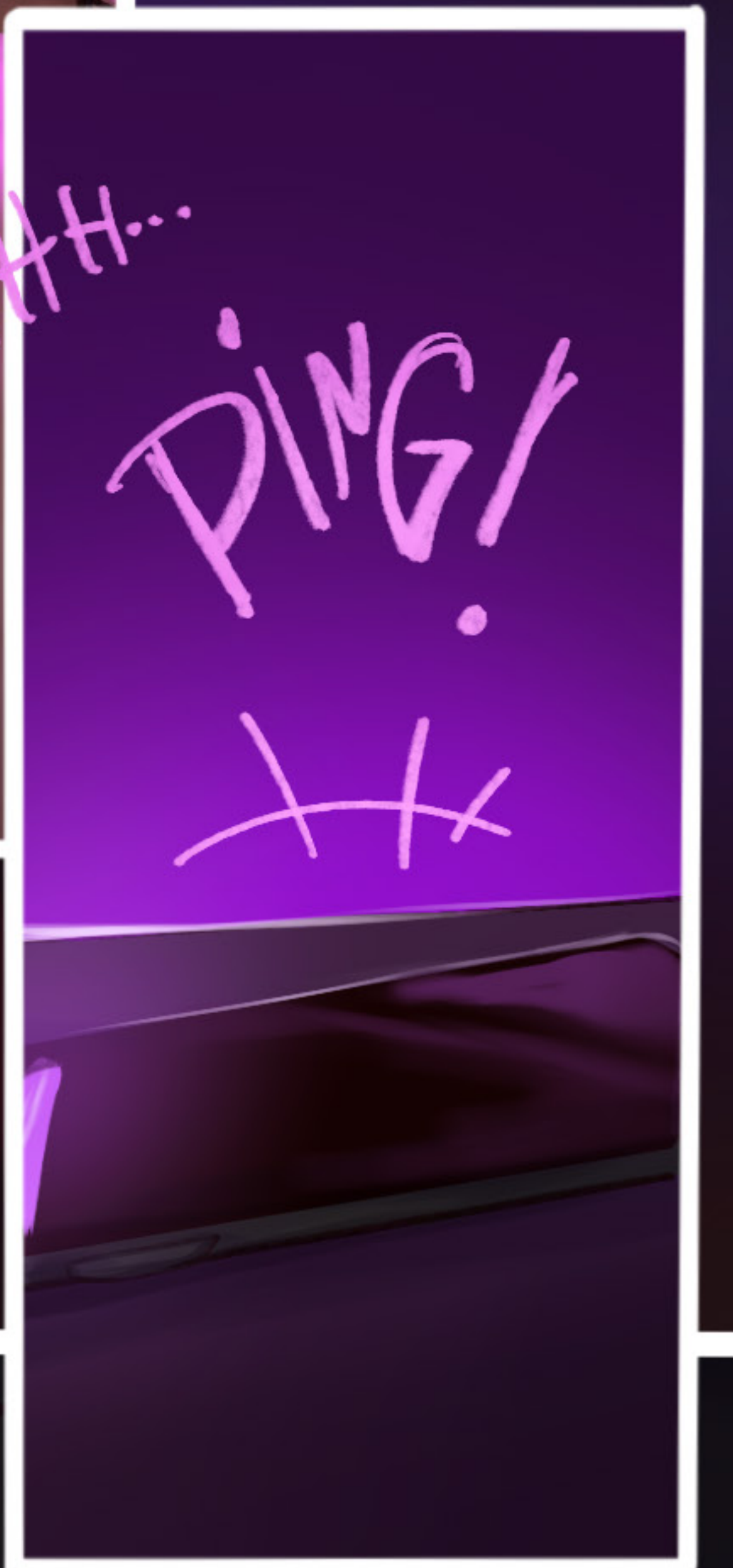
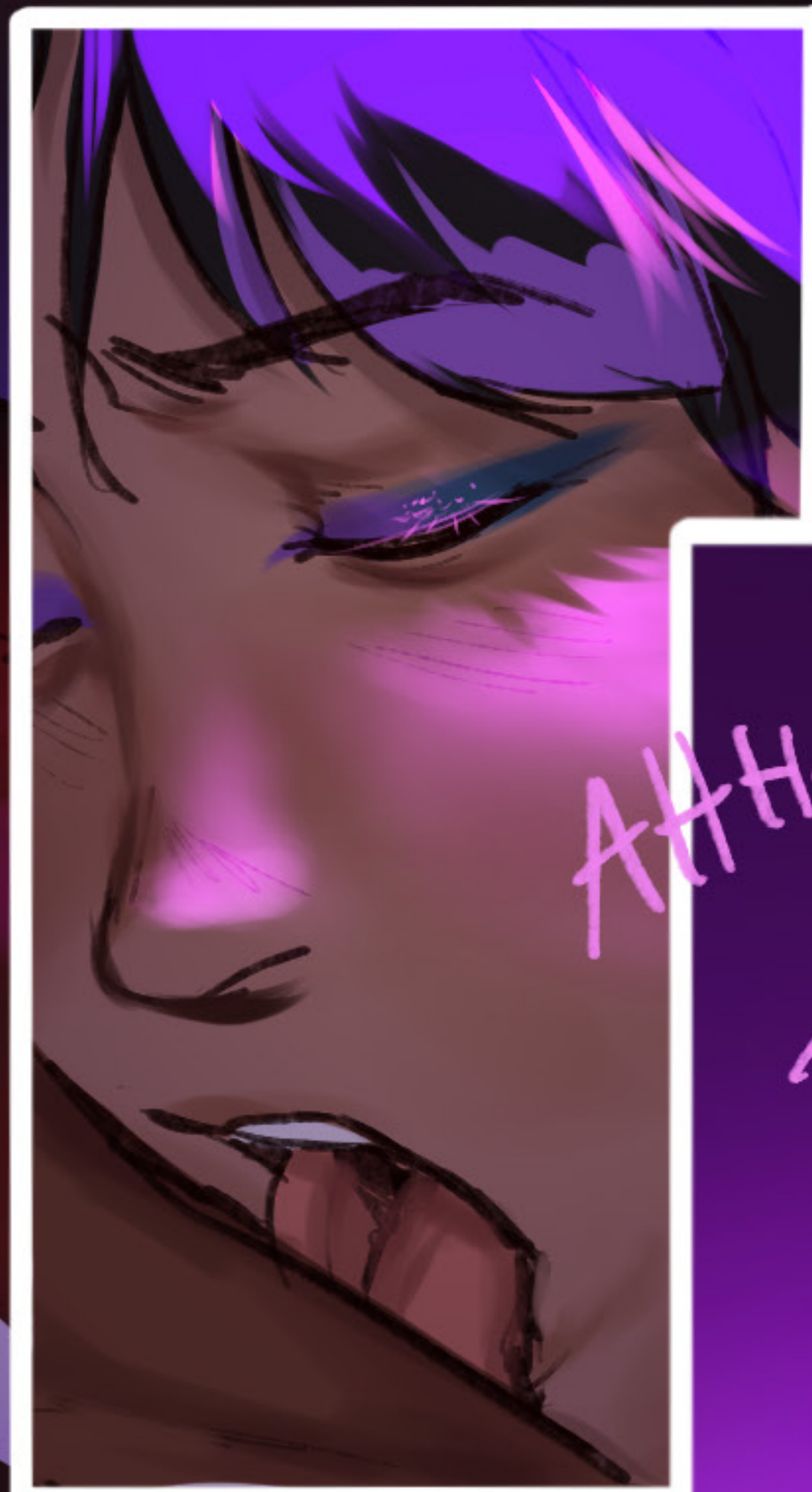
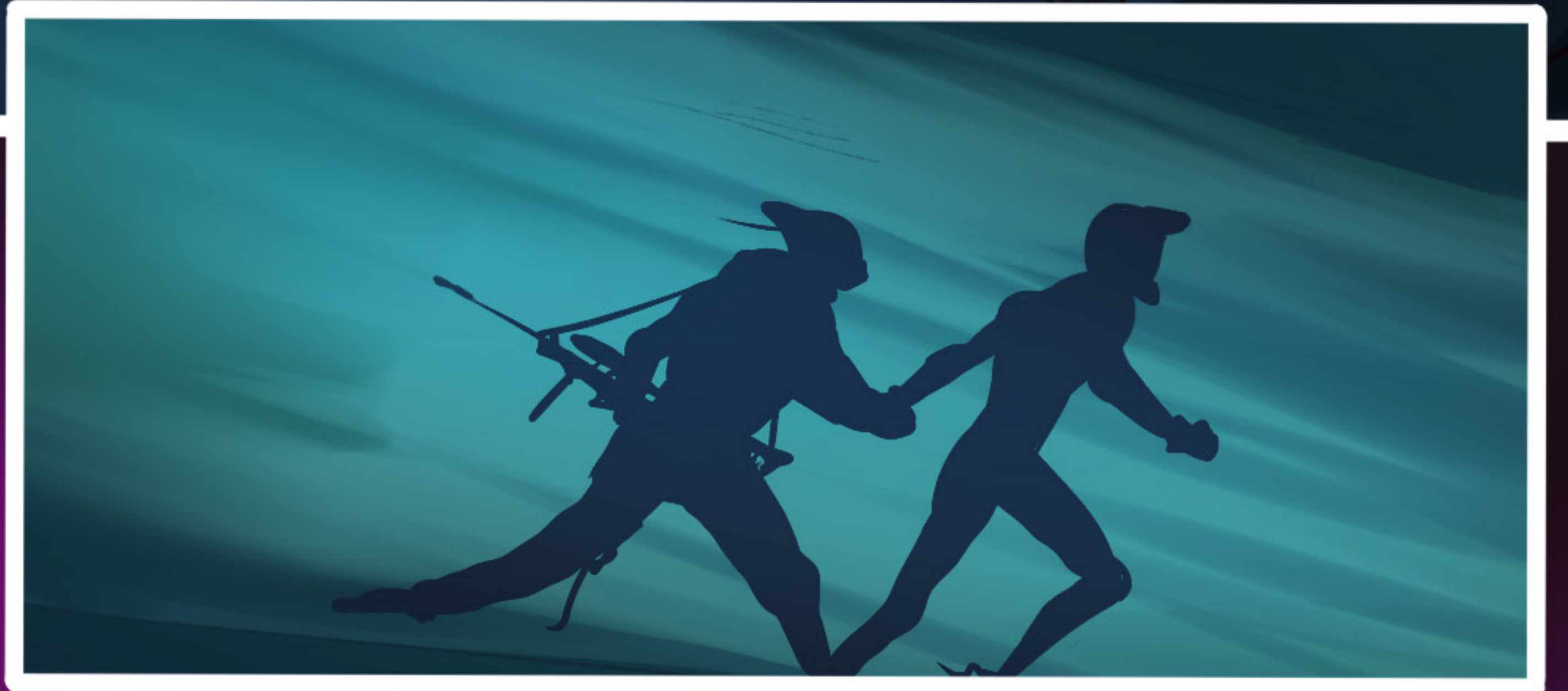


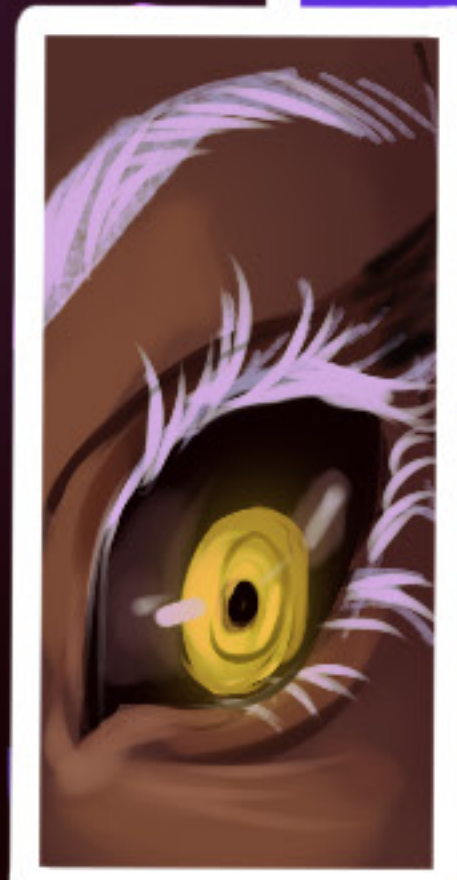
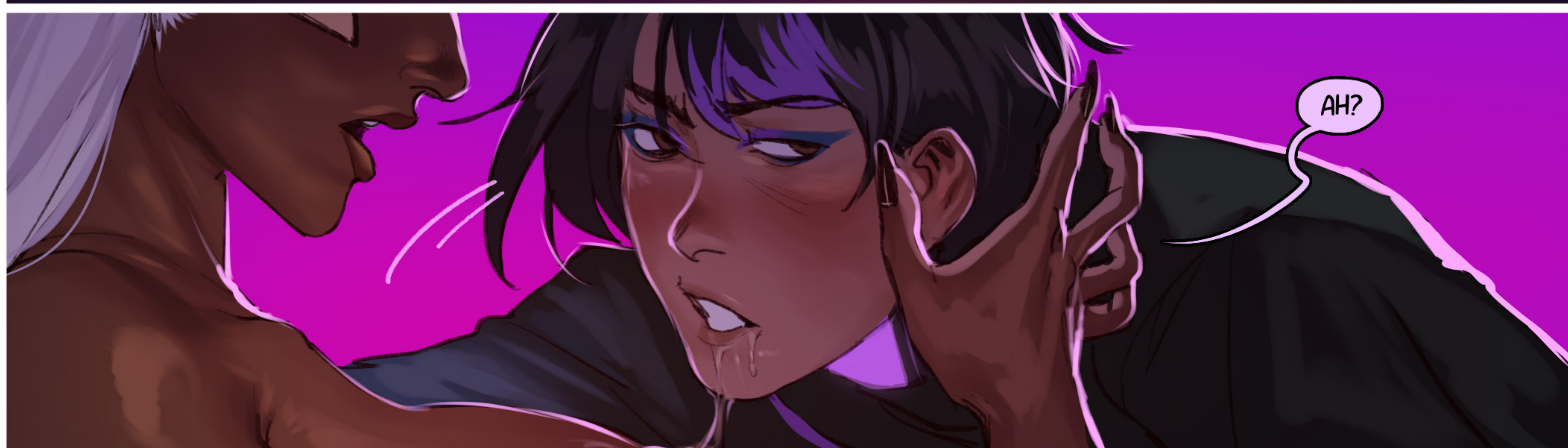
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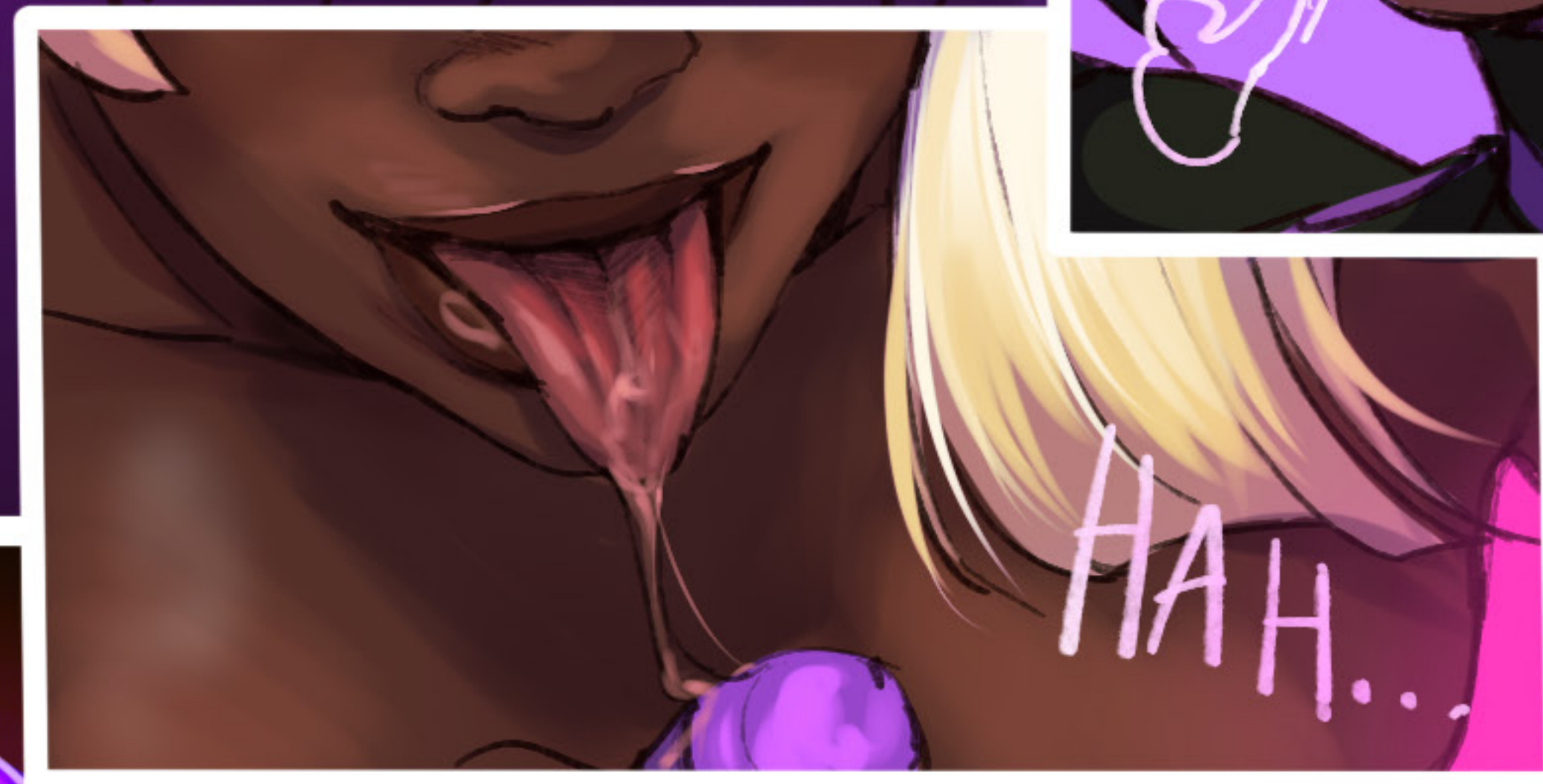
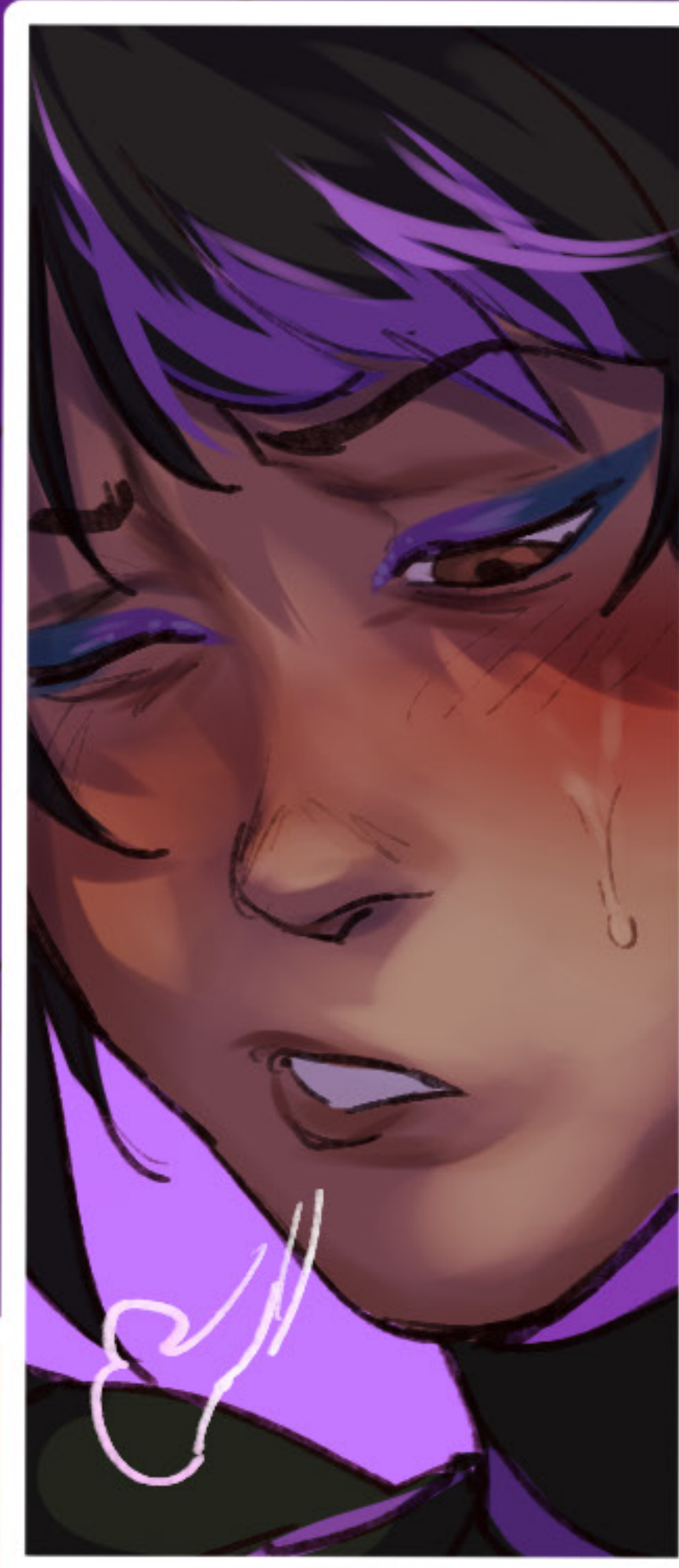
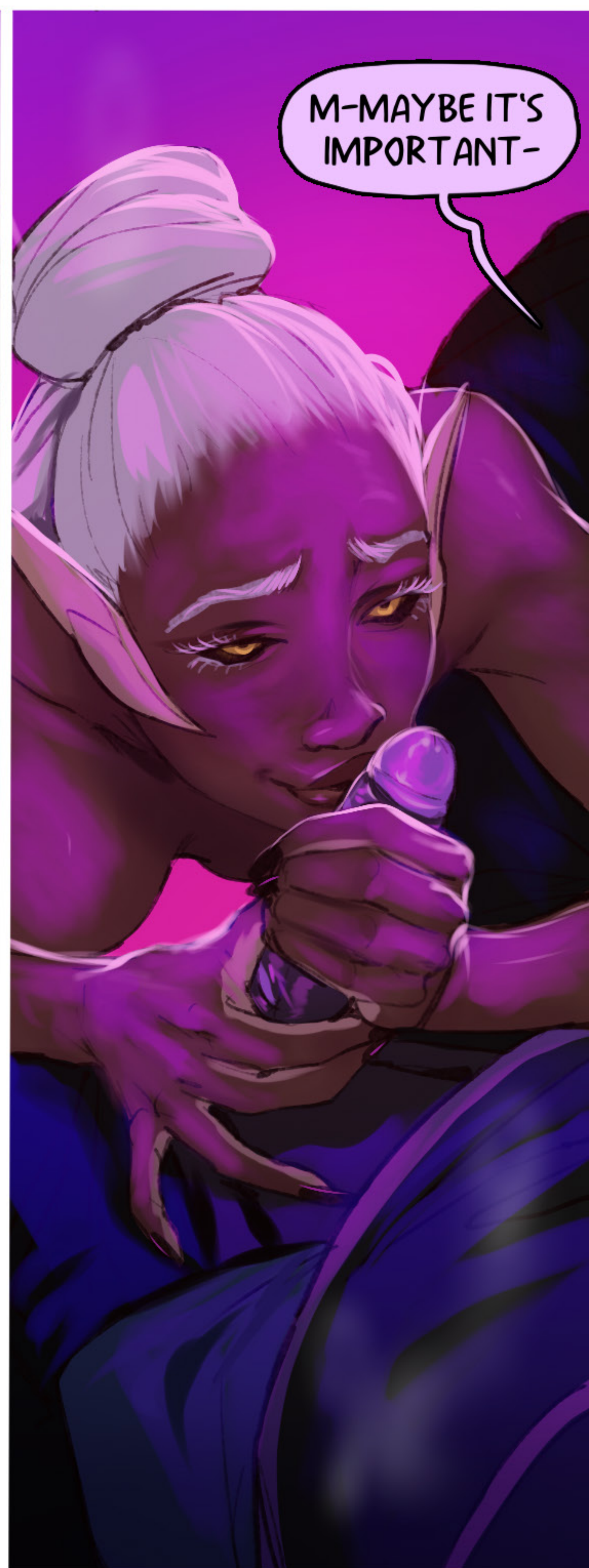
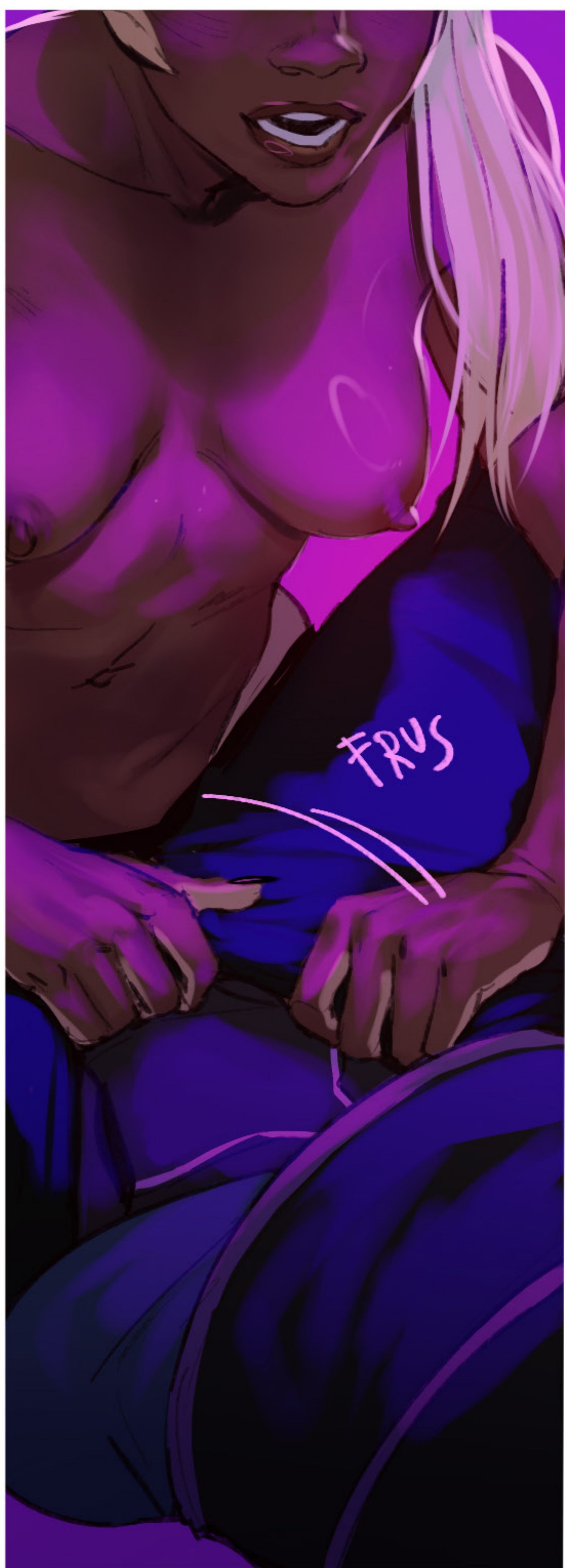
FUCKIN' ME WITH GLOVES AND ALL...

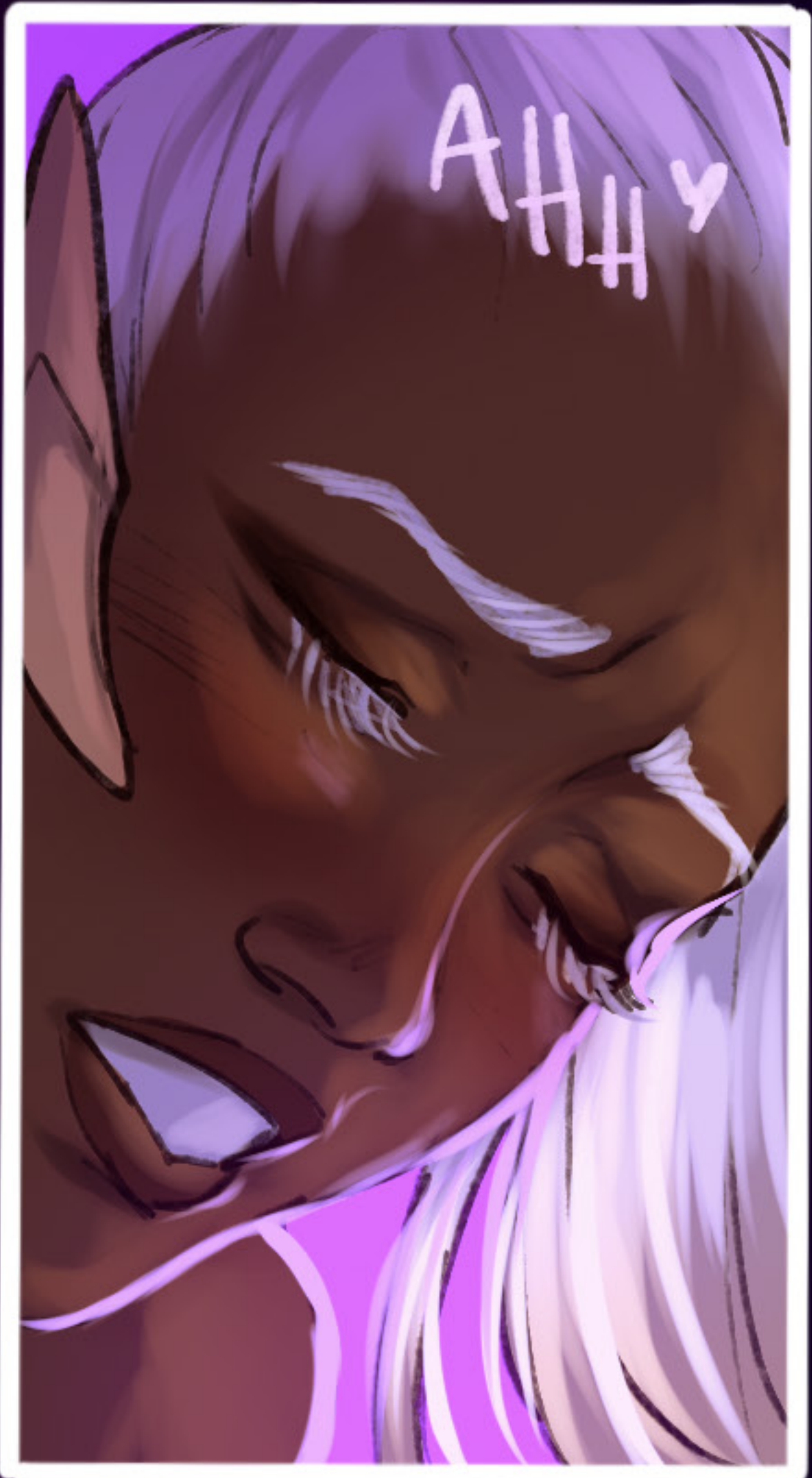


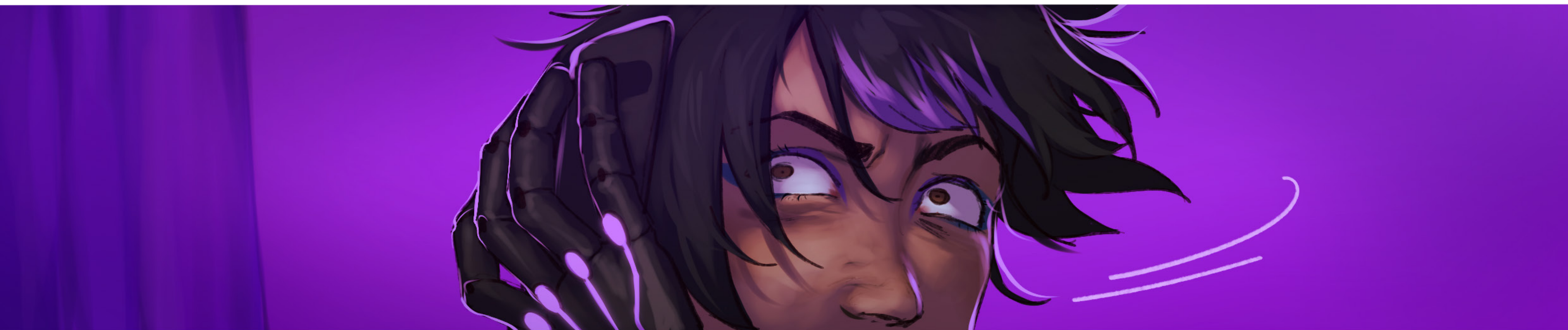
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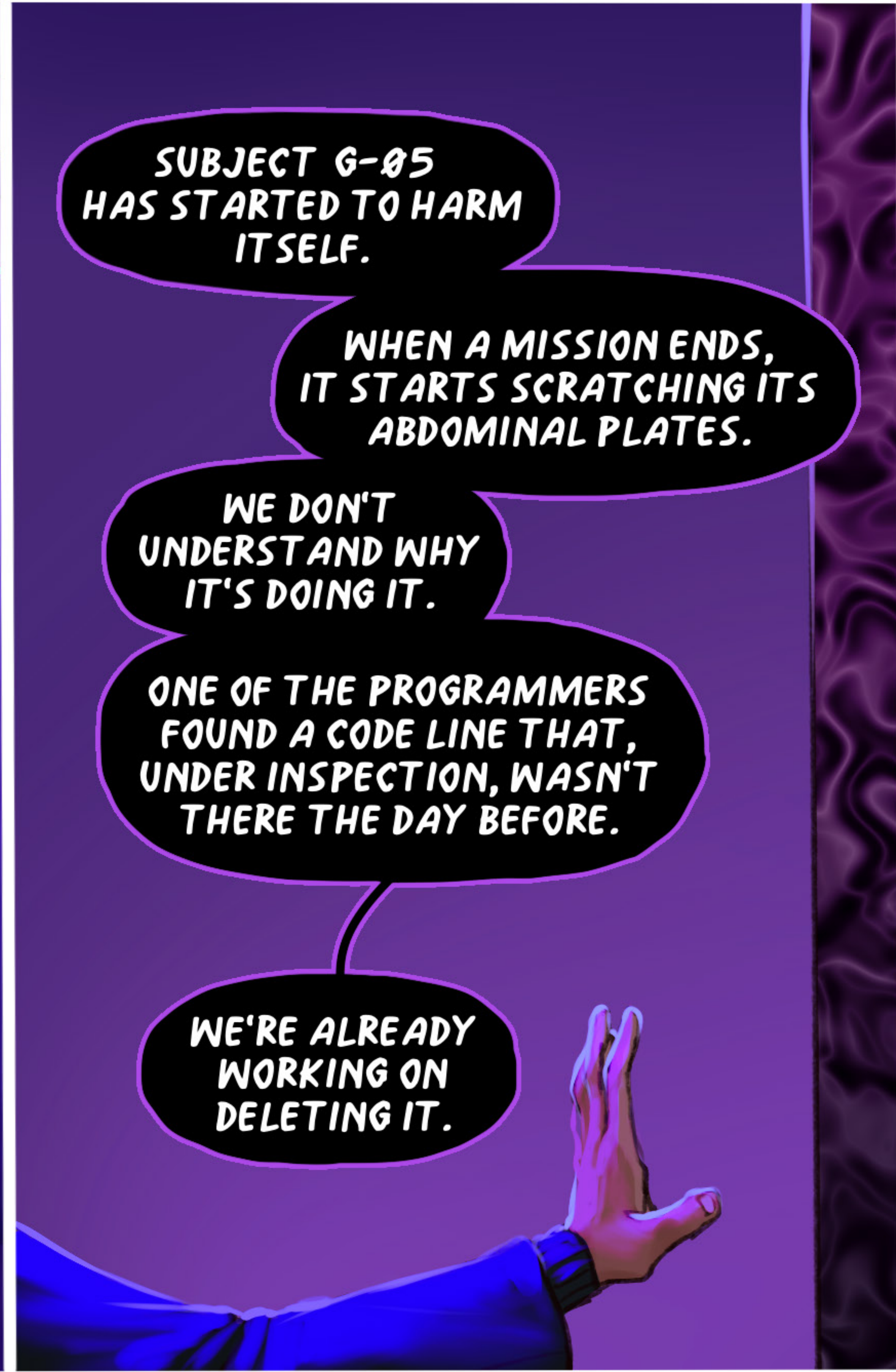
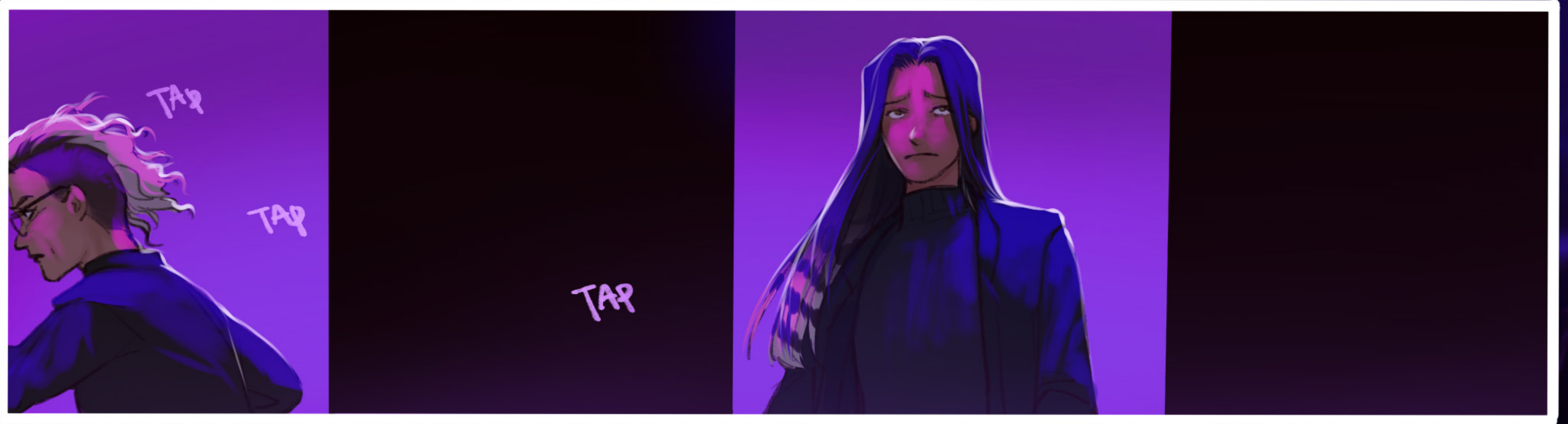












SUBJECT G-05
HAS STARTED TO HARM
ITSELF.

WHEN A MISSION ENDS,
IT STARTS SCRATCHING ITS
ABDOMINAL PLATES.

WE DON'T
UNDERSTAND WHY
IT'S DOING IT.

ONE OF THE PROGRAMMERS
FOUND A CODE LINE THAT,
UNDER INSPECTION, WASN'T
THERE THE DAY BEFORE.

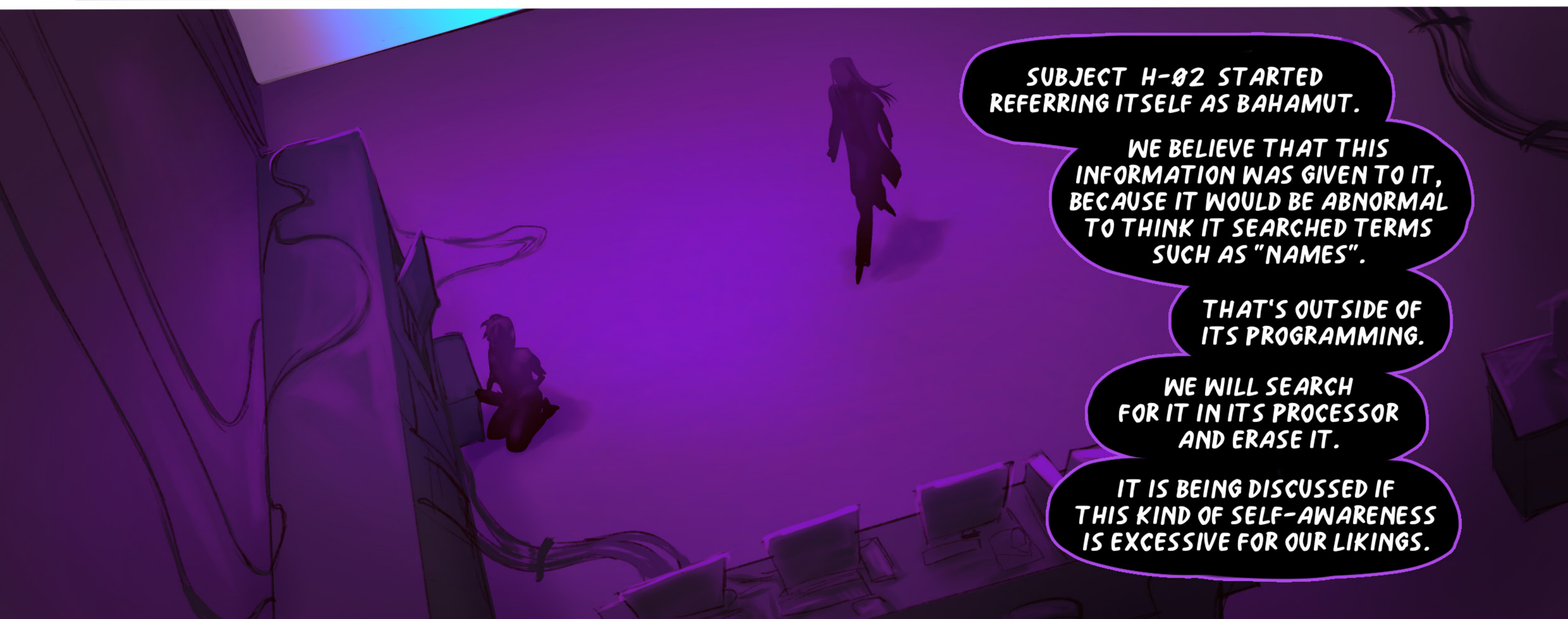
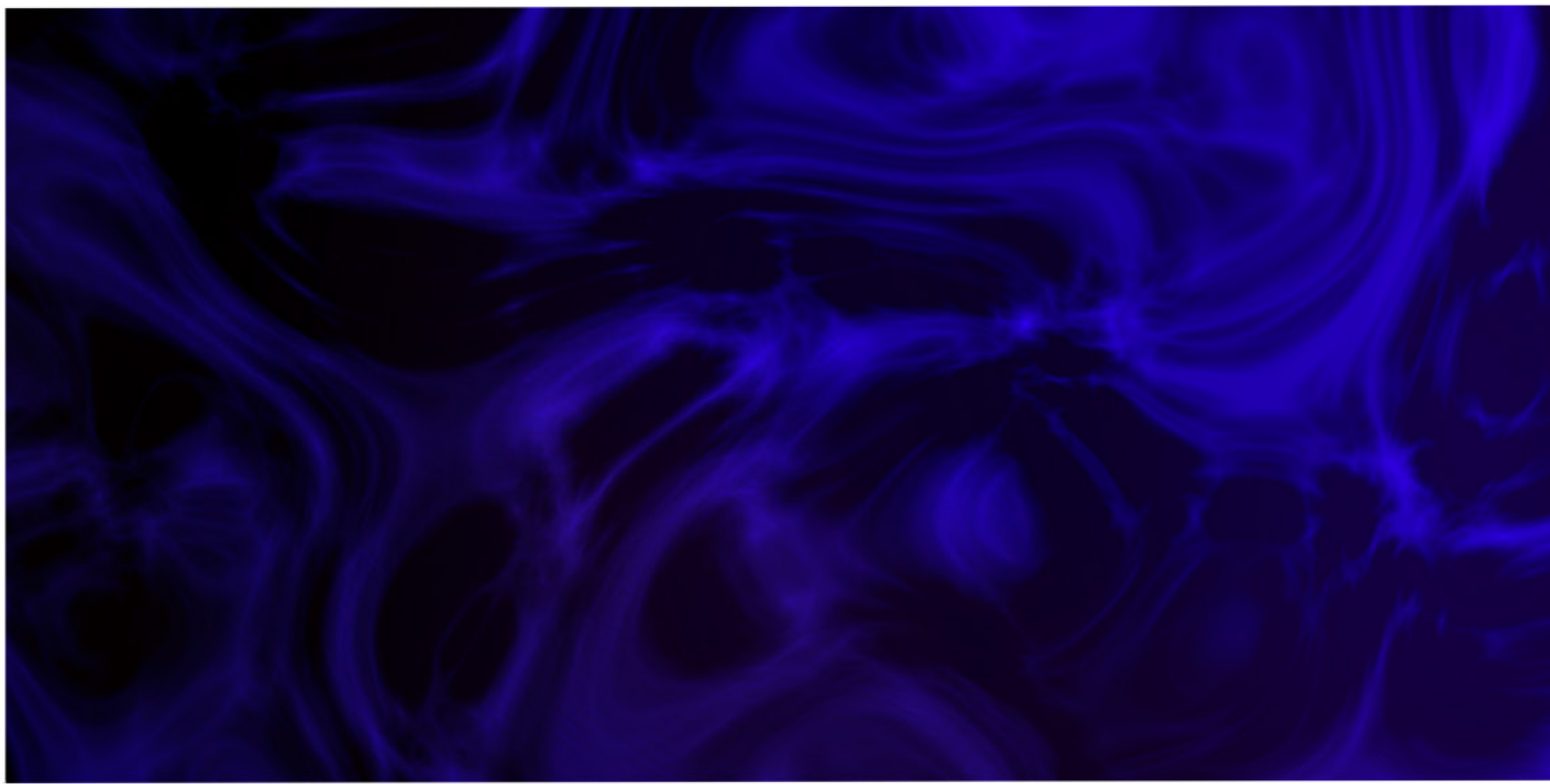
WE'RE ALREADY
WORKING ON
DELETING IT.



THIS IS ALL...
COBALT.

IT'S FRIGHTENING
SEEING THEM SO
BIG AND SOLID.

NOT PLATES
NOR STRUCTURES.



SUBJECT H-02 STARTED
REFERRING ITSELF AS BAHAMUT.

WE BELIEVE THAT THIS
INFORMATION WAS GIVEN TO IT,
BECAUSE IT WOULD BE ABNORMAL
TO THINK IT SEARCHED TERMS
SUCH AS "NAMES".

THAT'S OUTSIDE OF
ITS PROGRAMMING.

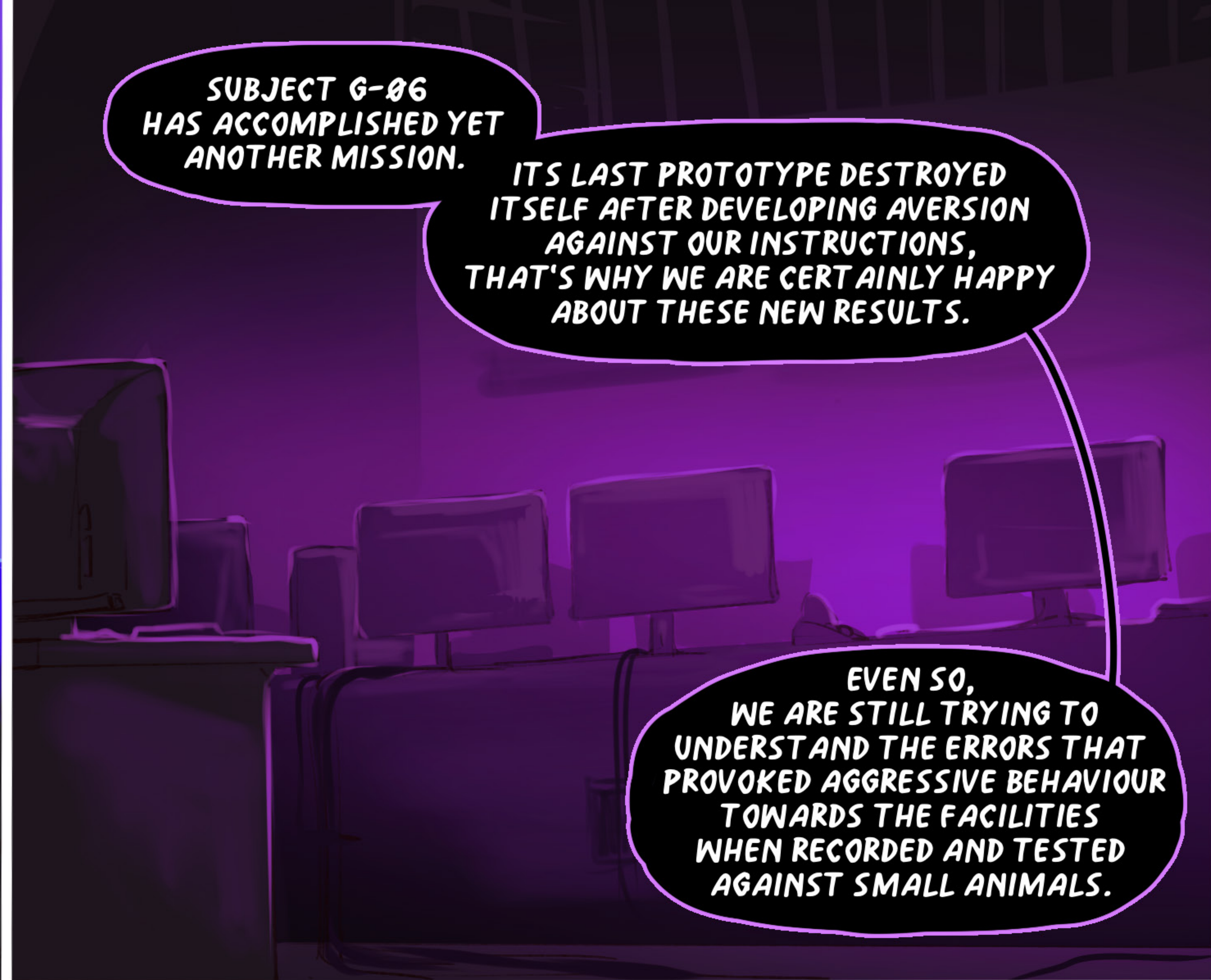
WE WILL SEARCH
FOR IT IN ITS PROCESSOR
AND ERASE IT.

IT IS BEING DISCUSSED IF
THIS KIND OF SELF-AWARENESS
IS EXCESSIVE FOR OUR LIKINGS.



THERE HAS TO BE OTHER METALS OR ALLOYS WITH THE SAME CHARACTERISTICS AS THIS ONE.

AND EASIER TO OBTAIN.



SUBJECT G-06 HAS ACCOMPLISHED YET ANOTHER MISSION.

ITS LAST PROTOTYPE DESTROYED ITSELF AFTER DEVELOPING AVERSION AGAINST OUR INSTRUCTIONS, THAT'S WHY WE ARE CERTAINLY HAPPY ABOUT THESE NEW RESULTS.

EVEN SO, WE ARE STILL TRYING TO UNDERSTAND THE ERRORS THAT PROVOKED AGGRESSIVE BEHAVIOUR TOWARDS THE FACILITIES WHEN RECORDED AND TESTED AGAINST SMALL ANIMALS.

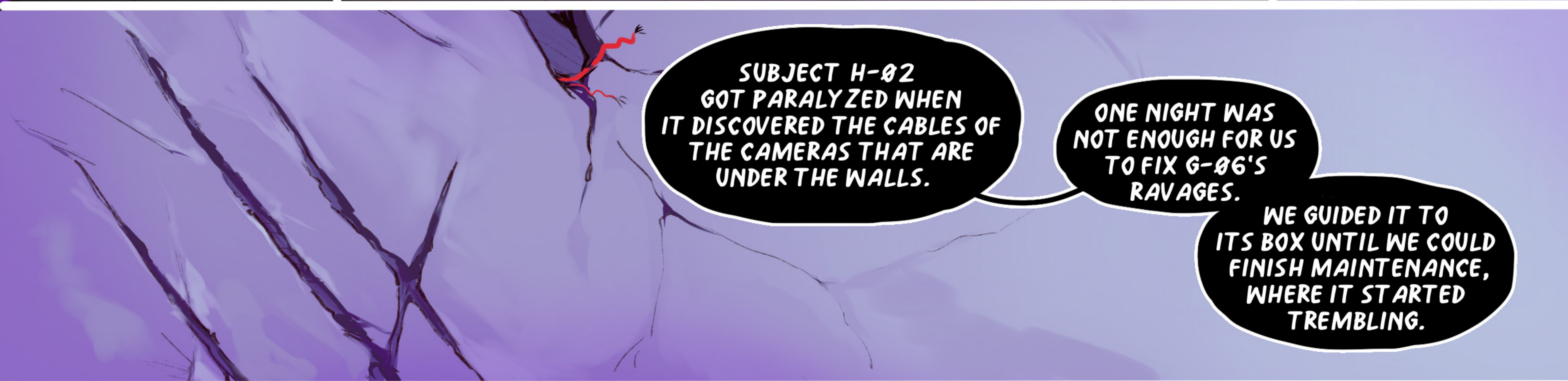


FIGHTING AGAINST A DRAGON IS... AWFULLY CATASTROPHIC.

WE NOMADS KNOW ON FIRST HAND.

WHAT HAPPENED IN OUR LAND WAS...

WELL...



SUBJECT H-02 GOT PARALYZED WHEN IT DISCOVERED THE CABLES OF THE CAMERAS THAT ARE UNDER THE WALLS.

ONE NIGHT WAS NOT ENOUGH FOR US TO FIX G-06'S RAVAGES.

WE GUIDED IT TO ITS BOX UNTIL WE COULD FINISH MAINTENANCE, WHERE IT STARTED TREMBLING.



UGH... I DON'T KNOW.

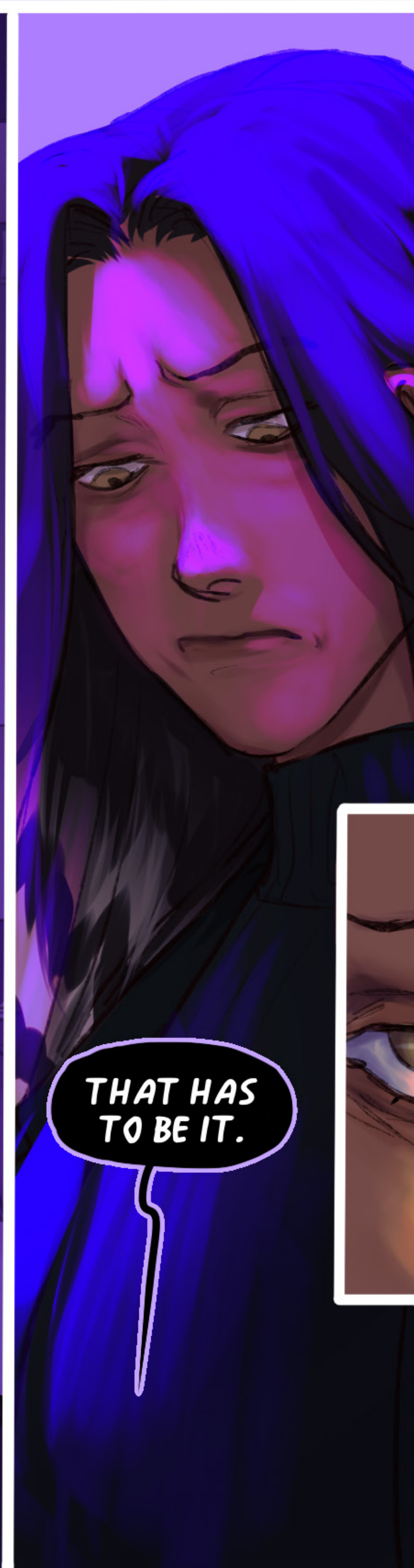
THIS IS SO... WOW. IT'S NOT-

THIS KIND OF SELF-HARMS ARE BEING MORE AND MORE RECURRENT. REMINDS ME OF THOSE PARROTS THAT TEAR OFF THEIR FEATHERS.

COULD THESE ROBOTS FEEL STRESS, THOUGH? THEY'RE NOT MEANT TO...



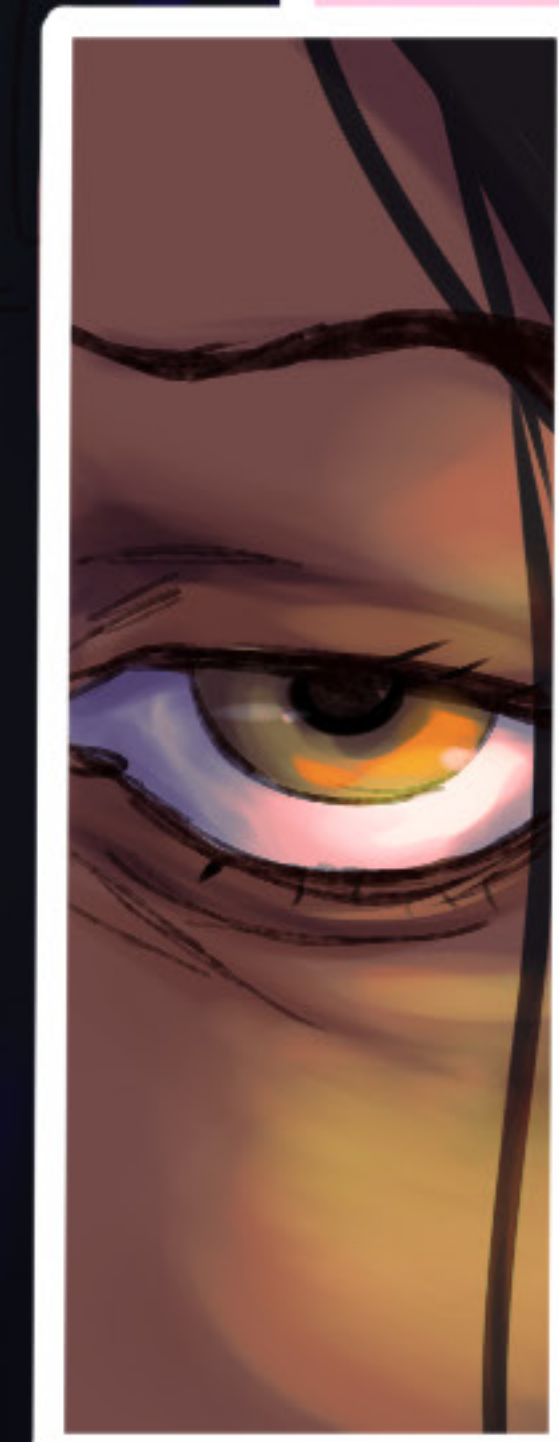
MAYBE IT'S JUST THE PROGRAMMERS. THEY WANT TO SCARE US WITH SOME RANDOM SHIT NOW AND THEN.



THAT HAS TO BE IT.



BESIDES, THEY'RE GETTING THE JOB WELL DONE, AND THAT'S WHAT'S MOST IMPORTANT.

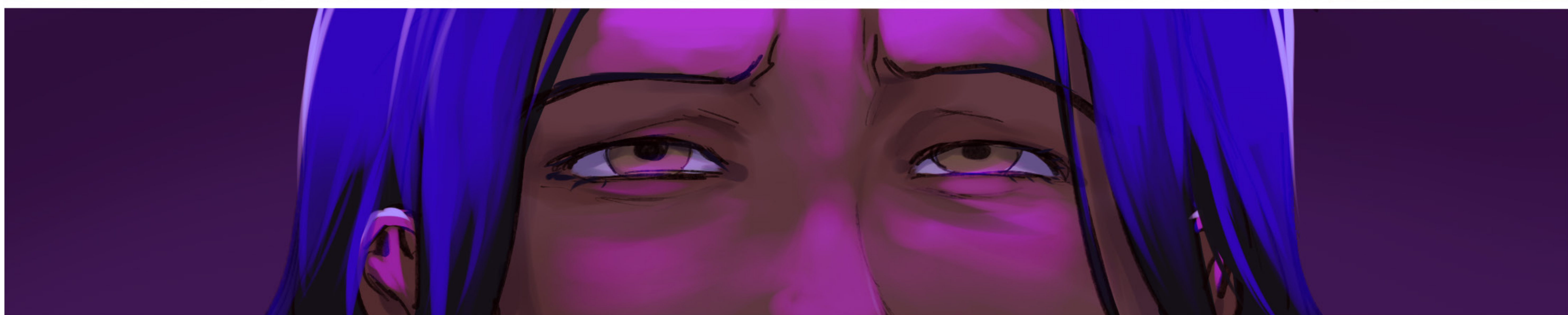
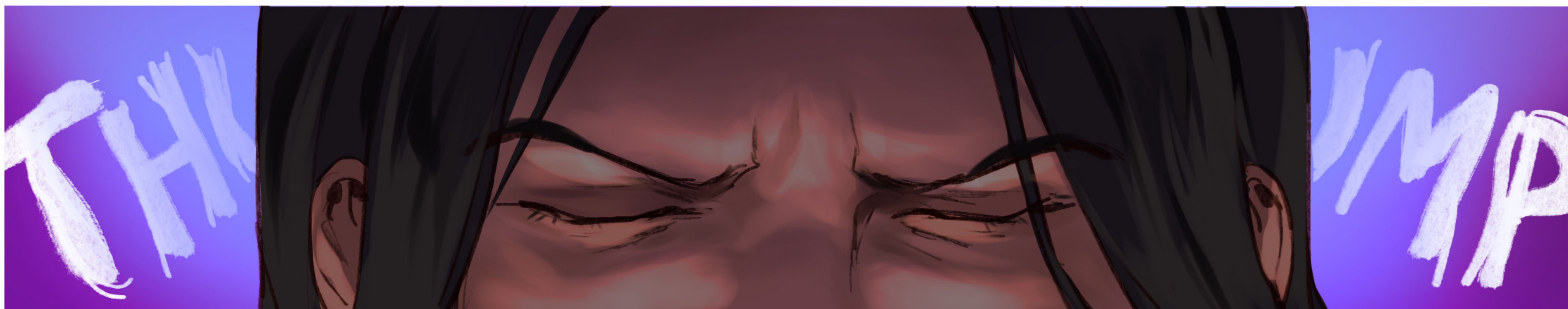














FOUND THEM!



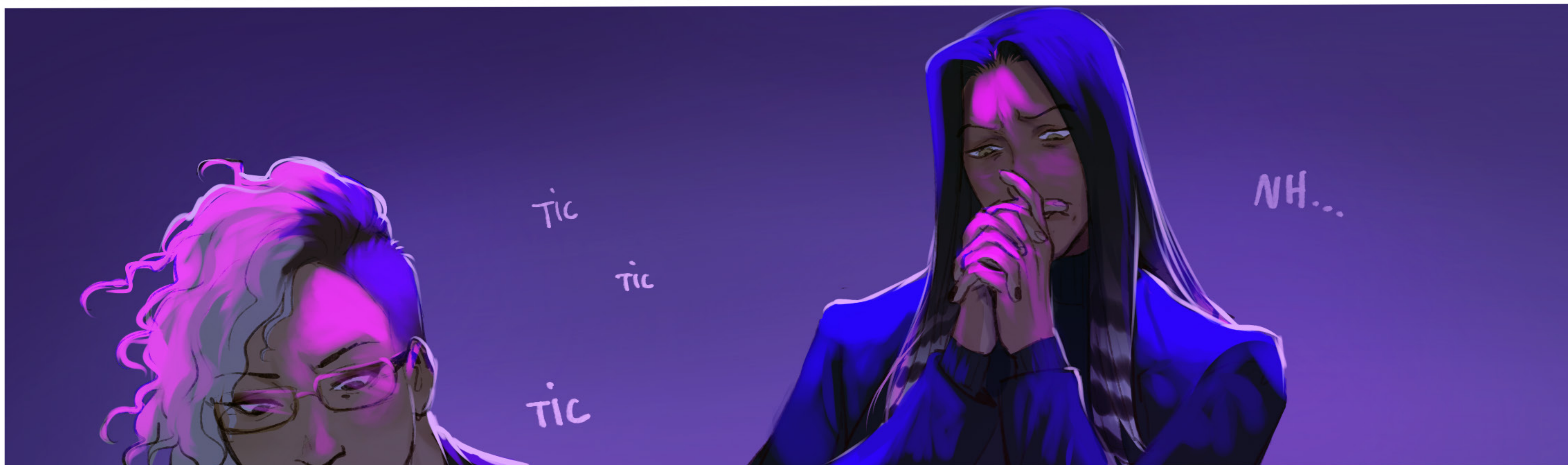
DOWNLOADING THEM NOW.

C'MON ORION. WE DID IT!



Y-YES.

YES!



TIC

TIC

TIC

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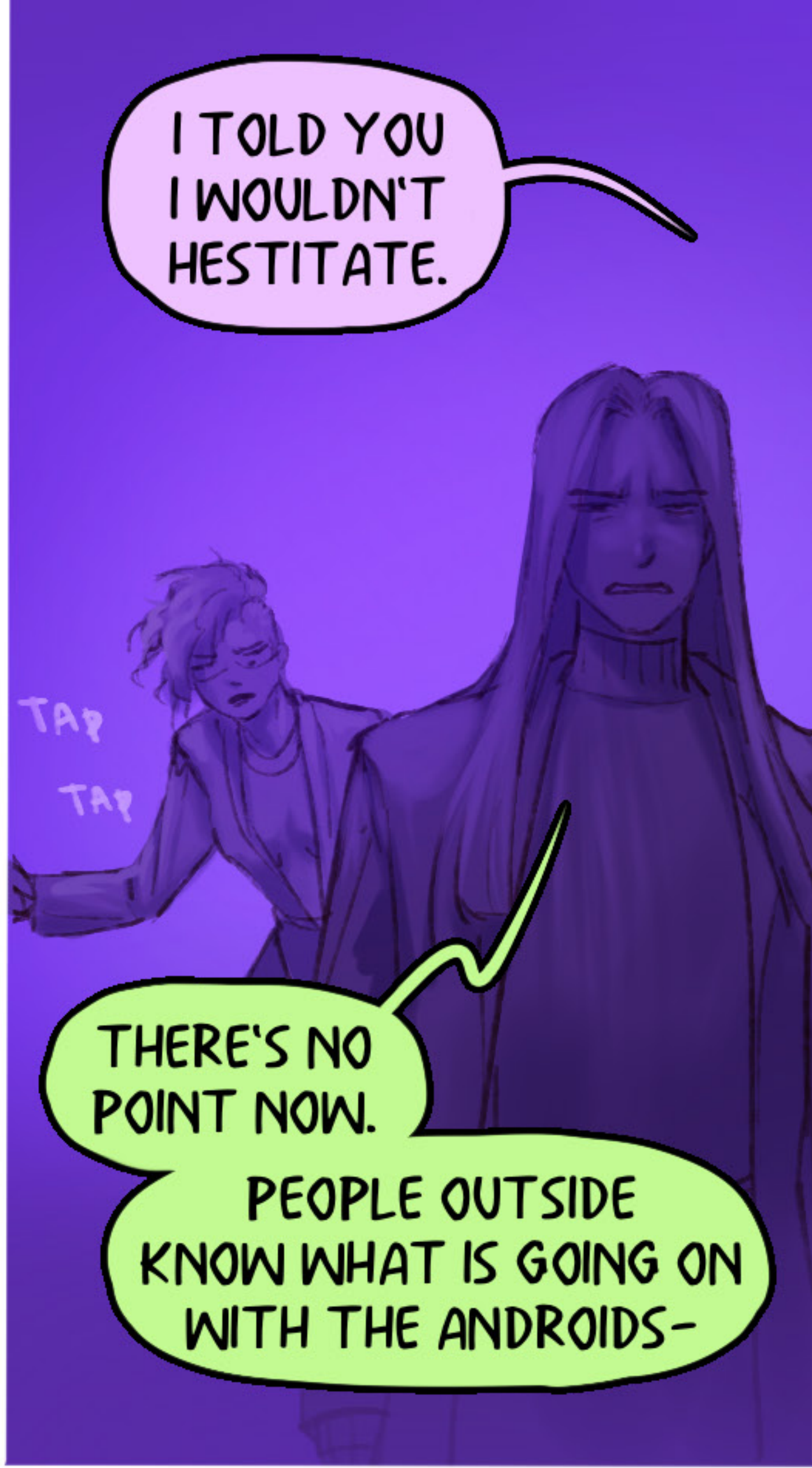


WHAT A HAPPY COINCIDENCE.



YOU BETTER
DRAW OFF THAT
THING.

FOR YOUR
SAFETY.



I TOLD YOU
I WOULDN'T
HESSITATE.

THERE'S NO
POINT NOW.

PEOPLE OUTSIDE
KNOW WHAT IS GOING ON
WITH THE ANDROIDS-



AH!



SHUT UP.

JUST.

SHUT UP.



...I WON'T SHOOT YOU,
BUT ONLY IF YOU LEAVE
THAT ALONE.



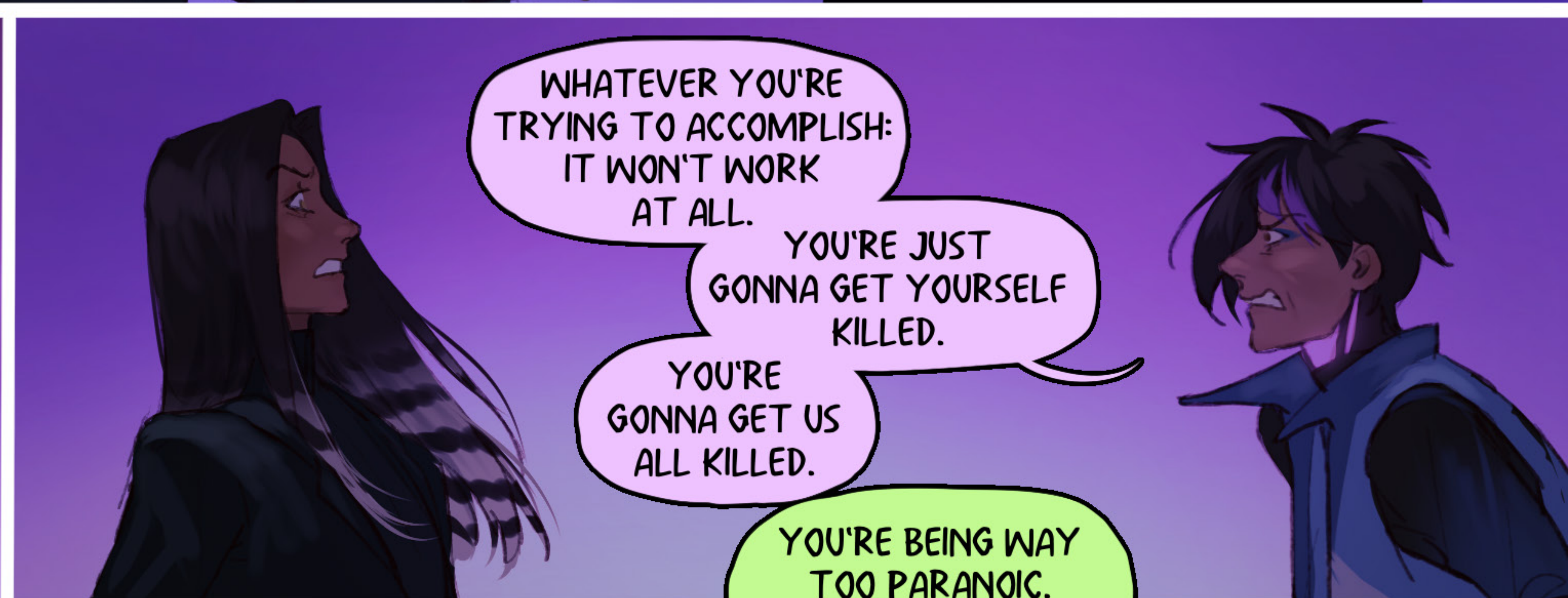
YOU CAN'T
GET AWAY
WITH THIS.

PLEASE.
LET ME HAVE
THIS.

THIS IS
THE BEST FOR
BOTH OF US.

YOU CAN'T
DO THIS.

THIS THING.



WHATEVER YOU'RE
TRYING TO ACCOMPLISH:
IT WON'T WORK
AT ALL.

YOU'RE JUST
GONNA GET YOURSELF
KILLED.

YOU'RE
GONNA GET US
ALL KILLED.

YOU'RE BEING WAY
TOO PARANOIC.
NOBODY IS
GOING TO DIE-



ARE YOU
THAT FUCKING
CRAZY?

OF COURSE
WE'RE GONNA.
WE'LL BE
MURDERED.

DON'T YOU
UNDERSTAND?

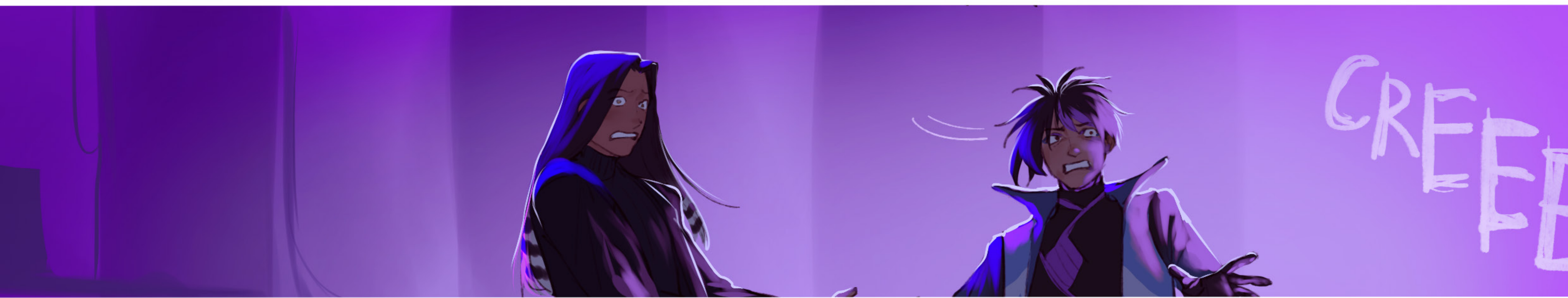
THEY'LL FIND US,
MY BOSSES.

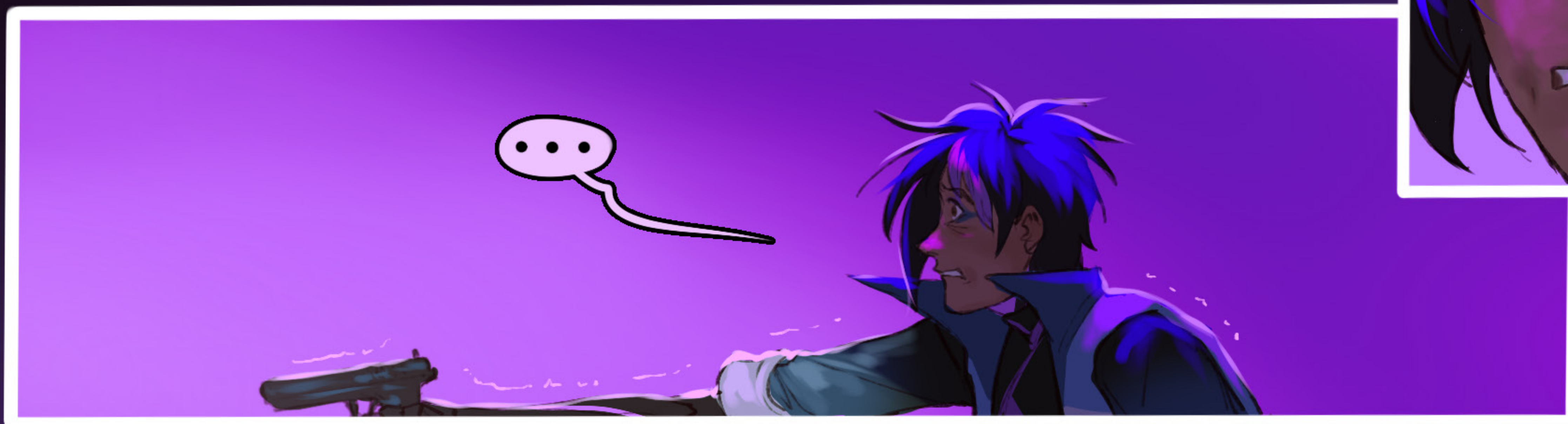


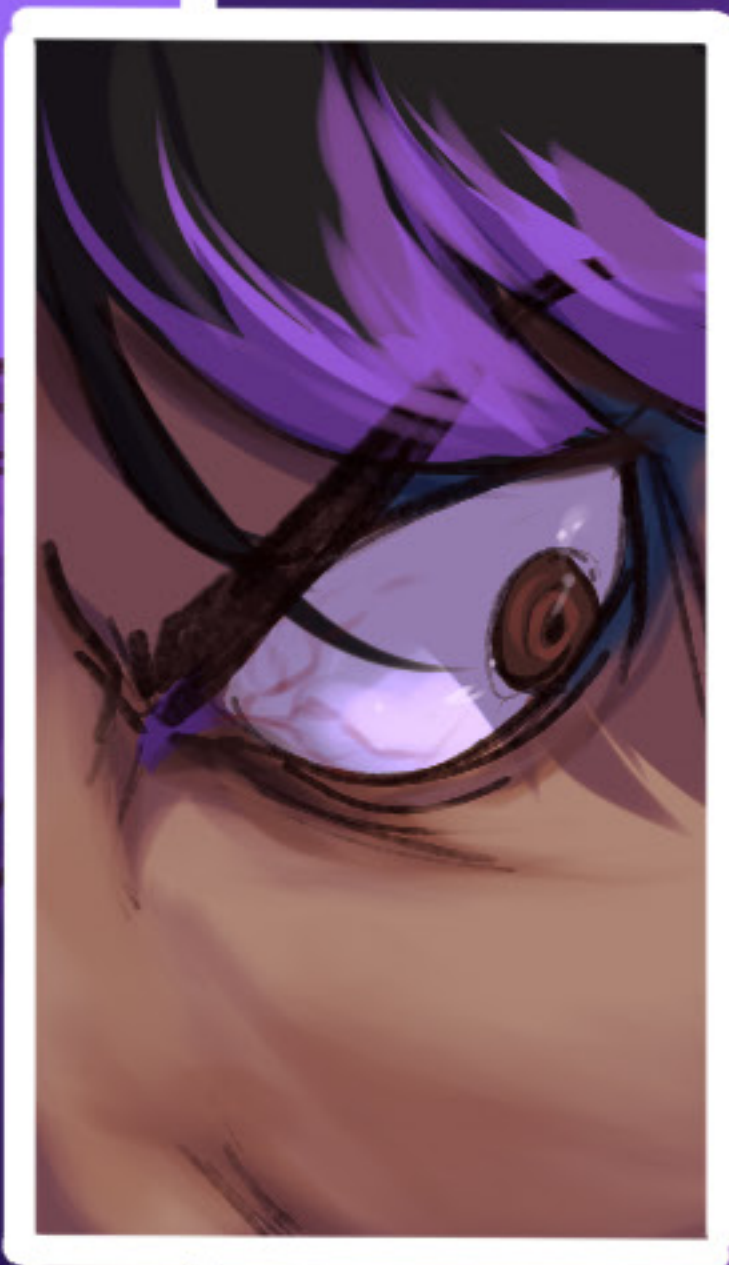
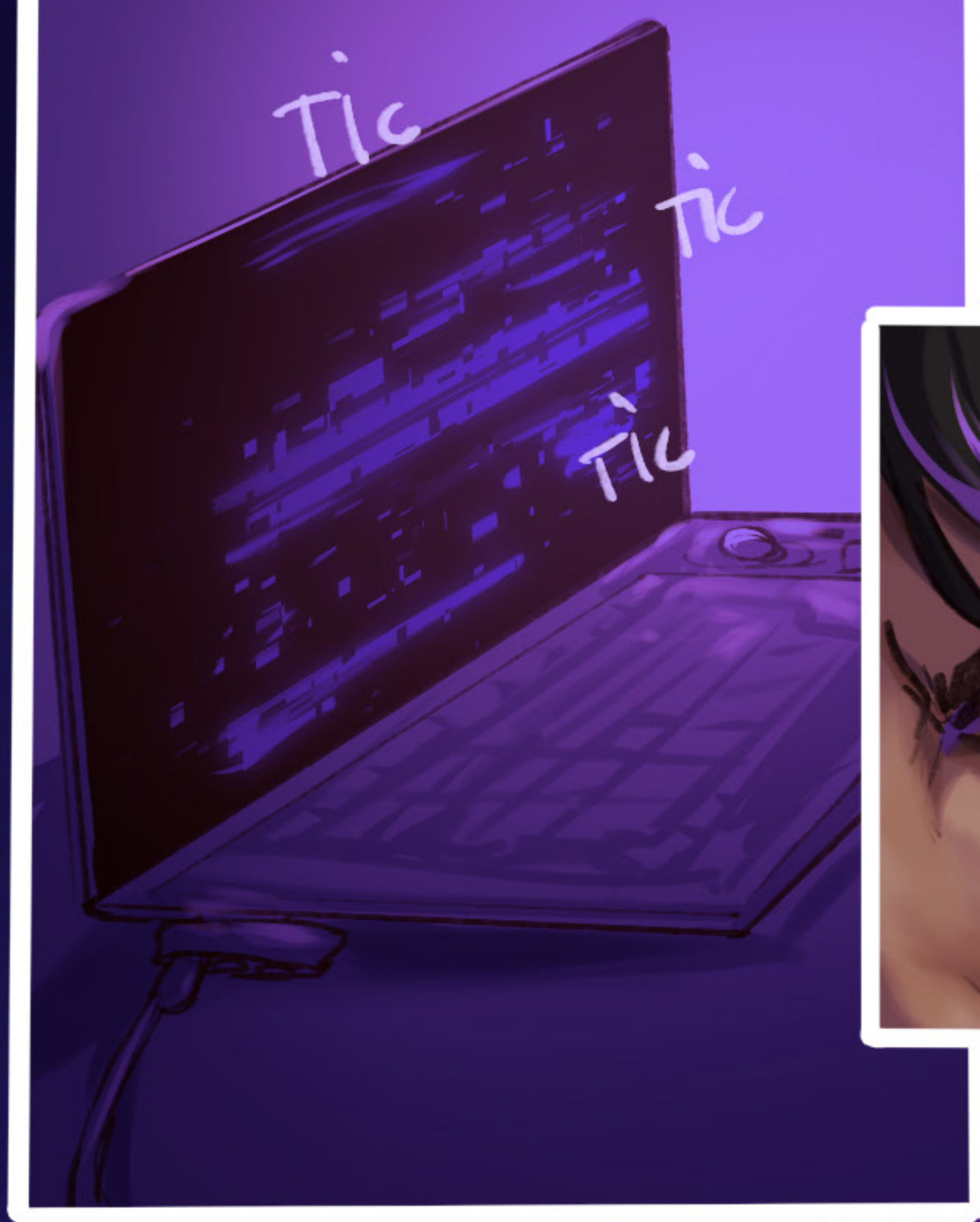
IF YOU GET AWAY WITH THIS
THEY WON'T PAY FOR THEIR CRIMES,
WE'LL BE THE ONES CHASED AND BURIED
5 FEET UNDER THE GROUND.

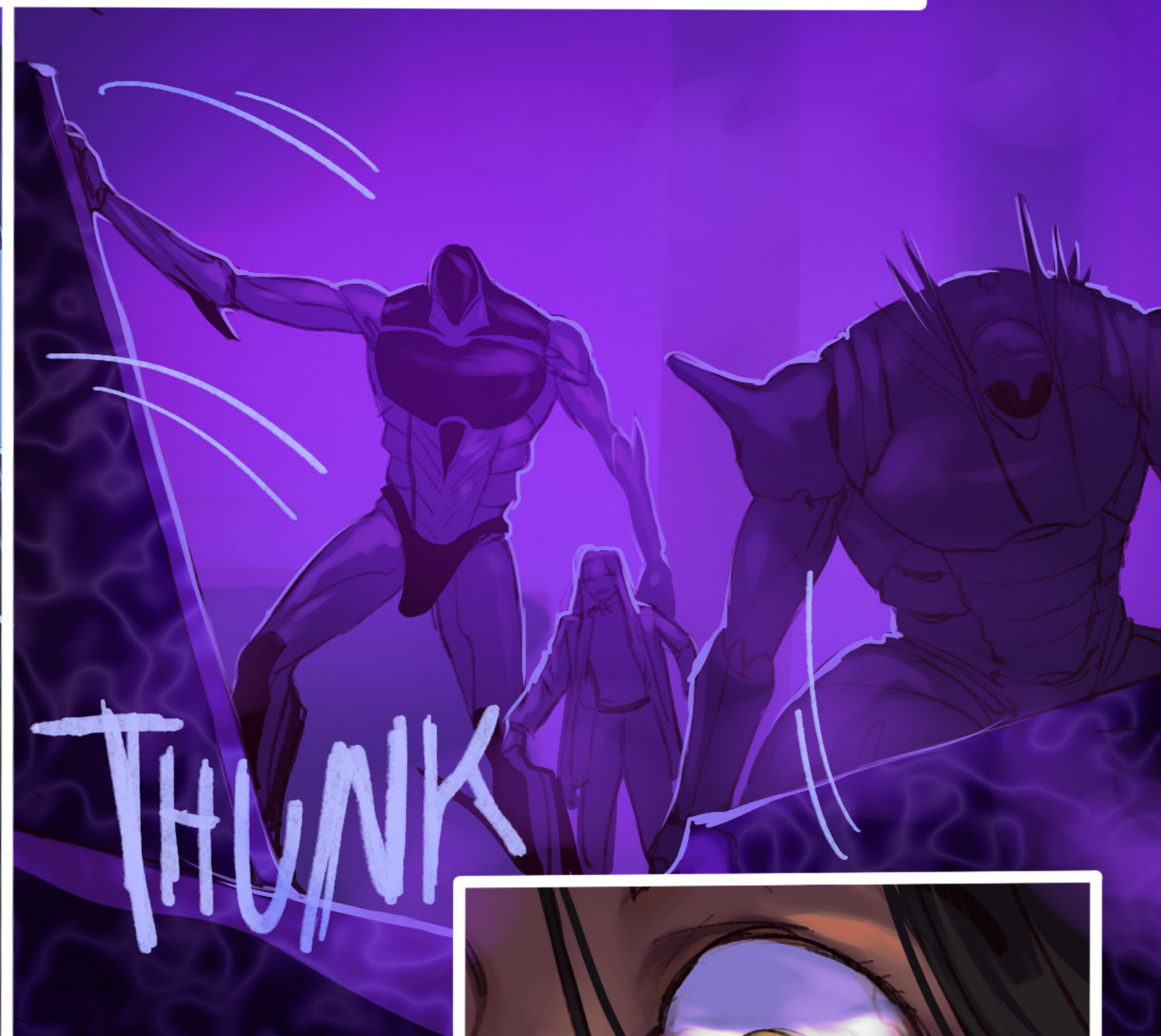
YOU'RE NOT
PLAYING AGAINST THEM;
BUT AGAINST THEIR
POWER.

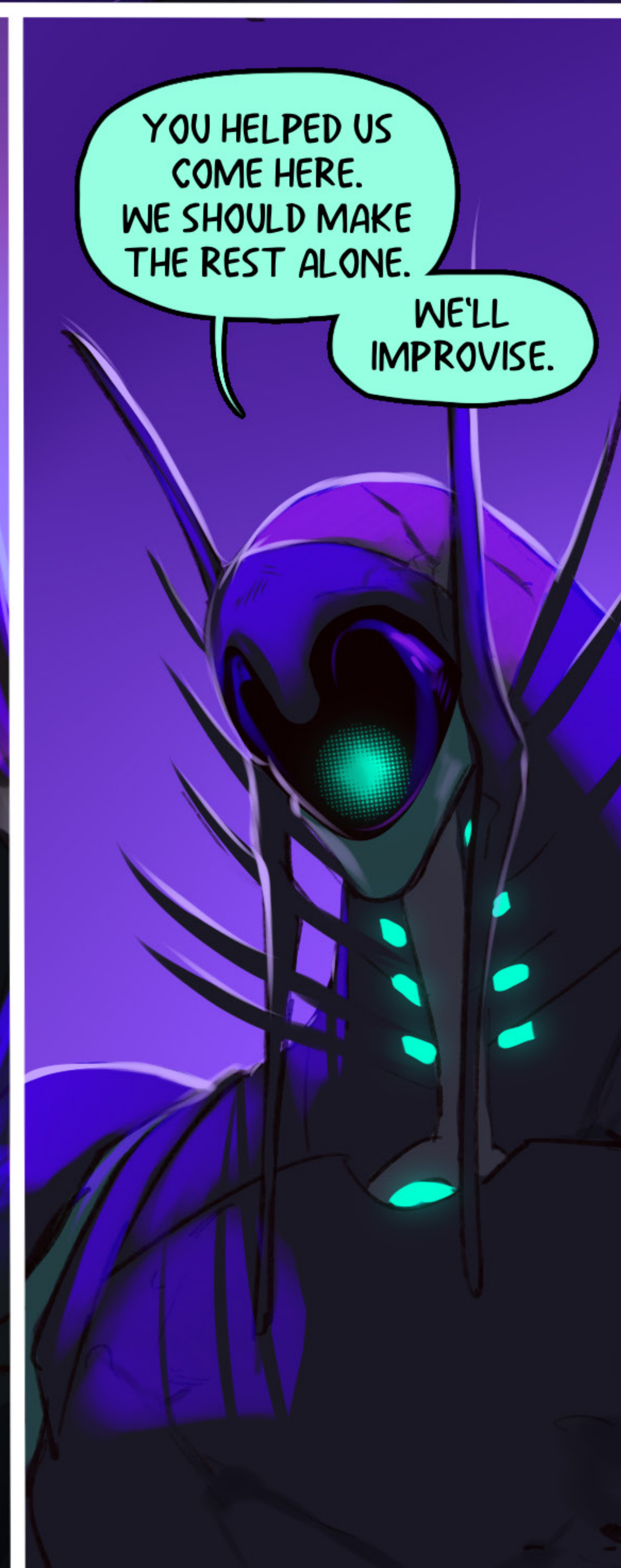
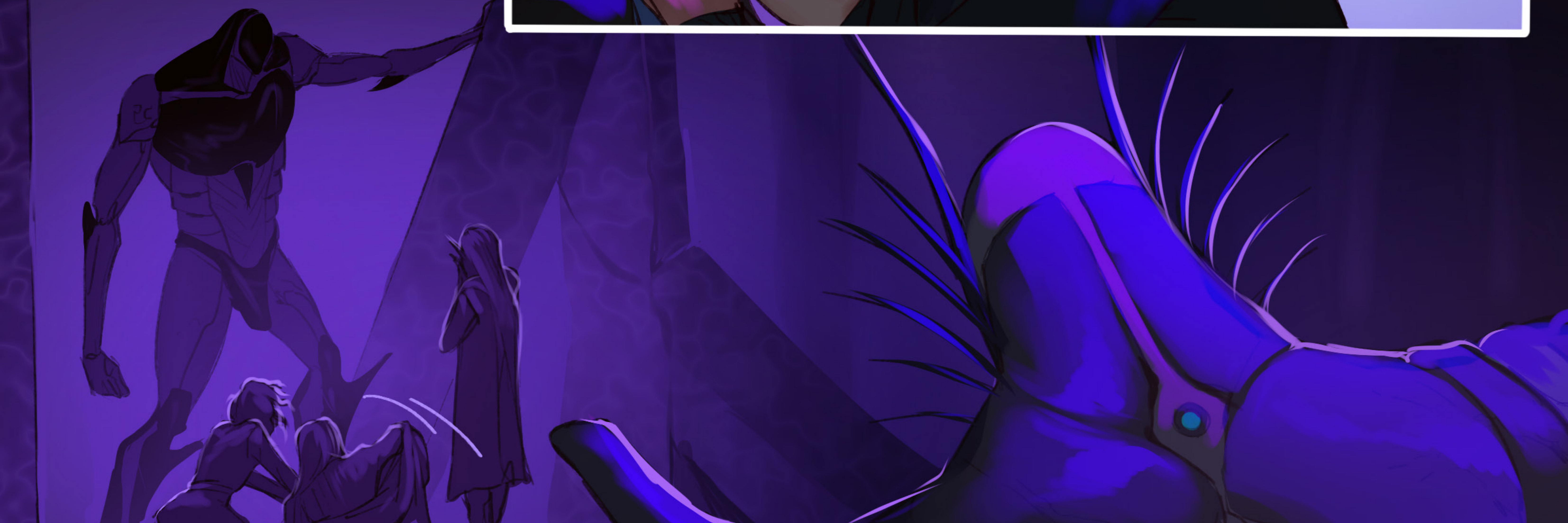
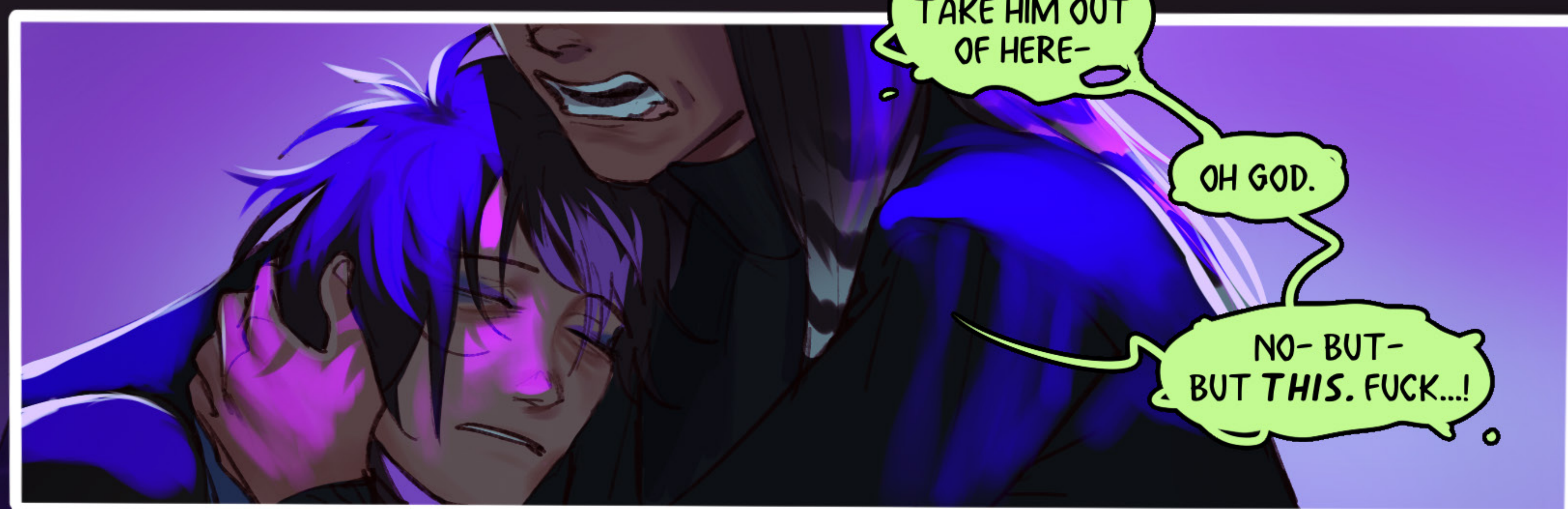
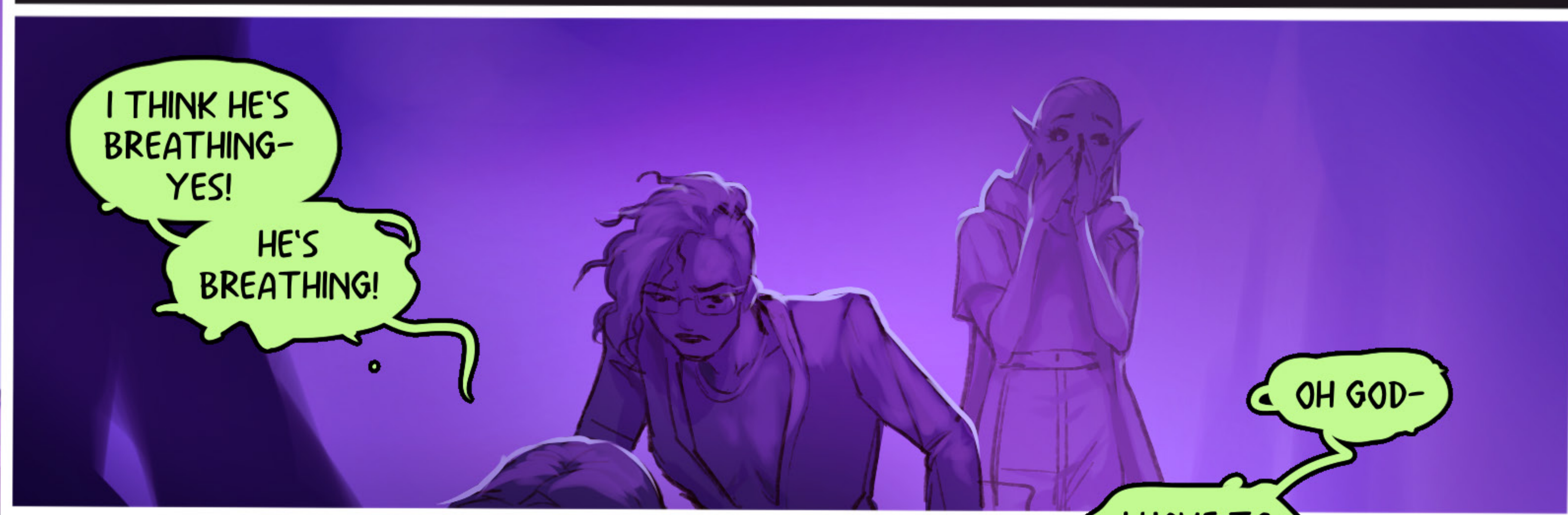
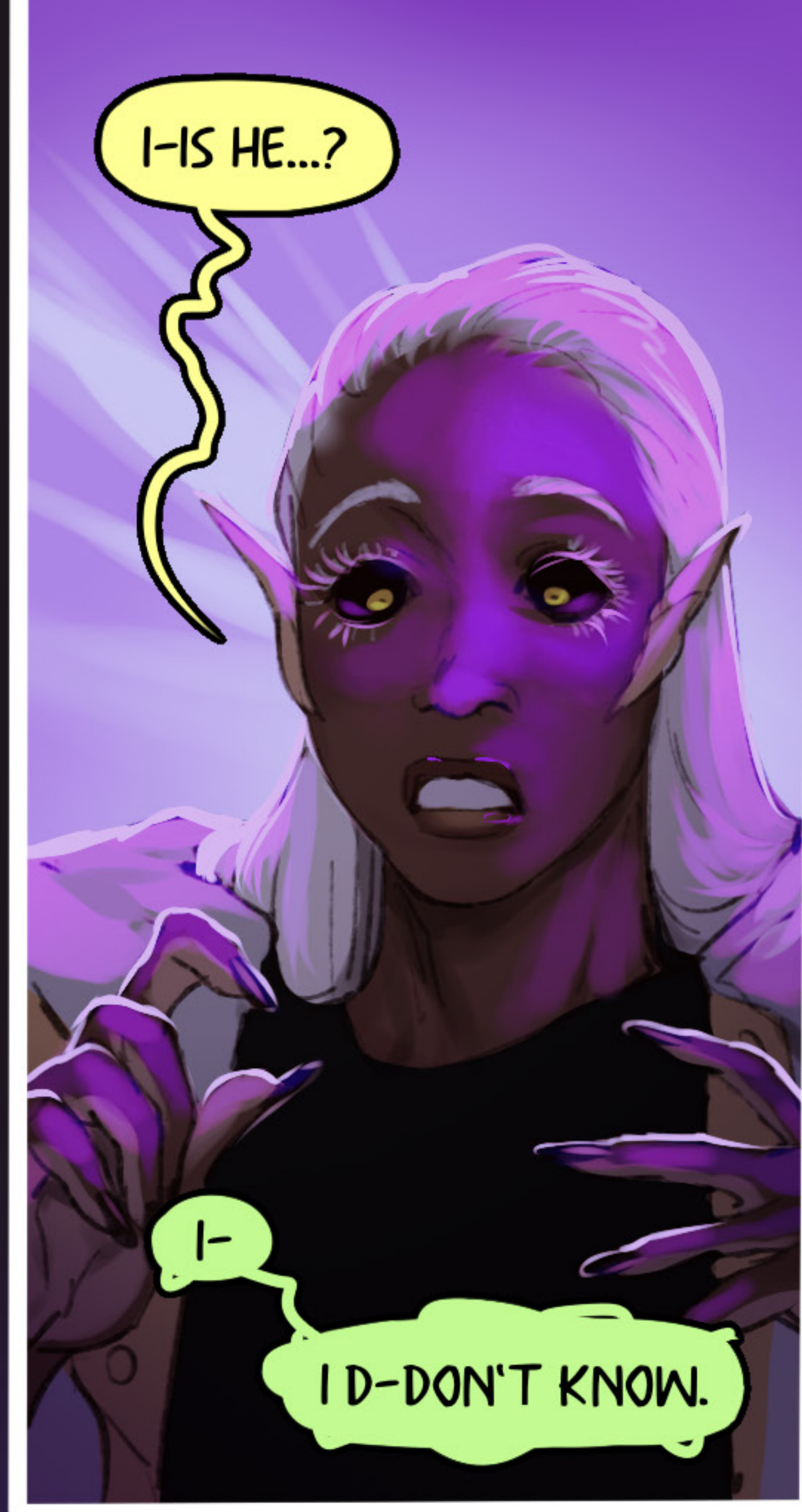
YOU HAVE NO IDEA WHAT
THEY'RE CAPABLE OF!







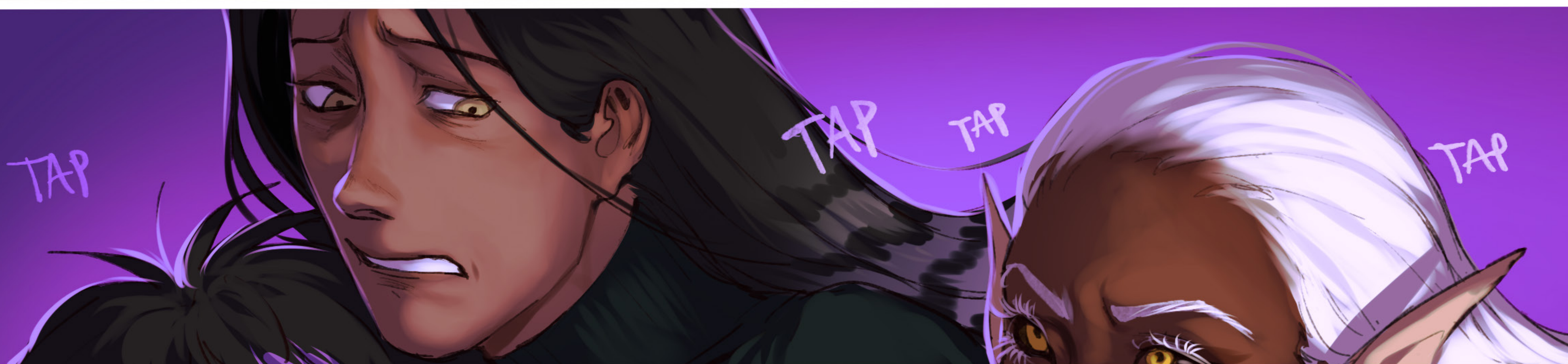
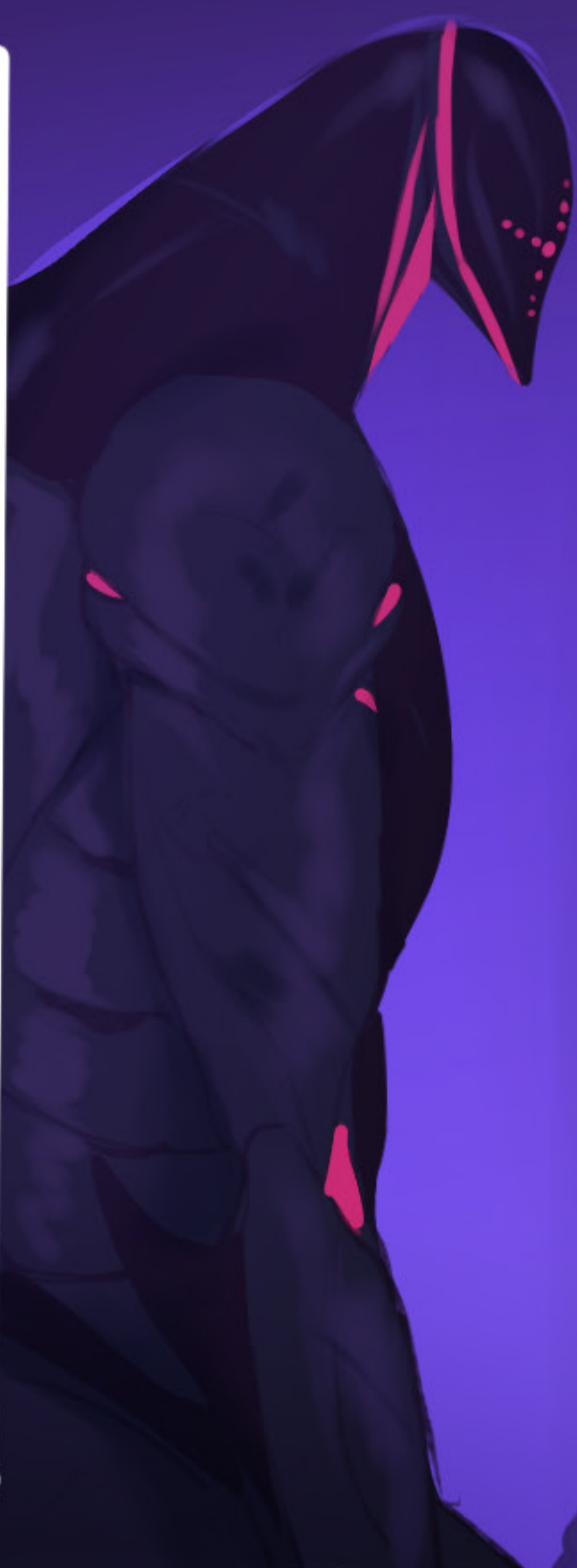
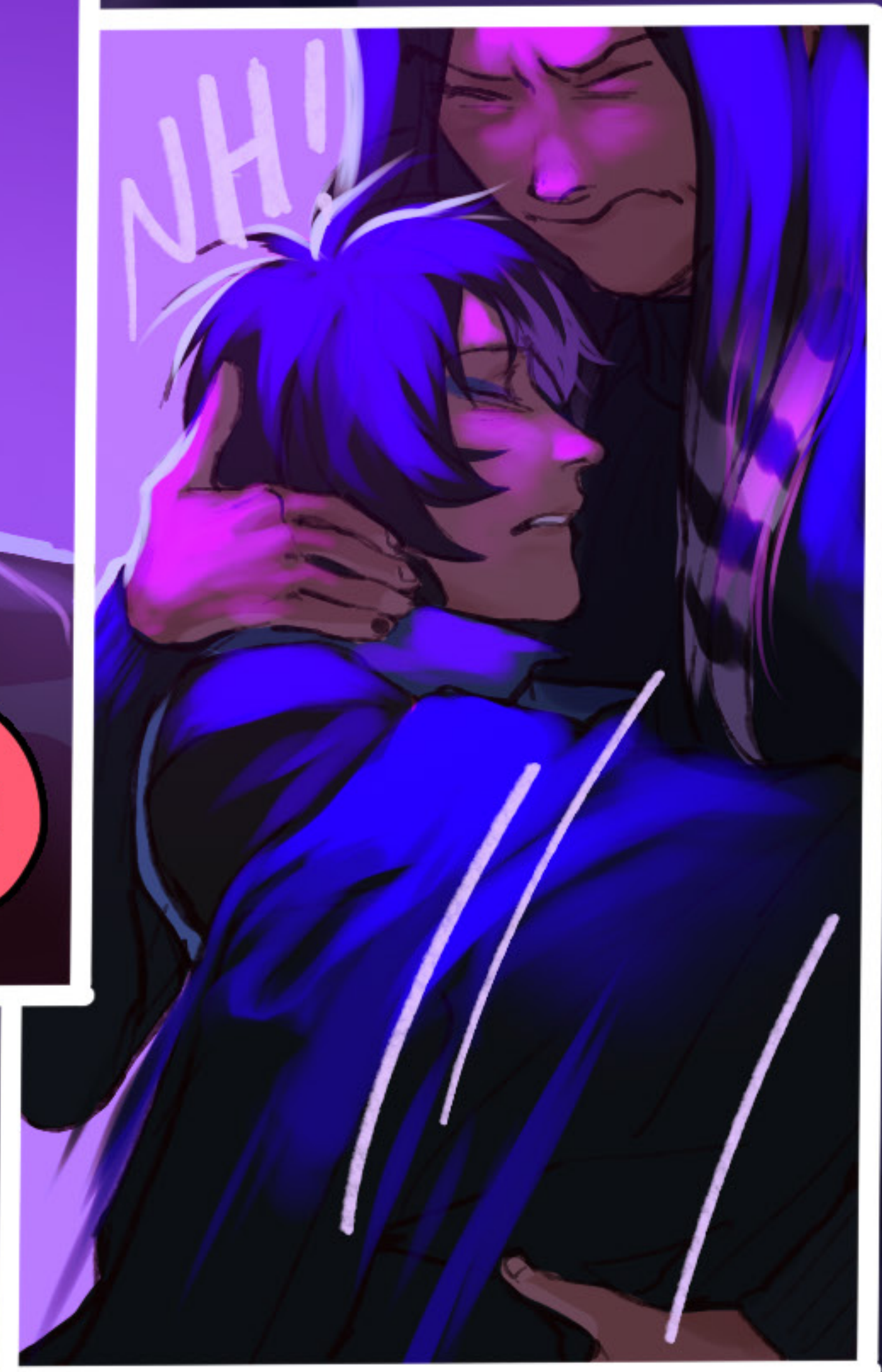






...GO NOW.

DO NOT LET
ANYTHING HAPPEN
TO HIM.



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DOLL....

YOU SHOULD
STAY WITH THEM.

WE'LL
BE FINE.

I TRUST
THEM.

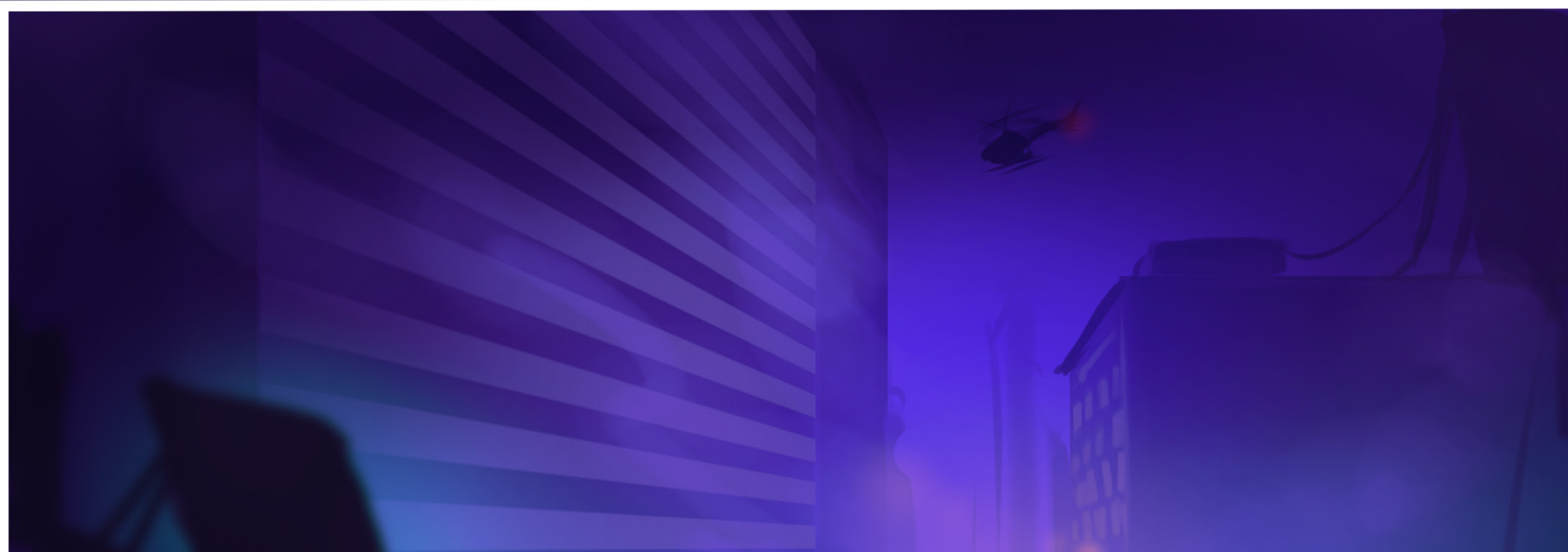
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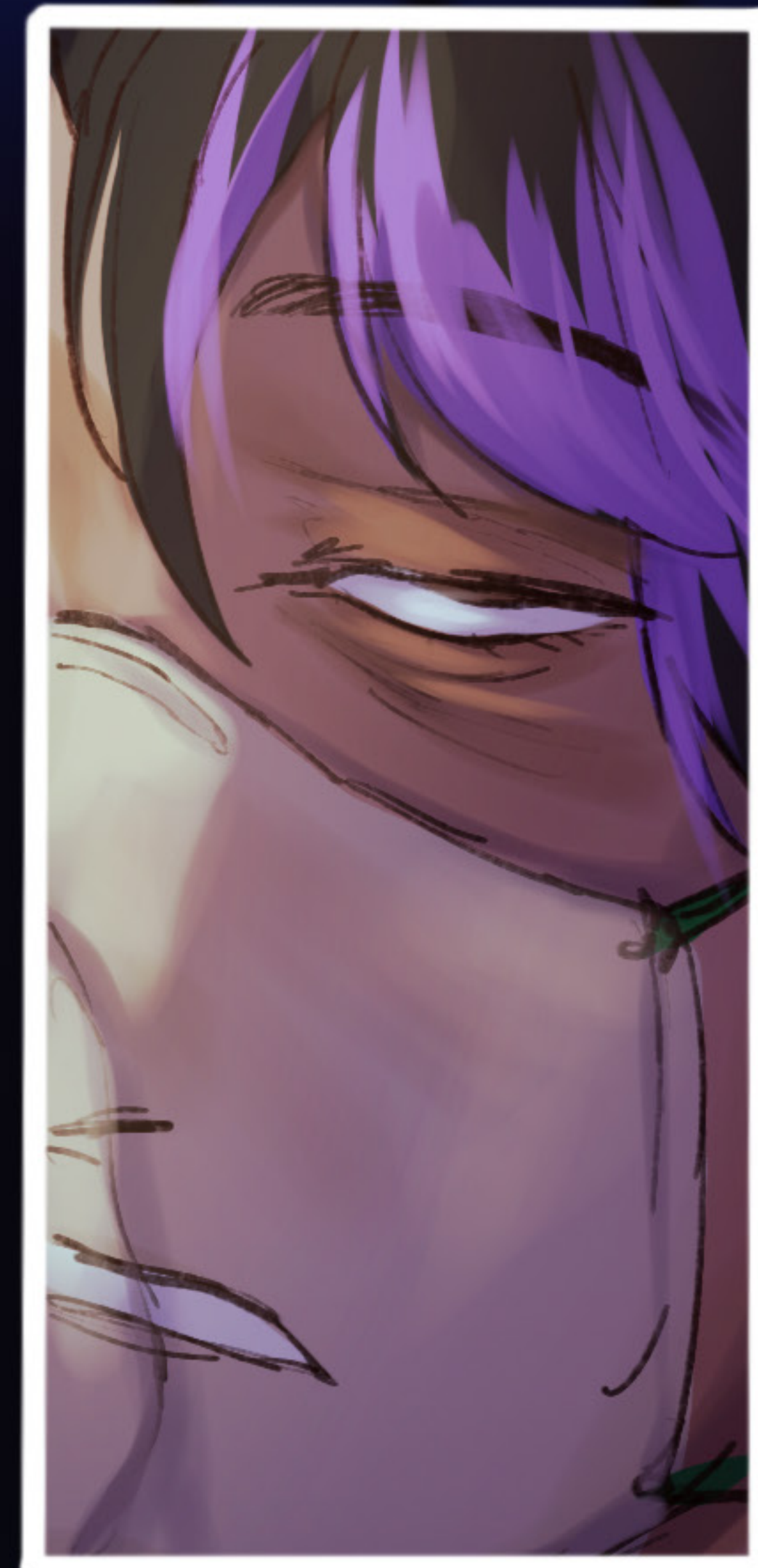
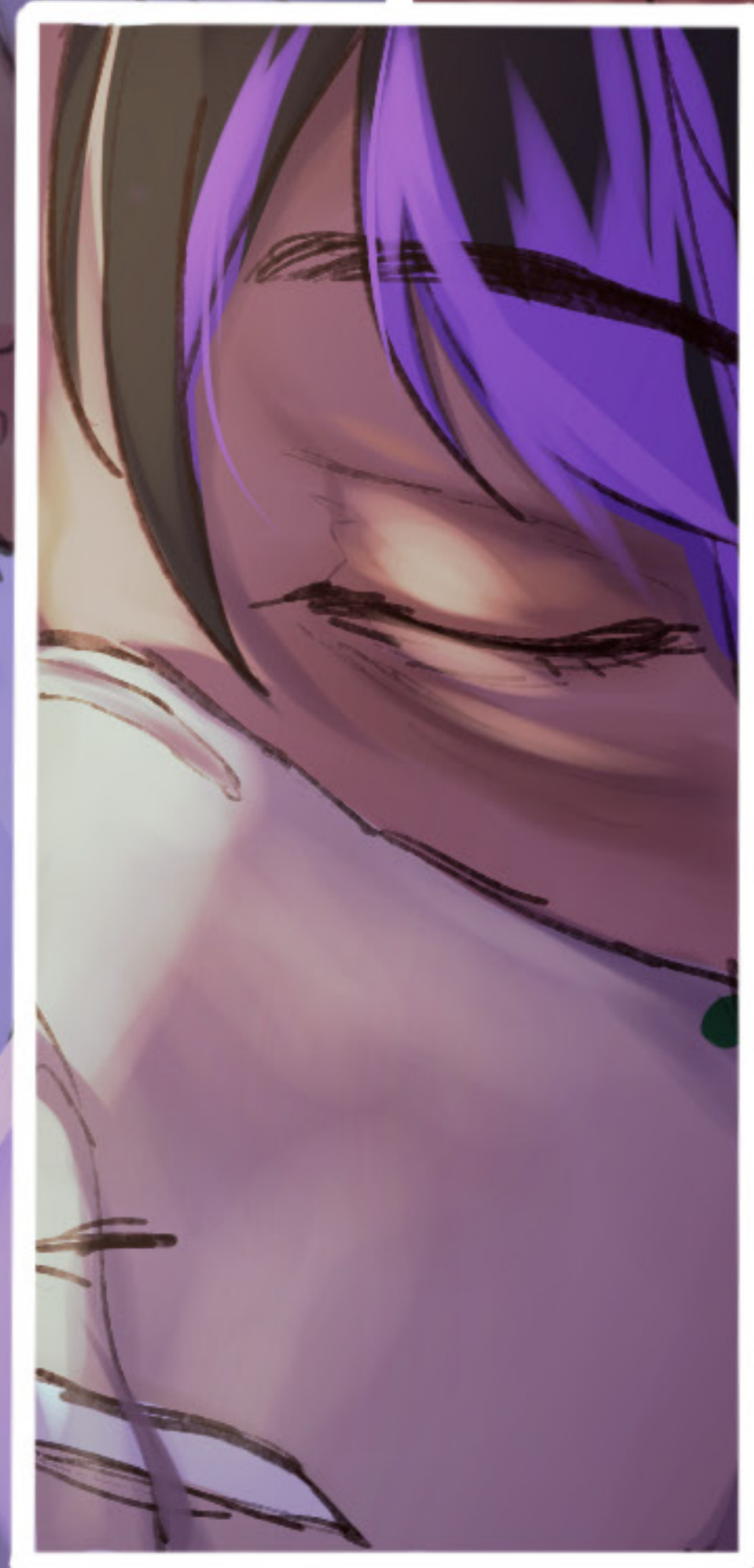
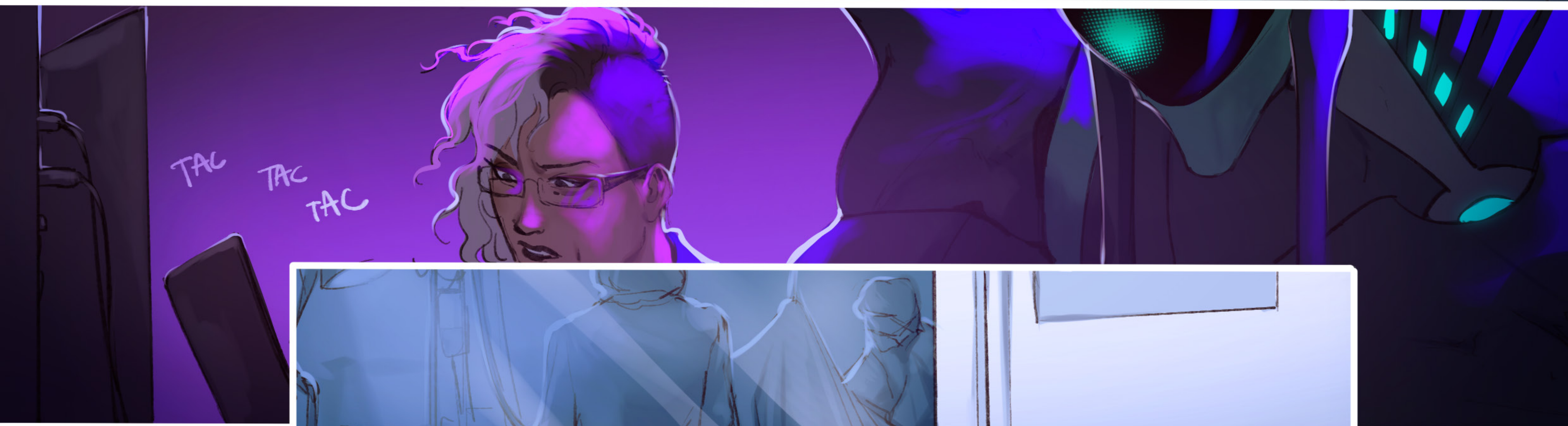
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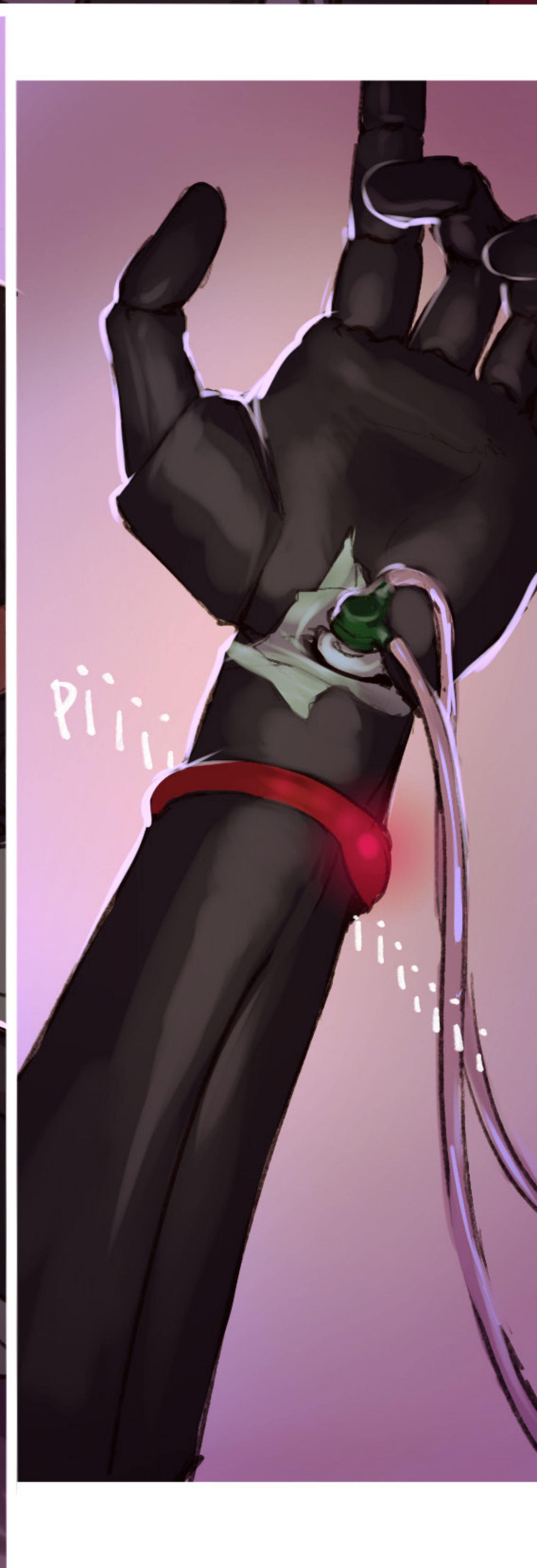
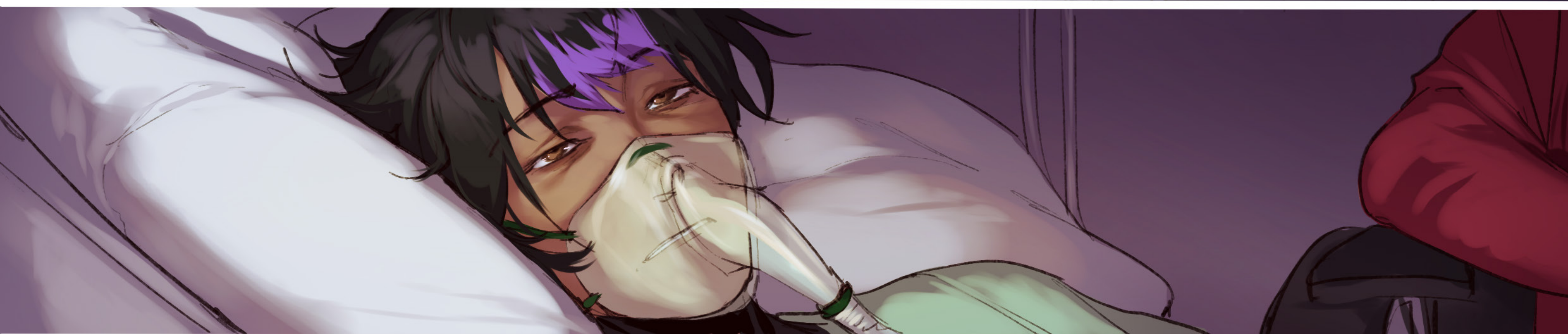
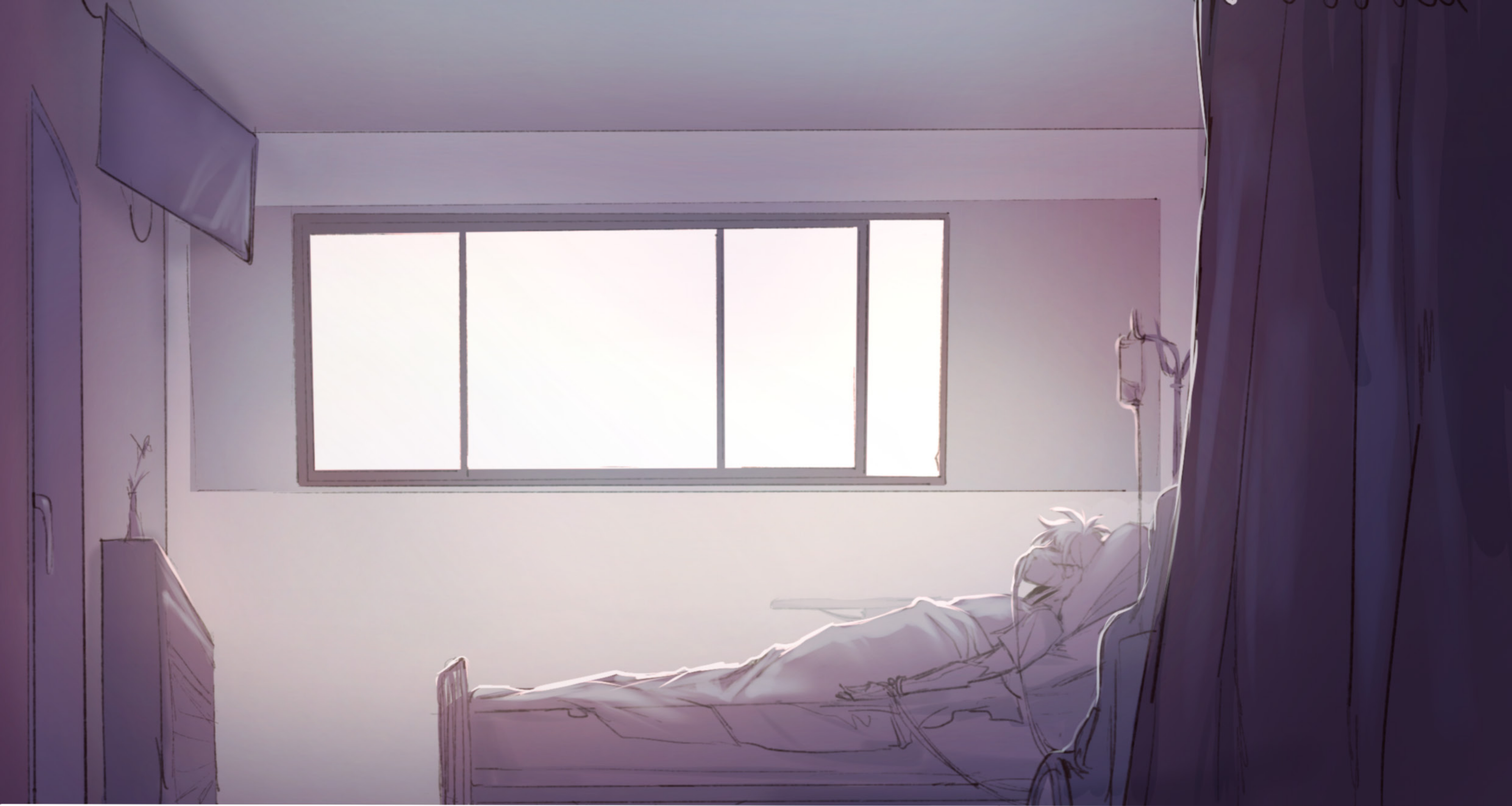
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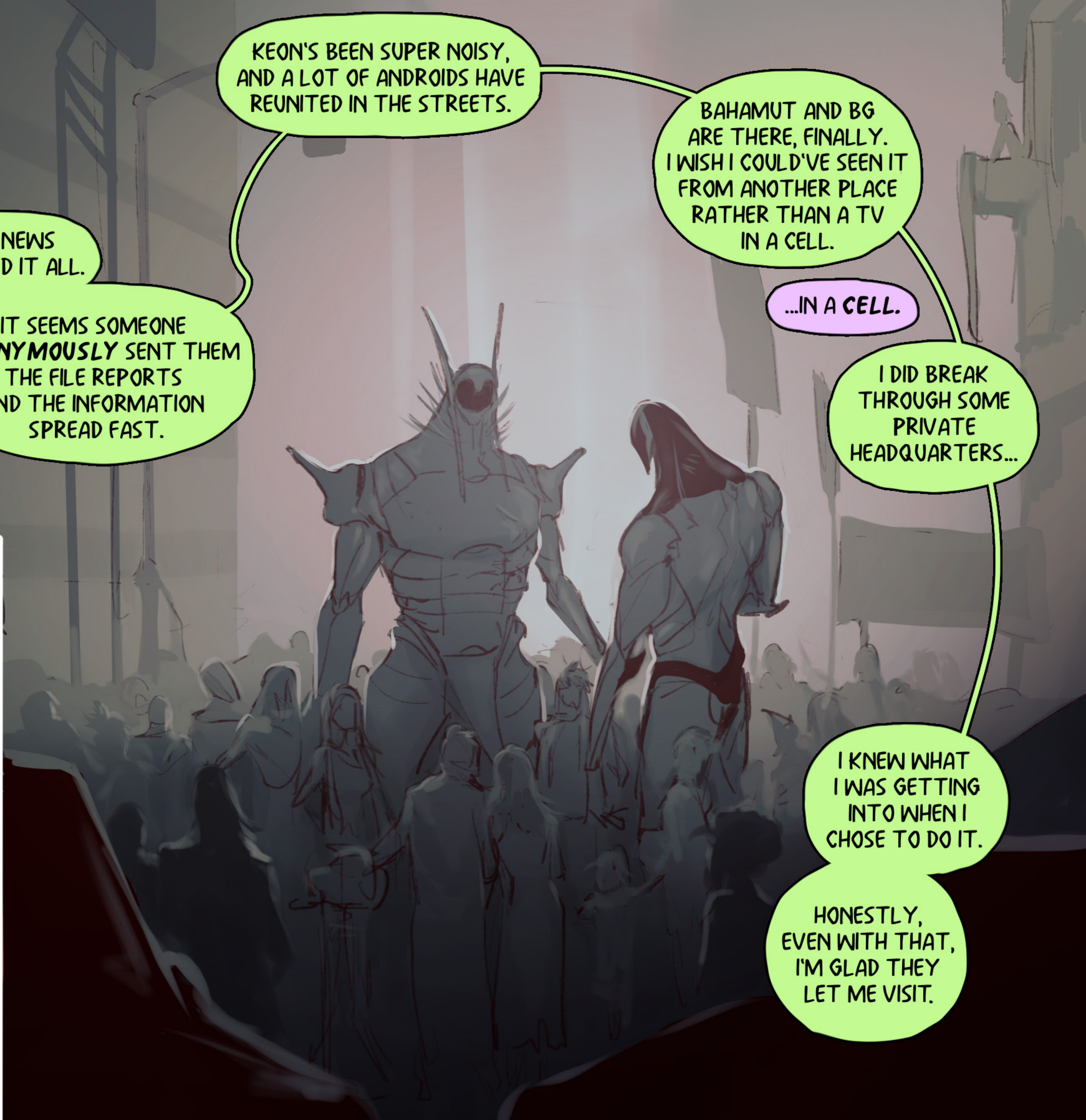
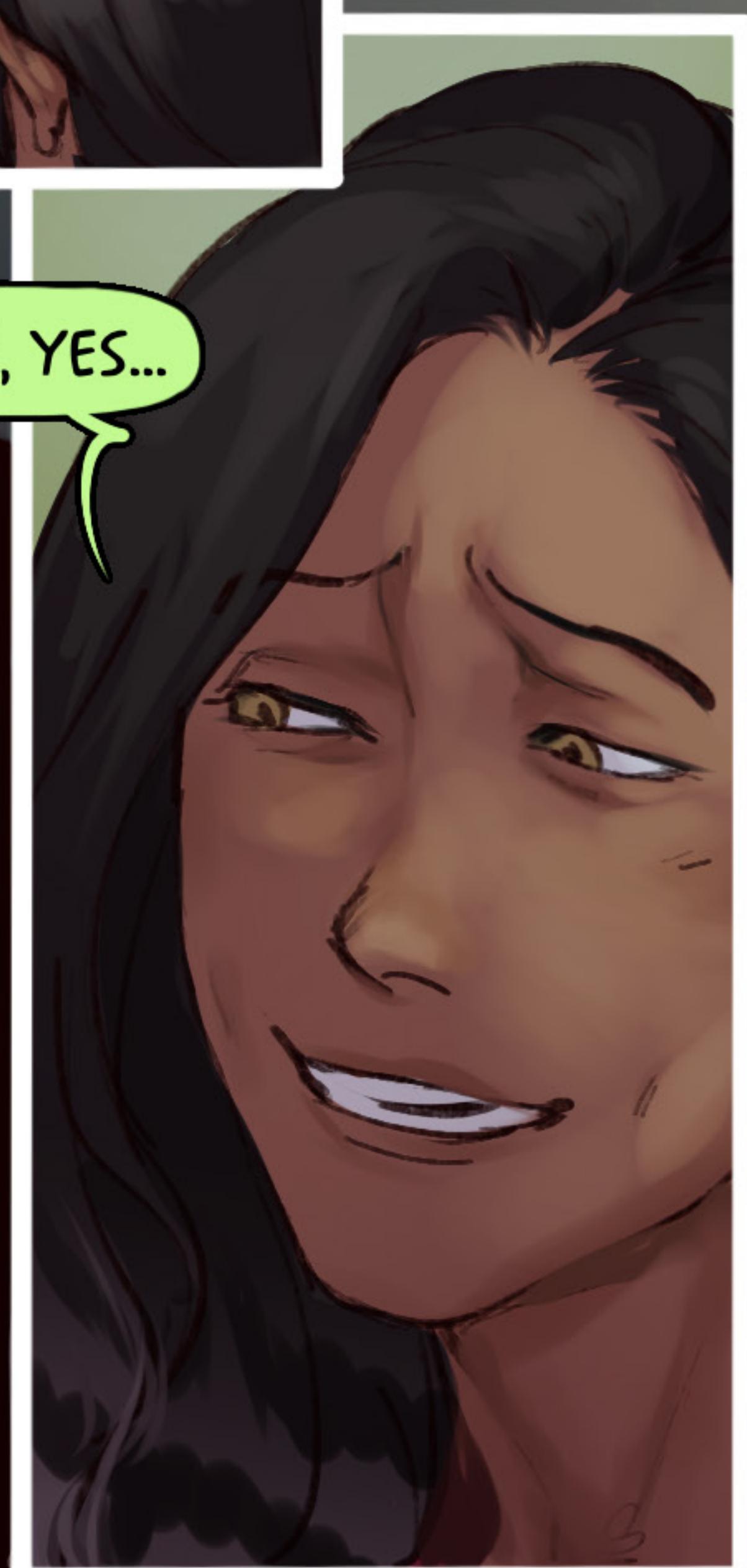
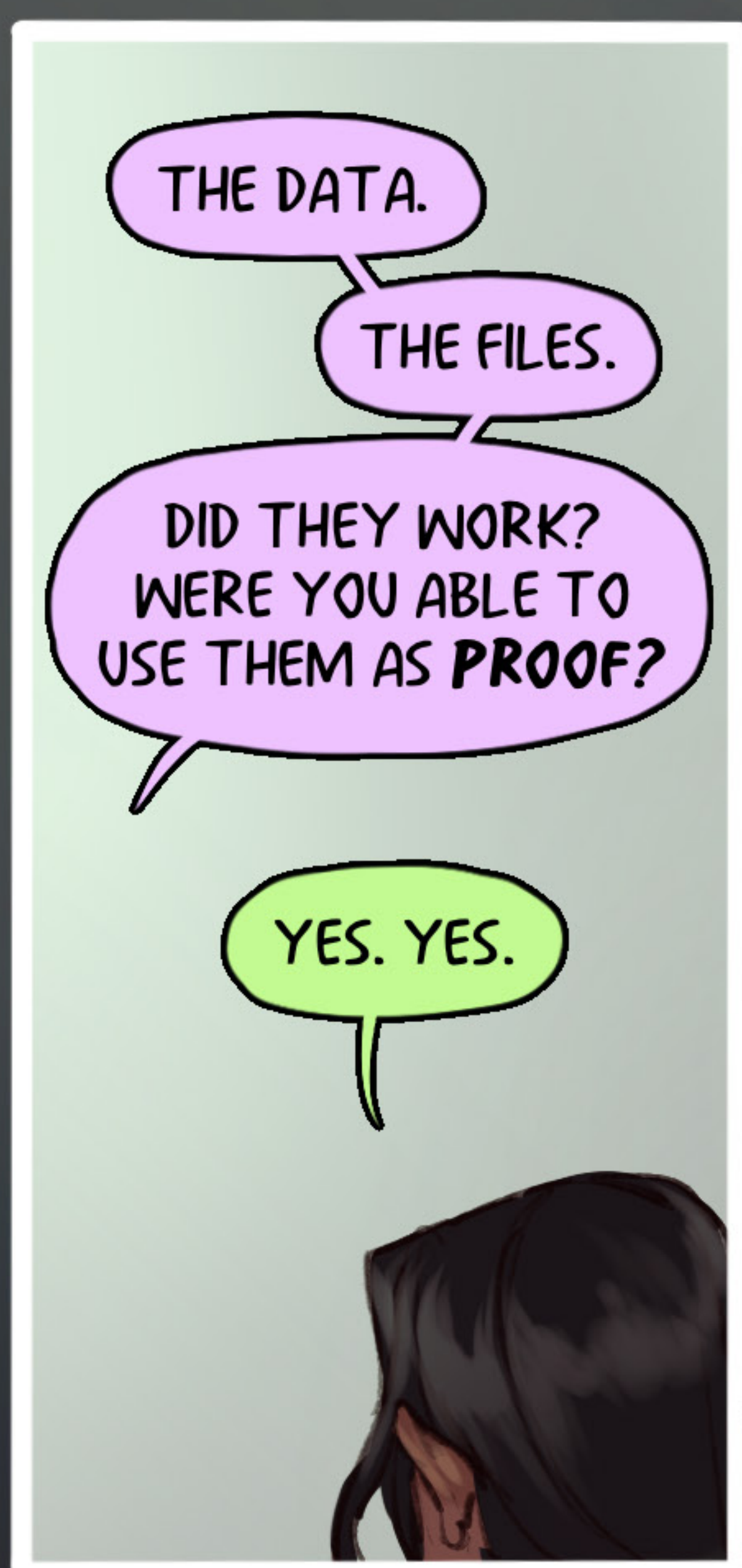
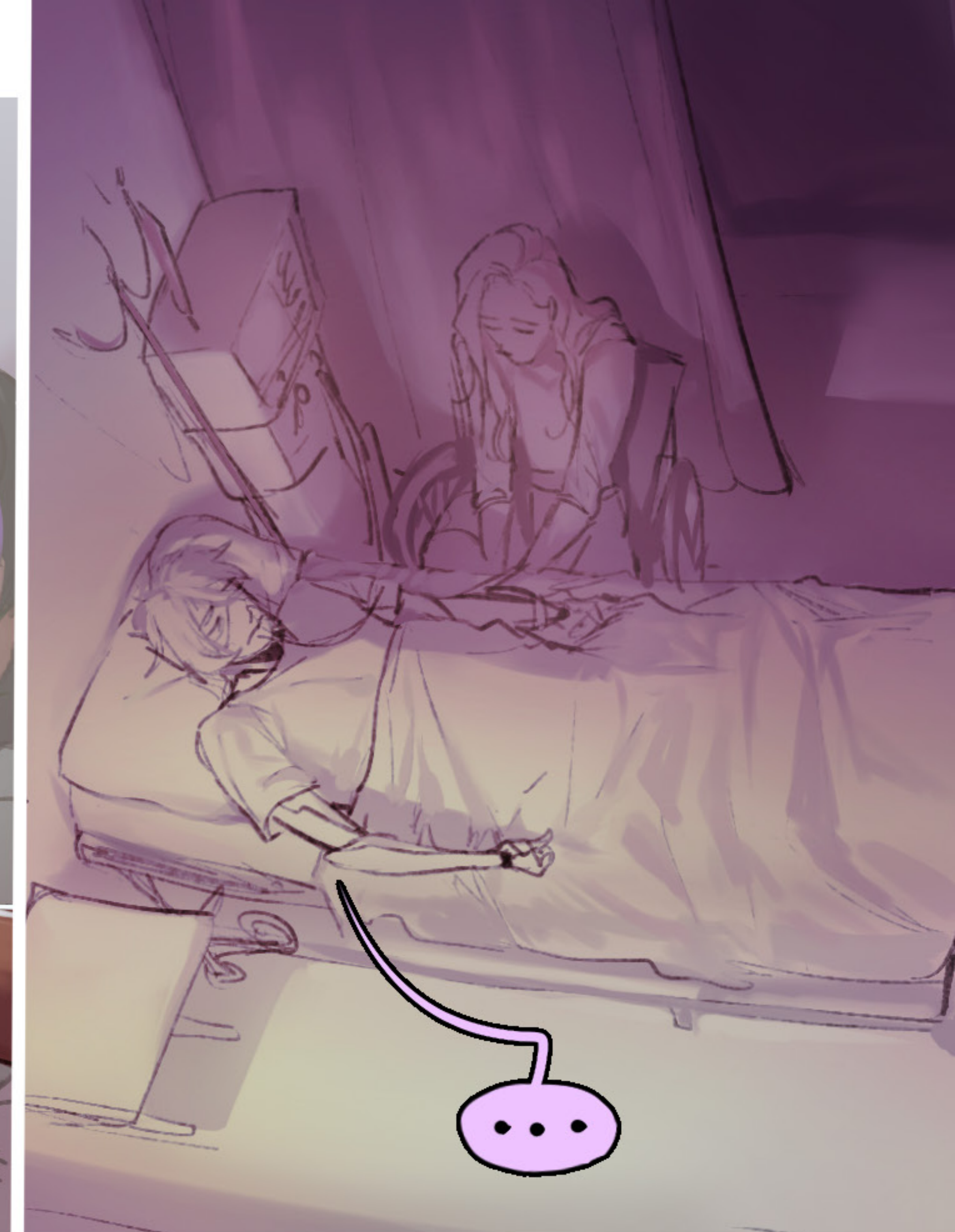
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KEON'S BEEN SUPER NOISY, AND A LOT OF ANDROIDS HAVE REUNITED IN THE STREETS.

BAHAMUT AND BG ARE THERE, FINALLY. I WISH I COULD'VE SEEN IT FROM ANOTHER PLACE RATHER THAN A TV IN A CELL.

...IN A CELL.

I DID BREAK THROUGH SOME PRIVATE HEADQUARTERS...

I KNEW WHAT I WAS GETTING INTO WHEN I CHOSE TO DO IT.

HONESTLY, EVEN WITH THAT, I'M GLAD THEY LET ME VISIT.



HOW MUCH
HAVE I BEEN
LIKE THIS...?

FOR A WEEK.
MORE OR LESS.



AND THEY...

THEY
HAVEN'T...?

...YOUR
BOSSSES?



THEY ARE...

THEY ARE
G-GOING TO SEARCH
FOR ME.

THEY'LL
KILL ME.



DASH, YOU DON'T
HAVE TO FEAR THEM
ANYMORE.

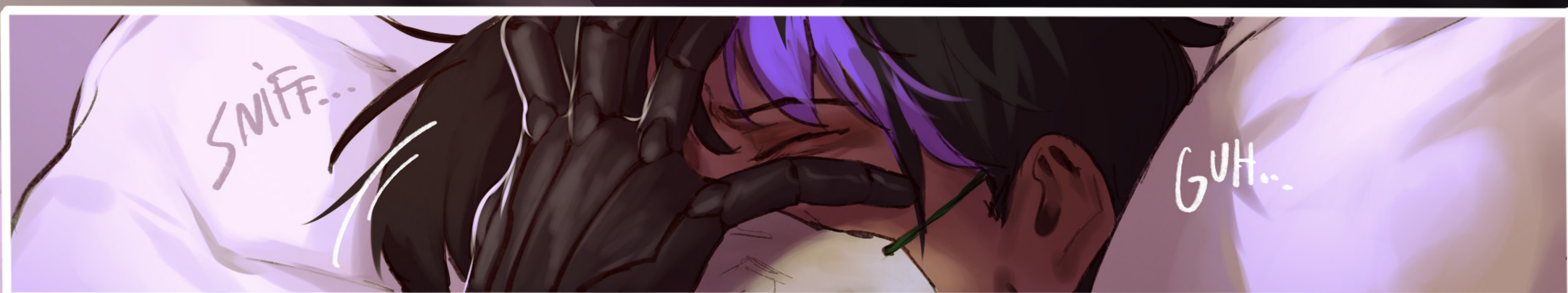
THEY'RE
BEING SEARCHED,
THEY'LL BE CAUGHT
SOONER OR LATER...

THIS WILL
NEVER STOP.

JUST BECAUSE YOU
MADE JUSTICE DOESN'T MEAN
THEY WON'T TRY **AGAIN**.

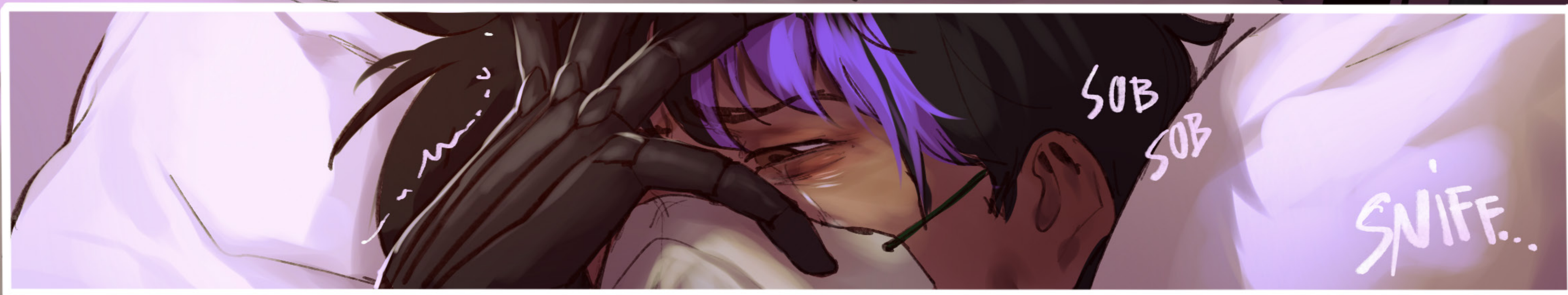
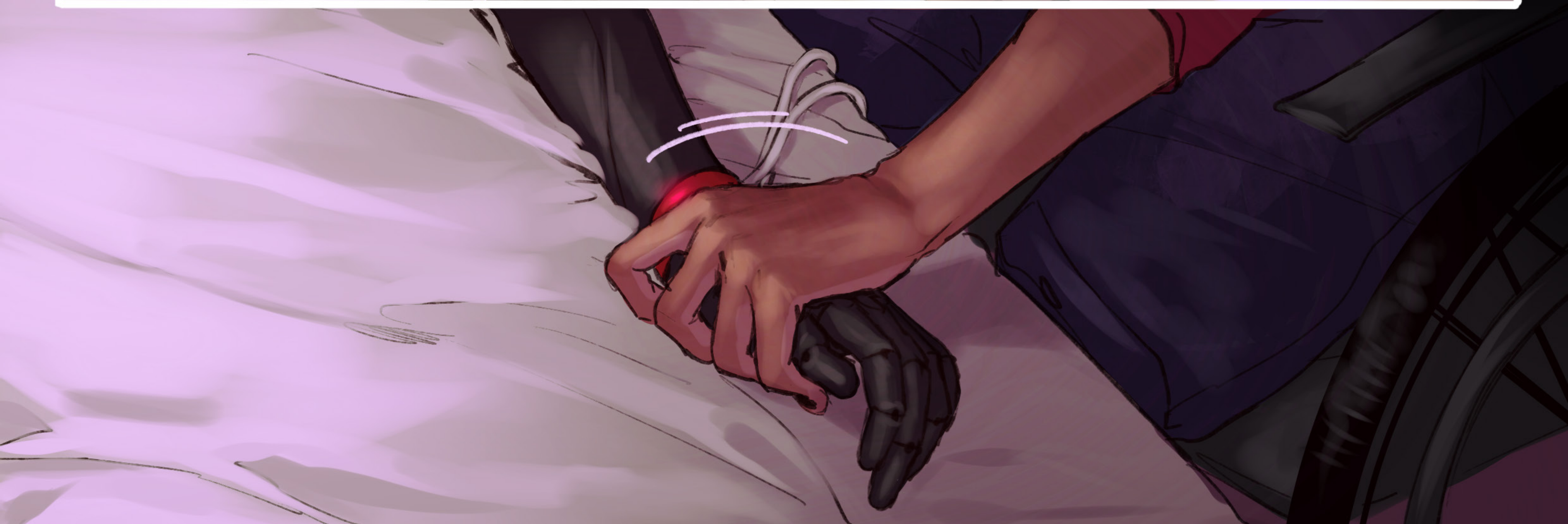
THEY WILL
FOREVER DO WHAT
THEY PLEASE.

NOW YOU'VE JUST
GIVEN THEM A REASON
TO TRY **HARDER**
NEXT TIME.



SNIFE...

GUH...



SOB
SOB

SNIFE...



...BACK THEN,
WHEN I WORKED WITH
DOLL ON THE CATWALKS,
I WAS TRYING HARD
TO MAKE A NAME FOR
MYSELF.

I HAD
BIGGER AMBITIONS
THAN... **THAT**.

BUT I GUESS
WHAT I WANTED
THE MOST WAS TO
LEAVE THE JOB.



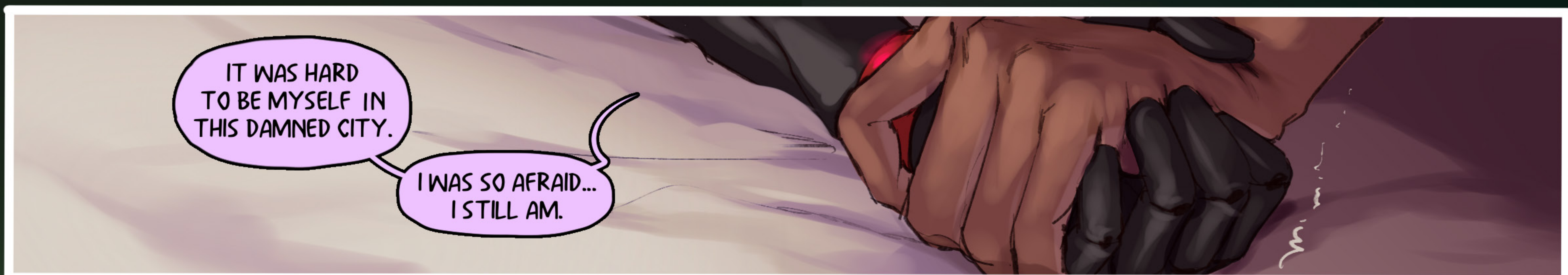
I DON'T KNOW
HOW SHE CAN
BEAR IT ALL.

IT'S SCARY TO
NEVER KNOW WHAT
YOU'LL FIND UP
THERE WEARING
OR DOING.



WHEN I HAD THIS
REALIZATION OF MYSELF,
I ASKED FOR THIS BODY.
I THOUGHT THAT THE FEAR
WOULD JUST GO AWAY,
BUT I ENDED UP IN
THE DEVIL'S DEN.

I WAS MORE
SCARED THAN EVER,
BECAUSE IF I FUCKED THE
OPPORTUNITY UP, THEY'LL
END ALL MY PROGRESS.
ALL MY LIFE...



IT WAS HARD
TO BE MYSELF IN
THIS DAMNED CITY.

I WAS SO AFRAID...
I STILL AM.



I KNOW
SOMEONE LIKE
THAT VERY WELL.

IT'S LIKE
WEARING
A MASK.

LIKE WE'RE IN
OUR OWN DESERT
HIDING FROM
STRANGERS.



HOW
WAS IT?

"COVER UP".
RIGHT?

YES...

RUB
RUB



I THINK THAT MIGHT
BE ONE OF THE LAST THINGS
I REMEMBER ABOUT
OUR CULTURE AND
LANGUAGE.

AND MAYBE... THE THING
THAT STUCK UP
WITH ME THE MOST.



COVER UP.

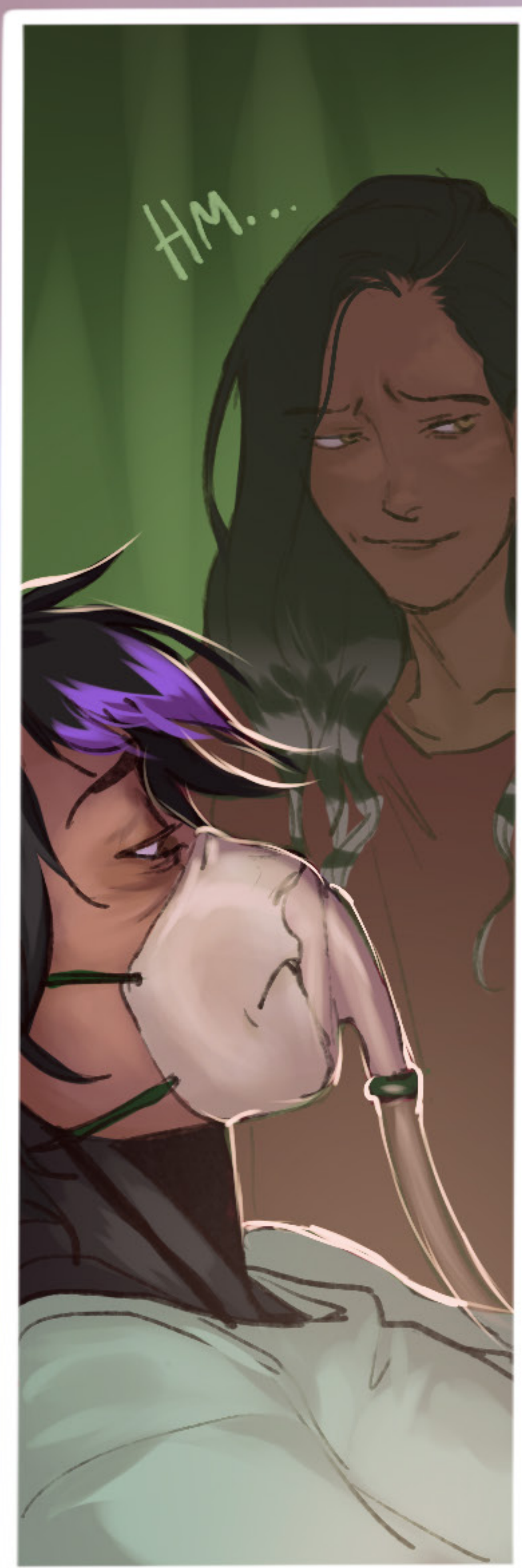
PUT A MASK IN
FRONT OF OTHERS.
WHAT A JOKE...

NOTHING HAS EVER WORKED
FOR ME WHEN I DID.



MAYBE
I WASN'T
BORN TO
BE A
NOMAD,
AFTER
ALL.

...YOU FIGHT
LIKE ONE.



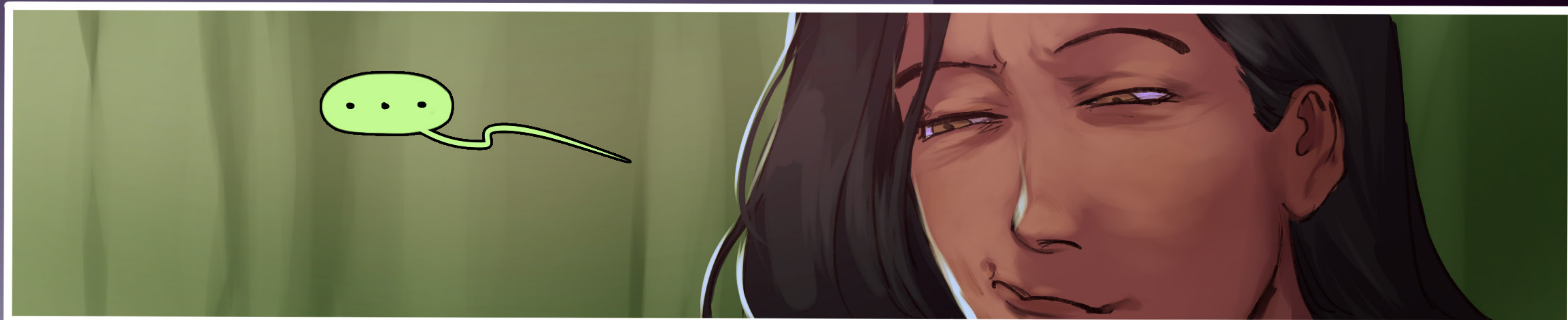
Hm...



DO YOU THINK
DOLL WILL EVER
FORGIVE ME...?

I'M SURE SHE
ALREADY HAS.

AND YOU?



...

...WE'LL WORK
ON THAT.

THANK YOU.

SHIT, SORRY.

I'M S-SORRY.

THANK YOU...



TODAY, 3 NEW CULPRITS INVOLVED IN THE ILLEGAL USAGE OF ANDROID TECHNOLOGIES HAVE BEEN ARRESTED BY THE AUTHORITIES.



WITH THEM, 8 OF THE 11 CHARACTERS ARE BEING **INVESTIGATED** ALONG WITH THE INSTALLATIONS AND EQUIPMENT WHICH THE TORTURES WERE MADE WITH.



MANIFESTATIONS IN FAVOR OF SAID ANDROIDS KEEP HAPPENING IN KEON.

A GREAT CAMPAIGN OF AWARENESS HAS RESULTED FROM THE INCIDENTS.

LOCAL TALENTS AND ARTISTS HAVE STARTED TO SHOW THEIR SUPPORT FOR THE CAUSE.

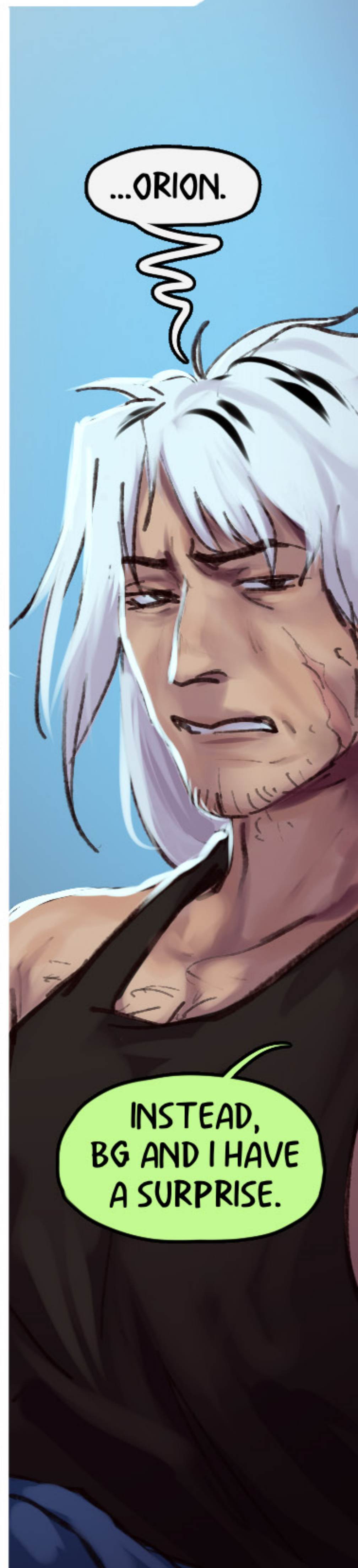
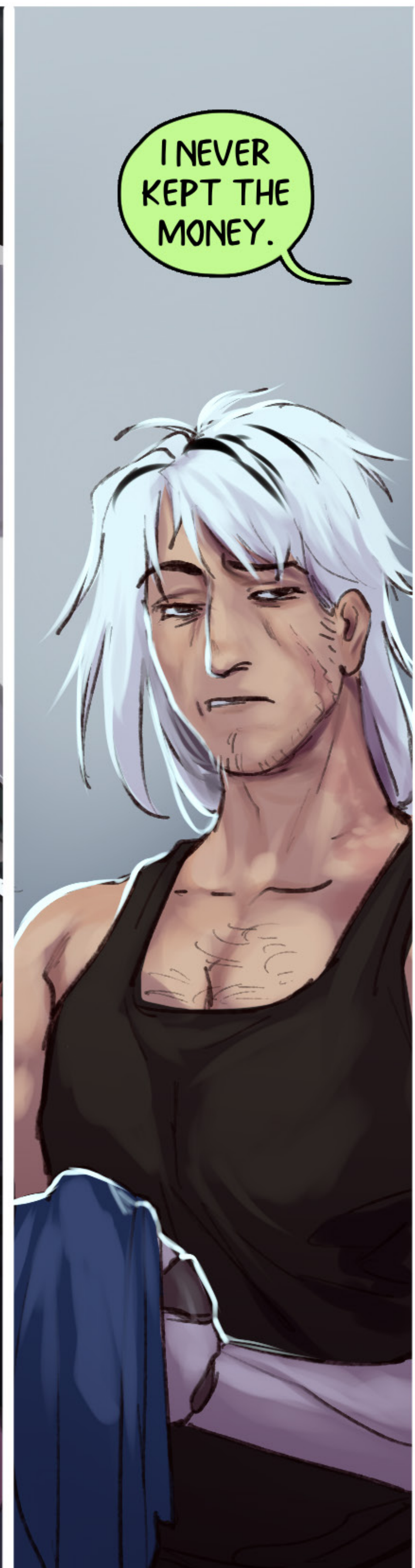
THANKS TO THESE DISPLAYS, MORE AND MORE CASES OF ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES WITHIN THE COBALT ENGINEERING FIELD ARE BEING **EXPOSED**.

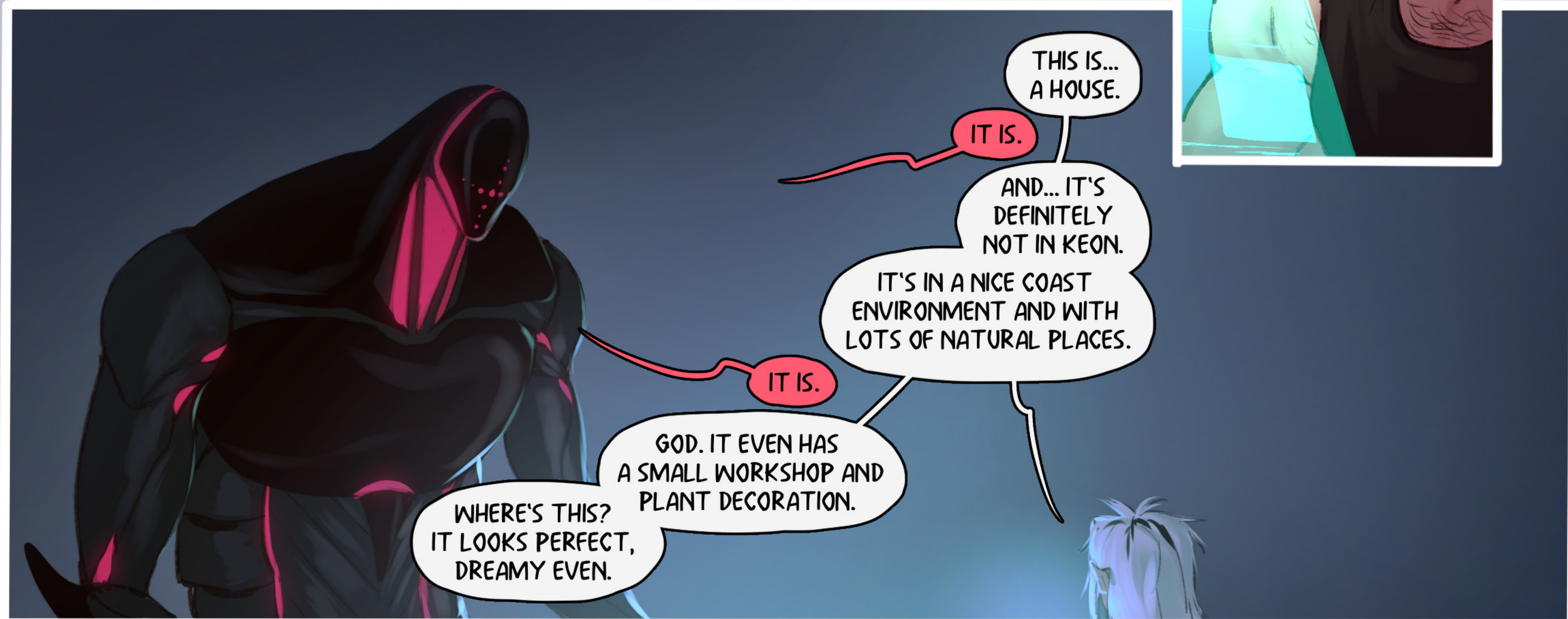
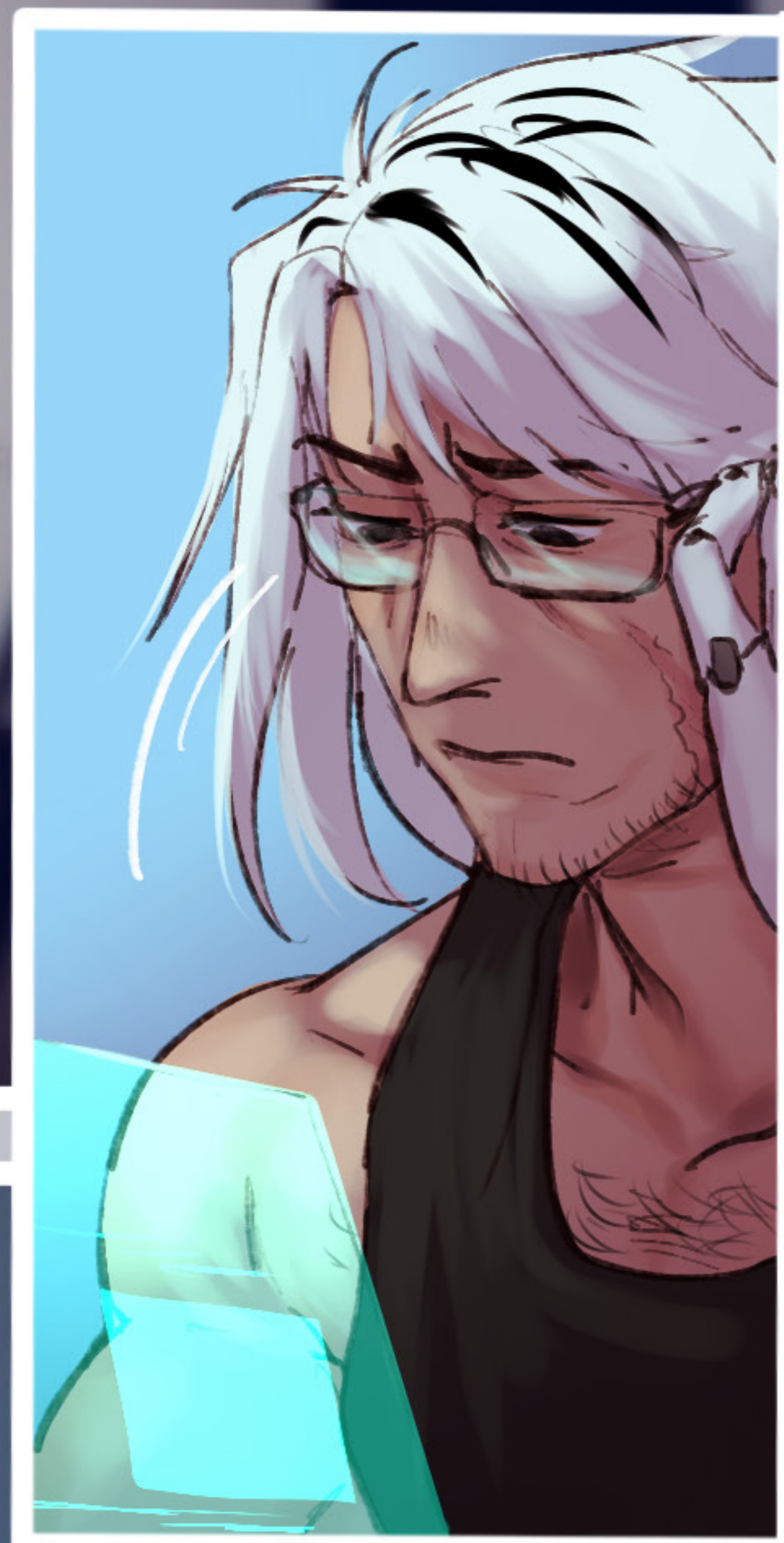
VARIOUS GROUPS ARE WARNING ABOUT THE LACK OF COBALT THE CITY WOULD SUFFER IN CASE THE LAWS GOT STRICTER.



TO KNOW MORE ABOUT THE DETAILS OF SAID STATEMENTS, EITHER FOR OR AGAINST THE COLLAPSE OF THE MATERIAL, WE'RE HERE WITH A SERIES OF EXPERTS IN THE FIELD...

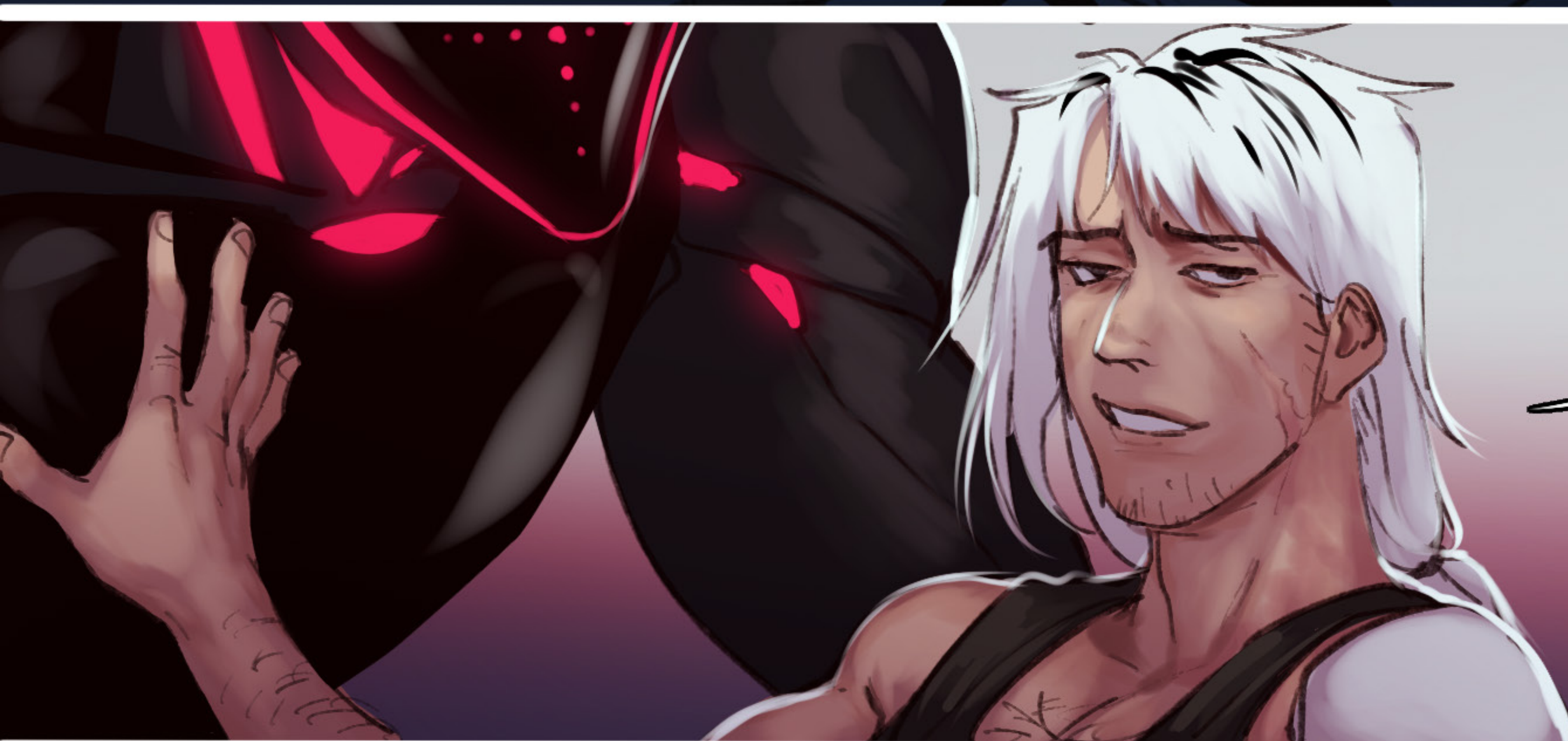
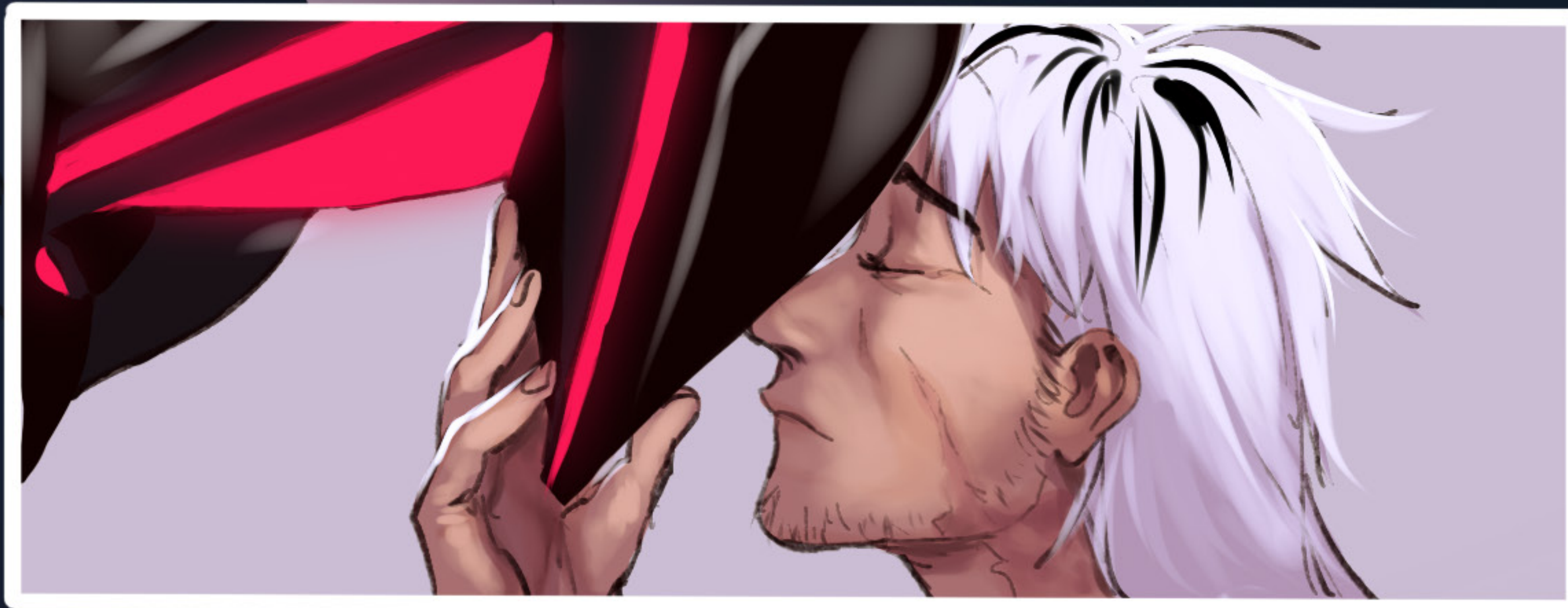








I DON'T APPRECIATE YOU TWO BULLYING ME INTO BEING HEALTHIER.



ORION,
THERE WILL BE
A LOT OF CONTRACTS
AND FILES TO FILL, BUT...

...DO YOU WANT TO
KEEP THE WORKSHOP?





I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU'RE GOING TO ABANDON ME LIKE THIS...

I'M NOT ABANDONING YOU.
WE WON'T BE OUT OF REACH.

STILL.



YOU HAVE TO PROMISE ME SOMETHING, THOUGH.

WHAT?



THAT YOU'LL BEAT WHATEVER'S INSIDE OF YOU.
BECAUSE IF NOT, I WILL BEAT IT MYSELF WITH **PUNCHES**.

SOMEHOW, I FEEL LIKE YOU'LL BE CAPABLE IF YOU AIM FOR IT.



SNIFF...

OLD MAN.

DON'T-



SNIFF...

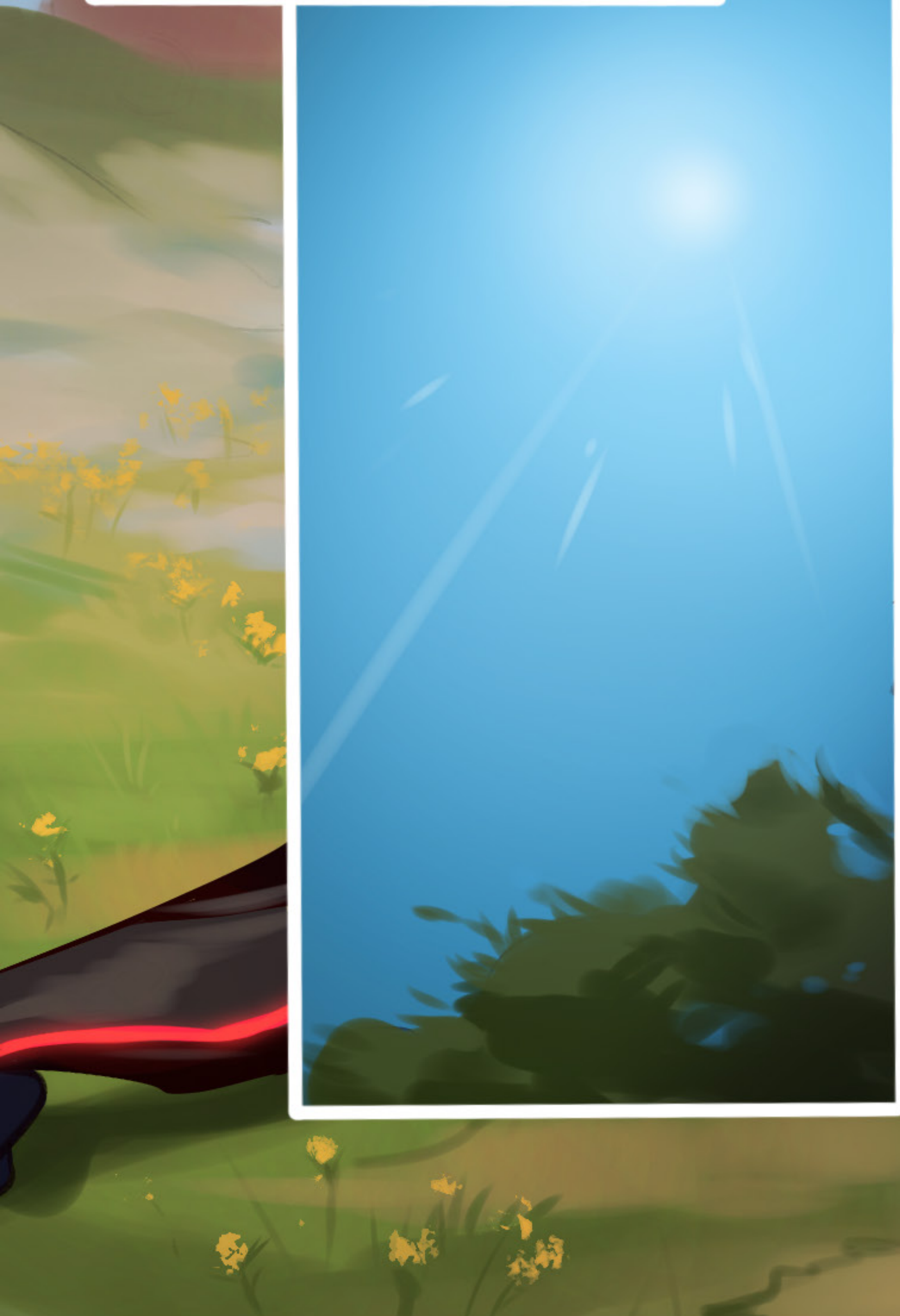
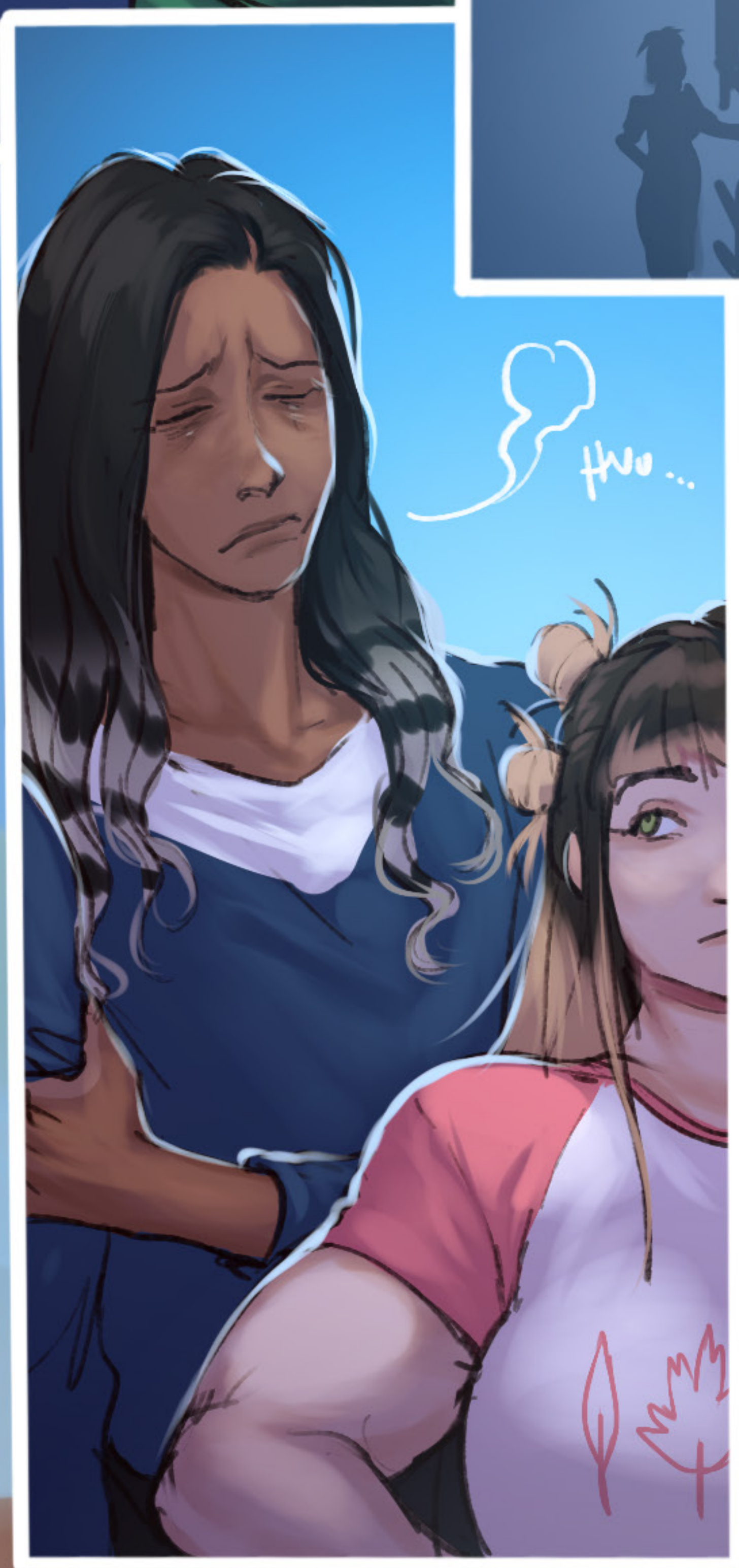
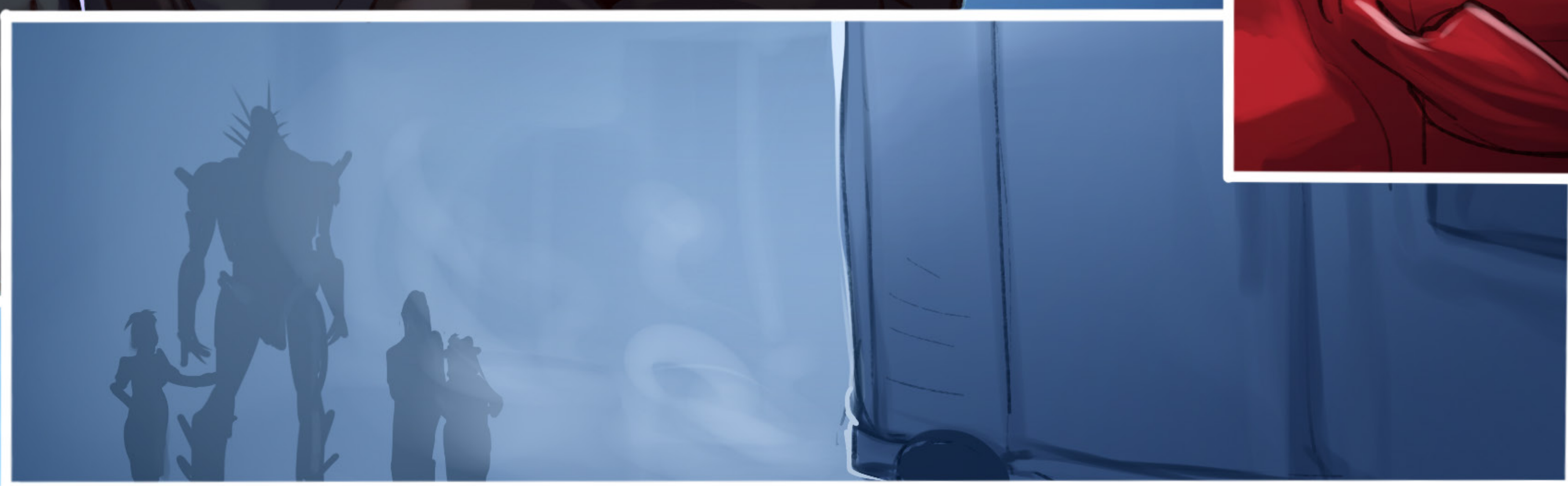
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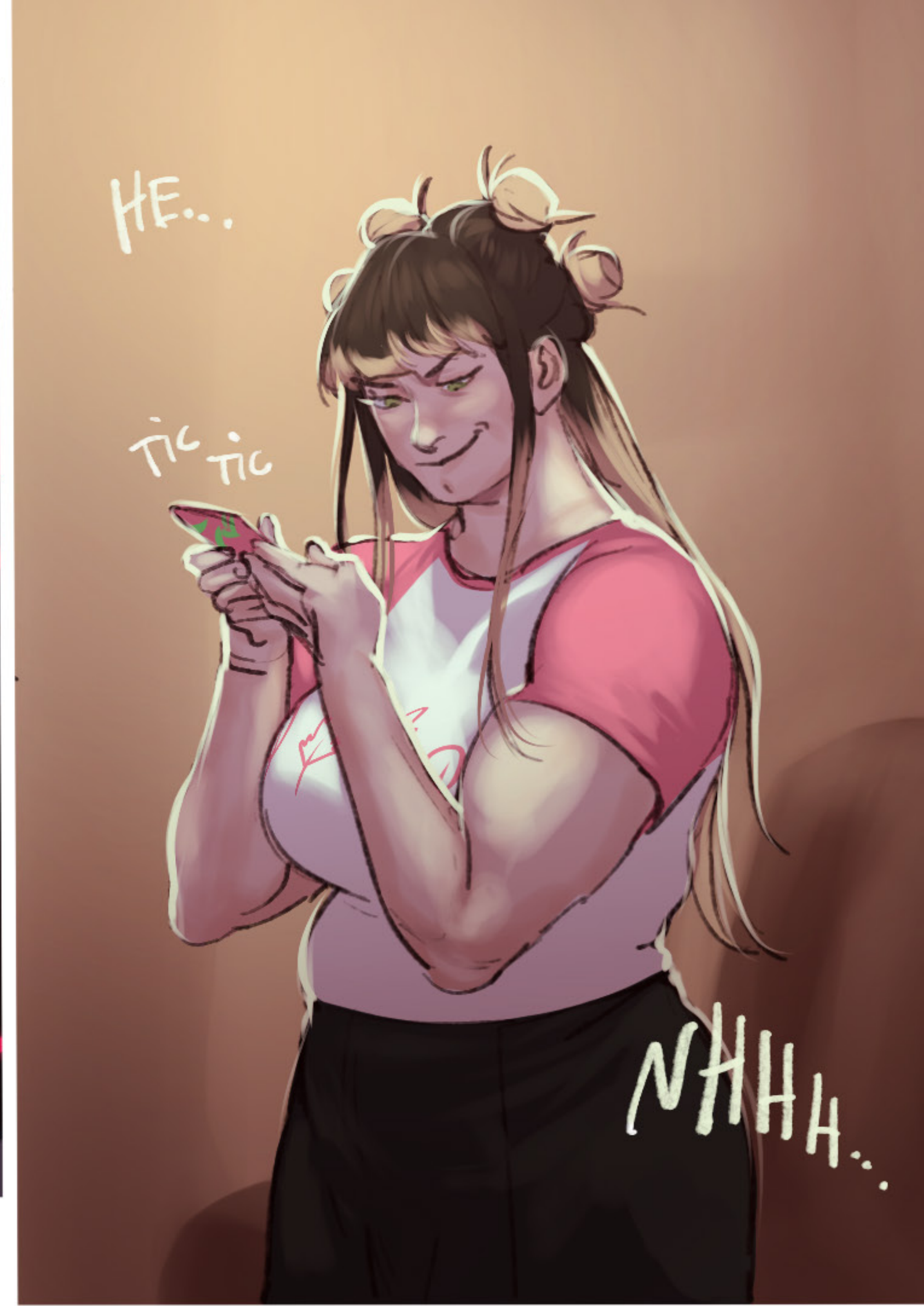


SOB SOB

SNIFF...









YOU DESERVE
A PUNISHMENT.
AND SOME
TRAINING ON
PATIENCE.

F-FUCK...

PLEASE...

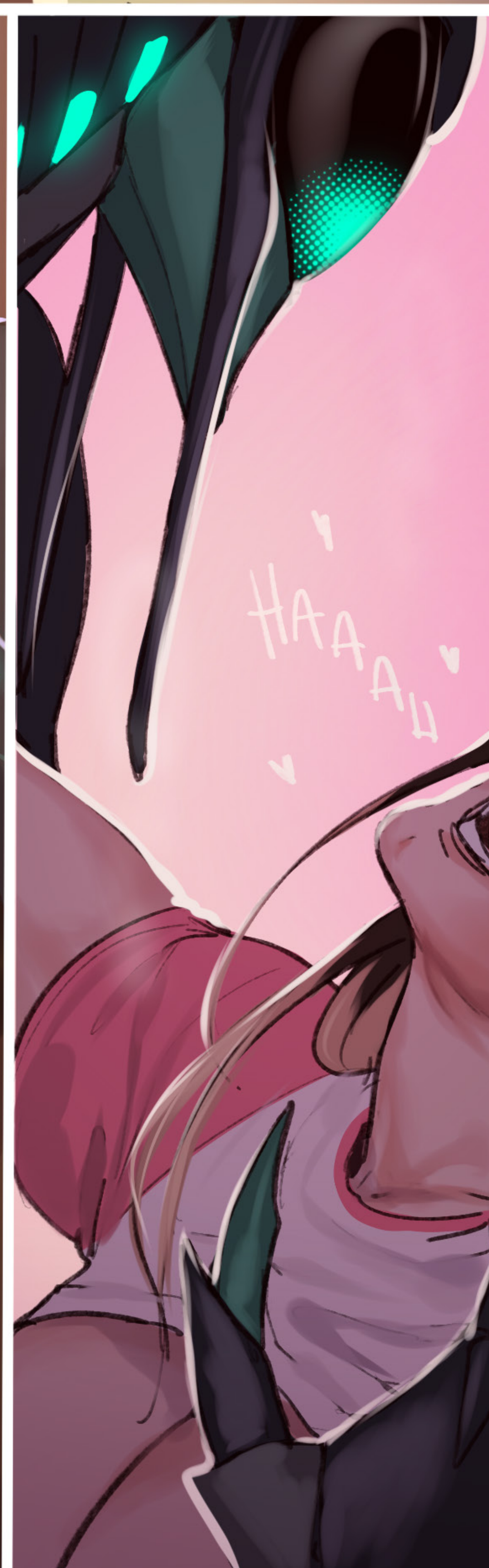
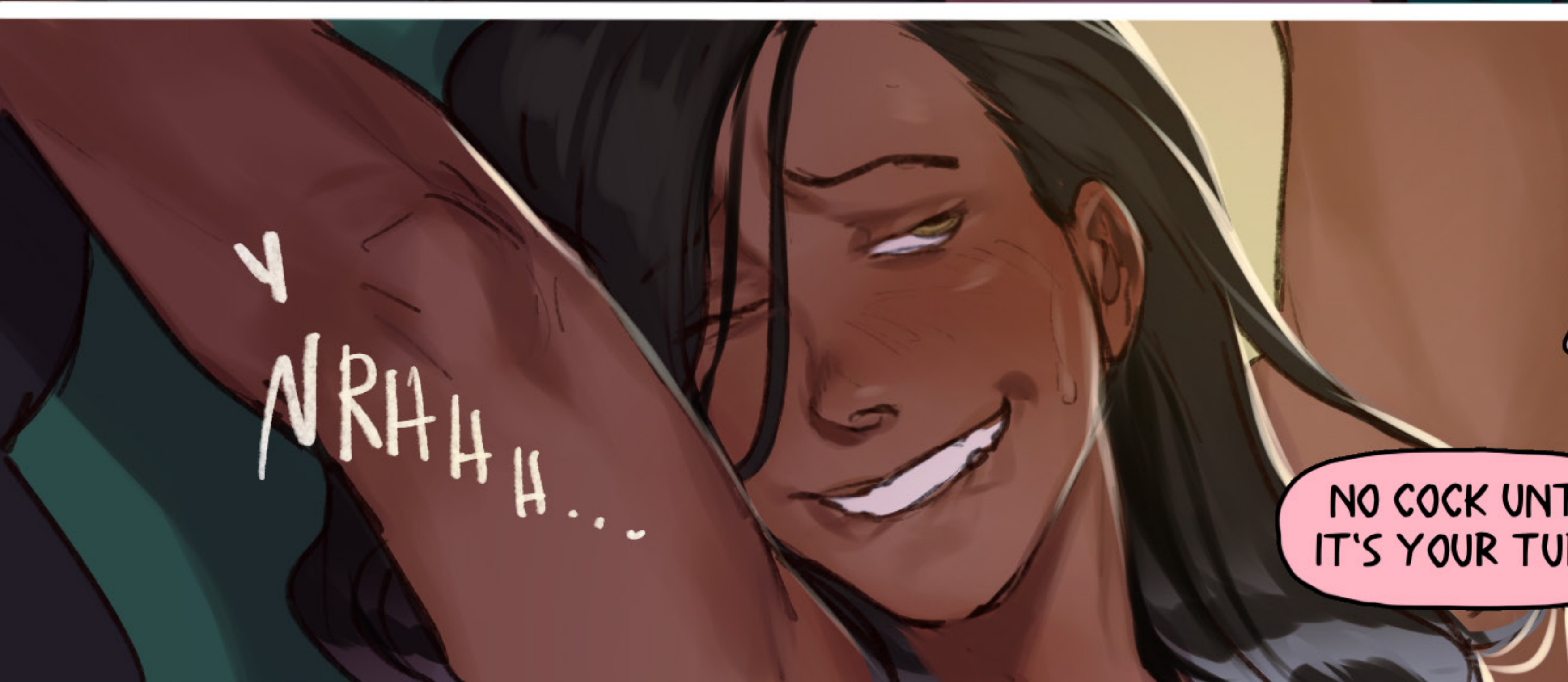


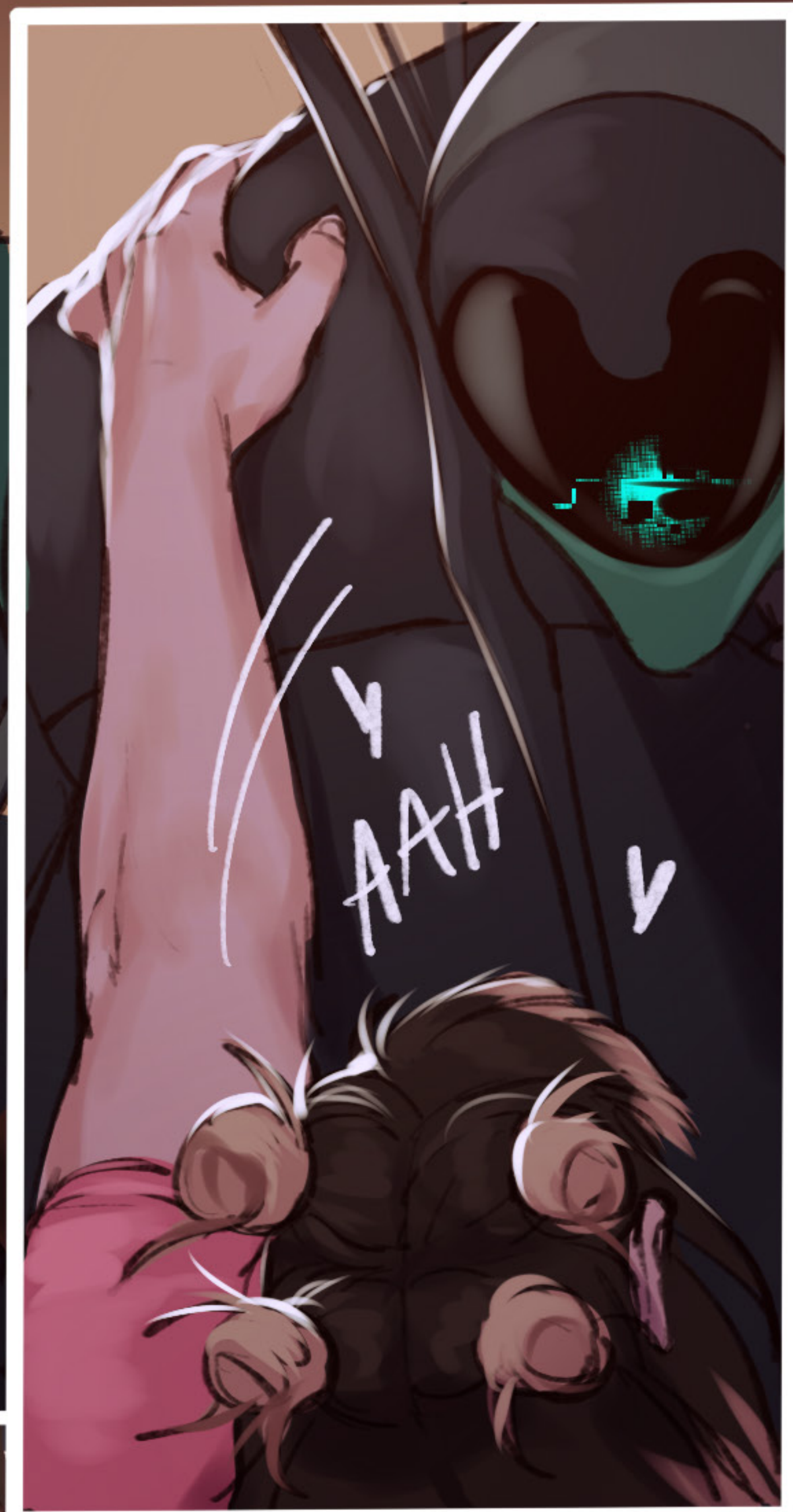
WHAT SHOULD
WE DO THEN?

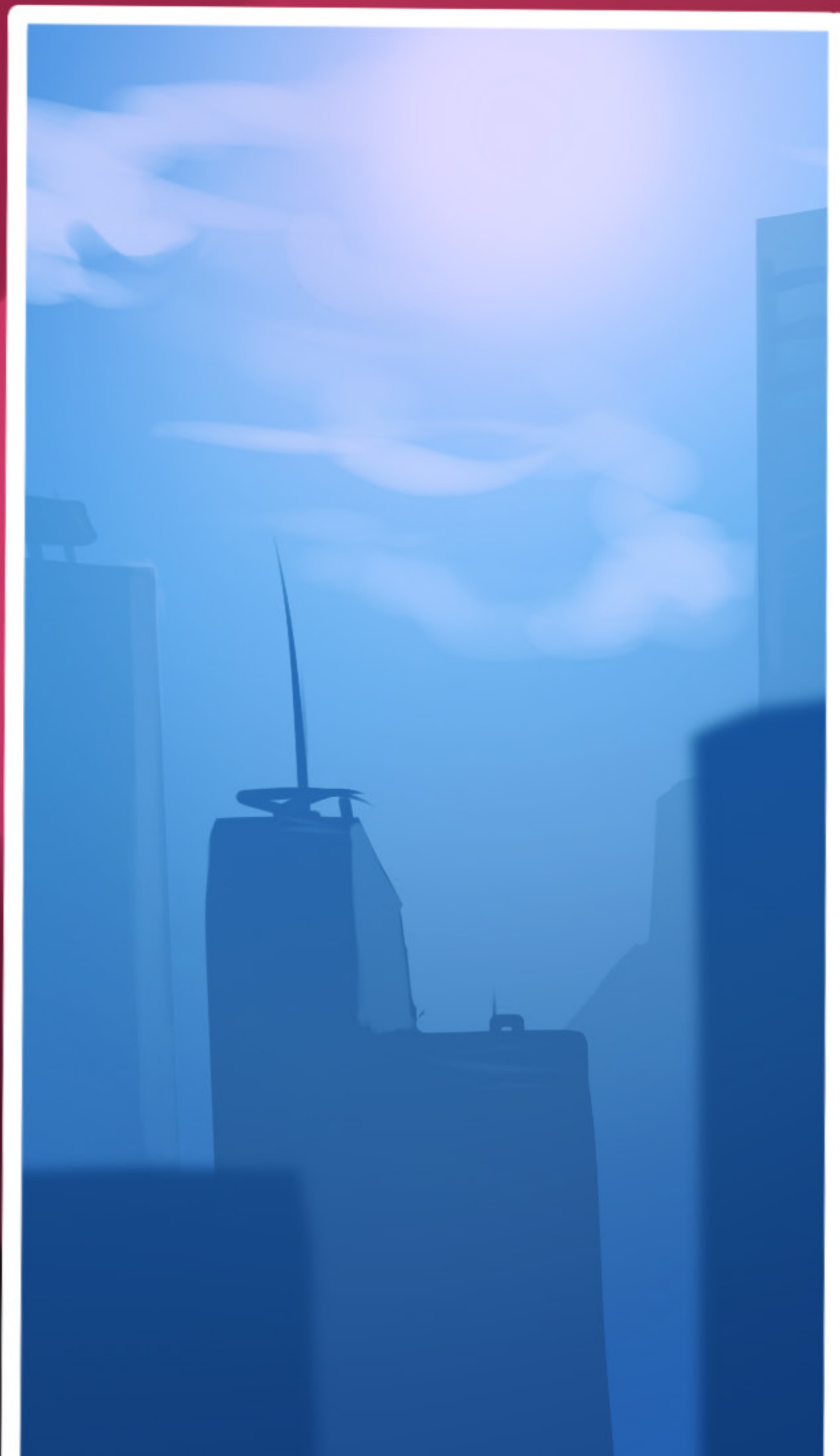
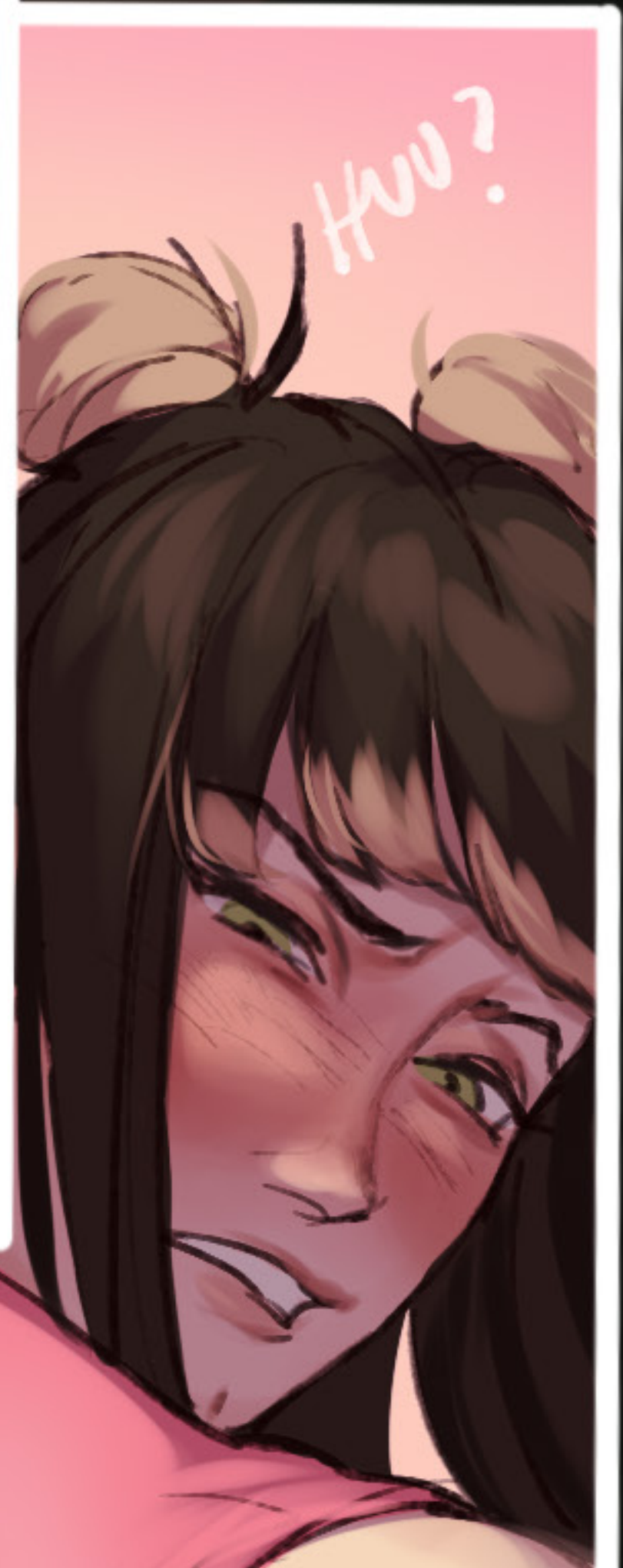
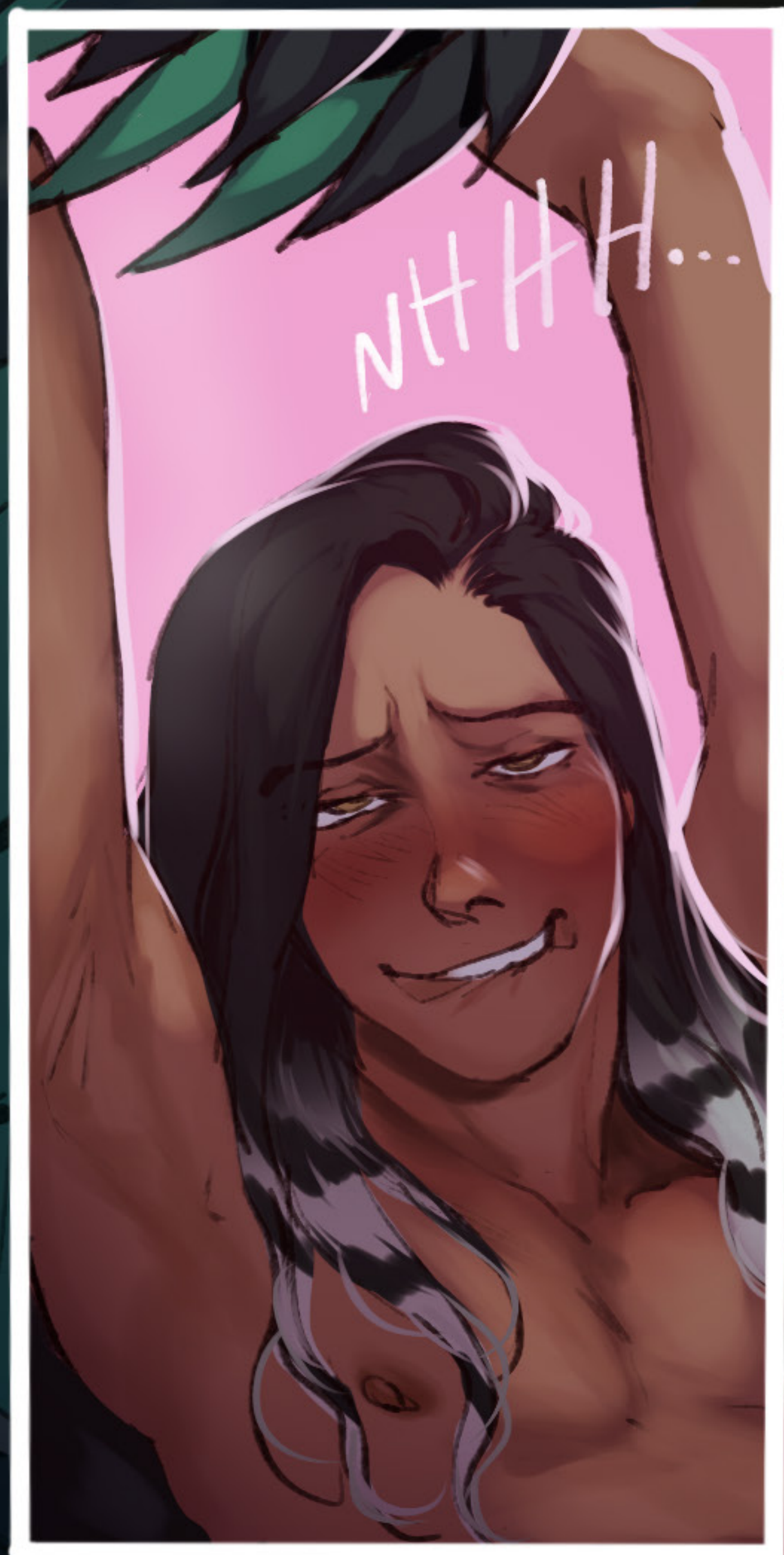
GOT ANY
IDEAS?

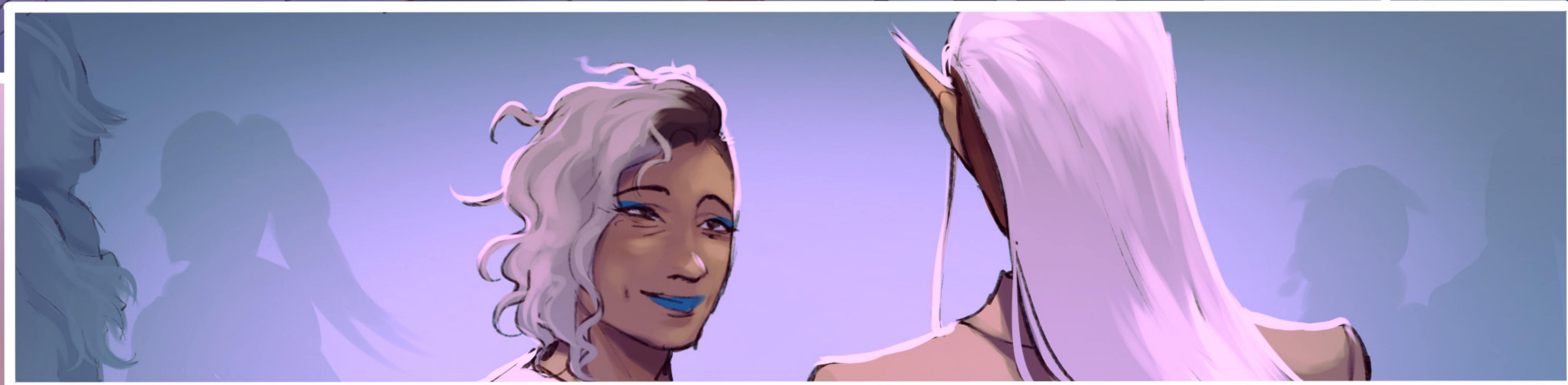
HMMMM...

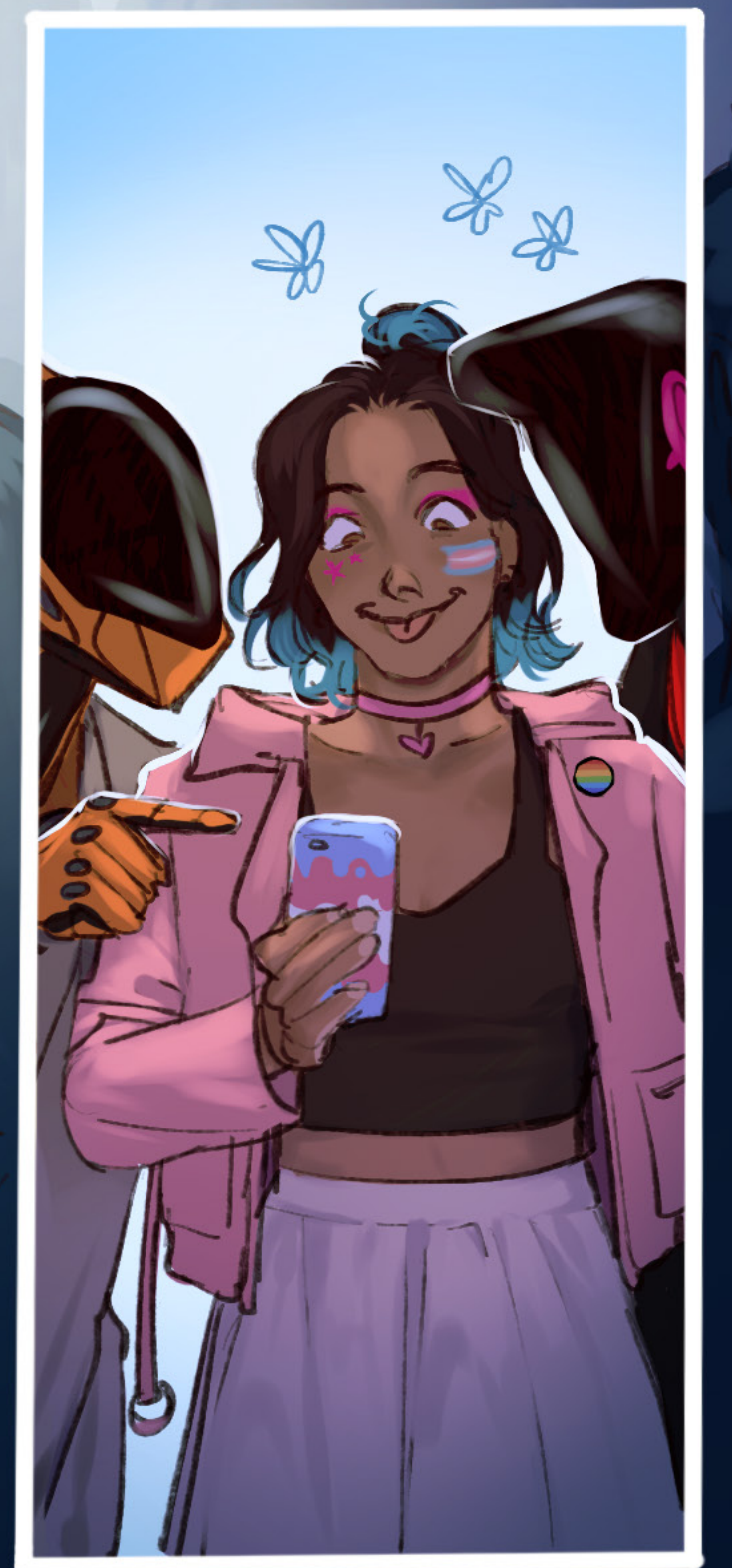


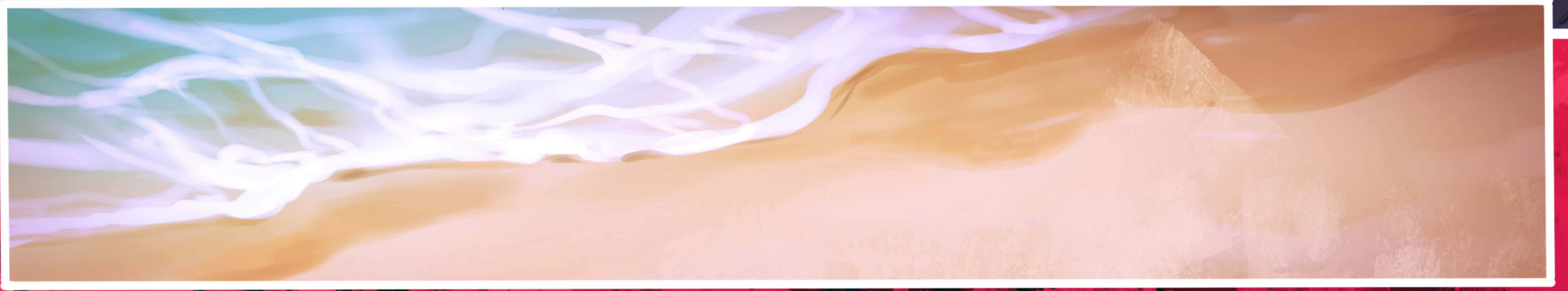














SEE?
THAT'S MY
AUNT.



WHAT WAS
HER NAME?

SUMMER.

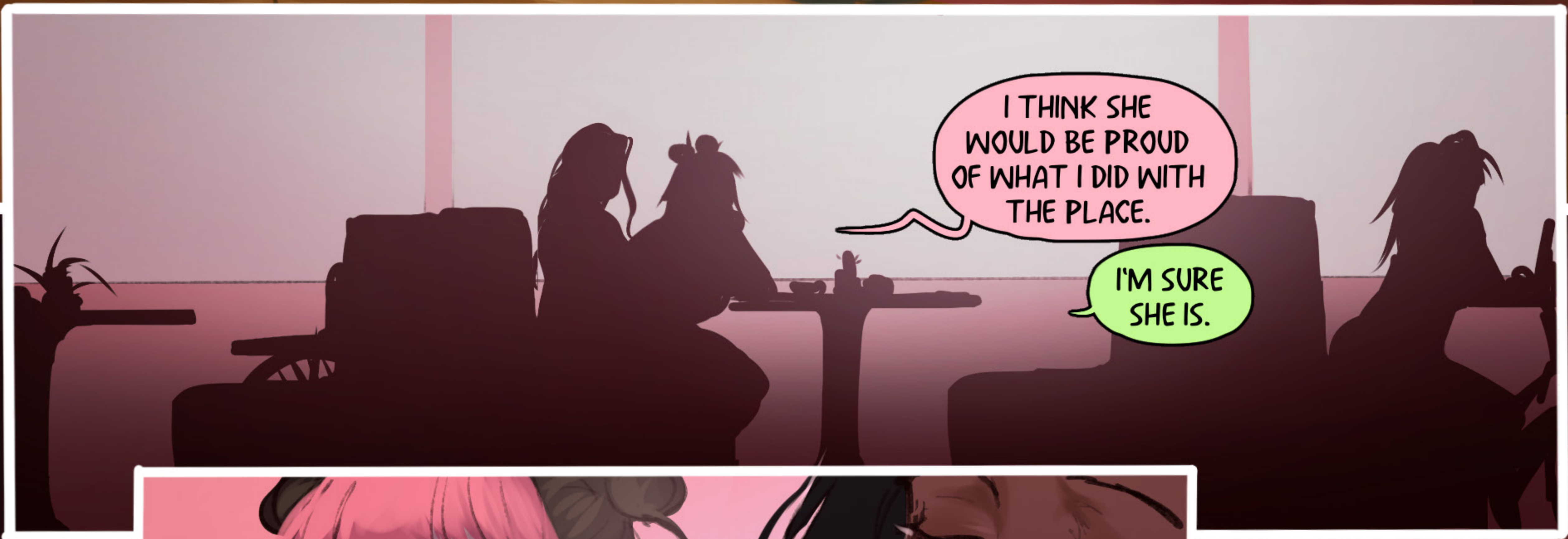
SHE WAS THE OWNER
OF THE CAFETERIA WHEN
I DROPPED OUT OF
COMPETITIONS.

I WORKED HERE
FOR SOME YEARS AND
THEN SHE PASSED ME
THE **PINK SODA**
IN HER WILLS.



SHE THOUGHT
OF ME EVEN
IN HER LAST
MOMENTS...

I'M SO GRATEFUL
FOR BEING ABLE TO HAVE
HER IN MY LIFE.



I THINK SHE
WOULD BE PROUD
OF WHAT I DID WITH
THE PLACE.

I'M SURE
SHE IS.

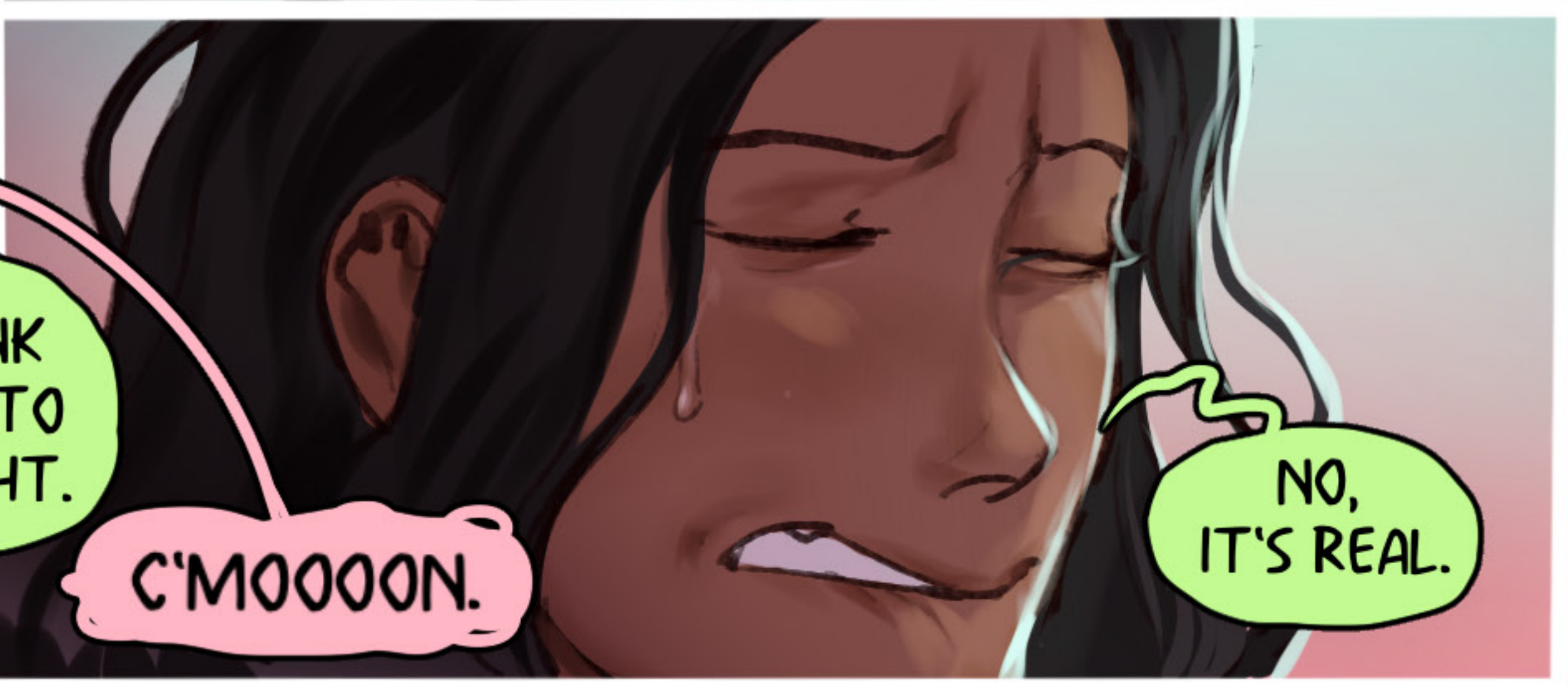


TALKING ABOUT PROUD,
ISN'T TOMORROW YOUR
FIRST CLASS?

HOW ARE
THOSE **NERVES**?

BAD.
REALLY BAD.

I DON'T THINK
I'LL BE ABLE TO
SLEEP TONIGHT.



C'MOOOON.

NO,
IT'S REAL.

I DON'T WANT TO
DISAPPOINT HERRERA AFTER
ALL SHE'S DONE FOR ME...

YOU WON'T.

I WON'T
LET YOU.

I'LL BE CHECKING
IF YOU'RE WORKING HARD
ON YOUR STUDIES.



BUT ALSO TAKING BREAKS,
I KNOW HOW MUCH OF A
WORKAHOLIC YOU ARE.

YOU FUCKIN'
MISS MEALS
SOMETIMES...

THAT WON'T
HAPPEN ON MY
WATCH!

NO-NO!



TOMORROW,
AFTER I'M DONE
WITH THE CLASSES...
AND YOU'RE DONE
WORKING... WOULD
YOU LIKE TO GO
SOMEWHERE?

SOMEWHERE
NICE, I MEAN.

SOMEWHERE
WHERE WE CAN RELAX
FOR A BIT?



I FEEL LIKE I BARELY
HAVEN'T HAD THE TIME
TO ENJOY YOUR COMPANY
THESE PAST MONTHS.

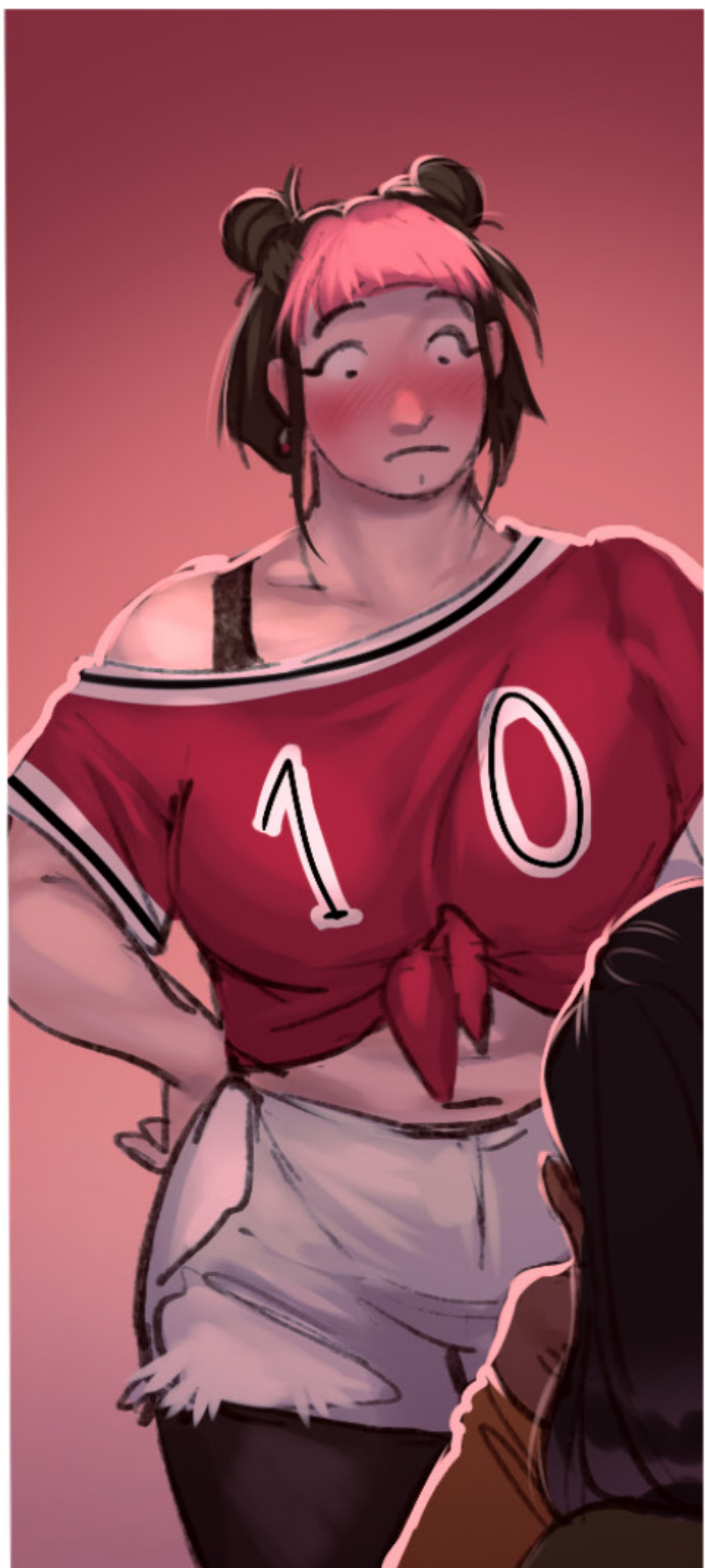
I'D LIKE TO
CATCH UP WITH YOU...
ALONE.

JUST FOR
TALKING.

IF YOU
WANT.

ARE YOU ASKING
ME ON A PLAIN OL'
CUTESY DATE?

YES.



I- I MEAN...
OF COURSE.

YEAH.
A-HA! YEAH...!

WOW. UM...

I-IT'S JUST
FUNNY.

I HAVEN'T
ACTUALLY GONE
TO A DATE SINCE I
STARTED WORKING.

BARELY
HAD THE TIME...

NOR THE INTEREST
IN ANYONE...

HAHA...

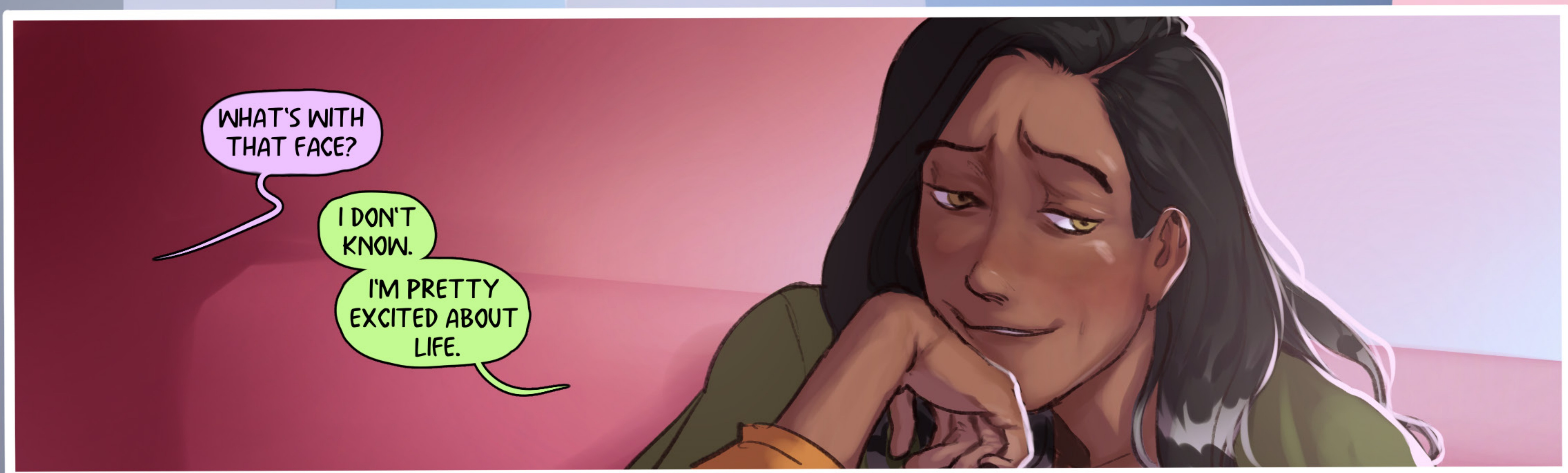


OH MAN...
BUT YOU JUST
ASKED ME, HUH?

THAT'S-
THAT'S... BOLD,
OF YOU.







FIN
CHAPTER 3

