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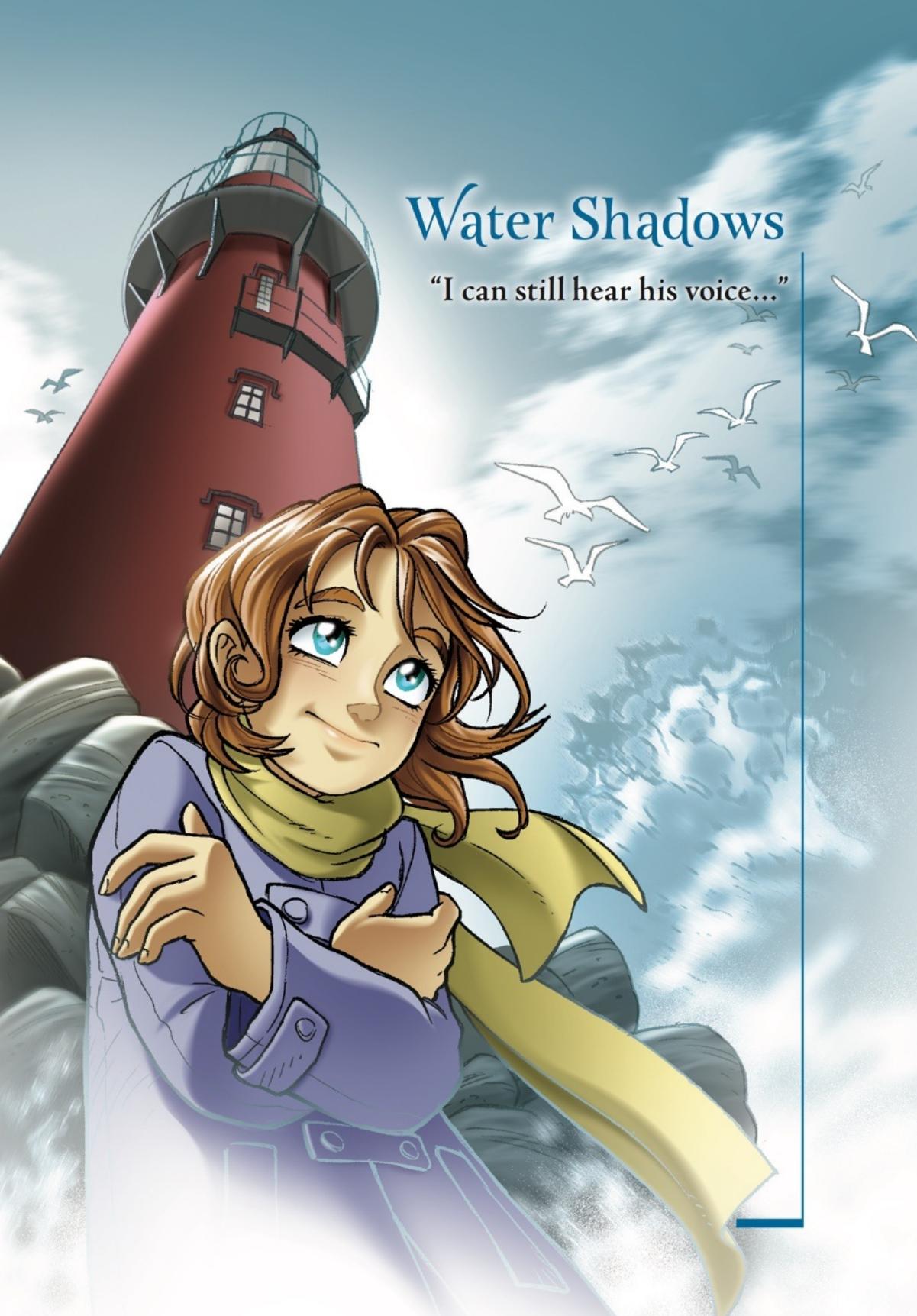
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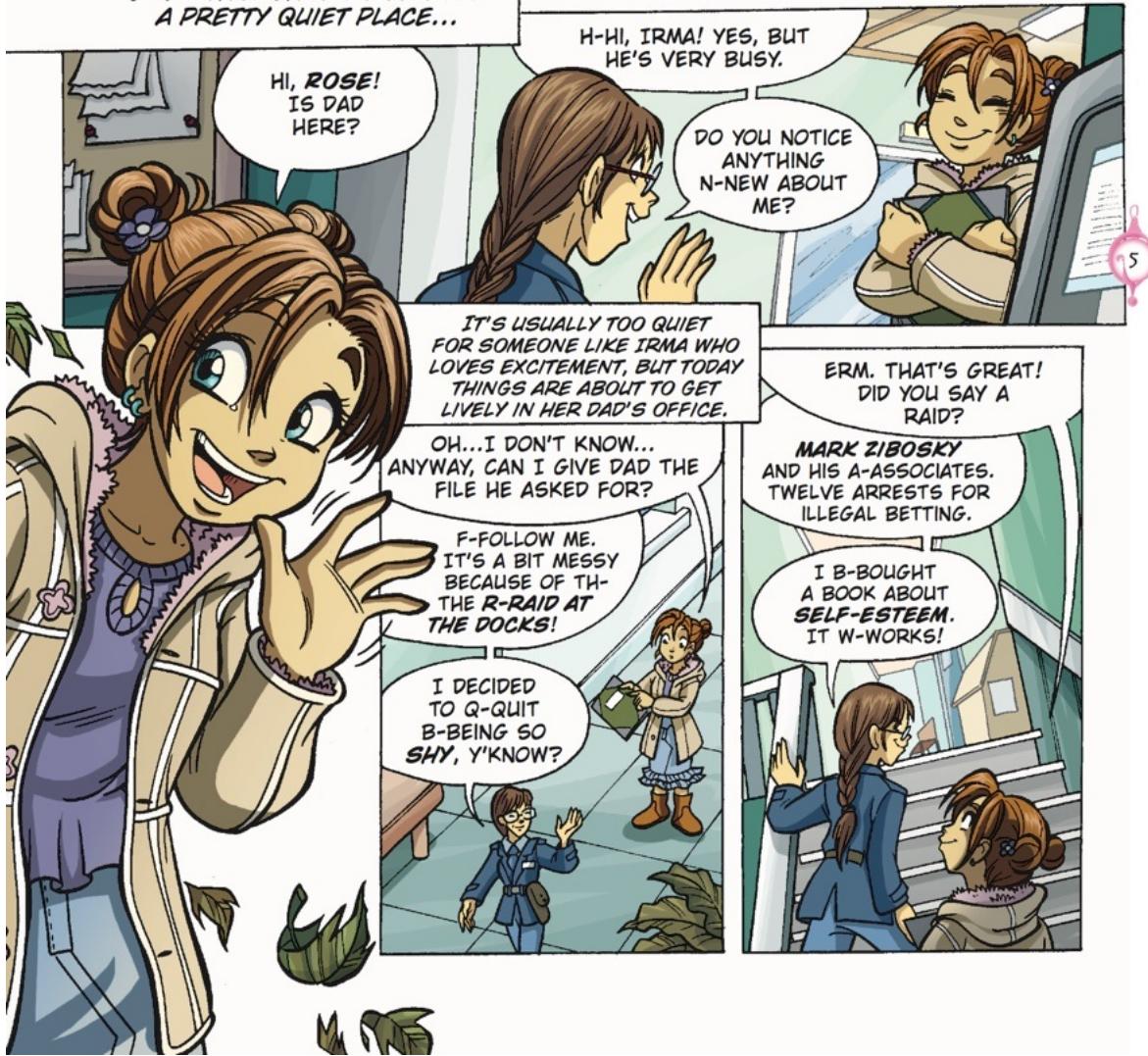
# Water Shadows

"I can still hear his voice..."

IT'S UNDENIABLE. HEATHERFIELD POLICE STATION IS A BIT SCARY.



EVEN THOUGH IT'S ACTUALLY A PRETTY QUIET PLACE...



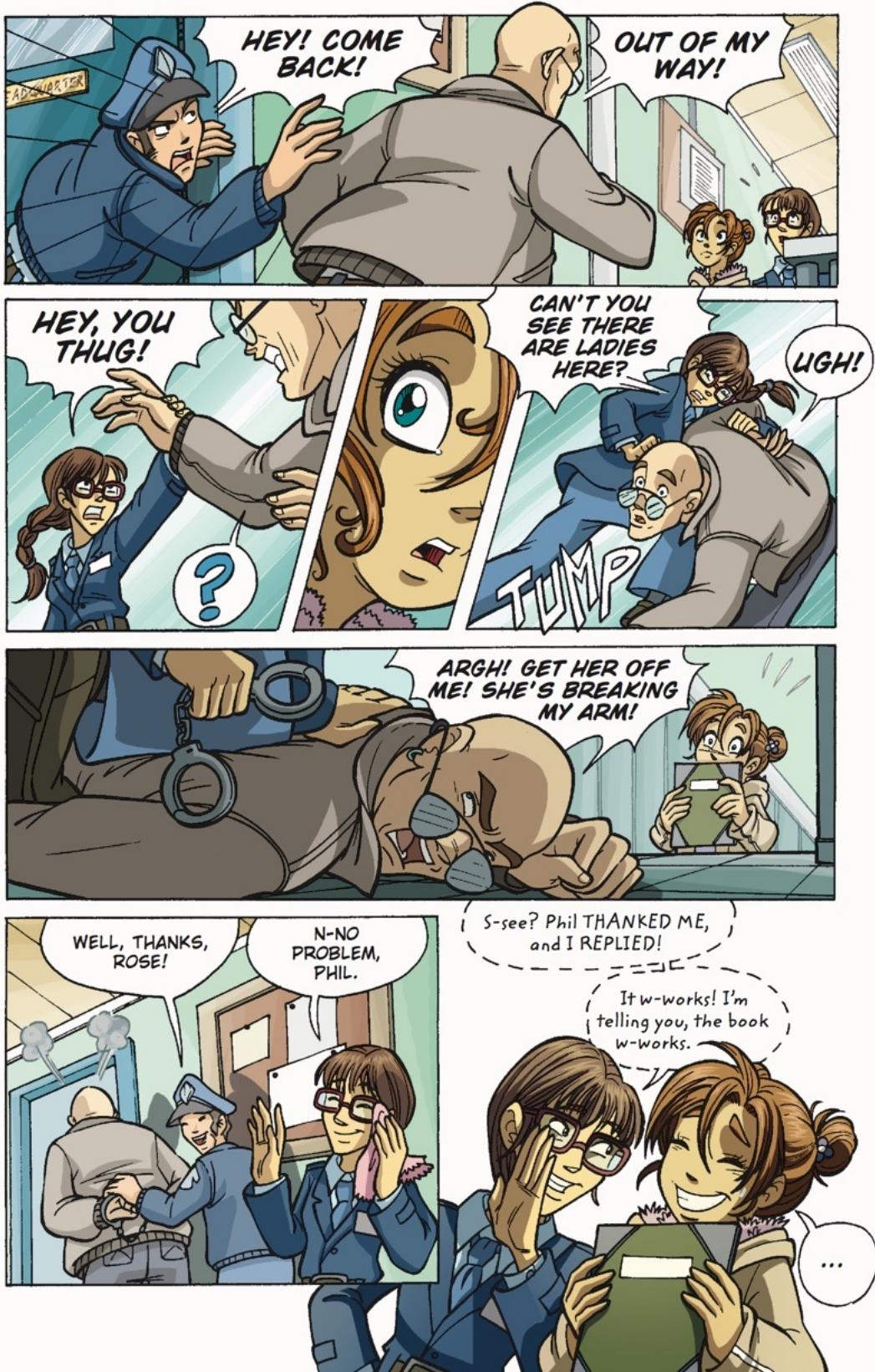
H-HI, IRMA! YES, BUT HE'S VERY BUSY.

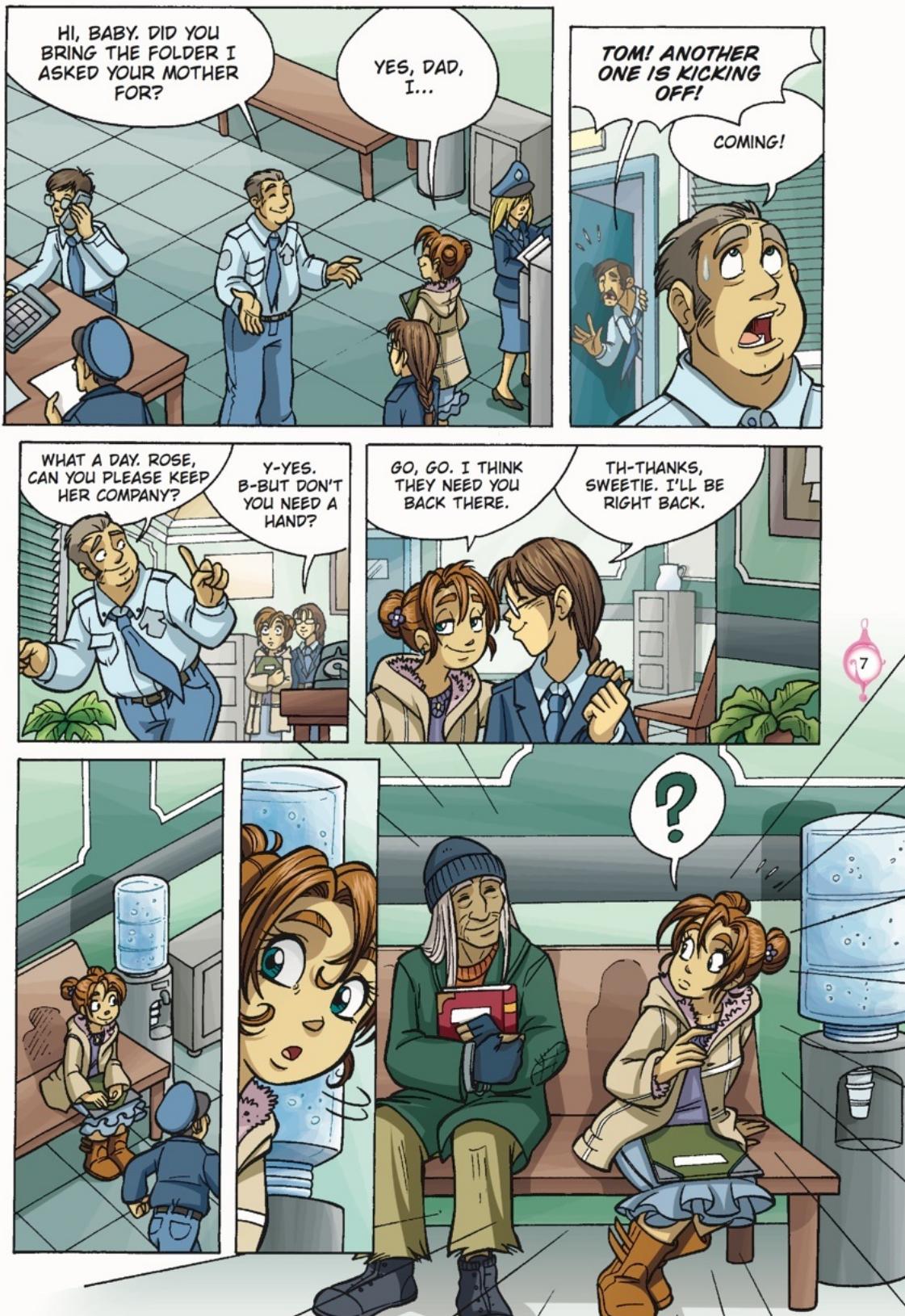
DO YOU NOTICE ANYTHING N-NEW ABOUT ME?

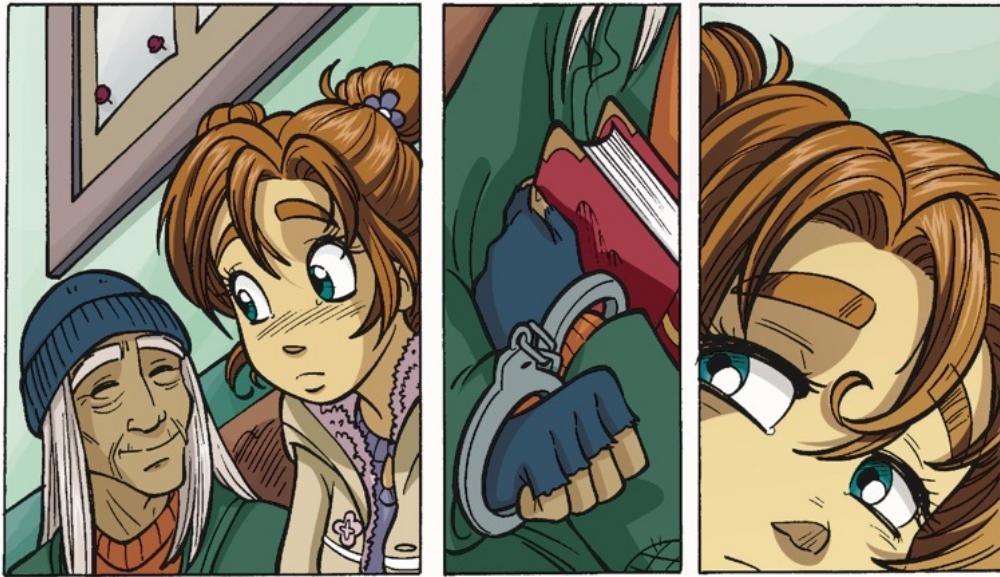
ERM. THAT'S GREAT! DID YOU SAY A RAID?

MARK ZIBOSKY AND HIS A-ASSOCIATES. TWELVE ARRESTS FOR ILLEGAL BETTING.

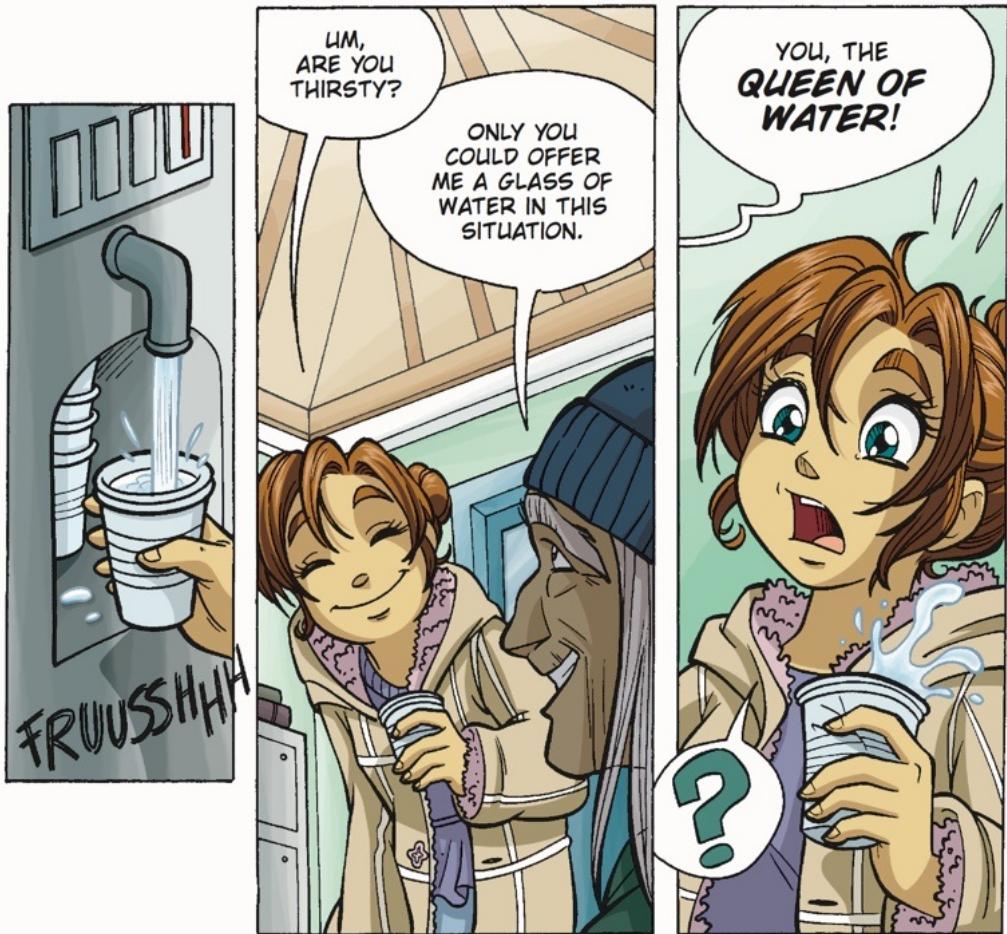
I B-BOUGHT A BOOK ABOUT SELF-ESTEEM. IT W-WORKS!

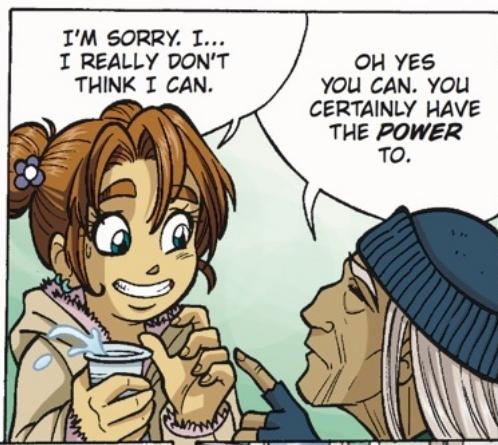
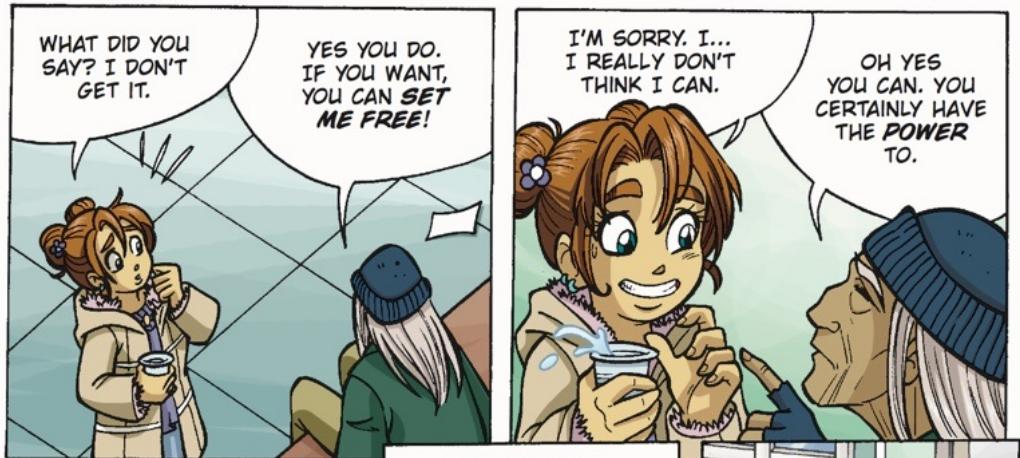






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MEANWHILE,  
FAR FROM HEATHERFIELD,  
IN ANOTHER OFFICE...



...WE FIND TWO  
OLD FRIENDS...



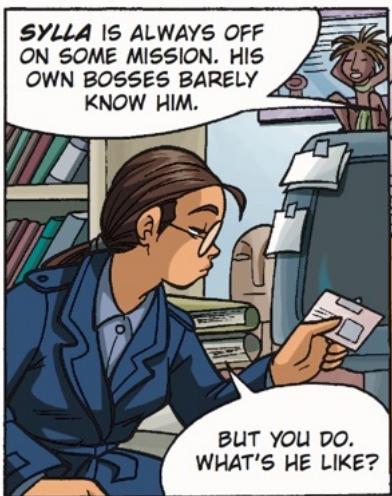
RELAX, MEDINA. A  
COLLEAGUE WANTS  
TO TALK TO US.  
THAT'S ALL.



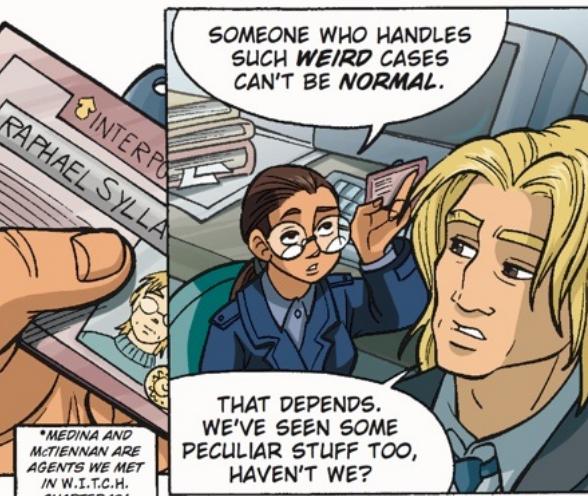
FEH. LOOK AT  
THIS PLACE. LOOKS  
LIKE NOBODY  
EVER COMES  
HERE.



SYLLA IS ALWAYS OFF  
ON SOME MISSION. HIS  
OWN BOSSSES BARELY  
KNOW HIM.

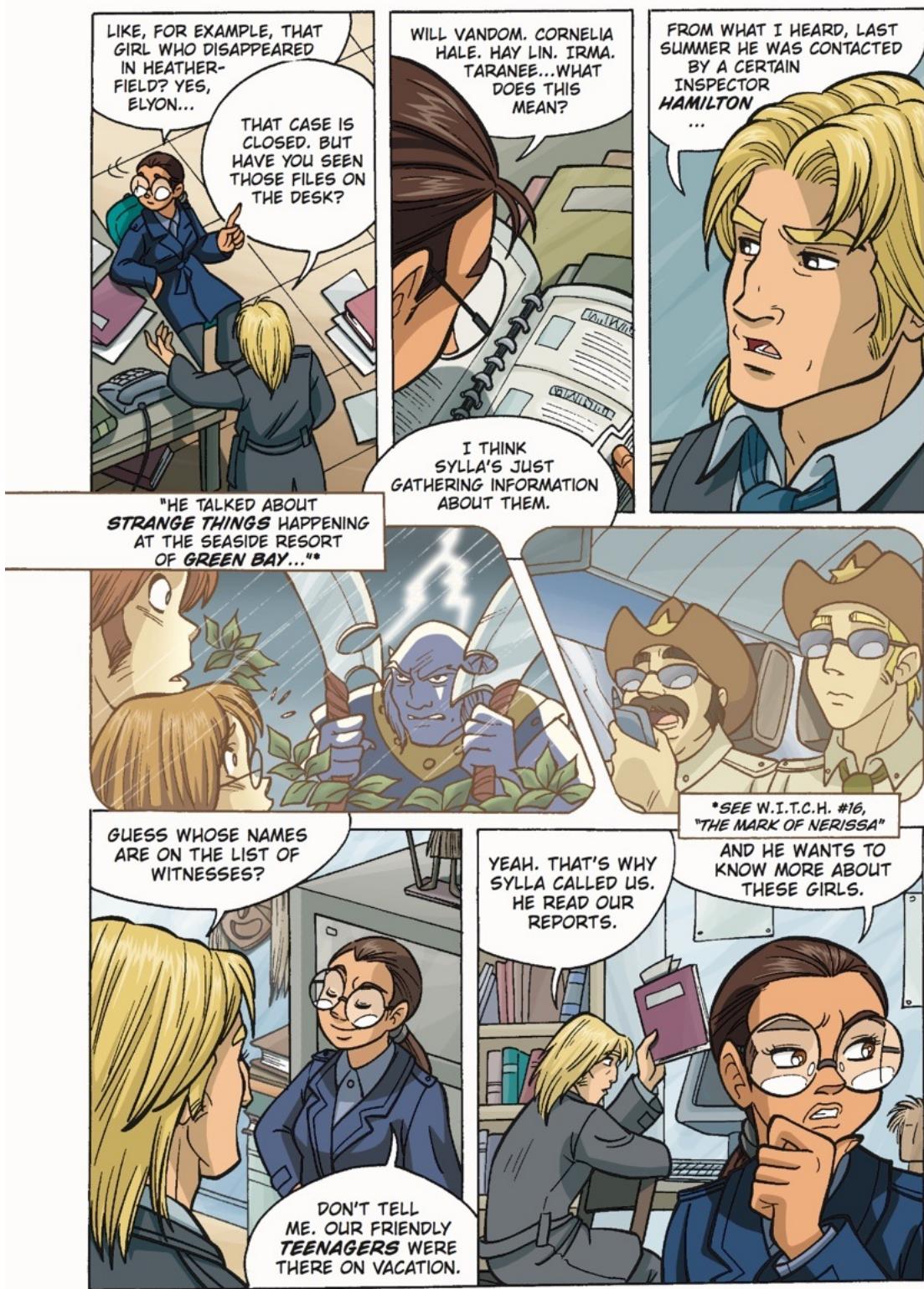


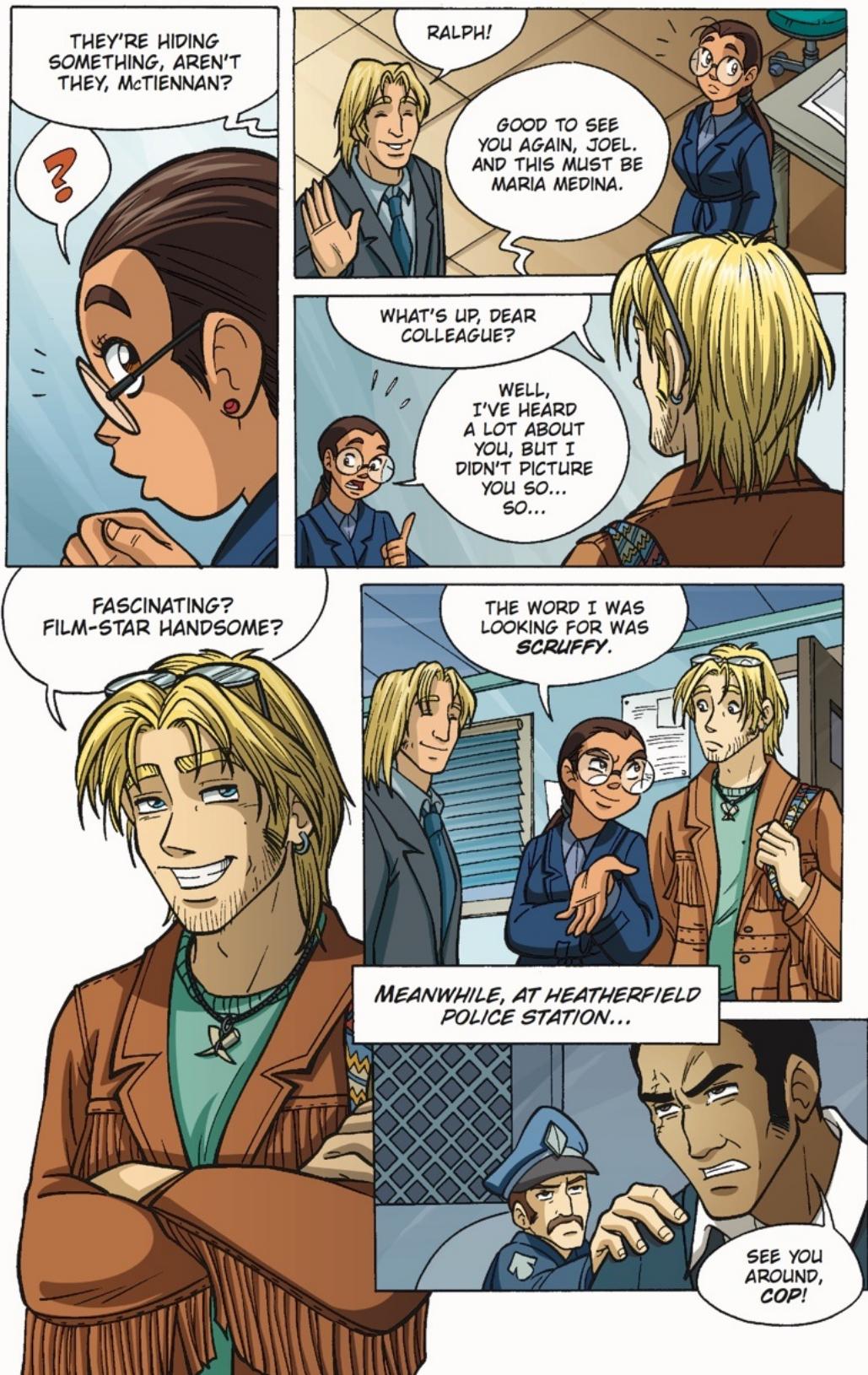
SOMEONE WHO HANDLES  
SUCH WEIRD CASES  
CAN'T BE NORMAL.

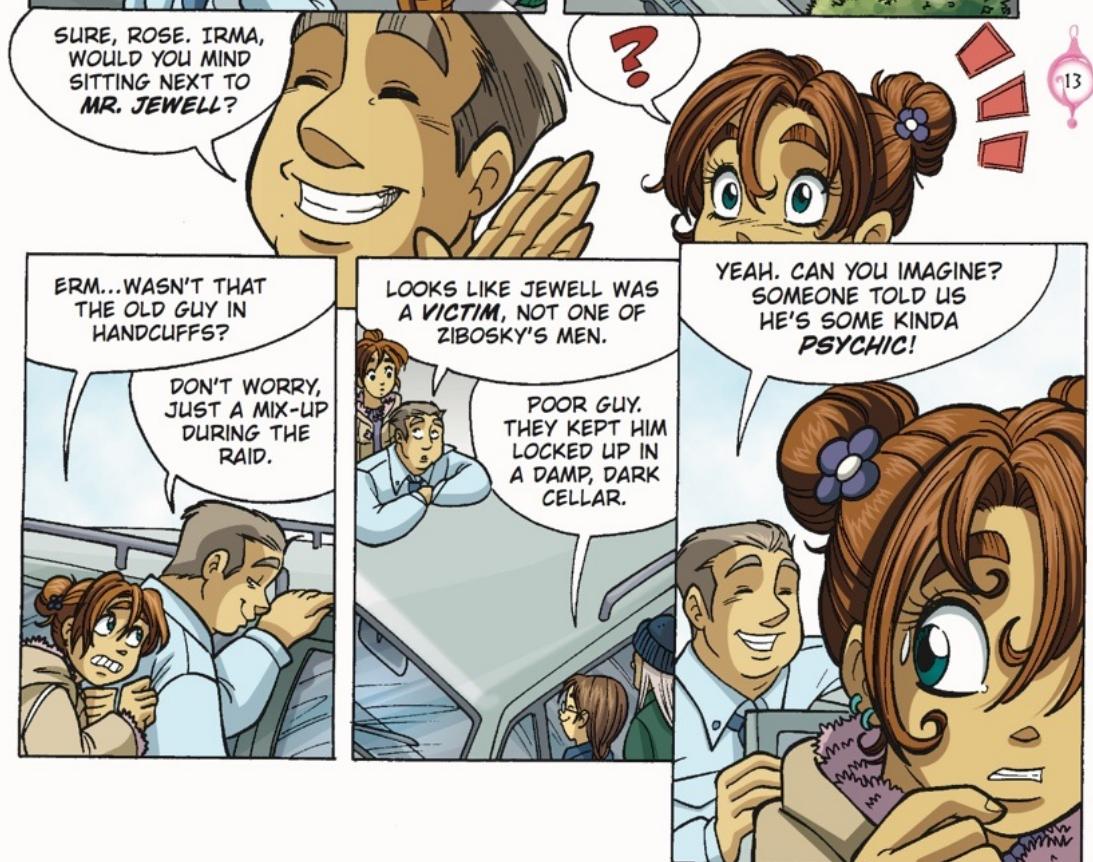
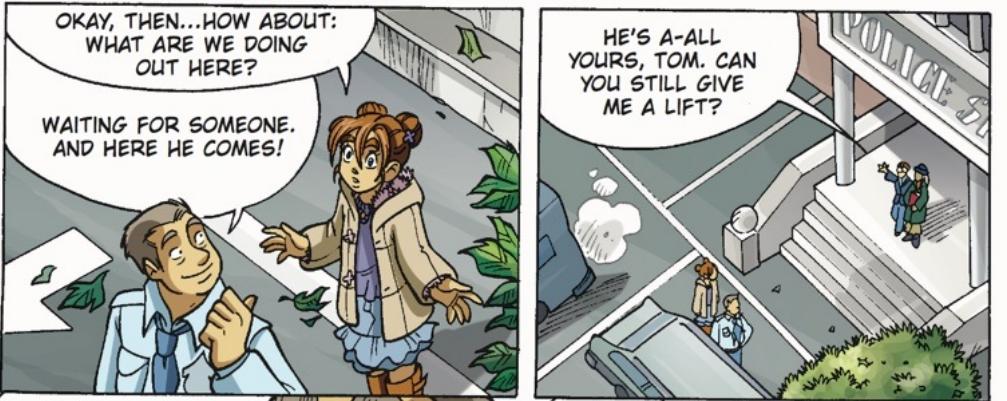


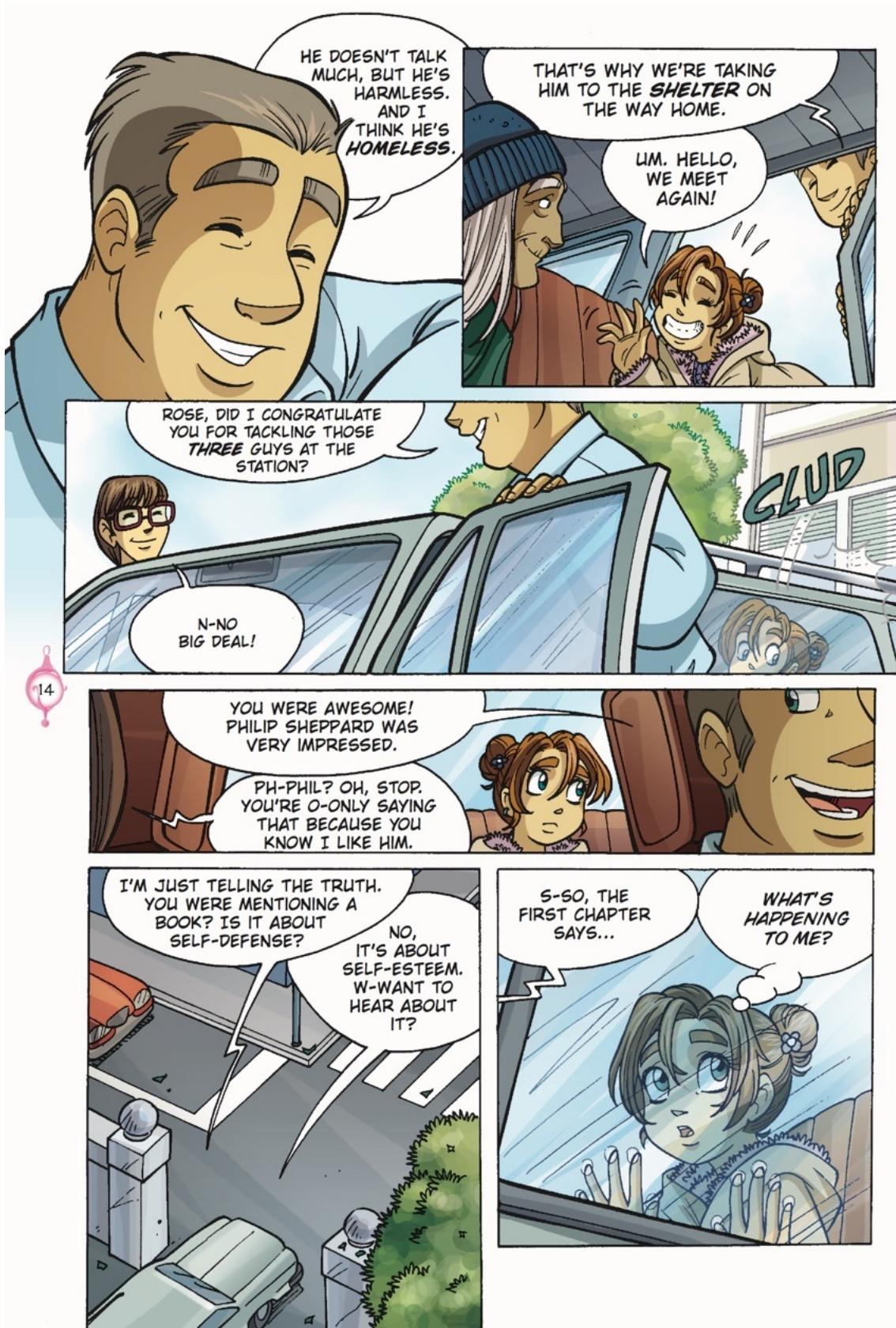
THAT DEPENDS.  
WE'VE SEEN SOME  
PECULIAR STUFF TOO,  
HAVEN'T WE?

\*MEDINA AND  
MCTIENNAN ARE  
AGENTS WE MET  
IN W.I.T.C.H.  
CHAPTER 10!









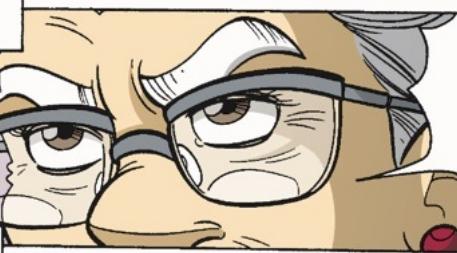




AT THE SHEFFIELD INSTITUTE,  
DURING RECESS, IT'S NOT UNUSUAL  
TO HEAR THIS VOICE...

ARE WE  
CLEAR?

PRINCIPAL KNICKERBOCHER  
OFTEN USES IT WITH  
HER STUDENTS...



I DON'T  
WANT ANY  
SCUFFLES  
IN MY  
SCHOOL!

...BUT SOMETIMES SHE  
MAKES AN EXCEPTION AND  
BENDS THE TEACHERS'  
EARS WITH IT TOO!

ALL RIGHT, ALL RIGHT.  
COLLINS IS GOING TO  
APOLOGIZE TO ME.

WHAT? I  
DON'T THINK  
SO!

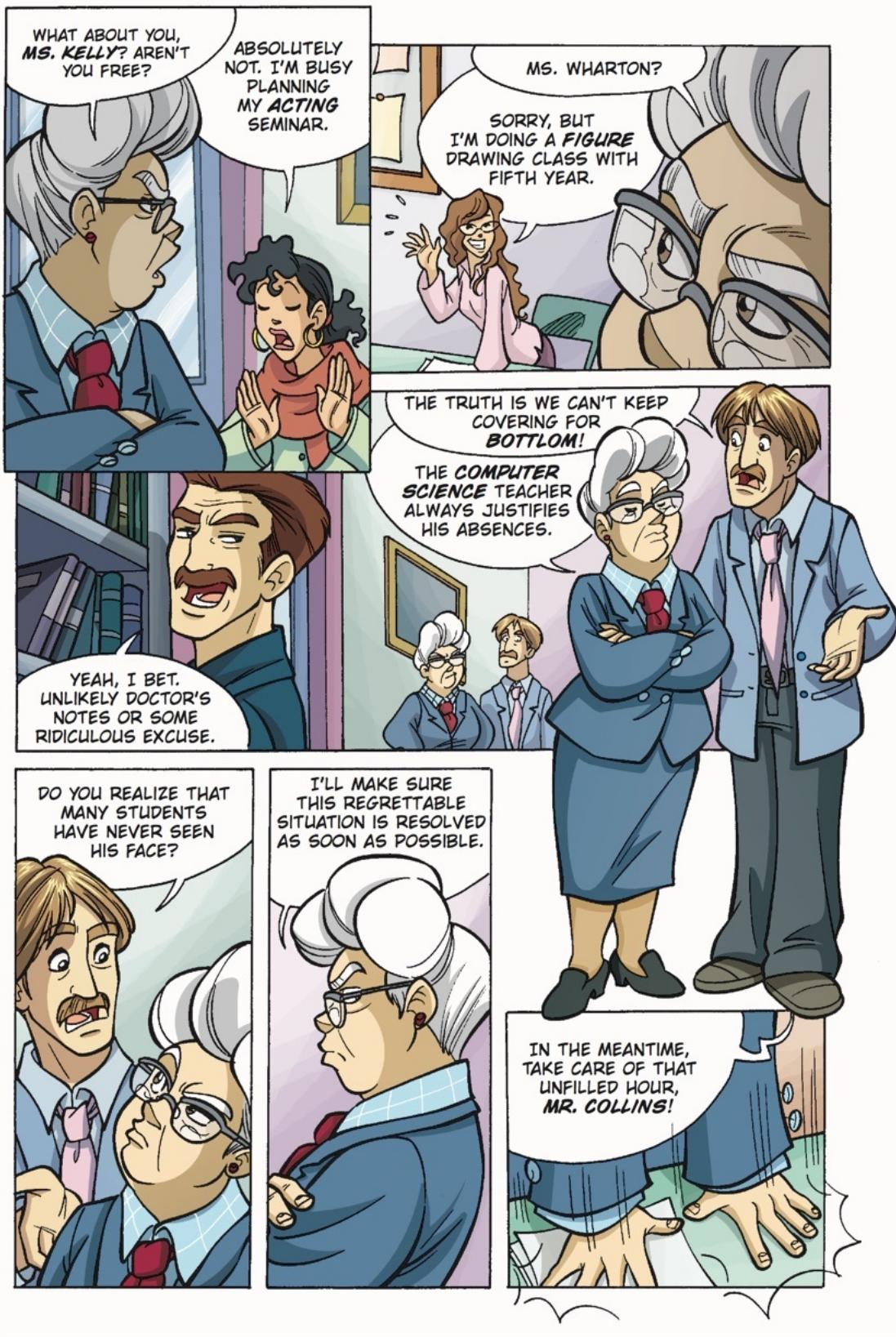
GENTLEMEN,  
PLEASE...

CAN'T YOU SEE  
YOU'RE MAKING A  
FUSS OVER  
NOTHING?

IT'S AN EXTRA HOUR  
OF CLASSES THAT I  
REFUSE  
TO  
COVER!

COME ON, O'NEILL!  
THE KIDS WOULD  
RATHER HAVE ONE  
MORE HOUR OF P.E.  
THAN HISTORY.

WHAAAT? D'YOU  
HEAR THAT?



WITH SUCH A BAD START,  
IT MIGHT NOT BE A GREAT  
DAY AT SCHOOL.

AND THE STUDENTS SUFFER  
THE CONSEQUENCES OF THE  
EXTRA HOUR OF HISTORY...

COME ON, IRMA. SOONER OR  
LATER, COLLINS WOULD HAVE  
GRILLED YOU. YOU SHOULD  
HAVE KNOWN THAT.

TELL MY DAD.  
WITH THAT GRADE, I  
COULD BE UNDER HOUSE  
ARREST FOR LIFE.

Then, even though we  
shouldn't, why didn't you  
MANIPULATE him?

Yeah, I close my eyes,  
rub my hands, and...  
poof, he asks me  
whatever I  
want!

YOU THINK I DIDN'T  
TRY THAT, HAY LIN?  
I COULDN'T FOCUS.

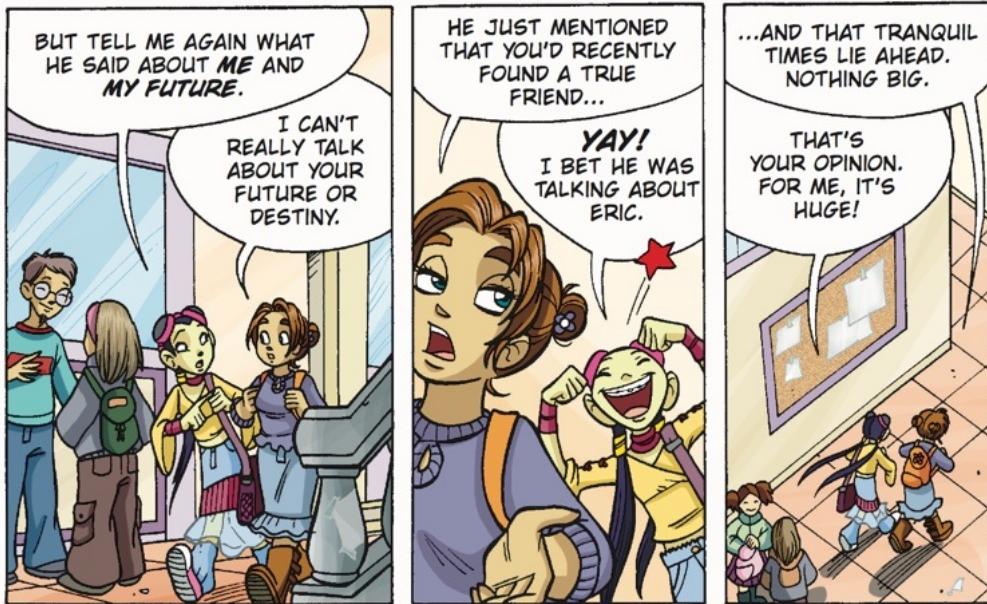
STILL  
THINKING  
ABOUT THAT  
OLD MAN,  
HUUH?

YOU'RE NOT GONNA  
TELL THE OTHERS,  
ARE YOU?

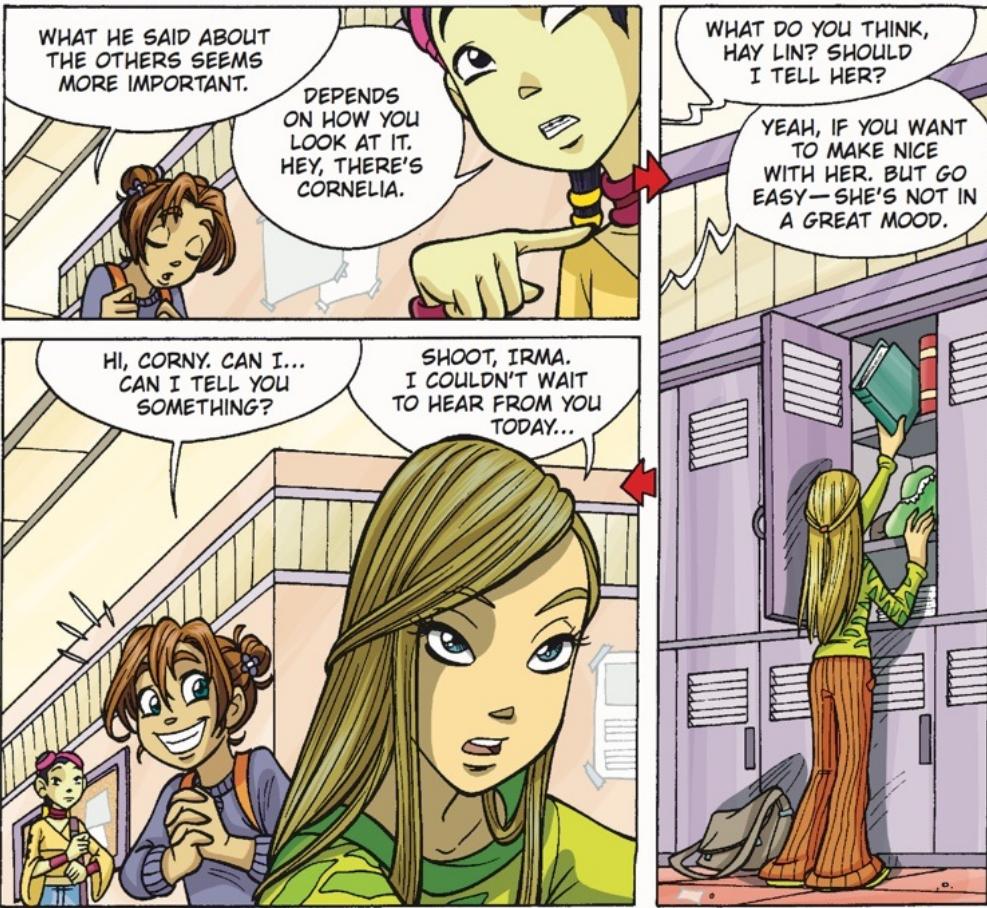
ARE YOU KIDDING?  
I SWEARED  
I WOULDN'T!

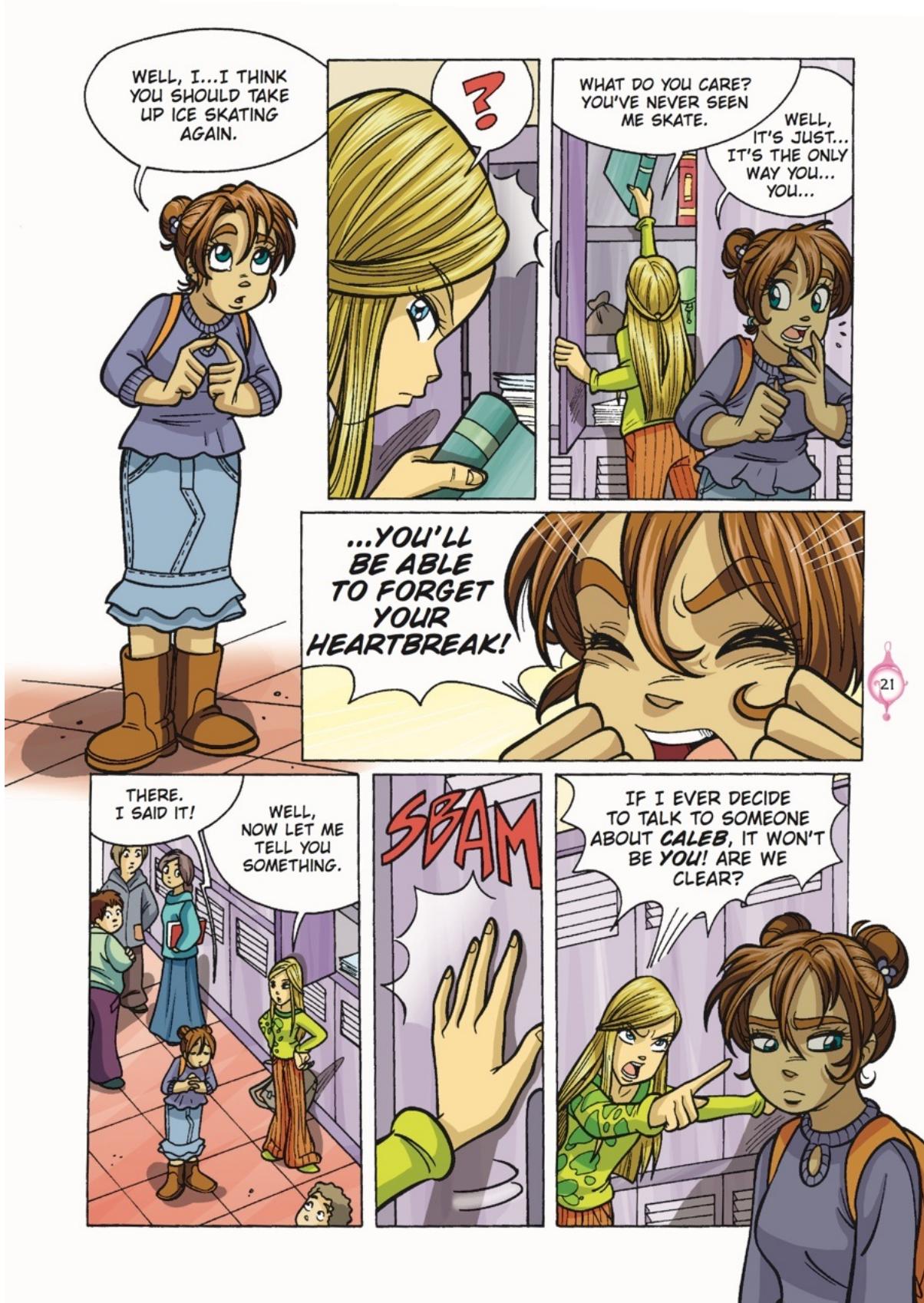
GOOD, BECAUSE JEWELL  
MADE ME PROMISE I  
WOULDN'T TELL  
ANYONE.

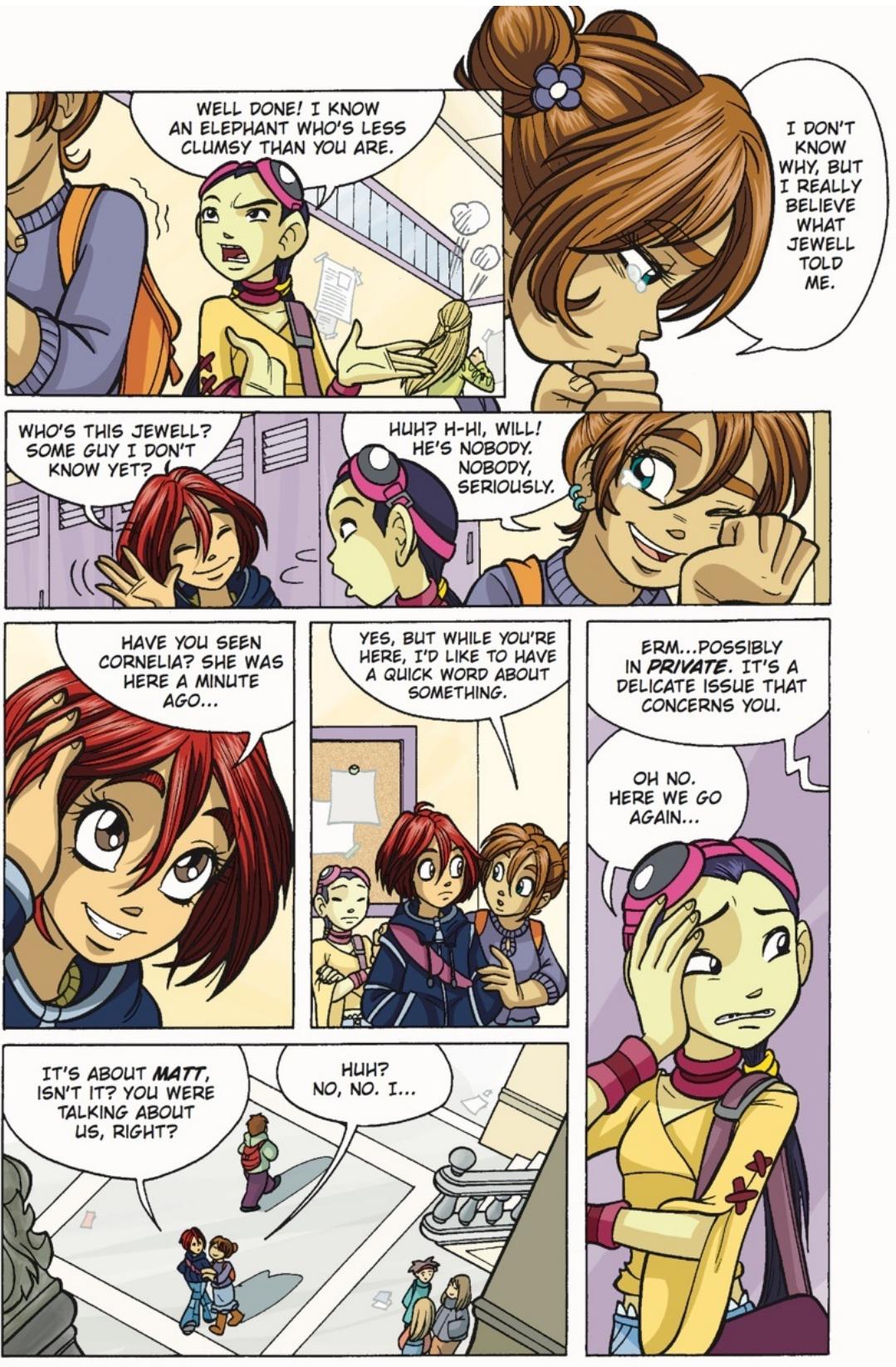
SECRETS SURE ARE  
SAFE WITH YOU!

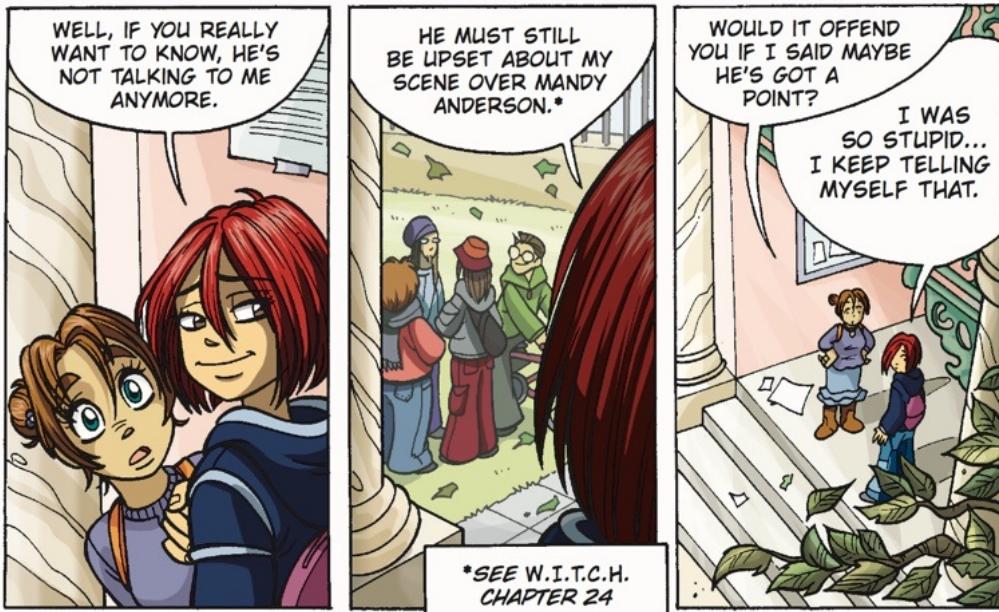


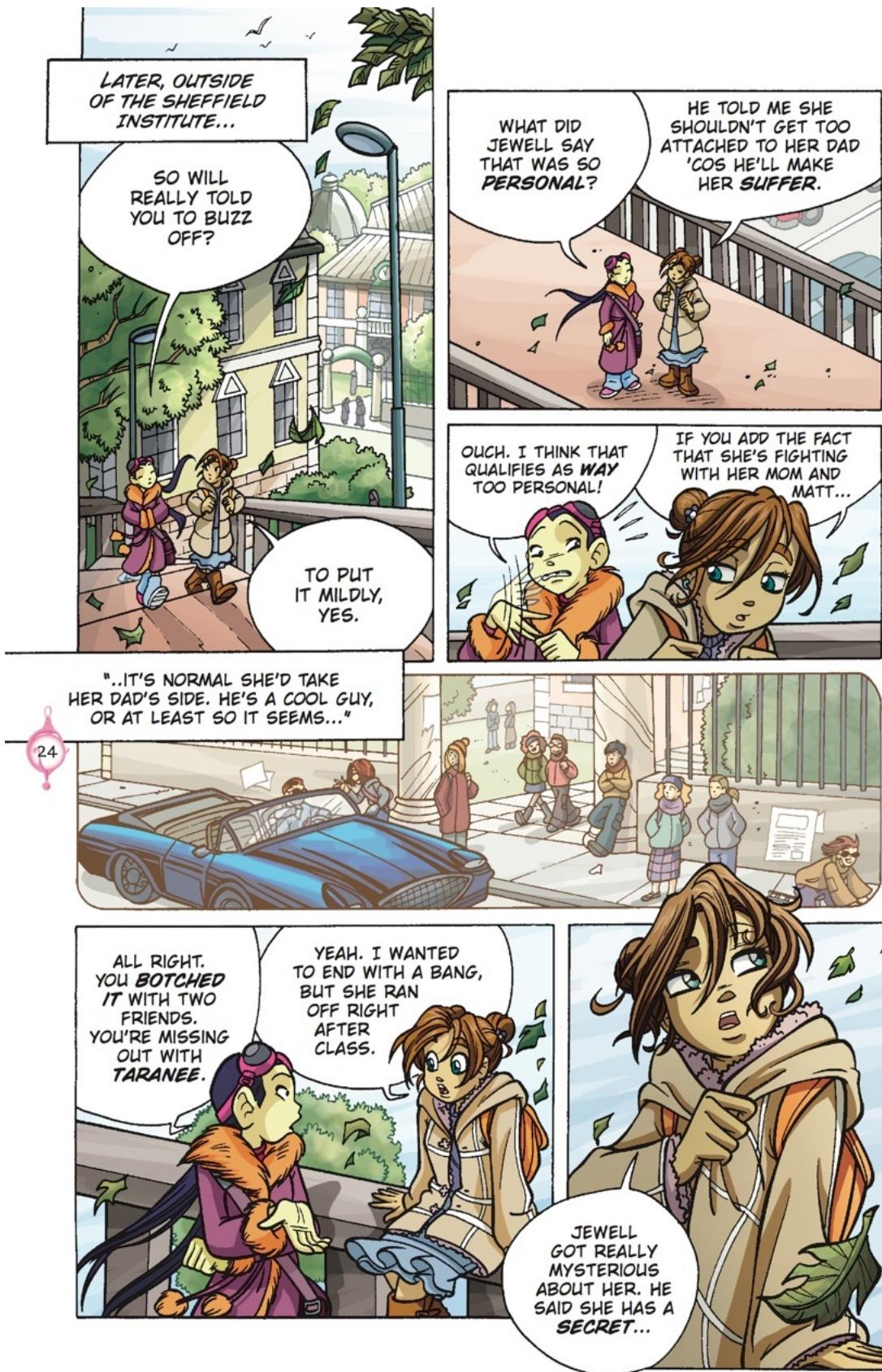
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FOR AN INSTANT, IT FLARED  
WITHIN A CONFUSED DAUGHTER...

IN A SECOND, IT CONSUMED  
THE CERTAINTIES OF A MOTHER...

...BUT IT FIZZLED OUT FAST,  
AND A WISH WAS BORN  
FROM ITS ASHES!

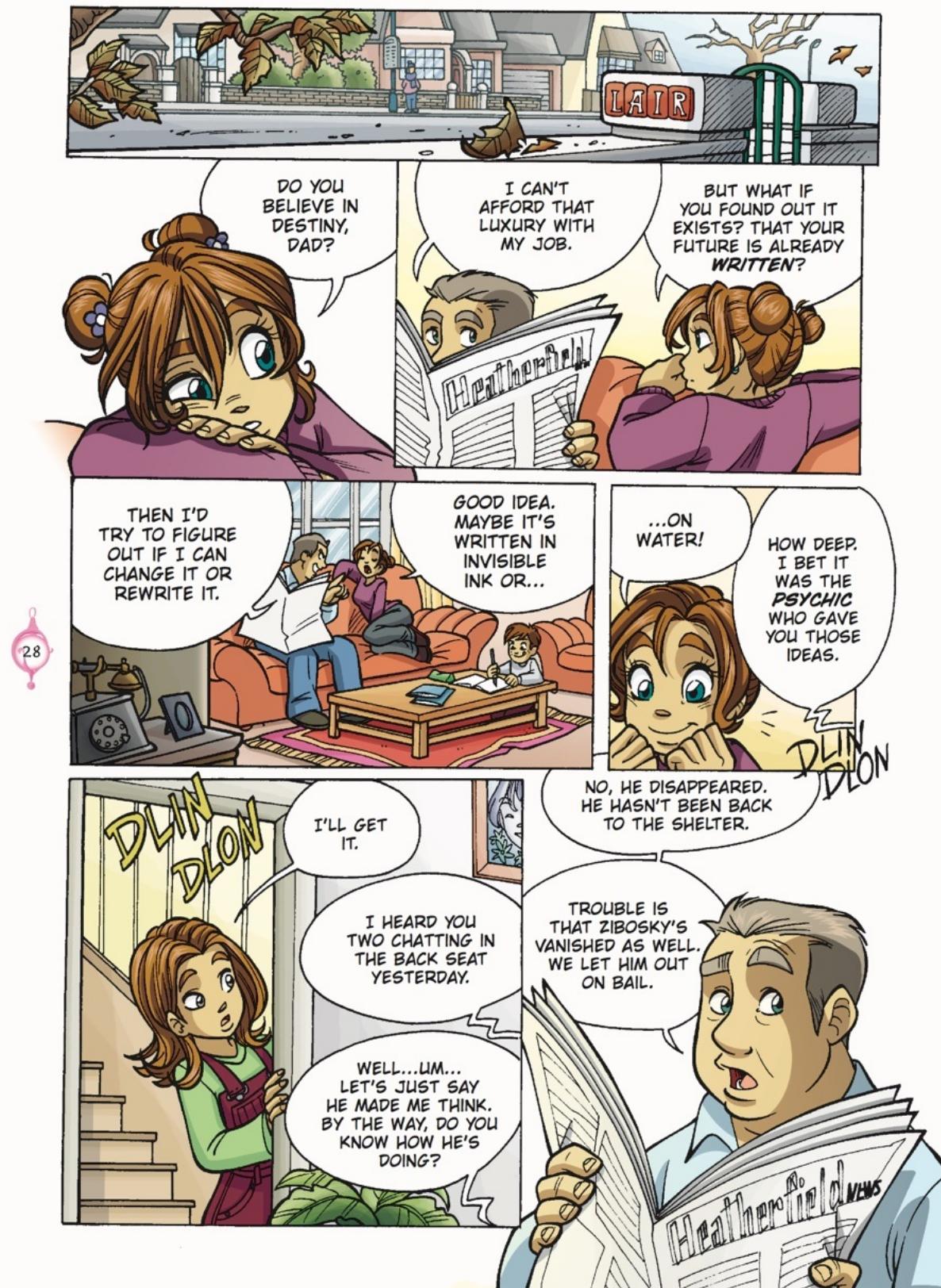
NOW, IN THIS  
MOMENT,  
TARANEE WOULD  
LIKE NOTHING  
MORE THAN A SIGN  
FROM DESTINY...

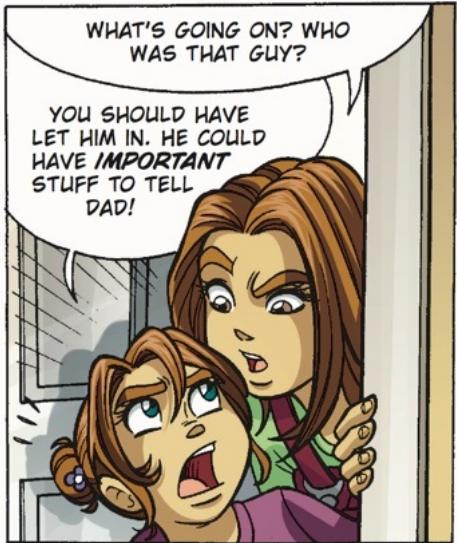
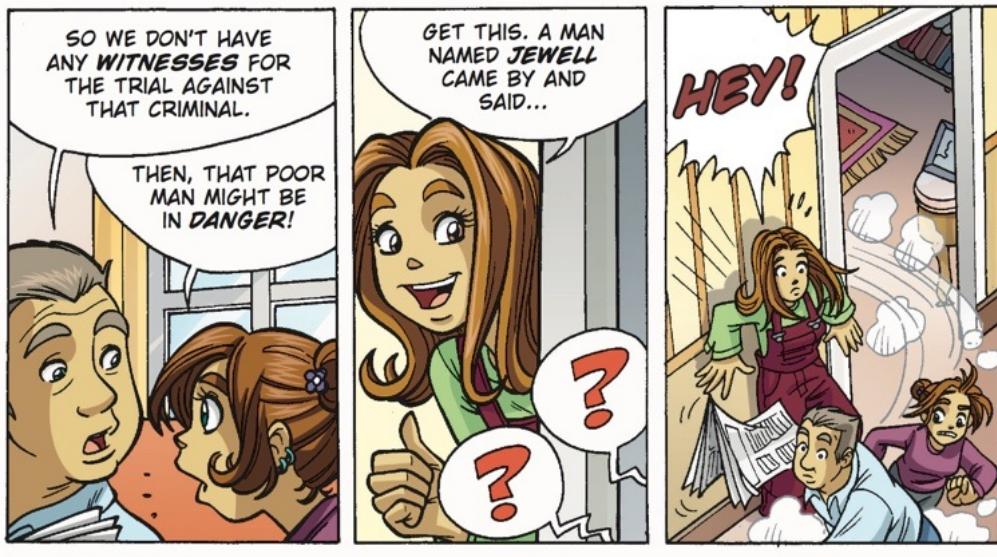
...AND  
FATE SEEMS  
TO ANSWER  
TO HER!

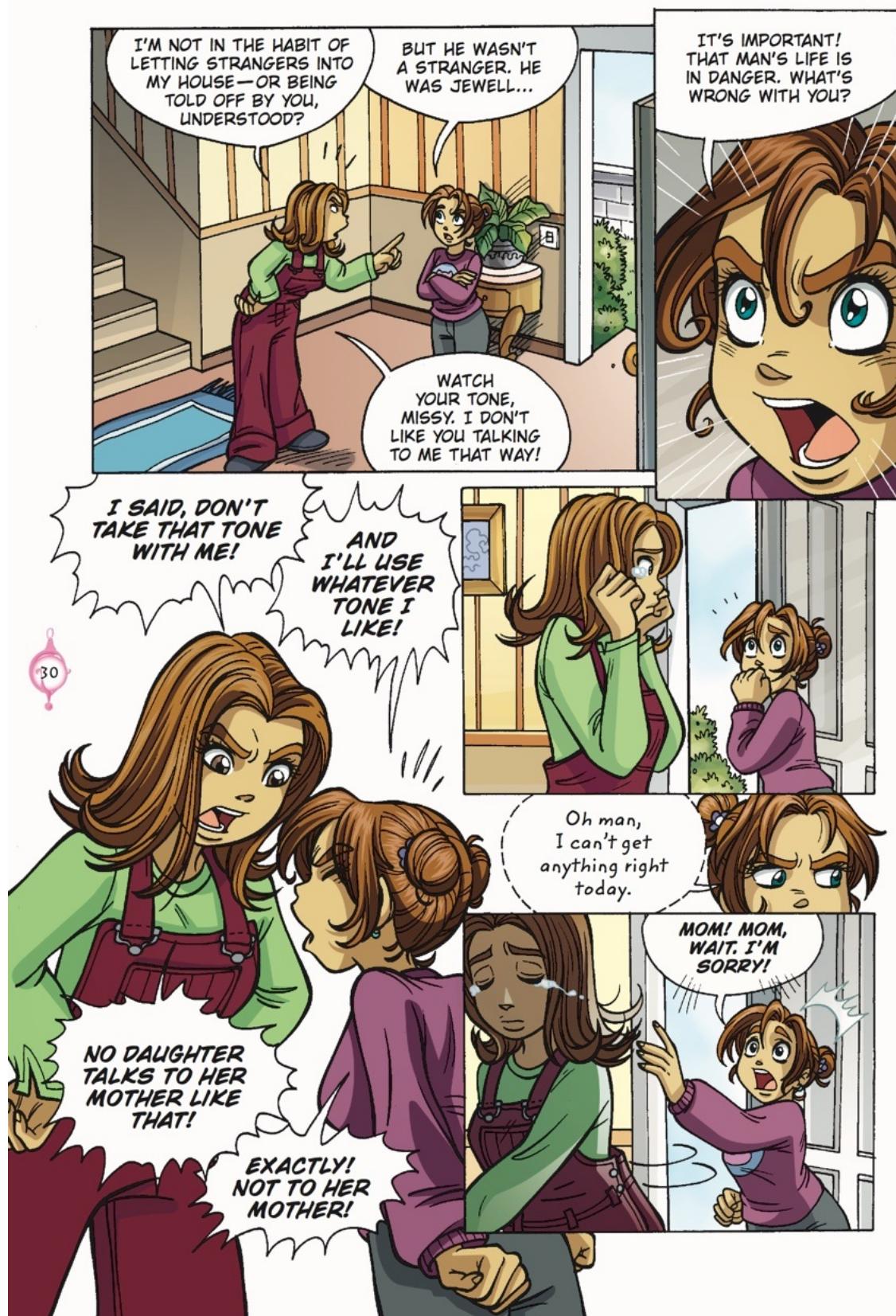
NIGEL!

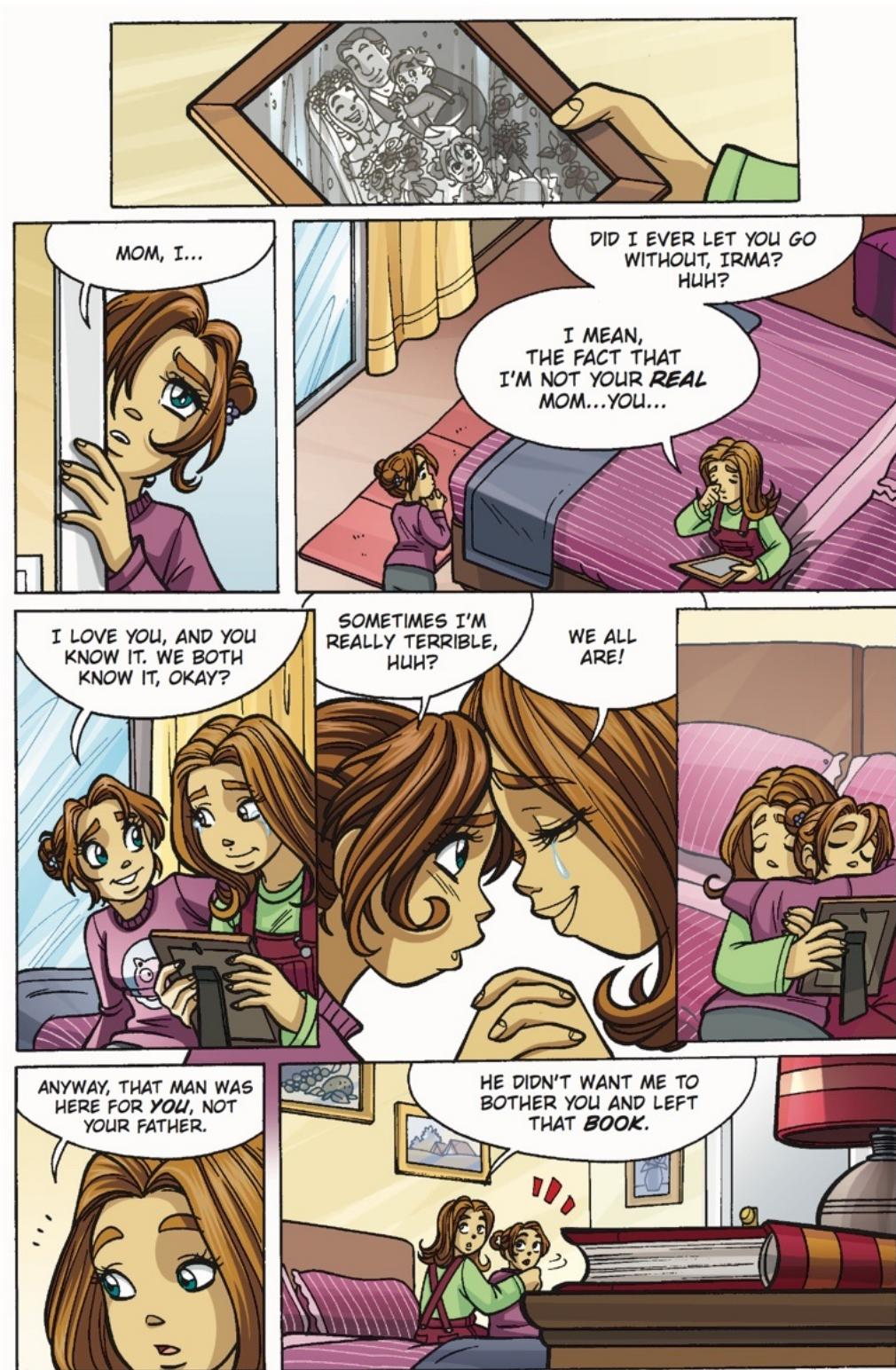
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"HE TOLD ME YOU  
WOULD UNDERSTAND."



WHY DID IRMA ONLY  
TELL YOU ABOUT  
THIS JEWELL?

YEAH. IT SEEMS  
CLEAR THIS IS ABOUT  
ALL OF US.

BUT I  
DON'T GET  
IT!

SHE THOUGHT WHAT  
HE SAID ABOUT ME  
WAS LESS **HEAVY**  
THAN WHAT HE SAID  
ABOUT YOU.

THAT'S  
NOT THE  
POINT.

A TOTAL STRANGER SEEMS TO  
KNOW ALL ABOUT US. WHO IS  
HE? WHERE'D HE COME FROM?  
DIDN'T SHE ASK HERSELF  
THAT?

SHE SAYS SHE  
JUST KNOWS  
SHE CAN TRUST  
HIM. IT'S A  
HUNCH.

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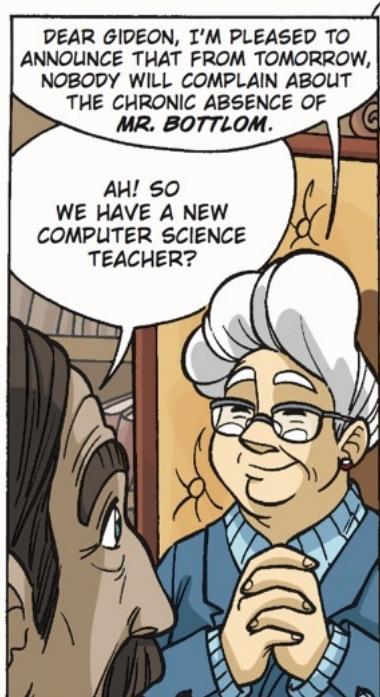
I JUST TOLD YOU WHAT'S  
GOING ON. YOU CAN ASK  
HER THE REST.

IF SHE  
HAS THE NERVE  
TO COME OVER.  
YOU MUST HAVE  
TREATED HER PRETTY  
BAD!

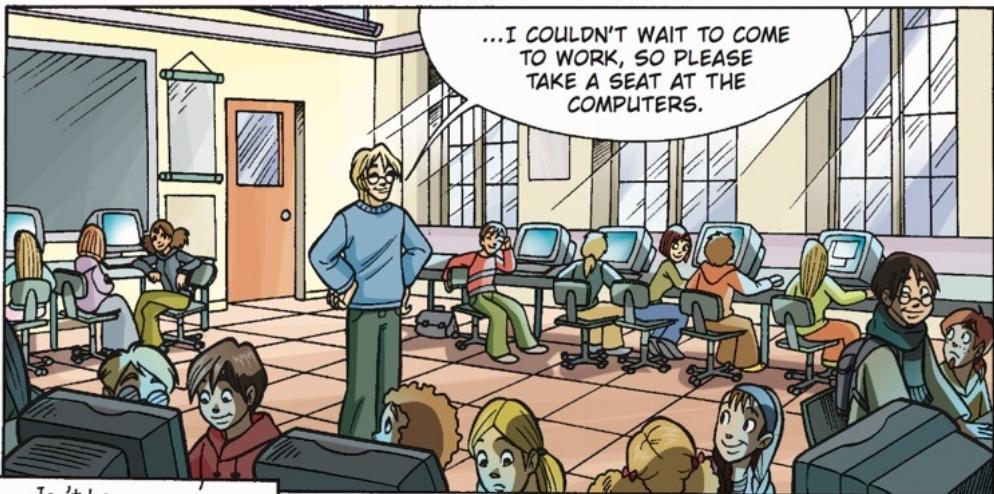
ERM...ARE YOU OKAY?  
YOU WANT TO TALK TO  
ME OR **DESTROY**  
ME?

YEAH, **GENIUS**.  
HAVE A SEAT AND  
STOP PLAYING THE  
VICTIM. YOUR MILK-  
SHAKE IS ALREADY  
ON THE TABLE.

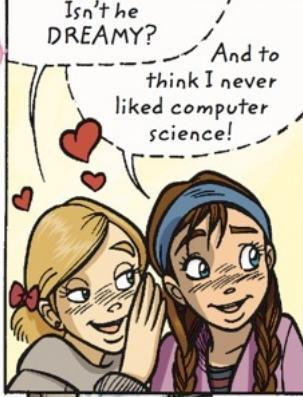








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EVERYTHING OKAY?  
USING SEARCH ENGINES ISN'T THAT HARD, RIGHT?

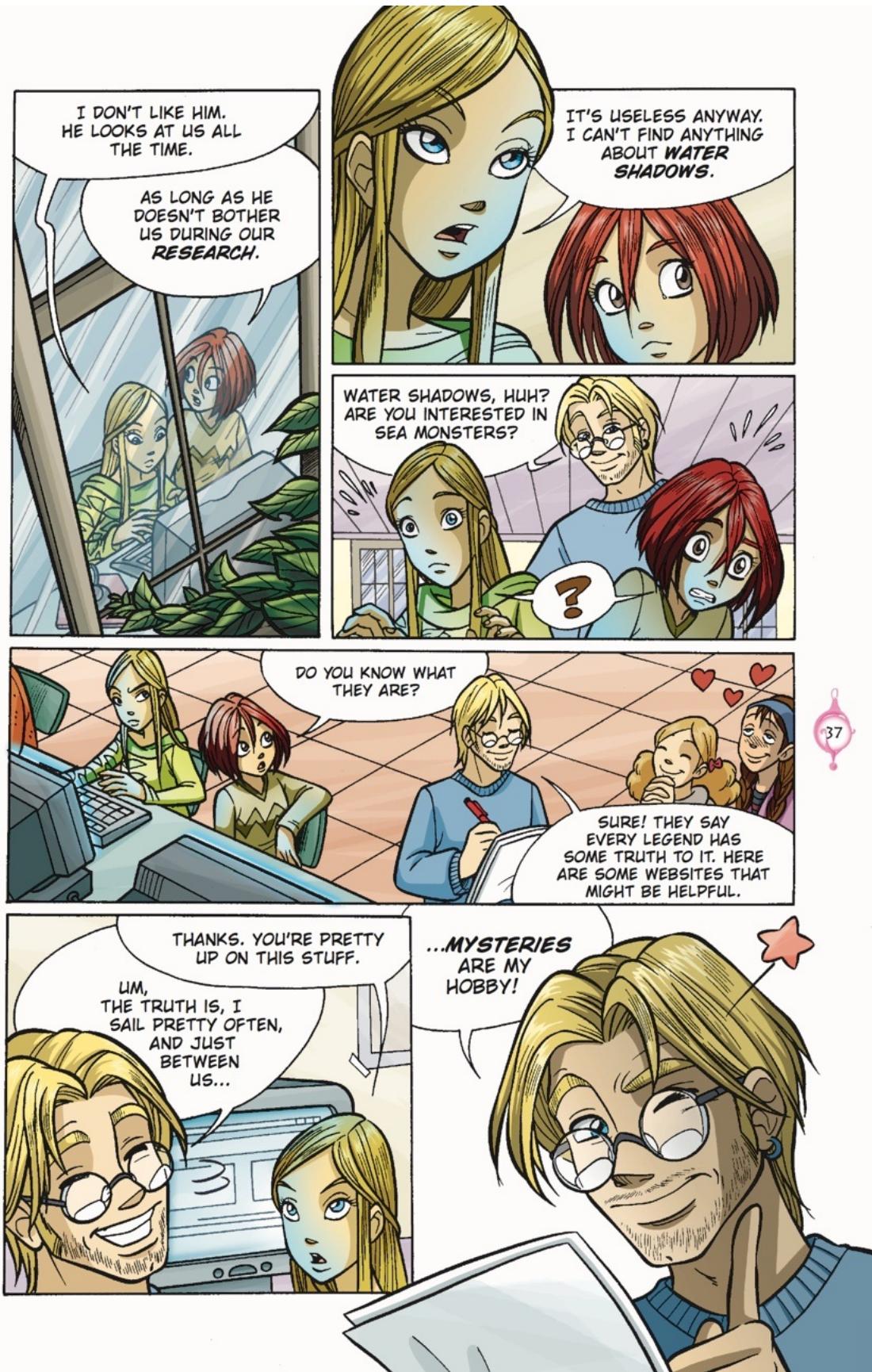
ROOKIE STUFF!  
WE'VE BEEN SURFING THE NET FOR AGES!

SPEAKING OF ENGINES,  
IS THAT BEAUTY OUT THERE YOURS?

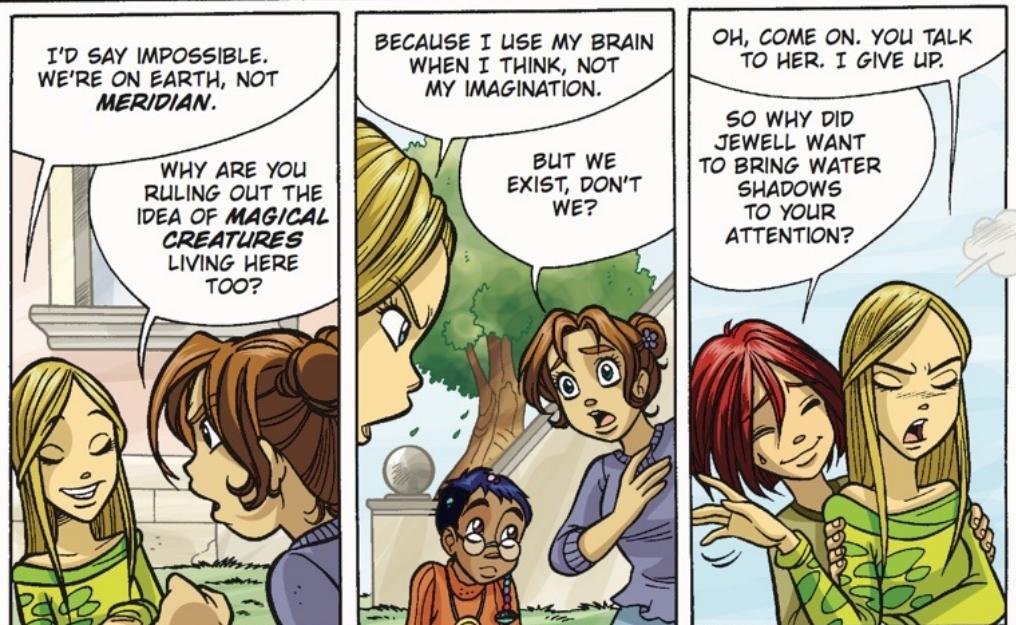
THAT NEW TEACHER'S A REAL CHARACTER. WHAT'S HIS NAME AGAIN?

RALPH SYLLA.  
HE'S CHARMED MOST OF THE CLASS, BUT I'M NOT SO SURE.

THE OLD CUSTOM BIKE? YOU CAN BET ON IT. I MODIFIED IT MYSELF.







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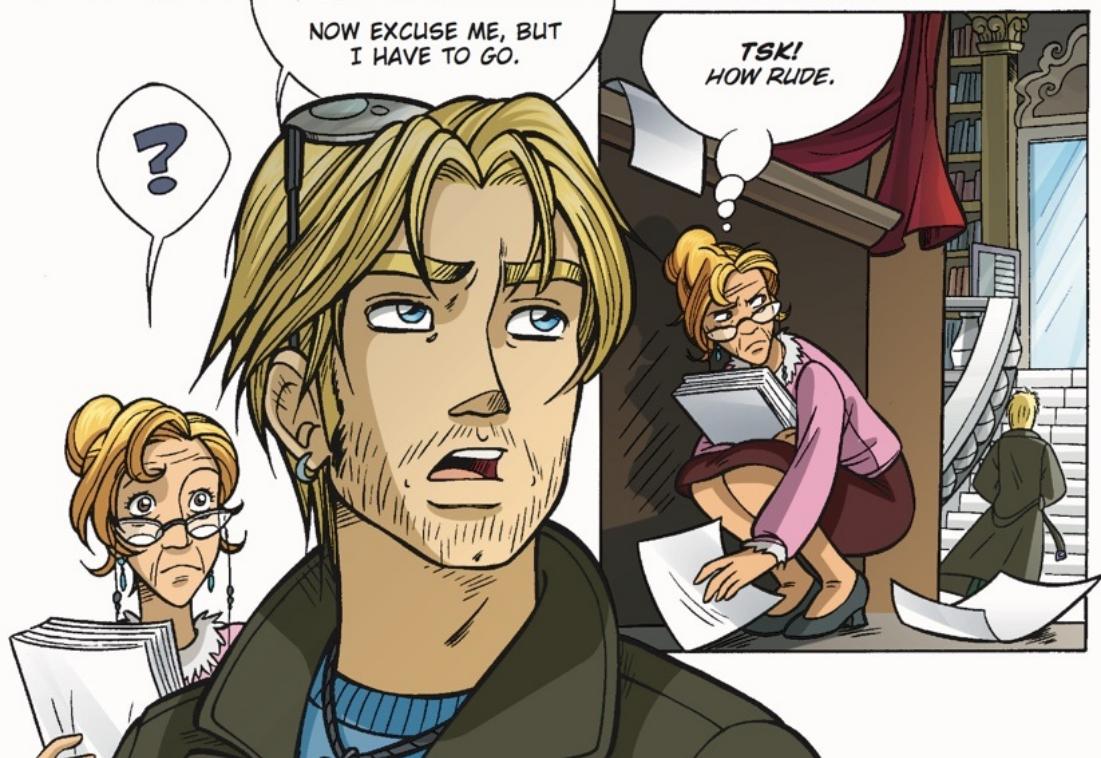




HUH? CORNELIA,  
WHAT'S WRONG?



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NOT EVERYWHERE IN  
HEATHERFIELD IS SUNNY  
AND REASSURING...



THE INDUSTRIAL PORT, FOR  
EXAMPLE, ISN'T A PRIME  
TOURIST SPOT.

LOOK AT THIS. IF MY  
PARENTS KNEW I WAS  
HERE NOW...

I'M SURPRISED THEY'VE  
NAMED STREETS AFTER  
PEOPLE AROUND HERE.

THEY'RE NOT GREAT  
NAMES...KRAKEN  
AVENUE, BOURBON  
ALLEY, AND...AH,  
HERE IT IS.

ACHABOLD  
STREET!

JUST GOES  
TO SHOW IT CAN  
ALWAYS GET WORSE.

NO BELL. SHOULD  
I KNOCK?

NO, HUFF AND  
PUFF. WITH THE STATE  
OF THIS DUMP, THE DOOR  
WILL PROBABLY FALL DOWN!



THAT'S ME.  
WHAT DO YOU  
WANT?



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SBAAAAM



THAT'S NOT  
CRANE.

"IT'S ONE OF ZIBOSKY'S MEN.  
I SAW HIM THE OTHER DAY AT  
THE POLICE STATION."



WHAT WAS THIS  
THUG DOING  
HERE?

GUESS WE'LL  
NEVER KNOW. HE  
PASSED OUT.



MMMH!  
MMMH!



ARE YOU  
ALL RIGHT?  
EVERYTHING  
OKAY?

YES, THANK  
YOU, DEAR...EVEN  
THOUGH I'M NOT  
JEWELL!



MY NAME  
IS CRANE.  
BENJAMIN  
CRANE.

?

LATER, AFTER TAKING CARE OF THE SCOUNDREL...

I'M ACTUALLY A FISHERMAN. IT'S MY JOB—MY LIFE!

IT ALL STARTED ABOUT SIX MONTHS AGO. I WAS ON A FISHING TRIP, NOT HAVING MUCH LUCK, AROUND LIGHTHOUSE CAPE...

"THE WEATHER WAS LOUSY, AND THE BOAT WAS IN BAD SHAPE. BUT I NEEDED TO WORK.

"THE SEA STARTED GETTING ROUGH, AND SOON, I WAS TAKING ON WATER. I REMEMBER THE WATER WAS DARK, FREEZING, MERCILESS.

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"I TRIED TO SWIM TOWARD THE COAST. THE BLINKING LIGHTHOUSE TOLD ME SAFETY WAS RIGHT THERE, WITHIN REACH..."

"...BUT I'M NOT THAT YOUNG ANYMORE, AND THE CURRENTS ARE MEAN. I STARTED TO STRUGGLE."

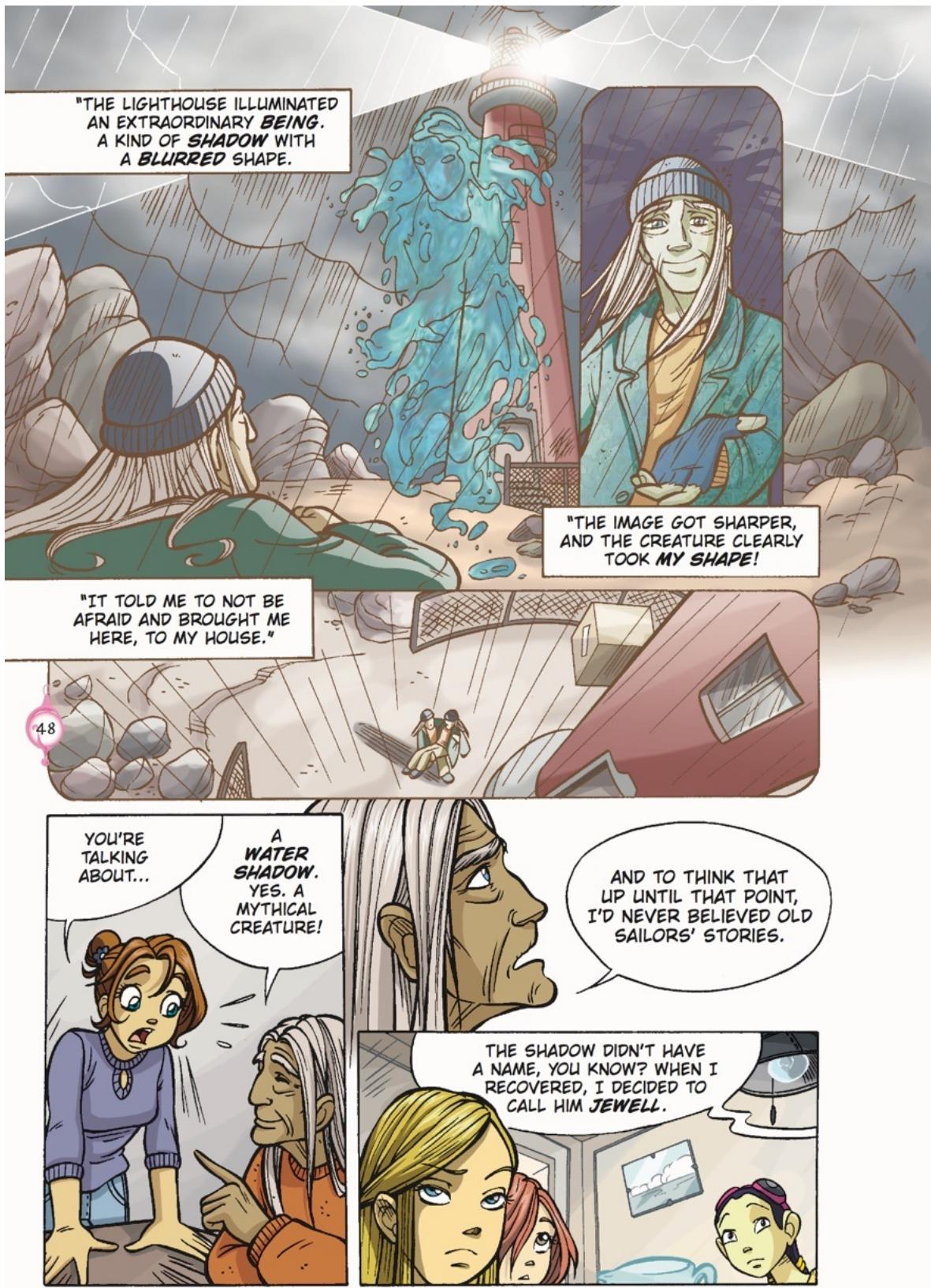
"THEN SOMETHING LIFTED ME UP! A MASS OF BUBBLING WATER CARRIED ME TOWARD THE SHORE."

"AT FIRST, I THOUGHT IT MUST'VE BEEN A DOLPHIN. I COULD SEE SOME JUMPING NEARBY."

"WHEN I GOT TO THE ROCKS, I REALIZED I WAS TOO WEAK TO CLIMB UP."

"I FELT TWO HANDS GRAB ME AND CARRY ME TO SAFETY, AND THEN..."

"...THEN I SAW IT!"



"THEN THE PREDICTIONS STARTED. JEWELL WOULD TELL ME THE AREAS WHERE I'D HAVE LUCK FISHING.

"AT FIRST, I BORROWED A BOAT. THEN BUSINESS STARTED GOING WELL, AND I BOUGHT A NEW ONE.

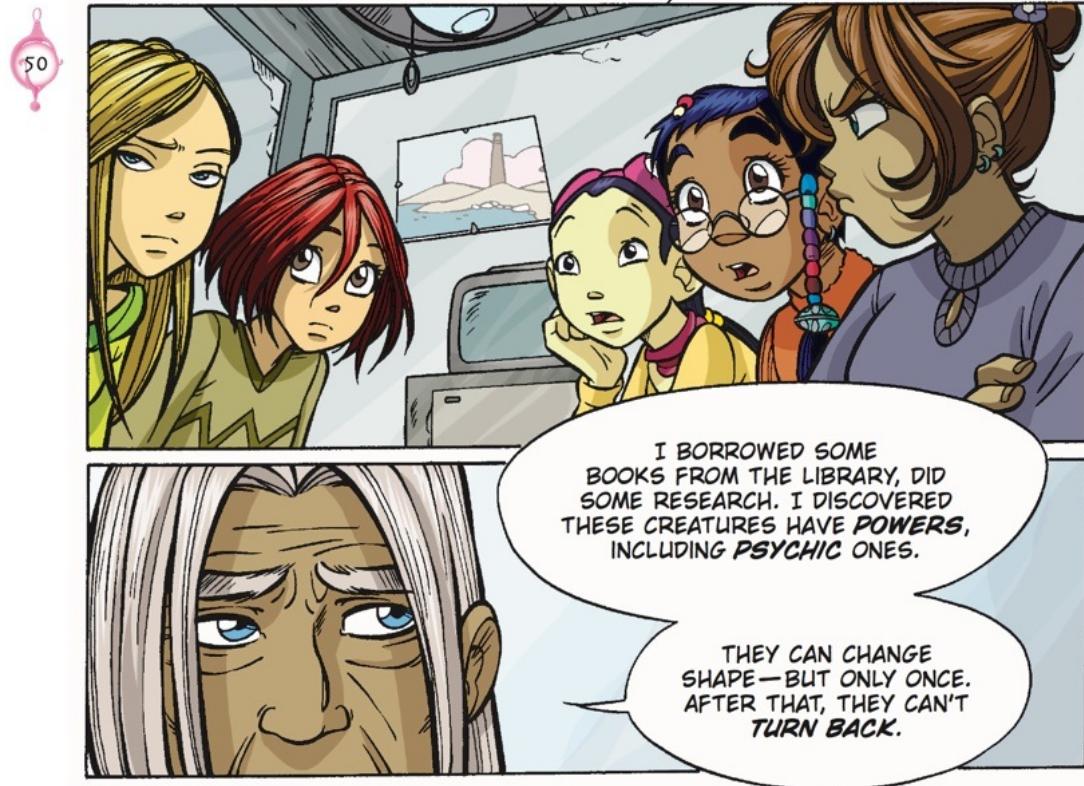
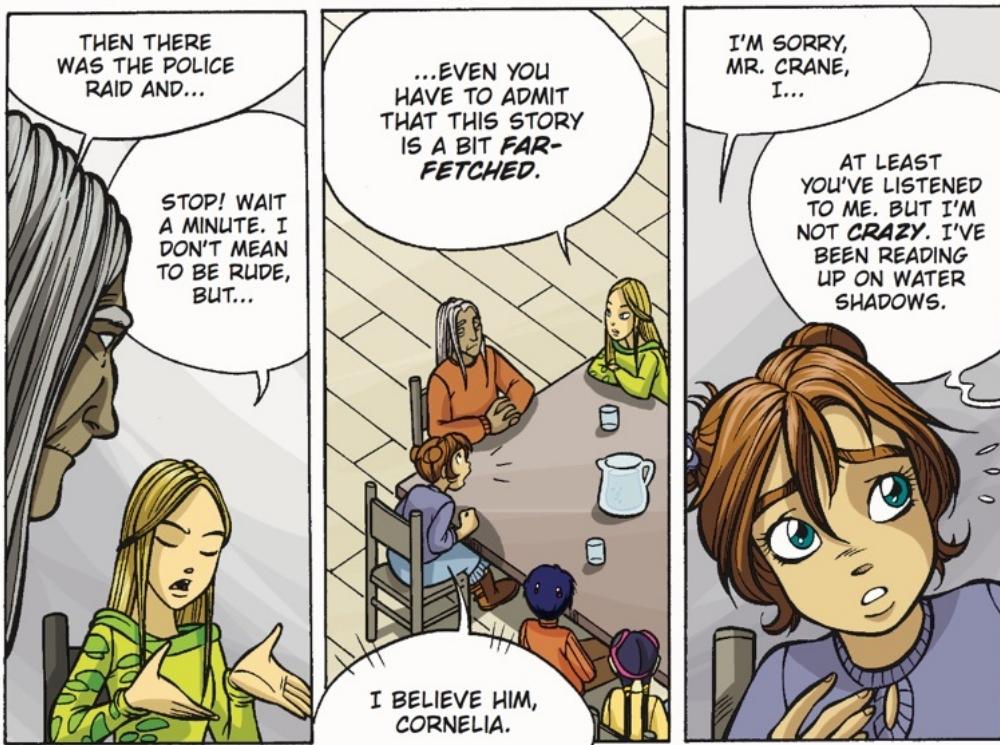
"JEWELL DIDN'T ASK FOR ANYTHING. HE JUST WANTED TO SEE ME HAPPY. HE WAS LIKE AN ANGEL COME FROM THE SEA.

"UNFORTUNATELY, MARK ZIBOSKY NOTICED HOW WELL I WAS DOING AND DISCOVERED MY SECRET.

"HE THOUGHT JEWELL WAS MY BROTHER. HE TOOK ME HOSTAGE AND STARTED BLACKMAILING HIM.

PREDICTIONS OF THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE IN EXCHANGE FOR YOUR LIFE.

HE USED JEWELL FOR HIS DIRTY DEEDS...ILLEGAL BETS AND OTHER RACKETS.



SHORTLY AFTERWARD,  
OUTSIDE CRANE'S HOUSE...

HERE WE  
GO. THEY'RE  
COMING OUT.

I KNOW WHAT  
YOU'RE THINKING,  
GUYS, BUT THAT  
MAN IN THERE IS  
NOT JEWELL.

IF YOU'D SEEN  
HIS EYES AT THE  
STATION, YOU'D  
UNDERSTAND.

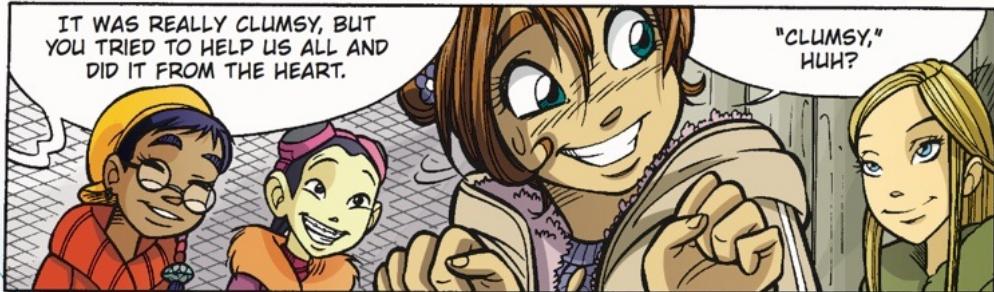
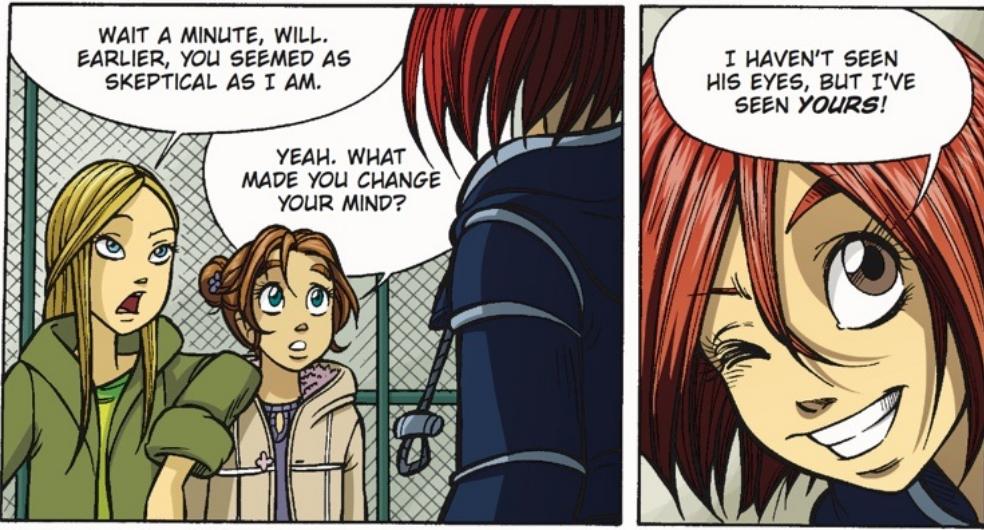
IF YOU WANT,  
YOU CAN SET  
ME FREE.

HE KNEW THAT ONLY  
I CAN BRING HIM BACK  
TO HIS ORIGINAL  
SHAPE.

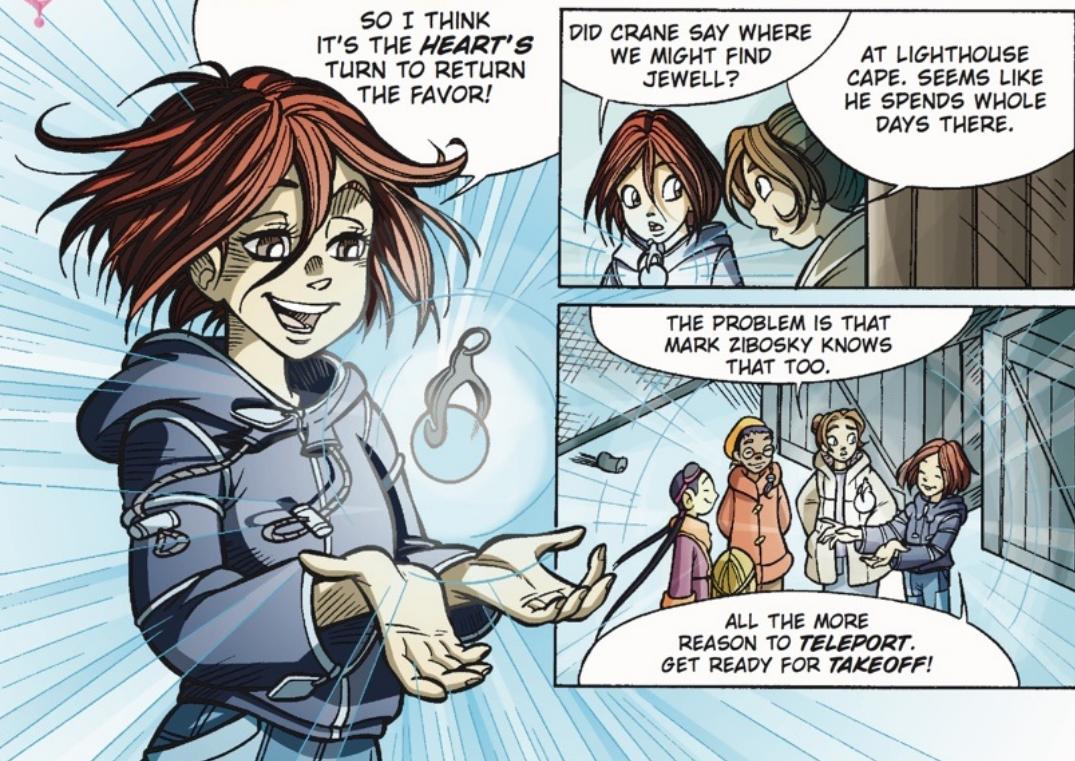
THEN WHAT ARE  
WE WAITING FOR?  
LET'S GO LOOK  
FOR HIM.

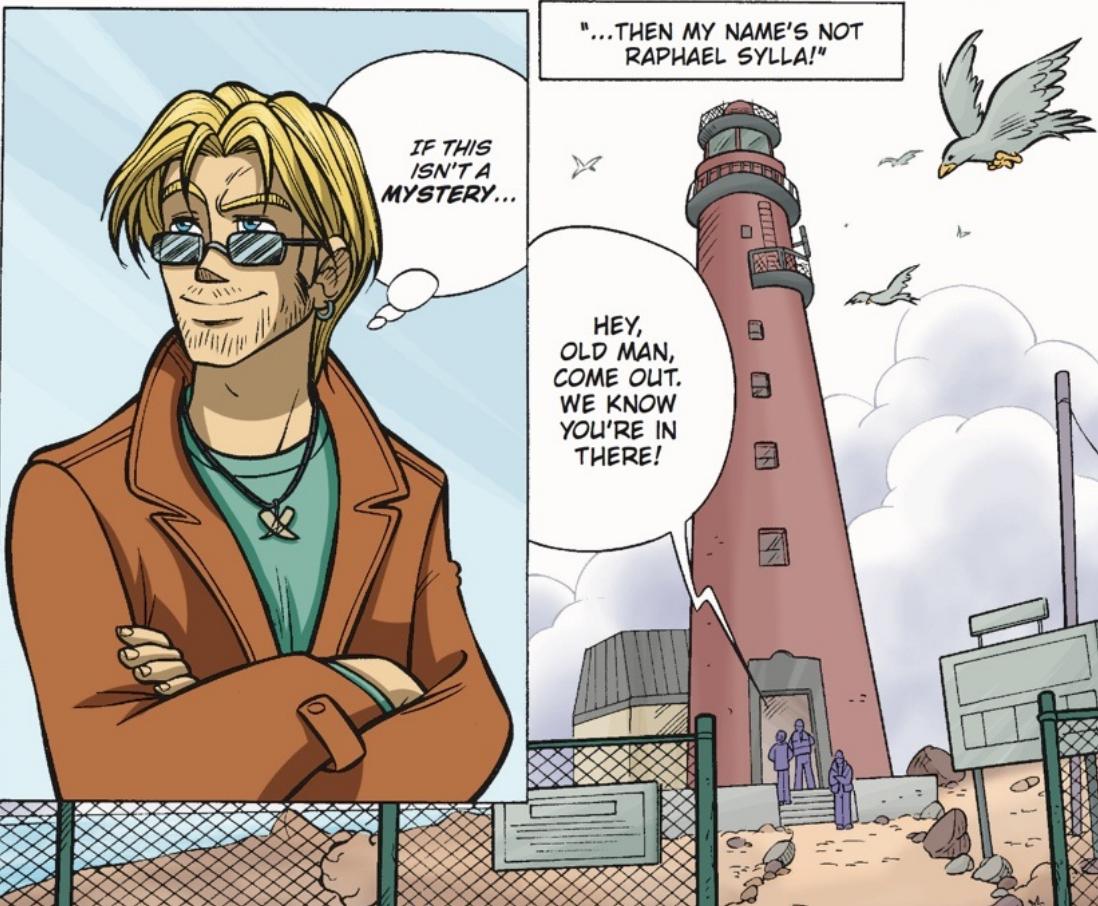
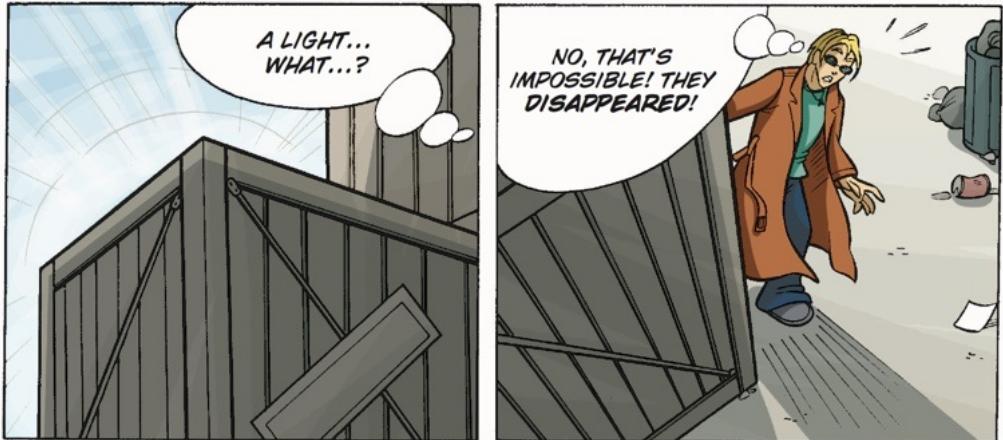
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JUST A SINGLE INSTANT...  
A MOMENT OF DISTRACTION.

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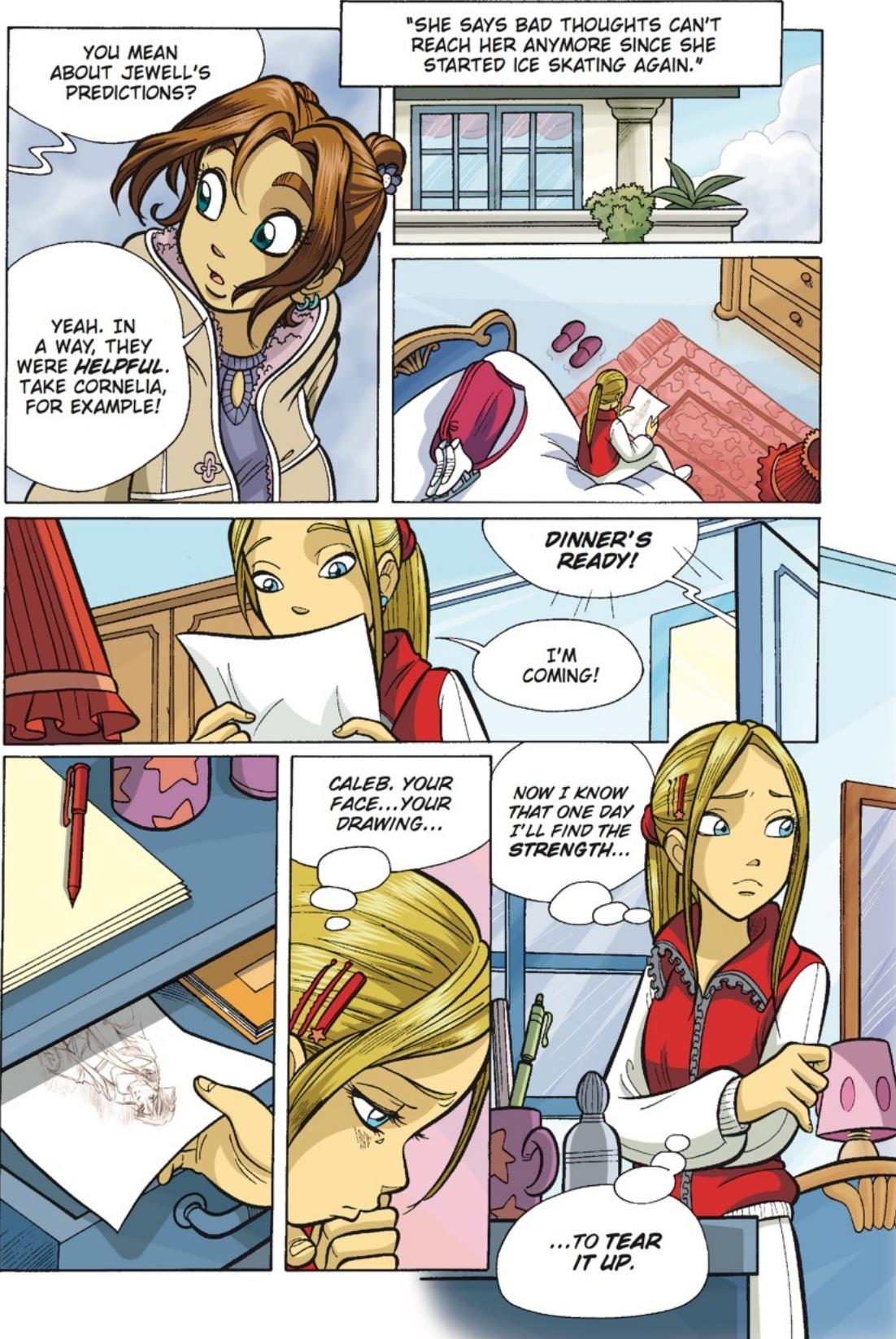
SOMETIMES, IT DOESN'T  
TAKE MUCH FOR THINGS  
TO FALL APART.



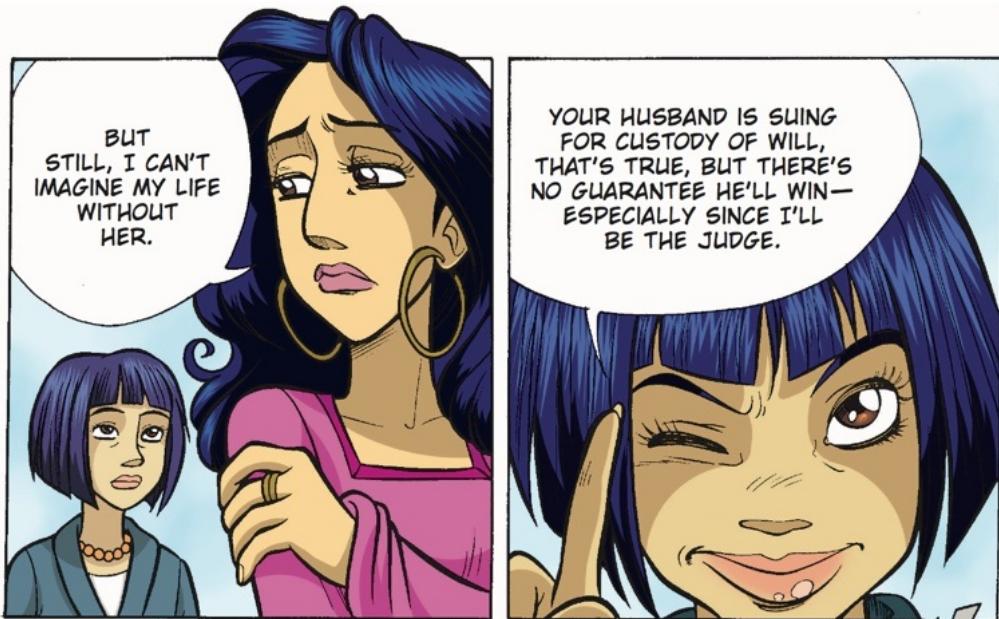












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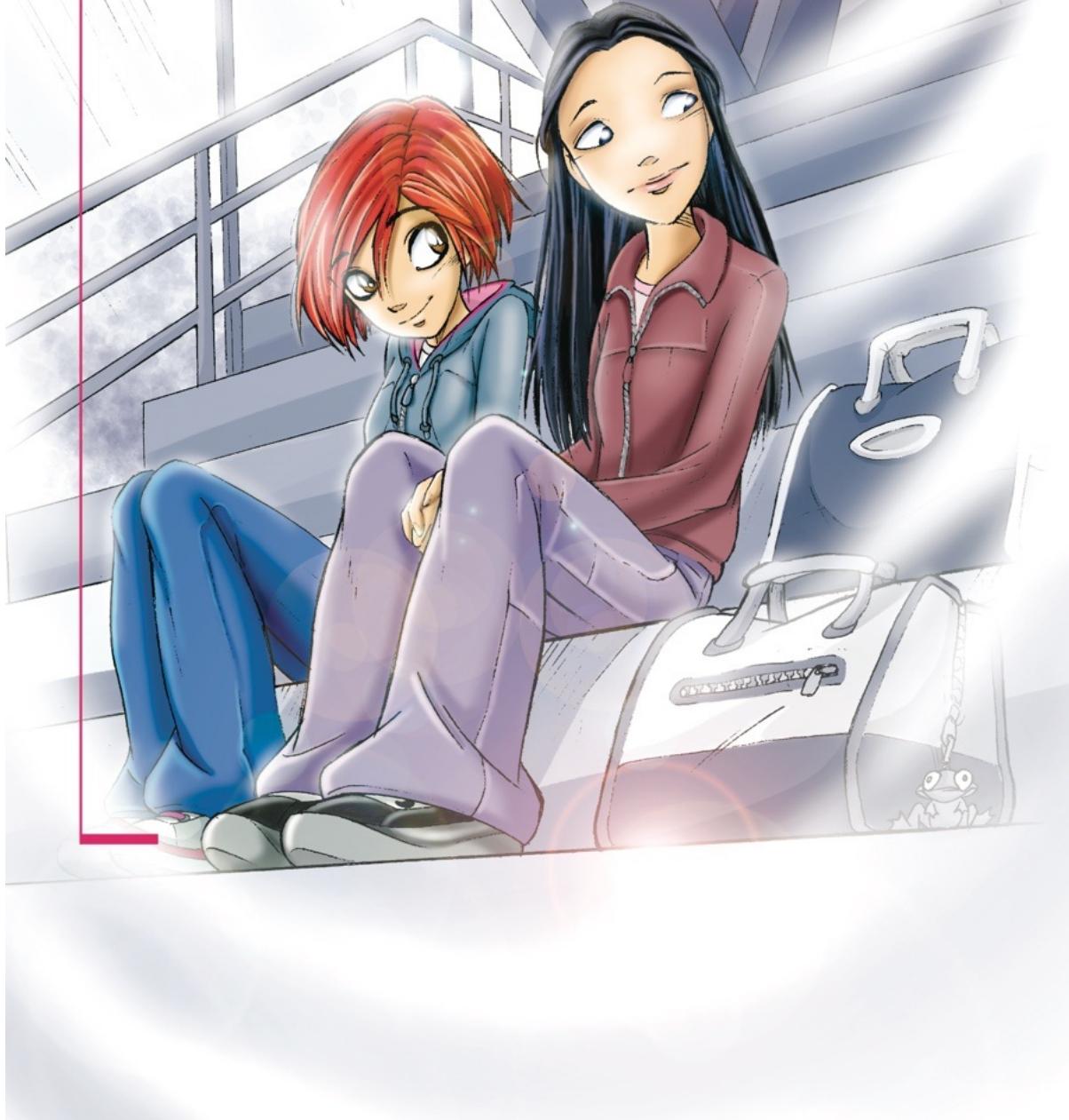






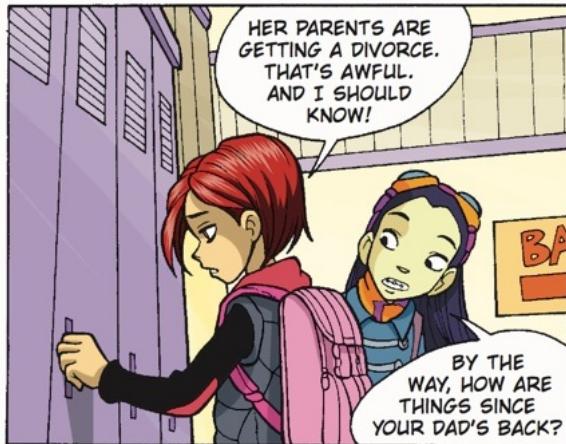
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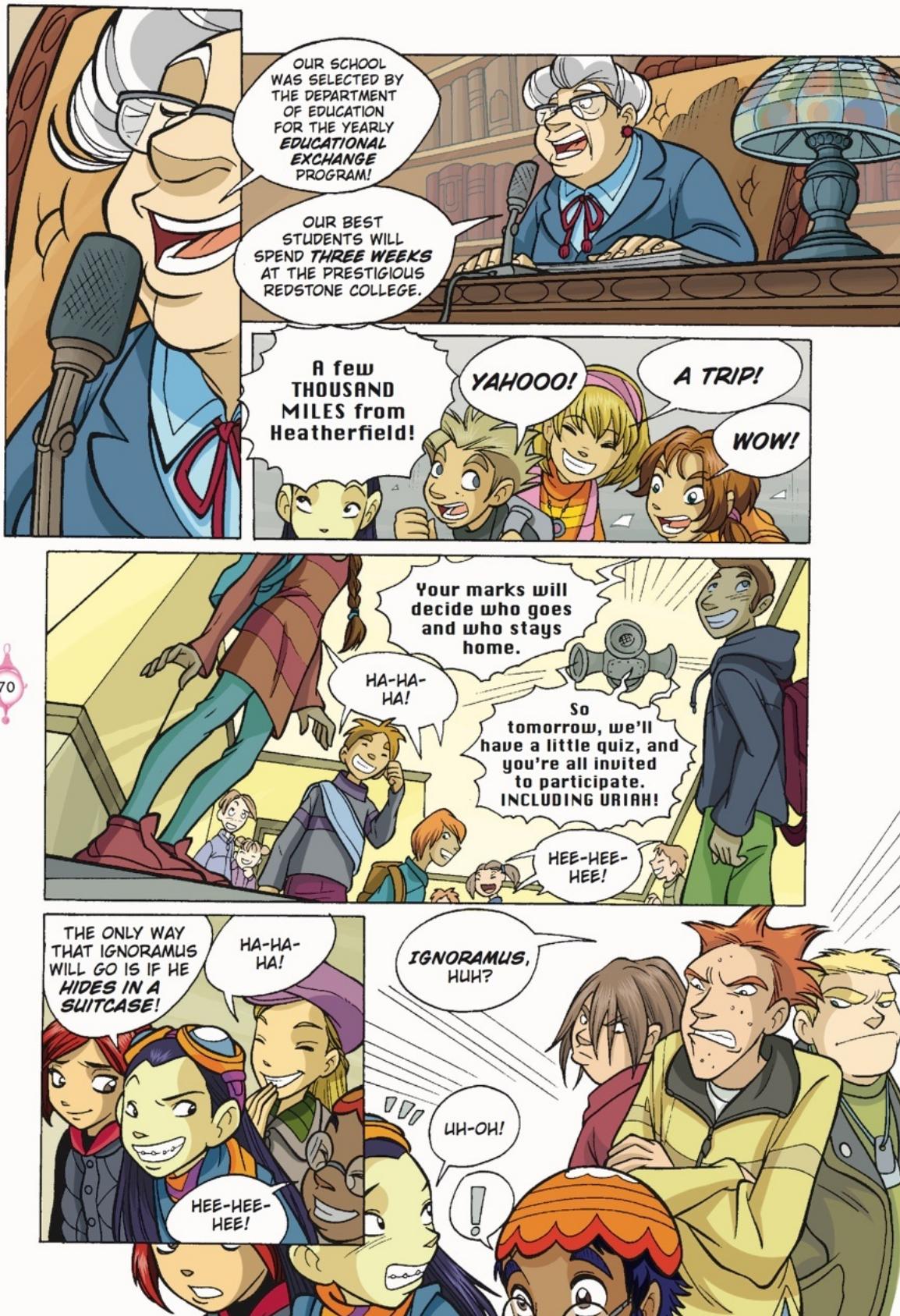


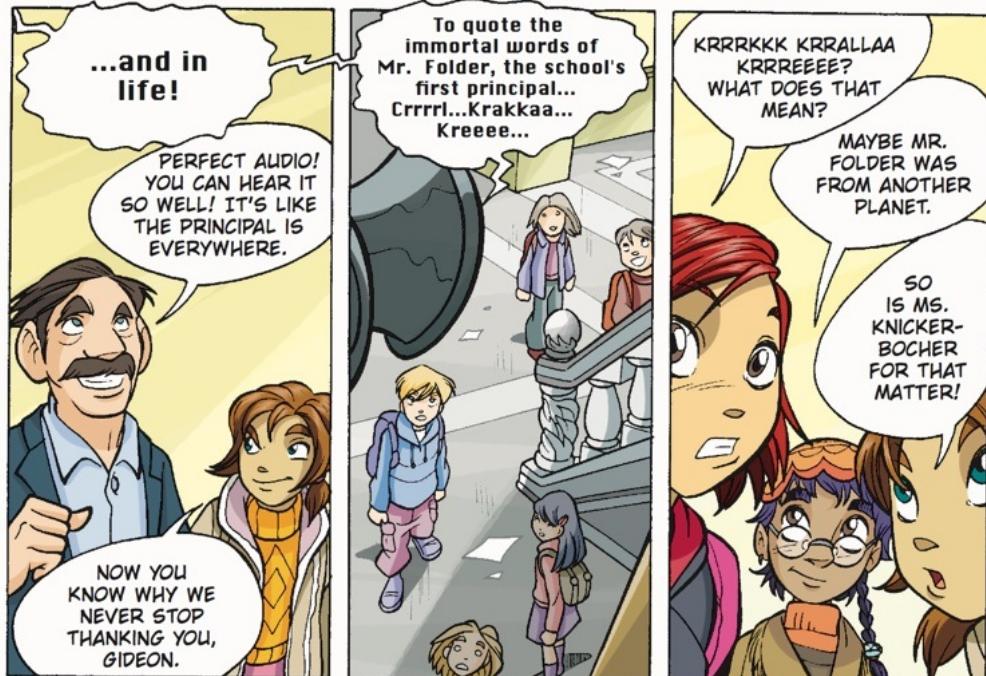




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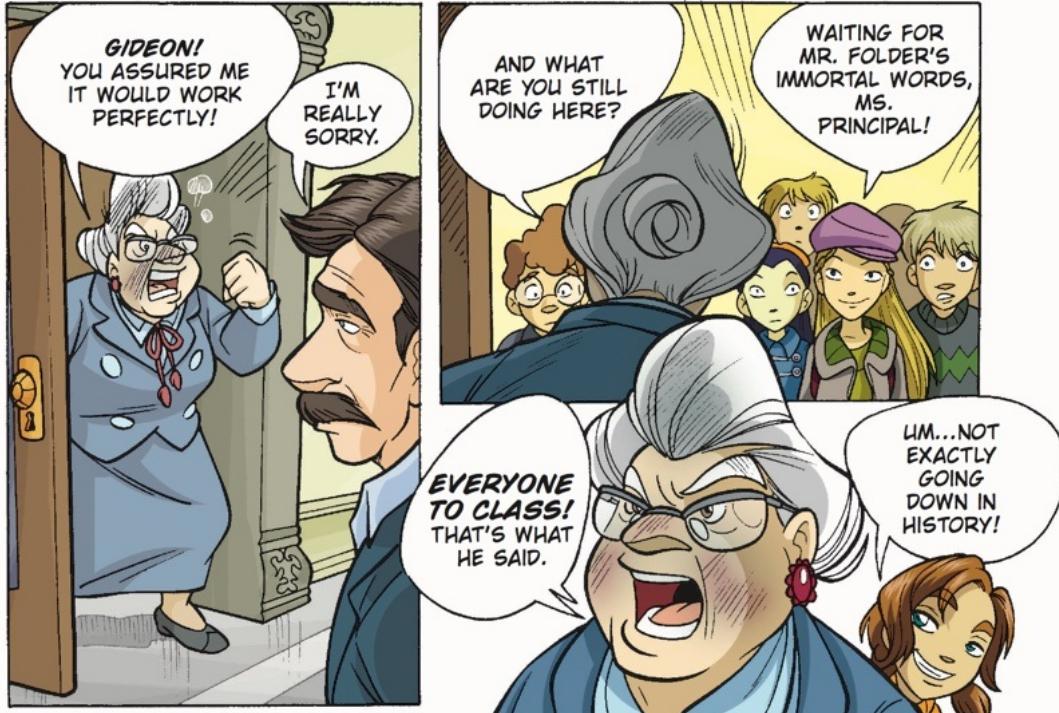


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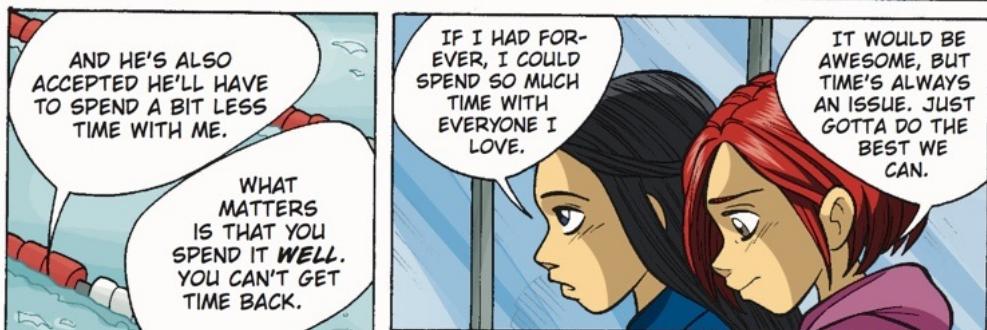




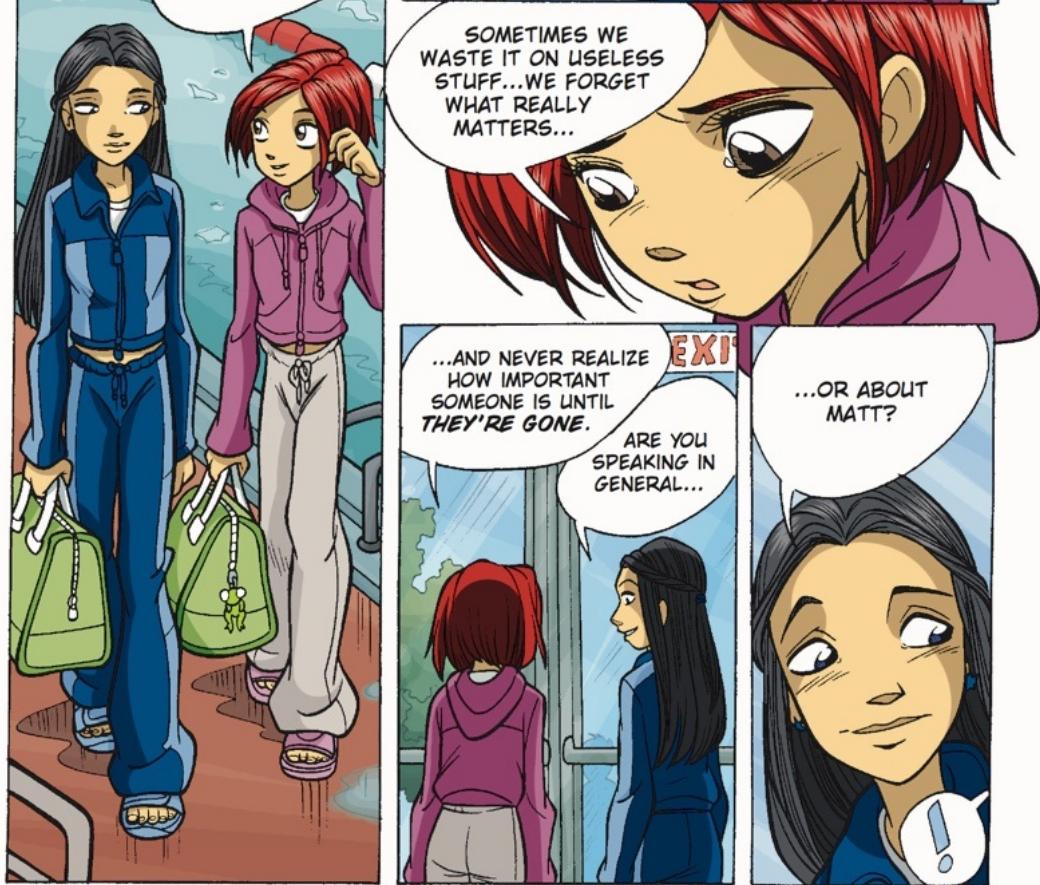


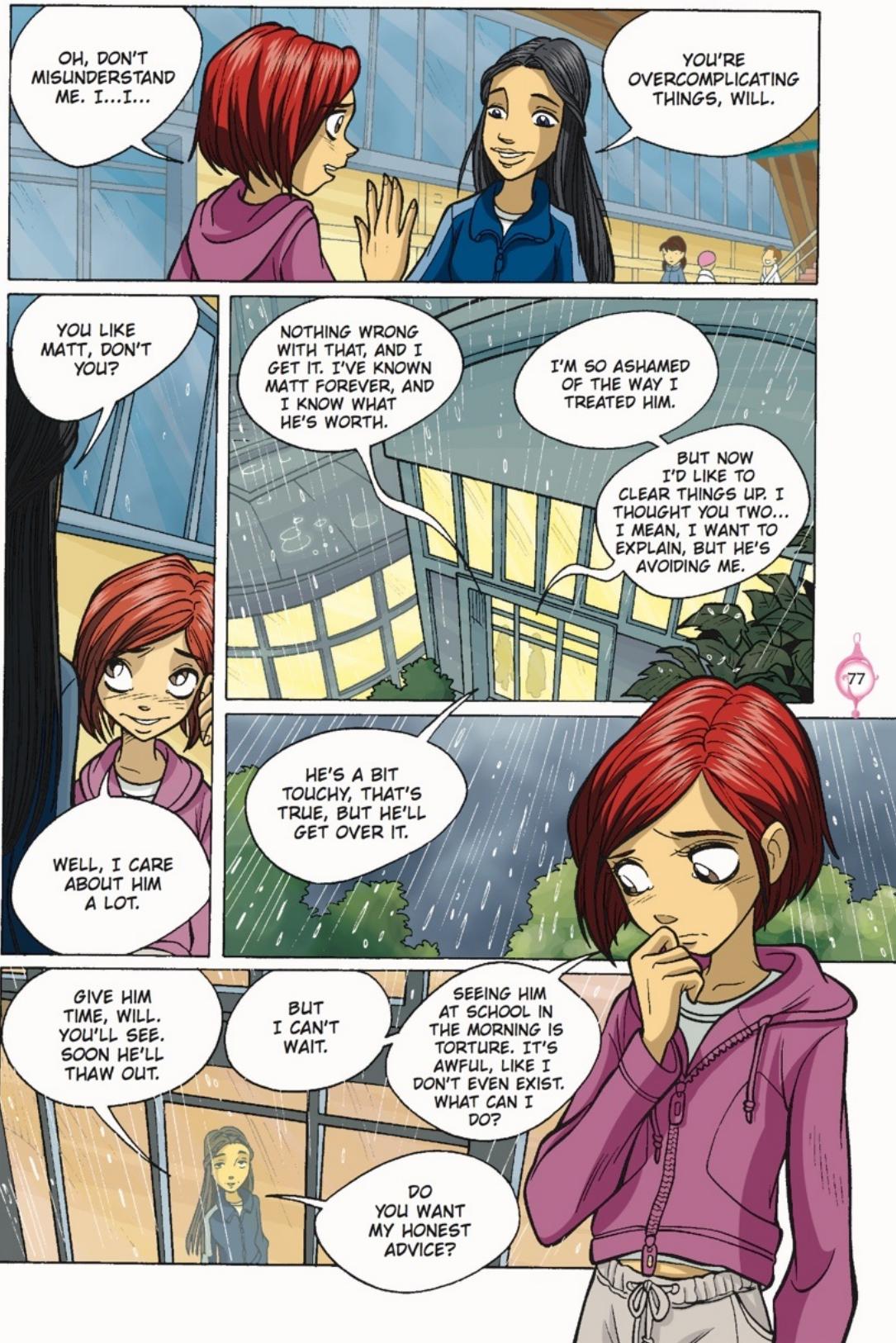
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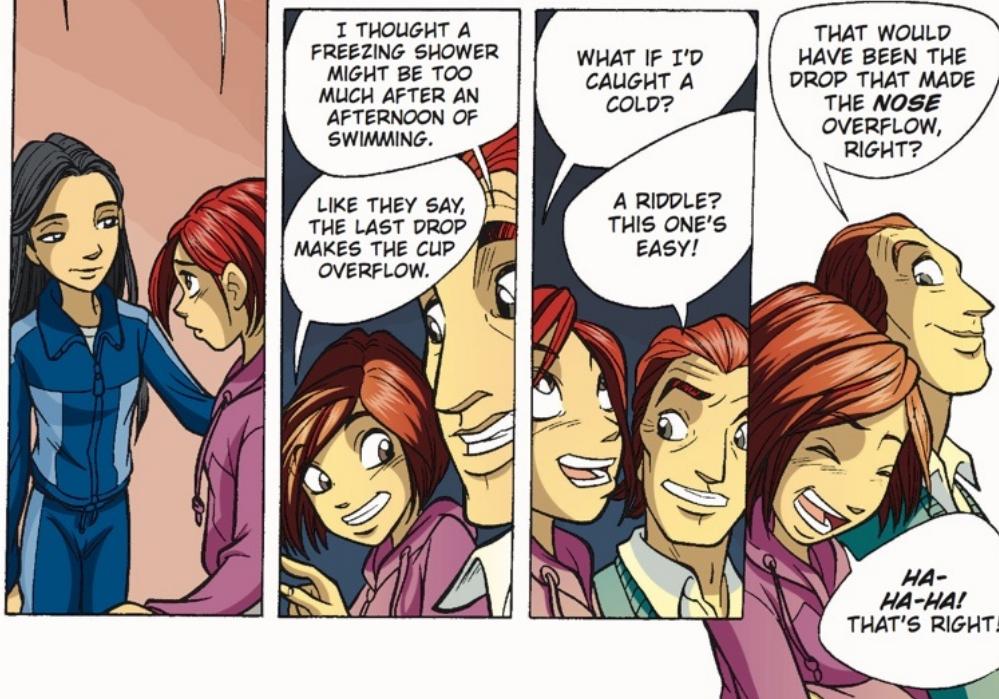


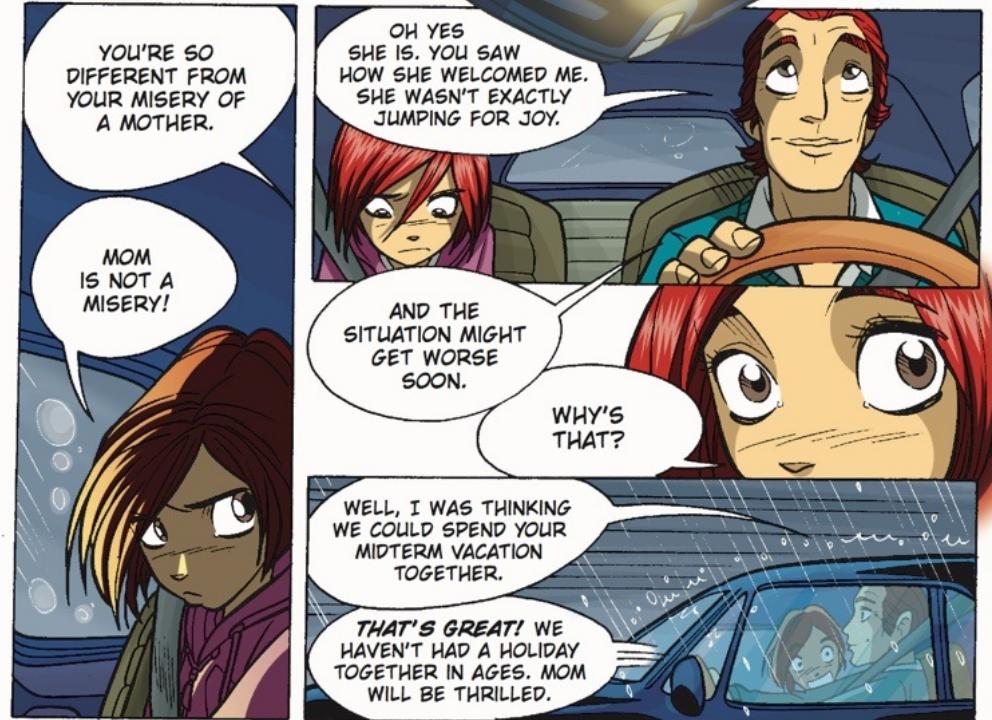


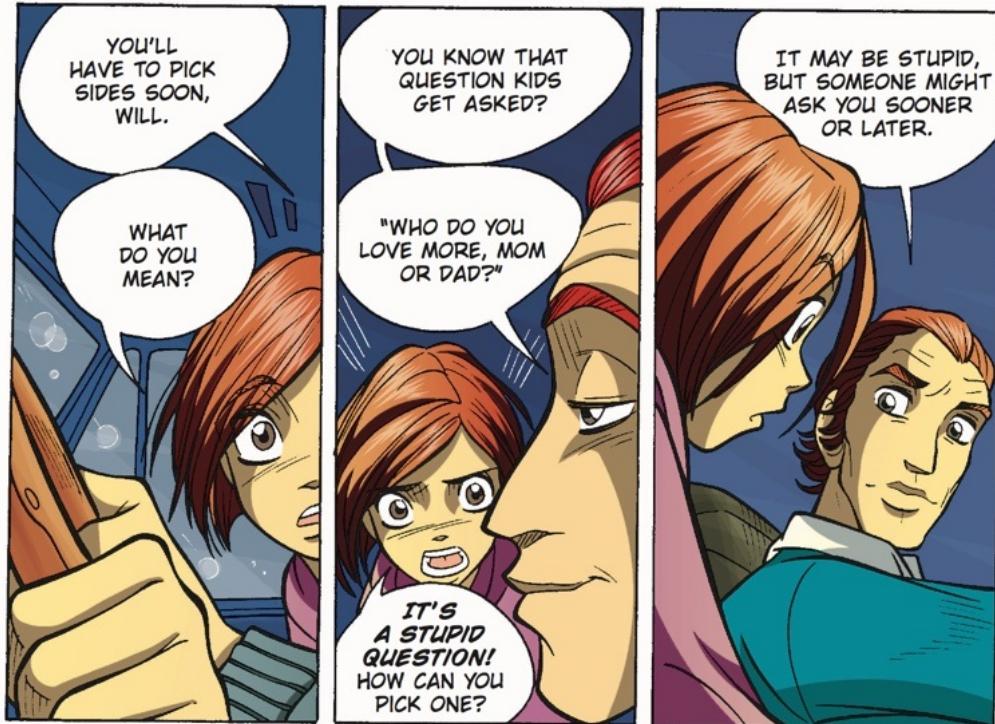
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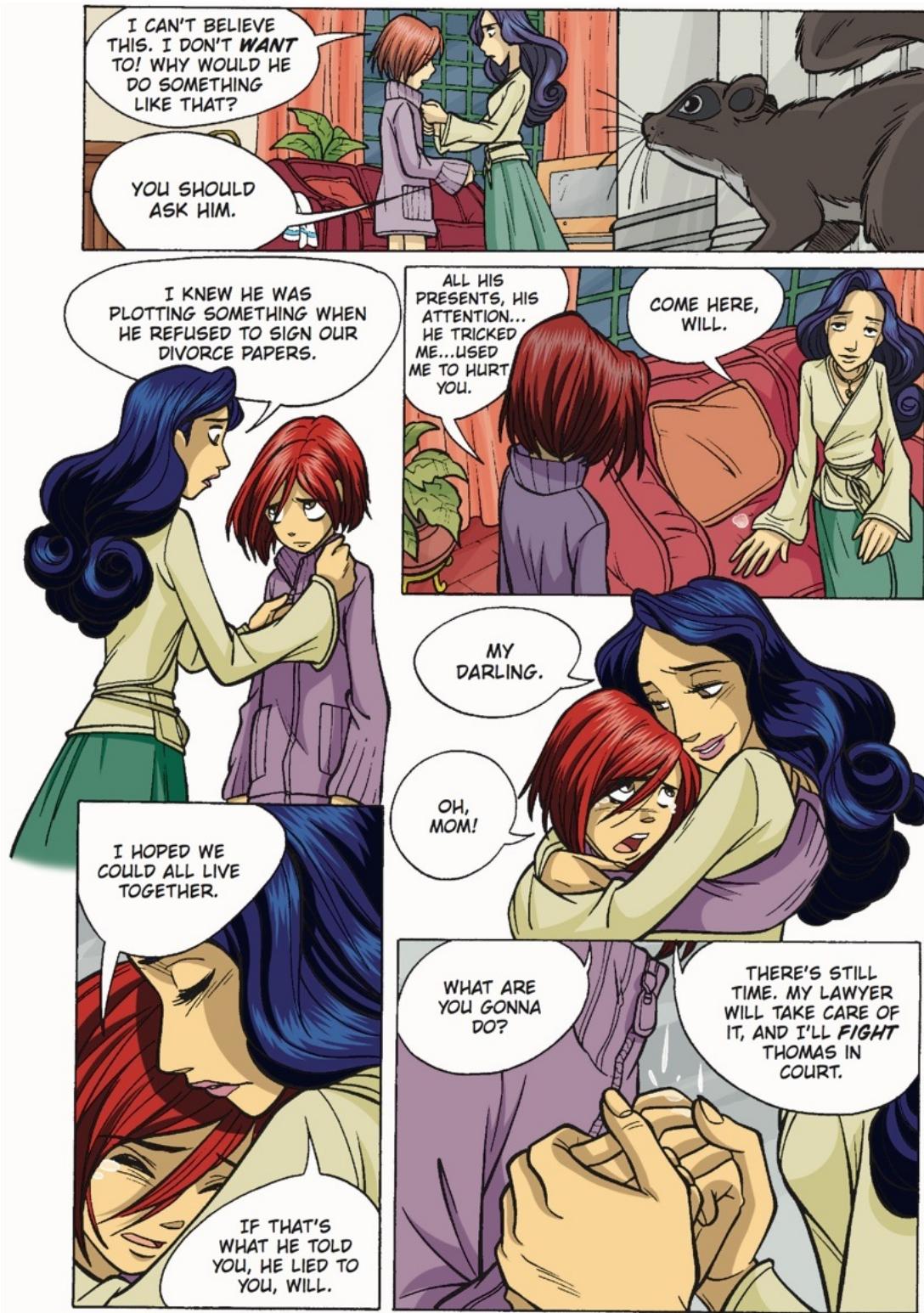




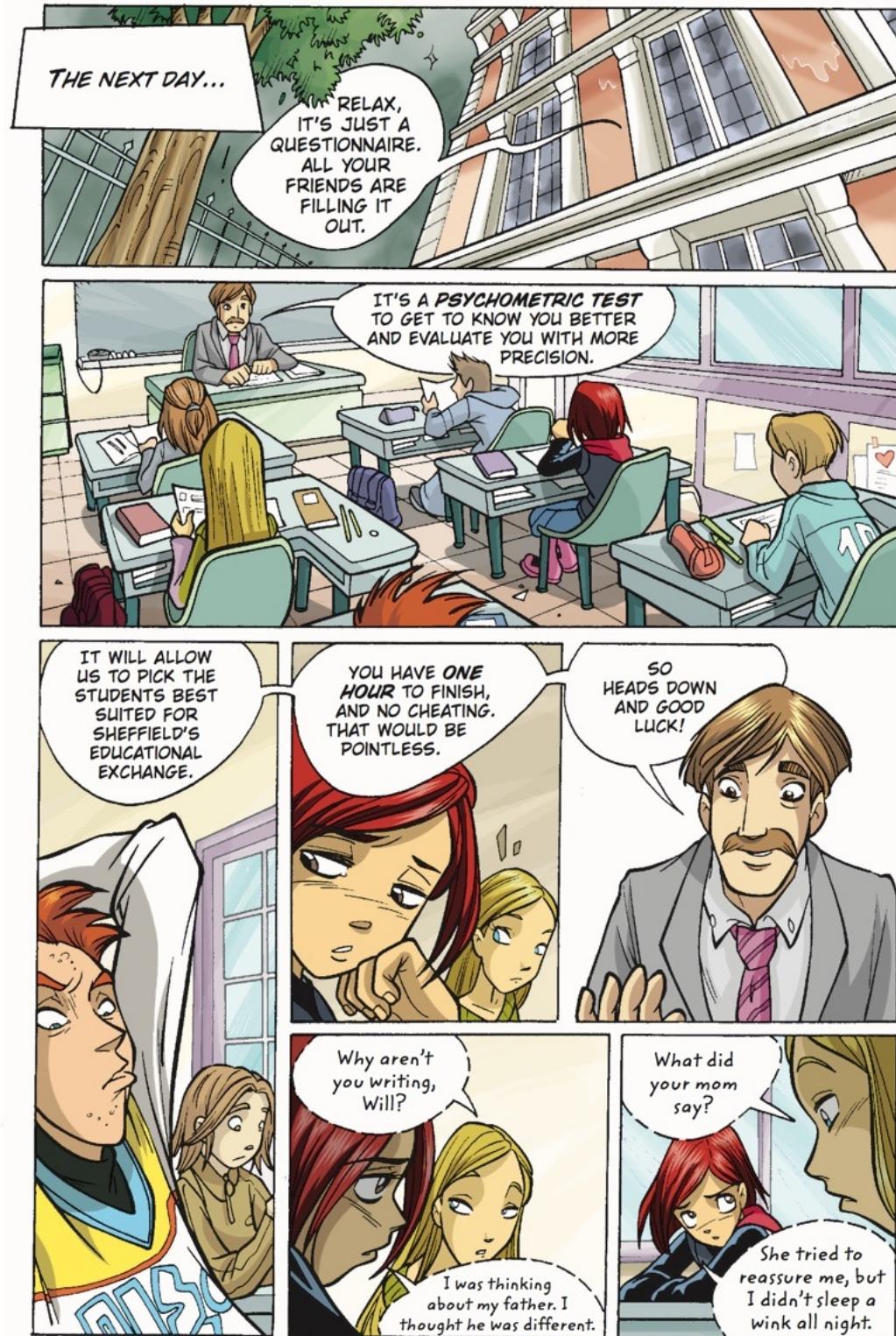






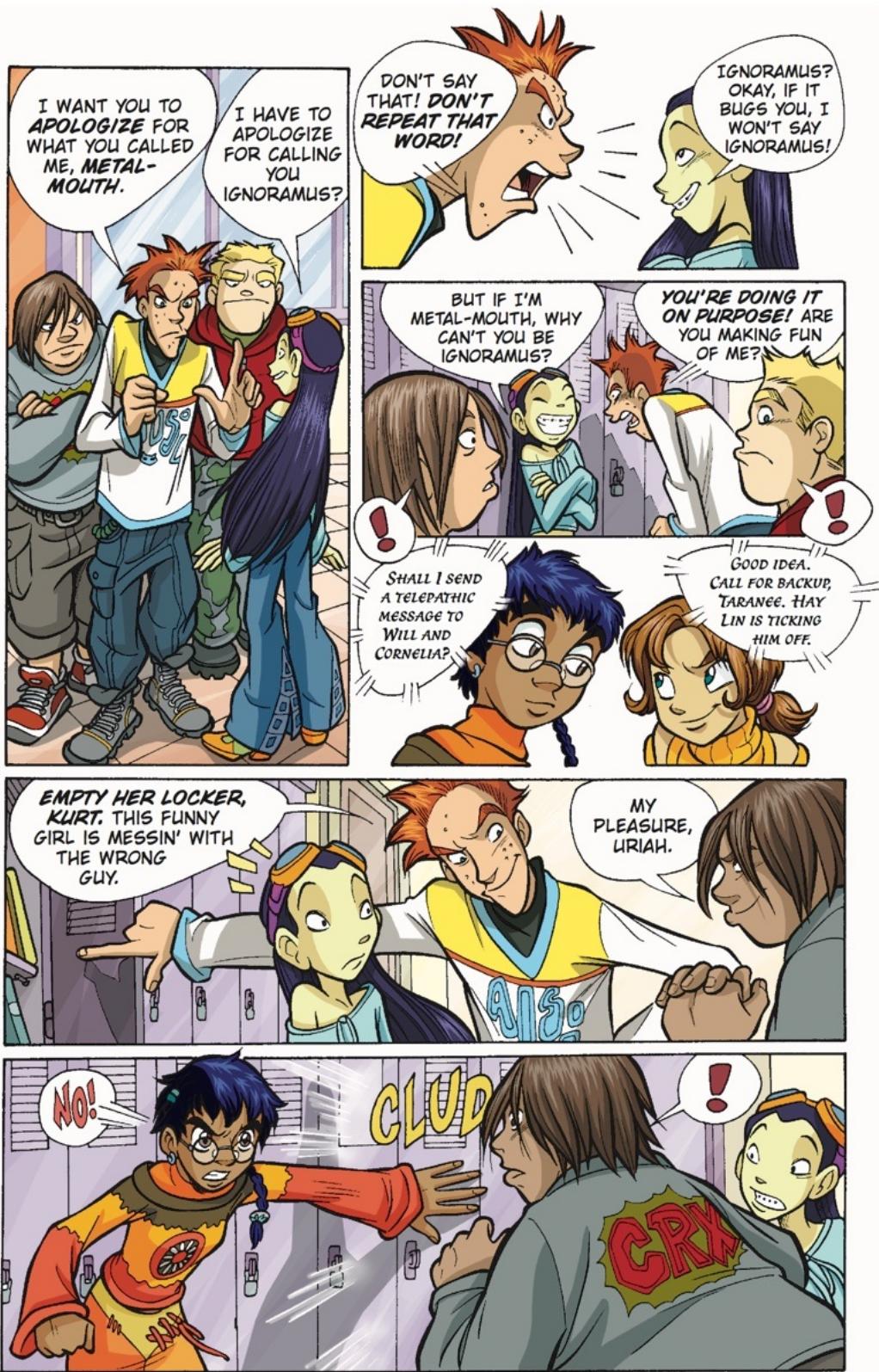




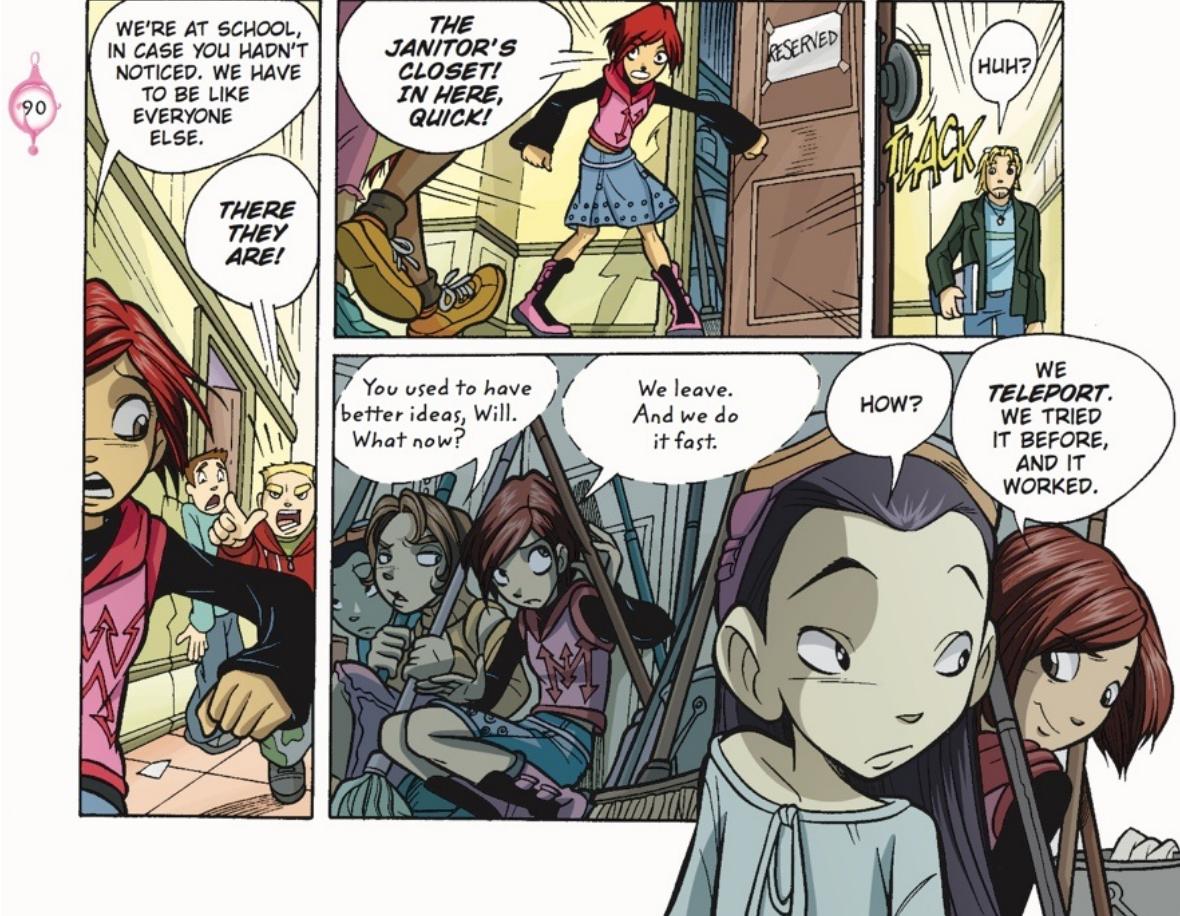






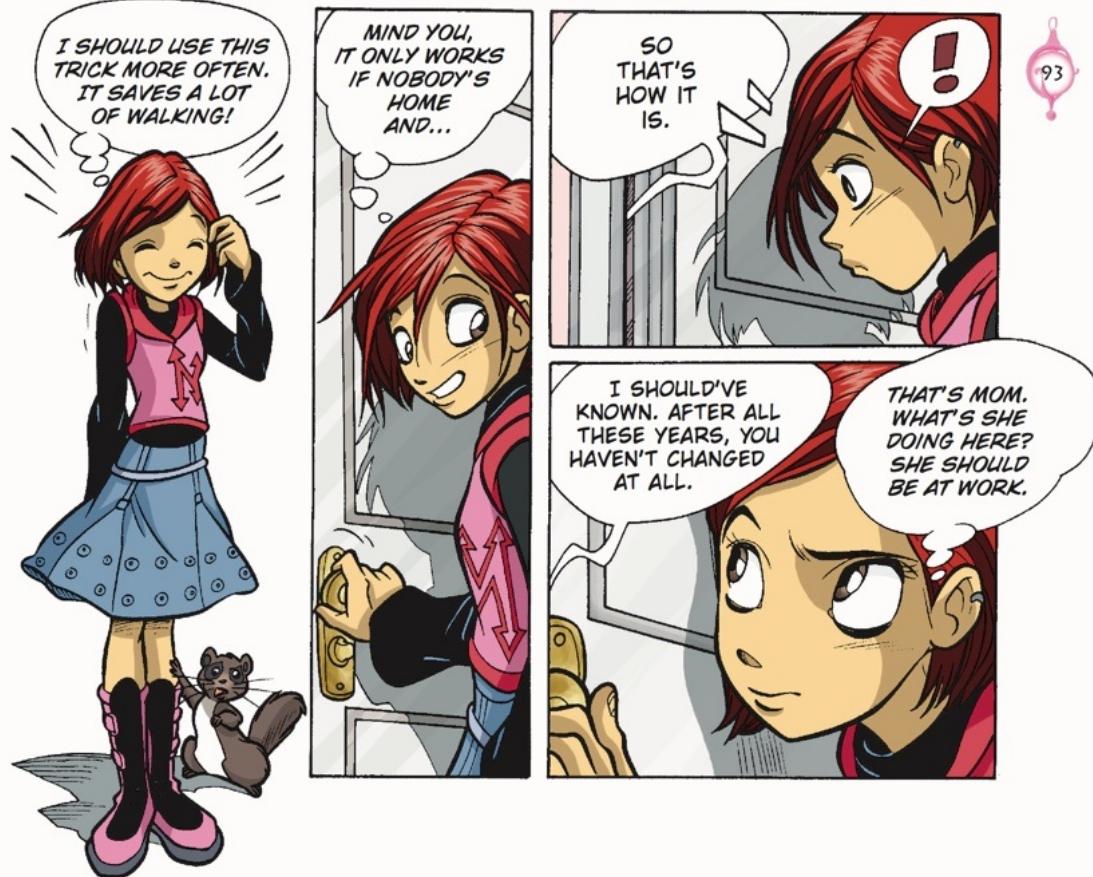
















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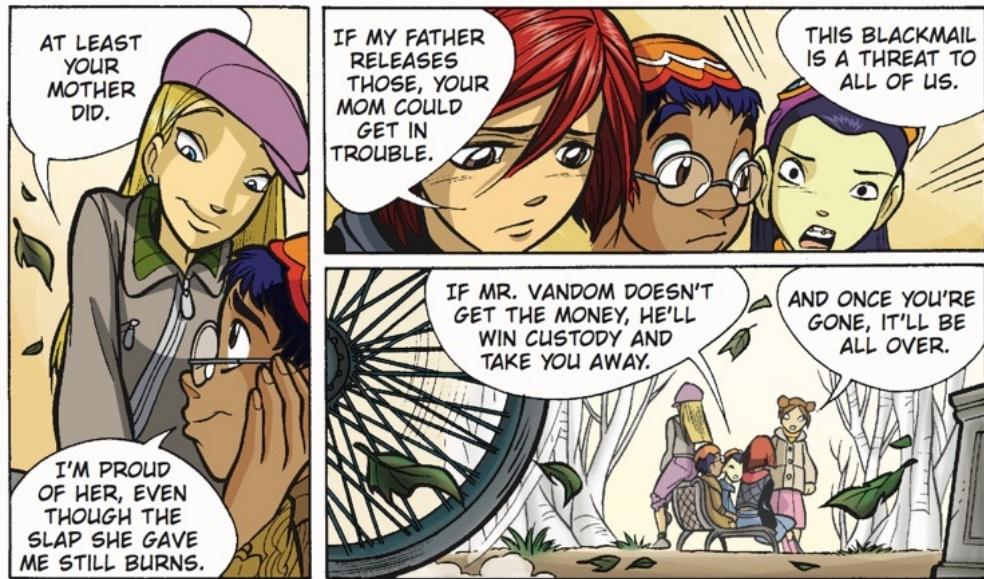


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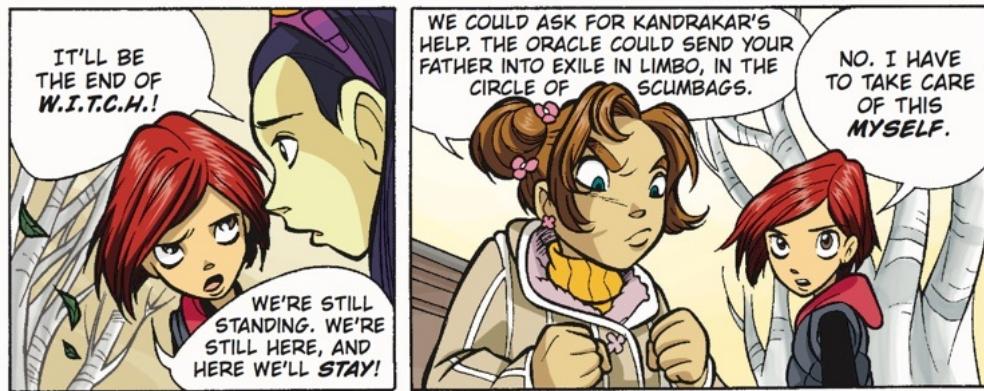


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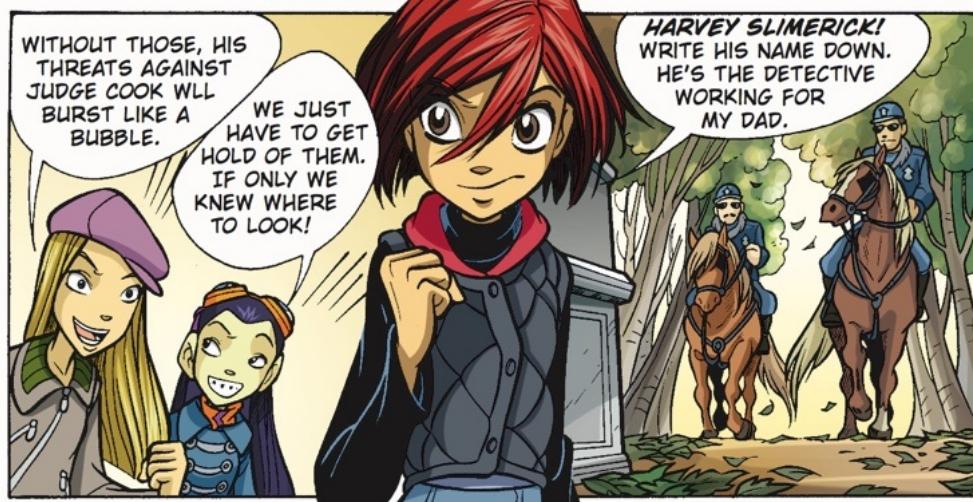
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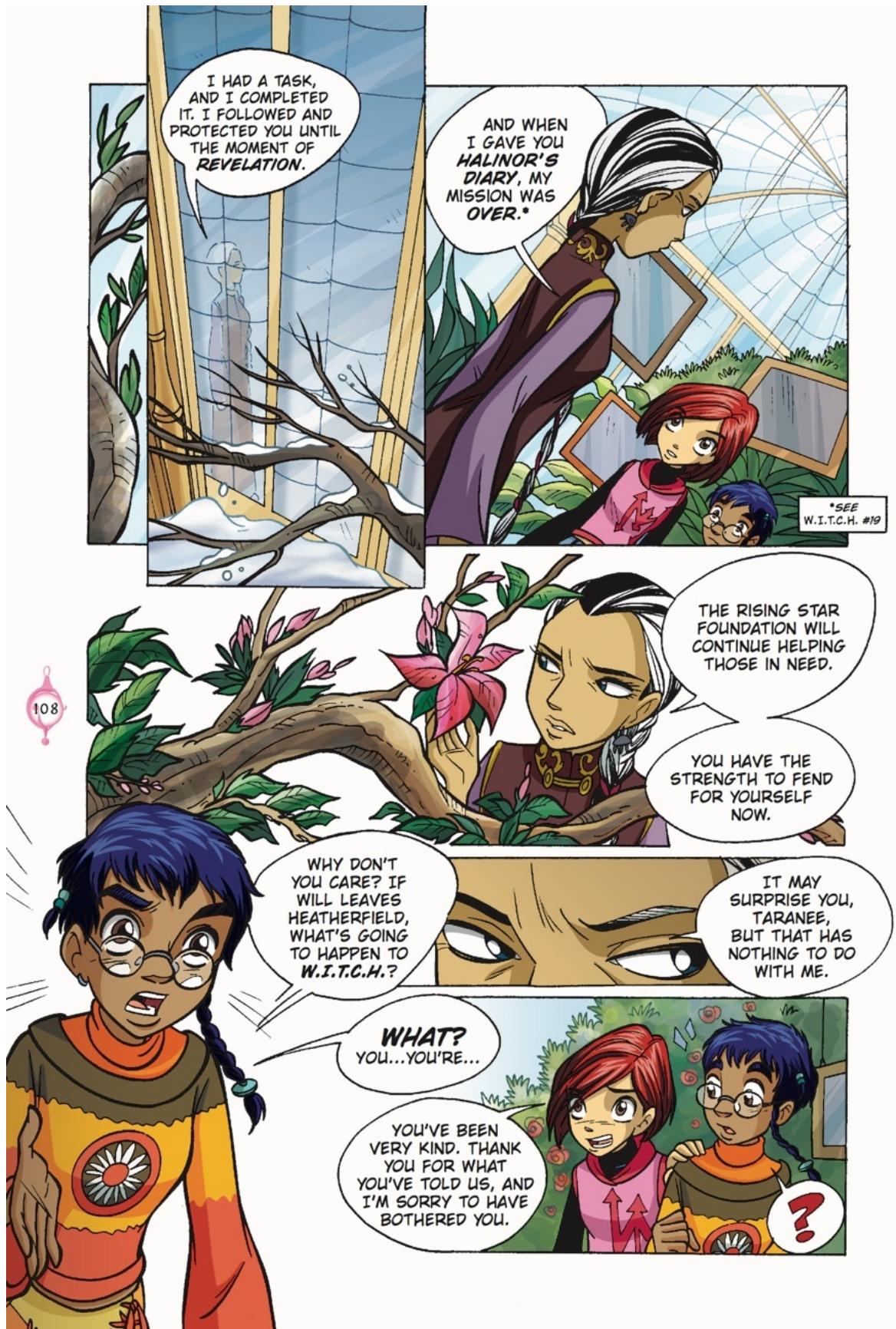




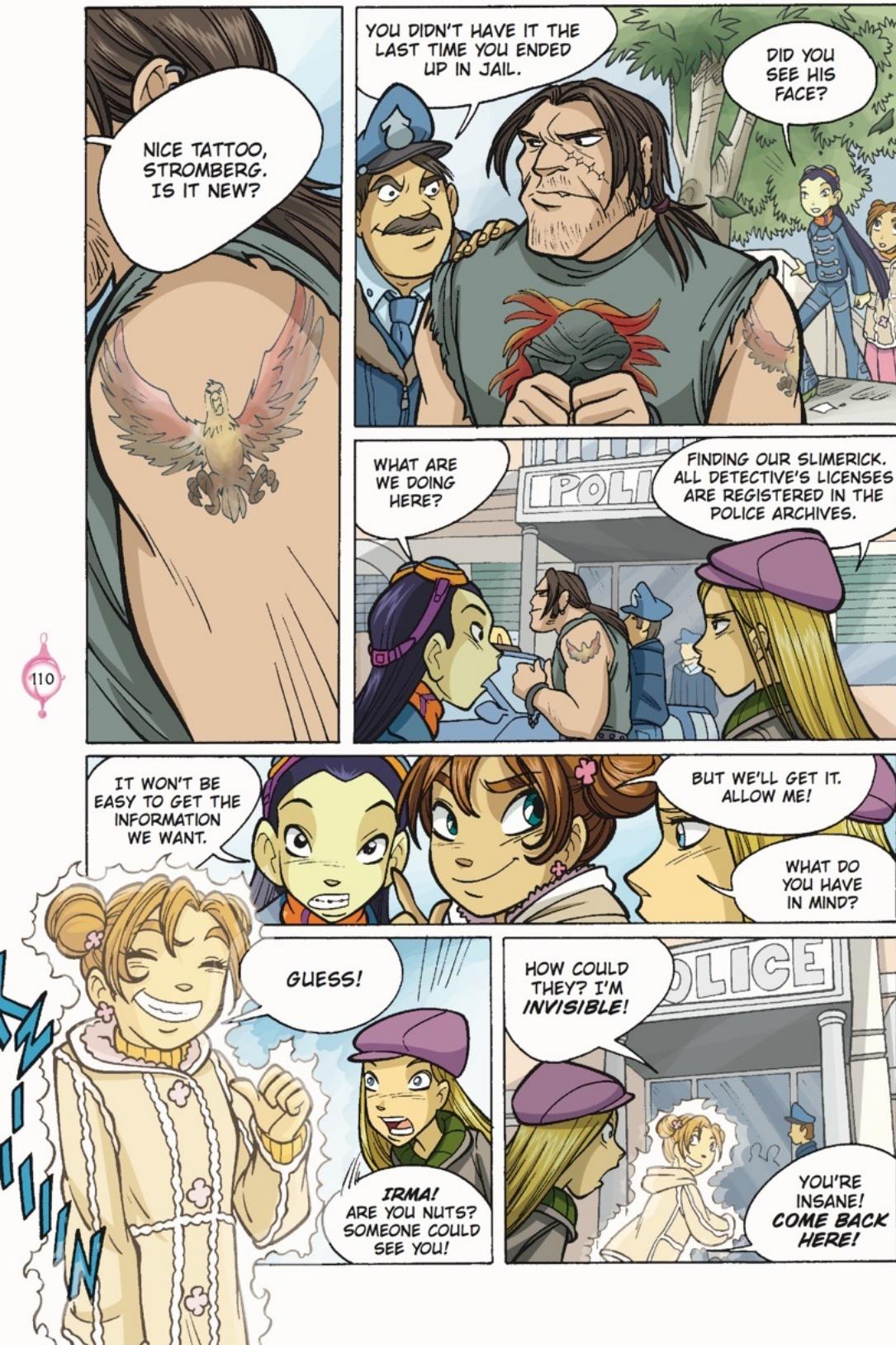


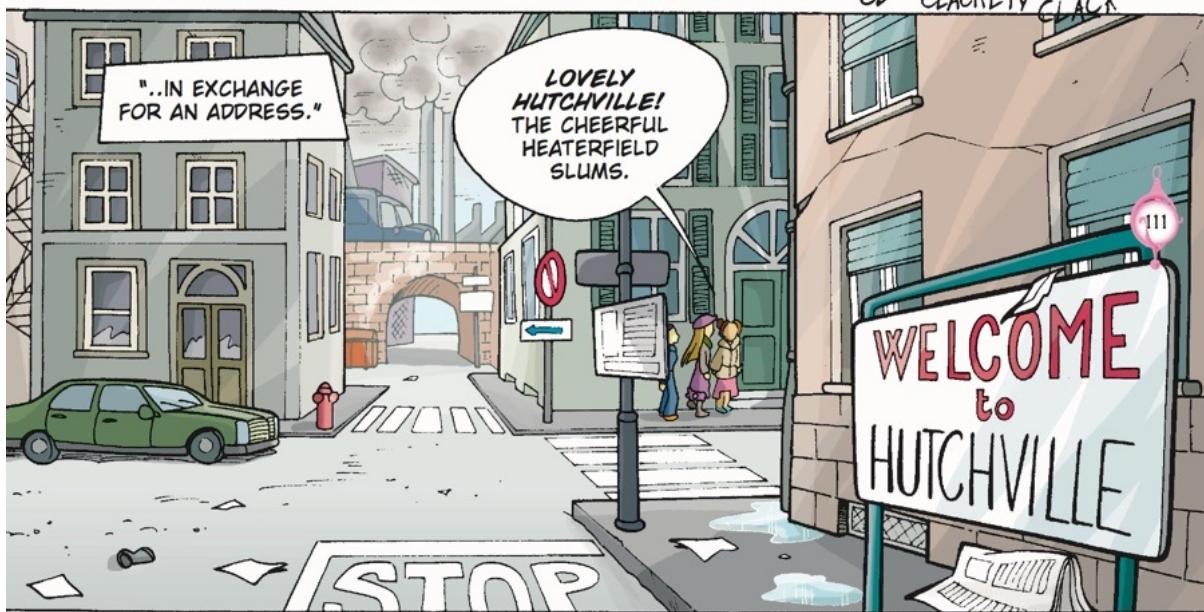


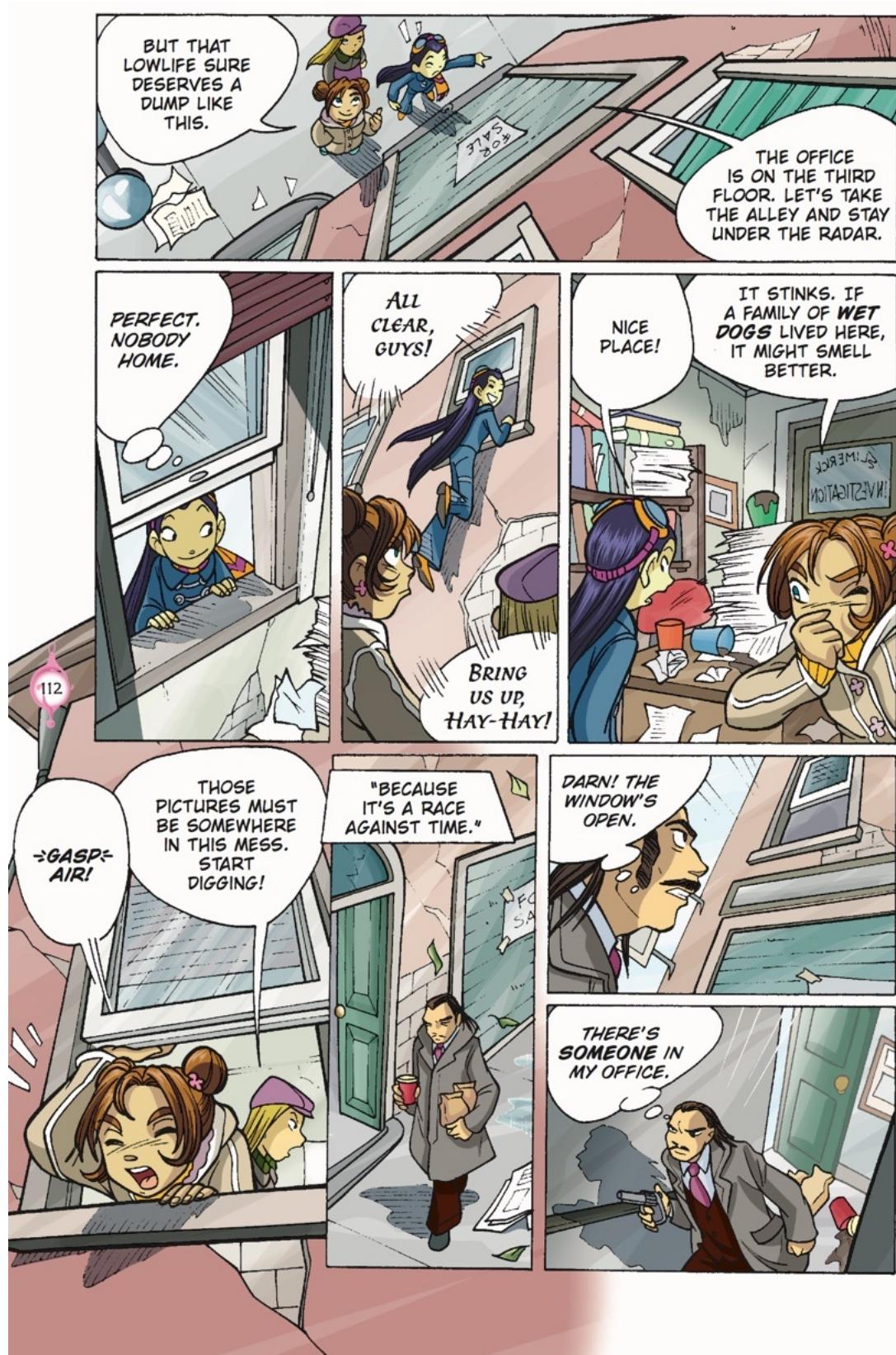














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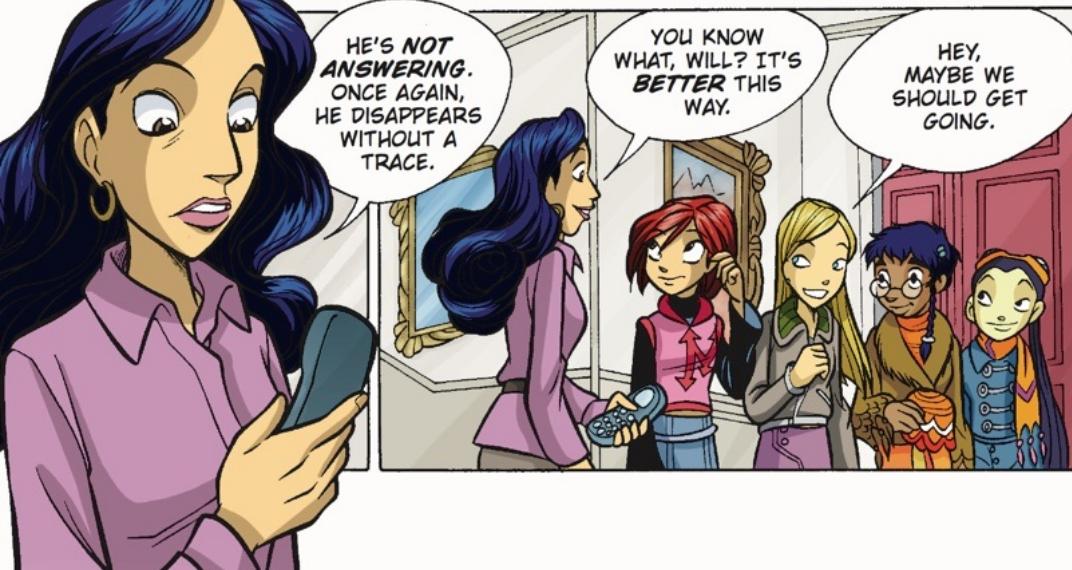
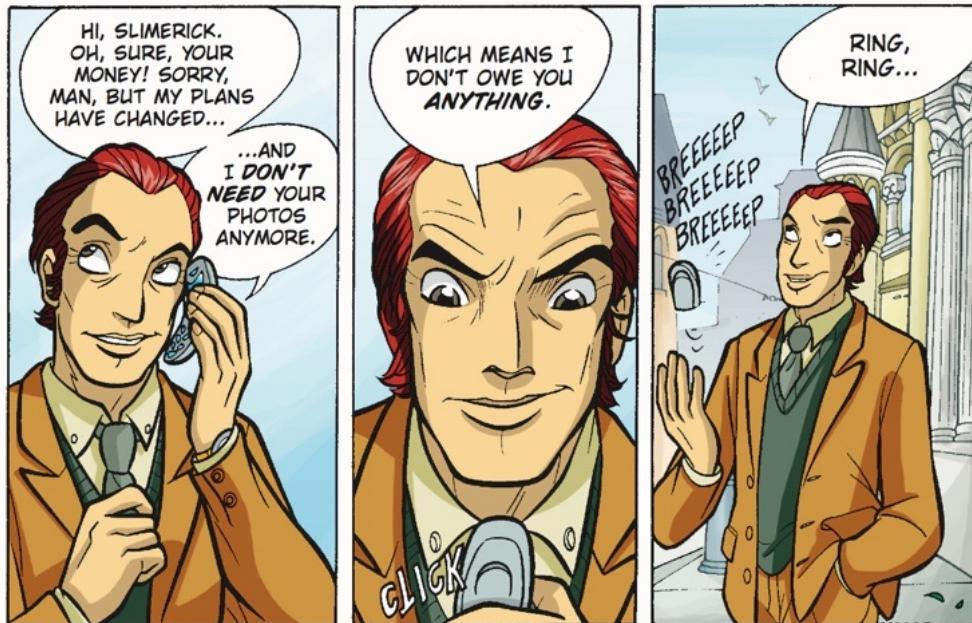




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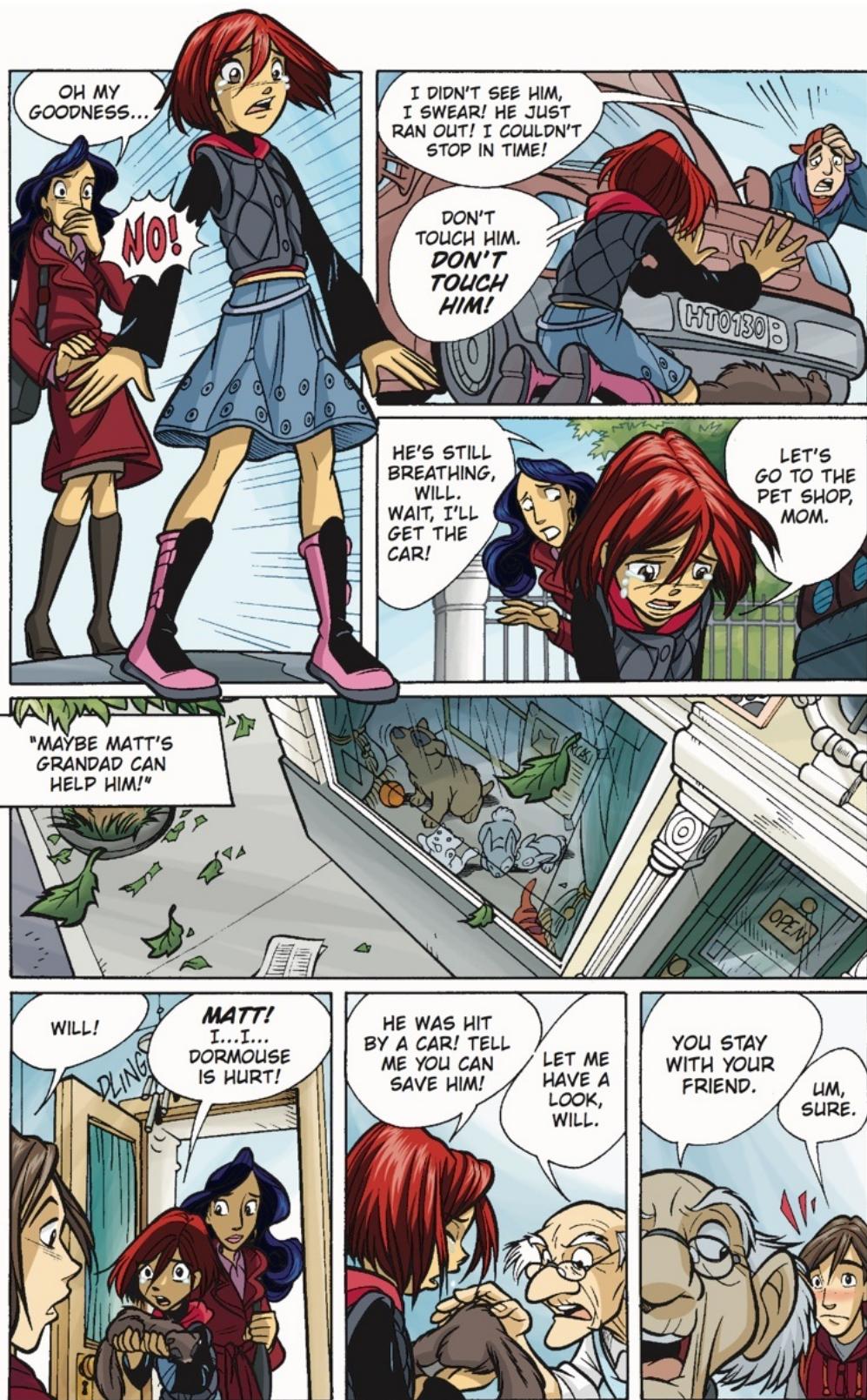


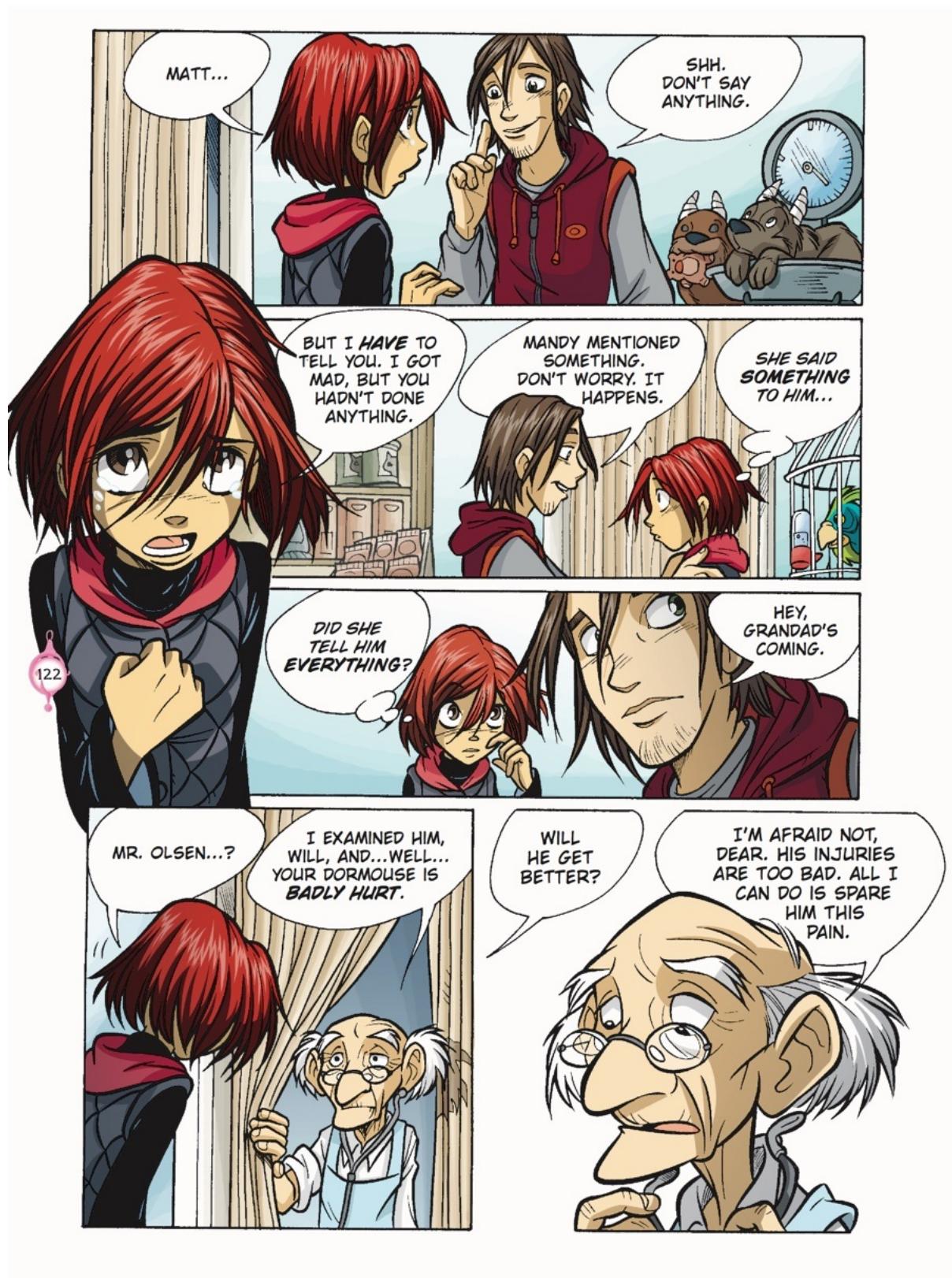


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# The Departure

“When will we be free to choose?”

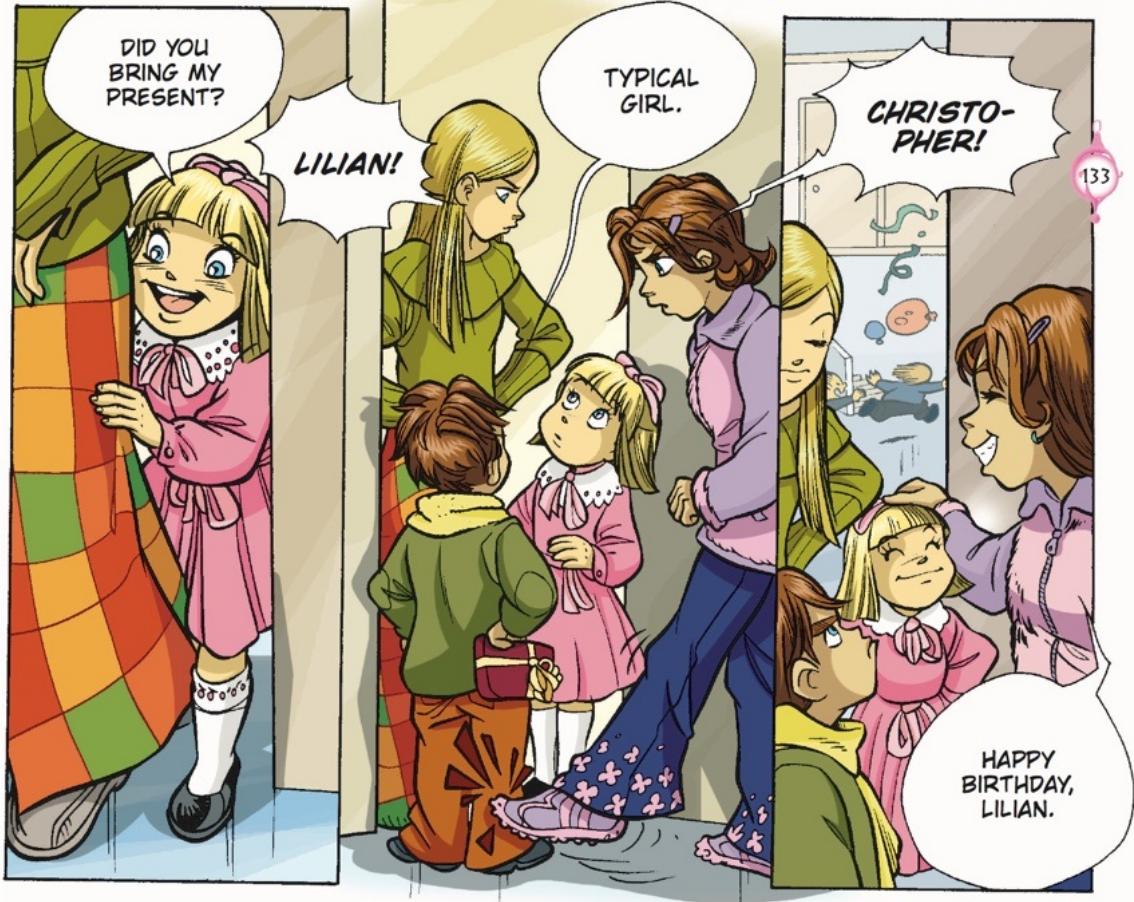
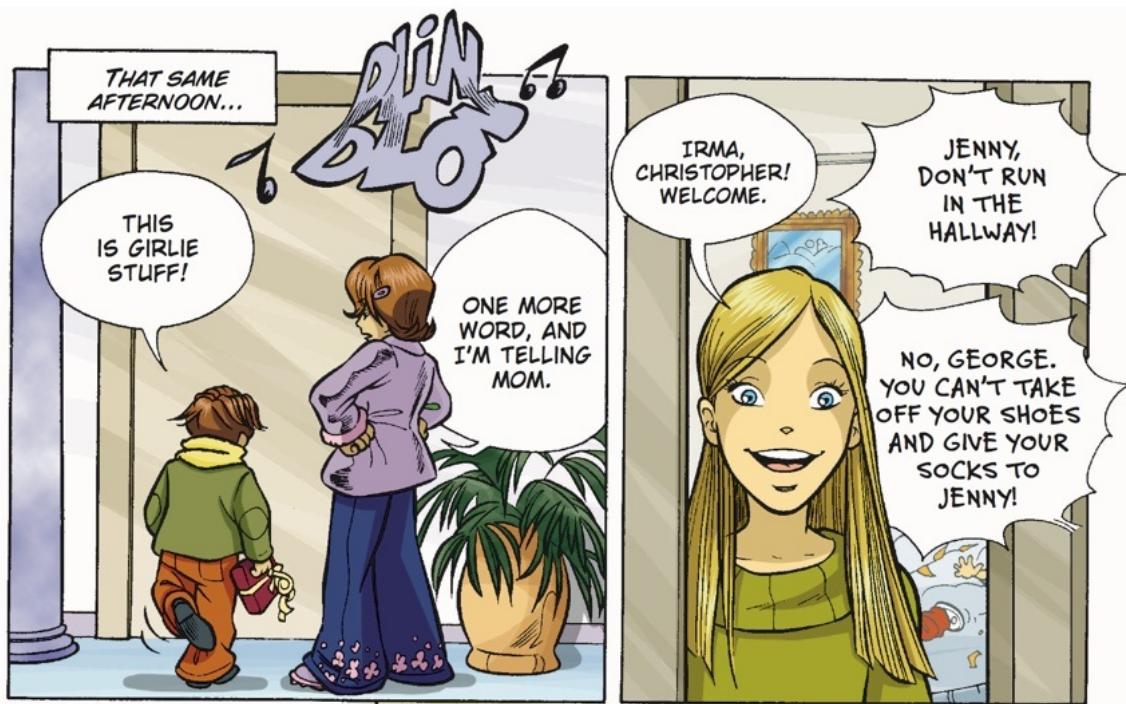


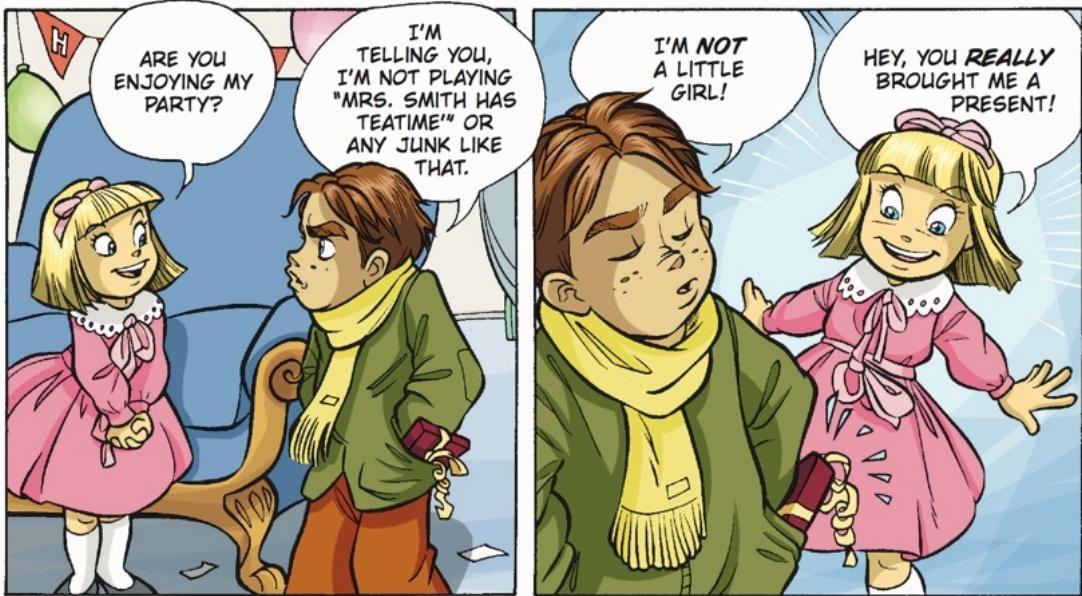














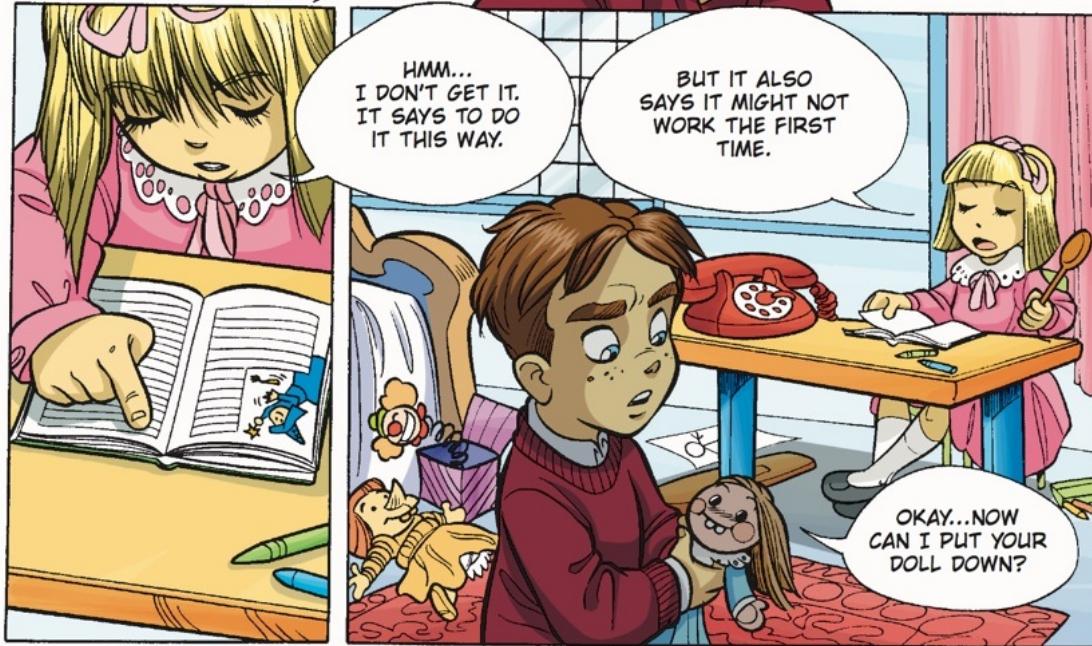
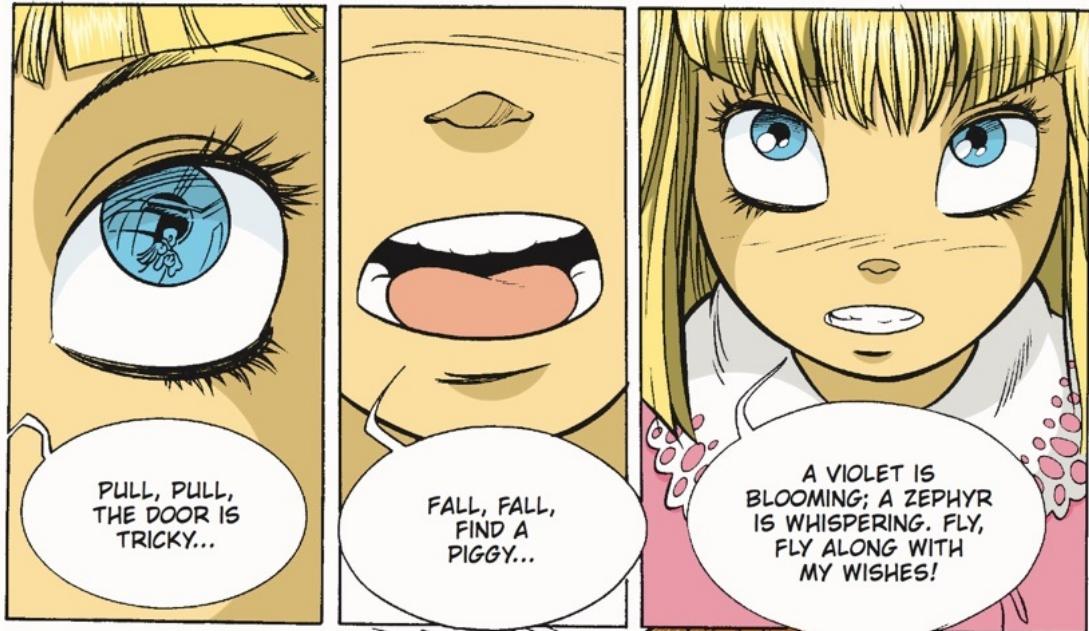


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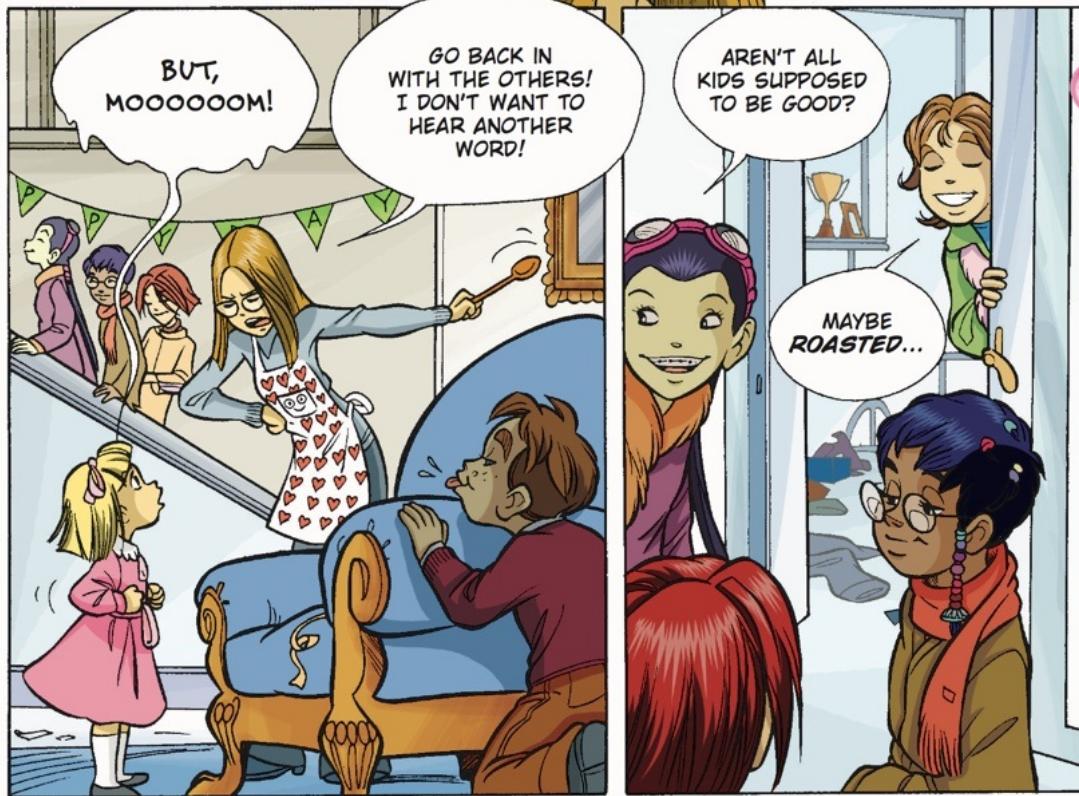
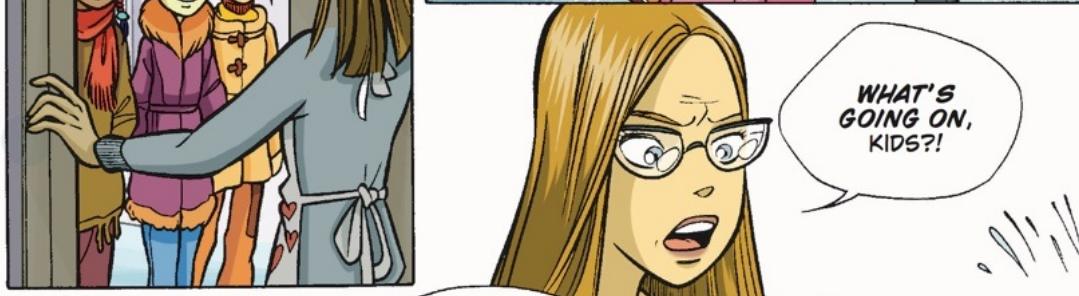
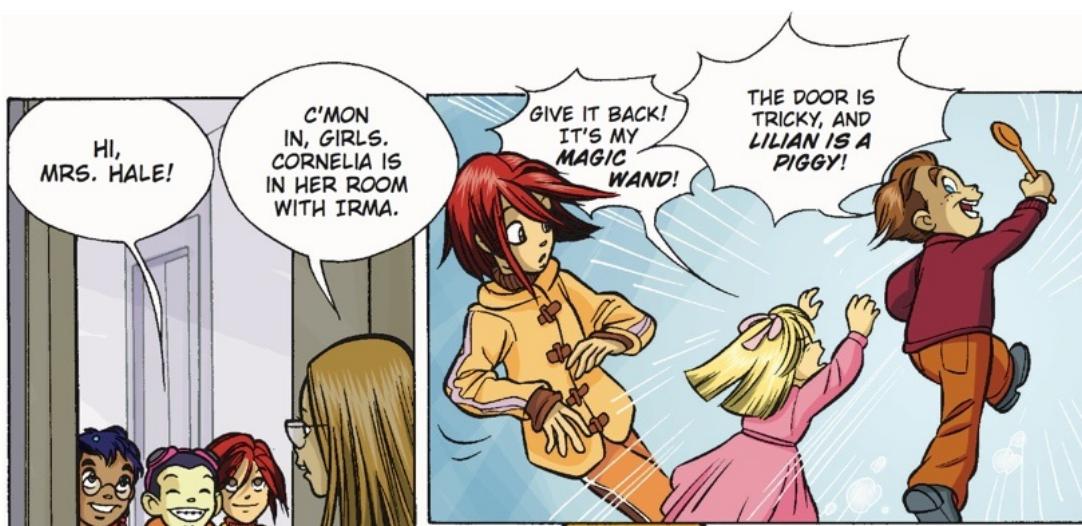




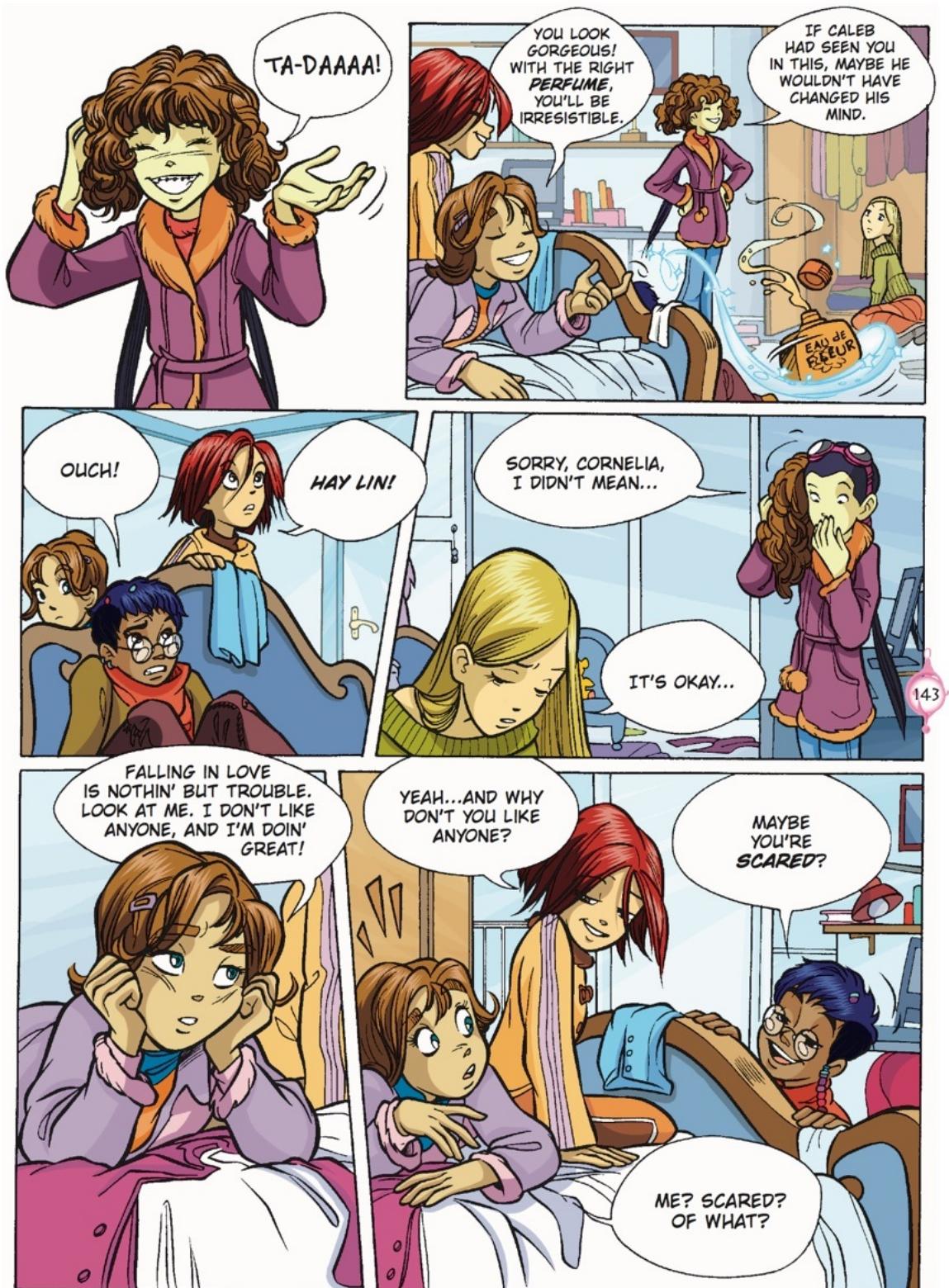


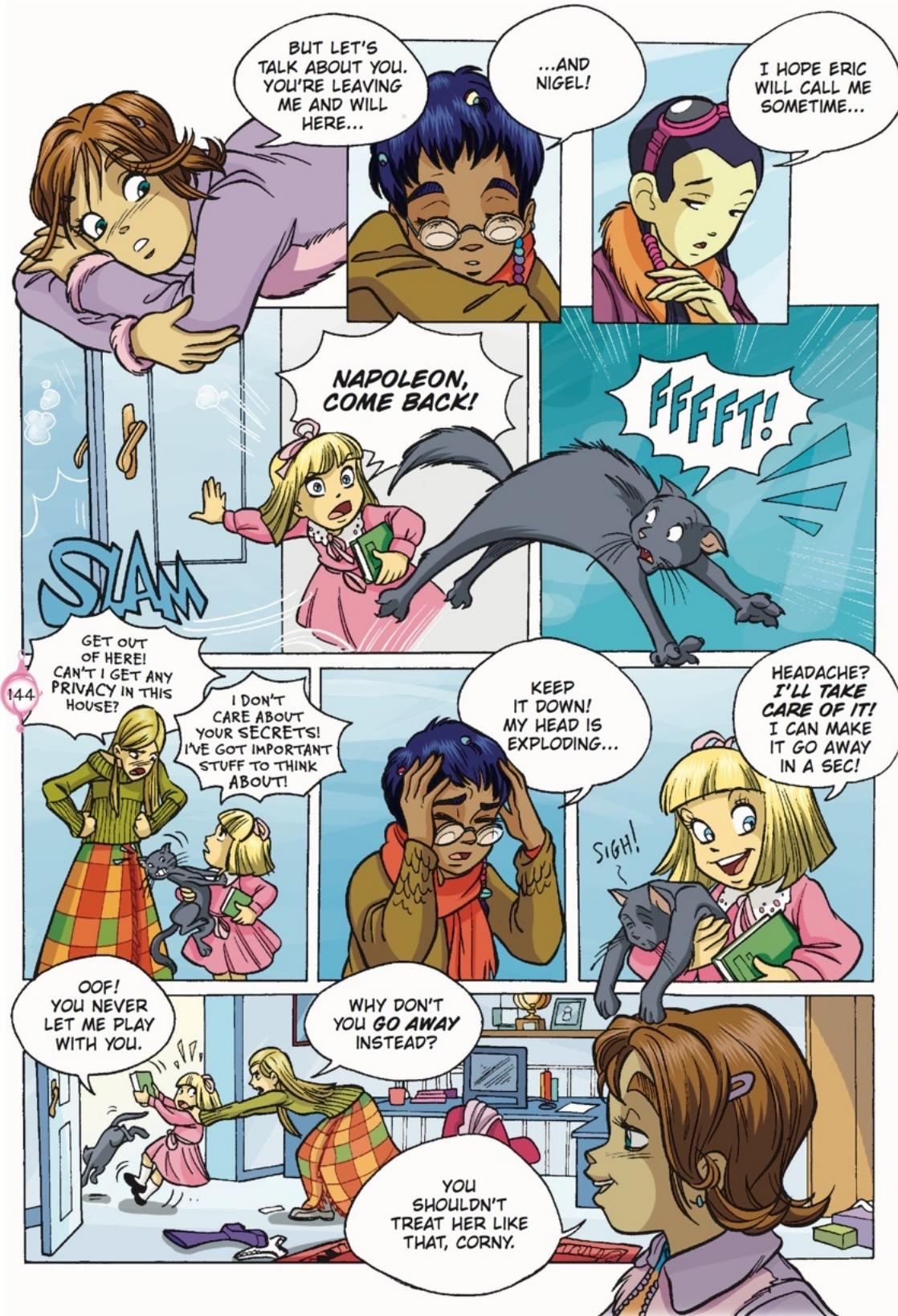






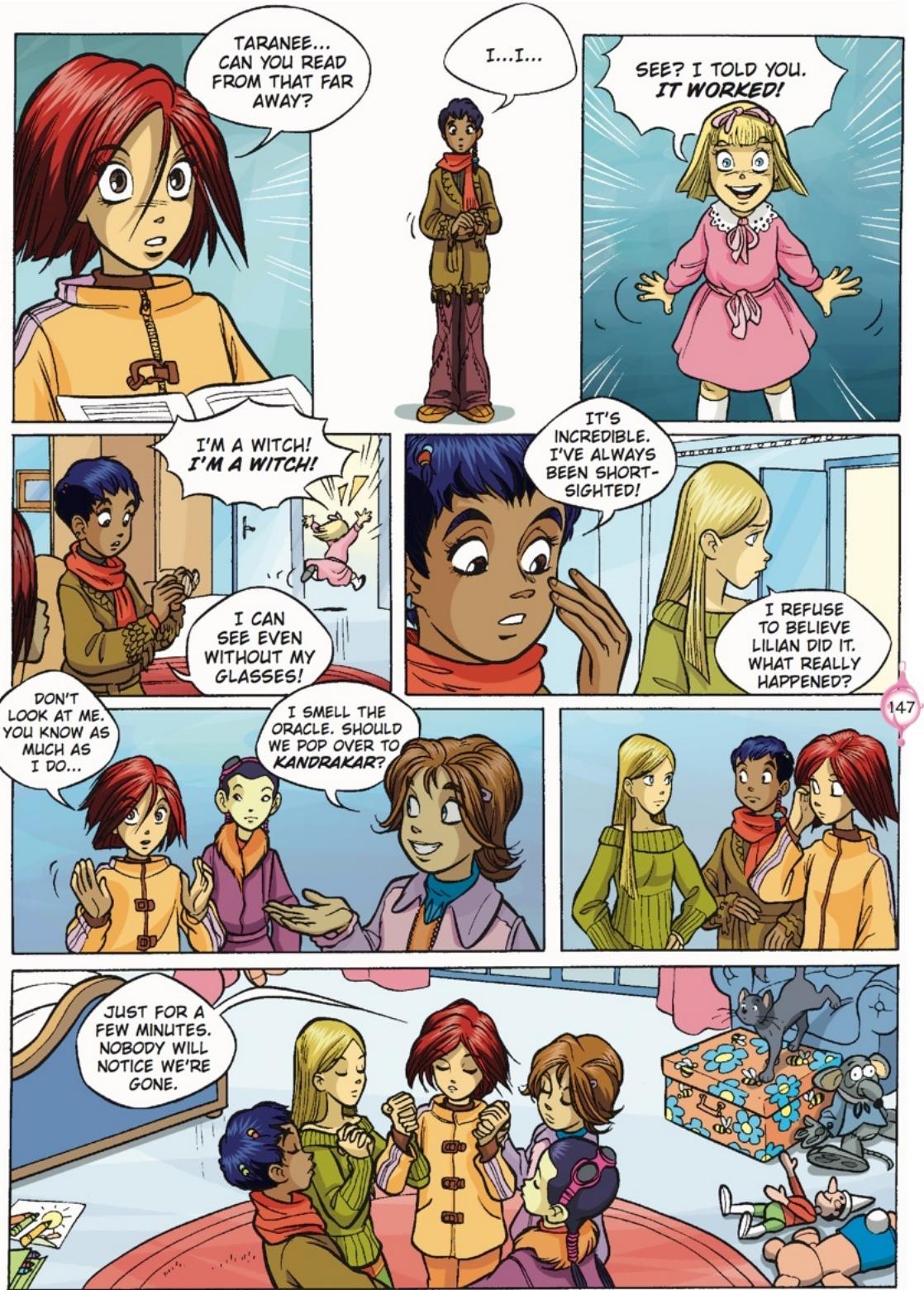


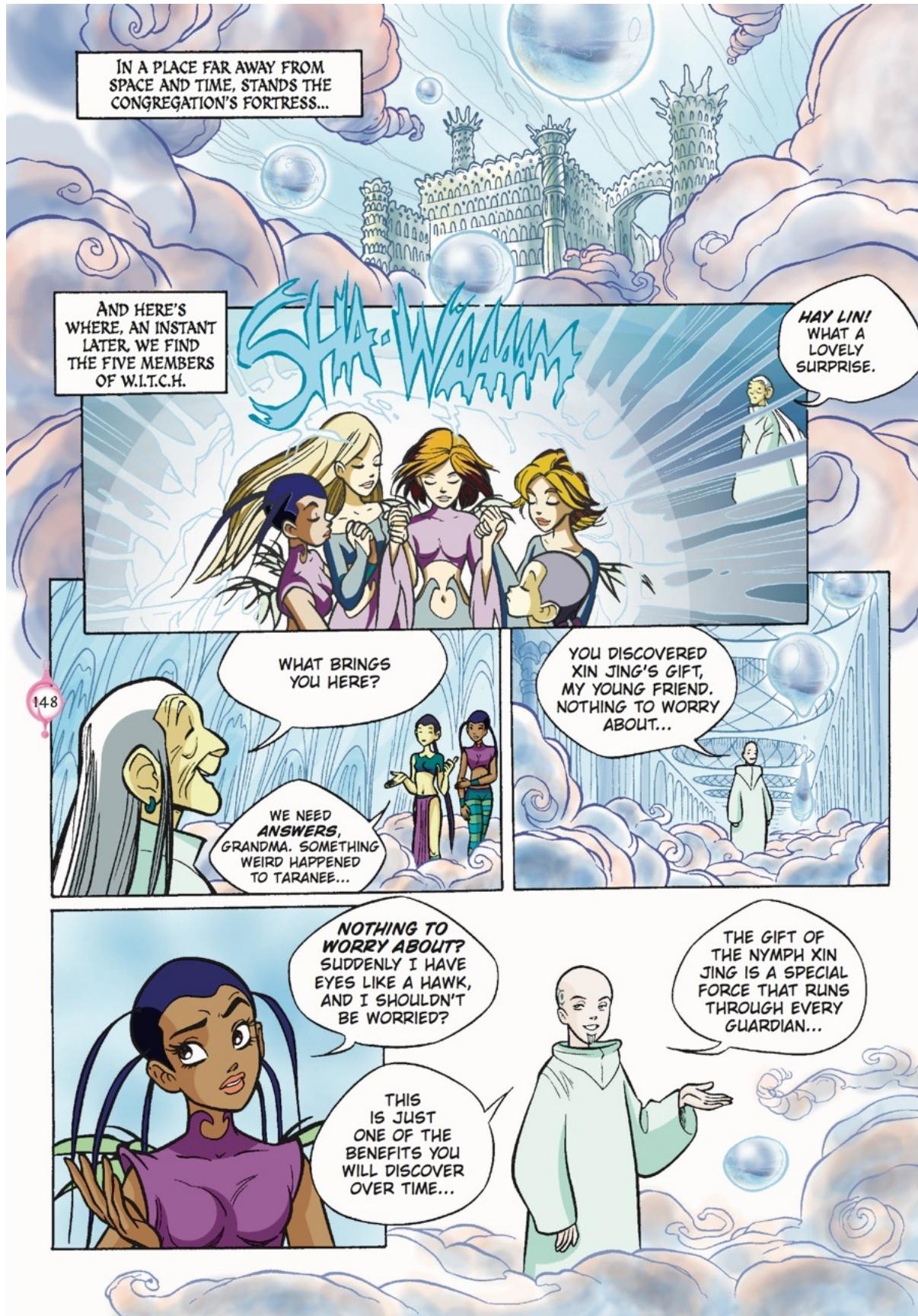












"WHEN THE NYMPH CREATED THE GUARDIANS' POWERS, SHE DID NOT MERELY GIVE THEM THE STRENGTH OF THE FOUR DRAGONS..."

"SHE ALSO GAVE THEM THE GIFT OF REGENERATION. CONSTANTLY CHANGING SHAPE EXHAUSTS THE BODY..."

\*SEE W.I.T.C.H. #9

"...BUT XIN JING'S GIFT INSURES BALANCE OF BODY AND MIND."

EVERY TIME THE POWER OF THE HEART OF KANDRAKAR TOUCHES YOU, YOU GROW STRONGER.

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YOU'LL WITHSTAND TIME BETTER. SMALL AILMENTS OR FLAWS WILL DISAPPEAR ...

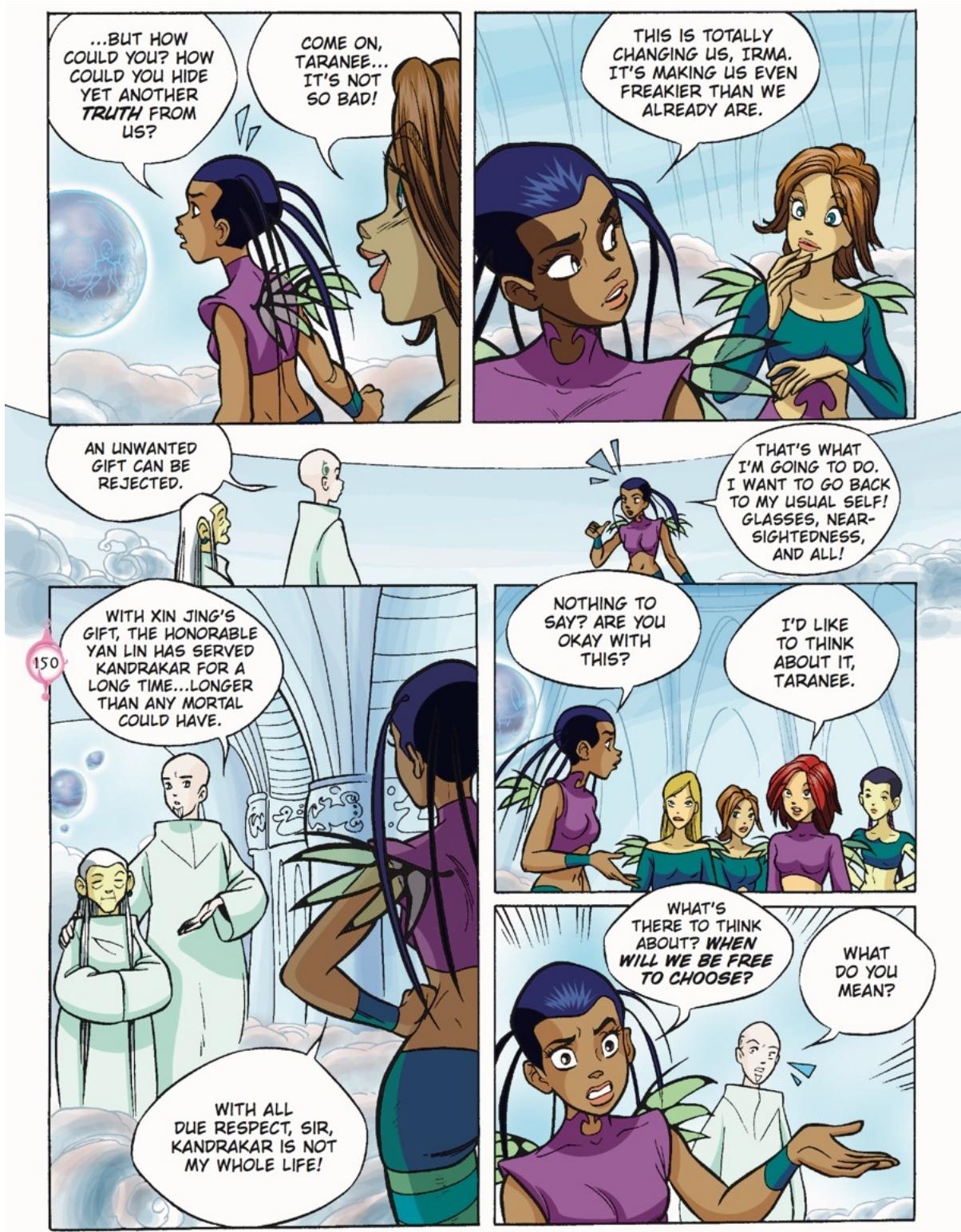
NOW I GET IT... MY SIGHT WAS GETTING BETTER, AND I DIDN'T REALIZE.

THAT EXPLAINS YOUR HEADACHE.

YOU WERE WEARING GLASSES WITHOUT NEEDING THEM, STRAINING YOUR EYES.

THERE IS NO NEED TO THANK ME...

I DIDN'T FOR AN INSTANT INTEND TO SAY THIS...







MEANWHILE, AT RALPH SYLLA'S HOUSE...

NO, SIR.  
I DIDN'T MEAN  
TO DISAPPOINT  
YOU. I'M DOING  
MY BEST...

I DON'T  
THINK SO. YOU'VE  
GOT NOTHING.

IT'S HARDER  
THAN I THOUGHT,  
AND NOW THIS TRIP TO  
REDSTONE...THE GIRLS  
WILL SPLIT UP, FURTHER  
COMPLICATING  
THINGS.

I won't be  
able to follow  
them there.  
I'm not part of  
the trip.

YES YOU ARE.  
I'VE ALREADY  
SORTED IT OUT.  
YOU JUST HAVE  
TO GET ON THAT  
PLANE.

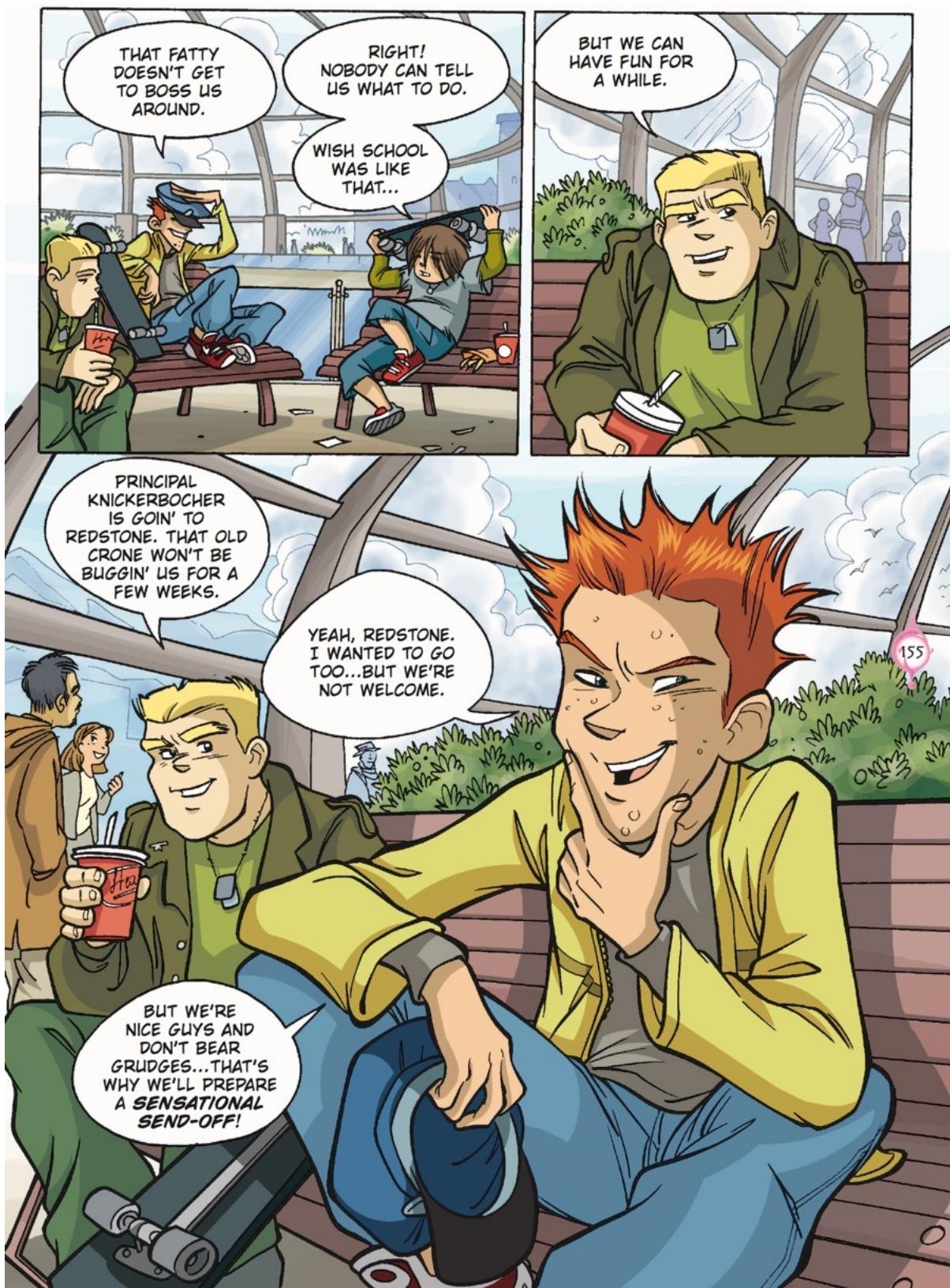
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We want  
information!  
Proof! You have to  
try harder. You care  
about your career,  
don't you?

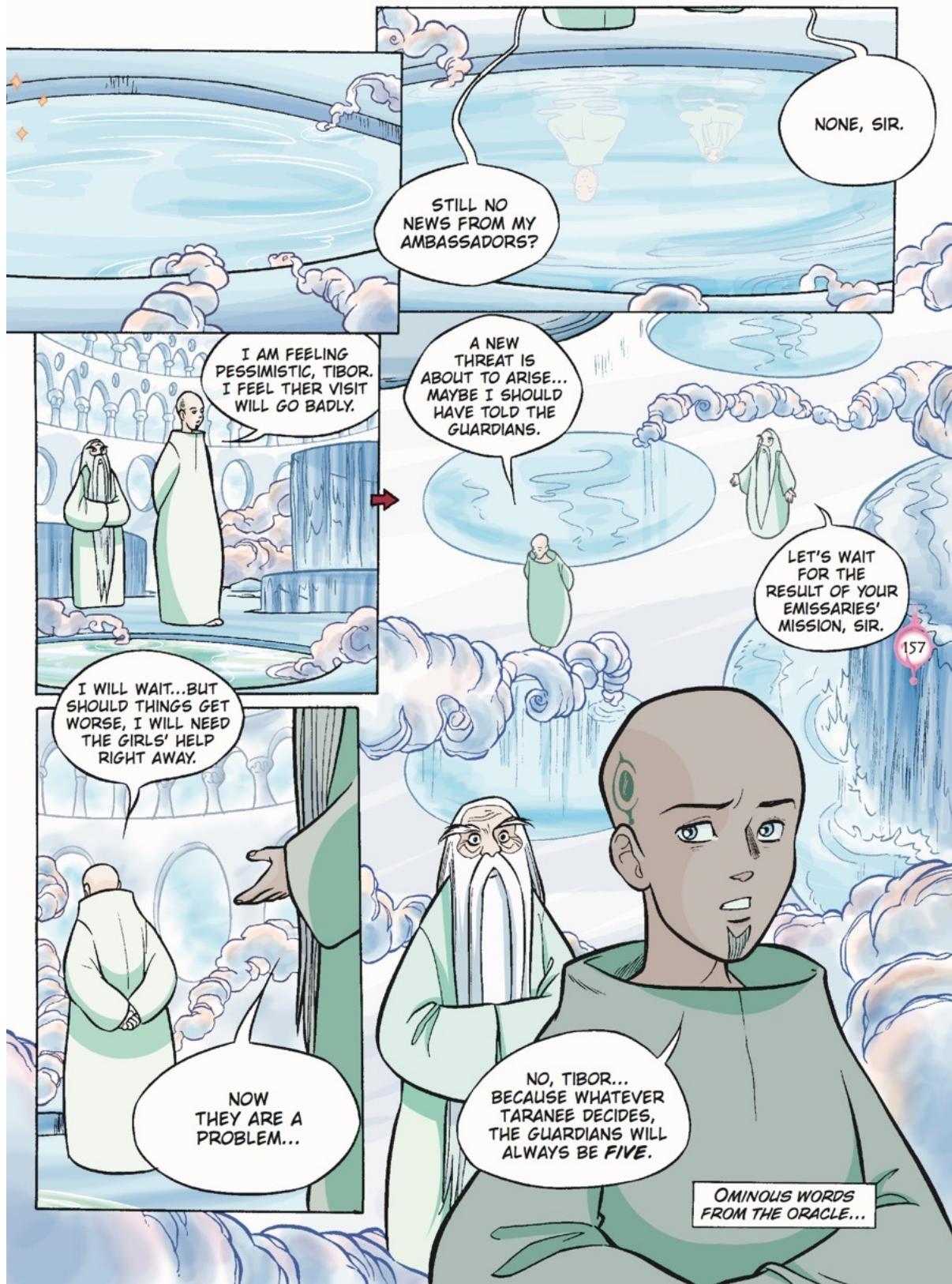
OF COURSE  
I CARE...

Click

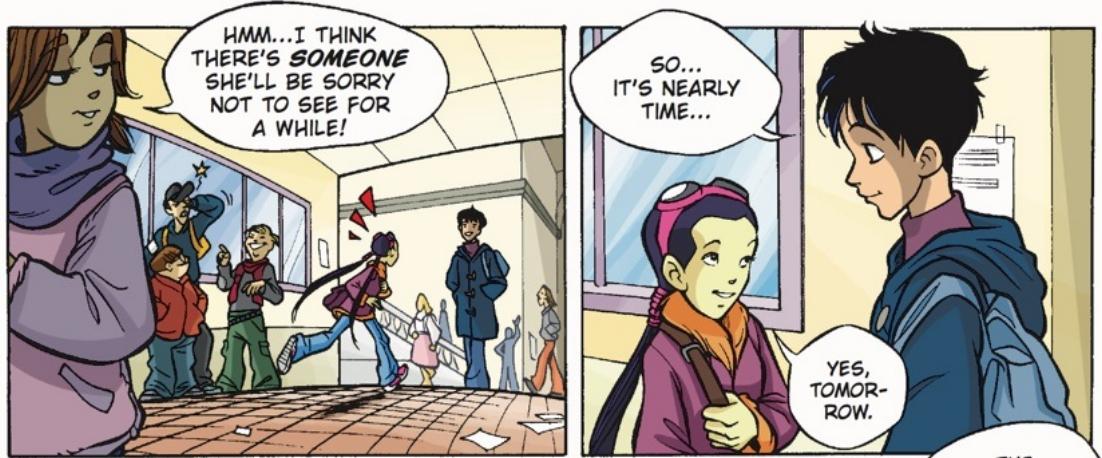












YES,  
TOMOR-  
ROW.



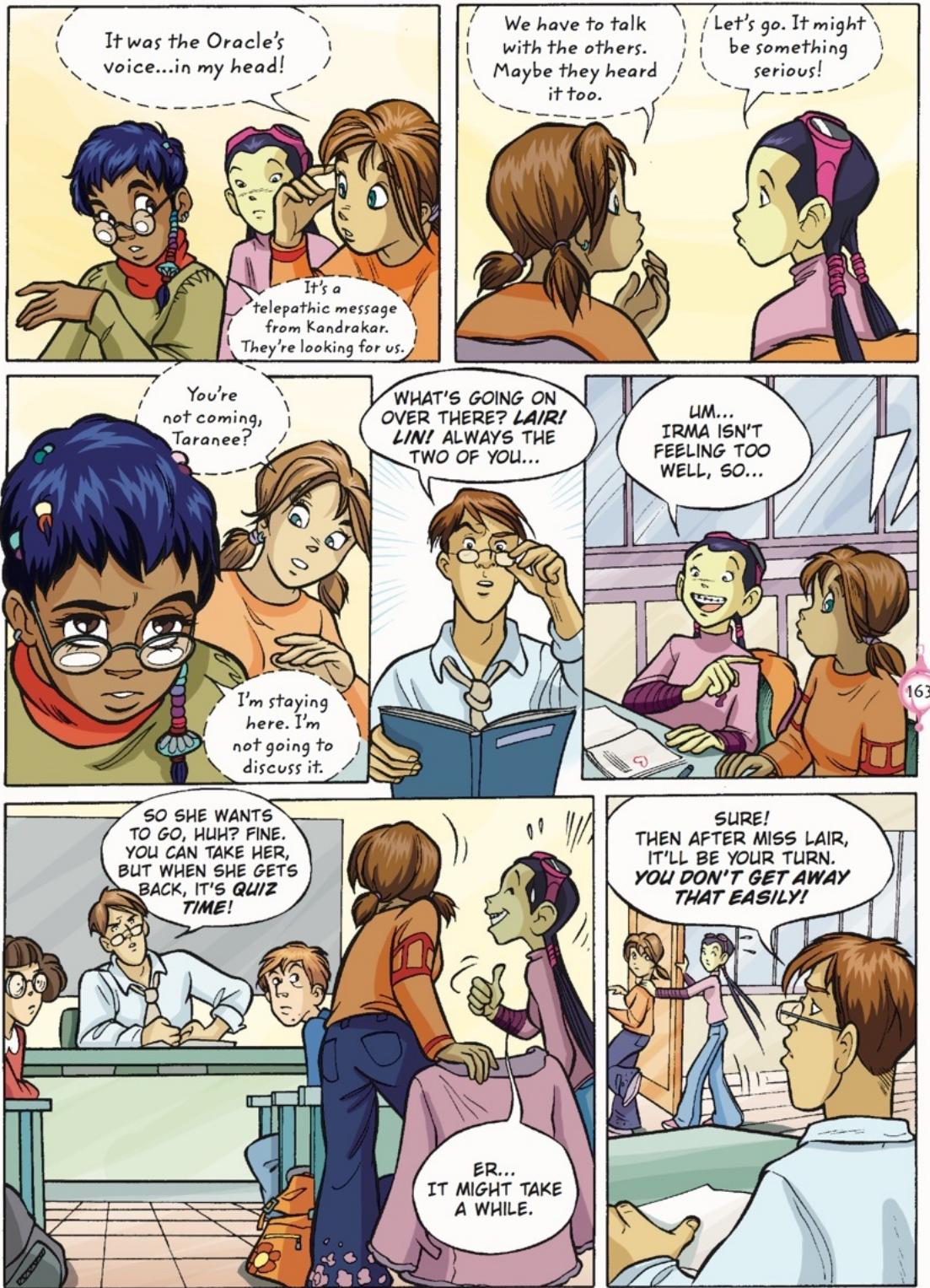
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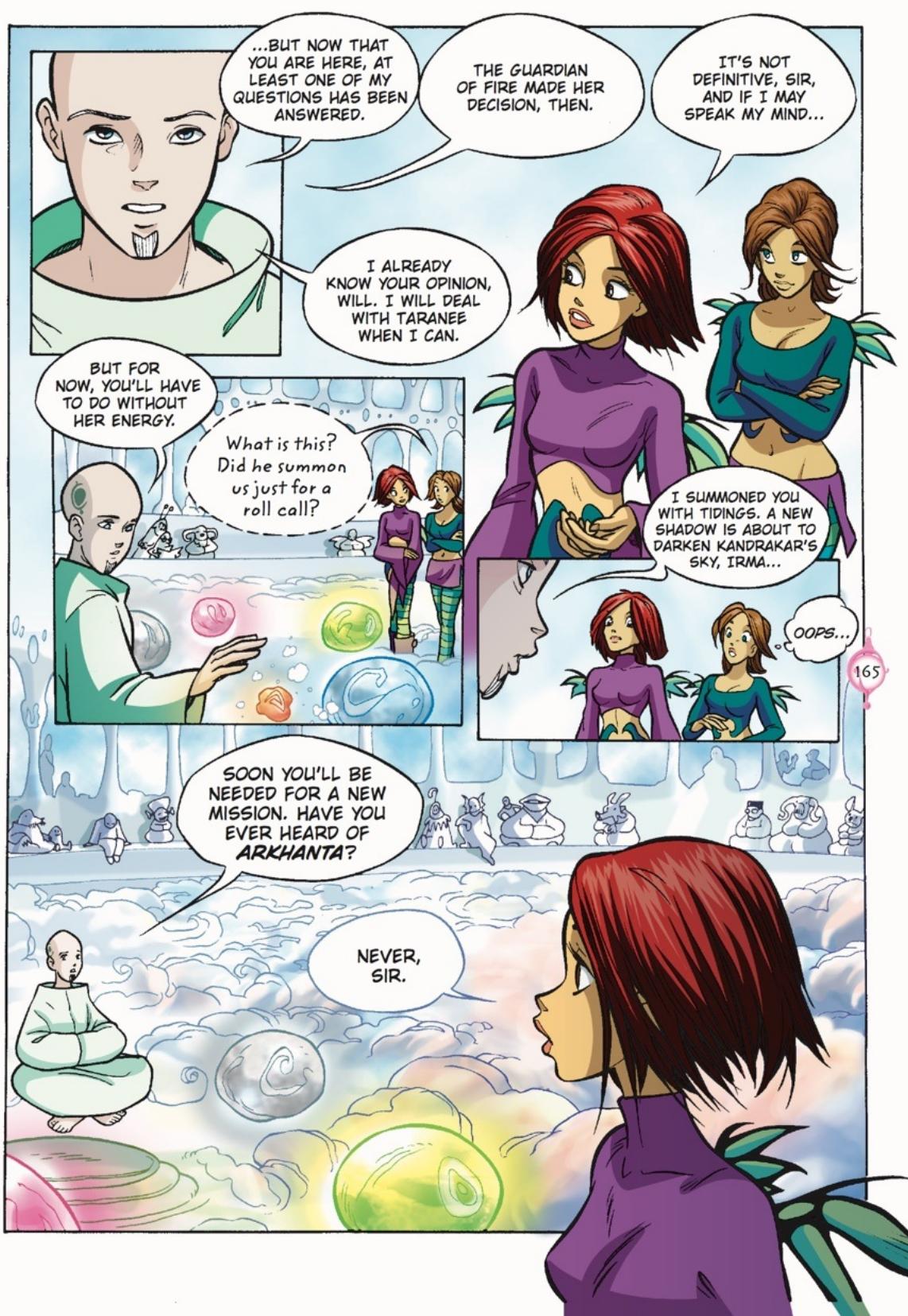


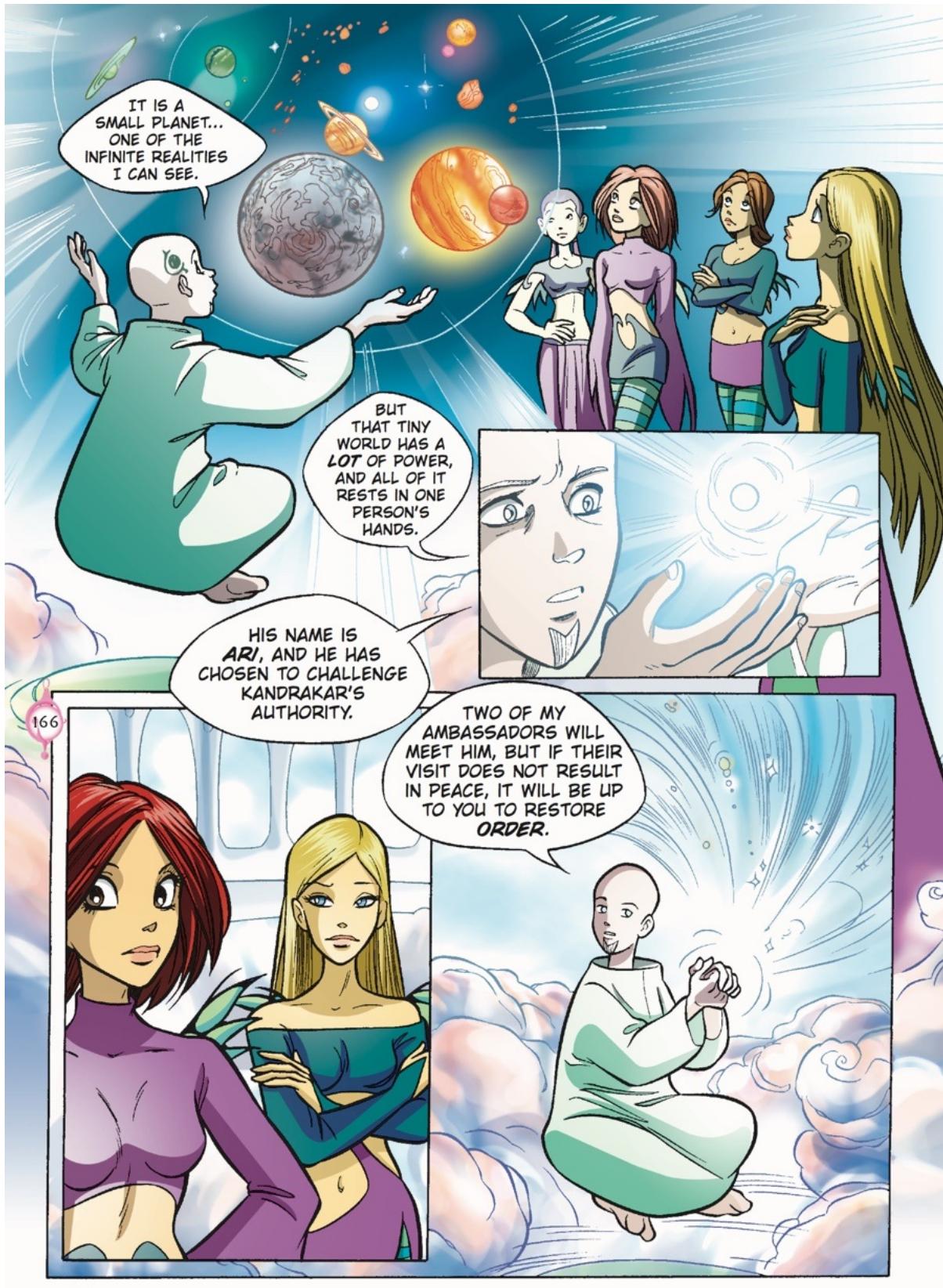






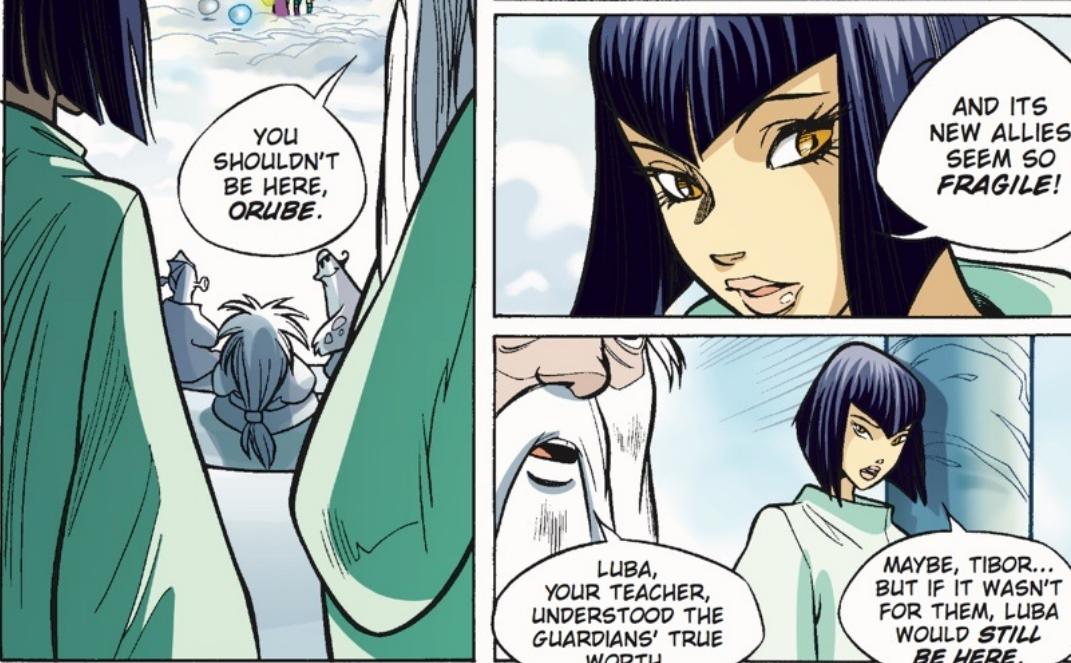


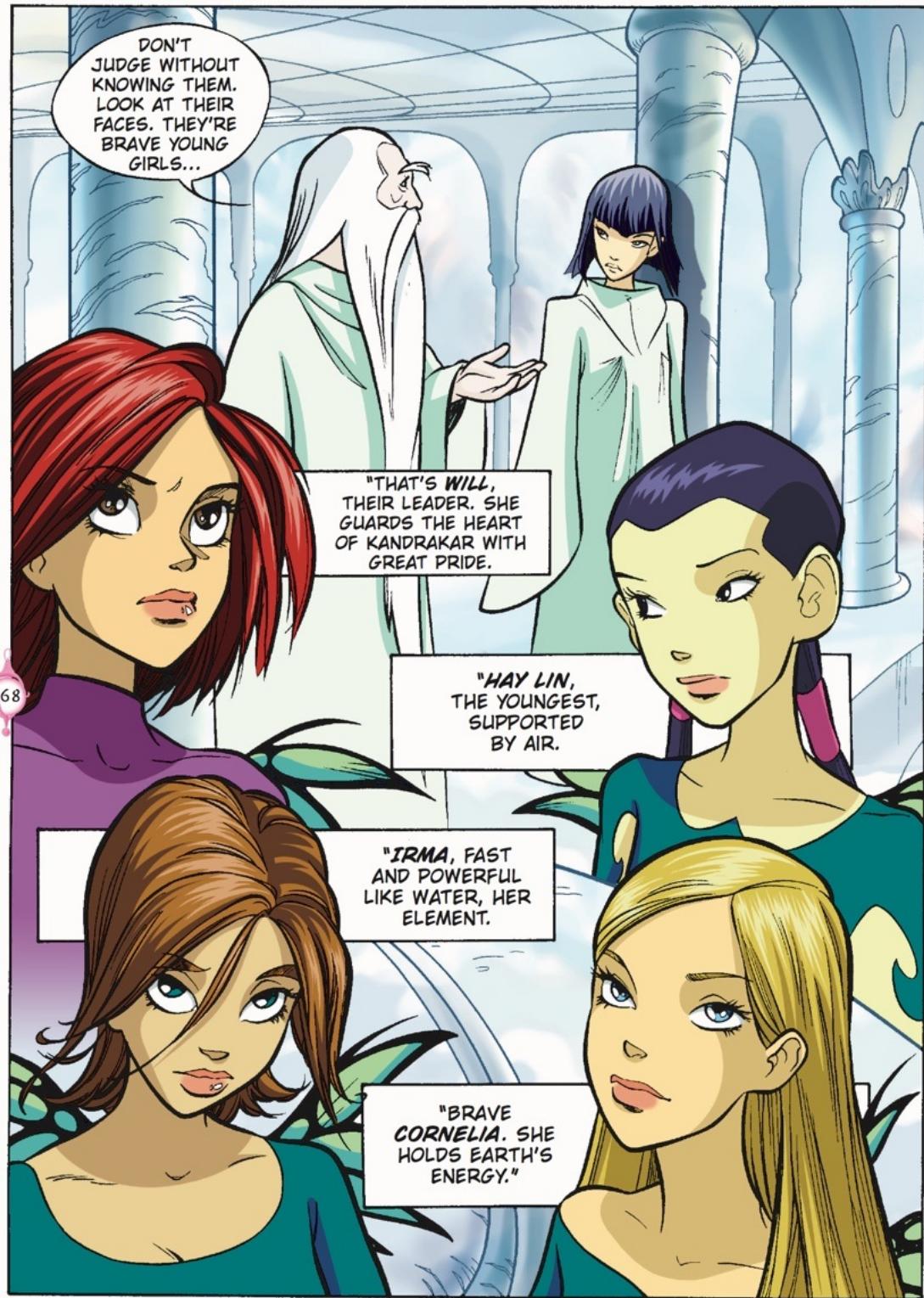


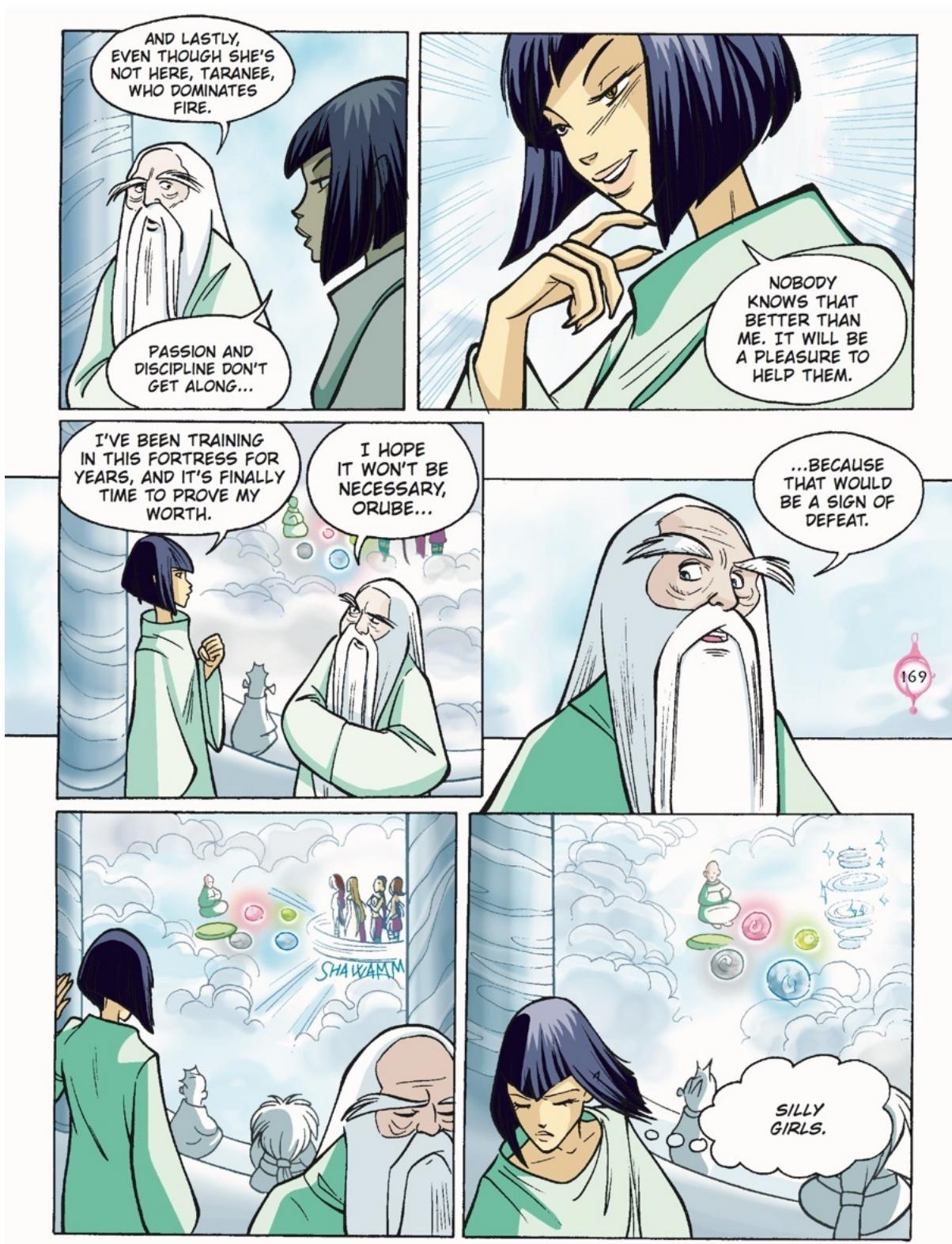




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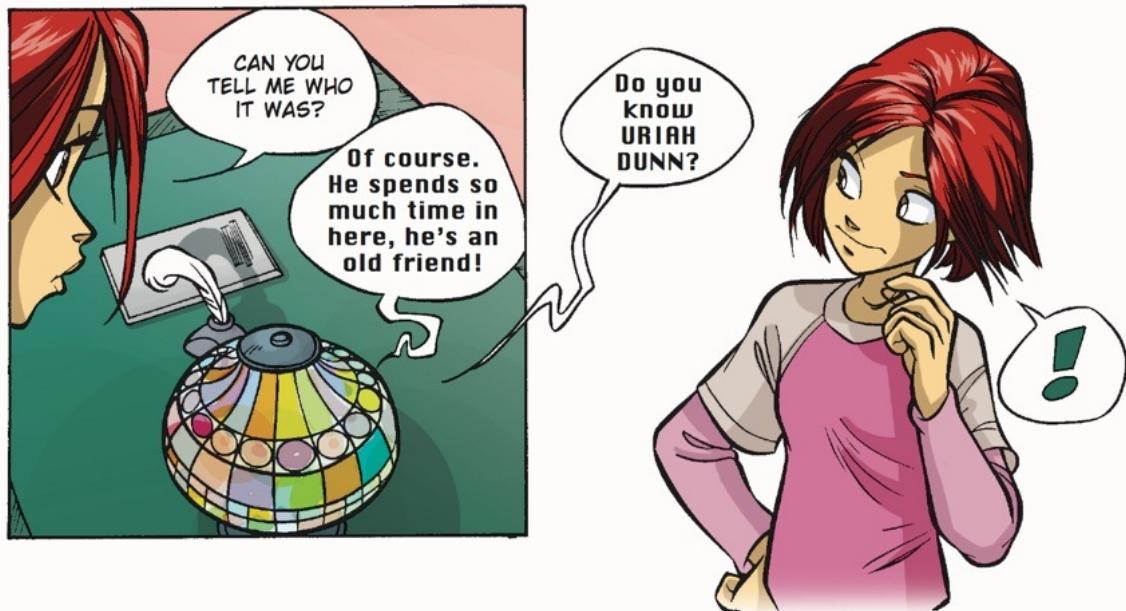
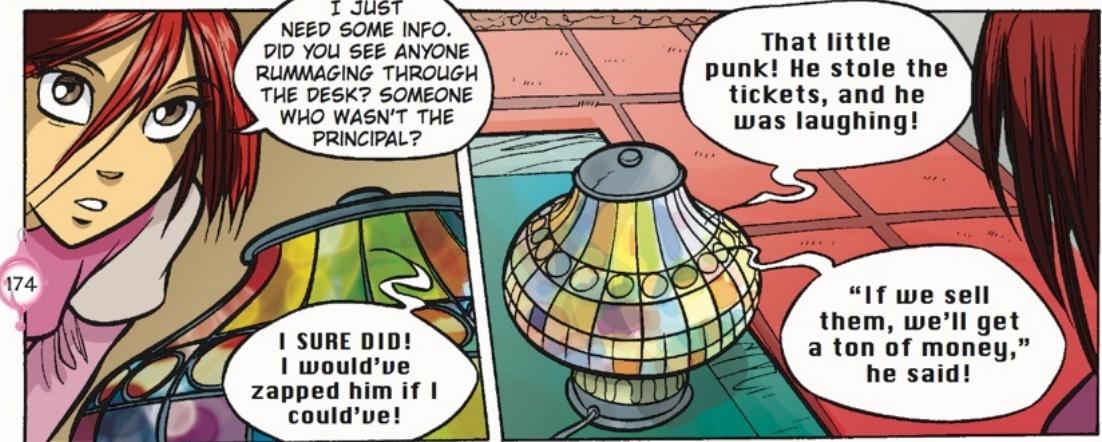








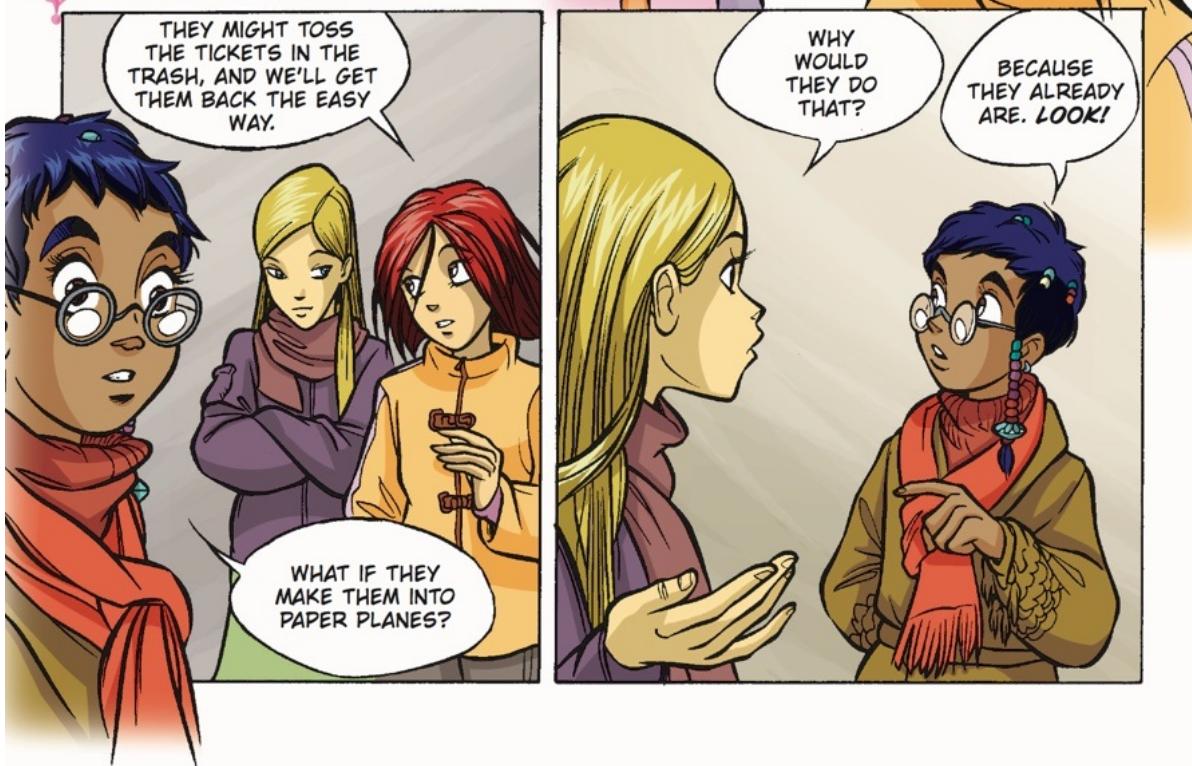




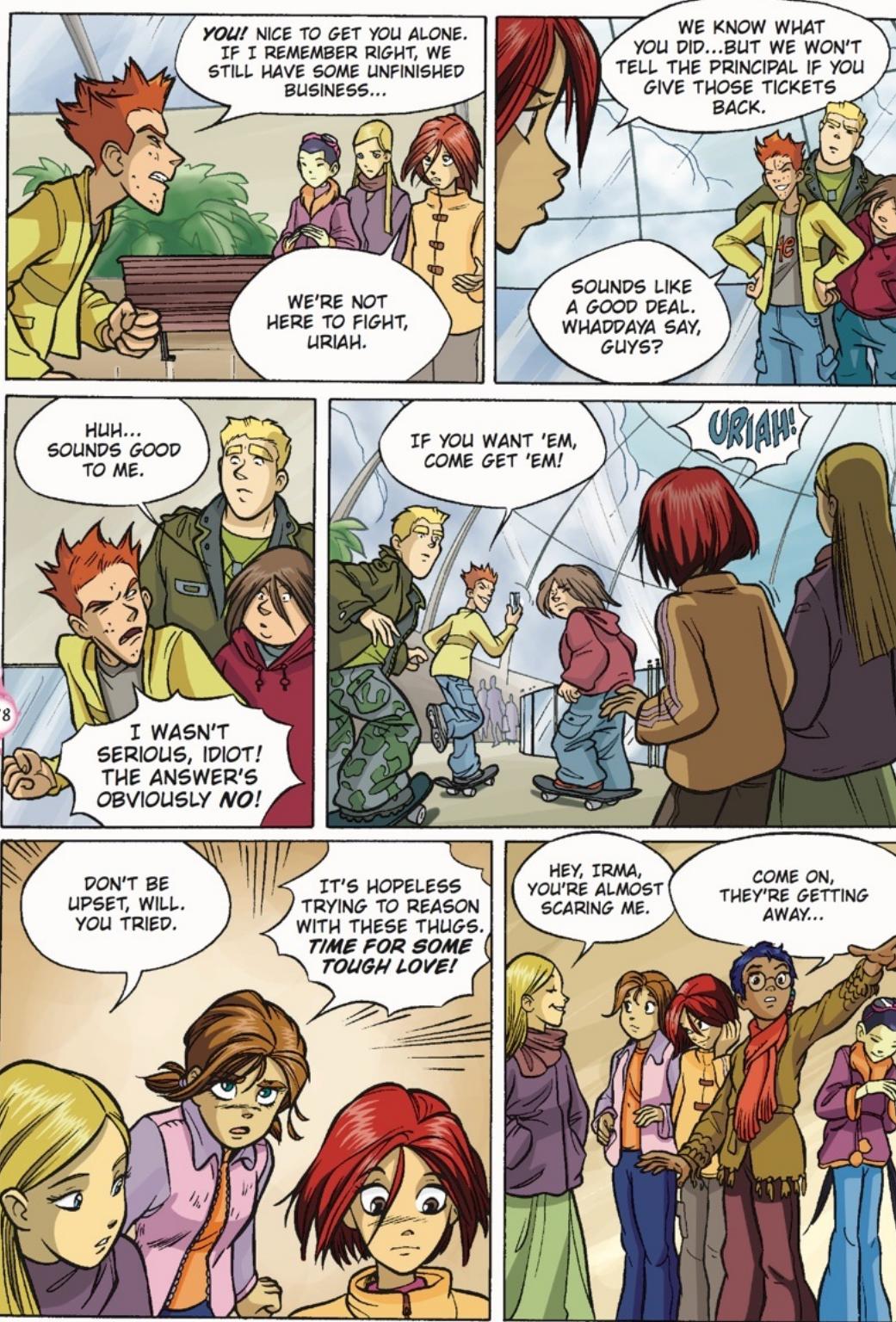


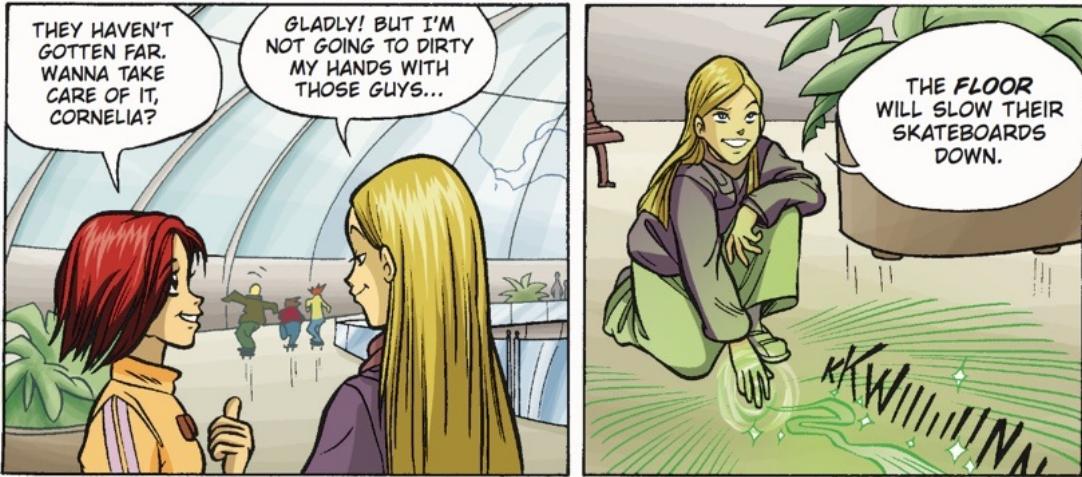


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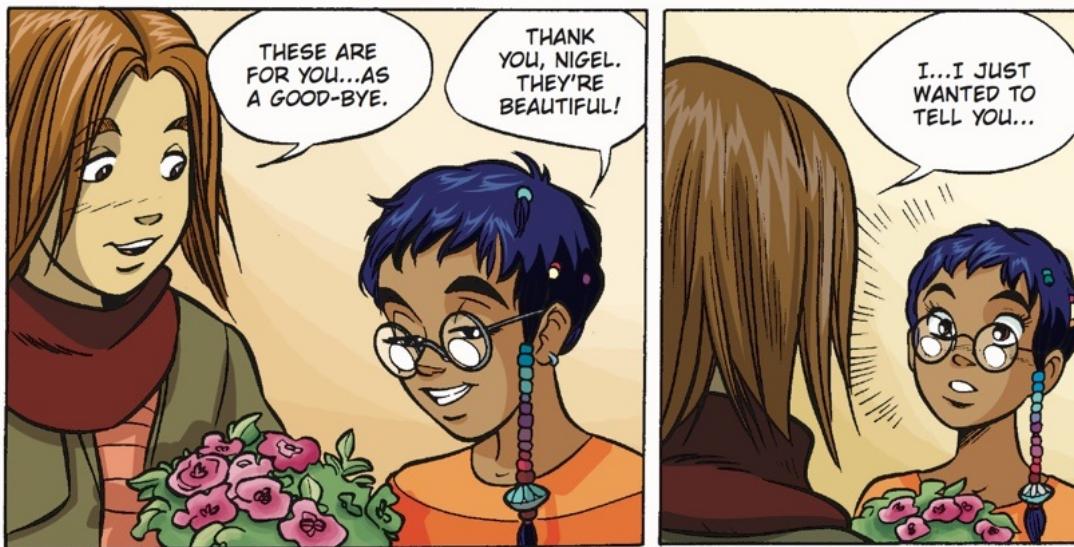




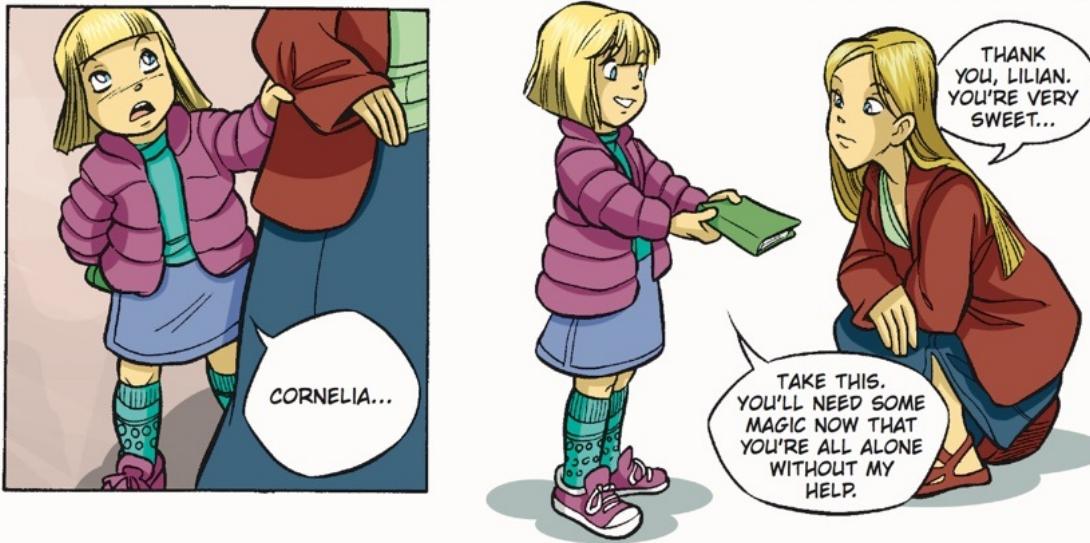
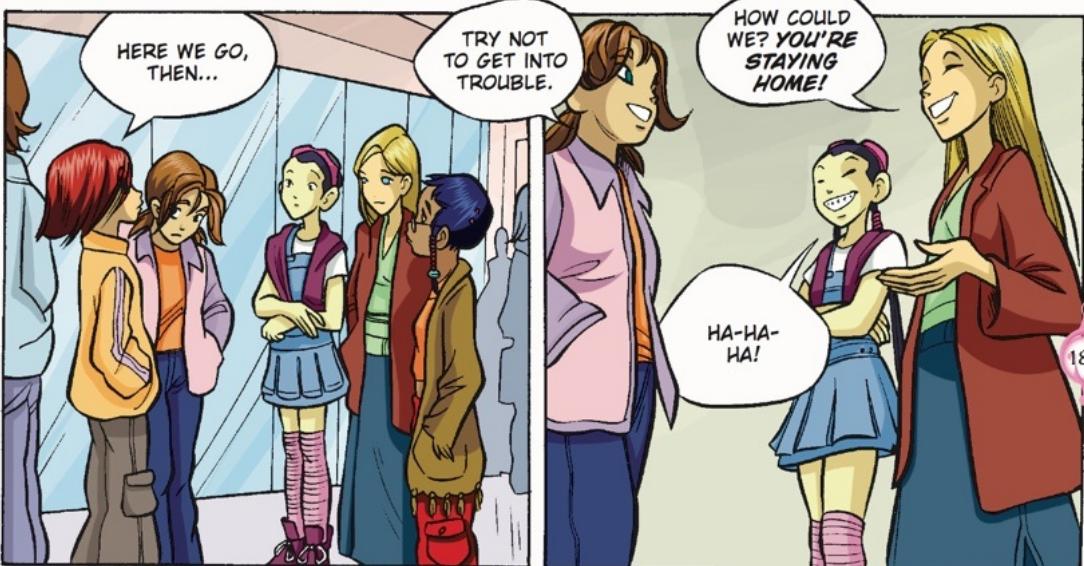


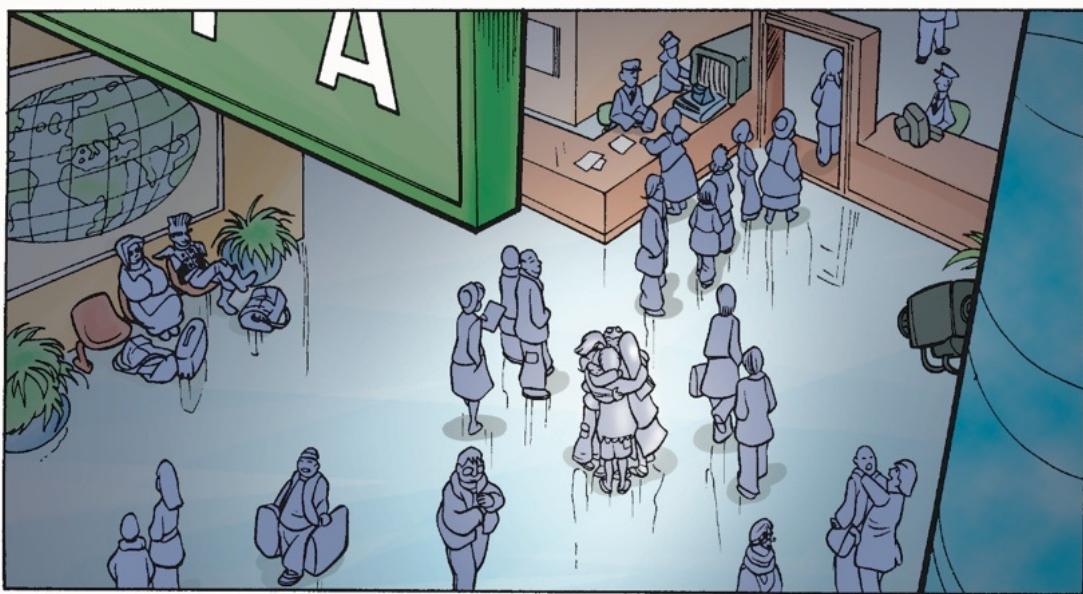
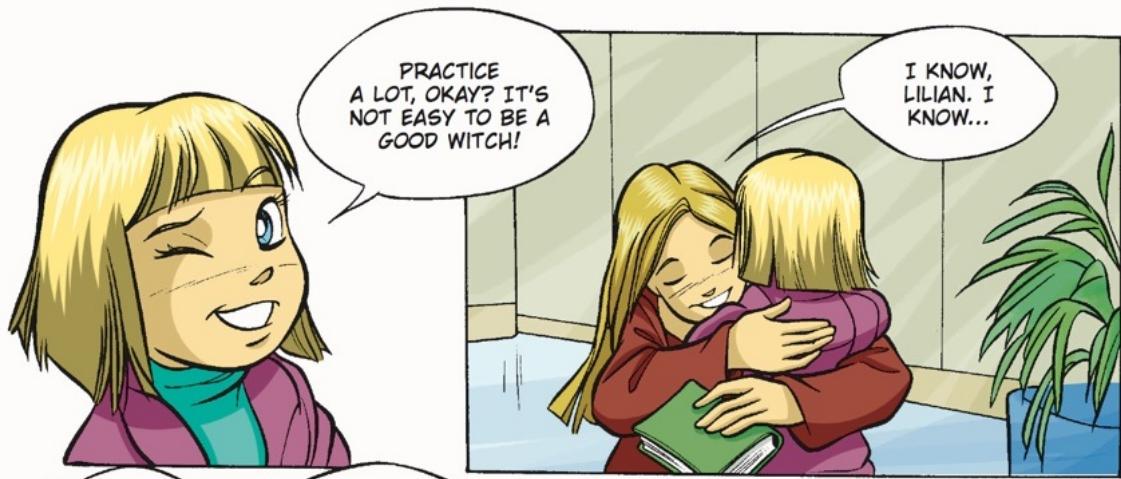
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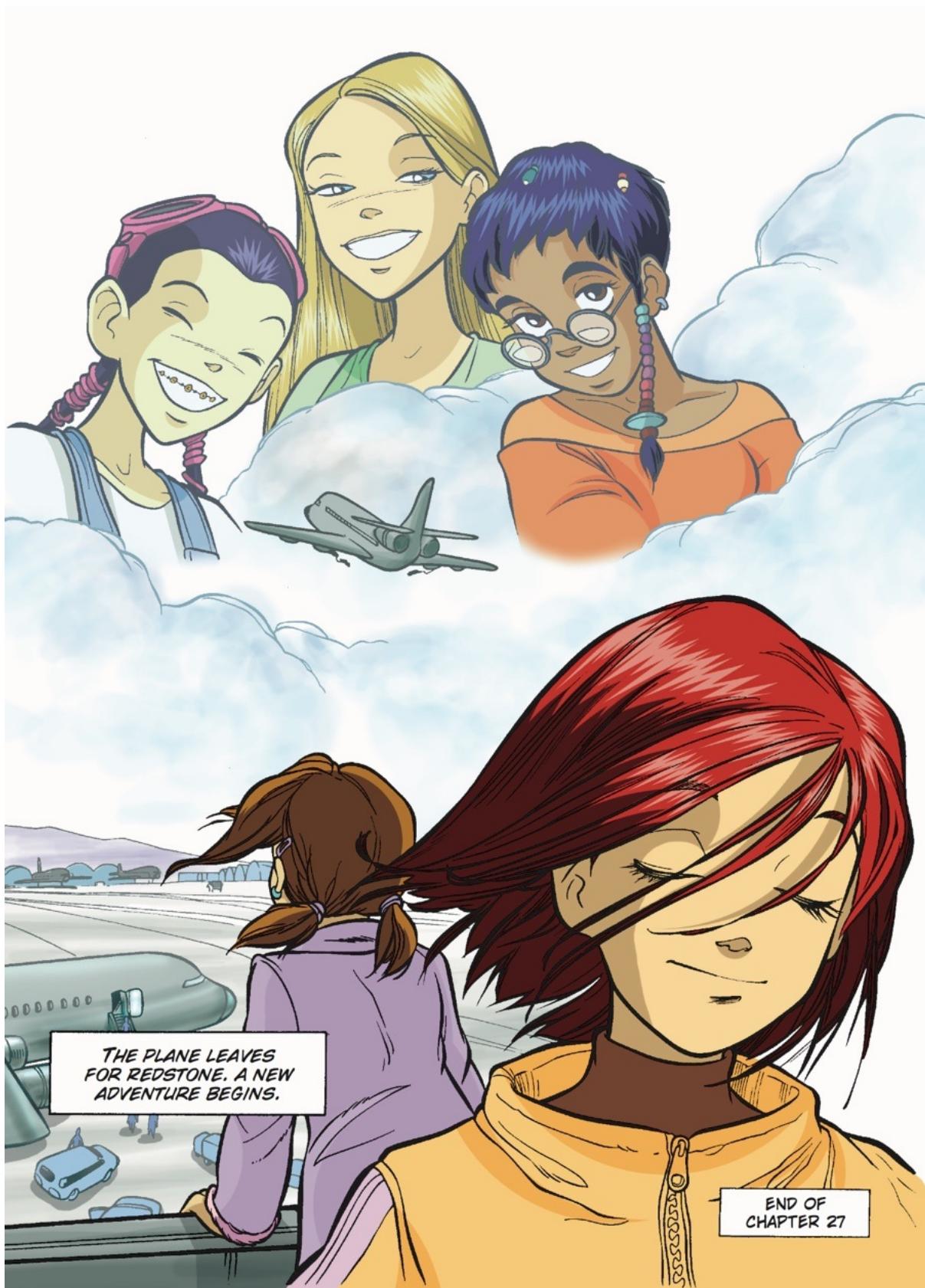










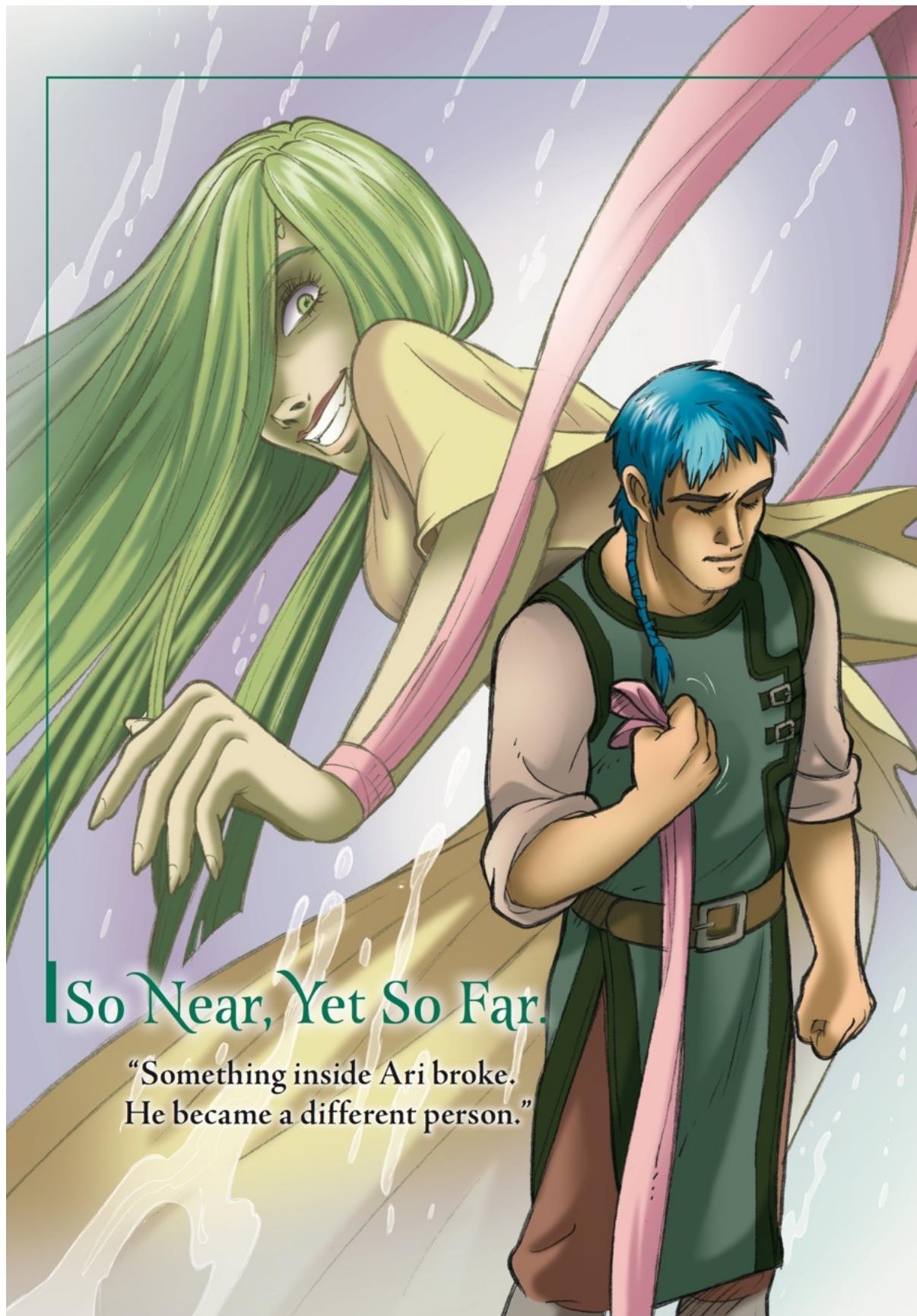


THE PLANE LEAVES  
FOR REDSTONE. A NEW  
ADVENTURE BEGINS.

END OF  
CHAPTER 27



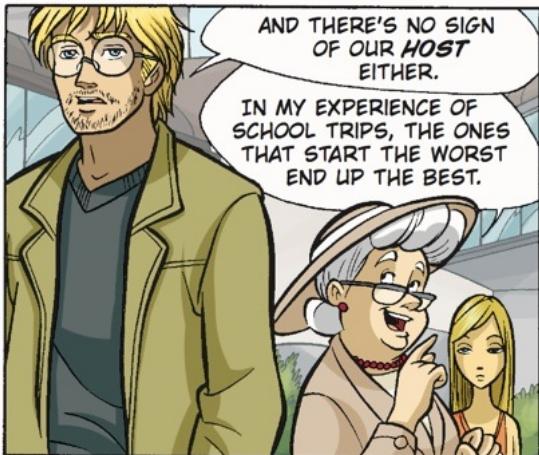




## So Near, Yet So Far.

“Something inside Ari broke.  
He became a different person.”





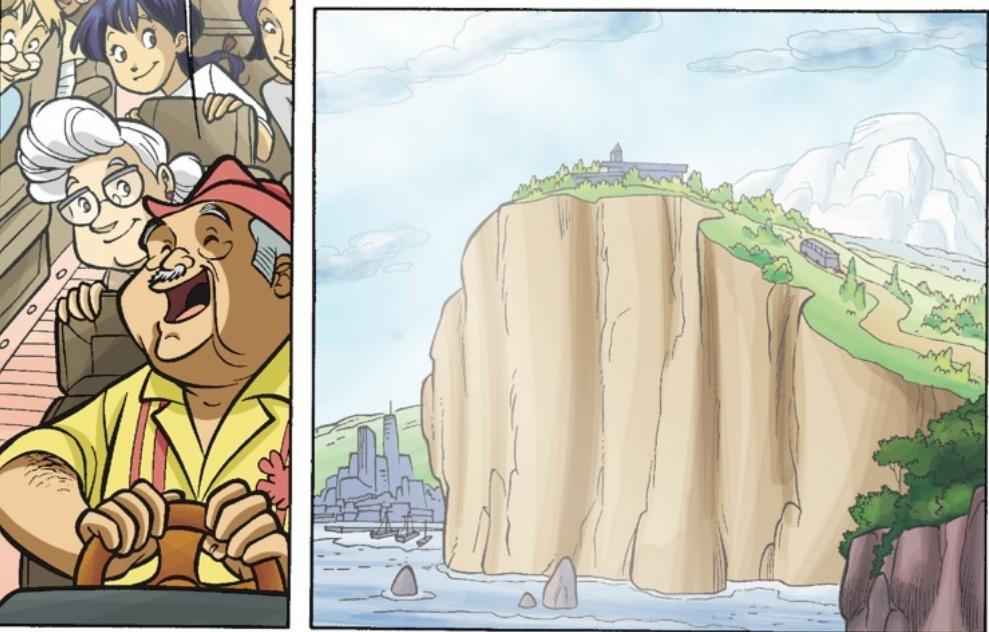
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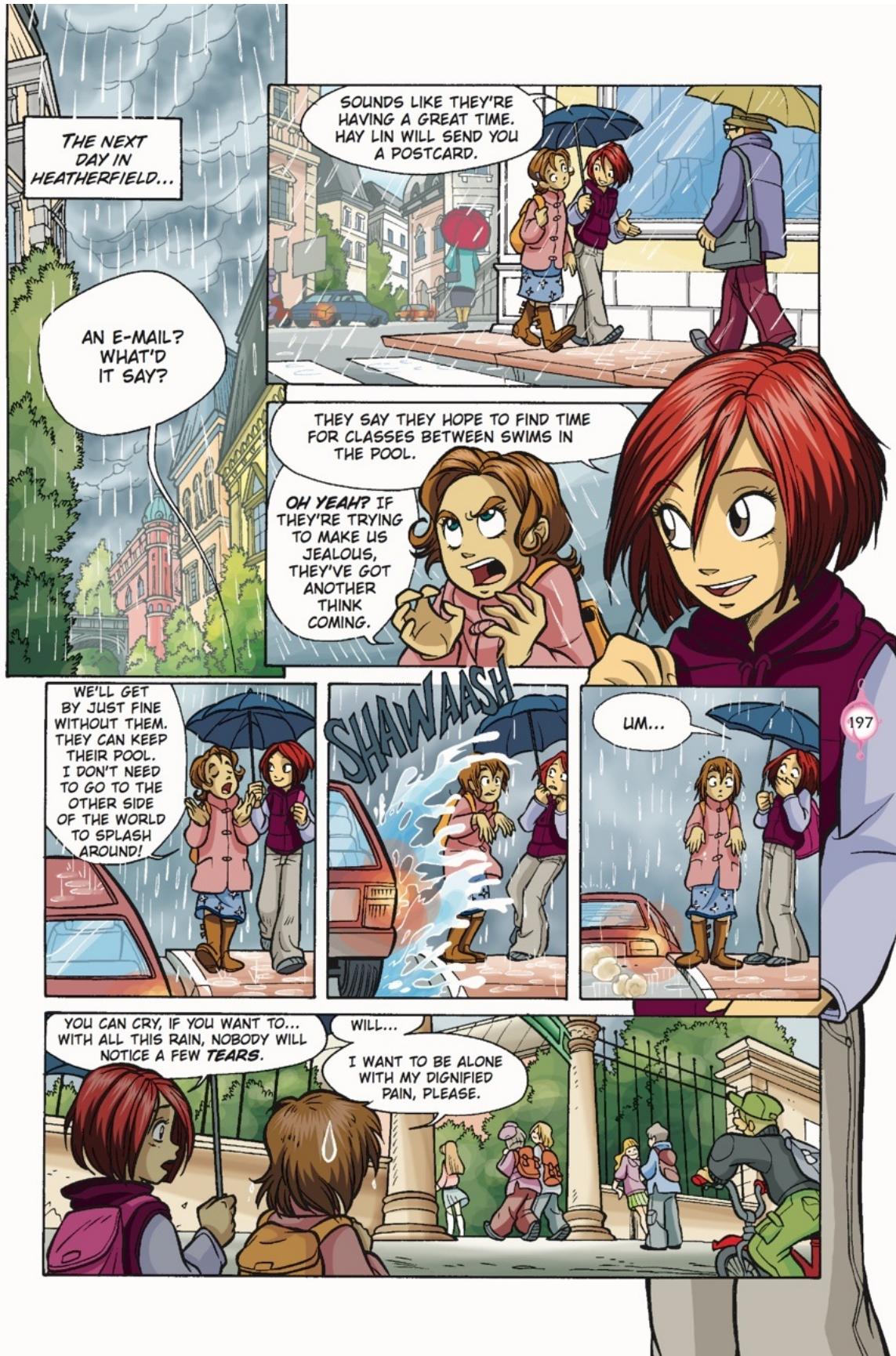
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Far from Heatherfield and Redstone, far from everything that is known, there's a secret and mysterious place.

A place called Kandrakar.

Right at the center of infinity.

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YOUR...  
YOUR EMISSARIES  
ARE BACK FROM  
ARKHANTA.

LET THEM IN.  
I AM ANXIOUS  
TO HEAR THE  
NEWS.

THEIR  
ANSWER....

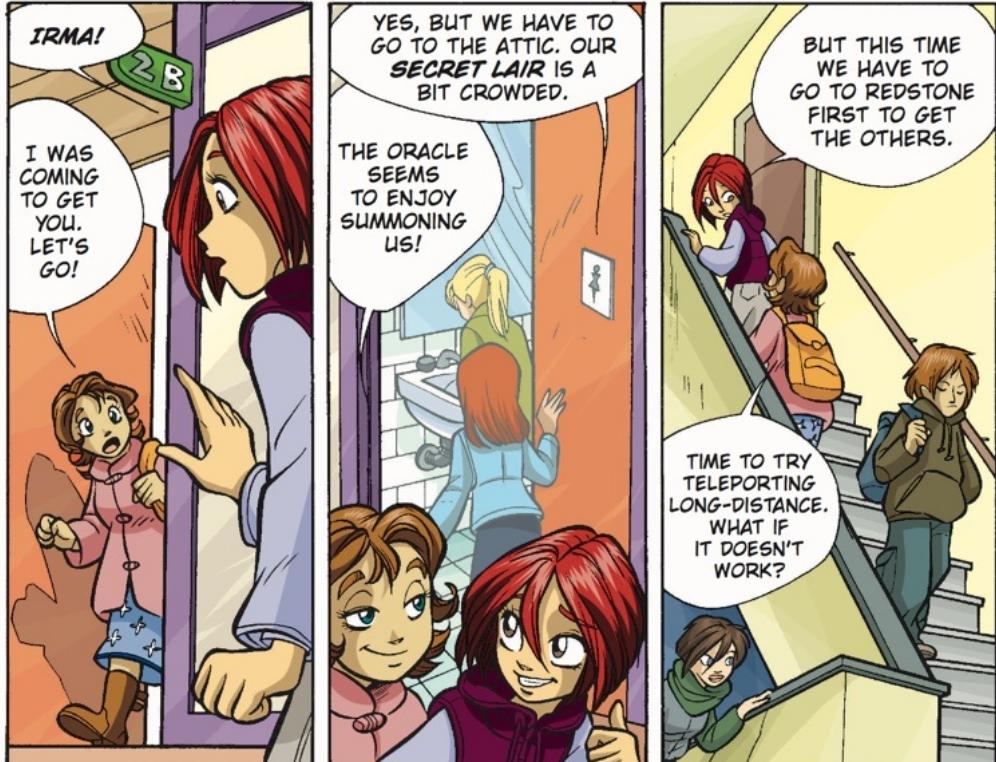
THE  
ANSWER,  
SIR...

I'M AFRAID  
YOU'LL HAVE  
TO SEE IT FOR  
YOURSELF IN THE  
TAPESTRY ROOM.

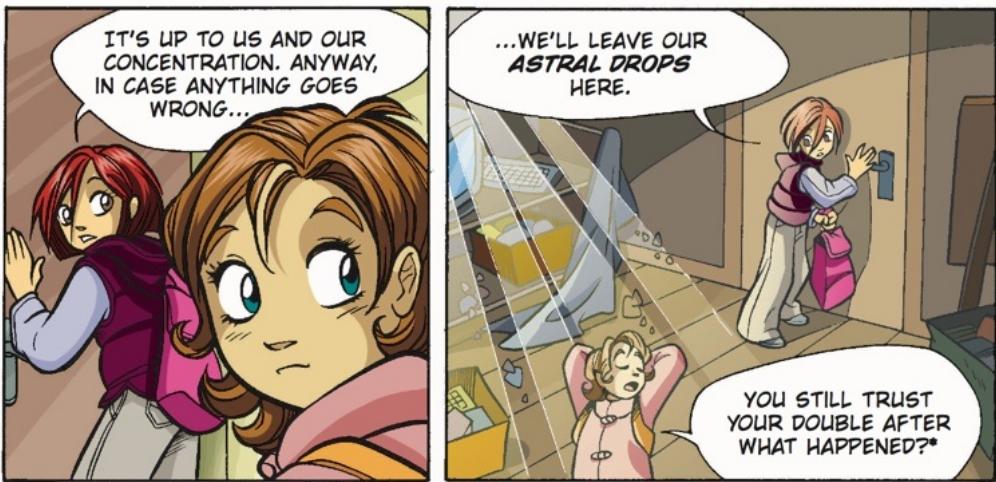




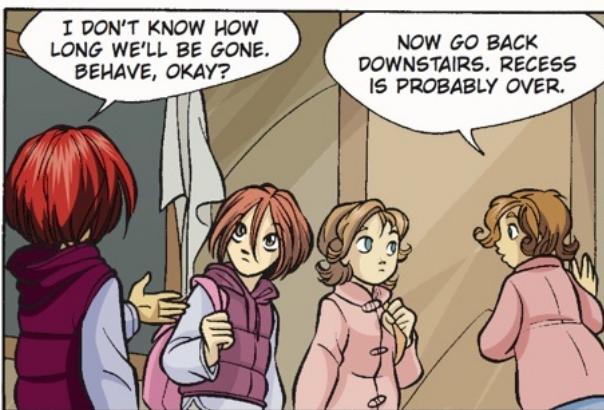




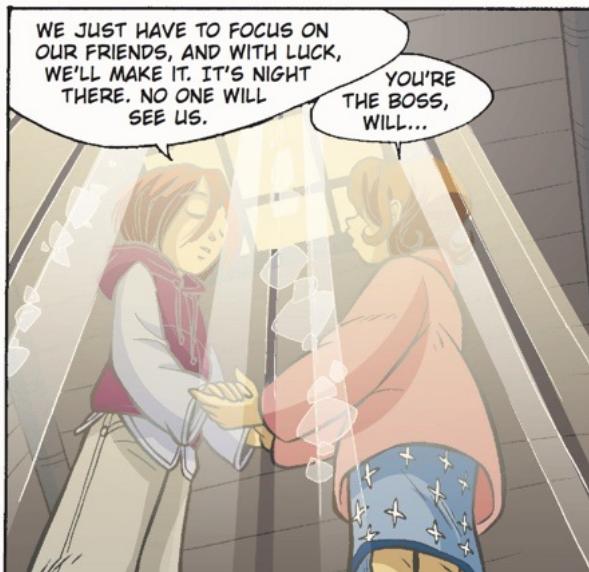
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\*REMEMBER W.I.T.C.H. #23?



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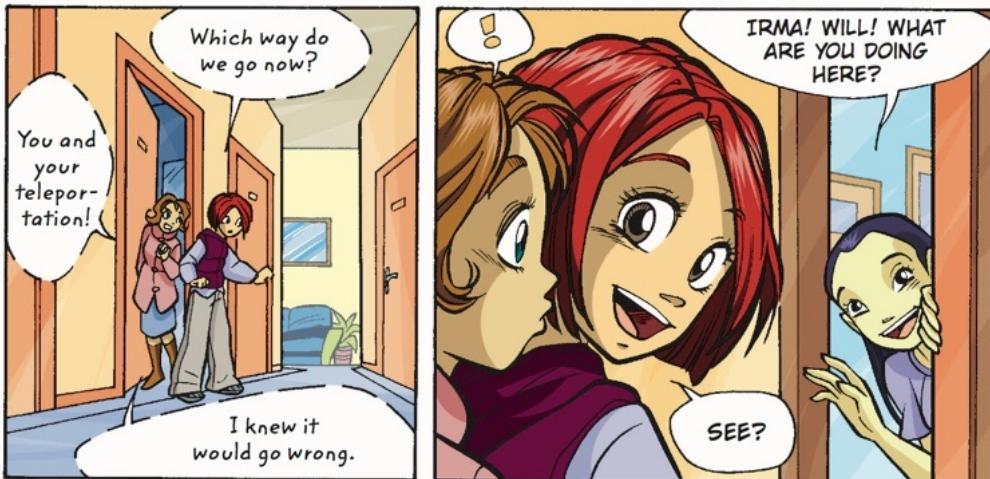
THANKS  
TO THE  
TELEPOR-  
TATION  
SPELL,  
WILL AND  
IRMA  
LEAVE  
HEATHER-  
FIELD...

...AND  
AFTER AN  
INSTANT  
THAT SEEMS  
TO LAST  
FOREVER...

...LAND SAFE  
AND SOUND  
ON THE OTHER  
SIDE OF THE  
WORLD—IN  
REDSTONE!

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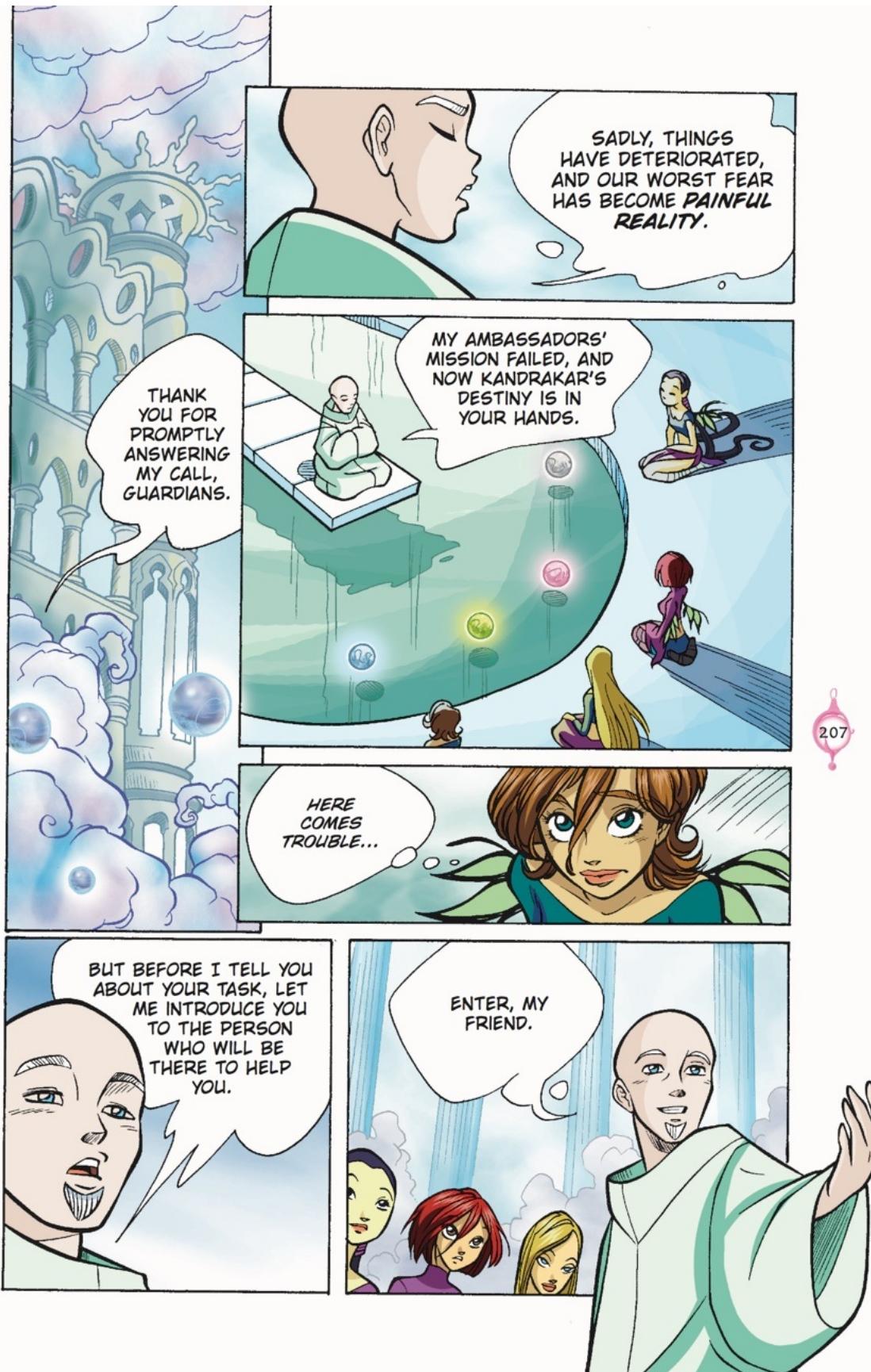
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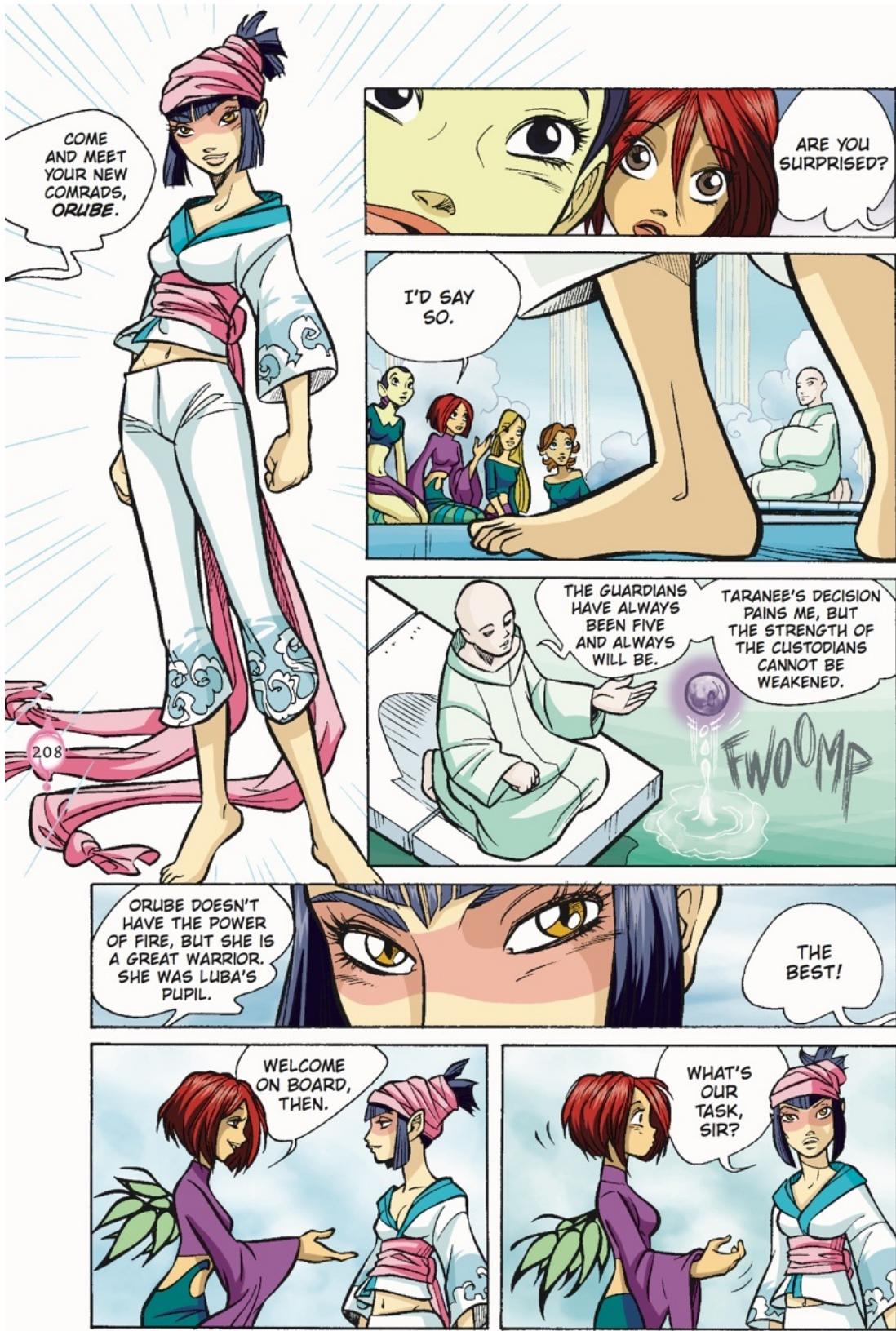




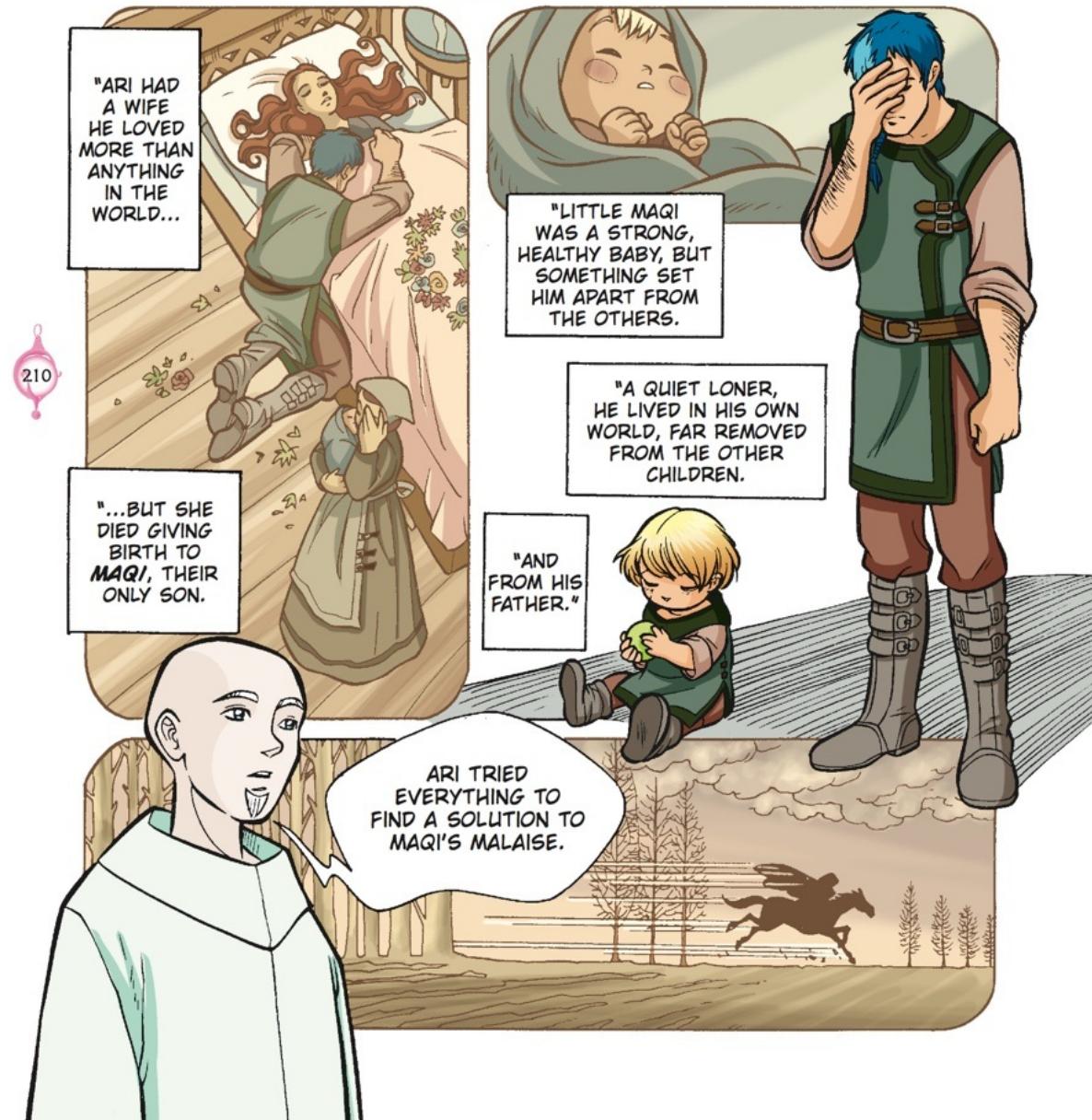
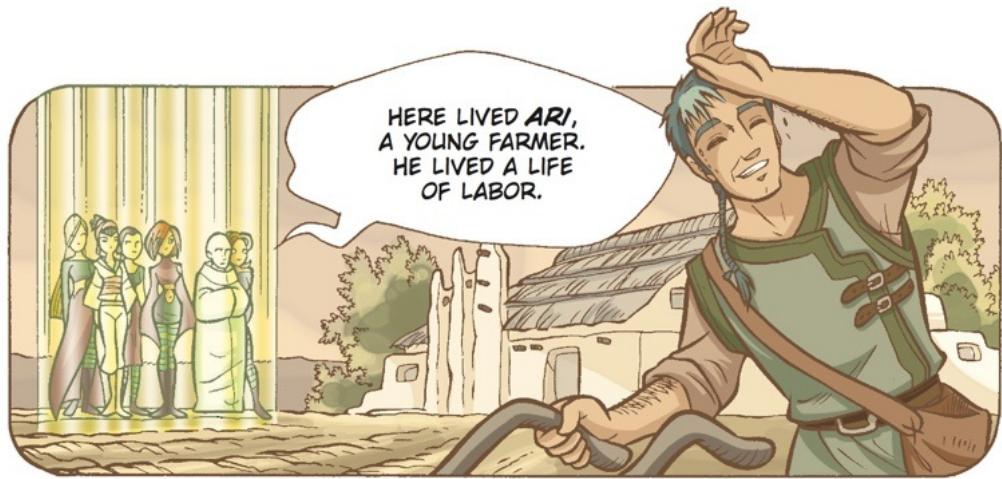
NOPE.  
SAY HI TO THE  
ORACLE WHEN  
YOU SEE HIM.





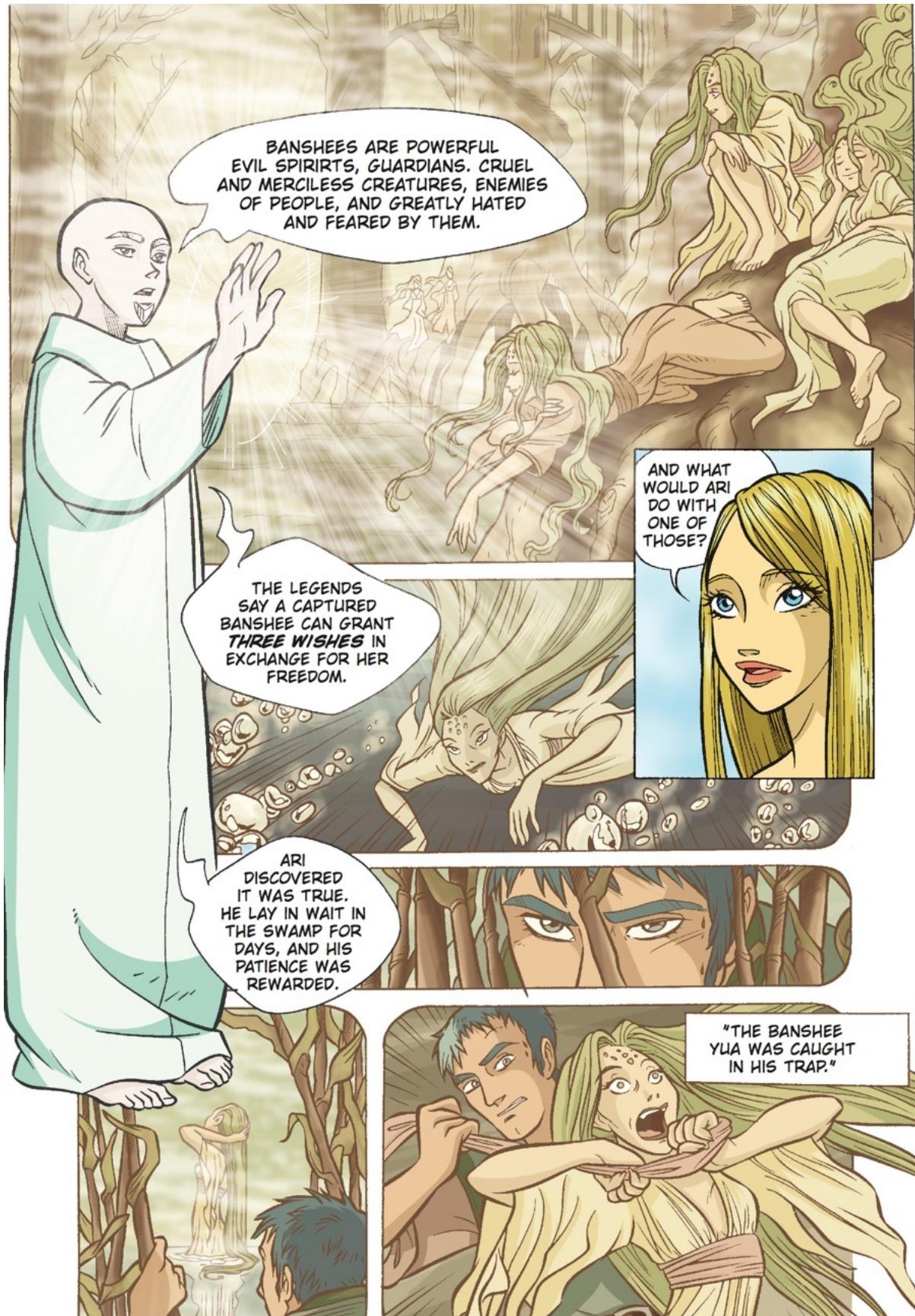


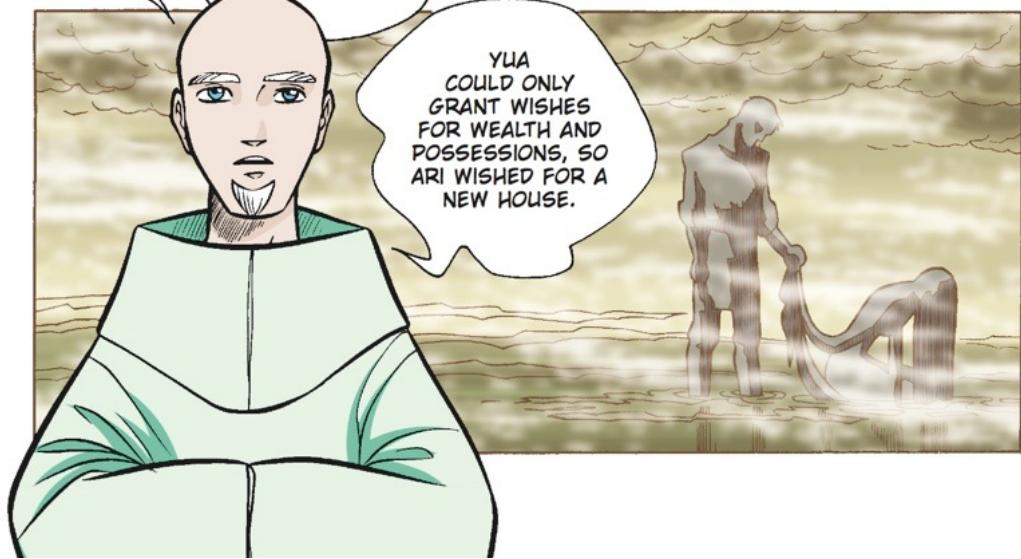
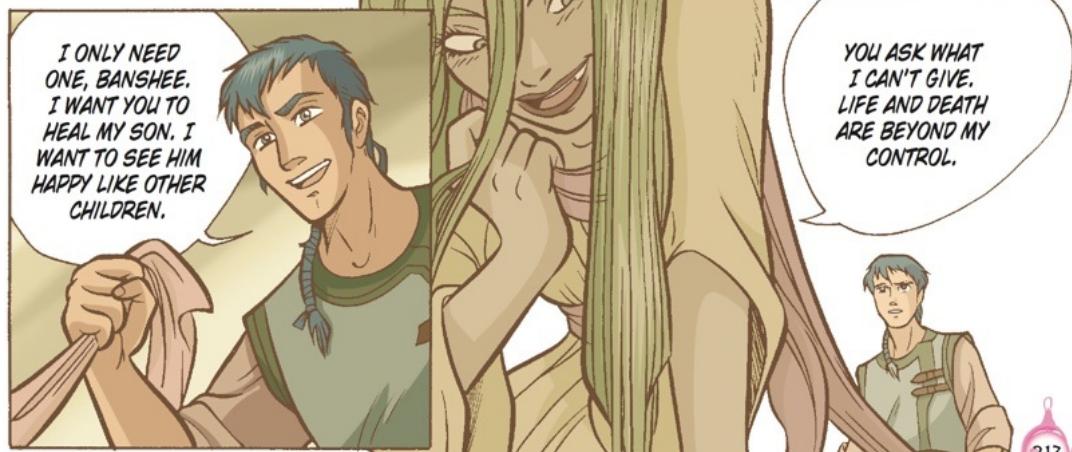
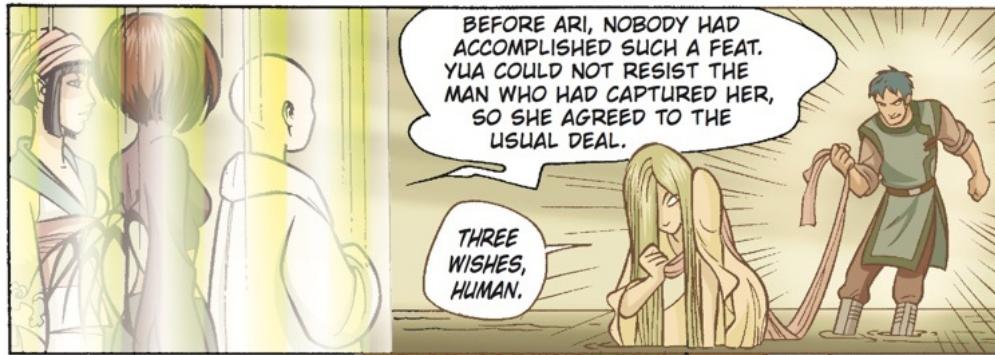


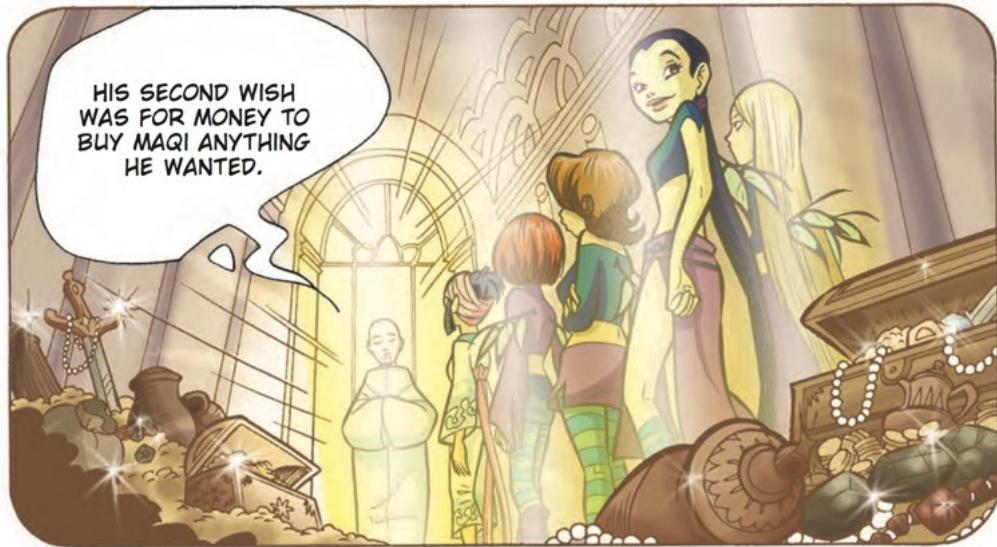


"HE ASKED FOR THE HELP OF EVERY WISE MAN IN ARKHANTA, VISITING SCHOLARS, AND DOCTORS..."

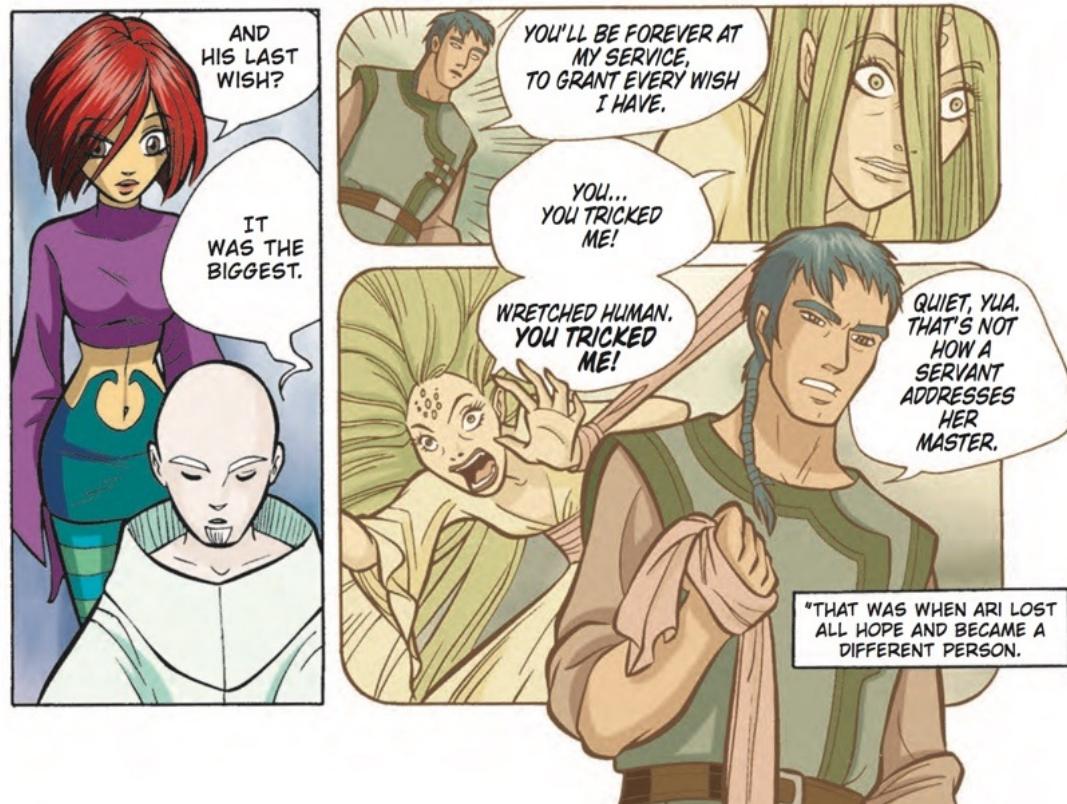


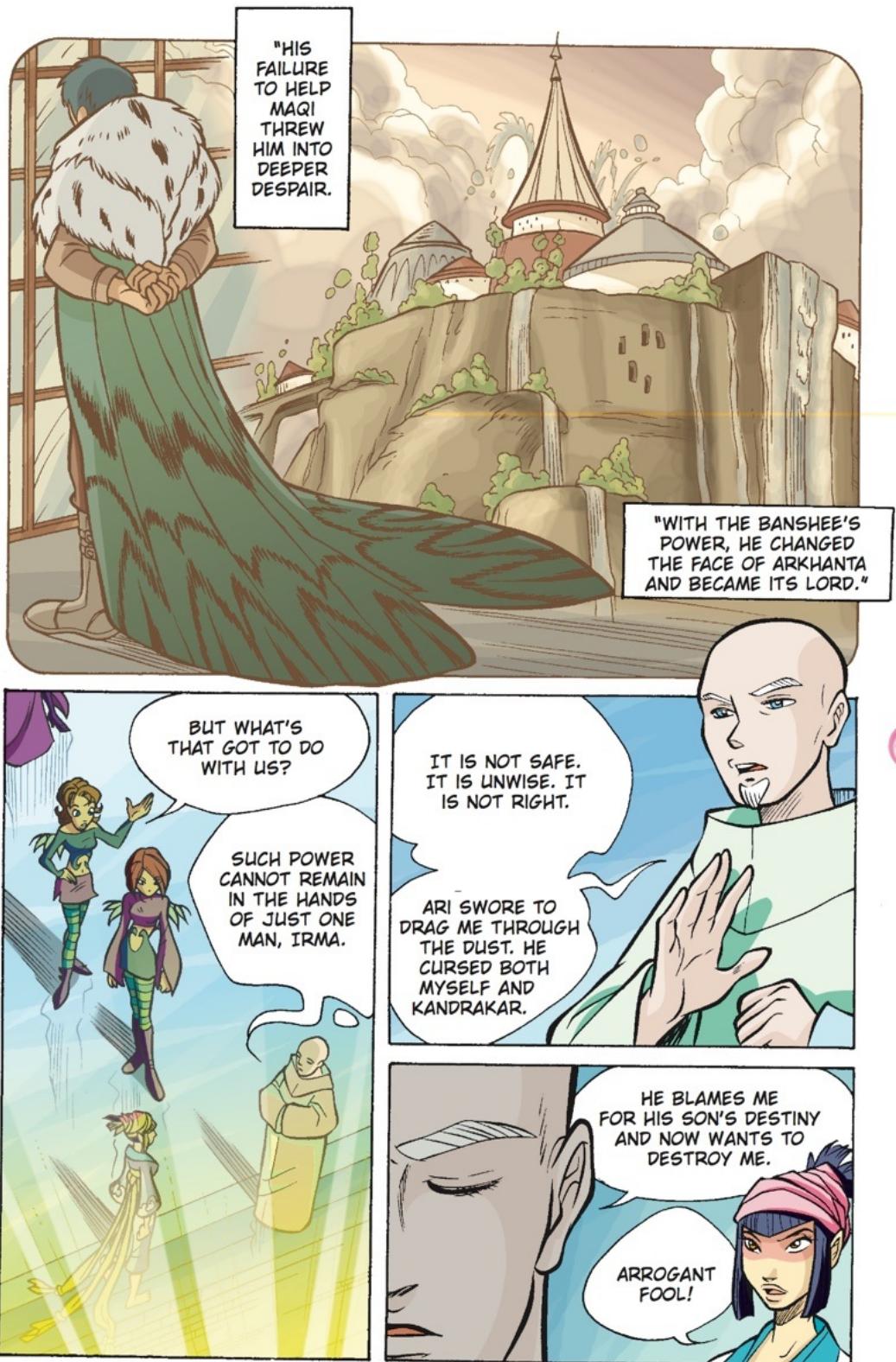


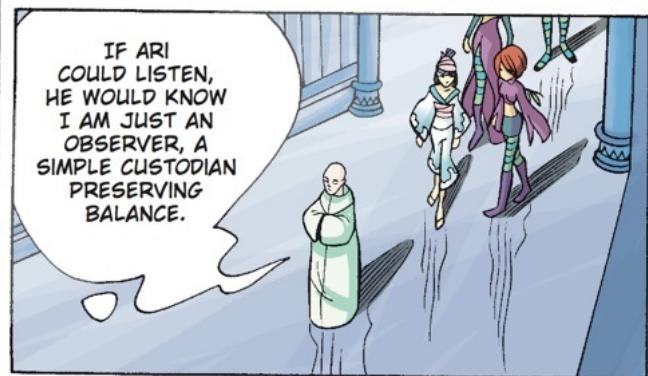


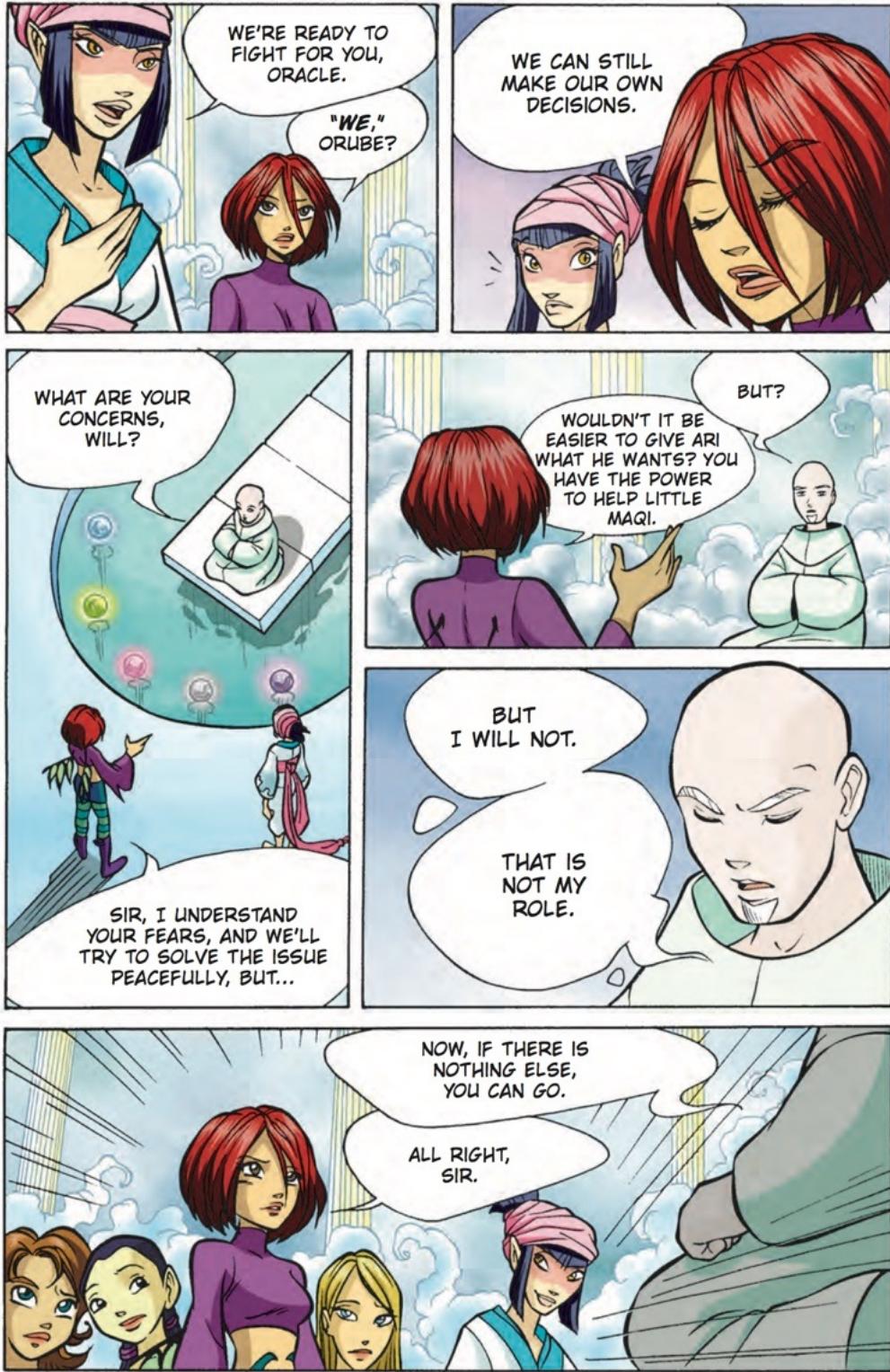


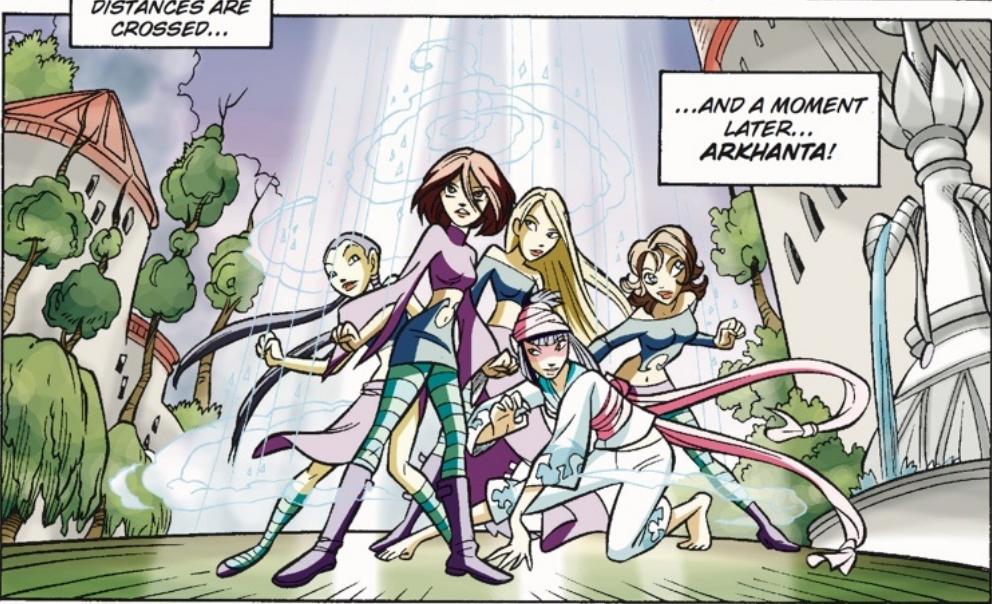
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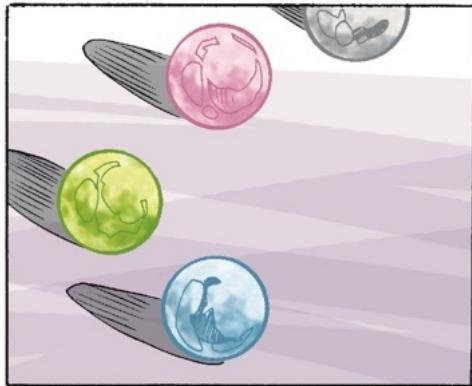






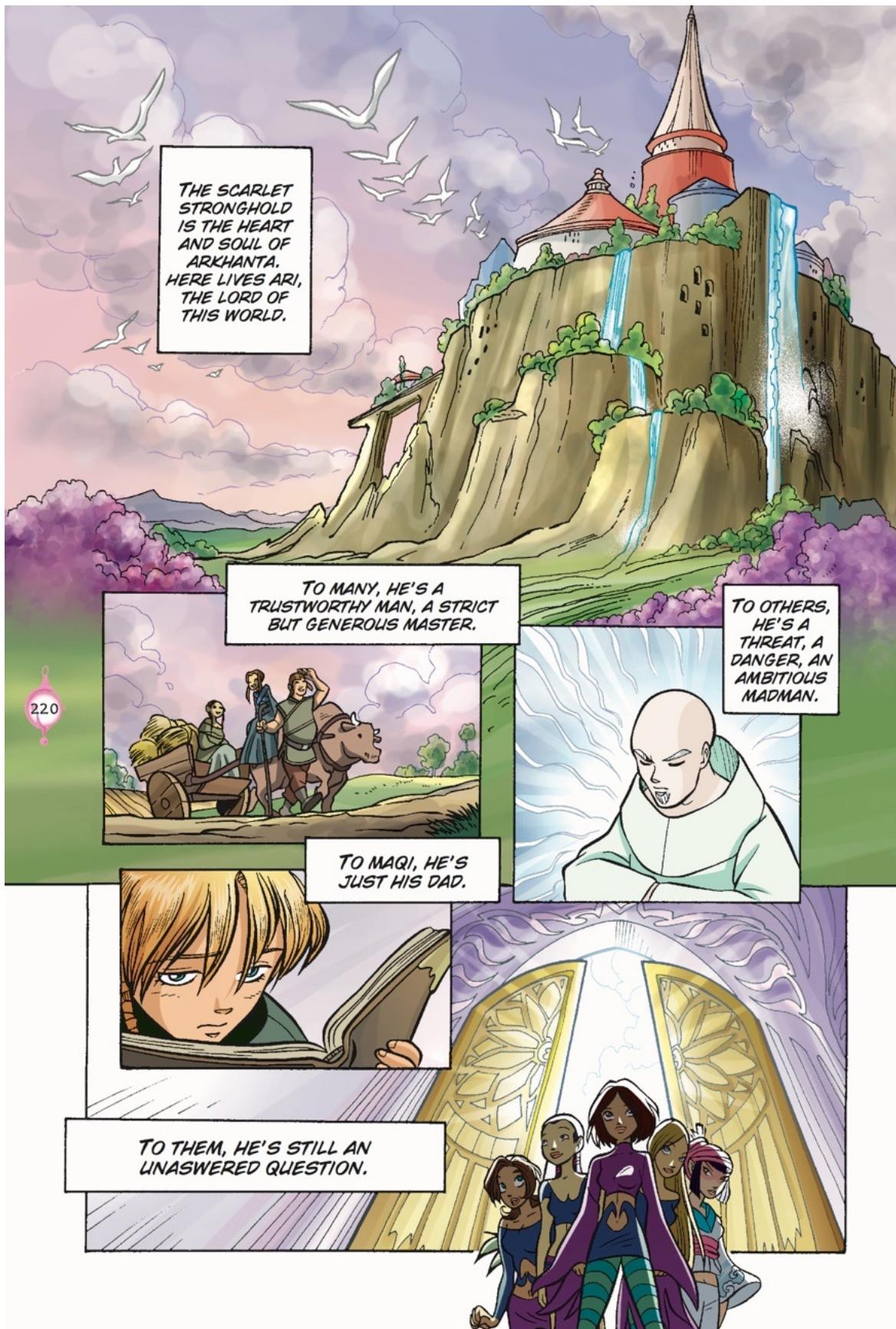


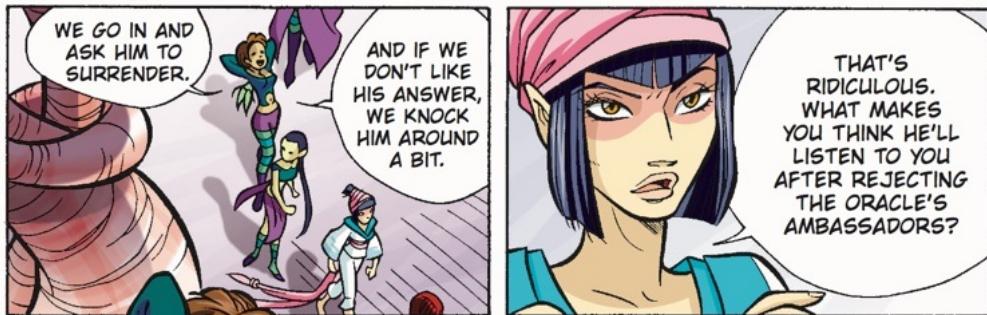


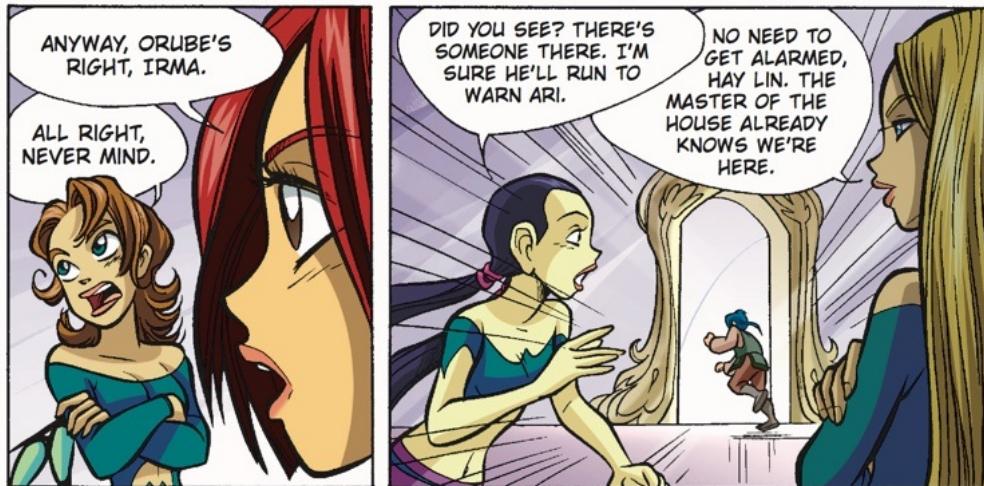
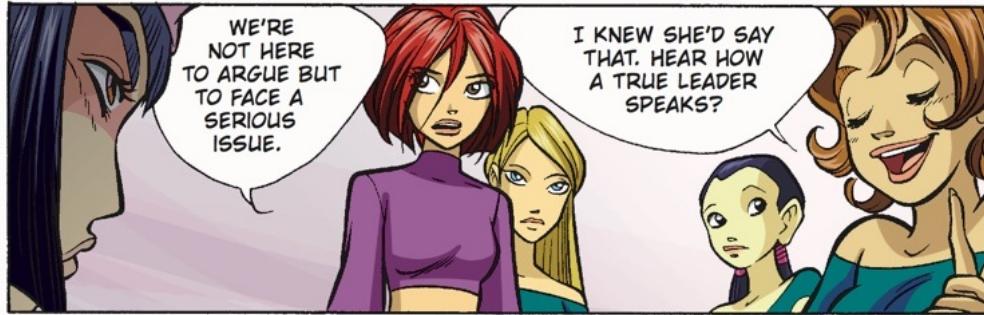


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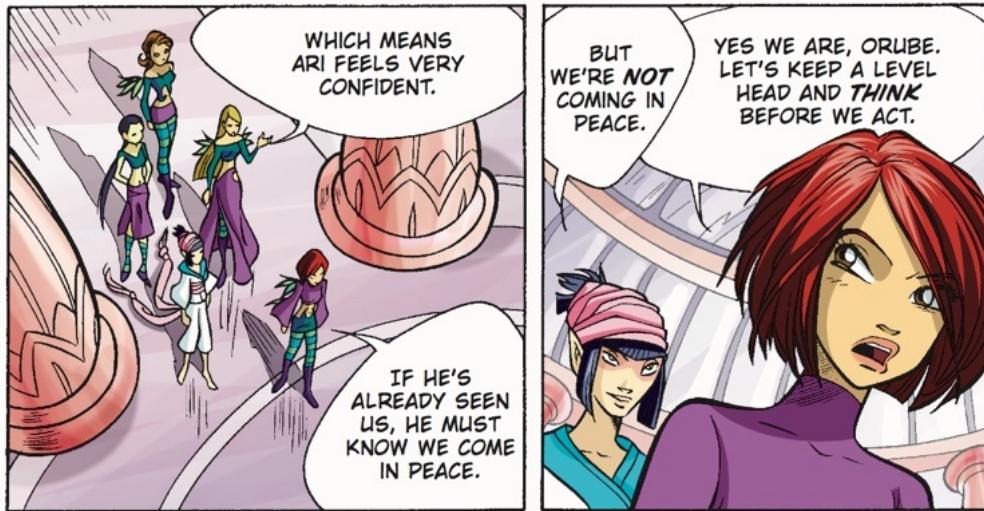


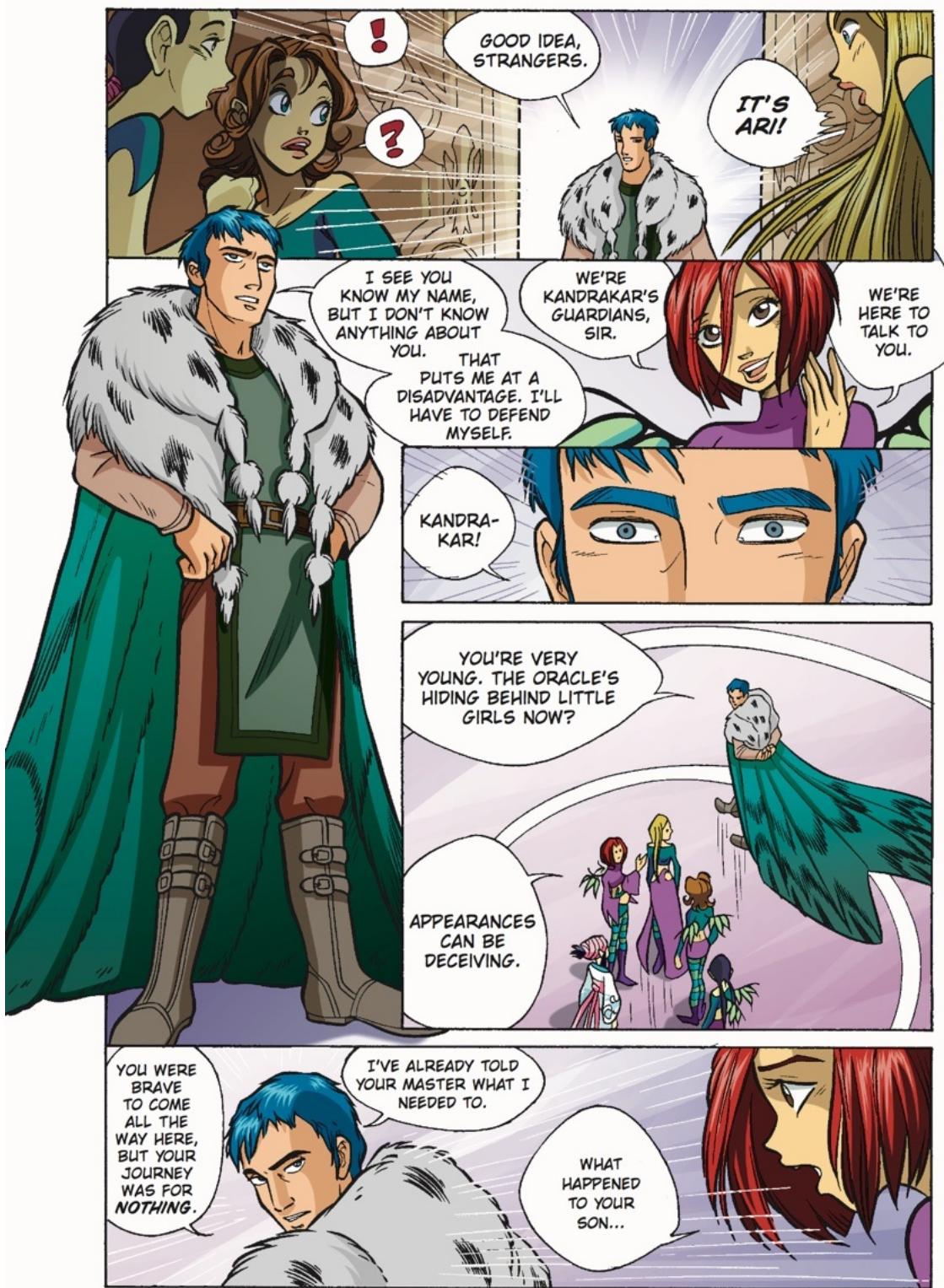






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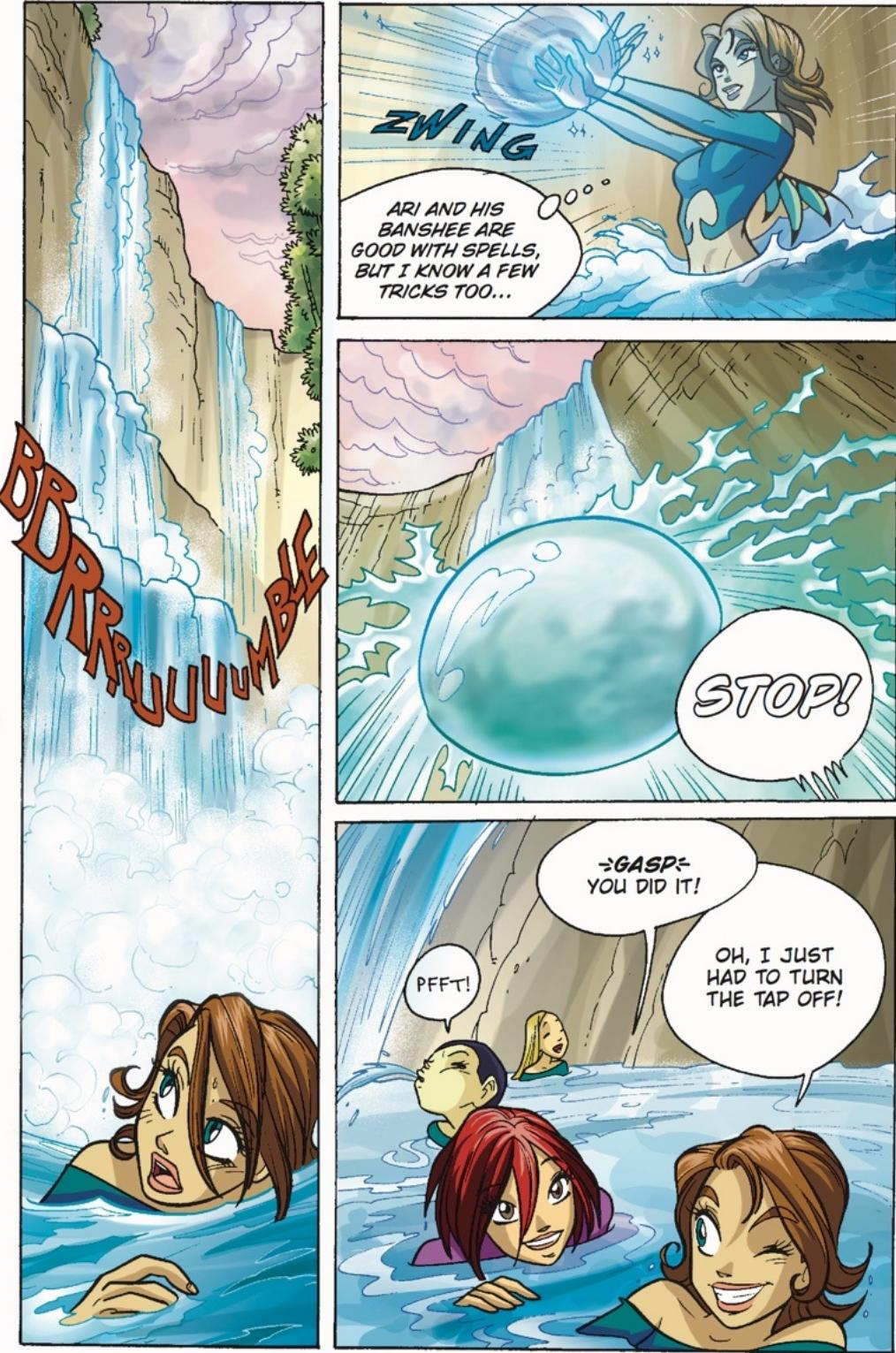


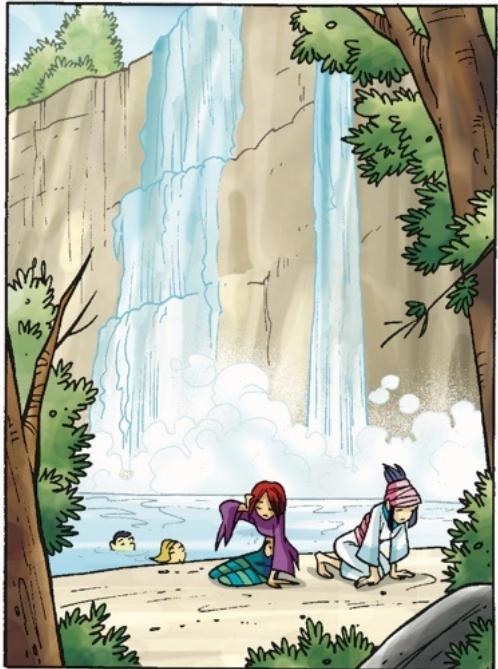


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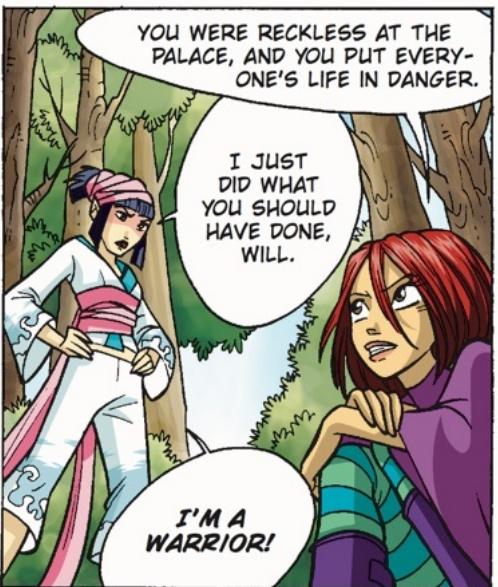


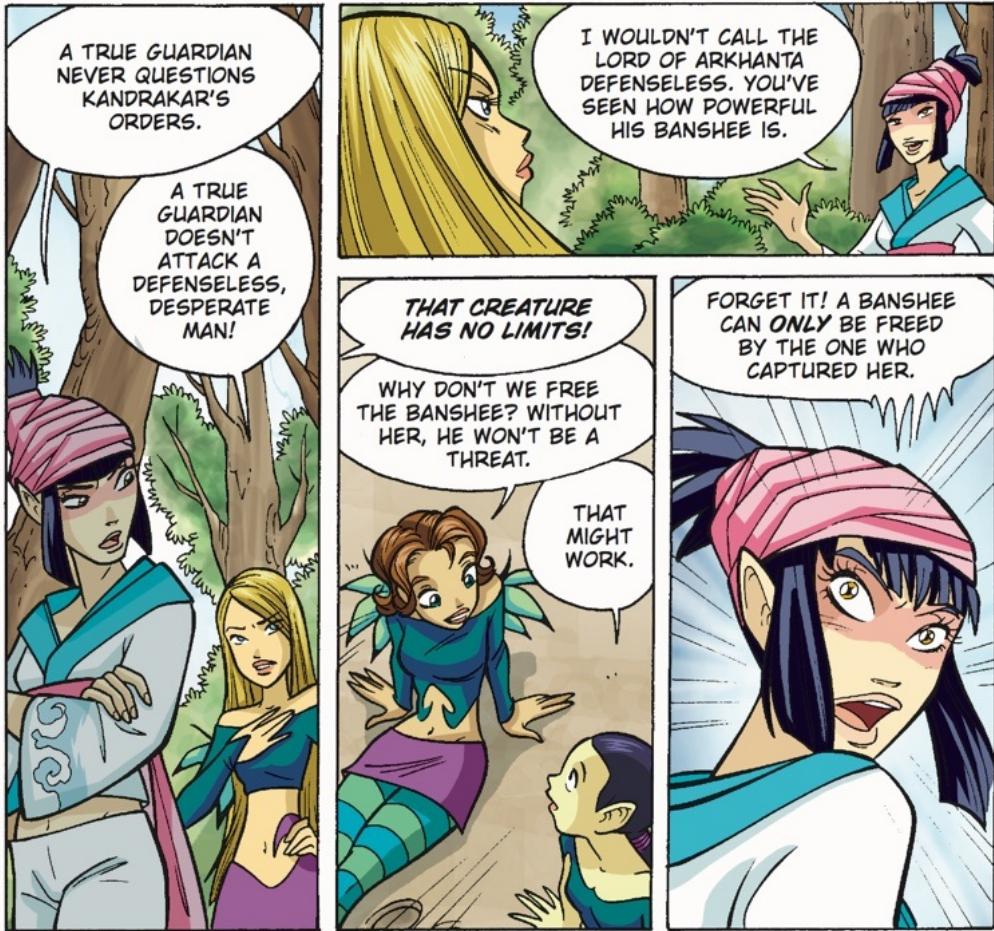






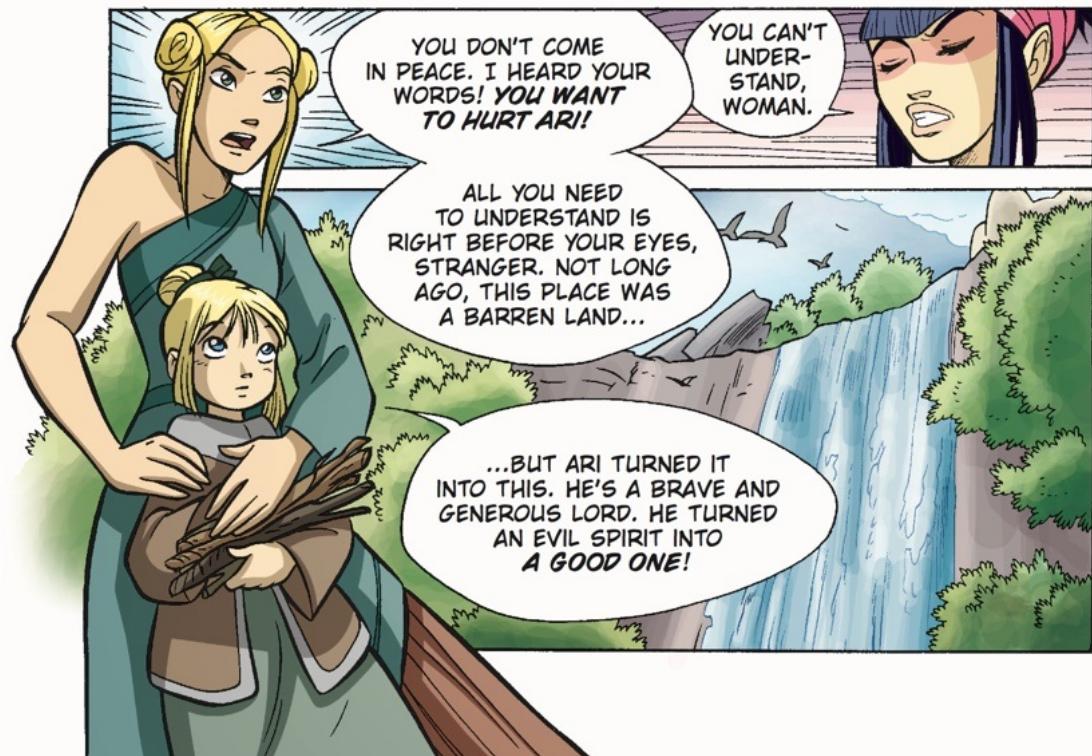
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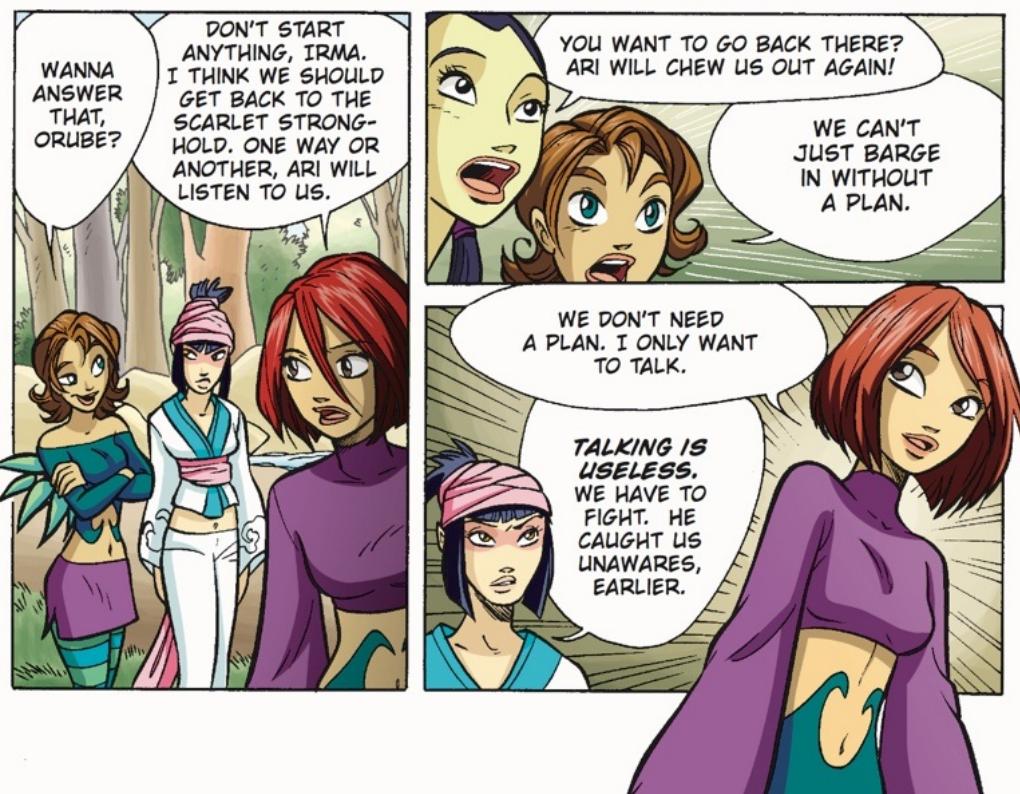
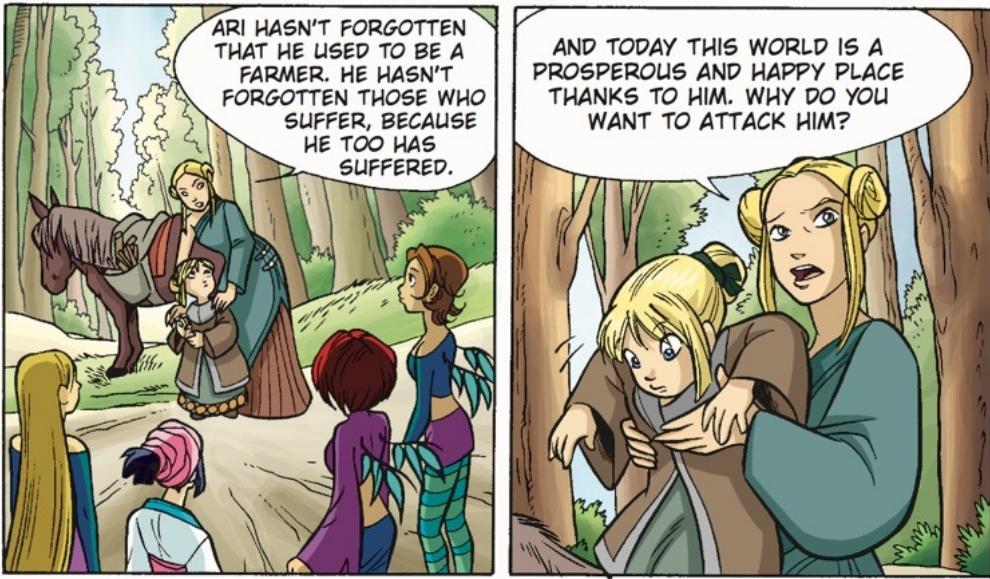




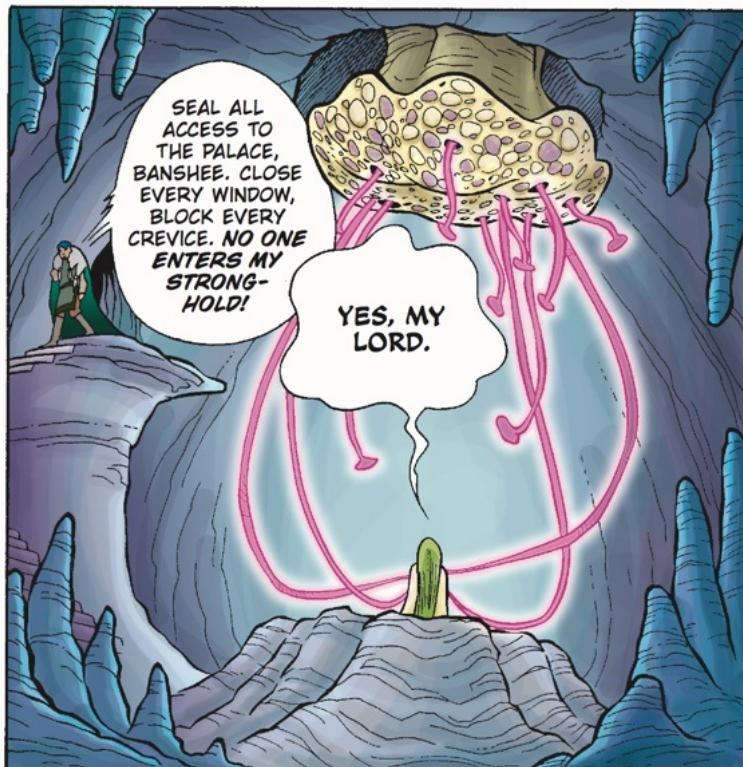


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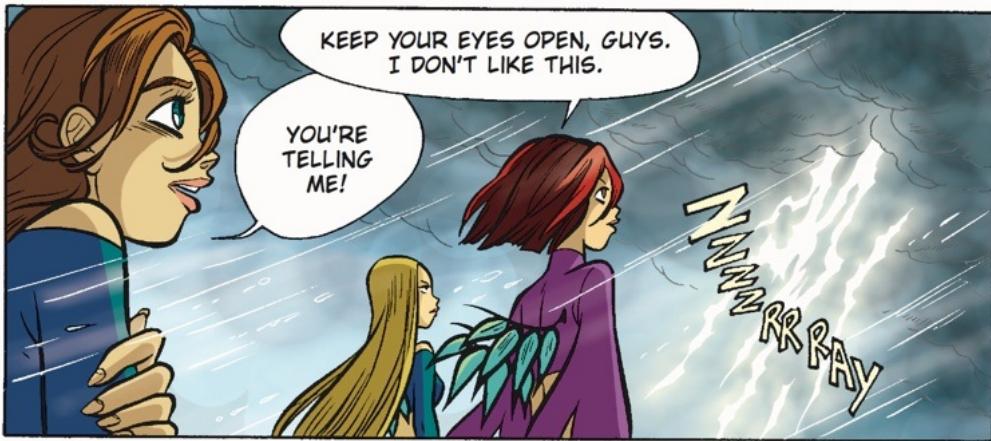
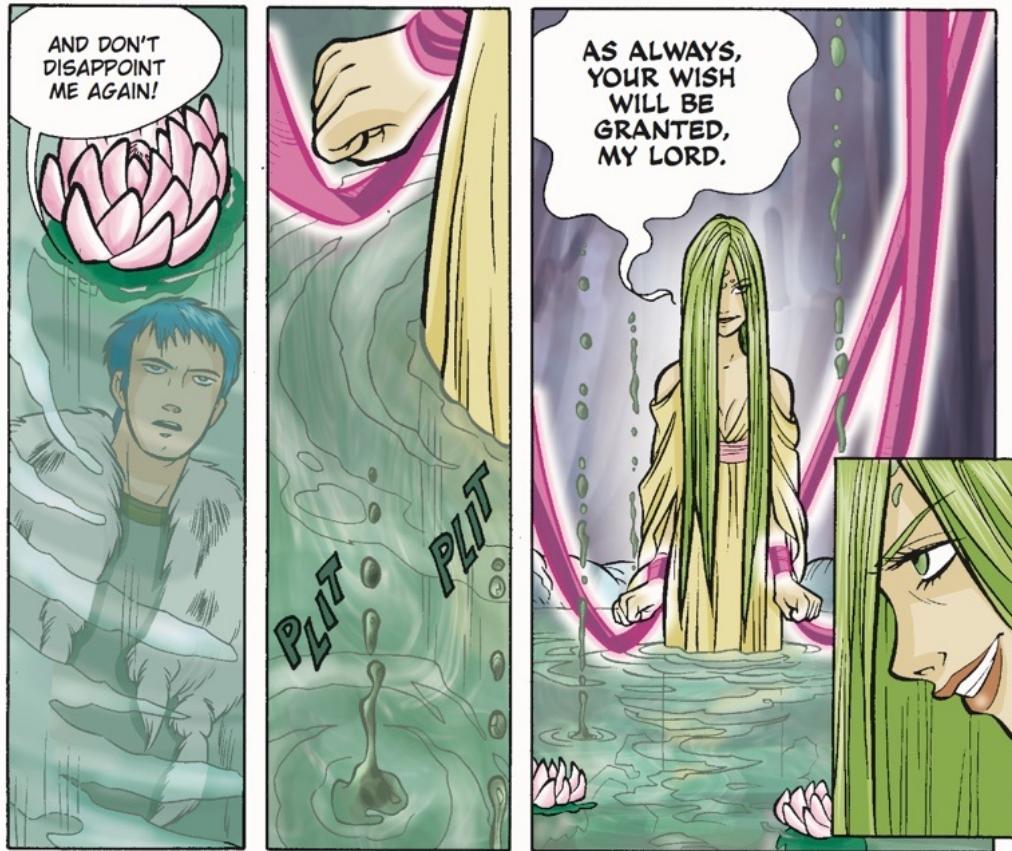


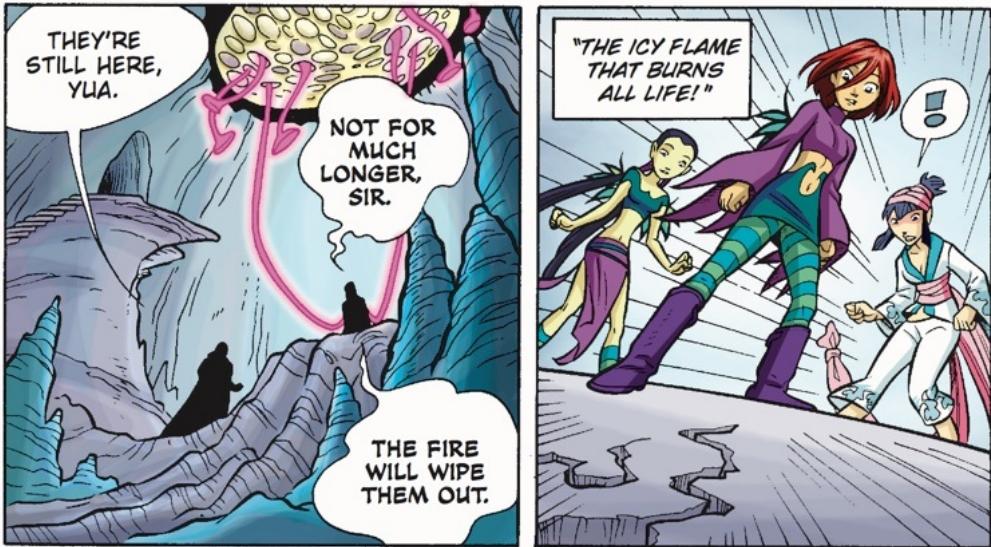




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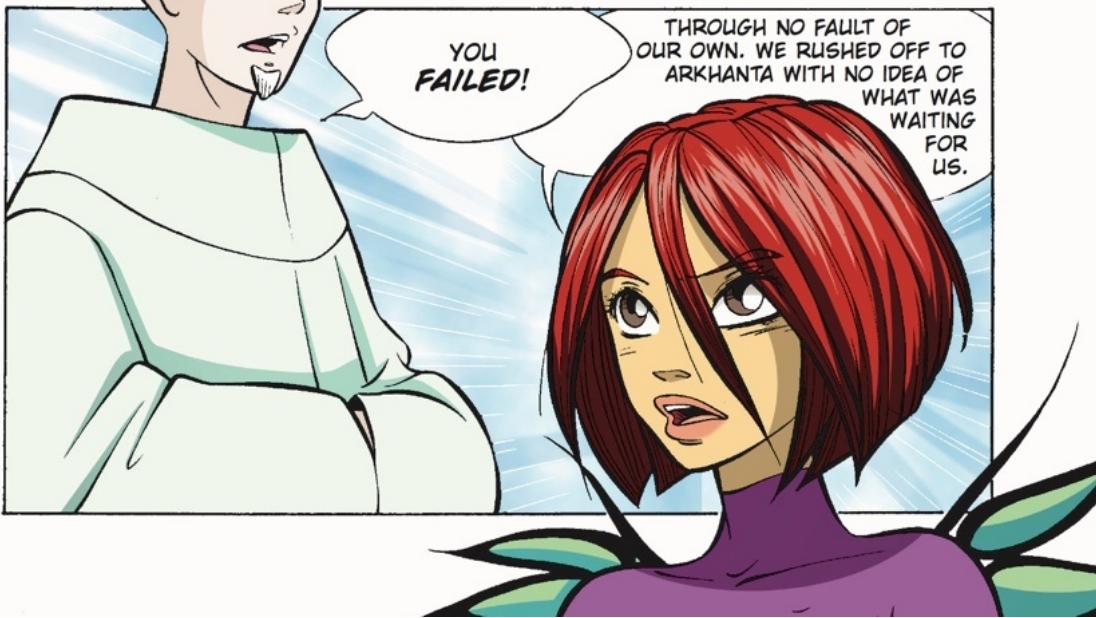






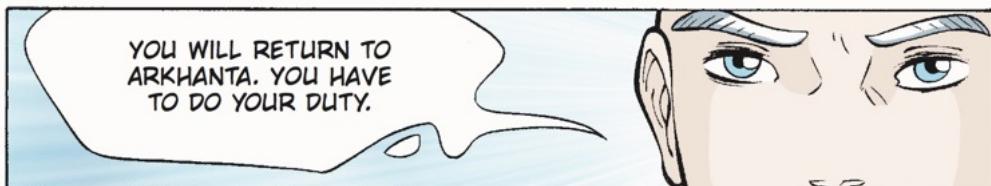


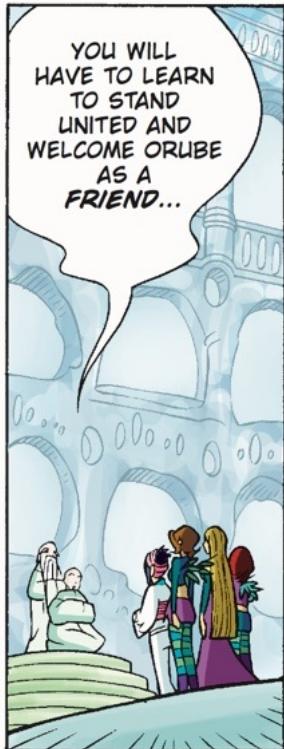


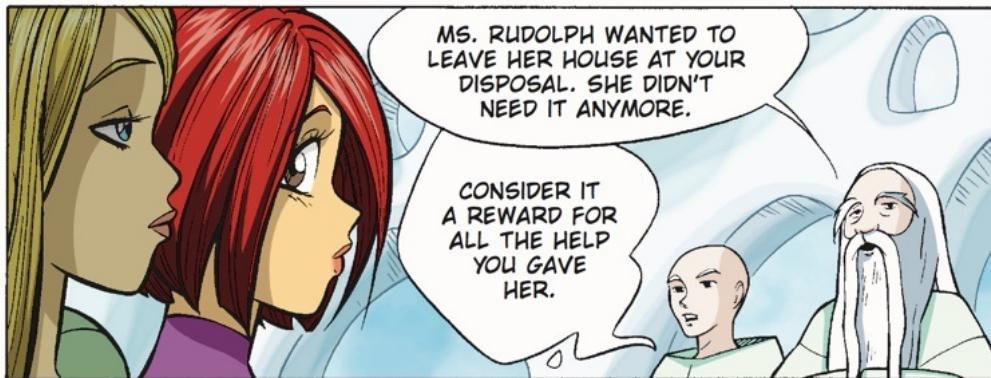




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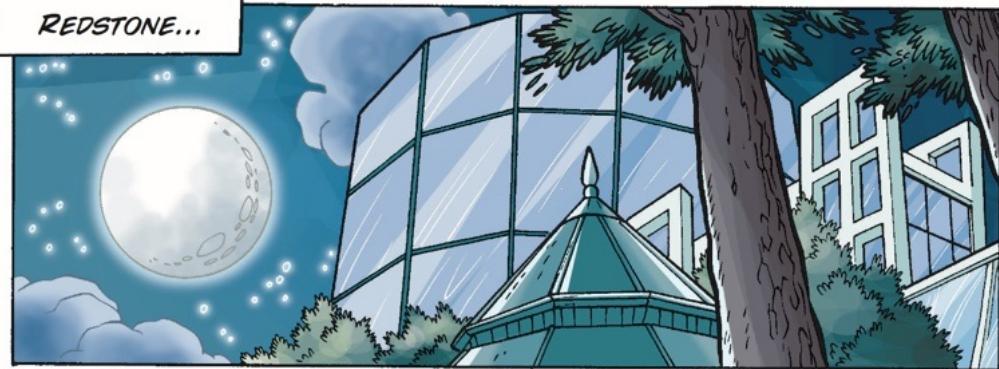


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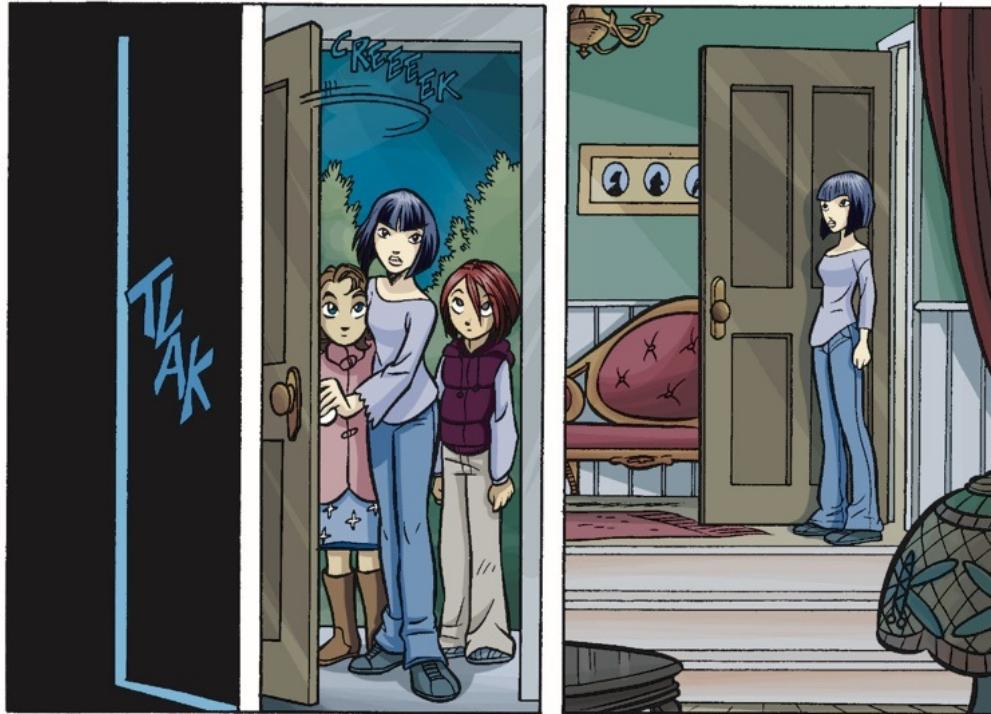


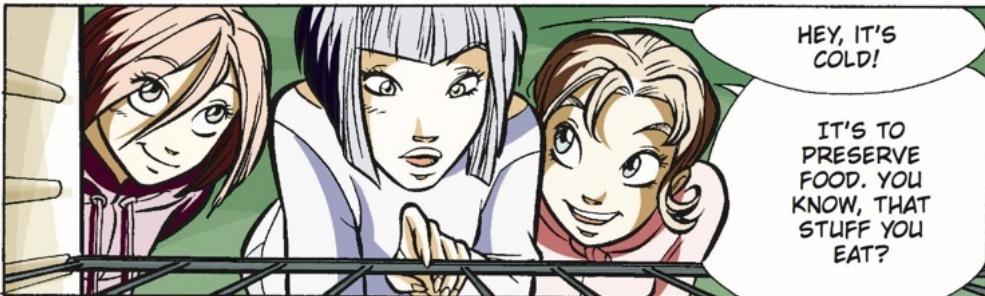
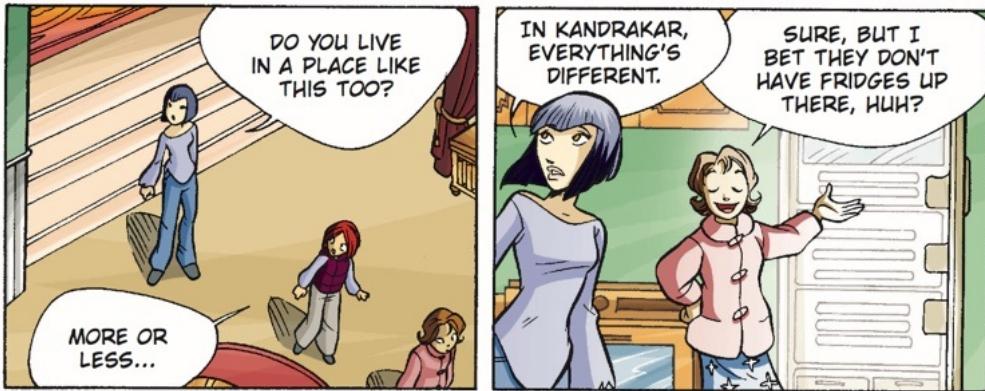
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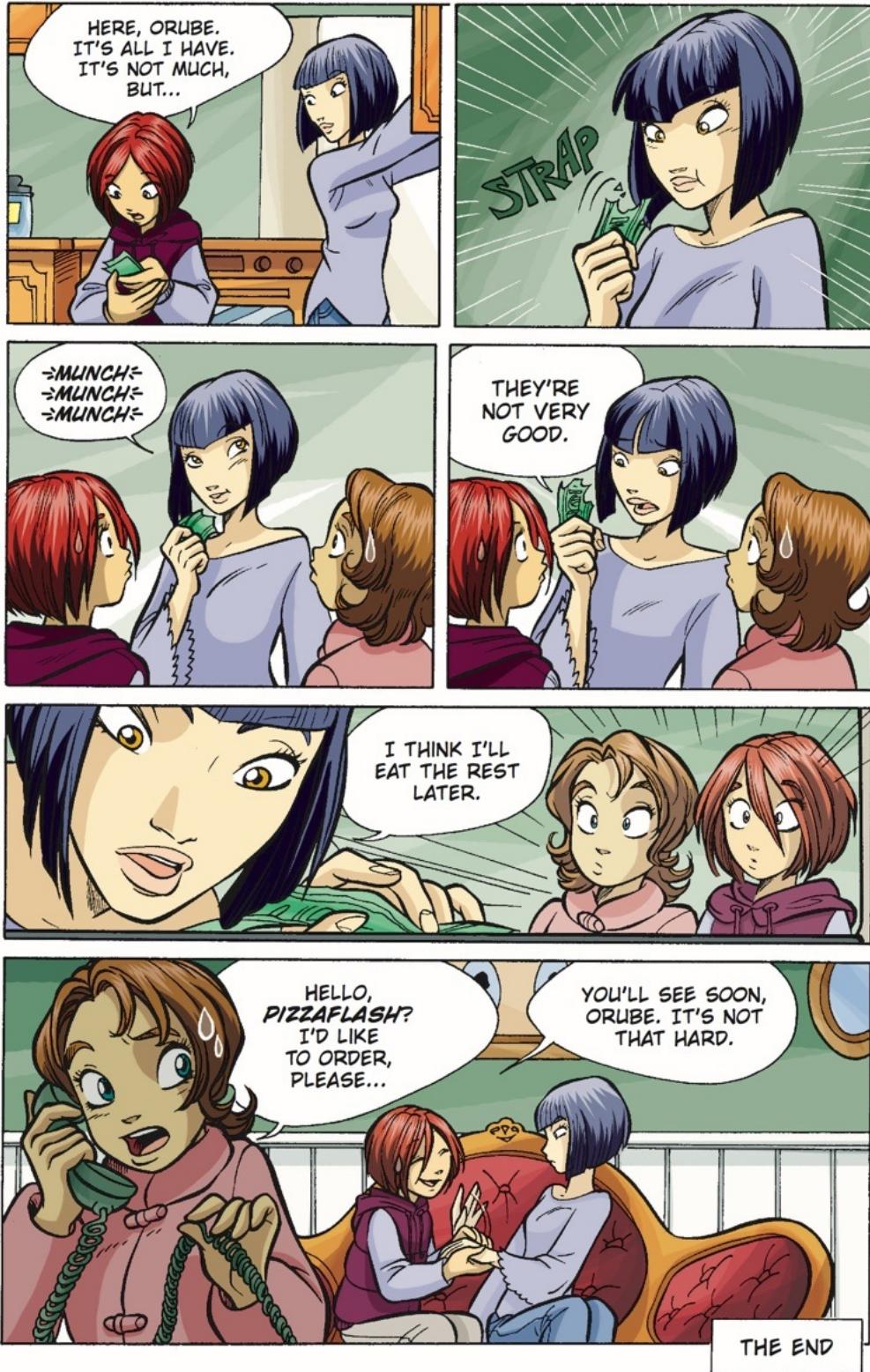


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# Ralph Sylla



## Substitute Teacher

The new computer science substitute teacher at Sheffield Institute. He was brought in as a temporary replacement for the mysterious Mr. Bottlom.



## Charming

Behind his handsome looks, charming Sylla hides a secret identity: He's a special agent tasked with investigating Will & Co., though they don't know that...



## Super-detective

A colleague of Agents Maria Medina and Joel McTiennan (with whom Will, Irma, Taranee, Cornelia, and Hay Lin have already had dealings), Ralph Sylla is a very experienced detective.

## Mystery Buff

Often embarking on dangerous undercover missions, Sylla specializes in unusual cases, revealing his passion for "mysteries." Detective Sylla is determined to discover W.I.T.C.H.'s secrets at all costs!



# Orube

## Who Is She?

Orube is a warrior from the distant world Basiliade. She was the favorite pupil of Luba, one of the most important members of the Congregation and the Custodian of the Droplets, who perished in a battle for W.I.T.C.H.'s and Caleb's lives in the dramatic days of the fight against Nerissa.

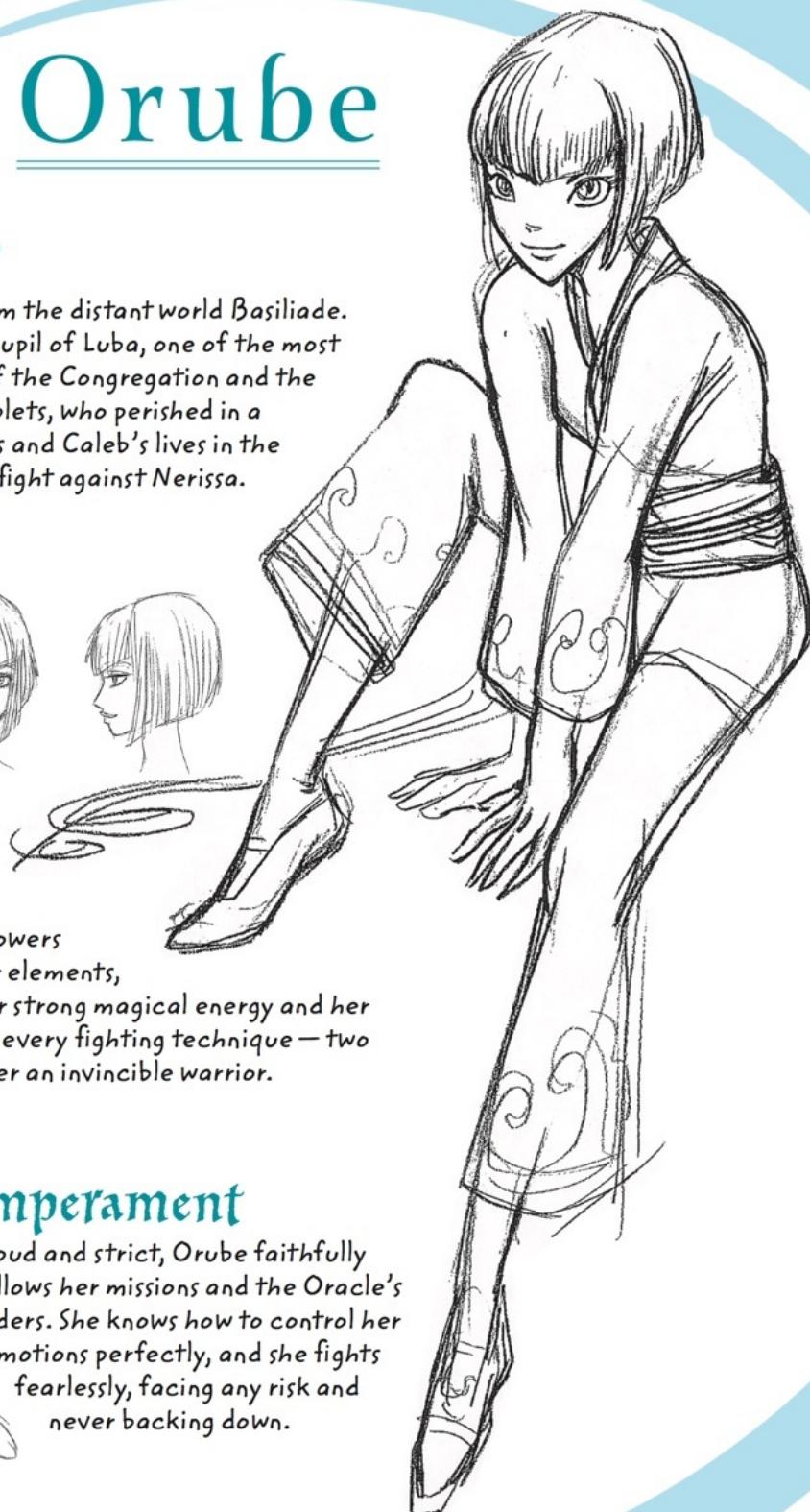


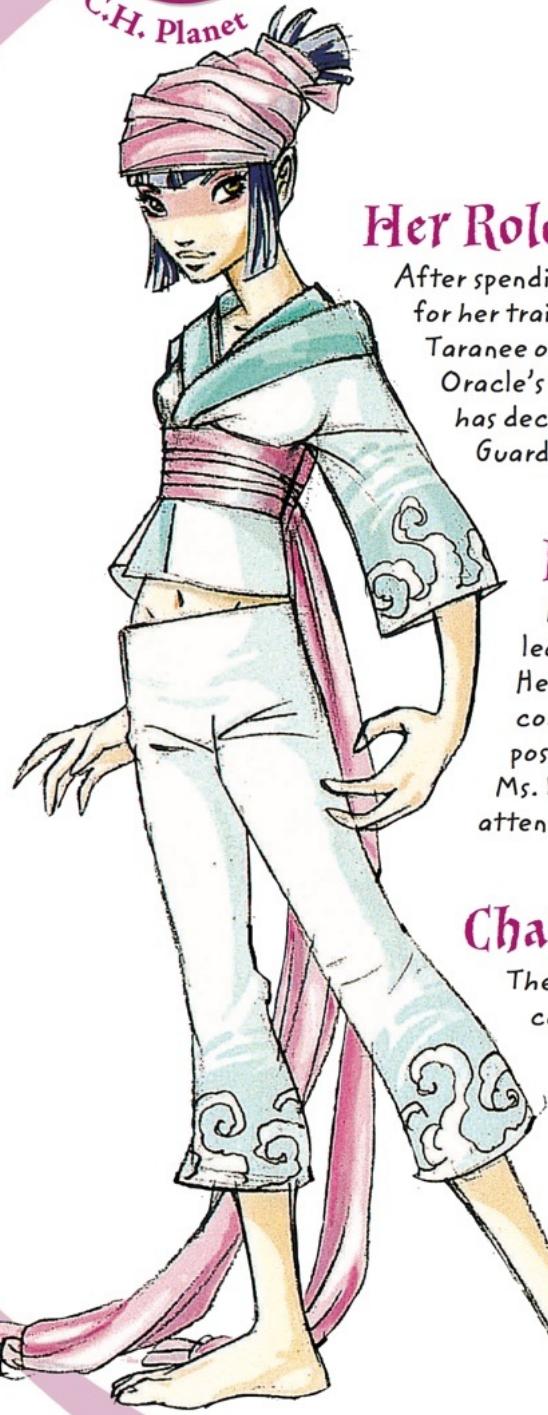
## Powers

Orube doesn't have powers connected to the four elements, but she can rely on her strong magical energy and her perfect knowledge of every fighting technique — two qualities that make her an invincible warrior.

## Temperament

Proud and strict, Orube faithfully follows her missions and the Oracle's orders. She knows how to control her emotions perfectly, and she fights fearlessly, facing any risk and never backing down.





## Her Role

After spending a long time in Kandrakar's fortress for her training, Orube temporarily replaces Taranee on the W.I.T.C.H. team. (After the Oracle's intrusion into her private life, Taranee has decided to take a break from her role as a Guardian.)

## Rebecca Rudolph

Following the Oracle's orders, Orube leaves the fortress and moves to Heatherfield to get to know her new companions and their world. Publicly, she poses as student Rebecca Rudolph, Ms. Rudolph's granddaughter, in order to attend university.

## Challenges

The new warrior, with her catlike traits, will continue living in Ms. Rudolph's house and is sure to have some trouble adapting to life in Heatherfield, where she'll feel like... "a cat out of water!"



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