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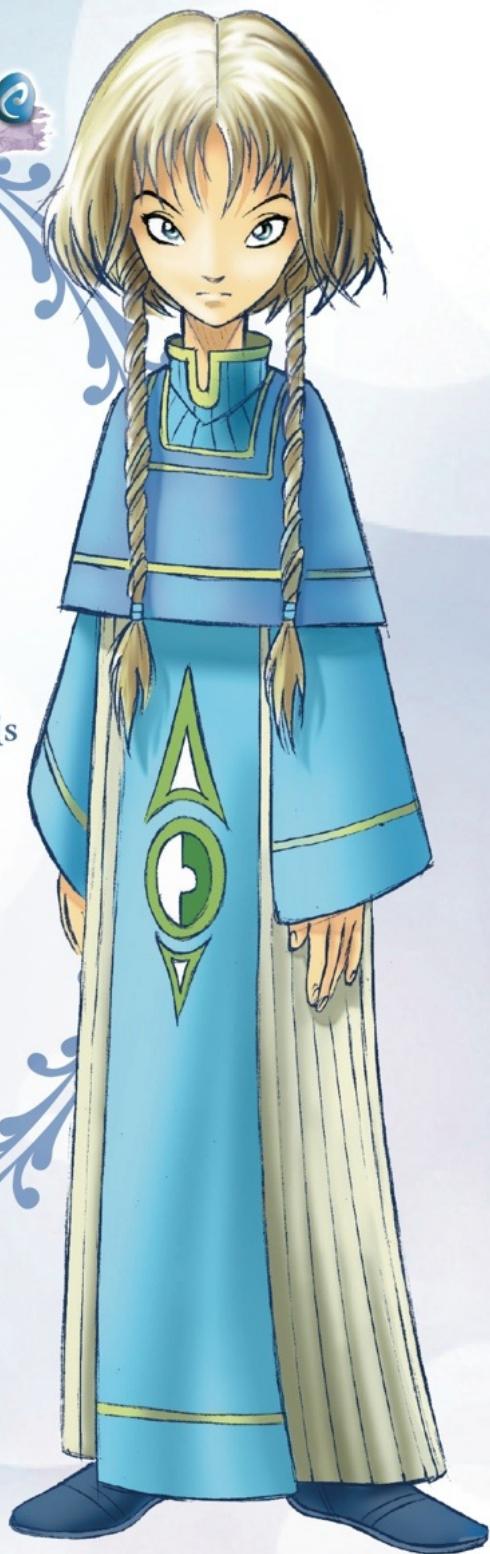
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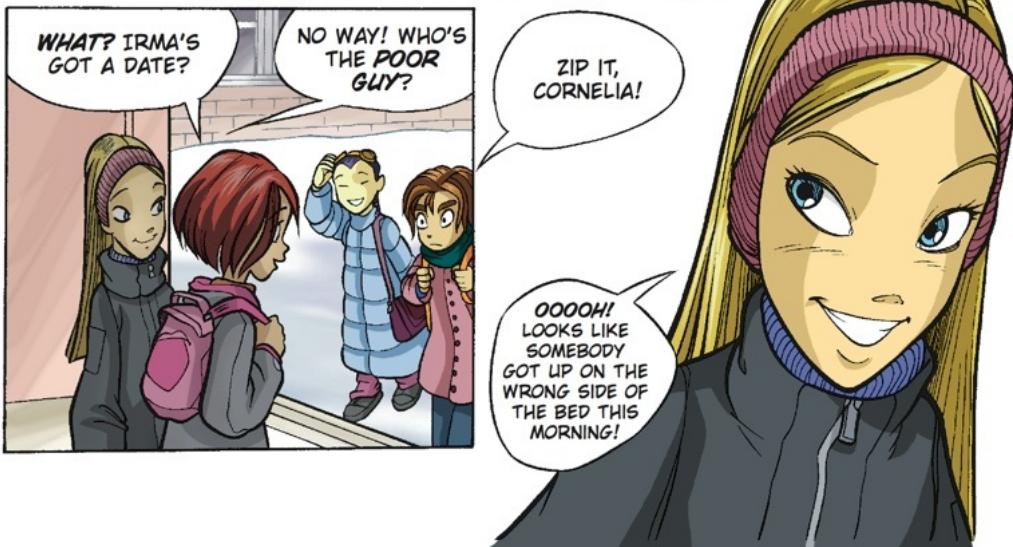


THE HOUR DRAGONS

“That's how Xin Jing, the Nymph,
soared above the world...”

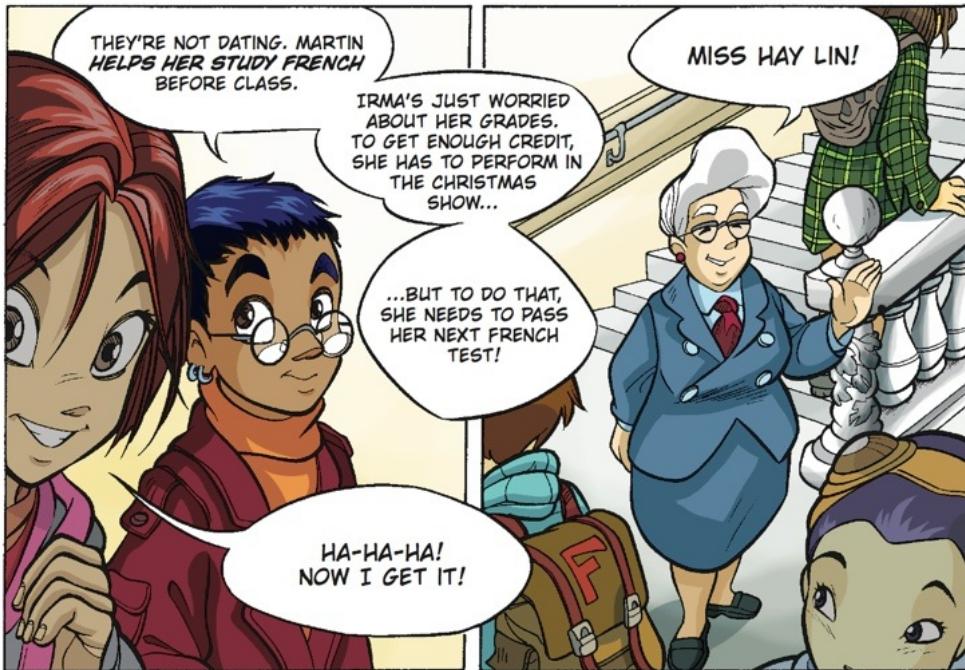




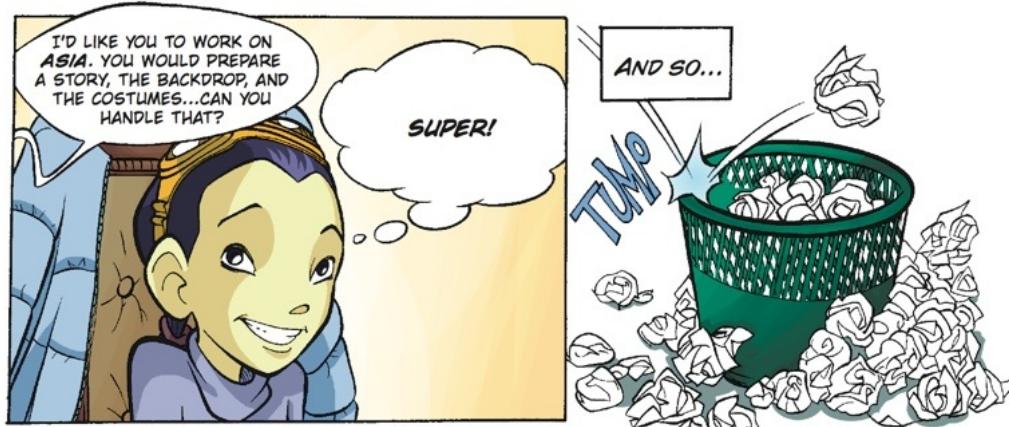




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"BUT ONE SAD DAY,
A PRAYER ROSE...

OUR POWERFUL
ANCESTORS, PLEASE
HELP US!

"...CARRIED BY THE
INCENSE'S SMOKE.

"THE YELLOW DRAGON, THE ONE WHO MOST
LOVED THE EARTH, WENT DOWN TO SEE
WHAT WAS GOING ON.

MAY THE SKIES OPEN!
MAY THE RAIN BLESS OUR
FIELDS! THIS WE BEG FOR!
THIS WE HOPE FOR!

POOR
PEOPLE!

THE DROUGHT
IS DESTROYING
THEIR CROPS!

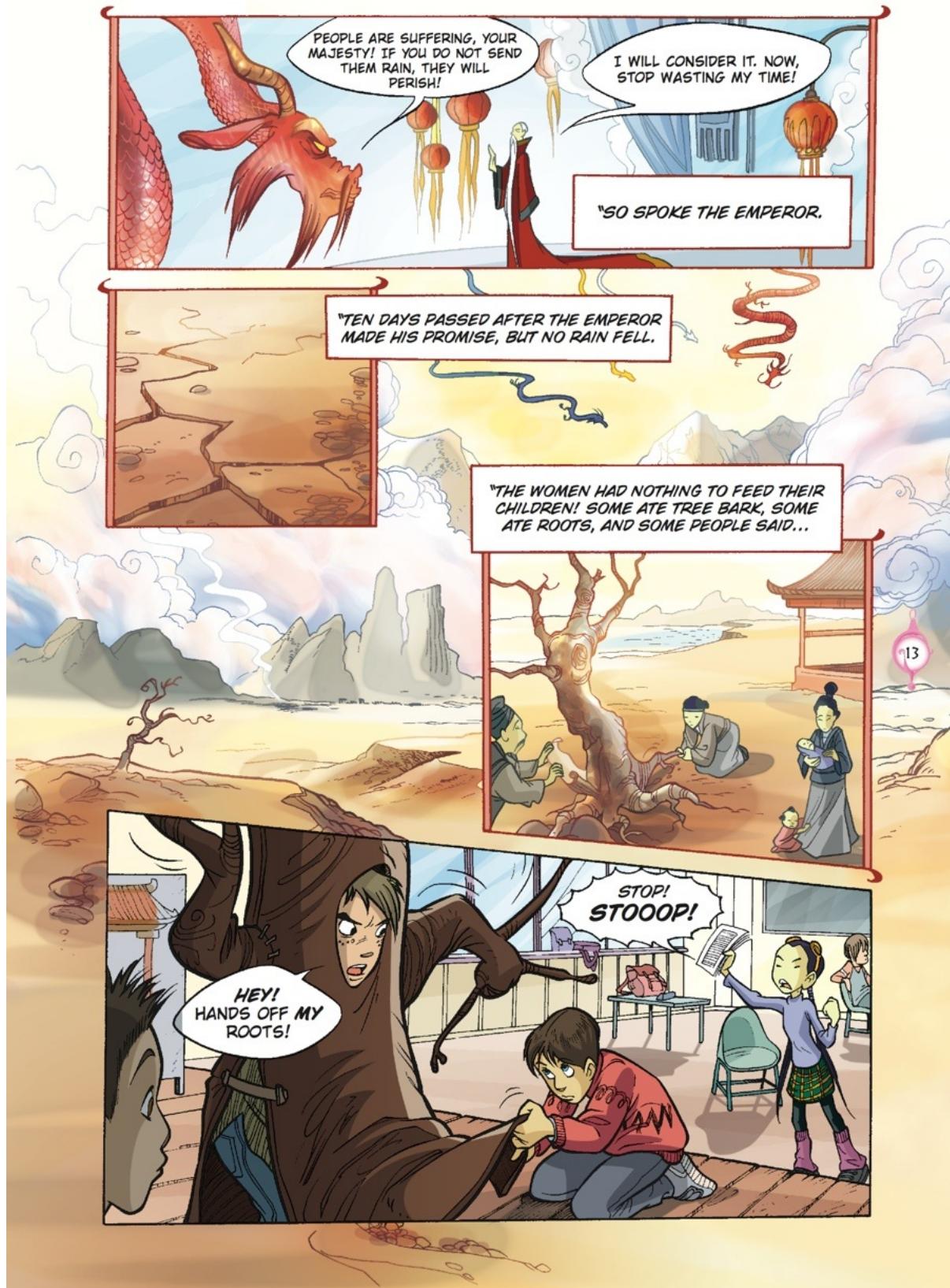
THEIR SUPPLIES WILL
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THAT WILL BE THE END
FOR THEM.

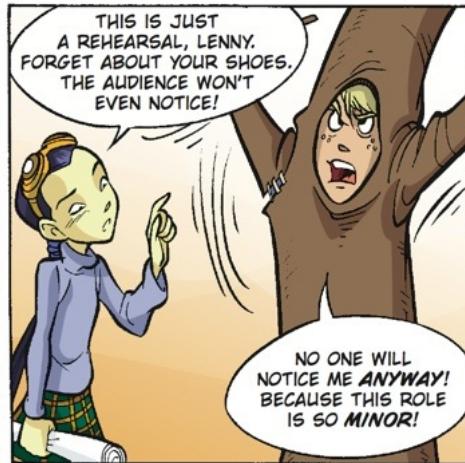


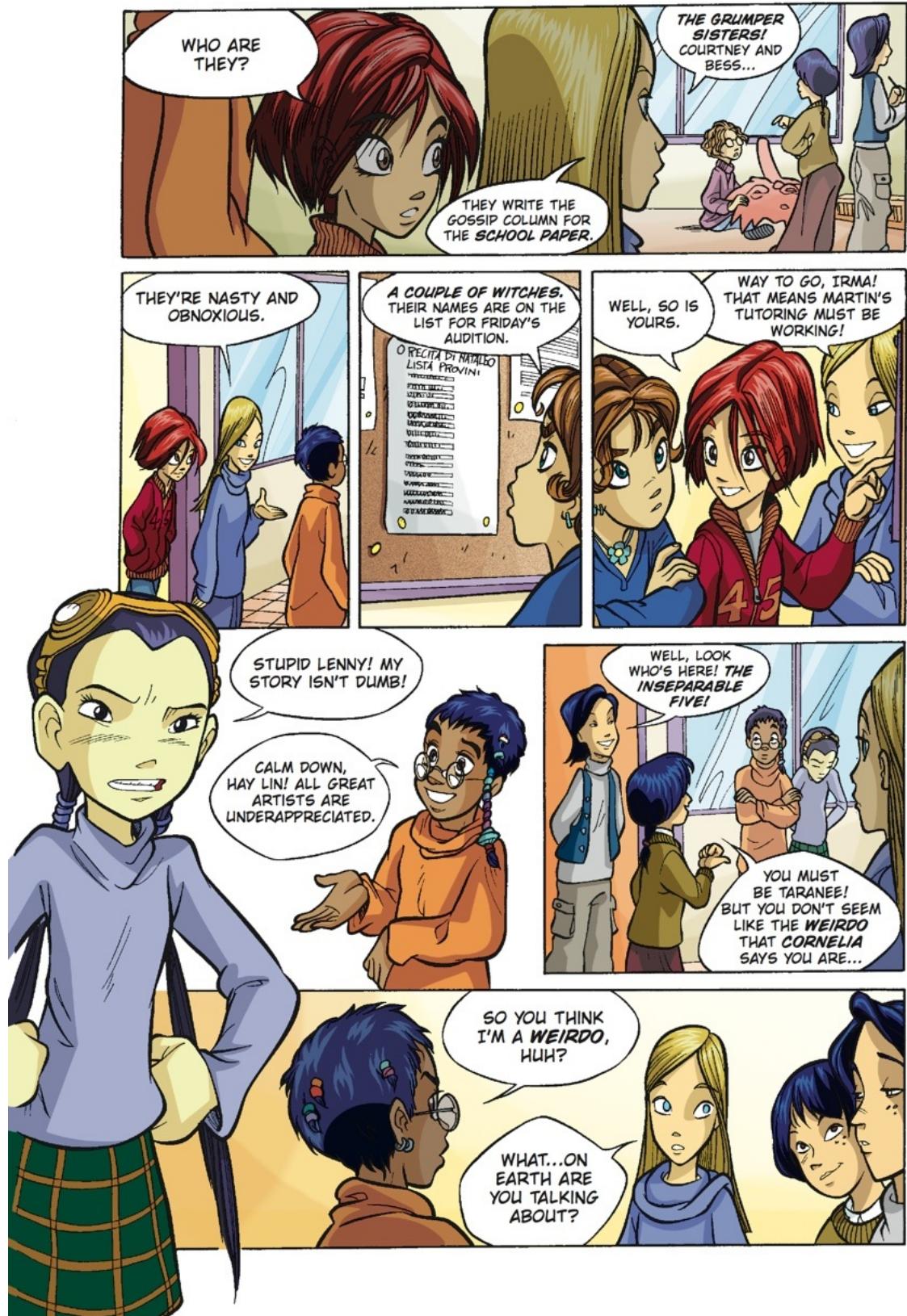
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"YET THEY RECEIVED NO WELCOME.



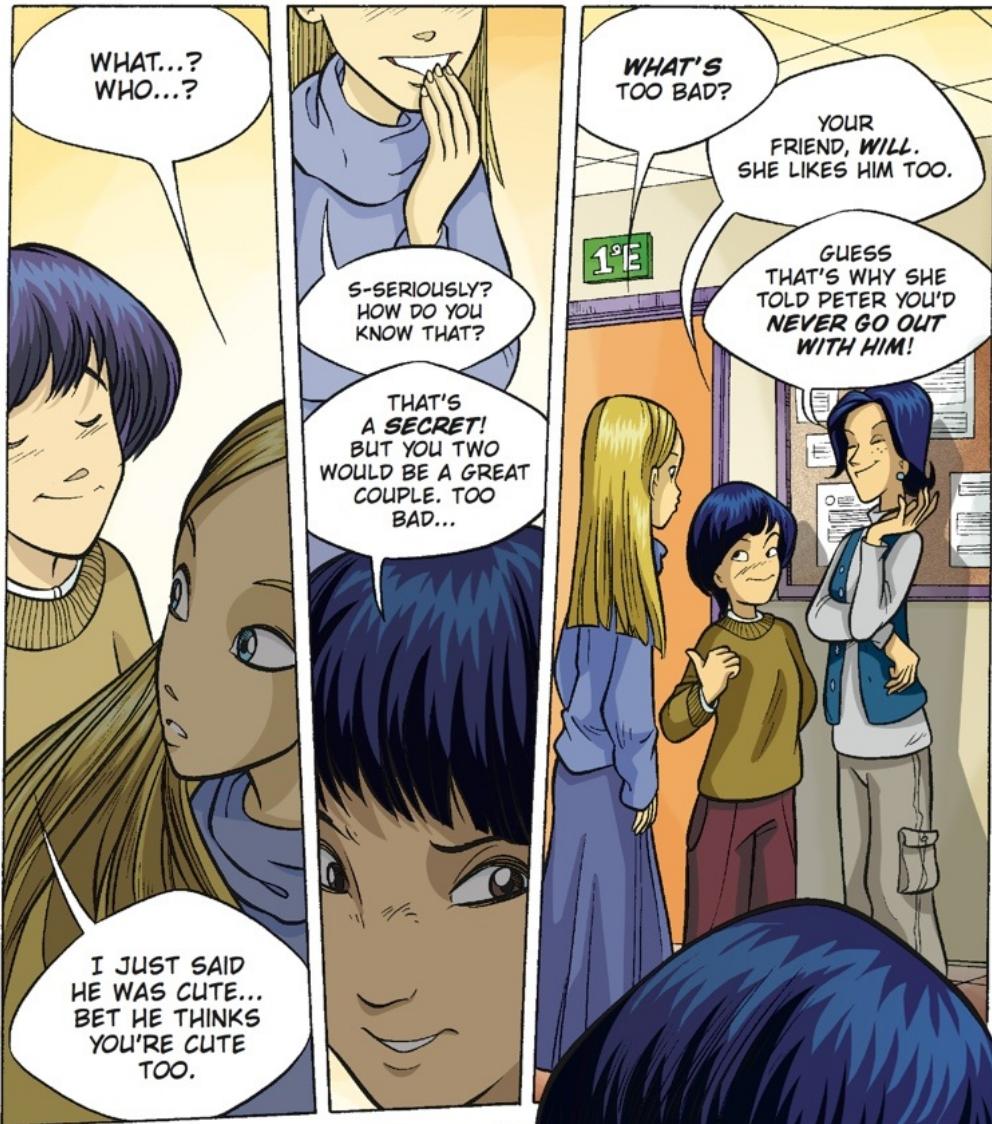


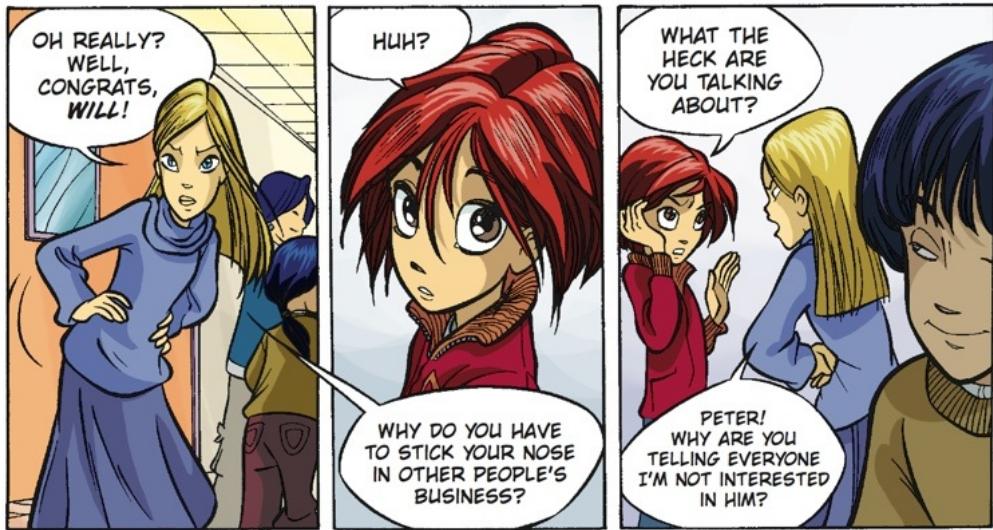
















"AND THAT'S WHAT THE FOUR DRAGONS DID HUNDREDS OF TIMES. THE DESPERATE PEOPLE COULDN'T BELIEVE THEIR EYES.

RAIN!
IT'S RAINING!

"BUT THE JADE EMPEROR WASN'T PLEASED WITH SUCH WONDERS. HIS WRATH GREW!"

GET THEM!
BRING THEM TO ME IMMEDIATELY!

THE DRAGONS WERE TAKEN TO THE PALACE IN CHAINS. THE EMPEROR HAD PREPARED A TERRIBLE PUNISHMENT

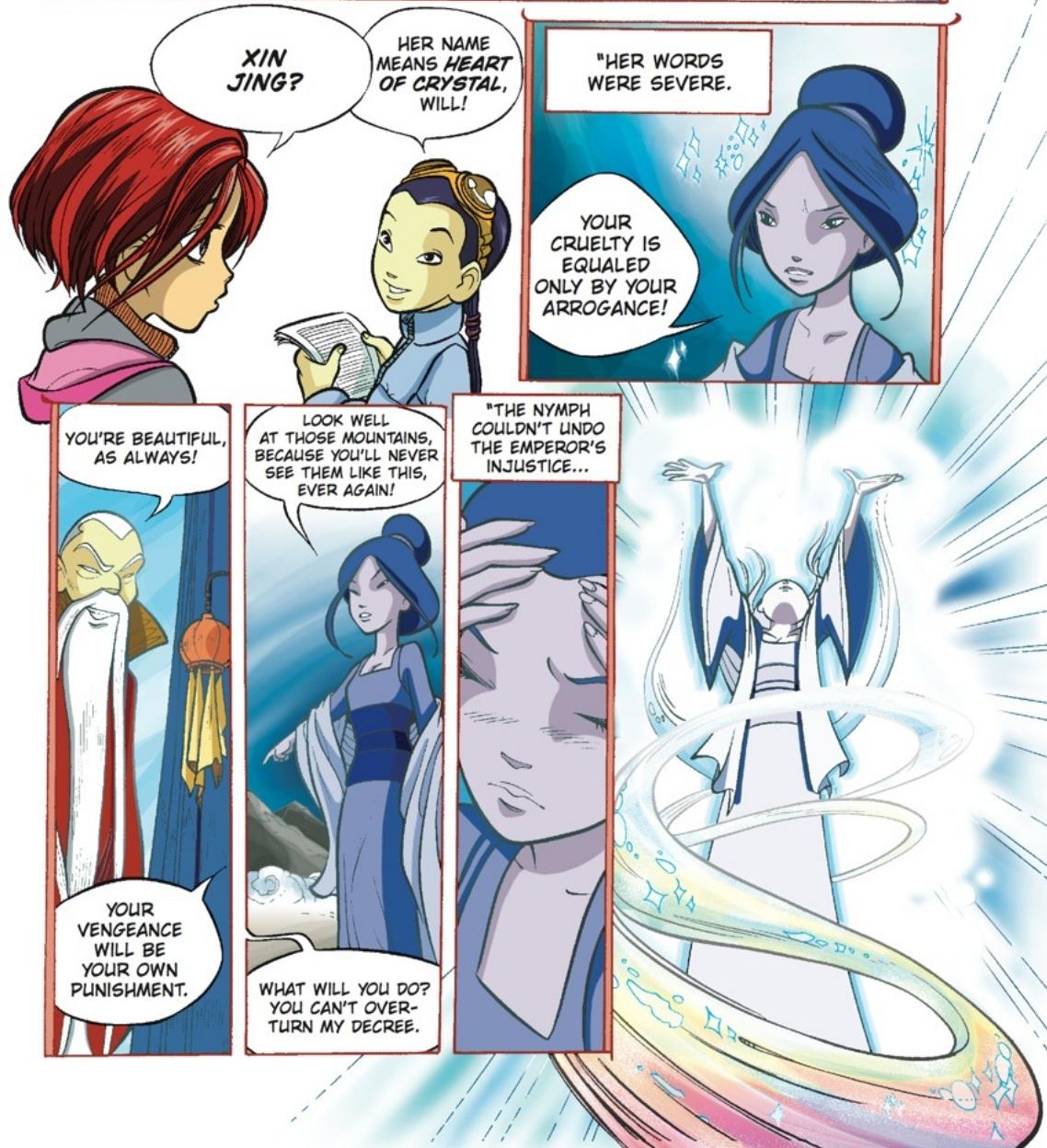
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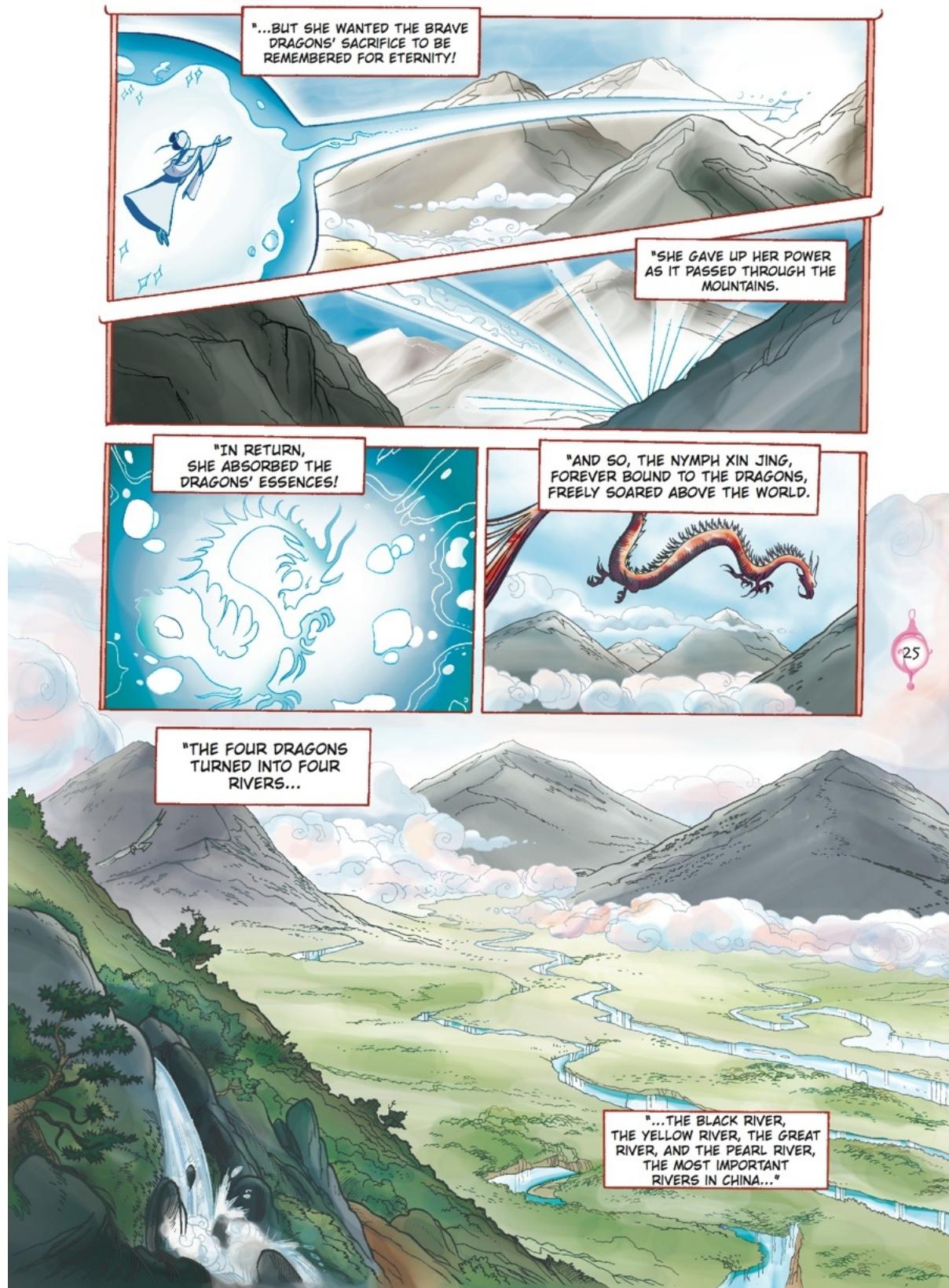
YOU HAVE CHALLENGED MY POWER, AND FOR THIS YOU WILL BE PUNISHED!

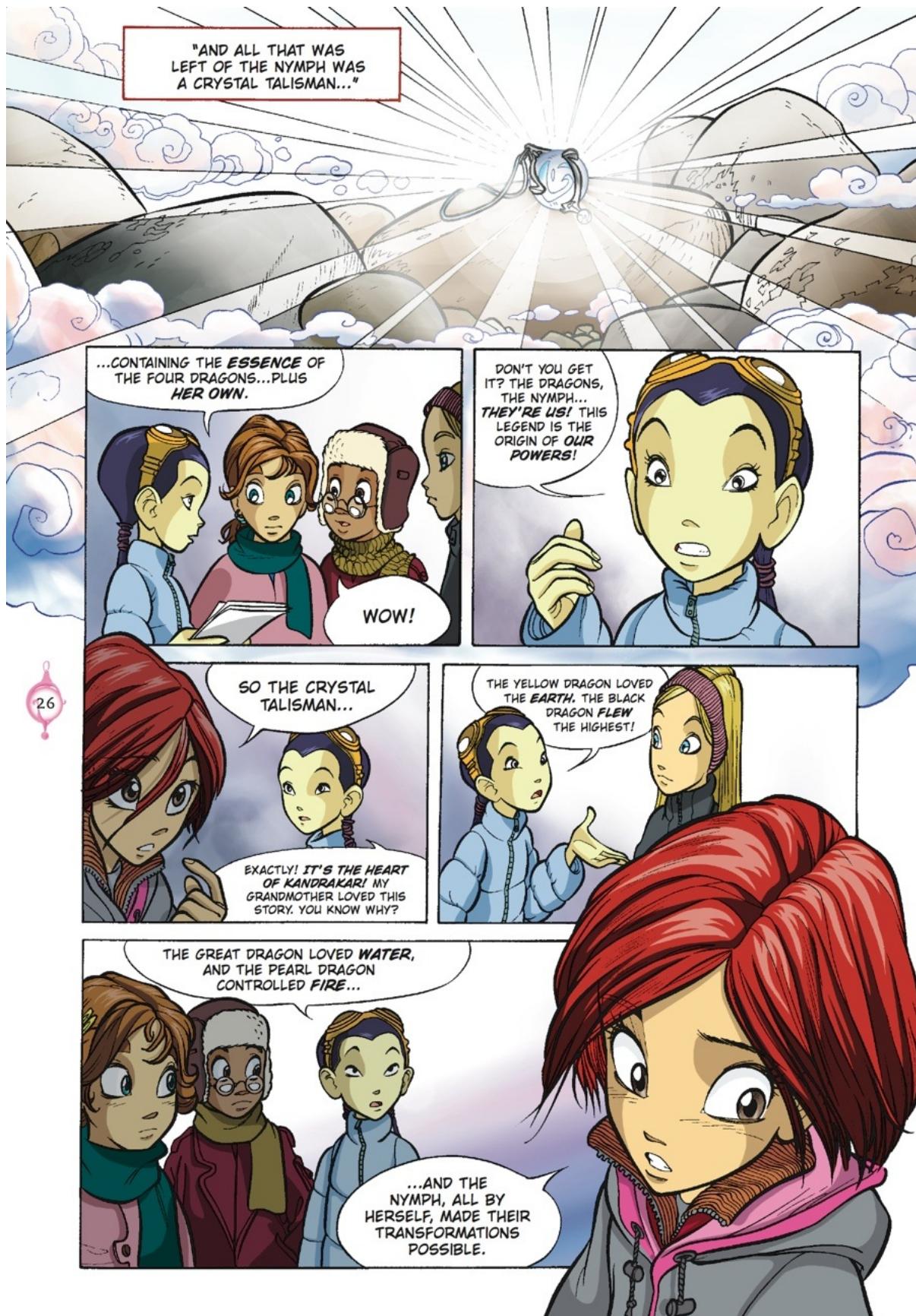


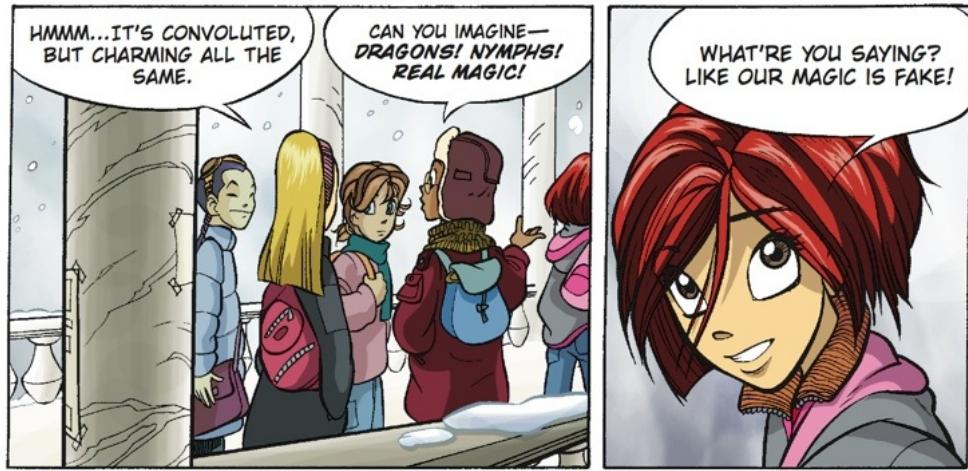
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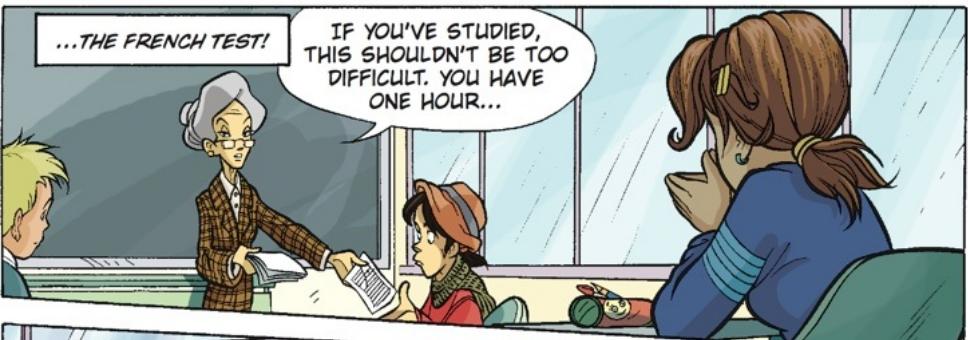
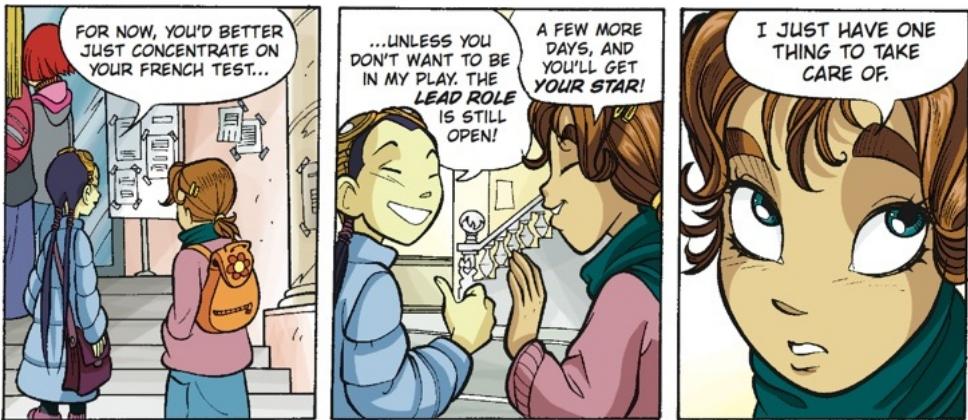


WHAT'RE YOU SAYING?
LIKE OUR MAGIC IS FAKE!

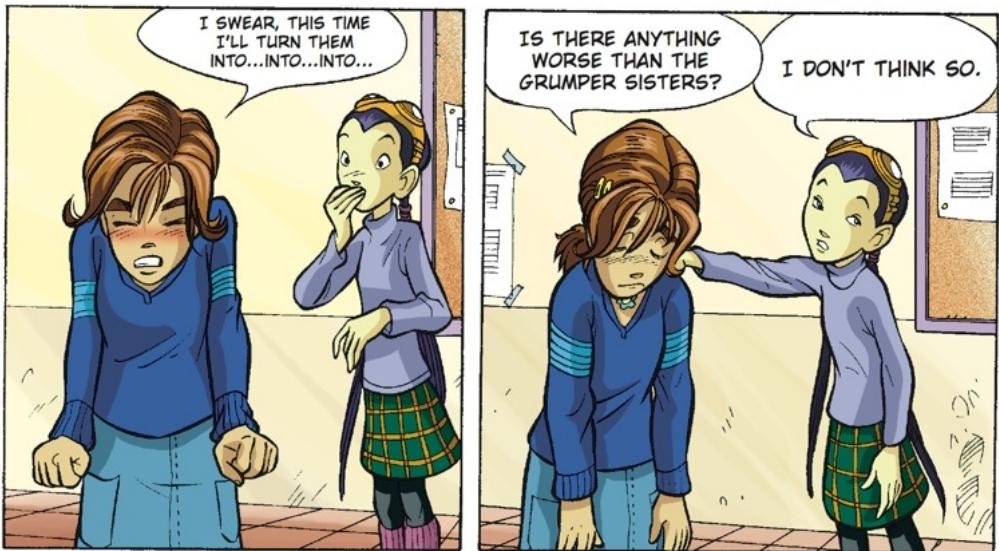


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IN WEATHER LIKE THIS,
THE BEST THING TO DO WOULD
BE TO STAY AT HOME.

BUT JUST AN HOUR AGO,
THESE GIRLS RECEIVED
A CALL FOR HELP FROM
THEIR MATH TEACHER.

STUDENTS DON'T USUALLY RUN OFF
TO HELP TEACHERS, BUT IF YOU KNOW
W.I.T.C.H., THEN YOU KNOW THAT THIS SORT
OF THING IS LIKELY TO HAPPEN.

IT'S HER HAT.

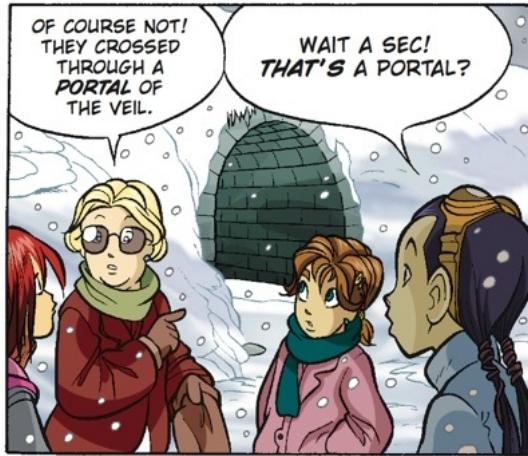
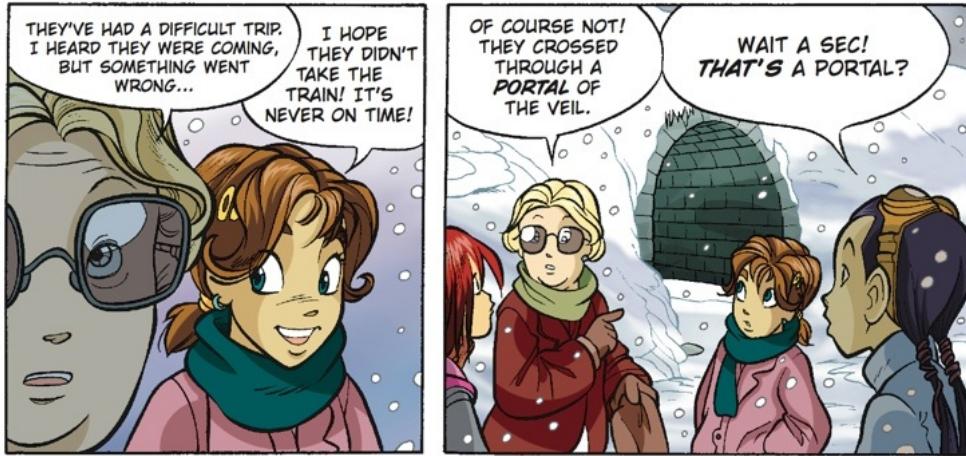
BUT THESE
FOOTPRINTS AREN'T
HERS!

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CLEARVIEW CROSS...
WE WERE SUPPOSED
TO MEET HER HERE, BUT
NOBODY'S AROUND.

SOMETHING
MUST'VE HAPPENED.
MS. RUDOLPH
WASN'T ALONE.

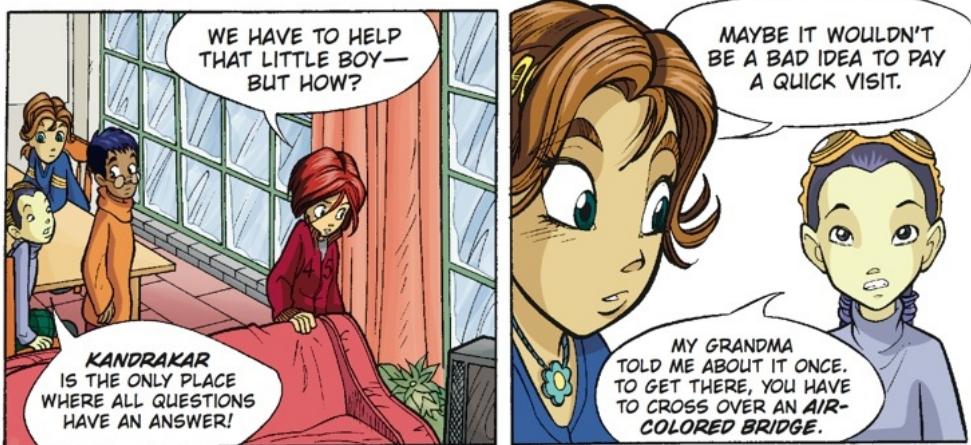




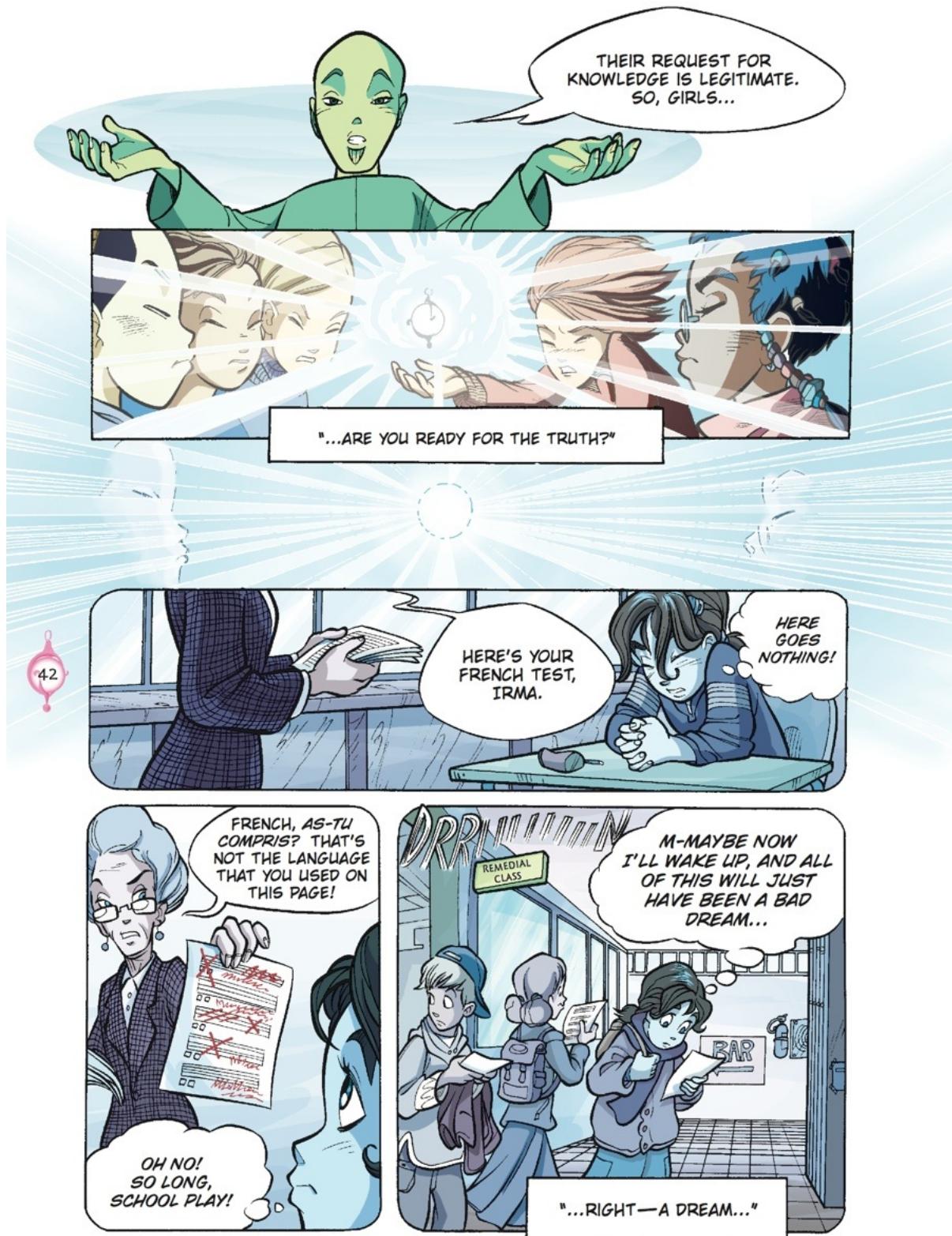




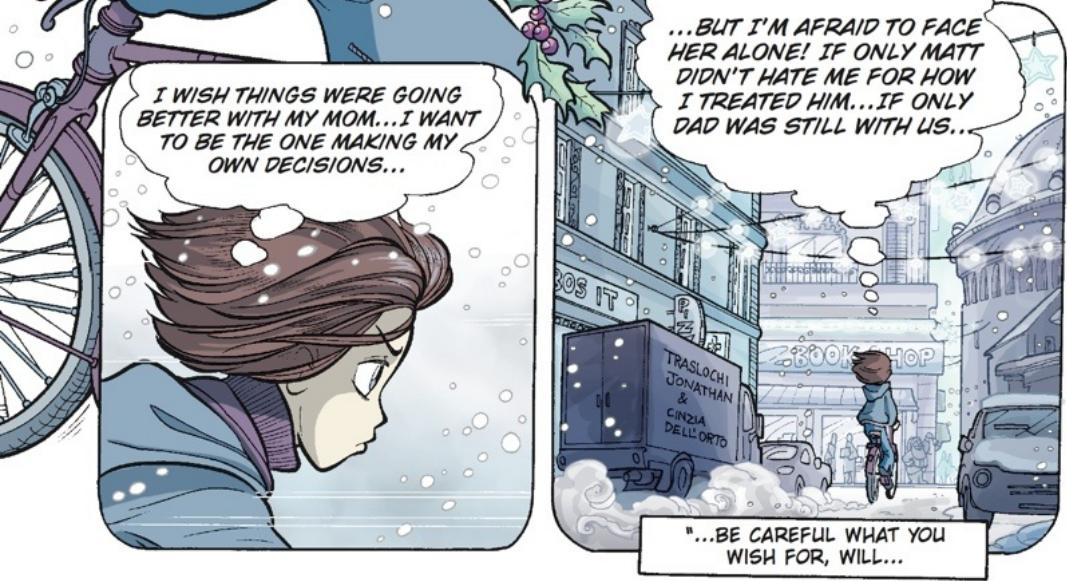
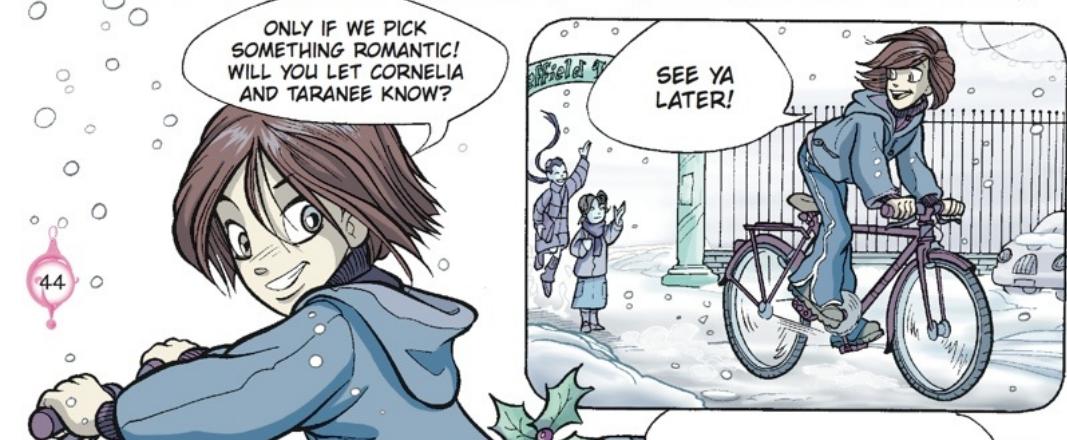
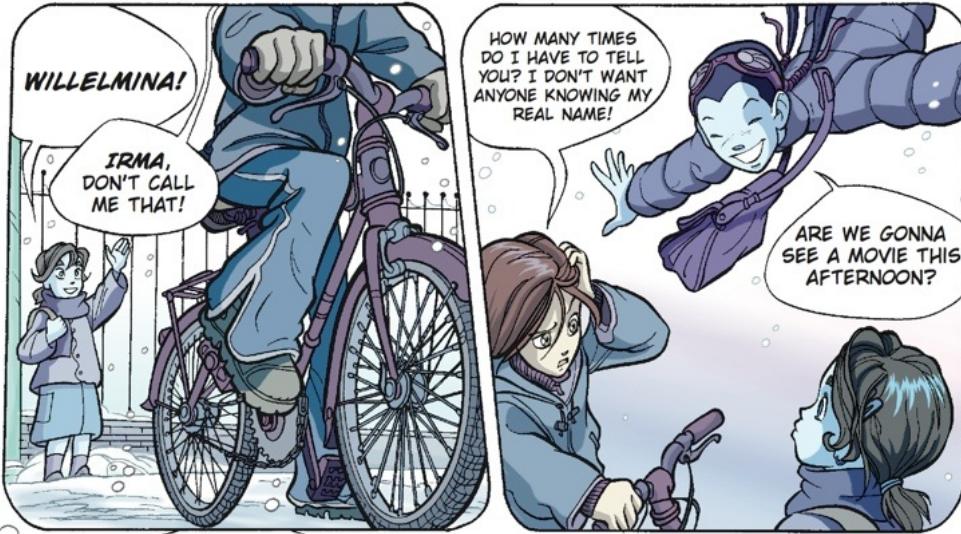


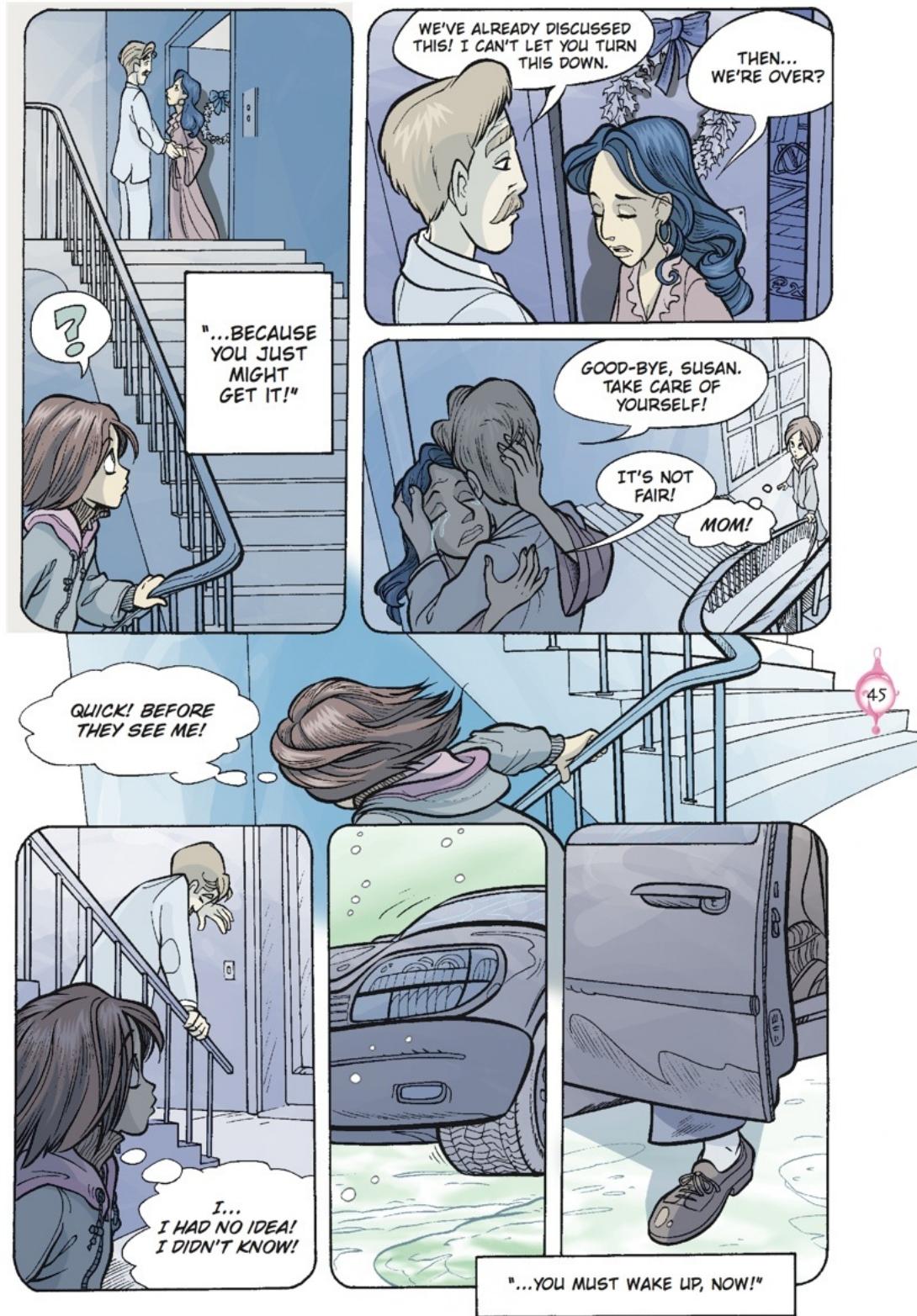


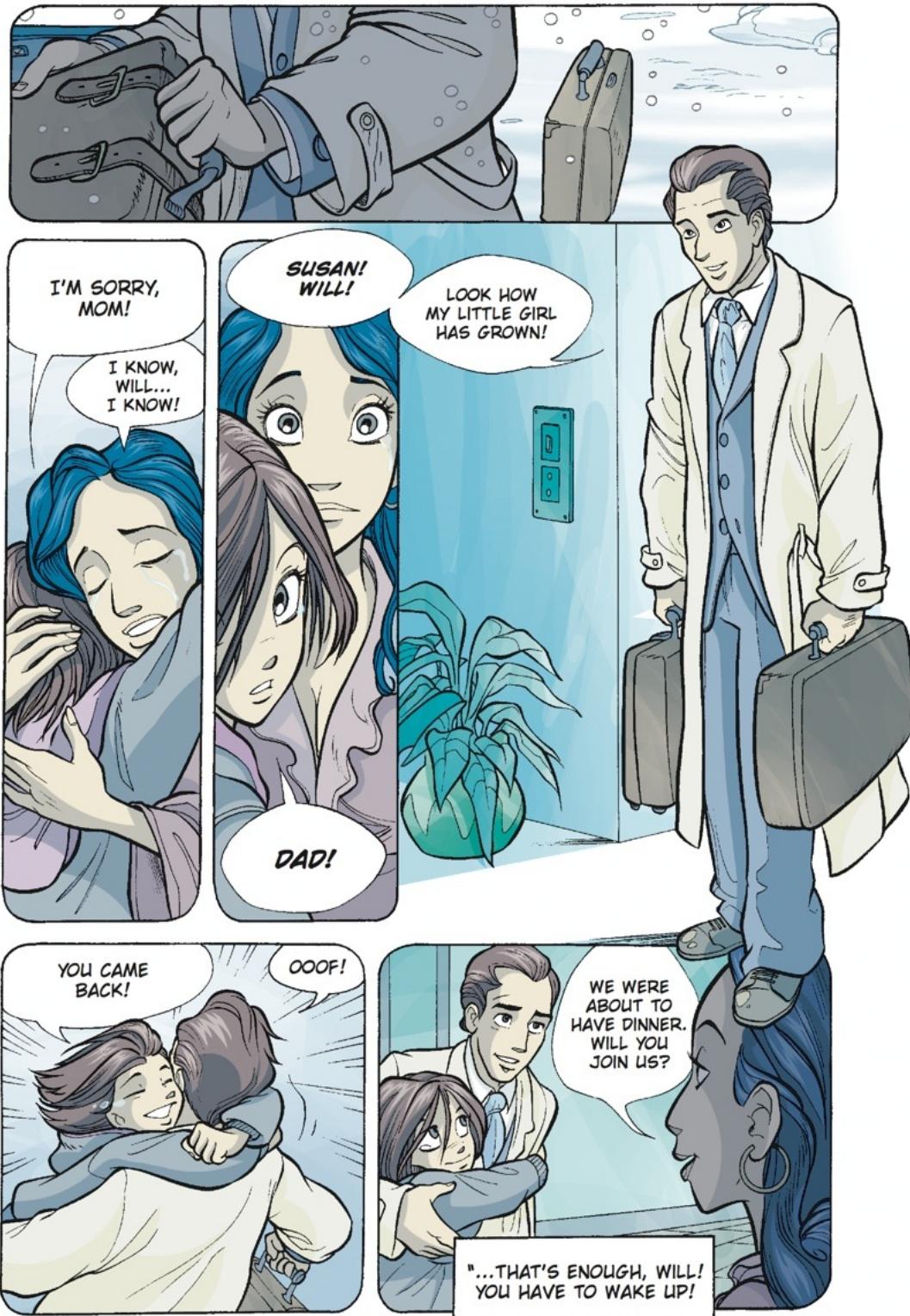




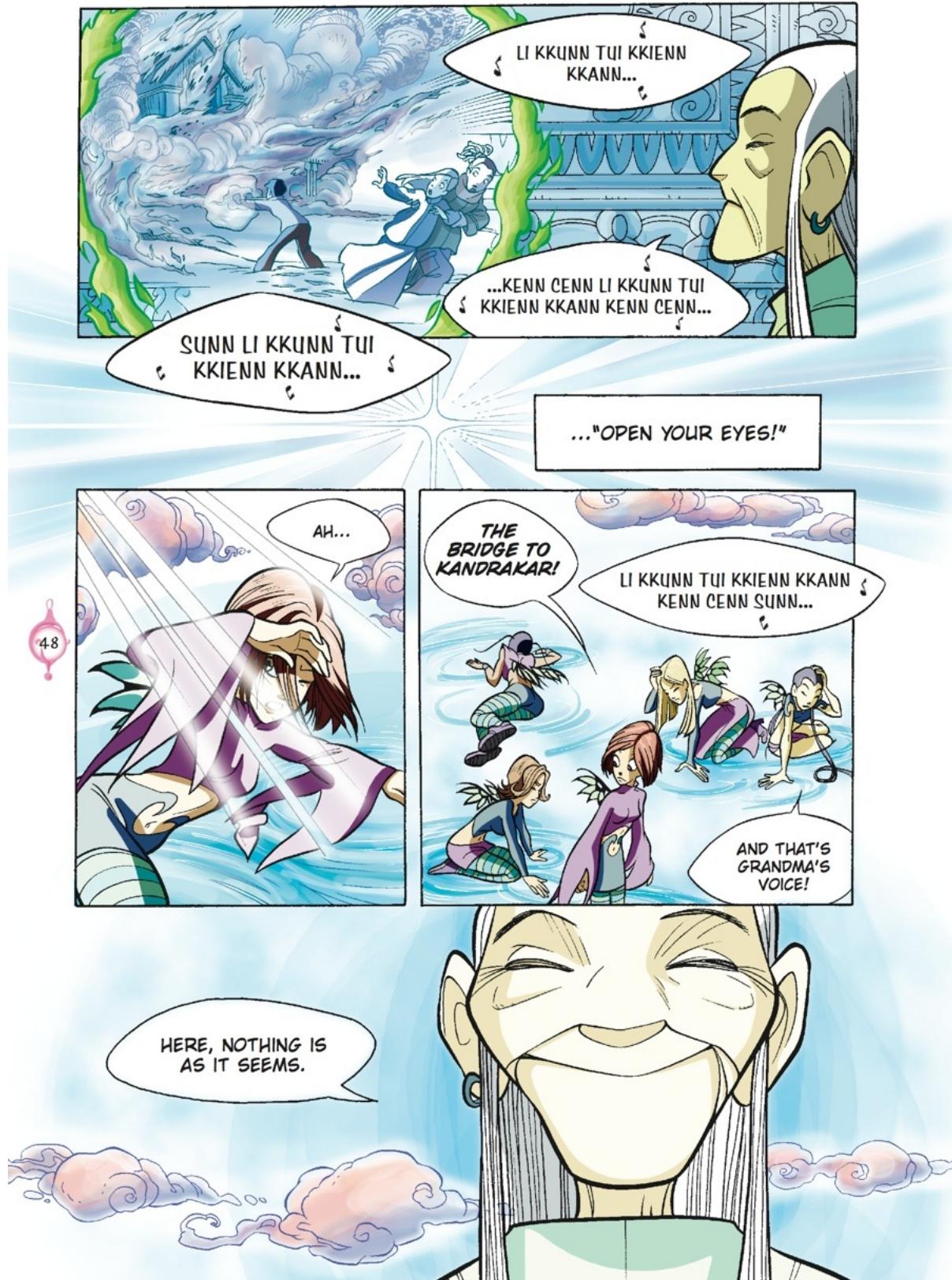




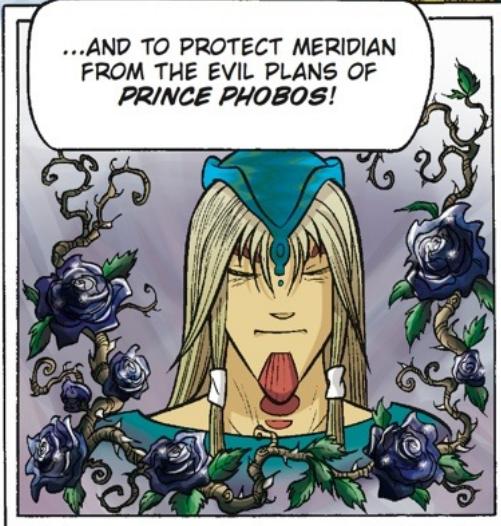
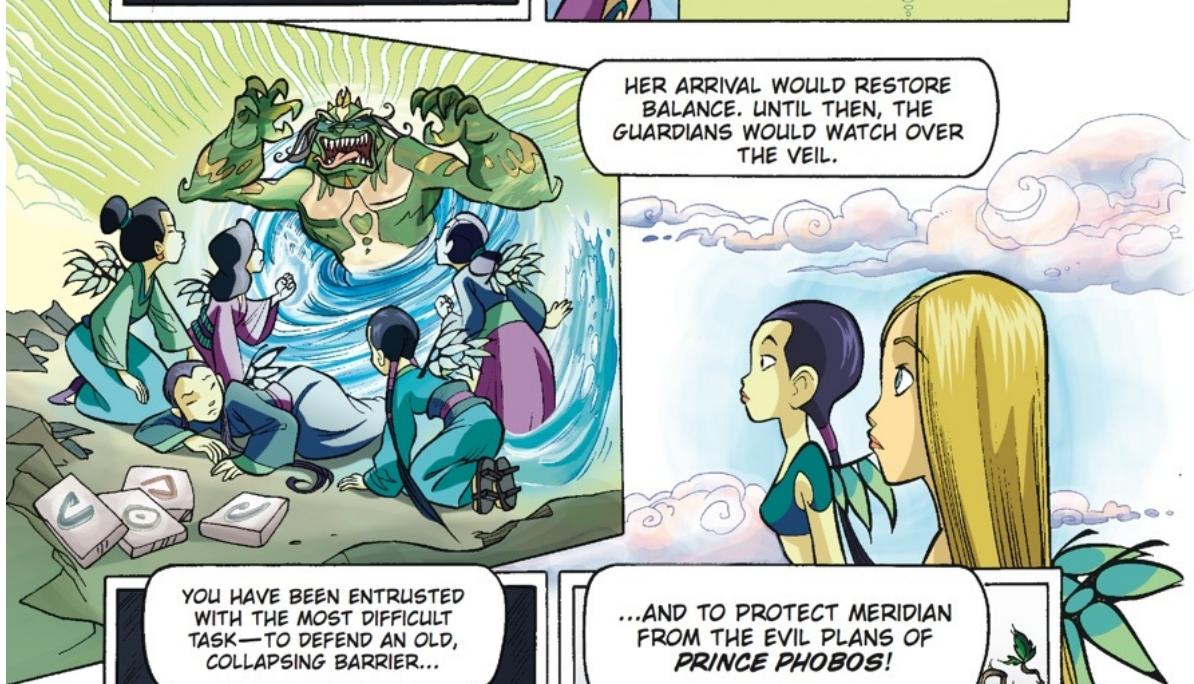
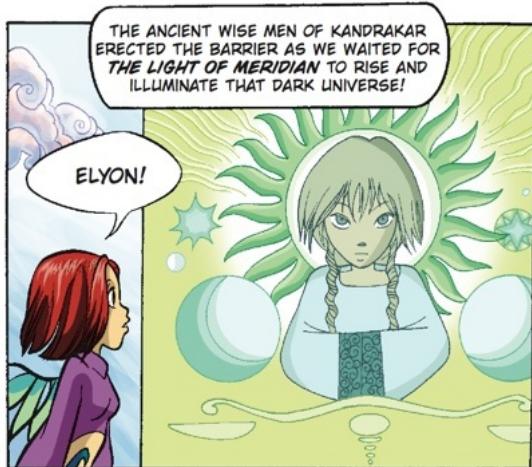


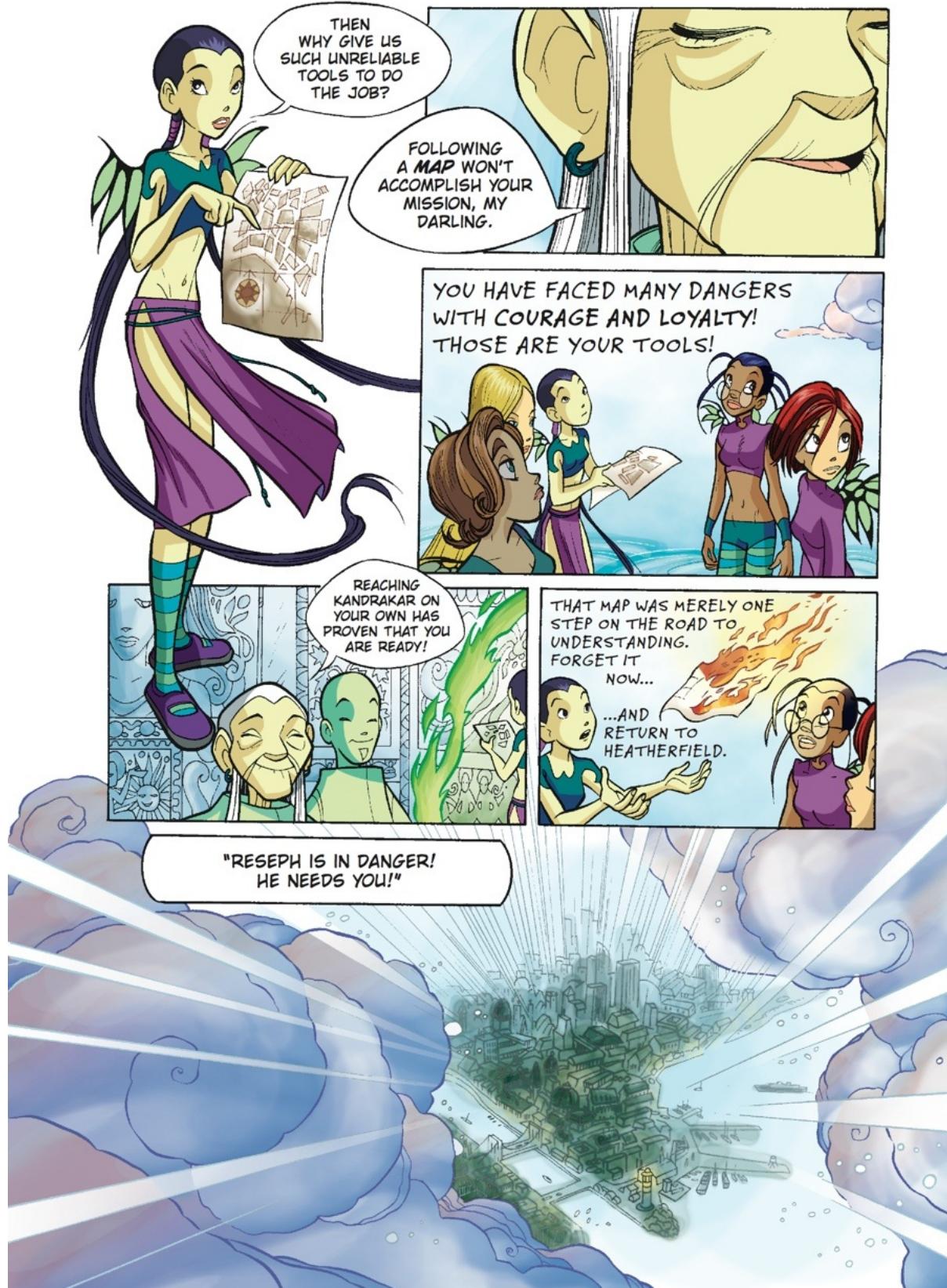








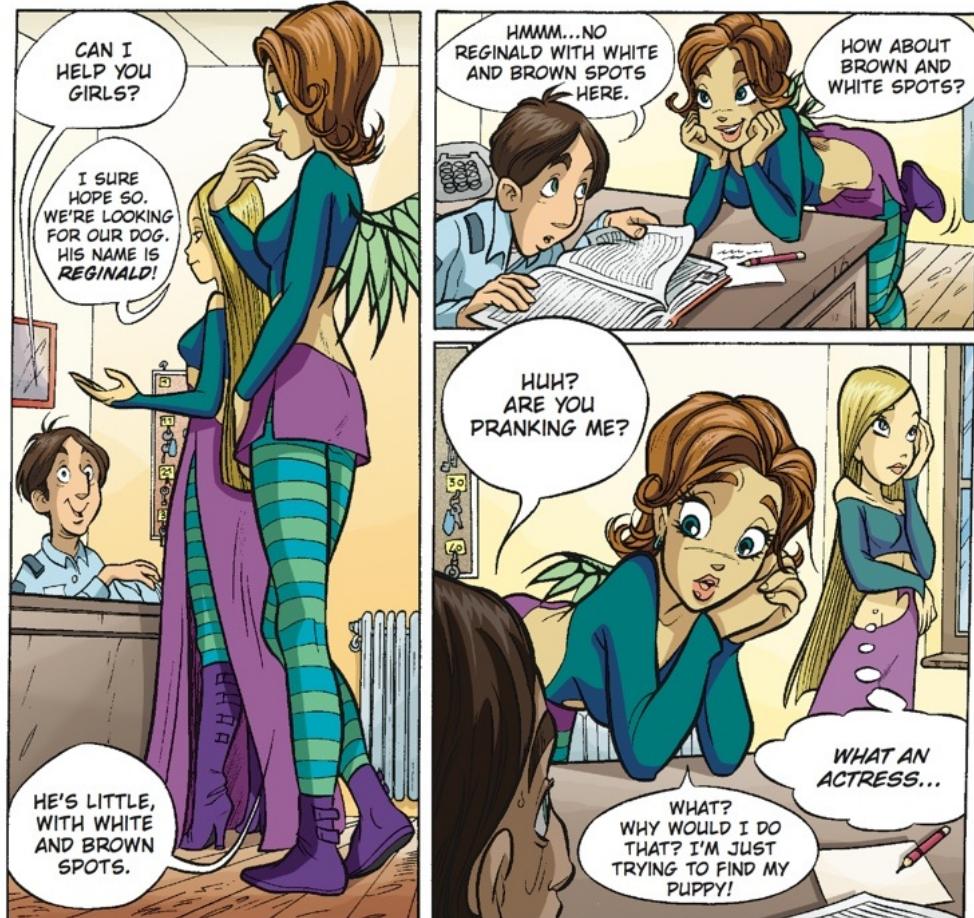










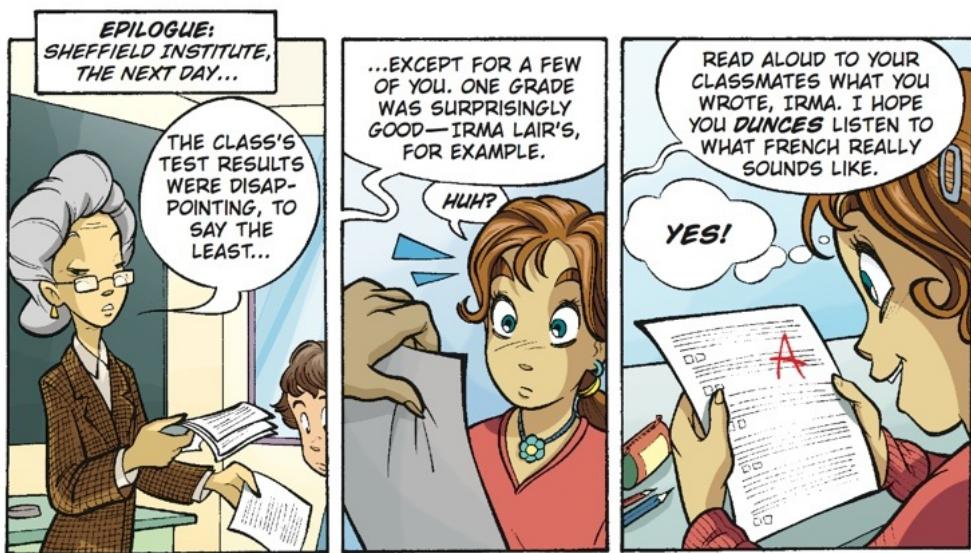


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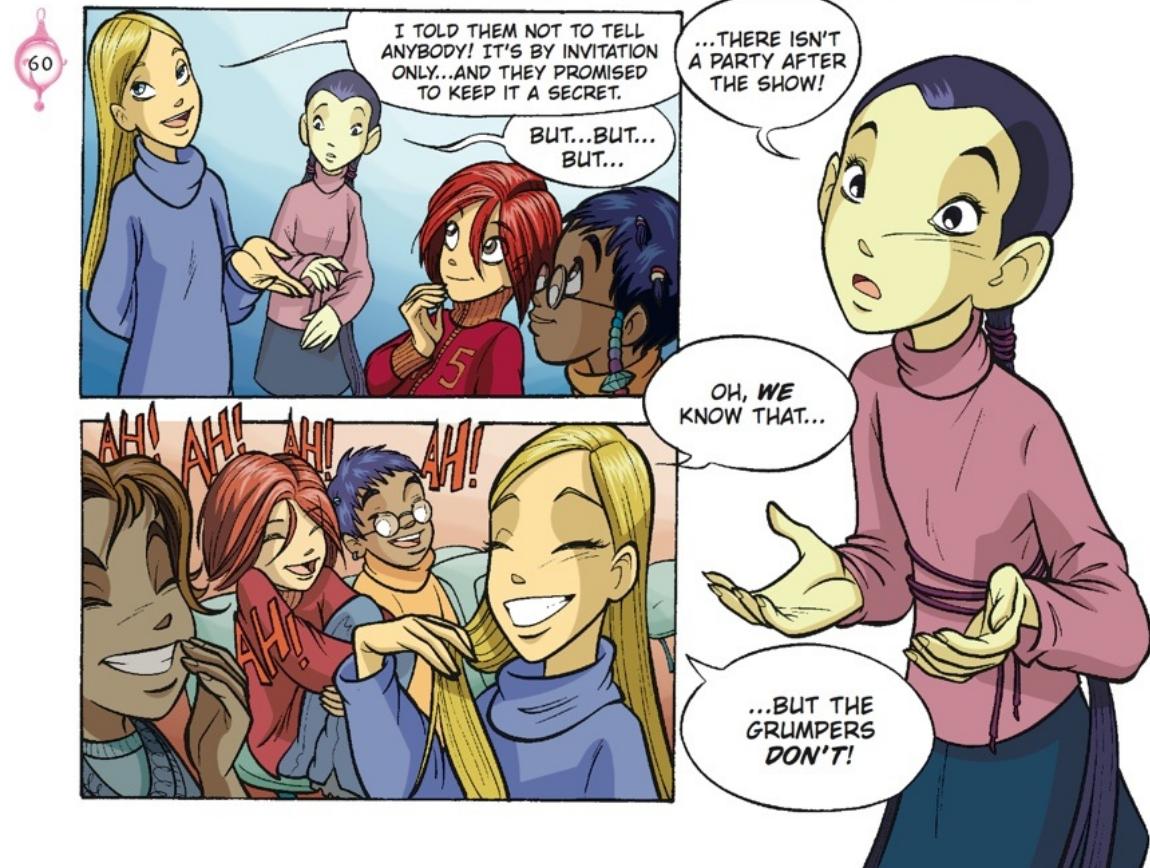
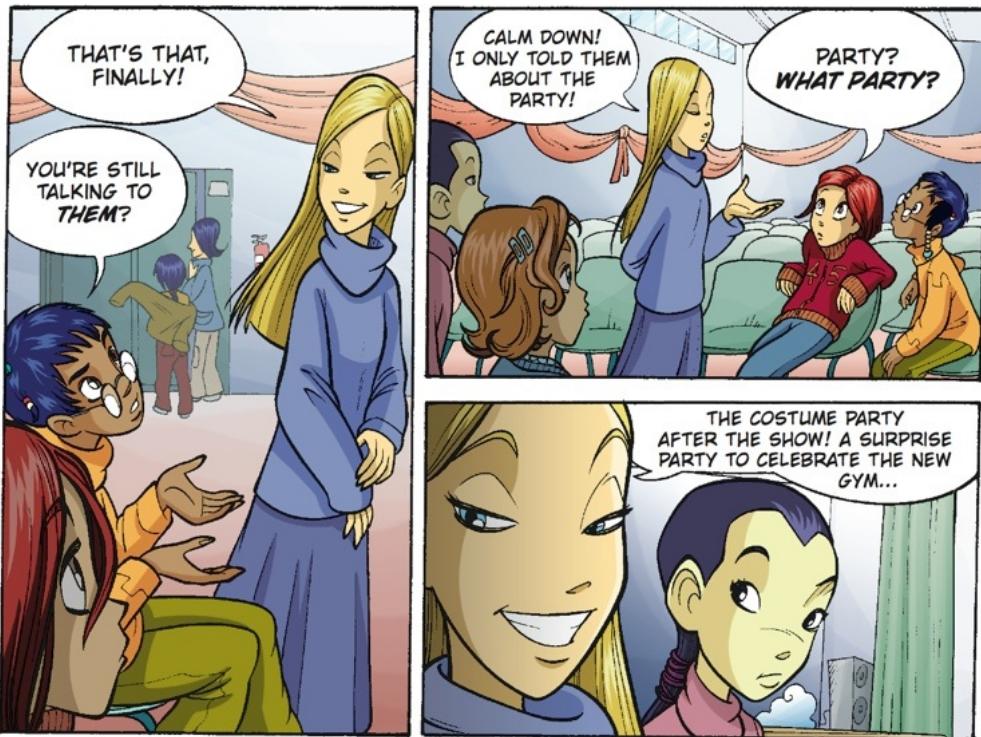


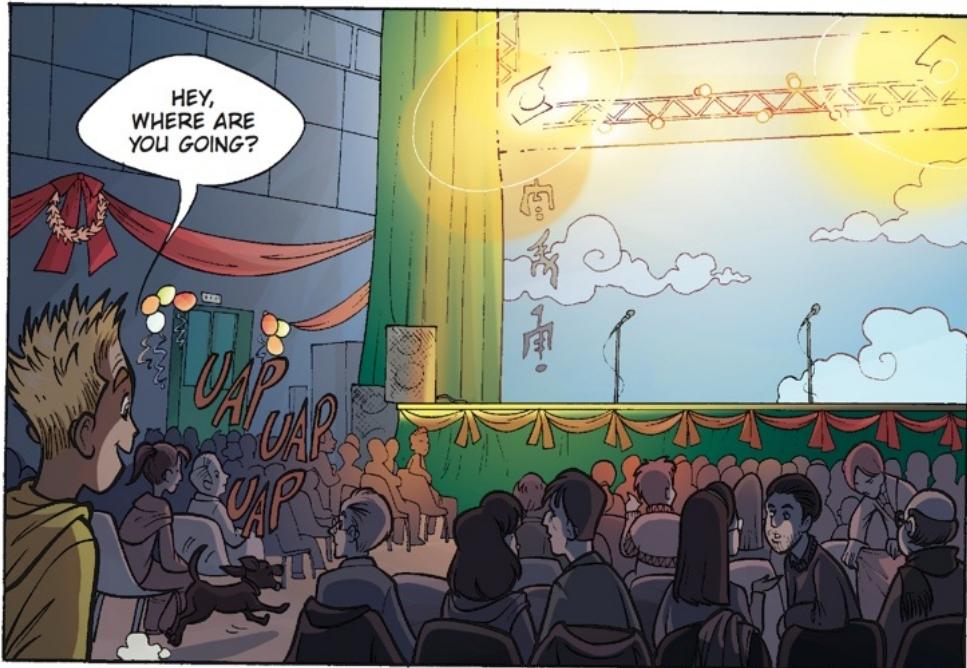






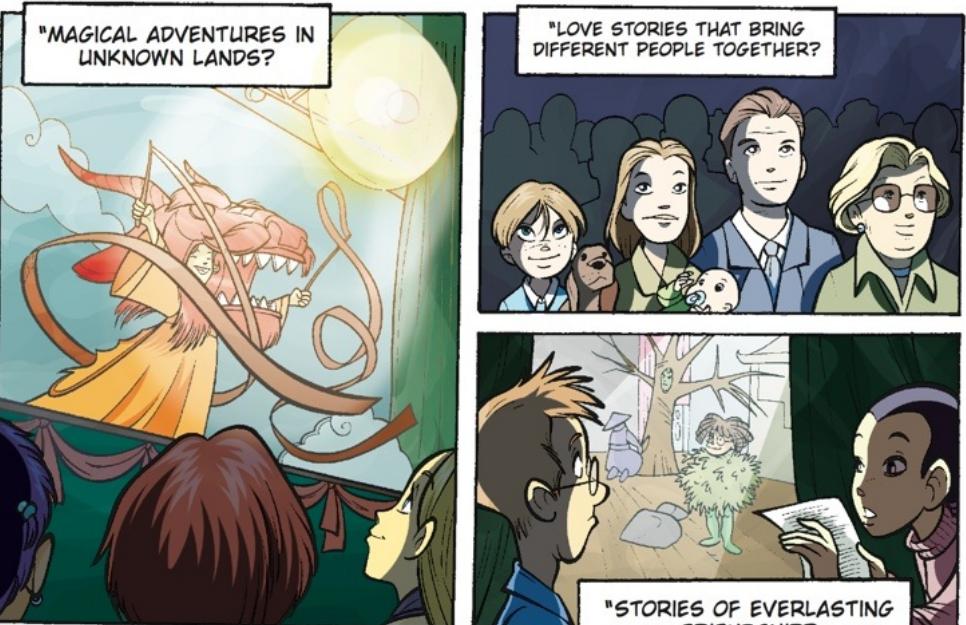
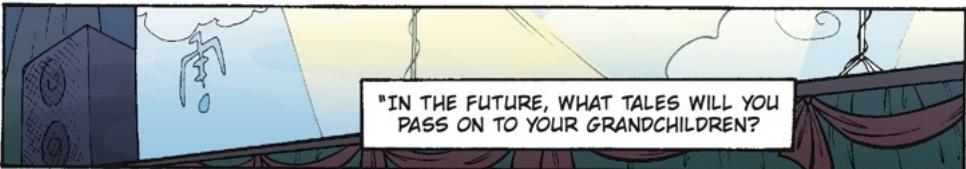
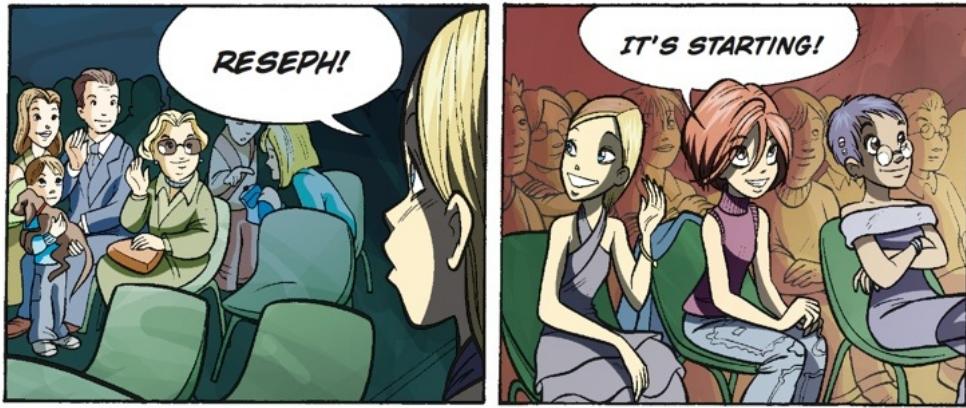






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A BRIDGE BETWEEN TWO WORLDS

“ Friendship is a dry passage in the pouring rain. ”









"YES, BUT IT SEEMS YOU DON'T KNOW AS MUCH AS YOU THOUGHT. THE GIRL YOU'RE POINTING TO IS..."

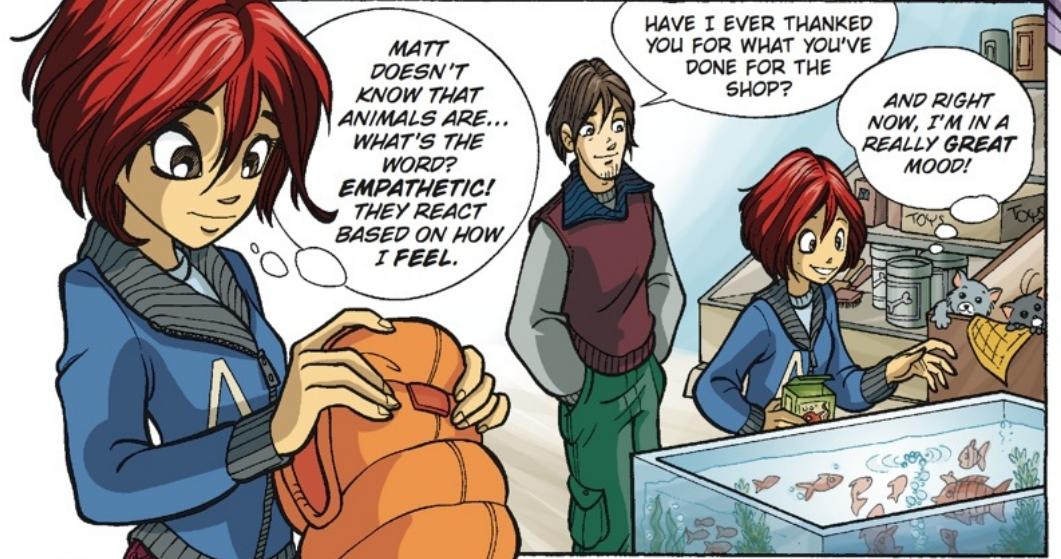
WILL!
WIIILL!

SHUT THE DOOR! QUICK! IT'S GETTING CRAZY IN HERE!



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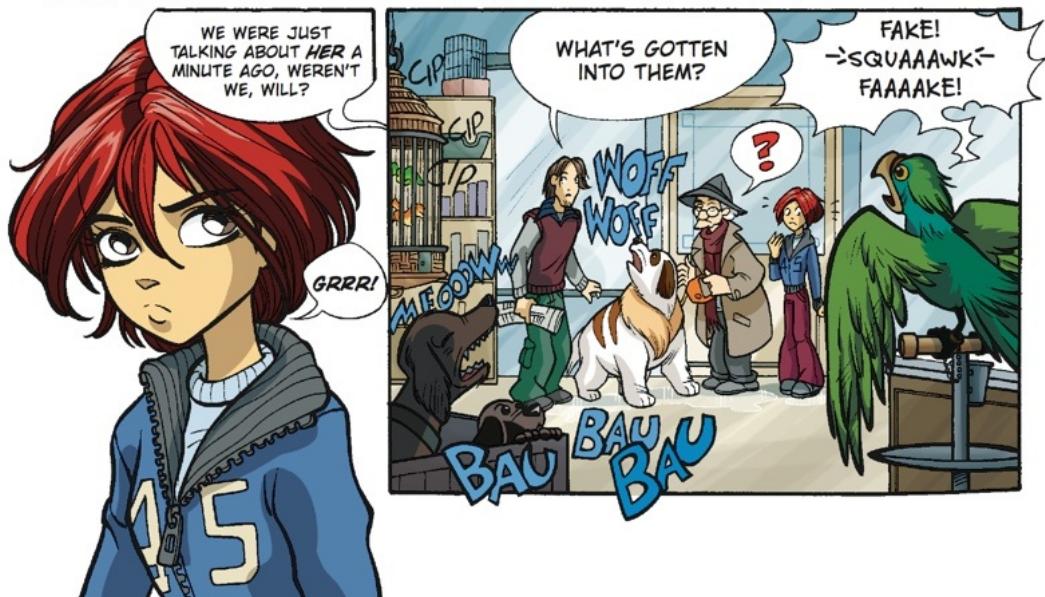
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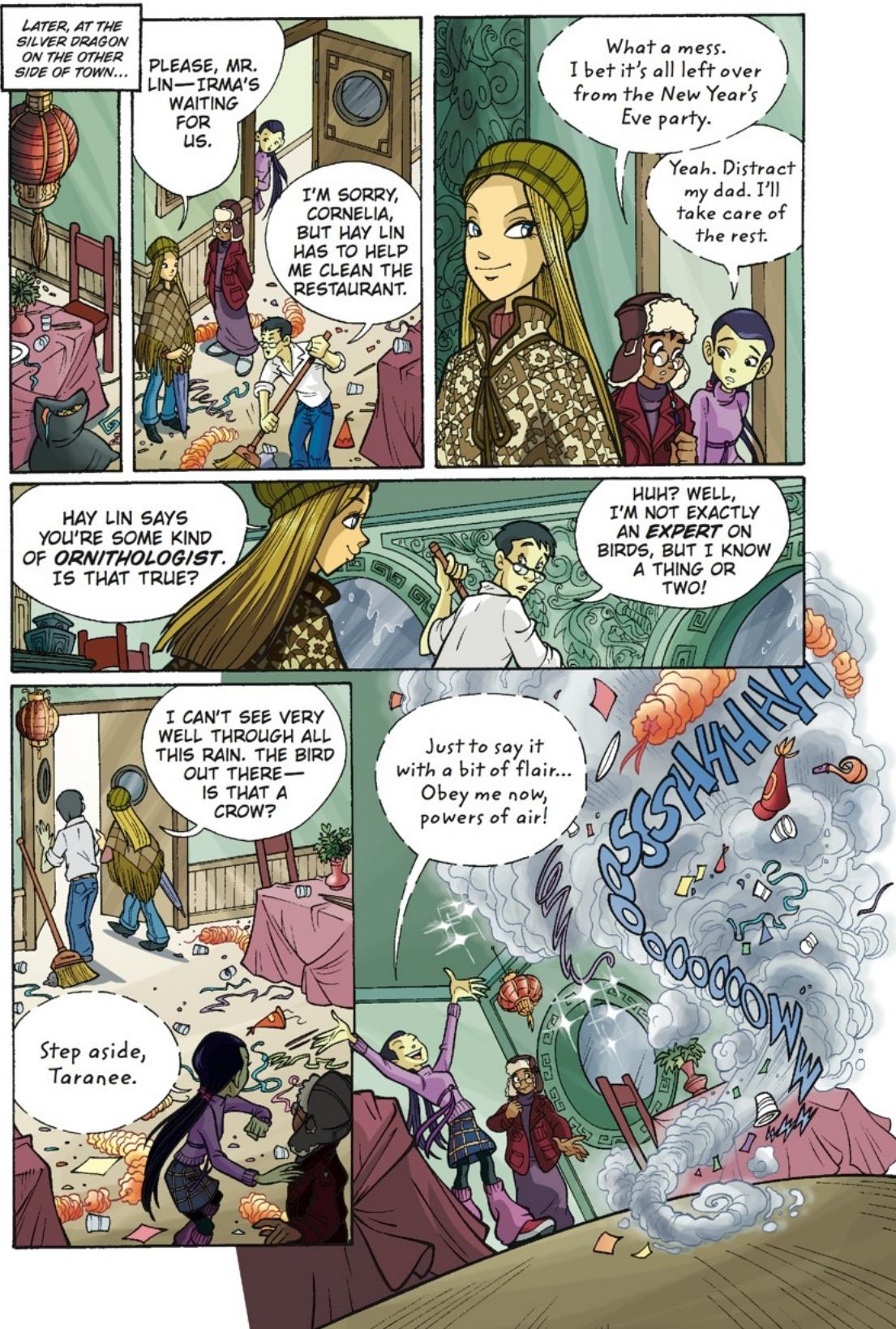


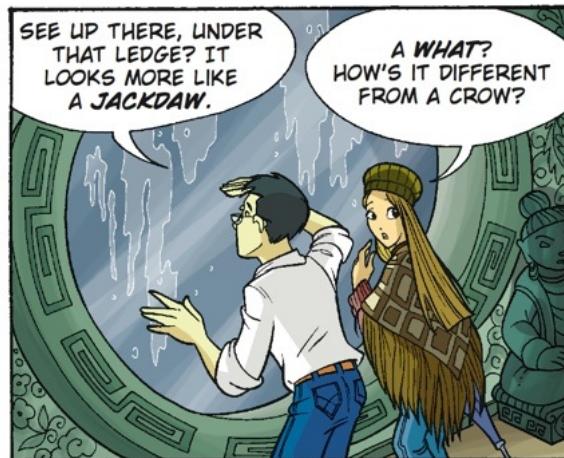




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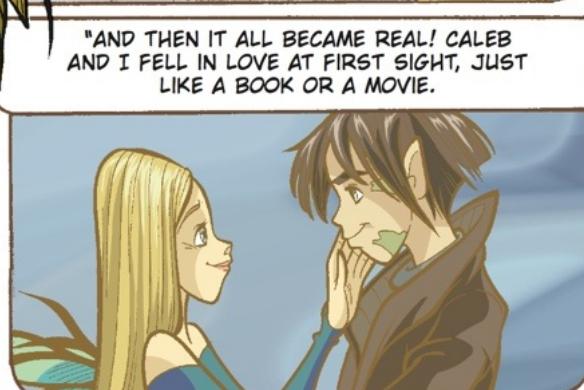
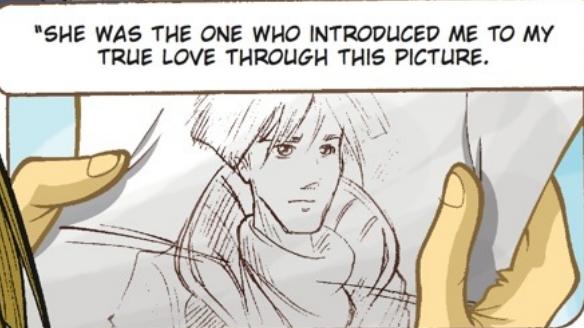
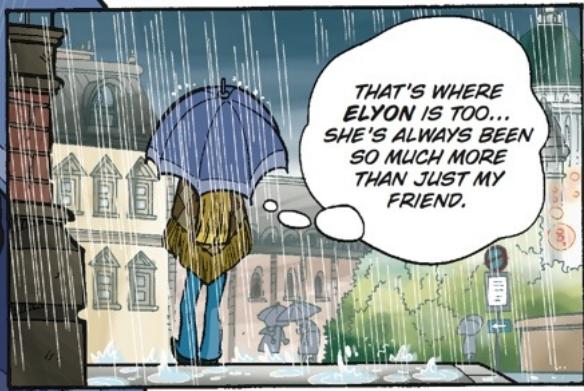
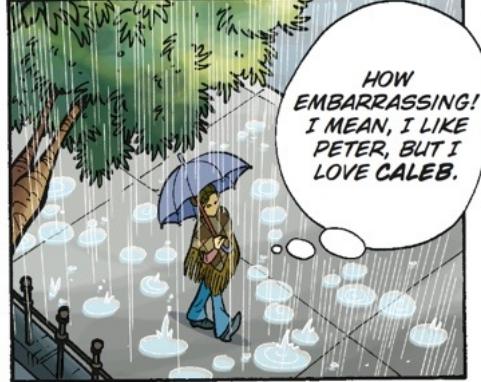


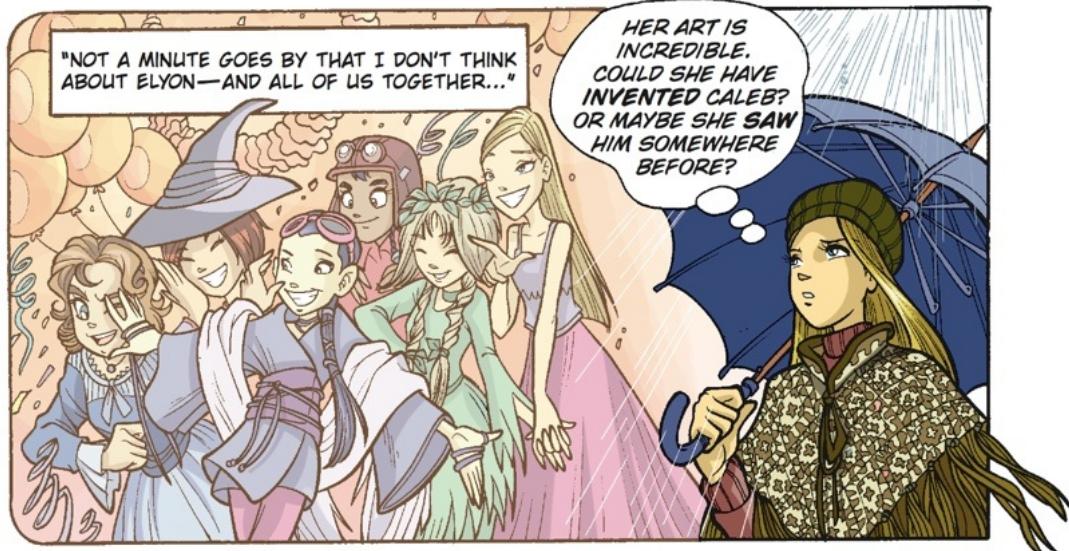
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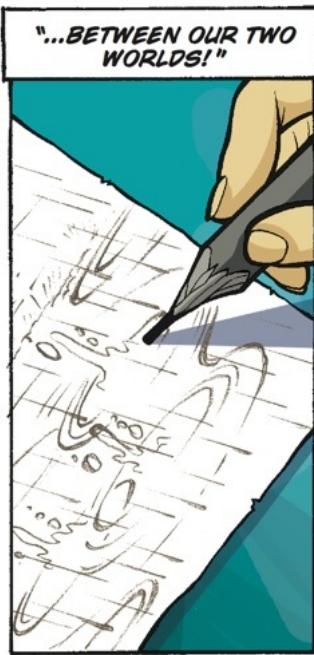
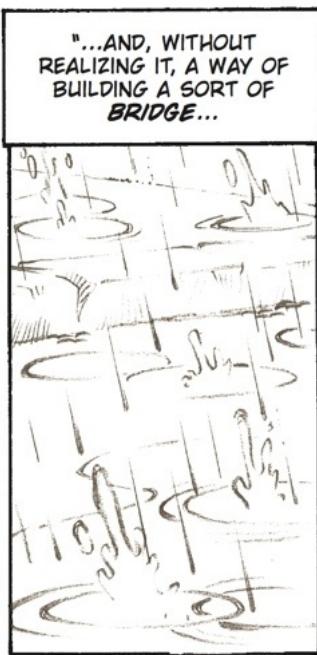




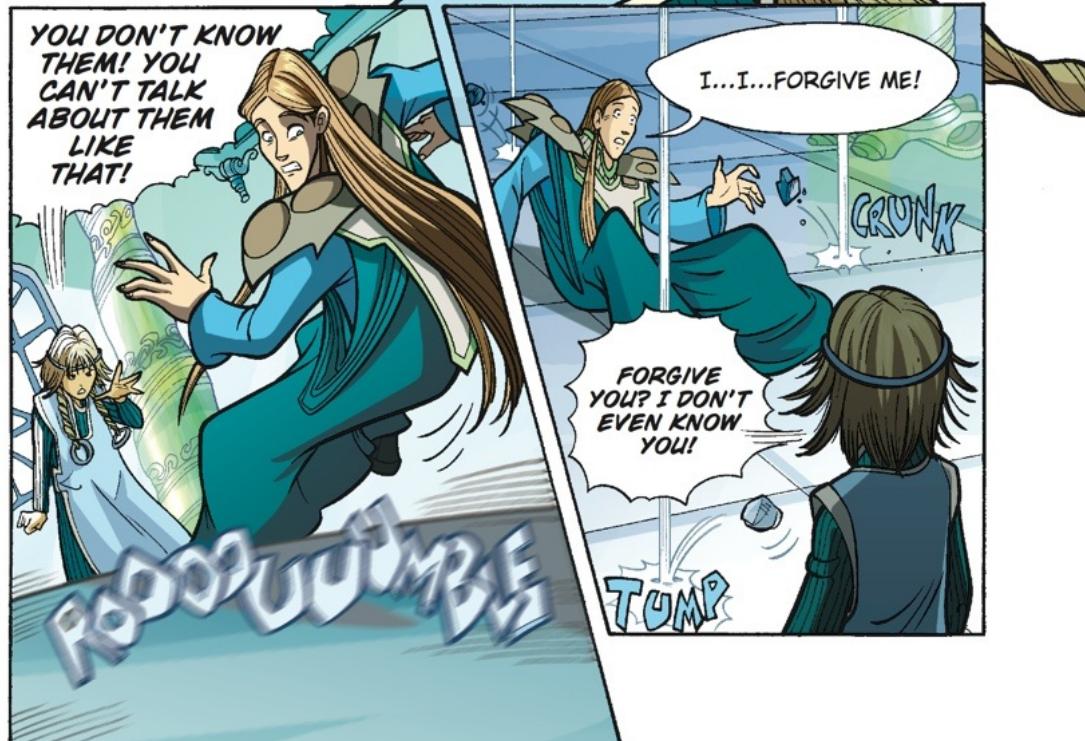


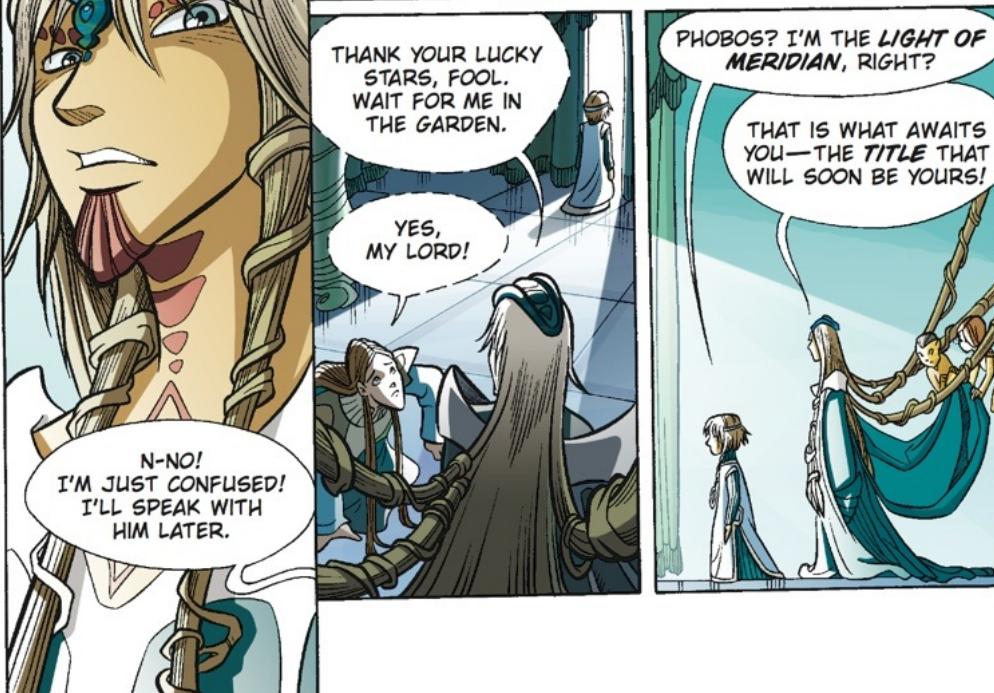
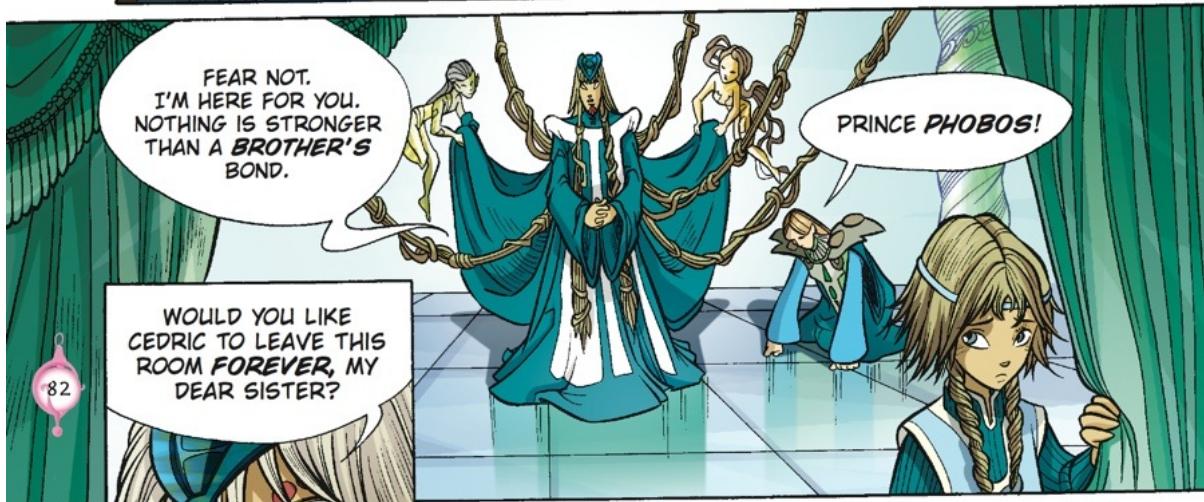
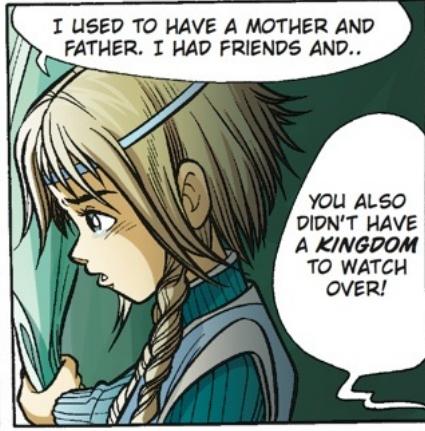
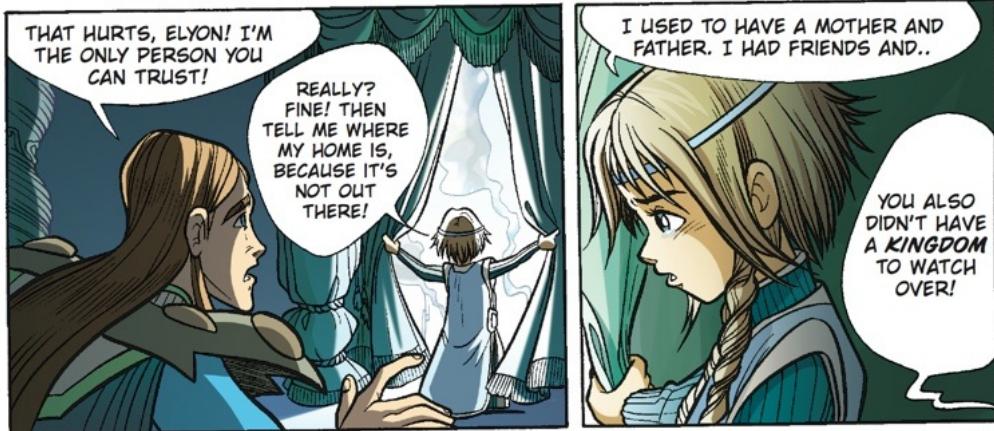


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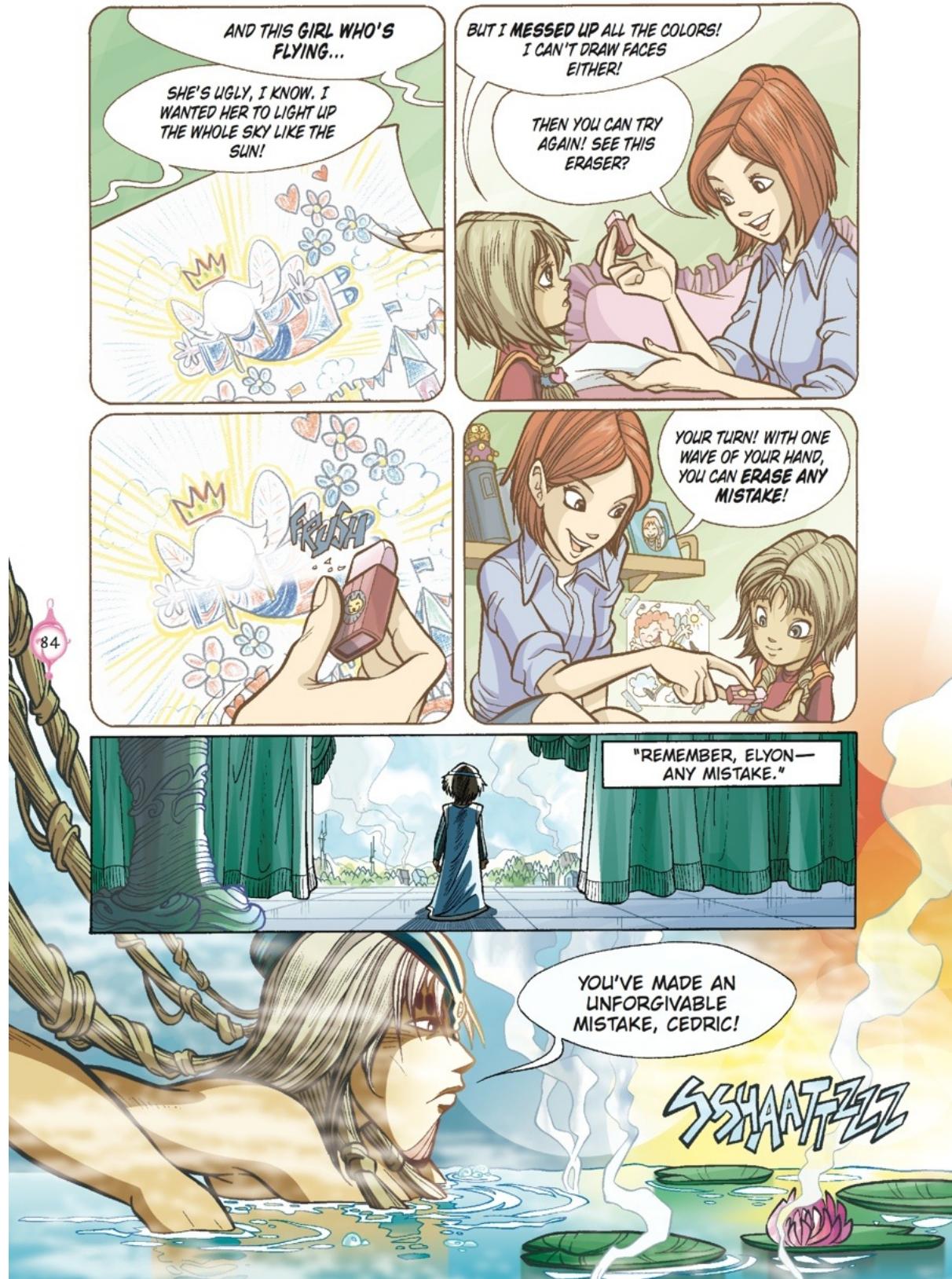


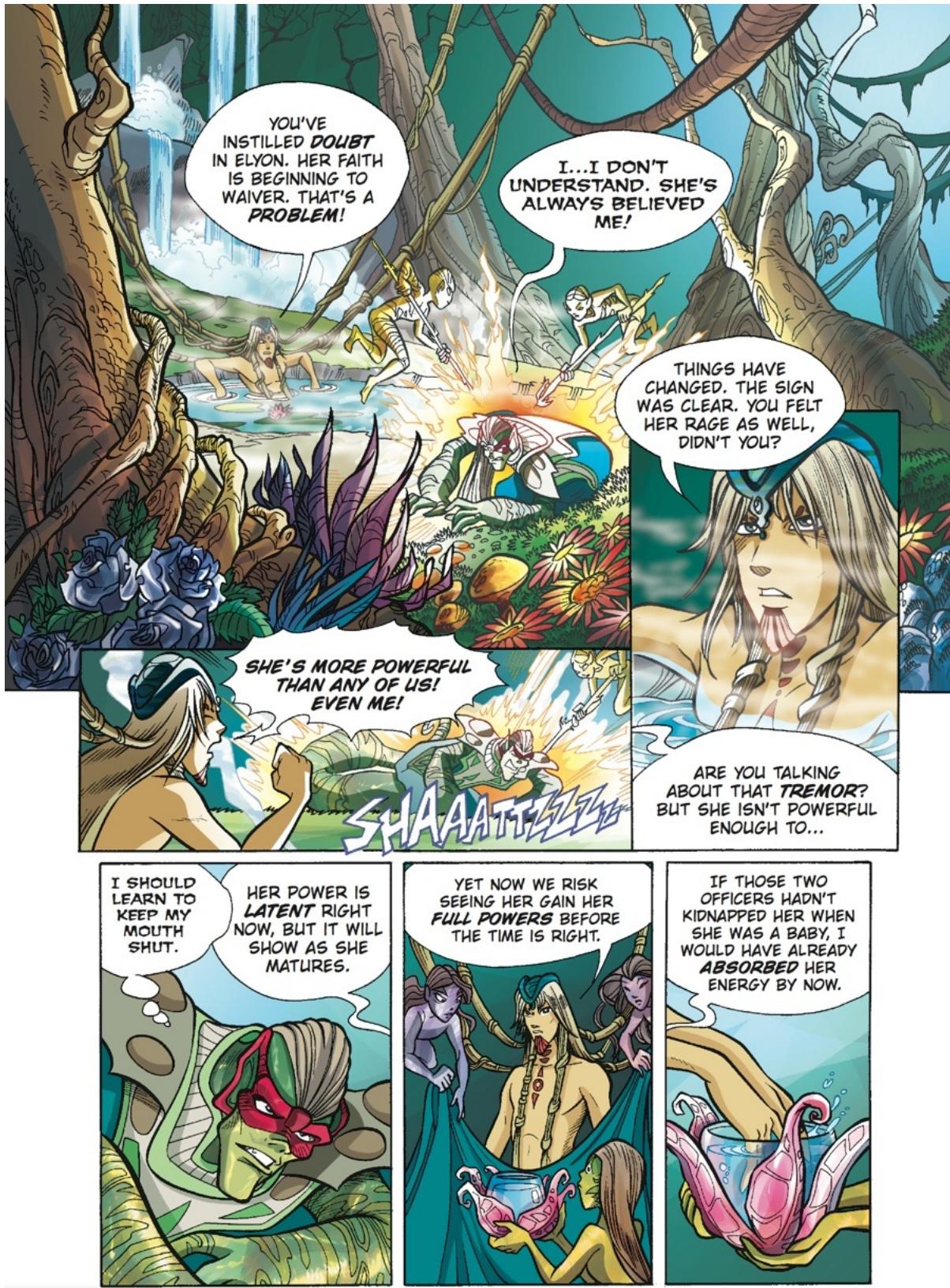












"AIDED BY NURSE GALGHEITA*, THOSE TRAITORS TOOK MY SISTER TO EARTH."

*"GALGHEITA" IS MS. RUDOLPH'S NAME IN METAMONDIA.

NOW, TO ABSORB HER VITAL FORCE, I NEED HER TO OVERCOME HER HESITANCE.

HOW WILL YOU DO THAT, MY LORD?

THE CORONATION CEREMONY, CEDRIC!

THERE, ELYON WILL WEAR THE CROWN...FOR THE FIRST AND LAST TIME!

IN THE MEANTIME, THE PRISONERS MUSTN'T SPEAK WITH HER—EVER AGAIN!

THEN, AN ACCIDENT WILL BEFALL THEM IN PRISON! ELYON WON'T SUSPECT A THING.

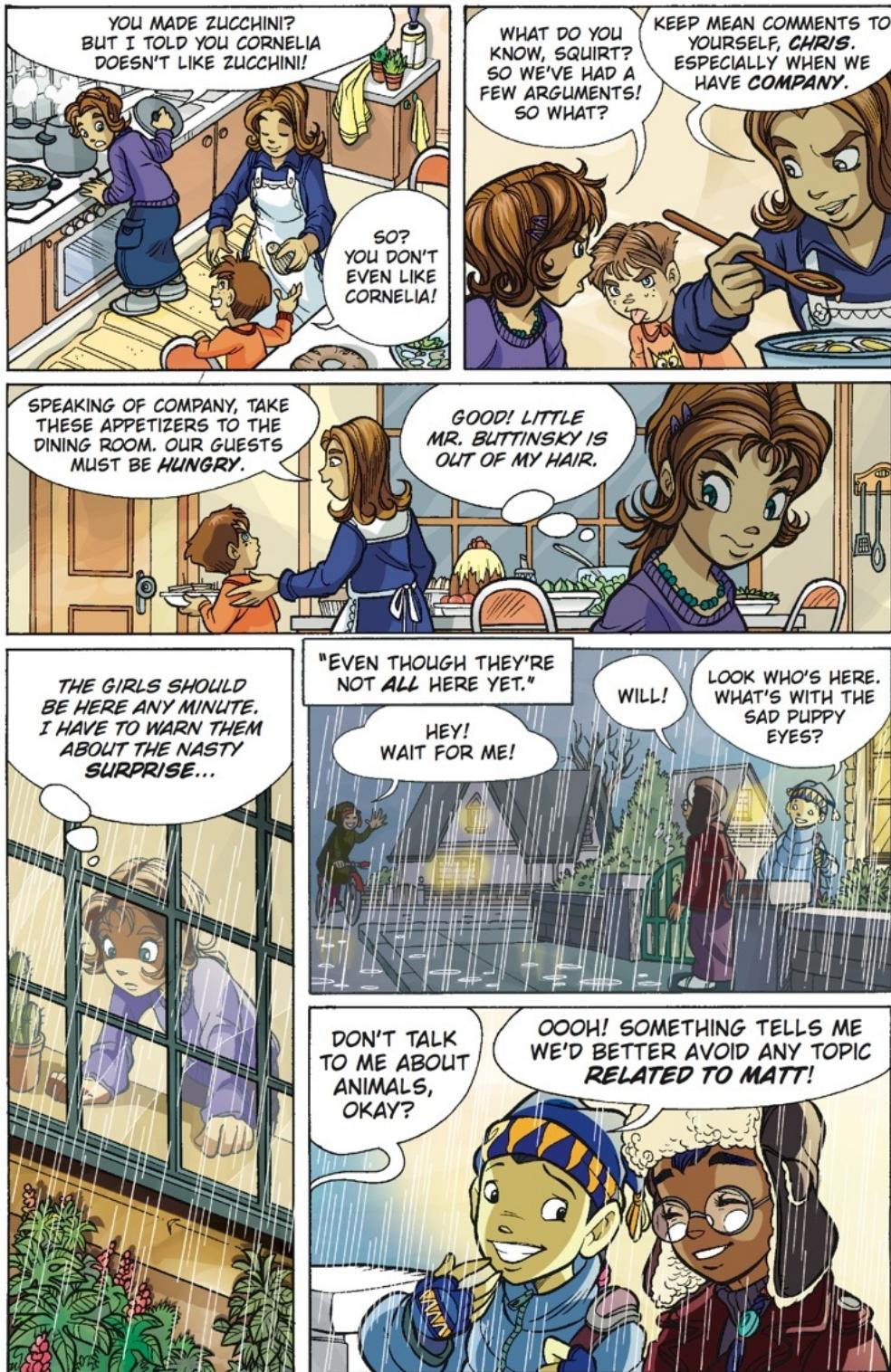
EXCELLENT! IF YOU DO A GOOD JOB, I WILL TAKE YOU TO THE ABYSS OF SHADOWS...

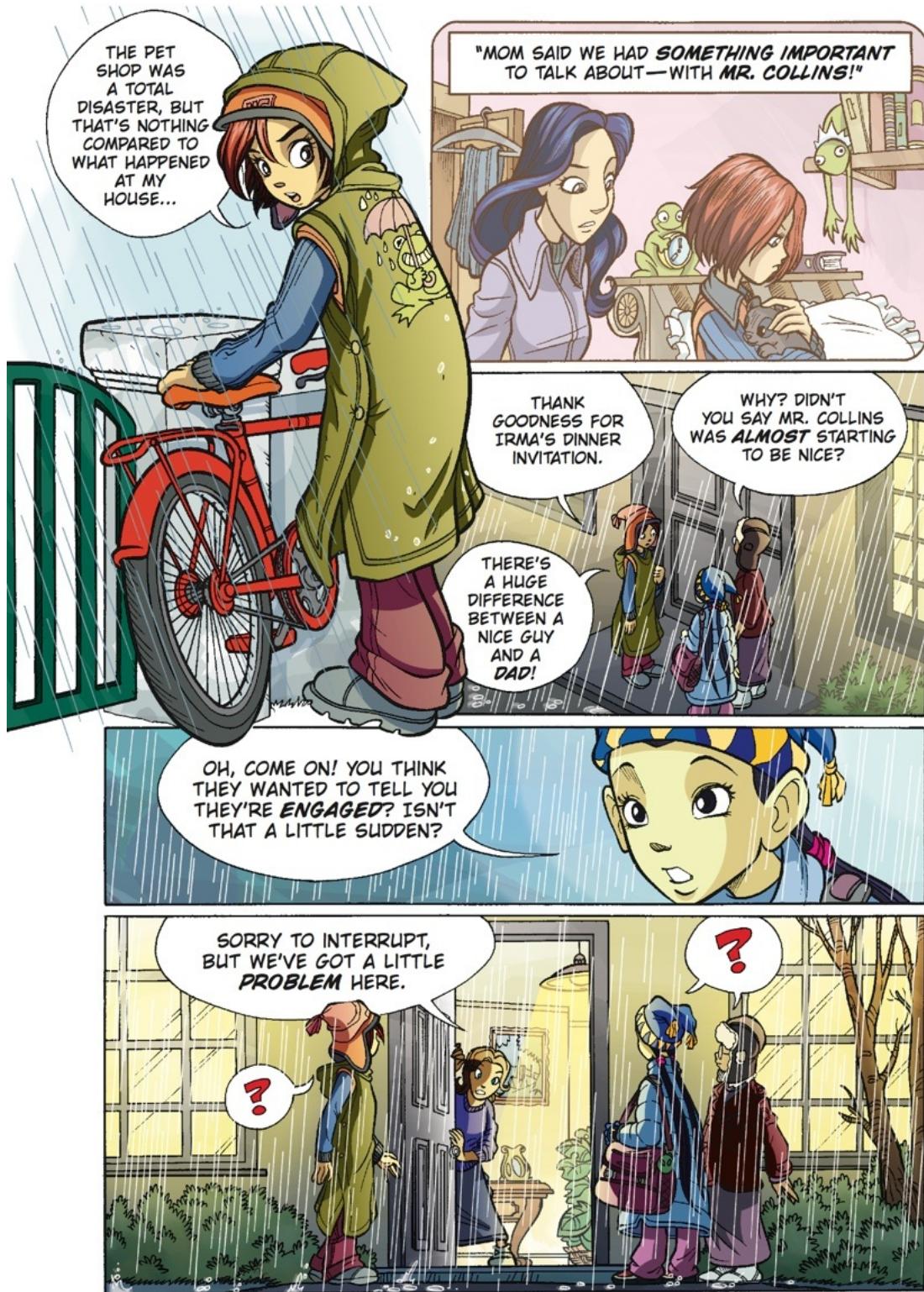
...WHERE YOU MAY DRINK FROM THE LEGENDARY BLACK SPRING!

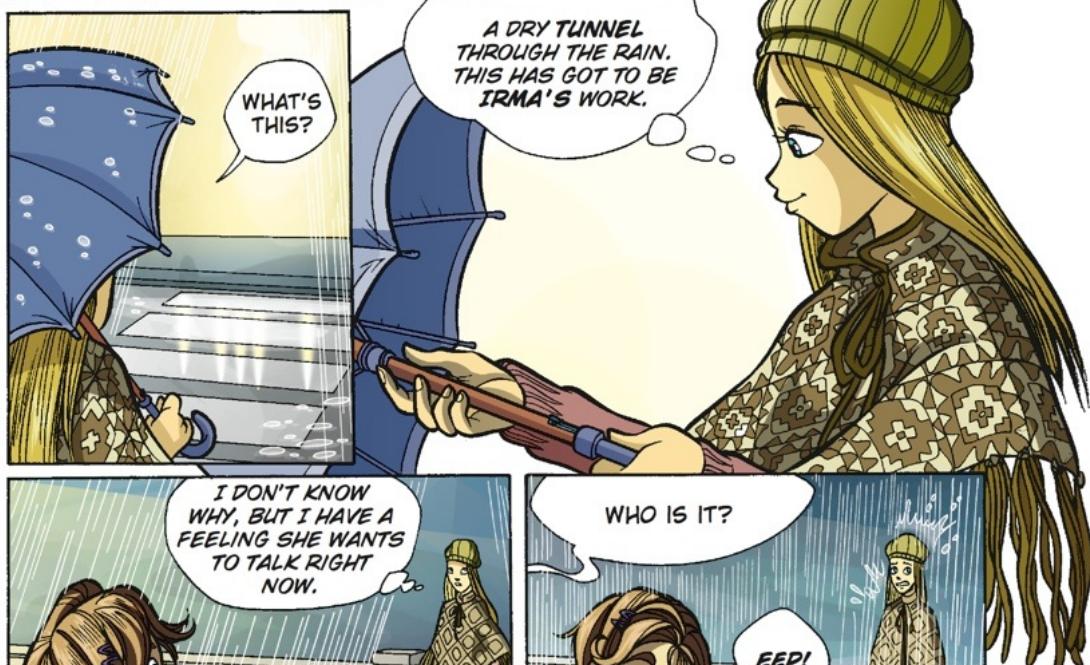
YES, YES, YES! THE ULTIMATE HONOR!

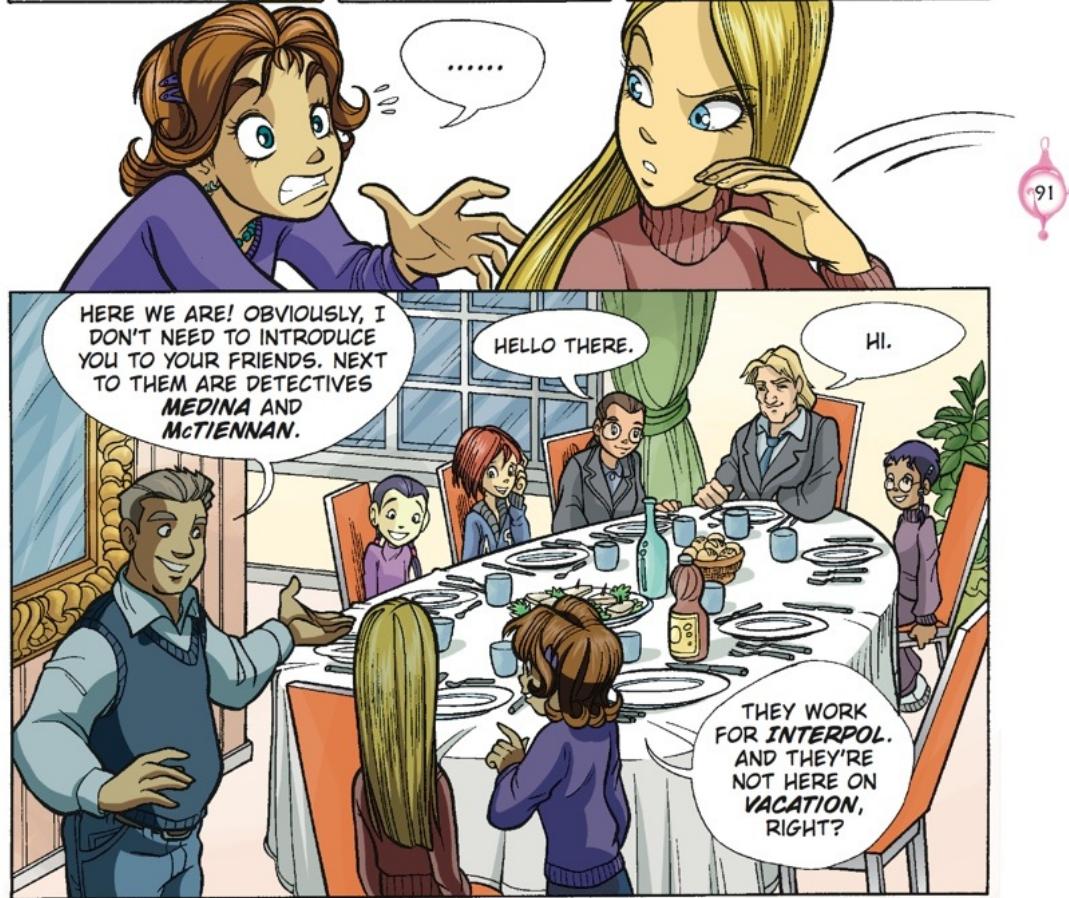
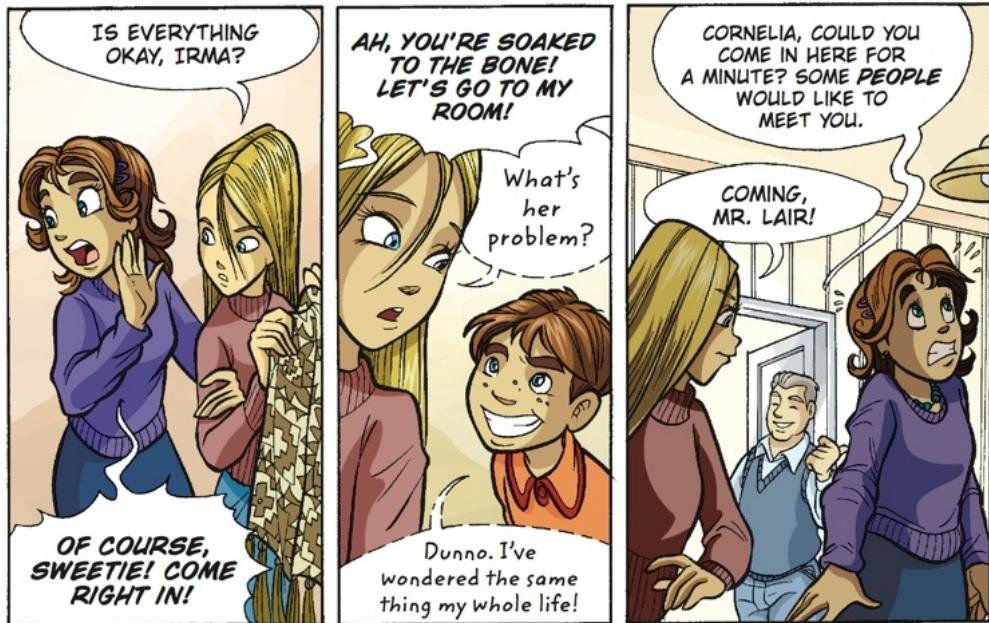
AND SOON, I TOO WILL LIVE IN THE PALACE—AS A MURMURER!

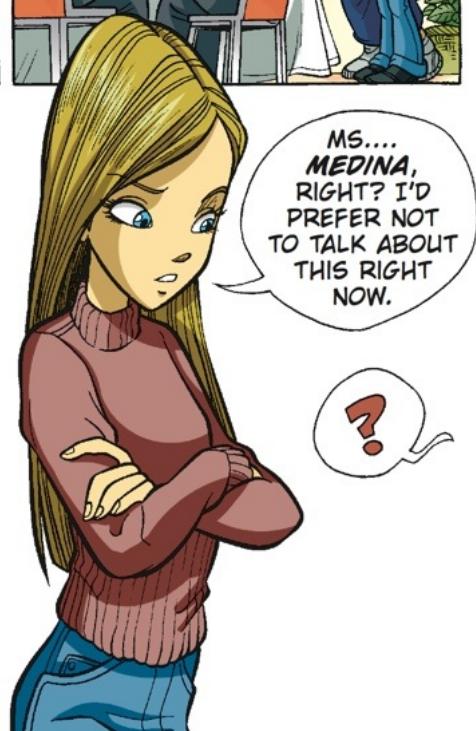
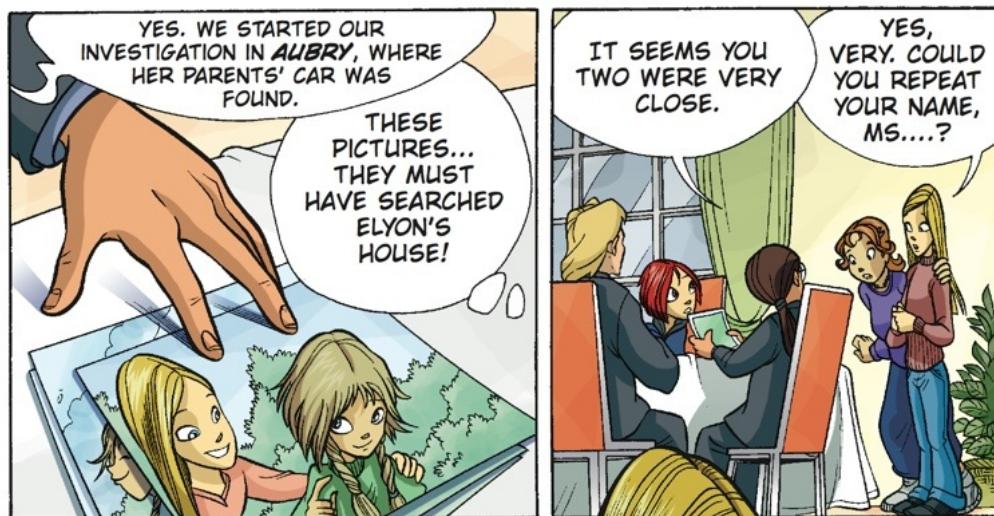
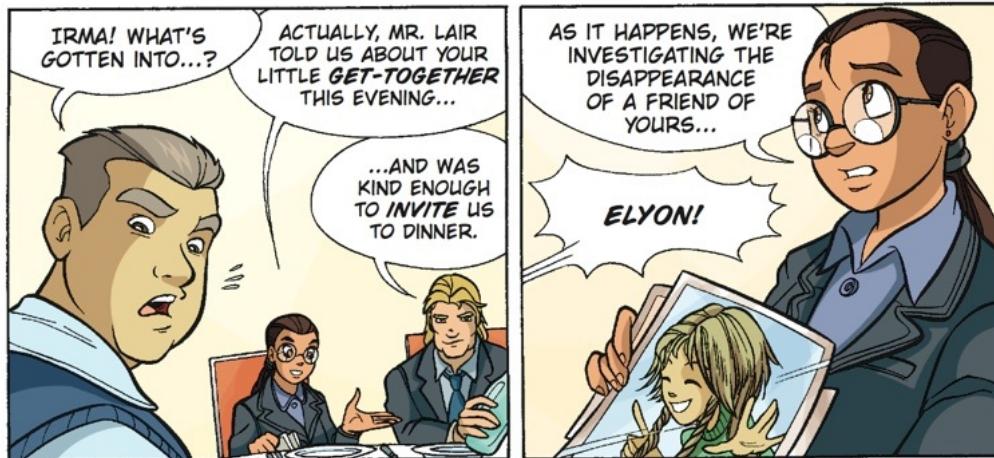




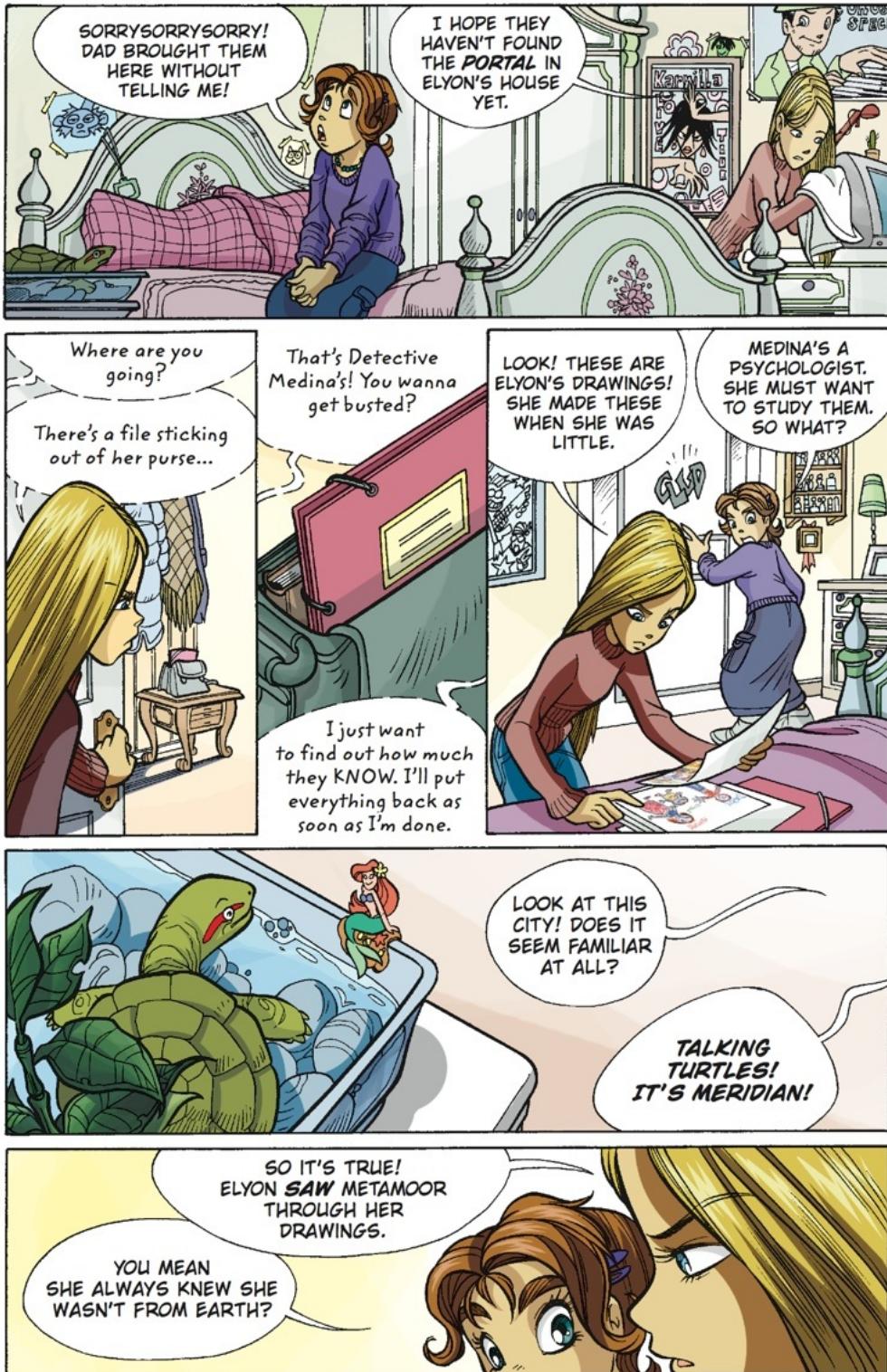


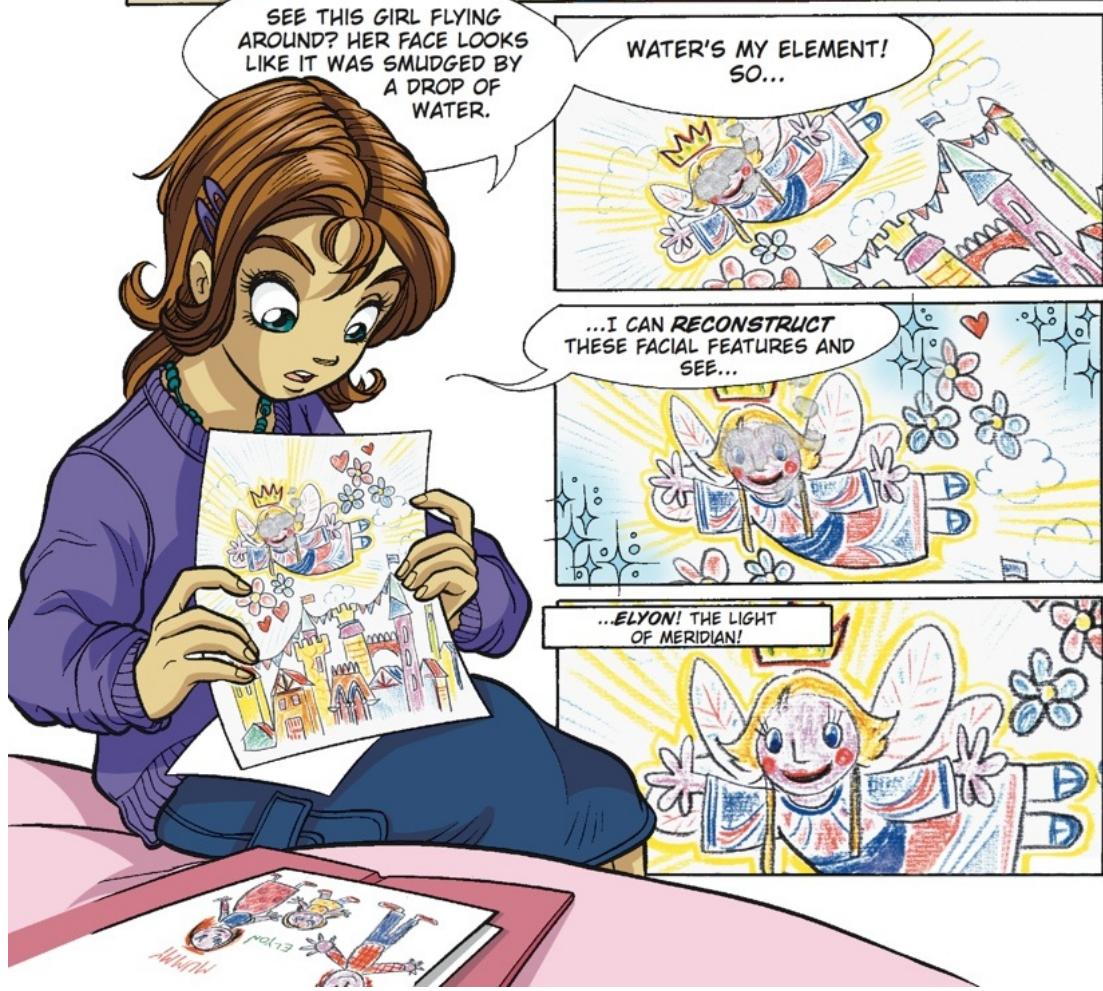






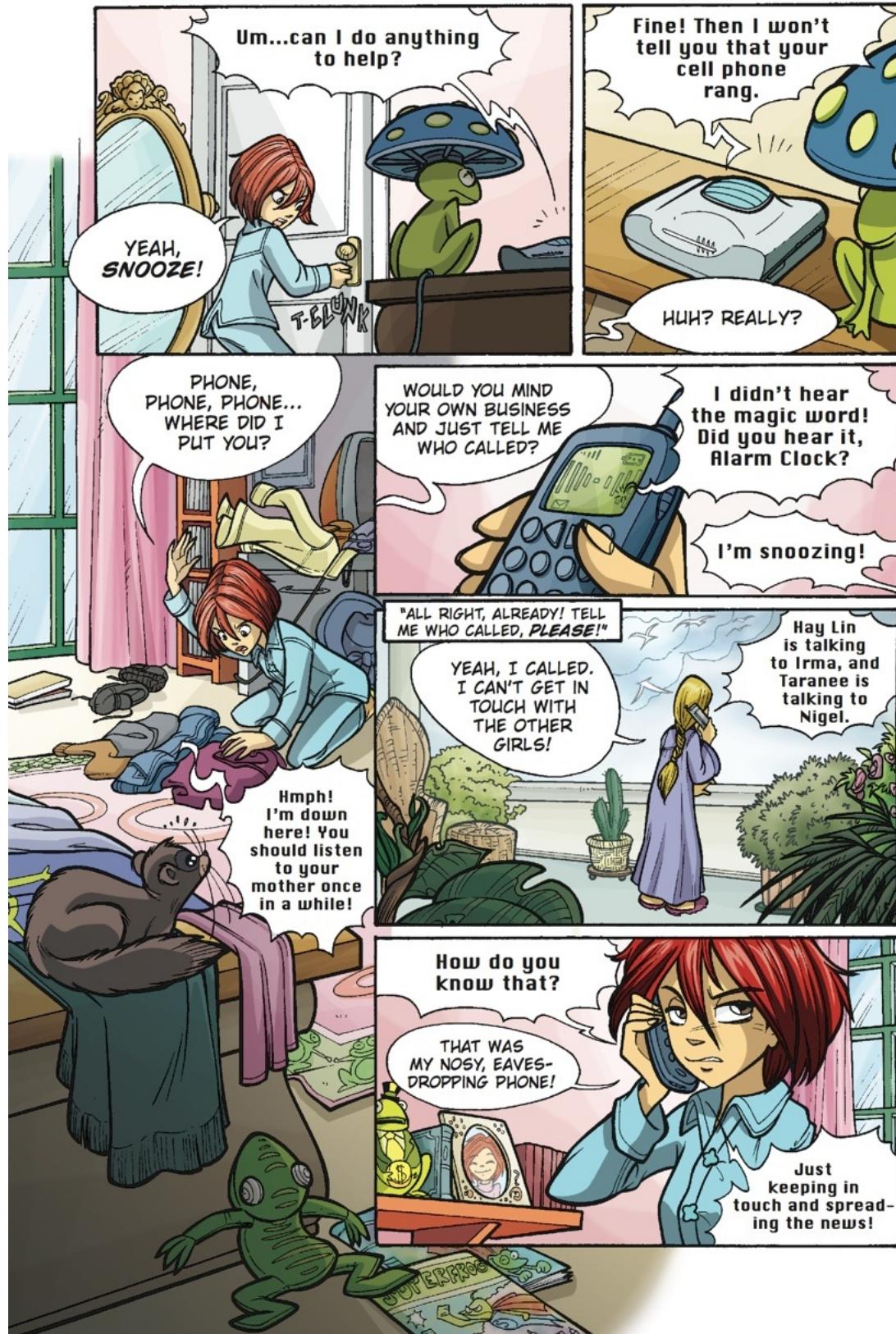


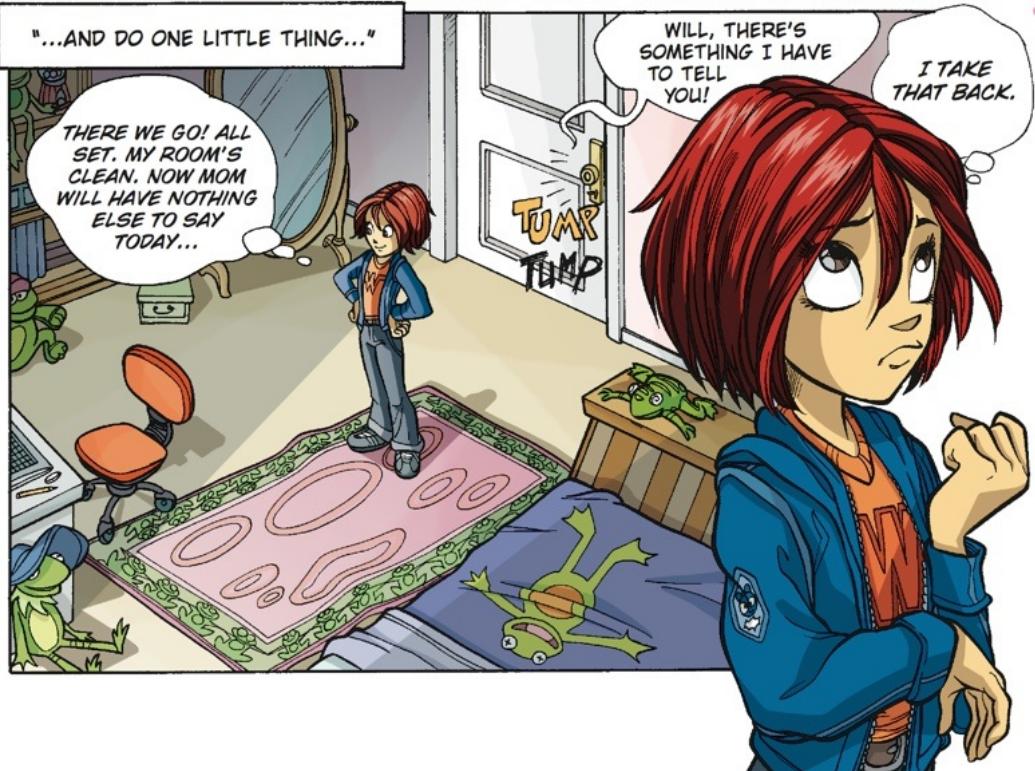
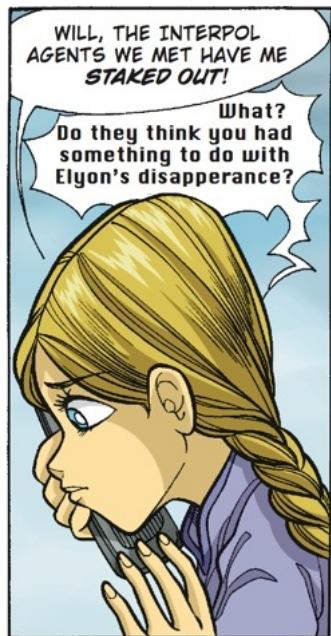


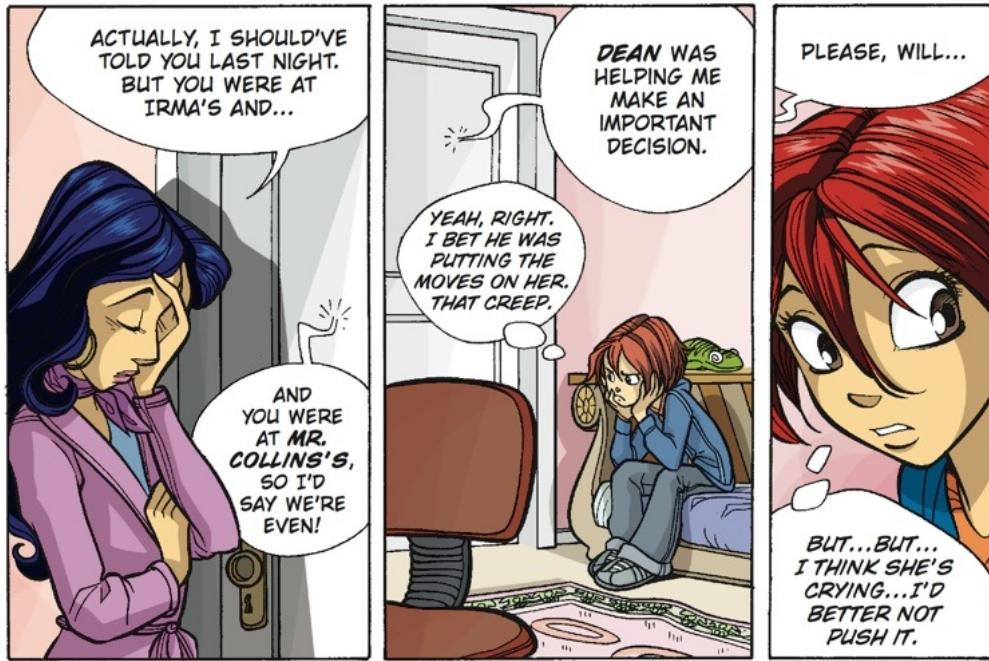








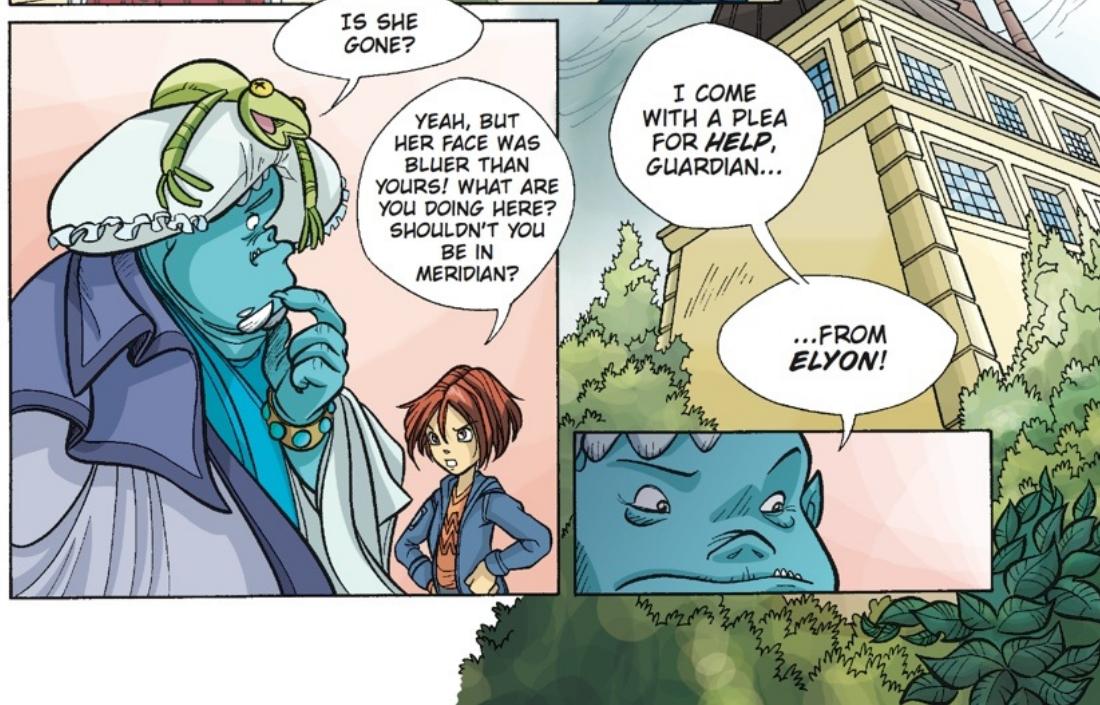




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"SHE CAME TO US AT NIGHT, RISKING HER OWN LIFE AND BRAVING THE UNDERGROUND WORLD OF THE INFINITE CITY."

IF YOU'RE LOOKING FOR CALEB, HE'S RECRUITING REBELS IN YOUR NAME!

I'M HERE TO BEG YOU, VATHEK. PLEASE, I NEED YOU TO FREE MY ADOPTIVE PARENTS!

I KNOW I'VE DISOWNED THEM, BUT I'VE ALSO SEEN WHERE THEY'RE LOCKED UP. IT'S HORRIBLE!

THAT PRISON IS YOUR BROTHER'S DOING—HE CONFINES THOSE WHO OPPOSE HIM!

THEY'RE SUFFERING! I CAN SENSE IT! THEY'LL NEVER SURVIVE TO MY CORONATION.

NO ONE CAN BREAK INTO THE PRISON, NOT EVEN ME! YOU SHOULD ASK THE GUARDIANS FOR HELP.

EXCEPT FOR CORNELIA, THEY HATE ME. THEY'D NEVER HELP.

REALLY? I'M NOT EXACTLY A GENIUS...

...BUT IT'S EASY TO SEE THAT IF YOU'VE COME ALL THE WAY HERE, ELUDING PHOBOS'S CONTROL, YOU DON'T TRUST HIM EITHER.

PERHAPS THE MOMENT HAS COME TO BELIEVE IN SOMEONE ELSE, LIGHT OF MERIDIAN!

"THUS, ELYON CHOSE YOU, THE GUARDIANS OF THE VEIL. HER FORMER FRIENDS!"

OKAY, LET'S JUST SAY THAT'S ALL TRUE. WHY COME TO ME, VATHEK?

I'VE ALWAYS FOUND IT DIFFICULT TO GET MY BEARINGS IN YOUR CONFUSING CITY...

HEATHERFIELD ISN'T MY CITY. AND LIKE YOURS, IT'S PRETTY EASY TO GET AROUND IN.

I ONLY REMEMBER HOW TO GET TO YOUR PLACE. CEDRIC KEPT AN EYE ON YOU THERE A LOT.

I CAN'T IMAGINE HOW YOU MANAGED TO HIDE WHEN YOU WORKED FOR HIM.

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HE WAS A MASTER OF DECEPTION! HE DIDN'T NEED SUCH RIDICULOUS MASQUERADES!

HEY! THESE CLOTHES WERE ALL I COULD FIND! JUST DEAL WITH IT, OKAY?

PEOPLE ARE STARING AT ME! WHEN I GOT HERE EARLIER, NO ONE WAS AROUND!

THAT'S BECAUSE IT WAS RAINING! WE HAVE TO GET TO CORNELIA WITHOUT SEEMING SUSPICIOUS.

I'VE GOT IT—MATT'S GRANDFATHER'S VAN. WE'LL KILL TWO BIRDS WITH ONE STONE!

DO YOU PLAN TO DISGUISE ME AS A BIRD OR A STONE?



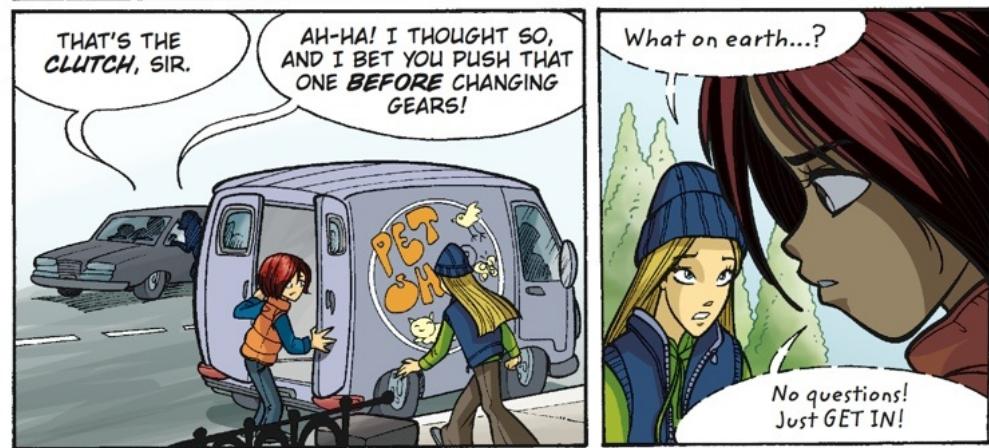
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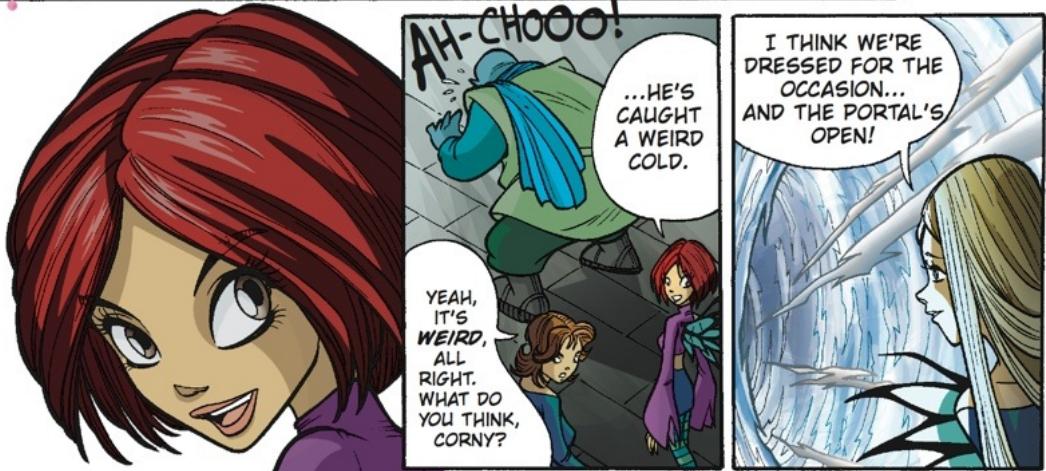


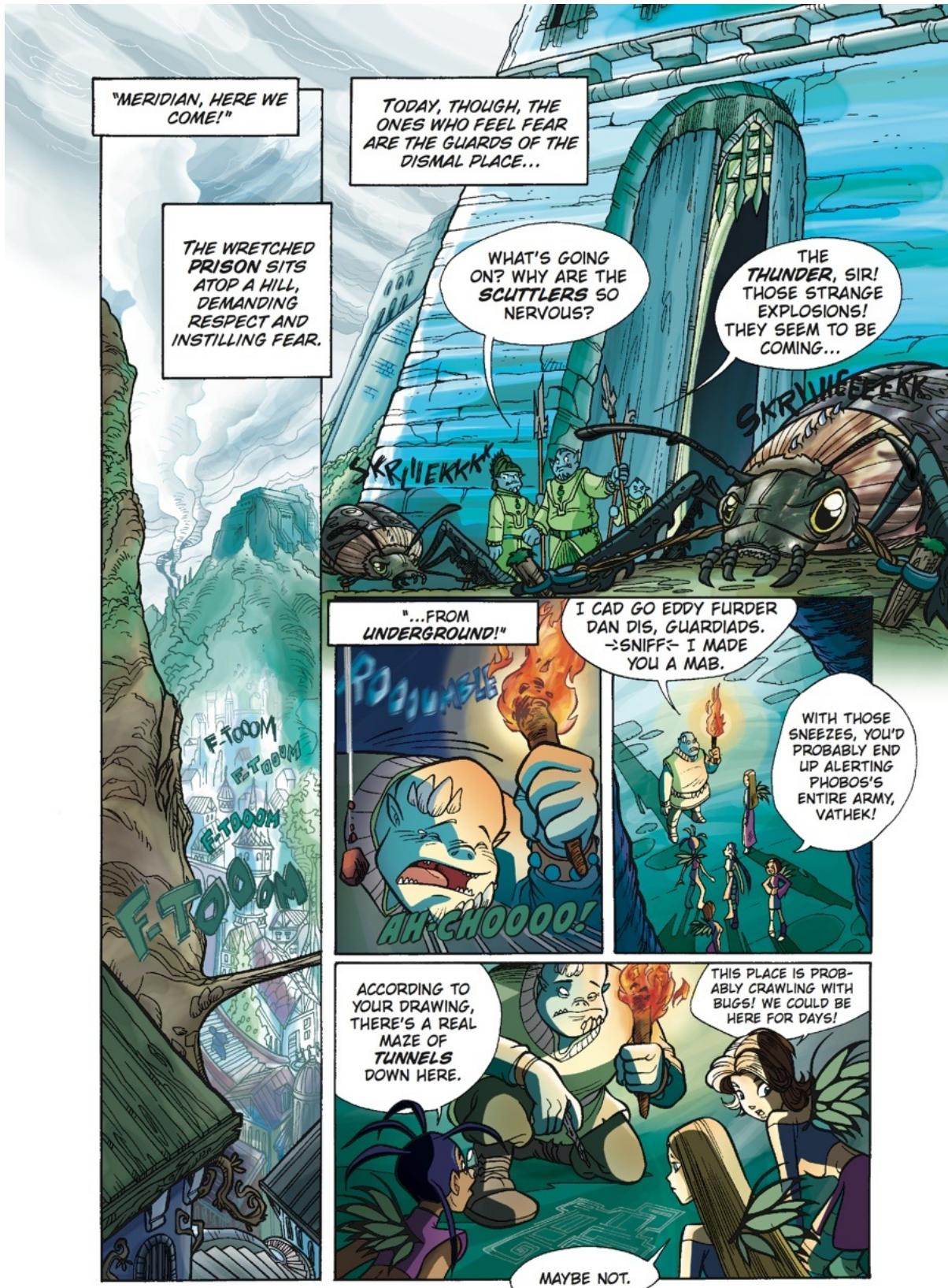




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THIS MUST BE ONE TOUGH MONSTER! THE HEART OF KANDRAKAR IS GOING TO HELP US!

AH!

ELEANOR,
IT'S THEM!
THE
GUARDIANS
OF THE
VEIL!

HUH?
WHERE'D IT
GO?

EEEEW,
GROSS! NOW IT'S
REALLY GIVING ME THE
CREEPS!

SKREEEK?

I CAN'T
BELIEVE IT—THAT
RAY SHRANK
IT!

IT DID A LOT MORE
THAN THAT, WILL.

I DON'T KNOW HOW,
BUT IT OPENED ALL
THE CELLS!





IN A SINGLE, FLEETING MOMENT,
MERIDIAN'S PRISON DISAPPEARS,
BY ELYON'S WILL...



FOR THE WOMAN WHO, DEEP IN HER
HEART, SHE CONSIDERS HER MOTHER...



FOR THE CITIZENS SHE'S
BEGUN TO CONSIDER HER
OWN PEOPLE...



FOREVER...





EPILOGUE 1: MERIDIAN, INSIDE PHOBOS'S CASTLE...

I FAILED, MY LORD! I DID NOT SUCCEED IN ELIMINATING THE TWO TRAITORS.

I KNOW, CEDRIC. I KNOW ALL ABOUT IT.

I BEG YOU. TELL ME HOW ELYON MADE THE PRISON DISAPPEAR!

HER POWER IS IMMENSE! I MUST HAVE IT FOR MYSELF!

THAT IS WHY IT'S TIME TO OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCE HER CORONATION!

EPILOGUE 2: HEATHERFIELD, IN ELYON'S BASEMENT...

MERIDIAN'S DEFINITELY CHANGING.

SO I WASN'T WRONG ABOUT ELYON! SHE NEEDS TO UNDERSTAND WHAT'S GOING ON. SHE NEEDS US!

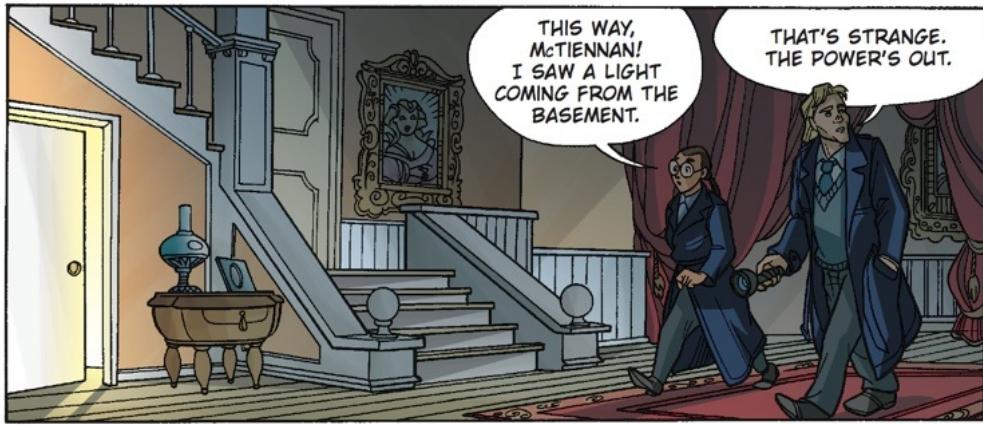
WHAT ARE YOU DOING, CORNELIA?

MAKING A WALL TO HIDE THE PORTAL. WE MIGHT NEED TO USE IT AGAIN.

WITHOUT THE MAP OF THE PORTALS, THIS IS THE ONLY ONE WE KNOW ABOUT, AND...

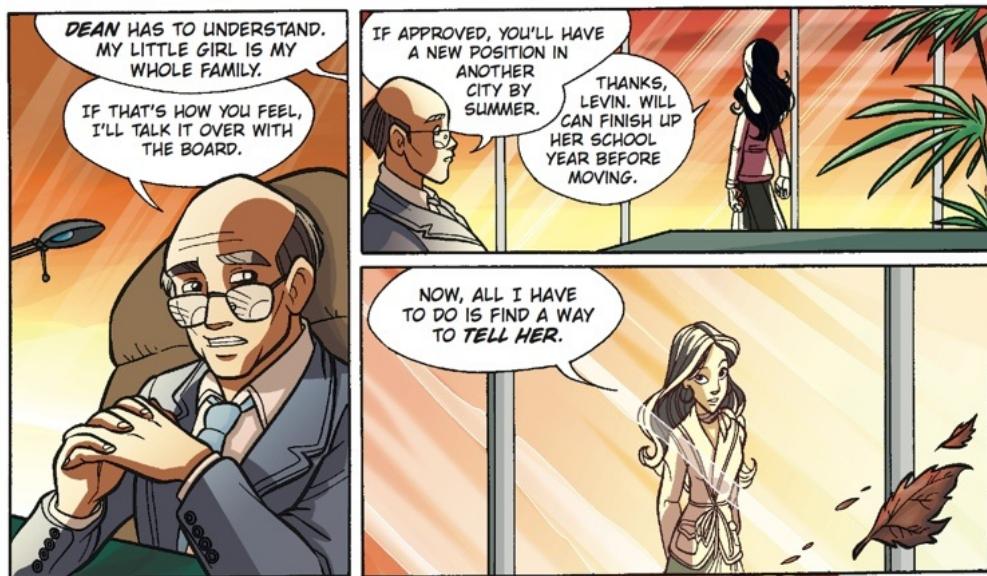
SHHHH! Someone's coming. We'd better CHANGE BACK, QUICK!

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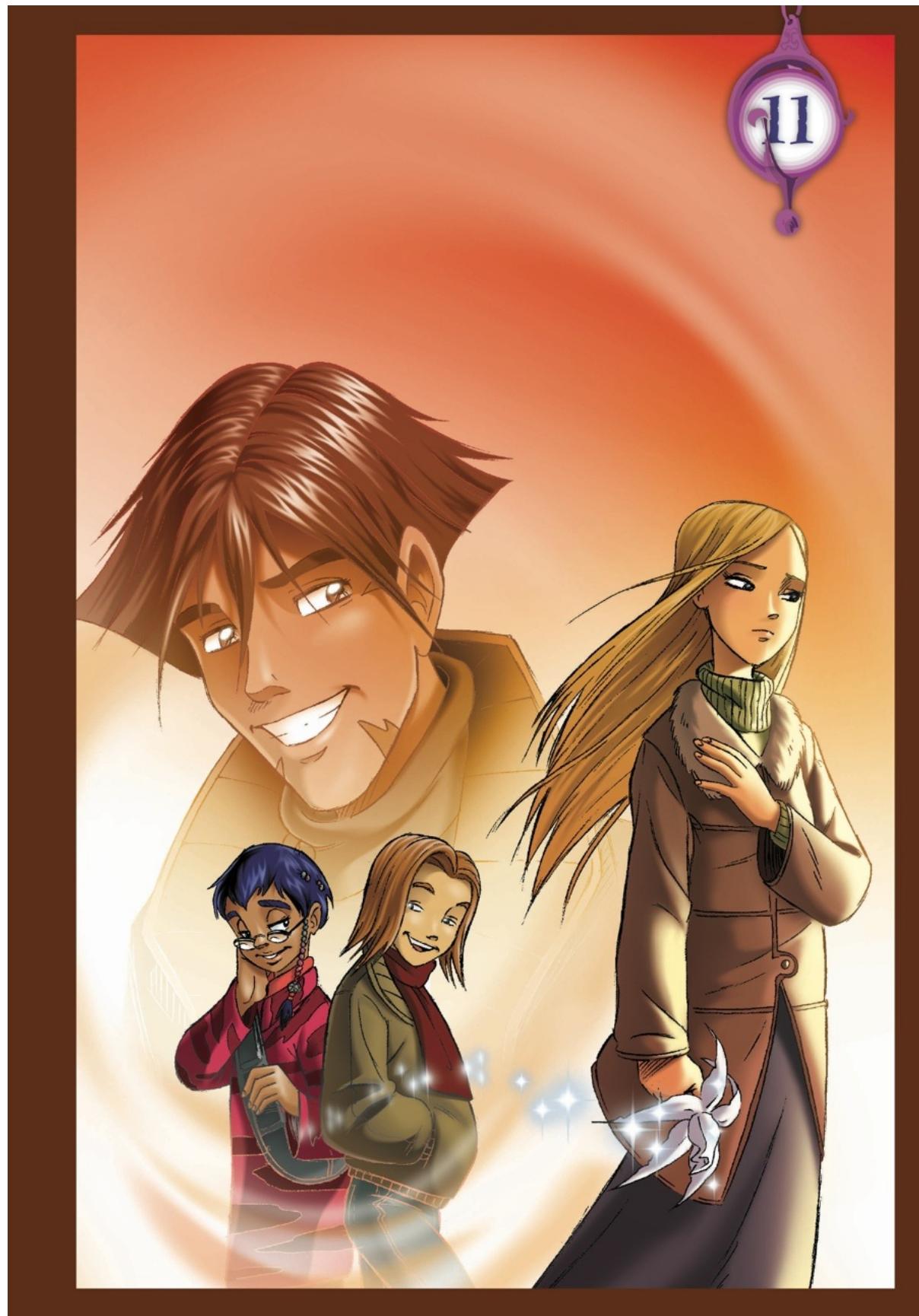








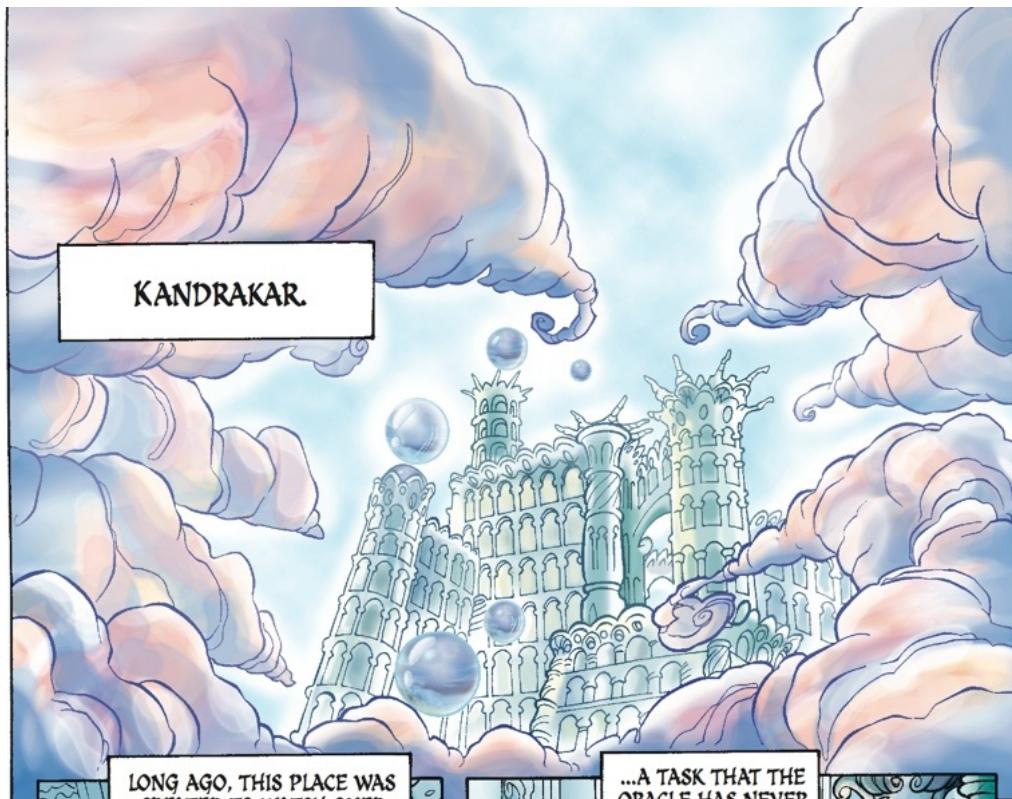




THE CROWN OF LIGHT

“ My search for her was long,
and tomorrow her power
will be mine at last! ”





LONG AGO, THIS PLACE WAS
CREATED TO WATCH OVER
OTHER WORLDS
AND DIMENSIONS...

...A TASK THAT THE
ORACLE HAS NEVER
FAILED TO FULFILL.

ALTHOUGH HIS EYES
HAVE OBSERVED
BILLIONS OF LIVES,
NOTHING UPSETS HIM...

YET TODAY, THE
UNEXPECTED HAS
OCCURRED. HIS BROW
FURROWS WITH A
LINE OF CONCERN.

TODAY, FOR
THE FIRST TIME,
THE ORACLE
IS WORRIED.

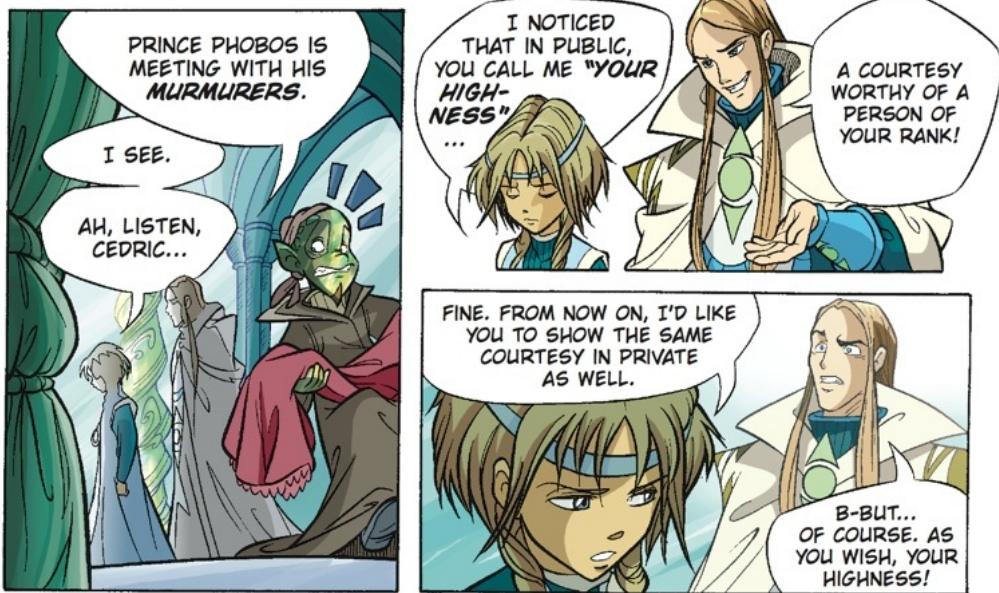


IT CANNOT BE BECAUSE OF THE GUARDIANS. THEY MAY BE SOMEWHAT WILD, BUT THEY ARE CARRYING OUT THEIR TASK WELL.

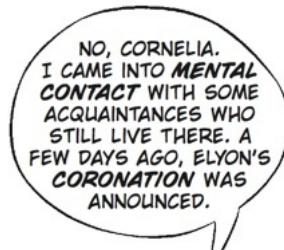
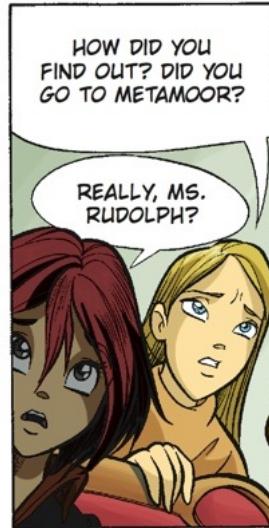
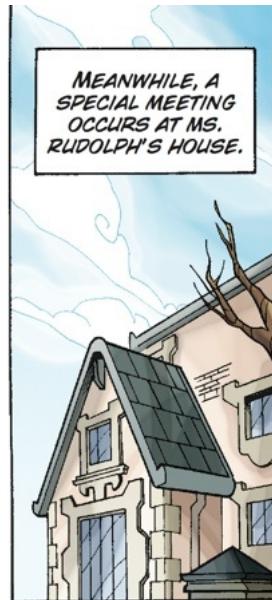




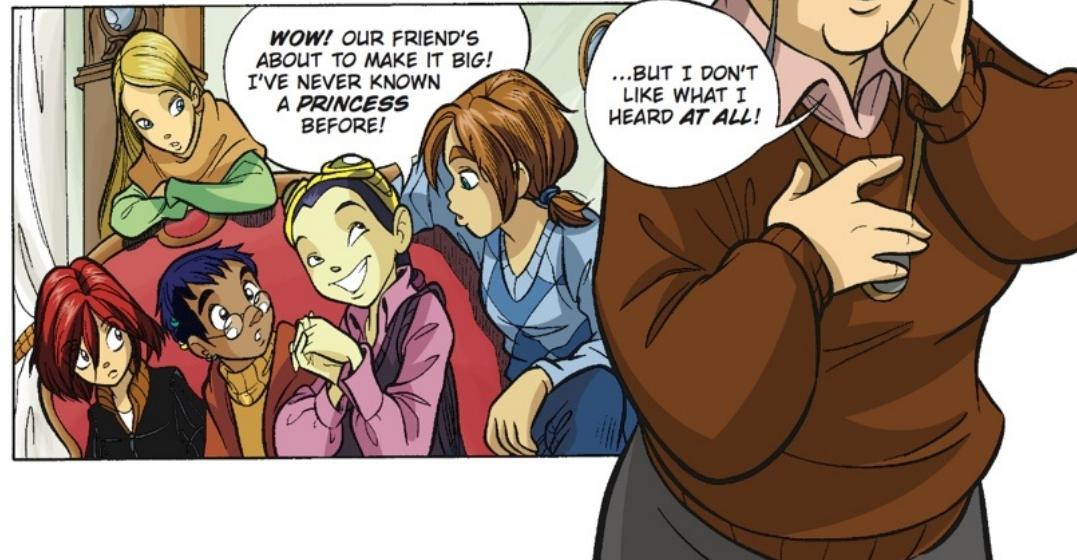
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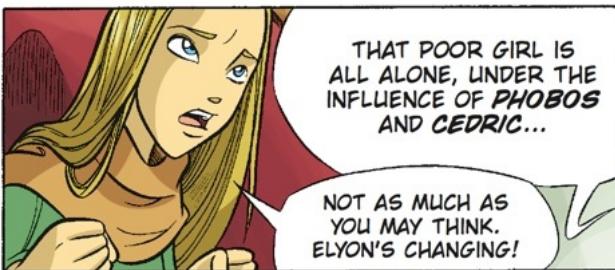
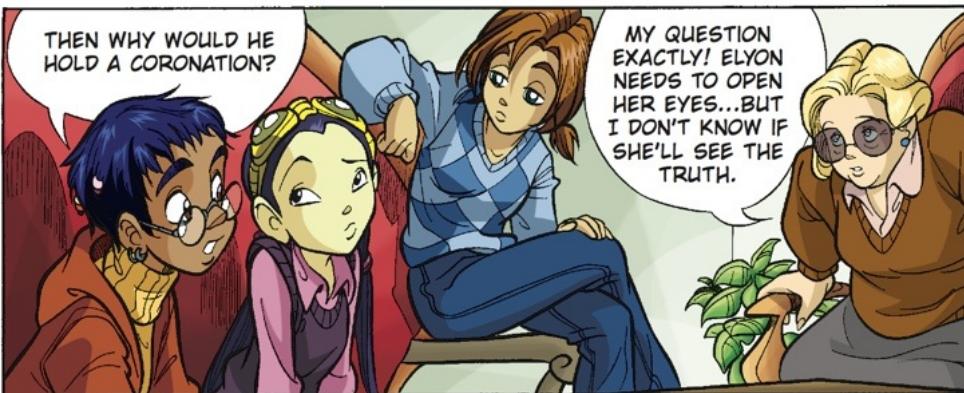
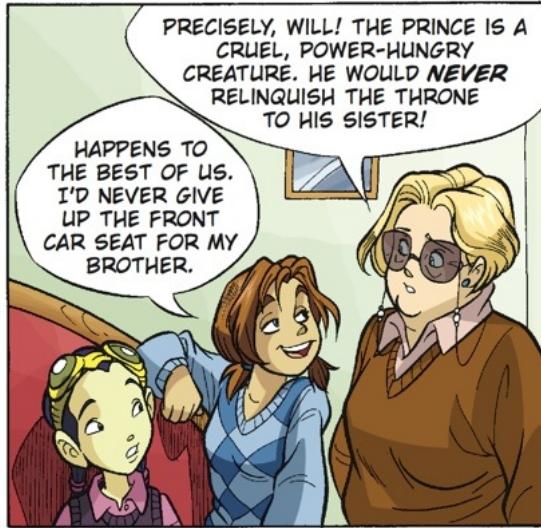
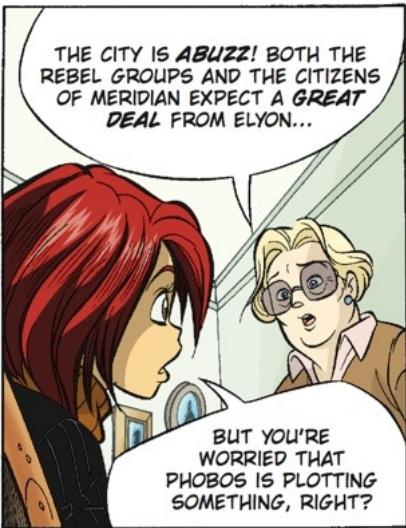


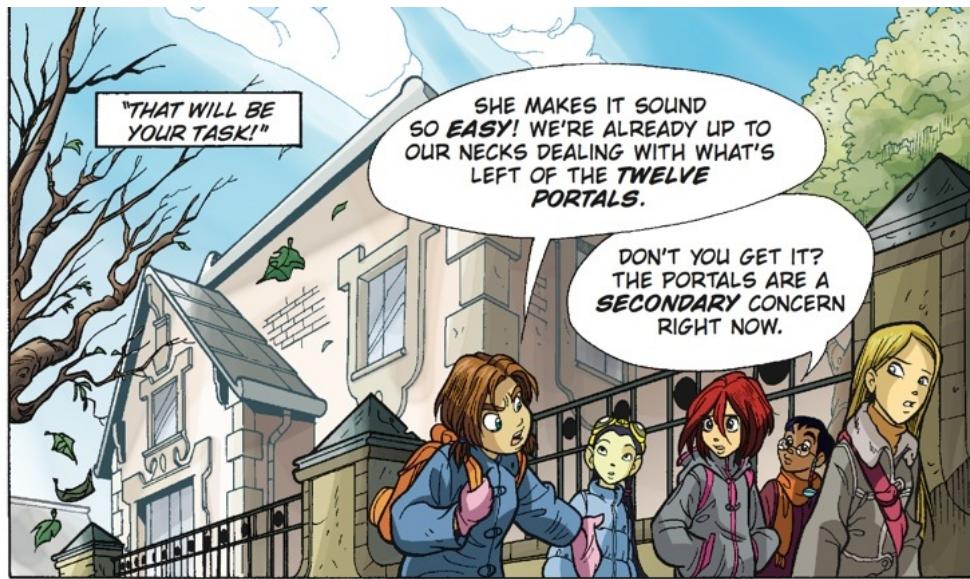




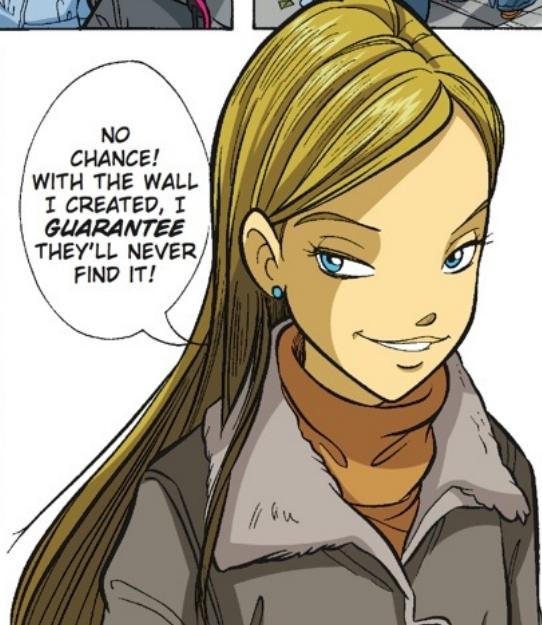
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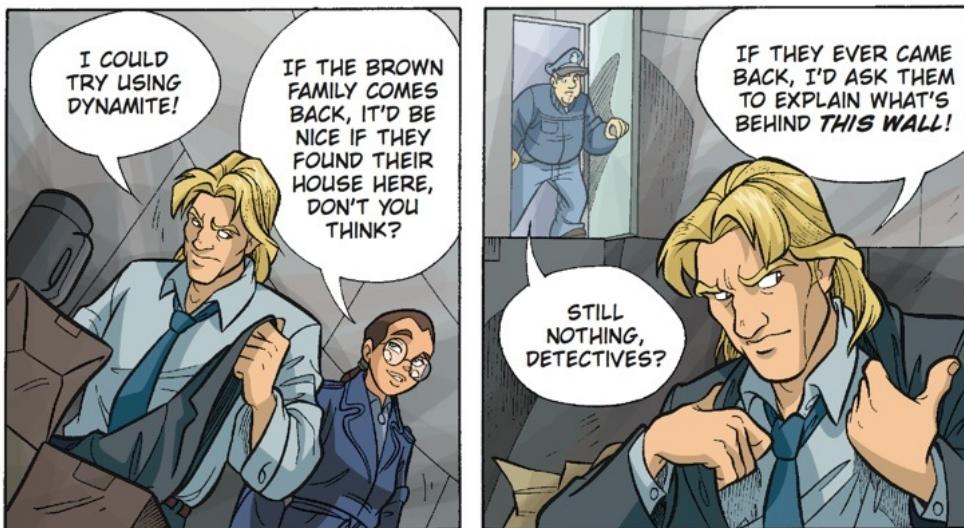






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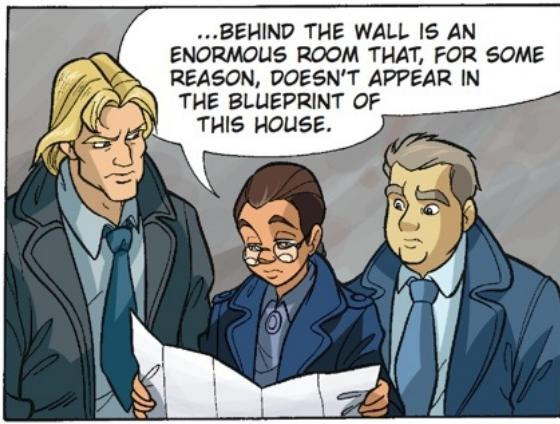




UNFORTUNATELY, NOTHING, LAIR. THE ECHO-DETECTOR ONLY CONFIRMED WHAT WE ALREADY KNEW.



...BEHIND THE WALL IS AN ENORMOUS ROOM THAT, FOR SOME REASON, DOESN'T APPEAR IN THE BLUEPRINT OF THIS HOUSE.



LOOKS LIKE OUR MISSING FAMILY HAD SOMETHING TO HIDE.

SURE DOES...



...AND THEY'VE DONE A REALLY GOOD JOB!



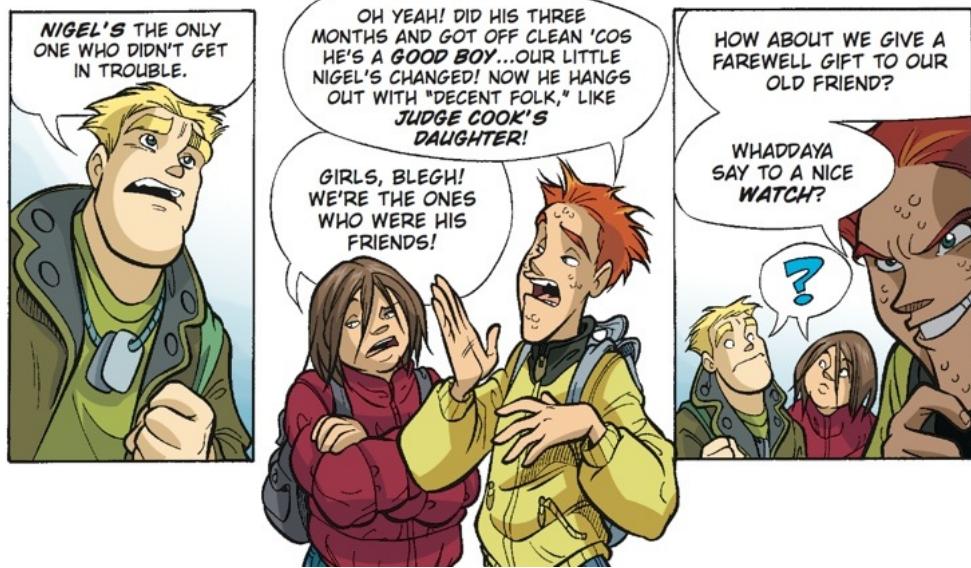
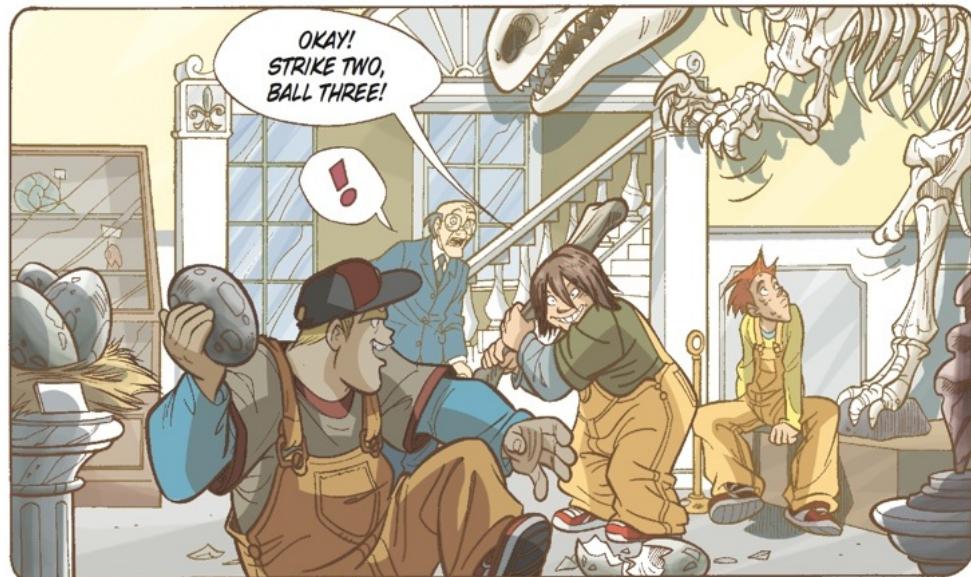
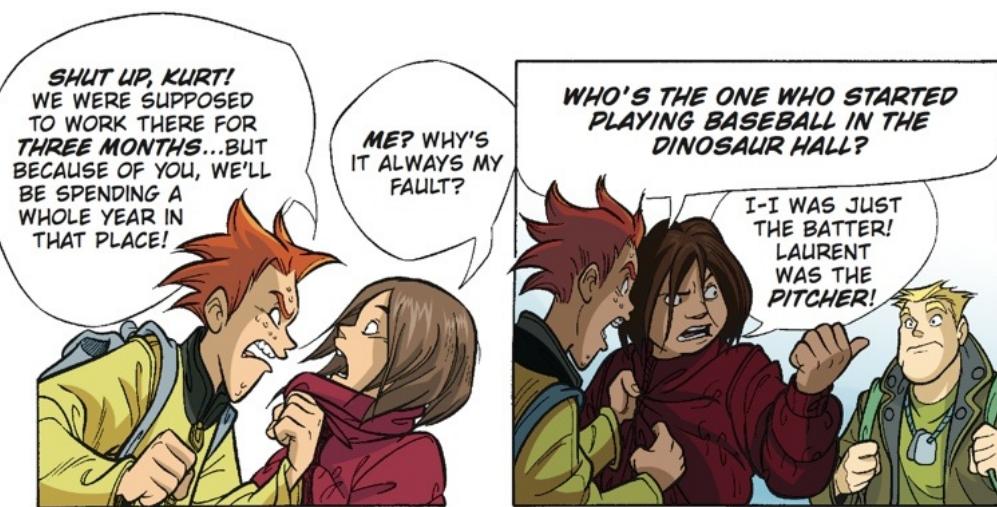
ANOTHER DAY AT SHEFFIELD INSTITUTE...

WE HAVE NO CHOICE, GUYS. WE NEED TO FIND ANOTHER PORTAL.

MY DAD SAYS THOSE TWO COPS ARE GONNA BE AROUND FOR A LONG TIME.

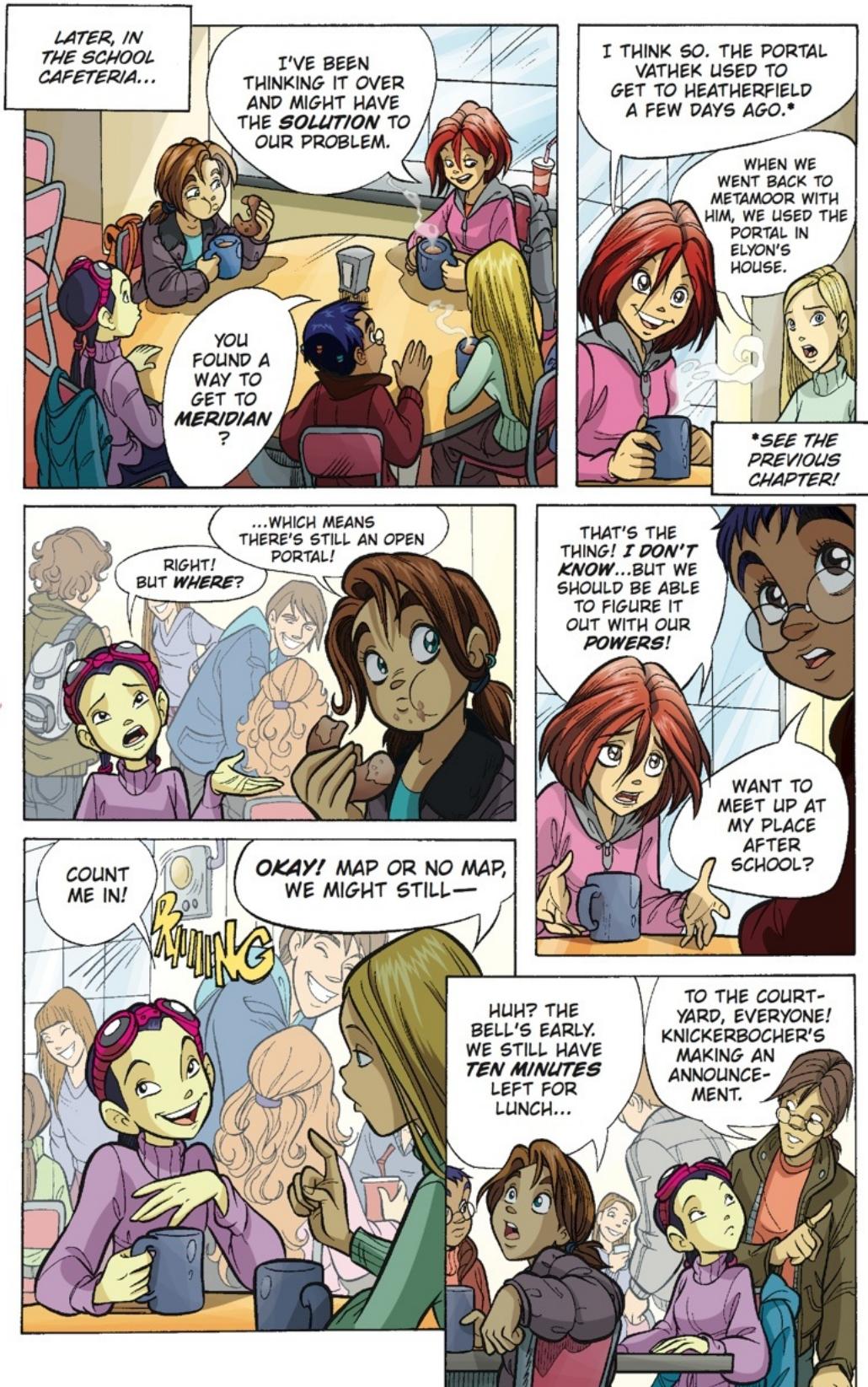


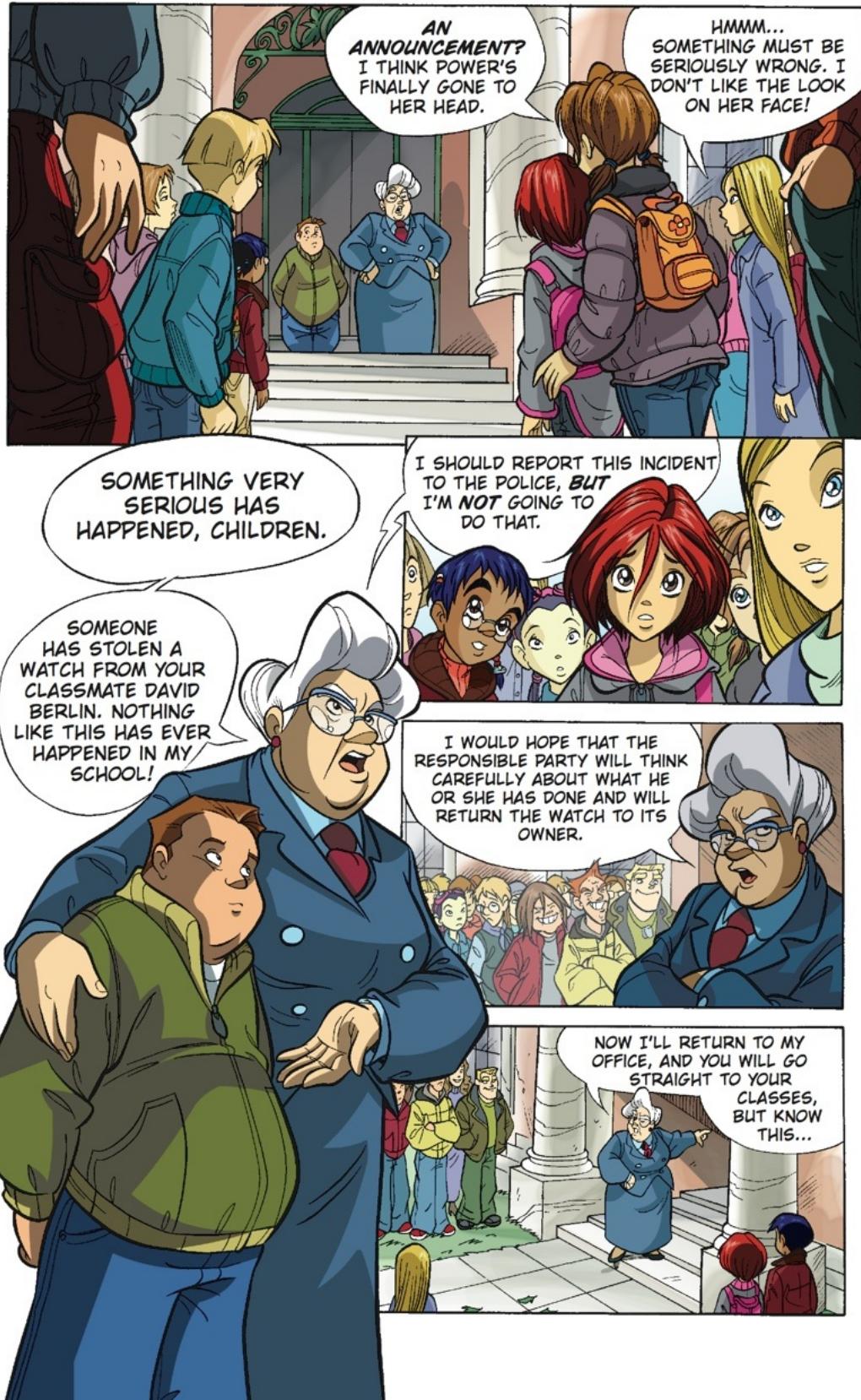


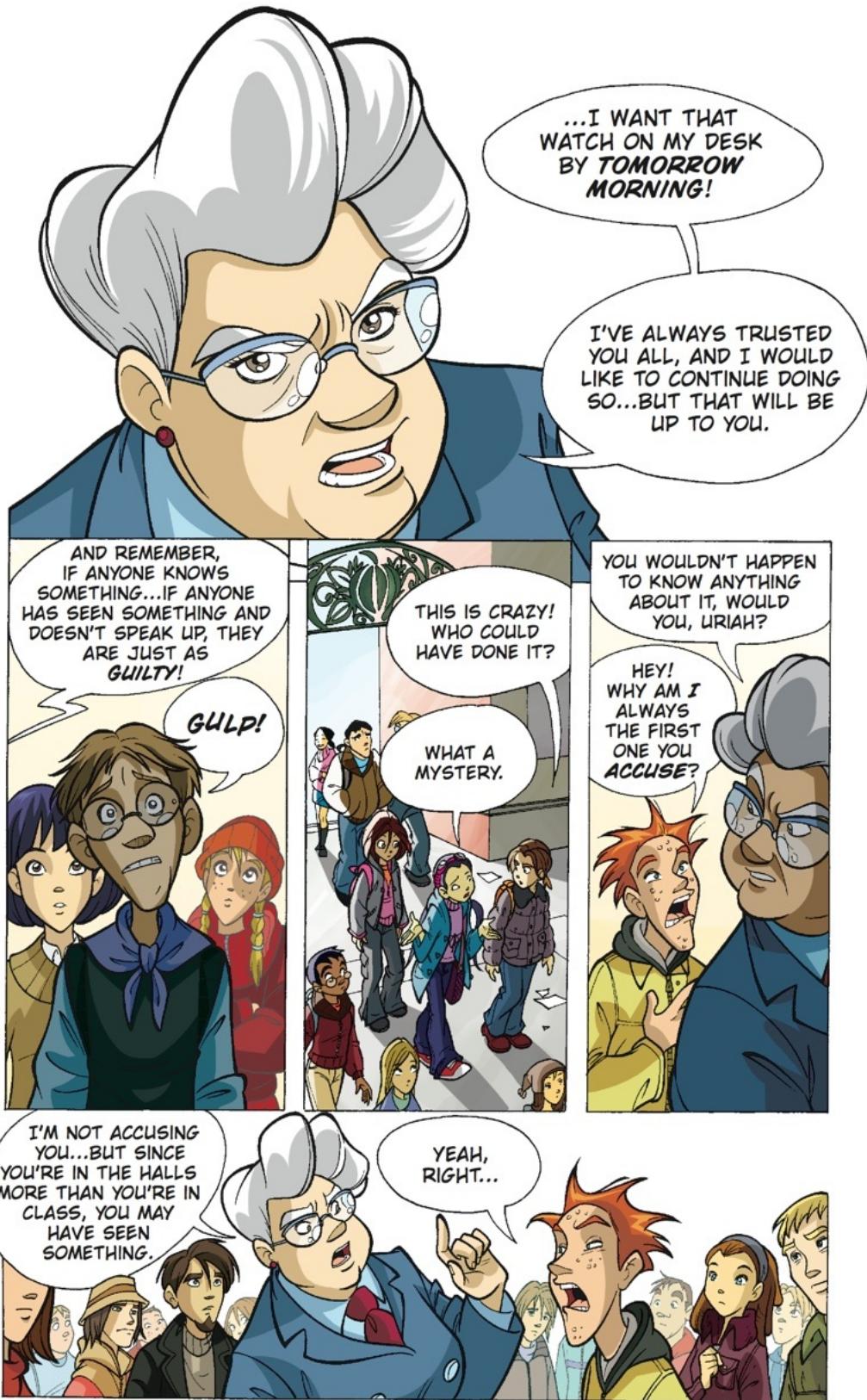














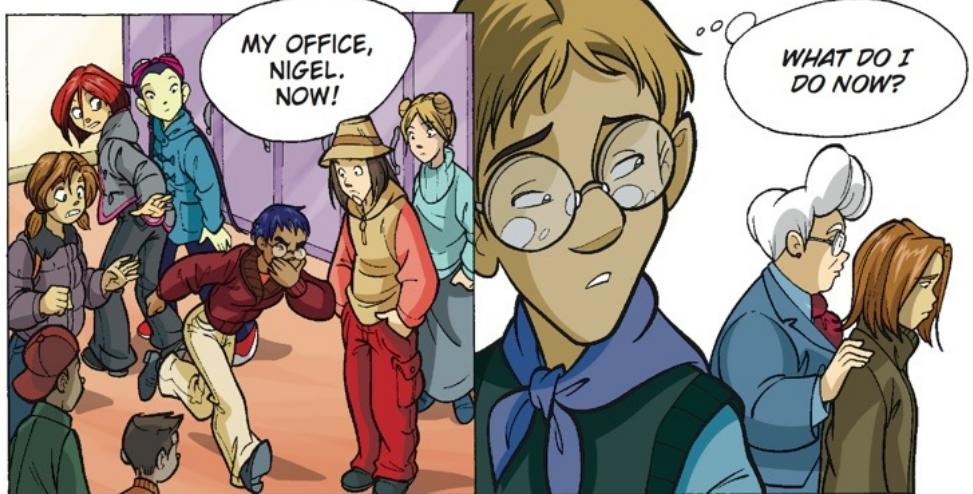
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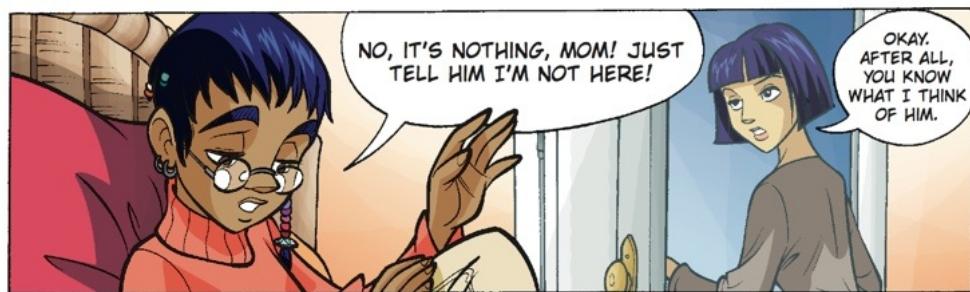


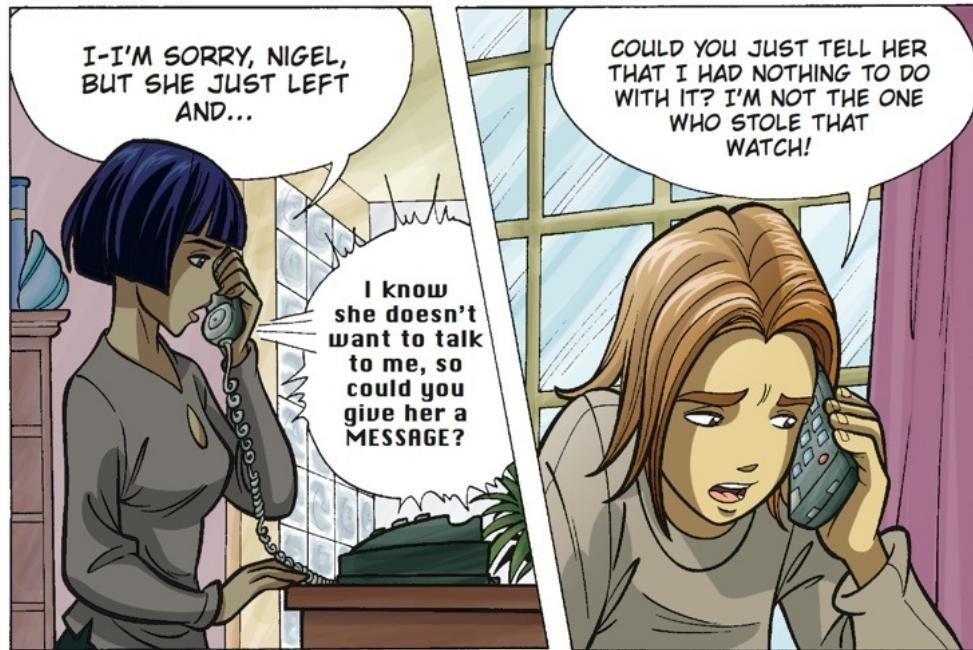




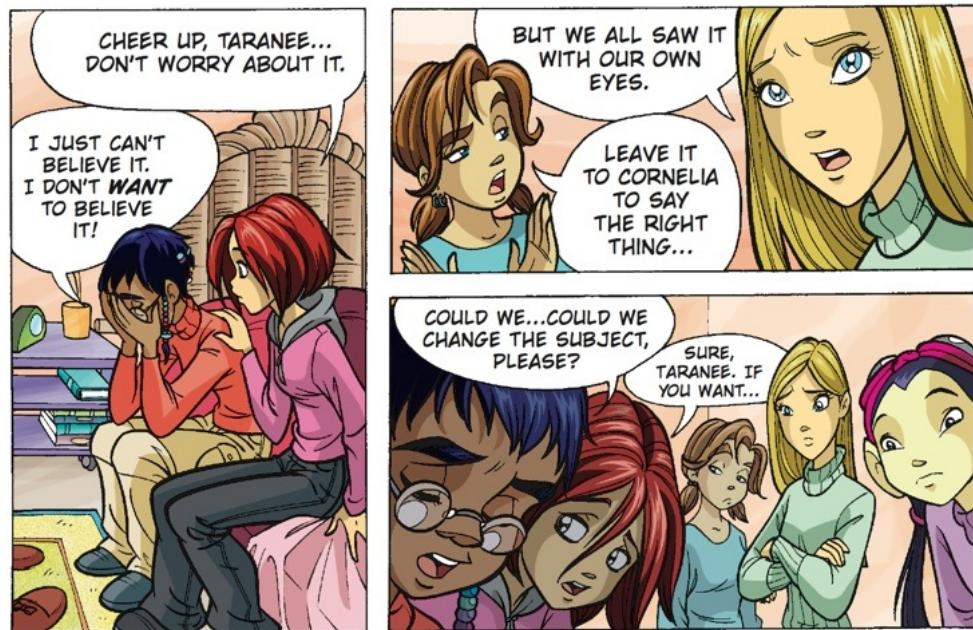
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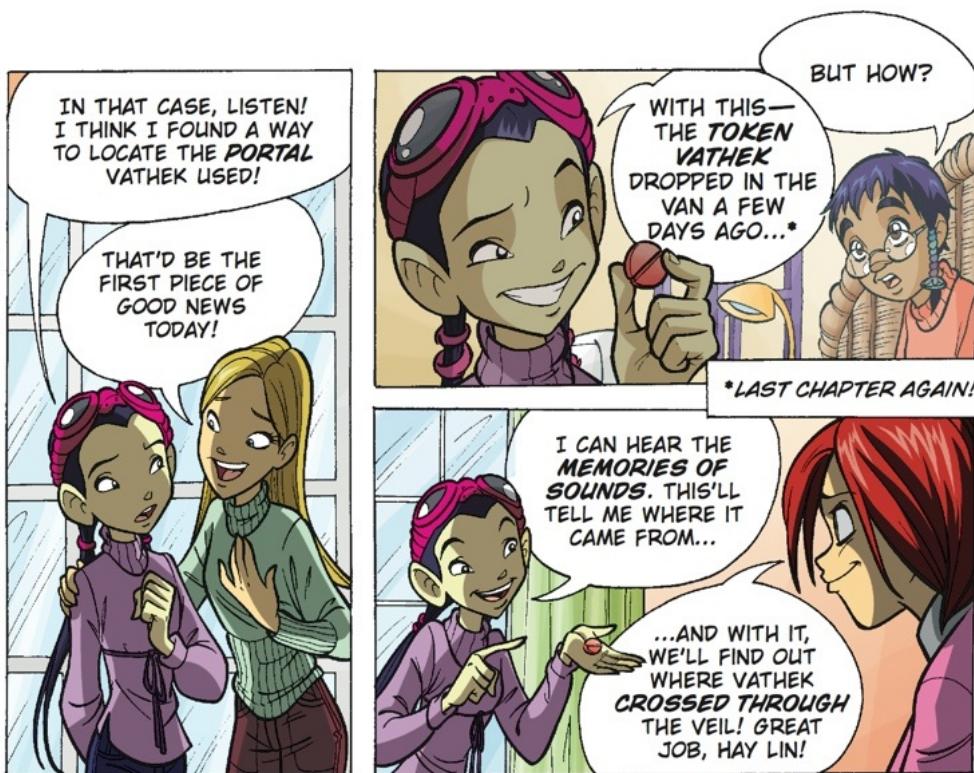






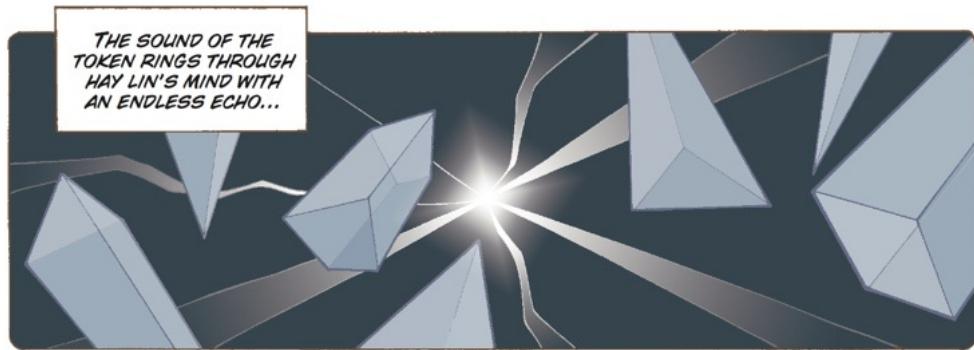
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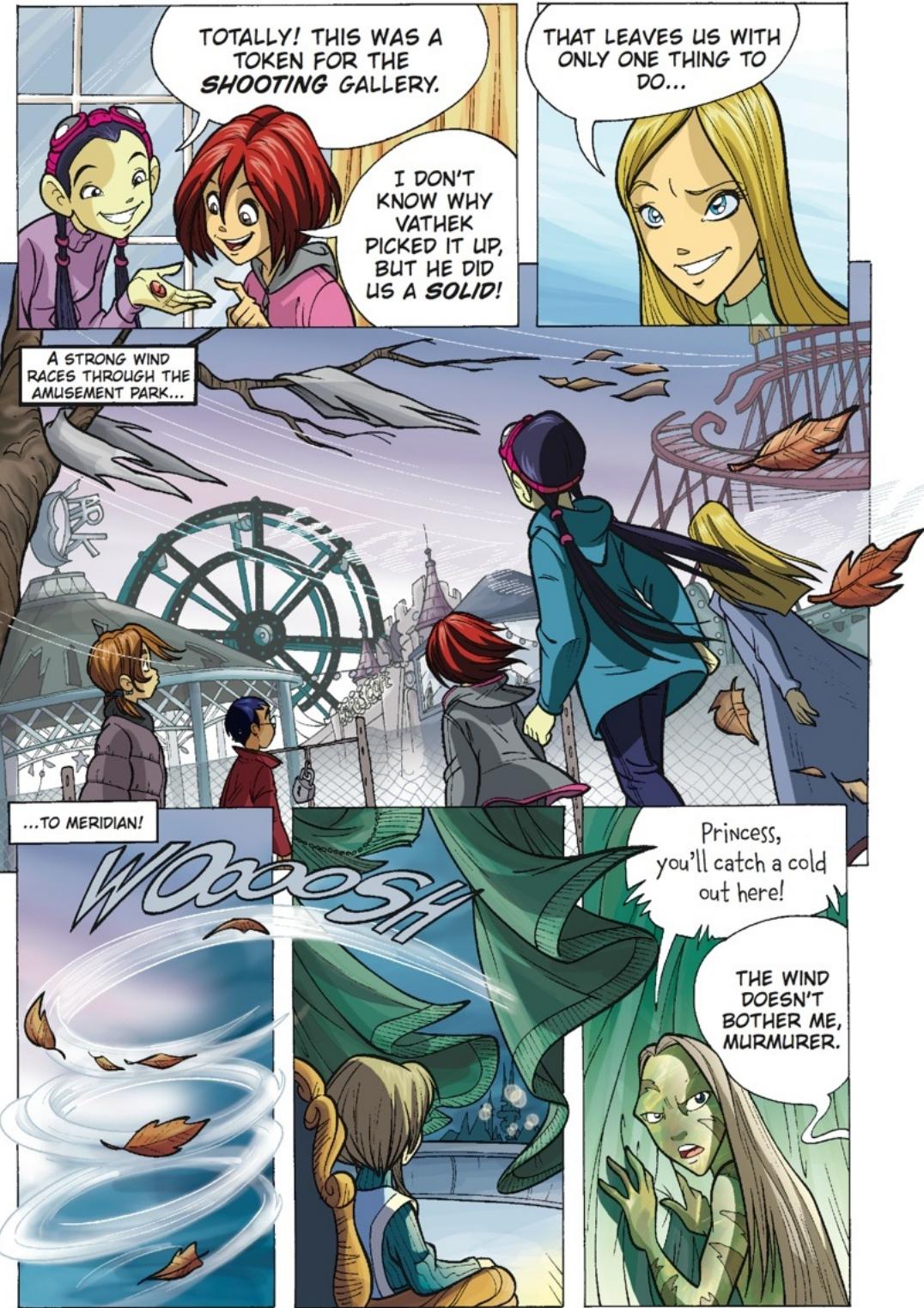




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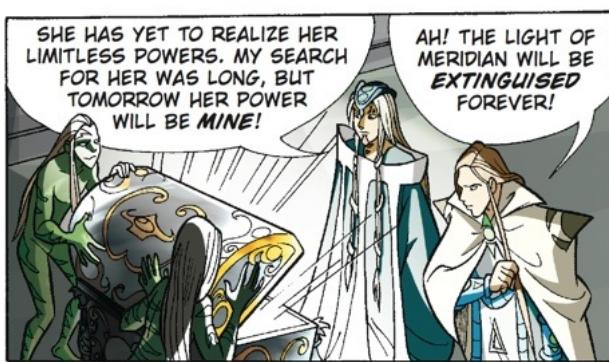
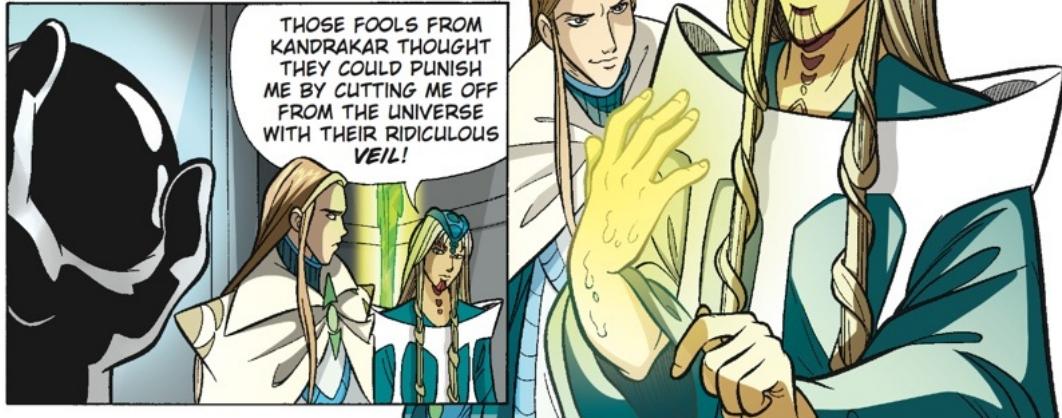


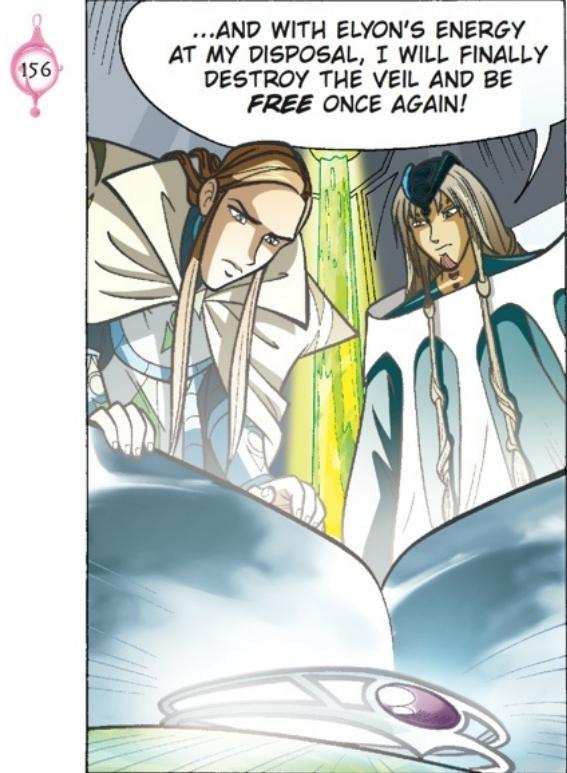
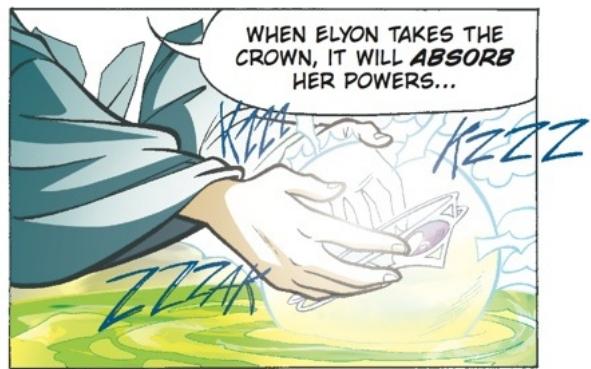
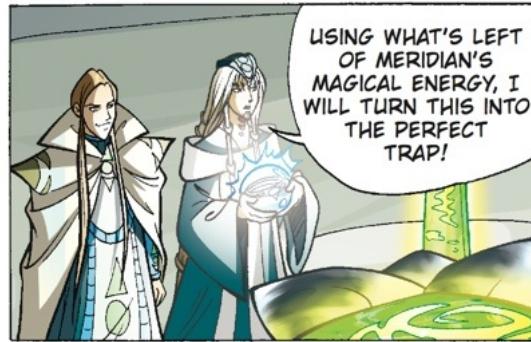














USING THEIR MAGIC, WILL AND HER FRIENDS HAVE LOCATED ANOTHER PORTAL TO MERIDIAN.

ALL THAT SEPARATES THEM FROM THEIR MISSION IS AN OLD, FRAIL FENCE...

SO, SHOULD WE GET GOING?

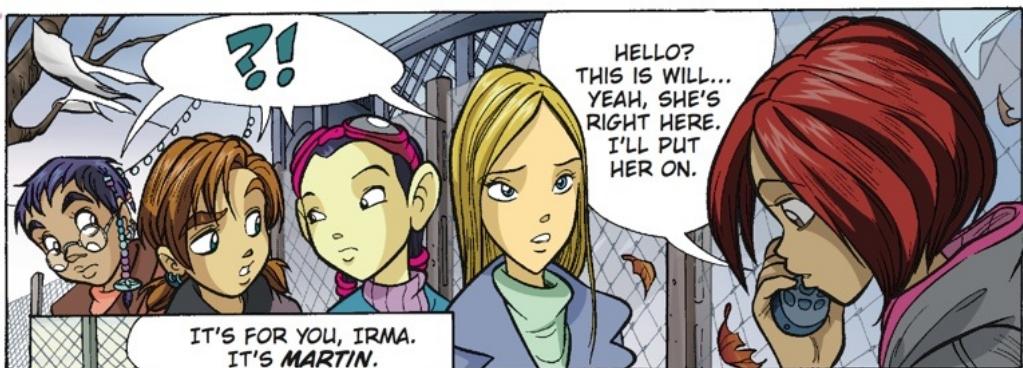


BUT THE MISSION CANNOT BEGIN YET!

OOPS!



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IT'S FOR YOU, IRMA.
IT'S MARTIN.

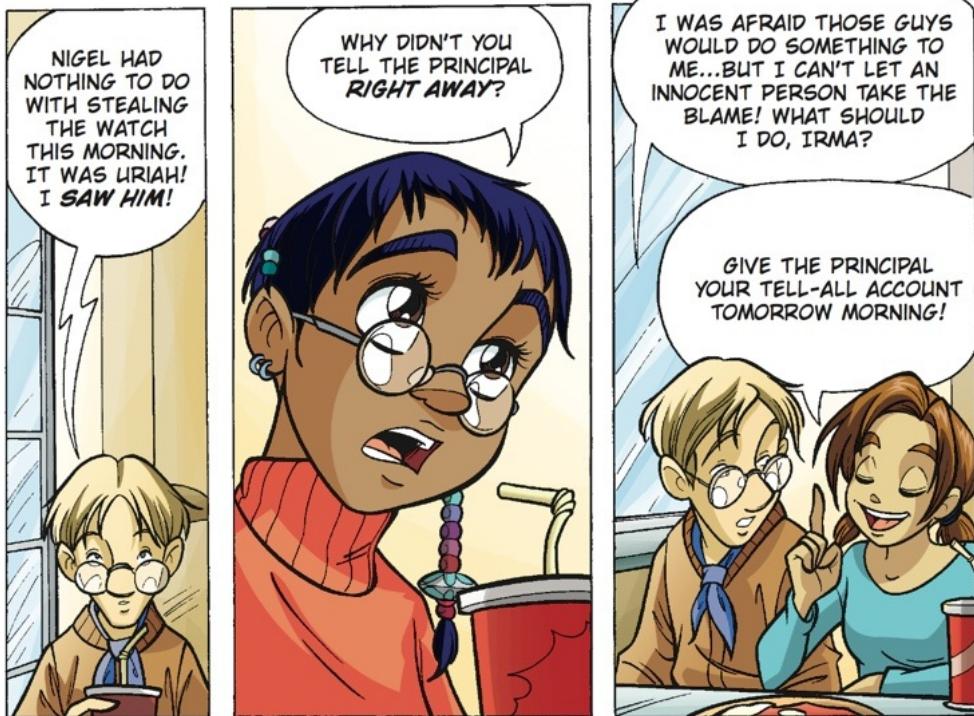
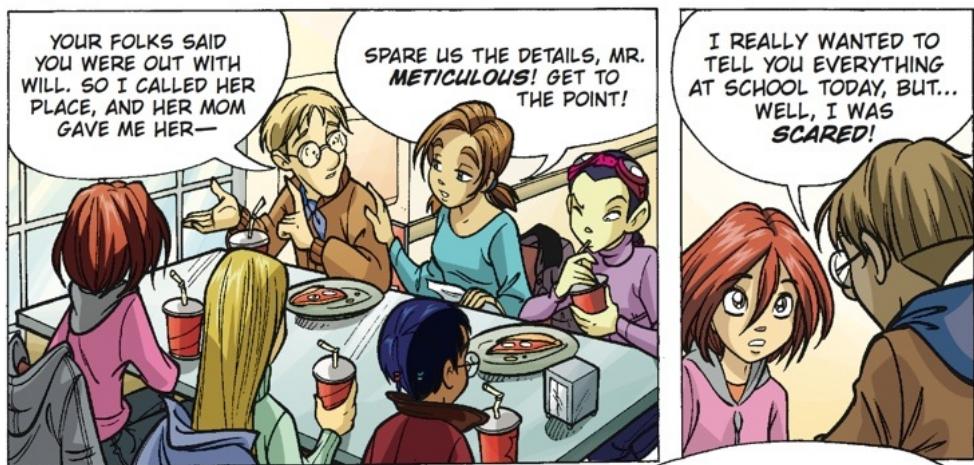
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RIGHT?

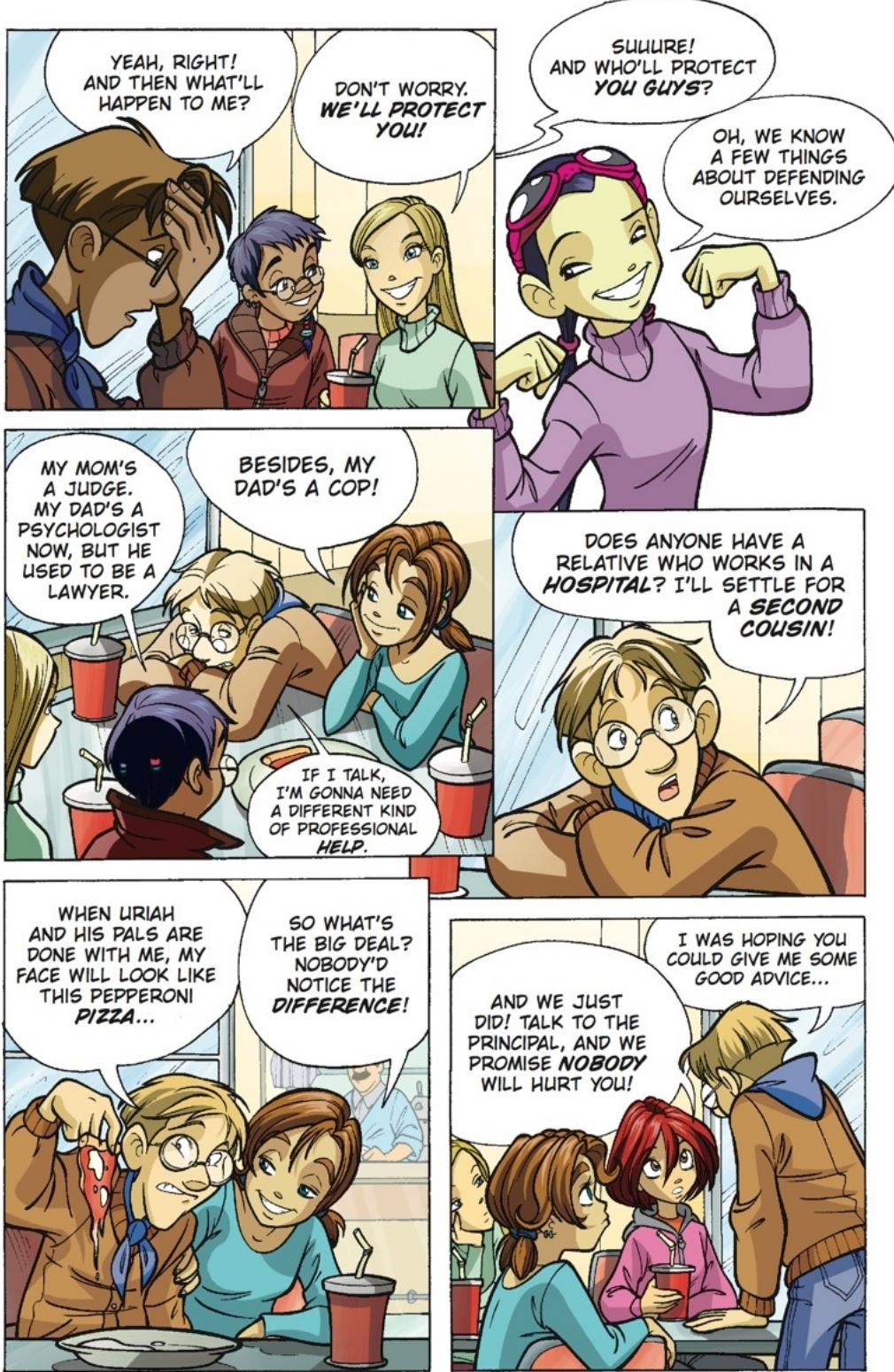


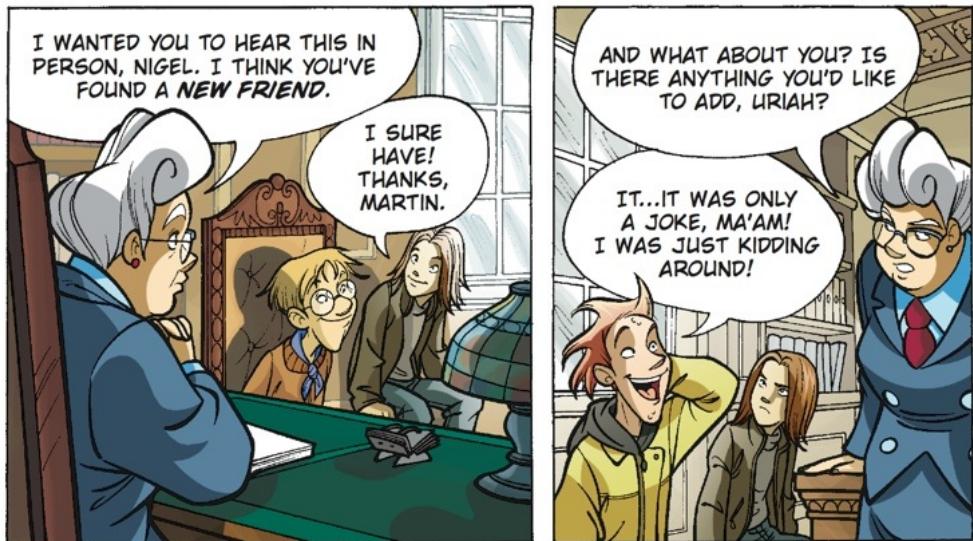
WHAT DO
YOU WANT,
MARTIN? I'M
REALLY BUSY
AND...

WHAT?
ARE YOU
SERIOUS?

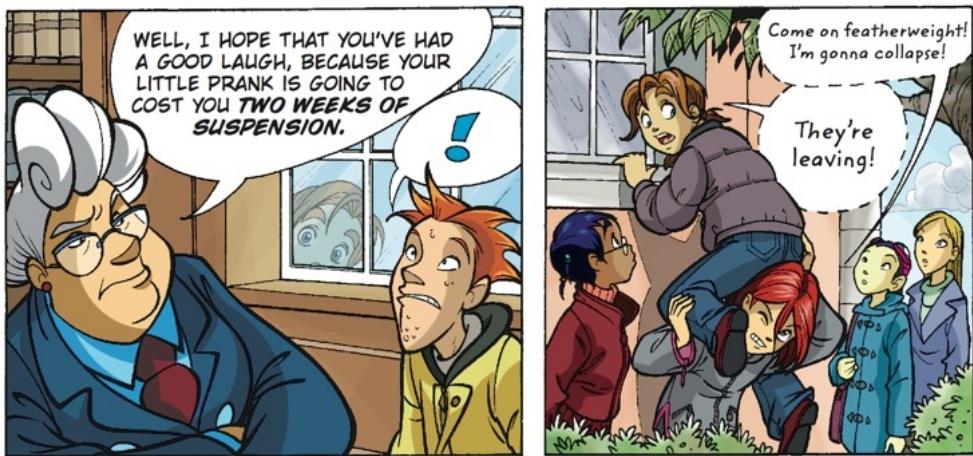


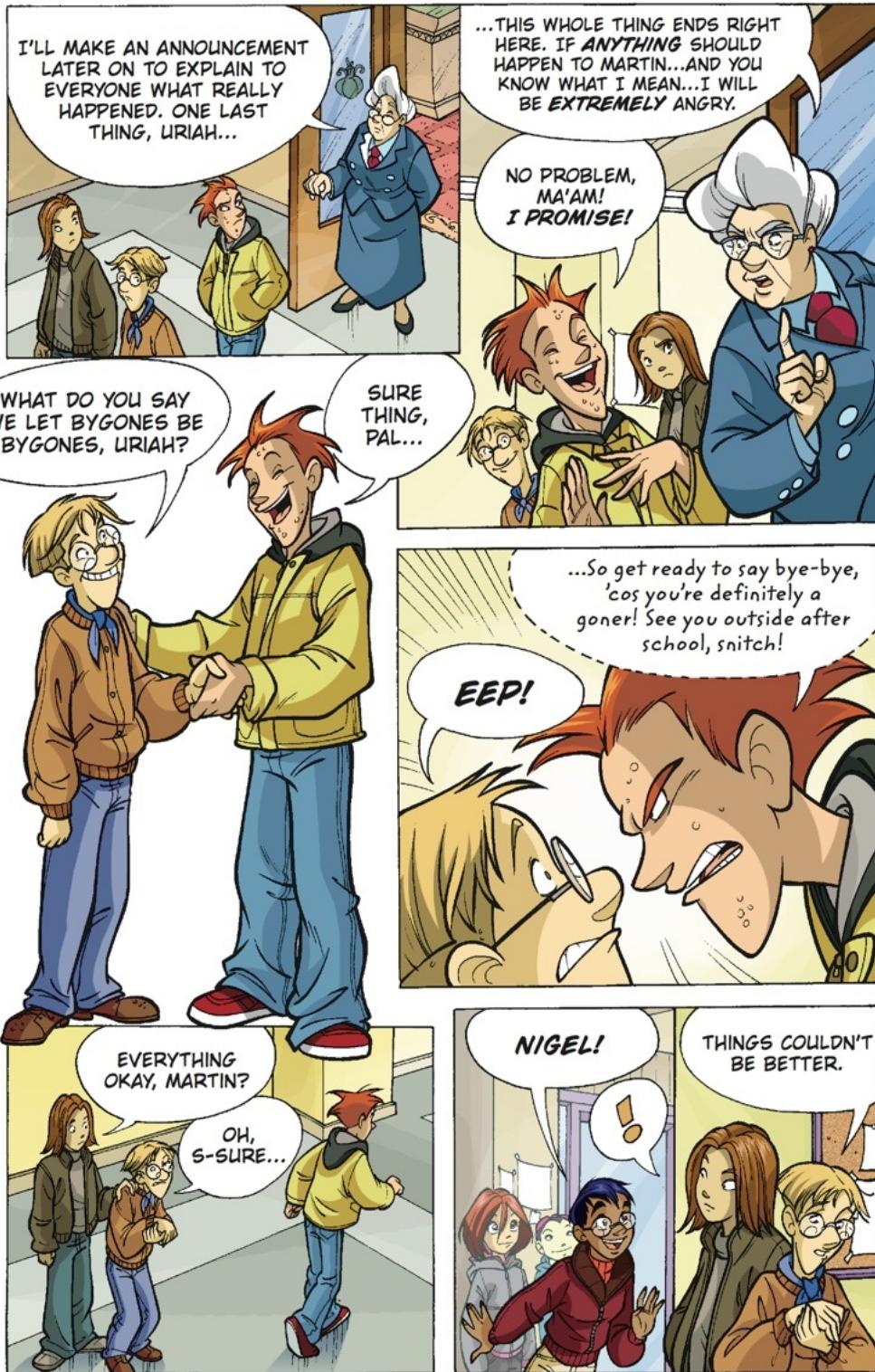


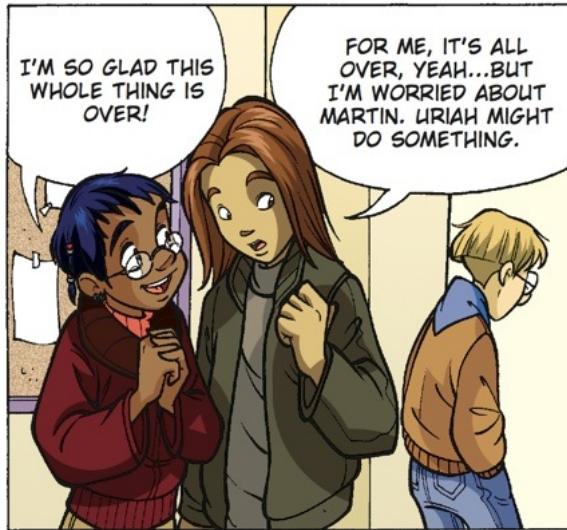




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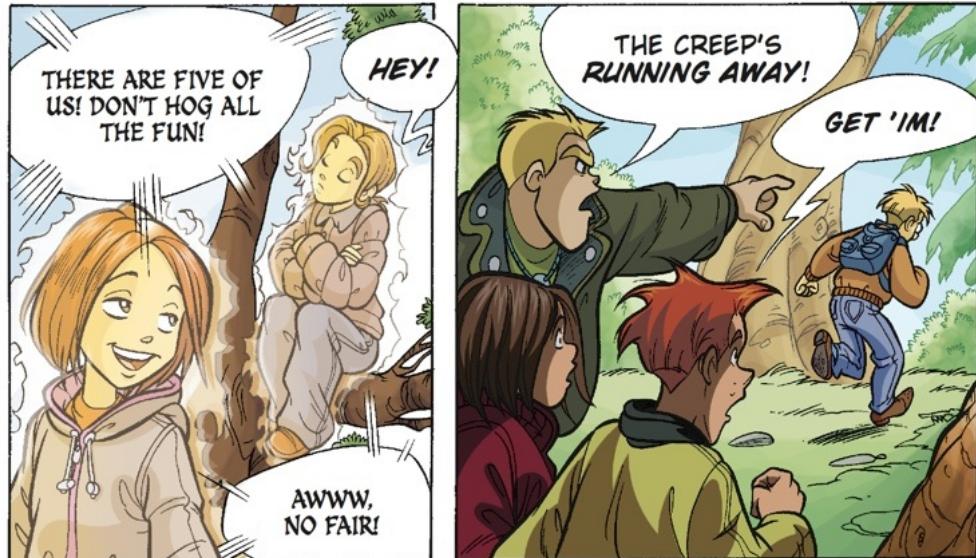




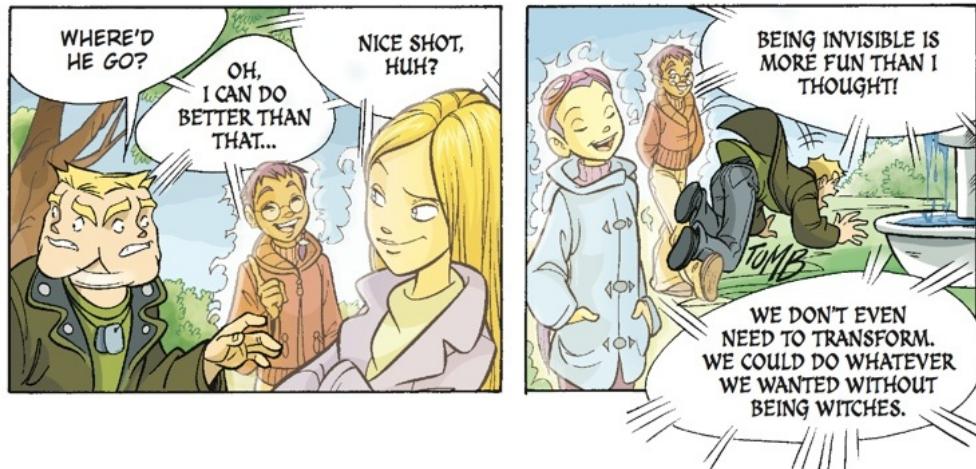


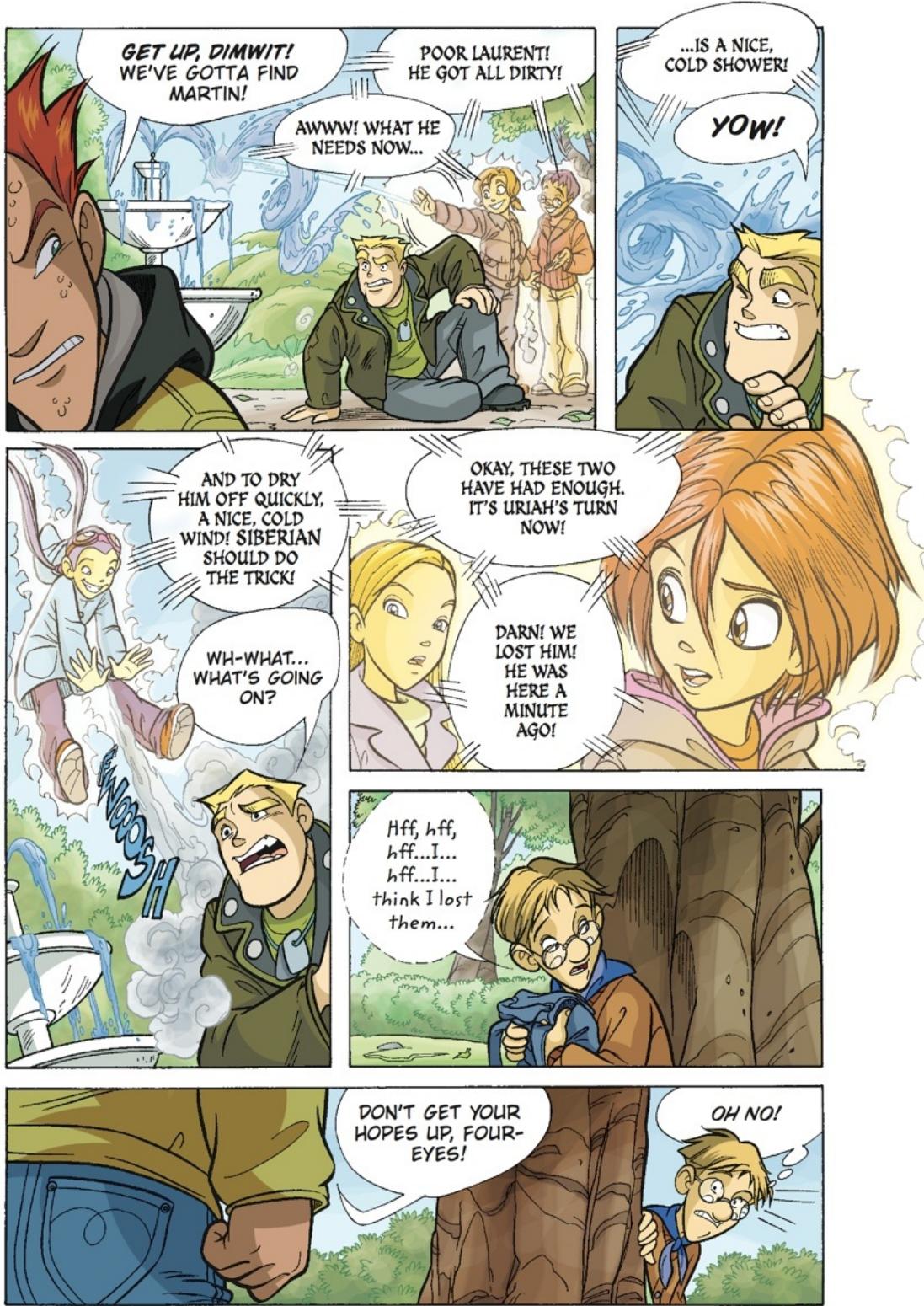


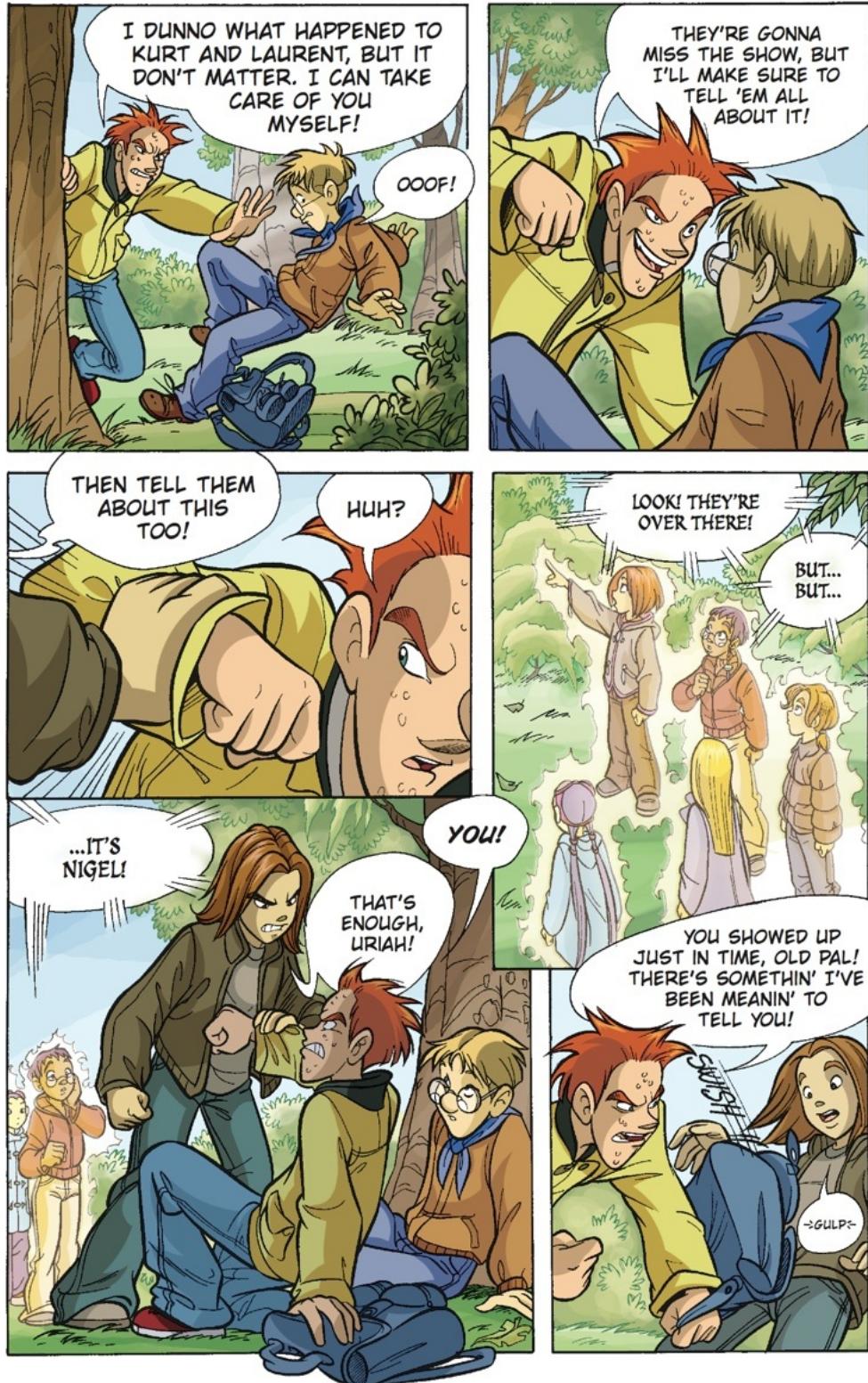


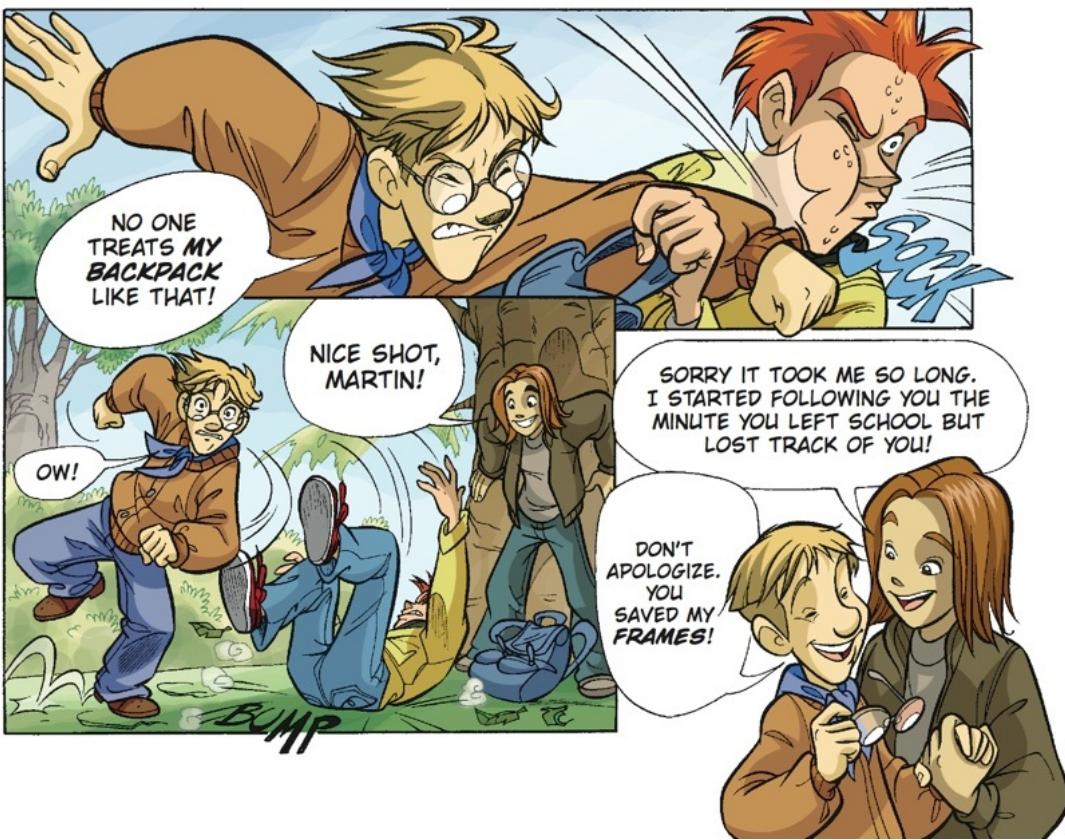


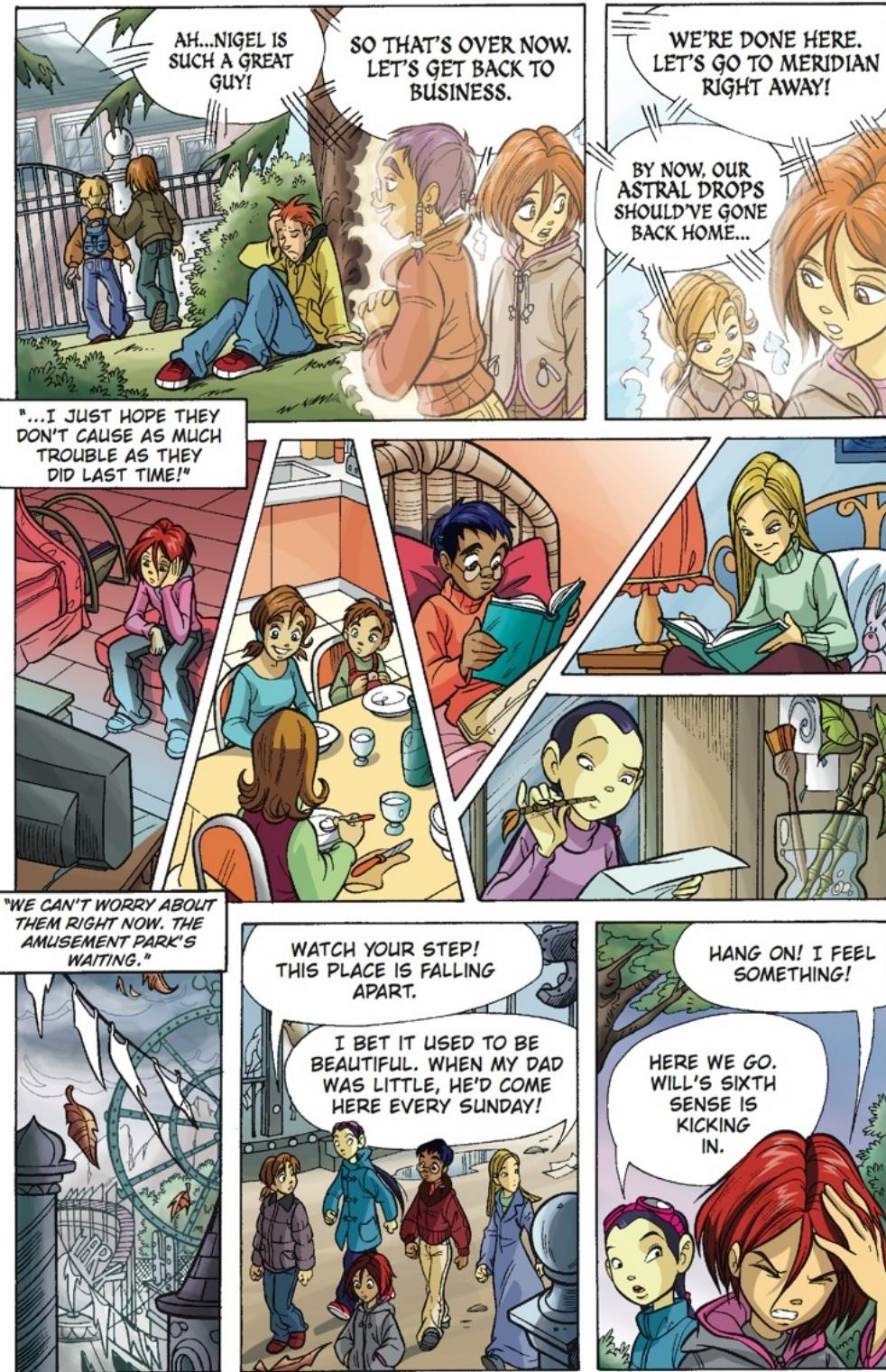
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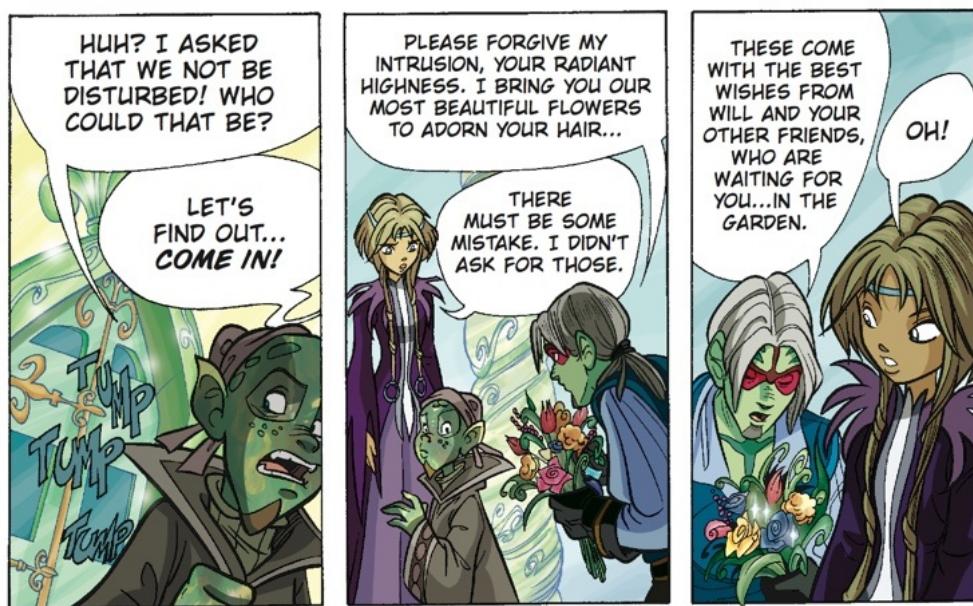


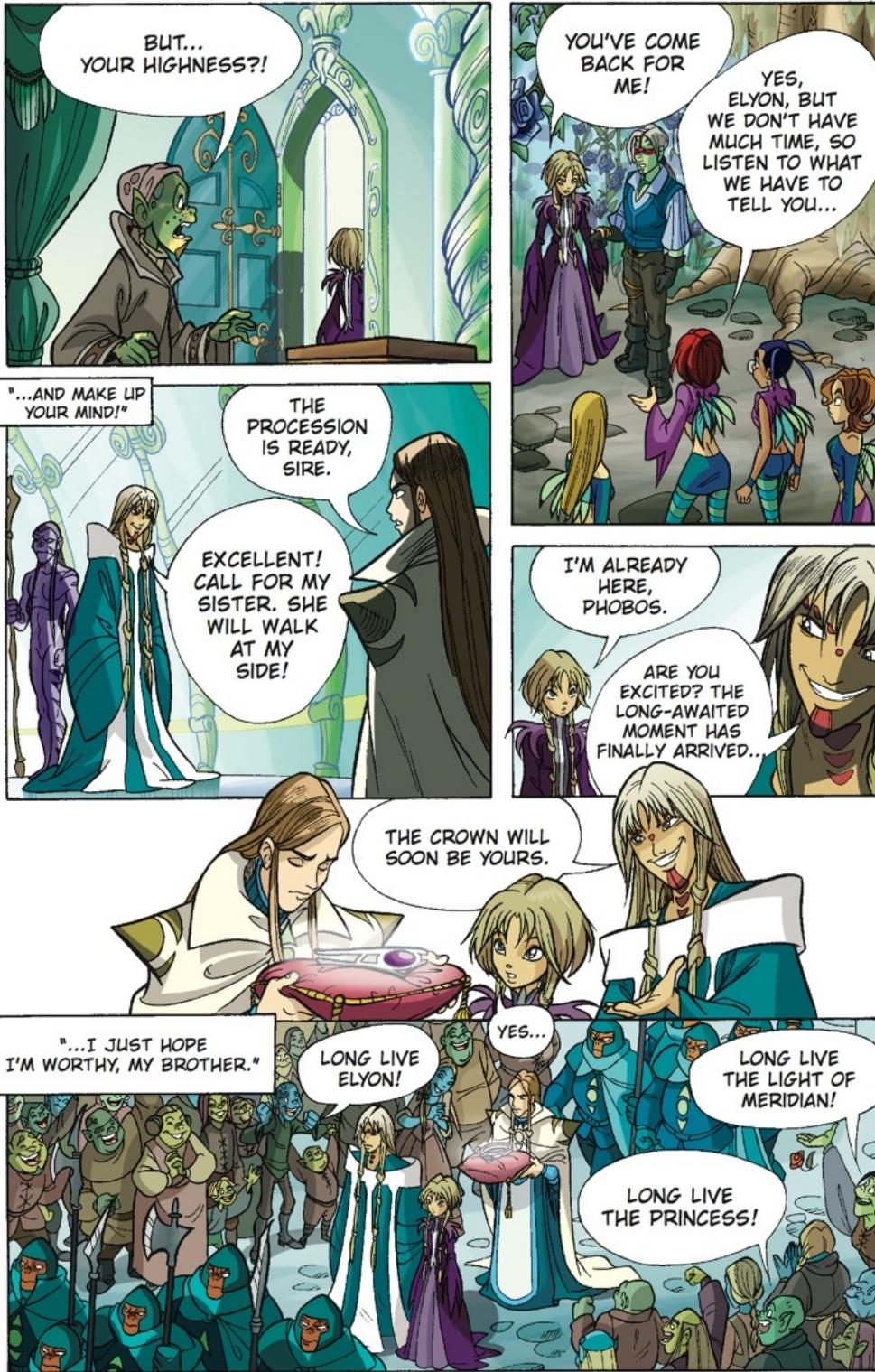




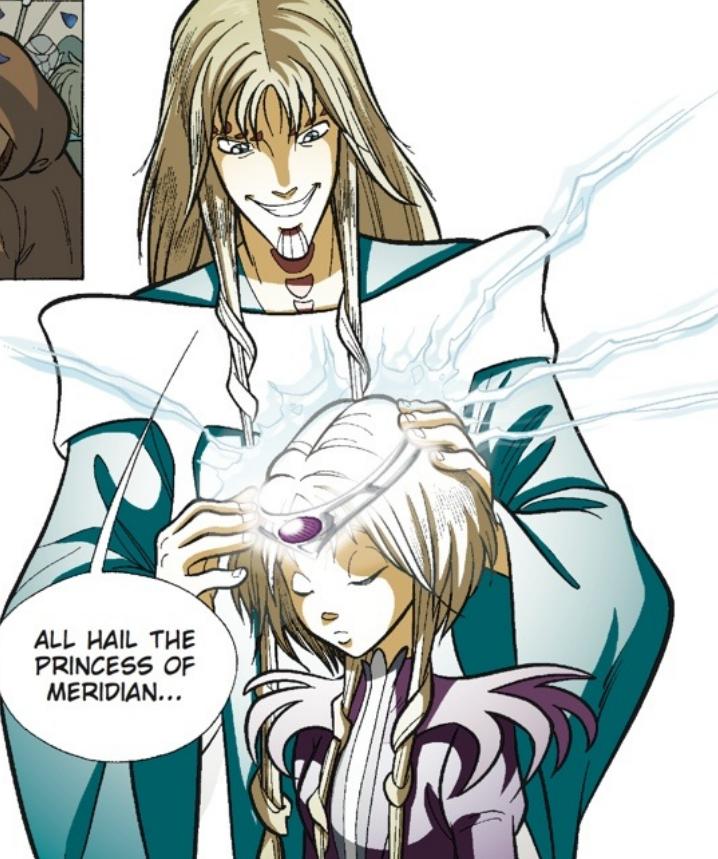
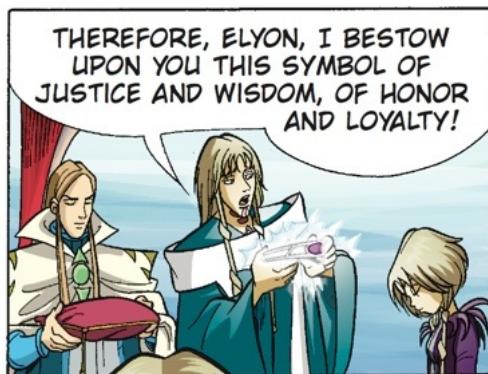


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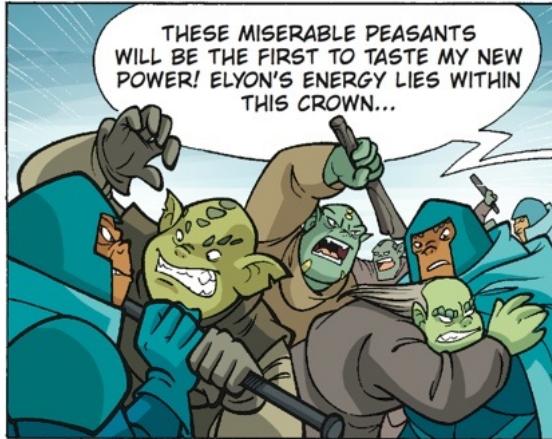








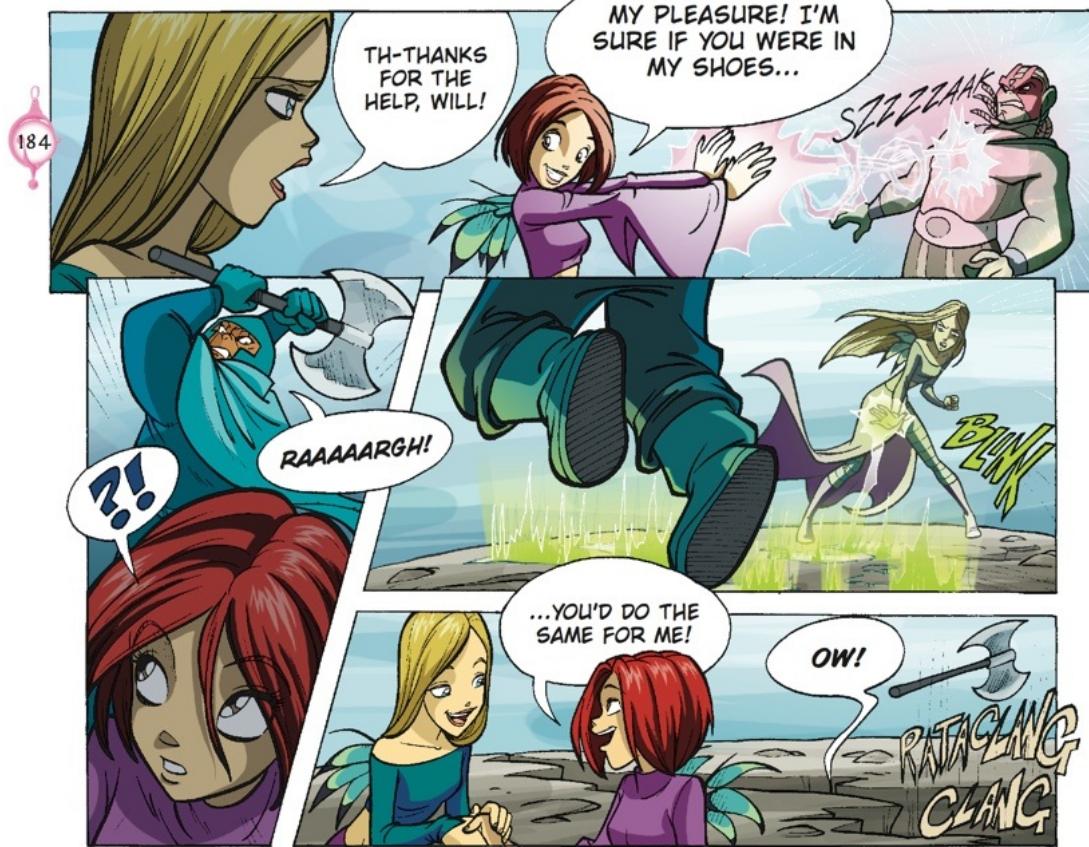
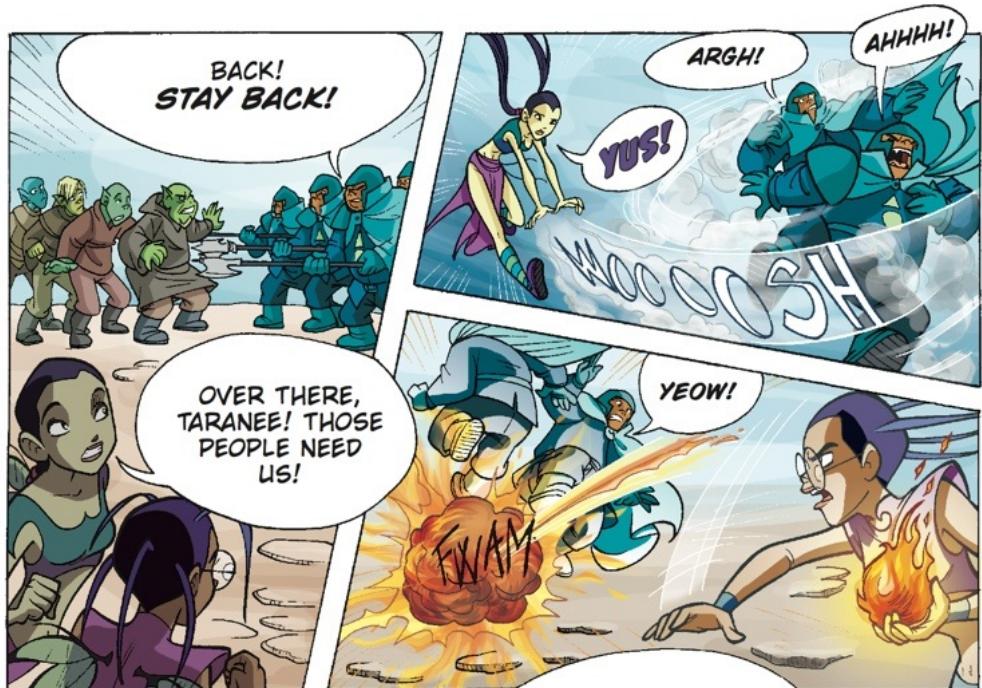


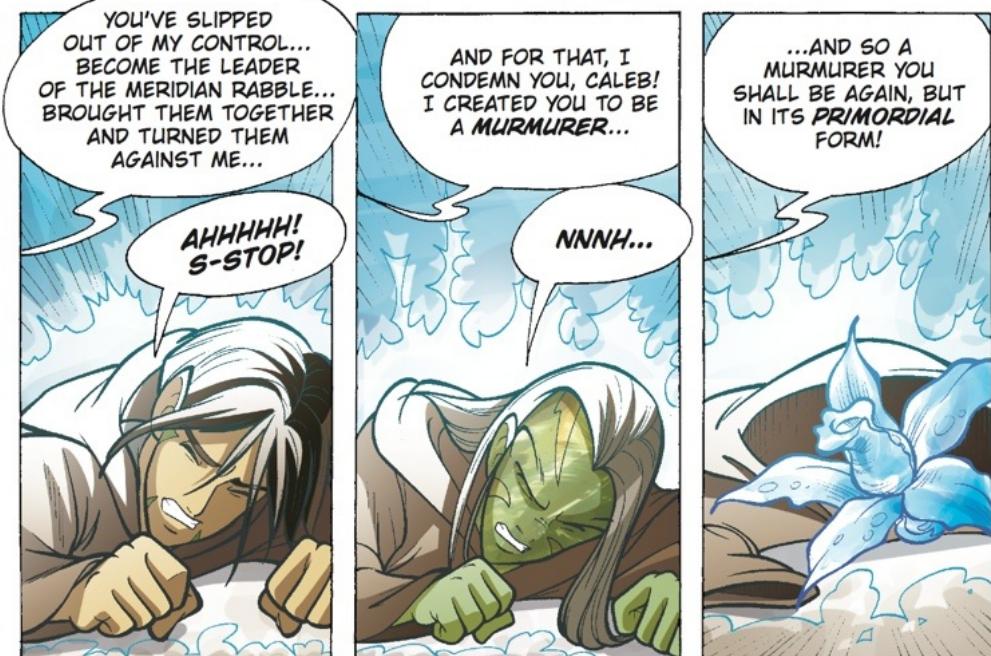






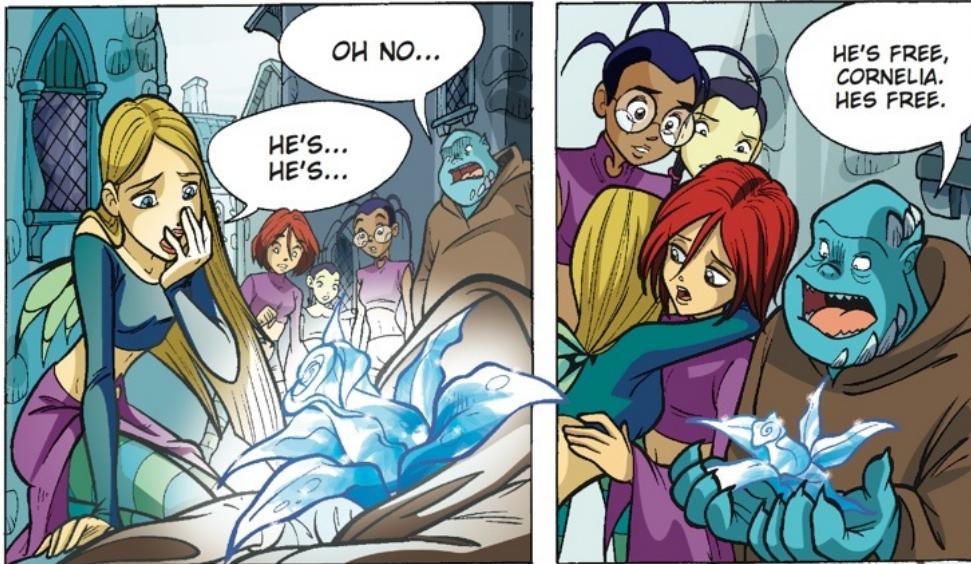




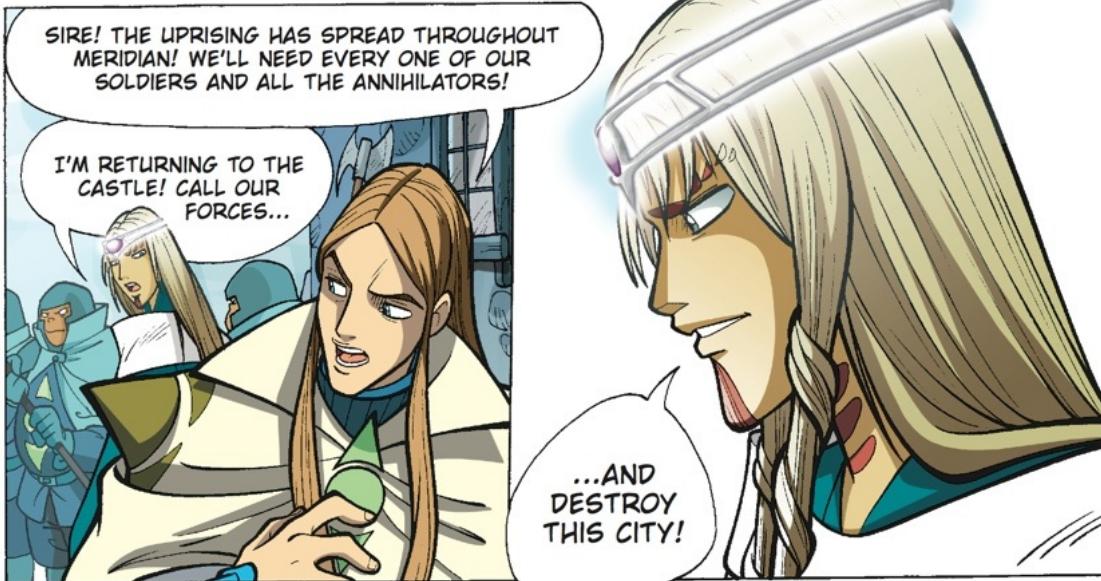


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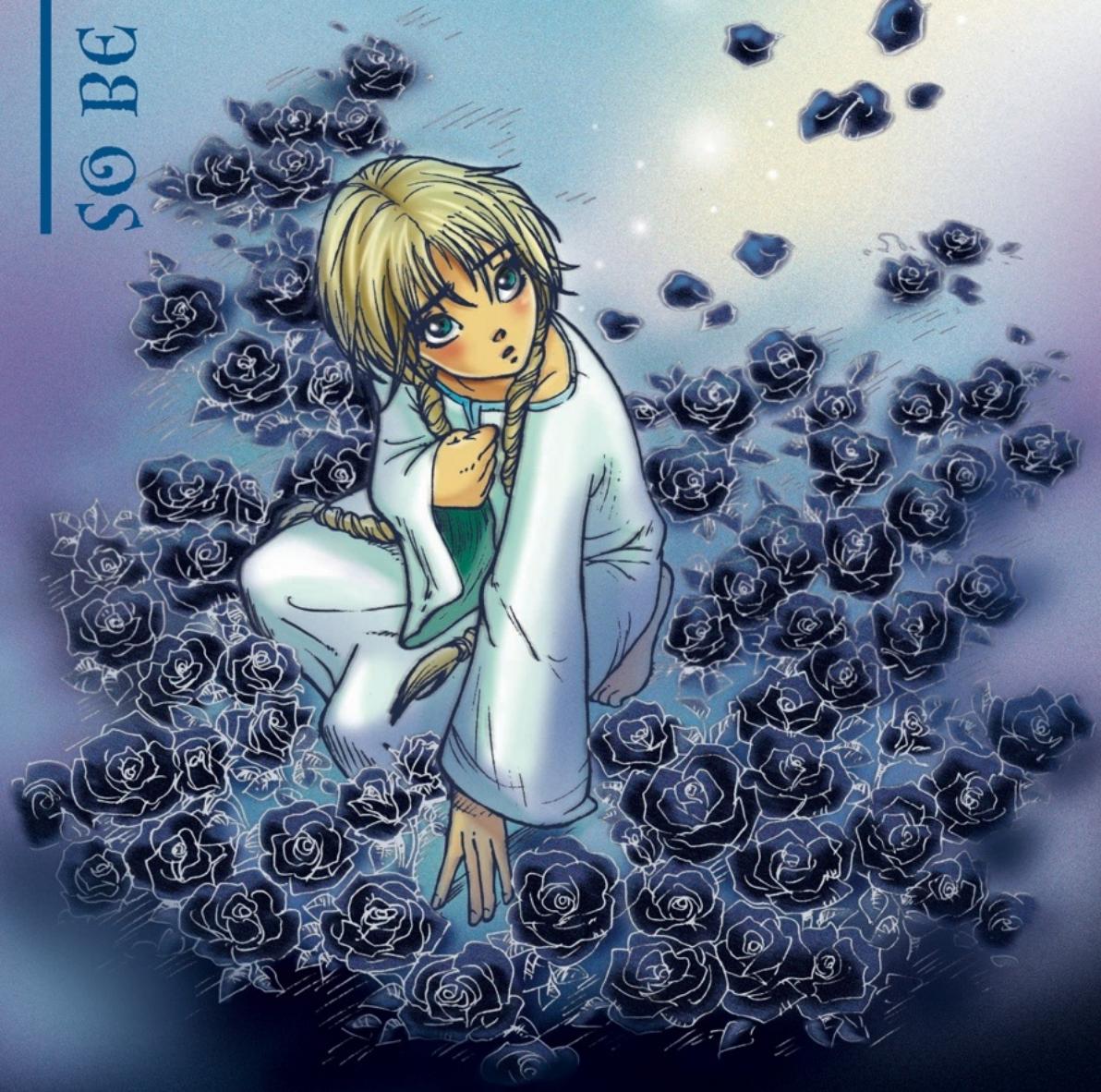






SO BE IT FOREVER

“ I don't know if
I'll do it. ”

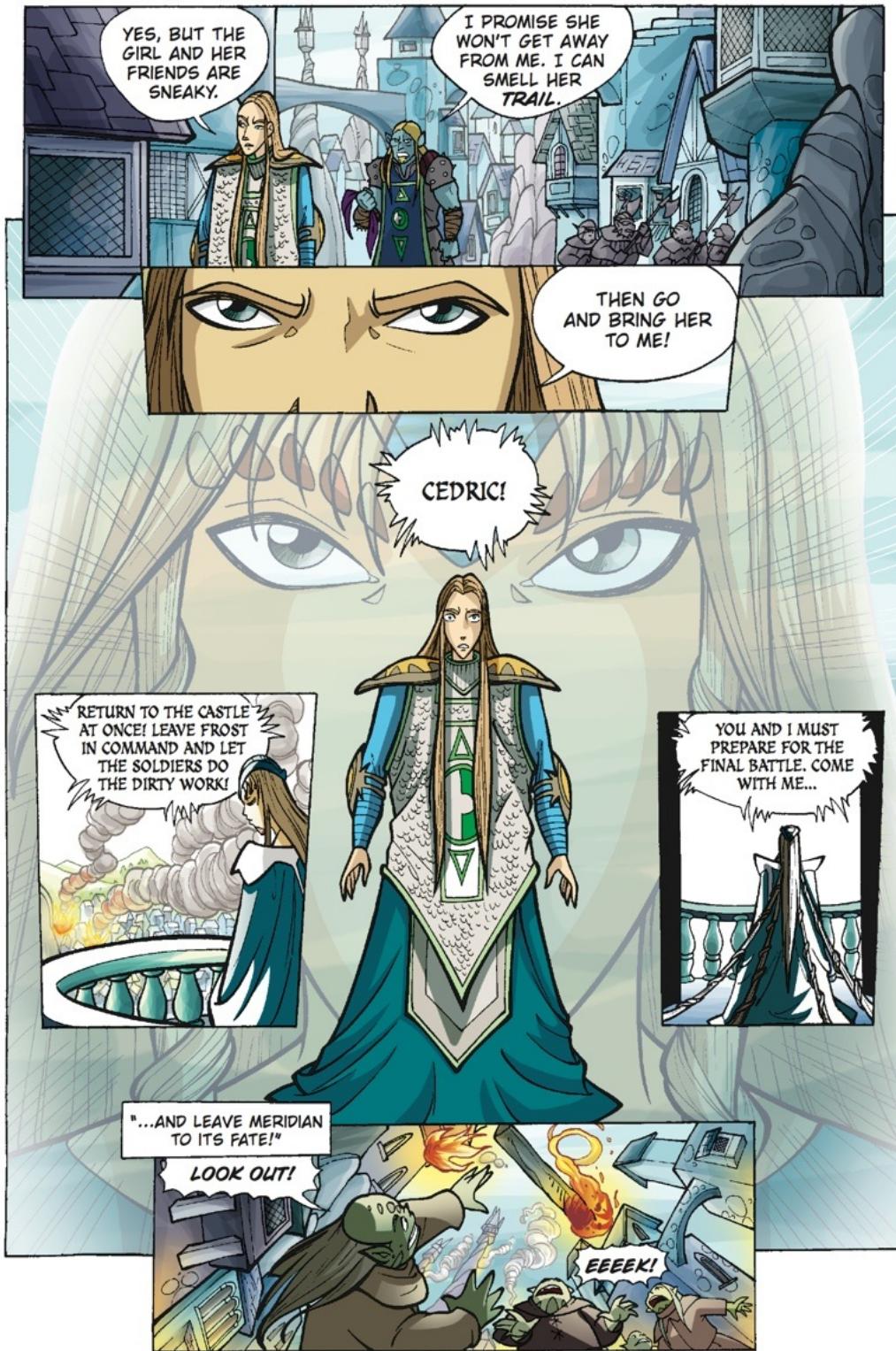




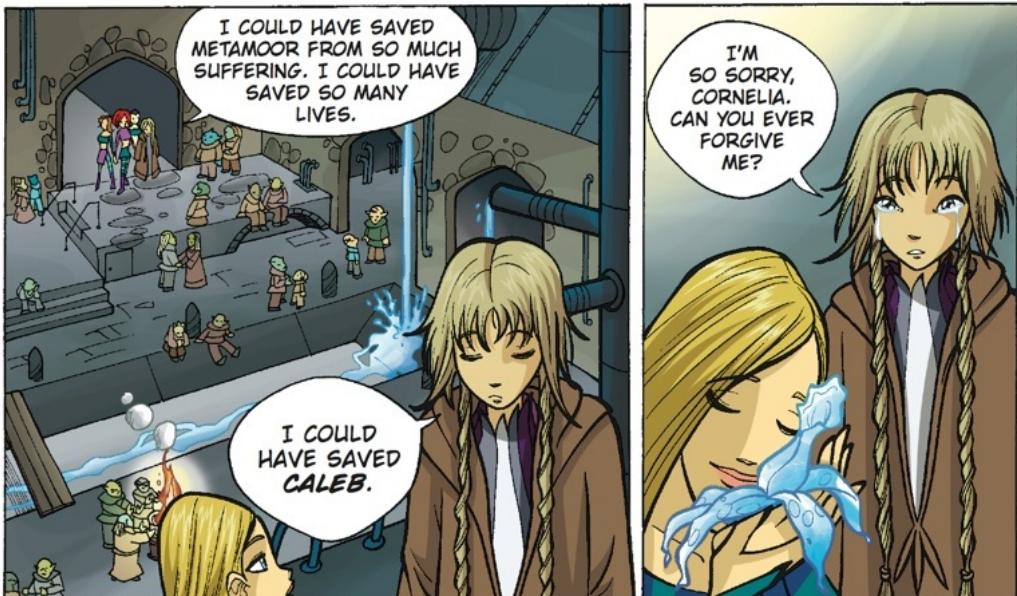


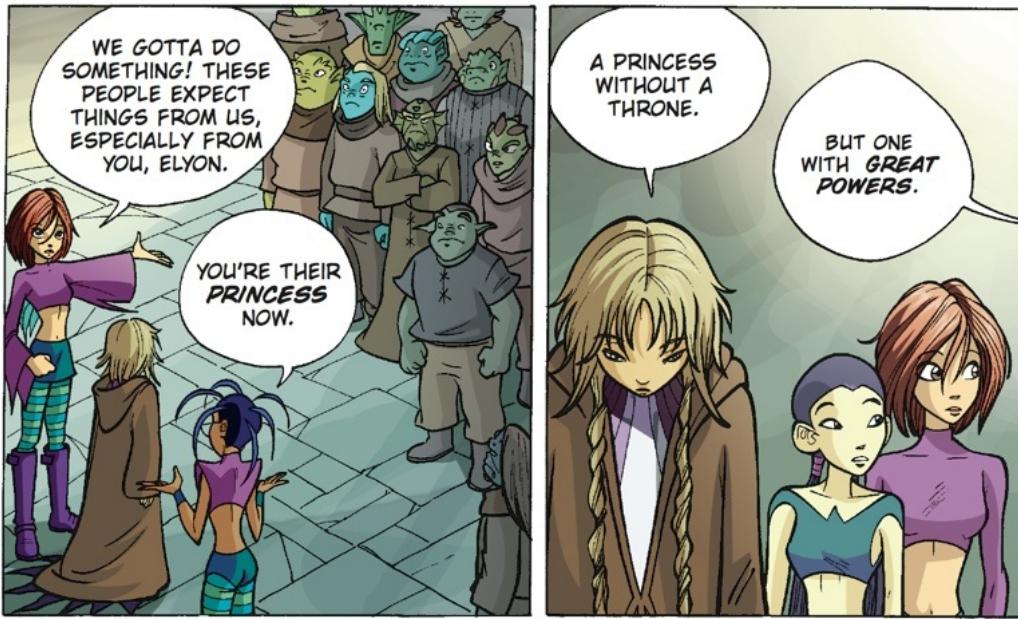
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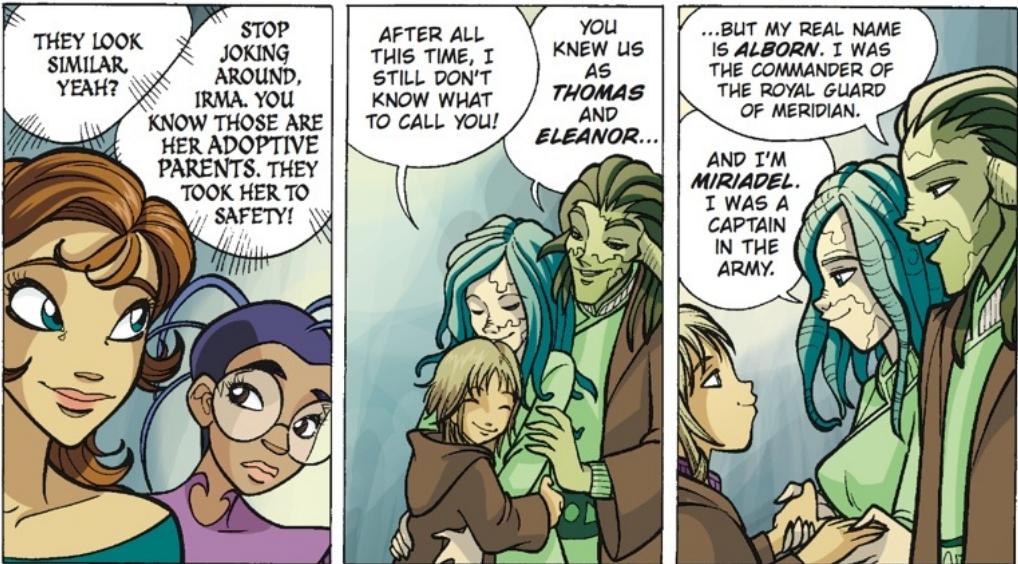








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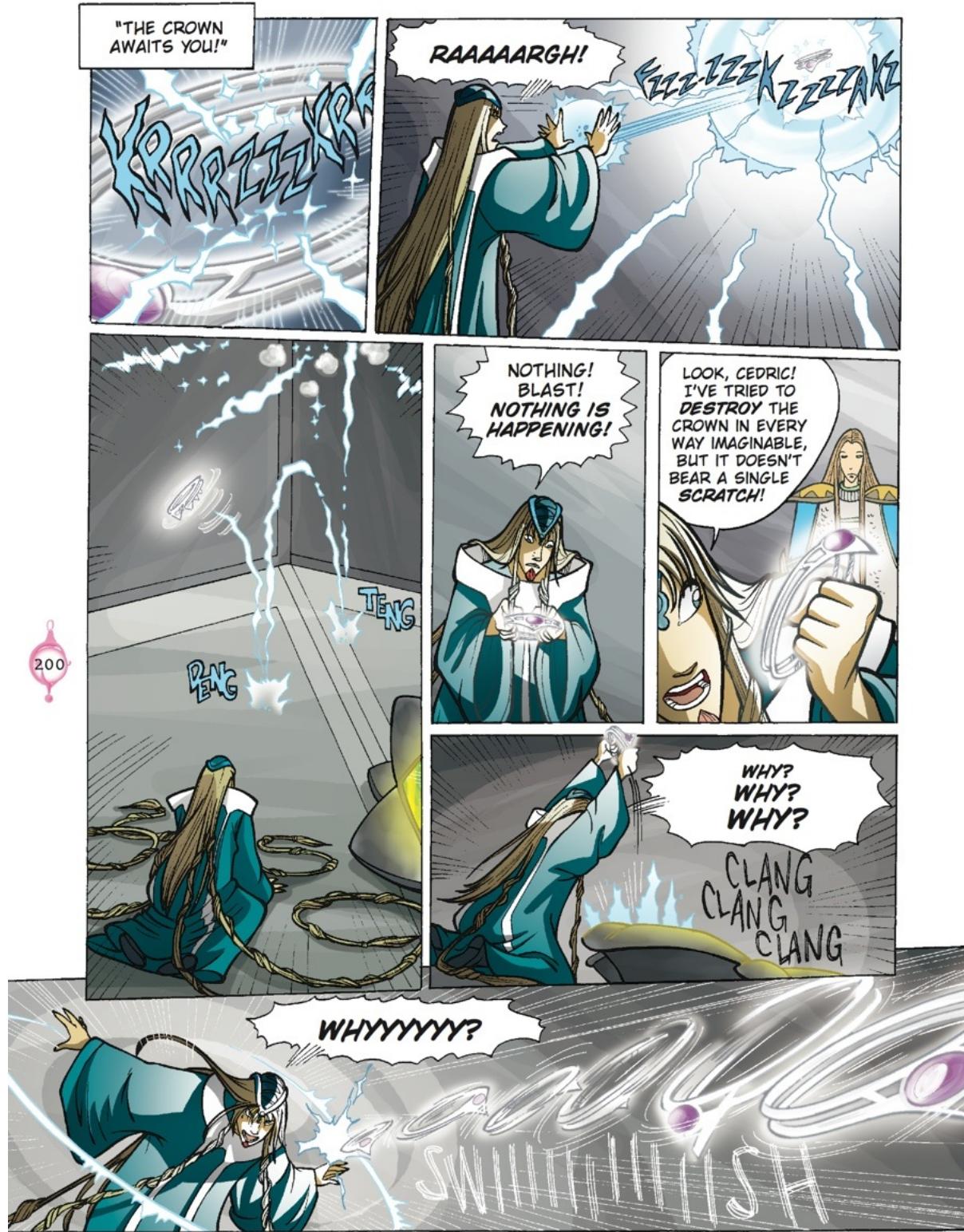


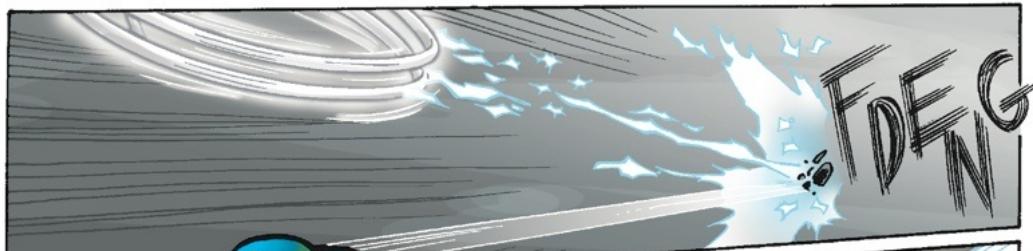




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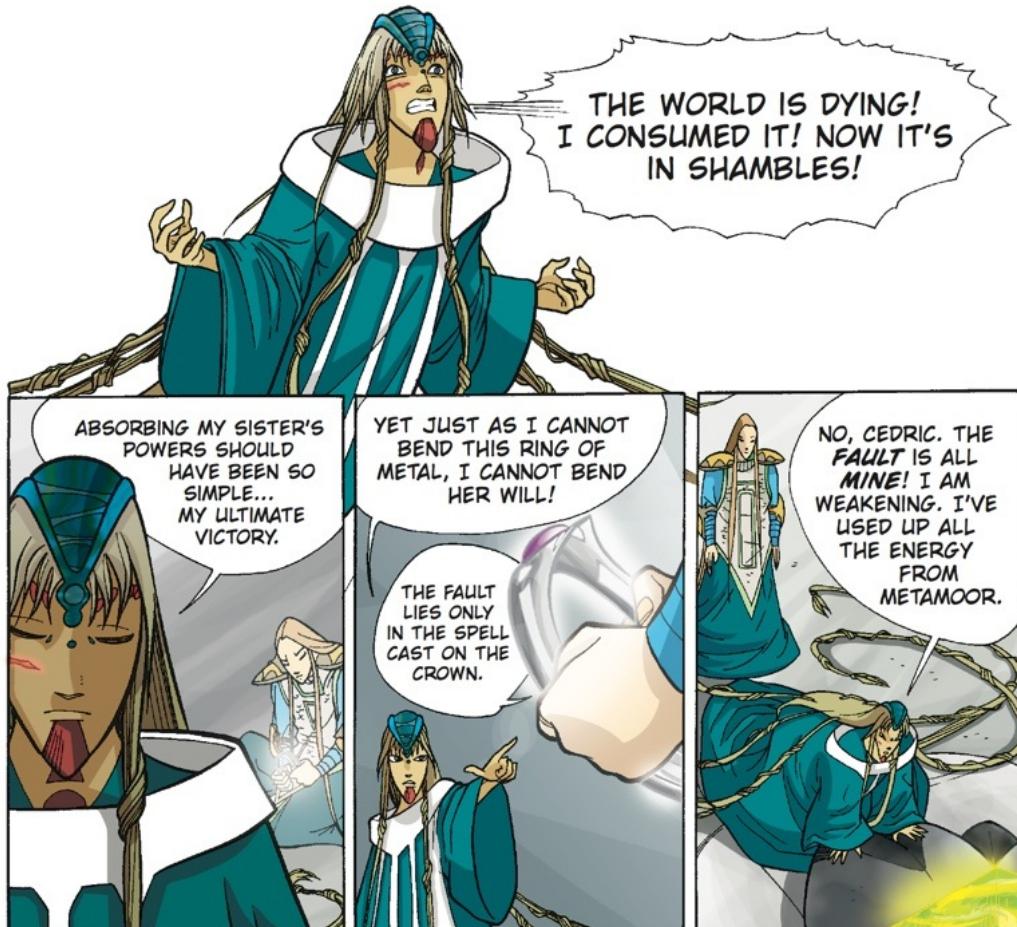




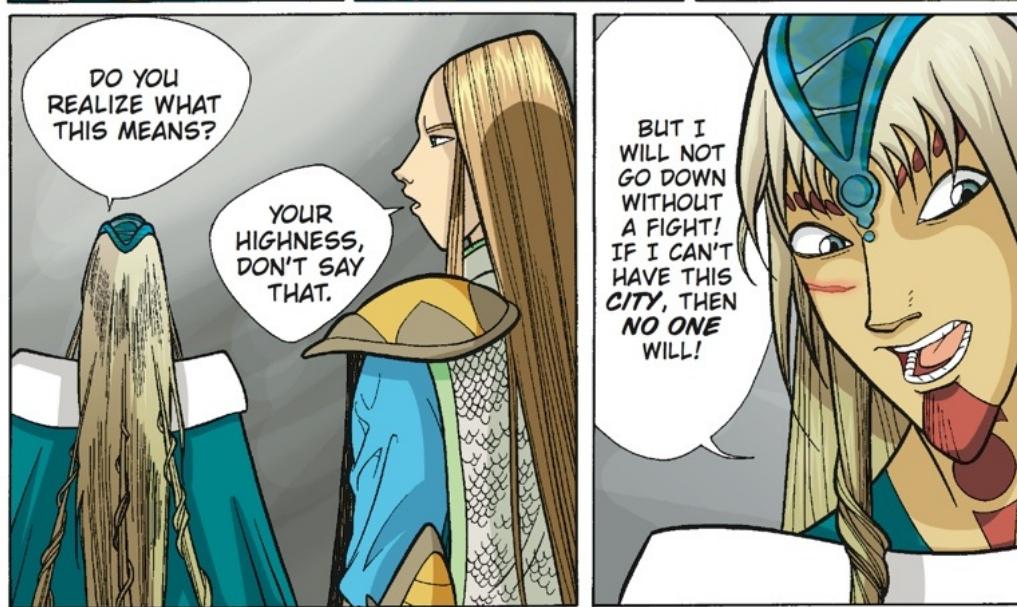


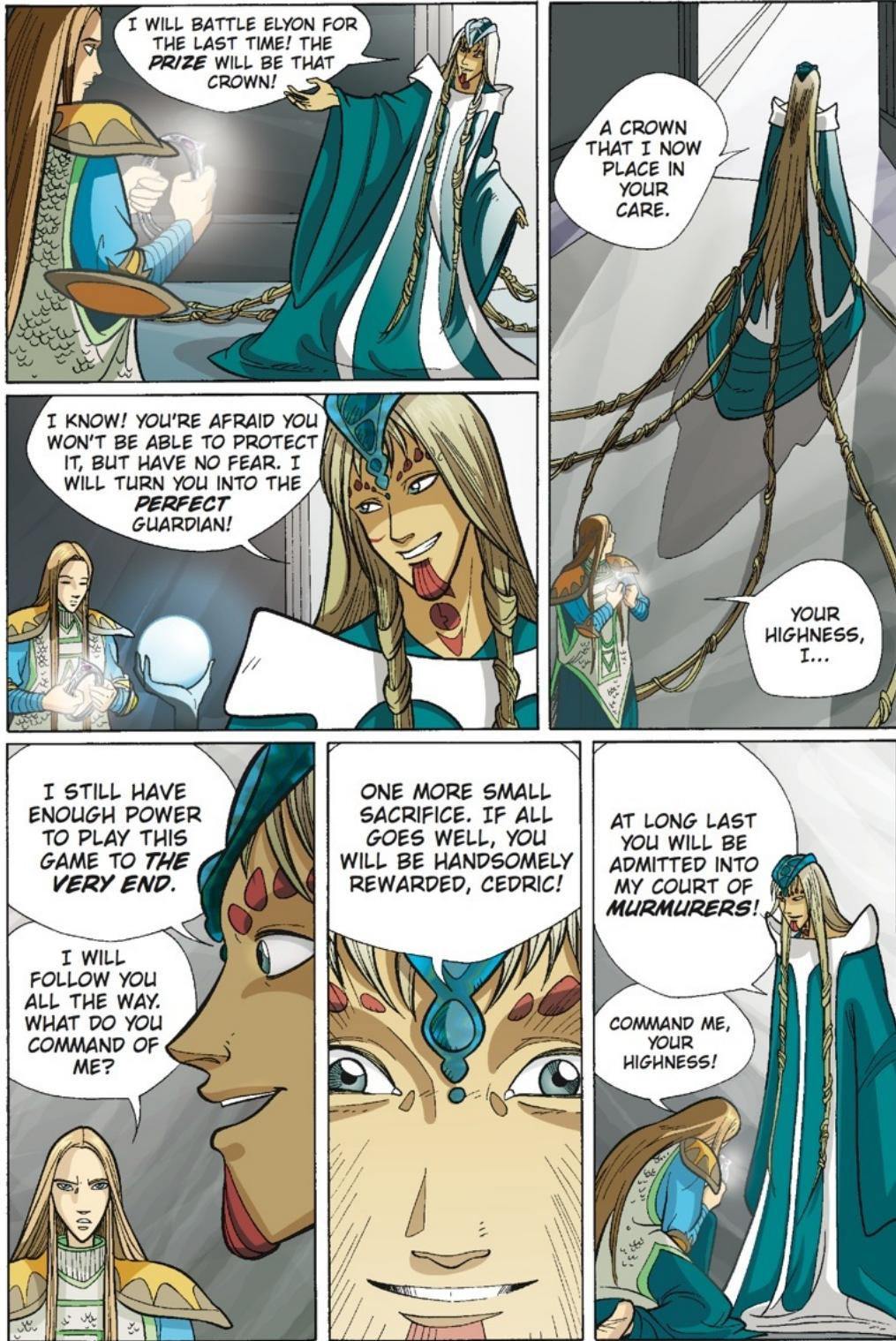
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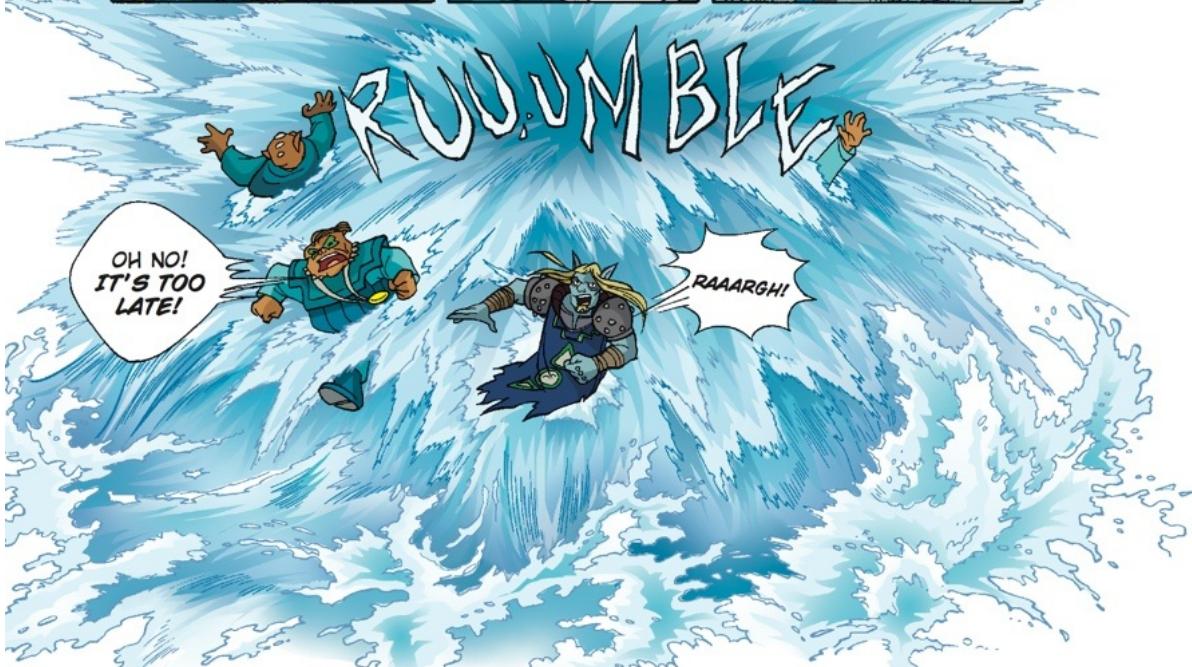


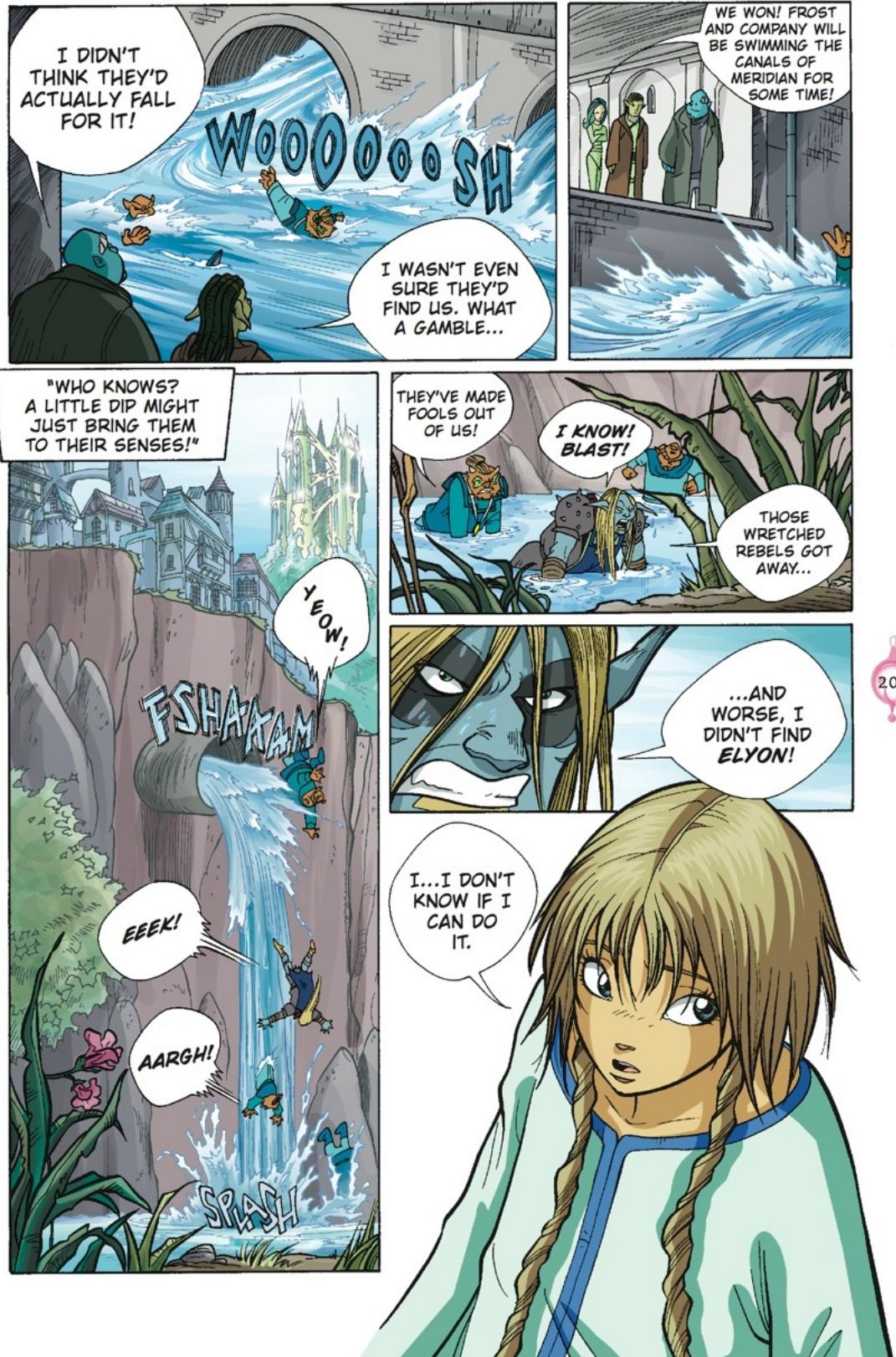






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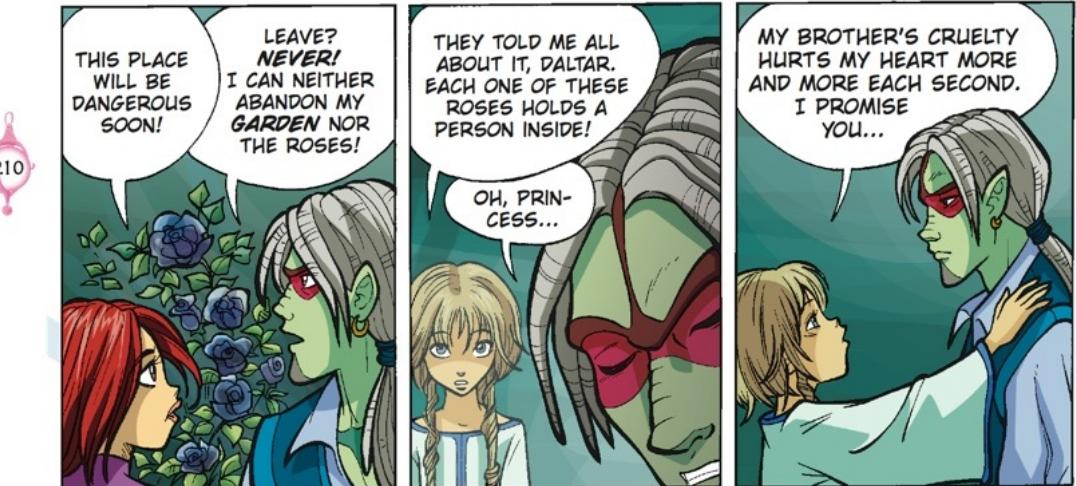




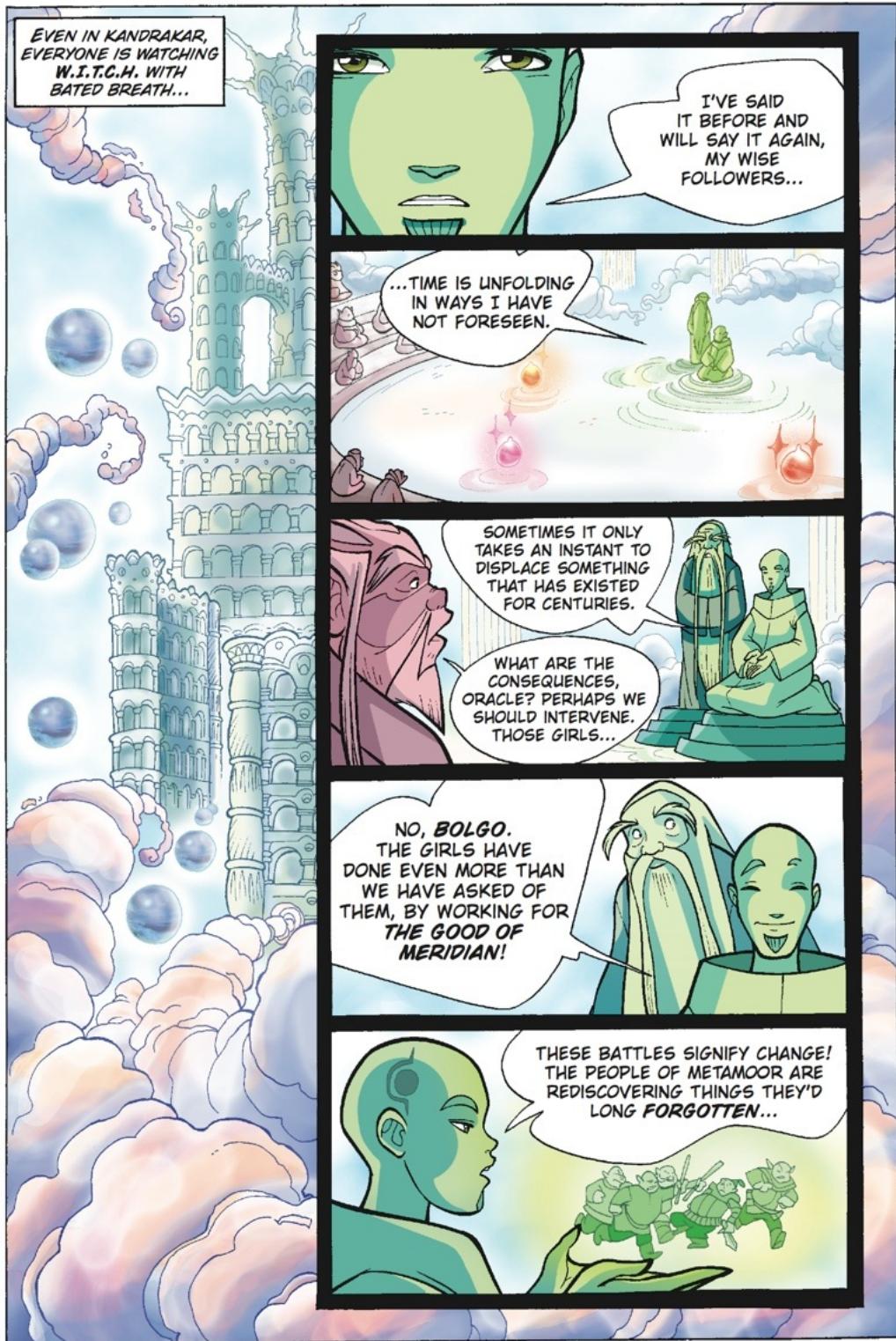


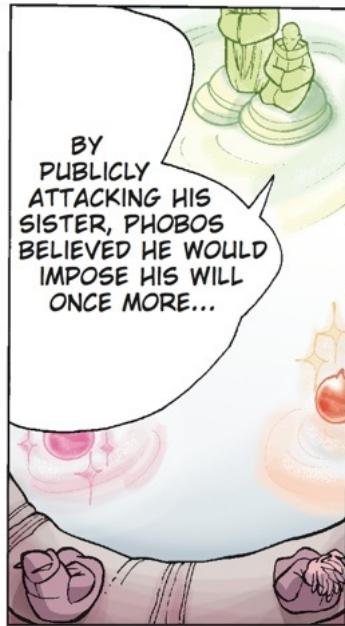
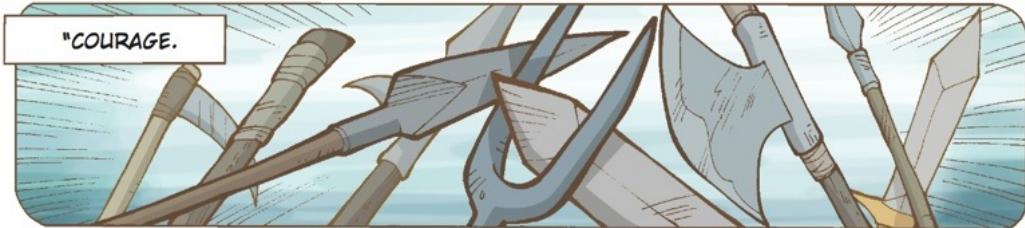
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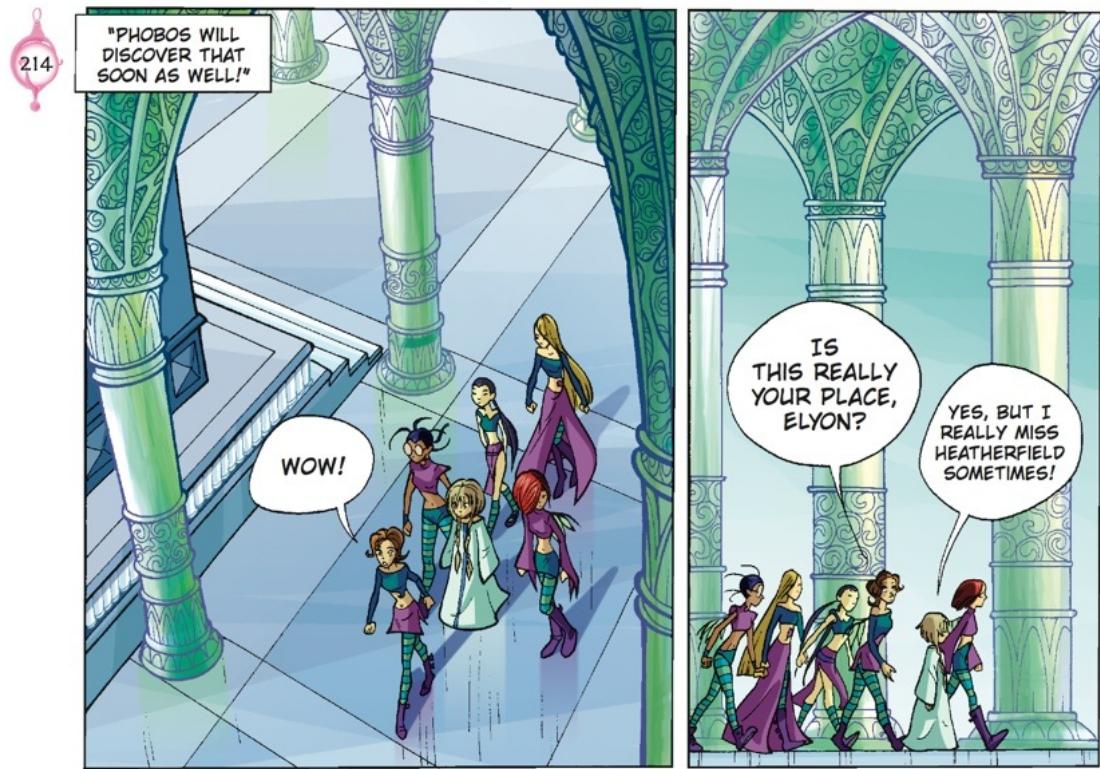


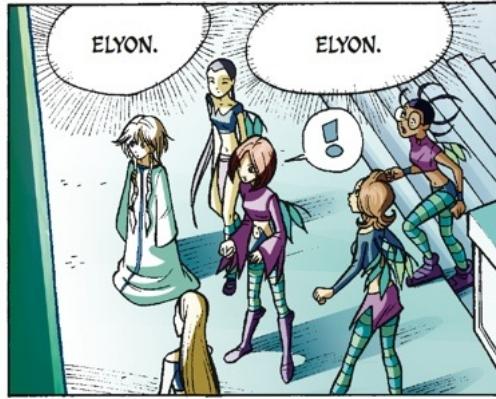
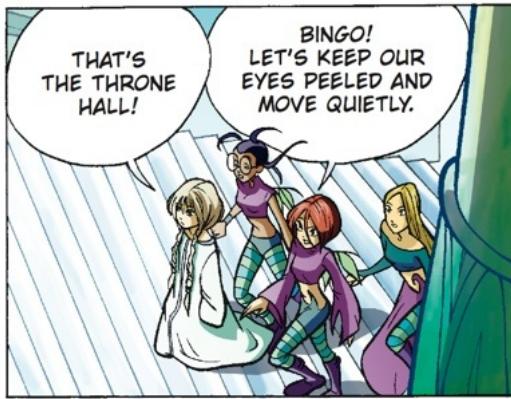
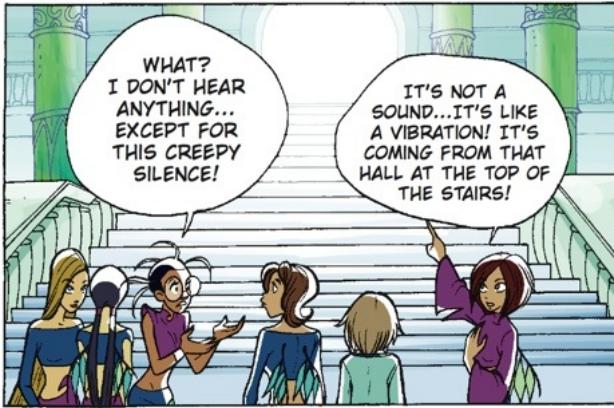






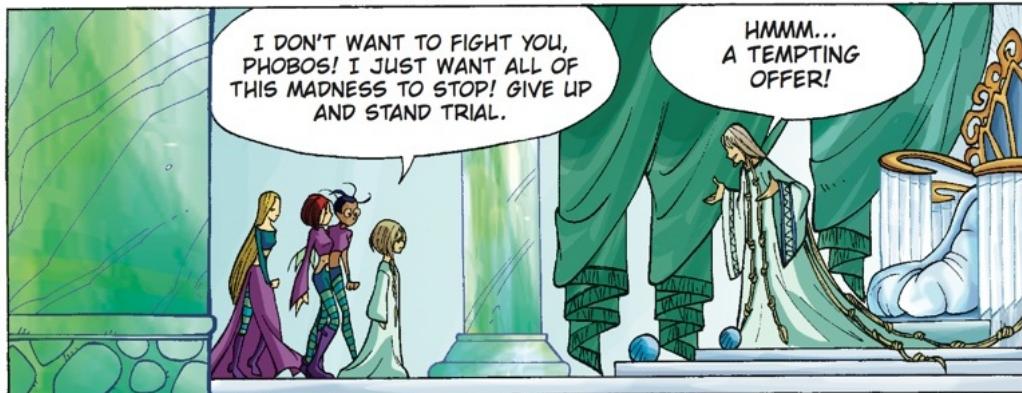






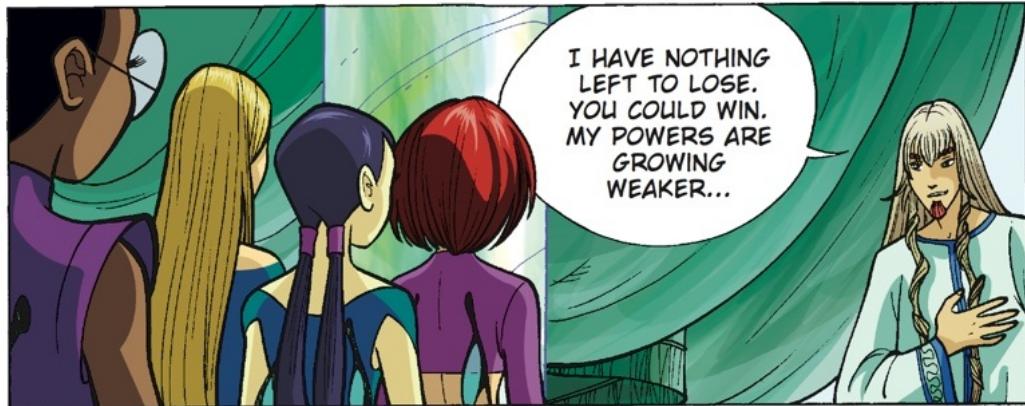
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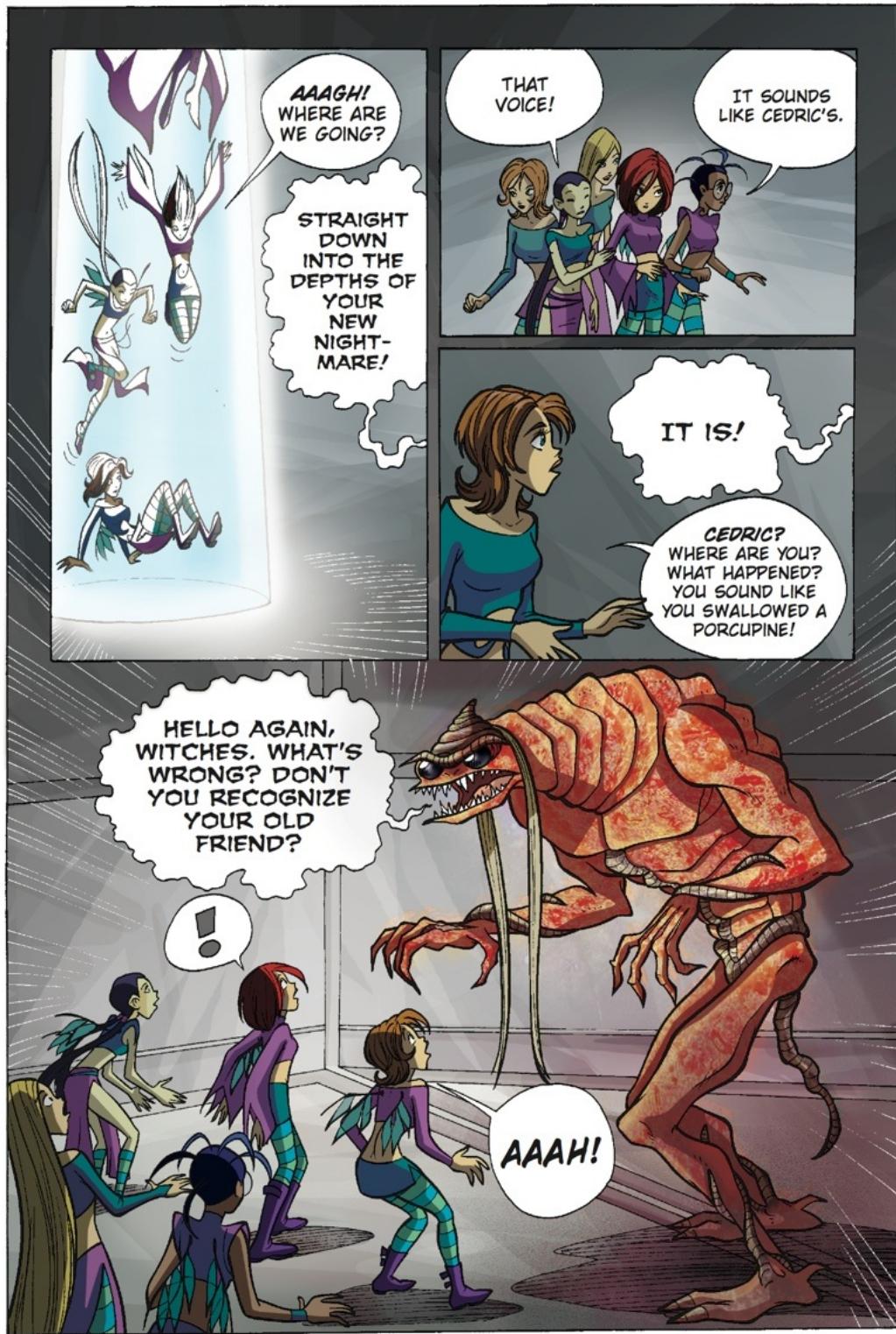




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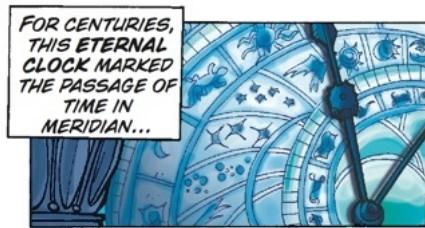




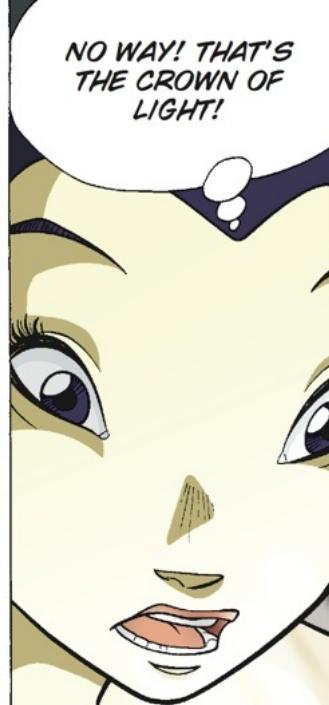
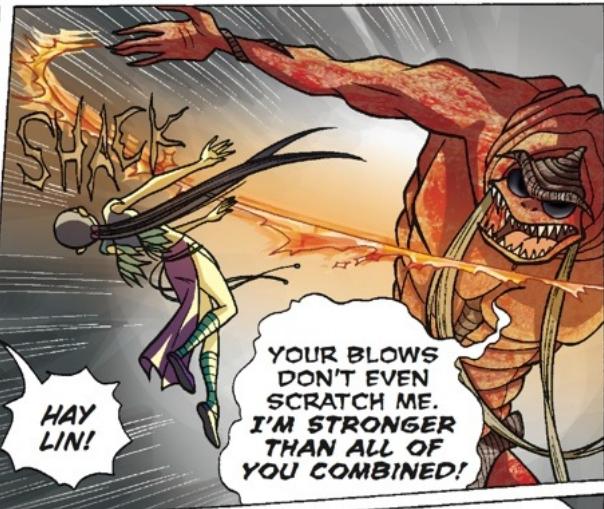
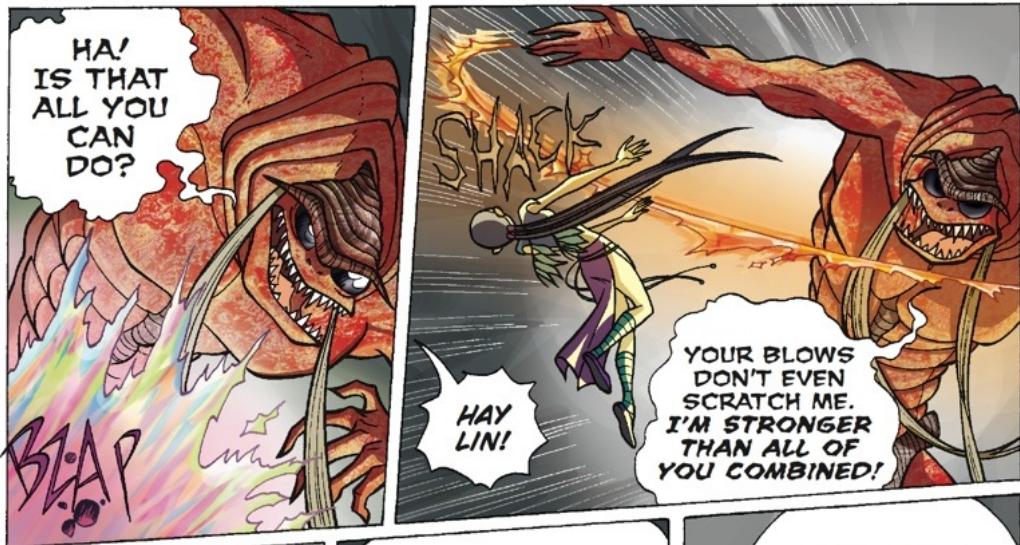


“That which was born
united, return to being
part of the whole!”



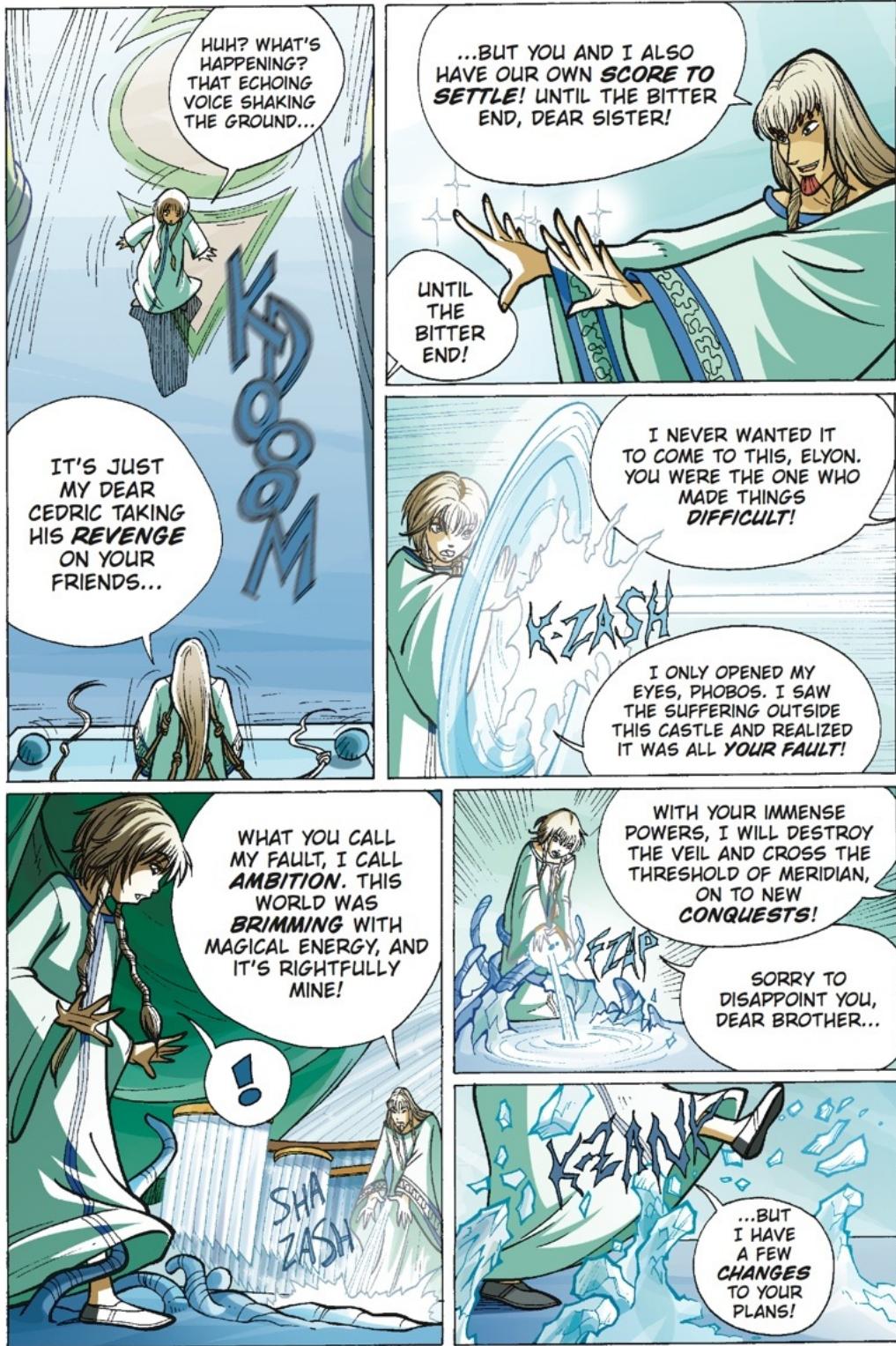


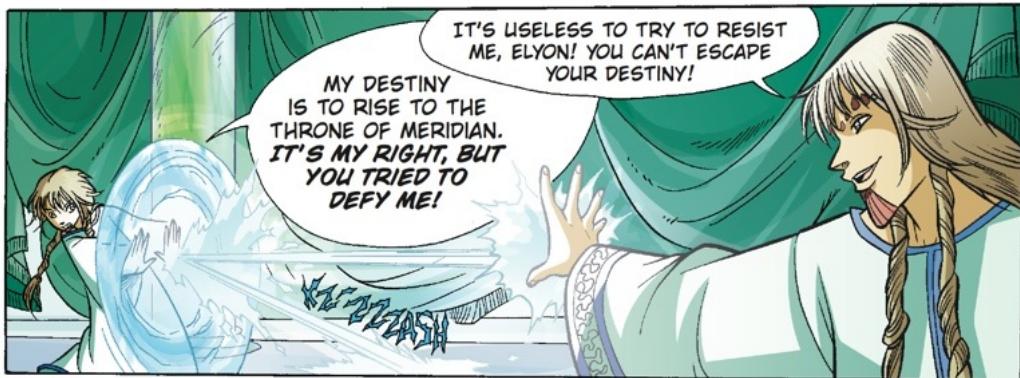




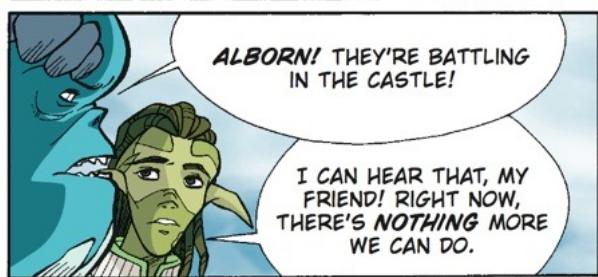
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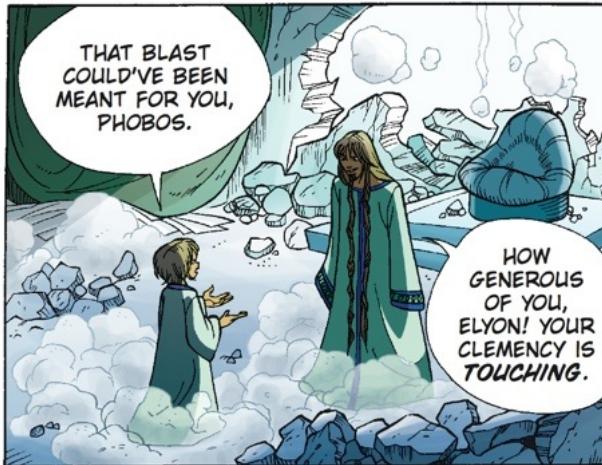


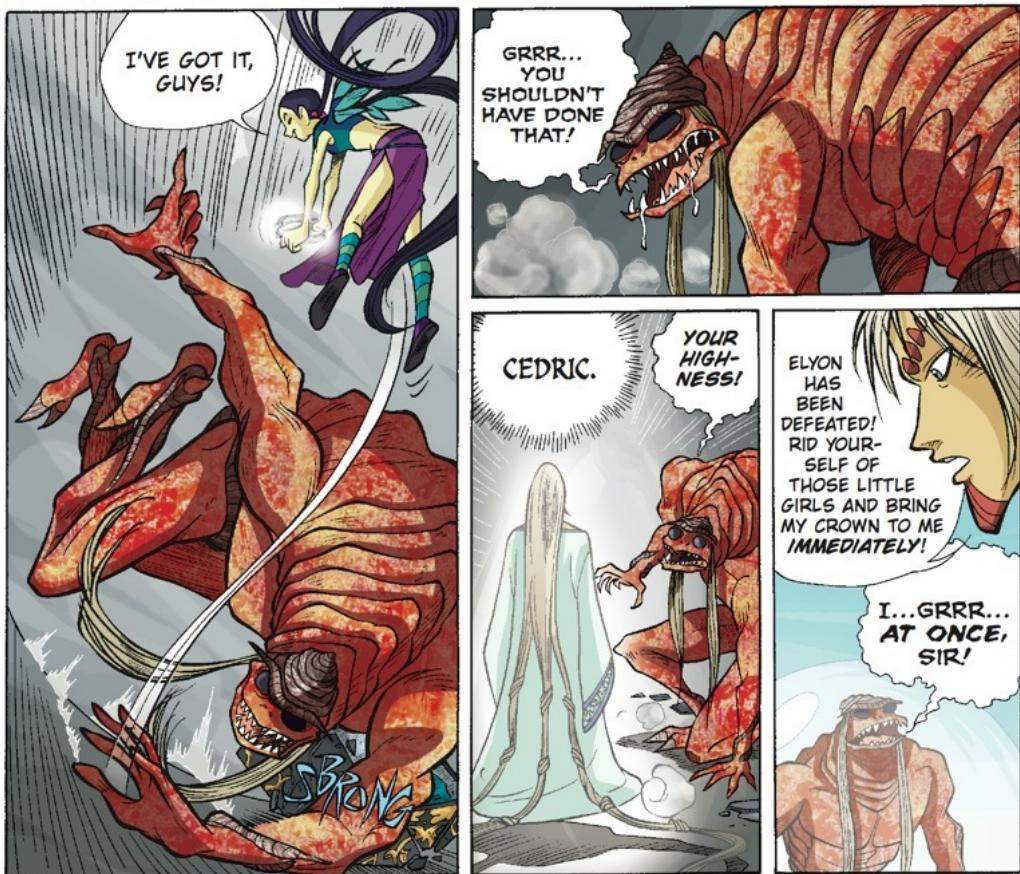
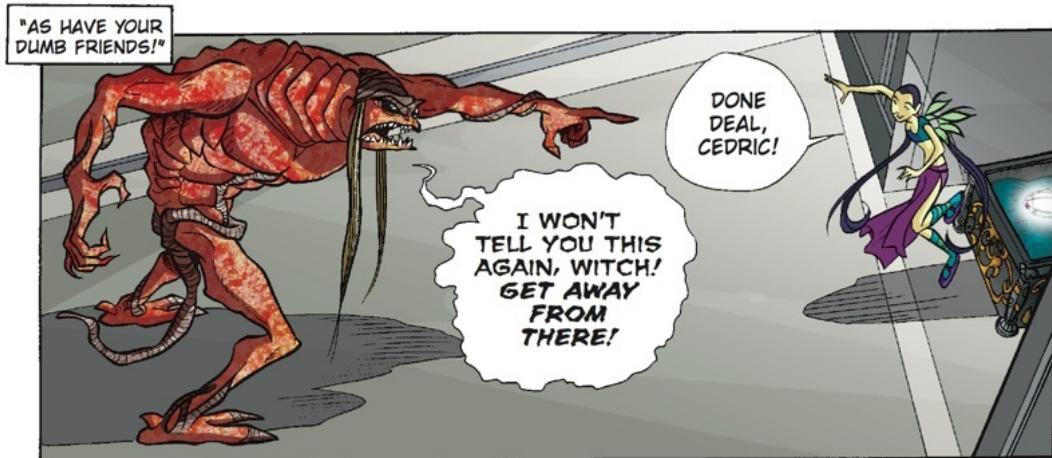


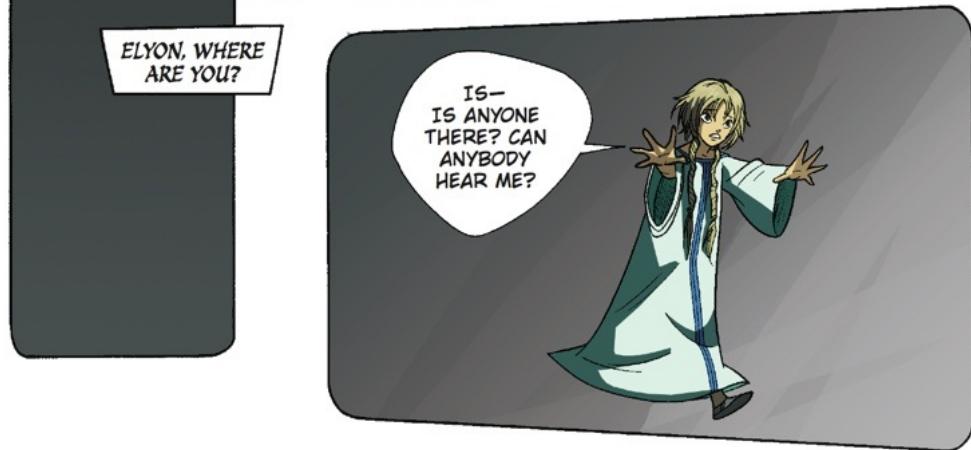
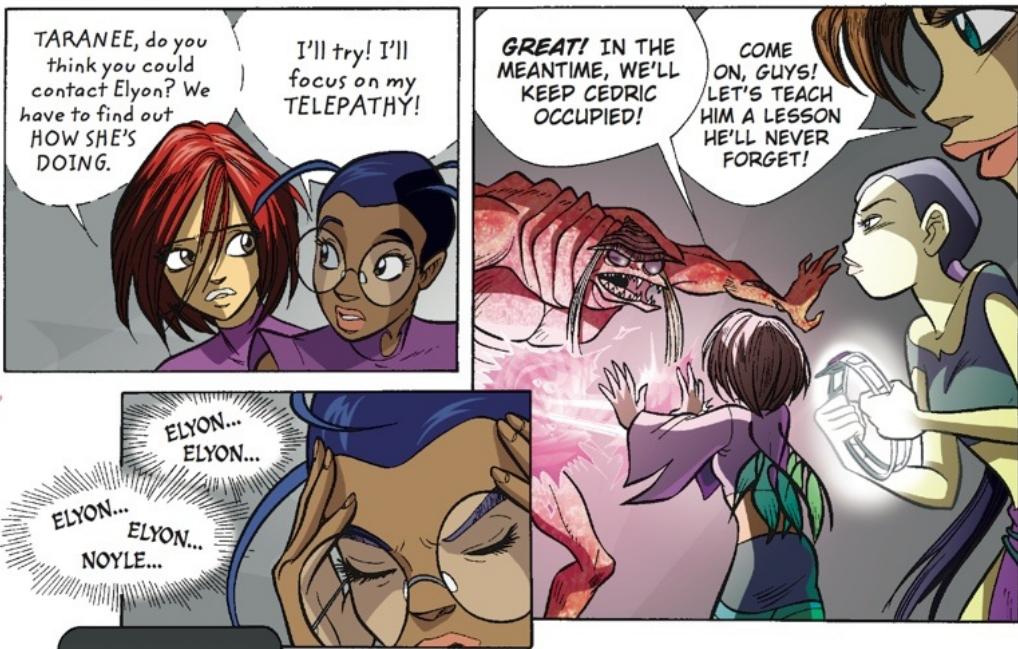


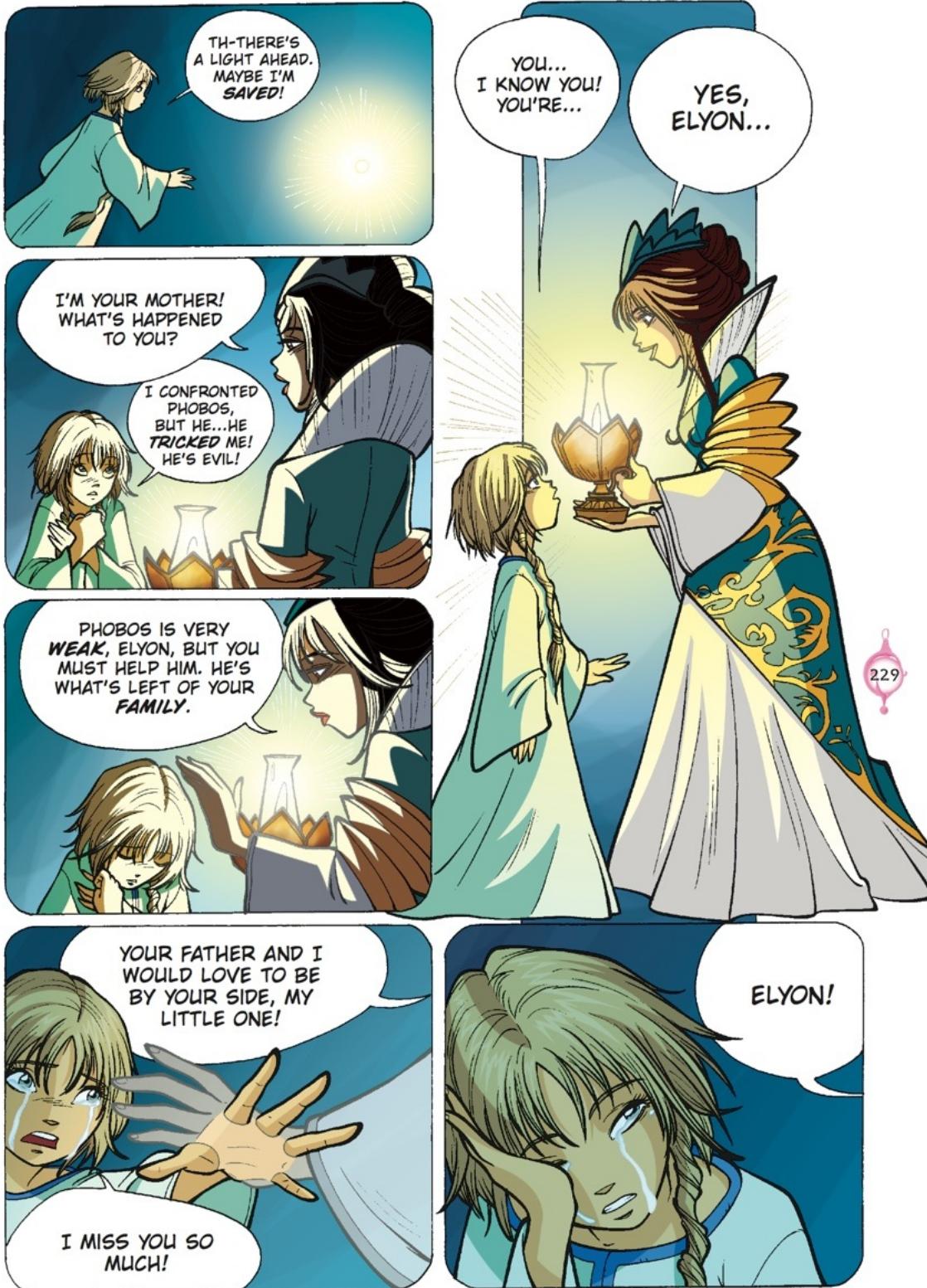
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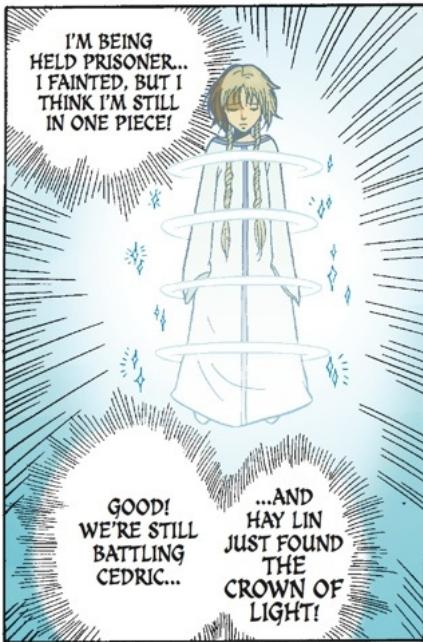


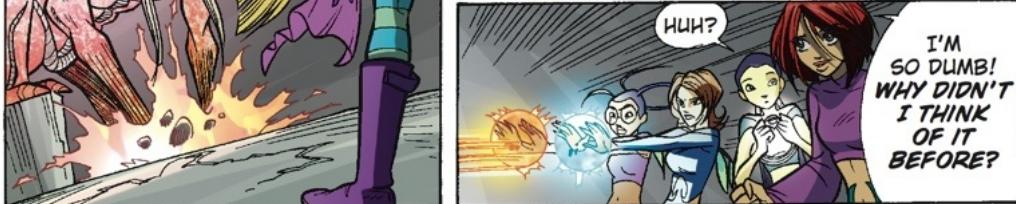
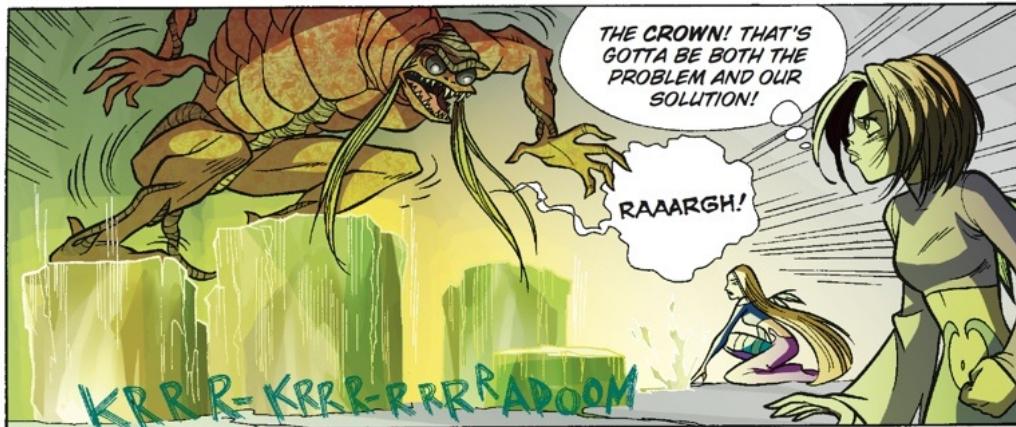














AS THE CROWN COMES INTO CONTACT WITH CEDRIC, IT RELEASES THE EVIL EFFECTS THAT PHOBOS INFUSED WITH HIS SPELL...

YAAAARGH!

RAAARGH!

YEAH...BUT WHAT DID YOU DO?

THAT CROWN ABSORBS POWERS! SO I THOUGHT, IF IT WORKED ON ELYON'S ASTRAL DROP...

NYAHHHH!

...WHY SHOULDN'T IT WORK ON CEDRIC TOO?

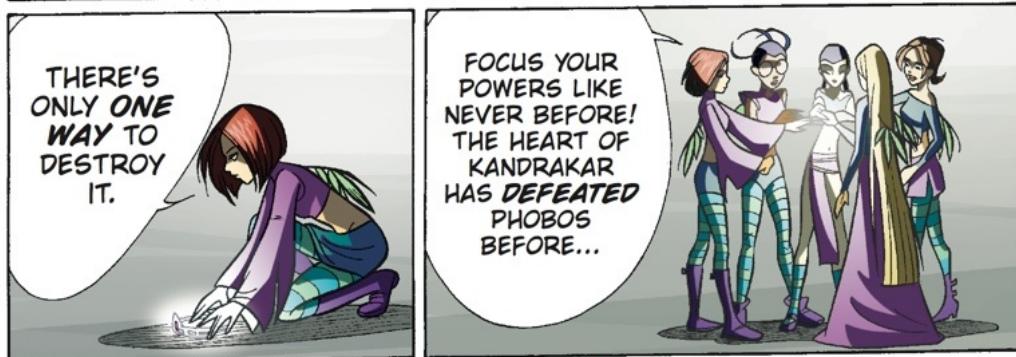
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OH MY GOSH! LOOK!

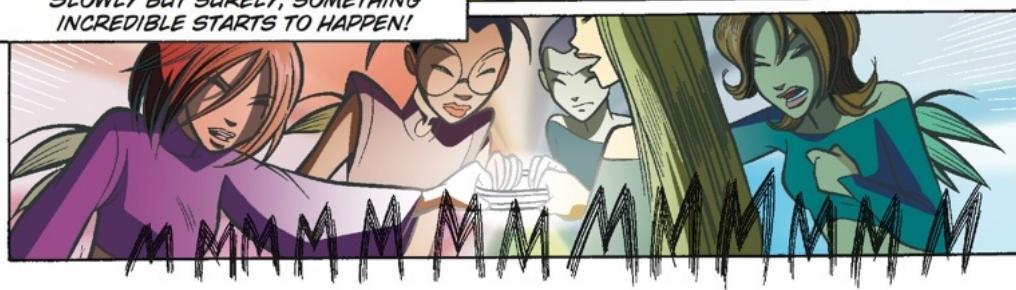
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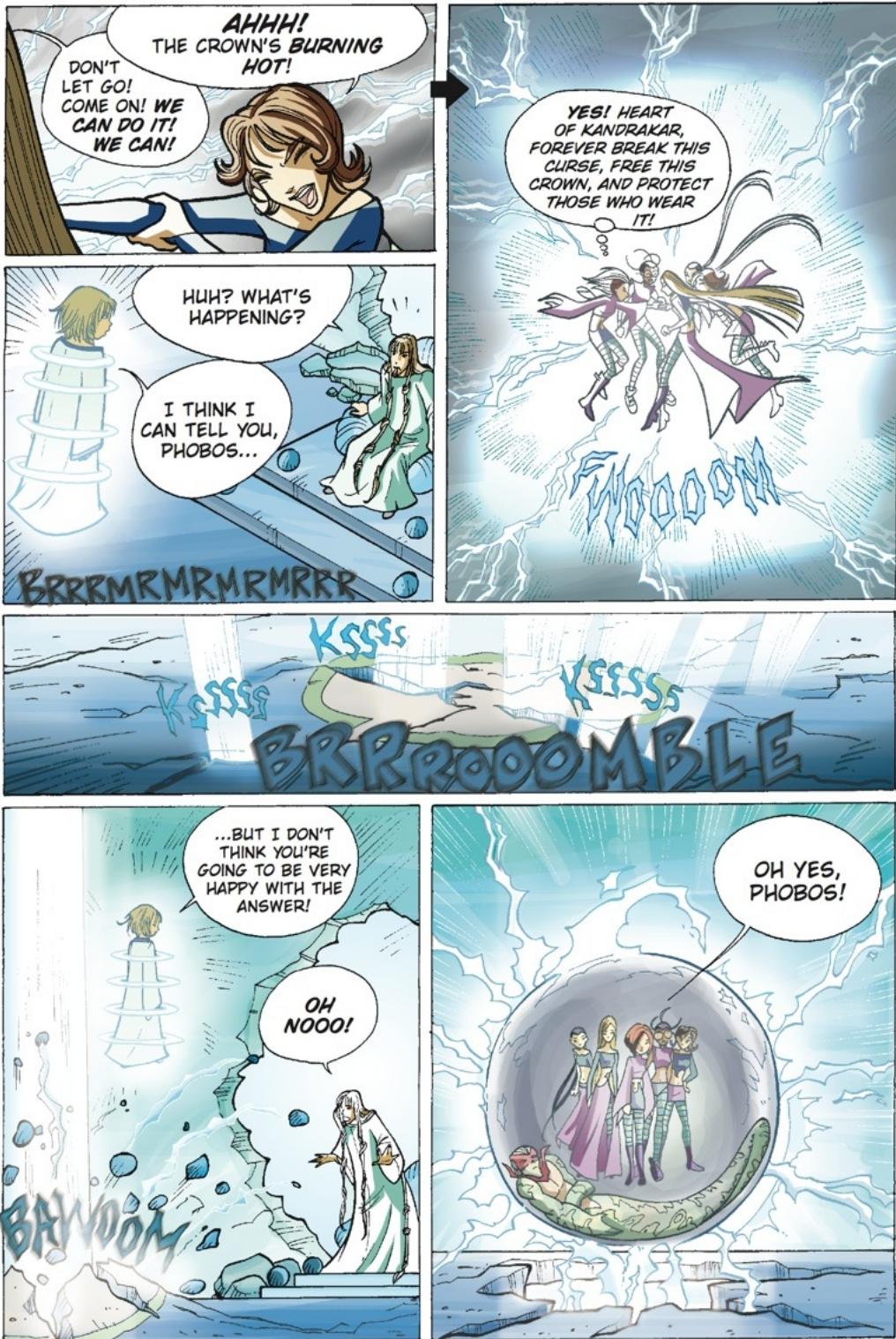
OHHH!

BACK TO THE SNAKE HE IS!
GREAT THINKING, WILL! HE'S BACK TO HIS TRUE FORM!

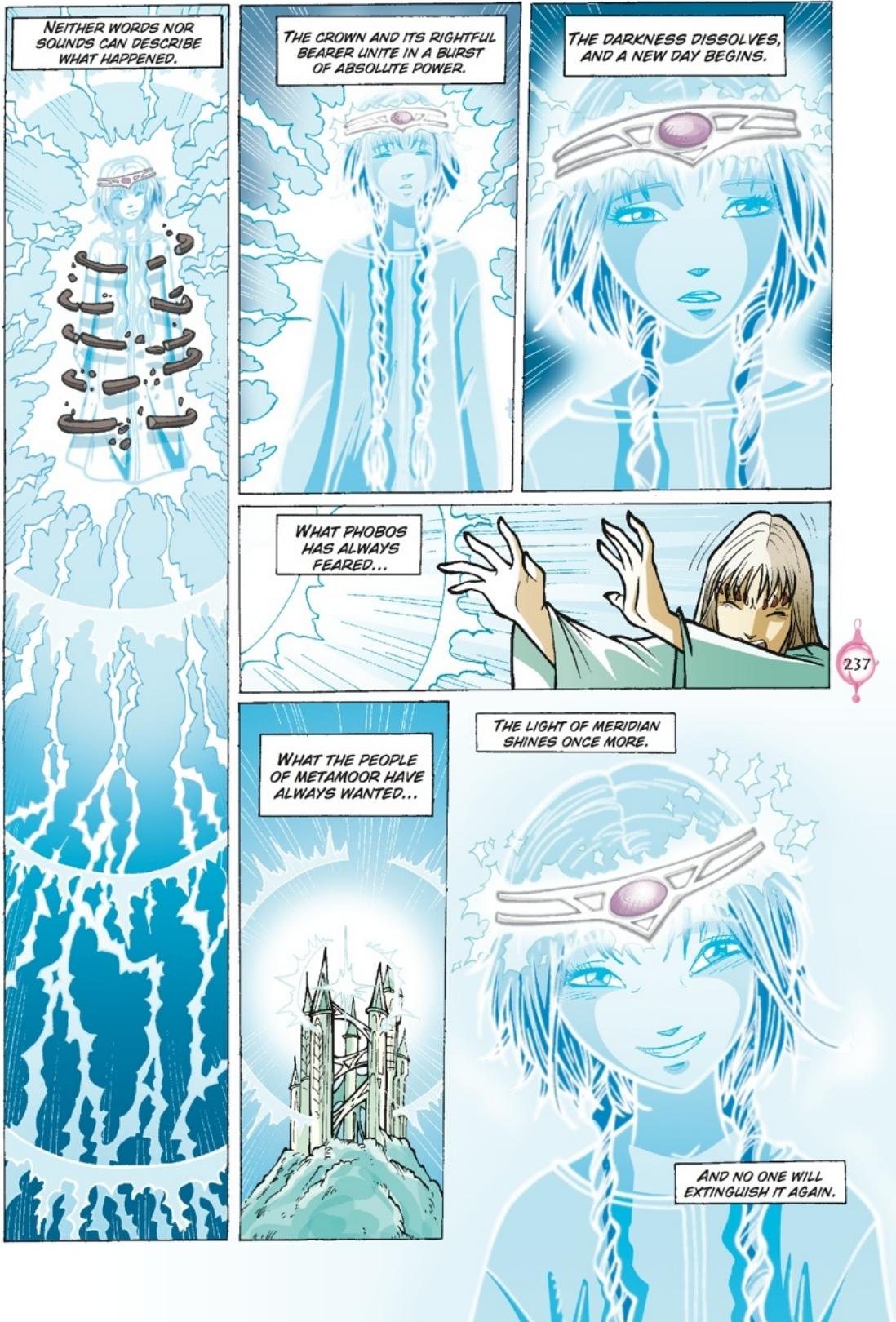


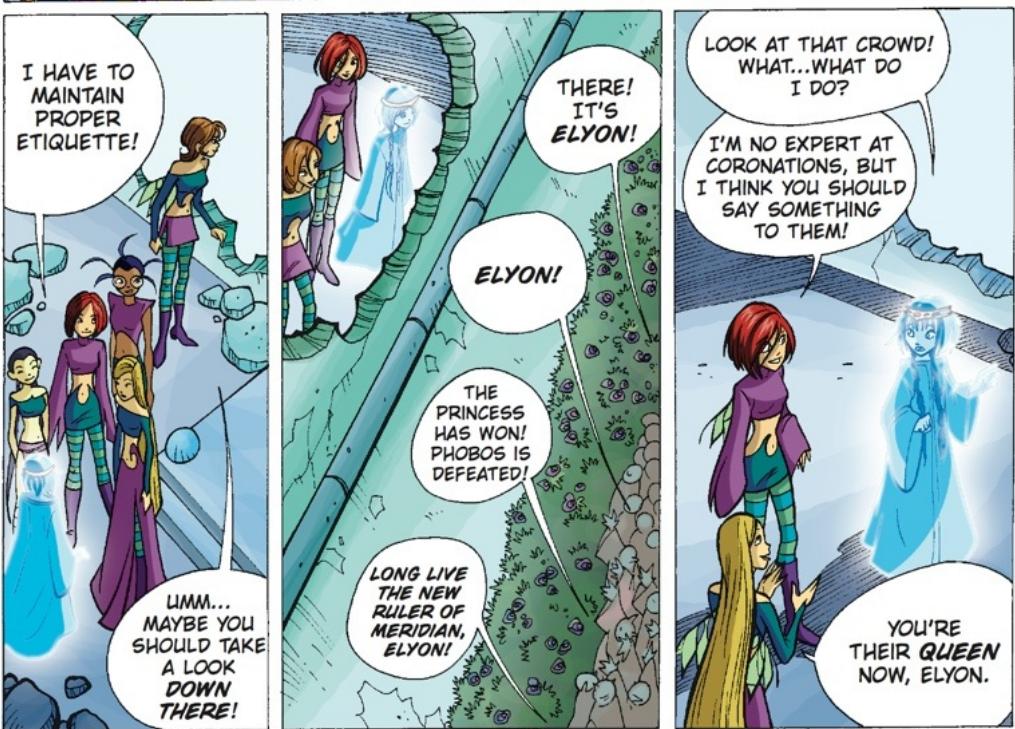
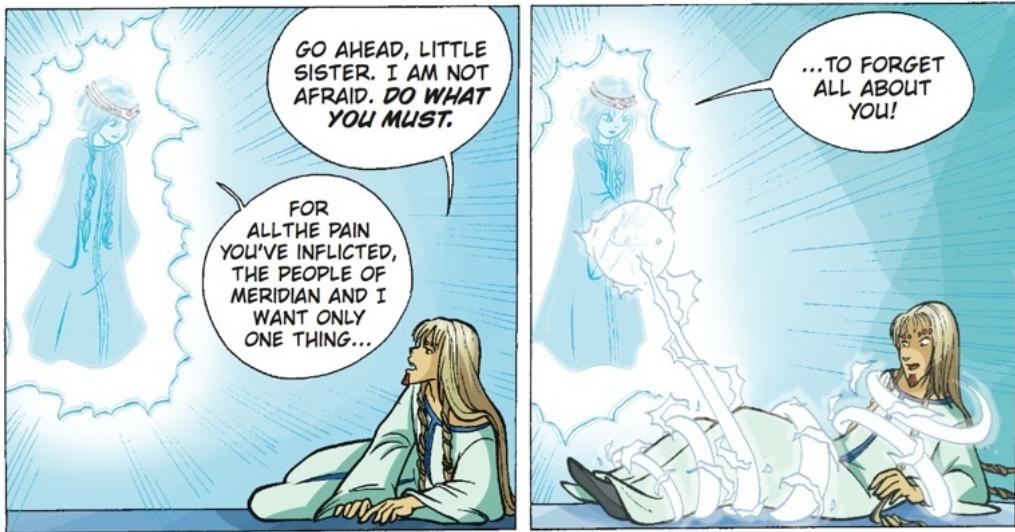
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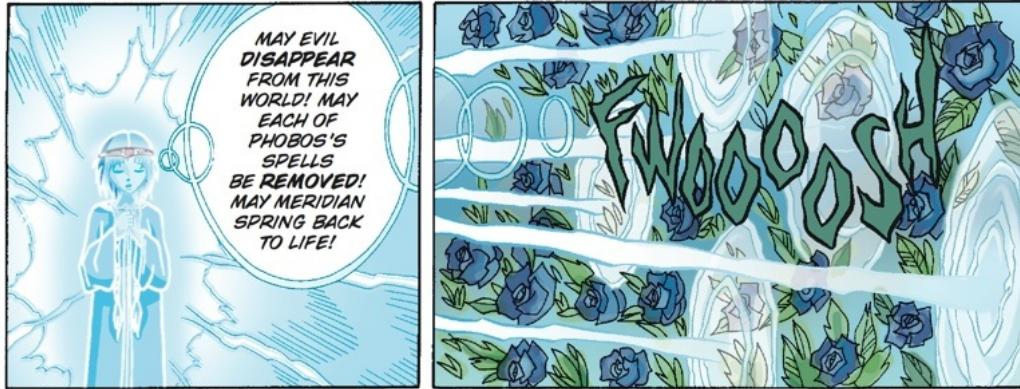


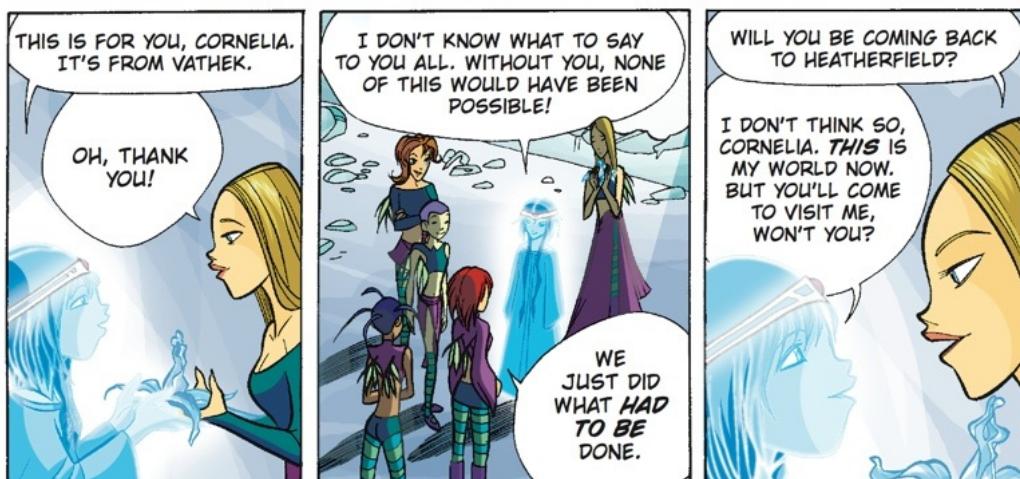




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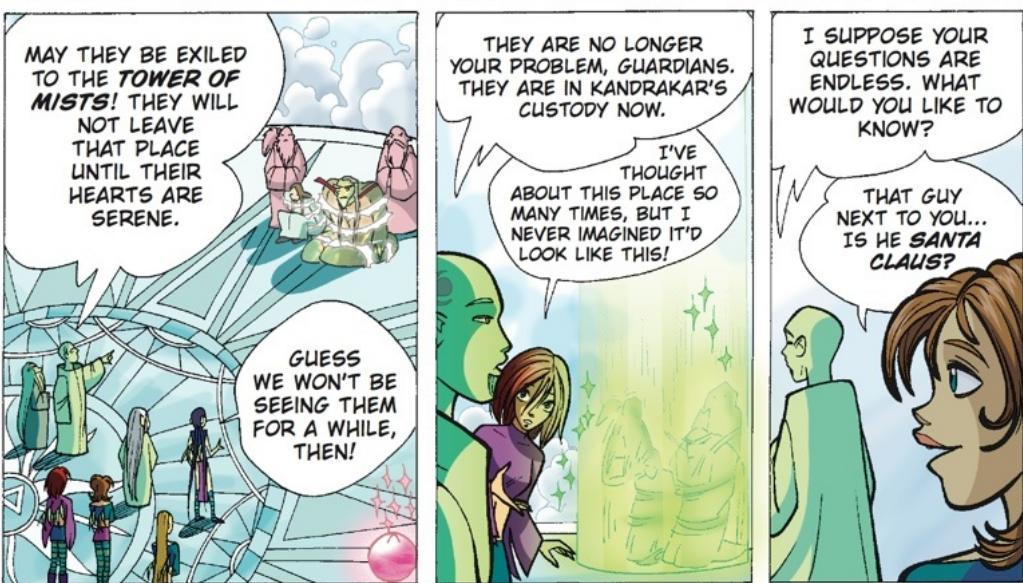


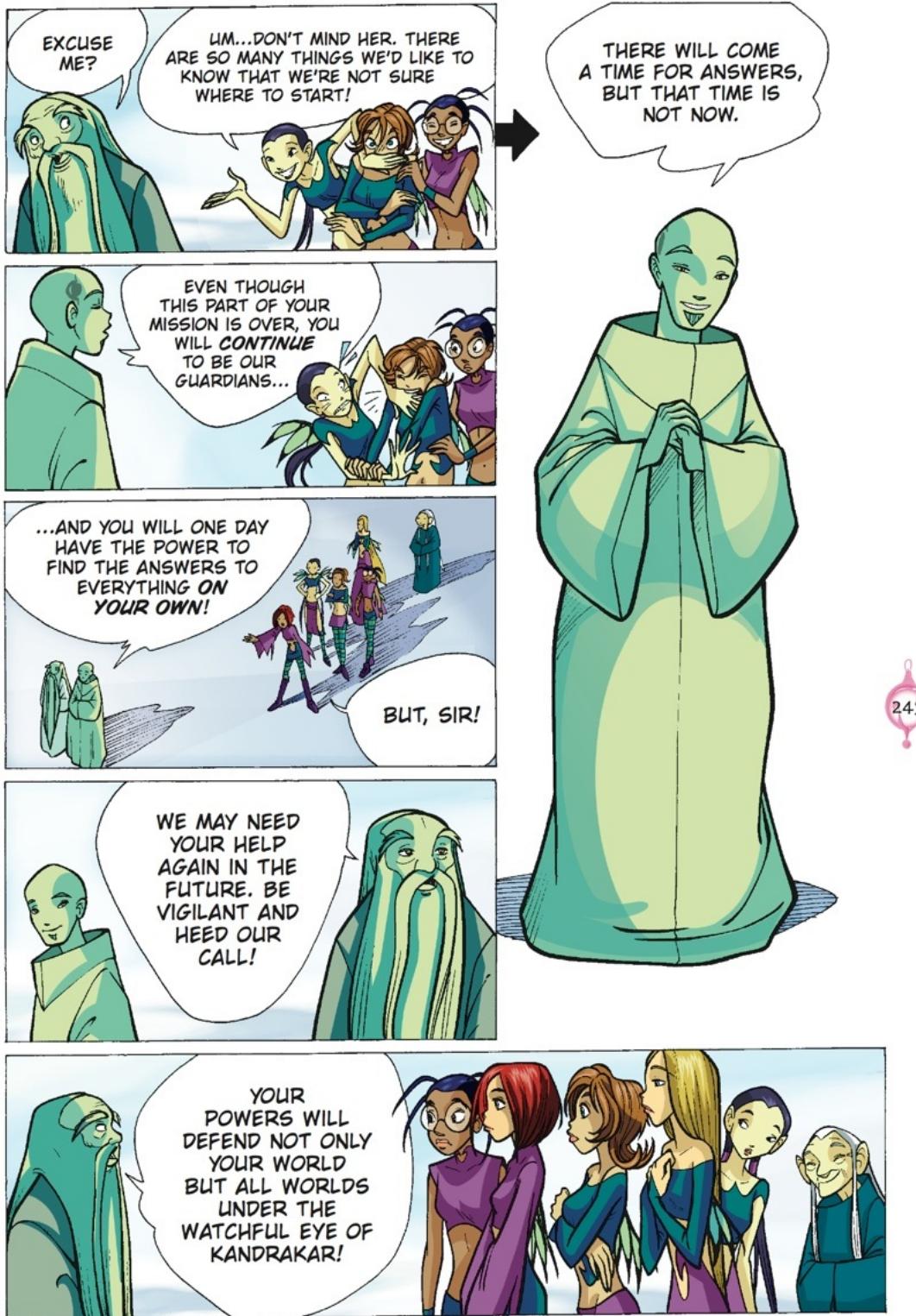




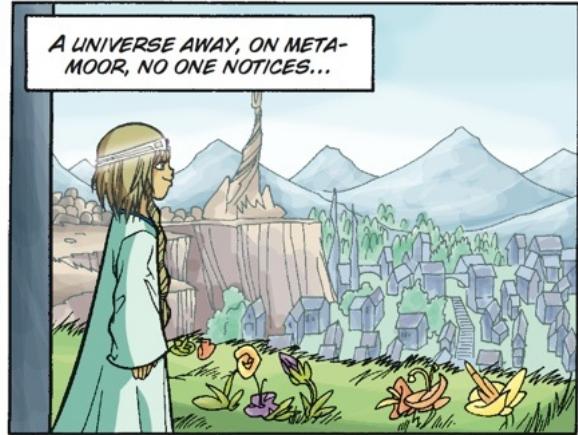


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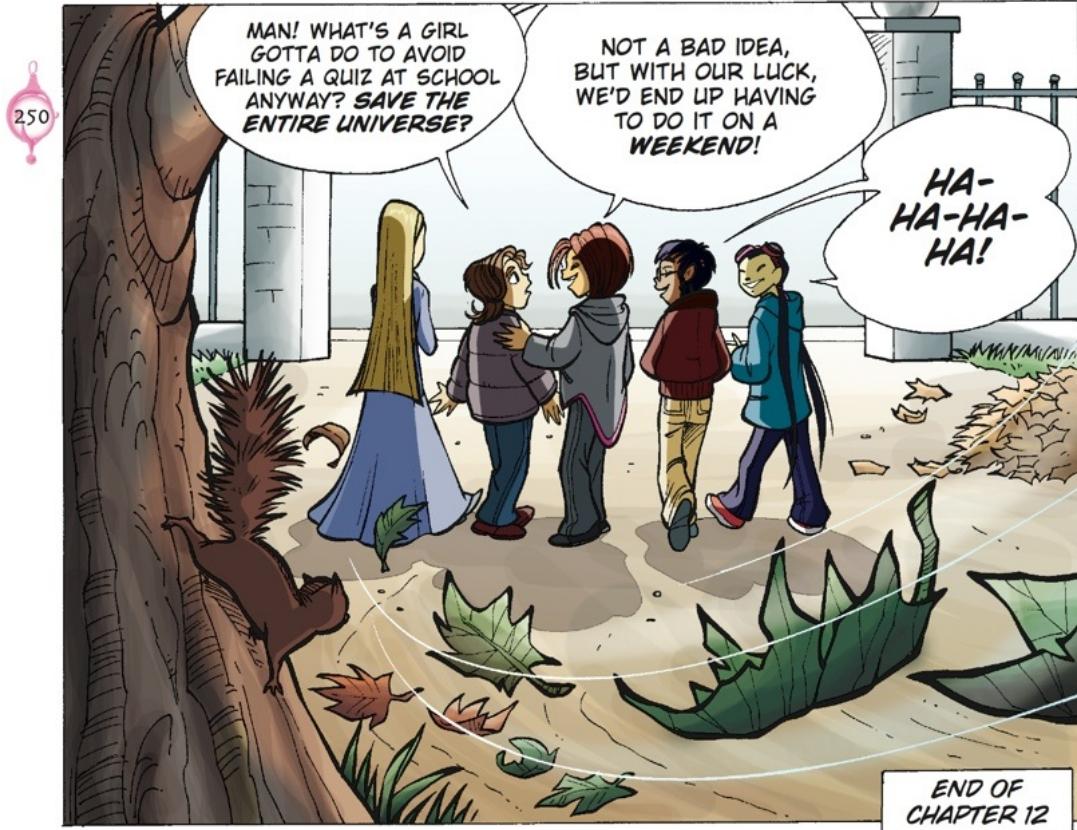
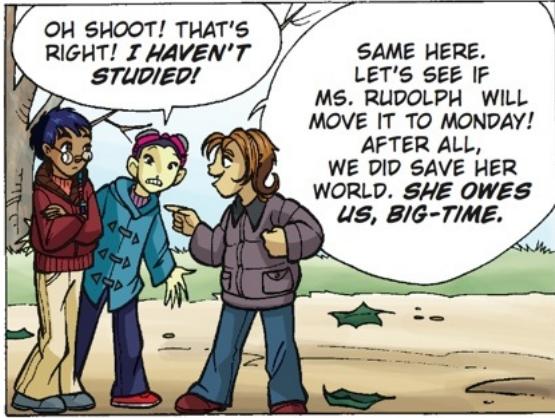














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Elyon

Almost **14** years old, Scorpio,
born **October 31**

She was **Cornelia's best friend** until she encountered Cedric and suddenly went to Metamoor. Since then, she has split with the other girls and has become the worst enemy of the Guardians of Kandrakar.

From Cedric, she learned the people of Metamoor expected her to become the **Light of Meridian**, future ruler of that realm where the female offspring of the royal line become sovereign. Her brother, **Phobos**, is the regent in the interim and is looking forward to Elyon's rule (according to Cedric).

Elyon uses **negative" magical powers**. They have nothing to do with nature, but they come from the energy of the world and control matter.



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Phobos

Elyon's older brother.

After the disappearance of his parents, the sovereigns of Meridian, he takes his place on the throne, which should rightfully belong to his sister.

Thirsty for power, Prince Phobos has kept **Meridian on its knees** by absorbing the land's magical energy.

To keep his ambition in check, Kandrakar's Congregation of Wise Men erected the **Wall** around the kingdom.

Ruthless and haughty, Phobos reveals himself through the **Murmurers**, a faithful court of his own creation.

He has a dream

—to absorb Elyon's endless magical energy and destroy the Wall, allowing him to return to conquering other worlds and dimensions.



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Cedric

Prince Phobos's right hand man. His other, human identity is a **bookseller in Heatherfield.**

He's one of the monstrous, faithful assistants to Phobos.

His **antique bookstore**,

Ye Olde Book Shop, was the cover for Elyon's investigations with his aide Vathek (who then partnered with Caleb as part of the Meridian rebels).

Like every Metamoor resident, Cedric can change his appearance; he's actually **"reptilian."**

His only ambition is to be a part of the **Court of Murmurers**, reporting to the Prince of Meridian.





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Caleb

Caleb is the young leader of the **Rebels of Meridian**, a clandestine organization seeking the end to Prince Phobos's reign. Its base (also used for other people revolting) lies in the city's infinite underground.

His faithful lieutenant is **Vathek**, who, upon leaving Cedric's loyalty, has completely converted to the rebels' cause.

Born as a Murmurer,

Caleb developed a will and a conscience that led him to rebel against the control of his creator, Phobos.

Caleb is the love of **Cornelia's** dreams. The future of their love is still up in the air...



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