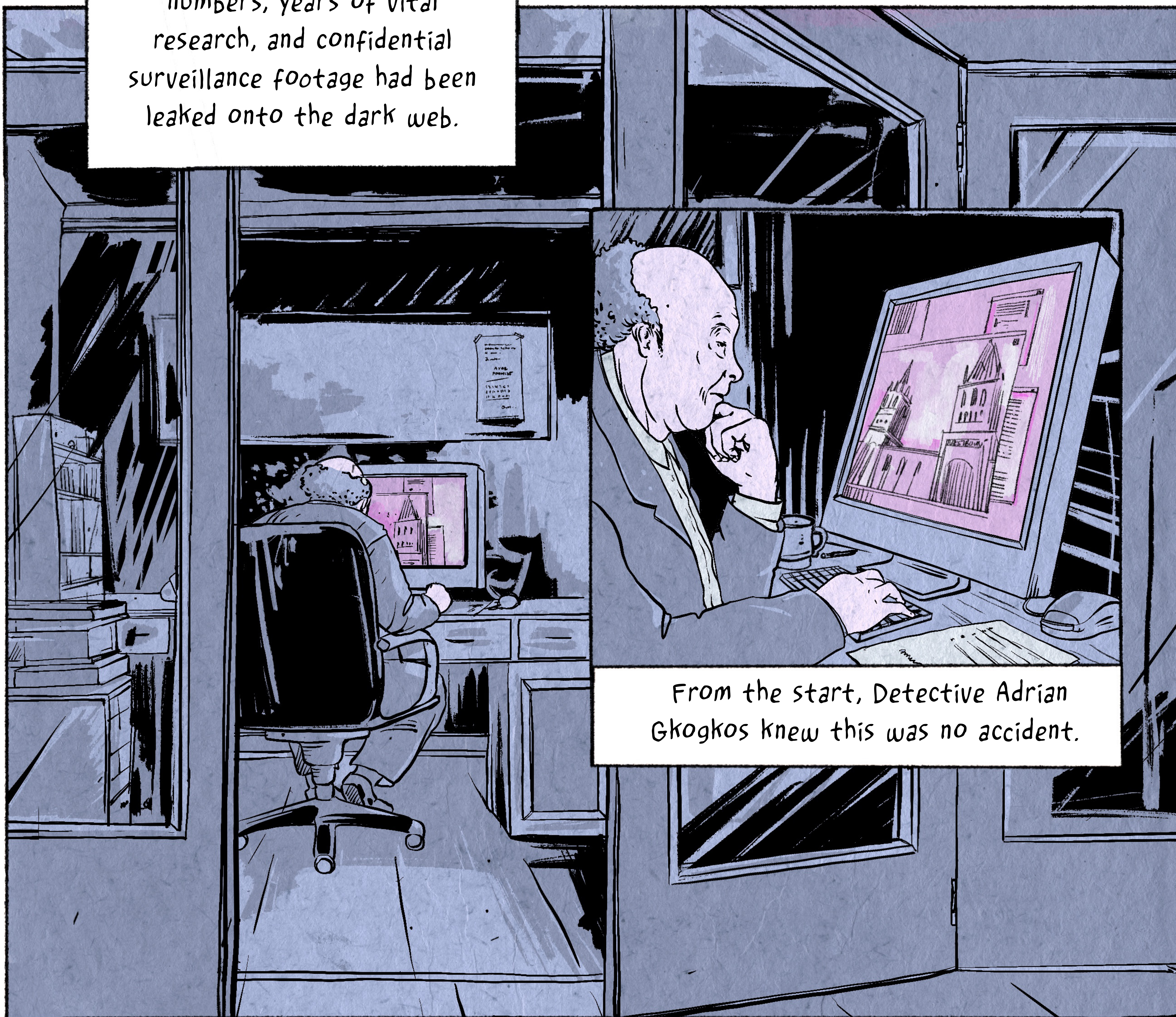




The grand towers of Westbound University, once symbols of wisdom and progress, were now shrouded in scandal.


A devastating data breach had hit the news, pushing the institution's reputation to the brink.

Thousands of private student emails, credit card numbers, years of vital research, and confidential surveillance footage had been leaked onto the dark web.




From the start, Detective Adrian Gkogkos knew this was no accident.



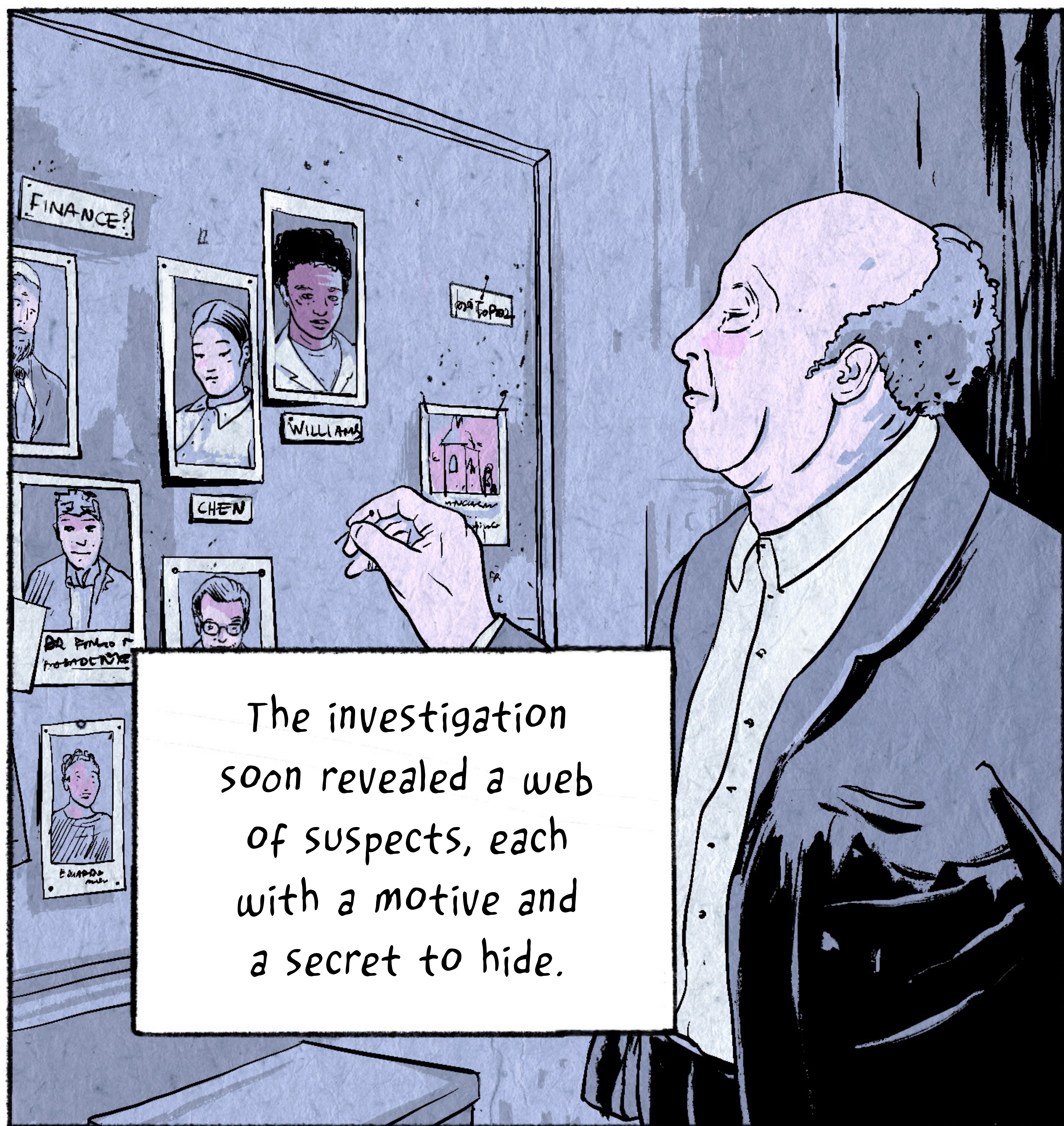


As he delved into  
the shadowy depths  
of the digital world,  
Gkogkos frowned.

His own past failures  
gave him a strange  
sense of sympathy for  
the kind of desperation  
that would drive  
someone to attack  
a university.



He quickly realised that  
Westbound was not  
merely a victim; it was  
a battleground where  
corruption and justice  
were at war.

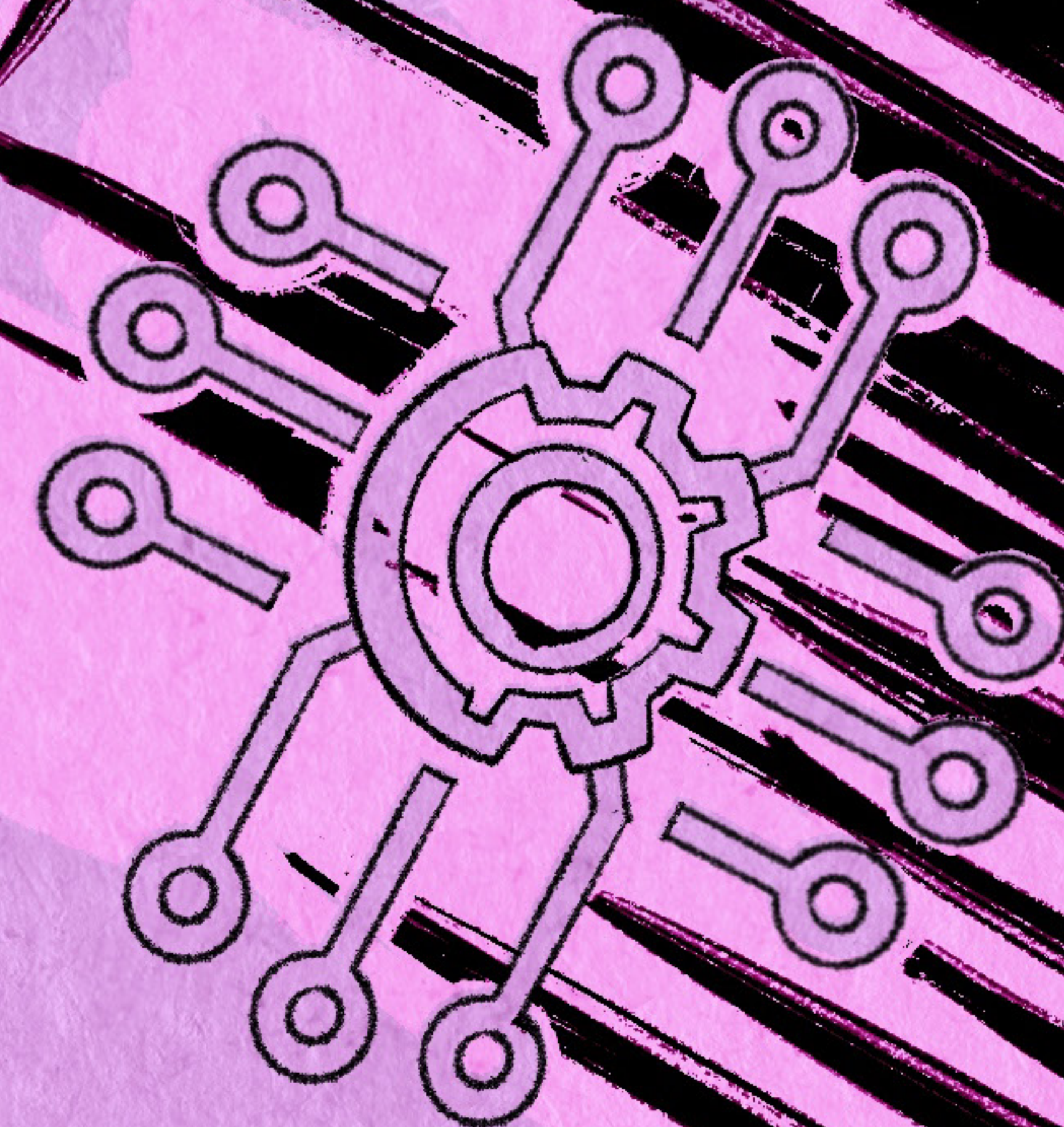


The investigation  
soon revealed a web  
of suspects, each  
with a motive and  
a secret to hide.



First was  
Professor  
Antonina  
Petrov.

Her heart sank as she  
stared at her desk, tears  
welling in her eyes.



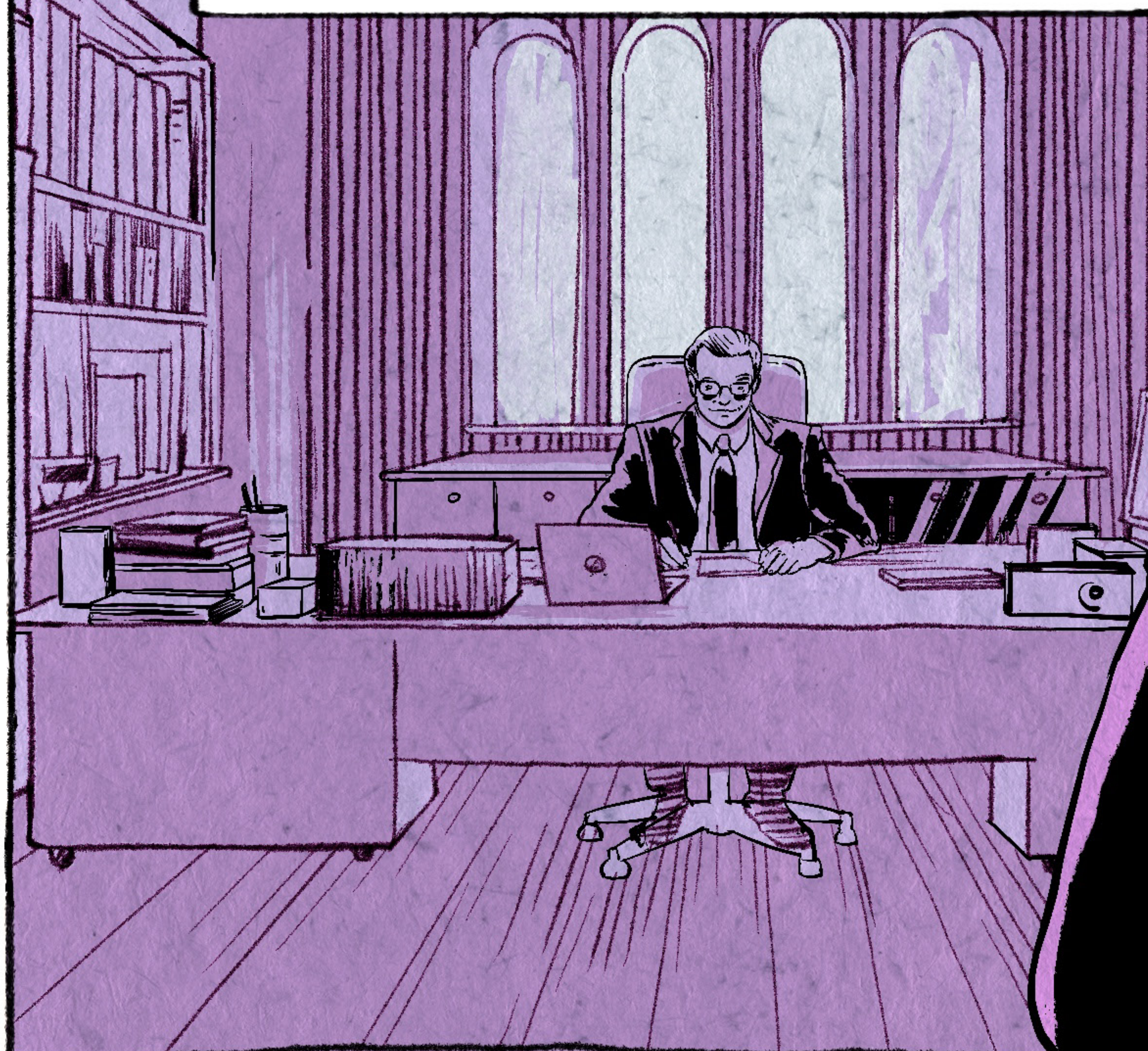
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The hackers had  
stolen her life's  
work: groundbreaking  
research on AI ethics.

The very files that  
were meant to secure  
her legacy were now in  
the hands of thieves.  
In her anger, had she  
been pushed to destroy  
the institution that  
did not protect her?



Then there was Dean Howard Lane. Behind his charming public persona, he was trapped in a private nightmare.



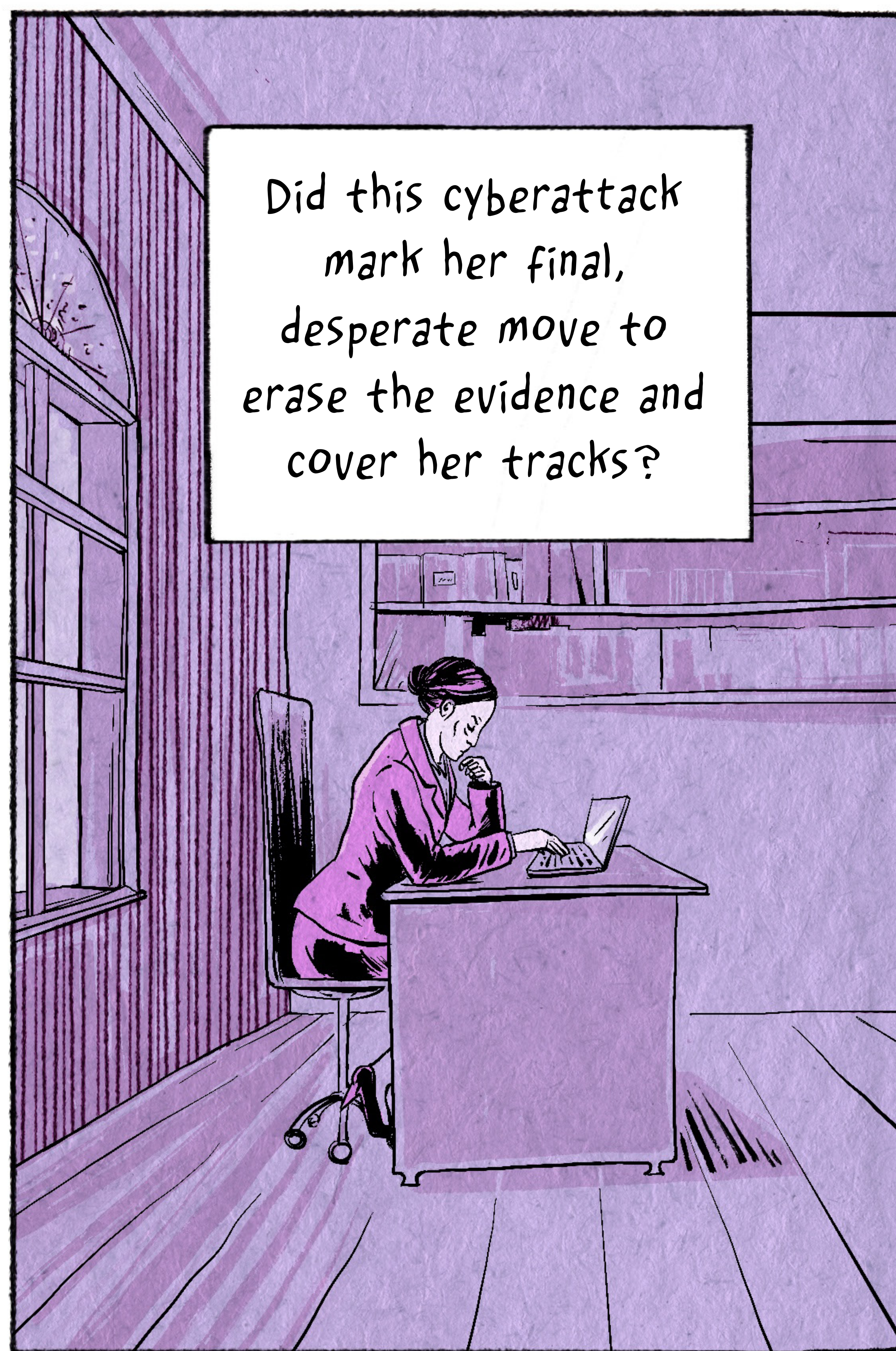
The leak had exposed hidden surveillance videos in which he made cruel, sarcastic remarks about foreign staff. As the news spread, everyone wondered: would the dignified Dean be willing to do anything to save his career?

The financial records also told a damning story.

Finance Director Maria Chen had been embezzling student grants, and the breach threatened to reveal her fraud. With every new file that surfaced online, she grew more nervous.



Did this cyberattack mark her final, desperate move to erase the evidence and cover her tracks?







Others were motivated not by greed, but by principle. Dr Williams voice shook with frustration as he recalled how the university had ignored his critical research on pesticide



He felt humiliated when his warnings were laughed at.



Had he finally decided to damage the university's name to force the world to pay attention?



And of course, there were the students –their bank accounts, personal IDs, and private emails now available to criminals.



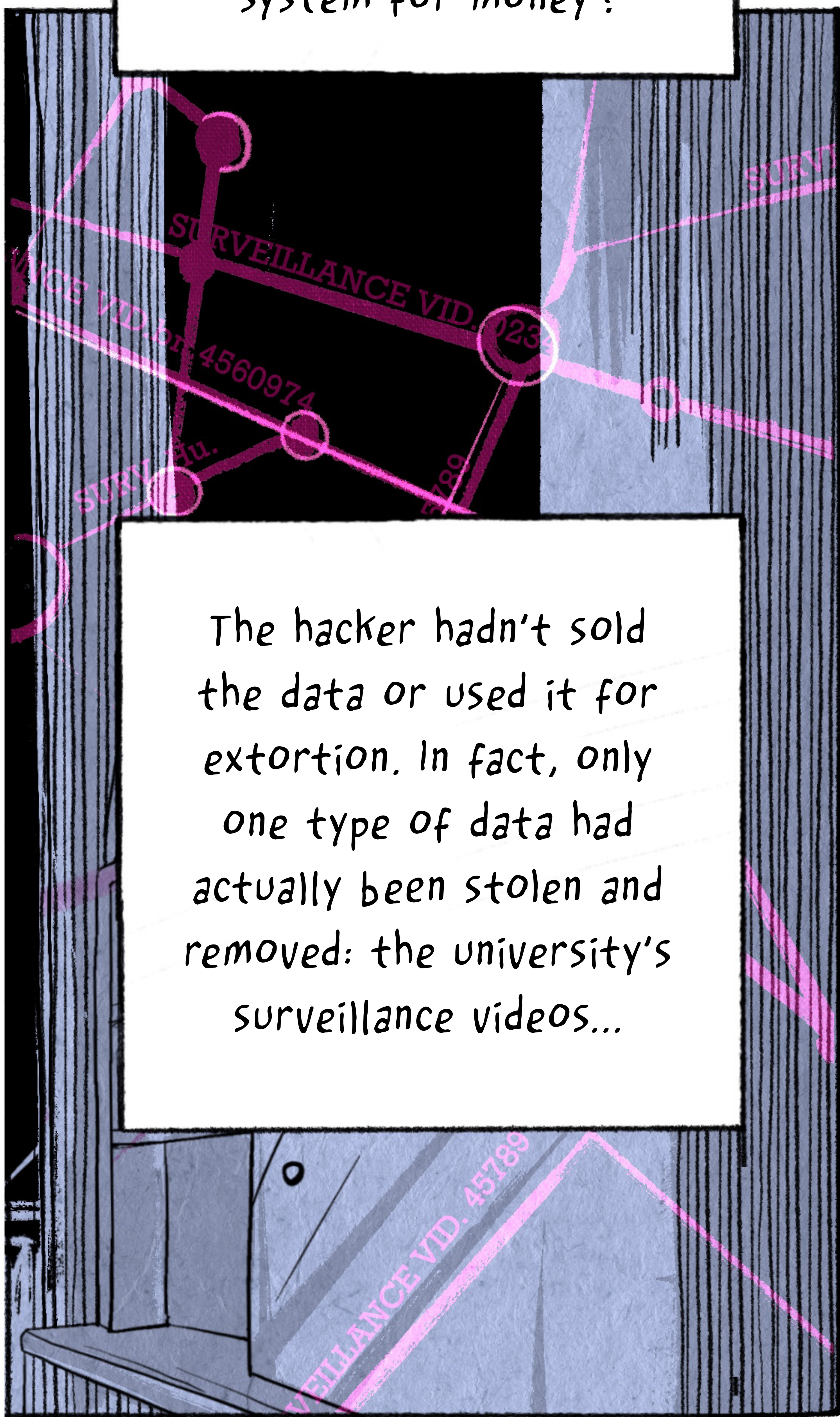


Lex Carter, a bright but desperately poor student, felt his stomach twist as he imagined his identity being stolen or his grades altered.



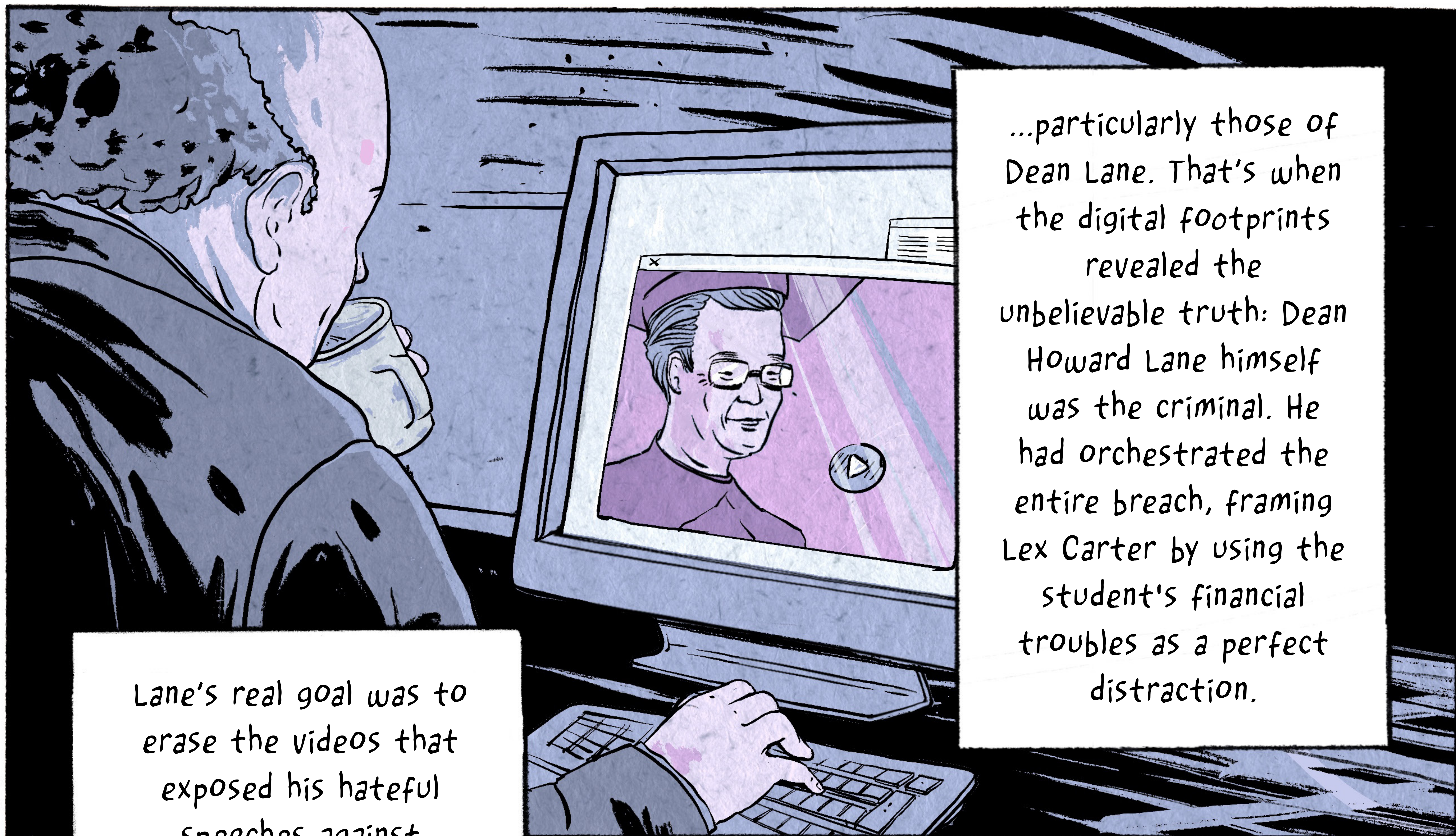
He was drowning in debt; was he desperate enough to hack the system for money?

For a while, all clues pointed to Lex. But Detective Gkogkos soon noticed a flaw in the theory: the attack was too precise and expertly planned.



The hacker hadn't sold the data or used it for extortion. In fact, only one type of data had actually been stolen and removed: the university's surveillance videos...





...particularly those of Dean Lane. That's when the digital footprints revealed the unbelievable truth: Dean Howard Lane himself was the criminal. He had orchestrated the entire breach, framing Lex Carter by using the student's financial troubles as a perfect distraction.

Lane's real goal was to erase the videos that exposed his hateful speeches against international students and staff. His polished appearance and calm voice had hidden a deep well of anger.

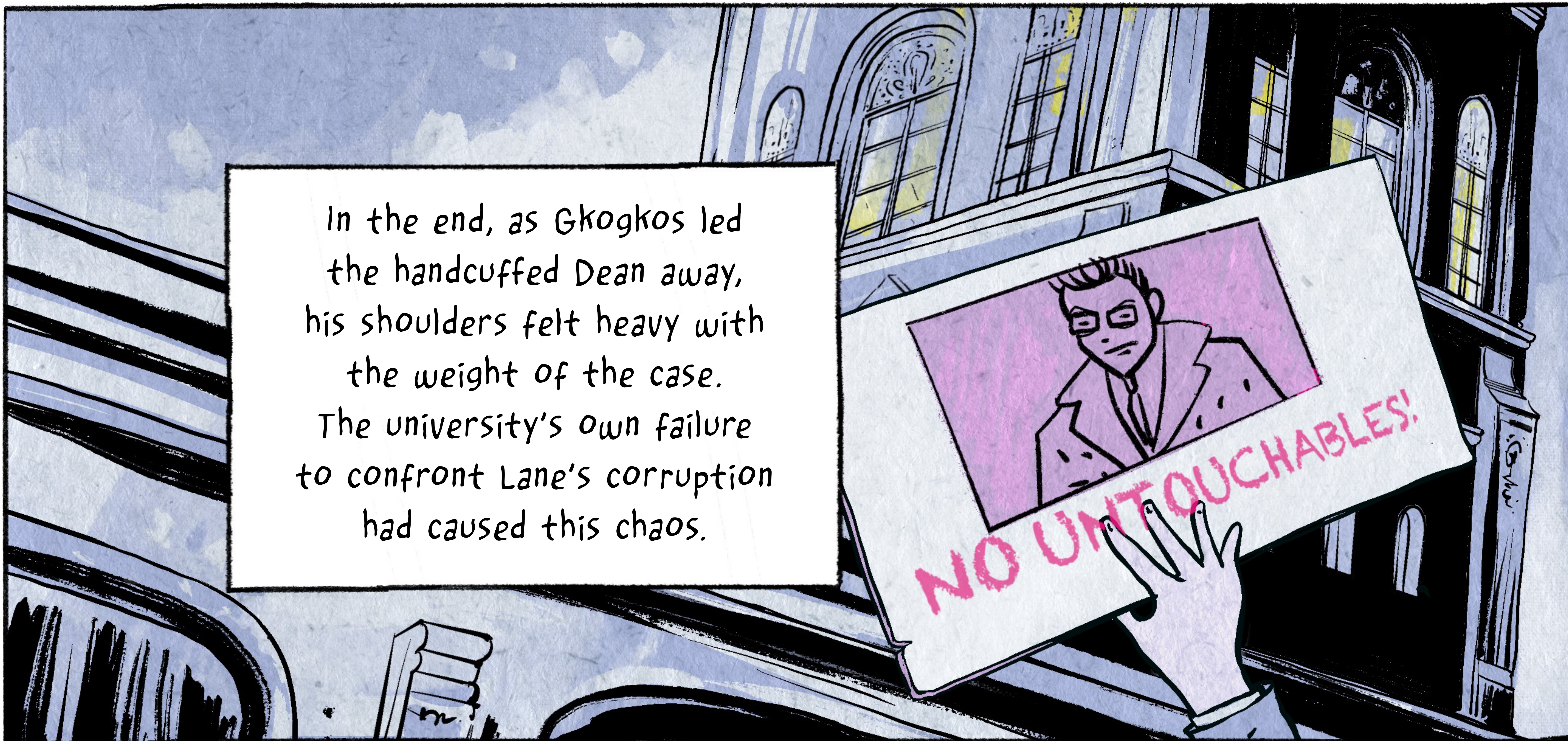


That anger grew every time he saw foreign students succeeding or top local graduates leaving the country.

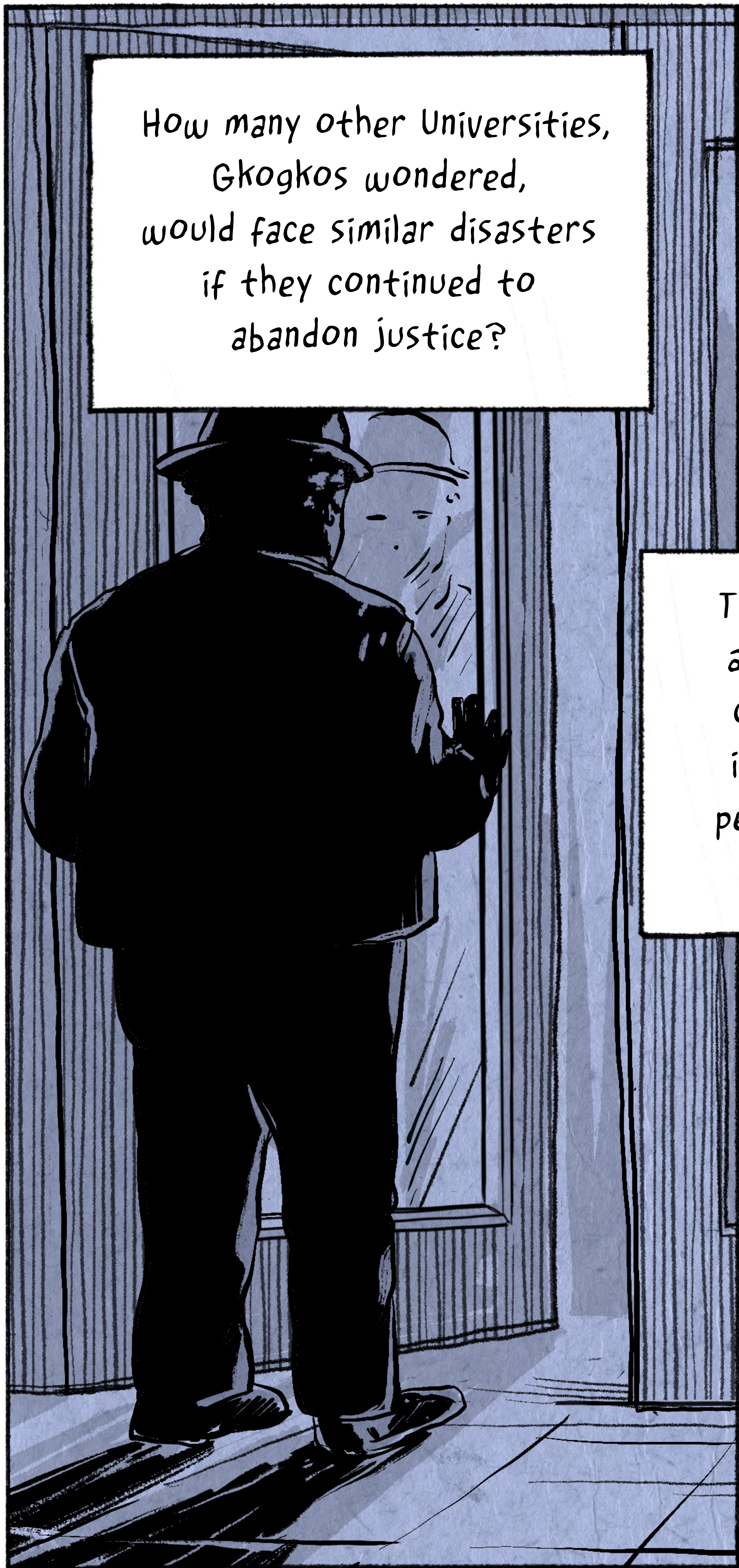


His hatred had finally become uncontrollable.





In the end, as Gkogkos led the handcuffed Dean away, his shoulders felt heavy with the weight of the case. The university's own failure to confront Lane's corruption had caused this chaos.



How many other Universities, Gkogkos wondered, would face similar disasters if they continued to abandon justice?

The lesson was clear: any institution that chooses to protect its secrets over its people will face grave consequences.



And next time, those consequences could be far unpredictable.