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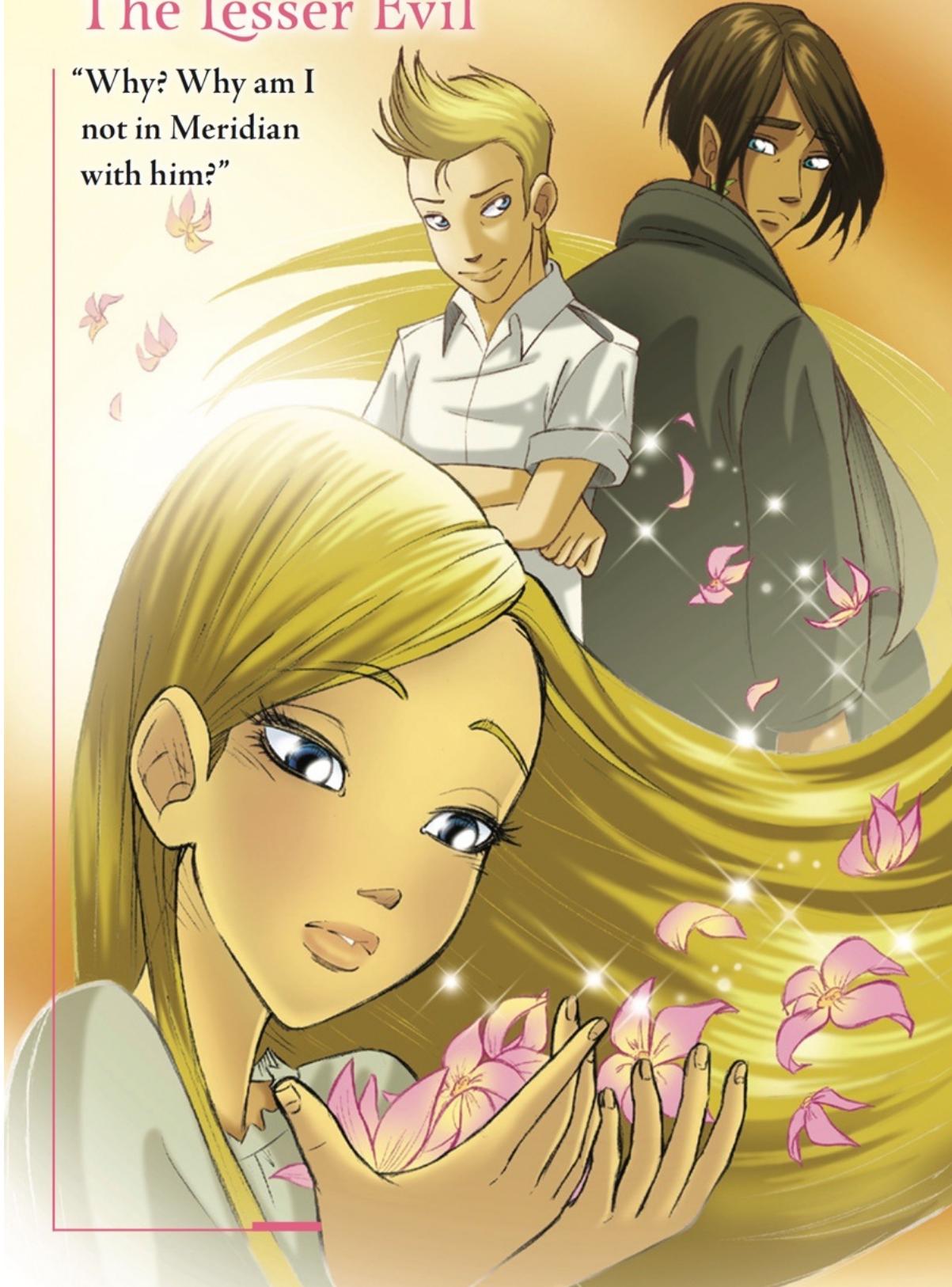


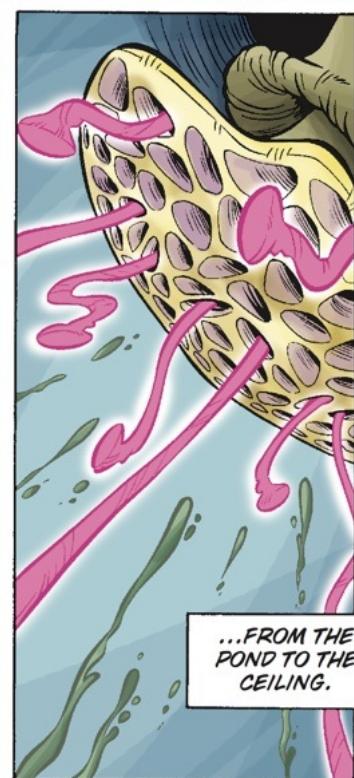
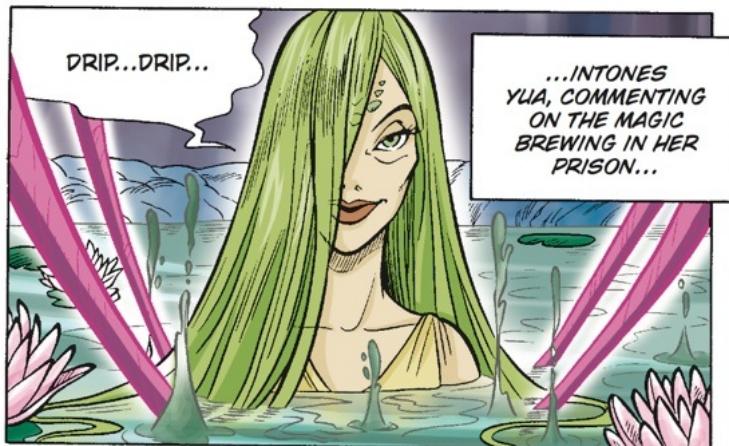
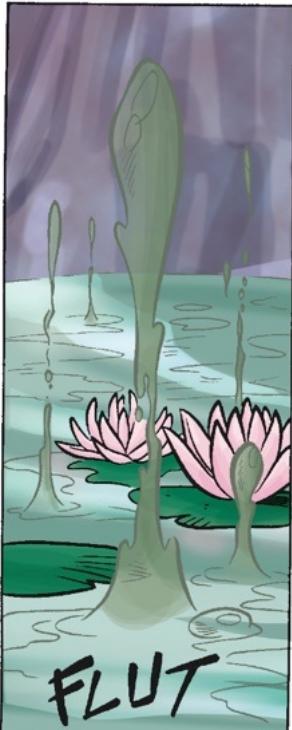


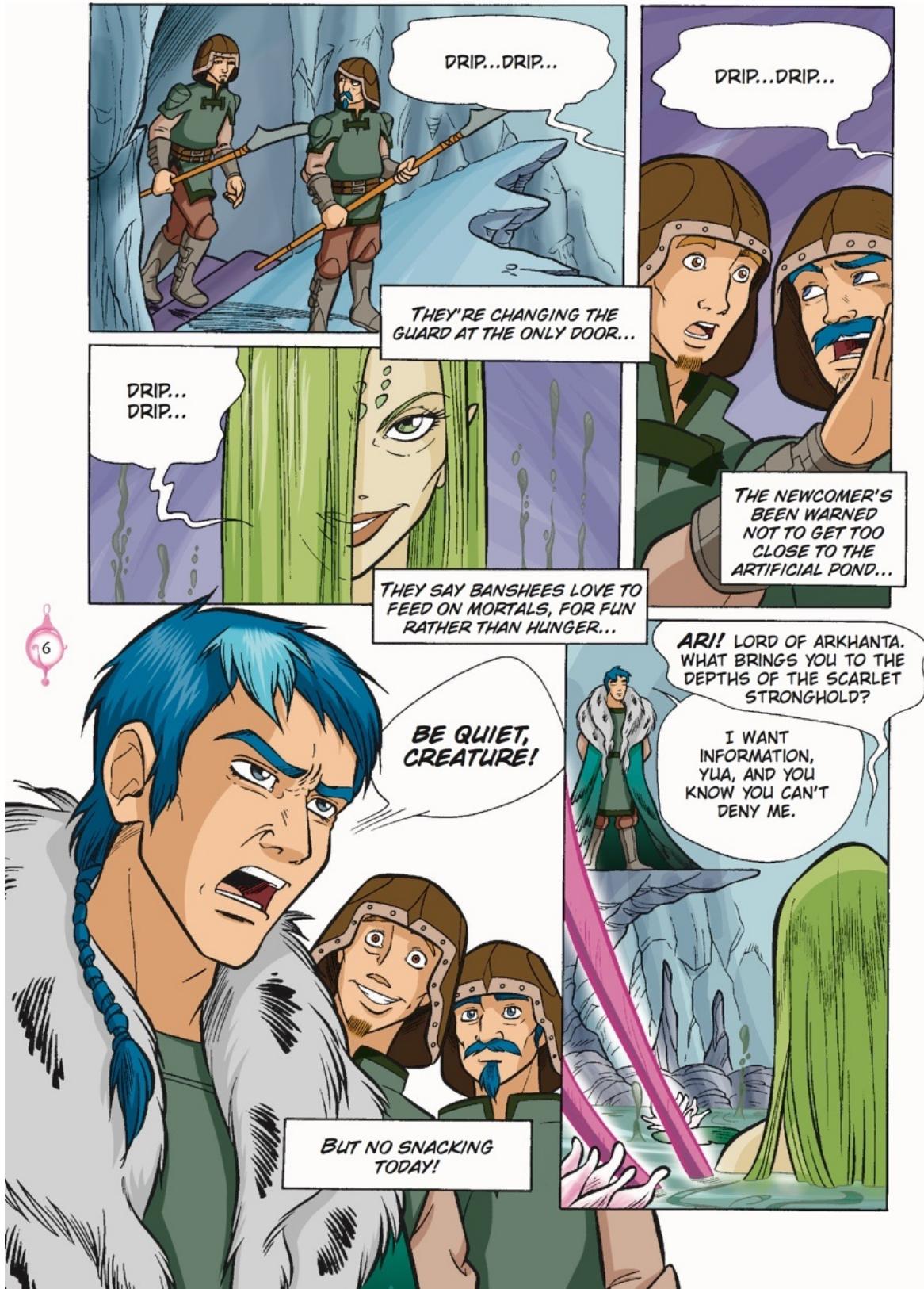
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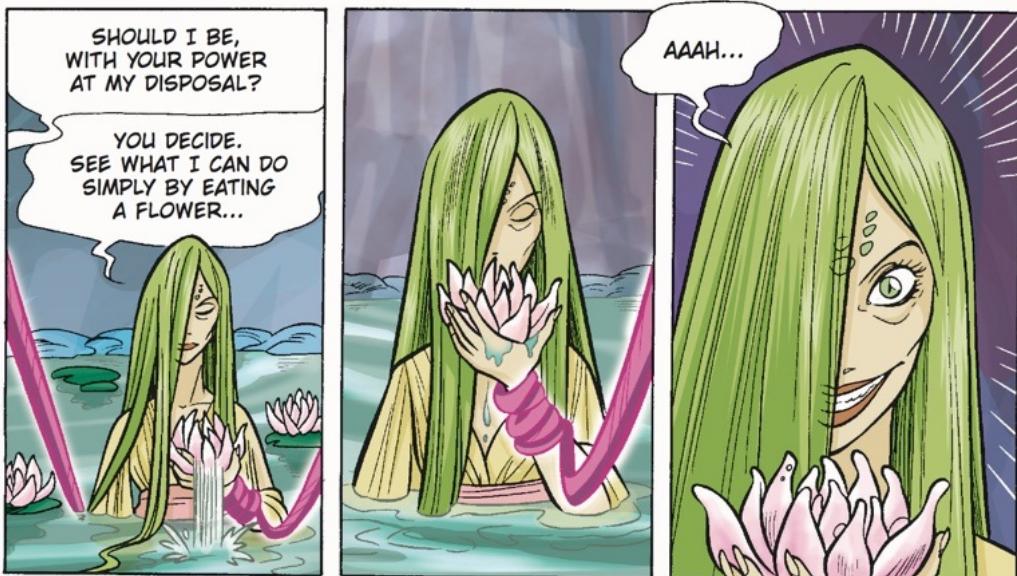
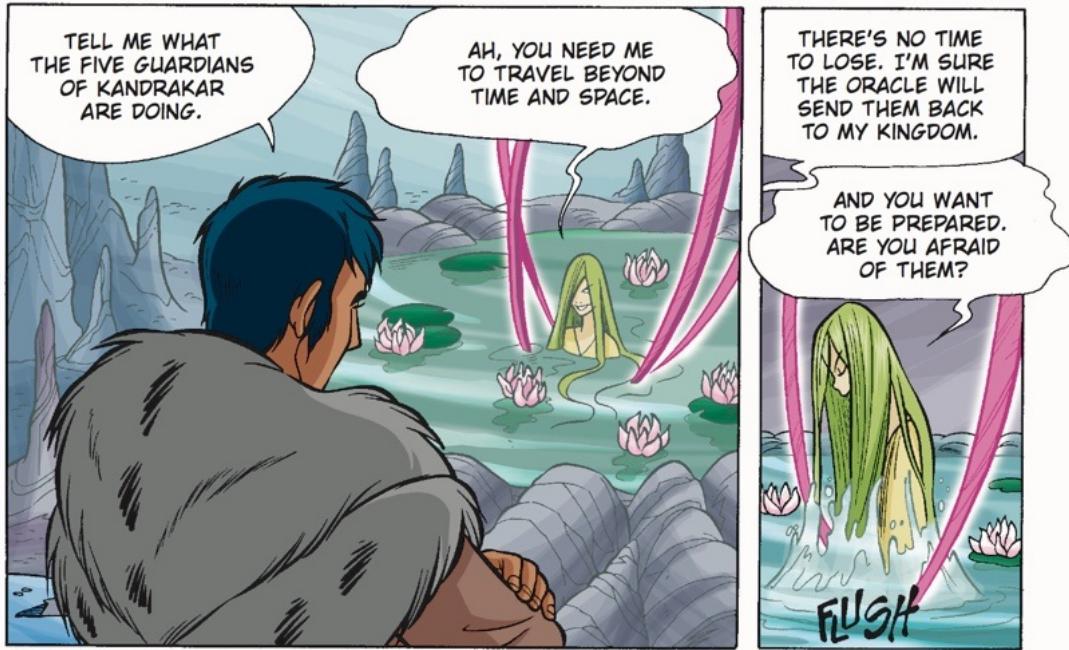
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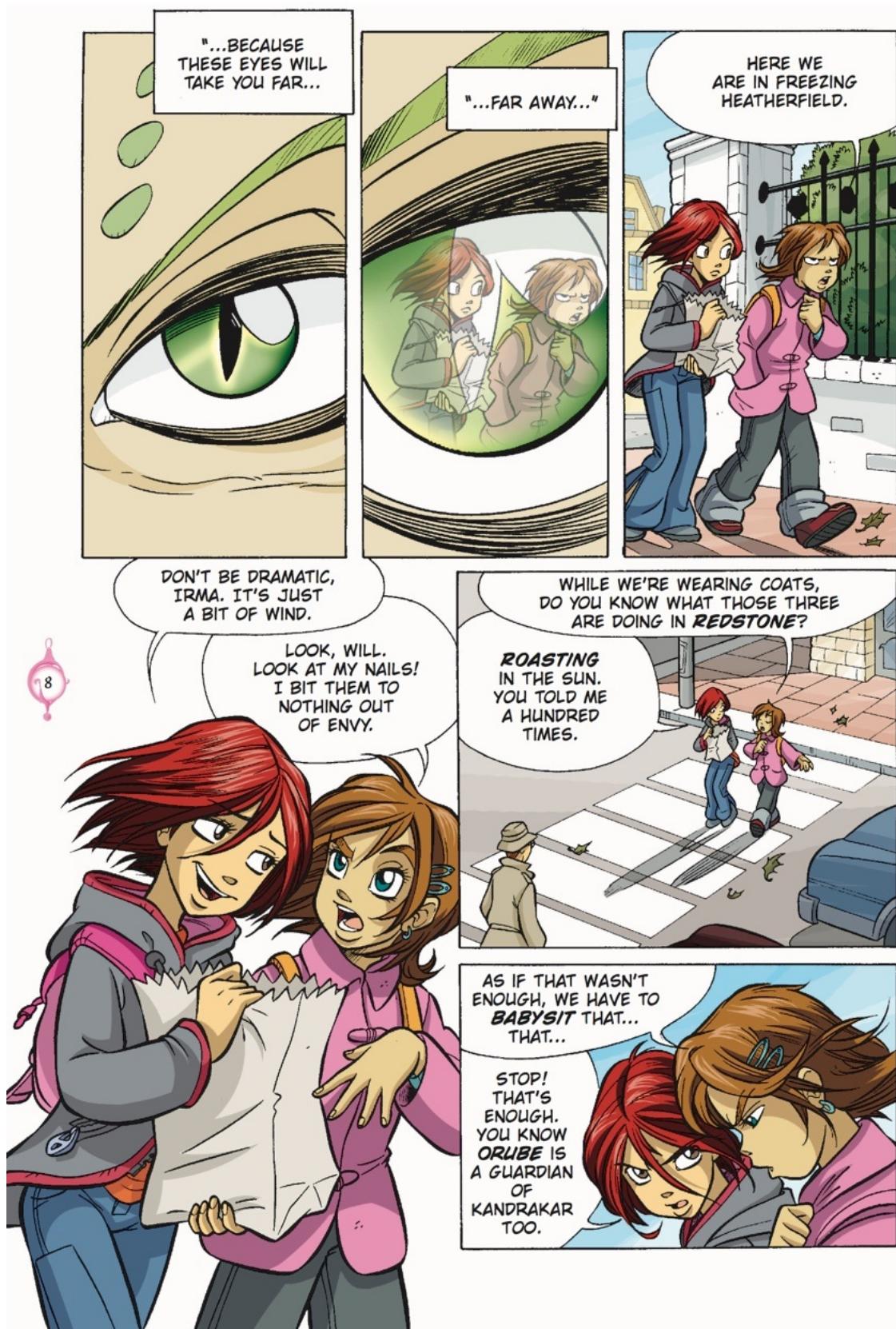
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not in Meridian  
with him?”

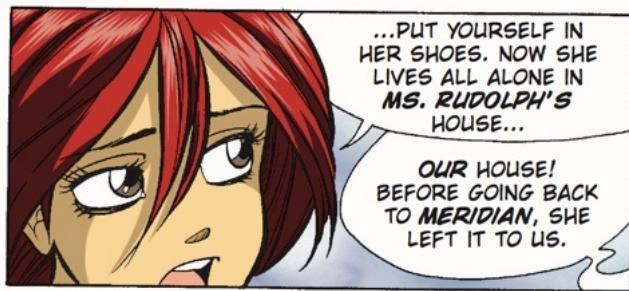


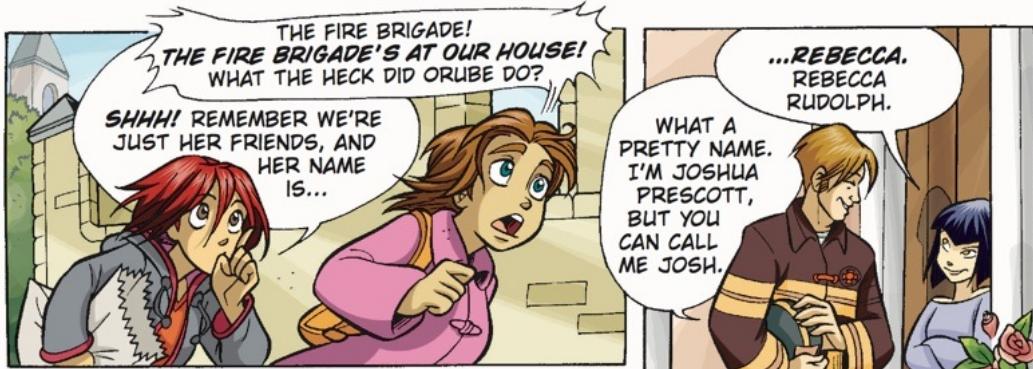


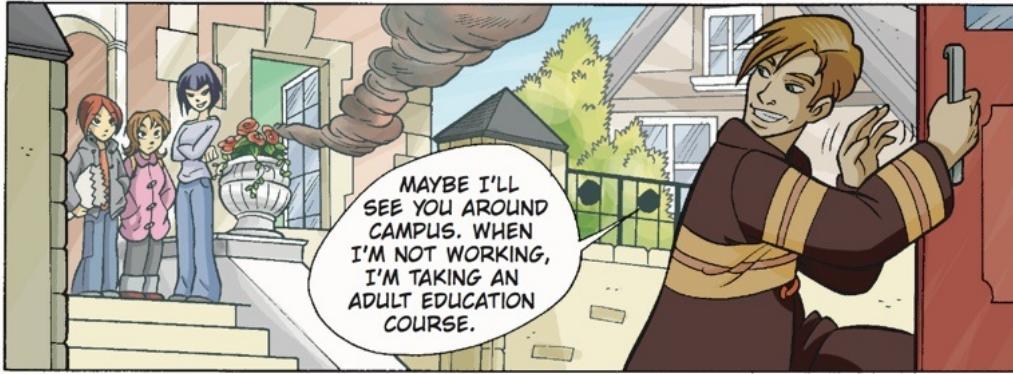




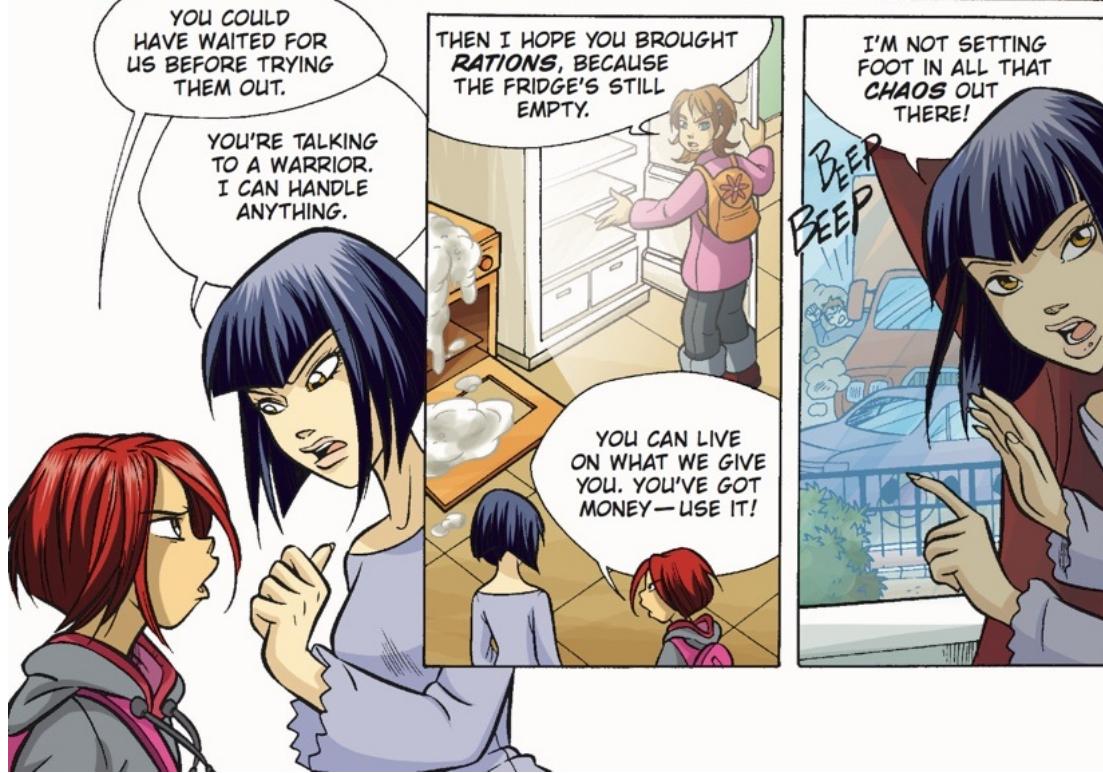








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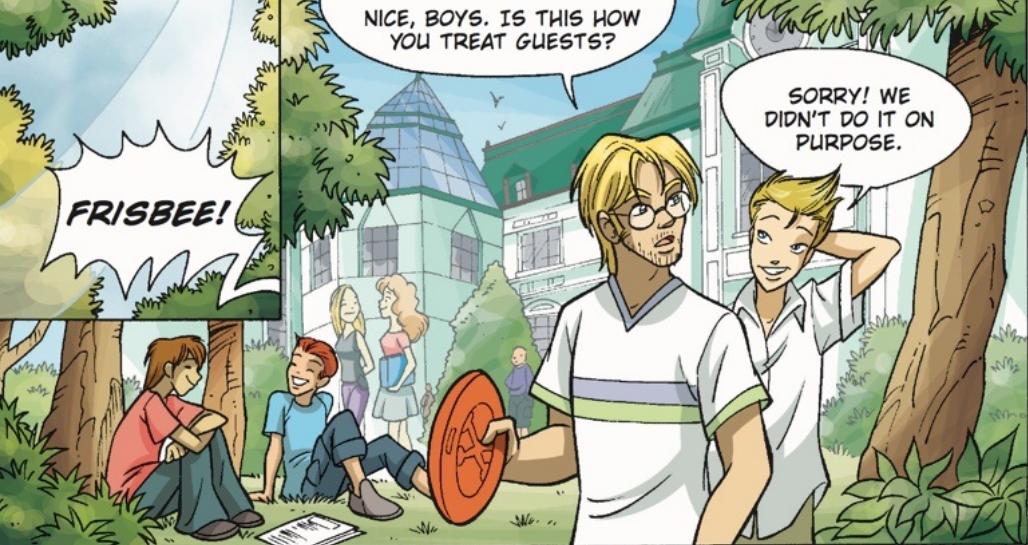




MEANWHILE AT  
REDSHINE COLLEGE,  
ON THE OTHER SIDE  
OF THE WORLD...



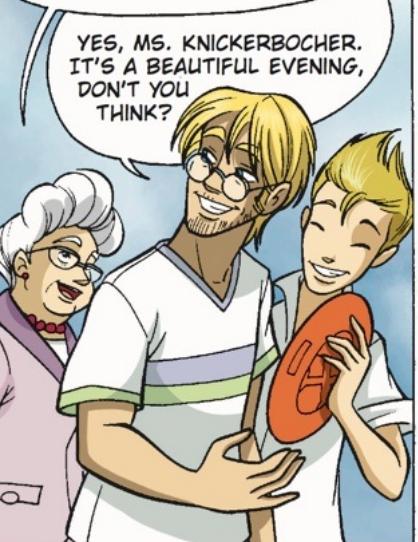
NICE, BOYS. IS THIS HOW  
YOU TREAT GUESTS?



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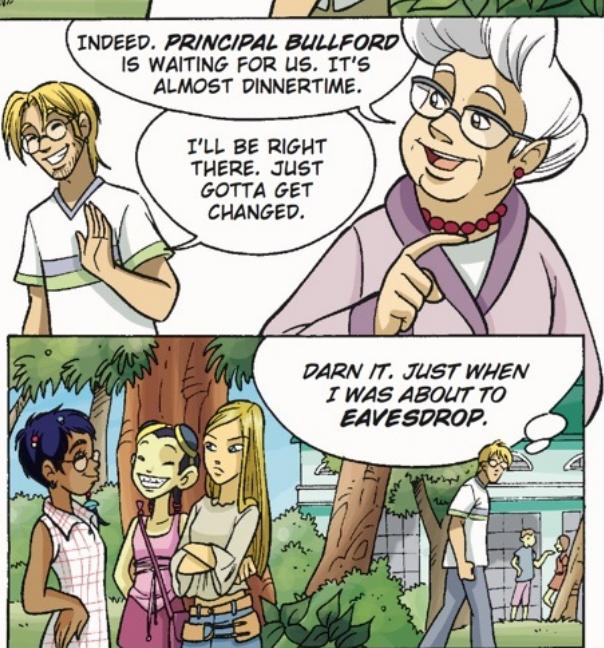
EVERYTHING ALL RIGHT,  
MR. SYLLA?

YES, MS. KNICKERBOCHER.  
IT'S A BEAUTIFUL EVENING,  
DON'T YOU  
THINK?

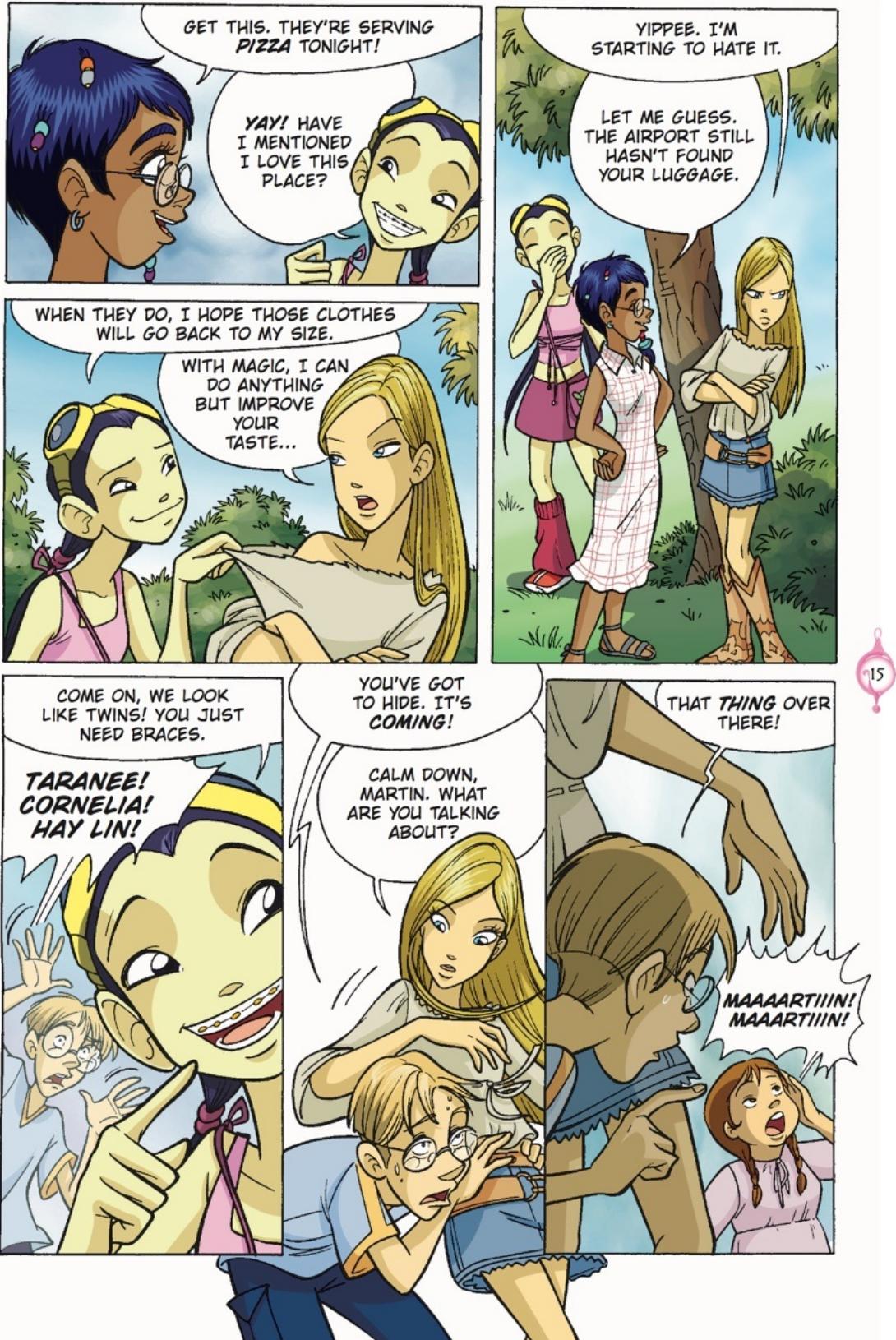


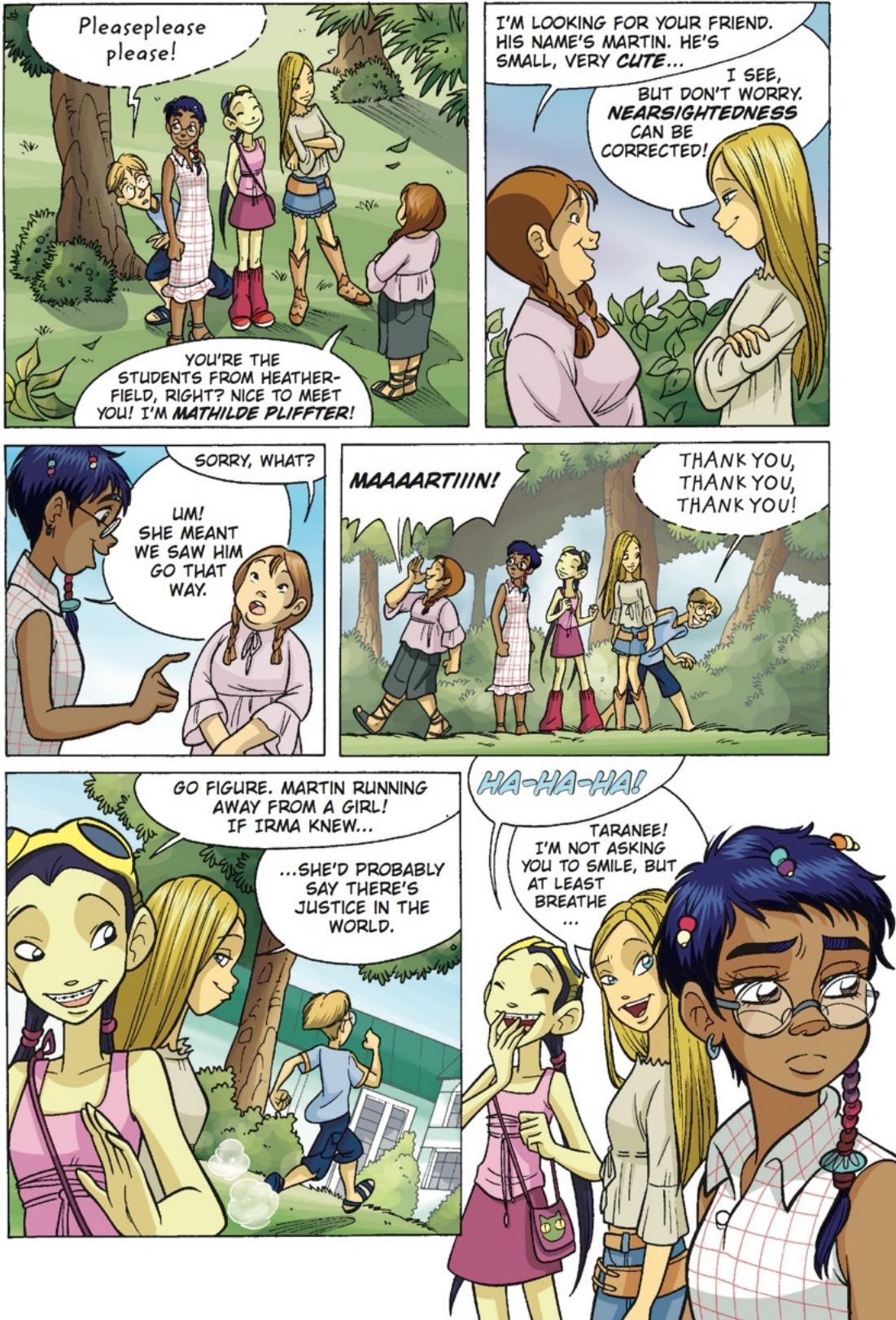
INDEED. PRINCIPAL BULLFORD  
IS WAITING FOR US. IT'S  
ALMOST DINNERTIME.

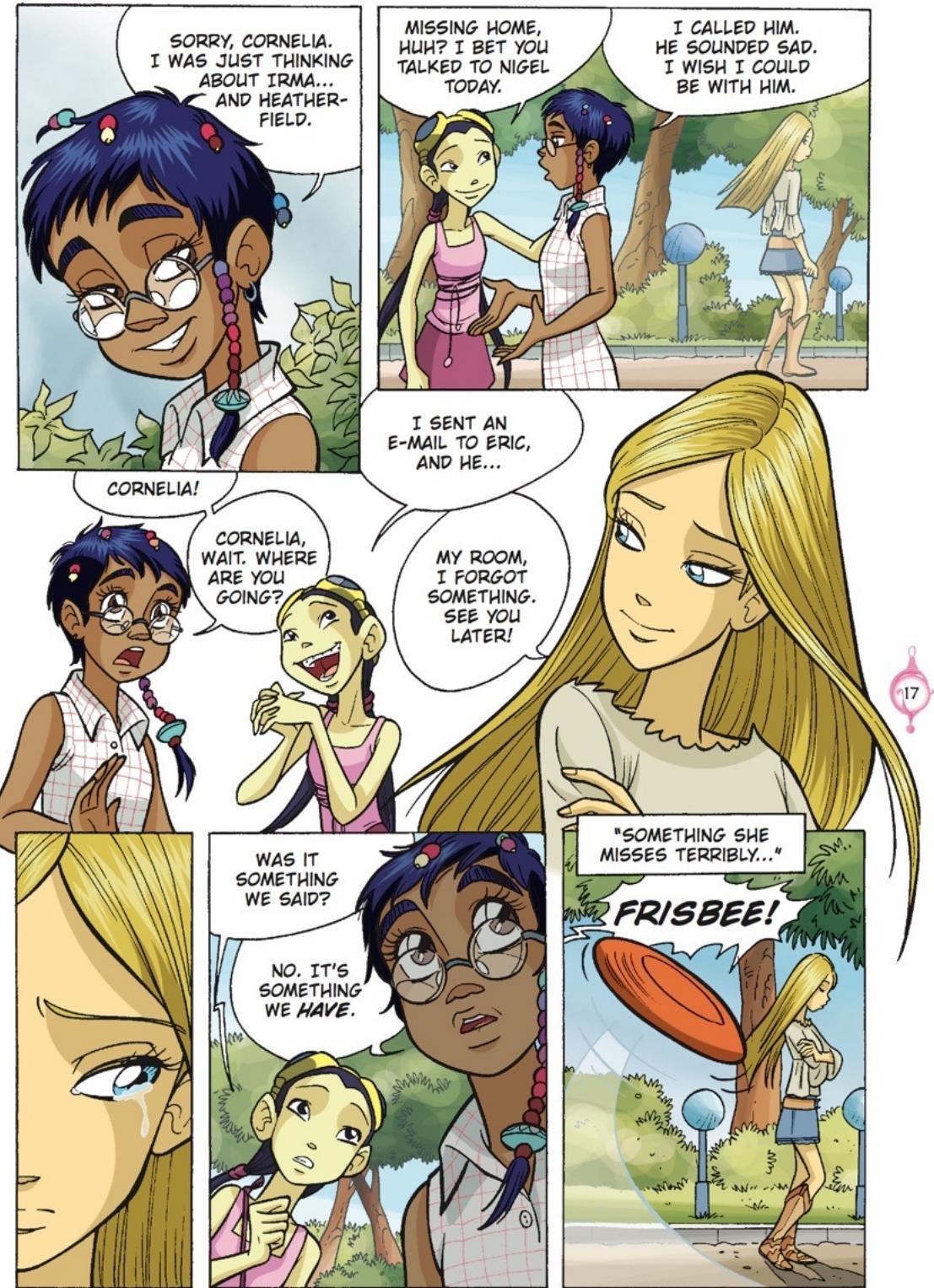
I'LL BE RIGHT  
THERE. JUST  
GOTTA GET  
CHANGED.

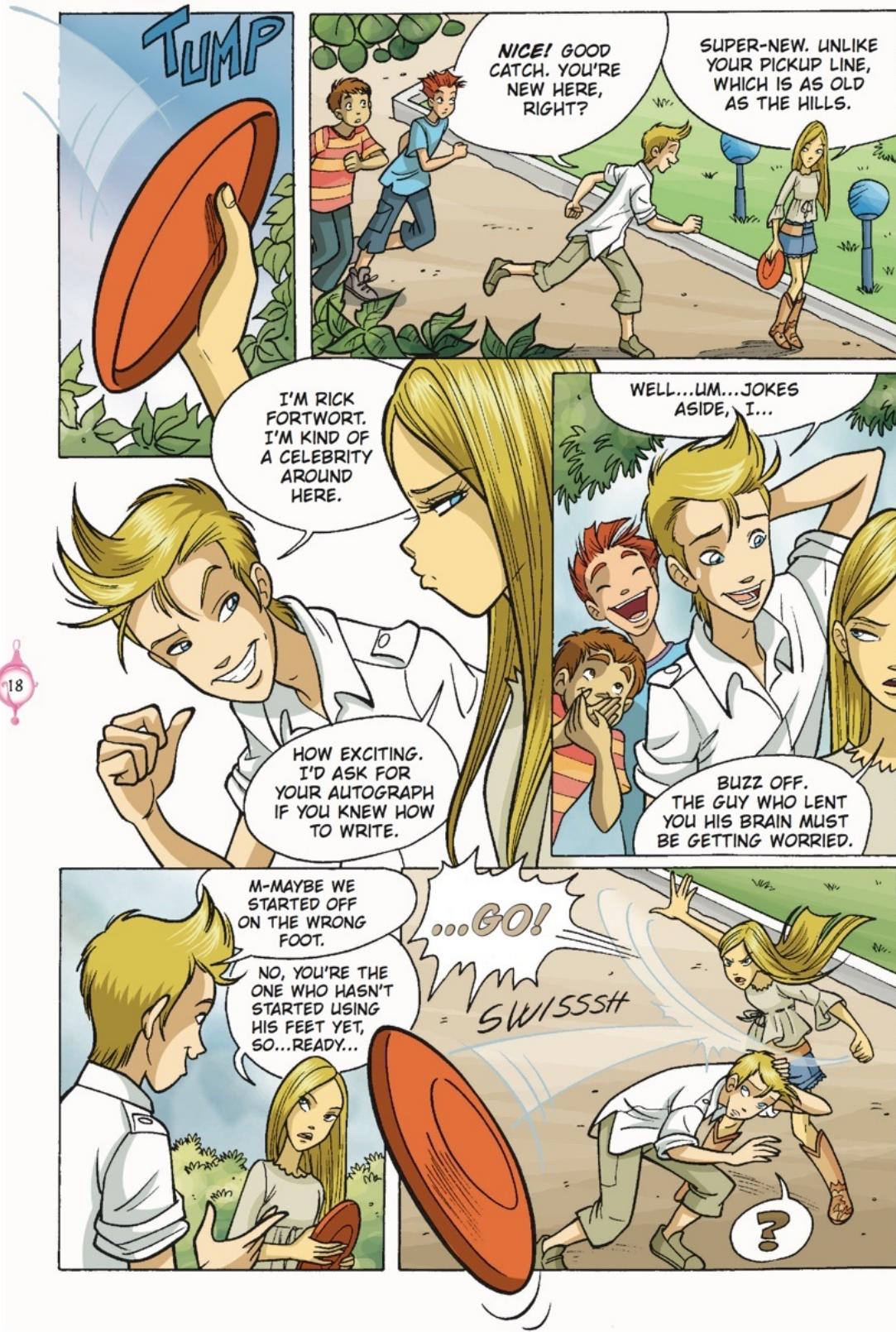


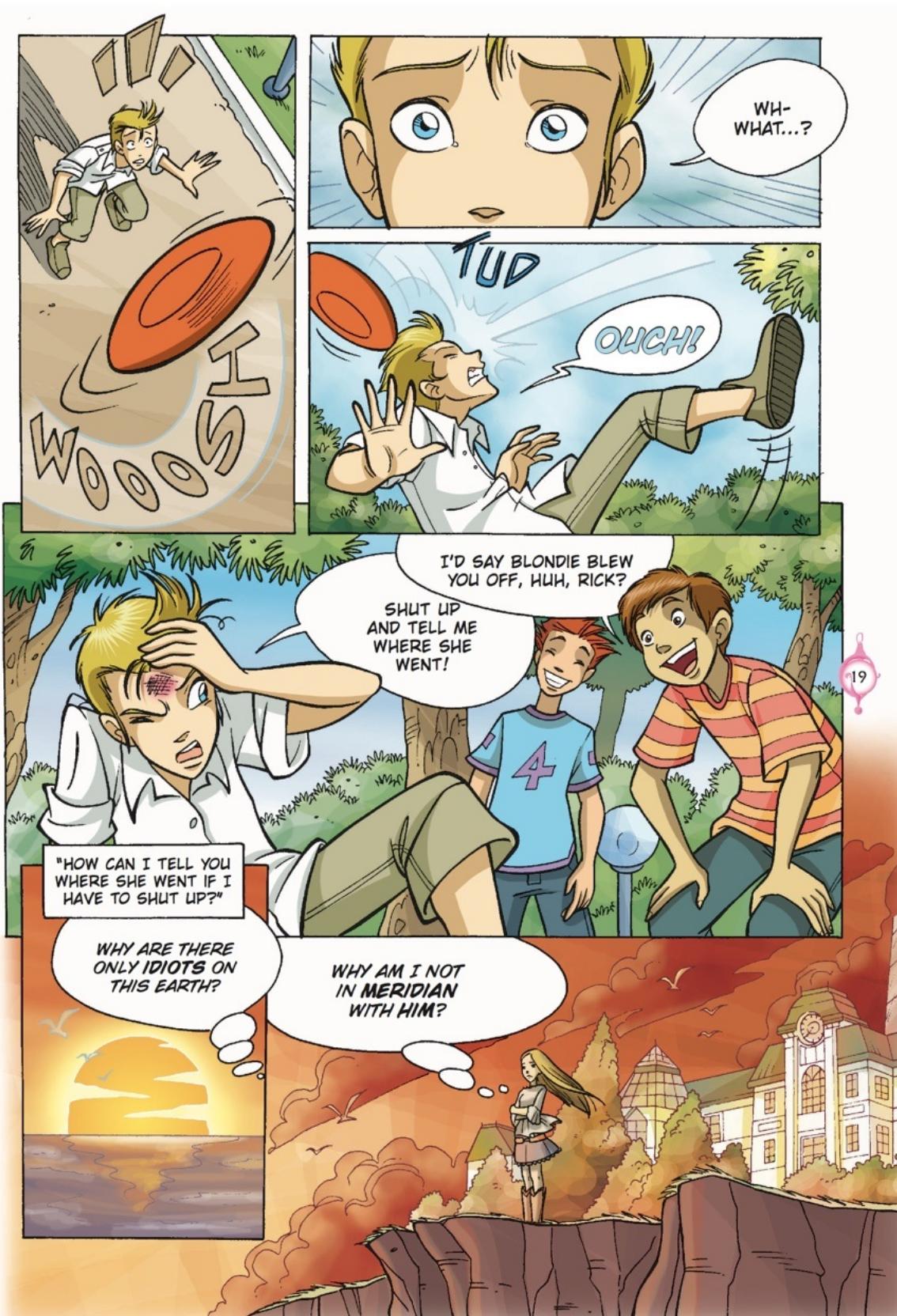
DARN IT. JUST WHEN  
I WAS ABOUT TO  
EAVESDROP.







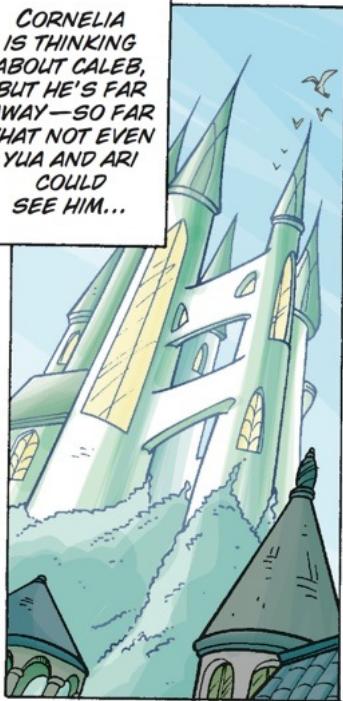




CORNELIA IS THINKING ABOUT CALEB, BUT HE'S FAR AWAY—SO FAR THAT NOT EVEN YUA AND ARI COULD SEE HIM...

NOW CALEB IS IN THE SERVICE OF ELYON, LIGHT OF MERIDIAN, QUEEN OF METAMOOR...

...AND TODAY THE QUEEN MUST MAKE AN IMPORTANT DECISION.



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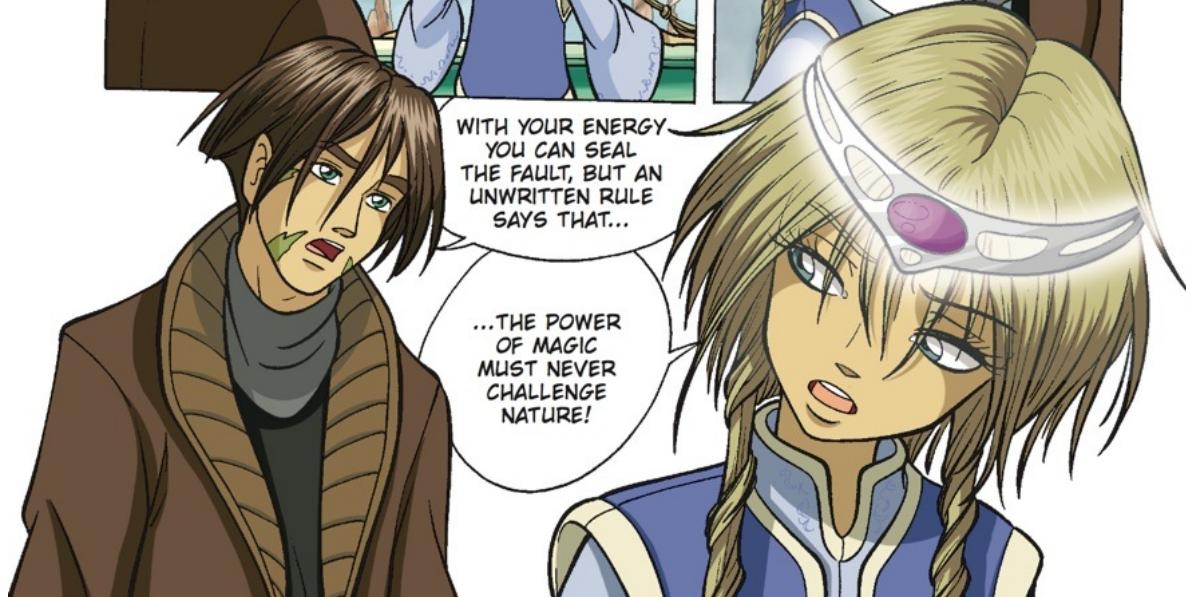
I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO, CALEB. THE PEOPLE IN A VILLAGE NEAR THE BORDER ARE ASKING FOR MY HELP.

THEIR VILLAGE WAS BUILT ON A FAULT LINE THAT HAS BEEN DORMANT FOR CENTURIES.

I KNOW EVERYTHING, MY QUEEN. SADLY, THE GROUND IS SHAKING AGAIN.

WITH YOUR ENERGY YOU CAN SEAL THE FAULT, BUT AN UNWRITTEN RULE SAYS THAT...

...THE POWER OF MAGIC MUST NEVER CHALLENGE NATURE!





SPEAKING OF IMPORTANT DECISIONS...MEANWHILE, IN HEATHERFIELD...

LET'S START AGAIN. RED OUTFIT...

...OR BLACK?



I STILL DON'T GET WHY I HAVE TO CHANGE CLOTHES.

BECAUSE THE ORACLE MAY BE A WISE MAN, BUT HE'S A TERRIBLE STYLIST!

TAKE THESE RAGS BACK TO YOUR MOTHER WITH MY THANKS.

FORGET IT. I NICKED THEM FROM HER WARDROBE!

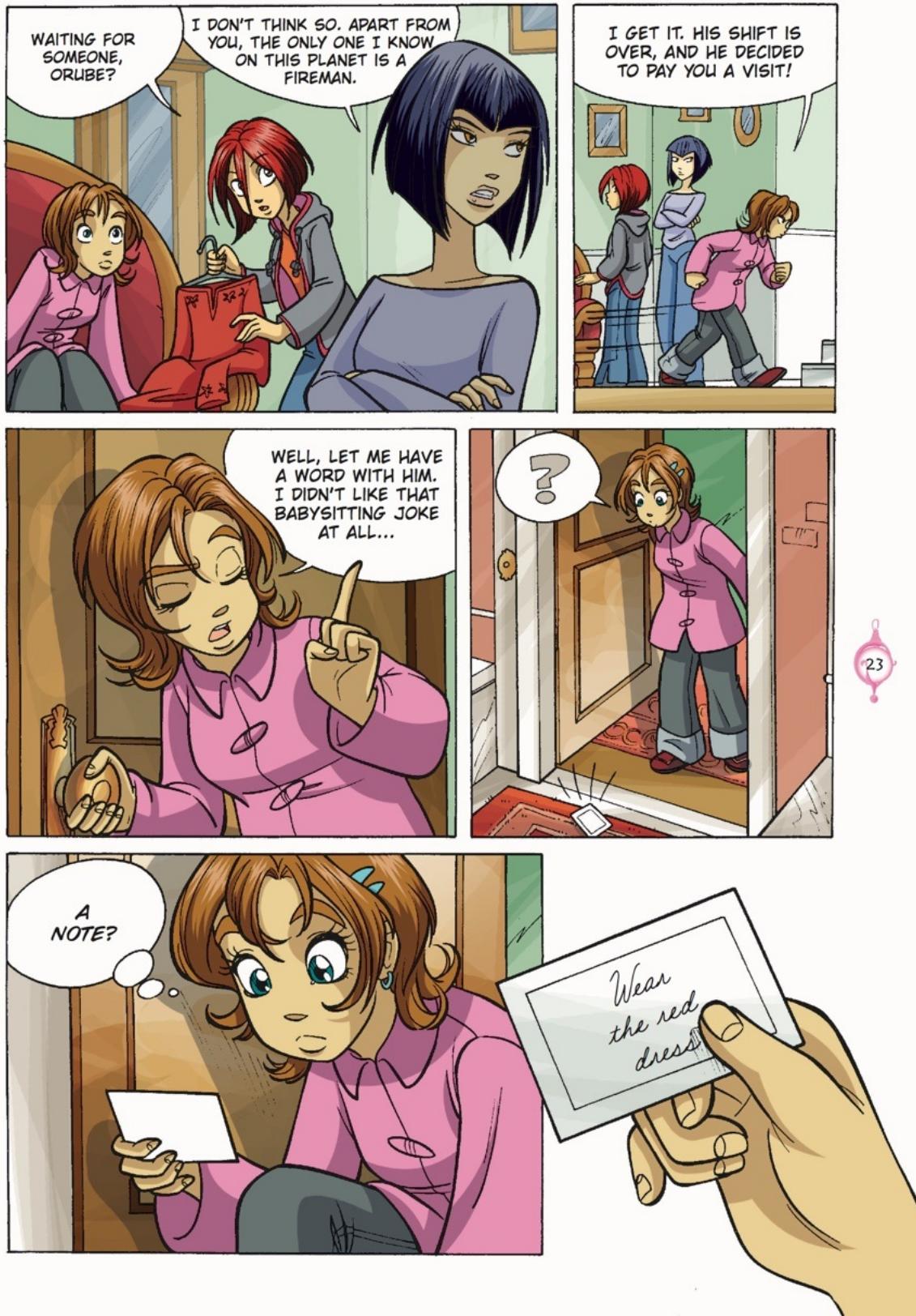


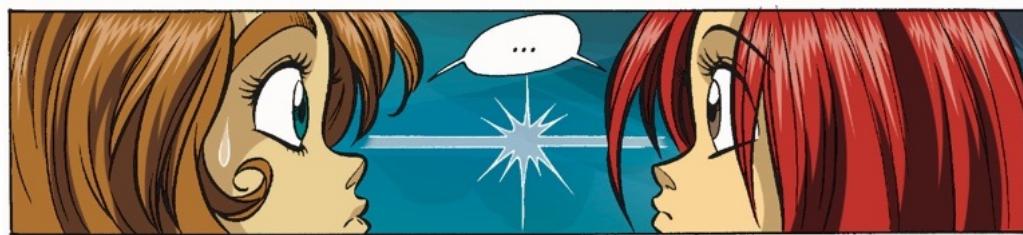
WON'T SUSAN BE MAD WHEN SHE FINDS OUT THEY'RE GONE?

IT'S BEEN SO LONG SINCE SHE WORE THEM, SHE'S FORGOTTEN ABOUT THEM.

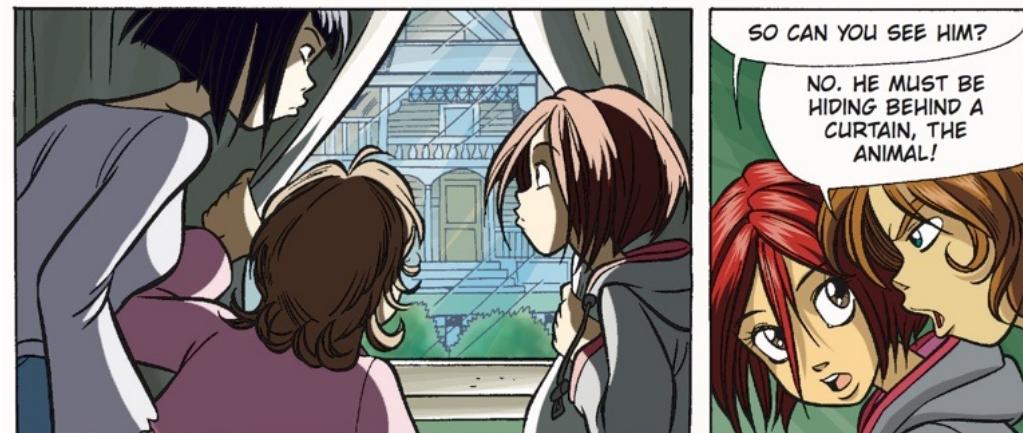
DRILLIN





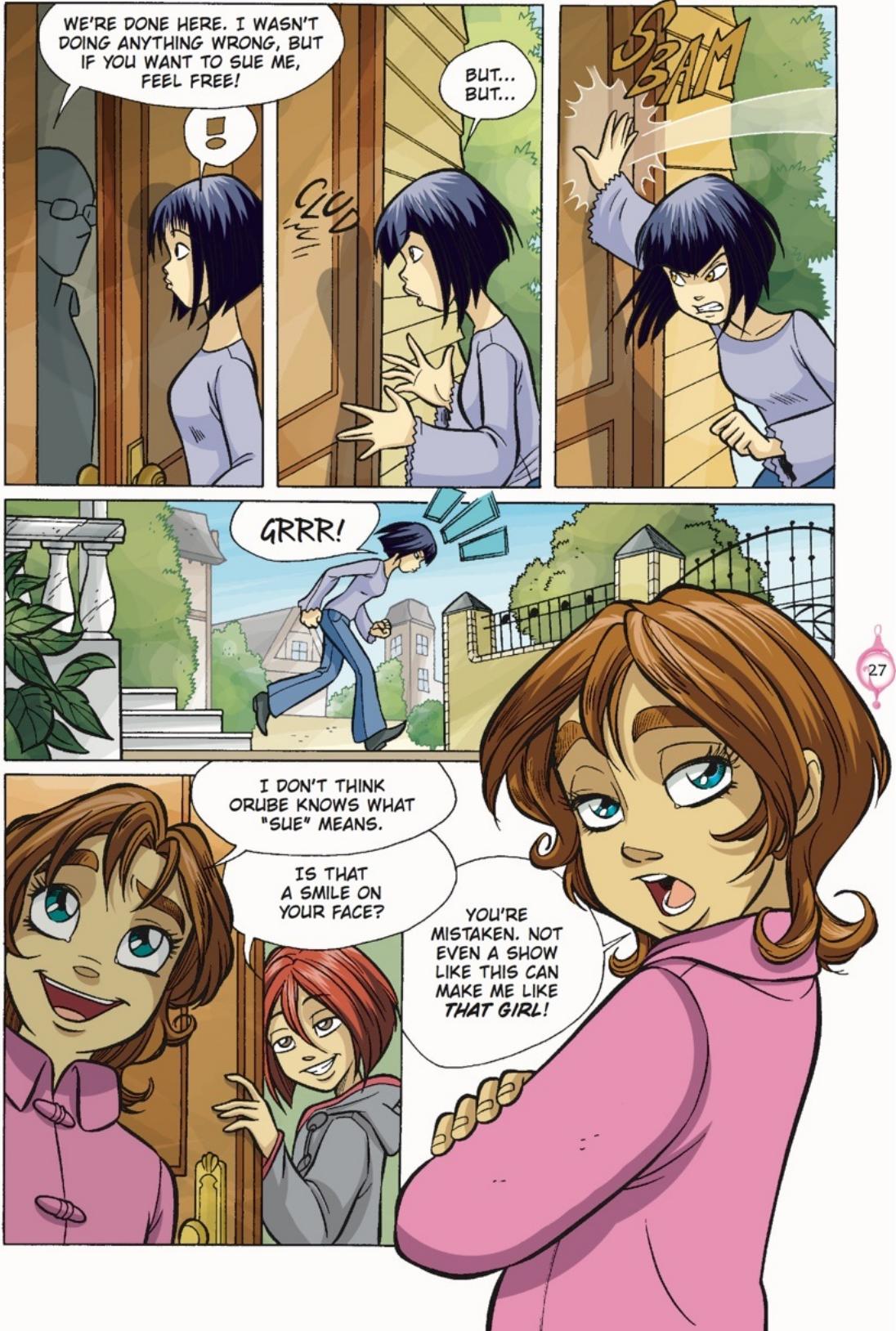


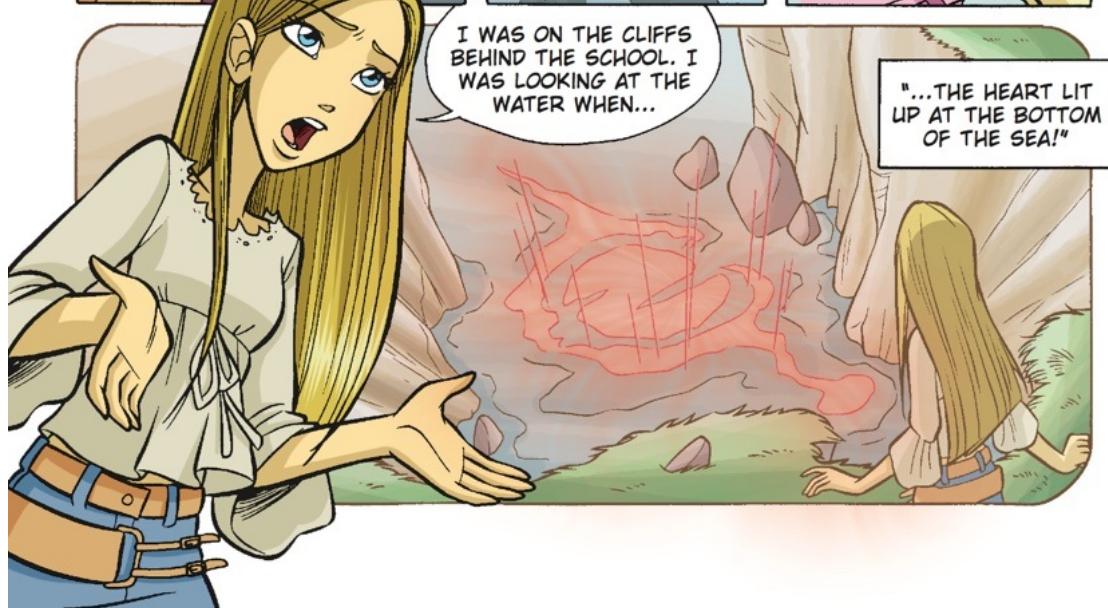
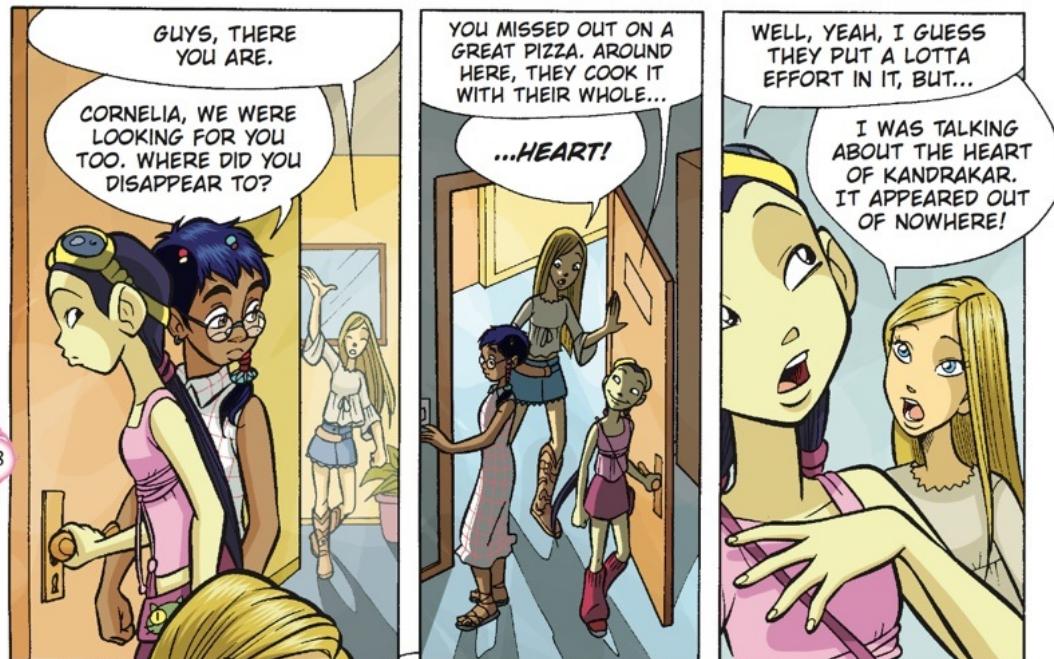
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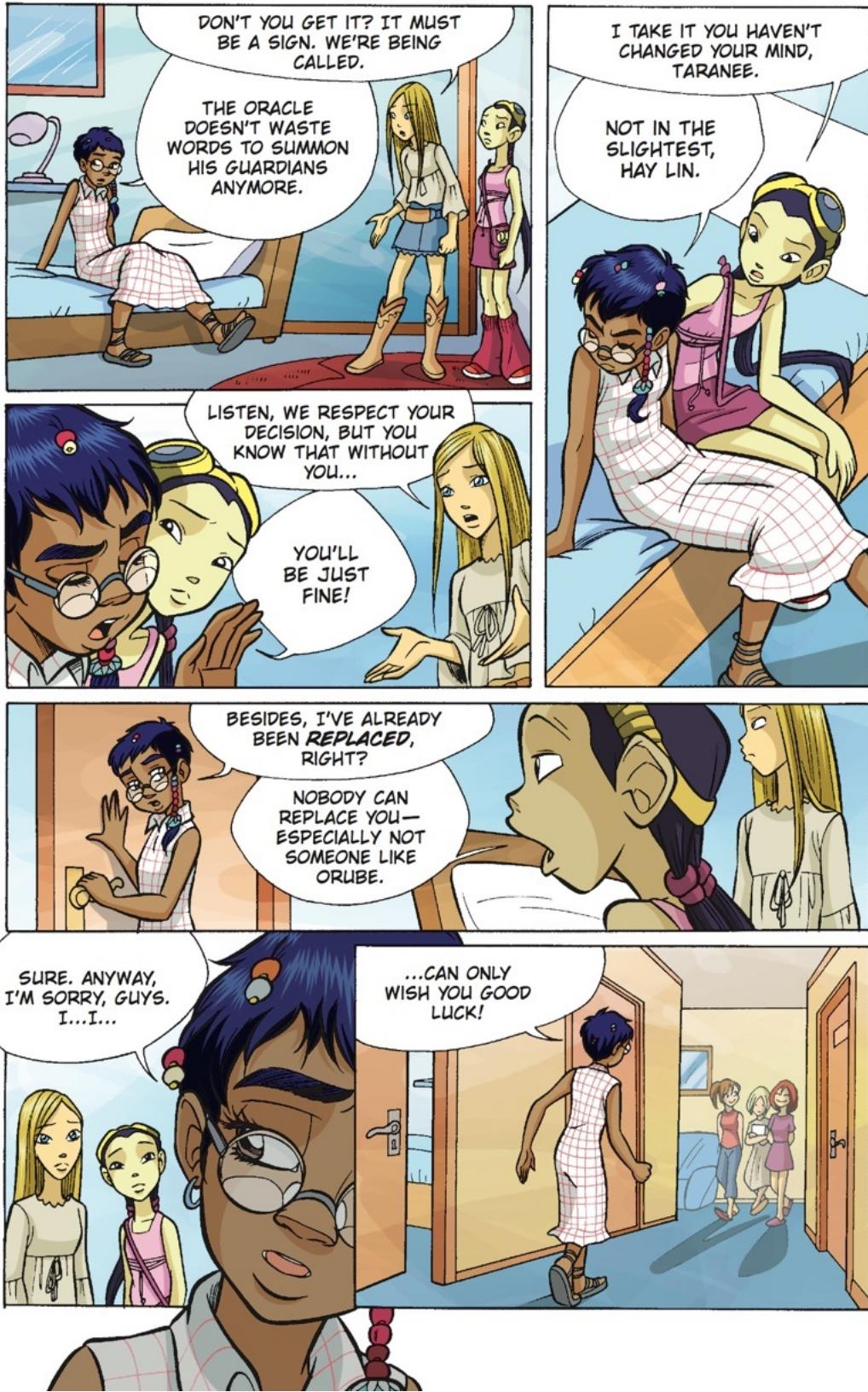












TARANEE WALKS AWAY,  
DESPITE KNOWING THAT  
HER FRIENDS ARE ABOUT  
TO FACE A NEW THREAT.

AFTER ALL, SHE'S A GUARDIAN,  
AND SHE WONDERS HOW LONG  
SHE'LL BE ABLE TO HOLD  
BACK THE POWER...

...BURNING  
INSIDE  
HER.

I'M ABOUT TO  
EXPLODE!

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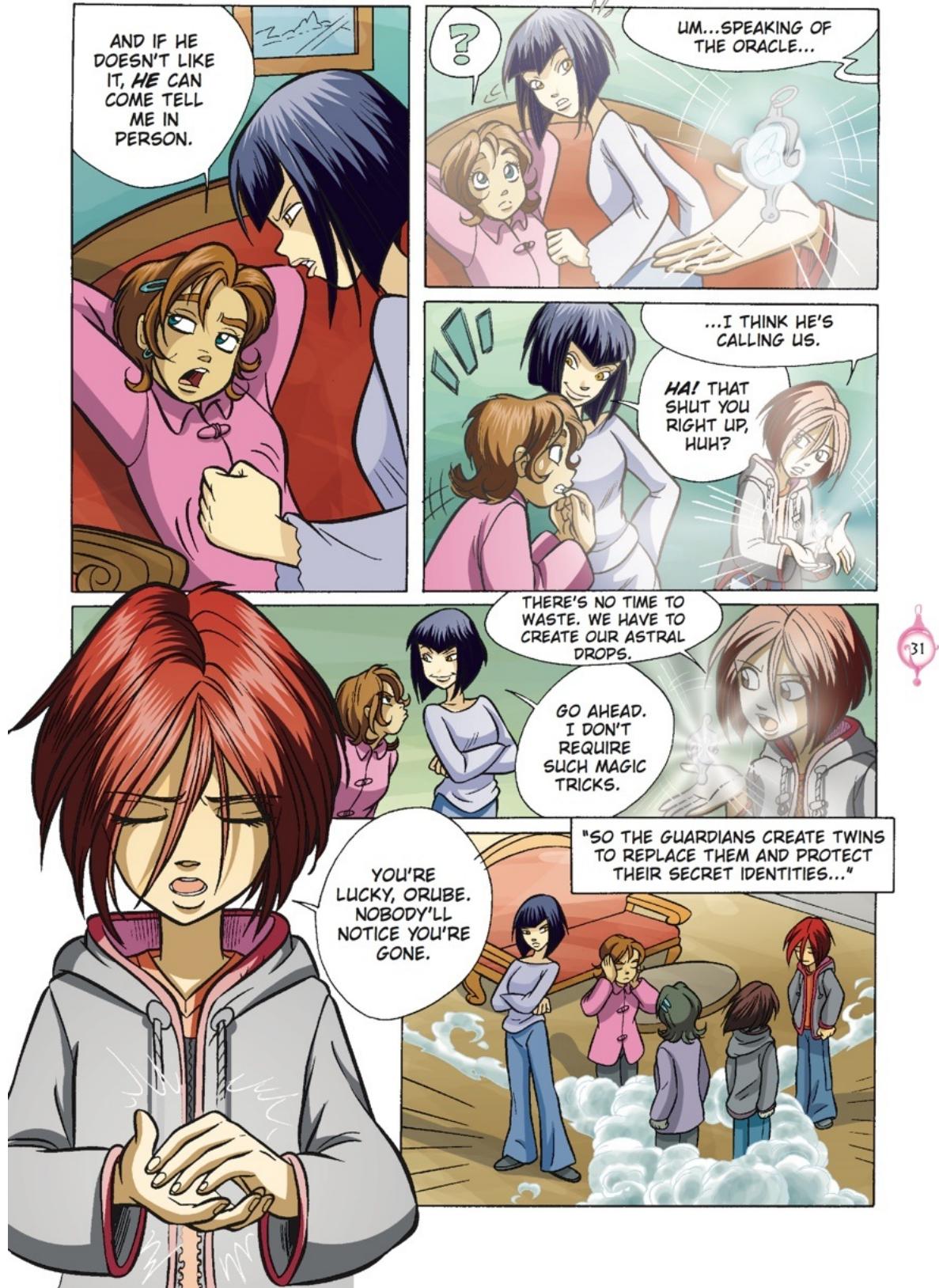
THAT GUY...THAT NEIGHBOR...  
I DON'T KNOW WHAT STOPPED  
ME FROM CRUSHING HIM!

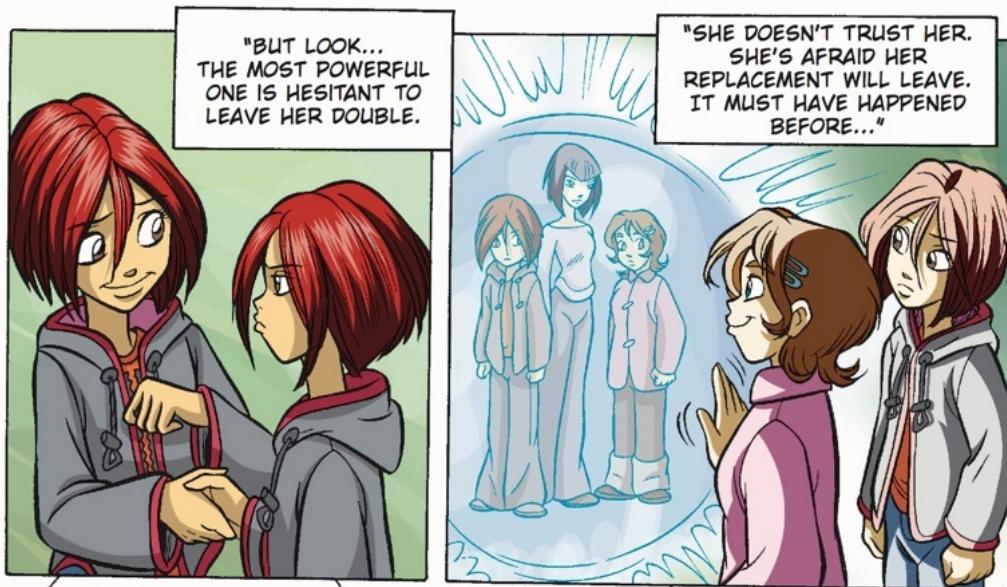
I KNOW!

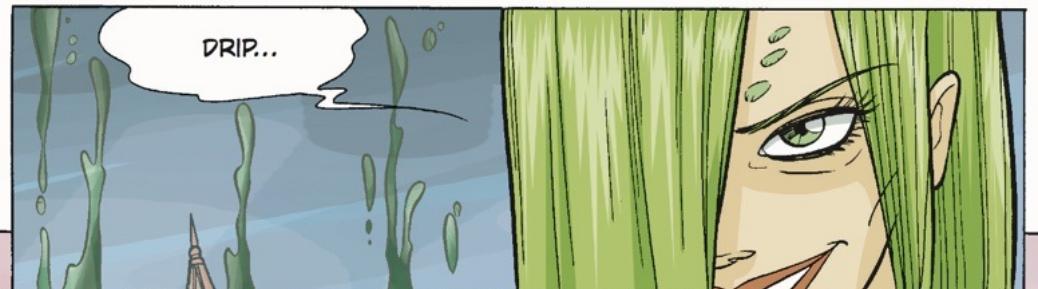
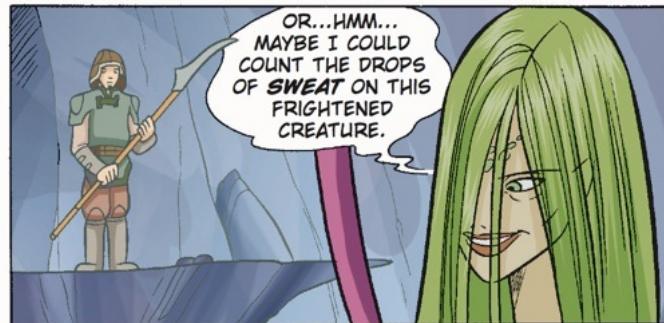
TSK! I'LL TALK  
ABOUT THE BIG  
BOSS ANY WAY  
I PLEASE.

YOU!  
STOP BEING  
SO DISRESPECTFUL  
WHEN YOU TALK  
ABOUT THE  
ORACLE!

IT WAS OUR DEAR BALDY  
ORDERING YOU NOT TO  
USE YOUR POWERS ON  
EARTH.





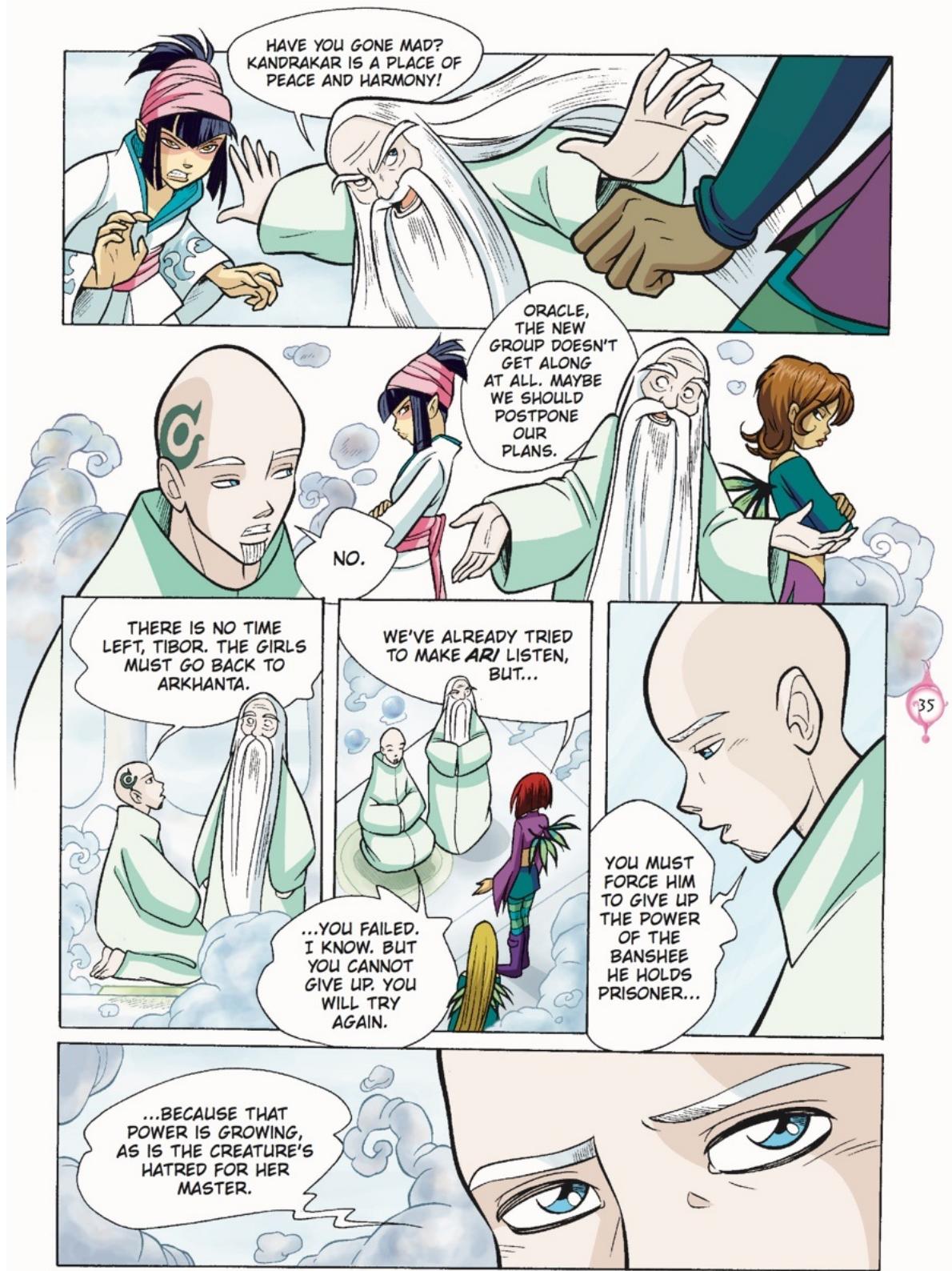


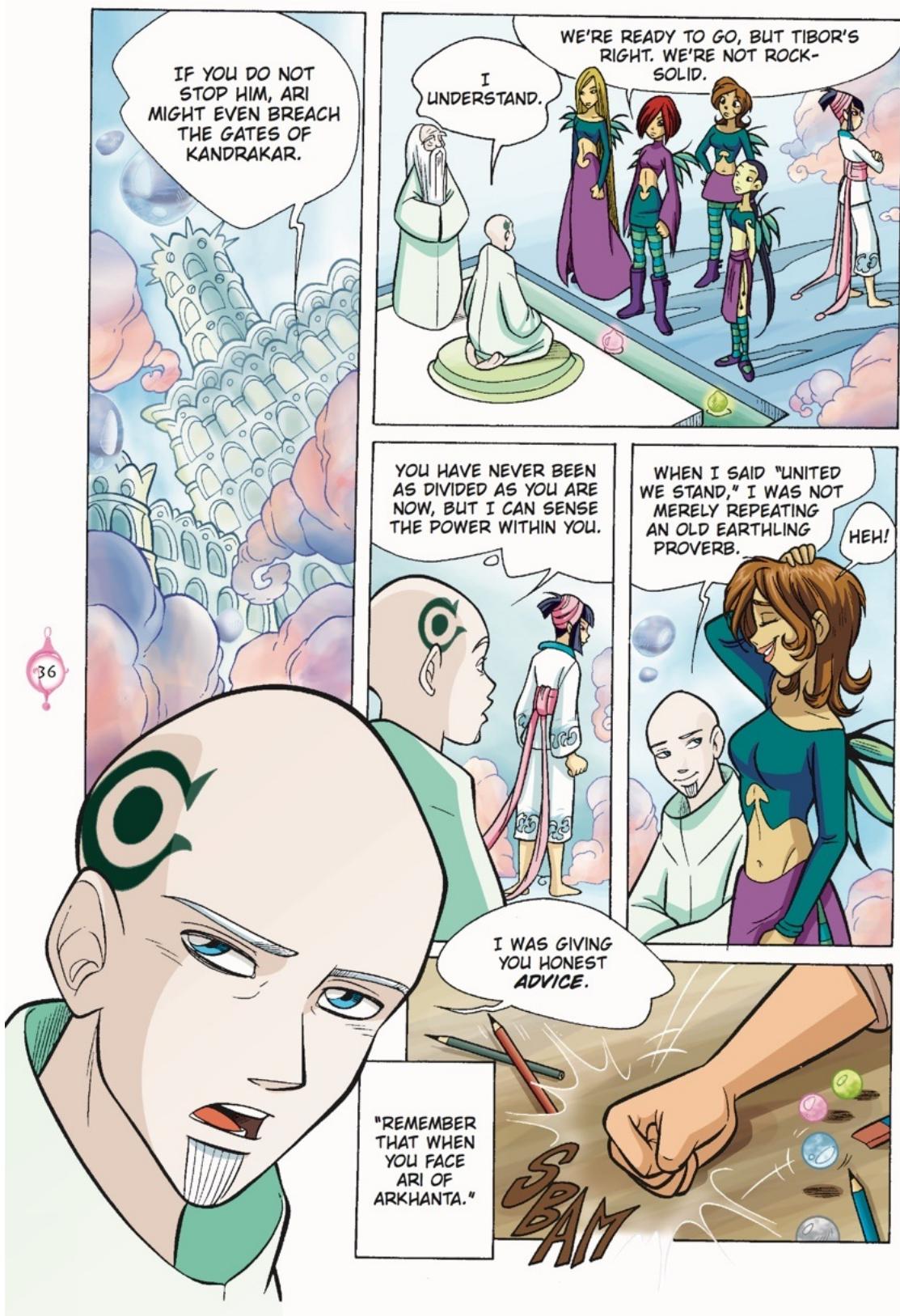
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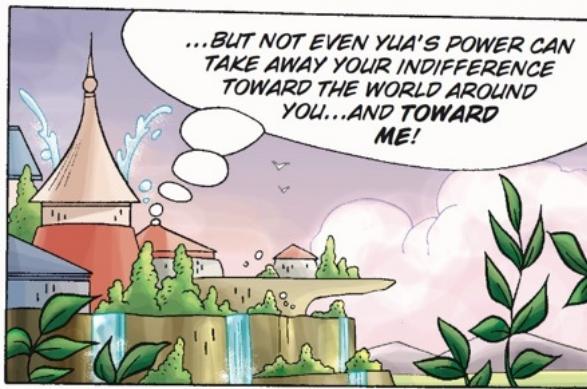
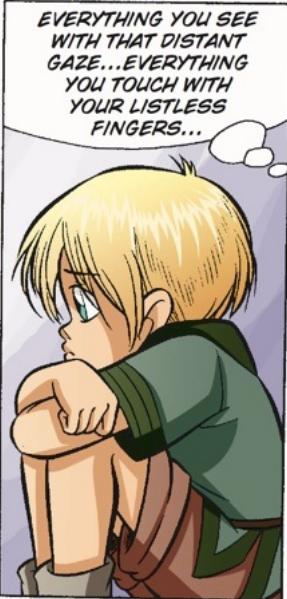


YUA'S GUARD SHUDDERS AS  
SHE RESUMES HER CHANT...











ARKHANTA IS A BRIGHT WORLD, ALMOST PERFECT...



WITH THE BANSHEE'S POWER, ARI TRANSFORMED THE LAND, GIVING HIS PEOPLE A RICH, PRODUCTIVE EXISTENCE.



TODAY, SOME OF THOSE PEOPLE GATHER IN THE VILLAGE OF URDAH, NOT FAR FROM THEIR LORD'S CASTLE.



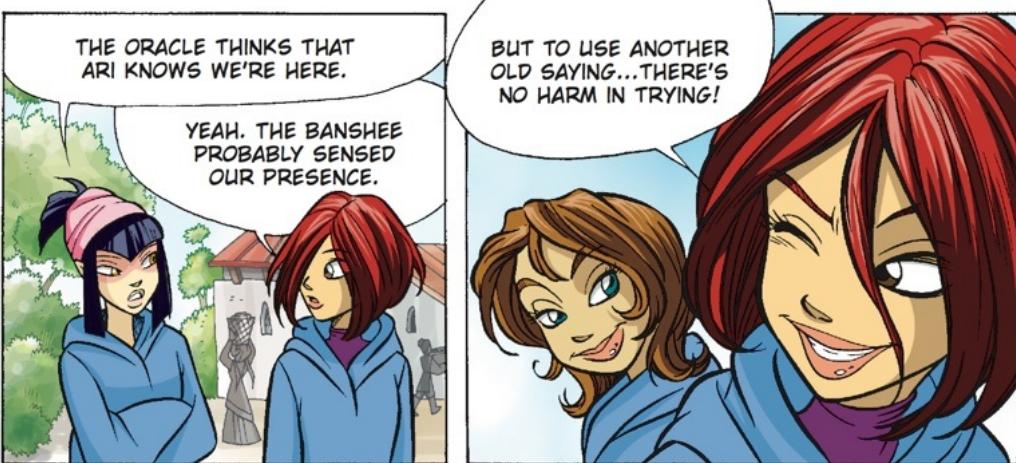
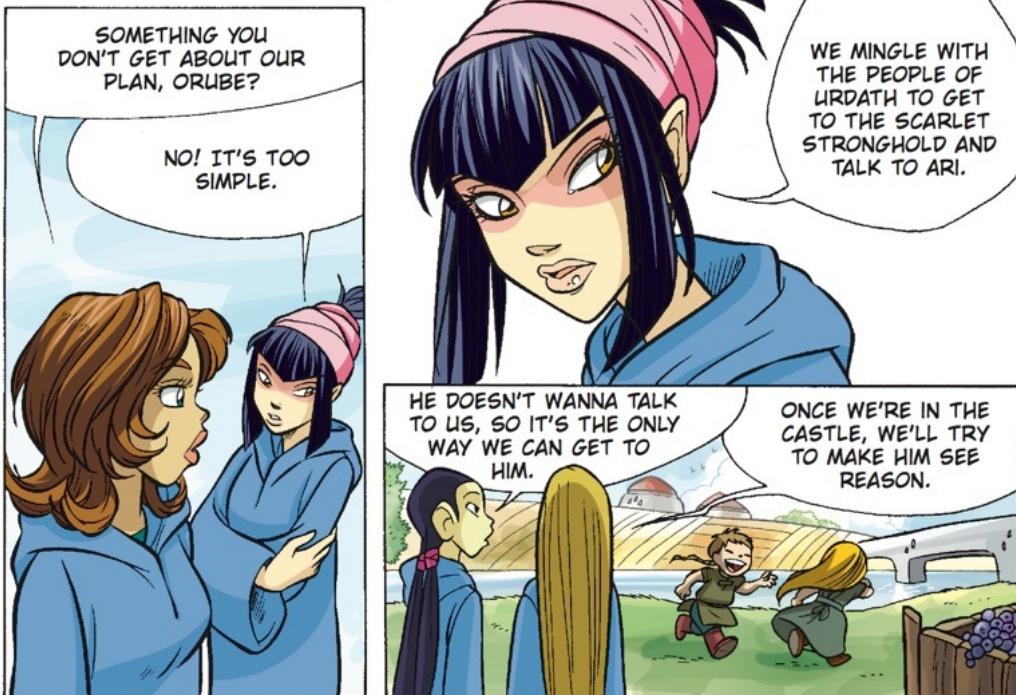
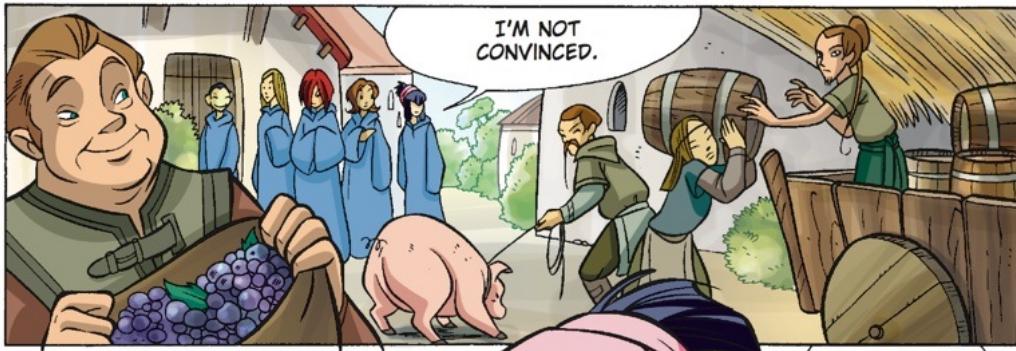
AT THE HARVEST FESTIVAL, FARMERS MEET TO PREPARE GIFTS...

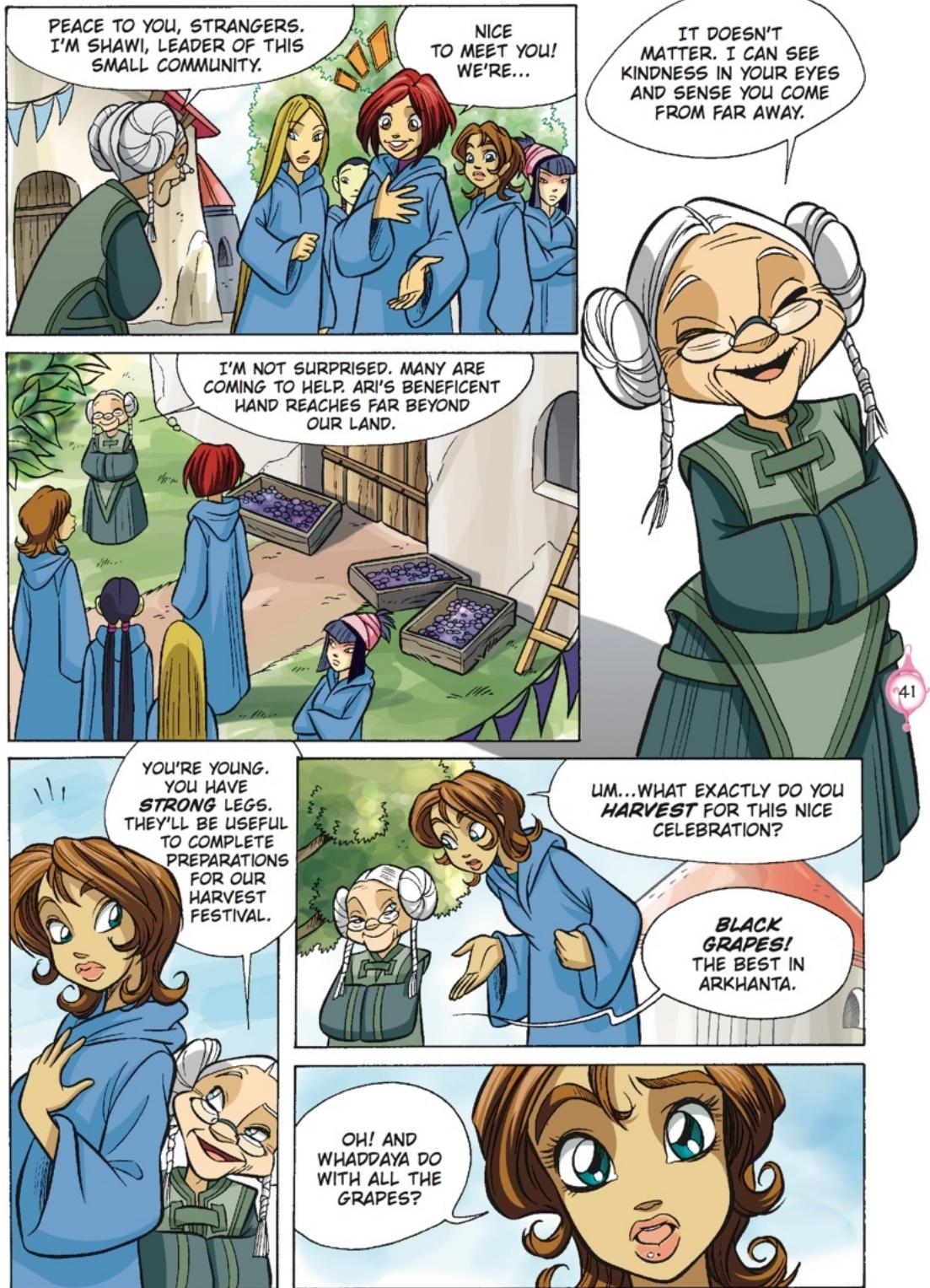
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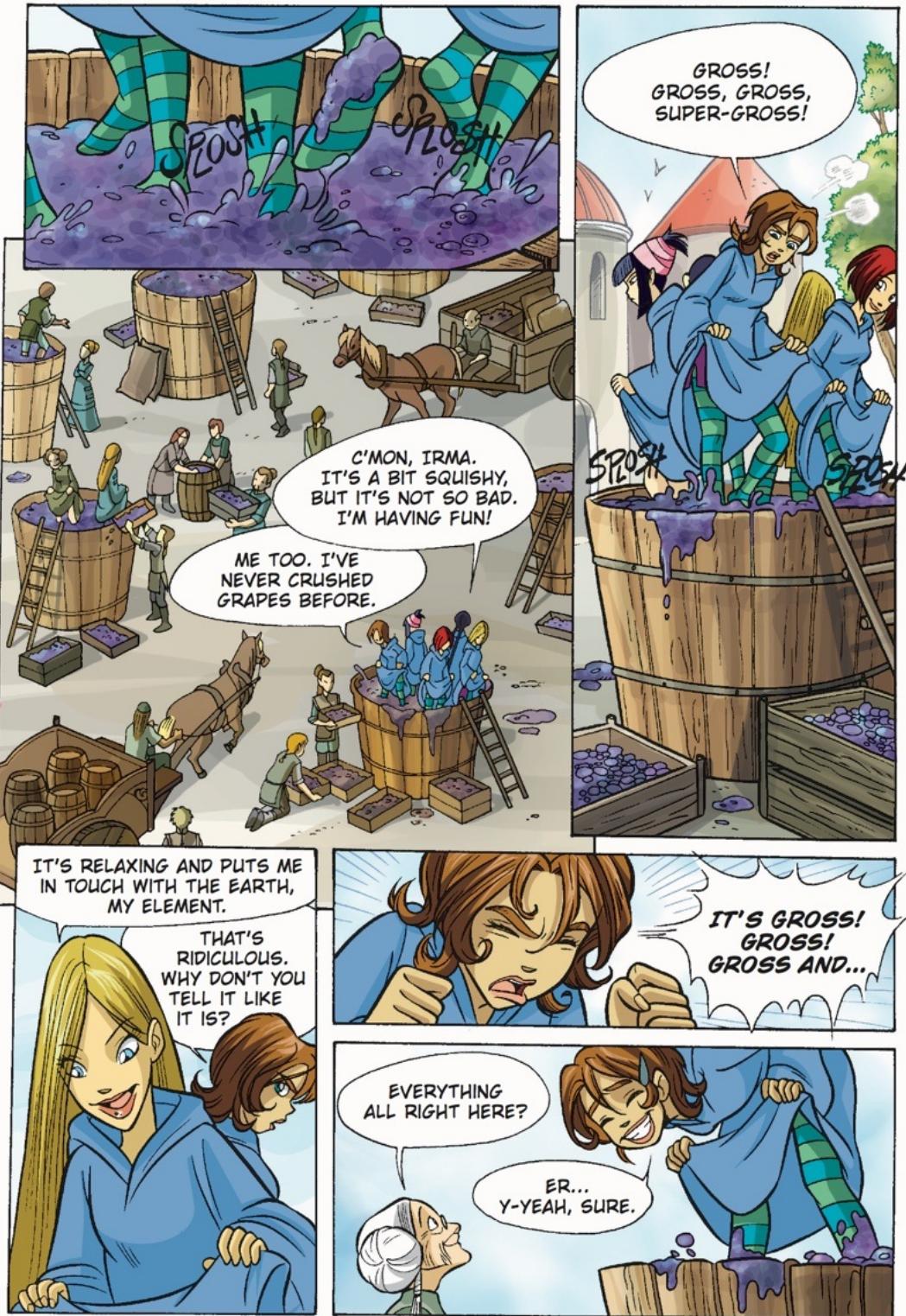


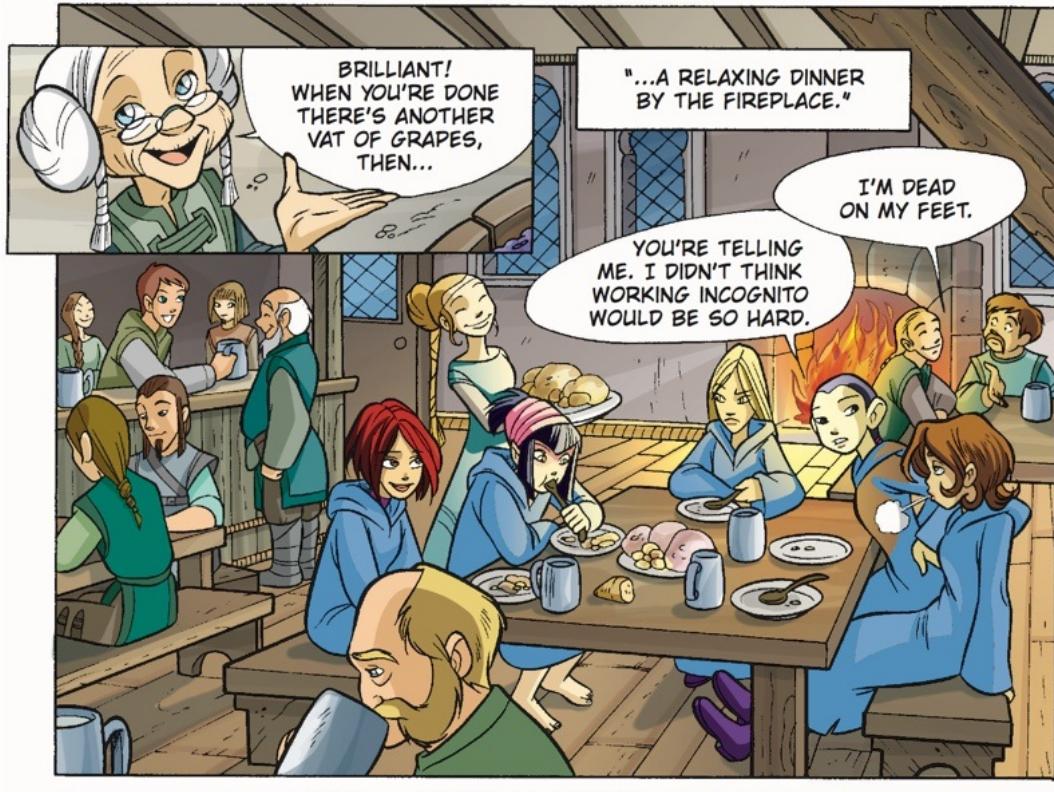
...TO GIVE TO THEIR MASTER AS A SIGN OF GRATITUDE AND RESPECT.



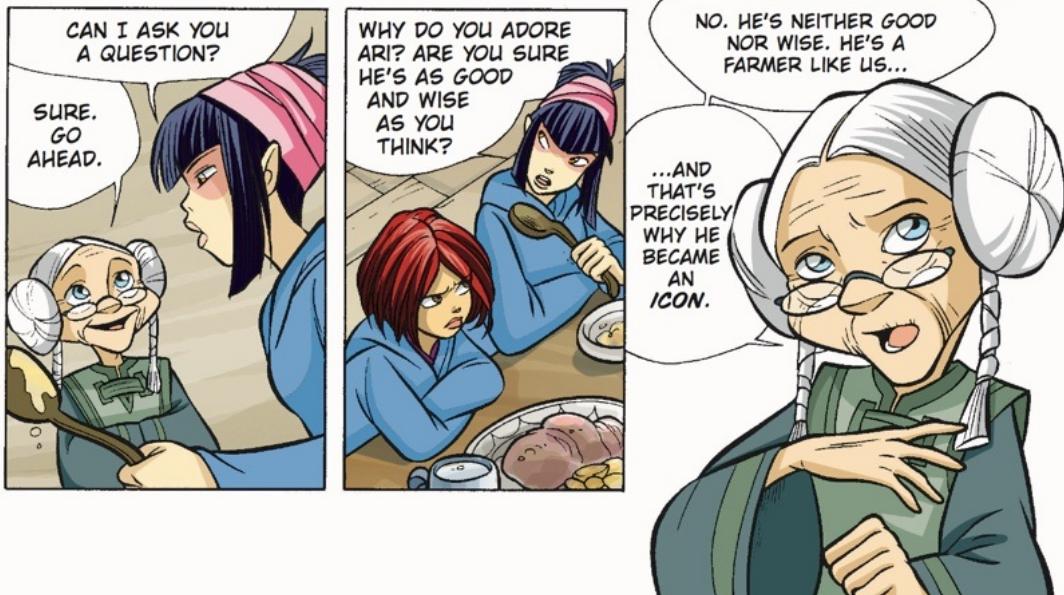


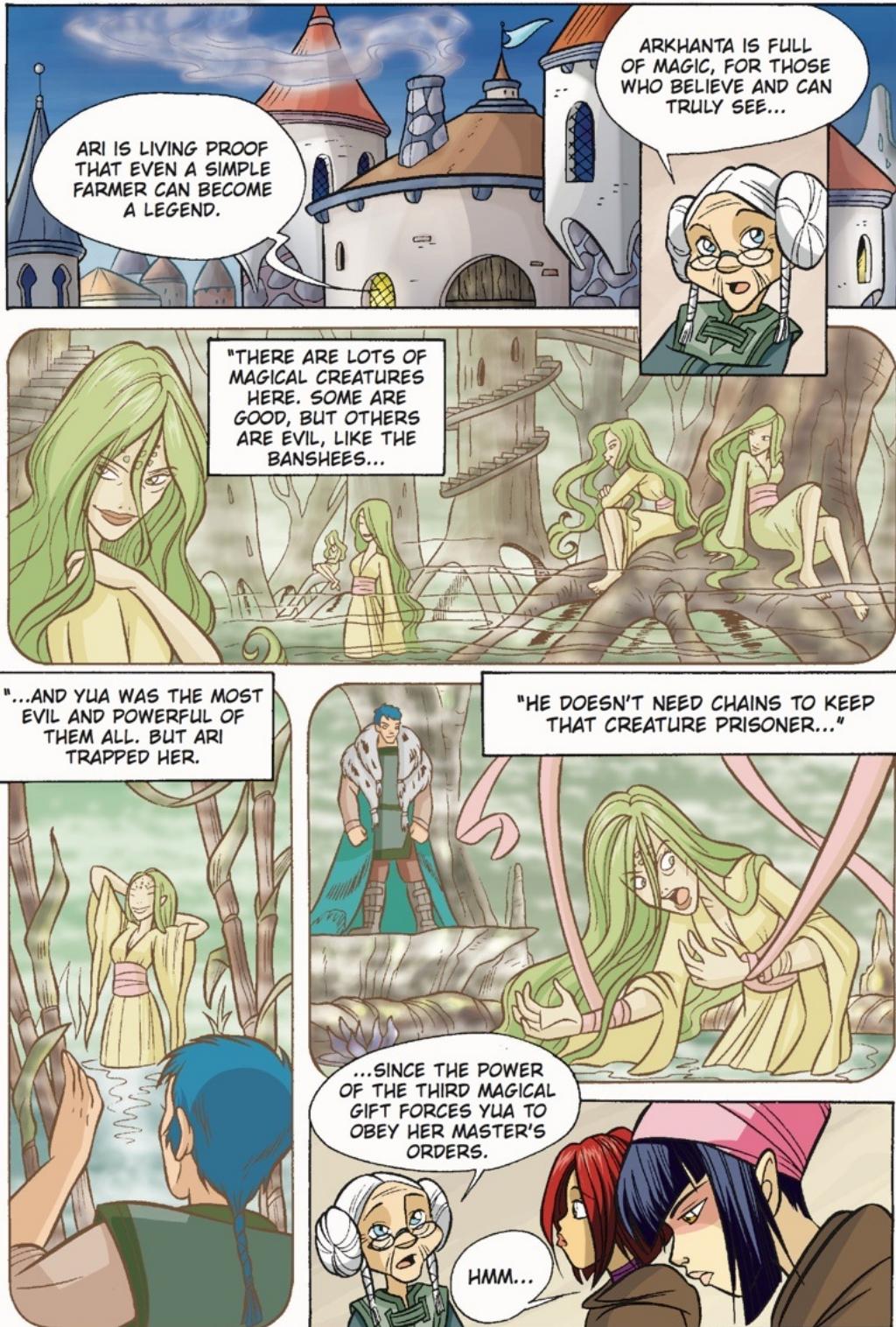






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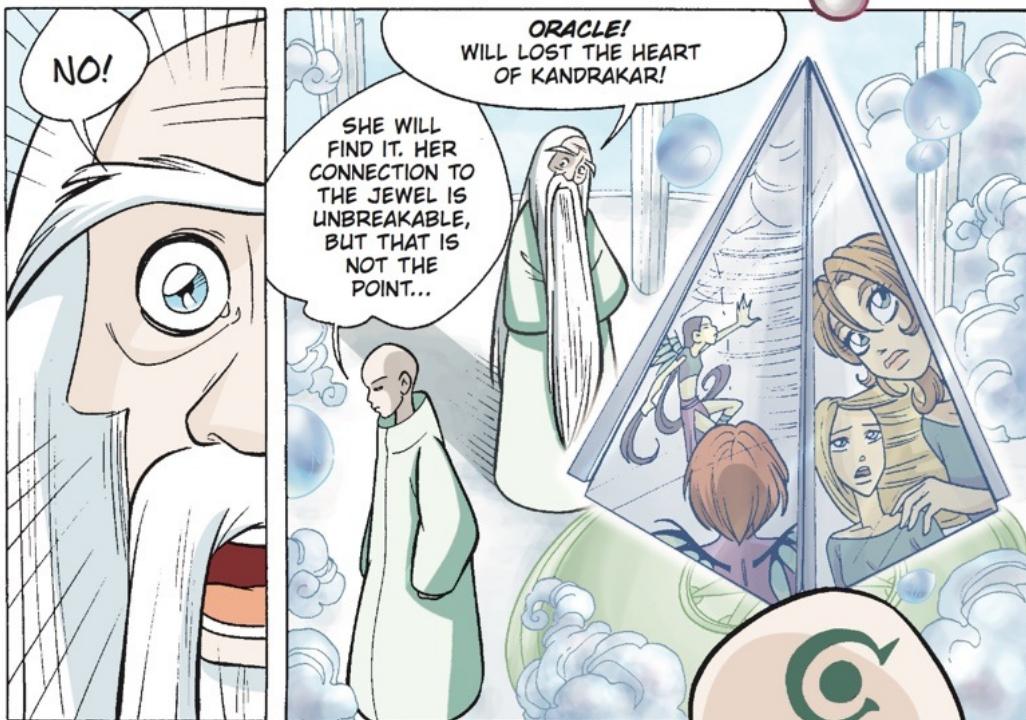






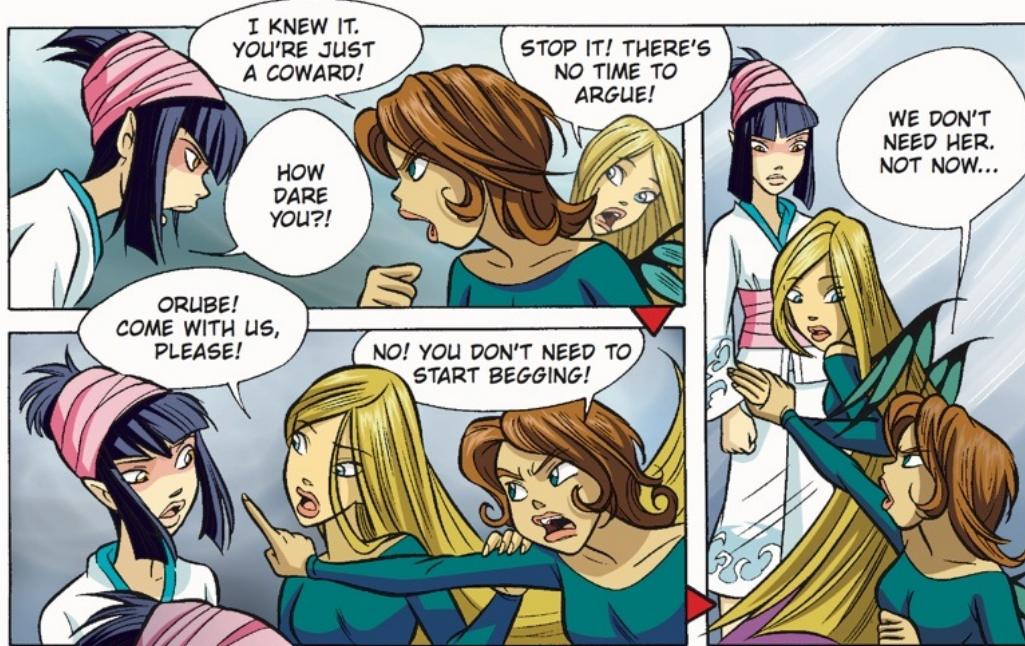
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...AND, WITH GREAT  
PERSEVERANCE,  
MANAGE TO PUSH  
IT BACK.



THE POWER  
OF THE  
TWISTER  
WANES  
UNTIL IT  
DISAPPEARS  
...



...LEAVING BEHIND A TRAIL  
OF DESTRUCTION.



OUR HOMES!  
OUR HARVEST!  
ALL GONE...

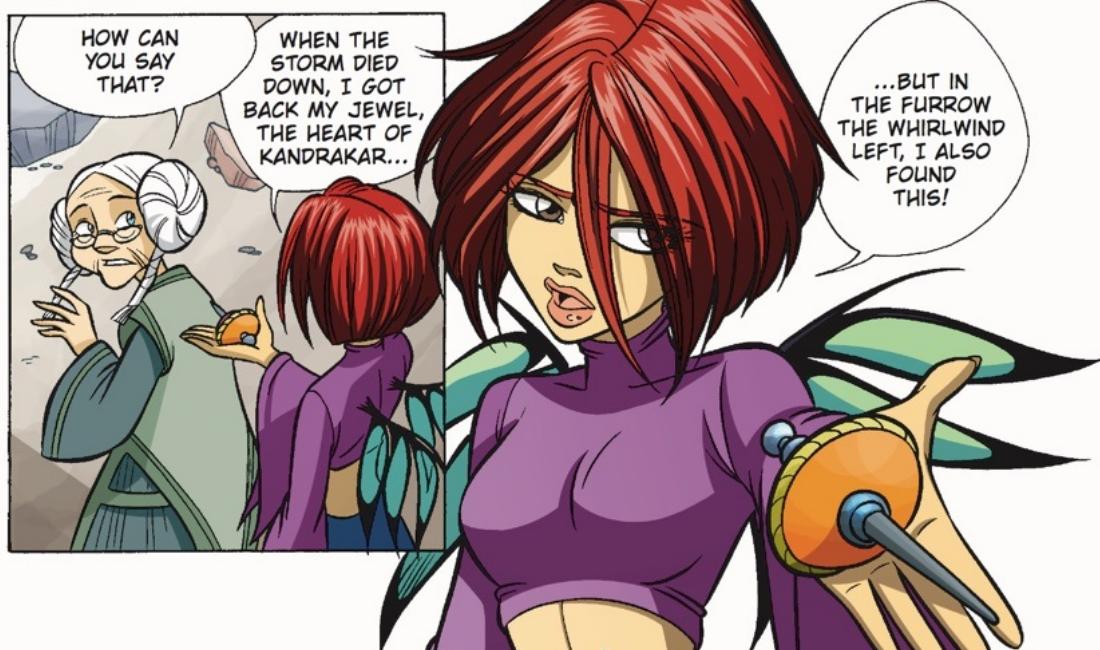
IT WAS  
ARI!

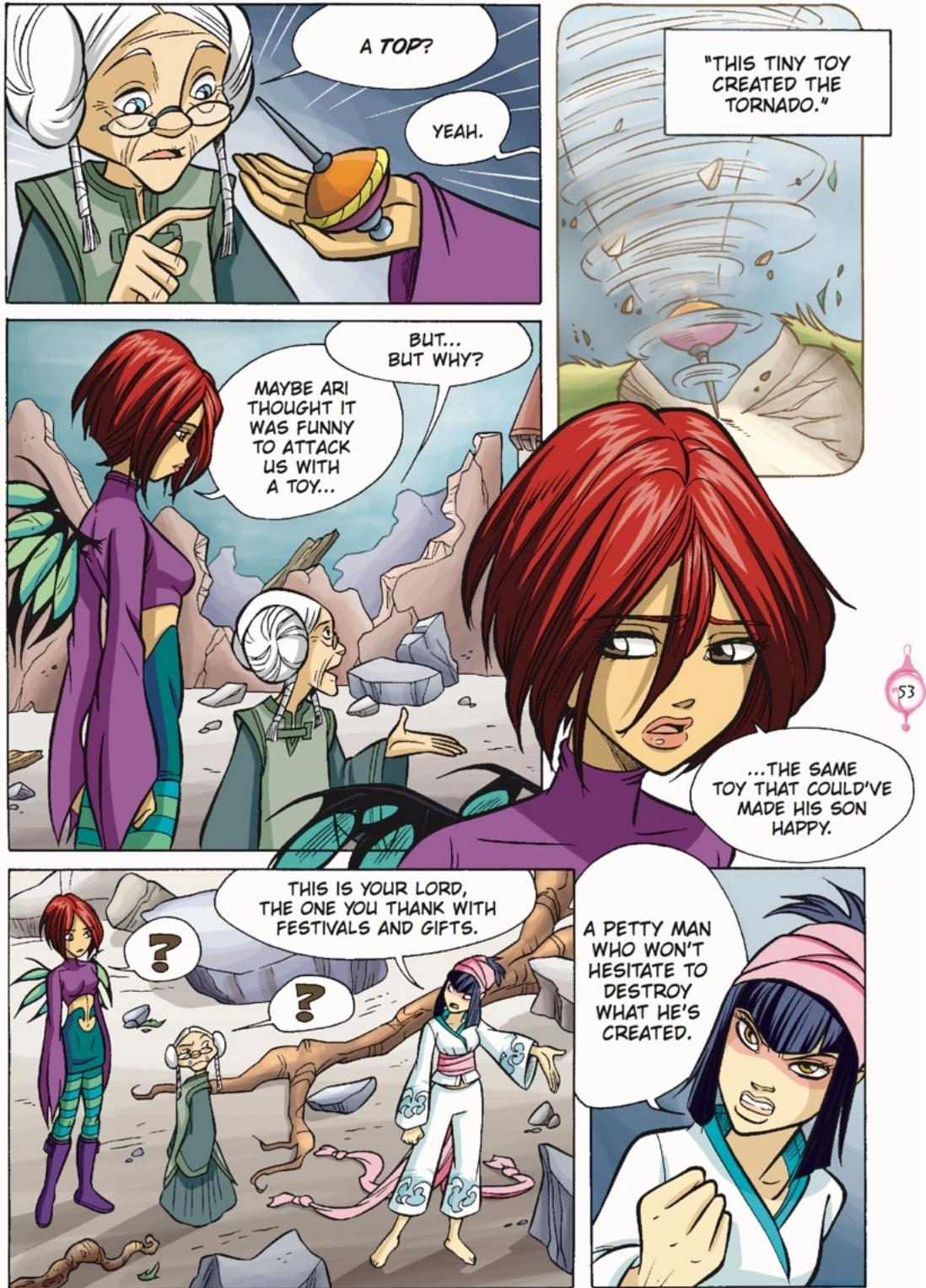


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HOW CAN  
YOU SAY  
THAT?

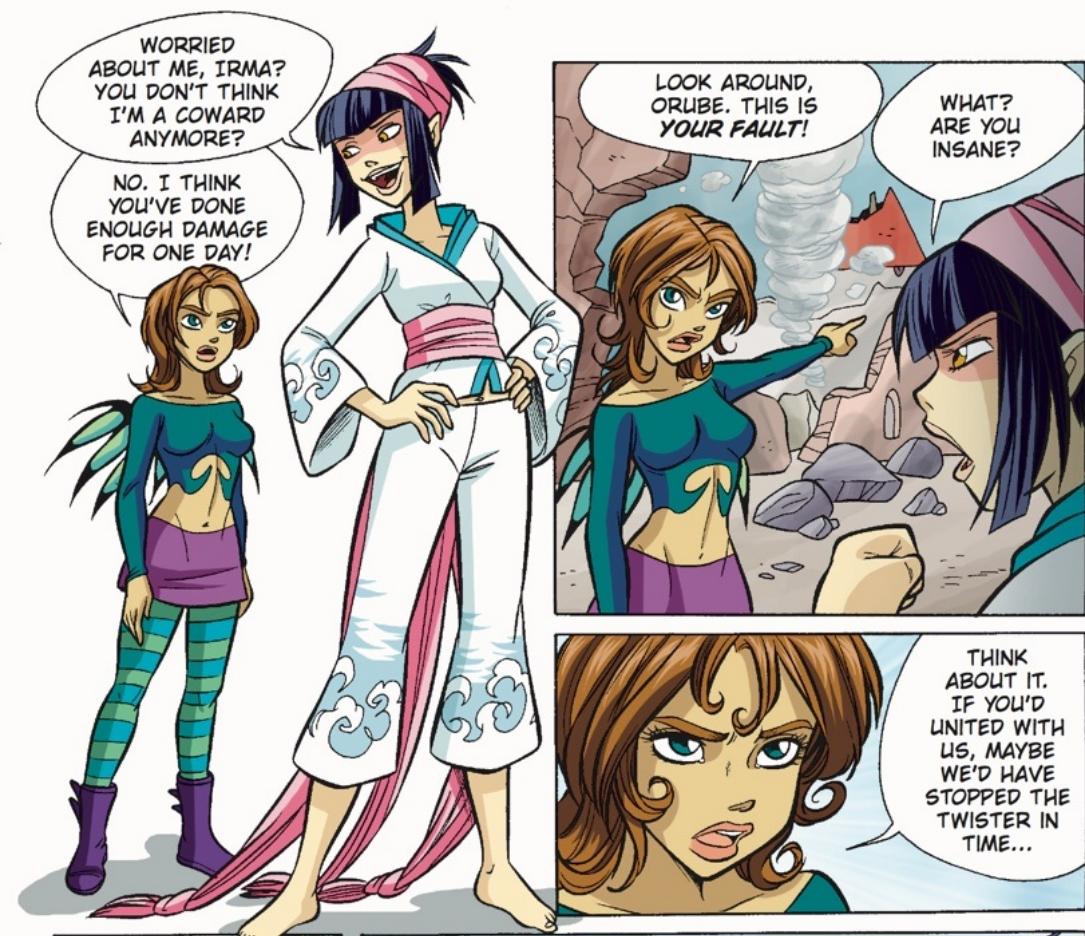
WHEN THE  
STORM DIED  
DOWN, I GOT  
BACK MY JEWEL,  
THE HEART OF  
KANDRAKAR...

...BUT IN  
THE FURROW  
THE WHIRLWIND  
LEFT, I ALSO  
FOUND  
THIS!

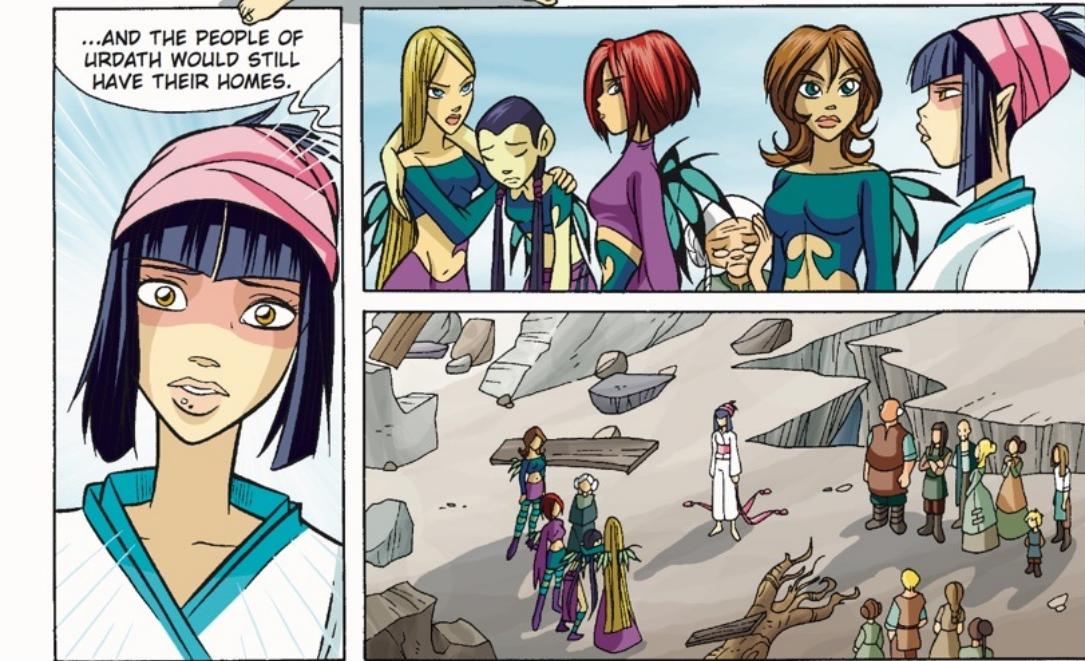






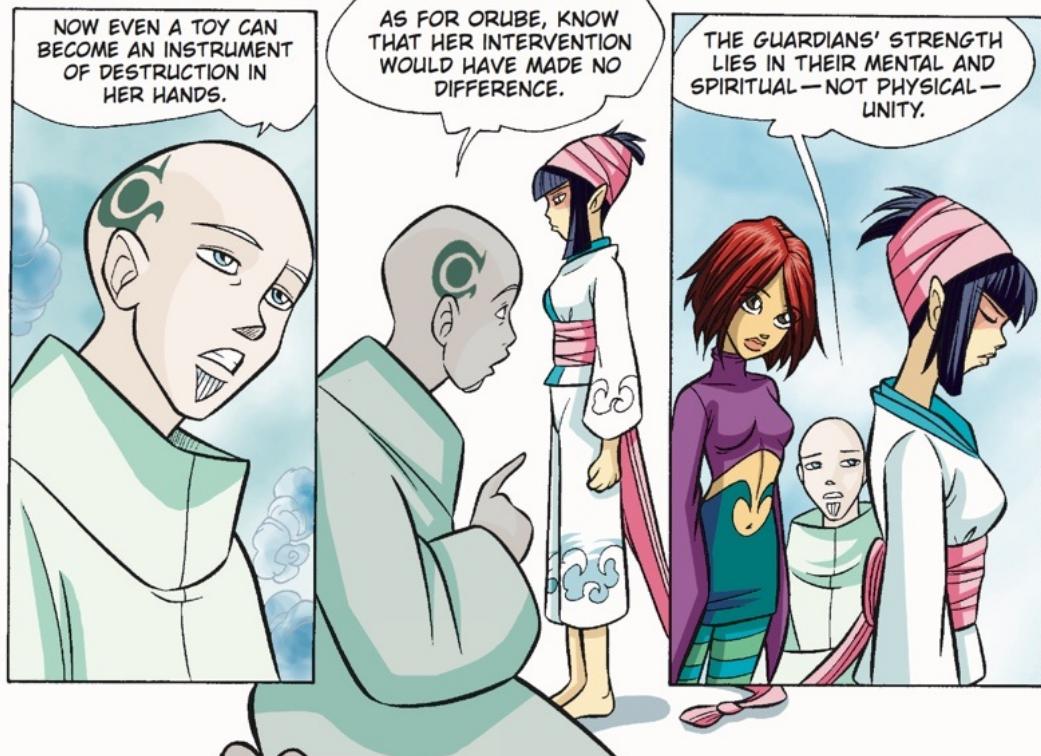


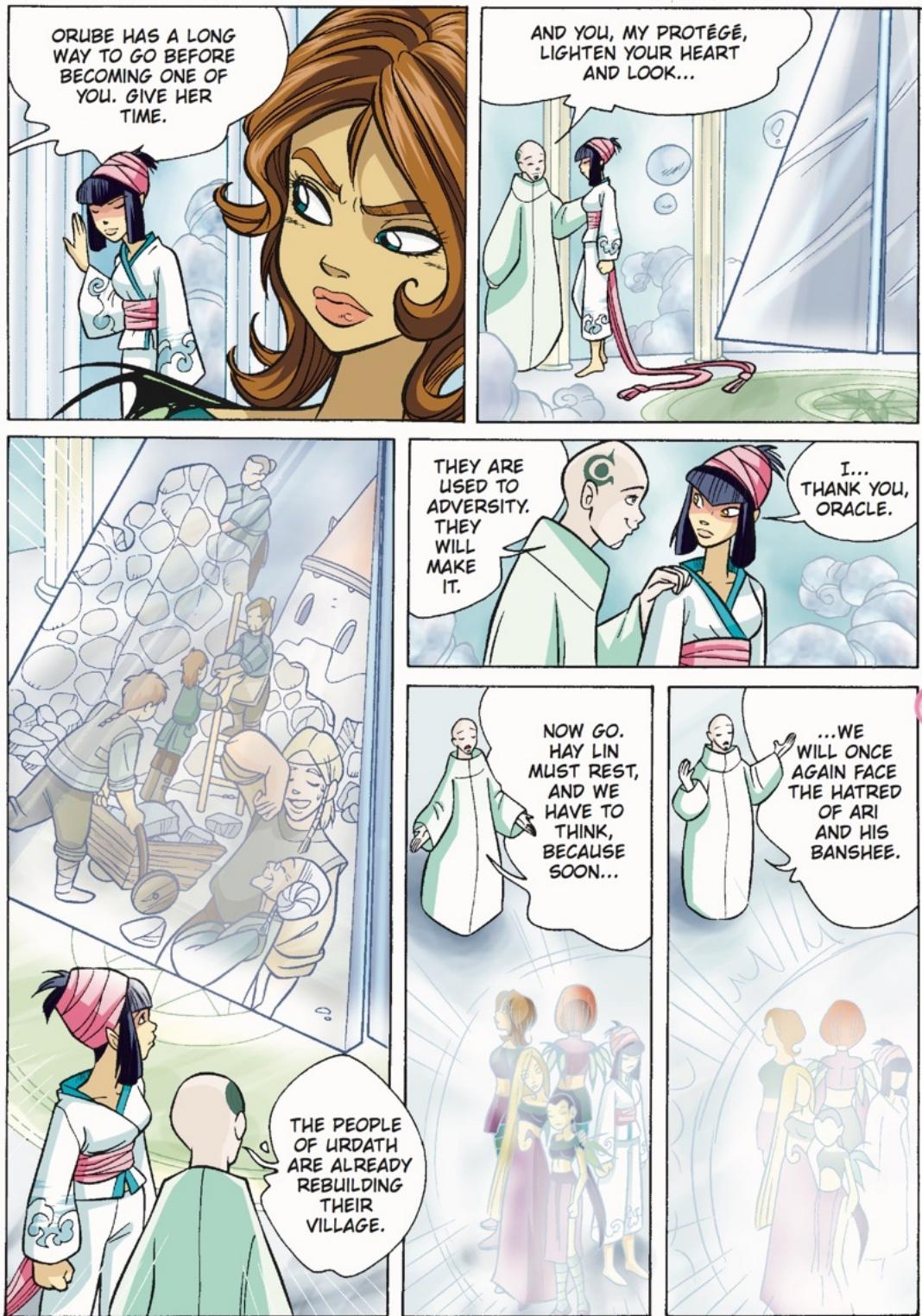
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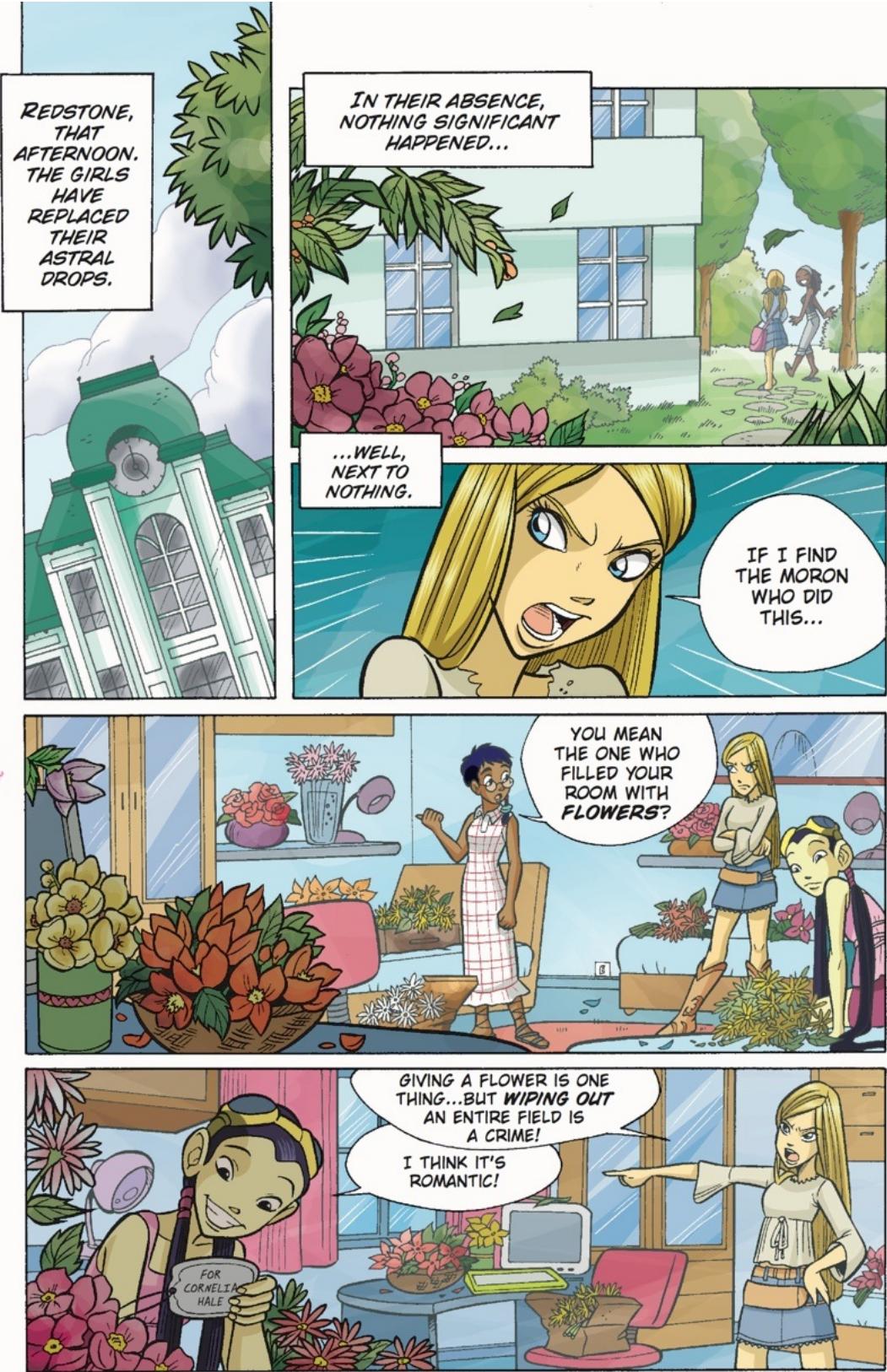


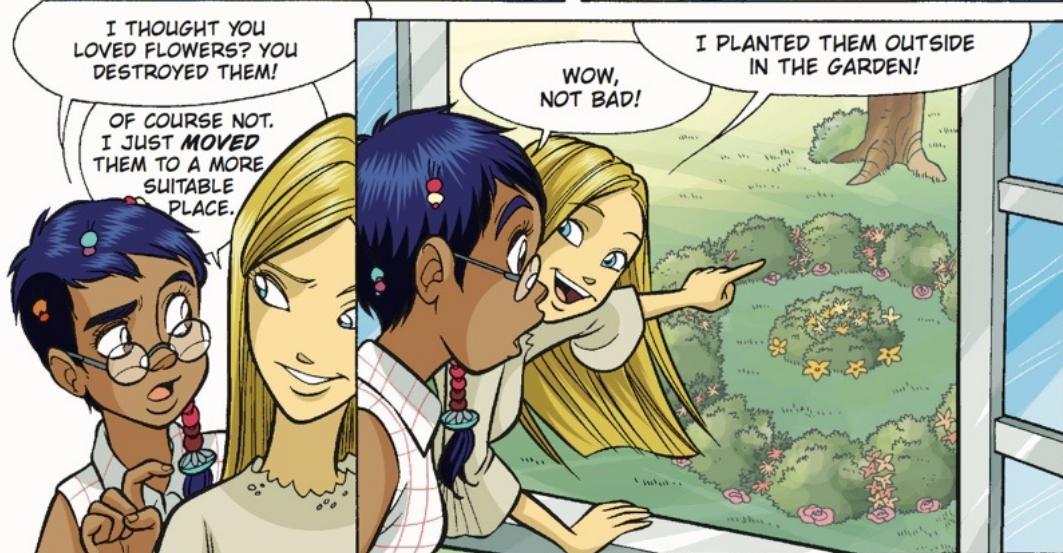


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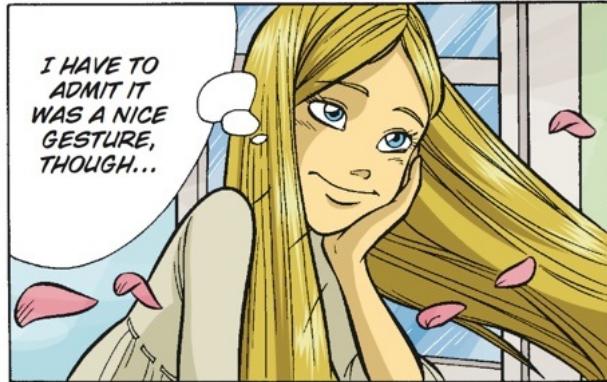






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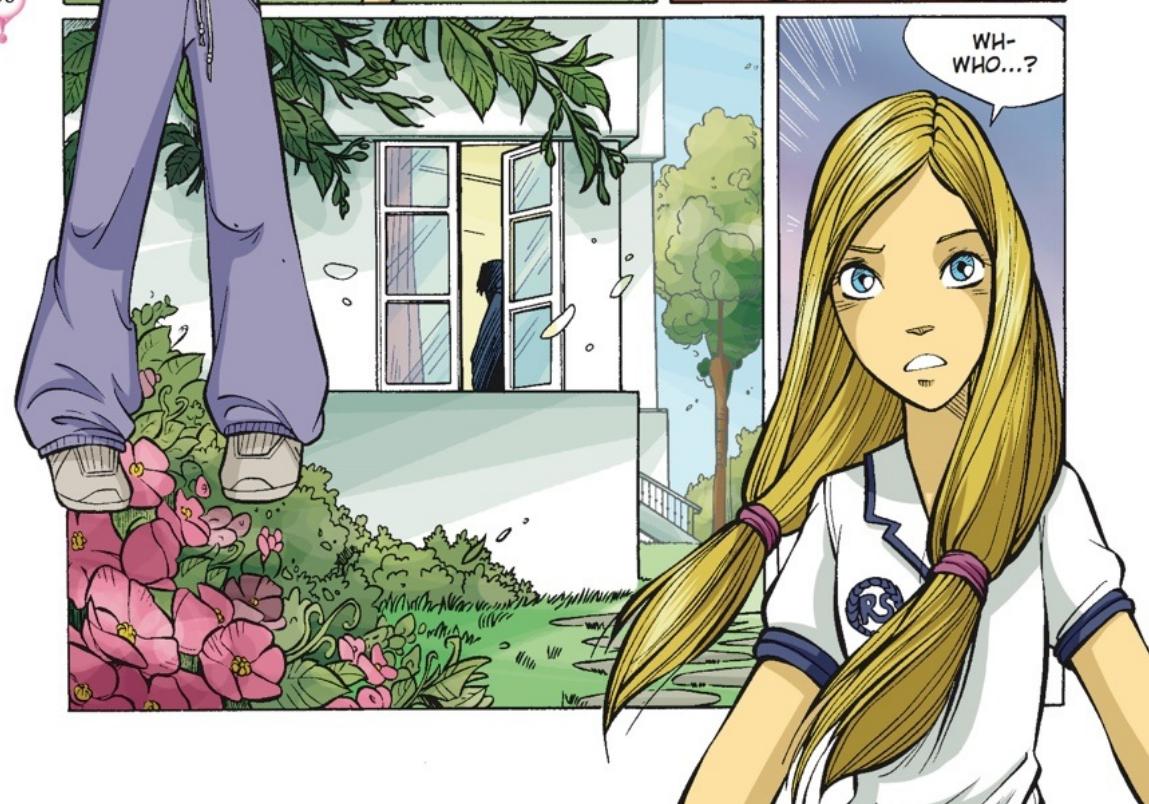
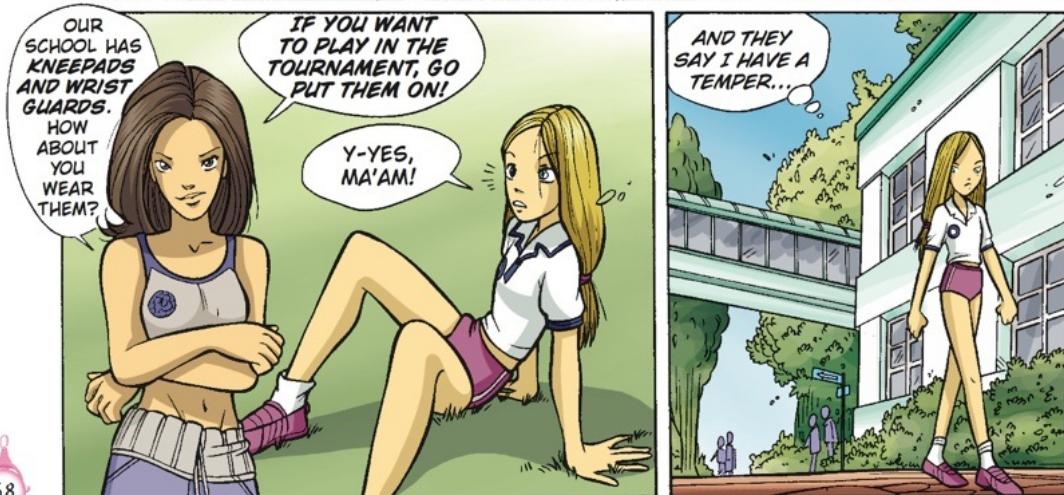
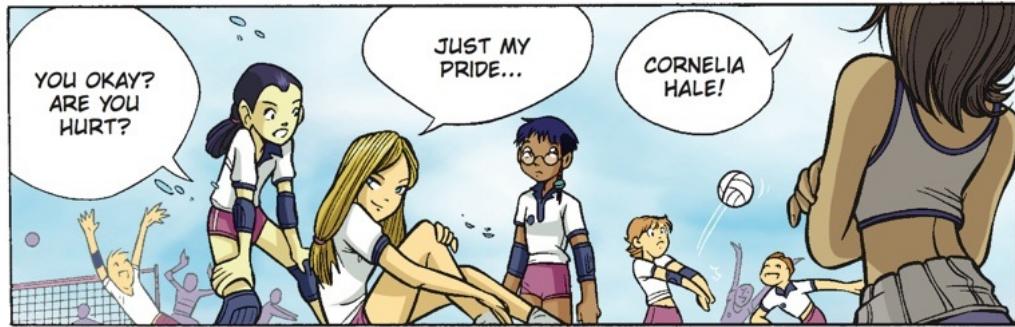


# The Path of the Wind

“We’re people with feelings!  
That means something!”















ARKHANTA, WHERE  
MAQI, ARI'S SON, LIVES,  
IS QUITE DIFFERENT.

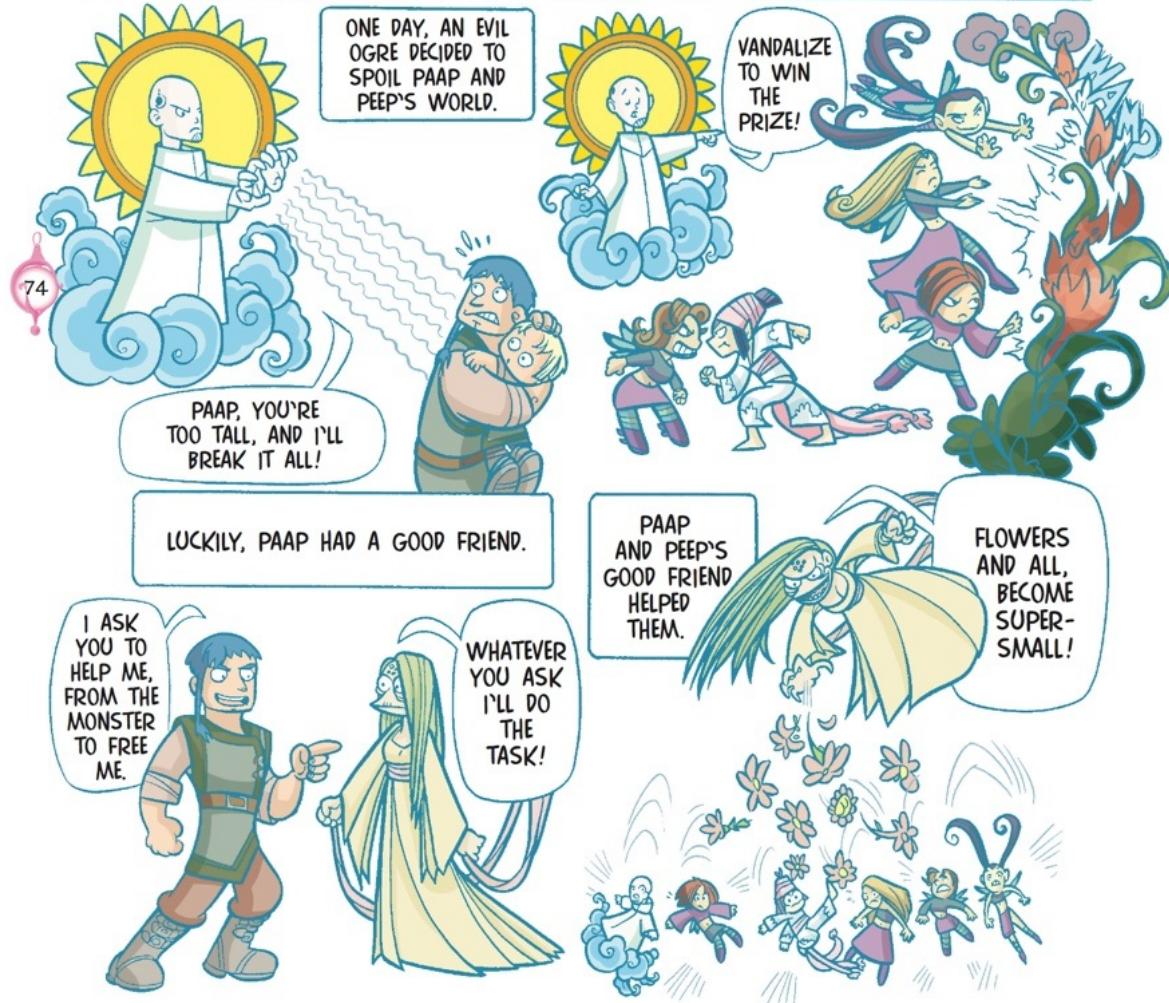
SILENCE IS HIS  
WHOLE WORLD.

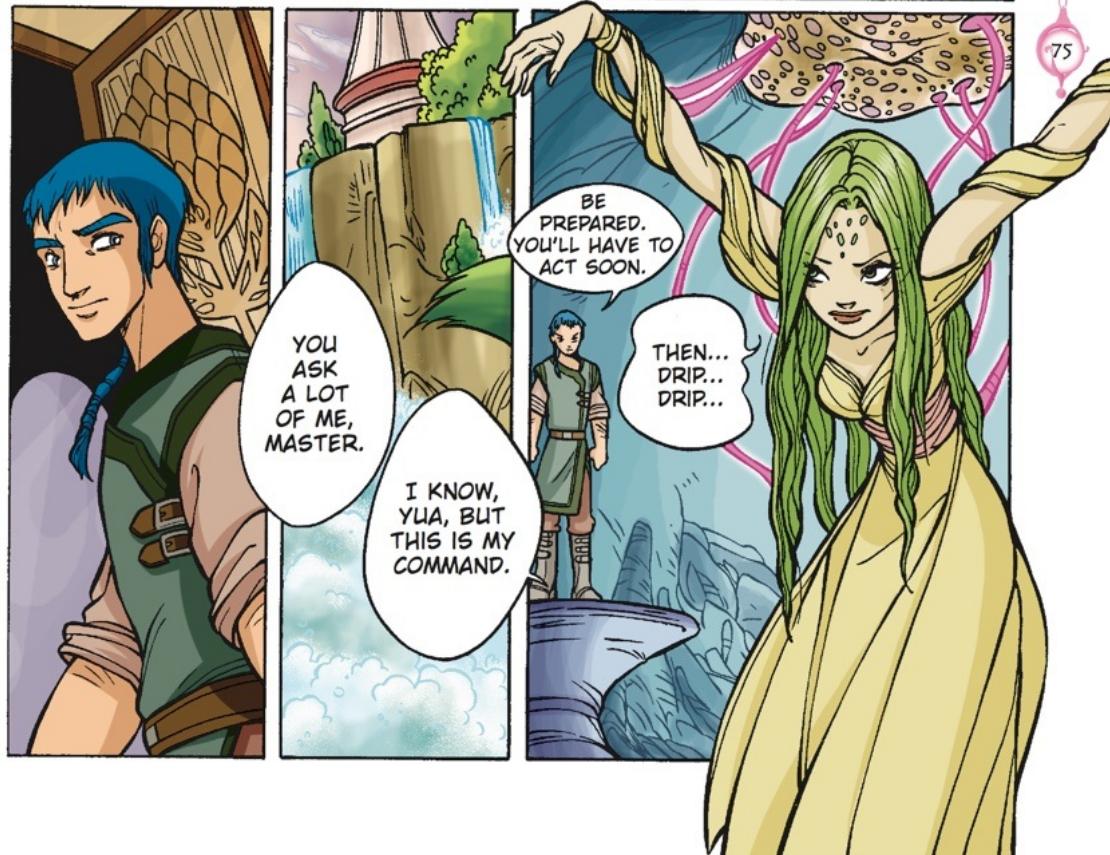
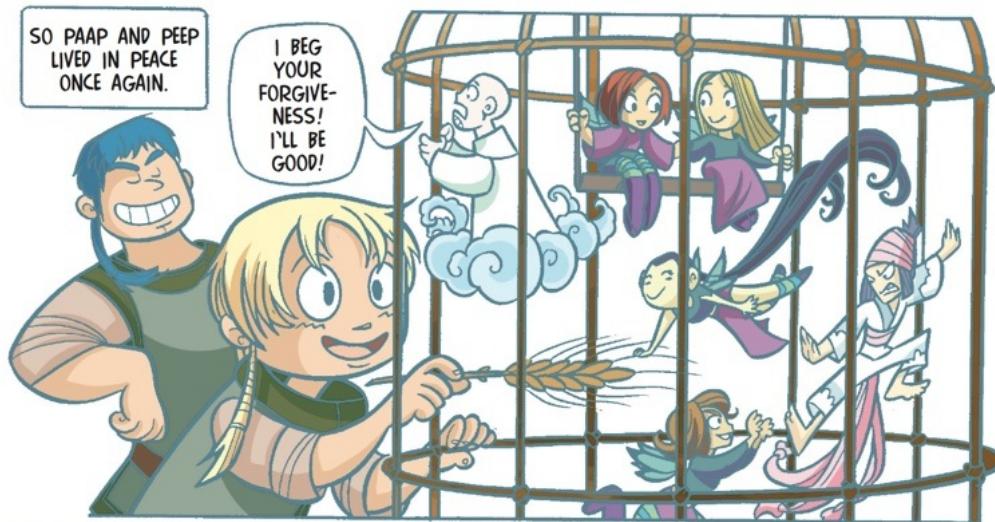
...A GIFT TO REPAY  
THE JOY YOUR  
BIRTH GAVE ME.

I WANTED A PLACE  
THAT WOULD  
BRING SUNSHINE  
INTO YOUR  
HEART.

THIS IS YOUR  
KINGDOM. SAFE,  
WELCOMING, AND  
SWEET LIKE  
A FAIRY  
TALE.

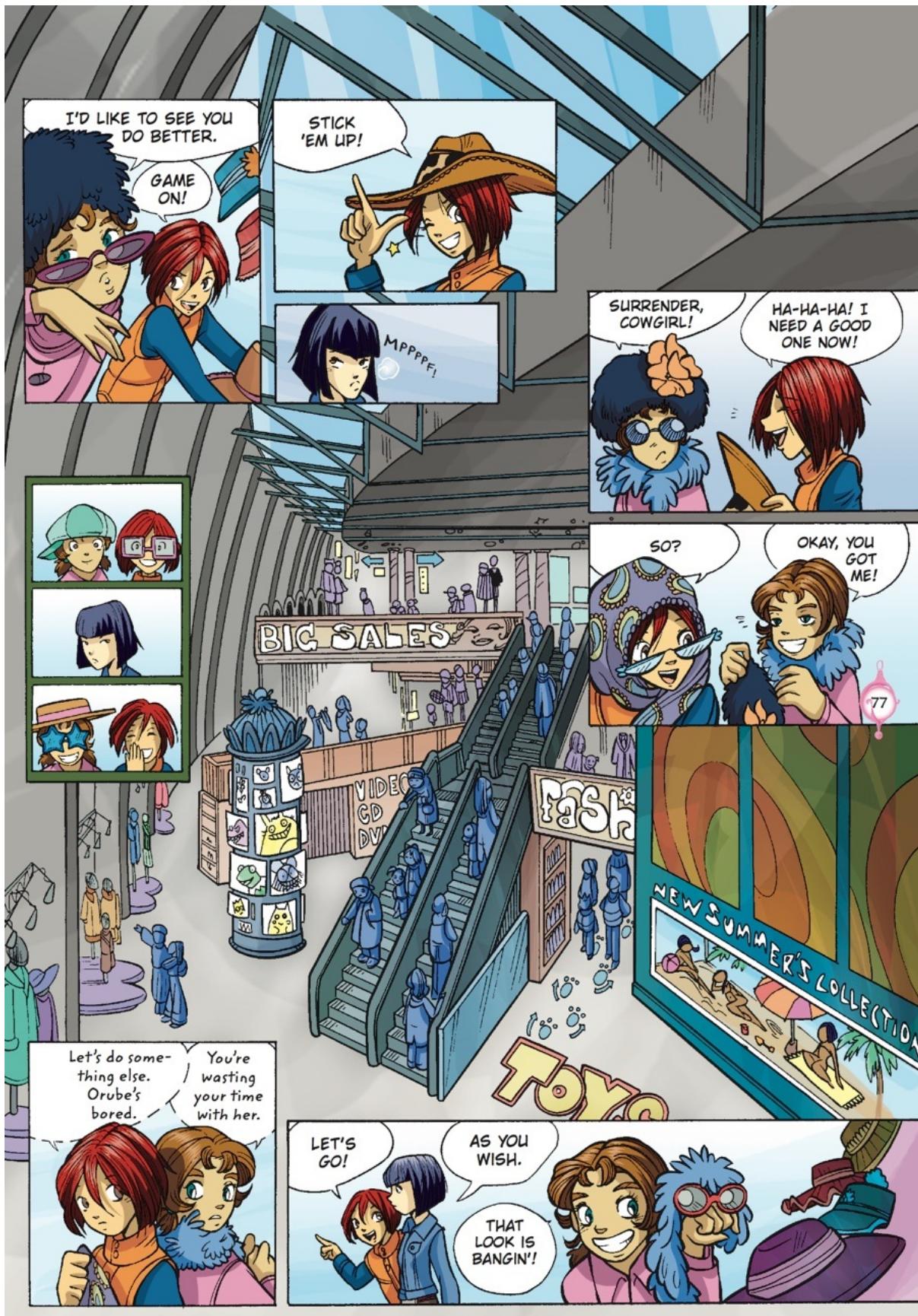
AND EVERY  
FAIRY TALE  
HAS A  
VILLAIN!



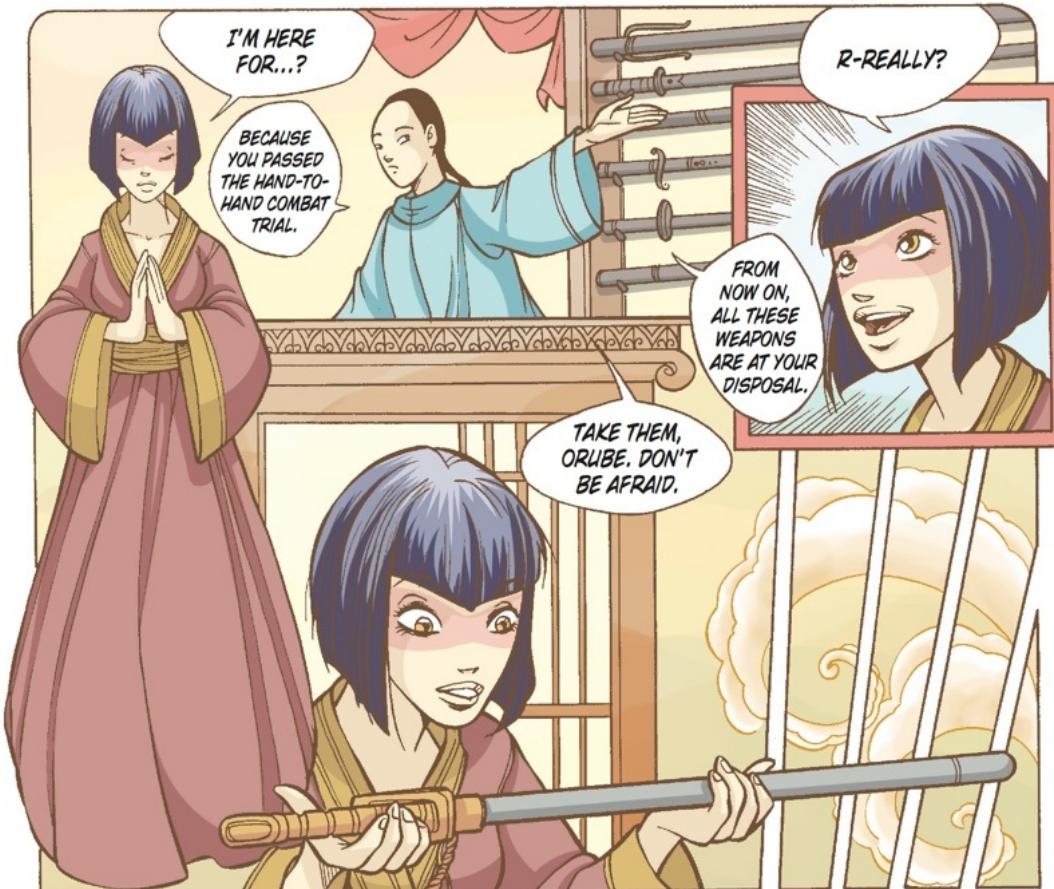


"THE ORACLE AND HIS FIVE SERVANTS WILL PAY..."

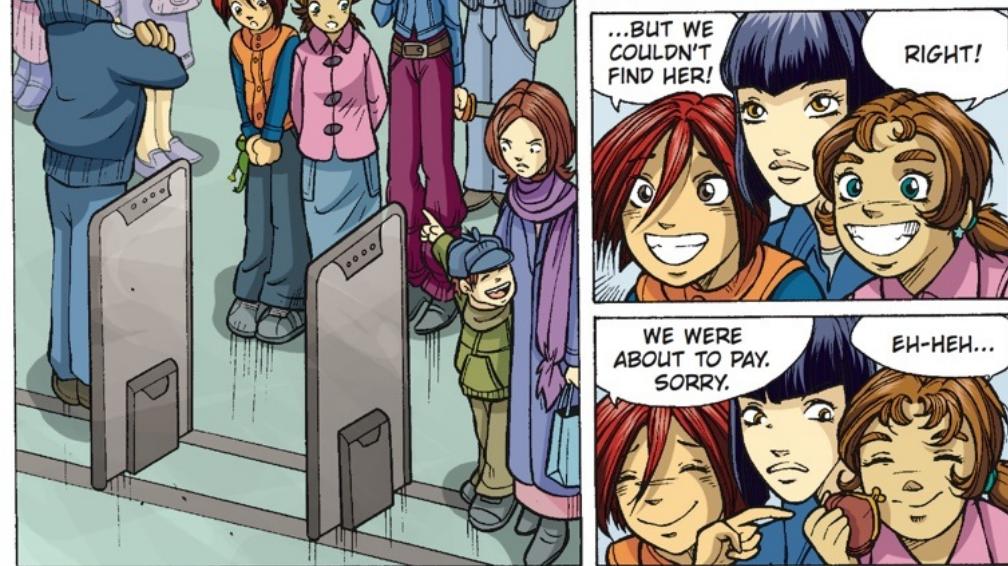




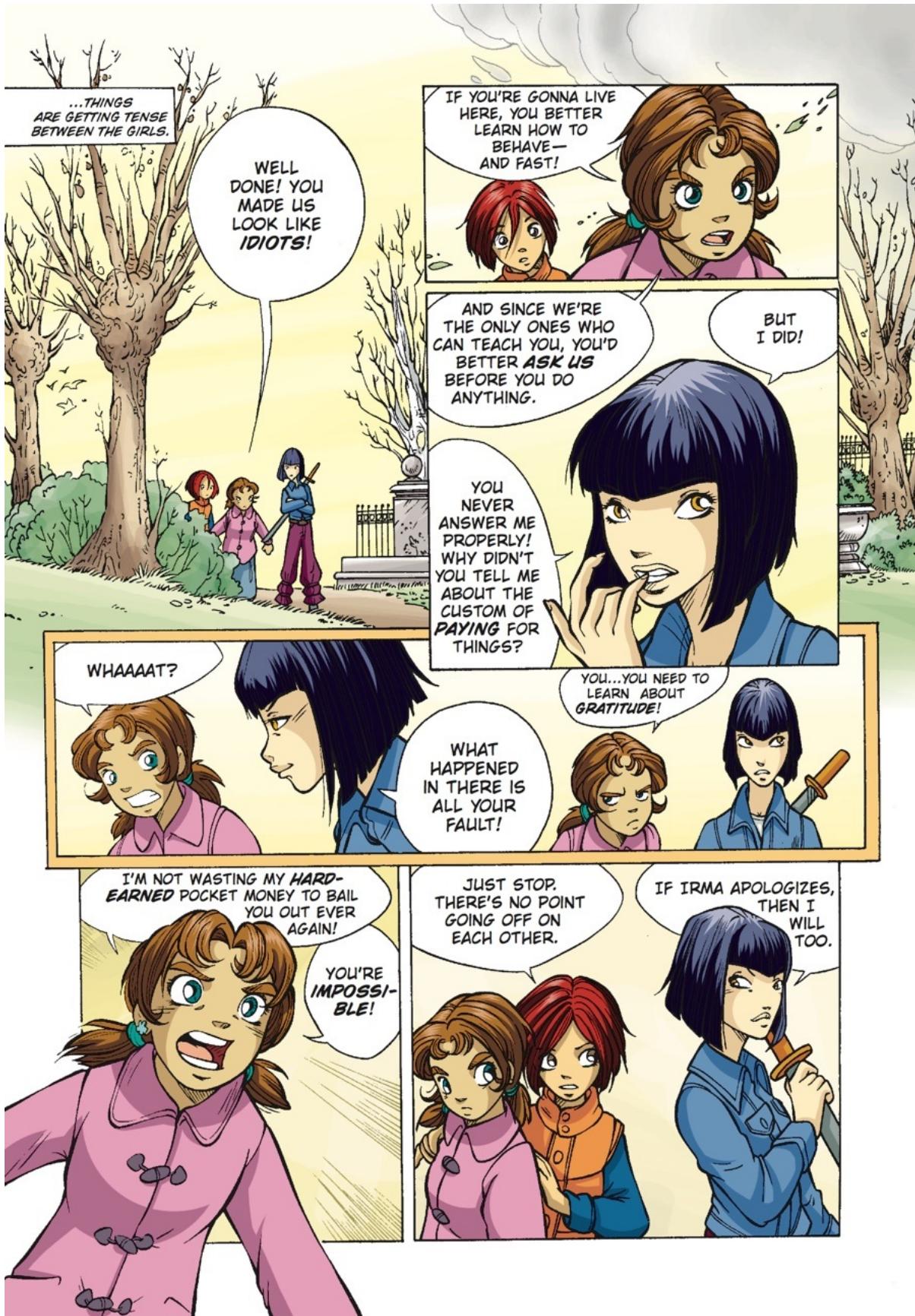








THINGS MAY HAVE TURNED OUT WELL AT THE MALL, BUT...







THE MEMORY OF THE FIGHT WITH THE GOLDEN REFLECTION SURFACES...

AAAH...

NO! WAIT!

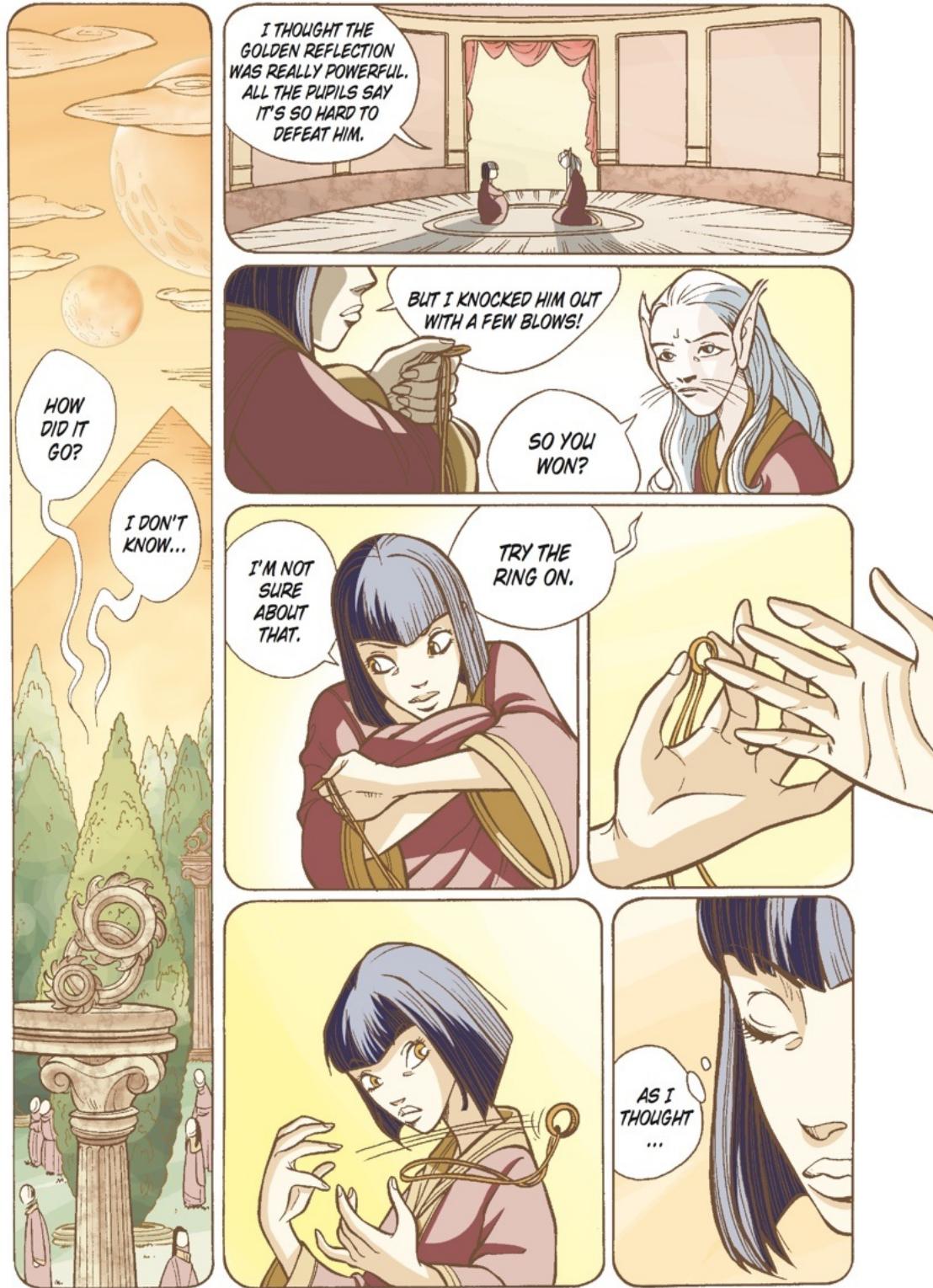
I DON'T WANT TO FIGHT YOU. I WANT TO TALK TO YOU.

YOU'RE WASTING YOUR TIME, CREATURE!

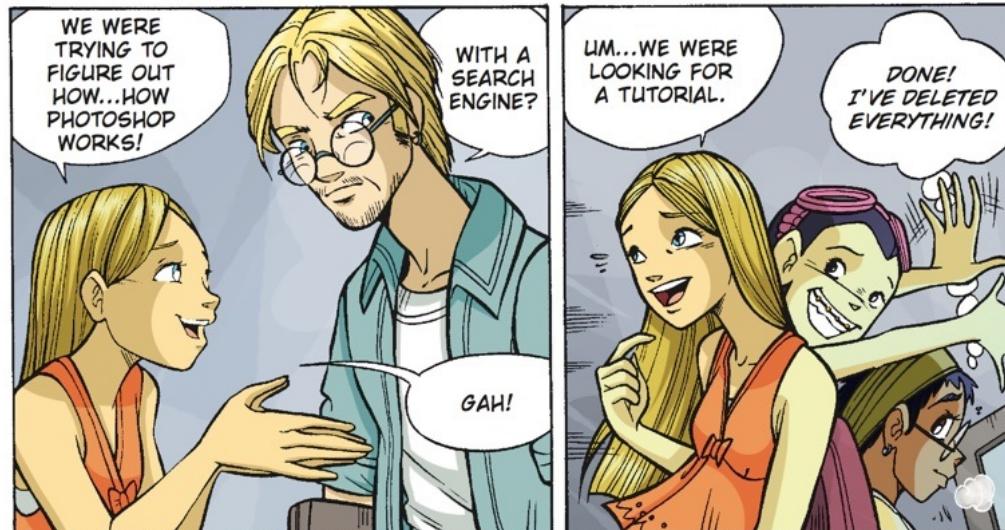
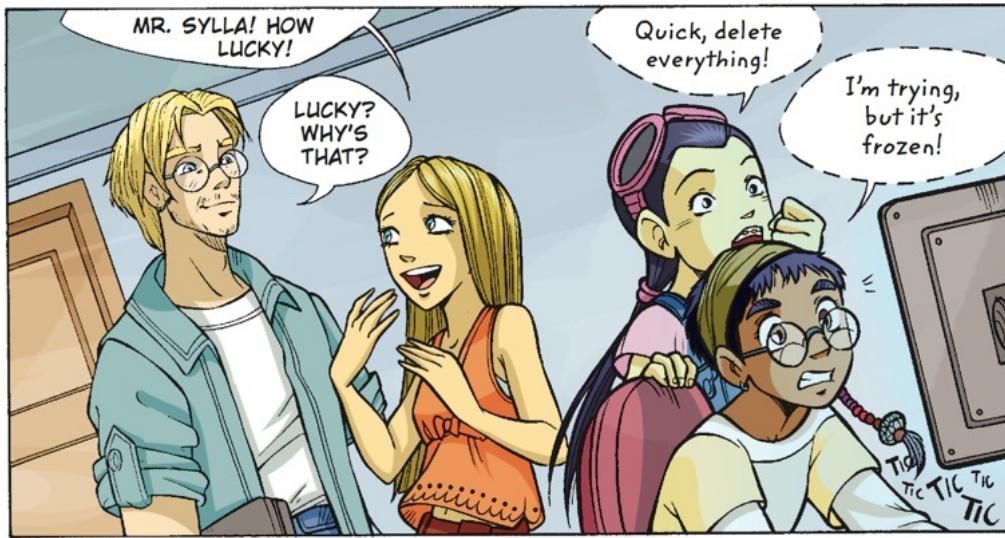
DEFEND YOURSELF!

WHY SO AGGRESSIVE?





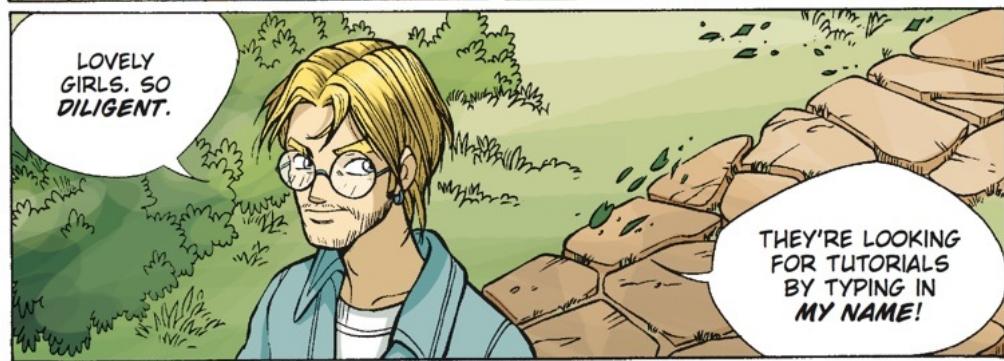


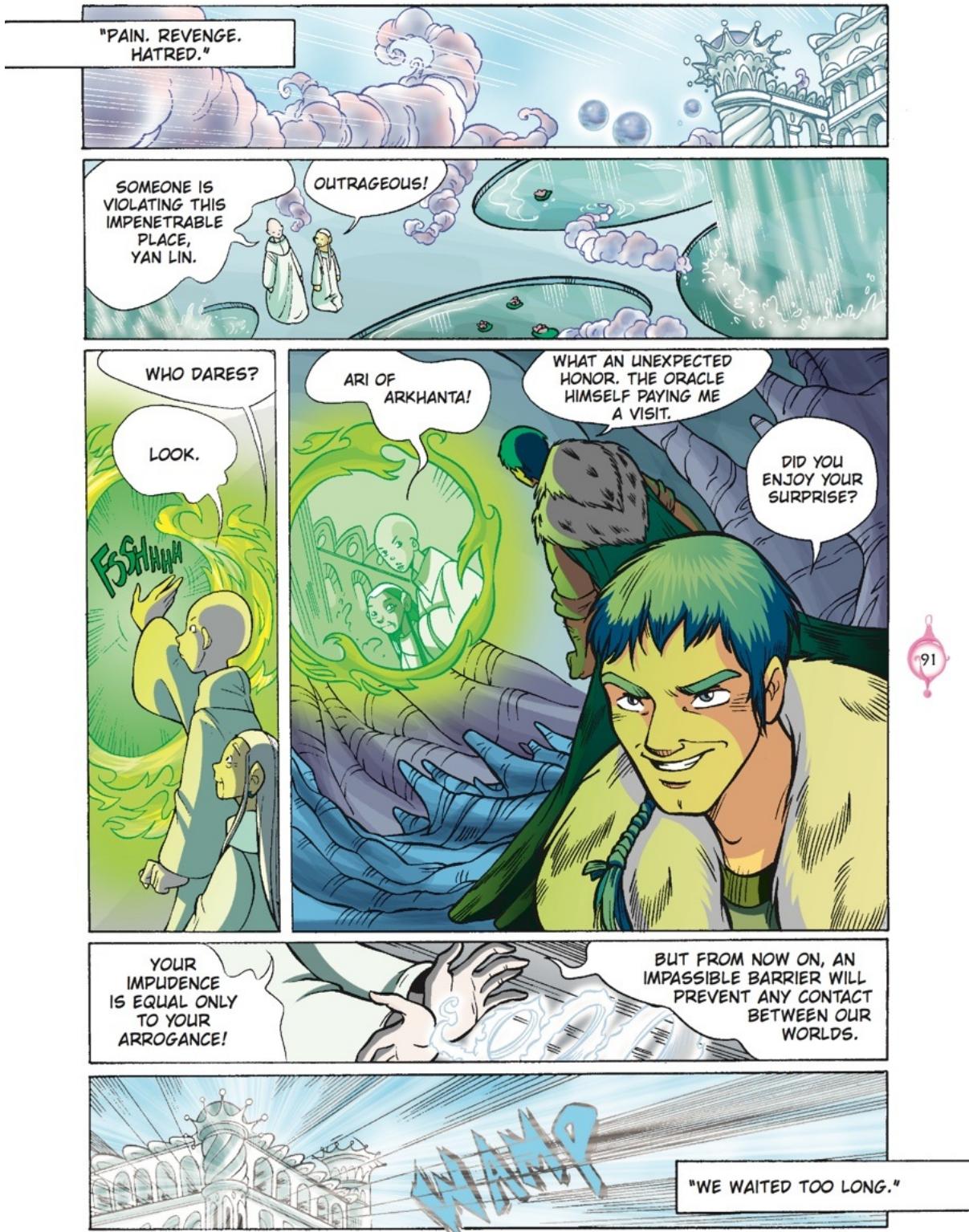


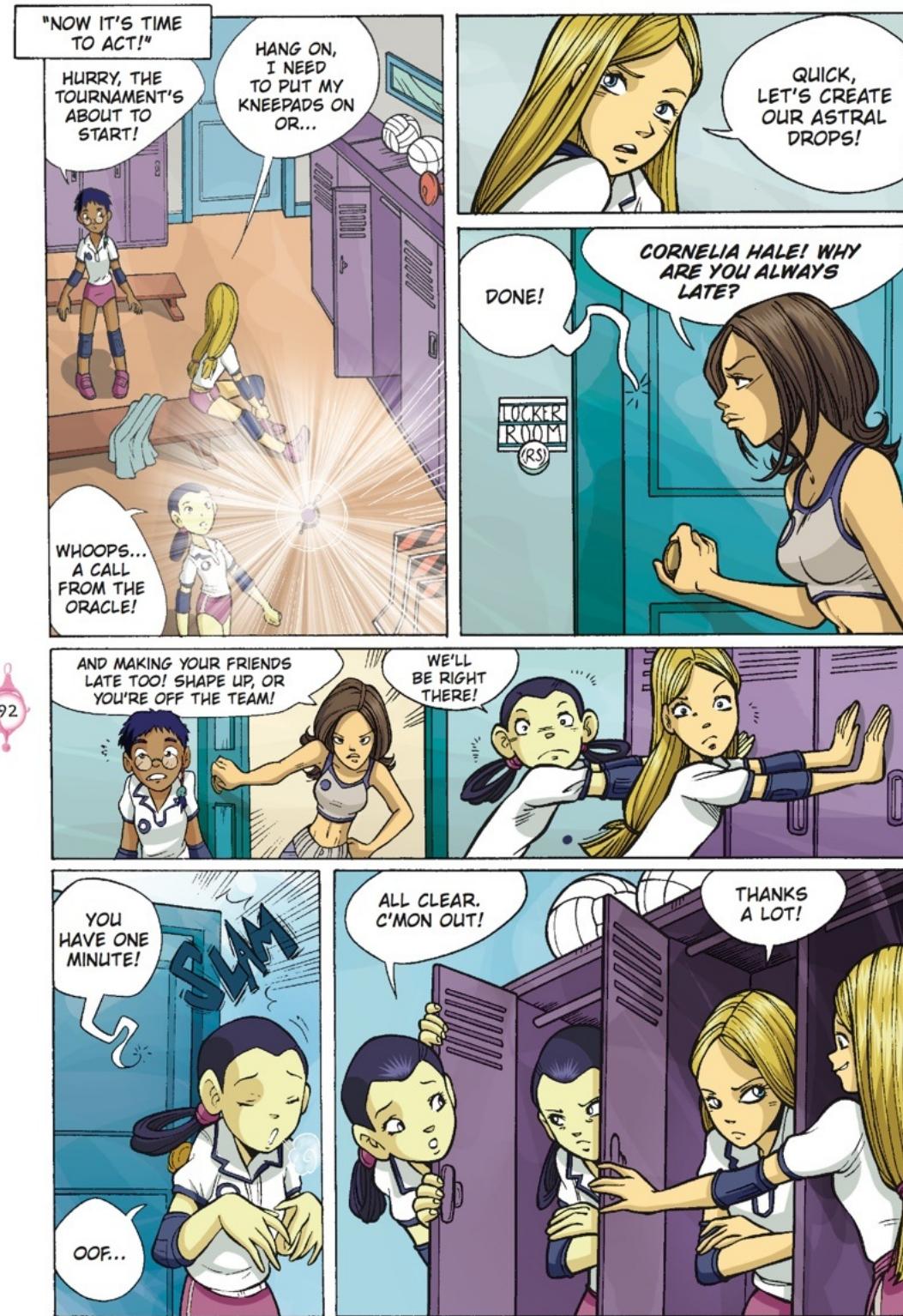


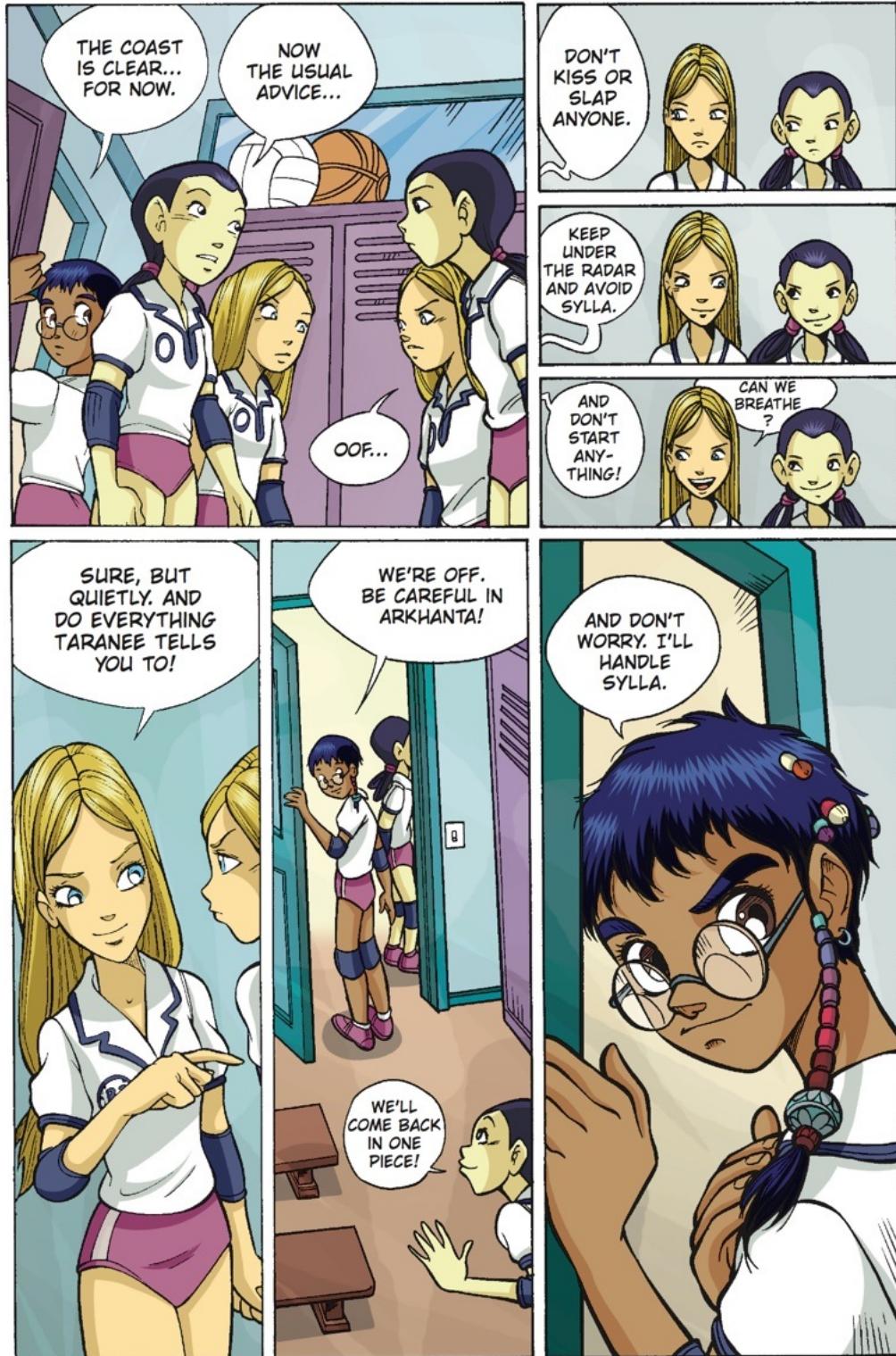


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"WE CAN'T WAIT ANY LONGER."



THIS  
JOURNEY TO  
ARKHANTA  
WON'T END  
IN ANOTHER  
DEFEAT.



YOU MUST  
STAND UNITED.

DEPART AT  
ONCE...

"...FOR THE SCARLET  
STRONGHOLD."

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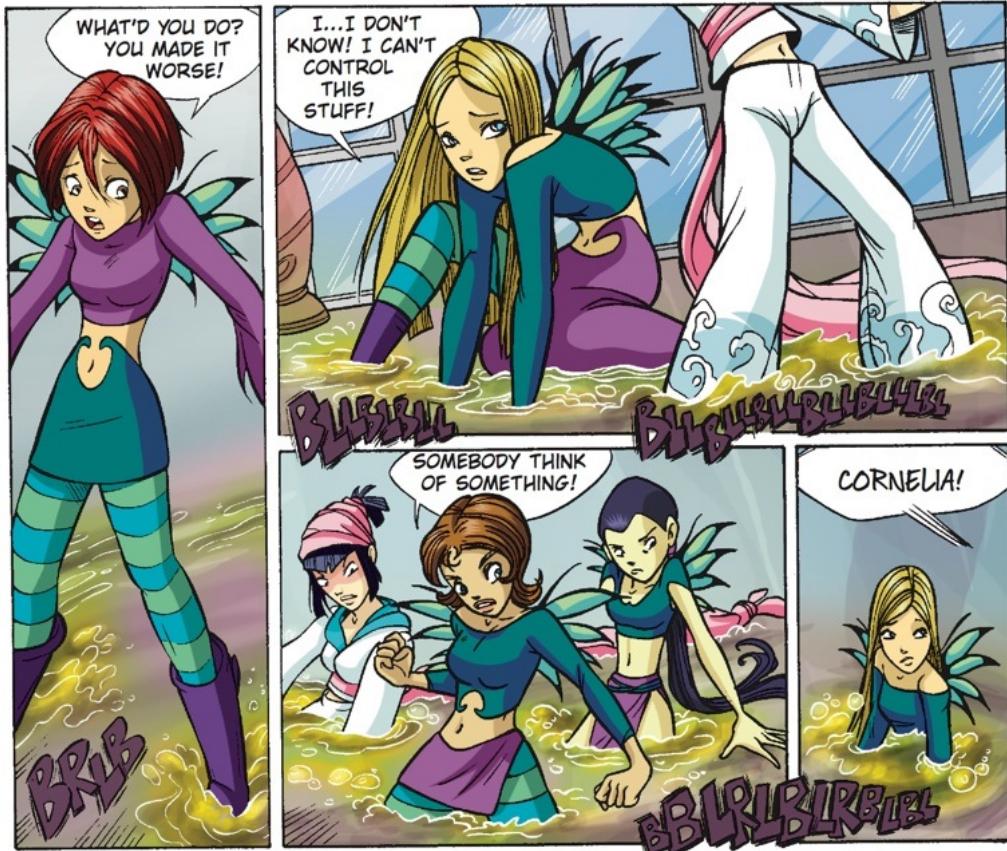
WOW!  
THAT WAS  
QUICK!

THE  
FLOOR'S  
SHAKING!

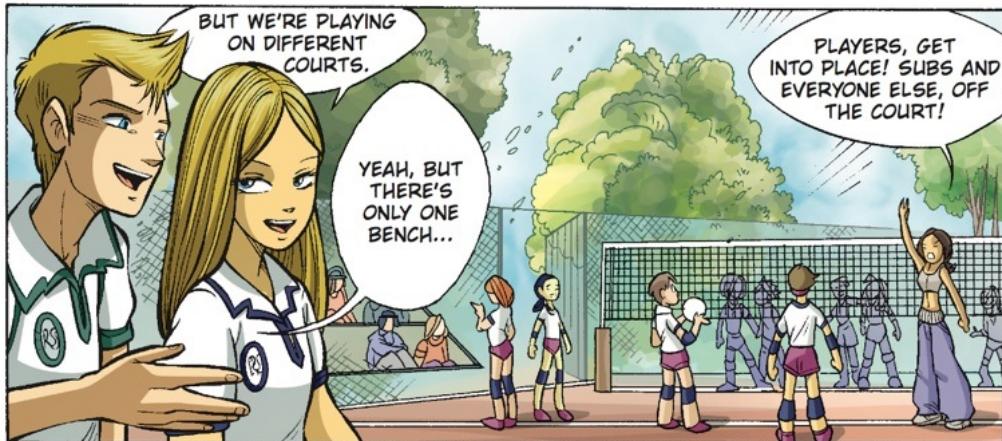
CORNELIA,  
DO SOME-  
THING!

## POWERS OF THE EARTH!

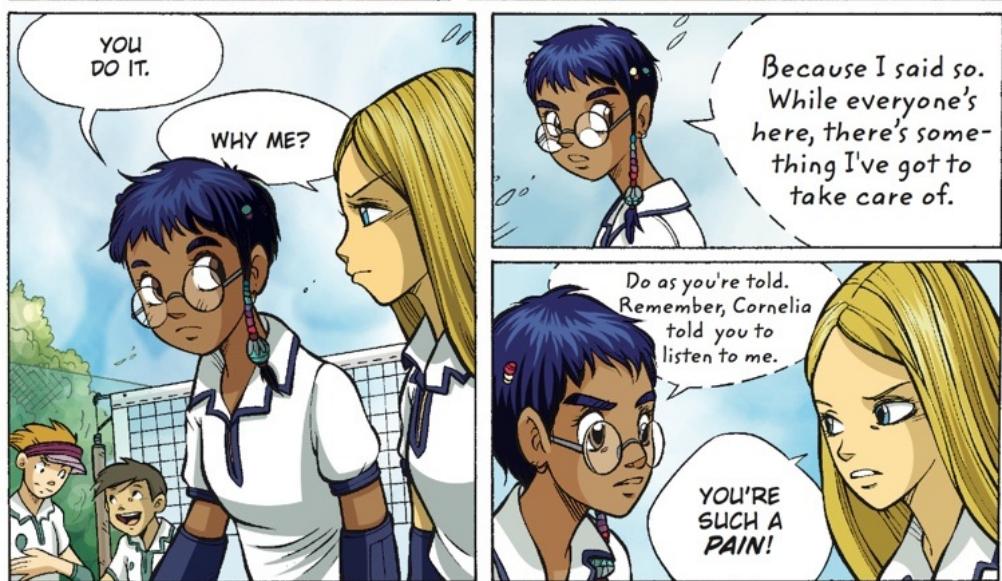








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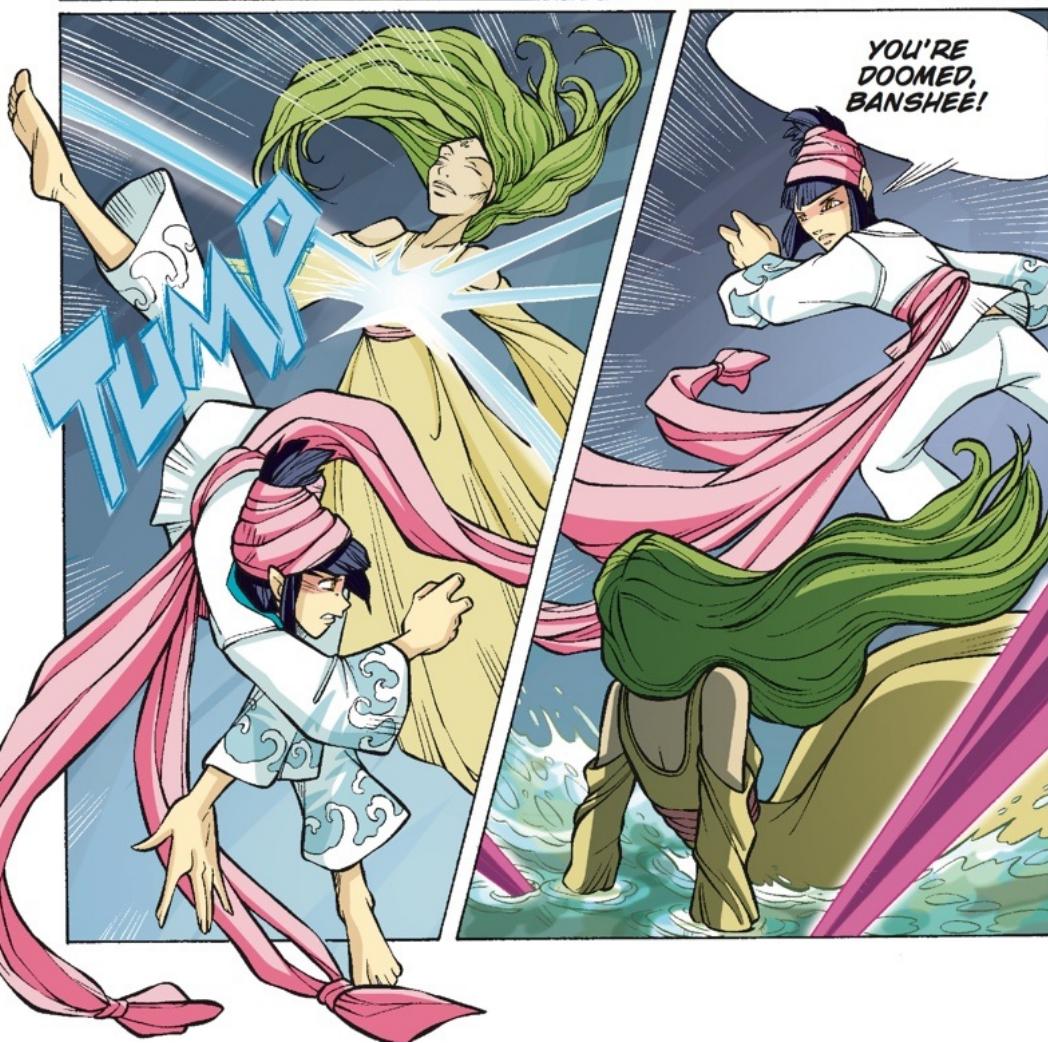


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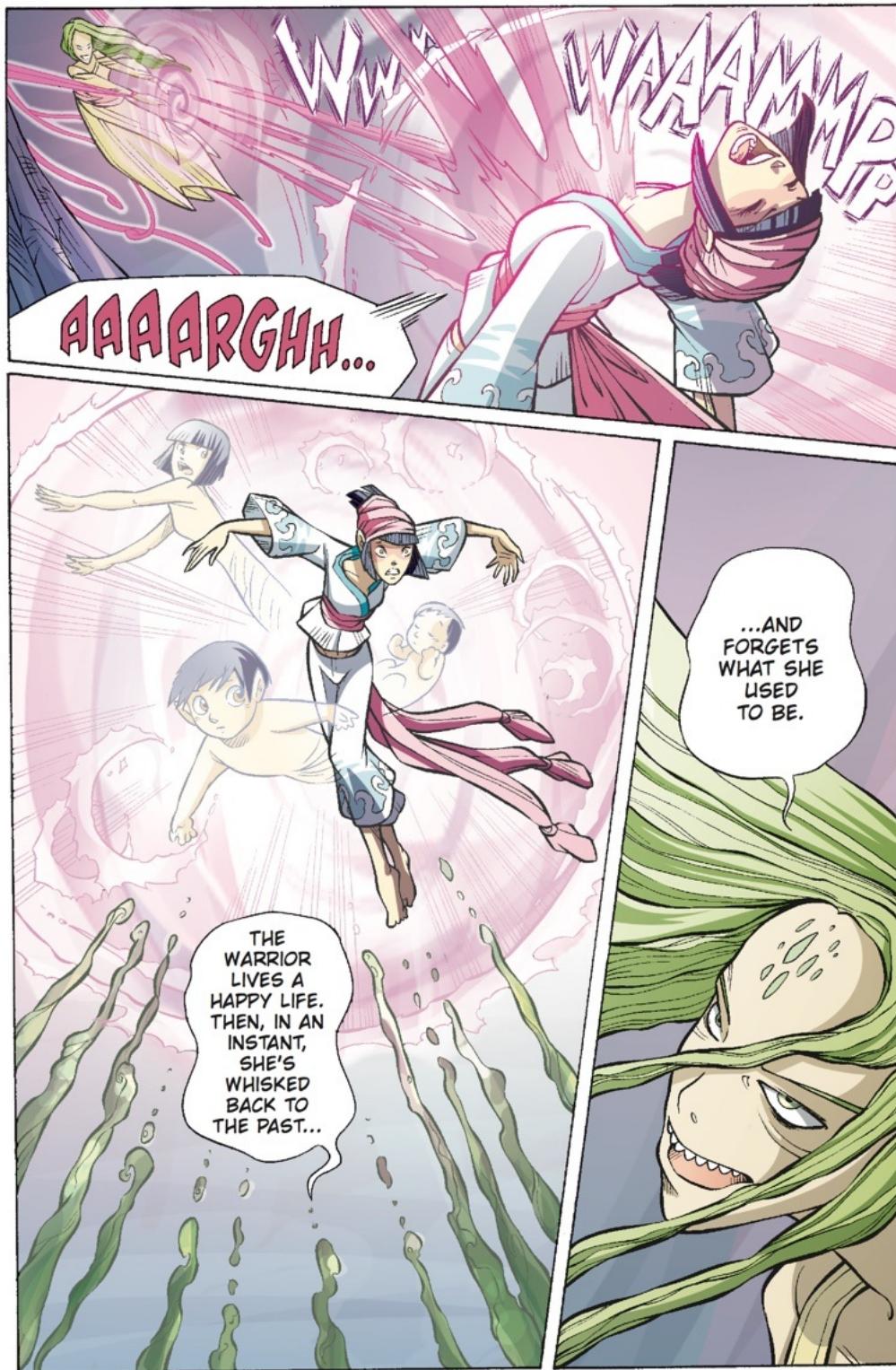
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YUA.

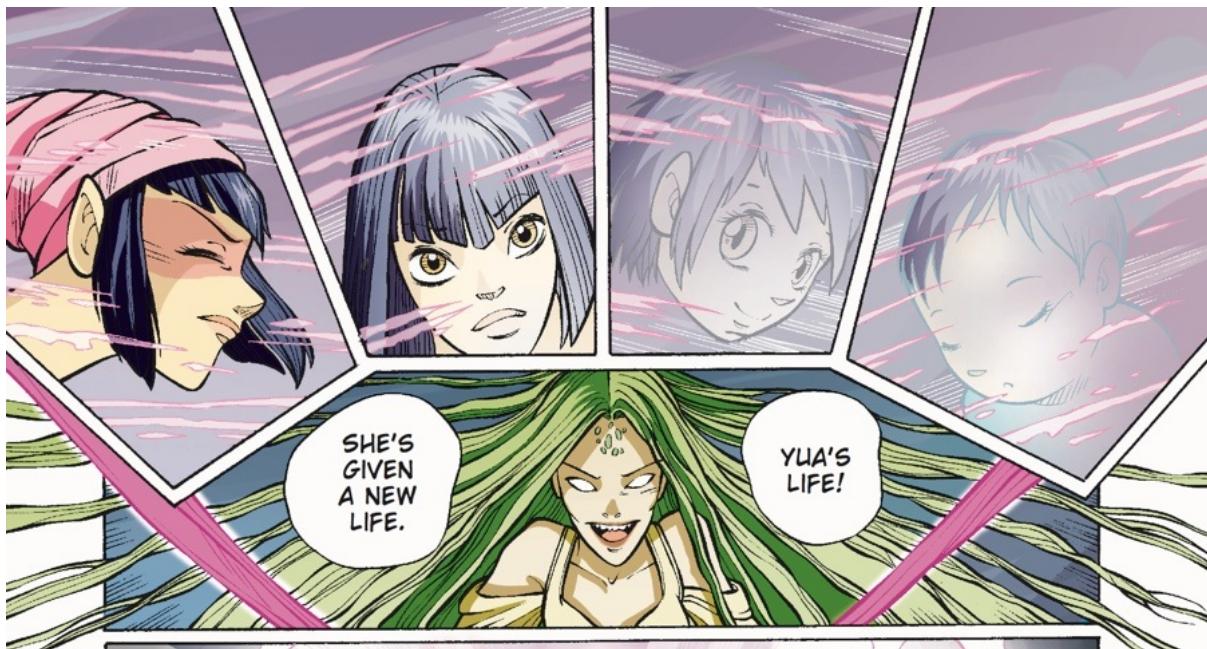


KSSSHH....









"WELL DONE, BANSHEE."

UGH, I FEEL LIKE I'VE  
BEEN THROUGH A  
BLENDER.

WHERE  
ARE WE?

THANKS!

THE QUESTION IS,  
HOW DO WE GET  
OUT?

AND WHERE'S  
ORUBE?

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GREAT. WE'VE GOT  
THREE QUESTIONS  
AND ZERO ANSWERS.

CAN YOU CLEAR  
A PATH?

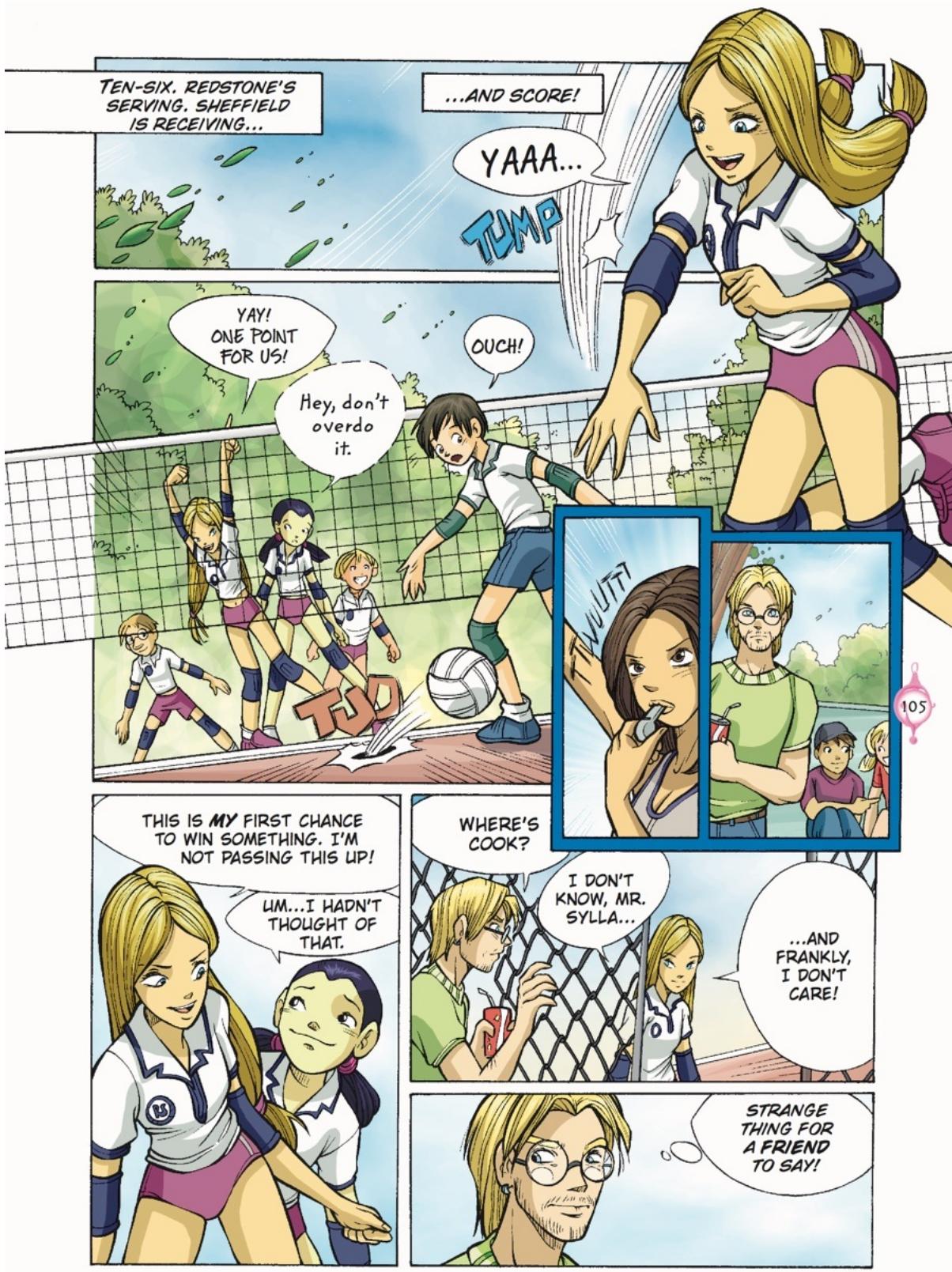
I  
DOUBT  
IT. THIS  
WALL'S  
TOO  
WEIRD.

DO WE HAVE A  
CHOICE?

POWER OF THE  
EARTH!

VAMP





"THE QUESTION  
REMAINS... WHERE'S  
TARANEE?"

I WILL,  
MA'AM...

TO GET A  
DUPLICATE, YOU'LL  
HAVE TO TELL  
THEM YOU  
LOST THE  
KEY.

...AND THANKS  
AGAIN!

NO  
PROBLEM.  
I ALWAYS  
LOSE  
EVERYTHING  
TOO!

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OOF! FOR  
A JUDGE'S  
DAUGHTER,  
I'M A REALLY  
GOOD LIAR!

HERE'S  
SYLLA'S  
LAPTOP.

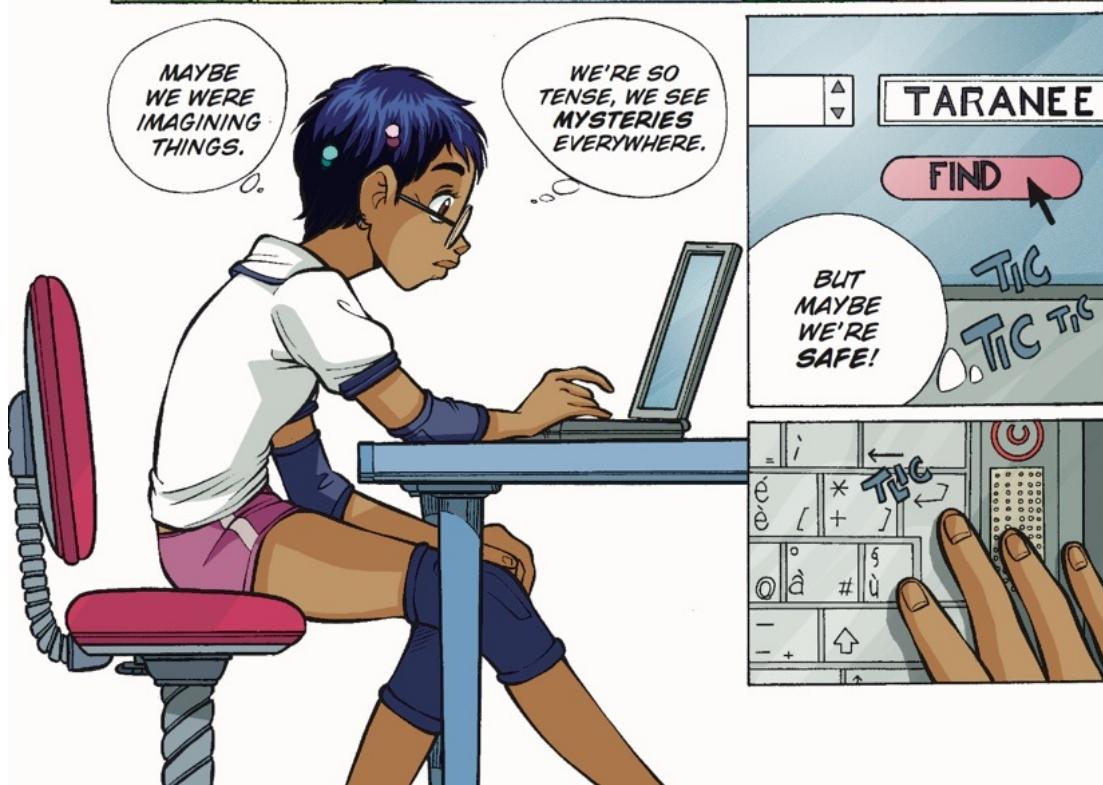
LET'S  
HOPE HAY  
LIN GOT IT  
RIGHT.

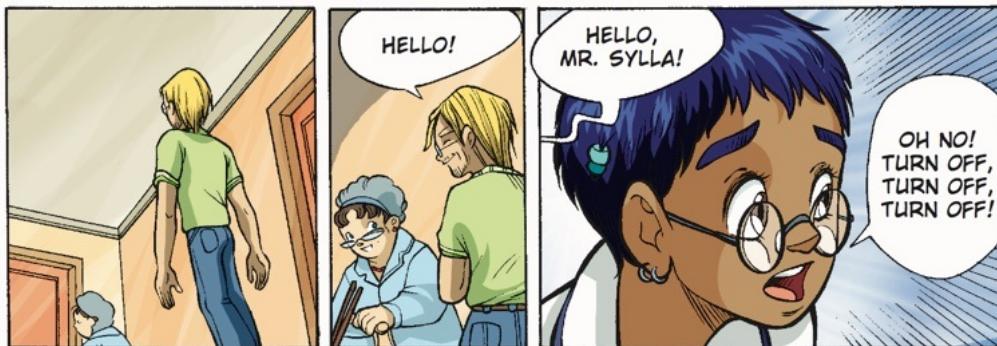
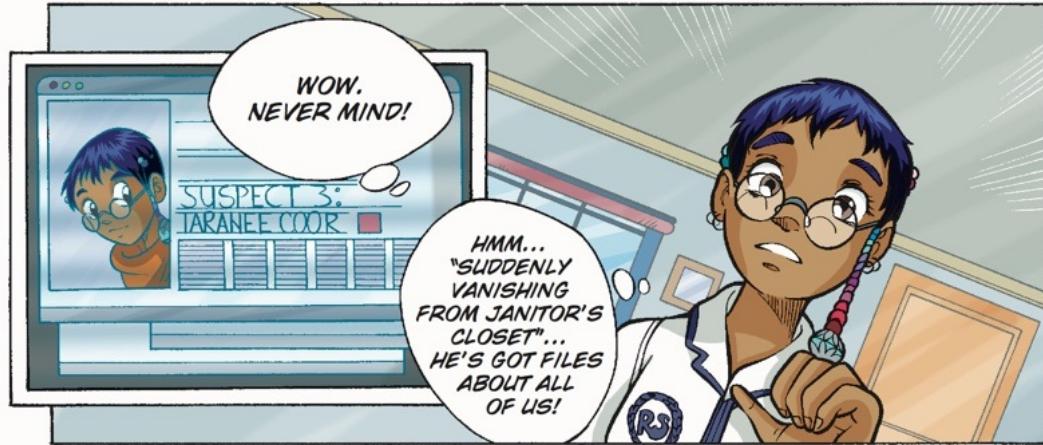
TIC  
TIC TIC  
TIC

Enter password  
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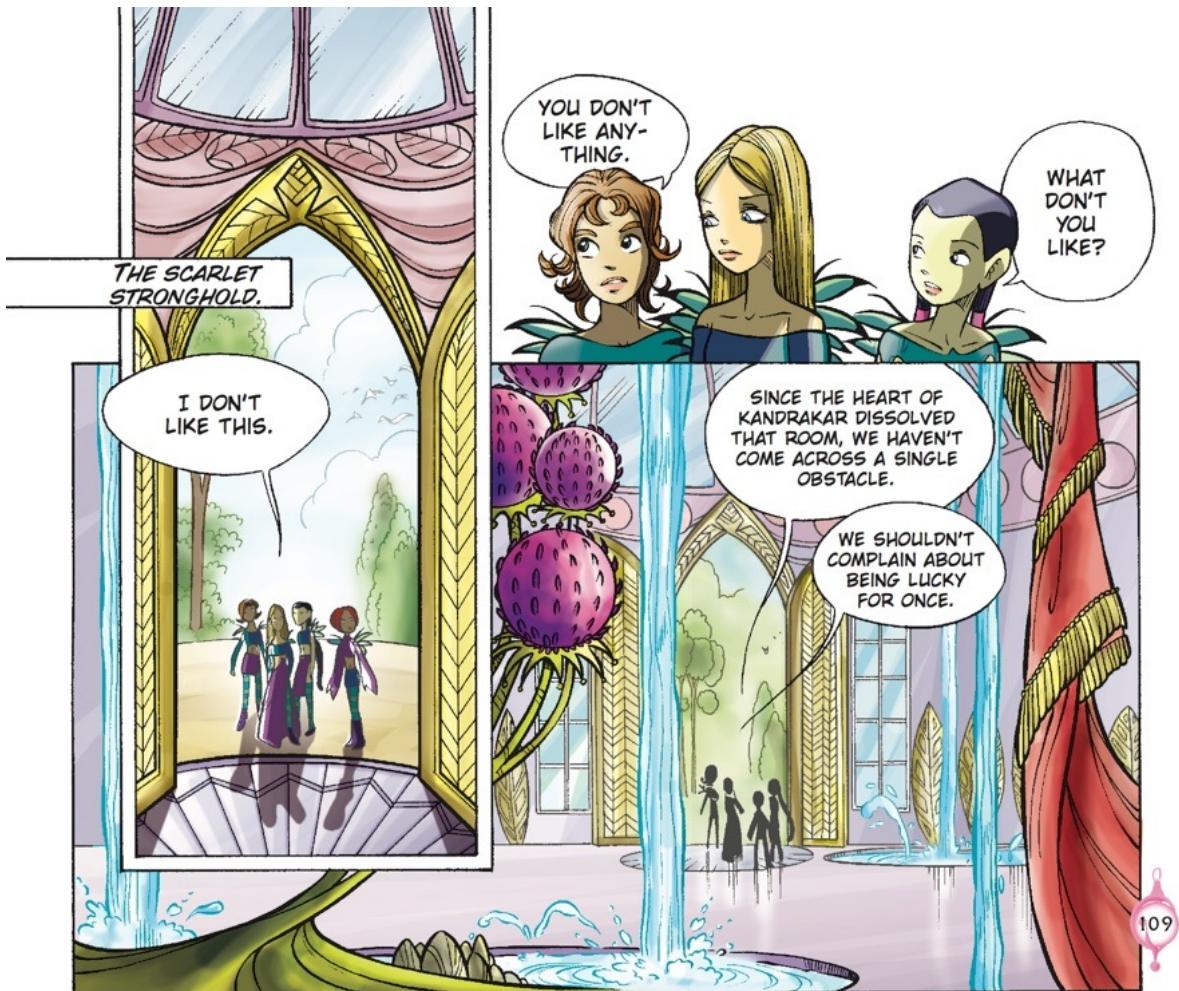
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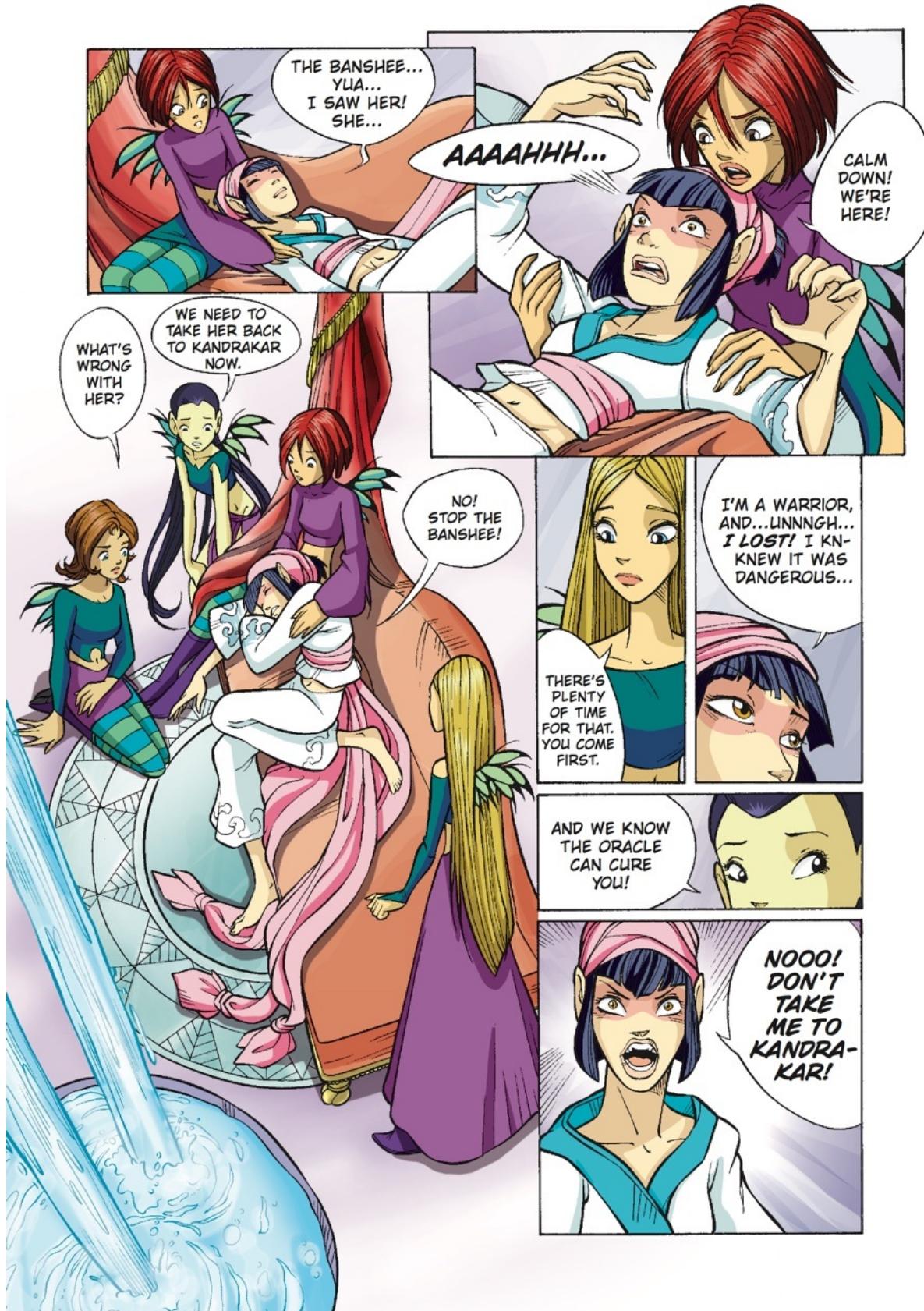


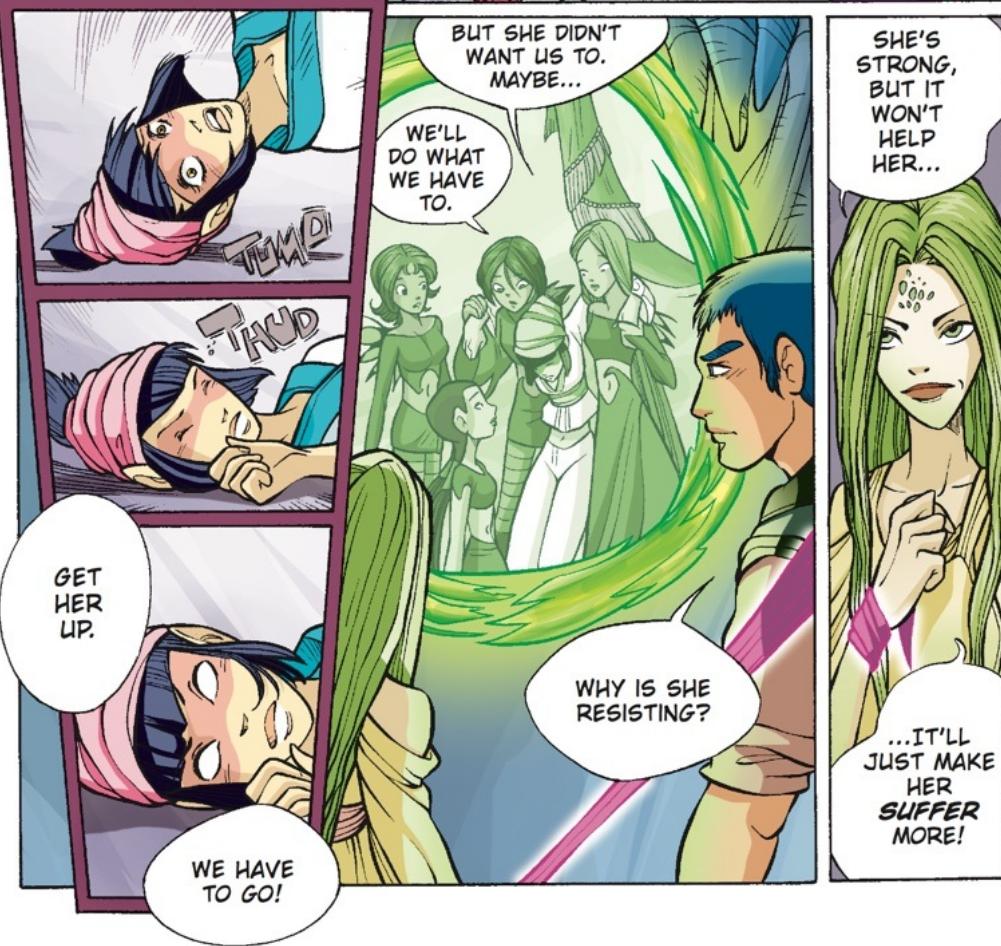


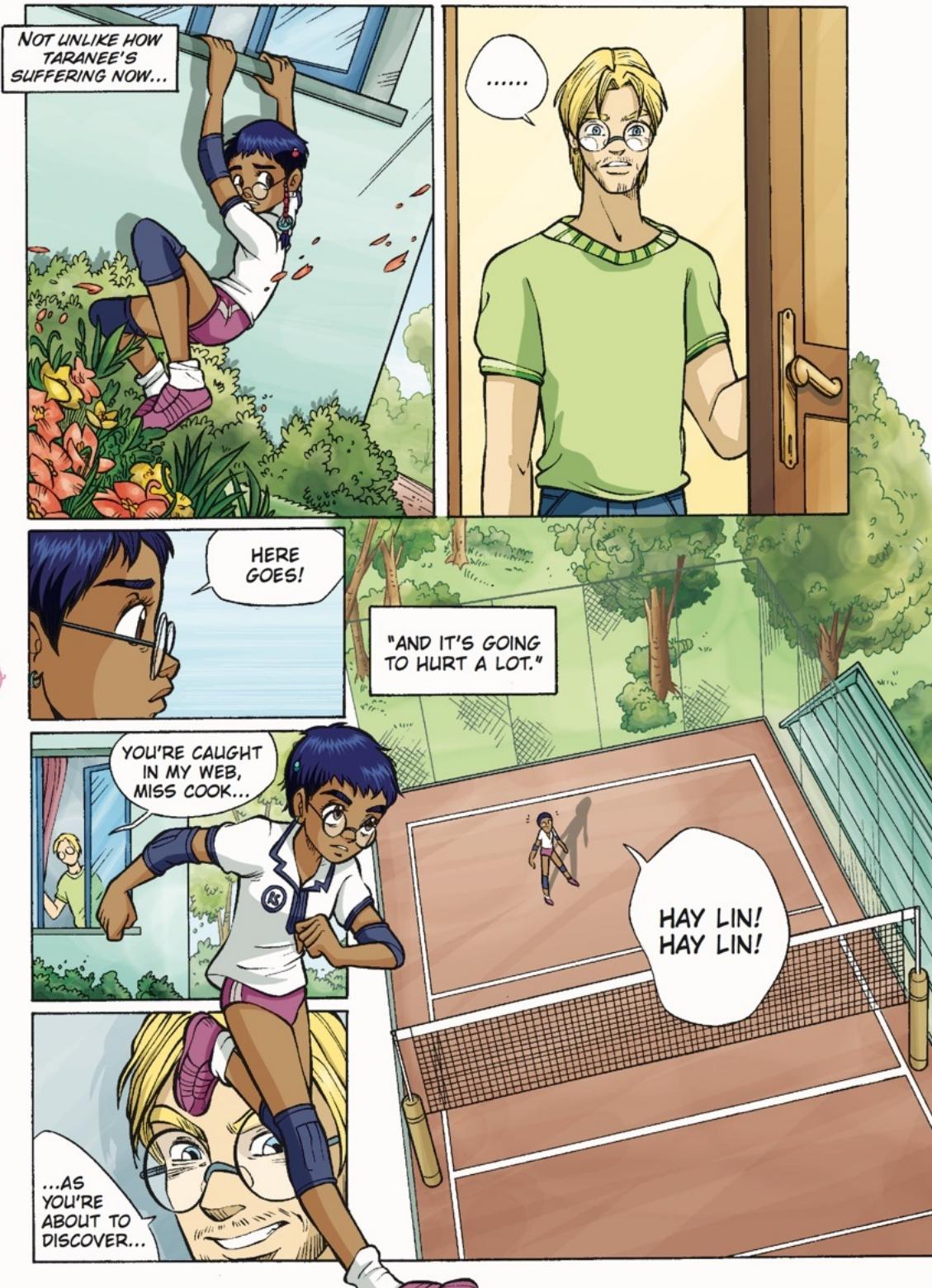
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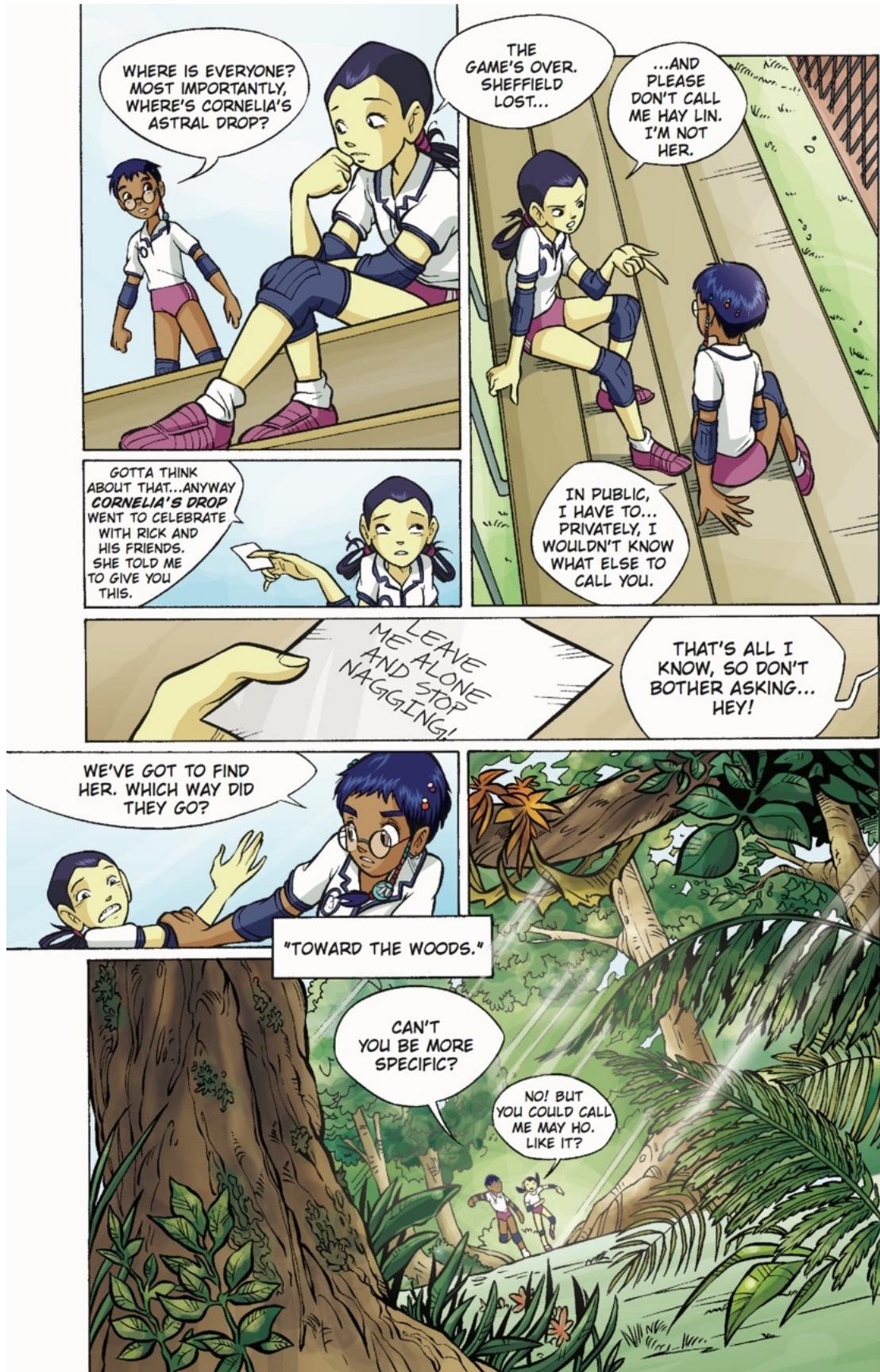


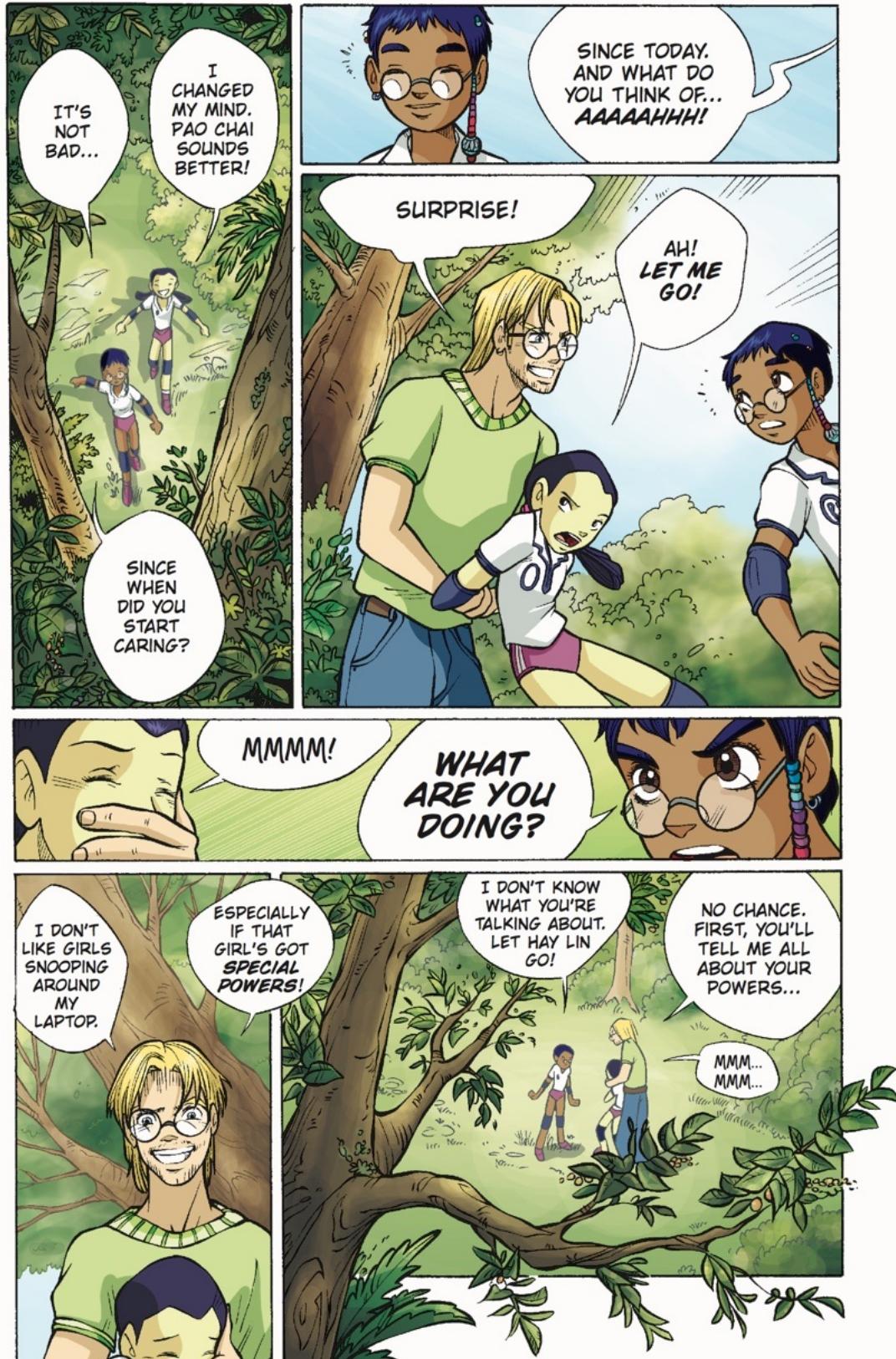


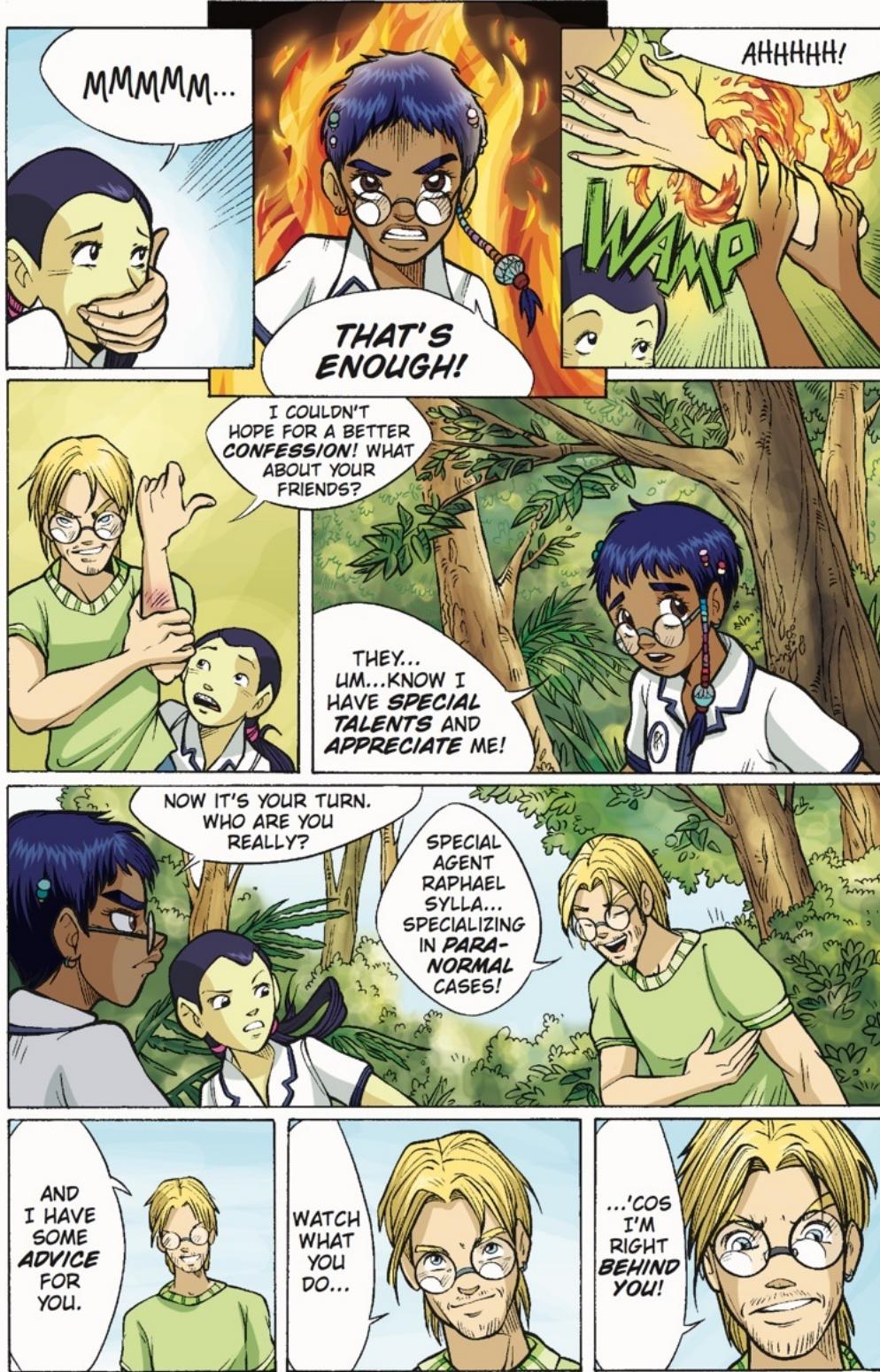






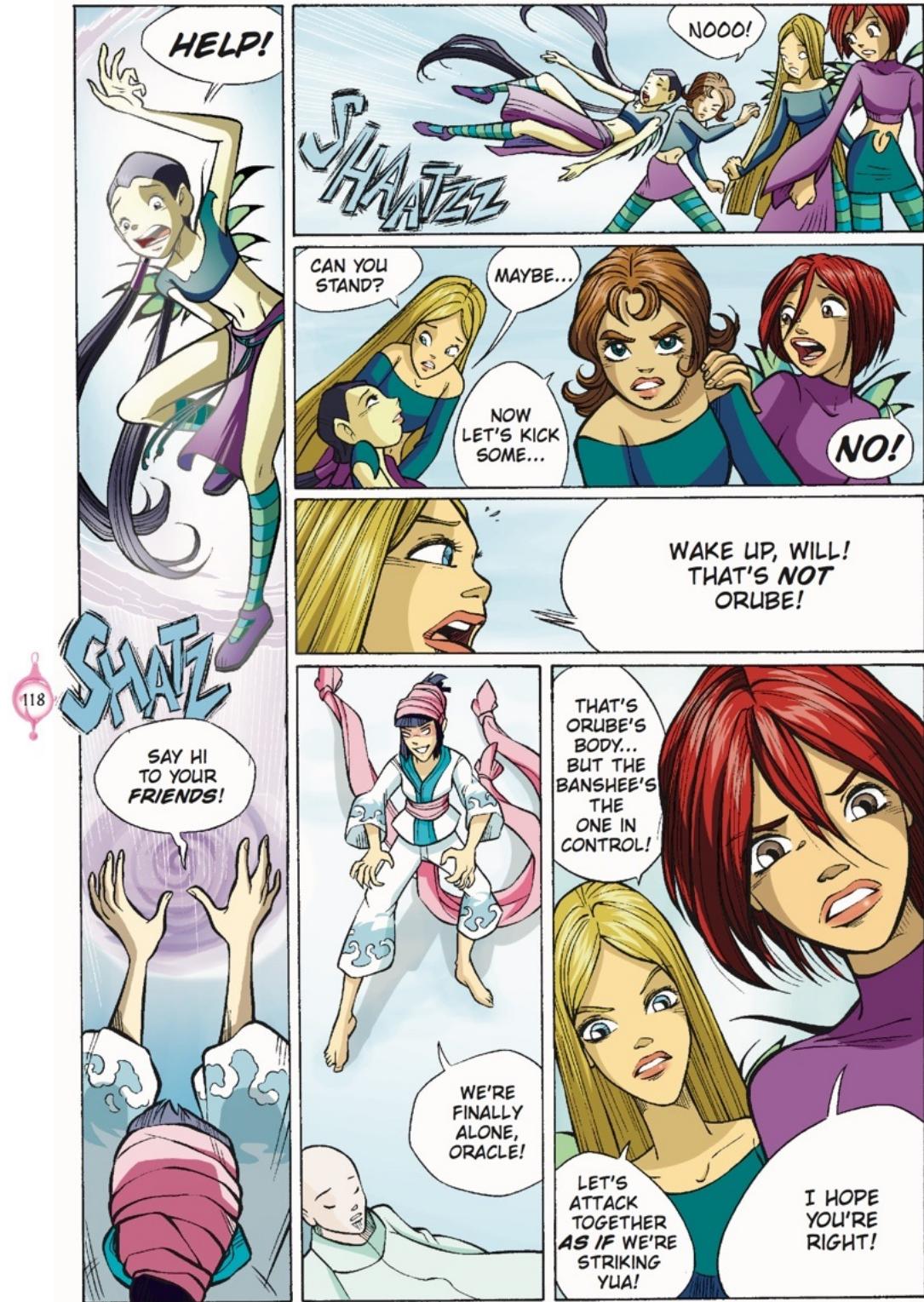


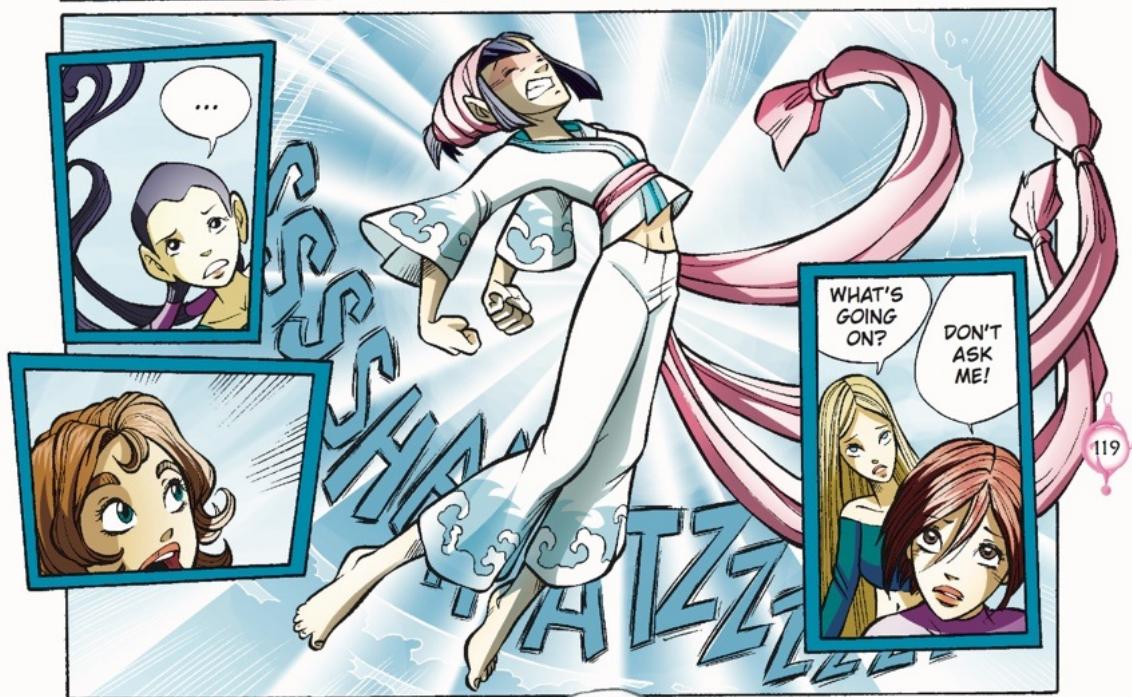
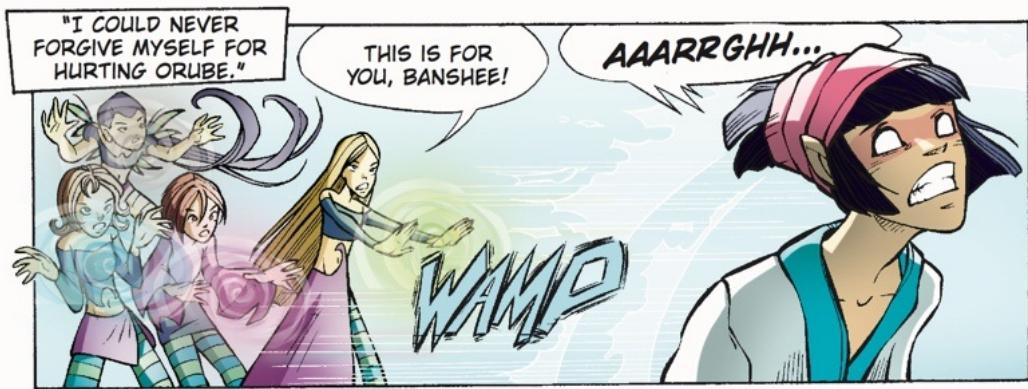












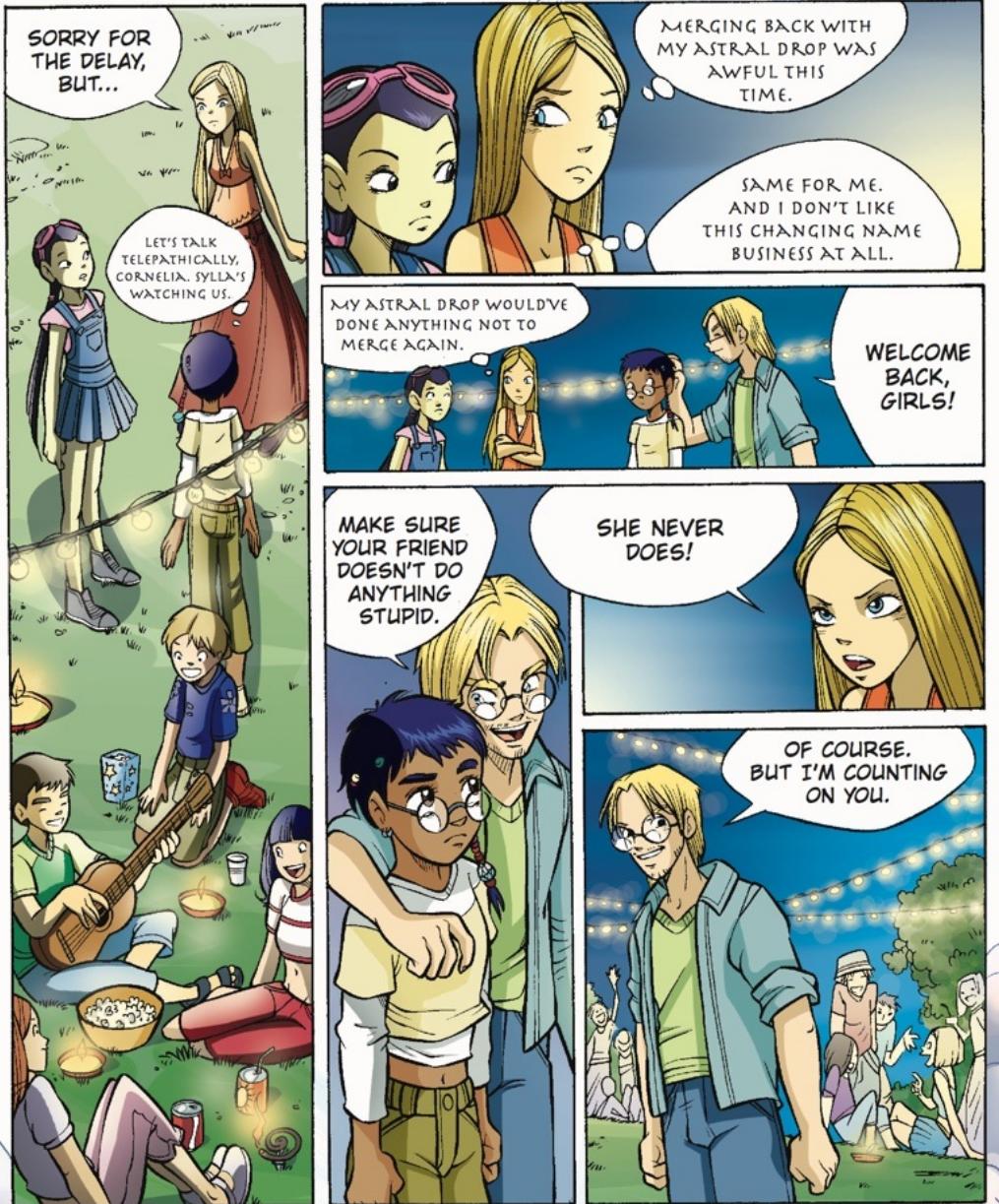




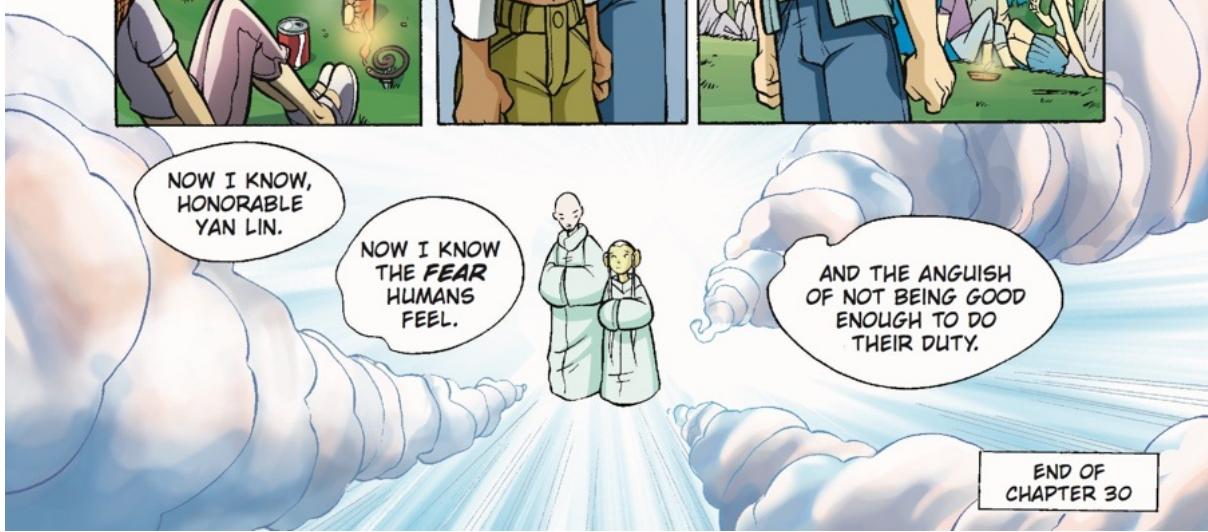








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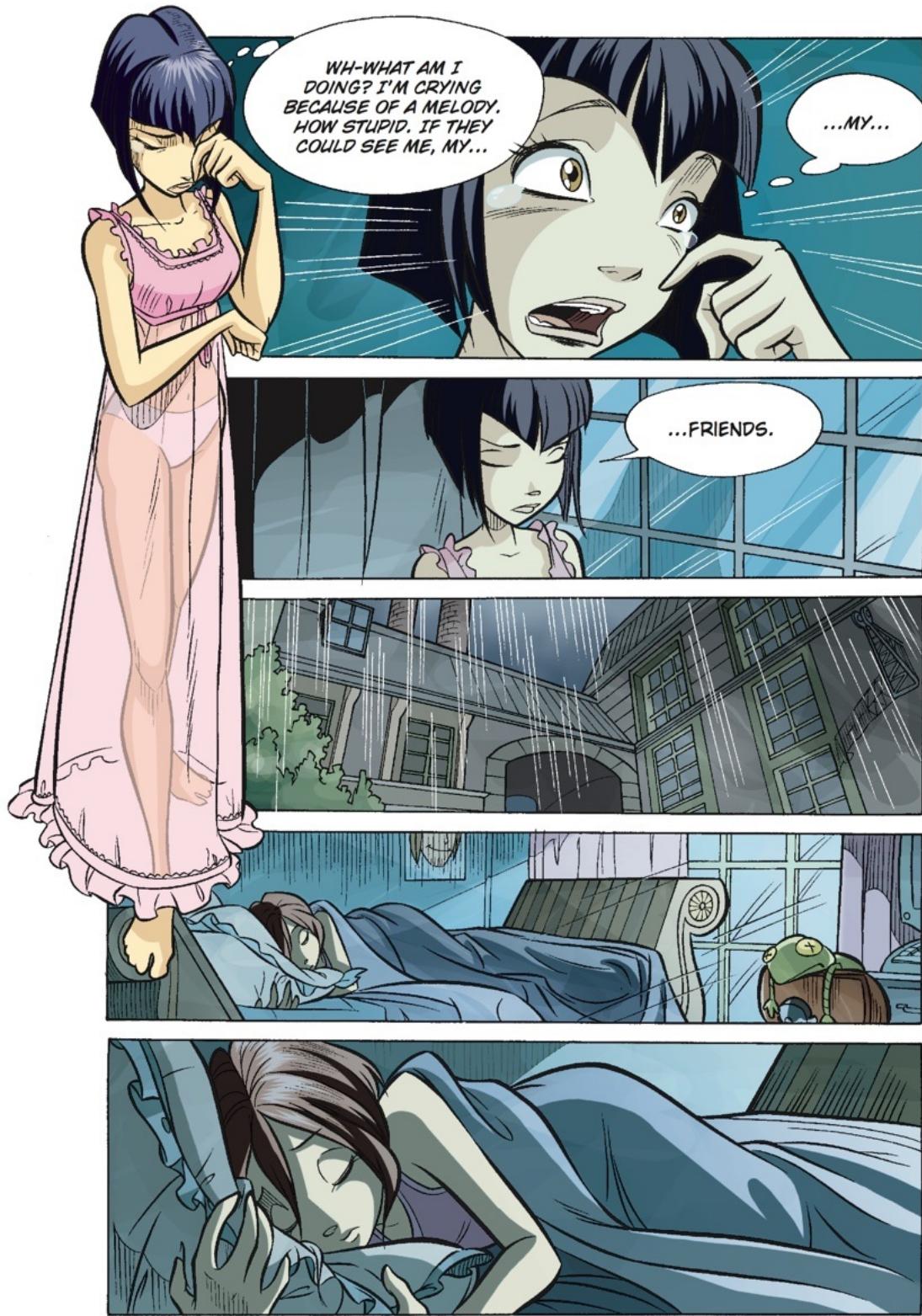
# The Voice of Silence

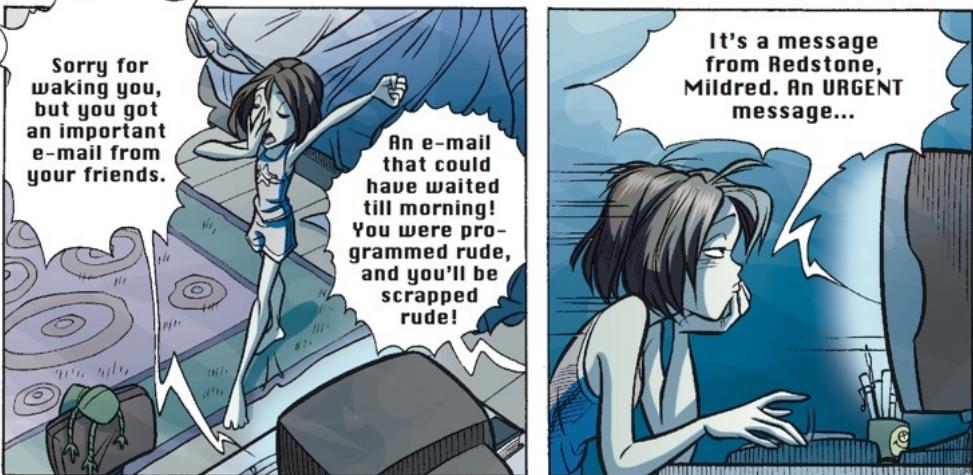
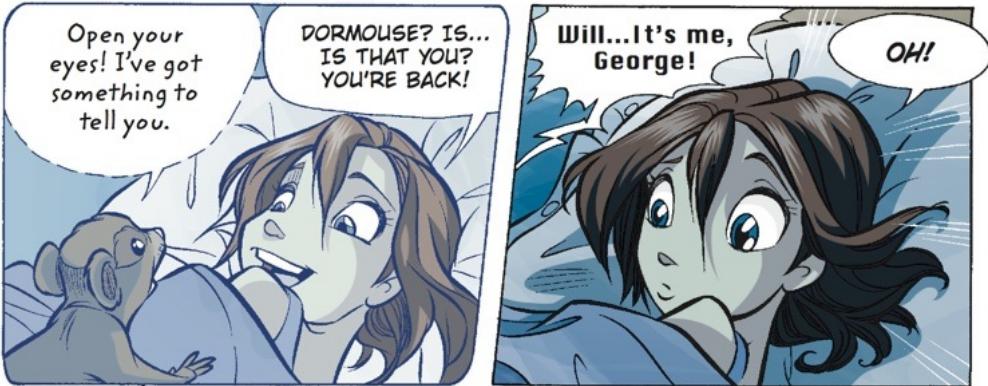
“Her warrior mask  
hides a generous soul.”





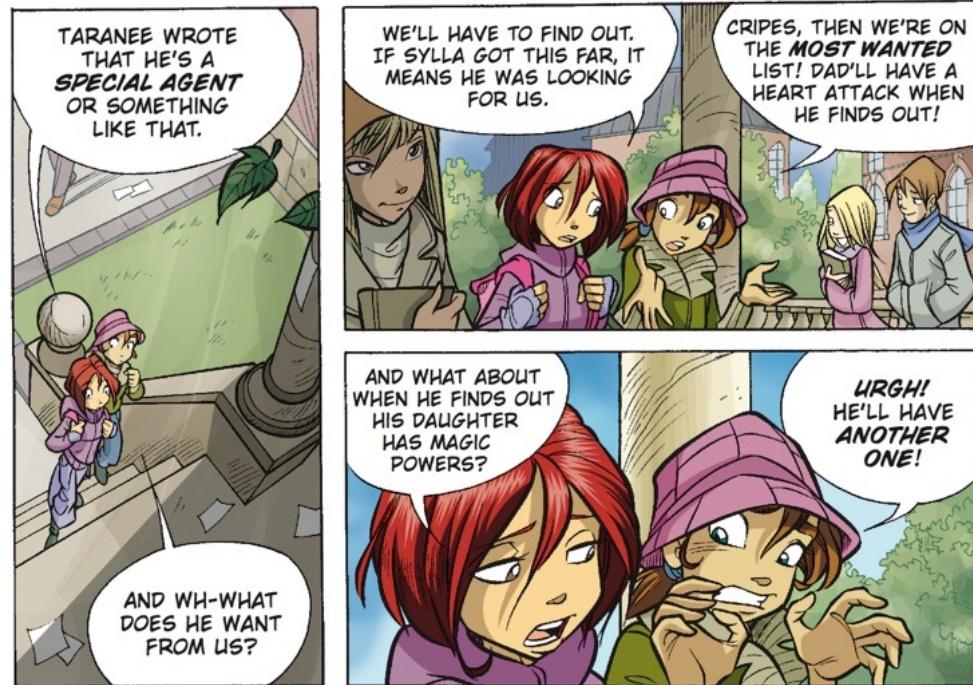




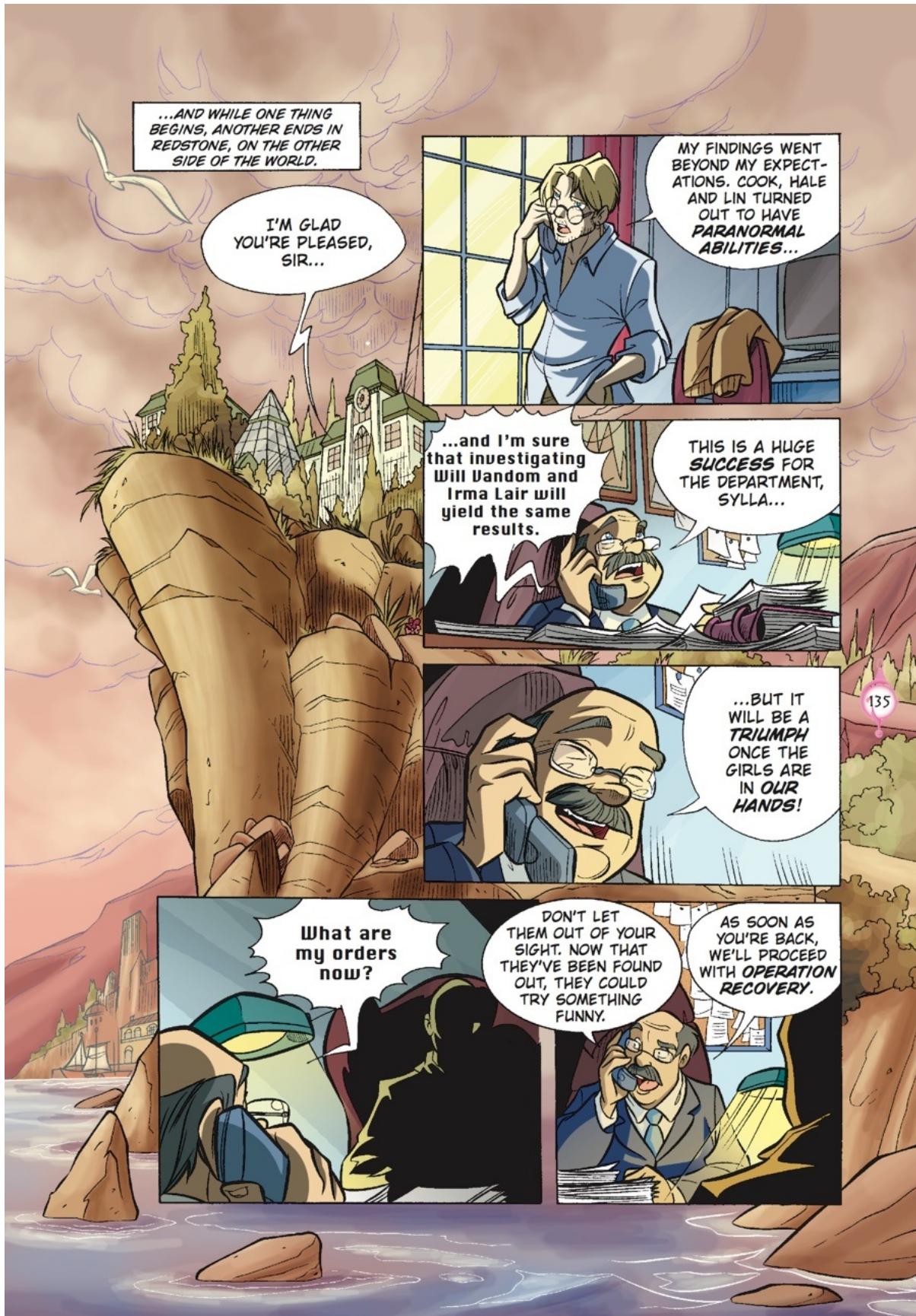


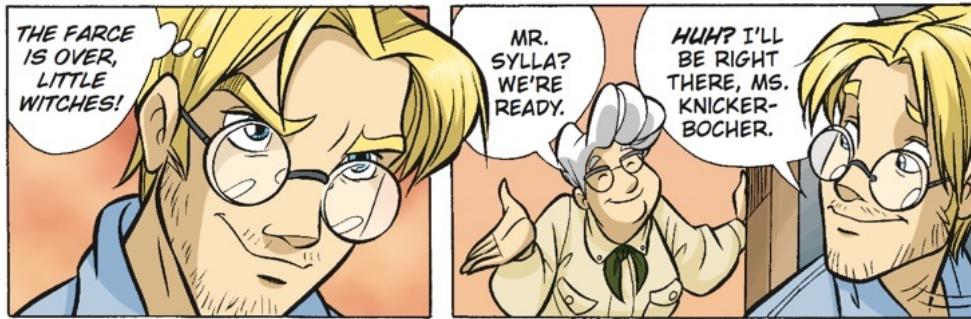


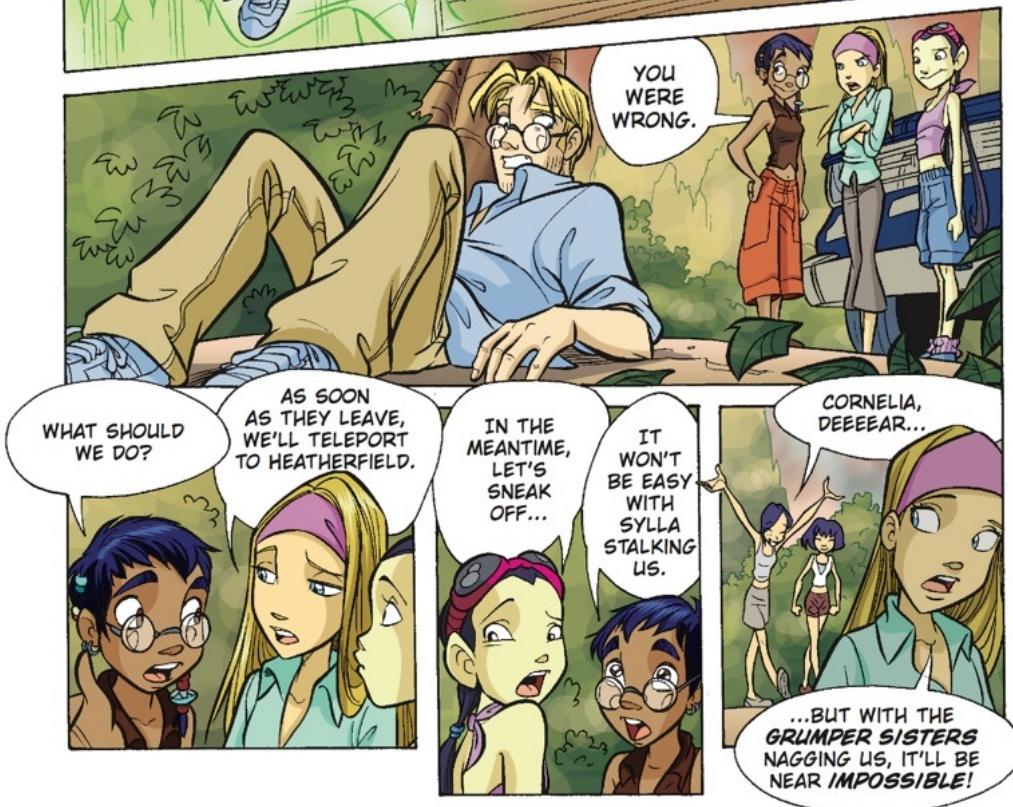
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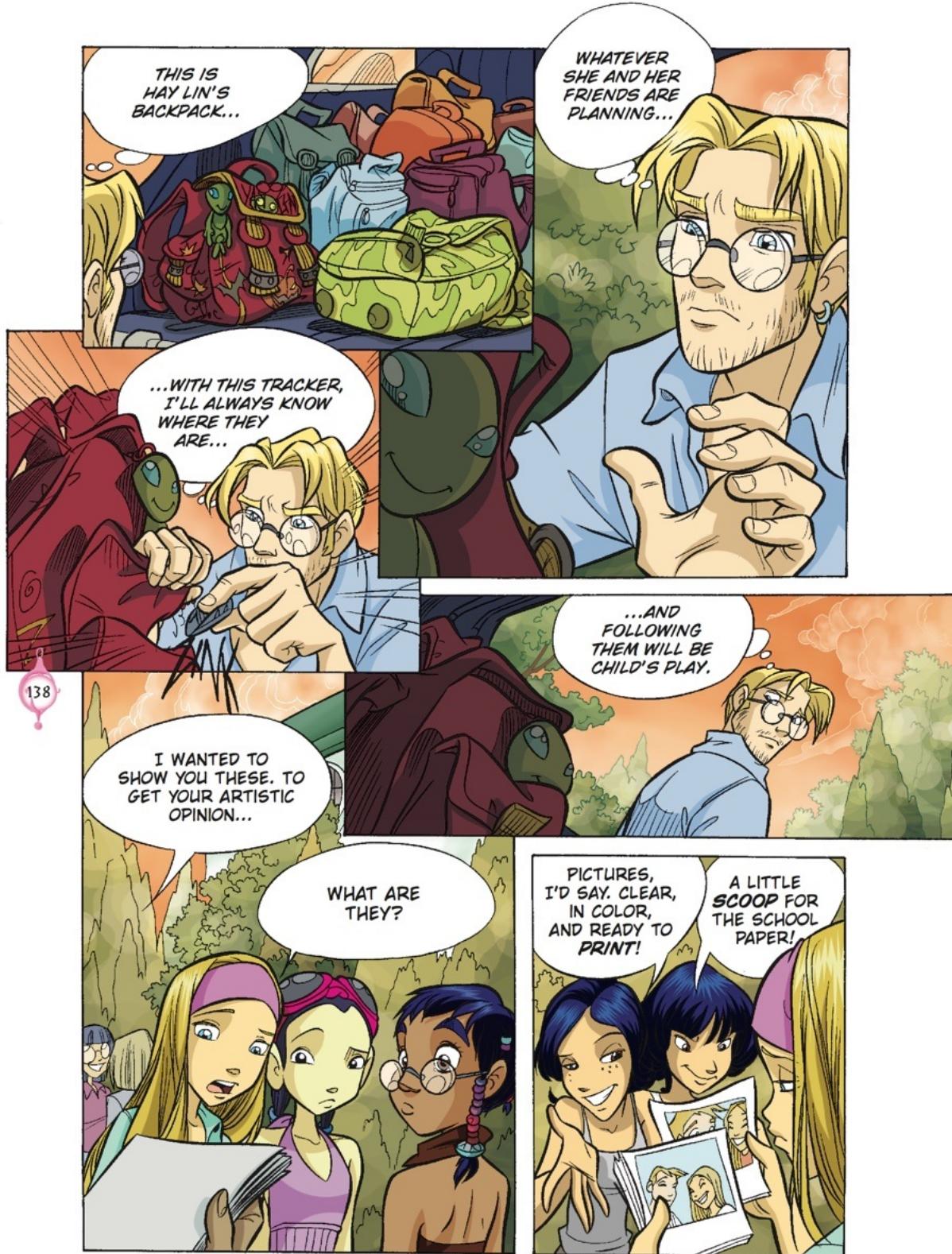
















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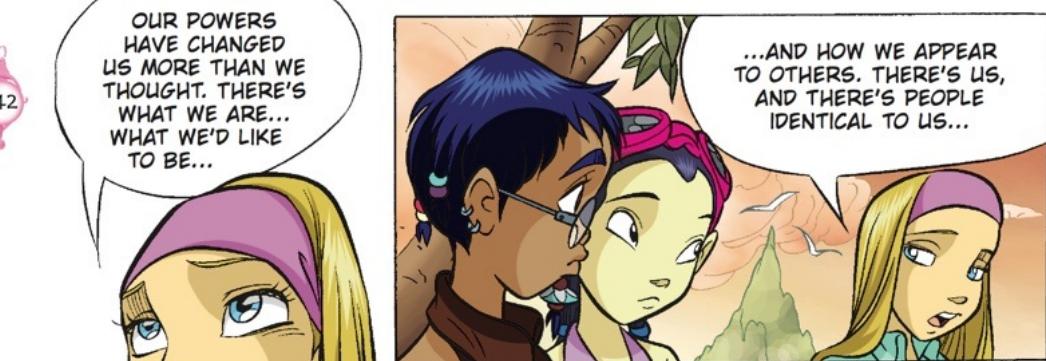


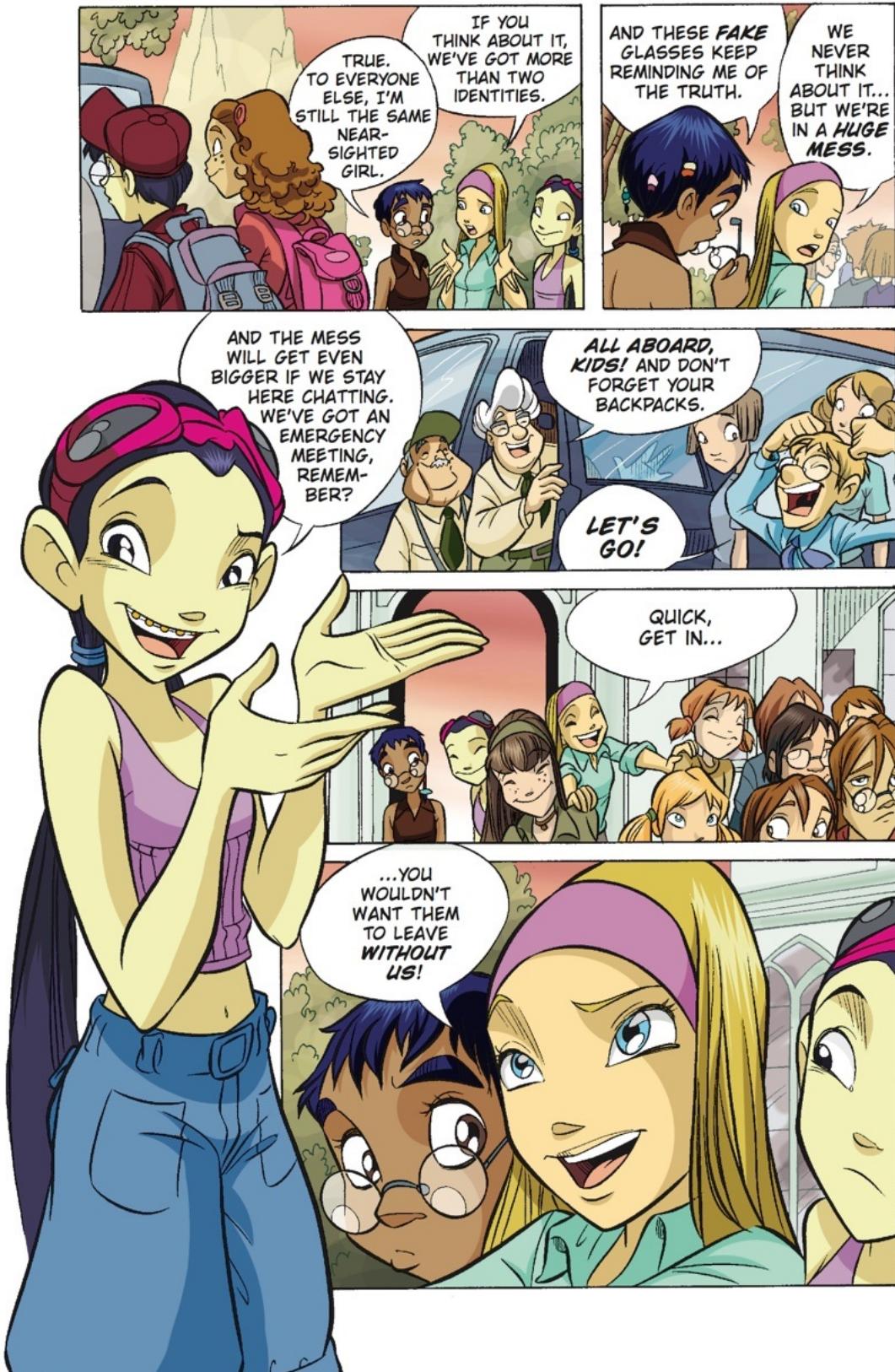
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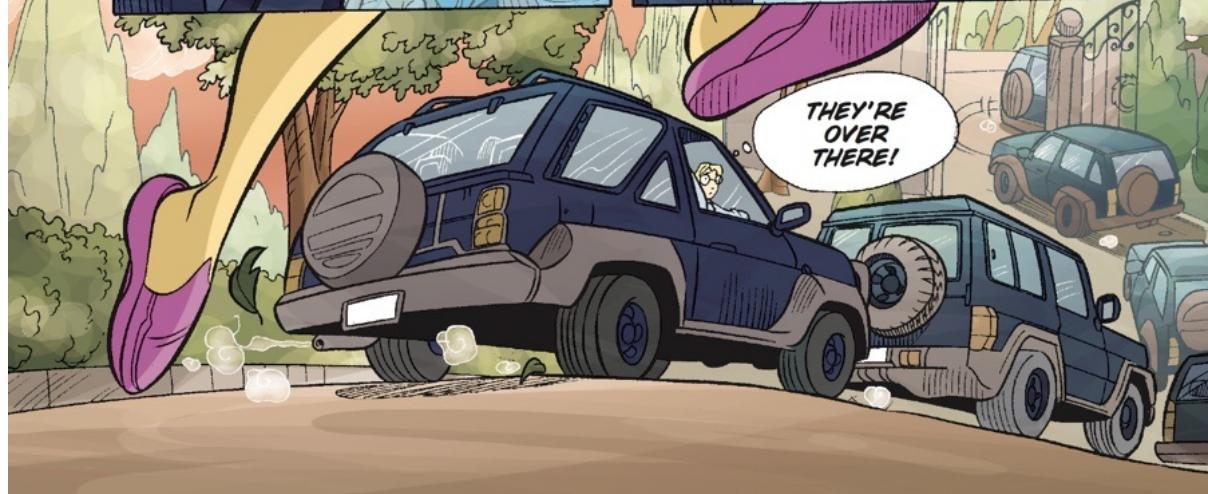
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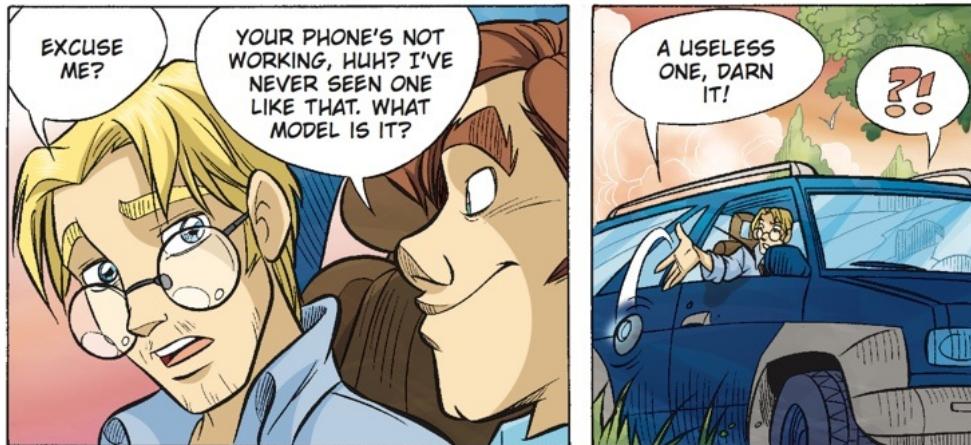






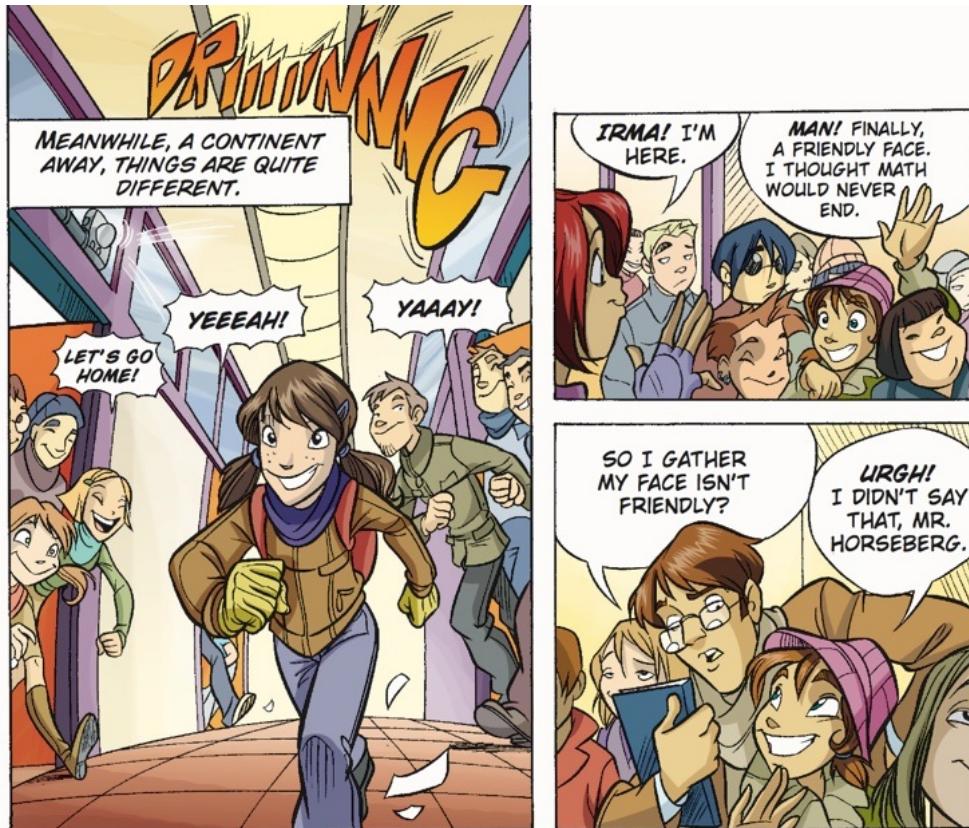
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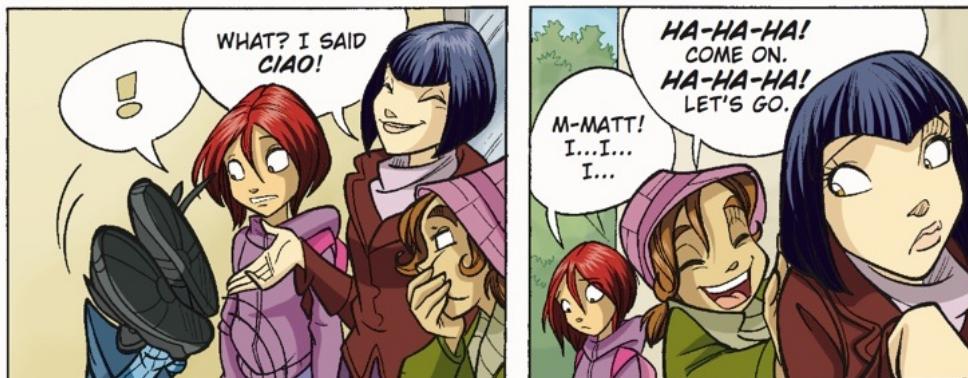








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NOW THAT HE KNOWS OUR SECRET, HE COULD ATTACK ANY MINUTE.

BUT HE'LL WAIT TILL WE'RE ALL TOGETHER TO STRIKE.



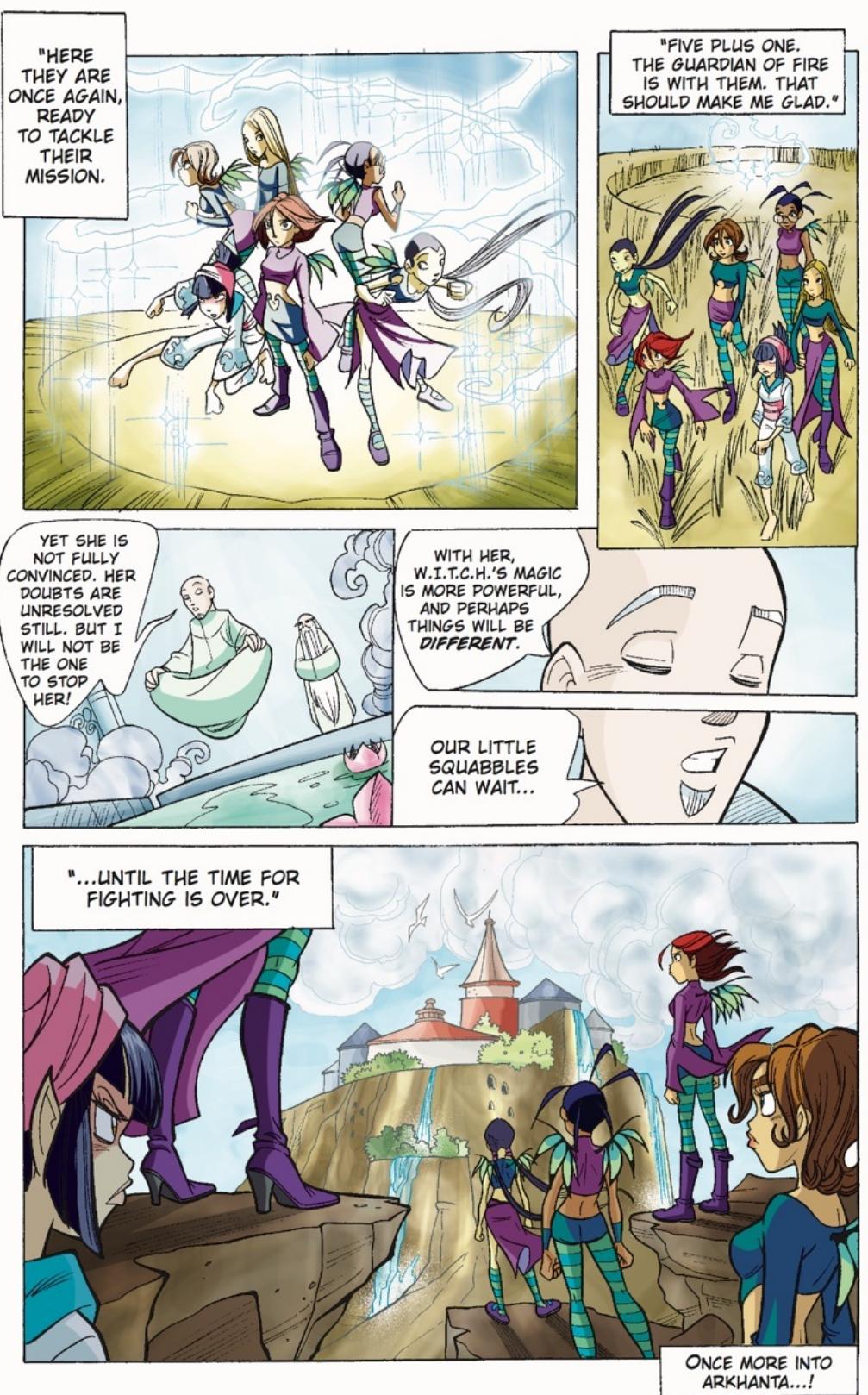
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DISTANT AND MAJESTIC,  
THE SCARLET STRONGHOLD IS  
A HOME WORTHY OF A KING.

EVERY DETAIL REVEALS  
WEALTH AND SPLENDOR. EVERY  
CORNER ANNOUNCES WONDER  
AND MAGNIFICENCE...



...BUT IF THESE WALLS  
COULD TALK, THEY'D TELL  
A DIFFERENT STORY.

A STORY OF  
PAIN AND  
DISAPPOINTMENT,  
OF LONELINESS,  
RESENTMENT...  
AND MORE  
LONELINESS.

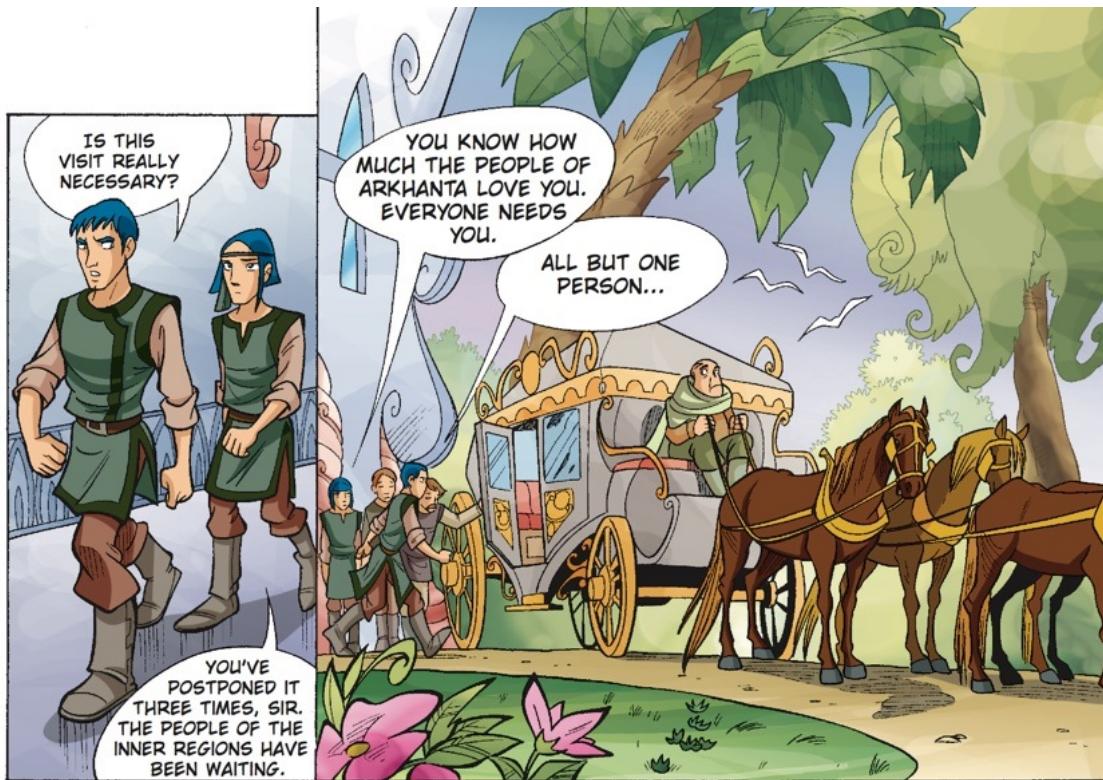
YOUR  
CARRIAGE  
AWAITS,  
SIR.  
I'LL  
BE RIGHT  
THERE.

I MUST GO, SON, BUT  
I'LL BE BACK TONIGHT  
AND WILL BRING YOU A  
SURPRISE. WILL THAT  
MAKE YOU HAPPY?

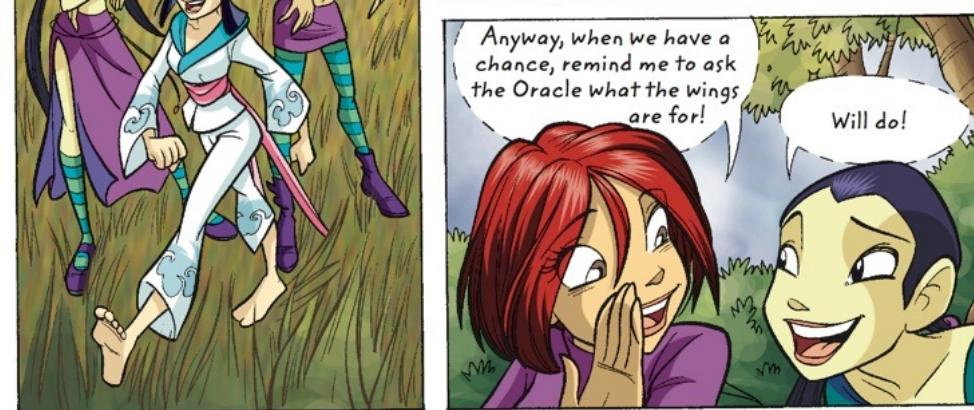
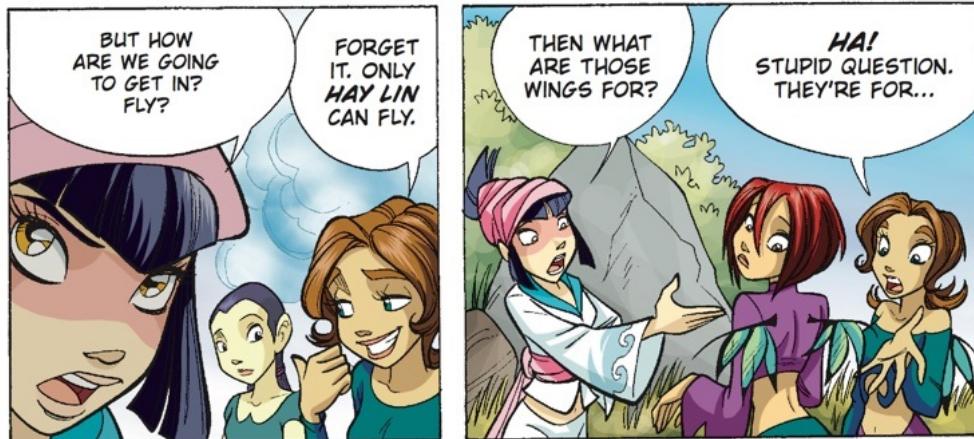
I LOVE  
YOU, MAQI.

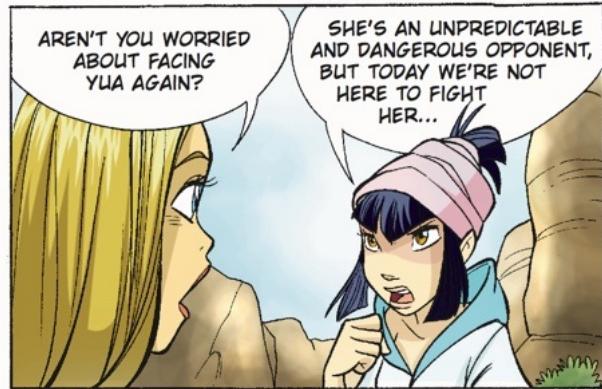
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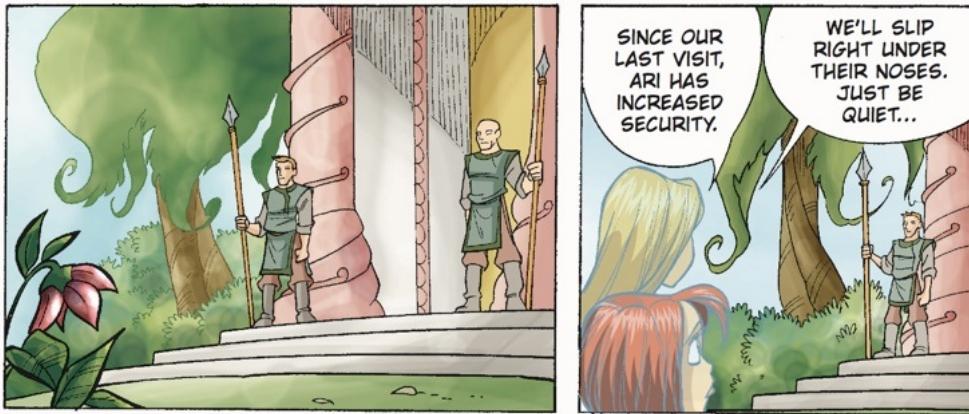






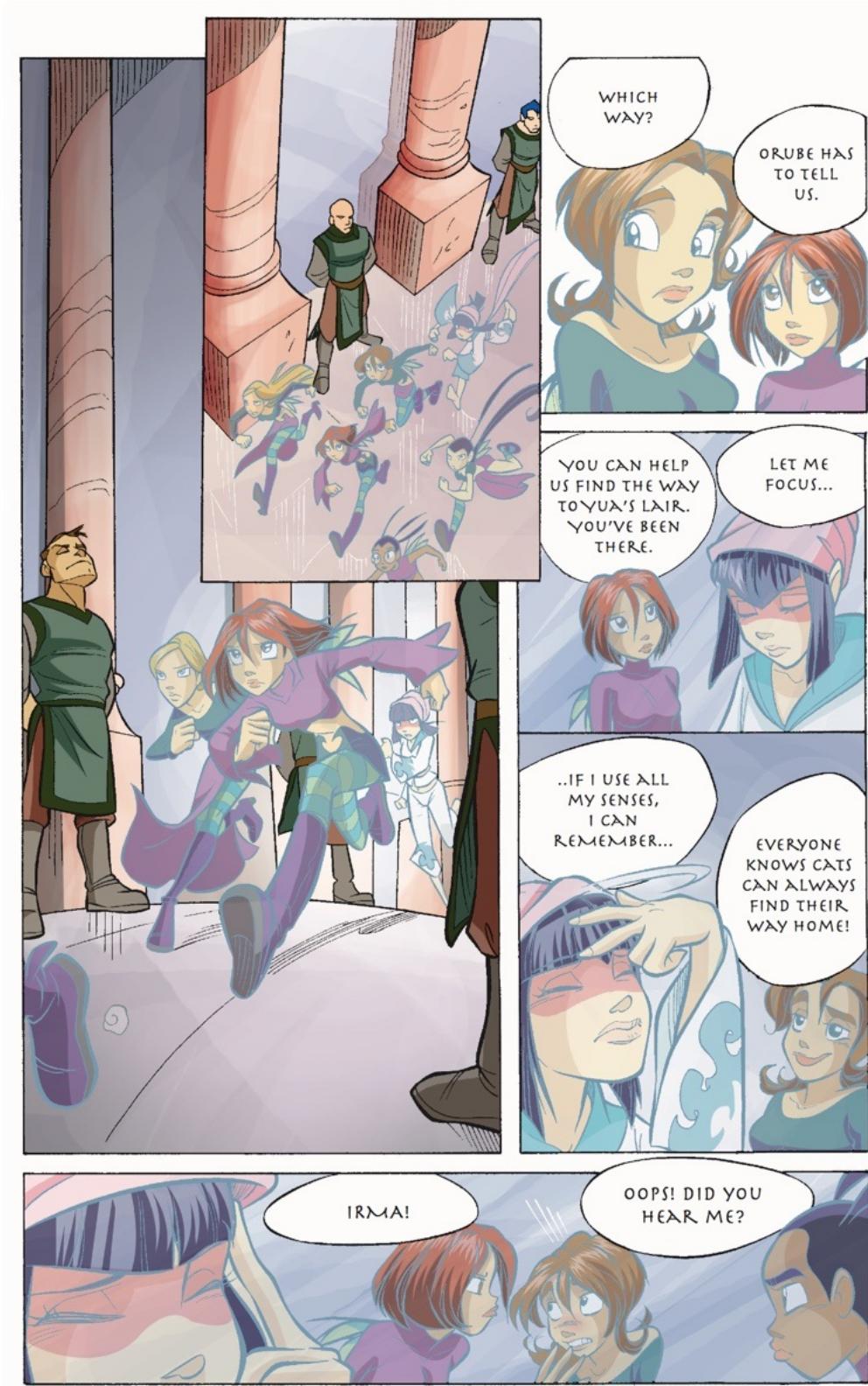




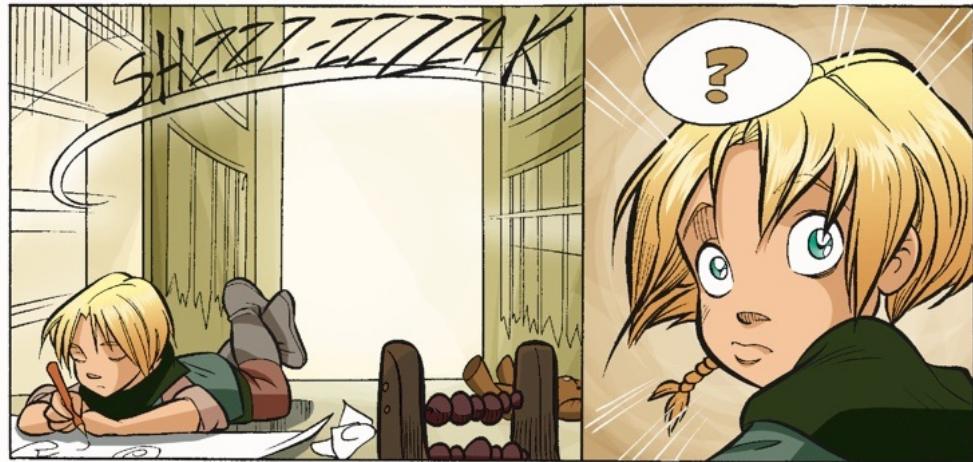


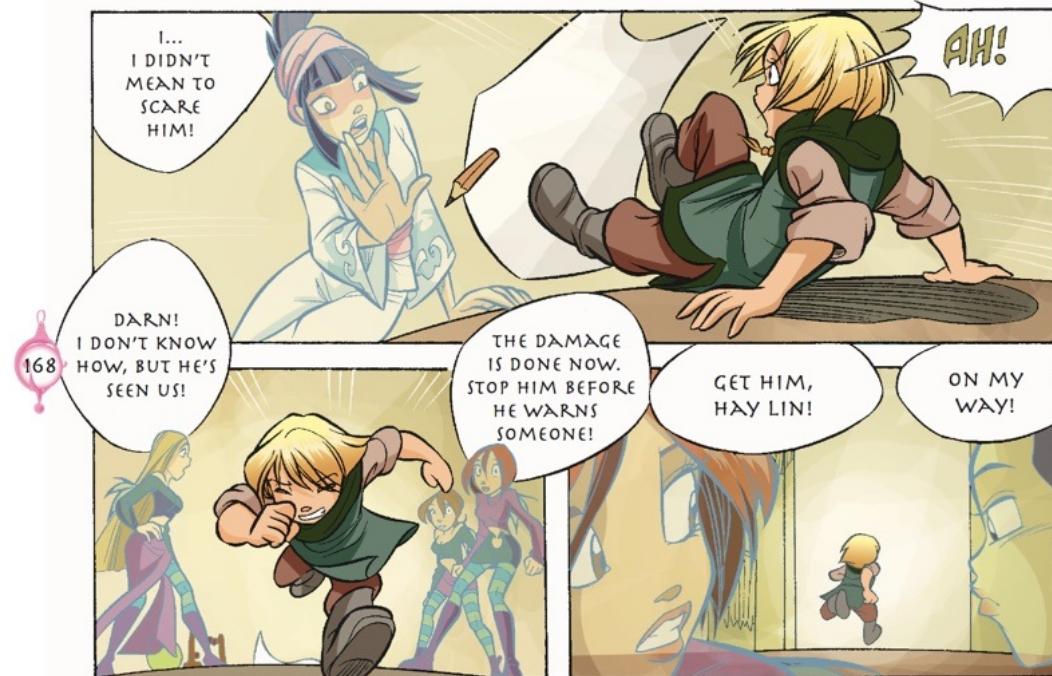
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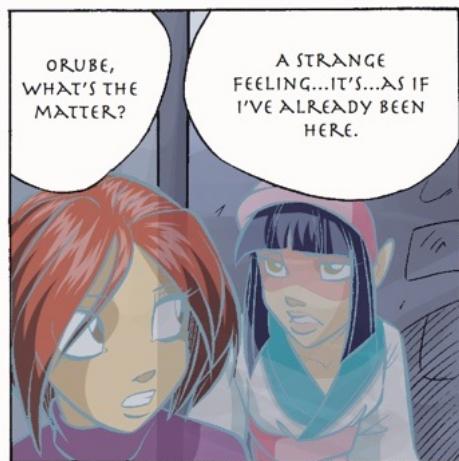




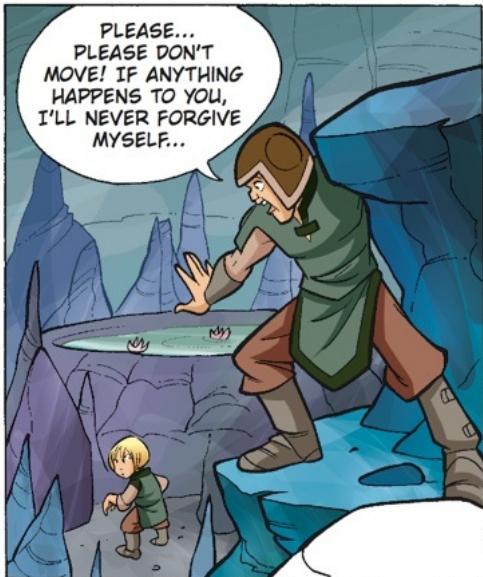








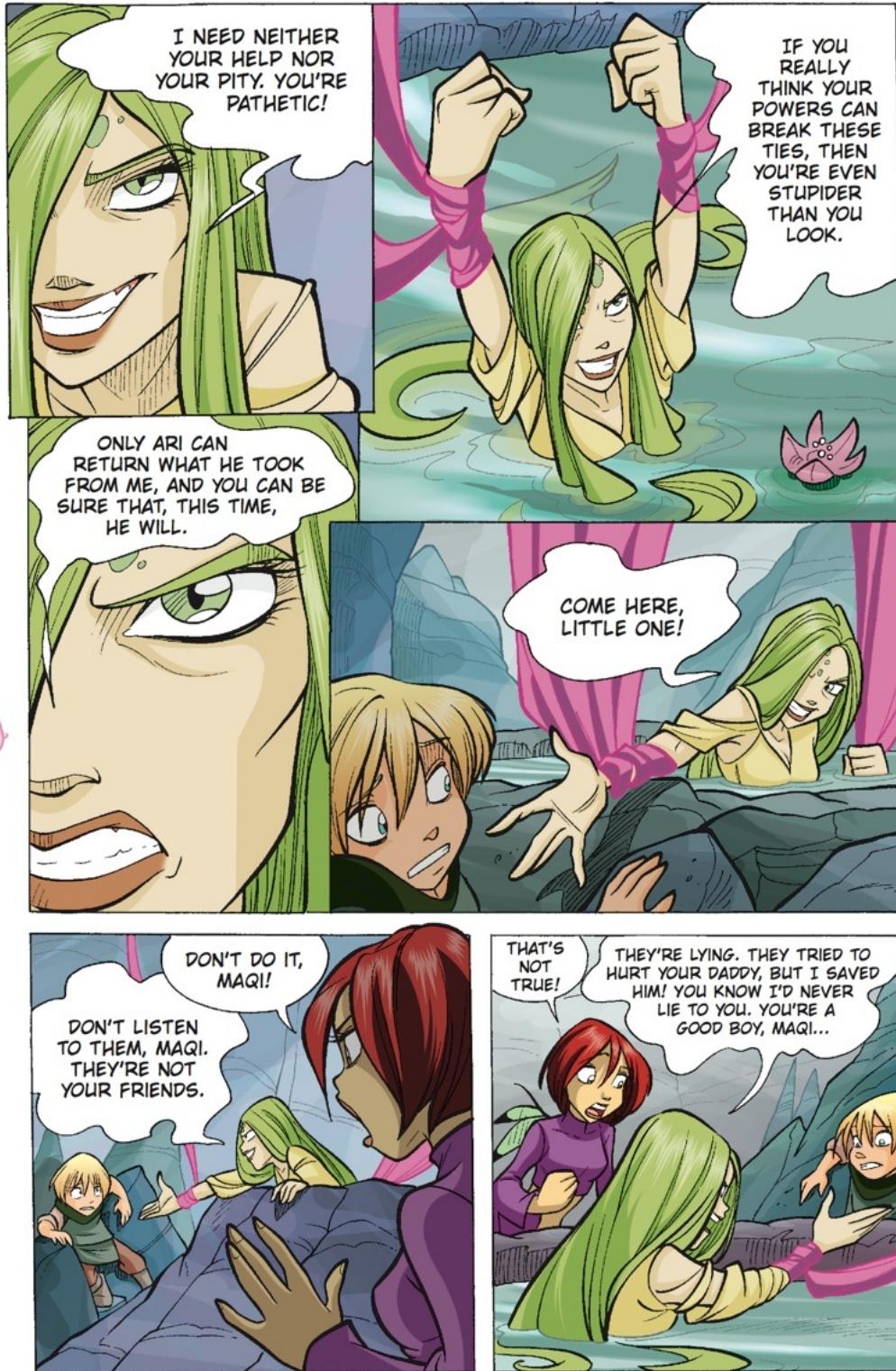






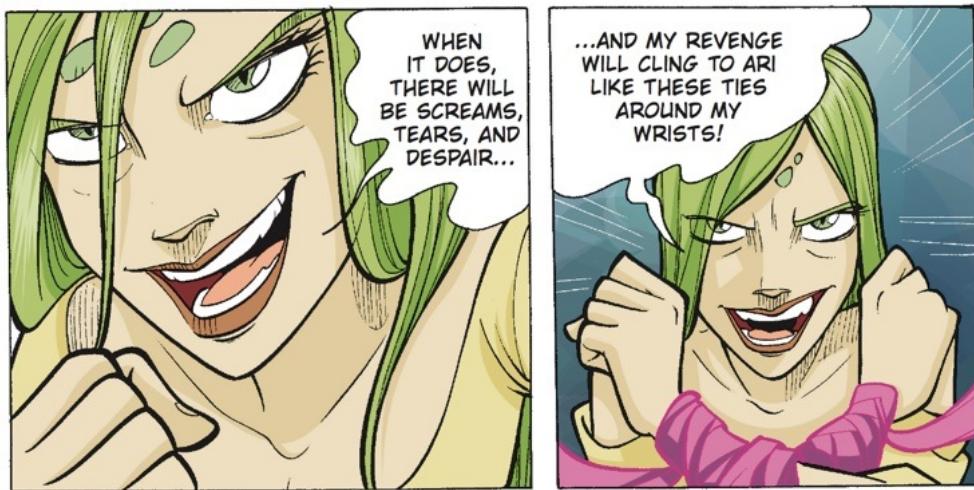
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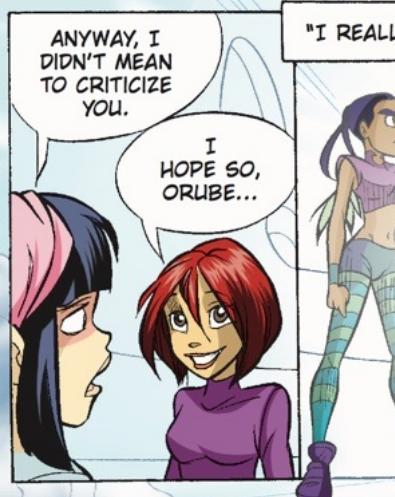




WILL'S RIGHT.



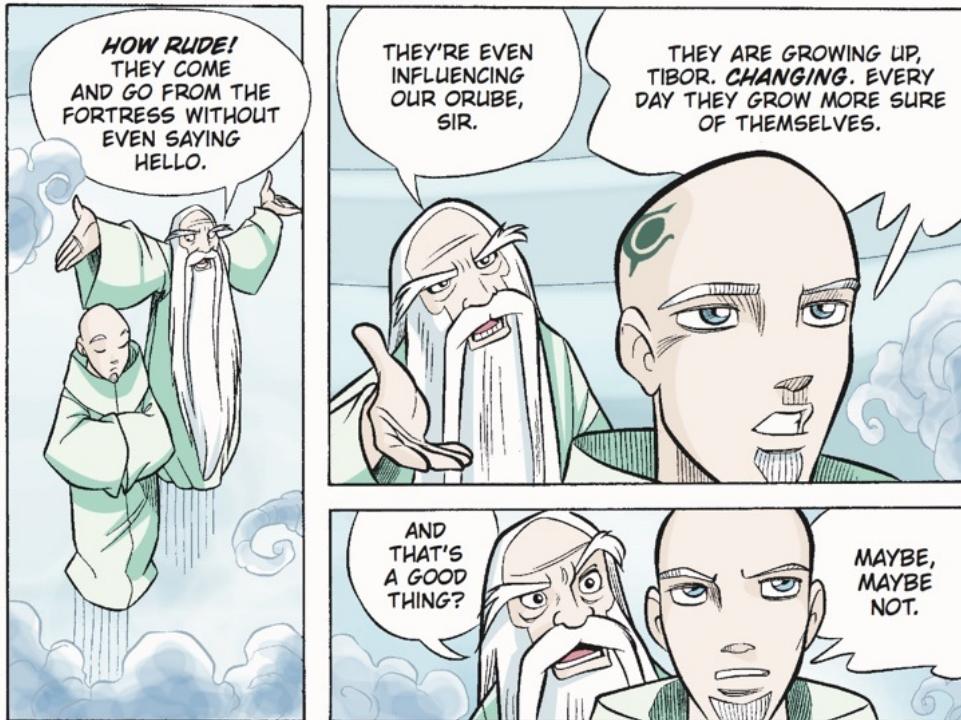
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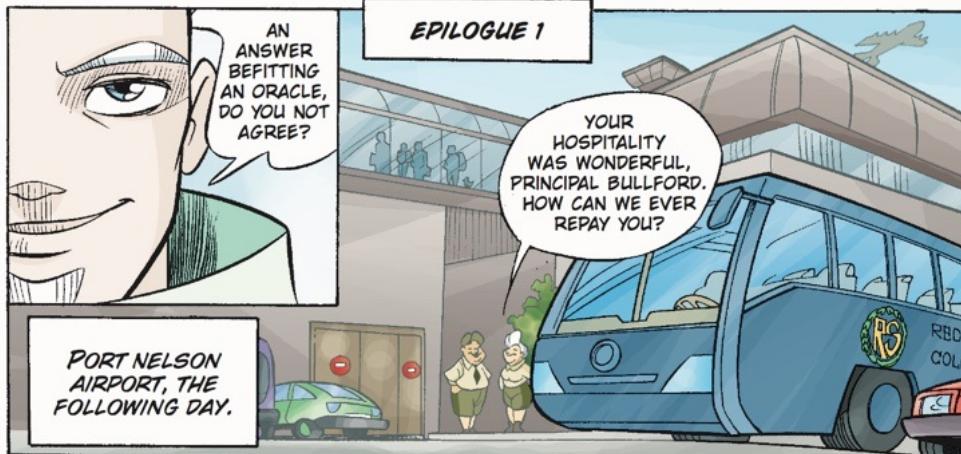
"I REALLY HOPE SO."

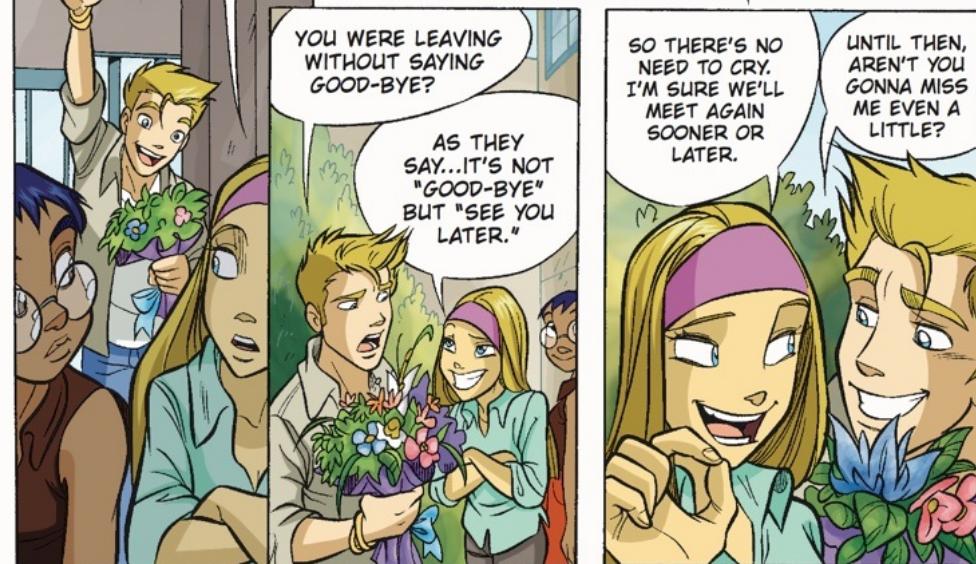
SHAA-WAAAAM



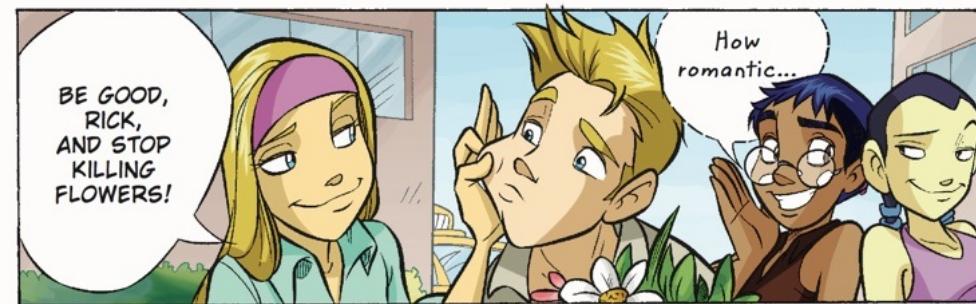


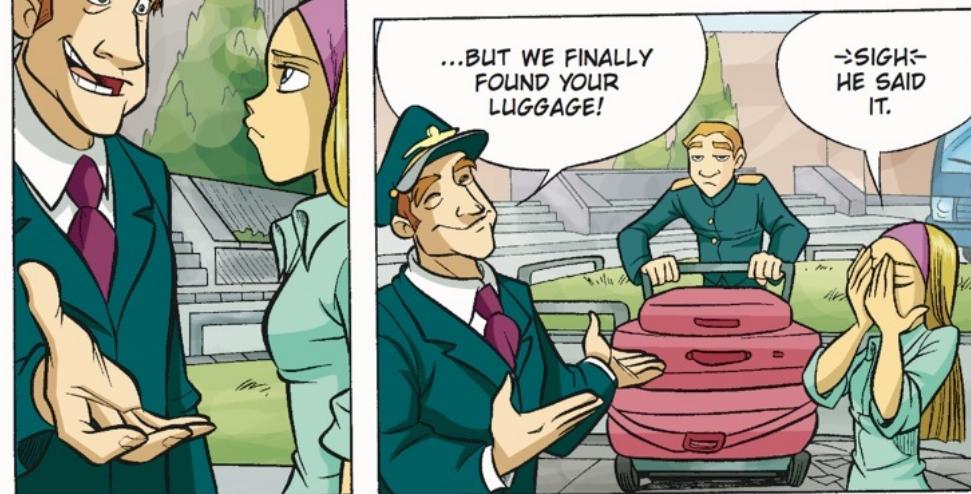
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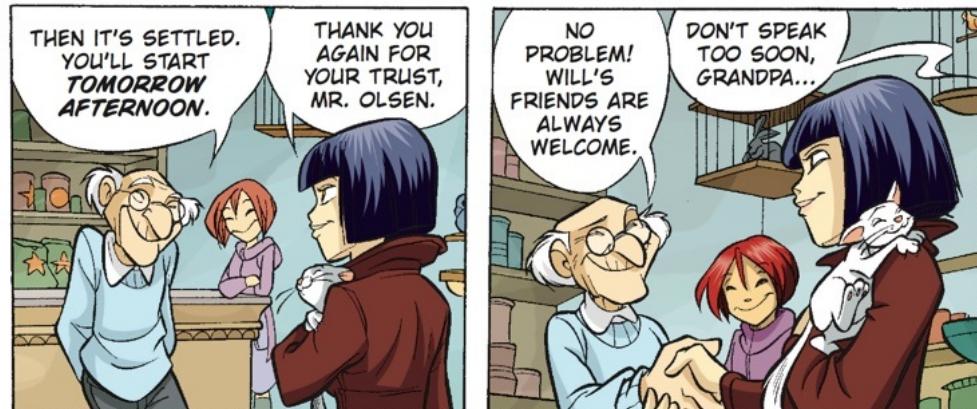


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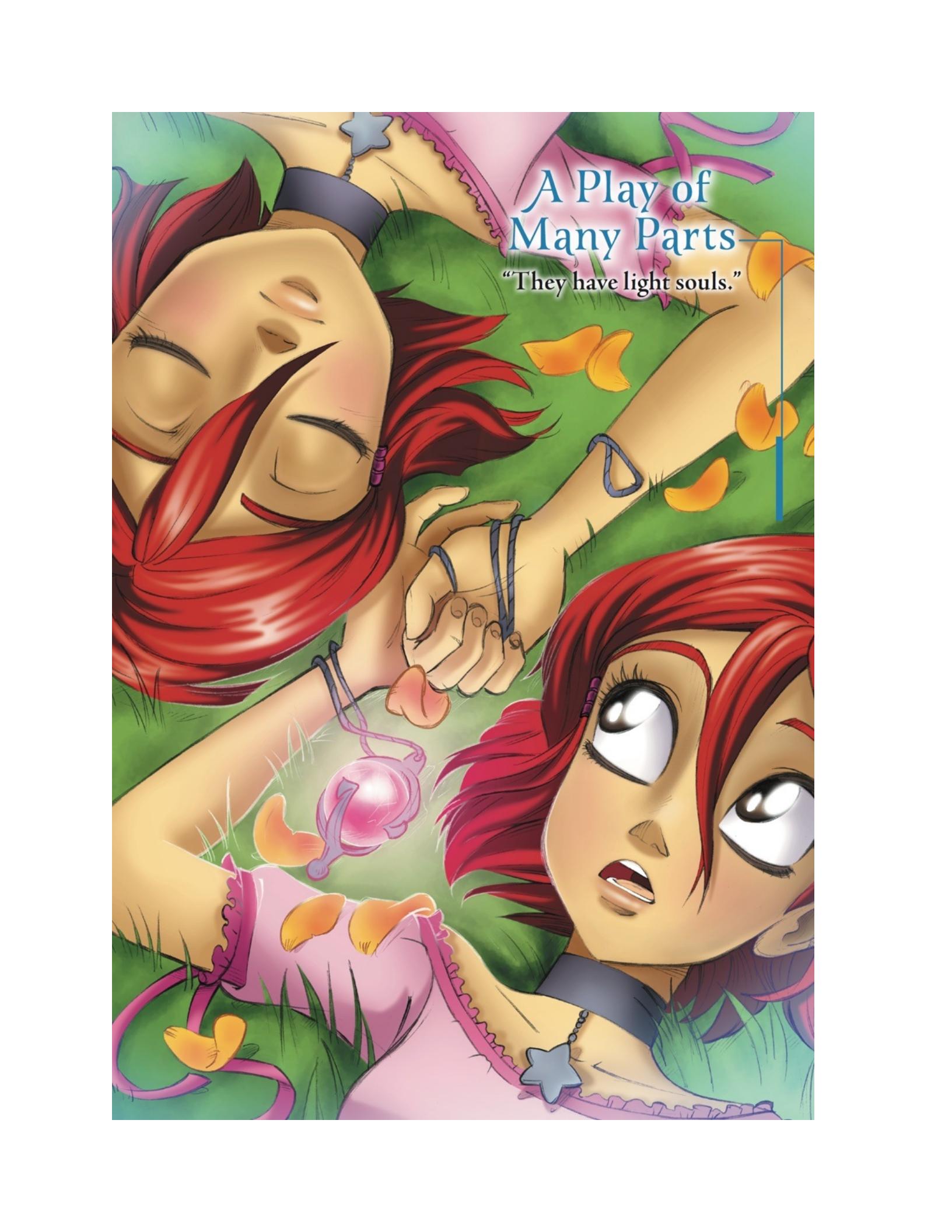


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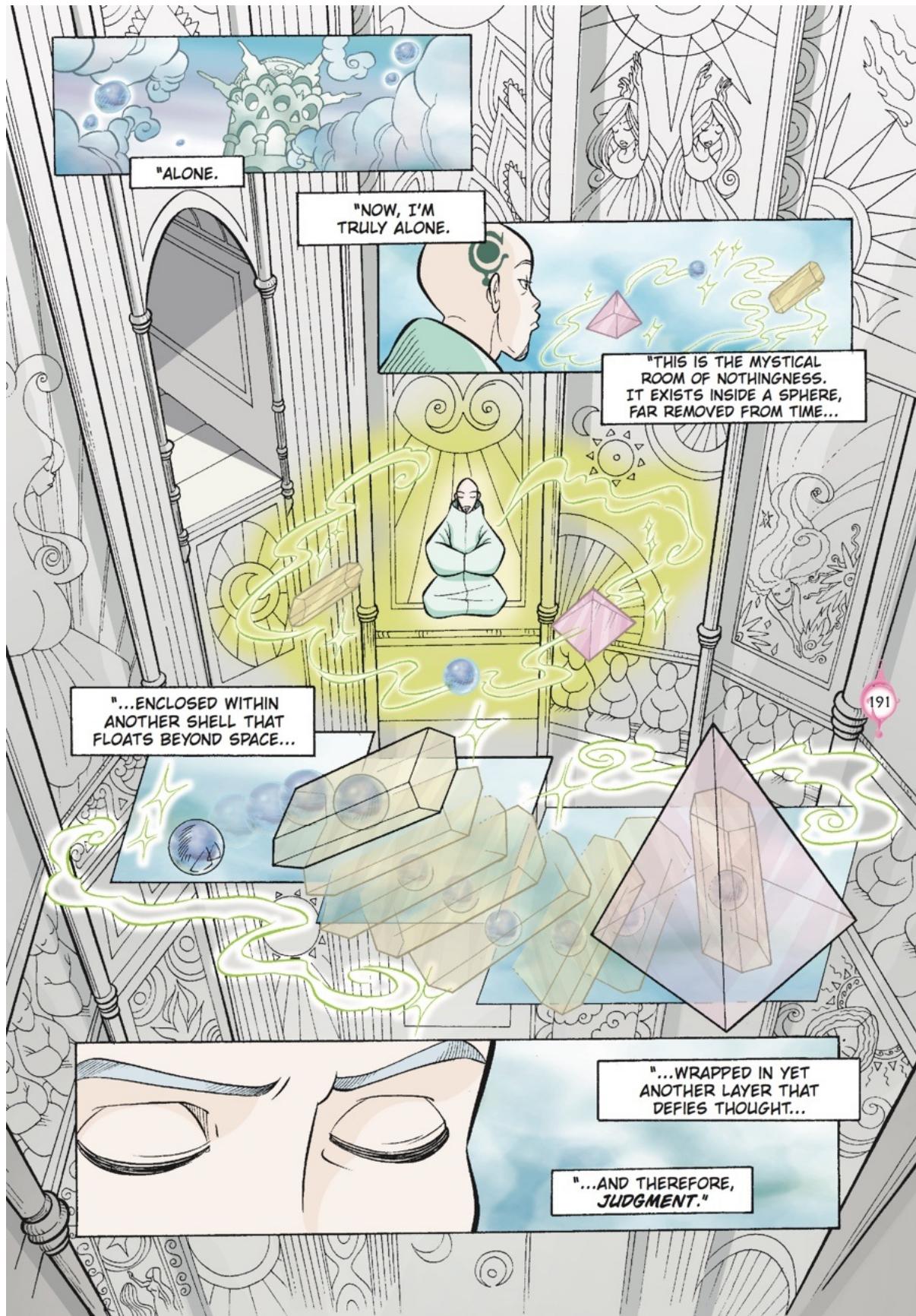


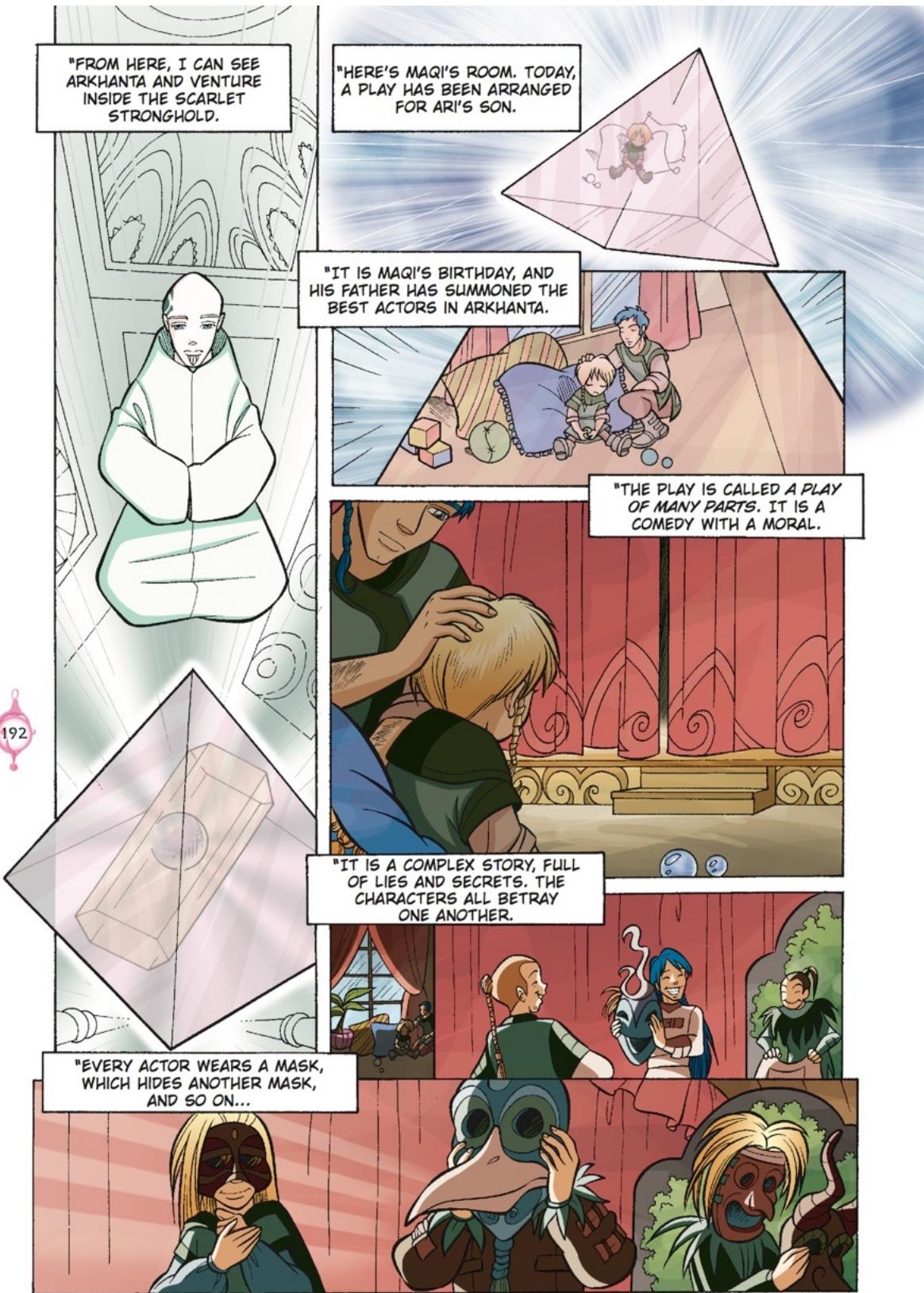




# A Play of Many Parts

"They have light souls."



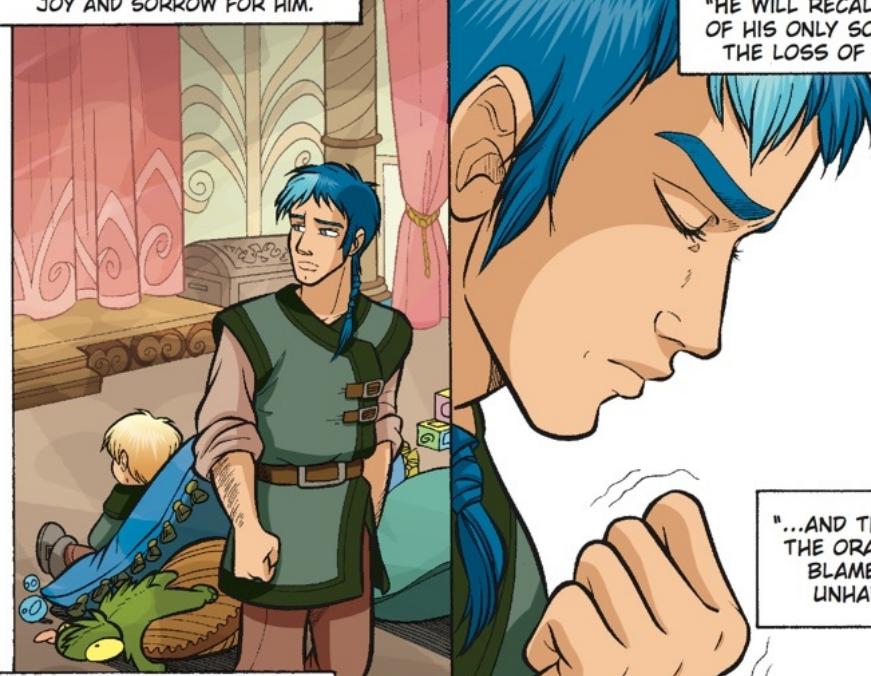


"BUT MAQI WILL SEE BEYOND THE MASKS,  
BEYOND THE ACTORS, AND BEYOND THE  
MEANING OF EVERYTHING..."



"ARI WILL WATCH AS WELL,  
PREOCCUPIED. TODAY IS A DAY OF  
JOY AND SORROW FOR HIM."

"HE WILL RECALL THE BIRTH  
OF HIS ONLY SON BUT ALSO  
THE LOSS OF HIS WIFE..."

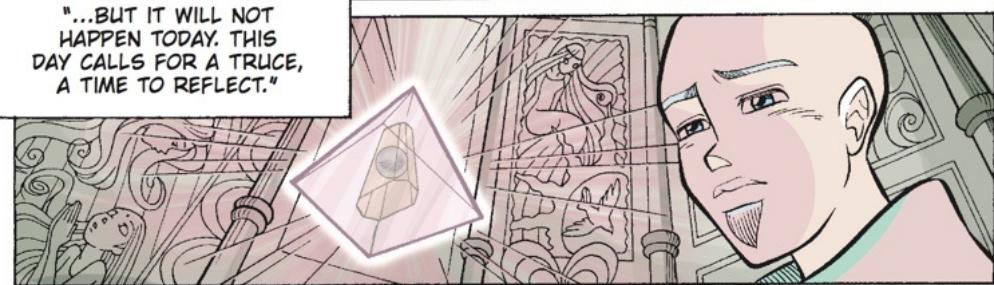


"...AND THINK THAT I,  
THE ORACLE, AM TO  
BLAME FOR HIS  
UNHAPPINESS."

"HE WILL SEEK A WAY  
TO DESTROY ME AND MY  
GUARDIANS WITH THE  
BANSHEE'S POWER..."



"...BUT IT WILL NOT  
HAPPEN TODAY. THIS  
DAY CALLS FOR A TRUCE,  
A TIME TO REFLECT."



"FOR TODAY, THE FARCE WILL CONTINUE. IN THIS WORLD AND THAT OTHER."

"EVERYBODY QUIET, AND THEN..."

"...THE CURTAIN RISES."

WILL VANDOM!  
CORNELIA HALE!  
TARANEE COOK!  
HAY LIN!  
IRMA LAIR!

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IS IT  
TRUE THEY HAVE  
PARANORMAL  
POWERS?

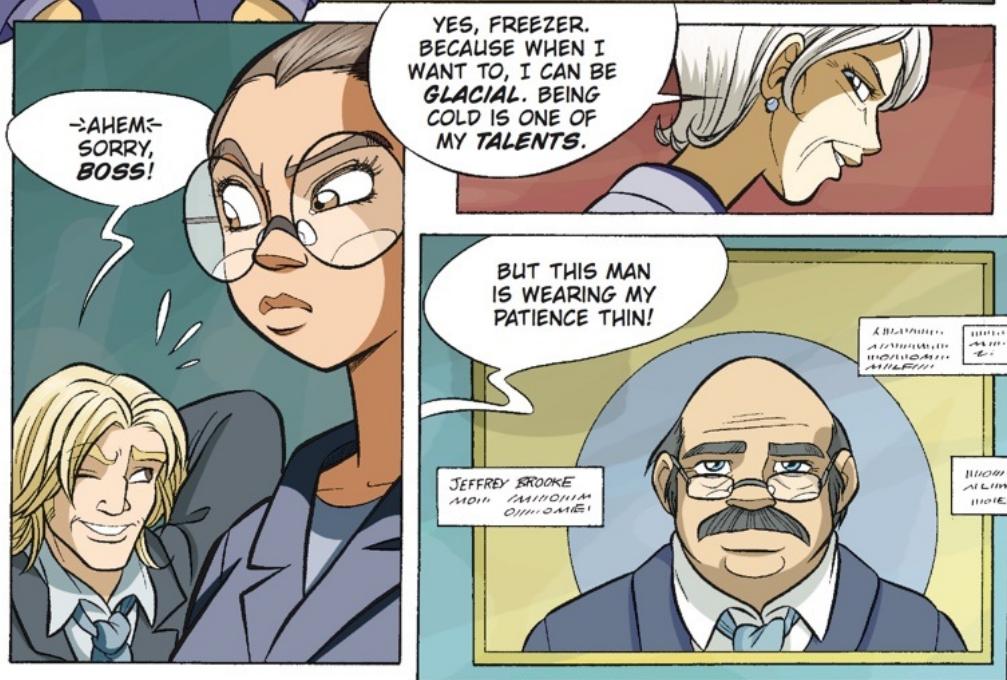
YOU'VE MET  
THESE GIRLS.

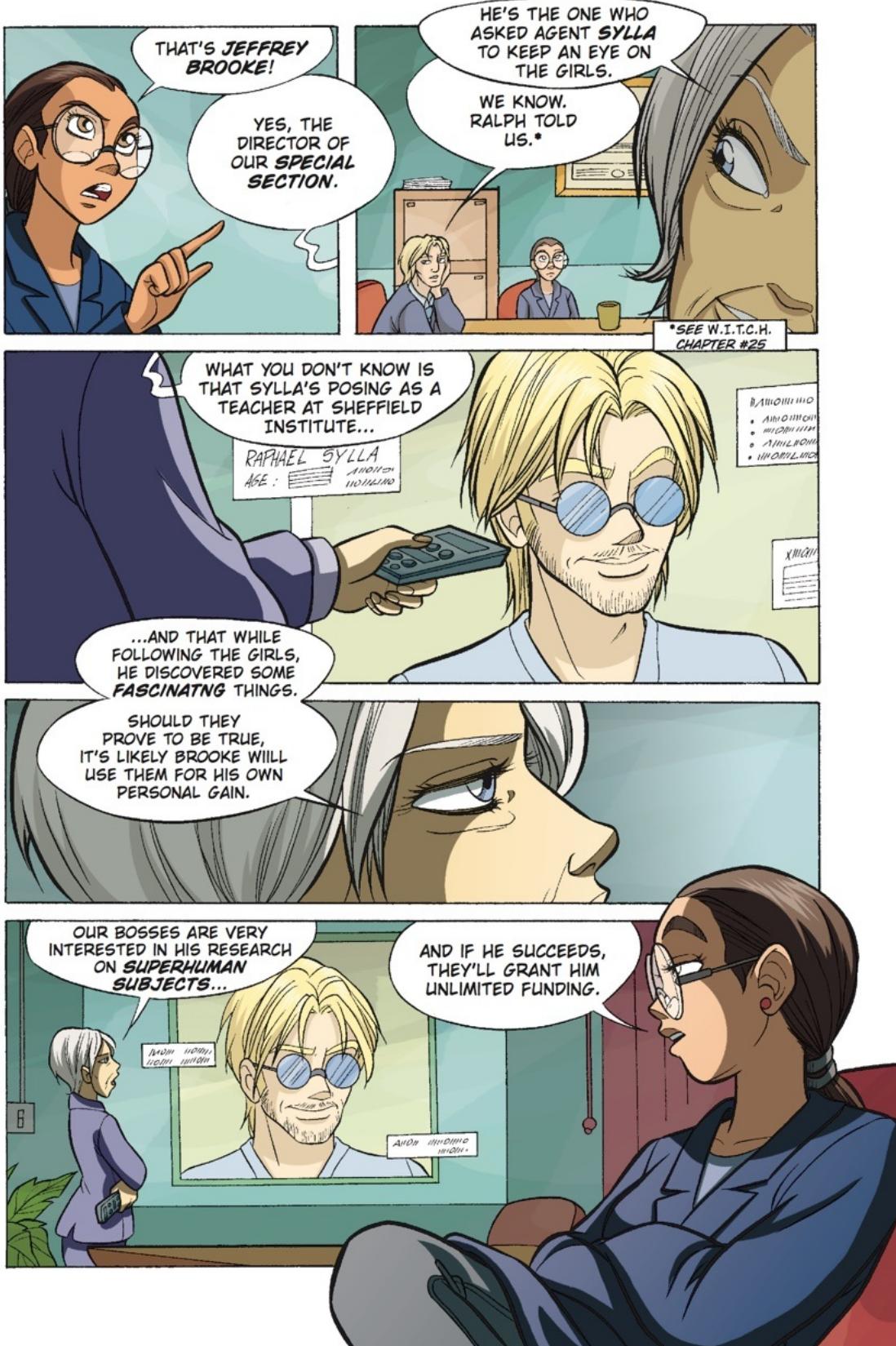
MAYBE...

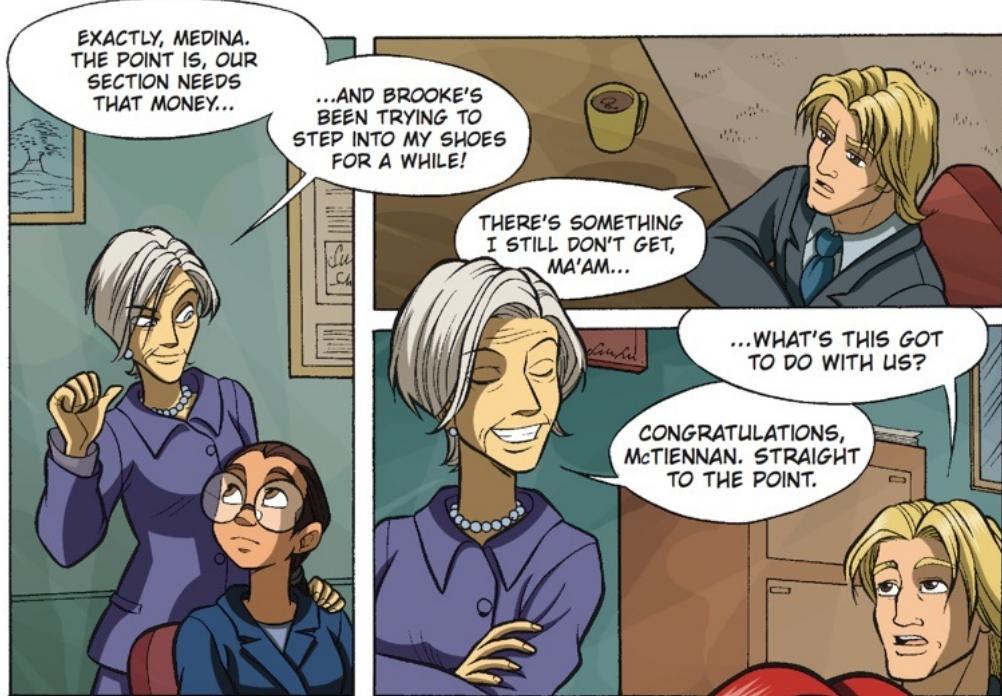
N-NO!

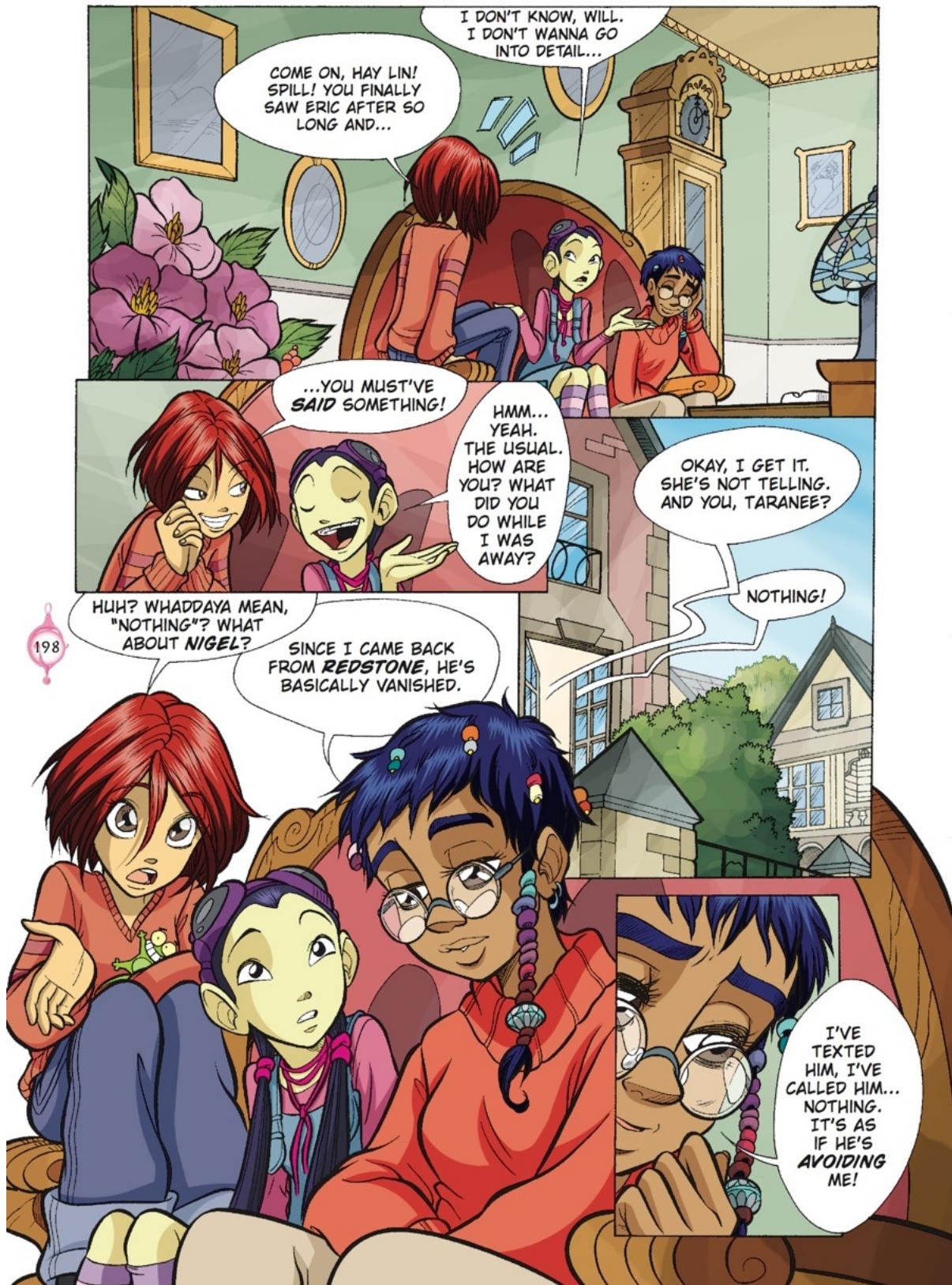


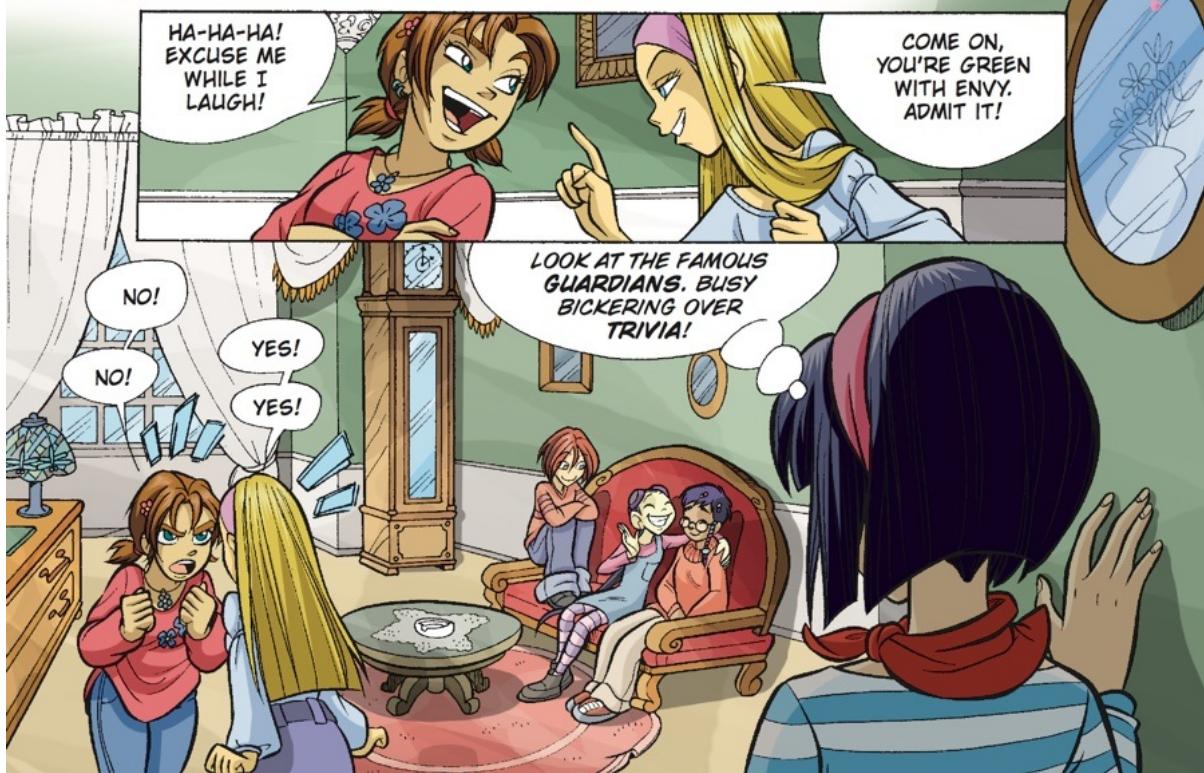
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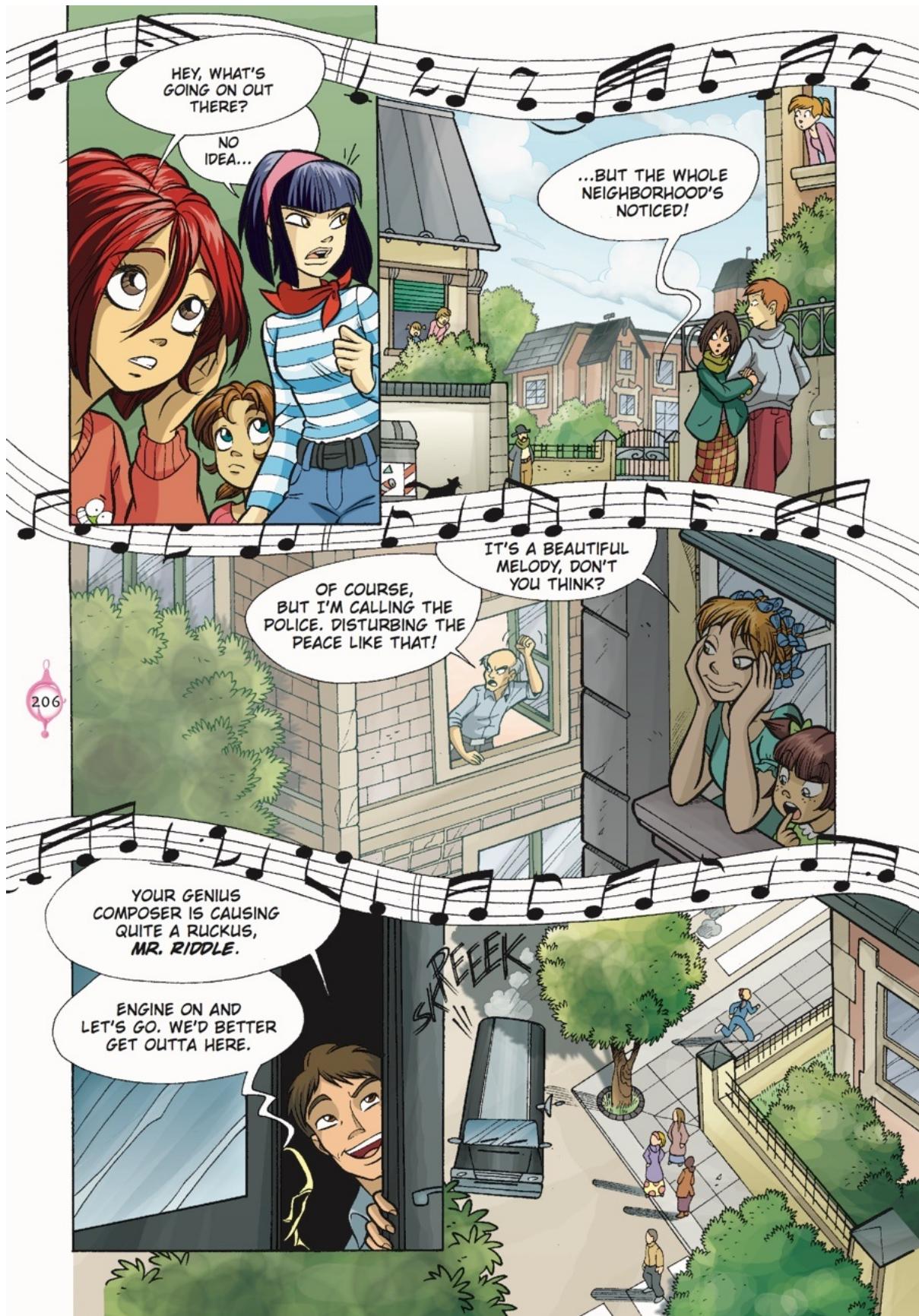








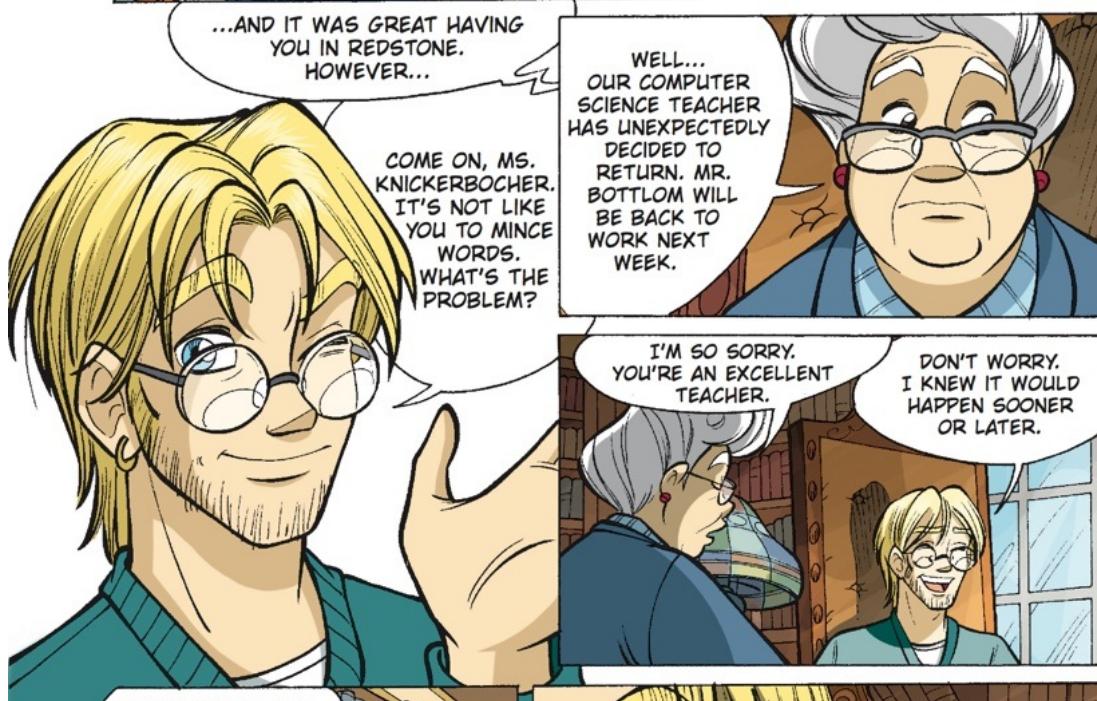




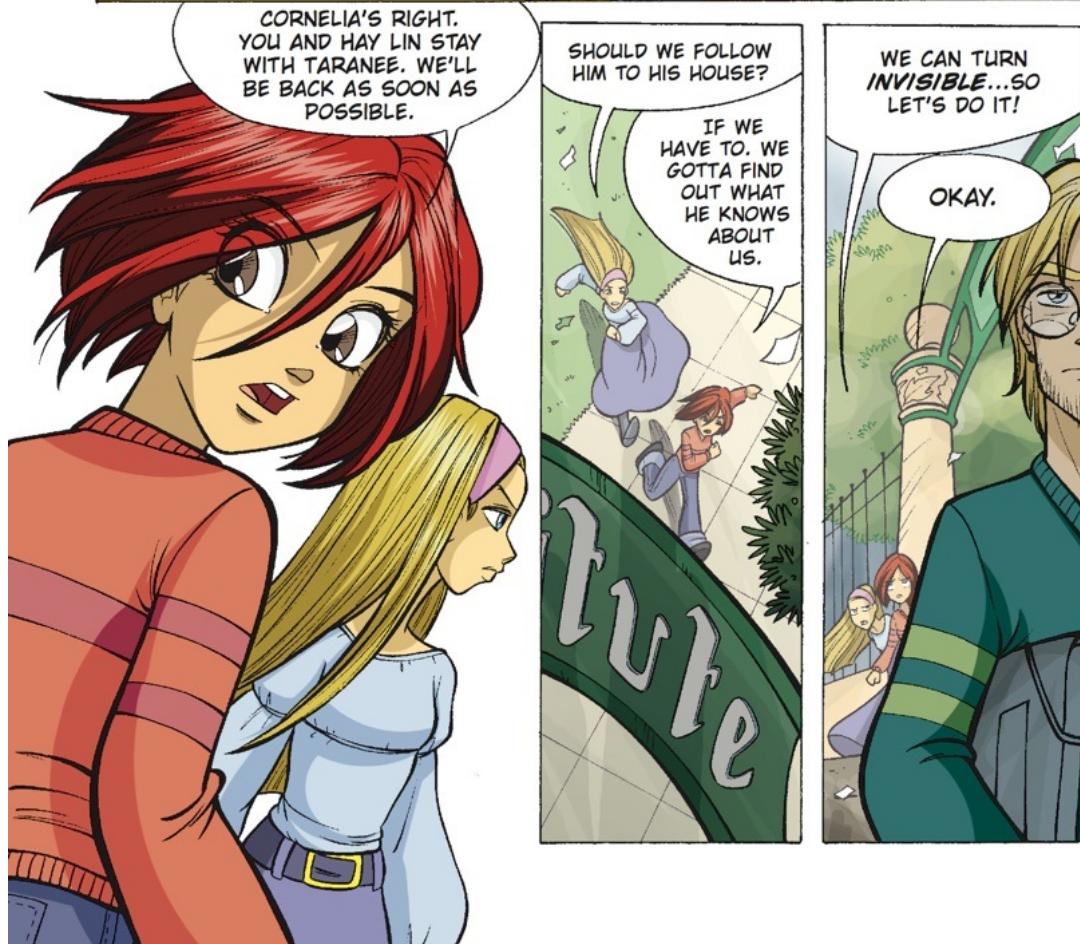
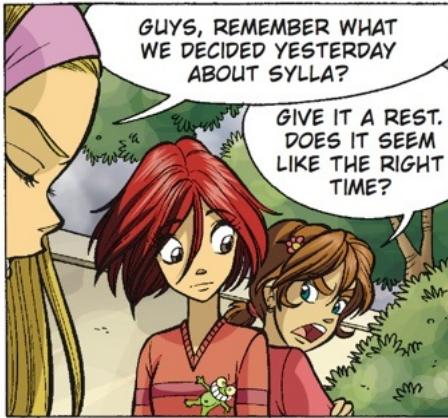
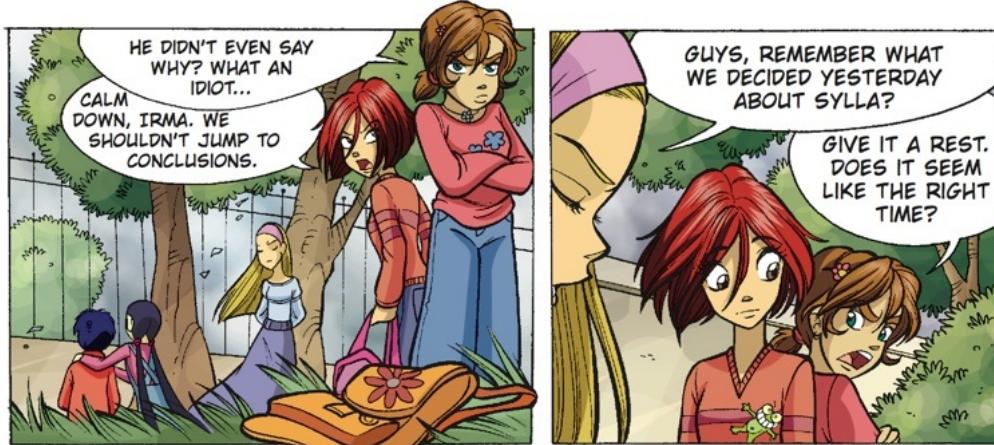


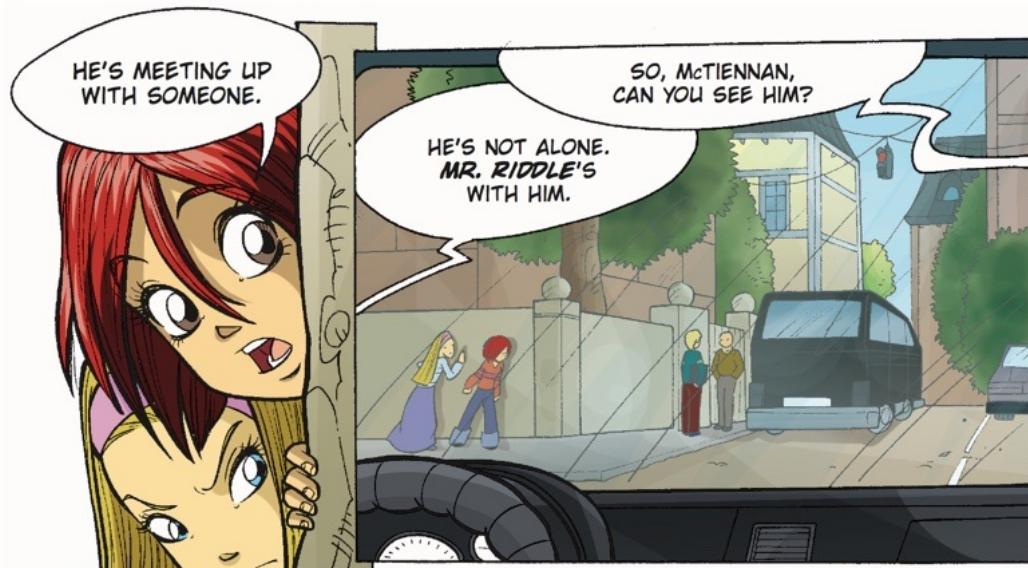




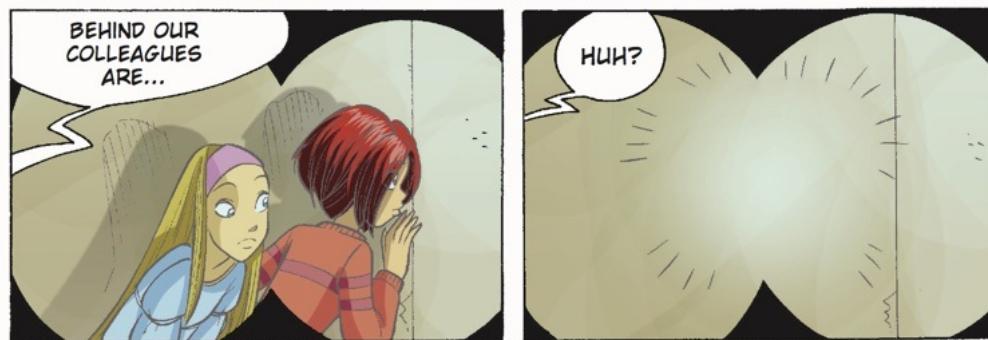




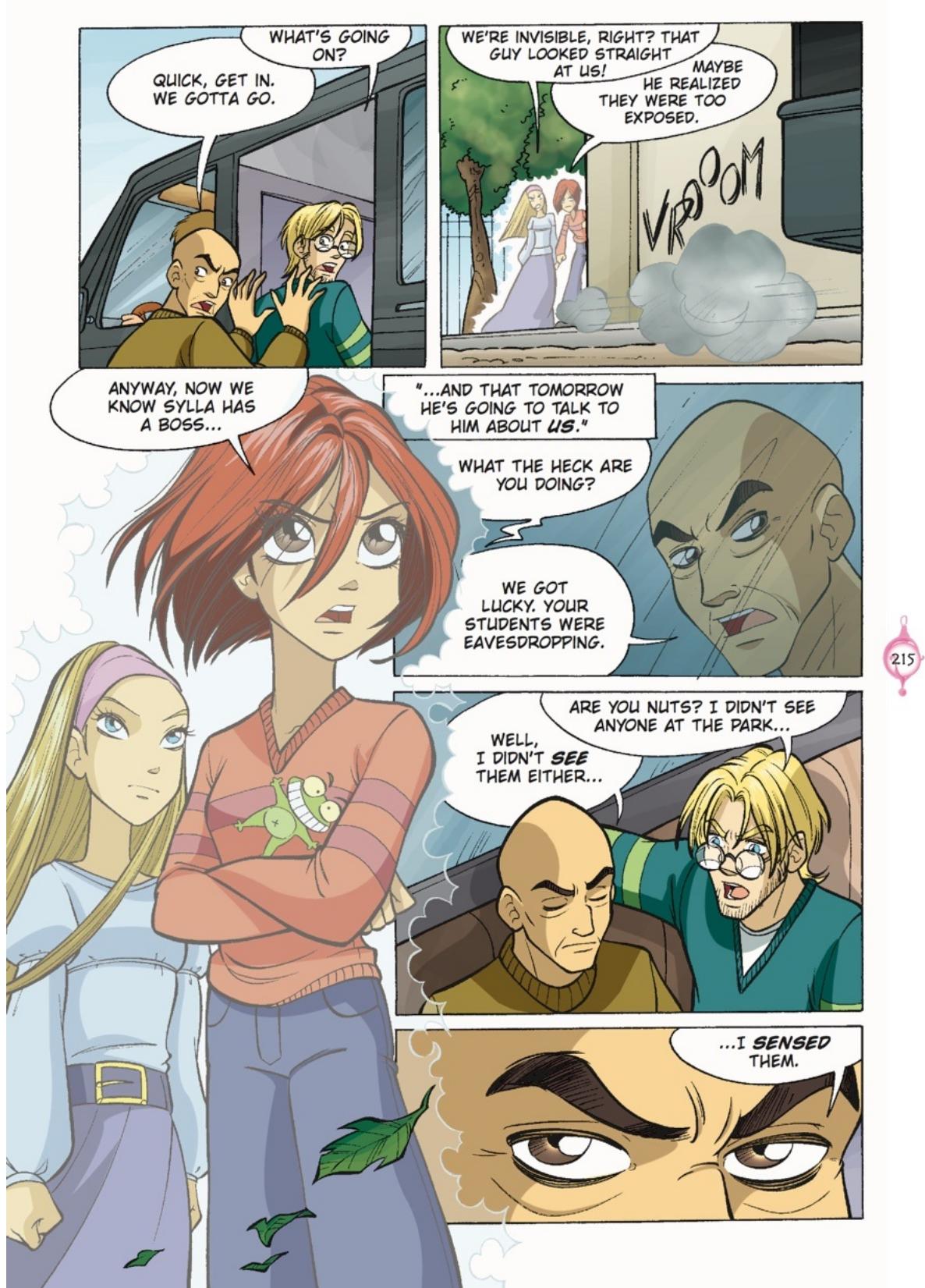




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COMING BACK FROM A  
HOLIDAY IS ALWAYS SAD...



EVEN SADDER  
WITHOUT THE LIGHT  
OF HAPPY MEMORIES  
BRIGHTENING THE  
WAY HOME...



TARANEE,  
HONEY...

THEN THE DARKNESS  
COMES, AND THE  
THOUGHTS ARE LOST...

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DINNER'S  
READY.

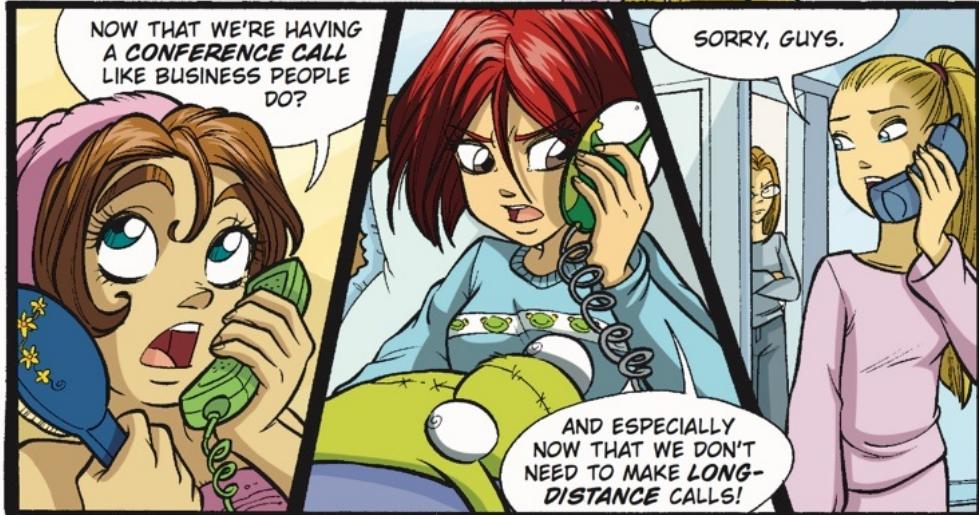
I'M N-NOT  
HUNGRY, MOM, IF  
THAT'S ALL RIGHT.

SURE. AS LONG AS WE  
CAN HAVE A CHAT  
LATER, OKAY?

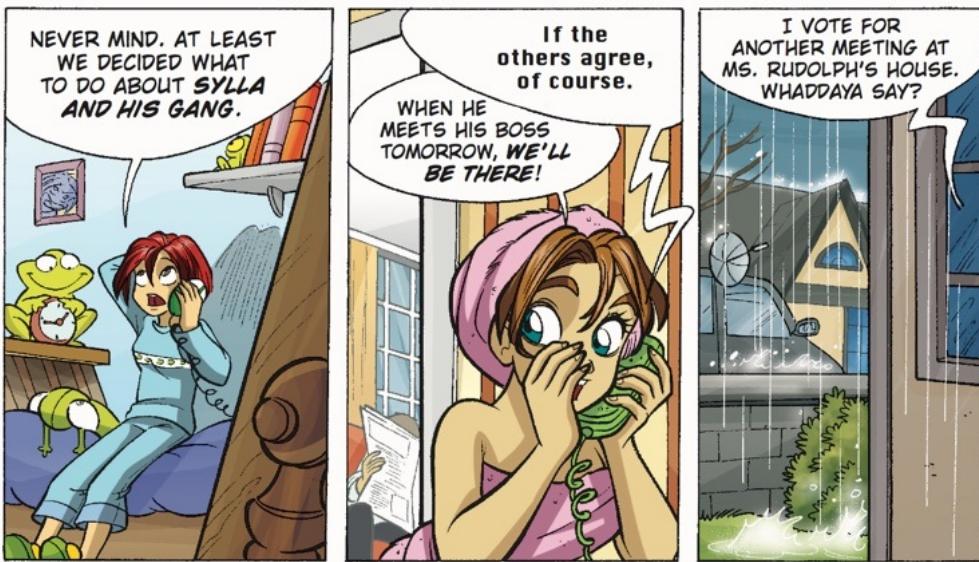
OKAY. SEE  
YOU LATER.



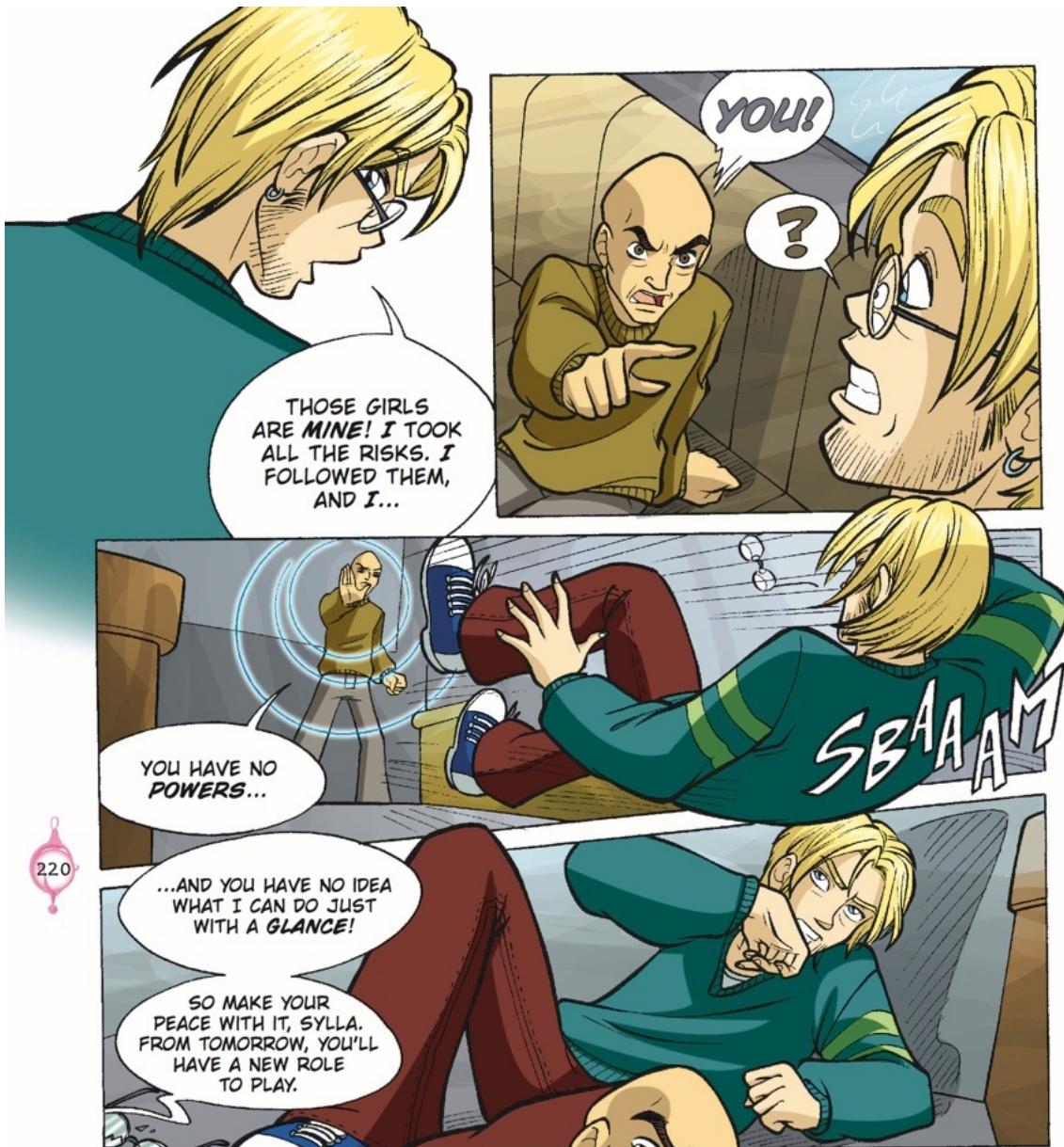




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"IT HAPPENED THIS MORNING AT THE INSTITUTE!

"DURING CLASS, SYLLA ANNOUNCED HE'S LEAVING.

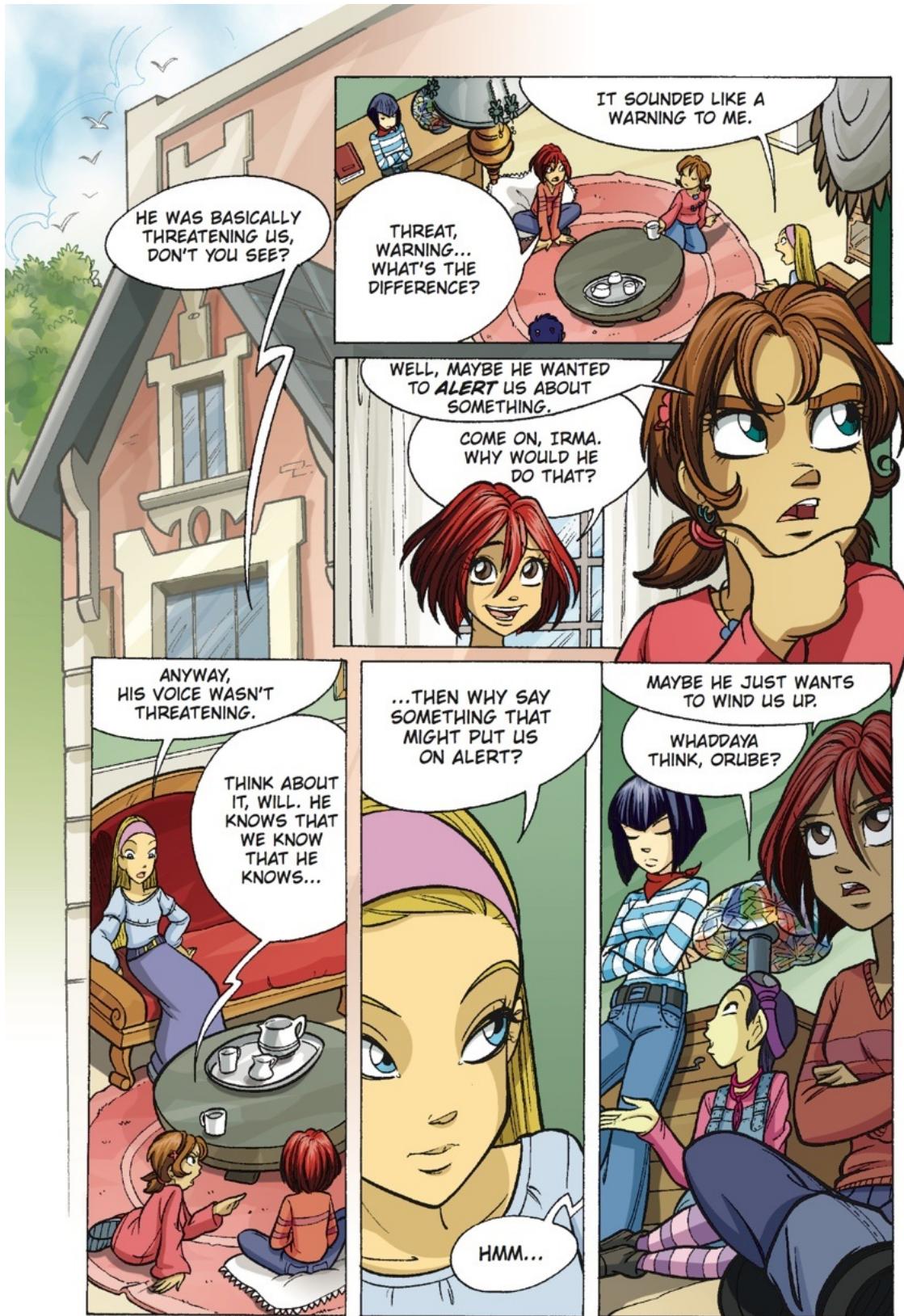
"SOME GIRLS WERE ABSOLUTELY DEVASTATED...

"OTHERS JUST PLEASANTLY SURPRISED.

"WE WERE STILL SMILING WHEN HE CAME OVER AND SAID...

THERE'LL BE ANOTHER TEST SOON...

...AND I SUGGEST YOU SHOW UP WELL PREPARED.







"WHY DO  
YOU ASK?"

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FRUSH  
FRUSH

WHAT'D YOU CALL  
ME, YOU PEST?

STOP SCRATCHING  
YOURSELF LIKE A CAT  
WITH FLEAS!

CALM DOWN, ORUBE.  
WE'RE GETTING NEAR  
THE ENTRANCE.

I CAN'T STAND NEW  
CLOTHES. ESPECIALLY  
ELEGANT ONES.  
THEY ITCH!

GOOD AFTERNOON.  
ARE THE GIRLS  
WITH YOU?

OF COURSE.  
I'M THEIR...  
UM...ACTING  
TEACHER.

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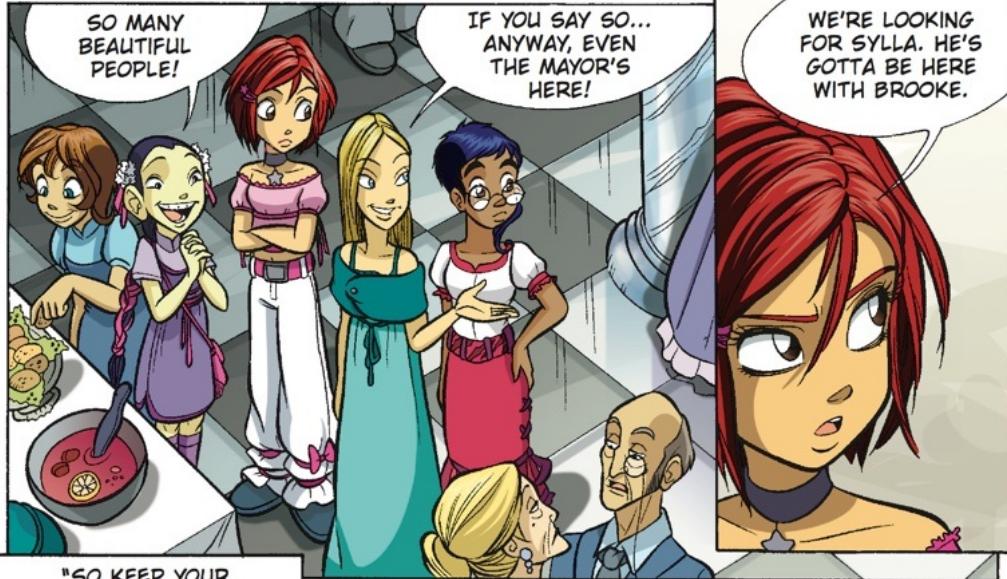
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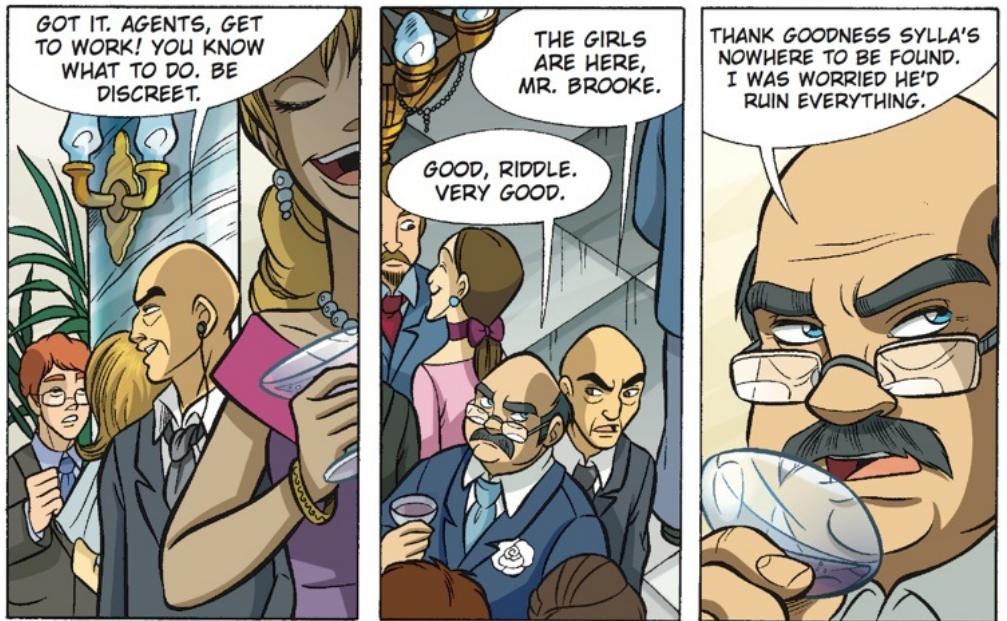
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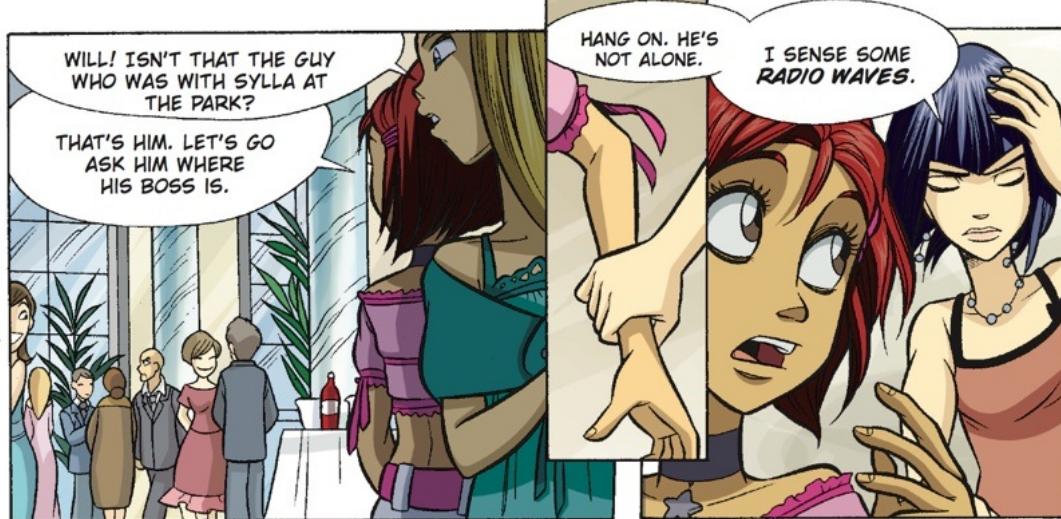






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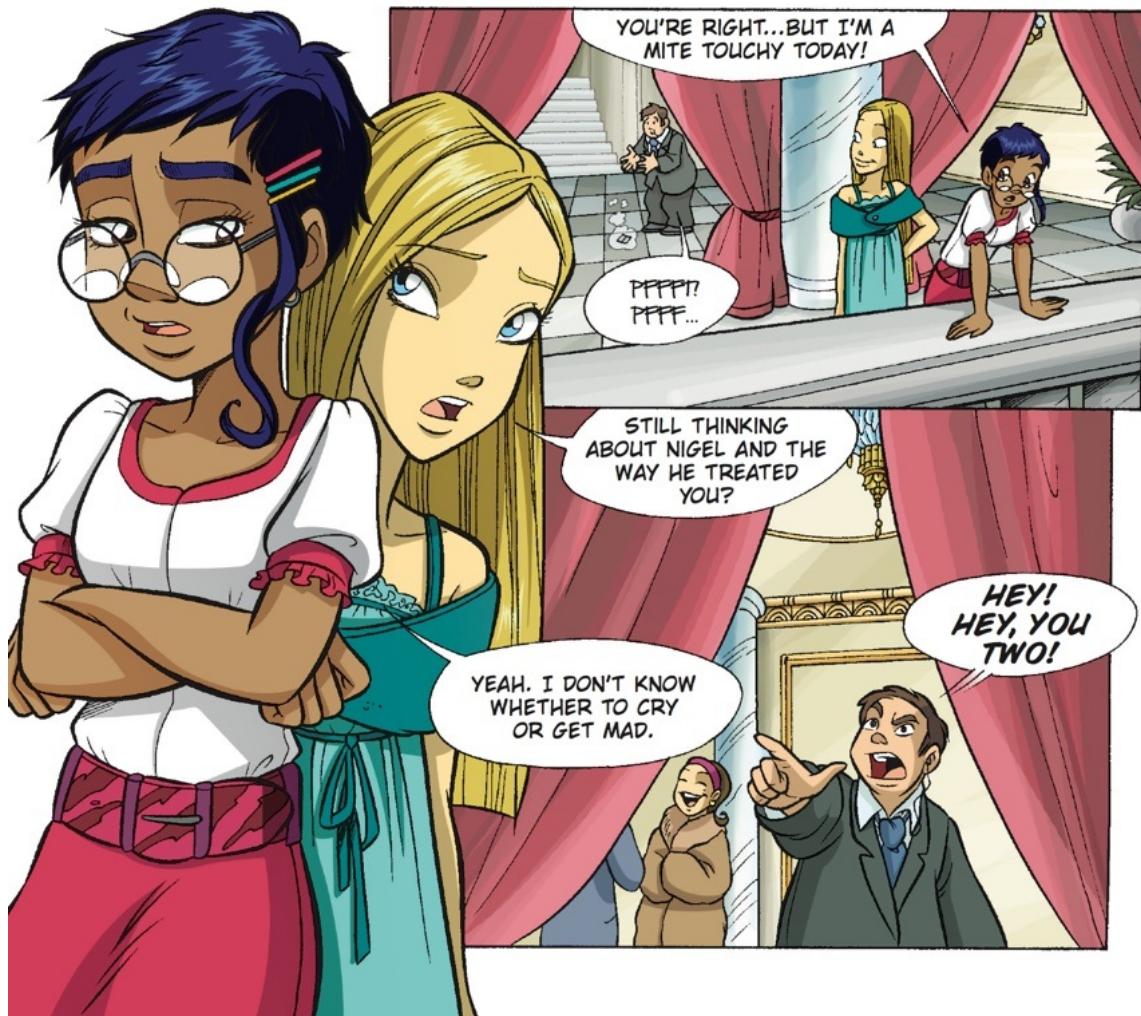
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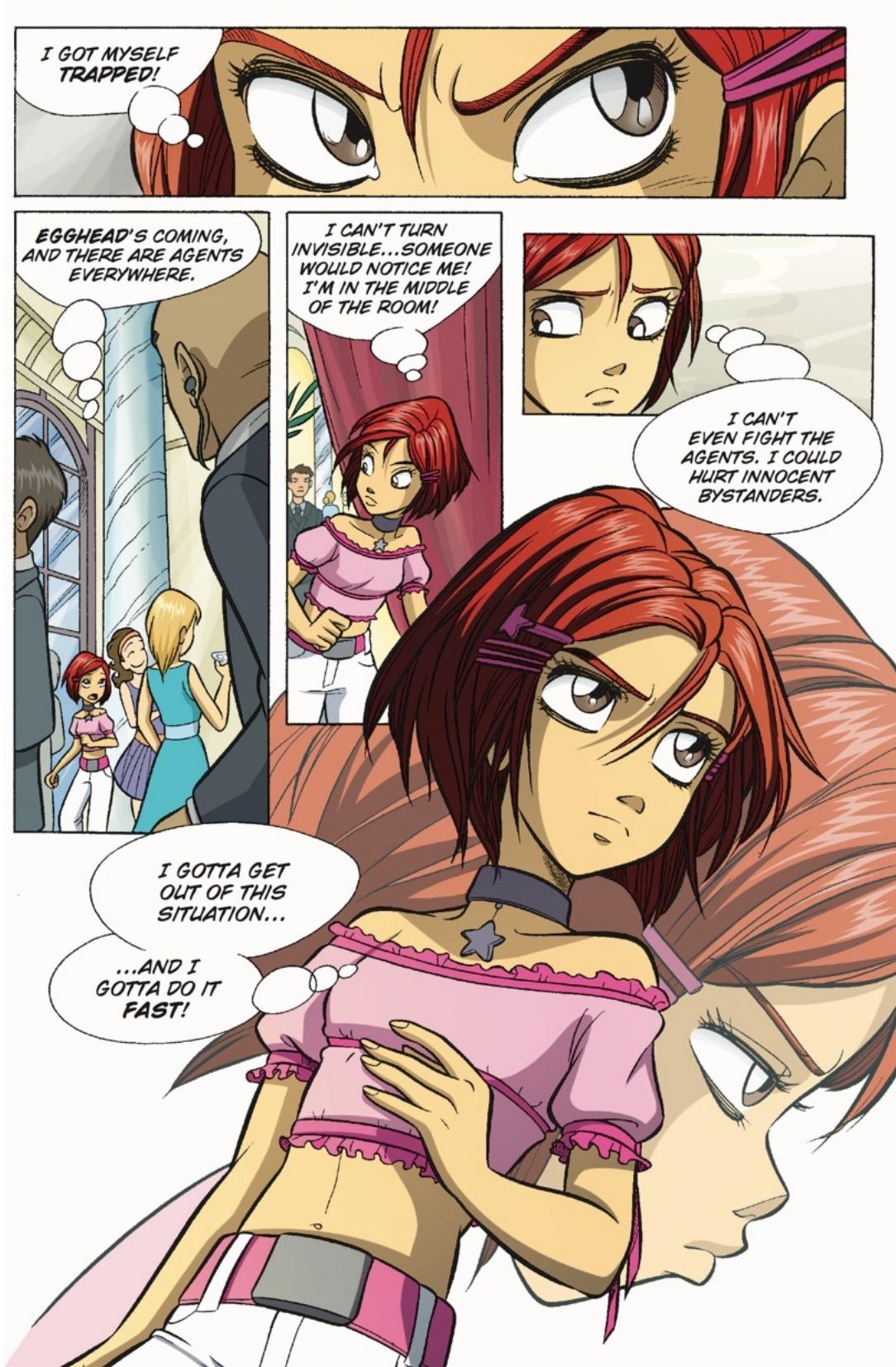
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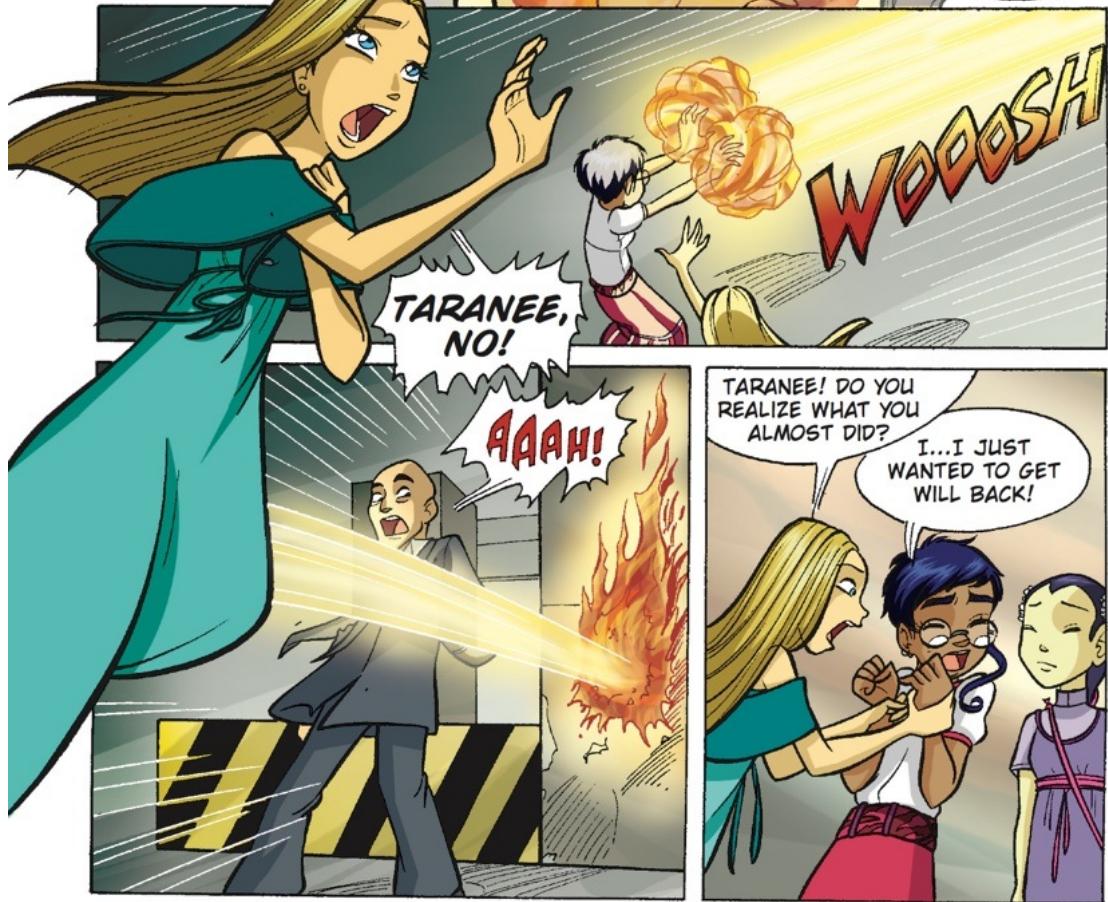
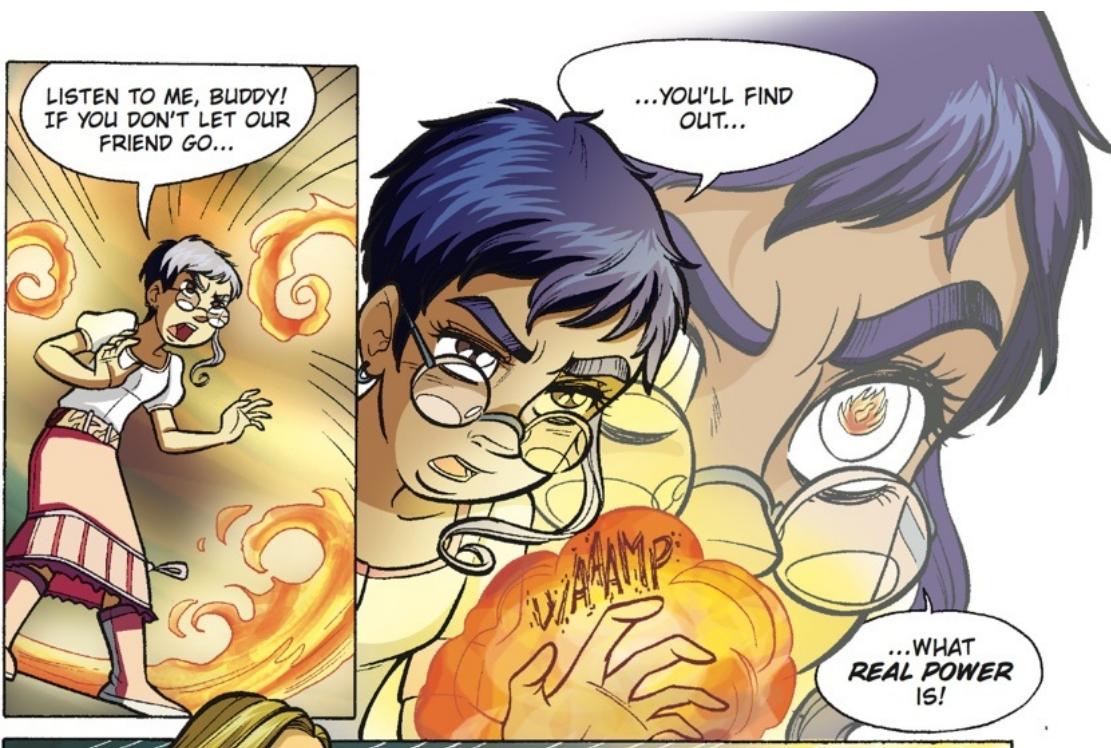




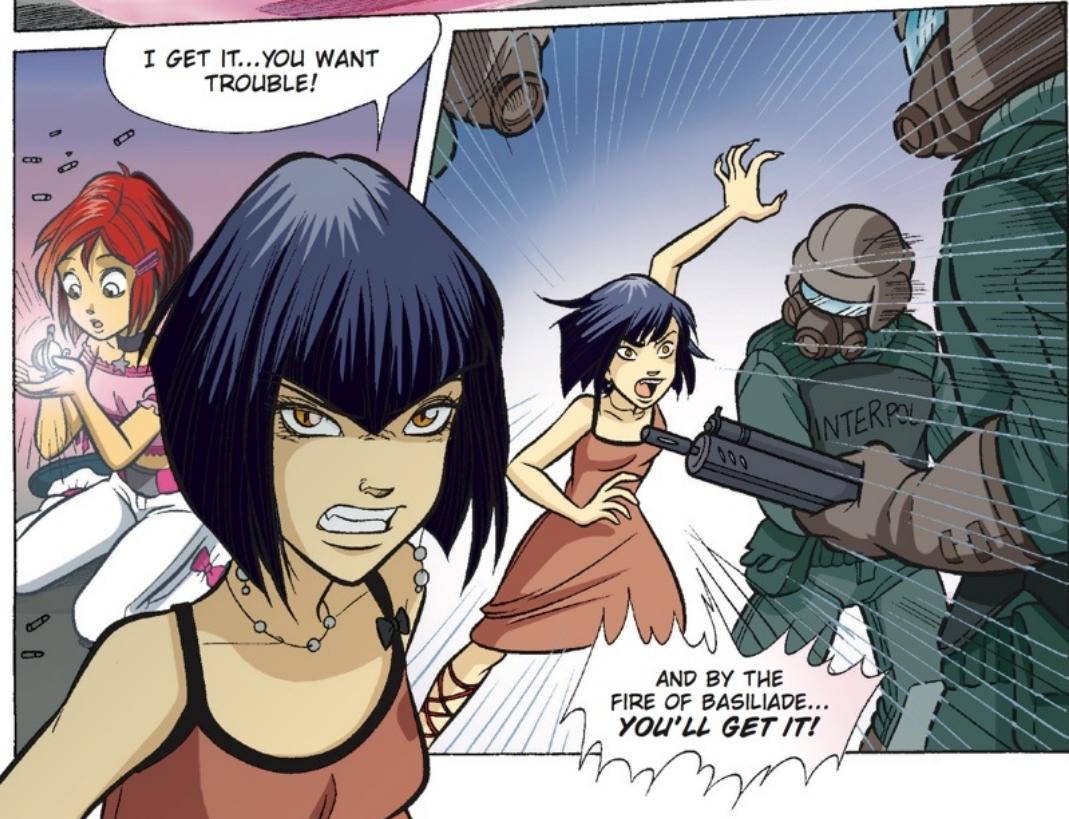
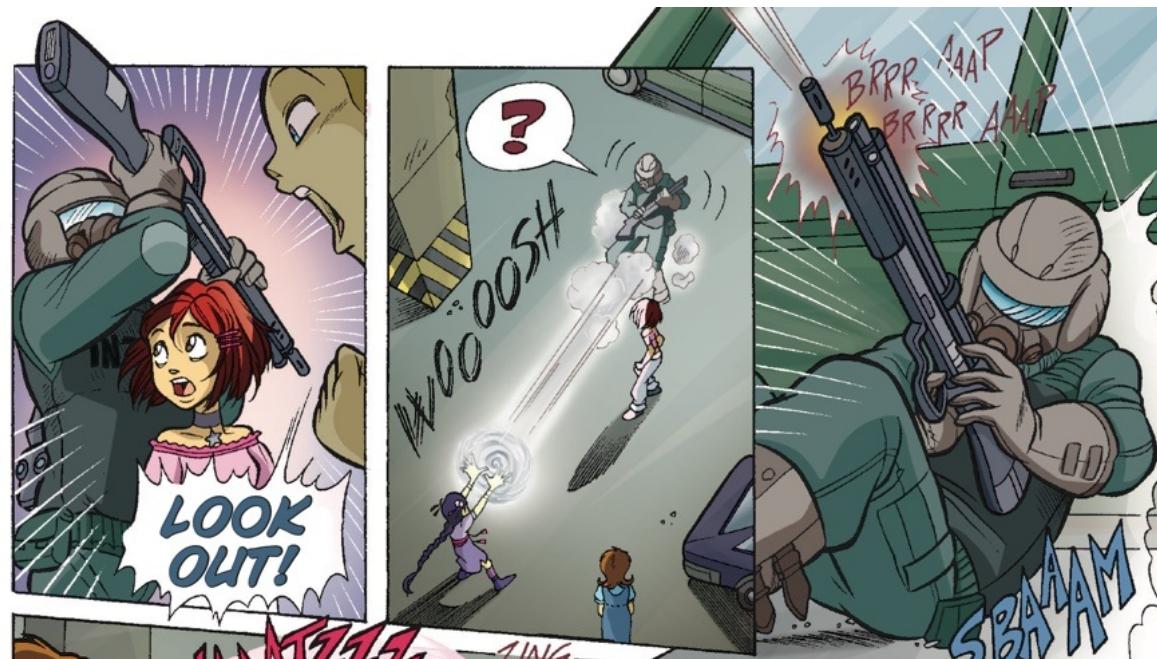




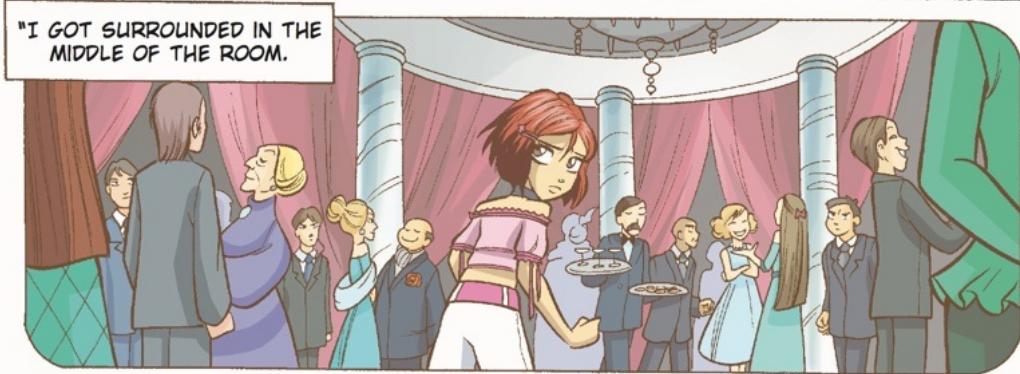
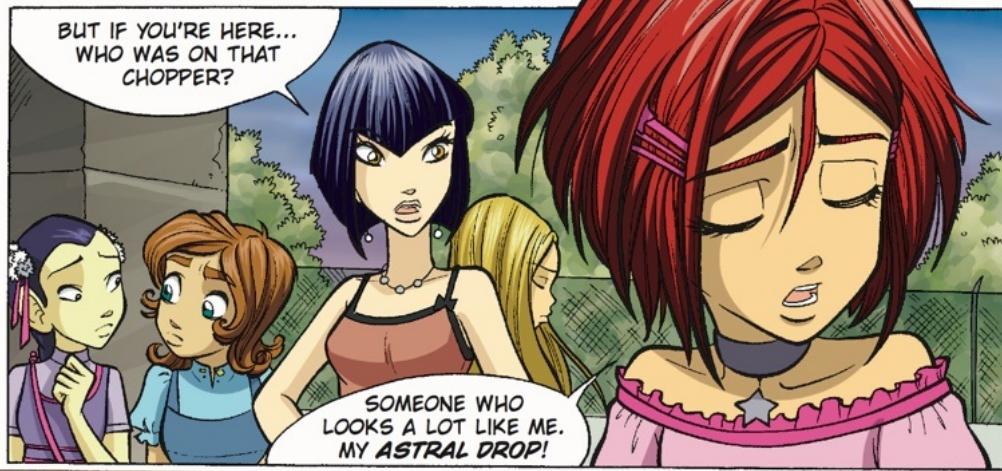




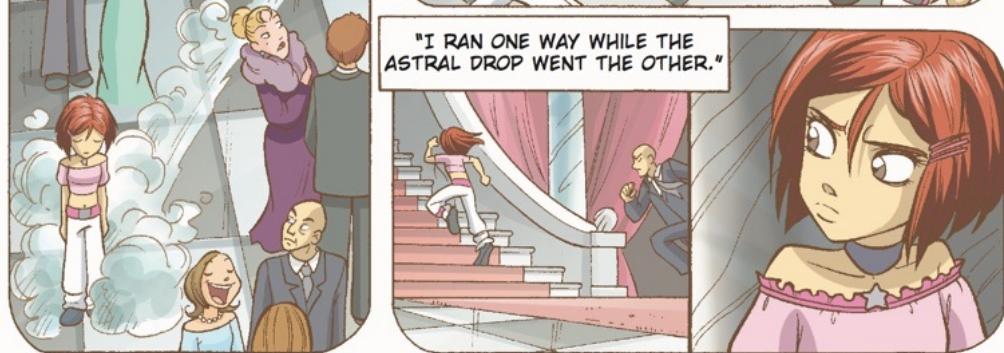
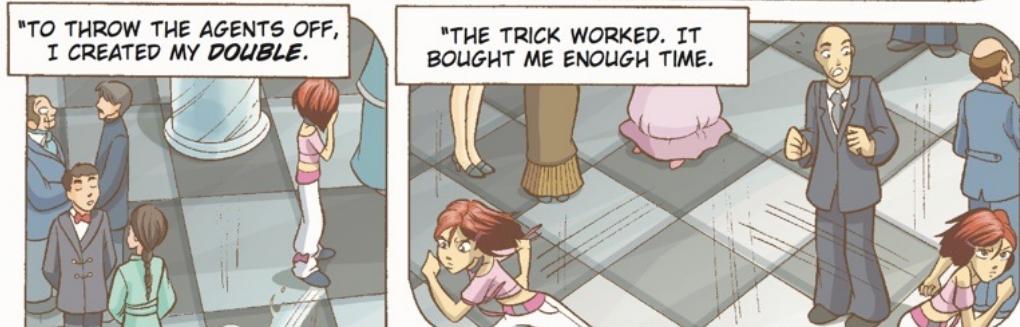


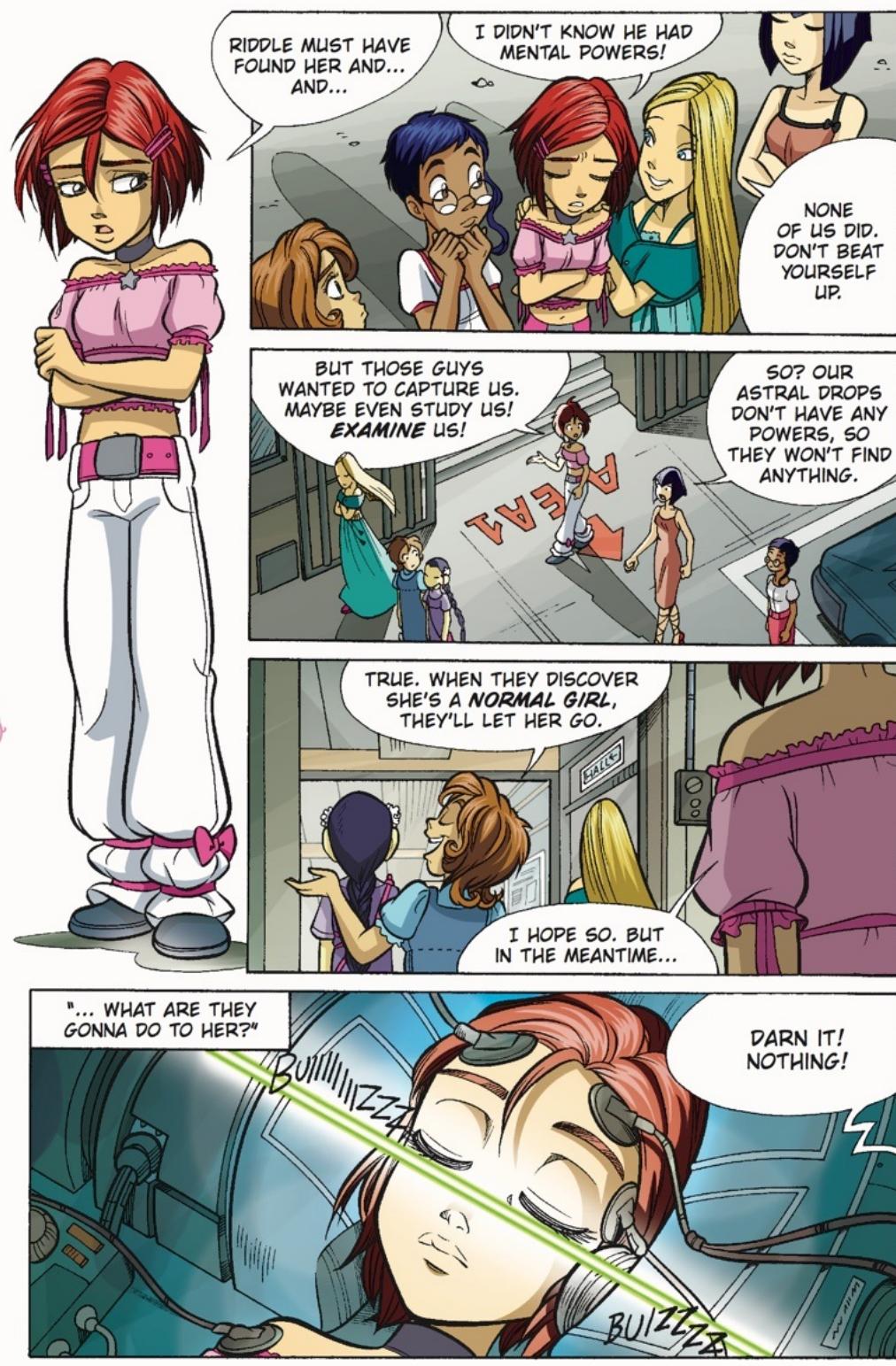






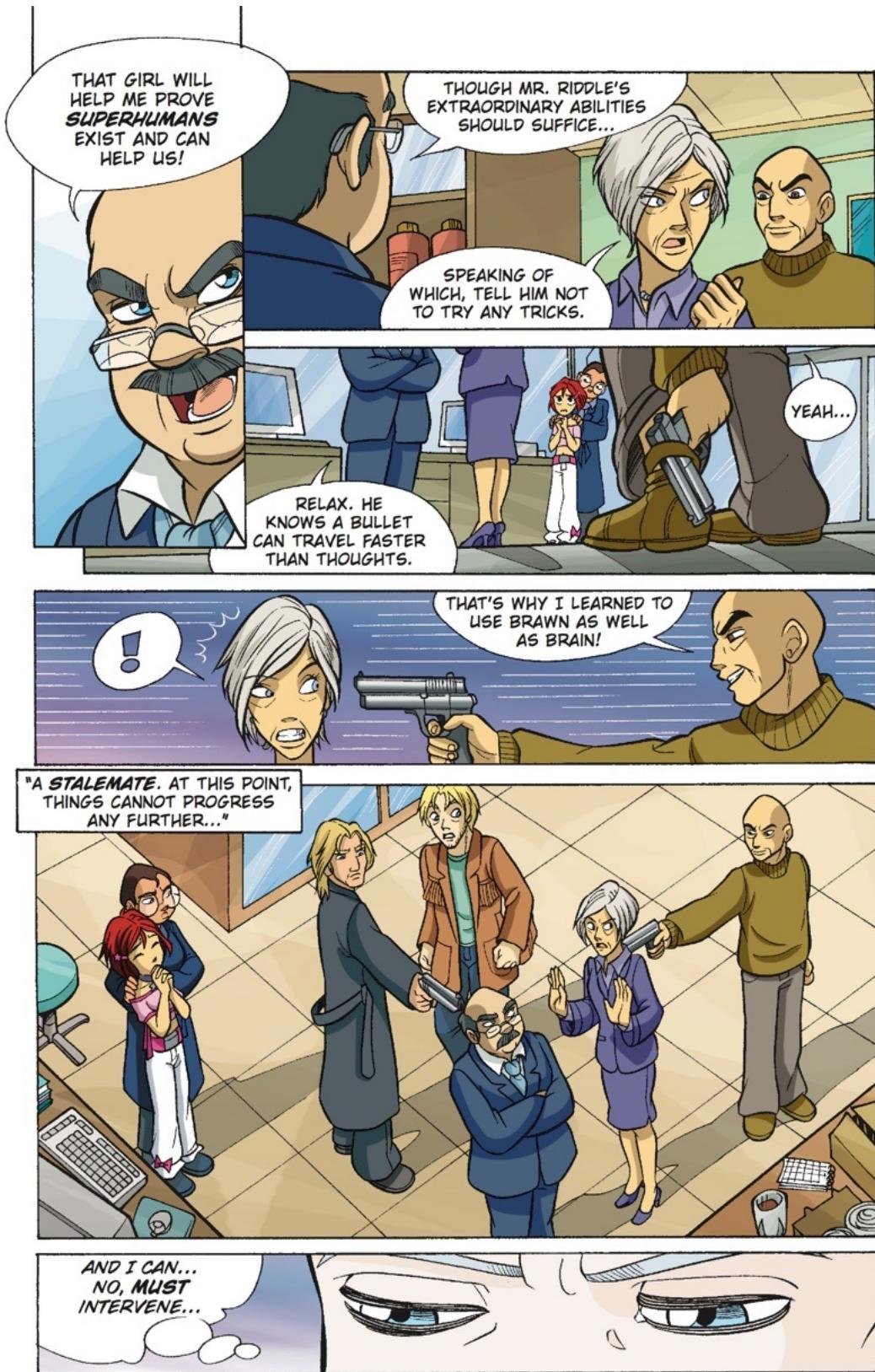
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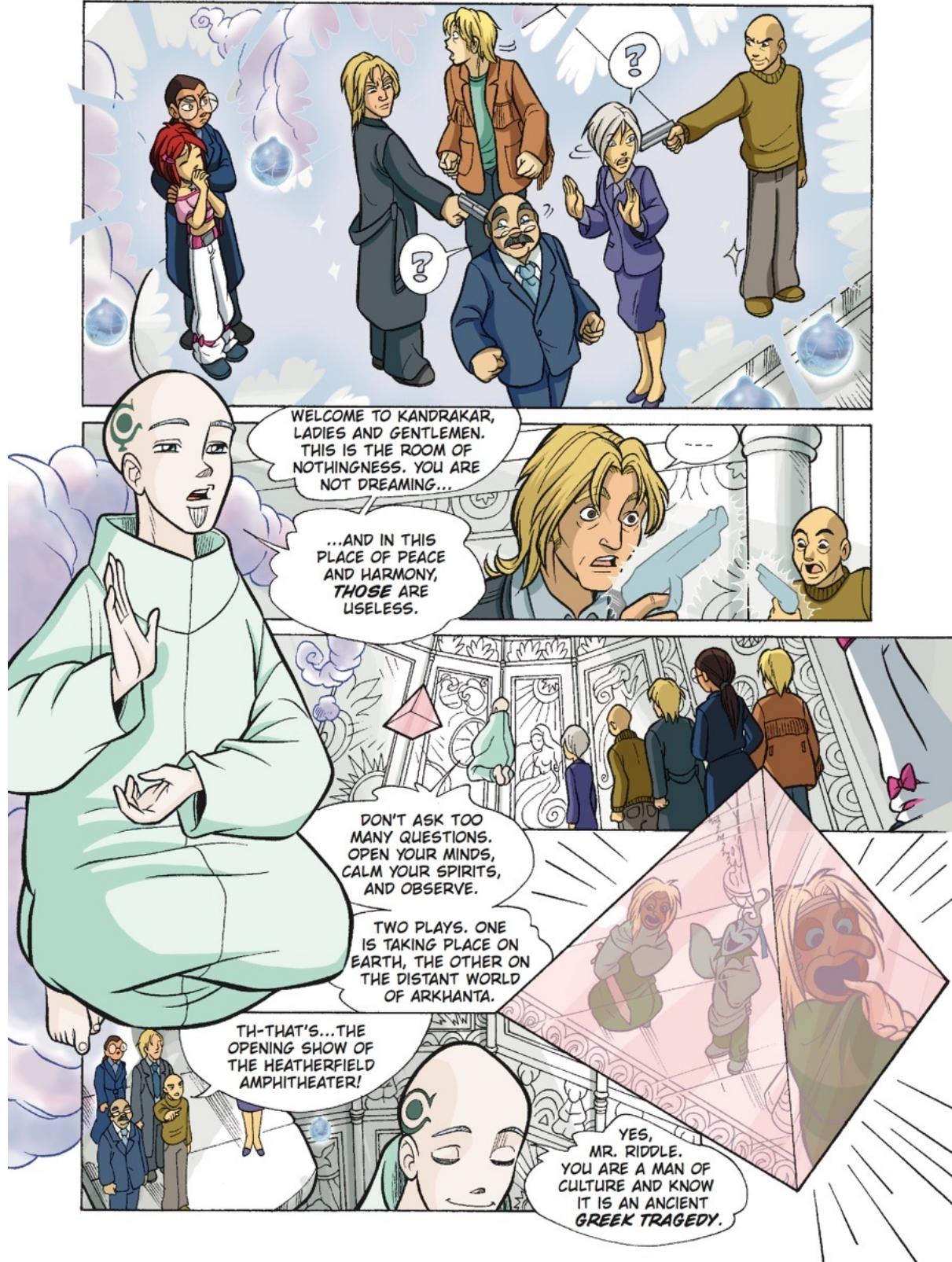


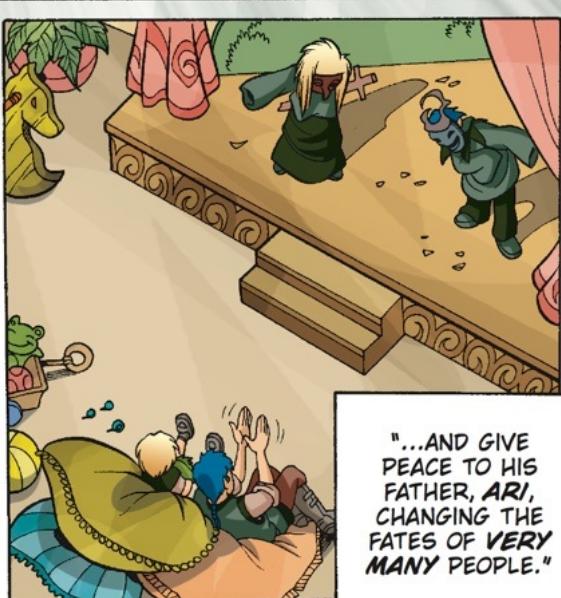
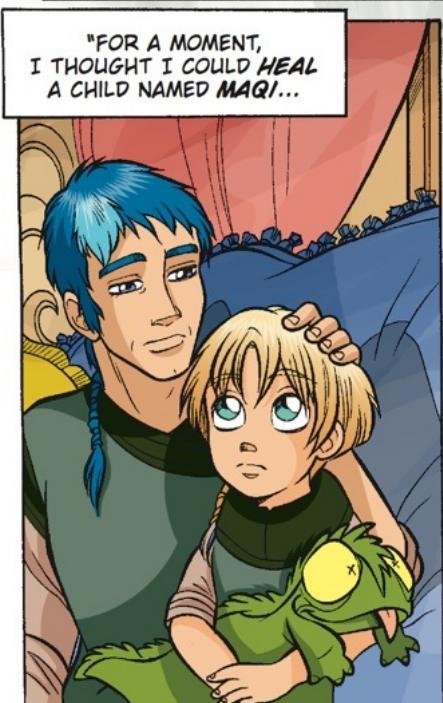
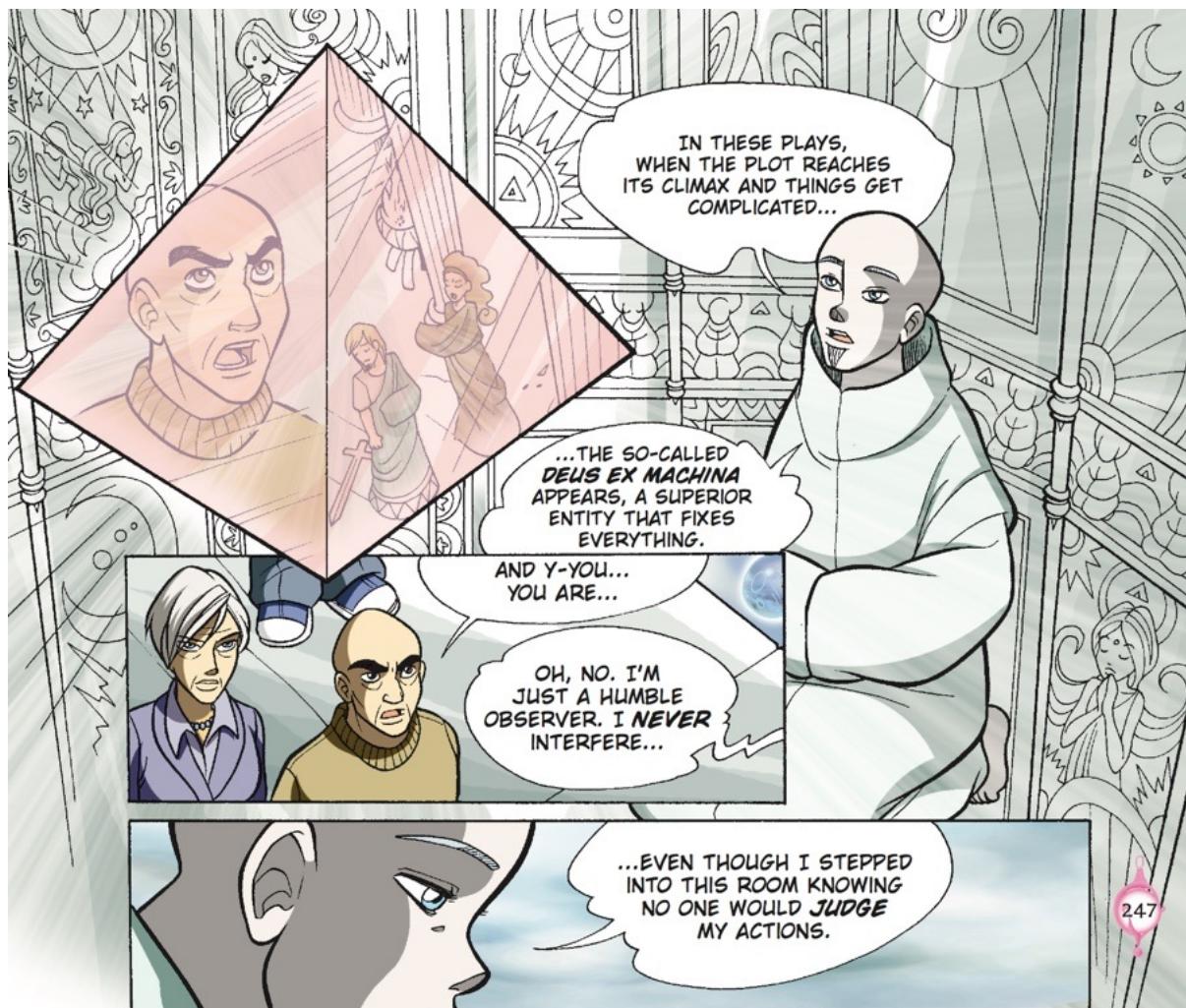












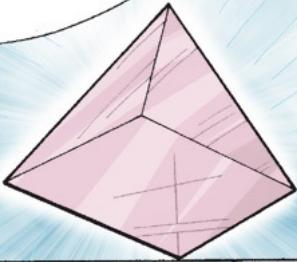
THEN I WATCHED  
YOUR LITTLE GAME  
OF BETRAYALS,  
LIES, AND SELFISH  
INTERESTS.

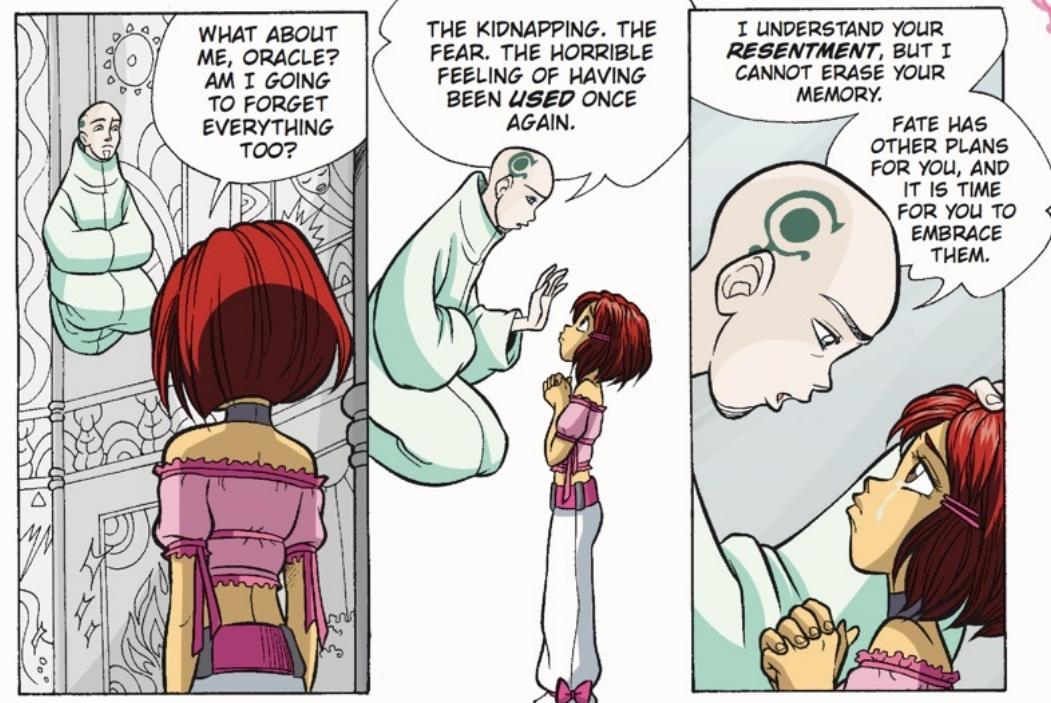
EACH ONE OF YOU PLAYED—EVEN  
WILL, WITHOUT CONSIDERING  
THE CONSEQUENCES OF  
HER ACTIONS.

IN THE END, YOU CONVINCED  
ME TO INTERVENE. I WANTED  
TO BE IN THE PLAY WITH YOU,  
FORGETTING EVERYTHING  
ELSE.

BUT I AM NOT THE  
FAMOUS DEUS EX MACHINA,  
AND YOU SHOULD KNOW  
THAT WHAT I AM ABOUT  
TO PERFORM...

...IS AN ORDINARY  
MEMORY SPELL.





"YOU WILL REAPPEAR IN WILL'S ROOM. SHE IS ALREADY ASLEEP."



"YOU WILL MERGE WITH HER, SHARING YOUR MEMORIES AND UPSETTING HER DREAMS..."



"...AND HER CONSCIENCE!"



"NOTHING, EITHER FOR YOU OR FOR HER..."



"...WILL EVER BE..."



"...THE SAME."





Read on in Volume 9!



# Maqi

## Ari's Son

Ten years old, Maqi is the only child of Ari, Lord of Arkhanta, and his wife, Jamayeda, who passed away during childbirth. Quiet and distant, Maqi is a special boy who keeps to himself and lives in his own little world, detached from everything else.

## Drawing

Maqi loves to draw. In his pictures, he shows his private universe and reveals his feelings. Maqi doesn't laugh or cry, but he's not absent. He pays a lot of attention to details and can spot things other people don't notice.

## The Dream

The bond between Maqi and his father is strong, made of silence and a lot of love. His child's happiness is the Lord of Arkhanta's sole purpose in life—a dream that, thus far, has yet to become a reality.





# Yua



## The Legend

They say legends always have a kernel of truth, and Yua is living proof of that. The banshee embodies the myth of the evil spirit chained and forced to make wishes come true. Feared and hated, her origins are lost in the mists of Arkhanta's history. Before being imprisoned by Ari, Yua lived in the swamps, a desolate place that might swallow anyone who dares venture there forever.



## The Banshees

The banshees are evil creatures who enjoy playing with men and use their charm to lure their prey into deadly traps. Looks can be deceiving, and behind their almost elegant appearance, the banshees hide claws and terrible powers. The bond between an imprisoned banshee and her master can be broken only by the latter. That's why no one but Ari can ever set Yua free.



# Will's Secret World

- 1 The wardrobe door tells us about Will. There are photos from the past year.
- 2 A photo she nicked from Corny: blackmail ammunition. Better not to mention who she's hugging (aside from Hay Lin)!
- 3 Padded vest. A present from Mr. Collins, who's also her mom's boyfriend! Go figure!
- 4 The only skirt she bought in the last three years. She made her mom happy—and hopefully Matt too!
- 5 Photo album. It contains the photos she took off the door (see #1).
- 6 That's where Auntie Rina's frog ended up! It smells of mothballs, just like her, and Will hates it. (The smell, of course!)
- 7 A souvenir from Camp Cormoran. What a nightmare of a vacation!





- 8 Swimming corner. Her towel for the pool and a pair of goggles.
- 9 Will has just two dresses. This is the only one she loves. She wore it for **Halloween** (when she saw Matt and Cobalt Blue playing for the first time).
- 10 Will's favorite bikini bottom. It's from Pixel City.
- 11 Will calls them "fancy boots" because they're pretty colorful. We all know she likes darker tones.
- 12 These boots are awesome. They make her feel like she's got wings...on her feet! For a real W.I.T.C.H. girl!
- 13 The maxi-scarf Taranee gave her—warm and colorful, just like their friendship!





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