

THIS STORY TAKES PLACE EX-CANON FROM THE OFFICIAL HARRY POTTER STORY.

IN OUR TALE, HARRY AND HERMIONE NEVER GAVE UP THE GOOD FIGHT AGAINST THE DARKNESS IN THE WIZARDING WORLD.

AFTER FOLLOWING A SERIES OF CLUES, AND ACTING ON FORBIDDEN KNOWLEDGE, OUR TWO HEROES HAVE JOURNEYED TO THE NORTHERN COAST OF SCOTLAND,
ON THE TRAIL OF A GREAT POWER.

THIS IS A STORY OF HARRY GOING THROUGH GREAT CHANGES, EMOTIONALLY AND PHYSICALLY.

IT'S ALSO THE STORY OF A PERSON COMING TO ACCEPT THAT THEIR SEX AND GENDER ARE DIFFERENT. HOPEFULLY THAT'S NOT TOO CONTROVERSIAL.

TRANS PEOPLE ARE PEOPLE.



YOU'RE
SURE THIS IS
THE PLACE?

IT SMELLS
WORSE THAN
BORGIN AND
BURKE'S
IN HERE.







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SO THIS
IS IT?

THE LAIR OF
SELYSE MALEDICK,
THE DARKEST WITCH
OF THE 1800S.

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THE DARKEST
VAMPIRE WITCH, YOU
SHOULD SAY.

HER ENTIRE
REIGN OF TERROR,
SHE MUST HAVE
PLANNED IT ALL
FROM HERE.



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IT'S MORE
PRODUCTIVE THAN
SLEEPING.

SOMEONE'S
BEEN STUDYING
ON THE TRAIN
UP.

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IT'S FUNNY, FOR
ONCE YOU SEEM TO
KNOW MORE ABOUT
WHAT WE'RE CHASING
THAN I DO.

THIS ONE'S
PERSONAL. AND WHAT'S
WORSE IS SHE WAS NEVER
CAUGHT, OR DEFEATED,
SHE MERELY...



A man and a woman are walking away from the viewer down a long, dimly lit corridor. The man on the left is wearing a dark jacket with a light-colored horizontal stripe across the back and is holding a lit torch aloft in his right hand. The woman on the right is wearing a light purple long-sleeved shirt with a dark, abstract pattern on the back and dark pants. They are walking on a floor with a repeating diamond-shaped tile pattern. The walls on either side are lined with tall, dark bookshelves filled with books. In the distance, a small table holds a stack of books. The lighting is very low, with the primary light source being the torch held by the man.

NO SIGN.
NOTHING. HERE
ONE DAY, GONE
THE NEXT.

DIMINISHED.

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THEY SAY
HER OWN POWER
KILLED HER.

THAT'S JUST
THE LEGENDS.



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HER BEAUTY WAS
ONLY MATCHED BY HER POWER
AND CRUELTY. SHE USED COMPLEX
MAGIC TO STEAL THE LIFE FORCE OF
THOUSANDS, GIVING HER UNNATURAL
LONG LIFE AND FUELING
HER QUEST FOR
PERFECTION.

ALL
LEGEND
TOO...


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I WONDER
IF YOUR CONTACT
JUST REPEATED THE
OLD CHILDREN'S
STORIES.

WE'RE HERE
AREN'T WE? THAT
MUST COUNT FOR
SOMETHING.



A woman with long brown hair, wearing a purple sweater, stands with her back to the camera in a dimly lit library. She is looking at a desk covered with a green cloth, which holds several rolled-up scrolls and a small framed picture. The room is filled with tall bookshelves packed with books. The floor is made of large, light-colored hexagonal tiles. Two speech bubbles are present: one on the left containing text about the Atlantic Ocean and one above the woman containing text about the quietness of the library.

IT'S HARD TO
THINK THE ATLANTIC
OCEAN IS POUNDING ON
THE ROCK JUST A FEW
FEET AWAY.

IT'S SO
QUIET, SO
STILL.

IT'S SO
IMMACULATE, TOO. LIKE
IT WAS ABANDONED
YESTERDAY.

TOO CLEAN,
YEAH. ALMOST
LIKE...



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A TRAP?

A digital illustration of a woman with long, wavy brown hair and blue eyes, wearing a light purple long-sleeved top. She is standing in a dimly lit library, looking back over her shoulder with a concerned expression. She holds a wand in her right hand, which emits a small, bright yellow light. The background is filled with dark bookshelves packed with books. A speech bubble above her head contains the text "A TRAP?".



STAY ON YOUR
TOES, I DON'T WANT THIS
TO TURN OUT LIKE
SEVASTOPOL.

HARRY, YOU
WERE THE ONE WHO
FREED THOSE
TROLLS.

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YOU NEED TO BE
MORE CAREFUL. THIS PLACE
COULD BE SWARMING WITH TRAPS.
WE NEED TO TAKE THE AN-
ALYTICAL APPROACH I'VE
BEEN ADVOCATING
FOR...

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SO... SEE
YOU IN A
YEAR?



WHAT EXACTLY IS
IT WE'RE EVEN HERE TO
FIND? THIS PLACE IS CLEARLY
A WEALTH OF MAGICAL
ARTIFACTS.

I MEAN, YOU
COULD SPEND A YEAR
TRANSCRIBING HER
NOTES ALONE.

WE'RE NOT
HERE FOR
NOTES.



YOU THINK
IT'S HERE,
THEN?

I KNOW
IT'S HERE.



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MALADICK'S RING?
EVEN IN THE LEGENDS
IT'S NEVER CLEARLY
ADDRESSED.

MOST SCHOLARS
DON'T BELIEVE IT WAS
REAL, CERTAINLY NOT
AS DESCRIBED.

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MOST SCHOLARS
DON'T BELIEVE HER
SECRET LAIR WAS
REAL EITHER.


GOOD
POINT.

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WHAT IS IT I'M
LOOKING FOR?





A THIN BAND,
WITH A JEWEL AS RED
AS BLOOD, AND AS DEEP AS
SUNSET, INLAID IN A COMPLEX
WEB OF CHARGED
METALS.

HOW COULD
YOU POSSIBLY
KNOW THAT?

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I'M LOOKING
AT IT RIGHT
NOW.



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I CAN'T BELIEVE
IT'S THIS EASY. THE AUROR'S
OFFICE HAS BEEN SEARCHING FOR
THIS SINCE THE SACK OF SOUTHEND.
SINCE SHE TURNED LIVERPOOL'S
SKIES TO CRIMSON, SINCE SHE
POISONED THE SEA...

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HARRY...






SHE WAS ABLE
TO SOMEHOW SUMMON THE
MOST POWERFUL AND ARCAN
MAGIC. MORE THAN ANYONE
ELSE EVER COULD WITH A
WAVE OF A WAND.

HARRY...
YOU NEED
TO BE--

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IMAGINE HOW
MANY PEOPLE WE
COULD HELP WITH
HER POWER?

THE POWER OF
HER RING. WE CAN FREE THE
SOULS OF HER ENSLAVED ARMIES,
IF SHE STILL HOLDS THEM. WE
CAN MAYBE EVEN REBUILD
SOME OF THE CURSED PARTS
OF HOGWARTS...

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HARRY POTTER!



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I'M SORRY.
IT'S JUST...


IT'S NEVER
THAT SIMPLE. WITH THE
HORCRUXES, EVERYTHING
WE'VE EVER BEEN
THROUGH...

WE NEED TO
GET A WHOLE TEAM OF
PEOPLE DOWN HERE, GET
THE PLACE LOCKED
DOWN...

WE NEED
TO MAKE SURE
IT'S SAFE
BEFORE...

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BEFORE WHAT?
YOU KNOW THERE ARE
STILL A LOT OF PEOPLE WORKING
IN THE MINISTRY WHO SERVED
UNDER VOLDEMORT.

THE ONES WHO
ROUNDED UP THE MUGGLE
BORNS? HOW CAN WE TRUST
THEM WITH THIS KIND OF
POWER.


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I'M JUST
SAYING...

SEVASTOPOL...





I KNOW. I
MESSED UP. IT'S
JUST... BEING HASTY...
THAT'S WHAT GOT
US THIS FAR.

THAT'S WHAT
ALMOST GOT US
KILLED...

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OKAY. I
AGREE. I'M NOT
GOING TO TOUCH
THE--

SO...
WE JUST
NEED TO BE
CAREFUL.

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КРНА-КАВООМ!!!



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FINALLY...
A CHANCE
TO...

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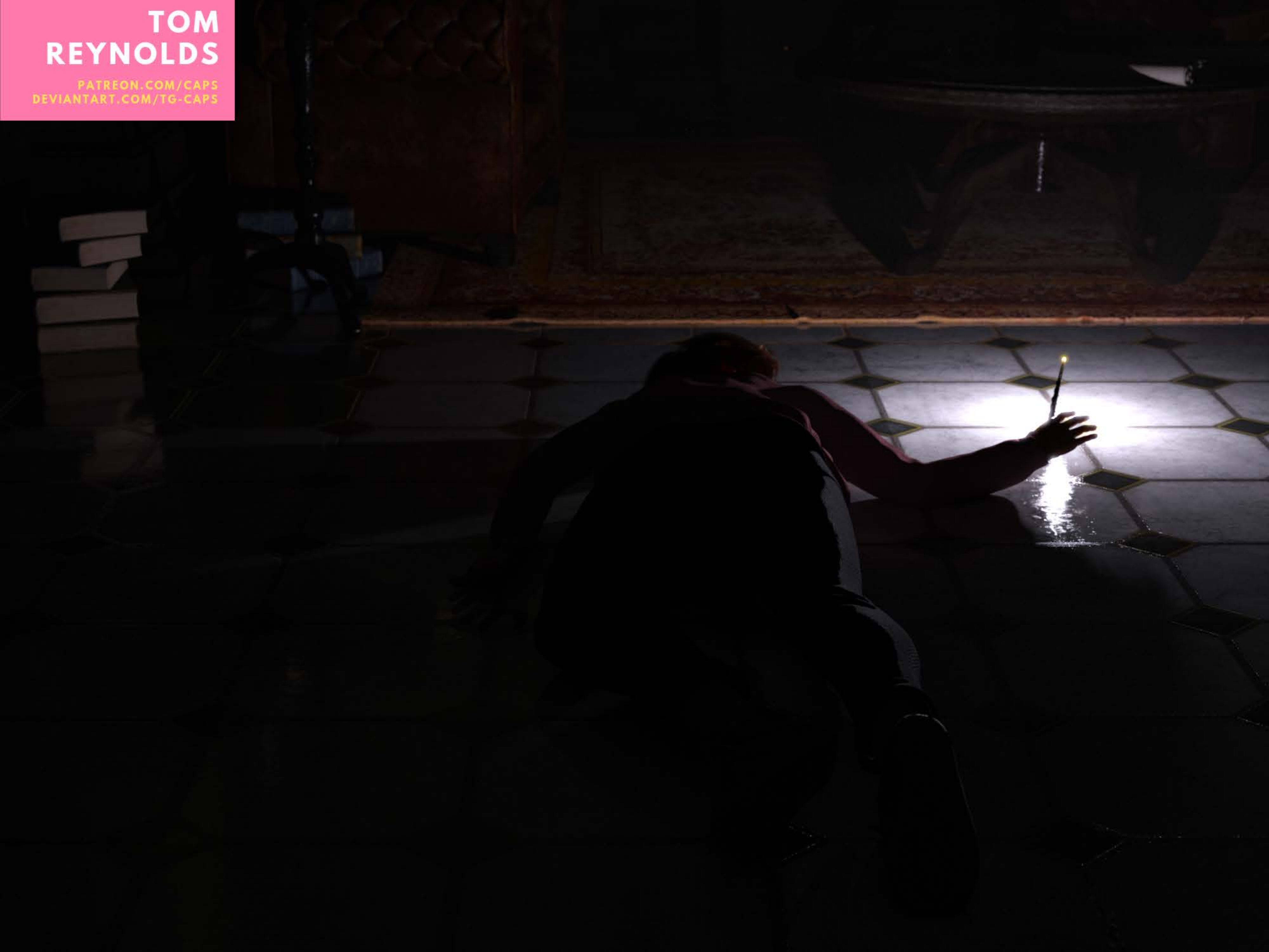
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I'D HAVE
RATHERED THE
GIRL, BUT I CAN
MAKE DO.

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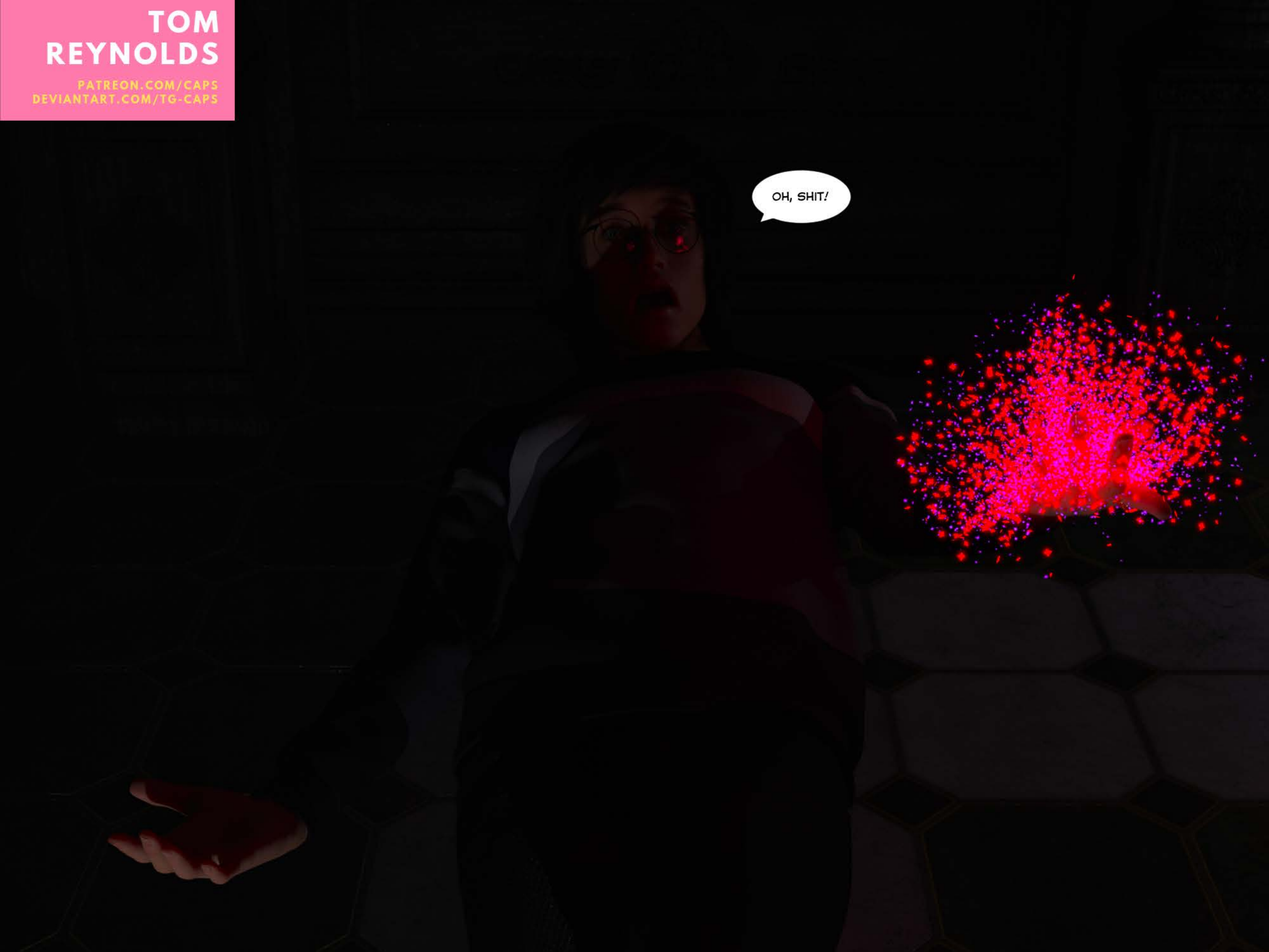
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OH, SHIT!



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KRA-BOOM!

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HERMIONE!

HELP ME!

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HERMIONE...!

QUIET, BOY.

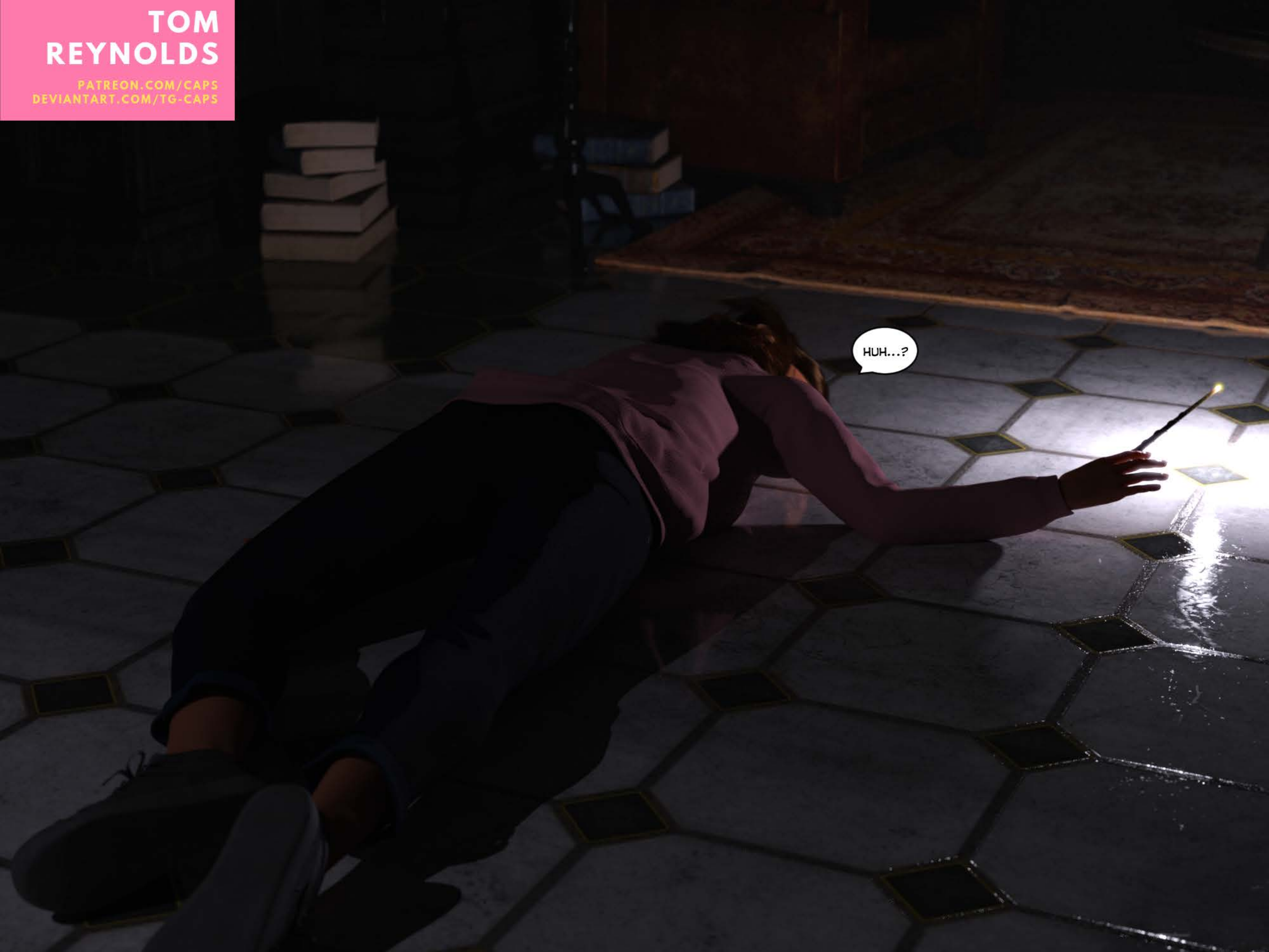
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IT HURTS,
IT HURTS...

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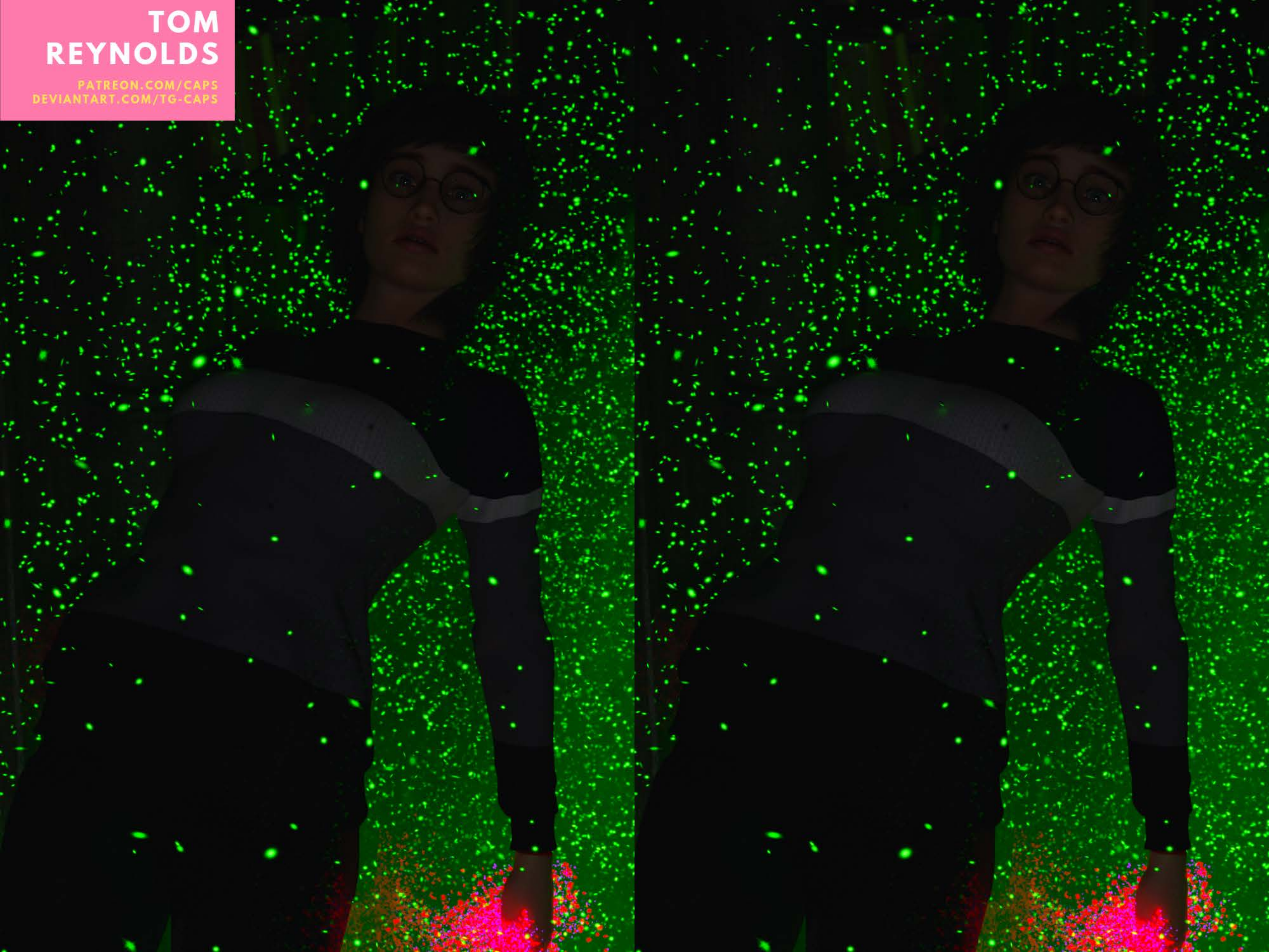
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MMM...

A digital illustration of a young man with short brown hair and round glasses, wearing a black t-shirt. He is standing in a library, looking upwards with a slight smile. The air is filled with a dense shower of glowing green particles, resembling embers or magical sparks. In the background, several wooden bookshelves are visible, filled with books of various colors. A speech bubble above the man's head contains the text "MMM...".

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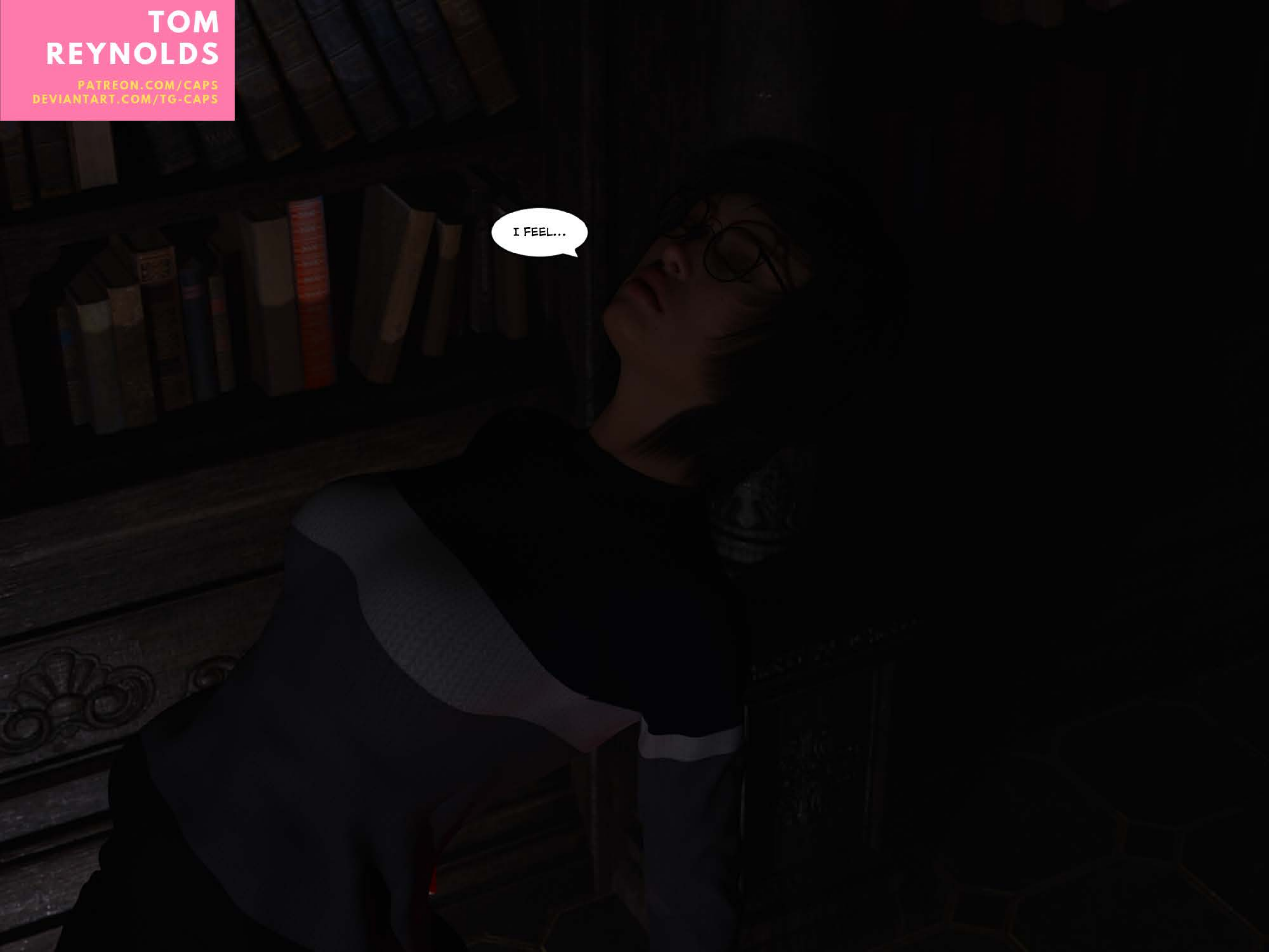
HELP ME..!



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I FEEL...



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BUT IT'S
A START.



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WHAT
THE--?



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YOU LITTLE
BITCH!

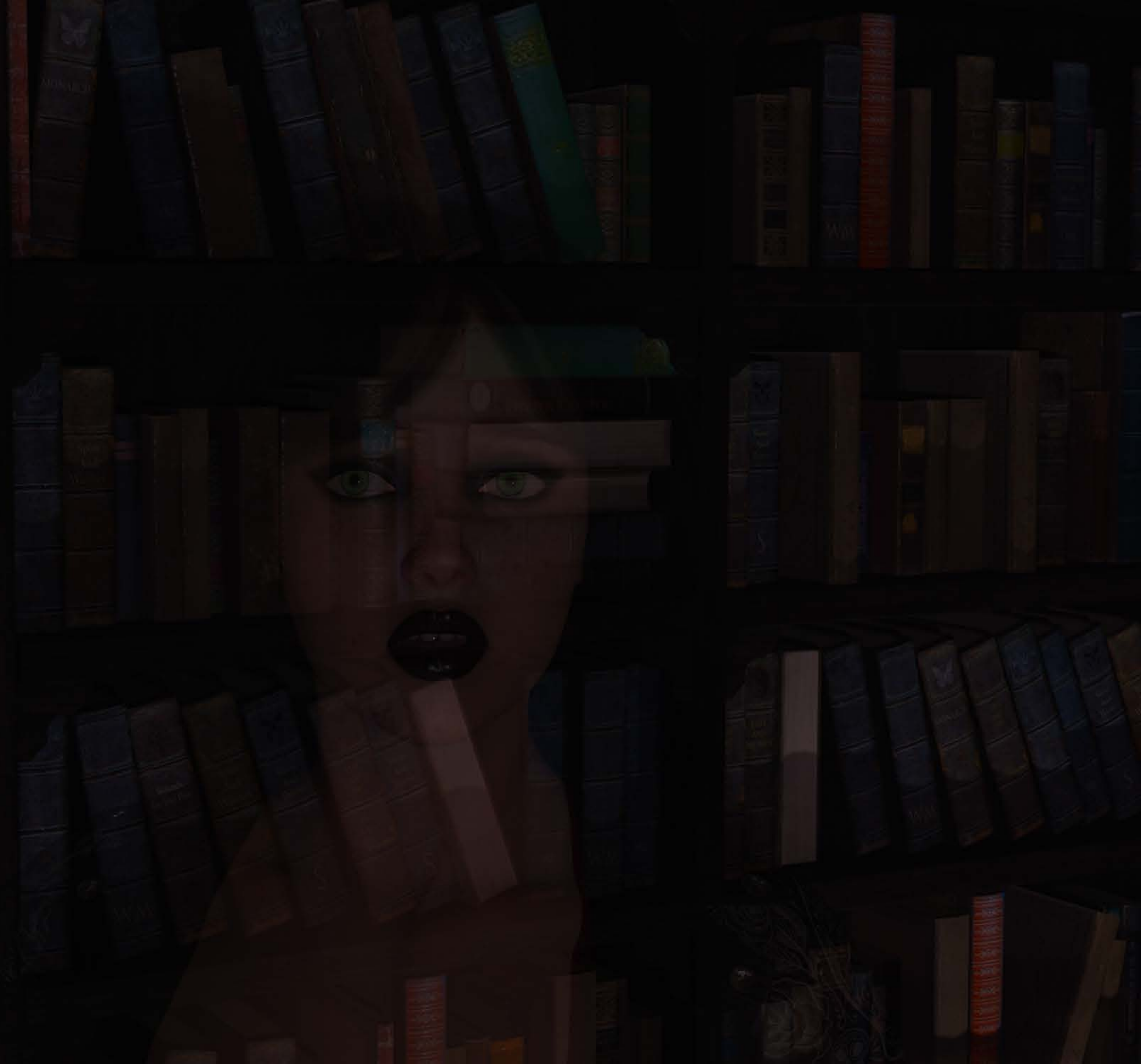




DEPULSO!

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OH, HARRY!
I'M SORRY.



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HARRY?
CAN YOU
HEAR ME?



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HERMIONE...

DON'T TALK,
I'M GOING TO
GET US OUT
OF HERE...



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HERMIONE...

SAVE YOUR
BREATH.

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THAT SIMPLE,
IS IT?

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HARRY.

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