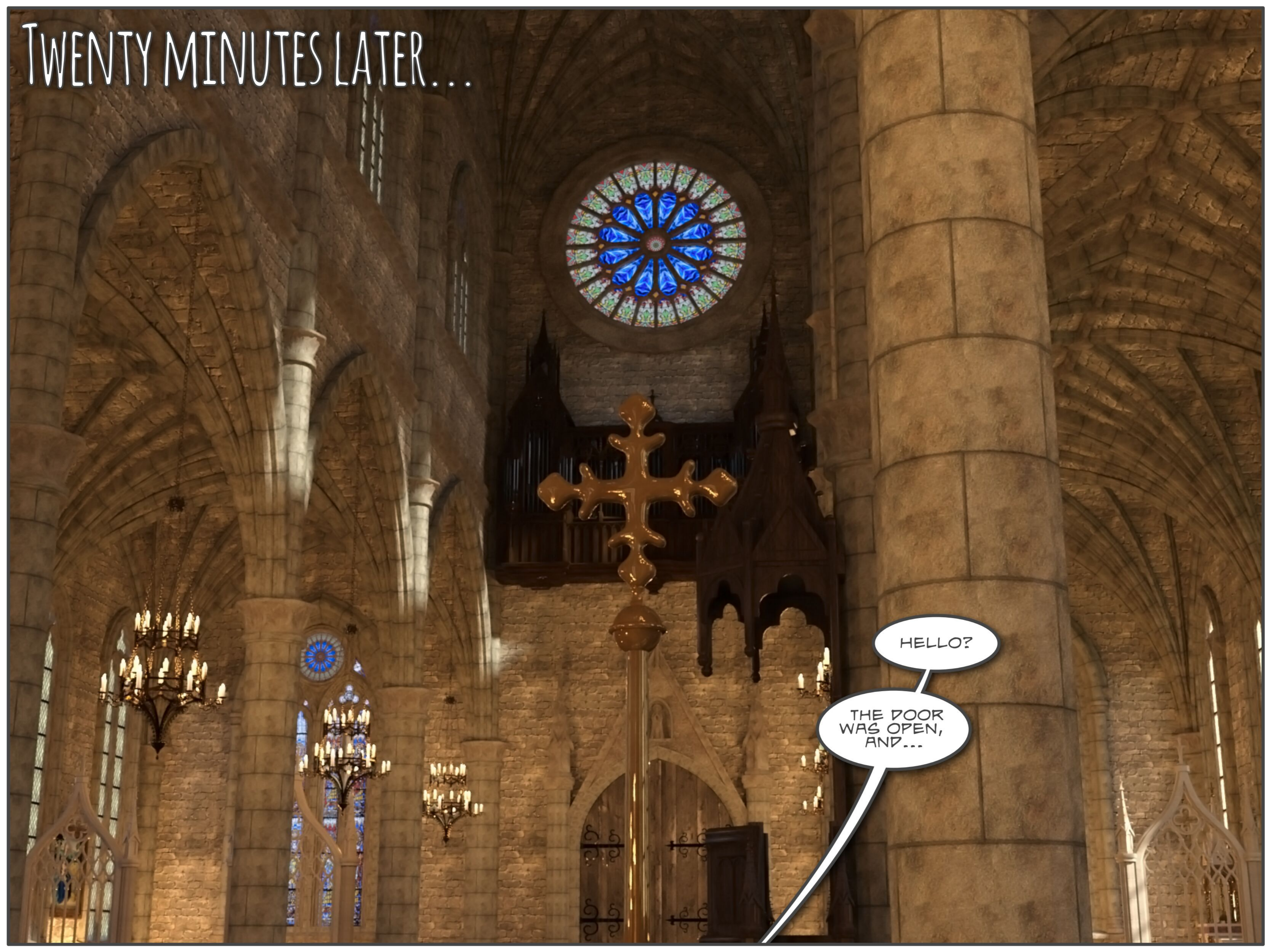


TWENTY MINUTES LATER...



HELLO?

THE DOOR  
WAS OPEN,  
AND...




THIS PLACE LOOKS SO OLD.

IS THERE ANYONE HERE?

I'M LOOKING FOR SISTER MARIA?







IS IT  
BIGGER  
ON THE  
INSIDE?

FROM  
THE OUTSIDE,  
IT JUST LOOKED  
LIKE SOME  
RUNDOWN  
CHURCH...

...BUT NOW  
IT LOOKS LIKE A  
FUCKING  
CATHEDRAL.

THE BUILDING  
PLAYS TRICKS  
WITH THE EYES,  
YOUNG ONE.





THE ARCHITECT CHOSE A DESIGN THAT BELIED HOW LARGE THE CATHEDRAL REALLY IS.

OF COURSE, THAT HASN'T STOPPED PEOPLE IN TOWN SPREADING HOKEY RUMORS LIKE THE CHURCH BEING MAGICAL OR SOME NONSENSE.

I ASSURE YOU IT'S QUITE A NORMAL BUILDING.

SISTER MARIA?



IN A WAY.

MY SISTERS  
AND I USE THAT  
NAME WHILE WE  
WATCH OVER THE  
CATHEDRAL...

YOU MAY  
CALL ME  
SHANNON,  
THEA.

YOU...  
KNOW MY  
NAME?

YOU ASK THAT  
AS IF I HAVE THE  
ABILITY TO READ  
MINDS.

UM-

I SPOKE TO  
YOU ON THE PHONE,  
DEAR. WE DON'T GET  
MANY VISITORS  
HERE.

PLEASE,  
FOLLOW ME.







UM... I ACTUALLY TOURED THE UNIVERSITY LAST YEAR.

NOW TELL ME WHAT BRINGS YOU TO OUR QUIET LITTLE TOWN?

IS THAT SO? WHAT A STRANGE COINCIDENCE.

YEAH, IT REALLY IS... ANYWAY, I...

YOU WISH TO KNOW MORE ABOUT XERAPHIM, ISN'T THAT RIGHT?

YES, THAT'S PRECISELY WHY I'M HERE.

THERE SEEMS TO BE NO RECORD ANYWHERE ABOUT THEM...



YOU HAVE NO IDEA HOW MANY PRIESTS HAVE LAUGHED US OUT OF THEIR OFFICE.

US?

ME AND MY... UM...


YOU AND YOUR GIRLFRIEND?

YEAH...

CHILD, WE DON'T CARE ABOUT YOUR SEXUAL PREFERENCE.

OKAY, I JUST DIDN'T KNOW-





IN FACT,  
YOU MAY BE  
SURPRISED TO  
DISCOVER MOST OF  
MY SISTERS ENJOY  
THE COMPANY OF  
WOMEN OVER  
MEN.

YOU...  
MEAN SEX? I  
THOUGHT-

MY SISTERS  
AND I AREN'T  
LIKE REGULAR  
NUNS, THEA.

WE EMBRACE  
SEXUALITY AND USE IT  
AS A TOOL TO HELP  
THOSE IN NEED.

I... I'M  
SORRY, I  
JUST NEVER  
WOULD HAVE  
GUESSED-





HEY,  
WEREN'T YOU  
JUST WEARING A  
VEIL A MOMENT  
AGO?

WE DON'T  
GET MANY  
VISITORS HERE,  
THEA.

MOST PEOPLE,  
IF NOT ALL,  
TYPICALLY FIND THE  
DOORS LOCKED TO  
THEM.

YET  
HERE YOU  
STAND...

I COULD HEAR  
SOMETHING DIFFERENT IN  
YOUR VOICE OVER THE  
PHONE, BUT NOW I SEE  
IT CLEARLY.



A woman with her hair in a bun, wearing a black bra, black underwear, and black thigh-high boots, stands in a room with a stone wall and a candelabra. She has a white collar around her neck. A speech bubble points to her from the left.

YOU'VE  
BEEN  
TOUCHED,  
HAVEN'T  
YOU?

\*GASP\*  
YOUR  
GOWN!

IT WAS  
HERE, WASN'T  
IT?

LET ME  
GUESS, YOU  
VISITED THE  
STATUE OF MRS.  
MERRIWETHER,  
DIDN'T YOU?

HOW  
DID YOU  
KNOW  
THAT?

THEN SHE  
GOT HER HANDS  
ON YOU, YET  
HERE YOU  
STAND.

HOW?



MY FRIEND... SHE OFFERED HERSELF UP IN MY PLACE.

KELLY...

SO... YOUR FRIEND IS NOW A XECCUBUS.

THAT'S WHY YOU'RE HERE.


IT IS... I CAN'T ABANDON HER TO THAT LIFE.

OH, THEA... I CAN FEEL YOUR PAIN.

I WANT TO HELP HER SO BAD.

BEFORE WE TALK OF HELPING YOUR FRIEND...





...ALLOW  
ME TO HELP  
YOU.

SHANNON?

WH-WHERE  
ARE YOUR  
CLOTHES!?



A woman with large breasts and dark hair is shown from the chest up. She is looking slightly to the right. The background features a wall with vertical panels and a candelabra with a lit candle. The scene is lit with a warm, golden light.

LET ME  
EASE YOUR  
PAIN, THEA.

YOU'VE BEEN  
RUNNING AROUND  
THE GLOBE NON  
STOP TRYING TO  
HELP YOUR  
FRIEND...

YOU  
DESERVE A  
MOMENT OF  
RESPITE, DON'T  
YOU THINK?

WHO THE  
HELL ARE  
YOU!?

\*GASP\*



A scene from a video game showing a woman with long brown hair in the foreground, looking towards a woman with red hair who is running away in the background. The setting is a church with a patterned carpet and wooden pews. Two speech bubbles are overlaid on the image.

YOU'RE A  
DEMON!!!

THEA...



STAY  
AWAY  
FROM ME,  
DEMON!

HOW  
COULD I  
BE SO  
STUPID!?

LAUREN  
WAS RIGHT...  
I SHOULDN'T  
HAVE COME  
ALONE!

THEA,  
PLEASE CALM  
YOURSELF.





WHAT!? HOW  
ARE YOU... LEAVE  
ME ALONE! I'VE  
FACED A DEMON  
BEFORE!

THEA,  
PLEASE...



I DIDN'T MEAN  
TO STARTLE YOU. I  
ASSURE YOU I'M NO  
DEMON.

THAT'S  
EXACTLY WHAT A  
DEMON WOULD  
SAY!

I NEED TO GET  
OUT OF HERE...  
THERE MUST BE SOME  
DOOR NEARBY THAT I  
CAN ESCAPE-



YOU DON'T NEED TO FIND A DOOR TO ESCAPE, THEA.

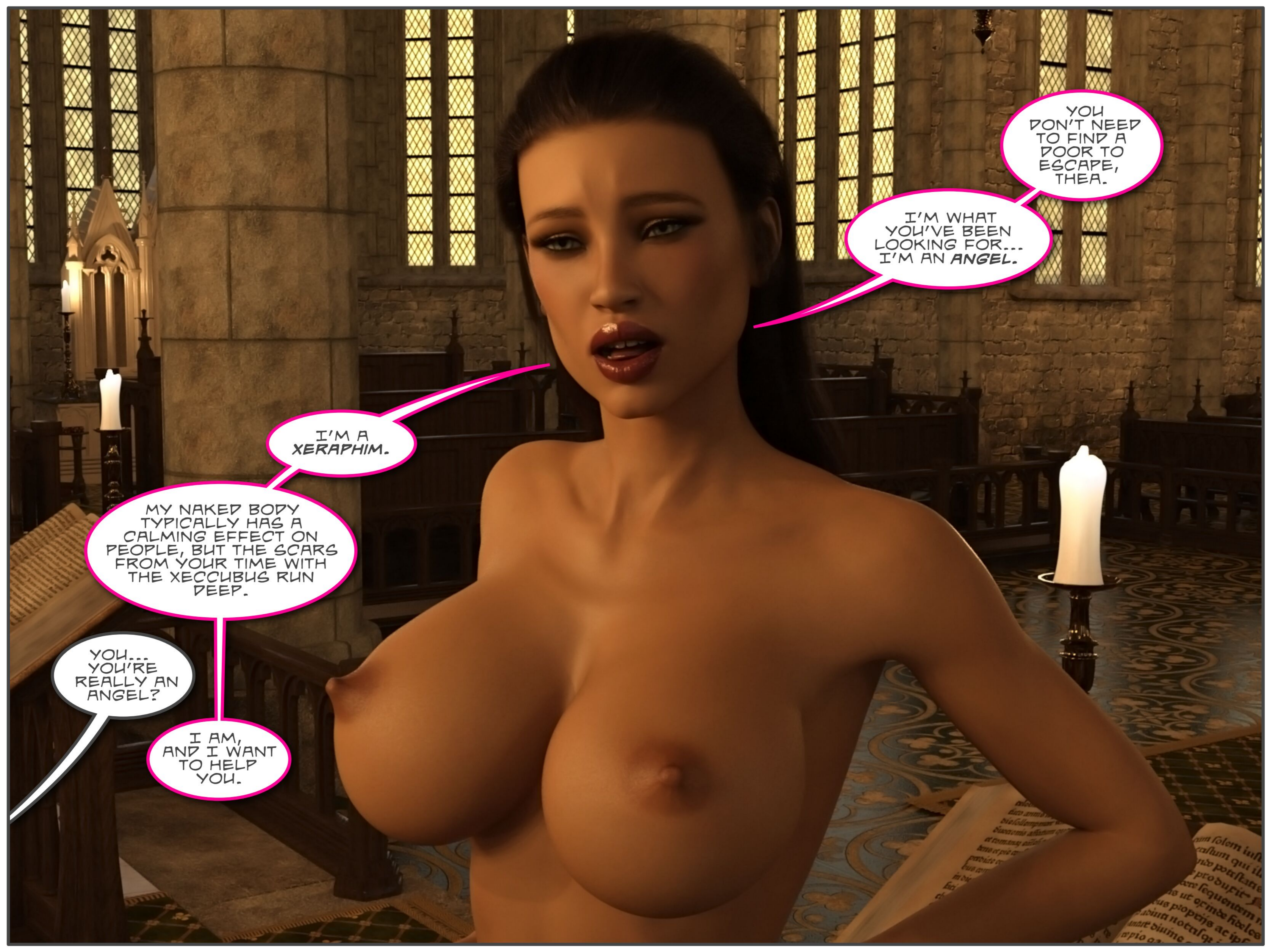
I'M WHAT YOU'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR... I'M AN ANGEL.

I'M A XERAPHIM.

MY NAKED BODY TYPICALLY HAS A CALMING EFFECT ON PEOPLE, BUT THE SCARS FROM YOUR TIME WITH THE XECCUBUS RUN DEEP.

YOU... YOU'RE REALLY AN ANGEL?

I AM, AND I WANT TO HELP YOU.





PROVE IT!

PROVE YOU'RE WHAT YOU SAY YOU ARE!

PROVE IT? ISN'T THE FACT THAT I HAVEN'T TRIED TO HURT YOU ENOUGH?

NO!

PROVE YOU'RE AN ANGEL!

\*SIGH\*

VERY WELL.





IS THIS  
PROOF  
ENOUGH?

WHOOOSHI!

HOLY  
FUCK....

TO BE CONTINUED

