

YOU MAKE LIGHT OF MURDER AND DEATH, THE VIOLATION OF INNOCENTS. I DON'T UNDERSTAND.

YOU WOULDN'T. IT'S A HUMAN THING.

LIKE MURDER AND RAPE. AN INTERESTING EXISTENTIAL CONVERSATION --

I CAN HARDLY WAIT. SO IF YOU'RE SAYING THE PERP KNEW COLBERT, THEN YOU'RE MISSING A MOTIVE. WHO WOULD WANT TO KILL MR. SWEETNESS?

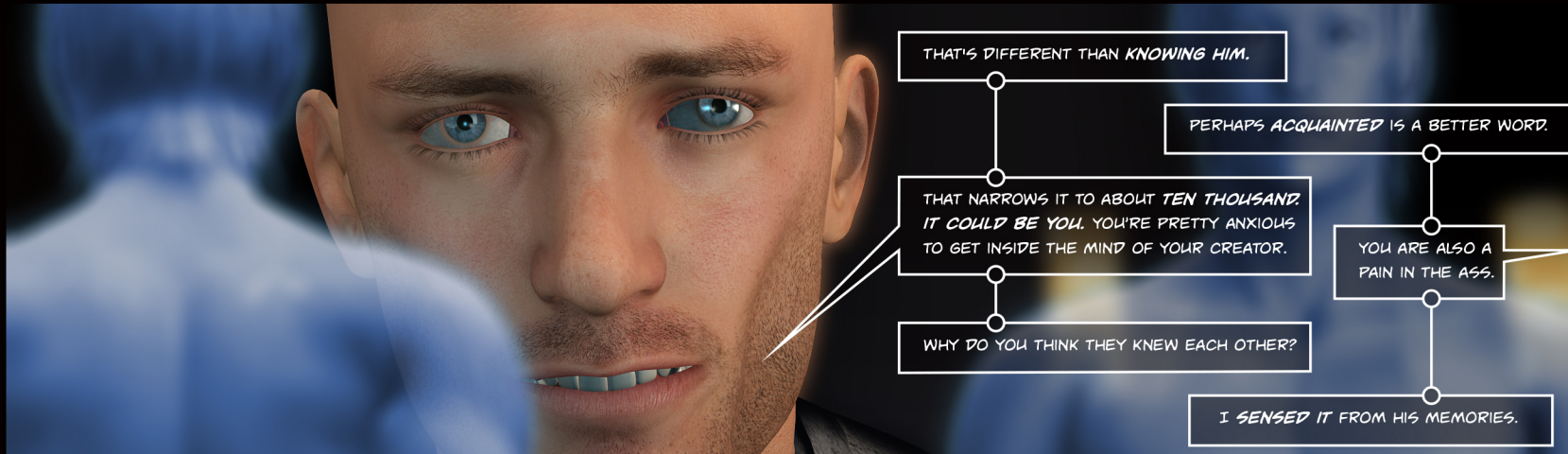
WHAT IF THE HEAD-JACKING WAS NOT ABOUT A SEXUAL EXPERIENCE?

LIKE WHAT?

HE IS A VERY SMART HUMAN, VERY IMPORTANT WITH CONSIDERABLE SECURITY CLEARANCE.

OK, BUT WHY KILL HIM? WHY RAPE HIM? JUST JACK HIM, TAKE WHAT YOU NEED AND LEAVE HIM WONDERING WHAT THE HELL JUST HAPPENED.

PERHAPS THAT WAS THE PLAN AND THEN THINGS GOT OUT OF CONTROL. IT WOULD PROVIDE A MOTIVE AND EXPLANATION FOR THE RAPE IN SPITE OF THE REPERCUSSIONS.



THAT'S DIFFERENT THAN KNOWING HIM.

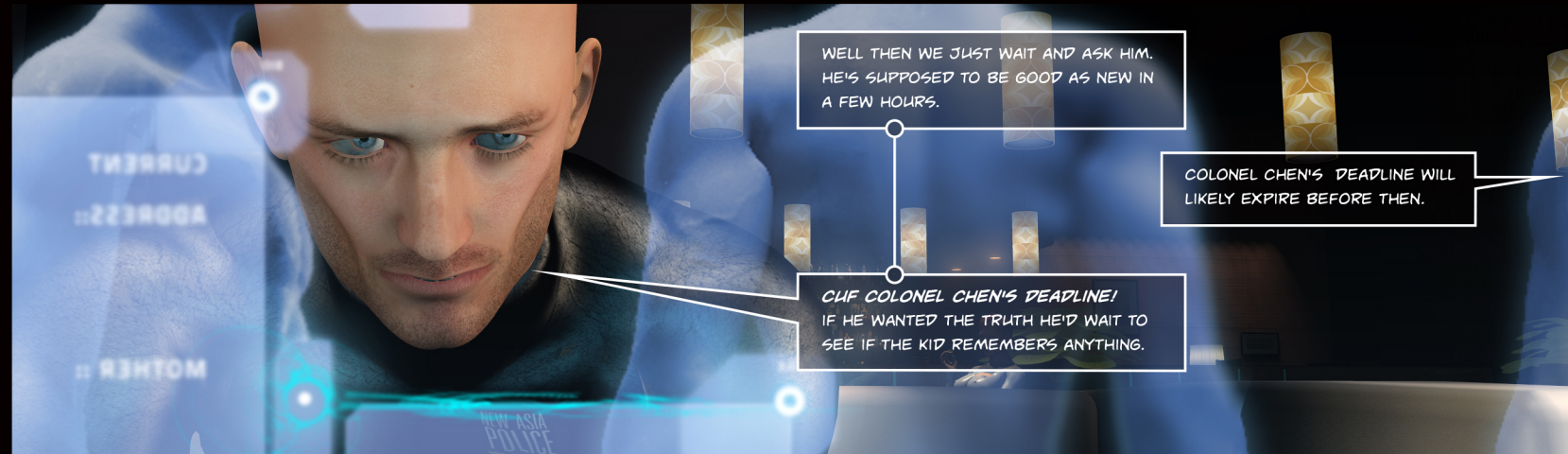
PERHAPS ACQUAINTED IS A BETTER WORD.

THAT NARROWS IT TO ABOUT TEN THOUSAND. IT COULD BE YOU. YOU'RE PRETTY ANXIOUS TO GET INSIDE THE MIND OF YOUR CREATOR.

YOU ARE ALSO A PAIN IN THE ASS.

WHY DO YOU THINK THEY KNEW EACH OTHER?

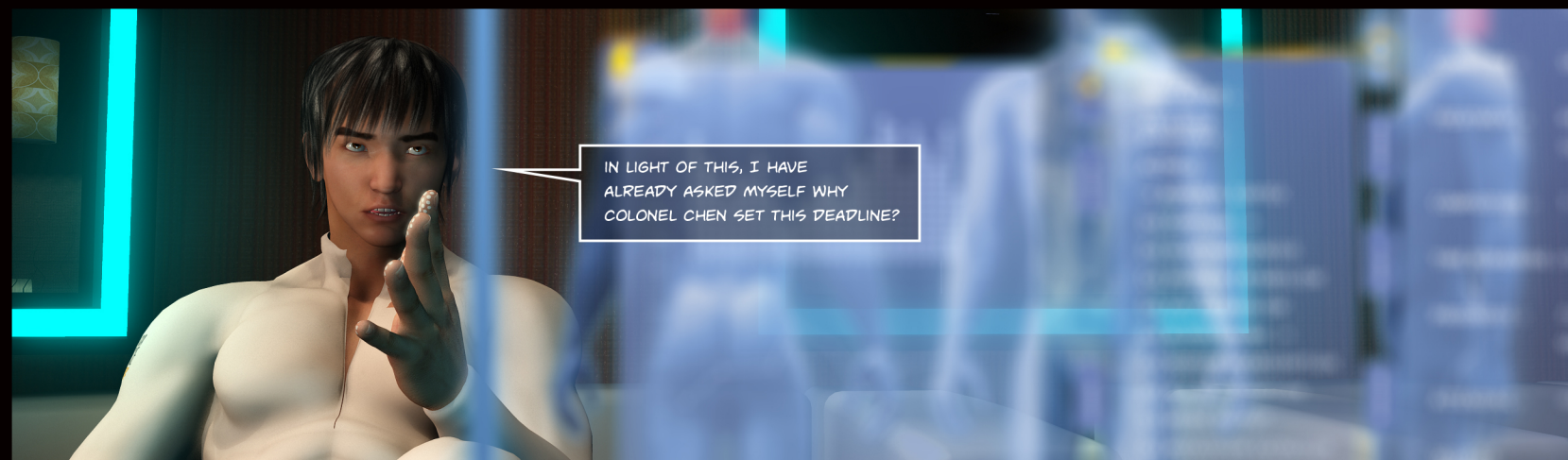
I SENSED IT FROM HIS MEMORIES.



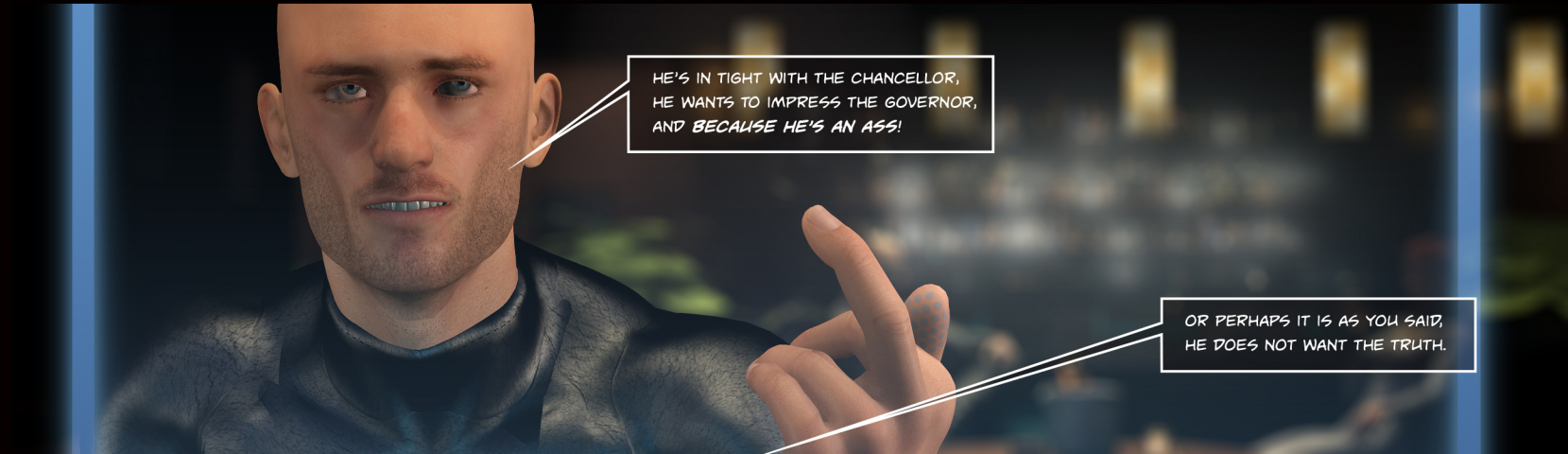
WELL THEN WE JUST WAIT AND ASK HIM. HE'S SUPPOSED TO BE GOOD AS NEW IN A FEW HOURS.

COLONEL CHEN'S DEADLINE WILL LIKELY EXPIRE BEFORE THEN.

CUF COLONEL CHEN'S DEADLINE! IF HE WANTED THE TRUTH HE'D WAIT TO SEE IF THE KID REMEMBERS ANYTHING.



IN LIGHT OF THIS, I HAVE ALREADY ASKED MYSELF WHY COLONEL CHEN SET THIS DEADLINE?



HE'S IN TIGHT WITH THE CHANCELLOR, HE WANTS TO IMPRESS THE GOVERNOR, AND BECAUSE HE'S AN ASS!

OR PERHAPS IT IS AS YOU SAID, HE DOES NOT WANT THE TRUTH.