

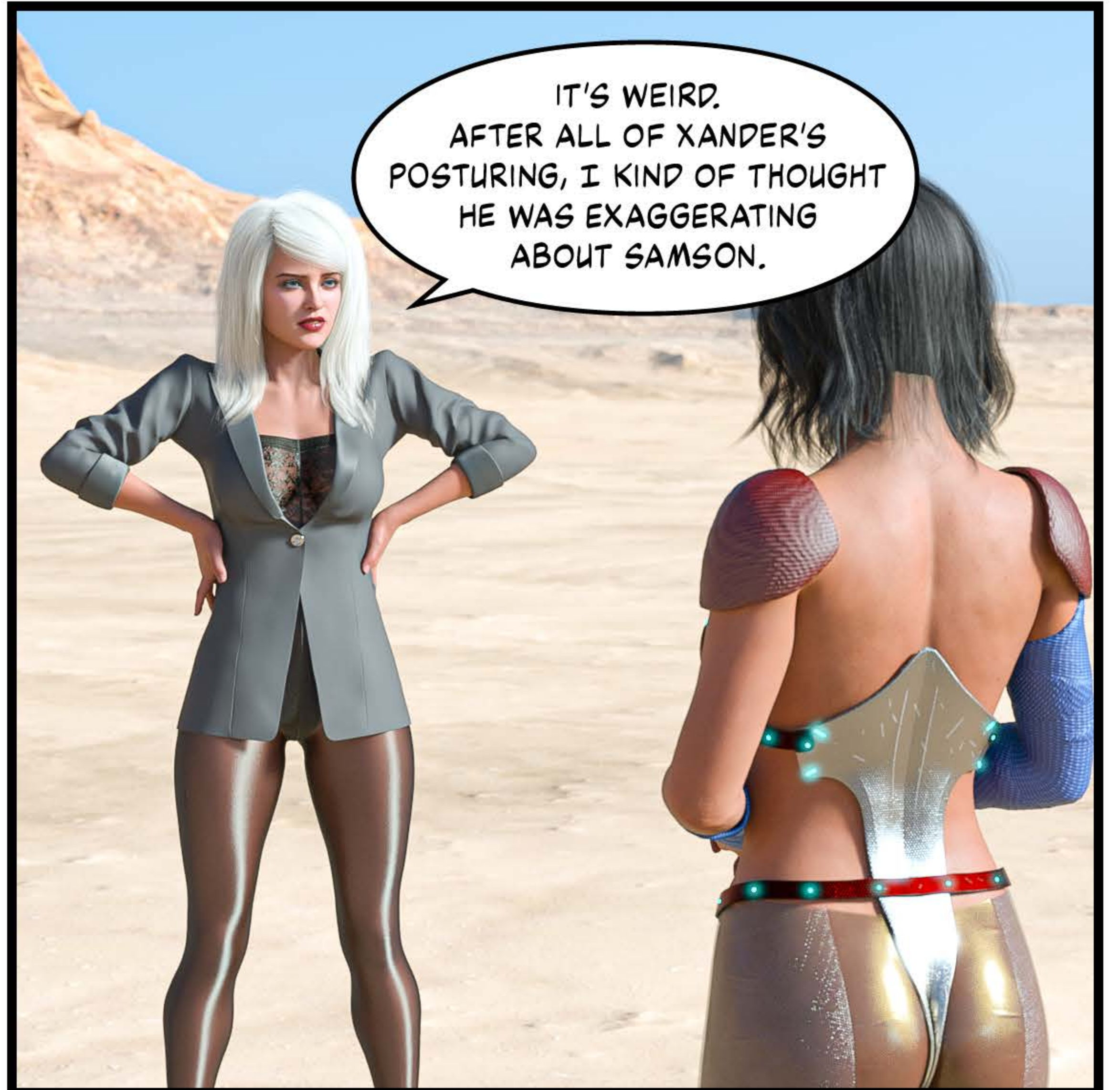
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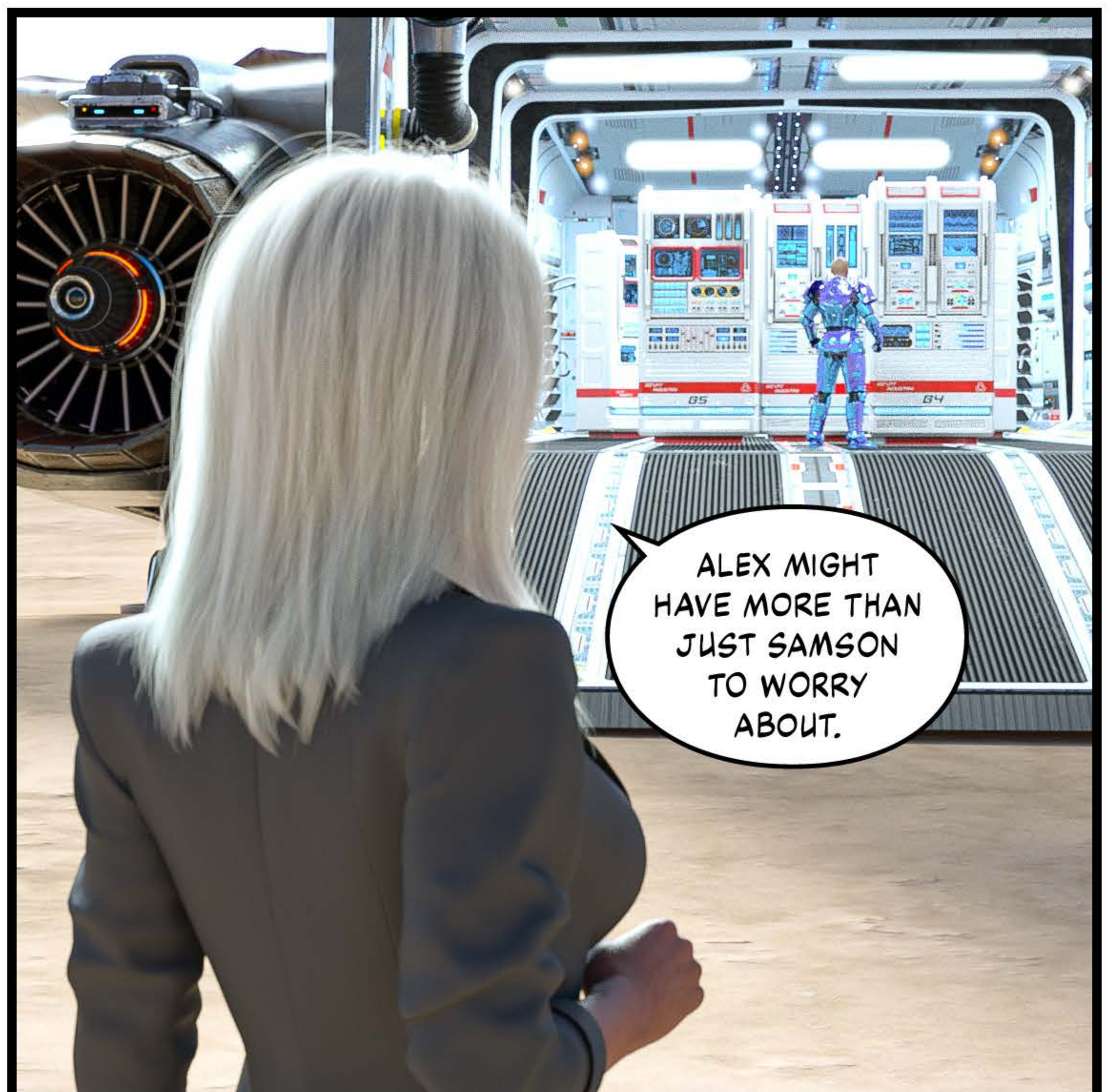
YOU SURE YOU'RE OKAY BEING BACK HERE?

I GUESS. THERE'S NOWHERE ELSE I'D RATHER BE RIGHT NOW.

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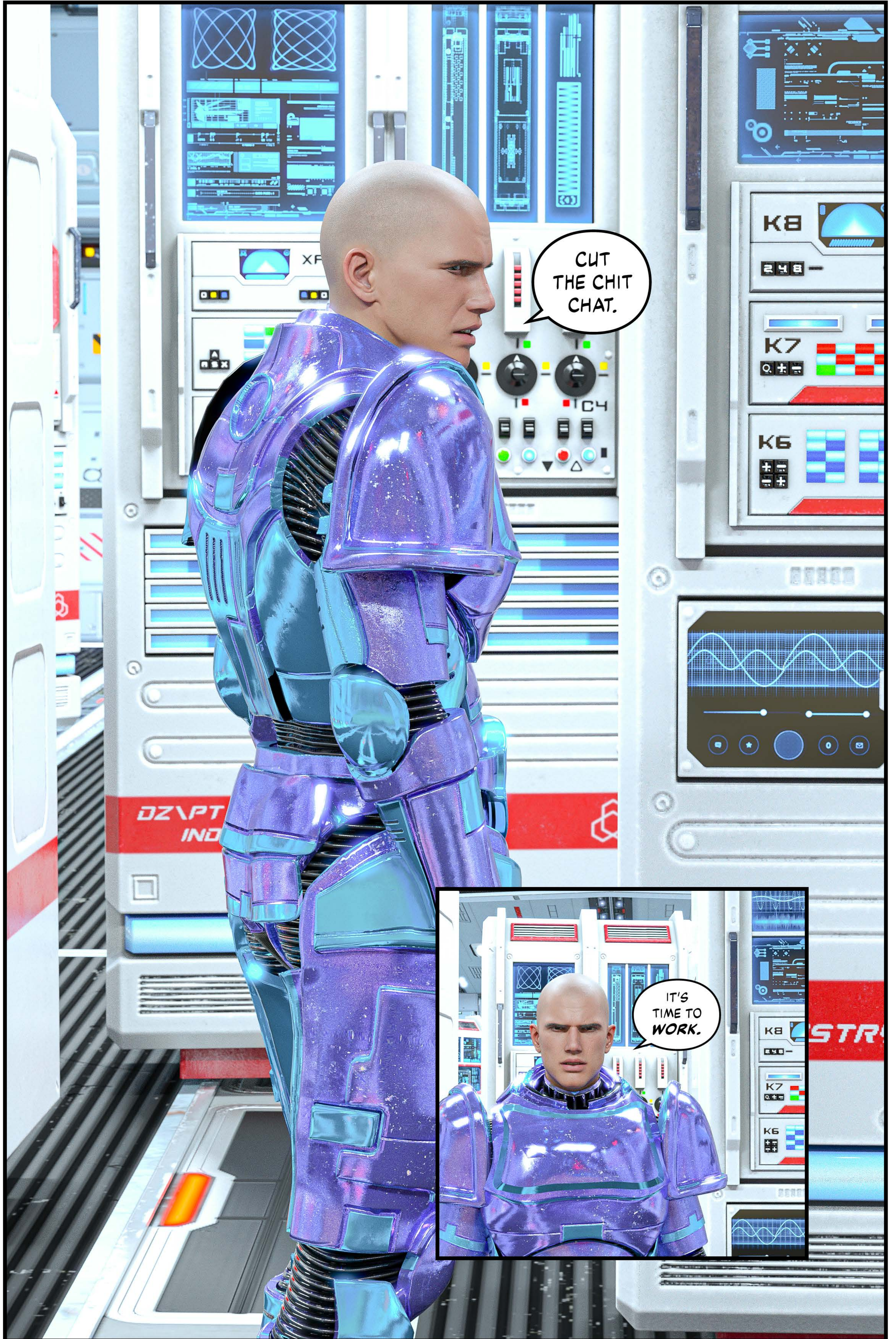


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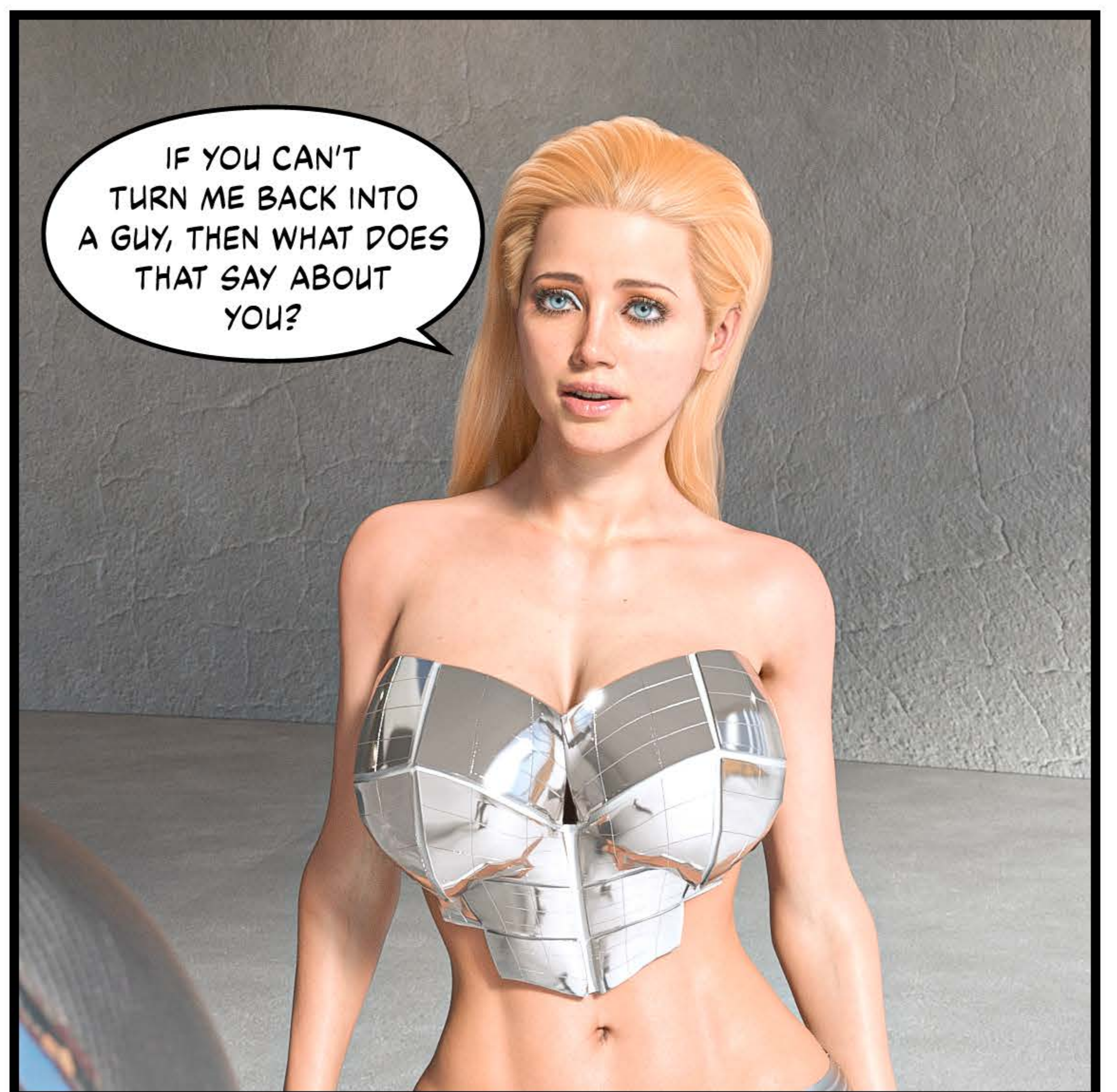


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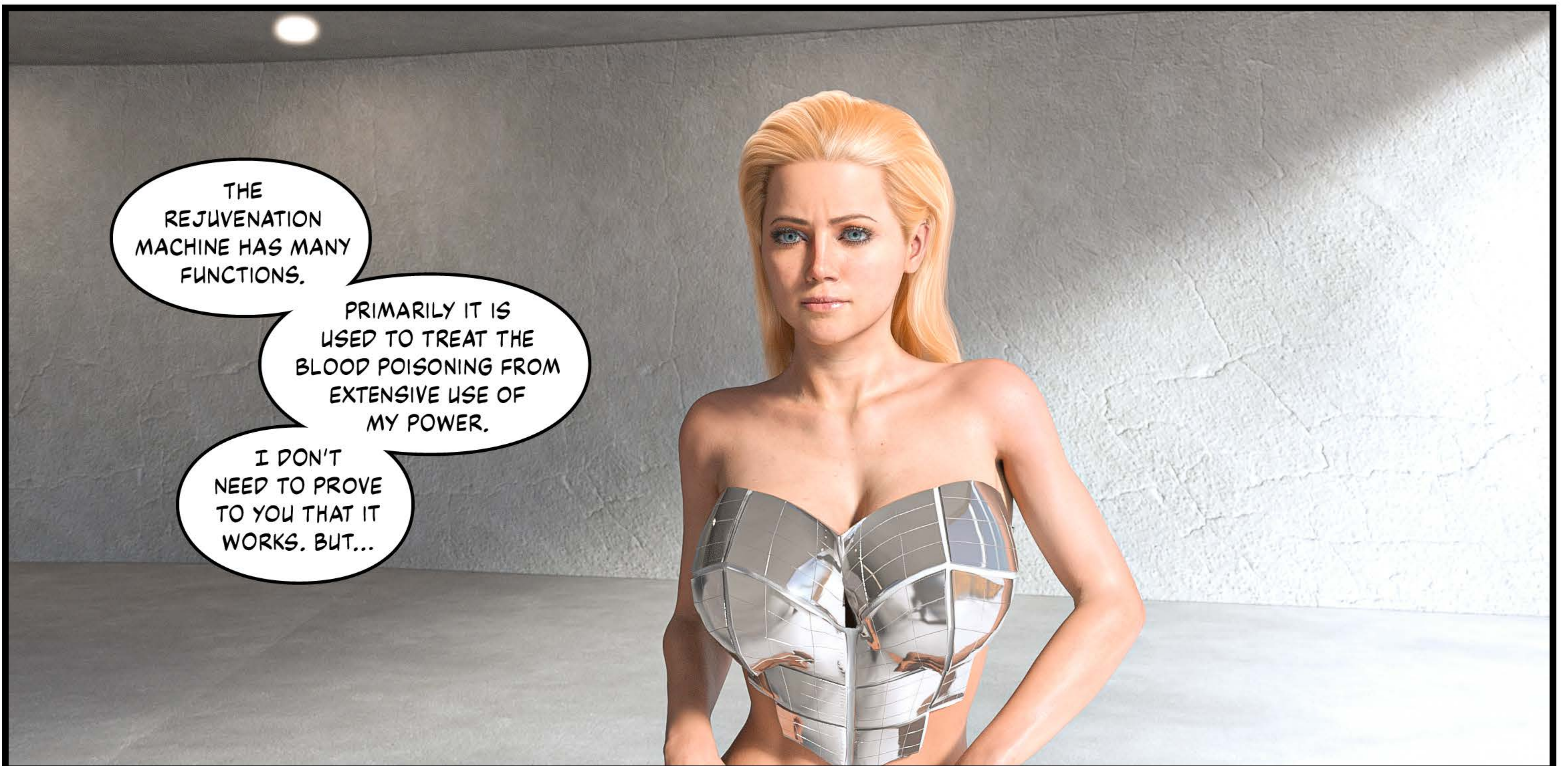
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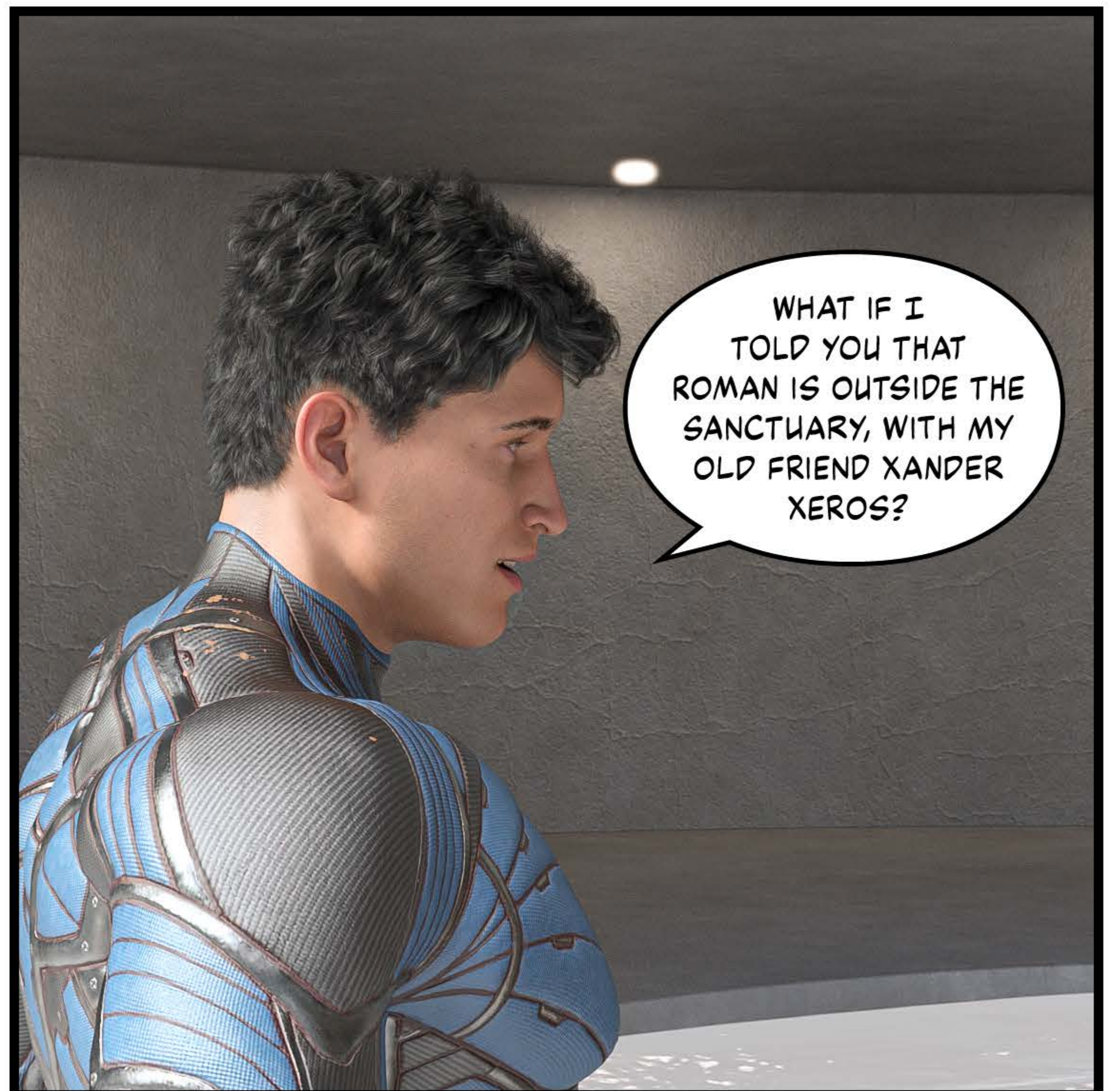
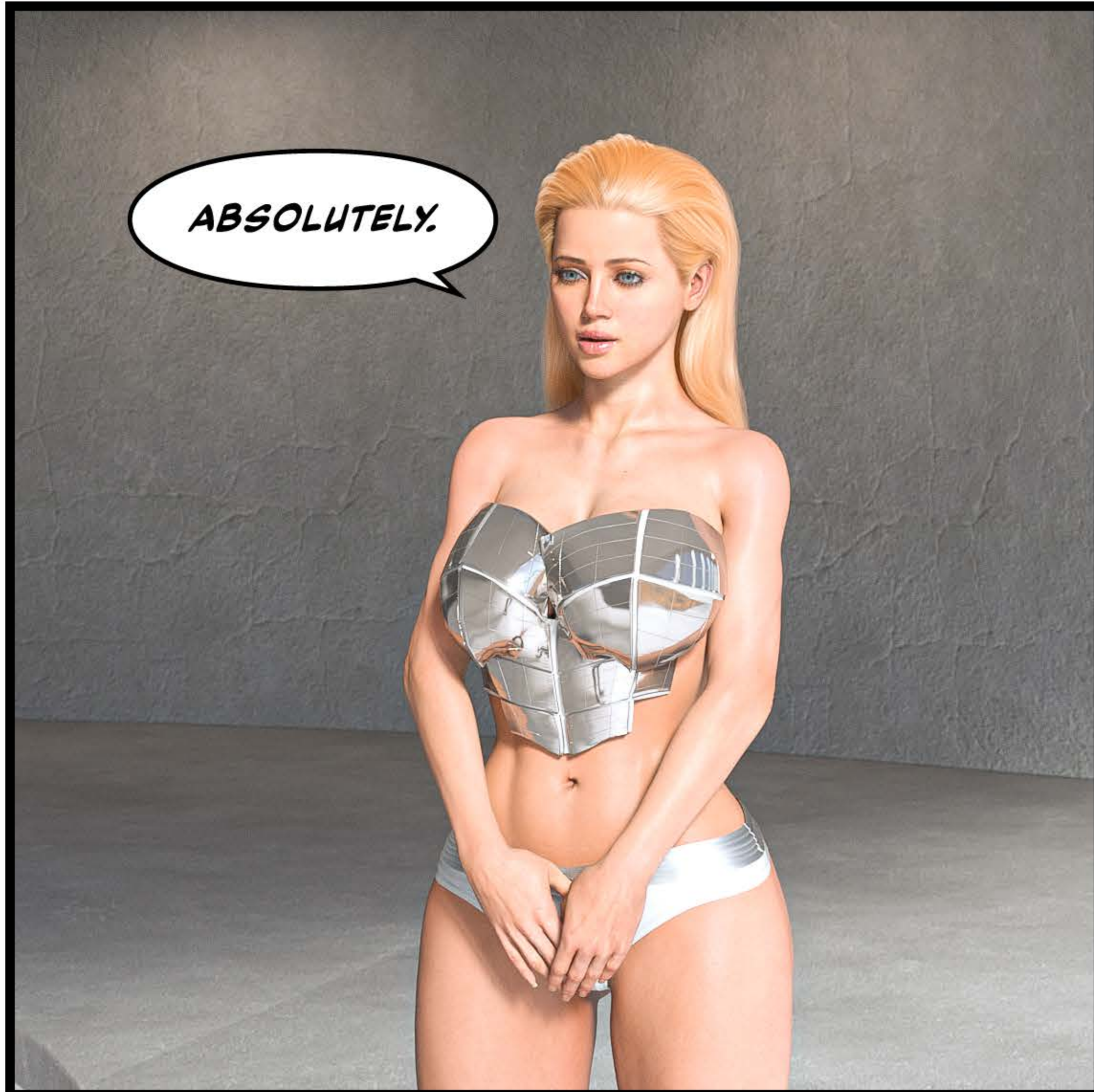
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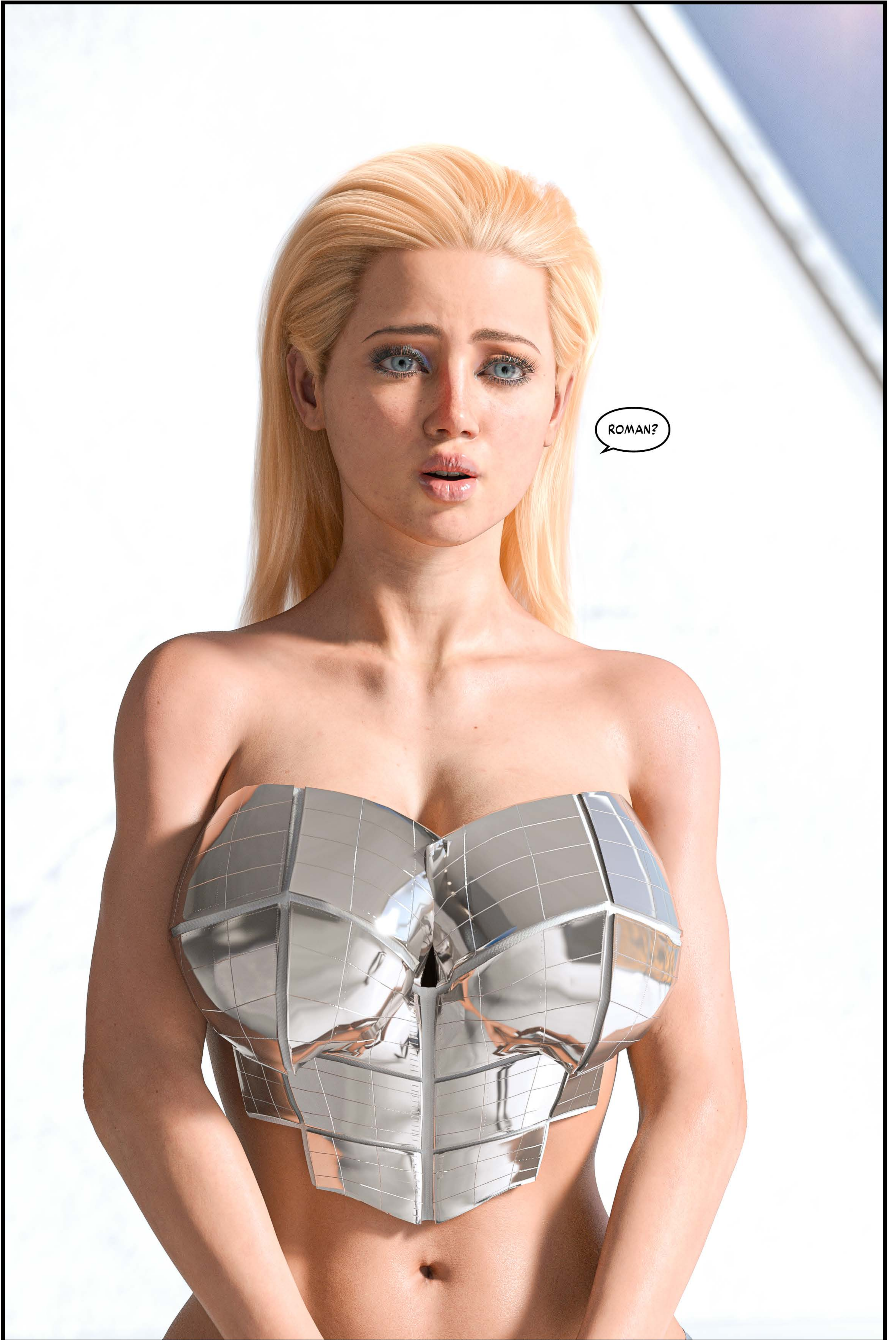


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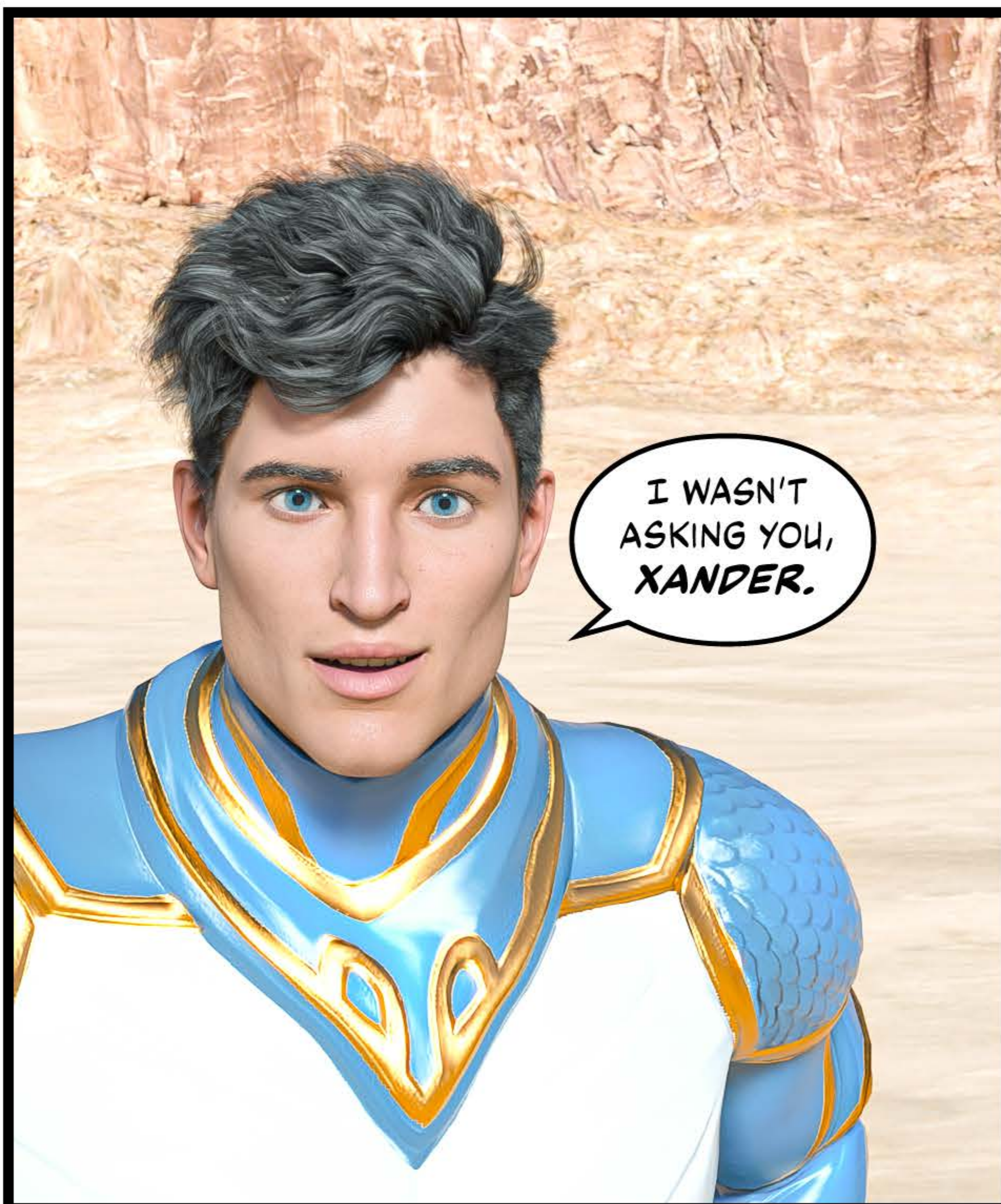
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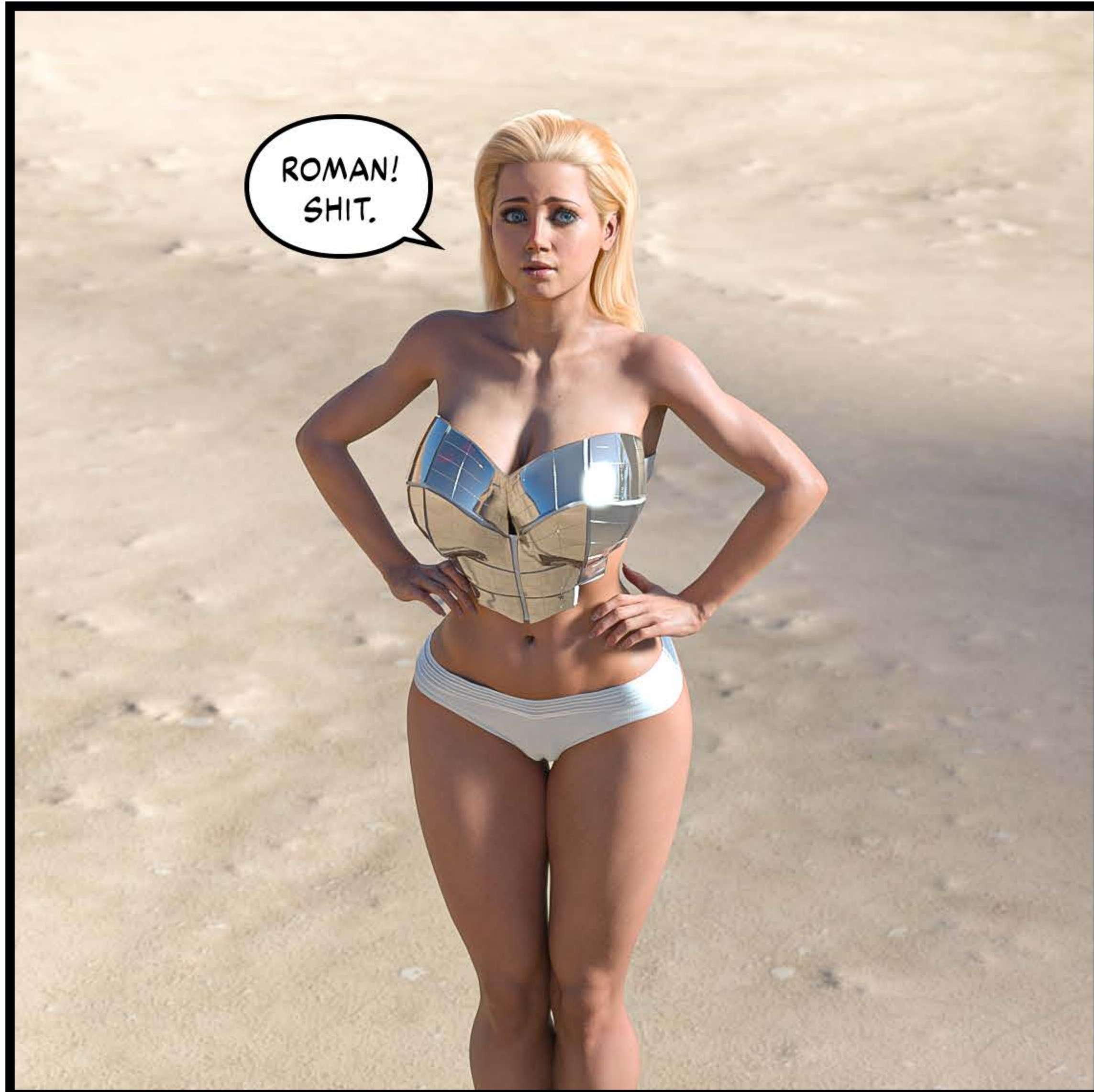
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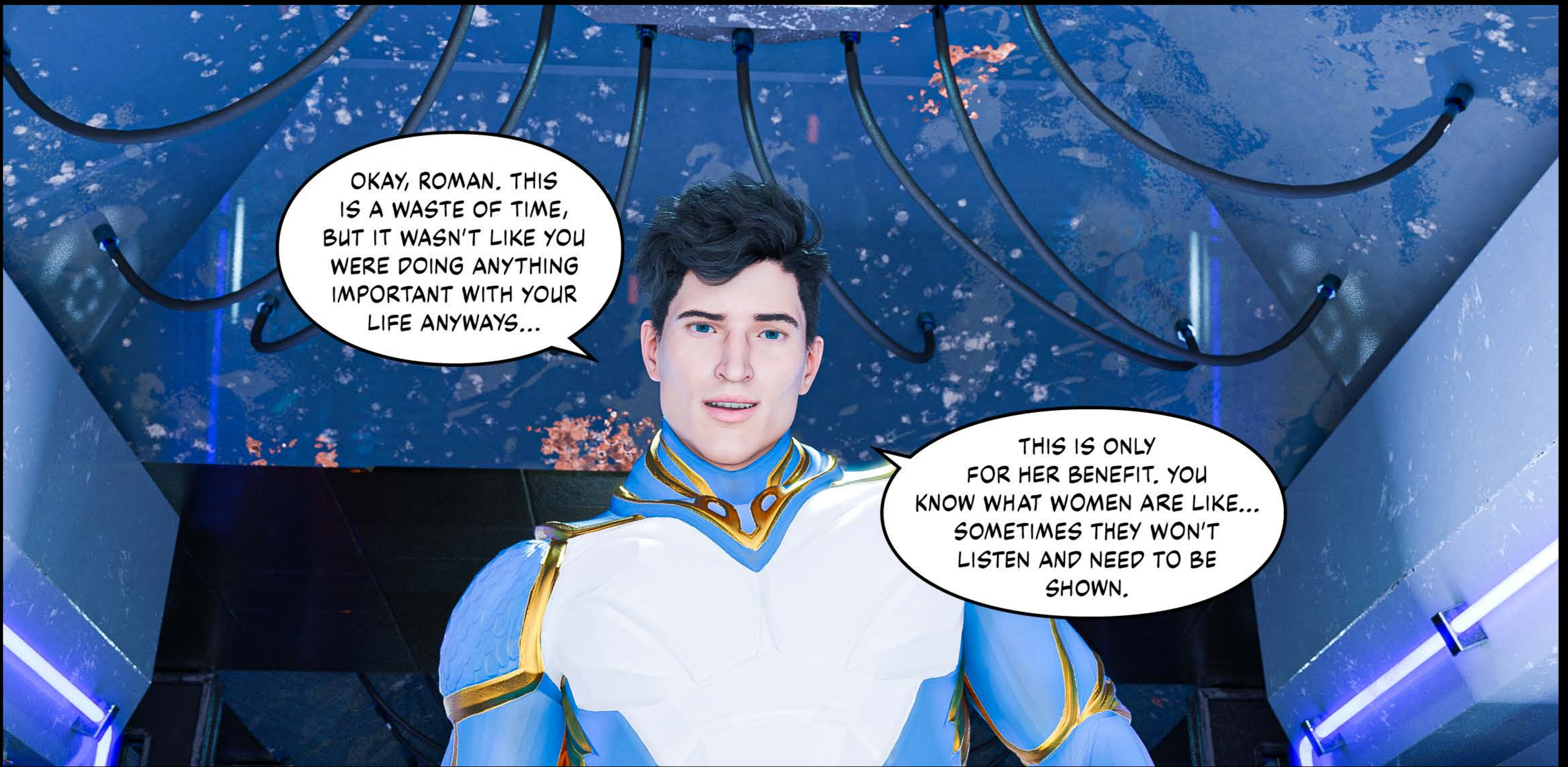
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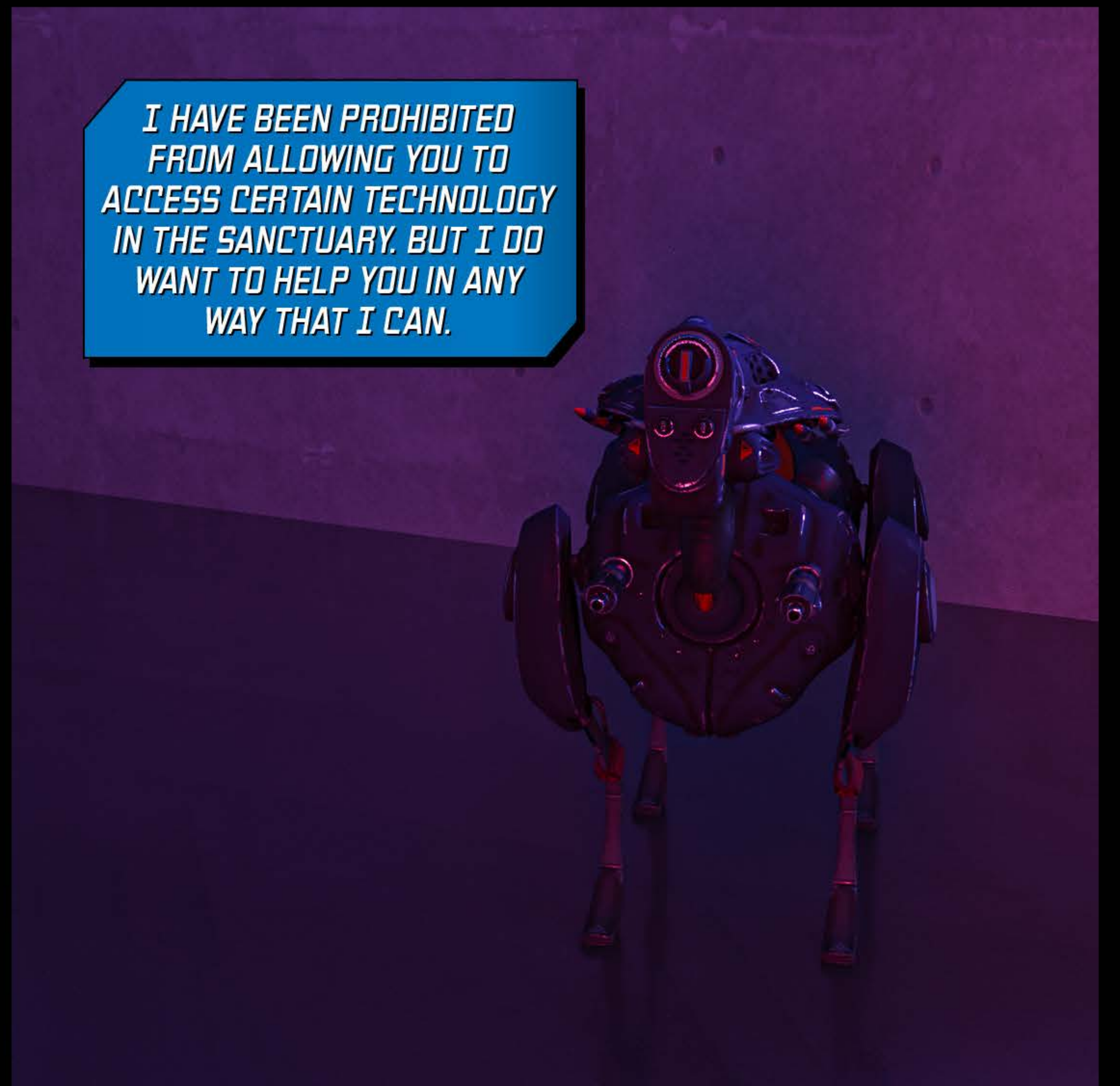
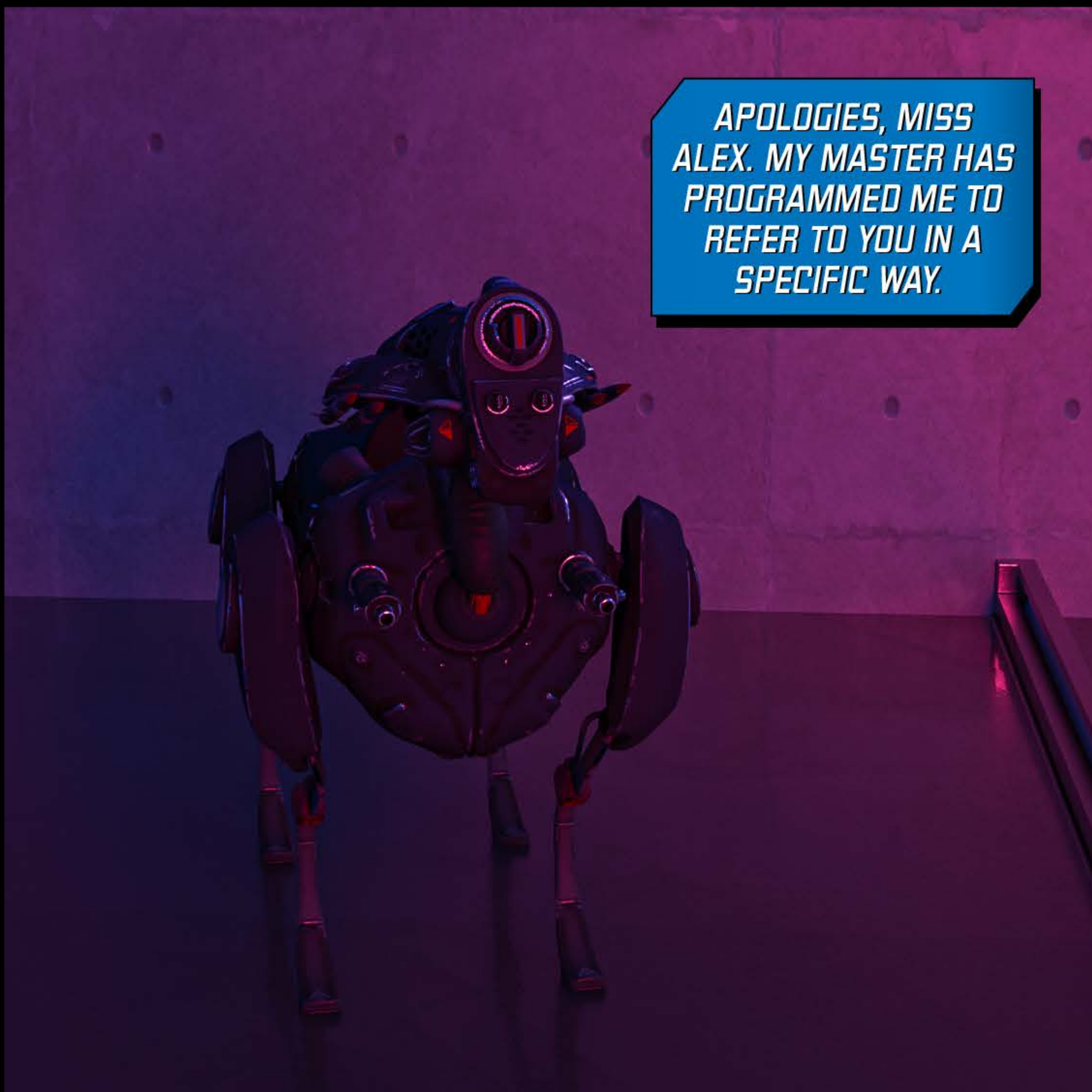
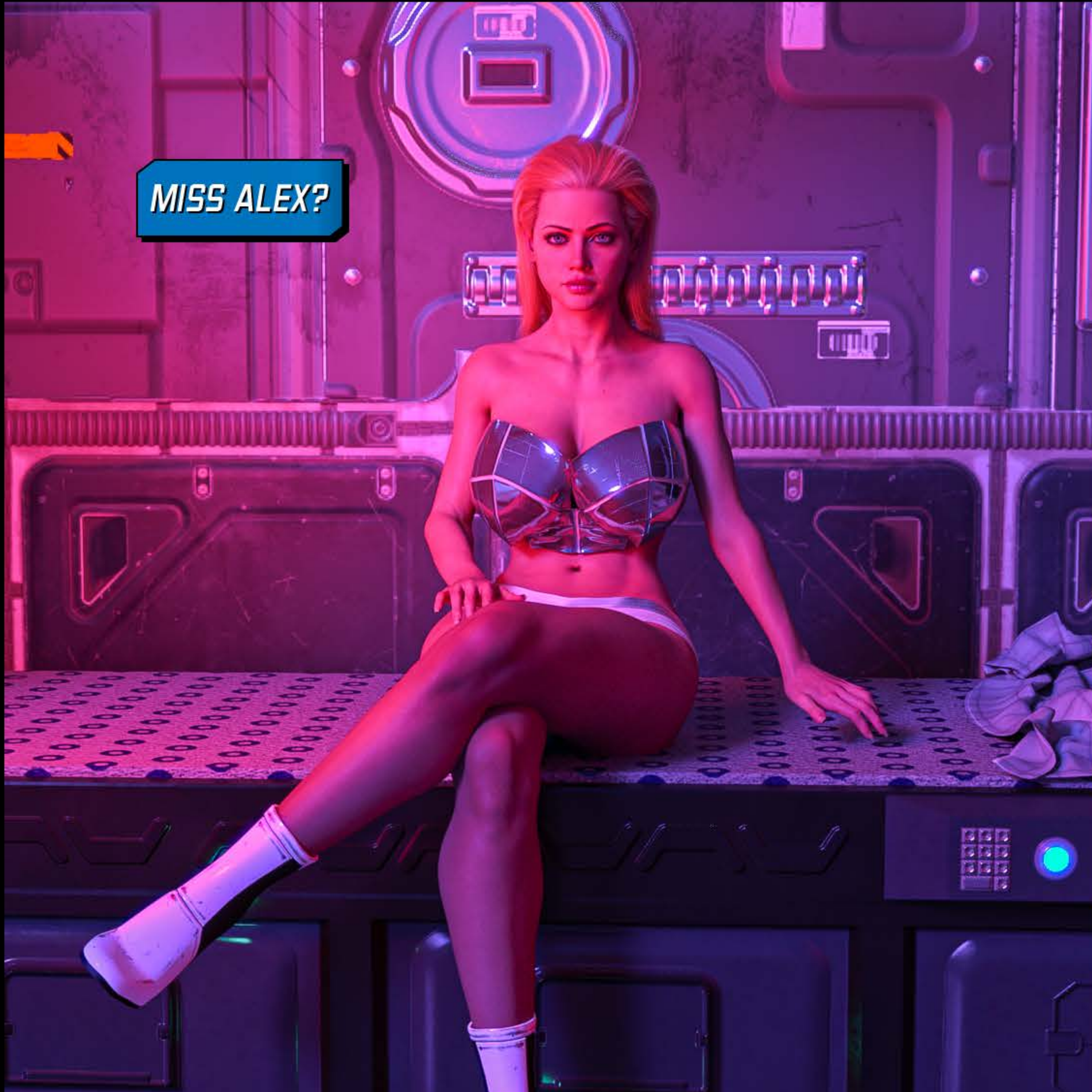
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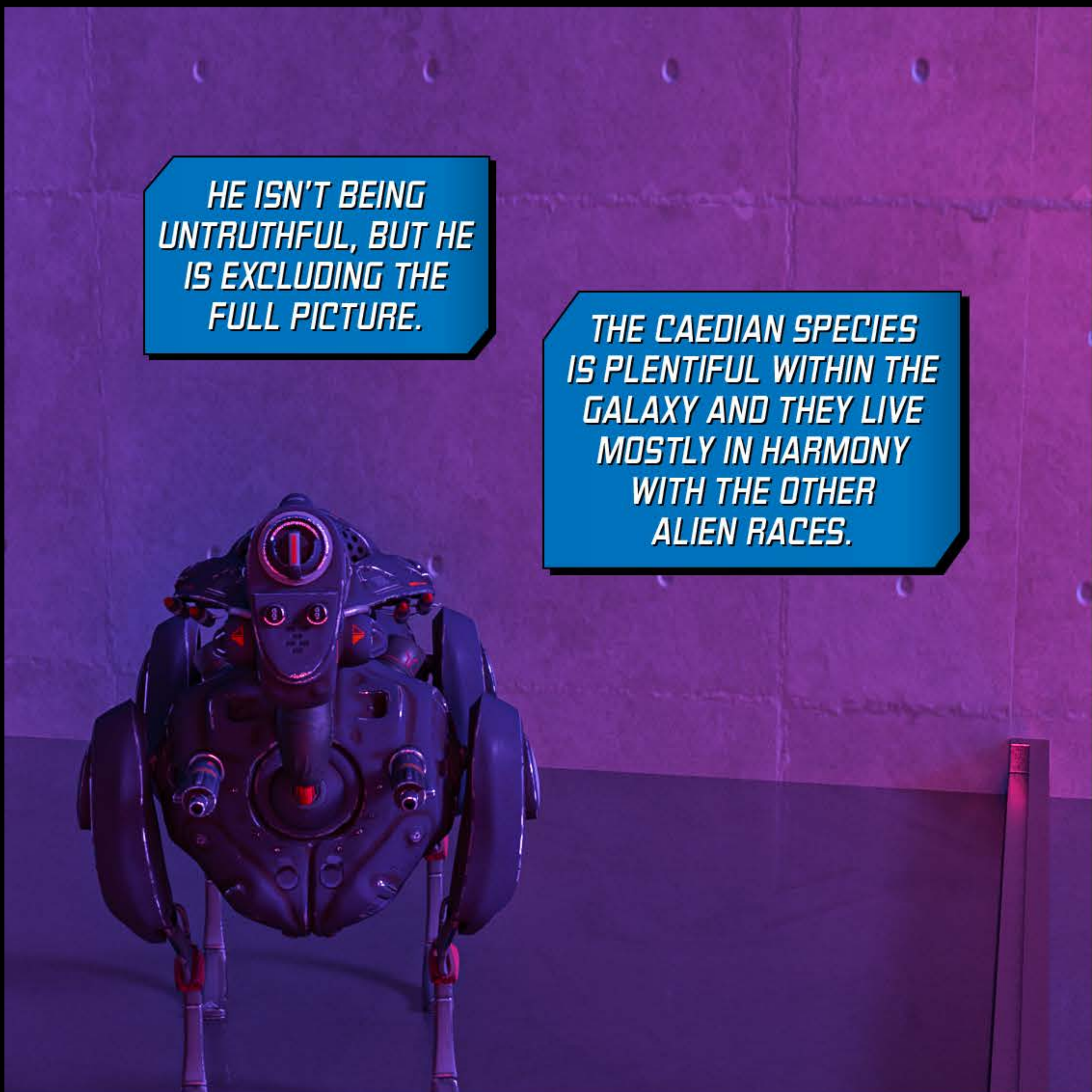
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MY MASTER AND YOURSELF ARE NOT THE ONLY CAEDIANS THAT ARE EXTANT IN THE GALAXY.

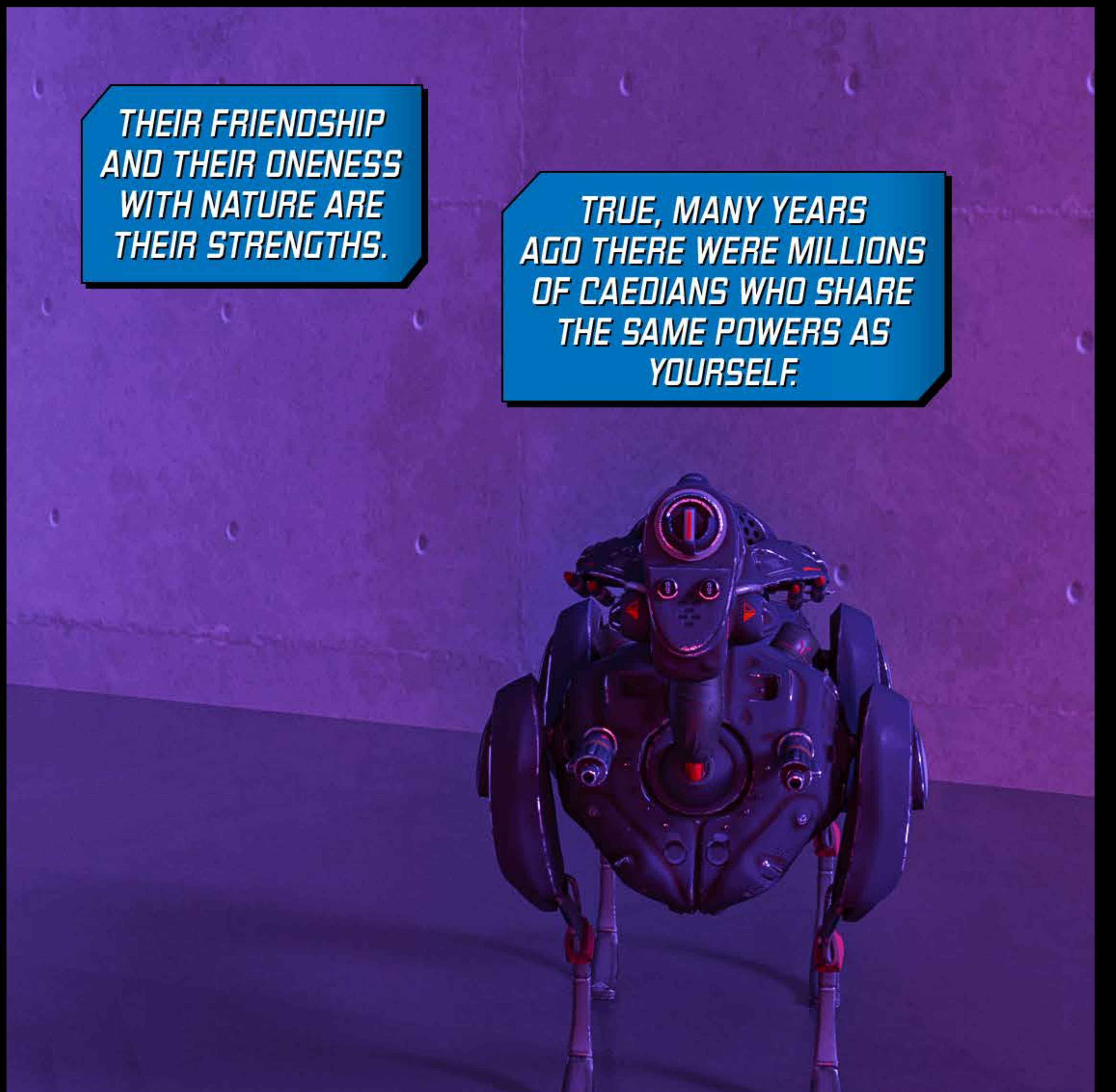


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BUT SAMSON SAID...



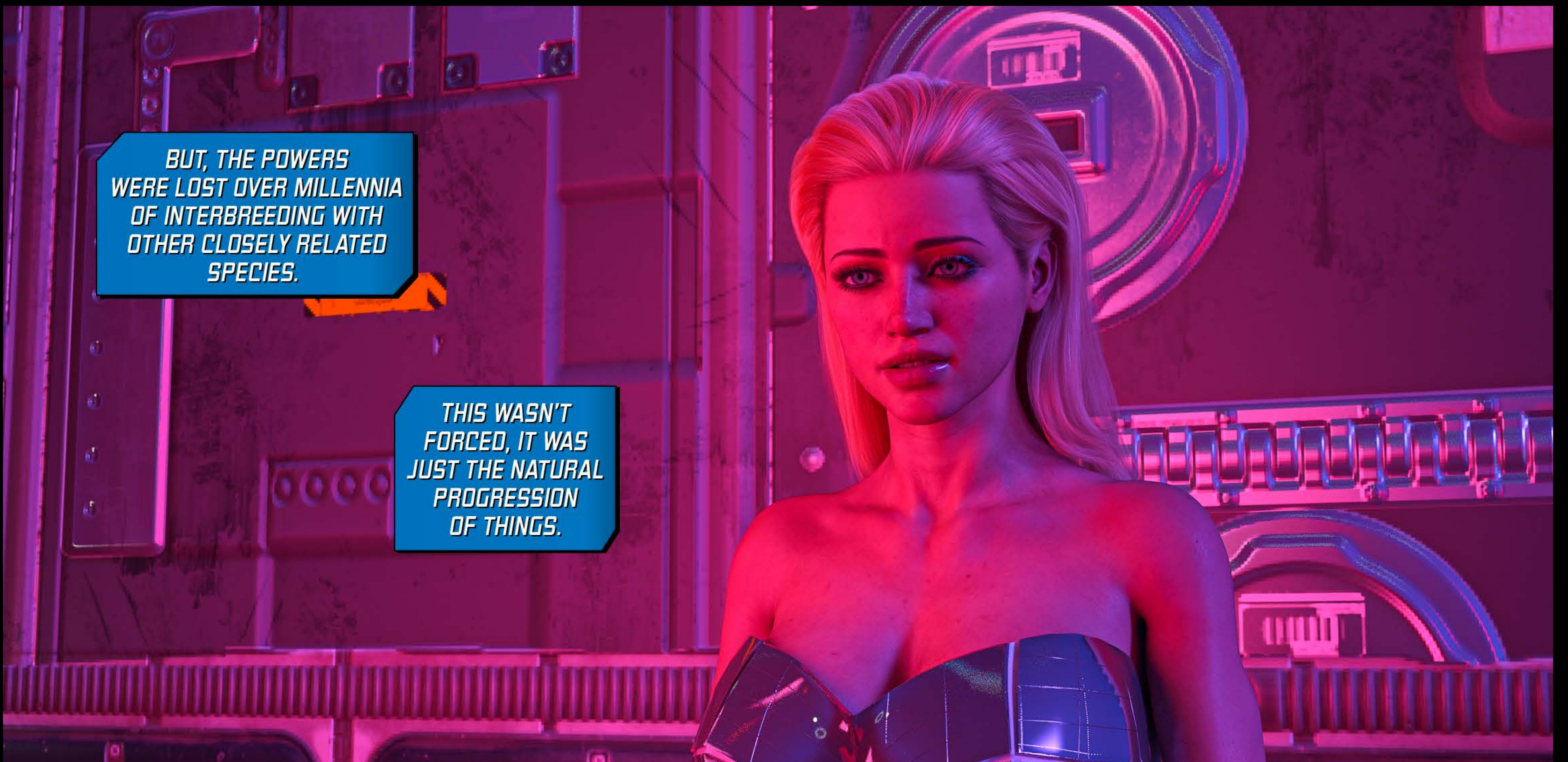
HE ISN'T BEING UNTRUTHFUL, BUT HE IS EXCLUDING THE FULL PICTURE.

THE CAEDIAN SPECIES IS PLENTIFUL WITHIN THE GALAXY AND THEY LIVE MOSTLY IN HARMONY WITH THE OTHER ALIEN RACES.



THEIR FRIENDSHIP AND THEIR ONENESS WITH NATURE ARE THEIR STRENGTHS.

TRUE, MANY YEARS AGO THERE WERE MILLIONS OF CAEDIANS WHO SHARE THE SAME POWERS AS YOURSELF.



BUT, THE POWERS WERE LOST OVER MILLENNIA OF INTERBREEDING WITH OTHER CLOSELY RELATED SPECIES.

THIS WASN'T FORCED, IT WAS JUST THE NATURAL PROGRESSION OF THINGS.

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MOST CAEDIANS WERE HAPPY FOR THEIR OFFSPRING TO BE BORN WITHOUT POWERS BECAUSE IT MEANT THAT THEIR STRENGTH CAME FROM THEIR SHARED CULTURES AND HISTORIES FROM ALL THE DIFFERENT CIVILIZATIONS THEY WERE NOW A PART OF.



IT WAS ONLY A FRINGE SECT WHO SAW STRENGTH THROUGH THEIR NARROW-MINDED PERCEPTION OF PURITY.



USING GENETIC MATERIAL PRESERVED FROM ANCIENT, POWERED, CAEDIANS, A NUMBER OF EMBRYOS WERE PRODUCED.

WHEN THE GALACTIC AUTHORITIES DISCOVERED THE EXPERIMENTS, THE EMBRYOS AS WELL AS A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF MODERN CAEDIAN TECHNOLOGY WAS DISPATCHED TO LESS DEVELOPED PLANETS.



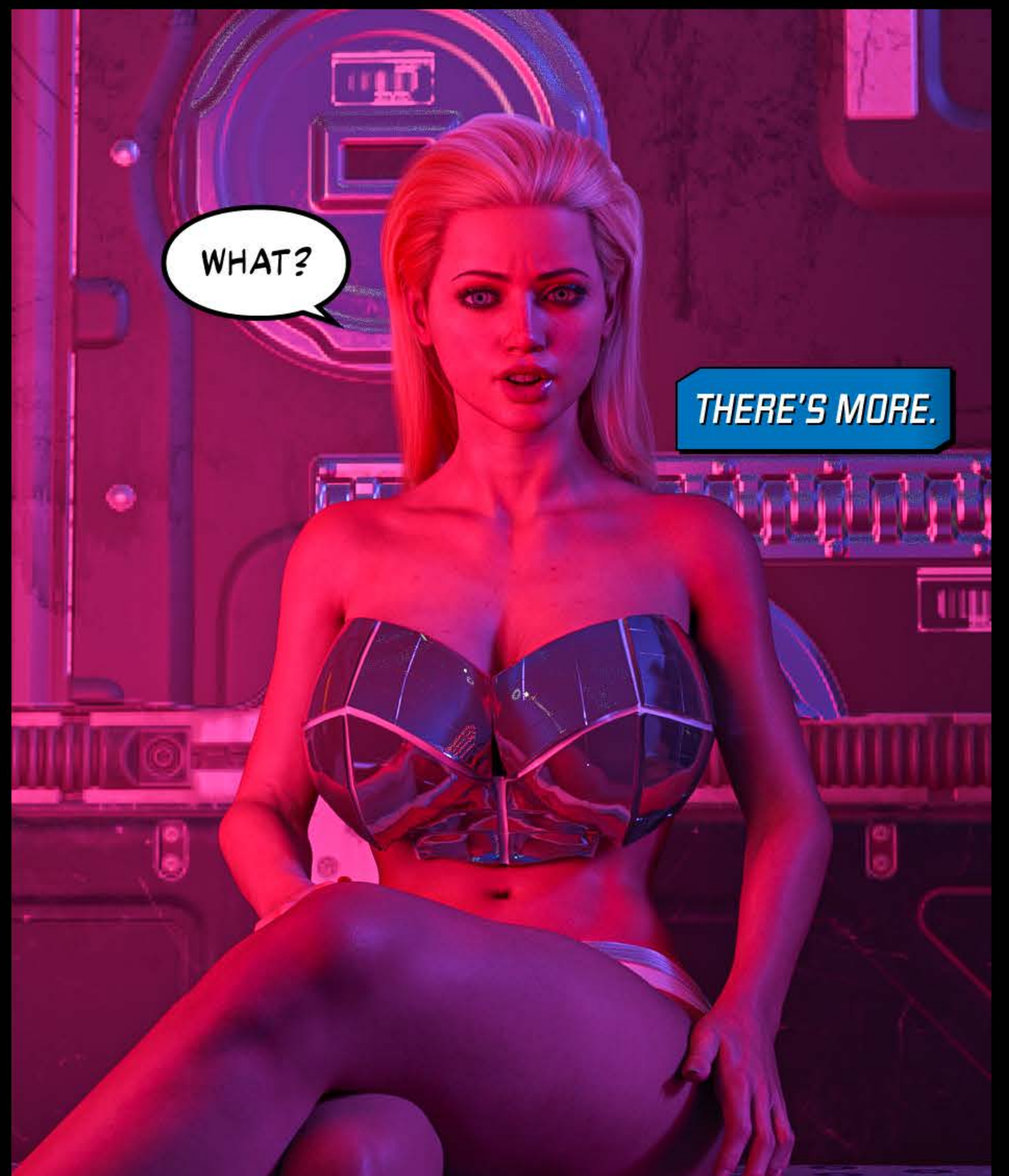
YOU, MISS, AND SAMSON, WERE SENT HERE TO RULE.

WITH THE TECHNOLOGY AND RAW MATERIALS TO BUILD SUITS TO COUNTER THE EFFECTS OF USING YOUR POWERS.

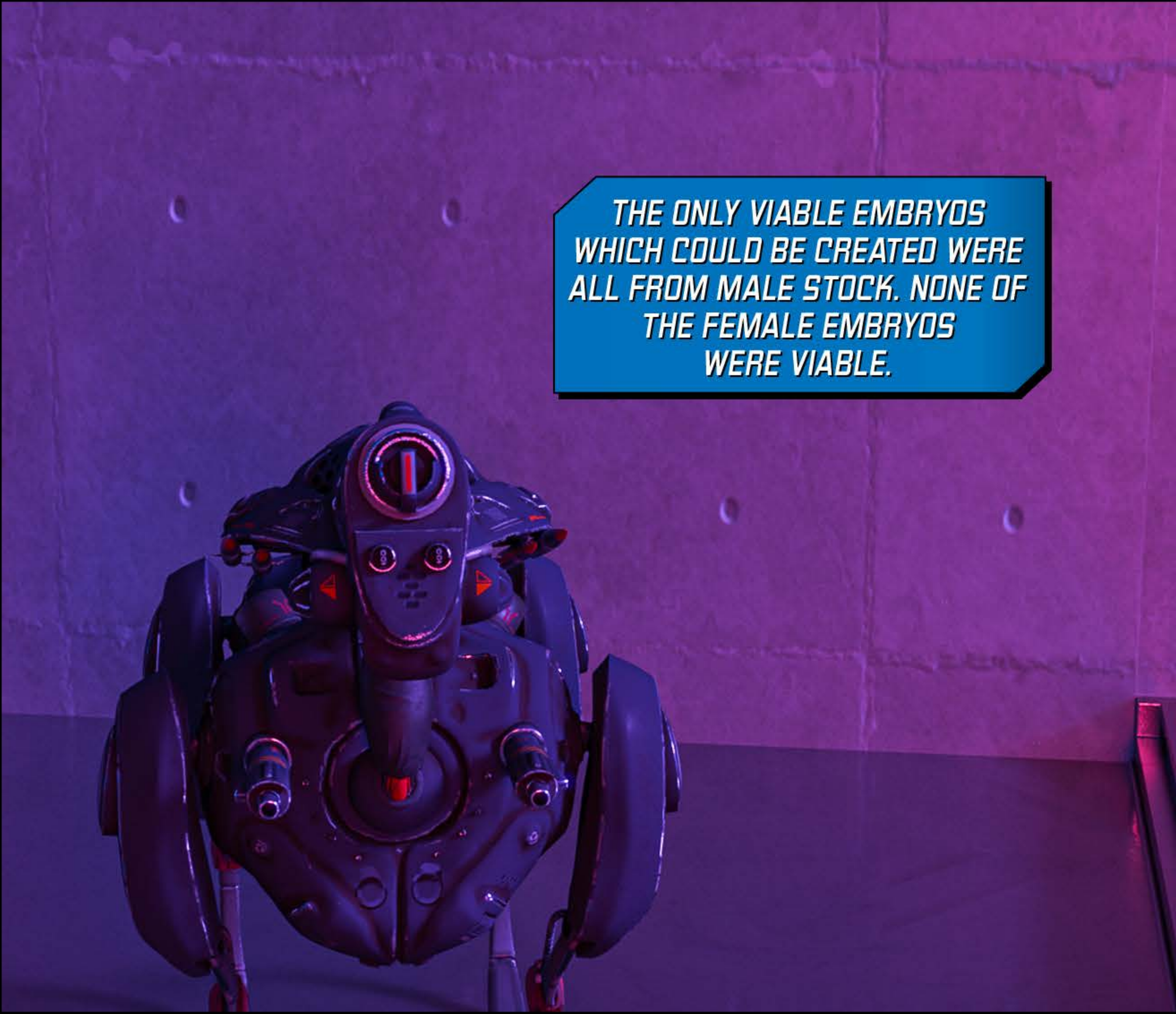


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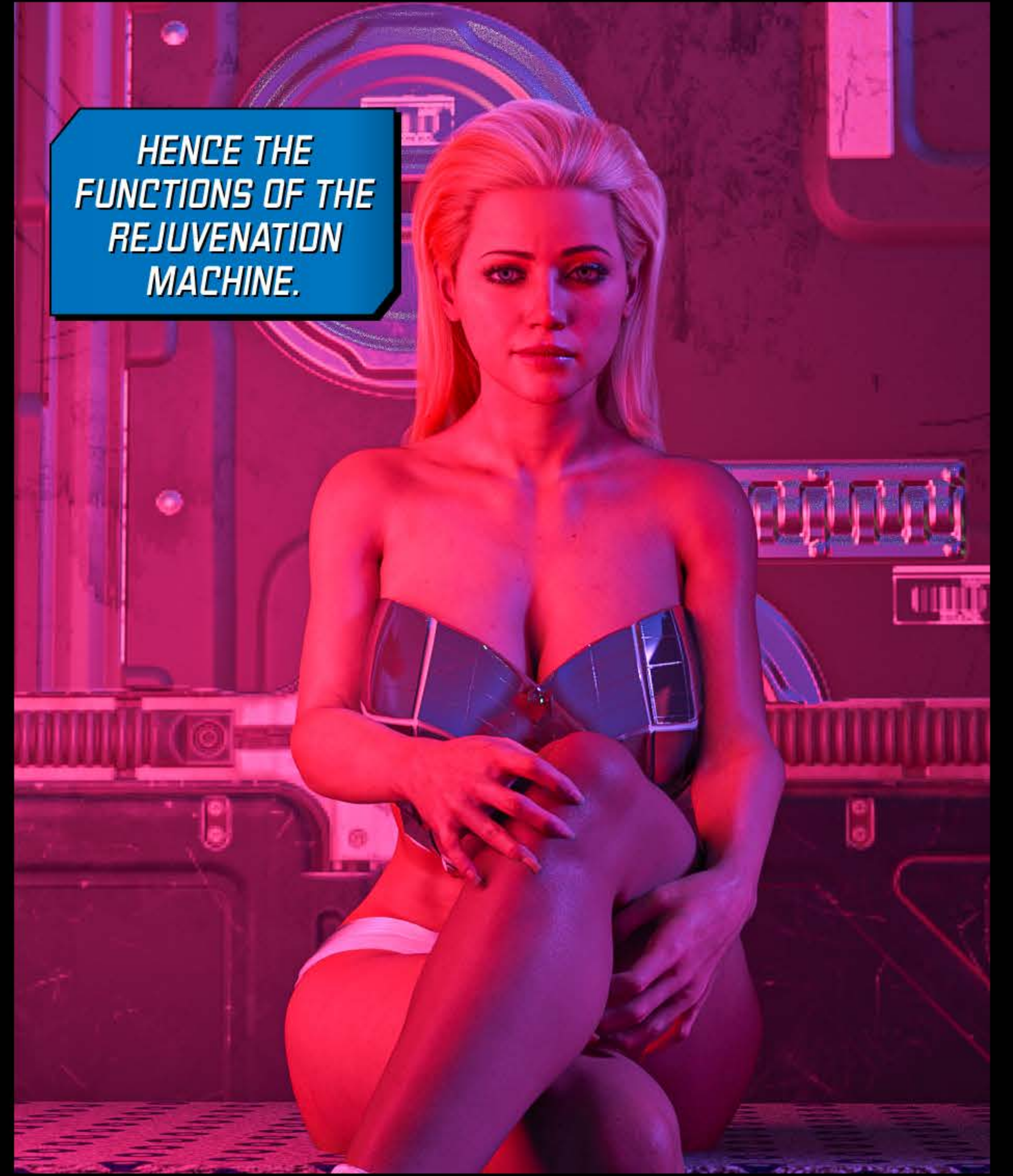
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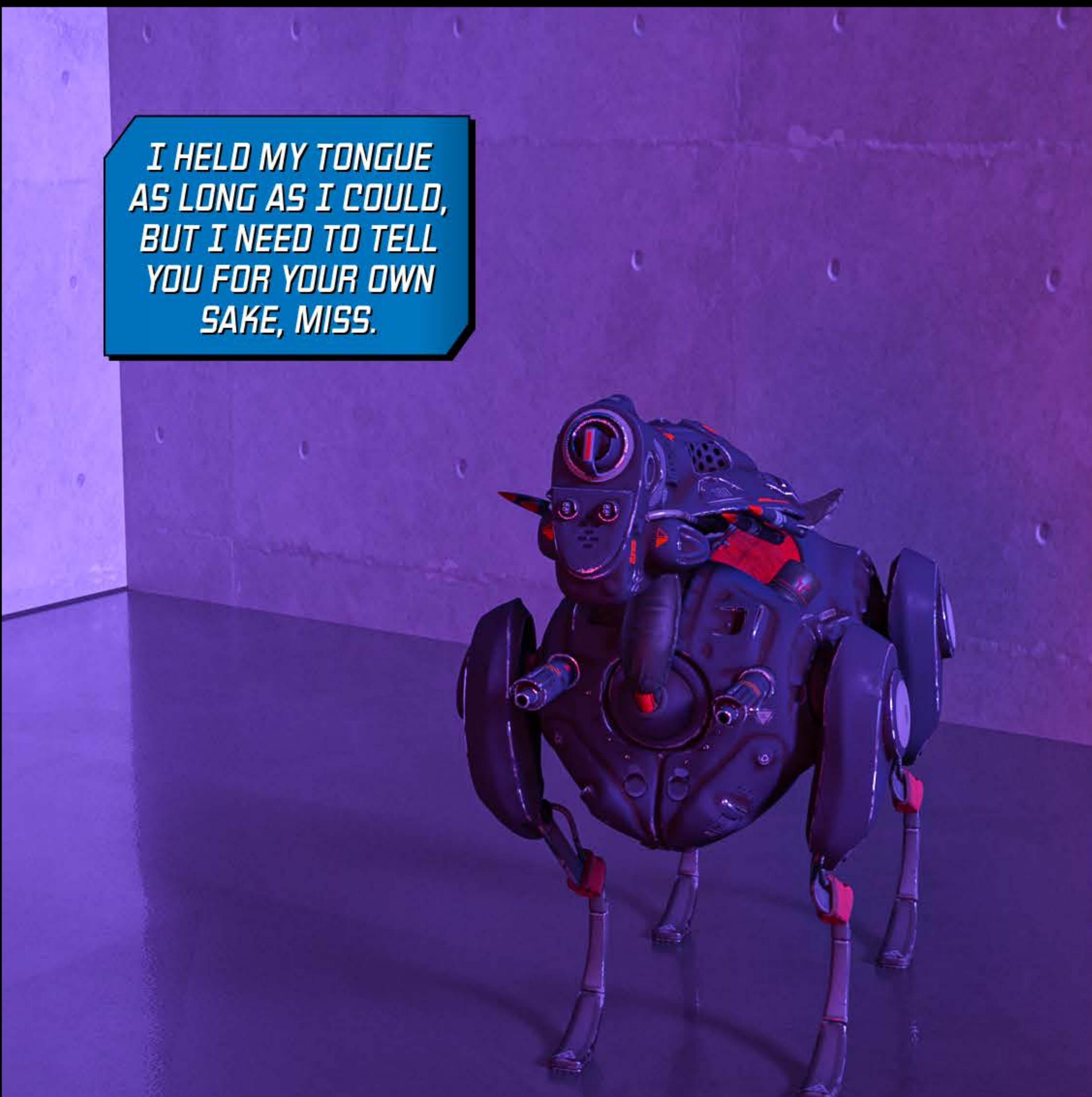
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THE ONLY VIABLE EMBRYOS WHICH COULD BE CREATED WERE ALL FROM MALE STOCK. NONE OF THE FEMALE EMBRYOS WERE VIABLE.



HENCE THE FUNCTIONS OF THE REJUVENATION MACHINE.



I HELD MY TONGUE AS LONG AS I COULD, BUT I NEED TO TELL YOU FOR YOUR OWN SAKE, MISS.



SAMSON'S POD ARRIVED HERE FIRST WITH ALL OF THE TECHNOLOGY...



BECAUSE HE WAS THE ONE WHO WAS SUPPOSED TO BE THE WOMAN.

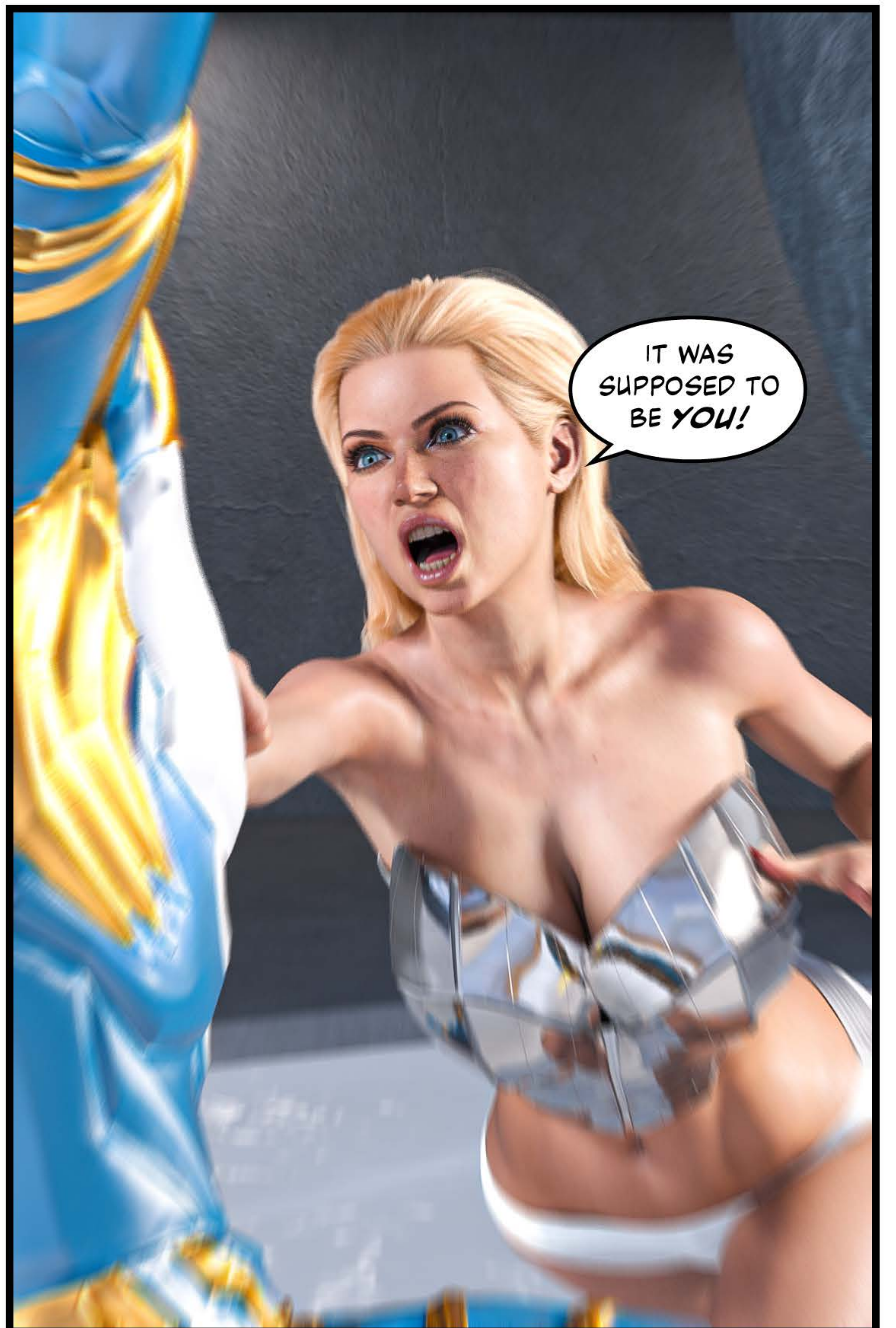
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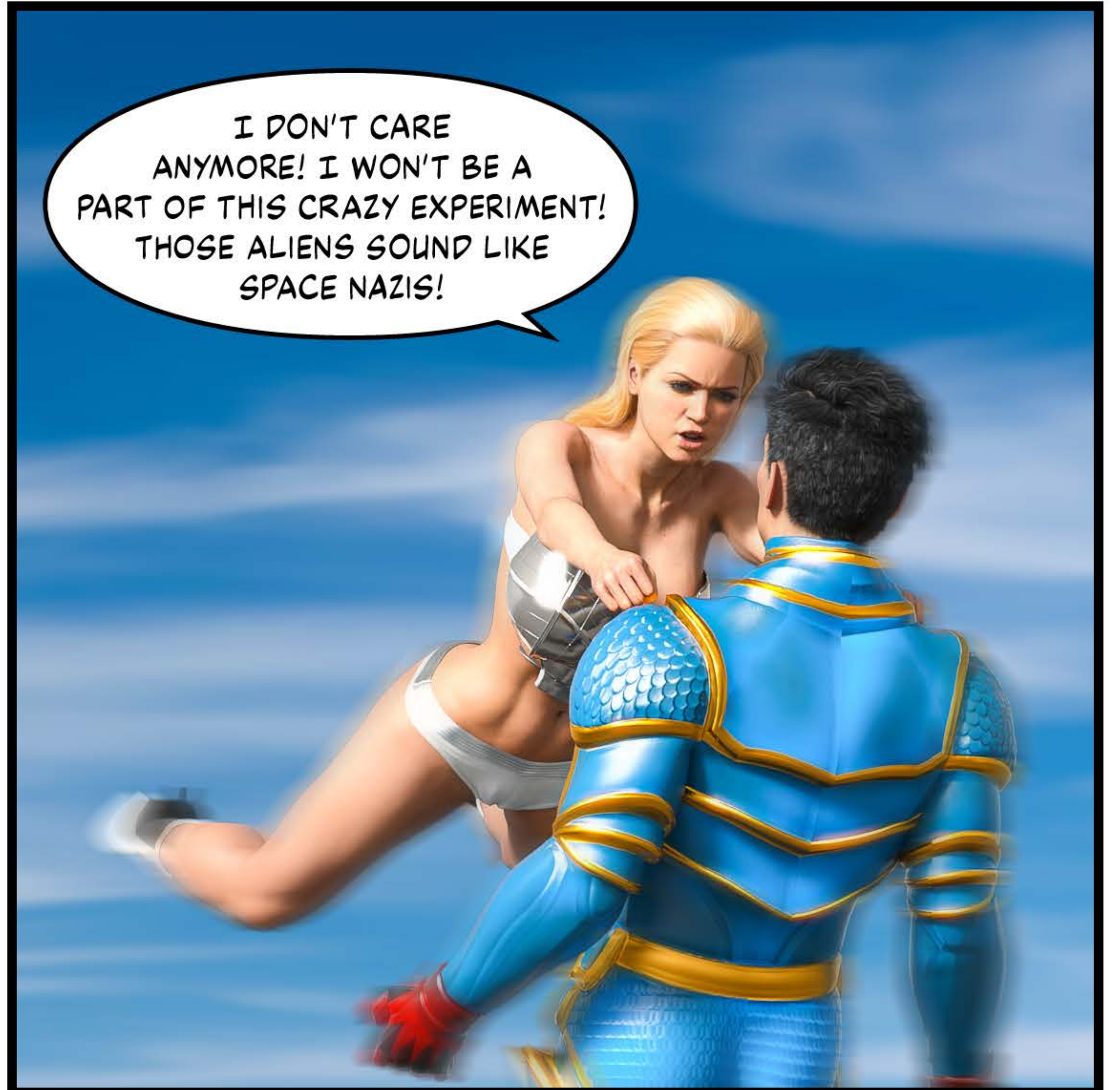
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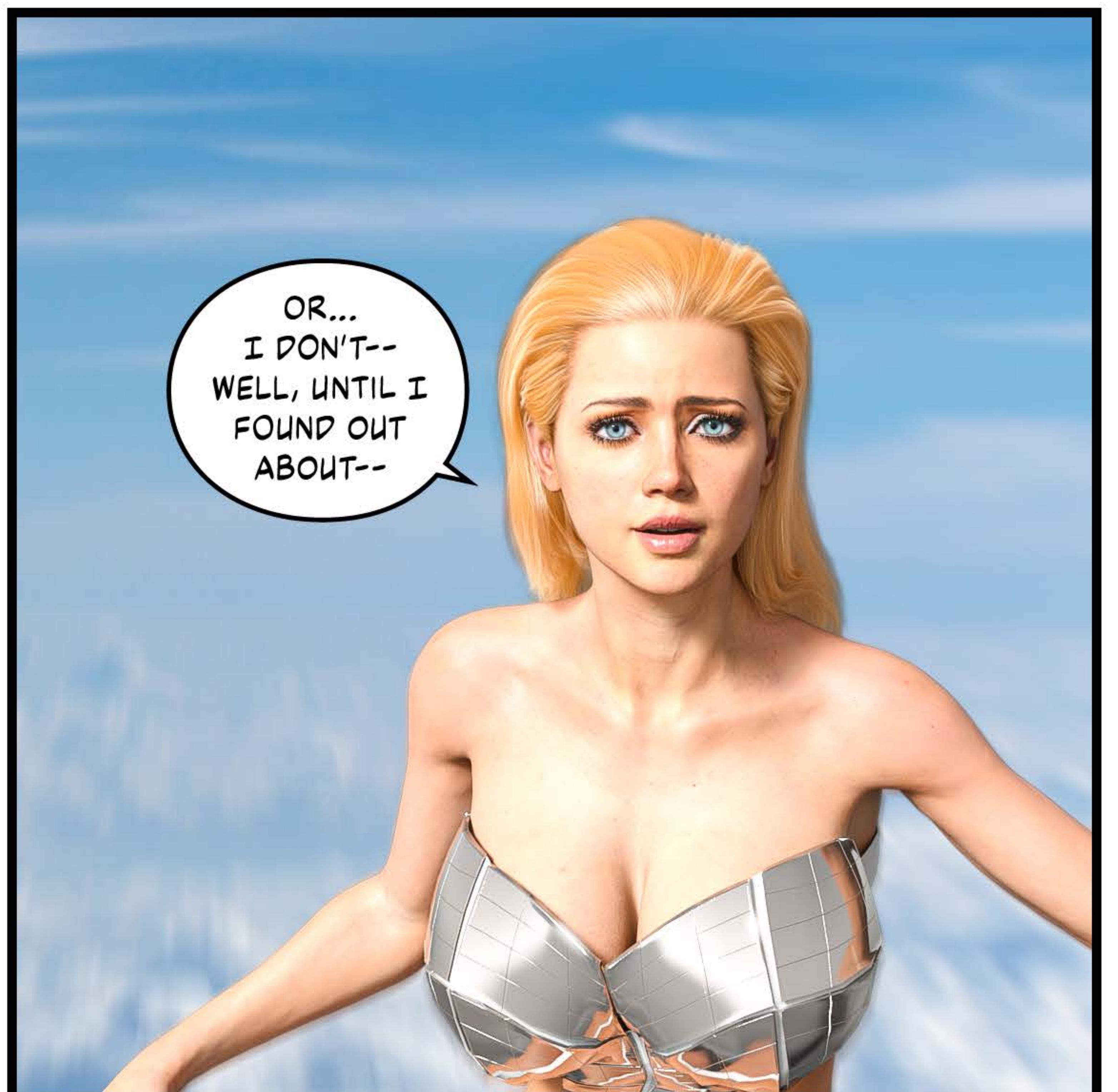
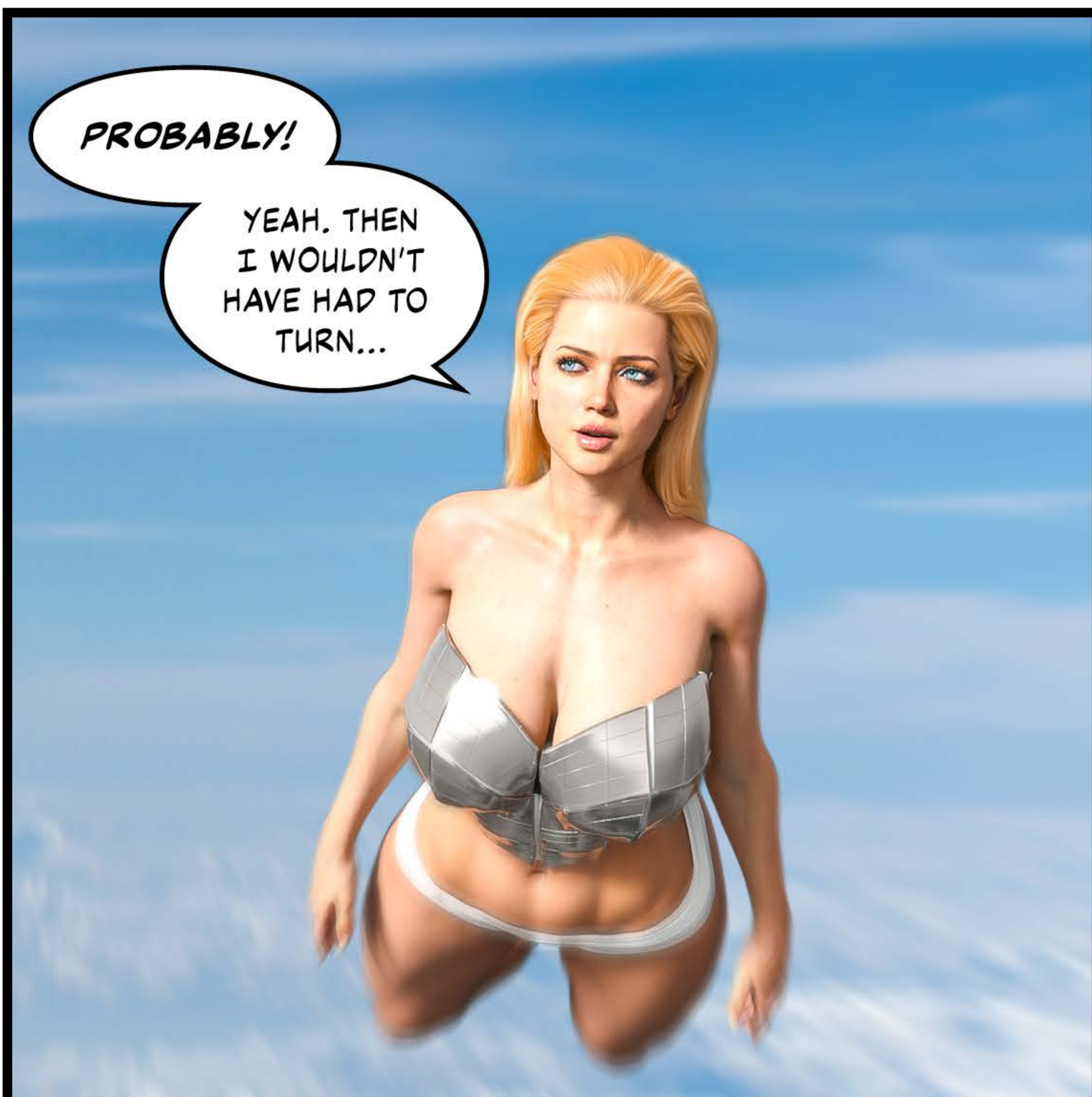
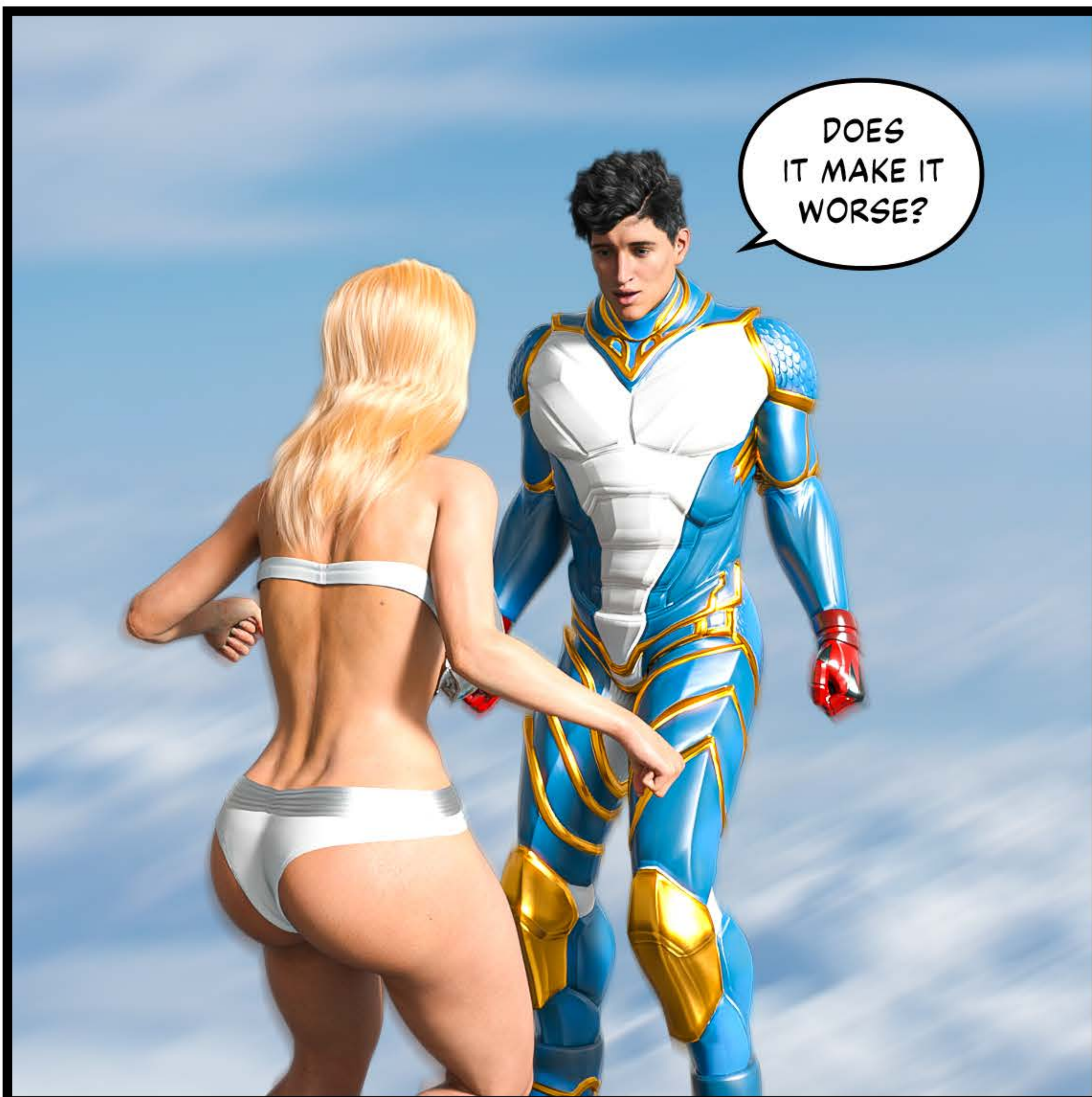
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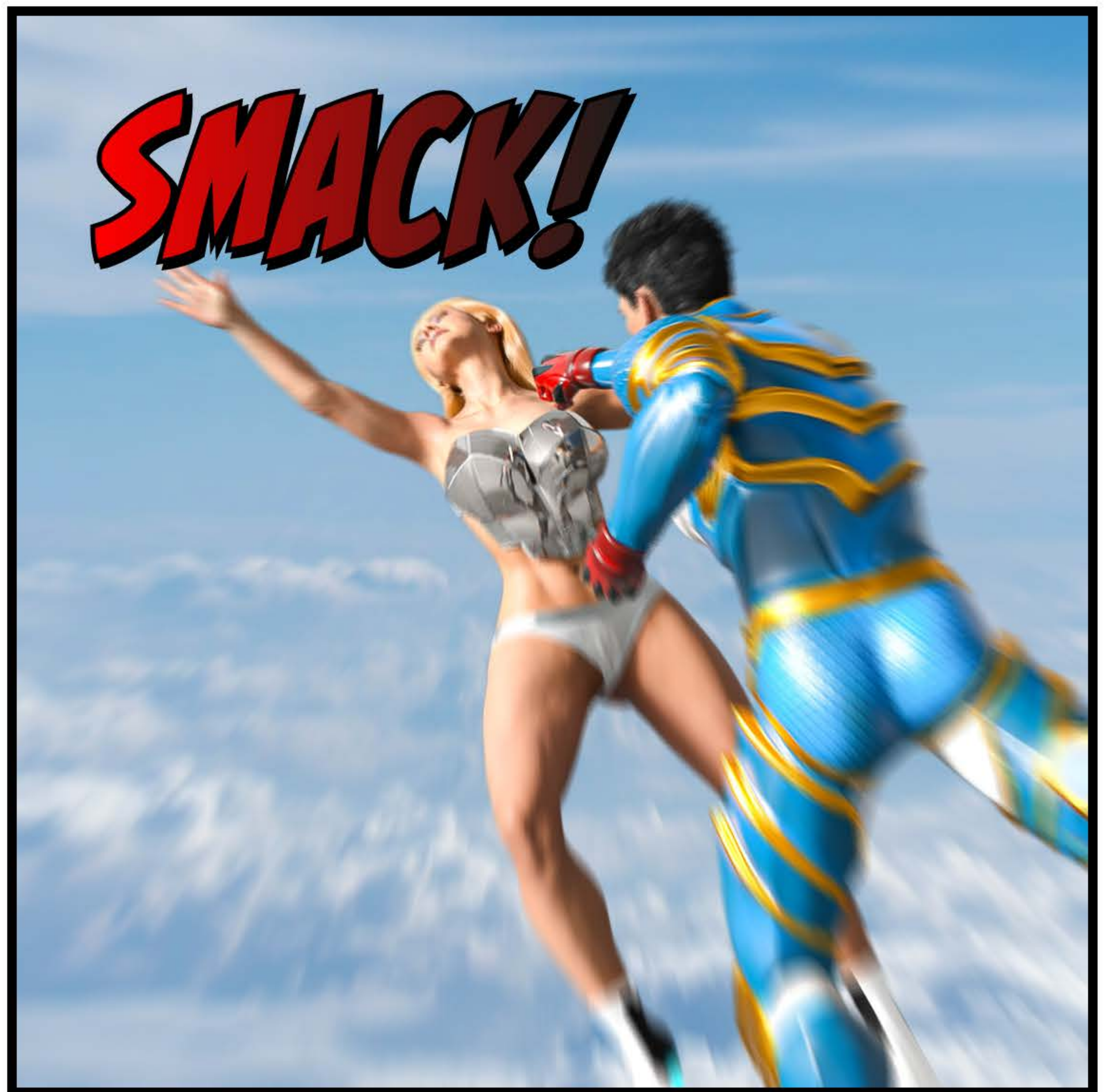
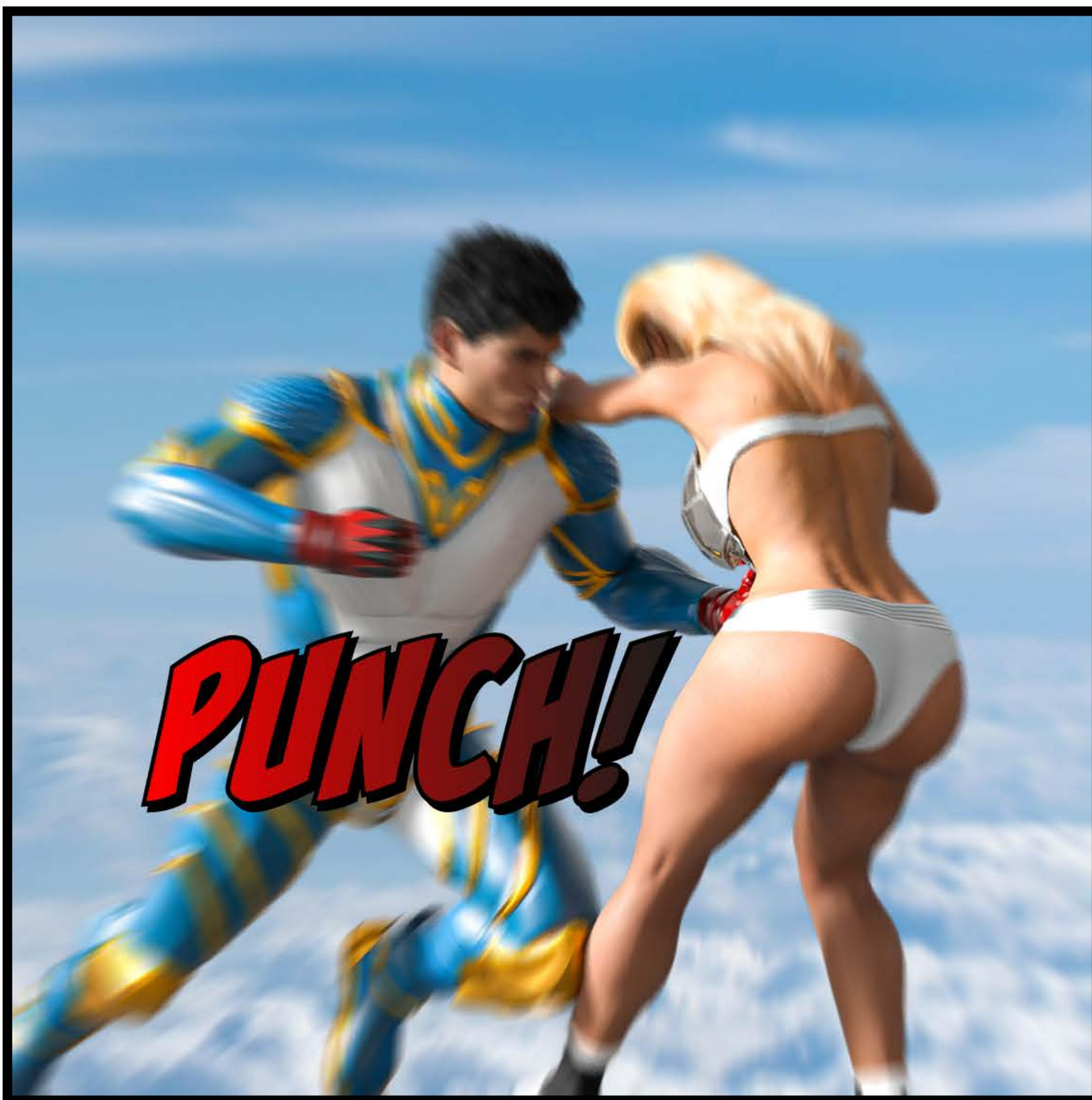
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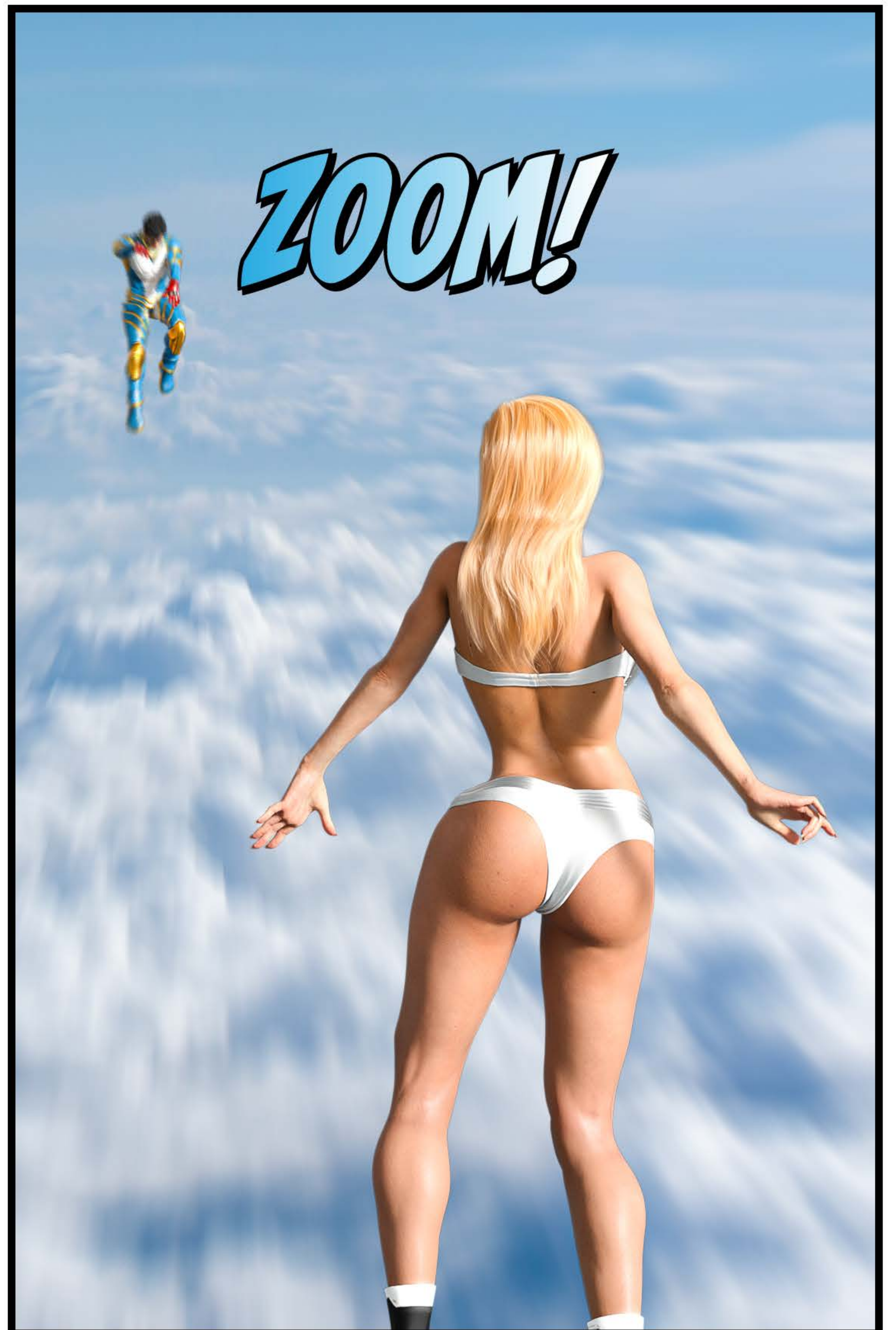
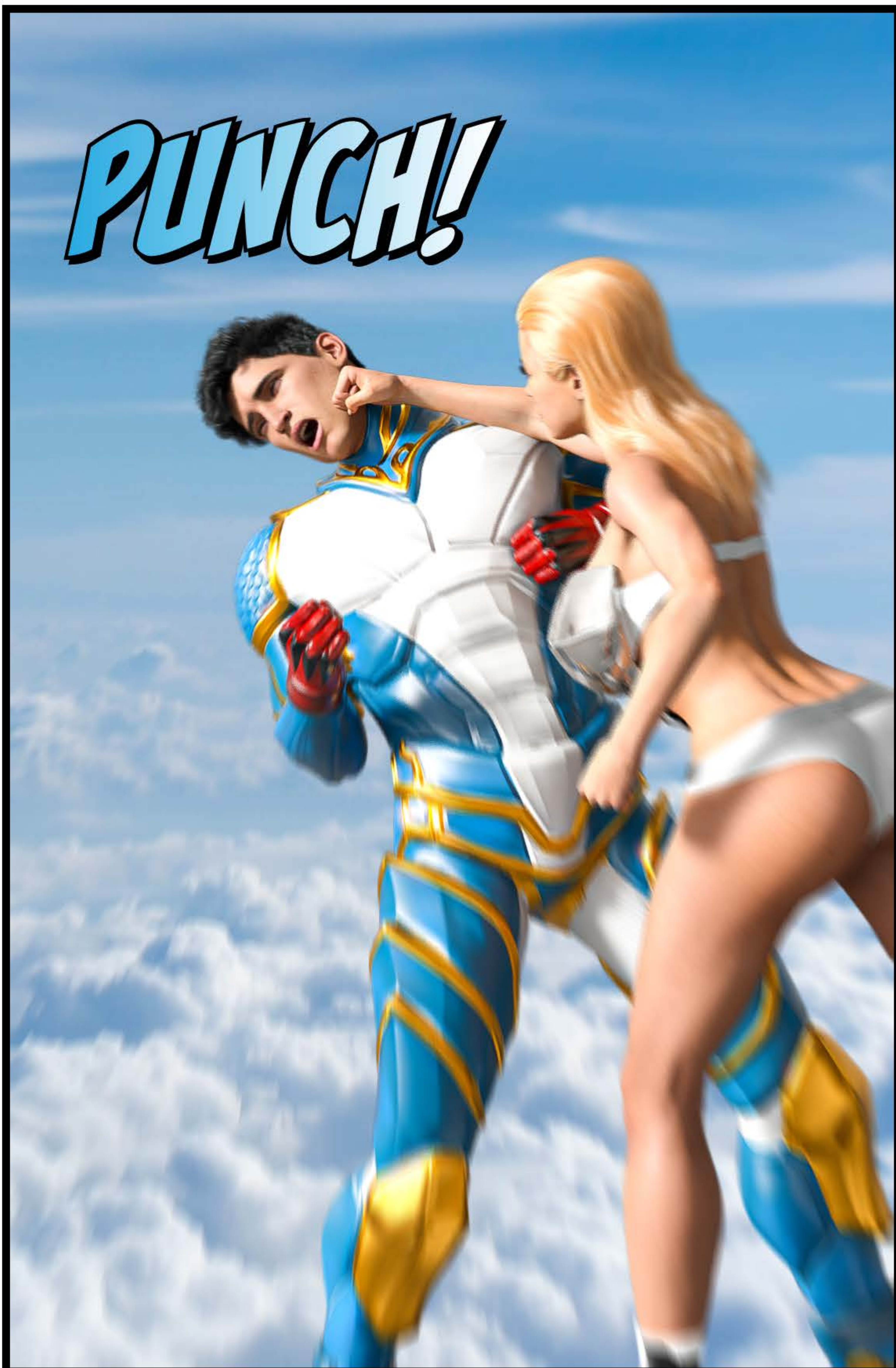
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SLAM!!!



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THERE GOES XANDER, I GUESS?

HE FINALLY REALIZED HE WAS A THIRD WHEEL.

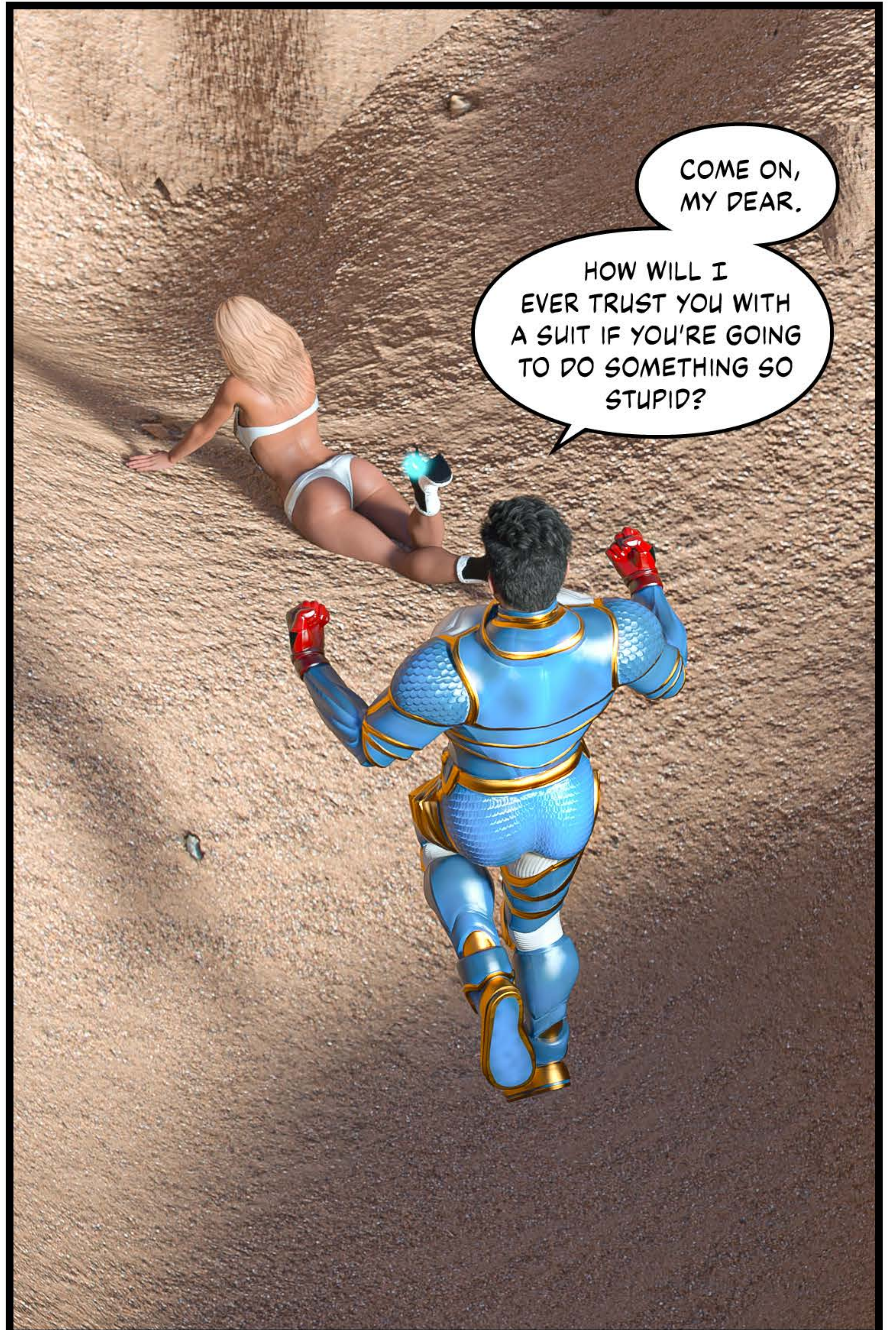
CATCHING UP TO THAT JET IS HARD ENOUGH WHEN I'M AT FULL STRENGTH.

IF HE WANTS ME TO FOLLOW HIM, HE'S GOING TO BE DISAPPOINTED.



THIS IS BETWEEN ME AND MY QUEEN.

A LOVER'S QUARREL, NOTHING MORE.



COME ON, MY DEAR.

HOW WILL I EVER TRUST YOU WITH A SUIT IF YOU'RE GOING TO DO SOMETHING SO STUPID?

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WHAT'S THAT?
A THREE MINUTE HEAD START?

