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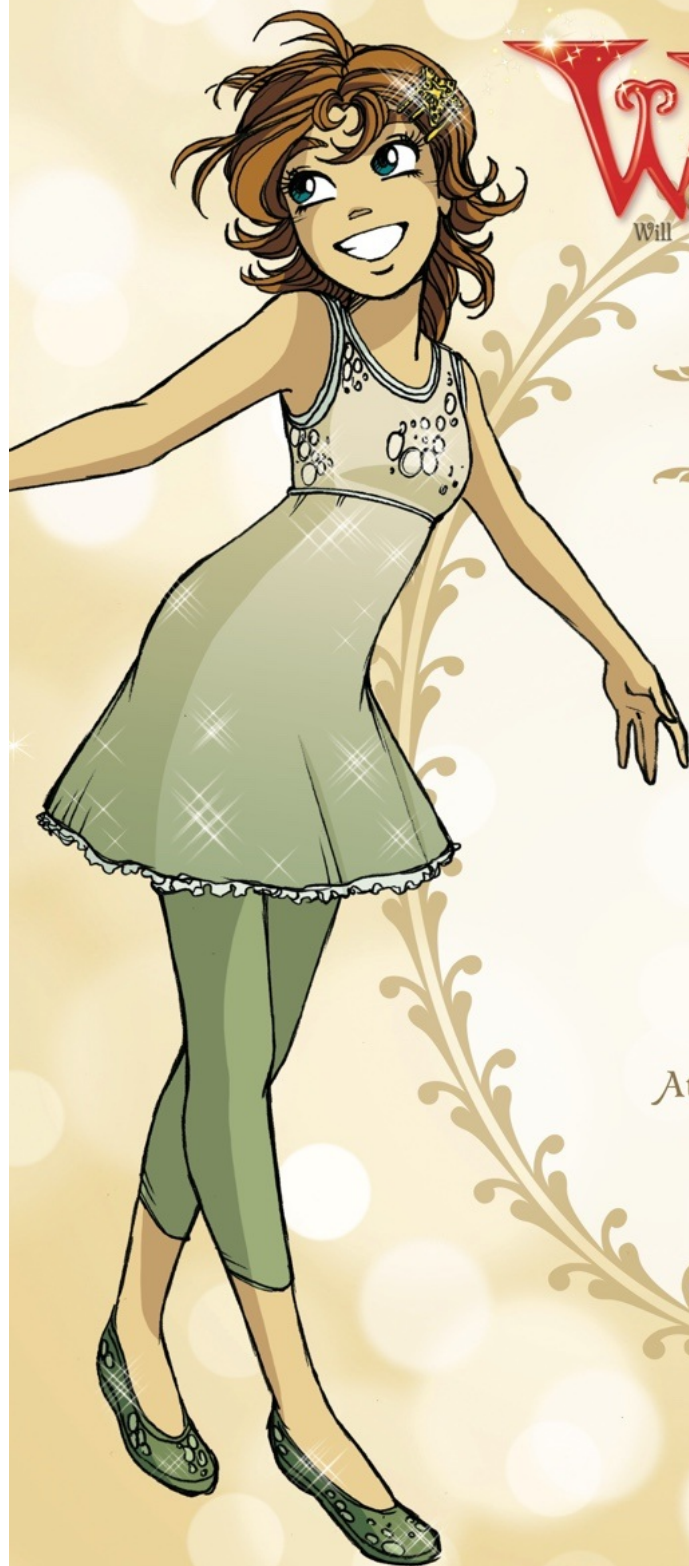


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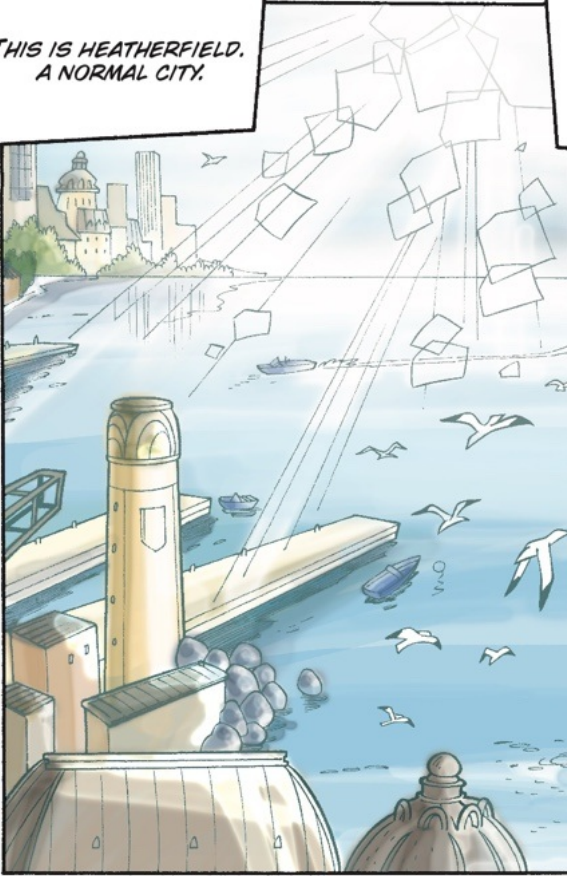


The Green Flash

"Nothing ever disappears
without a trace."



THIS IS HEATHERFIELD.
A NORMAL CITY.



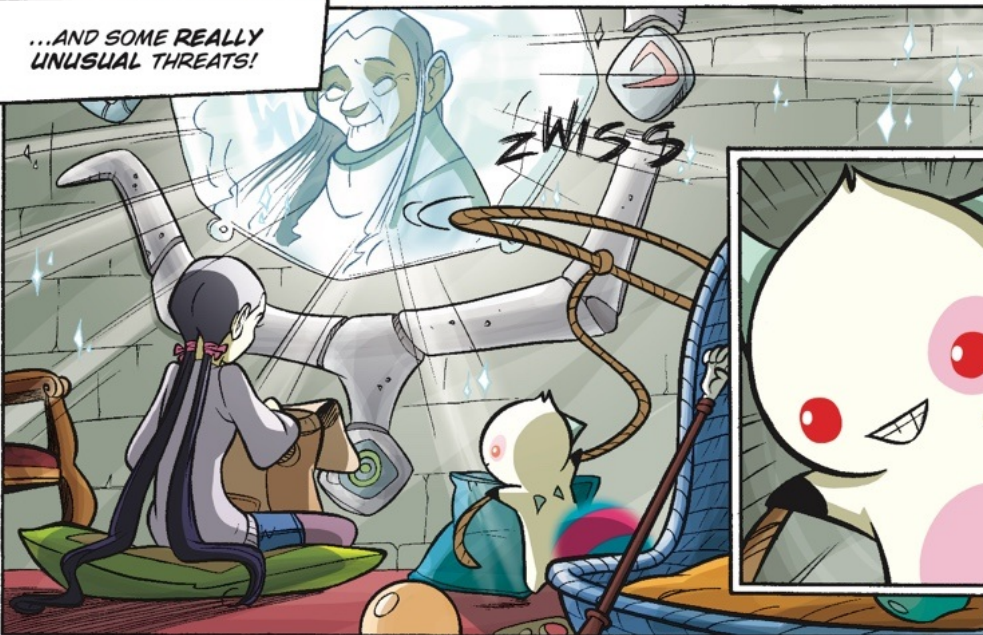
WITH
NORMAL
CITIZENS
...

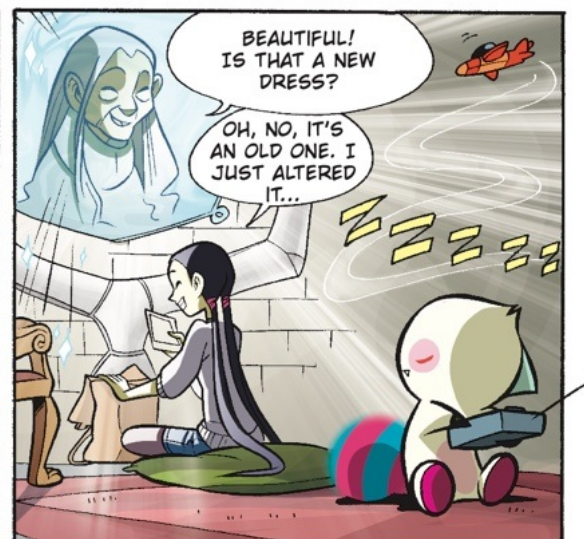


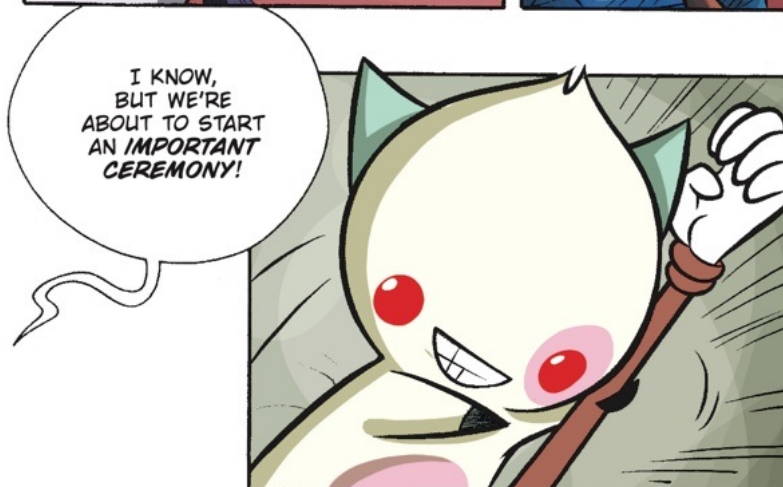
...SOME
SPECIAL
PEOPLE...

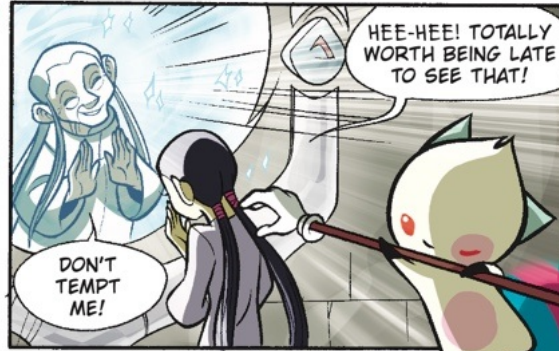


...AND SOME REALLY
UNUSUAL THREATS!

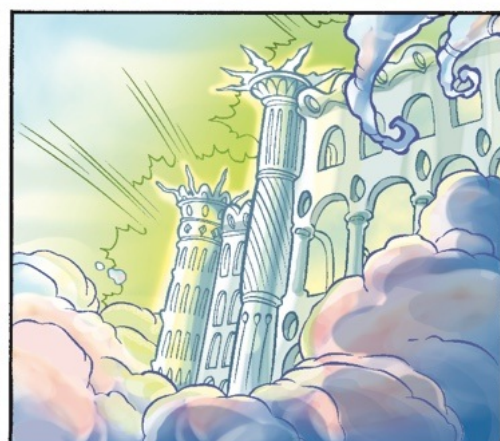
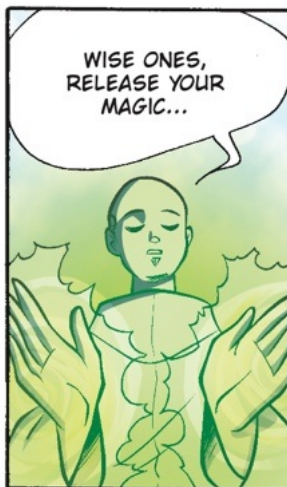
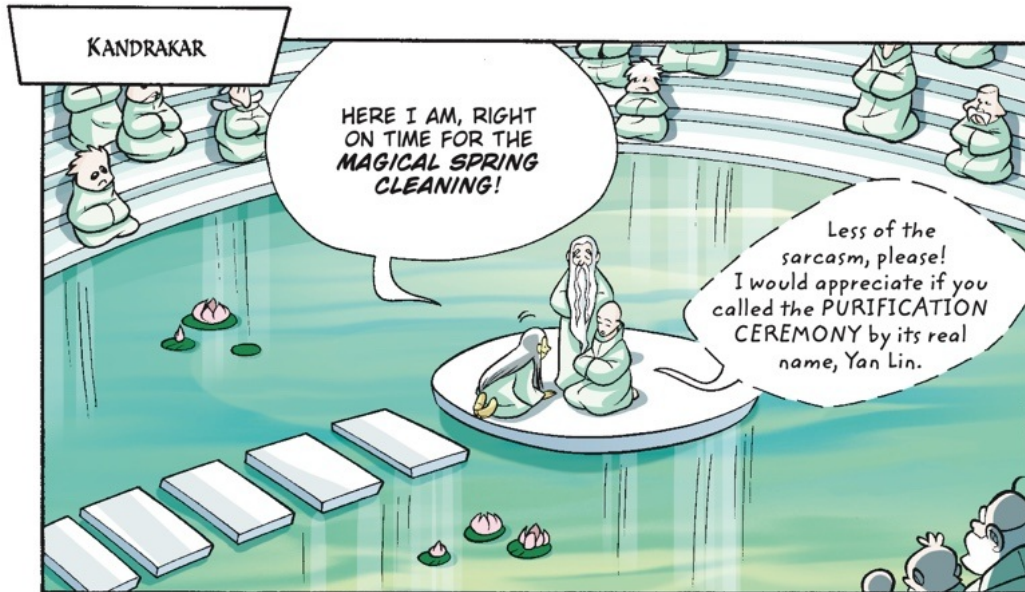






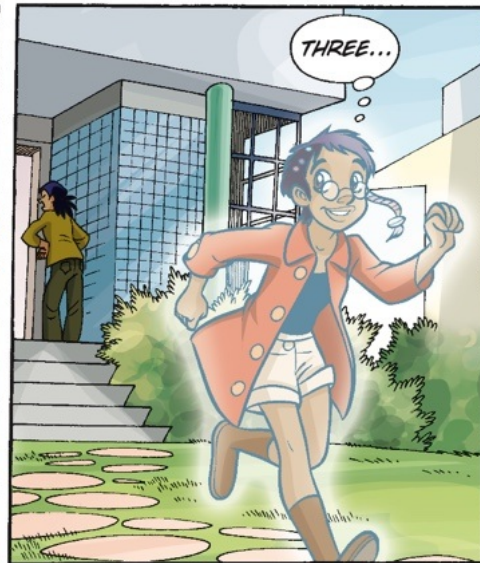




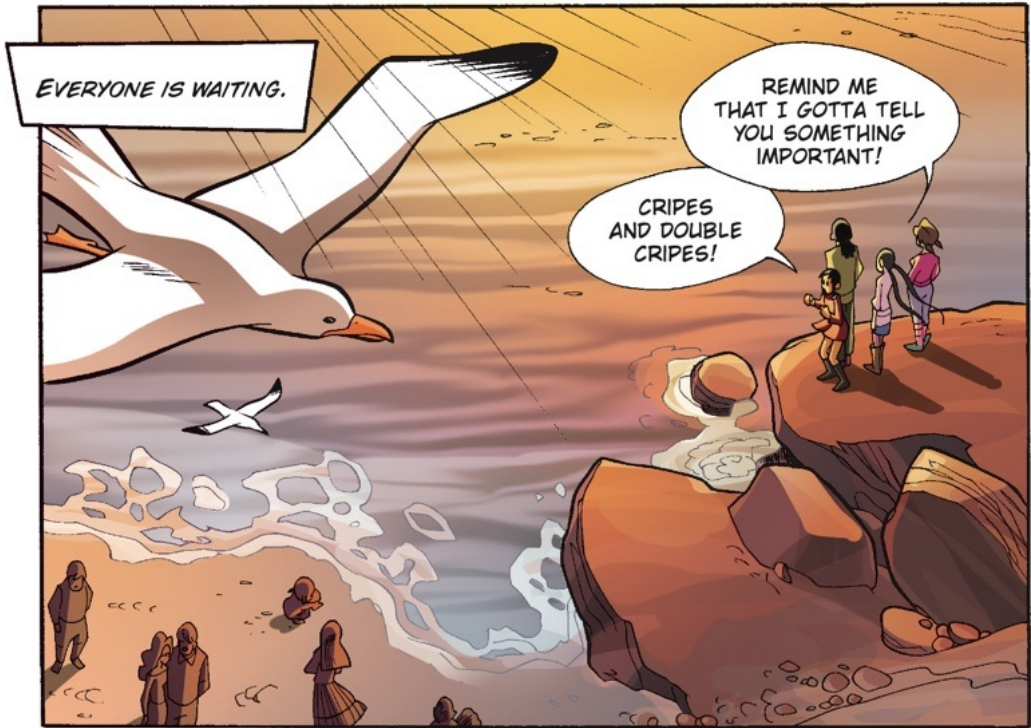






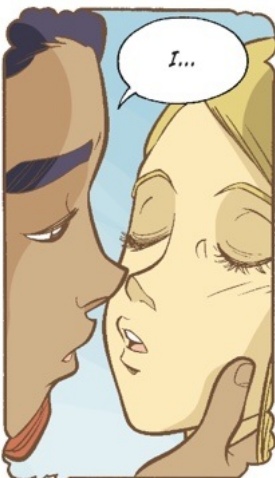








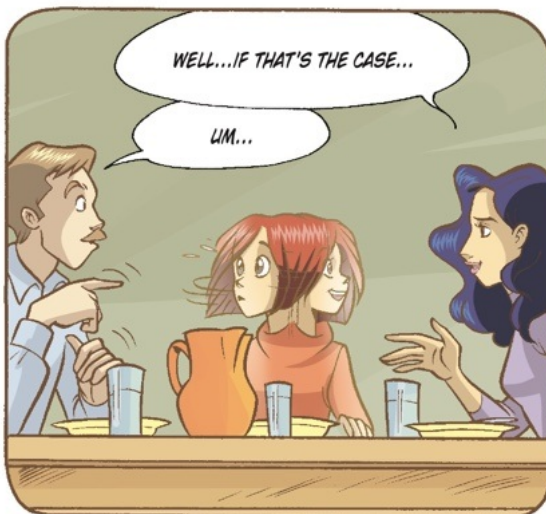
AND SOMEONE ELSE HAD
THE SAME IDEA...

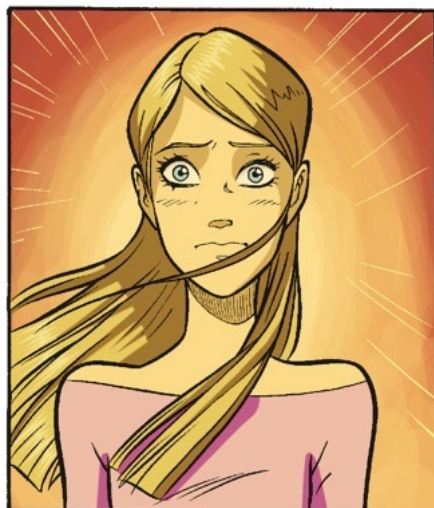
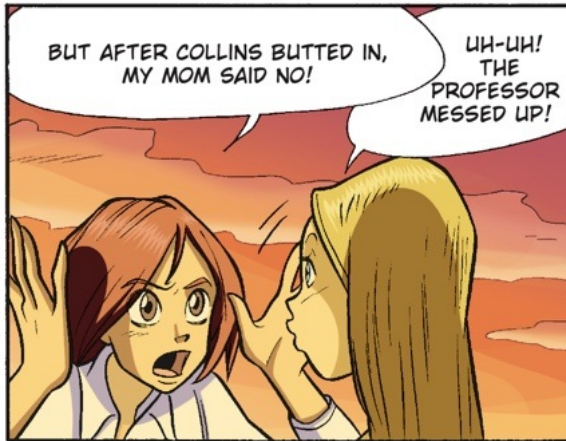


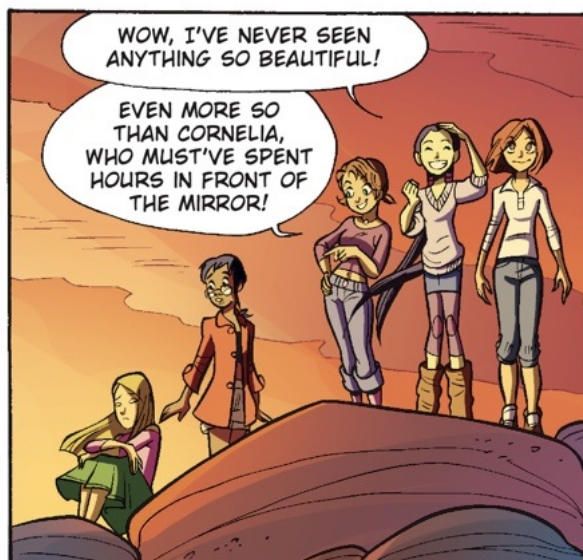
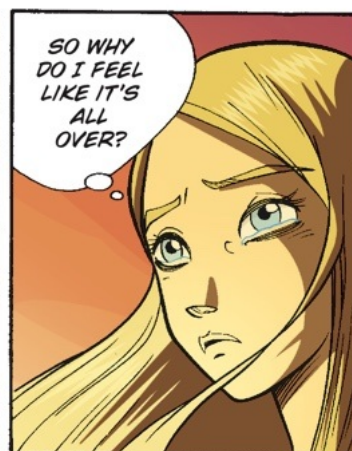
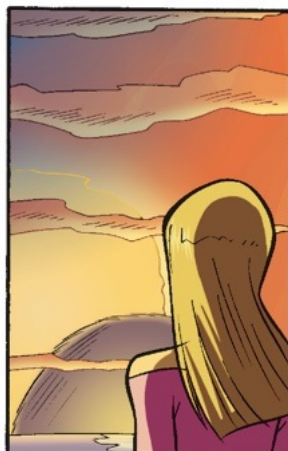
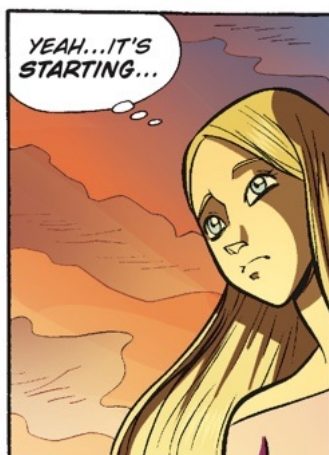
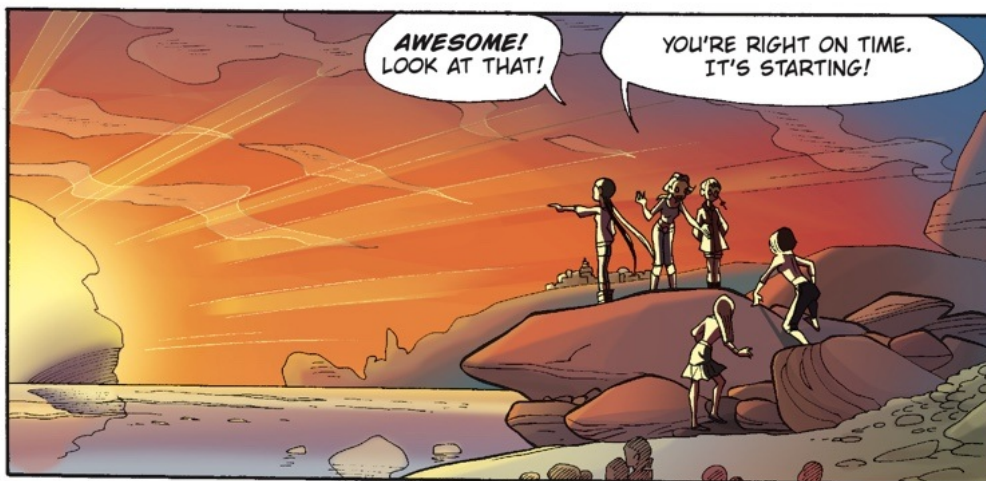
CORNELIA, YOU
IN THERE?

HUH...?
SORRY,
WILL,
I WAS
THINKING
ABOUT
SOMETHING!

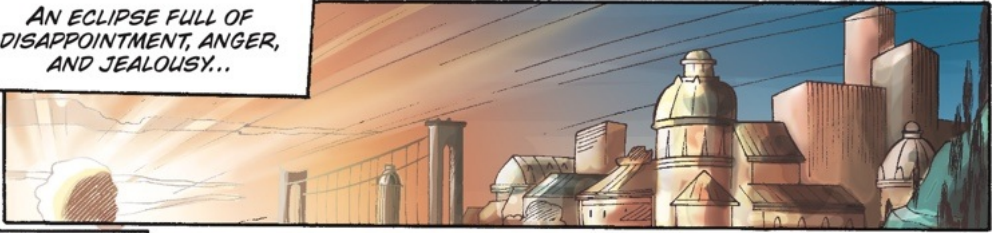




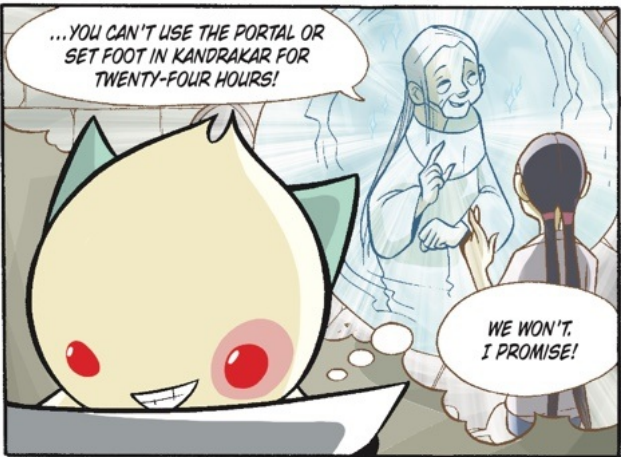




AN ECLIPSE FULL OF
DISAPPOINTMENT, ANGER,
AND JEALOUSY...



AND EVEN
SOMEONE
PLOTING
REVENGE!



...YOU CAN'T USE THE PORTAL OR
SET FOOT IN KANDRAKAR FOR
TWENTY-FOUR HOURS!

WE WON'T.
I PROMISE!

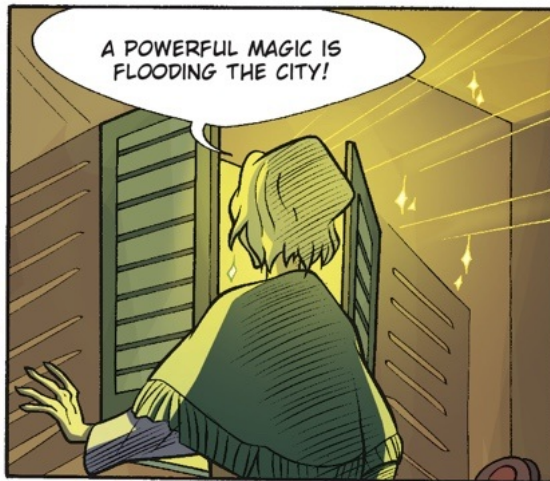




UNDER THAT SAME
ECLIPSE...



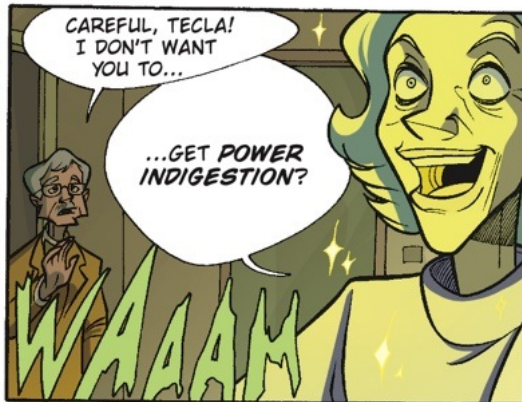
YOU FEEL
THAT?



A POWERFUL MAGIC IS
FLOODING THE CITY!



THIS ENERGY IS
NOURISHMENT
FOR ME!



CAREFUL, TECLA!
I DON'T WANT
YOU TO...

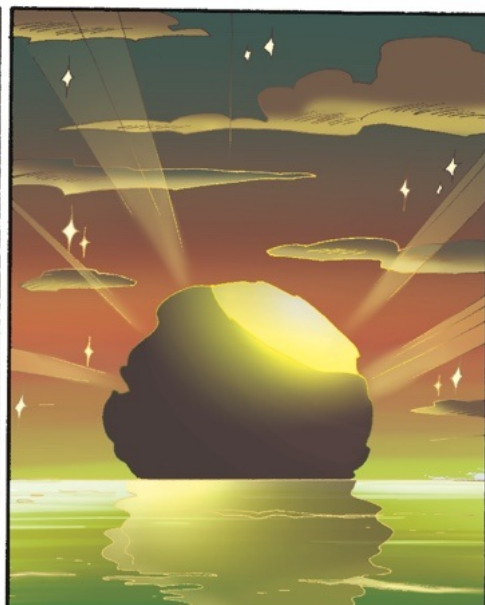
...GET POWER
INDIGESTION?

WAAAH



DO YOU FEAR THAT
IF I WAS YOUNG AND
POWERFUL AGAIN, I'D
ABANDON YOU,
KARL?

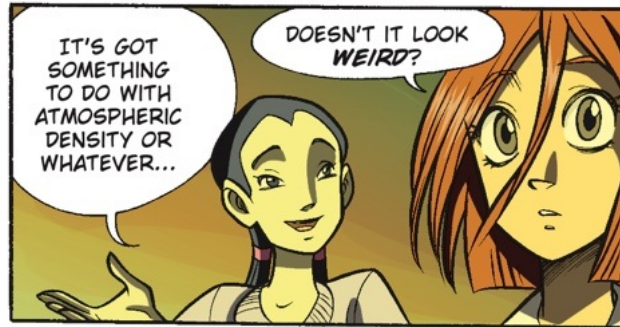
...





WHAT'S THAT LIGHT?

OUR TEACHER TALKED ABOUT THE **GREEN FLASH!**



IT'S GOT SOMETHING TO DO WITH ATMOSPHERIC DENSITY OR WHATEVER...

DOESN'T IT LOOK **WEIRD?**



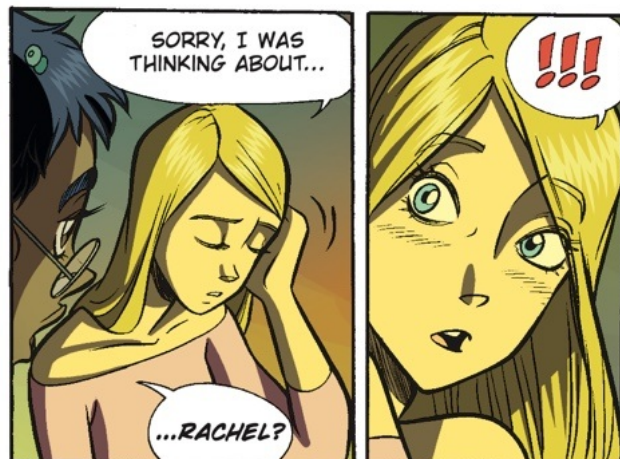
WE'RE GETTING TWO SHOWS FOR THE PRICE OF ONE!

HA-HA!



WHADDAYA THINK?

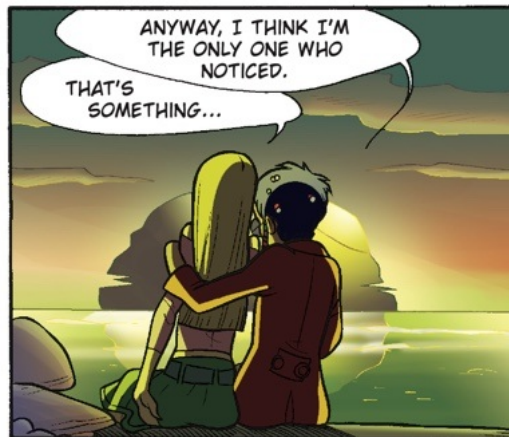
HUH?



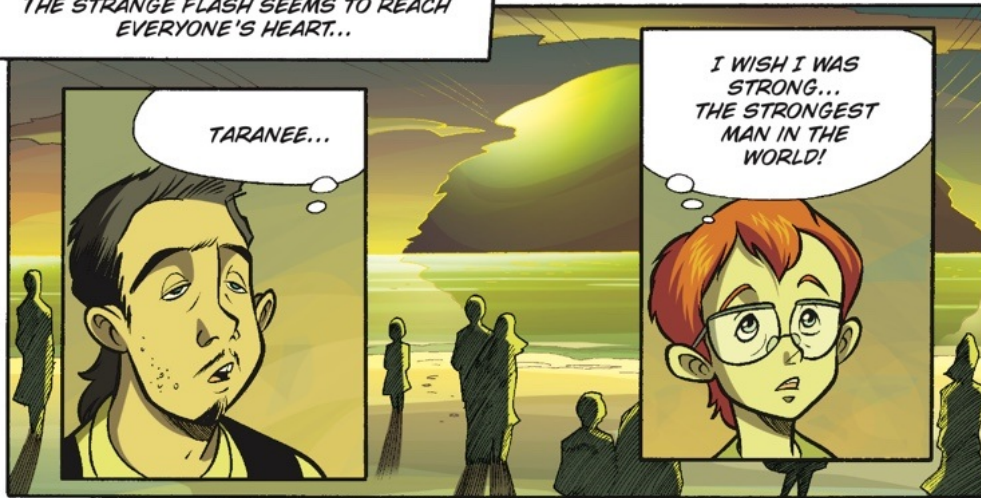
SORRY, I WAS THINKING ABOUT...

...RACHEL?

!!!

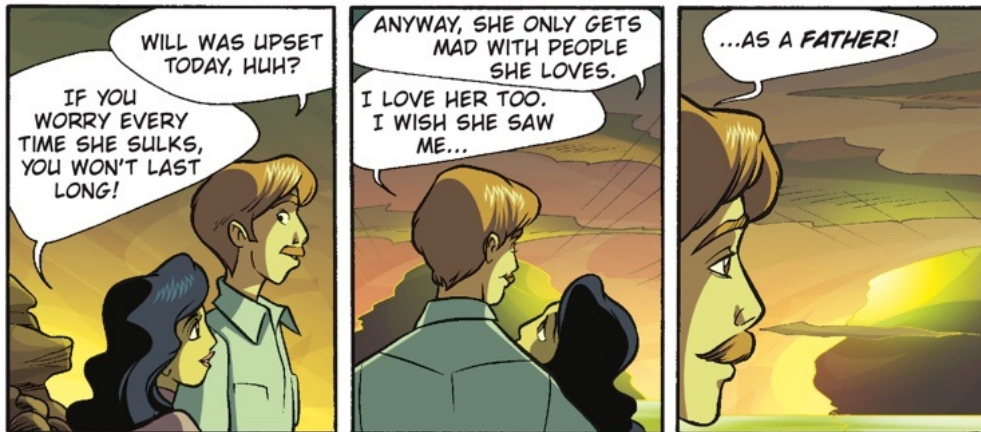


THE STRANGE FLASH SEEMS TO REACH EVERYONE'S HEART...



TARANEE...

I WISH I WAS STRONG...
THE STRONGEST MAN IN THE WORLD!



WILL WAS UPSET TODAY, HUH?

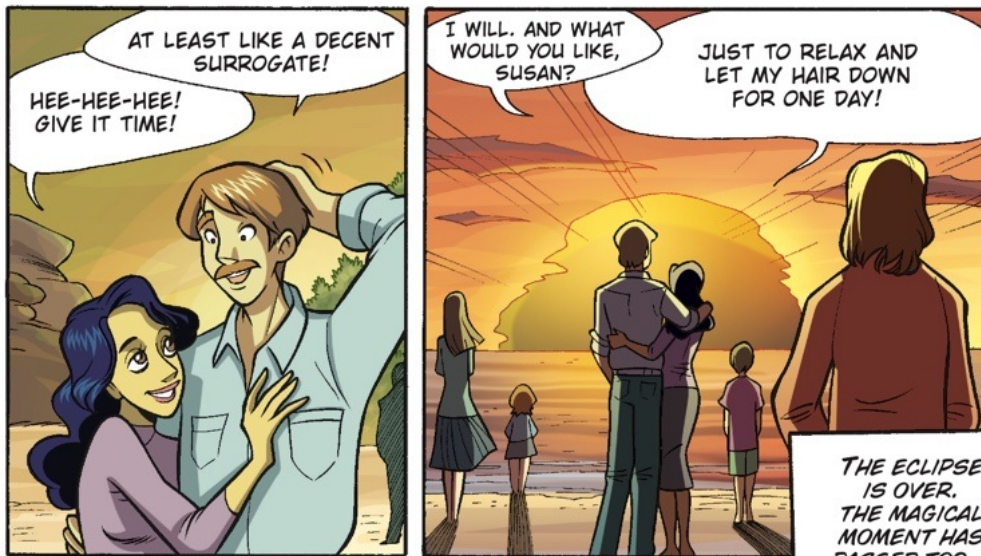
IF YOU WORRY EVERY TIME SHE SULKS, YOU WON'T LAST LONG!

ANYWAY, SHE ONLY GETS MAD WITH PEOPLE SHE LOVES.

I LOVE HER TOO. I WISH SHE SAW ME...

...AS A FATHER!

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AT LEAST LIKE A DECENT SURROGATE!

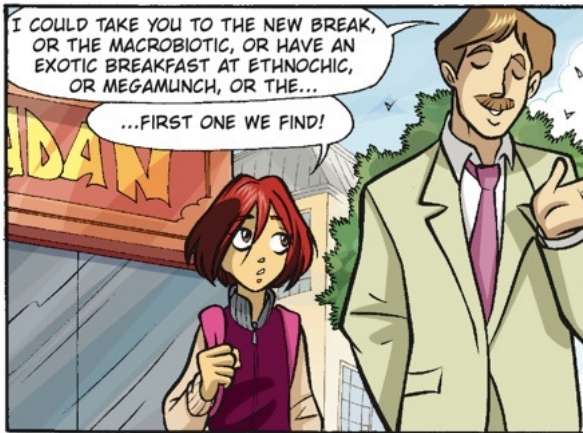
HEE-HEE-HEE! GIVE IT TIME!

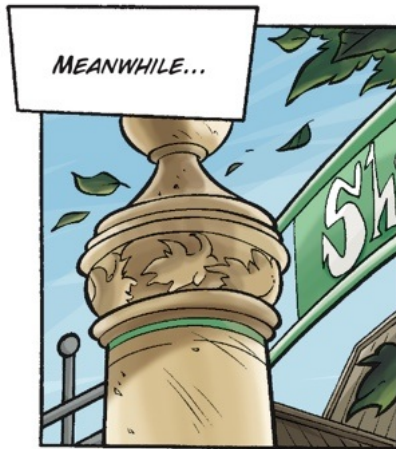
I WILL. AND WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE, SUSAN?

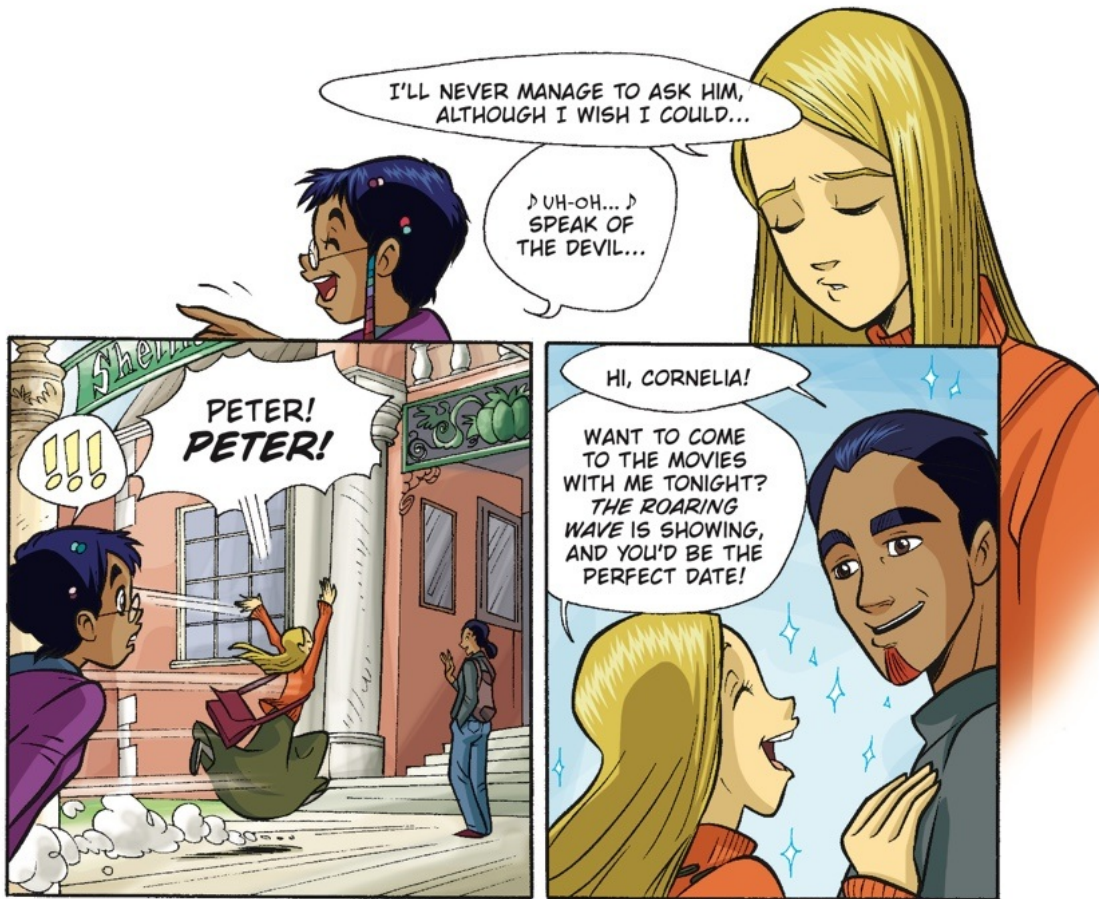
JUST TO RELAX AND LET MY HAIR DOWN FOR ONE DAY!

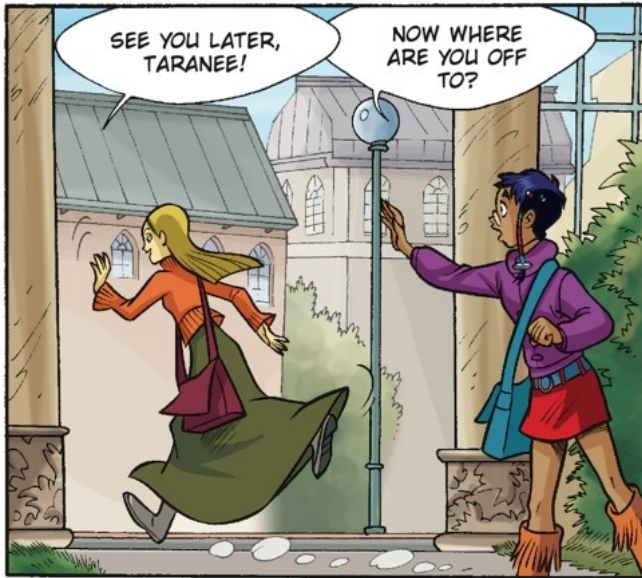
THE ECLIPSE IS OVER.
THE MAGICAL MOMENT HAS PASSED TOO...













THE...HALE
RESIDENCE?



WONDERFUL!
I'VE NEVER HAD A
GREEN THUMB!

MOM, I TOLD
YOU IT WASN'T
YOU!



IT WAS ME!
I'M THE FLOWER
FAIRY, SEE?

DON'T BE SILLY,
HONEY!

WHAT THE...?



EVERYONE
AT HQ,
NOW!

COMING!



OOF!
I HAVE TO GET
READY FOR
TONIGHT!



I CAN'T
GO OUT WITH
PETER LOOKING
LIKE A DROWNED
RAT!

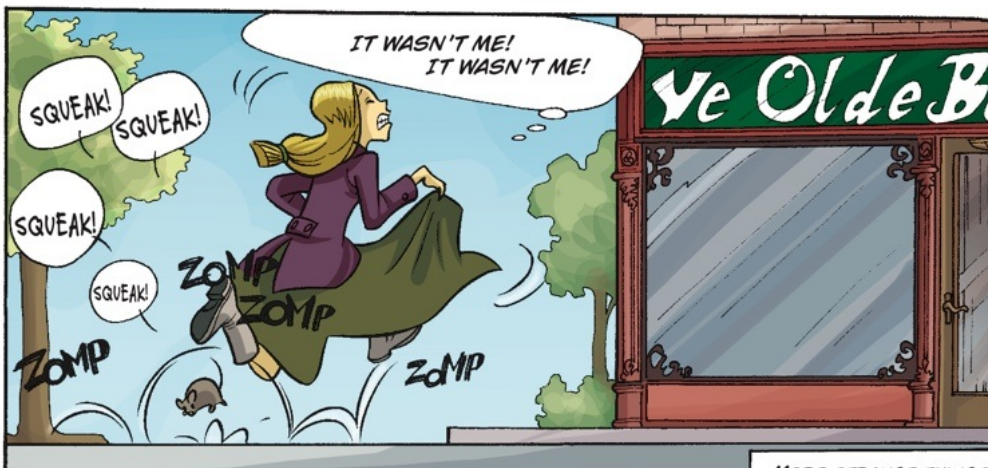


BUT A FEW STEPS FROM THE HQ...

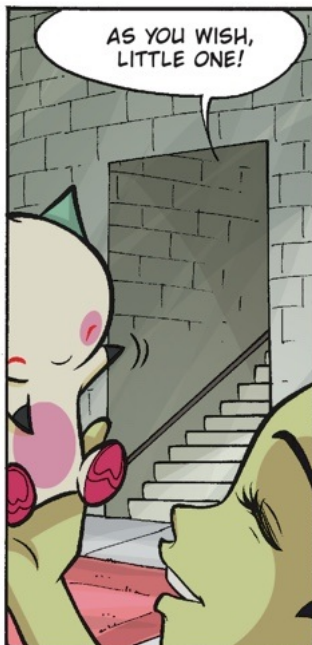
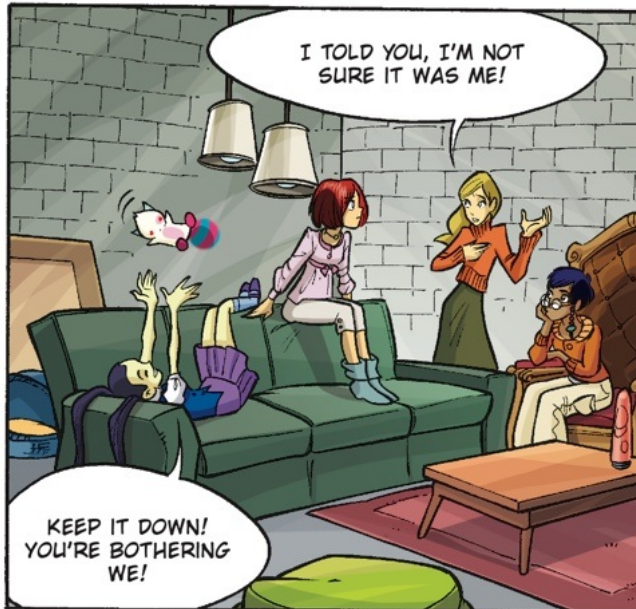
♪ PETER,
I LOVE YOU!!!
PETER, JE
T'AIME!!!
♪

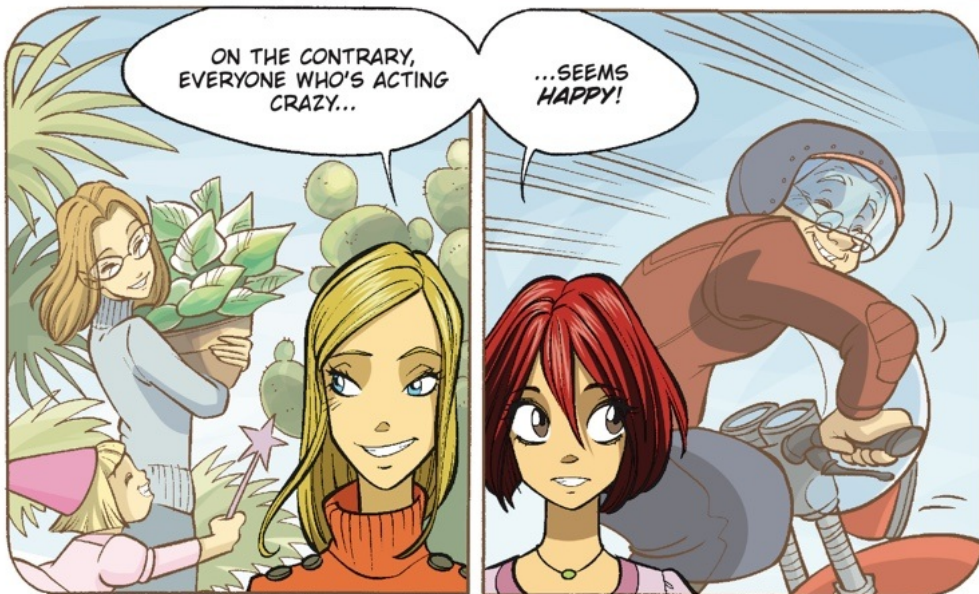
RACHEL? NOT HER!
THE ONE AND ONLY
HORRIBLE RAT
IN TOWN!

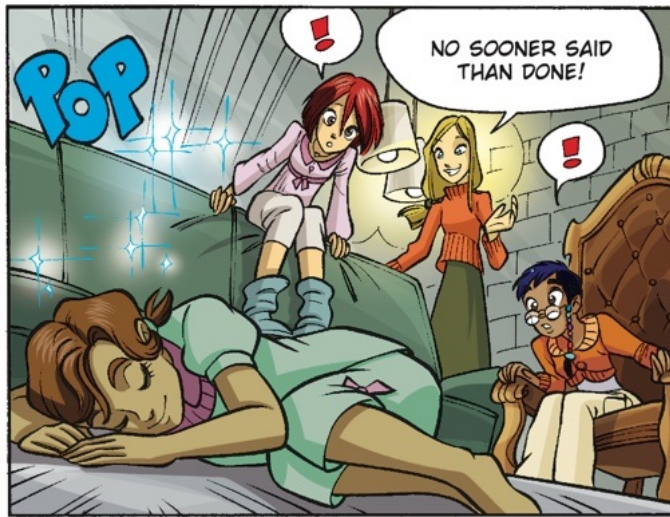
IF ONLY PEOPLE
SAW HER FOR WHAT
SHE REALLY IS...

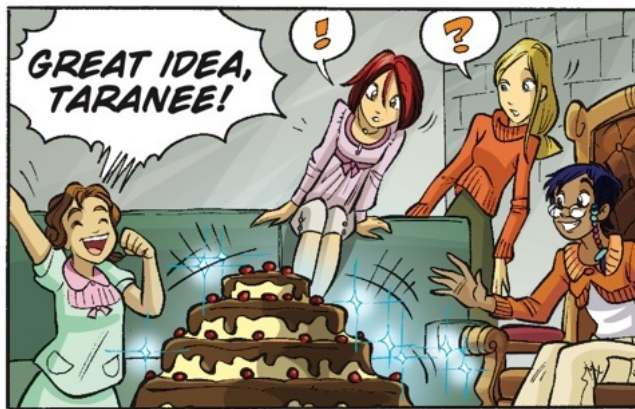


MORE STRANGE THINGS
AFOOT IN HEATHERFIELD...

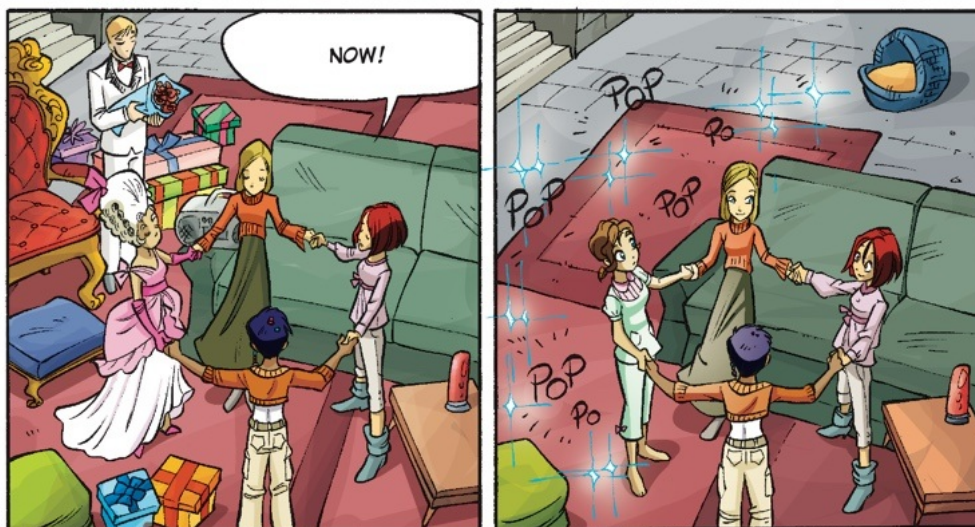


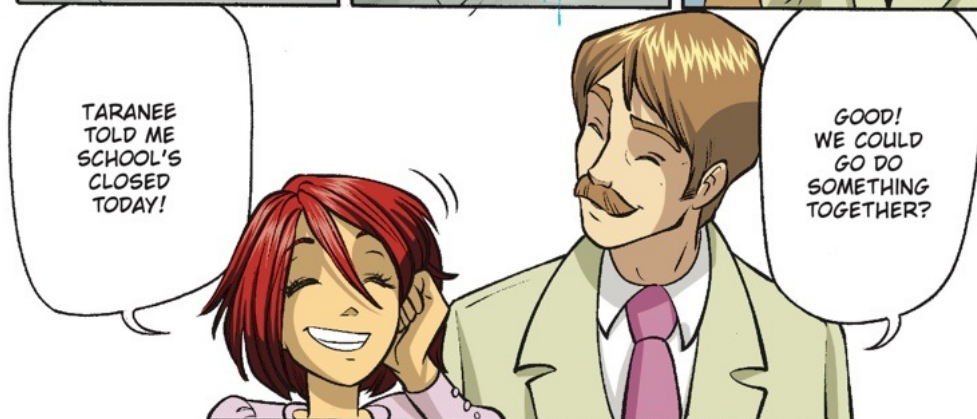
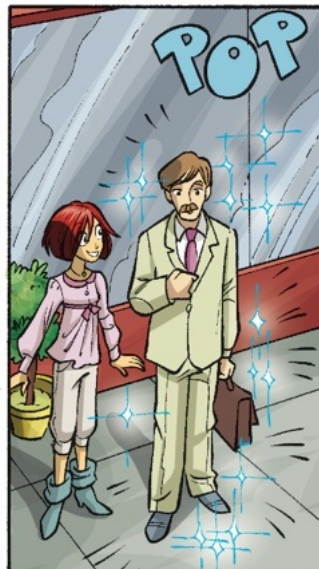
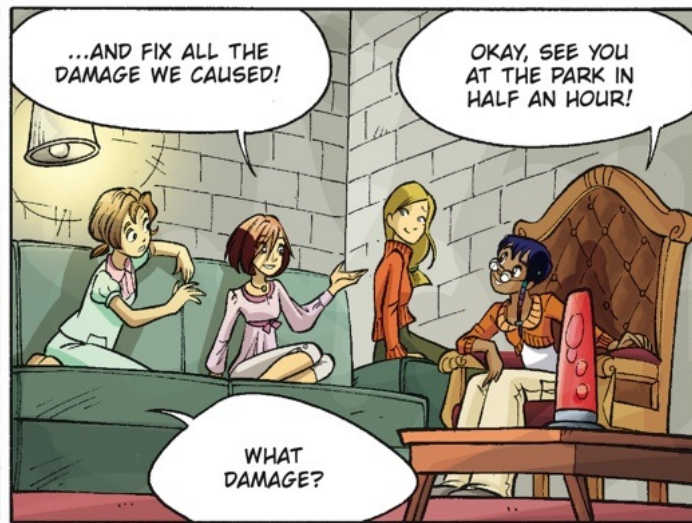


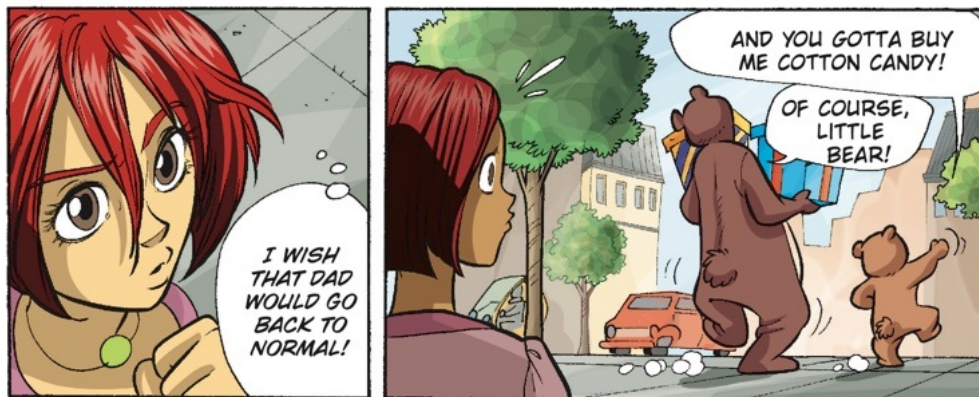
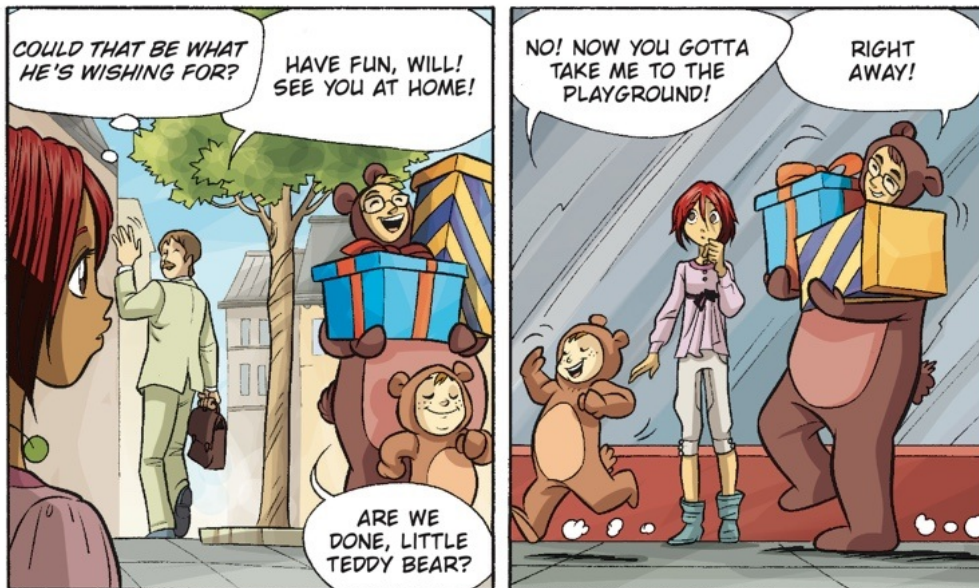
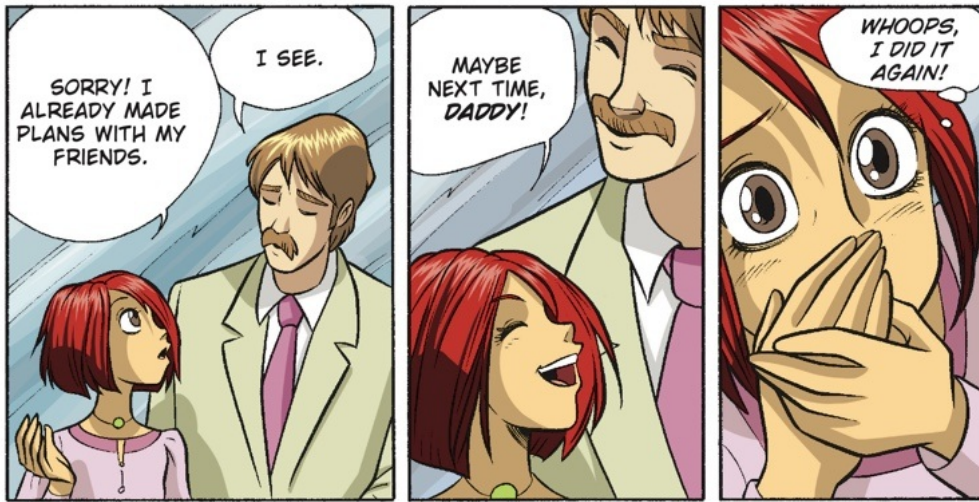








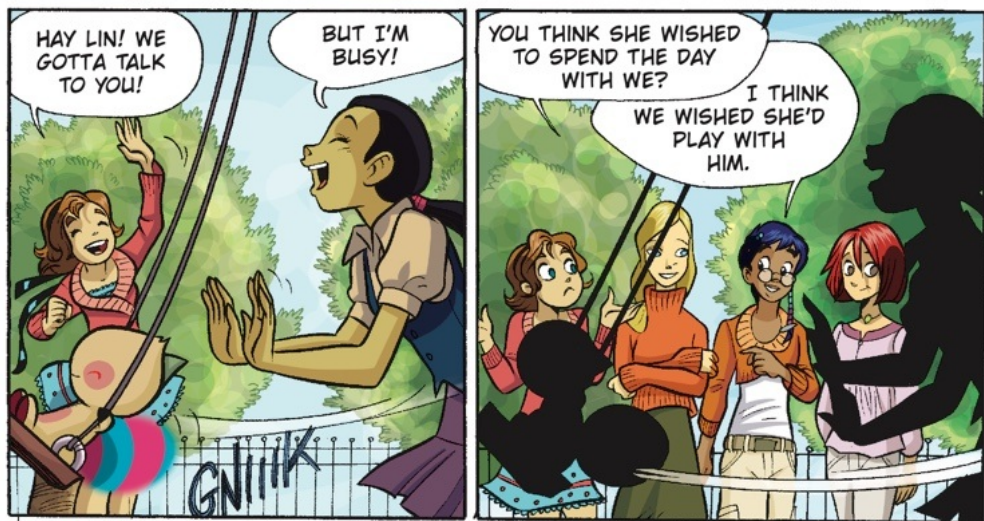
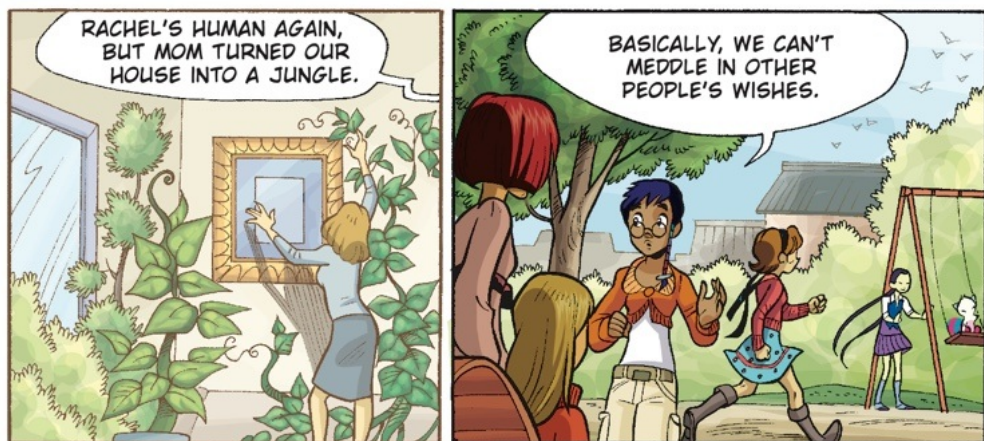
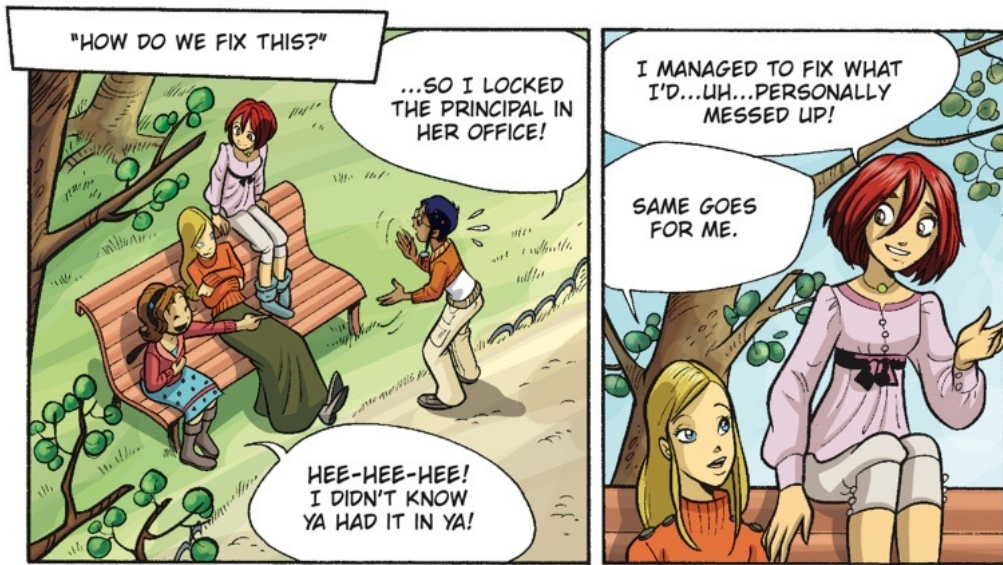




AND YOU, CORNELIA...
WHAT DO YOU WISH FOR?









MIND IF I TELL HIM SOMETHING?

JUST BE QUICK!



IF YOU DON'T WISH FOR HAY LIN TO HELP US RIGHT NOW...



...PSSST, PSSST, PSSST.

AND AFTER A QUICK RECAP...



WHAT CAN WE DO?

AT THIS POINT, WE GOTTA ASK THE ORACLE.

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NOOO!

WHAT'S WRONG?



I... WAS ABOUT TO TELL YOU, BUT THE ECLIPSE... AND THEN WE...

OUT WITH IT, HAY LIN!



THE PORTAL IS OFF-LIMITS TO US UNTIL 2:00 TODAY!

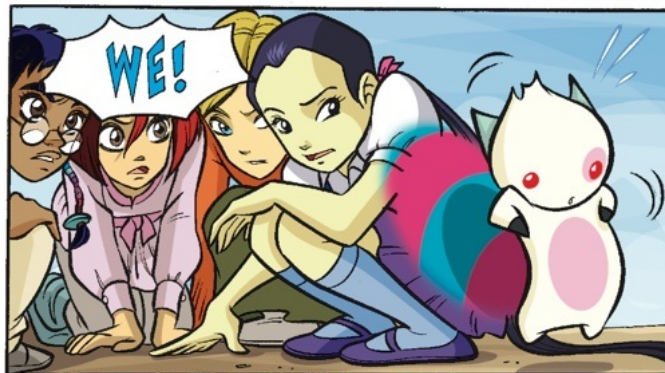


YESTERDAY,
GRANDMA SAID
THAT IF WE USED IT,
THE CONSEQUENCES
WOULD BE
COMPLICATED!



I CAN SEE THAT!

SO SOMEONE OPENED
THE PORTAL LAST
NIGHT?



WE!



IF YOU
HAVE
SOMETHING
TO SAY,
NOW'S
THE
TIME!

NAAA!
TAAA! VEE...
TA-PA!



CLEARER,
PLEASE.

PLEASE,
WE!
IT'S
IMPORTANT!



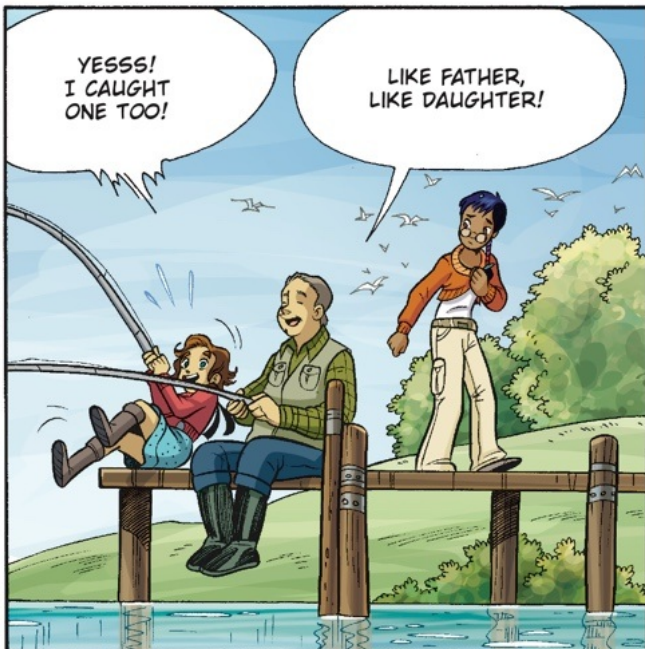
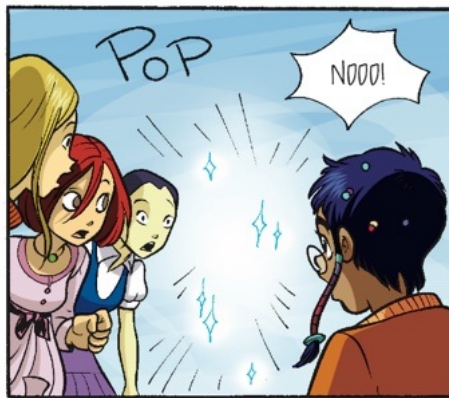
YOU OPENED
THE PORTAL
AND SAW...

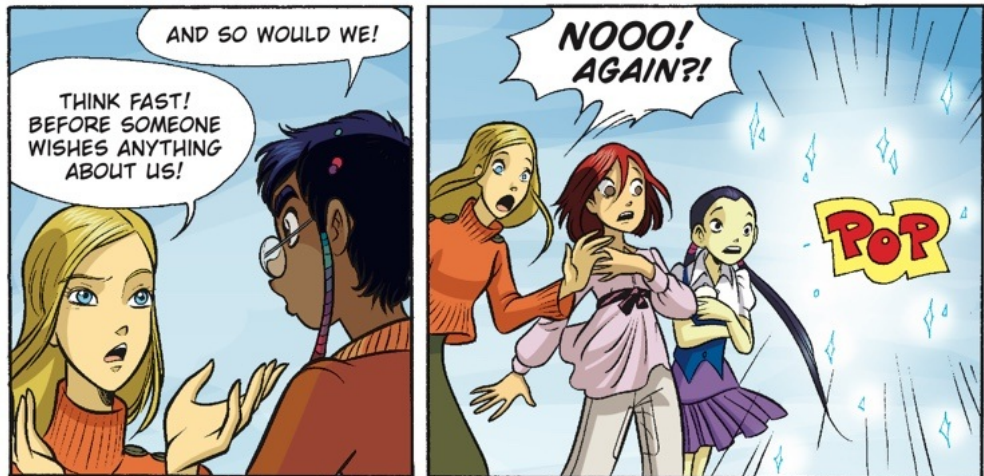
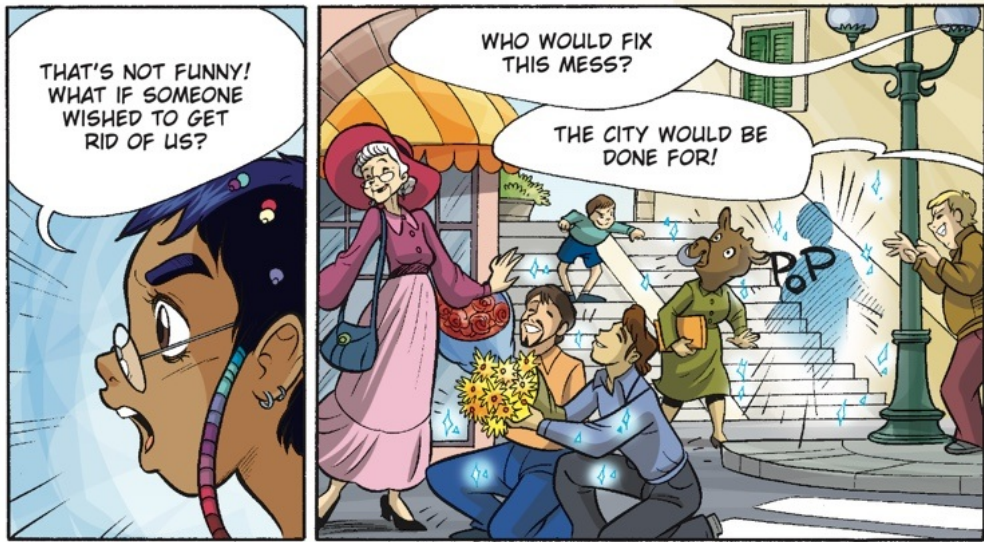
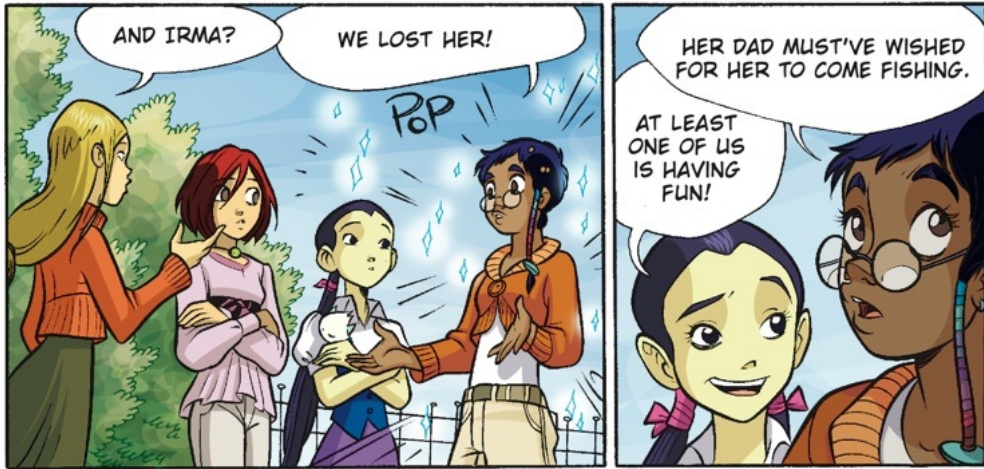
...A POWERFUL
MAGICAL LIGHT?

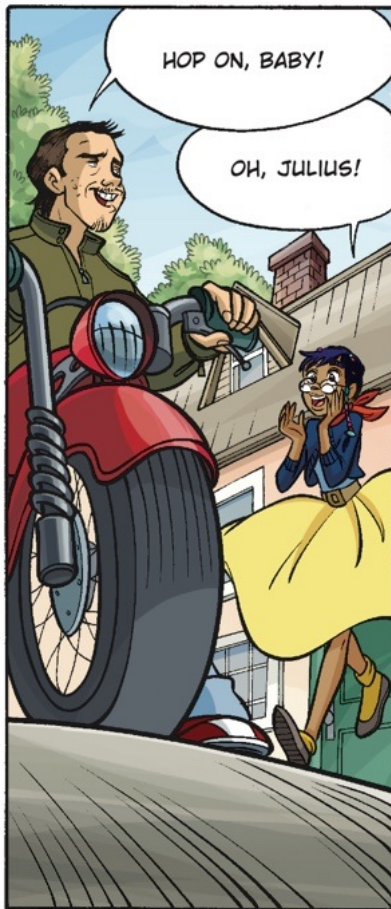


WE SAW IT TOO...
DURING THE
ECLIPSE!

SO IT
WASN'T
THE GREEN
FLASH...

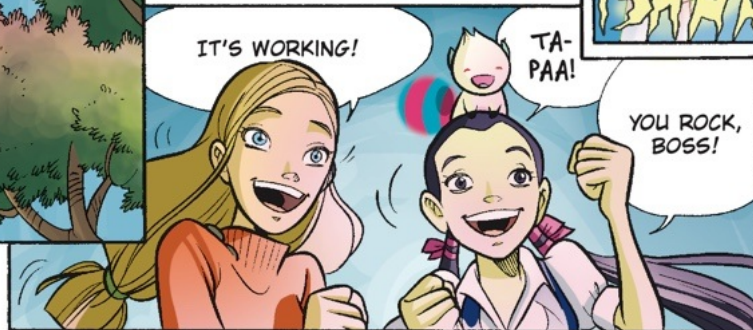








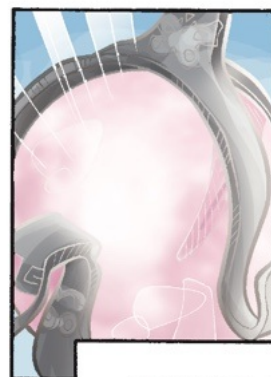
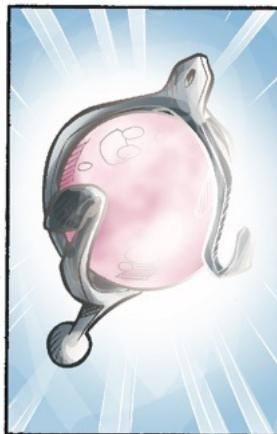
...ITS
HEART WILL
FIX IT!



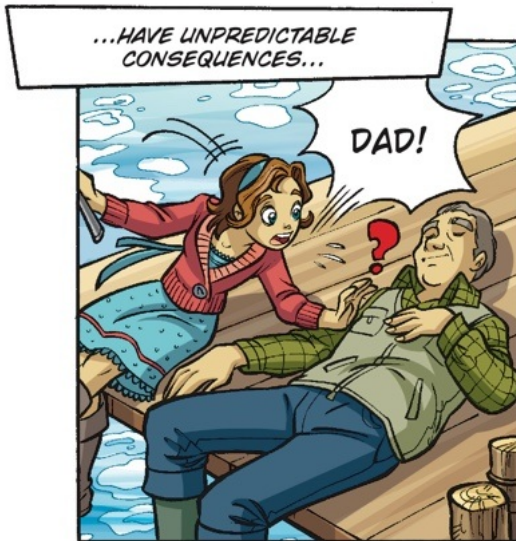
IT'S WORKING!

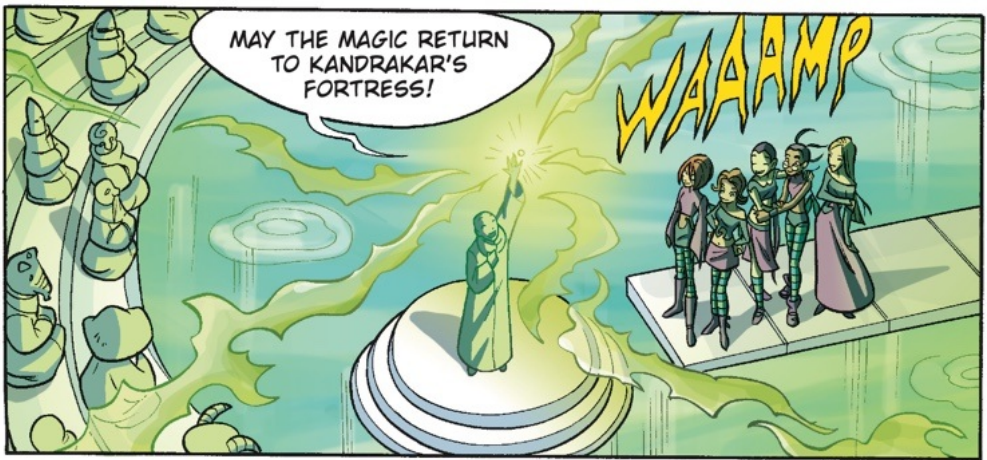
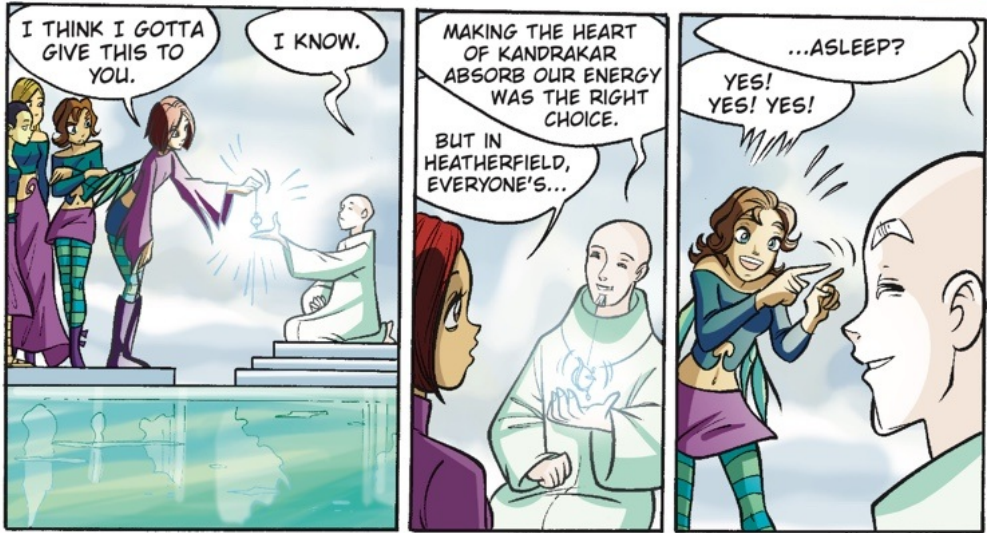
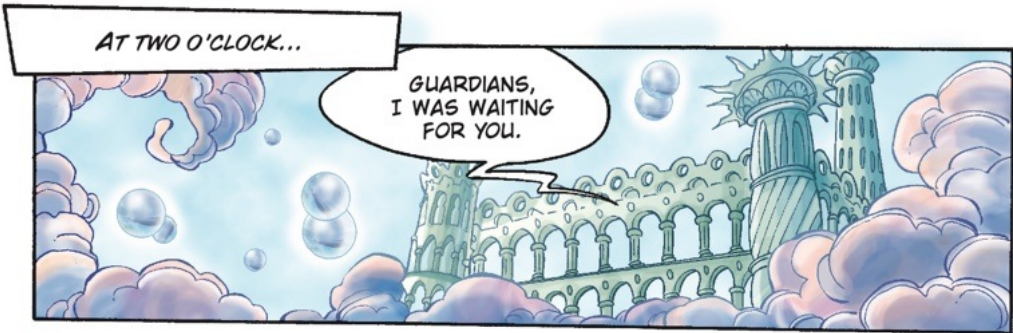
TA-
PAA!

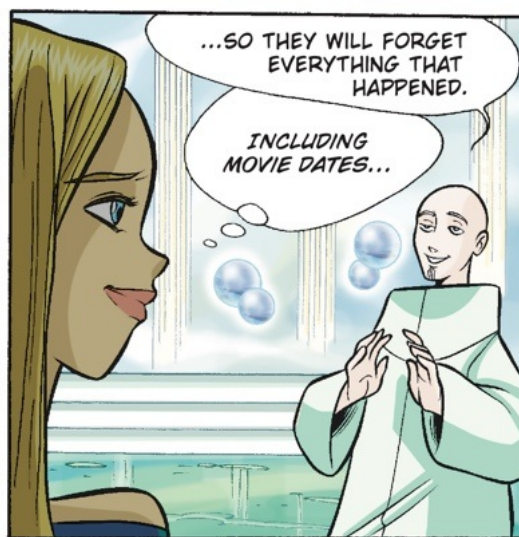
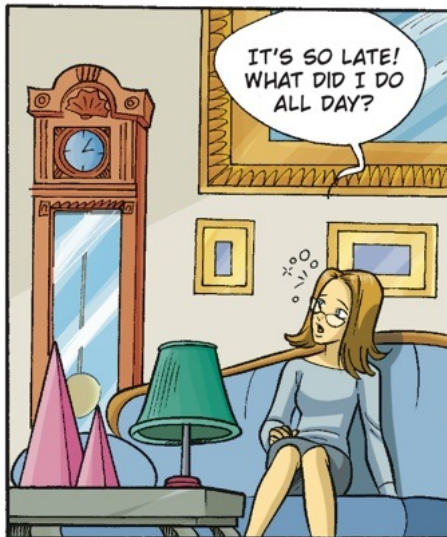
YOU ROCK,
BOSS!



WILL TRIES, BUT
HER ACTIONS...







"...AND YOUR CITY WILL ONCE MORE BE HOW IT HAS ALWAYS BEEN!"



HOW WONDERFULLY NORMAL!

FINALLY! OUR HEATHERFIELD!



I ALWAYS THOUGHT IT WOULD BE COOL TO HAVE ALL YOUR DREAMS COME TRUE...

BUT TODAY HAD SOME UPSIDES TOO.



I DIDN'T SEE ANY!

OUT OF EVERYTHING HE COULD'VE WISHED FOR, DAD ONLY WANTED TO GO FISHING WITH ME!



DADS CAN BE SO SWEET!

AND NOT JUST BIRTH-DADS...

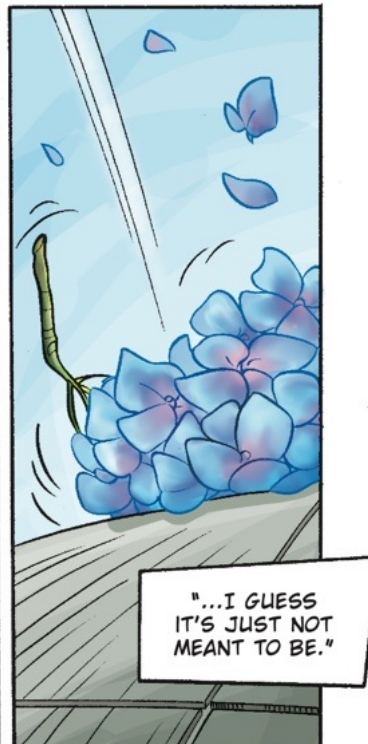


YEAH! SO DON'T COUNT ON ME FOR SUNDAY. I'LL TAKE SERGEANT LAIR FISHING!



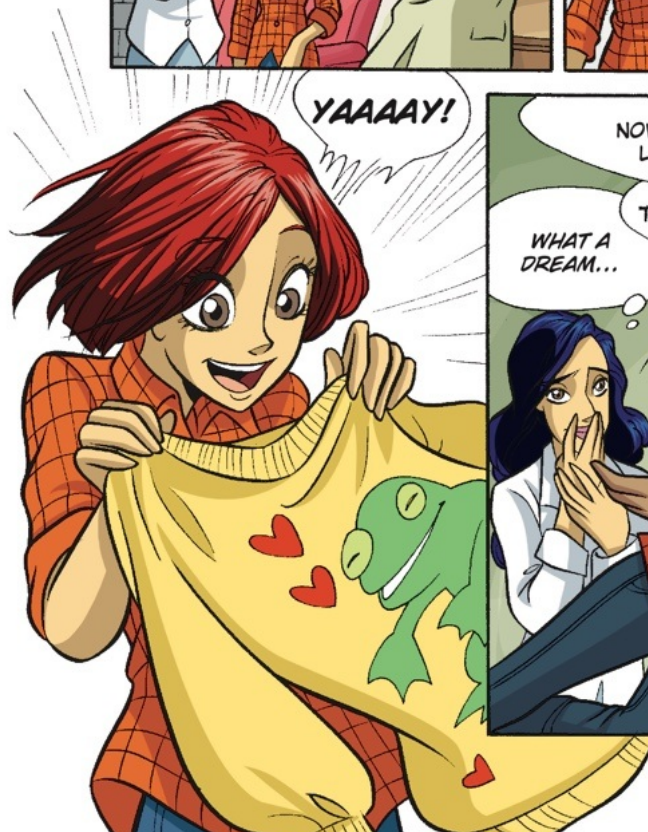
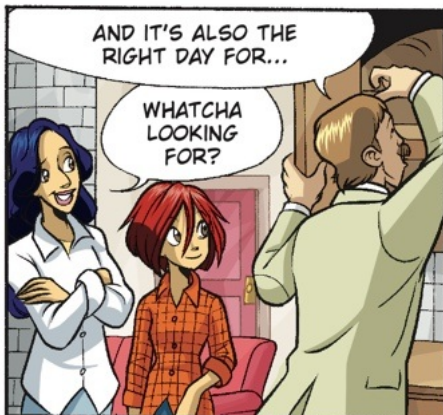
OKAY, WE'RE GOING THIS WAY!

SEE YOU AT SCHOOL TOMORROW!









SOMEONE'S LIVING A DREAM, AND
SOMEONE ELSE A NIGHTMARE...



SHOOT, SHOOT,
SHOOT!



SEE YOU THERE,
MAN!

YOU GO AHEAD,
I'LL BE THERE
IN A SEC!



OH NO!



I CAN'T
KEEP MY
HOPES UP.
I SHOULD
FORGET HIM
AS SOON AS
POSSIBLE...



HI, ARE YOU
BUSY?

MAKING
COPIES.



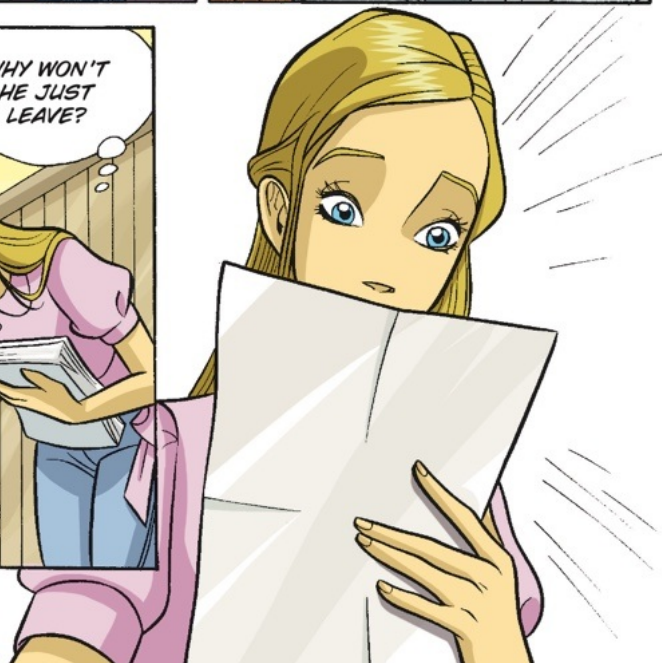
NEED SOME
HELP?

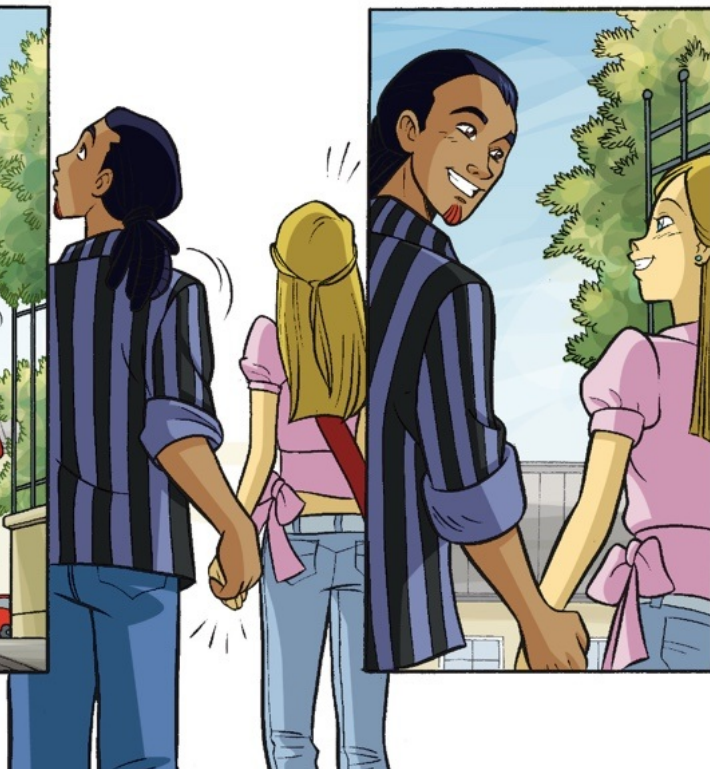
NO
THANKS.



GOT
A LOT
TO DO?

YEAH.

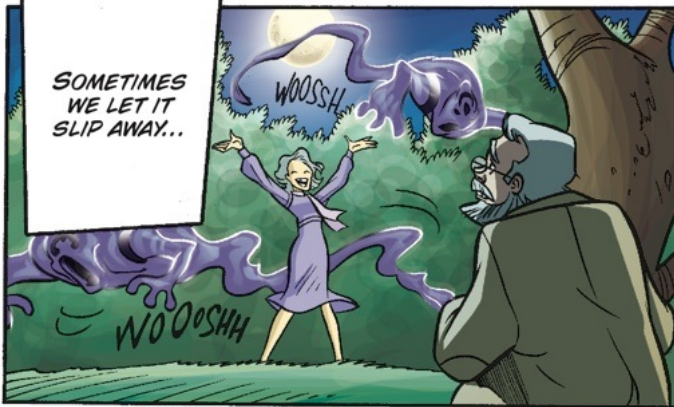




SOMETIMES
THE
SOLUTION
IS WITHIN
REACH.
SOMETIMES
WE GRAB
IT...



SOMETIMES
WE LET IT
SLIP AWAY...



WHAT
WOULD HAVE
HAPPENED
IF SOMEONE
HAD
WISHED...



...FOR TECLA TO
CHANGE FOREVER?!

THAT ENERGY
GAVE ME MY
STRENGTH
BACK!



NOW NOBODY CAN
STOP ME!



END OF
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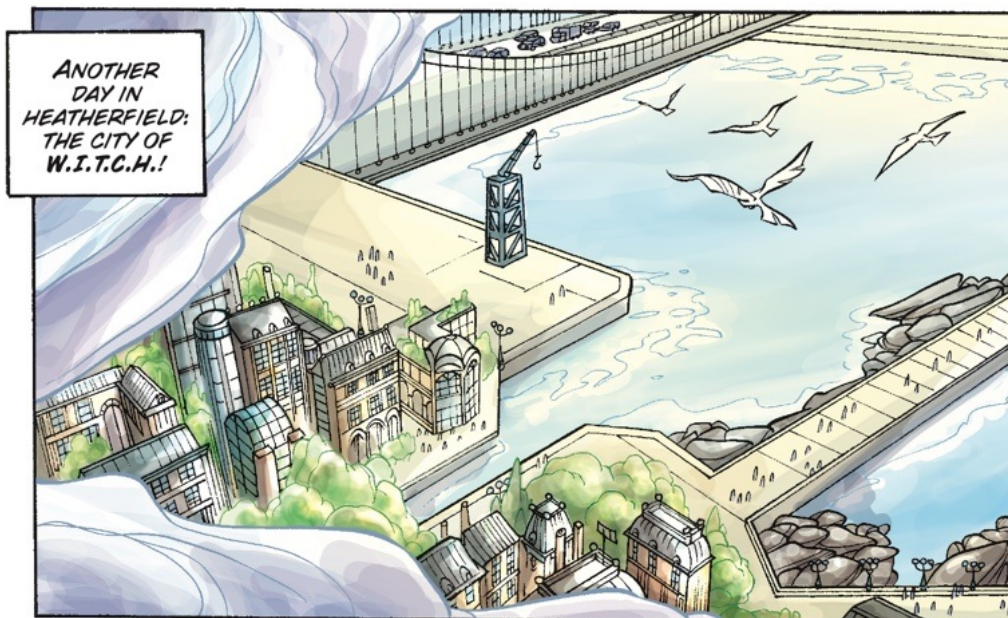
The Black Beat

"I dunno what's happening to my heart!"





A BEAT IN THE DARKNESS.



ANOTHER DAY IN HEATHERFIELD: THE CITY OF W.I.T.C.H.!



THEIR ADVENTURES USUALLY TAKE PLACE HERE...

...BUT NOT TODAY!

WILL, HURRY! YOUR TRAIN'S ON THE OTHER PLATFORM!





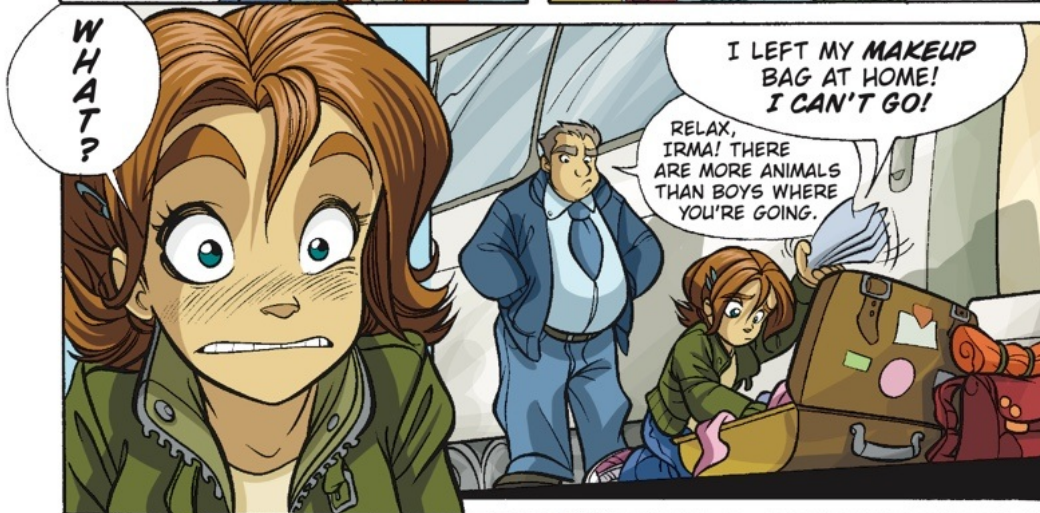


The number you have dialed is currently unavailable...

NO LUCK... HER PHONE MUST STILL BE OFF.



ON THE BRIGHT SIDE, I HAVE MORE TIME TO GET READY!



WHAT?

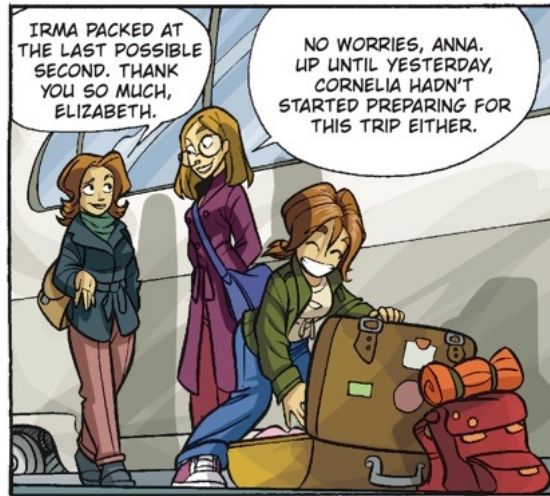
I LEFT MY MAKEUP BAG AT HOME! I CAN'T GO!

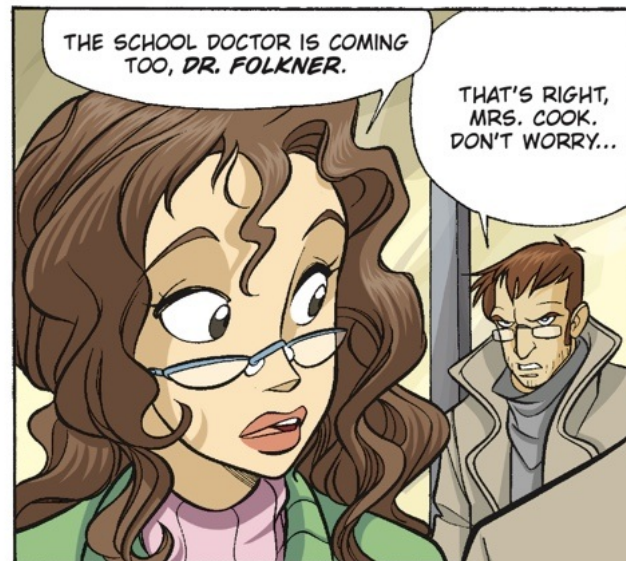
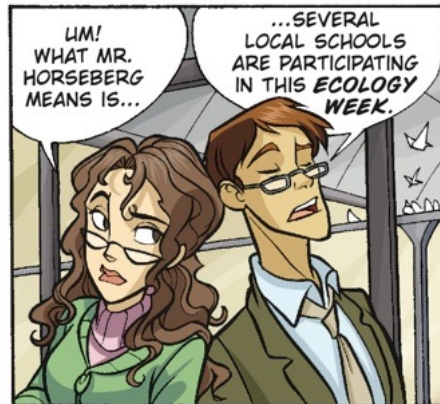
RELAX, IRMA! THERE ARE MORE ANIMALS THAN BOYS WHERE YOU'RE GOING.

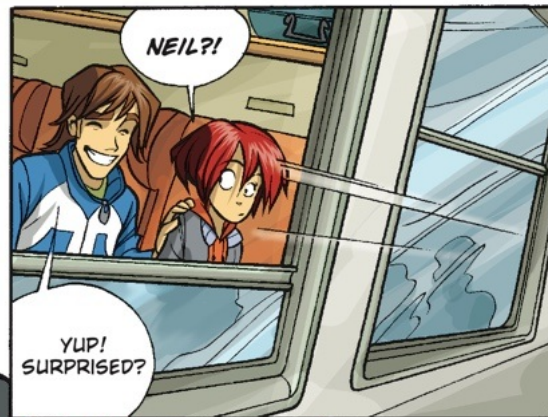
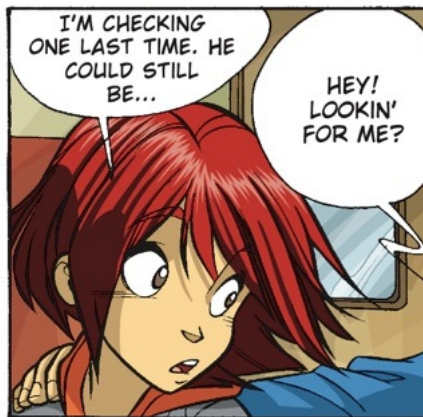
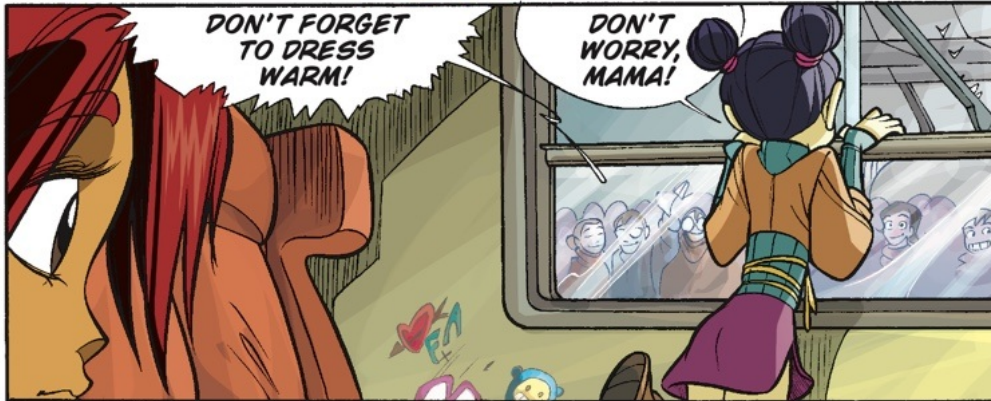
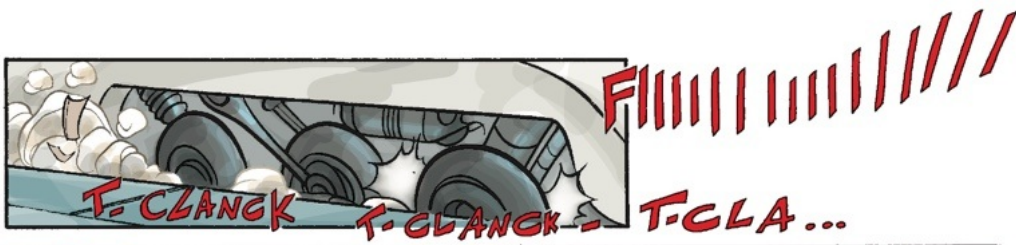


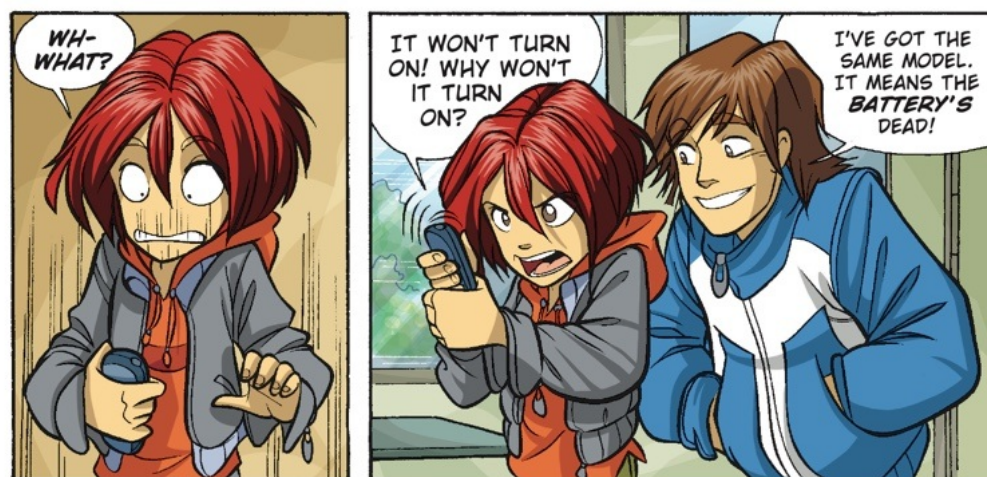
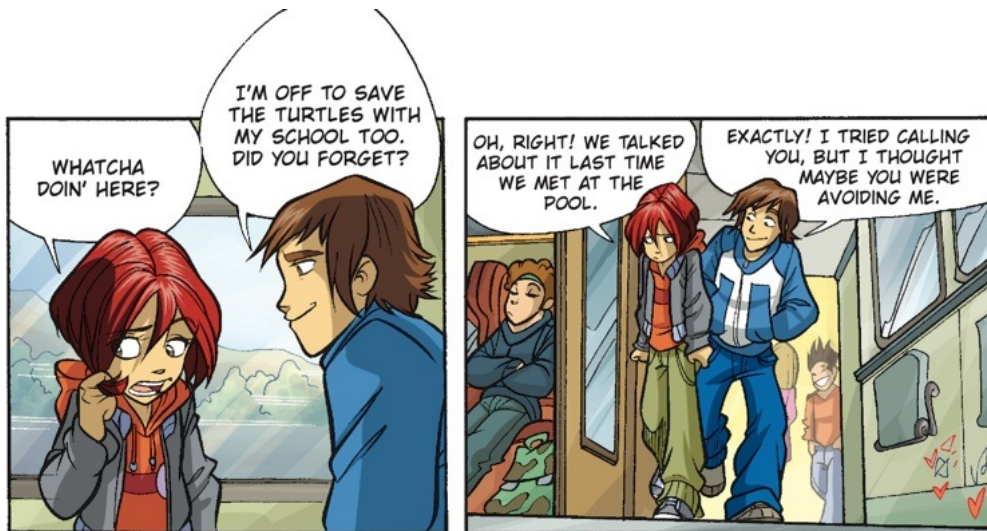
DON'T WORRY, IRMA...

EXACTLY! I WOULDN'T WANT THOSE ANIMALS TO THINK I'M ONE OF THEM!











THE WIND MAKING MY EYES WATER...I COULDN'T COME UP WITH ANYTHING BETTER? AIR IS MY ELEMENT!



IT'S WEIRD...I'M EXCITED AND HAPPY TO GO... BUT IT WAS HARD SAYING GOOD-BYE TO MY PARENTS...



HOW SILLY. I WAS EMBARRASSED IN FRONT OF WILL. I DUNNO WHY, BUT I FEEL SO ALONE TODAY...

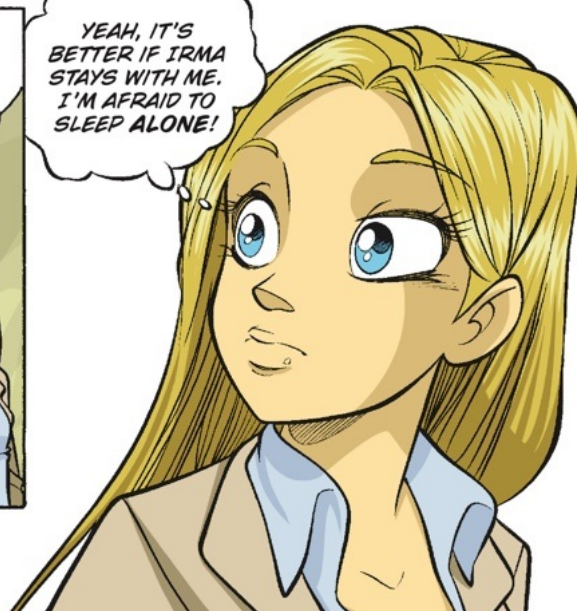
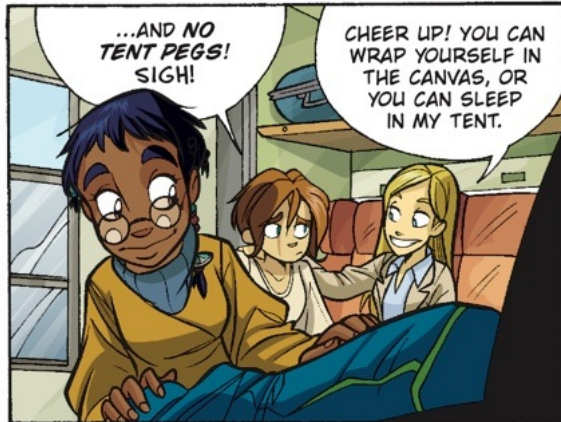
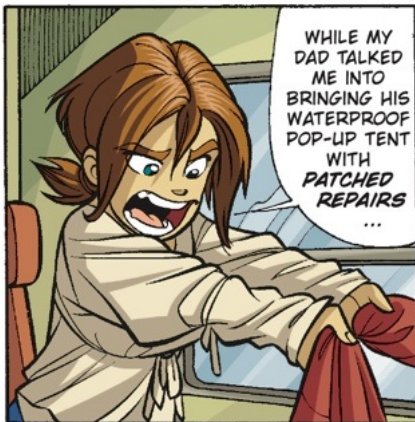
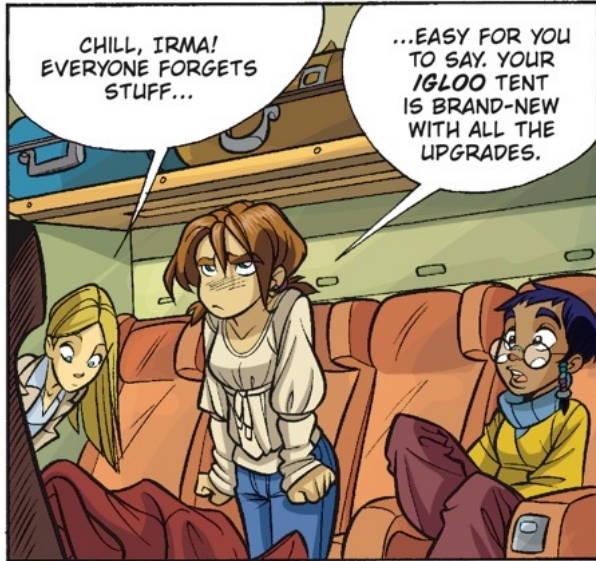


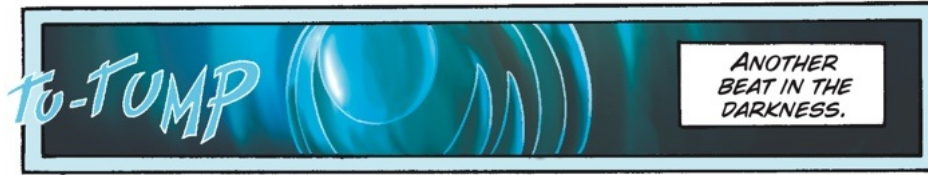
I GUESS IT'S PARTLY THAT WEIRDO FOLKNER. HAVING HIM AROUND CREEPS ME OUT.



WE KNOW ABOUT HIM, AND HE KNOWS ABOUT US. FOR SOME REASON, THAT RAGORLANG HUNTER IS SPYING ON US.

RAGORLANGS! IT ALL STARTED WITH MY NIGHTMARE. THERE WAS A LONG CORRIDOR, LIKE IN THIS TRAIN CAR, AND AT THE END...

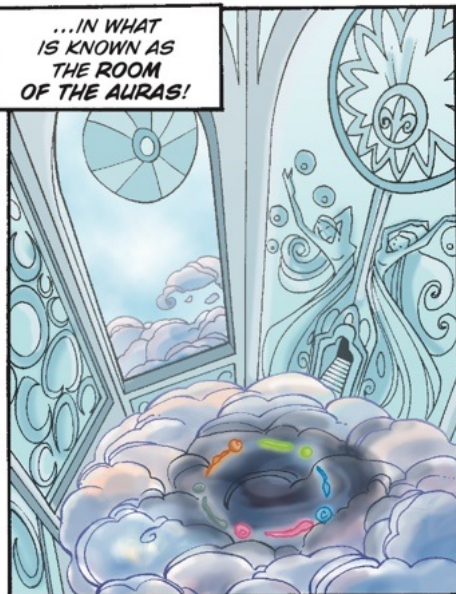




ANOTHER
BEAT IN THE
DARKNESS.



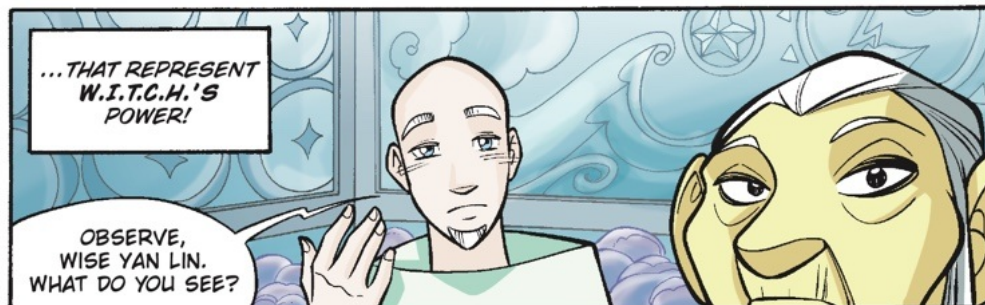
ANOTHER CHANGE OF
SCENERY. NOW WE'RE
IN THE FORTRESS OF
KANDRAKAR, AT THE
CENTER OF INFINITY...



...IN WHAT
IS KNOWN AS
THE ROOM
OF THE AURAS!



THE FIVE AURAL
DROPLETS ARE
KEPT HERE. THE
DROPS OF MAGICAL
ESSENCE...



...THAT REPRESENT
W.I.T.C.H.'S
POWER!

OBSERVE,
WISE YAN LIN.
WHAT DO YOU SEE?



THE DROPS REPRESENTING THE GIRLS' STRENGTH ARE BIG AND POWERFUL, ORACLE...



...BUT THEY'RE ISOLATED BECAUSE OF THIS STRANGE DARK MIST!

YES. IT IS INTERFERING WITH THE GUARDIANS' COMMUNICATIONS.



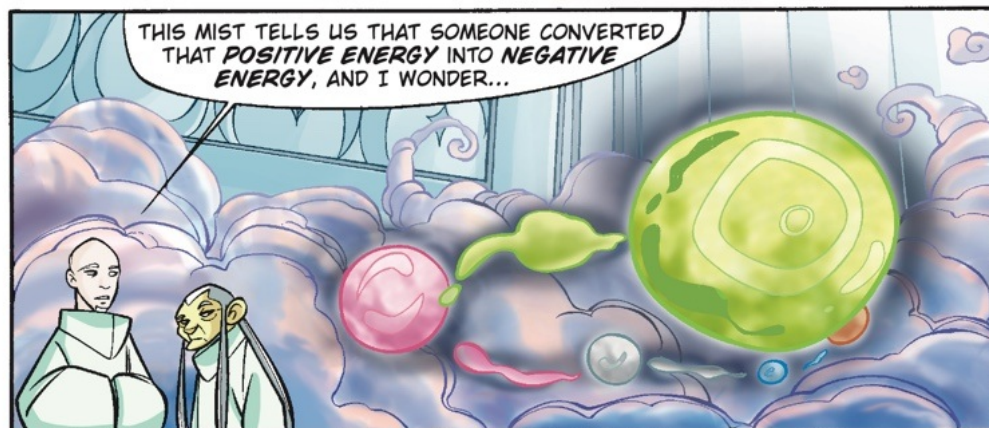
THEY FEEL **ALONE** EVEN THOUGH THEY ARE CLOSE ENOUGH TO TOUCH!

BUT... WHY IS THIS HAPPENING?



RECENTLY, HEATHERFIELD WAS FLOODED WITH MAGIC, **ELEMENTAL** ENERGY FROM KANDRAKAR...

...UNFORTUNATELY, A SMALL PART OF THAT ENERGY REMAINED ON EARTH AND DID NOT RETURN.



THIS MIST TELLS US THAT SOMEONE CONVERTED THAT **POSITIVE ENERGY** INTO **NEGATIVE ENERGY**, AND I WONDER...



"...WHO COULD THAT BE?"

TECLA!



THE GIRLS ARE GONE, AND OUR TRAIN'S ABOUT TO LEAVE.

WHY THAT TONE, KARL? THERE'S NO RUSH. THE STATION'S ONLY AROUND THE CORNER.

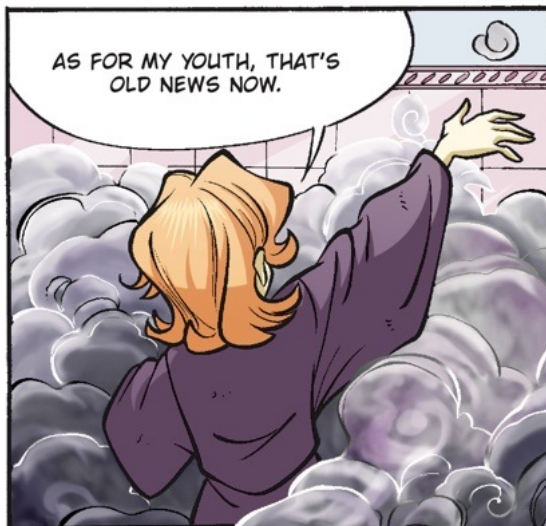


THE THING IS, I HOPED YOU'D GIVEN UP ON YOUR PLAN FOR REVENGE. YOU GOT WHAT YOU WANTED. YOU'RE YOUNG AND BEAUTIFUL, AND I...



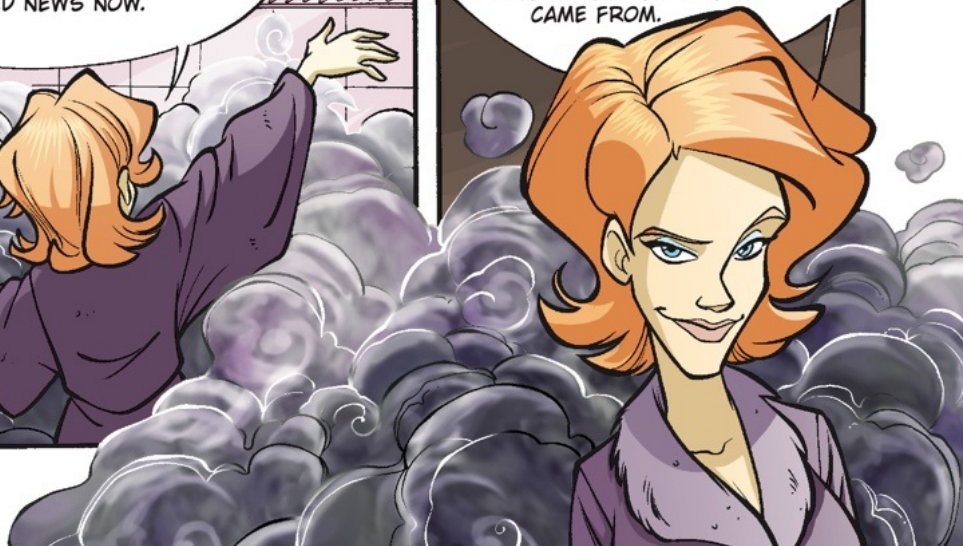
...I DON'T...

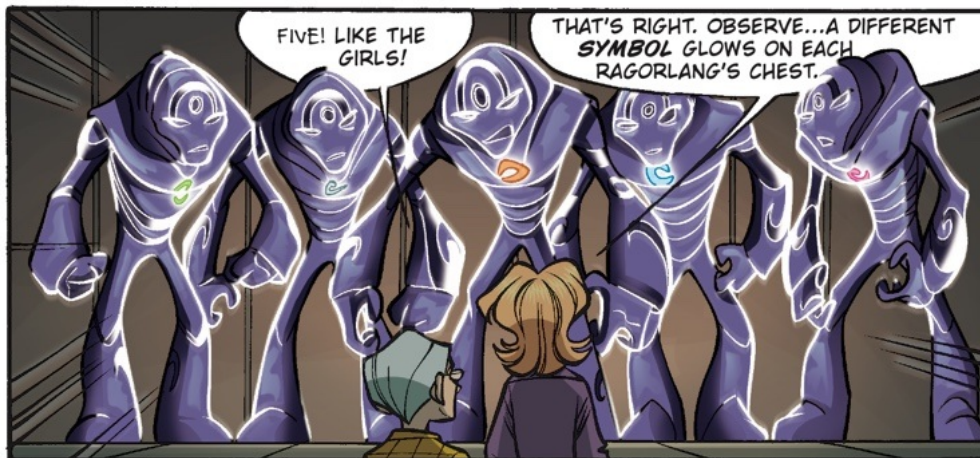
YOU'LL ALWAYS BE *USEFUL* TO ME, MY DEAR. PASS ME MY ROBE, PLEASE...



AS FOR MY YOUTH, THAT'S OLD NEWS NOW.

YOU KNOW, HONEY, I ALWAYS WONDERED WHERE MY POWER—MY ABILITY TO CREATE THE RAGORLANG—CAME FROM.





NOAH ISLAND IS A NATIONAL PARK. THIS DOESN'T PREVENT TOURISTS FROM VISITING, BUT MOST OF THE COAST IS PROTECTED.



THE CHELIDAE CENTER'S TASK IS TO COLLECT BIOMETRIC DATA AND ENSURE THE SEA TURTLES ARE HEALTHY.



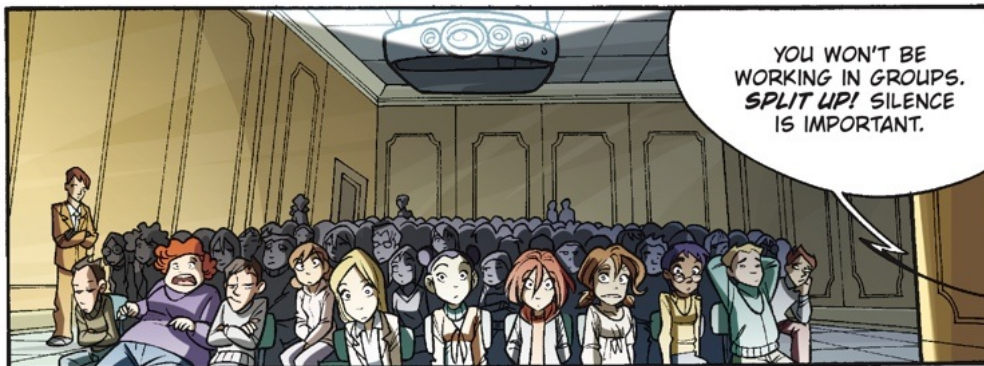
AT THIS TIME OF YEAR, THE BEACHES ARE FULL OF EGGS! YOUR TASK WILL BE TO HELP US MONITOR THEM WHILE WAITING FOR THEM TO *HATCH*.



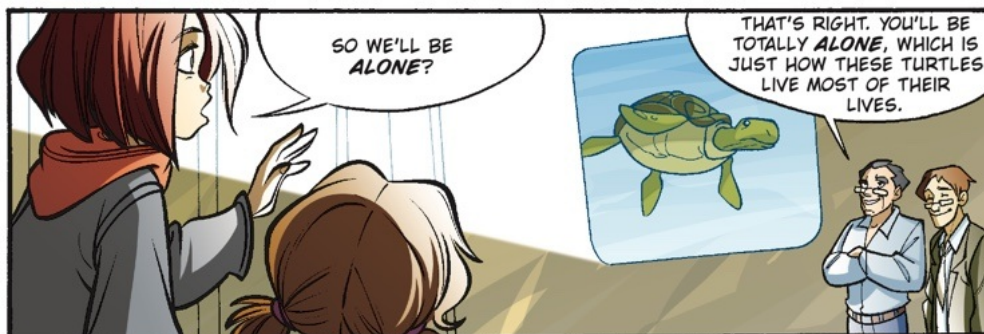
WHAT DR. *GOSSET* IS SAYING IS THAT TONIGHT YOU'LL SLEEP UNDER THE STARS!



FORGET ABOUT TENTS! WE'LL GIVE YOU SLEEPING BAGS AND INFRARED BINOCULARS.



YOU WON'T BE WORKING IN GROUPS. *SPLIT UP!* SILENCE IS IMPORTANT.



SO WE'LL BE *ALONE*?

THAT'S RIGHT. YOU'LL BE TOTALLY *ALONE*, WHICH IS JUST HOW THESE TURTLES LIVE MOST OF THEIR LIVES.

THROUGH THIS
EXPERIENCE, WE
WANT TO SHOW YOU
THAT SOLITUDE IS
A NATURAL STATE.
IT'S A PART
OF LIFE.



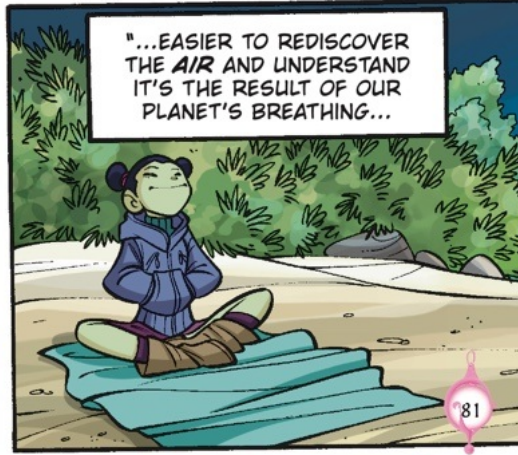
"A LIFE THAT HERE ON THE ISLAND
BEATS LIKE A *HIDDEN HEART*!
THE HEART OF THE WORLD,
CREATED BY THE FOUR ELEMENTS.



"YOU'LL DISCOVER HERE IT'S
EASIER TO LISTEN TO THE
WATER AND BE LULLED BY
THE ENDLESS WAVES OF THE
SEA...



"...EASIER TO REDISCOVER
THE *AIR* AND UNDERSTAND
IT'S THE RESULT OF OUR
PLANET'S BREATHING...

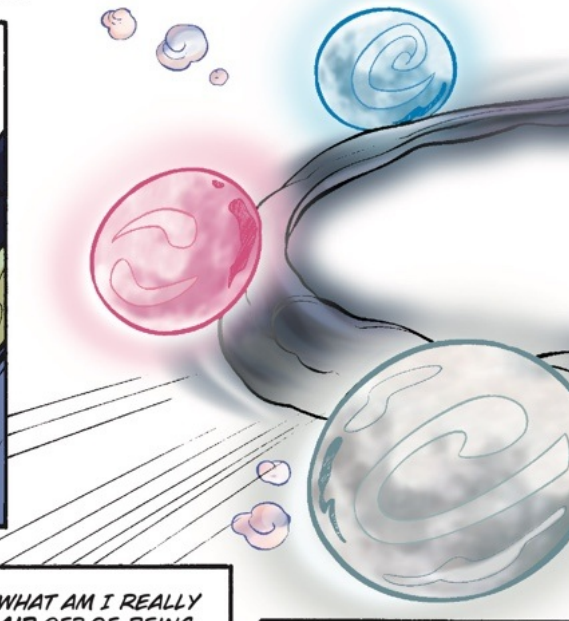


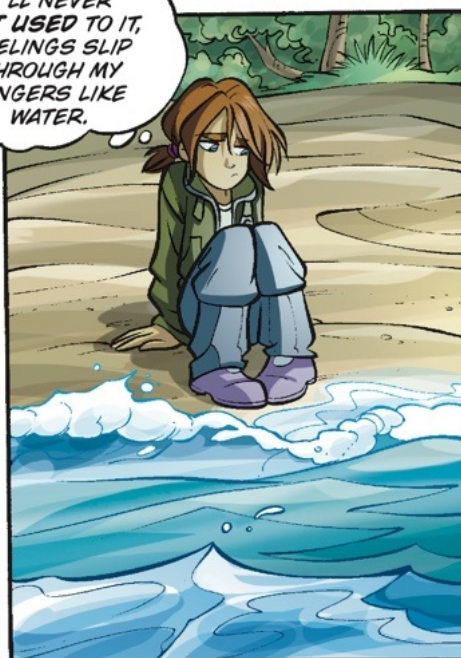
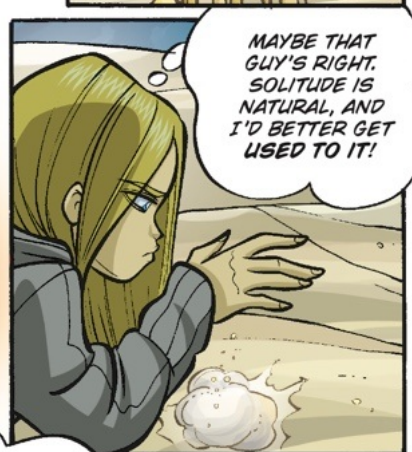
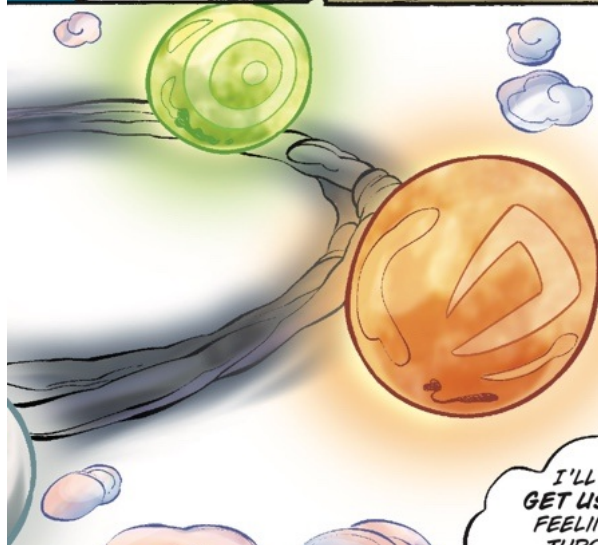
"...WHILE
THE *EARTH*
REMINDS US
THAT TIME
CAN ERODE
EVEN ROCK...



"...AND THAT *FIRE*,
THE ORIGIN OF EVERYTHING,
IS SOMEHOW ALIVE EVEN
IN THE WARM MOONLIGHT."

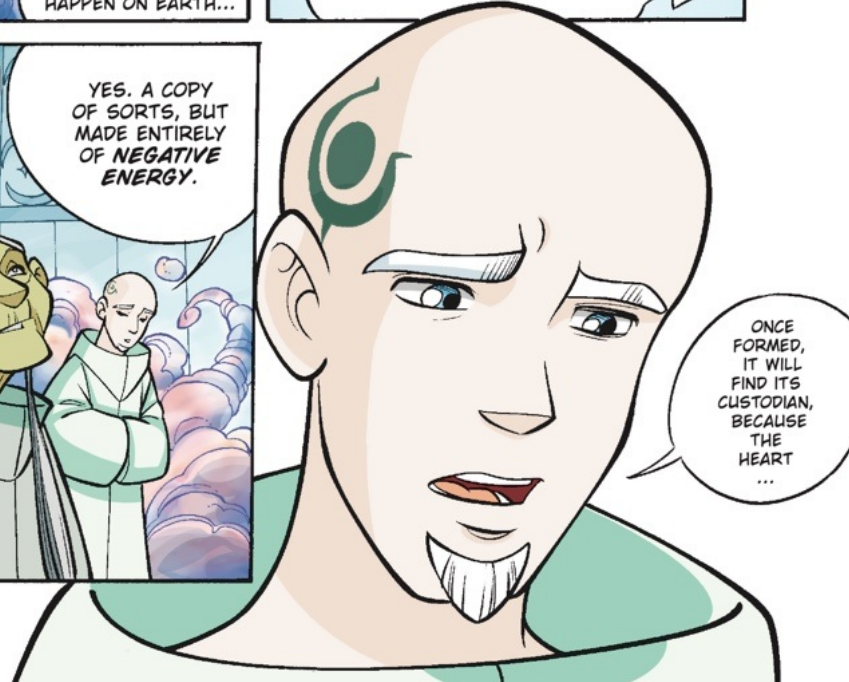
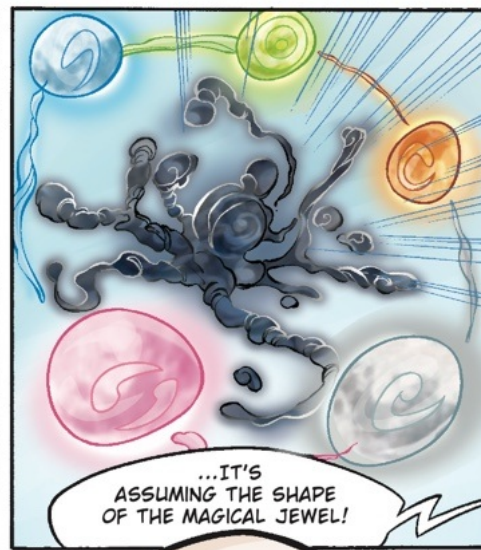














"...SUMMONS
THE HEART!"



FOLKNER!
WHAT DO YOU
WANT?!

RELAX, KID.
I COME IN
PEACE.



I WANT TO HELP
YOU AND YOUR
FRIENDS.

YEAH,
RIGHT! YOU
JUST WANNA
CATCH
TECLA IBSEN'S
RAGORLANG!



RIGHT.
THAT
WOMAN IS
OBSESSED
WITH THE
FIVE OF
YOU...

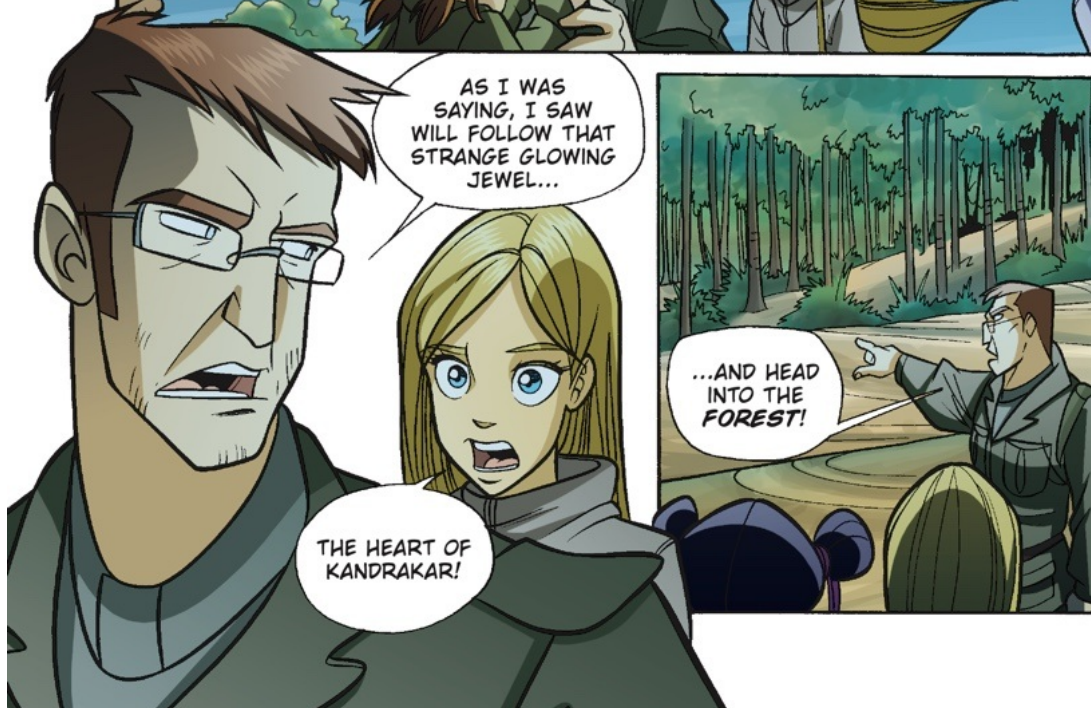


...AND THAT'S
WHY I'M
FOLLOWING
YOU.

AND THAT'S WHY I
THINK WE SHOULD
WORK TOGETHER
AND...



...MAYBE CONSIDER
LOOKING FOR YOUR
FRIEND WILL, WHO
JUST WENT
MISSING!





This place
creeps me
out!



You think we can
trust Folkner?

Like a fox
guarding a
henhouse!



Anyway, he seems to
be the only one who
can find the way
through this maze
in the moon-
light.

I'M STILL
A HUNTER,
AFTER ALL.



DON'T BE SURPRISED.
I CAN HEAR THE
QUIETEST WHISPER,
AND I **KNOW**
TECLA IS HERE
SOMEWHERE!

?



THAT'S WHY
I'M HELPING
YOU. I KNOW
HOW POWERFUL
YOU ARE, AND
AT THE RIGHT
MOMENT, I WANT
YOU TO HELP ME
USE **THIS!**



A BOX?

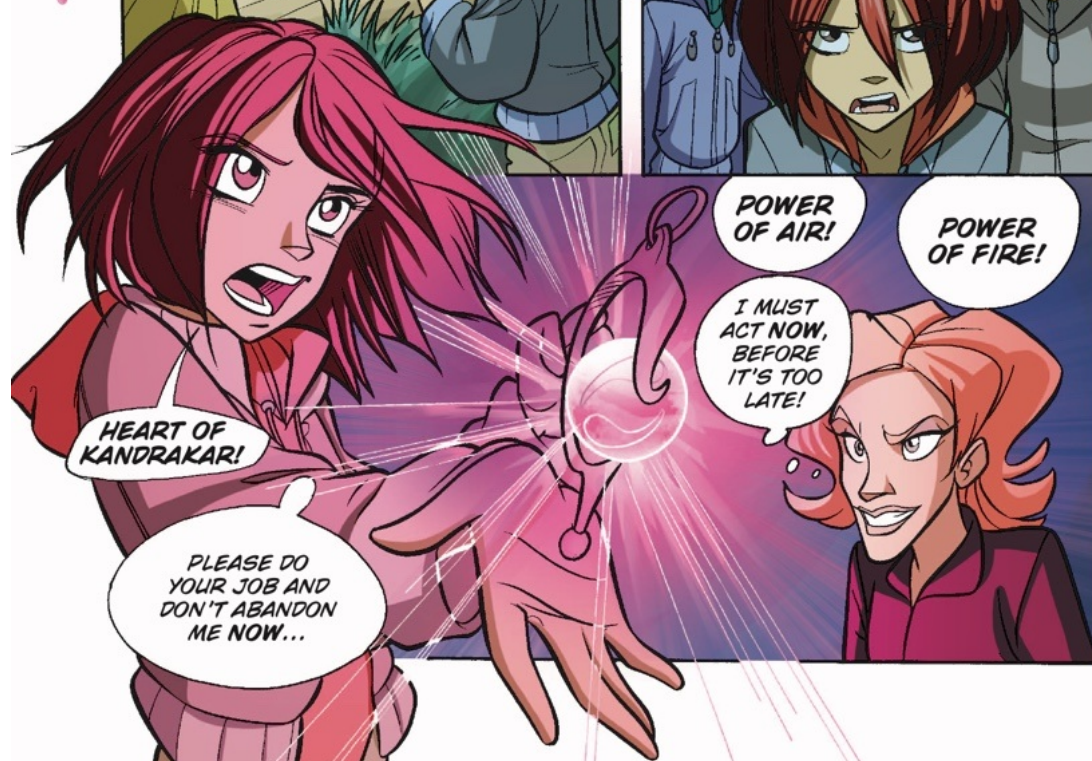
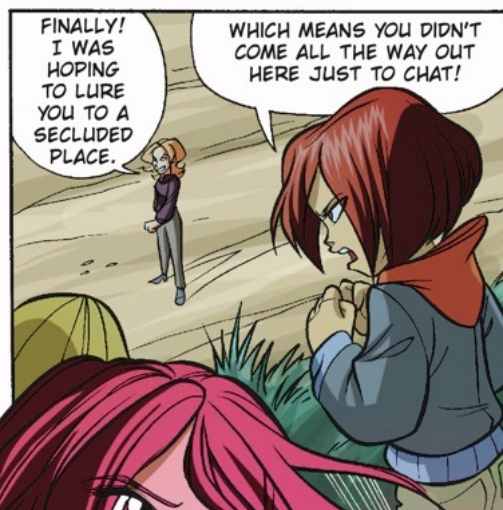
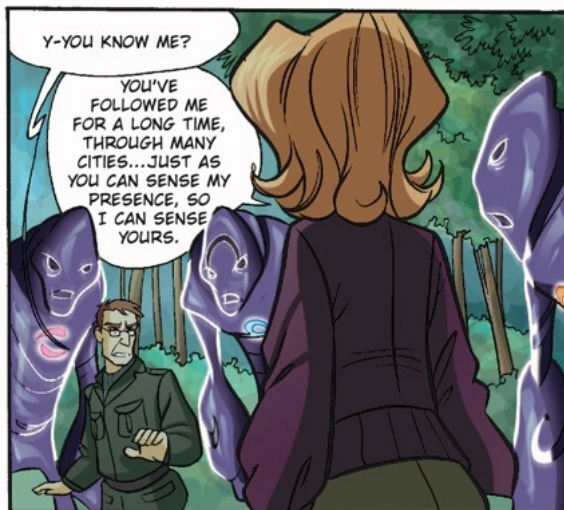
A
**RAGORLANG
TRAP!**





















"THERE! NOW I CAN CATCH A BREAK. I'LL TRY TO CONTACT TARANEE. HER TELEPATHY'S THE STRONGEST!"



"I CAN'T HEAR HER! SHE MUST'VE REALIZED THAT IF WE USE OUR POWERS..."

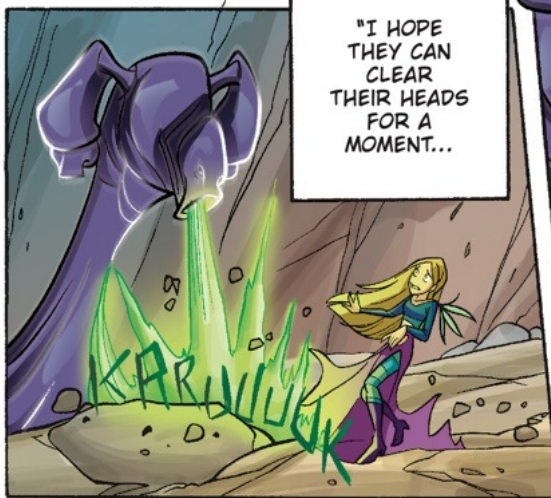


"...THEY GET MAGNIFIED AGAINST US!"

"NOTHING FROM HAY LIN AND THE OTHERS EITHER. THEY'RE ALL ISOLATED!"



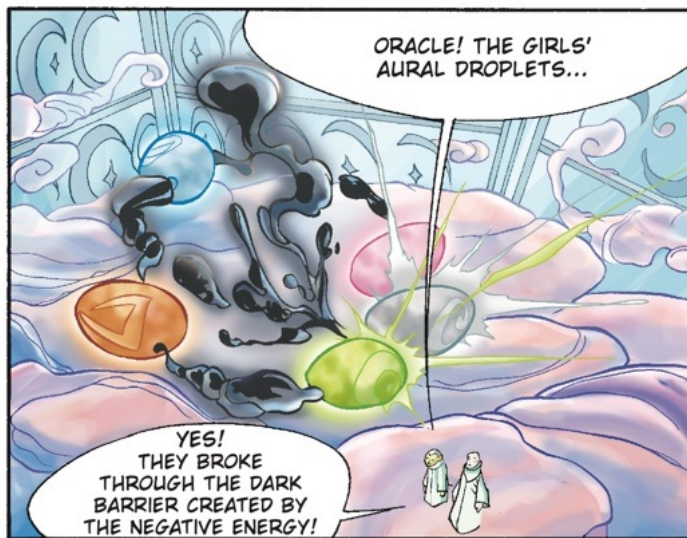
"I HOPE THEY CAN CLEAR THEIR HEADS FOR A MOMENT..."



"...BECAUSE I'M SURE FOR US TO GET IN TOUCH, WE JUST NEED TIME TO REMEMBER..."









GOOD! GIVE IT TO ME. I WANT TO TAKE A LOOK BEFORE I DESTROY IT.



NO! YOU'RE NOT GONNA DESTROY IT.

WHAT? HAVE YOU LOST YOUR MIND?



I COULD ASK YOU THE SAME, CONSIDERING HOW MUCH YOU'VE CHANGED LATELY...

...OR I COULD ASK YOU TO LET FOLKNER USE THIS RAGORLANG TRAP TO FREE YOU FROM YOUR MONSTERS!



EXCUSE ME! I KNOW THEY SAY DON'T COME BETWEEN HUSBAND AND WIFE...



YOU'RE FORGETTING THAT I LOVE THOSE MONSTERS, KARL!

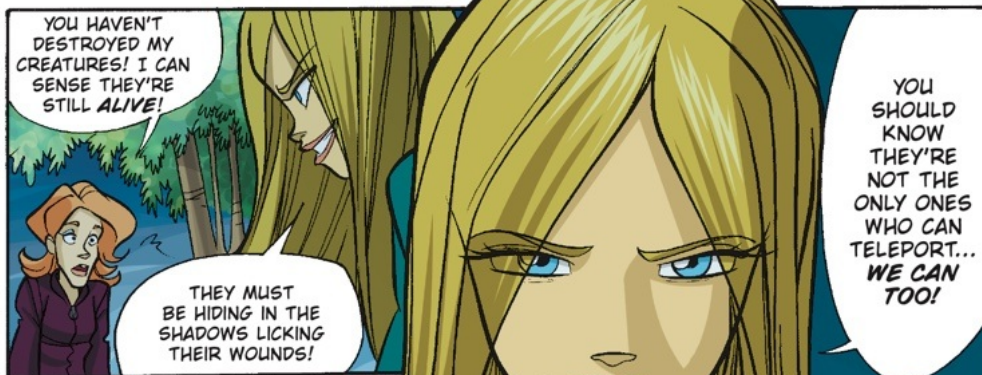
NO! YOU LOVE THE **POWER** THEY GIVE YOU. THAT'S DIFFERENT!

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...SORRY IF WE'RE INTERRUPTING. WE CAN COME BACK LATER!

YOU? TH-THAT'S NOT POSSIBLE!



YOU HAVEN'T DESTROYED MY CREATURES! I CAN SENSE THEY'RE STILL ALIVE!

THEY MUST BE HIDING IN THE SHADOWS LICKING THEIR WOUNDS!

YOU SHOULD KNOW THEY'RE NOT THE ONLY ONES WHO CAN TELEPORT... WE CAN TOO!

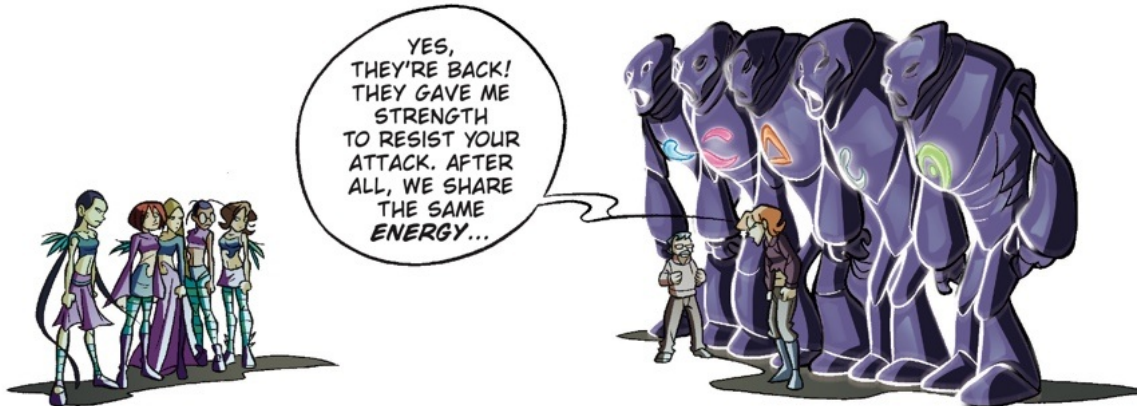
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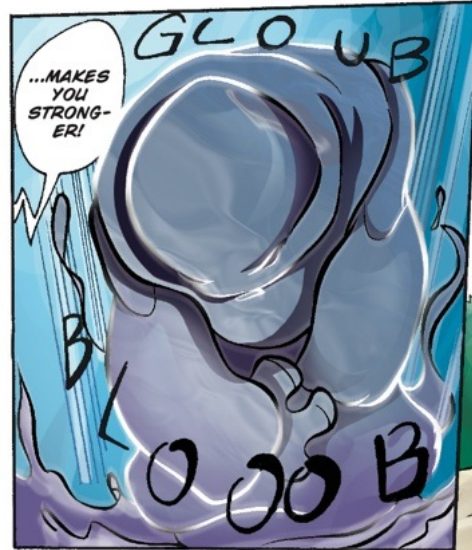
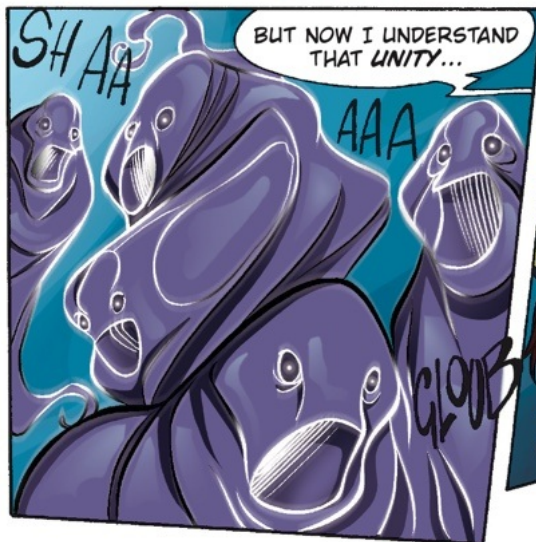
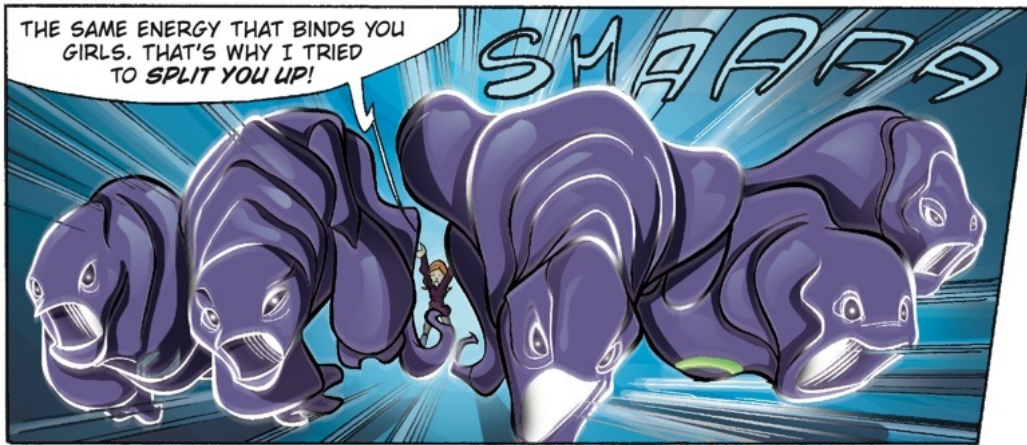
WHEN WE GOT IN TELEPATHIC CONTACT AGAIN, WE DECIDED TO **EXCHANGE** RAGORLANG, SO...



...FIRE FOUGHT OFF WATER, EARTH DEFEATED AIR, AND SO ON.



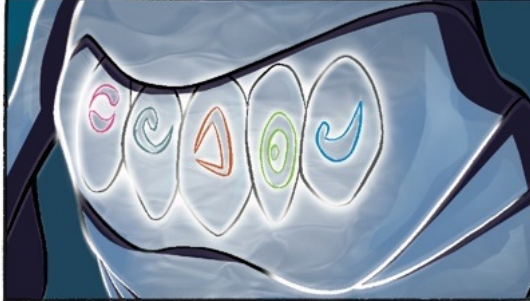




THE FIVE RAGORLANG
MERGE INTO A SINGLE,
MONSTROUS CREATURE.



EVEN THE SYMBOLS OF THE ELEMENTS
ALIGN ON ITS CHEST.



...THE MONSTER
WALKS, SUCKING
IN THE AIR...

...KILLING
THE GRASS...

...ABSORBING
THE WATER...

...AND FREEZING THE
EARTH IT STEPS ON...



TU-TUMP

ANOTHER BEAT.
THIS TIME, INSTEAD OF FROM
THE DARKNESS...

...FROM THE
MONSTER'S
CHEST,
WHERE THE
SYMBOLS OF
THE ELEMENTS
HAVE MERGED!



FULL OF
NEGATIVE ENERGY,
THE SYMBOLS
HAVE GENERATED
THE INFAMOUS
SHADOW OF
THE HEART...



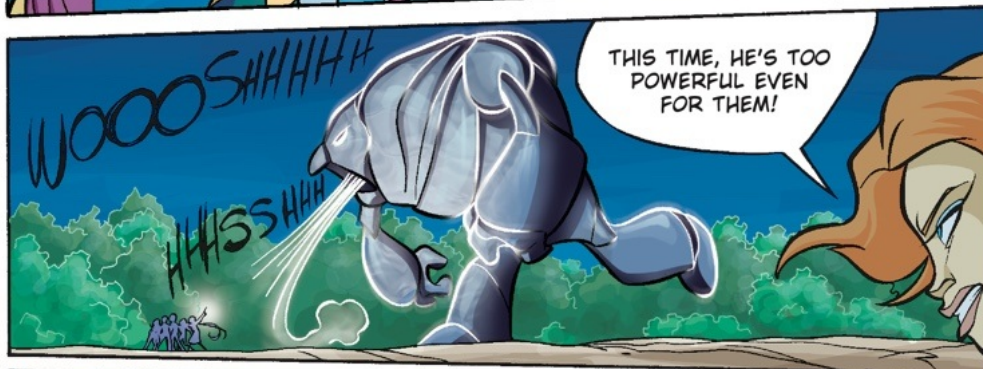
HIIIIISSSS.

...AND LIKE THE ORACLE SAID
IN THE ROOM OF THE AURAS IN
KANDRAKAR, THE HEART...



...SUMMONS
THE HEART!







MEMORIES FLOW.



SO LONG, HAY LIN! IT WAS REALLY NICE TO MEET YOU!

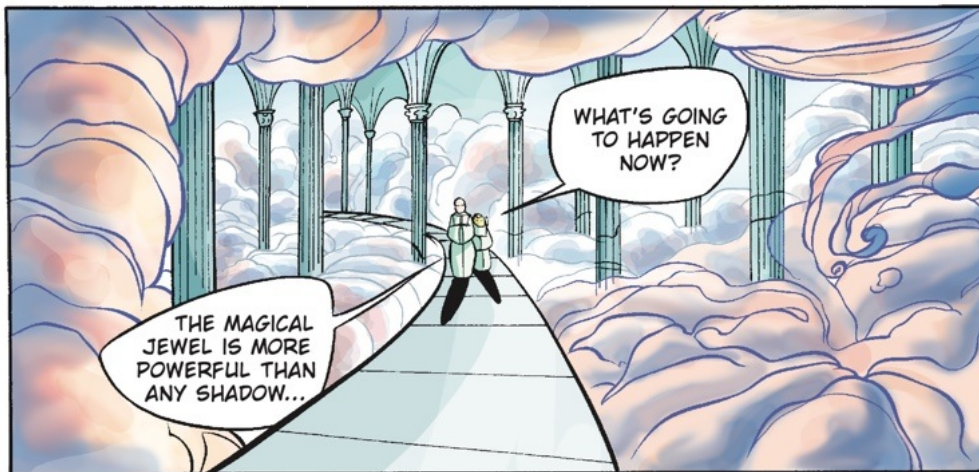




SO IT
HAPPENED...



THE HEART OF
KANDRAKAR AND
ITS *SHADOW* HAVE
FULLY MERGED.



WHAT'S GOING
TO HAPPEN
NOW?

THE MAGICAL
JEWEL IS MORE
POWERFUL THAN
ANY SHADOW...

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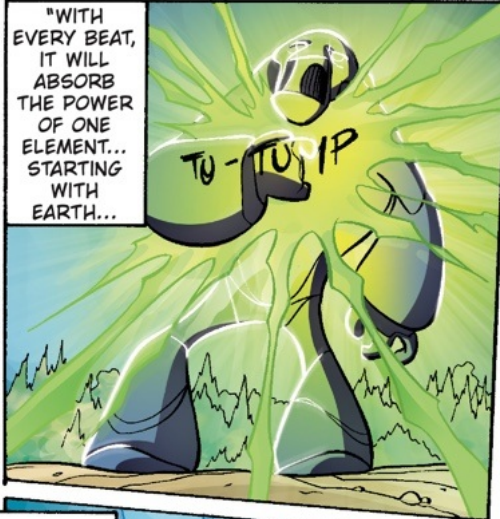


"...IF ALL
GOES AS
I HOPE, IT
WILL BEGIN
ABSORBING
THE
IMPOSTER'S
ENERGY!"

"THE HEART
WILL RECOVER
ALL THE
ELEMENTAL
ENERGY THAT
ESCAPED
KANDRAKAR,
TO THE LAST
DROP!"



"WITH
EVERY BEAT,
IT WILL
ABSORB
THE POWER
OF ONE
ELEMENT...
STARTING
WITH
EARTH..."



"...THEN FIRE..."



"...WATER..."

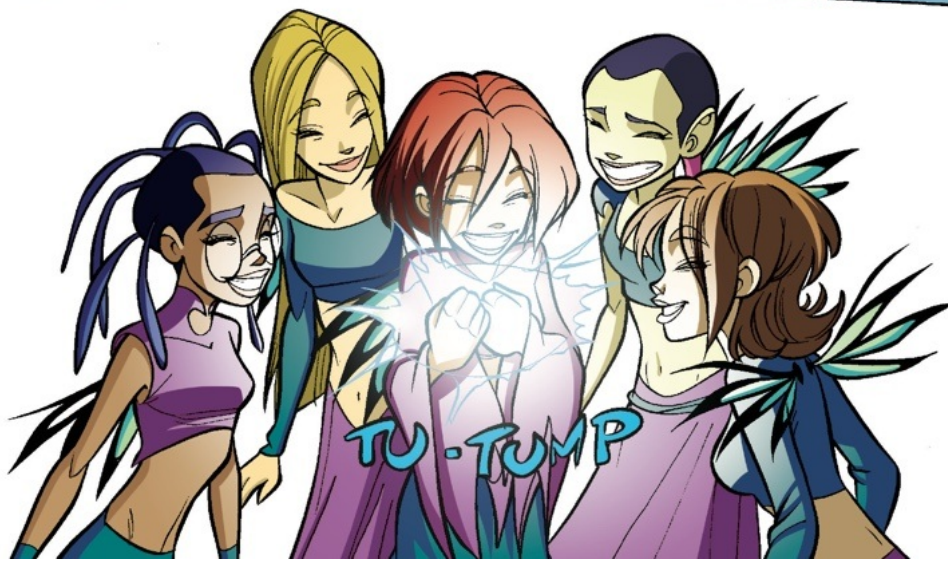
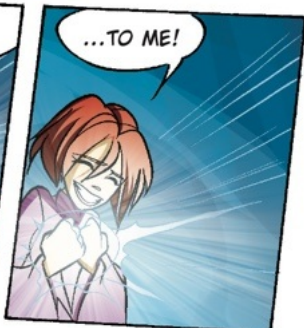
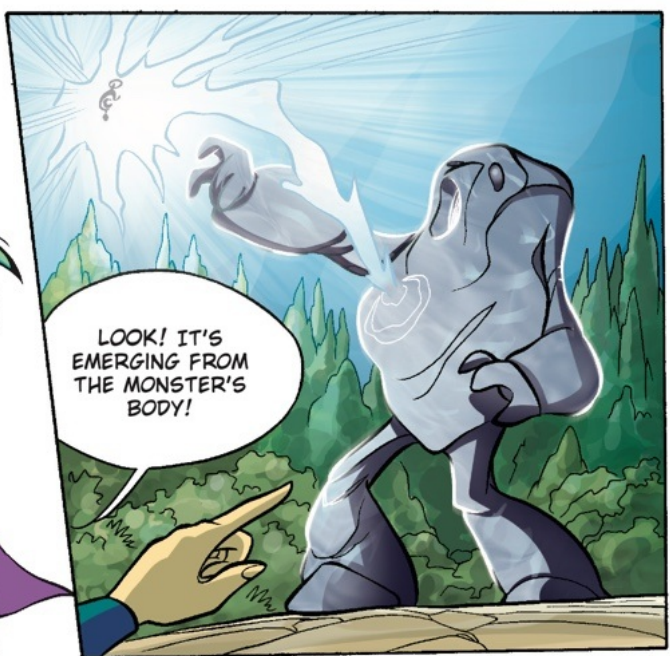


"...AIR..."

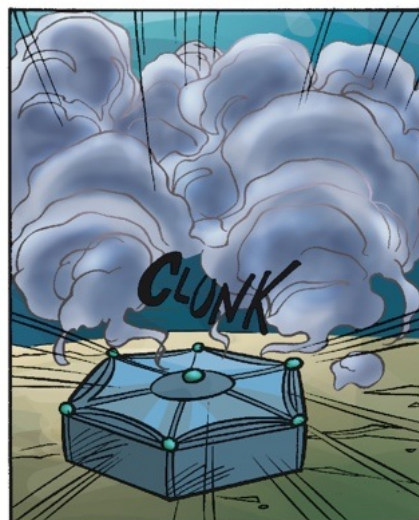


"...AND..."









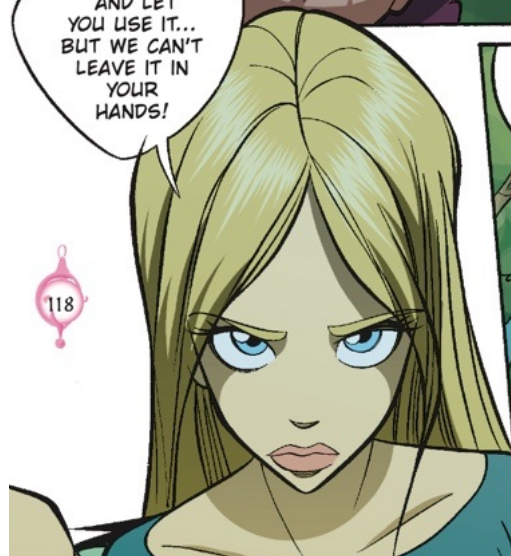


WE KEPT
OUR PROMISE
AND LET
YOU USE IT...
BUT WE CAN'T
LEAVE IT IN
YOUR
HANDS!



FOLKNER! THAT TRAP CONTAINS
THE ENERGY OF ALL THE
RAGORLANG YOU—

CAUGHT
OVER
THE
COURSE
OF MY
CAREER?
YES.



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I GUESS YOU DON'T CARE THAT I BUILT
IT MYSELF, STUDYING, LOOKING FOR
THE RIGHT MATERIALS, MAKING
HUGE SACRIFICES...



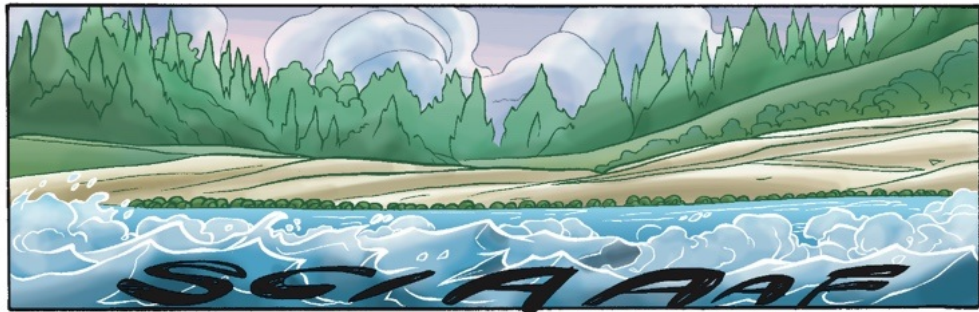
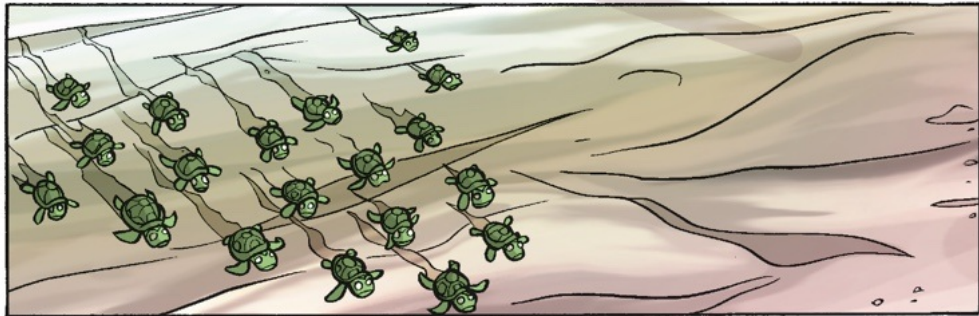
...AND THAT IT CONTAINS THE
RESULTS OF FIFTEEN YEARS'
WORK! HARD, DANGEROUS,
THANKLESS WORK.

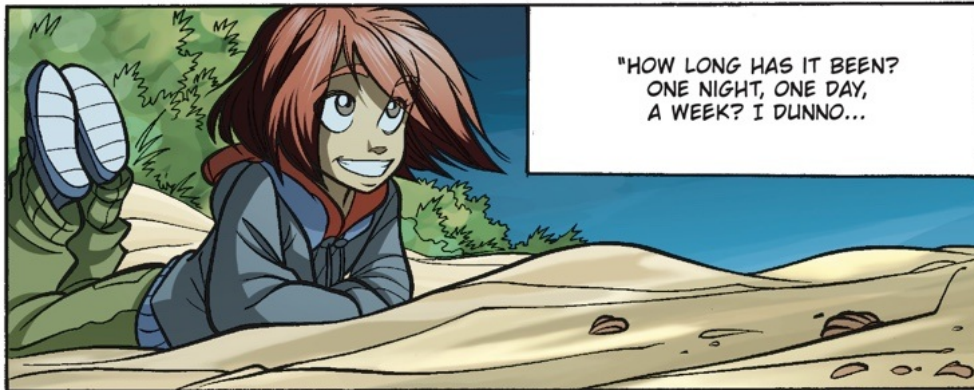


WE'RE SORRY,
BUT IT'S THE
RIGHT THING
TO DO.

NO! I'LL TELL
YOU WHAT'S
RIGHT...



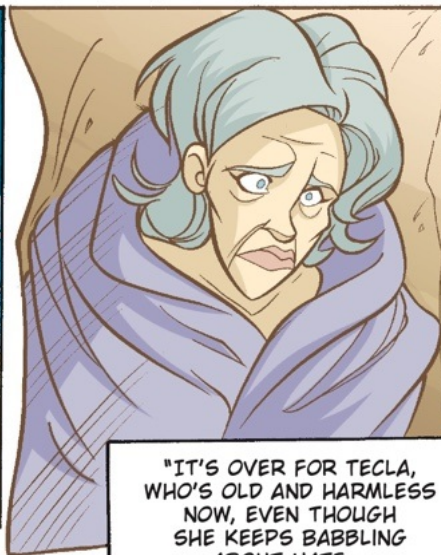




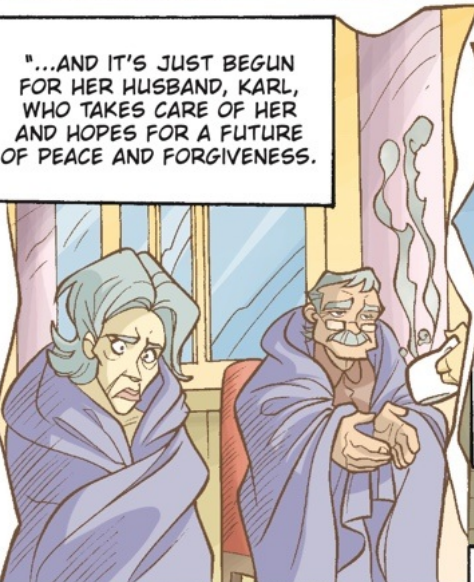
"HOW LONG HAS IT BEEN?
ONE NIGHT, ONE DAY,
A WEEK? I DUNNO..."



"WHAT I DO KNOW IS THAT,
FOR SOMEONE, IT'S ALL OVER,
BUT FOR SOMEONE ELSE,
IT HAS JUST **BEGUN**!"



"IT'S OVER FOR TECLA,
WHO'S OLD AND HARMLESS
NOW, EVEN THOUGH
SHE KEEPS BABBLING
ABOUT HATE..."

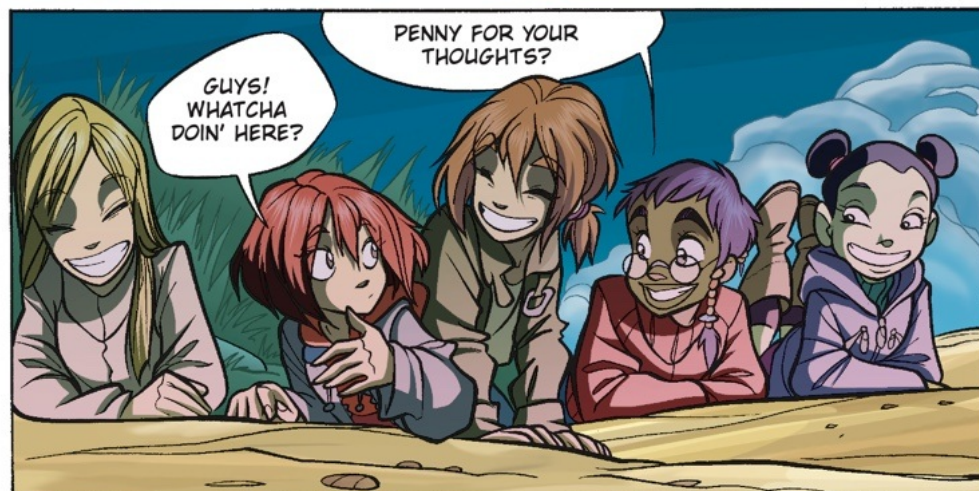


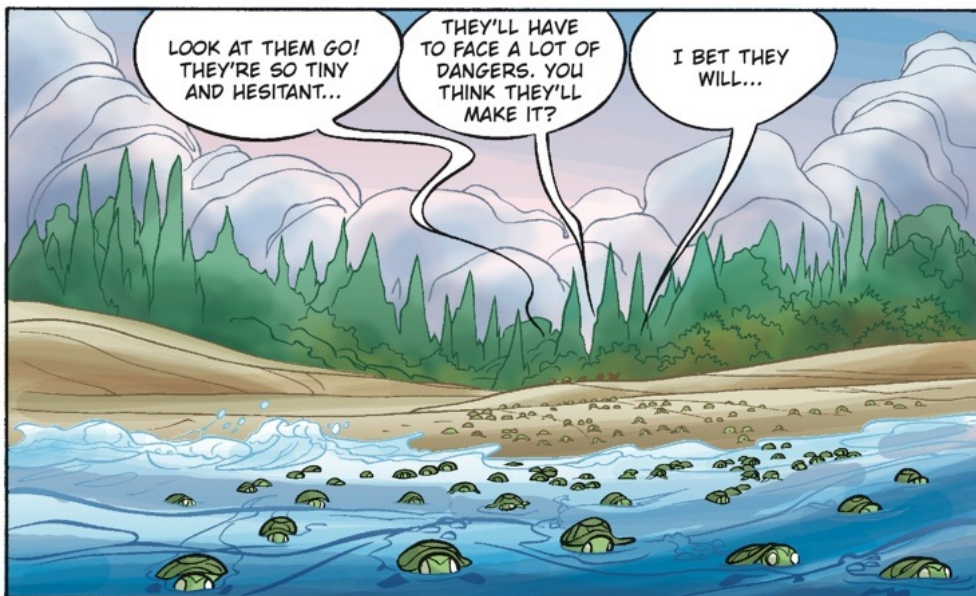
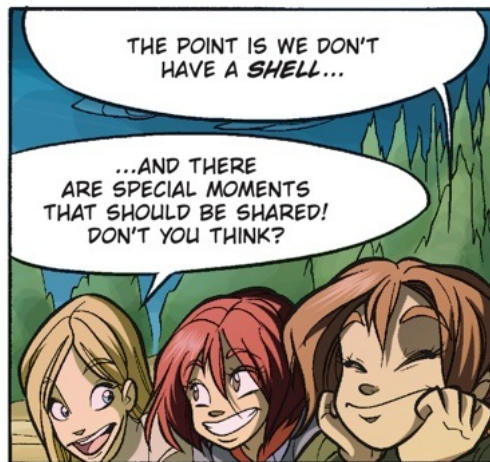
"...AND IT'S JUST BEGUN
FOR HER HUSBAND, KARL,
WHO TAKES CARE OF HER
AND HOPES FOR A FUTURE
OF PEACE AND FORGIVENESS."



"THE CHELIDAE CENTER
WELCOMED THEM LIKE
TWO LOST TOURISTS,
AND RIGHT NOW
THAT'S EXACTLY
WHAT THEY SEEM..."

"...LOST..."





"WILL IS SO WISE! AND IT'S NICE
TO SEE THE GUARDIANS SO UNITED.
SO...WE WERE SAYING THAT
THEIR ADVENTURE IS OVER...



"...WHILE *MINE* HAS
JUST BEGUN!



"AFTER HAVING BEEN
ABSORBED ALONG
WITH ALL THAT
MAGICAL, ELEMENTAL
ENERGY, I FEEL
DIFFERENT...
BRAND-NEW!



"IN HERE, THERE'S
WARMTH, PEACE,
AND SOMETHING
ELSE I CAN'T
DEFINE. YES, I
REALLY LIKE...



"...BEING
HIDDEN
INSIDE THE
HEART OF
KANDRAKAR!

"I THINK I'LL STAY QUIET
IN HERE FOR A WHILE.
I'LL LET EVENTS UNFOLD
AND WON'T BOTHER
ANYONE..."



"AFTER ALL, WHAT TROUBLE
COULD I CAUSE?
I'M JUST A LITTLE..."



"...INSIGNIFI-
CANT..."



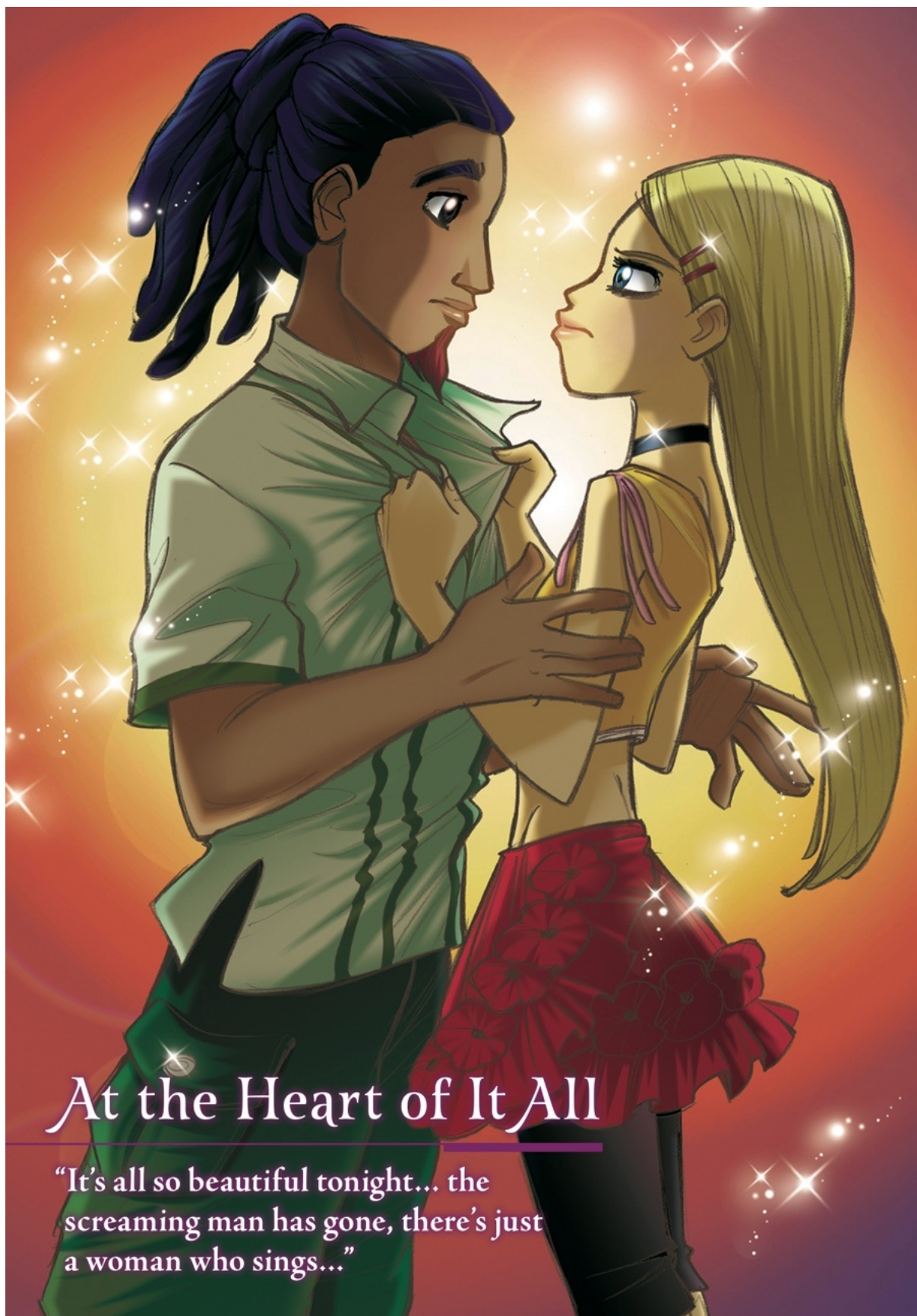
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"...SHADOW!"



END OF
CHAPTER 73





At the Heart of It All

"It's all so beautiful tonight... the screaming man has gone, there's just a woman who sings..."



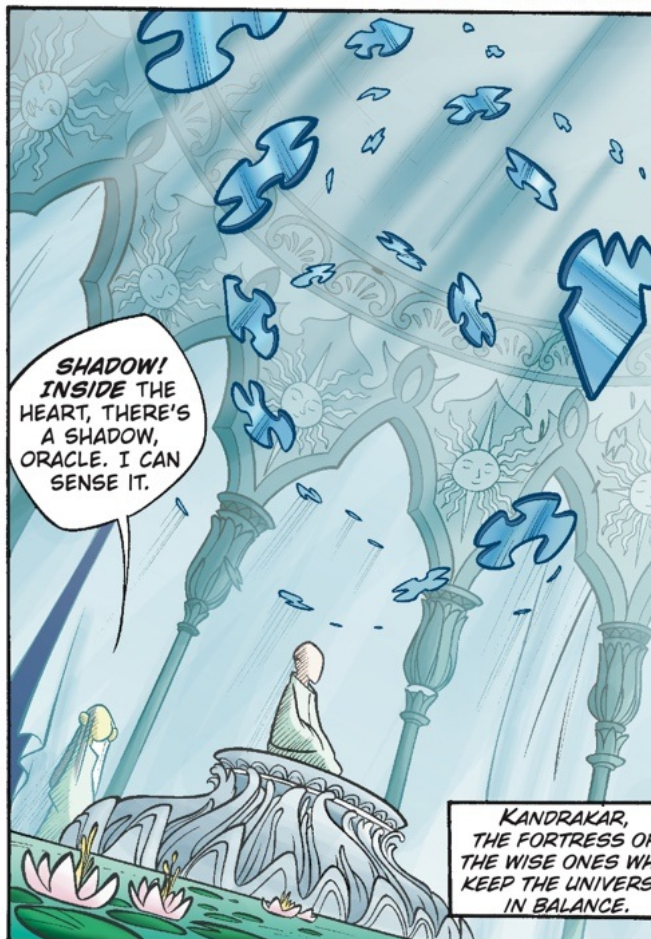
HEATHERFIELD...



THE CITY WHERE THE MAGICAL GUARDIANS LIVE...



THE LOCATION OF THE HEART OF KANDRAKAR, AND ITS...

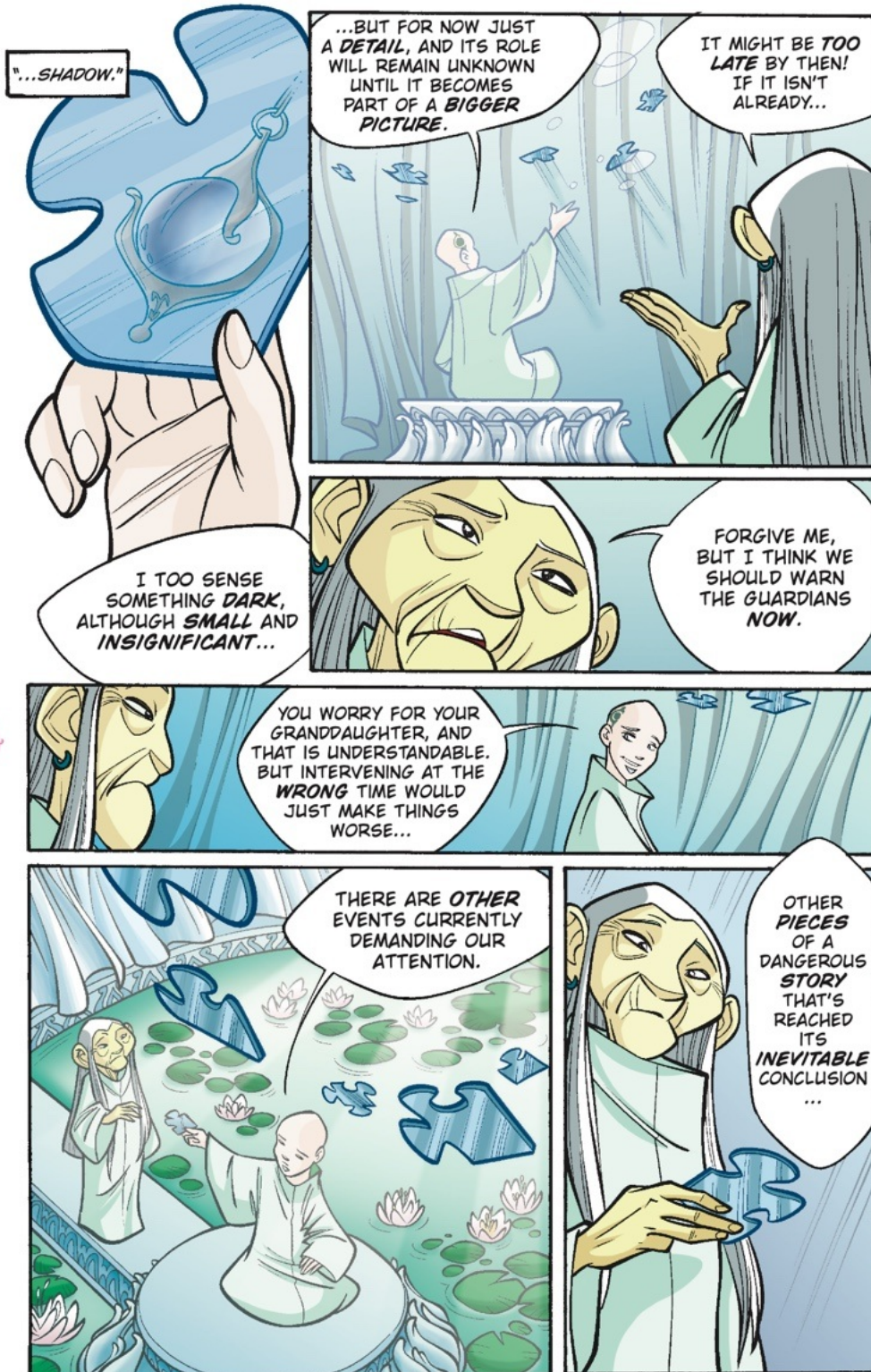


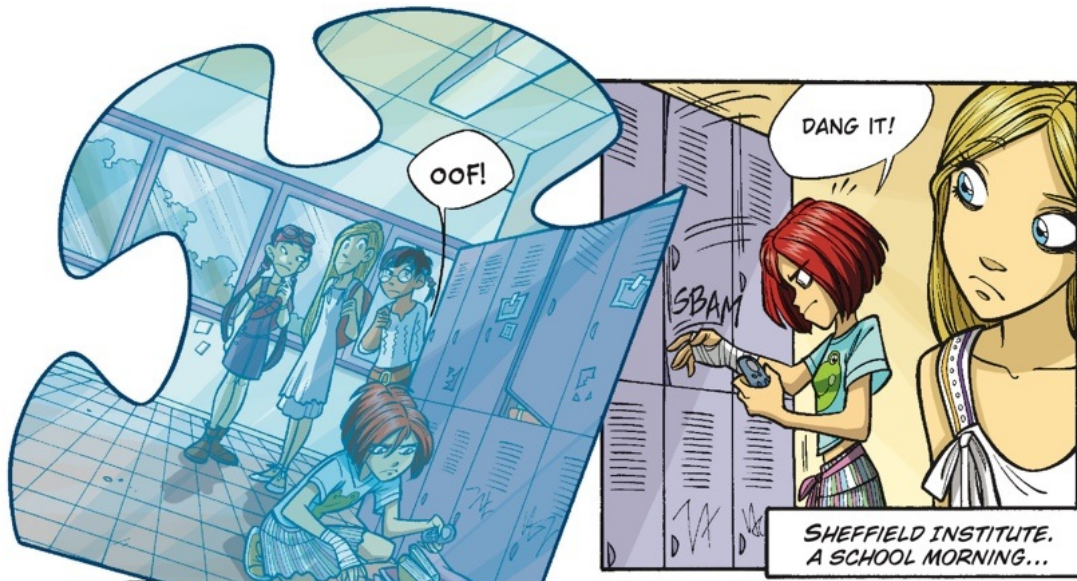
SHADOW! INSIDE THE HEART, THERE'S A SHADOW, ORACLE. I CAN SENSE IT.

KANDRAKAR, THE FORTRESS OF THE WISE ONES WHO KEEP THE UNIVERSE IN BALANCE.



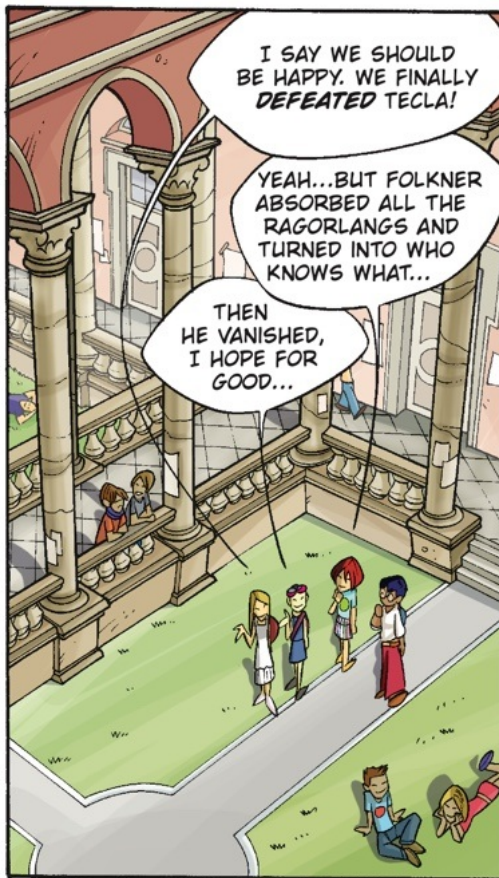
YOU SOUND **WORRIED**, WISE YAN LIN. AND I SHARE YOUR **CONCERN**.

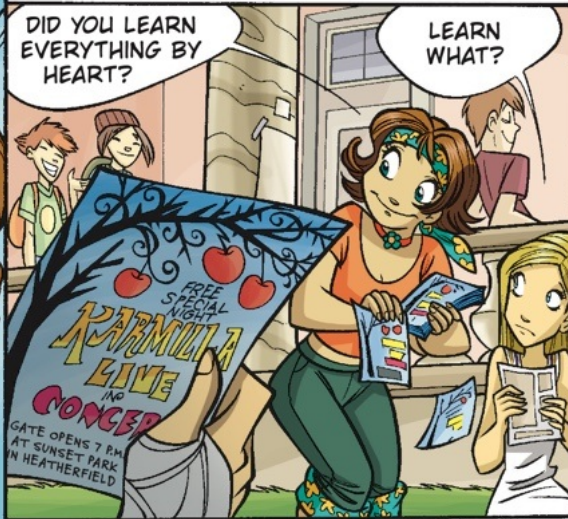




"EVEN THOUGH IT WAS WEIRD TO BE WOUNDED BY MY OWN HEART!"

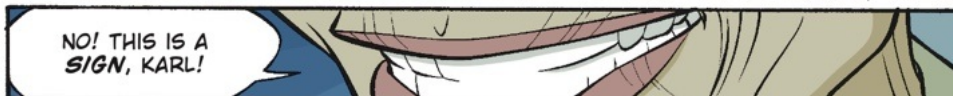
NO, THAT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH IT...

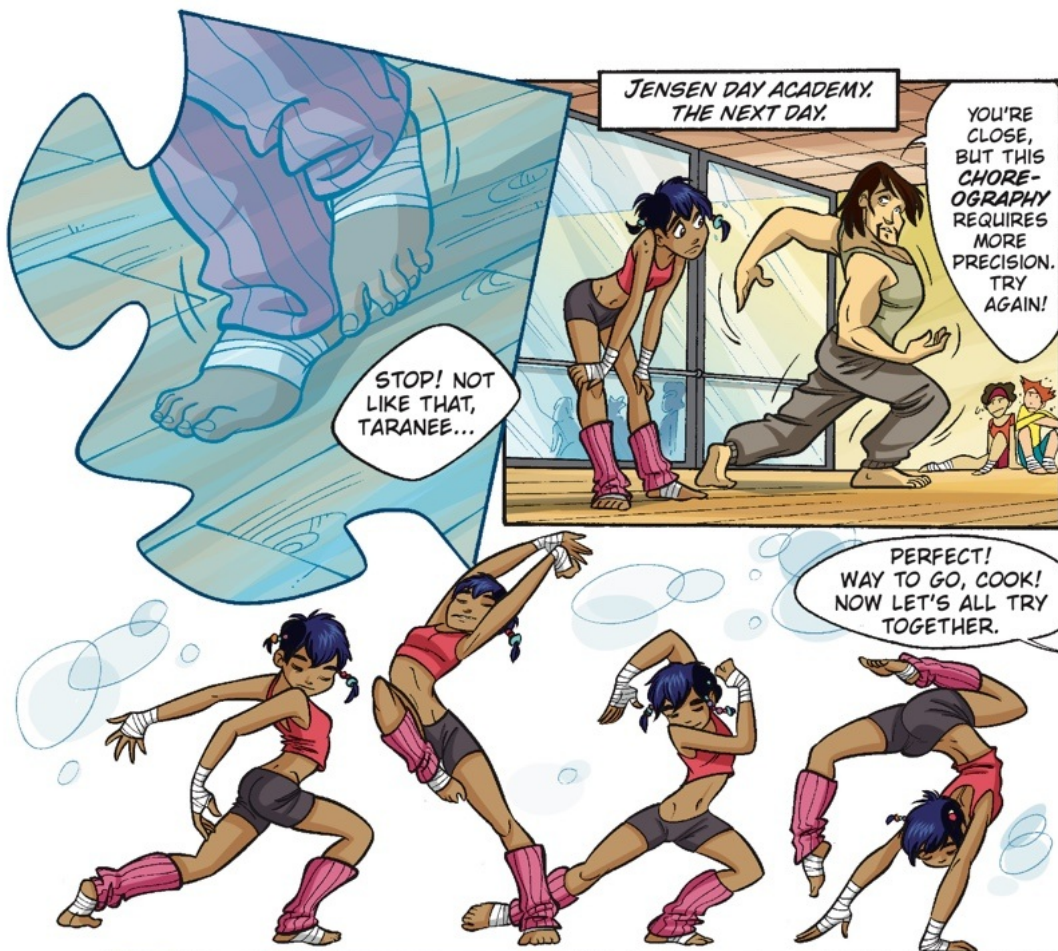


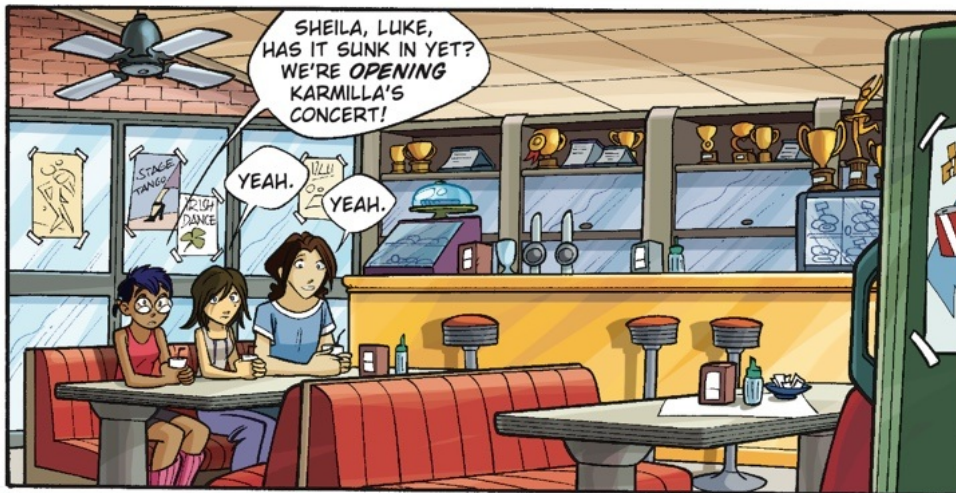














THE NEXT DAY, IN IRMA'S ROOM...

...IN APRIL 1564 AND WROTE TRAGEDIES, COMEDIES, SONNETS, AND POEMS. SO WHADDAYA SAY, JAY?

I SAY IT'S FINE!

WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE WAS BORN IN STRATFORD-UPON-AVON...

CAN WE LISTEN TO SOME MUSIC NOW?

BUT I CAN'T TAKE IT ANYMORE. WE'VE BEEN STUDYING FOR THREE DAYS!

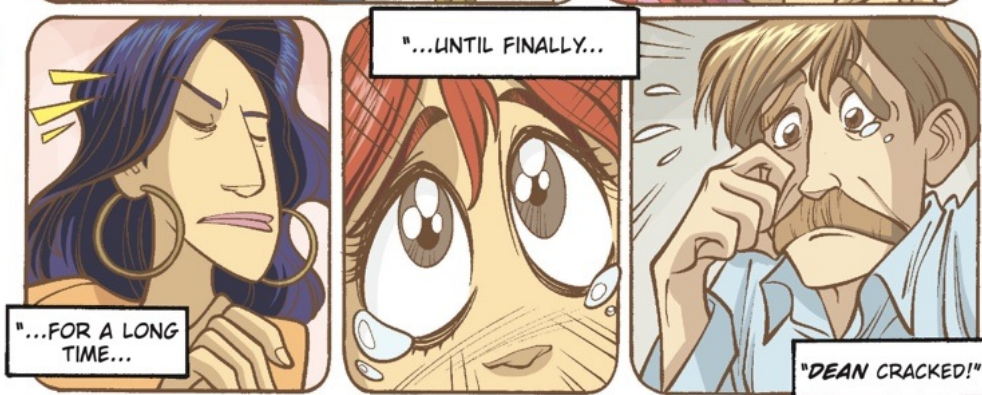
I'M STUDYING— YOU'RE MOANING! AND YOU KNOW MOM WILL ONLY LET ME GO TO THE CONCERT IF I GET GOOD GRADES.

AND I'LL DO IT. I HAVE TO! BECAUSE IF MATT GETS US BACKSTAGE PASSES, THAT MEANS...

NOT YET. I STILL GOTTA STUDY CHEMISTRY, PHYSICS, HISTORY, AND FRENCH!



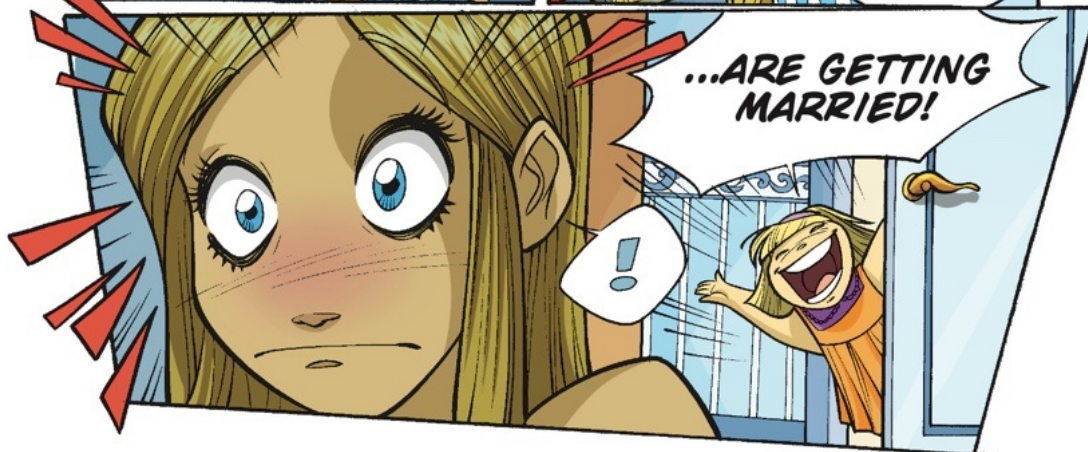
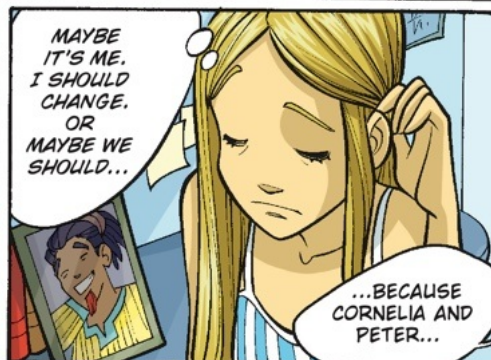
...WE'RE GONNA MEET OUR IDOL!!!

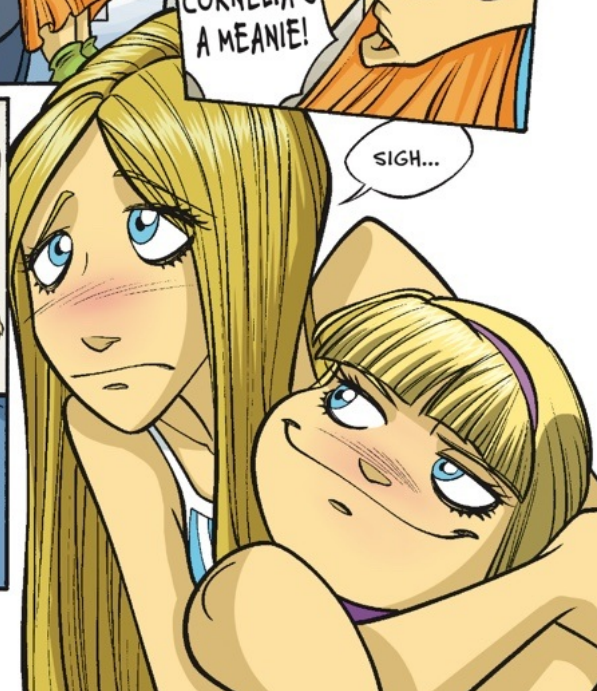
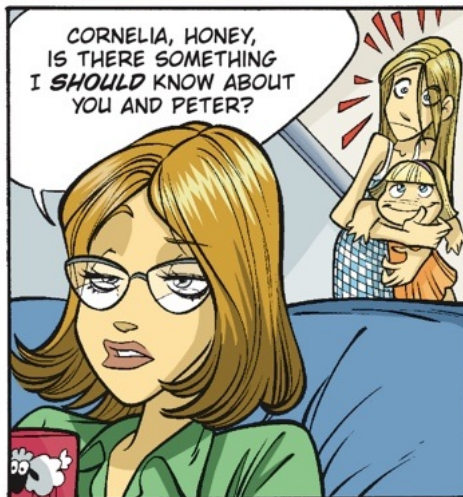
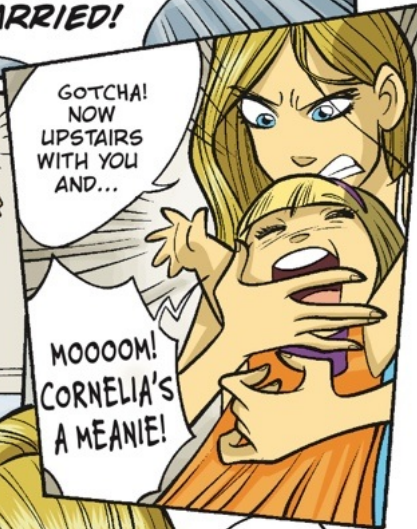
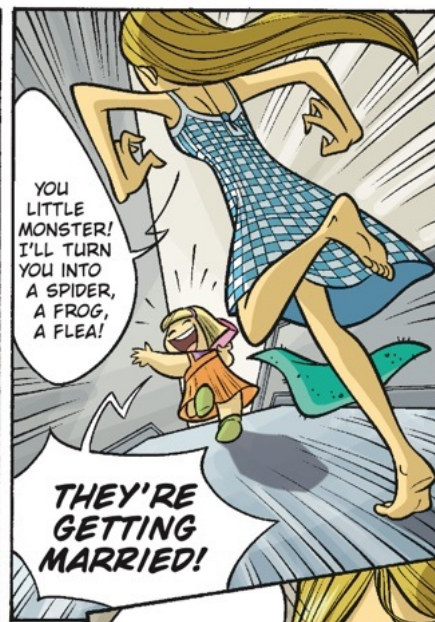


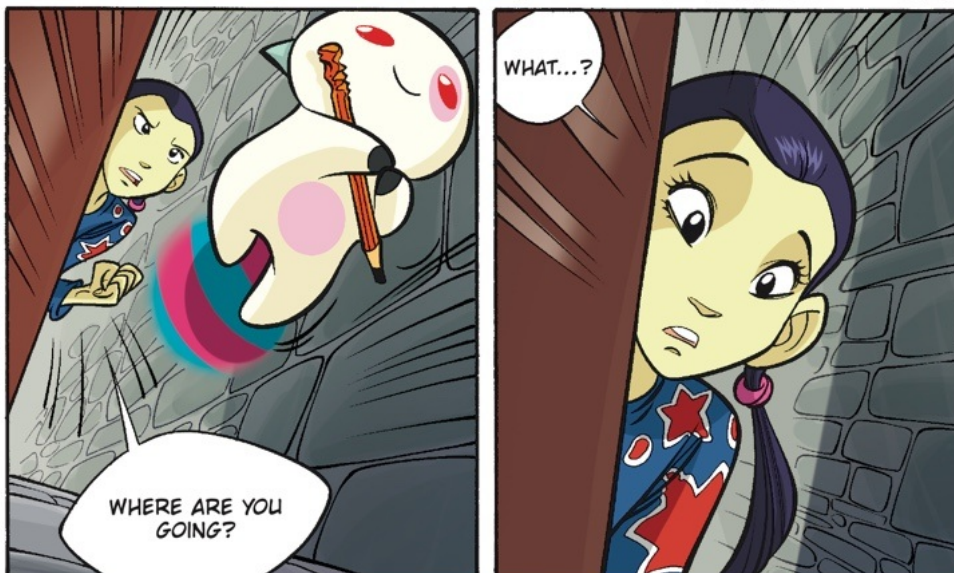
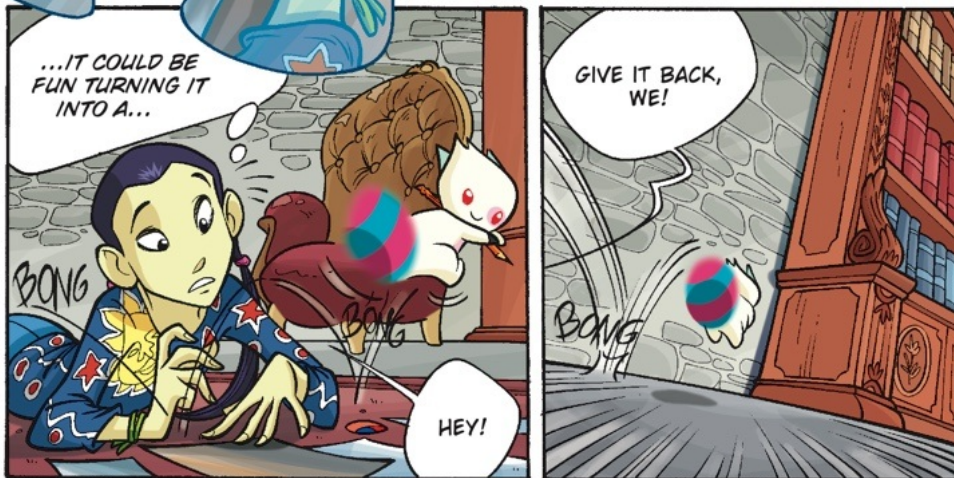
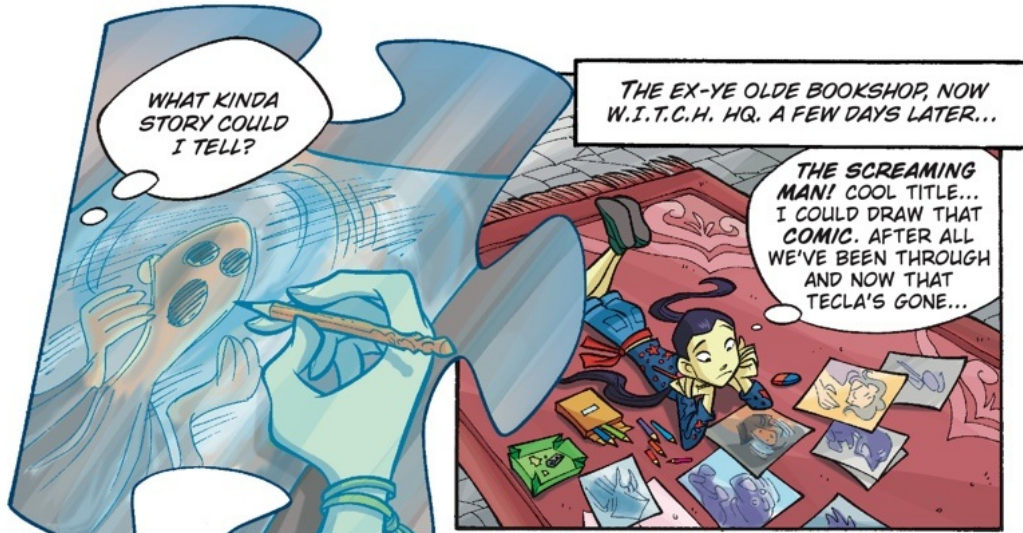




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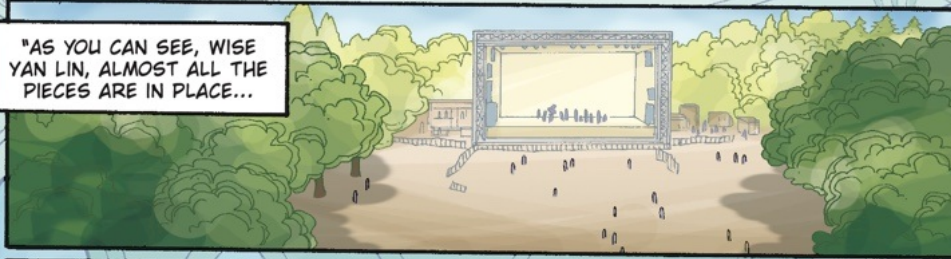








"AS YOU CAN SEE, WISE
YAN LIN, ALMOST ALL THE
PIECES ARE IN PLACE..."



"ONLY **TWO** ARE
MISSING, AND
THEN..."

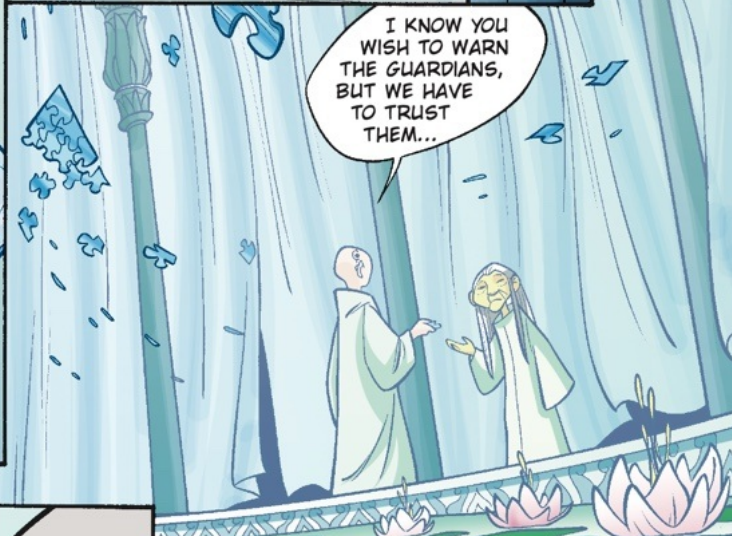


...THE
INEVITABLE WILL
HAPPEN!



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I KNOW YOU
WISH TO WARN
THE GUARDIANS,
BUT WE HAVE
TO TRUST
THEM...

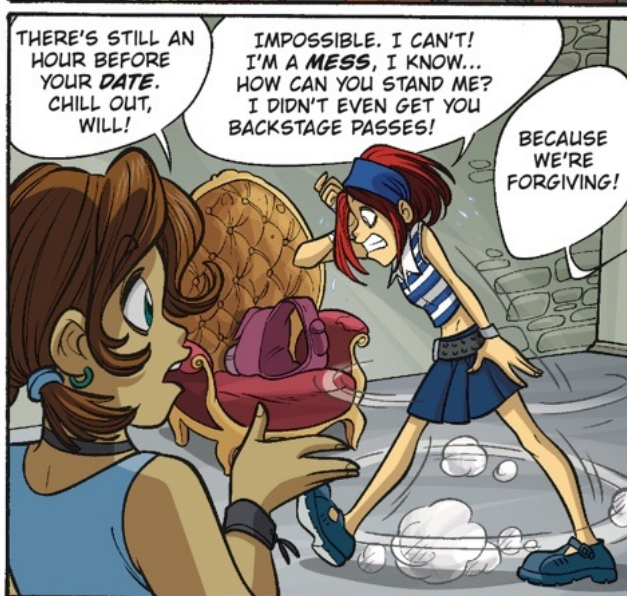


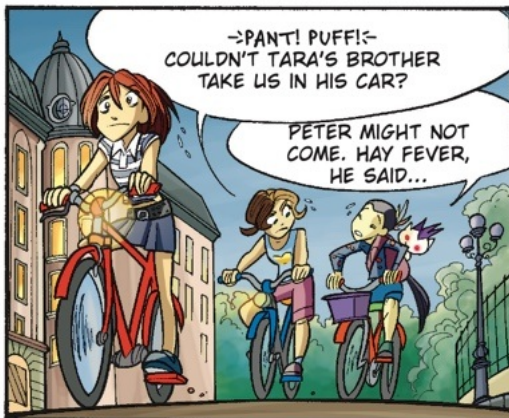
BESIDES, THE TRUTH
IS WE **DON'T REALLY**
KNOW WHAT WILL
HAPPEN...



...BECAUSE WE TOO
ARE BUT BRICKS IN
A **MUCH** BIGGER
WALL...

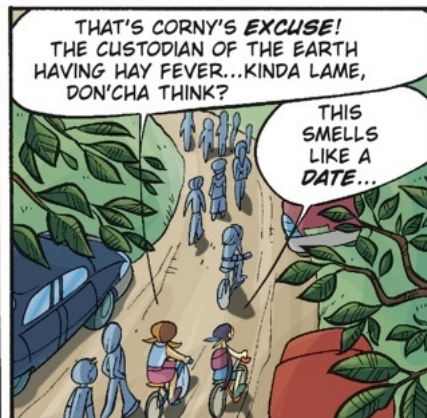






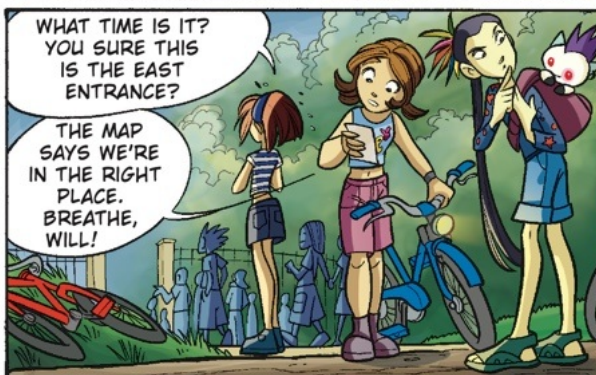
-PANT! PUFF!-
COULDN'T TARA'S BROTHER
TAKE US IN HIS CAR?

PETER MIGHT NOT
COME. HAY FEVER,
HE SAID...



THAT'S CORNY'S *EXCUSE!*
THE CUSTODIAN OF THE EARTH
HAVING HAY FEVER...KINDA LAME,
DON'CHA THINK?

THIS
SMELLS
LIKE A
DATE...



WHAT TIME IS IT?
YOU SURE THIS
IS THE EAST
ENTRANCE?

THE MAP
SAYS WE'RE
IN THE RIGHT
PLACE.
BREATHE,
WILL!

YOU WANT US TO STAY
AND FREAK OUT WITH
YOU OR GET LOST
IN THE CROWD?

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WHAT
A LOOK,
TARA!

I WENT
OVERBOARD
WITH THE GEL...
CHECK THIS
OUT! PASSES
FOR YOU AND
JOEL, SO YOU
CAN SEE ME
FROM UP
CLOSE!



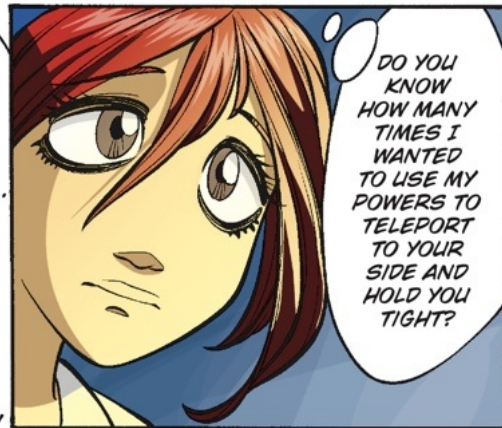
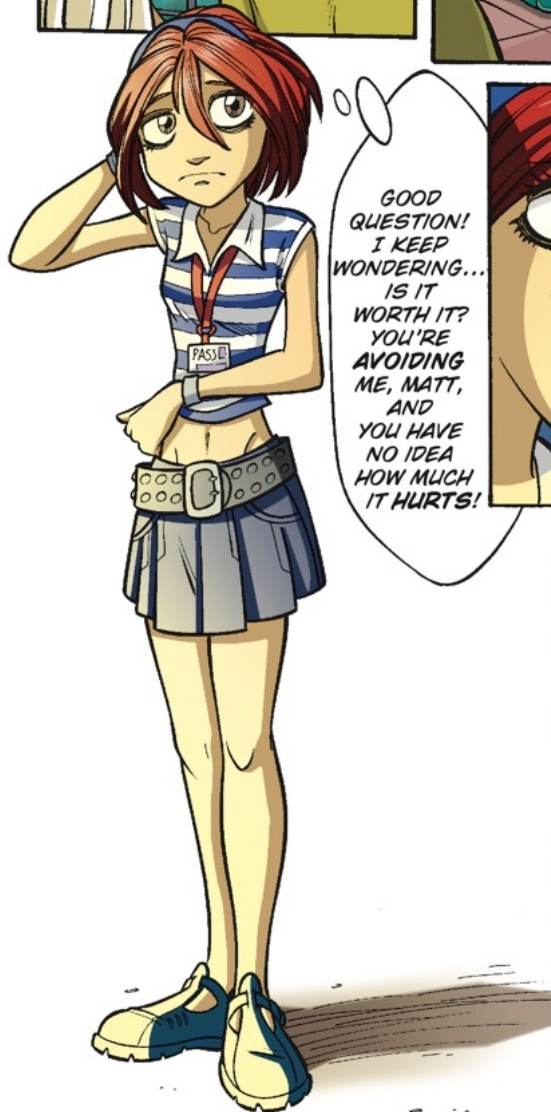
NO
CROWD
FOR YOU!



YOU ROCK!
I LOVE
YOU!

SO?
EXCITED?

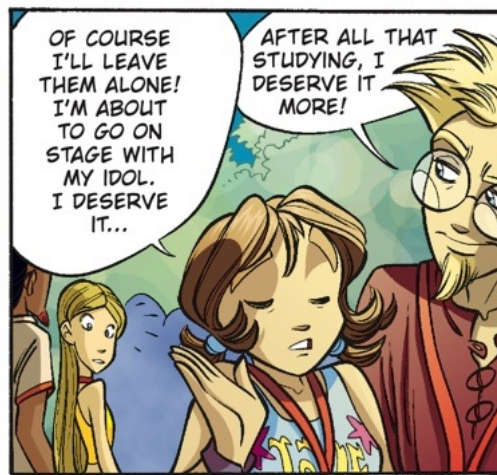
YOU HAVE NO IDEA!
I HAVE TO GO GET READY.
SEE YOU LATER!



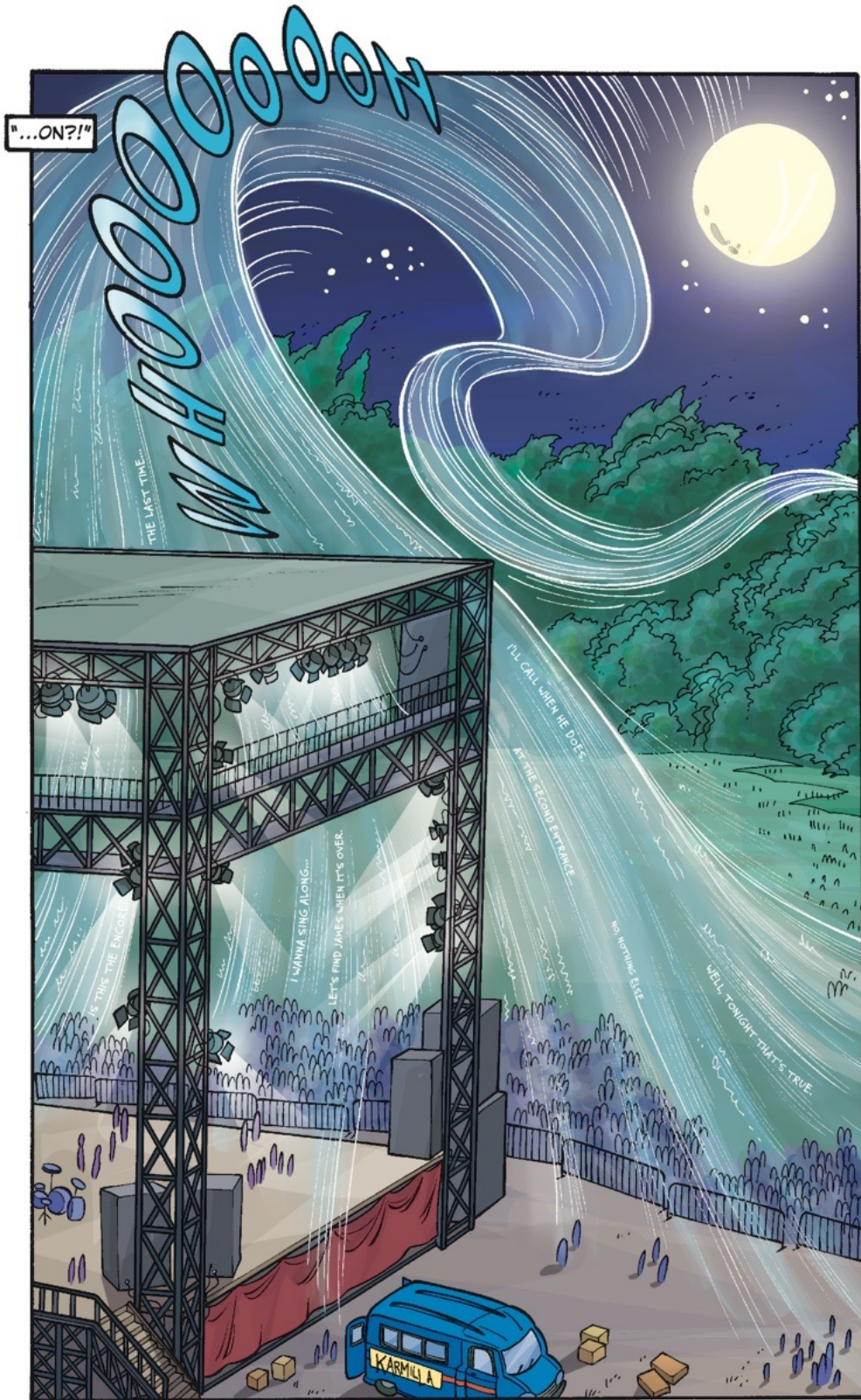


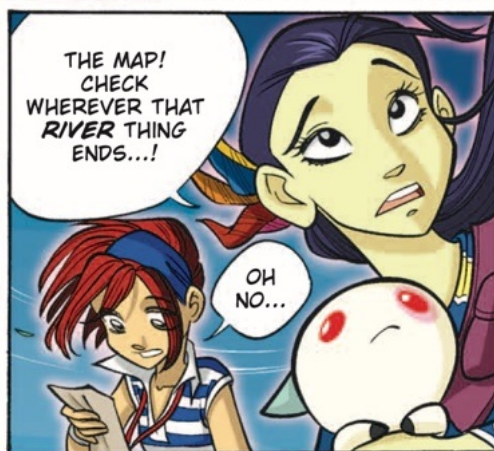
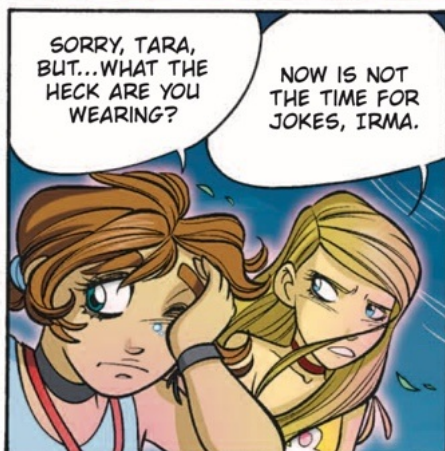
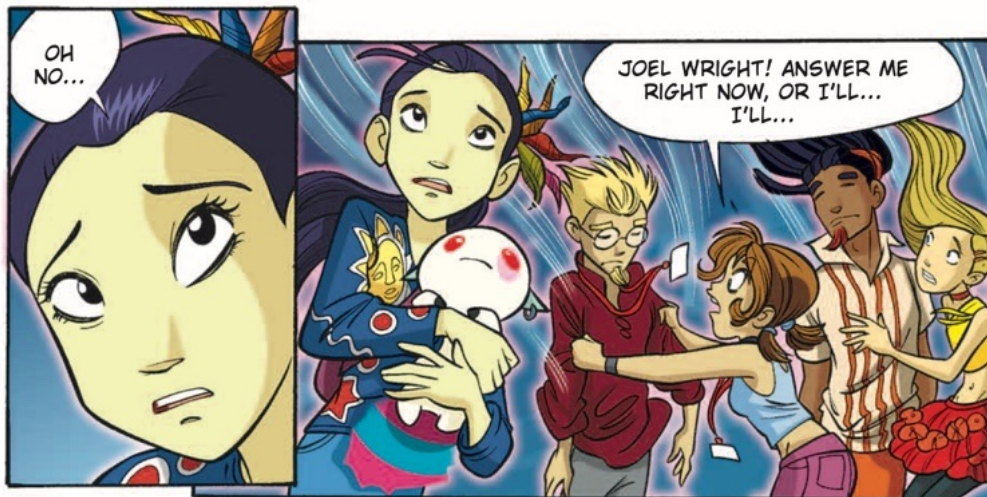
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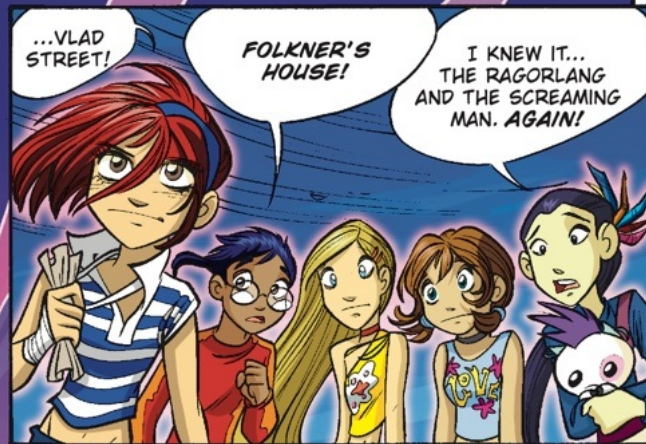








DEAFENING SILENCE,
WORDS FLYING AWAY,
A TON OF TEENAGERS
TOGETHER AND...



...VLAD
STREET!

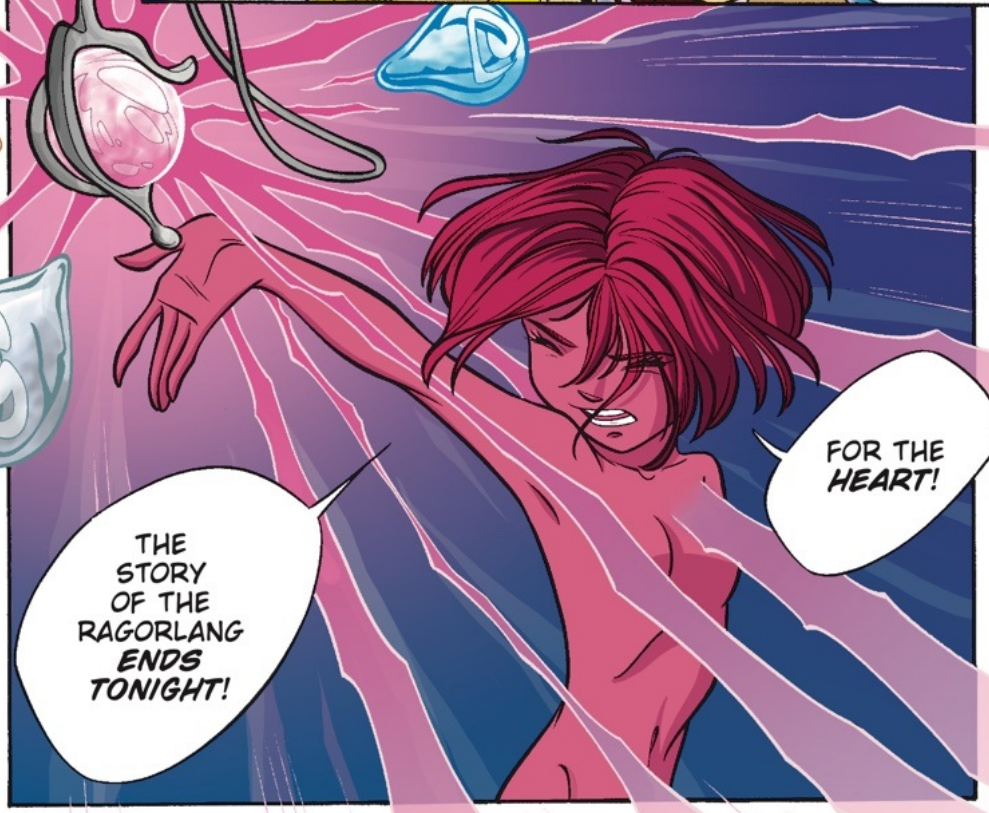
FOLKNER'S
HOUSE!

I KNEW IT...
THE RAGORLANG
AND THE SCREAMING
MAN. AGAIN!



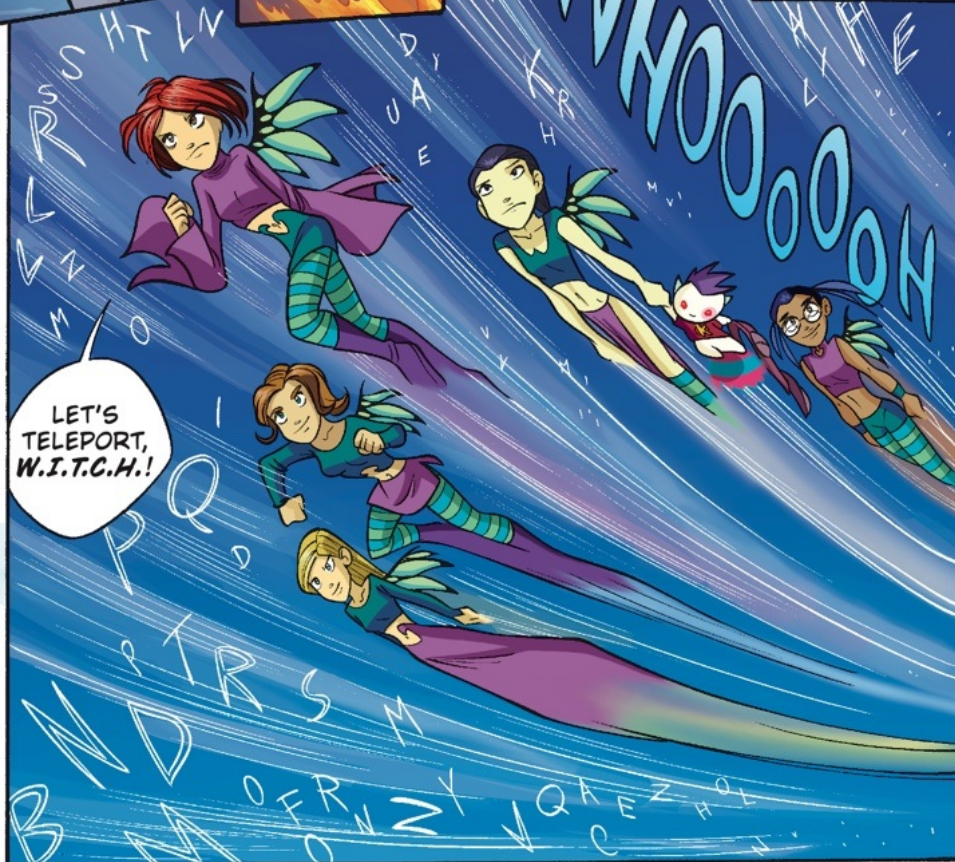
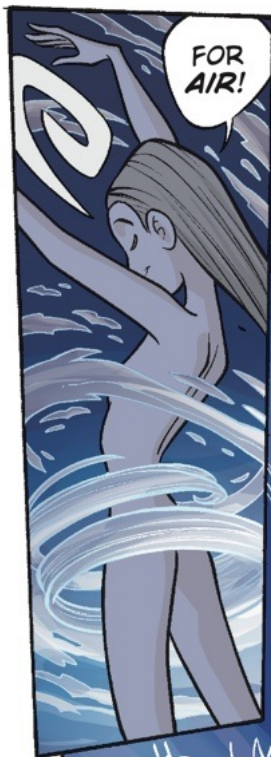
HOW COULD WE
BE SO **STUPID**?
WHY DIDN'T WE
THINK OF IT?
WHY DIDN'T WE
LOOK FOR
FOLKNER?

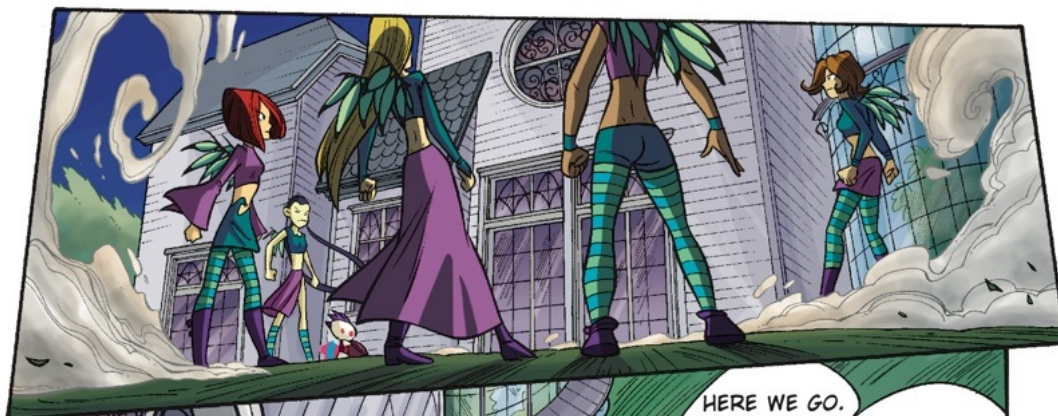
IT'S A BIT
LATE TO
COMPLAIN.
MISTAKES
HAPPEN...
BUT
NOW IT'S
ENOUGH!



THE
STORY
OF THE
RAGORLANG
**ENDS
TONIGHT!**

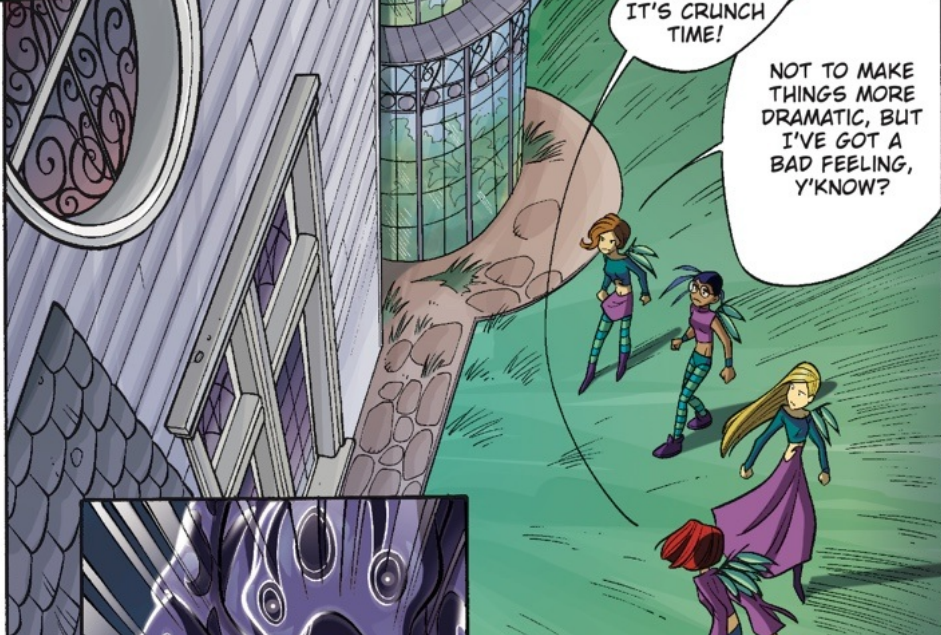
FOR THE
HEART!





HERE WE GO.
IT'S CRUNCH
TIME!

NOT TO MAKE
THINGS MORE
DRAMATIC, BUT
I'VE GOT A
BAD FEELING,
Y'KNOW?



ME TOO.
LET'S GO!







GUYS,
DOESN'T
THIS
PLACE
LOOK...

...I MEAN...

...A LITTLE
DIFFERENT
FROM LAST
TIME?

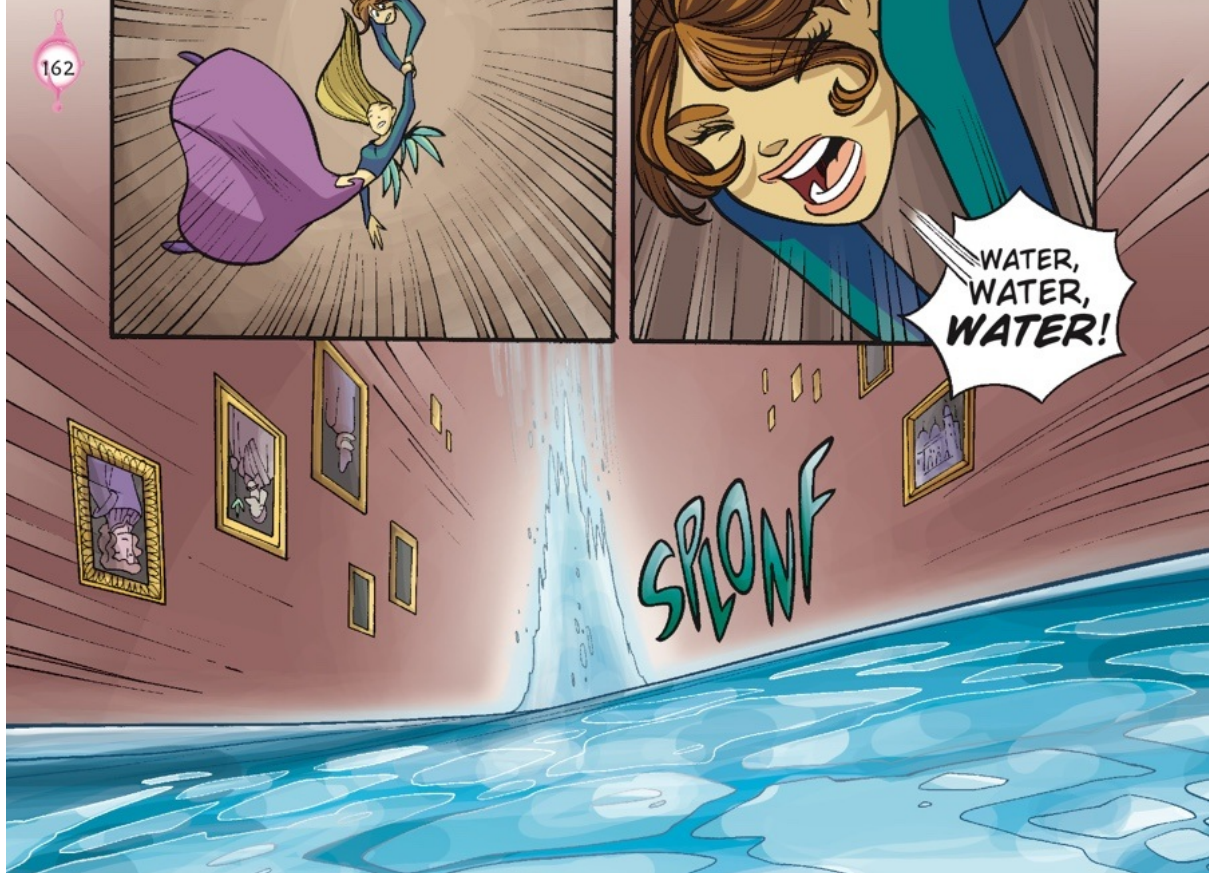
FOLKNER'S
HOUSE. OR WHAT
IT'S BECOME...

OKAY...NOW WHAT?

WELL, NOW...









"NO HOPE FOR THOSE KIDS
AT THE **CONCERT**, WHOSE
ENERGY I'M SLOWLY
STEALING..."



"NO HOPE FOR YOUR
HEATHERFIELD..."



"NO HOPE FOR YOUR
LOVED
ONES..."



"...OR STRANGERS!"



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"CLOSE YOUR EYES
AND ACCEPT THE **END**
OF ALL THINGS!"



NO
WAY,
YOU STUPID
HUNTER.
NO WAY!

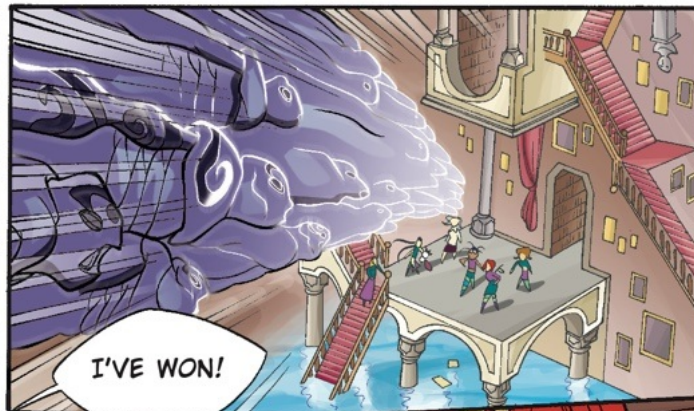


WHOOOO





GO, MY
RAGORLANG,
AND STEAL
THEIR
MAGIC
FOREVER!

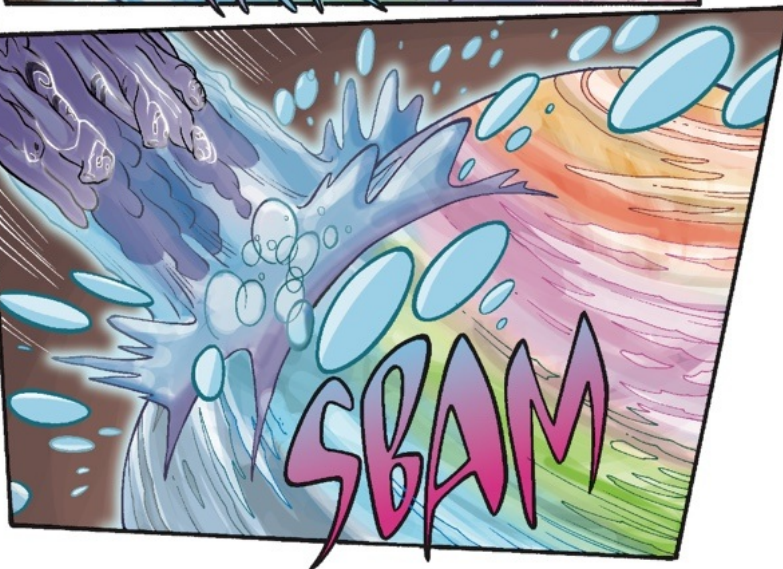


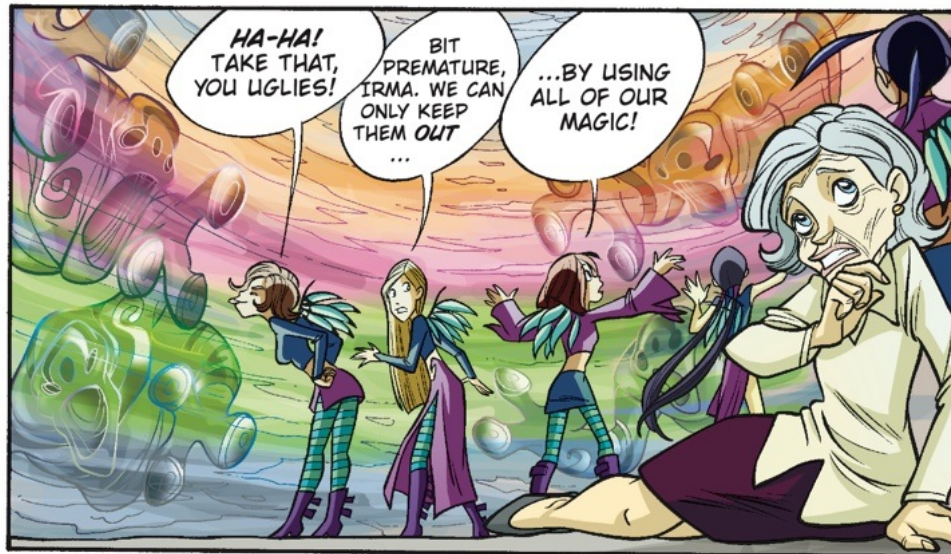
I'VE WON!

DON'T UNDER-
ESTIMATE US,
FOLKNER!



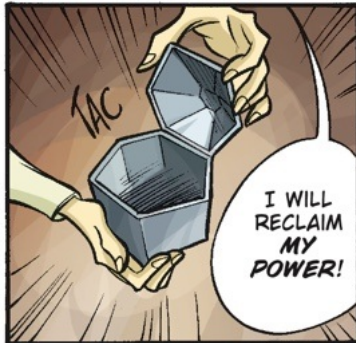
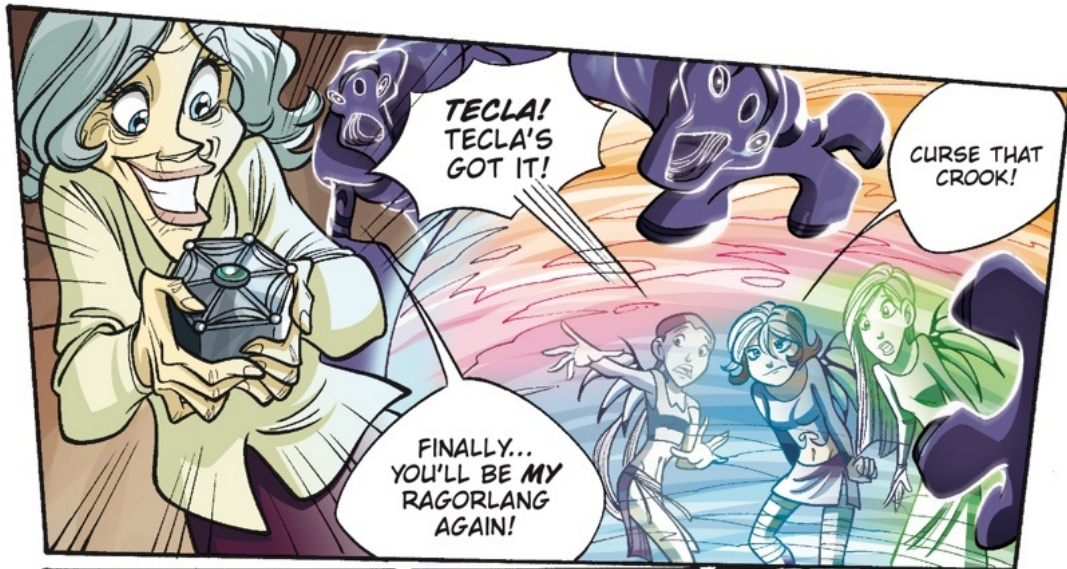
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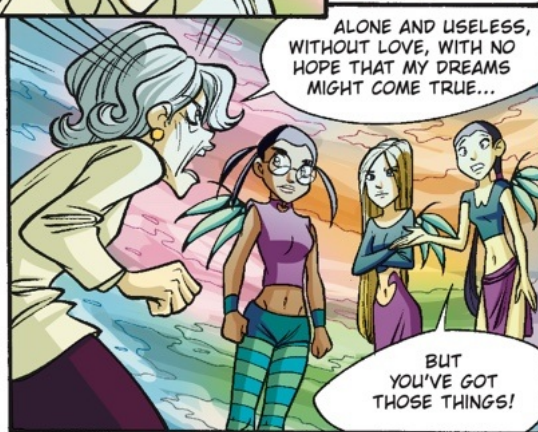














SOMETIMES
WE'RE **LOST**
AND NEED
SOMEONE TO
GUIDE US...



"IF MY GRANDMA
WERE HERE, SHE'D DO IT.
SHE **HELPS** US WHEN WE
NEED IT. BUT WE'RE ALONE,
AND WE ARE...**SCARED!**"



I...JUST
WANTED
TO GO
BACK...

YOU
CAN'T
TURN
BACK
TIME.



IT'S...**WARM...**
FULL OF **LIGHT...**



YOU CAN BE
ALIVE **HERE—**
NOW!

EVEN
IF WE KNOW
WE'LL **LOSE...** EVEN IF
THERE'S NOBODY TO HELP
US...WE'RE GONNA FIGHT!



WAIT. I'LL
HELP YOU!
I KNOW THE
SECRET!

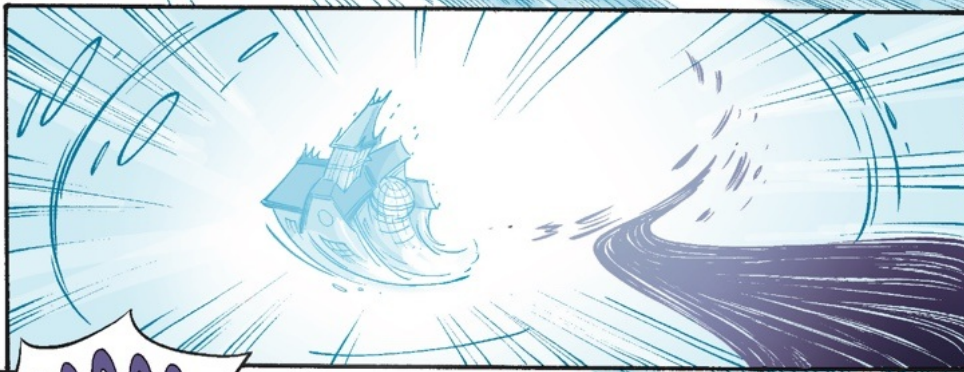






WOOM

NO!



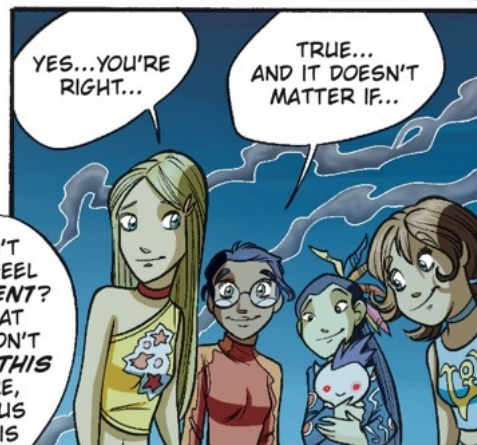
Noooooooo...















YOU'RE AMAZING, TARANEE! SERIOUSLY!

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THERE'S PETER... I'M GLAD HE'S OKAY... BUT WHAT NOW?

THERE SHE IS! SO SHE DIDN'T LEAVE...

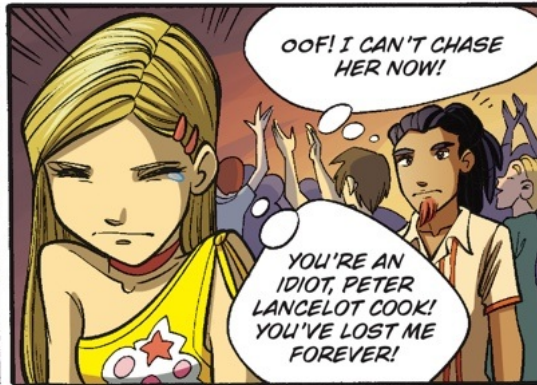
WHY WON'T SHE COME OVER? WHAT'S THE MATTER?

I'M A MESS. MY HAIR IS AWFUL. I'M ALWAYS SO VAIN, BUT THEN...

I'LL TELL HER NOW. EVEN THOUGH...

WHAT DO I DO? WAIT FOR HIM TO DITCH ME?



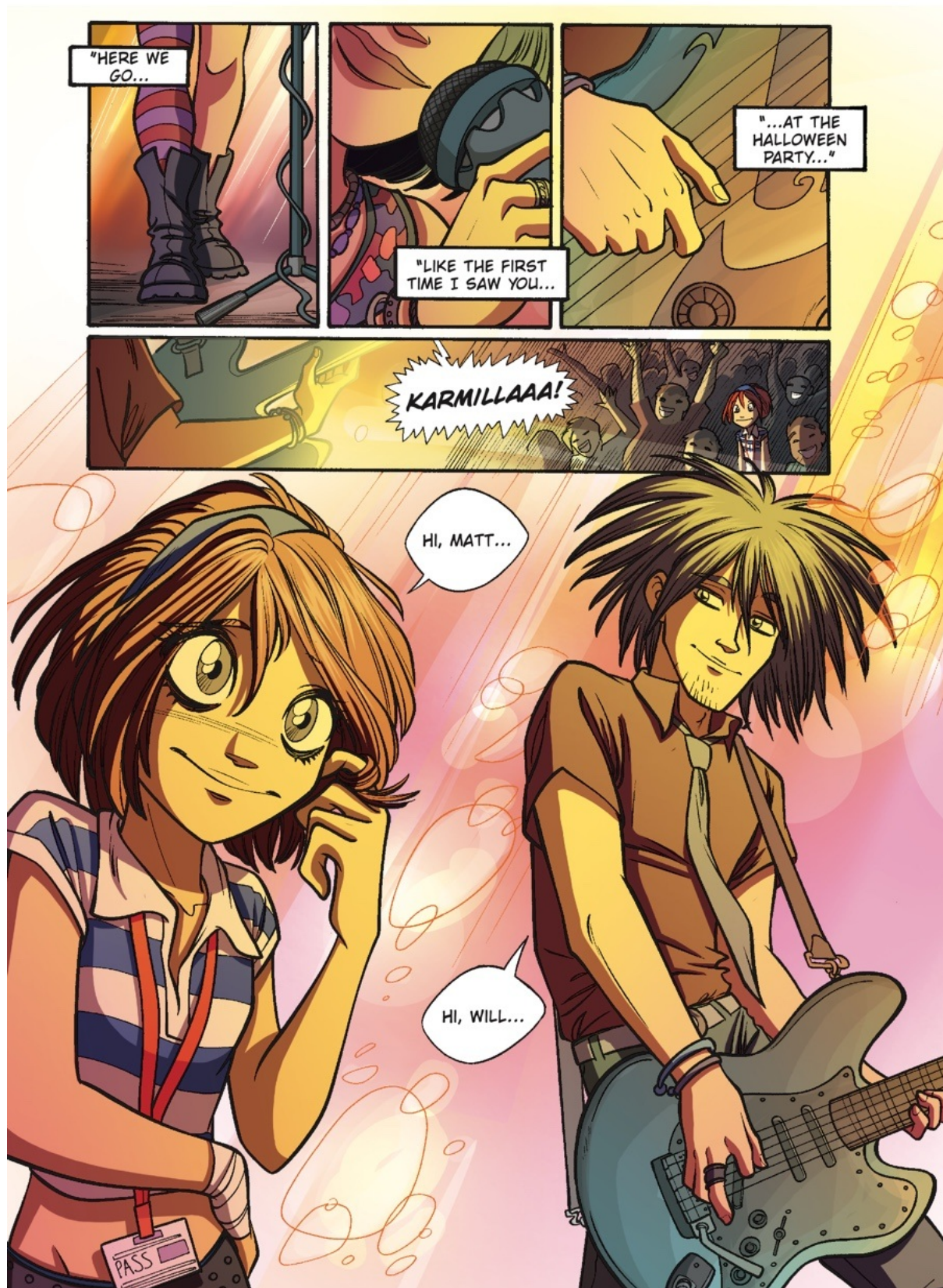


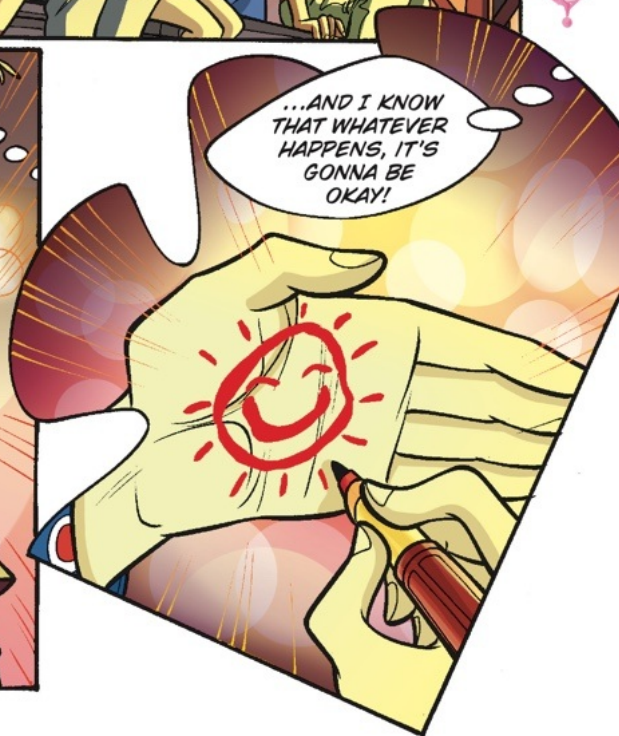


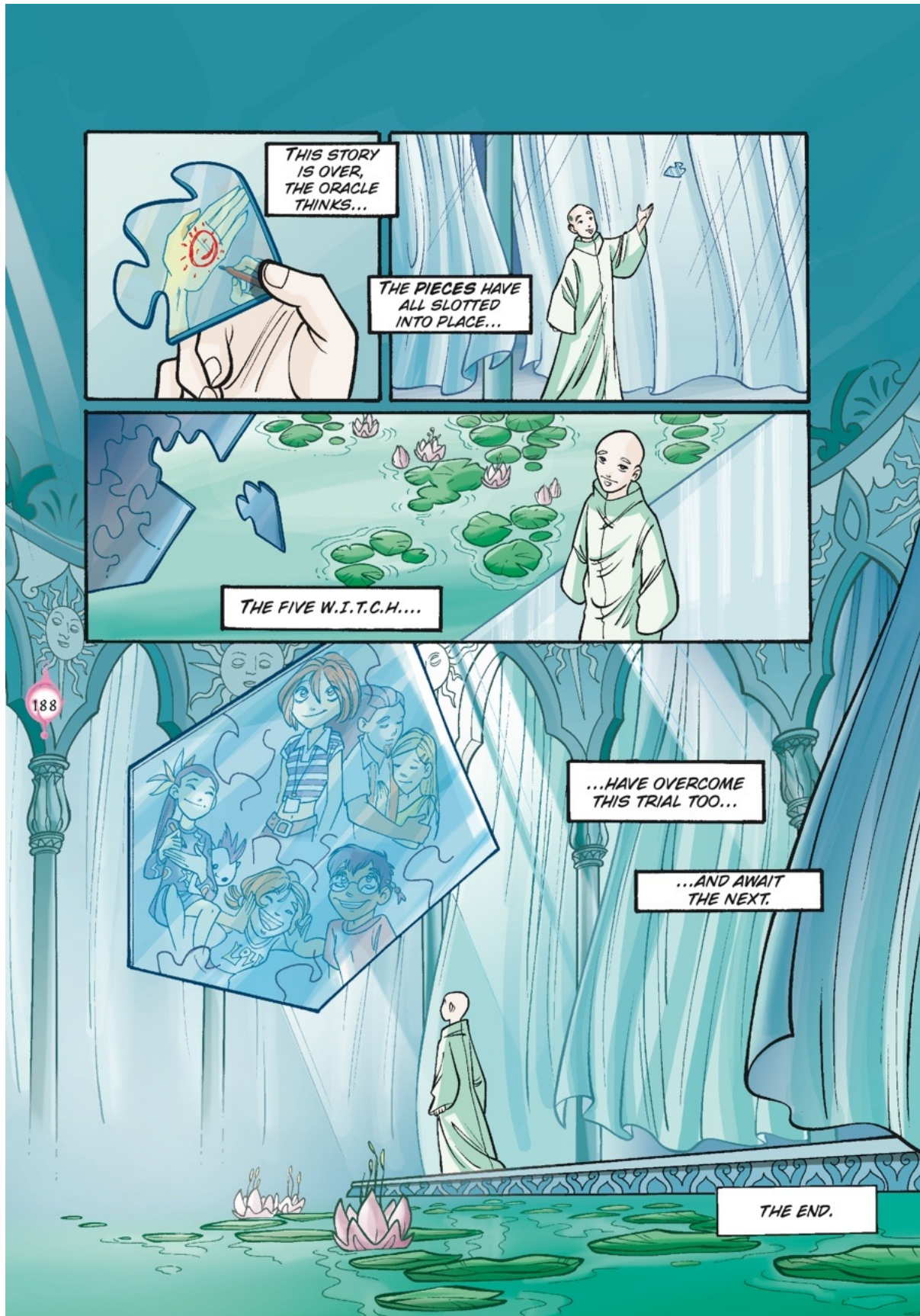
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THIS STORY
IS OVER,
THE ORACLE
THINKS...

THE PIECES HAVE
ALL SLOTTED
INTO PLACE...

THE FIVE W.I.T.C.H....

...HAVE OVERCOME
THIS TRIAL TOO...

...AND AWAIT
THE NEXT.

THE END.



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