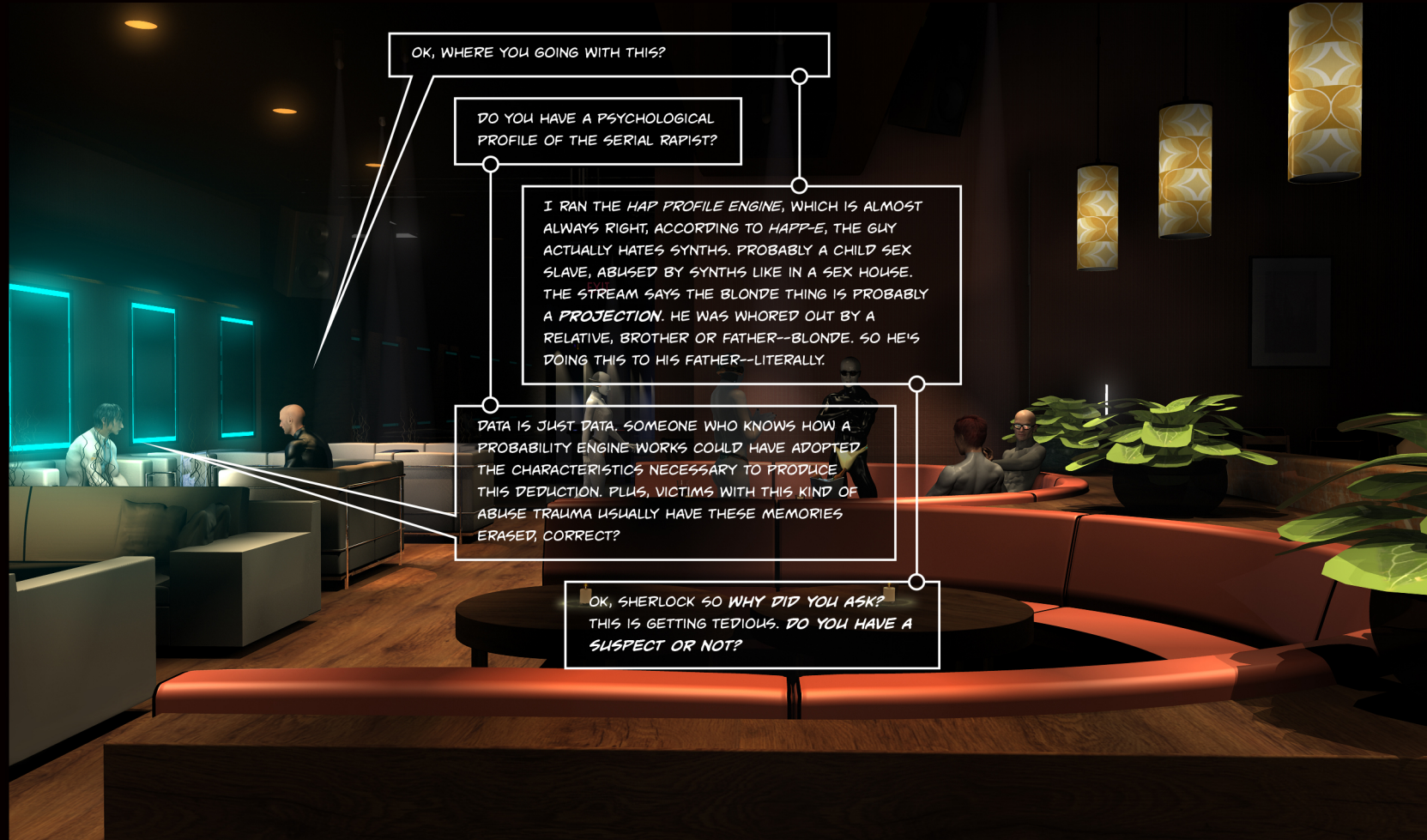


DRINKS? CHEMS? MENUS?

I'M ON DUTY AND HE DOESN'T NEED IT.



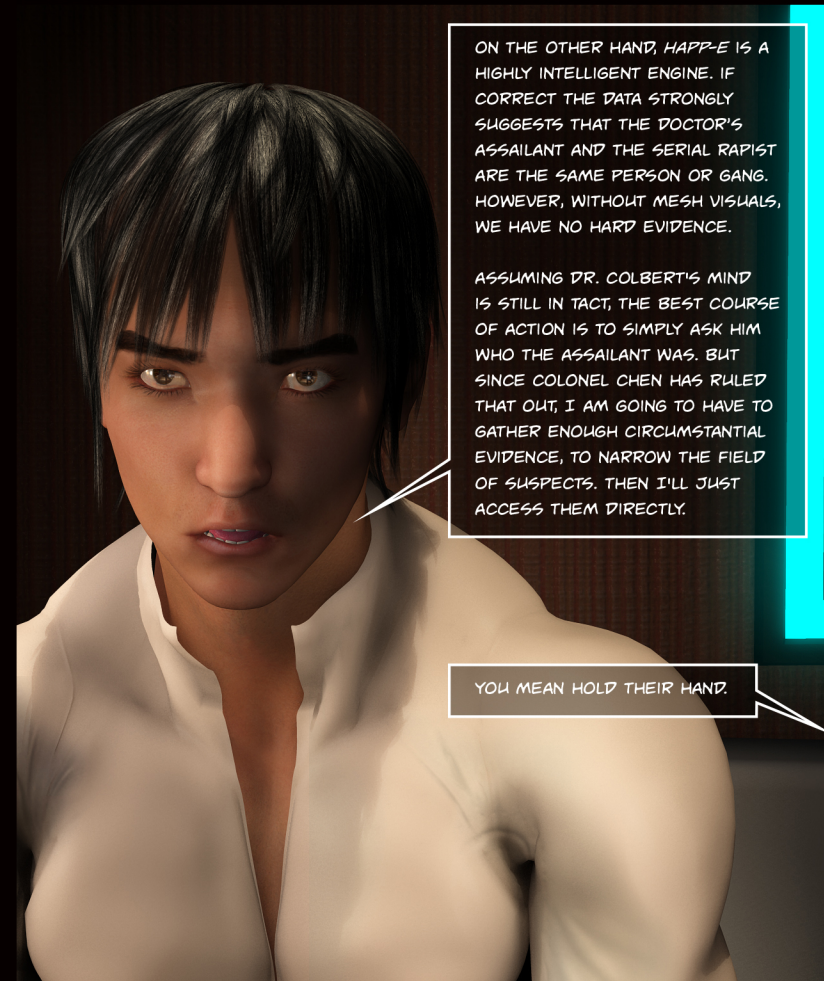
OK, WHERE YOU GOING WITH THIS?

DO YOU HAVE A PSYCHOLOGICAL PROFILE OF THE SERIAL RAPIST?

I RAN THE HAP PROFILE ENGINE, WHICH IS ALMOST ALWAYS RIGHT, ACCORDING TO HAPPE, THE GUY ACTUALLY HATES SYNTHS. PROBABLY A CHILD SEX SLAVE, ABUSED BY SYNTHS LIKE IN A SEX HOUSE. THE STREAM SAYS THE BLONDE THING IS PROBABLY A PROJECTION. HE WAS WHORED OUT BY A RELATIVE, BROTHER OR FATHER--BLONDE. SO HE'S DOING THIS TO HIS FATHER--LITERALLY.

DATA IS JUST DATA. SOMEONE WHO KNOWS HOW A PROBABILITY ENGINE WORKS COULD HAVE ADOPTED THE CHARACTERISTICS NECESSARY TO PRODUCE THIS DEDUCTION. PLUS, VICTIMS WITH THIS KIND OF ABUSE TRAUMA USUALLY HAVE THESE MEMORIES ERASED, CORRECT?

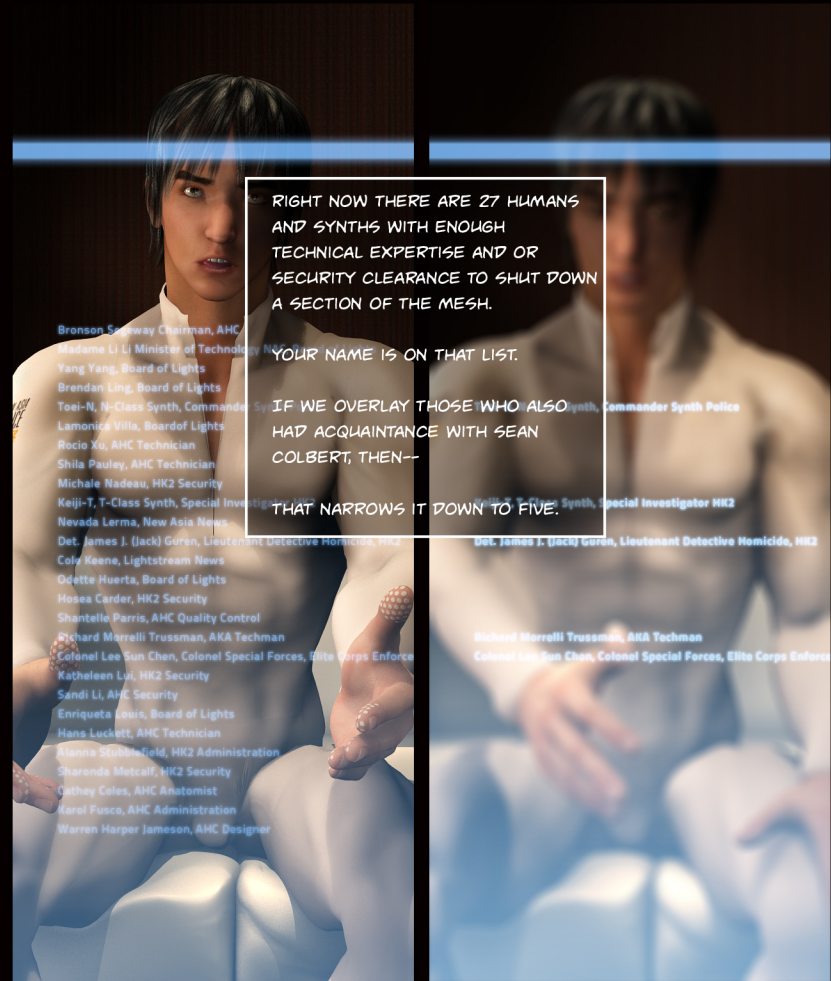
OK, SHERLOCK SO WHY DID YOU ASK? THIS IS GETTING TEDIOUS. DO YOU HAVE A SUSPECT OR NOT?



ON THE OTHER HAND, HAPPE IS A HIGHLY INTELLIGENT ENGINE. IF CORRECT THE DATA STRONGLY SUGGESTS THAT THE DOCTOR'S ASSAILANT AND THE SERIAL RAPIST ARE THE SAME PERSON OR GANG. HOWEVER, WITHOUT MESH VISUALS, WE HAVE NO HARD EVIDENCE.

ASSUMING DR. COLBERT'S MIND IS STILL IN TACT, THE BEST COURSE OF ACTION IS TO SIMPLY ASK HIM WHO THE ASSAILANT WAS. BUT SINCE COLONEL CHEN HAS RULED THAT OUT, I AM GOING TO HAVE TO GATHER ENOUGH CIRCUMSTANTIAL EVIDENCE, TO NARROW THE FIELD OF SUSPECTS. THEN I'LL JUST ACCESS THEM DIRECTLY.

YOU MEAN HOLD THEIR HAND.



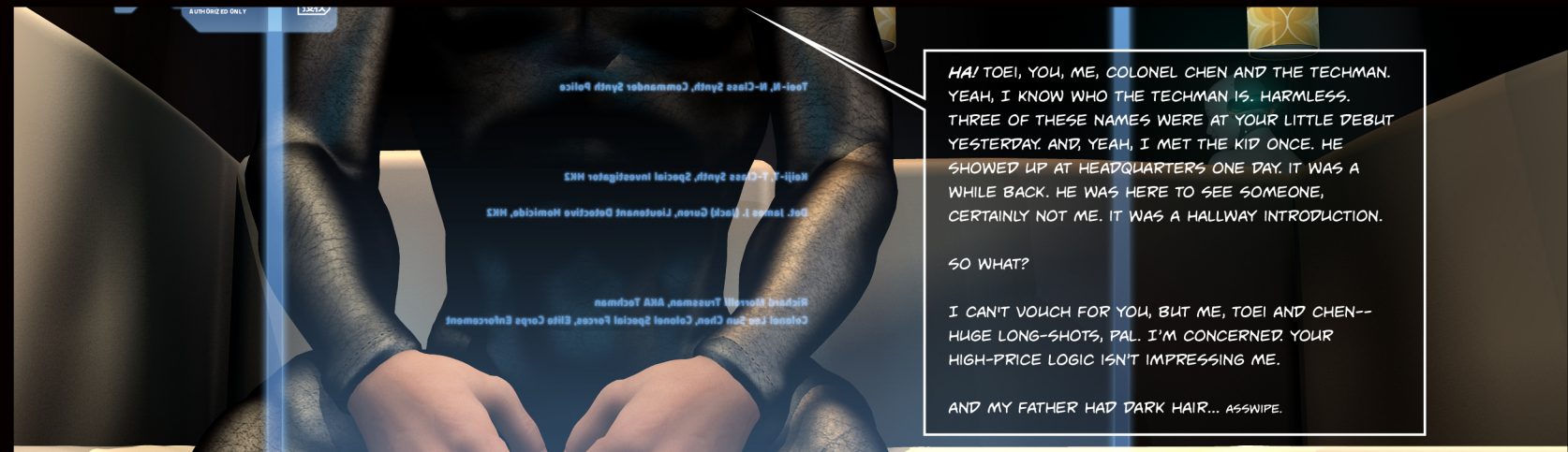
RIGHT NOW THERE ARE 27 HUMANS AND SYNTHS WITH ENOUGH TECHNICAL EXPERTISE AND OR SECURITY CLEARANCE TO SHUT DOWN A SECTION OF THE MESH.

YOUR NAME IS ON THAT LIST.

IF WE OVERLAY THOSE WHO ALSO HAD ACQUAINTANCE WITH SEAN COLBERT, THEN--

THAT NARROWS IT DOWN TO FIVE.

- Bronson Sawney, Chairman, AHC
- Wesley Li, Minister of Technology
- Yang Yang, Board of Lights
- Brendan Ling, Board of Lights
- Toei-N, N-Class Synth, Commander
- Lamontica Villa, Board of Lights
- Rocio Xu, AHC Technician
- Shila Pauley, AHC Technician
- Michale Nadeau, HK2 Security
- Kajji-T, T-Class Synth, Special Investigator HK2
- Nevada Lerma, New Asia News
- Det. James J. (Jack) Guren, Lieutenant Detective Homicide, HK2
- Colt Keene, Lightstream News
- Odette Huerta, Board of Lights
- Hosea Carder, HK2 Security
- Shantelle Parris, AHC Quality Control
- Richard Marrelli Trussman, AKA Techman
- Colonel Lee Sun Chen, Colonel Special Forces, Elite Corps Enforcement
- Kathleen Liu, HK2 Security
- Sandi Li, AHC Security
- Enriqueta Lewis, Board of Lights
- Hans Luckett, AHC Technician
- Alanna Scudderfield, HK2 Administration
- Sharonna Metcalf, HK2 Security
- Cathoy Coles, AHC Anatomist
- Rosal Fusco, AHC Administration
- Warren Harper Jamason, AHC Designer



HA! TOEI, YOU, ME, COLONEL CHEN AND THE TECHMAN. YEAH, I KNOW WHO THE TECHMAN IS. HARMLESS. THREE OF THESE NAMES WERE AT YOUR LITTLE DEBUT YESTERDAY. AND, YEAH, I MET THE KID ONCE. HE SHOWED UP AT HEADQUARTERS ONE DAY. IT WAS A WHILE BACK. HE WAS HERE TO SEE SOMEONE, CERTAINLY NOT ME. IT WAS A HALLWAY INTRODUCTION.

SO WHAT?

I CAN'T VOUCH FOR YOU, BUT ME, TOEI AND CHEN-- HUGE LONG--SHOTS, PAL. I'M CONCERNED YOUR HIGH-PRICE LOGIC ISN'T IMPRESSING ME.

AND MY FATHER HAD DARK HAIR... ASSWIPE.