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WITH JUPITER SEALED, WHAT WILL WE DO NOW, WIFE?

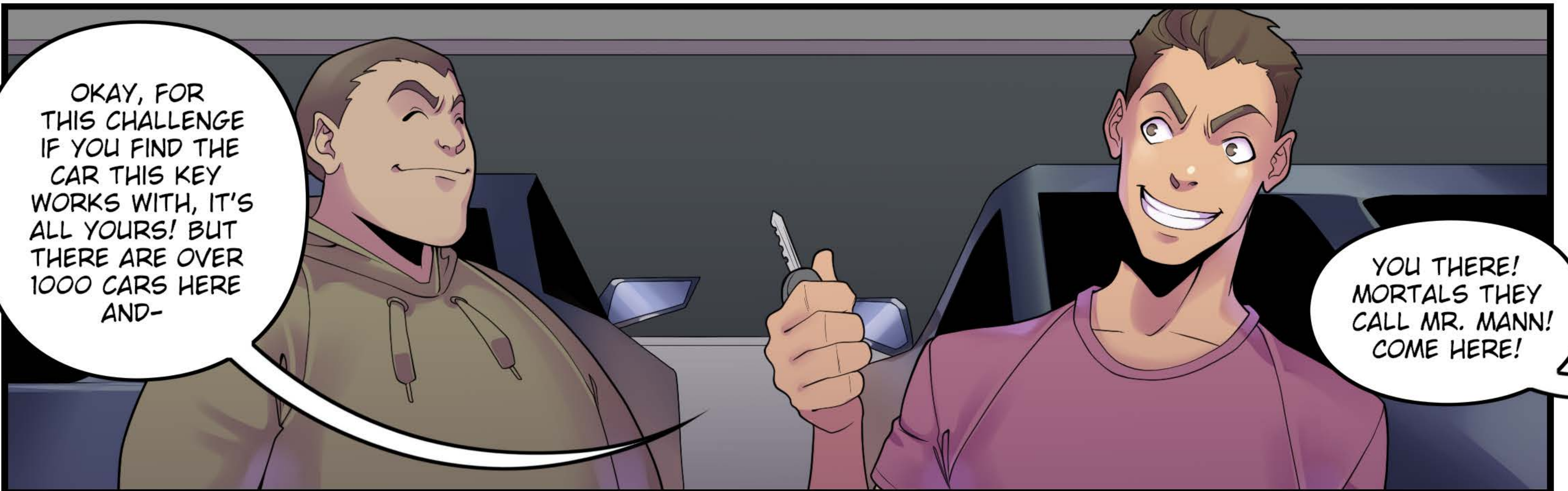
WHAT I SAID WE WOULD DO. FIND NEW WORSHIPPERS! RULE THIS WORLD!

IT'S SO EASY TO REACH OUT TO THE WORLD. MY HOST SAYS THAT ONE REACHES MILLIONS EVERYDAY.

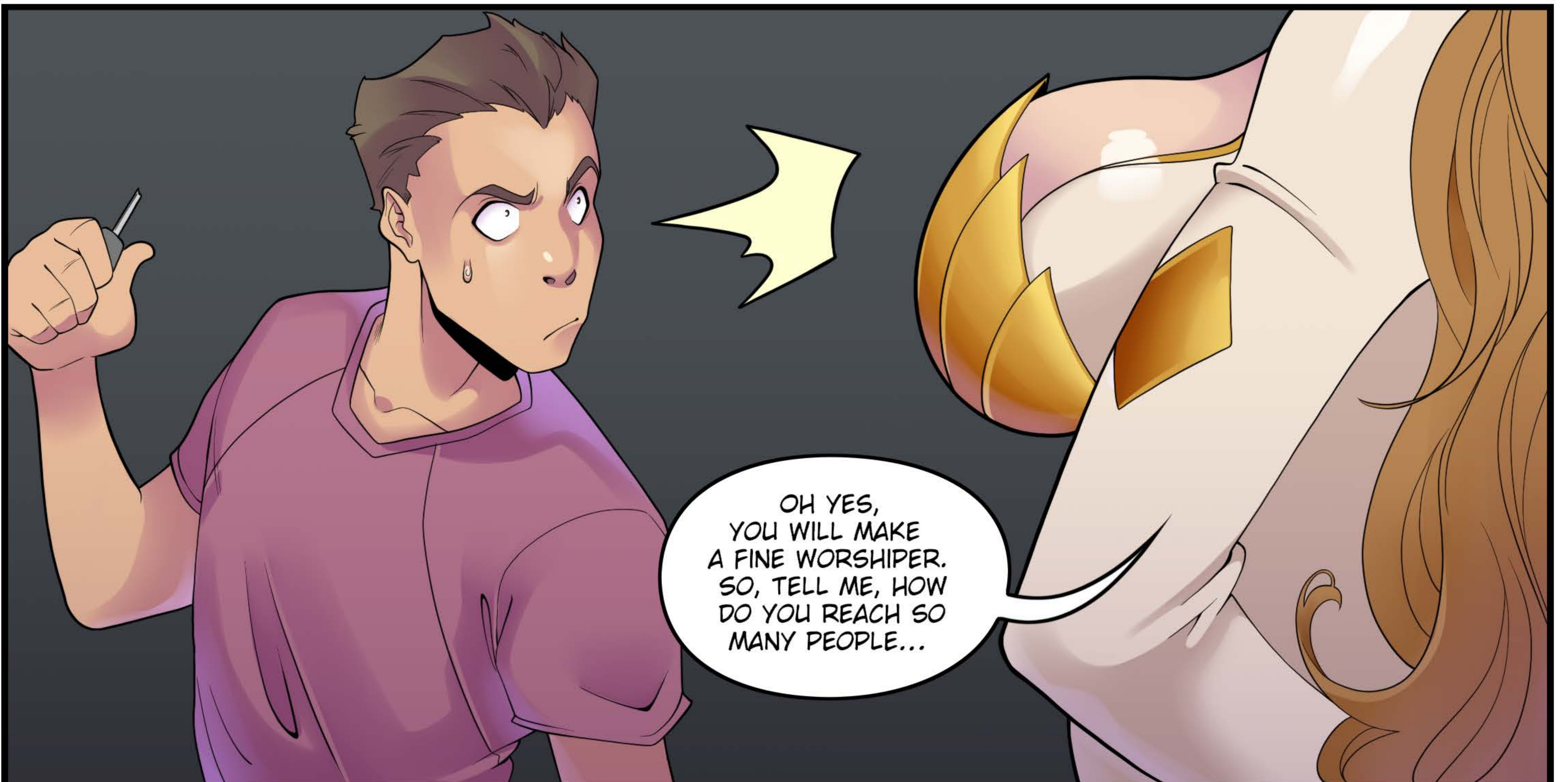


OKAY, FOR THIS CHALLENGE IF YOU FIND THE CAR THIS KEY WORKS WITH, IT'S ALL YOURS! BUT THERE ARE OVER 1000 CARS HERE AND-

YOU THERE! MORTALS THEY CALL MR. MANN! COME HERE!

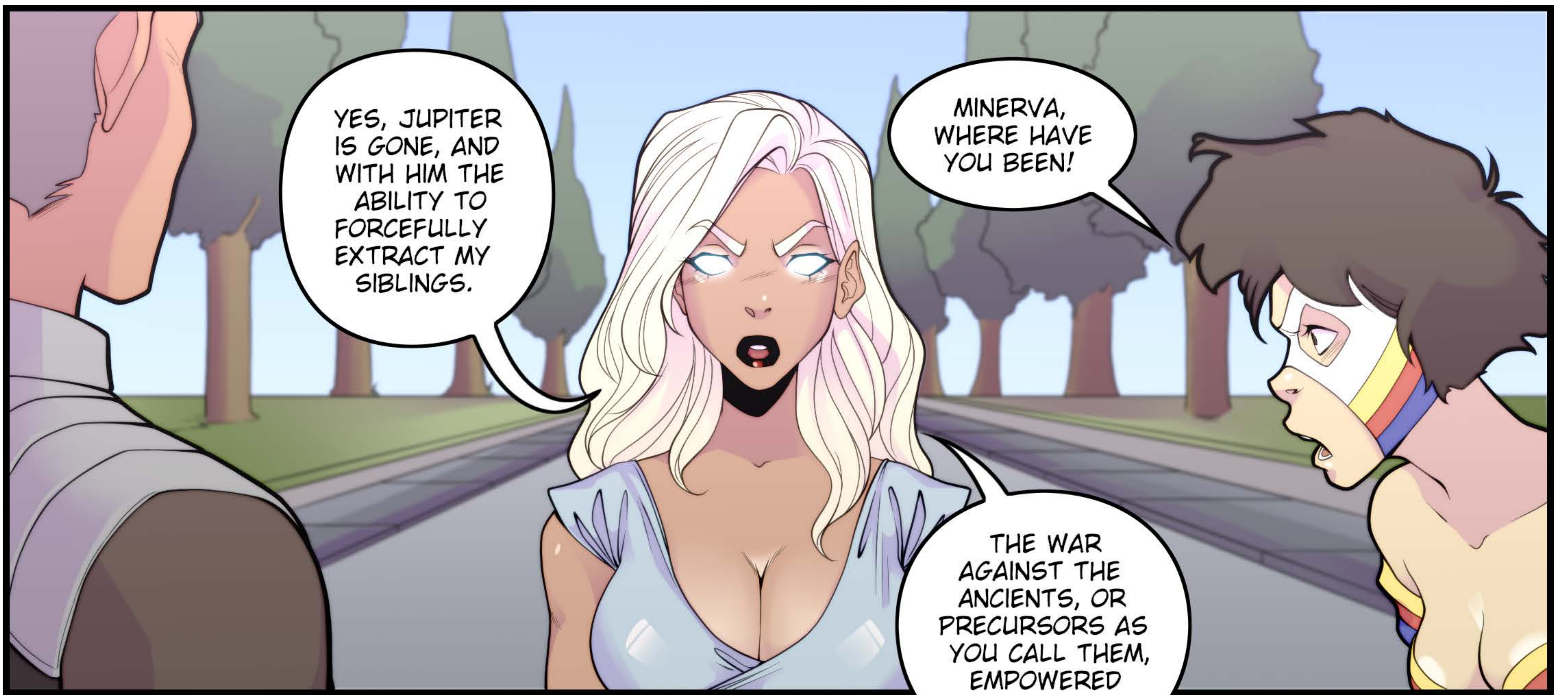


OH YES, YOU WILL MAKE A FINE WORSHIPER. SO, TELL ME, HOW DO YOU REACH SO MANY PEOPLE...





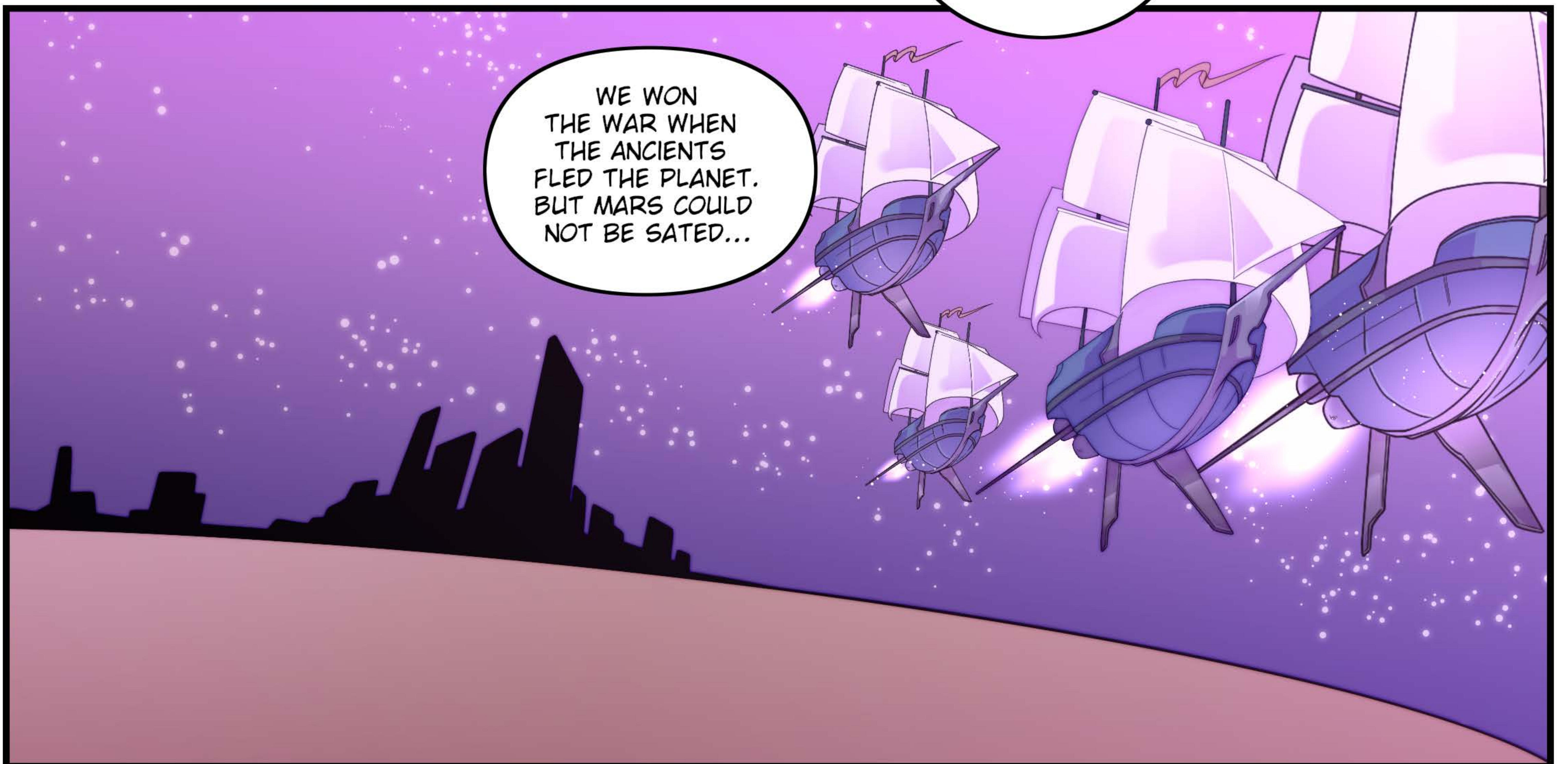
SO, WE LOST THREE GODS... AND JUPITER IS SEALED.



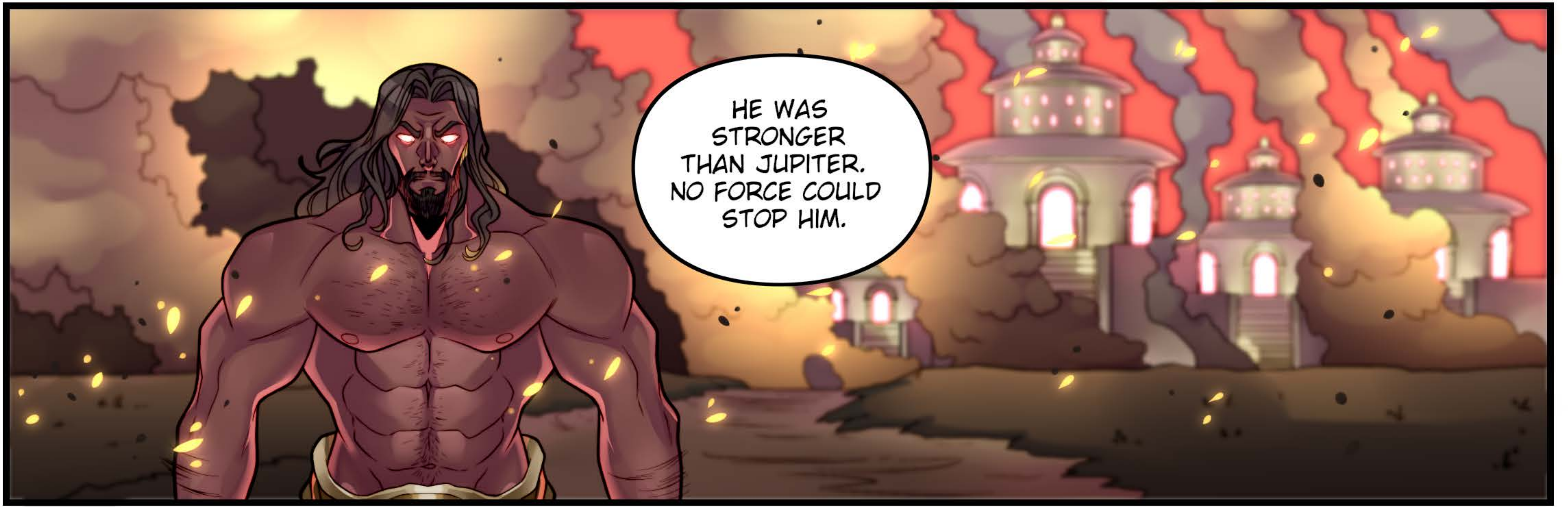
YES, JUPITER IS GONE, AND WITH HIM THE ABILITY TO FORCEFULLY EXTRACT MY SIBLINGS.

MINERVA, WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN!

THE WAR AGAINST THE ANCIENTS, OR PRECURSORS AS YOU CALL THEM, EMPOWERED MARS.



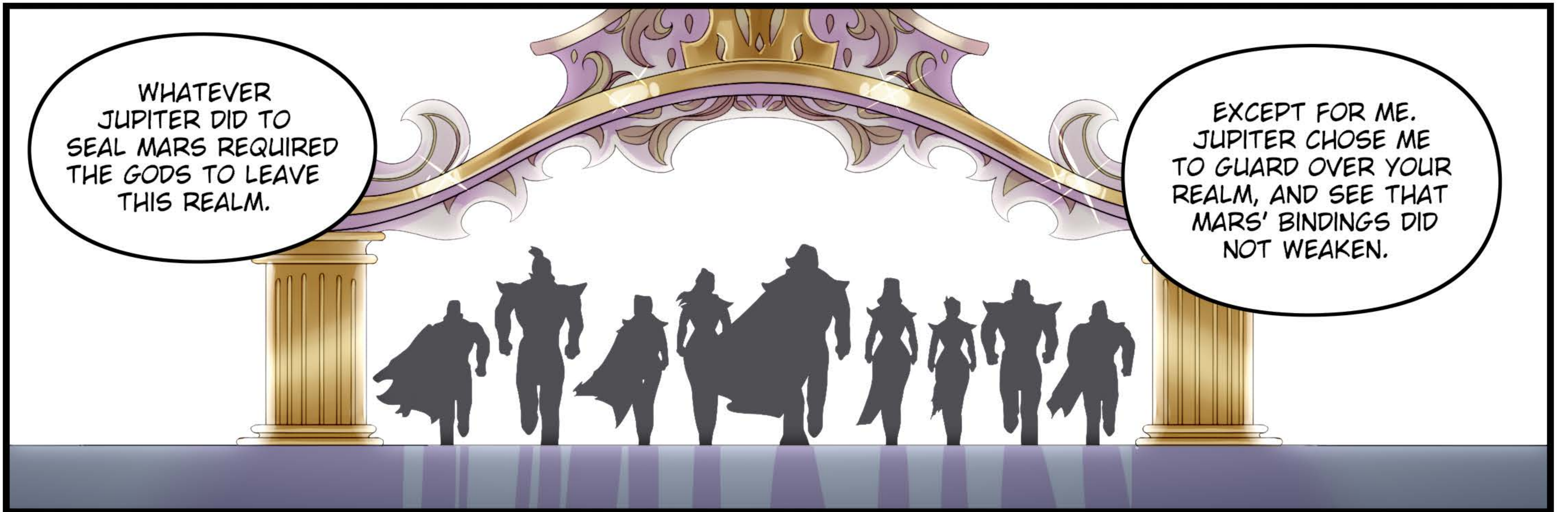
WE WON THE WAR WHEN THE ANCIENTS FLED THE PLANET. BUT MARS COULD NOT BE SATIED...



HE WAS STRONGER THAN JUPITER. NO FORCE COULD STOP HIM.



UNTIL FATHER... JUPITER SPOKE WITH HIM. CHAINS ERUPTED FROM THE GROUND AND MARS WAS DRAGGED TO TARTARUS.



WHATEVER JUPITER DID TO SEAL MARS REQUIRED THE GODS TO LEAVE THIS REALM.

EXCEPT FOR ME. JUPITER CHOSE ME TO GUARD OVER YOUR REALM, AND SEE THAT MARS' BINDINGS DID NOT WEAKEN.



BUT HE WARNED ME NOT TO INTERFERE DIRECTLY OR SET FOOT IN THE REALM MYSELF...



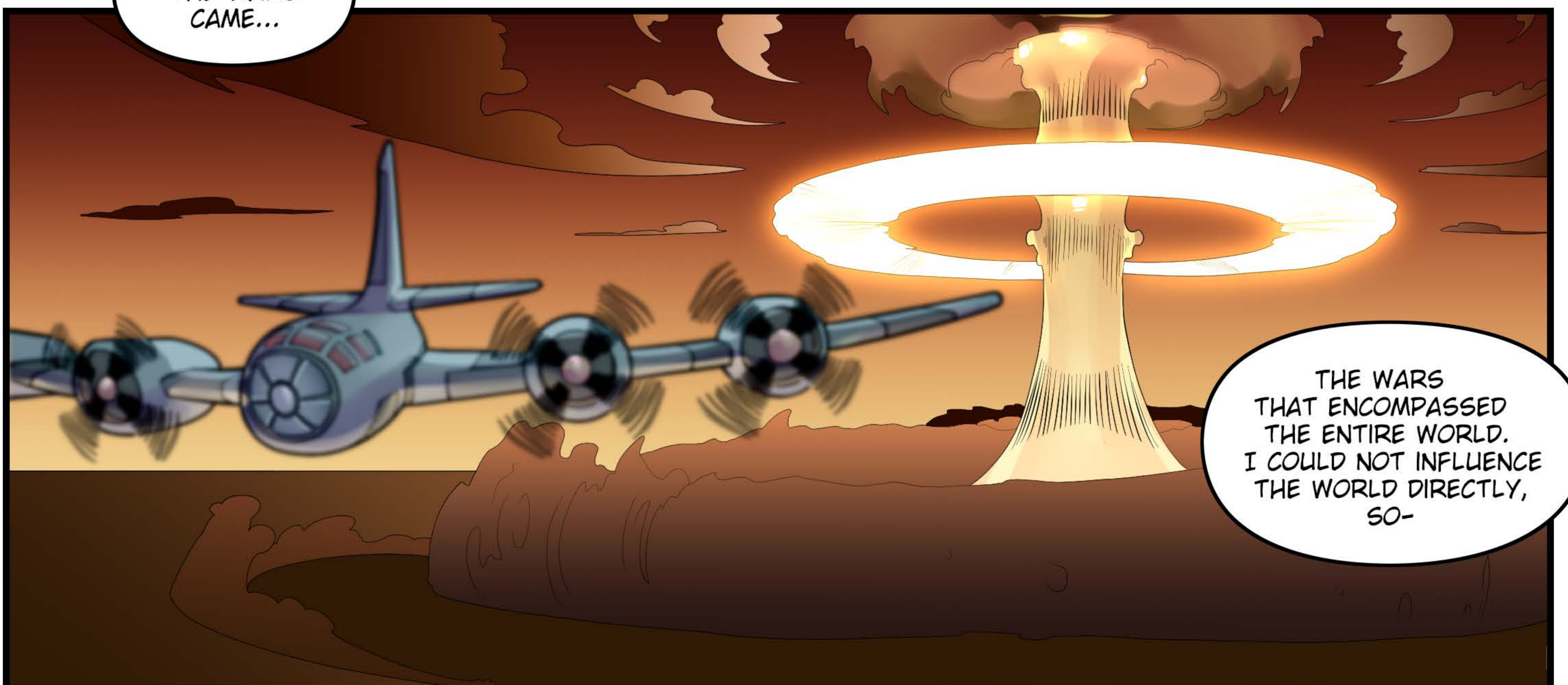
I STILL DO NOT KNOW WHAT JUPITER DID TO SEAL MARS. AND I HAVE GIVEN IT CONSIDERABLE THOUGHT. IT WAS A SIMPLE CONVERSATION, BUT THERE IS OLD POWER IN WORDS.

IN OATHS.



EVEN WITHOUT THE GODS TO GUIDE THEM, HUMANITY PROSPERED. FOR A TIME...

AND THEN THE WARS CAME...



THE WARS THAT ENCOMPASSED THE ENTIRE WORLD. I COULD NOT INFLUENCE THE WORLD DIRECTLY, SO-



-I CHOSE TO EMPOWER CHAMPIONS!



THEY WERE CALLED "SUPERS" BY YOUR NEWSPAPERS. THE TERM SEEMS TO HAVE STUCK.



SINCE I WAS NOT DIRECTLY USING MY POWERS, I WAS NOT WEAKENING MARS BOND...

MY CHAMPIONS HAVE HELPED KEEP MARS FROM BREAKING FREE SO FAR.



WHAT I DO KNOW IS THAT BY VENUS AND THE OTHERS BEING HERE, USING THEIR POWERS, THEY WILL WEAKEN MARS' PRISON. IT'S ONLY A MATTER OF WHEN.

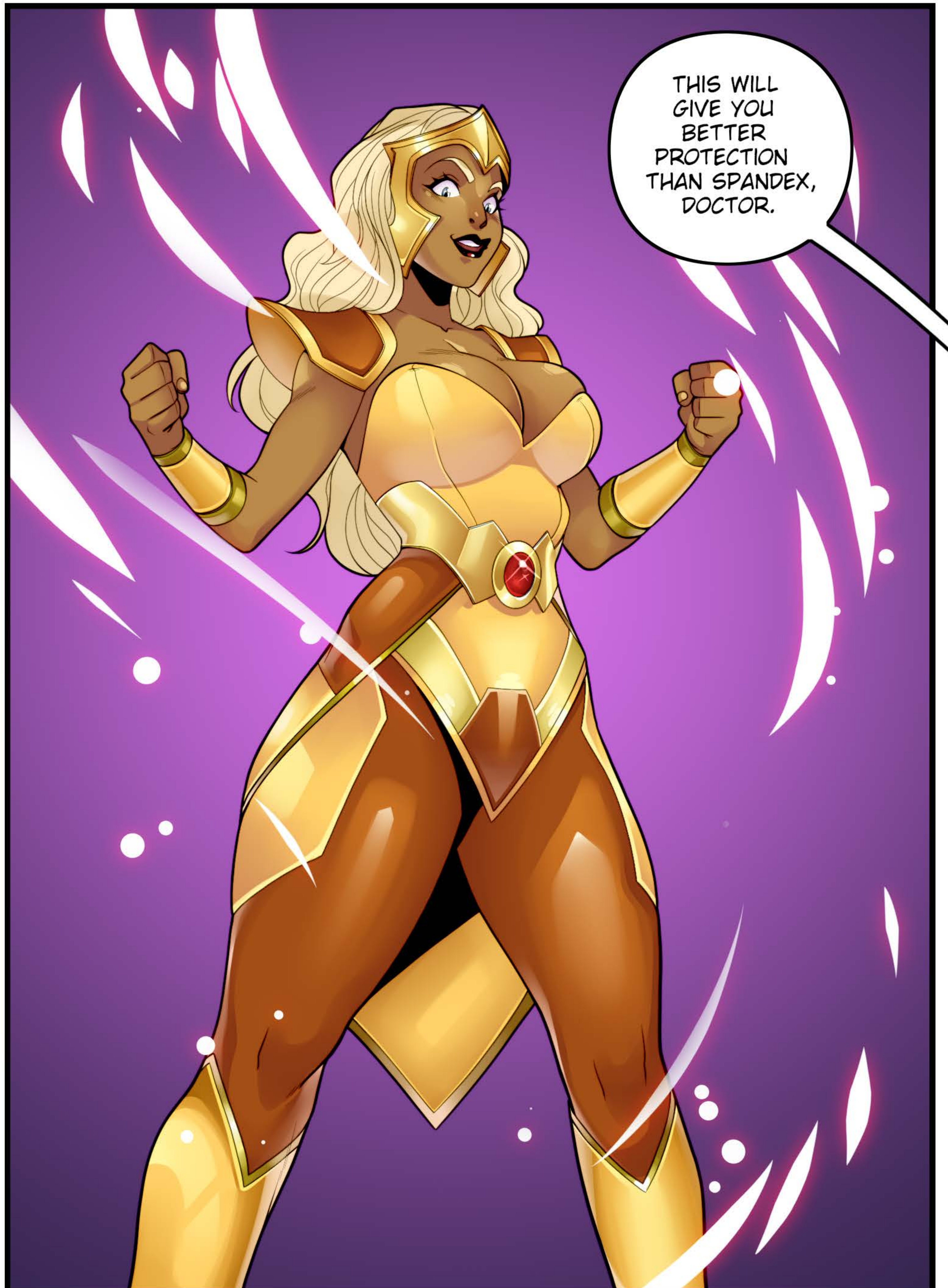
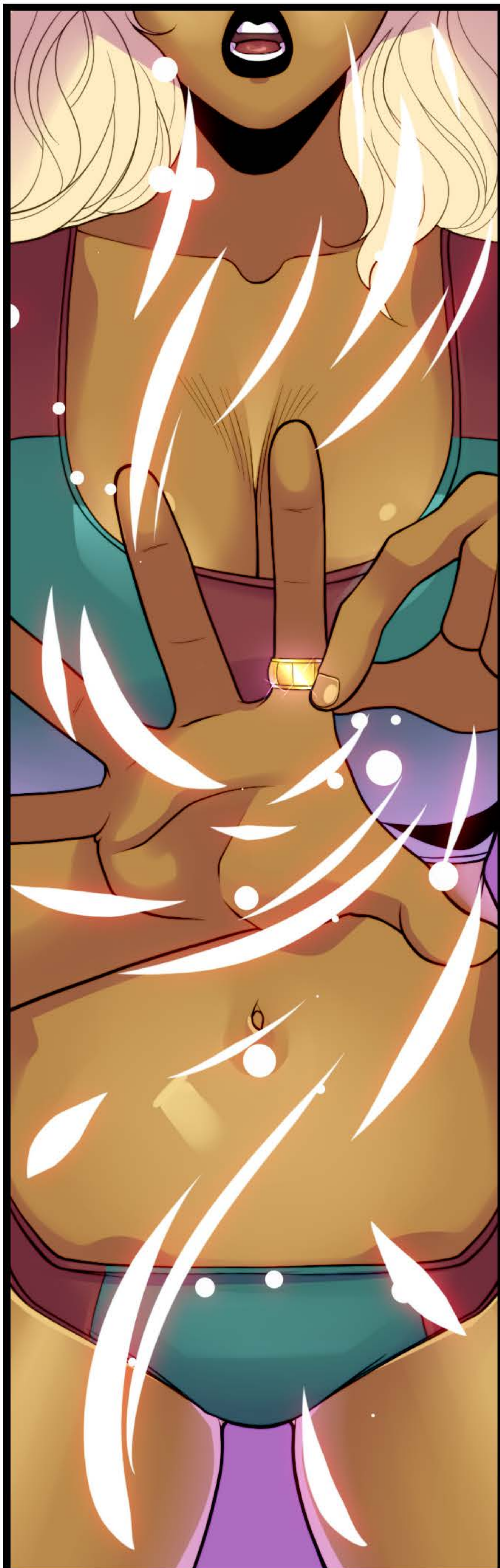


SO WE MUST BE PREPARED! DOCTOR, EVEN THOUGH YOU WERE NOT CHOSEN BY ME, YOU HAVE PROVEN YOURSELF TO BE ONE OF MY CHAMPIONS TODAY.

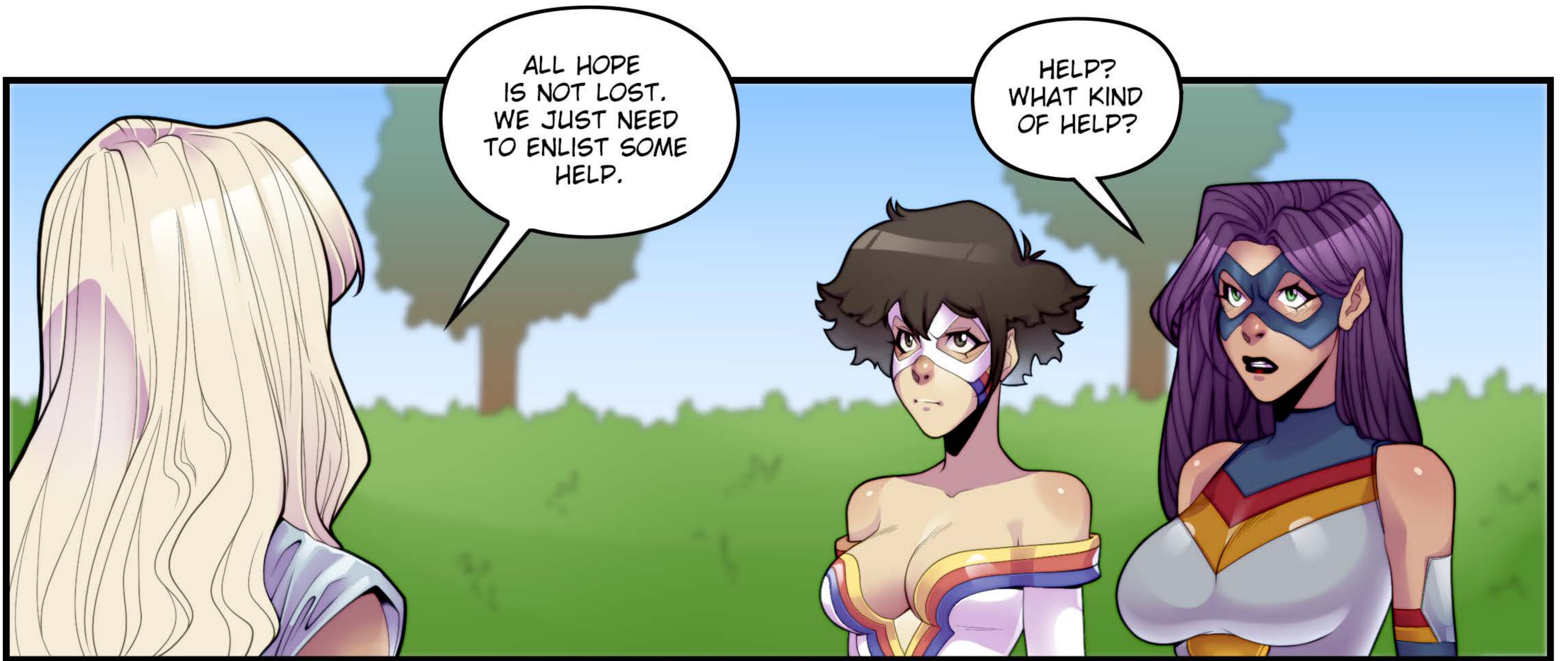
YOU HAVE EARNED A BOON.



USUALLY I WOULD USE MY HAIR, BUT I AM FEARFUL THAT I HAVE DONE THAT TRICK A BIT TOO MUCH LATELY. PLACE THIS RING ON YOUR FINGER DOCTOR.

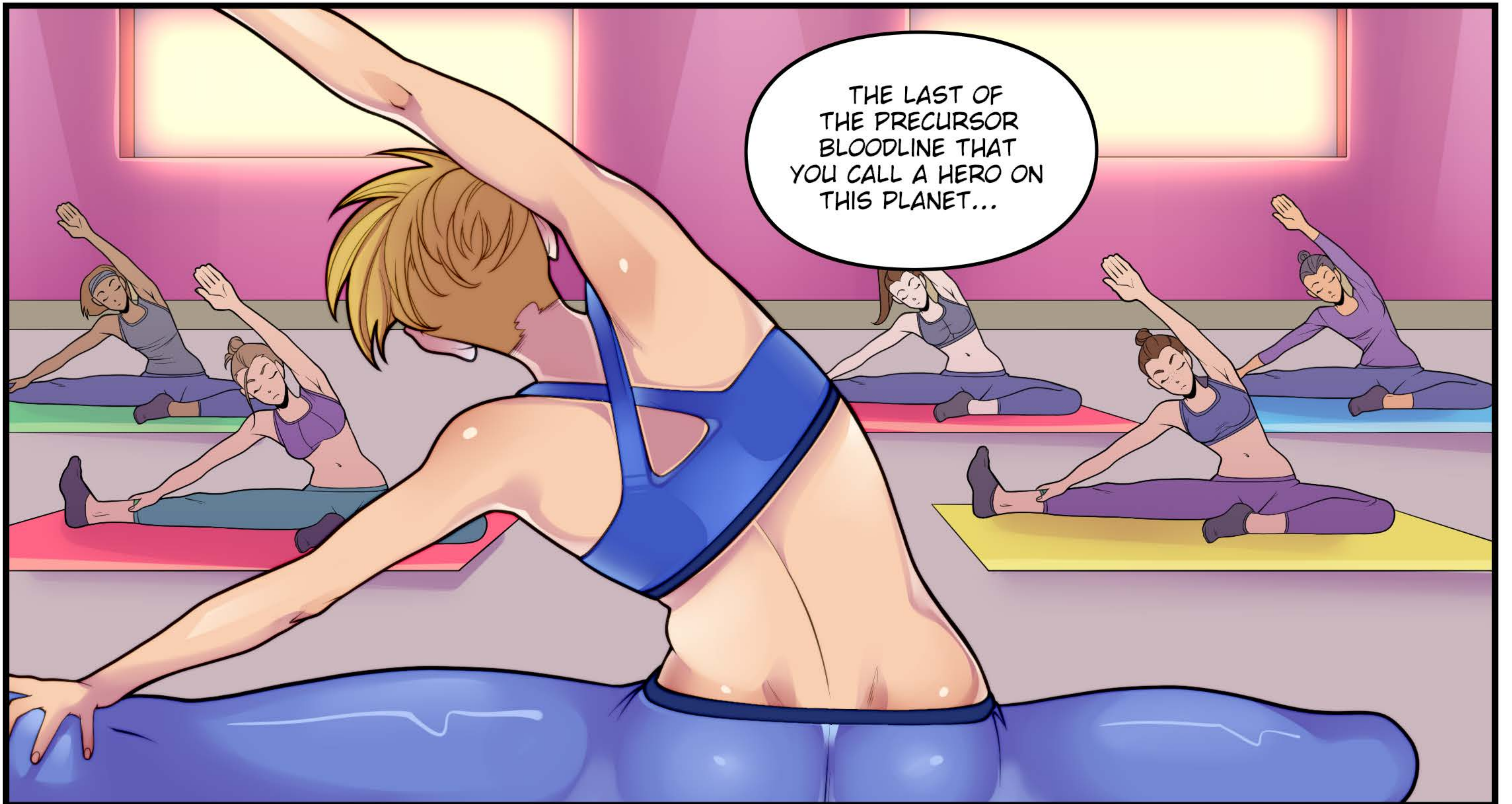


THIS WILL GIVE YOU BETTER PROTECTION THAN SPANDEX, DOCTOR.



ALL HOPE IS NOT LOST. WE JUST NEED TO ENLIST SOME HELP.

HELP? WHAT KIND OF HELP?



THE LAST OF THE PRECURSOR BLOODLINE THAT YOU CALL A HERO ON THIS PLANET...

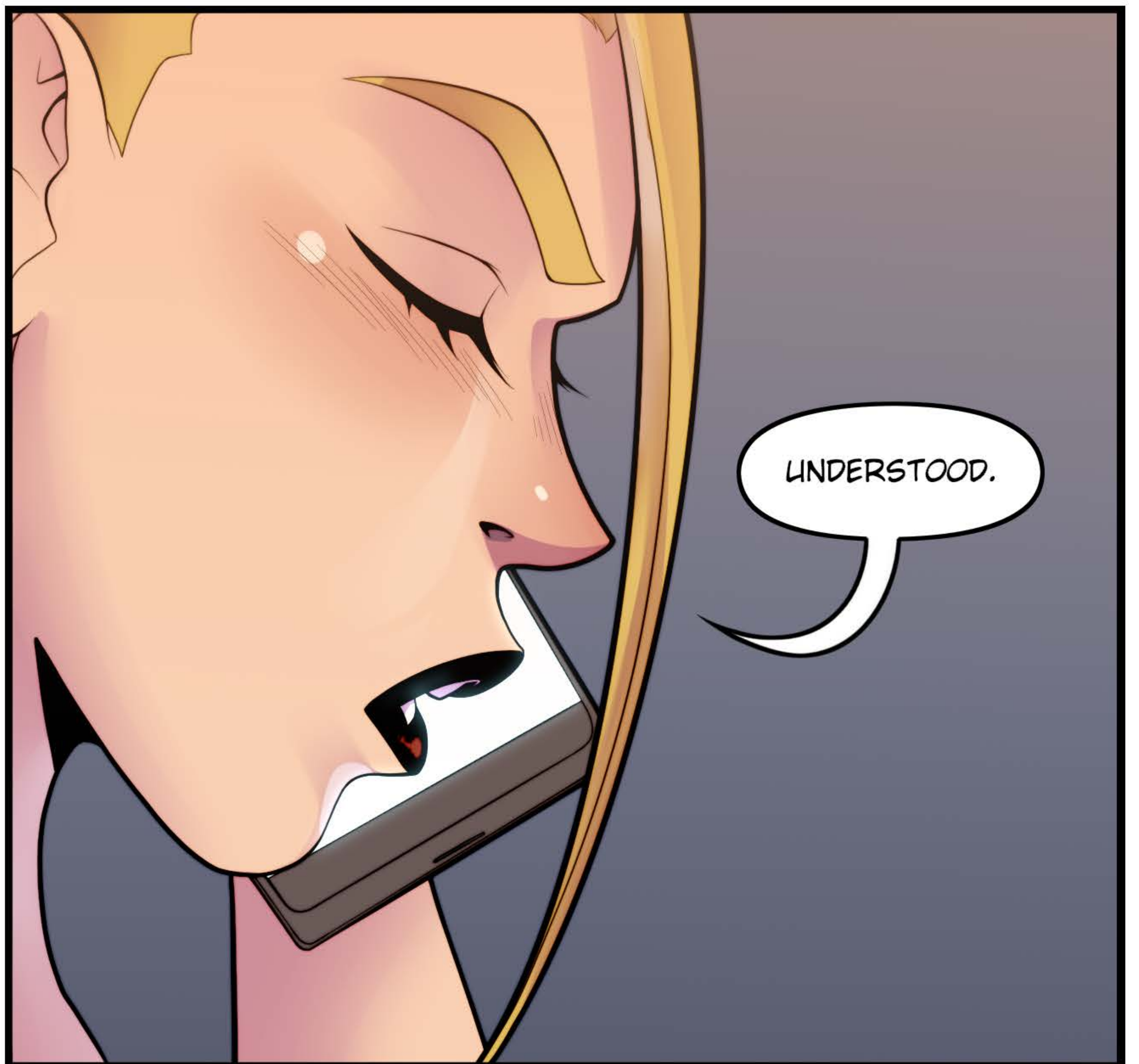
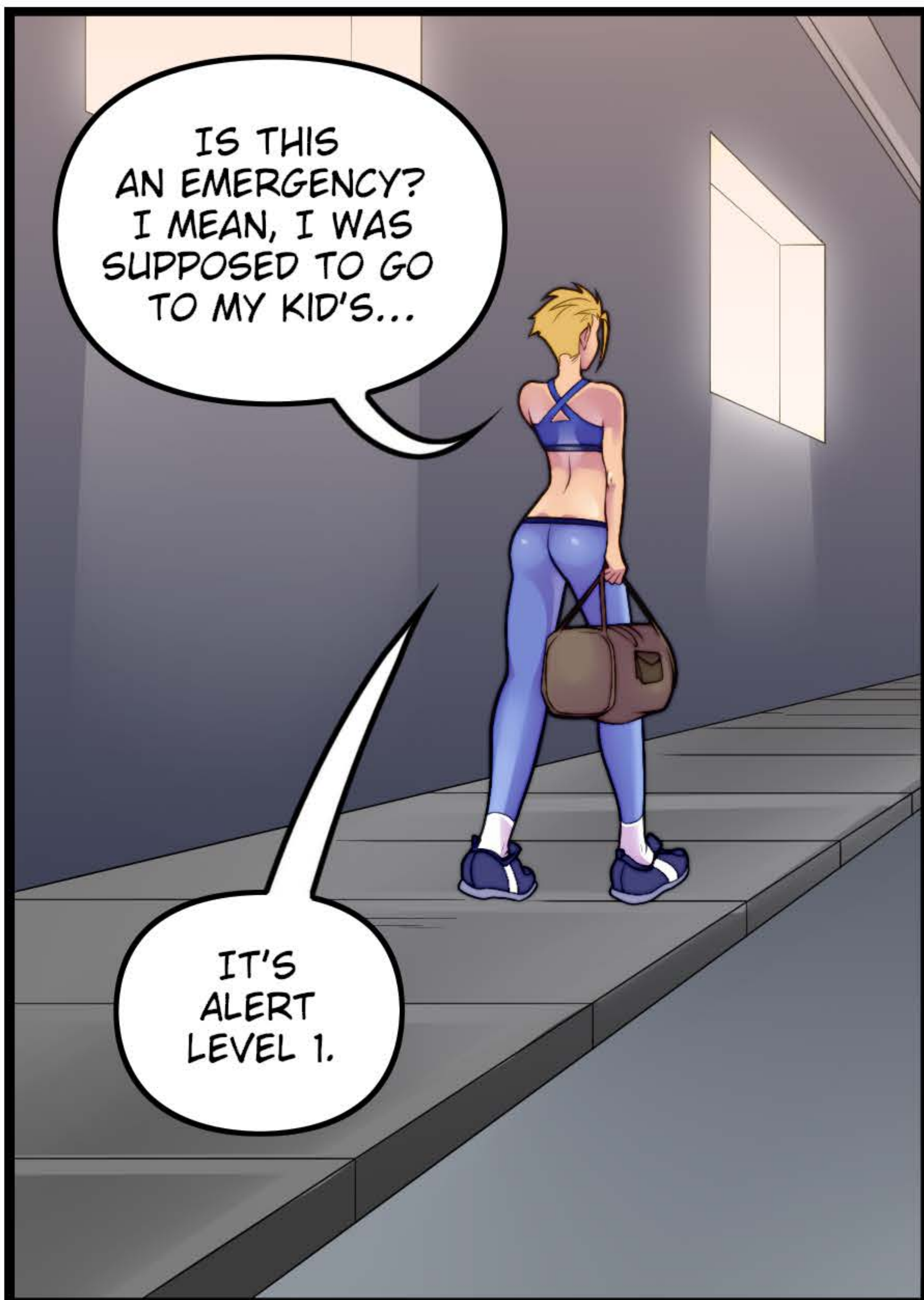


GOT IT. I'LL MAKE THE CALL.

THE CALL?

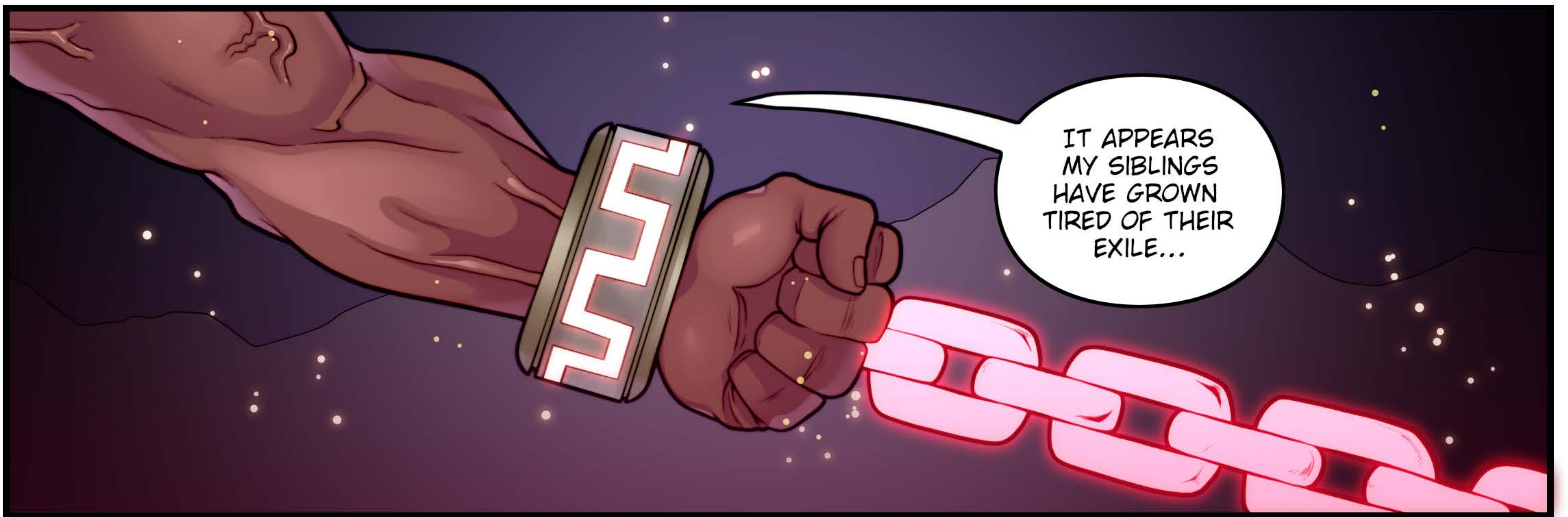


THE HERO YOU CALL TURBULENCE.

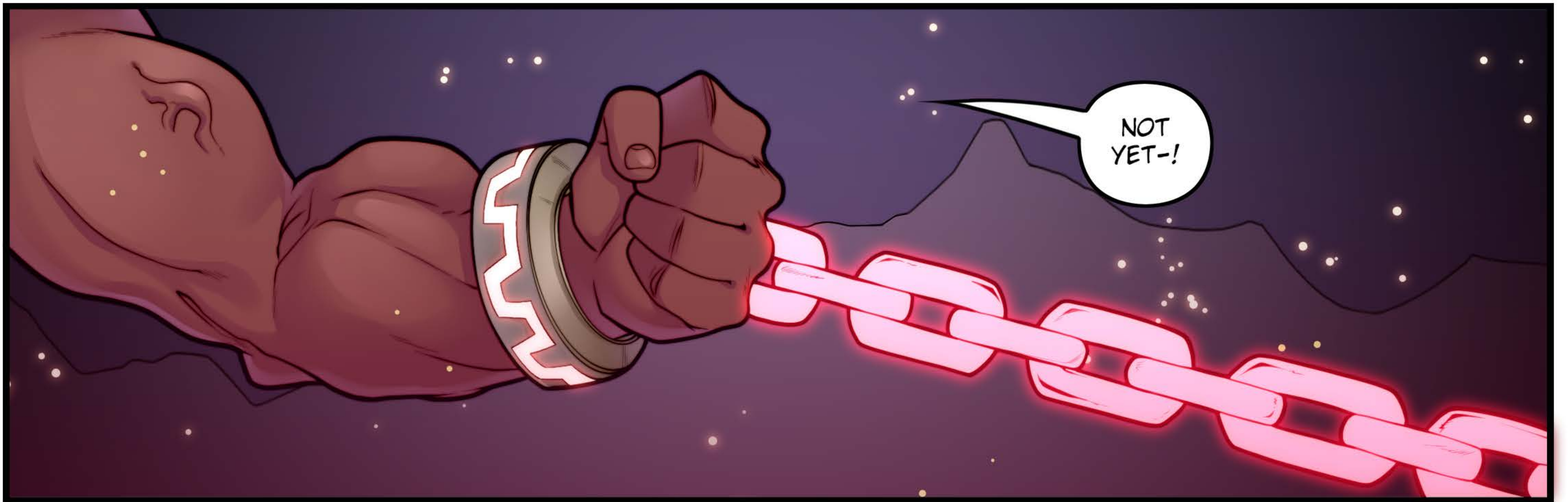




HMPH!



IT APPEARS
MY SIBLINGS
HAVE GROWN
TIRED OF THEIR
EXILE...

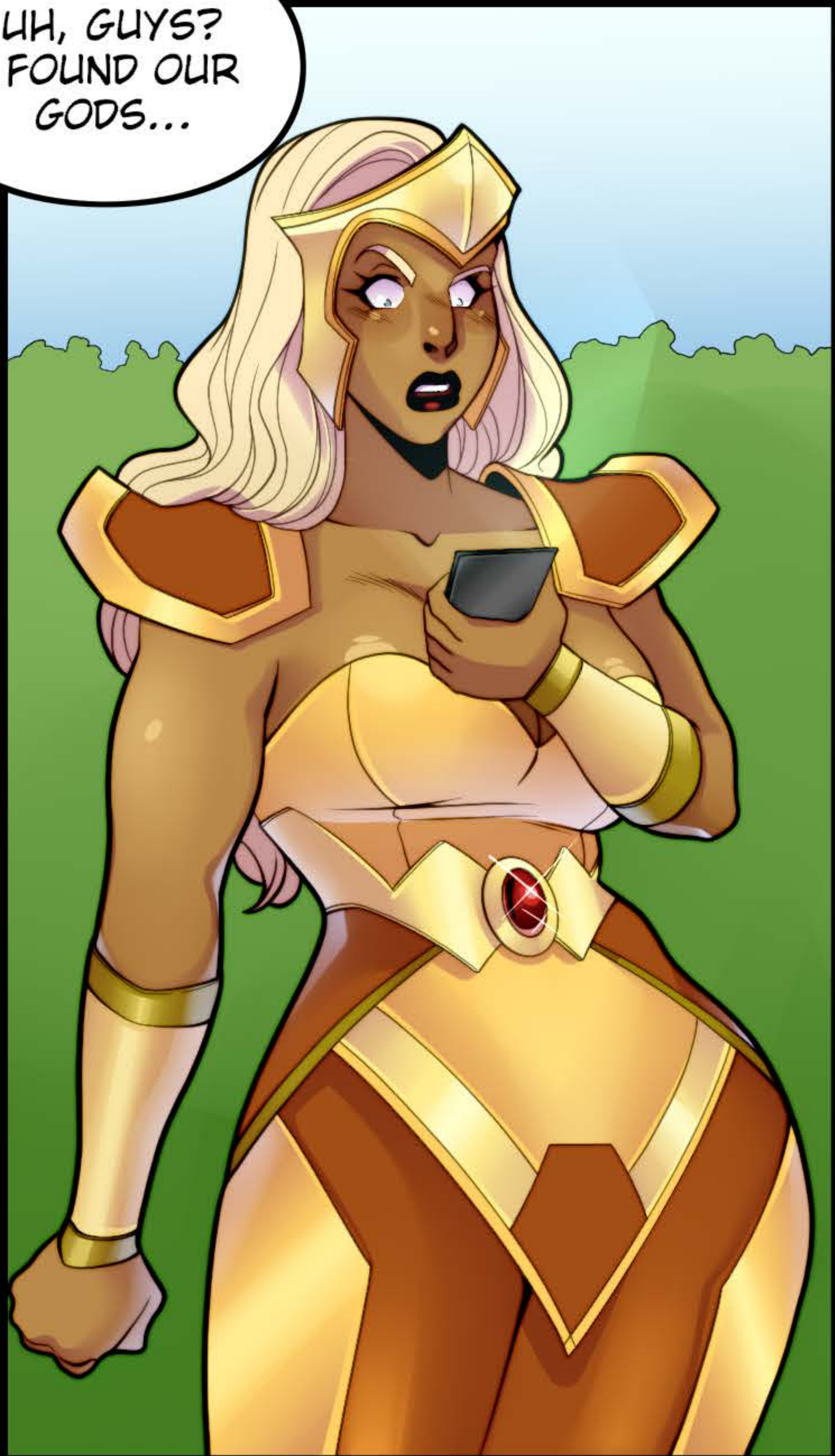


NOT
YET-!



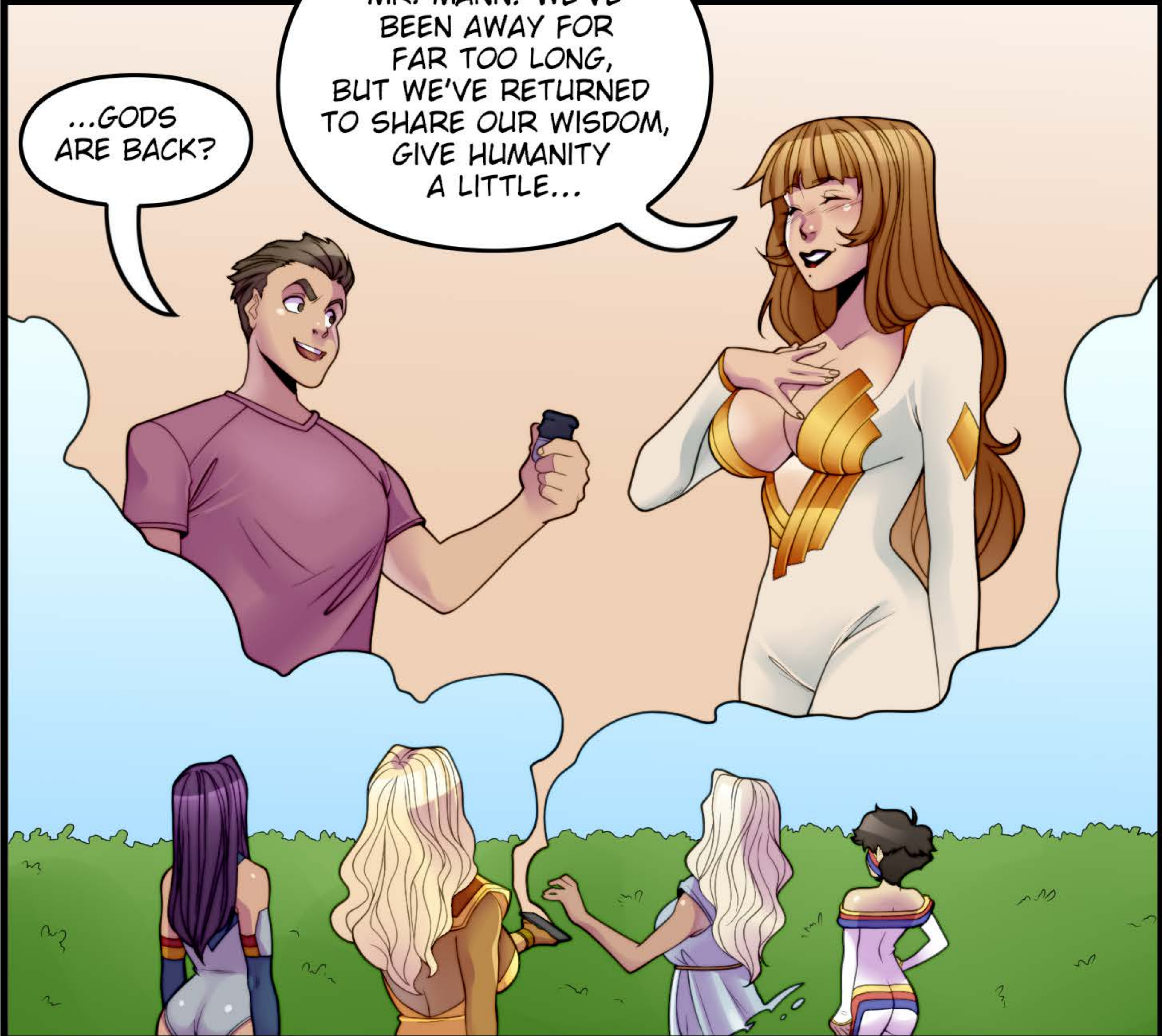
BUT
SOON...

UH, GUYS?
I FOUND OUR
GODS...

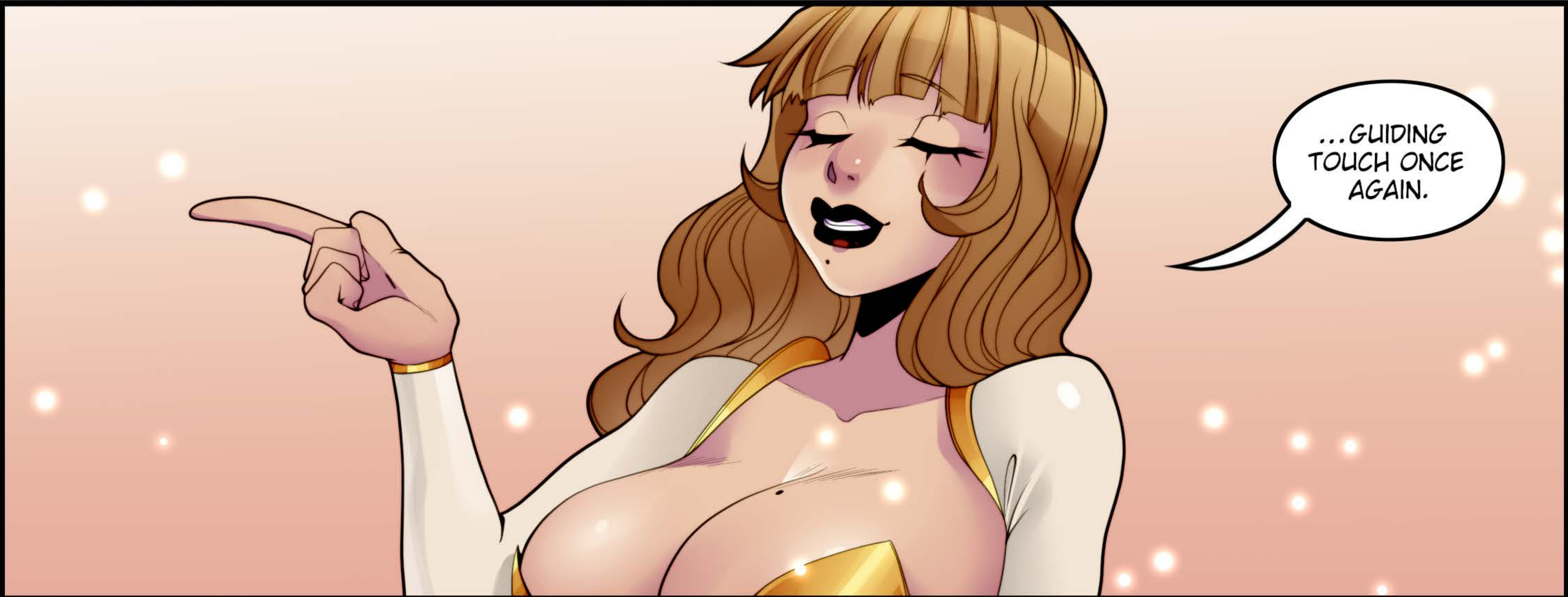


...GODS
ARE BACK?

THAT'S RIGHT.
MR. MANN! WE'VE
BEEN AWAY FOR
FAR TOO LONG,
BUT WE'VE RETURNED
TO SHARE OUR WISDOM,
GIVE HUMANITY
A LITTLE...

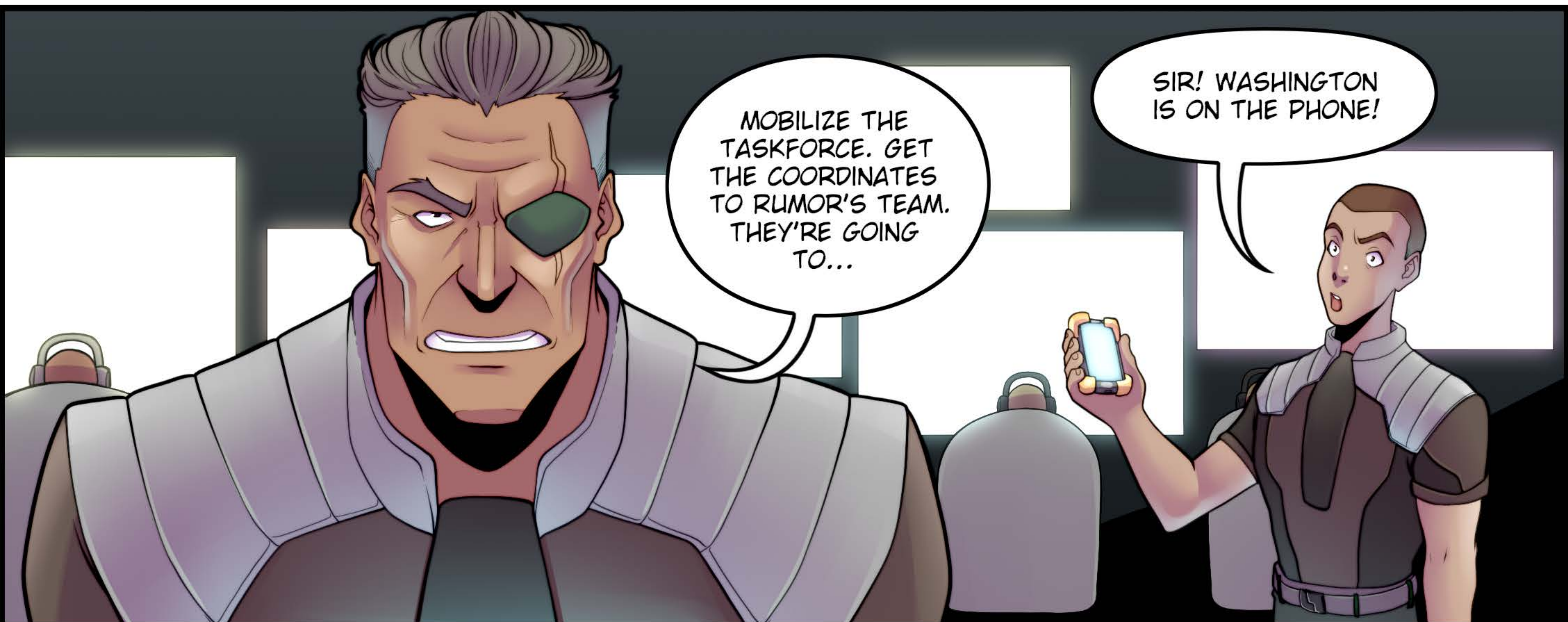


...GLIDING
TOUCH ONCE
AGAIN.



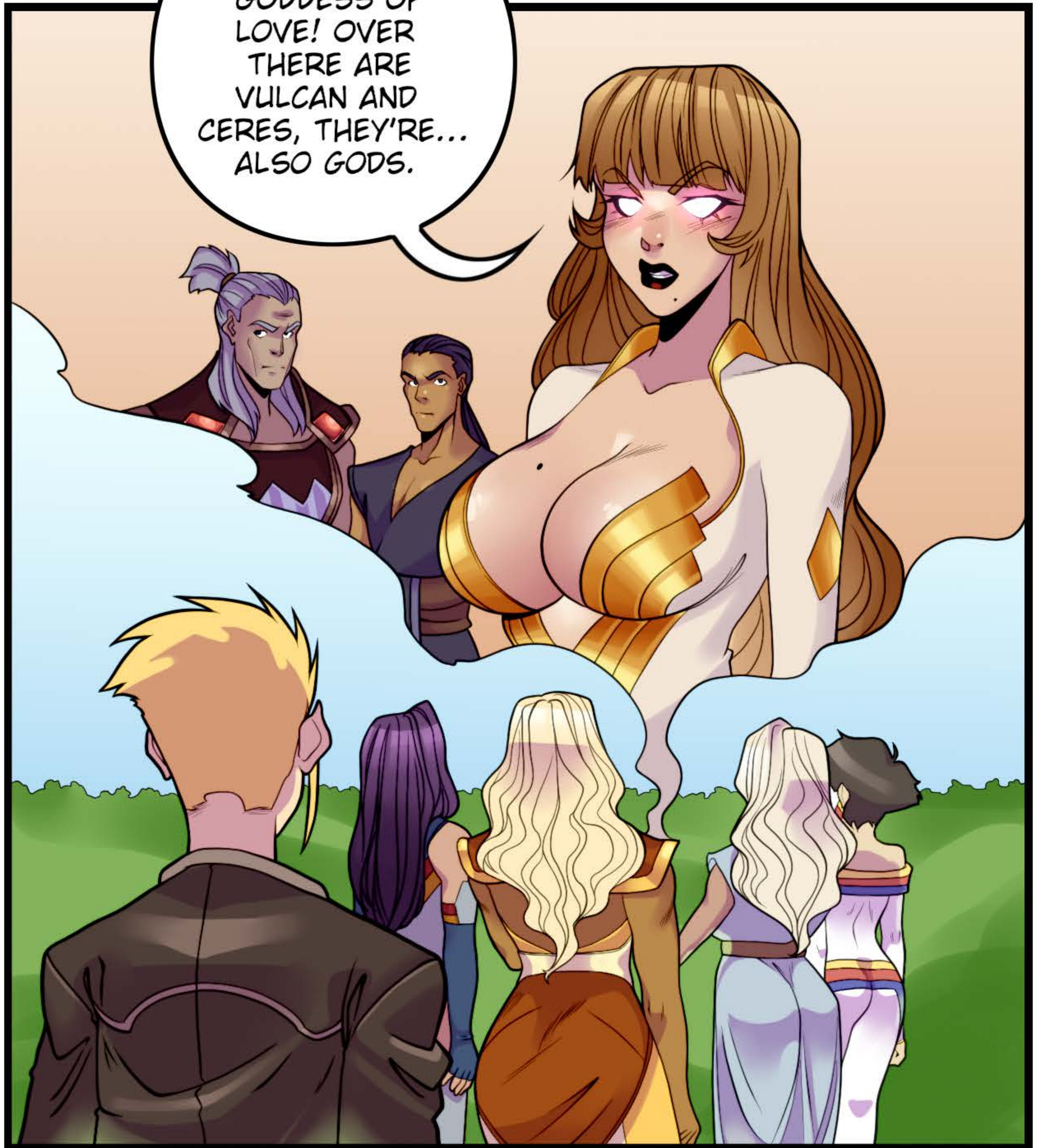
MOBILIZE THE
TASKFORCE. GET
THE COORDINATES
TO RUMOR'S TEAM.
THEY'RE GOING
TO...

SIR! WASHINGTON
IS ON THE PHONE!

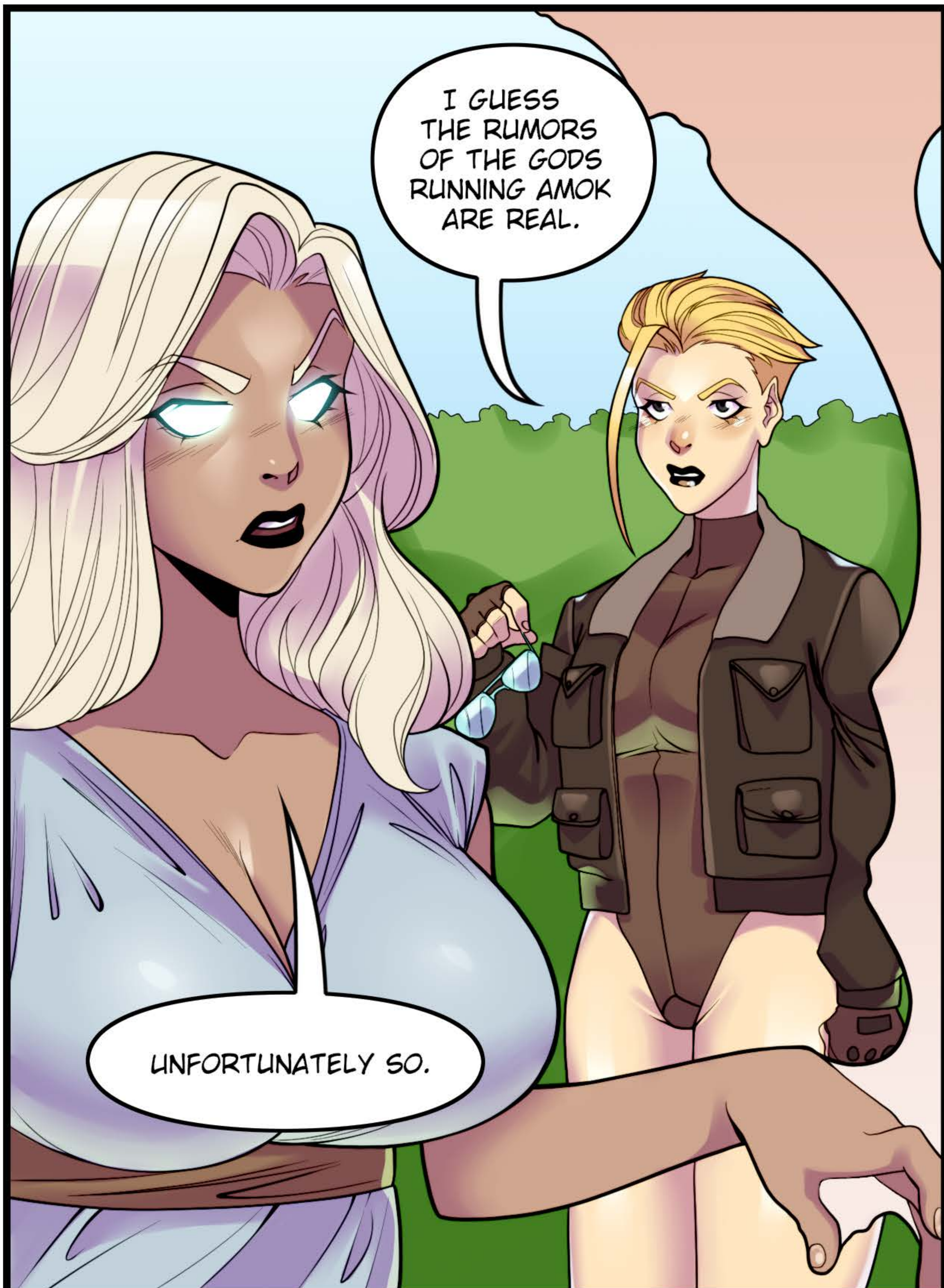




I'M HEARING ALL SORTS OF INSANE CHATTER ON THE AIRWAVES. WHAT'S THE SITREP?



I AM VENUS, GODDESS OF LOVE! OVER THERE ARE VULCAN AND CERES, THEY'RE... ALSO GODS.



I GUESS THE RUMORS OF THE GODS RUNNING AMOK ARE REAL.

UNFORTUNATELY SO.



DOES MINERVA SEEM A BIT TENSE TO YOU??

TURBULENCE'S BODY IS TECHNICALLY A FORMER ENEMY FOR MINERVA. SHE'S BOUND TO BE ON EDGE.



ALRIGHT,
LET'S GO KICK
THAT GODDESS
BITCH OUT
OF...



HOLD
UP!

GETTING
ORDERS...
WASHINGTON
IS SAYING FOR
THE TIME BEING,
VENUS IS TO BE
LEFT ALONE.



WHAT?!
EXCUSE ME?
IS WASHINGTON
INSANE?!

SOMETIMES.

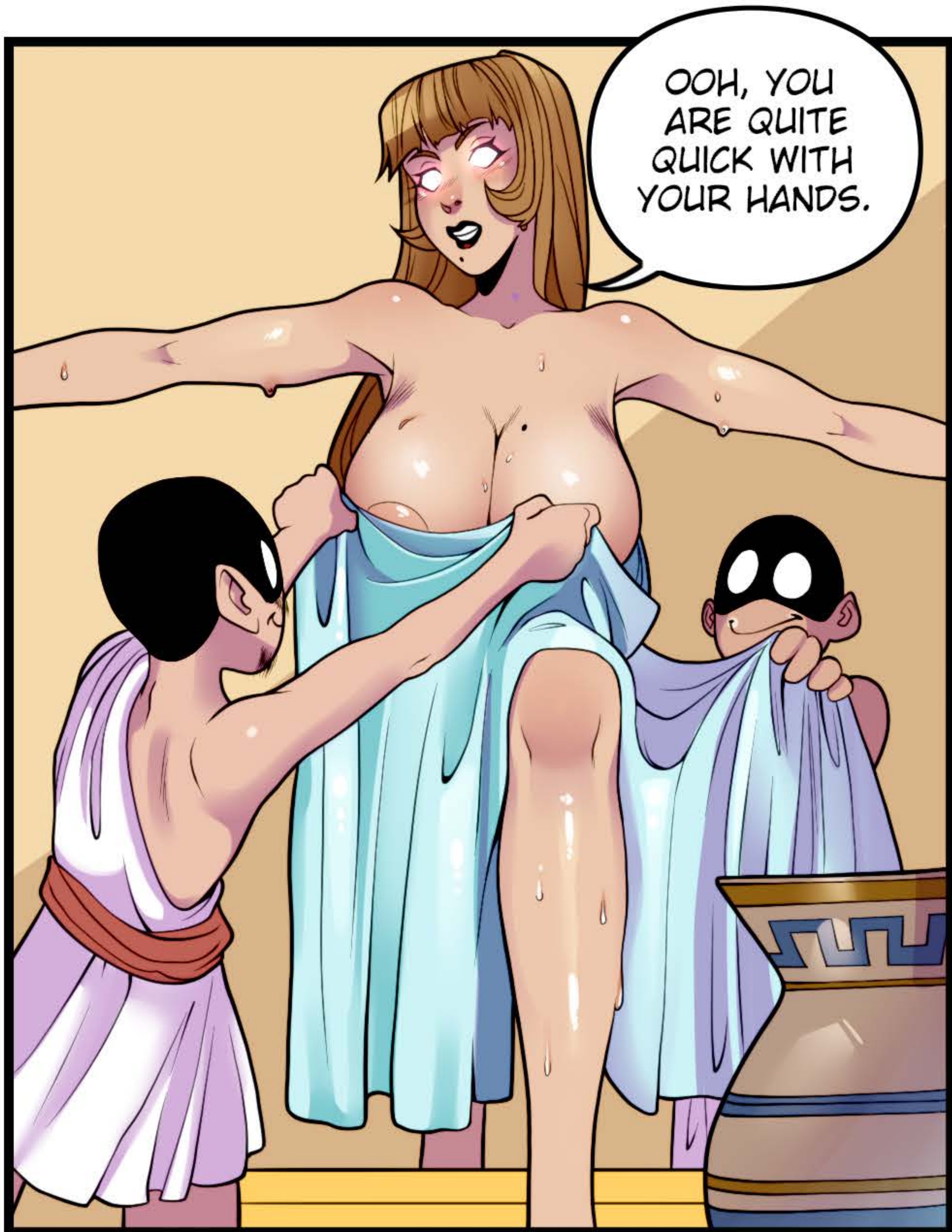


SORRY FOR
MOBILIZING YOU
ON SHORT NOTICE.
WE'LL KEEP YOU
ON STAND-BY.

TWO WEEKS LATER...



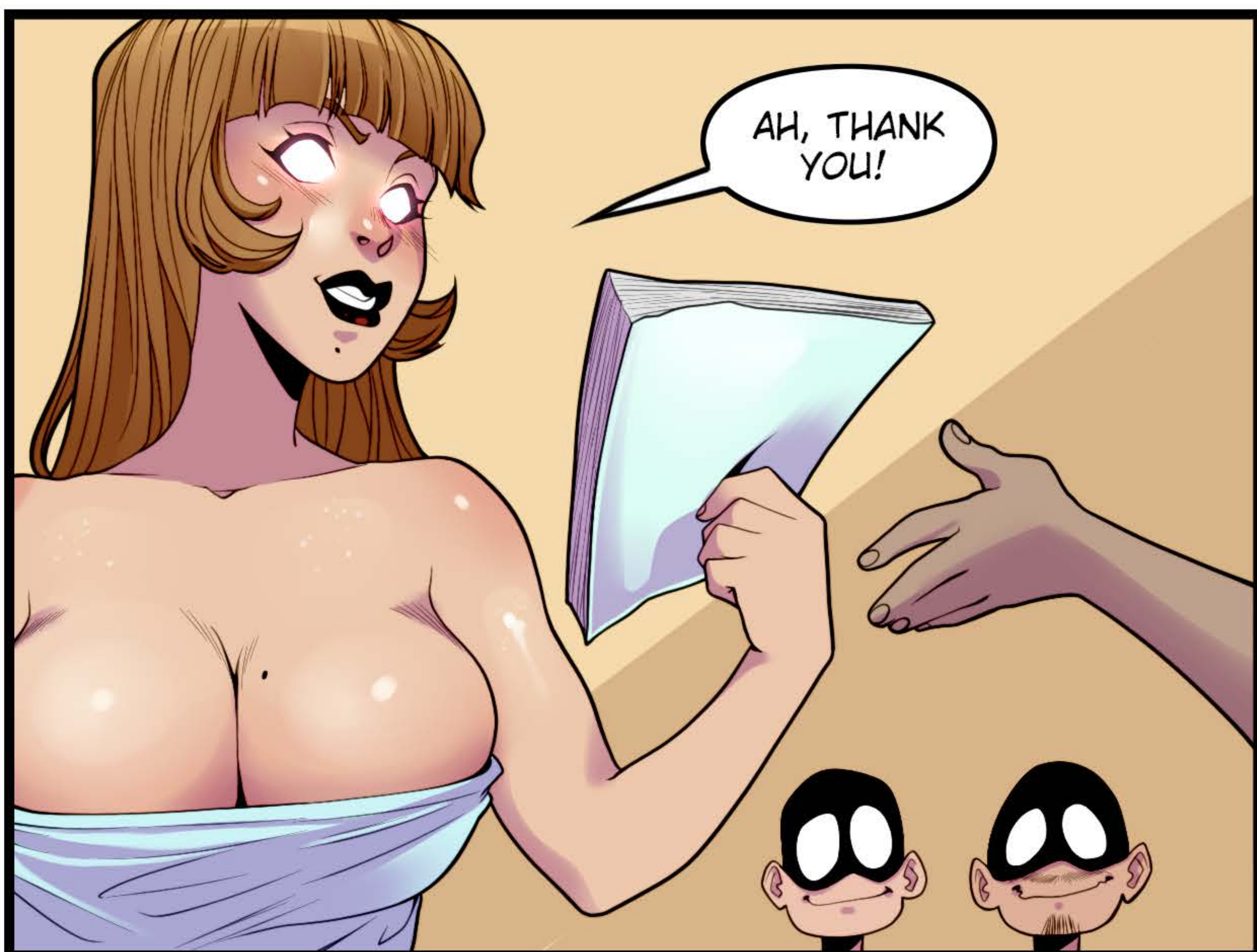
I CAN FEEL MY SKIN STARTING TO PRUNE. GENTLEMEN!



OOH, YOU ARE QUITE QUICK WITH YOUR HANDS.



I WILL REMEMBER THAT...



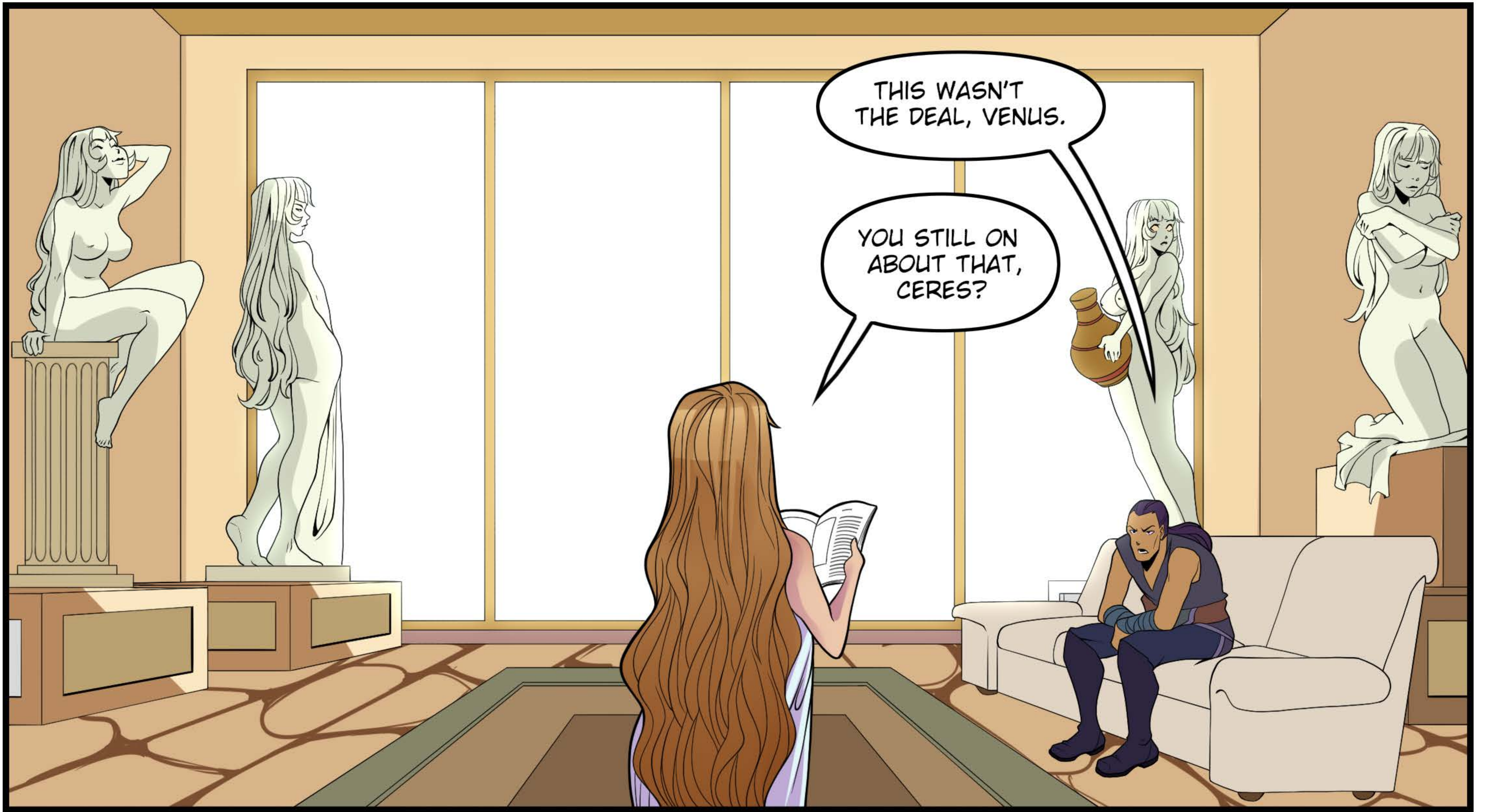
AH, THANK YOU!



ALWAYS GOOD TO CHECK ON MY PRESS!

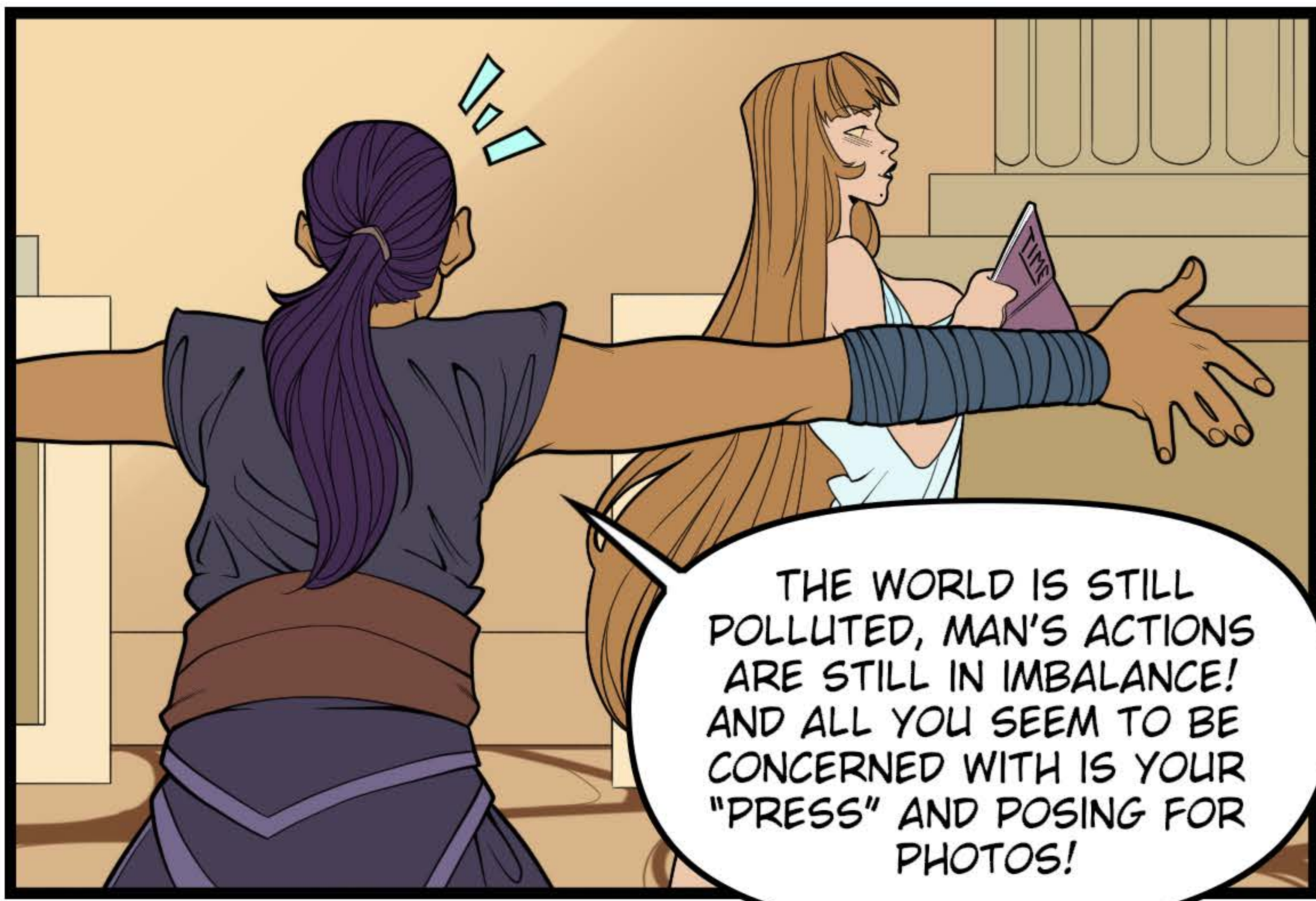
Time

The Goddess of Love is Back!

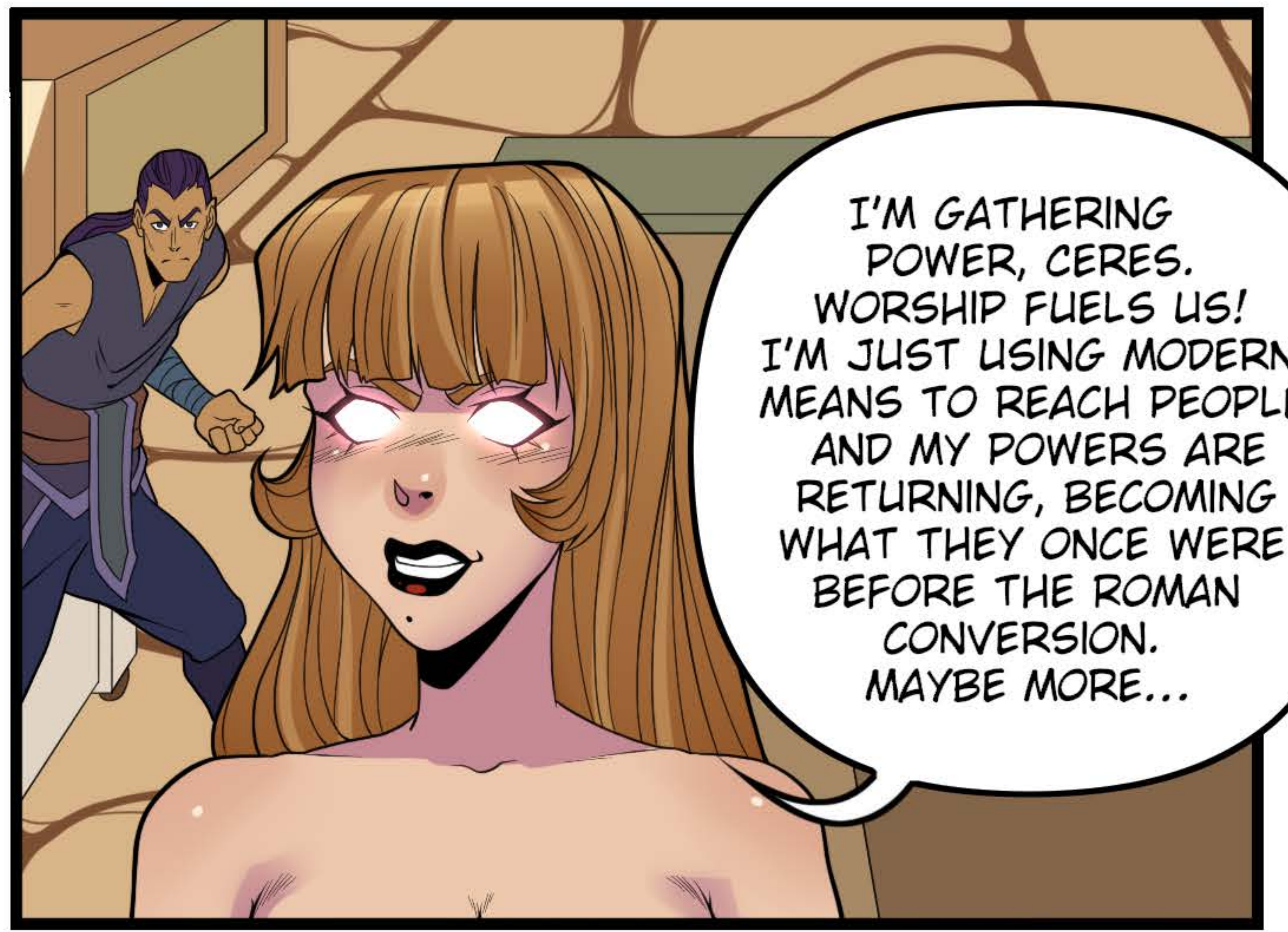


THIS WASN'T THE DEAL, VENUS.

YOU STILL ON ABOUT THAT, CERES?



THE WORLD IS STILL POLLUTED, MAN'S ACTIONS ARE STILL IN IMBALANCE! AND ALL YOU SEEM TO BE CONCERNED WITH IS YOUR "PRESS" AND POSING FOR PHOTOS!

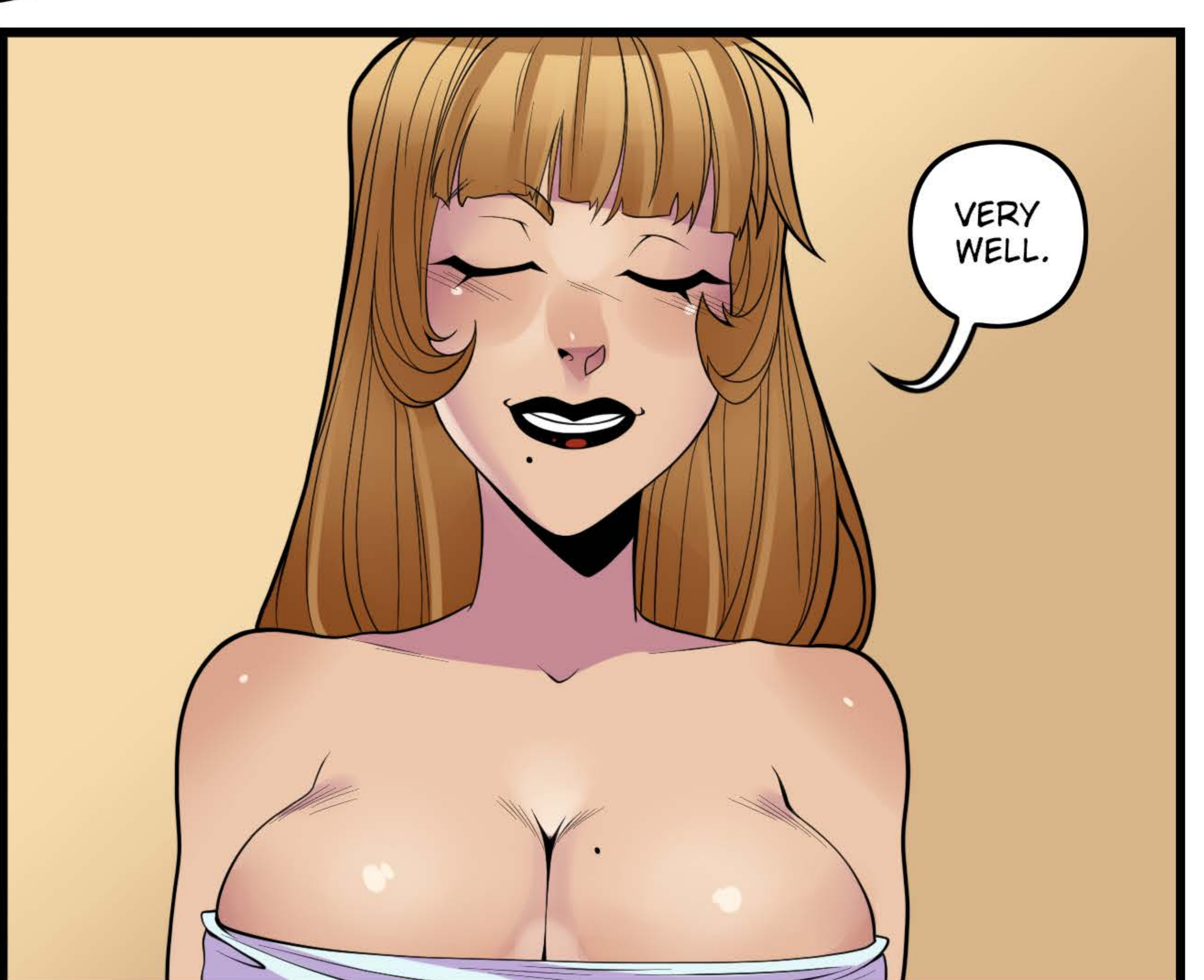


I'M GATHERING POWER, CERES. WORSHIP FUELS US! I'M JUST USING MODERN MEANS TO REACH PEOPLE. AND MY POWERS ARE RETURNING, BECOMING WHAT THEY ONCE WERE BEFORE THE ROMAN CONVERSION. MAYBE MORE...

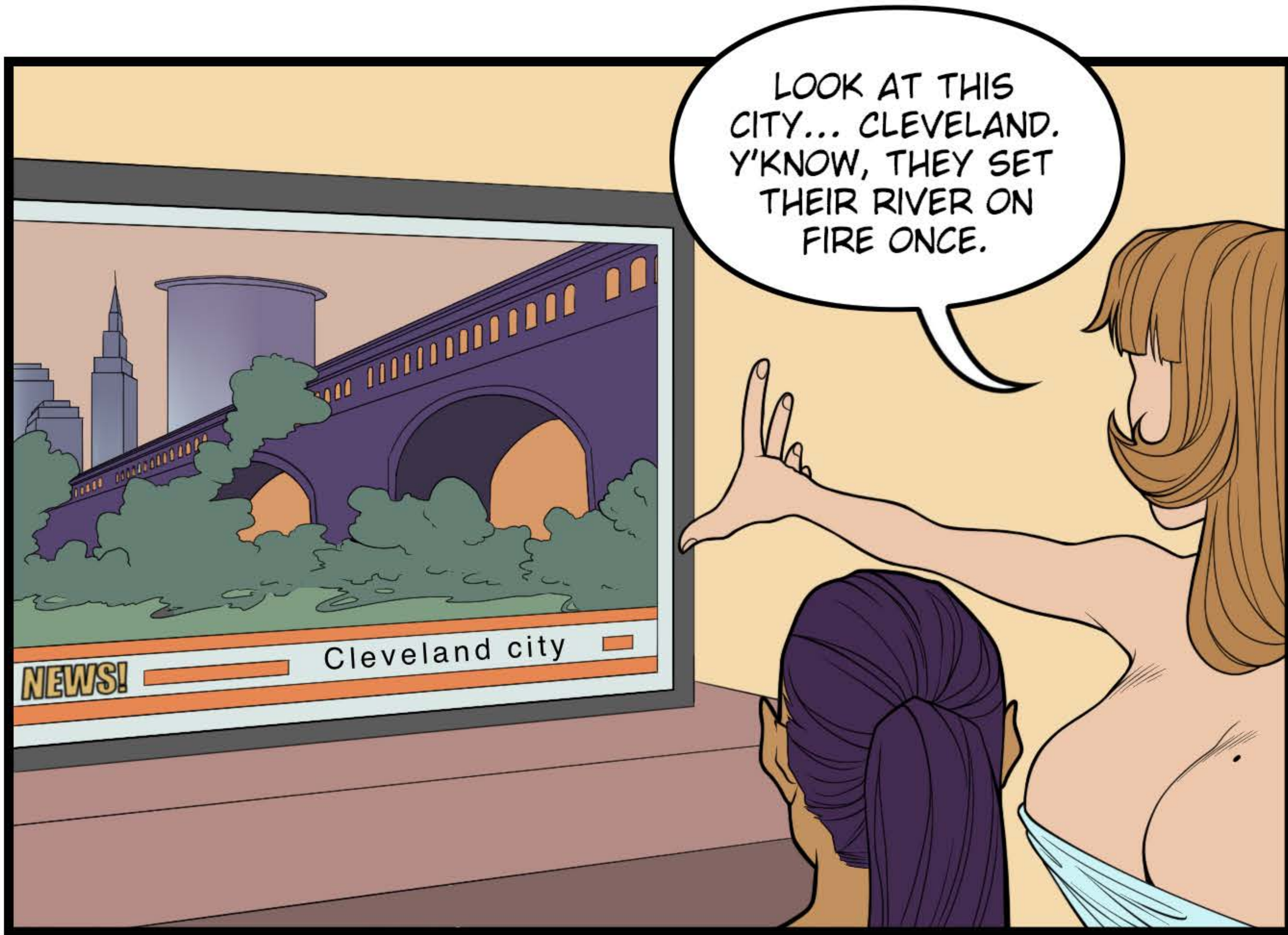


YOU SHOULD TRY IT! BE THE GOD YOU WANT TO BE...

I WANT WHAT I WAS PROMISED!



VERY WELL.



LOOK AT THIS CITY... CLEVELAND. Y'KNOW, THEY SET THEIR RIVER ON FIRE ONCE.



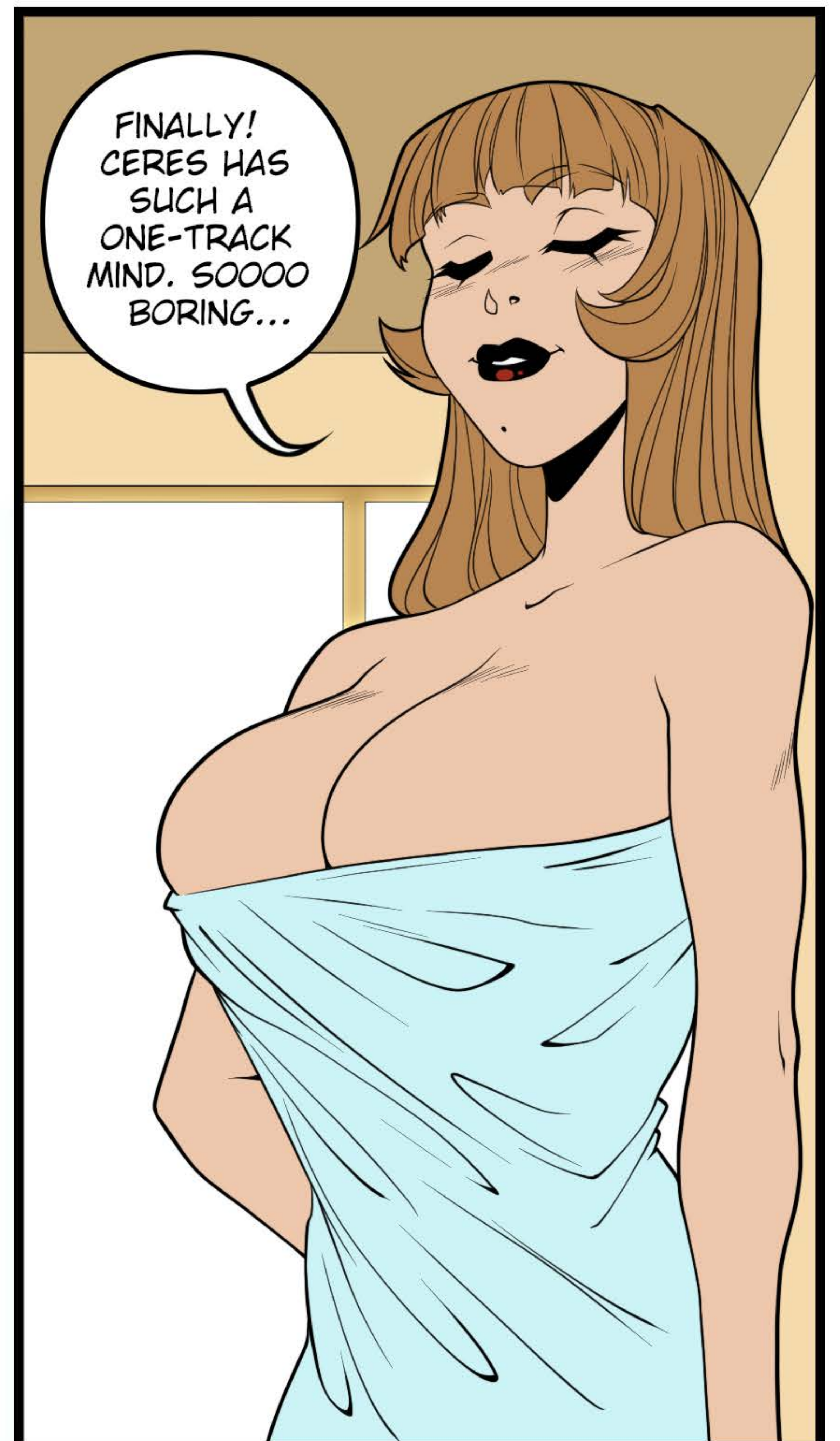
IF YOU WANT A PLACE TO START, WHY NOT THERE?



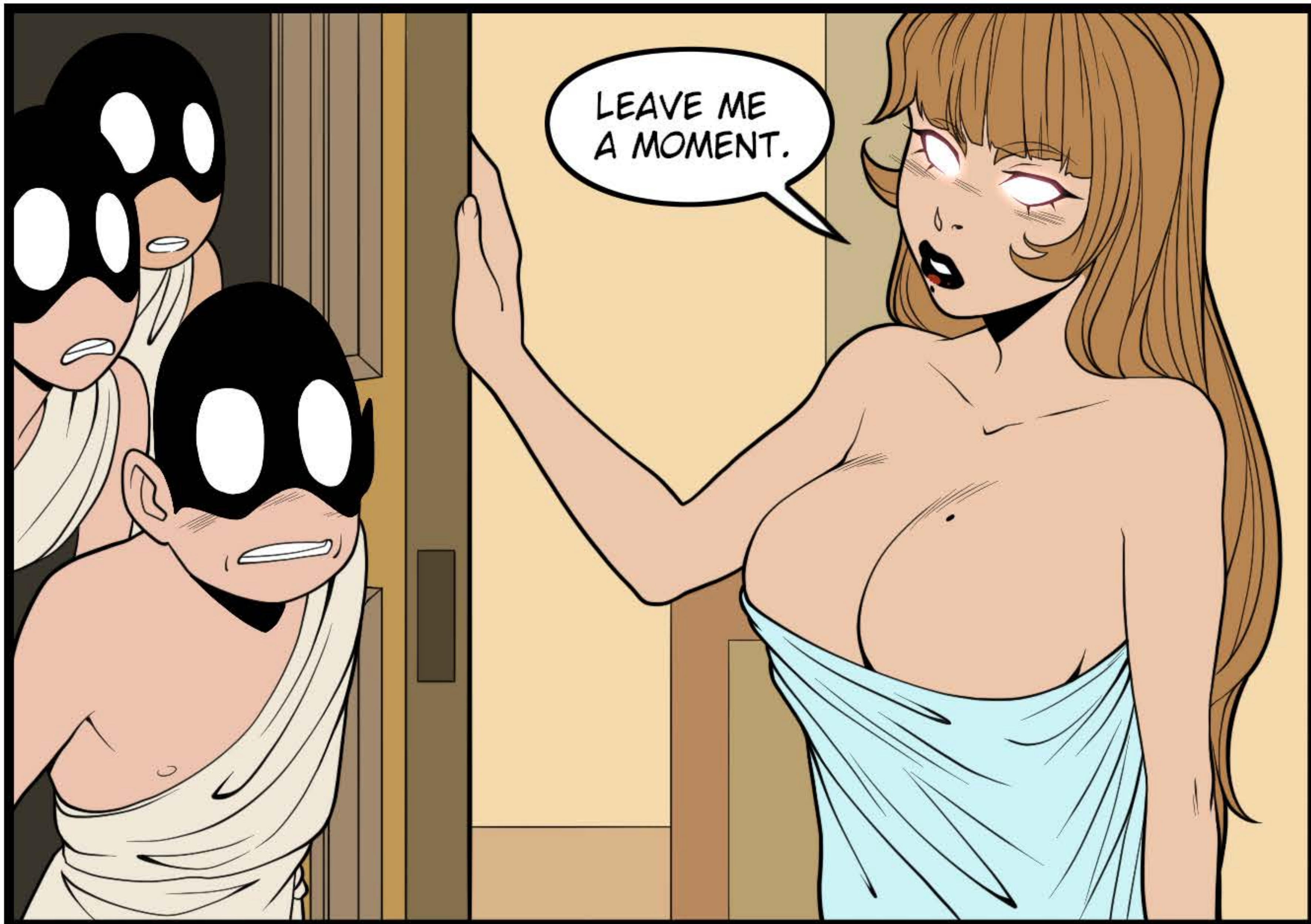
FINE. I WILL CLEANSE THIS "CLEVELAND", AND EXPAND OUT FROM THERE.



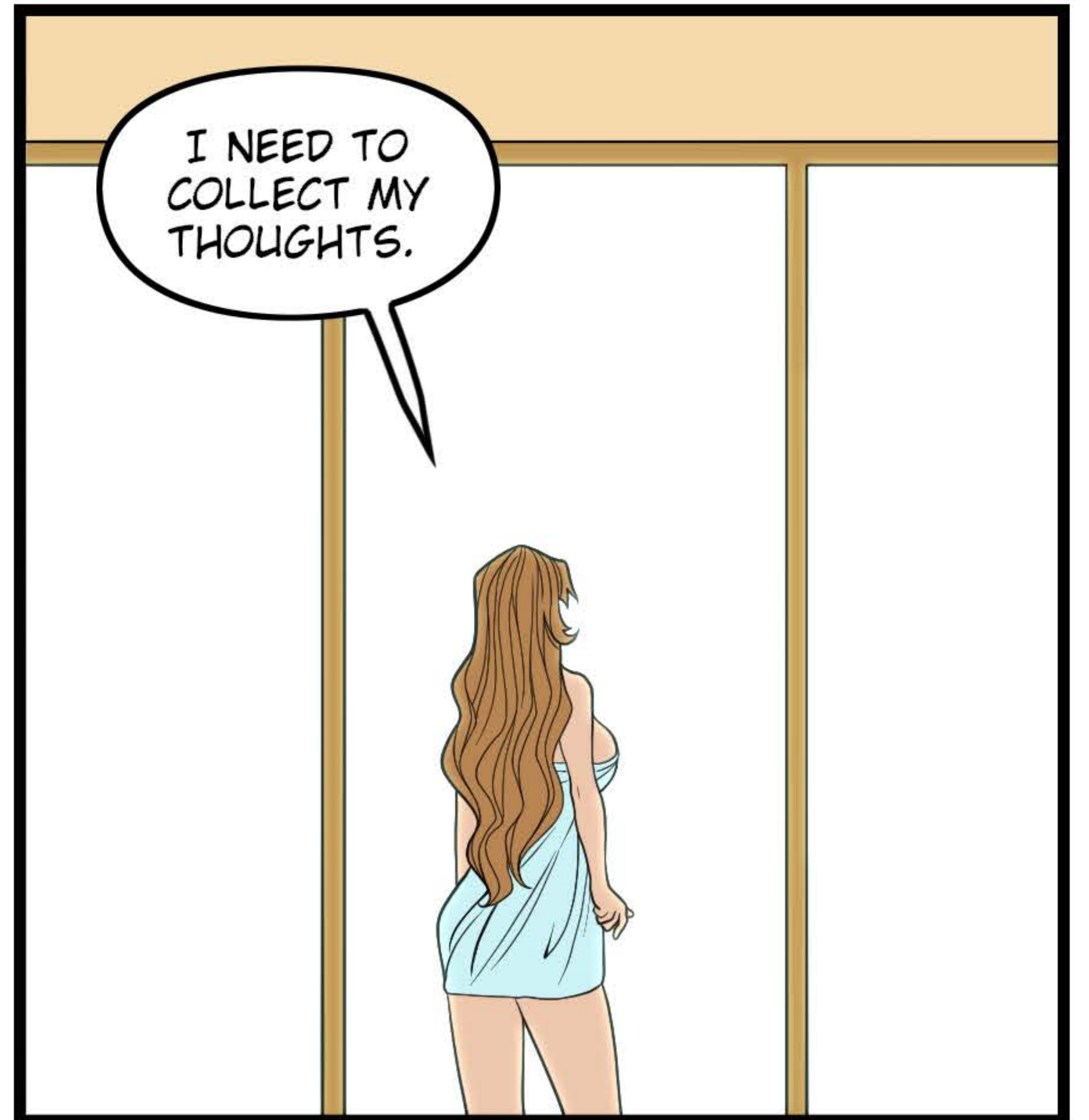
BYE-BYE! HAVE FUN!



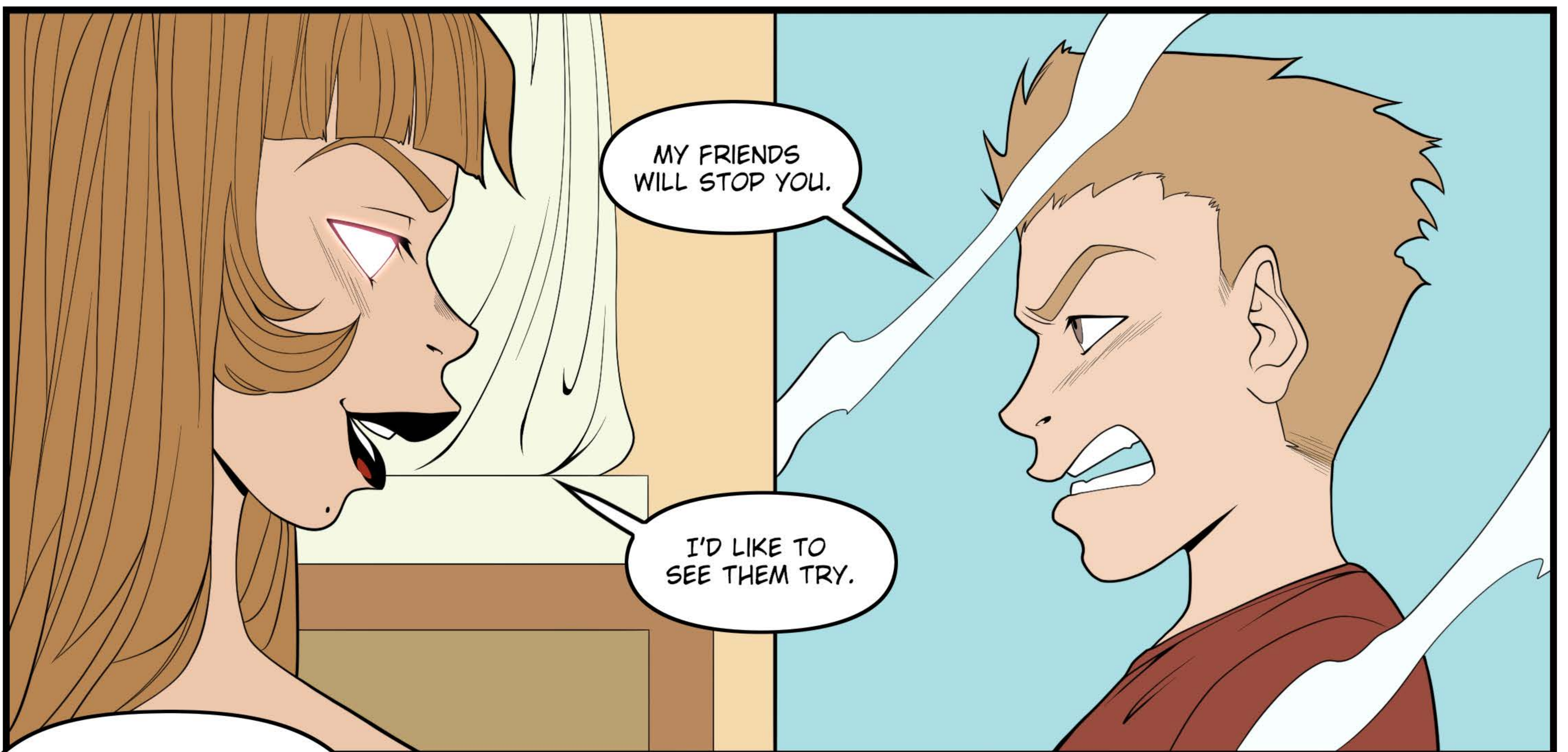
FINALLY! CERES HAS SUCH A ONE-TRACK MIND. SOOOO BORING...



LEAVE ME A MOMENT.



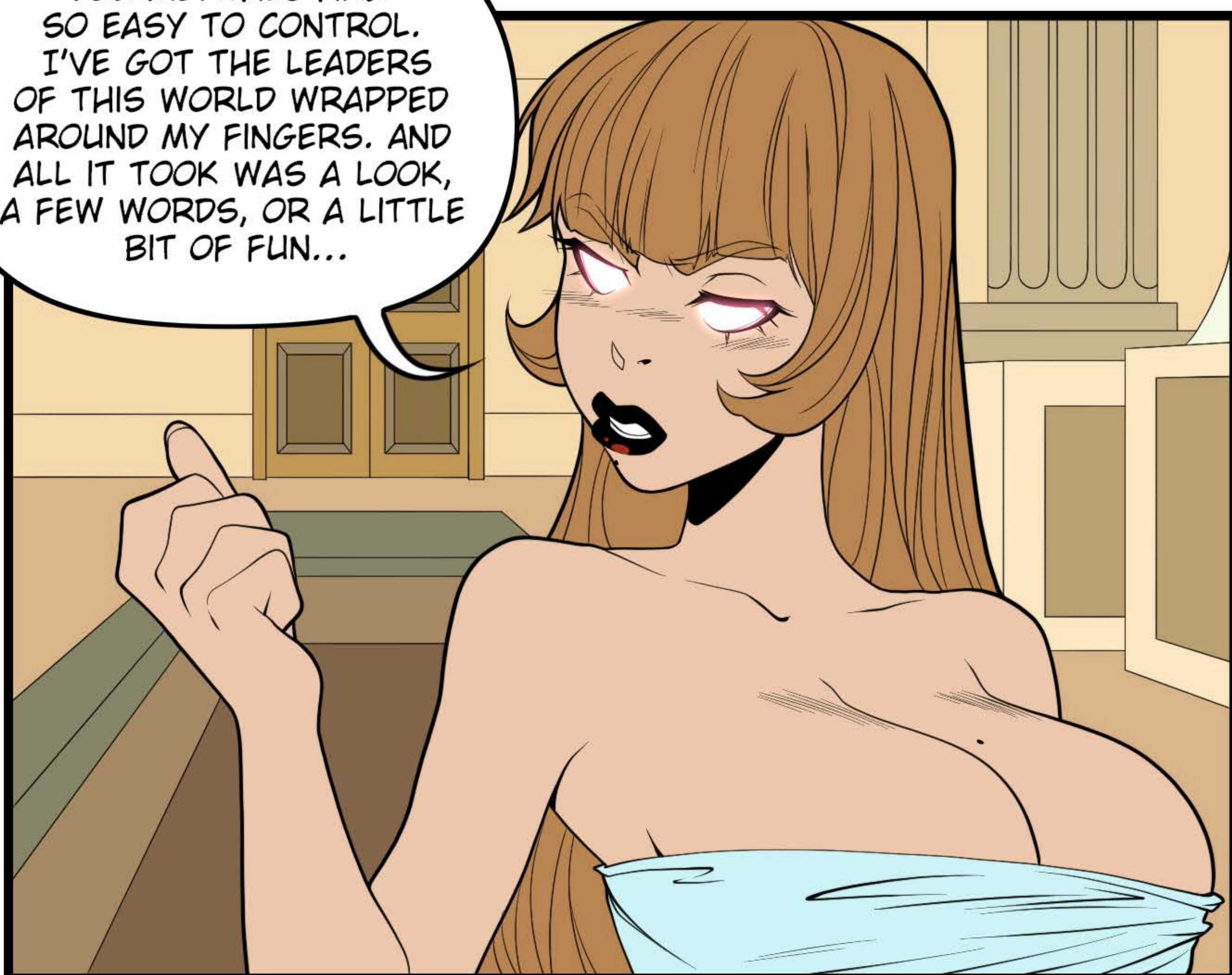
I NEED TO COLLECT MY THOUGHTS.



MY FRIENDS WILL STOP YOU.

I'D LIKE TO SEE THEM TRY.

YOU MORTALS ARE SO EASY TO CONTROL. I'VE GOT THE LEADERS OF THIS WORLD WRAPPED AROUND MY FINGERS. AND ALL IT TOOK WAS A LOOK, A FEW WORDS, OR A LITTLE BIT OF FUN...



OH, I KNOW YOU LIKED IT! YOU MIGHT AS WELL GIVE IN AND ENJOY THE GOOD THINGS! WE'RE GOING TO BE WITH EACH OTHER FOR A LONG, LONG TIME.