

Sweet Paprika™





ISSUE 12
THIS IS HOW
I WANT LIFE TO BE



MA SEI SICURA CHE SIA QUELL'ATTORE, MAMMA? QUELLO CHE VA IN MOTO CON I VELOCIRAPTOR?*

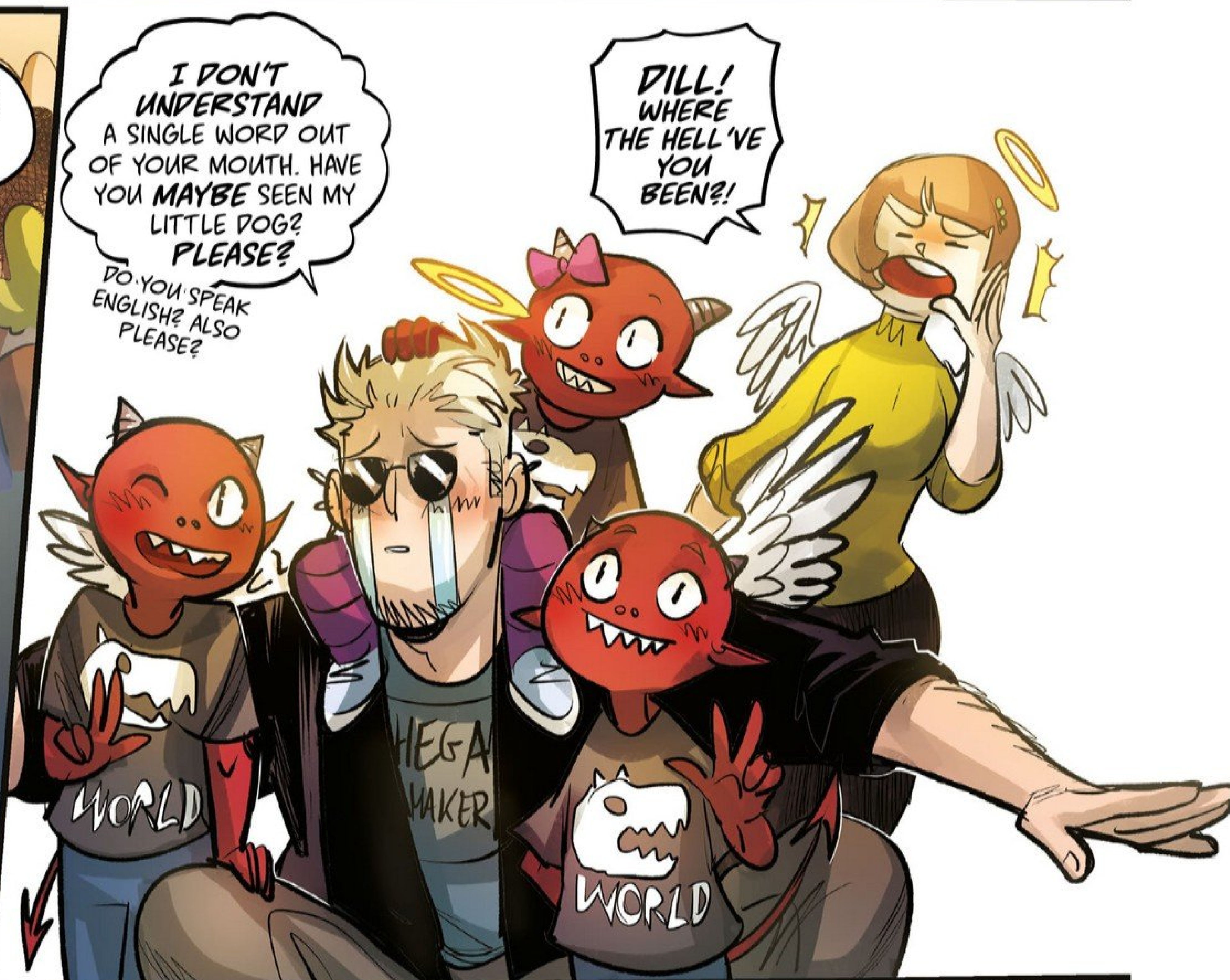
CERTO CHE È LUI! E DAL VIVO È ANCORA PIÙ FIGO... ♥ SORRIDETE, MI RACCOMANDO!***

* ARE YOU SURE IT'S THAT ACTOR, MOM? THE ONE WHO RIDES THE MOTORCYCLES WITH HIS VELOCIRAPTOR FRIENDS?
** IT'S HIM! I KNOW IT! AND HE'S EVEN COOLER IN PERSON... DON'T GET WEAK NOW!



COSÌ FACCIO ROSICARE NUNZIA!***

*** THAT'S HOW I MAKE NUNZIA GNAW!



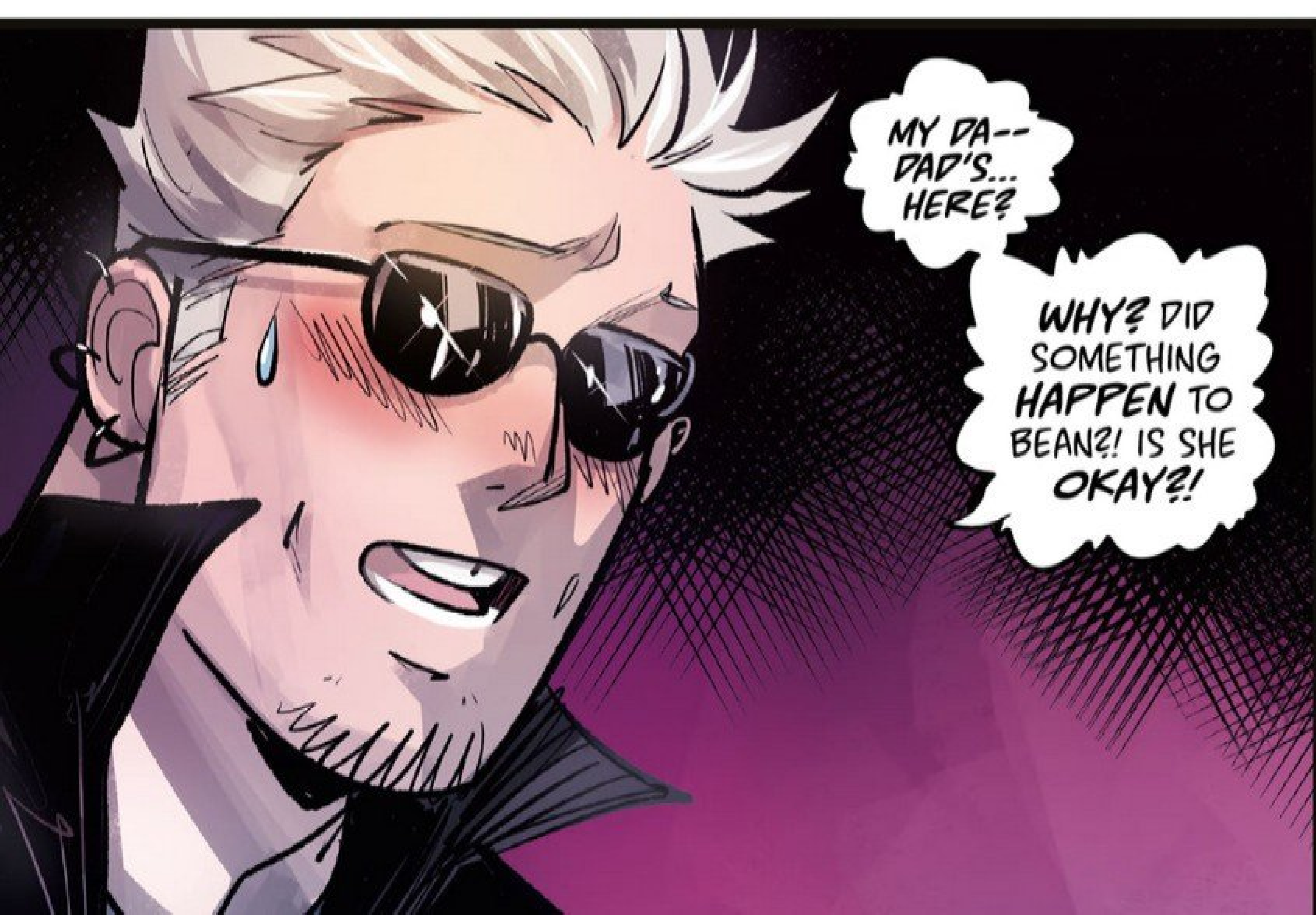
I DON'T UNDERSTAND A SINGLE WORD OUT OF YOUR MOUTH. HAVE YOU **MAYBE** SEEN MY LITTLE DOG? PLEASE?
DO YOU SPEAK ENGLISH? ALSO PLEASE?

DILL! WHERE THE HELL 'VE YOU BEEN?!



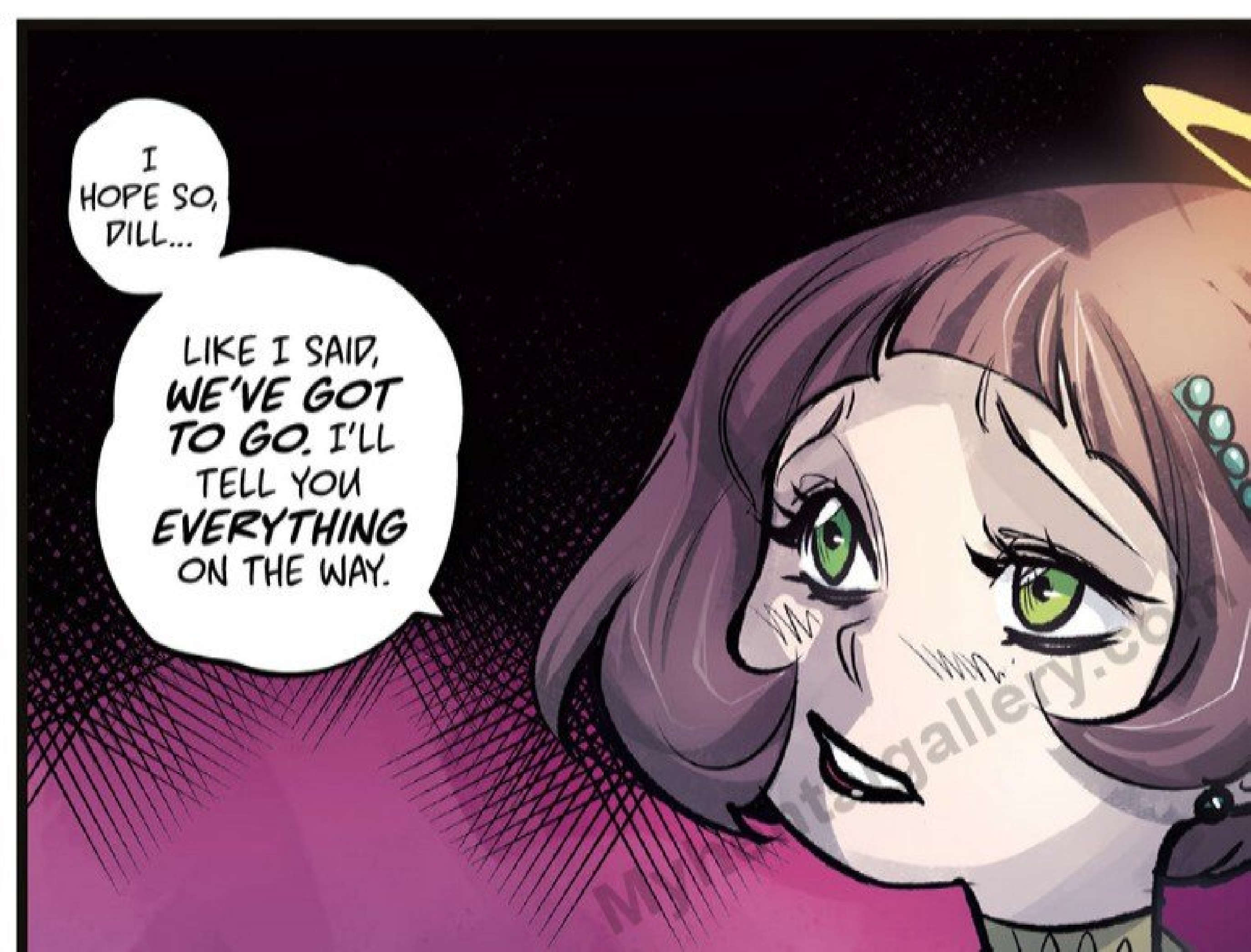
RUE! HAVE YOU SEEN--

...BEAN! SHE'S THE REASON I'VE BEEN **LOOKING** FOR YOU! SHE'S WITH PAPIKA AND YOUR FATHER! WE'VE GOT TO GO **GET** HER!



MY DA--
DAD'S...
HERE?

WHY? DID SOMETHING HAPPEN TO BEAN? IS SHE **OKAY?!**



I HOPE SO, DILL...

LIKE I SAID, WE'VE GOT TO GO. I'LL TELL YOU **EVERYTHING** ON THE WAY.



BEAN IS NO LONGER A PUPPY. SHE HAS BEEN ON AN INTERCONTINENTAL TRIP, HAS A FEW BROKEN BONES AND WHO KNOWS HOW MANY INJURIES.

I HOPE SHE SURVIVES.



IT'S A GOOD THING YOU WERE HERE.

IT WAS AN ACCIDENT. I CAME TO THE CONVENTION TO TALK TO DILL, BUT WHEN I SAW **BEAN** IN THAT STATE, AND YOU WITH HER...



I FEEL SO GUILTY.



IF I'D STOPPED THAT MORON IN TIME, BEAN WOULDN'T BE GOING THROUGH THIS.

I SHOULD'VE ACTED **FASTER**, BUT IT ALL CAUGHT ME OFF GUARD. AND I--



WOULD YOU STOP WITH THAT BULLSHIT!?



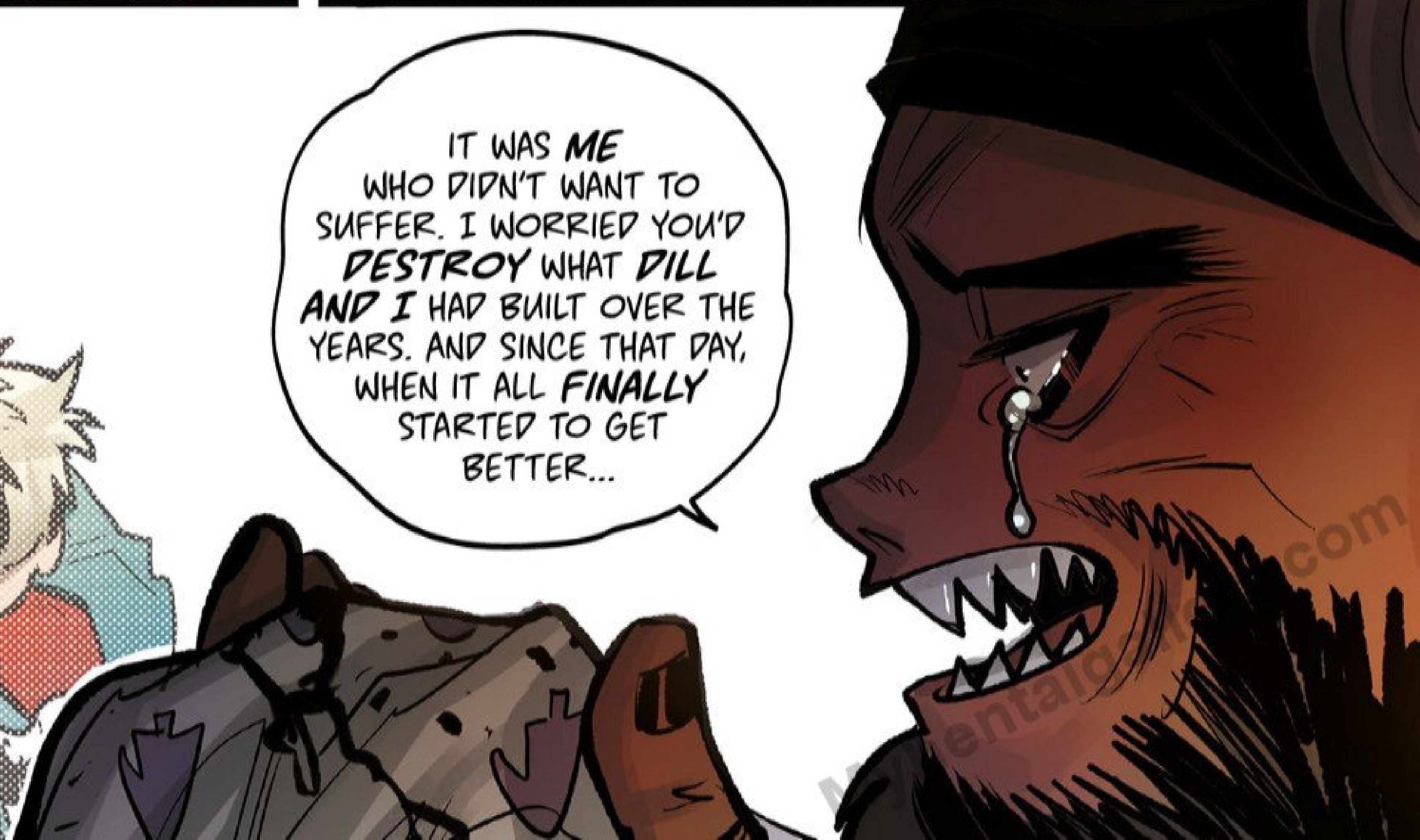
I SET THIS IN MOTION. ME. NOT YOU. AND I'M **SORRY** FOR WHAT I DID, PAPRIKA. I THOUGHT YOU WERE JUST **SOME RICH SNOB** WHO WAS GOING TO **BREAK MY SON'S HEART**, AND--AND I--

--NAH. WHO'M I KIDDING?!



HEY, BRAT-- YOU WANT TO SEE SOMETHING COOL?

IT WAS **ME** WHO DIDN'T WANT TO SUFFER. I WORRIED YOU'D **DESTROY** WHAT **DILL** AND I HAD BUILT OVER THE YEARS. AND SINCE THAT DAY, WHEN IT ALL **FINALLY** STARTED TO GET BETTER...





...EVER SINCE THAT **DOG** CAME INTO DILL'S LIFE, HE'S BEEN **REBORN**. HE WAS A **GOOD BOY**, JUST LIKE HIS MOTHER WANTED. HE AND I EVEN **STOPPED HATING** EACH OTHER.

HE WAS FINALLY **MORE** THAN JUST THE **INSUFFERABLE CHILD** OF THE WOMAN I'D MARRIED. HE'D REALLY BECOME **MY SON**.



MY **BEST FRIEND**. MY **FAMILY**.

BUT THE MORE HE **GREW**, THE LESS I WAS THE CENTER OF HIS **WORLD**. I COULDN'T STAND IT! I WAS LOSING THE PERSON I LOVED **ALL OVER AGAIN**.



SO, I GOT TO BEING **POSSESSIVE, TOXIC**...A REAL **PIECE OF SHIT**.

AND NOW, IF **BEAN** DIES, DILL WILL HAVE LOST THE **LAST CONNECTION** HE HAD WITH ME. WE-WE'LL BE **STRANGERS** AGAIN.

THA-THAT'S WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN! AND IT'LL BE ALL MY **FAULT!**



PAT



D-DILL?!

H-HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN LISTENING?

WOULD YOU SHUT UP?!



YOU REALLY THINK THE ONLY CONNECTION WE HAVE IS BEAN?

...YOU'RE MY FAMILY. I LOVE YOU, DAD. YOU'LL NEVER BE A STRANGER-- NOT TO ME!

OR EVEN JUST MOM? LOOK...



SO...YOU FORGIVE ME?

I WAS ANGRY, OKAY? BUT IF NOT FOR YOU, BEAN WOULDN'T HAVE GOTTEN HERE IN TIME. AND EITHER WAY...



...YOU'LL ALWAYS BE MY DADDY! NO MATTER WHAT!

NOTHING AND NO ONE COULD EVER CHANGE THAT!

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BUT I'M NOT THE ONLY ONE WHO'S GOT TO START LIVING THEIR LIFE! YOU'VE GOT TO DO THAT TOO! I NEED YOU TO KNOW THAT...

CLEAR? ♥

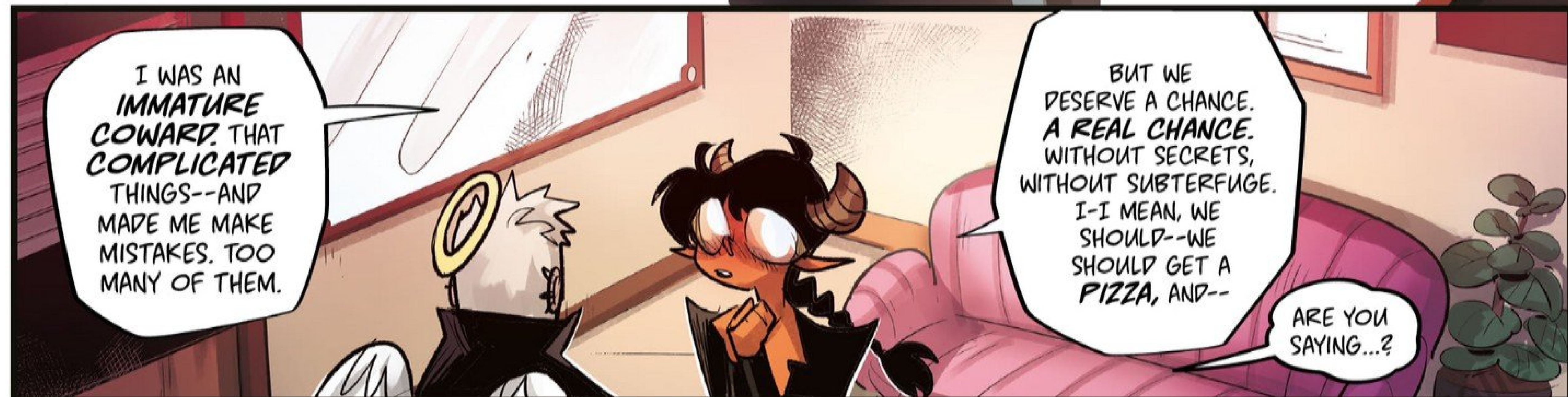
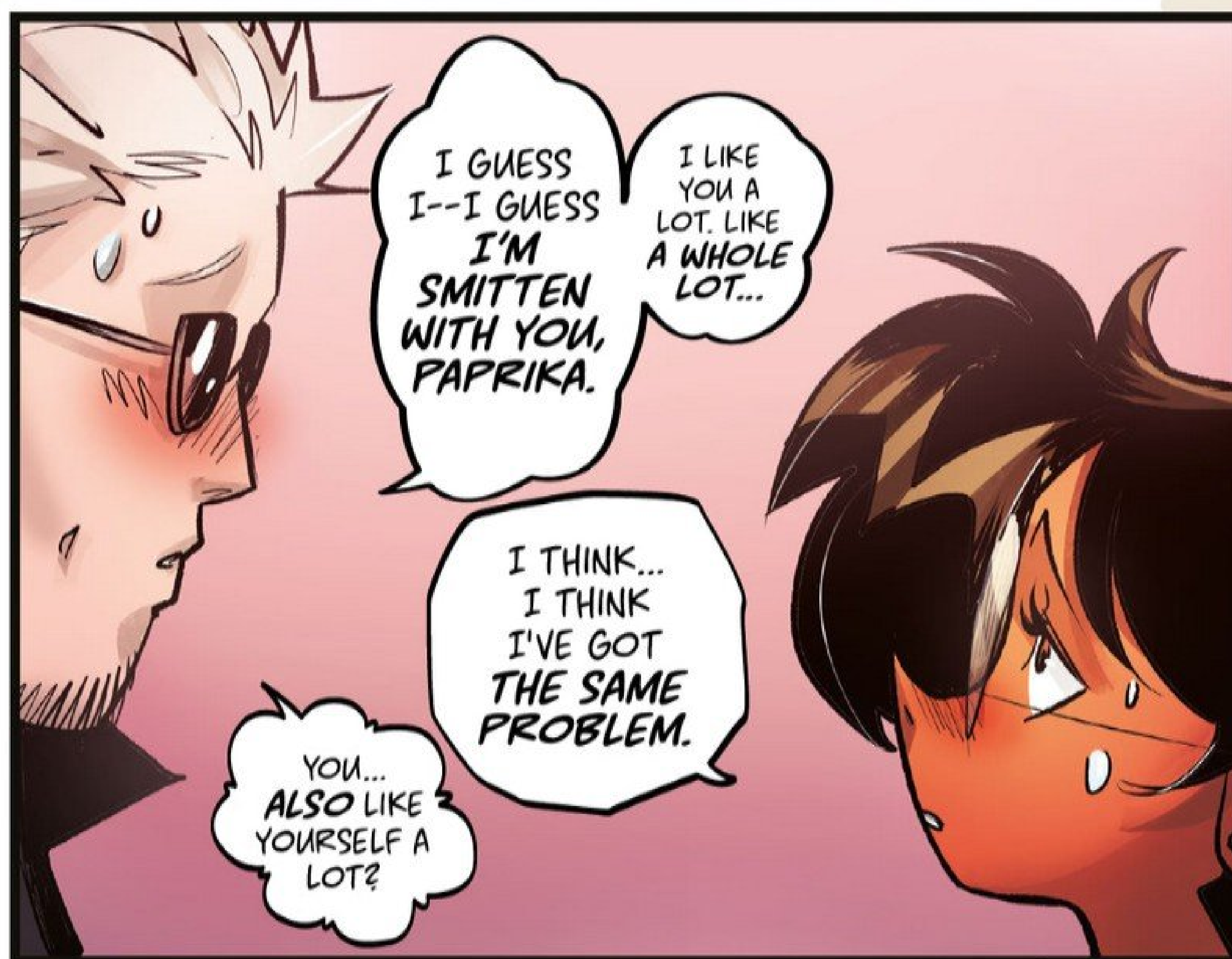
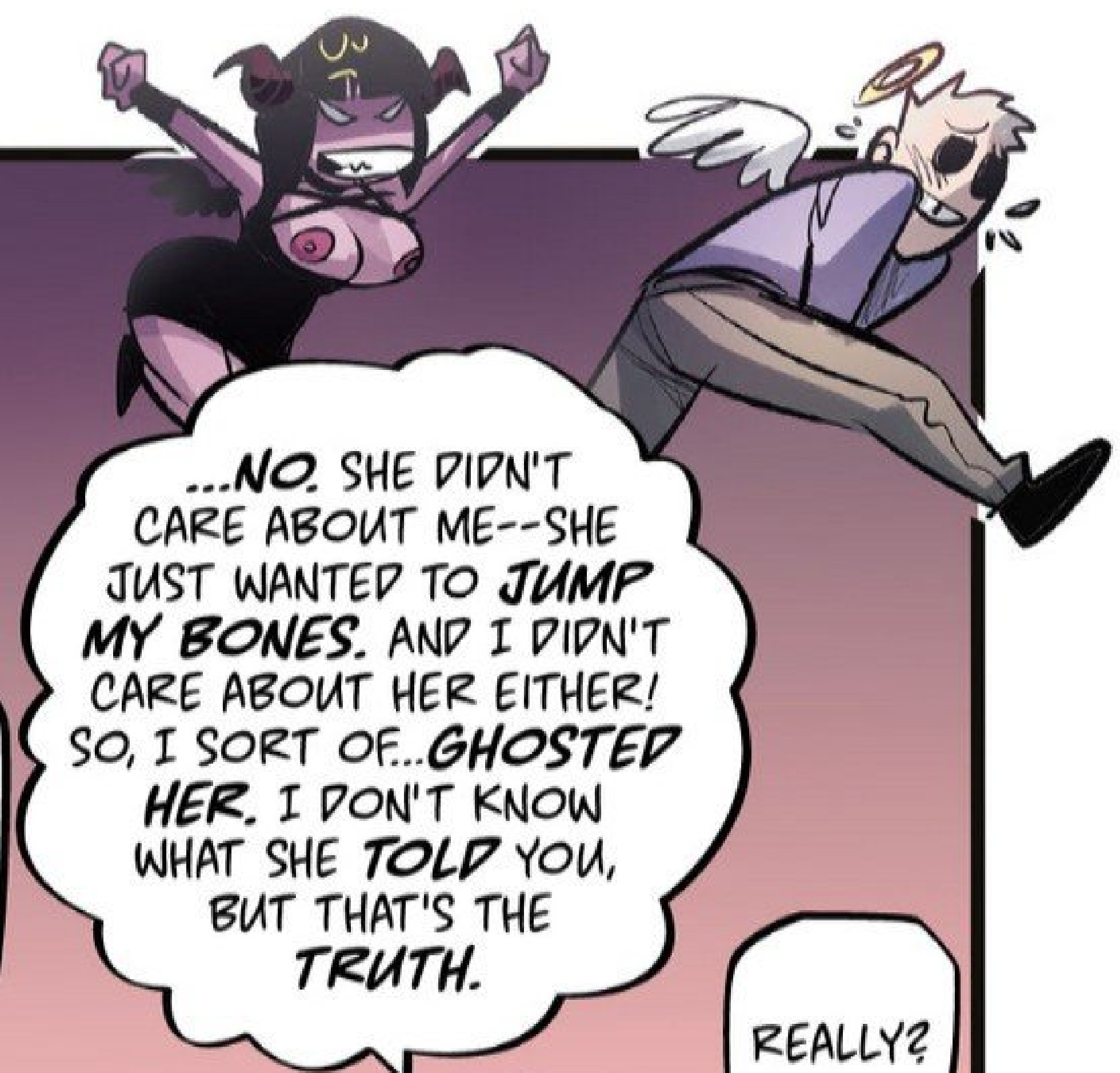
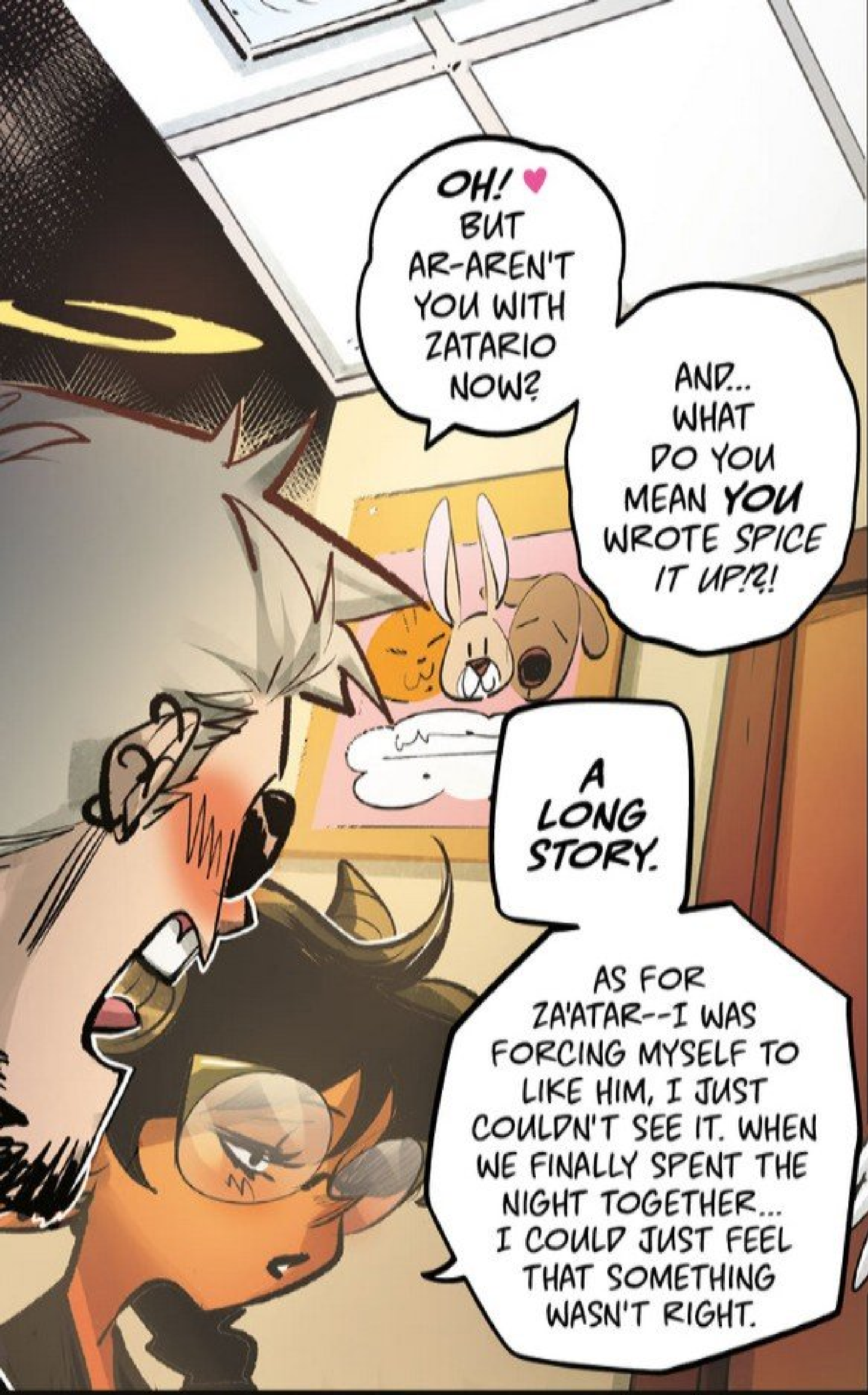


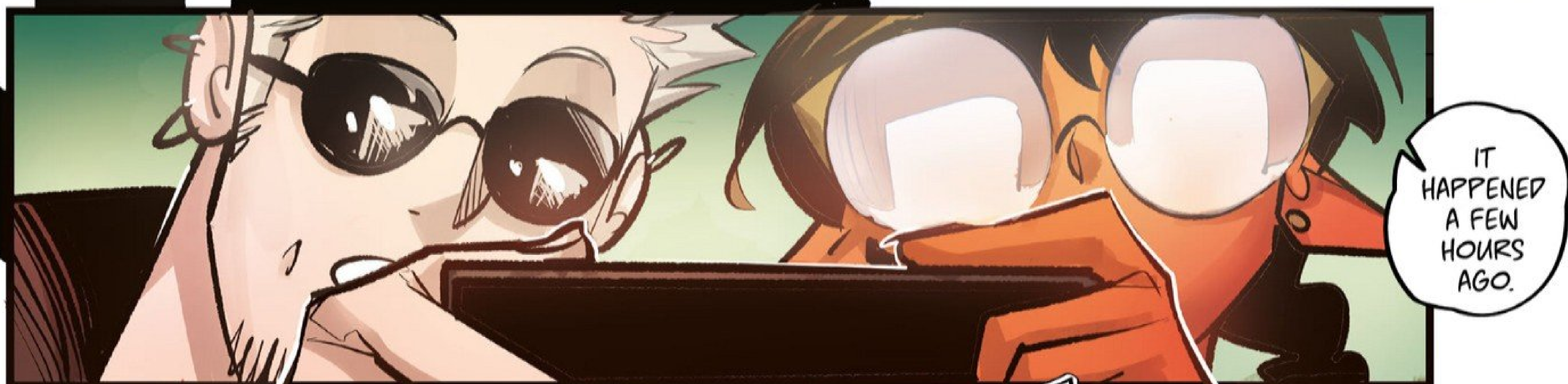
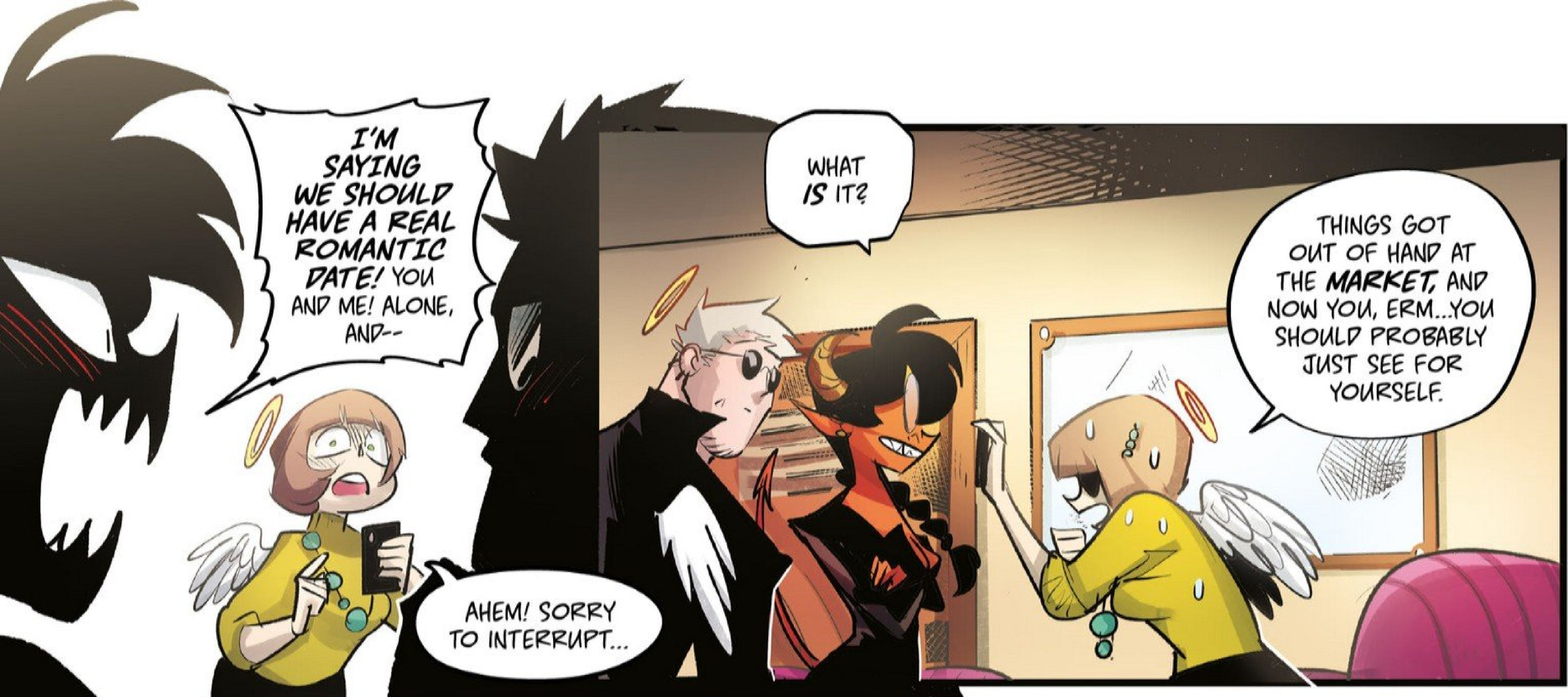
Y-YEAH. ♥ B-BUT YOU'RE STILL BREAKING MY BACK!



YOU, ON THE OTHER HAND...









PAPPY
WILL DENY IT. I'M
SURE SHE WILL. HER
MOTHER'S NOTHING
BUT A POOR FOOL
WHO'S ALWAYS
HATED ME.



IF ONLY IT WERE THAT
EASY! DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA
HOW BAD THIS MAKES US
LOOK? WE'VE GOT TO **LIE**
LOW, KEEP **QUIET** FOR A
WHILE, AND HOPE PEOPLE
FORGET THIS...THEN, WE RETHINK
OUR MARKETING CAMPAIGN
AND **BEG** ITS SPONSORS TO
NOT SCREW US OVER...

I HOPE YOU
HAVEN'T BEEN
LYING TO ME
ABOUT MISS PAPRIKA
ALL THESE YEARS,
OTHERWISE...



I'M **SORRY**,
ZA'ATAR. BURNET
AND I HAVE
ALWAYS
AGREED.



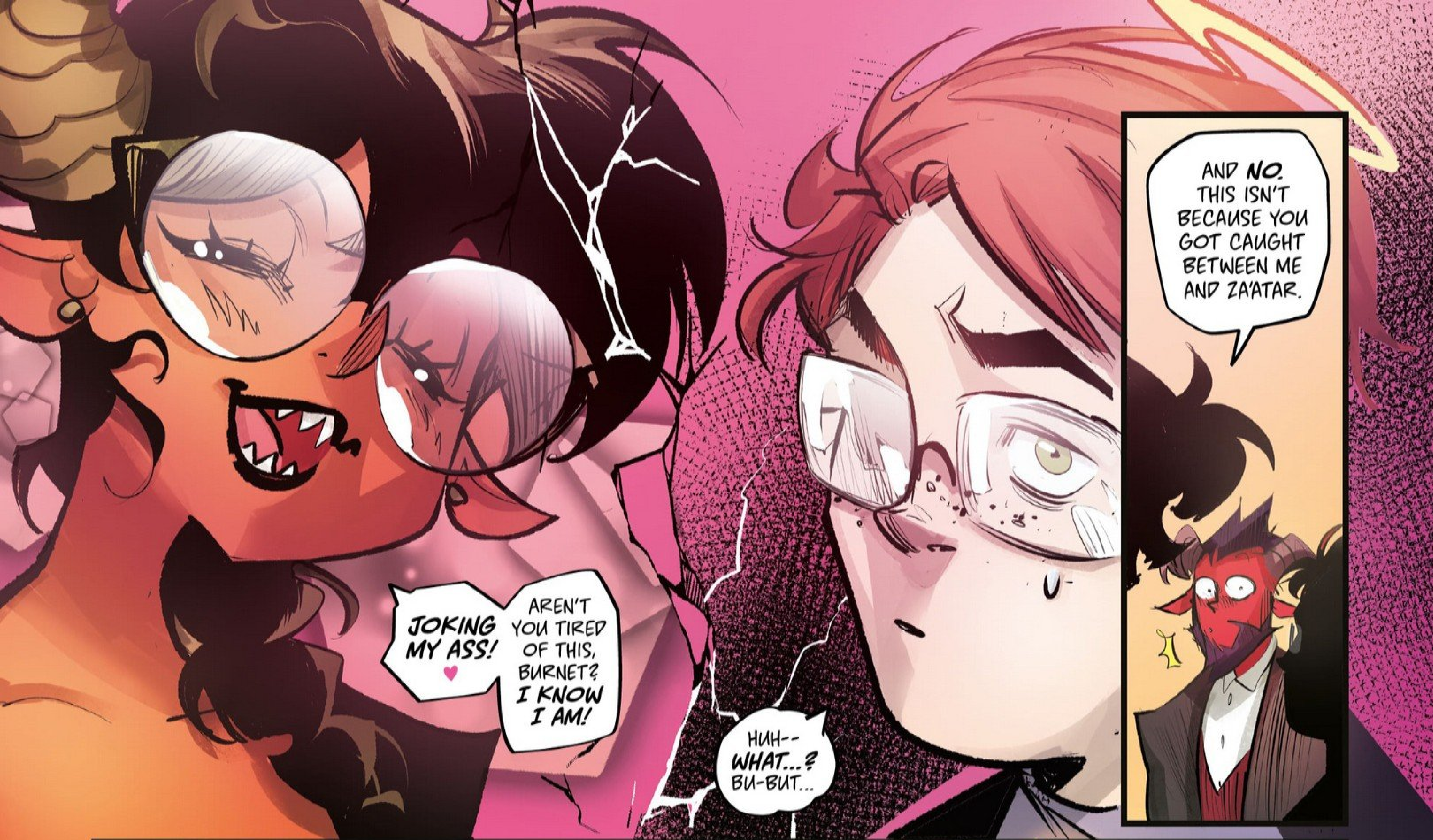
AS YOU CAN
SEE, MY FRIEND,
THERE'S BEEN
NO WRONG
DEALT TO YOUR
POOR DEVIL
DAMSEL.



HONESTLY...
IT'S **BETTER**
WE GOT THIS
OUT OF THE
WAY EARLY.

JUST SET UP
AN **INTERVIEW**,
SOMEWHERE **BIG**,
AND **PAPPY** WILL
SAY MOTHER **WAS**
JOKING.

...RIGHT?



JOKING MY ASS! ♥

AREN'T YOU TIRED OF THIS, BURNET? I KNOW I AM!

HUH-- WHAT...? BU-BUT...

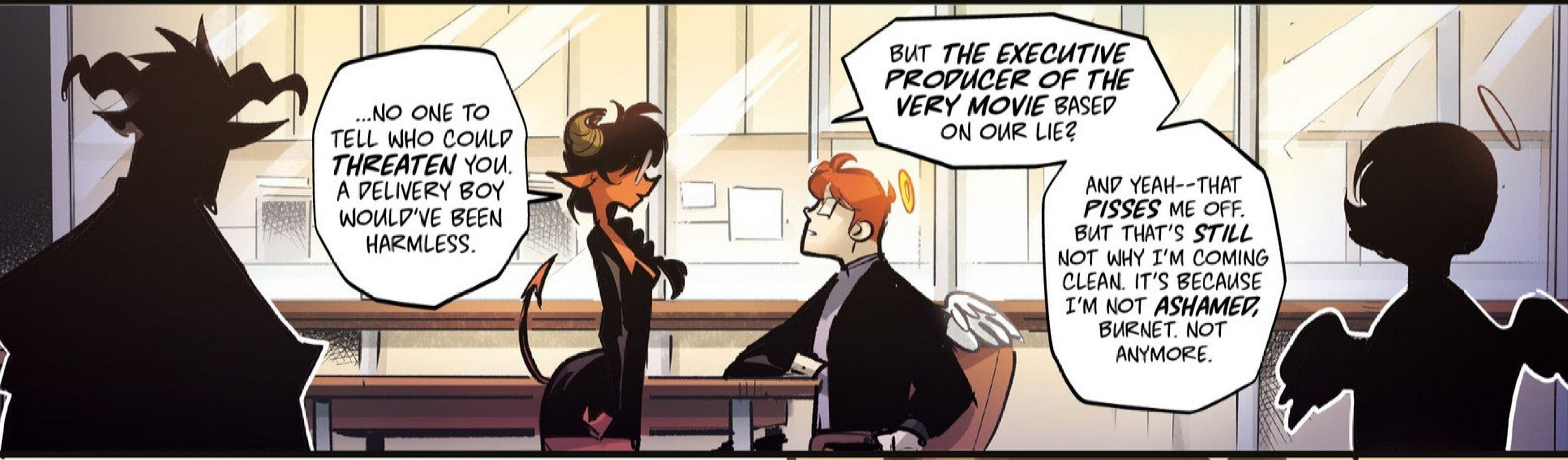
AND NO. THIS ISN'T BECAUSE YOU GOT CAUGHT BETWEEN ME AND ZAATAR.



YOU PASSED THAT STORY AROUND TO HUMILIATE ME. BUT LOOKING IT OVER, I REALIZED ALL IT NEEDED WAS SOME EDITING.

THE REAL PROBLEM WAS FINDING THE COURAGE TO EXPOSE MYSELF. WHAT WOULD MY FATHER HAVE THOUGHT? I COULD'VE USED A PSEUDONYM, BUT THAT WOULDN'T HAVE SOLVED THE PUBLIC APPEARANCES, OR THE INTERVIEWS...

YOU DIDN'T THINK I'D KEEP OUR SECRET BECAUSE I GAVE MY WORD, BUT BECAUSE I WAS ALONE, WITH NO FRIENDS AND NO ONE TO TELL. OR RATHER...



...NO ONE TO TELL WHO COULD THREATEN YOU. A DELIVERY BOY WOULD'VE BEEN HARMLESS.

BUT THE EXECUTIVE PRODUCER OF THE VERY MOVIE BASED ON OUR LIE?

AND YEAH--THAT PISSES ME OFF. BUT THAT'S STILL NOT WHY I'M COMING CLEAN. IT'S BECAUSE I'M NOT ASHAMED, BURNET. NOT ANYMORE.



THIS IS A CHANCE. OUR CHANCE. YOURS, TOO...WE COULD BOTH REALIZE OUR DREAMS.

YOU'D COME OUT OF IT FINE. AND YOU'D STILL GET TO DO WHAT YOU'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO DO. LIKE WE DON'T BOTH KNOW WHAT THAT IS.



YOU'RE SAYING...?



...I KNEW HE WAS A MORON. WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THIS, YOUR GREAT DARKNESS? WILL IT BE TROUBLE?



HOW DOES IT FEEL TO BECOME A **BESTSELLING** AUTHOR OVER-NIGHT, MISS PAPRIKA?

ELECTRIFYING! AND ARE YOU **OKAY** WITH THAT? WE'LL PROBABLY BE SEEING A LOT OF EACH OTHER, WHAT WITH THE **MOVIE** AND ALL...



OF COURSE. I'M **EXTREMELY PROFESSIONAL**. AND NOT JUST BECAUSE I'D HAVE **NEVER** DONE WHAT **YOU DID** AND LEFT THAT PANEL. BECAUSE, WHATEVER HAPPENED BETWEEN US, IT COULD **NEVER** CHANGE MY WORK AND RESPECT FOR YOU.

MAYBE IT'S **BETTER** WE'RE APART, IN THE END. YOU'RE TOO **"SWEET"** FOR A **HELLISHLY TEMPERED** DEVIL LIKE ME.



DON'T **PRETEND** YOU DON'T HAVE A **SWEET SIDE** OF YOUR OWN. I'VE SEEN IT. MAYBE **ONE DAY**, YOU'LL FIND THE COURAGE TO SHOW IT, TOO.

OH YEAH? WHAT ABOUT WHAT YOU DID FOR DILL?

I... DON'T THINK SO.



I--YES. FINE. I SENT A **YEAR'S SUPPLY** OF KIBBLE. BUT THAT WAS FOR **BEAN**, NOT HER **HILLBILLY DAD!** I FELT A LITTLE **GUILTY** THERE AT THE END, AND I--

OH-- I MEAN, I'VE GOT A **FURRY LITTLE GUY** OF MY OWN, YOU KNOW? JUST LOOK **HOW CUTE** HE IS!



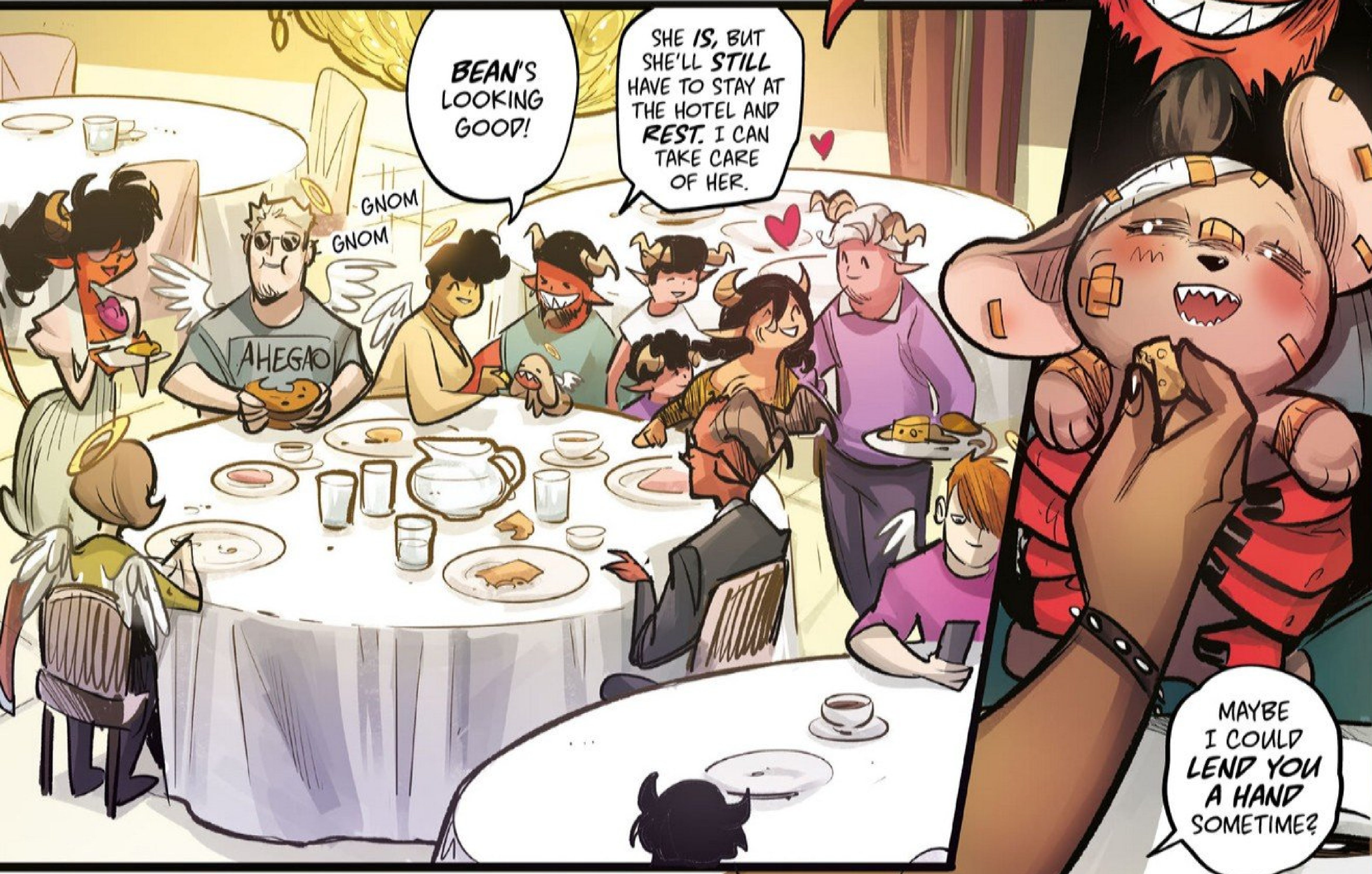
BUT I-I'VE GOT TO GO, REALLY. UNLIKE YOU, I'VE GOT A MOUNTAIN OF WORK WAITING FOR ME--
SPONG



HEY! WATCH WHERE YOU PUT YOUR FEET, YOU HORNED BORE!

B-BUT YOU'RE THE ONE WHO CAME AT ME, ANISETTE!

I'M HEEERE! ♥



BEAN'S LOOKING GOOD!

SHE IS, BUT SHE'LL STILL HAVE TO STAY AT THE HOTEL AND REST. I CAN TAKE CARE OF HER.

GNOM
GNOM



WHY NOT, MISS MINT? ESPECIALLY IF YOU'VE NEVER **ONCE** WORKED AT INFERNUM PRESS HEADQUARTERS WHERE MY SON SO **FREQUENTLY** BRINGS HIS... PACKAGES.

?

MAYBE I COULD LEND YOU A HAND SOMETIME?



WHY THE FACE, RUE?

I MEAN...EVEN YOUR MOTHER HAS HER HUSBAND, SHE HAS HER CHILDREN. THEN HERE I AM...



...ALONE IN A BEAUTIFUL CITY, WITH NO HOPE OF ENJOYING IT WITH MY WIFE. LIFE IS SHIT.

I CAN'T DISAGREE.

WOULD LIFE BE LESS SHIT IF I, SAY... PAID FOR YOU TO VISIT A LUXURIOUS SPA FOR THE WHOLE DAY?

DECISIVELY LESS!

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GOODBYE,
+ POOR
PEOPLE!

THAT
WAS SO
NICE!

FOR ONCE,
I WANTED TO **MAKE**
HER DAY INSTEAD OF
RUINING IT. ESPECIALLY
AFTER ALL THAT'S
HAPPENED. **PLUS**,
SHE DOESN'T
KNOW...



...THAT I PUT
TOGETHER A
SPECIAL EXPE-
DITION WHILE SHE
WAS DISTRACTED! ♥



I DIDN'T-DIDN'T
THINK I COULD DO
THIS **COMPLETELY**
NAKED. BUT IT'S
BETTER THIS WAY,
AND **NO ONE'S**
AROUND
ANYWAY.

WHICH
IS A LITTLE
STRANGE,
I'VE GOT TO
SAY. BUT--



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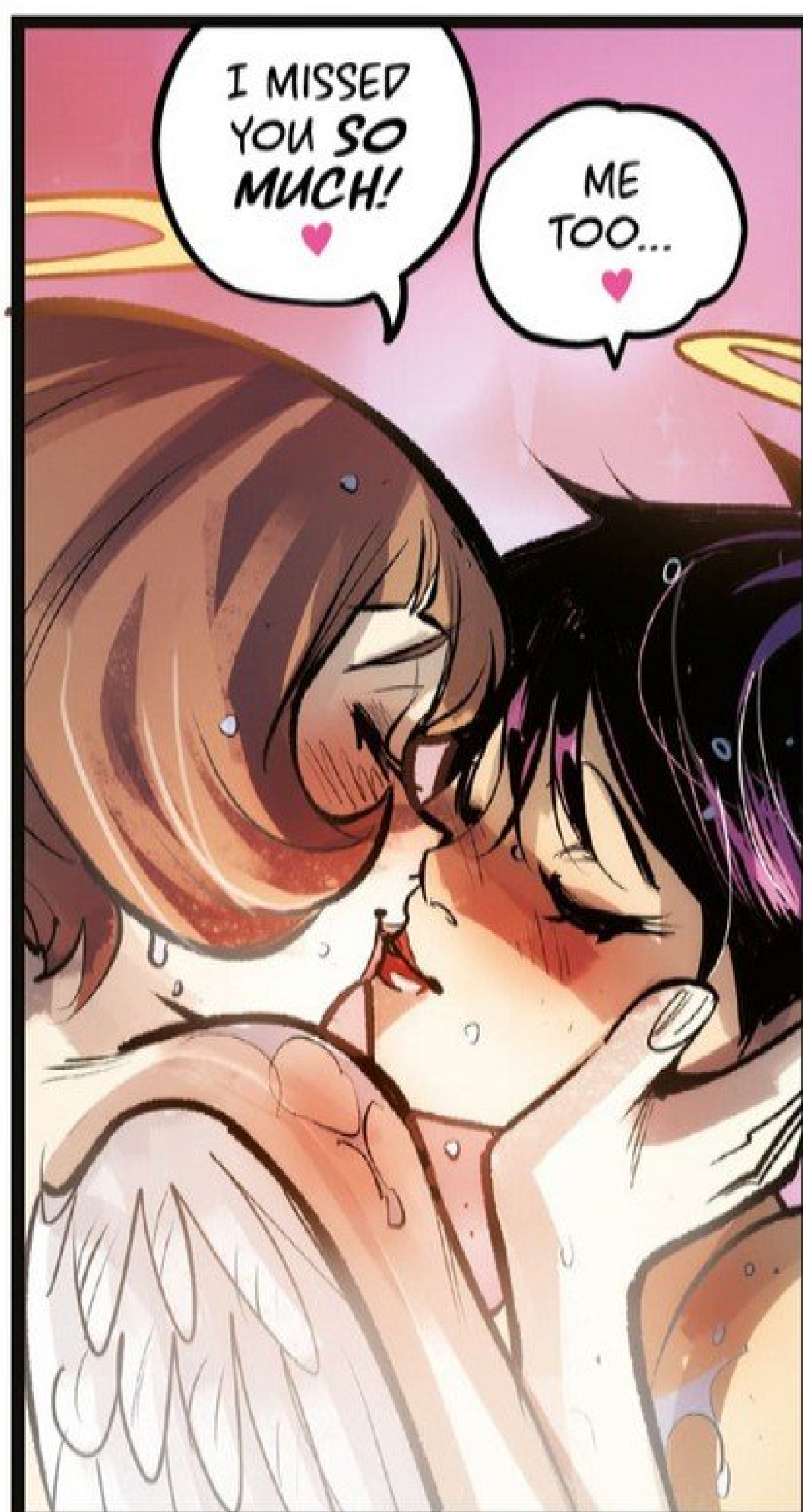


N-N-NORI? ♥

≡PHEEW≡
ONE MORE
MINUTE AND
I WOULD'VE
PROWNEED! ♥

WHEN DID
YOU GET
HERE? **HOW...**

THANK MISS
PAPRIKA...BUT
THANK HER
LATER.



I MISSED
YOU **SO**
MUCH! ♥

ME
TOO... ♥



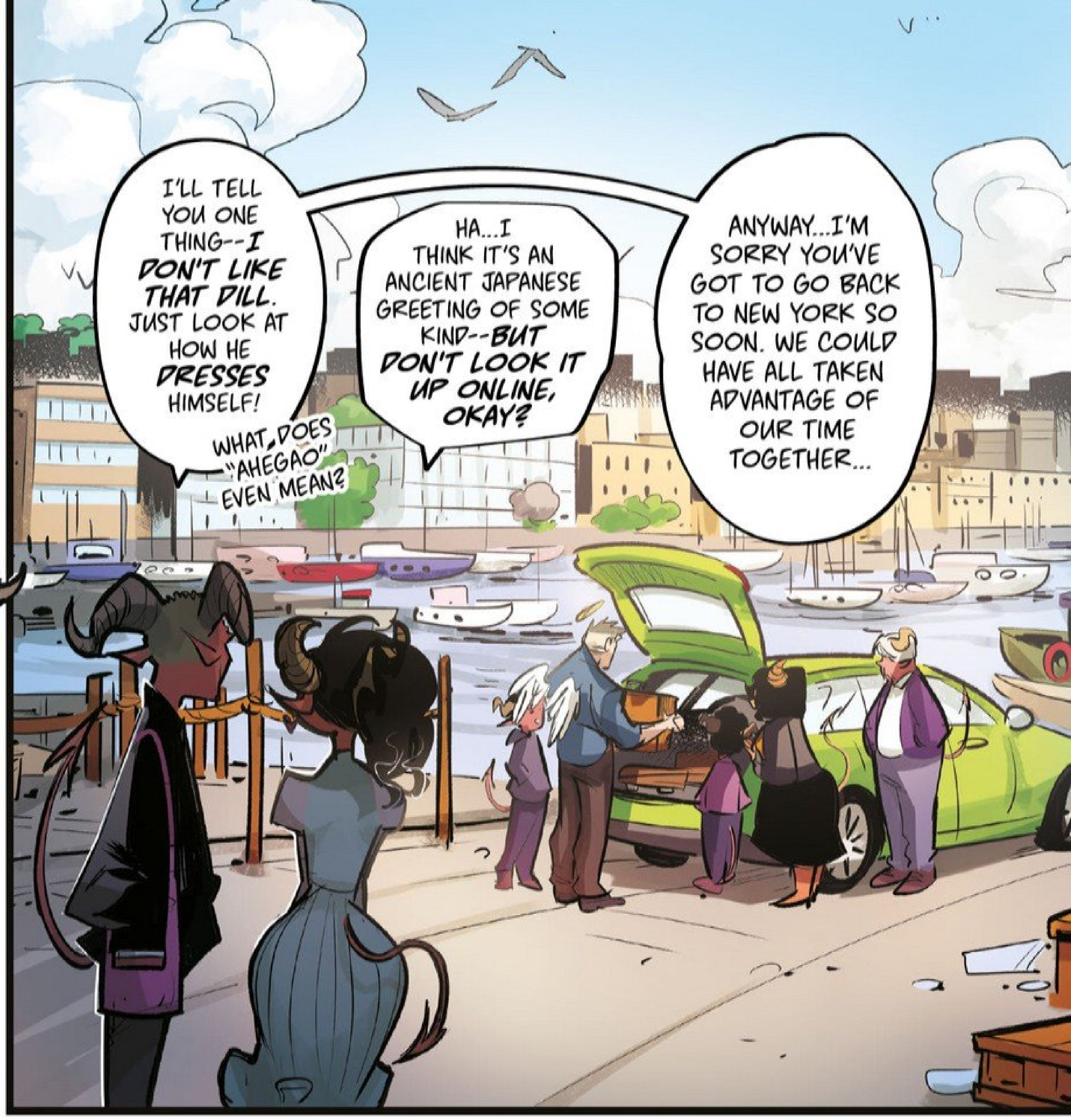
OH... ♥

AND **THIS**
TIME, THERE'LL
BE NO **MANBABY**
TO INTERRUPT
US... ♥ **WE'VE**
GOT A LOT TO
CATCH UP ON,
HUH?



...NO PROBLEM! I LOVE **HELPING THE ELDERLY**. I THINK THIS'S THE LAST ONE!

GRUMBLE GRUMBLE... THANK YOU.



I'LL TELL YOU ONE THING--I **DON'T LIKE THAT DILL**. JUST LOOK AT HOW HE **DRESSES HIMSELF!**

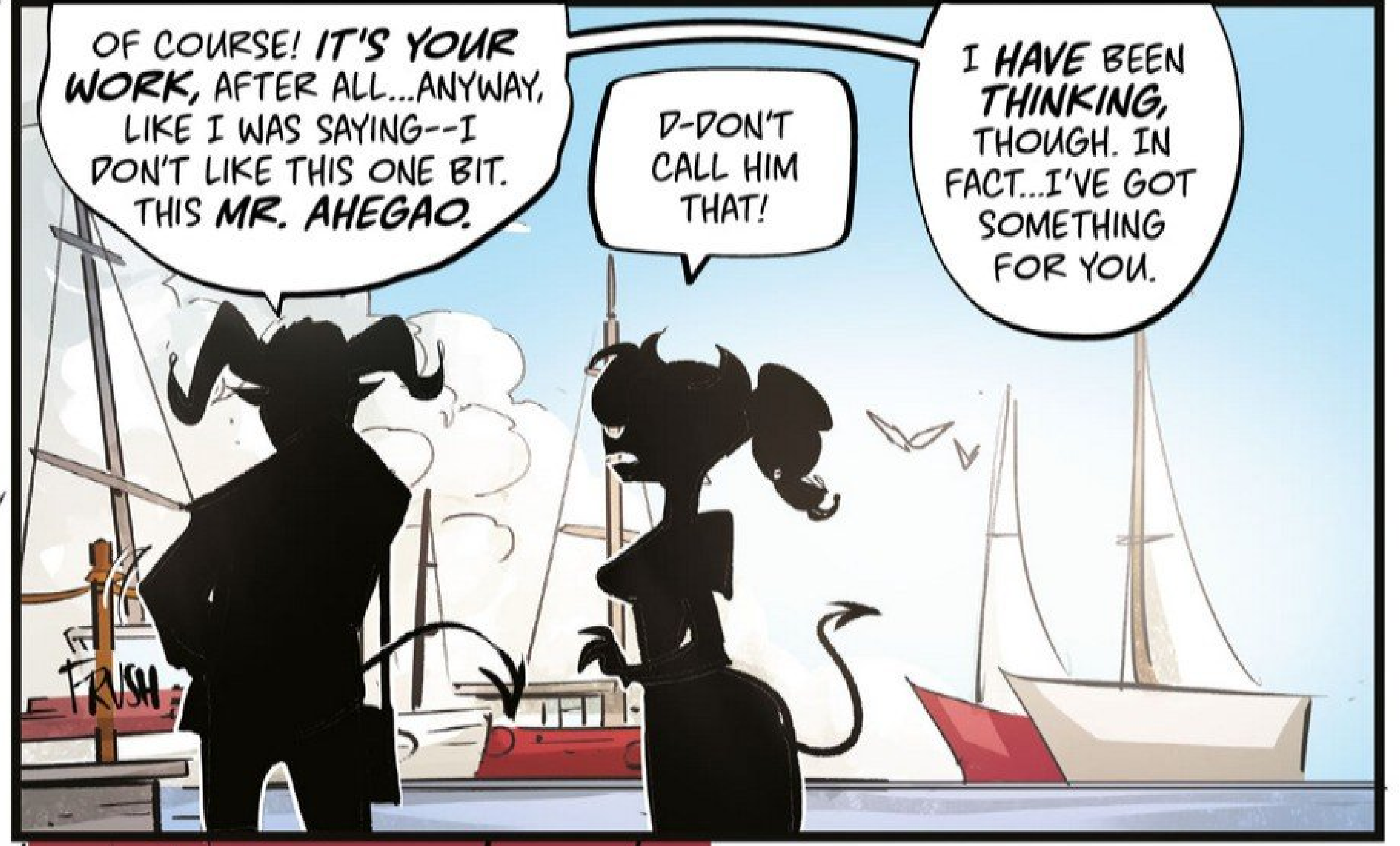
WHAT DOES "AHEGAO" EVEN MEAN?

HA...I THINK IT'S AN ANCIENT JAPANESE GREETING OF SOME KIND--**BUT DON'T LOOK IT UP ONLINE, OKAY?**

ANYWAY...I'M SORRY YOU'VE GOT TO GO BACK TO NEW YORK SO SOON. WE COULD HAVE ALL TAKEN ADVANTAGE OF OUR TIME TOGETHER...



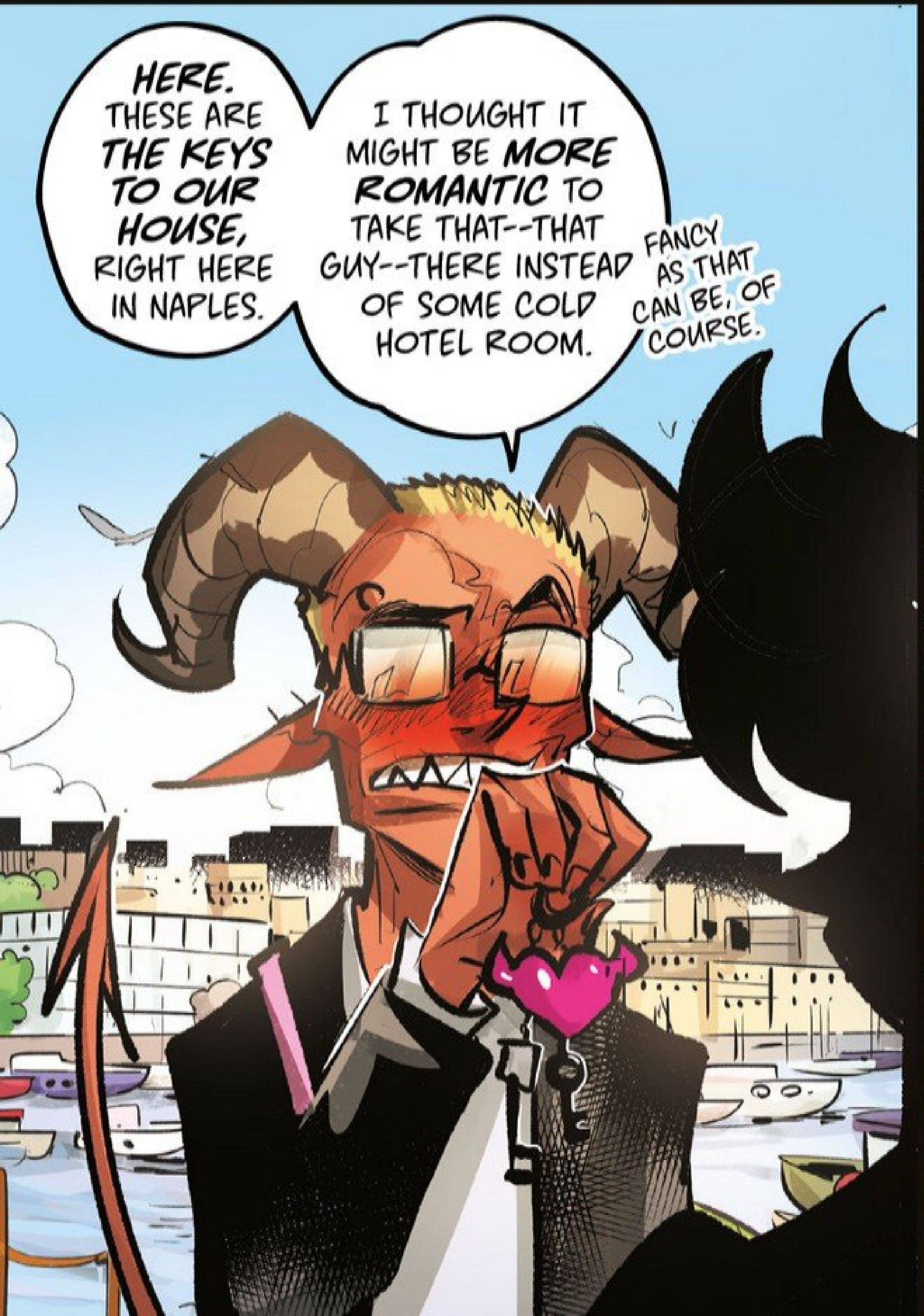
A-ARE YOU READING THIS?



OF COURSE! IT'S YOUR WORK, AFTER ALL...ANYWAY, LIKE I WAS SAYING--I DON'T LIKE THIS ONE BIT. THIS **MR. AHEGAO**.

D-DON'T CALL HIM THAT!

I HAVE BEEN THINKING, THOUGH. IN FACT...I'VE GOT SOMETHING FOR YOU.



HERE. THESE ARE THE KEYS TO OUR HOUSE, RIGHT HERE IN NAPLES.

I THOUGHT IT MIGHT BE MORE ROMANTIC TO TAKE THAT--THAT GUY--THERE INSTEAD OF SOME COLD HOTEL ROOM.

FANCY AS THAT CAN BE, OF COURSE.



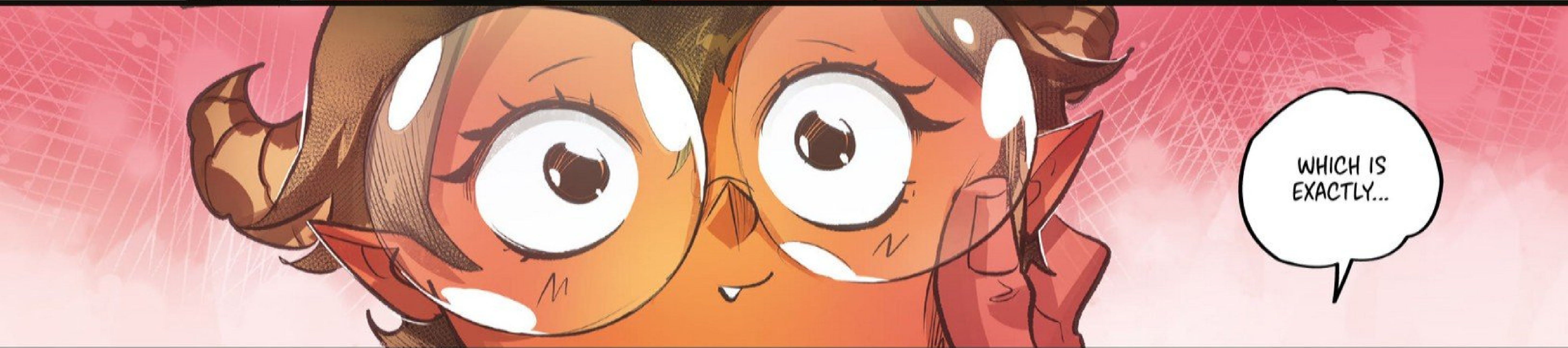
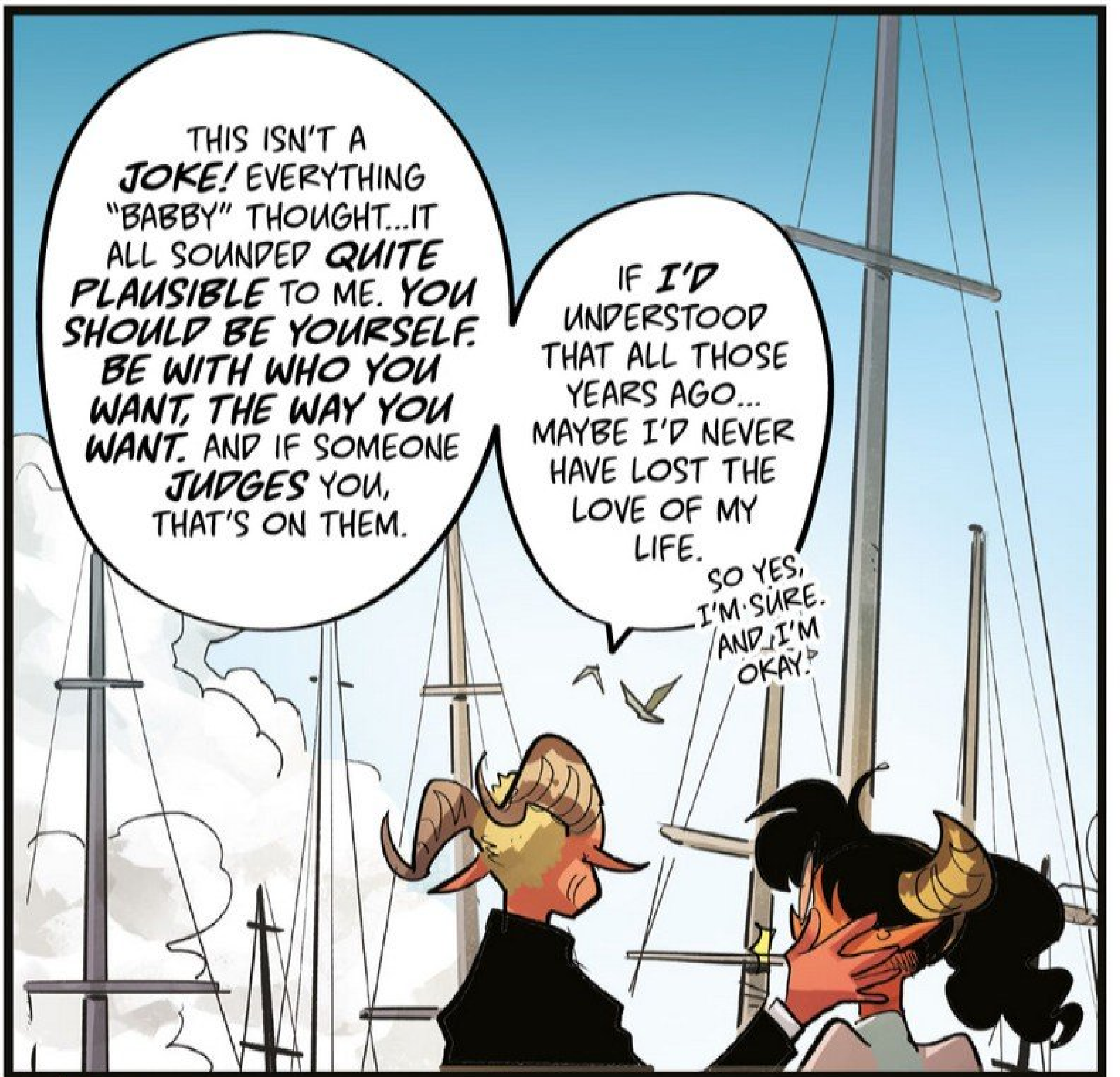
I KNOW ALL TOO WELL HOW TODAY'S YOUNG PEOPLE LIKE TO RUSH **CERTAIN THINGS**. I BET YOU TWO'LL BE LOCKED UP IN THERE ALL WEEK.

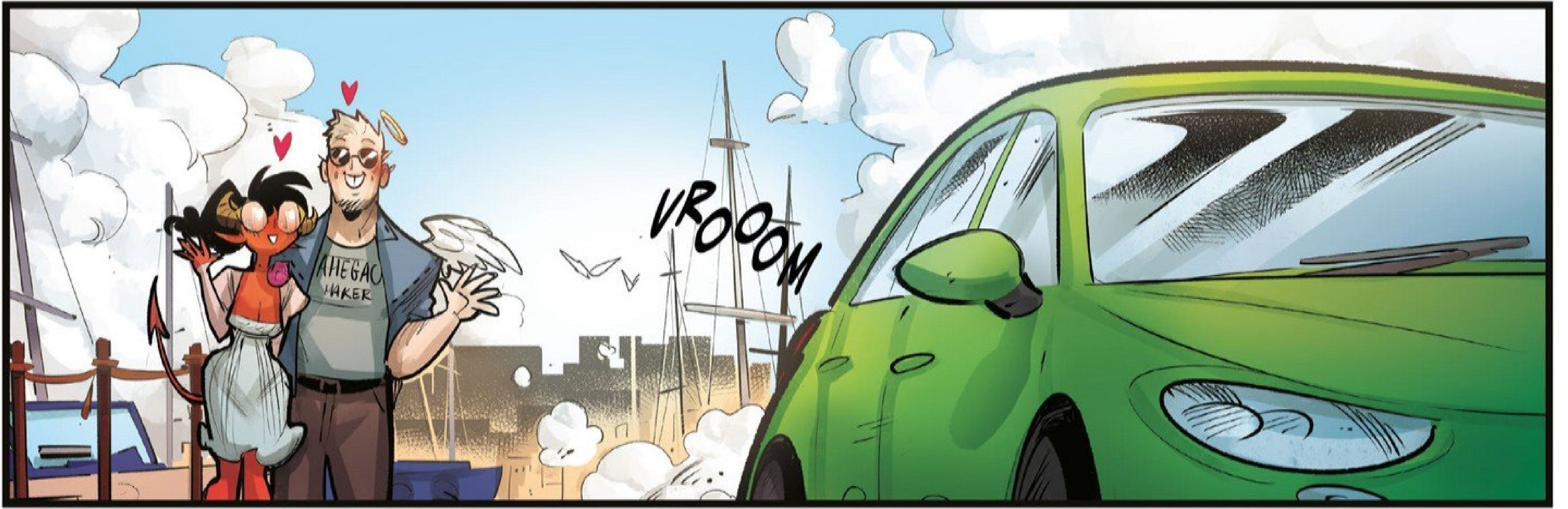
B-BUT, DAD! WHAT ARE YOU--WHAT'RE YOU INSINUATING!?



I-I'M TALKING ABOUT **WATCHING A MOVIE TOGETHER**, HOLDING HANDS AND TRADING POEMS! N-NOTHING ELSE! WHAT WERE YOU IMPLYING, YOUNG LADY!?

HA, I MEAN--WHAT YOU SAID! I JUST--I THOUGHT YOU DIDN'T LIKE DILL.





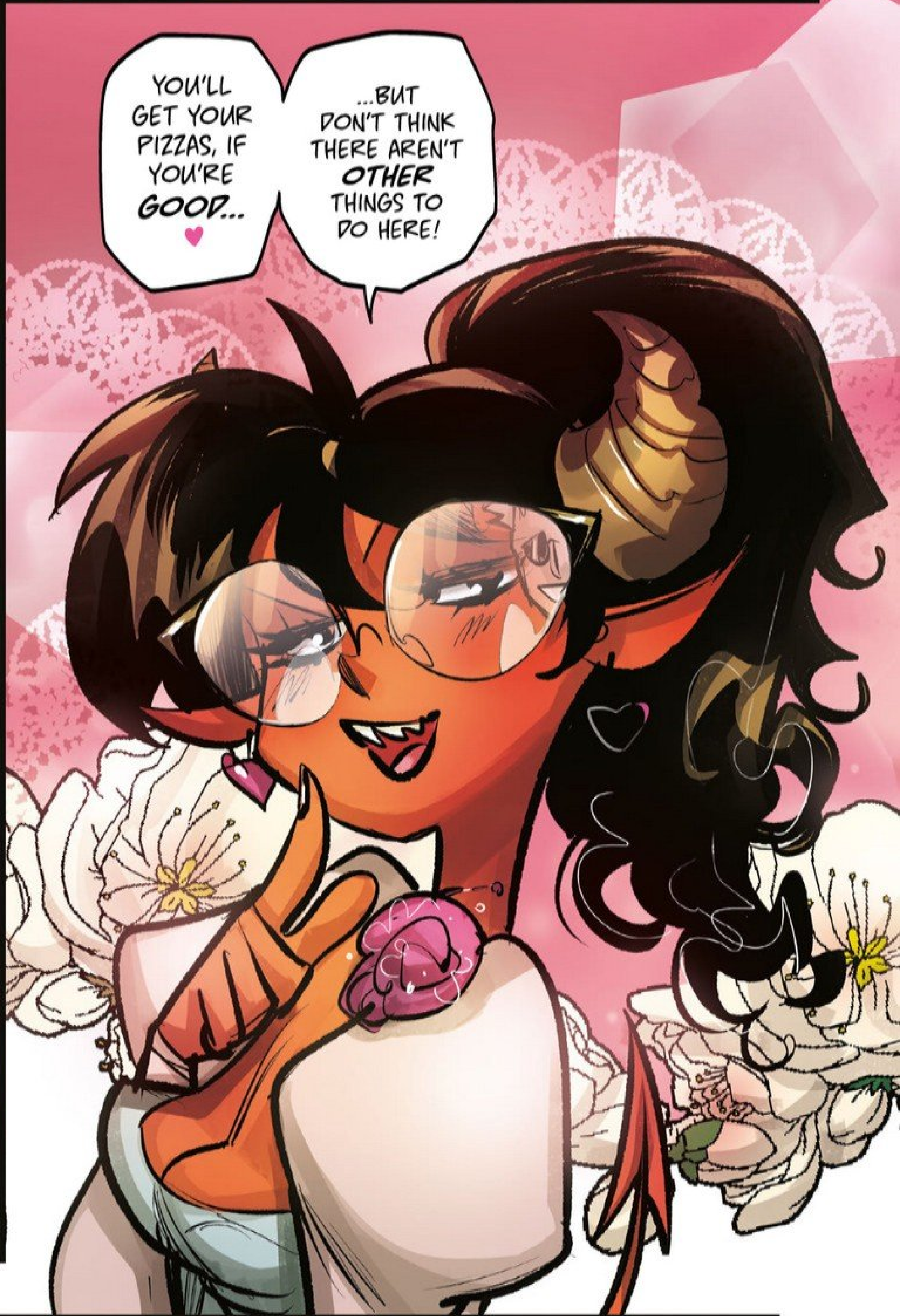
SO--SO
WE'RE
FINALLY
ALONE?
♥



I'VE NEVER
BEEN ON A
DATE WITH
SUCH A
FAMOUS
WRITER!

WHO, BY THE
WAY, WROTE A
BOOK I HAPPEN
TO ADORE!

I'LL
BE EATING
MULTIPLE
PIZZAS JUST
TO GET OVER
IT MENTALLY.



YOU'LL
GET YOUR
PIZZAS, IF
YOU'RE
GOOD...
♥

...BUT
DON'T THINK
THERE AREN'T
OTHER
THINGS TO
DO HERE!



THAT'S RIGHT!
THERE'S FRITTATINE,
DI PASTA, CROCCHE
AND BABA* TO TRY!
NOT TO MENTION ALL
THE OTHER DELICACIES--
LIKE COFFEE!

LOOK--
NO ONE
COMES TO
NAPLES JUST
TO EAT, YOU
STUPID
PENGUIN!

ESPECIALLY
WHEN THERE ARE
SO MANY
PLACES TO VISIT
TOGETHER!

* PASTA FRITTERS, CROQUETTES AND
RUM BABA: TYPICAL NEAPOLITAN DISHES.



WE COULD
TOUR THE NATIVITY
SCENES IN SAN
GREGORIO
ARMENO...



...VISIT THE
WOODS OF
CAPODIMONTE
ON A BEAUTIFUL
SUNNY DAY...



...TAKE A STROLL
TO PLEBISCITO
SQUARE...



...AND IF
THINGS GO WELL,
IT MIGHT EVEN BE
ROMANTIC TO SEE
THE FENESTELLA
IN MARECHIARO!



I'M A
LITTLE
PHOTO-
SENSITIVE,
THAT'S WHY I
ALWAYS KEEP
SUNGLASSES
AROUND.

IT'S NOT JUST
THAT THEY
LOOK GREAT
ON ME!



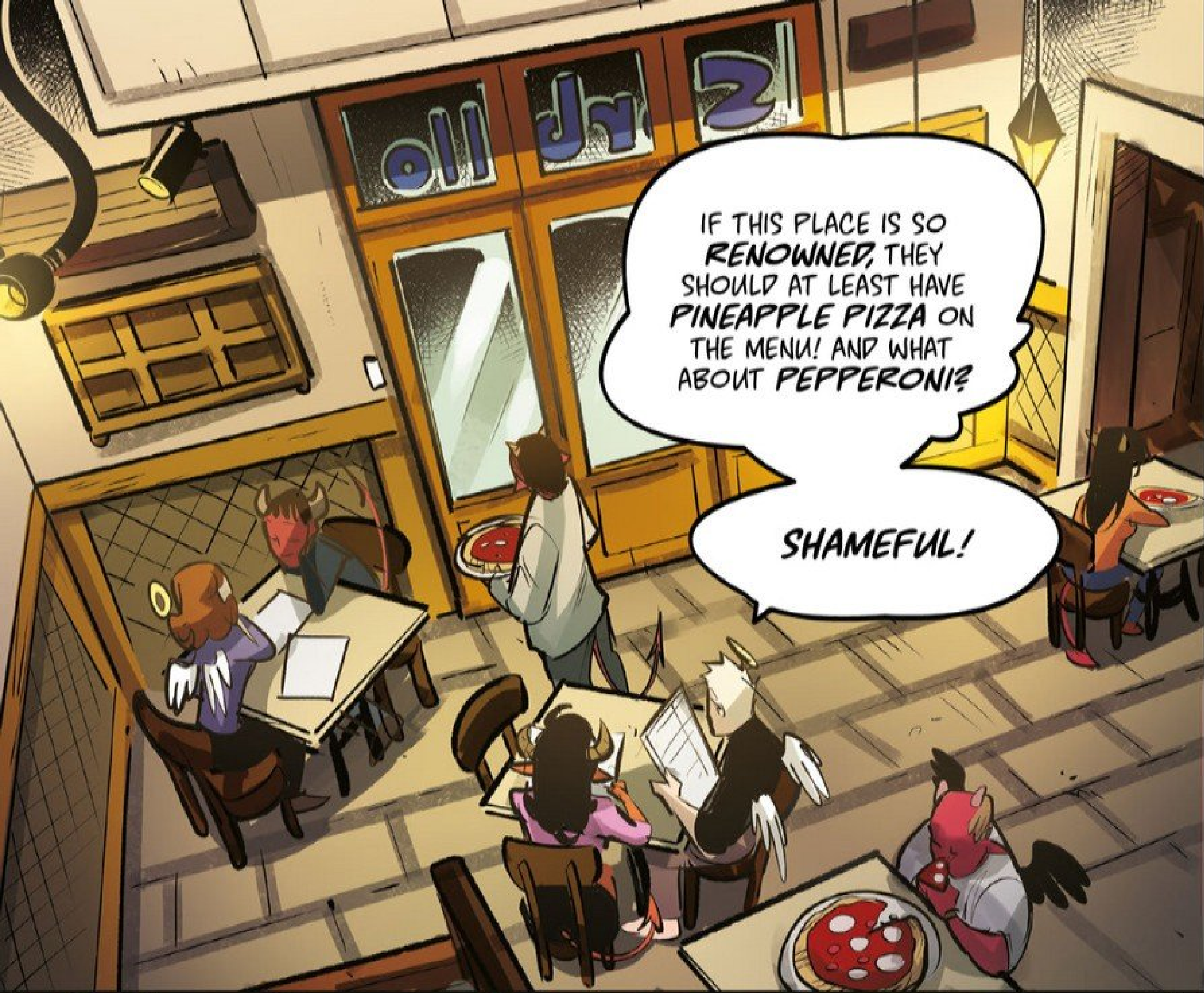
WHY
AREN'T THERE
DEVIL TAILS
AND ANGEL
WINGS AMONG
THESE REMAINS?
THAT'S
STRANGE,
RIGHT?

WHERE'D
WE COME
FROM? WHY
ARE WE HERE?
WHAT DOES IT
ALL MEAN?

WHO
KNOWS...
BUT WHAT
DO WE
CARE?

ALL
GOOD, BUT
CAN I HAVE
ANOTHER
PIZZA
NOW?

SIGH.



IF THIS PLACE IS SO
RENOWNED, THEY
SHOULD AT LEAST HAVE
PINEAPPLE PIZZA ON
THE MENU! AND WHAT
ABOUT **PEPPERONI**?

SHAMEFUL!



I TOLD YOU!
THEY DON'T DO
THOSE IN ITALY!
SO, EAT! AND
FA'O'CESS!*

* NEAPOLITAN INFORMAL EXPRESSION WHICH MEANS "SHUT UP!"



HEY PAPRIKA...
REMEMBER YESTER-
DAY WHEN YOU STAYED
IN THAT CAFÉ BATH-
ROOM FOR TWO
HOURS, AND
YOU--

EVEN SO,
I TOOK
ADVANTAGE
OF YOUR
ABSENCE.

I WAS JUST
POWDERING
MY HORNS!



WHEN I SAW
IT IN THAT
STALL, I THOUGHT
OF YOU
IMMEDIATELY.



IT LOOKS LIKE
A **CHILI PEPPER**,
AND JUST SO YOU
KNOW--THINKING
ABOUT HOW
PAPRIKA IS
MADE...

OH--
IT'S A
**CORNI-
CELLO!**

OH,
YEAH?



IT'S A
**GOOD LUCK
HORN**. IT
REALLY **DOES**
LOOK LIKE A
CHILI PEPPER,
THOUGH.

IF IT'S A
HORN... THEN
IT'S EVEN MORE
SUITED FOR A
LITTLE DEVIL!
ISN'T IT?

TELL ME
THAT'S NOT
OUT OF
LINE.



I
LOVE
IT! ♥
THANK
YOU... ♥



HEY... YOU
WANT TO SEE
SOMEWHERE
**SUPER
SPECIAL?**



SO...YOU
GREW UP
HERE?

NOT FOR
LONG. I WAS FIVE
WHEN WE LEFT FOR
NEW YORK. WE
SPENT A LOT OF
VACATIONS HERE,
THOUGH.

NOT
LIKE MY
CENTRAL
PARK
PENTHOUSE,
IS IT?



I LIKE
THIS
VIEW
EVEN
BETTER.

YOU KNOW...
WITH ALL ITS
SHADOWS AND
LIGHTS, THIS
CITY IS ALWAYS
REVEALING ITS
BEAUTY.



I'LL
PUT THE
COFFEE ON,
YOU GO AHEAD
AND MAKE
YOUR-
SELF AT
HOME.

LET'S
EXPLORE A
LITTLE...



THIS
BEDROOM
IS RIGHT UP
YOUR
ALLEY. ♥



OH...
HOW ABOUT
THIS ONE? ♥

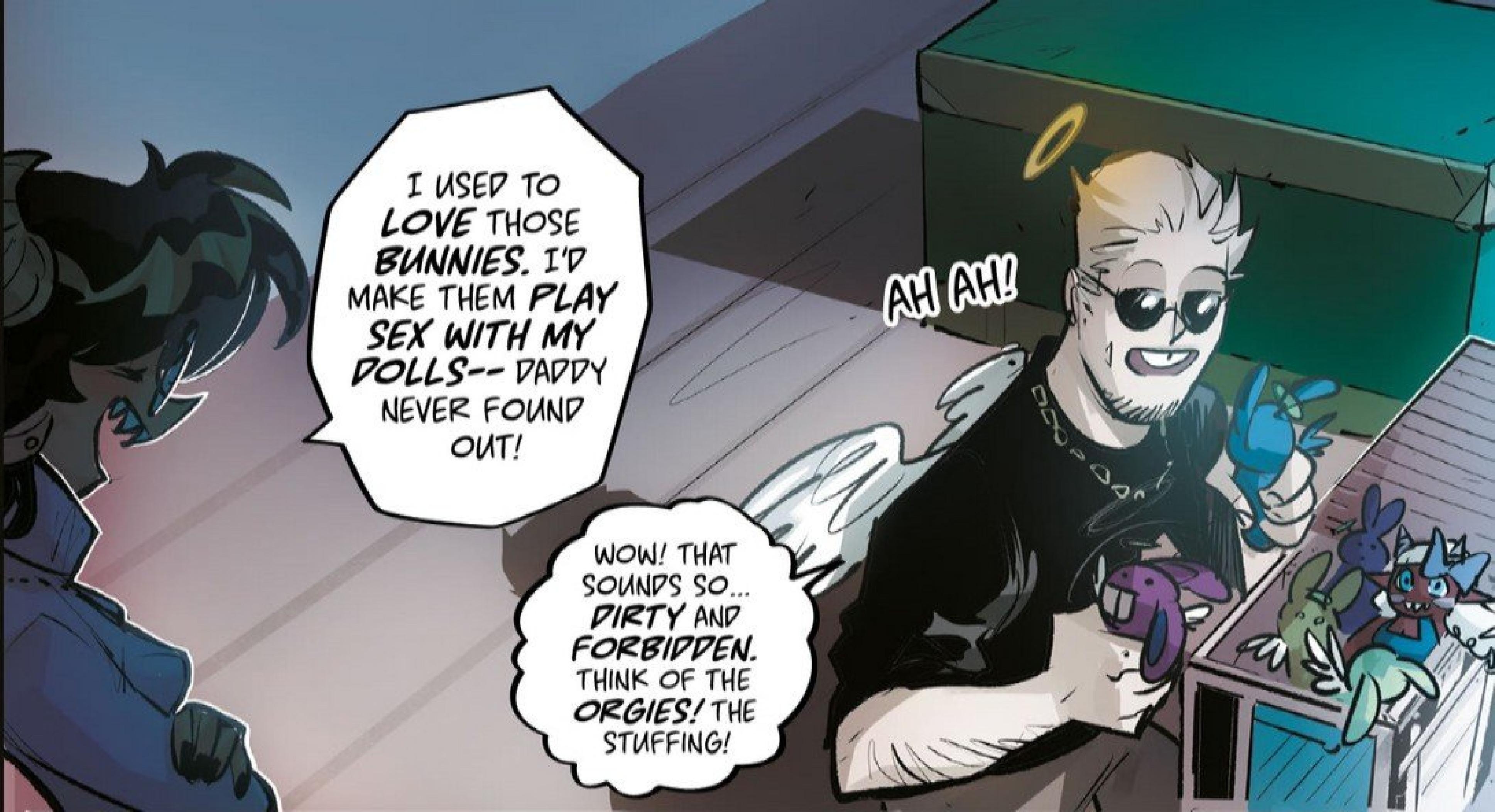


PAPRIKA...?

HOW
MANY
STUFFED
BUNNIES DO
YOU REALLY
HAVE?



WHAT'RE YOU DOING? PLAYING WITH DOLLS?



I USED TO LOVE THOSE BUNNIES. I'D MAKE THEM PLAY SEX WITH MY DOLLS-- DADDY NEVER FOUND OUT!

WOW! THAT SOUNDS SO... DIRTY AND FORBIDDEN. THINK OF THE ORGIES! THE STUFFING!



COME TO THINK OF IT...



HA HA HA! YOU'VE GOT BIG BUNNY TEETH! EVEN YOUR DOG LOOKS LIKE A BUNNY!

IN A WAY... I GOT WHAT I WANTED IN THE END.

OH? AND WHAT ELSE DID YOU WANT BESIDES A FIERY, HANDSOME BUNNY LIKE ME?



LET ME TRY TO REMEMBER... A HOUSE, TEN CARS, ONE DOG, THREE CATS, AND...

...AND LET'S JUST SAY "A LOT OF KISSES" FOR NOW, YEAH?



EVERYTHING IS PERFECT. NO COMPLICATIONS. NO DRAMA. FINALLY.

I LIKE IT. ♥

FRUSH



THERE'S JUST
ONE DETAIL
STILL MISSING...
♥



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ANF
ANF

FINALLY! ♥



HA!



I COULDN'T
TAKE IT
ANYMORE!

HA...

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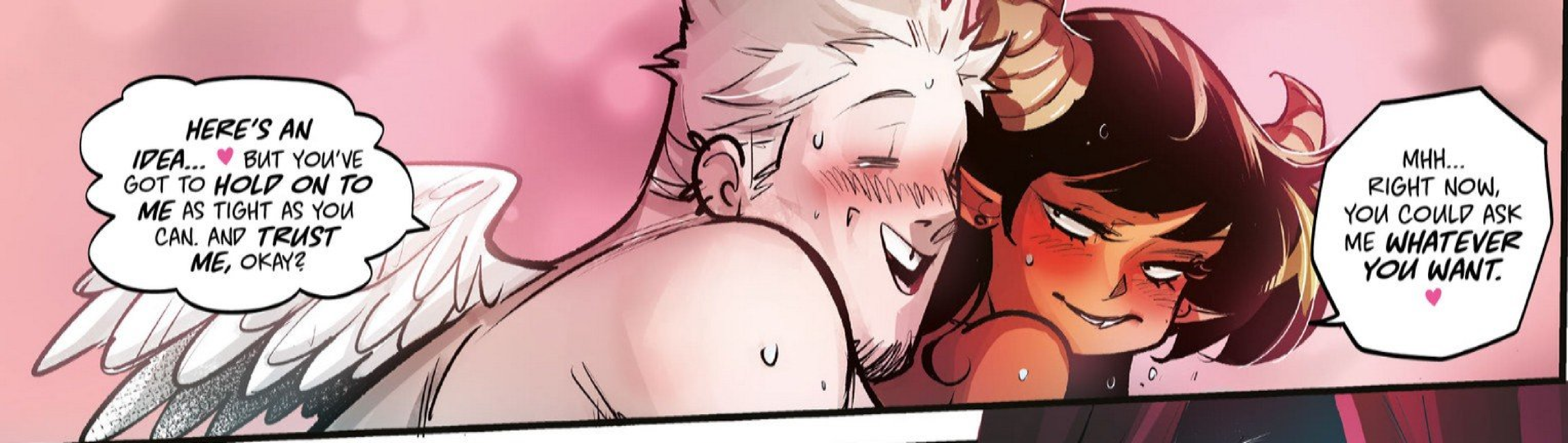
NEITHER
COULD I!

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ANF

HA...OUU...
OUFFF!!!



HERE'S AN IDEA... ♥ BUT YOU'VE GOT TO **HOLD ON TO ME** AS TIGHT AS YOU CAN. AND **TRUST ME**, OKAY?

MHH... RIGHT NOW, YOU COULD ASK ME **WHATEVER YOU WANT**. ♥



HE HE...



WHAT ARE YOU...?



WHAT THE **FUCK** ARE YOU DOING!?

CALM DOWN-- JUST LISTEN!



WE'RE UP HIGH, IT'S THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT AND EVERYONE'S ASLEEP. NO ONE WILL SEE US... ♥

...I HOPE... ♥

YOU--YOU MEAN...SO...



...SO THE CHANCES OF SOMEONE FINDING US HERE AREN'T **EXACTLY ZERO, R...RI...RIGHT?** ♥



FOR SURE! SOMEONE COULD ACCIDENTALLY **SEE YOU COME, GO FIGURE...** ♥

S-STUPID... ♥

DILL...HA... I-I WANT TO **KEEP DOING THIS!** I WANT TO **KEEP DATING YOU!**



IT'S BEEN A FEW MONTHS. THAT "CHAPTER 1" ON MY LAPTOP HAS GROWN INTO SOMETHING MORE.

SPICE IT UP!

VOLUME 2

I'VE FINALLY REALIZED MY DREAM. I'M A WRITER NOW. FOR REAL. THINGS'RE GOING REALLY WELL, AND NOT JUST FOR ME!

BURNET'S FINALLY OUT OF MY LIFE FOR GOOD. NOW, HE'S EXPLOITING HIS REAL TALENT: BEING A CLEVER BASTARD.

...AND THAT'S WHY MY CLIENT'S INNOCENT. COME ON--IT'S OBVIOUS!

MR. ZA'ATAR FINALLY SEEMS TO HAVE FIGURED HIMSELF OUT. WORD ON THE STREET IS THAT HE'S SEEING SOMEONE. I WONDER IF THAT'S TRUE? AND WHO COULD IT EVEN BE?

TIME FOR YOUR LESSON, MY HORNED BORE...

DAD HAS FACED THE CONSEQUENCES OF HIS ACTIONS. HE'S RESIGNED AND RETURNED TO NAPLES FOR GOOD. IT WASN'T EASY, BUT NOW, HE ALMOST SEEMS SERENE. I KNOW SOMETHING'S DIFFERENT--WHEN WE SEE EACH OTHER, HE ALWAYS SMILING!

TODAY, I SAW SUCH A BEAUTIFUL CONSTRUCTION SITE...

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MY WORK AT INFERNUM PRESS IS GOING GREAT. YOU DIDN'T THINK I WAS QUITTING, DID YOU!?

INFERNUM PRESS

GROOOOAAAAR!



I-I'M SO SORRY YOUR MAGNIFICENCE! FORGIVE ME, MADAM CHIEF!

I LIKE IT. IT MAKES ME HAPPY, I JUST HAD TO STOP USING IT AS AN EXCUSE NOT TO LIVE. ALSO...

...I'M WORKING ON MYSELF. TRYING TO BE A BETTER LEADER.

N-NEVER MIND. ⚡

NEXT TIME...JUST BE MORE CAREFUL, OKAY? ⚡

YES, MA'AM!



AND I'M NOT THE ONLY ONE TRYING TO CHANGE FOR THE BETTER.

OH, SPEAK OF THE ANGEL...



HERE HE IS! ♡

I USED TO WORRY MYSELF TO DEATH OVER WHAT MY SUBORDINATES THOUGHT ABOUT ME. ESPECIALLY THE WOMEN.

BUT IN THE END, THEY WERE ALL PLENTY CONTENT JUST TO GET THEIR PACKAGES. AND ANYWAY...TODAY'S PAPRIKA DOESN'T CARE.



HE'S MY SWEET, STUPID PENGUIN IN THE SUN. ♡

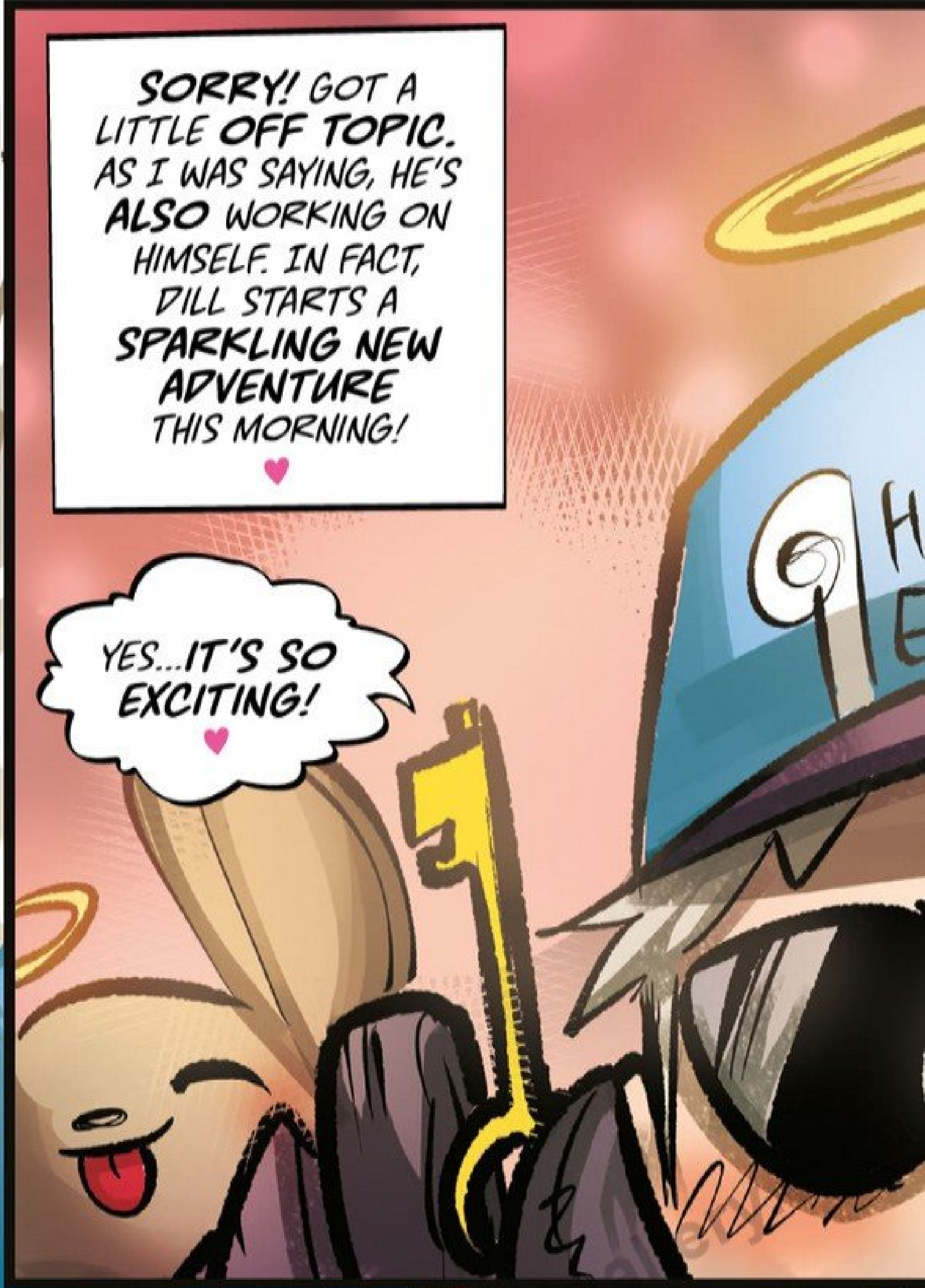
HAVE YOU HAD THE SPARE KEY? ♡

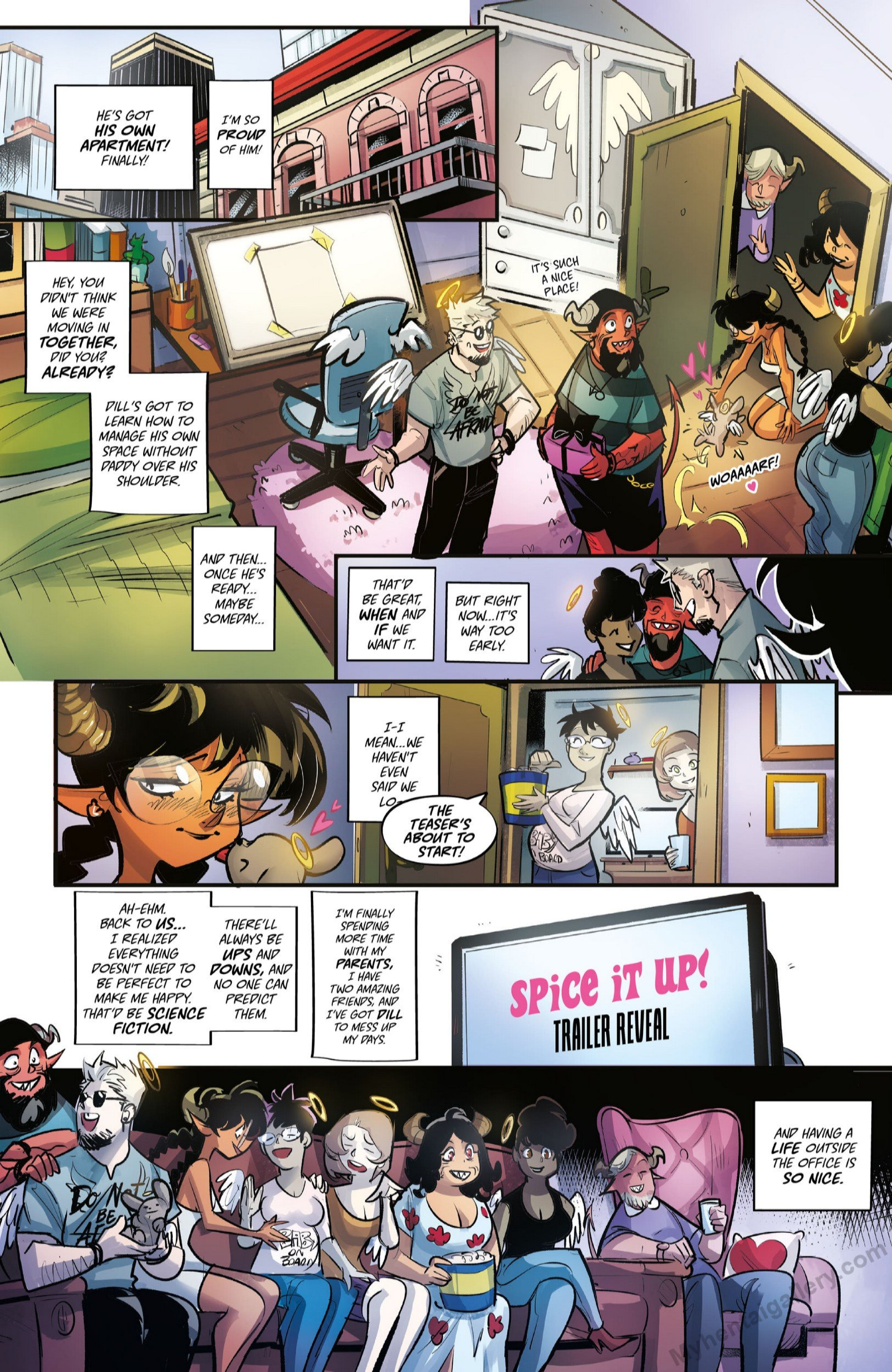


SMACK!

SORRY! GOT A LITTLE OFF TOPIC. AS I WAS SAYING, HE'S ALSO WORKING ON HIMSELF. IN FACT, DILL STARTS A SPARKLING NEW ADVENTURE THIS MORNING! ♡

YES...IT'S SO EXCITING! ♡





HE'S GOT HIS OWN APARTMENT! FINALLY!

I'M SO PROUD OF HIM!

HEY, YOU DIDN'T THINK WE WERE MOVING IN TOGETHER, DID YOU? ALREADY?

DILL'S GOT TO LEARN HOW TO MANAGE HIS OWN SPACE WITHOUT DADDY OVER HIS SHOULDER.

AND THEN... ONCE HE'S READY... MAYBE SOMEDAY...

THAT'D BE GREAT, WHEN AND IF WE WANT IT.

BUT RIGHT NOW...IT'S WAY TOO EARLY.

IT'S SUCH A NICE PLACE!

WOAAAAARF!

I-I MEAN...WE HAVEN'T EVEN SAID WE LO-

THE TEASER'S ABOUT TO START!

AH-EHM. BACK TO US... I REALIZED EVERYTHING DOESN'T NEED TO BE PERFECT TO MAKE ME HAPPY. THAT'D BE SCIENCE FICTION.

THERE'LL ALWAYS BE UPS AND DOWNS, AND NO ONE CAN PREDICT THEM.

I'M FINALLY SPENDING MORE TIME WITH MY PARENTS, I HAVE TWO AMAZING FRIENDS, AND I'VE GOT DILL TO MESS UP MY DAYS.

SPICE IT UP!
TRAILER REVEAL

AND HAVING A LIFE OUTSIDE THE OFFICE IS SO NICE.



SEE YOU SOON, SON.

IF YOU NEED ANYTHING, CALL US.

BYE!



I'LL JUST LET YOU ENJOY YOUR NEW HOUSE. ♡

BUT IF YOU NEED ANYTHING, I'M JUST A CALL AWAY TOO.

IF YOU'RE NOT IN A RUSH, MAYBE YOU COULD WAIT JUST AN EXTRA MINUTE?



I COULD REALLY USE MY PERSONAL SEXY EDITOR'S OPINION BEFORE SHE LEAVES... ♡



IS THIS...A LITTLE TOO CLOSE TO MY COMFORT ZONE?

AS LONG AS IT'S SOMETHING YOU LIKE *DOING*, I DON'T SEE THE PROBLEM.



AND IT REALLY SHOWS YOU'RE *HAVING FUN* AND *PUTTING YOUR HEART INTO IT*.

KEEP IT UP AND YOU'LL BE MAKING STRIDES IN NO TIME.

I'M NOT USED TO EDITING COMICS, BUT...I'VE GOT A GOOD FEELING ABOUT THIS.

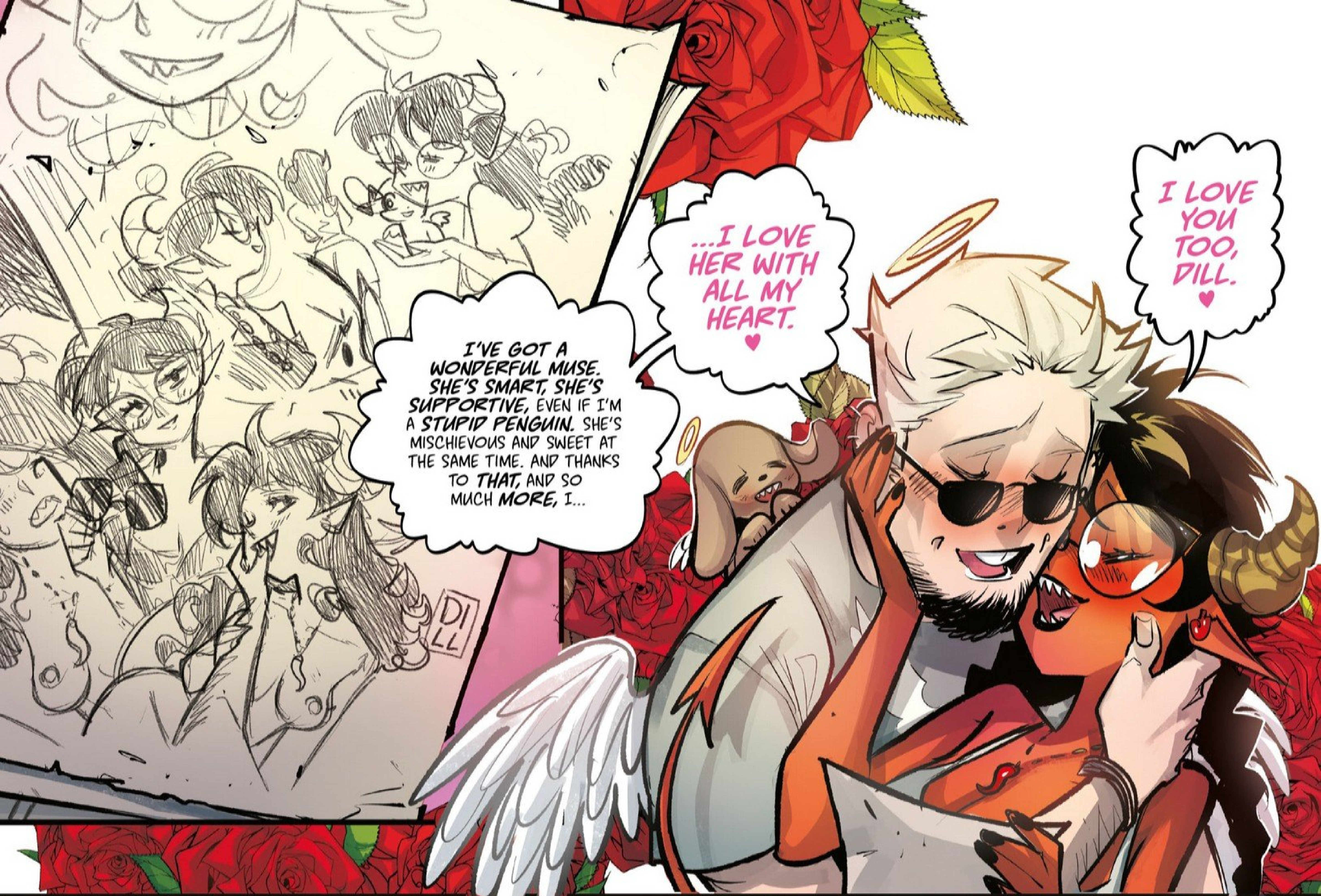
AND THE *NOTES* YOU GAVE ME THESE PAST FEW DAYS WERE *ON POINT*. YOU'VE BEEN *RIGHT* EVERY TIME!

ALL I HAD TO DO WAS BE HONEST AND TRY TO REPRESENT WHAT I *LOVE* MOST.

IN FACT...I'VE EVEN BEEN *WARMING UP* MY HAND A LITTLE BIT BETWEEN PAGES WITH MY FAVORITE SUBJECT.

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I LOVE YOU TOO, DILL. ♥

...I LOVE HER WITH ALL MY HEART. ♥

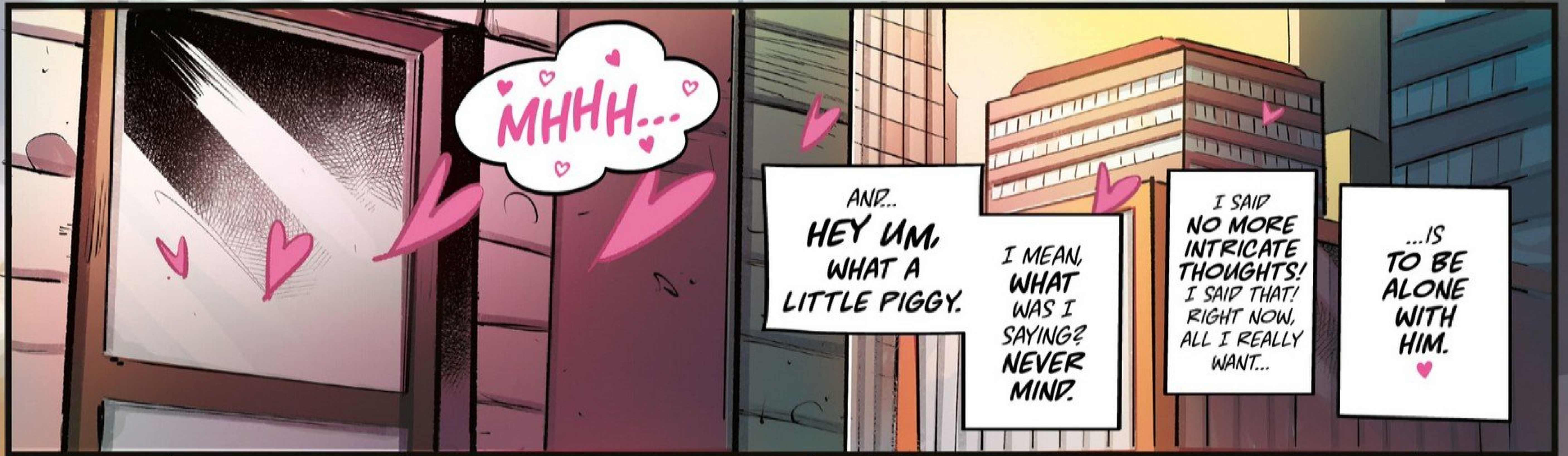
I'VE GOT A WONDERFUL MUSE. SHE'S SMART, SHE'S SUPPORTIVE, EVEN IF I'M A STUPID PENGUIN. SHE'S MISCHIEVOUS AND SWEET AT THE SAME TIME. AND THANKS TO THAT, AND SO MUCH MORE, I...



THIS IS HOW I WANT LIFE TO BE.

I DON'T WANT MY INTRICATE, OBSESSIVE THOUGHTS TO EVER COMPLICATE IT AGAIN.

I JUST WANT TO KEEP IT SIMPLE, ROMANTIC AND...AND...



MHHH... ♥

AND... HEY UM, WHAT A LITTLE PIGGY.

I MEAN, WHAT WAS I SAYING? NEVER MIND.

I SAID NO MORE INTRICATE THOUGHTS! I SAID THAT! RIGHT NOW, ALL I REALLY WANT...

...IS TO BE ALONE WITH HIM. ♥



THE END.



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