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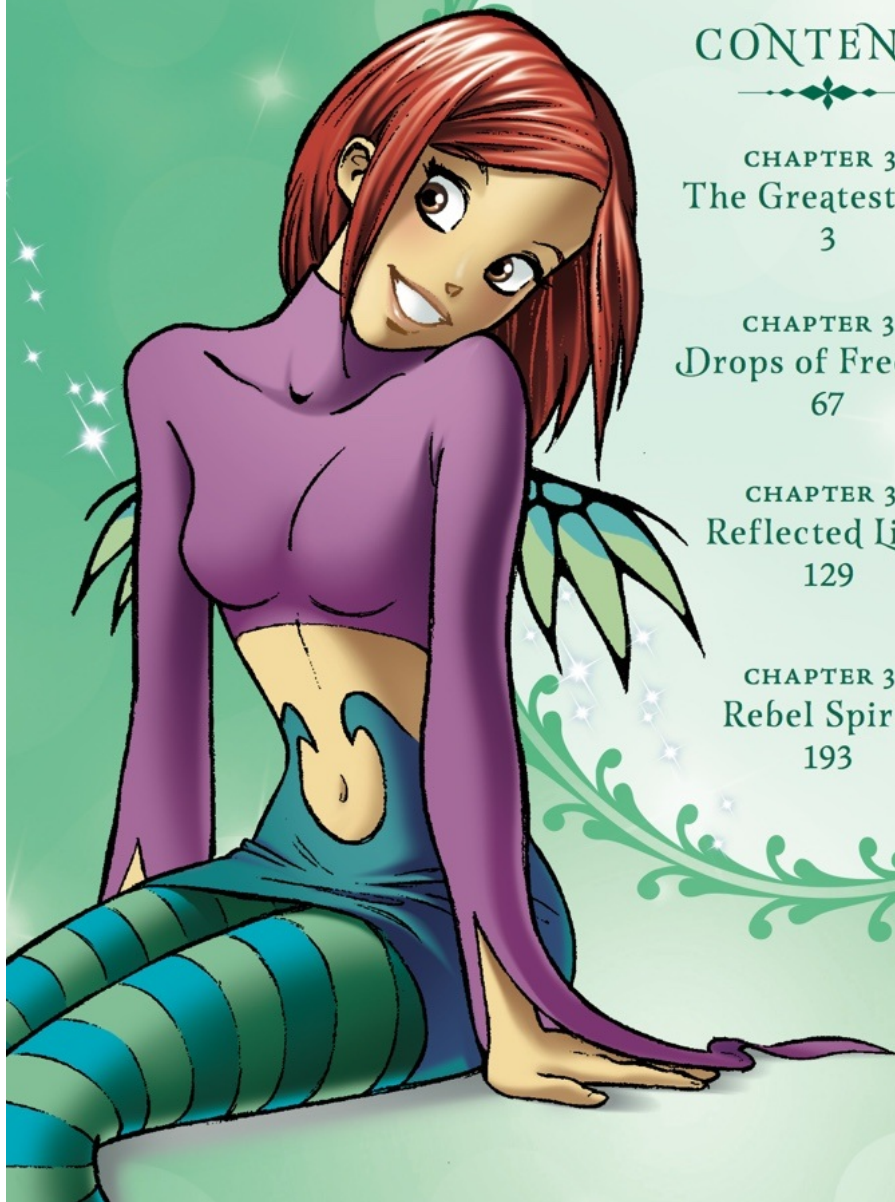
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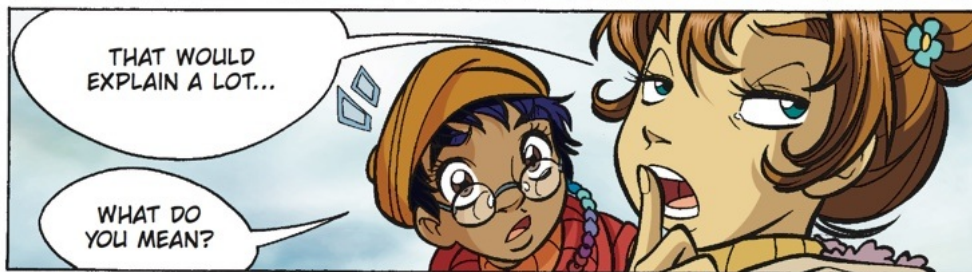
The Greatest Gift

"Then we'll do what
needs to be done..."



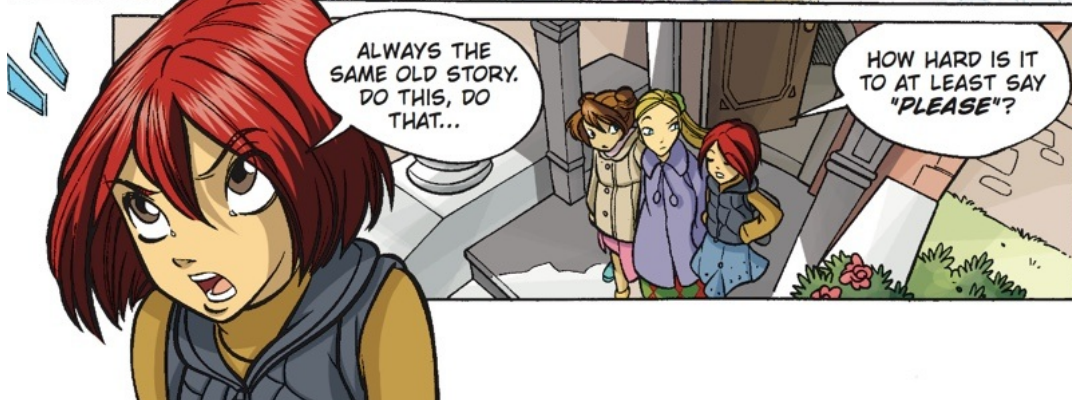
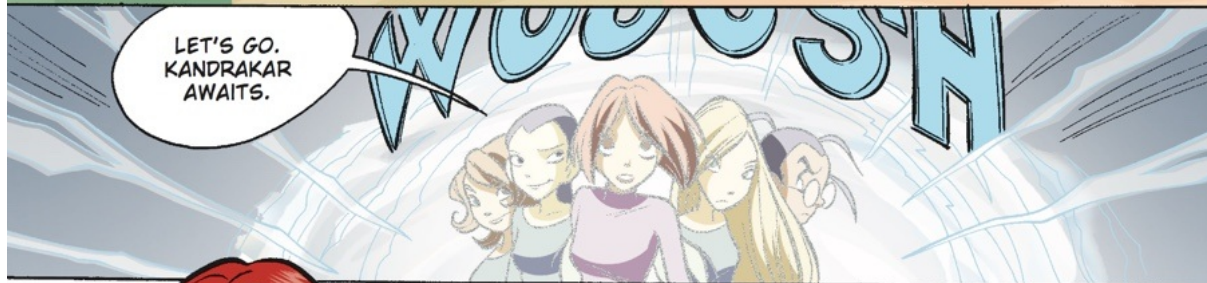


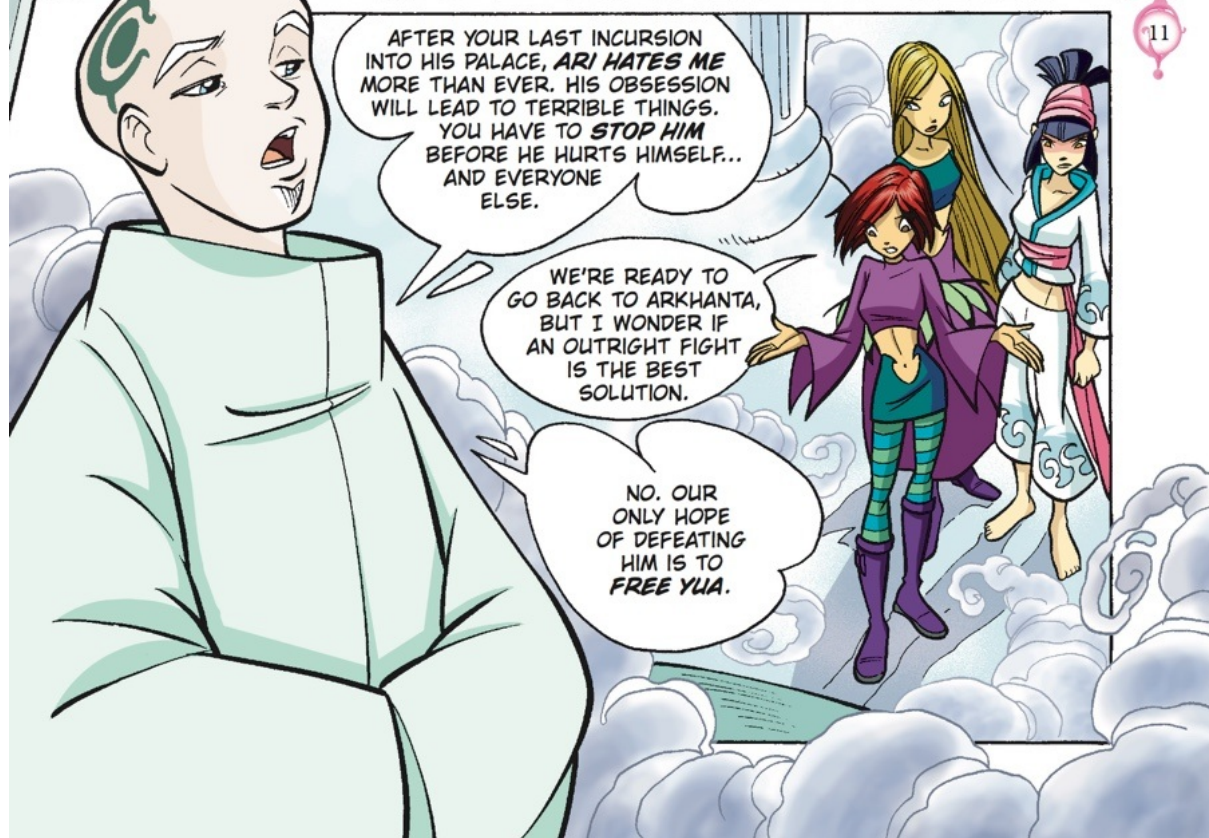
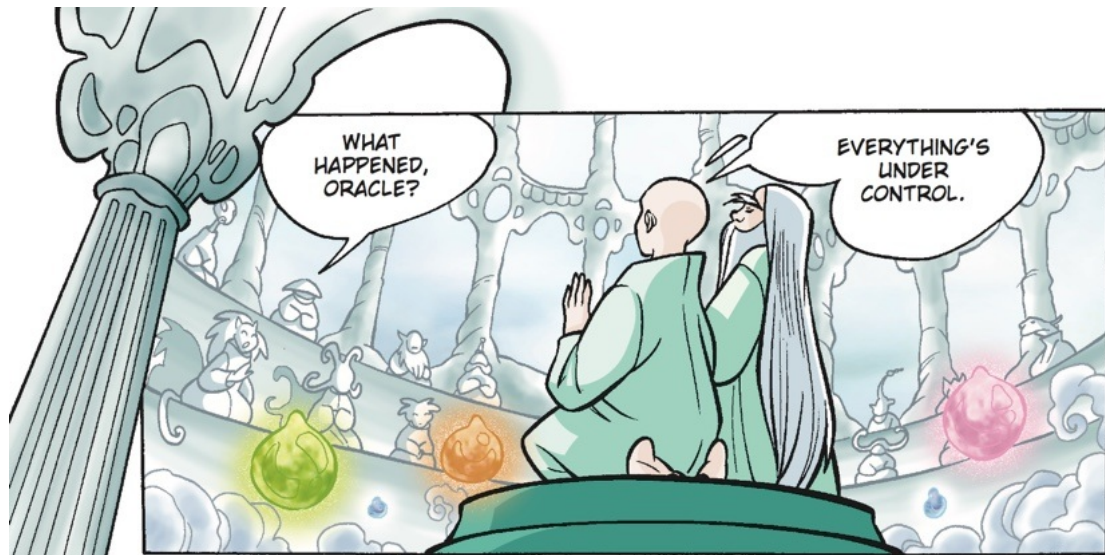


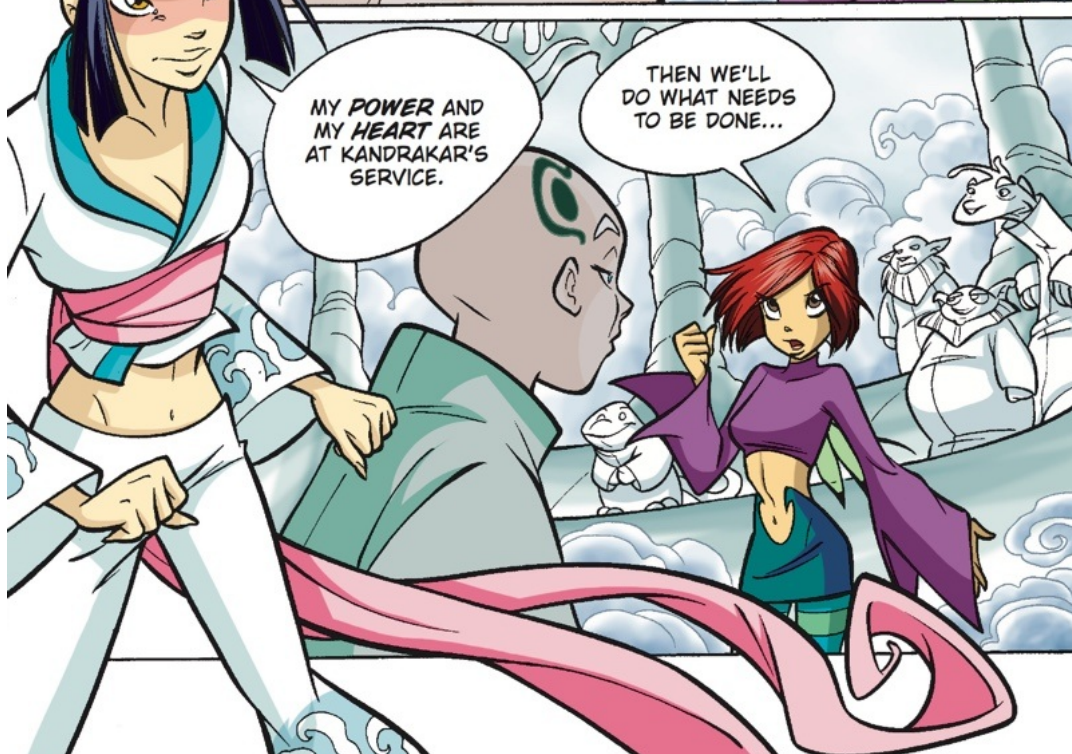


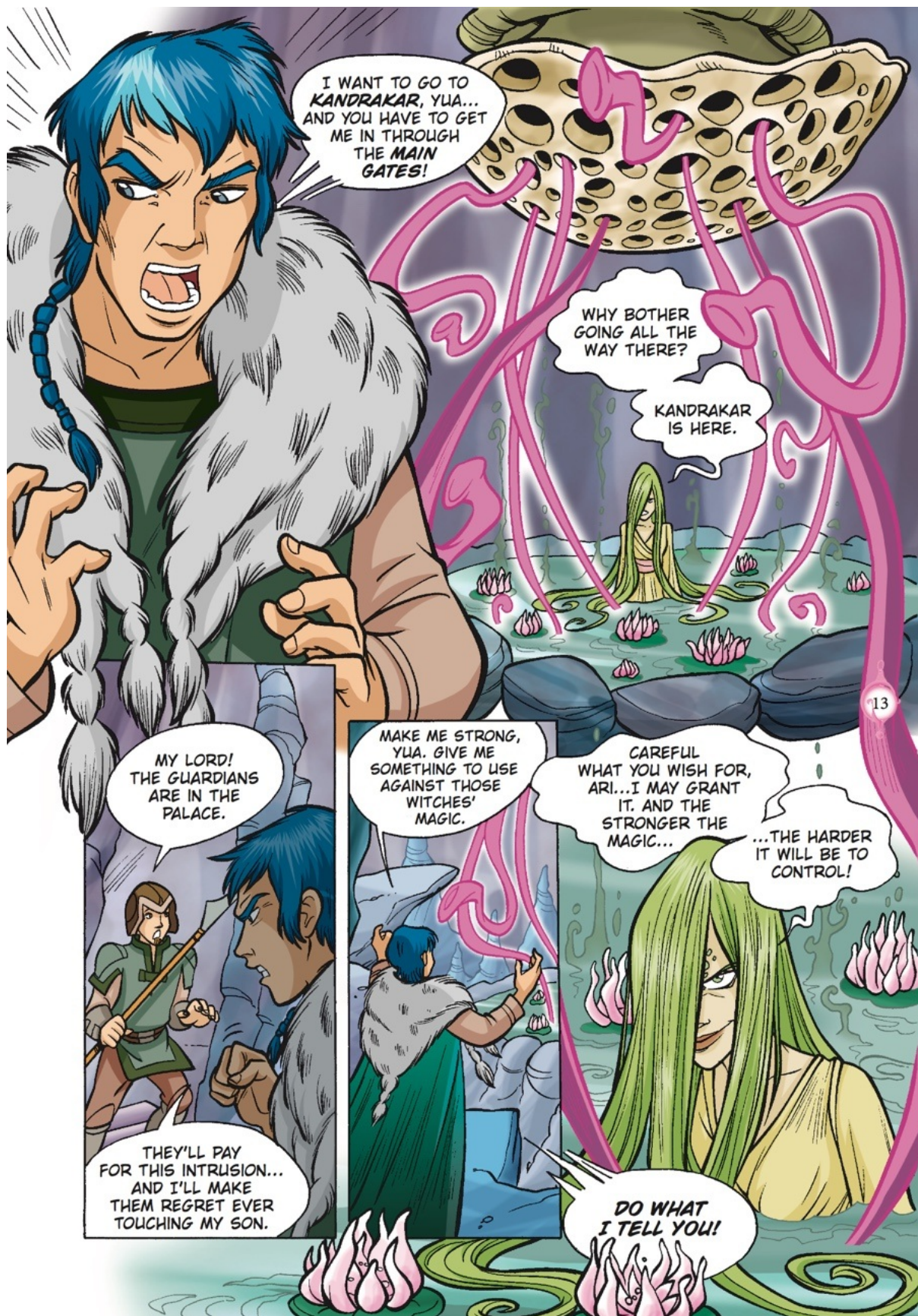












I WANT TO GO TO
KANDRAKAR, YUA...
AND YOU HAVE TO GET
ME IN THROUGH
THE MAIN
GATES!

WHY BOTHER
GOING ALL THE
WAY THERE?

KANDRAKAR
IS HERE.

MY LORD!
THE GUARDIANS
ARE IN THE
PALACE.

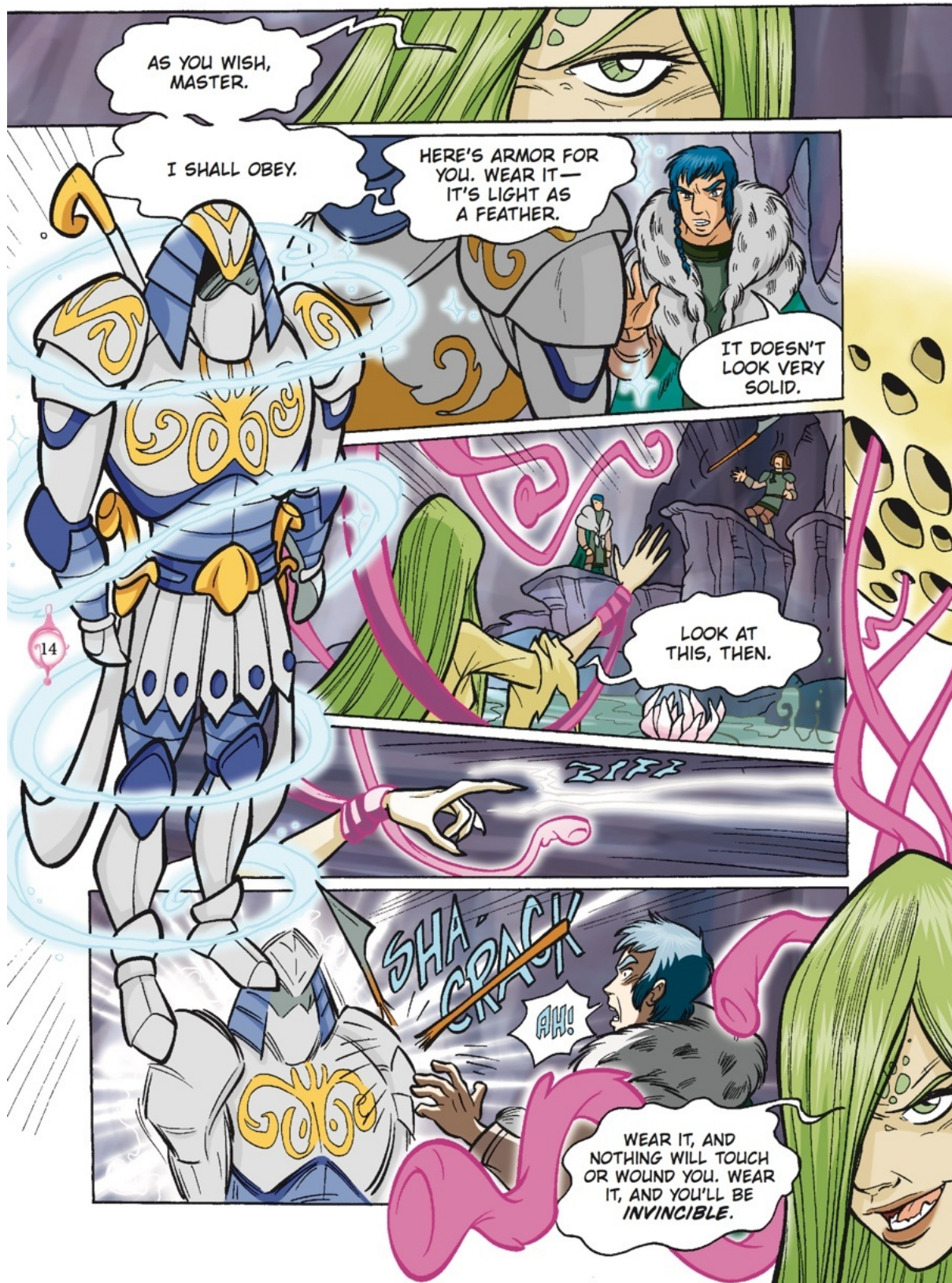
MAKE ME STRONG,
YUA. GIVE ME
SOMETHING TO USE
AGAINST THOSE
WITCHES' MAGIC.

CAREFUL
WHAT YOU WISH FOR,
ARI...I MAY GRANT
IT. AND THE
STRONGER THE
MAGIC...

...THE HARDER
IT WILL BE TO
CONTROL!

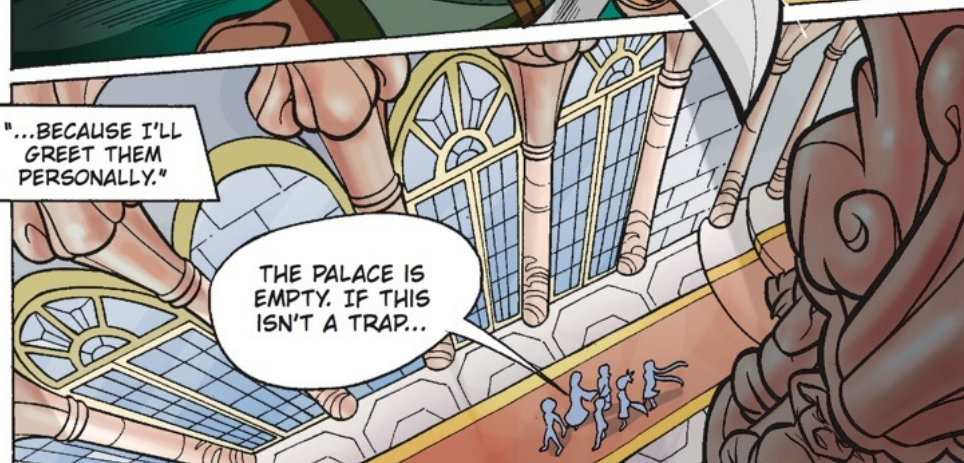
THEY'LL PAY
FOR THIS INTRUSION...
AND I'LL MAKE
THEM REGRET EVER
TOUCHING MY SON.

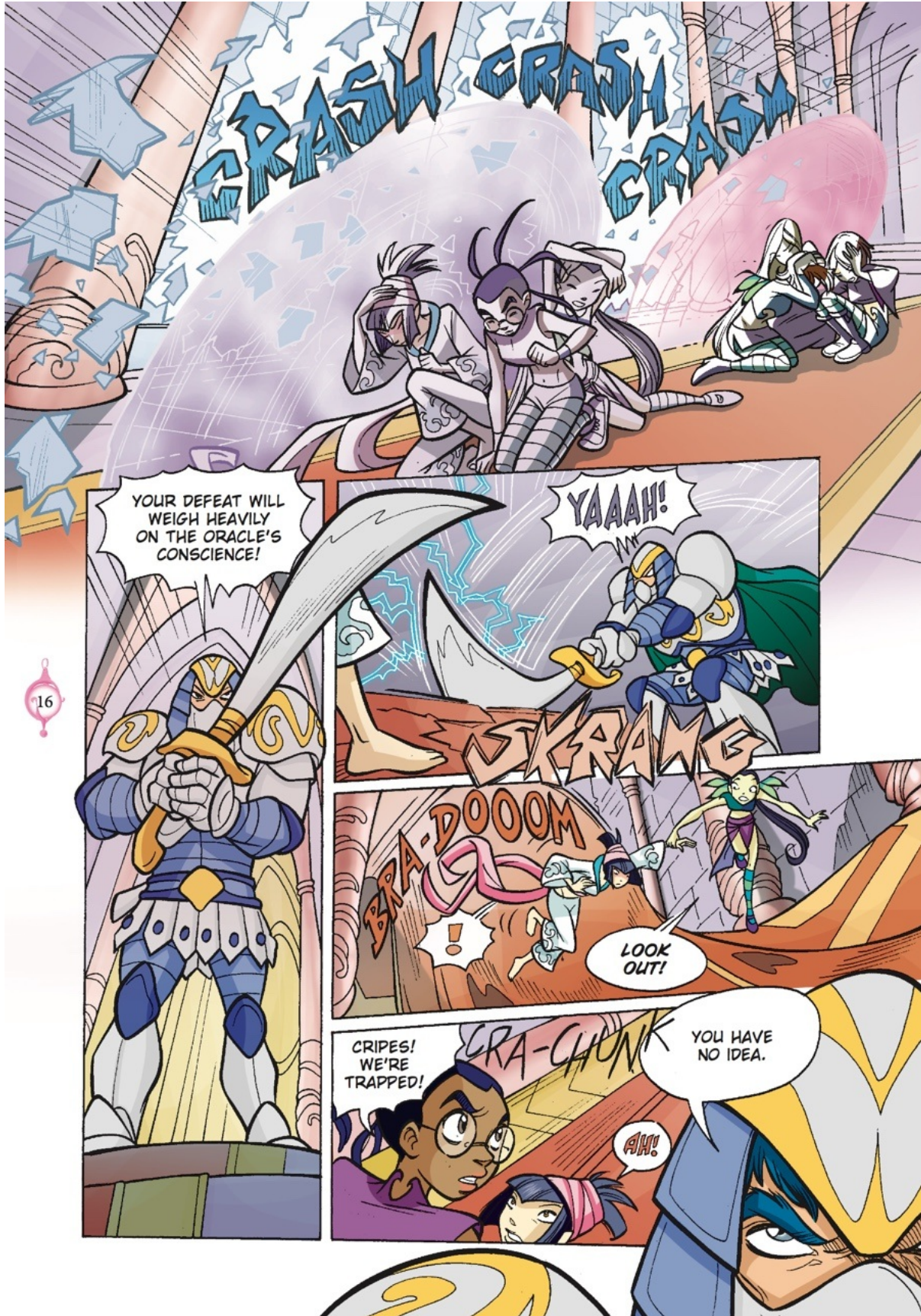
DO WHAT
I TELL YOU!

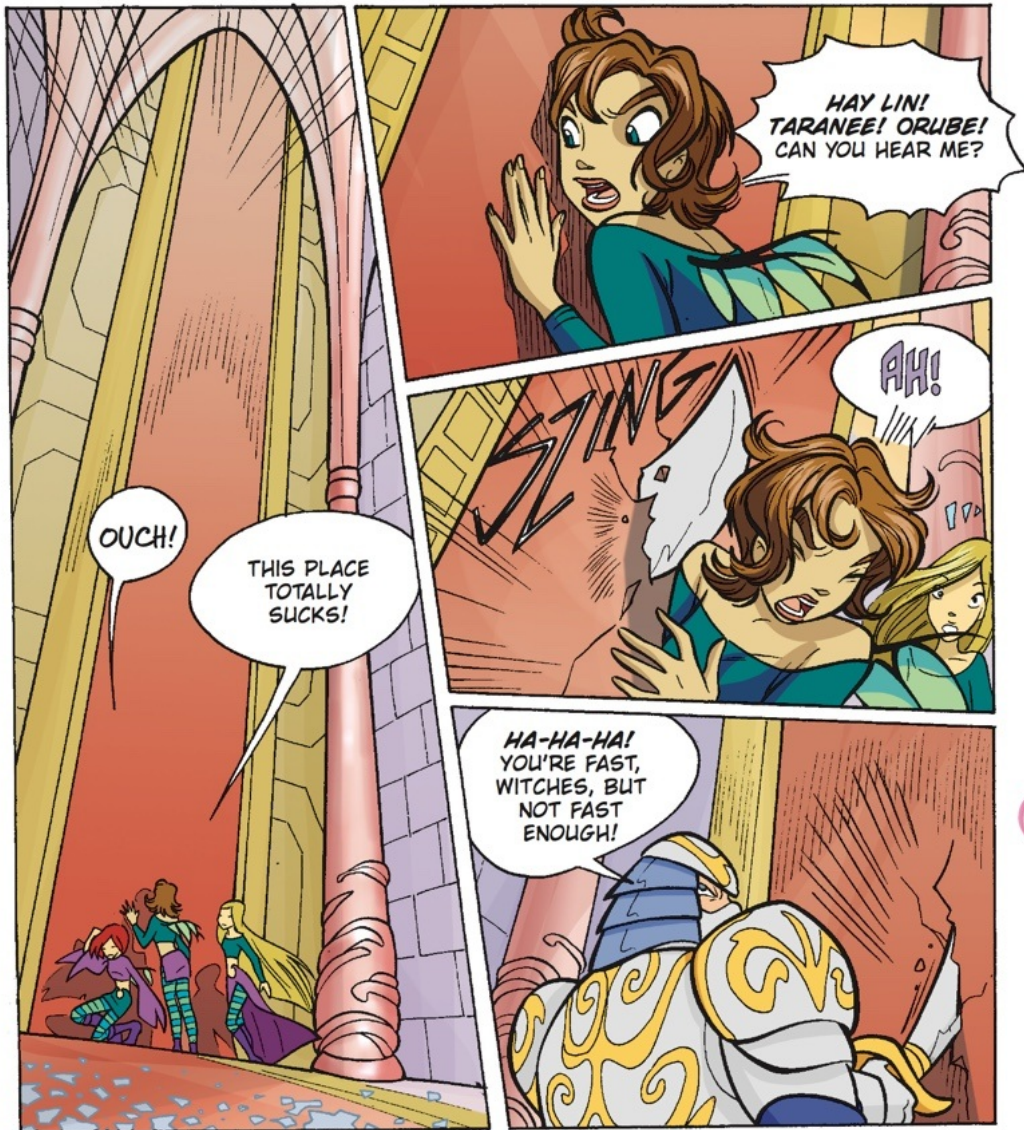


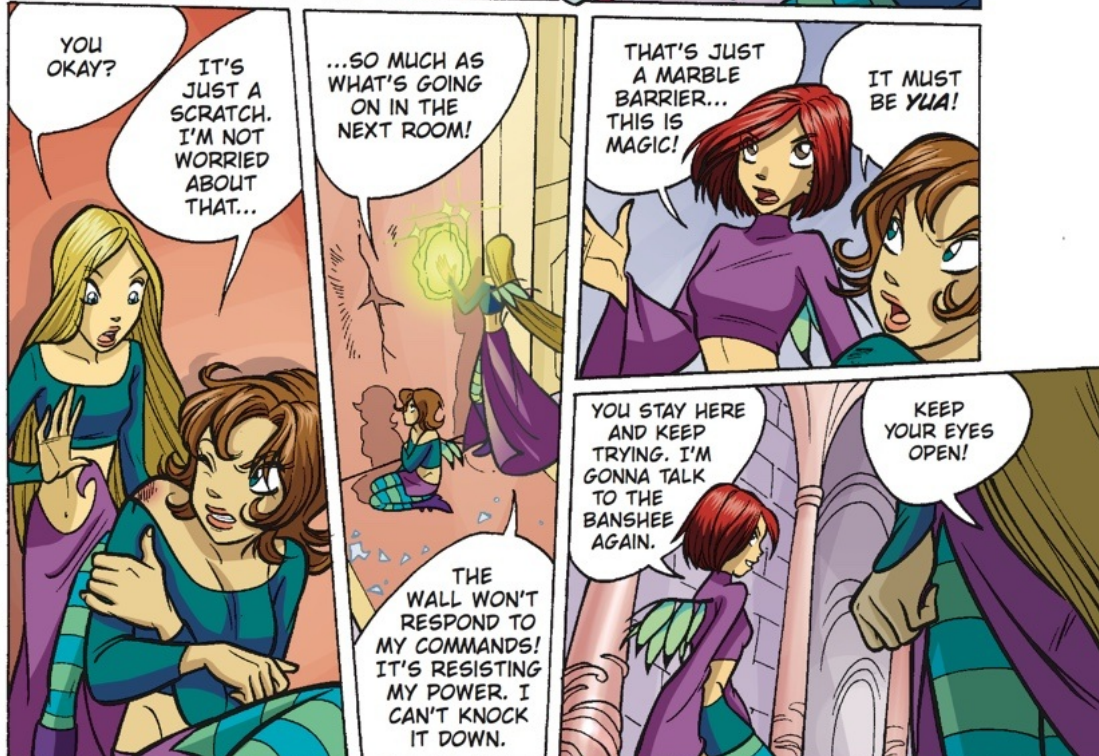
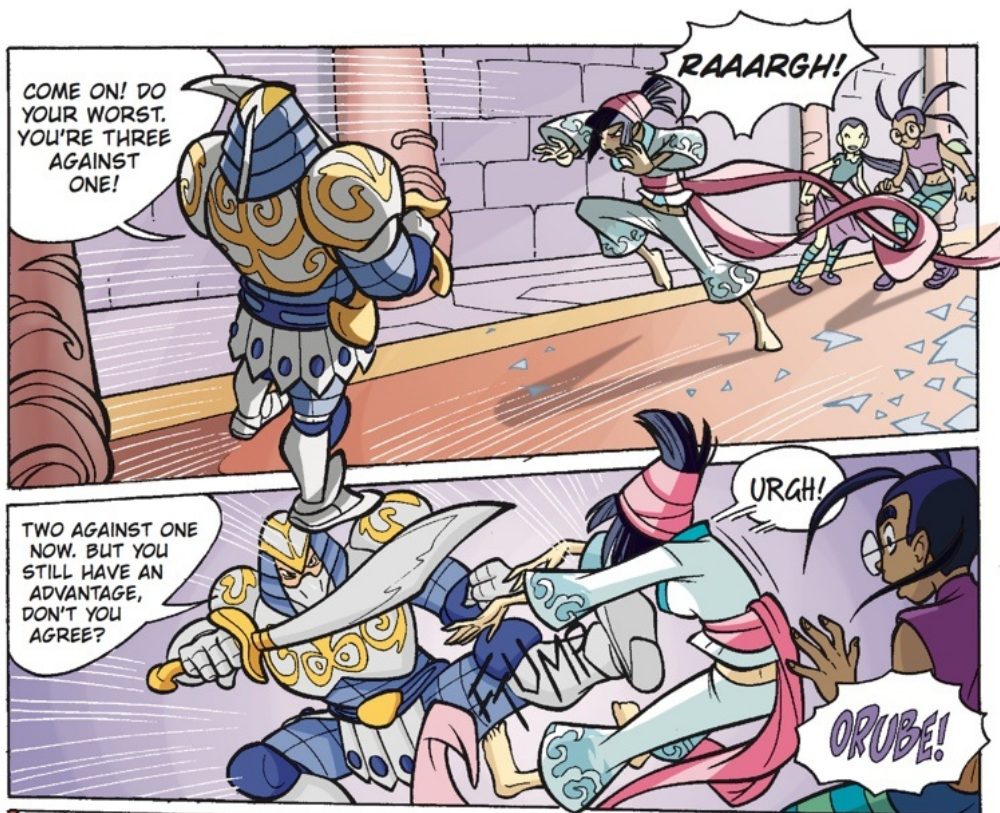


"...BECAUSE I'LL GREET THEM PERSONALLY."

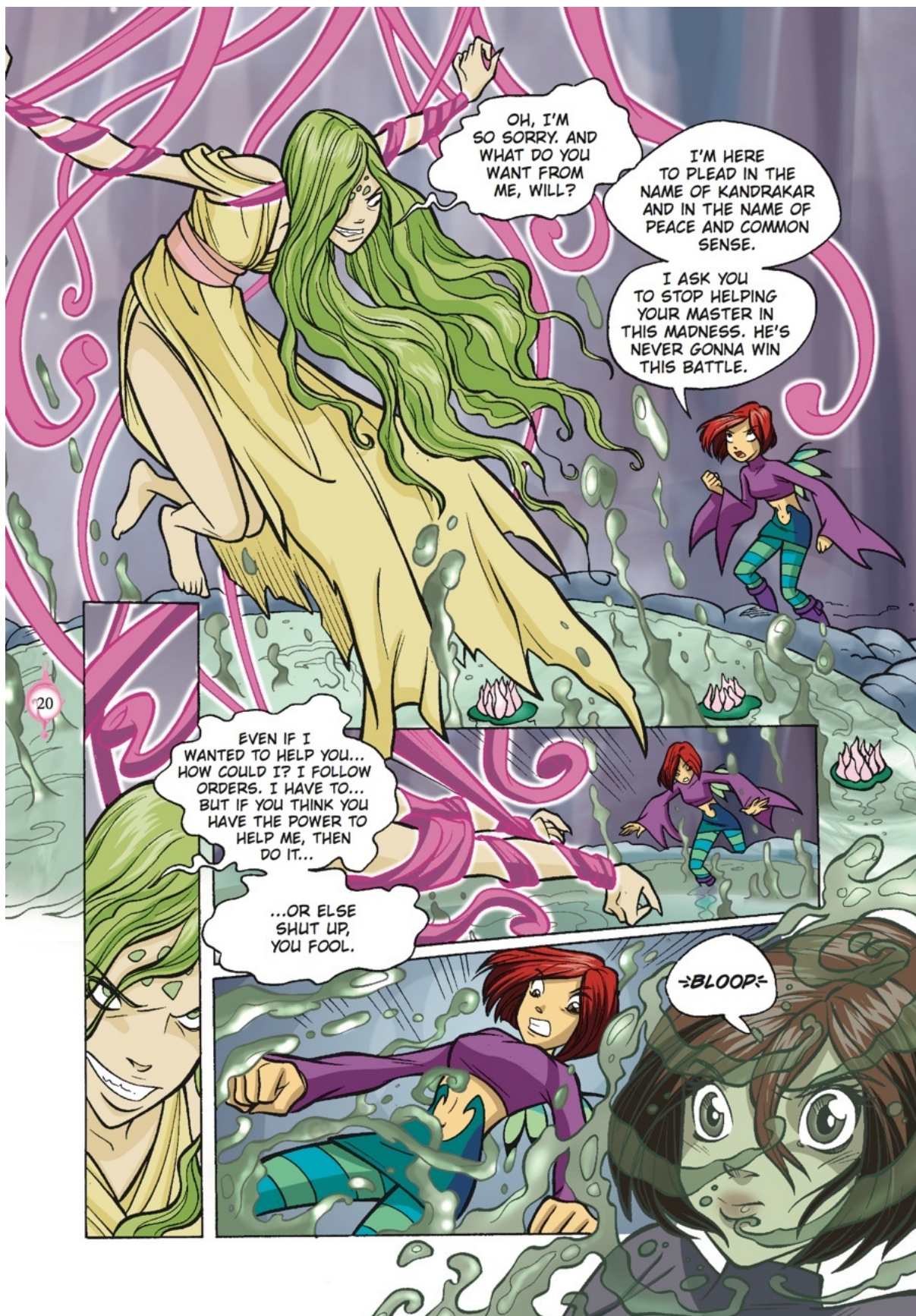












OH, I'M
SO SORRY. AND
WHAT DO YOU
WANT FROM
ME, WILL?

I'M HERE
TO PLEAD IN THE
NAME OF KANDRAKAR
AND IN THE NAME OF
PEACE AND COMMON
SENSE.

I ASK YOU
TO STOP HELPING
YOUR MASTER IN
THIS MADNESS. HE'S
NEVER GONNA WIN
THIS BATTLE.

EVEN IF I
WANTED TO HELP YOU...
HOW COULD I? I FOLLOW
ORDERS. I HAVE TO...
BUT IF YOU THINK YOU
HAVE THE POWER TO
HELP ME, THEN
DO IT...

...OR ELSE
SHUT UP,
YOU FOOL.

=BLOOP=

HEATHERFIELD.
THE ASTRAL DROPS.

MILKSHAKE,
CHEESECAKE, APPLE
PIE, HAMBURGER...
THE USUAL. WHAT
SHALL I BRING
YOU?

THAT'S
OKAY FOR
ME.

WHAT'S OKAY,
DEAR?

WHAT YOU
SAID. I'LL TAKE
EVERYTHING.

AS YOU
WISH,
DEAR.

A BIT OF A
CHALLENGE FOR
YOUR STOMACH,
THEN!

CORNELIA'S
GOING TO BE
SO MAD...

SHE
DOESN'T
NEED TO
KNOW...

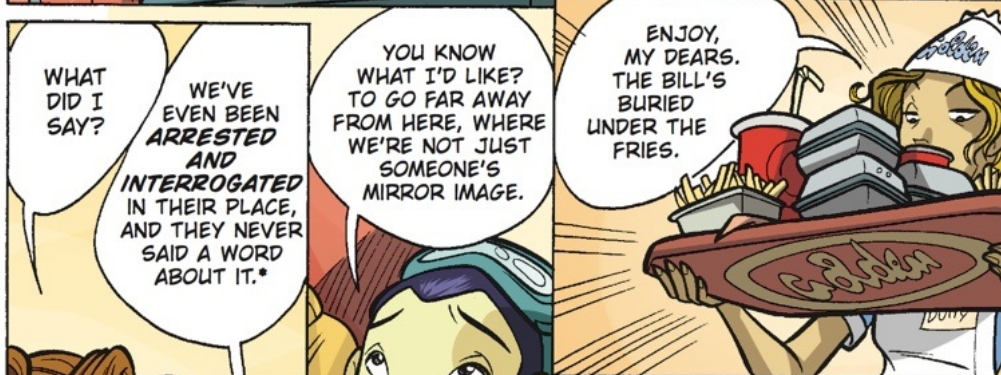
YOU'RE
GONNA LIE
TO HER?

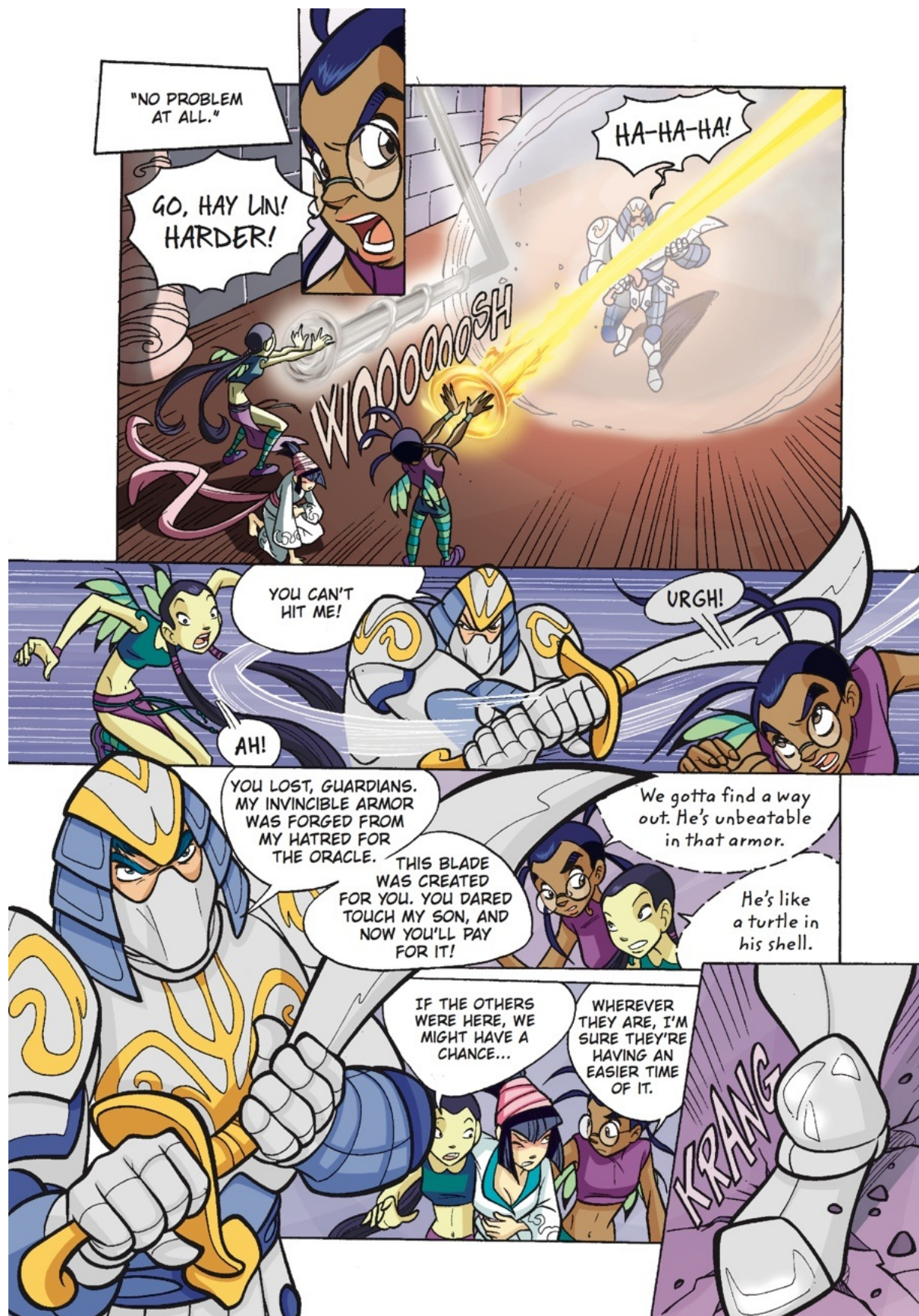
I WOULD CALL
IT "AVOID
UPSETTING
HER."

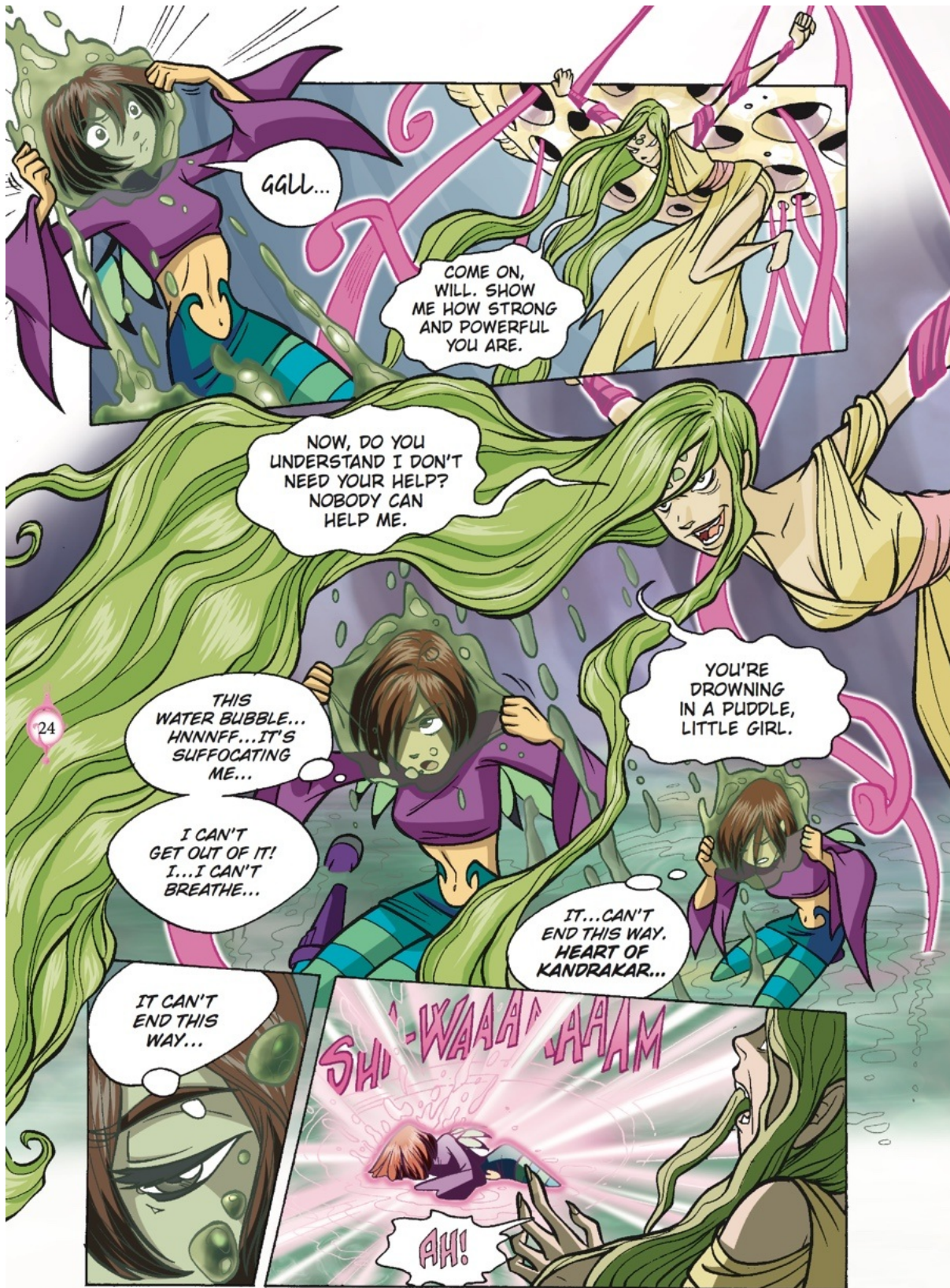
IT'S NOT LIKE
THEY CARE
ABOUT US.

THE MINUTE
WE GET HERE,
THEY TAKE OFF
AND LEAVE US
THEIR MESS
TO SORT
OUT.

SNAP







GGLL...

COME ON,
WILL. SHOW
ME HOW STRONG
AND POWERFUL
YOU ARE.

NOW, DO YOU
UNDERSTAND I DON'T
NEED YOUR HELP?
NOBODY CAN
HELP ME.

YOU'RE
DROWNING
IN A PUDDLE,
LITTLE GIRL.

THIS
WATER BUBBLE...
HNNNFF...IT'S
SUFFOCATING
ME...

I CAN'T
GET OUT OF IT!
I...I CAN'T
BREATHE...

IT...CAN'T
END THIS WAY.
HEART OF
KANDRAKAR...

IT CAN'T
END THIS
WAY...

SHI-WAAAAA-HHAM

AH!



HUH...
I'M REALLY
IMPRESSED,
MY DEAR.

->COUGH->
->COUGH->
YOU'RE...
->COUGH->
REALLY INSANE,
YUA.



BUT I'LL
GET YOU OUT OF
HERE, WHETHER
YOU LIKE IT OR
NOT. THAT'S A
PROMISE...



WILL!
WHAT
HAPPENED
?

THAT
PIGHEADED
BANSHEE HAS
NO INTENTION OF
COOPERATING.



I DON'T KNOW
WHAT SHE'S
PLAYING AT, BUT
WE'LL HAVE
TO HANDLE IT
OURSELVES...
TOGETHER!

WE GOTTA
GET TO THE
OTHERS
FIRST!



...OR A
THREAT?
I'LL BE
WAITING,
WILL.

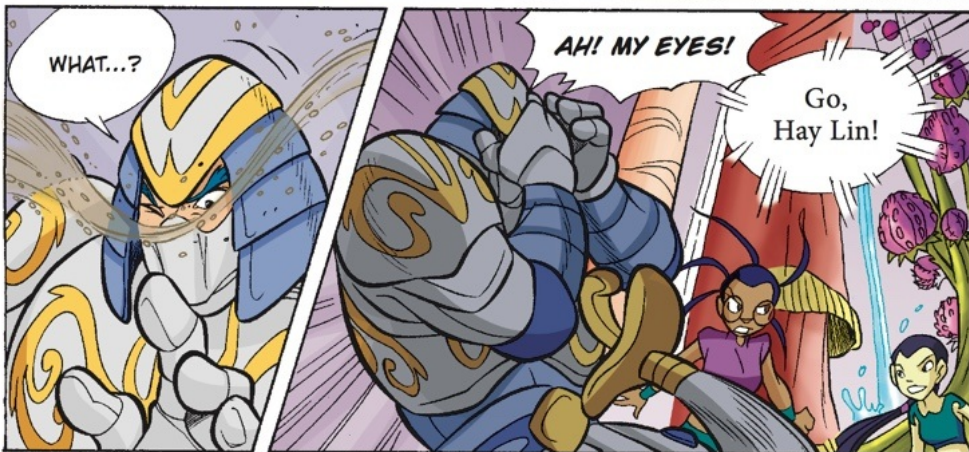


HARD TO DO
WITH THIS
WALL...

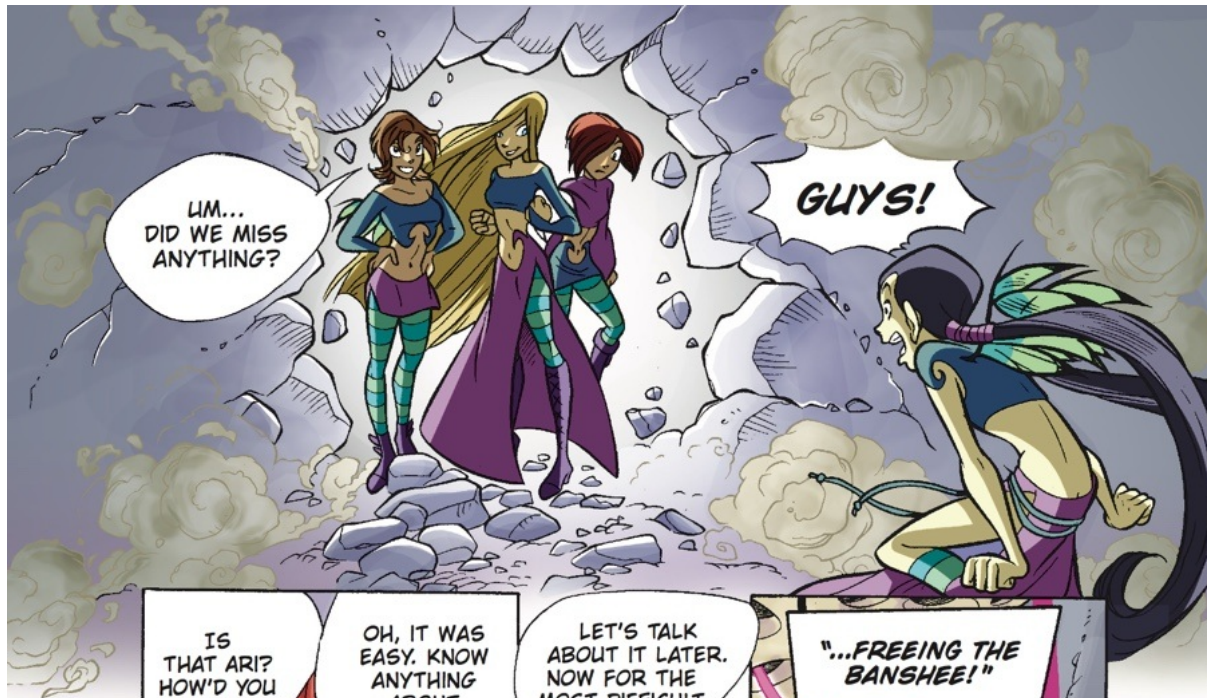
FORGET ABOUT THE
WALL. TIME TO GET
A MOVE ON! WE'LL
FIND ANOTHER
WAY...

LEAD ON,
CORNELIA—AND
DON'T WORRY
ABOUT THE
RUBBLE!

COULDN'T
ASK FOR
MORE.







UM...
DID WE MISS
ANYTHING?

GUYS!



IS
THAT ARI?
HOW'D YOU
DO IT?

OH, IT WAS
EASY. KNOW
ANYTHING
ABOUT
TURTLES?

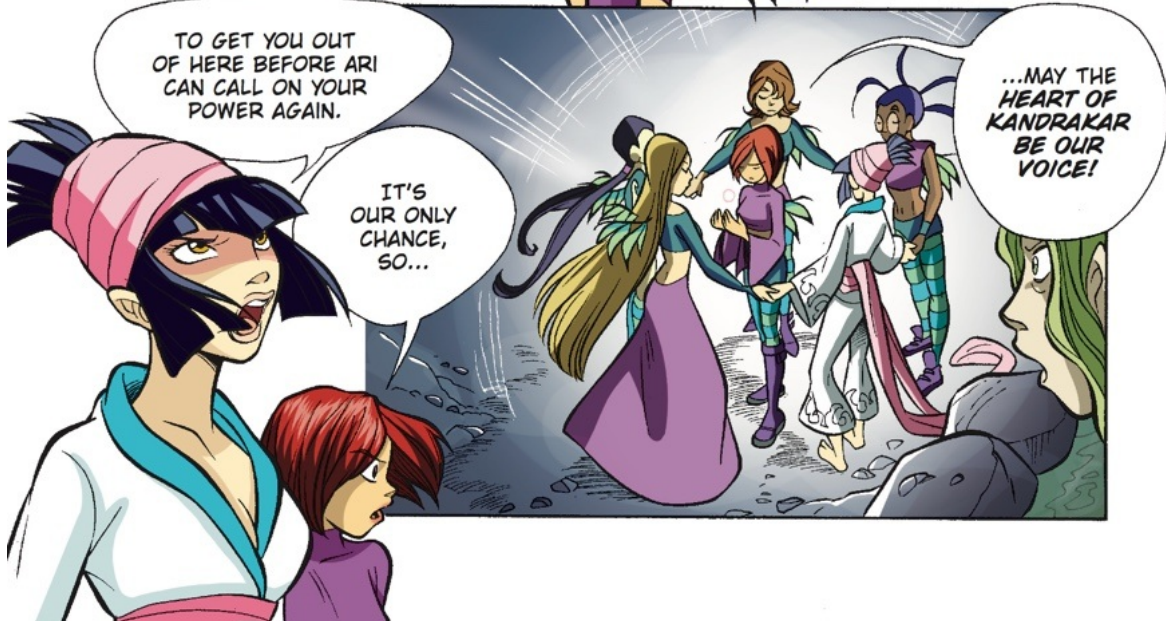


LET'S TALK
ABOUT IT LATER.
NOW FOR THE
MOST DIFFICULT
PART...



**"...FREEING THE
BANSHEE!"**

YOU'VE DEFEATED
HIM. WELL DONE.
NOW WHAT DO YOU
WANT FROM ME?



TO GET YOU OUT
OF HERE BEFORE ARI
CAN CALL ON YOUR
POWER AGAIN.

IT'S
OUR ONLY
CHANCE,
SO...

**...MAY THE
HEART OF
KANDRAKAR
BE OUR
VOICE!**

"ONCE UPON A TIME,
WHEN THE UNIVERSE
WAS STILL YOUNG...



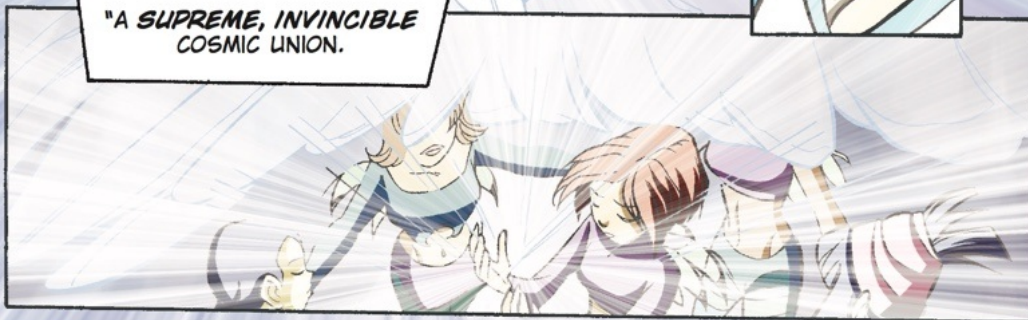
"...A MOST POWERFUL MAGIC
CONCEALED THE ESSENCE OF
EVERY VIRTUE IN ONE AMULET.

"TODAY, THAT
ESSENCE IS FREE
AGAIN, FORTIFIED BY
ANOTHER ELEMENT...

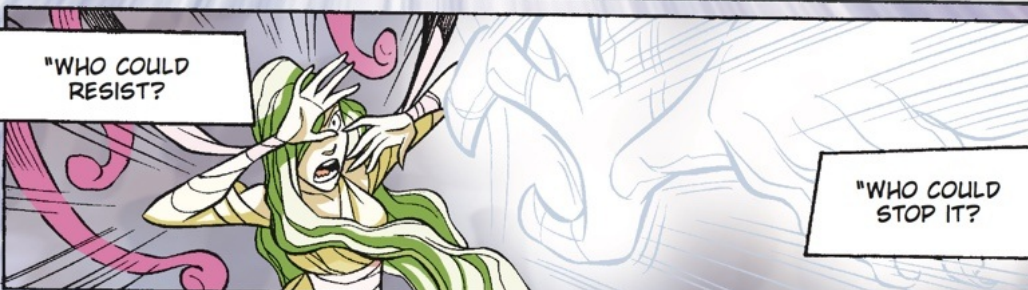
"...THE
STRENGTH AND
DETERMINATION OF
A TRUE WARRIOR.



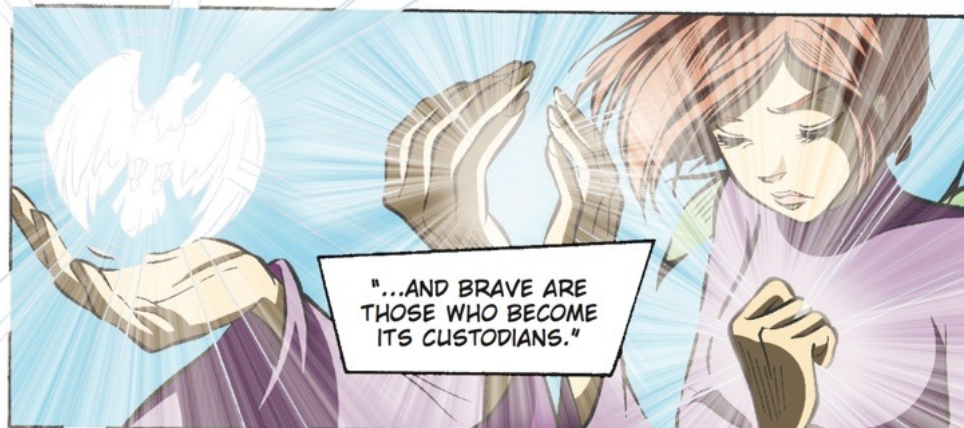
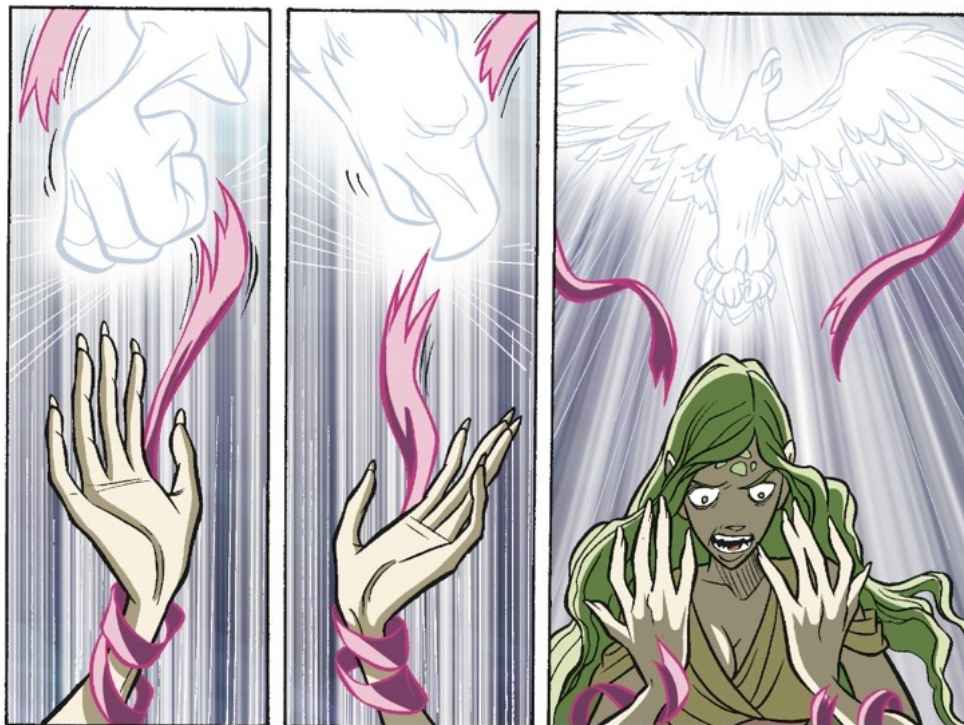
"A **SUPREME, INVINCIBLE**
COSMIC UNION.



"WHO COULD
RESIST?



"WHO COULD
STOP IT?



THE GUARDIANS
COLLAPSE,
EXHAUSTED.

AND YUA...



...IS...



...FREE!

HA-
HA-HA!
YESSS!

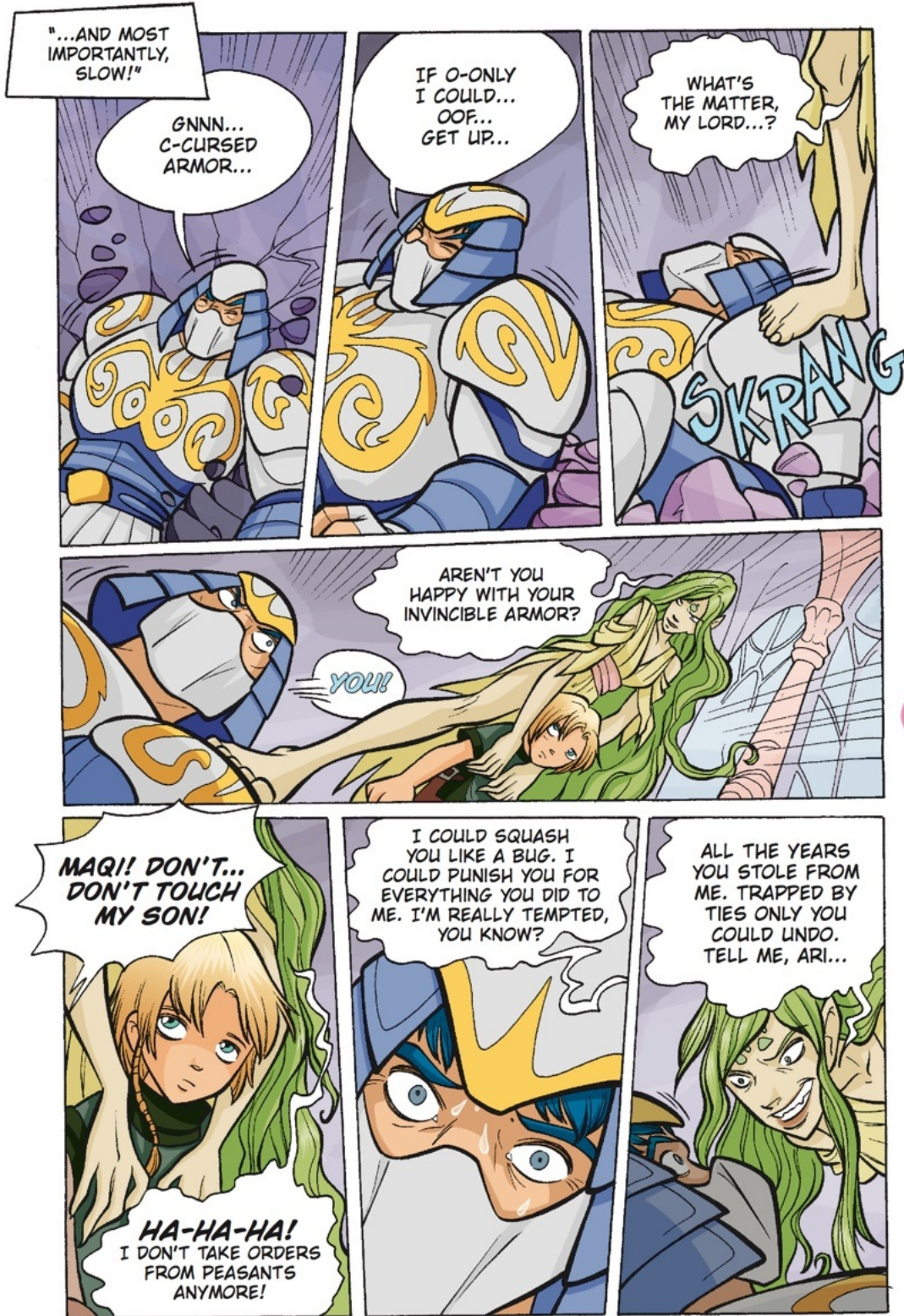


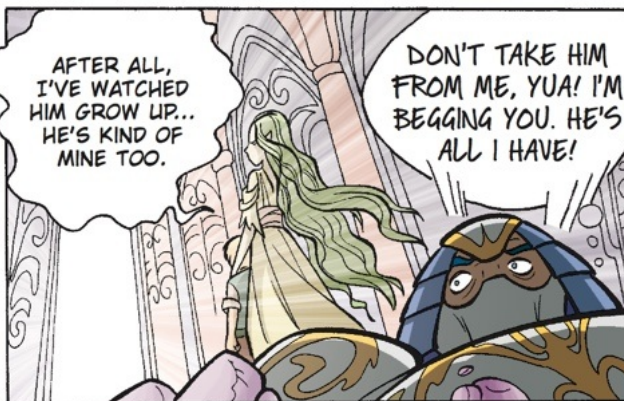
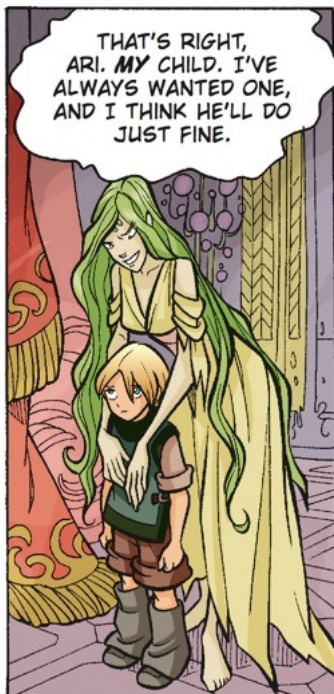
I WOULDN'T HAVE
BET A CENT ON YOU...
BUT YOU PROVED ME
WRONG. THANK YOU,
GIRLS...

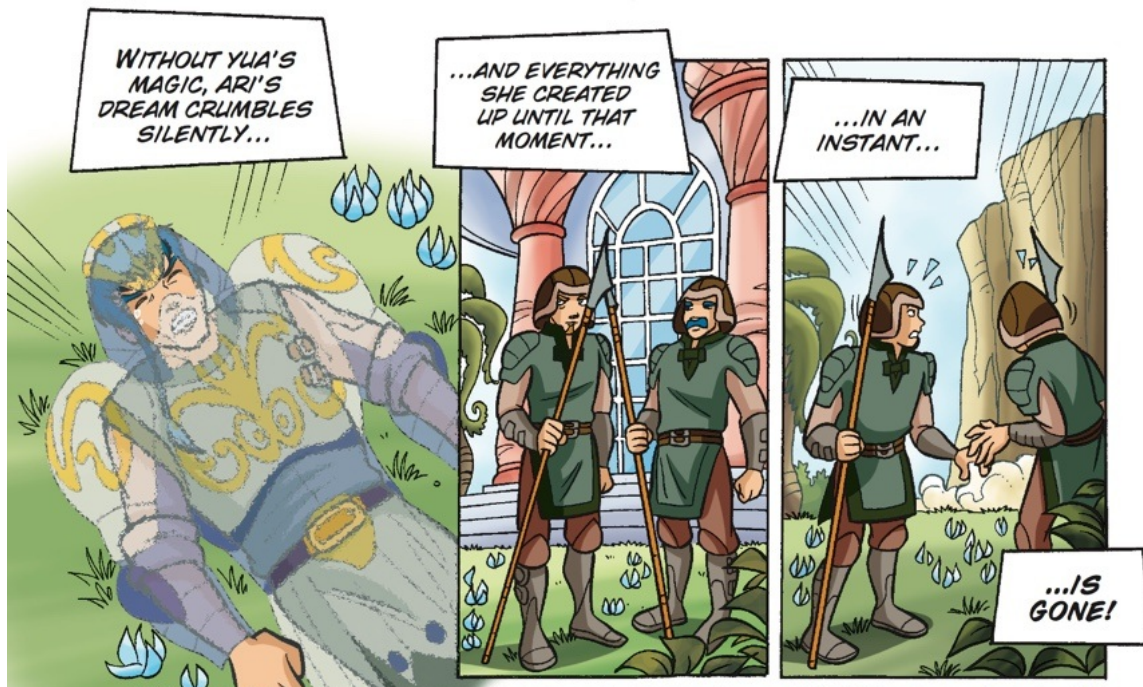
THANKS
FOR ENABLING
MY REVENGE...
WHICH WILL BE
TERRIBLE AND
MERCILESS...

UHHN...









WITHOUT YUA'S
MAGIC, ARI'S
DREAM CRUMBLES
SILENTLY...

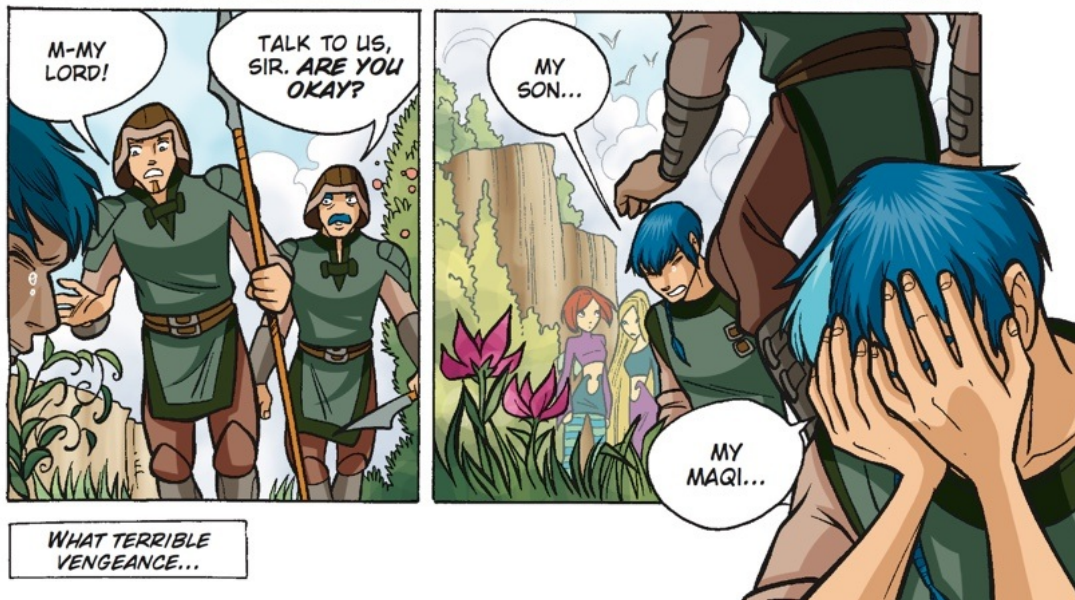
...AND EVERYTHING
SHE CREATED
UP UNTIL THAT
MOMENT...

...IN AN
INSTANT...

...IS
GONE!



WH-WHAT
HAPPENED?



M-MY
LORD!

TALK TO US,
SIR. ARE YOU
OKAY?

MY
SON...

MY
MAQI...

WHAT TERRIBLE
VENGEANCE...







CURSED BE THE ORACLE! CURSED BE THE MOMENT YOU CAME TO ARKHANTA!



WE DIDN'T MEAN FOR THIS TO HAPPEN! WE COULDN'T HAVE KNOWN...

KNOWN WHAT?



THAT YUA WOULD TAKE FROM ME THE ONLY THING THAT MATTERS? THAT SHE WOULD EXACT HER REVENGE ON AN INNOCENT CREATURE?



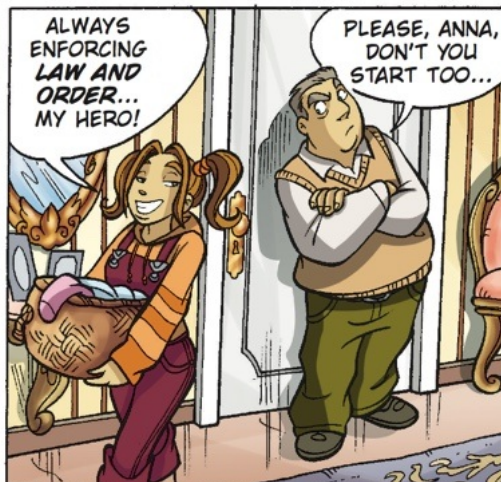
THE BANSHEE IS AN EVIL CREATURE! YOU'VE FREED A FIEND... AND THESE ARE THE CONSEQUENCES.



I THINK WE MESSED UP...

WE MADE A MISTAKE, BUT WE'LL FIX IT. WE WON'T LEAVE MAQI IN YUA'S HANDS.







MEANWHILE
IN ARKHANTA,
THE W.I.T.C.H.'S
JOURNEY IS OVER...

THE
BANSHEES'
SWAMP...

FROM
NOW ON, WE
DON'T NEED THE
HORSES ANYMORE.
GET OFF AND
MIND YOUR
STEP.

HANG ON!
I'LL HELP
YOU.

THANKS,
HAY LIN. I'VE
NEVER RIDDEN A
HORSE BEFORE...
NOW I KNOW
WHY!

SWIP

URGH!

ARGH!

SPLASH

I TOLD YOU
TO HANG
ON!

TRUE, BUT
YOU SHOULDA
CAUGHT
ME!

WHY CAN'T I
COMPLAIN? I'VE
BEEN BEATEN
AND SLICED AND
SCRAMBLED
EVER SINCE
WE LEFT
HOME!

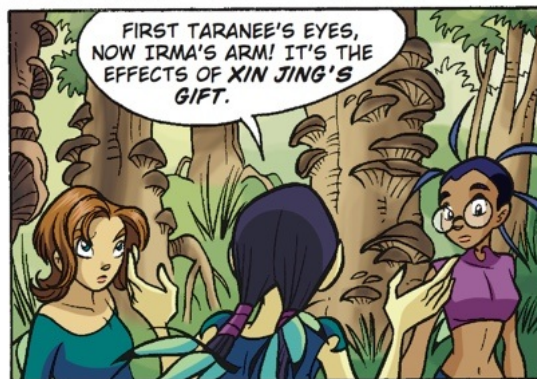
ARE
YOU TWO
DONE?



HEY! THE
WOUND IS
GONE!



THAT'S
BECAUSE
OF THE
GIFT...



FIRST TARANEE'S EYES,
NOW IRMA'S ARM! IT'S THE
EFFECTS OF XIN JING'S
GIFT.



I DON'T UNDERSTAND
YOUR WORDS, GIRLS...
BUT I DIDN'T COME
HERE TO LISTEN
TO YOU
TALK.

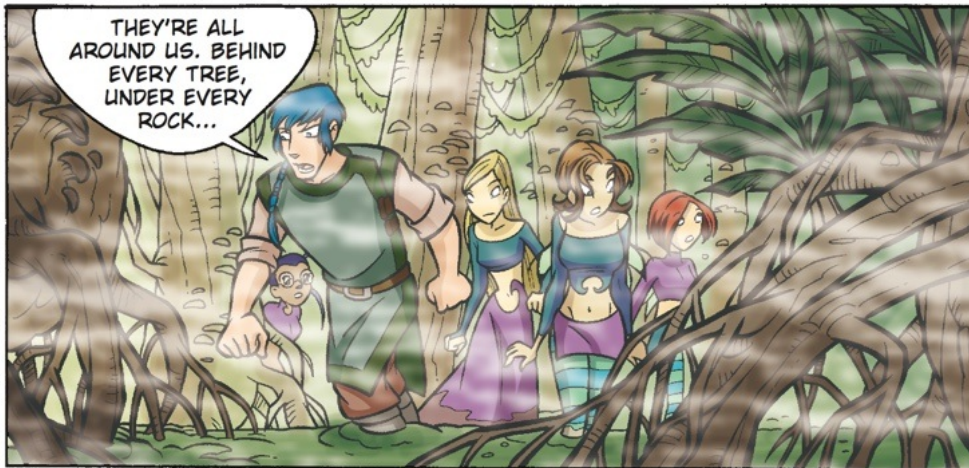
ARI'S
RIGHT.
LET'S
GO...



YUCK!
WHAT'S THIS
STENCH?

LISTEN...

IT'S THE BANSHEES
TRYING TO KEEP US
AWAY FROM THEIR
HOME.



THEY'RE ALL
AROUND US. BEHIND
EVERY TREE,
UNDER EVERY
ROCK...



LOOK
AT THIS
PLACE...

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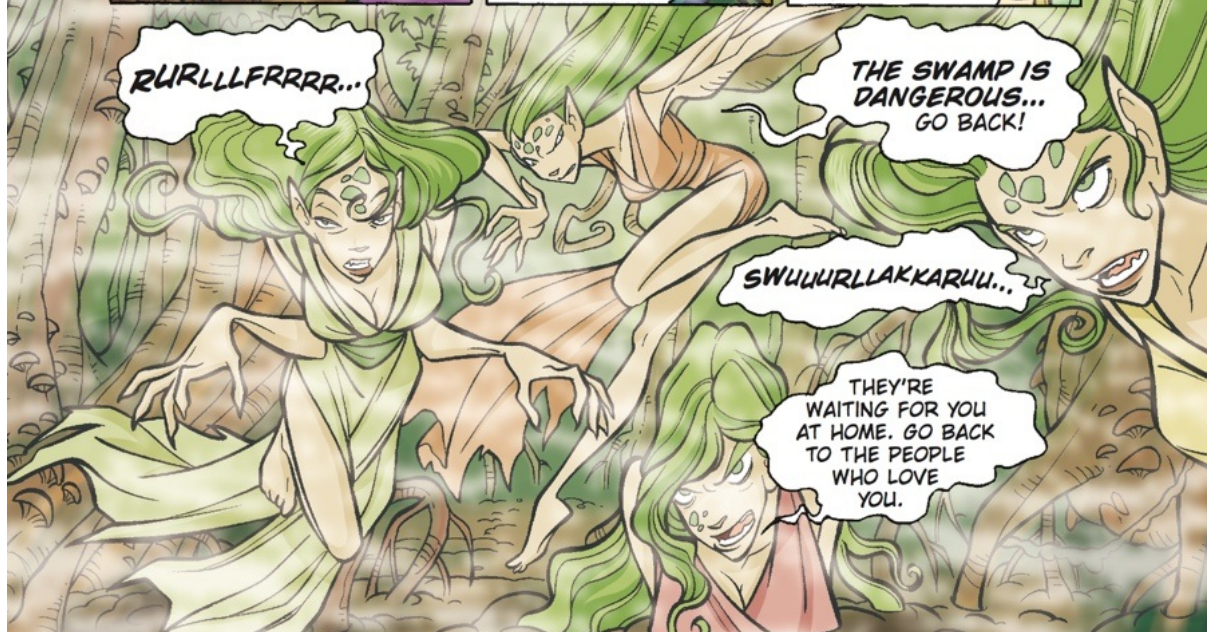


SEEMS LIKE
NOBODY EVER
SET FOOT HERE
BEFORE.



AAAAH!

GO AWAY!
THIS PLACE ISN'T
SAFE FOR YOU!



RURLLFRRR...

THE SWAMP IS
DANGEROUS...
GO BACK!

SWUURLLAKKARUU...

THEY'RE
WAITING FOR YOU
AT HOME. GO BACK
TO THE PEOPLE
WHO LOVE
YOU.





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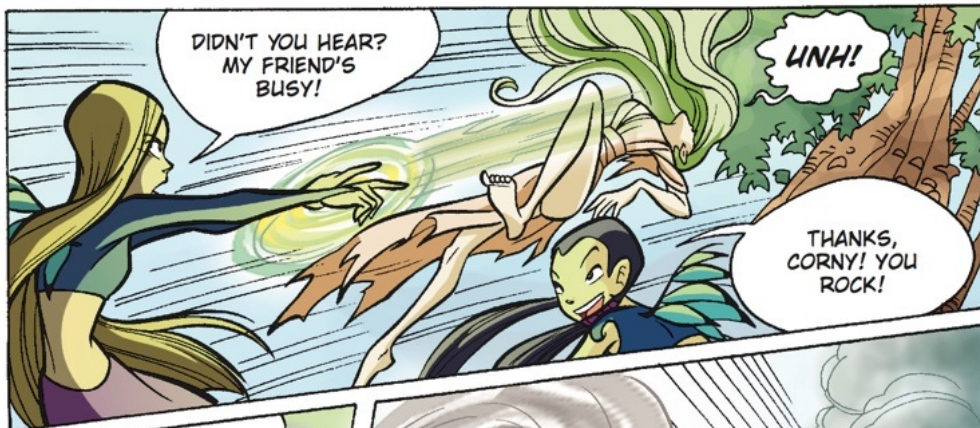


WELL DONE, IRMA!
BEFORE THEY WERE
JUST ANGRY. NOW
THEY'RE REALLY
FURIOUS!

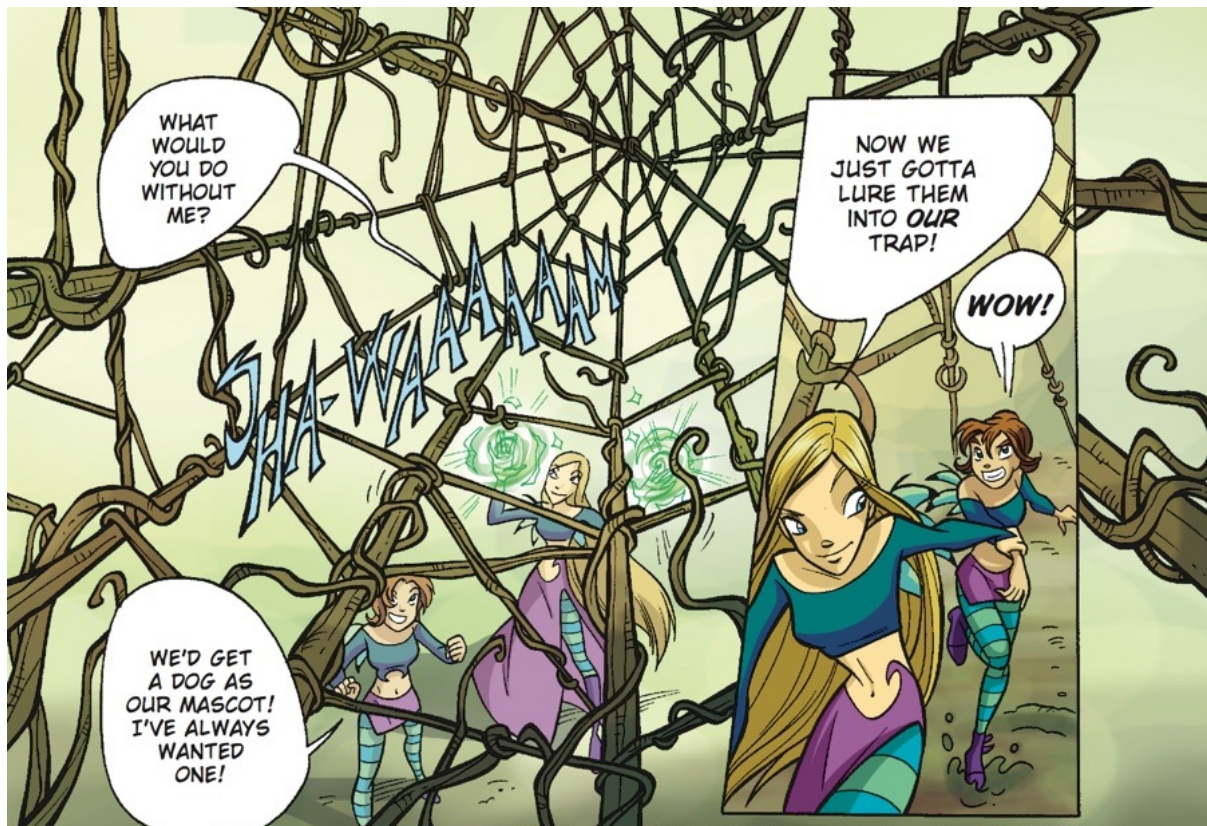
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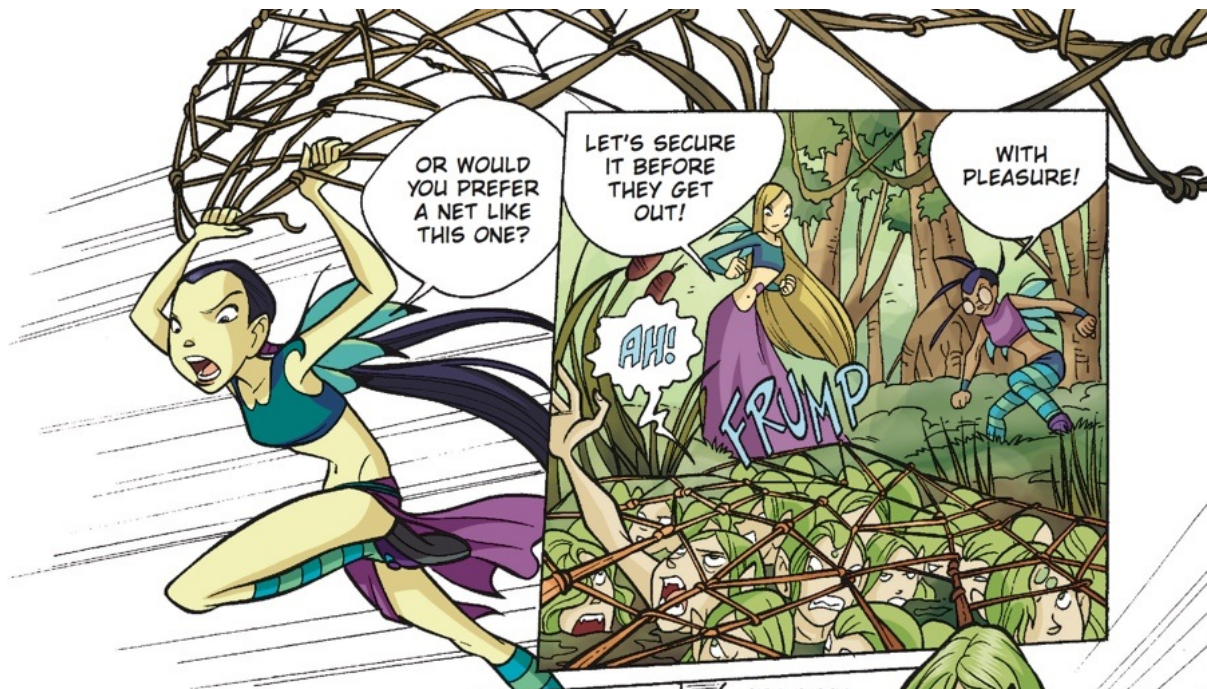


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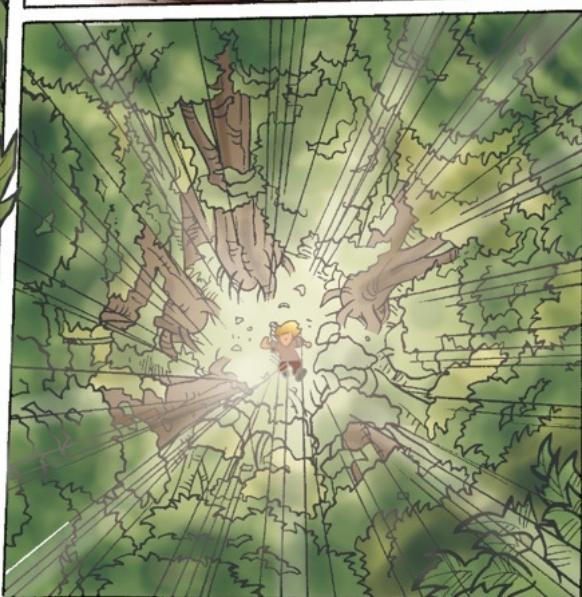
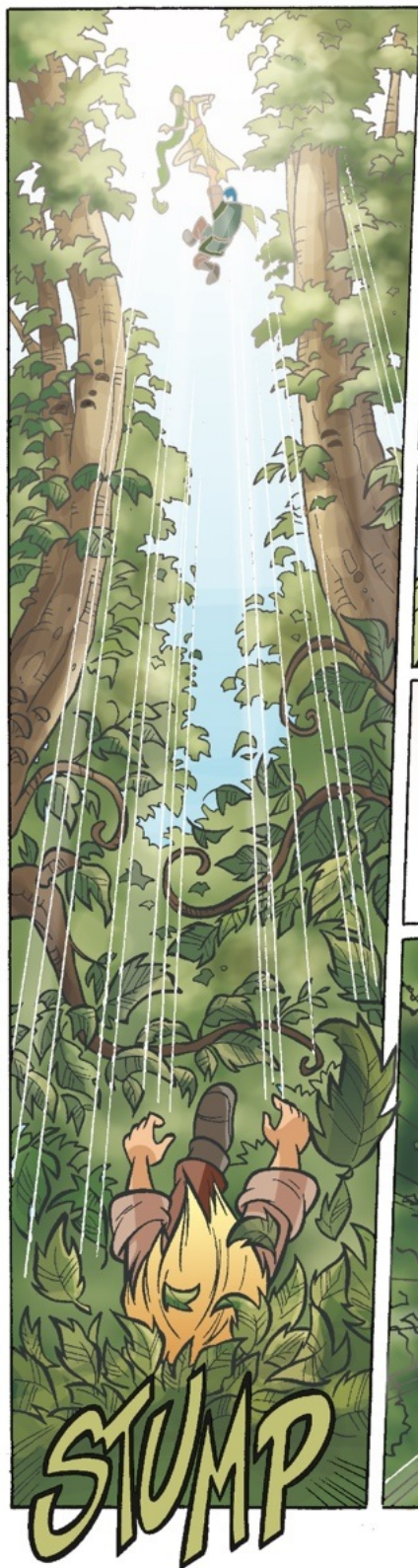














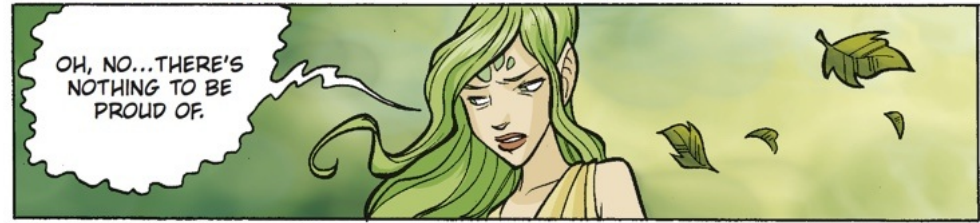
MAQI...LOOK
AT ME, MY CHILD...
DADDY'S HERE...

COME ON, MAQI...
YOU HAVE TO
WAKE UP...

IT'S BETTER
NOT TO MOVE
HIM.



DON'T TOUCH
HIM! DON'T TOUCH
ANY OF US! ARE
YOU PROUD OF
WHAT YOU'VE
DONE?

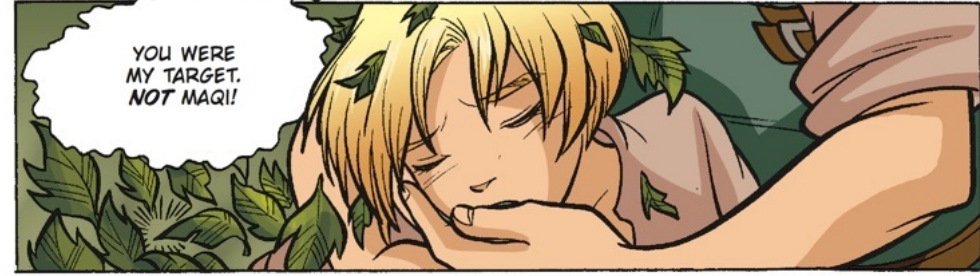


OH, NO...THERE'S
NOTHING TO BE
PROUD OF.



WE TOO KNOW PAIN.
WE TOO *SUFFER*
AND *BEG*.

YOU IMPRISONED
AND USED ME,
AND I WANTED TO GET
REVENGE, TO MAKE YOU
FEEL THE SAME PAIN YOU
INFLECTED ON ME.



YOU WERE
MY TARGET.
NOT MAQI!





SO?

THE GIFT, GUYS!
LIKE EVERY
PRESENT, IT CAN
BE ACCEPTED,
DECLINED...OR
PASSED ON!



MAYBE IT'S A CRAZY
IDEA...BUT WHY NOT
SEE IF IT COULD
SAVE MAQI'S
LIFE?

RIGHT!



ABSOLUTELY.
IT'LL BE THE ONLY
SMART THING WE'VE
DONE ON THIS
MISSION.

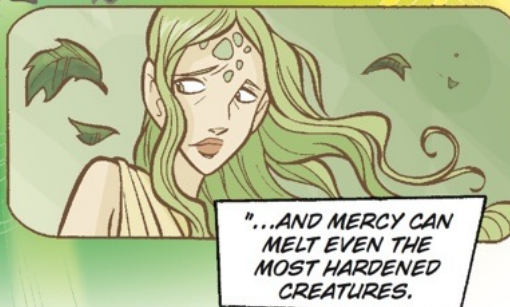
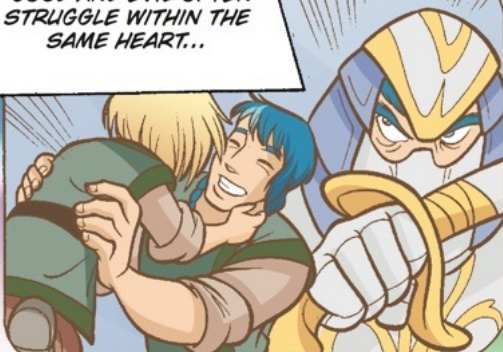
COME, TARANEE.
XIN JING'S GIFT IS NO
LONGER INSIDE YOU, BUT
YOUR ENERGY COULD HELP.



AN OLD SAYING GOES,
"IN EVERY SOUL, THE
GODS HAVE CREATED A
MINIATURE OF HEAVEN
AND EARTH.

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"GOOD AND EVIL OFTEN
STRUGGLE WITHIN THE
SAME HEART...

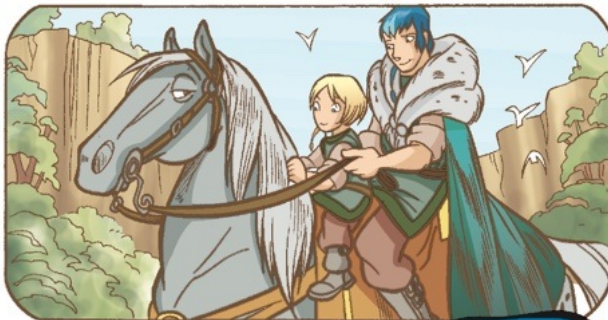


"...AND MERCY CAN
MELT EVEN THE
MOST HARDENED
CREATURES.

"THE GUARDIAN'S
HEALING GIFT
FLOWS THROUGH
MAQI, AWAKENING A
STRENGTH THAT LAY
BURIED INSIDE HIM.



"BUT WITHOUT LOVE,
ANY CURE WOULD
BE USELESS."





YOU GAVE ME
MY LIFE BACK...
I MISJUDGED YOU.
HOW...HOW CAN I
EVER REPAY
YOU?



SEEING MAQI
HEALTHY IS
ENOUGH...

WAIT,
WILL...
IT'S NOT
JUST
THANKS
TO US!

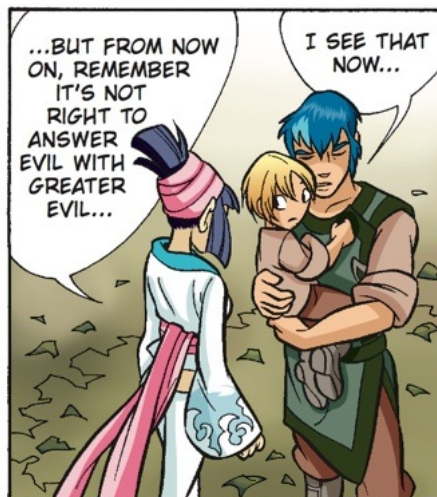


THE ORACLE
SENT US HERE...
BUT HE'S NEVER
BEEN THE CAUSE
OF YOUR MISFOR-
TUNE. I HOPE YOU
UNDERSTAND
THAT NOW...



HAVE YOU EVER
FELT DESPAIR
LIKE MINE?

MAYBE.
AND I KNOW IT'S
BLINDING...A PAIN
THAT DESTROYS
GOOD JUDGMENT.
NOBODY WILL
CONDEMN YOU
FOR THAT...

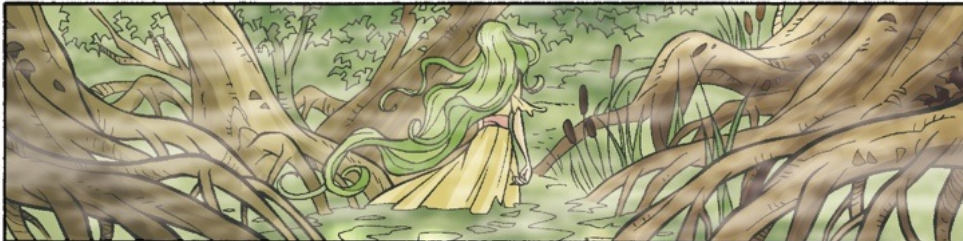
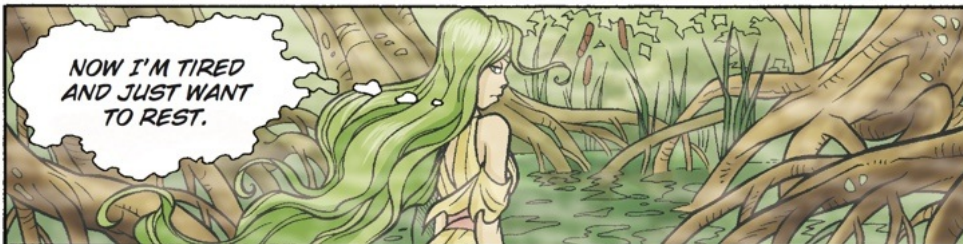


...BUT FROM NOW
ON, REMEMBER
IT'S NOT
RIGHT TO
ANSWER
EVIL WITH
GREATER
EVIL...

I SEE THAT
NOW...

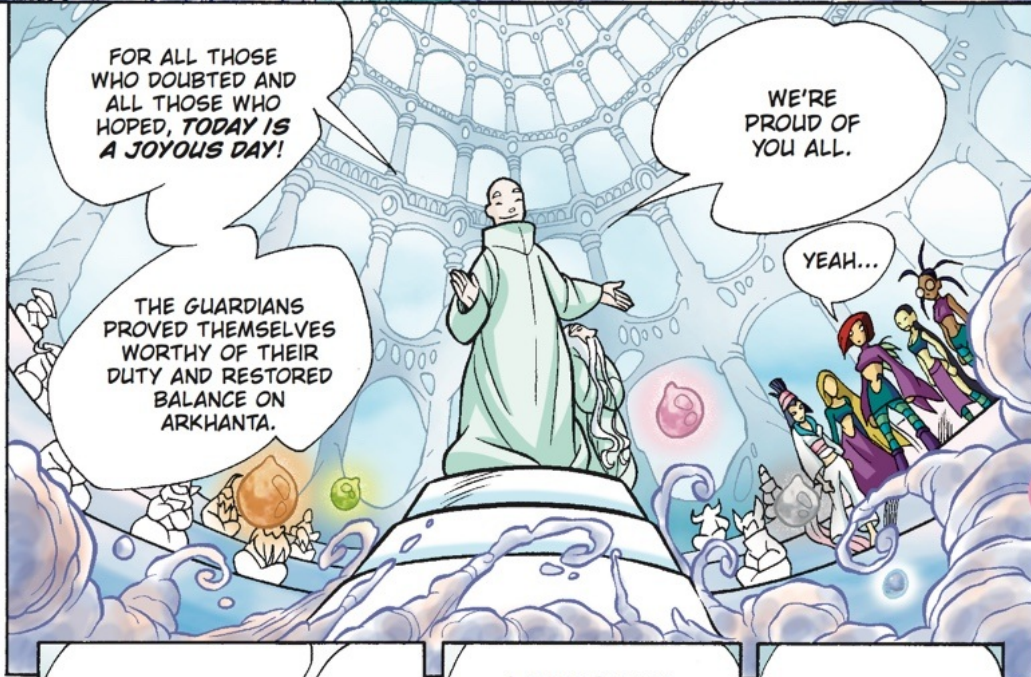


...AND I WON'T
LET MY
SON FORGET
THAT EITHER.
THANK YOU,
GUARDIANS.





KANDRAKAR'S FORTRESS,
IN THE CENTER OF
INFINITY...



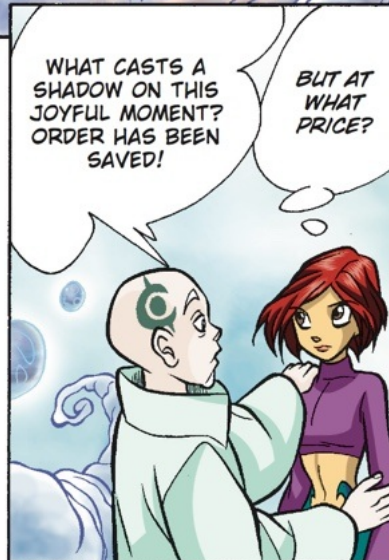
FOR ALL THOSE
WHO DOUBTED AND
ALL THOSE WHO
HOPED, *TODAY IS
A JOYOUS DAY!*

WE'RE
PROUD OF
YOU ALL.

YEAH...

THE GUARDIANS
PROVED THEMSELVES
WORTHY OF THEIR
DUTY AND RESTORED
BALANCE ON
ARKHANTA.

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WHAT CASTS A
SHADOW ON THIS
JOYFUL MOMENT?
ORDER HAS BEEN
SAVED!

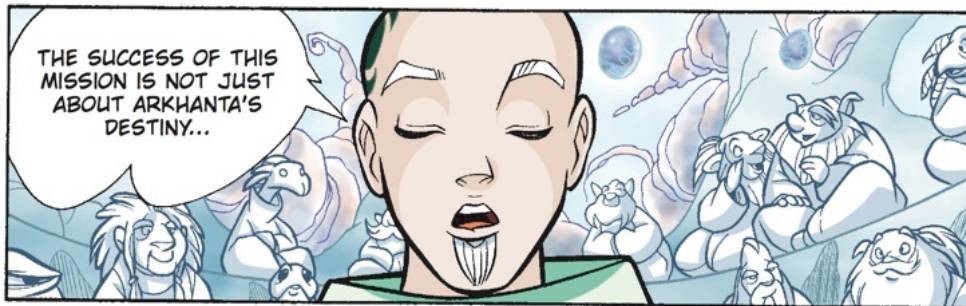
BUT AT
WHAT
PRICE?



A CHILD RISKED
HIS LIFE, A MAN WAS
BROKEN BY PAIN,
AND A CREATURE WAS
TRICKED AND HELD
PRISONER...



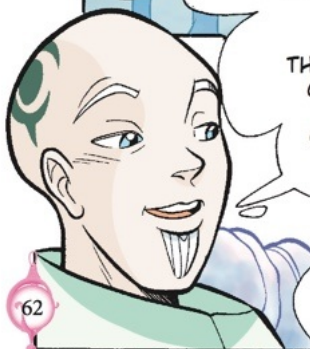
COULDN'T THIS
HAVE BEEN
AVOIDED?



THE SUCCESS OF THIS MISSION IS NOT JUST ABOUT ARKHANTA'S DESTINY...



IS THAT NOT RIGHT, TARANEE?



THE GUARDIANS COULD RELY ON YOUR COURAGE AND LOYALTY.

AND NOW ORUBE KNOWS SHE CAN RELY ON FIVE FRIENDS!



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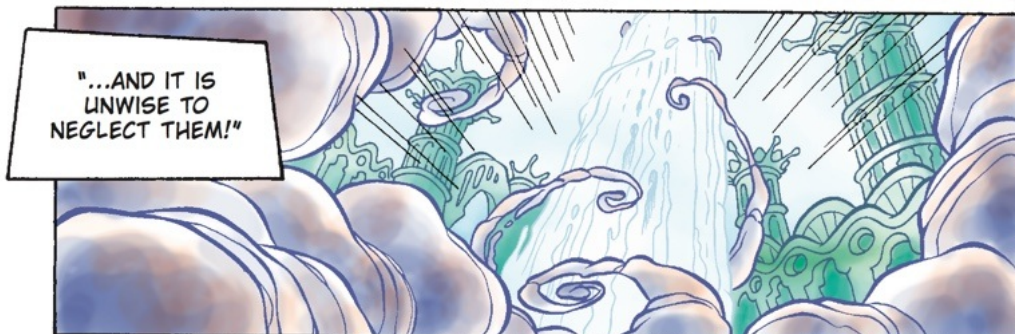


I'M BACK, ORACLE. TO STAY!



NO, TARANEE...

YOU NEVER REALLY LEFT. YOU WILL BE FRIENDS FOREVER!



MEANWHILE,
IN ANOTHER
UNIVERSE...

So are we on?
Shall we go
ahead with
the plan?

Fine by me,
and the others
agree too.

Perfect. And
this is just the
beginning!

After all,
we're not
doing anything
wrong... We
just gotta
lie for a
bit!

Uh, I hear steps!
MINE is coming
back. I gotta
hang up.

Hi...
EVERYTHING
OKAY?

JUST
WONDERFUL,
CORNELIA...

"BETTER EVEN
THAN YOU CAN
IMAGINE!"

IRMAAAA!

I'M ONLY GONNA
ASK THIS ONCE—
DO YOU THINK
YOU'RE BEING
CLEVER,
MISSY?

WHAT DID
I DO?

I ASKED YOU
TO CLEAN YOUR ROOM.
I SAID I DIDN'T WANT
TO SEE YOUR STUFF
ON THE FLOOR
ANYMORE...

...BUT THIS IS
NOT WHAT I HAD
IN MIND!

UM...
ACTUALLY,
THERE'S NOT
MUCH LEFT
ON THE
FLOOR!

LAST CHANCE,
IRMA. IF THIS
ISN'T SORTED BY
THE TIME I GET
BACK, YOU'RE IN
BIG TROUBLE.
I'M SERIOUS,
MISSY!

GREAT. SO MY
ASTRAL
DROP
DECIDED
TO GOOF
OFF?!

I HOPE
THE OTHERS
AREN'T IN
TROUBLE
TOO!

END OF
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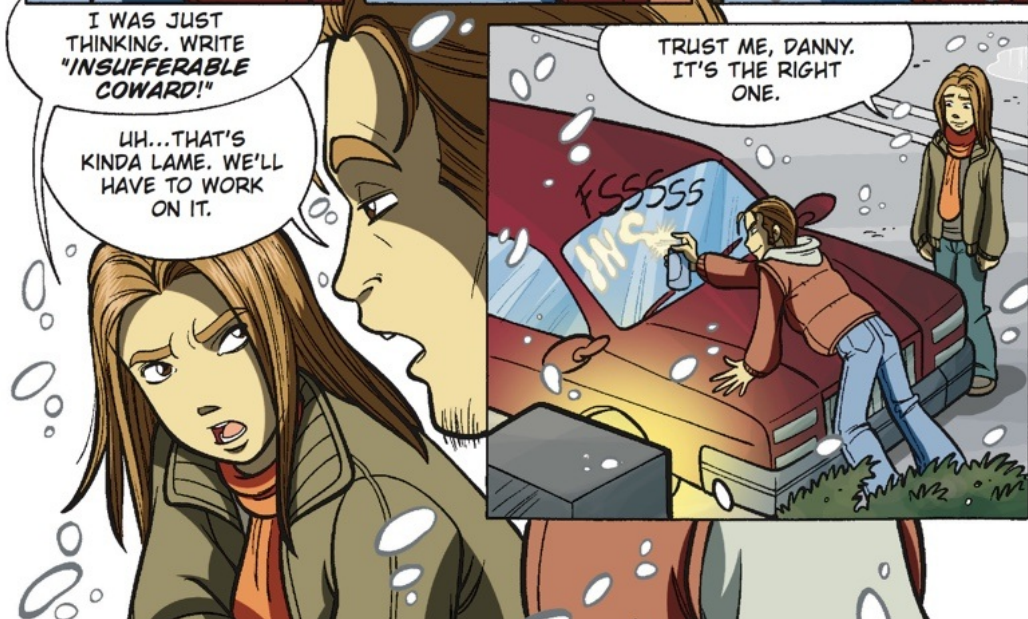
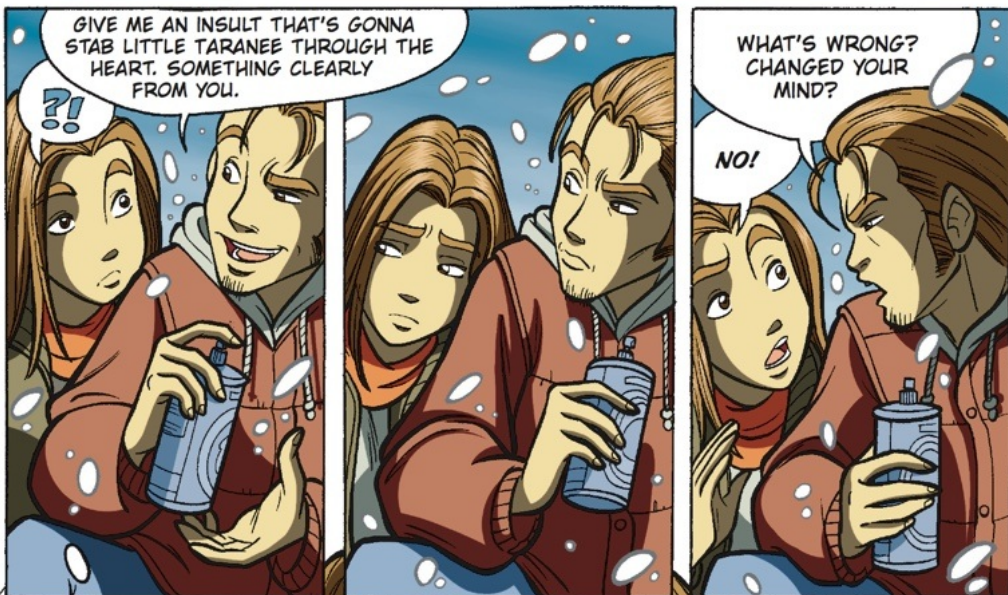
Drops of Freedom

"It takes a lot of courage to make a decision."









THE FIRST WINTER SNOW IS FALLING, AND SOMEONE IN HEATHERFIELD IS DREAMING...



...WHILE SOMEONE ELSE WOULD LIKE TO.



MMH...



...'ELLO...



WHO'S CALLING SO LATE?

SARAH!



NO NEED TO APOLOGIZE! WHAT'S UP?



YOU...AT THE HOSPITAL? WHAT... HOW? WHY?

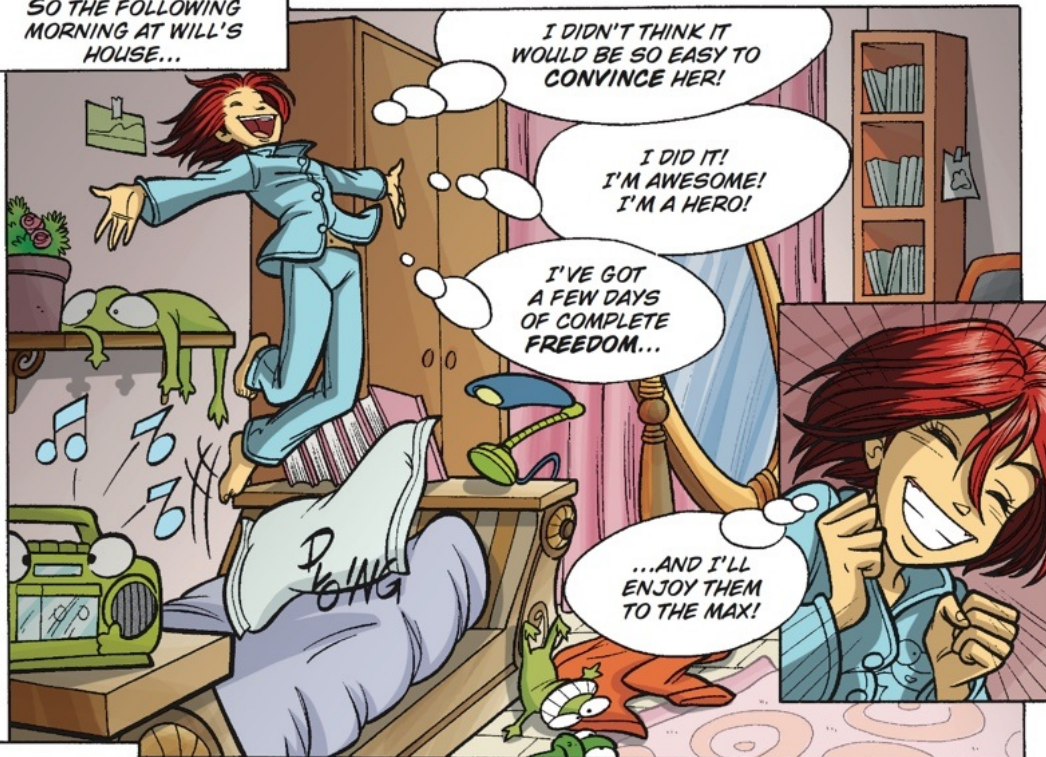


PPFFT...





SO THE FOLLOWING
MORNING AT WILL'S
HOUSE...



I DIDN'T THINK IT
WOULD BE SO EASY TO
CONVINCE HER!

I DID IT!
I'M AWESOME!
I'M A HERO!

I'VE GOT
A FEW DAYS
OF COMPLETE
FREEDOM...

...AND I'LL
ENJOY THEM
TO THE MAX!

BUT NOT
EVERYONE'S
HAPPY.

WHO COULD
HAVE DONE
THIS?

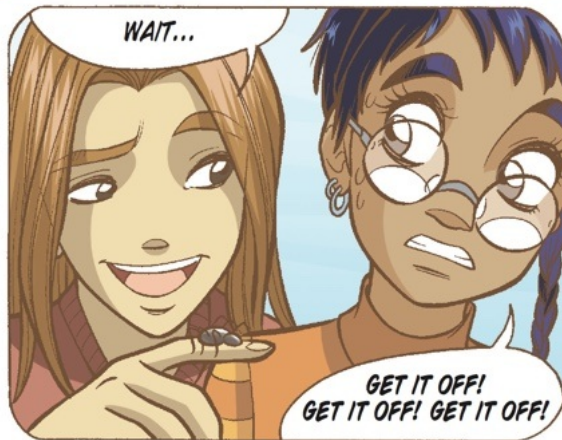
ANY ONE OF THE IDIOTS
I HAVE TO DEAL WITH...
BUT I DON'T GET WHAT
IT MEANS...



YOU DON'T GET IT
BECAUSE IT'S NOT
ABOUT YOU.

WHAT'S
UP?

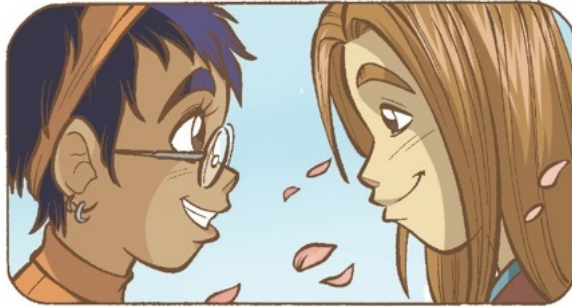
"IT HAPPENED A WHILE AGO AT THE PARK, WHEN I STILL THOUGHT HE WAS AMAZING AND SPECIAL..."





SORRY. I'M AN
INSUFFERABLE COWARD!

I THINK YOU'RE GREAT
JUST THE WAY
YOU ARE!



"TOO MUCH HAS
CHANGED SINCE
THAT DAY."

HE DOESN'T TALK TO ME
ANYMORE. HE AVOIDS ME,
AND NOW...THIS!

C'MERE...



BOYS ARE **MONSTERS!**

THANKS
A LOT,
SIS!



I DIDN'T MEAN YOU!

I KNOW, BUT I
DON'T THINK NIGEL
IS A MONSTER.



MAYBE HE'S GOT A
GOOD REASON FOR NOT
BEING AROUND.



JUST FOCUS ON GETTING
OVER THE PAIN. THEN
YOU'LL BE ABLE TO FACE
YOUR FRIEND AND ASK FOR
AN EXPLANATION.

THE MORNING'S
NOT OVER
YET...

WELL DONE,
EVERYONE.
THE TEST WENT
REALLY WELL.

stitute

ADMIT IT, TEACH.
WE'RE GENIUSES!

DON'T SPEAK
TOO SOON,
IRMA.

EVERYONE DID WELL
ON THEIR TEST...
EXCEPT YOU!

HUH?!

NOW TELL ME WHAT THIS
MEANS...LANG BUMP BUMP
BOOO IRMA?

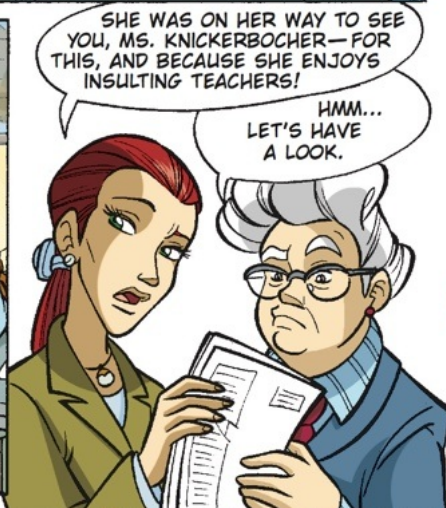
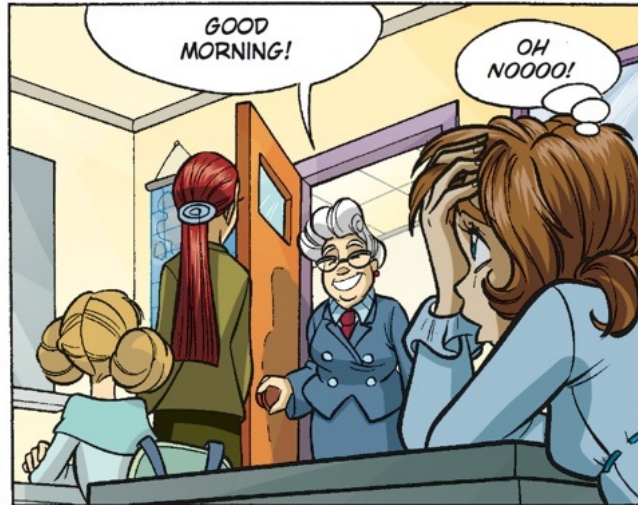
A SECRET
CODE?

ISN'T IT TIME TO GROW UP
AND STOP WITH THIS
SILLINESS?

AND DO
YOU KNOW
THAT WHEN
YOU'RE
ANNOYED YOU
LOOK LIKE
AN OWL?

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I'LL MAKE A NOTE OF ANY UNJUSTIFIED ABSENCES. WHOEVER MISSES THE CONFERENCE WILL BE PENALIZED AND HAVE TO DEAL WITH ME. IS THAT CLEAR, IRMA?



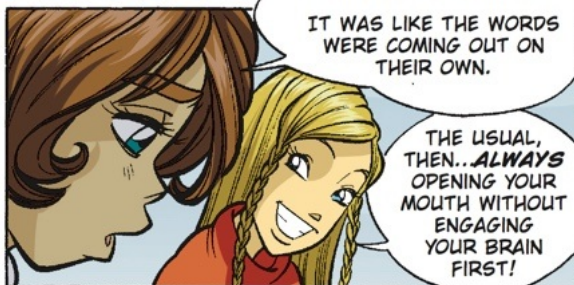
...WHAT WERE YOU THINKING?

DON'T ASK ME. I DON'T KNOW!



I DIDN'T MEAN TO WRITE WHAT I WROTE OR SAY WHAT I SAID.

?!



IT WAS LIKE THE WORDS WERE COMING OUT ON THEIR OWN.

THE USUAL, THEN...*ALWAYS* OPENING YOUR MOUTH WITHOUT ENGAGING YOUR BRAIN FIRST!



NO, NO, NO! THIS WAS DIFFERENT, LIKE SOMEONE ELSE...

HEY!



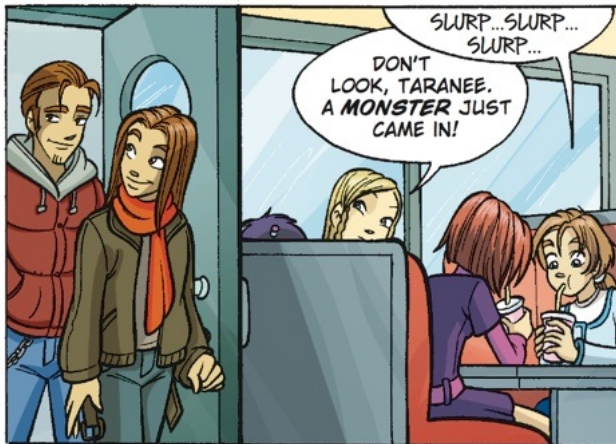
ENOUGH WITH THE LAME EXCUSES. YOU JUST MESSSED UP MORE THAN USUAL.

THANKS FOR THE VOTE OF CONFIDENCE!



IF THAT'S WHAT YOU THINK, WE'D BETTER CHANGE THE SUBJECT.









HERE SHE COMES!



HOW MUCH DO WE OWE, DOTTY?

HERE'S THE BILL, DEAR.



ARE YOU KIDDING? WE ORDERED MILKSHAKES, NOT DIAMOND JUICE!

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DON'T YOU REMEMBER? THIS INCLUDES ALL THE STUFF FROM LAST TIME!

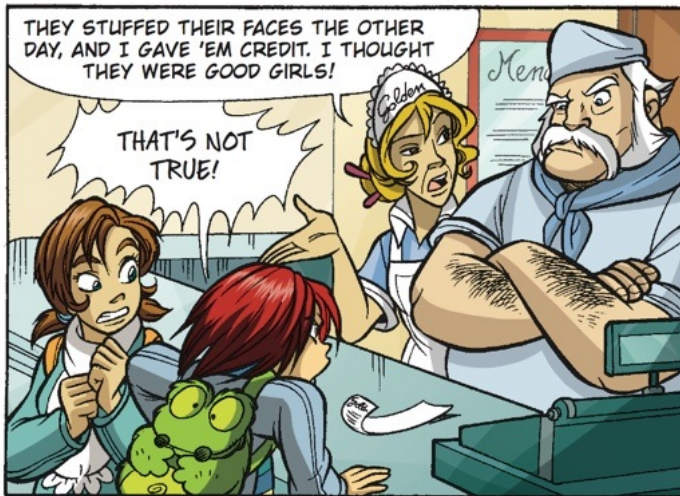
WHAT STUFF? WE ALWAYS PAY RIGHT AWAY!



BOSS! SOMEONE DOESN'T WANNA PAY!



OH-HO! WE GOT HERE AT A GOOD TIME!





THERE ISN'T ALWAYS CALM
AFTER THE STORM...



AT THE GOLDEN, THE
AFTERMATH OF THE BILL
FIASCO RUMBLES ON...

YOU WERE EMBARRASSED
IN FRONT OF YOUR FRIEND,
WEREN'T YOU?

REMEMBER WHO SHE IS.
WE CAN ONLY TRUST
EACH OTHER...

I JUST
DON'T LIKE
ATTRACTING
ATTENTION,
THAT'S ALL.

"OTHER THAN THAT, WE'RE
ON OUR OWN LIKE WE
ALWAYS WERE."



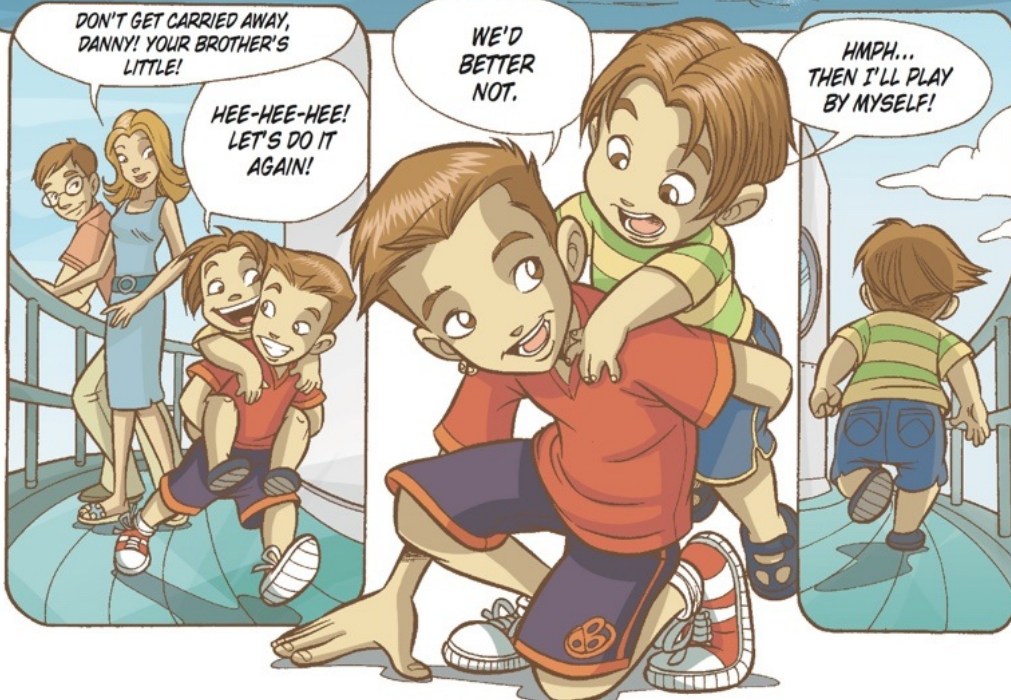
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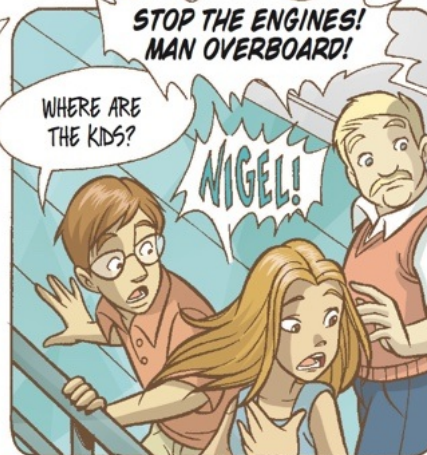
DON'T GET CARRIED AWAY,
DANNY! YOUR BROTHER'S
LITTLE!

HEE-HEE-HEE!
LET'S DO IT
AGAIN!

WE'D
BETTER
NOT.

HMPH...
THEN I'LL PLAY
BY MYSELF!





THE HALE
RESIDENCE. A SPY
LIES IN WAIT.



HA-HA! SO
IT'S TRUE!



I WAS HAVING A LOT OF
FUN WITH YOU TOO!

BLEAH. LISTEN
TO HER!



I'M AFRAID
IT WON'T HAPPEN
ANYTIME SOON.



WE'RE
TOO FAR
APART.



I MISS
YOU TOO,
RICK!





HA-HA-HA!
I HEARD YOU! I
KNOW EVERY-
THING!

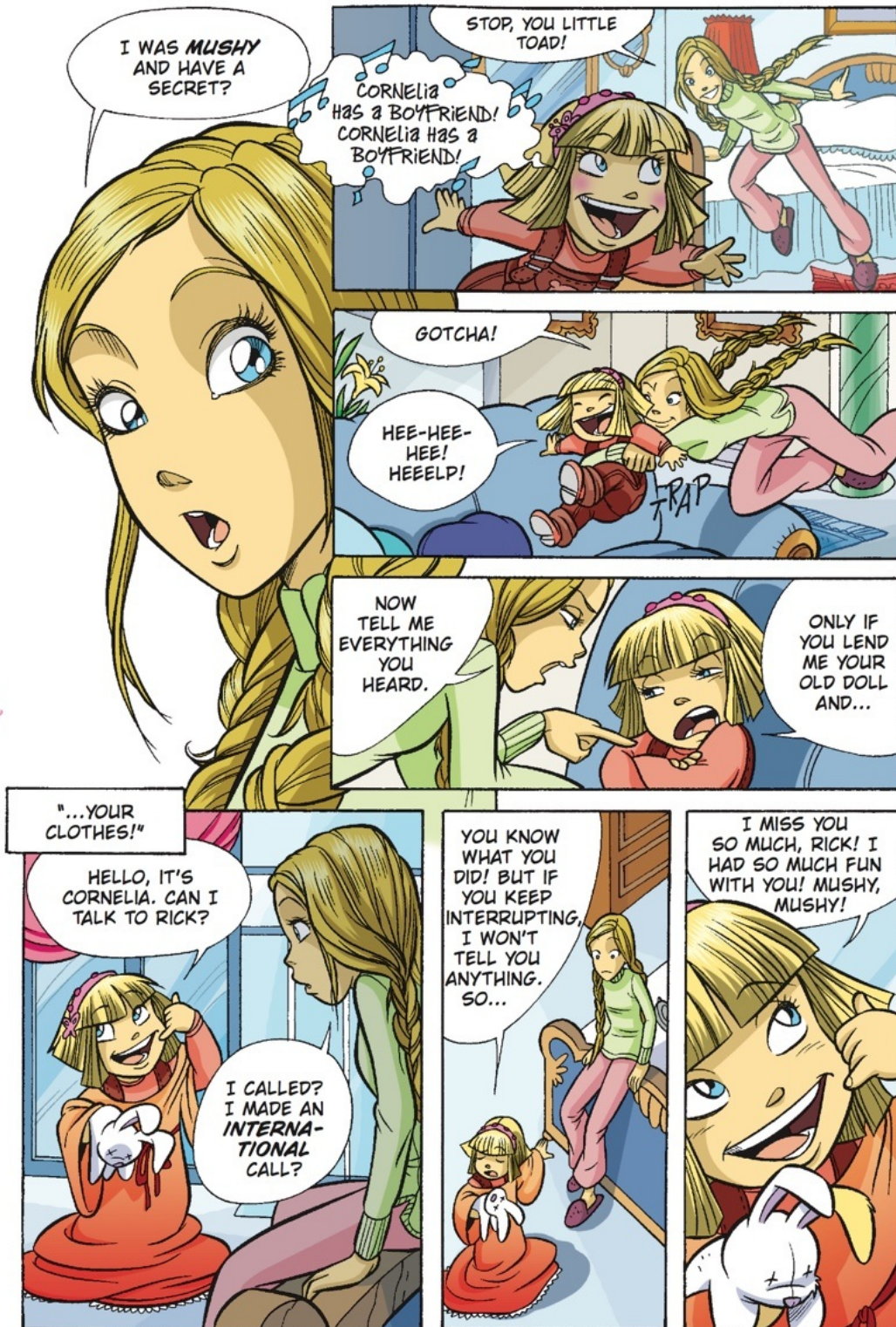


NOW I'LL TELL
MOM YOUR
SECRET!

I'LL TELL
EVERYONE!



I HEARD
YOU BEING ALL
MUSHY ON THE
PHONE!



RENDEZVOUS AT
THE PARK ON THE
USUAL BENCH.



I'M SURE SOMETHING'S
GOING ON, BUT I DON'T
KNOW WHAT.

AREN'T YOU
MAKING TOO
BIG A DEAL
OF IT?



I DON'T THINK SO. IRMA
WRITES NONSENSE IN
A TEST, THEN SHE
DOESN'T EVEN
REMEMBER
IT...



...TARANEE ATTACKS NIGEL,
I MAKE A *MUSHY*
PHONE CALL TO THAT
RICK...

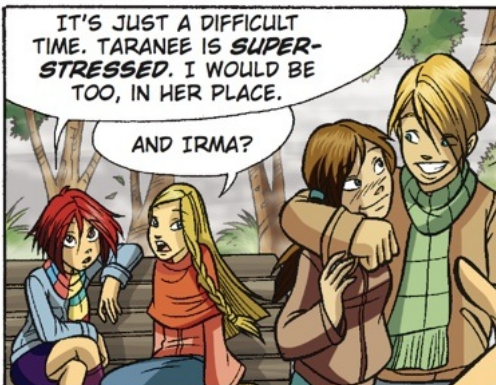


...THEN FORGET
I'D DONE IT!
THIS ISN'T
NORMAL!



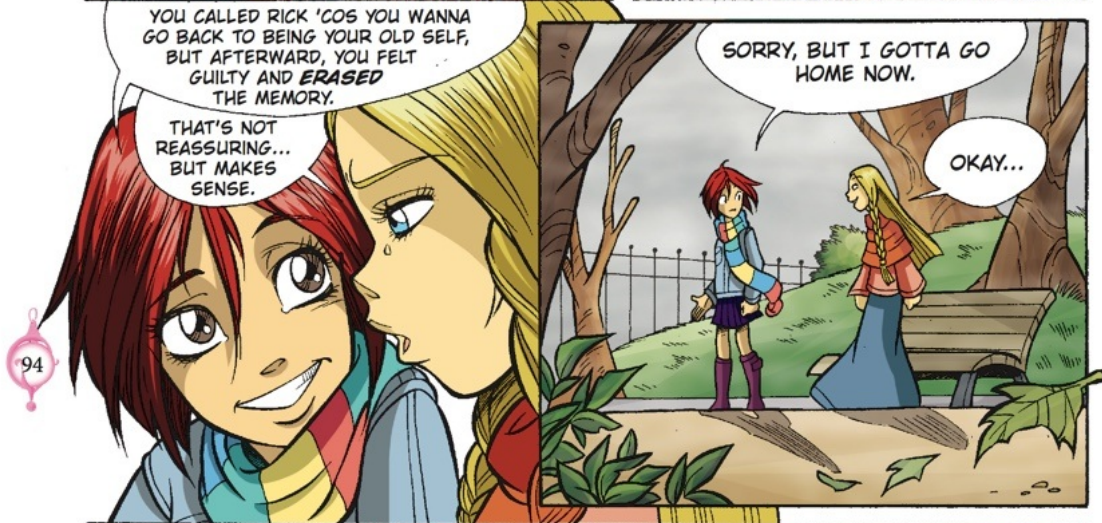
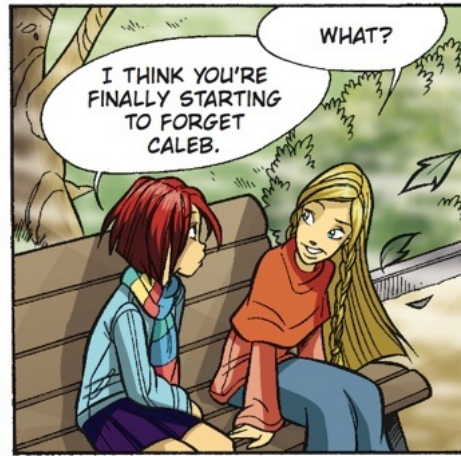
IT'S JUST A DIFFICULT
TIME. TARANEE IS *SUPER-
STRESSED*. I WOULD BE
TOO, IN HER PLACE.

AND IRMA?



HA-HA-HA!
IRMA IS IRMA!





HEATHER-FIELD.
VANDOM
HOUSE.

C'MON...
PICK UP!

I'M COMING!
I'M COMING!

...NGHG!

I SAID I'M
COMING!

HELLO?

It's me! I
was starting
to think you
wouldn't
answer!

I WANTED TO TELL
YOU THE TEST WENT
GREAT. I CHECKED WITH
THE OTHERS, AND I GOT
ALL THE ANSWERS
RIGHT.

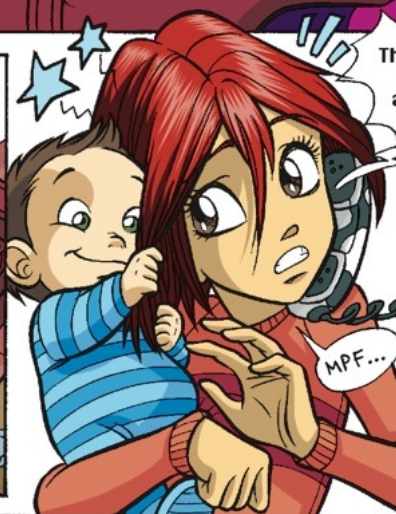


GOOD! AND THE REST?

I FOLLOWED YOUR INSTRUCTIONS TO THE LETTER.



AFTER SCHOOL, I CAME HOME, AND I'VE BEEN HERE SINCE.



MPF...

Then I told Cornelia, Irma, Hay Lin, and Taraneh what happened, like you said.

Everything's going great!



OH NOOO!

Listen... keep up the good work!



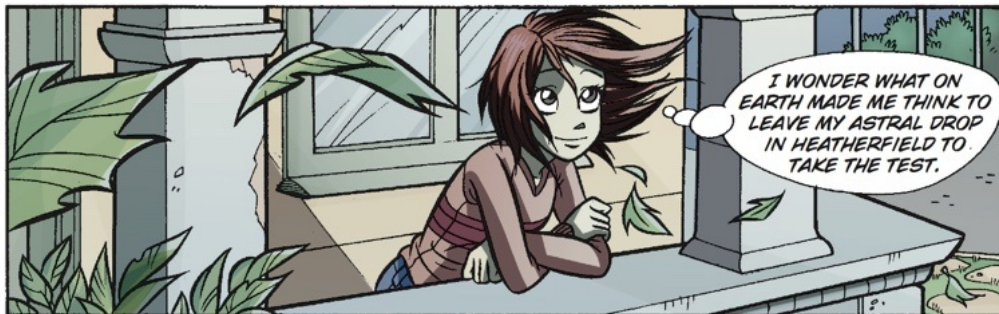
PLEASANT AS ALWAYS. EVEN IF I'D DONE AS SHE SAID, SHE WOULDN'T HAVE BOTHERED SAYING THANKS!

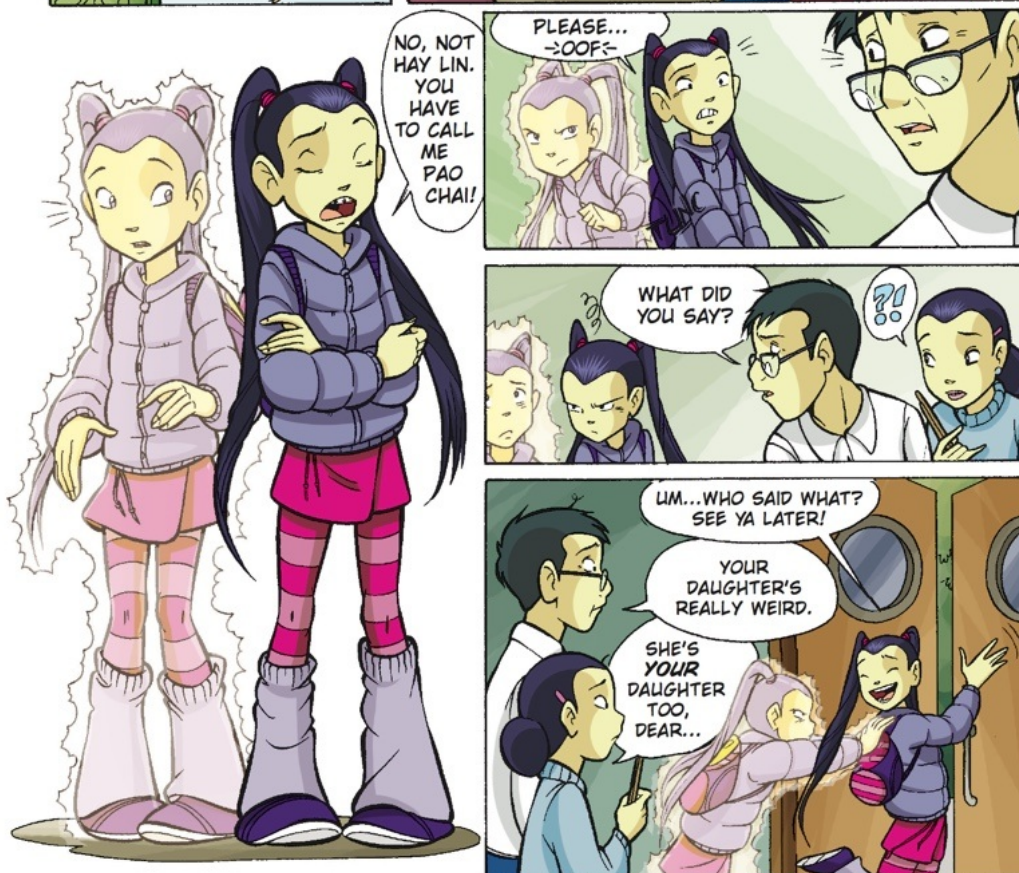
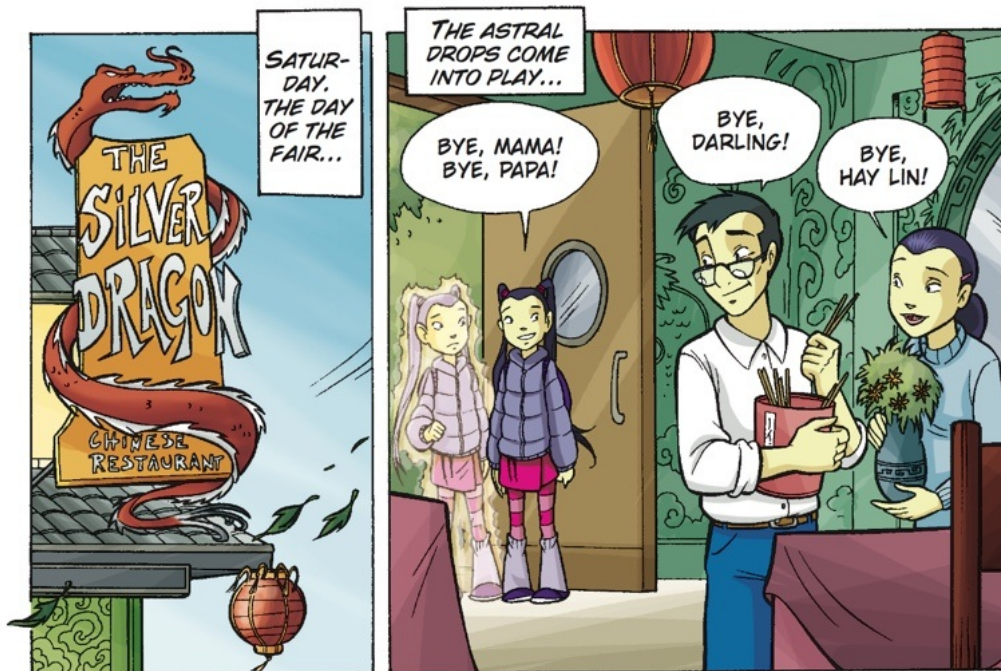


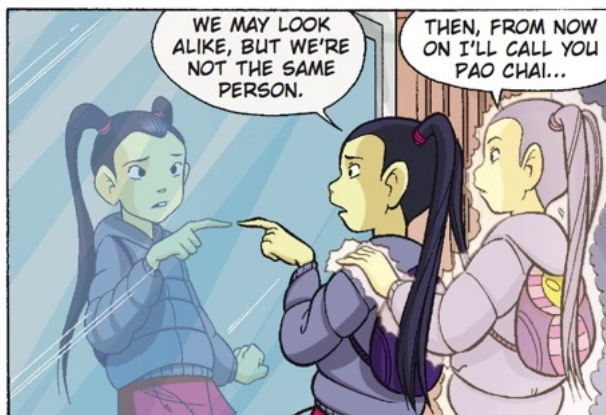
SO GOOD THING I DID WHAT I WANTED!

FADDEN HILLS. SARAH ROBERTS' HOUSE.





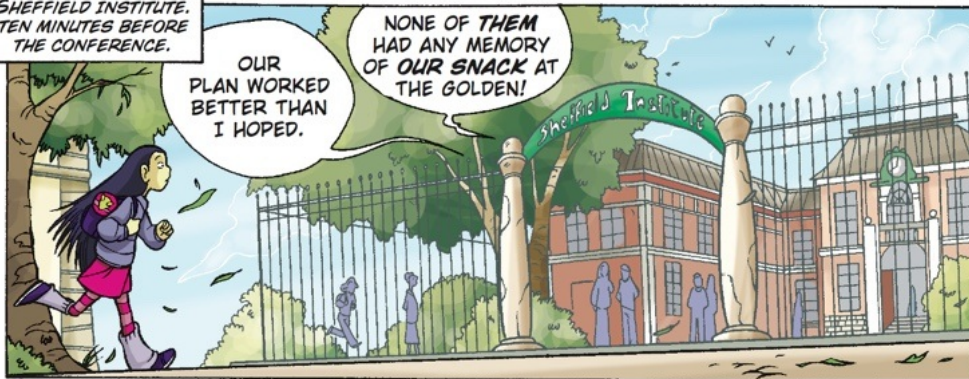




SHEFFIELD INSTITUTE.
TEN MINUTES BEFORE
THE CONFERENCE.

OUR
PLAN WORKED
BETTER THAN
I HOPED.

NONE OF THEM
HAD ANY MEMORY
OF OUR SNACK AT
THE GOLDEN!



ACTUALLY,
WE DID WAY
MORE.

YEAH.
WE MANAGED
TO IMPOSE OUR
WILL ON THOSE
WITCHES.



HOW'D YOU DO
THAT?

IT'S NOT
HARD. YOU
JUST HAVE TO
WAIT FOR WHEN
THEY'RE FEELING
INSECURE.



IRMA WAS
TERRIFIED DURING
THE TEST, AND I
NOTICED I COULD
THINK, FEEL, AND EXIST
WITHOUT HER
REALIZING...

I COULDN'T
RESIST WRITING
ALL THAT
STUPID STUFF.



WE GOTTA BE CAREFUL WITH
CORNELIA. SHE CAN'T ACCEPT
HAVING CALLED RICK...
SHE MAY SUSPECT
SOMETHING.

YOU MADE
HER DO
SOMETHING
LIKE THAT?



AND I DIDN'T LET HER KNOW
WHAT WE SAID. AT LEAST NOT
DIRECTLY!

WOW!
YOU
ROCK!



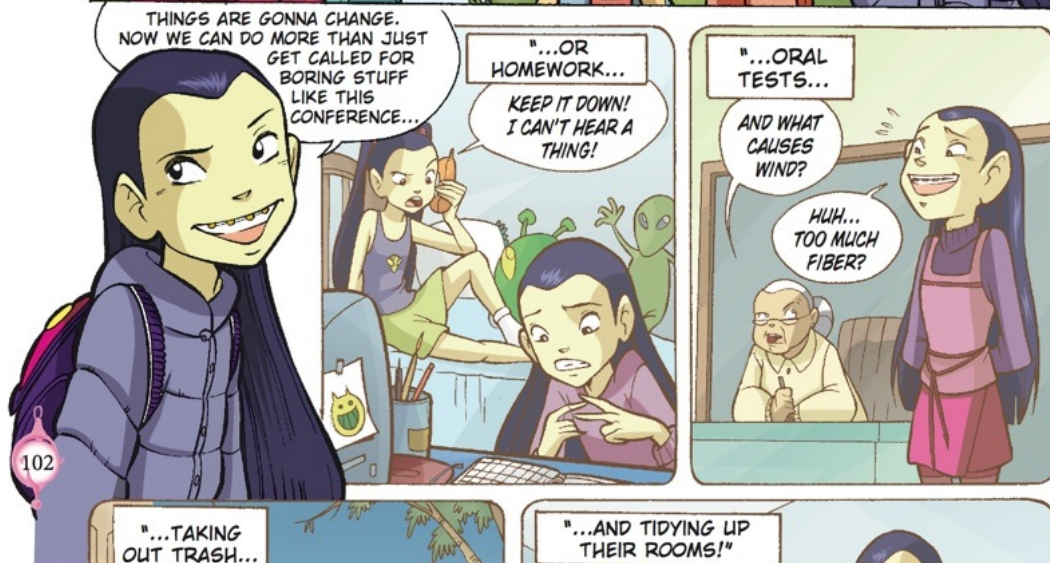


HEY! I **MADE**
TARANEE **INSULT**
NIGEL!

SHE DID BETTER.
SHE MADE WILL
CREATE HER AND
LEAVE HER IN
HEATHERFIELD
ALONE!

THANKS...

YAY!



THINGS ARE GONNA CHANGE.
NOW WE CAN DO MORE THAN JUST
GET CALLED FOR
BORING STUFF
LIKE THIS
CONFERENCE...

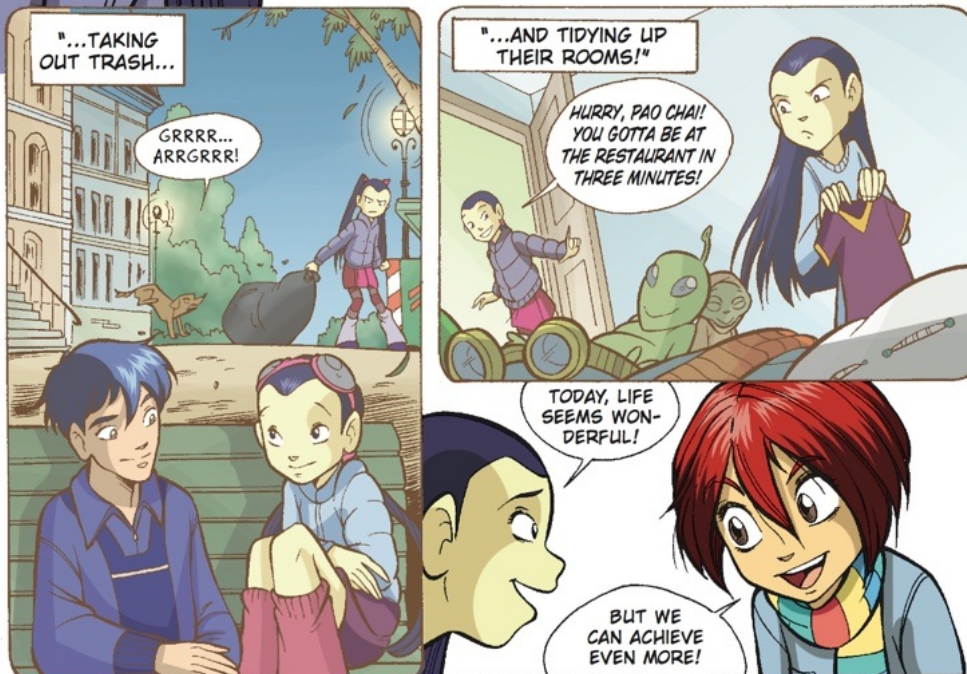
"...OR
HOMEWORK...
KEEP IT DOWN!
I CAN'T HEAR A
THING!"

"...ORAL
TESTS..."

AND WHAT
CAUSES
WIND?

HUH...
TOO MUCH
FIBER?

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"...TAKING
OUT TRASH..."

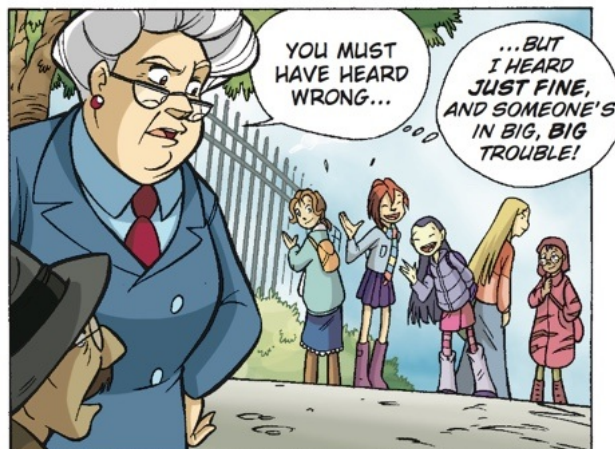
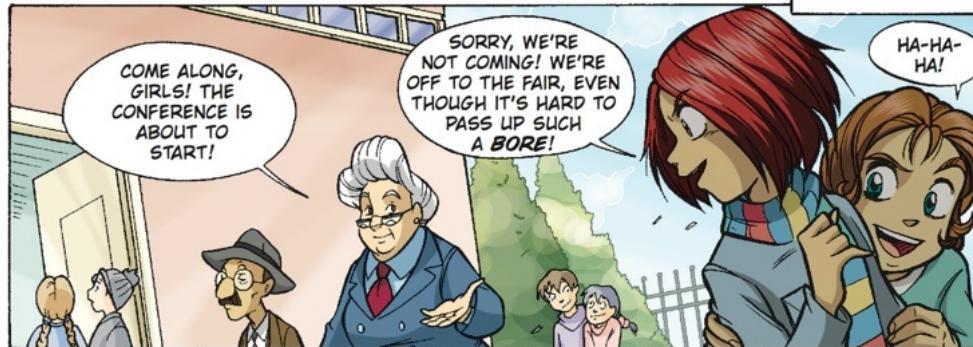
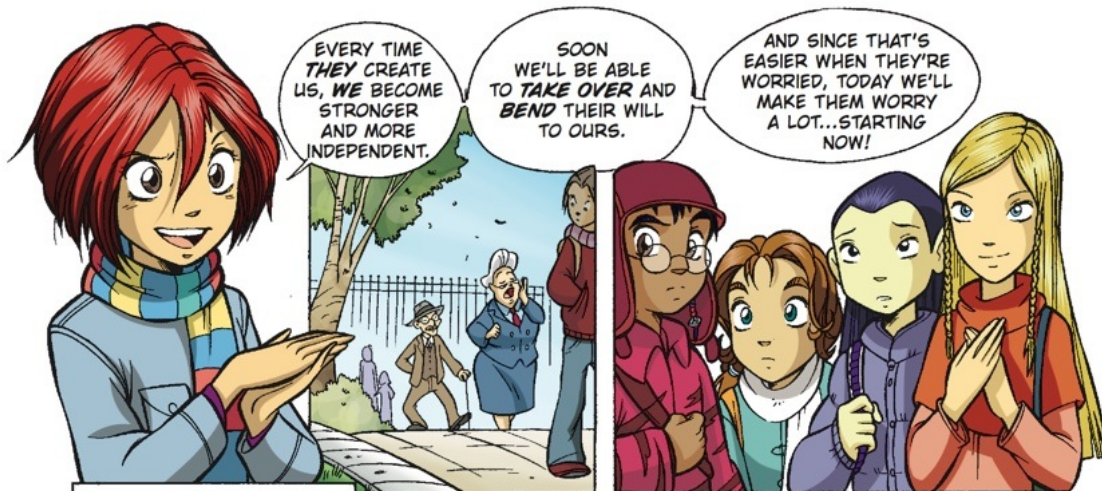
GRRRR...
ARRGRRR!

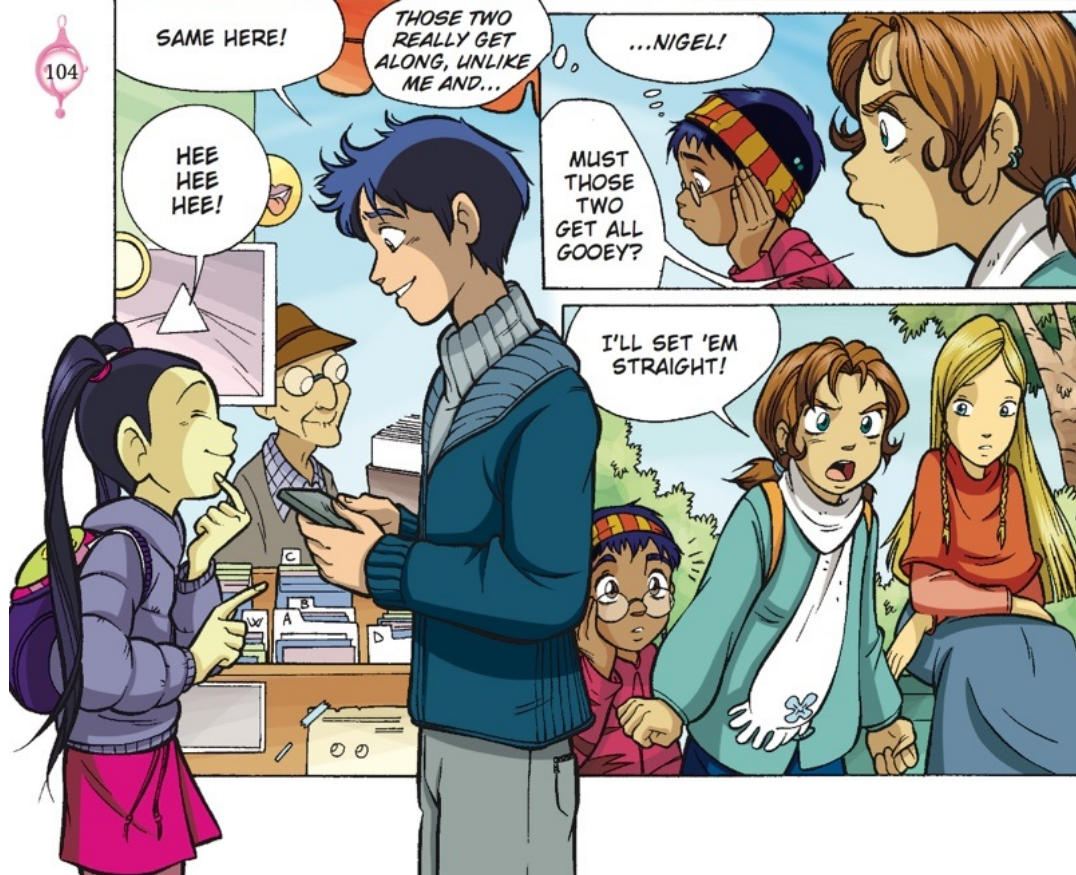
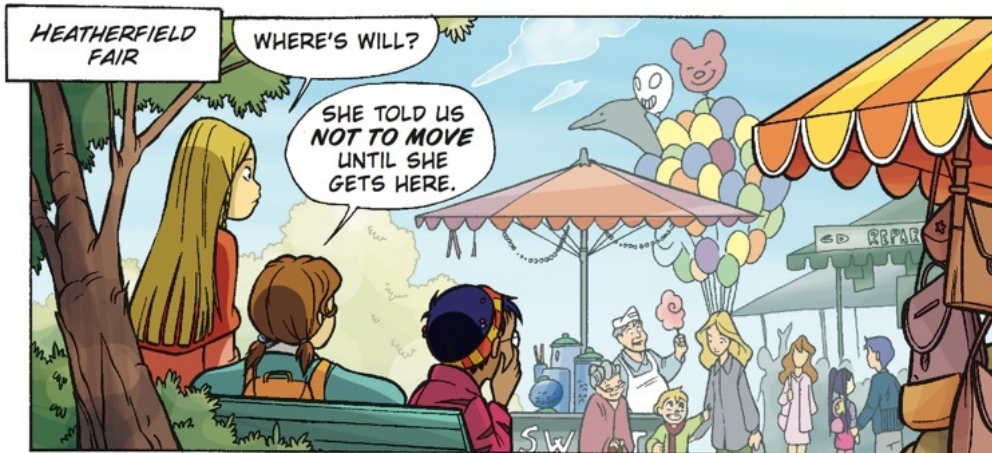
"...AND TIDYING UP
THEIR ROOMS!"

HURRY, PAO CHAI!
YOU GOTTA BE AT
THE RESTAURANT IN
THREE MINUTES!

TODAY, LIFE
SEEMS WON-
DERFUL!

BUT WE
CAN ACHIEVE
EVEN MORE!











SEE YA, NIGEL!

GOT NOTHIN' BETTER TO DO THAN HANG OUT WITH THOSE LOSERS?

HMPH...



HA-HA! HE'D RATHER DIE? WHAT A TOUGH GUY!

I THOUGHT DANNY LEFT HEATHERFIELD?



YEAH, BUT NOW HE'S BACK.

YOU DON'T KNOW THE STORY?

WHAT STORY?



THE ARCHER WHO SHOT EVERY PARKING METER IN TOWN?

THAT WAS HIM?

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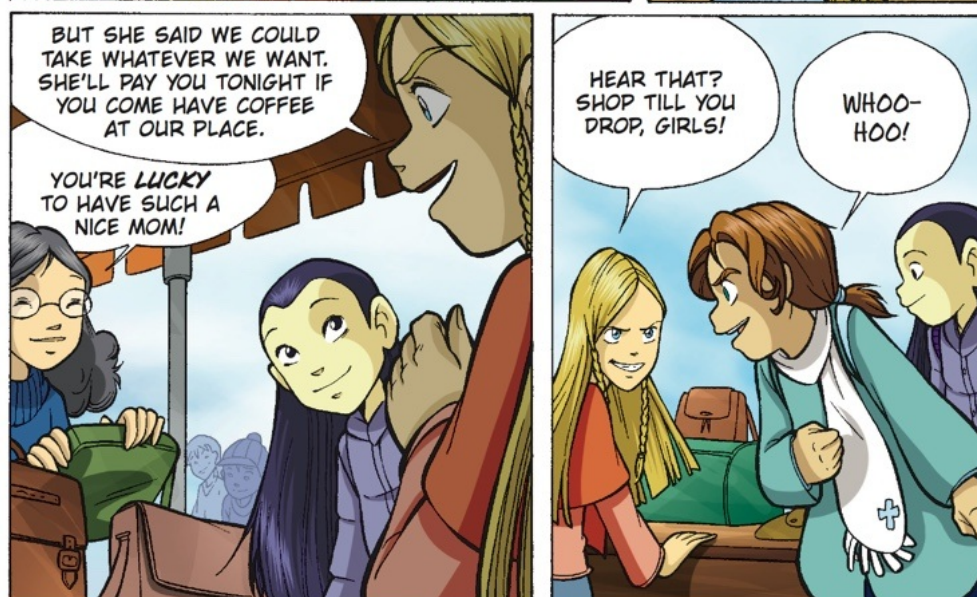
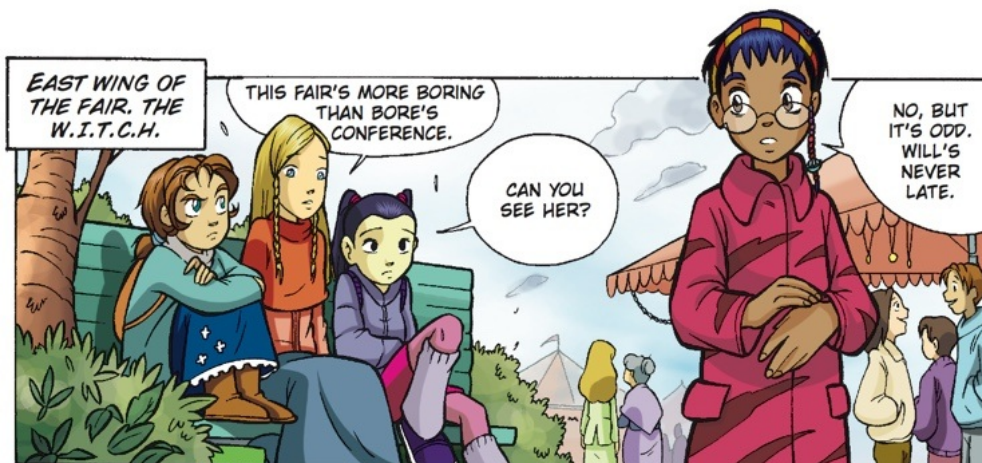


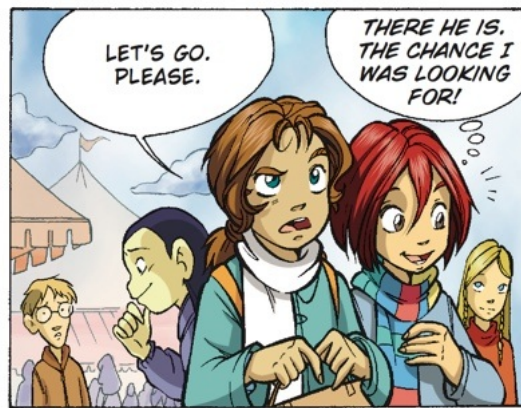
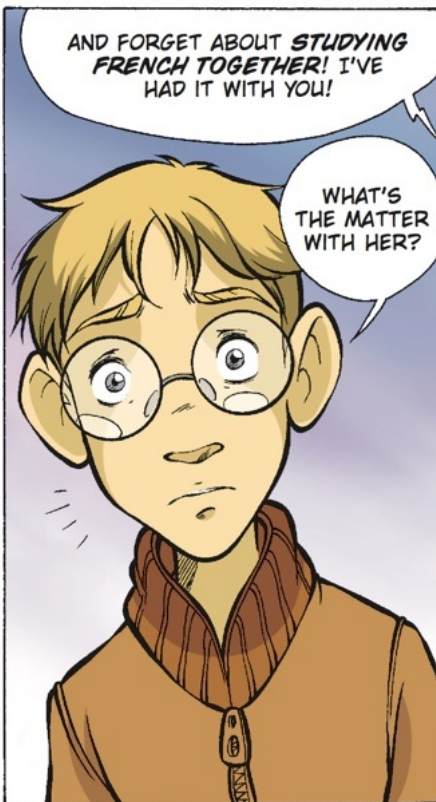
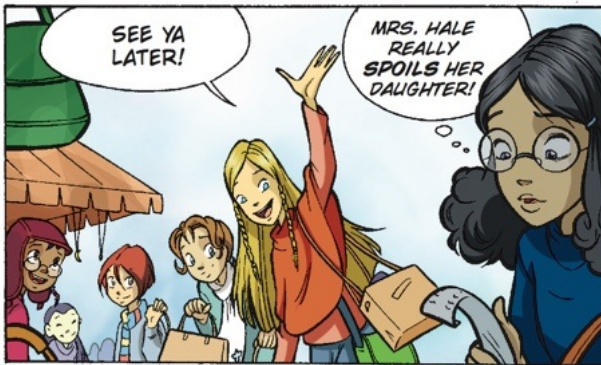
OH YEAH. WHEN THEY CAUGHT HIM, HIS MOM SENT HIM TO DO COMMUNITY SERVICE IN OUTLEBY.

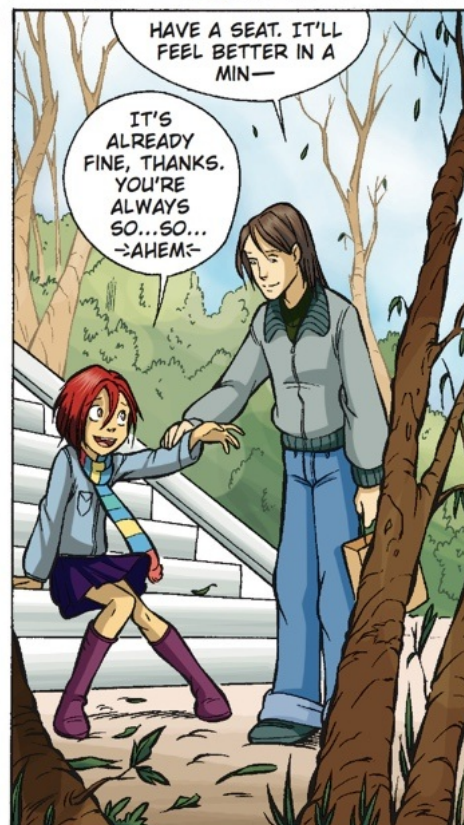
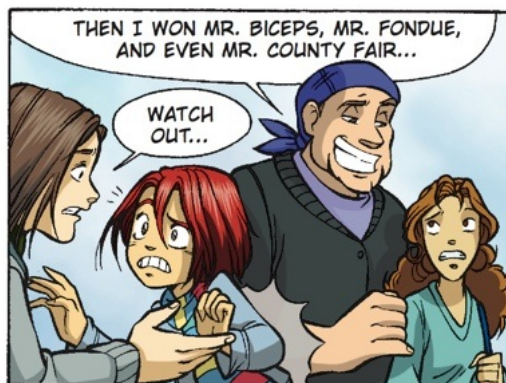
NOW HE'S OUT AND BACK IN HEATHERFIELD FOR GOOD.



HIS IDIOT BROTHER'S BACK, AND NIGEL GETS ALL WEIRD. WHAT A COINCIDENCE!







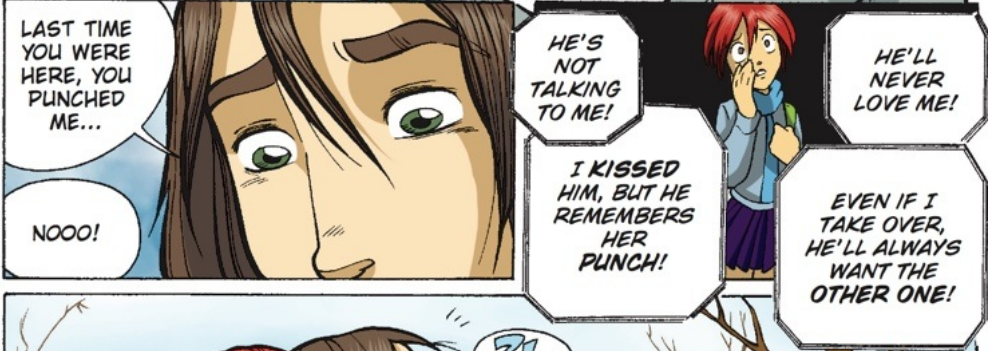


YOU'RE ALWAYS... SO...

YOU TOO.



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LAST TIME YOU WERE HERE, YOU PUNCHED ME...

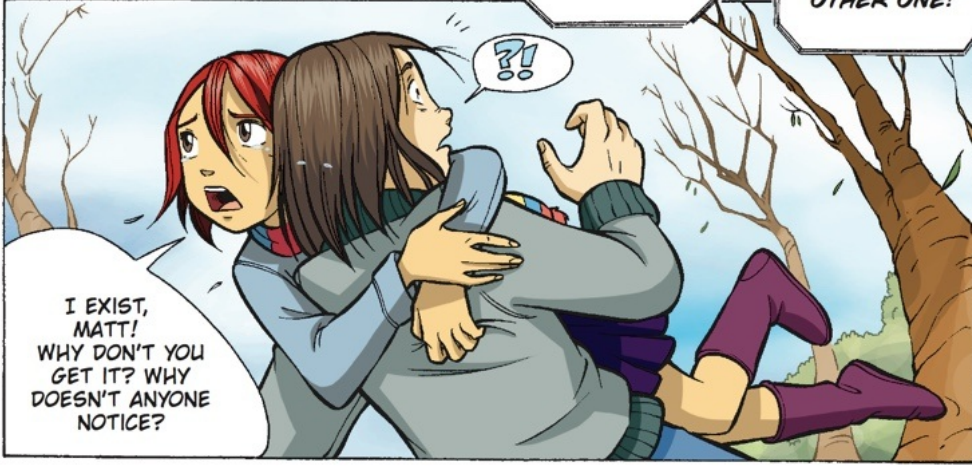
NOOO!

HE'S NOT TALKING TO ME!

I KISSED HIM, BUT HE REMEMBERS HER PUNCH!

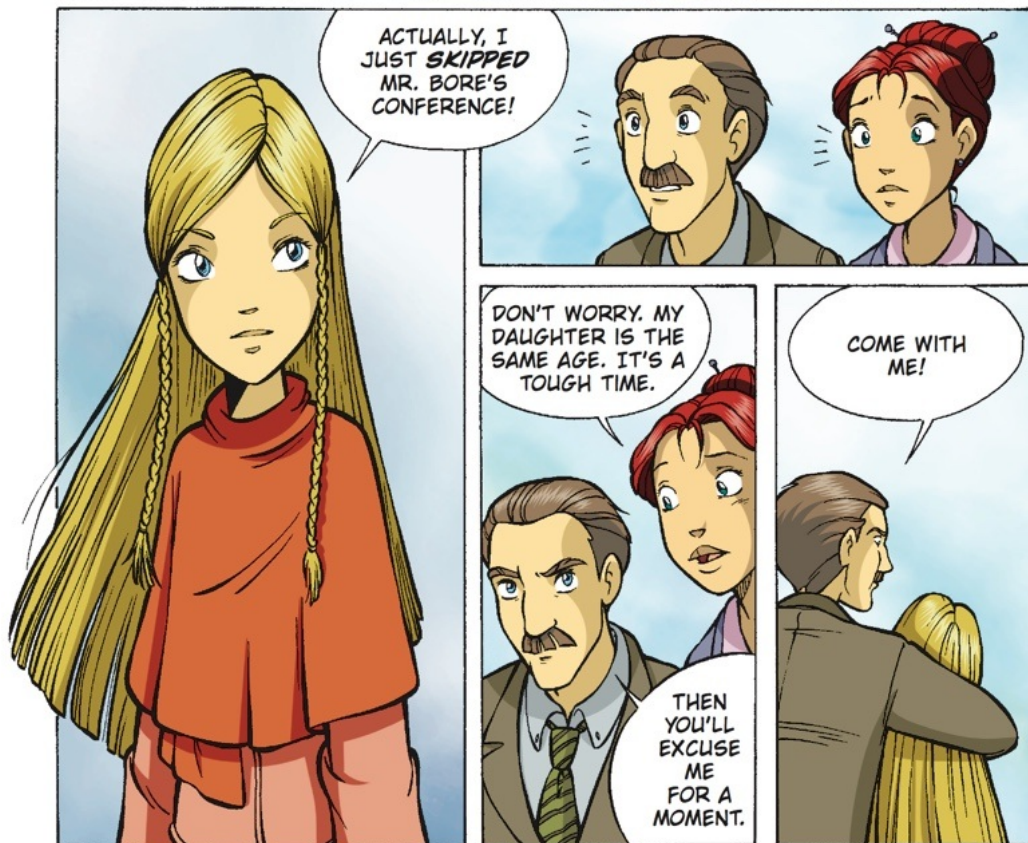
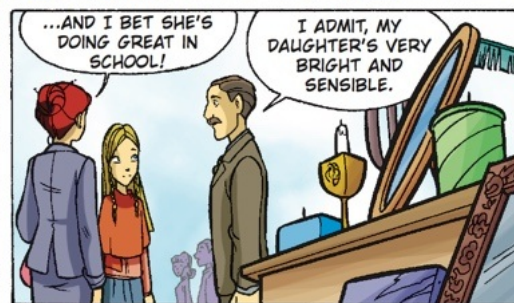
HE'LL NEVER LOVE ME!

EVEN IF I TAKE OVER, HE'LL ALWAYS WANT THE OTHER ONE!



?!

I EXIST, MATT! WHY DON'T YOU GET IT? WHY DOESN'T ANYONE NOTICE?





ELSEWHERE, FOR
ANOTHER PARENT,
THINGS ARE GOING
BETTER...



I GOTTA ADMIT IT, YOU'VE BEEN
GREAT THESE PAST FEW DAYS!

HEY, THAT'S A
COMPLIMENT! DID
AN ALIEN TAKE
OVER YOUR
MIND?



SINCE EVERYTHING'S GONE
SO WELL...INSTEAD OF
GOING HOME, WOULD
YOU TAKE ME...



"...TO THE FAIR?"

GUYS! SO
LUCKY TO FIND
YOU HERE!

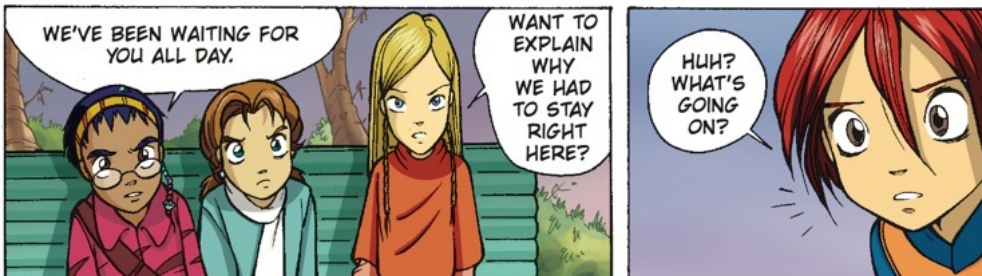
IF THAT'S
A JOKE, IT'S
NOT FUNNY!



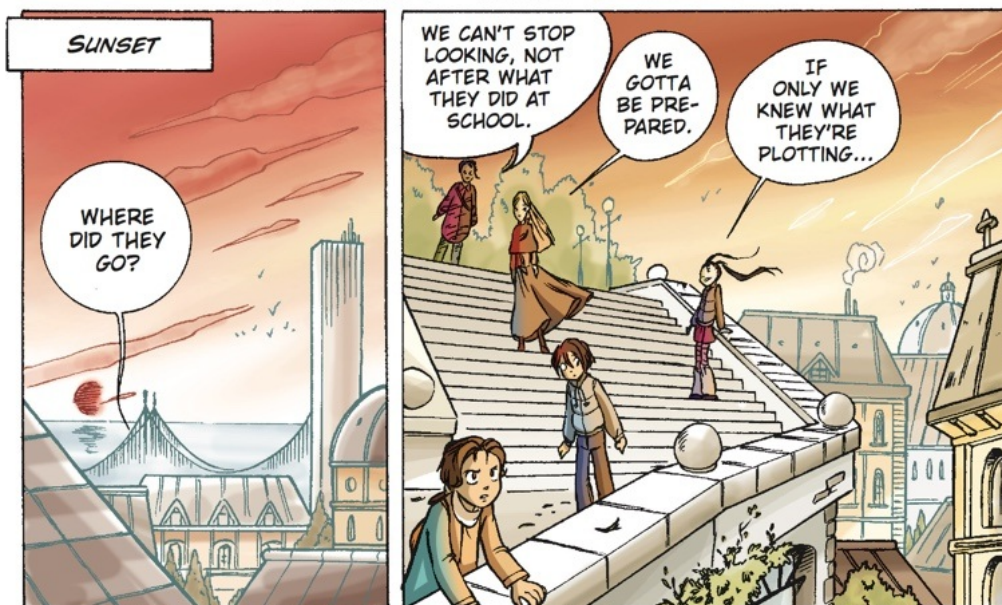
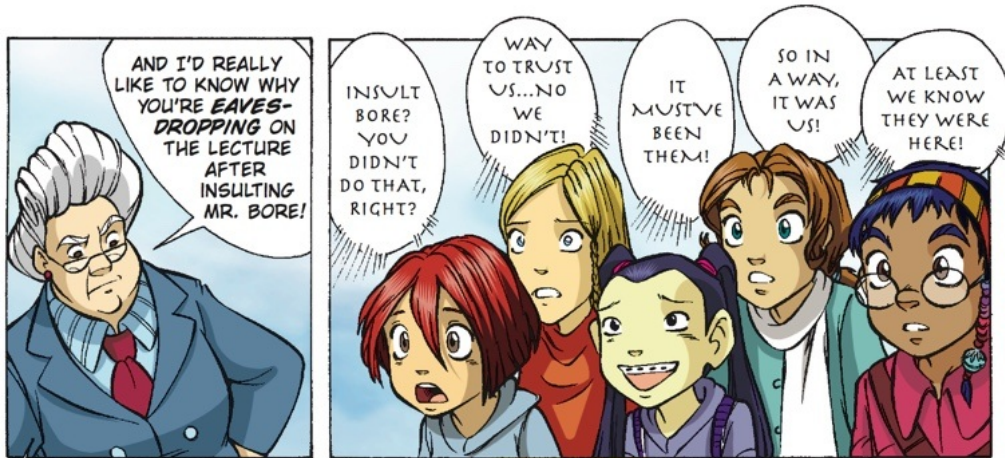
WE'VE BEEN WAITING FOR
YOU ALL DAY.

WANT TO
EXPLAIN
WHY
WE HAD
TO STAY
RIGHT
HERE?

HUH?
WHAT'S
GOING
ON?







MEANWHILE, THE FAIR IS COMING TO A CLOSE...



...AND WITH IT, THE ASTRAL DROPS' MOST AMAZING DAY EVER.

SHAME IT'S ALMOST OVER!

BUT IT WAS SUCH A NICE DAY, AND THE AIR'S SO CRISP...

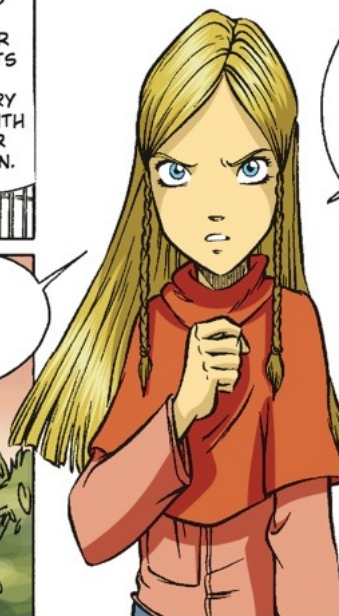


WHAT SHALL WE DO NOW?

WE GO BACK TO OUR TYRANTS AND CARRY ON WITH OUR PLAN.



I DUNNO ABOUT YOU, BUT I REALLY DON'T WANNA MERGE BACK NOW.



EVEN IF WE TAKE OVER... WHAT WOULD WE GET?

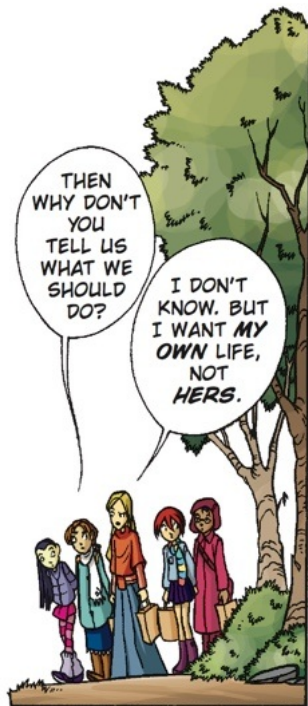
WHAT A FUN PROSPECT...

I DON'T WANT TO!



JUST BORROWED LIVES!





THEN WHY DON'T YOU TELL US WHAT WE SHOULD DO?

I DON'T KNOW. BUT I WANT **MY OWN LIFE**, NOT **HERS**.

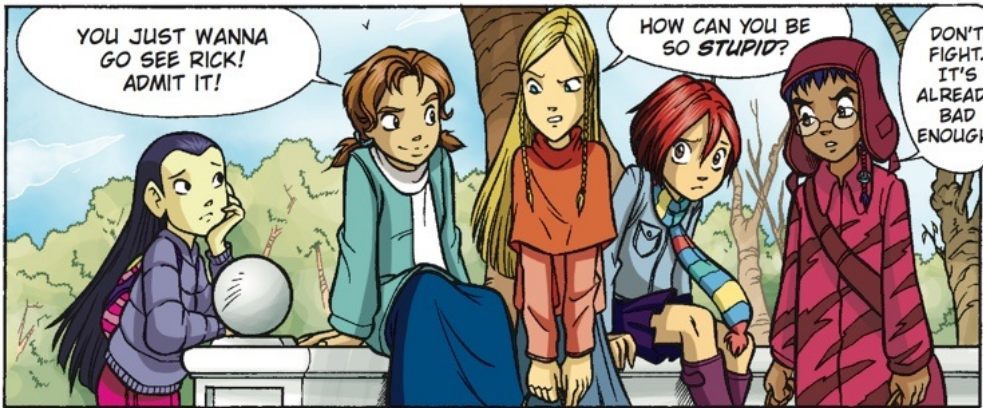


I DON'T WANT SOMEONE TO HUG ME THINKING HE'S HUGGING **HER**!



AND I DON'T WANNA WEAR THE CLOTHES **SHE** CHOSE.

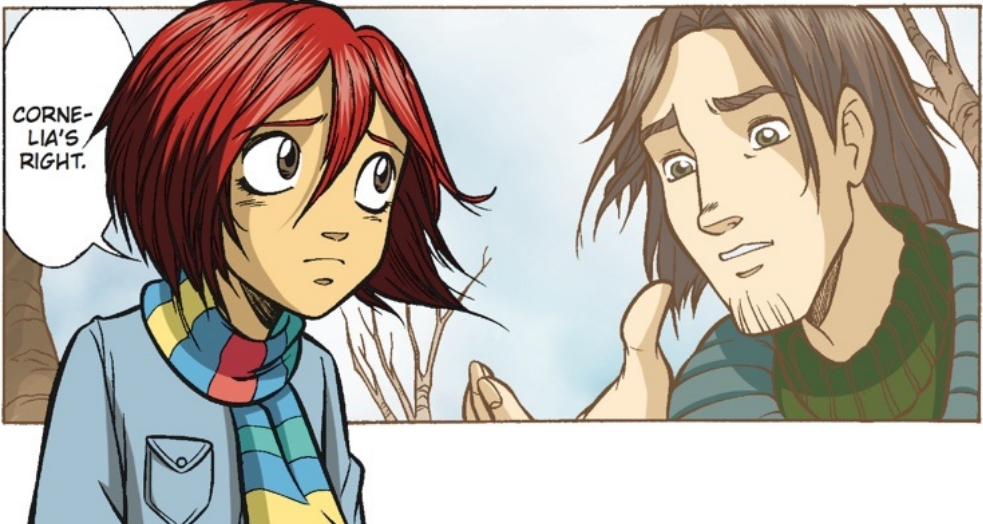
I WANT **MY LIFE**, A THOUSAND MILES FROM EVERYTHING TO DO WITH **HER**!



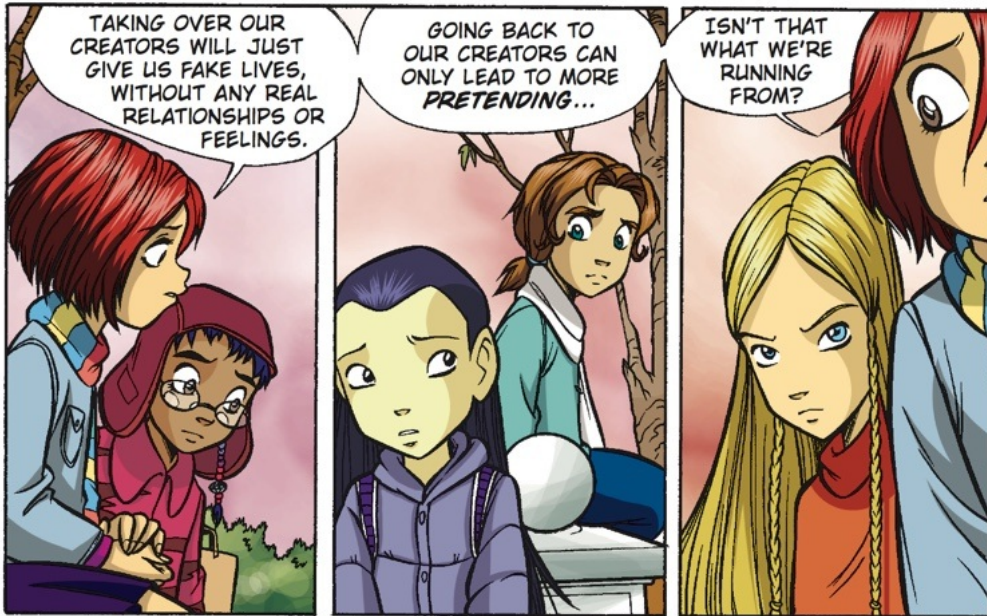
YOU JUST WANNA GO SEE RICK! ADMIT IT!

HOW CAN YOU BE SO **STUPID**?

DON'T FIGHT. IT'S ALREADY BAD ENOUGH.



CORNE-LIA'S RIGHT.



IT TAKES A LOT
OF COURAGE TO
MAKE A DECISION.



I CAN'T BELIEVE IT. TIGER
NEVER LIKES STRANGERS!

MY NEW ASSISTANT
HAS A SPECIAL
TALENT WITH
ANIMALS!



COME TO
MOMMY!

URGH...TAKE
IT EASY!

MEOWWWW!



HEH-HEH! REBECCA
MIGHT HAVE TOO MUCH
TALENT!

WHAT'S THIS?
ARE YOU TRYING
TO BE FUNNY?

HUH?



TOO BAD SHE'S
REALLY NOT
GOOD WITH
MONEY...



REBECCA...IF
SOMEONE PAYS
WITH A TWENTY,
YOU CAN'T GIVE
THEM FIFTY
DOLLARS
CHANGE!

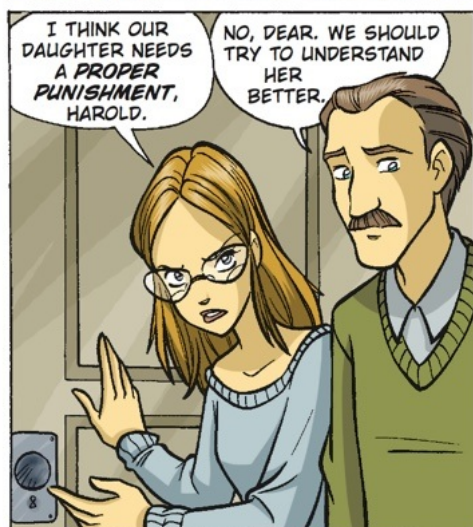
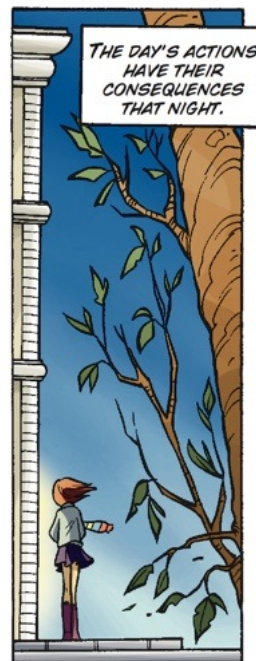
OOPS...
SORRY, I
THOUGHT
IT WAS A
FIVE!

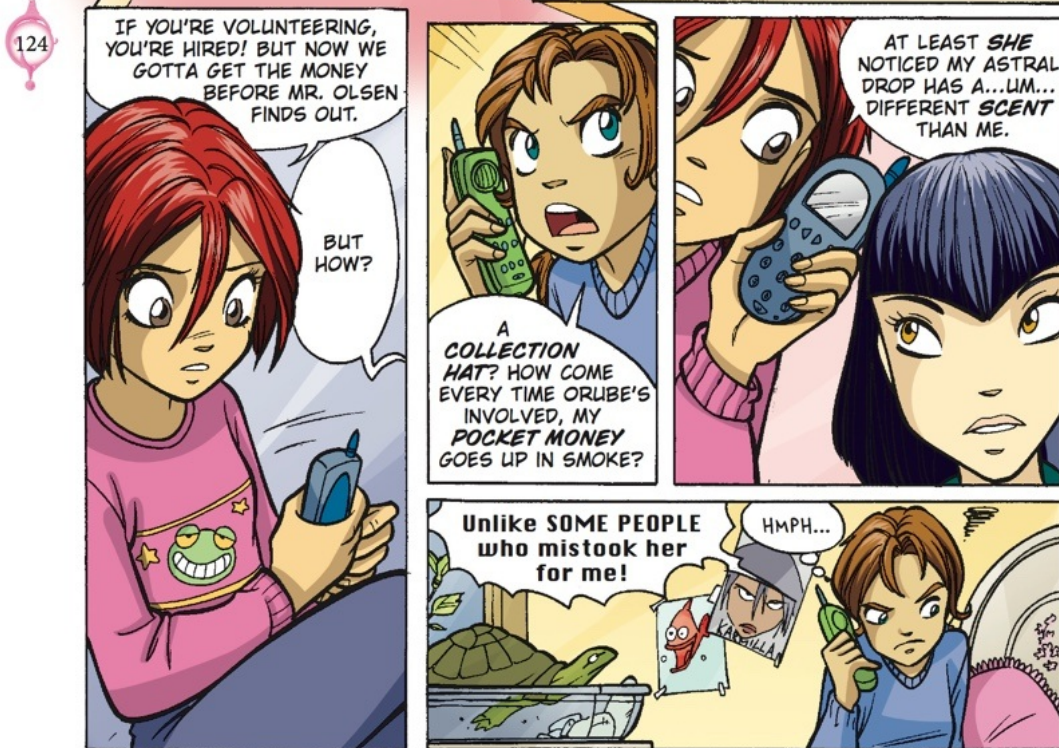
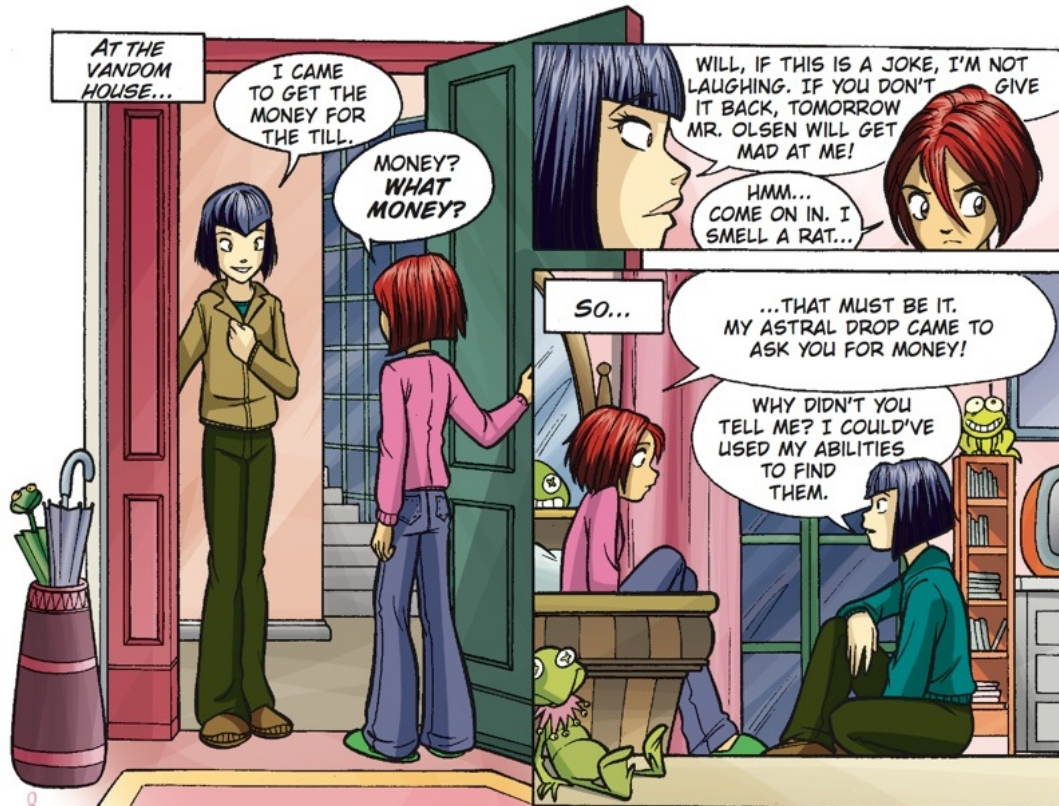


I HATE
THIS MONEY
STUFF. I'LL
NEVER GET
USED TO
IT!

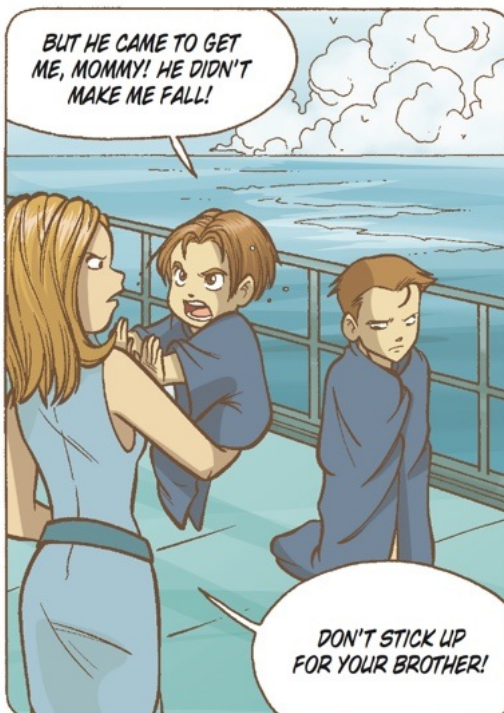
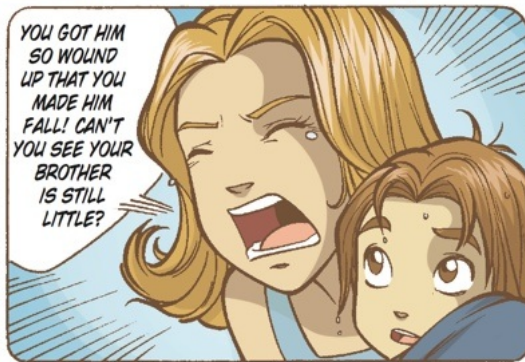
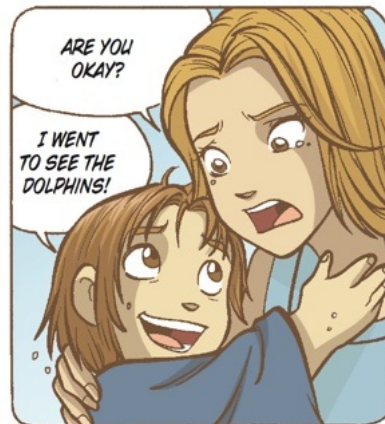
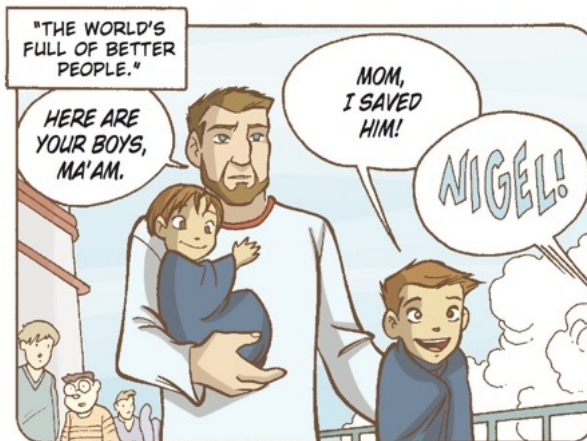


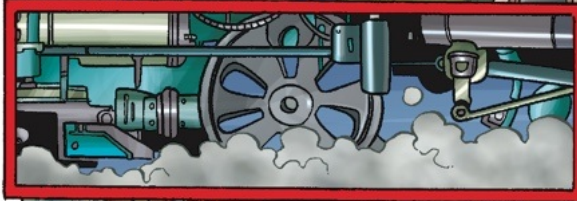


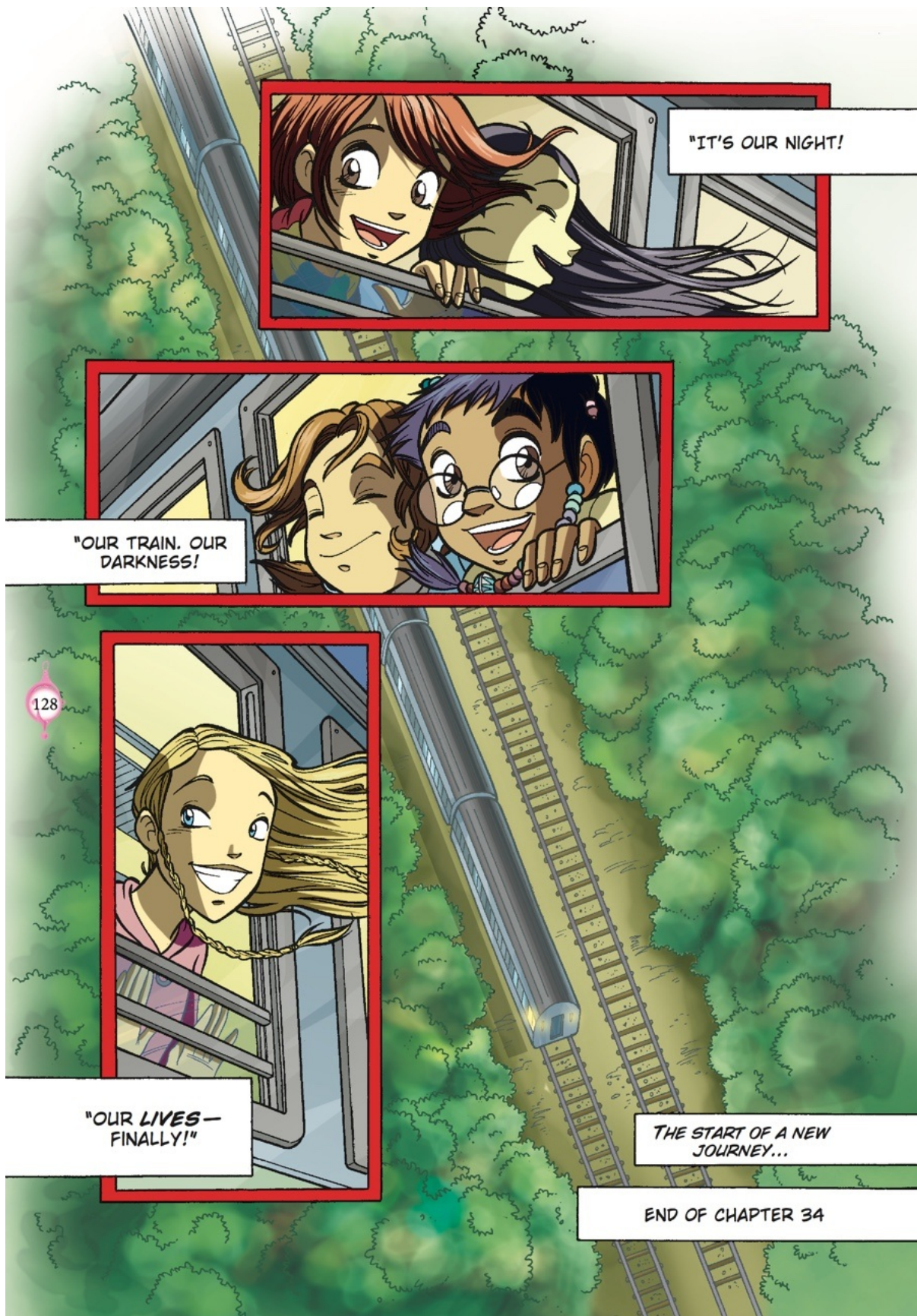












"IT'S OUR NIGHT!"

"OUR TRAIN. OUR
DARKNESS!"

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"OUR LIVES—
FINALLY!"

*THE START OF A NEW
JOURNEY...*

END OF CHAPTER 34



Reflected Lives

"My reflection told me
I was real. Authentic!"



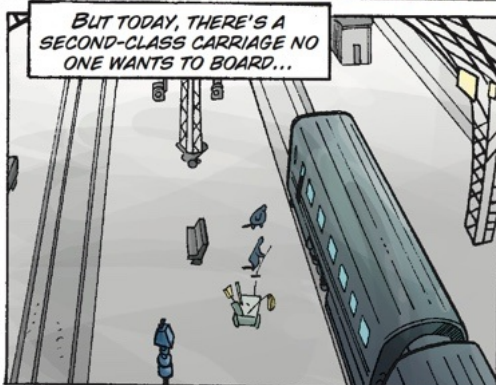




THE SUN RISES OVER
MIGDALE STATION...



SOME ARRIVE AT WORK EARLY,
LIKE THE CLEANERS.



BUT TODAY, THERE'S A
SECOND-CLASS CARRIAGE NO
ONE WANTS TO BOARD...



I SAW A
SHADOW INSIDE,
AND I HEARD
SOMEONE...
SNIFFING!

MAYBE
IT'S AN
ANIMAL.

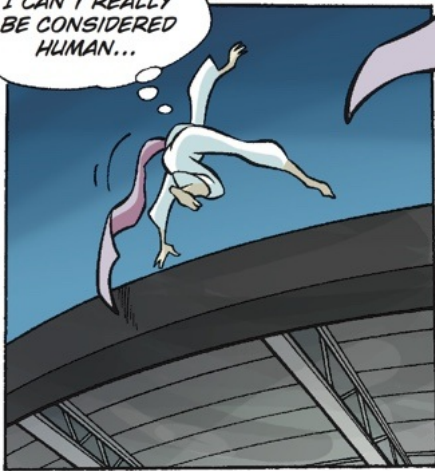


GET IT OUT,
THEN. YOU'RE
GOOD WITH DUMB
BEASTS!

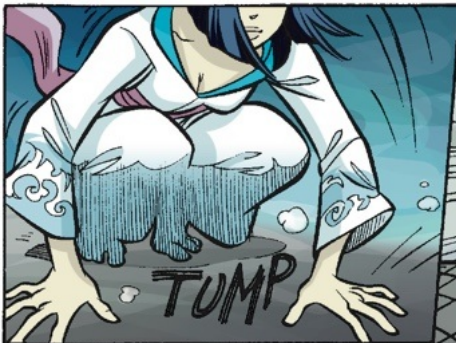
OF COURSE,
THAT'S WHY I
WORK WITH YOU.
MOVE, YOU
WUSS.



I CAN'T REALLY
BE CONSIDERED
HUMAN...



...BUT I
DON'T LIKE BEING
COMPARED TO A
CAT EITHER.



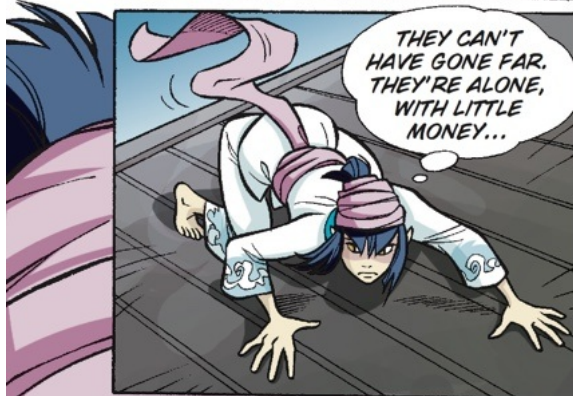
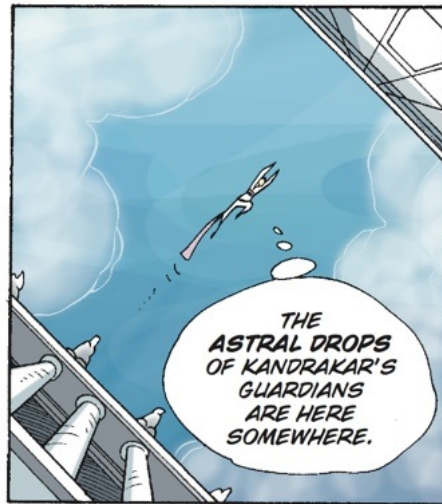
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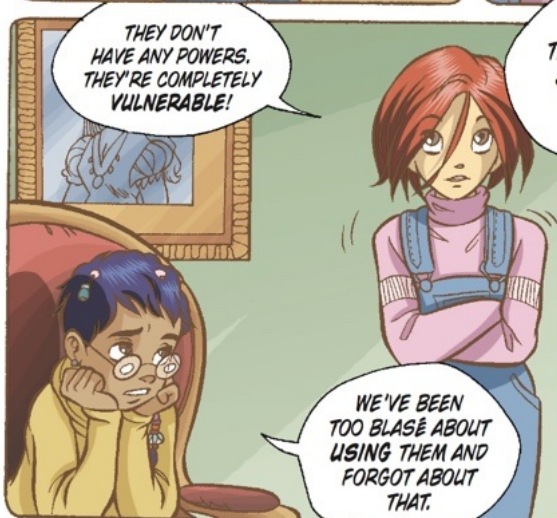
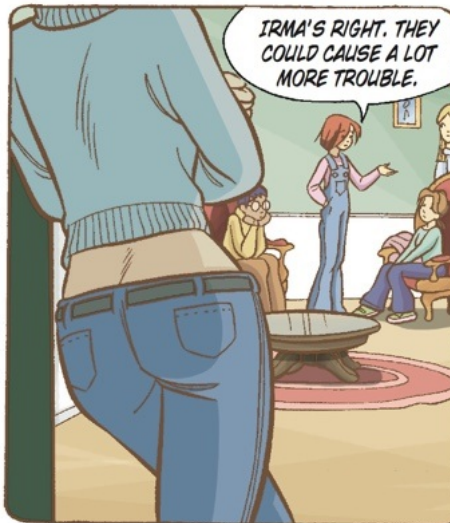
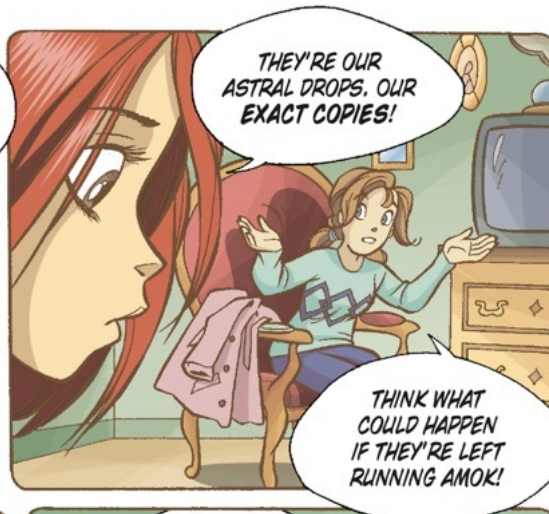
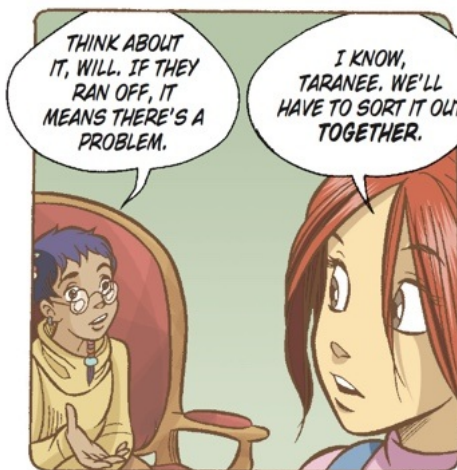
MY NAME'S
ORUBE, AND
TODAY...

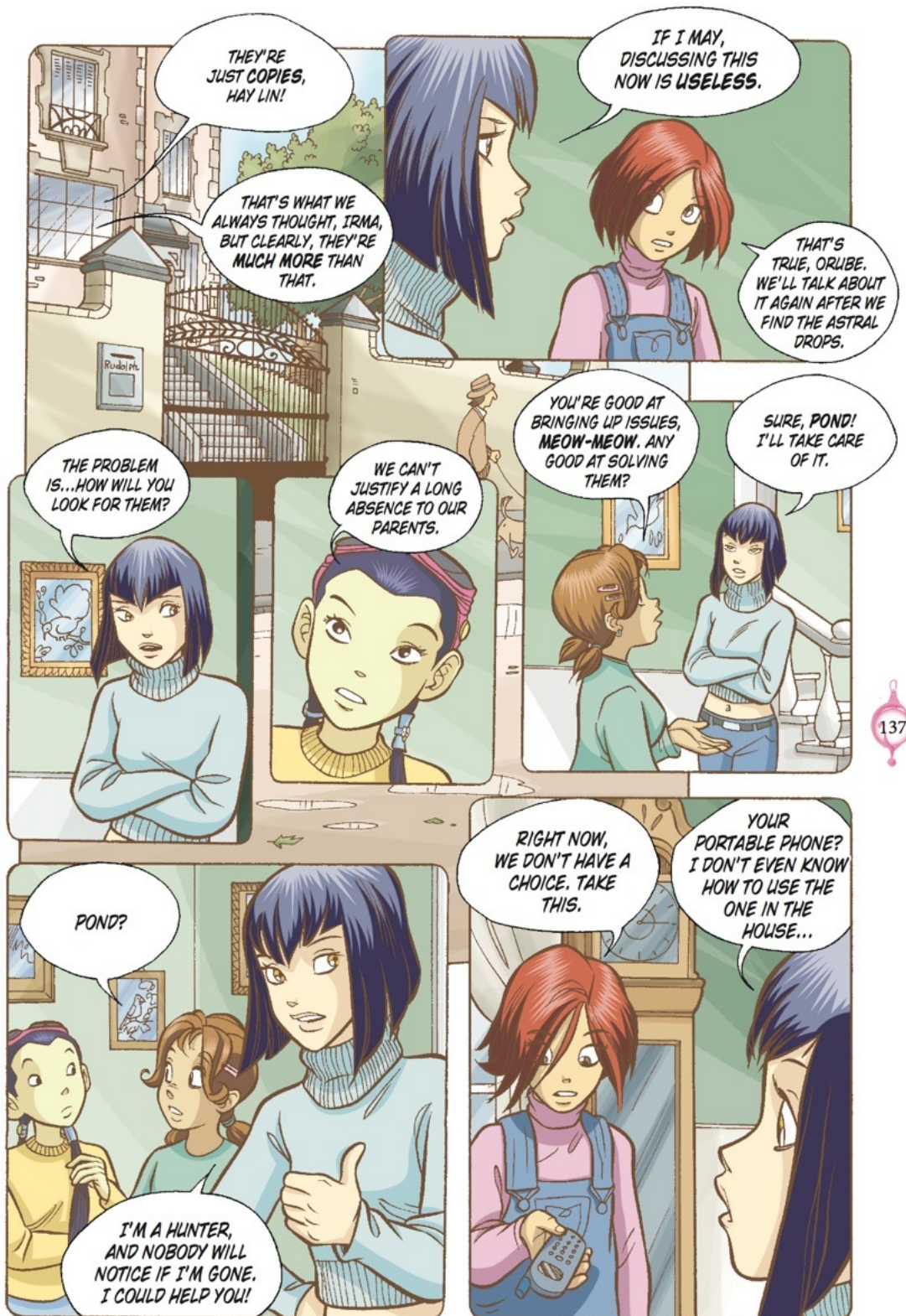


...TODAY,
I'M ON THE
HUNT!



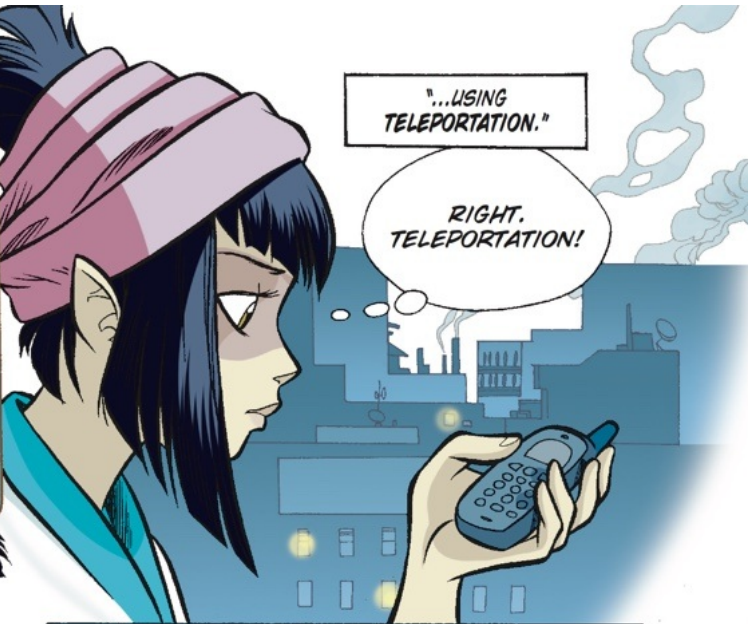








YOU'LL LEARN. WHEN YOU FIND THE ASTRAL DROPS, CALL US, AND WE'LL BE THERE IN AN INSTANT...



"...USING TELEPORTATION."

RIGHT. TELEPORTATION!



THAT'S HOW I GOT TO MIGDALE. THEY TELEPORTED ME.

WALKING THREE HUNDRED MILES WOULD HAVE BEEN TOUGH EVEN FOR ME!



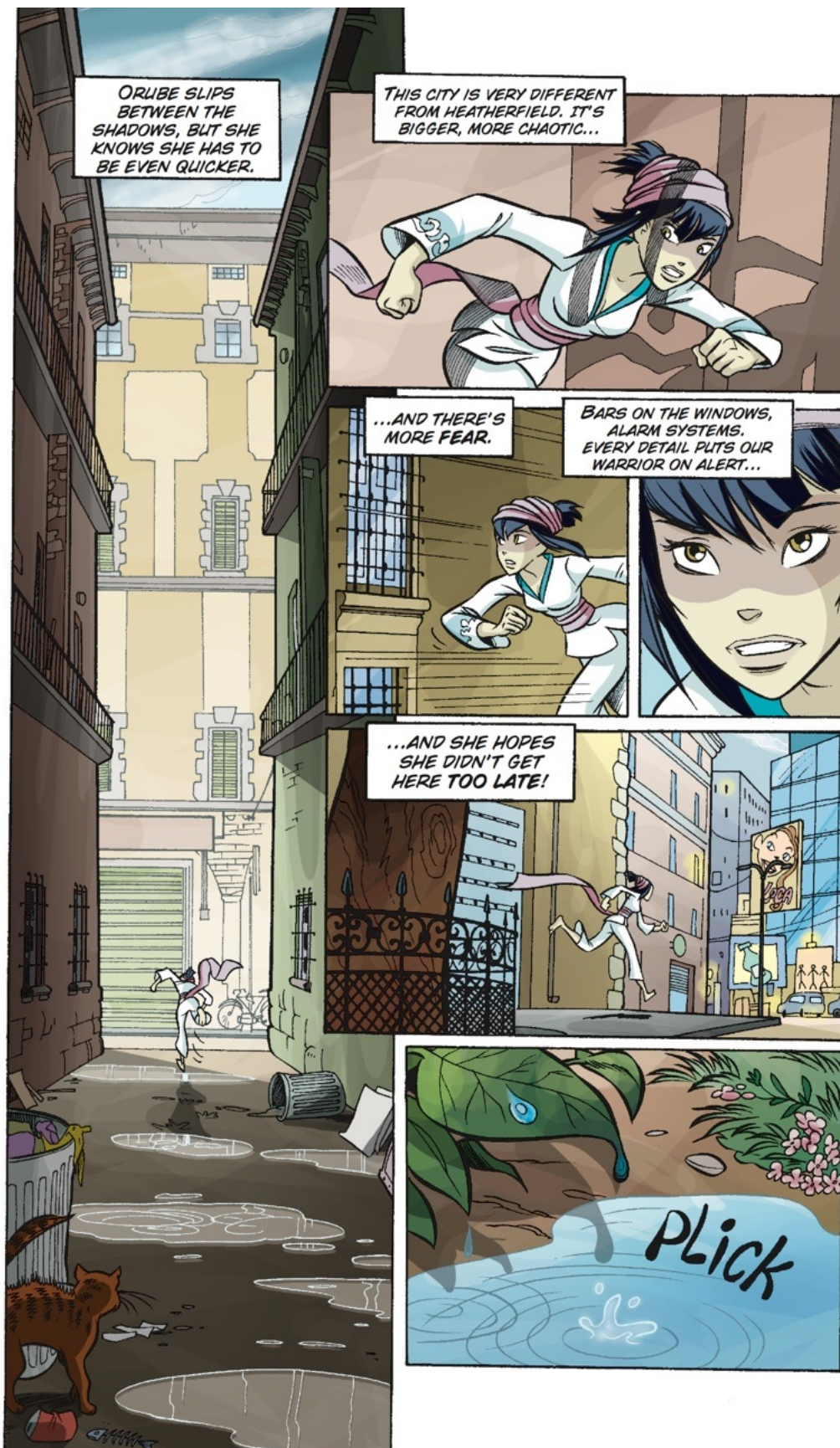
IT WASN'T HARD TO FOLLOW THE FUGITIVES. THEY WERE SPOTTED AT THE TRAIN STATION BEFORE THEY LEFT.



THEY GOT AS FAR AWAY FROM HEATHER-FIELD AS THE MONEY THEY HAD ALLOWED THEM... HERE!



AND I DON'T IMAGINE THEY'VE WORKED OUT HOW TO GET MORE MONEY YET.





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I CAN'T TELL
IF IT'S VERY
LATE OR VERY
EARLY.

OH, GOOD
MORNING!



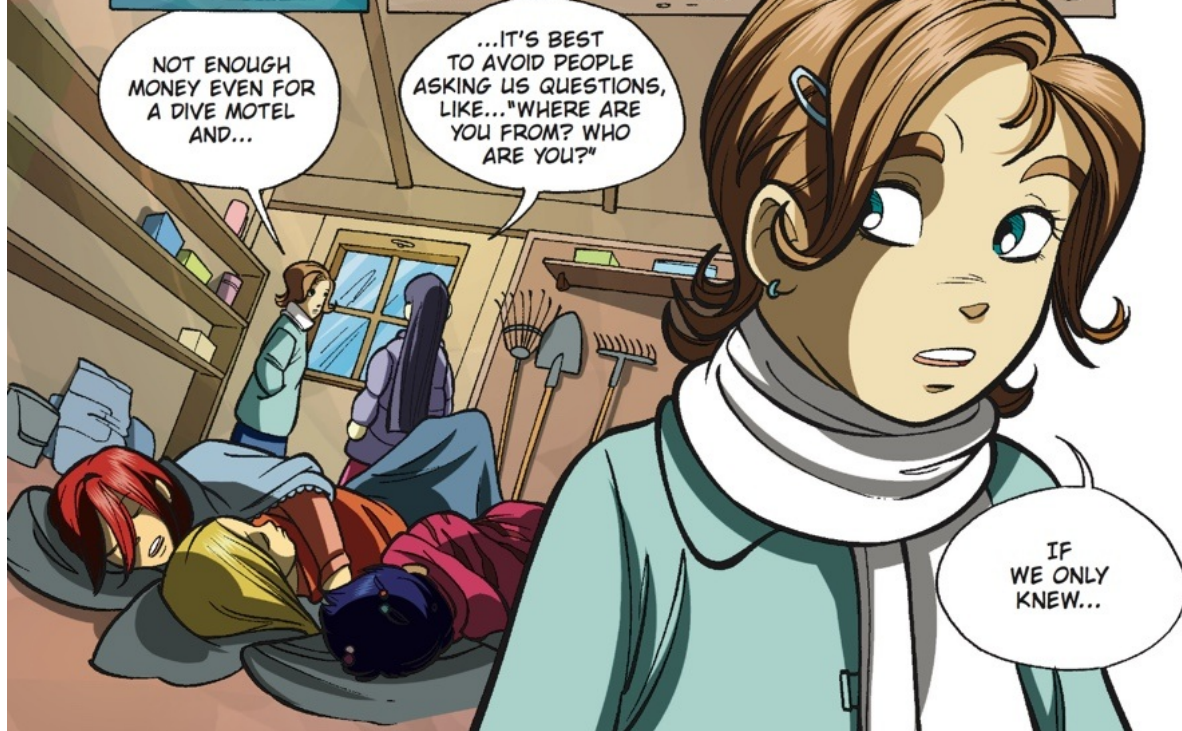
WHAT'S UP?
YOU DIDN'T
SLEEP A WINK,
DID YOU?

OF COURSE
NOT. A *SHED*
ISN'T THE
BEST PLACE
TO SLEEP.



I STILL
WONDER HOW
WE ENDED UP
HERE.

YOU KNOW,
WE COULDN'T
FIND ANYWHERE
ELSE LAST
NIGHT.



NOT ENOUGH
MONEY EVEN FOR
A DIVE MOTEL
AND...

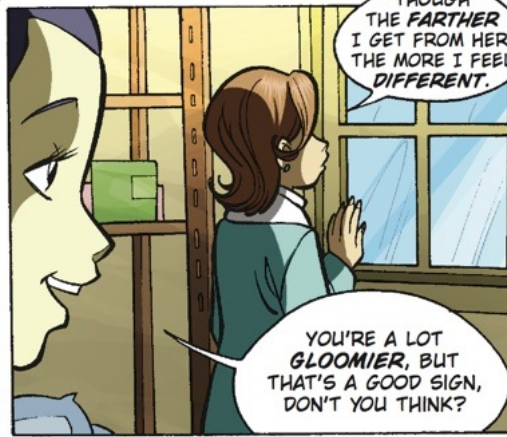
...IT'S BEST
TO AVOID PEOPLE
ASKING US QUESTIONS,
LIKE... "WHERE ARE
YOU FROM? WHO
ARE YOU?"

IF
WE ONLY
KNEW...



SPEAK FOR YOURSELF. I KNOW WHO I WANT TO BE. CALL ME **PAO CHAI!**

YOU'RE LUCKY. I CAN ONLY CALL MYSELF **IRMA.**

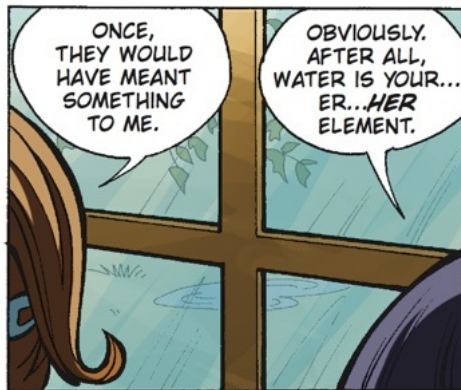


THOUGH THE **FARTHER** I GET FROM HER, THE MORE I FEEL **DIFFERENT.**

YOU'RE A LOT **GLOOMIER**, BUT THAT'S A GOOD SIGN, DON'T YOU THINK?

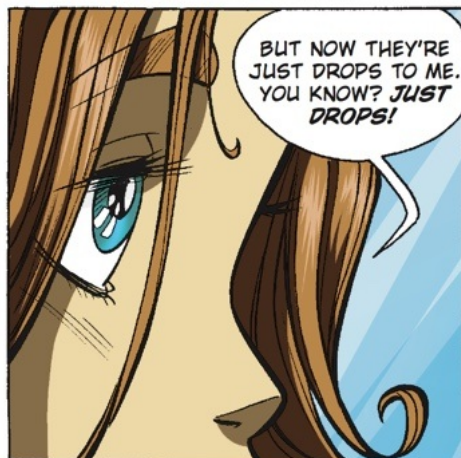


I DUNNO. SEE THE DEWDROPS OUTSIDE?



ONCE, THEY WOULD HAVE MEANT SOMETHING TO ME.

OBTUSLY. AFTER ALL, WATER IS YOUR... ER...**HER** ELEMENT.

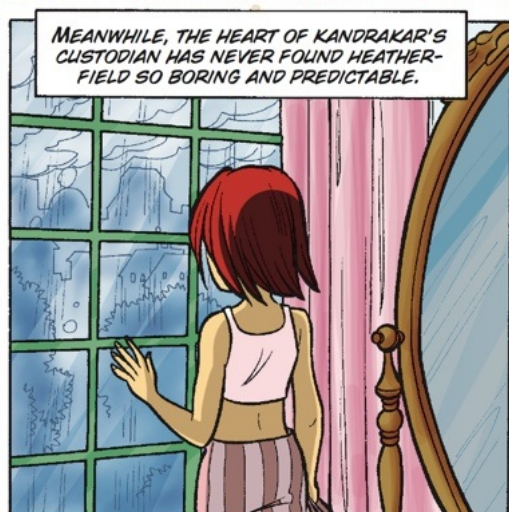
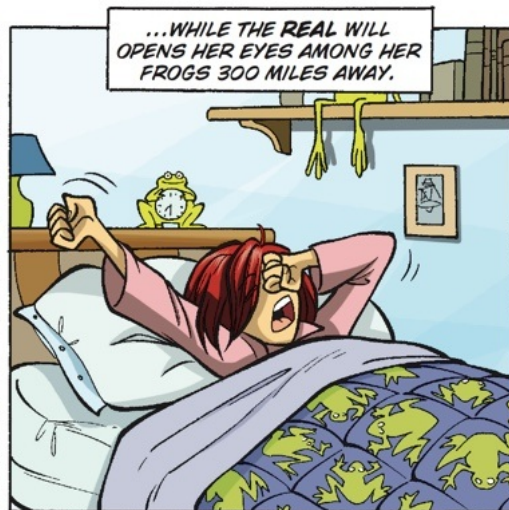


BUT NOW THEY'RE JUST DROPS TO ME. YOU KNOW? **JUST DROPS!**



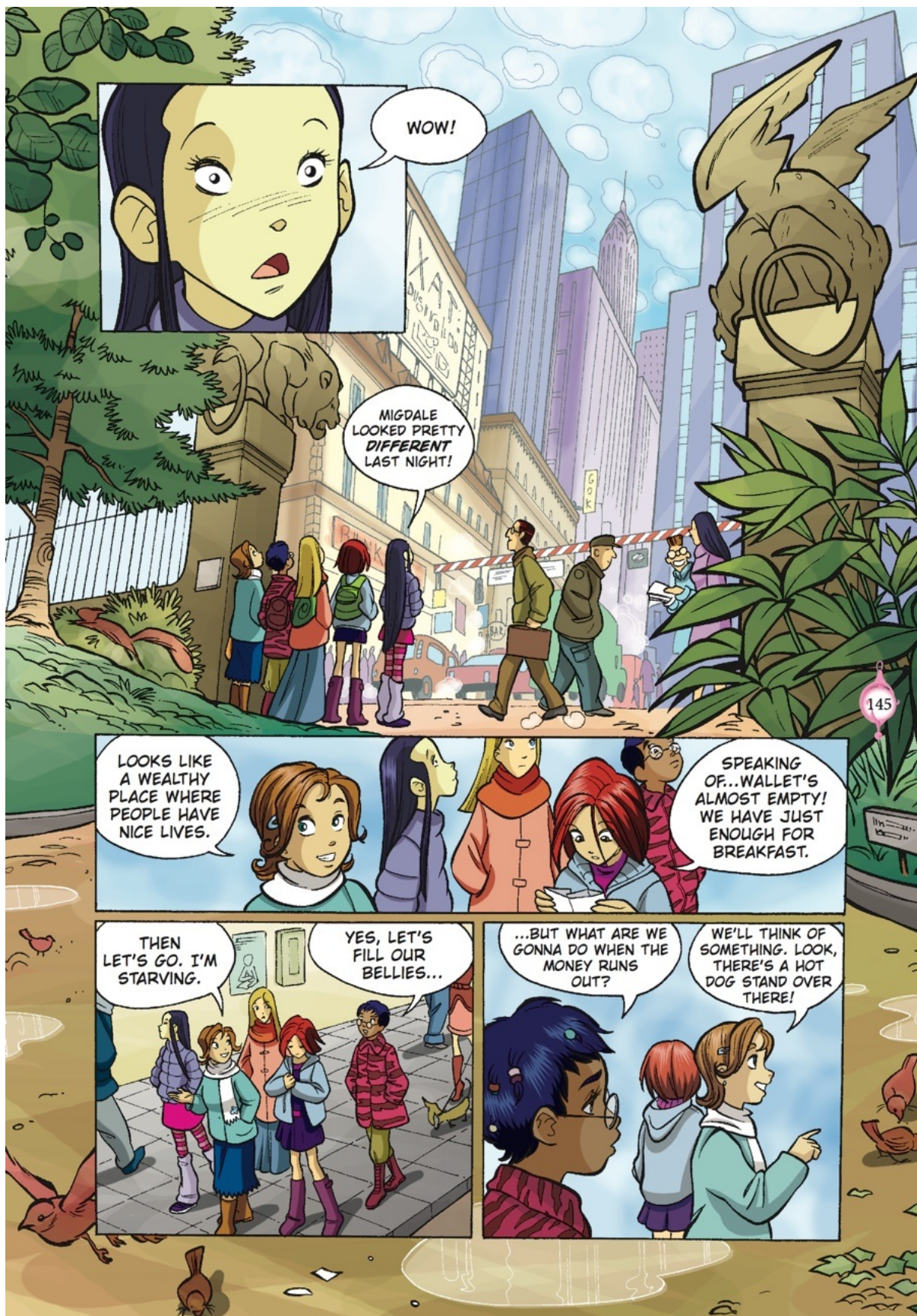
YAWN!

JUST LIKE US!



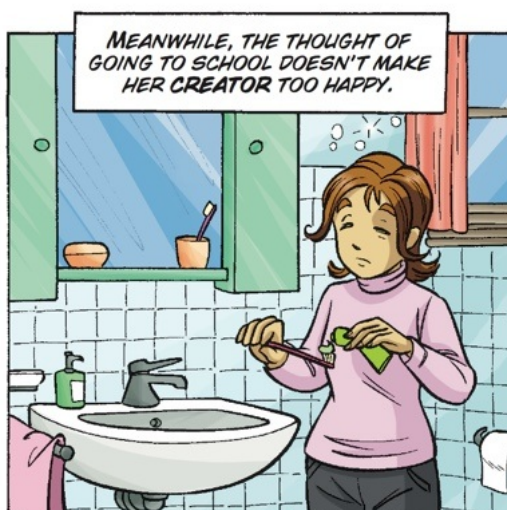








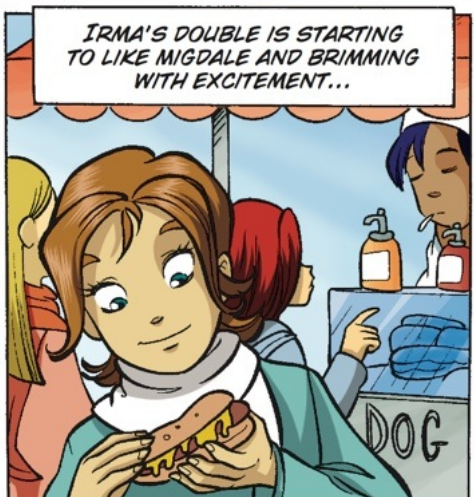
THE THOUGHT OF STARTING OFF THE DAY ON THE RIGHT FOOT CHEERS UP IRMA'S ASTRAL DROP...



MEANWHILE, THE THOUGHT OF GOING TO SCHOOL DOESN'T MAKE HER CREATOR TOO HAPPY.



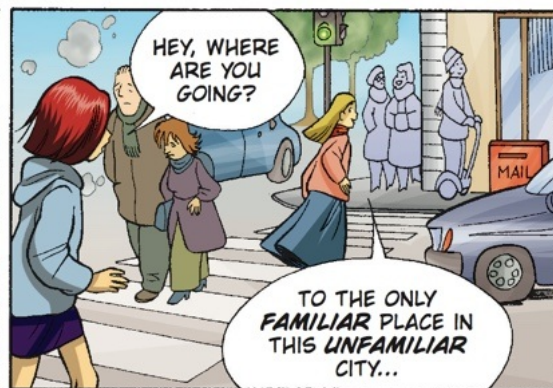
ONE THINKS SHE'S LIVING THE DREAM, WHILE THE OTHER IS STILL DREAMING...



IRMA'S DOUBLE IS STARTING TO LIKE MIGDALE AND BRIMMING WITH EXCITEMENT...

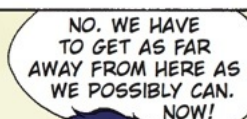
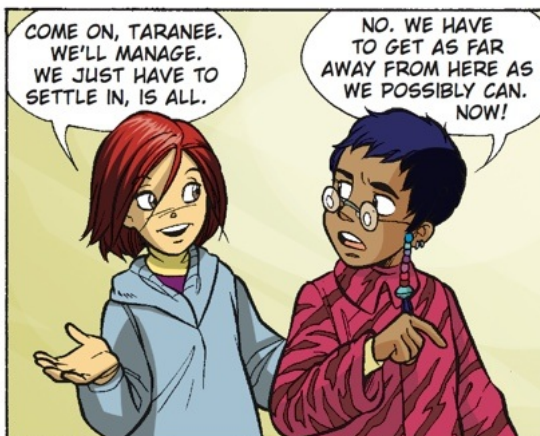
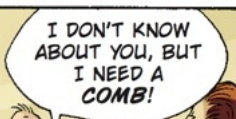


...WHILE IN HEATHERFIELD, KANDRAKAR'S GUARDIAN HAS TROUBLE EVEN GETTING OUT OF THE BATHROOM.





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TARANEE'S ASTRAL DROP SEEMS TO BE THE ONLY ONE WHO REALIZES TIME IS TIGHT.



BUT THE REAL TARANEE ISN'T THINKING ABOUT HER. AT SCHOOL, SHE'S AWARE OF ONLY ONE THING—



A KNOT IN HER STOMACH. IT'S ALL TARANEE AND HER TWIN HAVE IN COMMON RIGHT NOW.



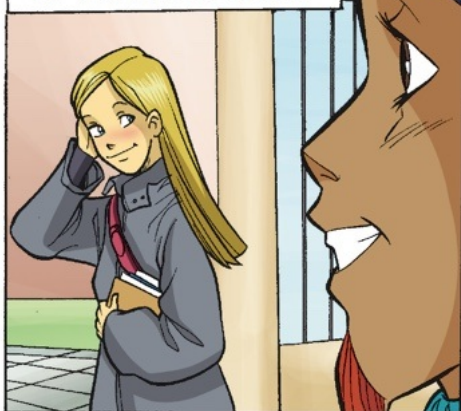
SO AS THE GUARDIAN'S COPY REALIZES IT MAY BE IMPOSSIBLE TO TRULY ESCAPE YOURSELF...



...HER CREATOR AVOIDS NIGEL'S EYE AND RUNS, KNOWING FULL WELL IT WON'T GET HER ANYWHERE.



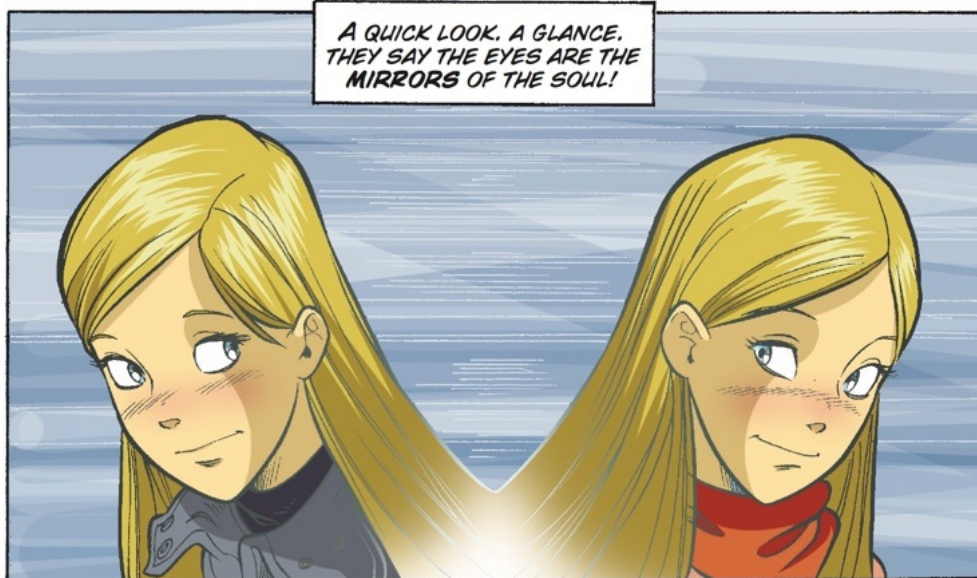
"MAY THE EARTH SWALLOW ME!"
THE GUARDIAN THINKS, SAYING
BYE TO PETER AND BLUSHING.



IN THE MEANTIME, IN MIGDALE,
HER ASTRAL DROP REALIZES
SOMEONE'S WATCHING HER...



A QUICK LOOK. A GLANCE.
THEY SAY THE EYES ARE THE
MIRRORS OF THE SOUL!

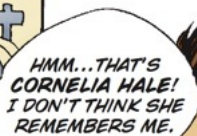


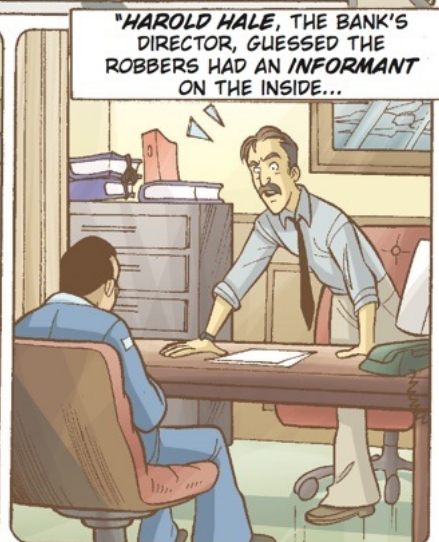
CORNELIA HADN'T REMEMBERED
THAT TARANEE'S BROTHER'S EYES
WERE SO SWEET...



...WHILE AT REEDROSE MALL,
HER DOUBLE AVOIDS THE GAZE OF A
HANDSOME, MYSTERIOUS GUY.









THAT BUSYBODY
HALE WAS ACTUALLY
RIGHT. THE ROBBERY
WAS MY IDEA...

BUT MY
ASSOCIATES
DUMPED ME, AND I
ENDED UP PAYING
THE PRICE BY
LOSING MY
JOB.

BUT THEY
DO SAY...YEAH.
REVENGE IS A
DISH BEST
SERVED COLD!



HEY!
HEY! COME
QUICK!

HURRY!

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WHAT'S UP?
WHY SO
EXCITED?

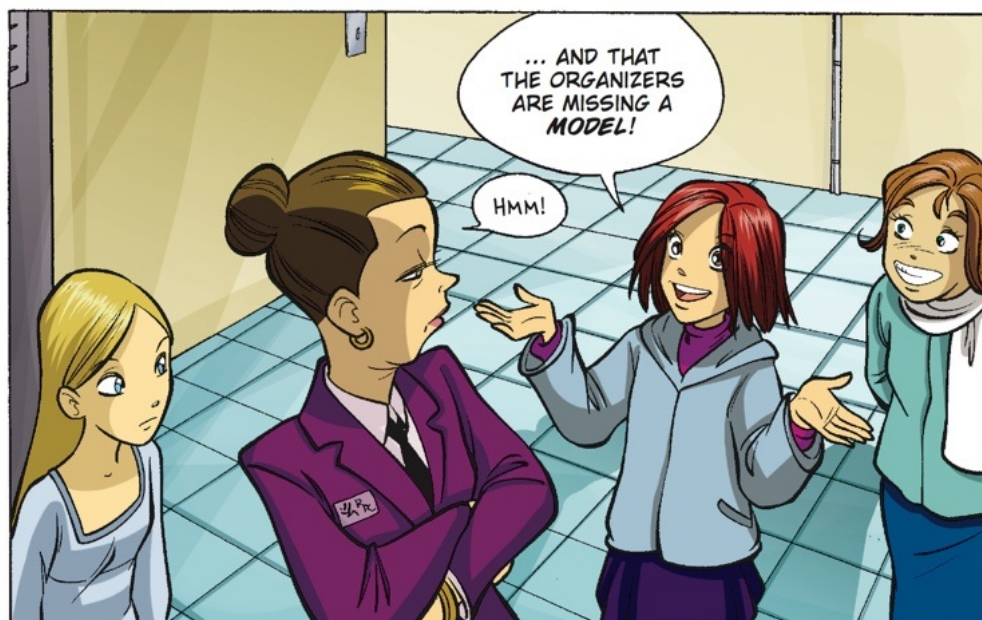
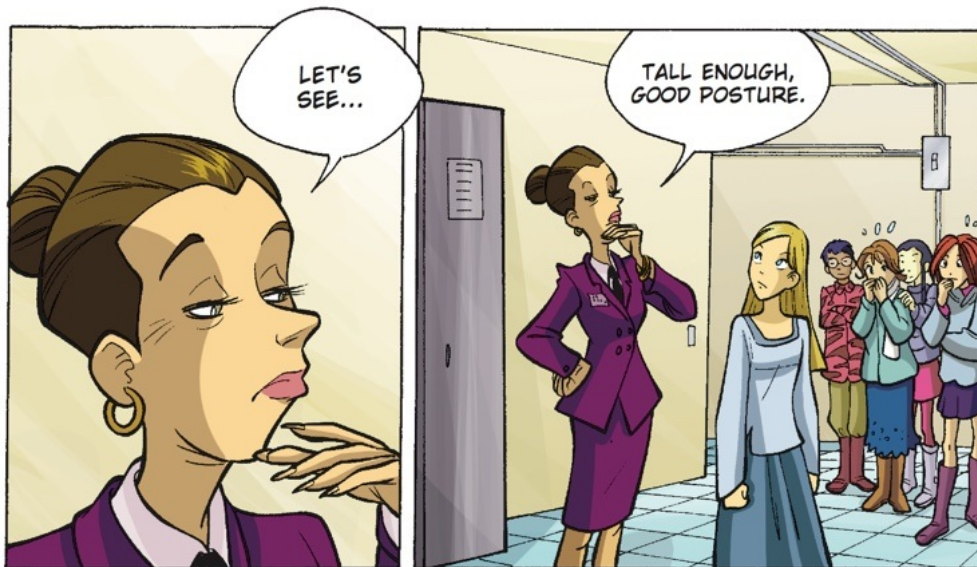
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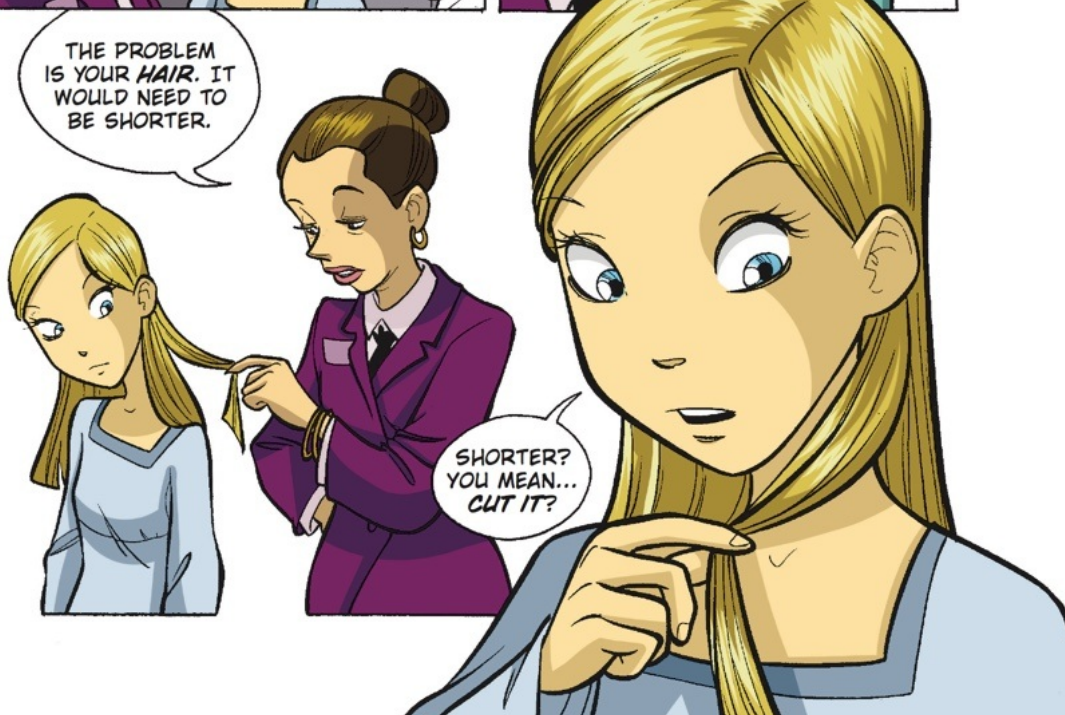
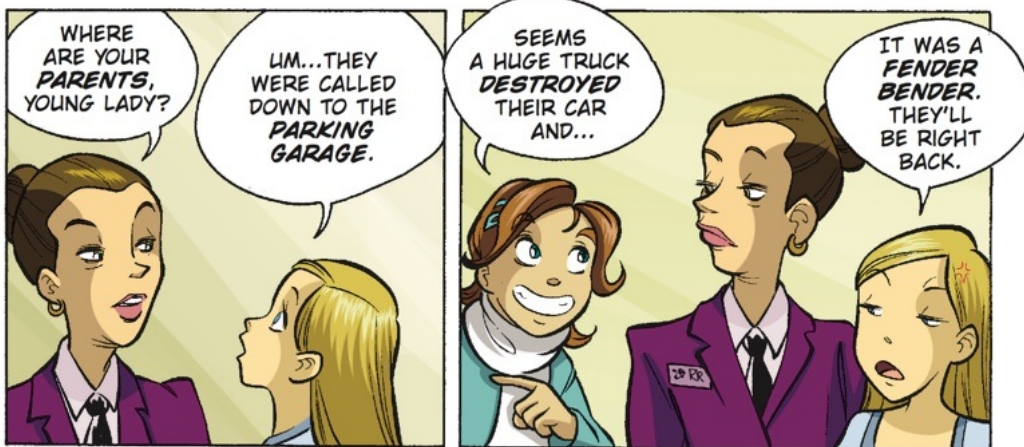
BECAUSE
MAYBE WE FOUND
A WAY TO MAKE
MONEY.



A LOT
OF MONEY!



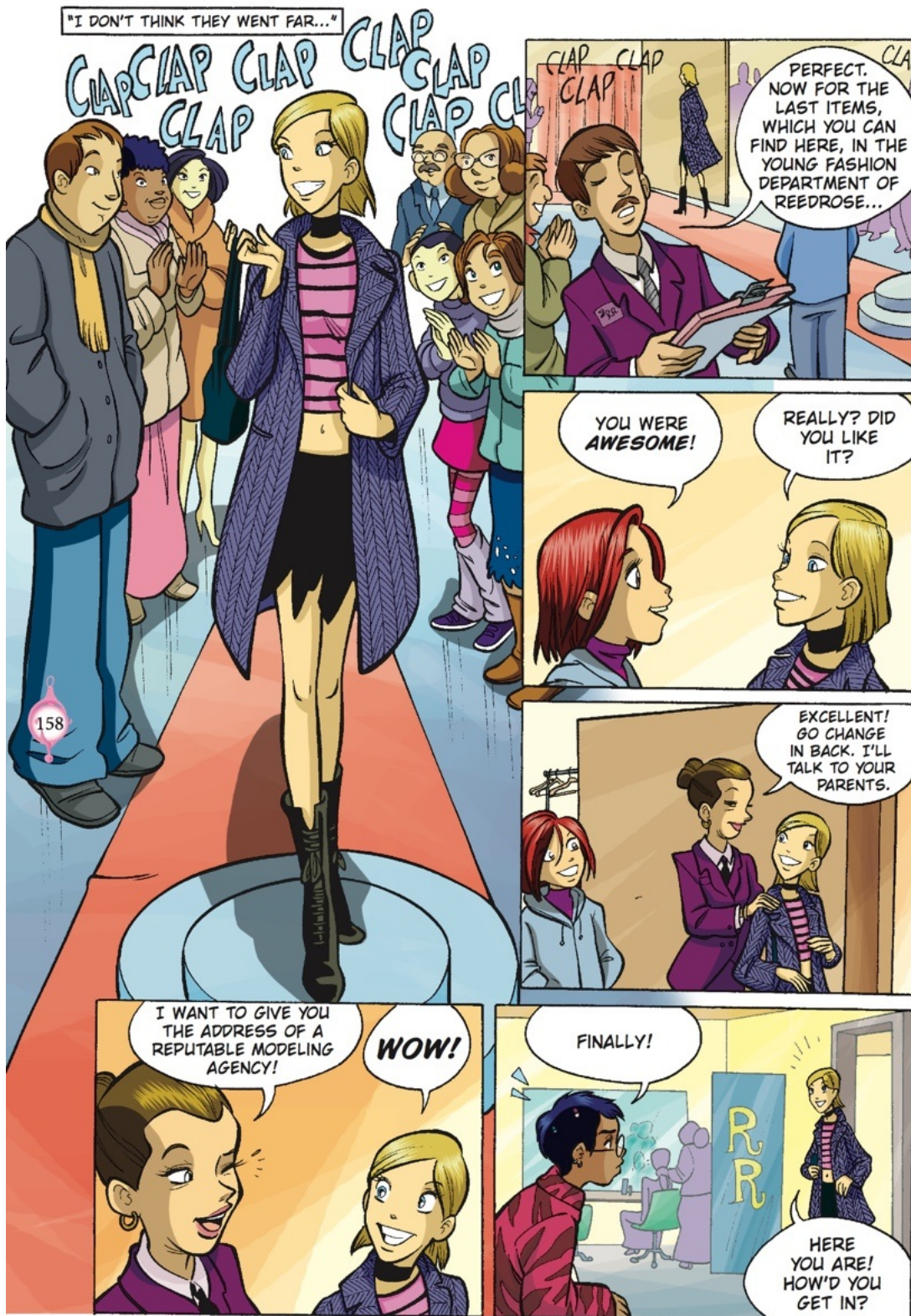






"I DON'T THINK THEY WENT FAR..."

CLAP CLAP CLAP CLAP CLAP CLAP CLAP CLAP CLAP CLAP



CLAP CLAP CLAP CLAP CLAP CLAP CLAP CLAP CLAP CLAP

PERFECT. NOW FOR THE LAST ITEMS, WHICH YOU CAN FIND HERE, IN THE YOUNG FASHION DEPARTMENT OF REEDROSE...

YOU WERE AWESOME!

REALLY? DID YOU LIKE IT?

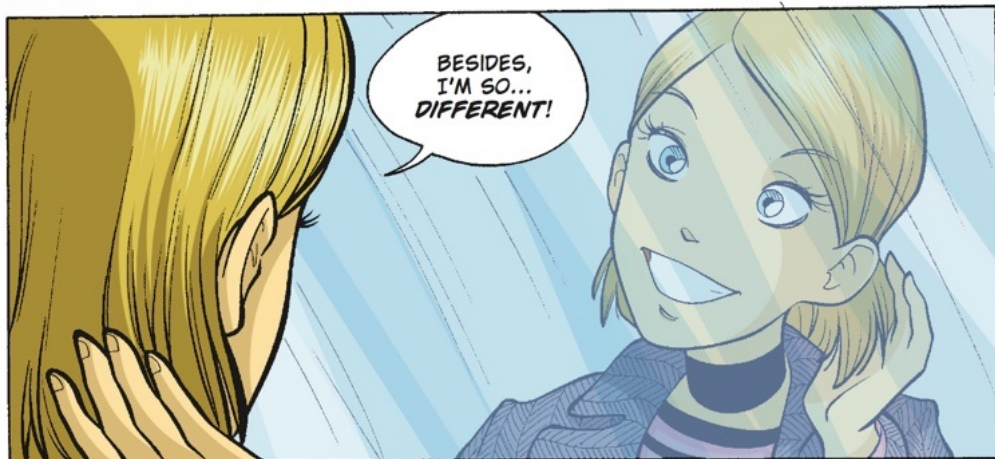
EXCELLENT! GO CHANGE IN BACK. I'LL TALK TO YOUR PARENTS.

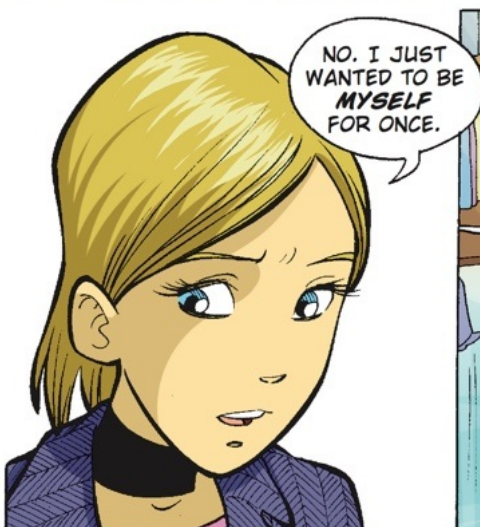
I WANT TO GIVE YOU THE ADDRESS OF A REPUTABLE MODELING AGENCY!

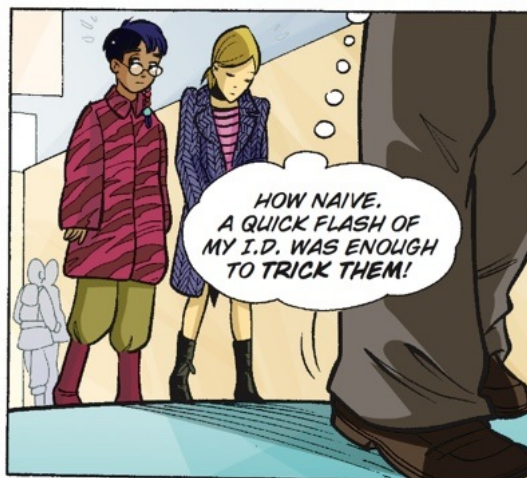
WOW!

FINALLY!

HERE YOU ARE! HOW'D YOU GET IN?

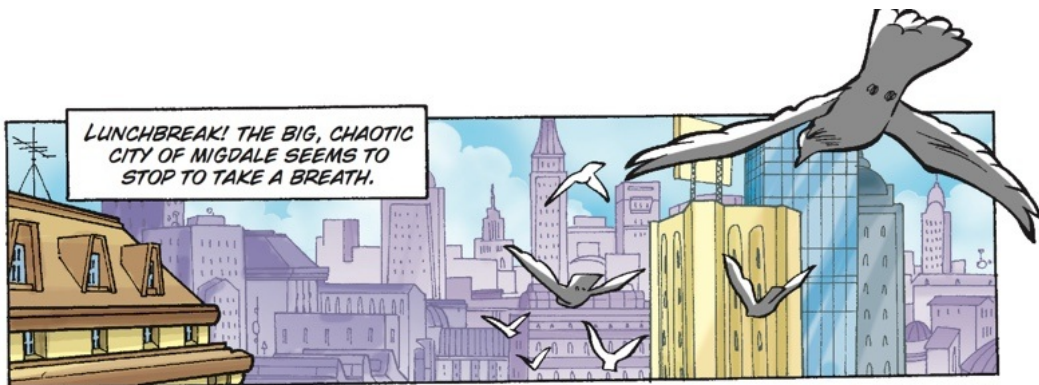






GOOD ADVICE, THOUGH FROM A QUESTIONABLE SOURCE...





LUNCHBREAK! THE BIG, CHAOTIC CITY OF MIGDALE SEEMS TO STOP TO TAKE A BREATH.



REEDROSE MALL, THOUGH, IS OPEN ALL DAY, AND THE SHOP ASSISTANTS NEED TO HOLD THEIRS...



...AT LEAST UNTIL SOMEONE COMES TO RELIEVE THEM.

ABOUT TIME! YOUR SHIFT STARTED TEN MINUTES AGO.



SORRY, CAN YOU GIVE ME ONE MORE MINUTE? I GOTTA TALK TO THE MANAGER.

SURE. I'VE ALREADY MISSED THE BUS ANYWAY...

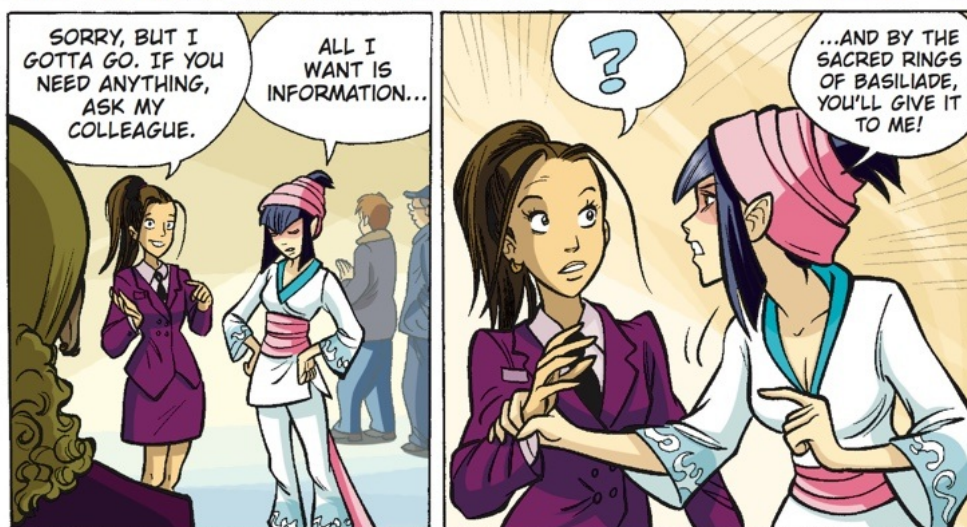
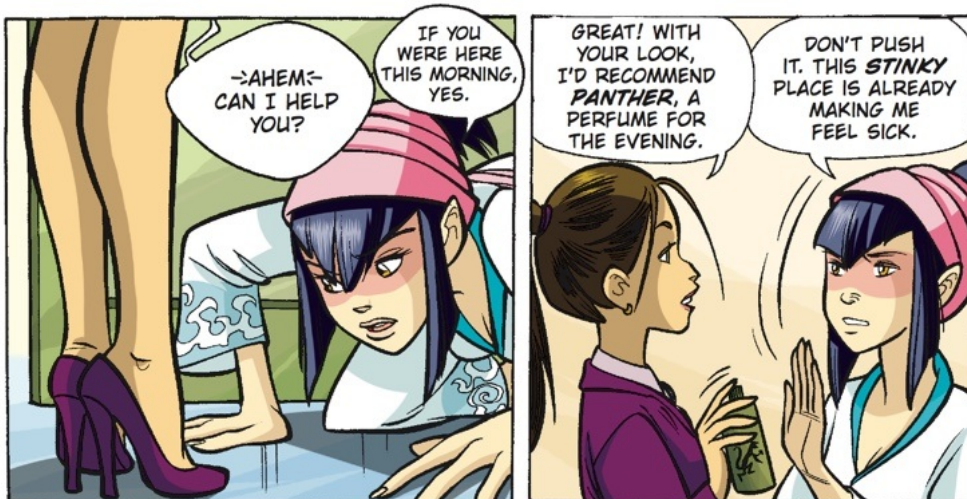


OH NO! WHERE DID SHE COME FROM?

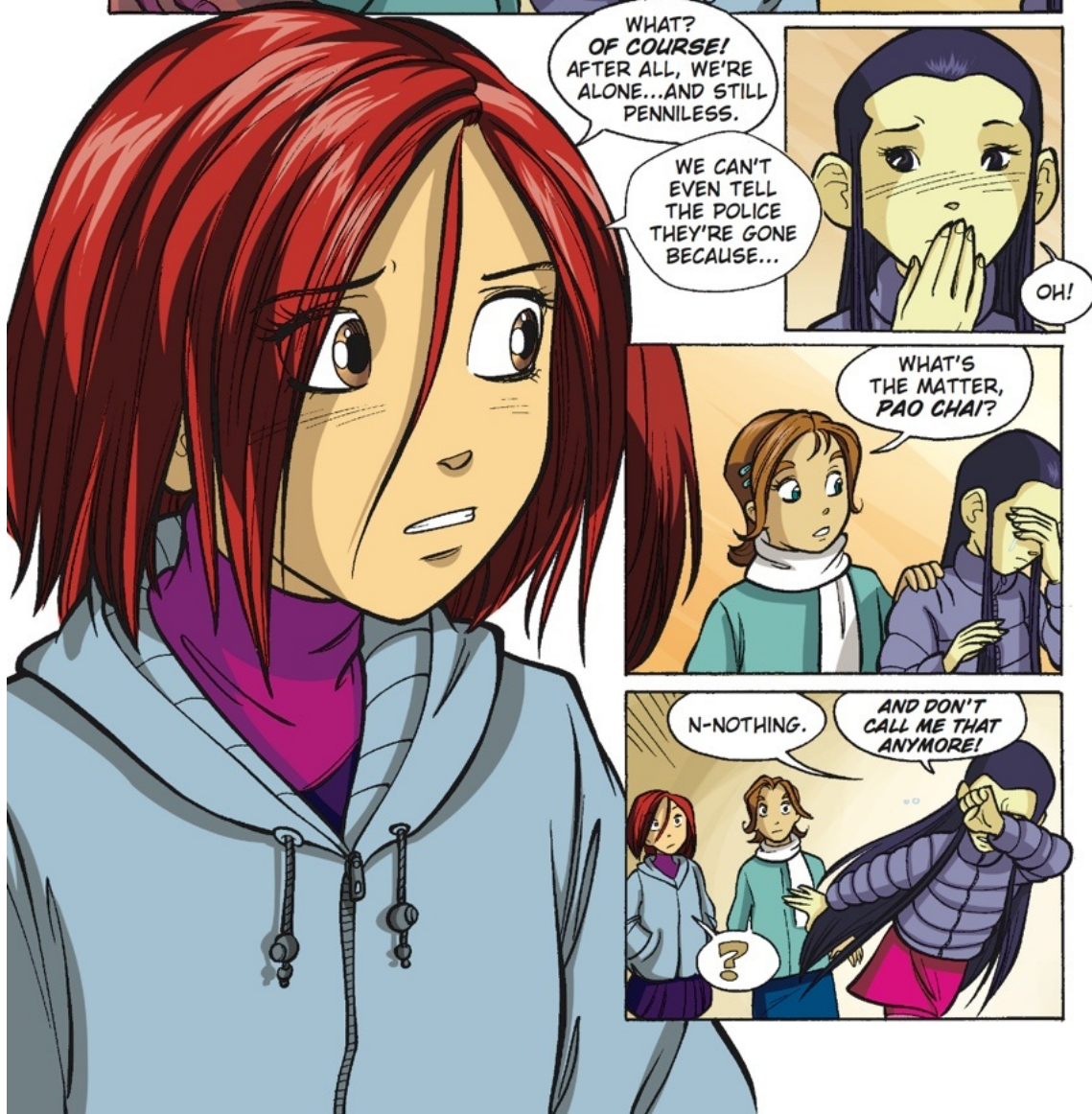
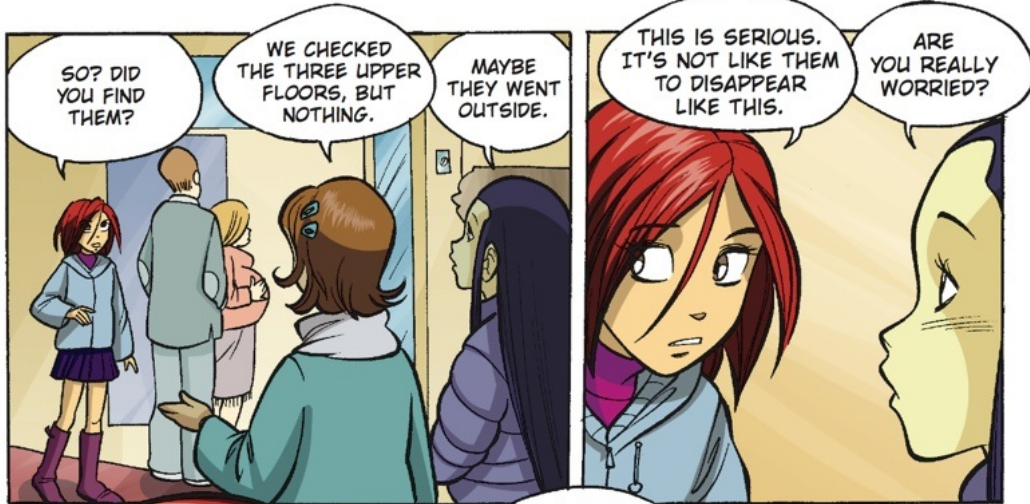


JUST WHAT I NEED...A KOOK WHEN IT'S TIME TO CLOCK OUT.

HMM!



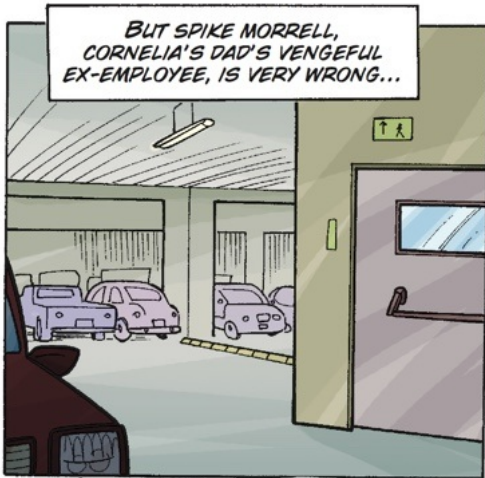


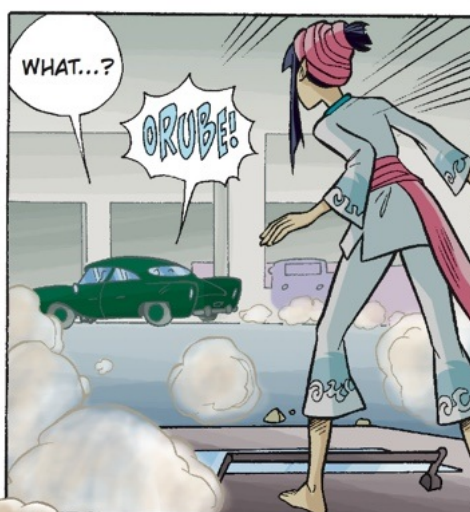
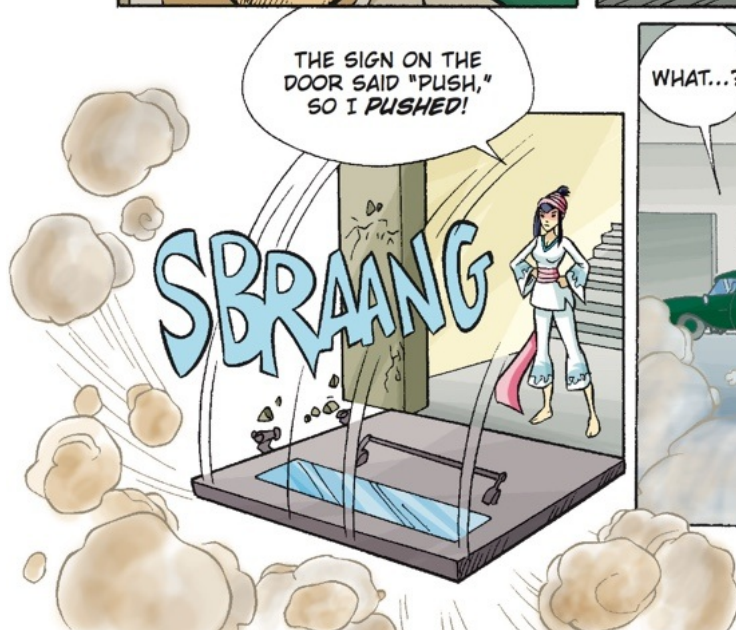
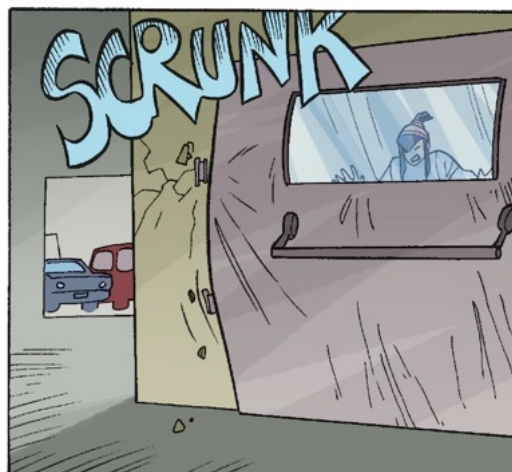


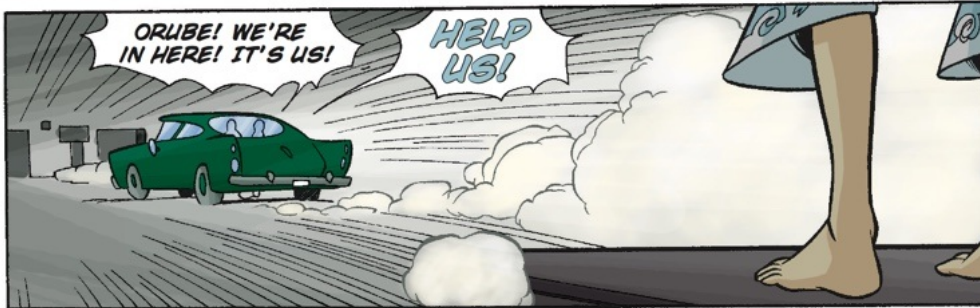






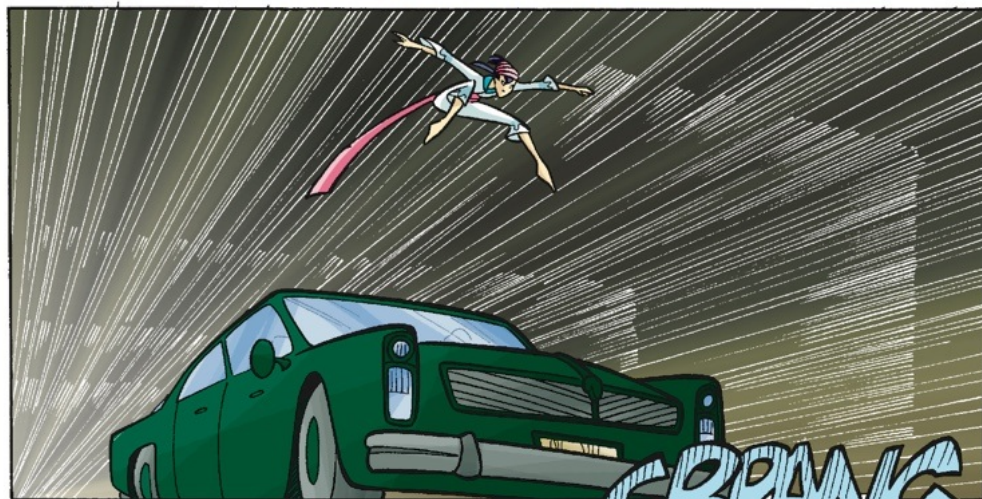






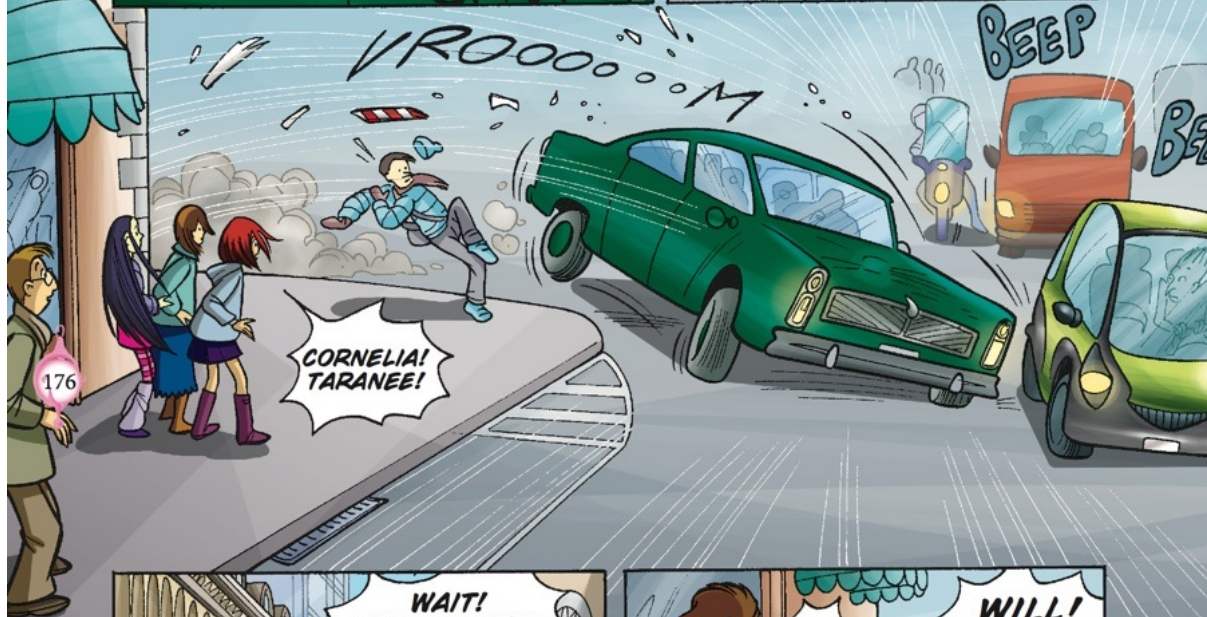
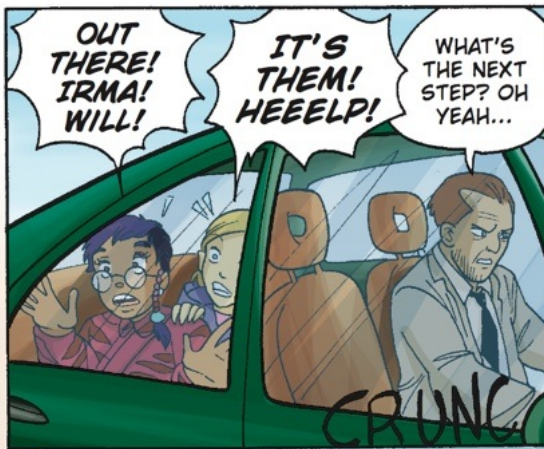
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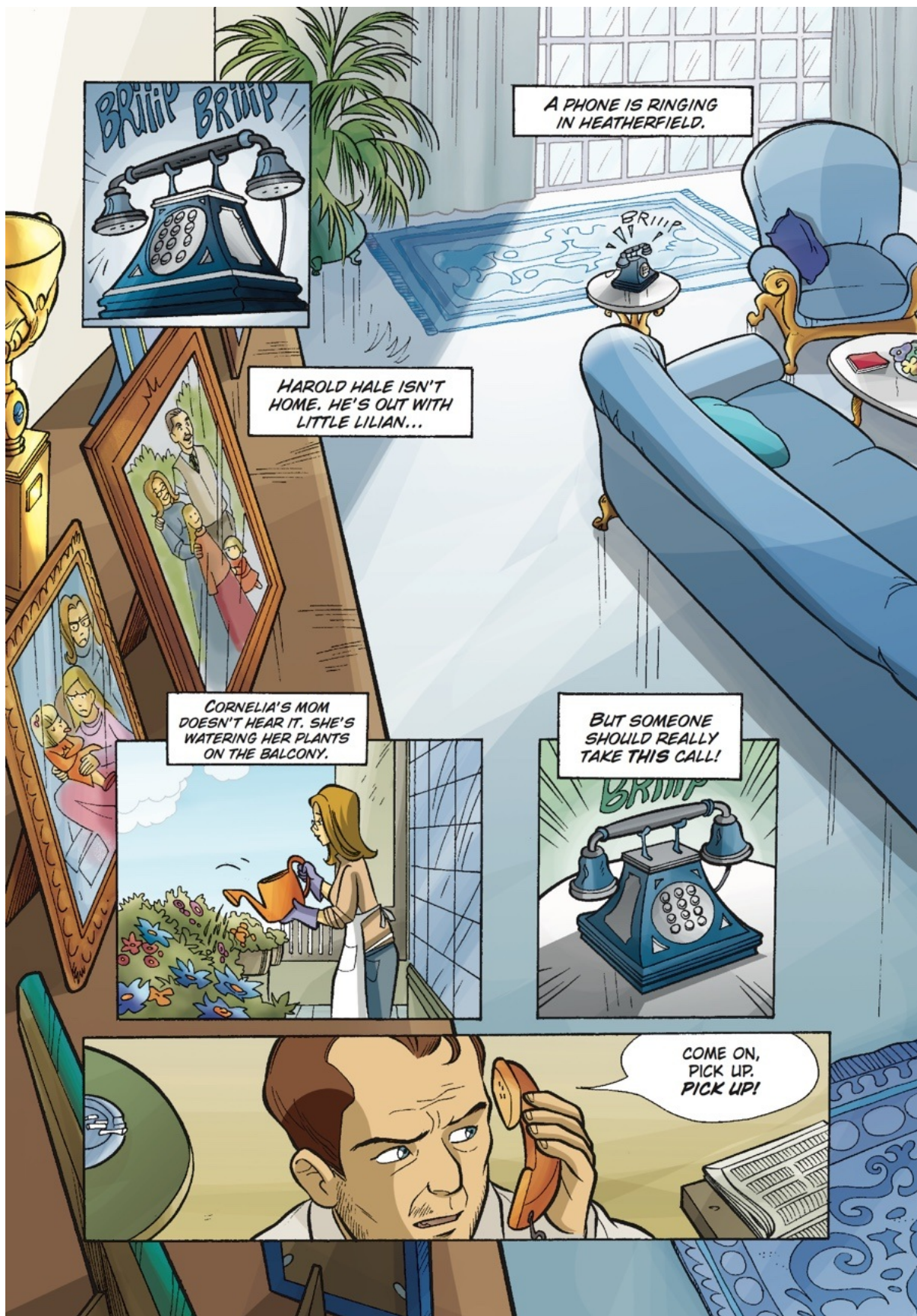


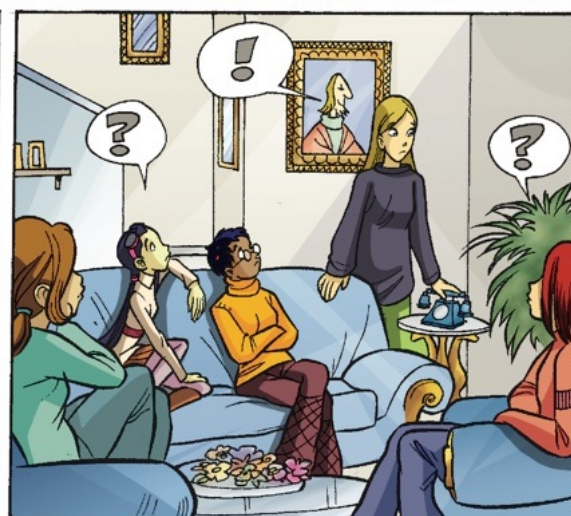












IN ANOTHER AREA
OF MIGDALE.

I'M BACK,
IN ONE
PIECE!

AT THE E.R.,
THEY SAID IT'S NOT
BROKEN. I CAN TAKE
THE BANDAGE OFF
IN A FEW DAYS.

THAT'S
GOOD.

SO WHAT ARE
YOU GONNA
DO? TAKE US
BACK TO OUR
MASTERS?

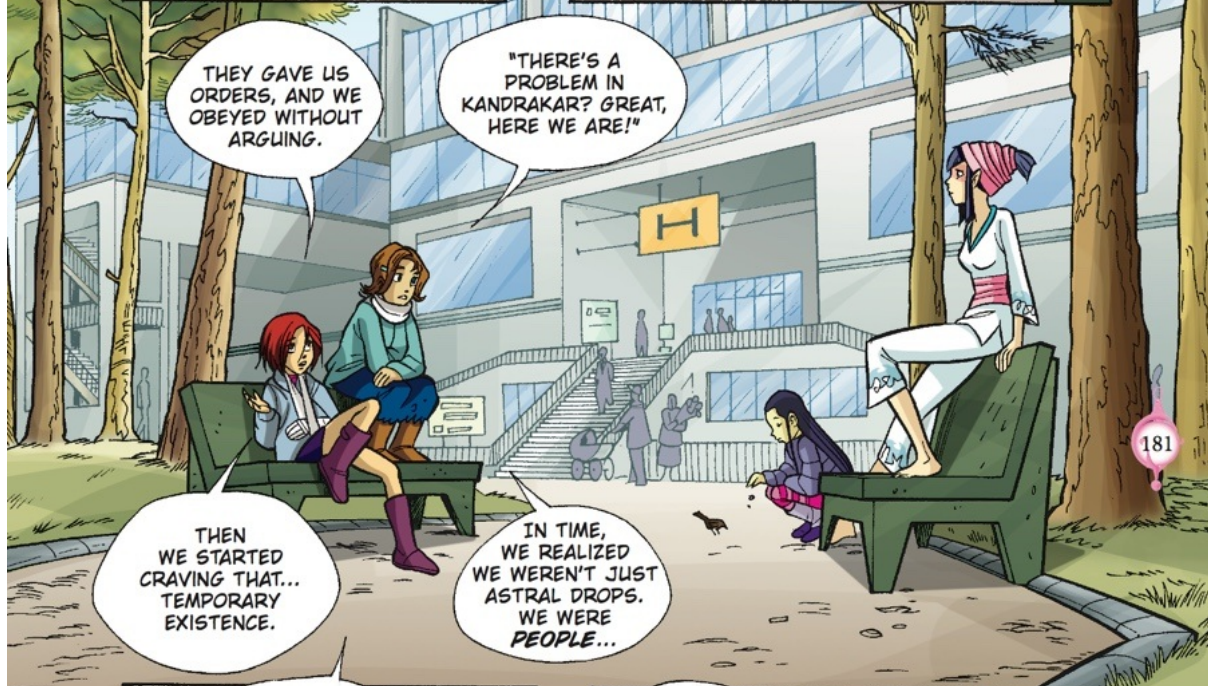
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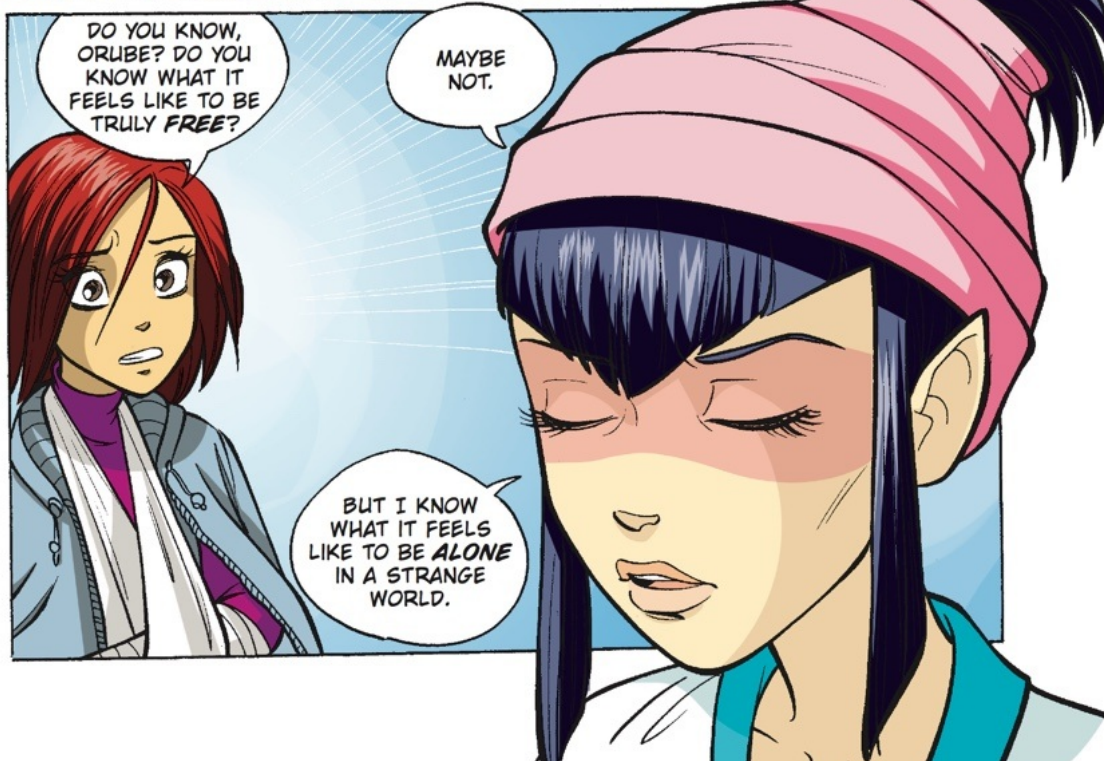
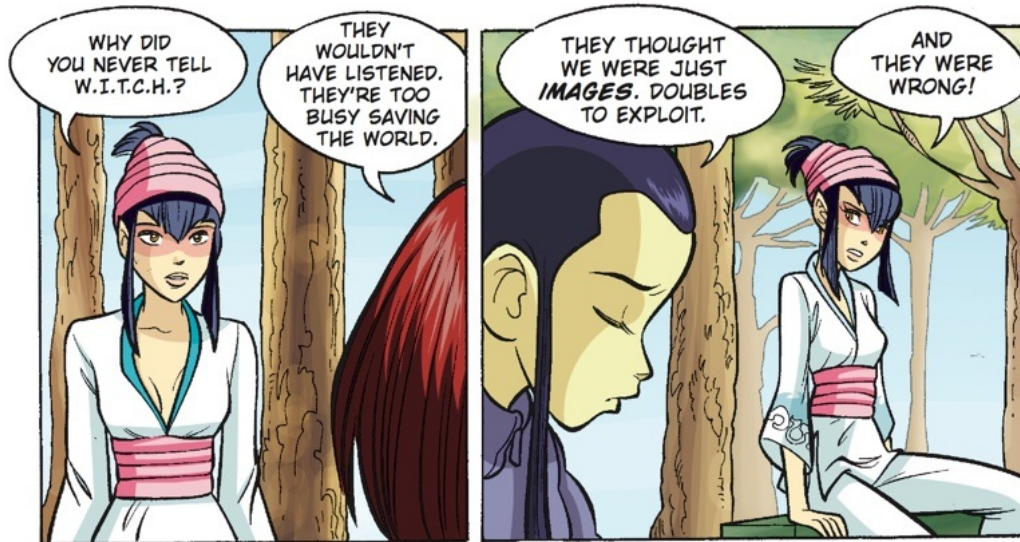
YOU DON'T
EVEN CARE
ABOUT WHY
WE RAN
AWAY?

LISTENING
ISN'T ONE OF
MY DUTIES.

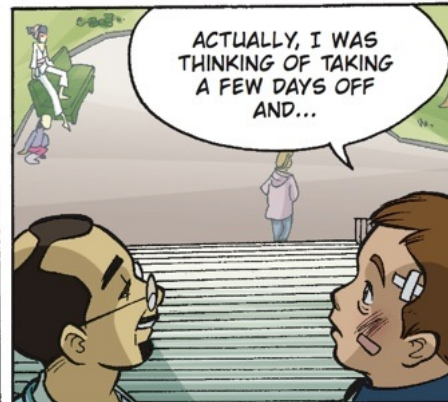
FORGET IT, PAO
CHAI. YOU CAN'T
ASK SOMEONE
LIKE ORUBE...

...TO BE
HUMAN.



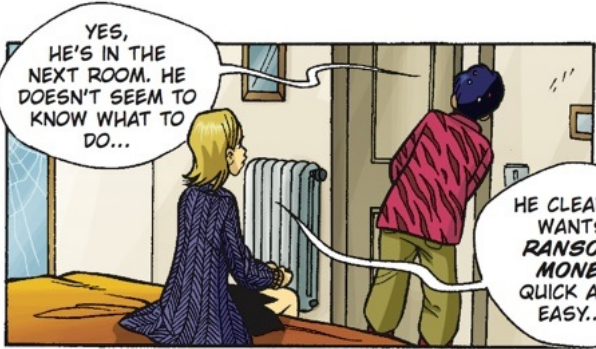


A FEW MOMENTS
LATER...



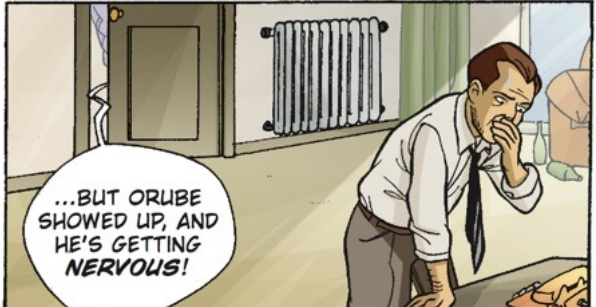


IS HE STILL THERE?



YES, HE'S IN THE NEXT ROOM. HE DOESN'T SEEM TO KNOW WHAT TO DO...

HE CLEARLY WANTS **RANSOM MONEY**. QUICK AND EASY...

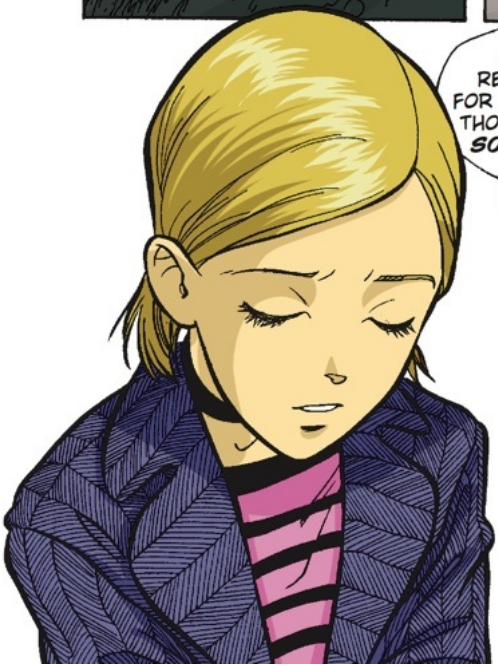


...BUT ORUBE SHOWED UP, AND HE'S GETTING **NERVOUS!**

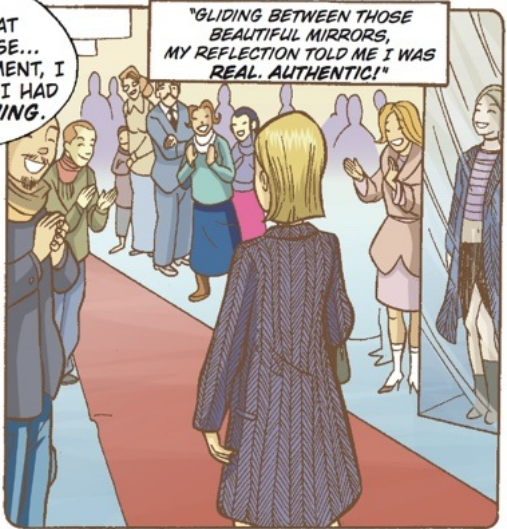


IF WE HAD **POWERS**, WE COULD TAKE CARE OF HIM.

I HATE TO REMIND YOU, BUT WE GOT **NOTHING**.



ONLY AT REEDROSE... FOR A MOMENT, I THOUGHT I HAD **SOMETHING**.



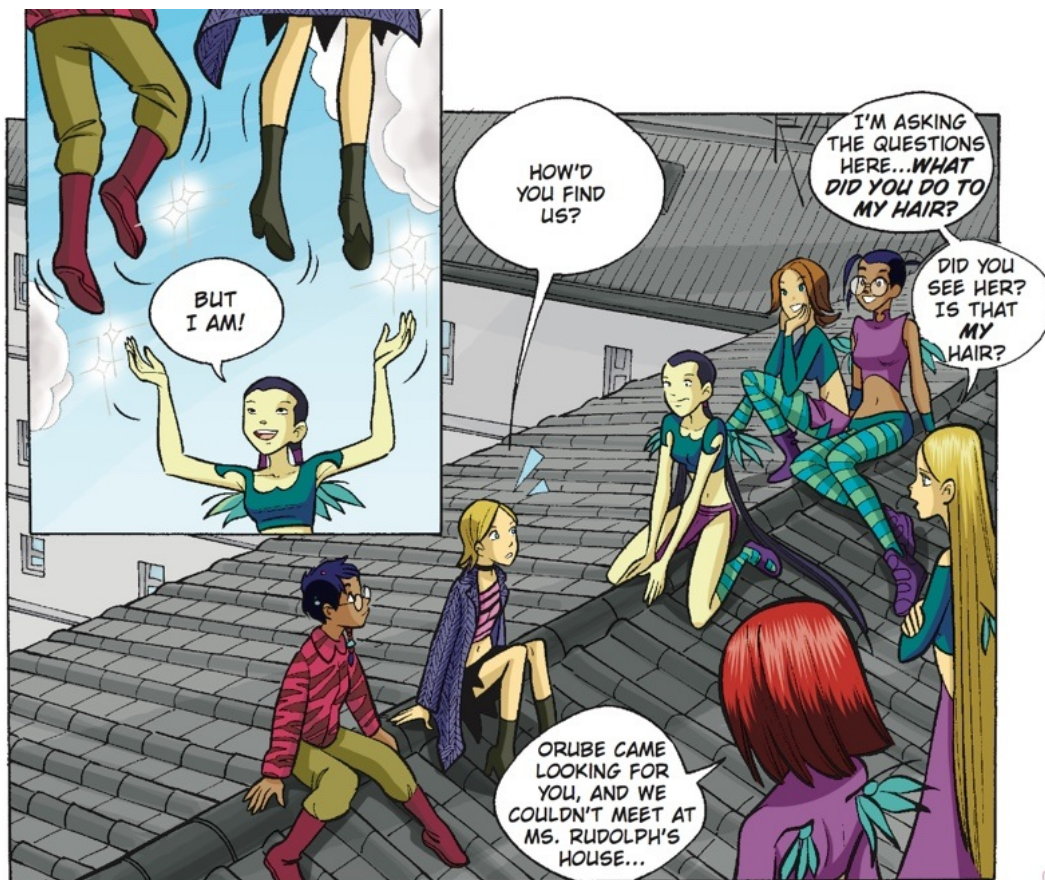
"GLIDING BETWEEN THOSE BEAUTIFUL MIRRORS, MY REFLECTION TOLD ME I WAS **REAL. AUTHENTIC!**"



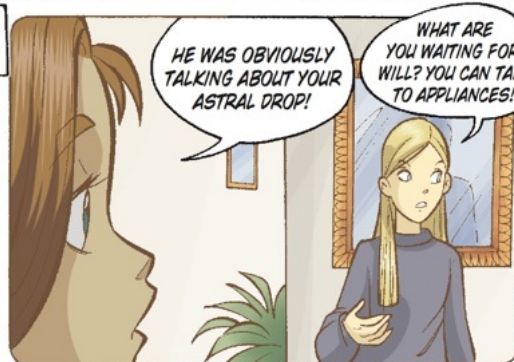
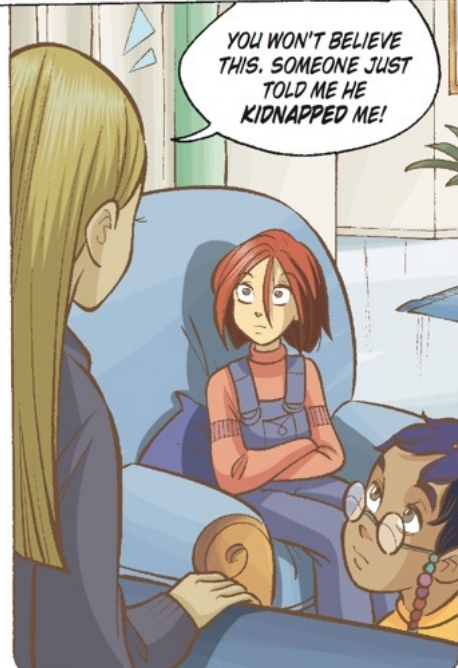


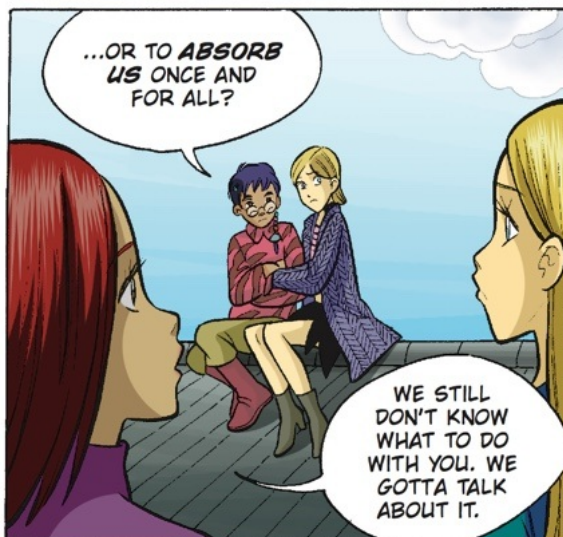
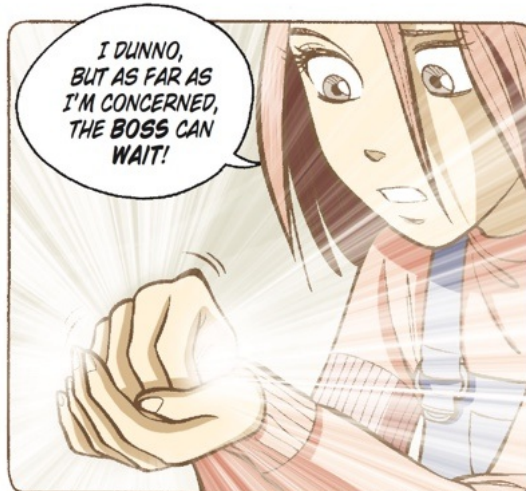
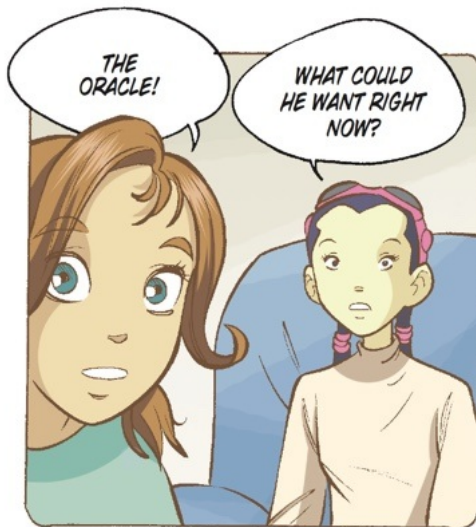


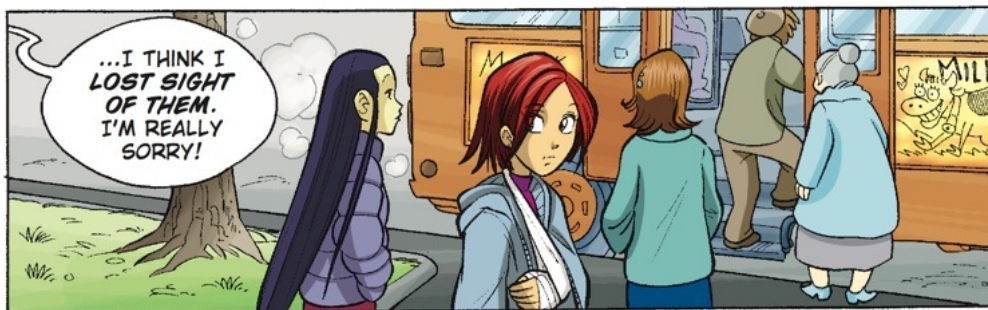




"...SO WE WENT TO CORNELIA'S, WHICH WAS LUCKY BECAUSE WE GOT A CERTAIN PHONE CALL..."

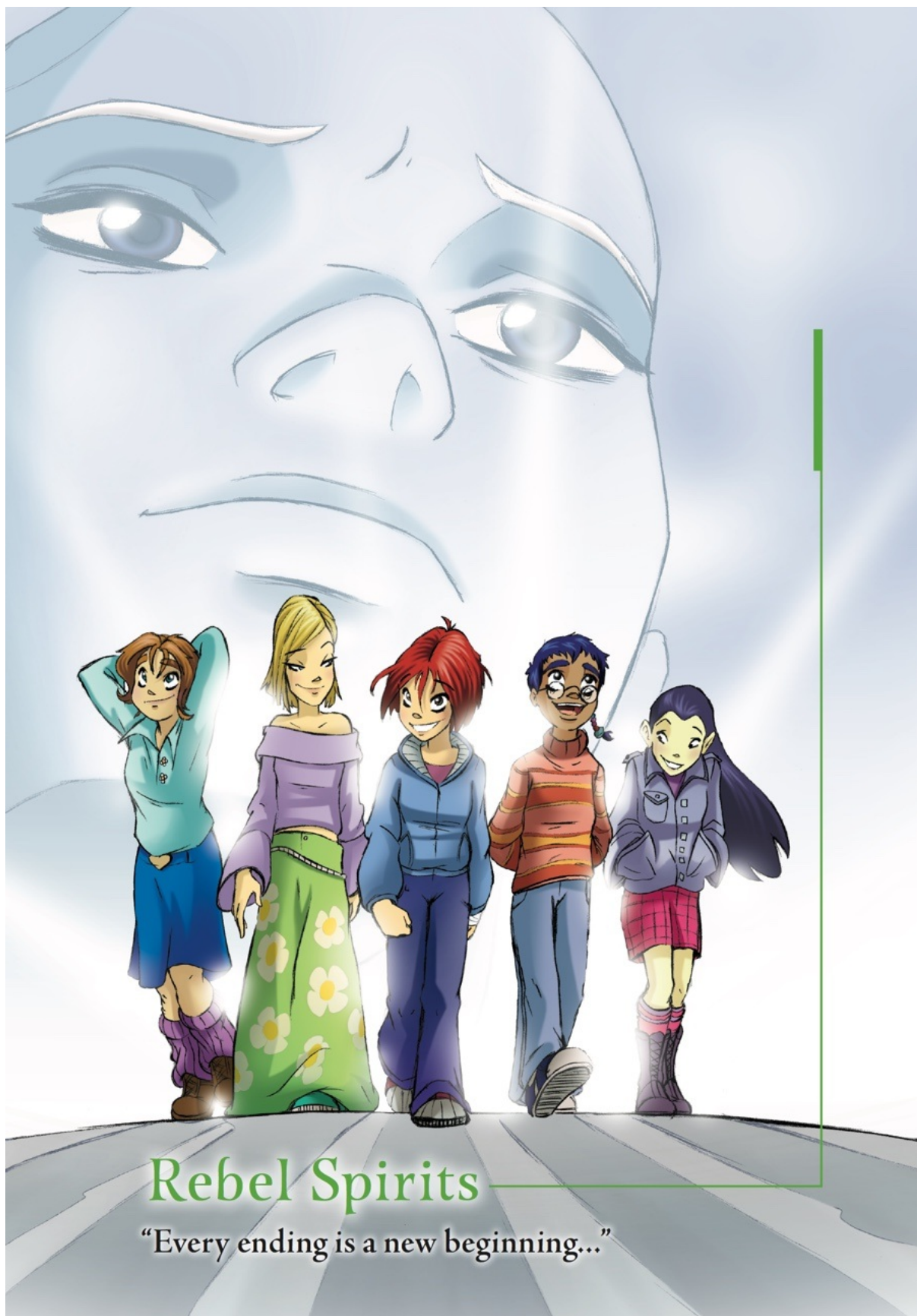












Rebel Spirits

"Every ending is a new beginning..."

THERE'S SOME UNUSUAL CONFUSION IN ORUBE'S HOUSE...

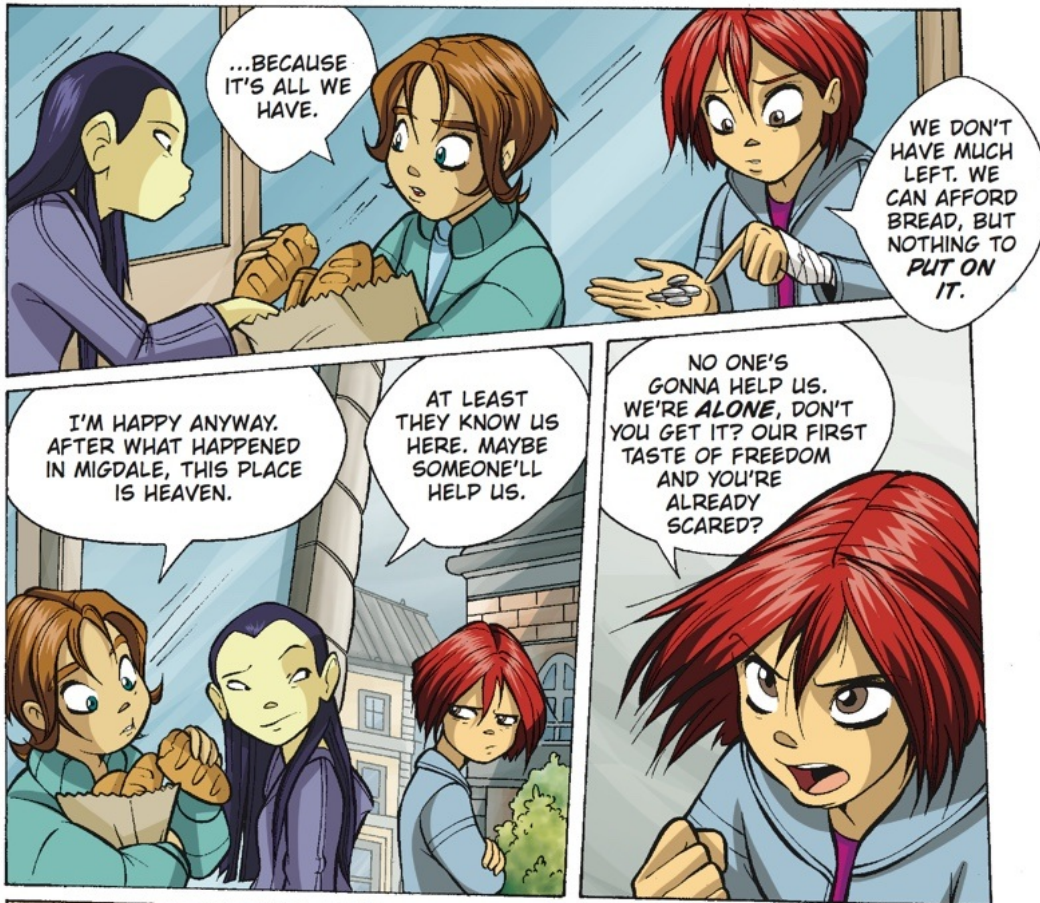












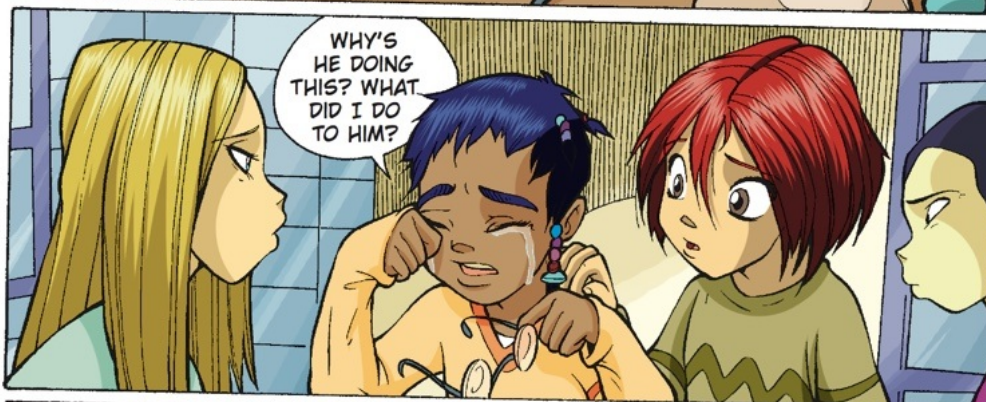
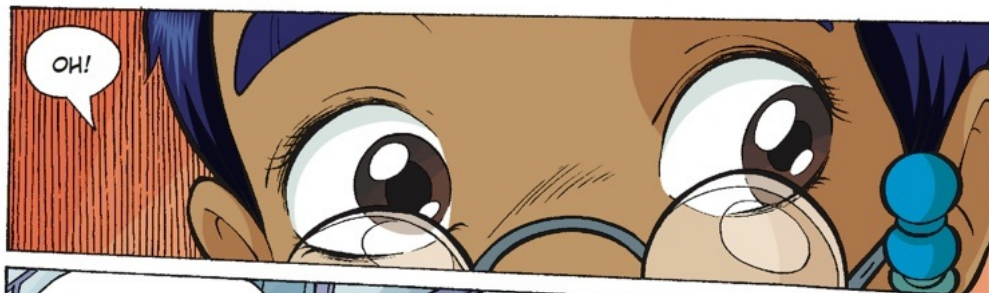
MEANWHILE, AT
TARANEE'S PLACE...





CRIMINAL! HE'S
NOT GOING TO GET
AWAY WITH IT!

I'M SORRY,
TARANEE...





WHAT'S
ALL THIS
RACKET?

AGAIN?

COME IN...
I'LL MAKE
SOME TEA.

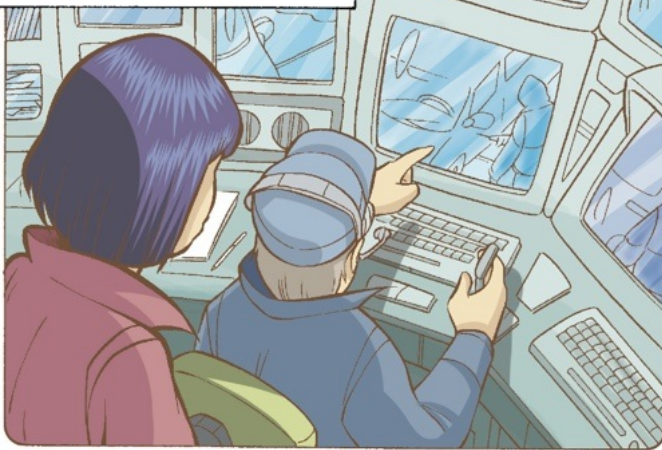
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JUST GOTTA
REPAIR THE
PUNCTURE, AND
IT'LL BE AS
GOOD AS
NEW.

WE'LL BE
INSIDE, LIONEL.
I'VE GOT TO
TALK TO
TARANEE.



"THE SECURITY CAMERAS AT
THE COURT HOUSE RECORDED
EVERYTHING..."



"I SAW HIS FACE,
TARANEE. IT WAS
DANIEL ASCROFT."



BUT YOU DIDN'T
GO TO THE POLICE.
WHY NOT?



I HOPED IT
WAS JUST A LITTLE
REVENGE FOR HIS
SENTENCE.



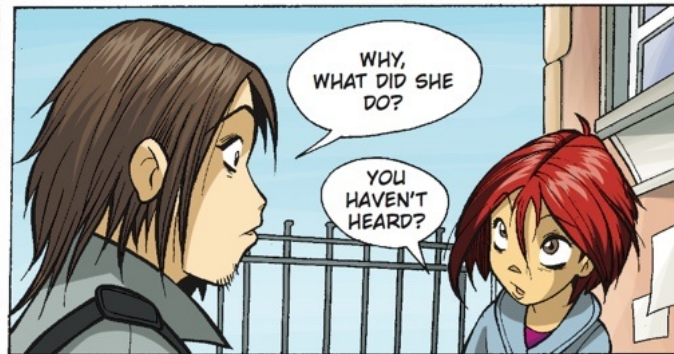
BUT NOW HE'S
DRAGGED NIGEL INTO
IT, AND WE'VE PUT UP
WITH ENOUGH...











SO MATT LEARNS THE WHOLE STORY...





ELSEWHERE...

DID YOU SEE?
THEY'RE STARING
AT US.

I BET W.I.T.C.H.
ARE NO LONGER
WELCOME HERE.

I WISH I'D SEEN
THEIR FACES WHEN THEY
GOT THAT *BILL*!

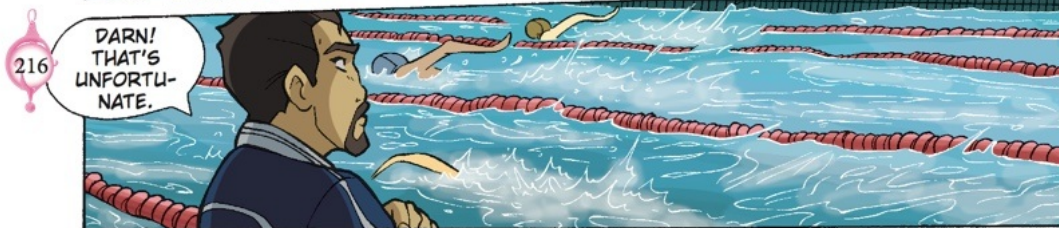
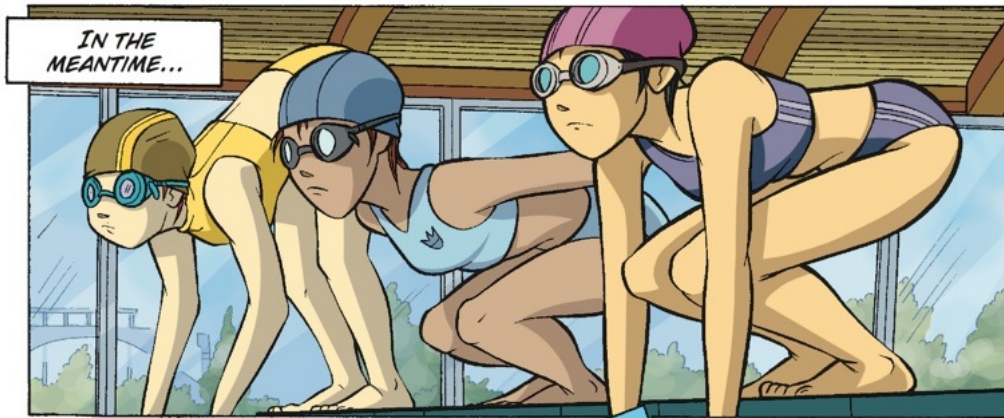
MAYBE WE WENT
TOO FAR?

IT'S NOT SMART
TO GO AGAINST
W.I.T.C.H...









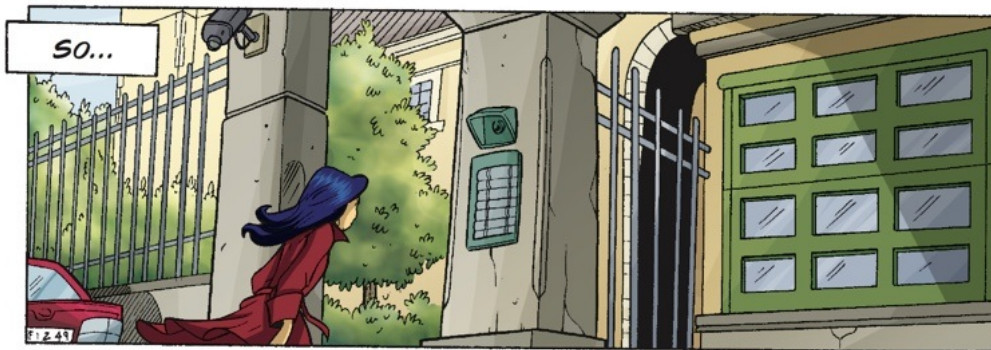














WELL, SHE DID HAVE A
BAD FEELING...





AND WHILE W.I.T.C.H. GO ON ALERT...

...SOMEONE'S PLANNING AN ESCAPE.

FRUSH FRUSH

YOU PICKED A GREAT HIDING SPOT.

OOF! YOU'RE NEVER HAPPY!

THERE SHE IS. THE WATCH-DOG! OUR FRIENDS ARE IN THERE...ALONE...FRANTIC...ABANDONED...

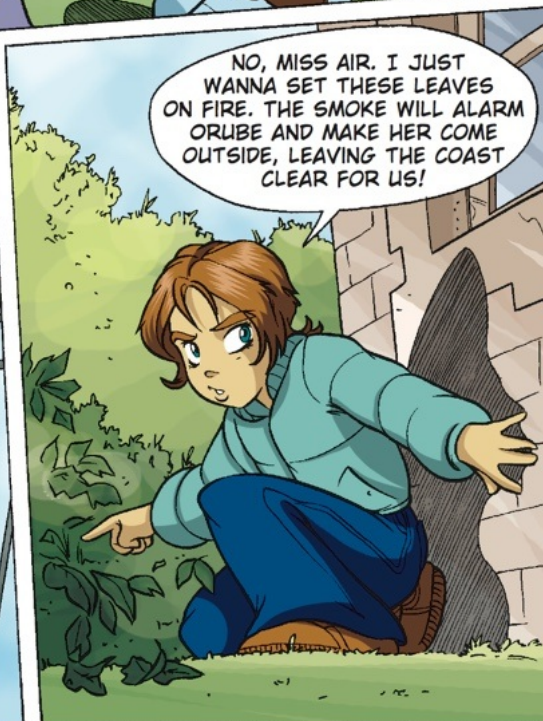
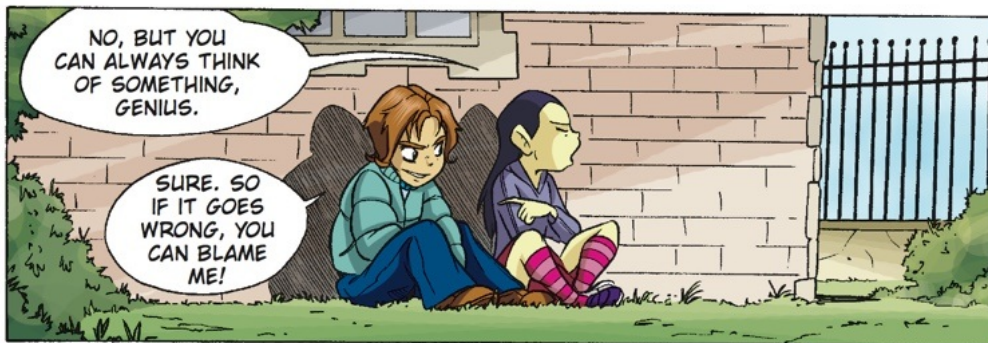
I'D ABANDON YOU, IF I COULD...

...BUT SINCE I CAN'T, WE'D BETTER GET A MOVE ON.

GREAT. THEN HERE'S THE PLAN...

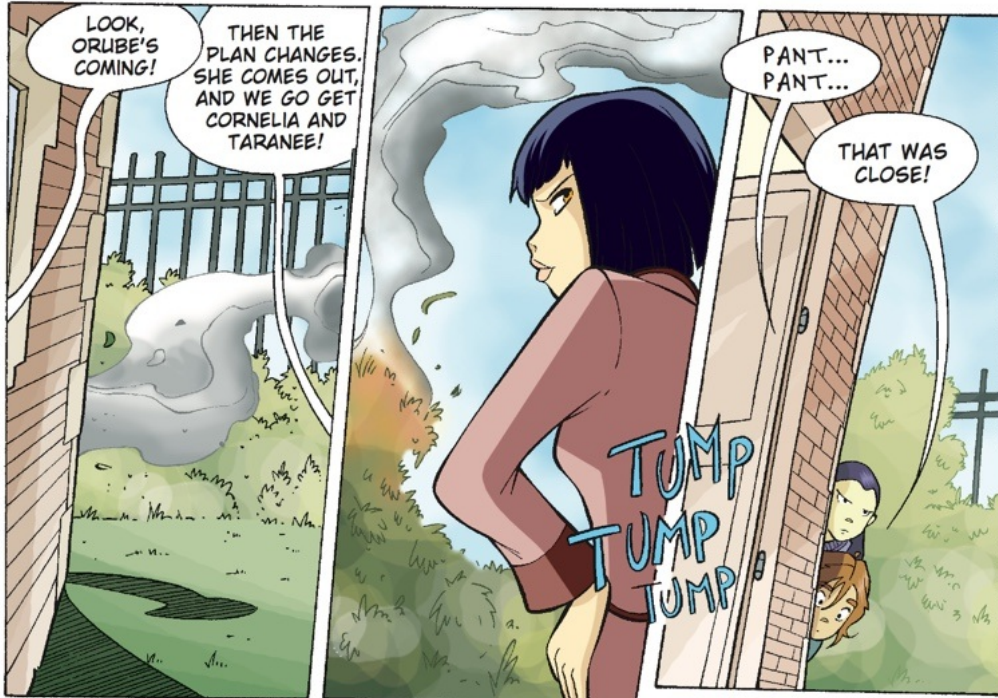
ONE OF US HAS TO BE THE BAIT AND SACRIFICE HERSELF TO SAVE THE OTHERS.

INTERESTING. GOT A PLAN B?













HELLO?

What's it like to hear your own voice on the phone?



IT'S KINDA WEIRD FOR ME!

Why are you ruining my life? What do you want from me?



First, I want to meet. You'll know the rest then.

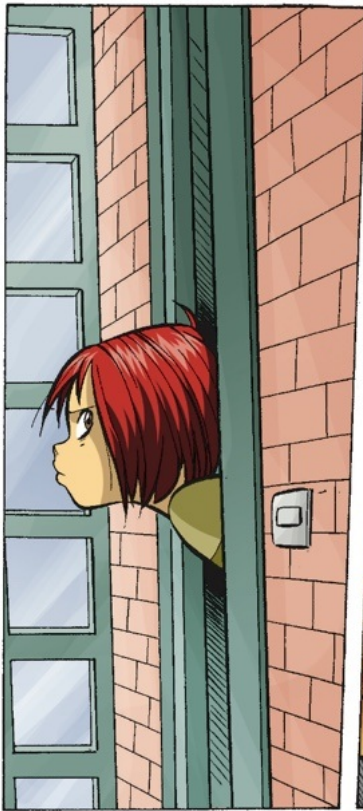
YOU DON'T CALL THE SHOTS!



I'm coming, Will.

NO! YOU CAN'T COME HERE...







WILL'S DESPAIR IS A SILENT CRY EXPLODING IN HER MIND...



A CRY THAT REACHES FAR...
A CRY FOR HELP THAT HER
ASTRAL DROP CAN'T HEAR.

I JUST WANT
YOU TO LET ME
GO! THAT'S
ALL I ASK!



I DON'T WANNA BE AT
YOUR BECK AND CALL
ANYMORE. I WANT
MY OWN LIFE!



WHAT ARE
YOU ON ABOUT?
DON'T KID YOUR-
SELF. YOU'RE NOT
REAL! JUST MY
REFLECTION!



NO, WILL...I'M
MUCH MORE. YOU
KNOW THAT BUT
REFUSE TO ADMIT
IT. TIME TO
OPEN YOUR
EYES!



MAYBE SO, BUT
IT DOESN'T CHANGE
ANYTHING. GIVE UP,
ASTRAL DROP!

THANKS,
YOU GUYS!

NO
WORRIES.
YOUR TELE-
PATHIC CRY
FOR HELP TO
THE HEART OF
KANDRAKAR
LED US
HERE—AND
JUST IN
TIME!



...BECAUSE THE GUARDIANS
WILL FIND THEIR ANSWERS IN
KANDRAKAR.

ARE YOU
SURE IT WAS
THE RIGHT
DECISION?

I THINK SO, IRMA.
ANYWAY, WE'RE HERE
NOW...TOO LATE
TO GO BACK.

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THERE'S NO
OTHER WAY TO
FIX THIS.

JUST HAVE TO PUT
ASIDE OUR PRIDE
AND ASK FOR THE
ORACLE'S HELP.

ADMIT IT, GUYS.
WE FAILED—
SPECTACULARLY.

GUARDIANS...
THE LORD OF
KANDRAKAR
IS READY TO
SEE YOU.

UM...IS HE IN A GOOD
MOOD?

YOU'LL
HAVE TO
WAIT AND
SEE.



I THINK HE'S HAVING A BAD DAY TODAY.

AND I DON'T THINK IT WOULD BE ANY BETTER TOMORROW!



BE QUIET, GUARDIANS. YOU DEALT WITH THE ASTRAL DROPS SITUATION VERY **IMMATURELY**...I AM HIGHLY DISAPPOINTED.



I OFFERED YOU MY HELP...

...BUT YOU CHOSE TO IGNORE MY MESSAGE.*

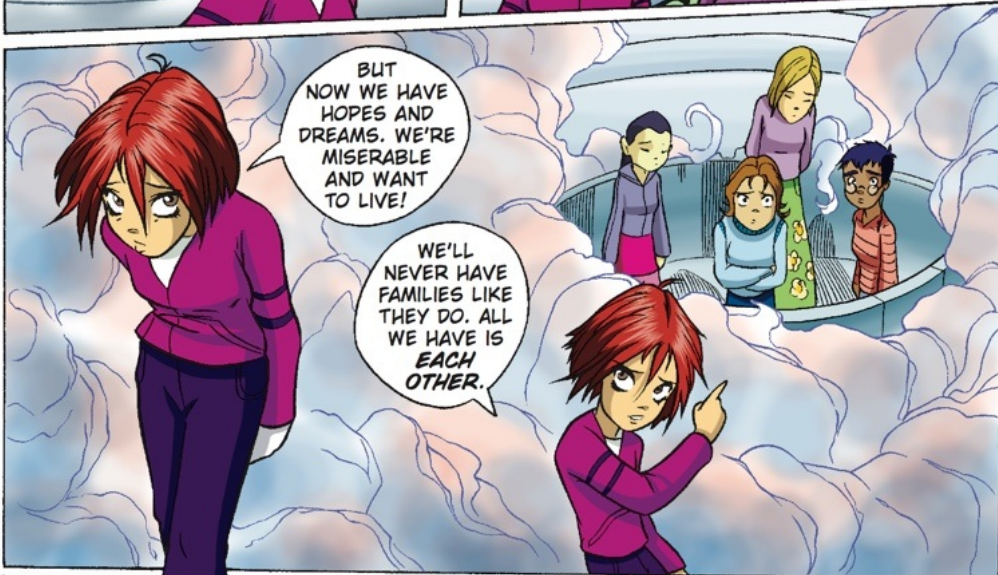


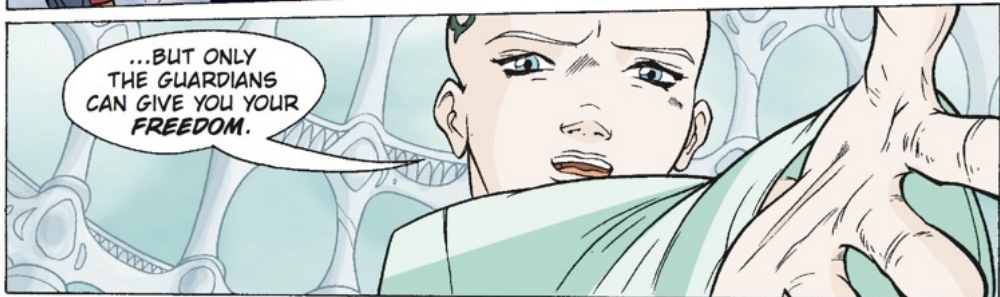
AND NOW THAT IT'S TOO LATE, YOU ARE HERE BEGGING FOR MY AID.

WERE OTHERS NOT INVOLVED, I WOULD LEAVE YOU TO **DROWN IN YOUR OWN TROUBLES.**

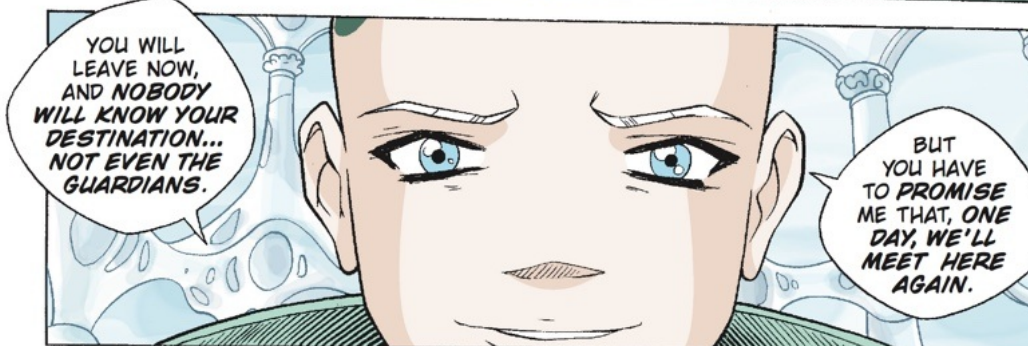
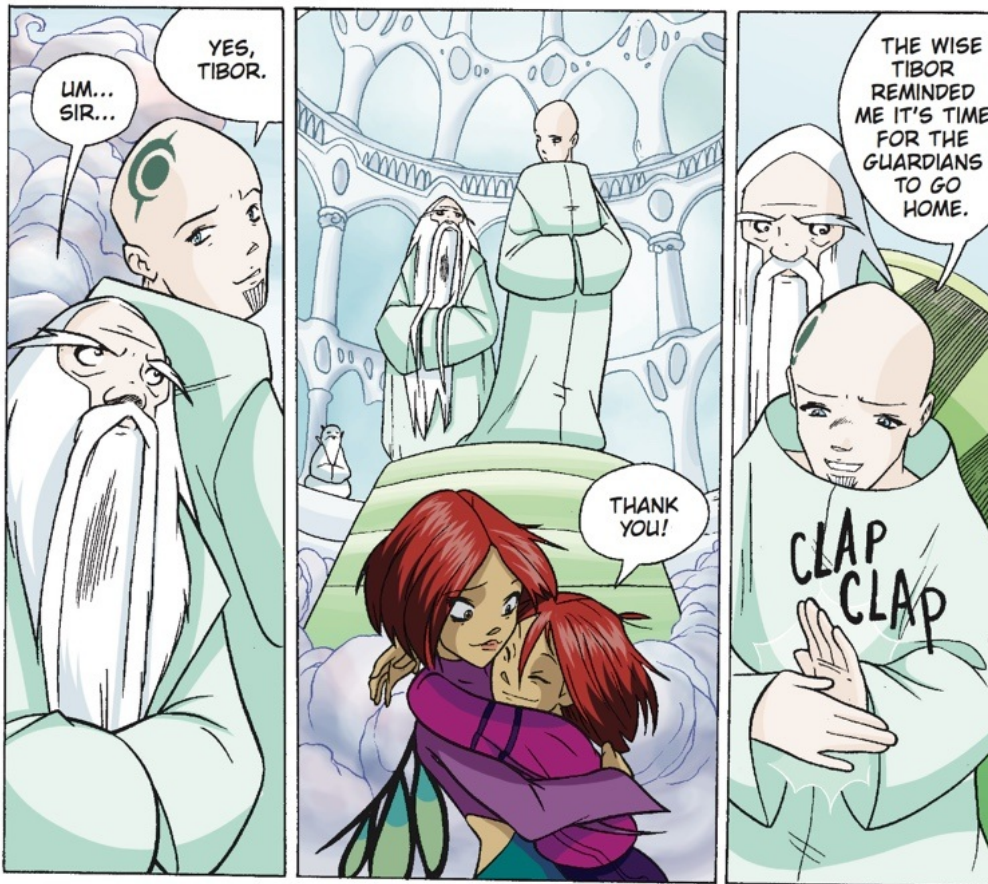
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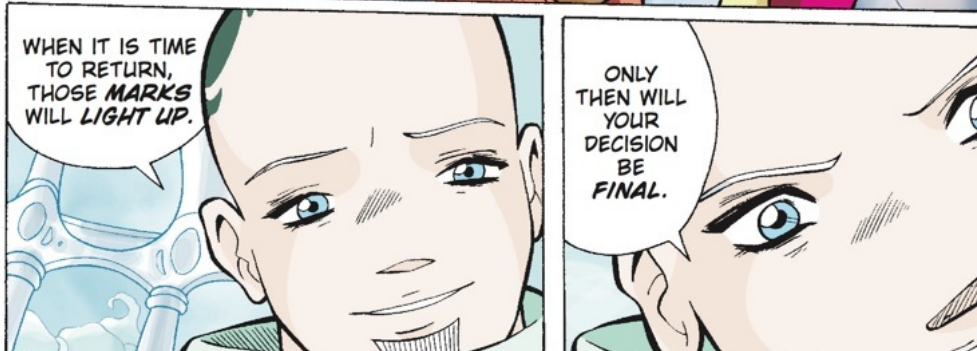
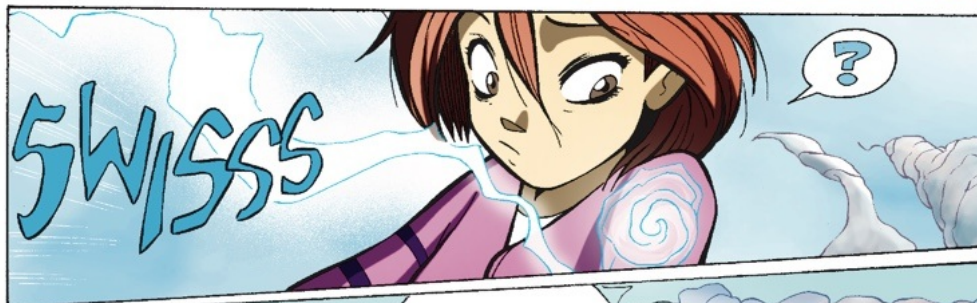
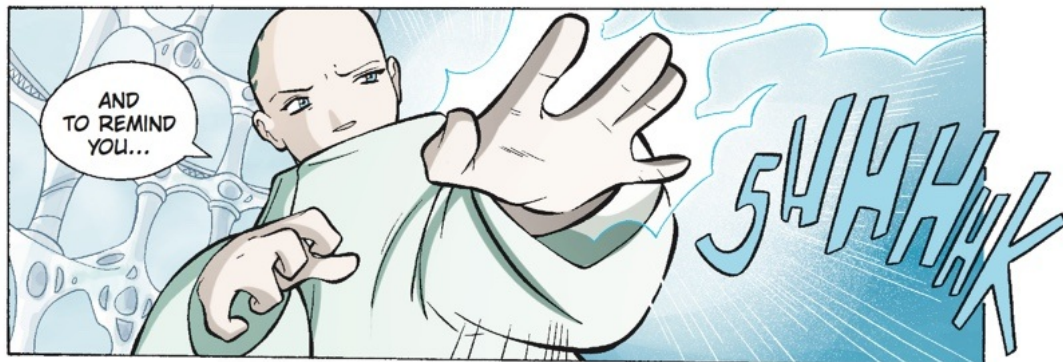


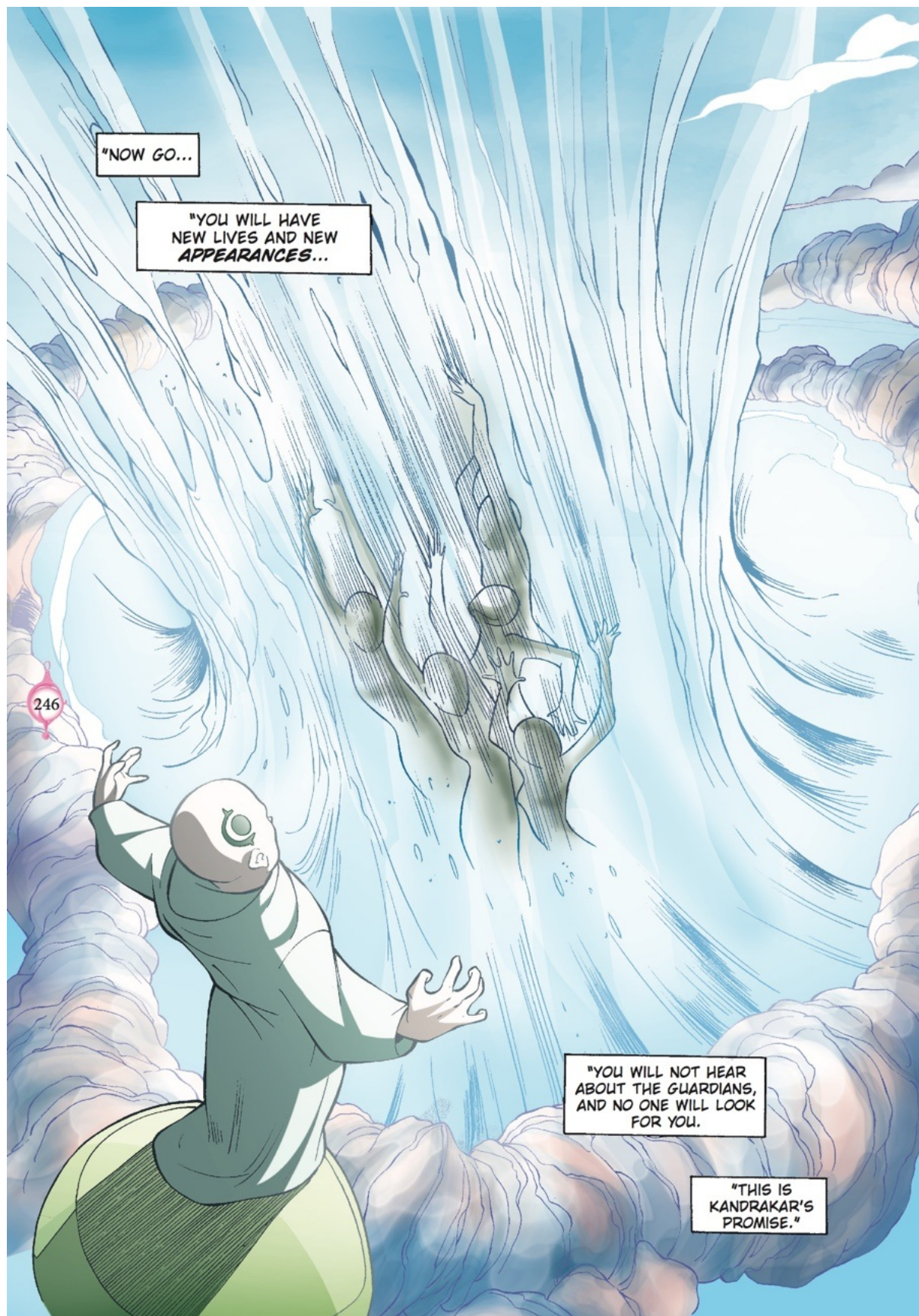












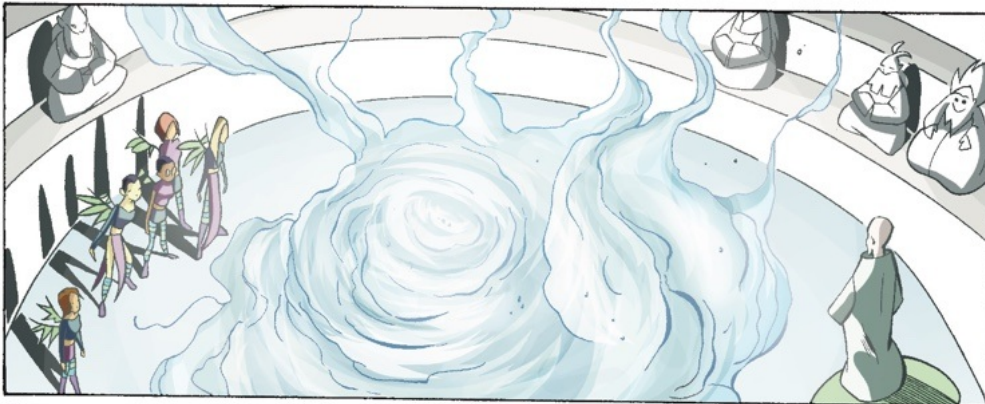
"NOW GO..."

"YOU WILL HAVE
NEW LIVES AND NEW
APPEARANCES..."

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"YOU WILL NOT HEAR
ABOUT THE GUARDIANS,
AND NO ONE WILL LOOK
FOR YOU."

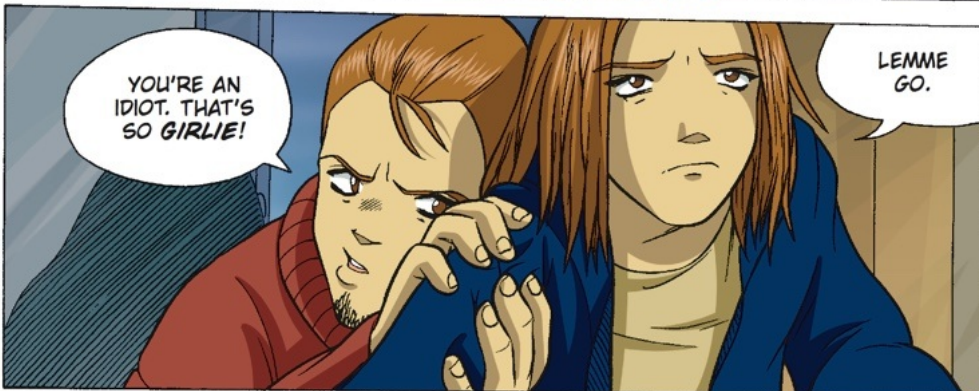
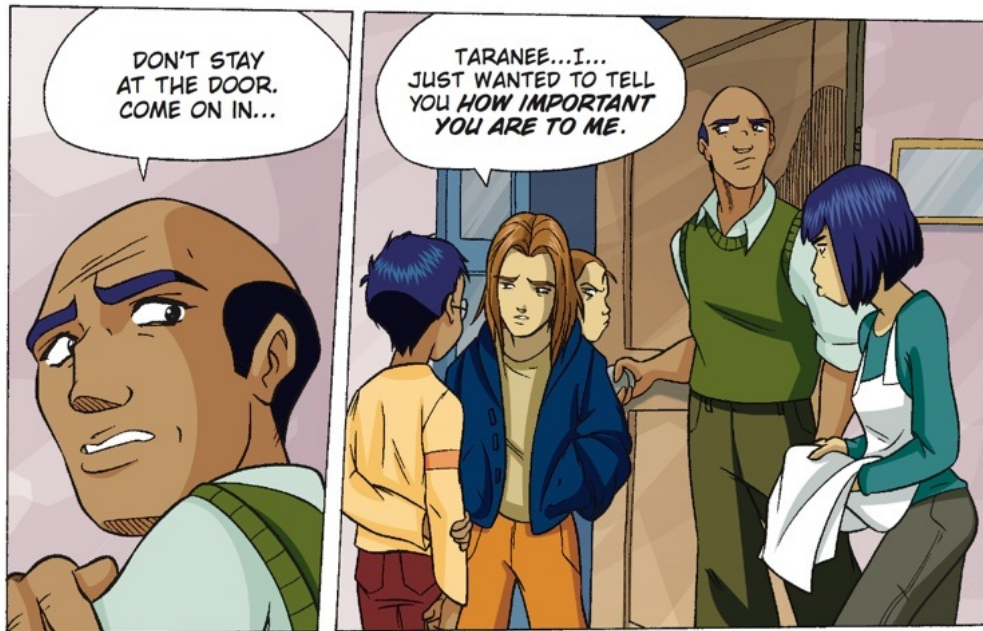
"THIS IS
KANDRAKAR'S
PROMISE."

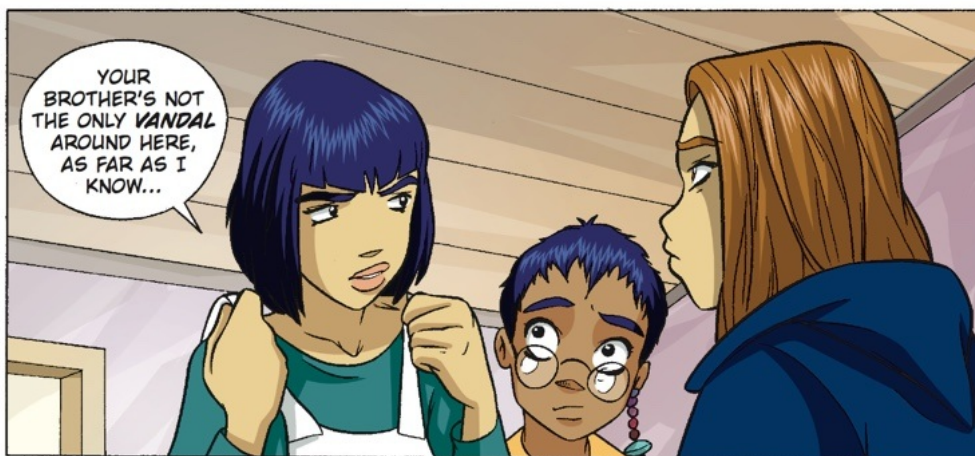












YOUR BROTHER'S NOT THE ONLY **VANDAL** AROUND HERE, AS FAR AS I KNOW...



I'M WILLING TO **PAY** FOR ANY DAMAGE, BUT I DON'T WANNA LOSE **TARANEE'S** FRIENDSHIP.

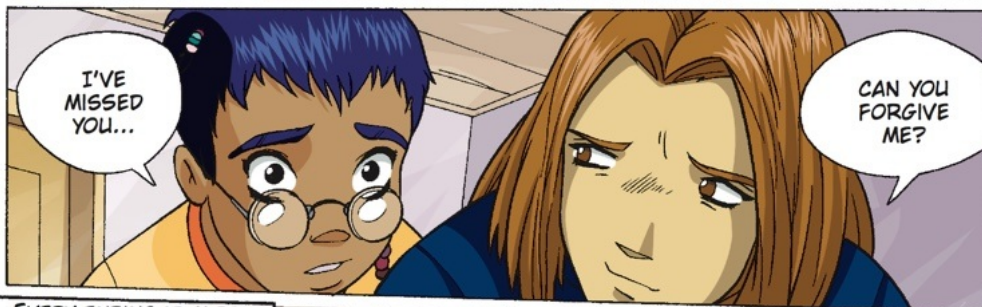
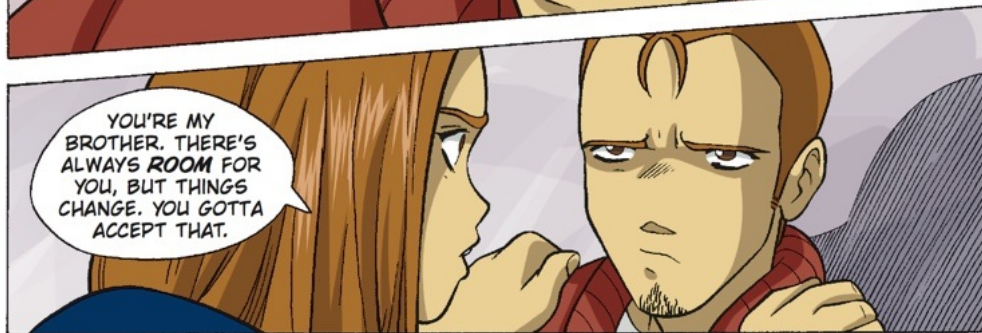
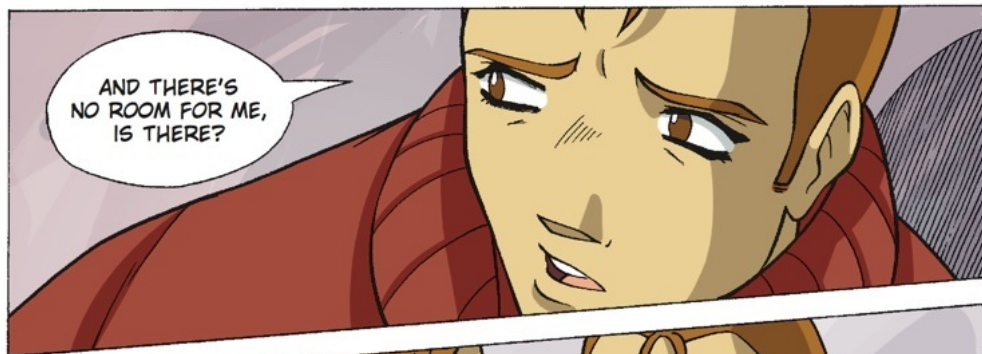
BUT I WASN'T THE ONLY ONE WHO MADE A MISTAKE. YOU WERE PRETTY QUICK TO DISMISS AND DISTRUST ME. THAT WAS HARSH OF YOU.

TRUST MUST BE EARNED. YOU THINK YOU DESERVE IT?

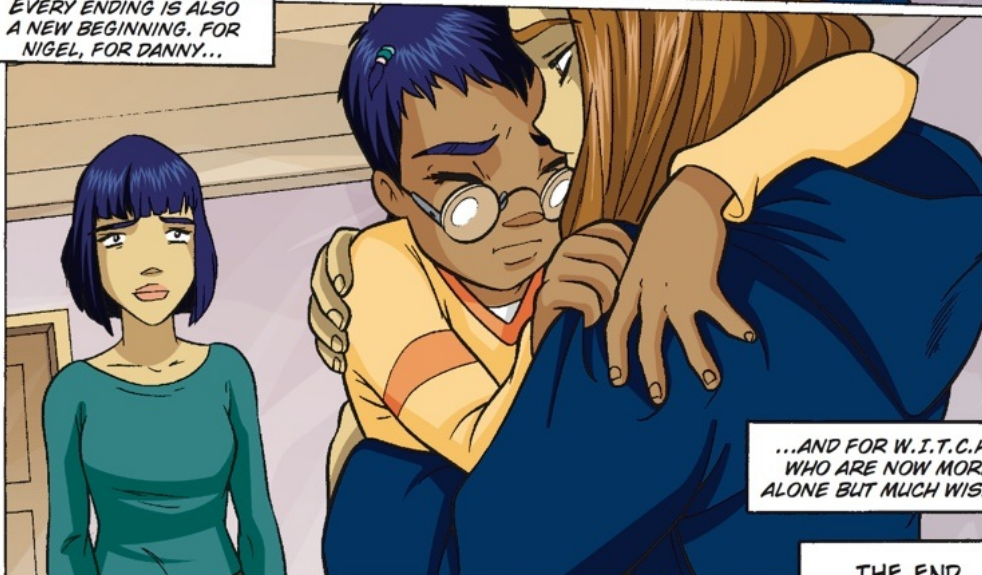


THIS TIME I DO.

FINE, NIGEL... I SEE YOU'VE MADE YOUR CHOICE...



EVERY ENDING IS ALSO A NEW BEGINNING. FOR NIGEL, FOR DANNY...



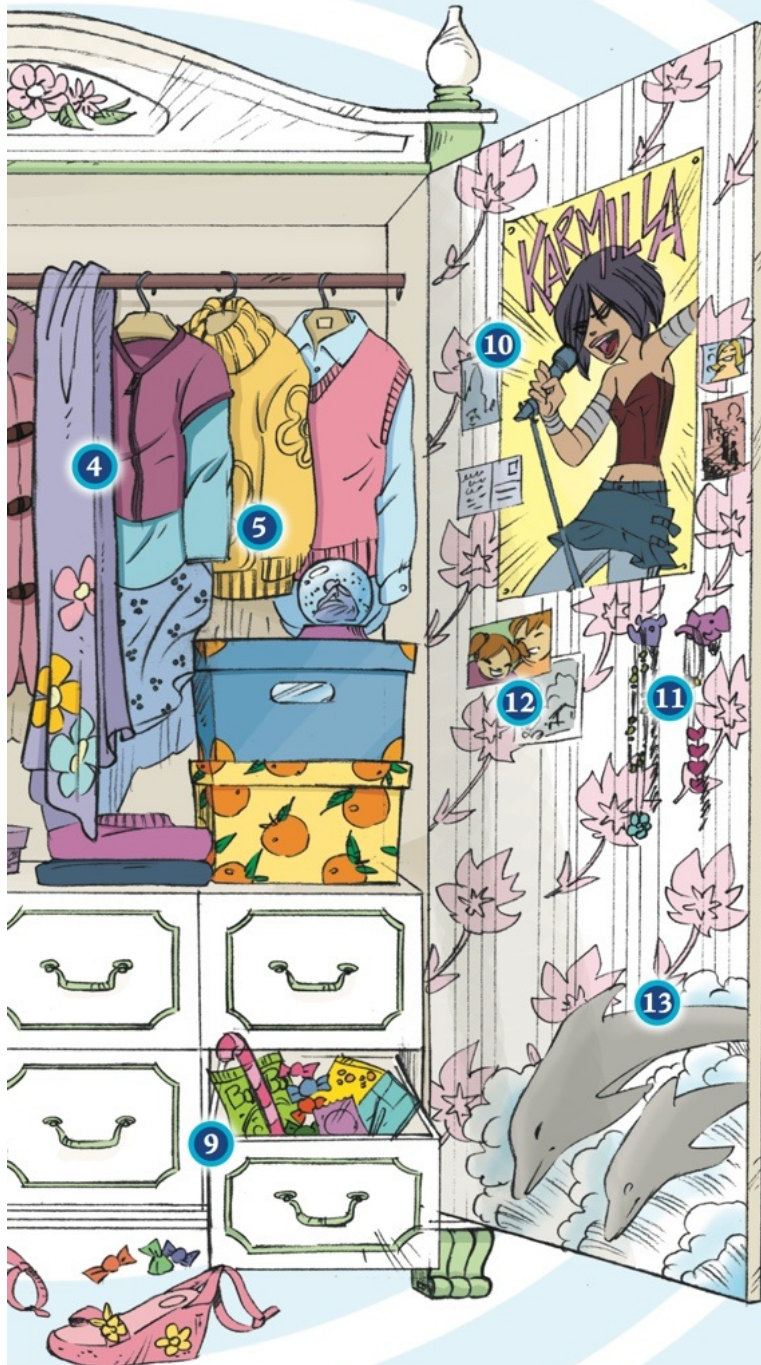
THE END



A Thousand Secrets in Irma's Wardrobe

- 1 The mirror, to fix her hair. Irma likes pigtails and colorful hairclips. It's the last thing she does before leaving the house.
- 2 The dress Irma wore at the Halloween party, and it's one of her favorites. She thinks it's her lucky dress.
- 3 Irma collects snow globes. She has so many, she doesn't know where to put them anymore, so some end up in her wardrobe.
- 4 Scarf-sarong with flowery pattern. It goes around her neck in the winter and over her swimsuit in the summer.
- 5 Irma's always cold. Last Christmas, her dad gave her this super-warm sweater.
- 6 Lilac gloves. Irma loves this color; it reminds her of spring...
- 7 "City" boots. For rainy days and long walks. Worn with trousers or a skirt.





- 8 These **sandals** were on sale at Brick's, but she never wears them. She likes them, but they're not her style...
- 9 The **candy** drawer. Irma buys some every time she goes to the market, then promptly forgets about it until it expires.
- 10 Superstar **Karmilla** has a special place in Irma's heart...and in her wardrobe. The right door is all for her.
- 11 Irma hung up all the **necklaces** she made, though they didn't turn out so well...Hay Lin is definitely better at it!
- 12 A **photo** she really loves from a vacation at the shore when she was little. It's nice to open her wardrobe and see it.
- 13 Irma **adores dolphins**. She asked for Hay Lin's help drawing them and is really proud of the results!



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