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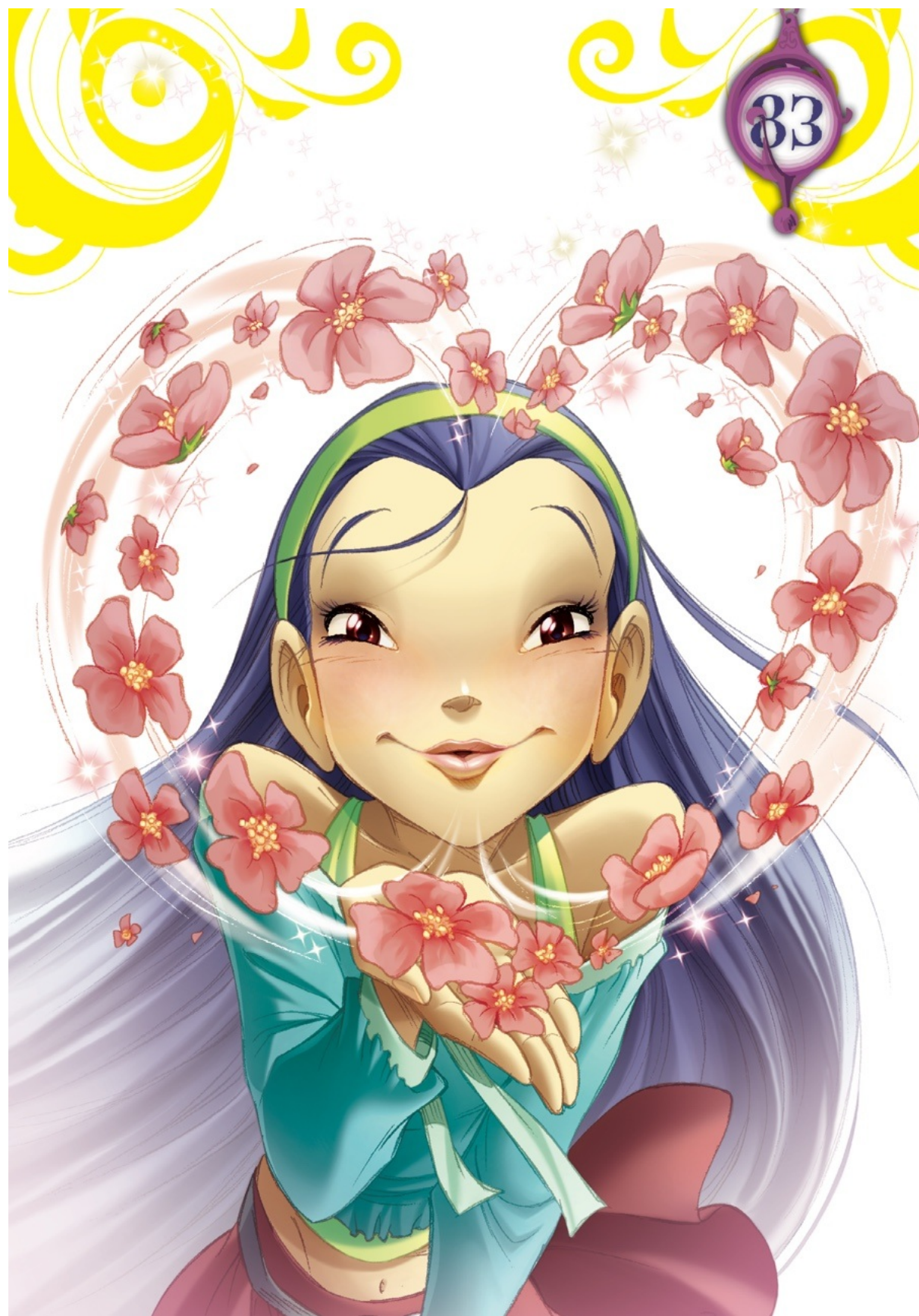
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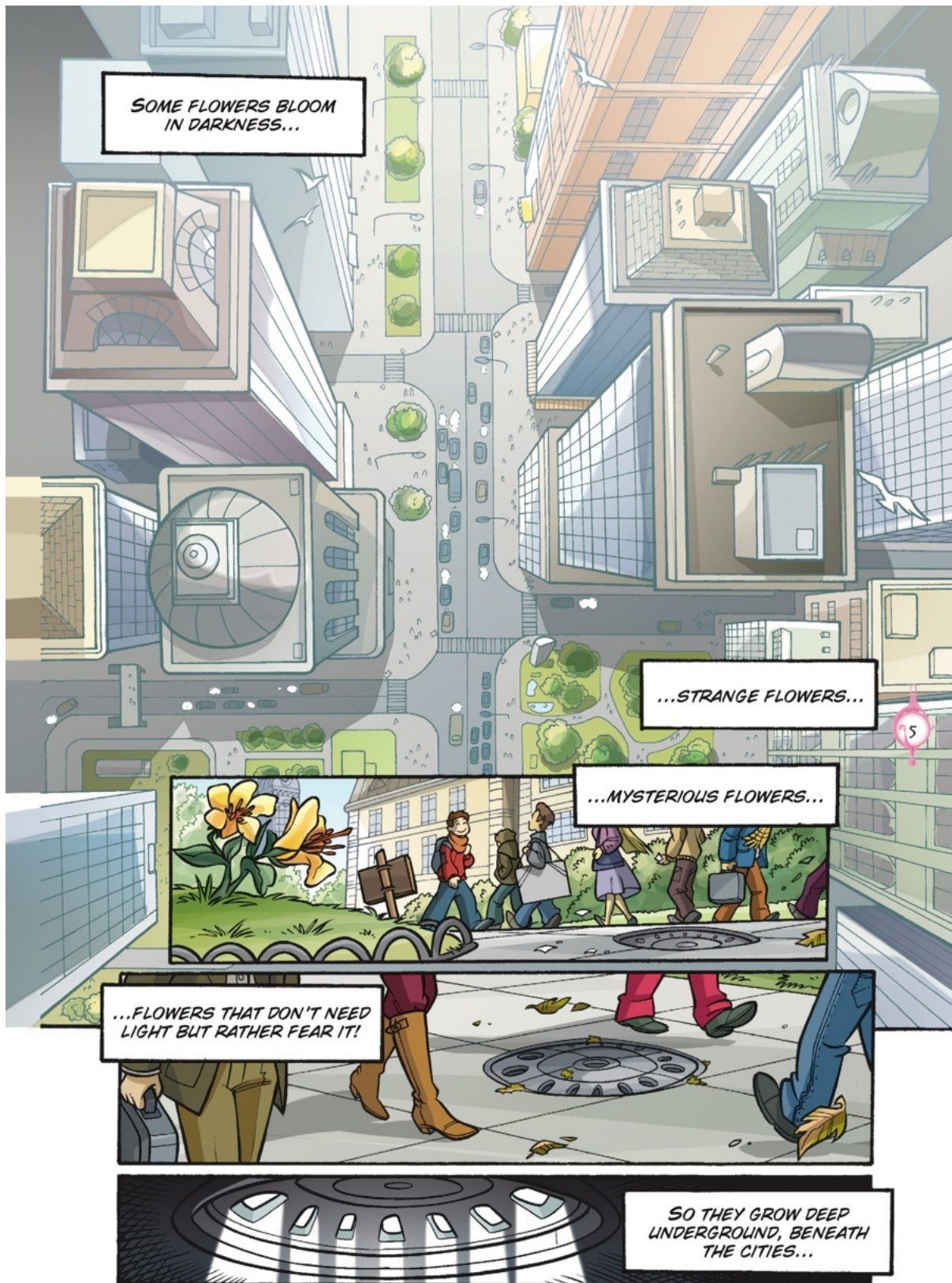




Back to Kandrakar

A woman with long, wavy brown hair and bright yellow eyes is the central figure. She is wearing a purple, off-the-shoulder dress with a corset-like bodice. She is surrounded by several thick, green, tentacle-like appendages that have a yellowish glow at their tips. The background is dark with some green foliage. The overall scene is dramatic and fantastical.

"A few obstacles
remain in my
way...five girls!
But I'll get rid
of them!"



*SOME FLOWERS BLOOM
IN DARKNESS...*

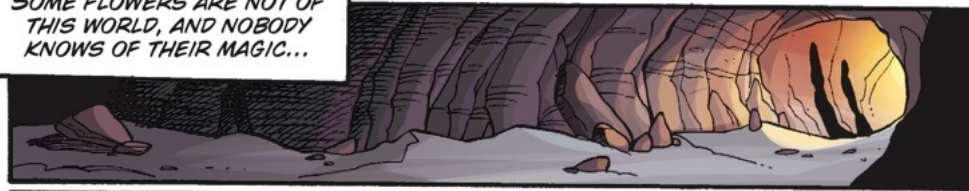
...STRANGE FLOWERS...

...MYSTERIOUS FLOWERS...

*...FLOWERS THAT DON'T NEED
LIGHT BUT RATHER FEAR IT!*

*SO THEY GROW DEEP
UNDERGROUND, BENEATH
THE CITIES...*

SOME FLOWERS ARE NOT OF
THIS WORLD, AND NOBODY
KNOWS OF THEIR MAGIC...



...EXCEPT THOSE WHO
PLANTED THEM!

WHAT IS THAT,
ROMUR?

I'M NOT SURE.
NOT YET...



...BUT THE **DARK**
MOTHER SAID WE MUST
STOP FEEDING IT ONCE
THE BUD FORMED.

UNDERSTOOD.
I'LL TELL EVERYONE
NOT TO WATER IT...



IN ANY CASE,
I DON'T LIKE IT.
I THINK—

WHO CARES WHAT
YOU THINK?



N-NOBODY!

THEN LEAVE!
MOTHER JUST
CALLED FOR US...



DON'T MAKE HER WAIT, OR
YOU'LL FEEL HER WRATH!



YOU'RE NOT
COMING...?

I'LL WATCH OVER
THIS CREATURE AND
MAKE SURE NOBODY
GOES NEAR IT.



LET THE DARK
MOTHER KNOW.

I SHALL.



AND SO...

WHERE'S ROMUR?

BESIDE THE
FLOWER, DARK
MOTHER!



MY FAITHFUL SERVANTS...
YOU'LL SOON BE
REWARDED.

THANK YOU,
MOTHER!





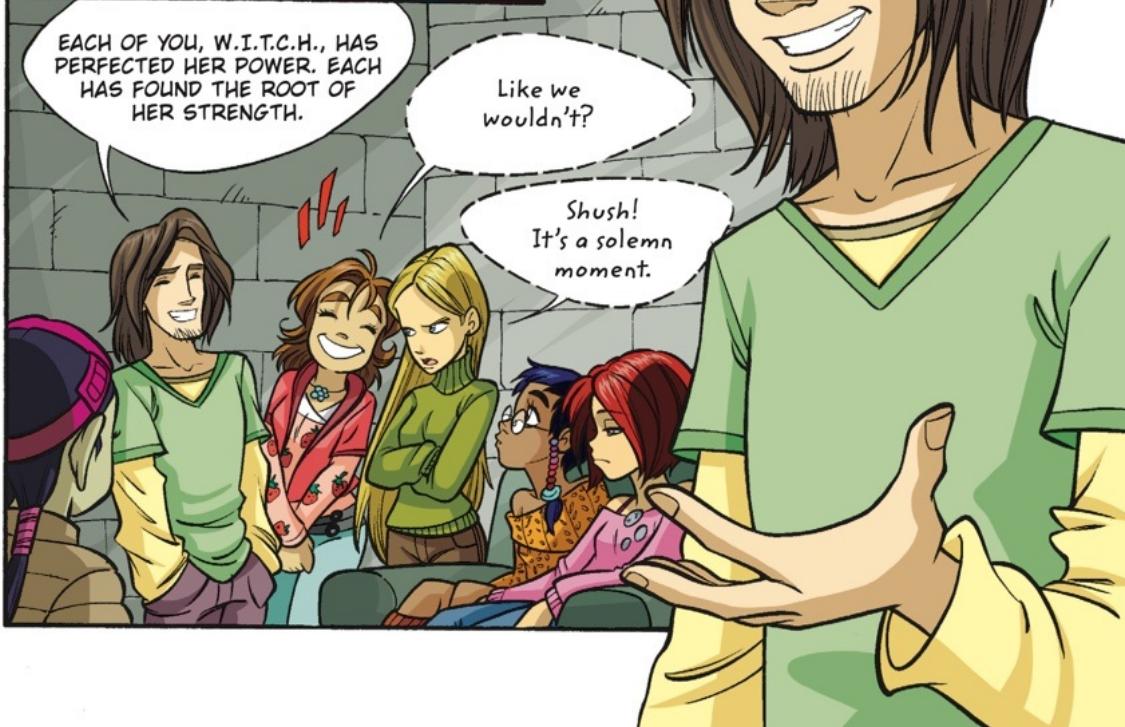
FOR THE FIRST TIME IN
MILLENNIA, THERE'S
A SMILE ON MY LIPS.
I'M FREE, POWERFUL,
AND ECSTATIC!

WE ALL ARE,
MISTRESS OF
THE POWER OF
THE EARTH.



A FEW OBSTACLES REMAIN IN MY
WAY...THE FIVE GIRLS AND THEIR
USELESS FRIEND! BUT I KNOW
HOW TO GET RID OF THEM.

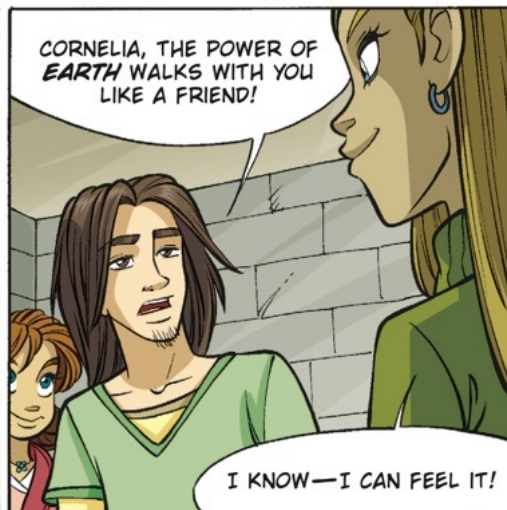
I'M ECSTATIC...
FOR YOU AND FOR
KANDRAKAR!

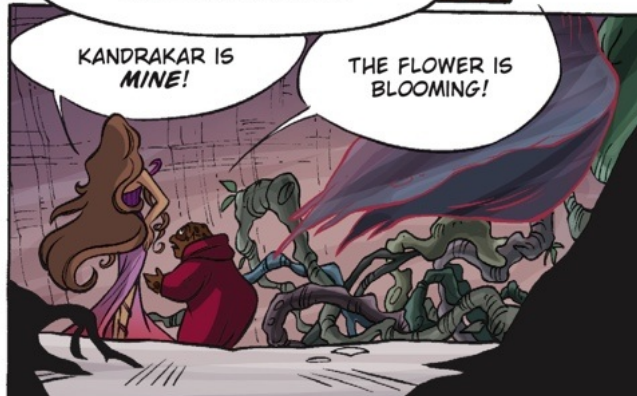
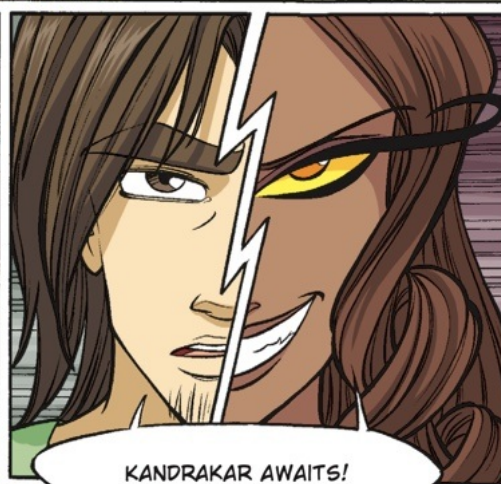
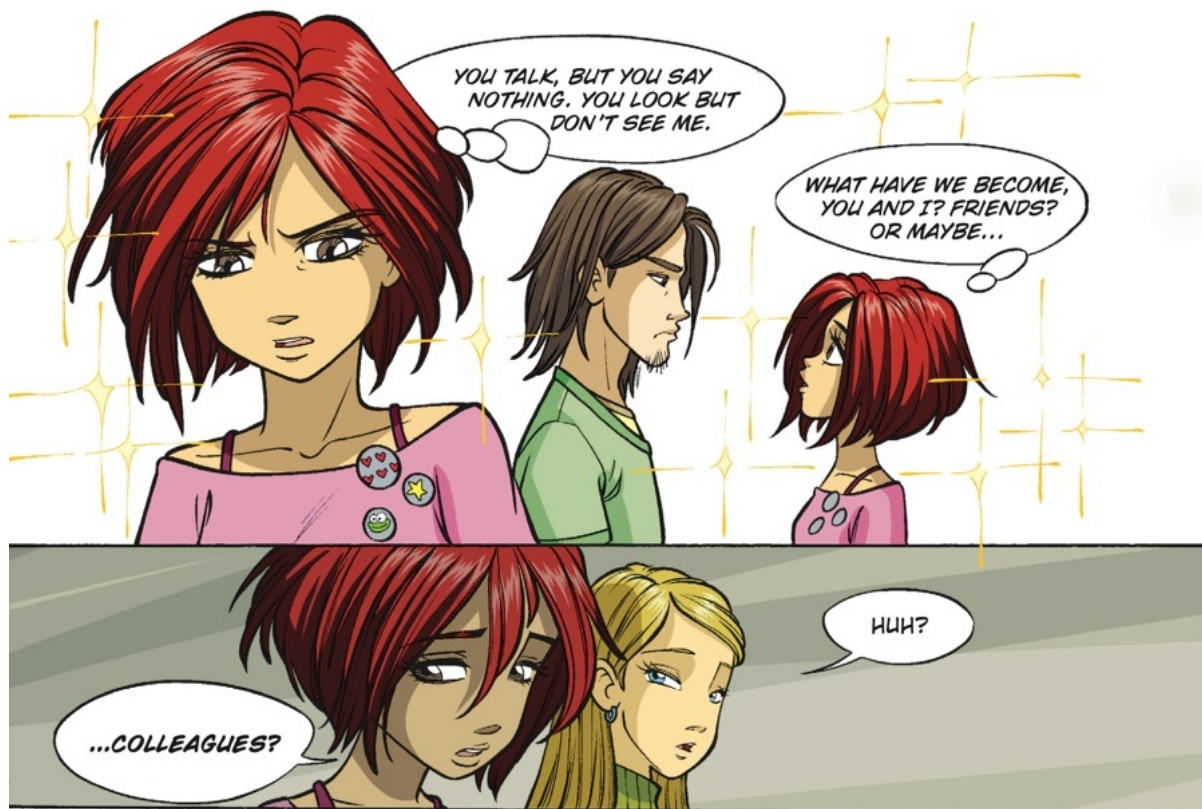


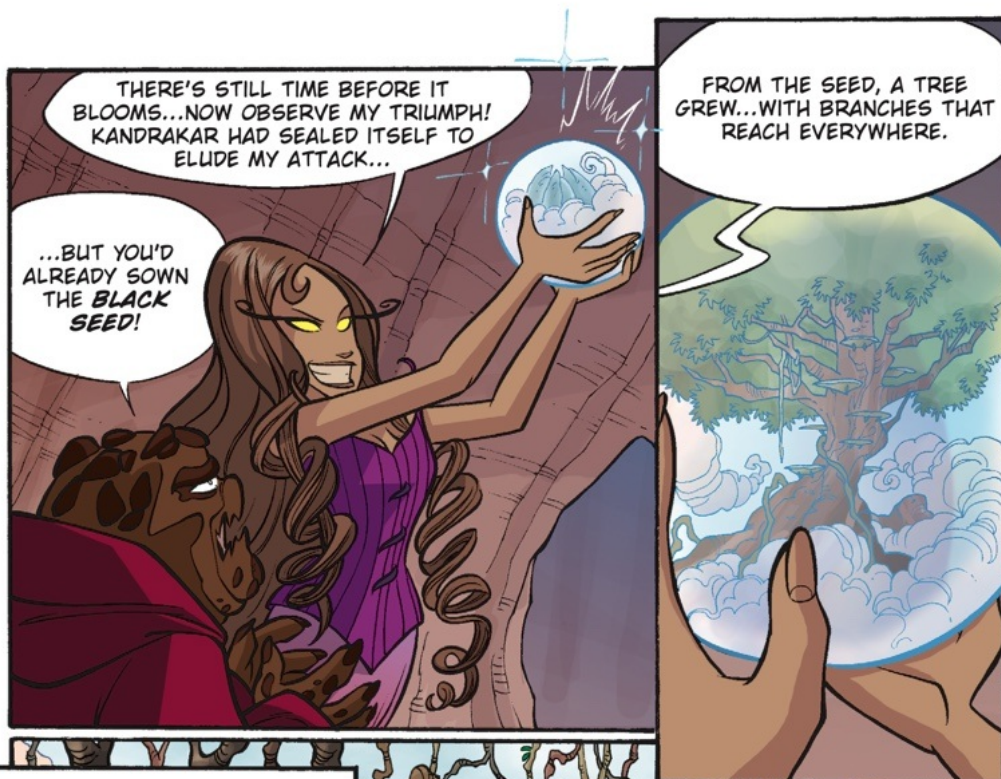
EACH OF YOU, W.I.T.C.H., HAS
PERFECTED HER POWER. EACH
HAS FOUND THE ROOT OF
HER STRENGTH.

Like we
wouldn't?

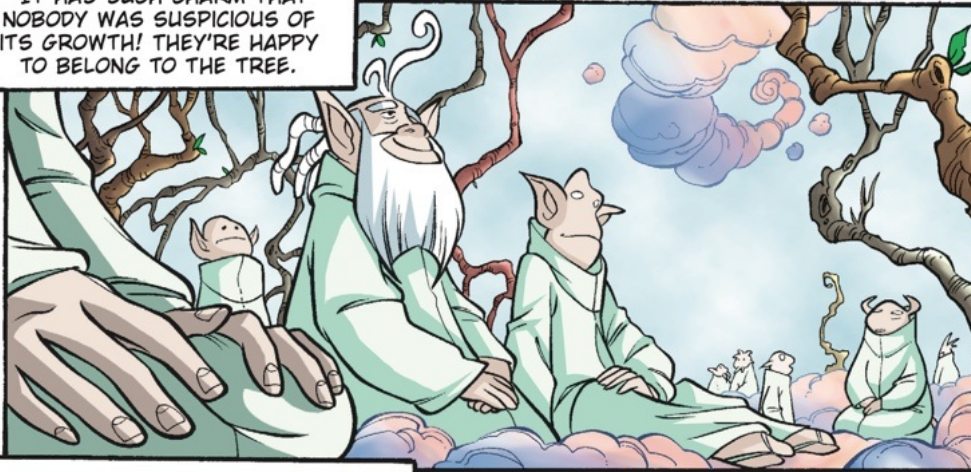
Shush!
It's a solemn
moment.







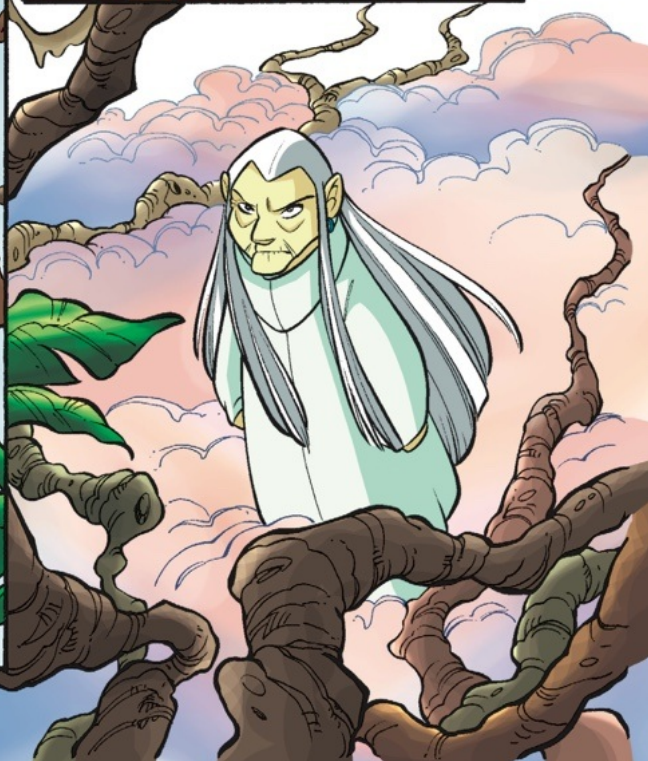
"IT HAS SUCH CHARM THAT NOBODY WAS SUSPICIOUS OF ITS GROWTH! THEY'RE HAPPY TO BELONG TO THE TREE."

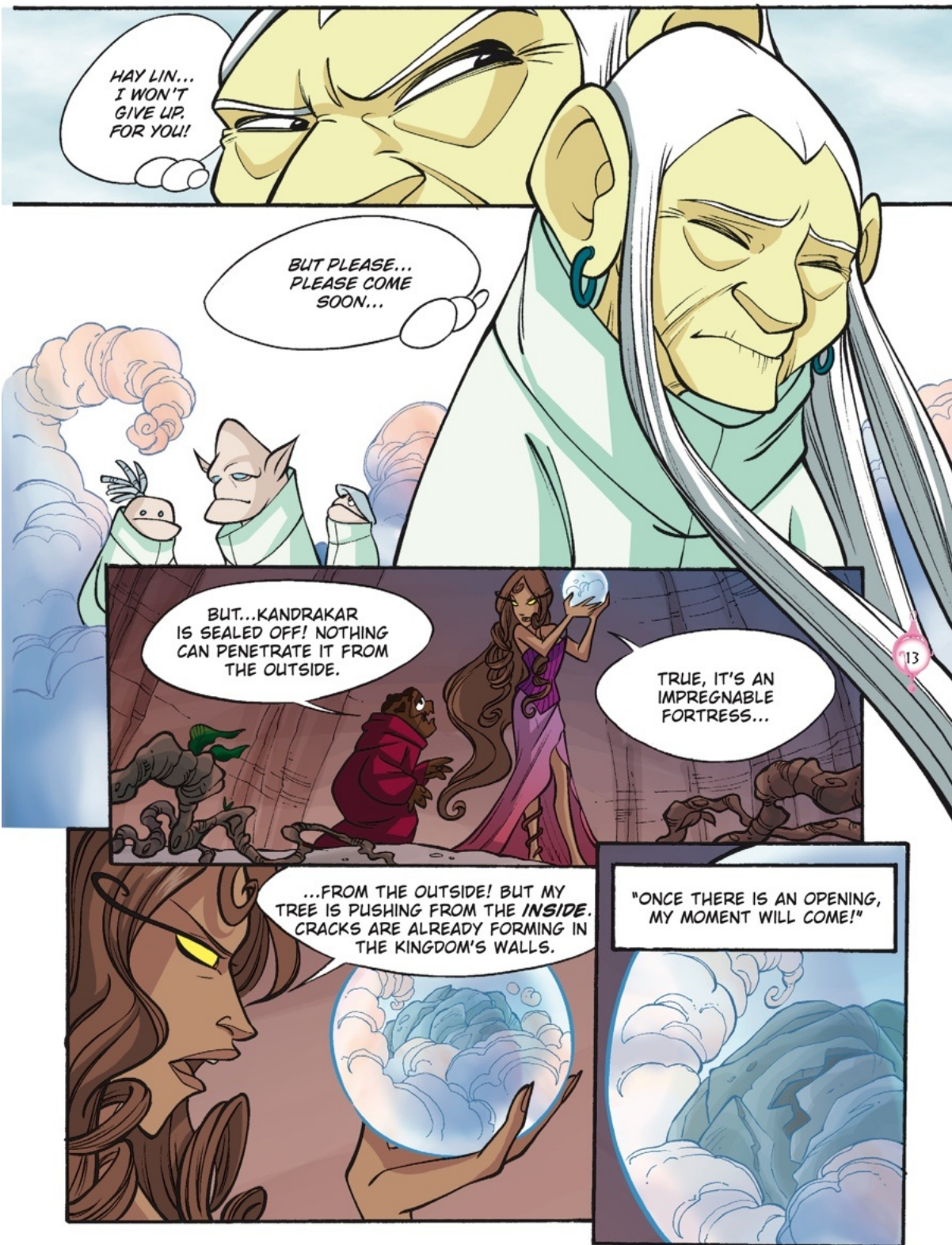


"THE ORACLE, WHO HOLDS KANDRAKAR'S FATE, IS NOW HELD BY ROOTS STRONGER THAN HIS IRON WILL."



AND EVEN IF SOMEONE'S MIND IS STILL FREE, THEY ARE BOUND TO YIELD EVENTUALLY.





HAY LIN...
I WON'T
GIVE UP.
FOR YOU!

BUT PLEASE...
PLEASE COME
SOON...

BUT...KANDRAKAR
IS SEALED OFF! NOTHING
CAN PENETRATE IT FROM
THE OUTSIDE.

TRUE, IT'S AN
IMPREGNABLE
FORTRESS...

...FROM THE OUTSIDE! BUT MY
TREE IS PUSHING FROM THE *INSIDE*.
CRACKS ARE ALREADY FORMING IN
THE KINGDOM'S WALLS.

"ONCE THERE IS AN OPENING,
MY MOMENT WILL COME!"





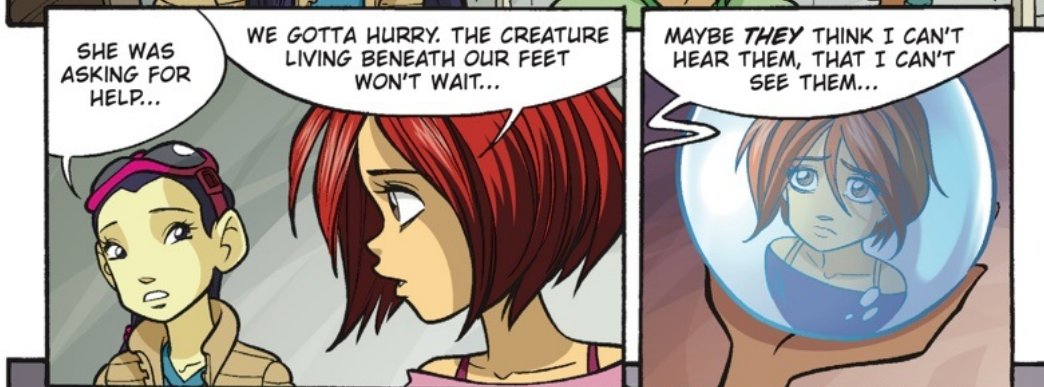
I HAVEN'T
HEARD IT IN
MONTHS...

THAT'S A GOOD SIGN!

SHE WAS
ASKING FOR
HELP...

WE GOTTA HURRY. THE CREATURE
LIVING BENEATH OUR FEET
WON'T WAIT...

MAYBE *THEY* THINK I CAN'T
HEAR THEM, THAT I CAN'T
SEE THEM...



...BUT I'VE GOT EARS
EVERYWHERE, AND FAR-
REACHING HANDS. I'LL
DESTROY THEM!



OR THEY WILL BOW BEFORE ME
AND BECOME MY SERVANTS...
ME, THE **QUEEN OF THE
EARTH!**

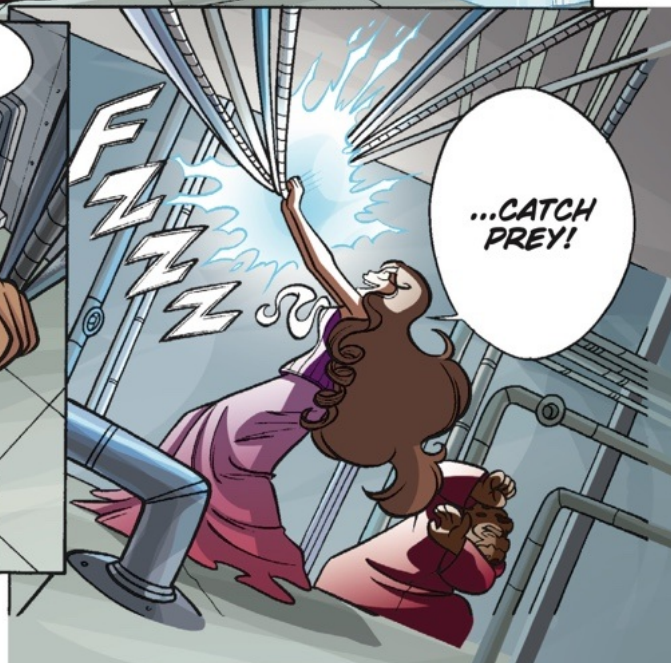
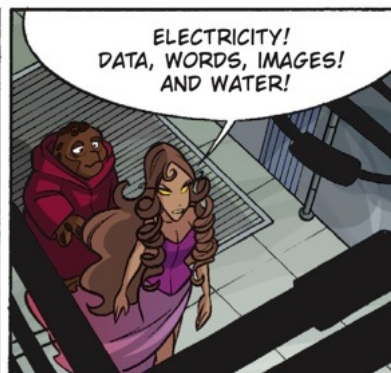
BUT FIRST, I'LL UNLEASH
MY FURY AGAINST
THEIR CITY.



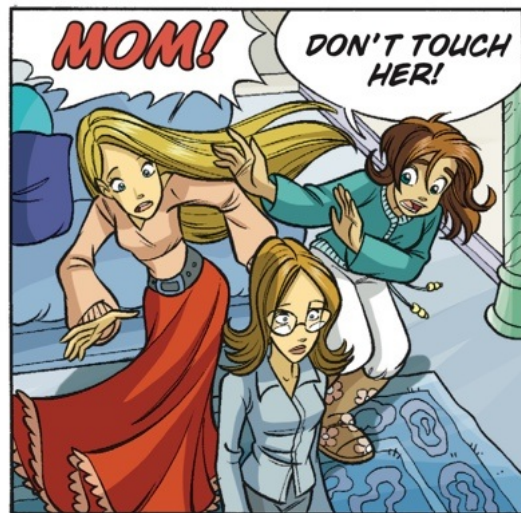
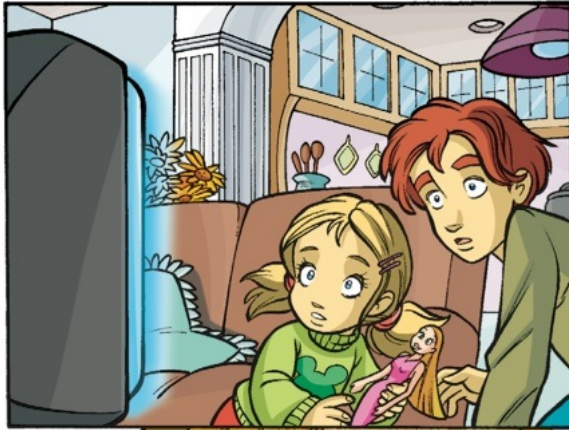
HAVEN'T YOU GOT
ENOUGH SERVANTS,
MONSTER?

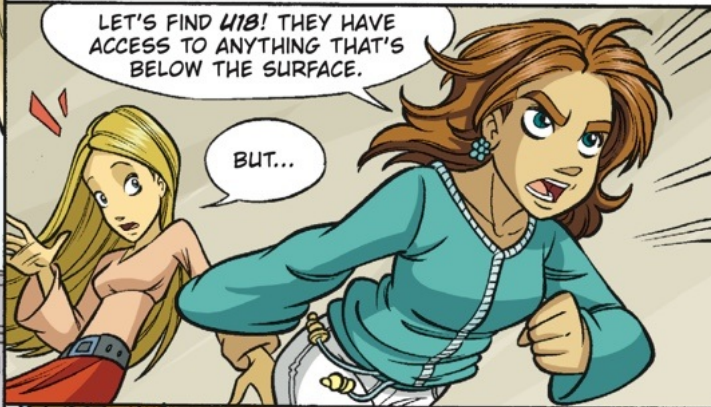




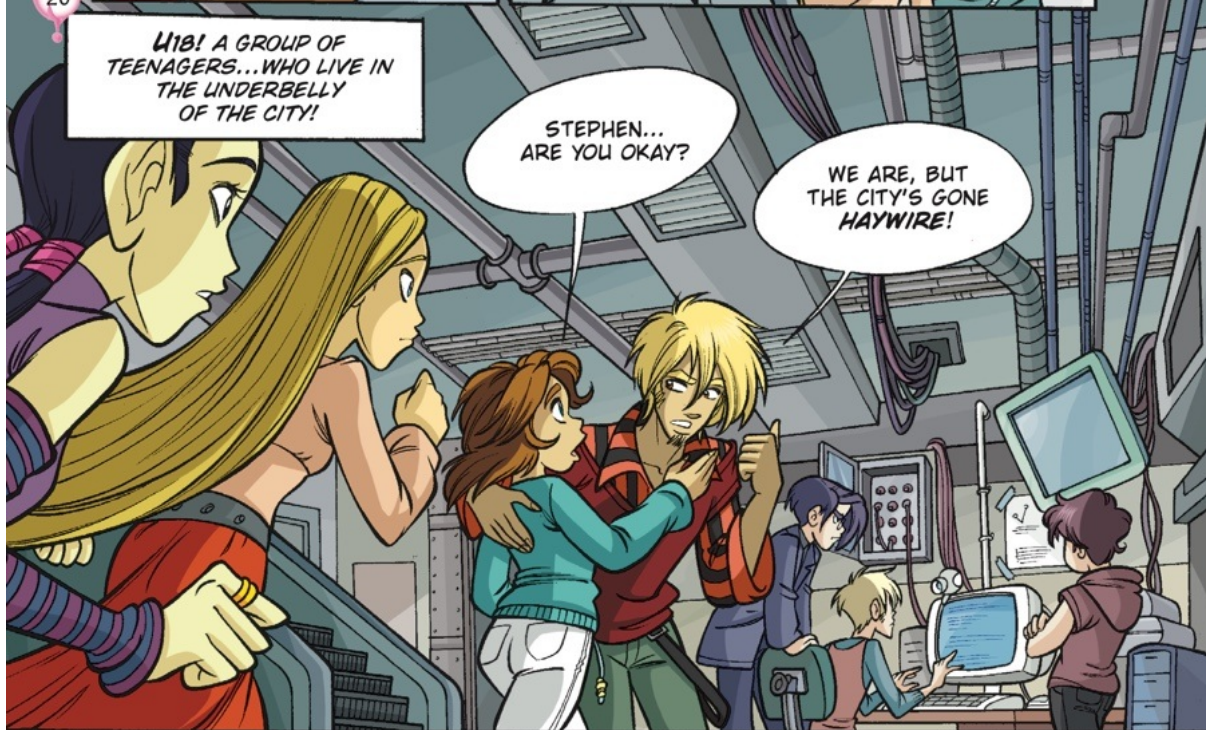


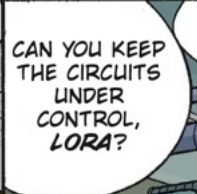


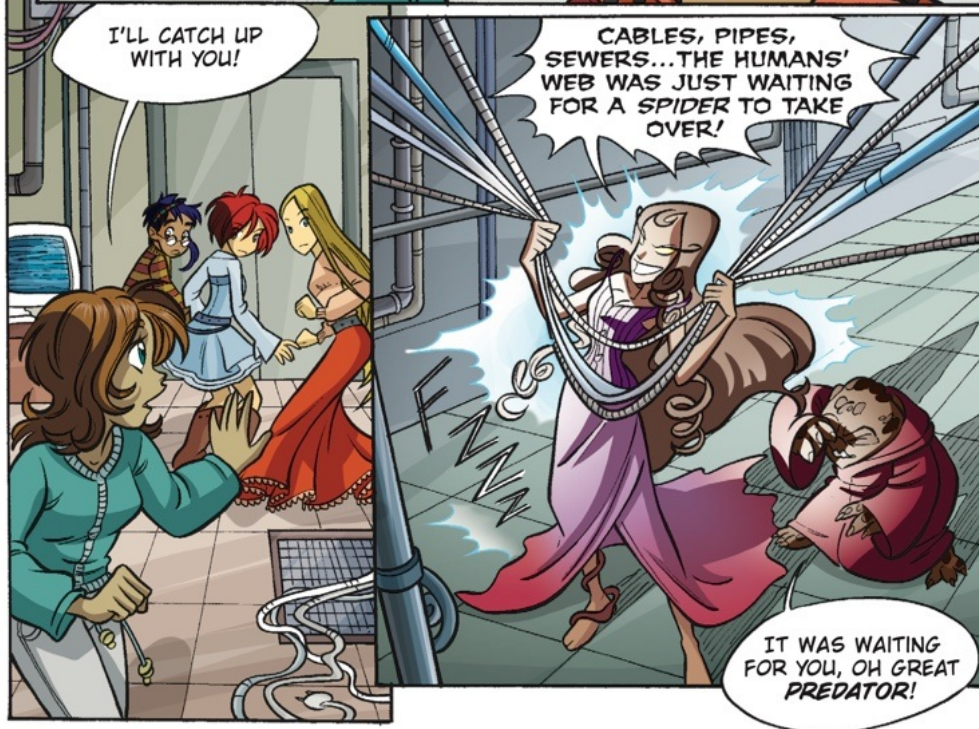


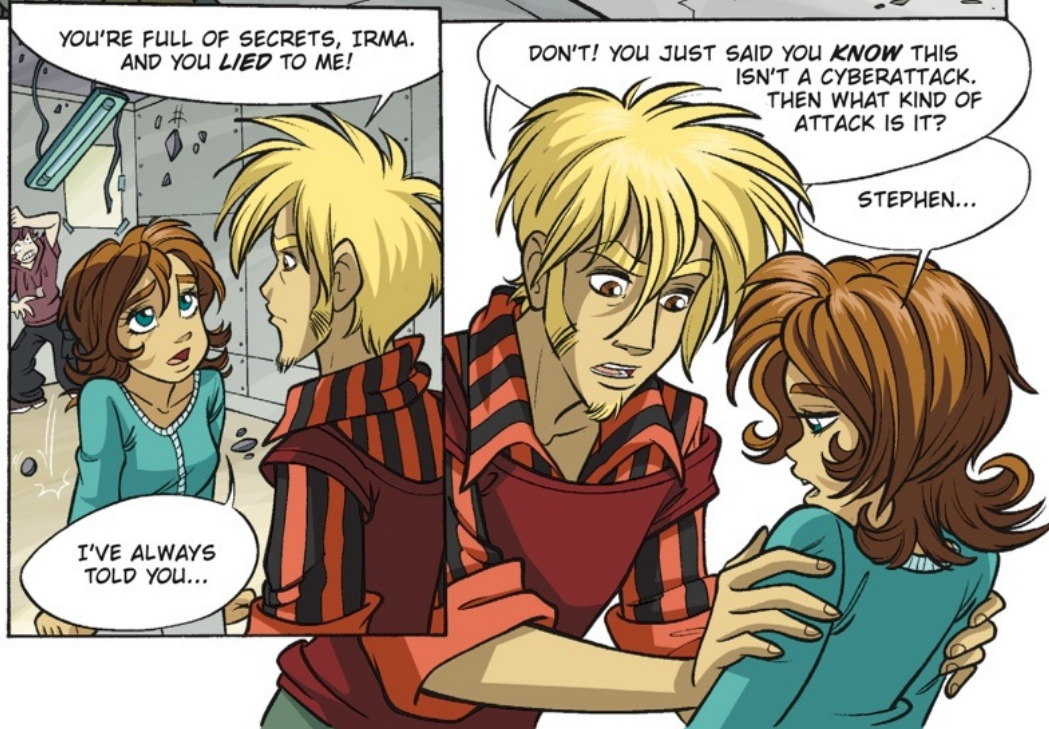


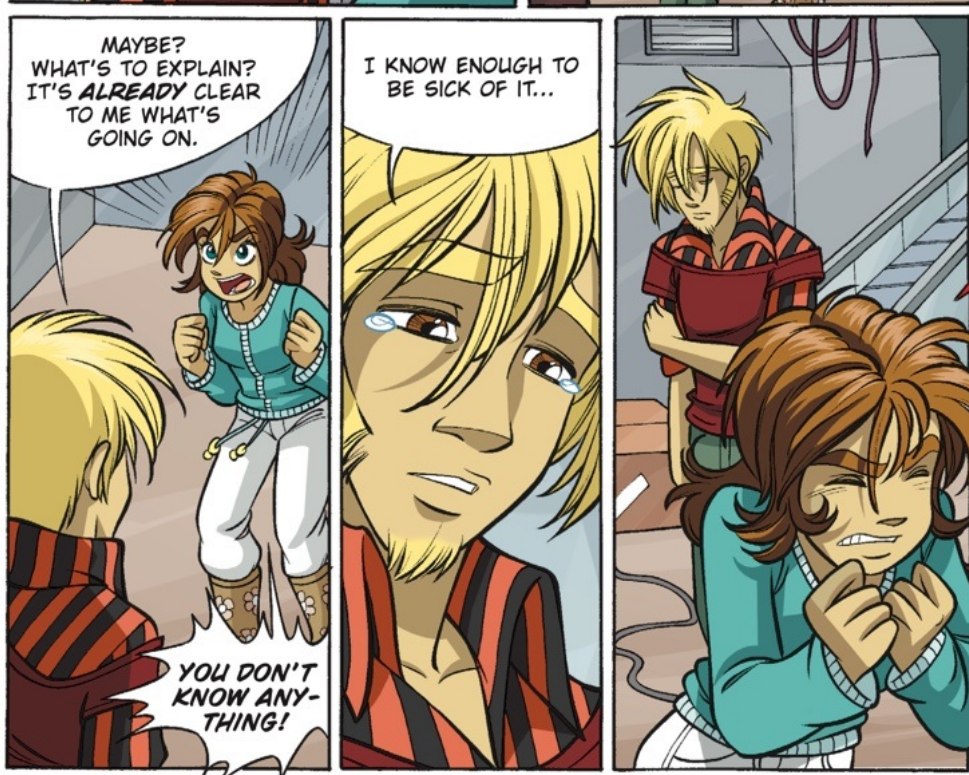
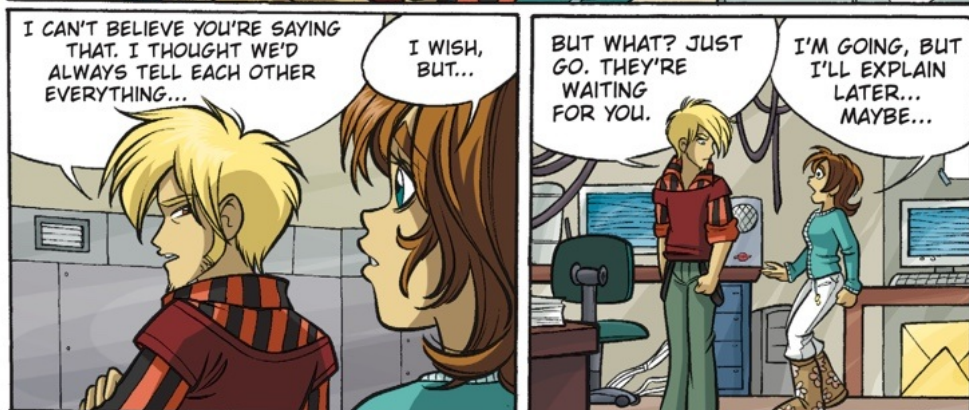
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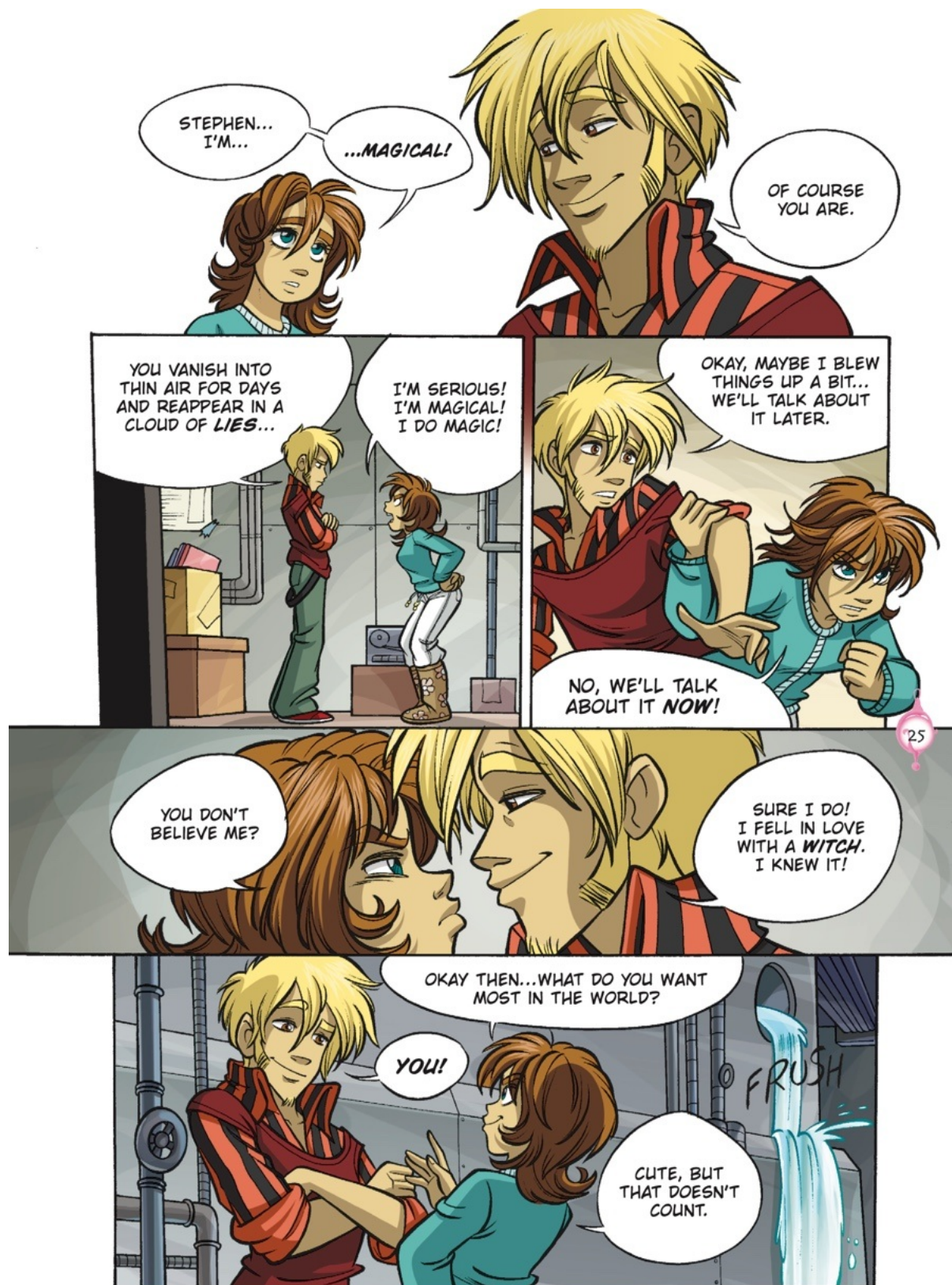


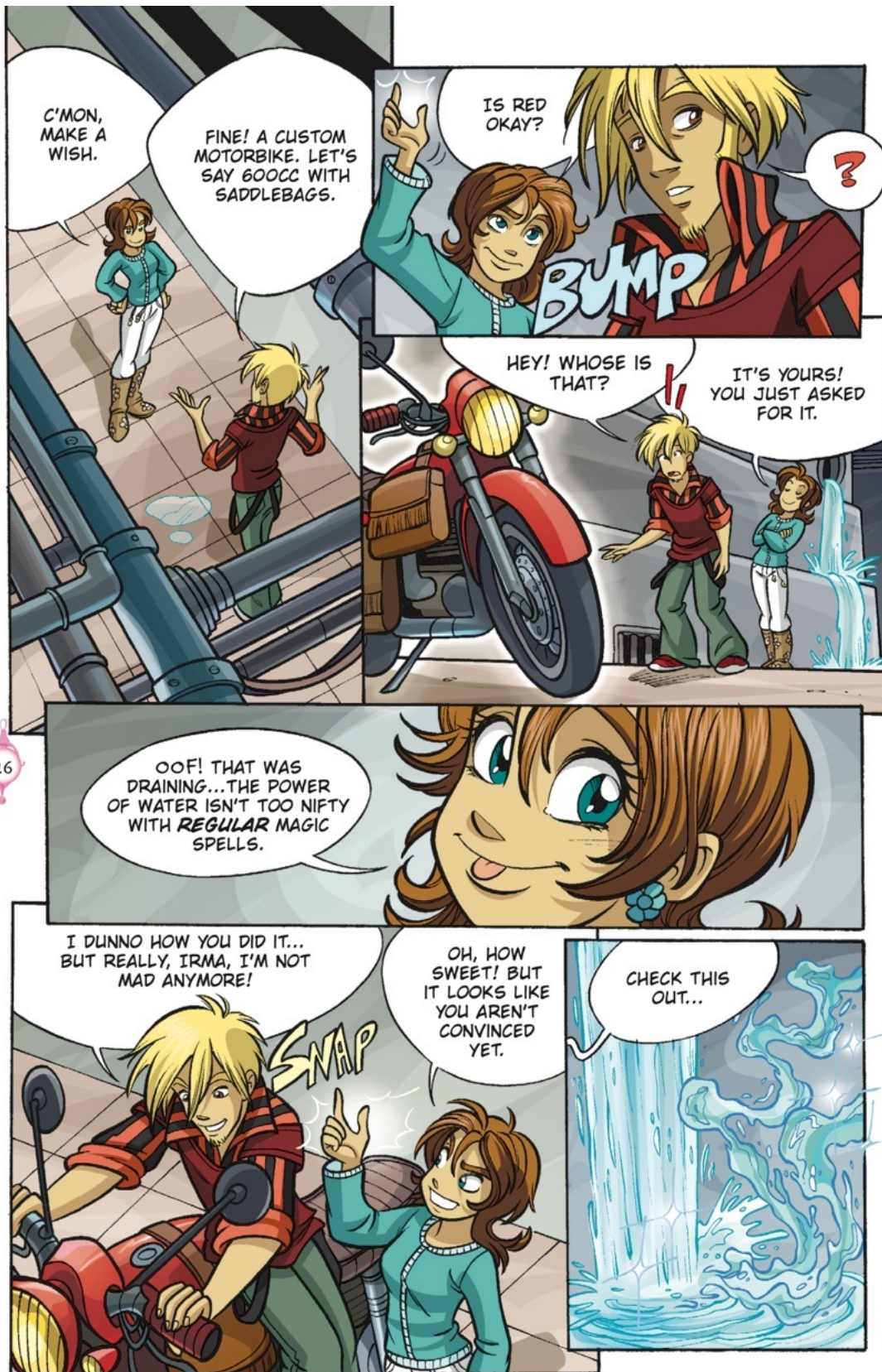












C'MON,
MAKE A
WISH.

FINE! A CUSTOM
MOTORBIKE. LET'S
SAY 600CC WITH
SADDLEBAGS.

IS RED
OKAY?

BUMP

HEY! WHOSE IS
THAT?

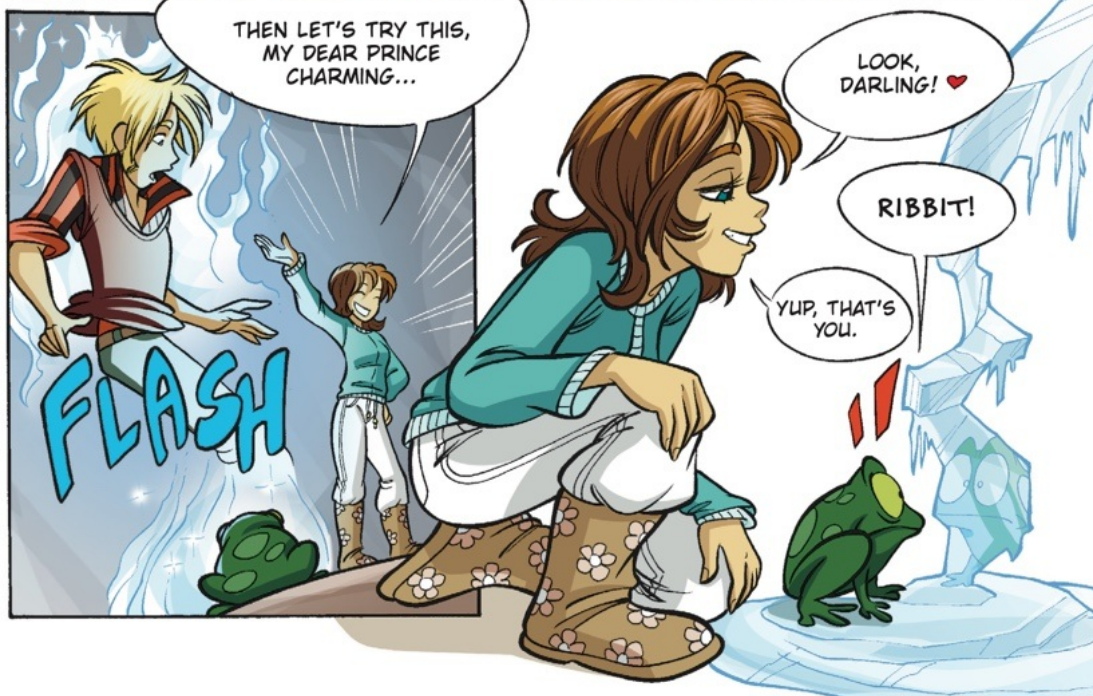
IT'S YOURS!
YOU JUST ASKED
FOR IT.

OOF! THAT WAS
DRAINING...THE POWER
OF WATER ISN'T TOO NIFTY
WITH **REGULAR** MAGIC
SPELLS.

I DUNNO HOW YOU DID IT...
BUT REALLY, IRMA, I'M NOT
MAD ANYMORE!

OH, HOW
SWEET! BUT
IT LOOKS LIKE
YOU AREN'T
CONVINCED
YET.

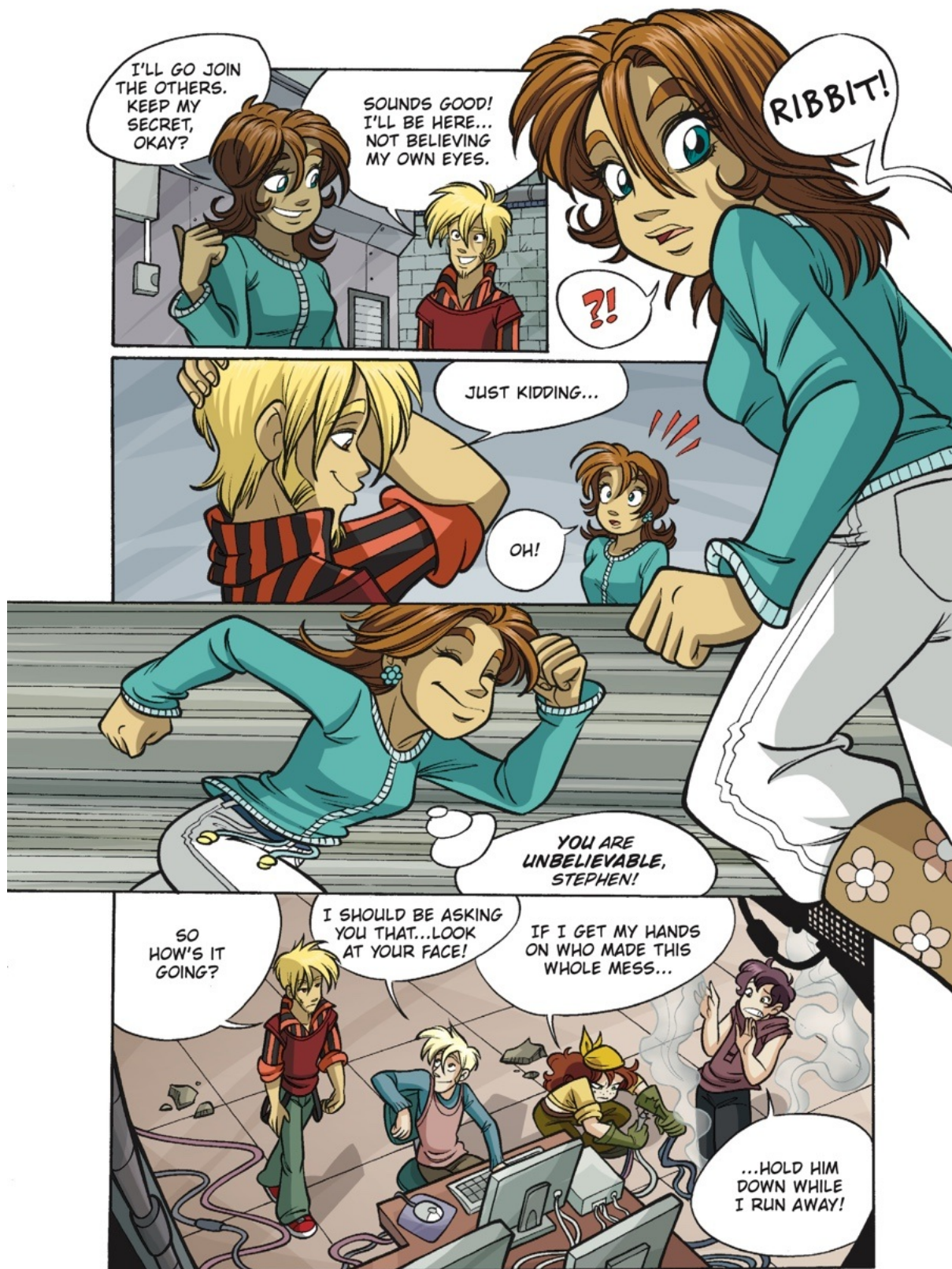
CHECK THIS
OUT...





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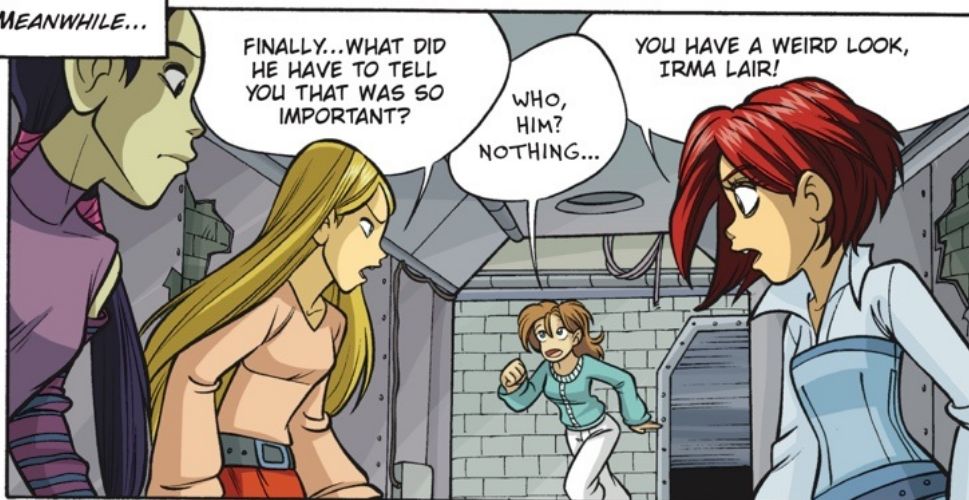


MEANWHILE...

FINALLY...WHAT DID HE HAVE TO TELL YOU THAT WAS SO IMPORTANT?

WHO, HIM? NOTHING...

YOU HAVE A WEIRD LOOK, IRMA LAIR!



YES...A GUILTY LOOK!

WHO, ME?

YES, YOU!



ACTUALLY... I SHOULD TELL YOU...

H-HOW ABOUT LATER?



RRRRRRRR

AIR!

W.I.T.C.H.! WATER!

FIRE!

EARTH!

AND THE POWER THAT BINDS THEM!





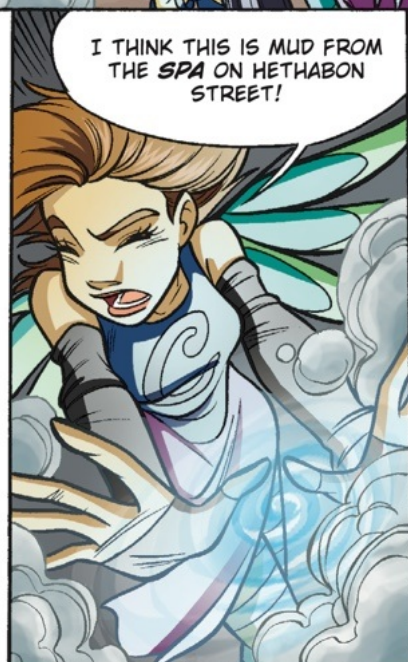
IRMA! THIS ONE'S
ALL YOURS!



STAND BACK!
IT'S **SCALDING**
HOT!

SPLASH

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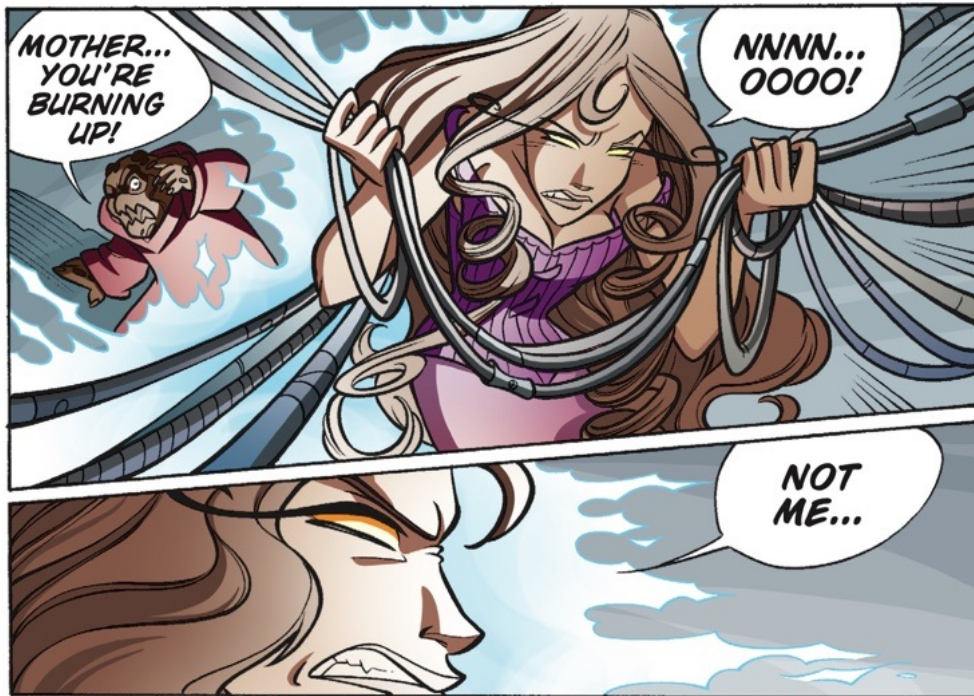
I THINK THIS IS MUD FROM
THE **SPA** ON HETHABON
STREET!

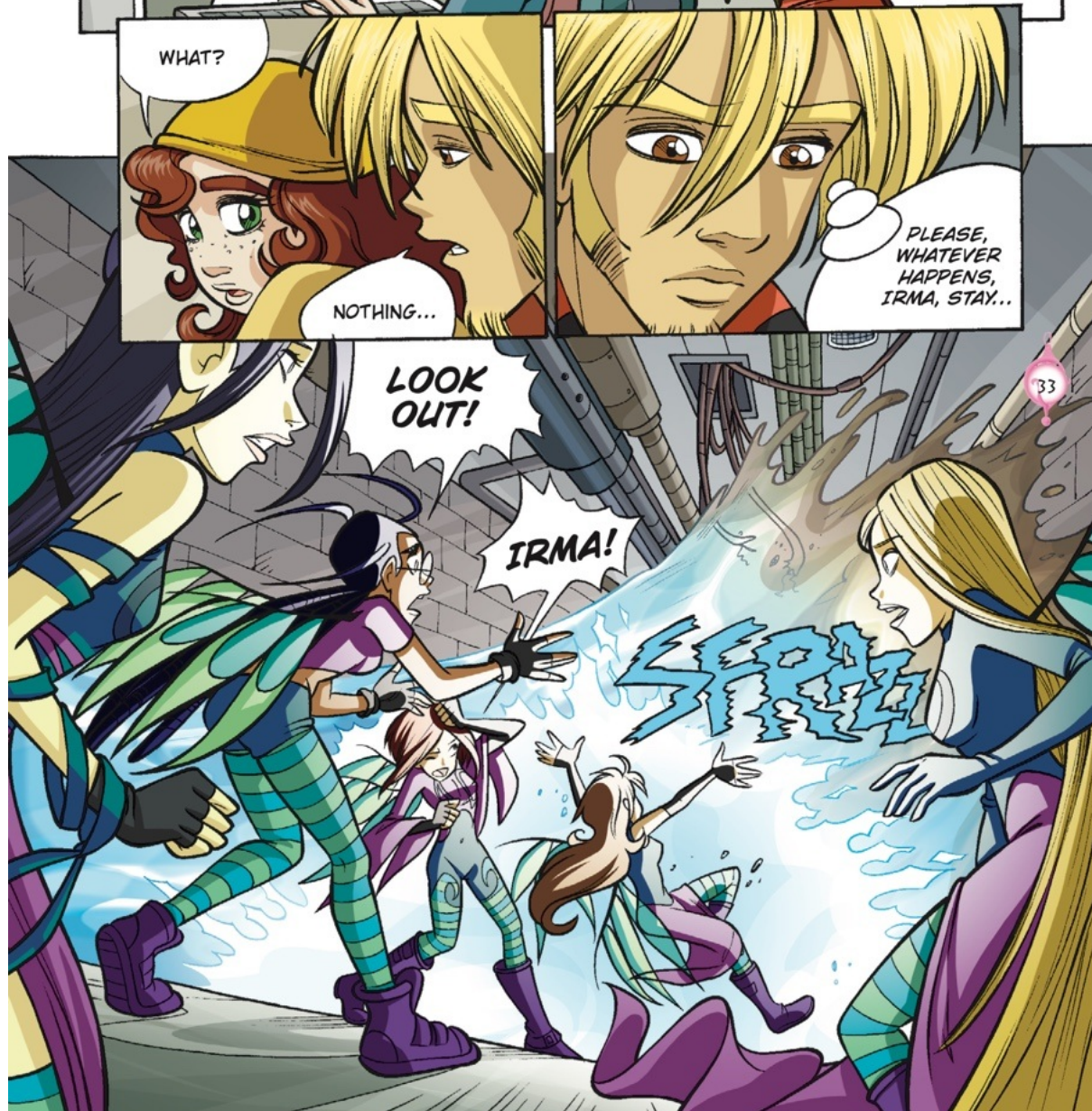
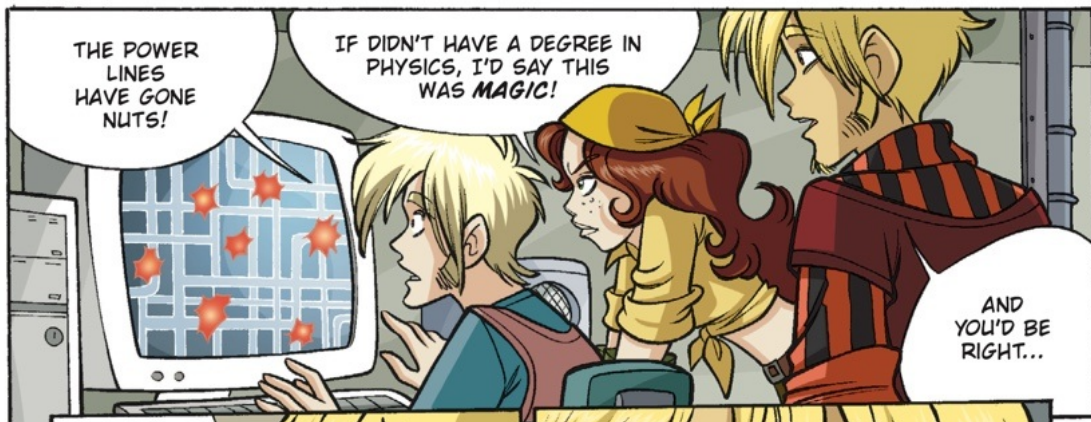


MAYBE...BUT IT'S NOT HERE TO
GIVE US A **FACIAL!**

WE DON'T
NEED IT. WE'RE
ALREADY
FABULOUS!

YOU'RE THE
BEST, TARA!

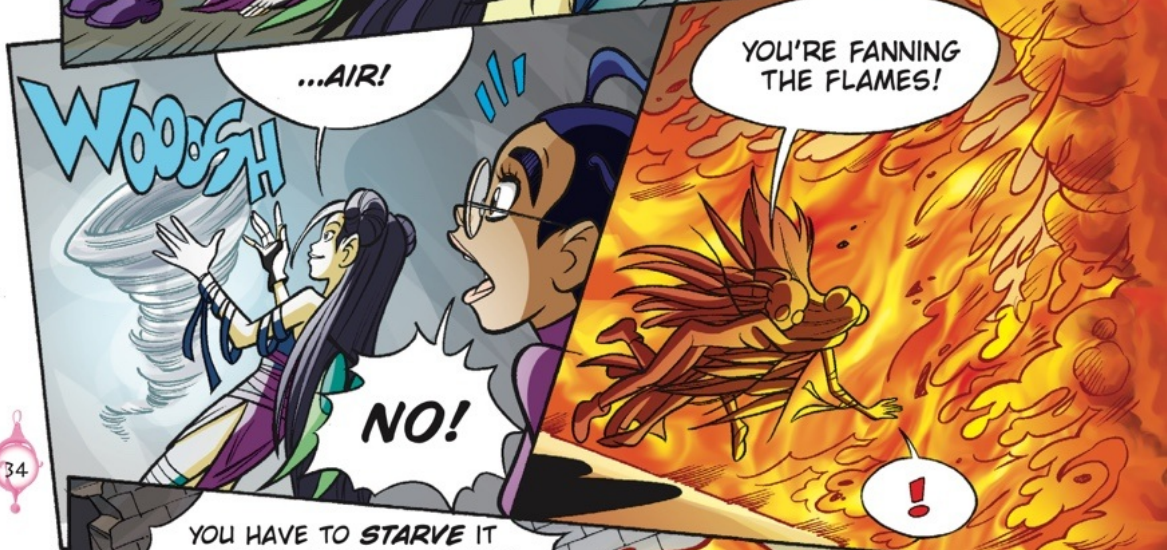






SH-SHE'S
FAINTED!

TAKE CARE
OF HER!
IT SMELLS
MUSTY
DOWN HERE.
WE NEED
SOME
FRESH...



WOOSH

...AIR!

NO!

YOU'RE FANNING
THE FLAMES!



YOU HAVE TO **STARVE** IT
OF AIR...CAN YOU CREATE
A **VACUUM**?

Y-YES!



COUGH YOU COULD'VE WARNED US!

REALLY TOOK MY BREATH AWAY.

IRMA!
YOU OKAY?

STEPHEN...
WHERE'S
STEPHEN?



SEE? SHE'S
JUST FINE!

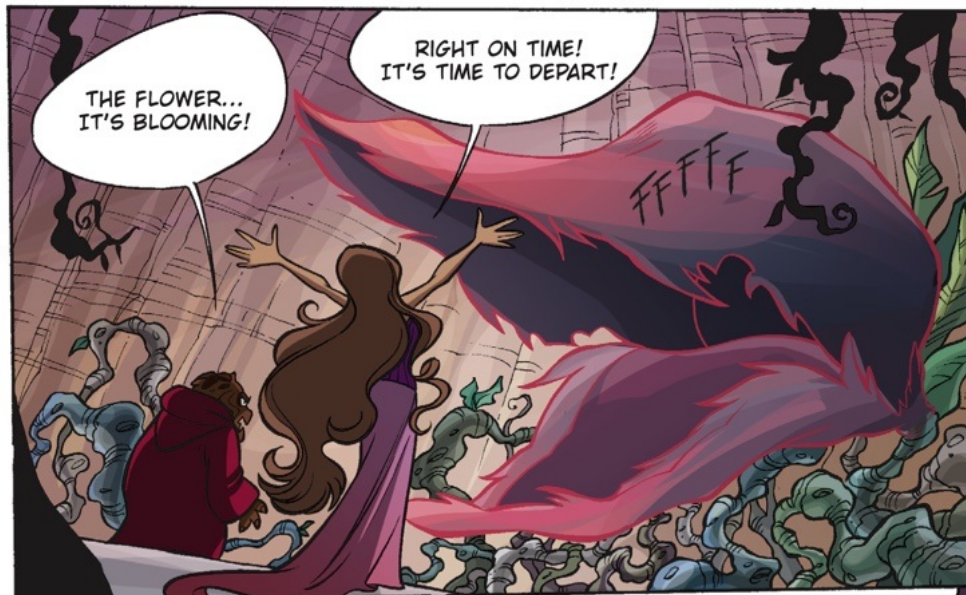
YEAH...
BUT SHE
STILL LOOKS
GUILTY.

HMM...WHAT DID
YOU DO, IRMA?

I WAS GONNA TELL
YOU, BUT...

LISTEN!

F F F F F F F F



THE FLOWER...
IT'S BLOOMING!

RIGHT ON TIME!
IT'S TIME TO DEPART!

FFFFF



WHERE TO,
MOTHER?

YOU AND MY OTHER
SERVANTS WILL
BE ALLOWED
TO LIVE...

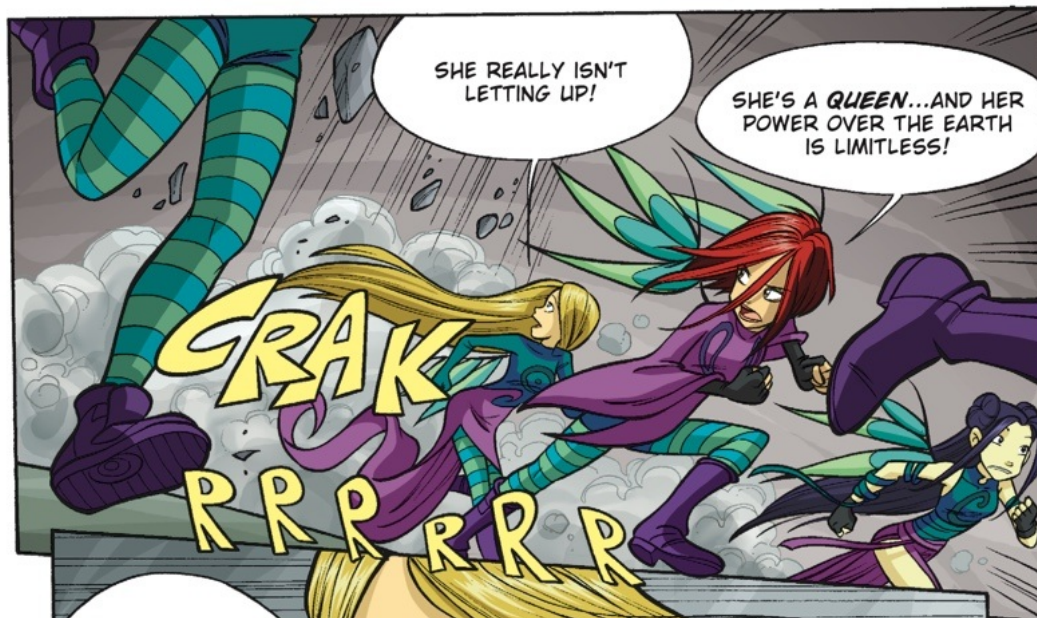
TO
KANDRAKAR!
MY KINGDOM!

TO
KANDRAKAR!
MY KINGDOM!



...IF YOU SURVIVE
THE EARTHQUAKE THAT
WILL DESTROY WHAT HAS
BEEN MY PRISON FOR
TOO LONG!

RRRRRRRR



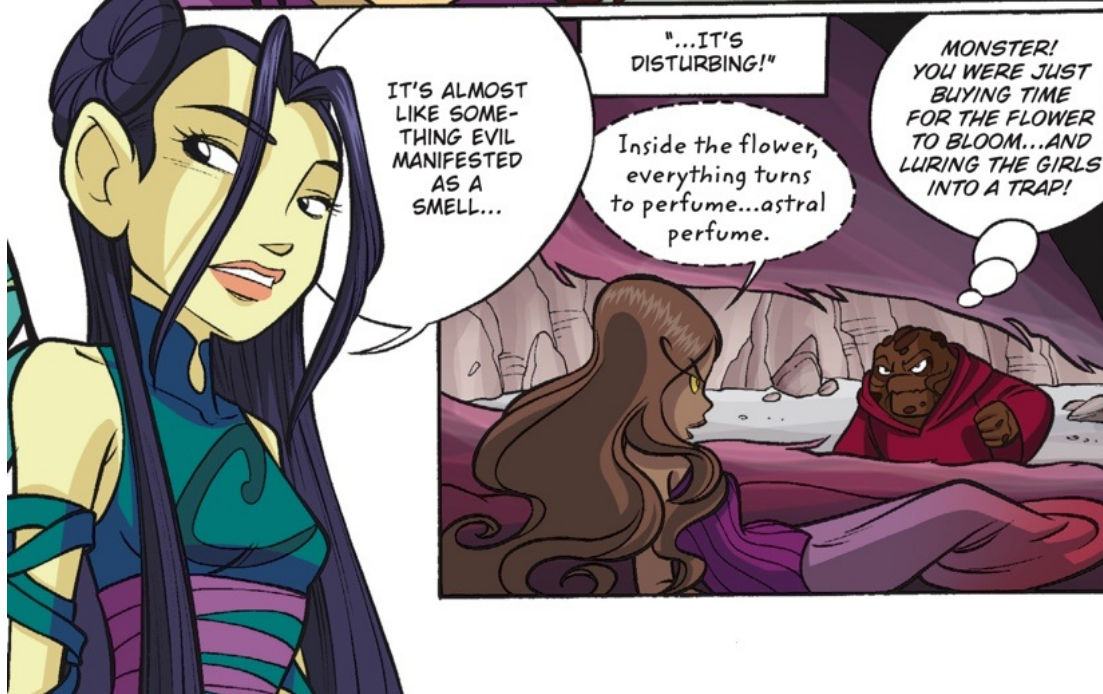
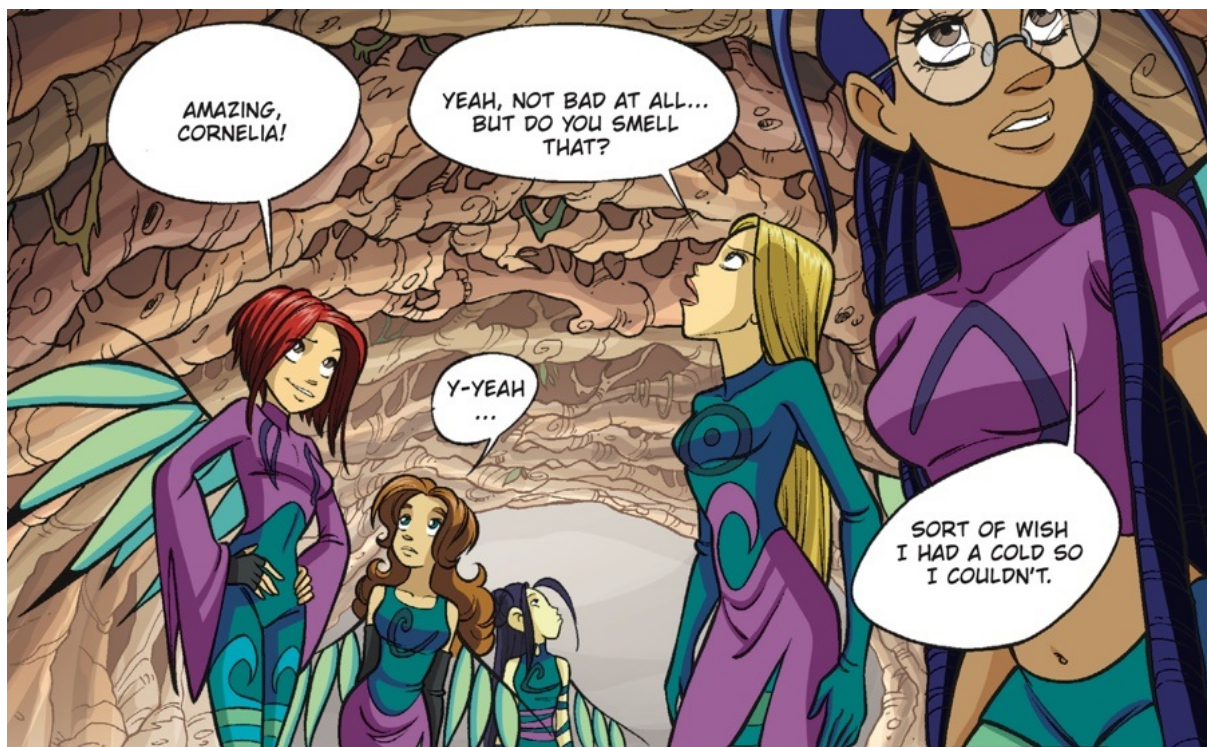
SHE REALLY ISN'T
LETTING UP!

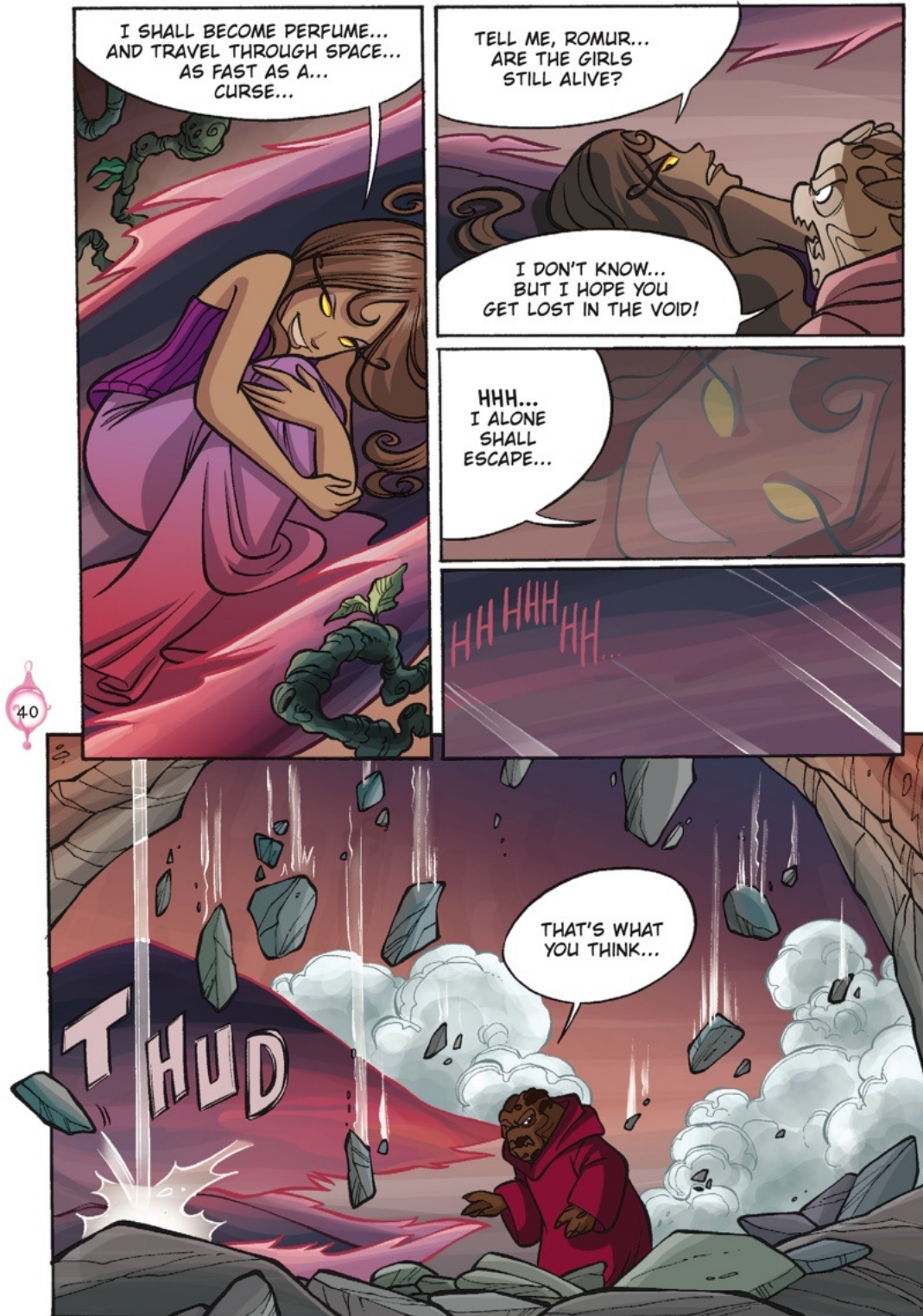
SHE'S A *QUEEN*...AND HER
POWER OVER THE EARTH
IS LIMITLESS!

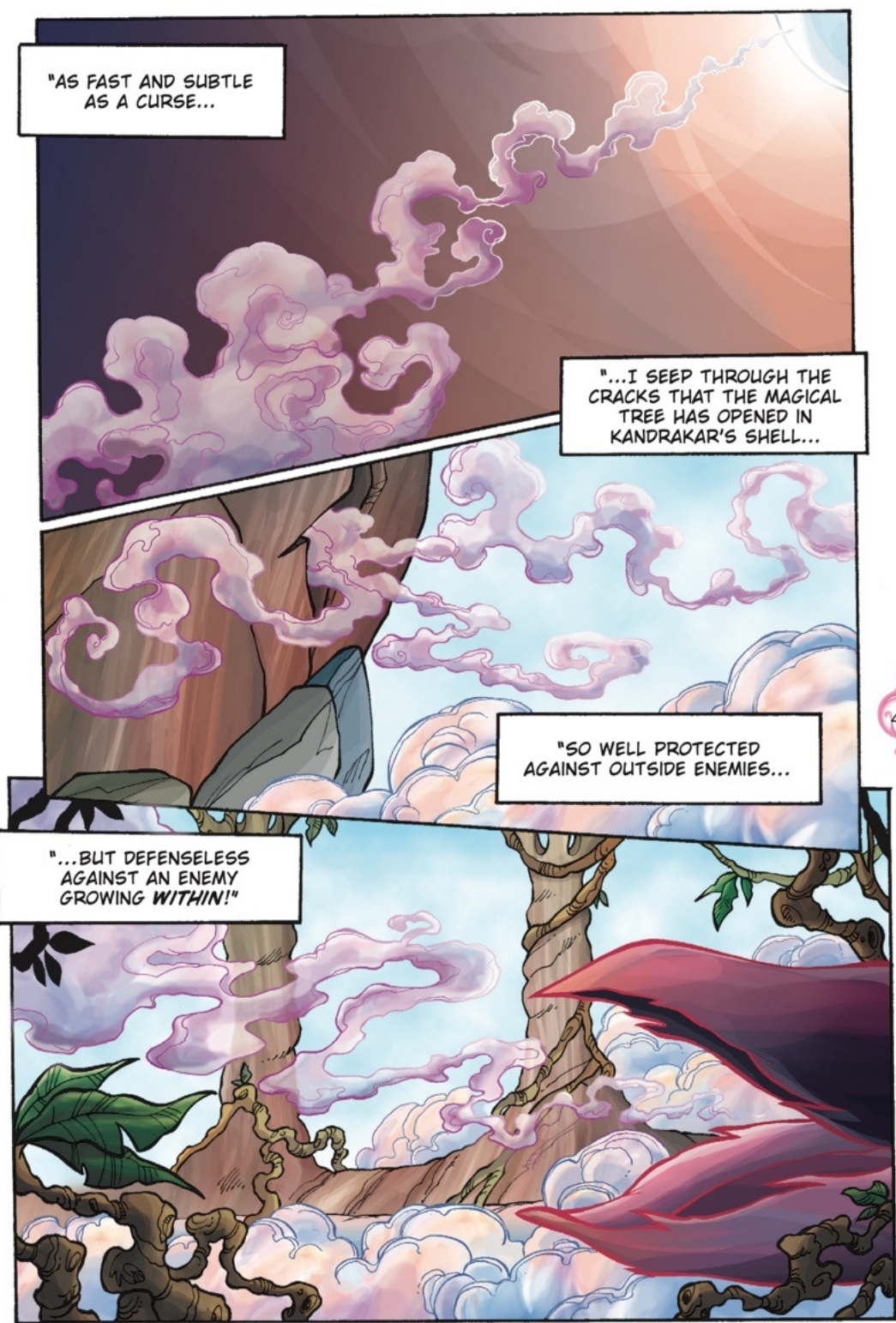
YES, WELL,
MINE IS *PERFECT*!
AS SHARP AS A
SWORD!



SEEDS THAT SLEEP IN
THIS SOIL...*AWAKE*
FROM SLUMBER!







"AS FAST AND SUBTLE
AS A CURSE..."

"...I SEEP THROUGH THE
CRACKS THAT THE MAGICAL
TREE HAS OPENED IN
KANDRAKAR'S SHELL..."

"SO WELL PROTECTED
AGAINST OUTSIDE ENEMIES..."

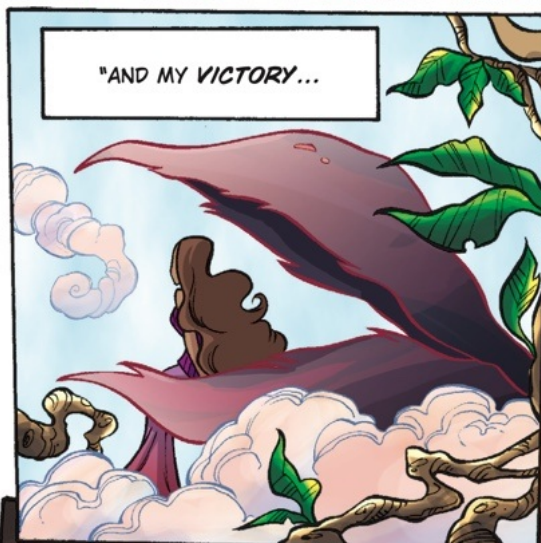
"...BUT DEFENSELESS
AGAINST AN ENEMY
GROWING *WITHIN*!"

"AS SUBTLE AS A CURSE..."



"...I ARRIVE AS
A PERFUME."

"AND MY VICTORY..."



"...IS COMPLETE!"

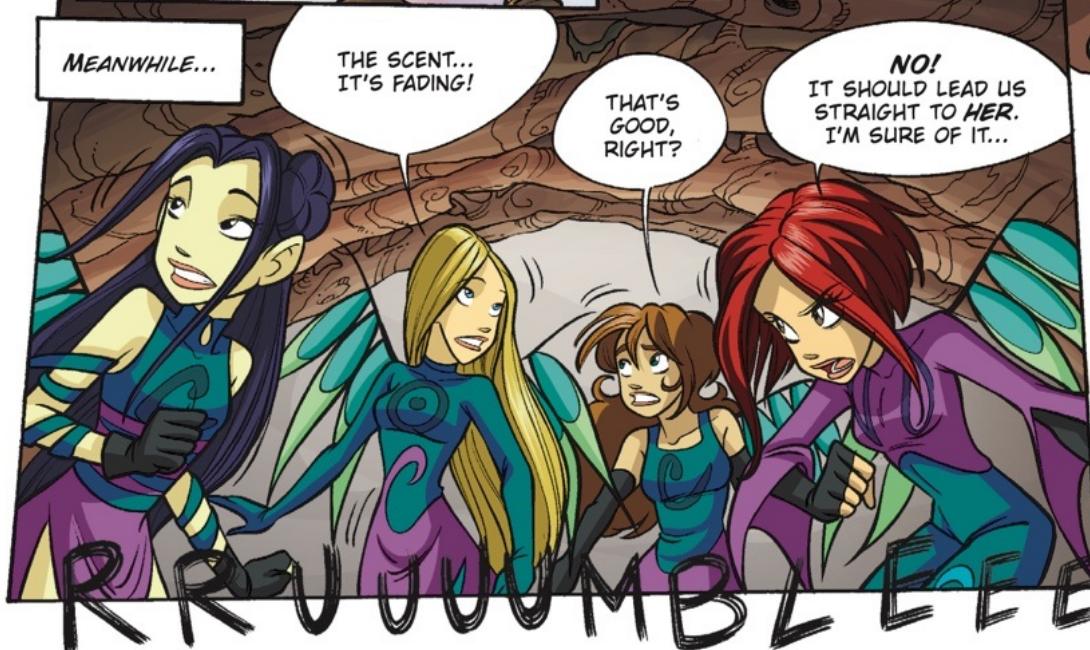


MEANWHILE...

THE SCENT...
IT'S FADING!

THAT'S
GOOD,
RIGHT?

NO!
IT SHOULD LEAD US
STRAIGHT TO **HER**.
I'M SURE OF IT...

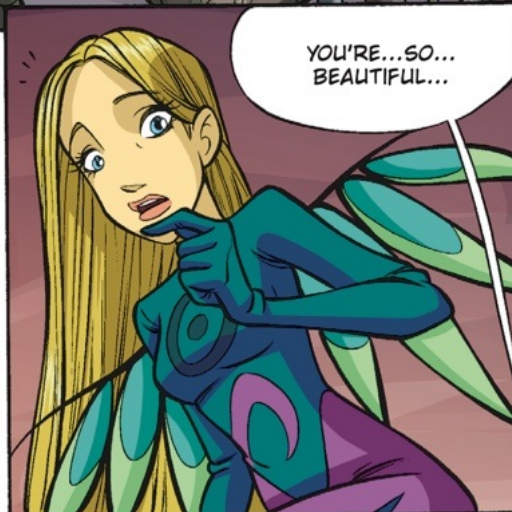


RRRUUMMBLEEE





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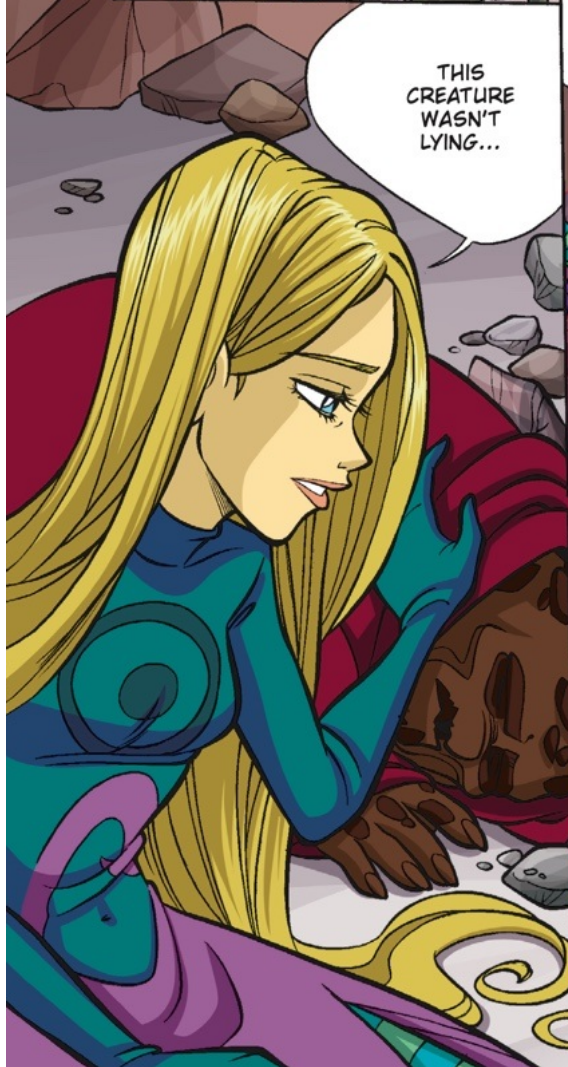




SO...
WE JUST
LIE DOWN?

I DUNNO!

WHAT IF IT'S
A TRAP?

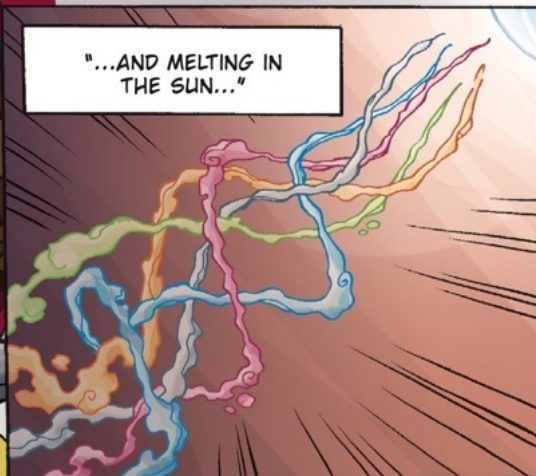


THIS
CREATURE
WASN'T
LYING...



THEN LET'S GO!

C'MON...
IT'S LIKE BEING
MADE OF
SNOW...

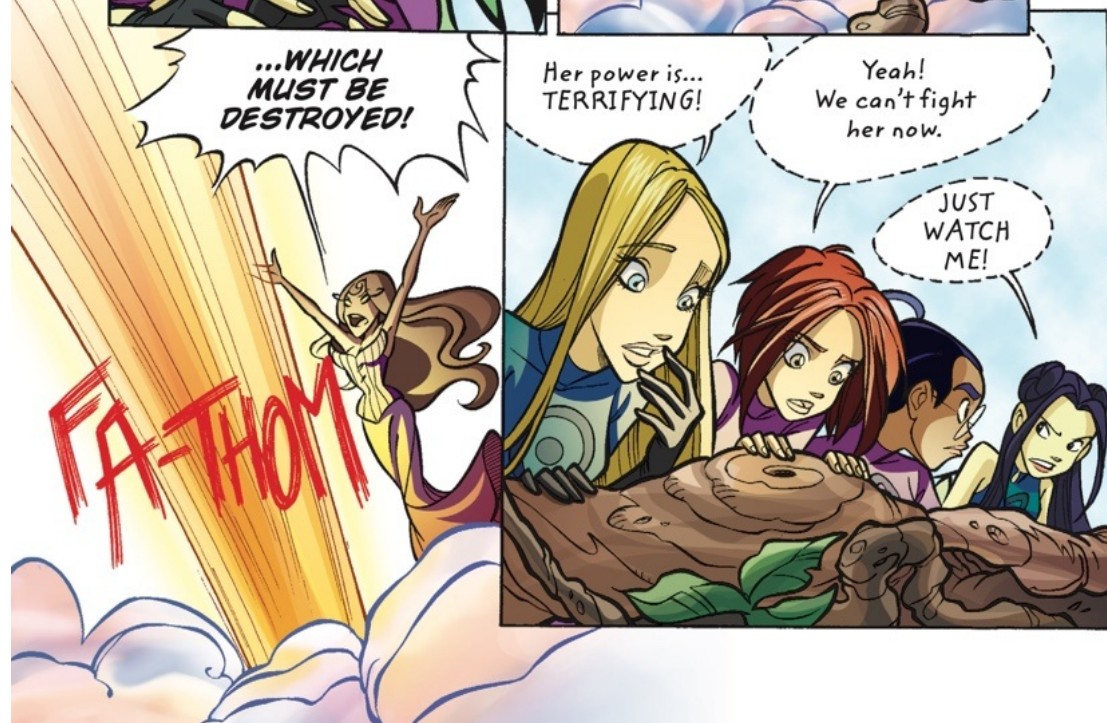


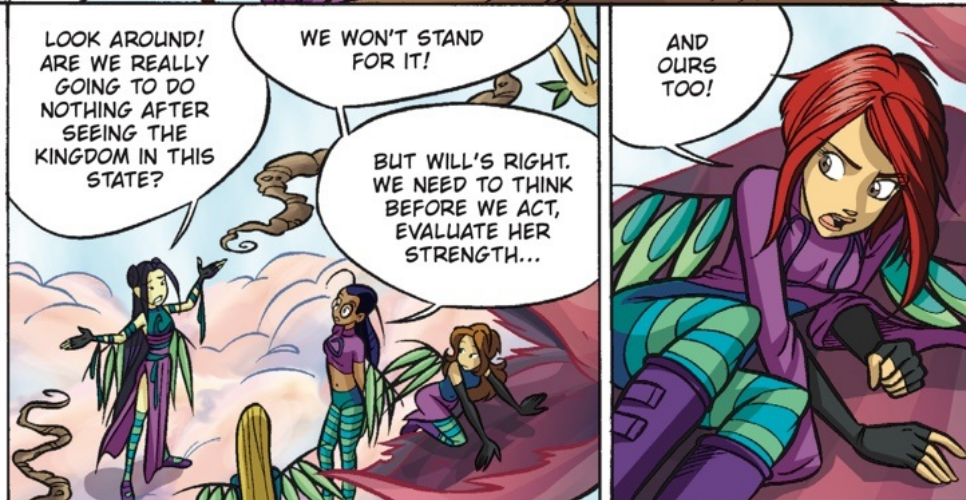
"...AND MELTING IN
THE SUN..."



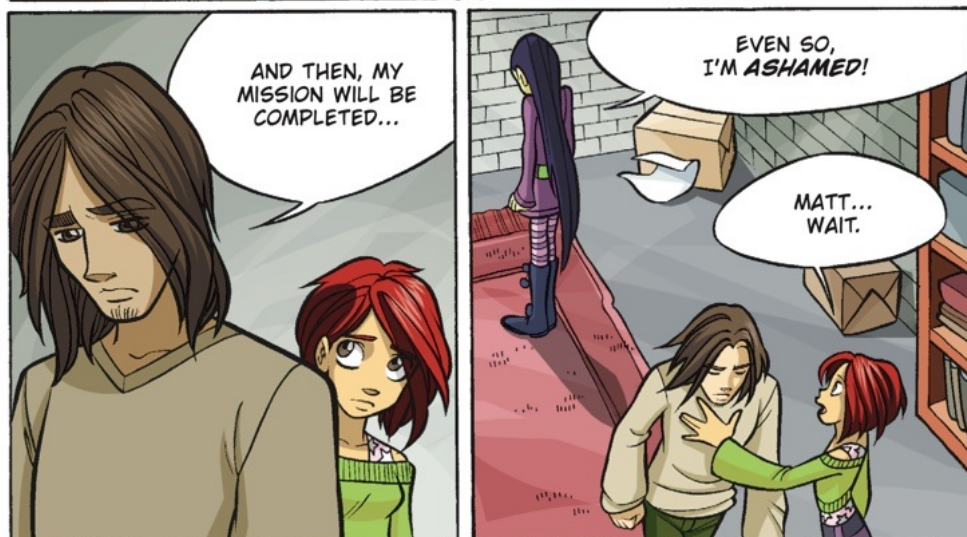
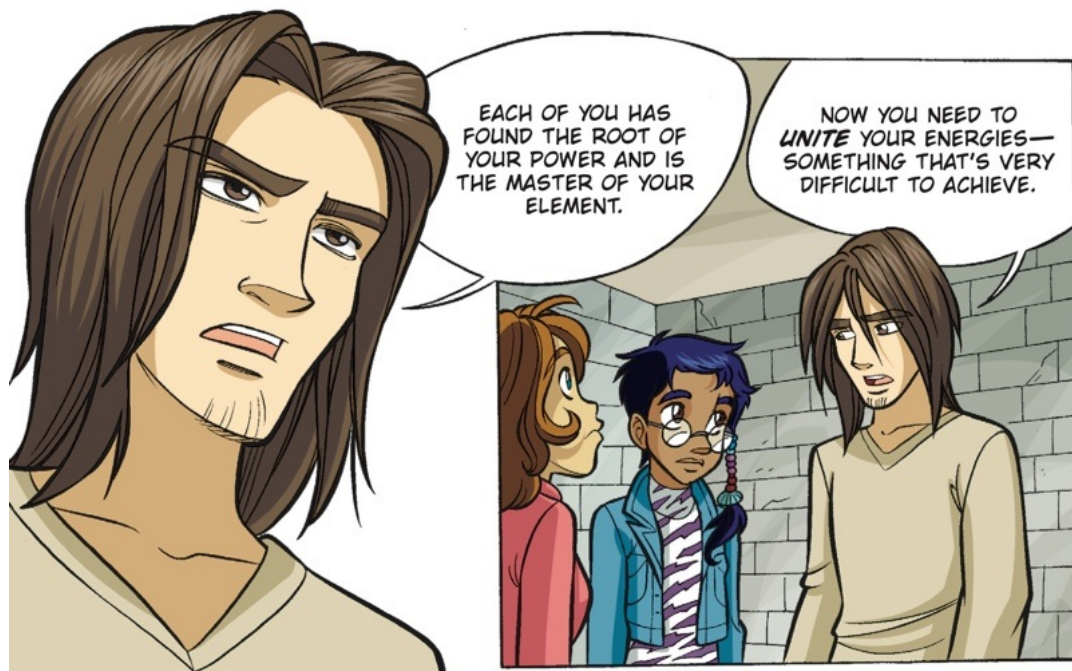
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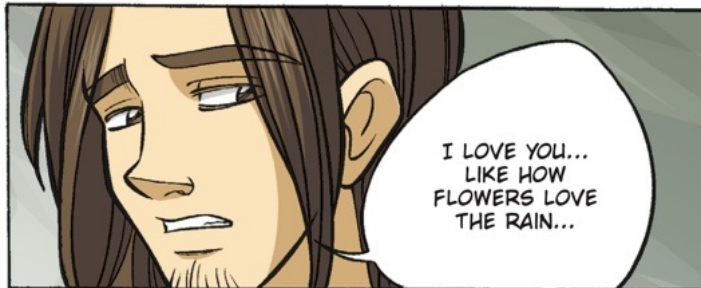




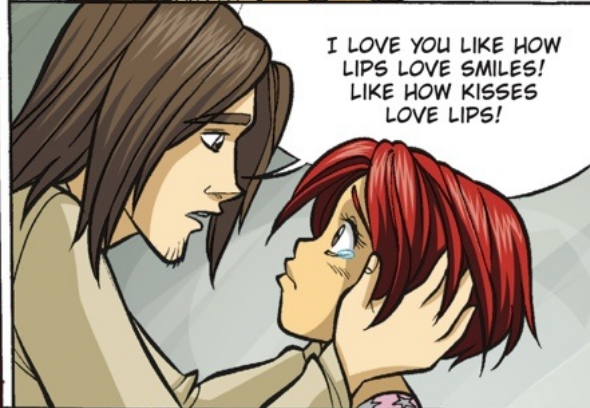


SO MANY THINGS DIVIDED US
AND KEPT US APART...

**THAT'S NOT
WHAT I WANNA
HEAR...**



I LOVE YOU...
LIKE HOW
FLOWERS LOVE
THE RAIN...



I LOVE YOU LIKE HOW
LIPS LOVE SMILES!
LIKE HOW KISSES
LOVE LIPS!



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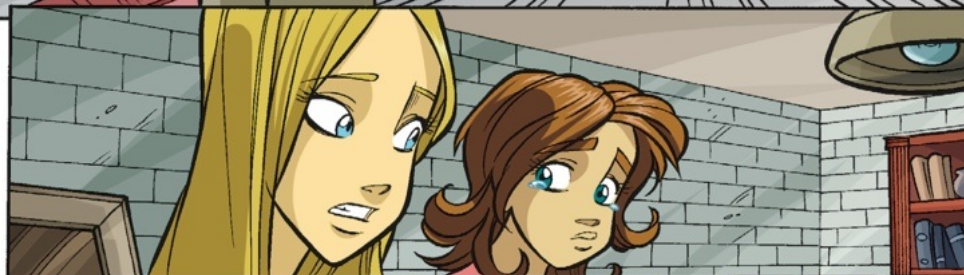
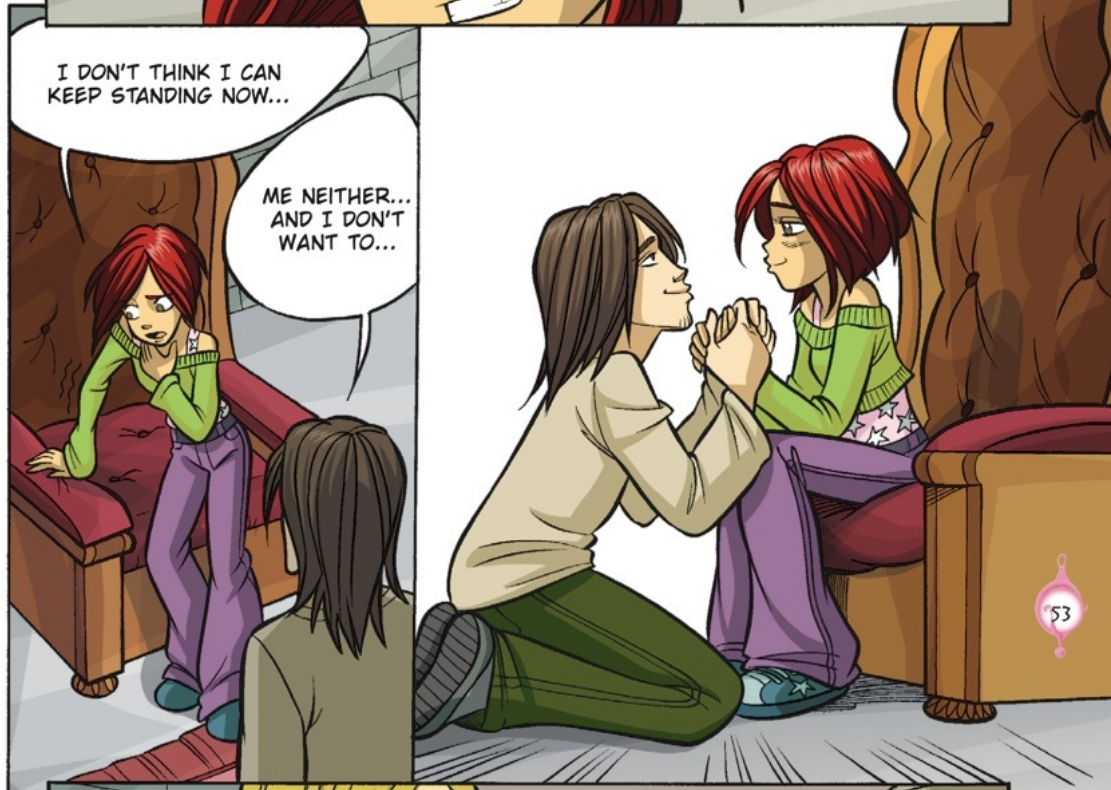
LET ANYONE TRY AND
SAY THEY HAVE LOVED
SOMEONE MORE...
I'LL LAUGH AT THEIR LIE!



IF ANYONE LAUGHS AT ME FOR
HOW MUCH I LOVE YOU...
I'LL LAUGH WITH
THEM!

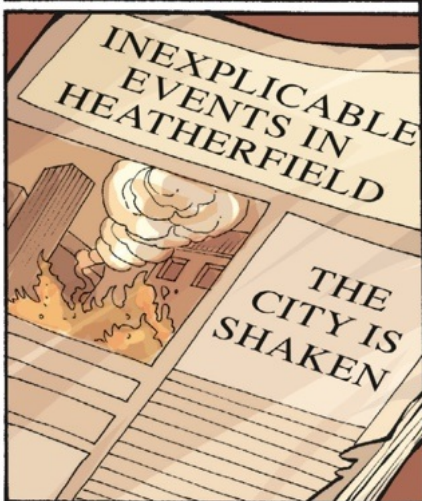


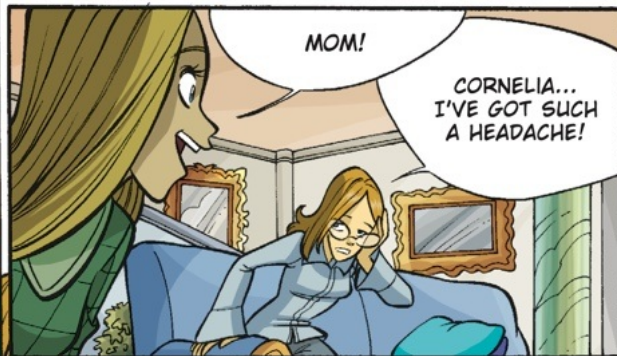
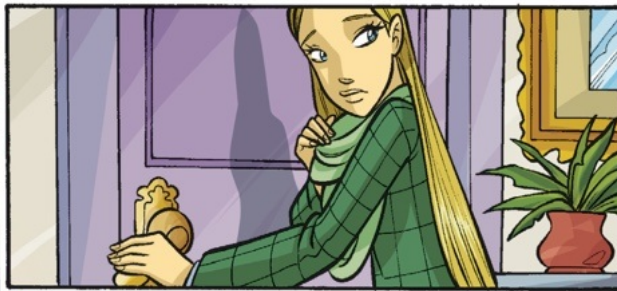
IT WAS THERE IN MY SILENCES.
MY TEARS WERE HIDDEN AND
MY TOUCHES TOO LIGHT FOR YOU
TO FEEL, BUT THEY WERE
ENDLESS...

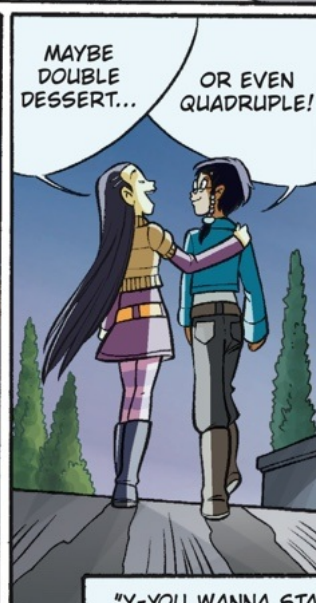
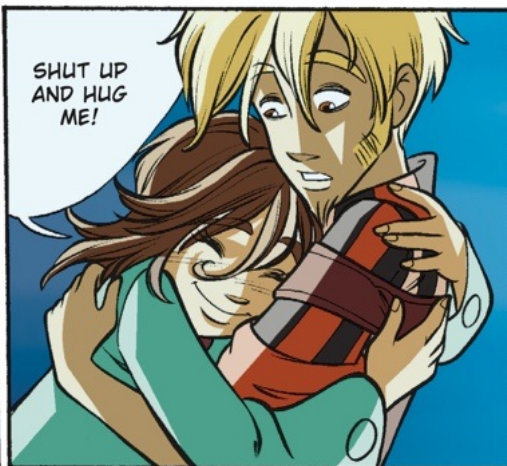




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"Y-YOU WANNA STAY LIKE THIS..."



"...EVER AGAIN!"



END OF
CHAPTER 83



A Special Flow



“Dancing is
life, but life is a
fight...and we
must never
give up!”

KANDRAKAR, THE PLACE AT THE
CENTER OF INFINITY, IS GOING THROUGH
ITS DARKEST TIME...

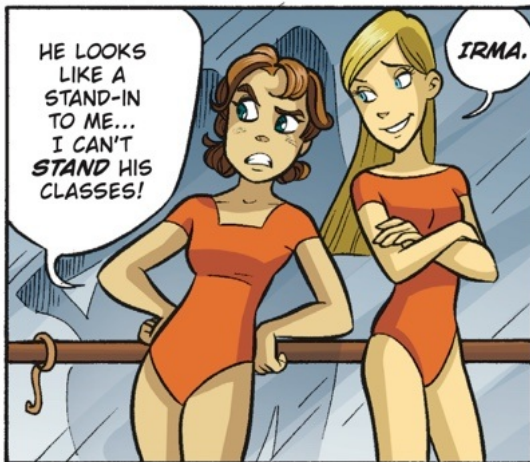
ONCE UPON A TIME,
THEY CALLED THIS
THE **FORTRESS**.

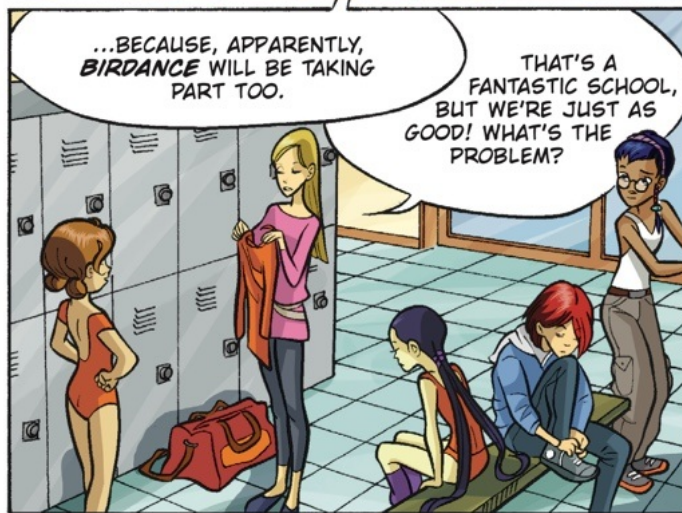
NOW
IT'S JUST
AN EMPTY SHELL
AROUND MY TREE,
AND THE WISE ONES
OF KANDRAKAR
ARE ITS
NOURISHMENT!

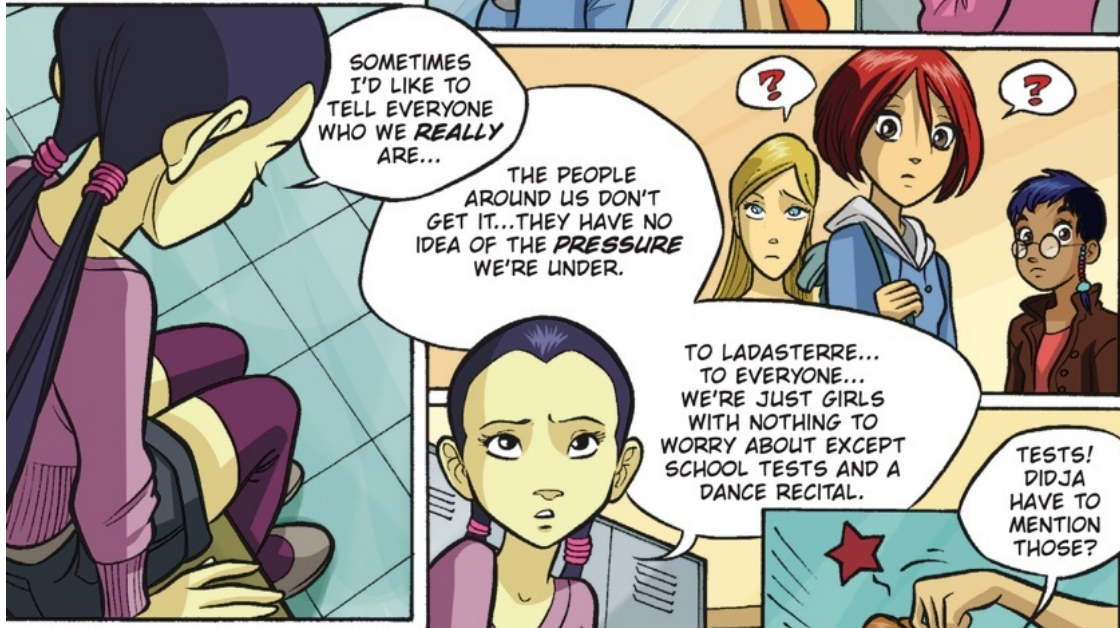
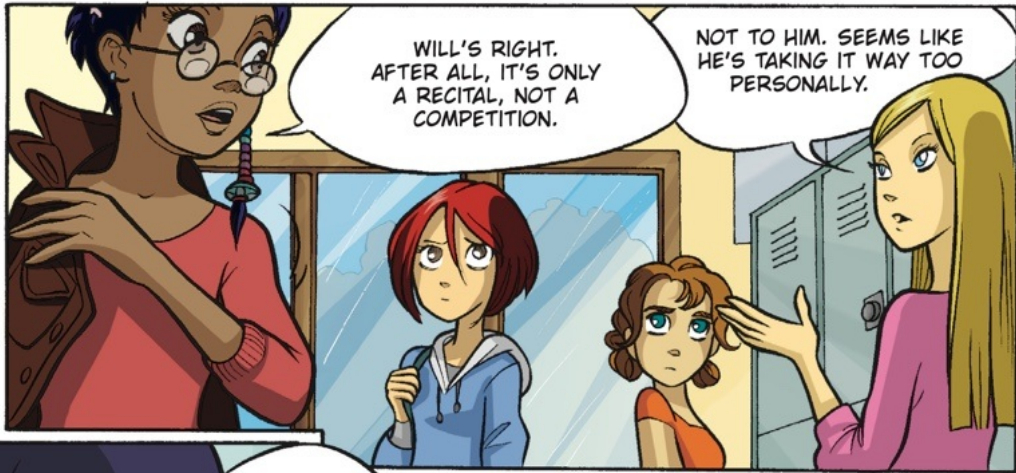
YET...
WHY DO I STILL FEEL
SOMEONE **FIGHTING** IT?







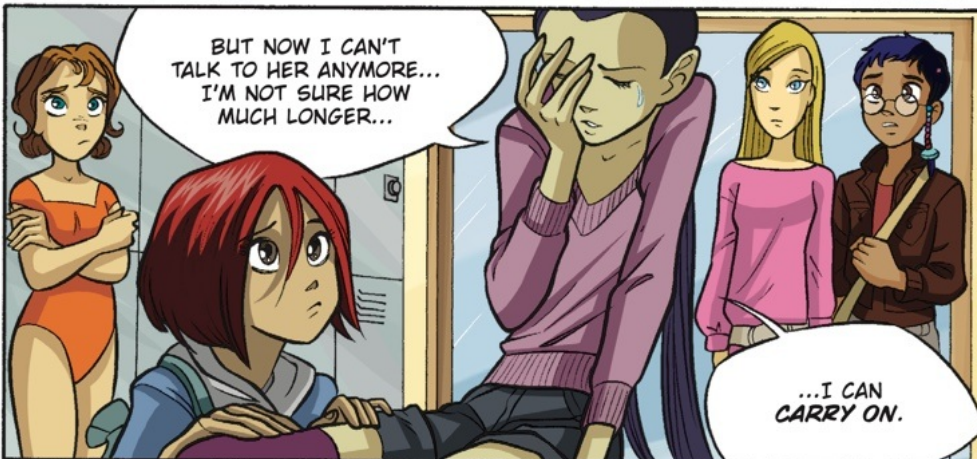
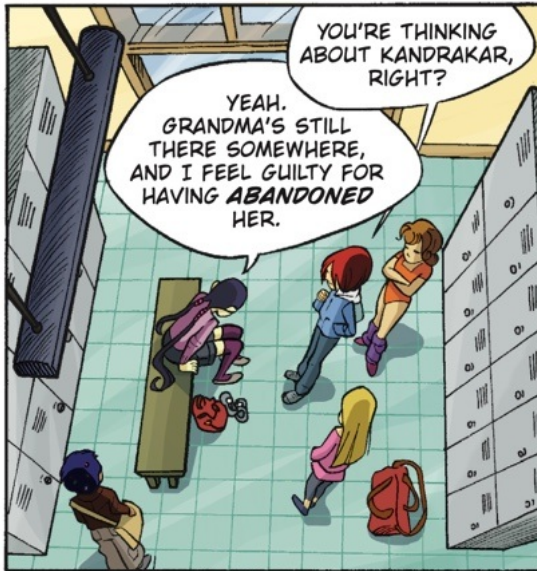




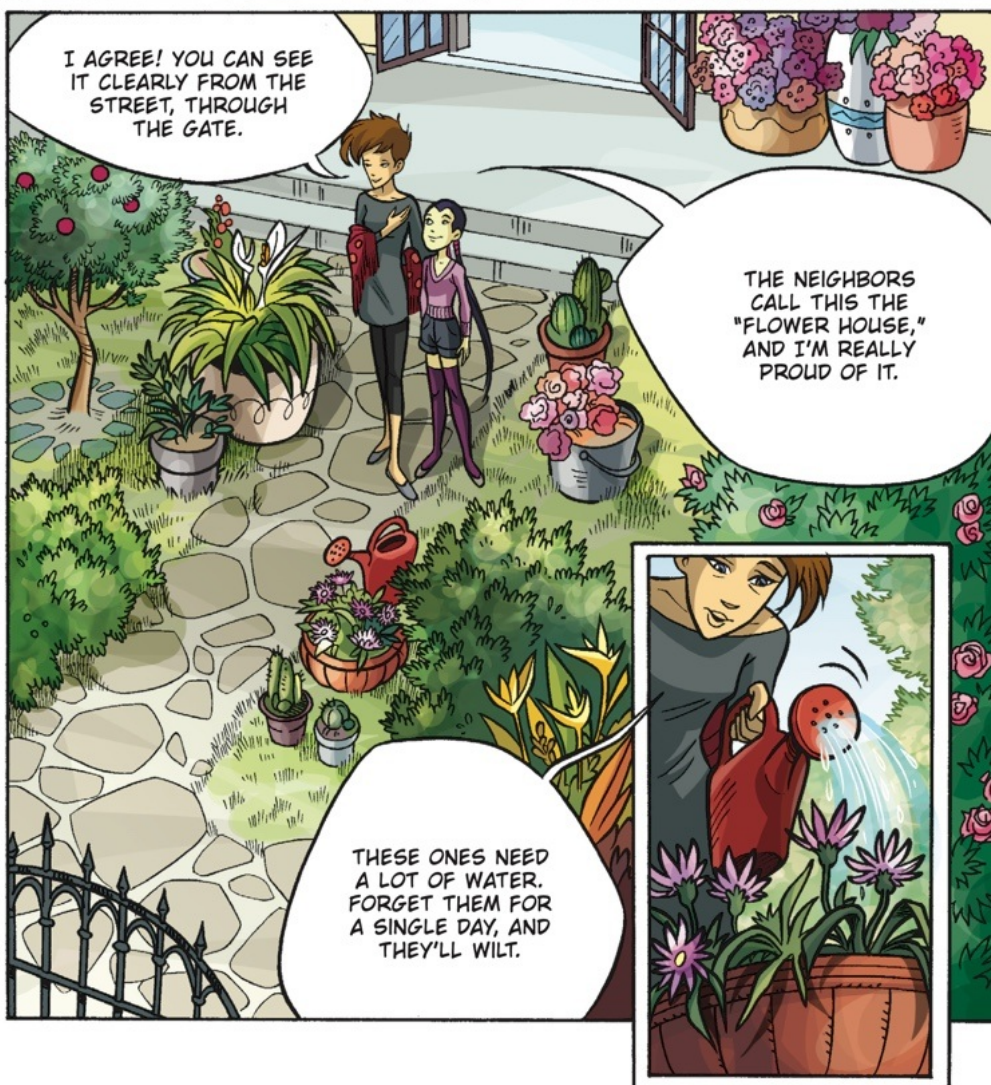
TO LADASTERRE...
TO EVERYONE...
WE'RE JUST GIRLS
WITH NOTHING TO
WORRY ABOUT EXCEPT
SCHOOL TESTS AND A
DANCE RECITAL.

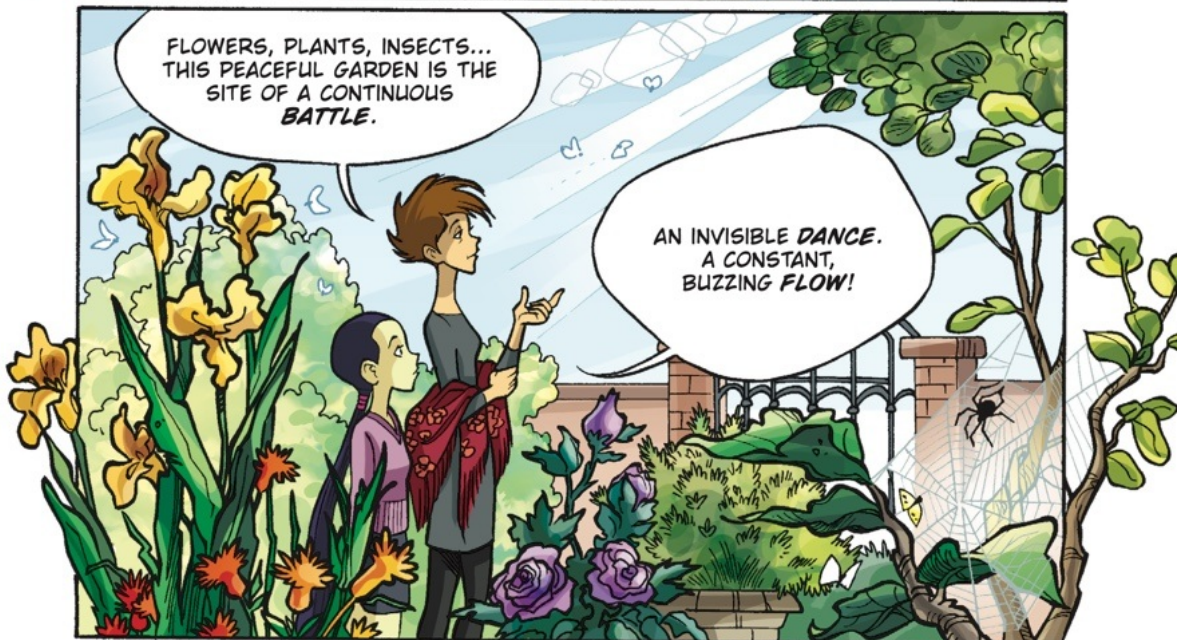
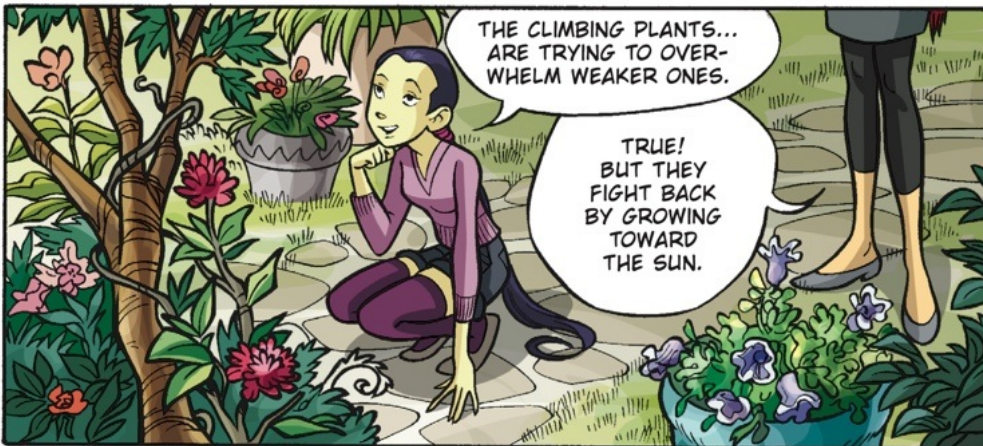
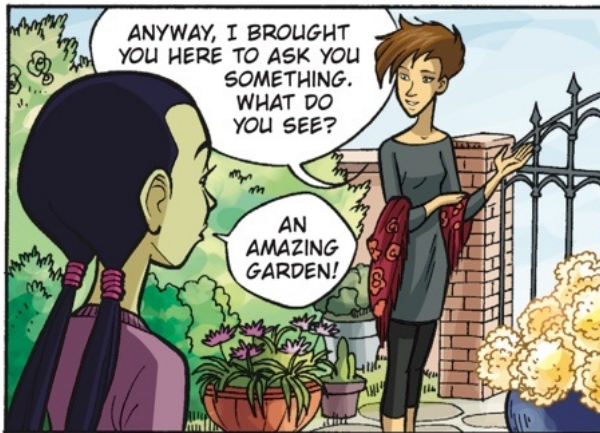
TESTS!
DIDJA
HAVE TO
MENTION
THOSE?

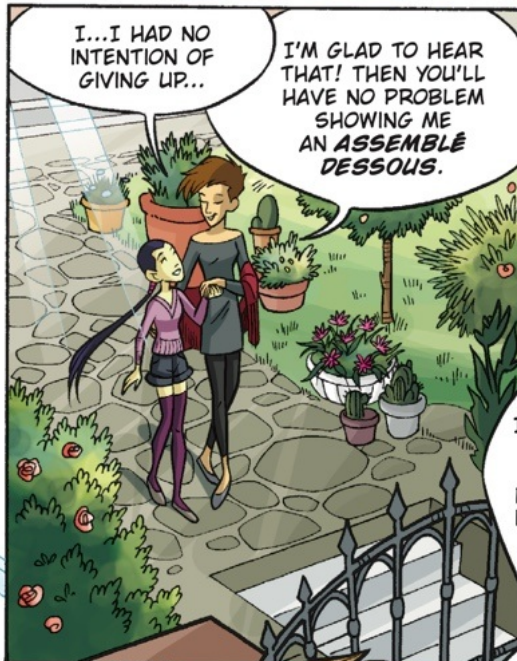
THE FACT IS,
OUR PROBLEMS
GO WAY BEYOND
EVERYDAY ISSUES.













IT'S LATE.
I REALLY GOTTA GO.
I'VE HAD SUCH A
NICE TIME!

ME TOO!



I NEED TO
ASK A FAVOR...
COULD YOU DELIVER
THIS LETTER TO
A FRIEND FOR
ME?



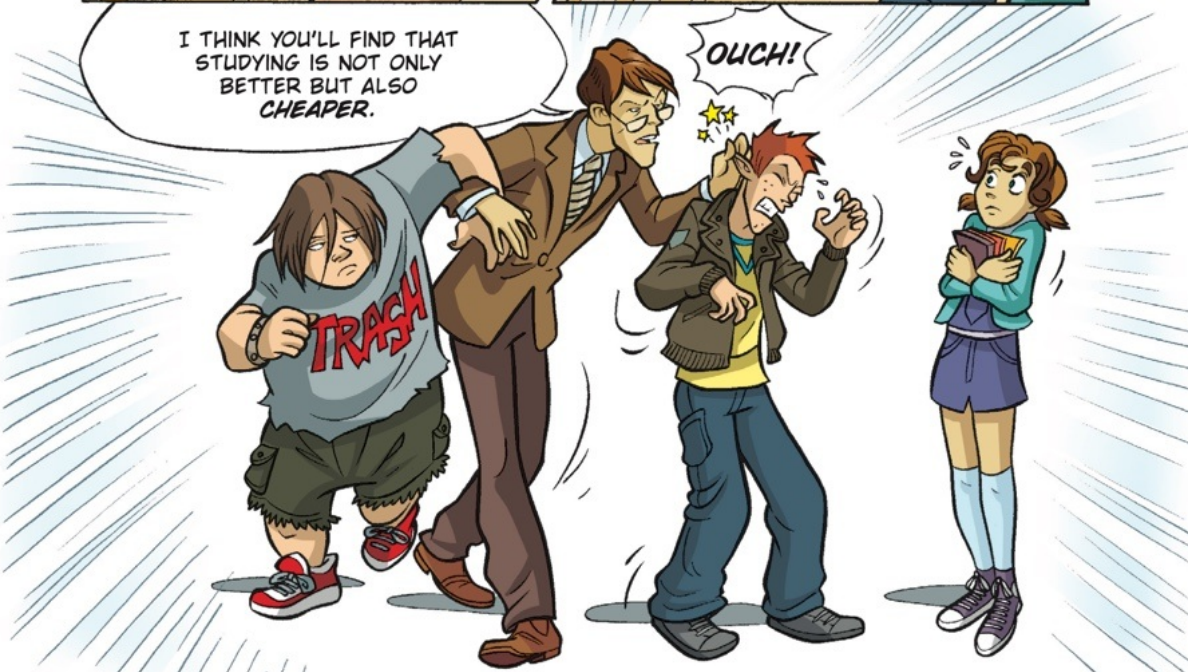
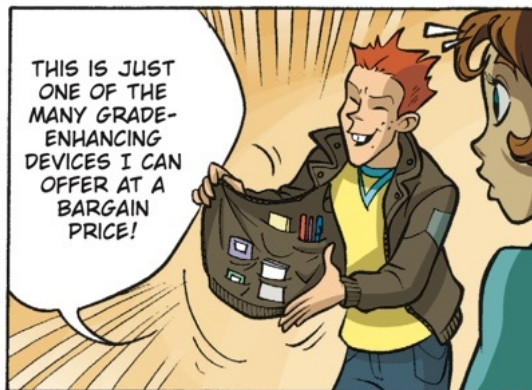
THE ADDRESS
IS ON THE BACK.
COULD YOU
PLEASE DELIVER
IT IN PERSON?



SURE, NO PROBLEM!

I KNEW I COULD COUNT
ON YOU!







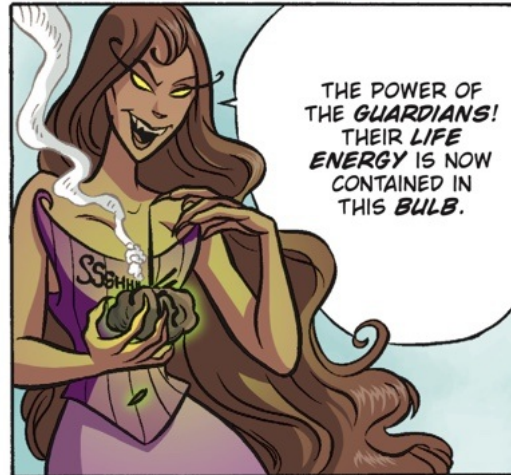




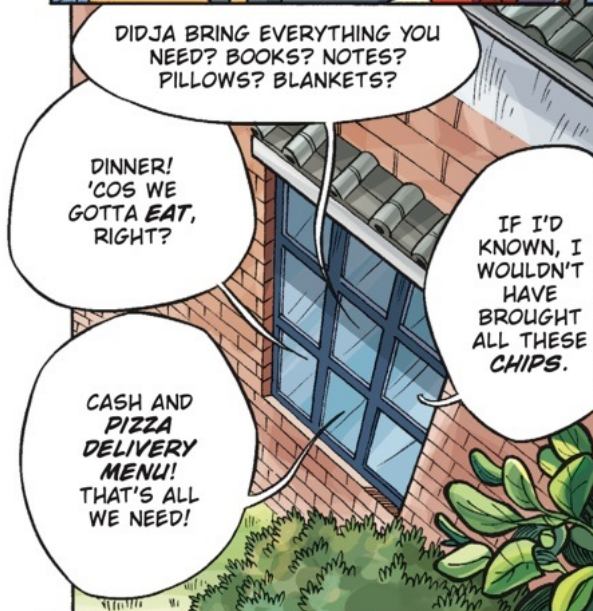
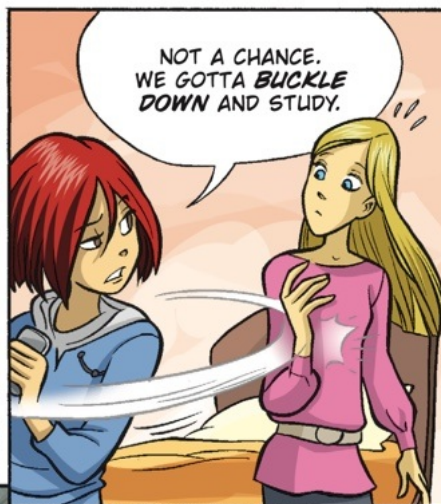
THERE'S NO SIGN
OF LIFE HERE, NOTHING
THAT'S GOING AGAINST
THE FLOW.

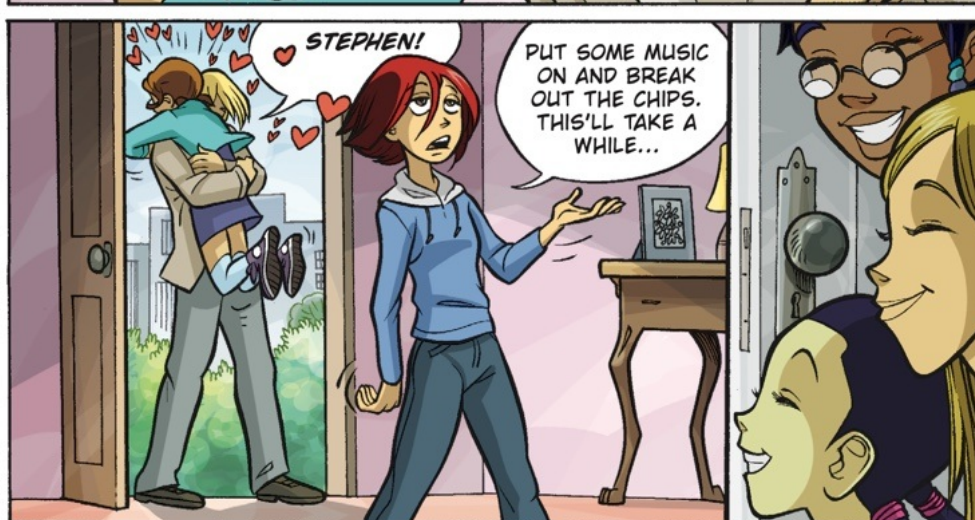
I KNOW
YOU'RE HERE
SOMEWHERE, AND
I KNOW YOU'RE
STILL RESISTING
ME. BUT YOU
CANNOT WIN!

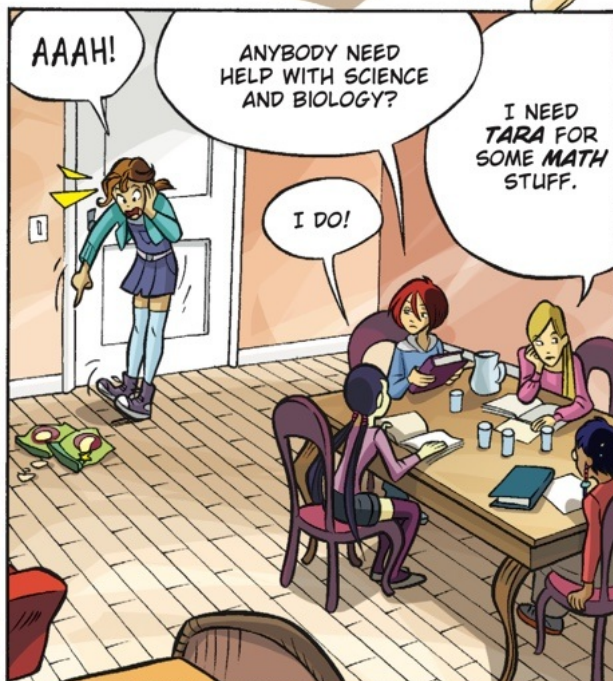


















LISTEN, WILL.
IF YOU FACE THE DARK
MOTHER **NOW**, SHE'LL
FIND A WAY TO **SPLIT**
YOU ALL APART AND
TAKE YOU OUT.

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THAT CREATURE
CAN FIGHT YOUR
INDIVIDUAL POWERS
BUT IS DEFENSELESS
AGAINST YOUR
COMBINED
ELEMENTS.



"BEFORE YOU FIGHT HER, YOU
GOTTA FIND SOMETHING THAT
TOTALLY UNITES YOU!"

OOF, IT'S
LIKE LISTENING
TO LADASTERRE'S
PREACHING!



MATT DOESN'T
HAVE ALL THE
ANSWERS. HE CAN
ONLY **SUGGEST**
SOLUTIONS, BUT
HE'S NEVER
BEEN WRONG
SO FAR!

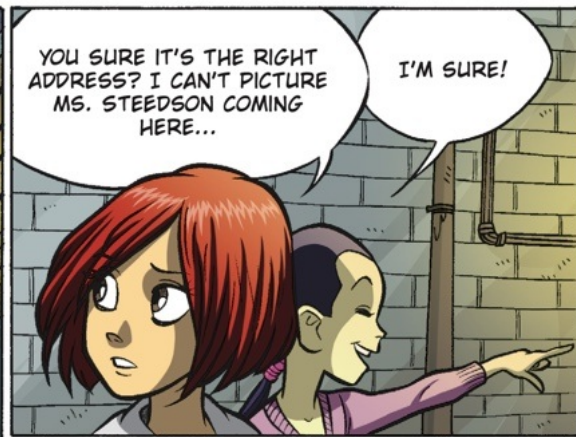


IN ANY CASE, I DON'T
FEEL LIKE STUDYING
ANYMORE.

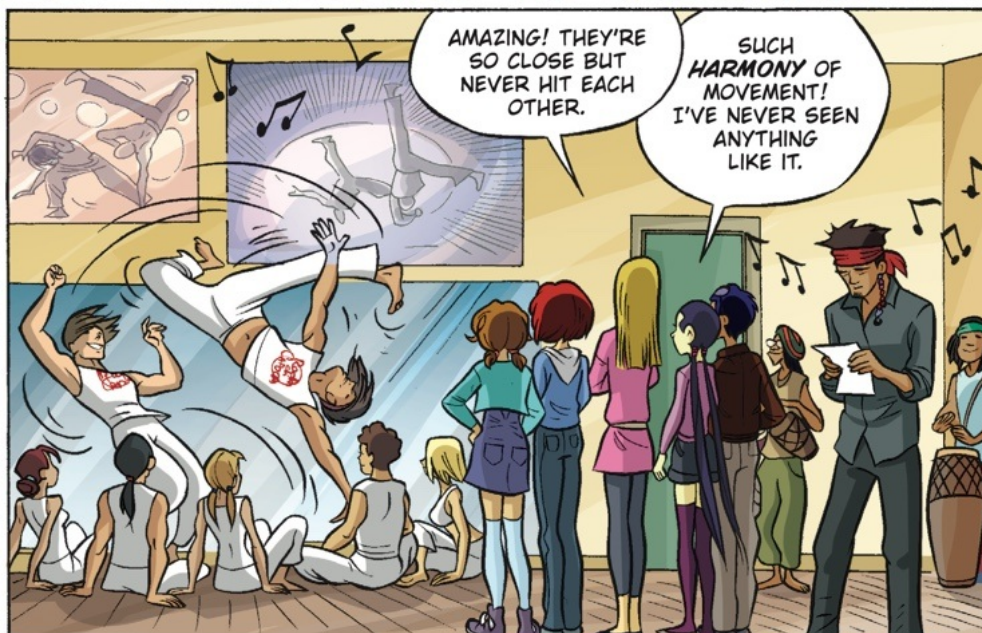
ME NEITHER.
LET'S TAKE A
BREAK!

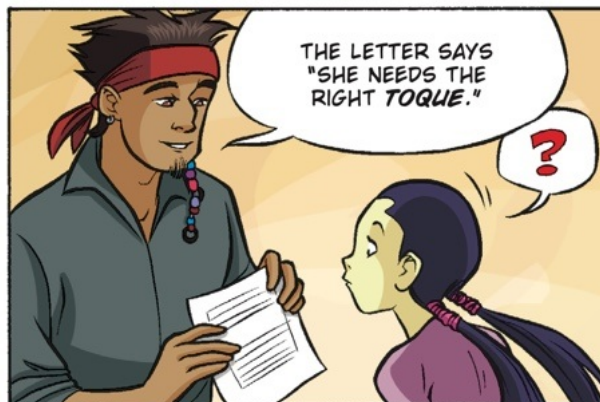
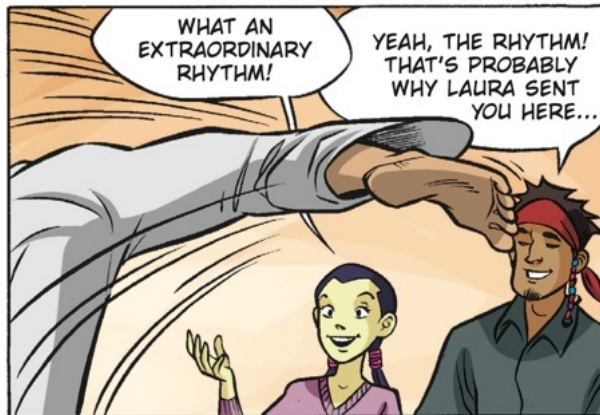
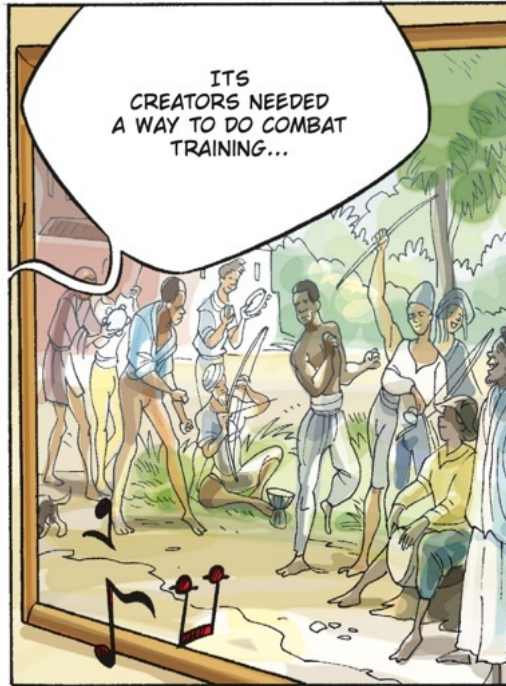


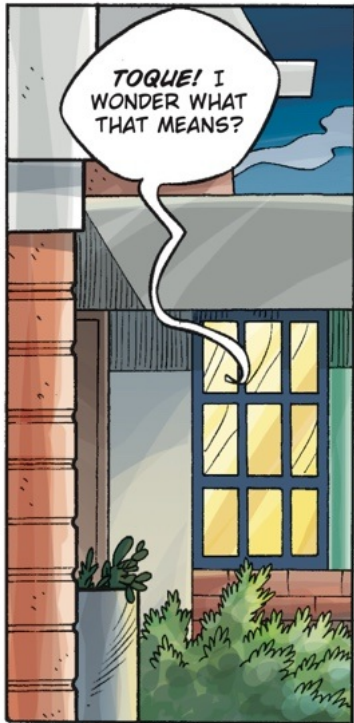
I'VE GOTTA
DELIVER A LETTER
FOR LAURA STEEDSON.
WANNA COME WITH?



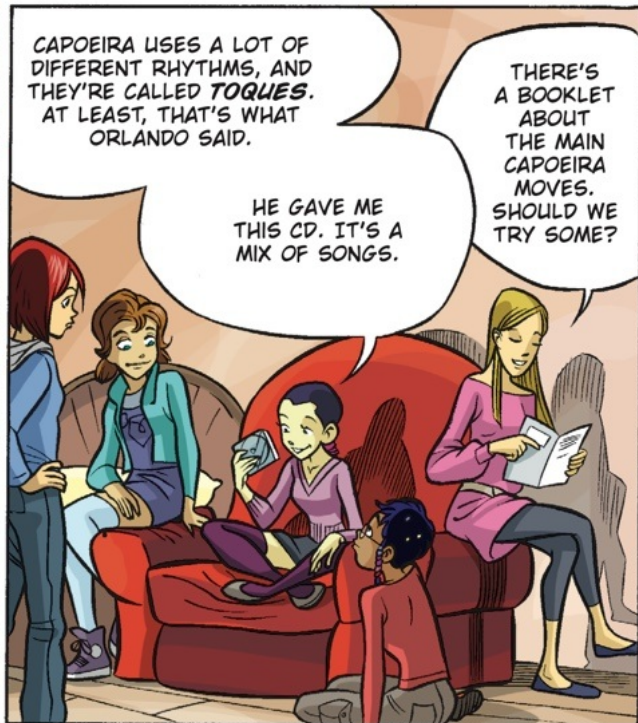








TOQUE! I WONDER WHAT THAT MEANS?



CAPOEIRA USES A LOT OF DIFFERENT RHYTHMS, AND THEY'RE CALLED **TOQUES**. AT LEAST, THAT'S WHAT ORLANDO SAID.

HE GAVE ME THIS CD. IT'S A MIX OF SONGS.

THERE'S A BOOKLET ABOUT THE MAIN CAPOEIRA MOVES. SHOULD WE TRY SOME?



I'M IN! WE GOTTA REHEARSE FOR THE RECITAL ANYWAY, RIGHT?

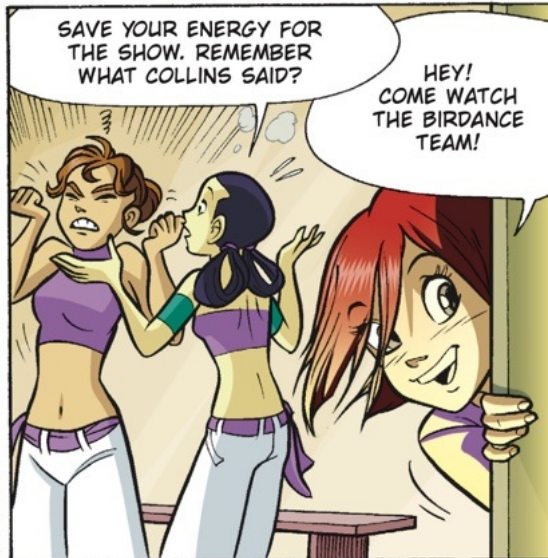
BUT IT'S LATE. WE STILL GOTTA STUDY, REVIEW, AND...

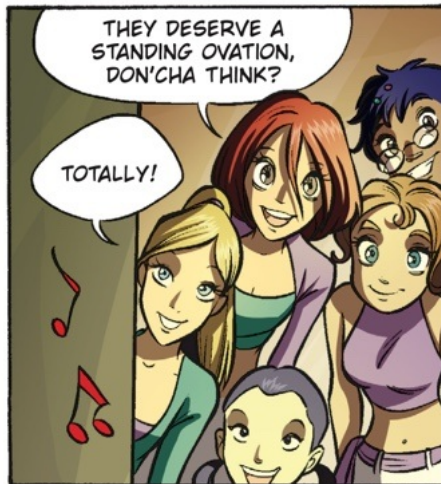


OH WELL! HELP ME MOVE THE FURNITURE. WE'LL NEED A LOT OF **SPACE**.



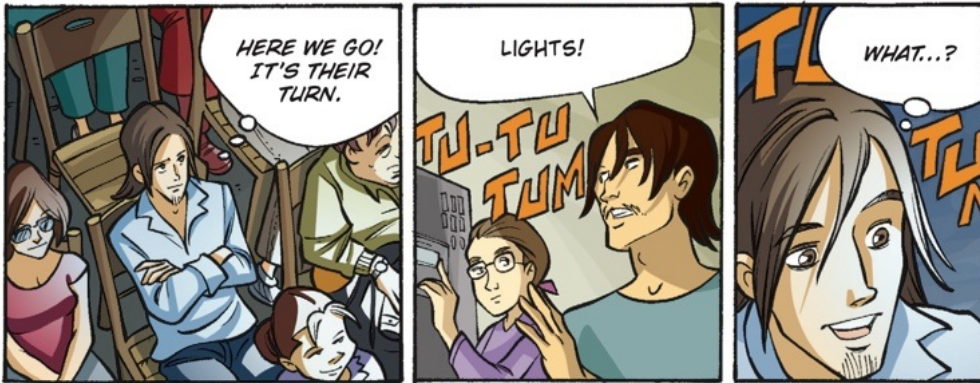


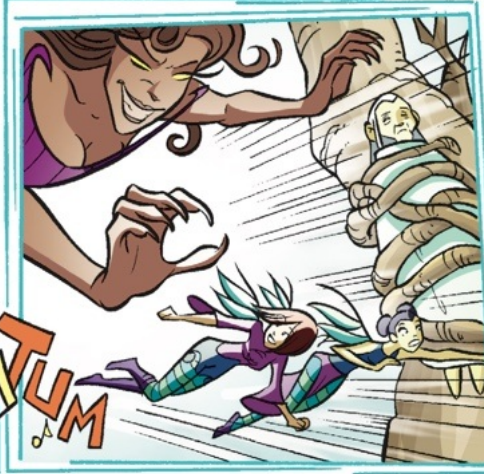


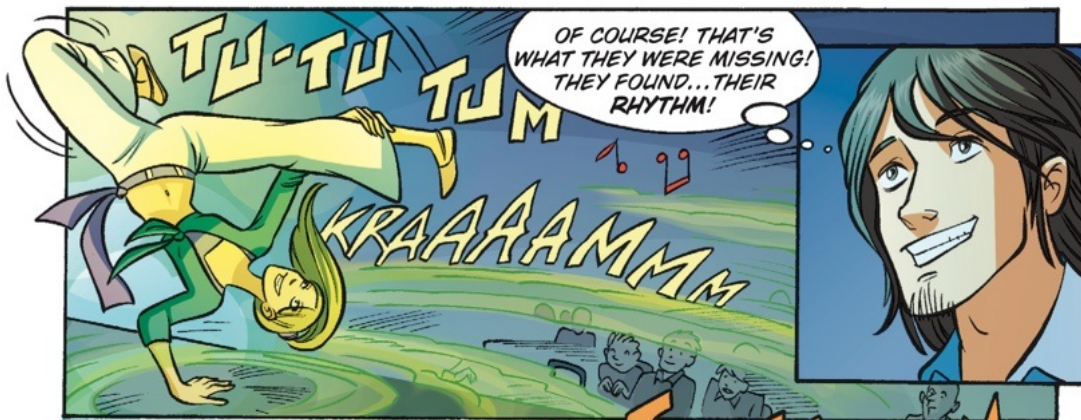


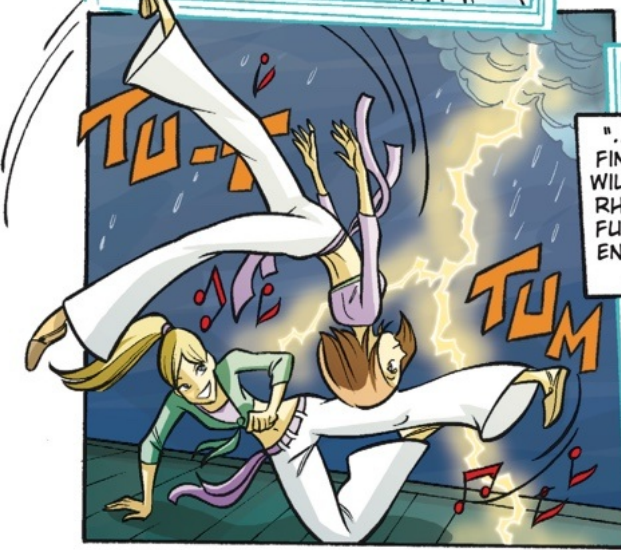
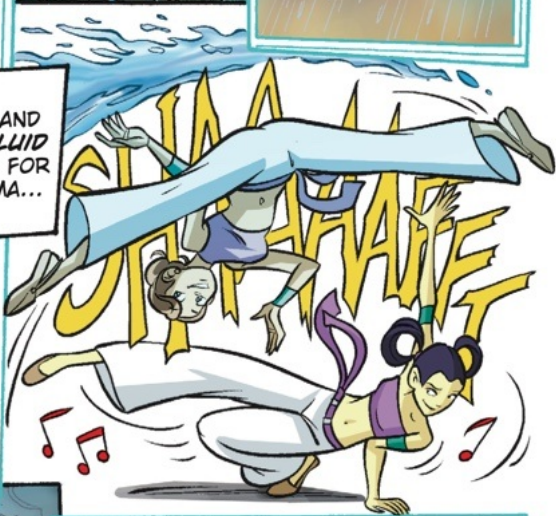
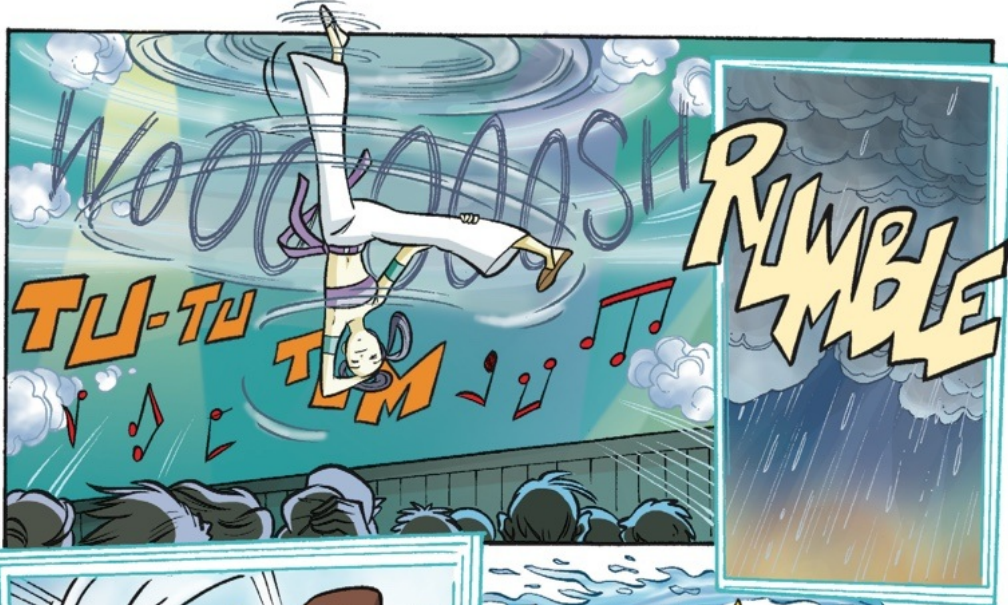




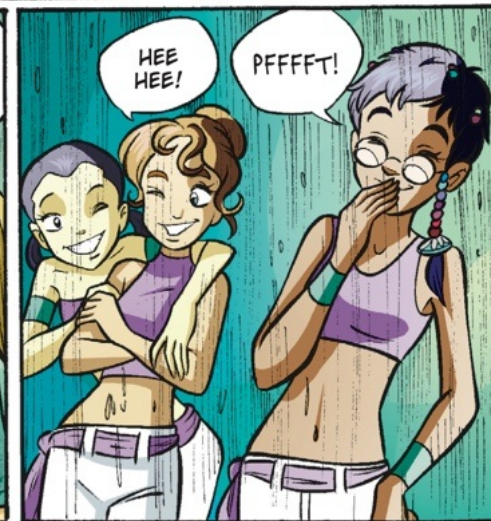


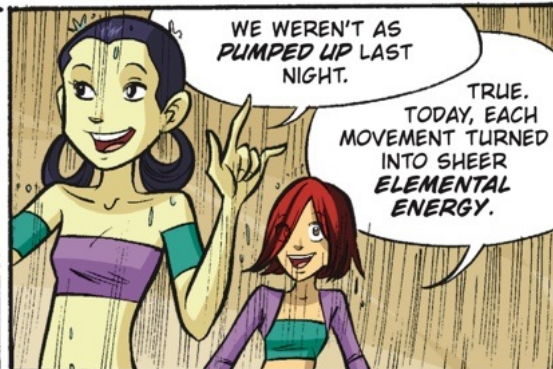














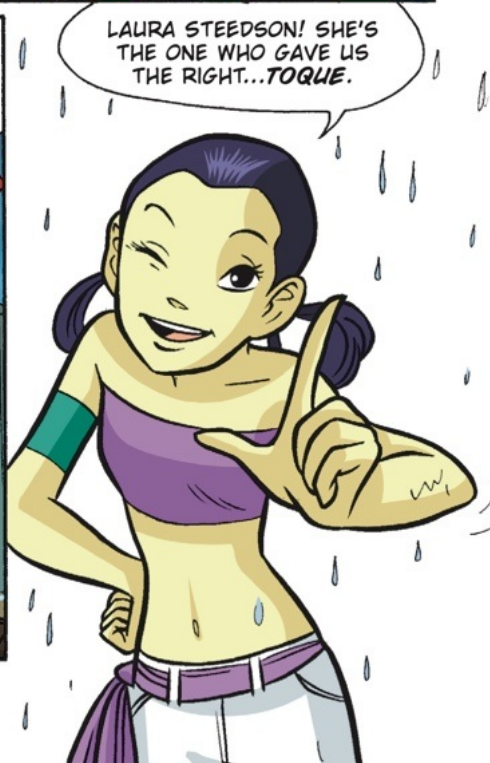
MORE LIGHTNING!
A STORM'S REALLY
RAGING OUT THERE
TODAY.

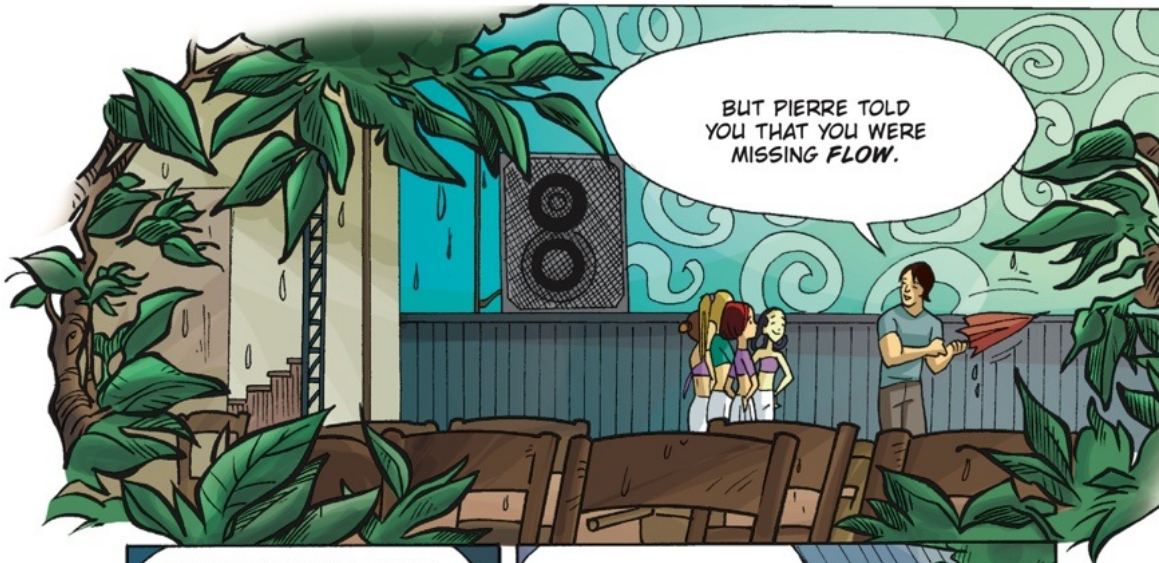
BETTER TO STAY
ALL COZIED UP IN
NATURE'S WARM
EMBRACE.



DON'T
YOU AGREE,
GIRLS?







BUT PIERRE TOLD
YOU THAT YOU WERE
MISSING *FLOW*.



A FLOW THAT YOU FOUND!
ON THAT STAGE, YOU DANCED
LIKE YOU WERE *THE WORLD'S*
HEARTBEAT.



IT WAS A JOYOUS
ODE TO LIFE.
WELL DONE!



NOW, OFF YOU GO. YOUR
PARENTS ARE WAITING IN
THE PARKING LOT, AND THE
EXCITEMENT WILL SOON
TURN TO EXHAUSTION.

THANKS,
MR. JENSEN!

SEE YOU
TOMORROW!

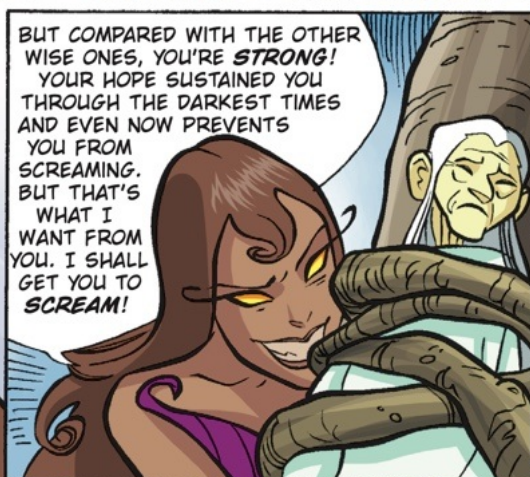
BREEP
BREEP



A CALL
FROM LAURA'S
HOUSE...

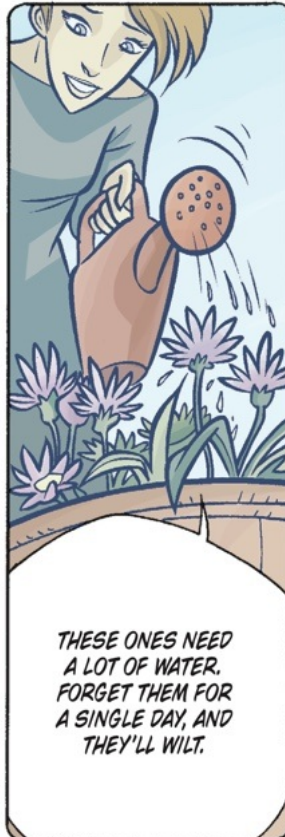




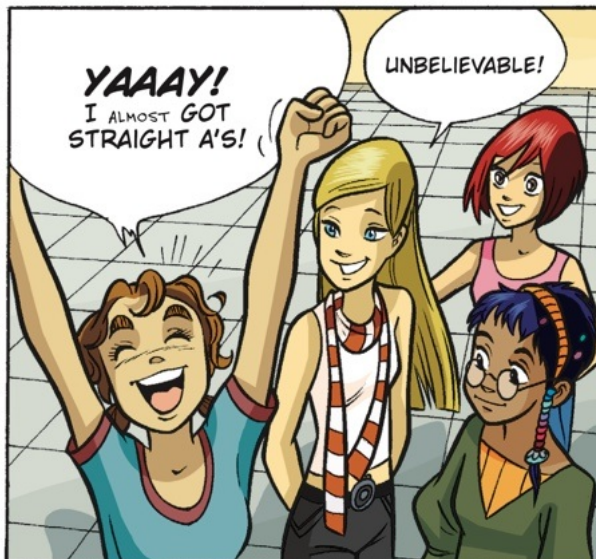
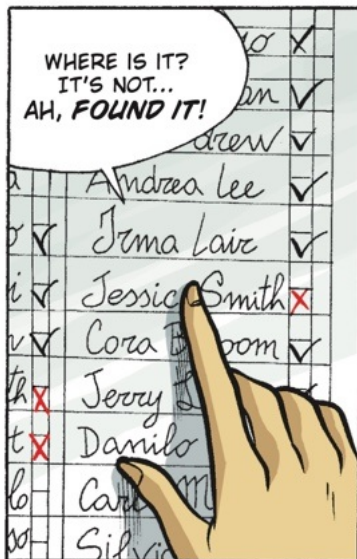


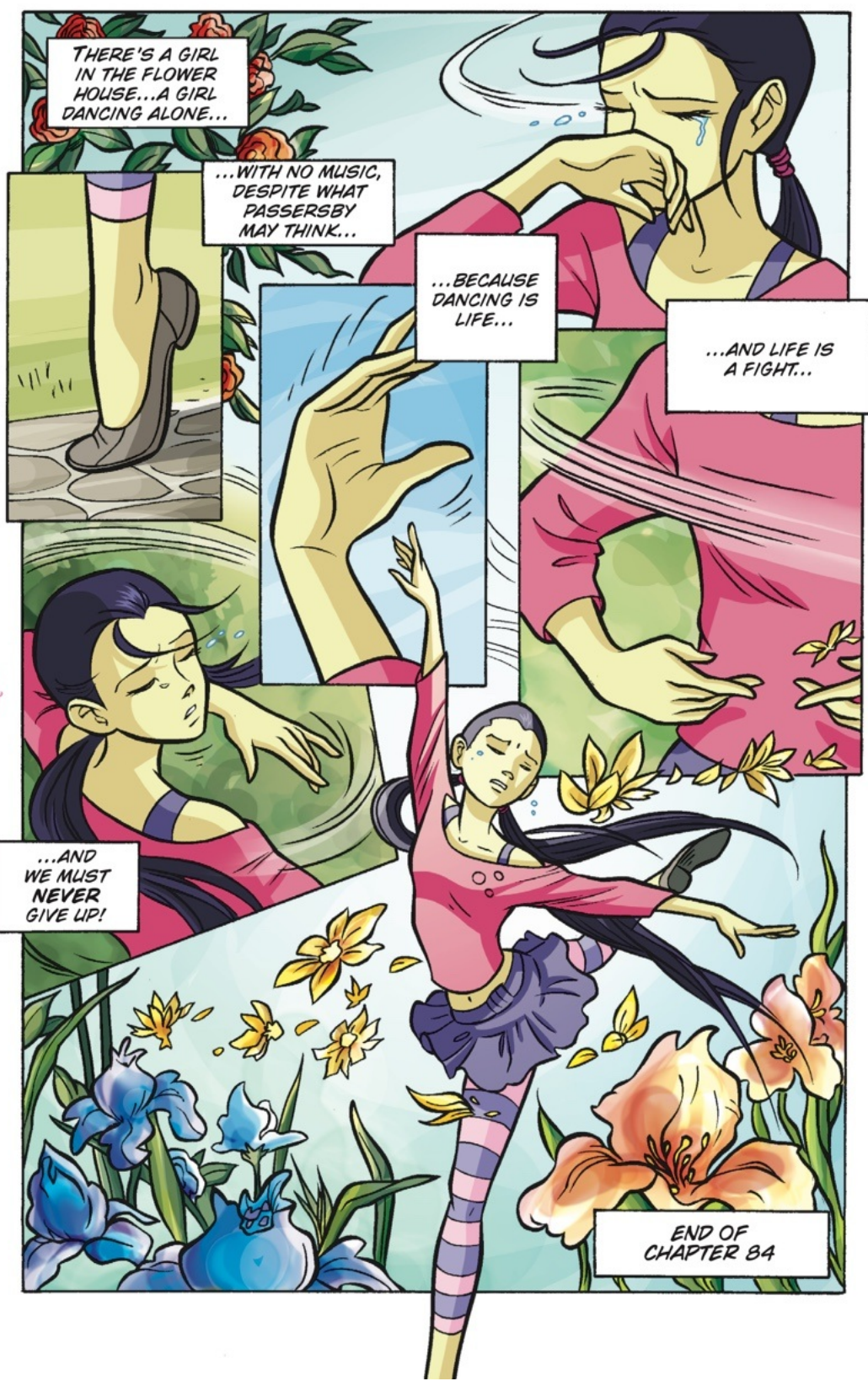












THERE'S A GIRL
IN THE FLOWER
HOUSE...A GIRL
DANCING ALONE...

...WITH NO MUSIC,
DESPITE WHAT
PASSERSBY
MAY THINK...

...BECAUSE
DANCING IS
LIFE...

...AND LIFE IS
A FIGHT...

...AND
WE MUST
NEVER
GIVE UP!

END OF
CHAPTER 84

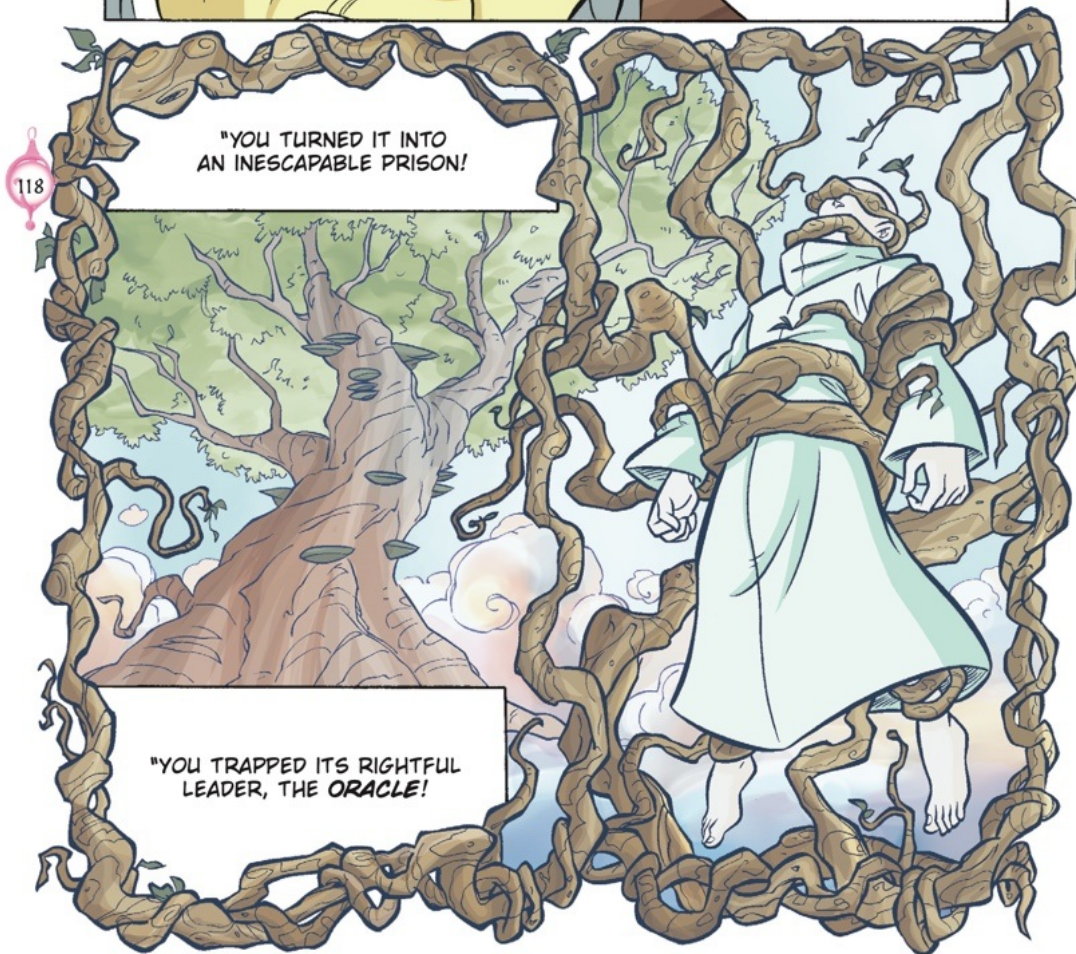


I Am You

“There was a time
when your bonds
were strong. There
was a time when you
cried together!”









"YOU ENSLAVED THE MINDS
OF KANDRAKAR'S PEOPLE..."

"YOU SUNK BLACK
ROOTS INTO THEIR
THOUGHTS AND
FILLED THEM WITH
SHADOWS..."

BUT *YOUR*
MIND IS STILL
CLEAR...WHY?



BECAUSE I
SENSED WHO YOU
WERE FROM THE
START, AND I
RESISTED!

YOU'RE STRONG,
YAN LIN, AS ARE THE
GIRLS WHO TRIED TO
STOP ME.

STRONGER
THAN YOU
THINK!

YOU'RE RIGHT!
EACH OF THEM
FOUND THE ROOT
OF HER POWER
AND ACHIEVED
PERFECTION.

IT'S TRUE.
NOBODY HAS
EVER HAD SO
MUCH ENERGY
BEFORE!

I KNOW.
BUT WHAT MATTERS
IS THAT W.I.T.C.H.
KNOW THAT I'M HERE.



SOON THEY'LL
COME, AND I'LL
OPEN A PATH
FOR THEM!

THEY'LL BE LED HERE BY YOUR
SCREAMS! DO YOU THINK YOU
CAN RESIST FOR MUCH LONGER?
YOU REALLY THINK YOU CAN
KEEP QUIET?

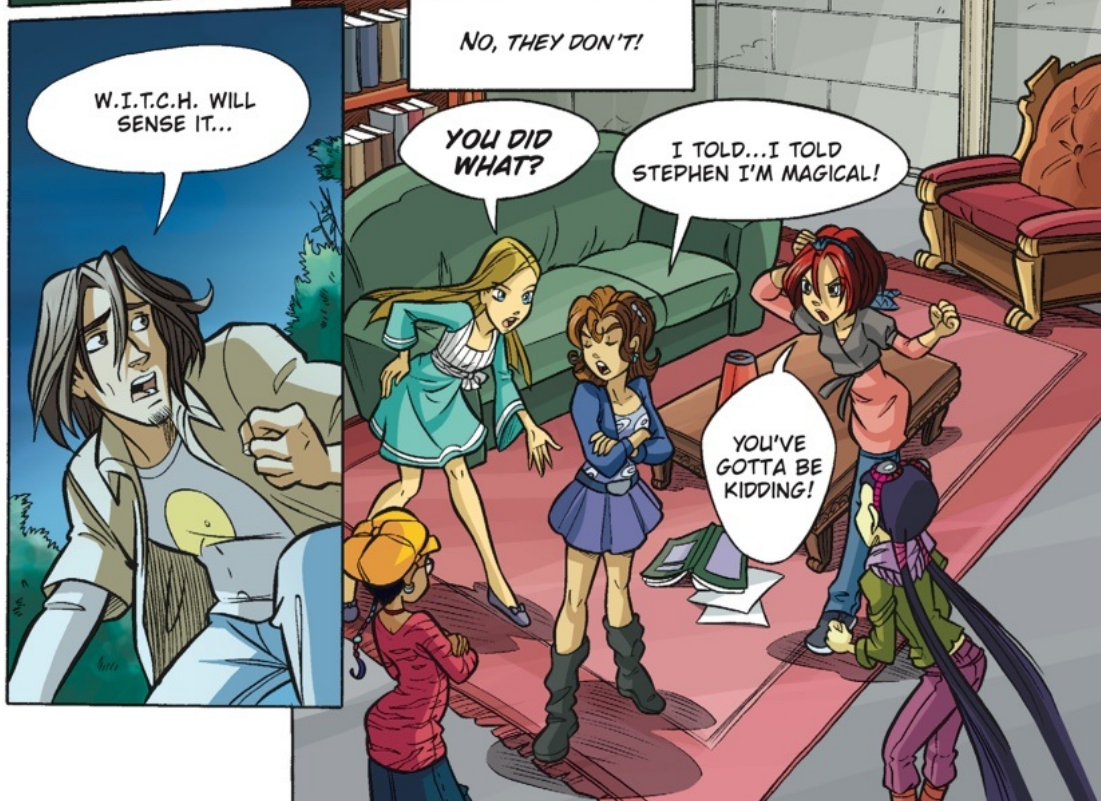
GROW,
FRUIT OF MY
AMBITION! KEEP
GROWING!

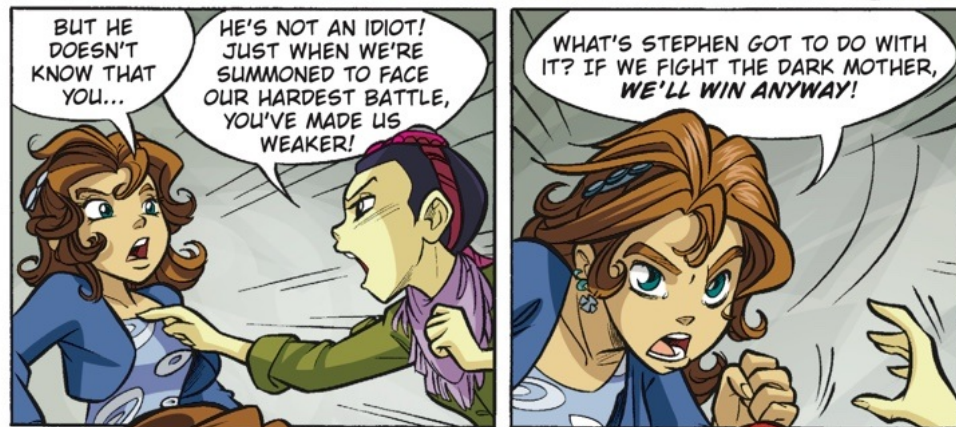
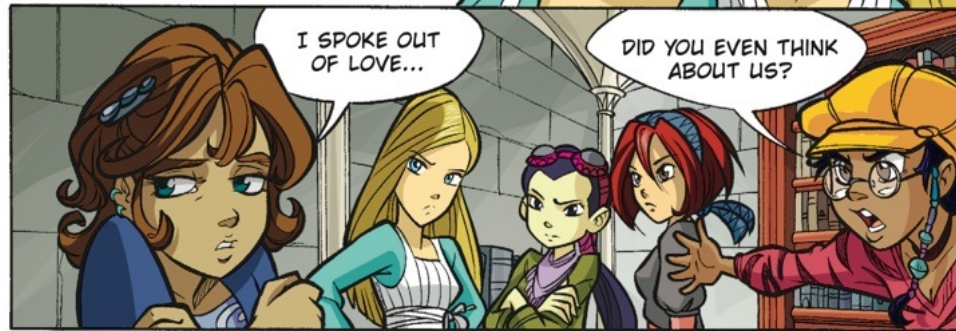
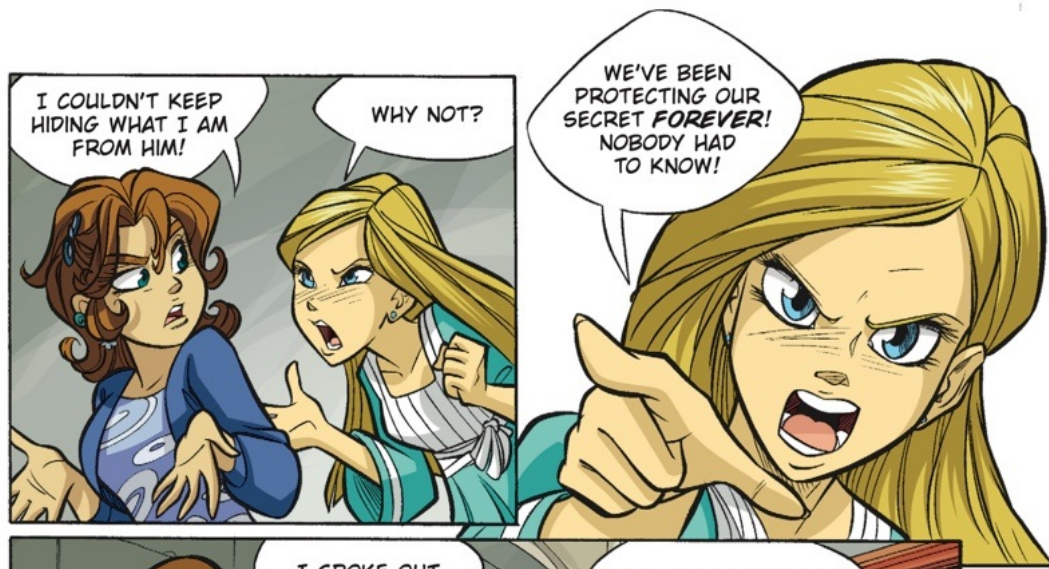
SQUEEZE,
MY DARK ALLY!
SQUEEZE
HARDER!

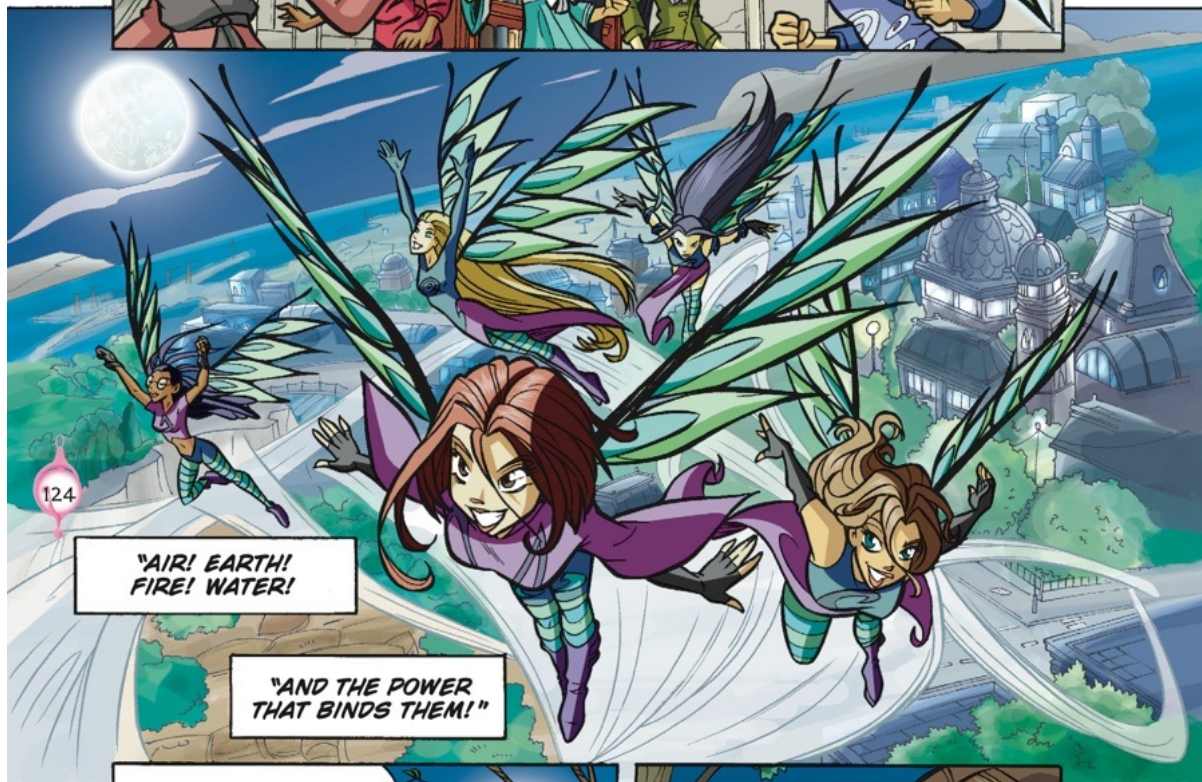
AAARGH!

**"GROW! SQUEEZE!
MAKE EVERYONE
SCREAM! DESTROY
THE SHELL THAT
PROTECTS THE
FORTRESS!"**

AAARRHH











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IT WAS THE PEOPLE OF KANDRAKAR...THEY WERE CALLING YOU.

AND **WE** ARE READY!



YOU LOOK TOO SMUG. REMEMBER THAT ONLY IN **UNITY** AND THE SOLIDARITY OF YOUR FRIENDSHIP WILL YOU FIND TRUE STRENGTH!



YOU LEARNED TO DANCE TOGETHER TO UNITE YOUR FORCES...



...BUT ONLY IF YOU SHOW YOUR ENEMY ONE UNITED SOUL CAN YOU HOPE TO DEFEAT HER.

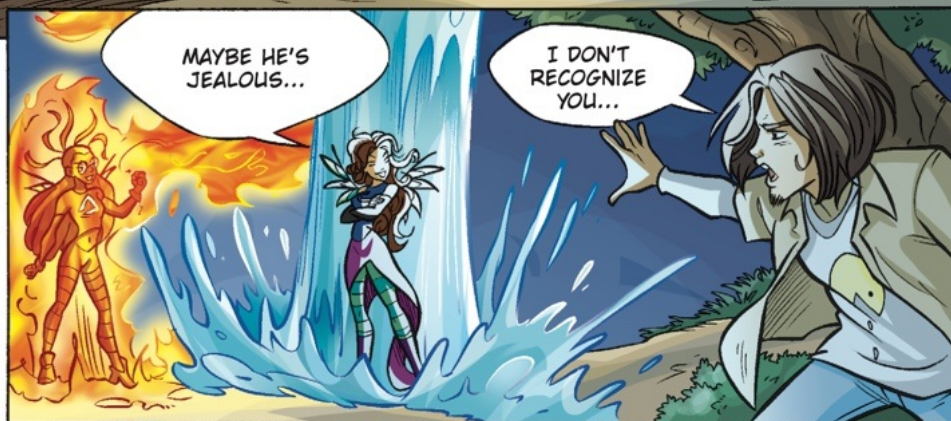
SHE'S A QUEEN. SHE'S BEEN DREAMING ABOUT AND PREPARING FOR HER VICTORY FOR AGES, WHILE YOU'VE ONLY JUST GOT YOUR ACT TOGETHER!

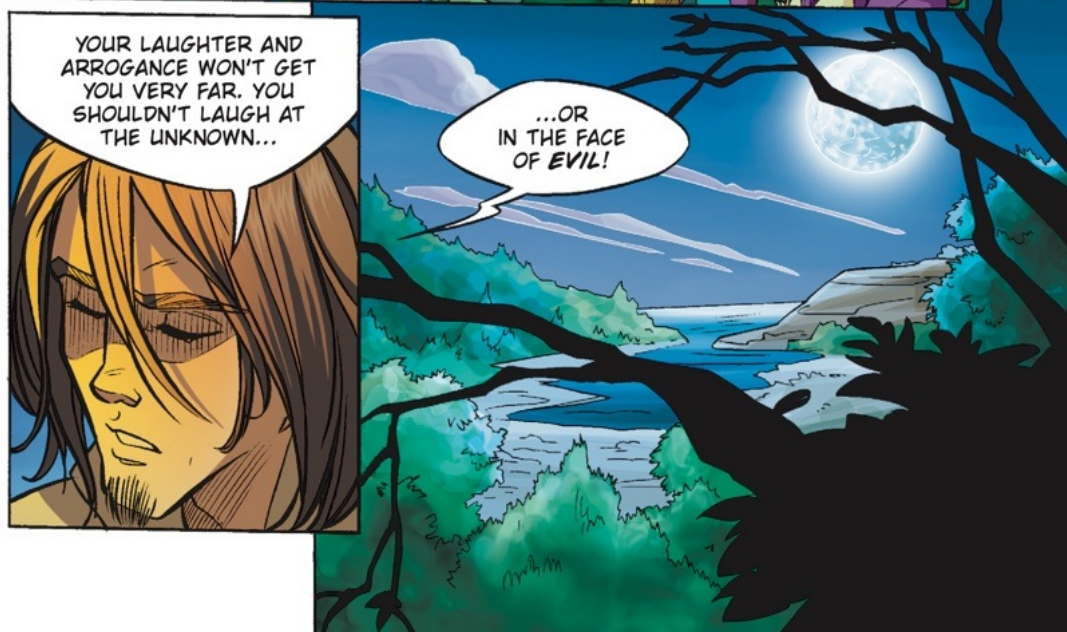
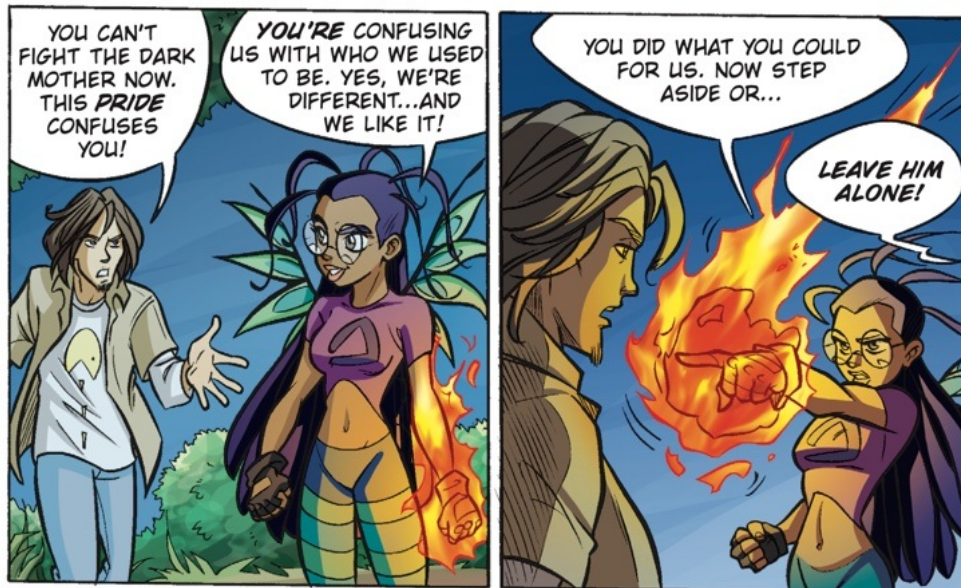
YOU HAVE NO IDEA HOW WE FEEL, DO YOU?



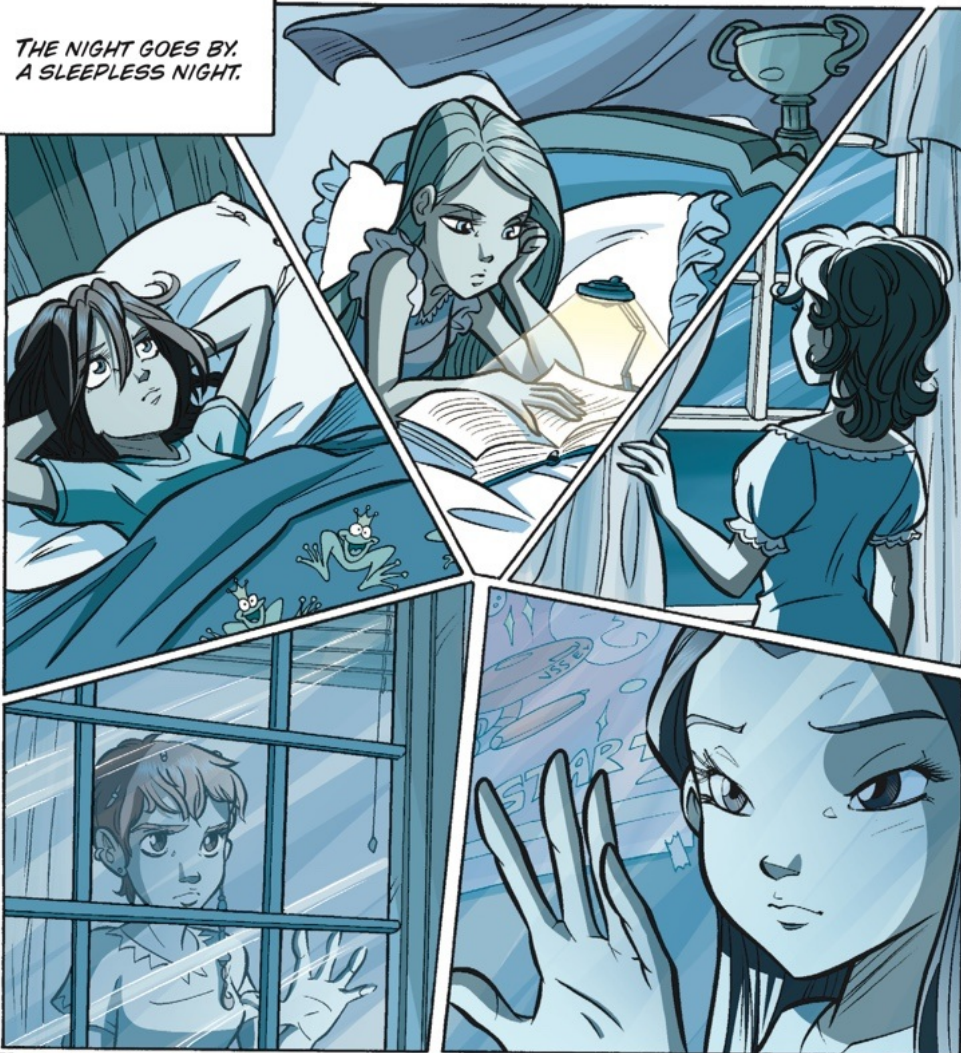
NO, HE DOESN'T. HE'S NOT **US**!

LOOK AT US, MATT!



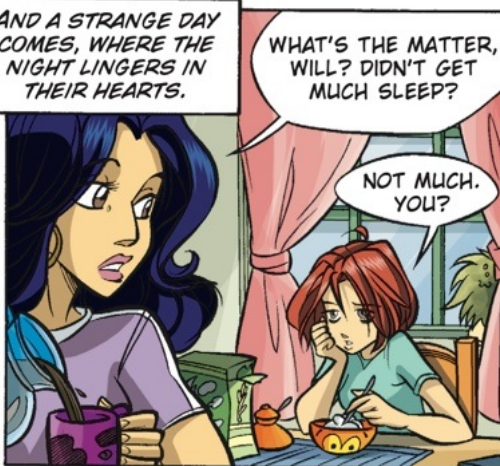


THE NIGHT GOES BY.
A SLEEPLESS NIGHT.



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AND A STRANGE DAY
COMES, WHERE THE
NIGHT LINGERS IN
THEIR HEARTS.



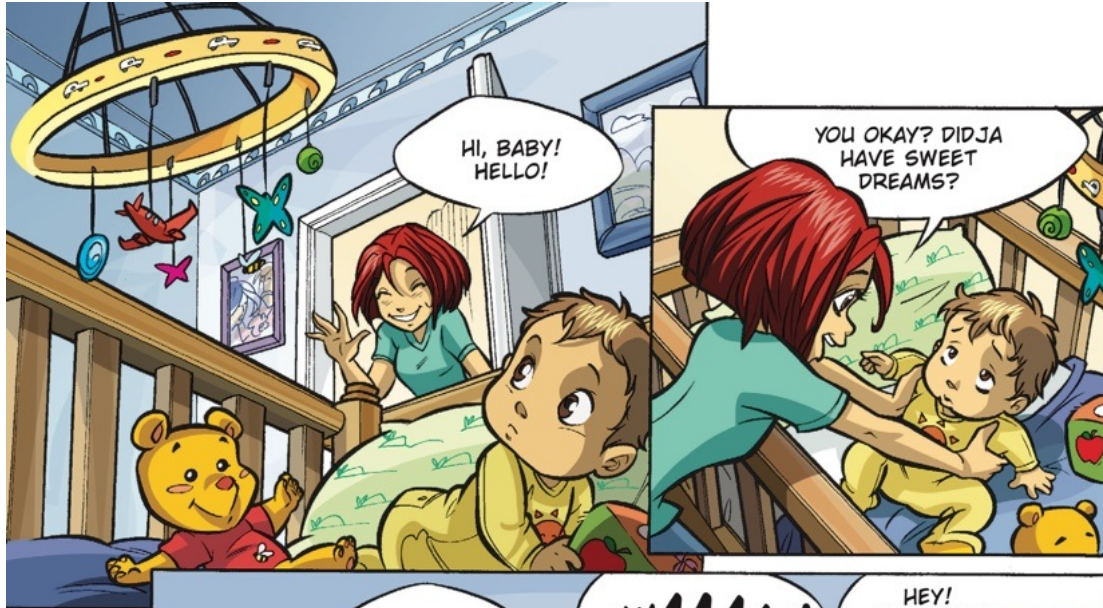
WHAT'S THE MATTER,
WILL? DIDN'T GET
MUCH SLEEP?

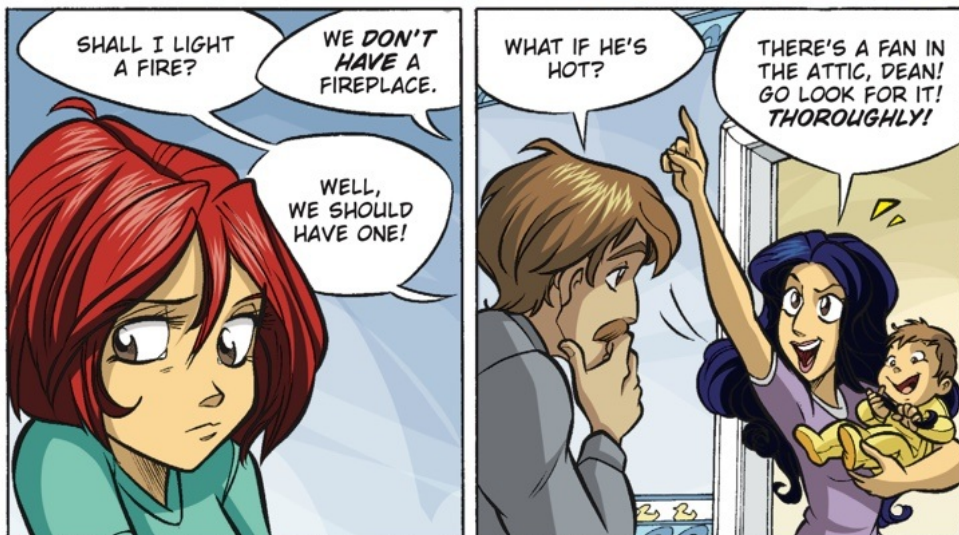
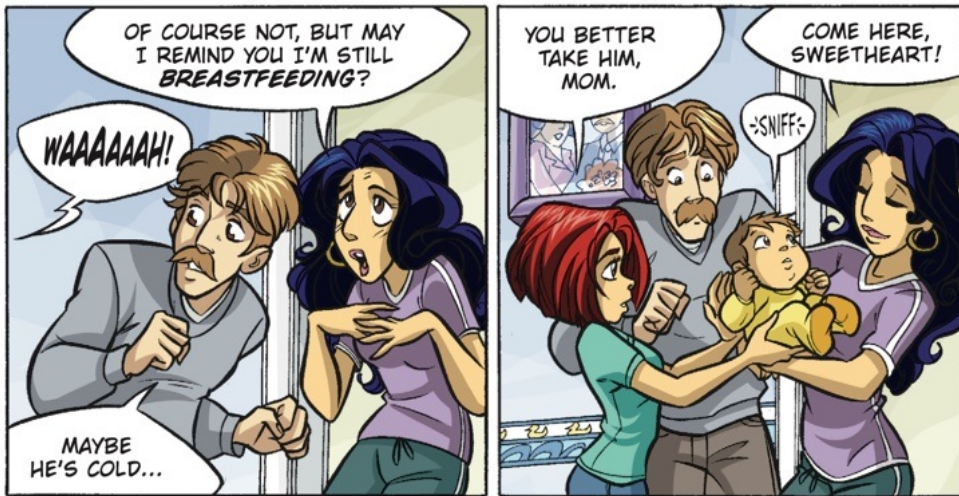
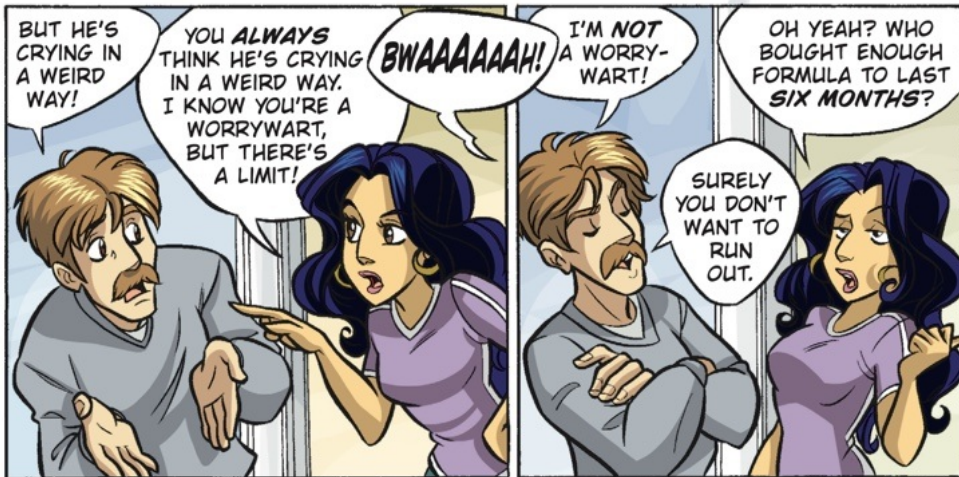
NOT MUCH.
YOU?

I SLEPT GREAT! WILLIAM
ONLY WOKE UP **FOUR**
TIMES.

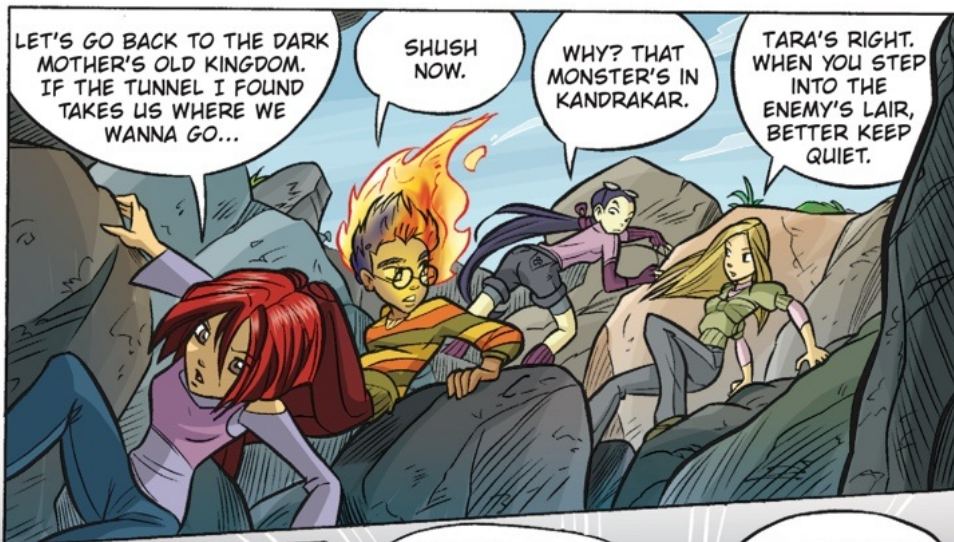


I JUST
HEARD HIM!
I'LL GO SAY HI.









LET'S GO BACK TO THE DARK MOTHER'S OLD KINGDOM. IF THE TUNNEL I FOUND TAKES US WHERE WE WANNA GO...

SHUSH NOW.

WHY? THAT MONSTER'S IN KANDRAKAR.

TARA'S RIGHT. WHEN YOU STEP INTO THE ENEMY'S LAIR, BETTER KEEP QUIET.



SUCH WISDOM! DIDJA GET IT OFF A CEREAL BOX?

GUYS, ENOUGH. FINDING THE WAY WON'T BE EASY...

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NAH, IT'LL BE A PIECE OF CAKE.

FIRE!

WATER!

EARTH!



AIR!

AND THE POWER THAT BINDS THEM!

"IT'LL BE CHILD'S PLAY FOR W.I.T.C.H.!"

THEY SOON FIND
THE ASTRAL FLOWERS,
THE WAY TO REACH
KANDRAKAR, THE
IMPRISONED KINGDOM...

THEY DON'T
LOOK SO
GOOD!

YOU COULD
SAY
THEY'RE
WILTING.

THAT MEANS THIS'LL BE
A ONE-WAY TRIP.

WE WON'T BE
ABLE TO GET
BACK IF WE
DON'T WIN.

BUT WE'RE GONNA
DOMINATE!

HHH...
TOO BAD, THOUGH!
TURNING INTO
ASTRAL PERFUME
IS AN AMAZING
FEELING.

HHHHHH...



NOW,
LET'S FIGURE
OUT A PLAN.

WE DON'T KNOW
WHERE *SHE* IS. BUT
THE DARK MOTHER IS
ALONE, AND WE'RE
A TEAM.



LET'S USE THIS CHANCE AND
SPLIT UP. WE'LL EACH SEARCH
IN A DIFFERENT DIRECTION.
THAT'LL MAKE IT HARDER
FOR HER TO STOP US!



YEAH, EACH
W.I.T.C.H. WILL
HAVE A TASK.

I'LL FIND
GRANDMA
YAN LIN!



I'LL FREE THE
PRISONERS
FROM THIS
MONSTER
TREE.

I'LL FIND ITS
ROOTS AND
DESTROY
THEM.



THE DARK
MOTHER IS
MINE!

WHOEVER FINDS HER
FIRST GETS HER, TARANEE.
MEANING **ME!**



I'M GONNA
CRUSH HER!

TOO LATE,
MY DEAR!





PERFECT...



PERFECT...

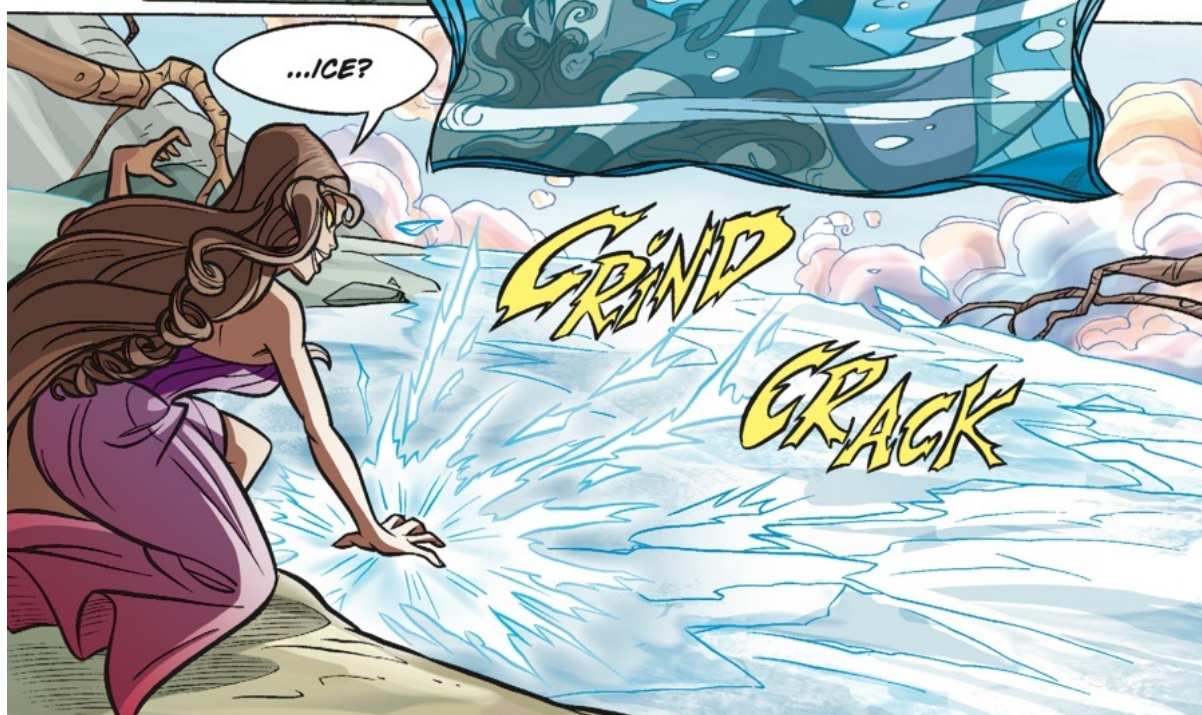


I'LL FIND A
WAY TO GET
INSIDE THE
TREE.



I'LL BE AS SILENT AS WATER,
AS LIGHT AS STEAM,
BUT AS SHARP AS...

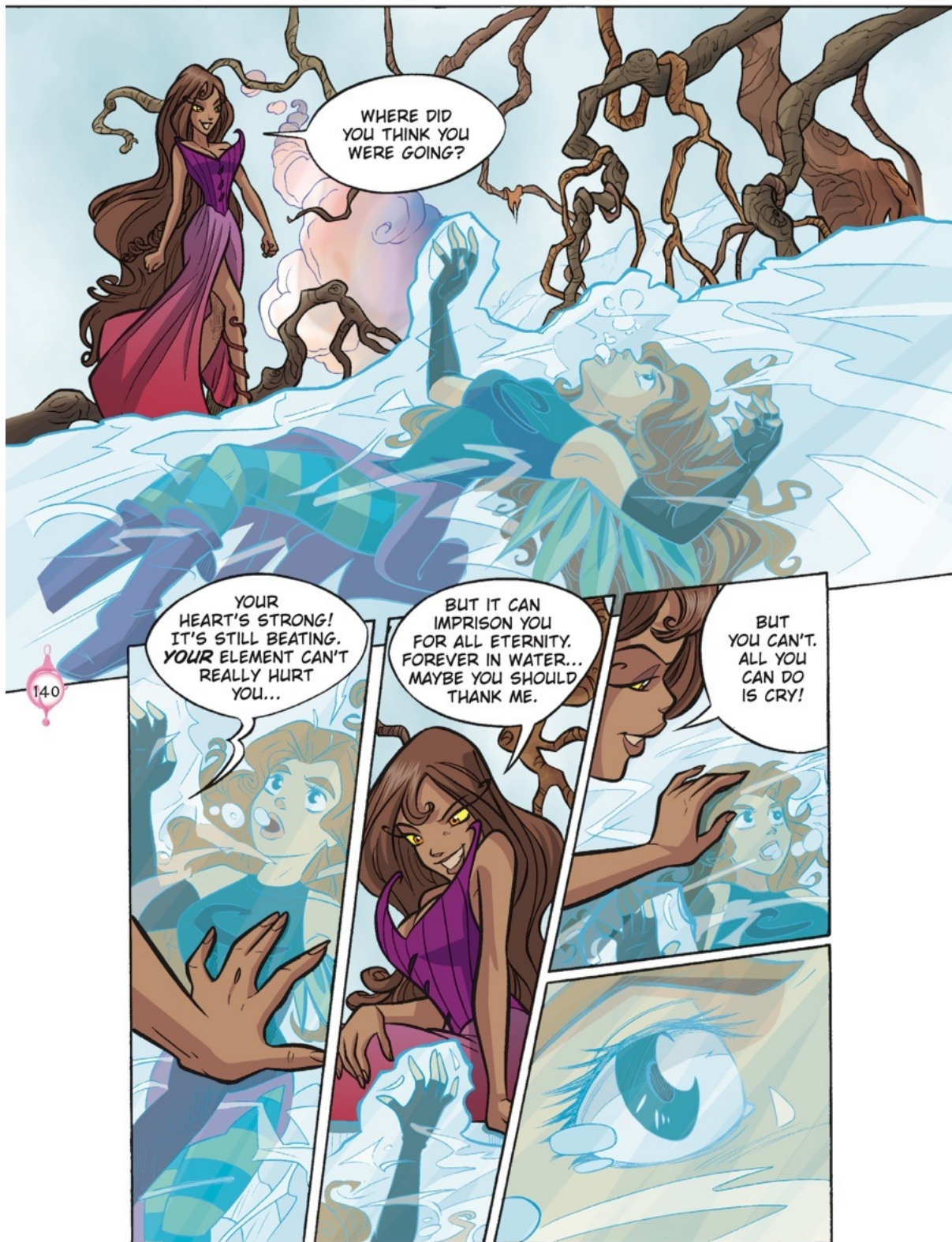
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...ICE?

GRIND

CRACK



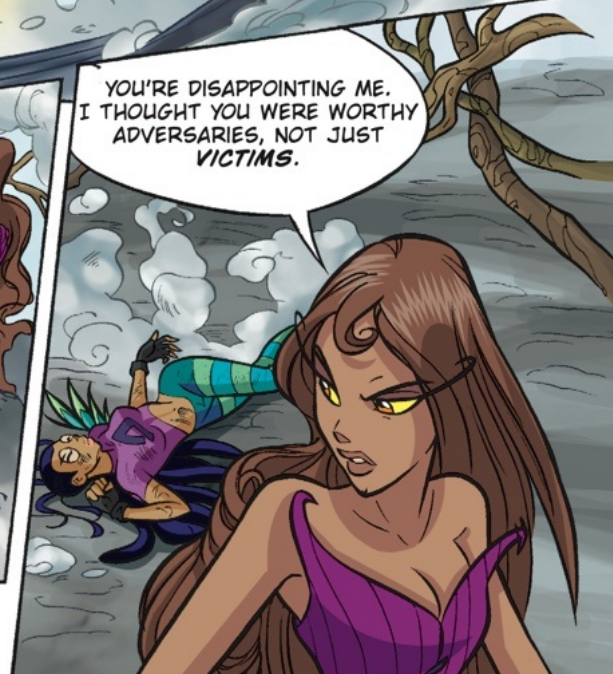
WHERE DID
YOU THINK YOU
WERE GOING?

YOUR
HEART'S STRONG!
IT'S STILL BEATING.
YOUR ELEMENT CAN'T
REALLY HURT
YOU...

BUT IT CAN
IMPRISON YOU
FOR ALL ETERNITY.
FOREVER IN WATER...
MAYBE YOU SHOULD
THANK ME.

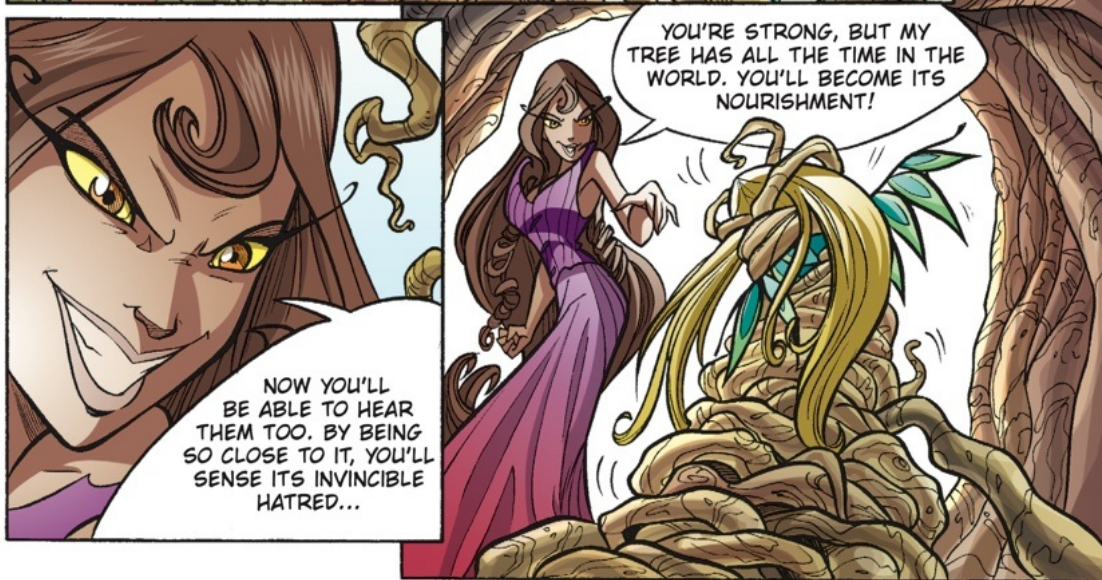
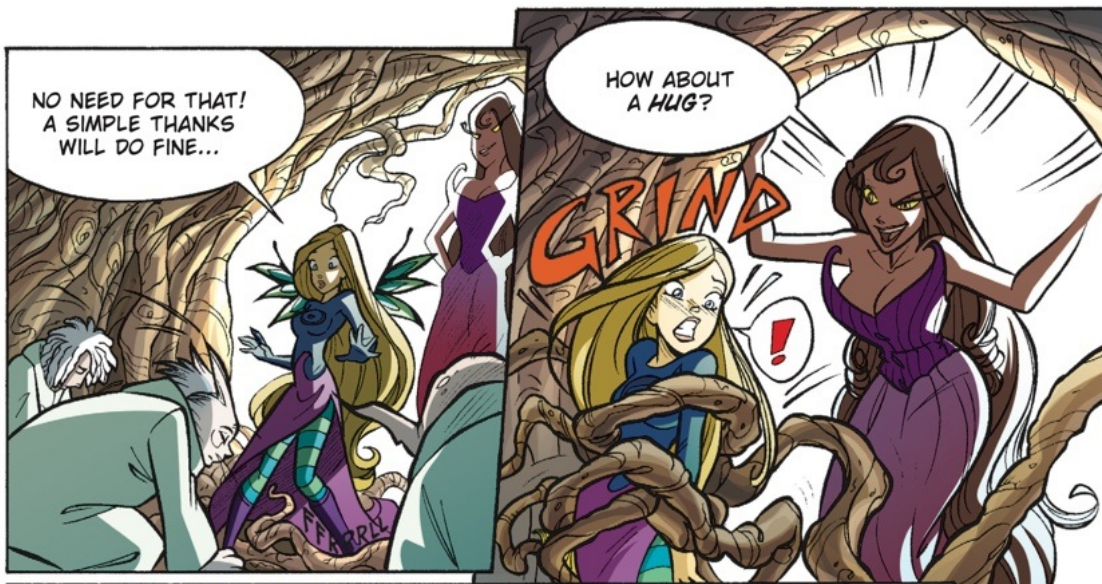
BUT
YOU CAN'T.
ALL YOU
CAN DO
IS CRY!





MEANWHILE,
CORNELIA...









SEE HOW
POWERFUL
I AM?
HA-HA-
HA!

RAAAMM

WE'RE ALL THIS WAY.
INVINCIBLE!

IF THAT'S
TRUE, WHERE
ARE THE
OTHERS?

IRMA AND CORNELIA ATTACKED
THE DARK MOTHER, GRANDMA,
WHILE I...

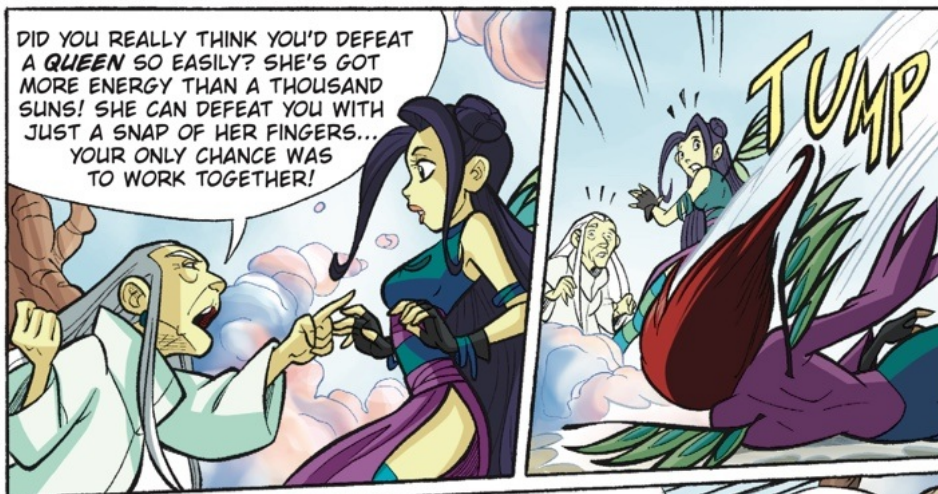


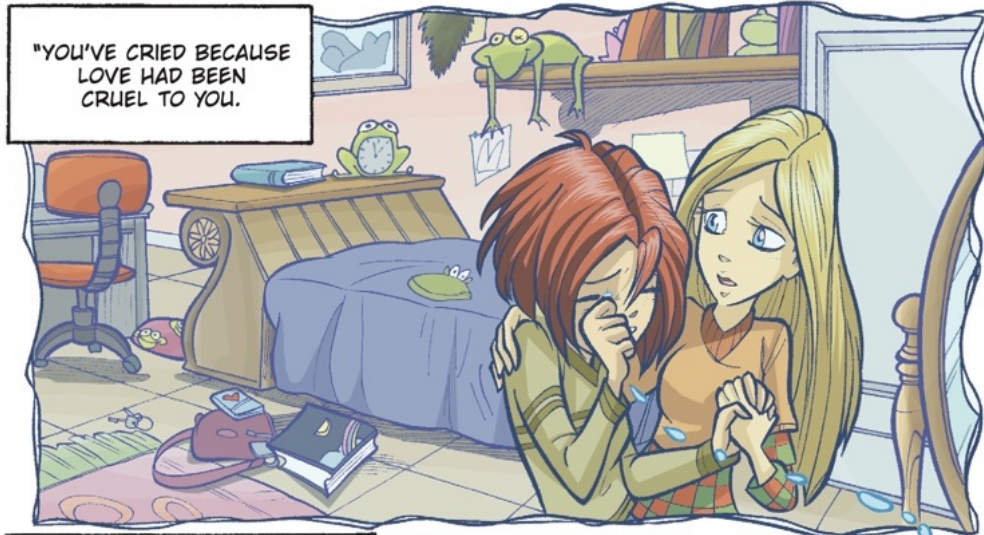
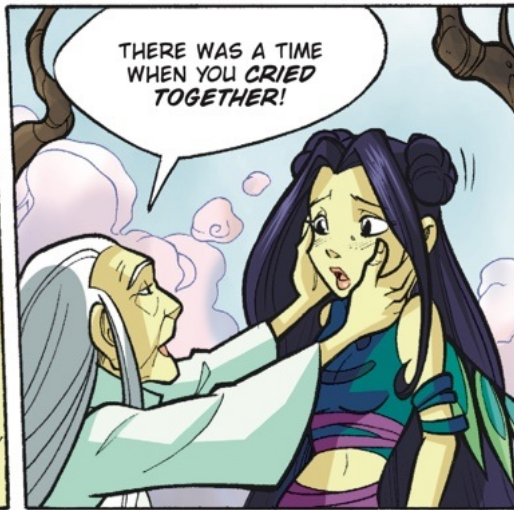
WHY DIDN'T
YOU ACT
TOGETHER?

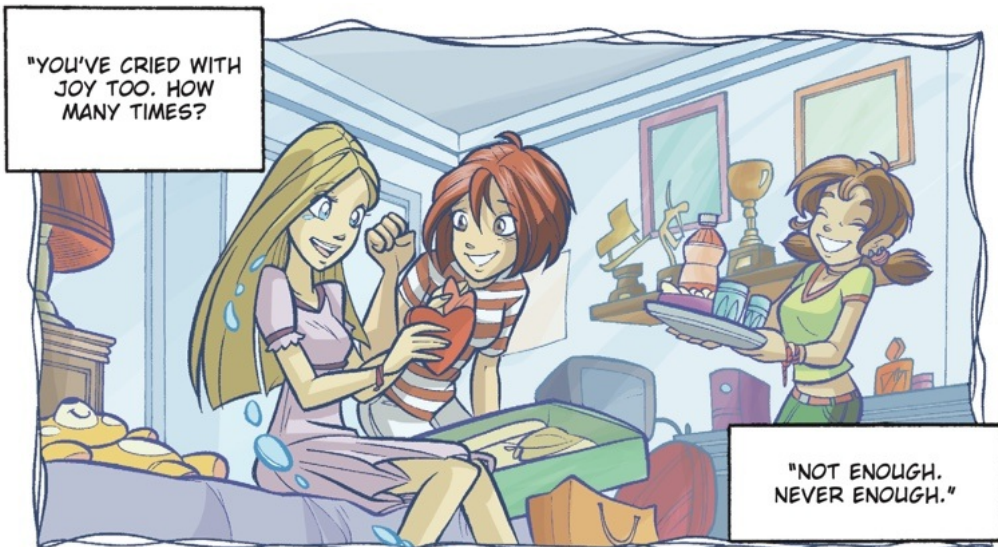
WE DIDN'T
NEED TO.

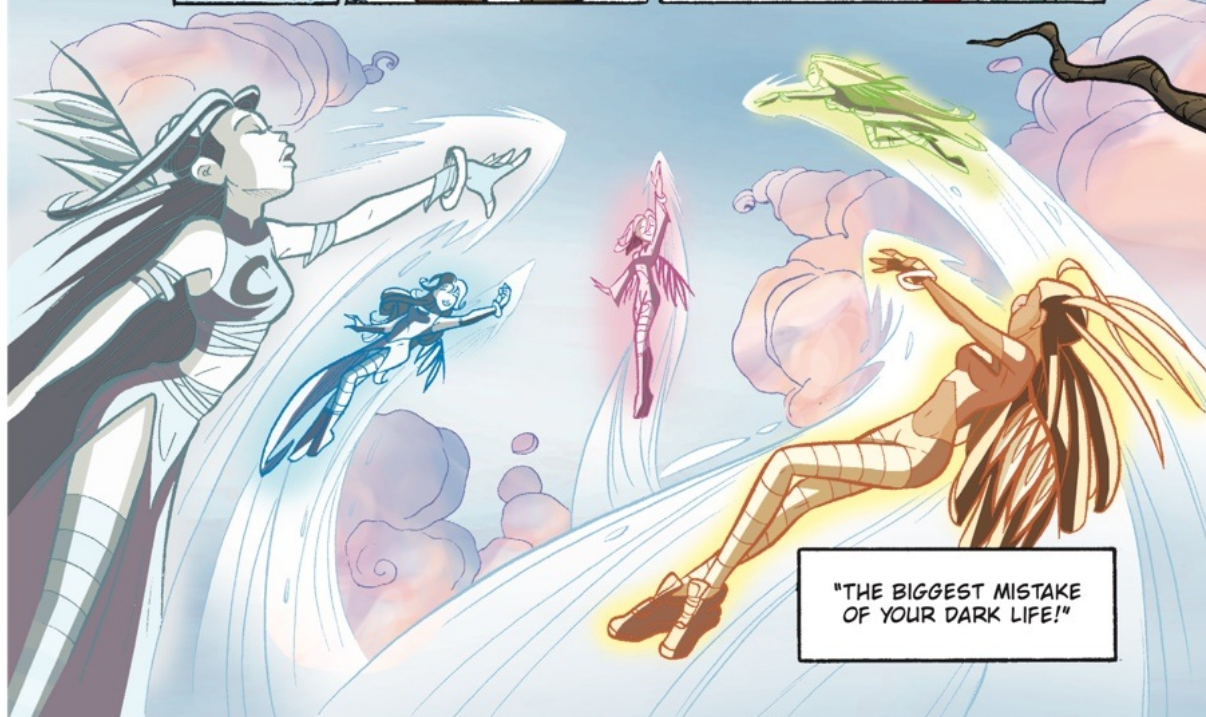
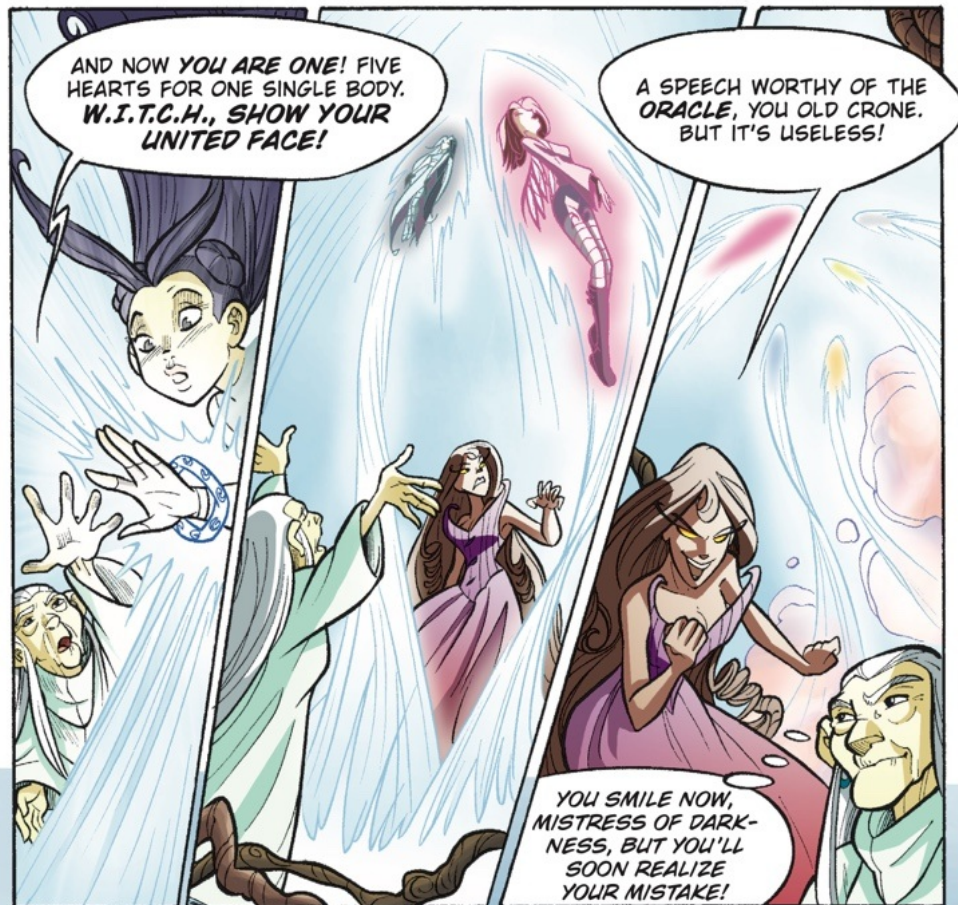
ARE YOU SURE? WIPE
THAT SMUG GRIN OFF
YOUR FACE. I HARDLY
RECOGNIZE YOU!

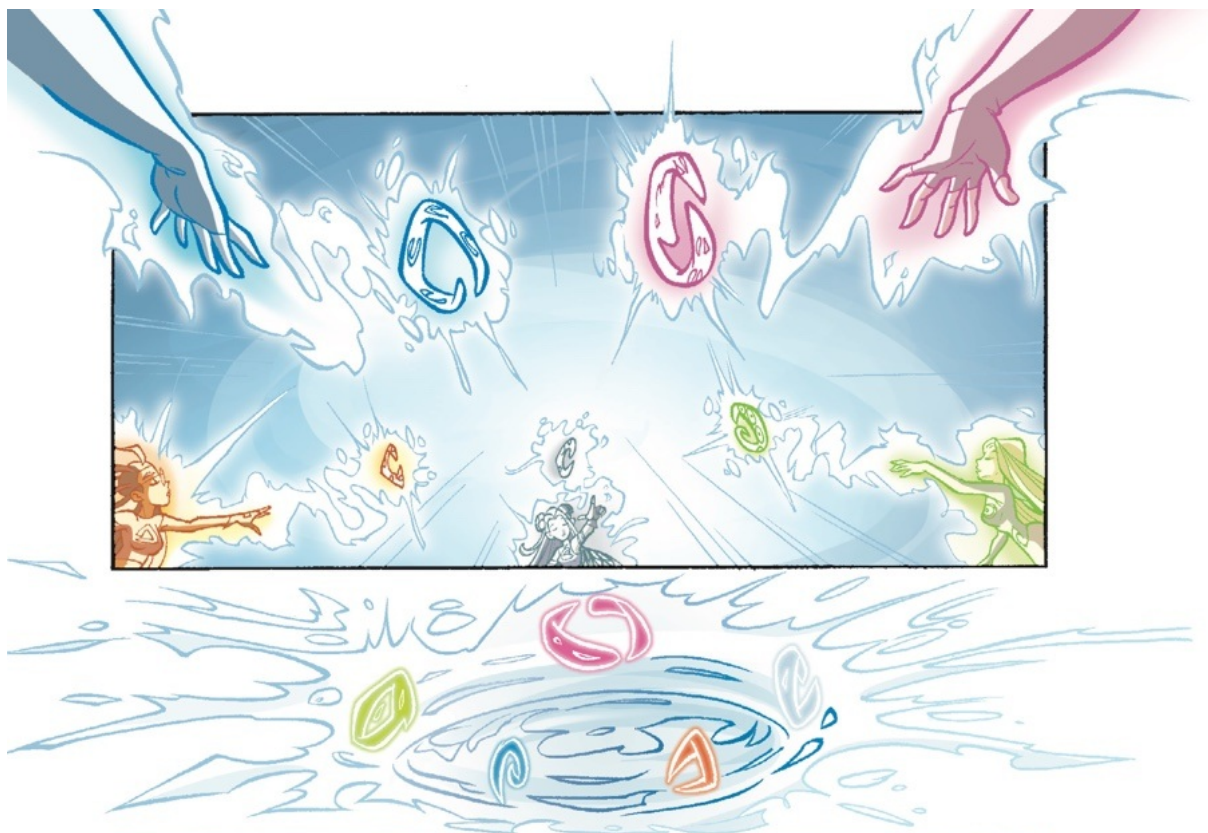












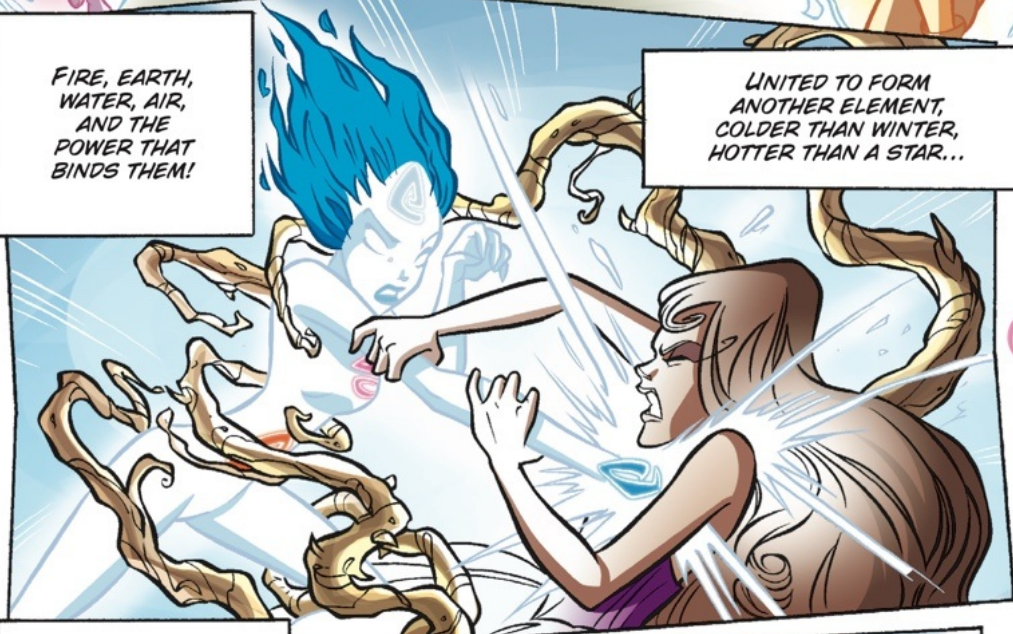






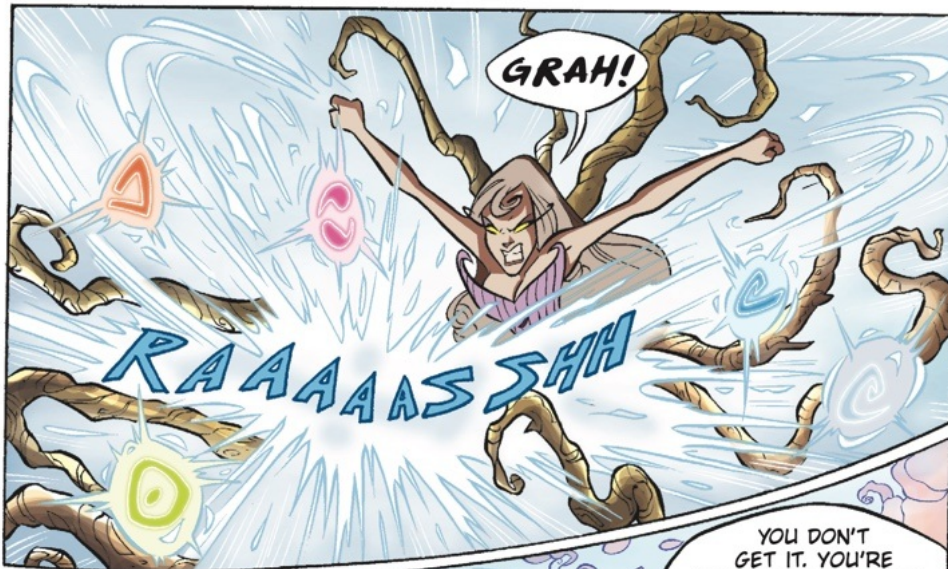
FIRE, EARTH,
WATER, AIR,
AND THE
POWER THAT
BINDS THEM!

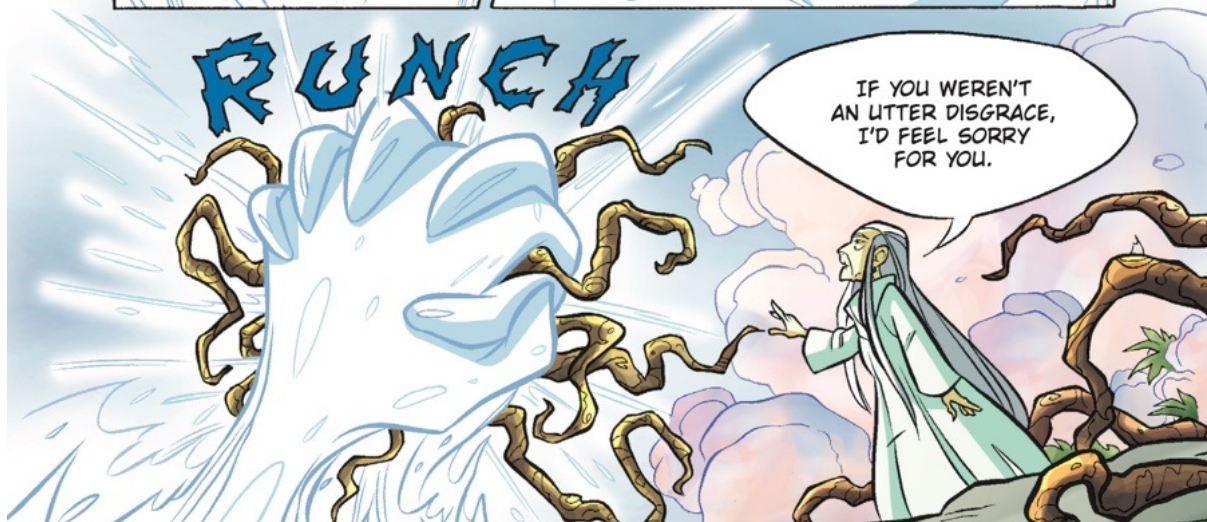
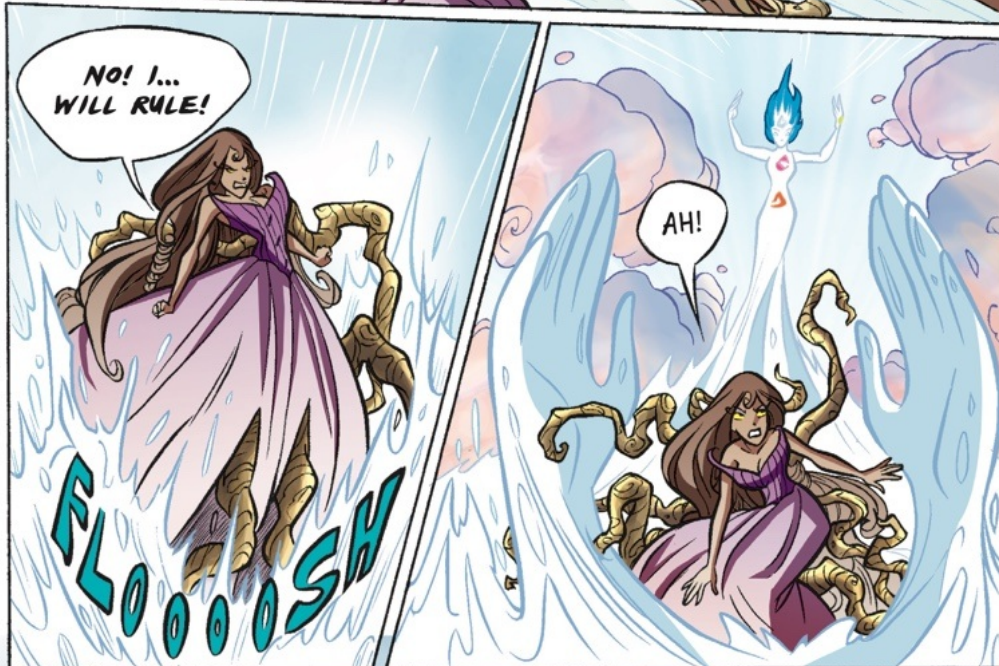
UNITED TO FORM
ANOTHER ELEMENT,
COLDER THAN WINTER,
HOTTER THAN A STAR...



...MADE OF LIGHT
AND DARKNESS!
UNSTOPPABLE...



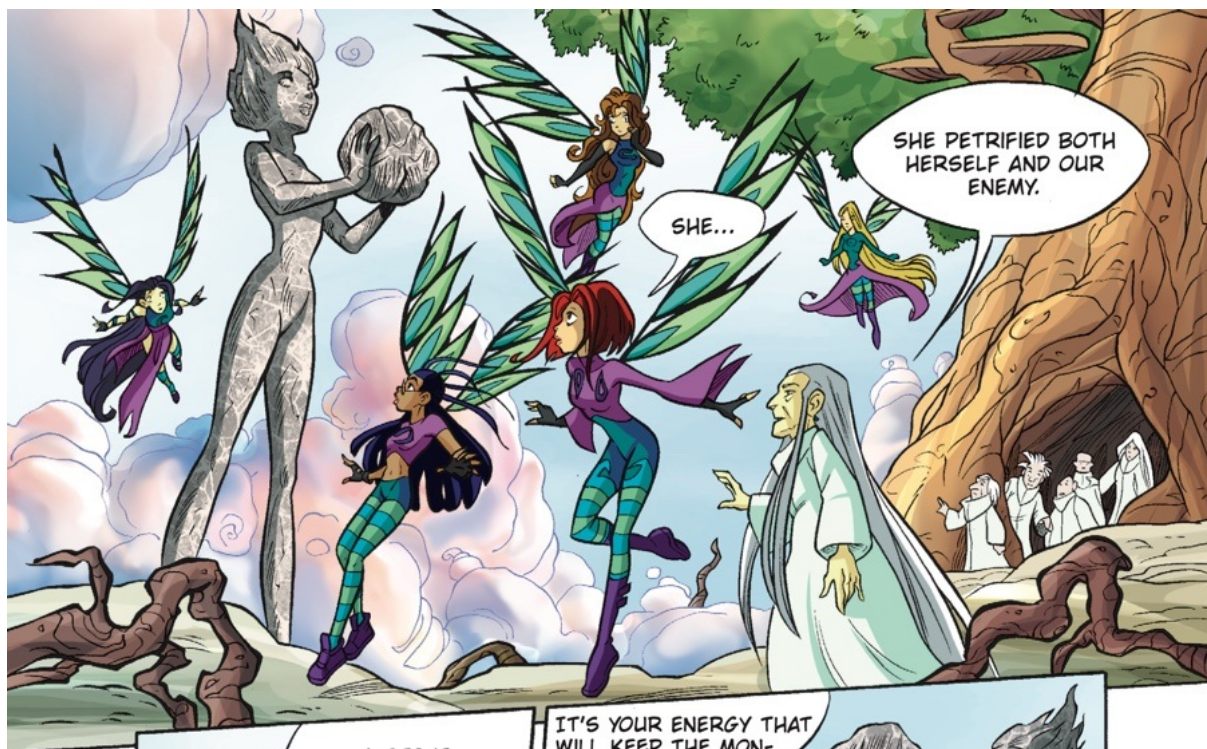






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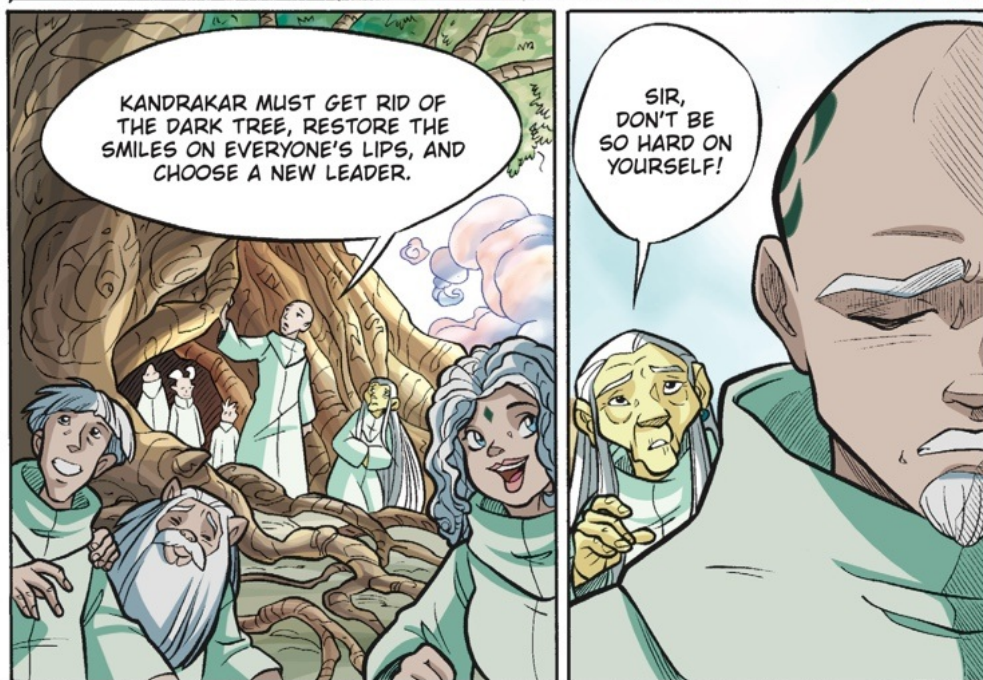
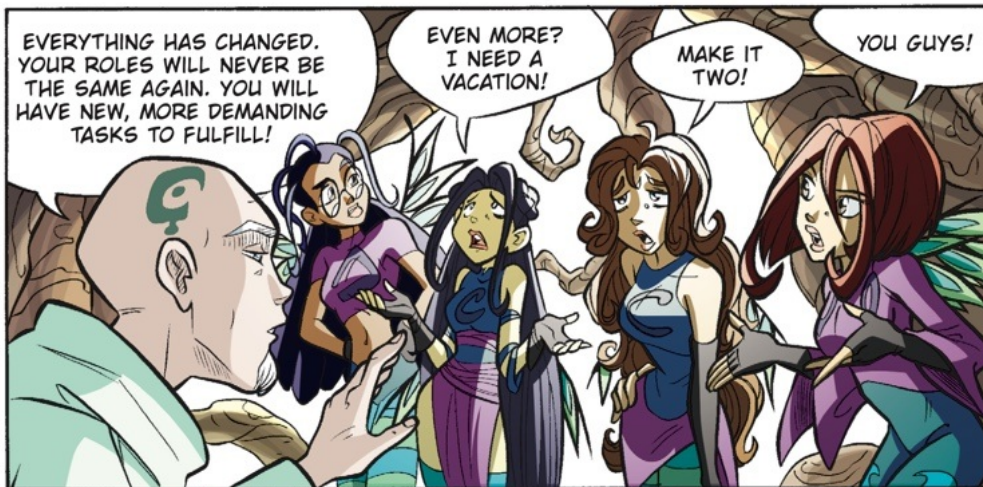


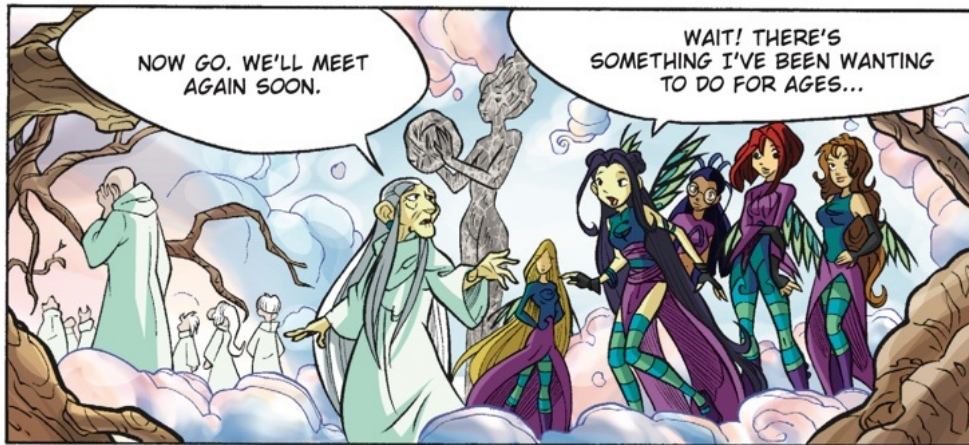


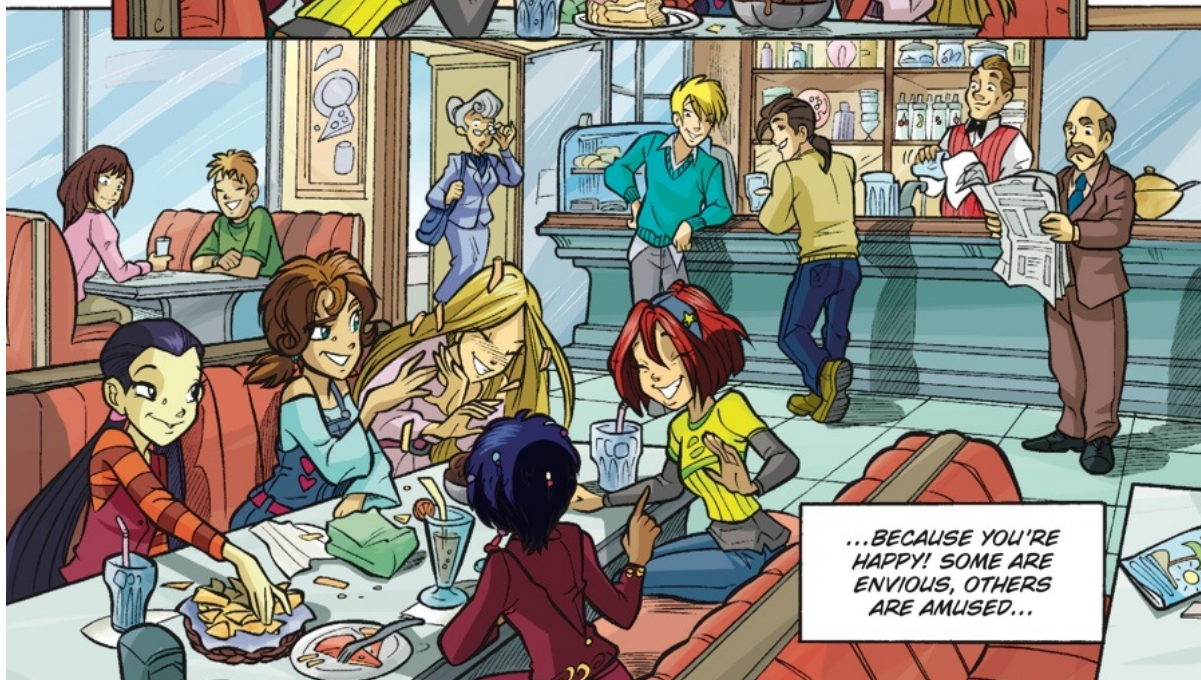
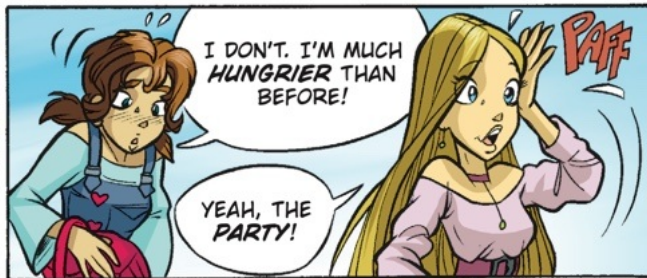
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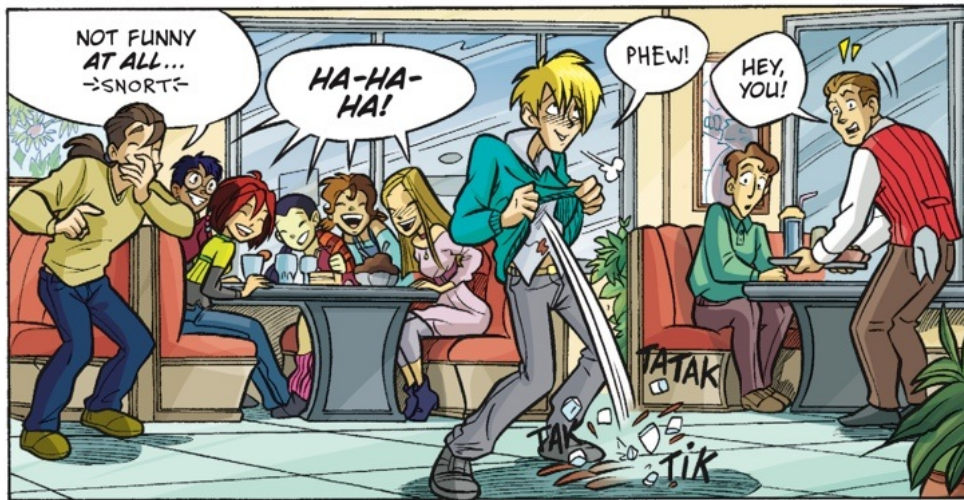


















D-DON'T COME IN!
WE'RE COMING.
WE'VE GOT A
SURPRISE!



WHAT
SURPRISE?

UM...A JIG!
I TAUGHT WILLIAM
A FEW STEPS
YESTERDAY...



A JIG? BUT
HE CAN BARELY
ROLL OVER!

WISH MY
MAGICAL
POWERS
HELPED WITH
EXCUSES!



YOU GOTTA HIDE YOUR
WINGS, SWEETIE.
MOM'S NOT READY
FOR *THIS*.

Goo!



SO?
I'M WAITING.

ONE SEC!
WE'RE DOING
A LAST MINUTE
REHEARSAL!

GOOD JOB!



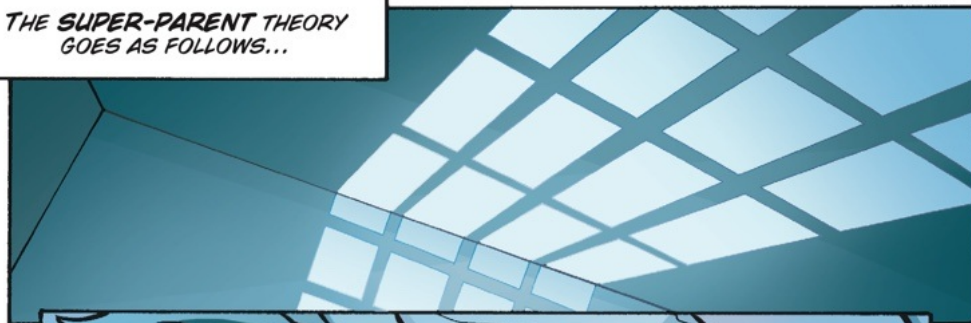


The Heart of It All

“Once, I would have fixed everything
myself in the blink of an eye. But
today, my eyes are only full of tears.”



THE **SUPER-PARENT** THEORY
GOES AS FOLLOWS...



TAKE ANY
INDIVIDUAL,
AVERAGE
HEIGHT,
AVERAGE
STRENGTH,
A PROPENSITY
FOR
SNORING...

...AND ADD A VIVACIOUS
SON, GOOD-NATURED
AND WITH A HEALTHY
APPETITE.



SOON, THE INDIVIDUAL —
OR HIS WIFE — WILL DEVELOP
SUPER-HEARING...

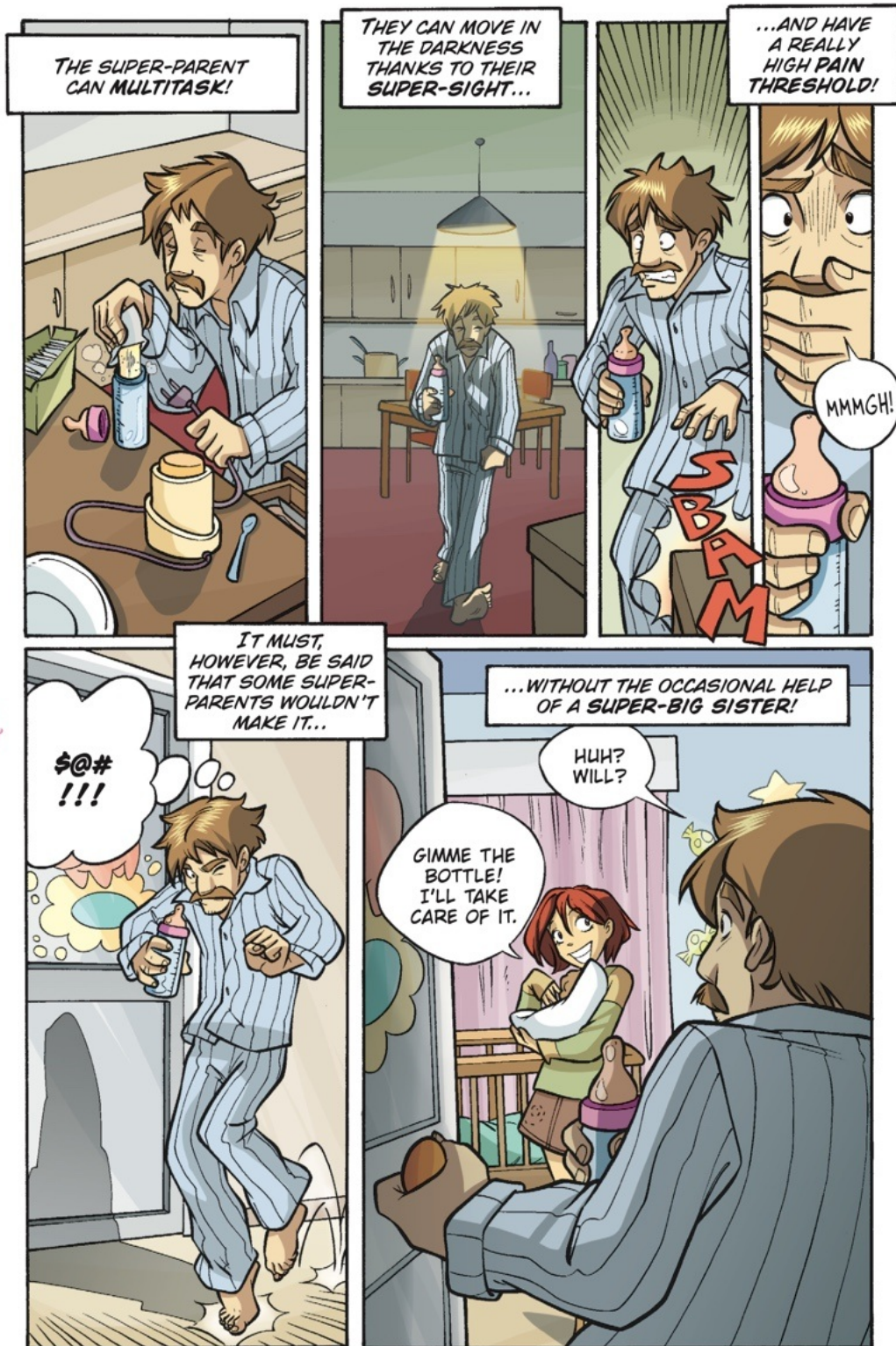


...AND REMARKABLE
SUPER-
WILLPOWER...

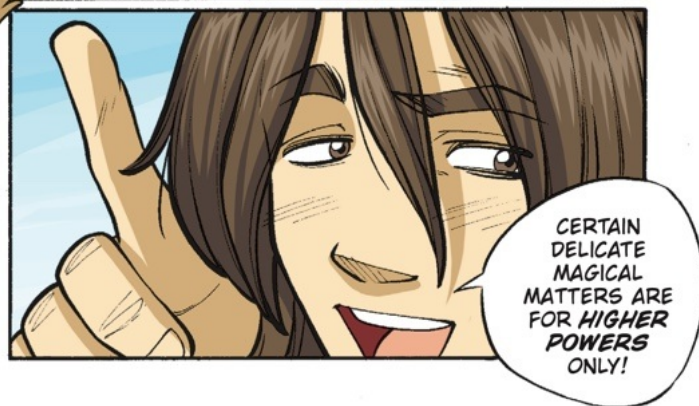


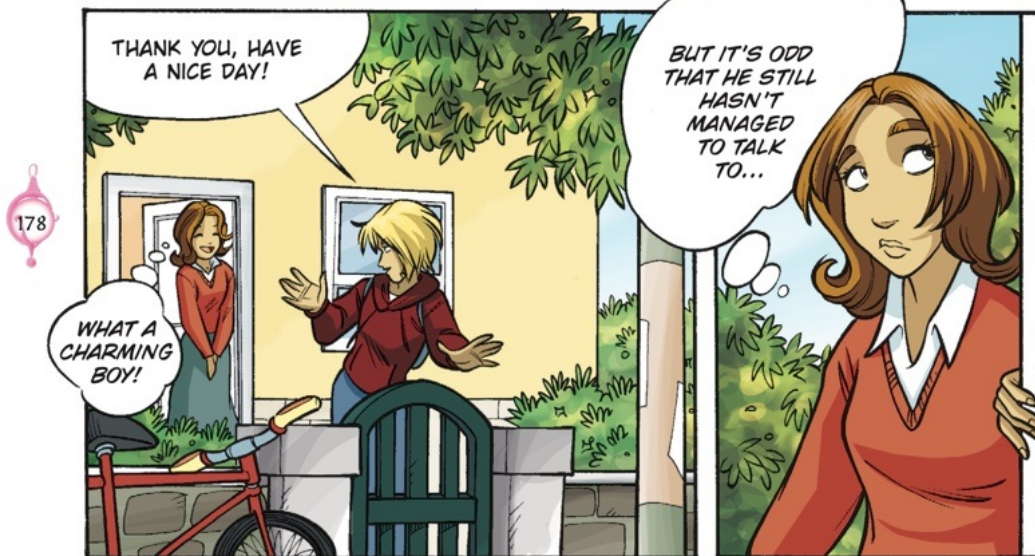
...THAT IS, A NUMBER OF
SKILLS THAT'LL ENABLE
THEM TO ACHIEVE
IMPOSSIBLE FEATS!

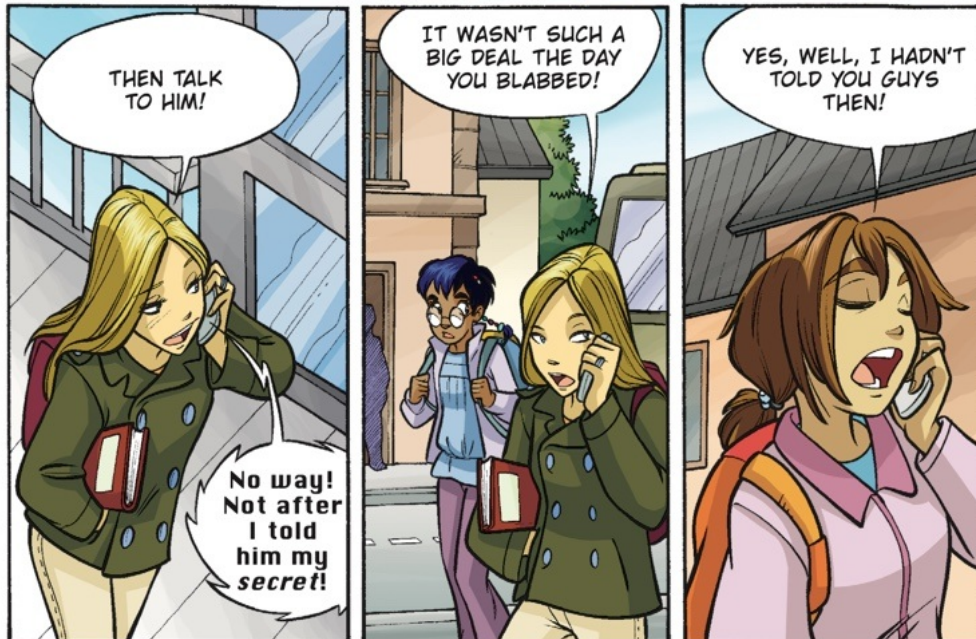
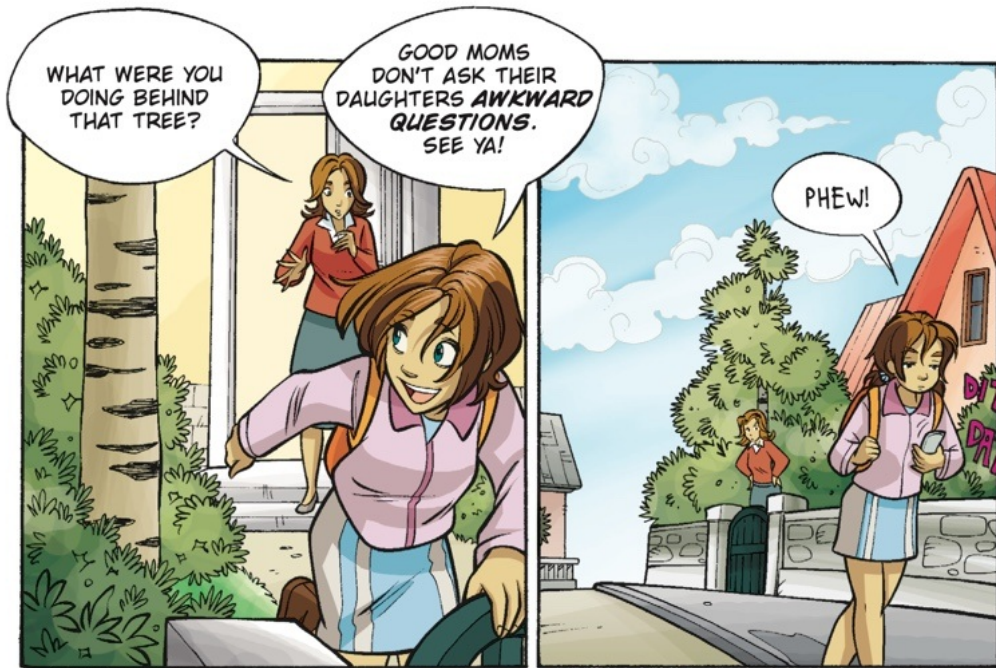






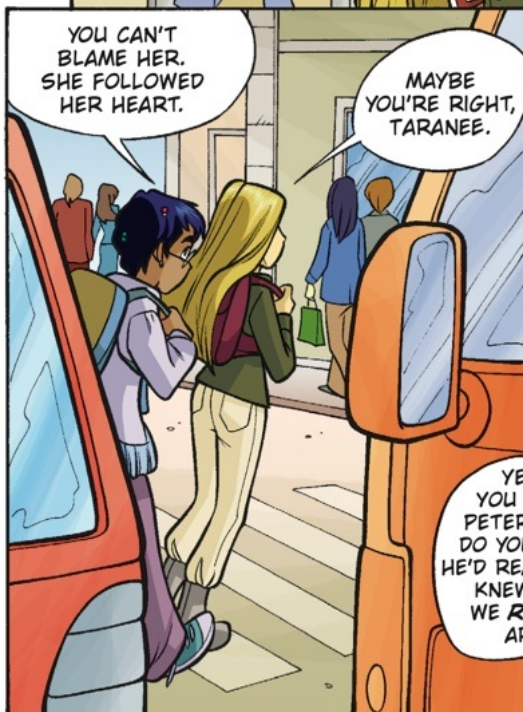


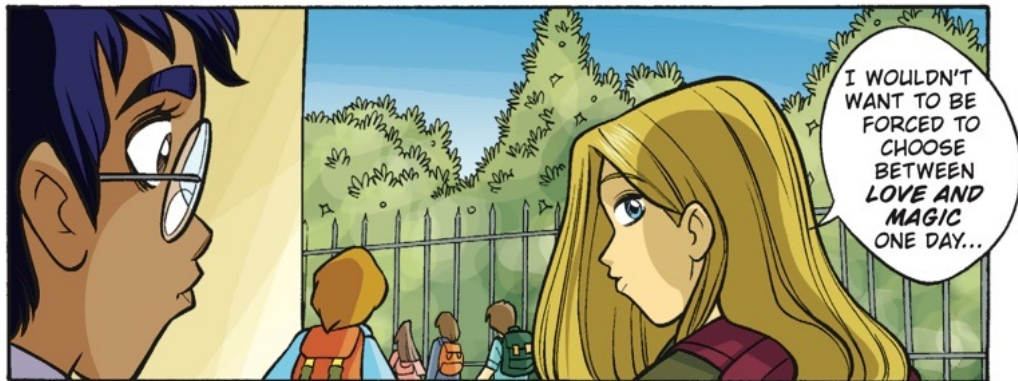






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I WOULDN'T WANT TO BE FORCED TO CHOOSE BETWEEN LOVE AND MAGIC ONE DAY...



I KNOW WHAT I'D CHOOSE. I LOVE BEING A W.I.T.C.H.!

YET YOU LOOK LIKE YOU HAVE A LOT ON YOUR MIND TO ME...



YOU FORGOT YOUR LEG WARMERS! SO IT'S ONE OF TWO THINGS...

?

...EITHER YOU'RE DANCING AT NIGHT OR SOMETHING'S KEEPING YOU AWAKE!



I-I DON'T...



HEY, GUYS! I'M COMING WITH YOU!



SOMETIMES YOU SEE YOUR FRIENDS AND JUST WAVE HELLO...



...THEN CARRY ON IN SILENCE, EACH LOST IN YOUR THOUGHTS.



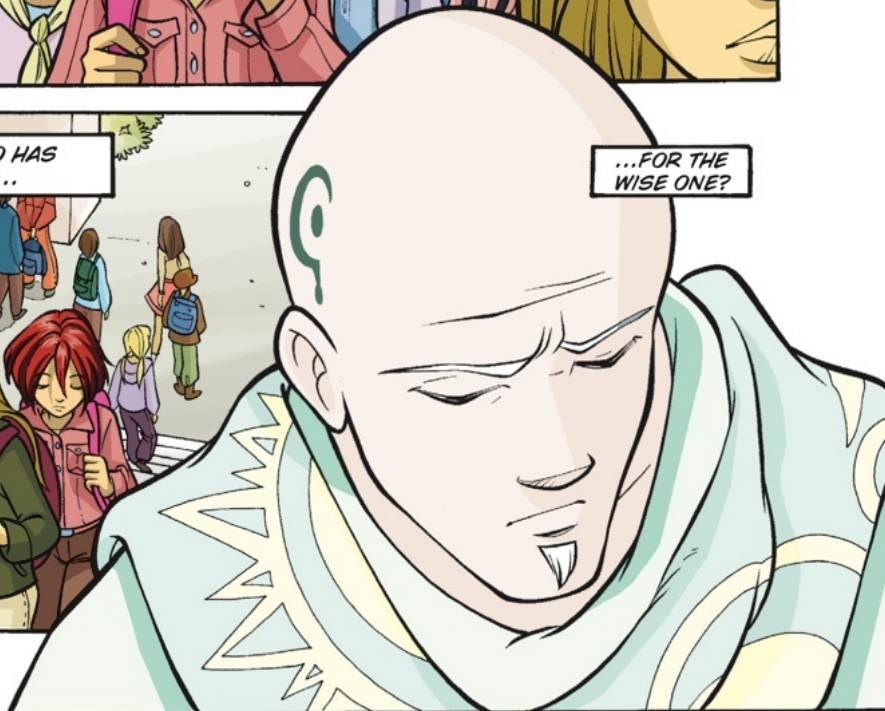
RIGHT NOW, ALL OF W.I.T.C.H. COULD USE SOME WORDS OF WISDOM...

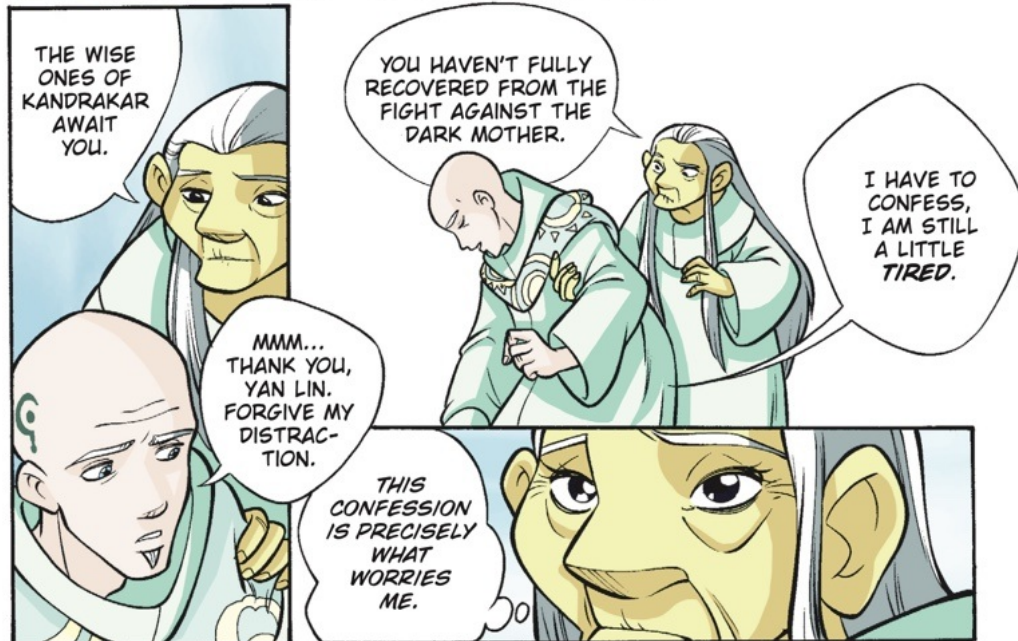
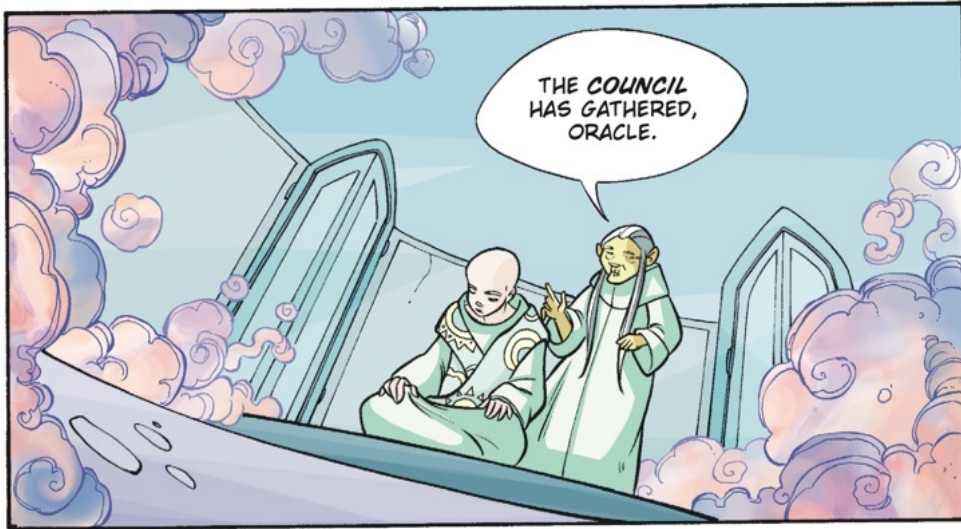


...BUT WHO HAS ADVICE...



...FOR THE WISE ONE?



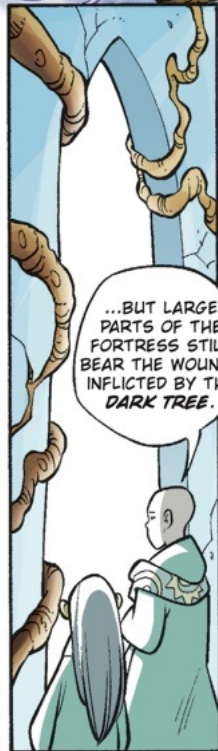




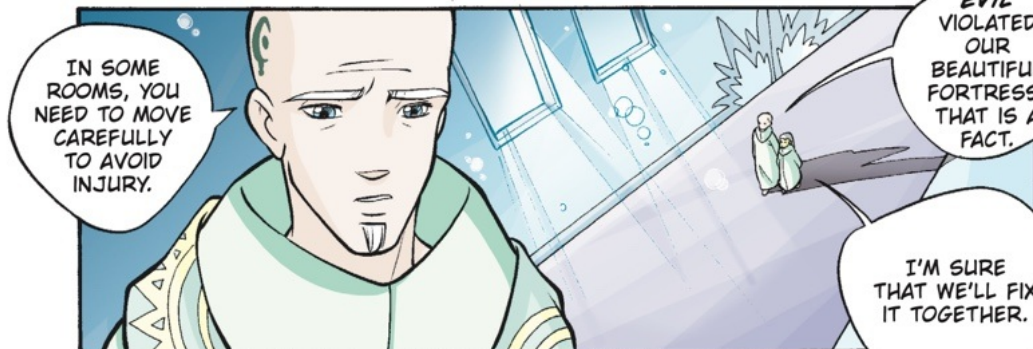
AS YOU CAN SEE, KANDRAKAR HAS **CHANGED** PROFOUNDLY.



I HAVE REMOVED THE **ROCK BARRIER** THAT PROTECTED IT...



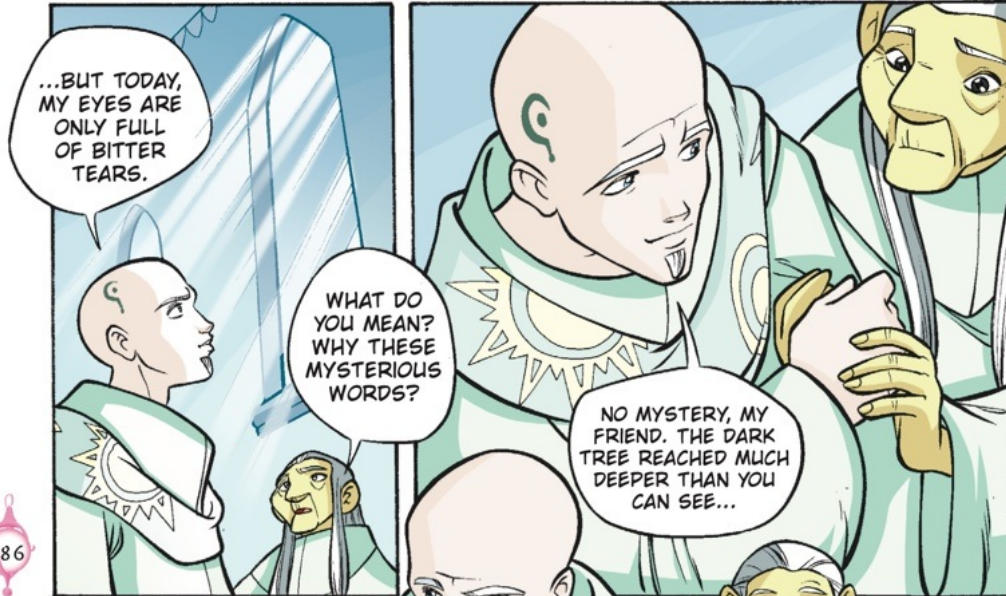
...BUT LARGE PARTS OF THE FORTRESS STILL BEAR THE WOUNDS INFLICTED BY THE **DARK TREE**.



IN SOME ROOMS, YOU NEED TO MOVE CAREFULLY TO AVOID INJURY.

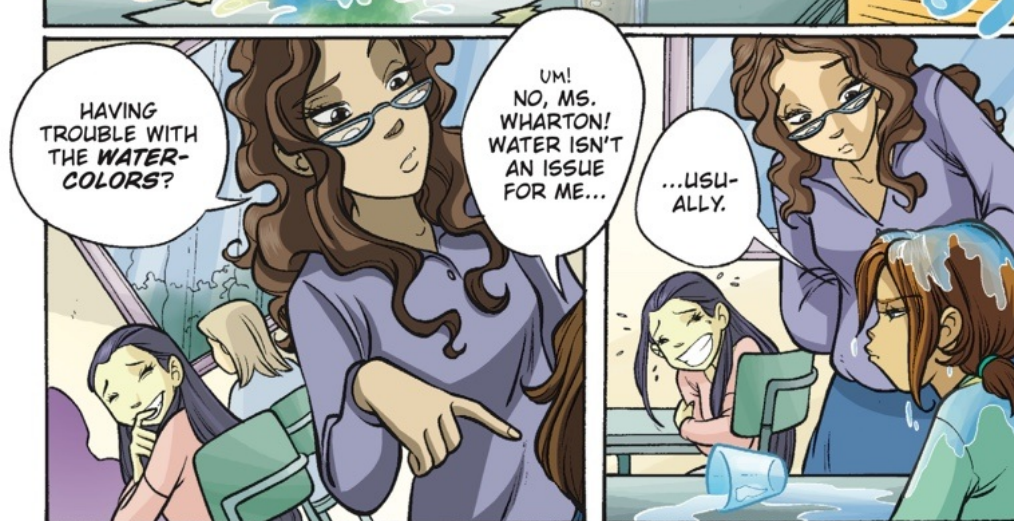
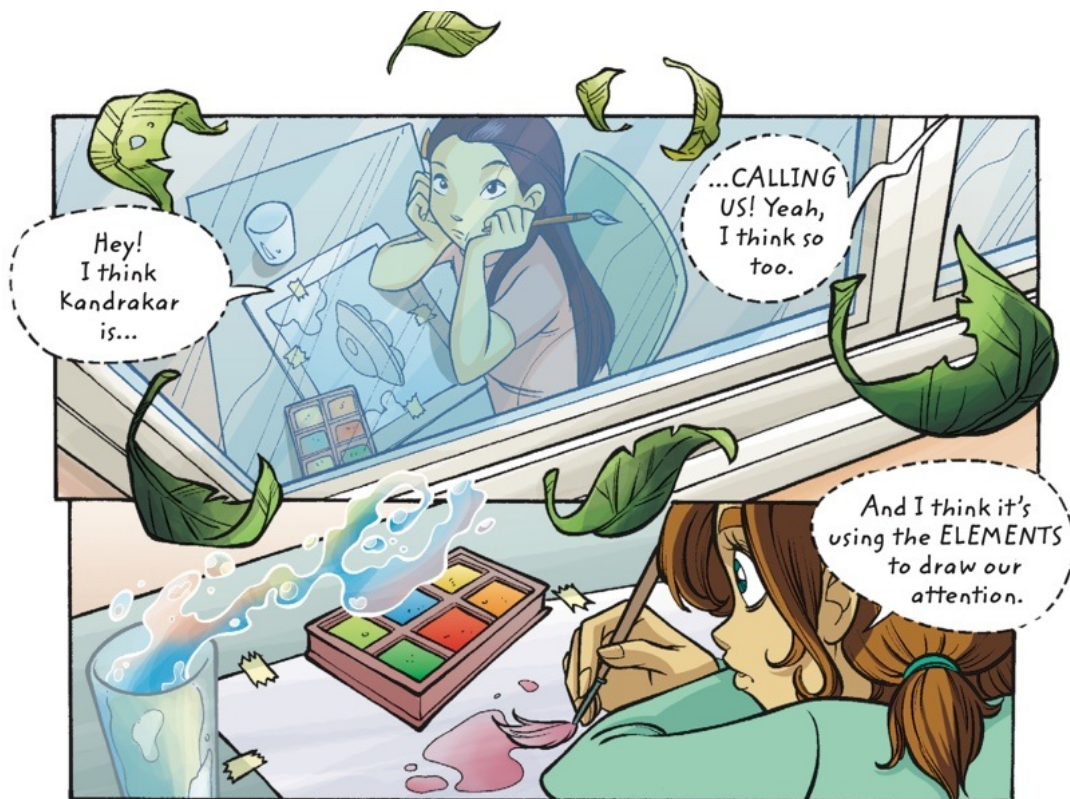
EVIL VIOLATED OUR BEAUTIFUL FORTRESS. THAT IS A FACT.

I'M SURE THAT WE'LL FIX IT TOGETHER.



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LATER, IN KANDRAKAR'S COUNCIL ROOM...

I KNOW THAT YOU'RE DRAINED BY THE FIGHT AGAINST THE DARK MOTHER, GUARDIANS, BUT I MUST ASK YOU FOR ONE **LAST EFFORT**.

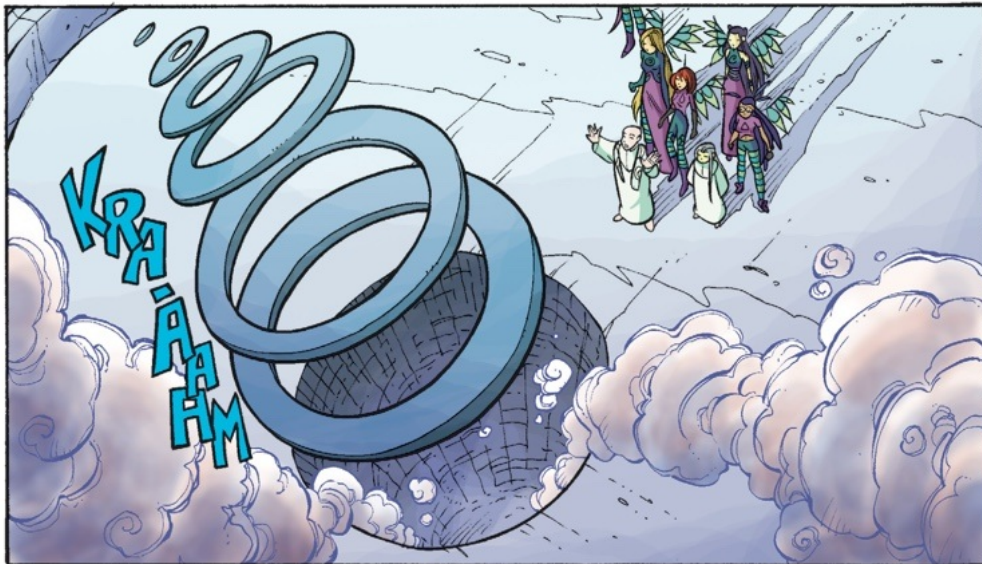
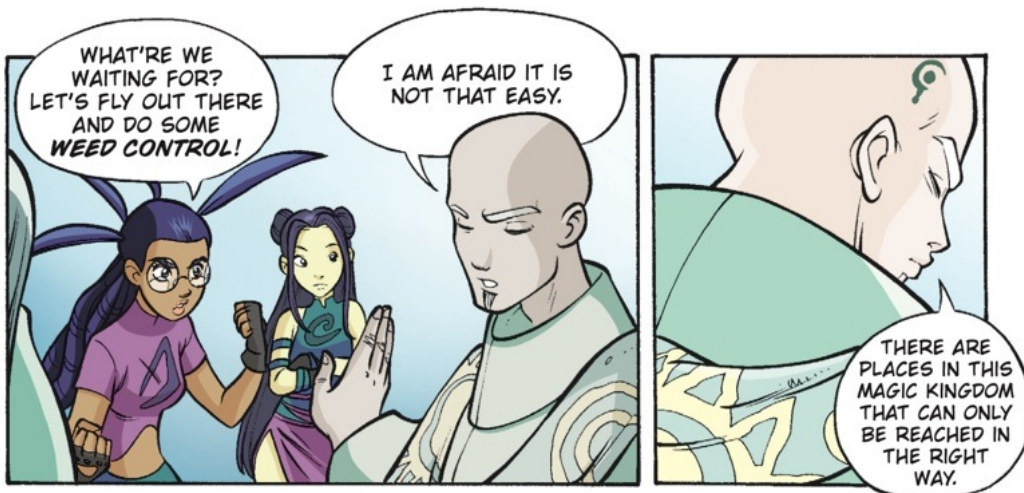
AS YOU KNOW, THIS FORTRESS STANDS AMONG THE CLOUDS IN THE CENTER OF INFINITY...

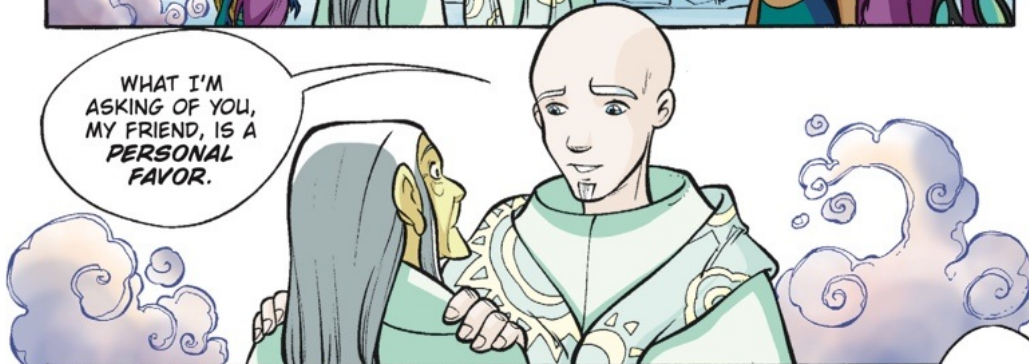
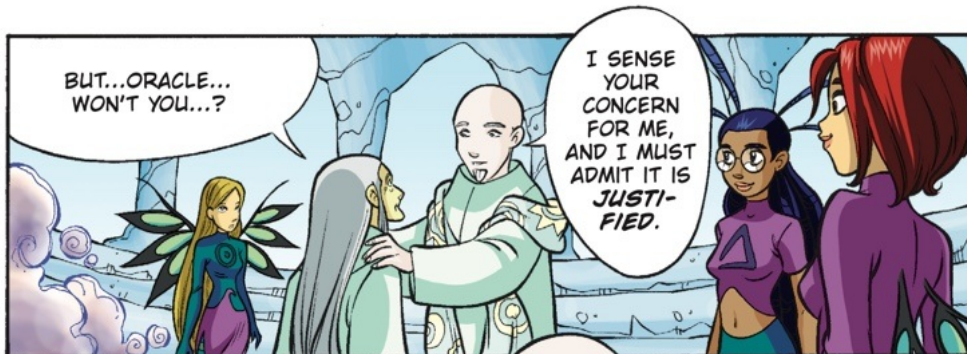
...YET IT RISKS **DRIFTING AWAY** LIKE A LOST SHIP.

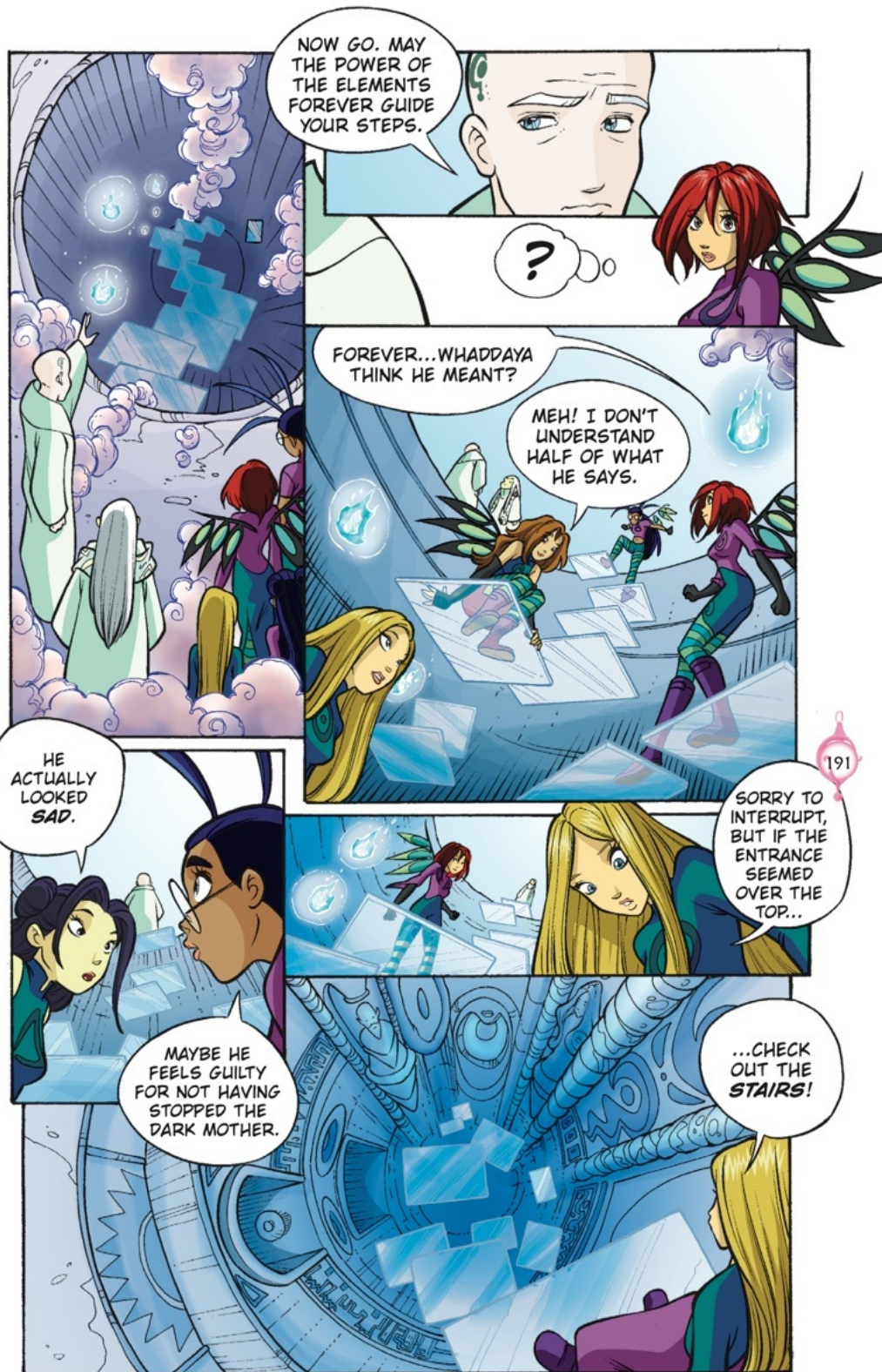
HOW COULD THAT HAPPEN?

UNFORTUNATELY, THE **ROOTS** THAT FED THE DARK TREE ARE STILL **ALIVE**...

...AND THEY'RE SLOWLY **ERODING** THE **ANCHORS** AT THE BASE OF THE FORTRESS!







NOW GO. MAY
THE POWER OF
THE ELEMENTS
FOREVER GUIDE
YOUR STEPS.

?

FOREVER...WHADDAYA
THINK HE MEANT?

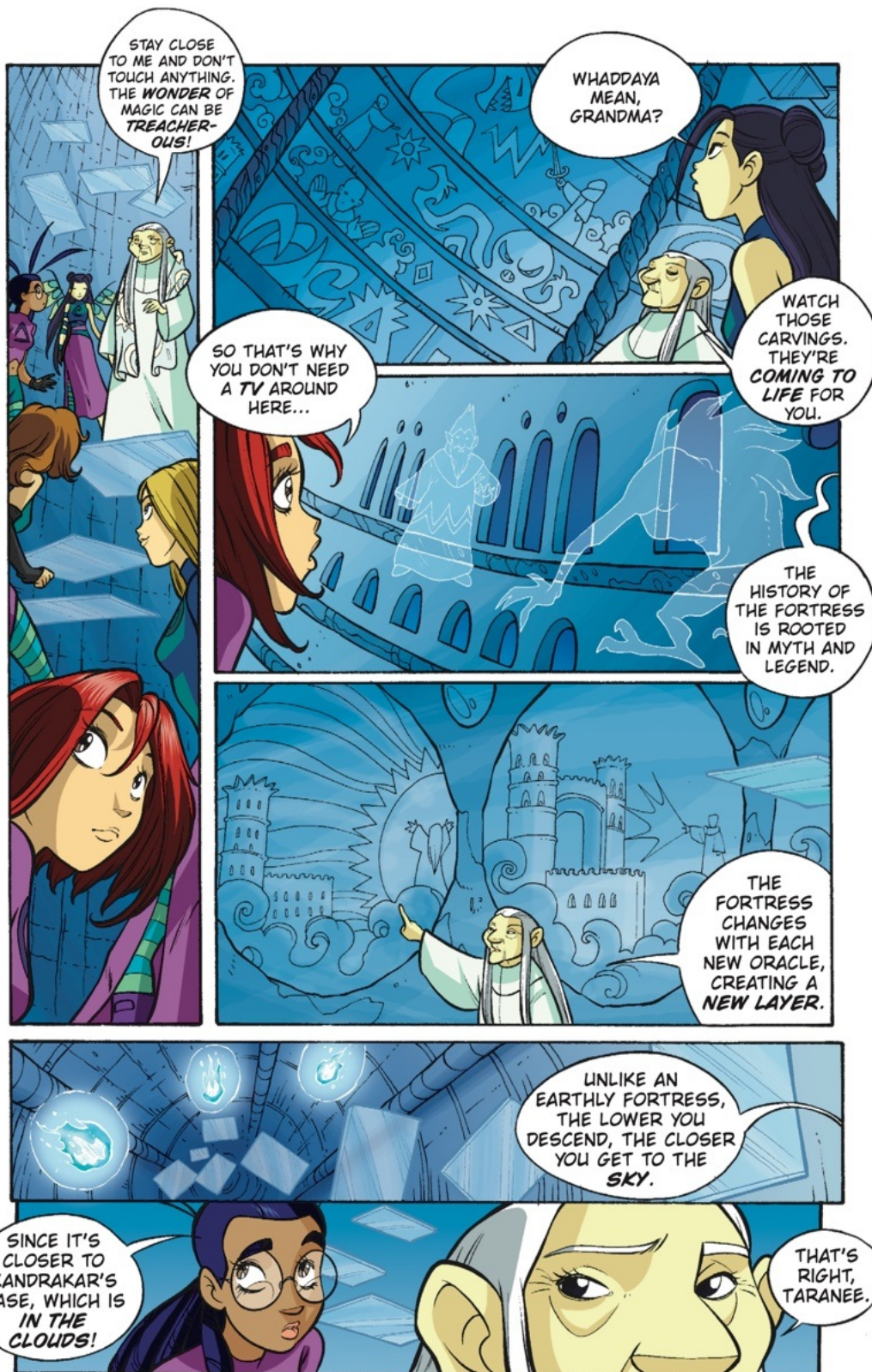
MEH! I DON'T
UNDERSTAND
HALF OF WHAT
HE SAYS.

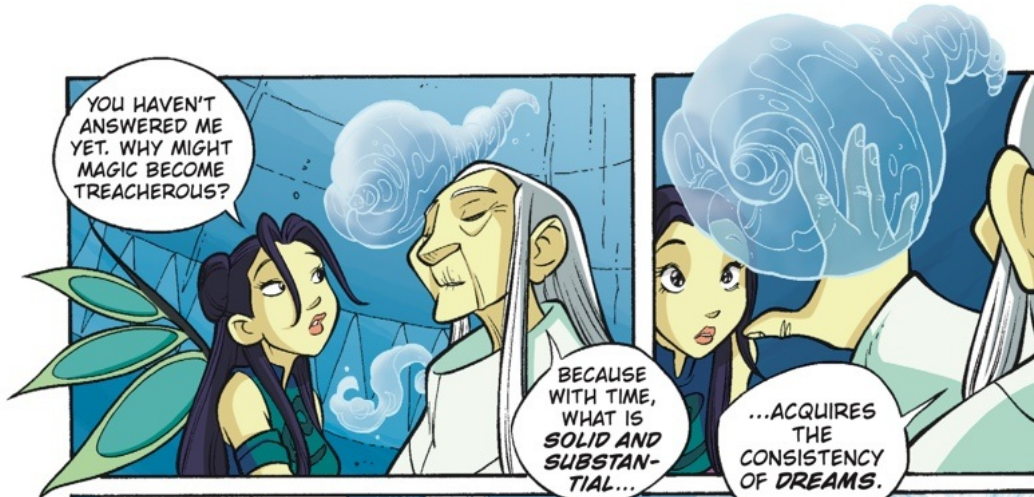
HE
ACTUALLY
LOOKED
SAD.

MAYBE HE
FEELS GUILTY
FOR NOT HAVING
STOPPED THE
DARK MOTHER.

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SORRY TO
INTERRUPT,
BUT IF THE
ENTRANCE
SEEMED
OVER THE
TOP...

...CHECK
OUT THE
STAIRS!





YOU HAVEN'T ANSWERED ME YET. WHY MIGHT MAGIC BECOME TREACHEROUS?

BECAUSE WITH TIME, WHAT IS **SOLID AND SUBSTANTIAL**...

...ACQUIRES THE CONSISTENCY OF **DREAMS**.



WHAT WE SEE IS SLOWLY **DISAPPEARING**.

THIS IS KANDRAKAR'S NATURE. EACH LAYER WAS BUILT BY A DIFFERENT ORACLE...

THE PAST VANISHES INTO THE ABYSS OF MEMORY, WHILE THE FUTURE RISES TO THE LIGHT OF INFINITY.

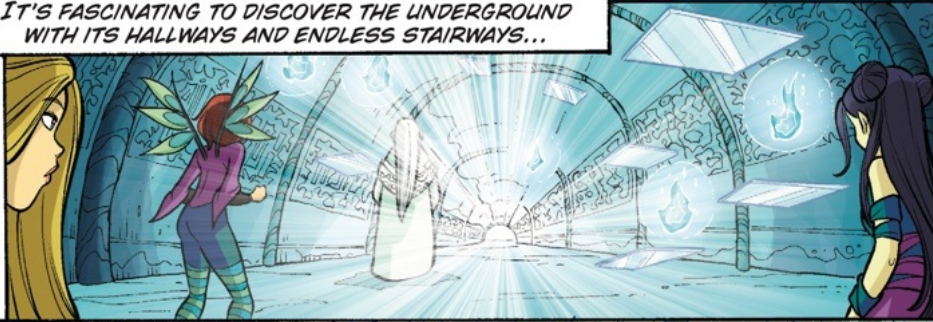


...AND DISAPPEARS ALONG WITH THE **MEMORY** OF ITS ANCIENT CREATOR.

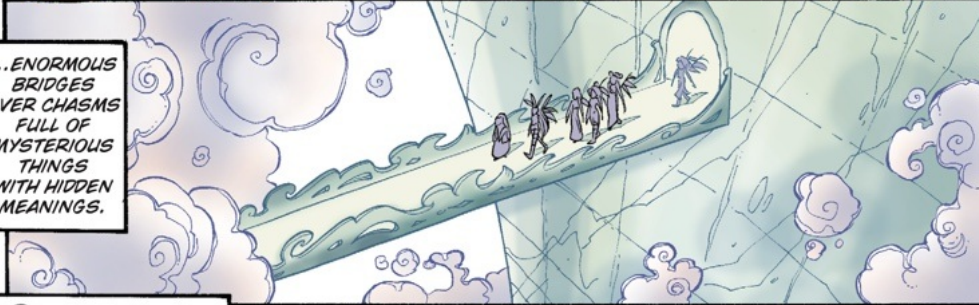
W.I.T.C.H. WALK THE REST OF THE
WAY IN SILENT CONTEMPLATION.



IT'S FASCINATING TO DISCOVER THE UNDERGROUND
WITH ITS HALLWAYS AND ENDLESS STAIRWAYS...



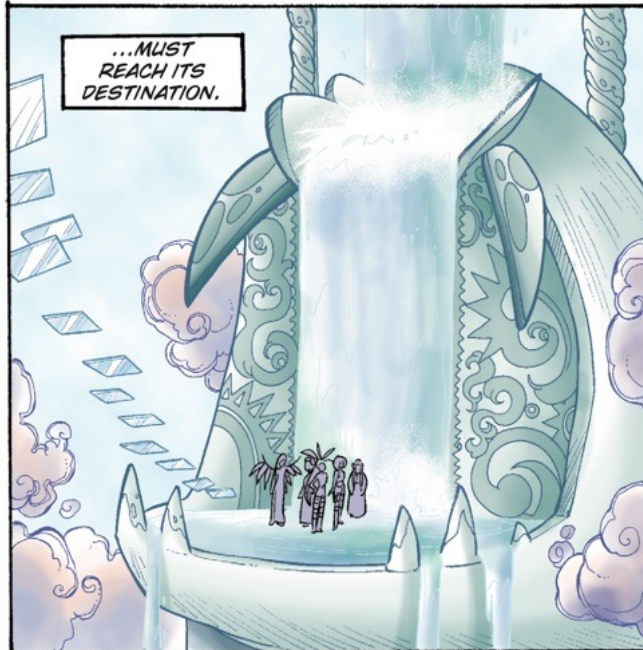
...ENORMOUS
BRIDGES
OVER CHASMS
FULL OF
MYSTERIOUS
THINGS
WITH HIDDEN
MEANINGS.

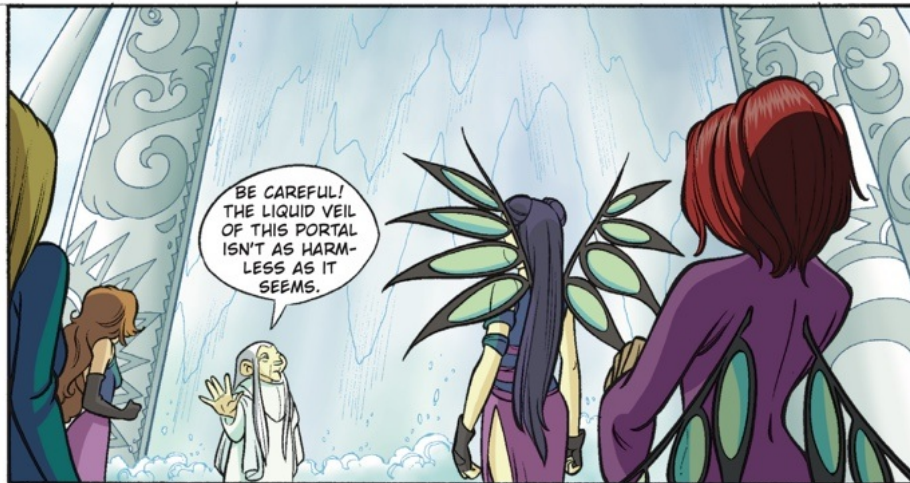


BUT EVEN THE MOST
AMAZING JOURNEY...



...MUST
REACH ITS
DESTINATION.

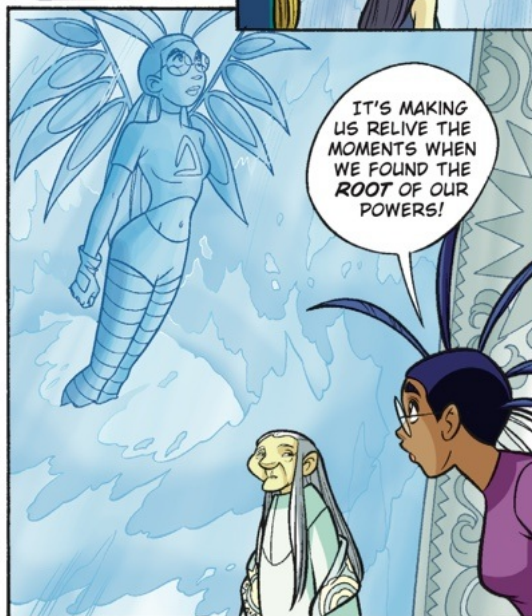




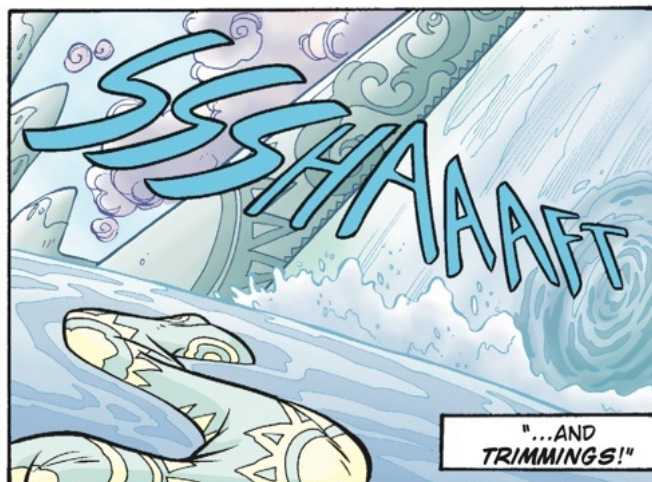
IT'S...IT'S LIKE A MIRROR! AND THAT'S...



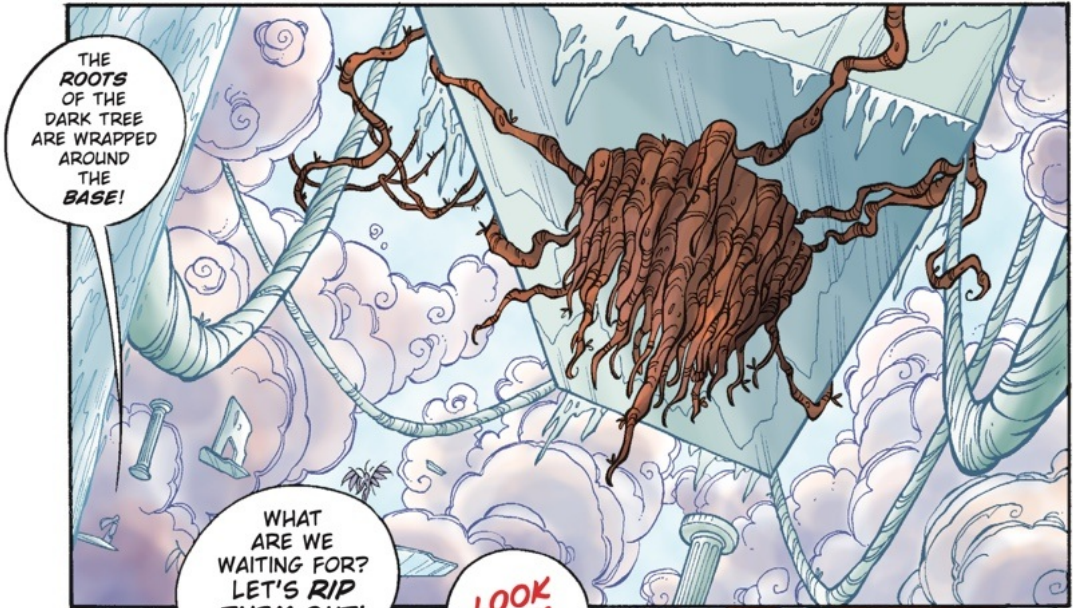
YES, IRMA. THAT'S US!

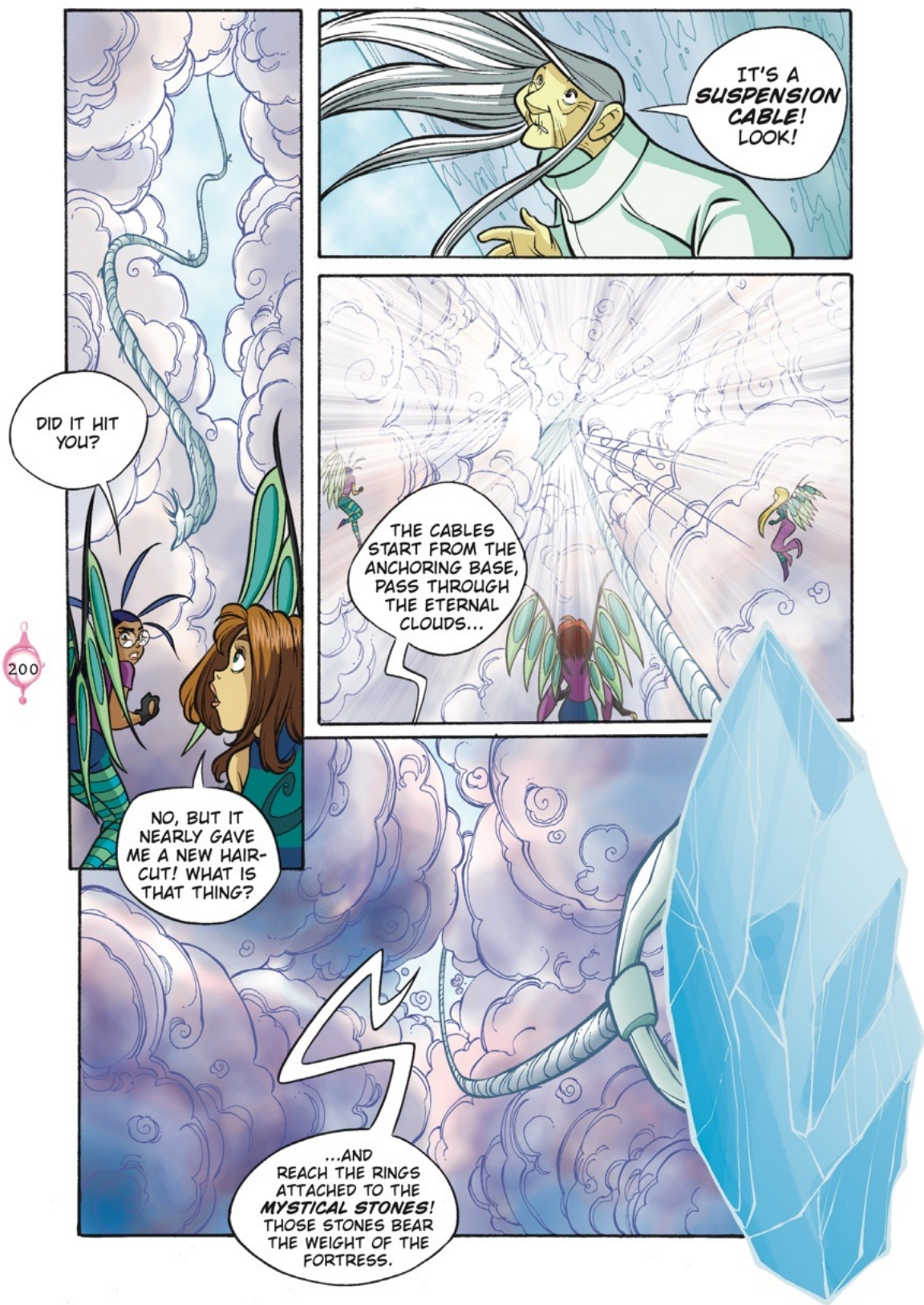












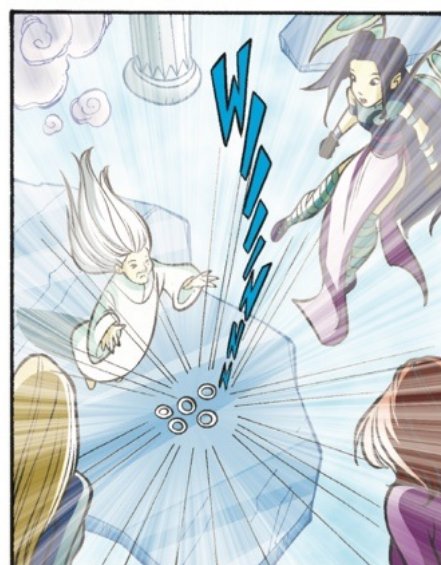
DID IT HIT YOU?

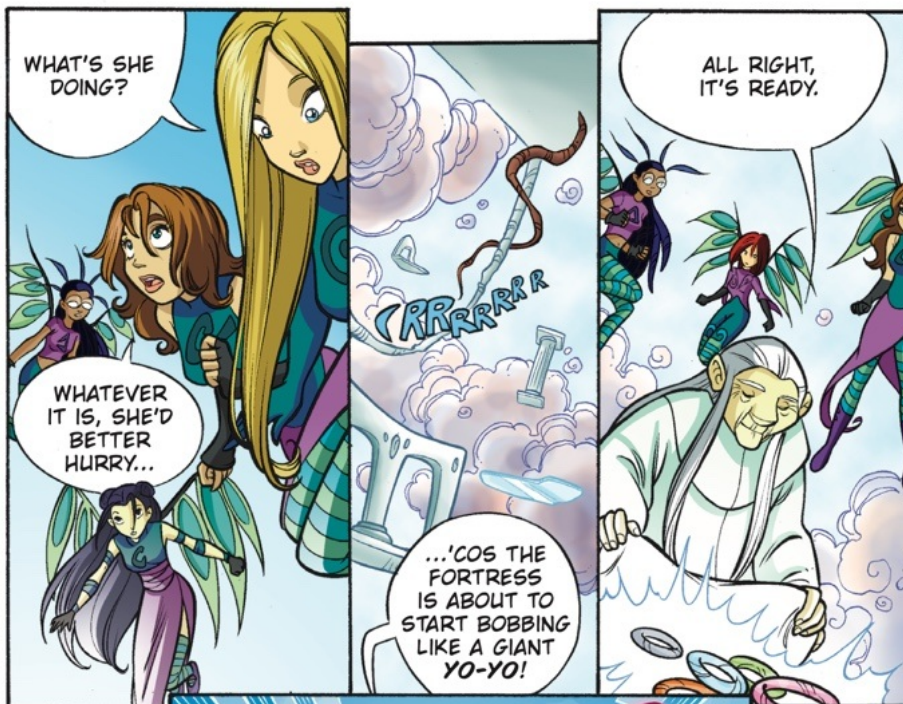
IT'S A **SUSPENSION CABLE!**
LOOK!

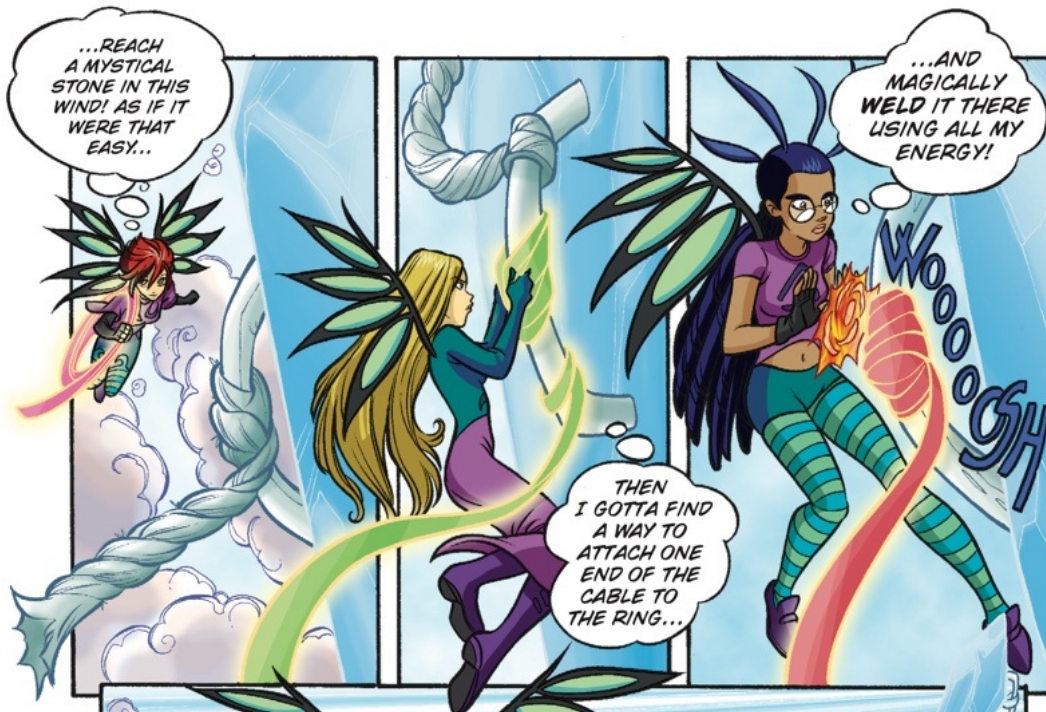
THE CABLES START FROM THE ANCHORING BASE, PASS THROUGH THE ETERNAL CLOUDS...

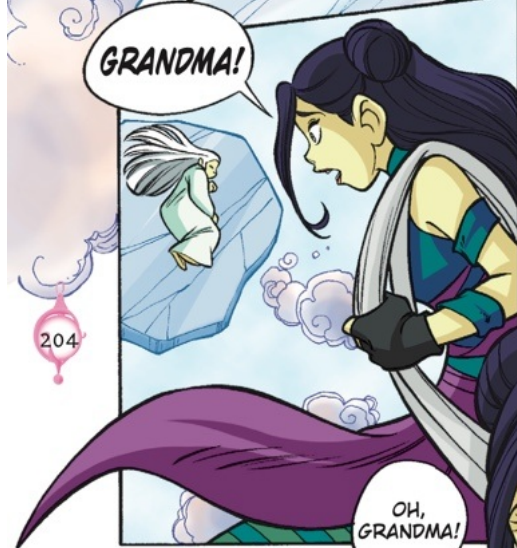
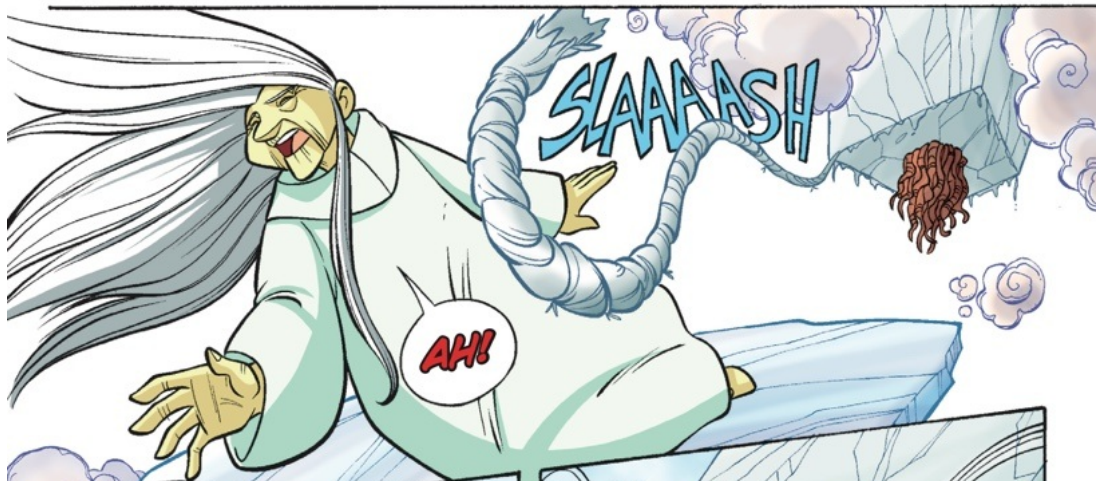
NO, BUT IT NEARLY GAVE ME A NEW HAIR-CUT! WHAT IS THAT THING?

...AND REACH THE RINGS ATTACHED TO THE **MYSTICAL STONES!** THOSE STONES BEAR THE WEIGHT OF THE FORTRESS.

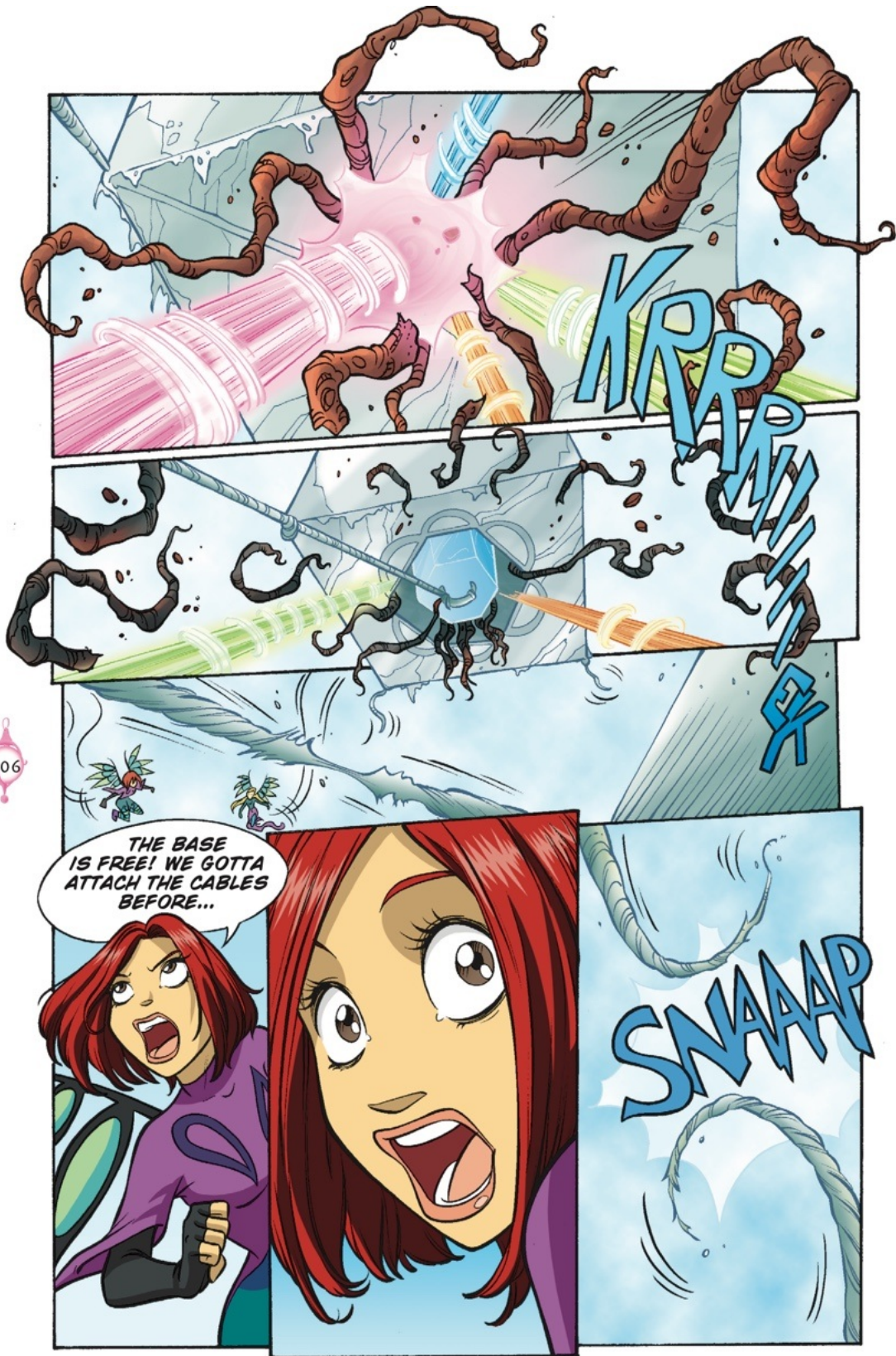




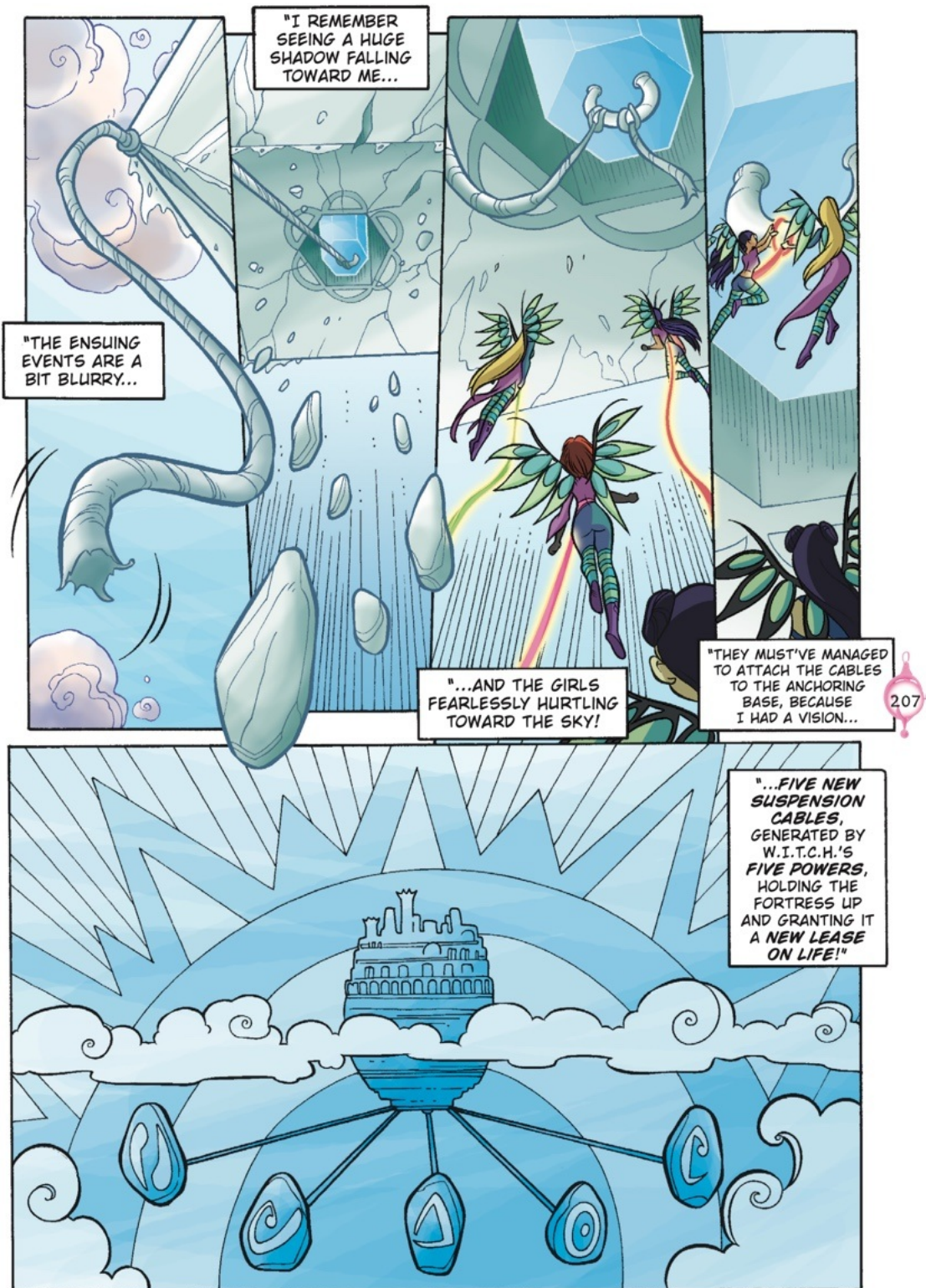


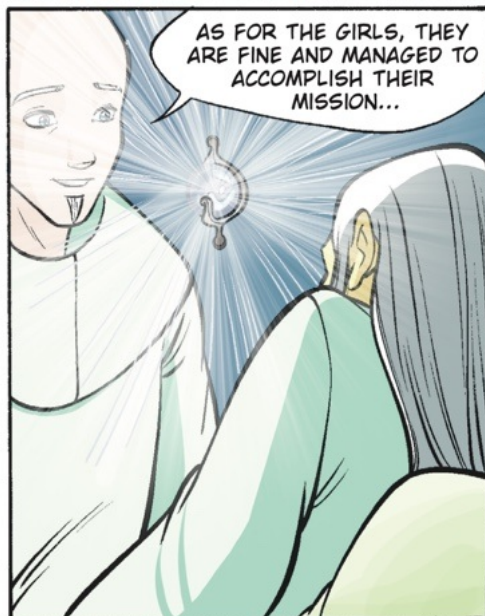
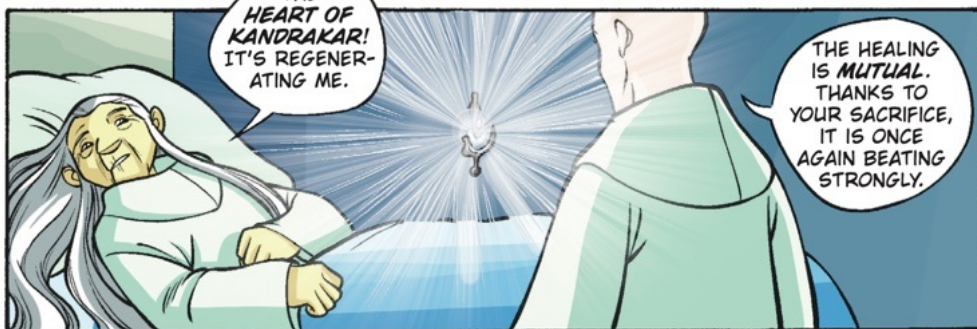
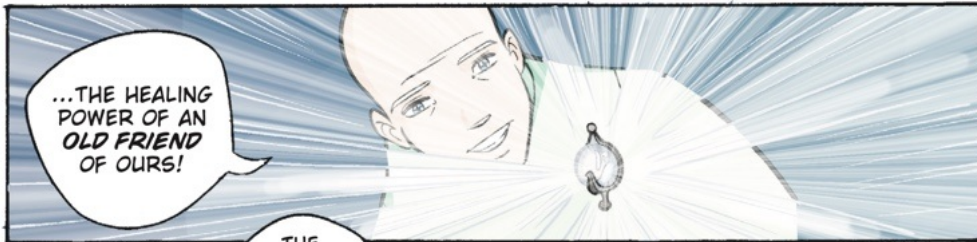


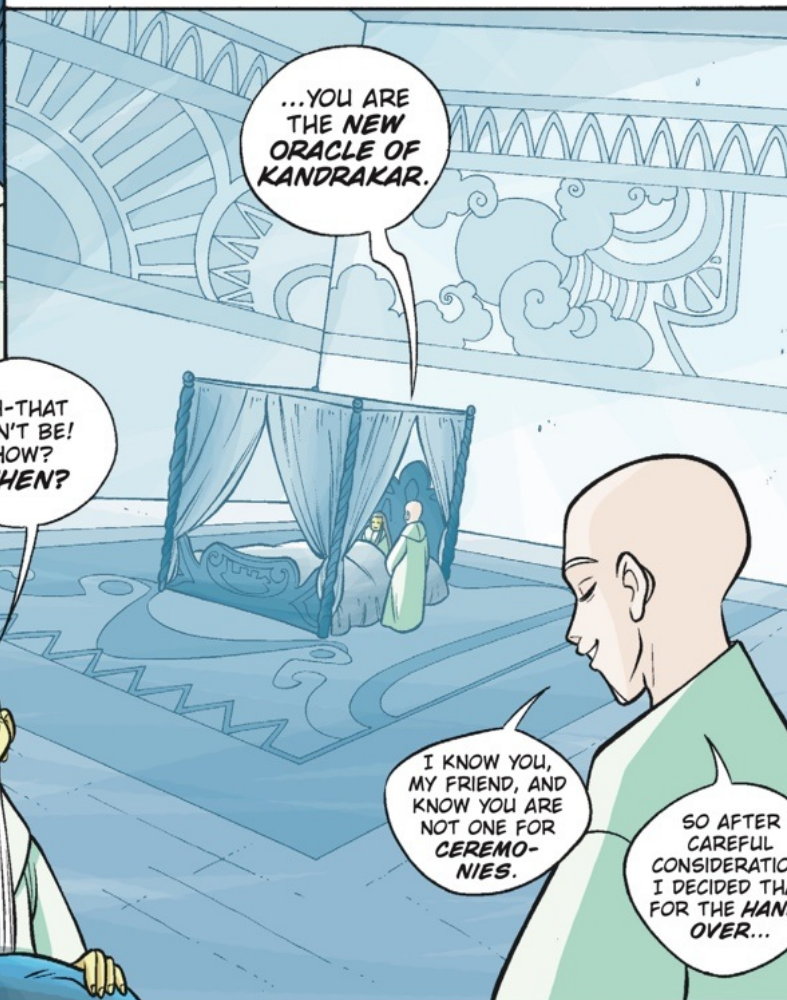


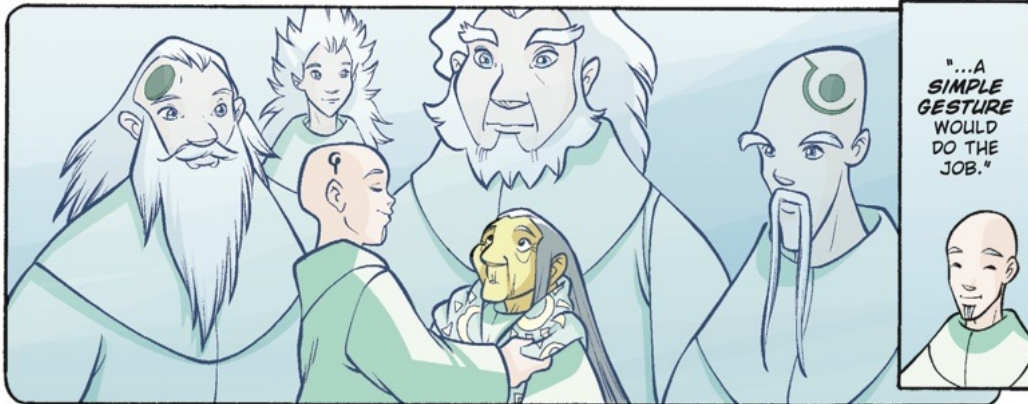


THE BASE
IS FREE! WE GOTTA
ATTACH THE CABLES
BEFORE...







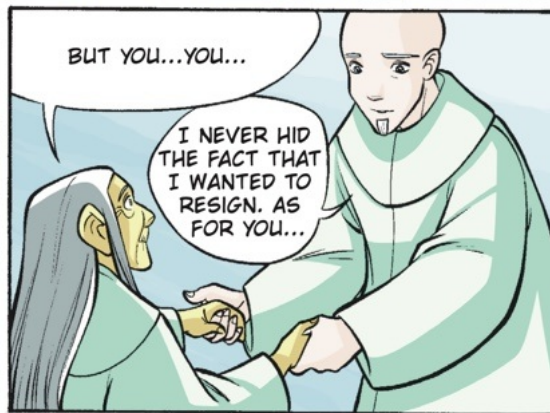


"...A
SIMPLE
GESTURE
WOULD
DO THE
JOB."



THE STOLE OF
POWER...BUT I
LEFT IT OUTSIDE
THE PORTAL!

IT WAS
NO LONGER
NECESSARY.
ITS POWER
IS WITHIN
YOU!



BUT YOU...YOU...

I NEVER HID
THE FACT THAT
I WANTED TO
RESIGN. AS
FOR YOU...

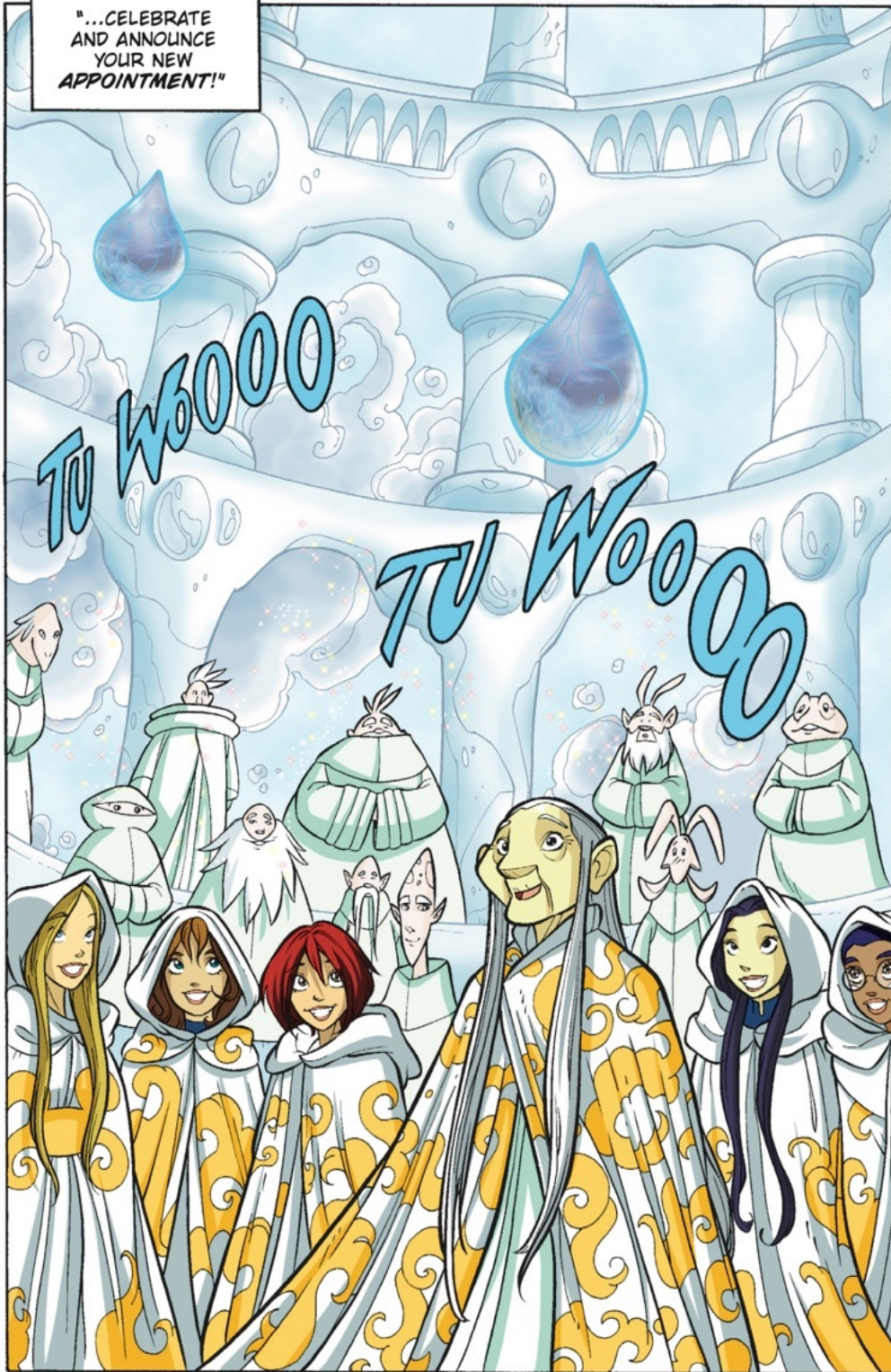


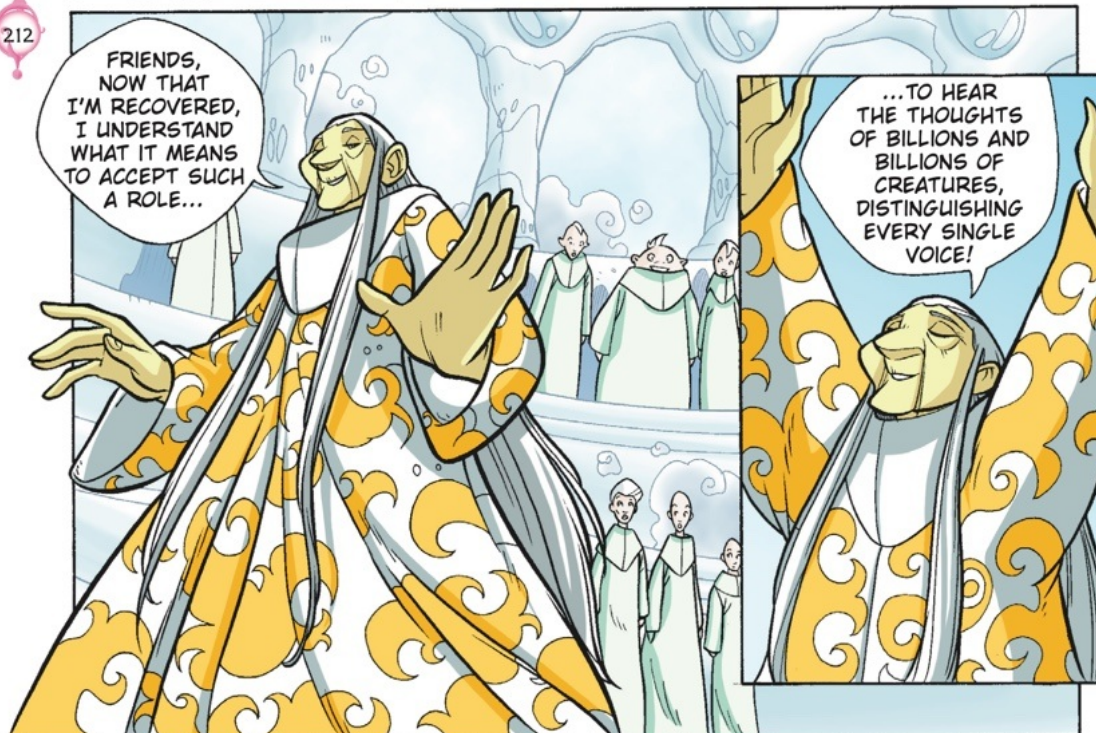
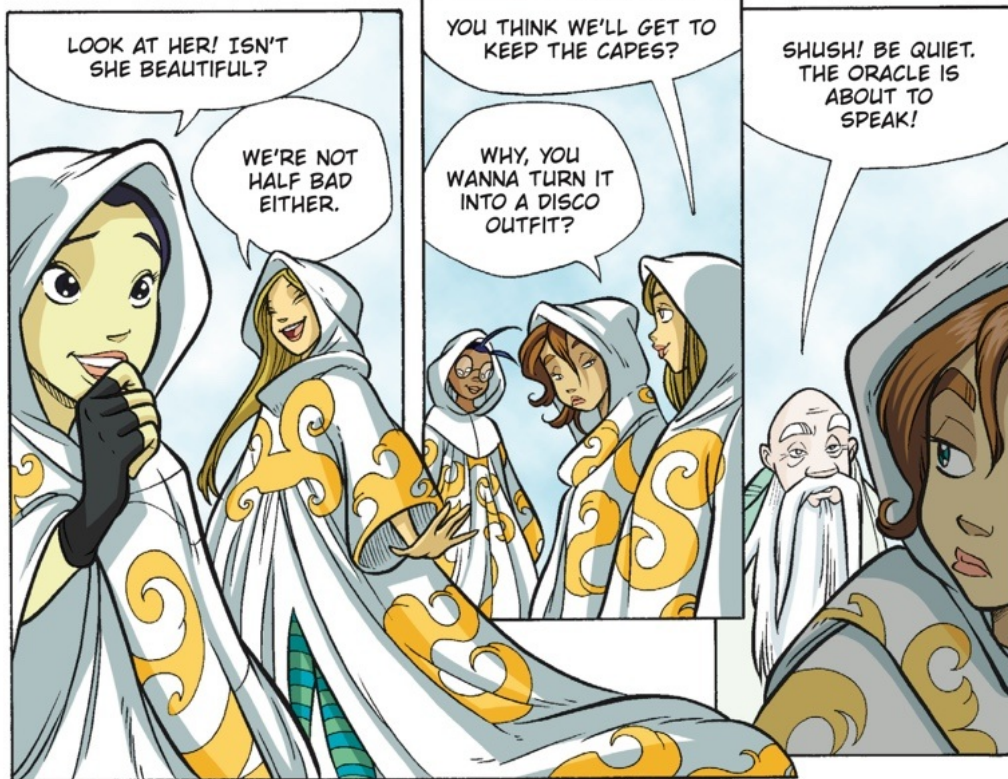
...YOU PROVED
YOU CAN CARRY
KANDRAKAR'S
WEIGHT, AND
NOT JUST IN A
METAPHORICAL
SENSE.



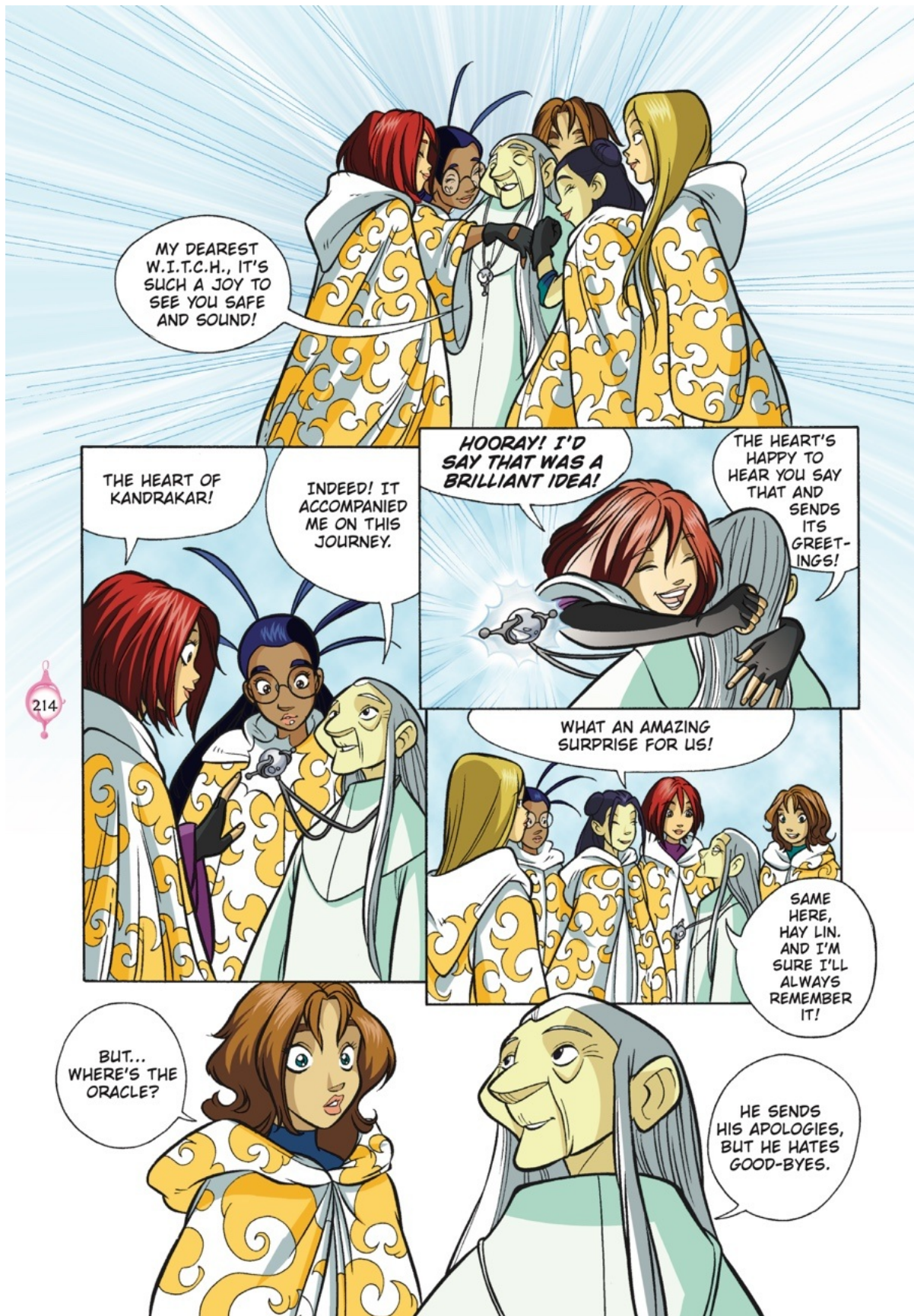
I KNOW
YOU ARE NOT
ONE FOR
CEREMONY,
BUT YOU
WILL STILL
HAVE TO...

"...CELEBRATE
AND ANNOUNCE
YOUR NEW
APPOINTMENT!"









MY DEAREST
W.I.T.C.H., IT'S
SUCH A JOY TO
SEE YOU SAFE
AND SOUND!

THE HEART OF
KANDRAKAR!

INDEED! IT
ACCOMPANIED
ME ON THIS
JOURNEY.

HOORAY! I'D
SAY THAT WAS A
BRILLIANT IDEA!

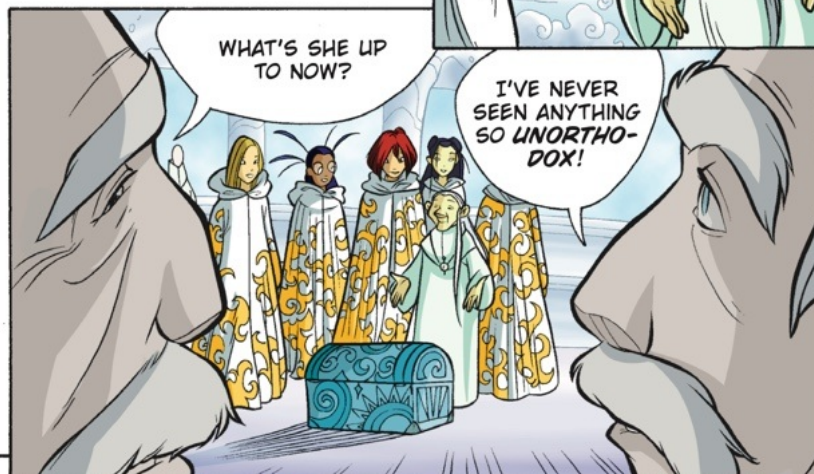
THE HEART'S
HAPPY TO
HEAR YOU SAY
THAT AND
SENDS
ITS
GREET-
INGS!

WHAT AN AMAZING
SURPRISE FOR US!

SAME
HERE,
HAY LIN.
AND I'M
SURE I'LL
ALWAYS
REMEMBER
IT!

BUT...
WHERE'S THE
ORACLE?

HE SENDS
HIS APOLOGIES,
BUT HE HATES
GOOD-BYES.



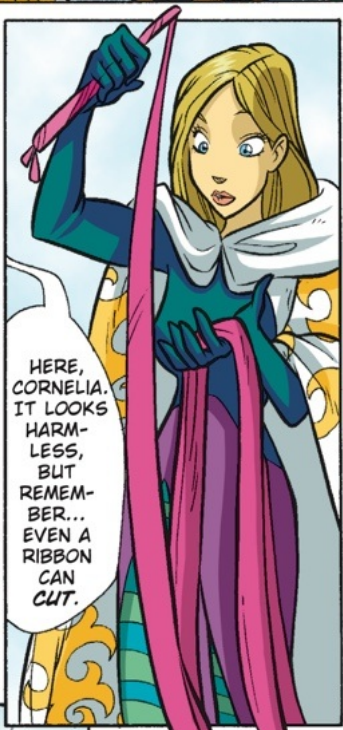


THIS BALL IS FOR YOU, TARANEE. YOU'LL SOON SEE IT'S MORE THAN A TOY.

?



YOU, MY DARLING, ONLY USE THIS FAN WHEN IT'S **REALLY** HOT!



HERE, CORNELIA. IT LOOKS HARMLESS, BUT REMEMBER... EVEN A RIBBON CAN CUT.



UM...

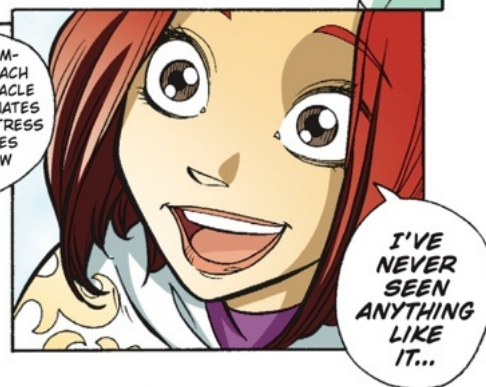
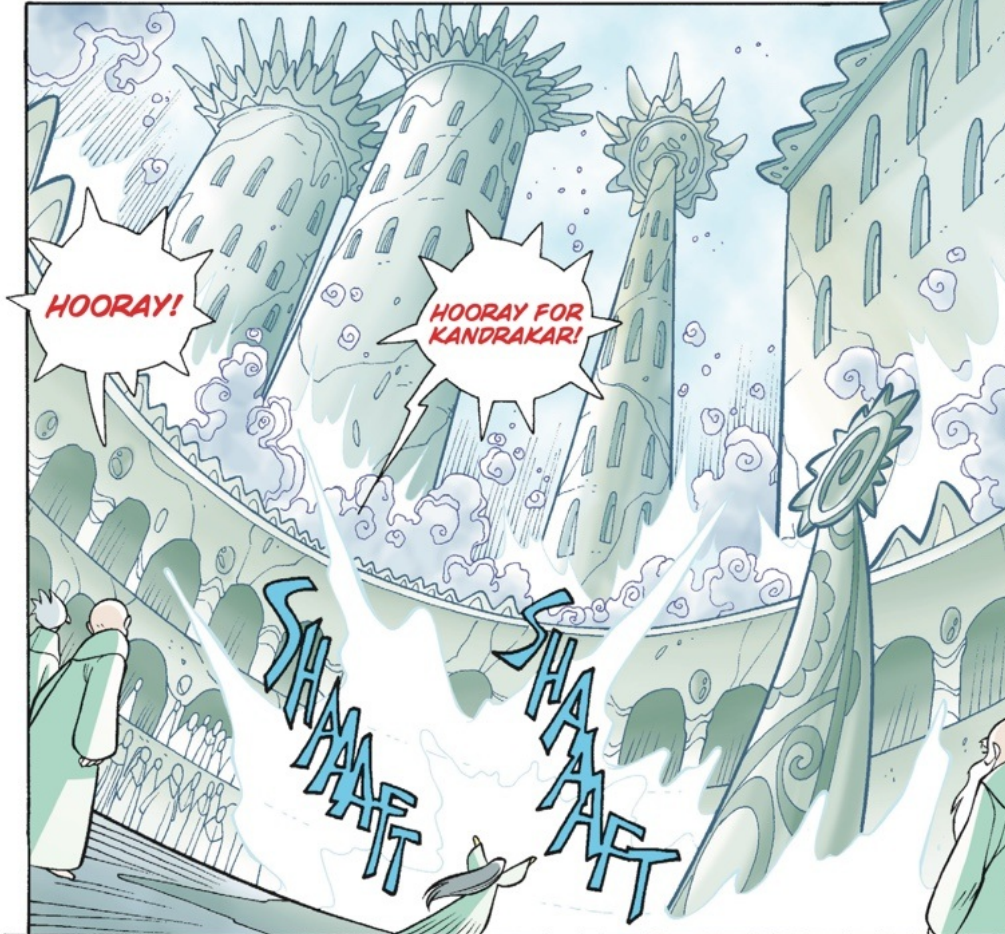
NOW FOR YOU, IRMA... IF WATER HAS A RHYTHM, IT'S UP TO YOU TO FIND IT.



OKAY! NOW, BETTER GIVE THOSE **OLD FROGS** WHAT THEY WANT.



I'VE ALWAYS BEEN A DISASTER WITH **MUSIC**! YOU GOT THE COOL STUFF...



"...BUT IT'S BEAUTIFUL!"







YOU SURE YOU WANT TO DO THIS? ONCE YOU WALK THROUGH THAT DOOR, THERE'S NO GOING BACK...



TARANEE! I WAS WAITING FOR YOU. IF YOU'RE HERE, IT MEANS YOU'VE CONSIDERED MY OFFER.



YES, MR. JENSEN. IT KEPT ME AWAKE ALL NIGHT, ACTUALLY.

I'VE BEEN THERE. SOMETIMES I DANCE ALL NIGHT LONG.

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UM, I SEE. ANYWAY, I WAS THINKING OF ACCEPTING!

GREAT!



BUT IF YOU'RE GONNA BE THE NEW **TEACHING ASSISTANT** AT JENSEN ACADEMY, THEN YOU GOTTA START CALLING ME **KEVIN!**





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THAT'S
INCREDIBLE!



A NEW
KANDRAKAR!
I WISH
I'D BEEN
THERE.

YEAH!
IT WAS AN
AMAZING
EXPERIENCE.



I GUESS
YOU DIDN'T HAVE
TIME TO DISCUSS
YOUR PERSONAL
PROBLEMS...

LET'S
JUST SAY
THAT WE
REALIZED WE
CAN SOLVE
THEM OUR-
SELVES.



EVEN WHEN IT COMES TO A
CERTAIN...BABY BROTHER?

WELL, I'VE
ALREADY MADE
MY DECISION
ABOUT THAT.



I'M GONNA
TEACH WILLIAM
ABOUT MAGIC AND
TAKE CARE OF HIM!





"WILL HE TRAVEL TO THOSE WORLDS THAT HE WATCHED FROM AFAR FOR YEARS..."

"...OR WILL HE GO BACK TO HIS HOME WORLD AND GROW OLD, LIKE THE REST OF US?"



"MAYBE RIGHT NOW HE'S ASKING HIMSELF THE SAME QUESTIONS..."

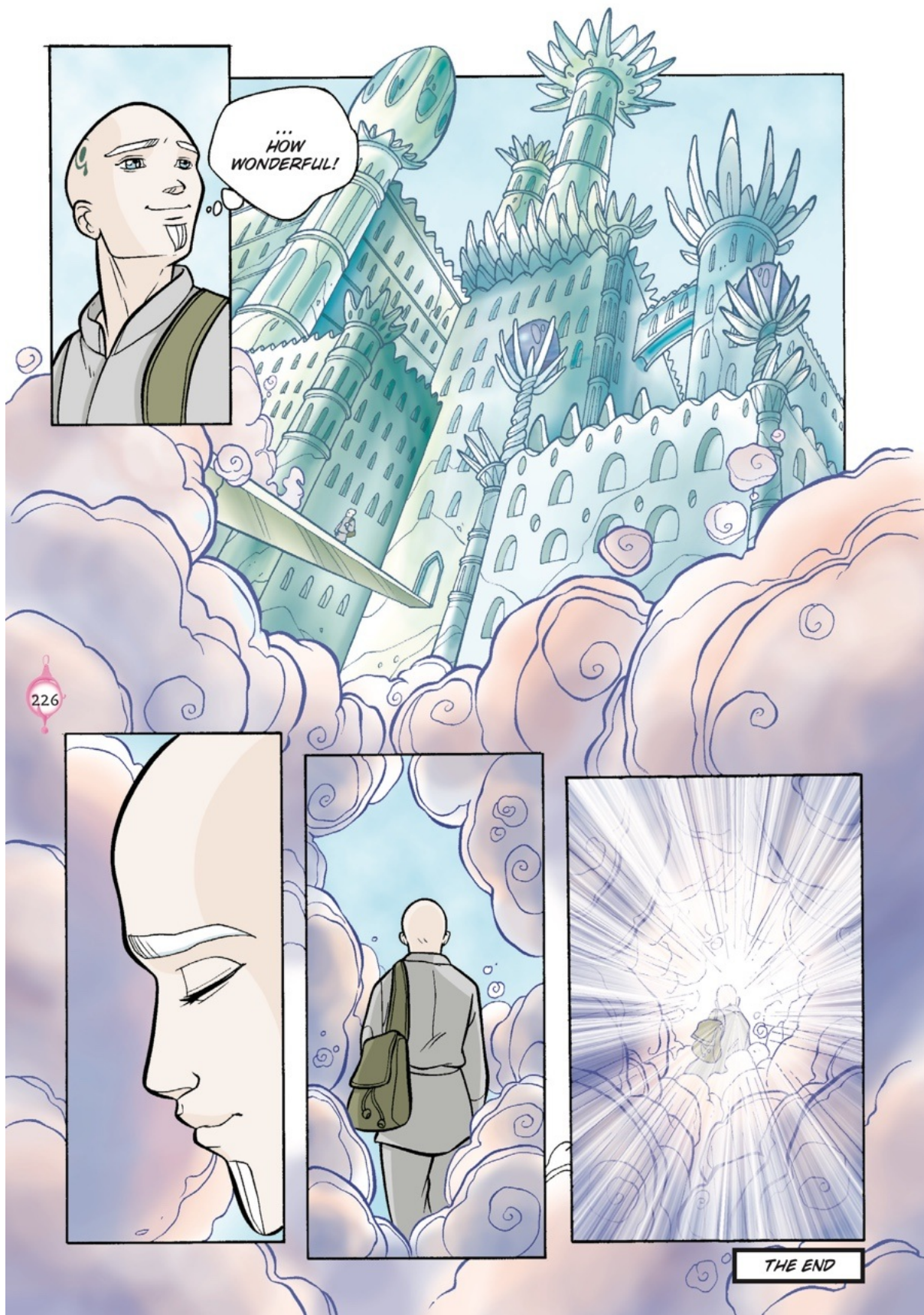


"...AND REALIZING THAT, FOR THE FIRST TIME, HE DOESN'T KNOW THE **ANSWERS**."



"HE'S SO USED TO FORESEEING EVERYTHING, THIS NEW FEELING MUST BE ODD FOR HIM, BUT AT THE SAME TIME..."





...
HOW
WONDERFUL!

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THE END



Read on in Volume 23!

Will's family

A family snapshot!
The Vandom/Collinses' school life!

WILL

Will Vandom, W.J.C.H.'s leader, introduces us to her family!

SUSAN

Attentive and practical, this mom knows what really matters to her daughter! She loves geography and traveling!

WILLIAM

The newest addition is little William! His favorite subjects are naps and snacks!

DEAN

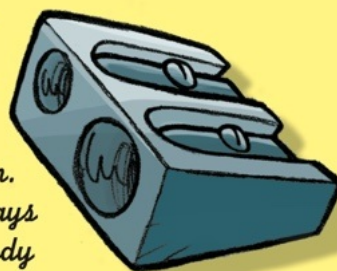
Mr. Collins is a wonderful and caring dad, but don't tell him Will doesn't like history, the subject he teaches!

Will and her family in class as they take a test!





The Vandom family has rules and a strict schedule...which nobody can stick to! During breakfast, lunch, and dinner, things are always chaotic, especially since little William was born. But they're such a loving family, always ready to support one another. Nobody knows what their secret is!



Susan is the boss! She's really determined, and Dean knows it's better to stay in her good graces!



Since their family grew, there's always a line for the bathroom!



Will hates going grocery shopping, but she'll do anything for some pocket money!



The family might have to move out one day in order to make room for Will's frog collection!



All problems can be solved when your family has got your back!



Taranee's family

A family snapshot!
The truth about the Cooks!

TARANEE



Taranee was authorized to snap some photos in court for a school project, so she involved her whole family!

THERESA



Judge Cook might seem like a stern woman, but she's a sweet, wise mom who loves cooking for her family!

PETER



He loves sports, especially surfing and basketball! Charming and fun, he recently moved out with a bunch of friends!

LIONEL



He looks a bit grumpy, but Lionel is a friendly dad, always ready to chat, laugh, and joke around with Tara and Peter.

SURPRISE PHOTO OF THE COOKS



Taranee's family on the stand!



The Cook family never has a boring day! They're always busy with something important: work, school, sports...sometimes they don't see one another until the sun's gone down! But they always gather around the dinner table, eating Theresa's delicious cooking as they talk about their day!



Mom and daughter sometimes argue—it happens! But they always **make up**!



At dinner, the family enjoys Theresa's cooking while chatting about their day!



The phone is **always** in high demand...but since Peter moved out, it's available more often!



Tara and Peter bicker often, but they know they can rely on each other!



Taraneer knows her brother has a **crush** on Cornelia, and she likes ribbing him about it!



A surprise kiss on the cheek: the **secret weapon** to ask Mom for a favor!



And promising Tara to drive her wherever she wants is the **secret weapon** to **guarantee her silence**!



Peter has a great relationship with his sister and continues to give great advice!



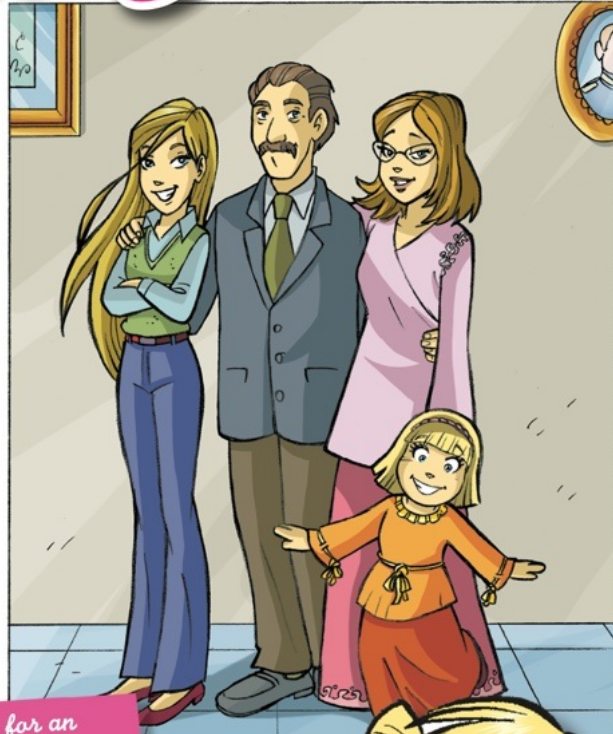
A family snapshot! The Hales' family portrait is pinned to their fridge!

Cornelia's family



CORNELIA

The Guardian of the Earth introduces us to her family!



"My dad's name is Harold, and he works for an important bank in Heatherfield. His mustache makes him look serious, but he's super-sweet. My mom, Elizabeth, is so beautiful—I think she looks a lot like me! And Lilian is my lovely baby sister!"



HAROLD



ELIZABETH

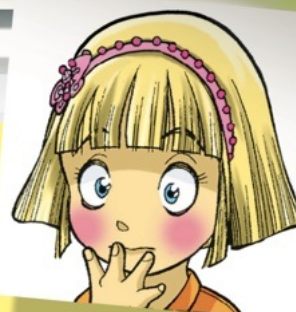
A message from Lilian: "My sister is a witch, but I'm a fairy! Don't tell anyone—it's my secret!"



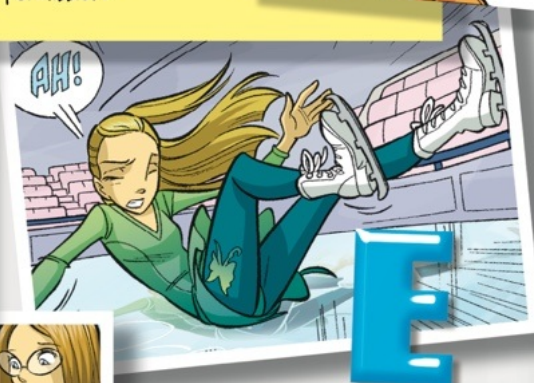
LILIAN



"This is my baby sister looking all flustered! Maybe she did something she shouldn't have or sneaked into my room without permission!"



"Lilian and I bicker a lot, but we always make up, like all sisters! I like making fun of her, and she likes snooping when I chat with my friends!"



"These pictures show my greatest passions: skating, plants, nature, my beloved family, and...my little monster, Lilian!"



"I like this picture of Peter! I took it at his place when I was helping him move. Lilian added the little hearts, I swear!"



"This is Napoleon, our sweet kitty!"



With hip clothes and a new lookbook,
W.I.T.C.H. are changing their style!

W.I.T.C.H. Style!

A SPECIAL PREVIEW FOR YOU!

Let's switch on the spotlight:
Here's W.I.T.C.H.'s new look! The
young designers from the **IED
Fashion Lab** in Milan designed five
collections, custom-tailored for
each of W.I.T.C.H. with plenty of
accessories! Our **magical Disney
artists** reinterpreted those
collections, and...here are
the amazing results!



Elegant like Cornelia



Creative like Hay Lin



Passionate like Tarancee



Energetic like Will



Cheerful like Irma



The image features two identical blonde models with long hair and blue eyes, posing with their hands near their faces. They are wearing a light pink empire-waist silk top with a dark blue ribbed bodice and white cotton pants. The background is a soft green with decorative swirls and dots. The text 'Dreamy yet still down-to-EARTH' is written vertically on the left, and the brand name 'Cornelia' is in a large, stylized red font in the center.

Dreamy yet still down-to-EARTH

Cornelia

Chic and sophisticated, Cornelia reinterprets a classic style with stunning elegance.

White cotton pants. Empire-waist silk top. Sandals with pink ribbons.



creative and light as AIR

Hay Lin

Creative and extroverted, Hay Lin has a light and original style. Her wardrobe is an expression of her personality.

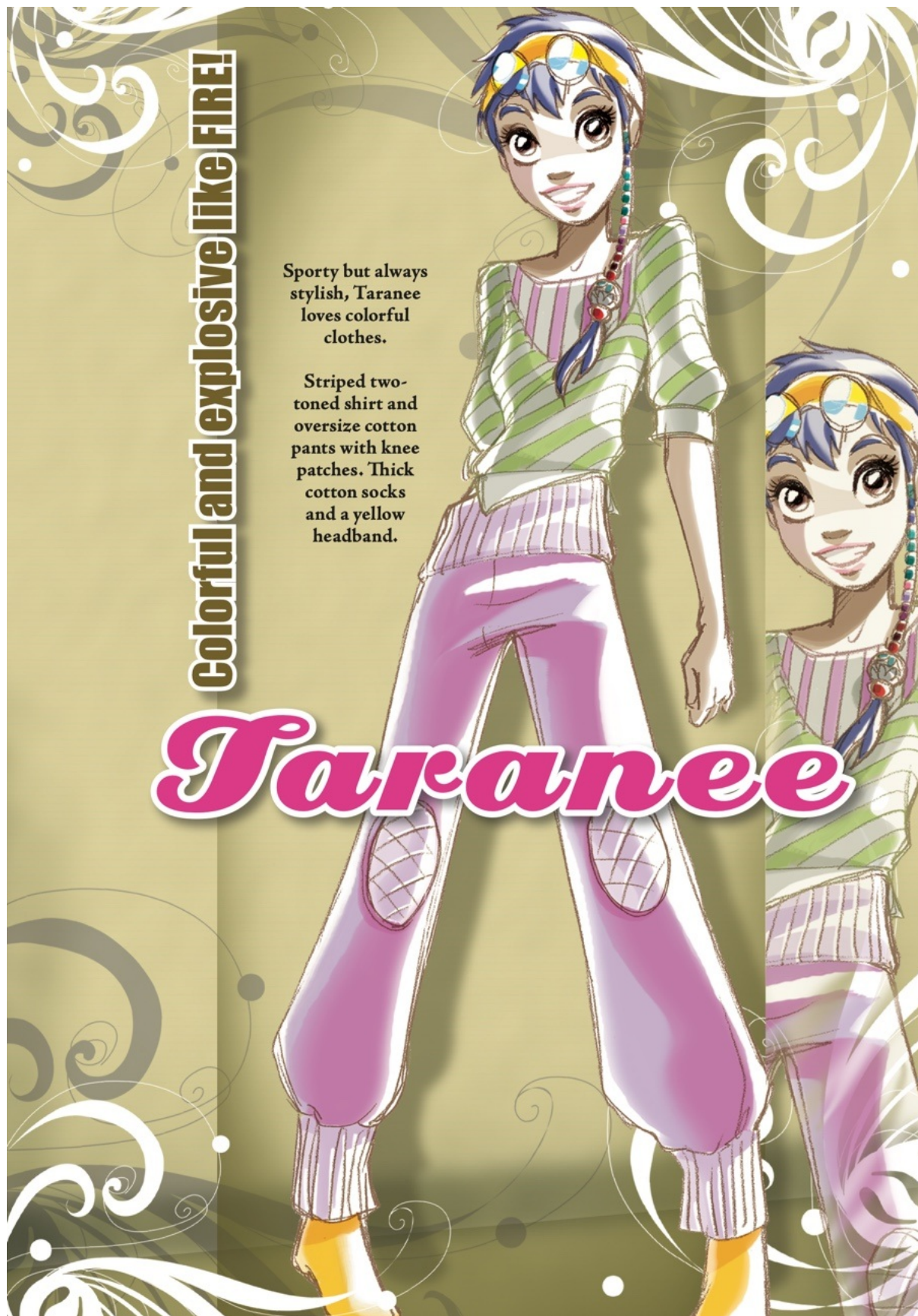
Cotton boatneck T-shirt. Shorts with satin suspenders. Comfy sneakers and her favorite accessory—leg warmers!

Colorful and explosive like FIRE!

Sporty but always stylish, Taranee loves colorful clothes.

Striped two-toned shirt and oversize cotton pants with knee patches. Thick cotton socks and a yellow headband.

Taranee





style, freedom, and pure ENERGY

Will

Sensible and active, Will chooses comfy, sporty clothes. A casual style for energetic days!

Black denim jacket. Cotton top with glittery stars. Drawstring pants with large pockets. Striped socks and tall canvas sneakers.

Free and bubbly like WATER!

Irma

Sunny and cheerful, Irma chooses a bright, bubbly style that complements her personality.

Polka-dot blouse with three-quarter sleeves paired with cowboy boots. Denim pinafore with gold buckles.





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