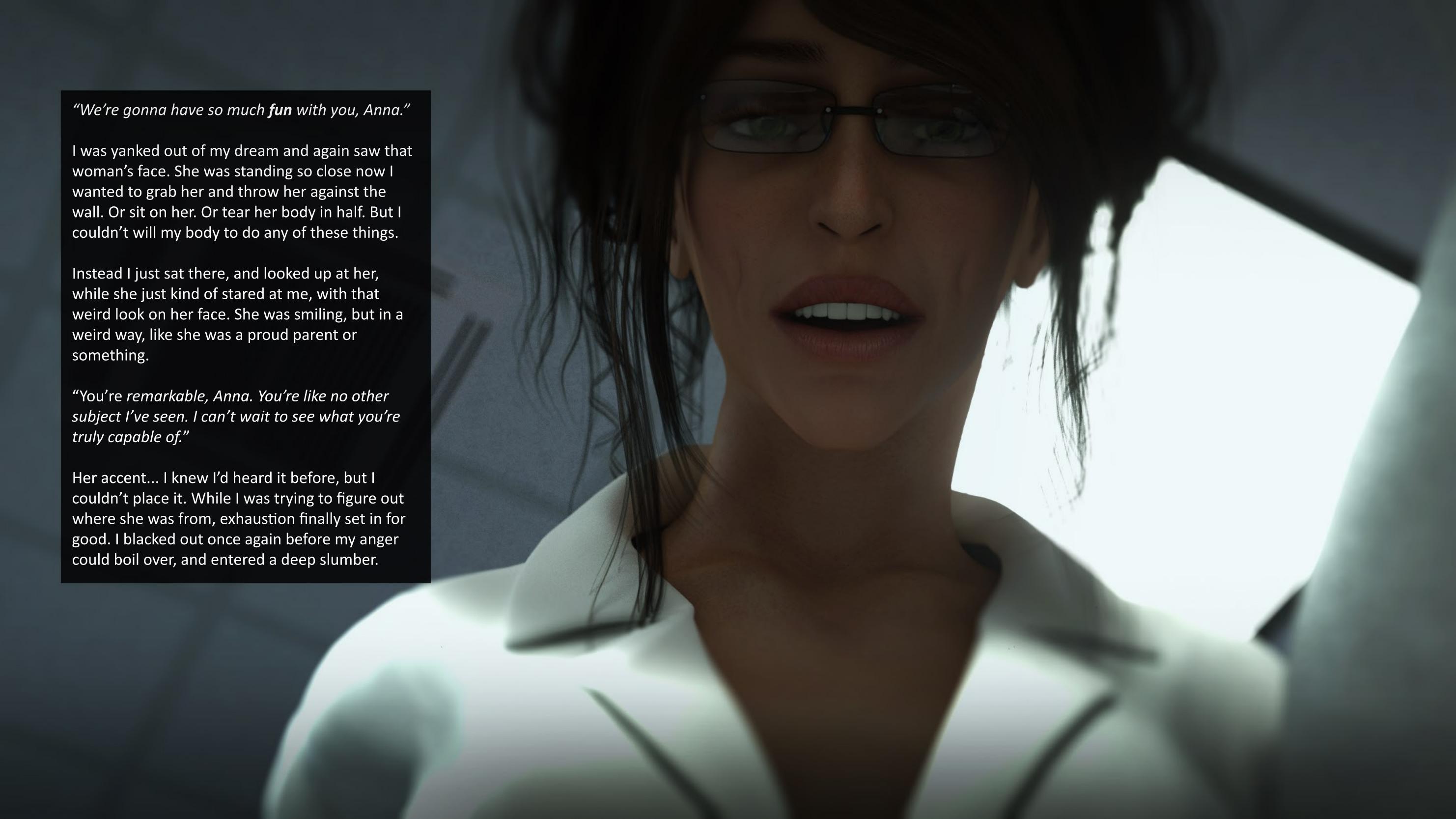


It was exciting more than anything, though. Back in college I hadn't signed up for wrestling because I knew I could dominate all my opponents through size and strength alone. I did it because I'd grown up watching the stuff live every Monday night. This seemed pretty similar on a microcosmic level, and I was already working up names I could go by when performing.

I'd have to get a real costume made too! This makeshift thing was... okay, I guess. It made me look like a fuckin' jobber about to be sent out to a squash match though. No, if I was entering the ring I was going to be the one on top. Even if I had to pay out of my own pocket to get something form-fitting, custom made, and sexy. It may have been sketchy shit, but I'm sure there was still wiggle room to develop a character, establish myself as a face or a heel, and-

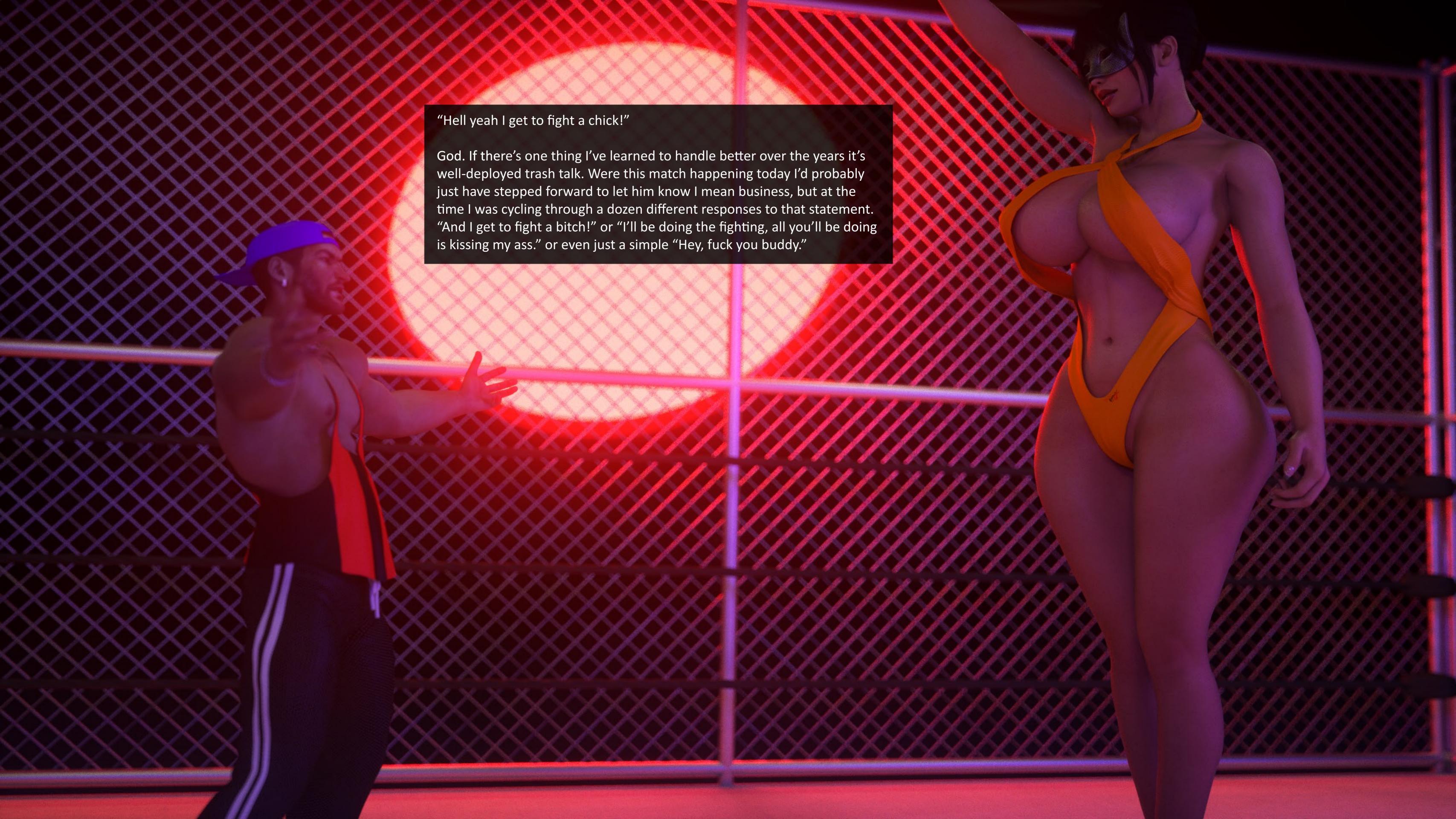
Well, first I'd have to defeat my opponent, right? Work the crowd up into a frenzy, win, and come back every week. Or however often these fights are held.

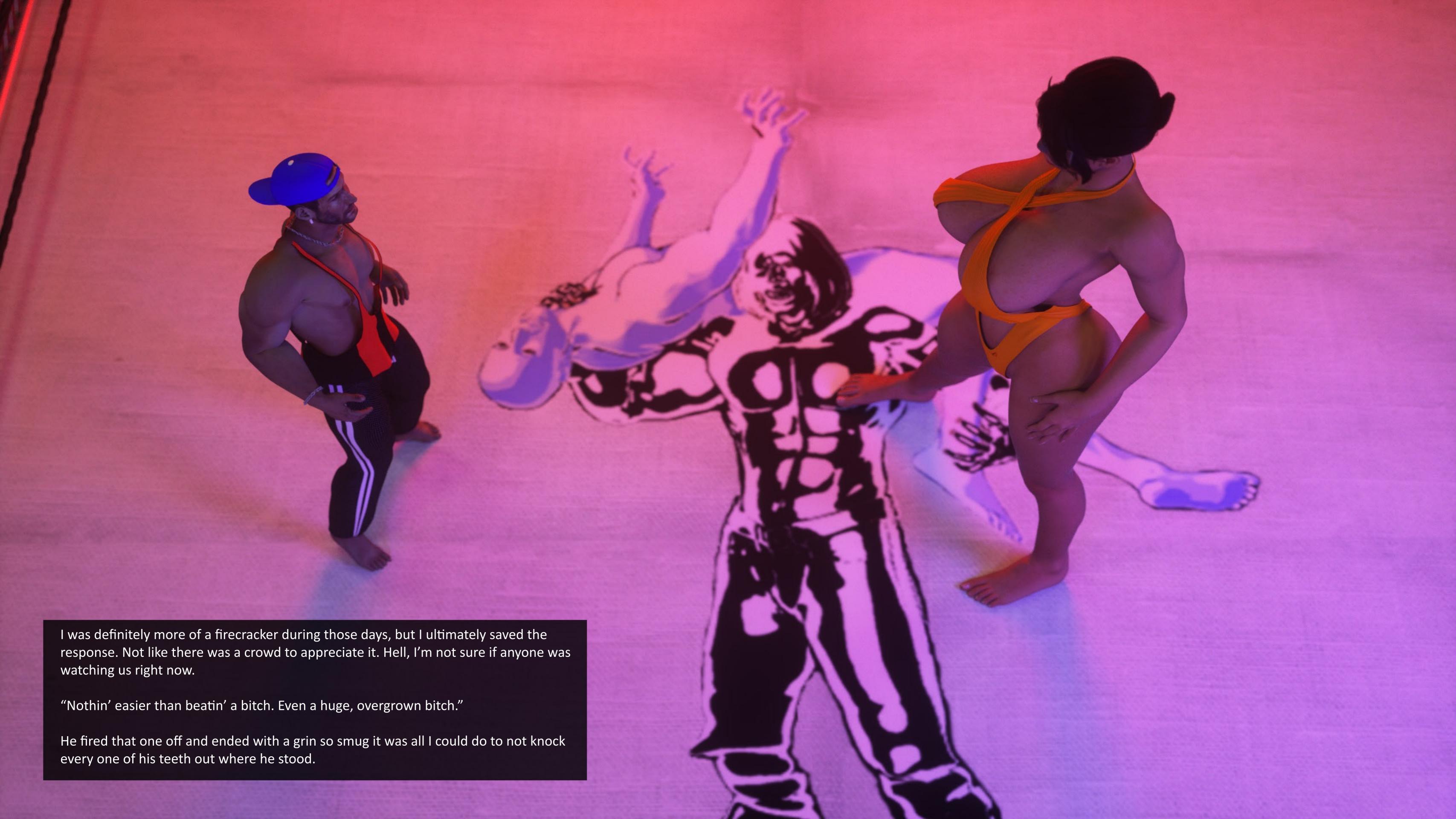






















































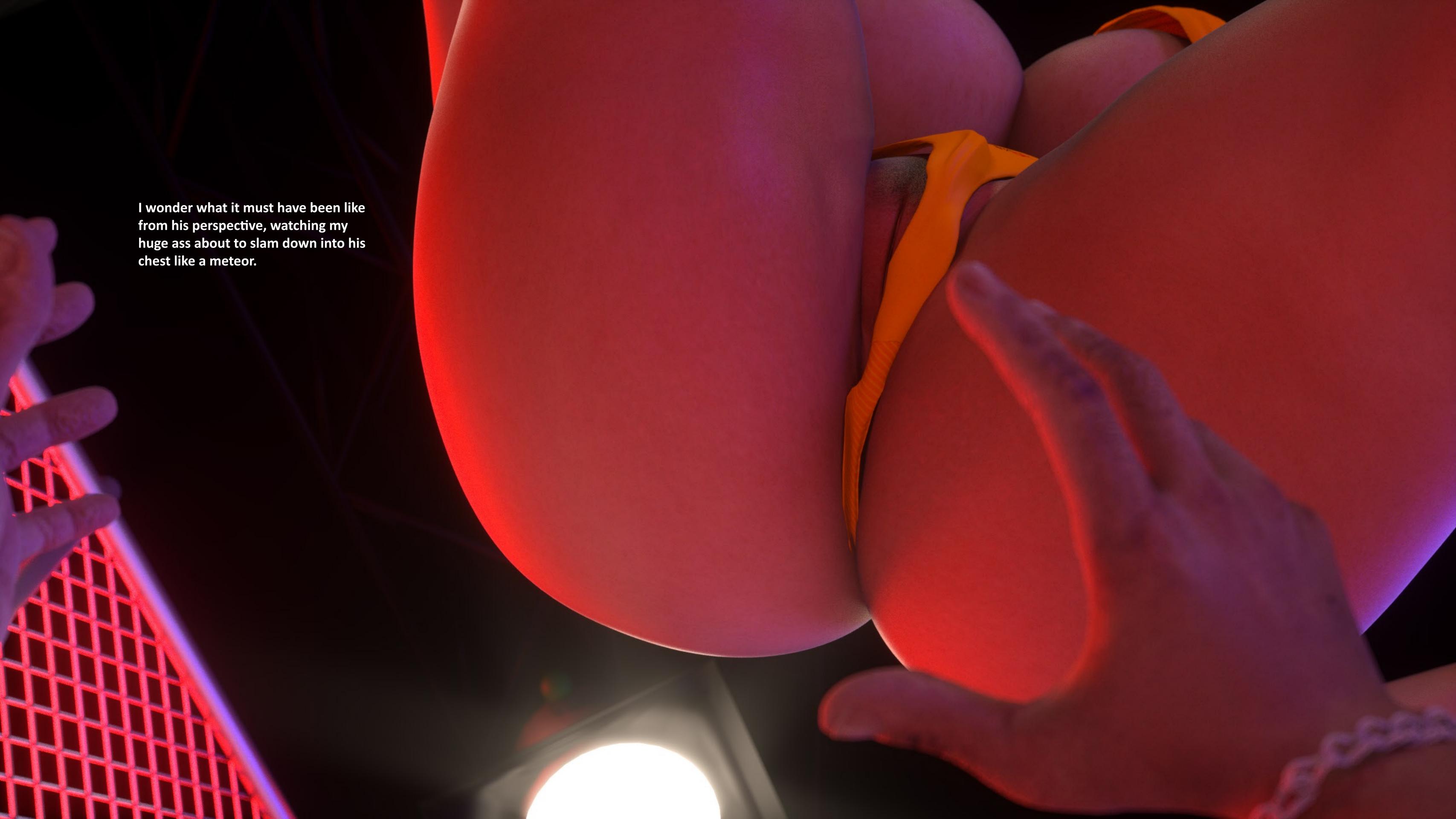




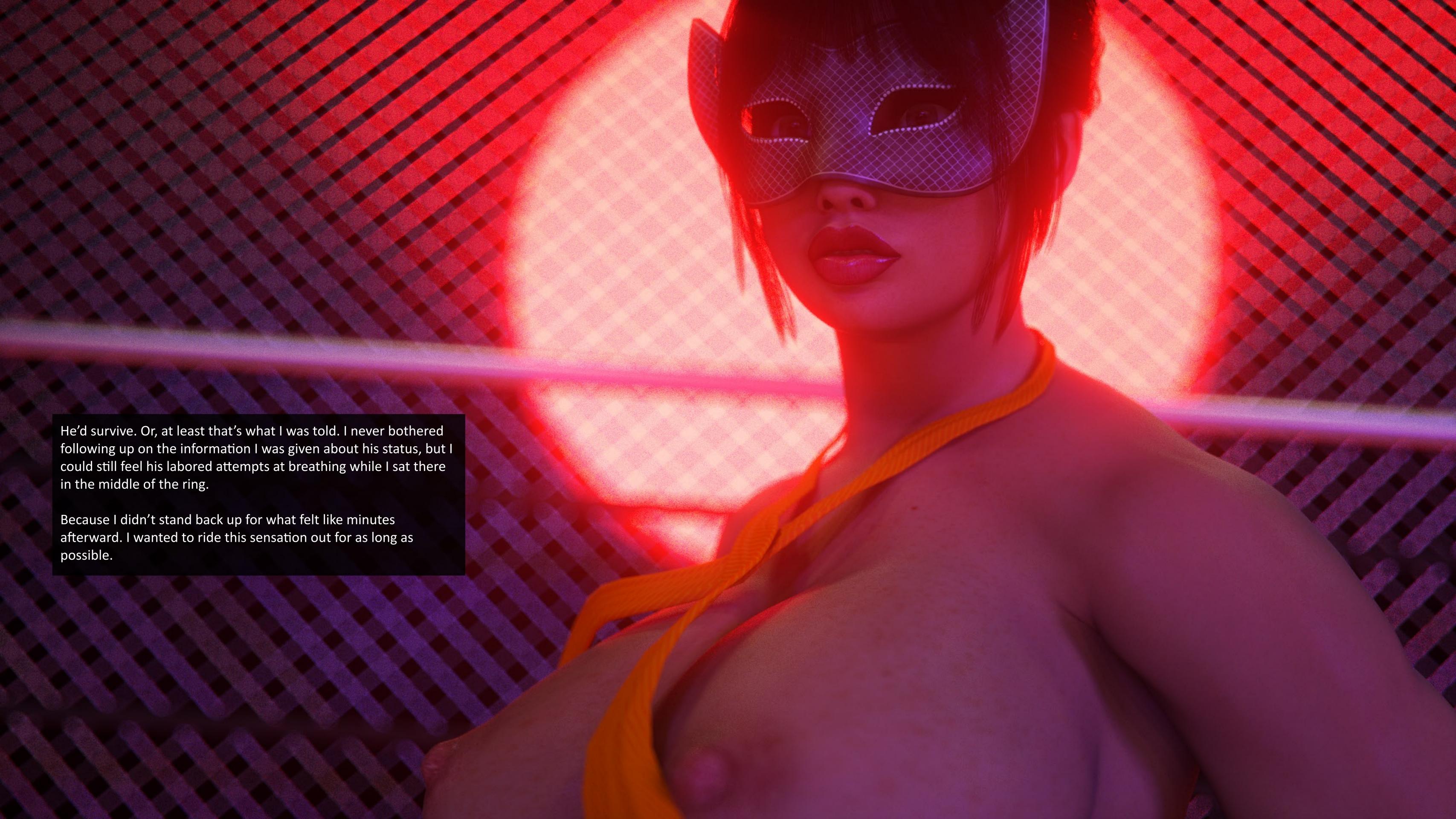




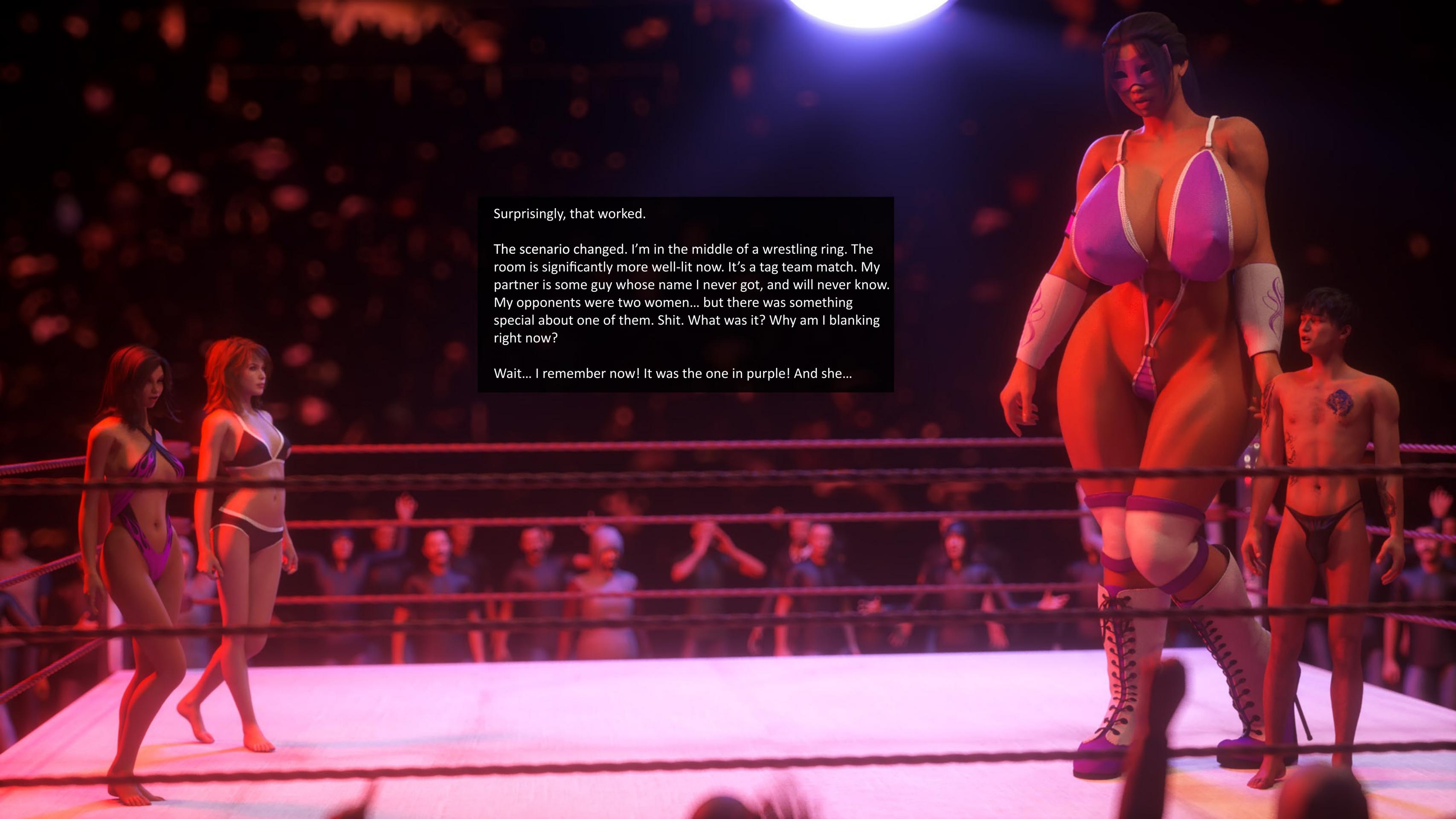


















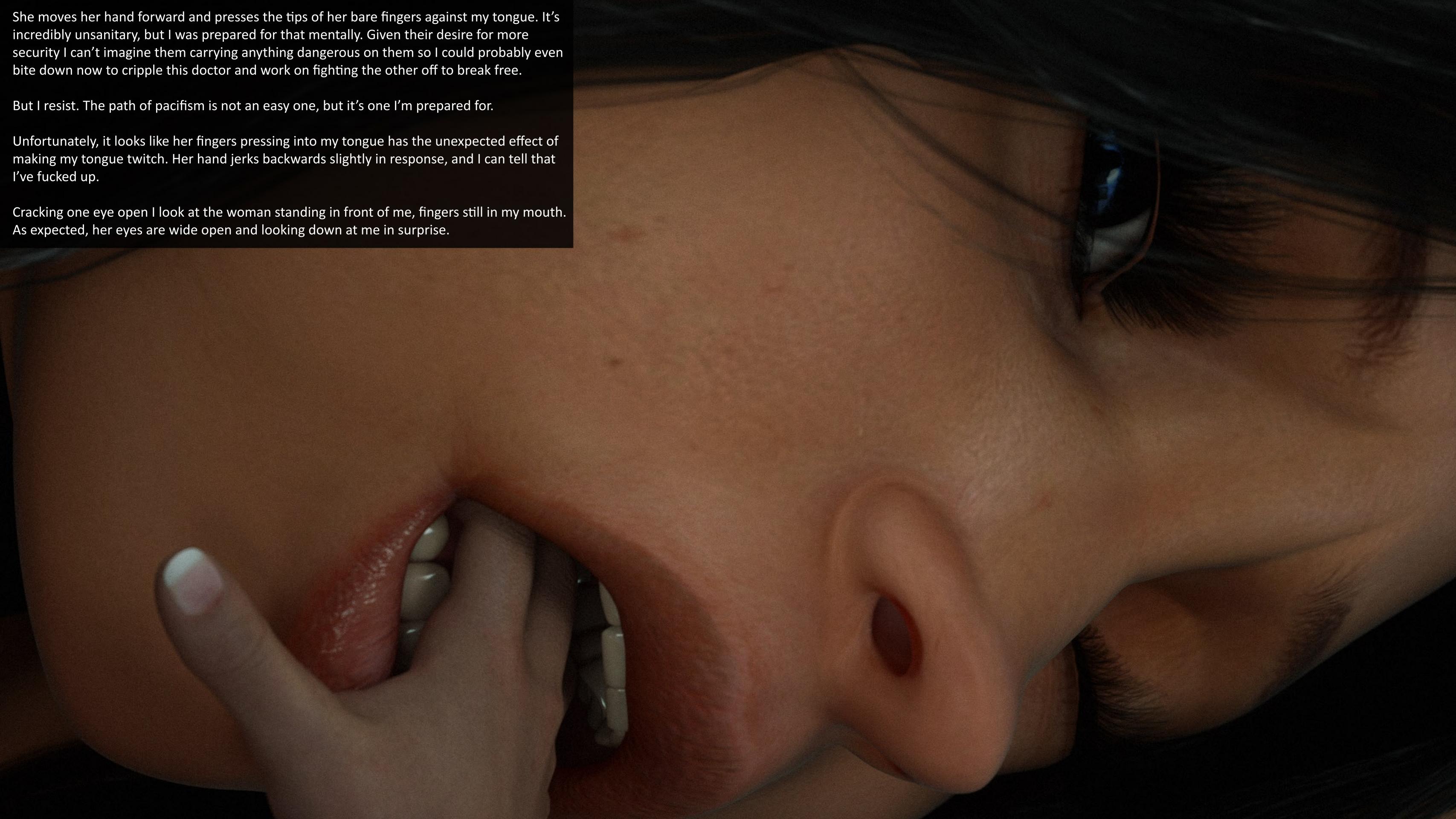














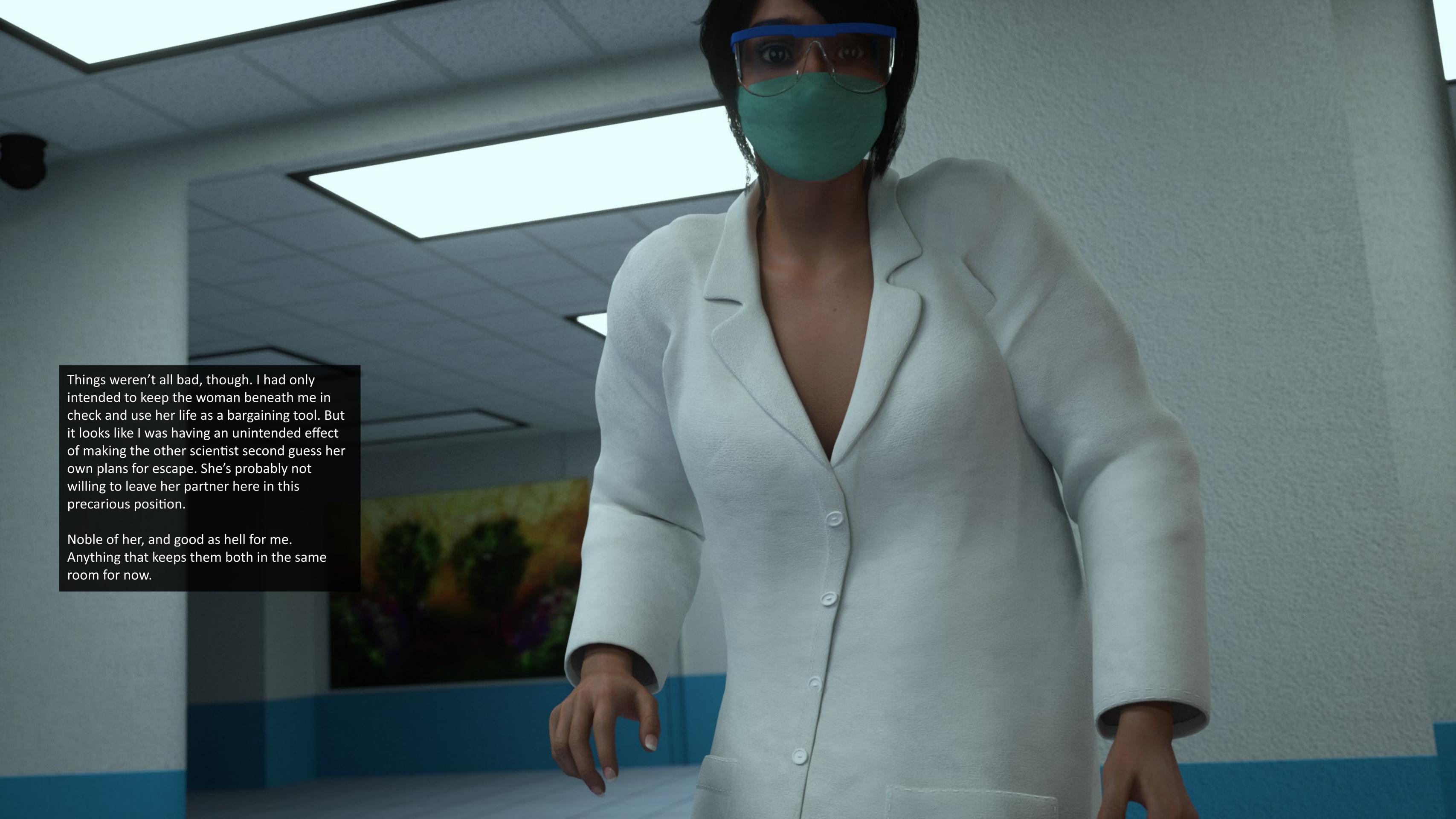












































































I wanted to investigate, but there was more movement in front of me. A bright red flash seared my eye for a split-second in a way I would recognize anywhere. That was definitely a laser, and it probably wasn't just some jackass playing with a toy.

As my vision cleared I caught sight of the source. Another guard was out in the hallway now. His gun held a laser sight. No problem.

Then another sight appeared. And a third. The instant I saw a fourth I knew that I was definitely not going to be getting out of the room this way.





Still, I don't have time to think about this. I'm being pinned down by gunfire, but luckily I created an alternate path out of here just a second ago. I don't like the idea of crawling through a shitload of broken glass while I'm completely fuckin' naked, but... I suppose when the alternative is getting perforated like Swiss cheese, the glass is the clear winner.







