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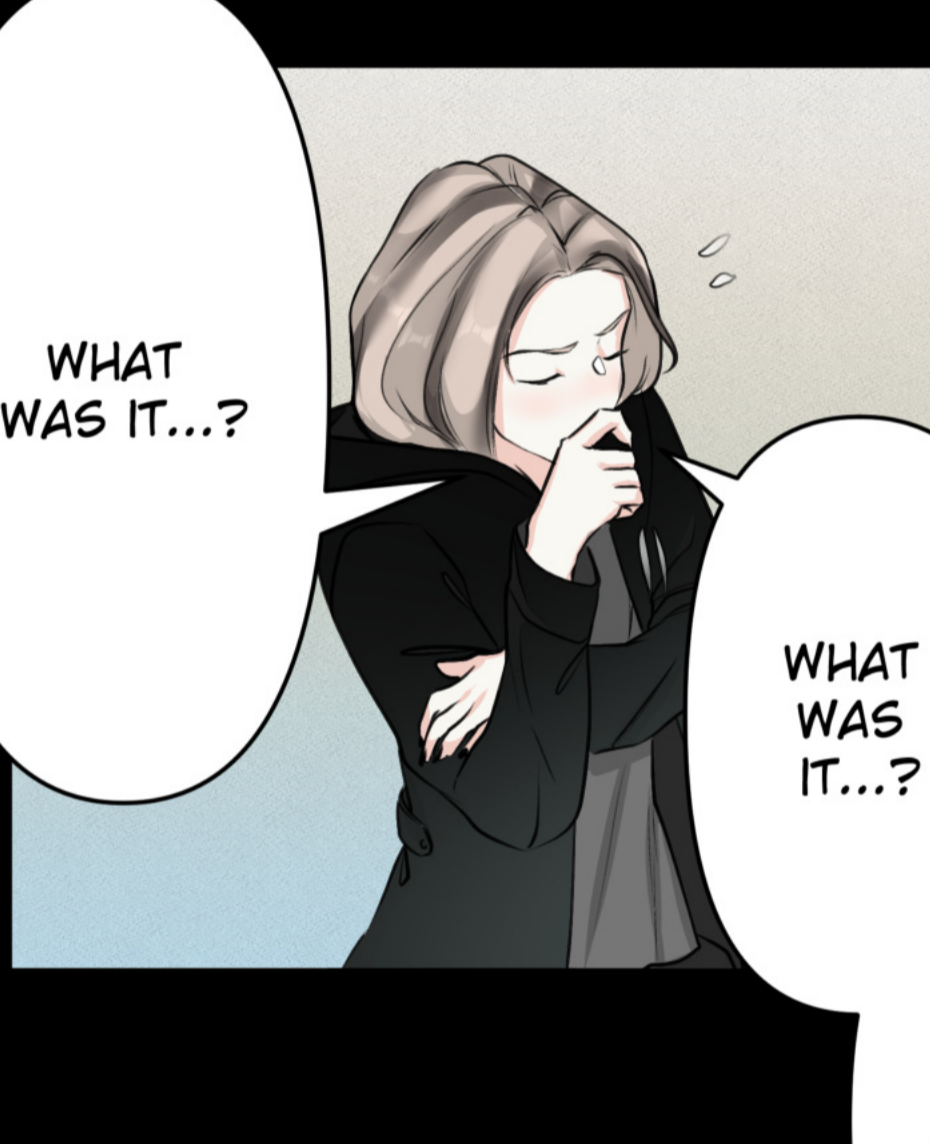
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YOU KEPT CALLING THAT NAME ...

WHAT WAS IT...?



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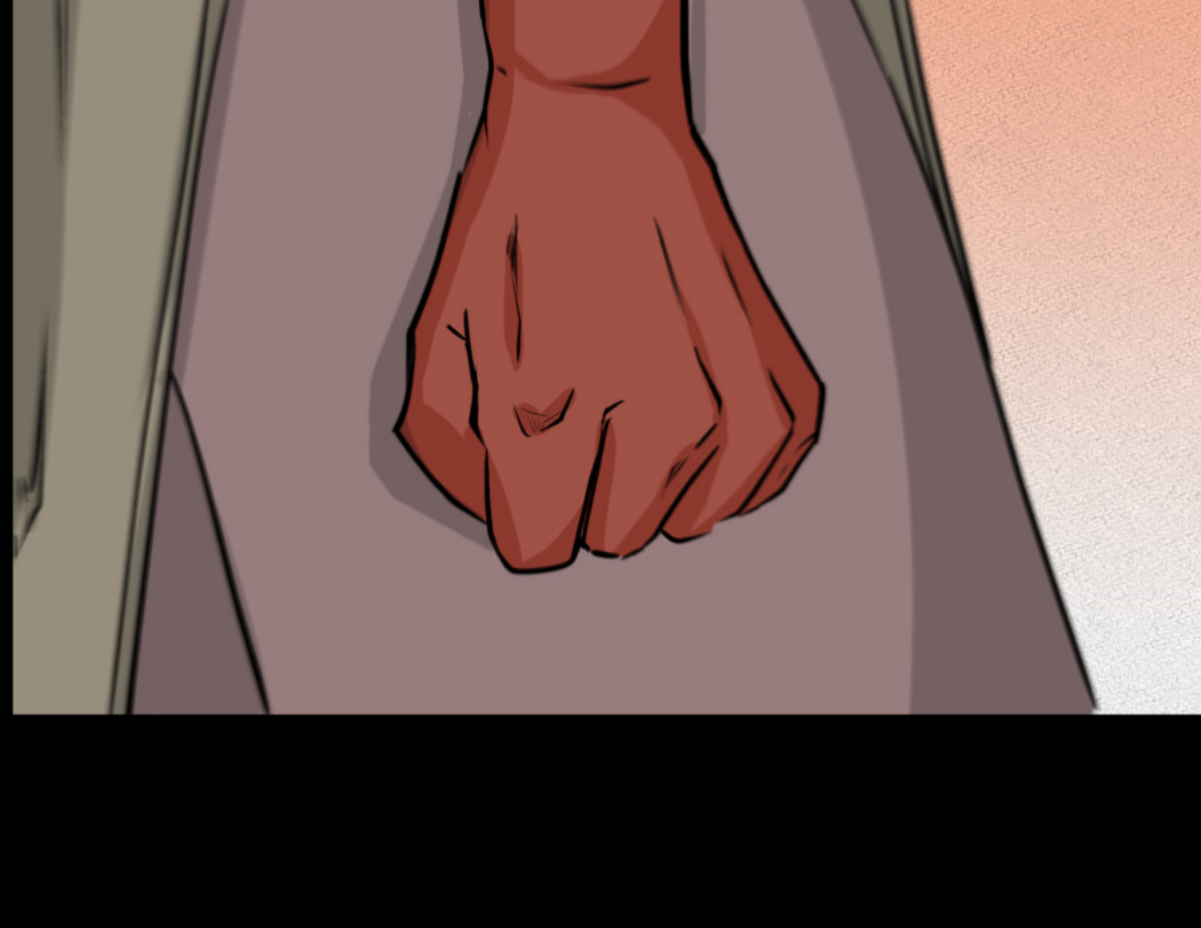


YES!



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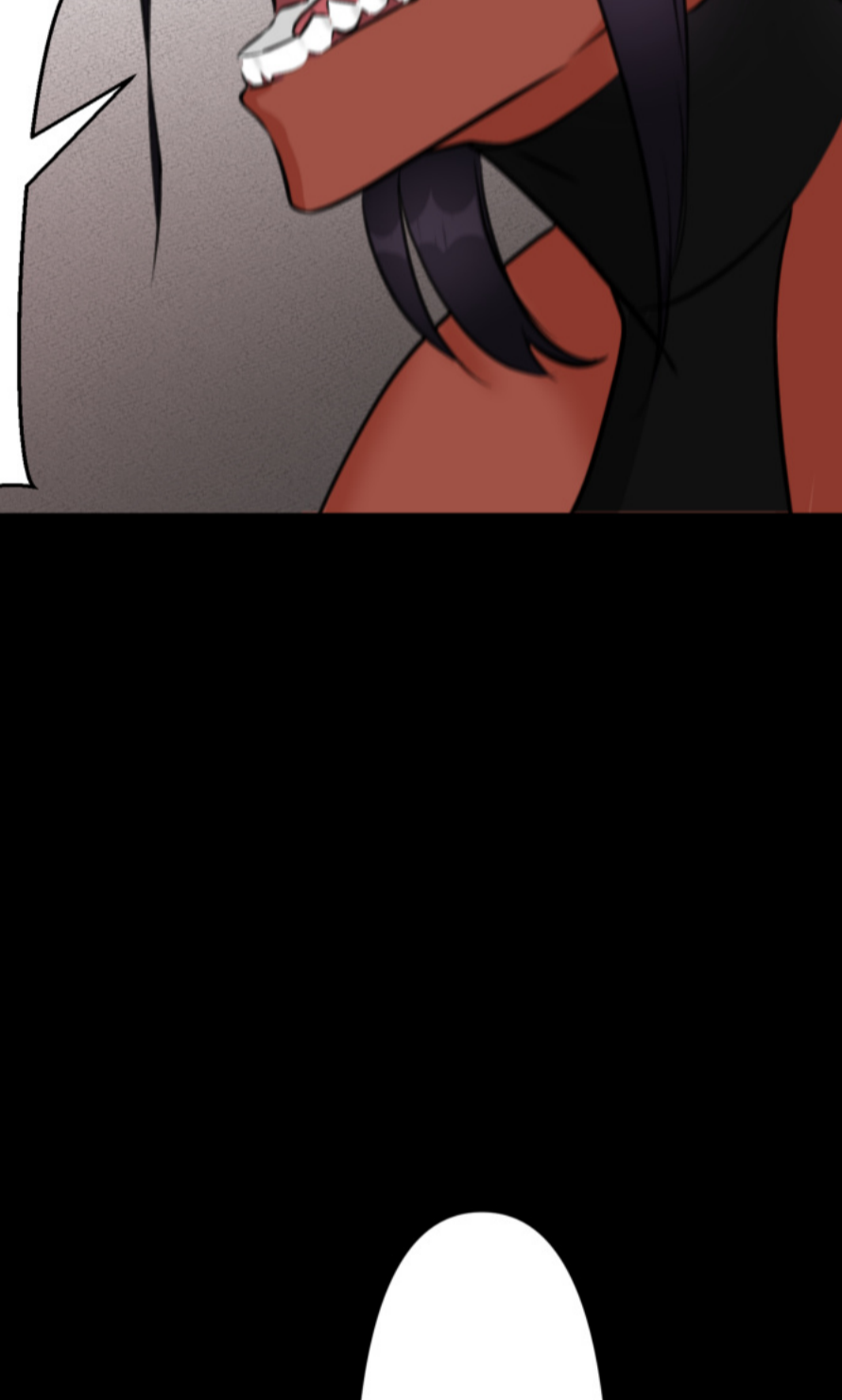
SHE SAID THAT NAME WHEN SHE PASSED OUT FROM EXHAUSTION IN MY ARMS.



WHO IS-

IT DOESN'T MATTER, MEGAN! WE LOST TIME.

A LOT OF TIME BECAUSE YOUR F*****G PORTAL DIDN'T WORK!



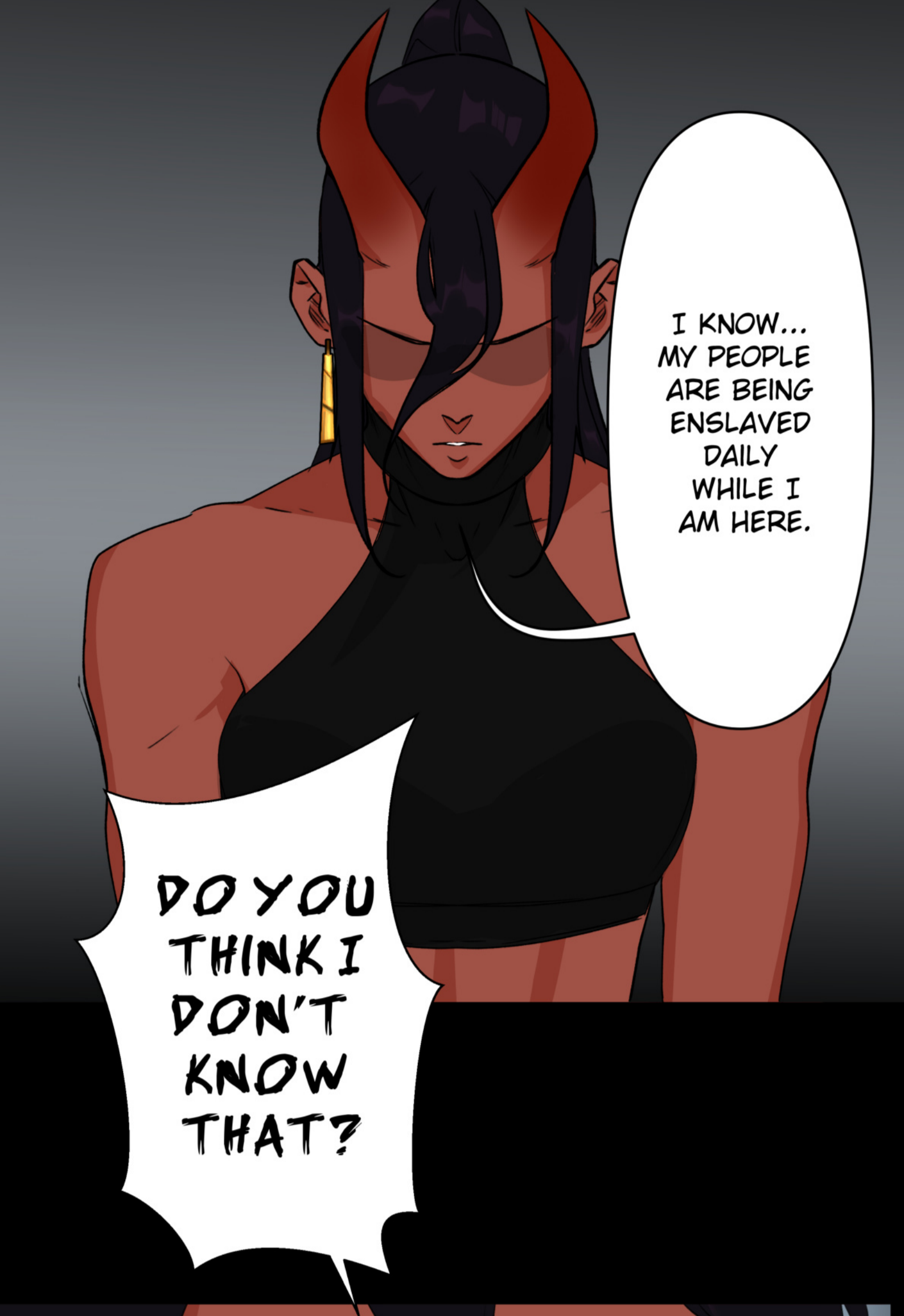
TCH.

SIGH
LOOK, THINGS DIDN'T TURN OUT AS EXPECTED, BUT WE HAVE TO HURRY ...

WILL FIGHTING SOLVE OUR SITUATION?

I MEAN... FOR ARIAM AND ALL YOUR...

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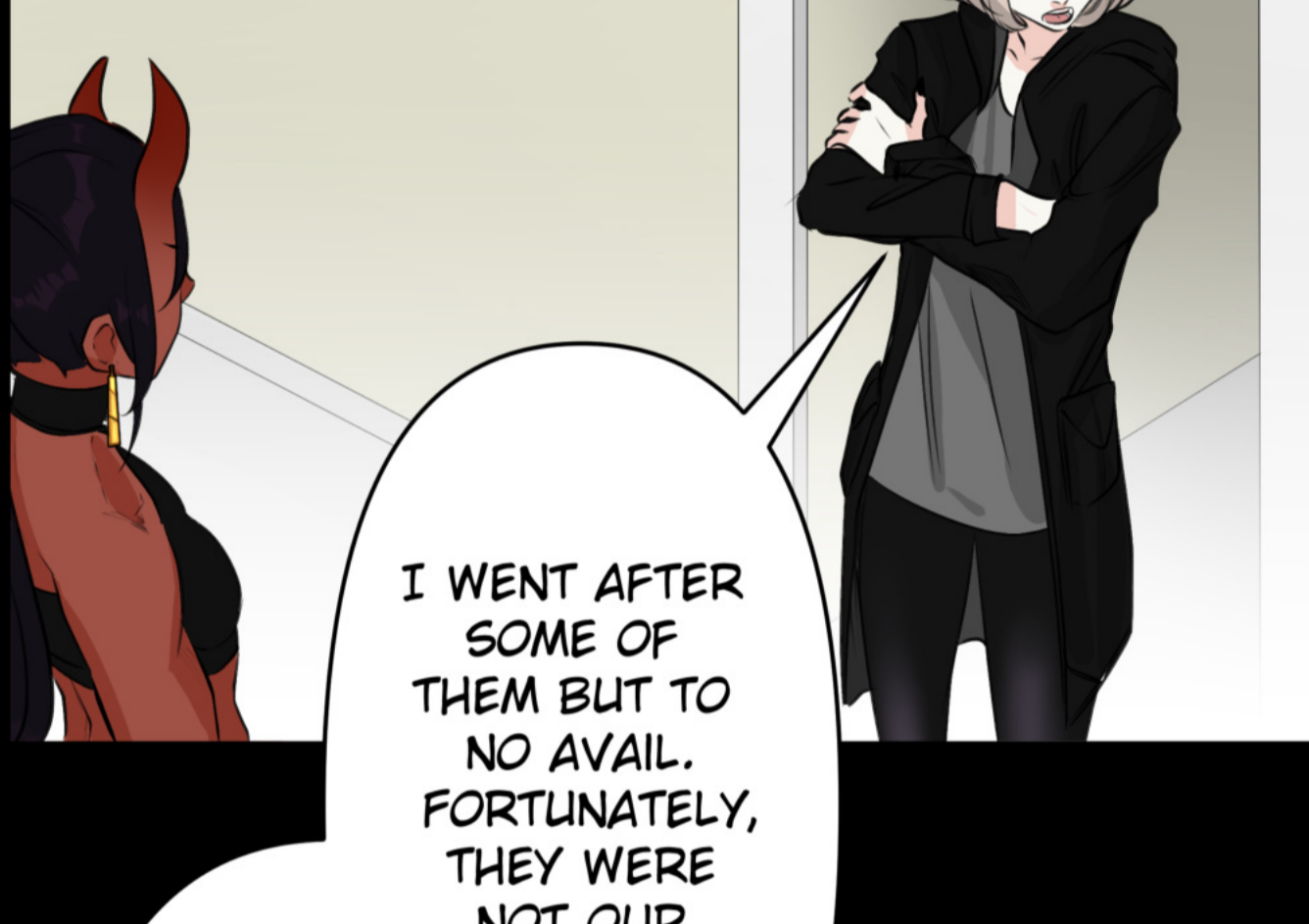
I KNOW... MY PEOPLE ARE BEING ENSLAVED DAILY WHILE I AM HERE.

DO YOU THINK I DON'T KNOW THAT?



OF COURSE YOU KNOW...

WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW IS THAT I HAVE ROUNDED UP PEOPLE WHO MAY HAVE OUR ARTIFACT.



I WENT AFTER SOME OF THEM BUT TO NO AVAIL. FORTUNATELY, THEY WERE NOT OUR BIGGEST TARGETS.

THERE IS STILL ONE THAT I COULD NOT INVESTIGATE. HIS NAME IS **ECTOR BALLARD**.



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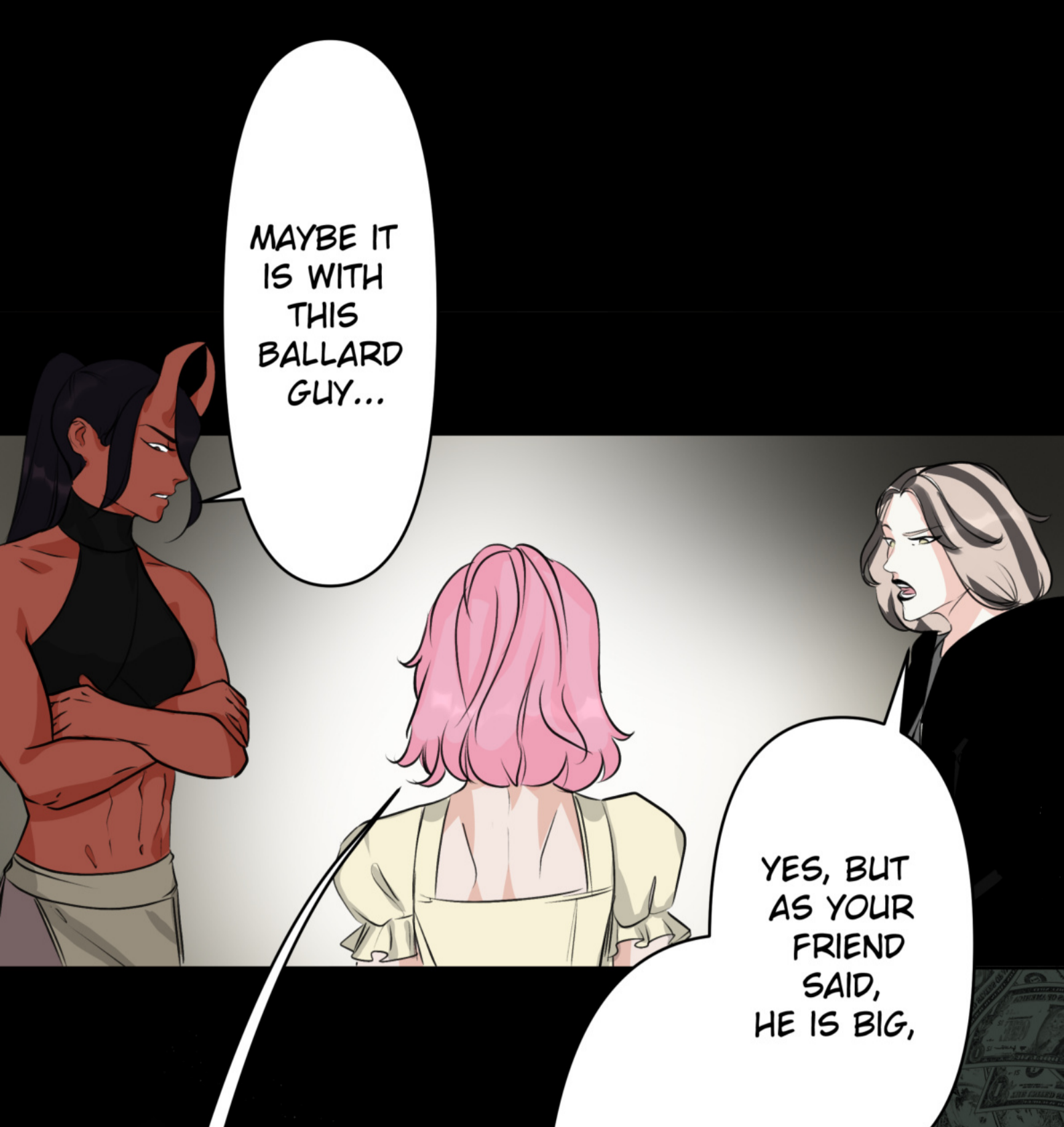


ECTOR BALLARD... OF BALLARD INDUSTRIES?



YOU KNOW HIM?

HE'S A SPONSOR OF MY COLLEGE, PAYS FOR RESEARCH, AND DOES EVENTS. HE'S A BIG NAME AROUND HERE.



MAYBE IT IS WITH THIS BALLARD GUY...

YES, BUT AS YOUR FRIEND SAID, HE IS BIG,

WE HAVE NO WAY TO GET TO HIM EASILY. YOUR CONVENTIONAL APPROACH WOULDN'T WORK.

AND WE HAVE TO BE DISCREET, REMEMBER THAT.

WELL, I THINK THERE IS A WAY ...



BALLARD'S MANSION IS LIKE A MUSEUM, AND ECTOR IS RENOWNED IN THE FIELD OF ARCHEOLOGY.

HE OPENS THE DOOR TO HIS PROPERTY SOMETIMES, LIKE A BIG EVENT.



HE HAS ALWAYS BEEN QUITE WEALTHY BECAUSE OF HIS MOTHER'S INHERITANCE, AND IT IS RUMORED THAT HE HAS A RARE DISEASE.

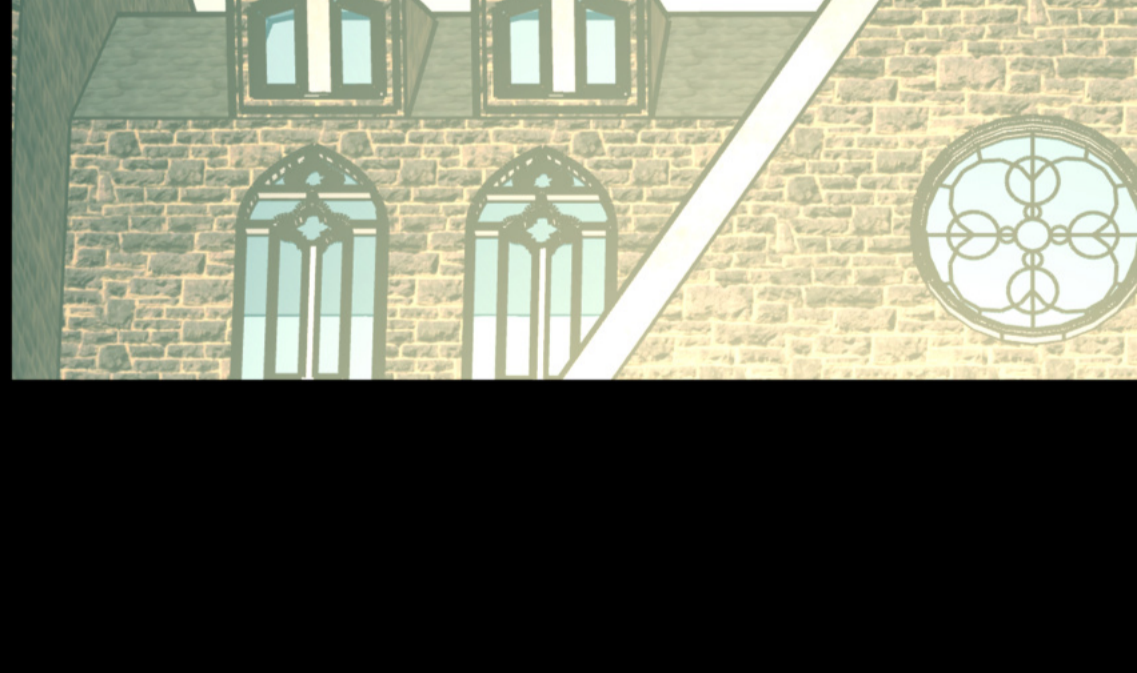
IN ADDITION, HE IS HARDLY EVER SEEN, HE ALSO NEVER GIVES INTERVIEWS, AND HE NEVER APPROACHES HIS ADMIRERS.



HE IS CALLED THE ARCHEOLOGY VAMPIRE.



THIS IS BECAUSE HE IS THE KIND OF SUPER-RICH GUY WHO IS A LITTLE TOO WEIRD AND SCARY I WOULD SAY...



BUT STILL, HE HELPS THE STUDENTS AND FUNDS RESEARCH IN ARCHEOLOGICAL SITES. IT'S QUITE INTRIGUING AND...

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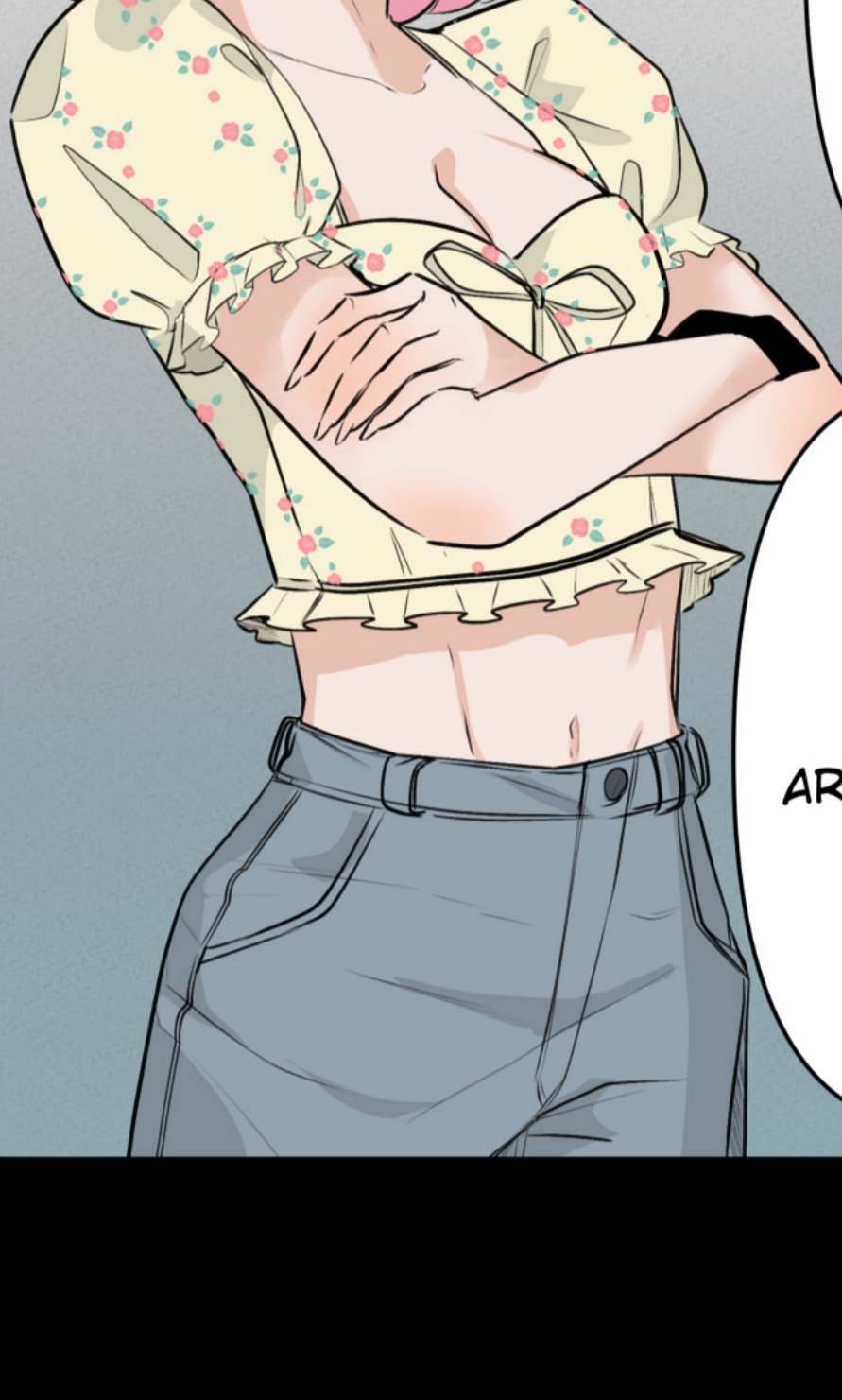
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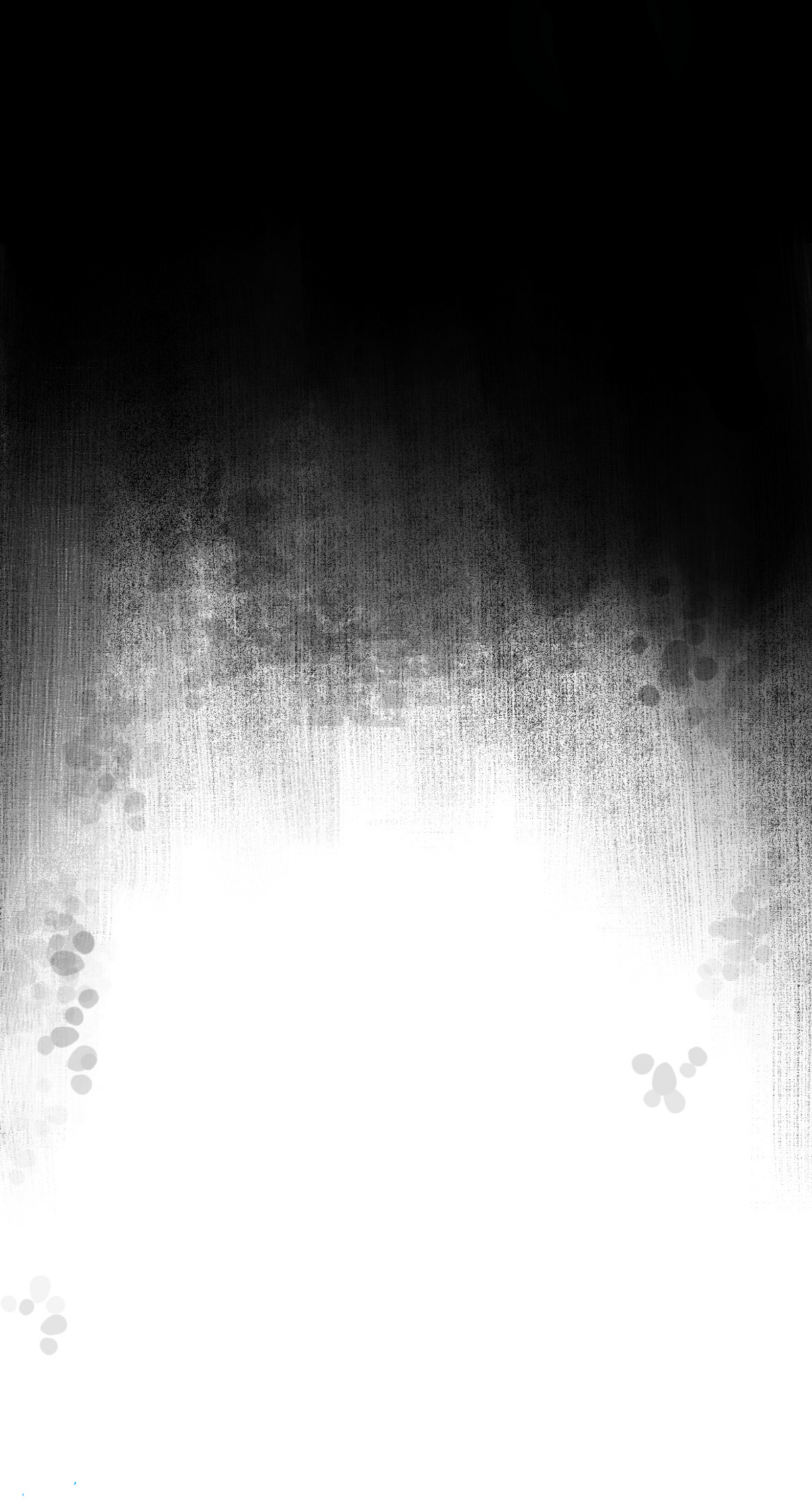


I ALREADY TOLD YOU... BALLARD IS A RESEARCH SPONSOR AT MY COLLEGE.

AND I HAVE ALSO DONE A THESIS ON HIS WORK WHICH HELPS.

SO YOU ARE WELCOME.





THANK YOU
FOR READING!



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