



# SHOOTING STAR

**SECRET  
ORIGINS!**



**TOM  
REYNOLDS**

**#1**





YOU'RE  
SURE YOU'RE NOT  
COMING OUT TO ME  
RIGHT NOW?

I PROMISE  
THAT'S NOT WHAT  
I'M TRYING TO  
SAY...

I'VE JUST  
BEEN FEELING  
PRETTY WEIRD  
RECENTLY.

YOU KNOW,  
MY MOM AND DAD  
WEREN'T MY REAL  
MOM AND DAD,  
AND...

JUST... IT  
REALLY SOUNDS  
LIKE YOU'RE TRYING  
TO HAVE A PROPER  
CONVERSATION  
WITH ME.

SHOOTING  
STAR.

WHAT'S WRONG  
WITH THAT?

DUDE.  
ROMAN, I'M  
TRYING TO TELL  
YOU SOME-  
THING.

AND I ACCEPT  
THAT YOU'RE IN  
LOVE WITH ME.

IT'S NOT THAT  
SURPRISING.

I WAS ALWAYS  
THE FASTEST KID, ALWAYS  
THE STRONGEST, BUT  
WITHOUT HAVING TO  
TRAIN OR...

YET, YOU  
STILL SEE MY  
MAJESTY?









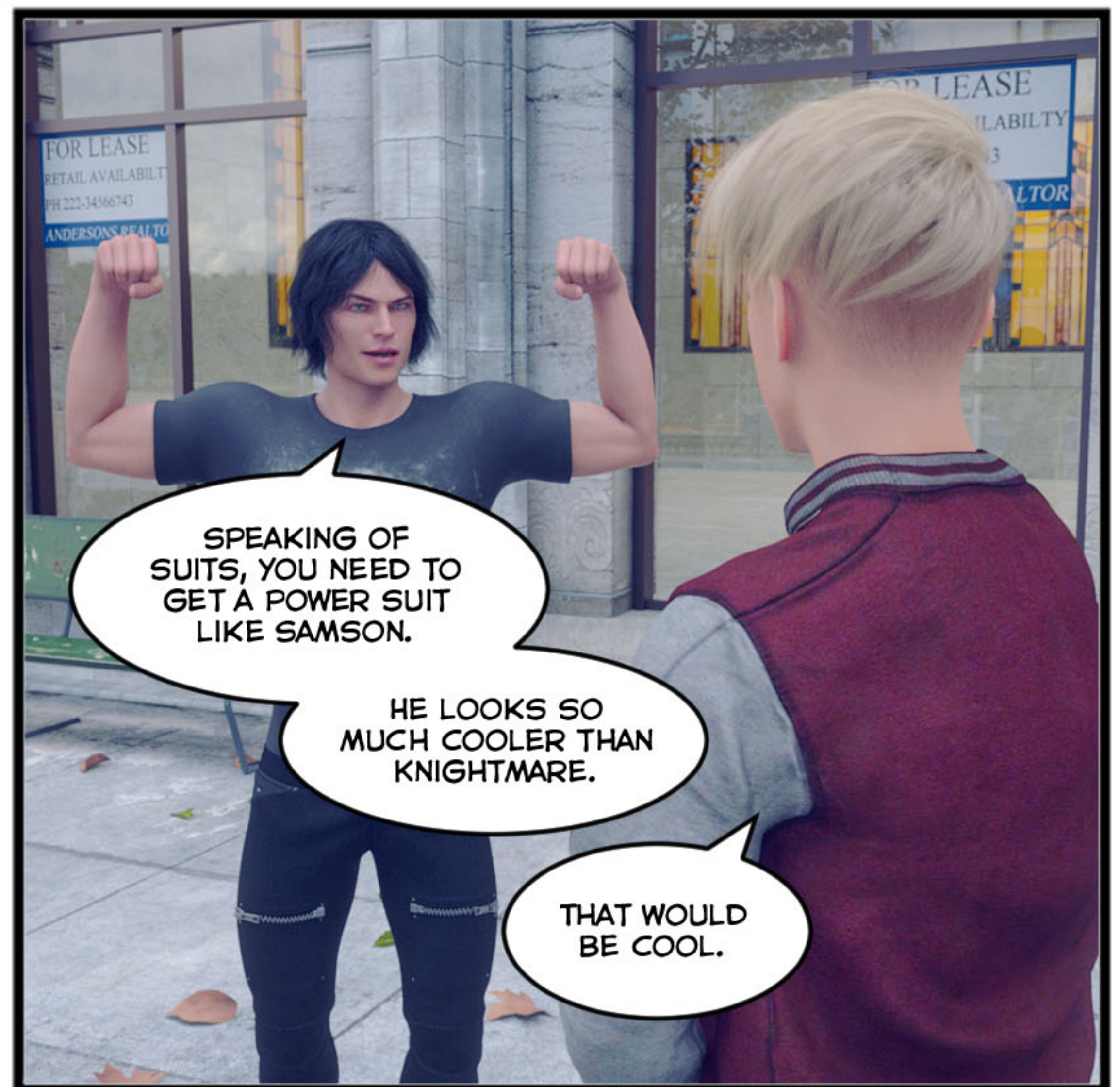




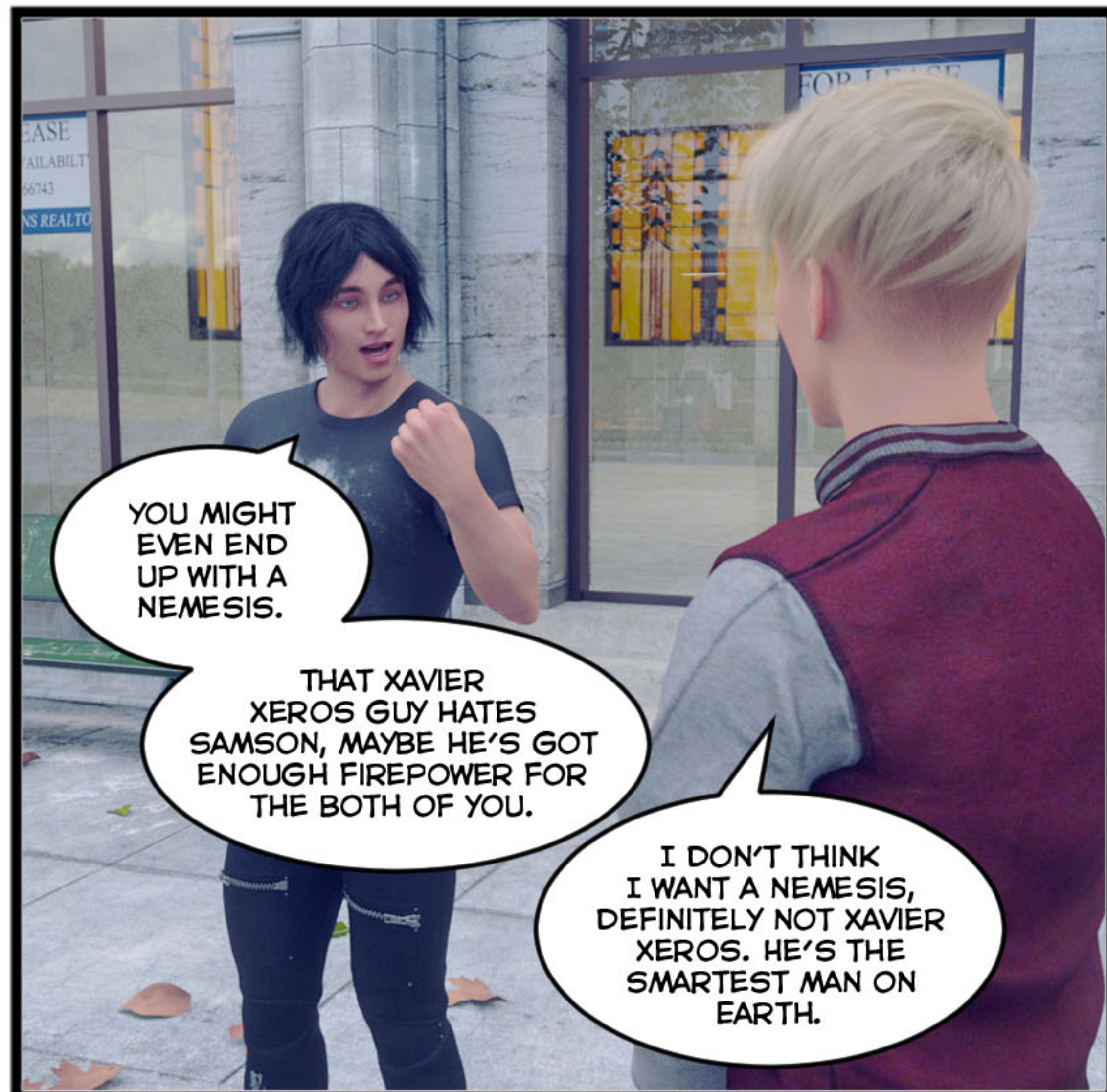




















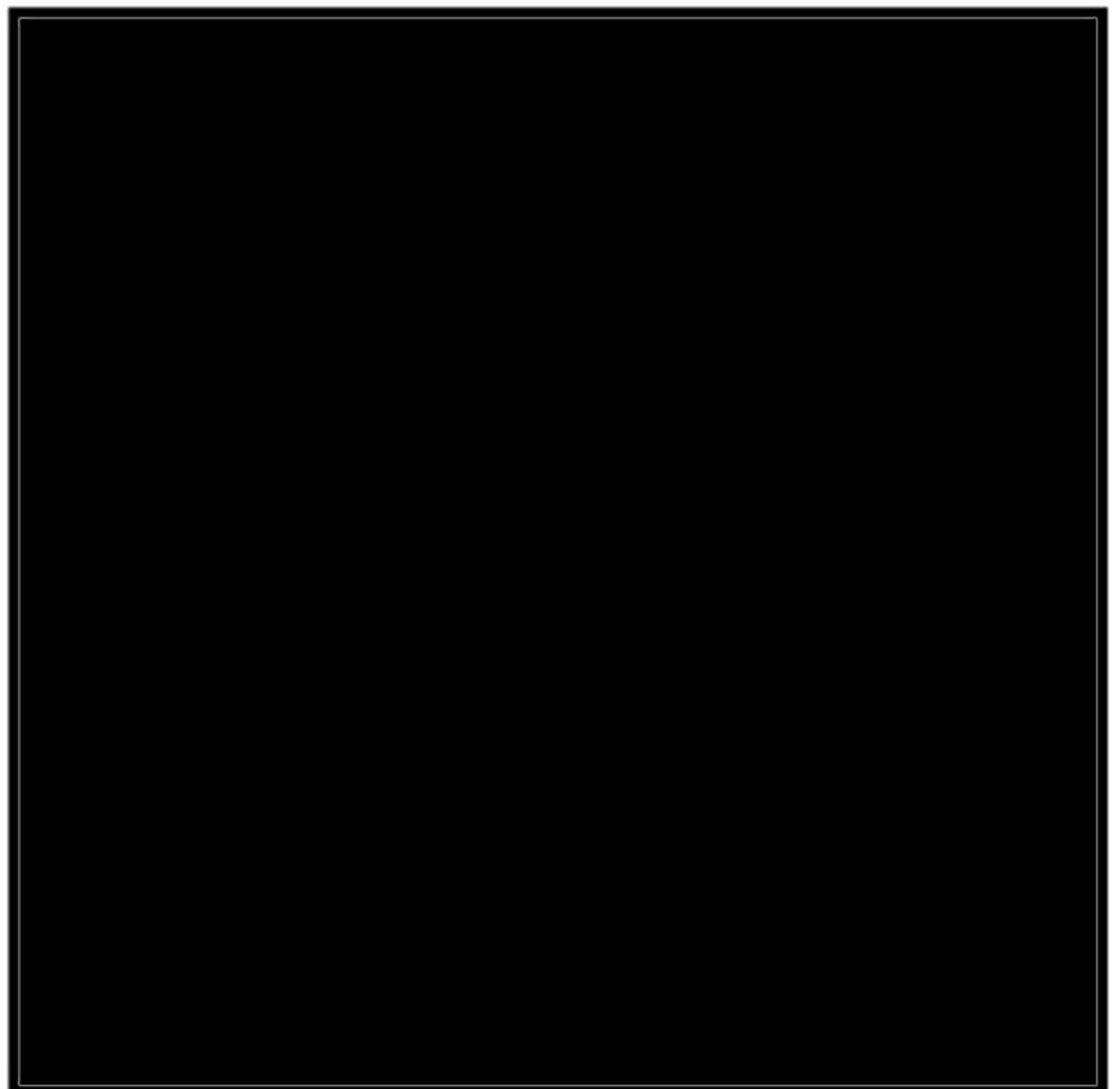
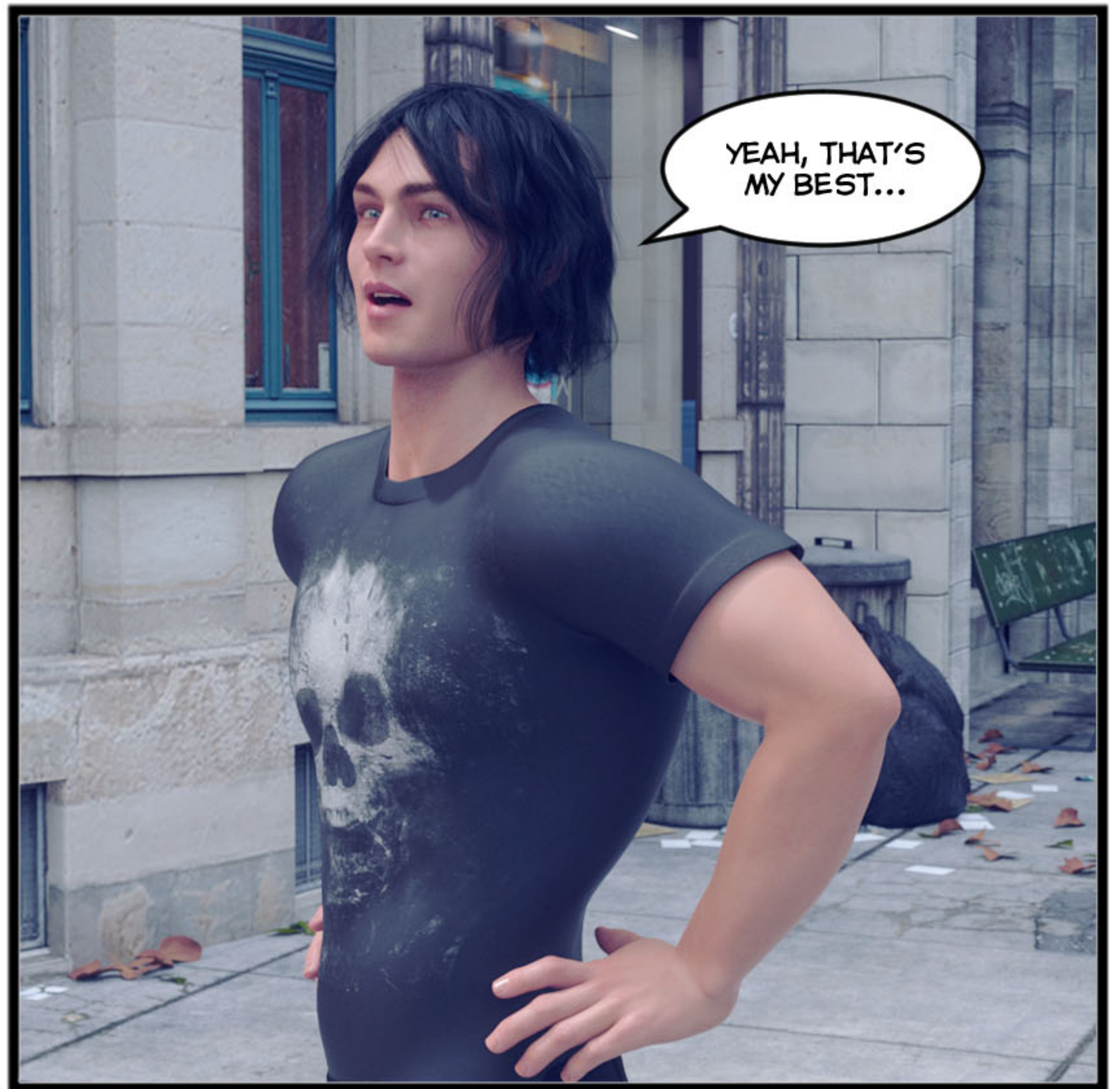




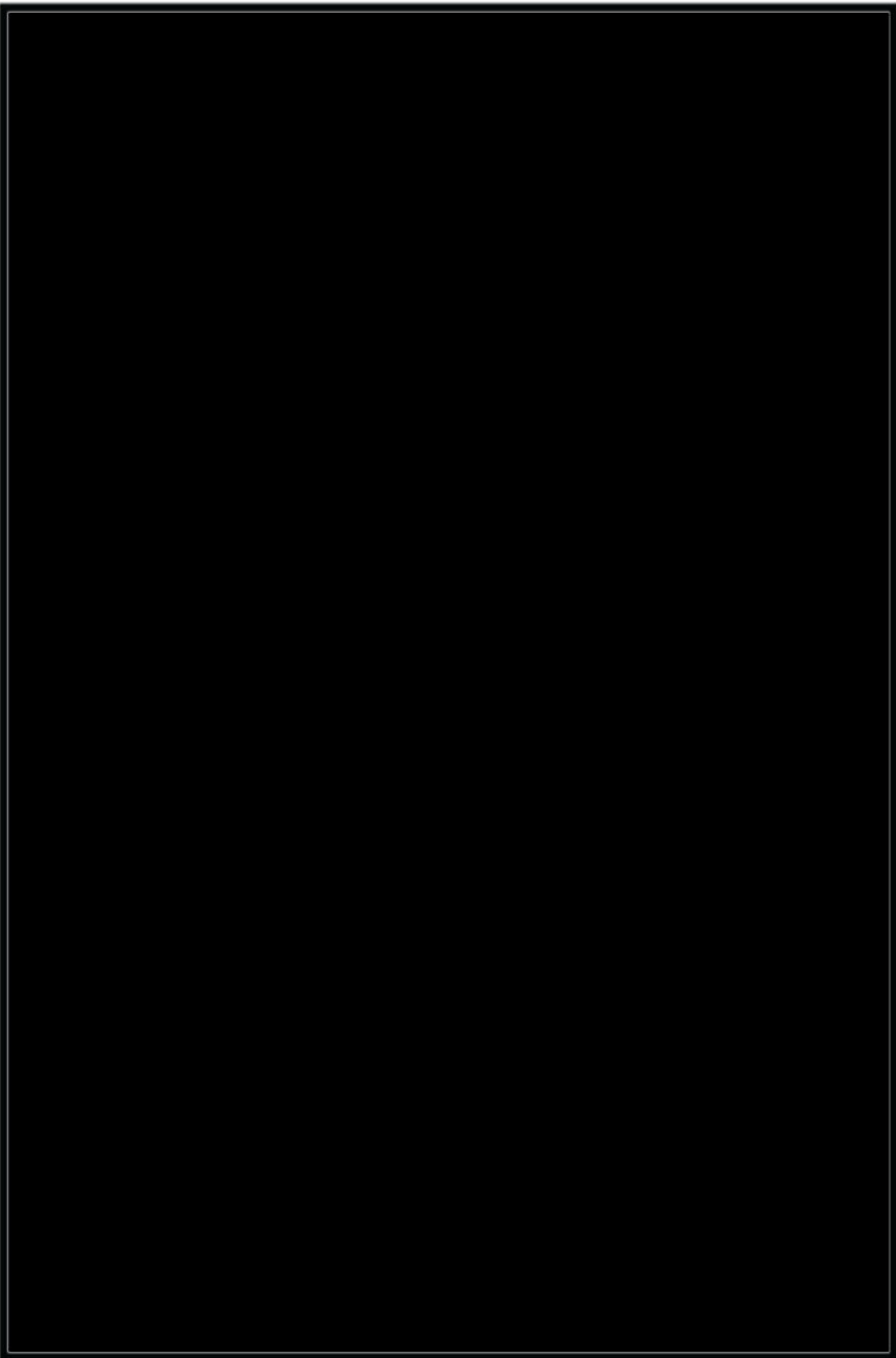




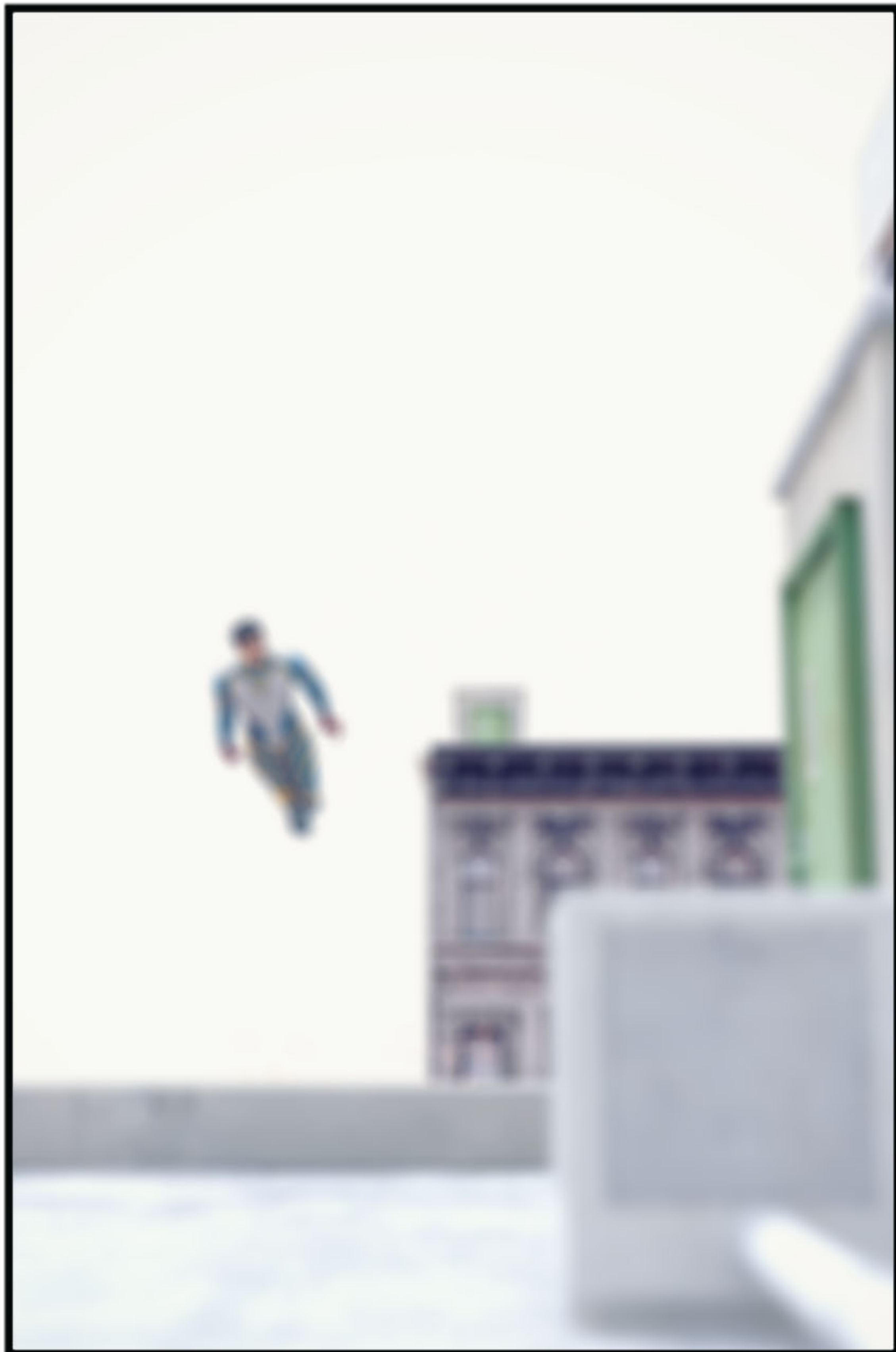
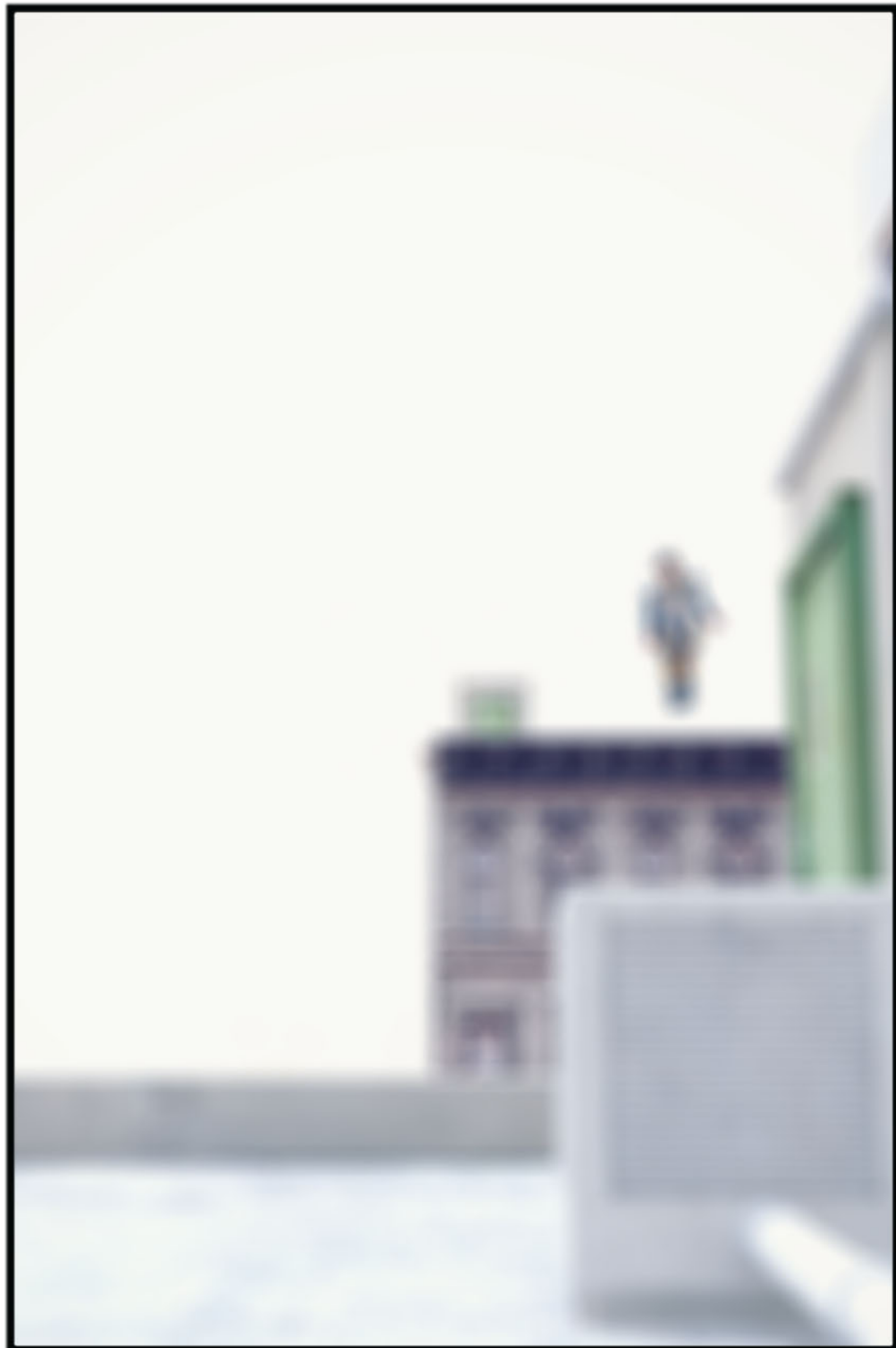








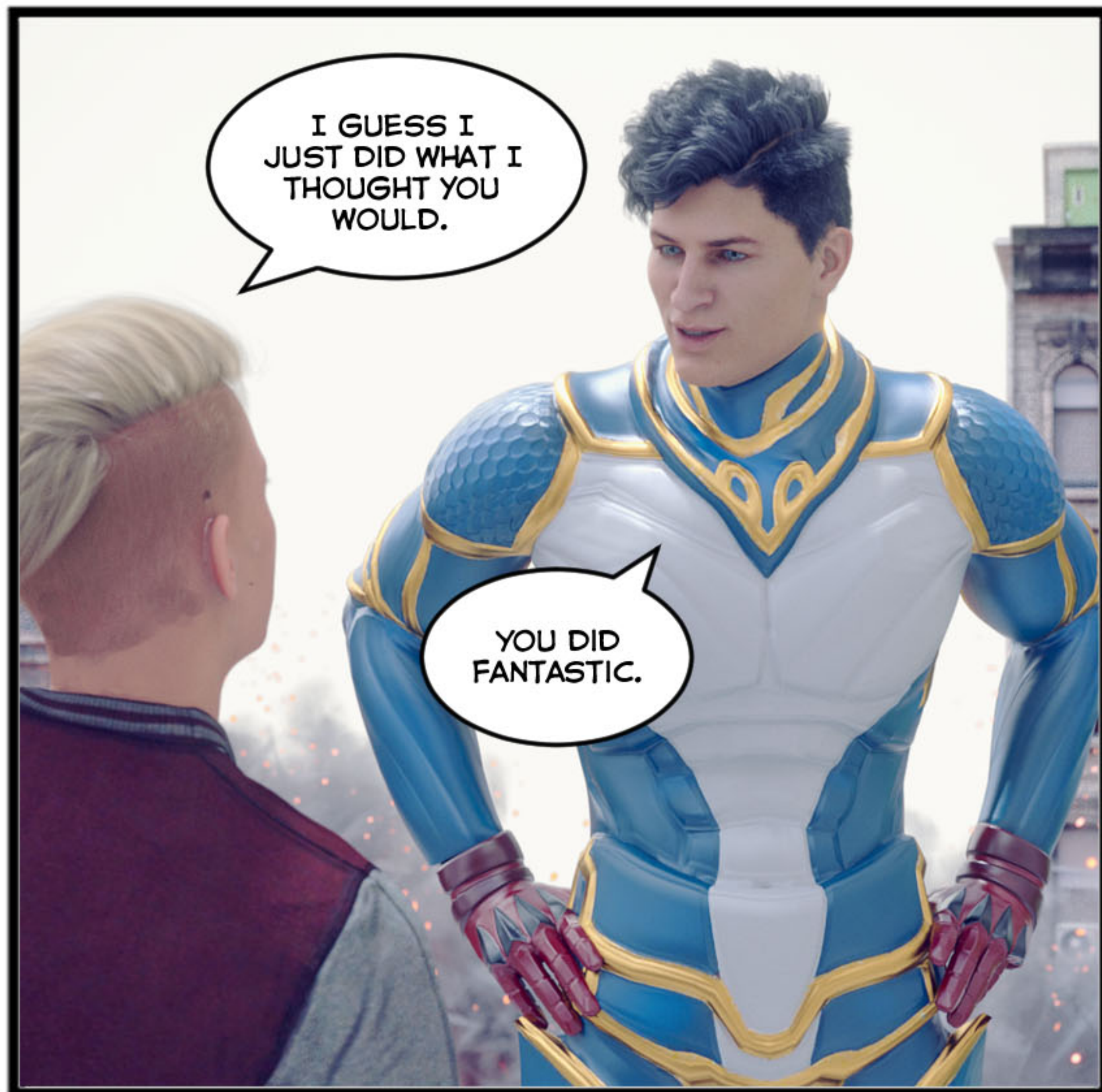








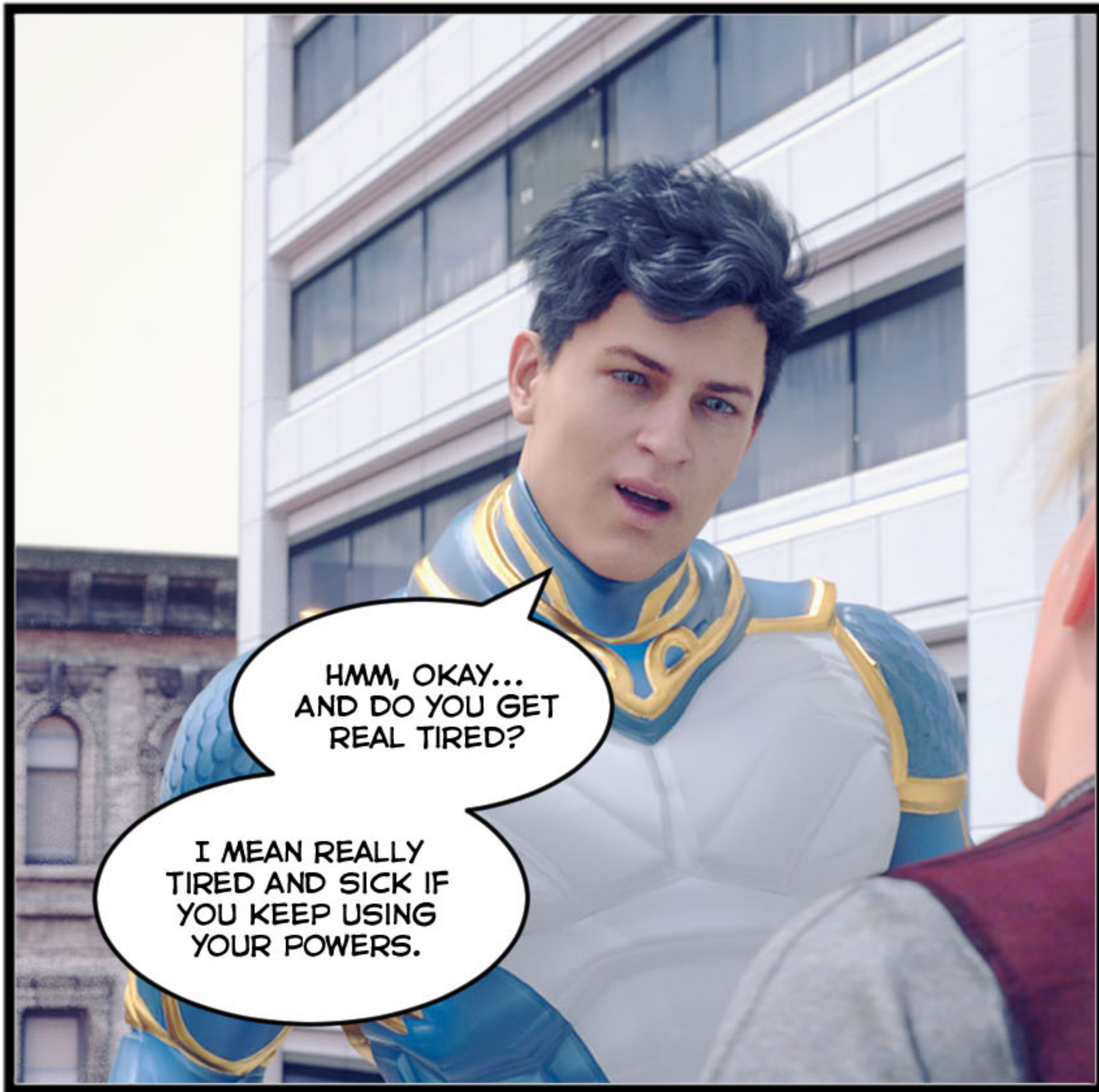




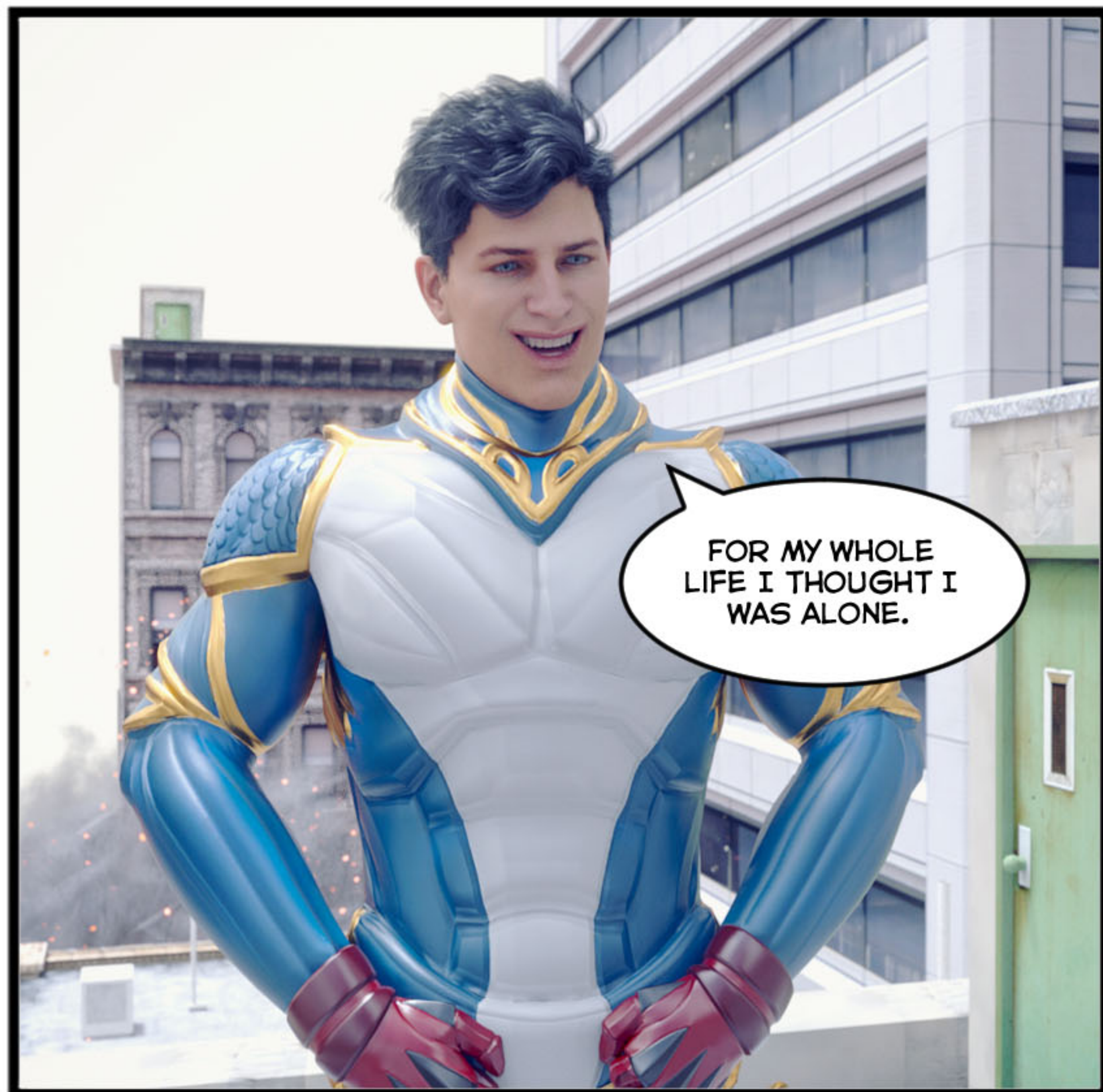














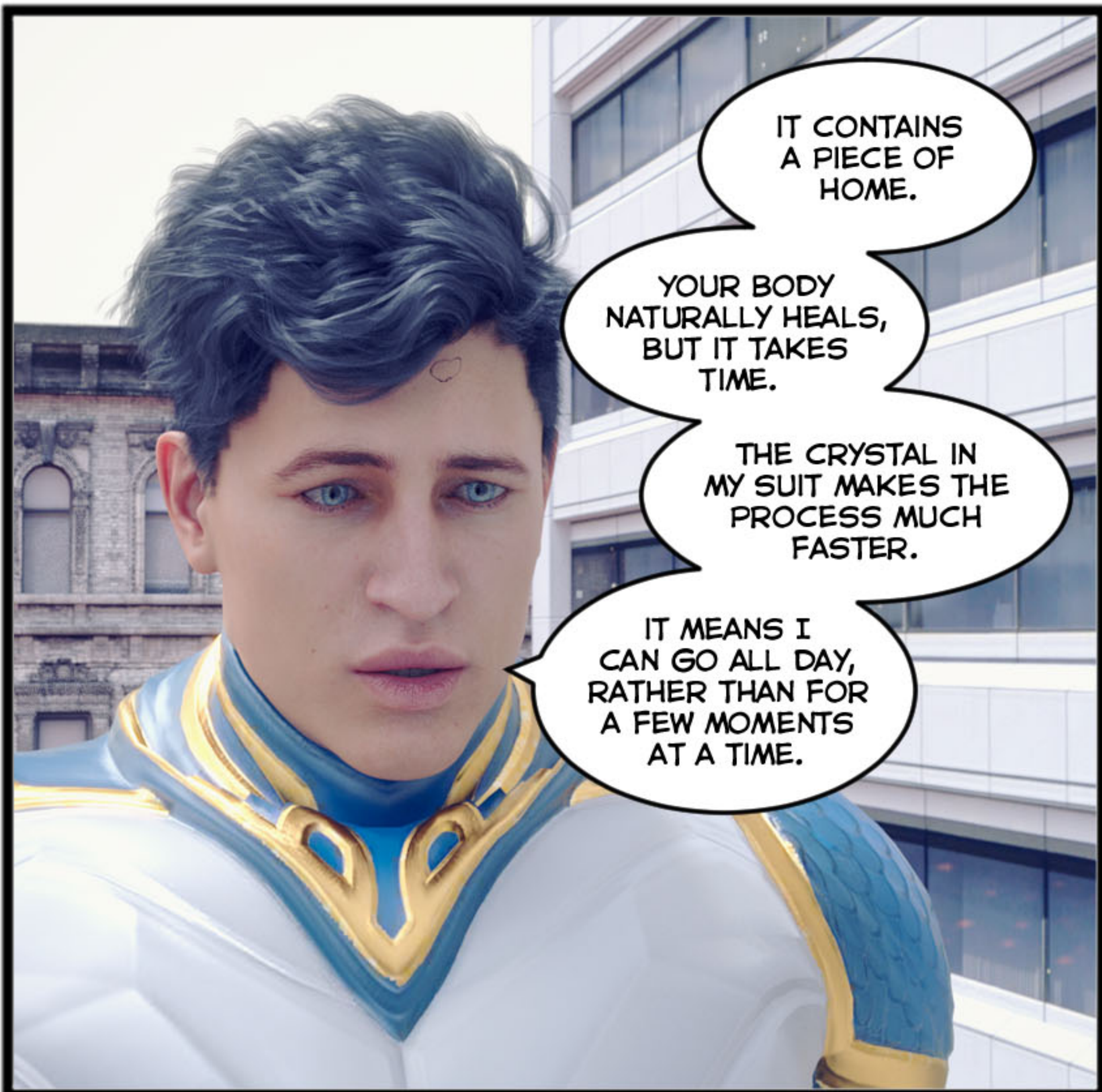


OUR HOME-WORLD IS, OR WAS, THE HALLOWED CENTRAL PLANET OF CAEDIUS.

WE CAEDIANS HAVE WONDERFUL, AMAZING POWERS. BUT THERE'S A COST.

THE MORE YOU USE THEM, THE MORE TOXIC YOUR BLOOD BECOMES.

ON OUR HOME-WORLD, THE NATURAL RADIATION COUNTERED THIS, BUT ON EARTH I HAVE TO WEAR THIS SUIT.



IT CONTAINS A PIECE OF HOME.

YOUR BODY NATURALLY HEALS, BUT IT TAKES TIME.

THE CRYSTAL IN MY SUIT MAKES THE PROCESS MUCH FASTER.

IT MEANS I CAN GO ALL DAY, RATHER THAN FOR A FEW MOMENTS AT A TIME.



WE'LL HAVE TO RUN SOME TESTS TO KNOW FOR SURE. LISTEN, I'VE GOT TO GO HELP CLEAN UP. I THINK YOU'D BETTER GO HOME.

I BET MY FRIEND'S WORRIED ABOUT ME.



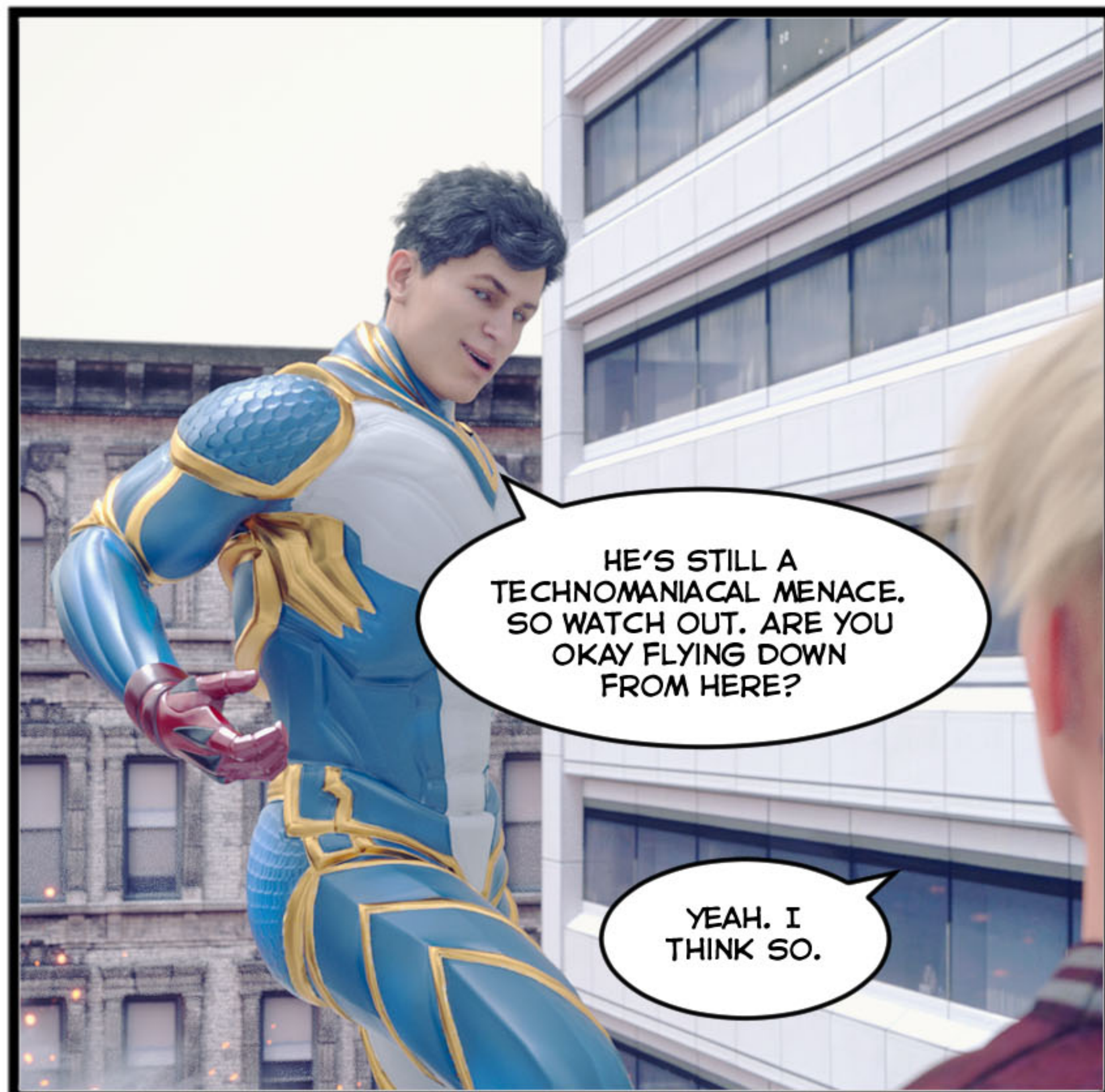
JUST REMEMBER, YOU NEED TO KEEP THIS KIND OF THING A SECRET. THERE ARE A LOT OF PEOPLE WHO MIGHT WANT TO HURT THOSE YOU LOVE.



YOU KNOW HOW MUCH TROUBLE I HAVE FROM XAVIER XEROS, AND HE'S JUST THE TIP OF THE ICEBERG.

GOD, I HATE HIM.





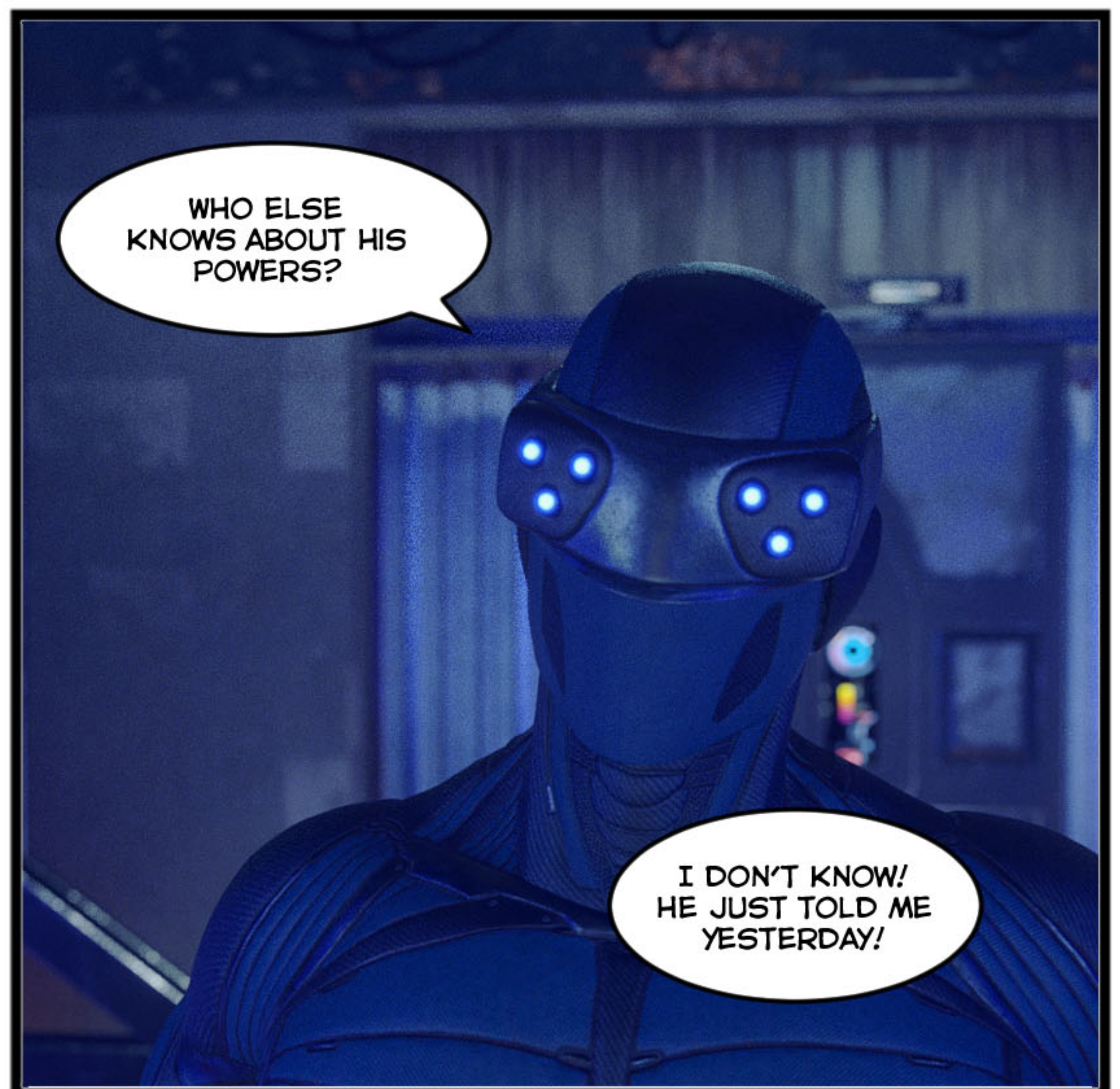
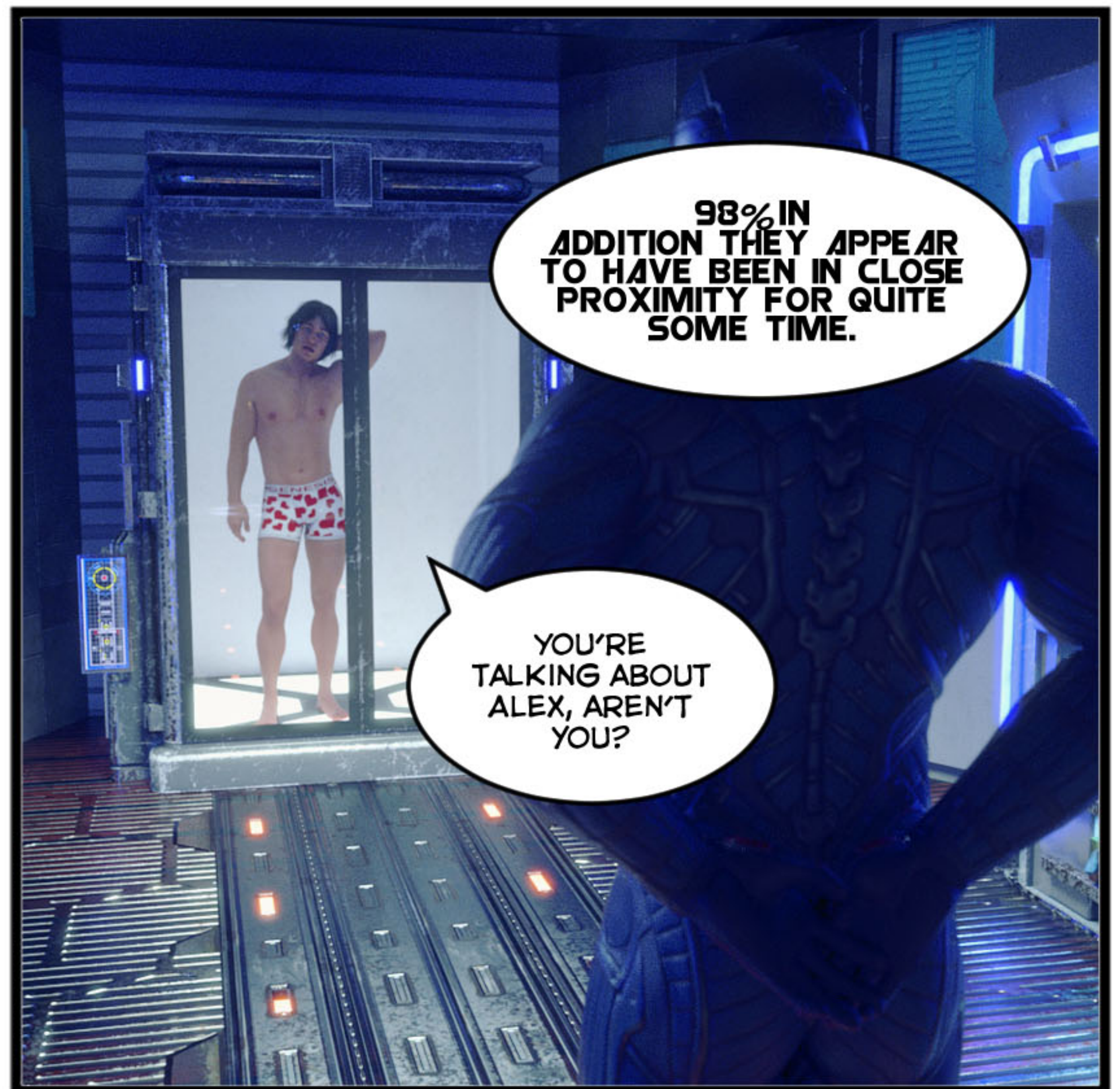
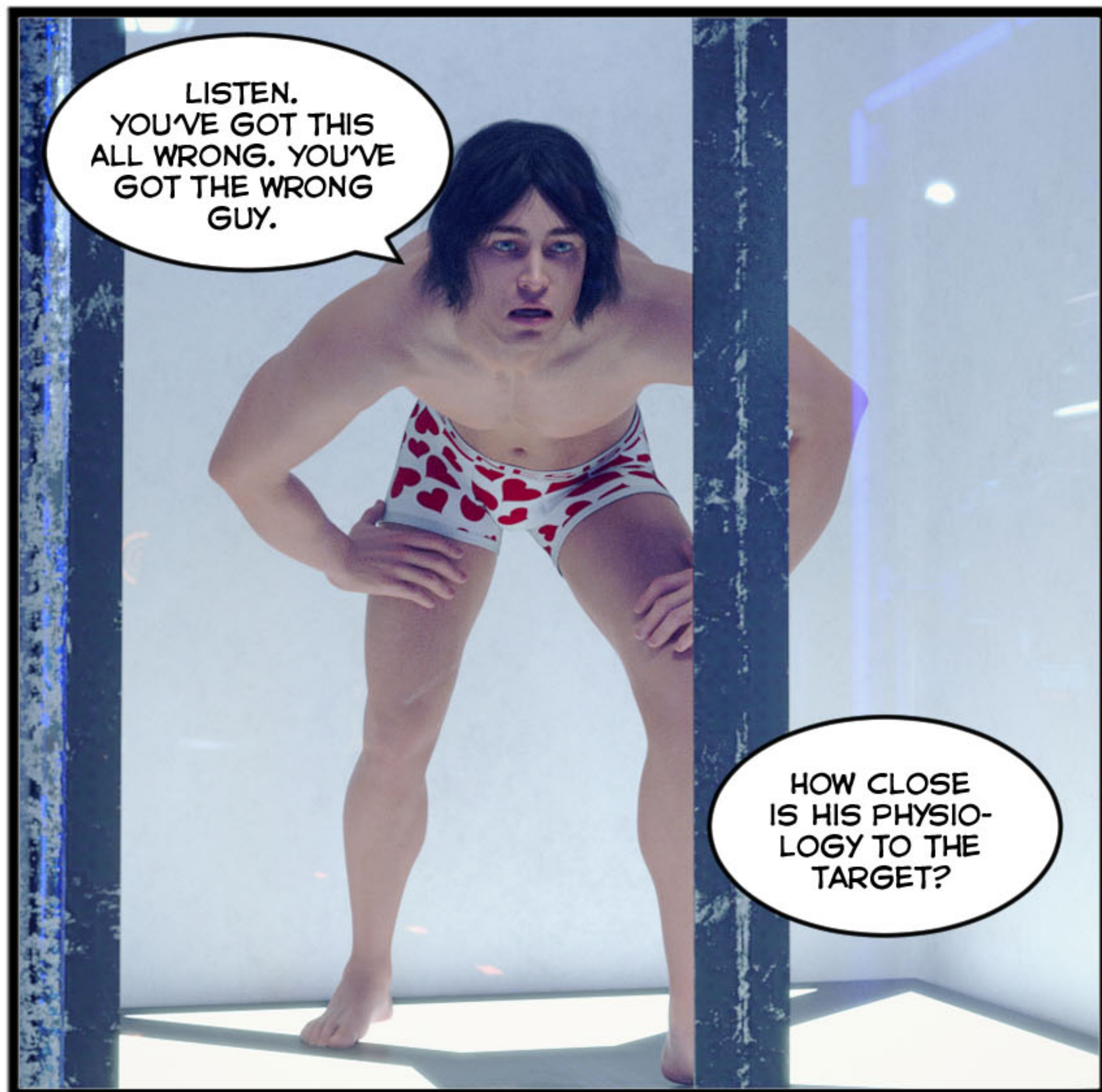




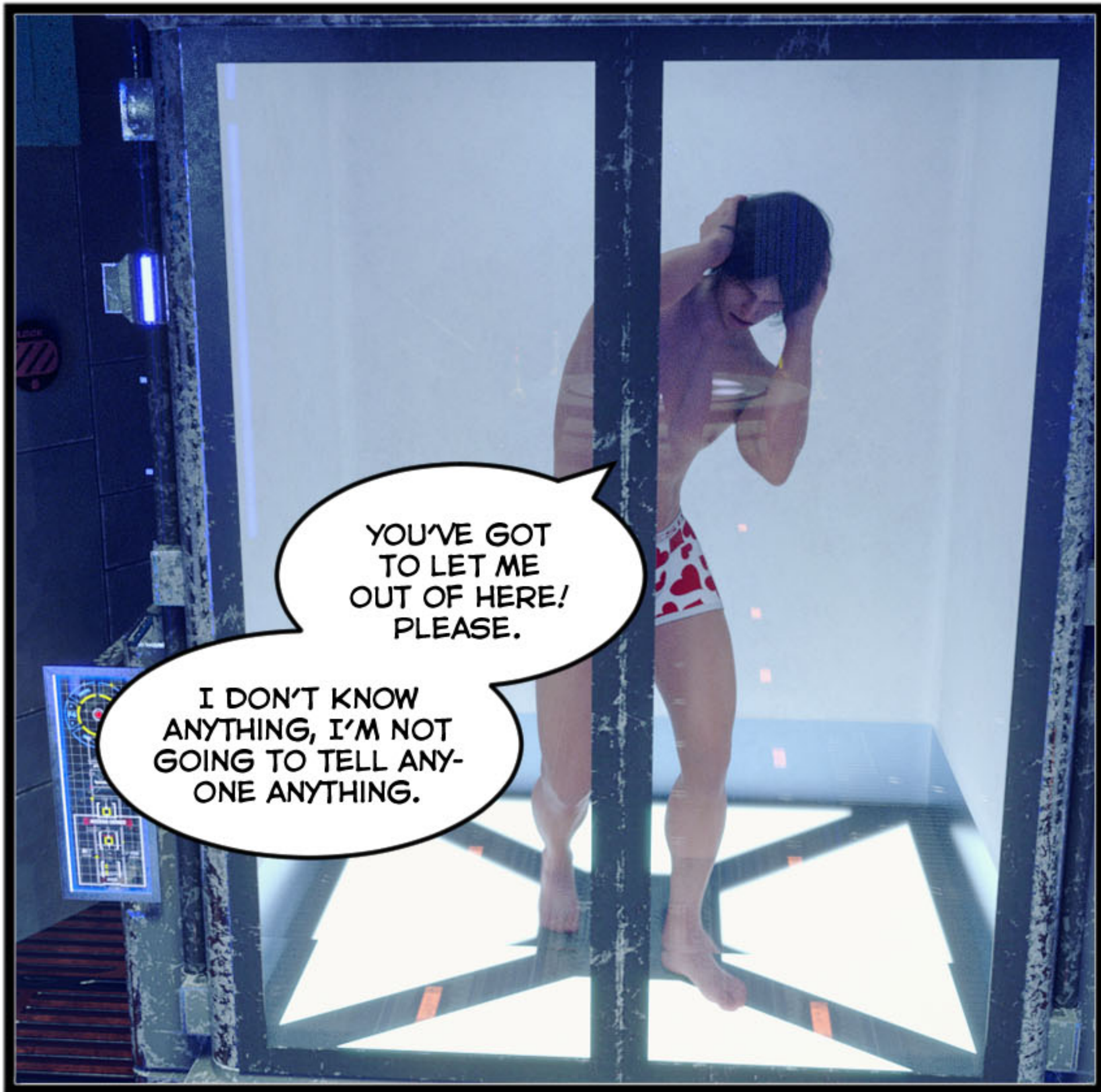
















IS THE  
CRYSTAL  
STABLE?

99.9%  
NO DETECTED  
ANOMALIES. RISK  
OF EXPLOSION.  
MINIMAL.

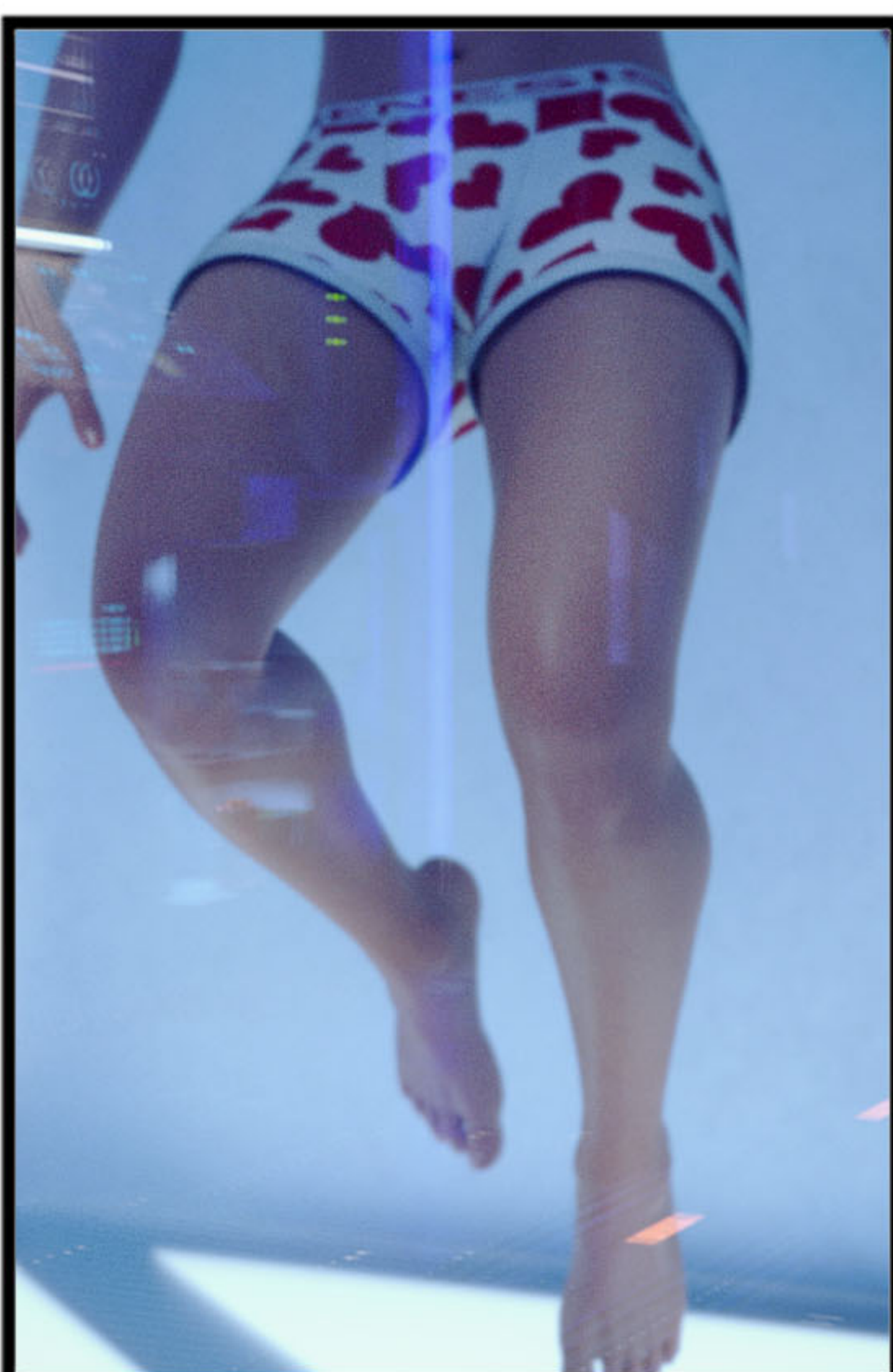
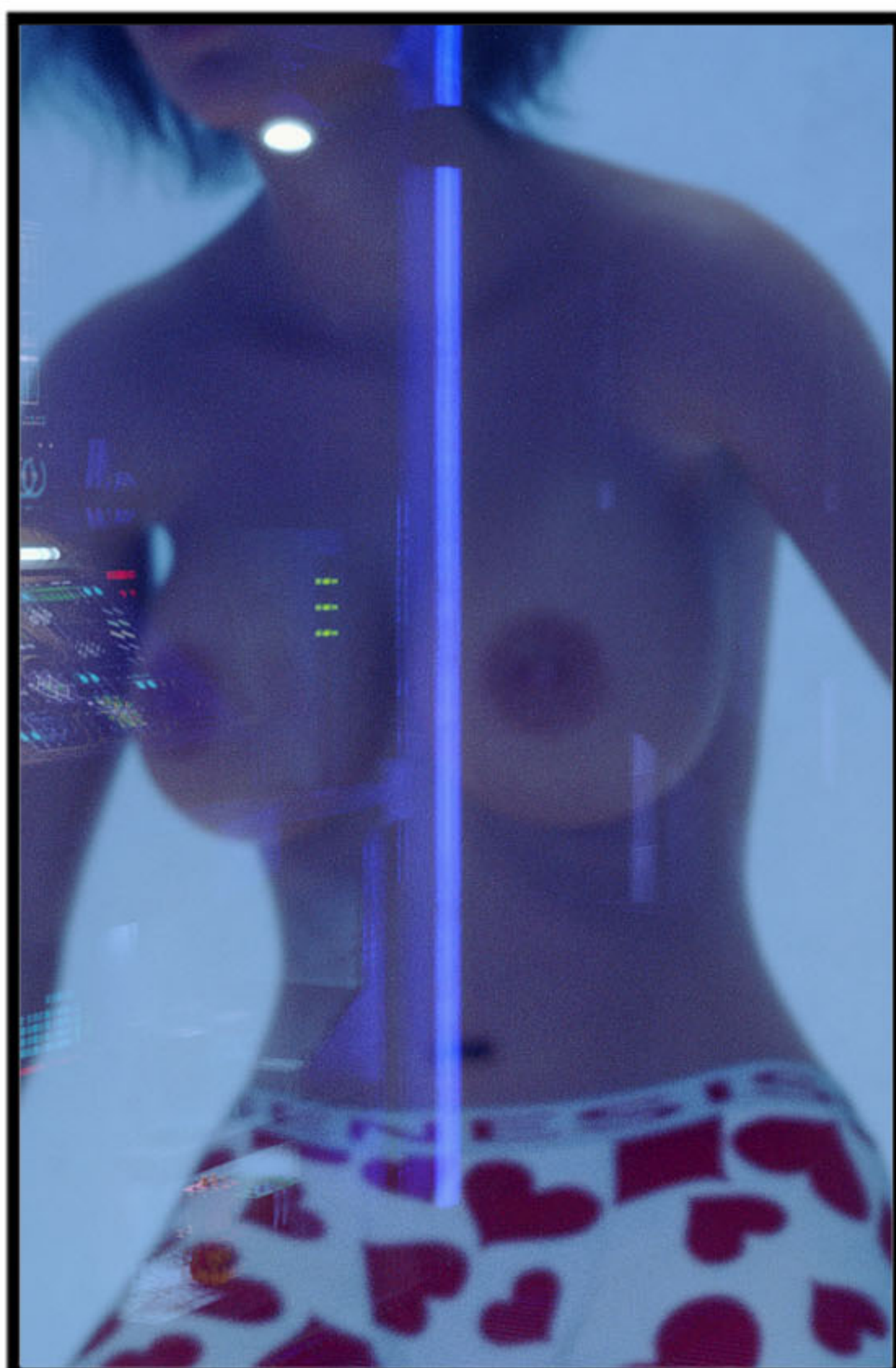
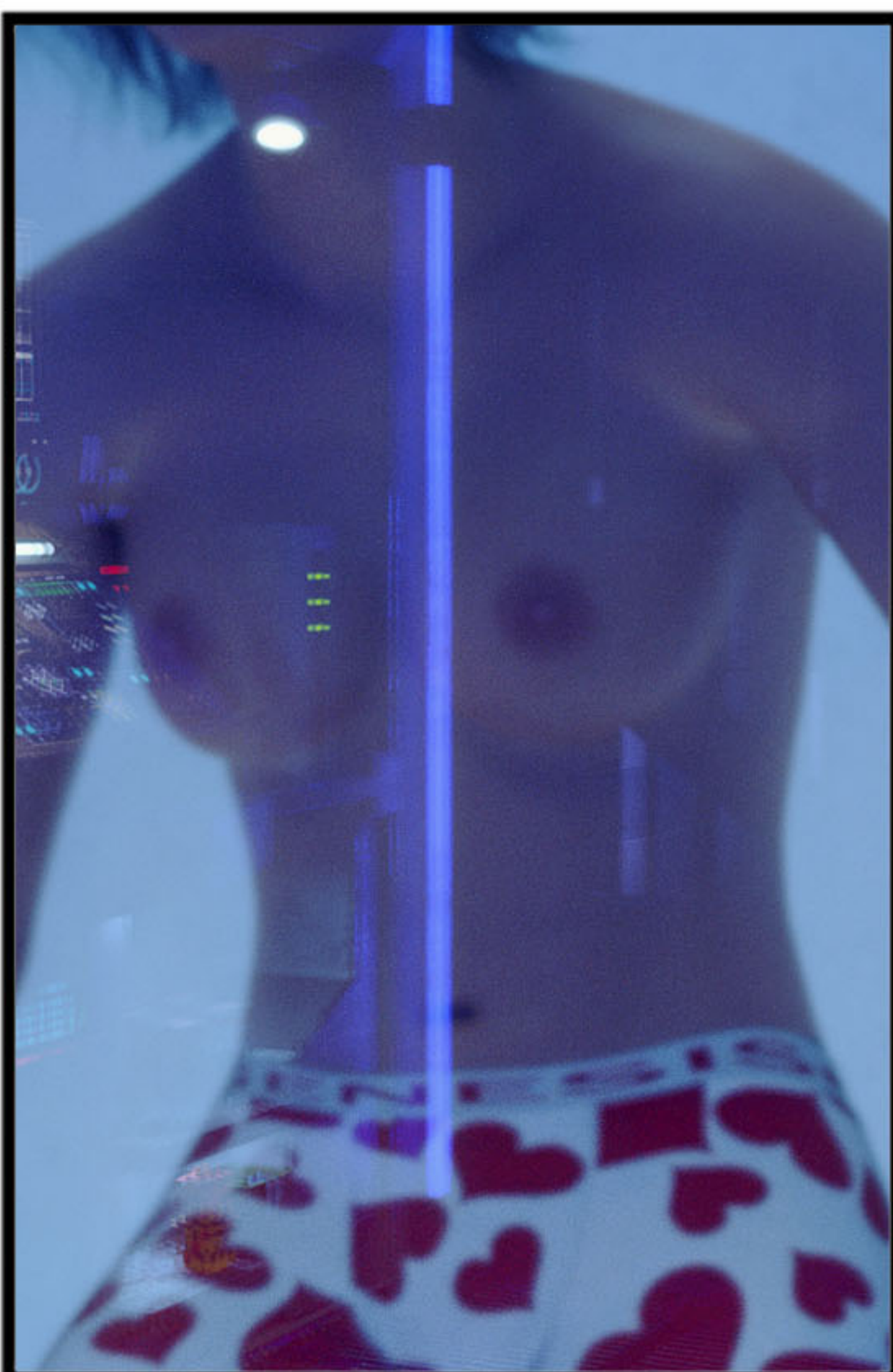
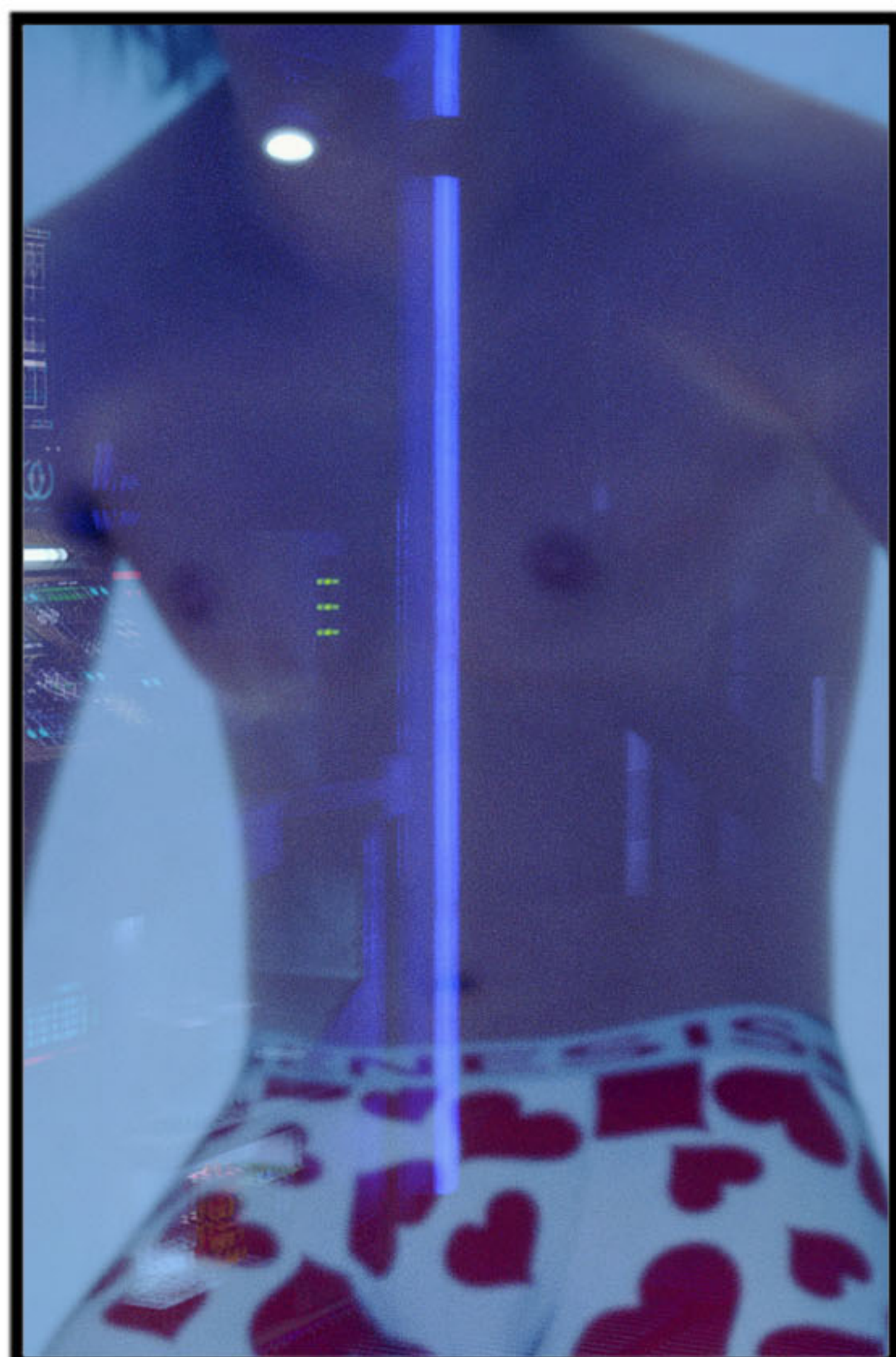
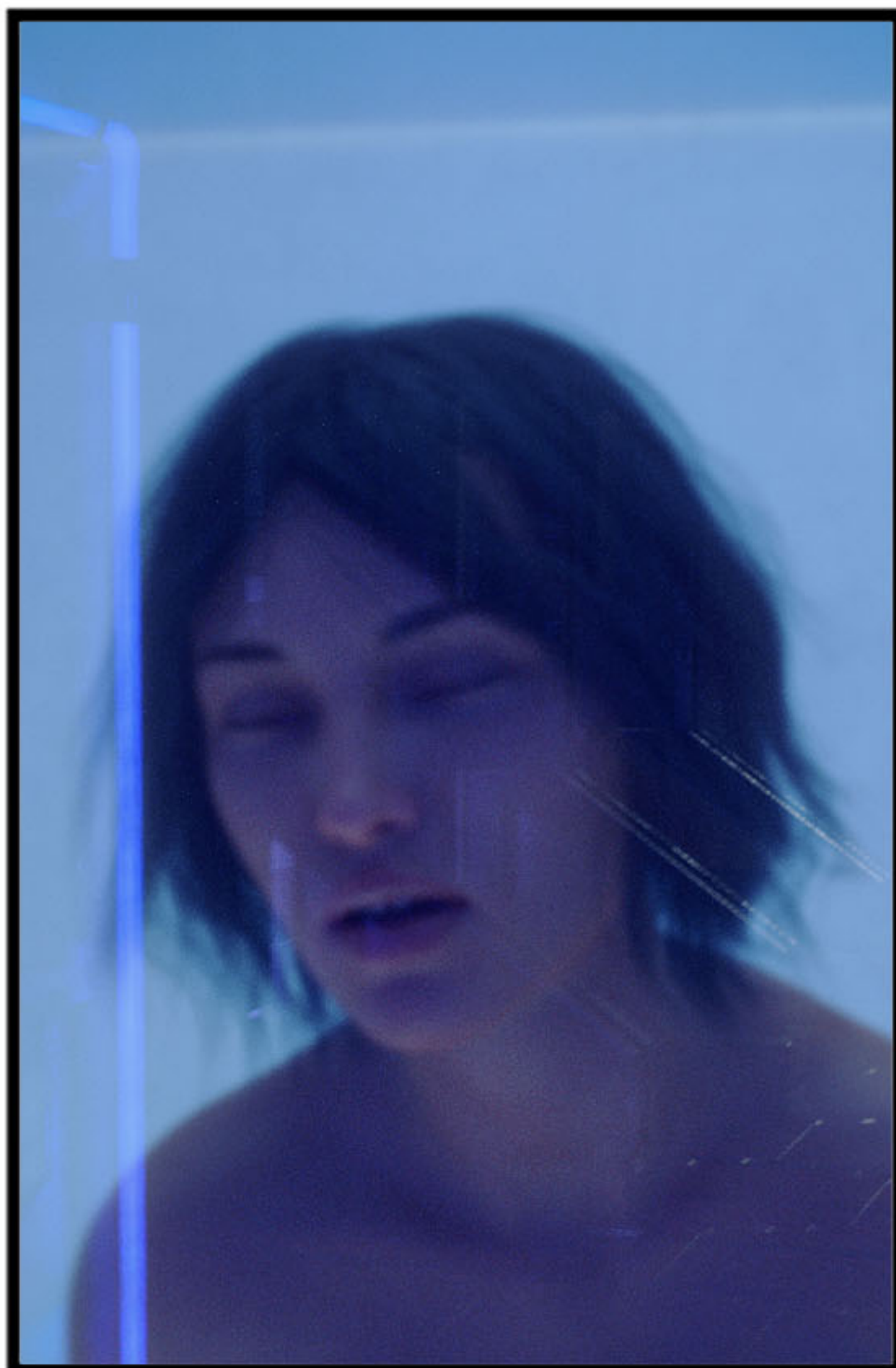
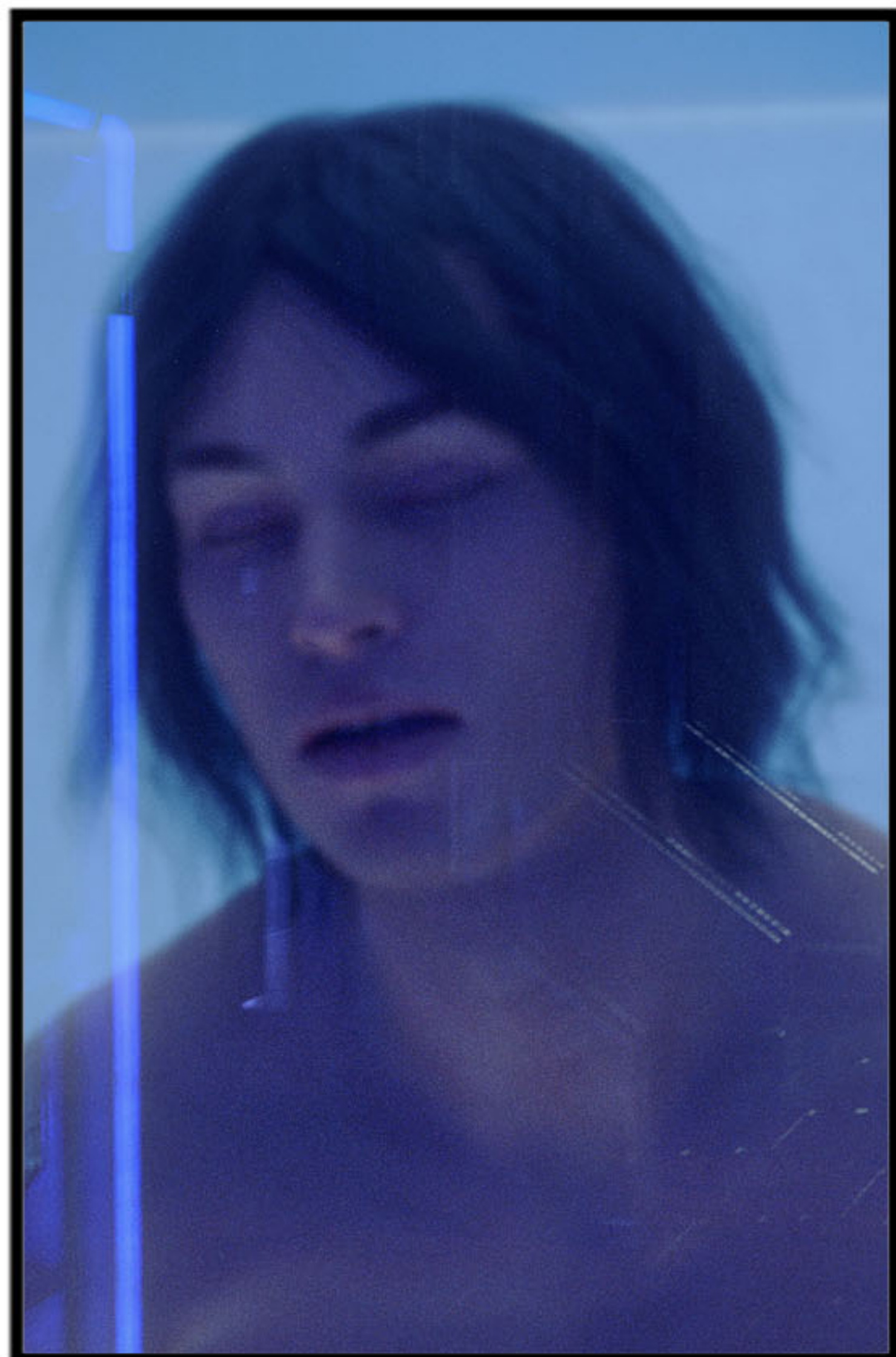
WOULD YOU  
LIKE ME TO  
RUN FROM  
TEMPLATE?

THAT'S A  
NEGATIVE.

JUST TURN  
HIM INTO A GIRL, I'M  
SAVING THE TEMPLATE  
FOR THE TARGET.

BEGINNING  
CONVERSION  
SEQUENCE.

















I'M GOING TO  
MAKE ALEX STARKEY  
MY QUEEN.