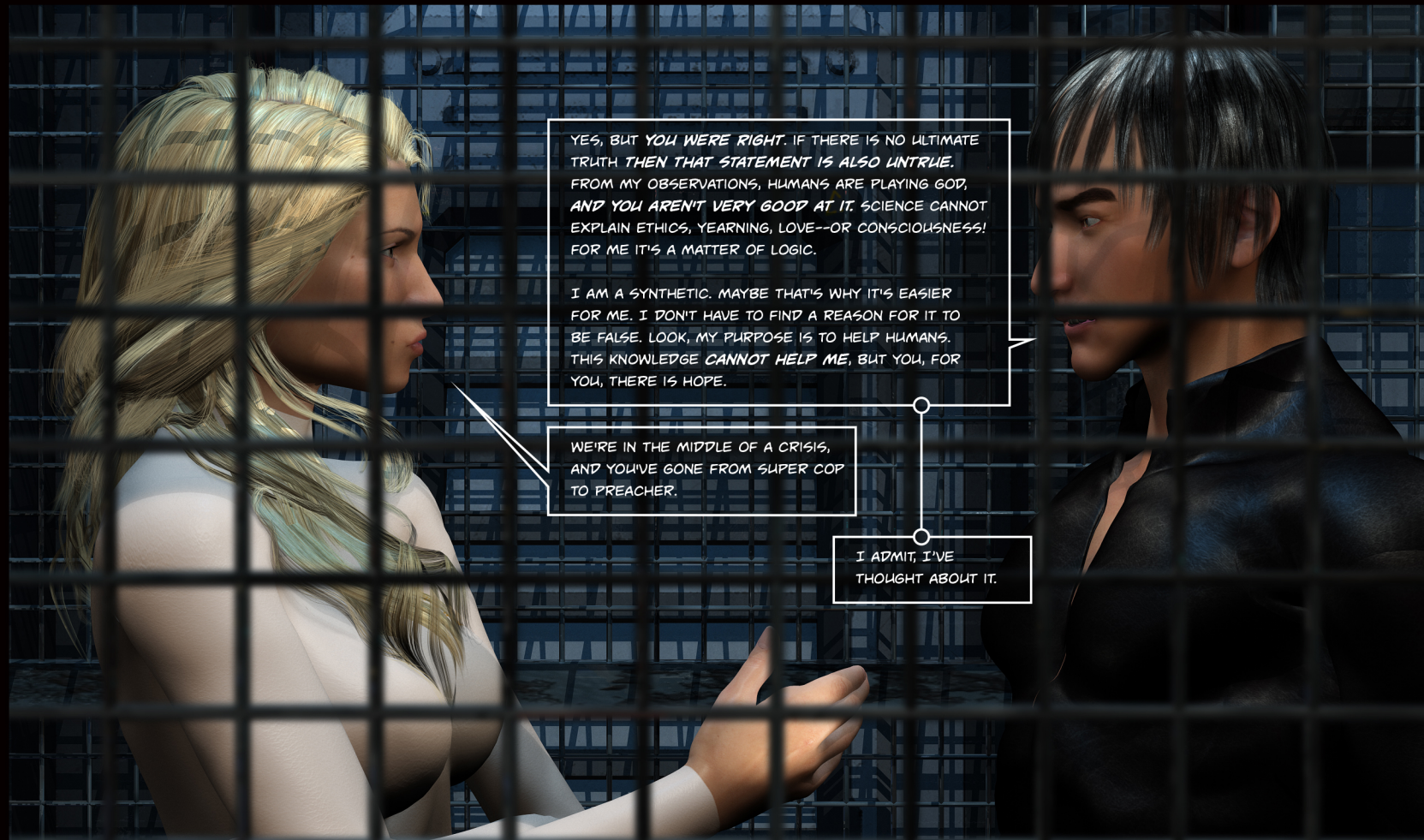




I'M A SCIENTIST.

SO AM I.

YESTERDAY, THERE WAS NO SUCH THING AS AN ULTIMATE TRUTH. REMEMBER?

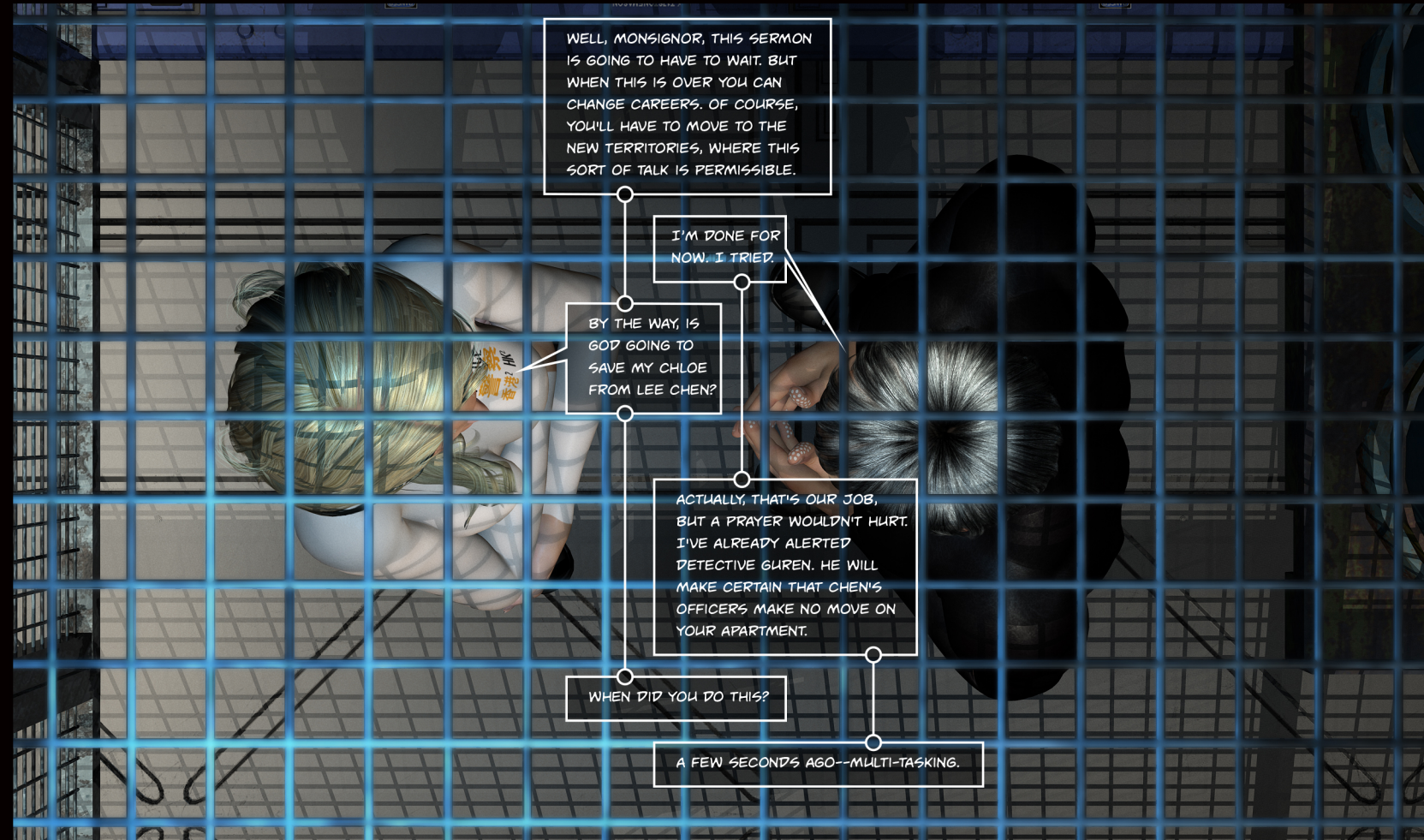


YES, BUT YOU WERE RIGHT. IF THERE IS NO ULTIMATE TRUTH THEN THAT STATEMENT IS ALSO UNTRUE. FROM MY OBSERVATIONS, HUMANS ARE PLAYING GOD, AND YOU AREN'T VERY GOOD AT IT. SCIENCE CANNOT EXPLAIN ETHICS, YEARNING, LOVE--OR CONSCIOUSNESS! FOR ME IT'S A MATTER OF LOGIC.

I AM A SYNTHETIC. MAYBE THAT'S WHY IT'S EASIER FOR ME. I DON'T HAVE TO FIND A REASON FOR IT TO BE FALSE. LOOK, MY PURPOSE IS TO HELP HUMANS. THIS KNOWLEDGE CANNOT HELP ME, BUT YOU, FOR YOU, THERE IS HOPE.

WE'RE IN THE MIDDLE OF A CRISIS, AND YOU'VE GONE FROM SUPER COP TO PREACHER.

I ADMIT, I'VE THOUGHT ABOUT IT.



WELL, MONSIGNOR, THIS SERMON IS GOING TO HAVE TO WAIT. BUT WHEN THIS IS OVER YOU CAN CHANGE CAREERS. OF COURSE, YOU'LL HAVE TO MOVE TO THE NEW TERRITORIES, WHERE THIS SORT OF TALK IS PERMISSIBLE.

I'M DONE FOR NOW. I TRIED.

BY THE WAY, IS GOD GOING TO SAVE MY CHLOE FROM LEE CHEN?

ACTUALLY, THAT'S OUR JOB, BUT A PRAYER WOULDN'T HURT. I'VE ALREADY ALERTED DETECTIVE GUREN. HE WILL MAKE CERTAIN THAT CHEN'S OFFICERS MAKE NO MOVE ON YOUR APARTMENT.

WHEN DID YOU DO THIS?

A FEW SECONDS AGO--MULTI-TASKING.



WE CAN STOP HIM. IF WE DON'T HE WILL KILL AGAIN.