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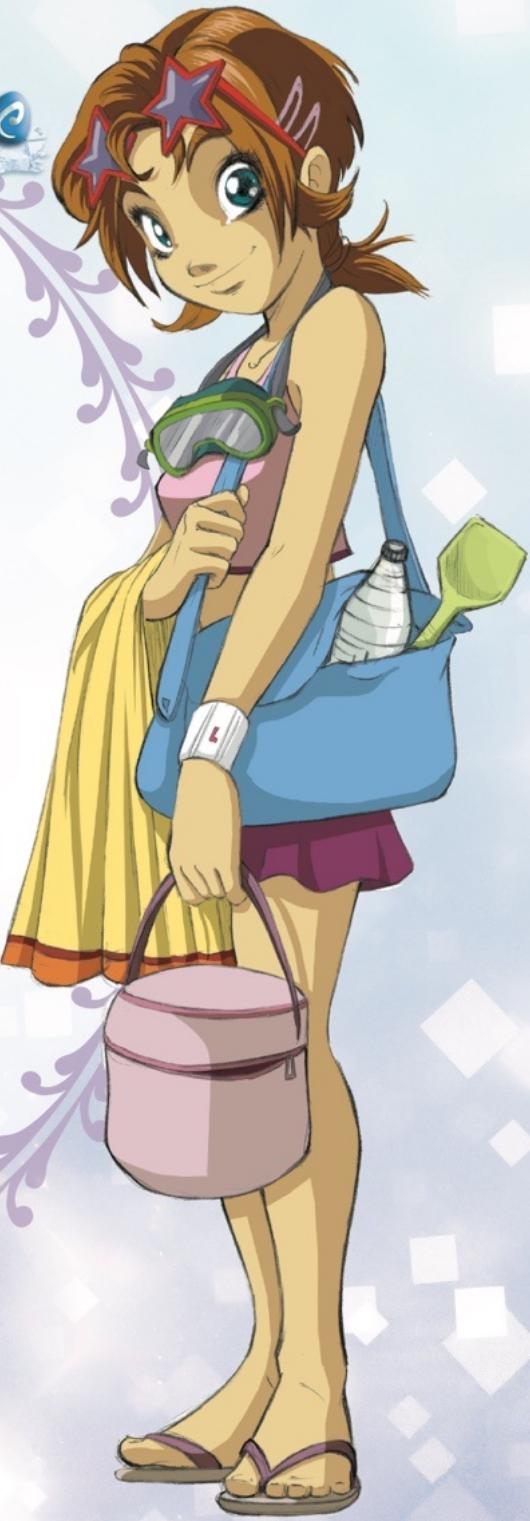
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Between Dream and Reality

“A true warrior knows when she needs help.”





THE TOWER OF MISTS.
KANDRAKAR'S IMPREGNABLE PRISON.

IT IS SAID IT KNOWS ITS
INMATES ONE BY ONE AND
MODELS ITS CELLS BASED
ON THEIR CRIMES.

AN INDOMITABLE PLACE FOR THOSE WHO
DOMINATED OTHERS. AN OVERHEATED
SAUNA FOR THOSE WITH HEARTS OF ICE.

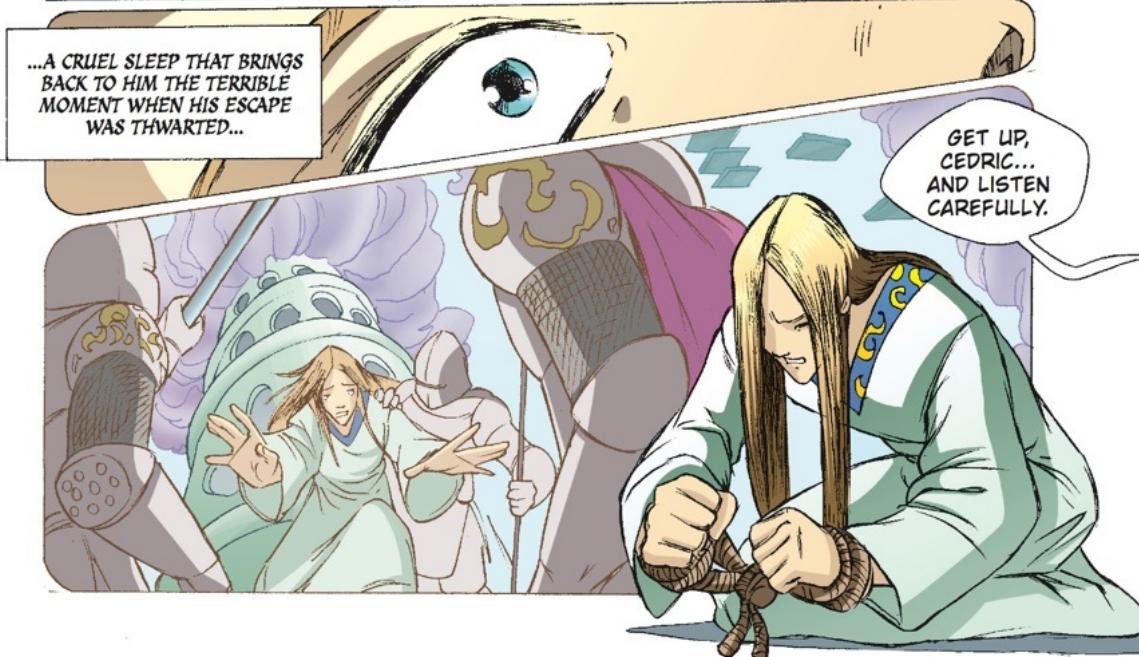
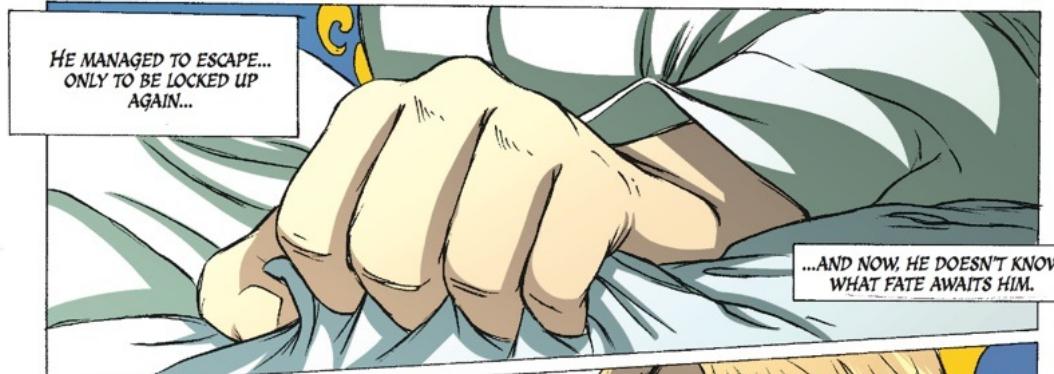
"IT IS SAID" BECAUSE, SO FAR,
NONE OF ITS INMATES HAS
EVER LEFT TO TELL THE TALE.

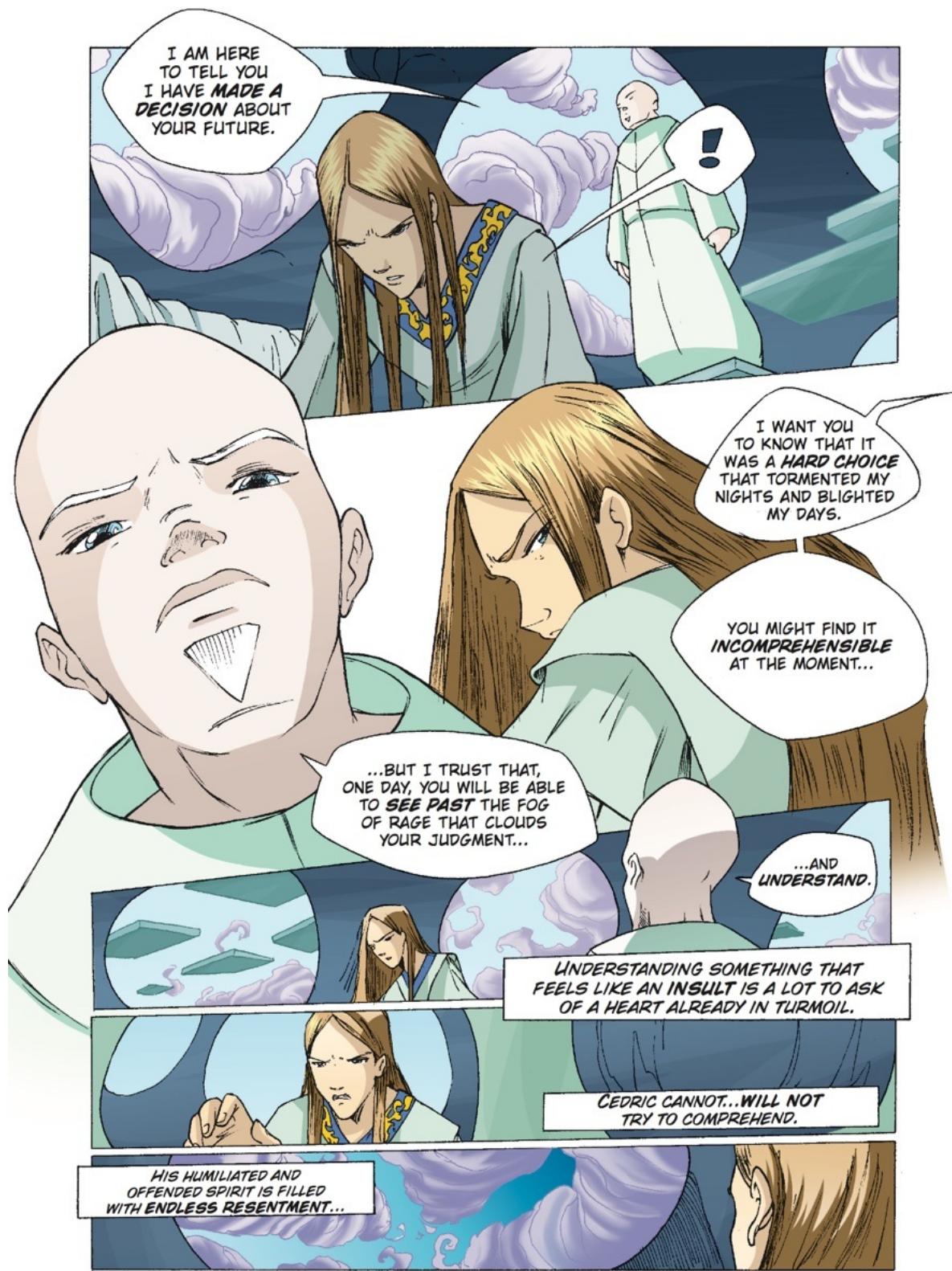
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IMPRISONMENT AT THE CENTER OF
INFINITY IS AN ENDLESS
SUCCESSION OF DAYS THAT DRIP
AWAY, SLOW AND HEAVY...

...AN UNBEARABLE ETERNITY THAT DISSOLVES
ANY SENSE OF TIME AND SPACE.

IT'S PAINFUL TRYING TO
CONJURE UP THOUGHTS AND
MEMORIES TO COPE.

IT'S FAR EASIER TAKING REFUGE
IN A DEEP SLEEP...







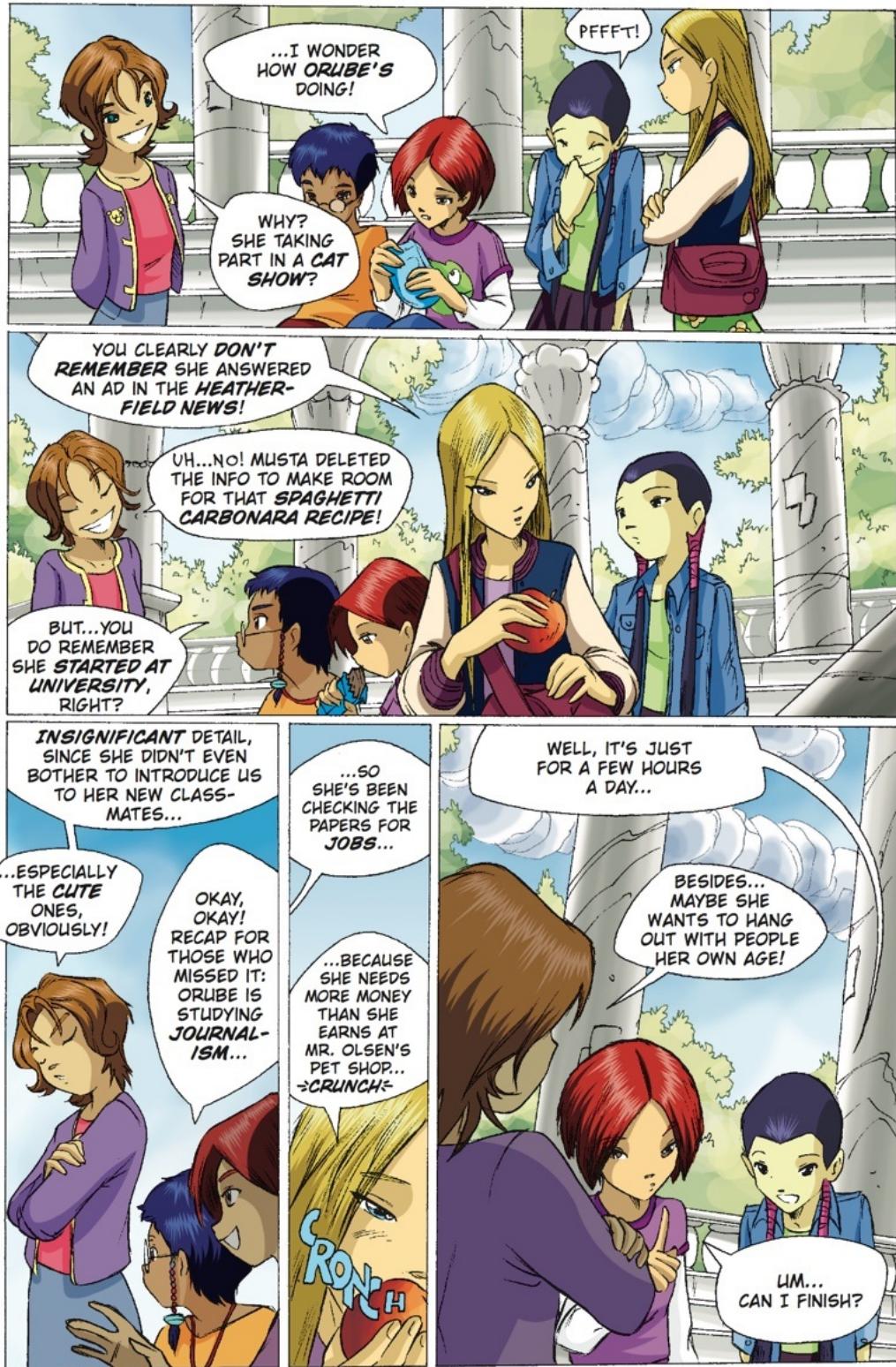








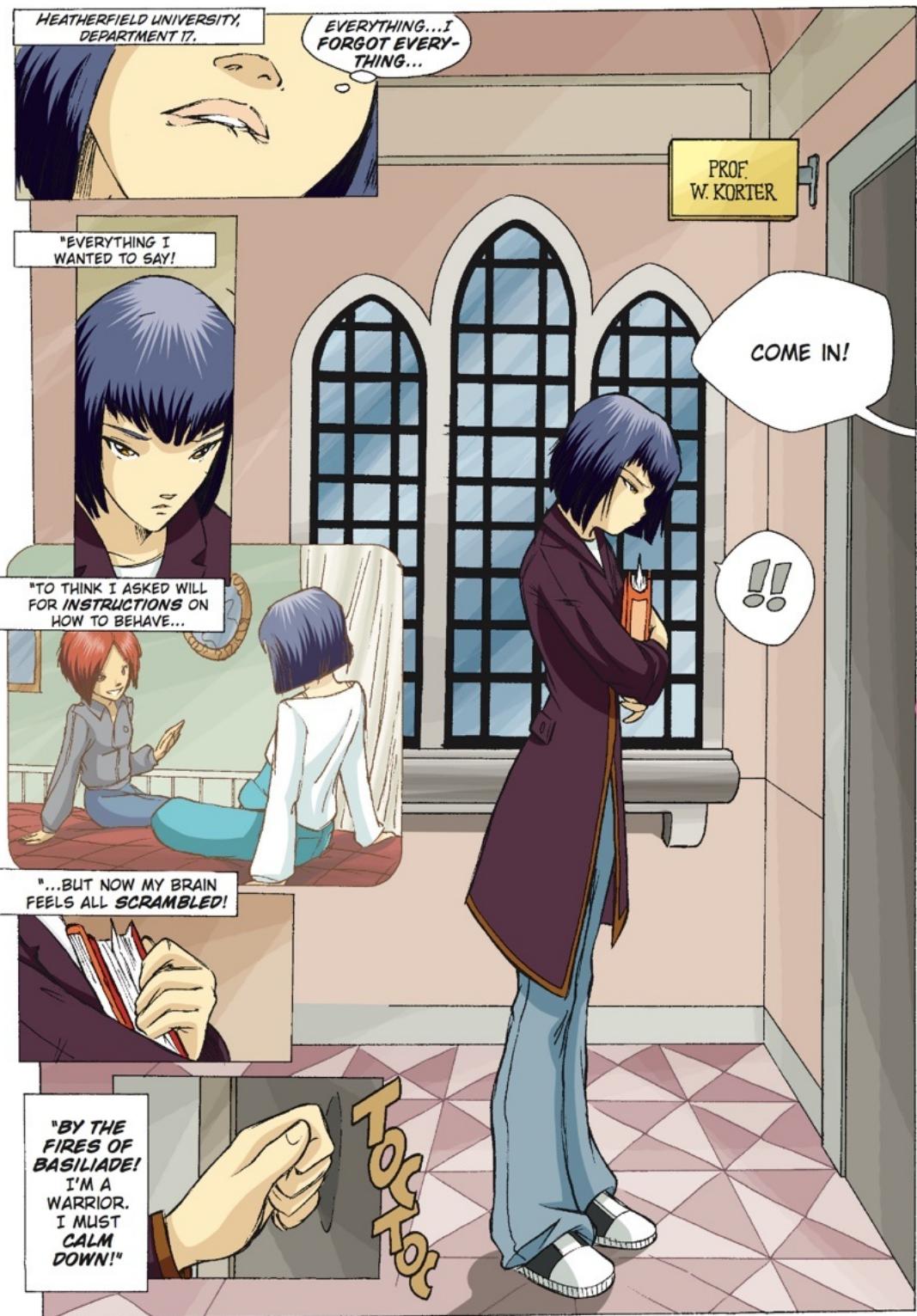








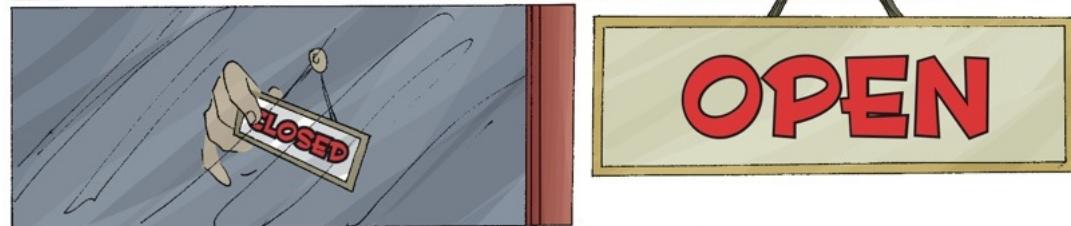












LATER THAT AFTERNOON

OPEN...

I SLIDE MY
FOOT ACROSS
THE FLOOR...

CLOSED...

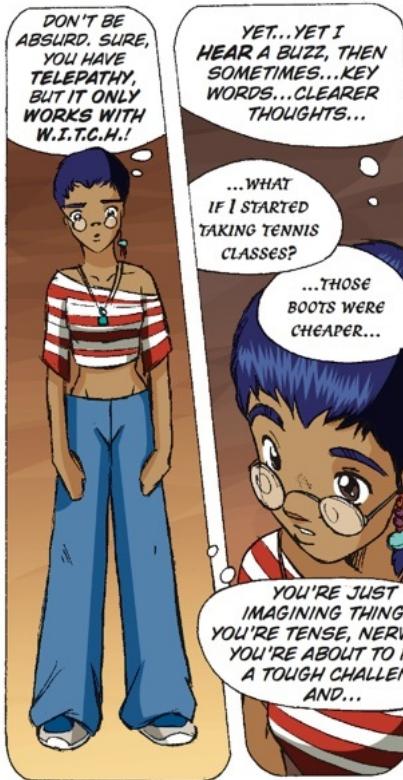
...WHOOPS!

GREAT,
TARANEE! IF
YOU WANTED TO GO
UNNOTICED, YOU'RE
DOING IT WRONG!

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PHEEW! 
LOOKS LIKE
NOBODY SAW ME.
THEY'RE ALL
LOST IN THEIR
THOUGHTS...





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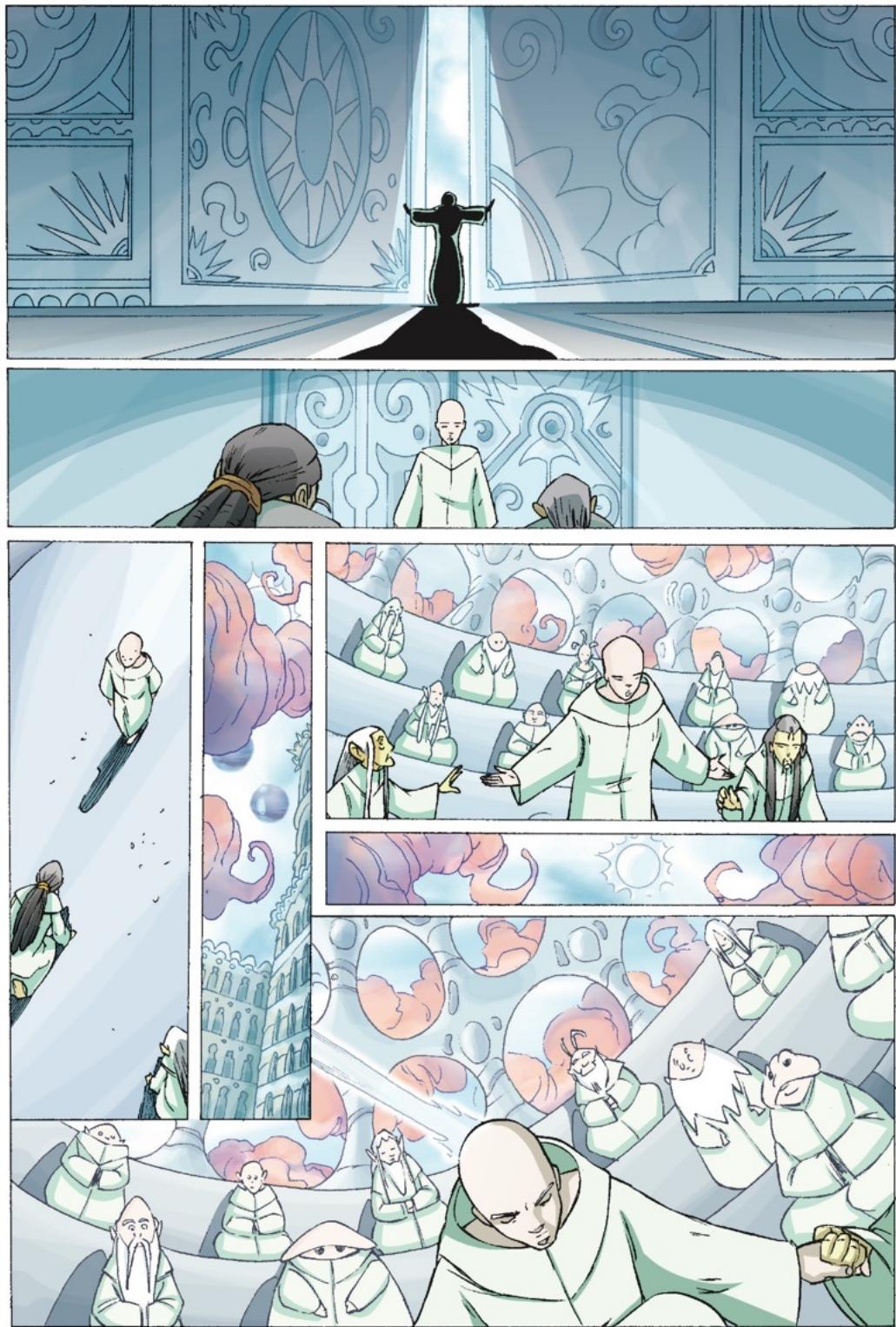
KANDRAKAR
A DAY OF CELEBRATION.

THIS PLACE IS NOT NEW TO CELEBRATIONS, BUT TODAY'S IS PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT.

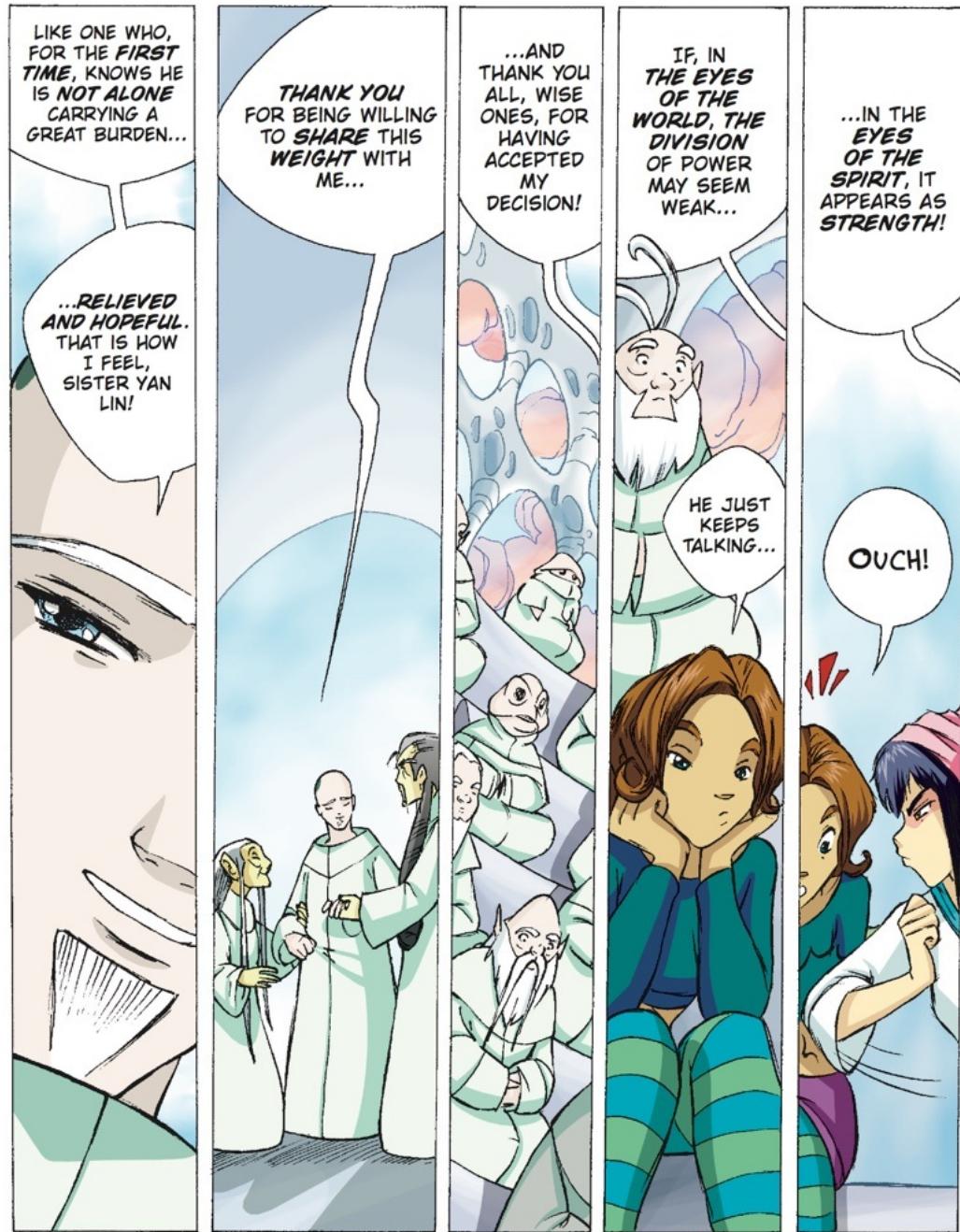
...A CHANGE WORTHY OF BEING WRITTEN IN LETTERS OF FIRE IN THE PALACE'S BOOKS. FOR THE FIRST TIME, AN ORACLE HAS DECIDED TO GIVE UP THE FULL POWERS THAT HAVE ALWAYS BELONGED TO THE LORD OF KANDRAKAR.

IT MARKS A HUGE CHANGE IN THE HISTORY OF THE FORTRESS...

HE'LL SURRENDER HIS OMNIPOTENCE AND SHARE EQUALLY HIS POWERS AND RESPONSIBILITIES WITH TWO OTHER WISE ONES!







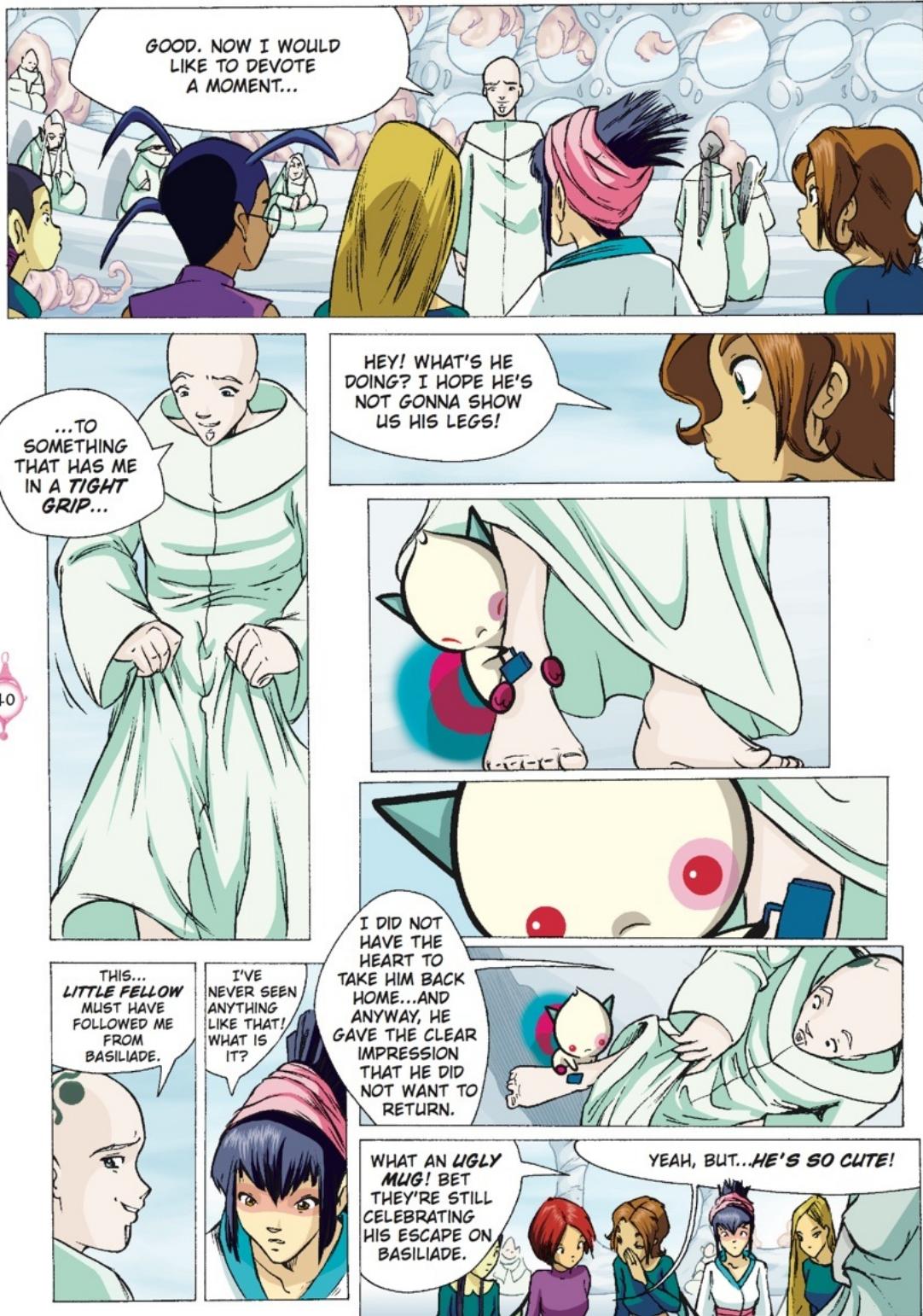
FROM NOW ON, I WILL BE ABLE TO RELY ON THE PERSPECTIVE AND SUPPORT OF TWO WISE COUNSELLORS AS WORTHY OF BEING CONSIDERED TEACHERS AS I AM.

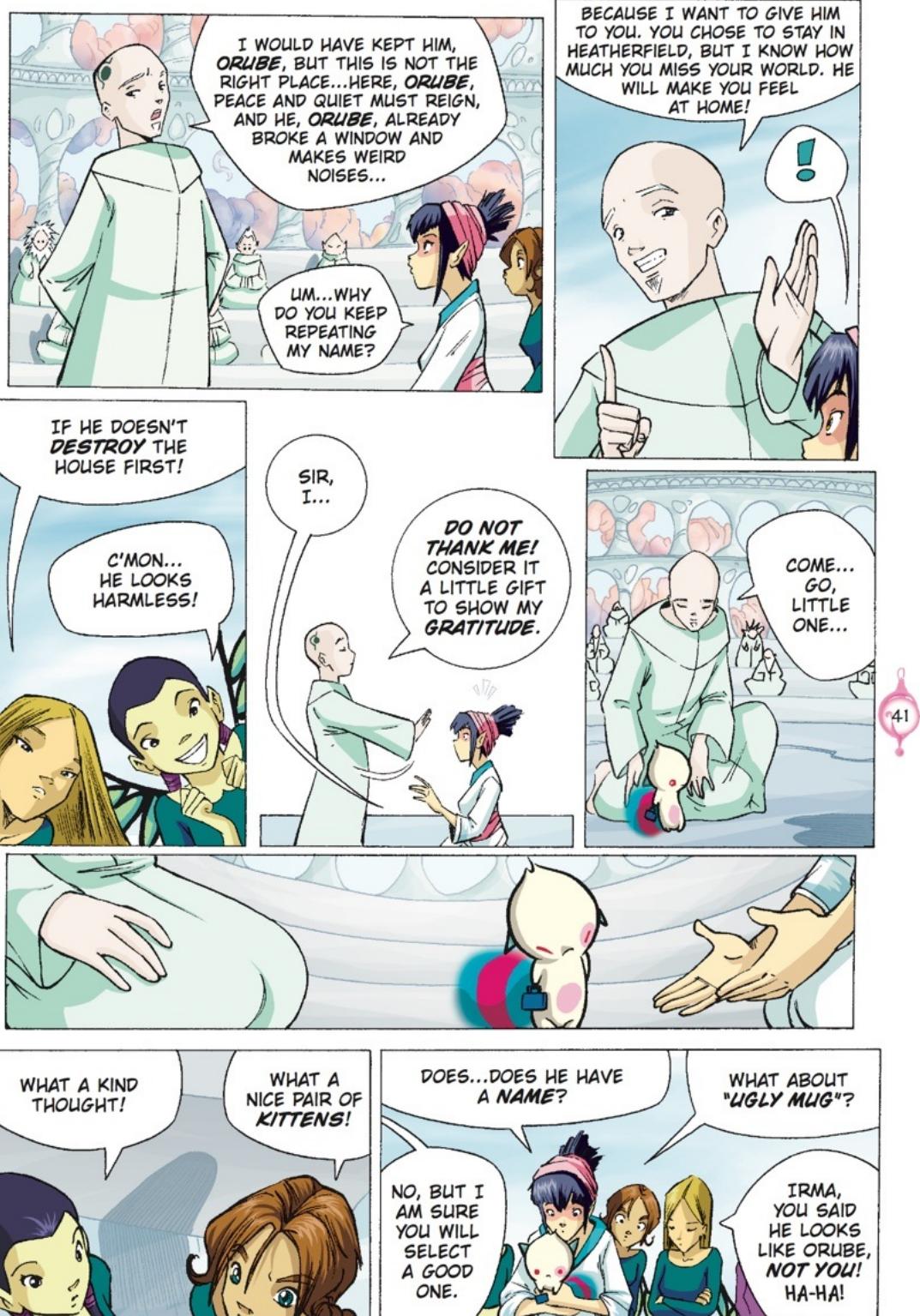
"WHAT I WENT THROUGH TAUGHT ME THAT IT IS NOT ONE'S ROLE THAT MAKES A PERSON IMPORTANT.

"IT IS NOT POWER.

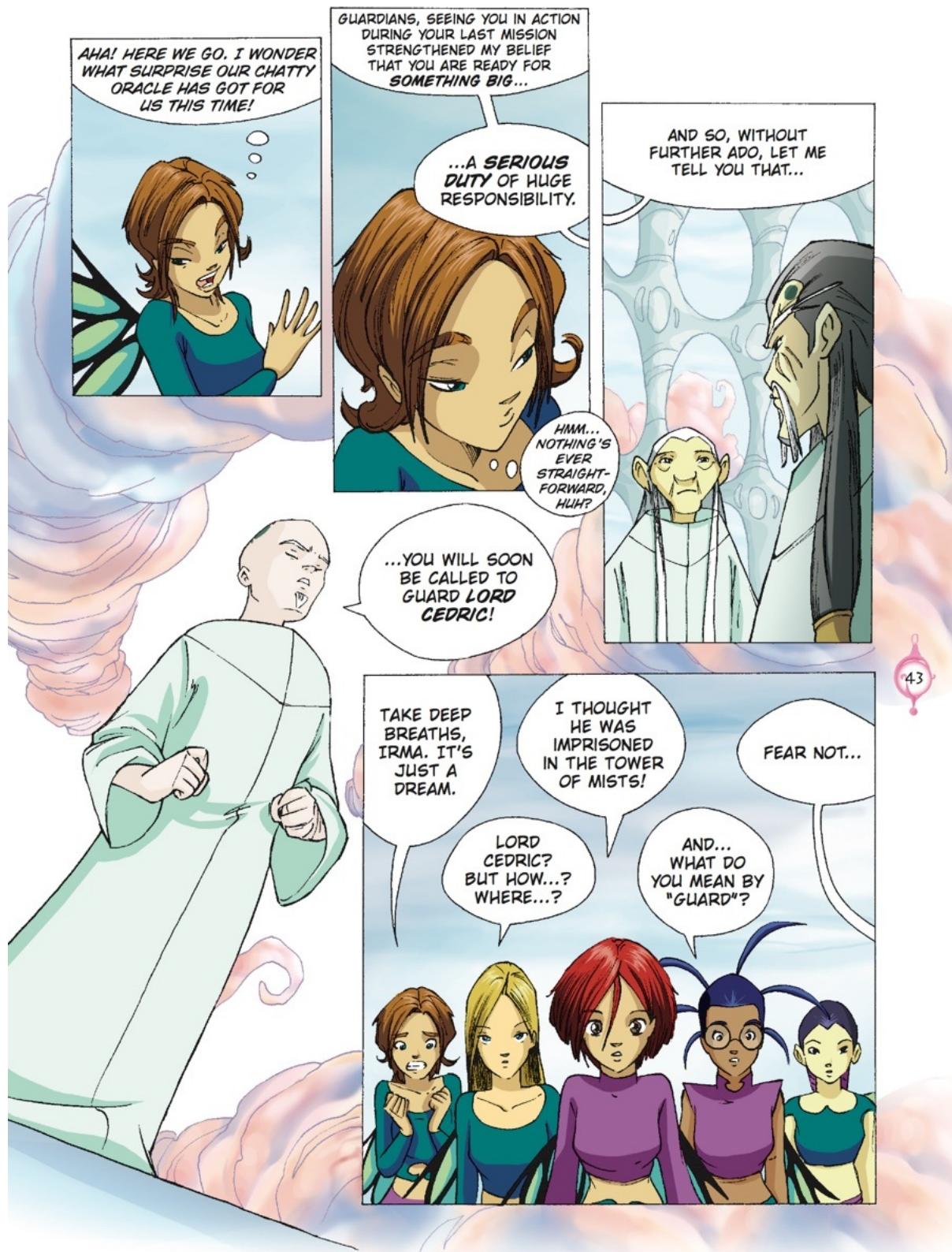
"A REAL TEACHER IS SOMEONE WHO RECOGNIZES THAT HE OR SHE WILL ALWAYS REMAIN A STUDENT..."

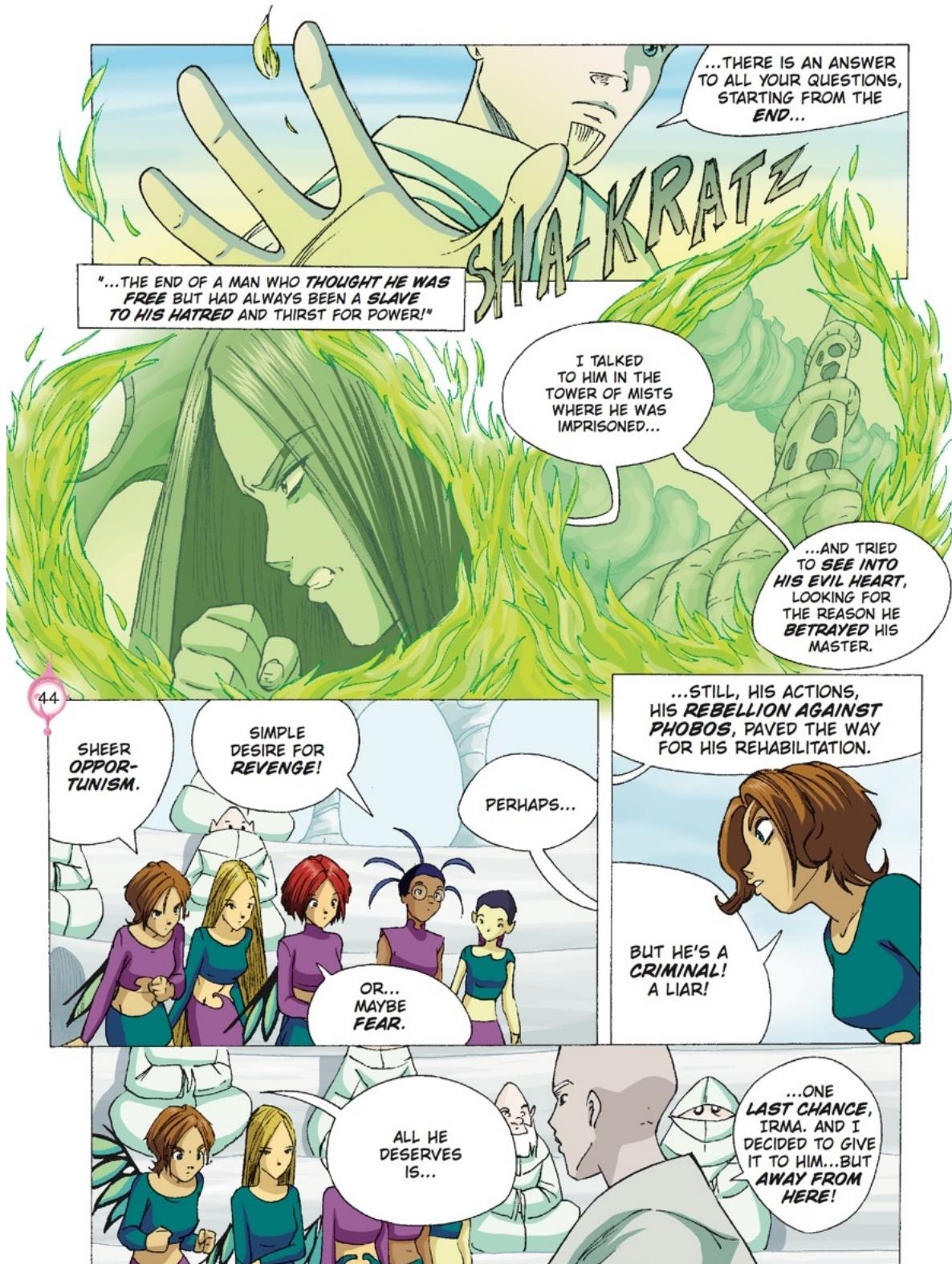
...AND IS AWARE THAT THEY NEVER STOP LEARNING!

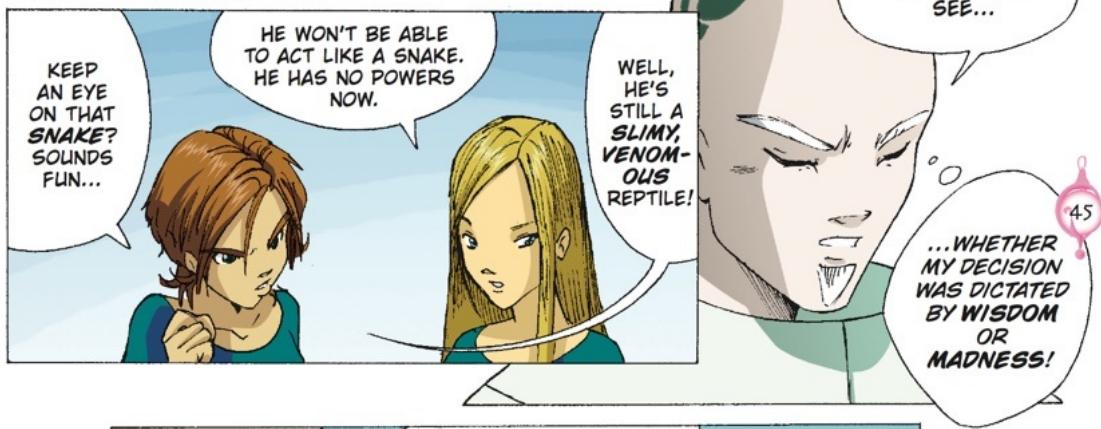
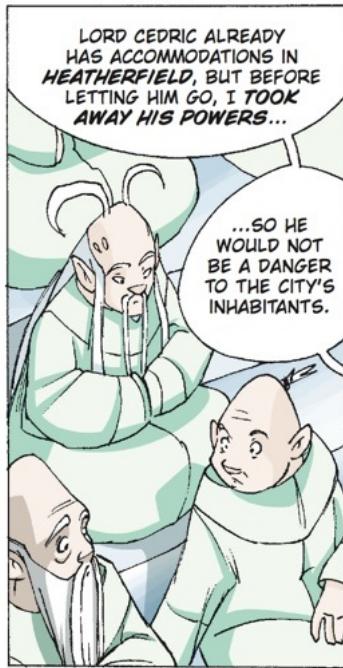










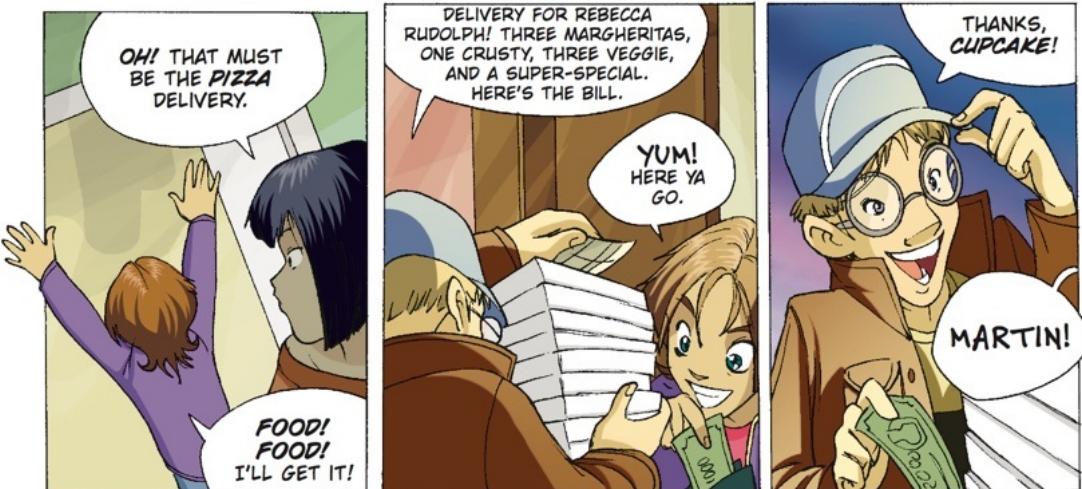




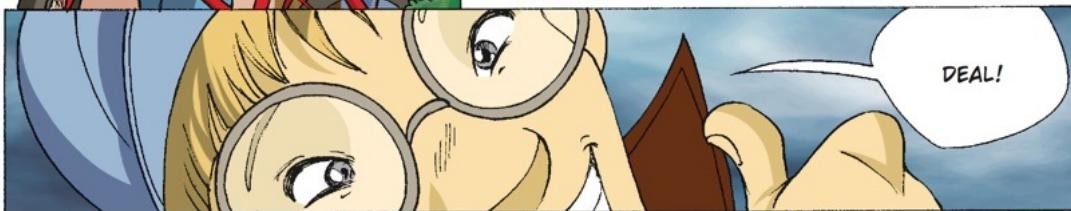
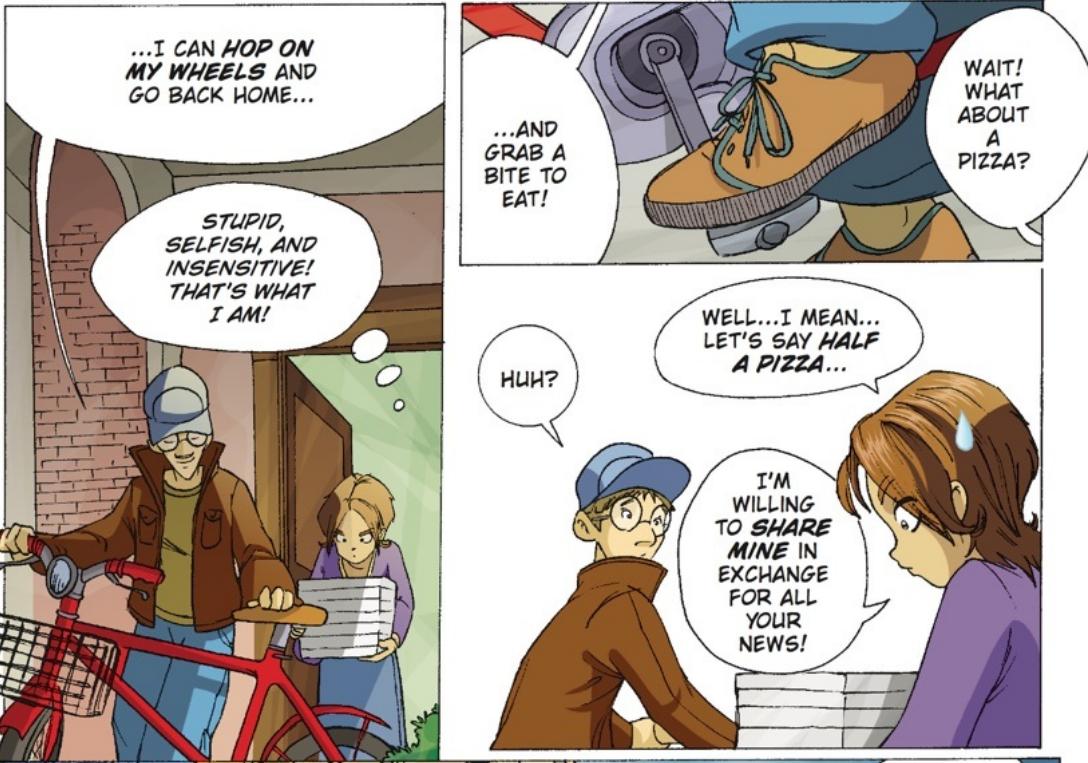


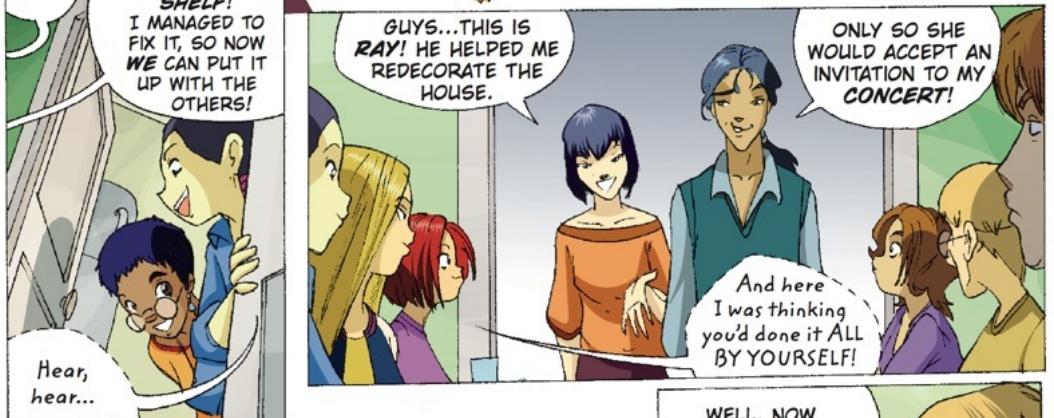
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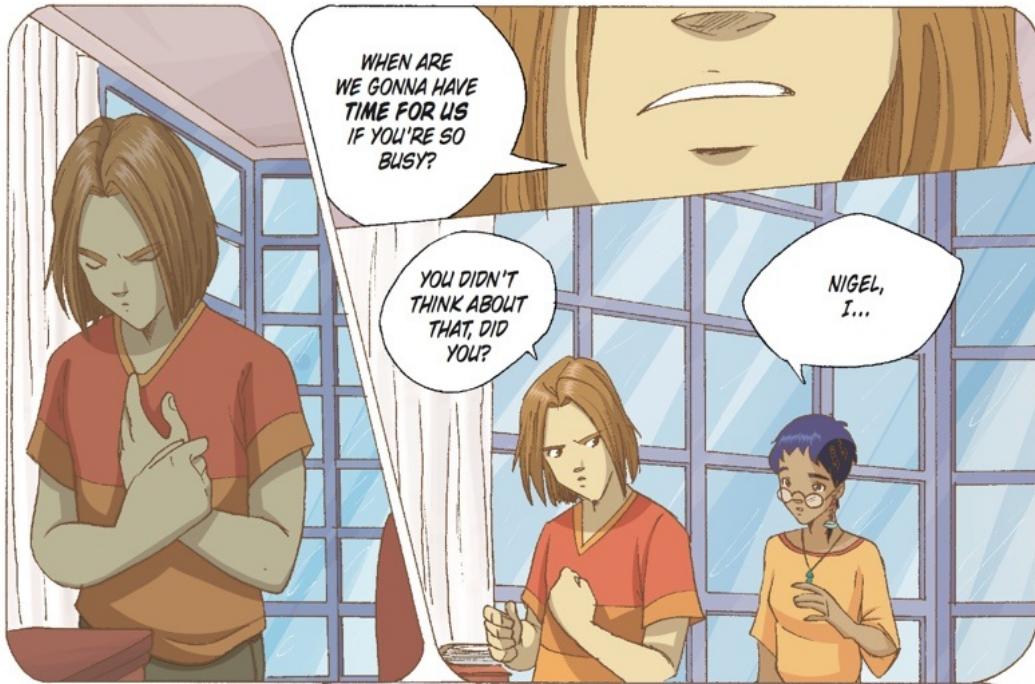


"KEVIN JENSEN HIMSELF TOLD ME THIS AFTERNOON!"



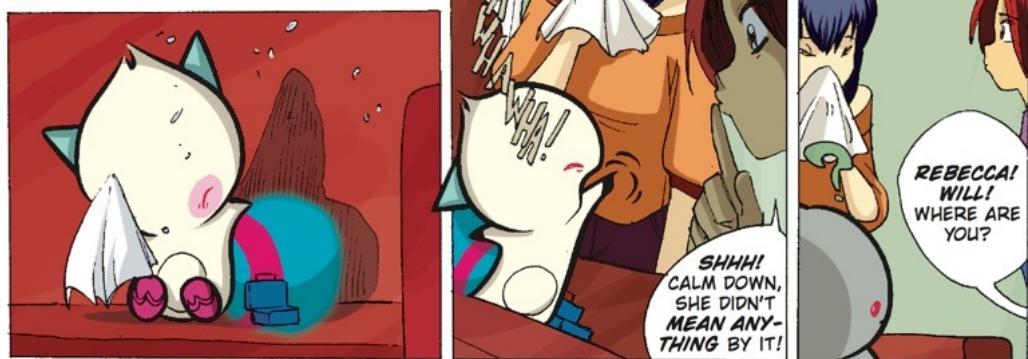
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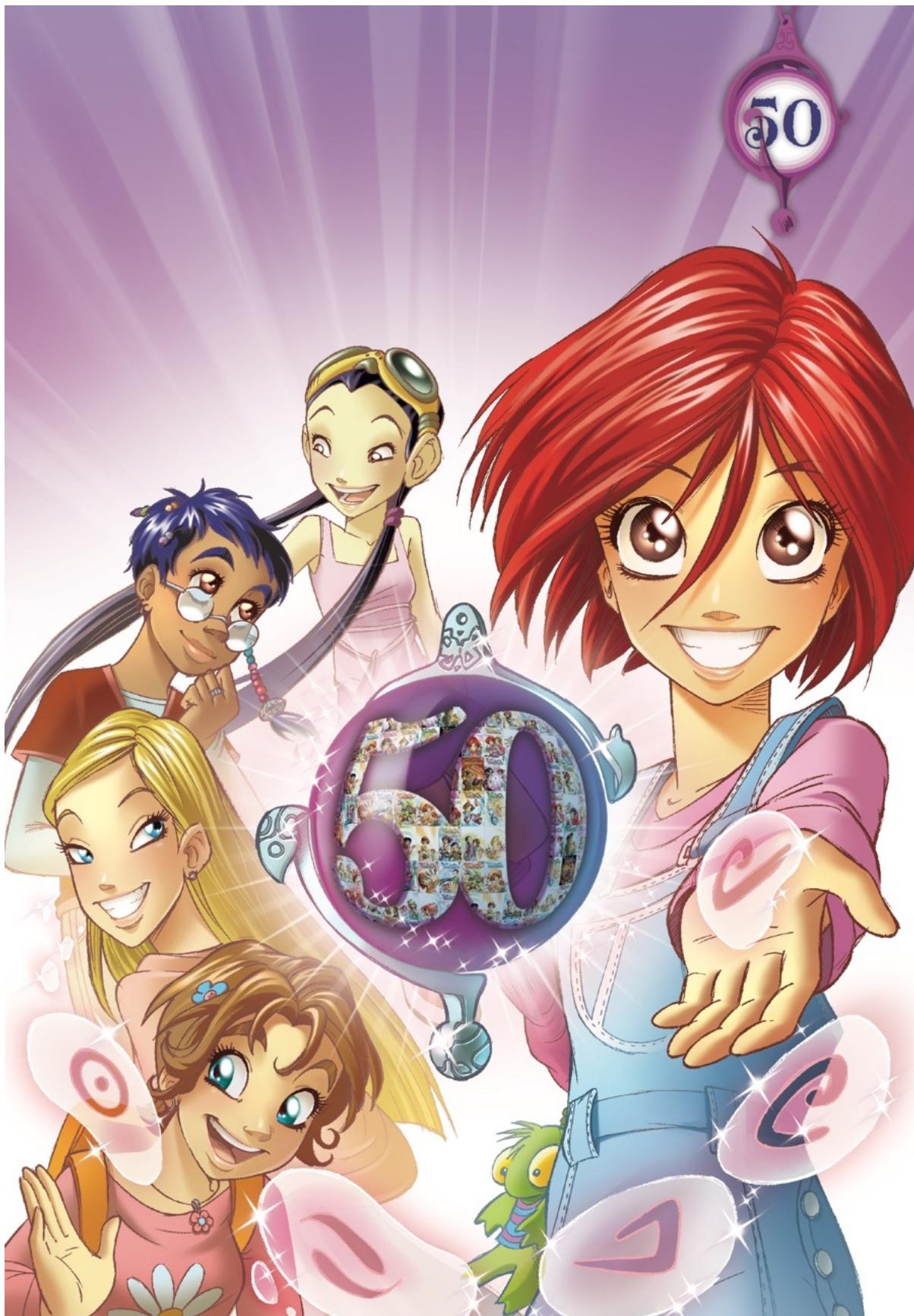
ELSEWHERE...





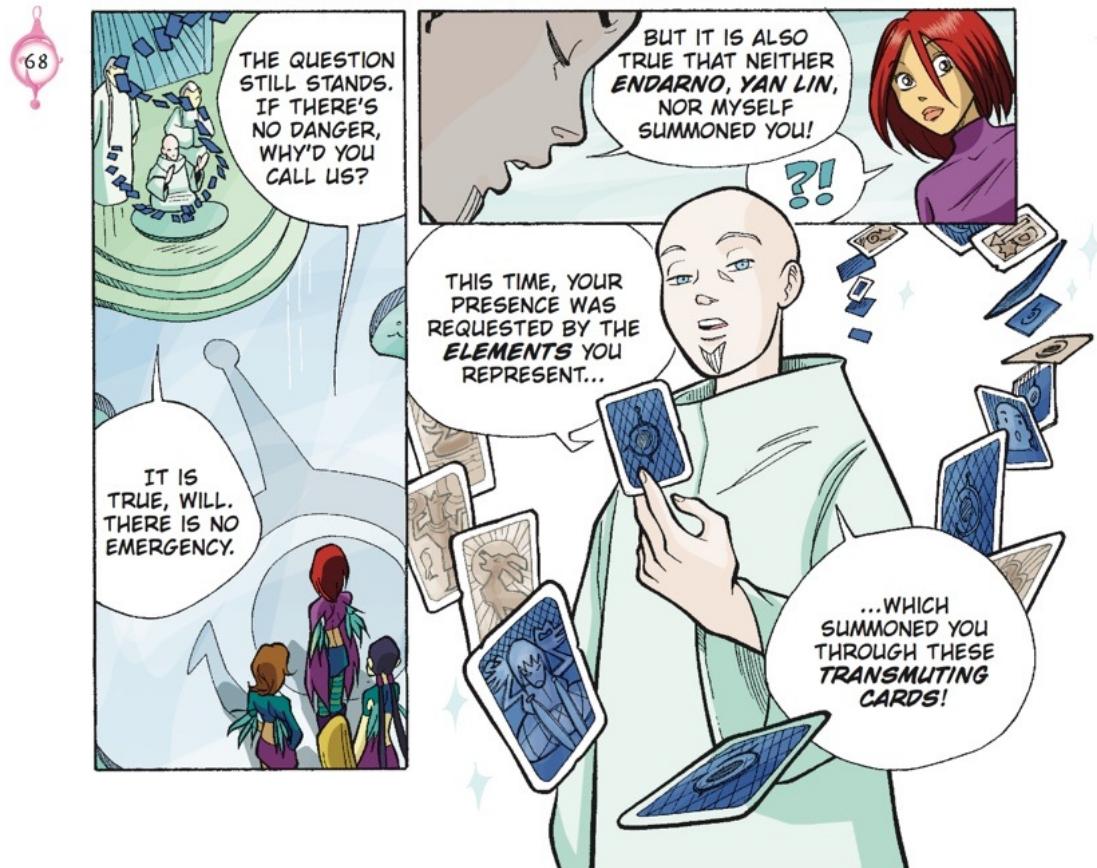
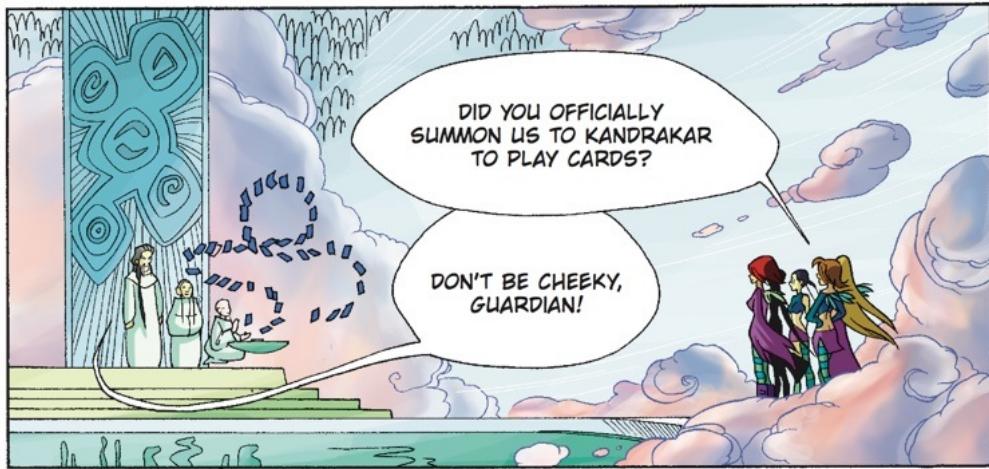


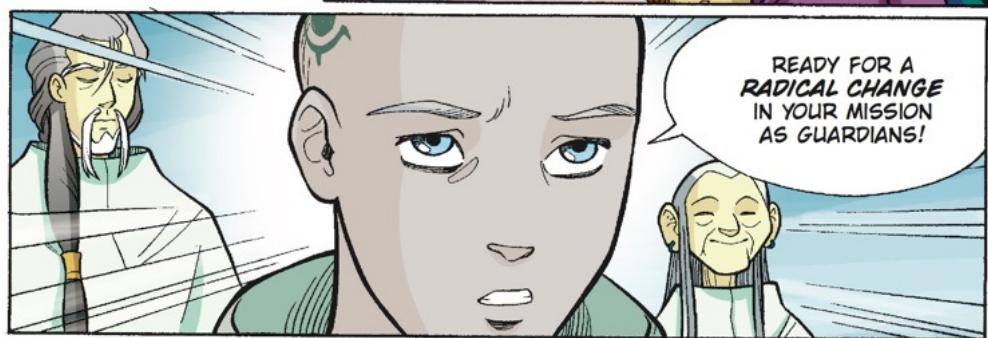
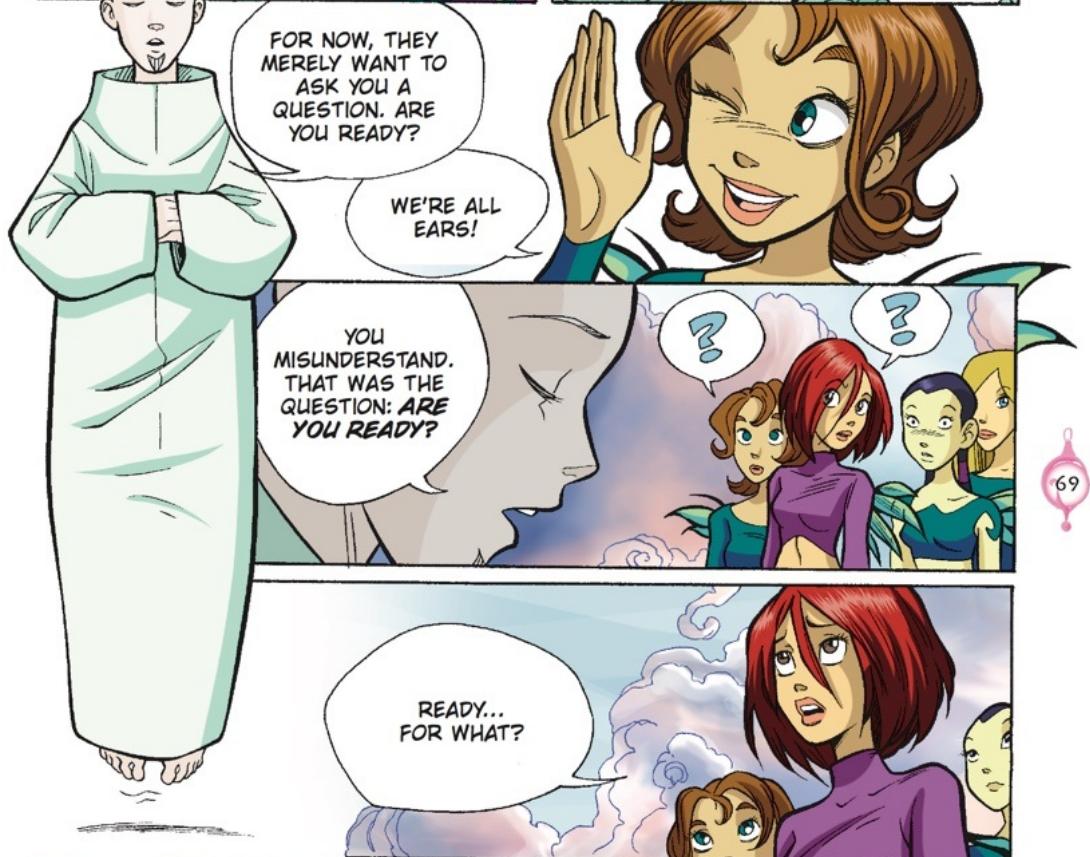


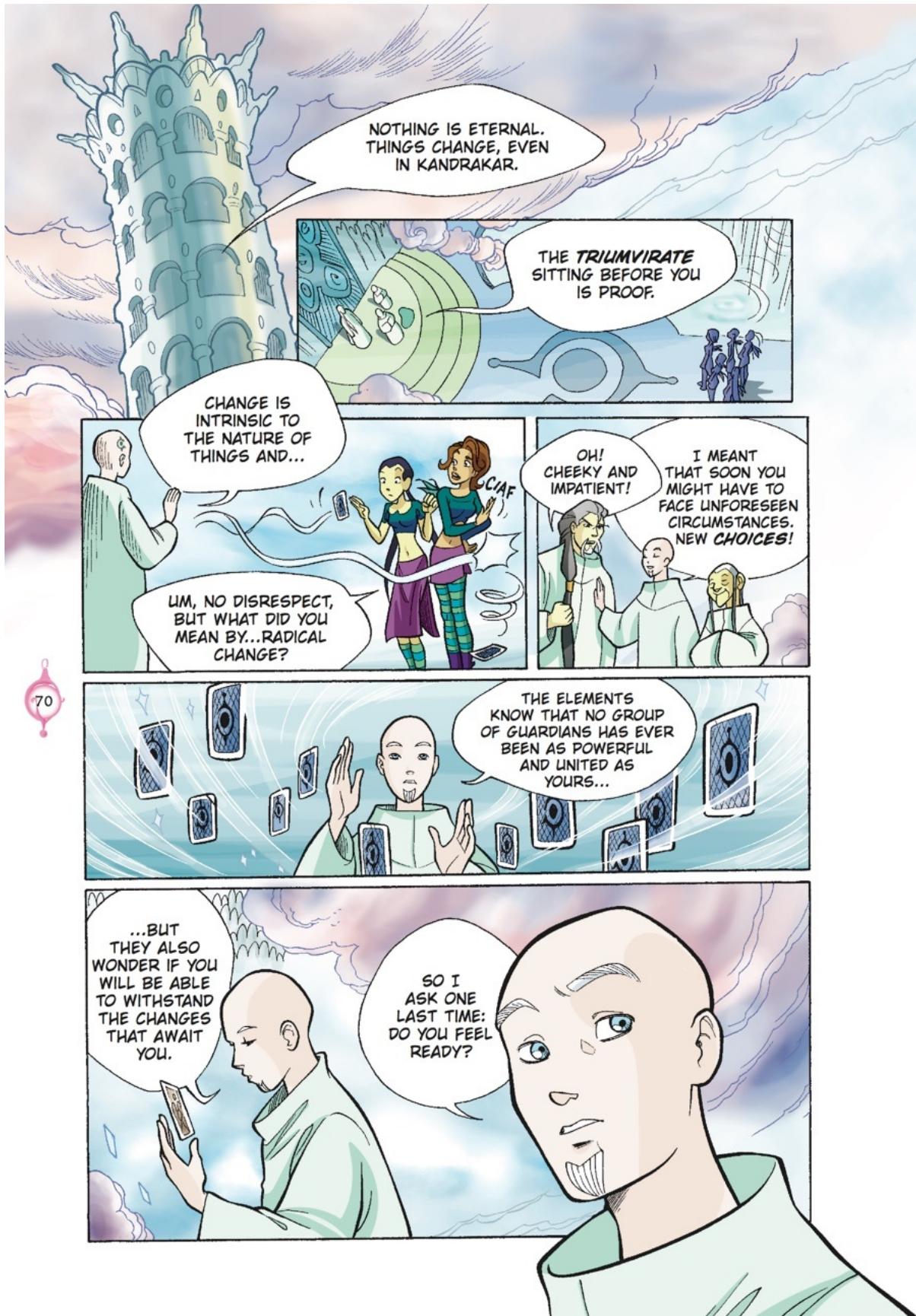


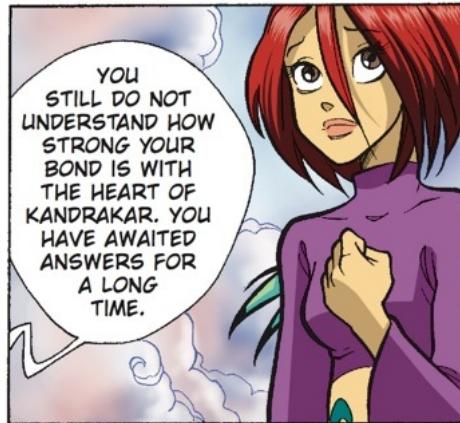
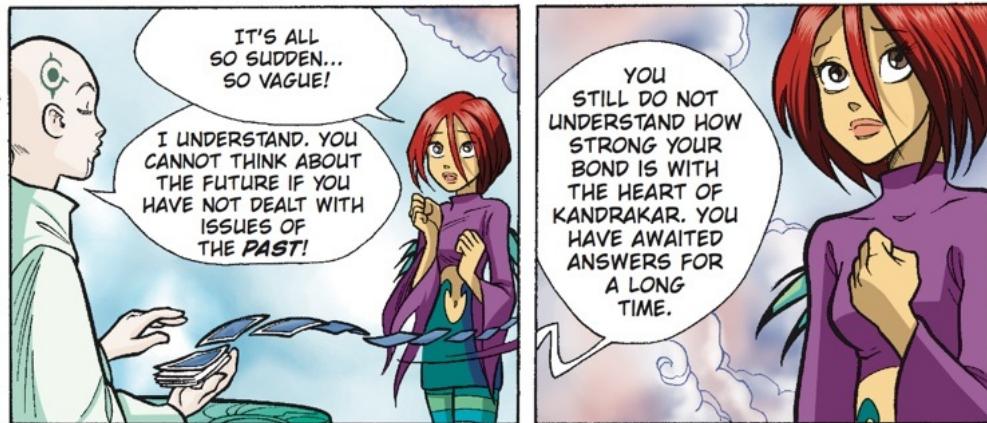






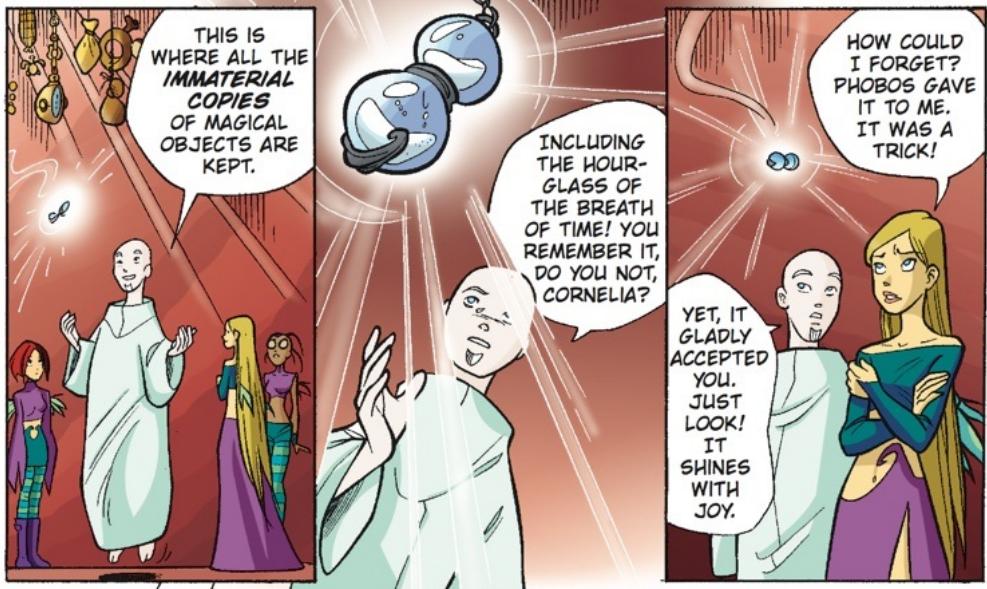


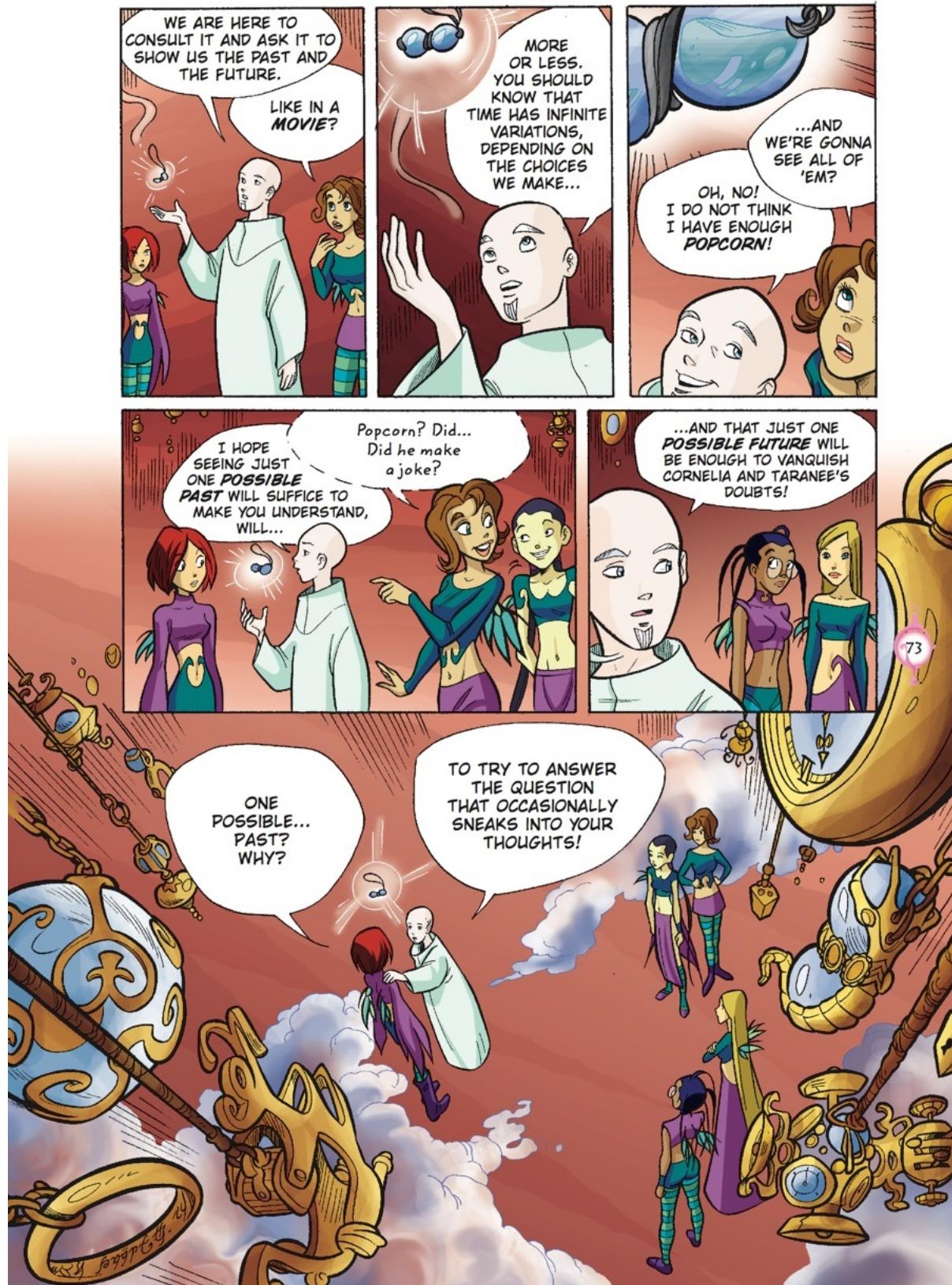


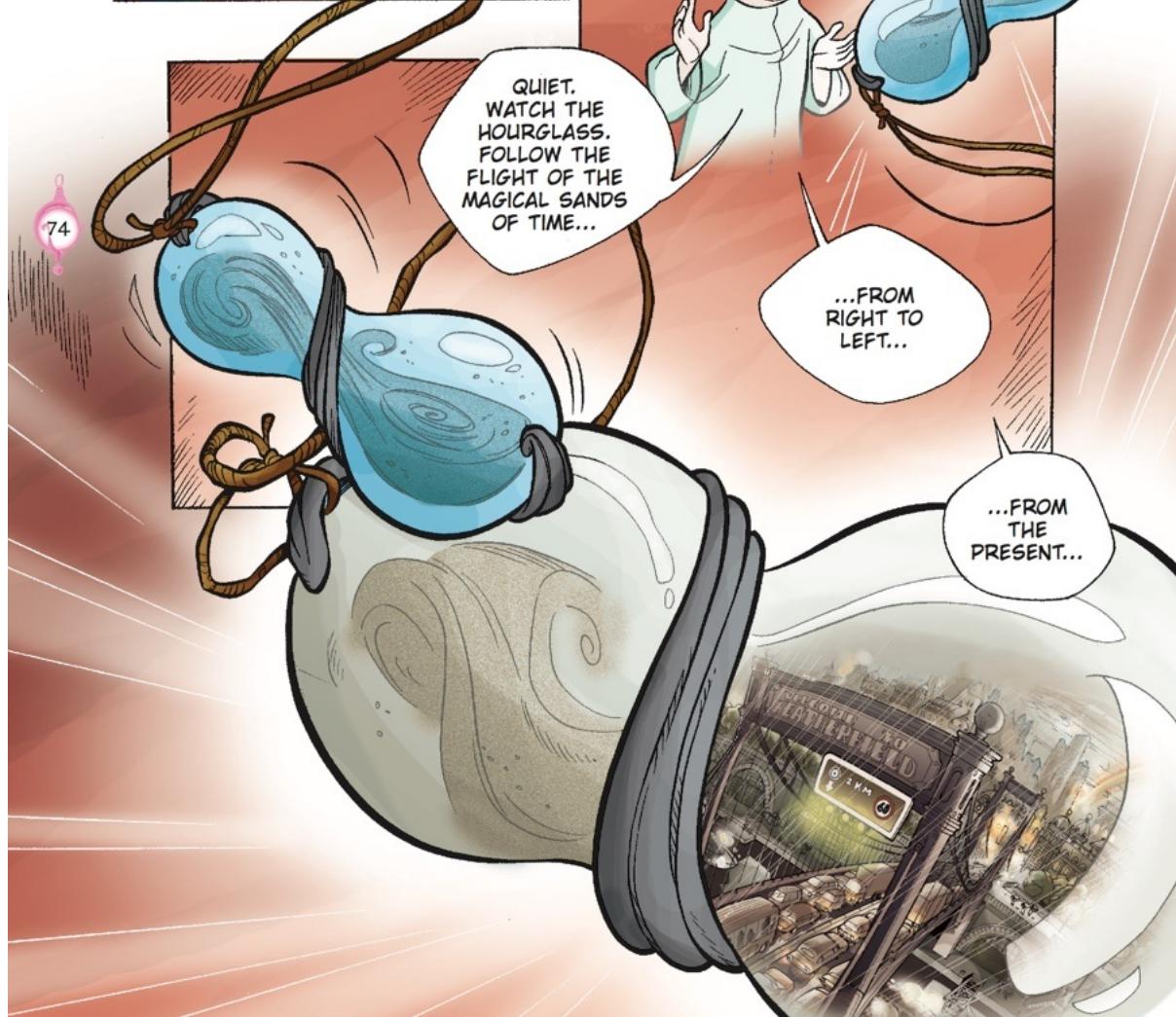


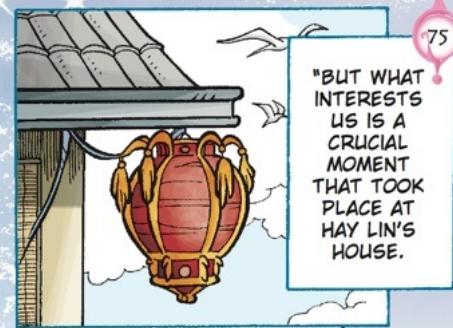
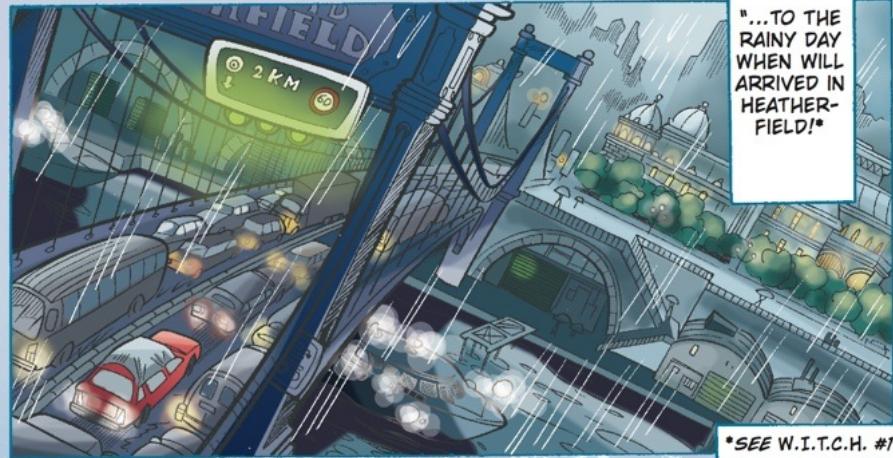
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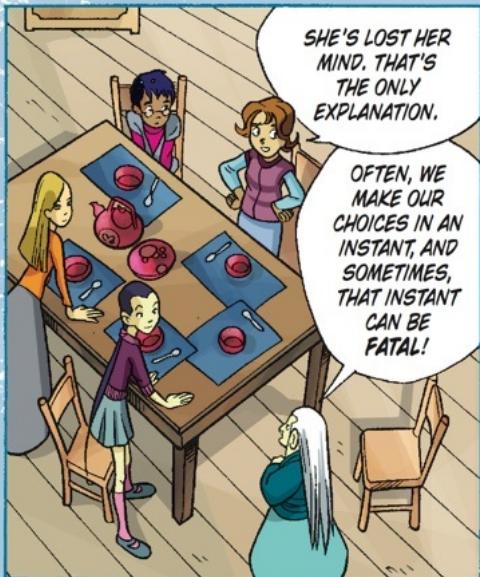


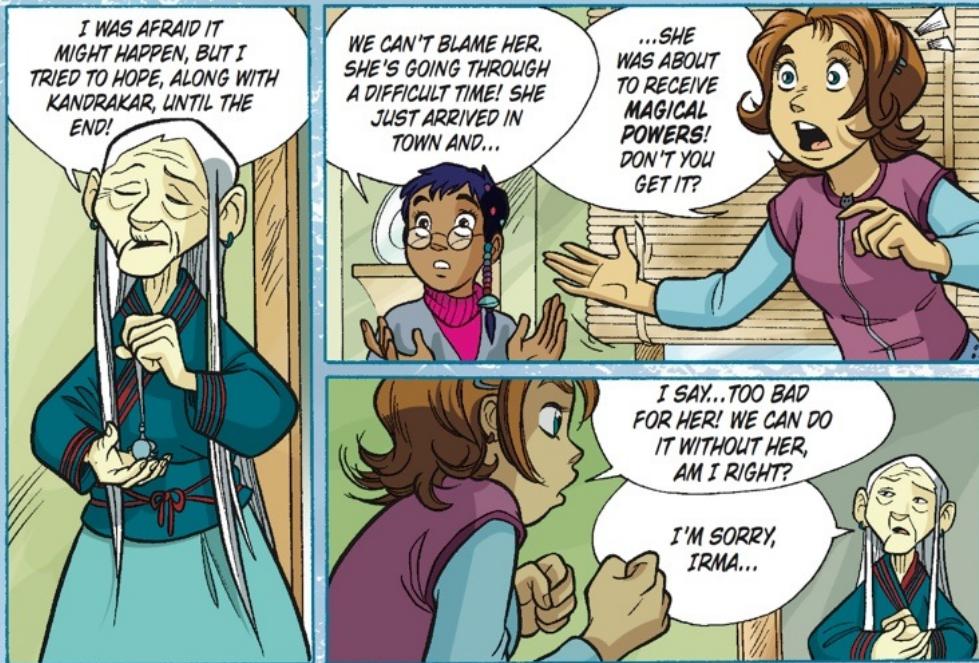


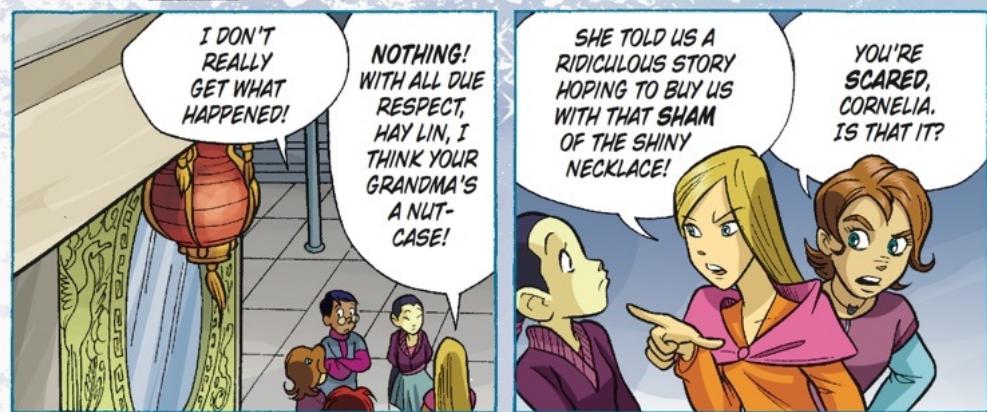
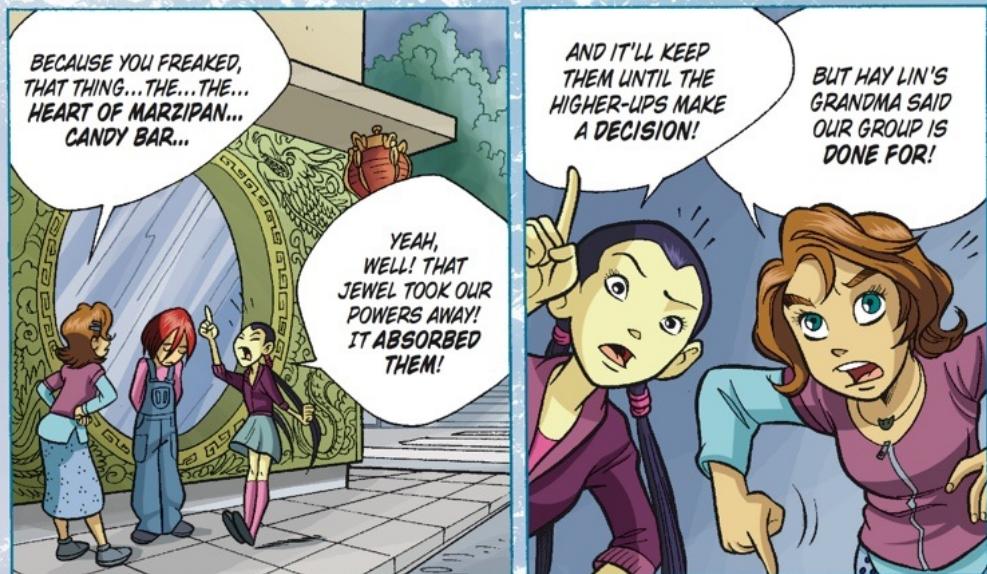
I...I...
NO WAY! IT'S NOT
GONNA HAPPEN...
LIKE, EVER.

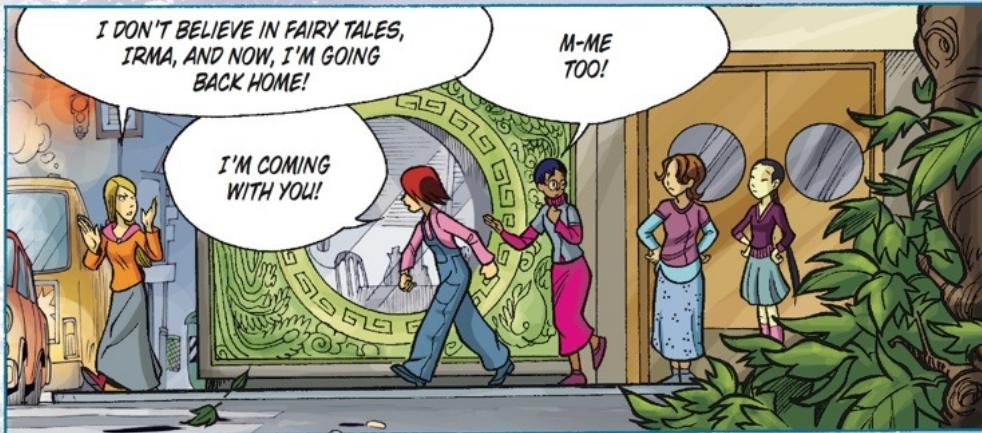


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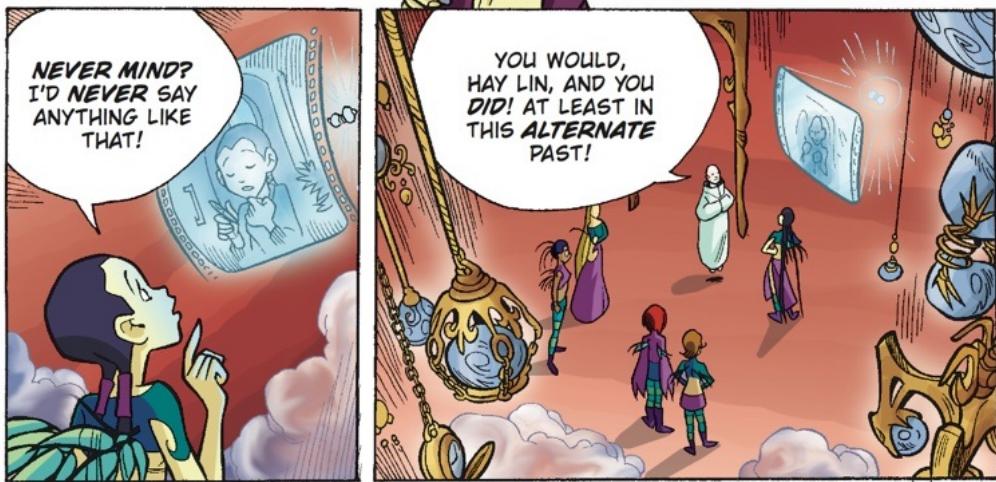


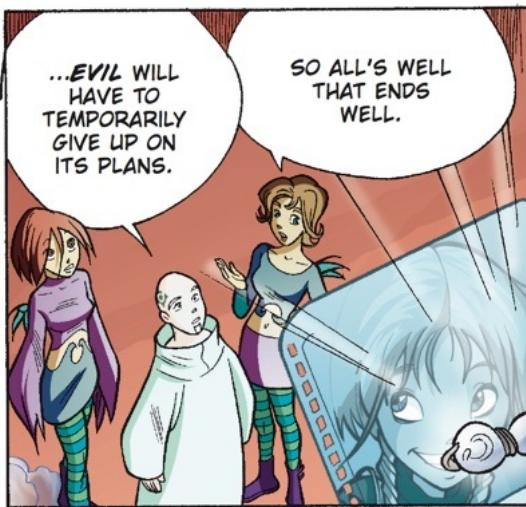
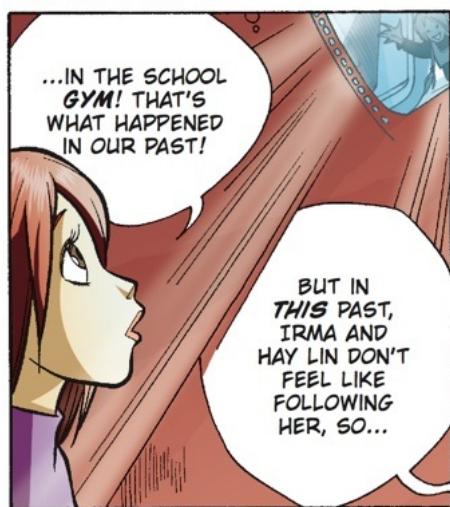
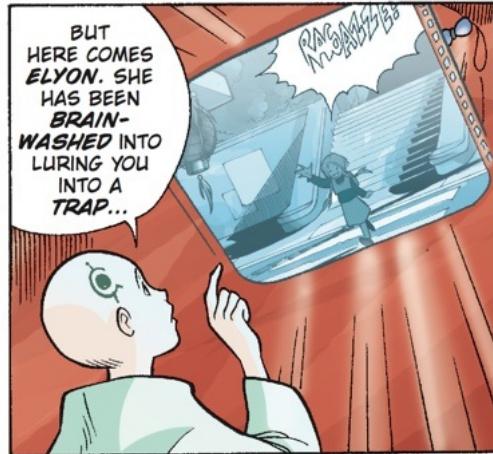
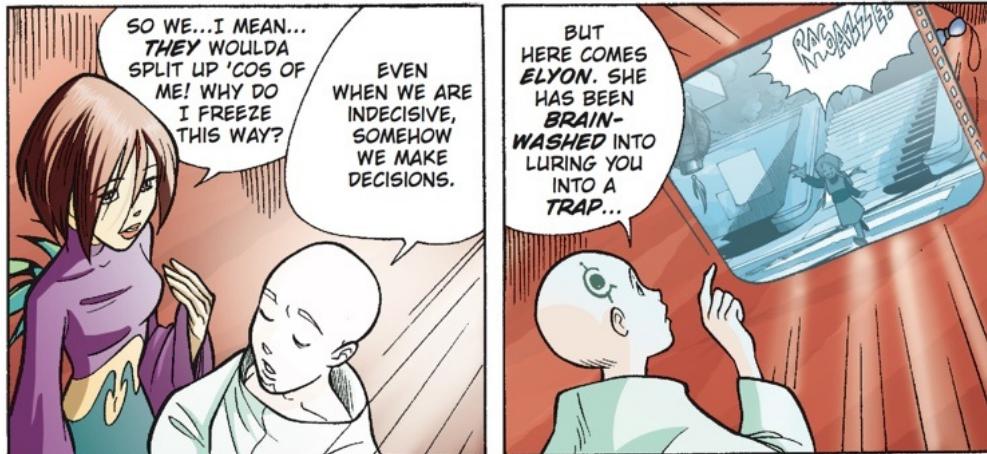






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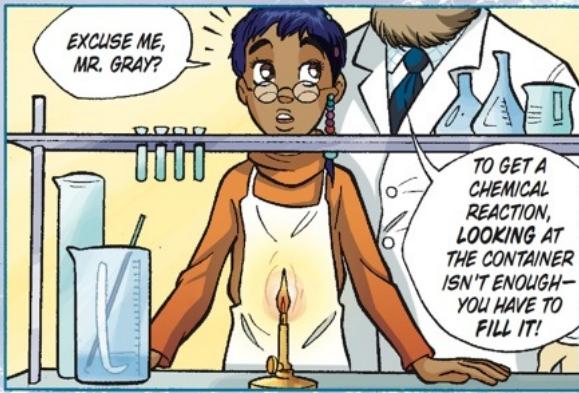


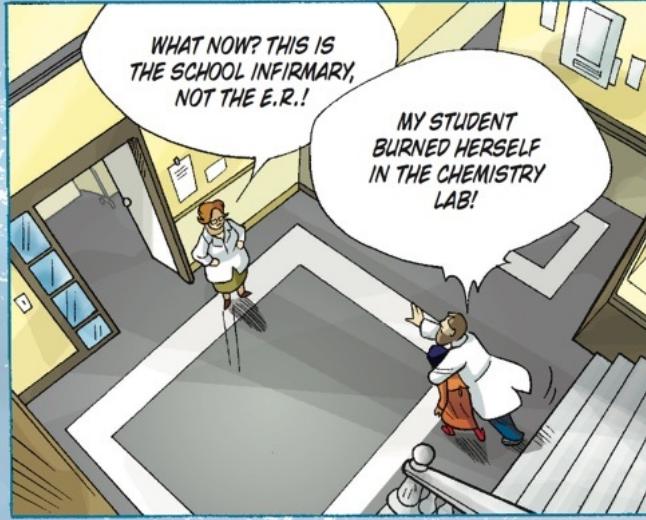


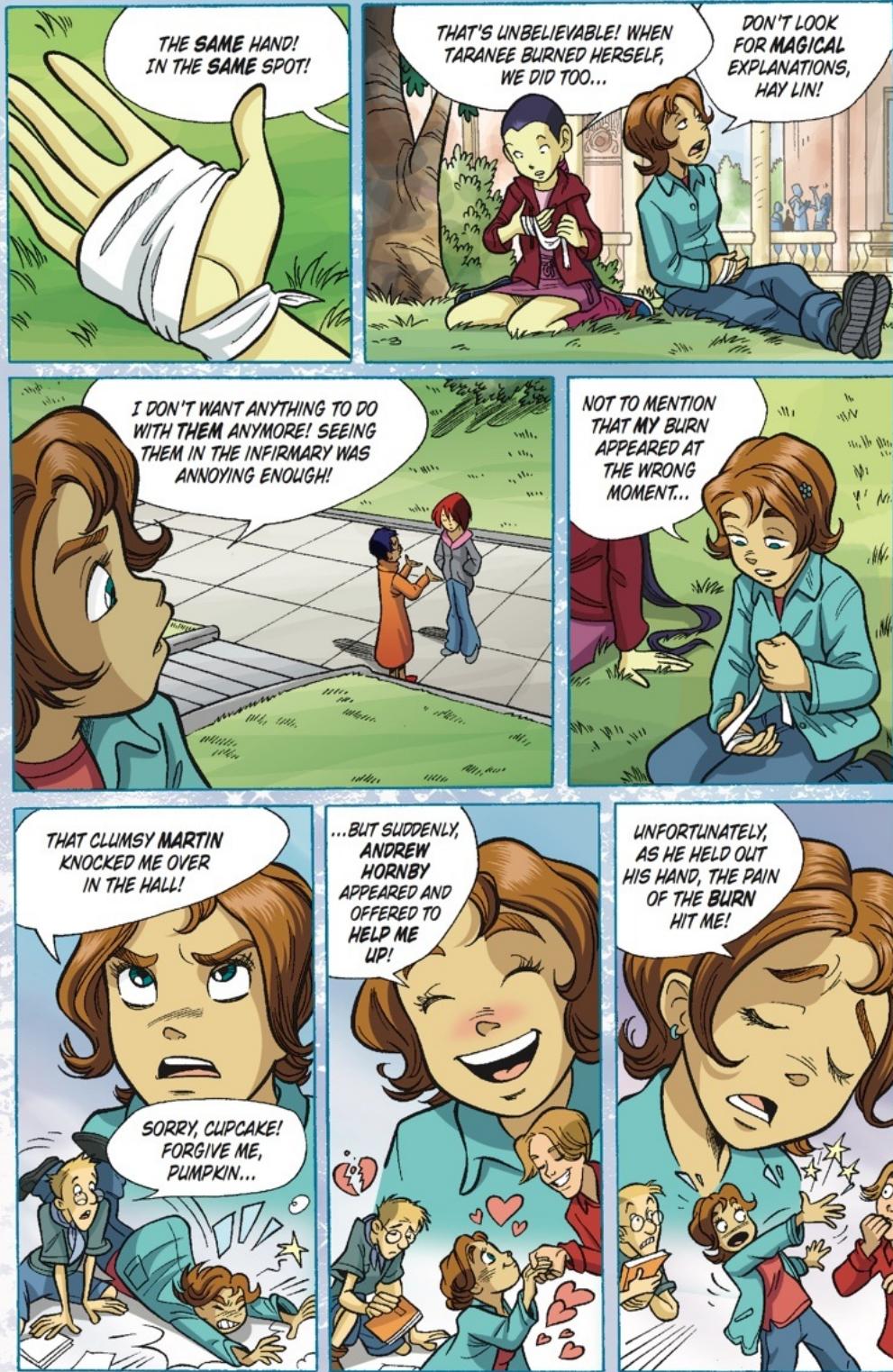
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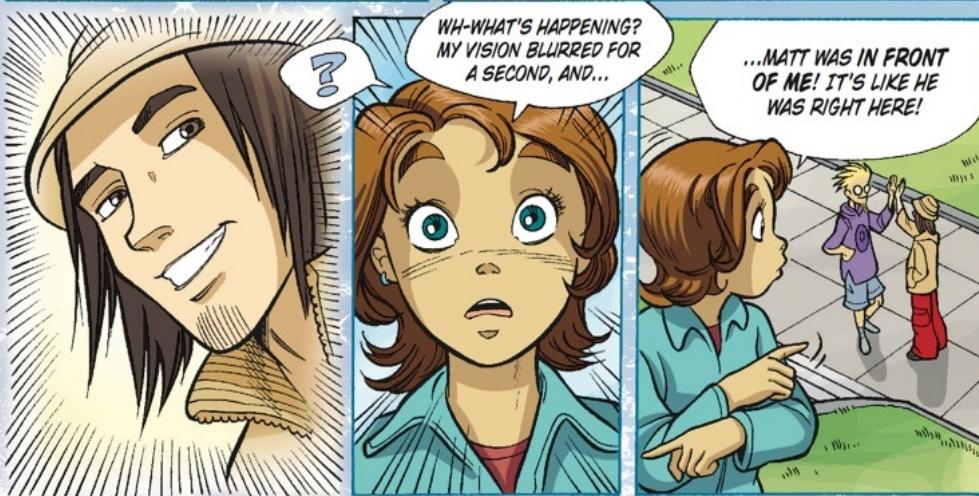


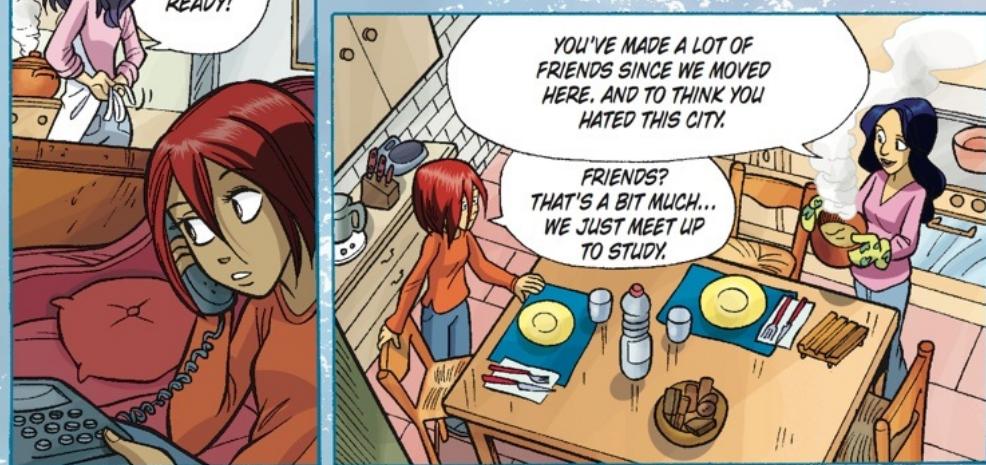
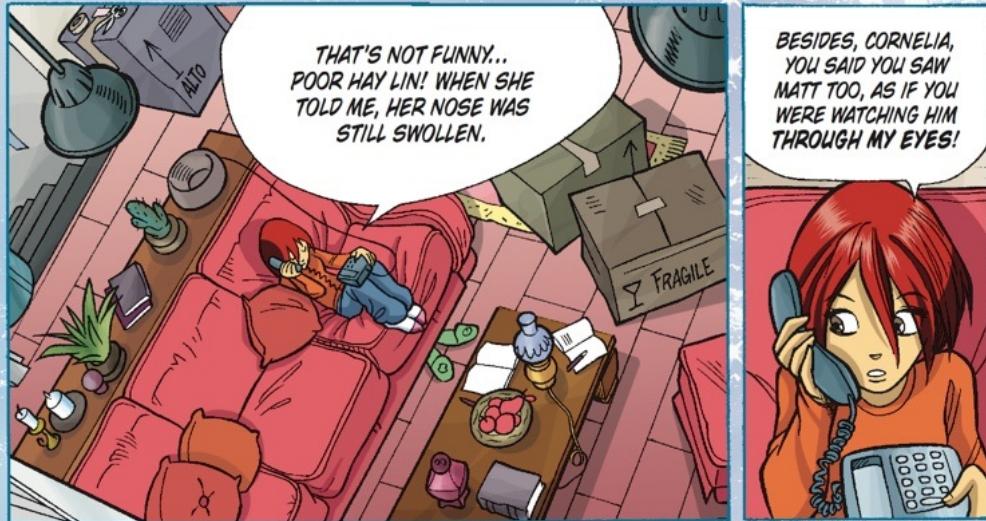


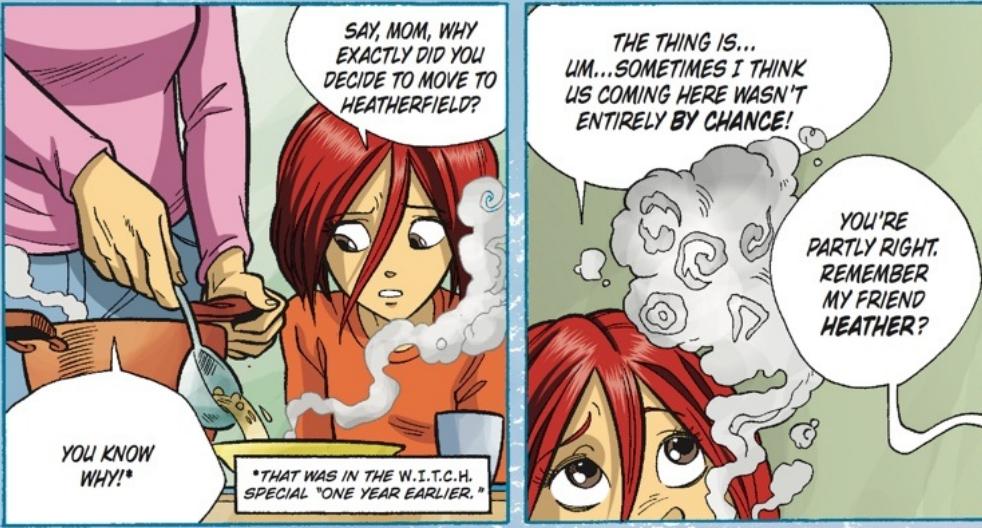


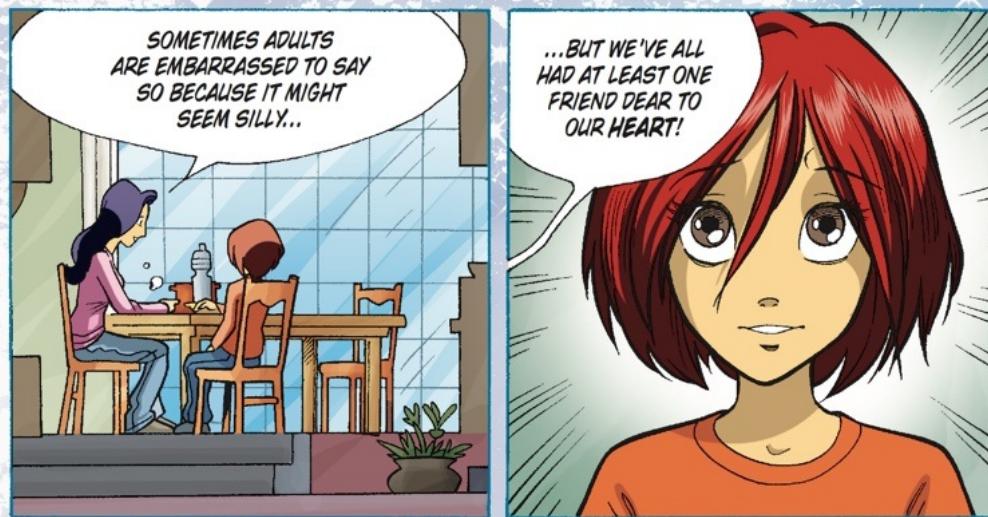
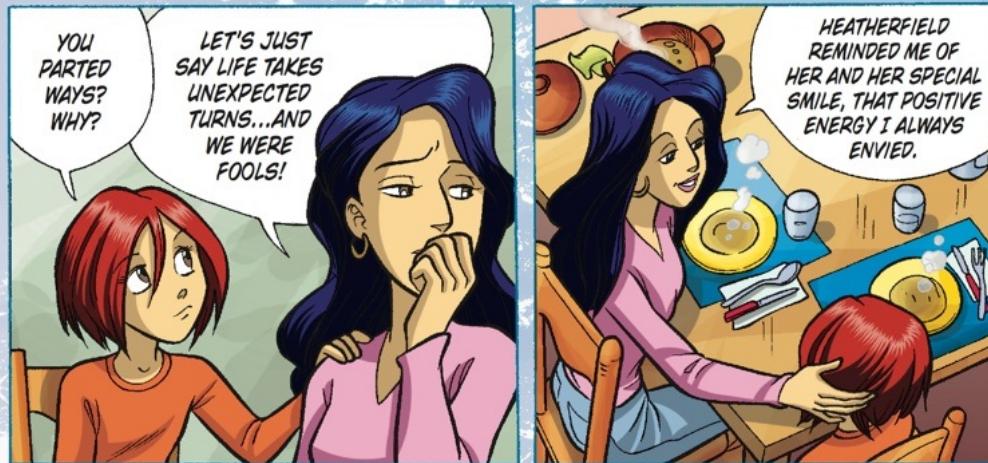
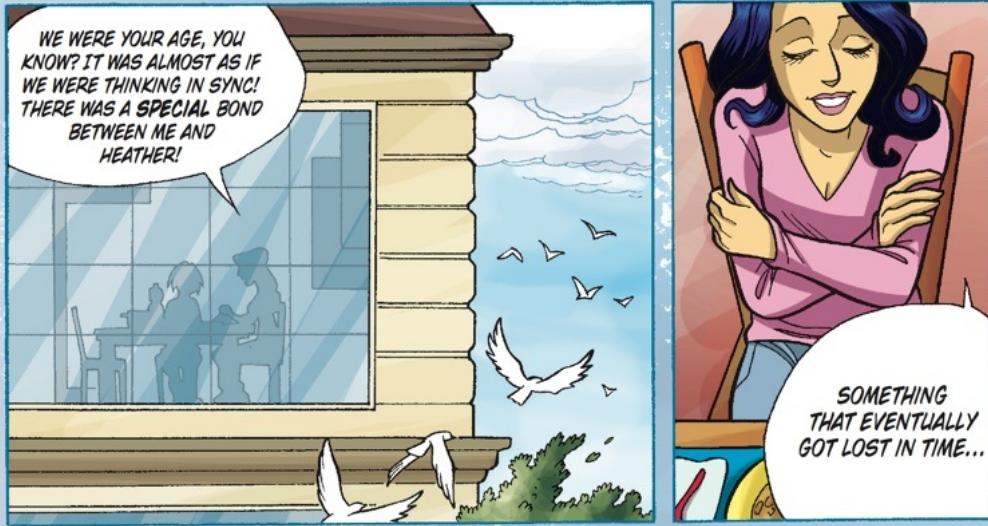


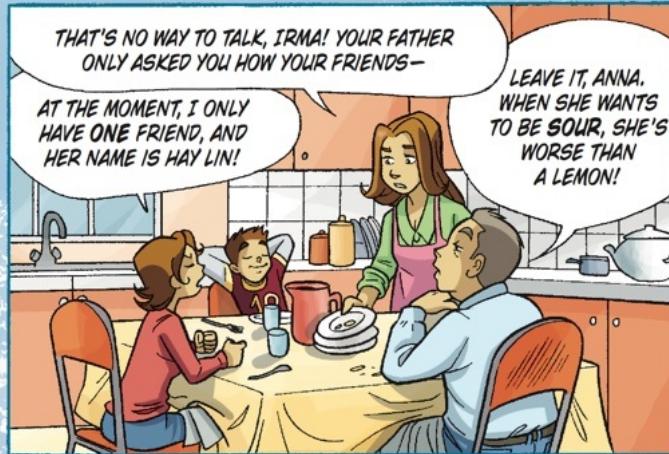
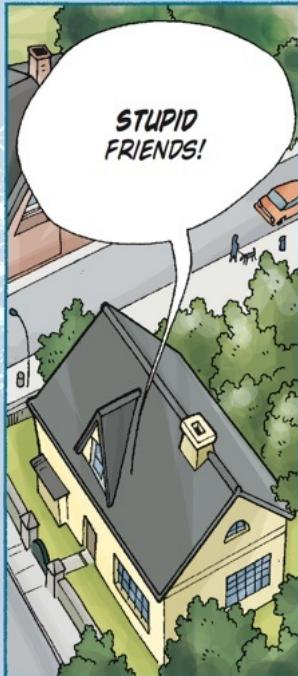


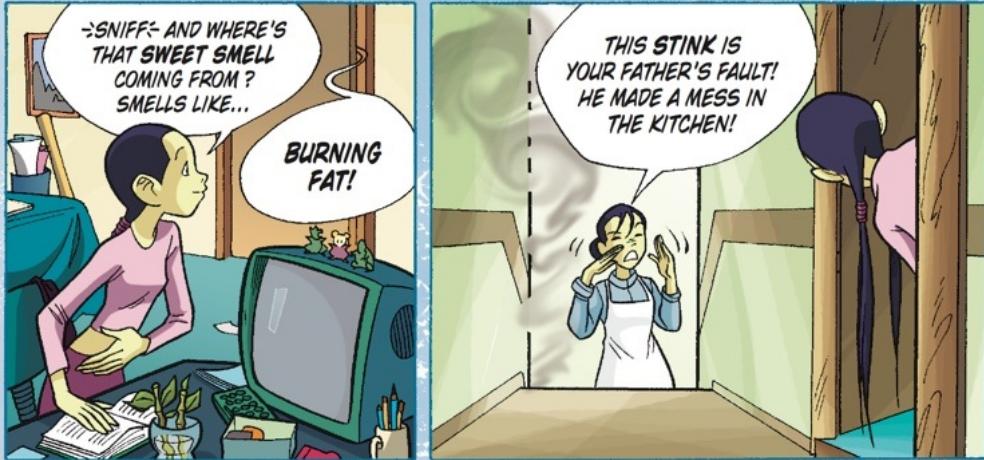






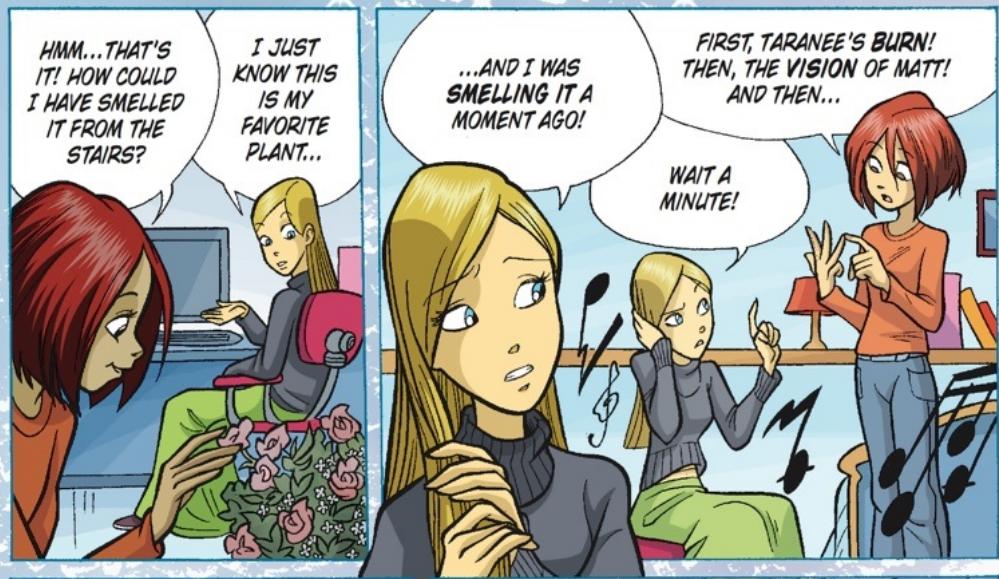
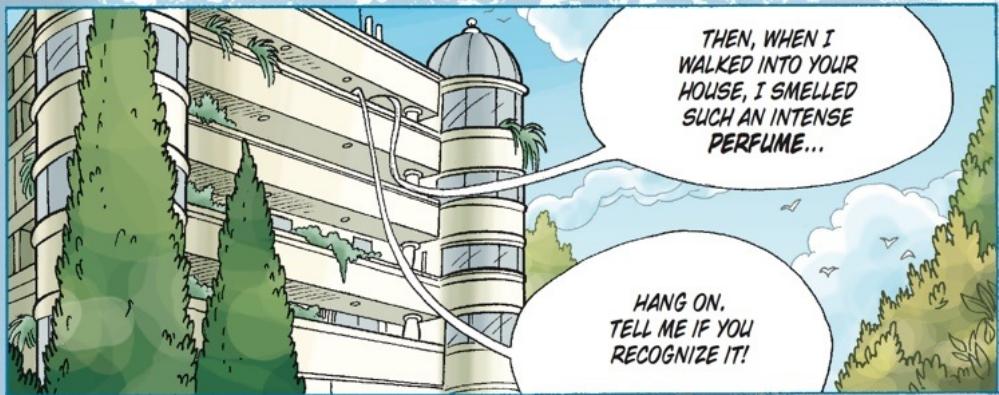




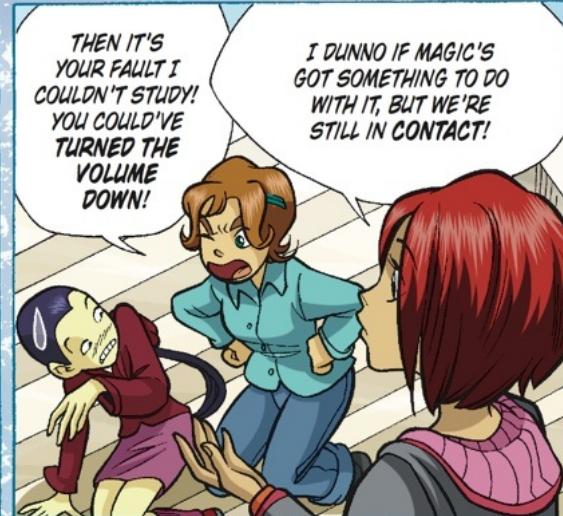
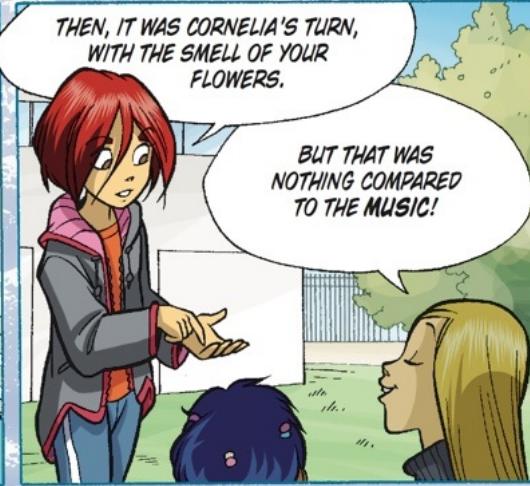
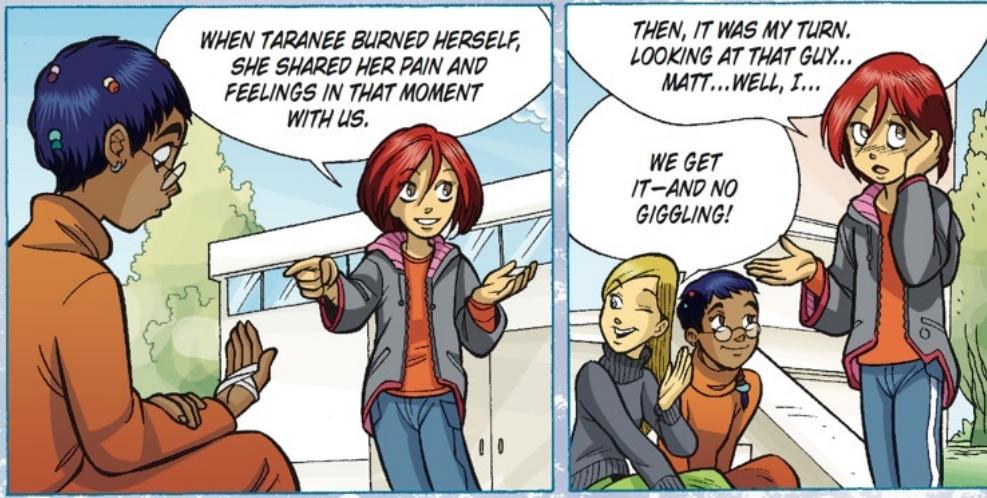


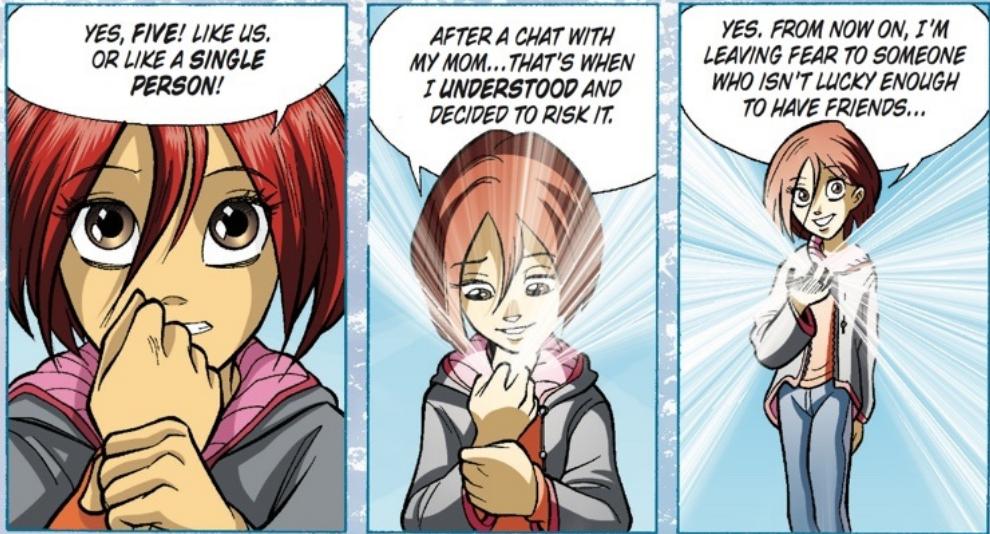
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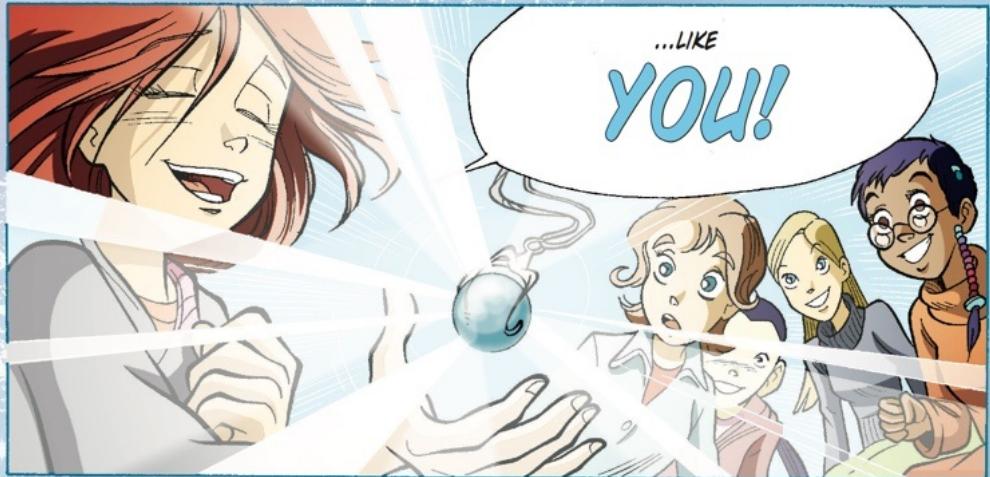




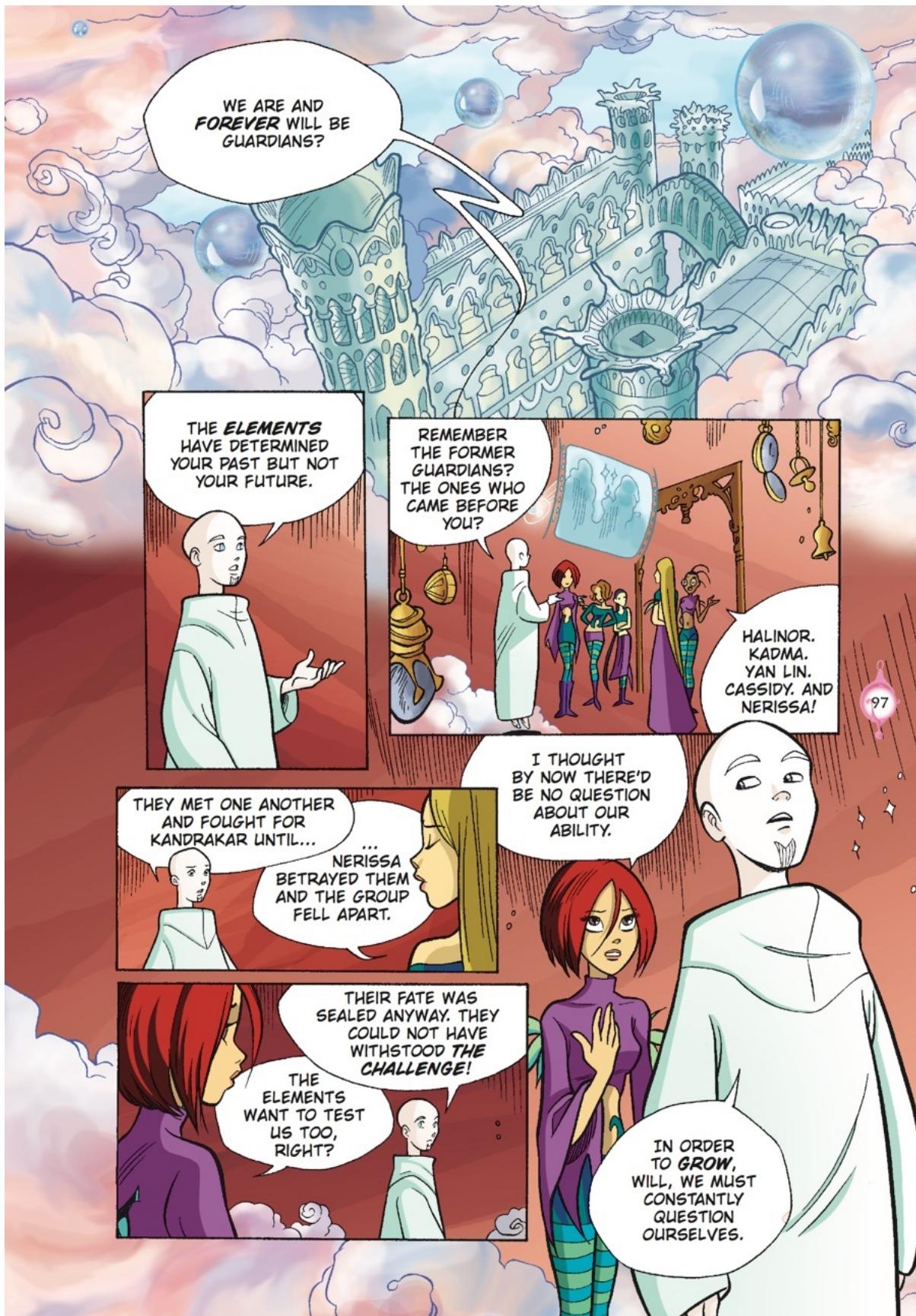


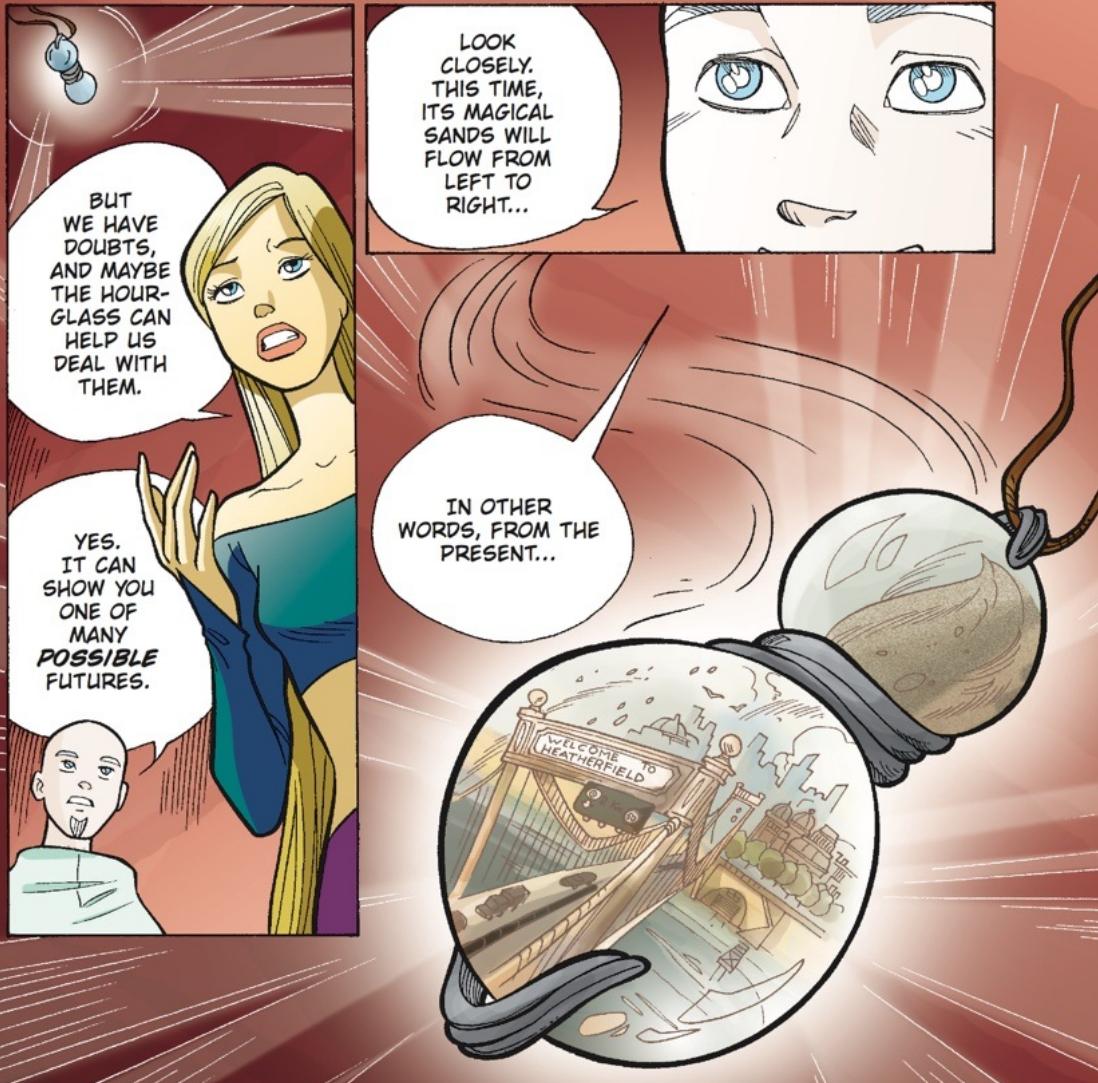
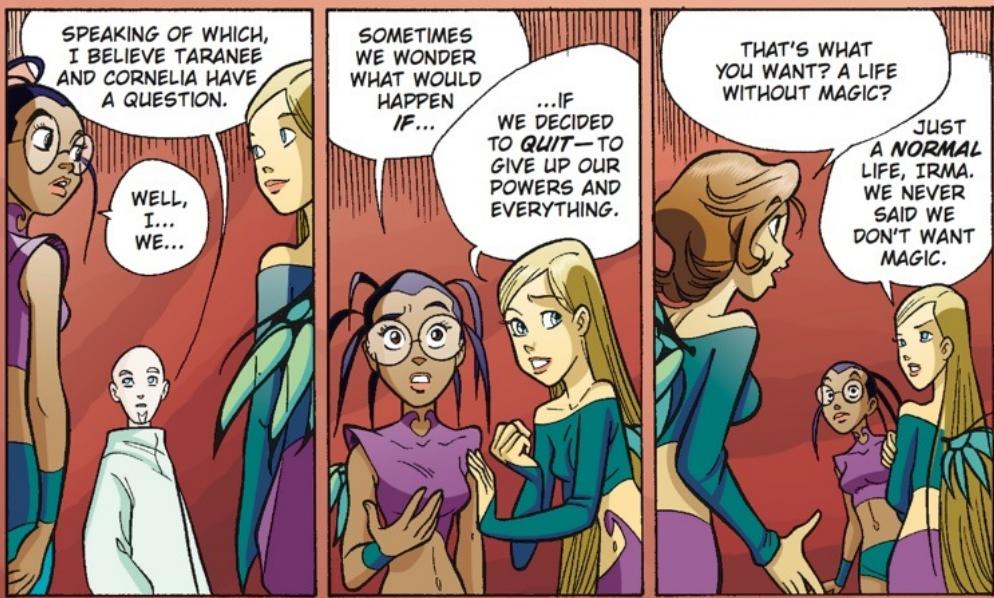


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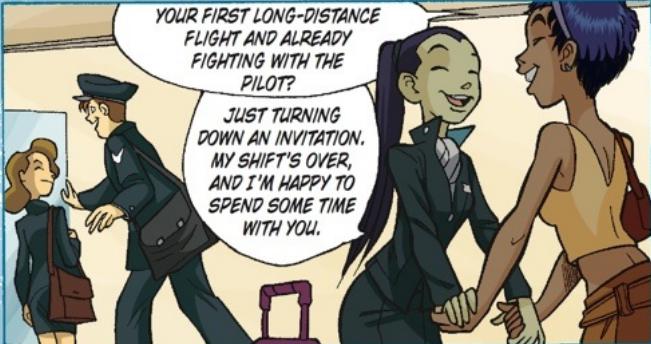


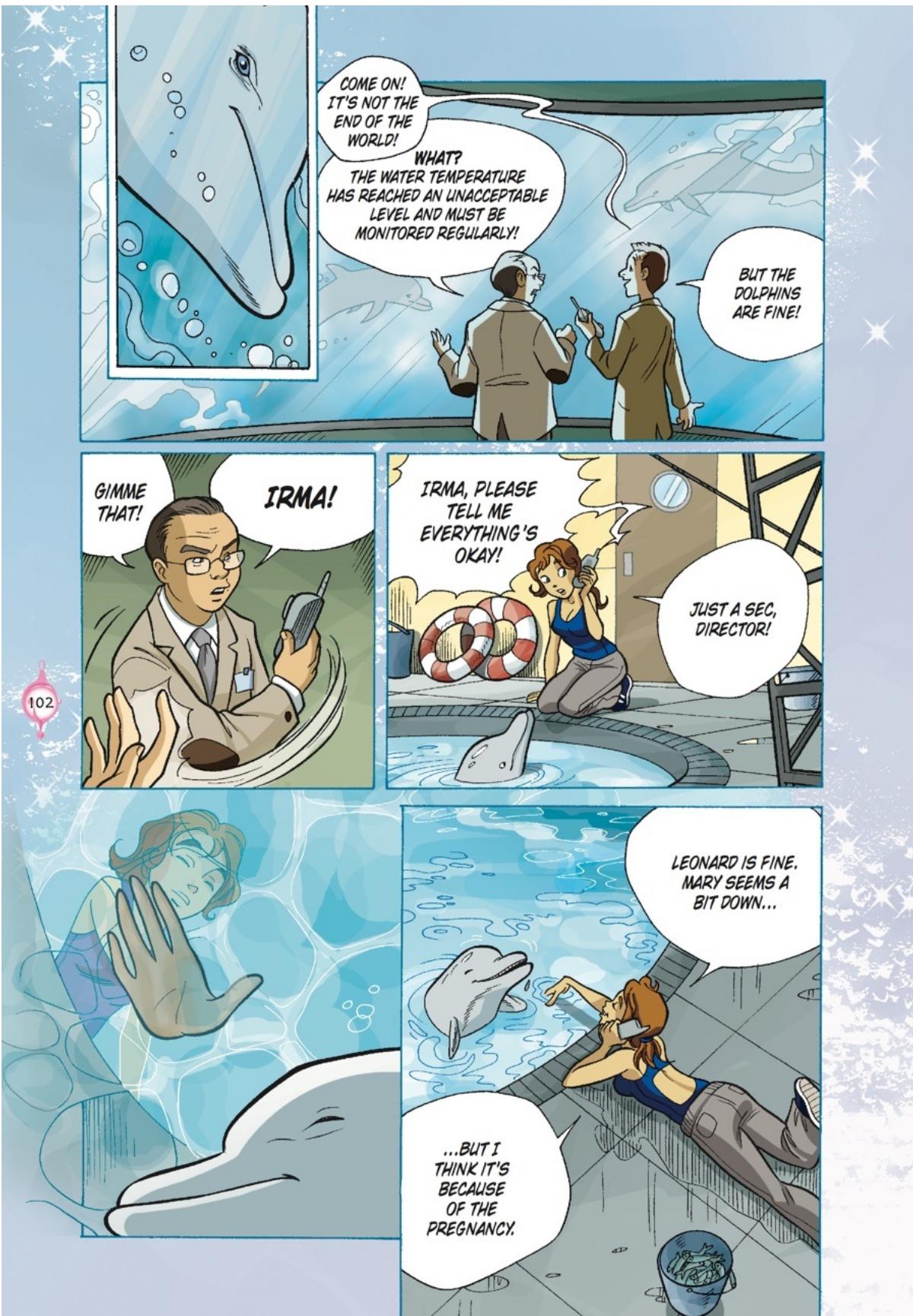




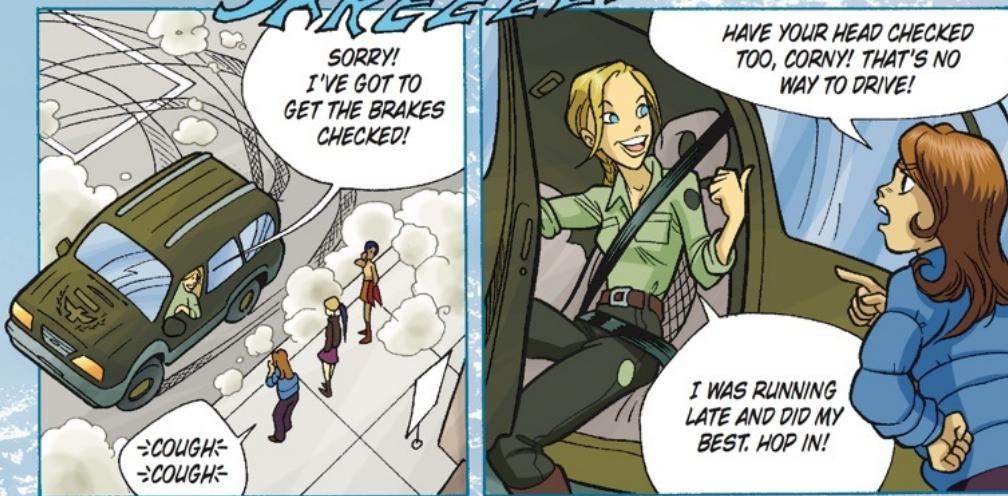








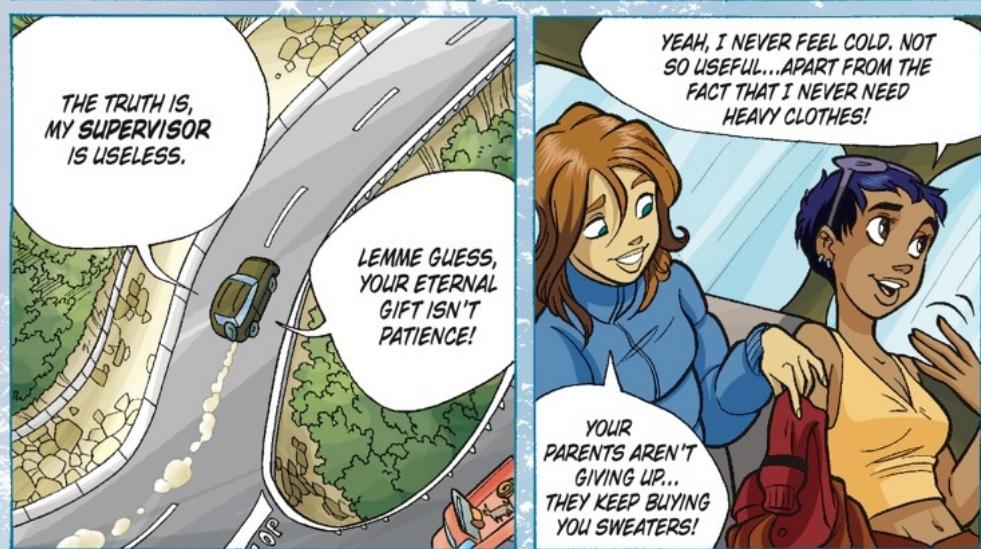
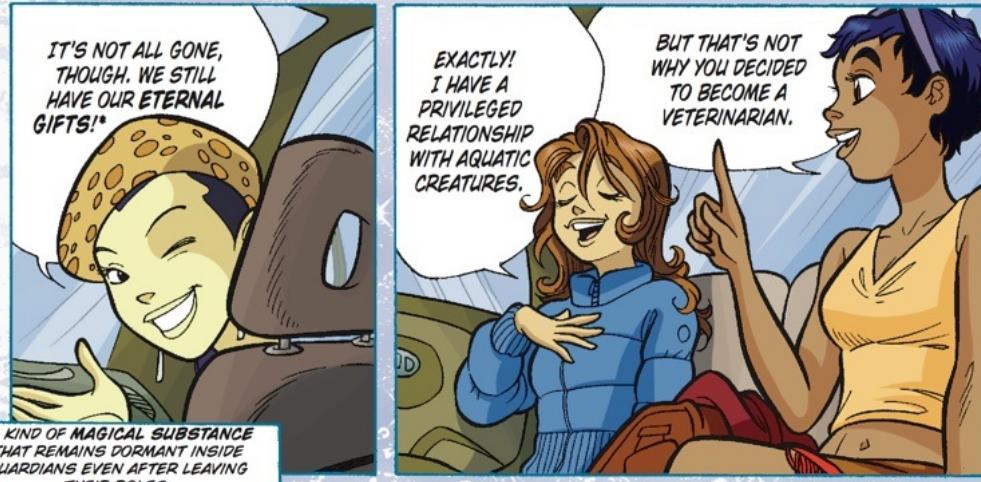


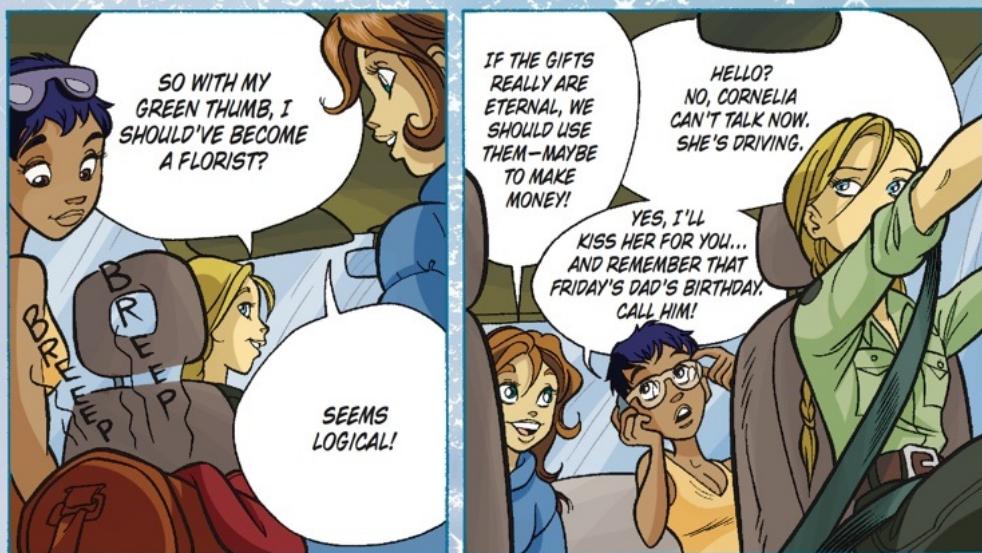




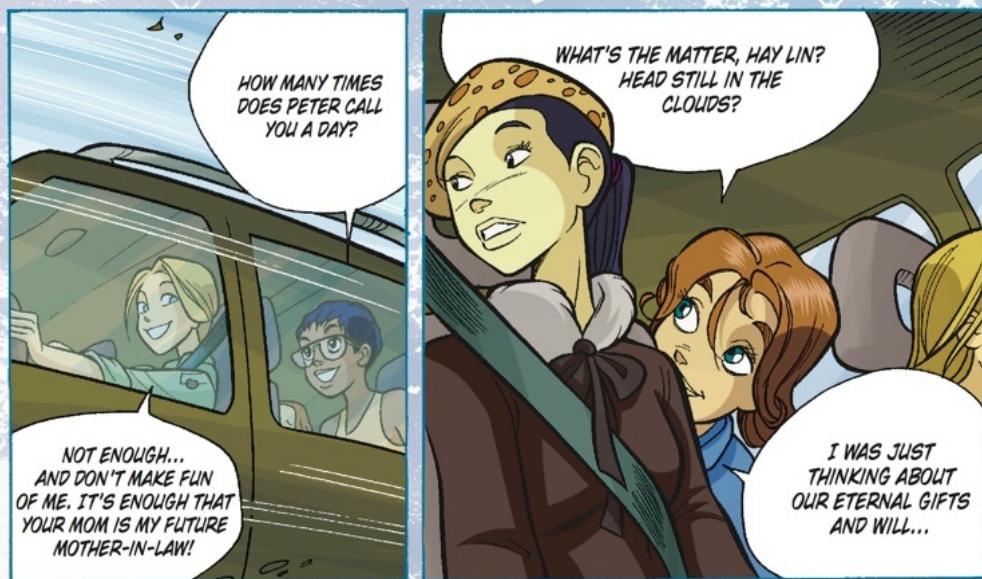
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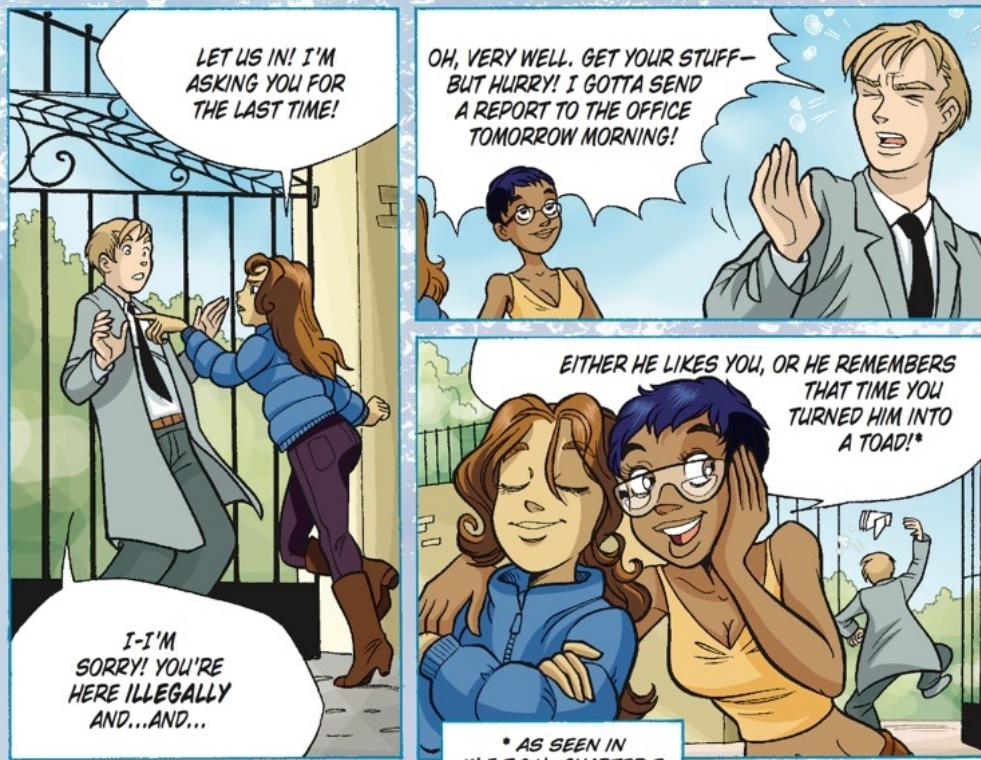


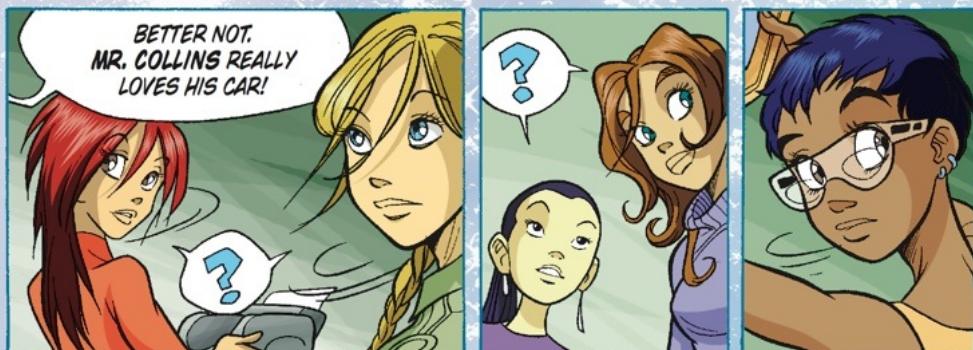
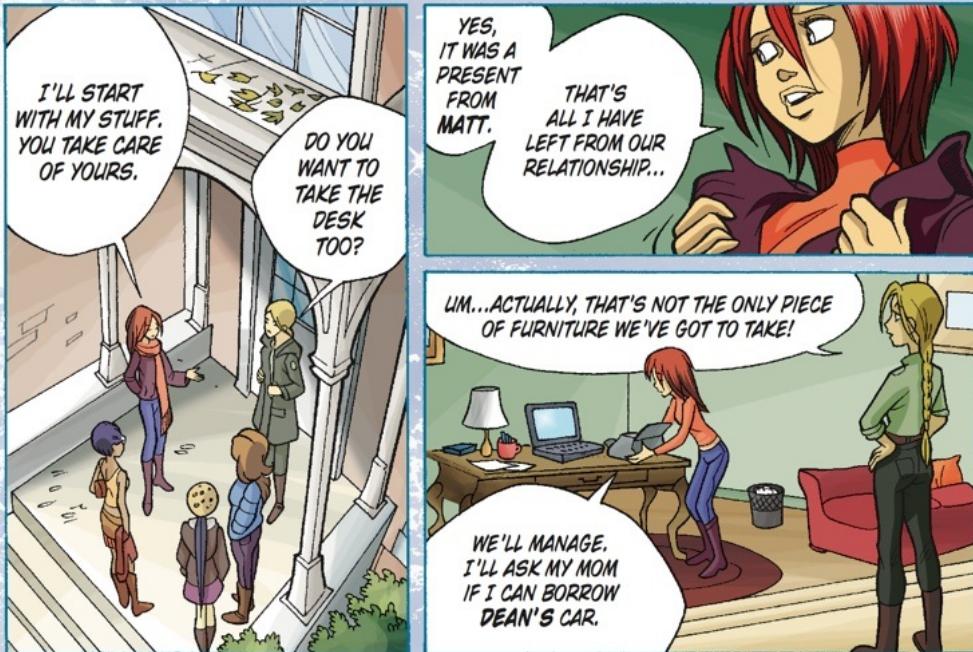


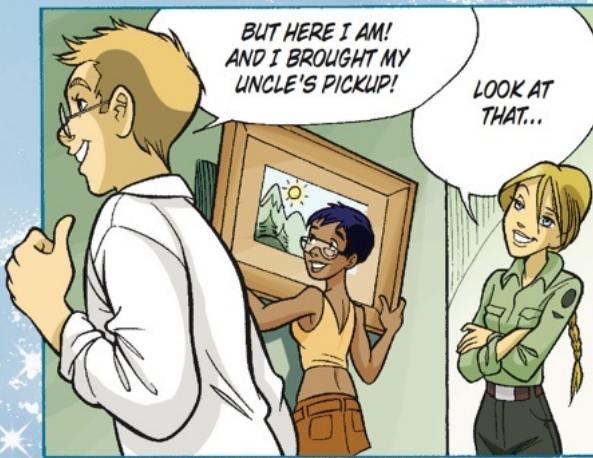
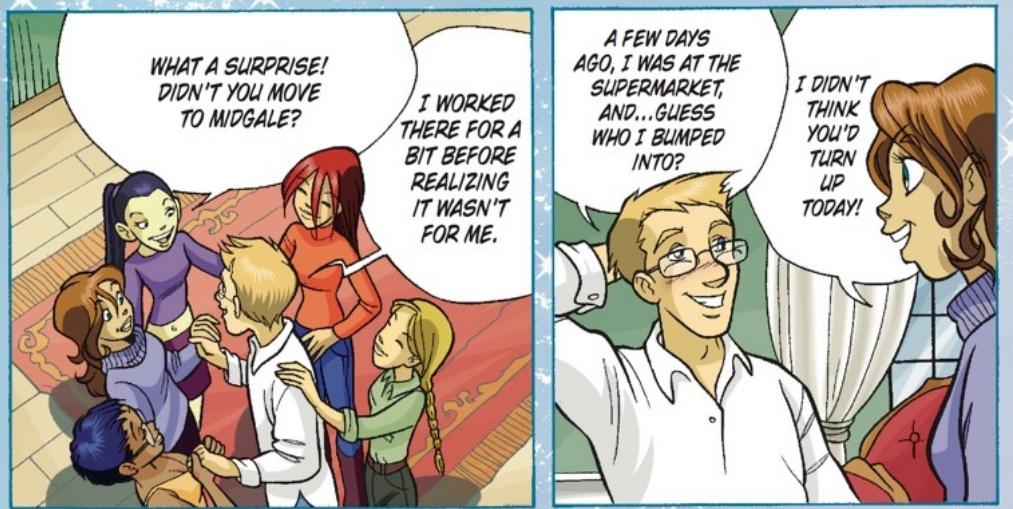
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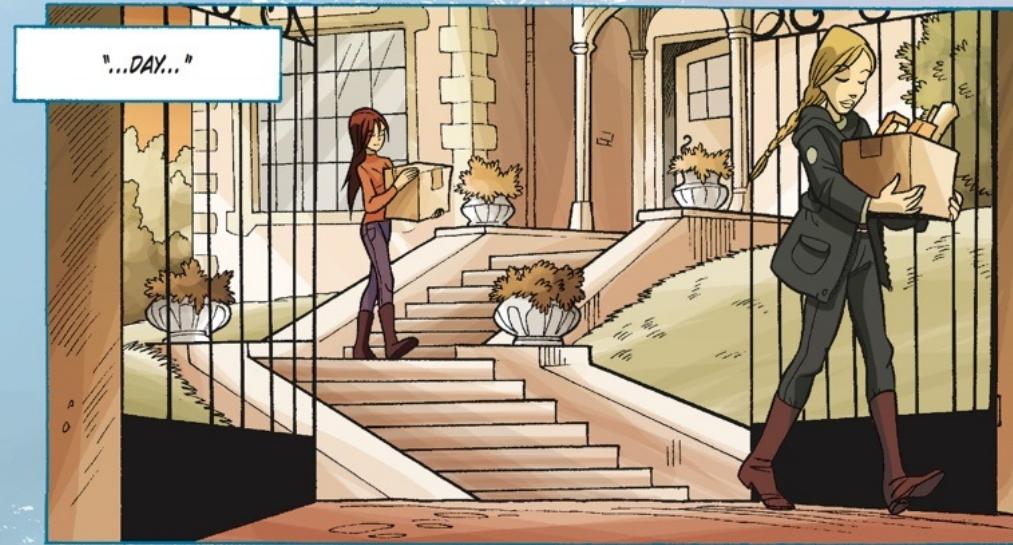


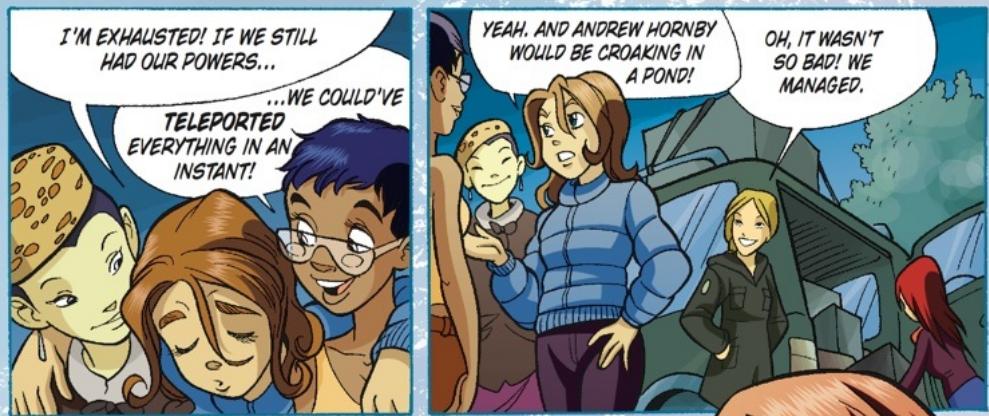


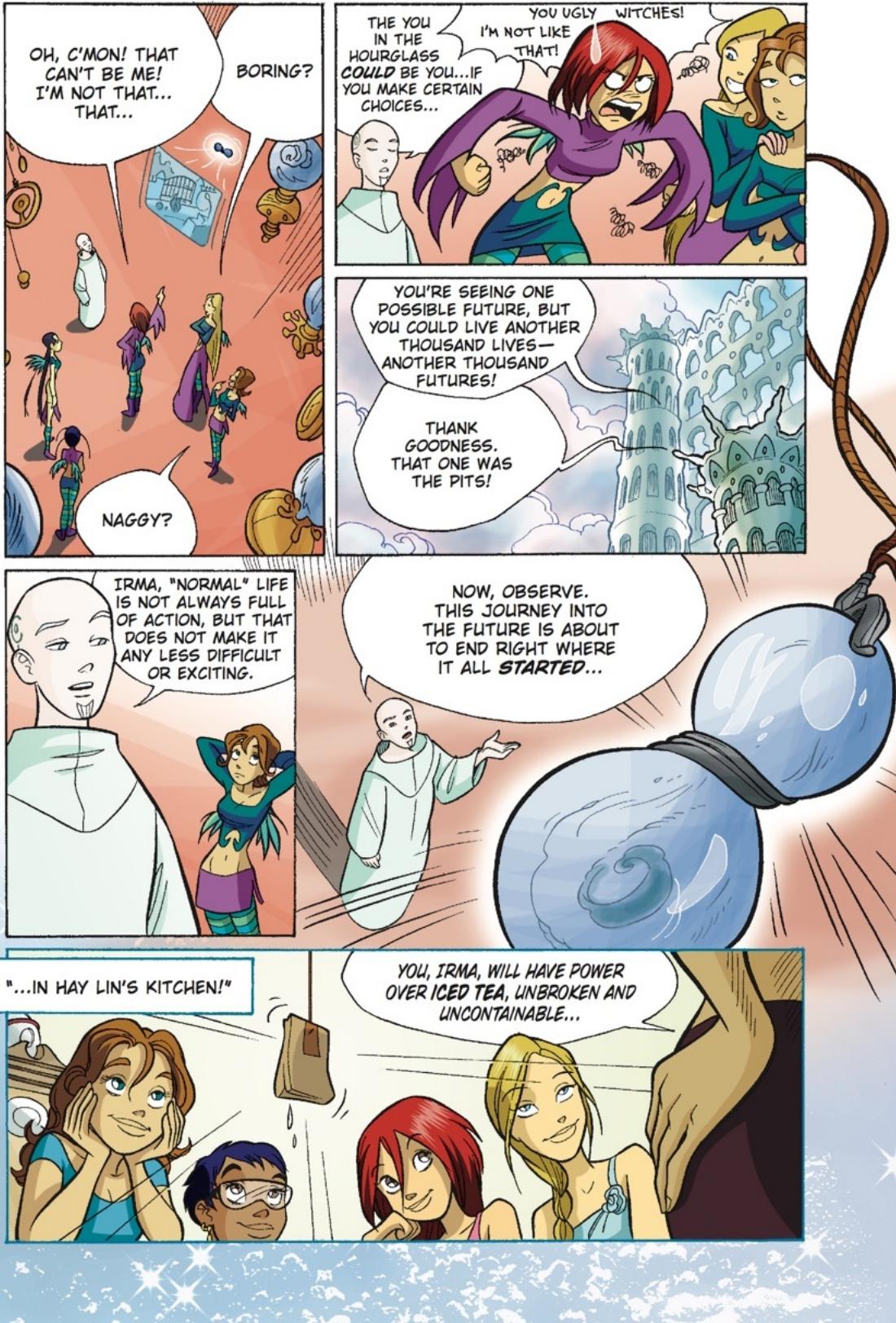


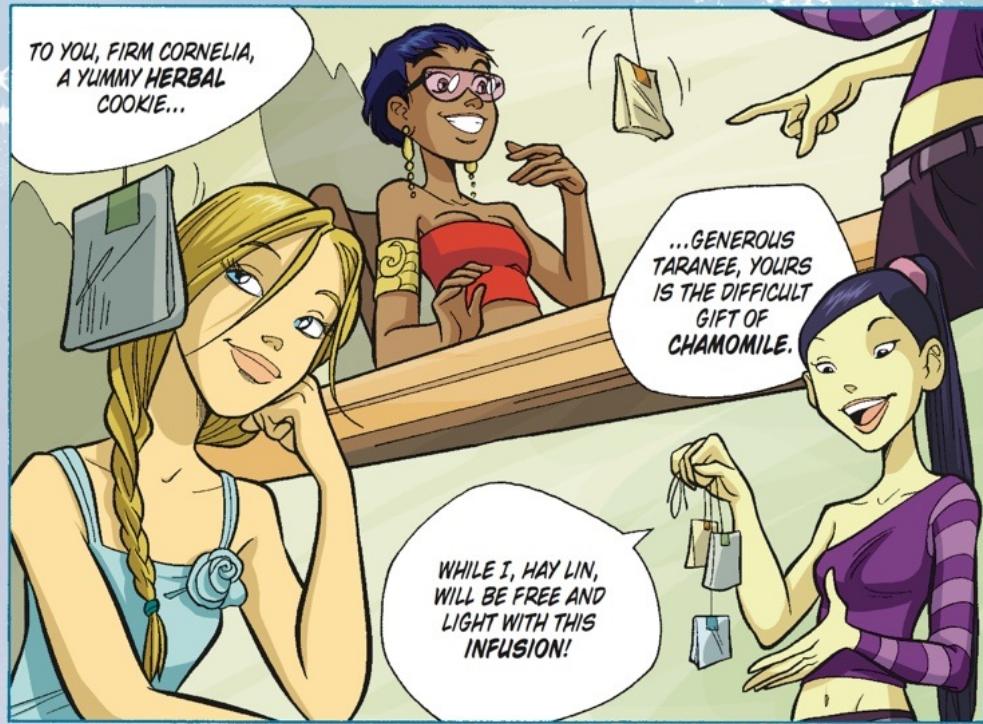




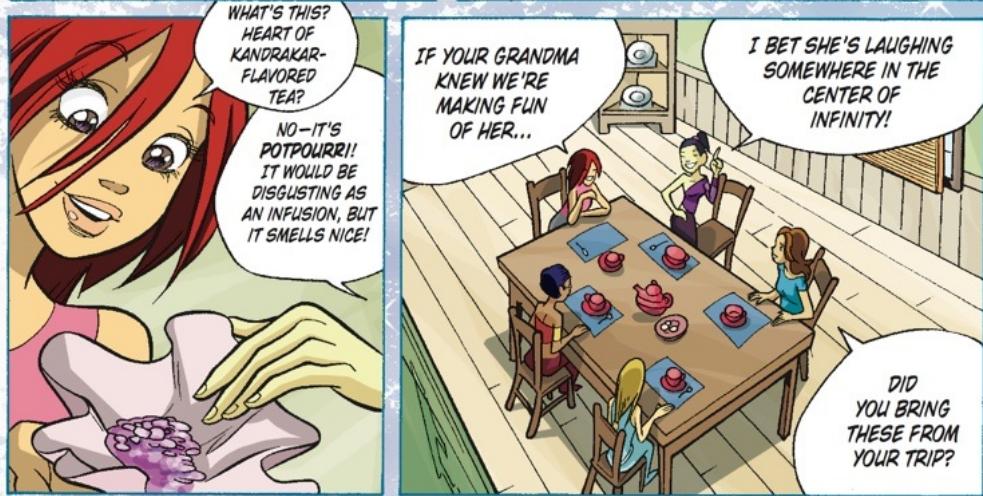




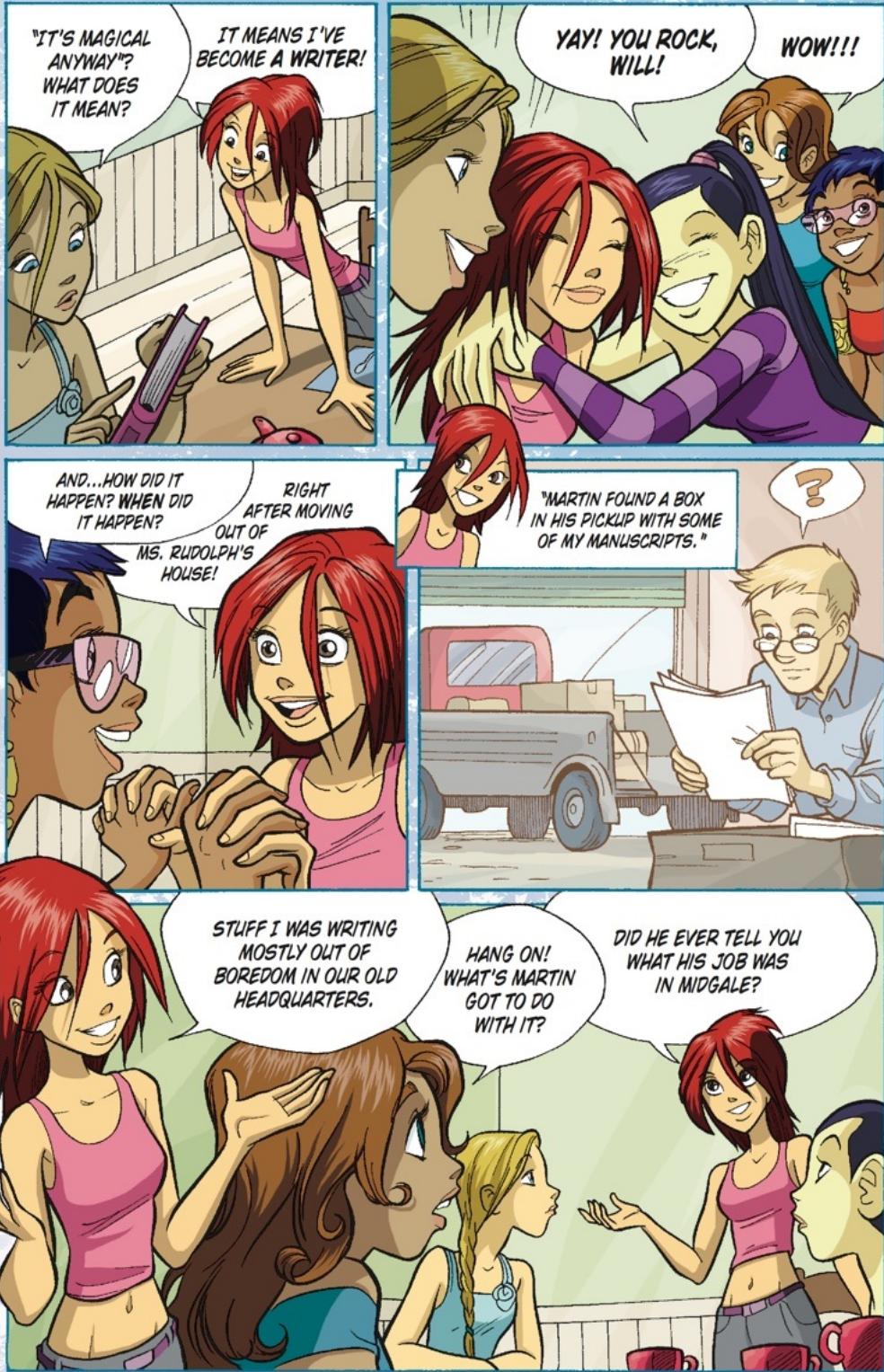




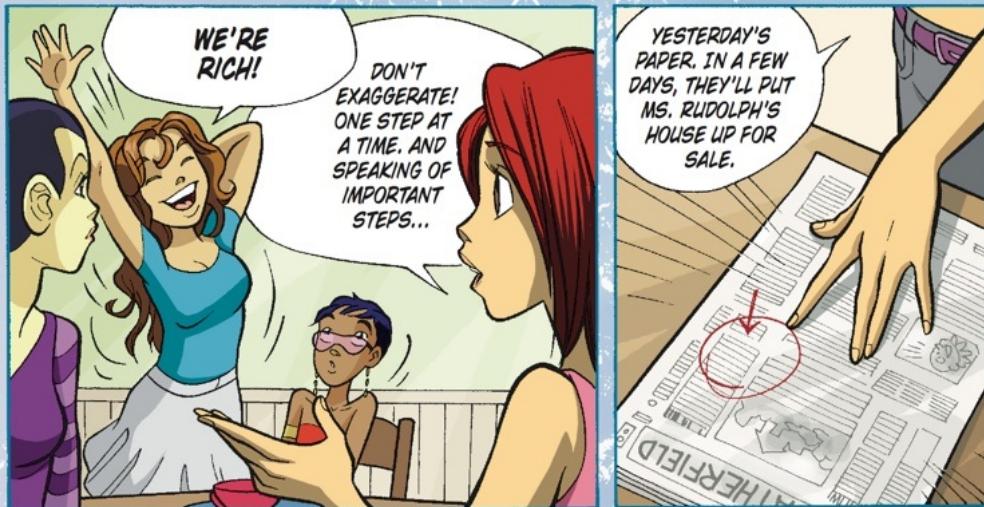
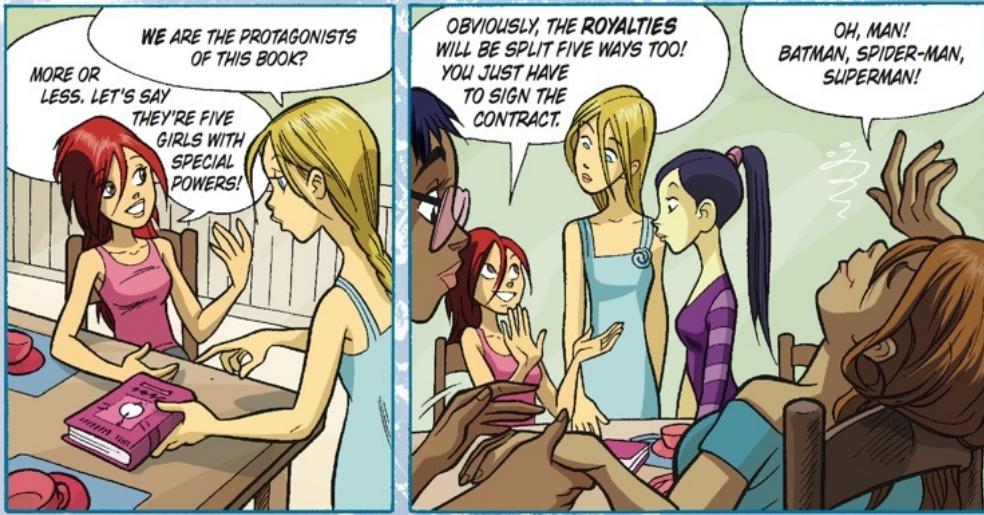
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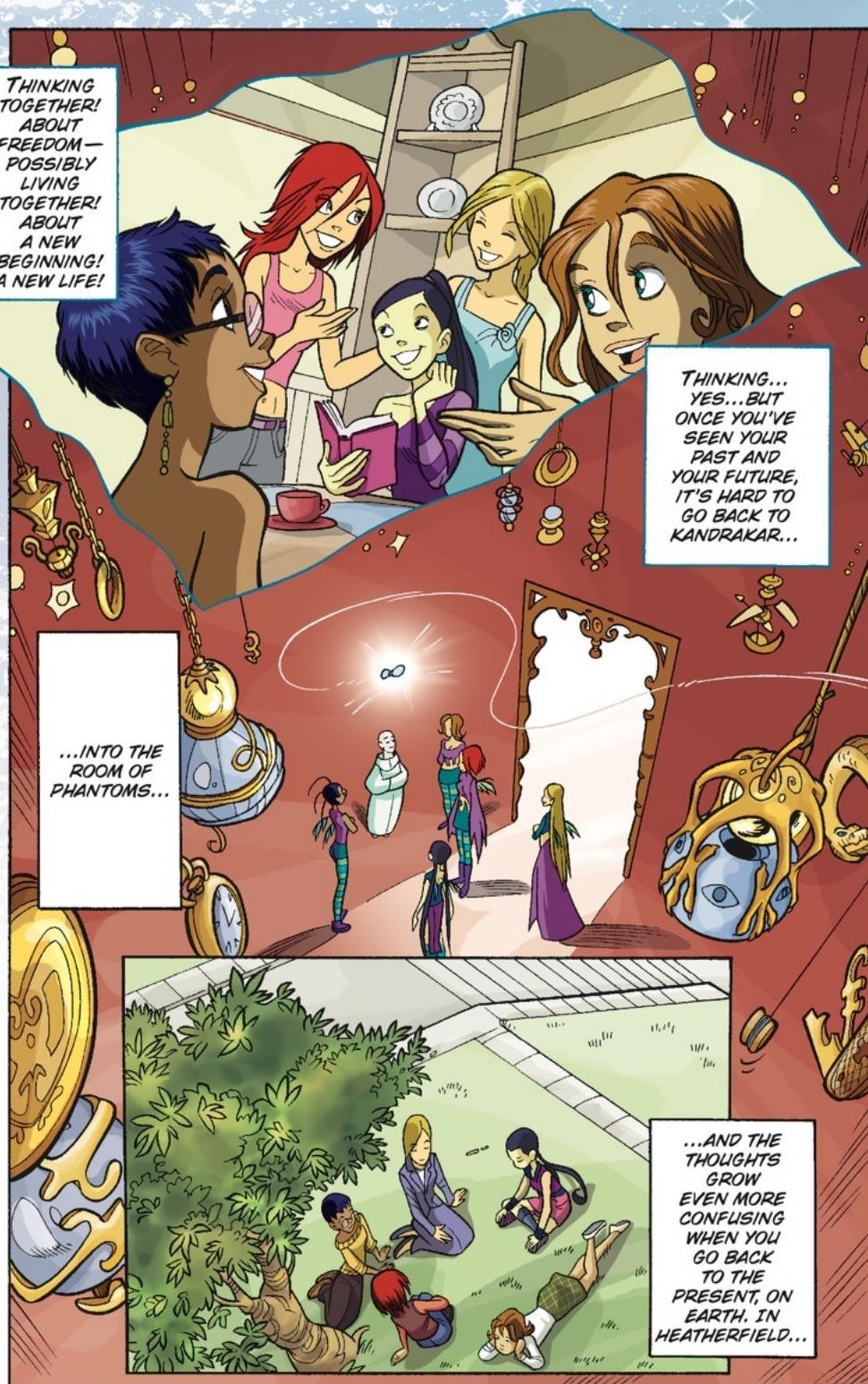
THINKING
TOGETHER!
ABOUT
FREEDOM—
POSSIBLY
LIVING
TOGETHER!
ABOUT
A NEW
BEGINNING!
A NEW LIFE!

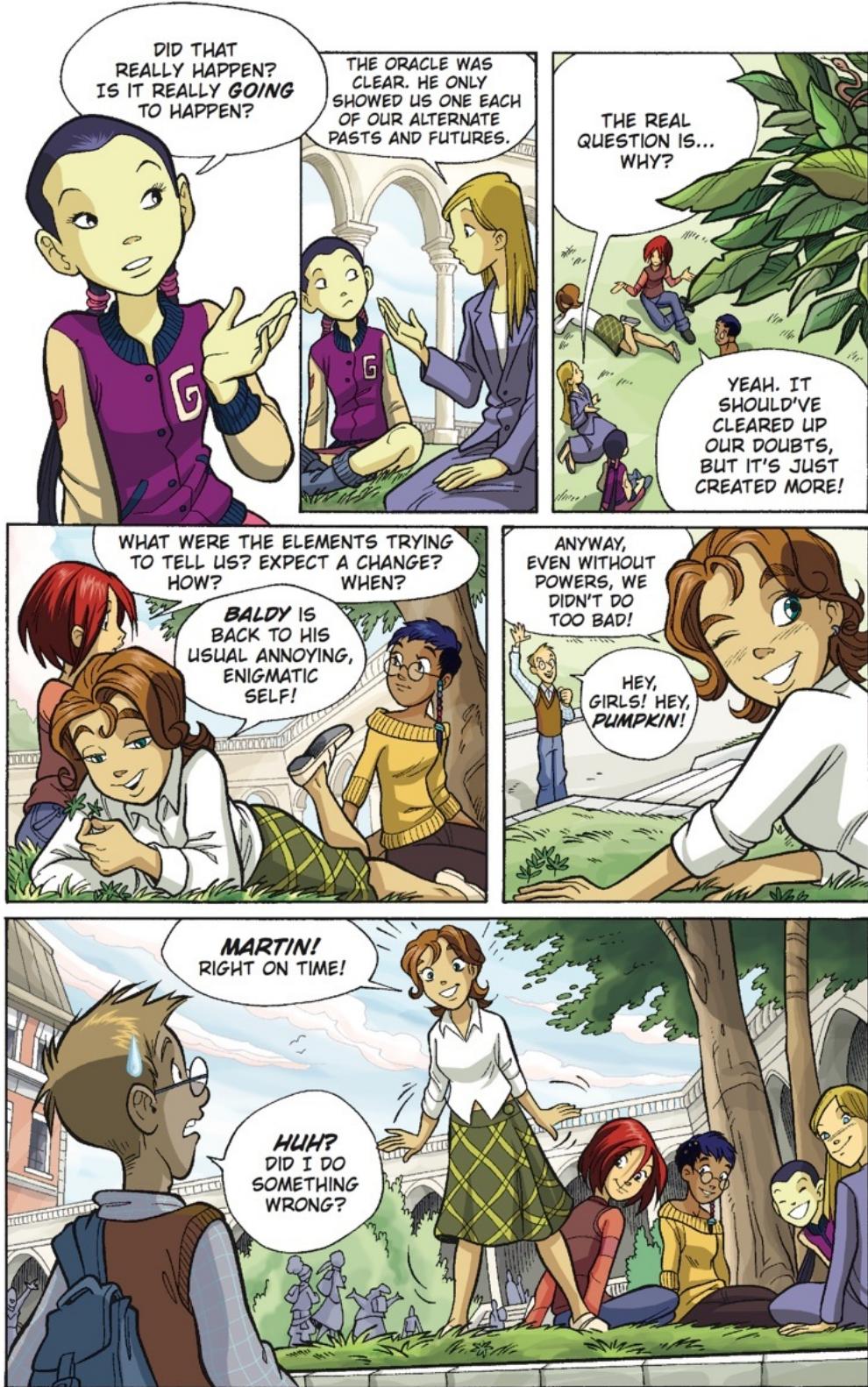
THINKING...
YES...BUT
ONCE YOU'VE
SEEN YOUR
PAST AND
YOUR FUTURE,
IT'S HARD TO
GO BACK TO
KANDRAKAR...

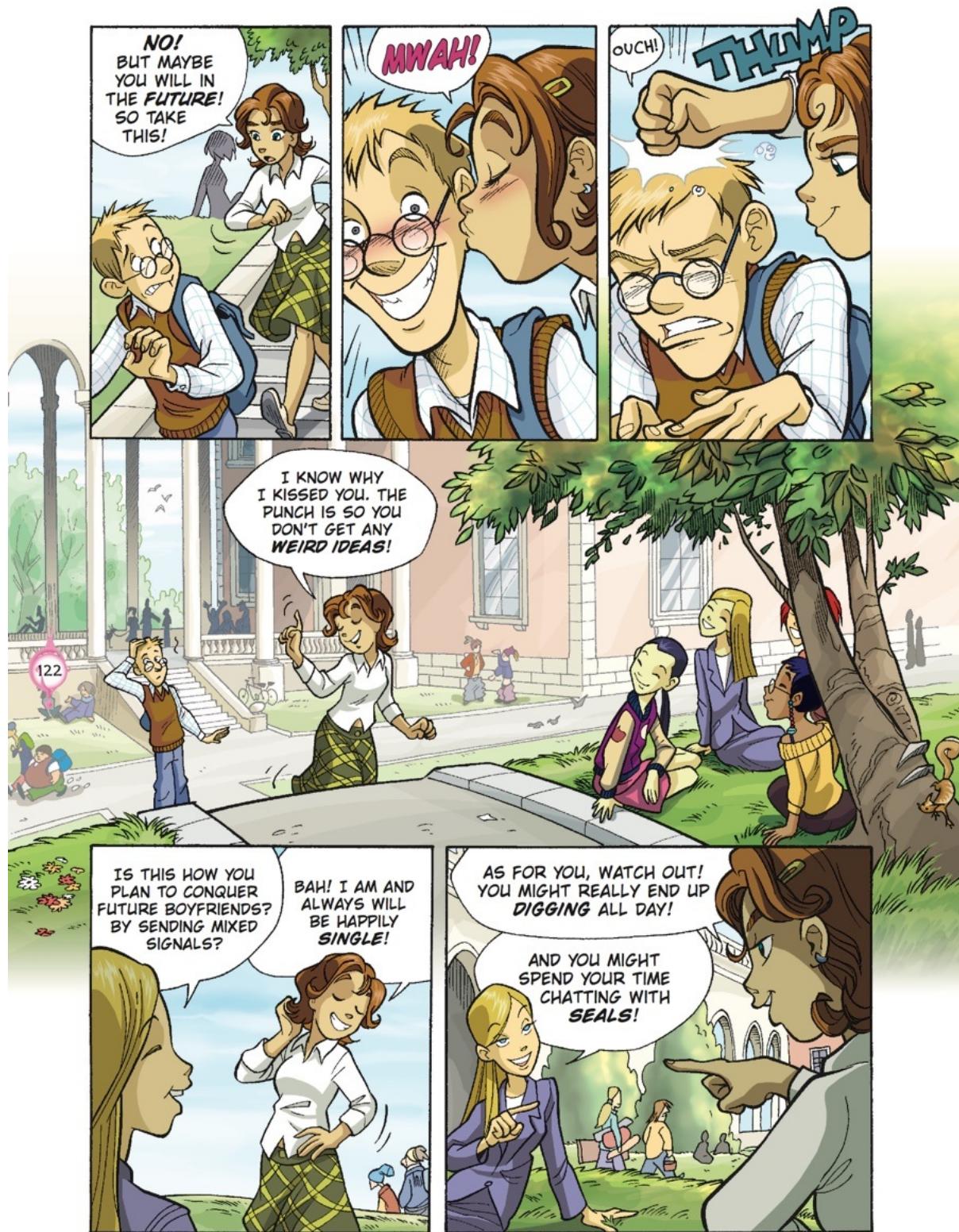
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...INTO THE
ROOM OF
PHANTOMS...

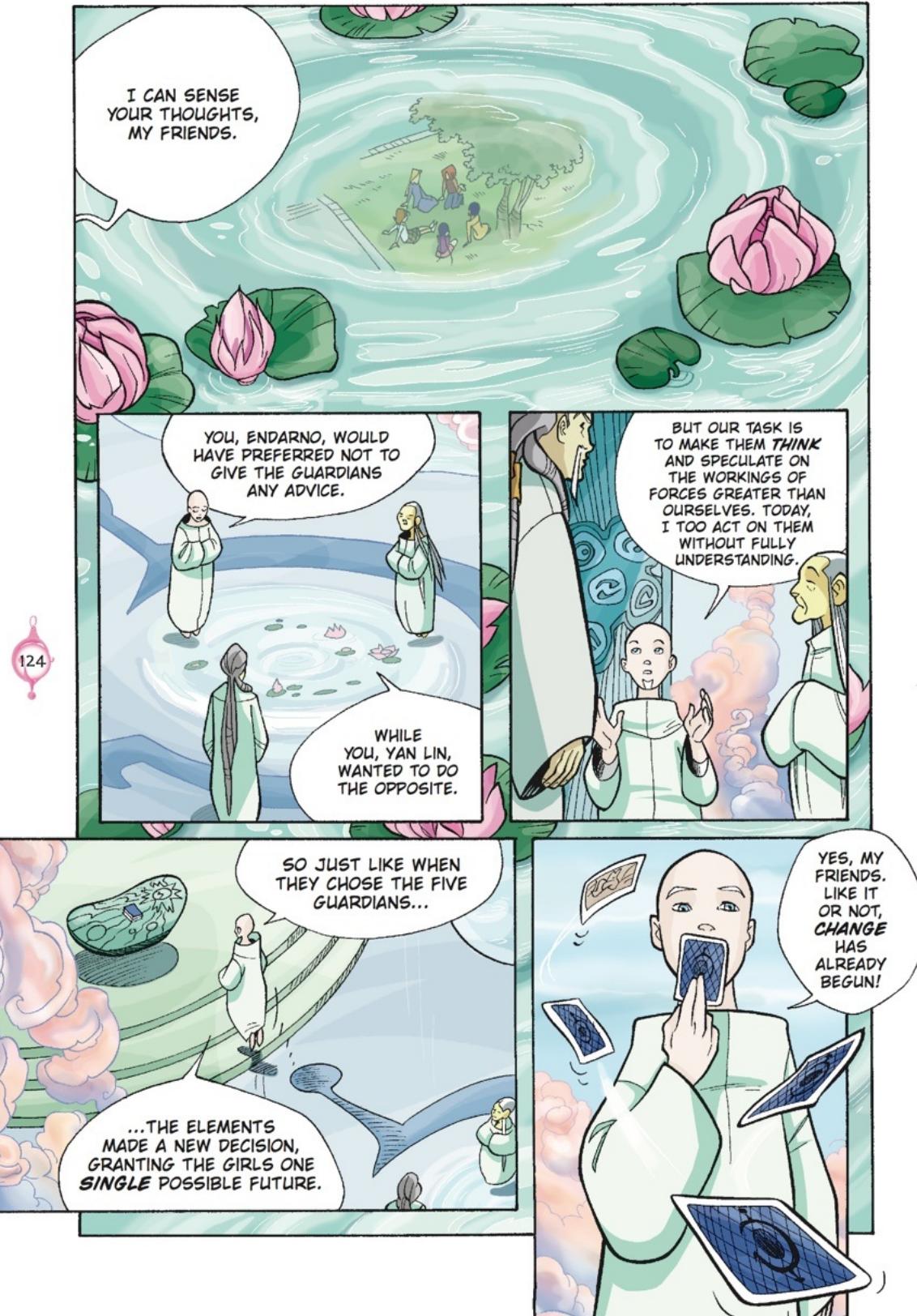
...AND THE
THOUGHTS
GROW
EVEN MORE
CONFUSING
WHEN YOU
GO BACK
TO THE
PRESENT, ON
EARTH, IN
HEATHERFIELD...







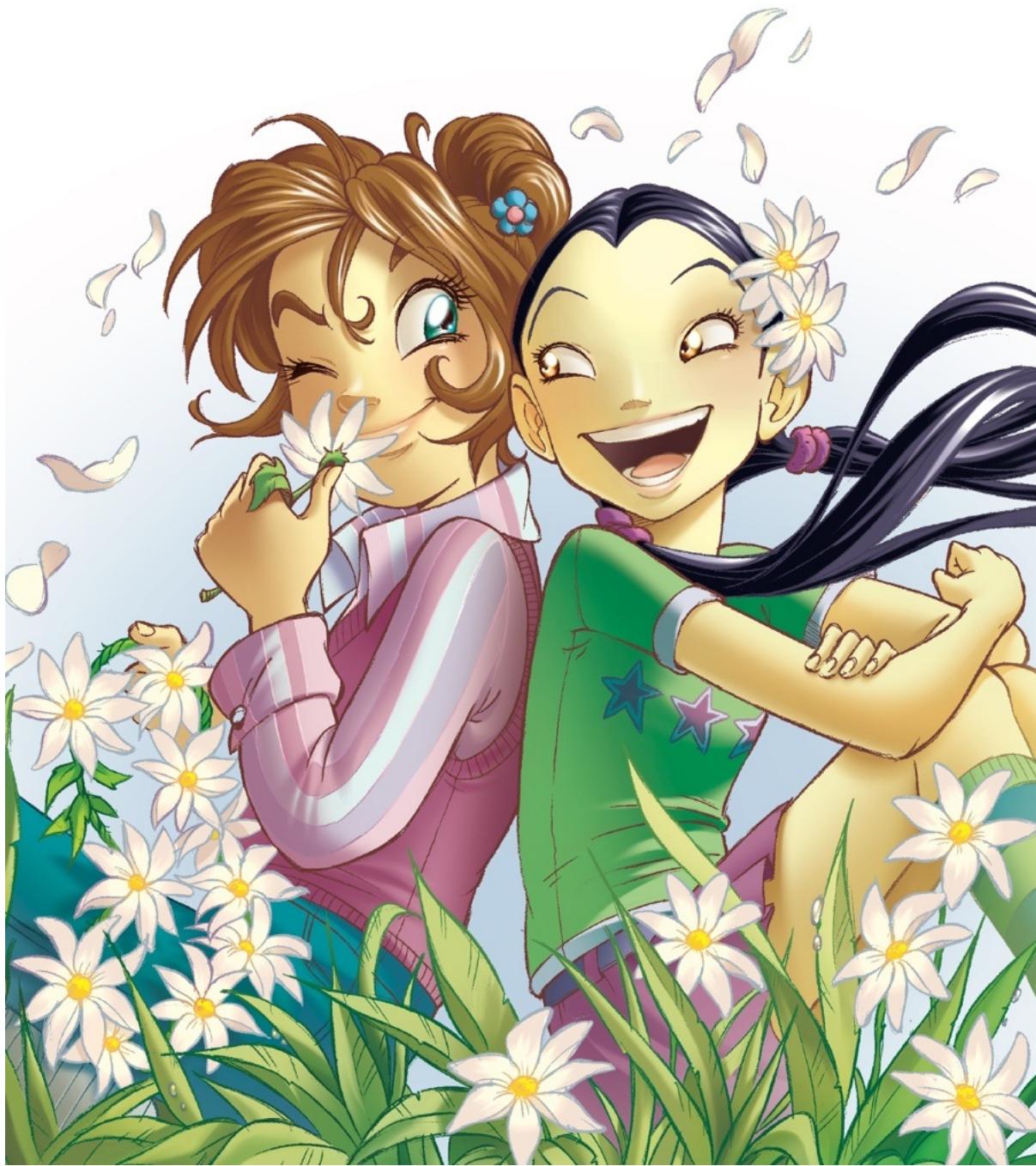






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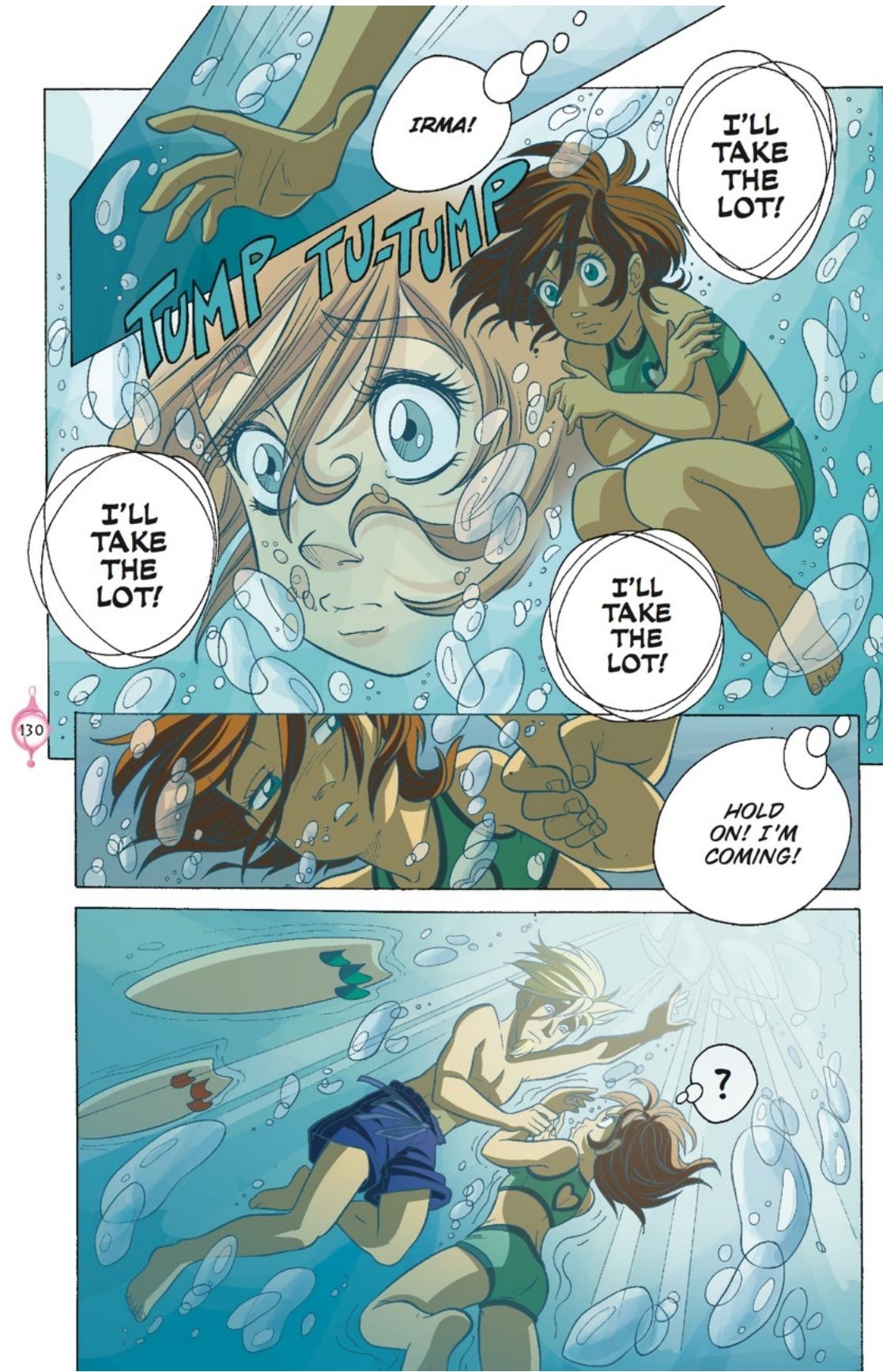


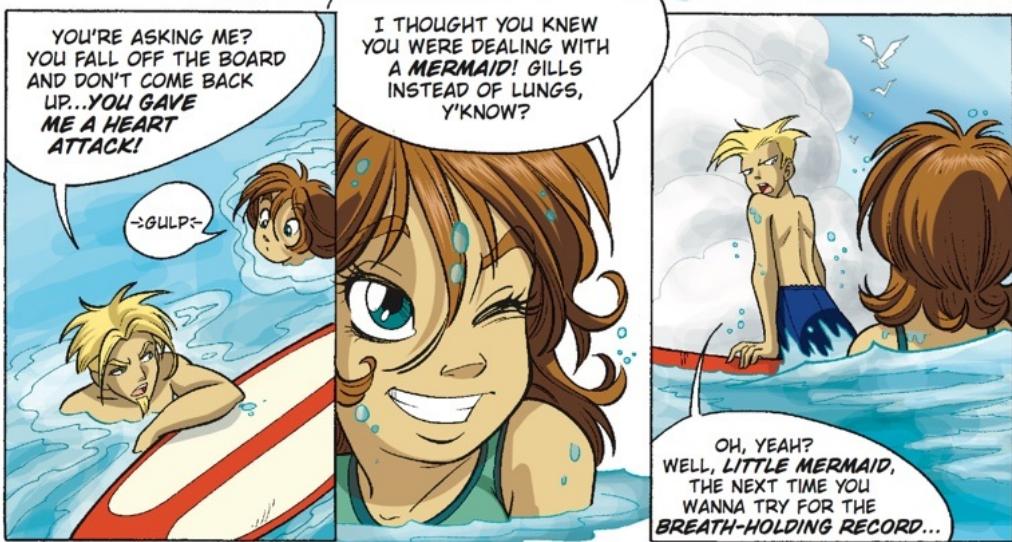
Out of Control

“Some people are really special,
like a comforting hug.”

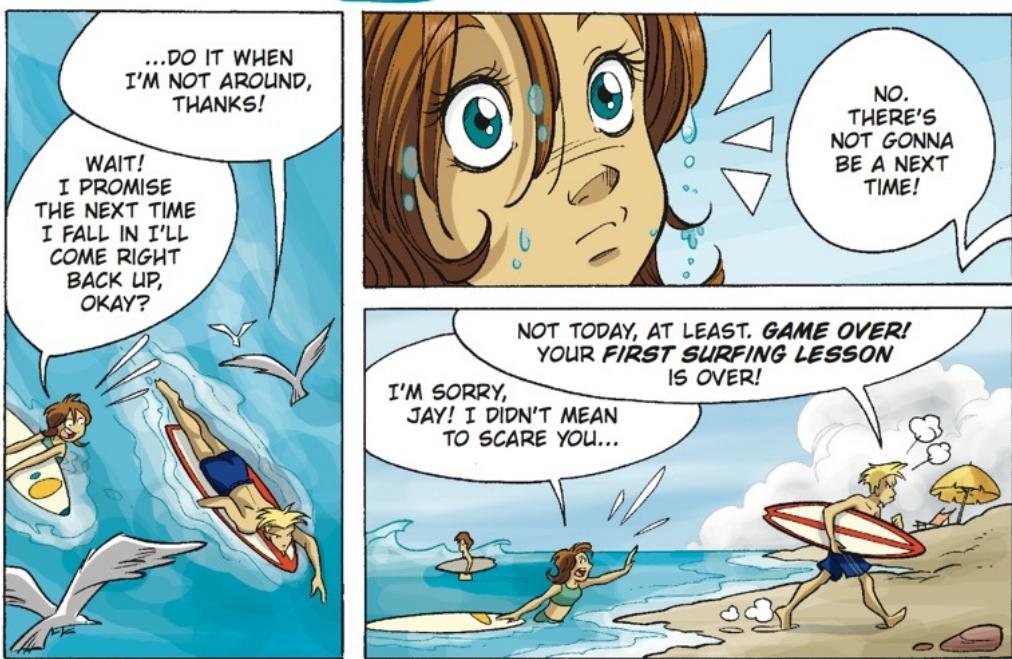


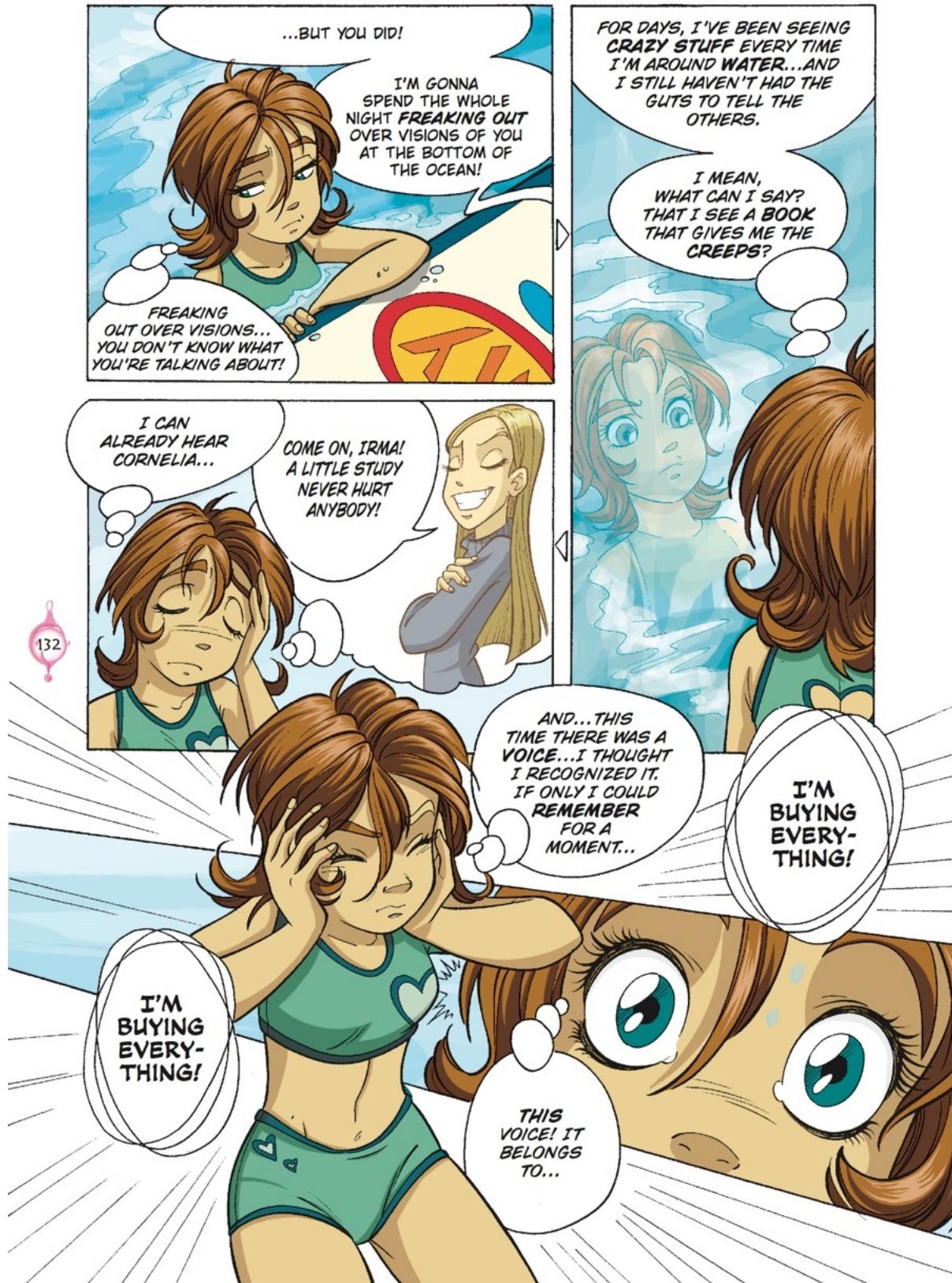


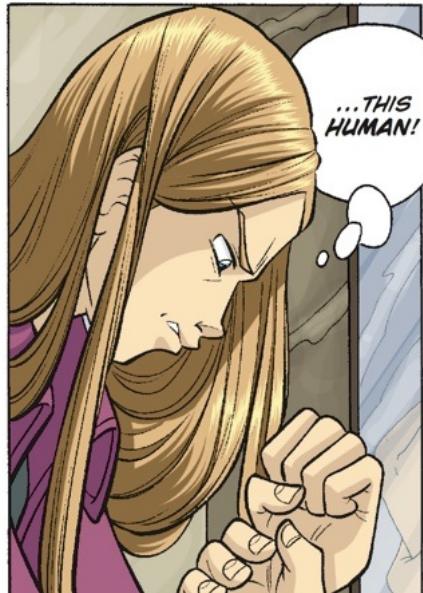
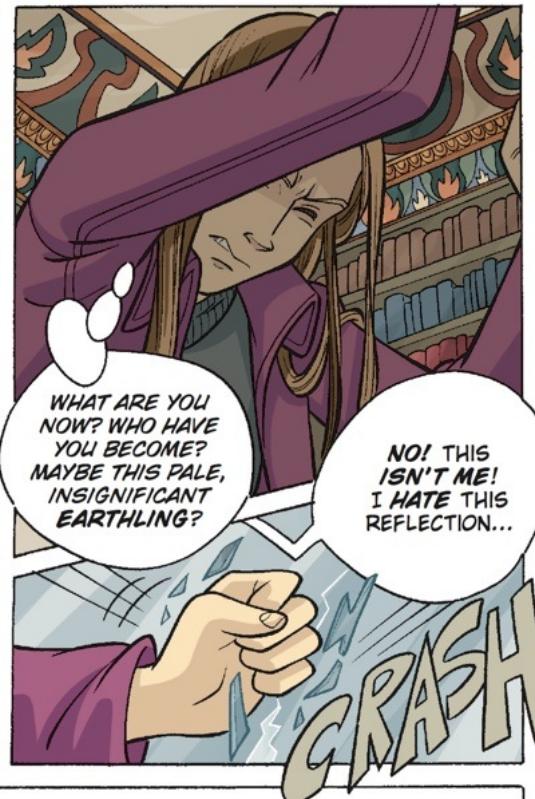


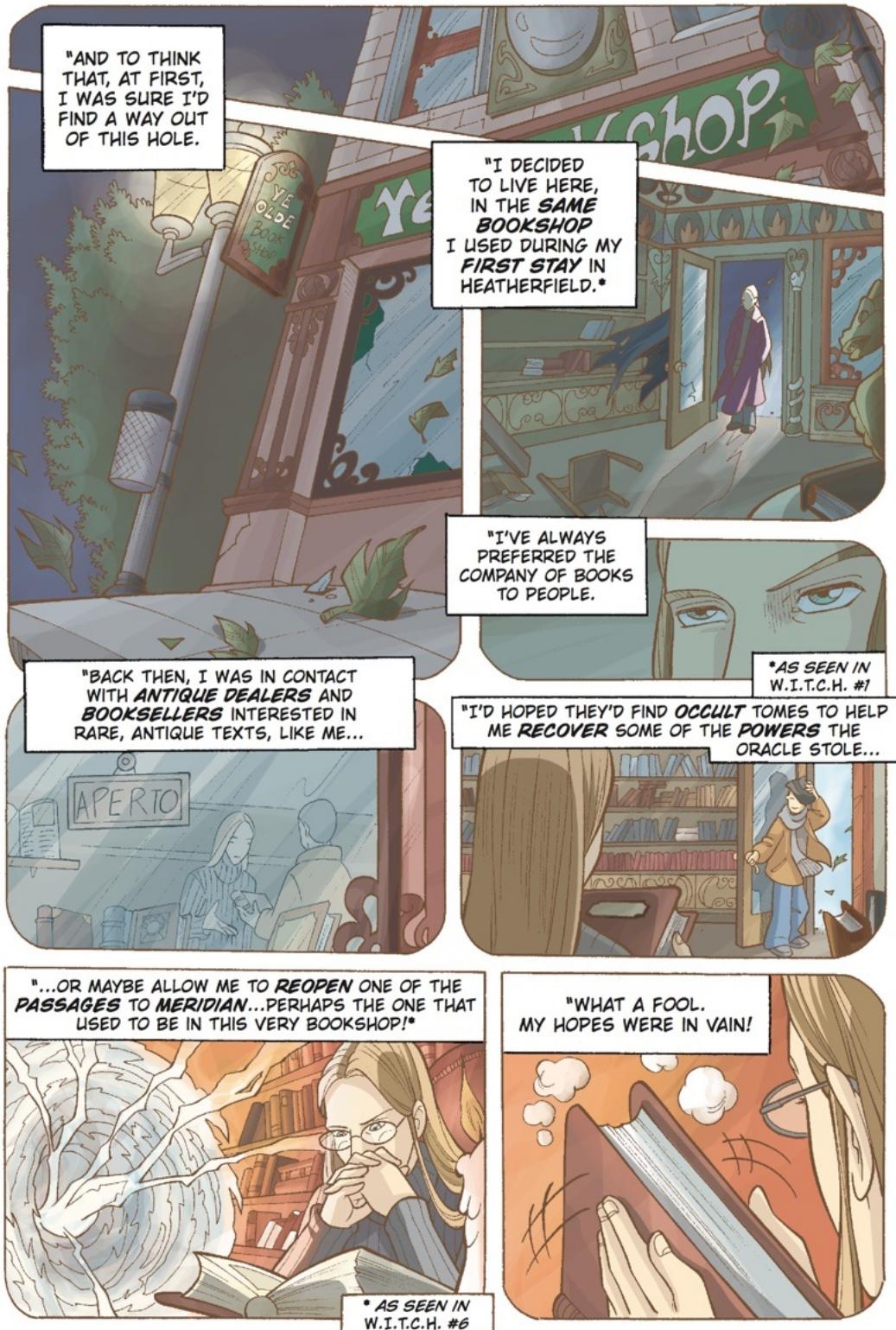


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"IT WAS ALL FAKE—
A TRICK!"



"MANUALS BY SELF-
PROFESSSED WIZARDS, BOOKS
ABOUT THE INTERPRETATION
OF DREAMS OR THE FUTURE."

"NOTHING I GOT MY HANDS
ON WAS THE SLIGHTEST
BIT HELPFUL..."



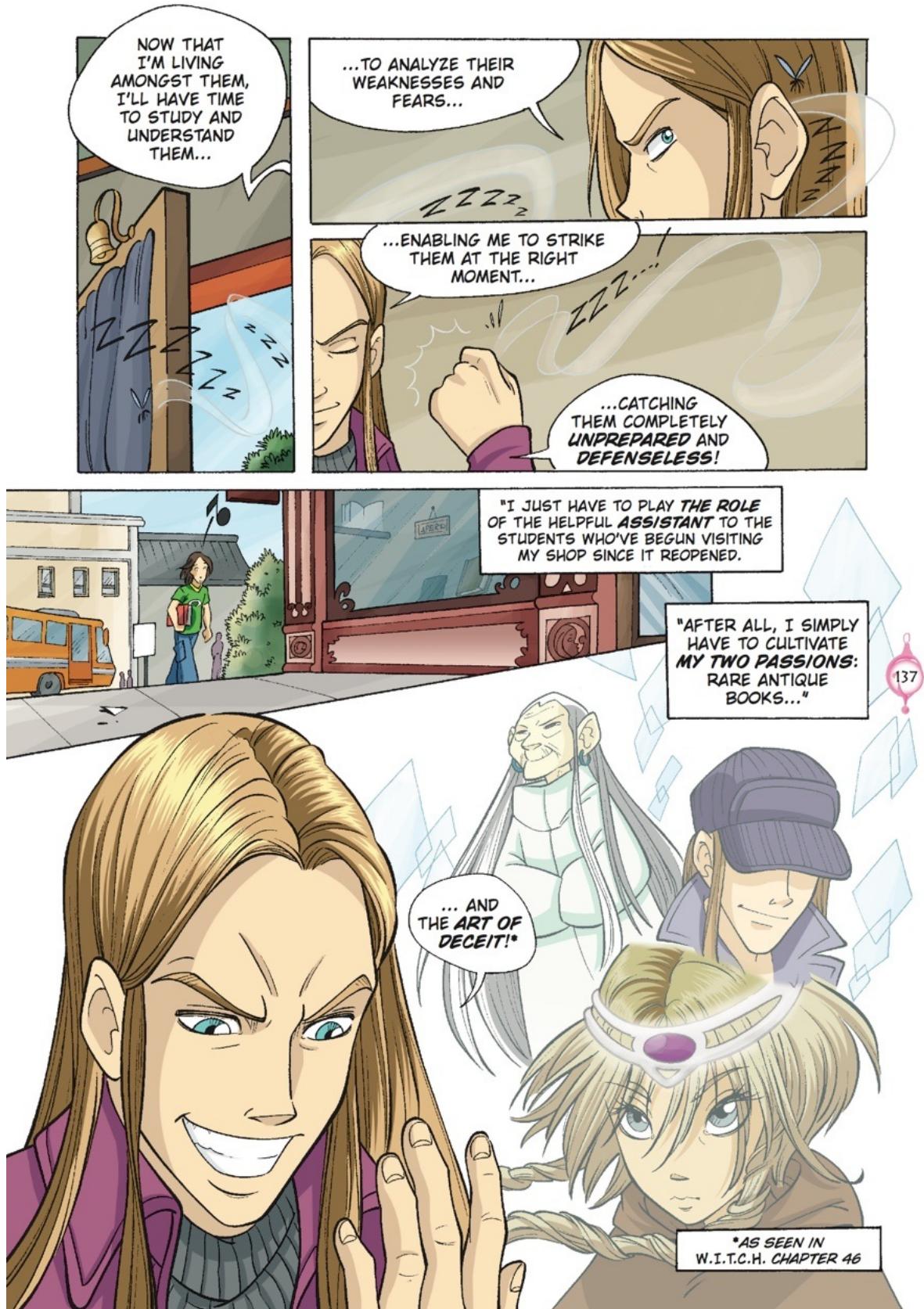
"ANGER TOWARD YOU, ORACLE, AND
ESPECIALLY TOWARD..."

"...THE FIVE
GUARDIANS WHO
KEPT THWARTING
MY PLANS!"

"EVEN IF I
NEVER RETURN TO
METAMOOR OR GET
MY POWERS BACK,
MY TIME HERE IN
HEATHERFIELD WILL
NOT HAVE BEEN
IN VAIN..."

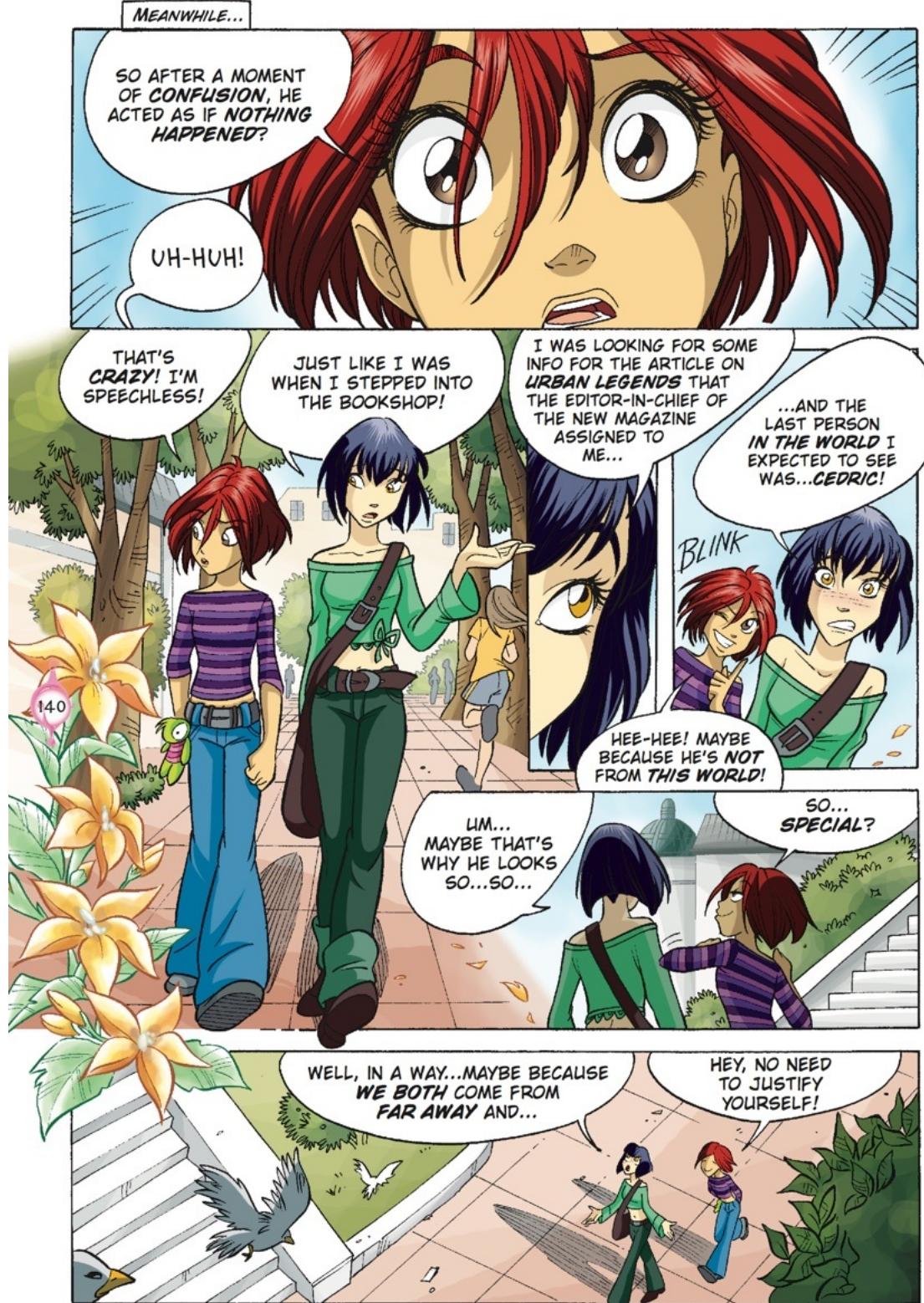
"...BECAUSE I WILL
USE EVERY MEANS AT
MY DISPOSAL TO TURN
THIS FORCED EXILE..."

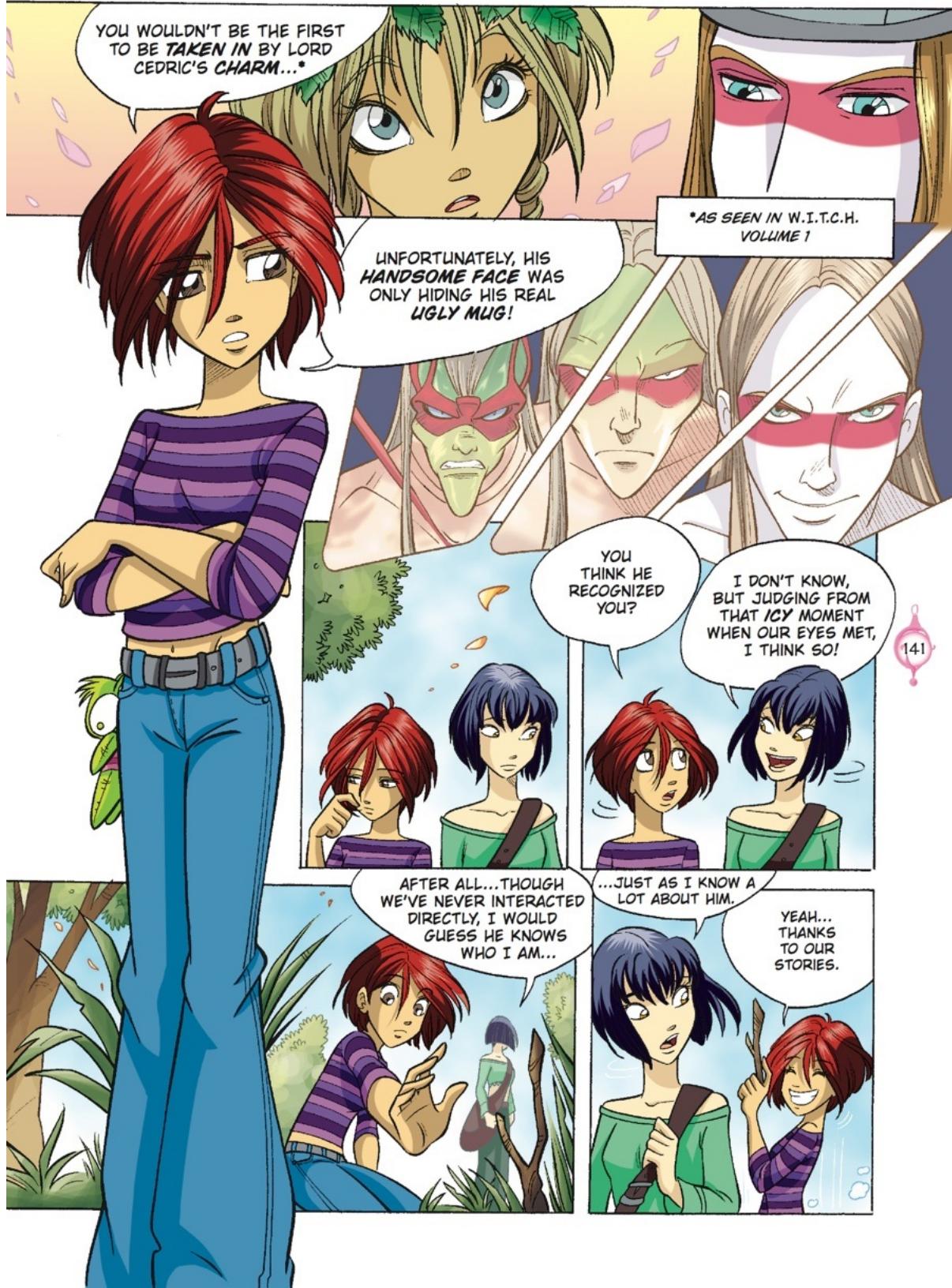
"...INTO MERCILESS
REVENGE AGAINST
THOSE FIVE GIRLS!"











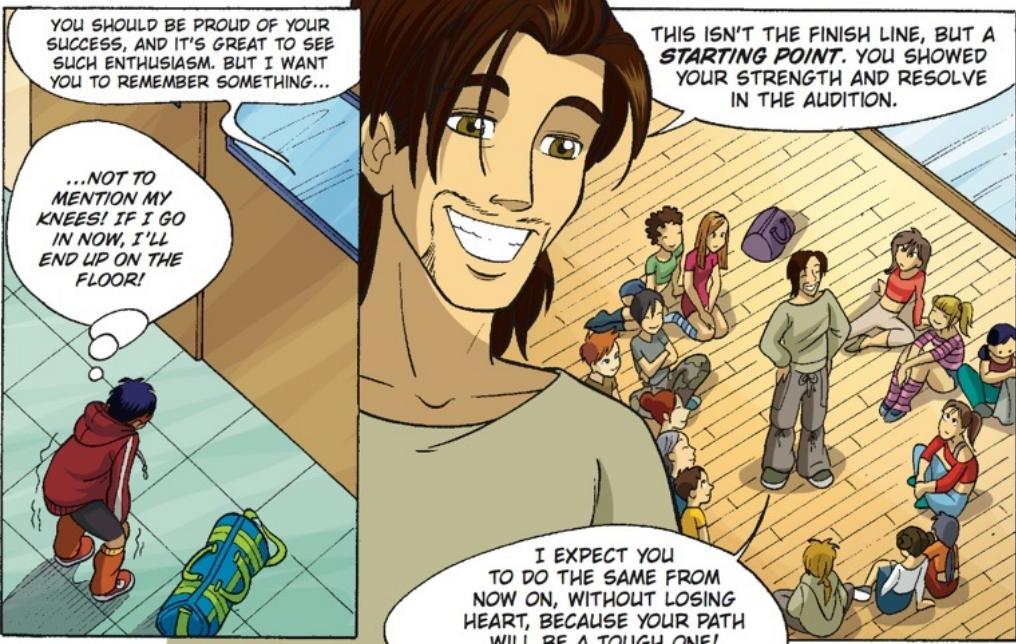












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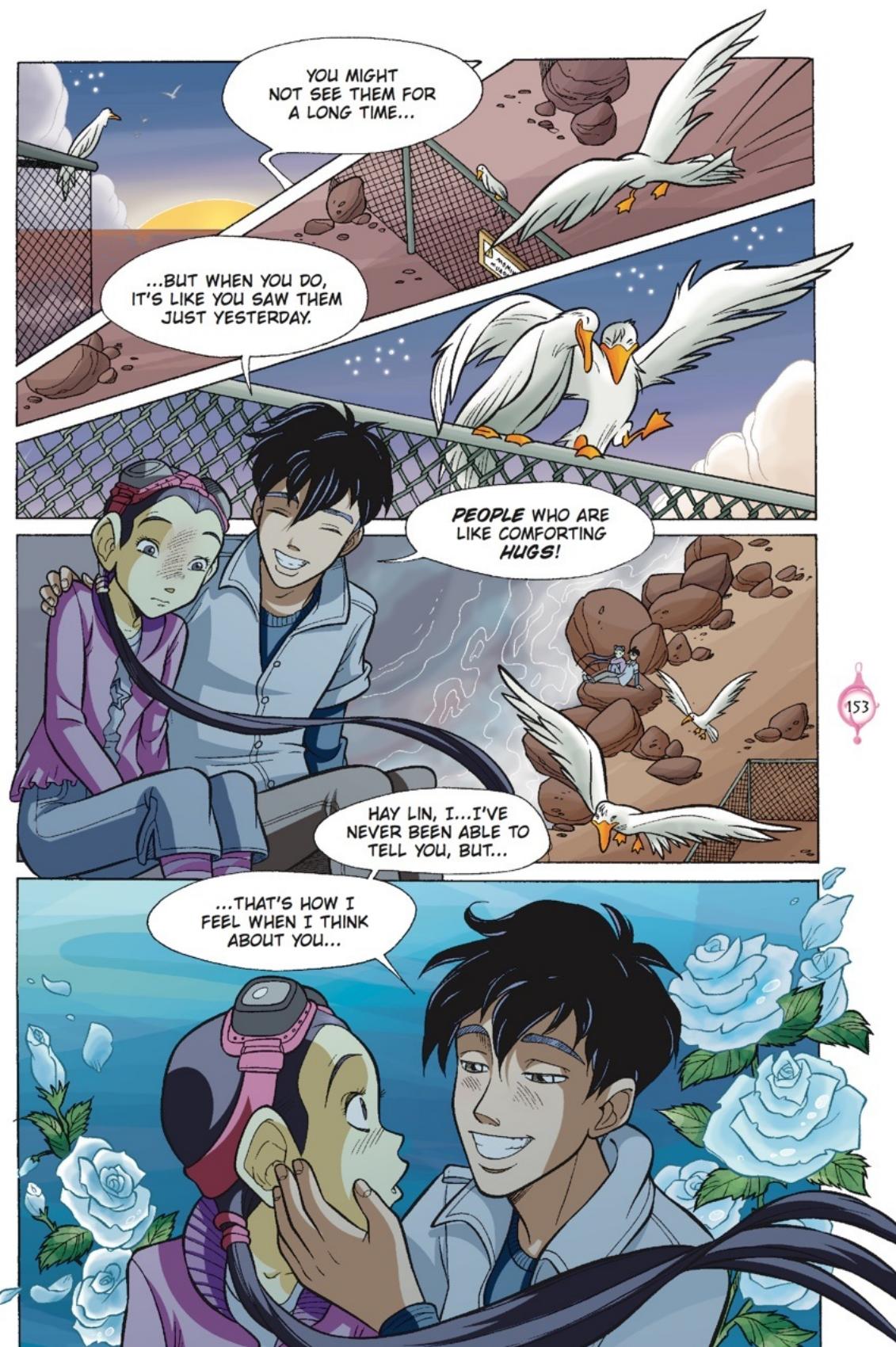
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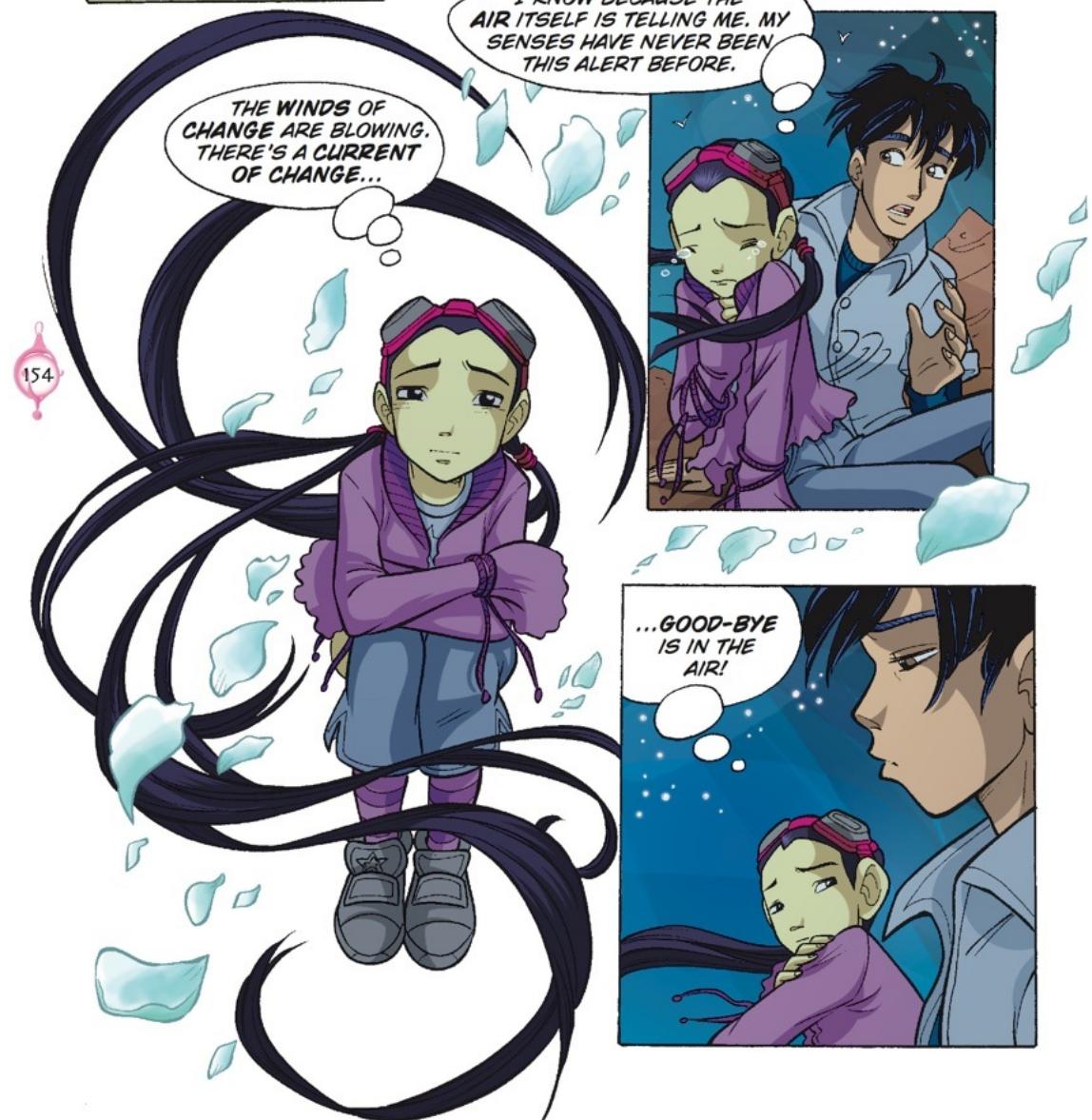














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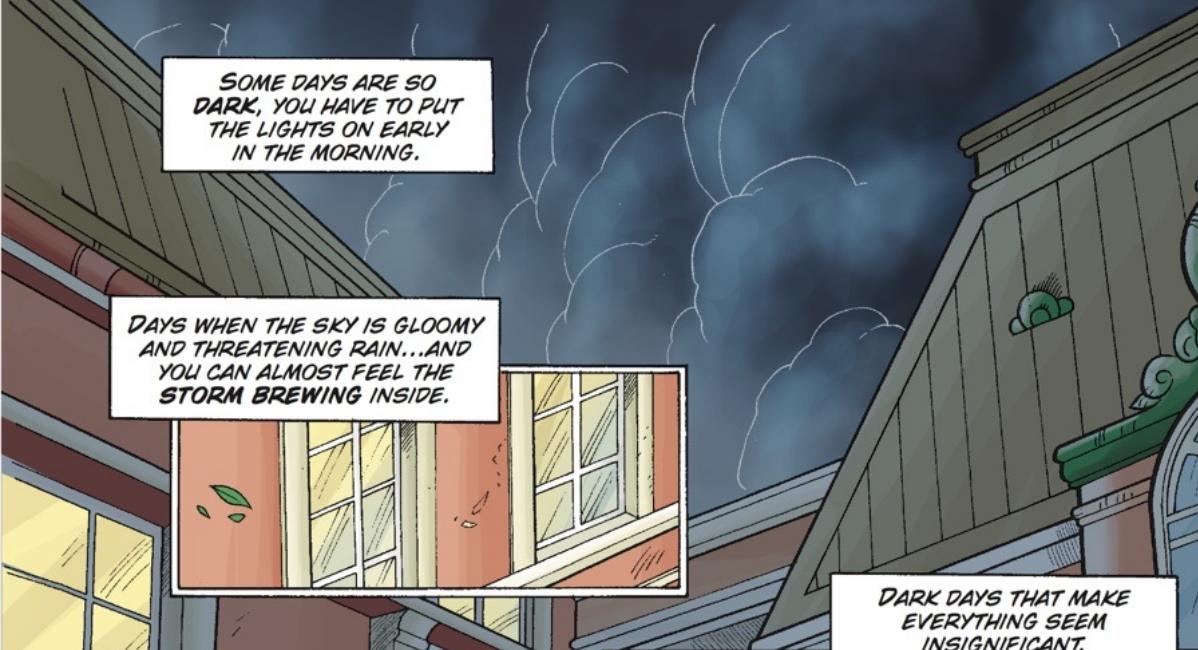
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SOME DAYS ARE SO DARK, YOU HAVE TO PUT THE LIGHTS ON EARLY IN THE MORNING.



DAYS WHEN THE SKY IS GLOOMY AND THREATENING RAIN...AND YOU CAN ALMOST FEEL THE STORM BREWING INSIDE.



DARK DAYS THAT MAKE EVERYTHING SEEM INSIGNIFICANT.



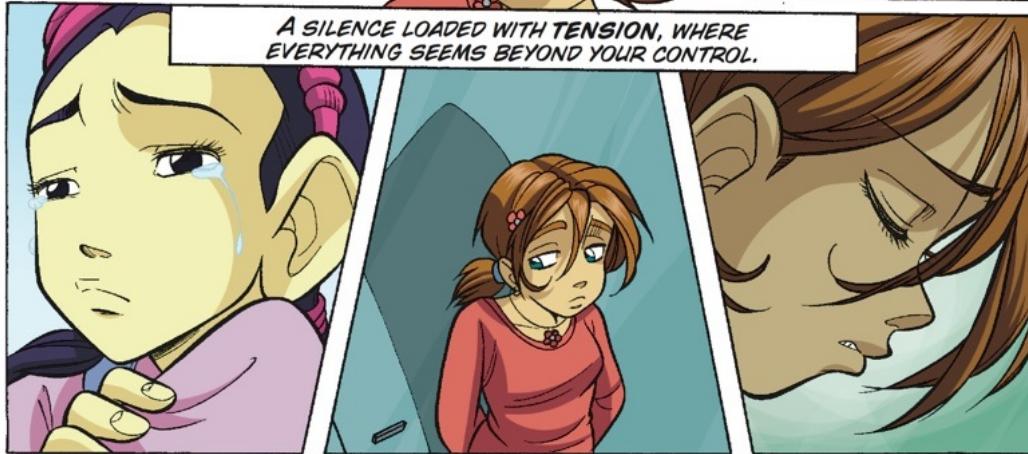
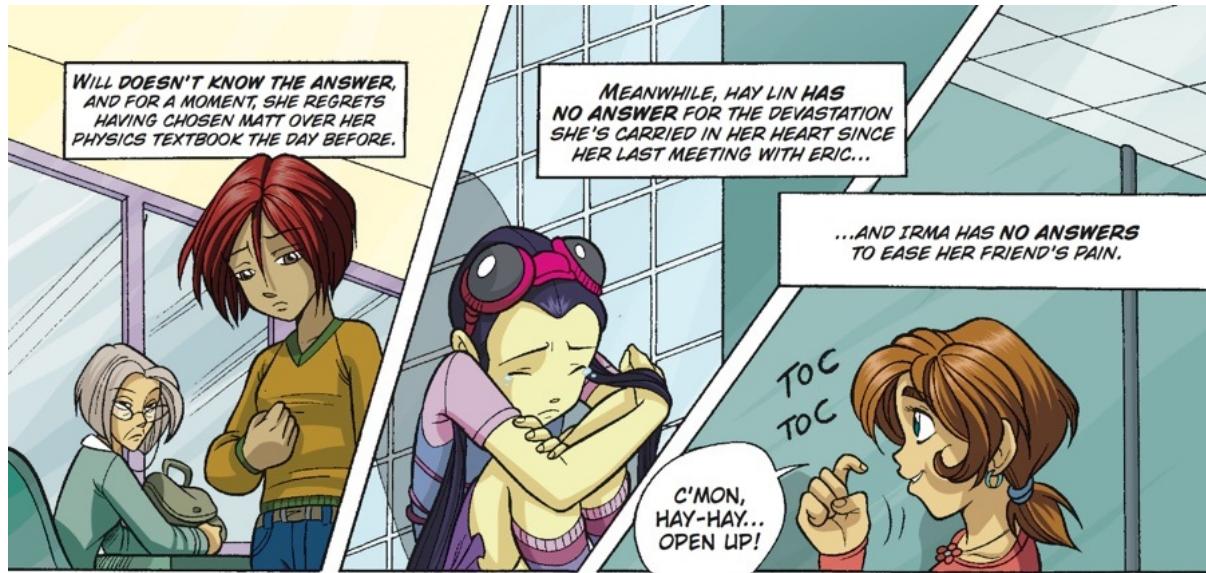
DAYS THAT LEAVE YOU SPEECHLESS, FOR WHATEVER REASON.

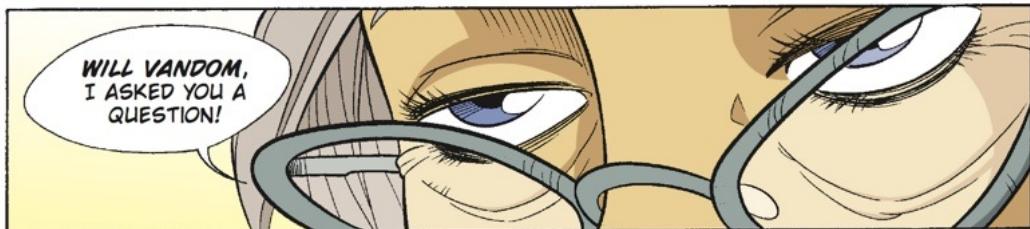


TODAY IS ONE OF THOSE DAYS. A DAY WITHOUT ANSWERS.

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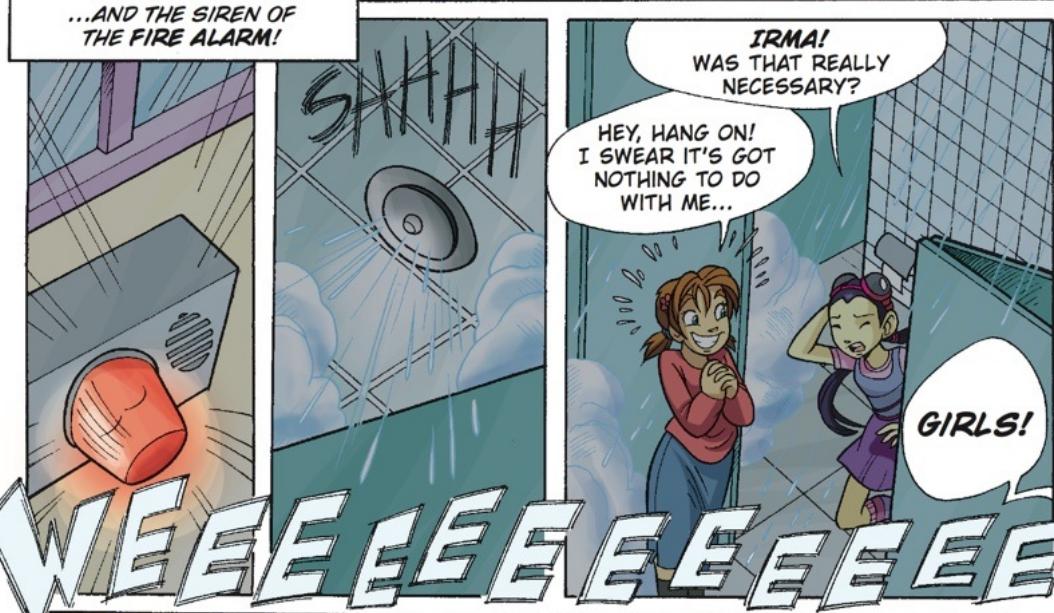




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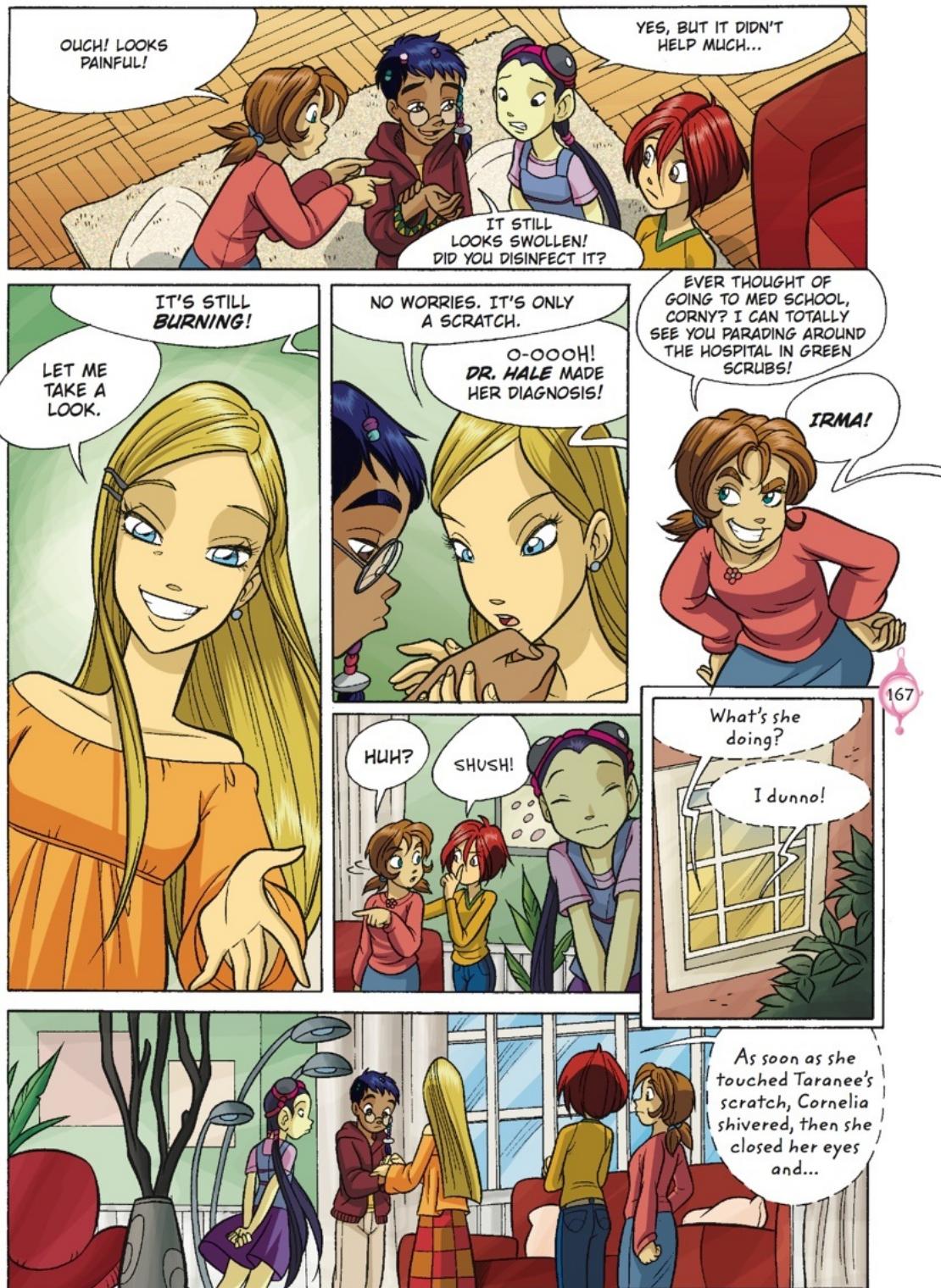










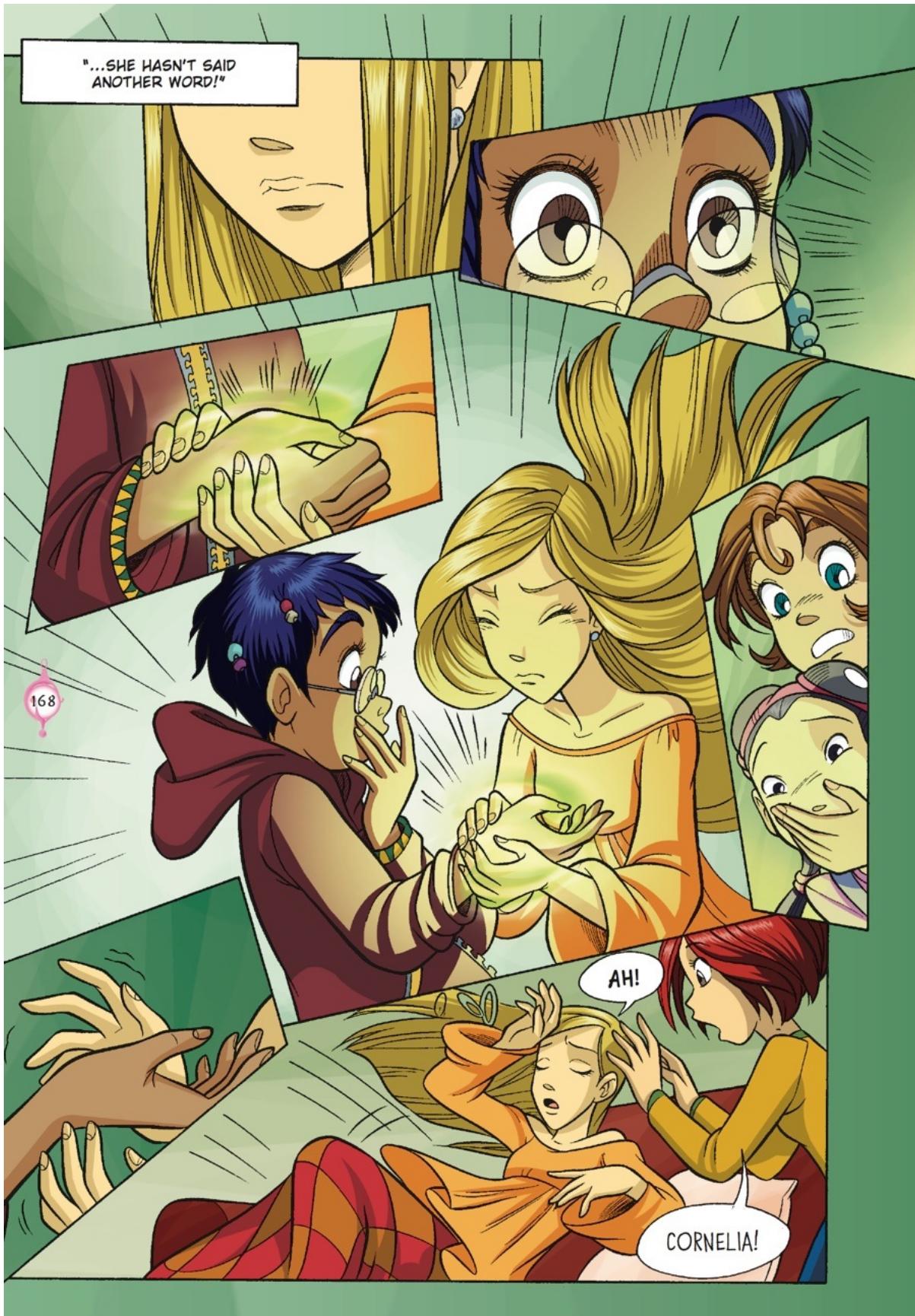


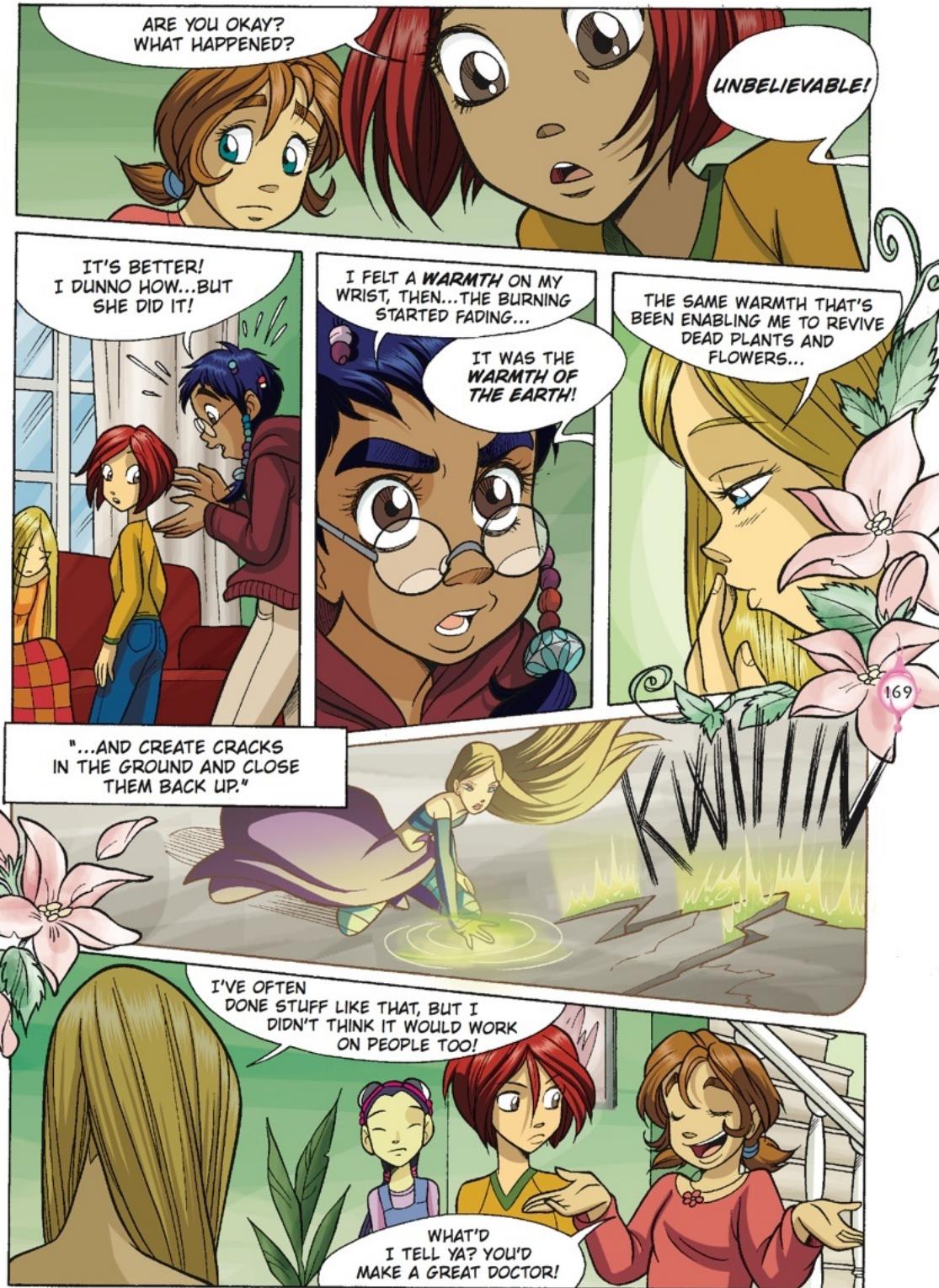
"...SHE HASN'T SAID
ANOTHER WORD!"

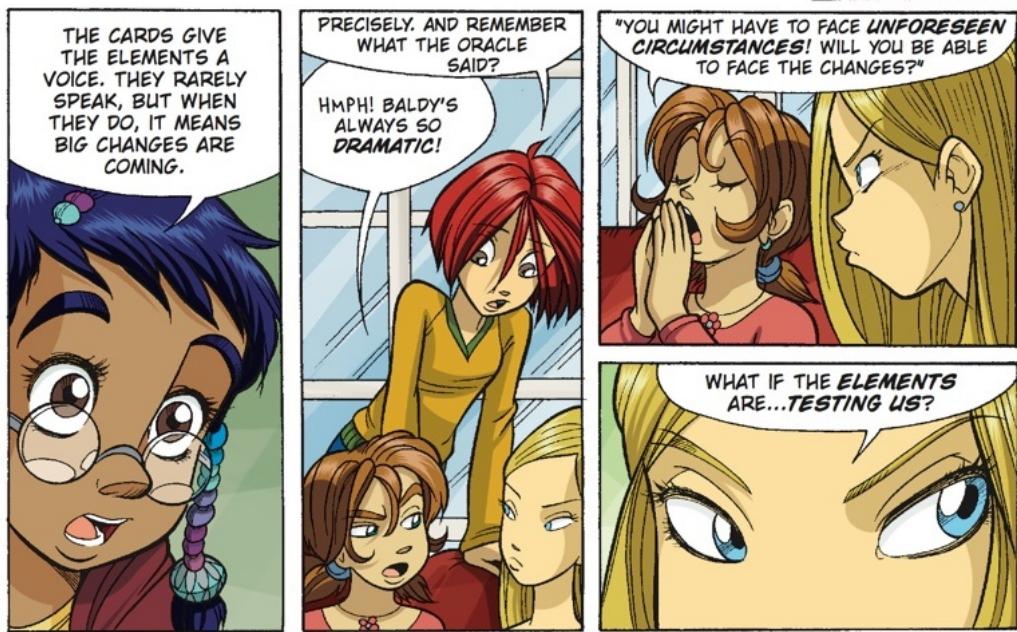
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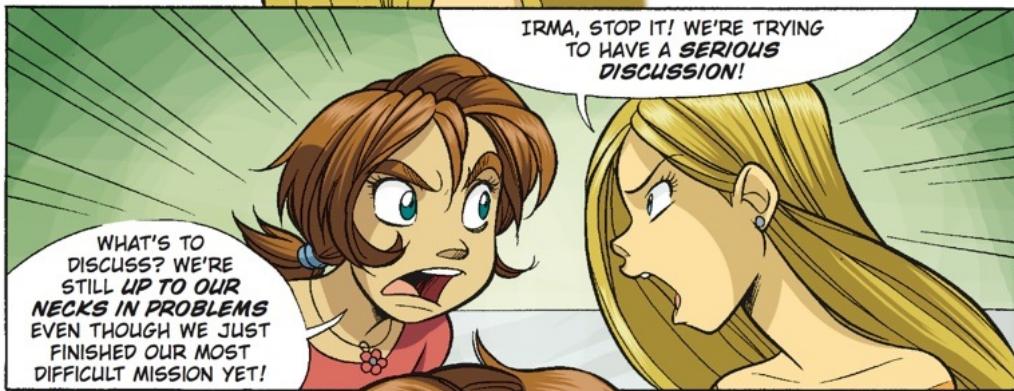
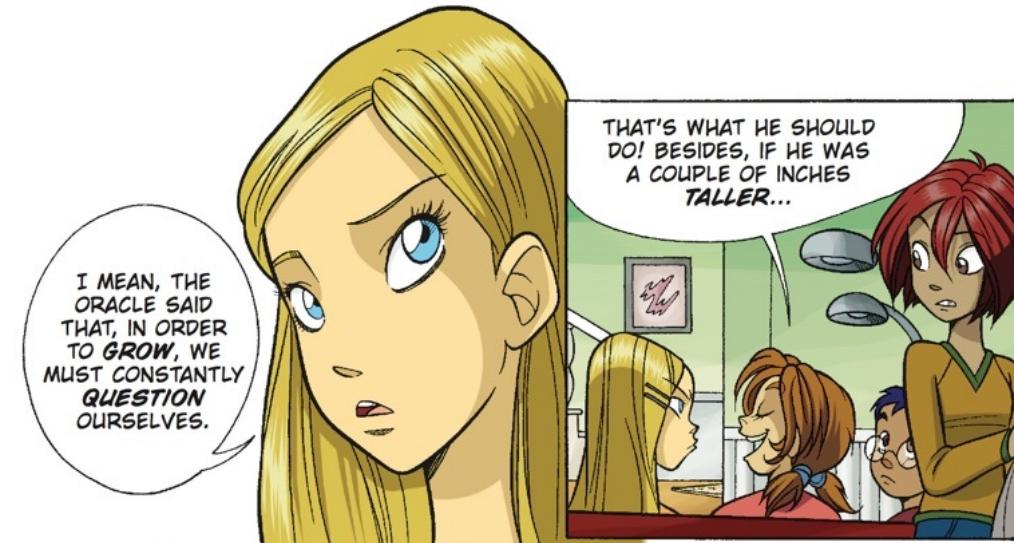
AH!

CORNELIA!









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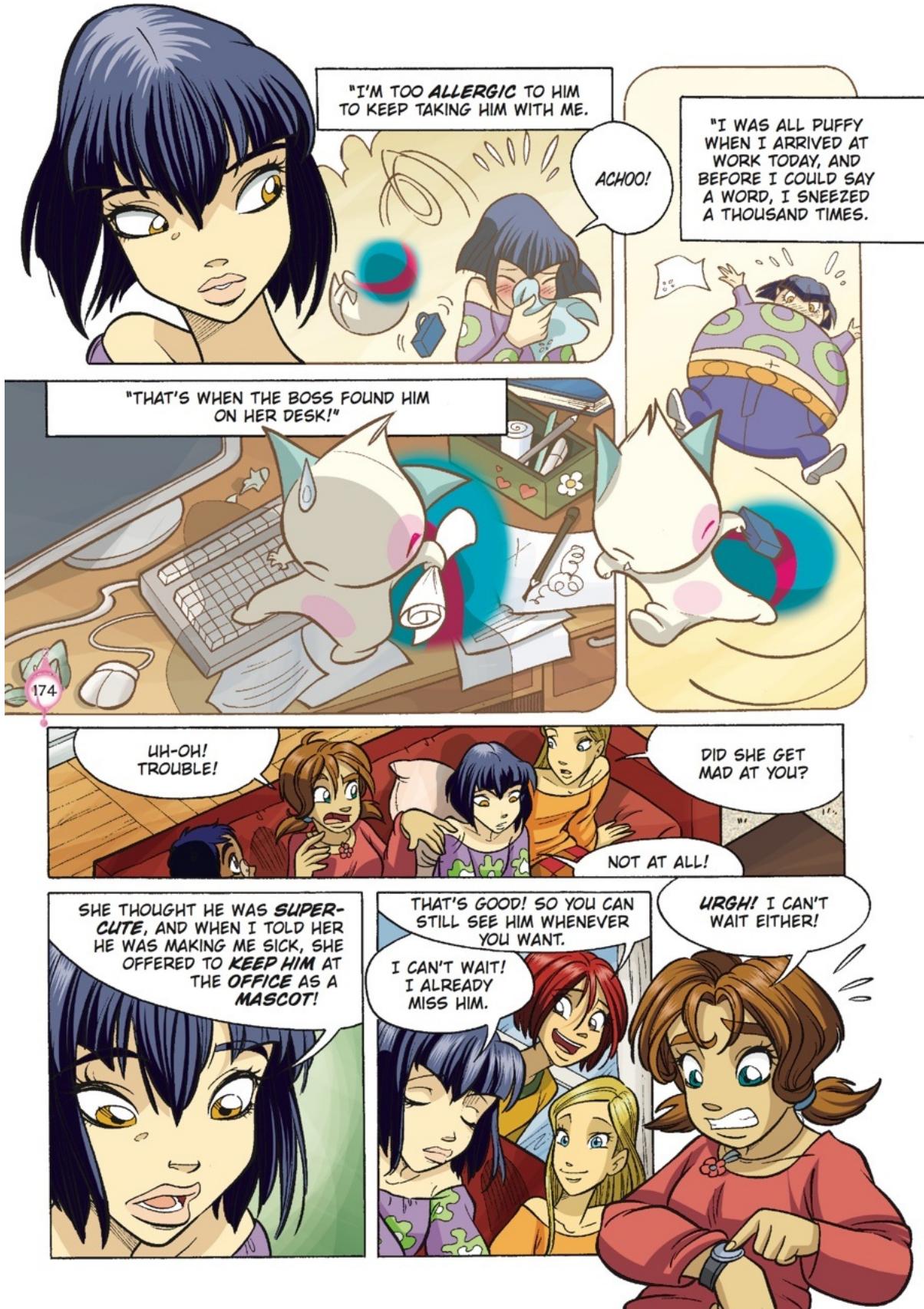






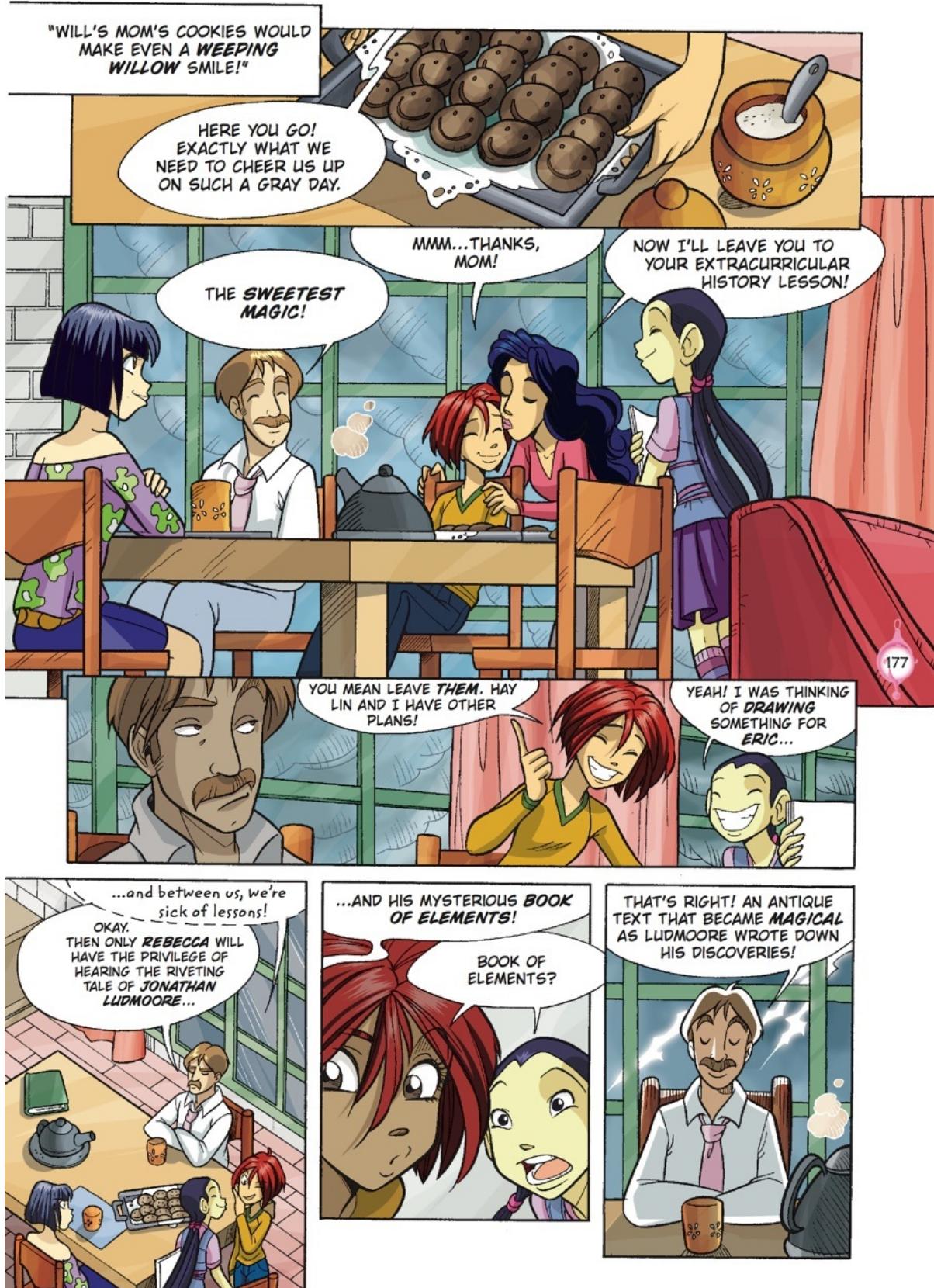
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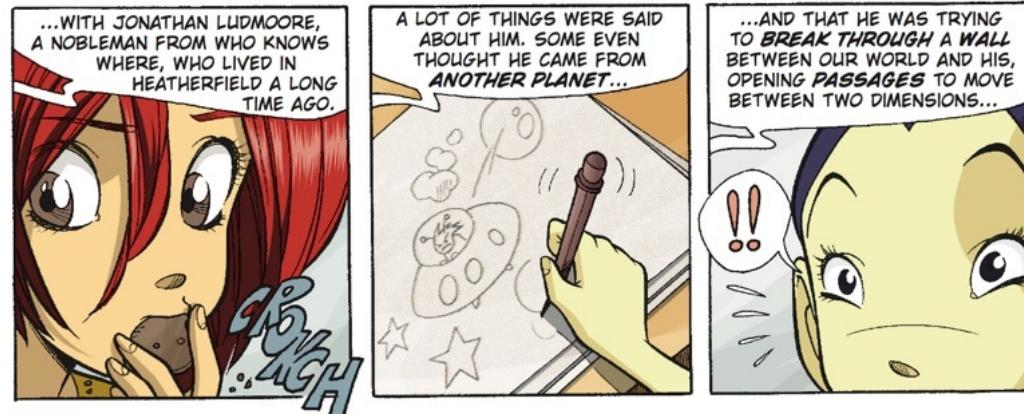








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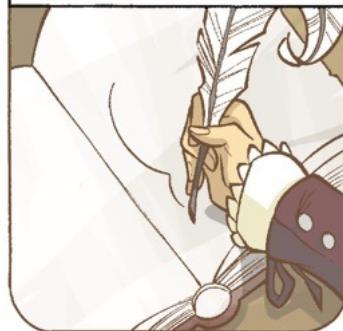




"...AND HIS RESERVED, ANTSOCIAL CHARACTER, WHICH LED HIM TO RENT A HUGE VILLA OUTSIDE OF TOWN WHERE HE CONDUCTED HIS EXPERIMENTS.



"HE DISCOVERED THAT HEATHERFIELD IS BUILT ON A SPECIAL INTERSECTION... A PLACE WHERE FIVE MYSTICAL ELEMENTAL FORCES MEET."



"FROM THAT MOMENT, ALL HIS EFFORTS WERE DEVOTED TO THE AMBITIOUS ATTEMPT TO DOMINATE THE FIVE ELEMENTS!"



"LUDMOORE WANTED OMNIPOTENCE!"

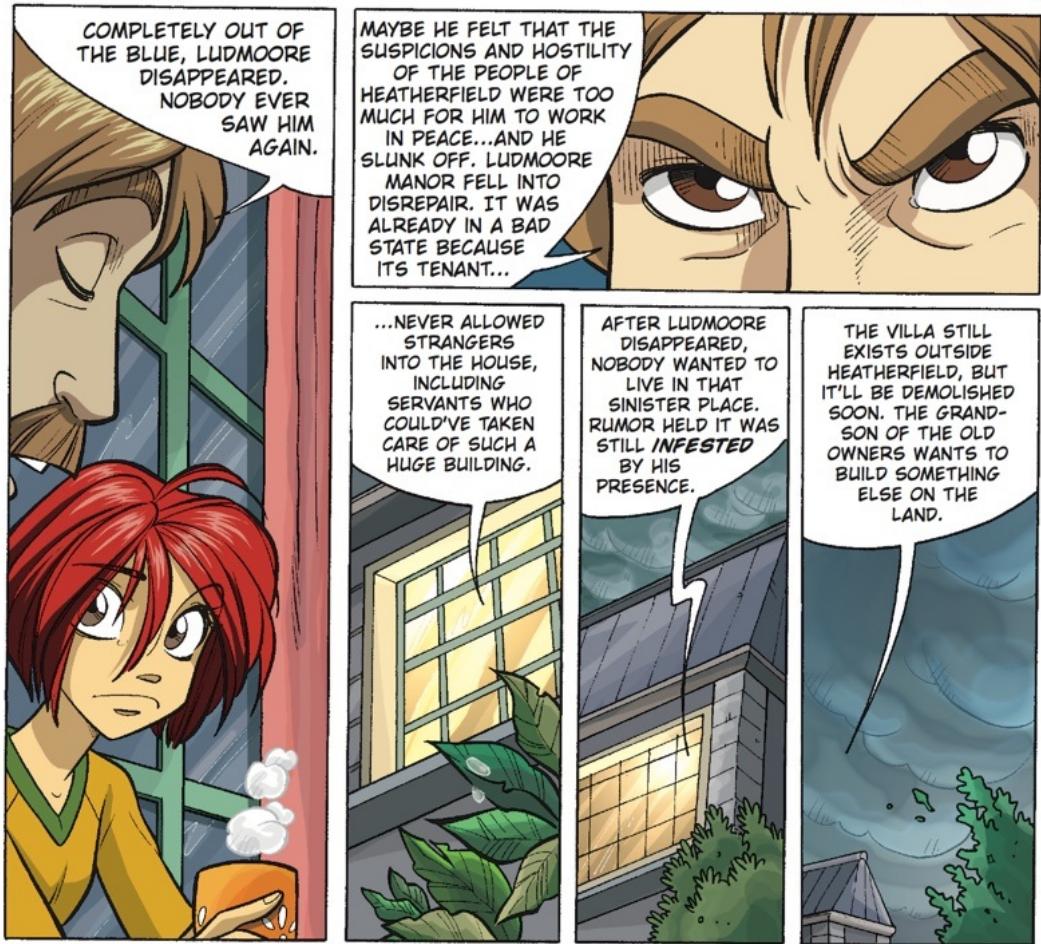
"HE RECORDED HIS PROGRESS DAILY IN A BOOK..."

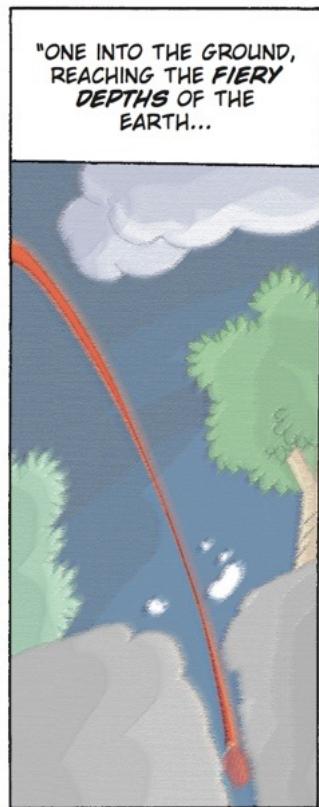


...THE BOOK OF ELEMENTS!

EXACTLY! A SPECIAL VOLUME WHICH, AS I SAID BEFORE, GRADUALLY BECAME MAGICAL AS LUDMOORE NOTED HIS DISCOVERIES. IT BECAME SENTIENT, A MAGICAL CREATURE IN ITS OWN RIGHT!

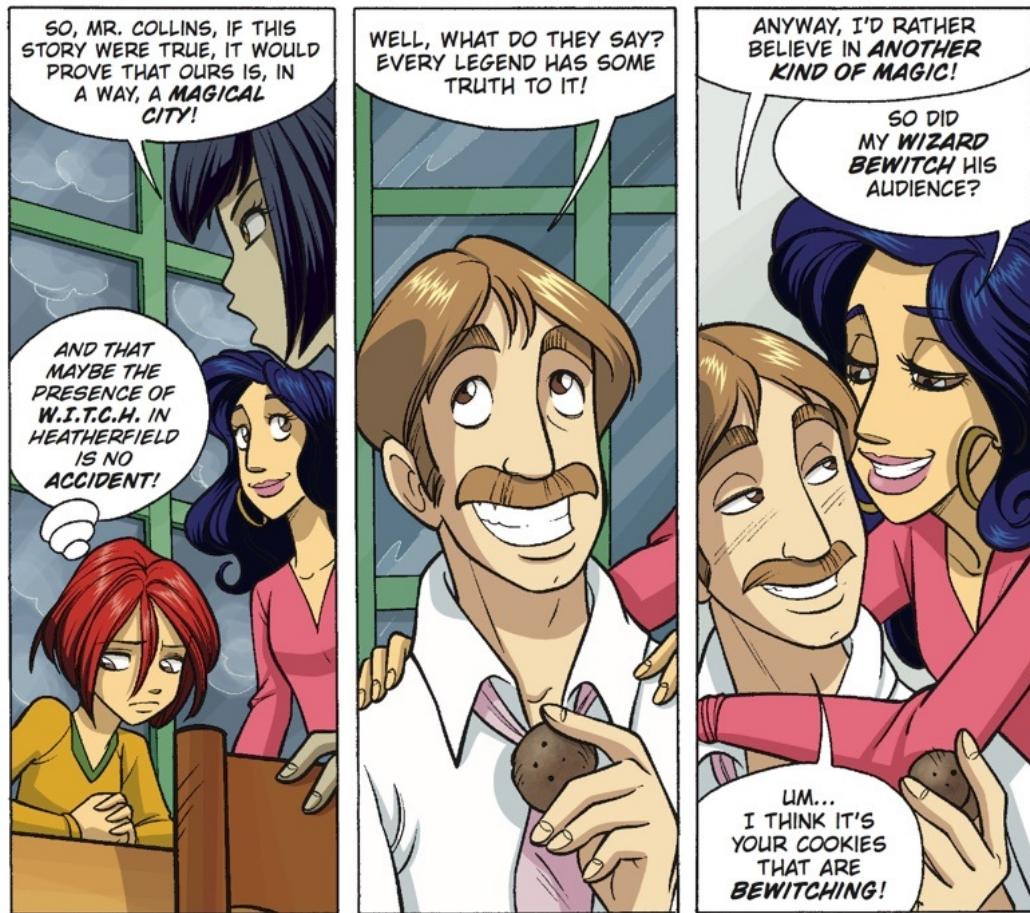
















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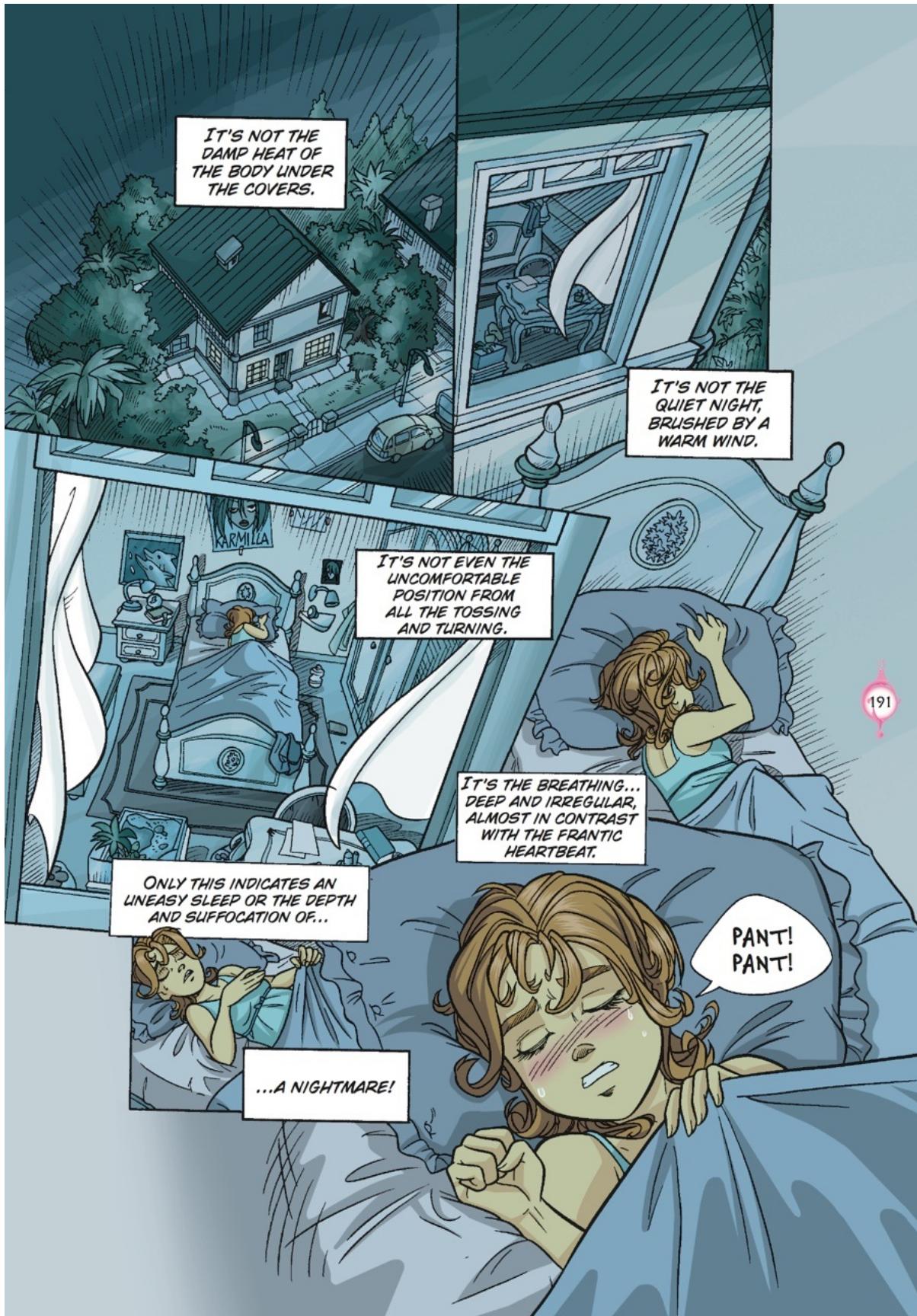




The Book's Eye

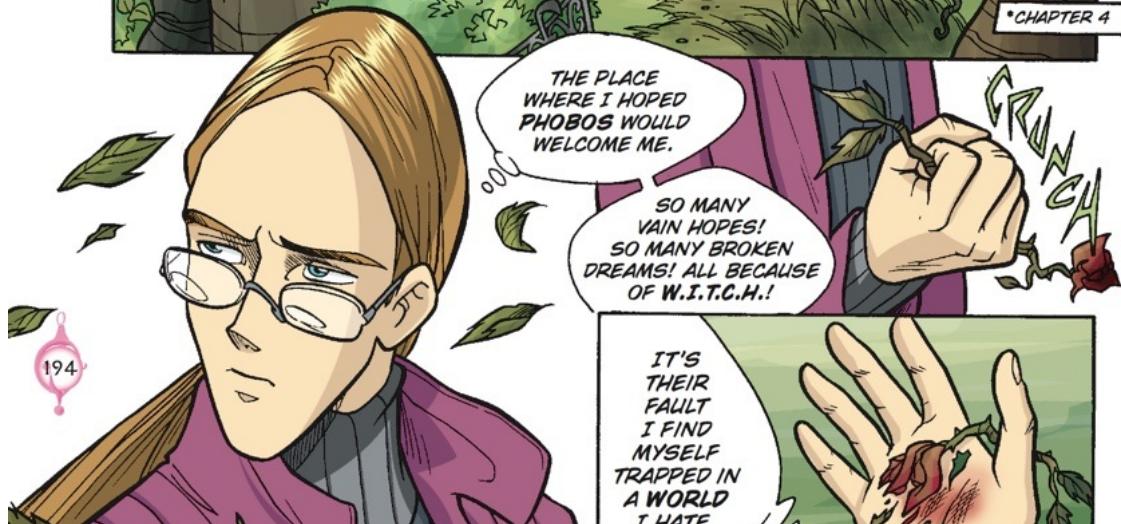
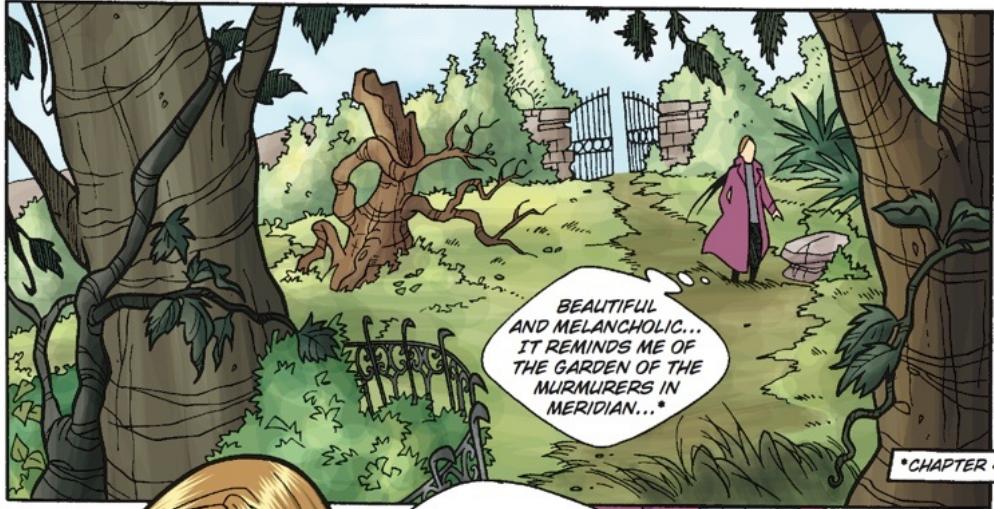
“Beautiful and melancholic. It reminds me of the garden of the Murmurers in Meridian...”







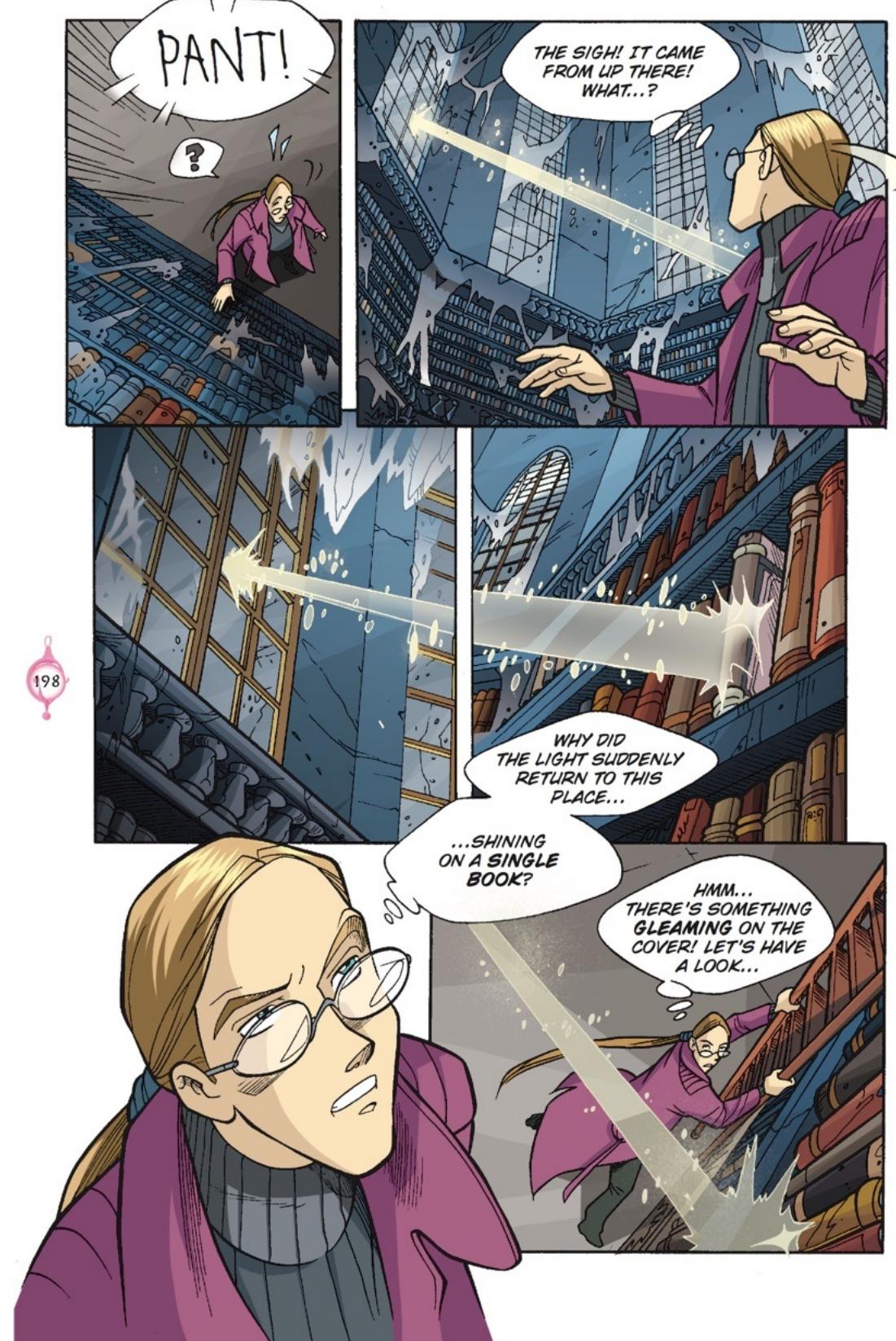






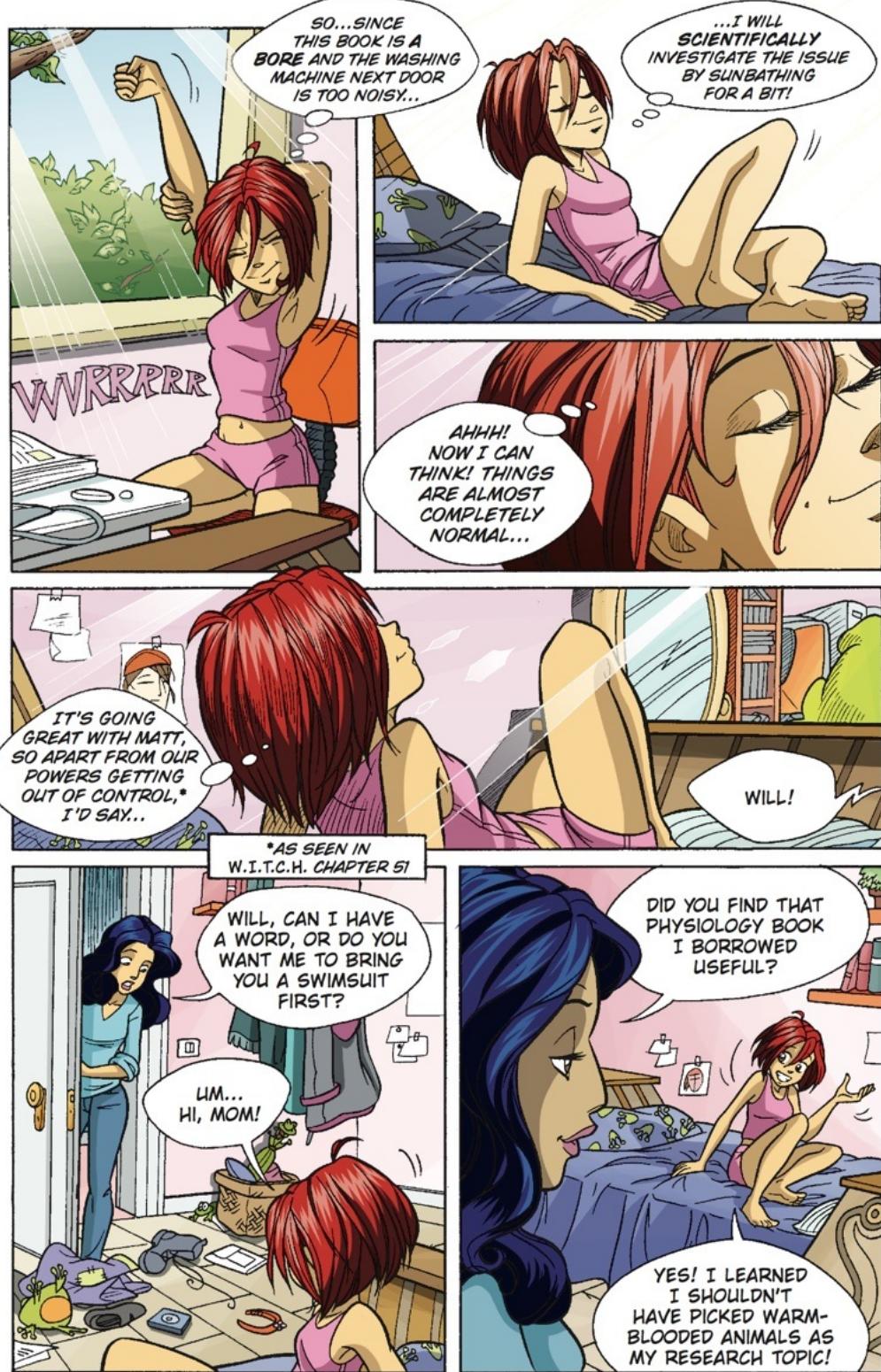


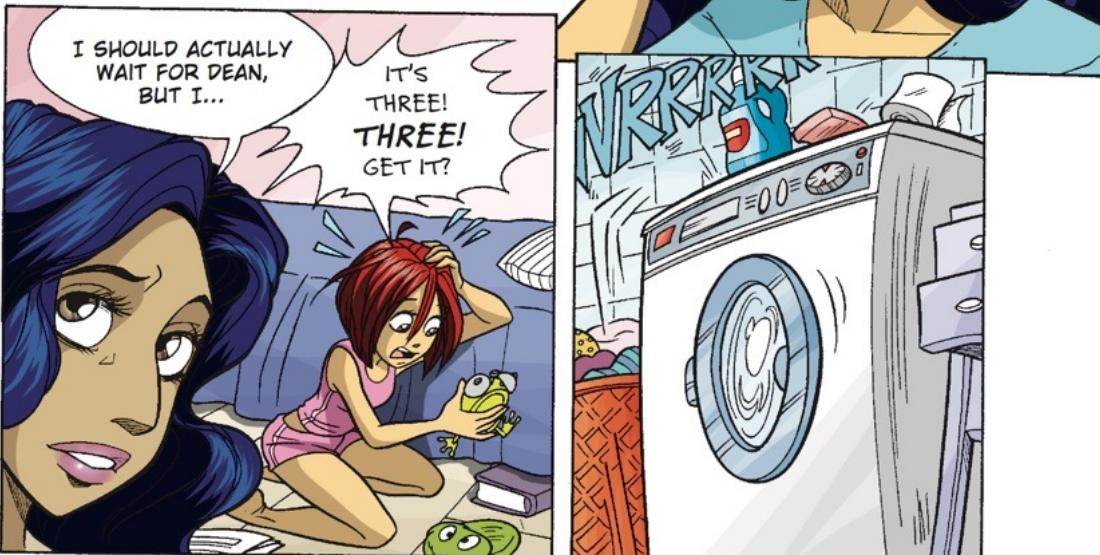














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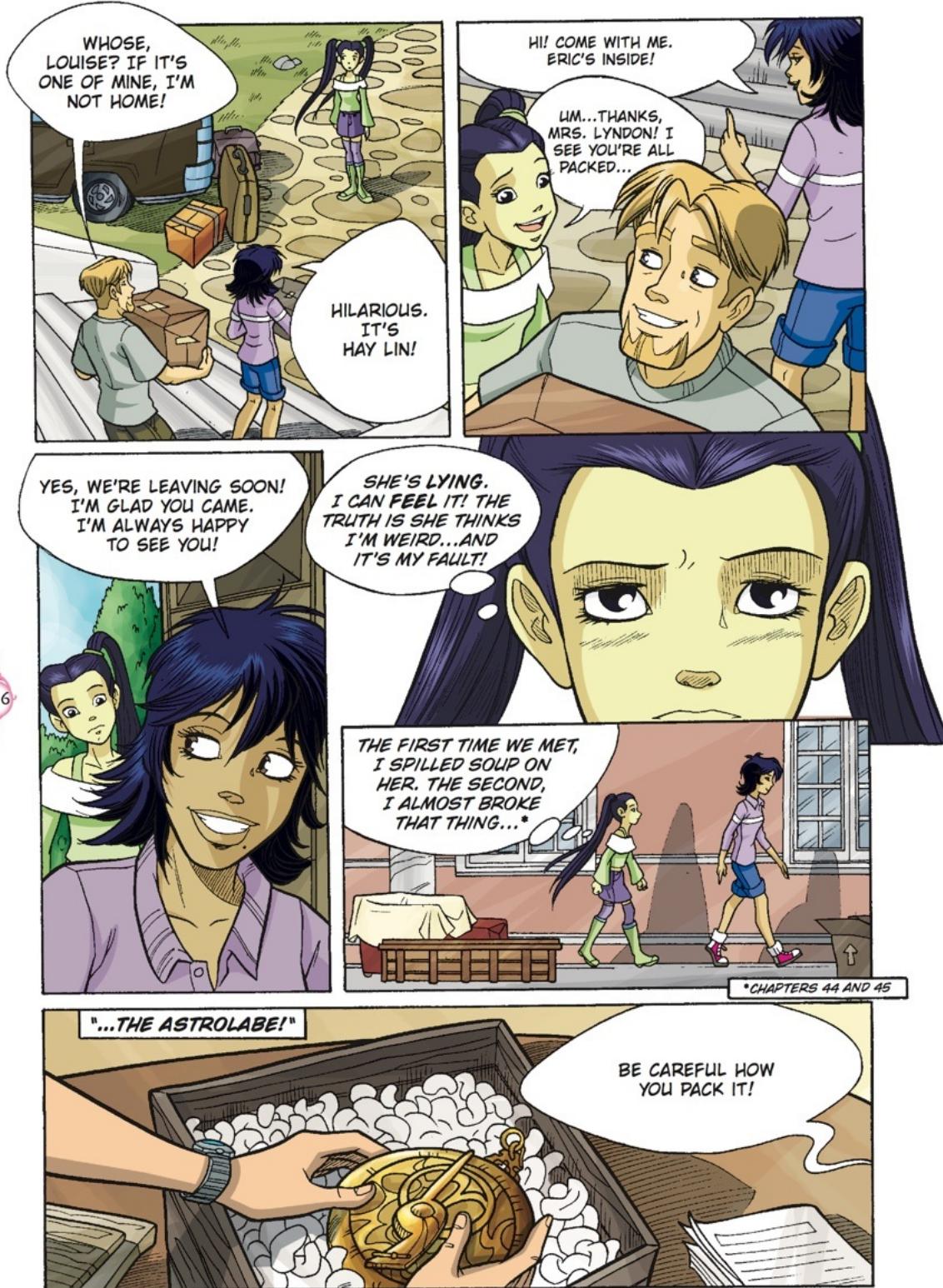


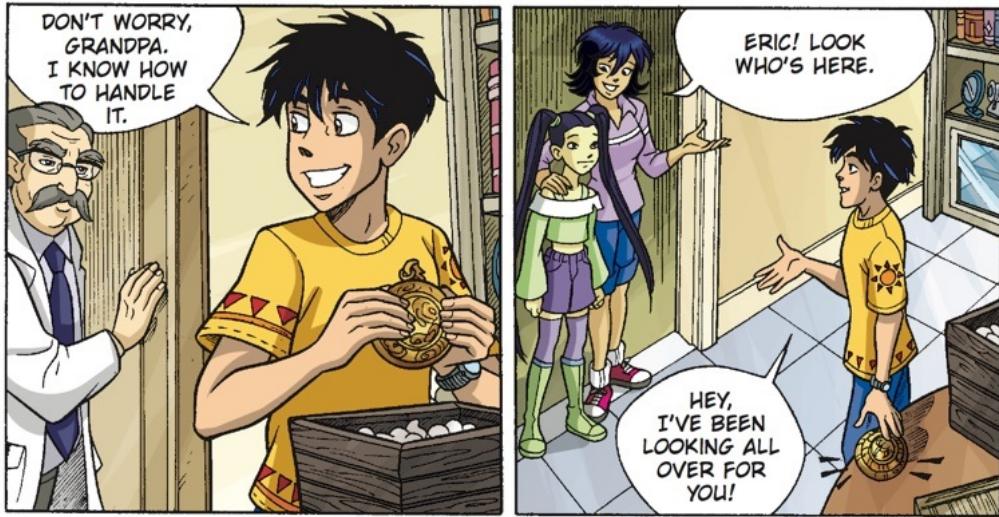




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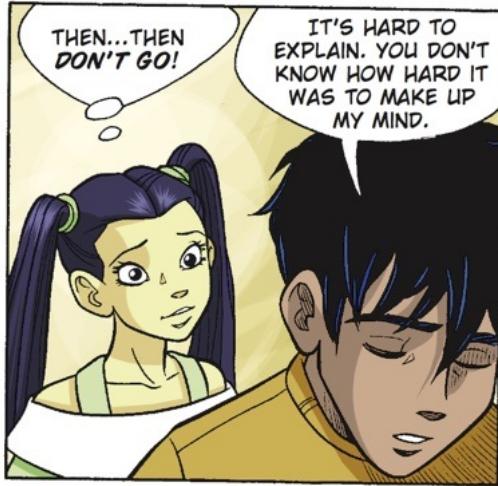
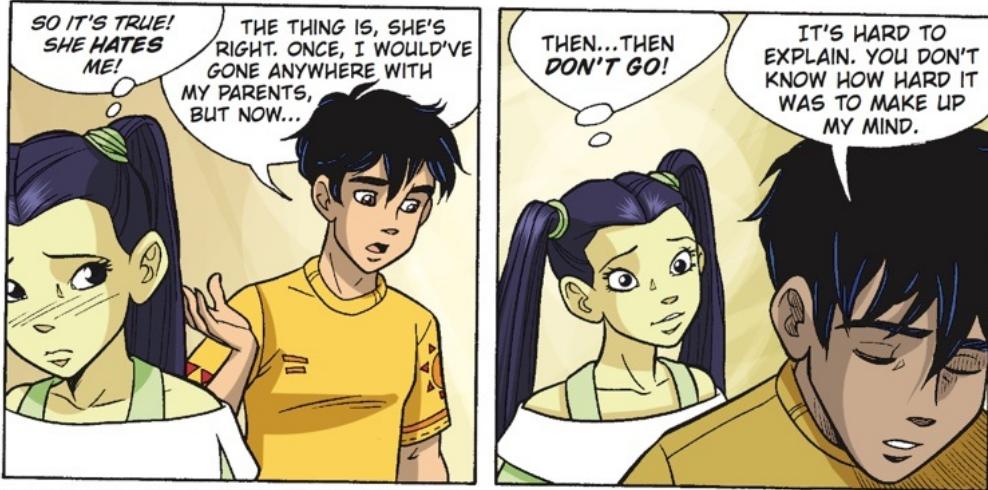


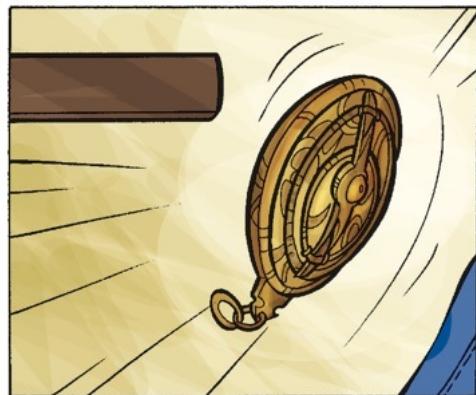


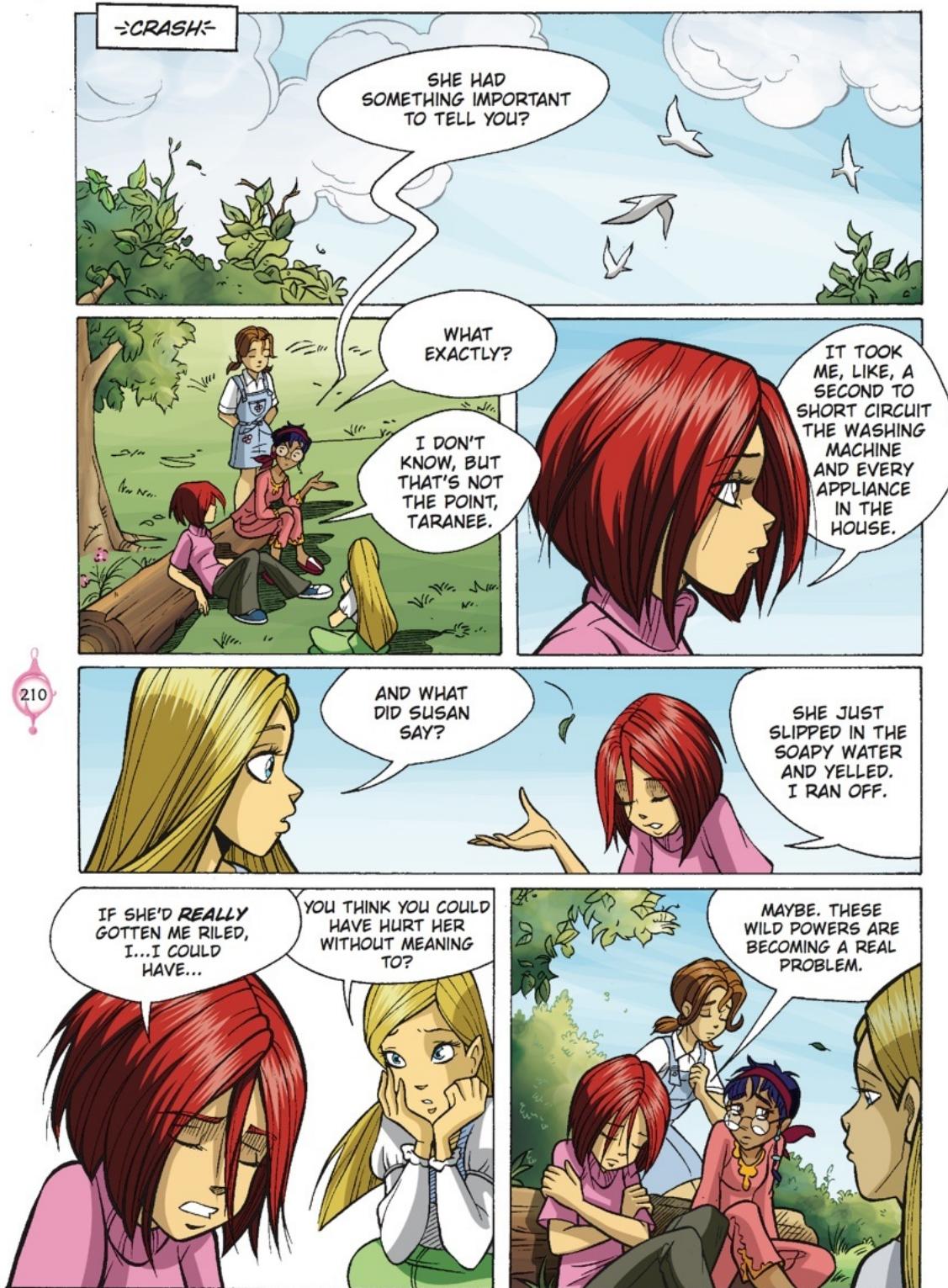


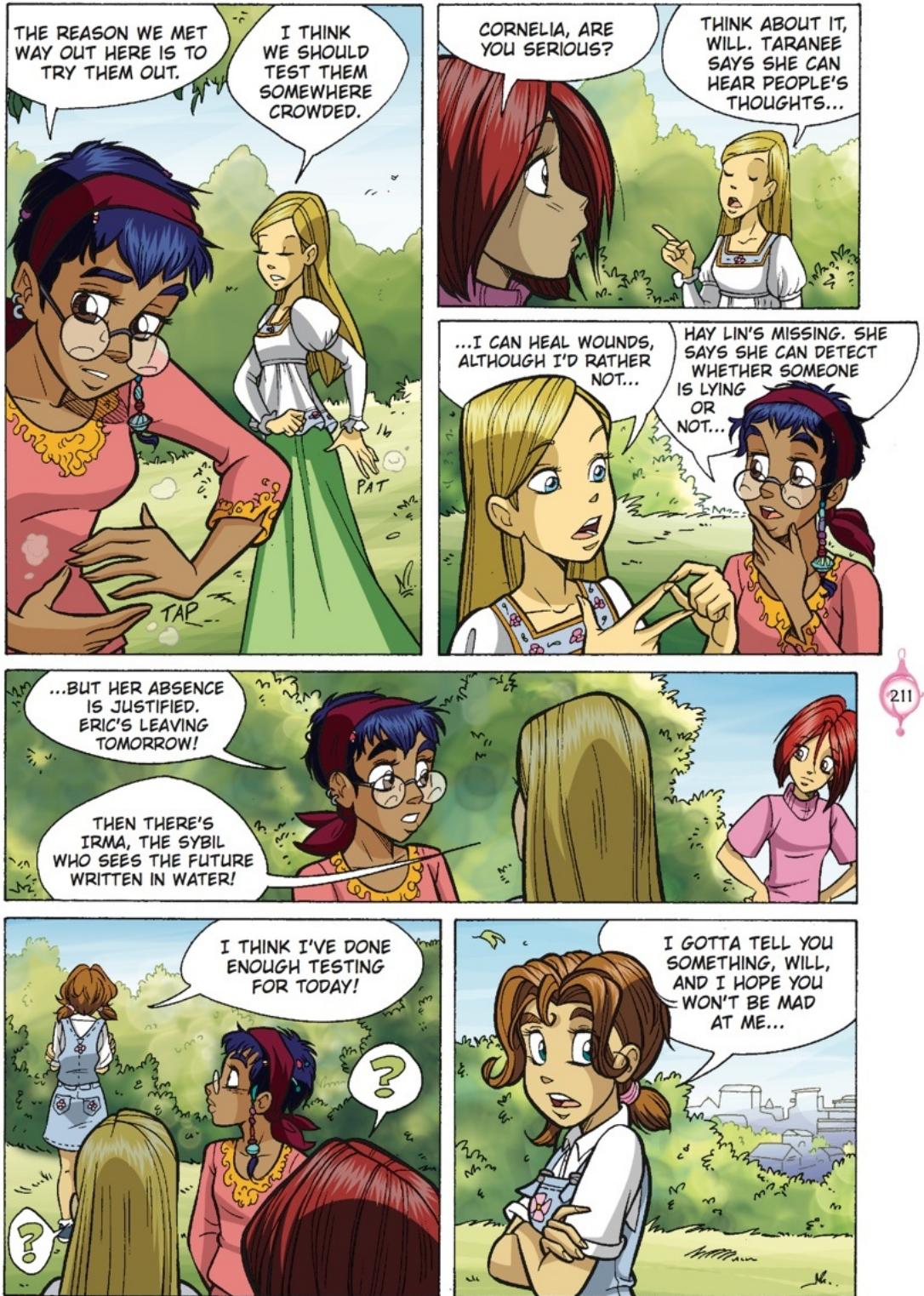
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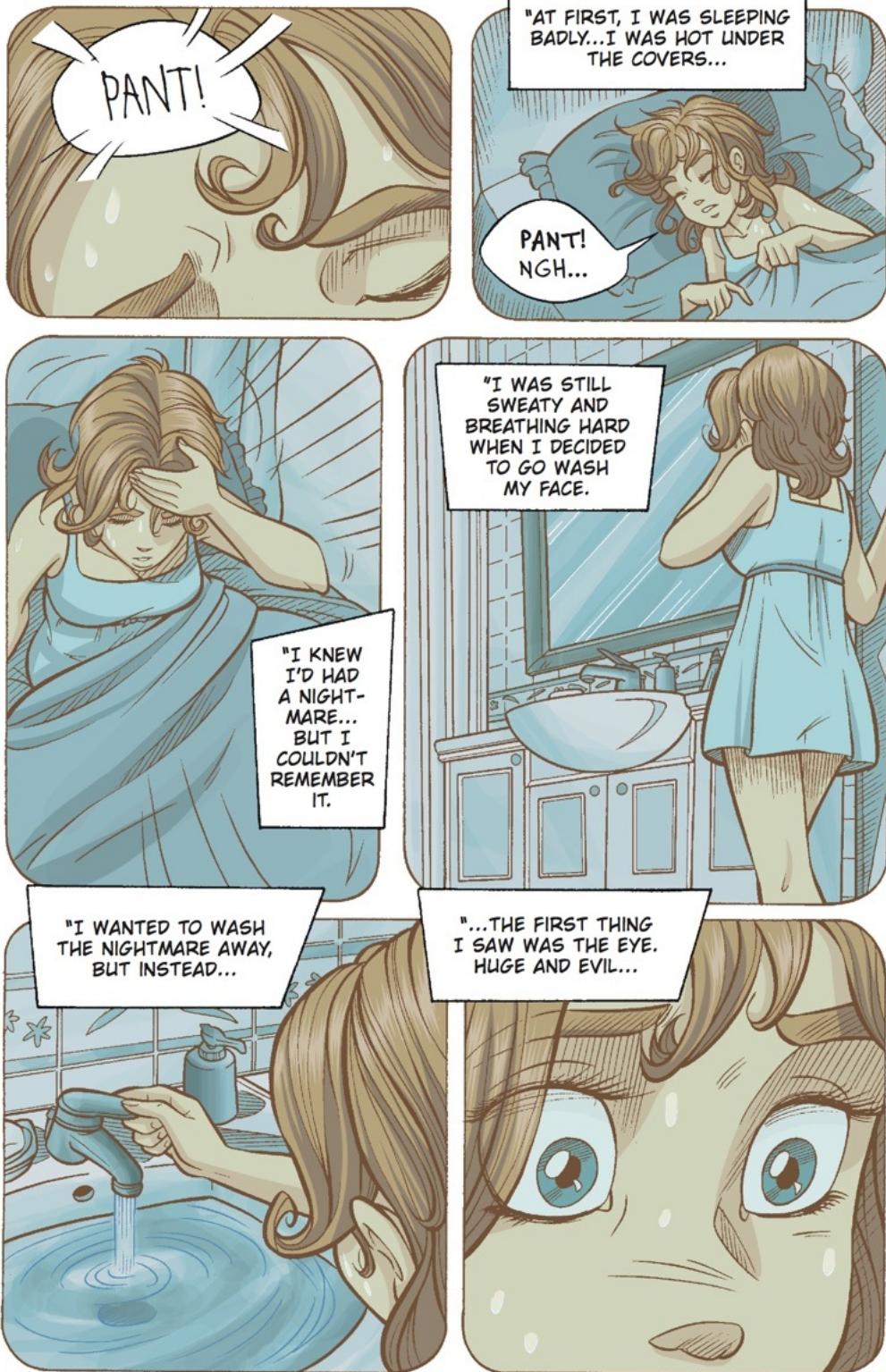


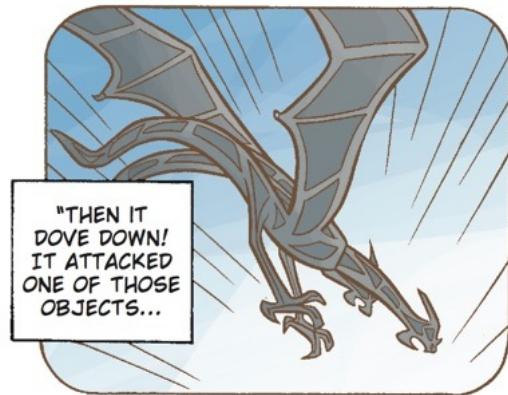








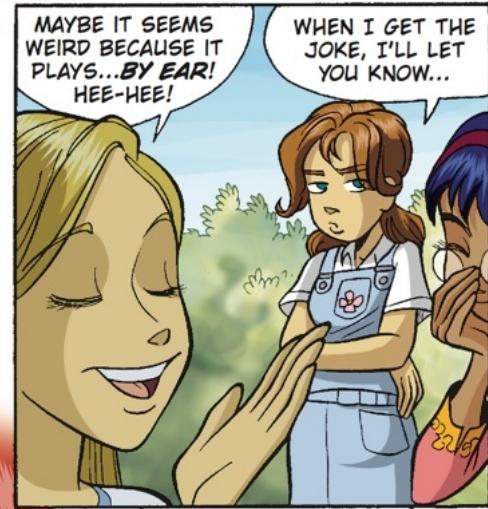
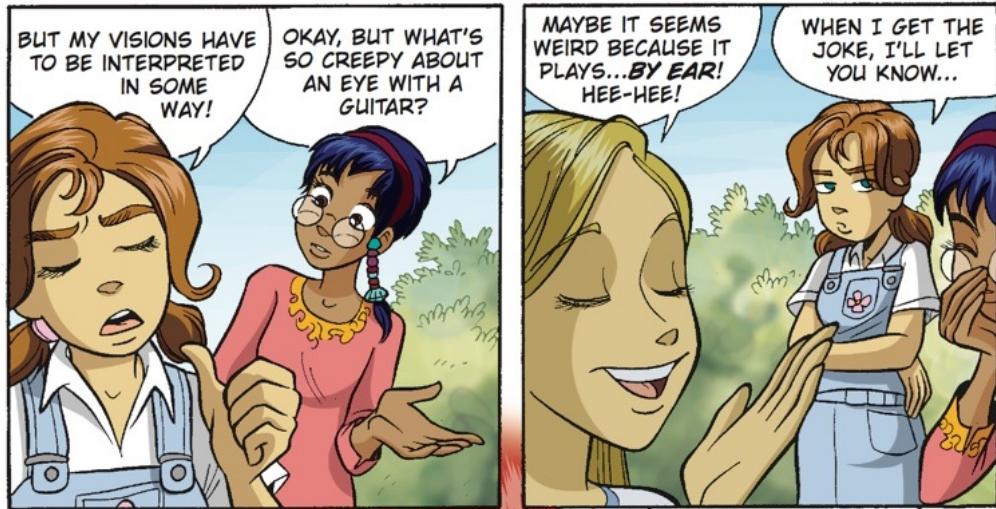


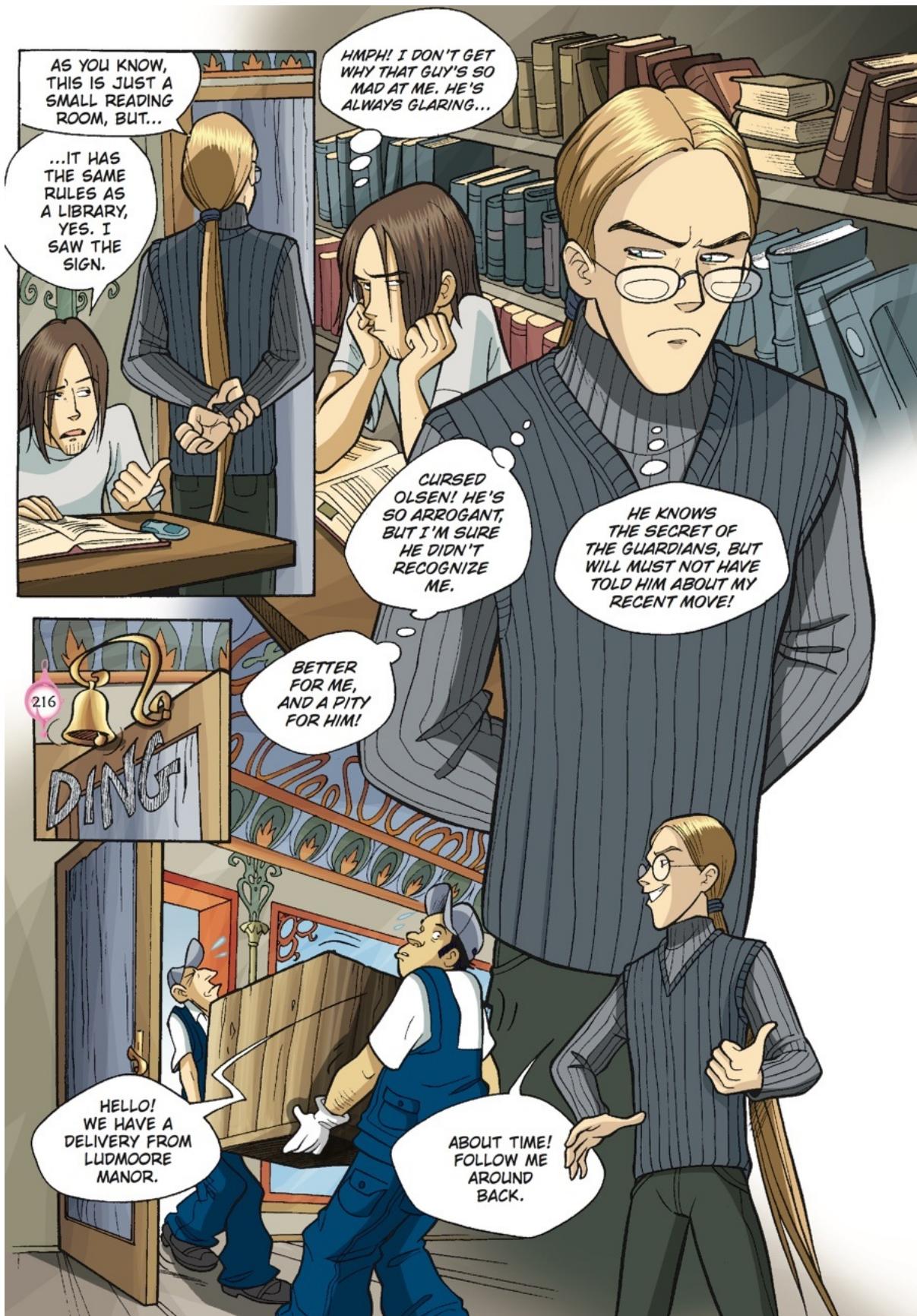


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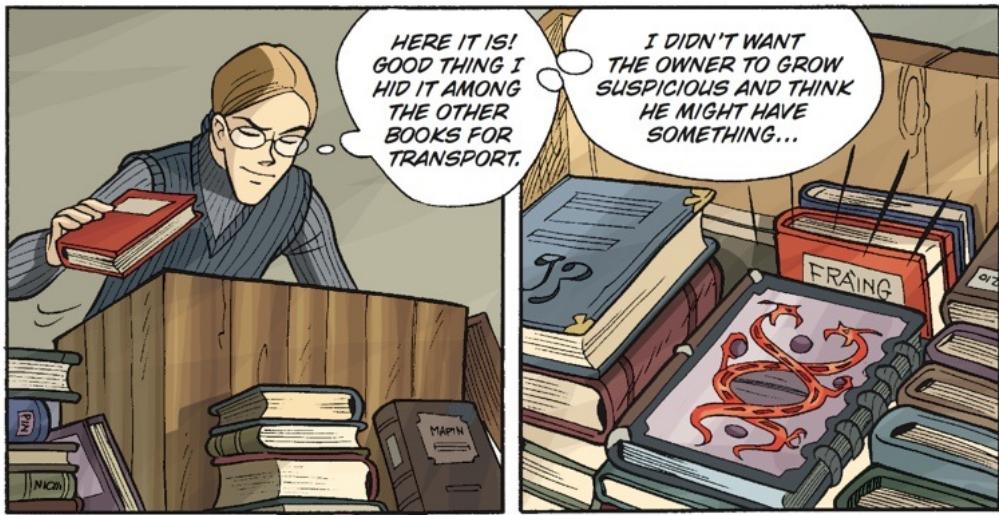




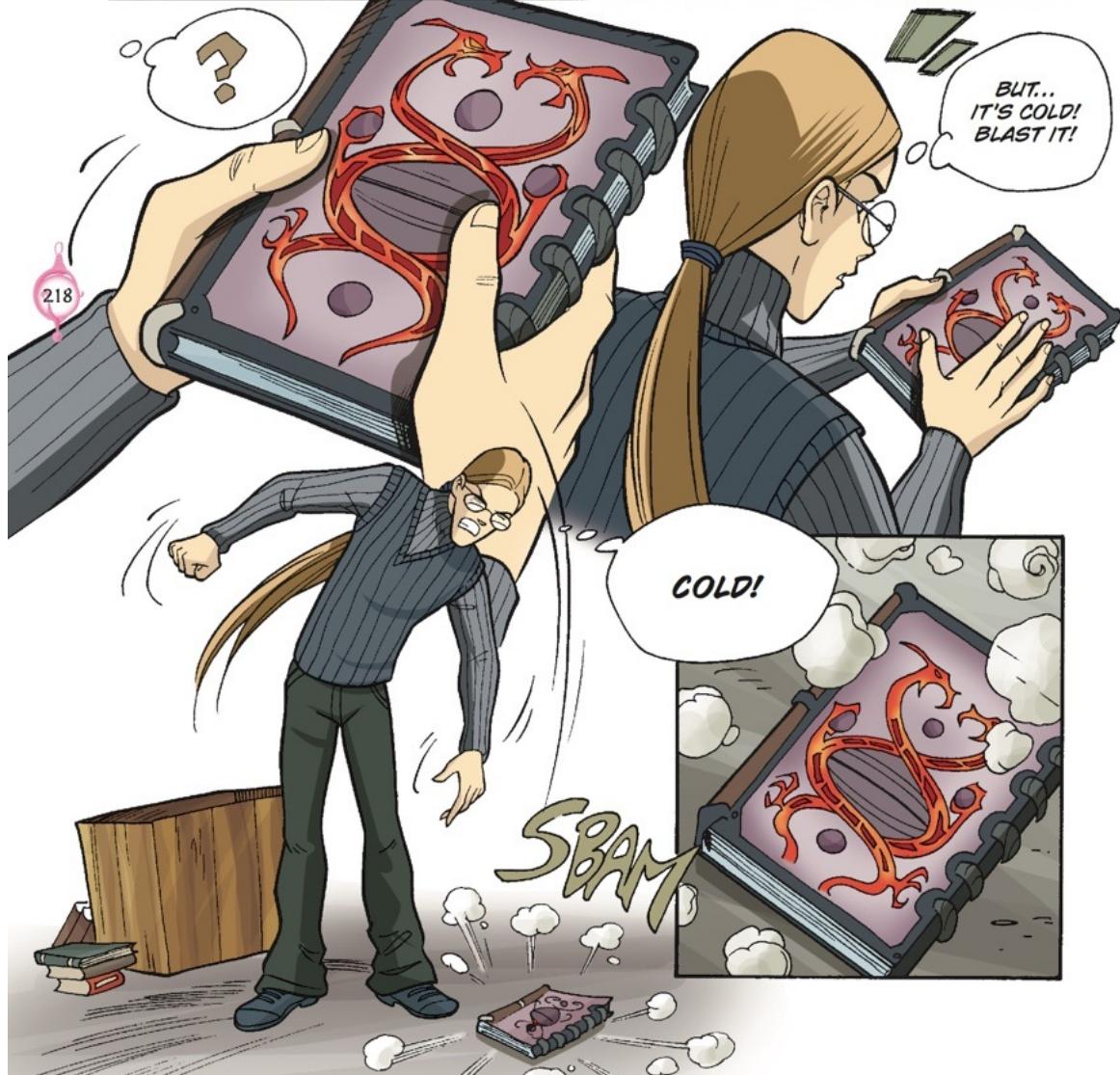




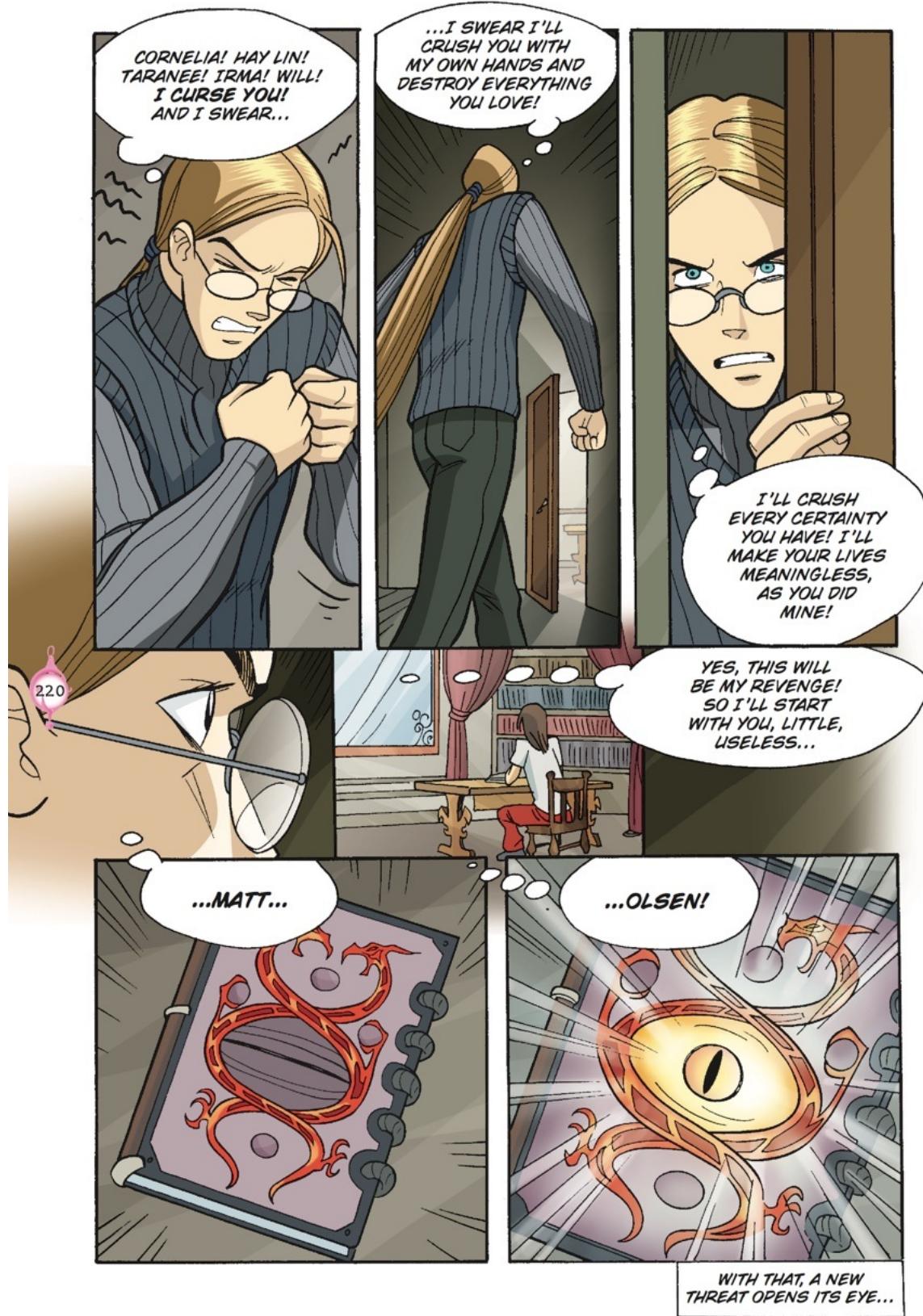




I DIDN'T WANT THE OWNER TO GROW SUSPICIOUS AND THINK HE MIGHT HAVE SOMETHING...





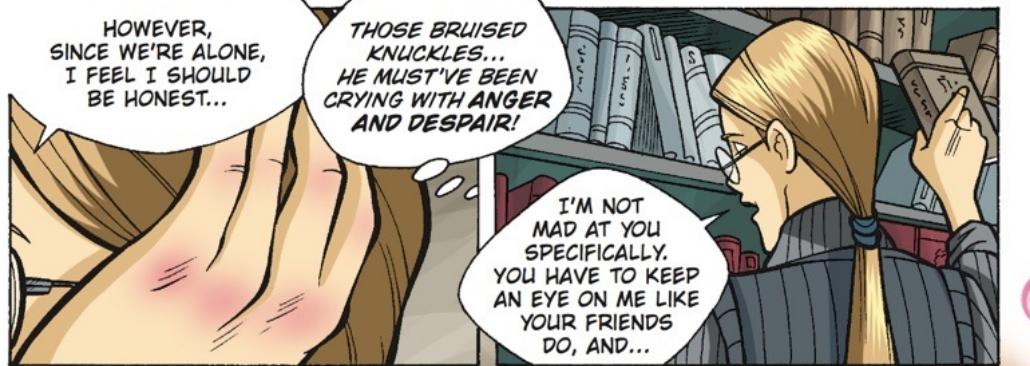




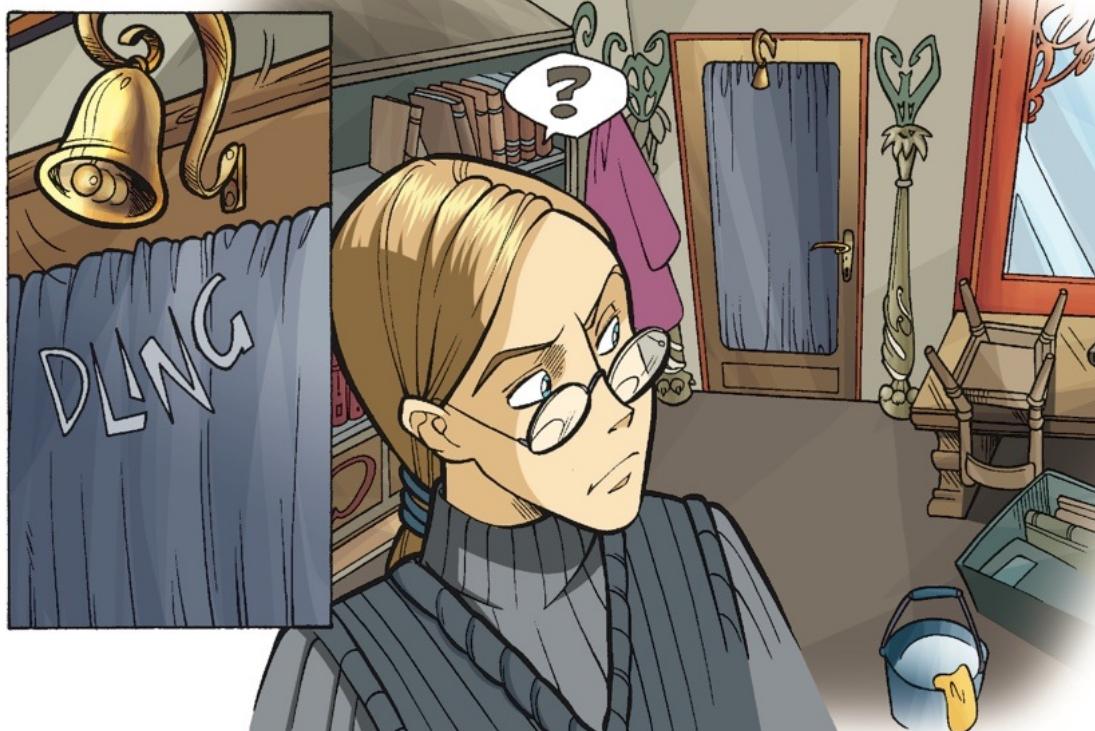








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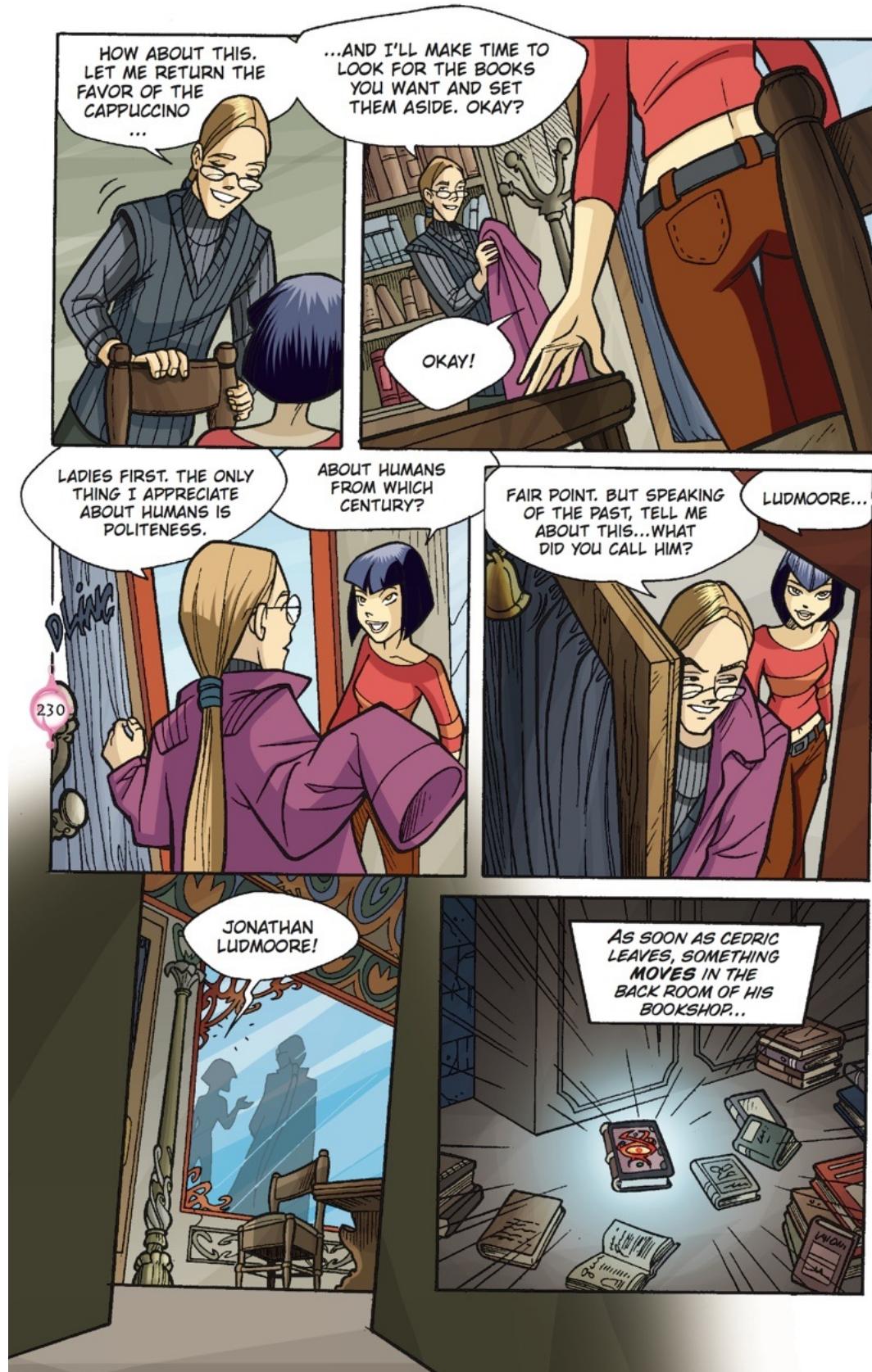
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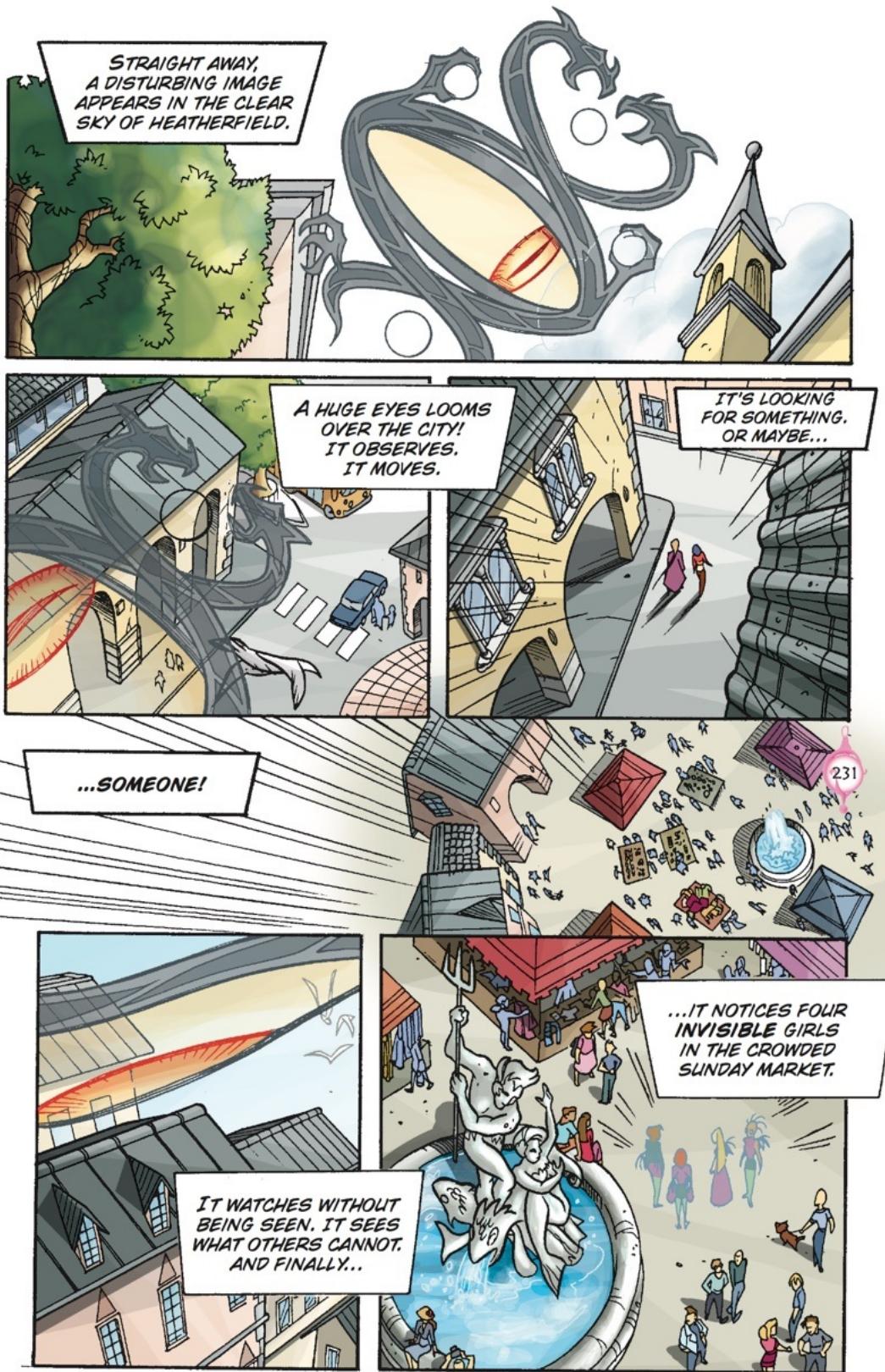


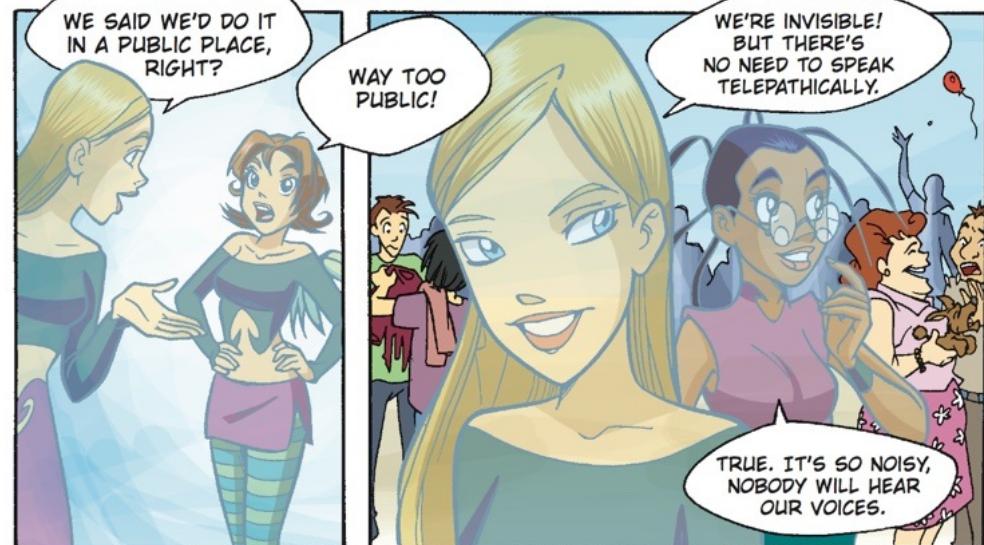
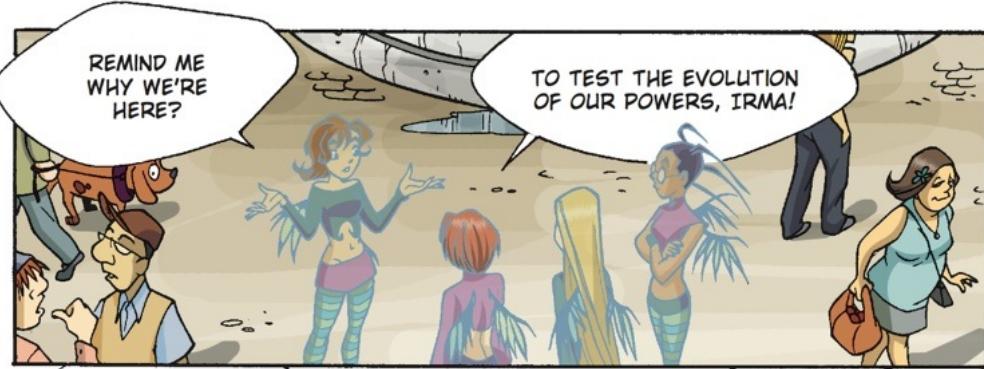


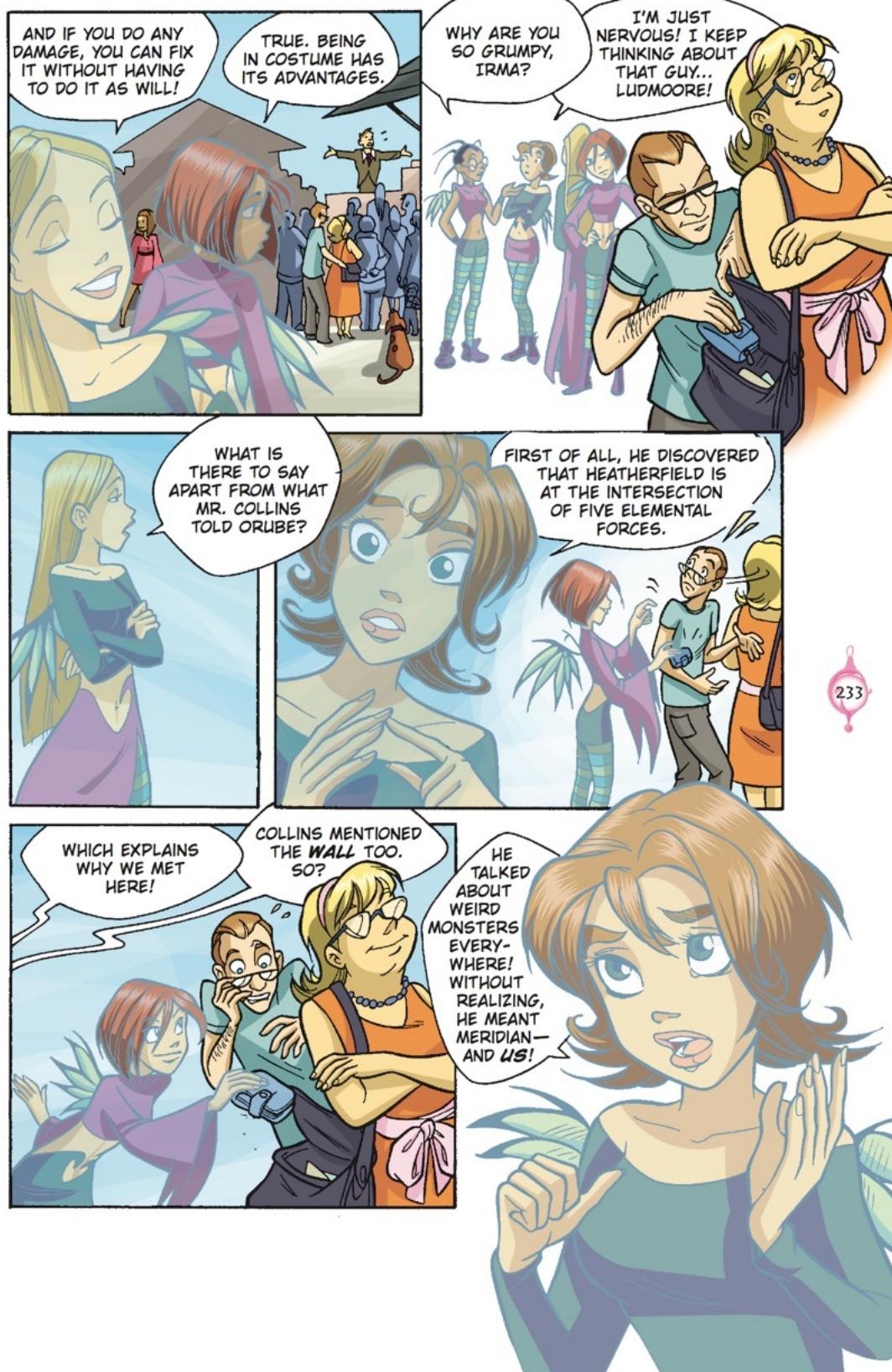
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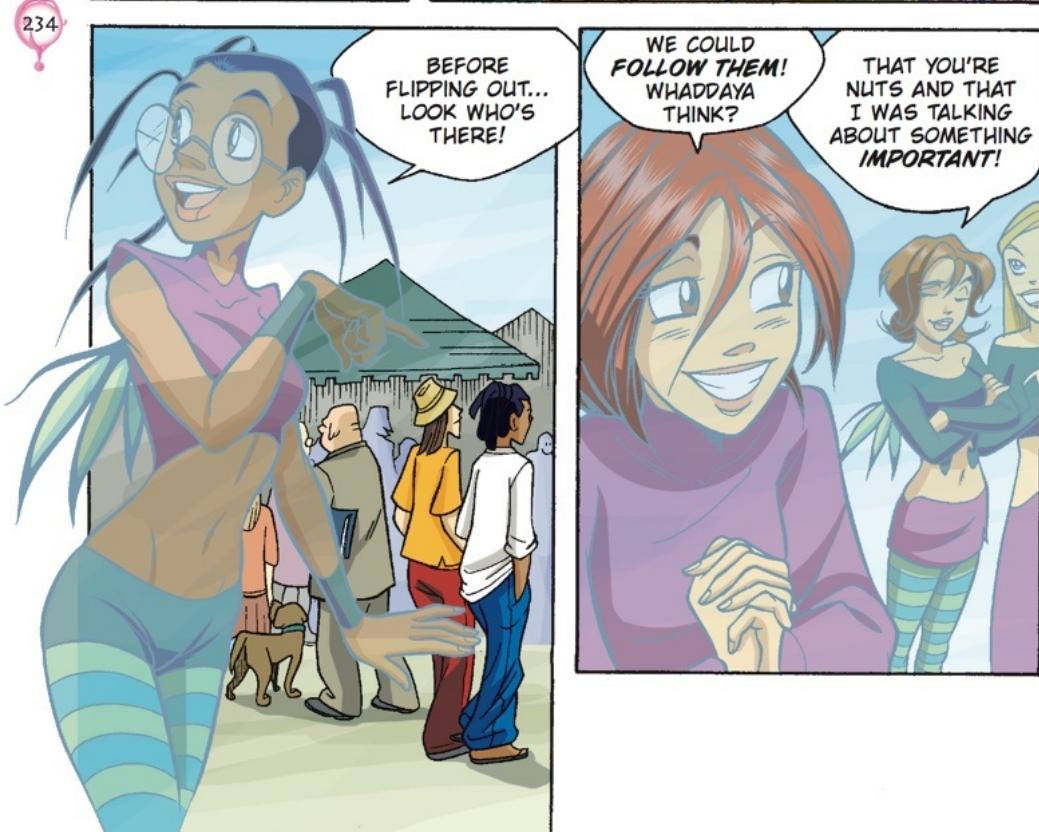
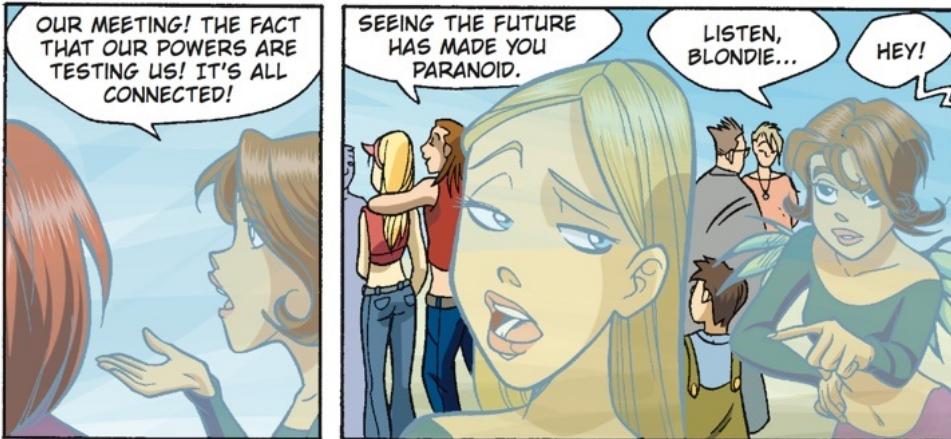






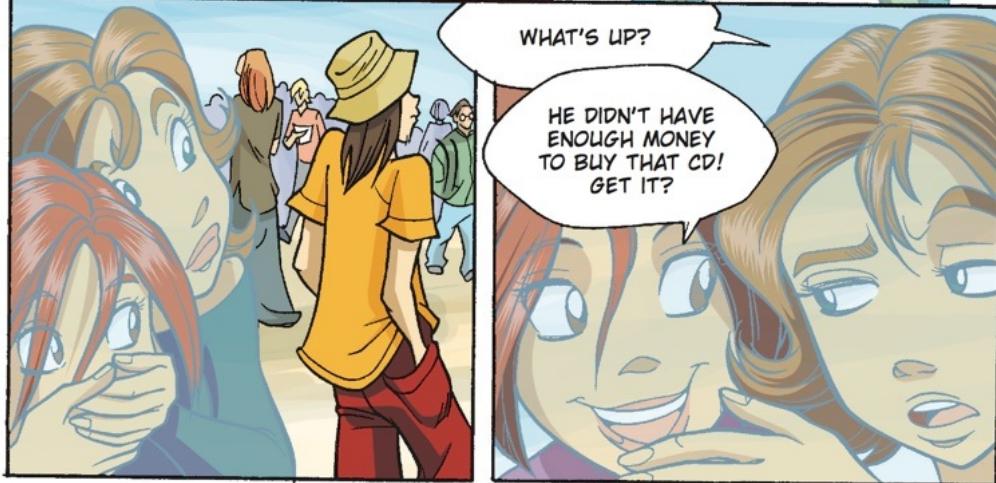
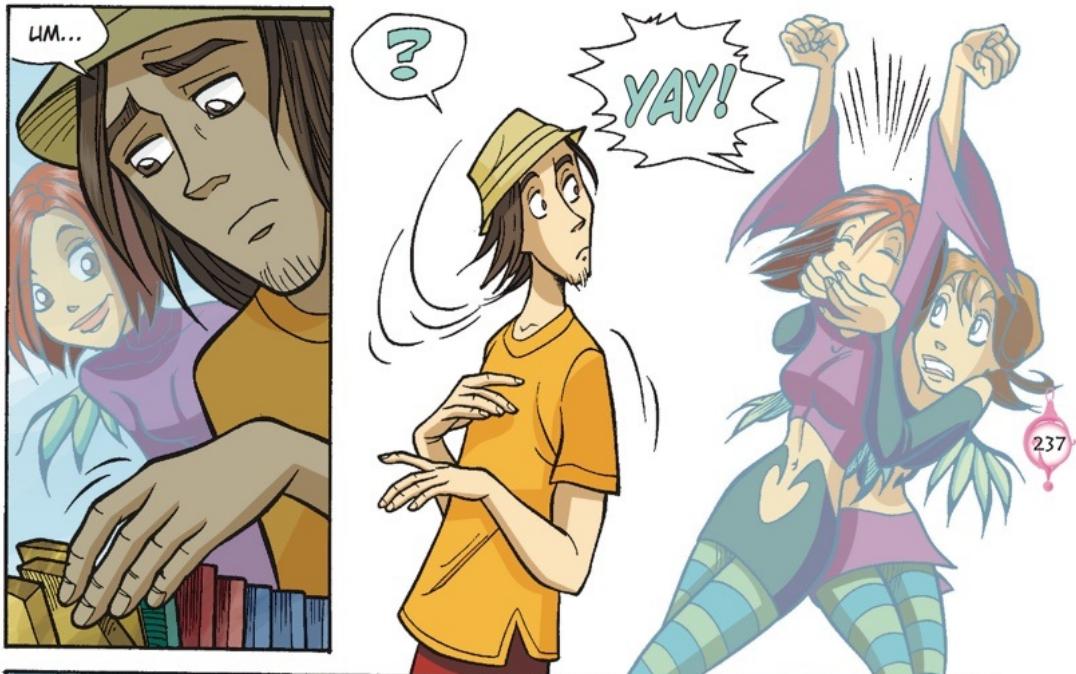


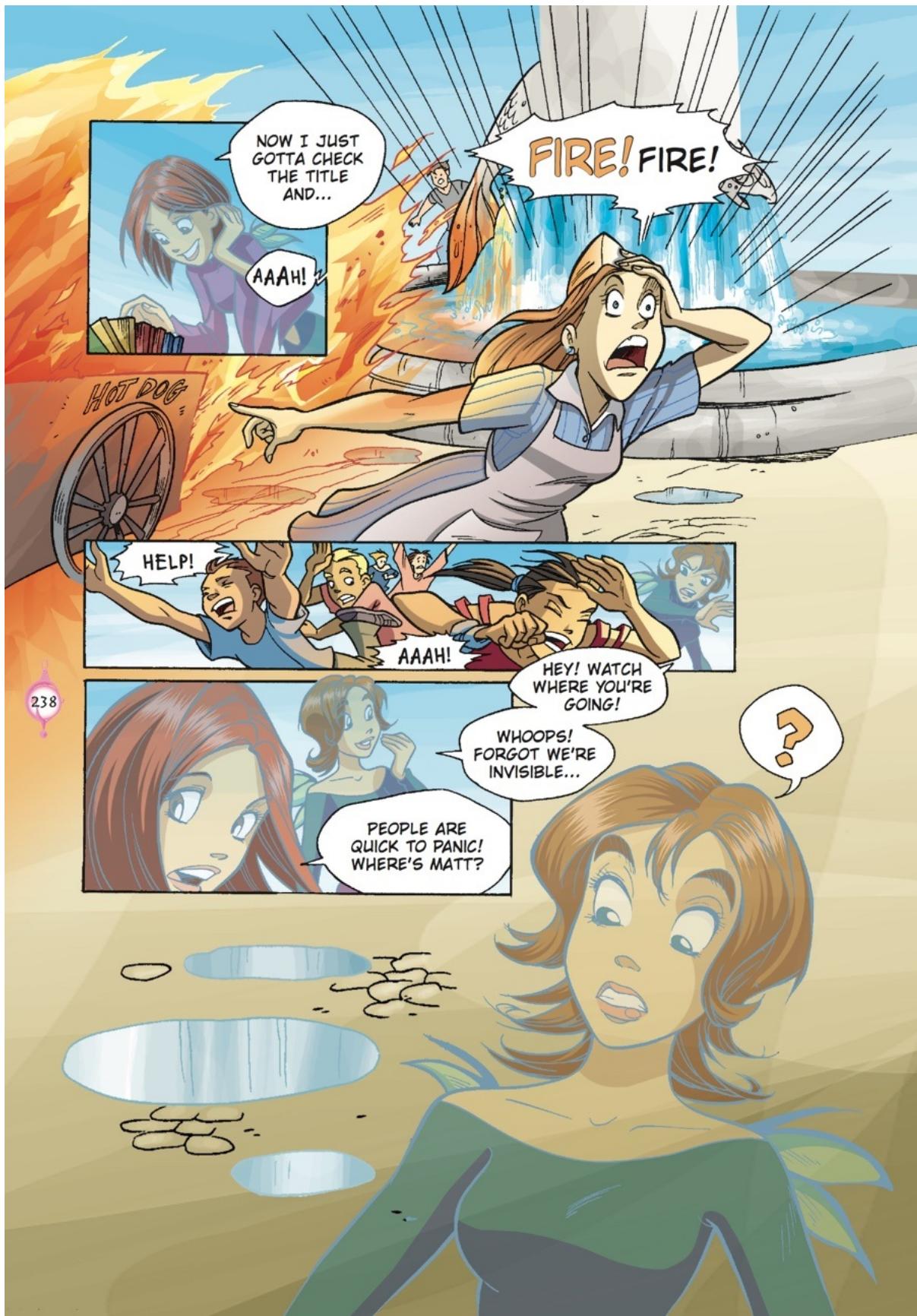


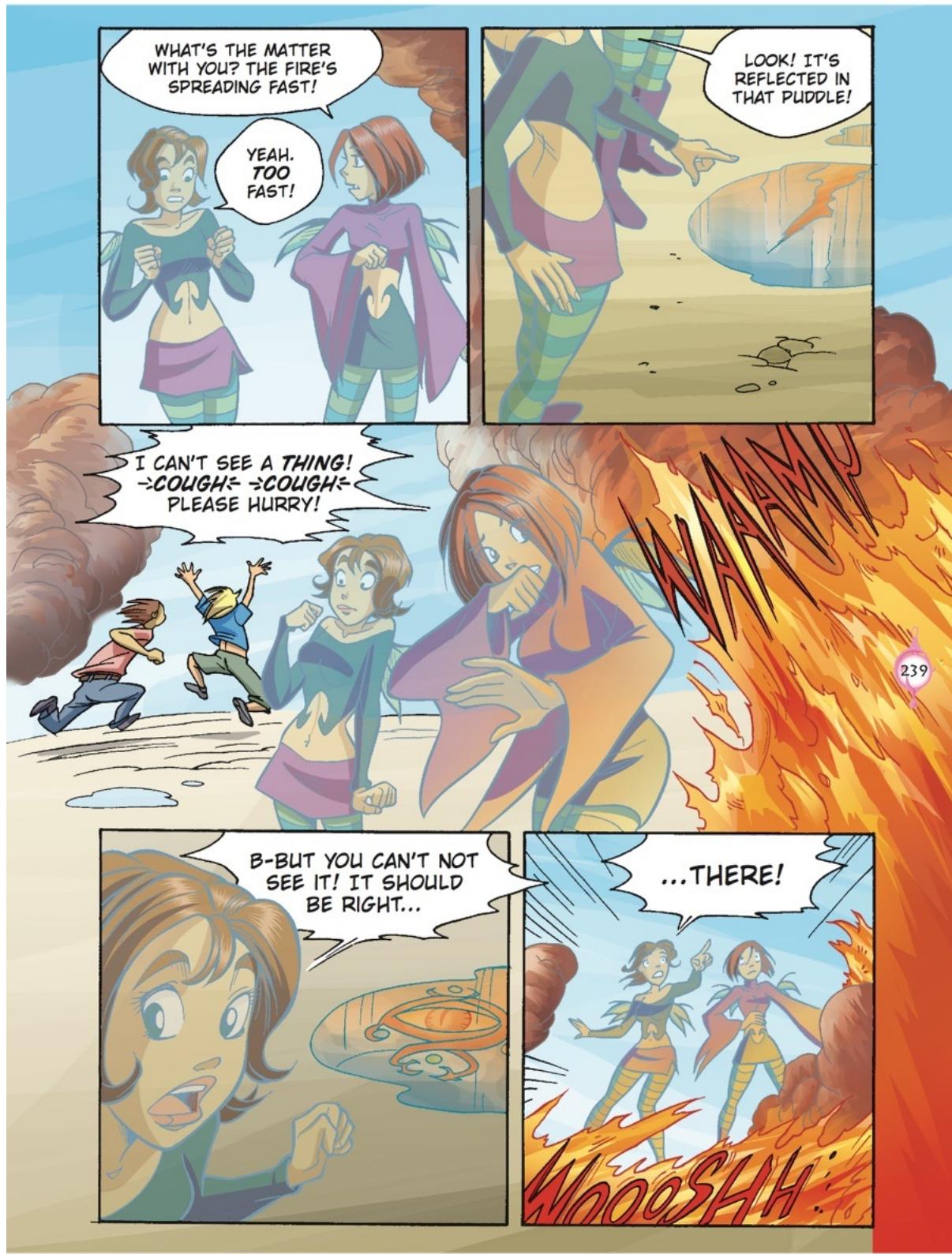


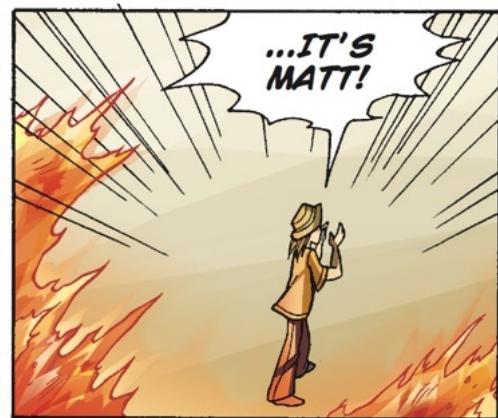


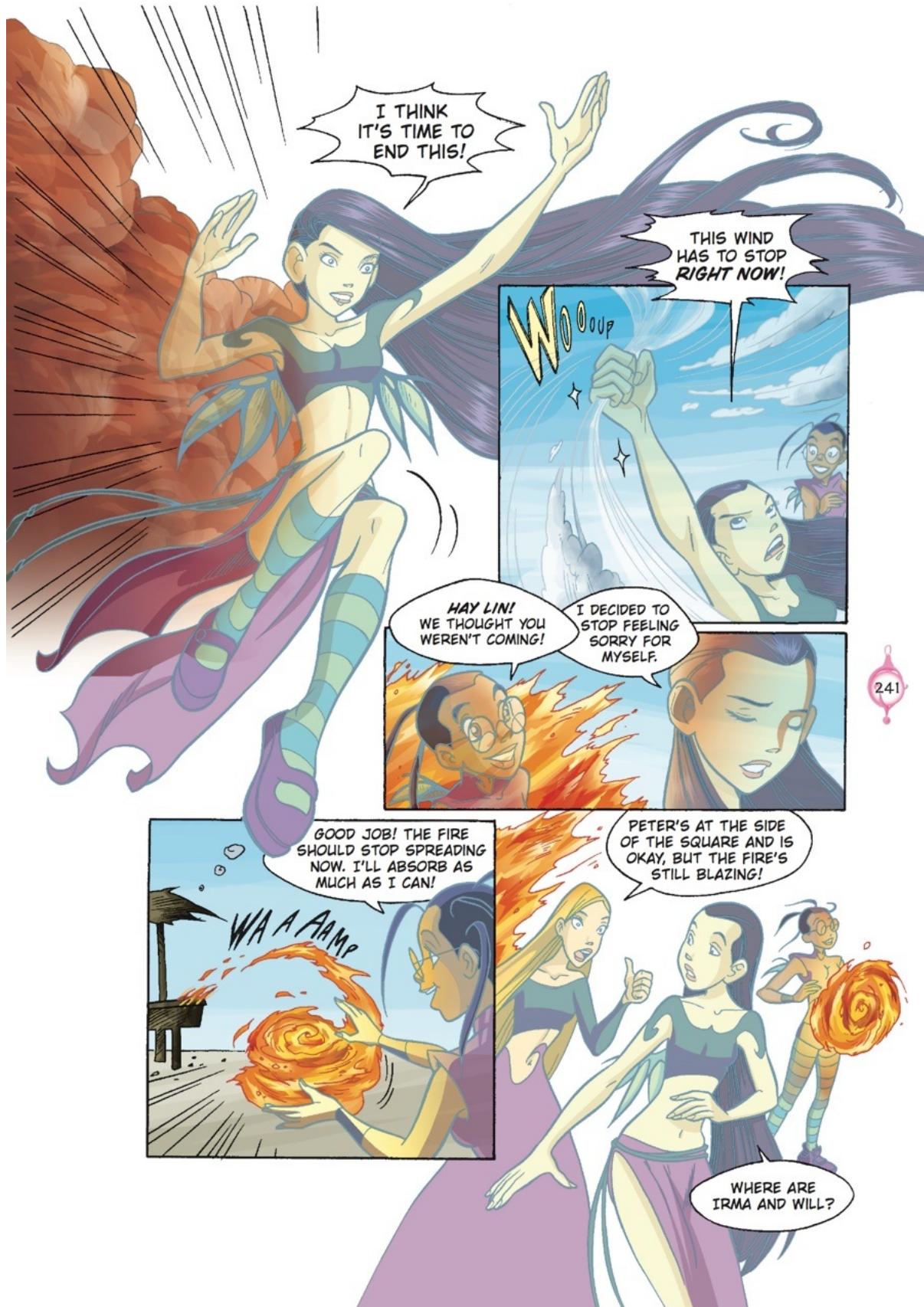




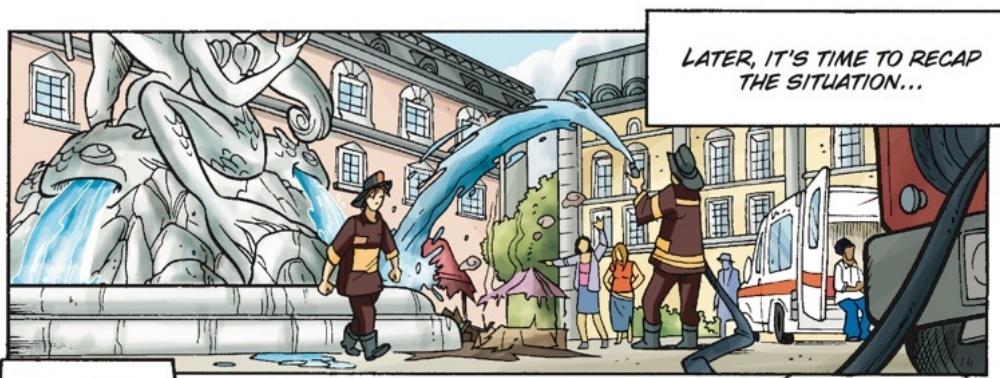




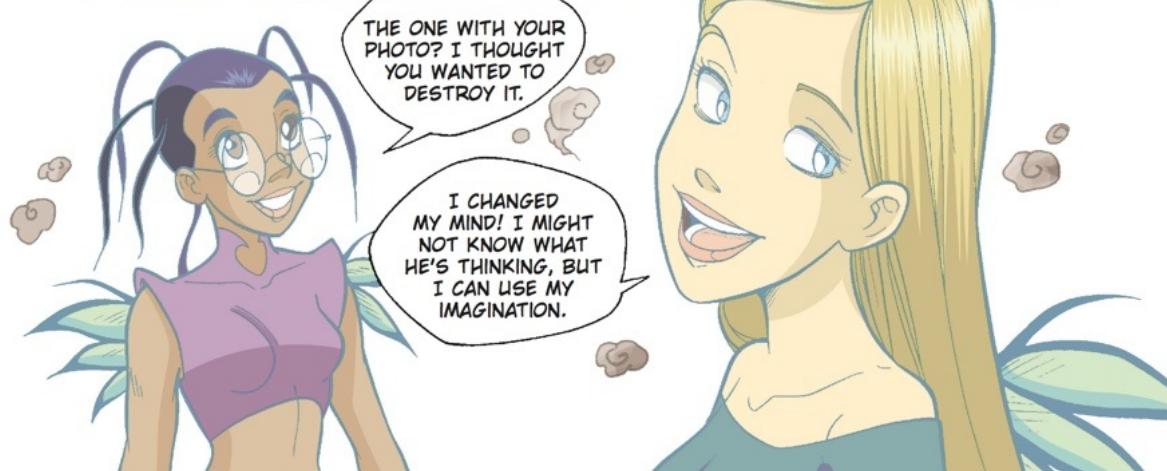






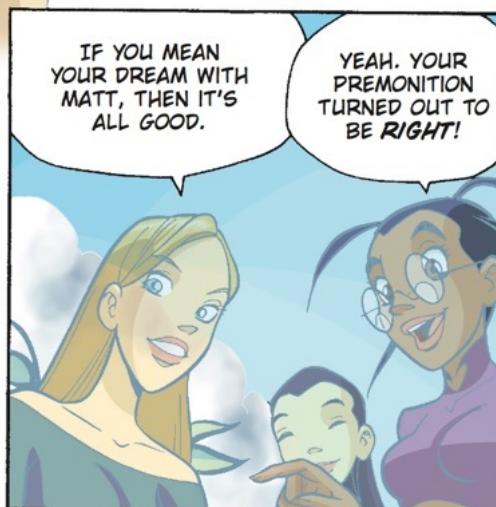
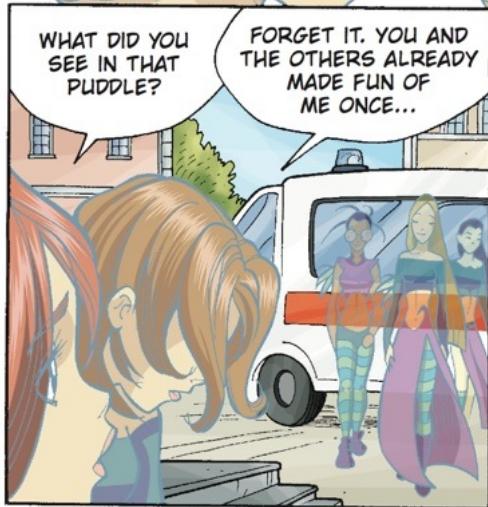
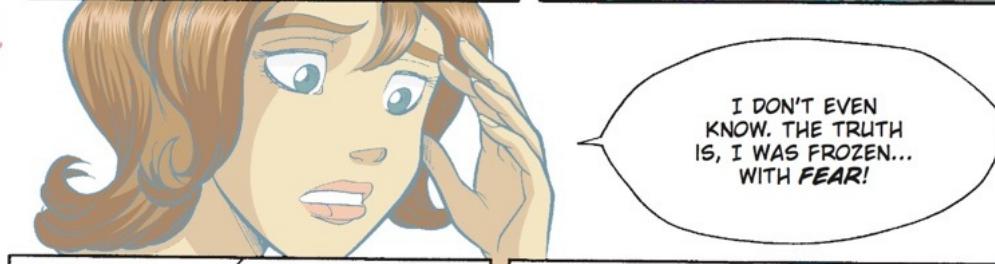


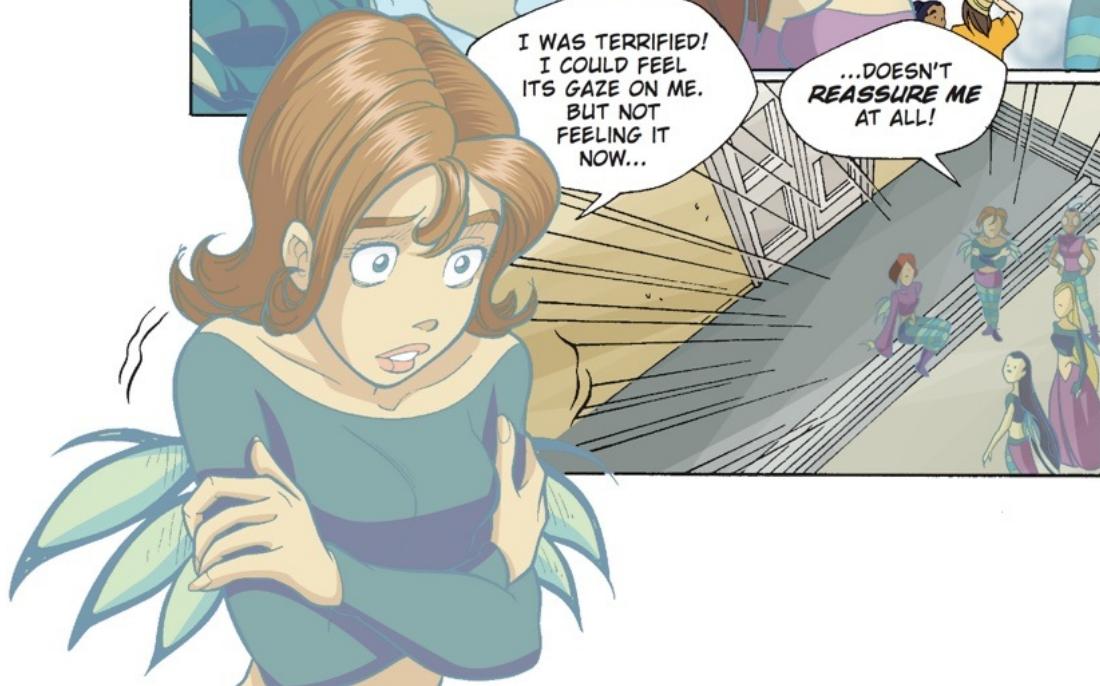
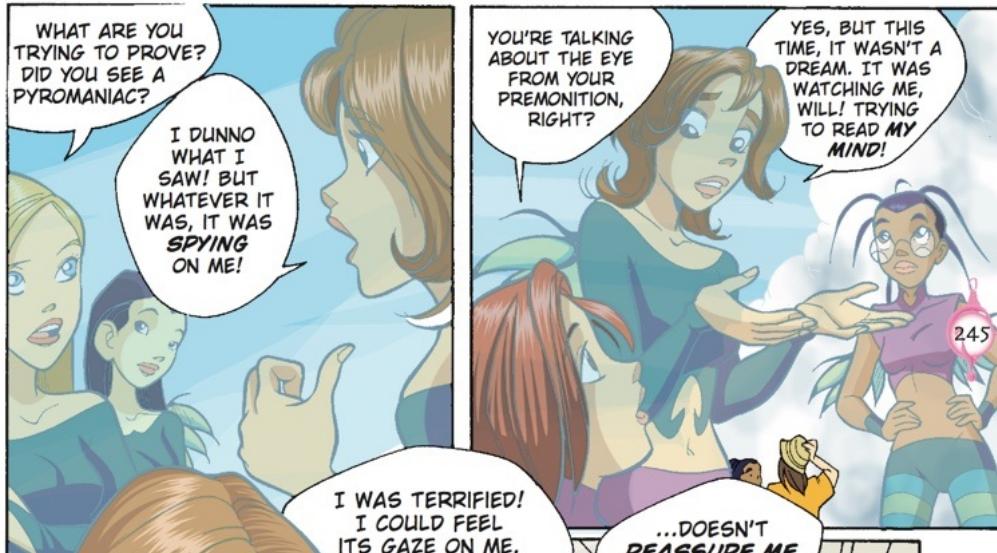
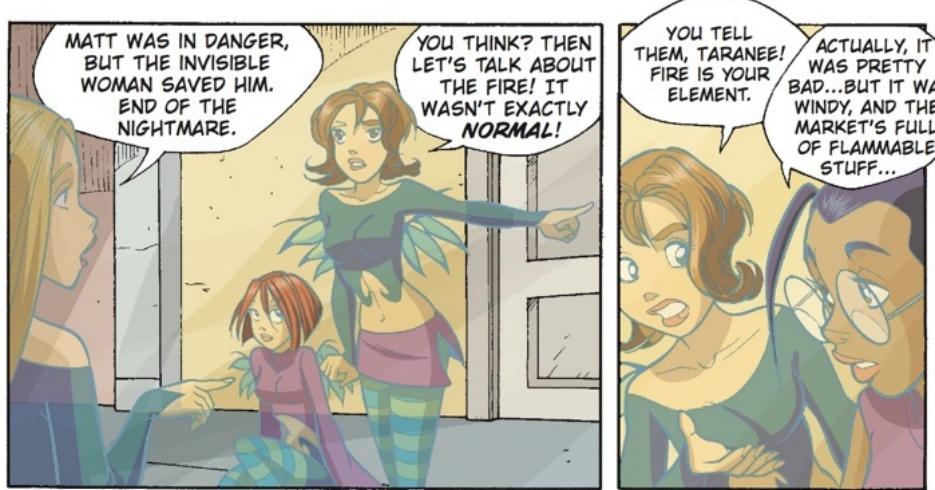
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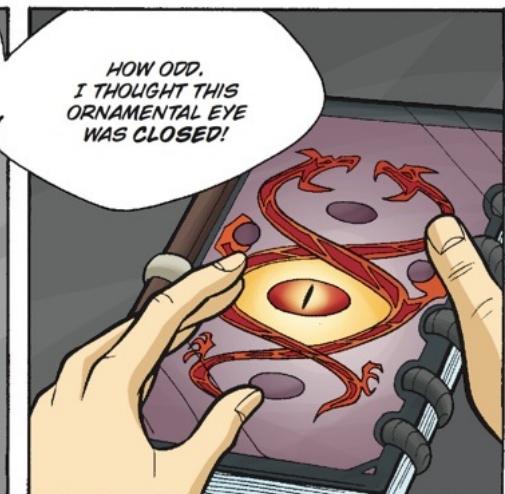
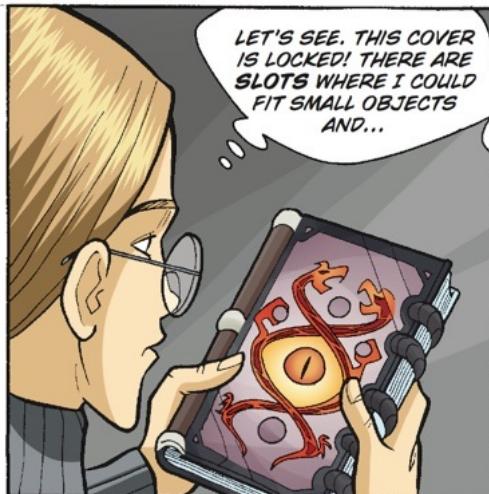


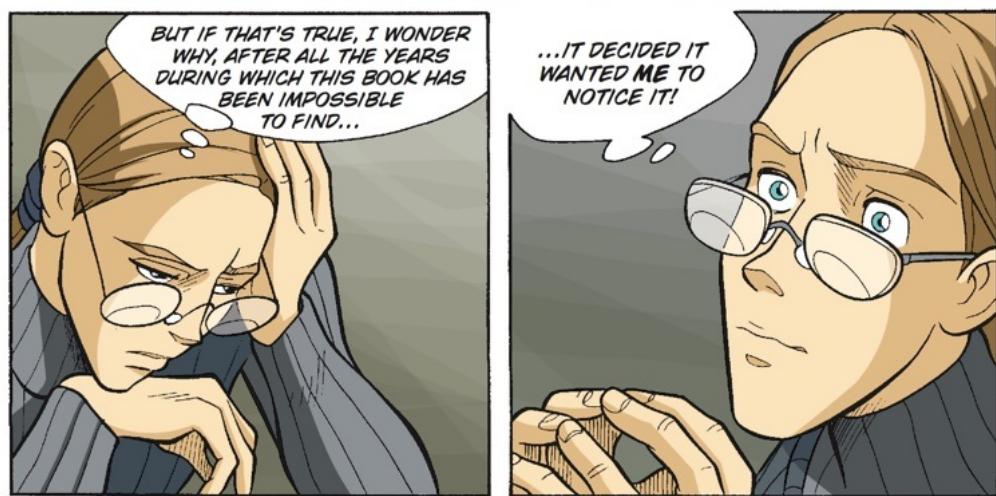
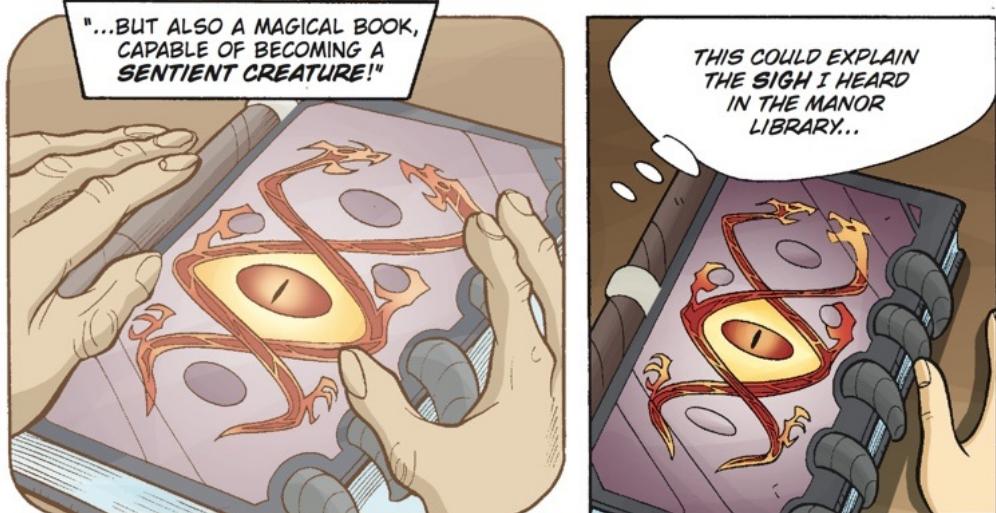


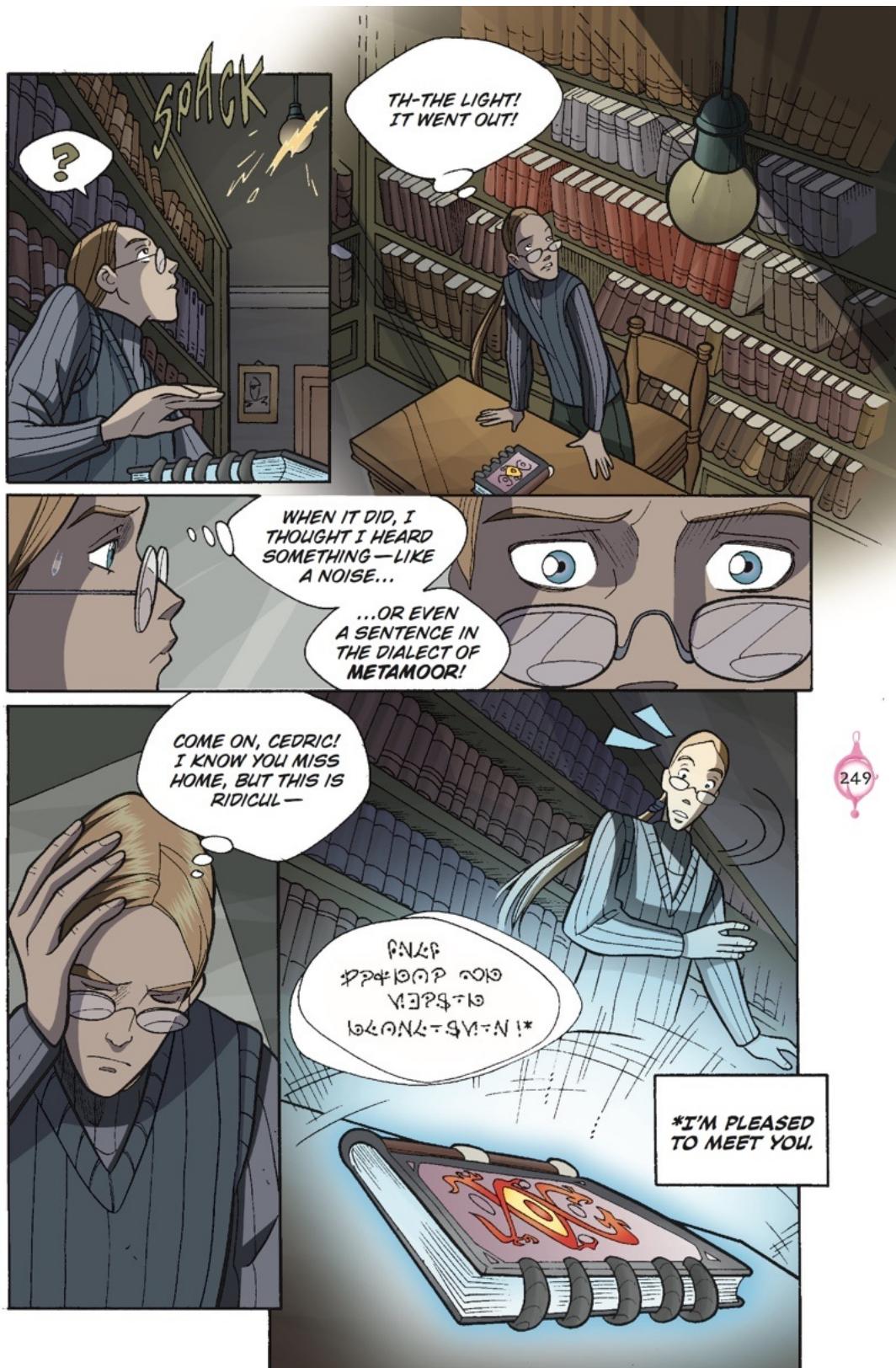




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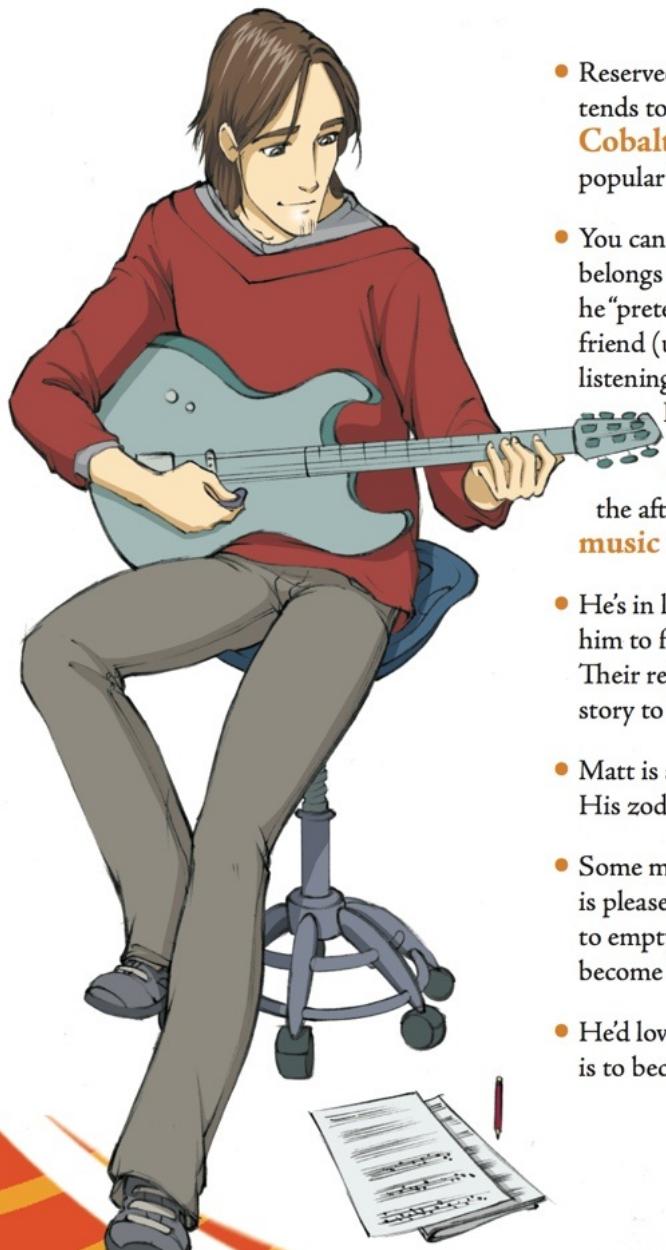
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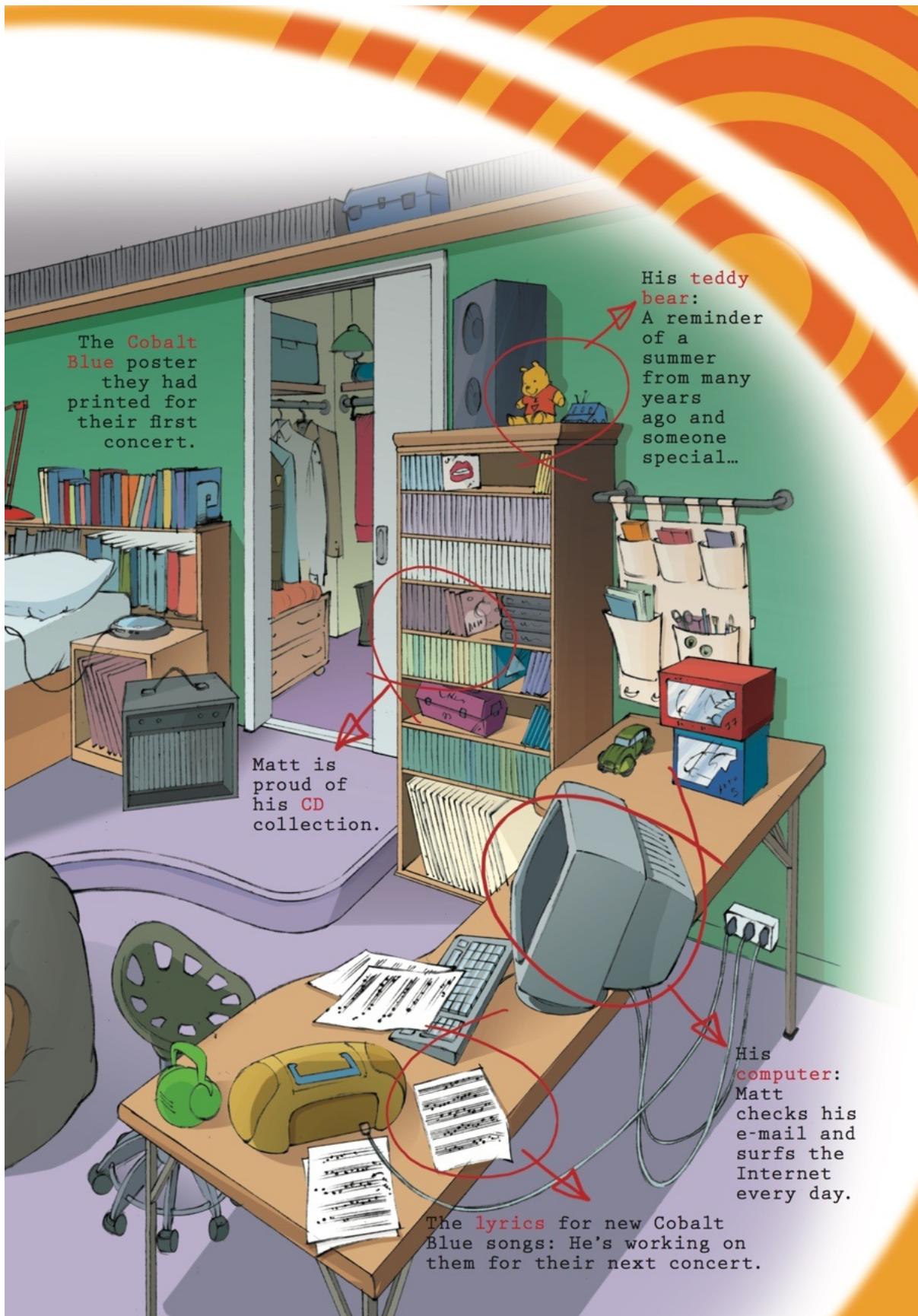


- Reserved and pretty **shy** with girls, Matt tends to blush a lot. He's the guitarist of **Cobalt Blue**, Sheffield Institute's most popular band.
- You can find him at the **pet shop** that belongs to his grandpa, Mr. Olsen, where he "pretends" to help out, or at home with a friend (usually Joel) **playing guitar** and listening to music. He plays basketball with Peter: They're on the same team.
- He's a bit lazy and loves spending the afternoon browsing Heatherfield's **music shops** looking for rare CDs.
- He's in love with **Will**, and it was hard for him to find the courage to declare his feelings. Their relationship is at a crossroads! Read the story to find out what happened.
- Matt is a senior at Heatherfield High School. His zodiac sign is **Leo**.
- Some mornings he looks in the mirror and is pleased with his look. Other days, he'd like to empty his wardrobe, join the gym, and become like **his cousin Sean**.
- He'd love to travel the world, and his **dream** is to become a musician.



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