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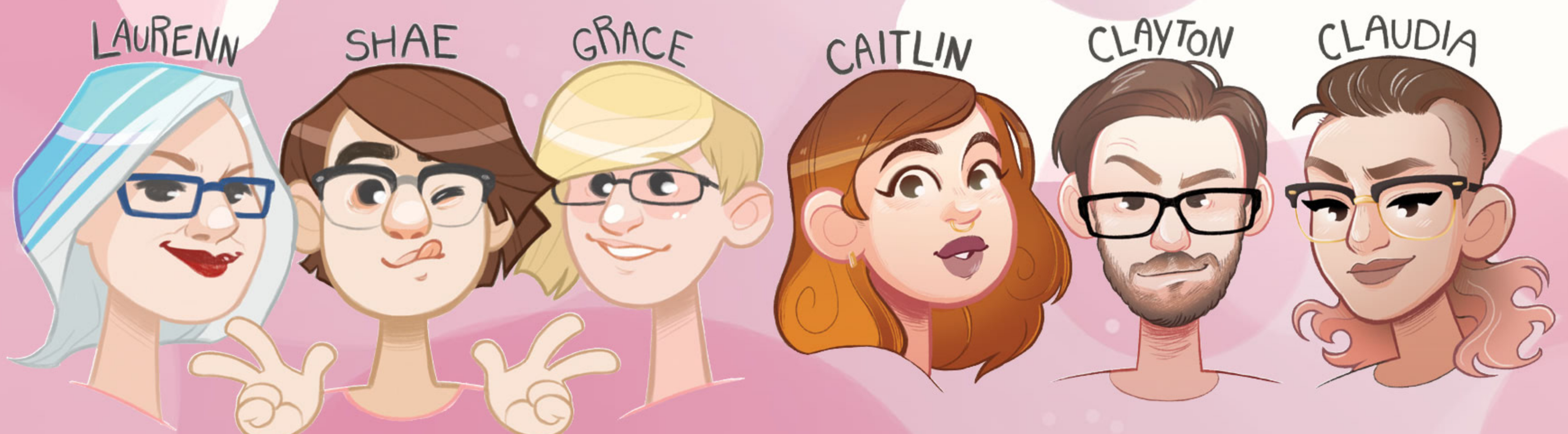
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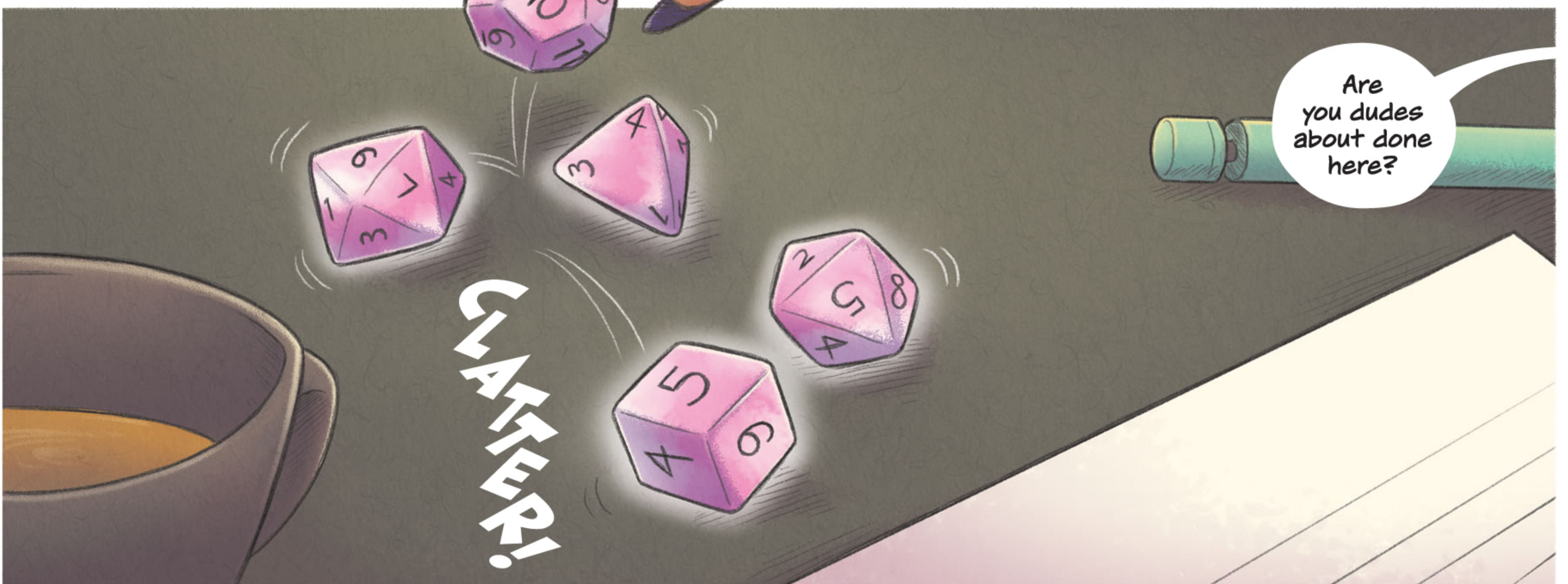
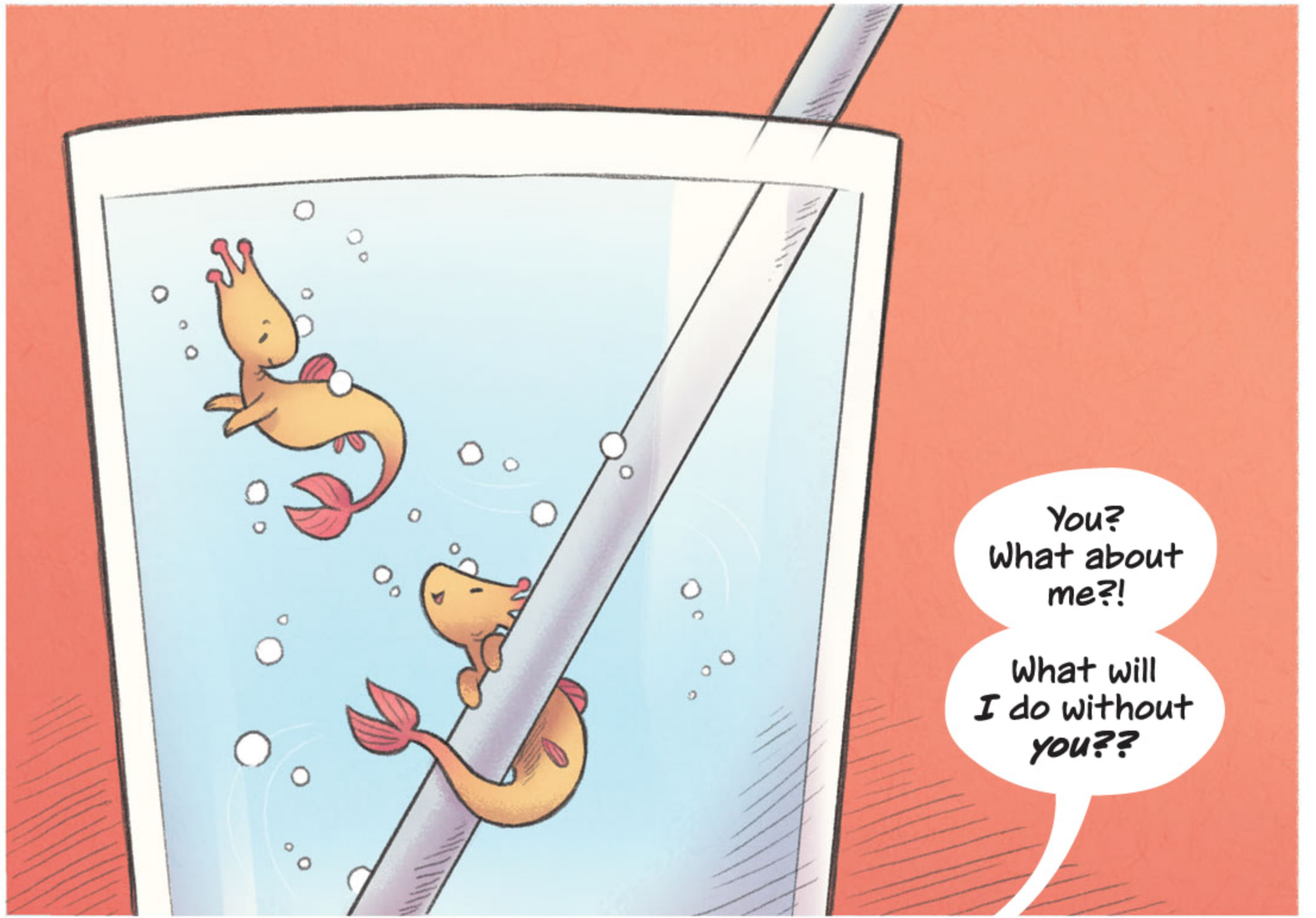
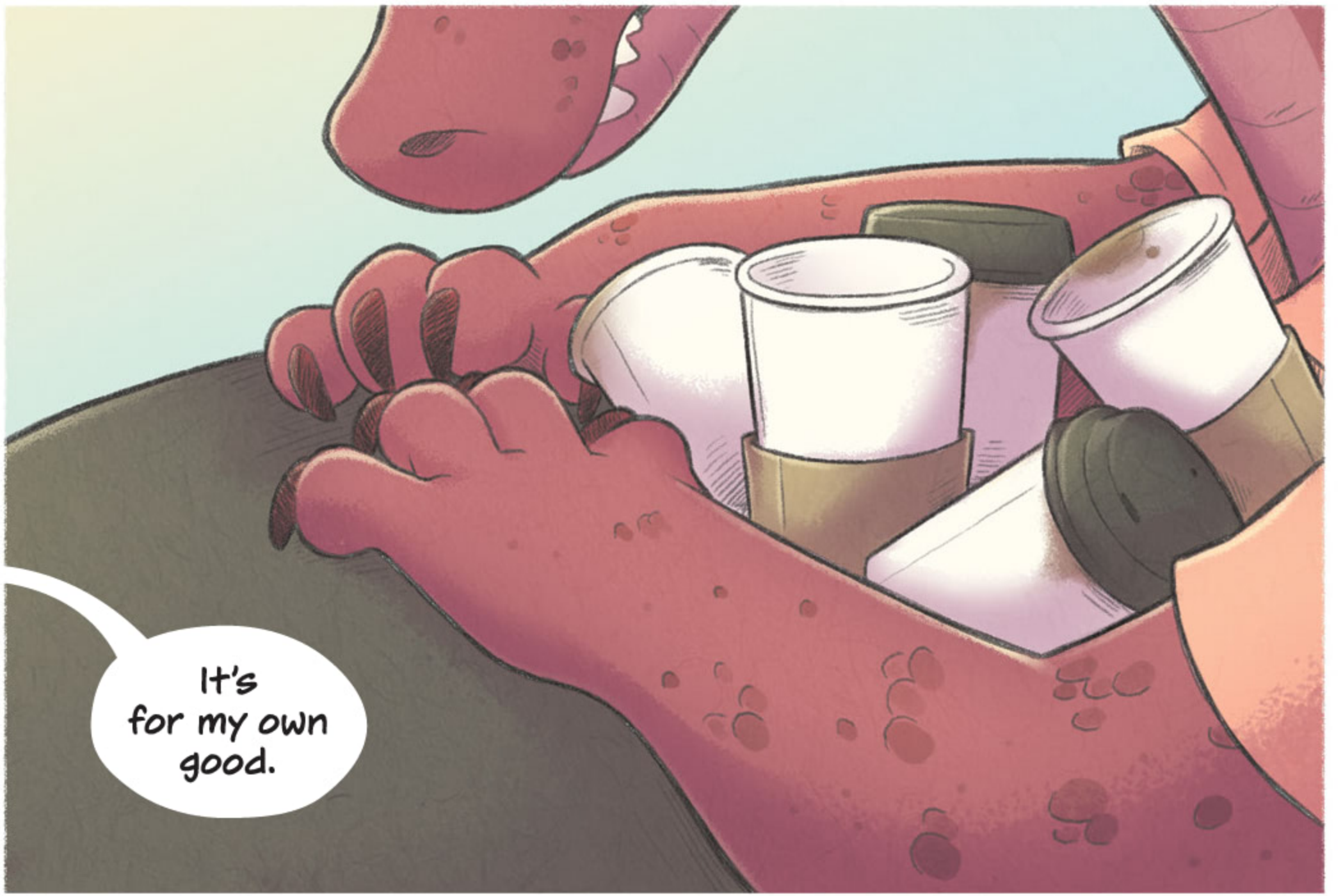
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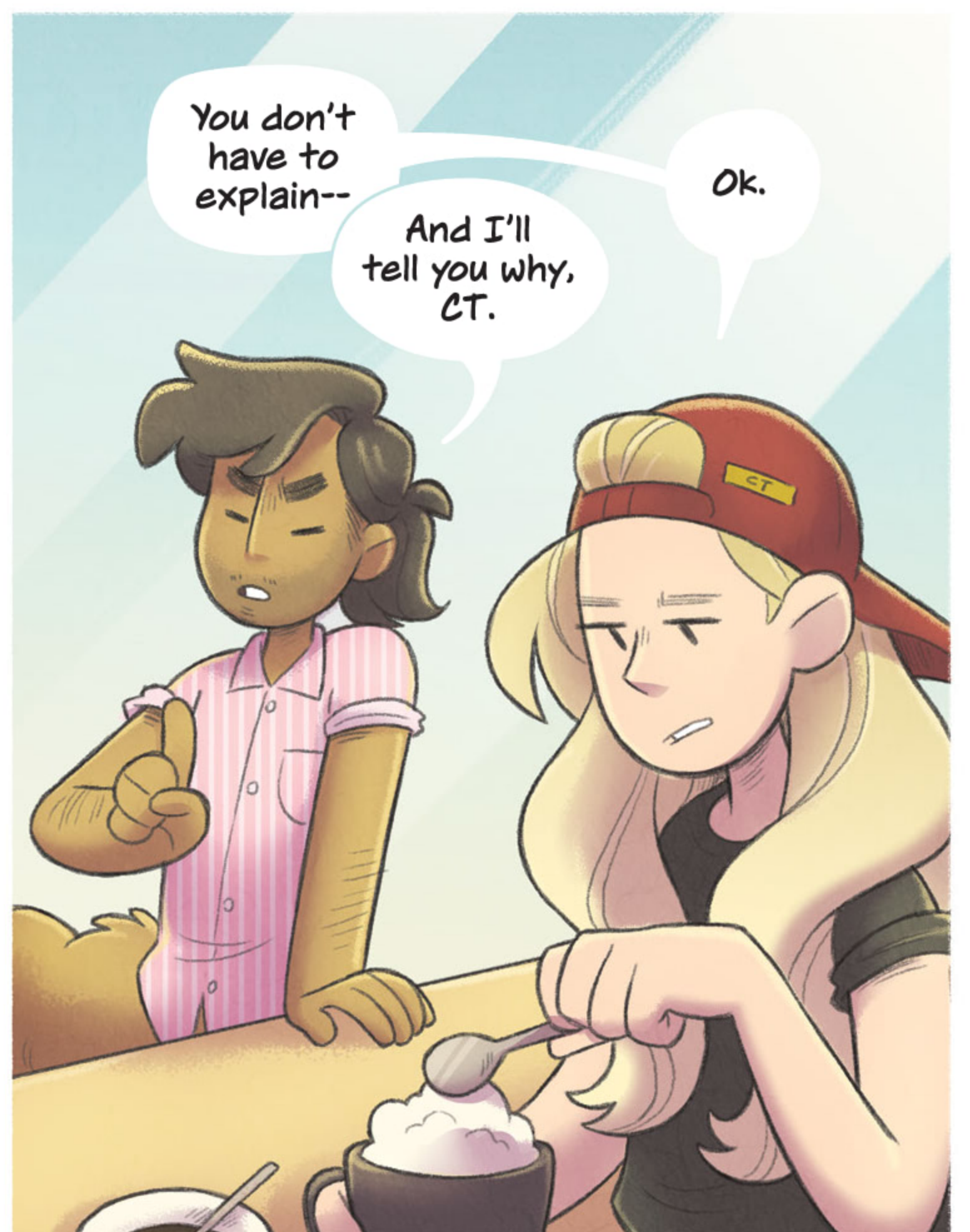
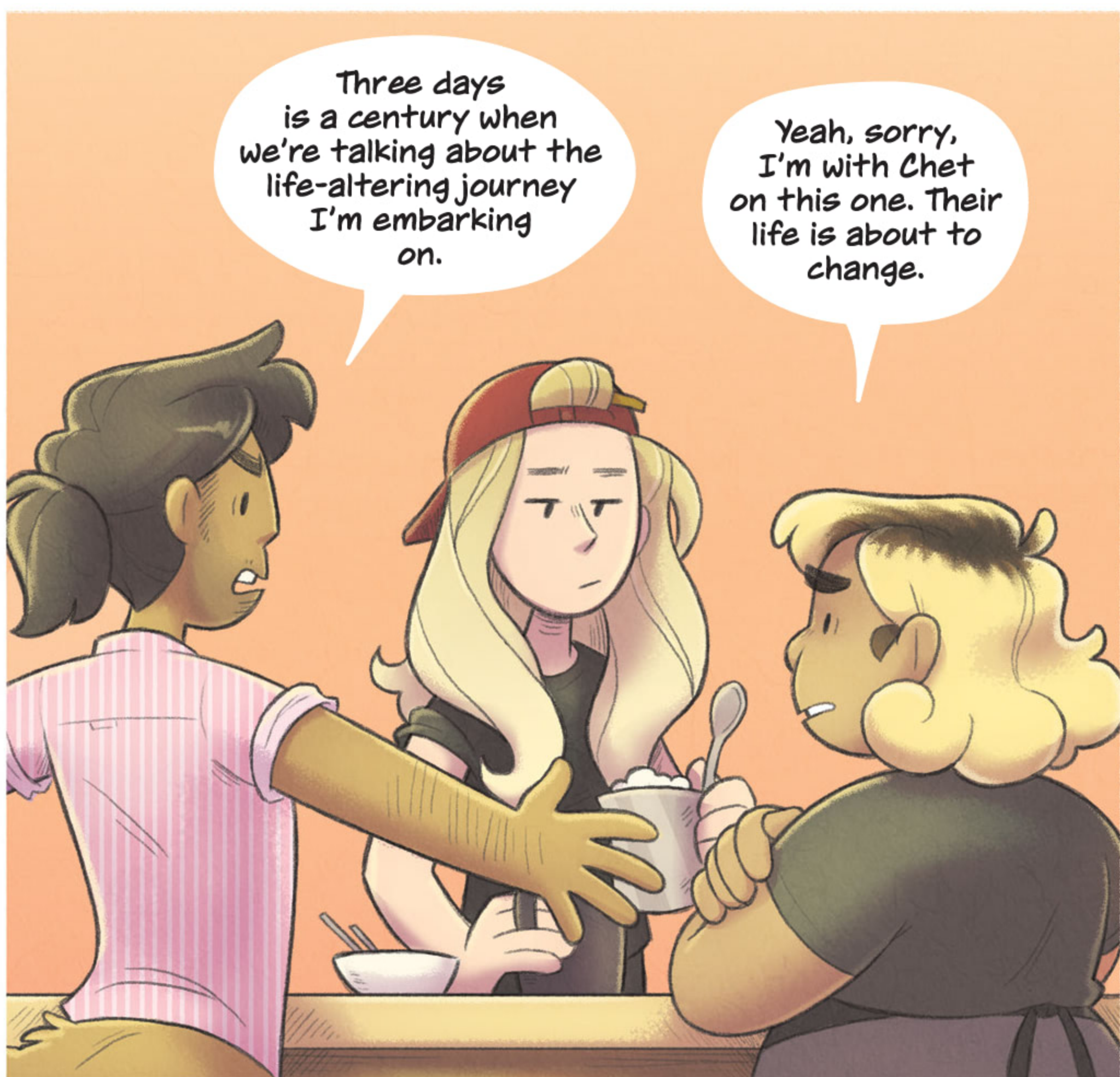
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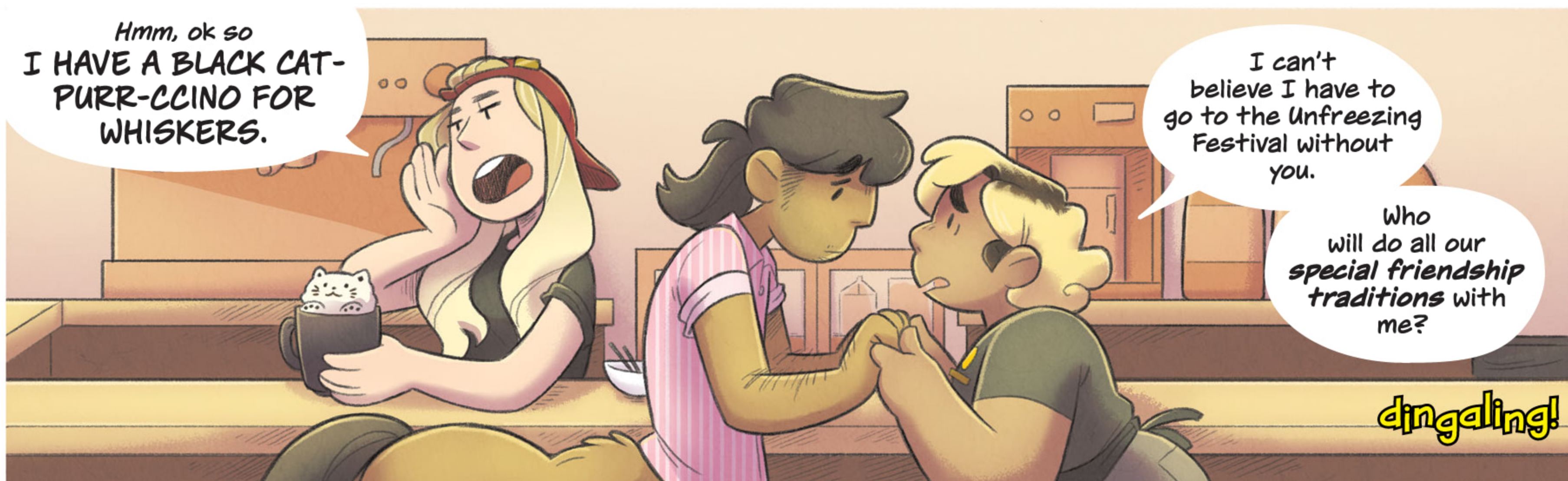




































SELENA  
MY  
QUEEN-A!



SKYLA  
MY CUTIE  
PIE-LA!



Hi, I'm  
Skyla.

I've  
heard so  
much about  
you!

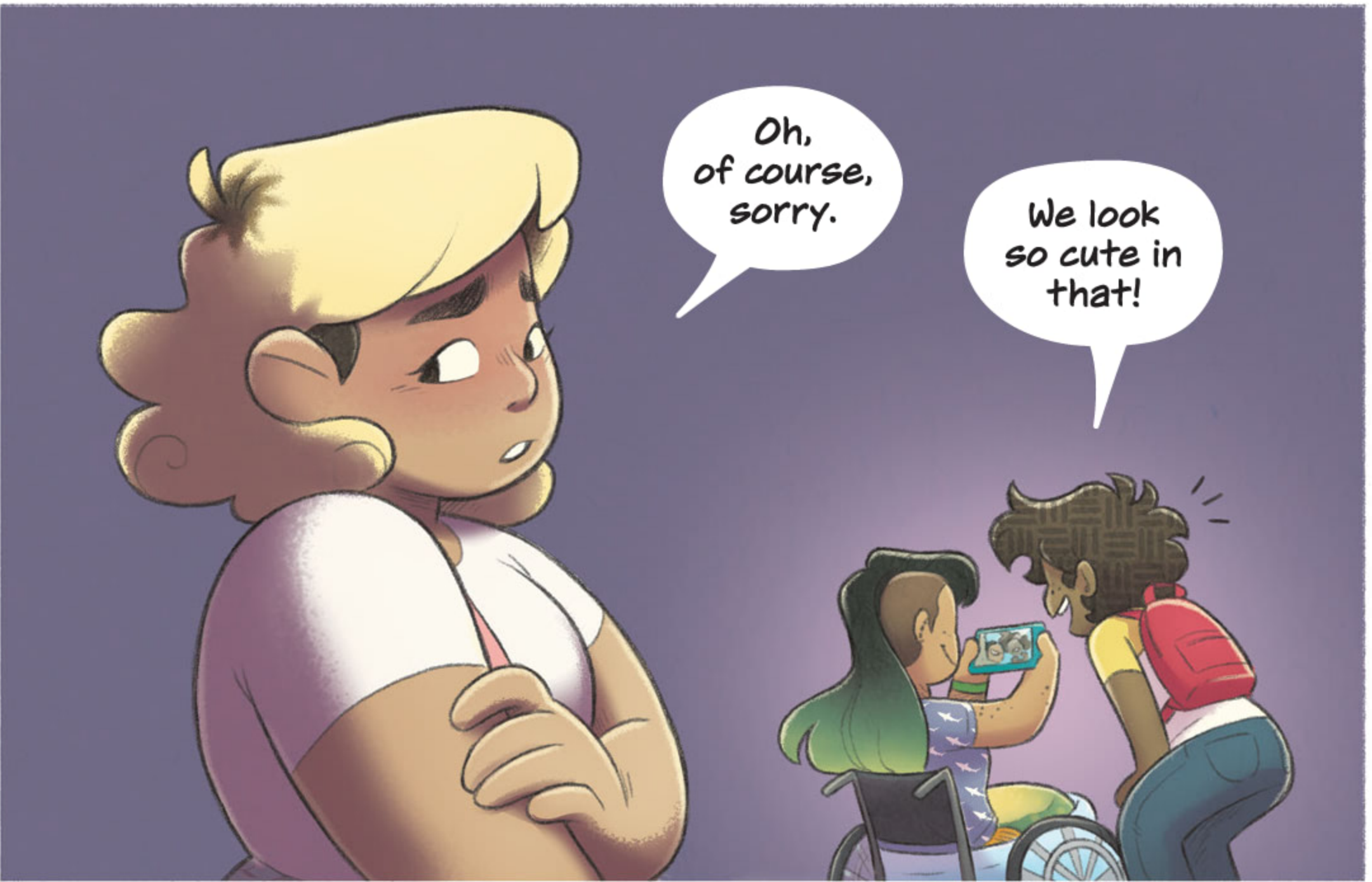


Oh!

I've  
heard...

Probably  
*something* about  
you? At some  
point?





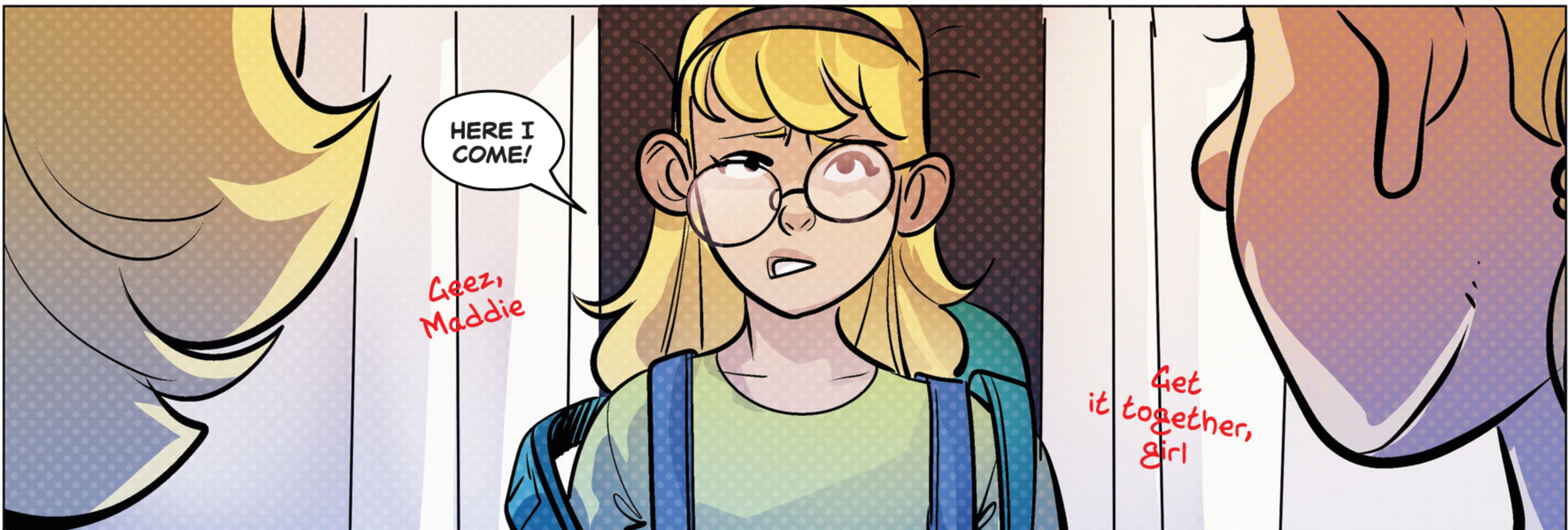




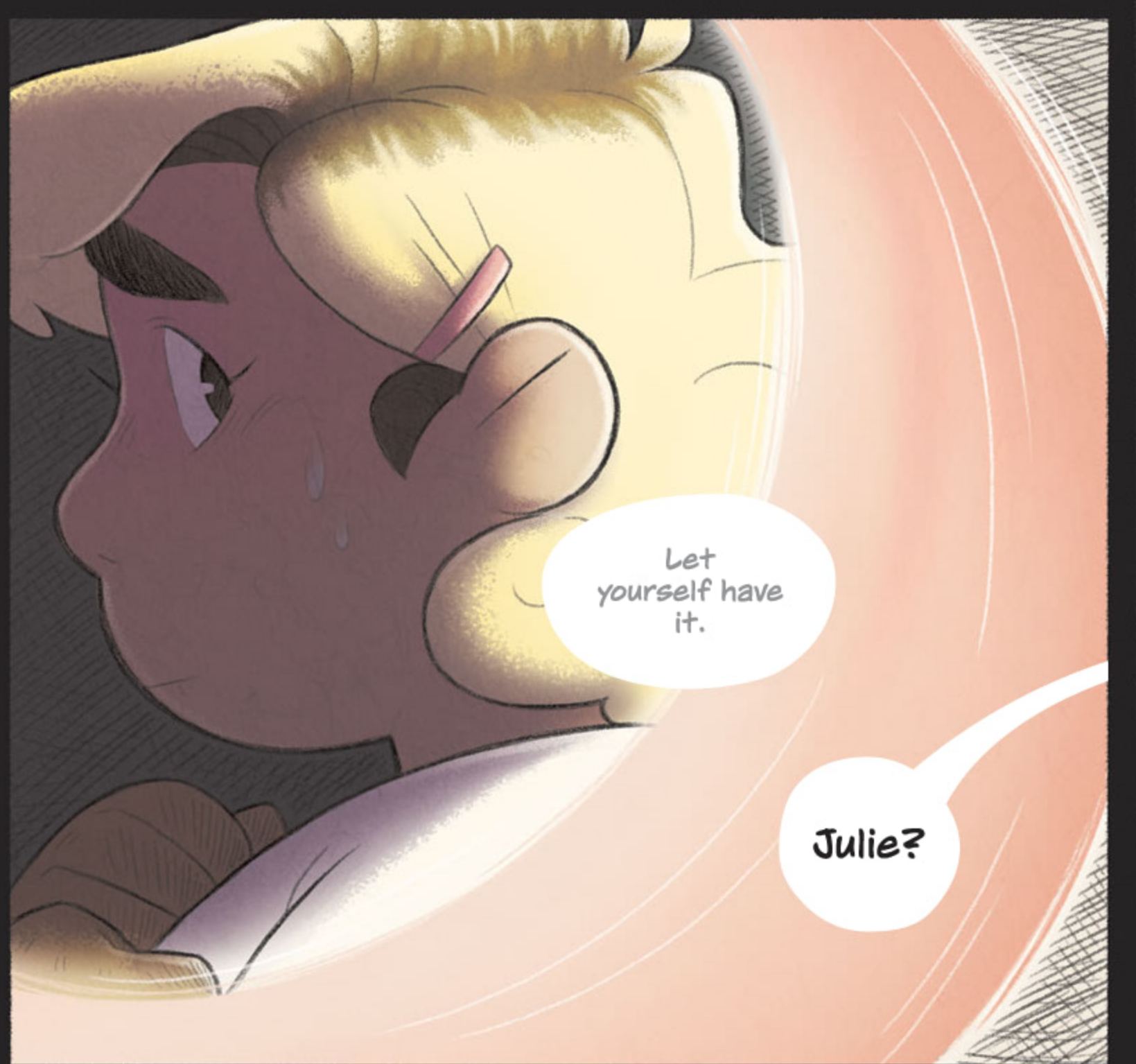
















Who ya  
talking to,  
Wolfy?



Uh.

Not  
sure.



What's  
in the  
bags?

What  
are you, a  
cop?



Yeah, like  
a K9 unit!  
Haha!

Haha!



Oof, Mark,  
I thought we were  
friends.

Hey, I'm  
all the friends  
Mark needs!

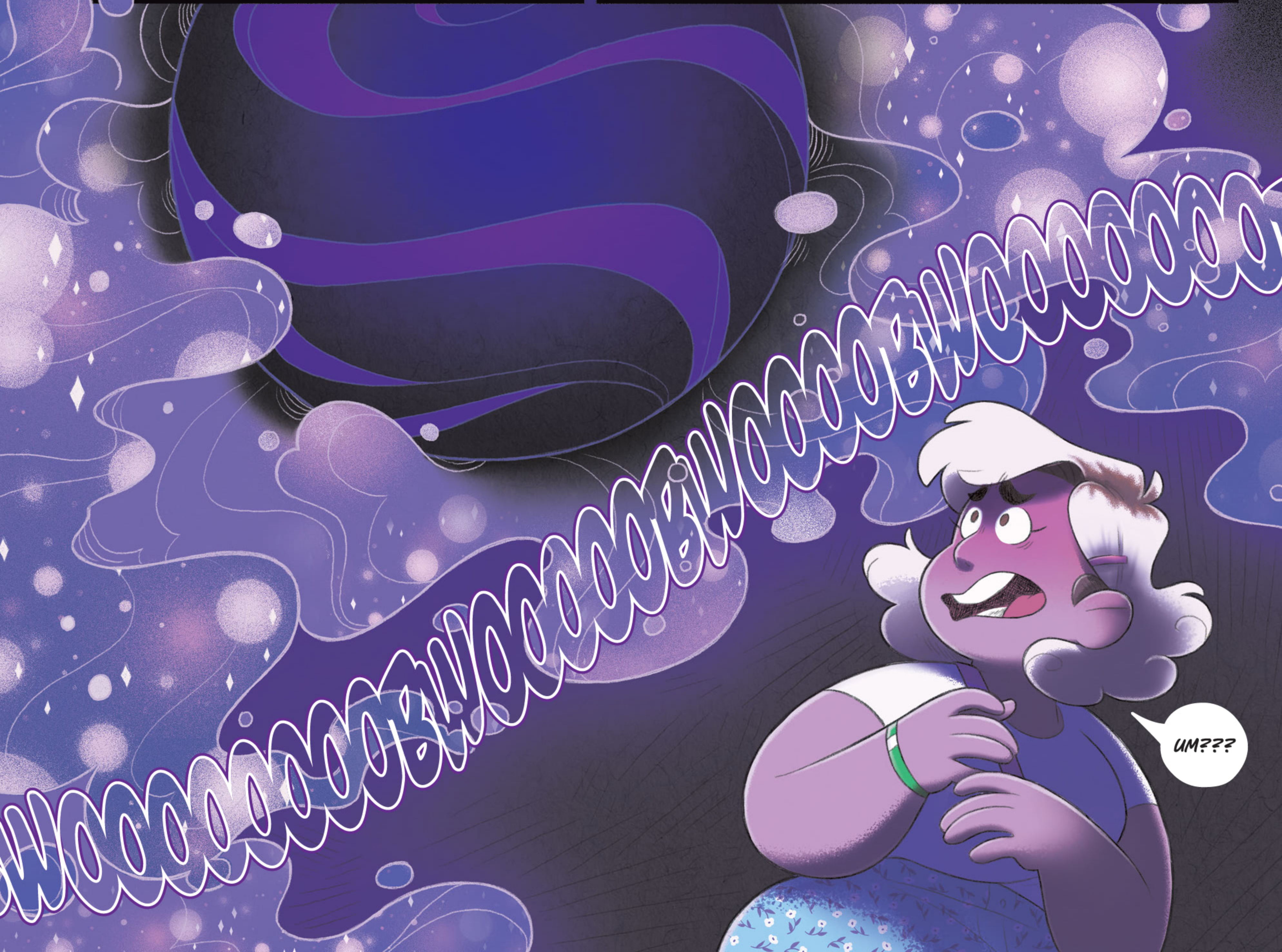


Back  
off!

Ok ok,  
geesh.

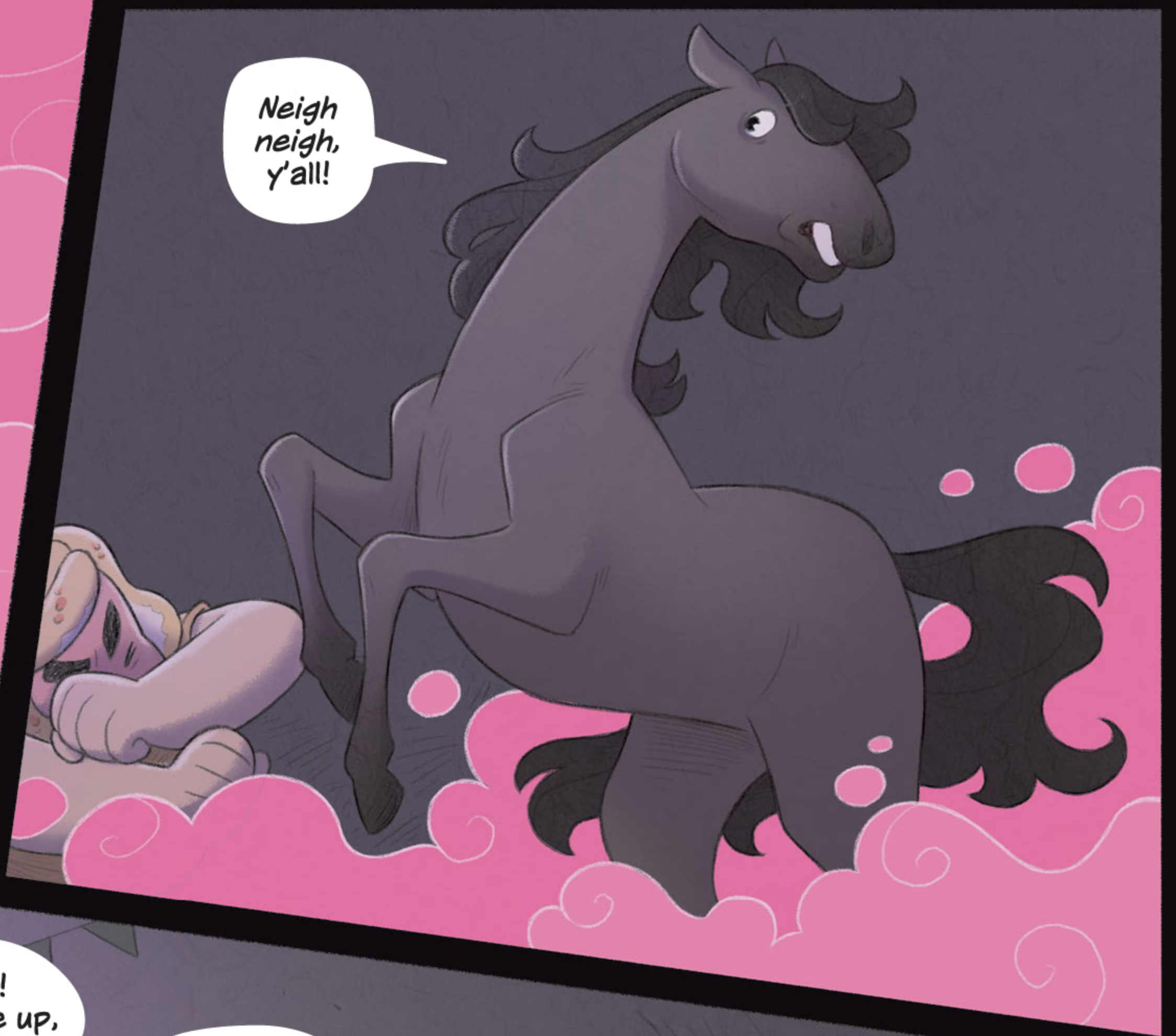
Sorry,  
Lindi.







POOT!



Neigh  
neigh,  
y'all!



HEY!  
Help me up,  
here!

No way,  
man, I ride  
alone!



Thanks a  
crap ton, shape-  
shifting-er.

Come  
on!



Wah!





What...

Where...

Who...

Julie!





You made it!  
I wasn't sure  
that would  
work!

Cass?

Hi!!!

Oh, I'm  
so happy to  
see you!!!


Sorry,  
but where  
are we?

So many  
questions!

First  
thing's  
first.

Listen  
to me,  
Julie:

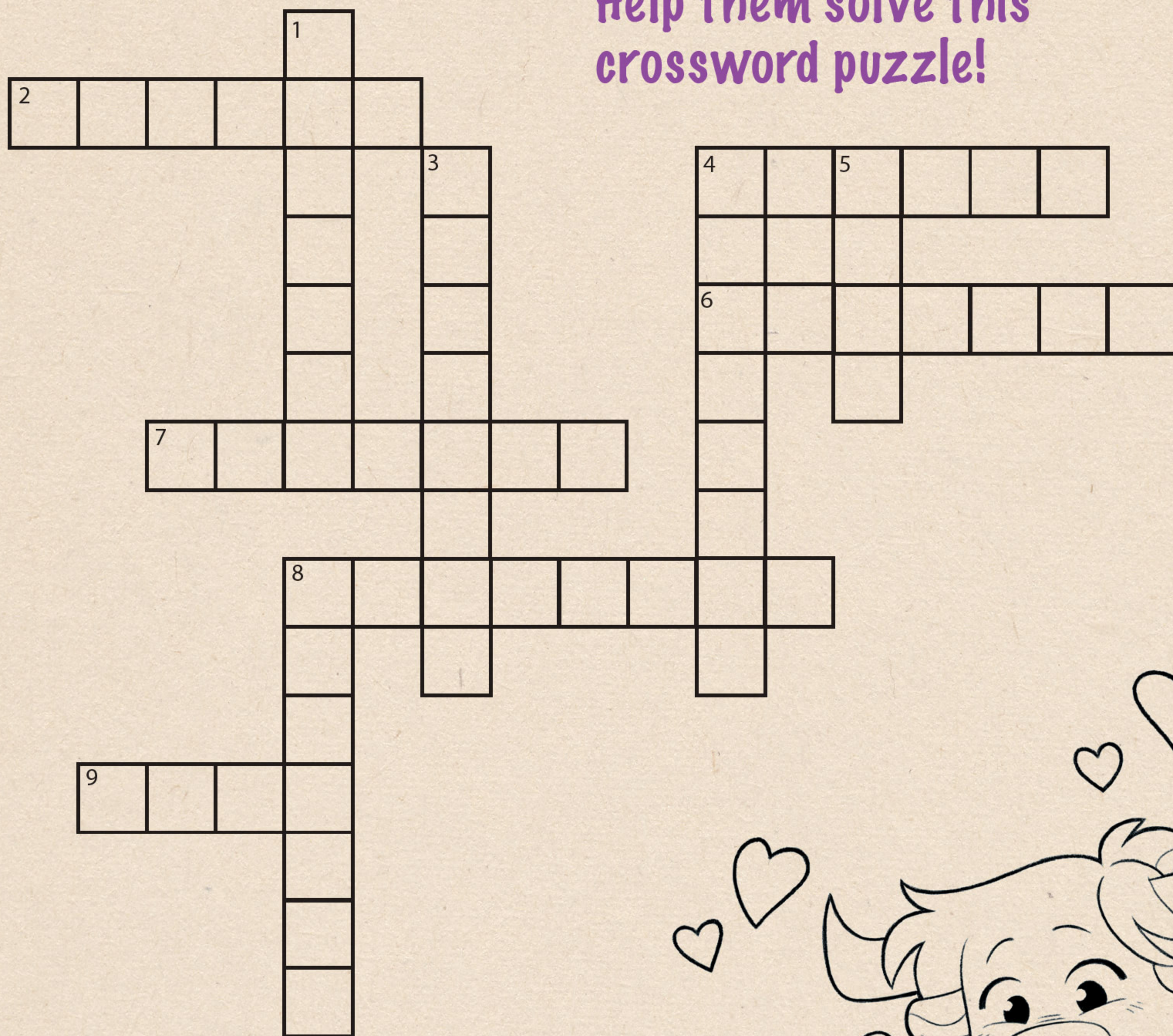




**YOU HAVE  
TO BREAK  
UP WITH  
SELENA.**



Chet and Manuel have arrived  
 at Newpals headquarters!  
 Help them solve this  
 crossword puzzle!



### Across

- 2. Used to change a Newpal's color
- 4. Like a western Witch
- 6. I Was A \_\_\_\_\_ Werewolf
- 7. Chet's job
- 8. Half bull
- 9. Cappuccino milk

### Down

- 1. Half horse
- 3. Mountain Sisters adjective
- 4. Advice for Chet and Manuel
- 5. 1988 Best Actress
- 8. Half fish





# CHAPTER TWO







What???

Oh, sorry,  
I should've  
been more  
clear.

You have to  
break up with  
Selena.

Like,  
soon.

Like,  
as soon as  
possible.

What...

Oop!

Stay  
with me,  
Julie.

Walk  
with  
me.





Why...

I want you to see something.

But we should hurry.

Wah!

Obvs you're not supposed to be here, but I couldn't tell you in Blitheton.

Where are we?

Unfortunately, that's not, like, a **super** answerable question?

We just are.





After you,  
Julie-poo.

What  
do I...

Just follow  
the light! I'm  
right behind  
you!

Keep  
going!

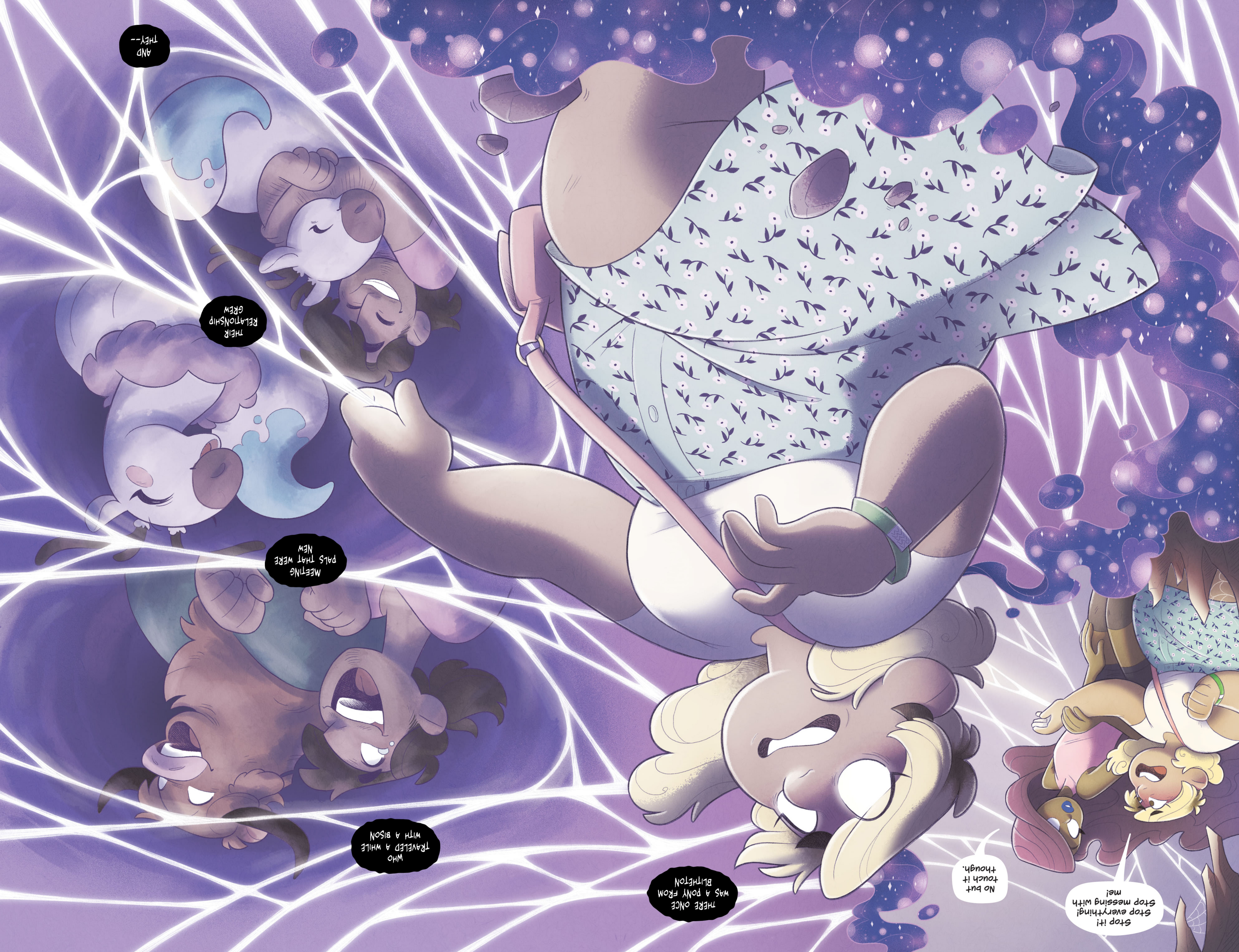
Cass...

Cass!

Touch  
it.

Ah!





Stop it!  
Stop messing with  
me!

No but  
touch it  
though.

THERE ONCE  
WAS A PONY FROM  
BLITHETON

WHO  
TRAVELED A WHILE  
WITH A BISON

MEETING  
PALS THAT WERE  
NEW

THEIR  
RELATIONSHIP  
GREW

AND  
THEY--





Including  
you.

Everyone!

Whoa!

I know,  
it's so  
dope.

Chet?

Not just  
Chet.

Me?

Well,  
yes and  
no.





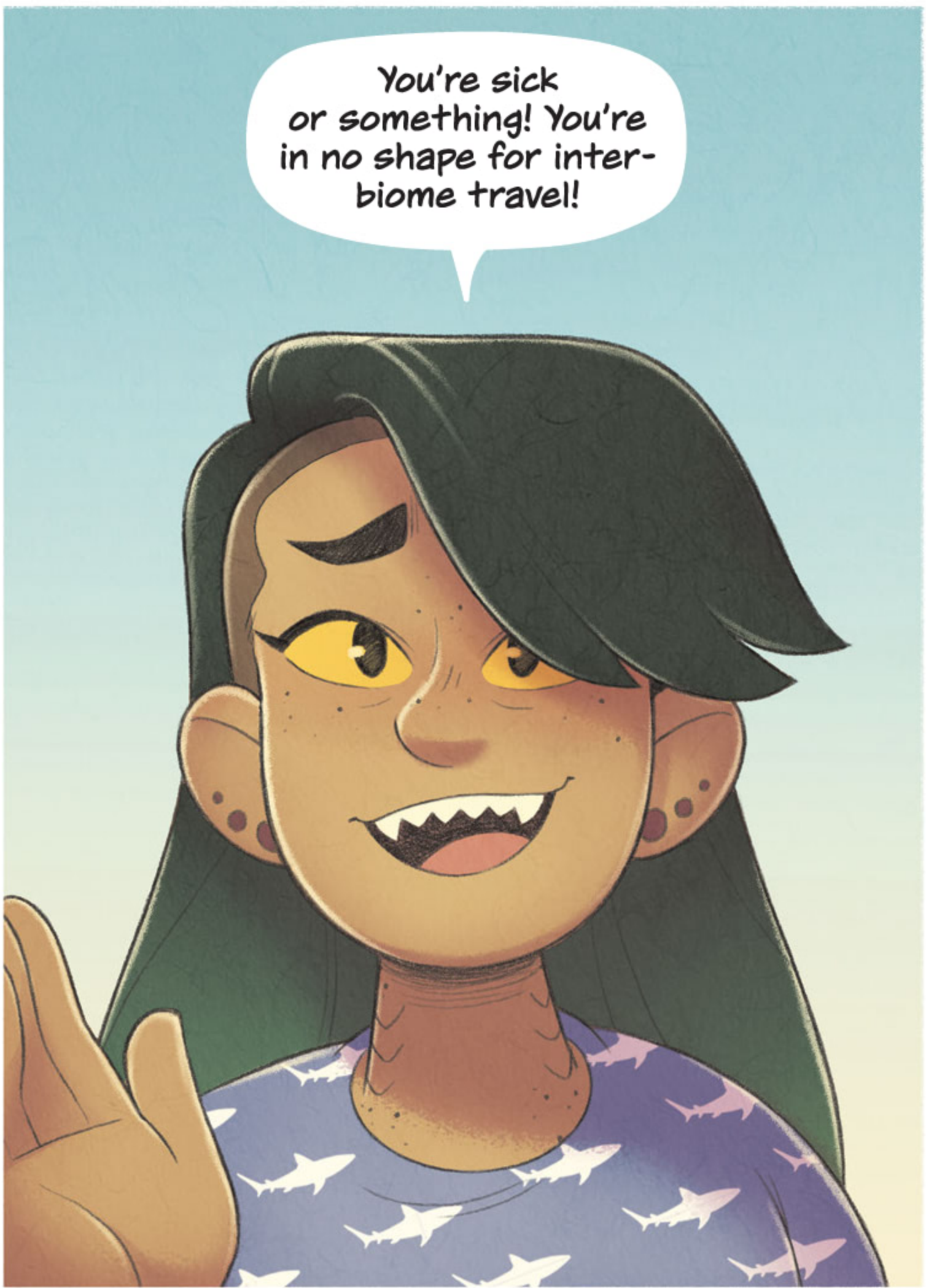








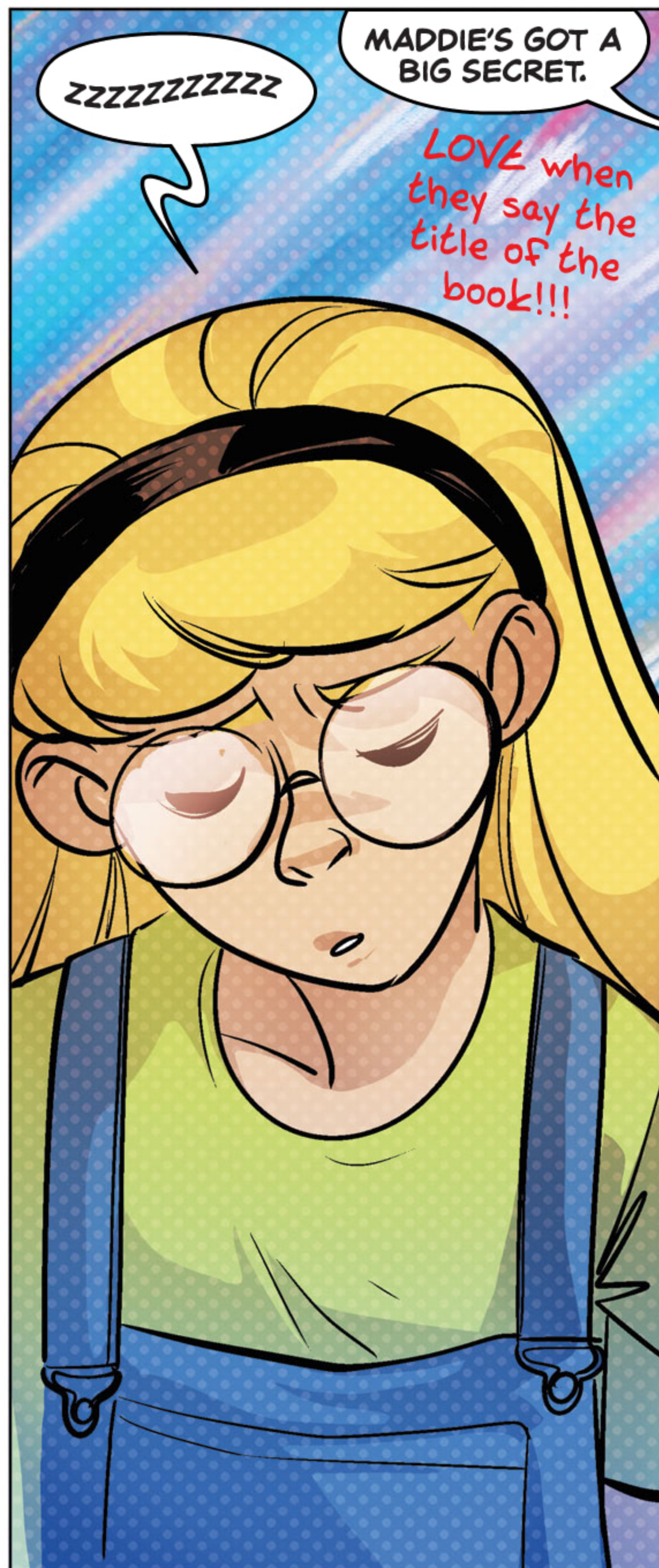
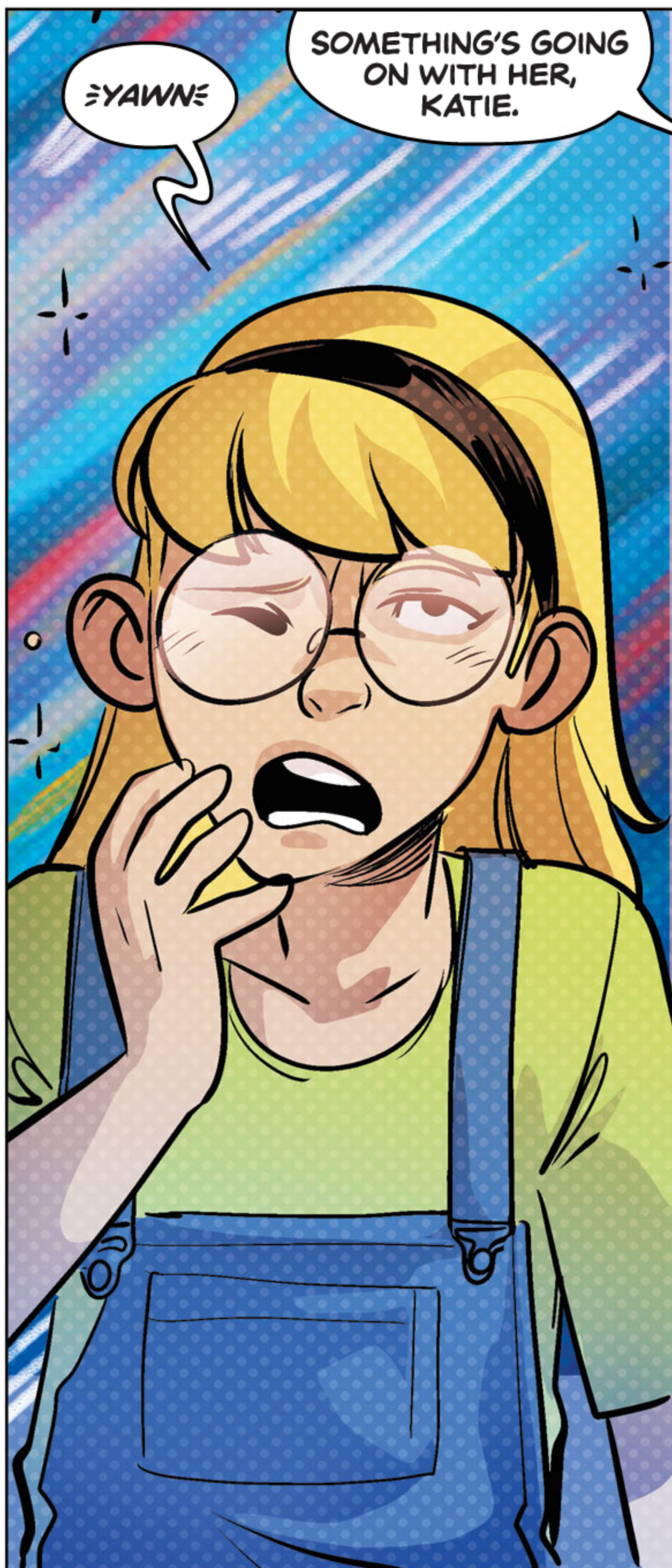
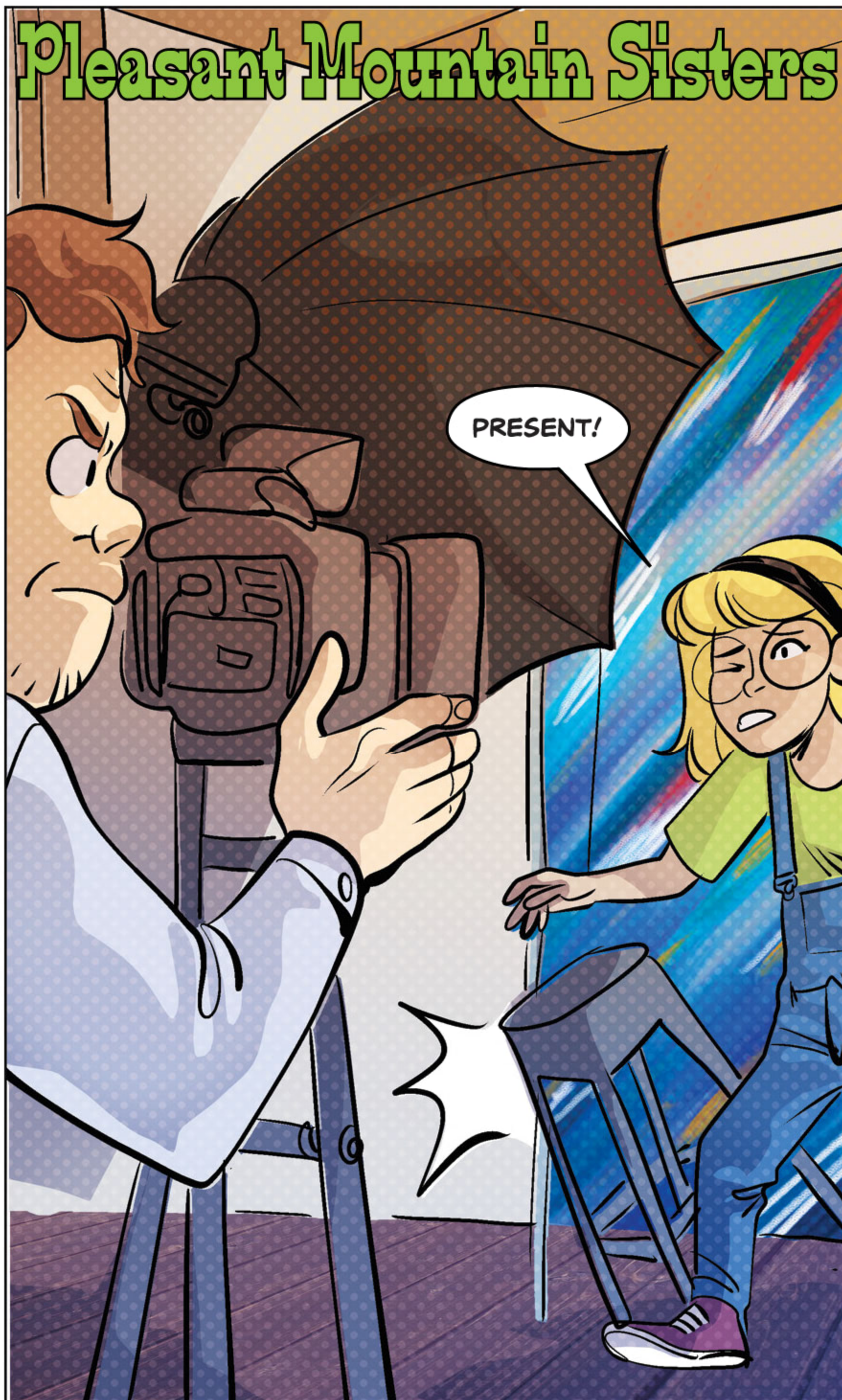




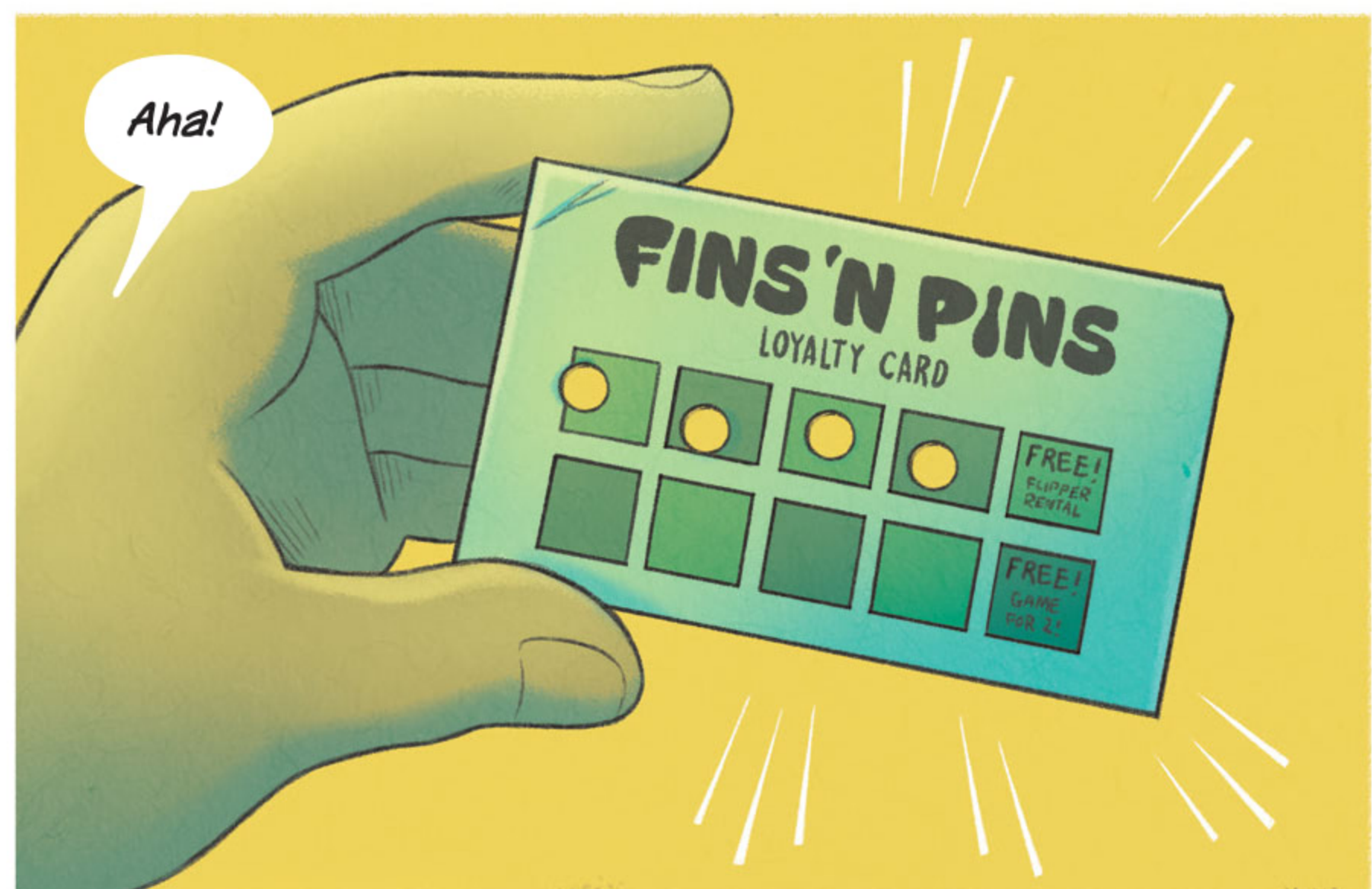
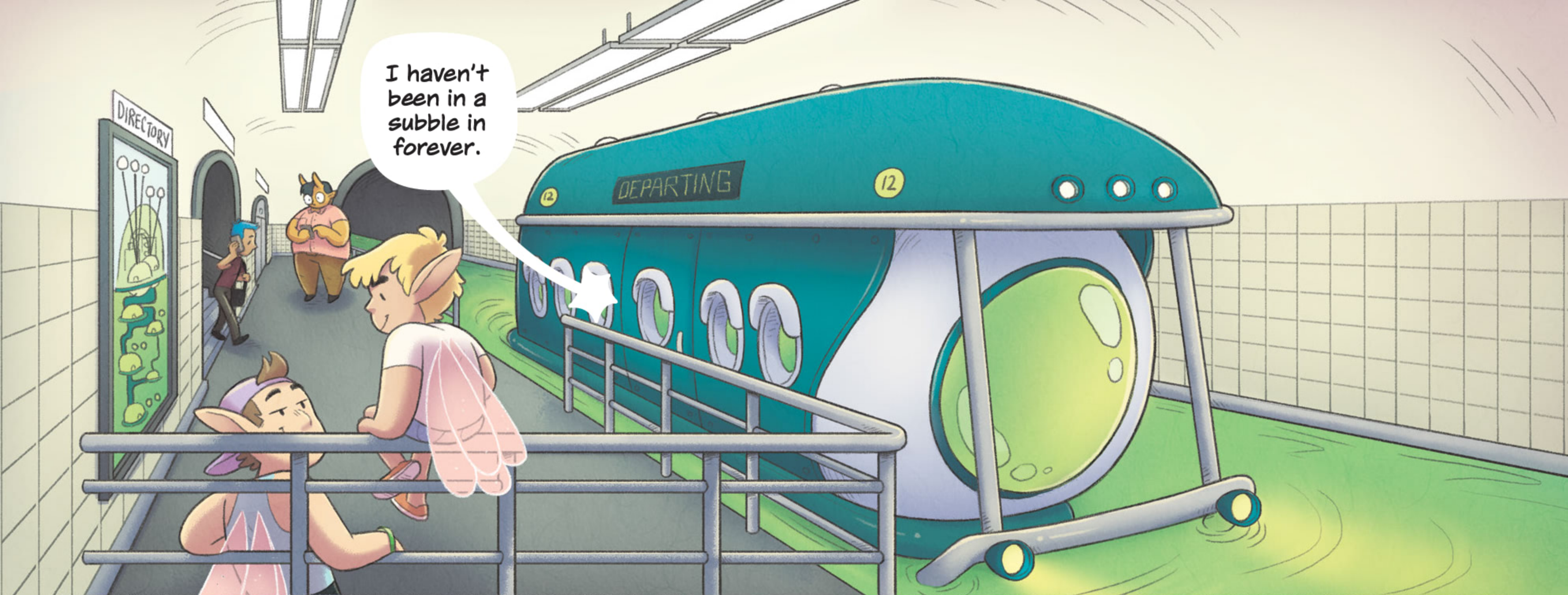
















...it's home!

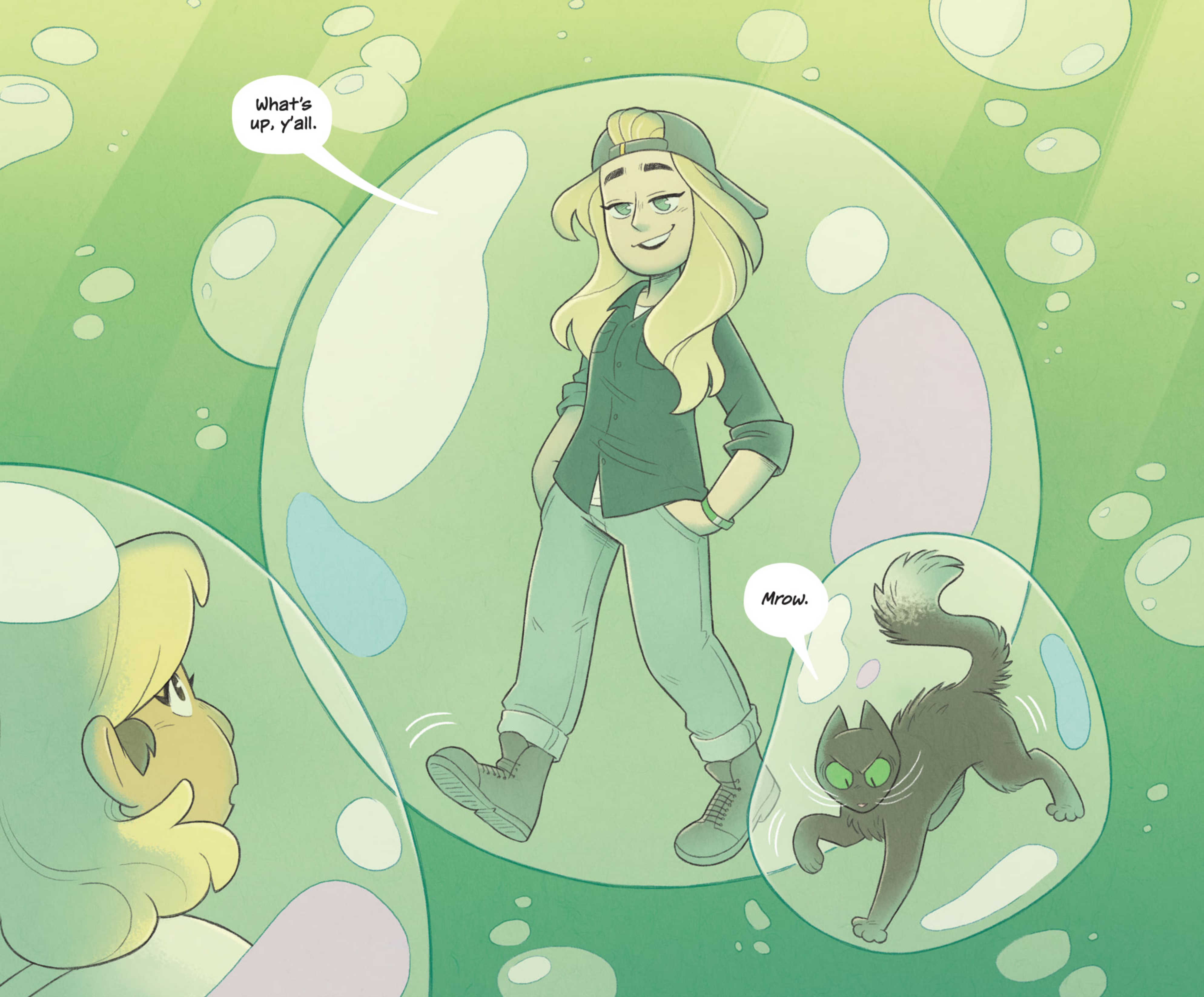












What's up, y'all.

Mrow.



CT?

What are you doing here?



Eh, just thought I'd take the day off, since the weather is so nice.

Mrow.

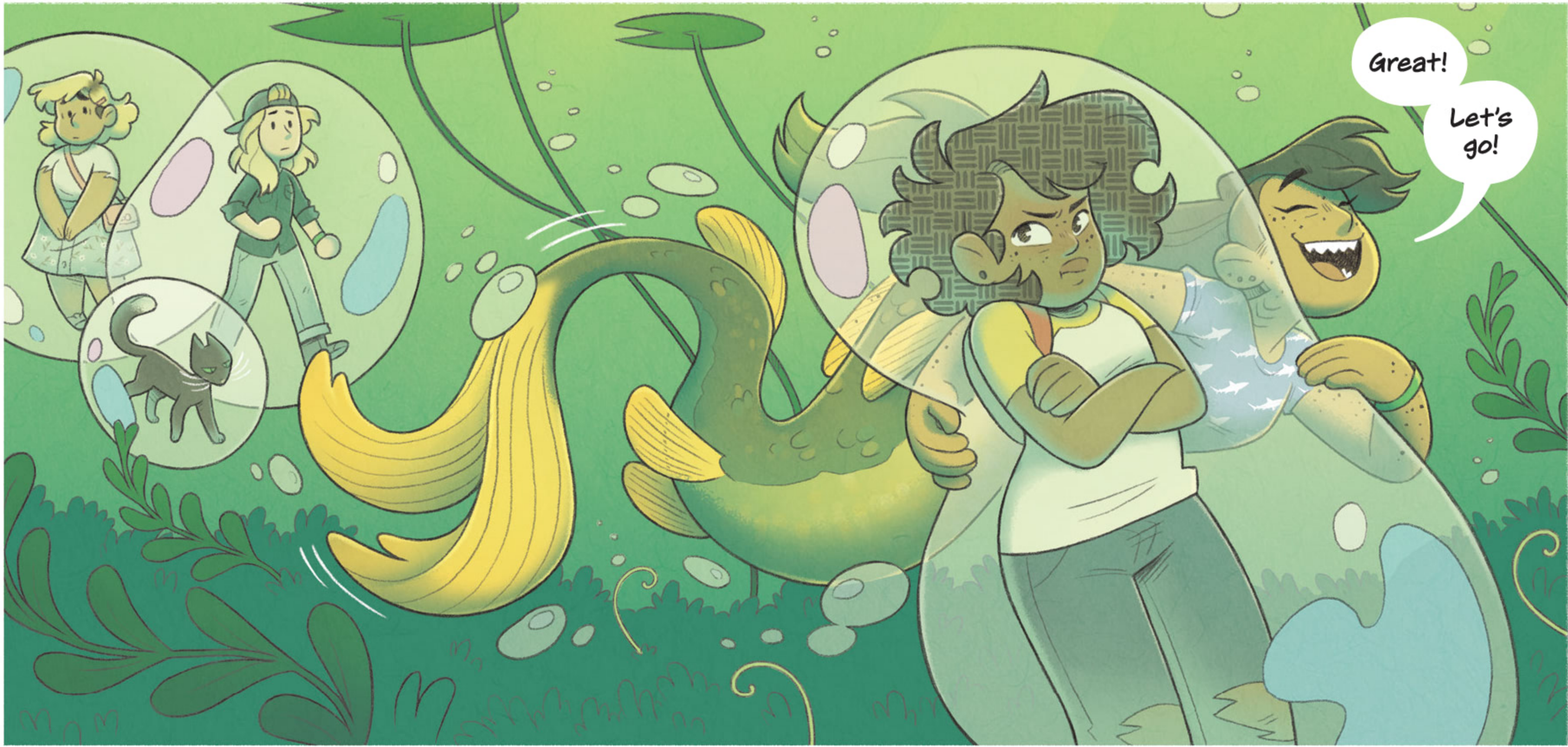




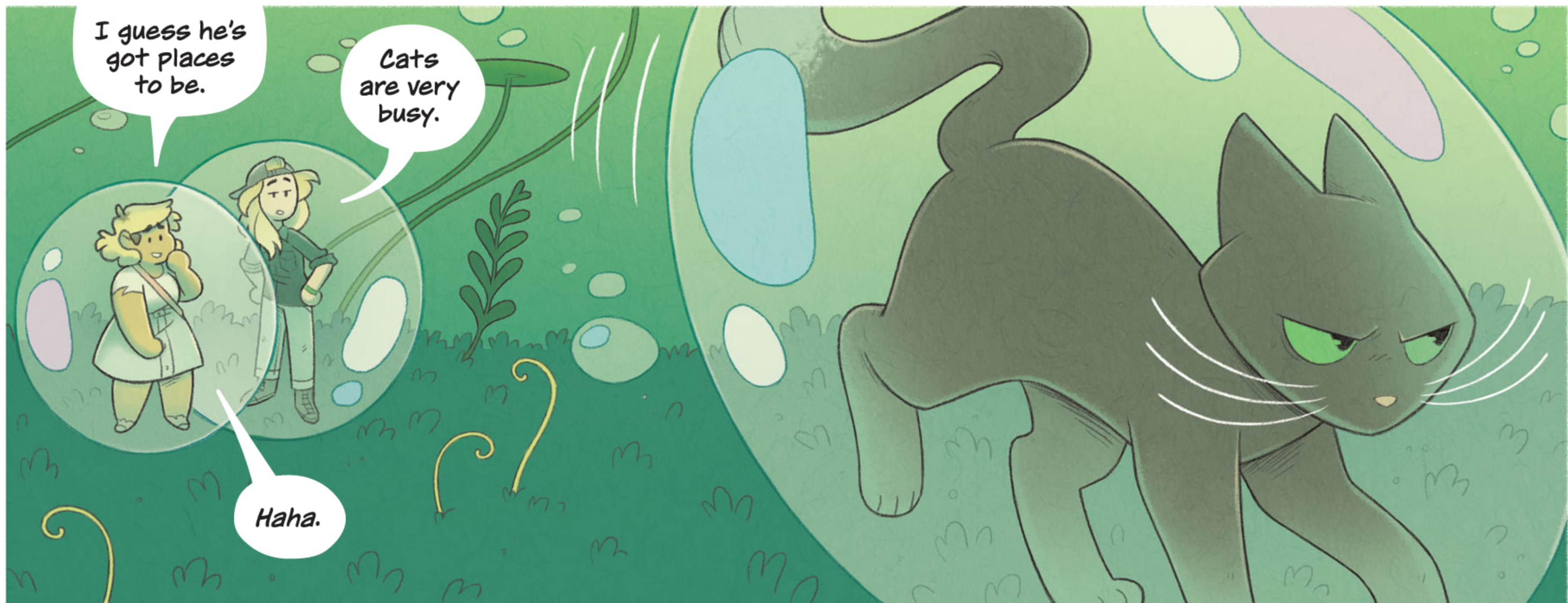
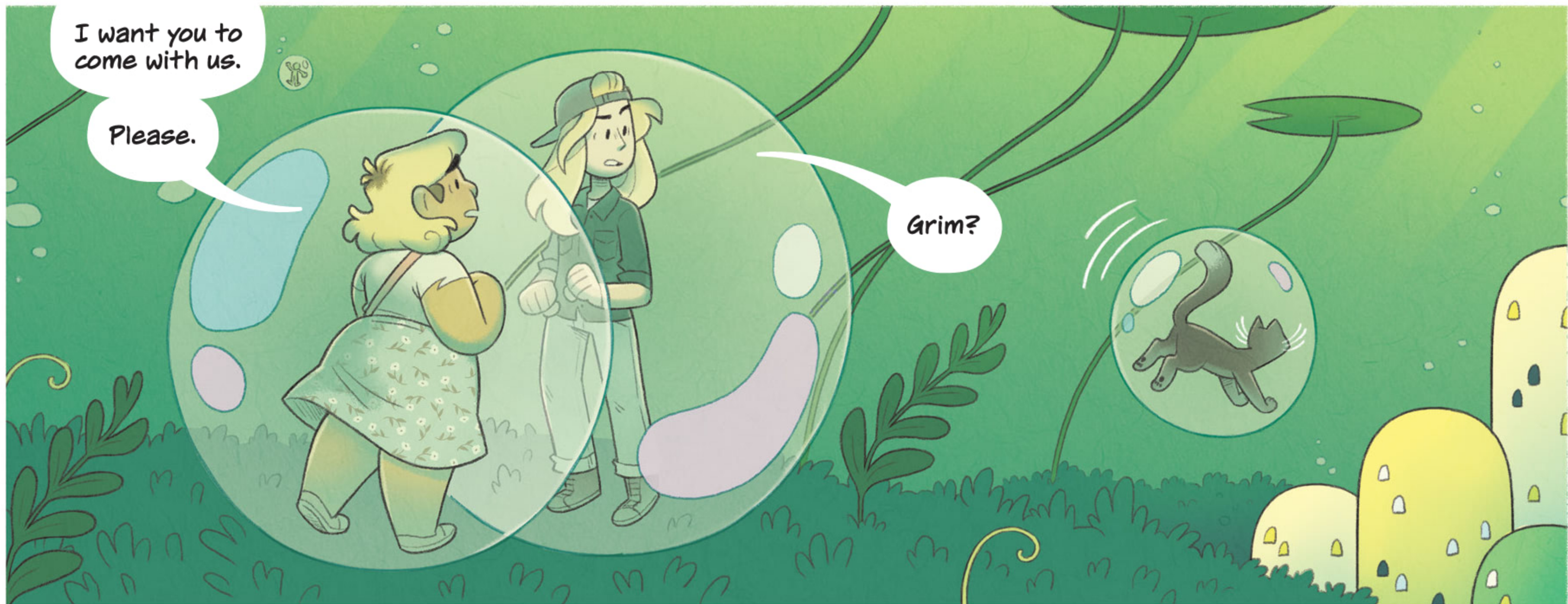


















Help Chet and Manuel  
solve this fun and normal  
word search!

R	O	U	X	H	N	G	O	S	K	B	T	A	F	S
L	U	S	L	T	I	X	L	D	L	Q	A	A	D	U
C	K	N	S	S	L	A	X	I	S	R	C	A	F	S
I	H	G	O	E	P	G	T	U	V	E	K	C	D	P
G	Q	R	J	W	R	H	E	S	D	M	C	A	A	I
A	P	N	E	A	E	P	B	L	Y	I	A	D	N	C
M	X	N	V	T	R	U	S	J	P	T	L	P	G	I
A	H	C	O	M	L	I	D	E	R	E	B	U	E	O
V	J	N	V	I	R	T	U	A	L	U	N	A	R	U
C	O	N	N	I	V	I	N	G	R	J	L	K	T	S

NEWPALS  
GELPEN  
VIRTUAL

DECAF  
ESPRESSO  
MOCHA

BLACKCAT  
BLITHEON  
MAGIC





# CHAPTER THREE





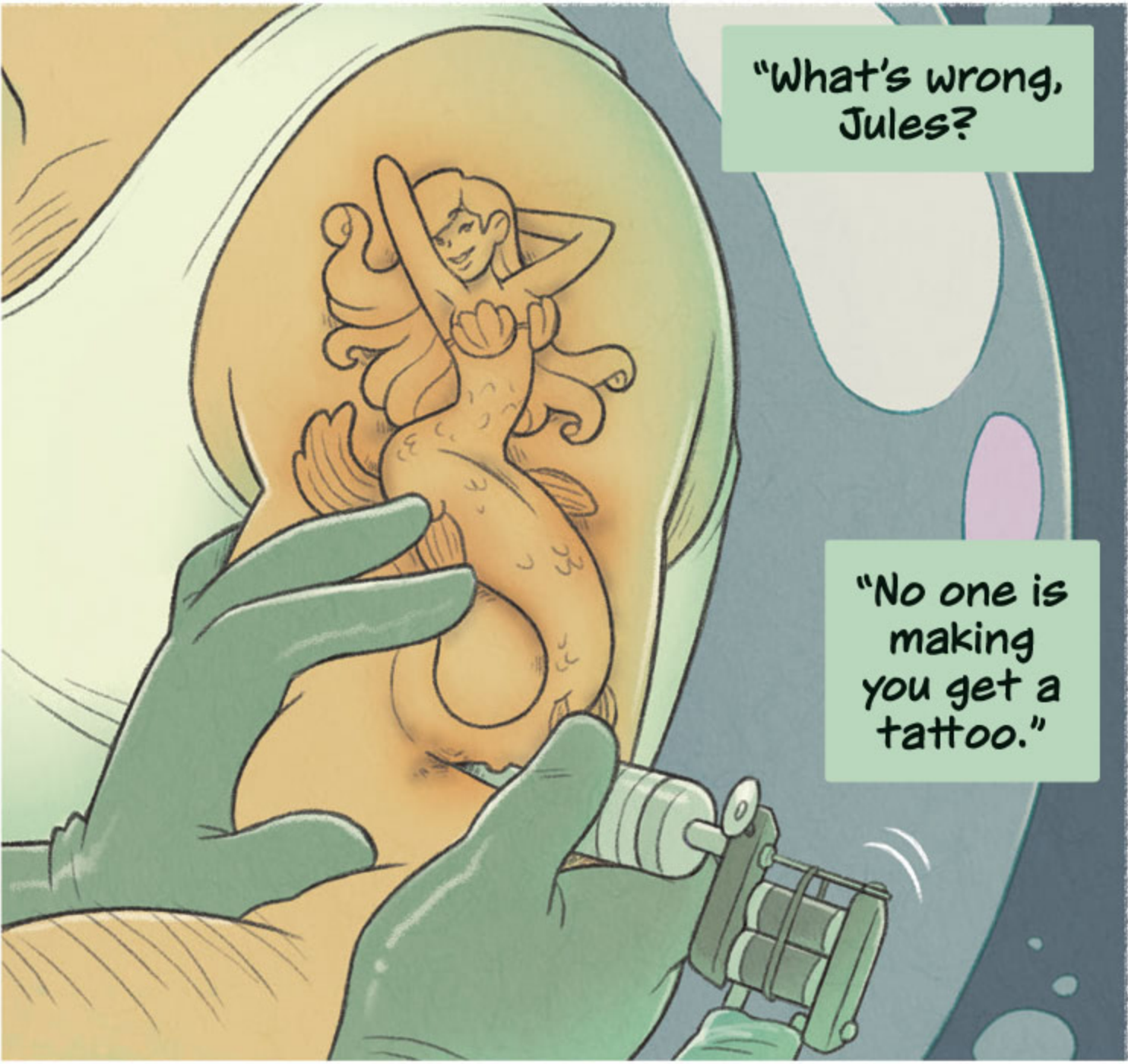


Come on,  
we're almost  
there!









"What's wrong, Jules?"

"No one is making you get a tattoo."



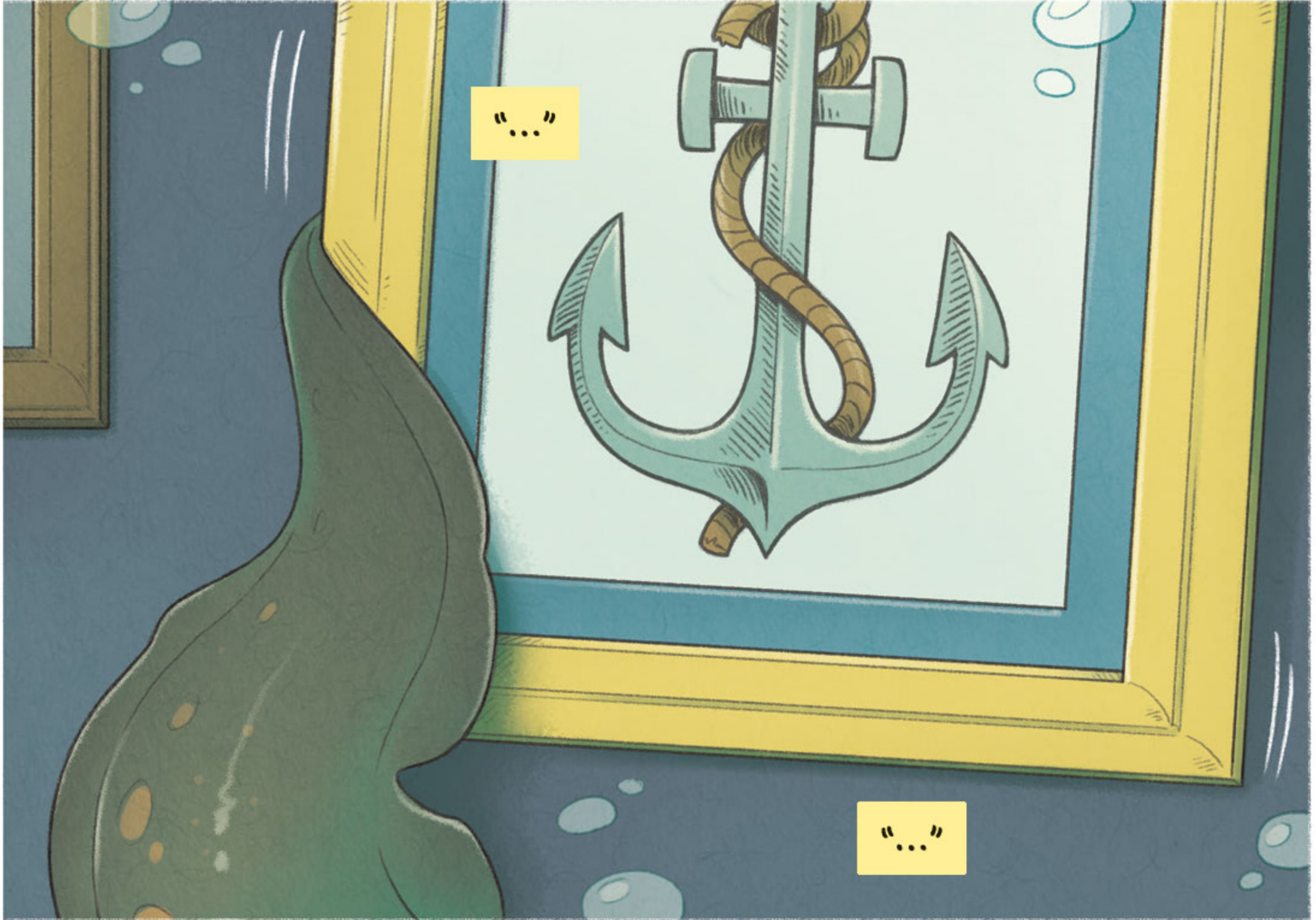
"Sorry, it's nothing."

"I'm being a baby."



"Having an emotion doesn't make you a baby."

"You shouldn't have to apologize for having a feeling."



"..."

"..."



"I guess you're right."

"Y'all here for festival tats?"



"Yes!"

"Perfect!"





Are you gonna get a tattoo?

Nah, I have a plan for a whole sleeve.

Just gotta finish school and then start saving up for it.



What are you gonna get?



Oh, uh.  
It's kind of personal.



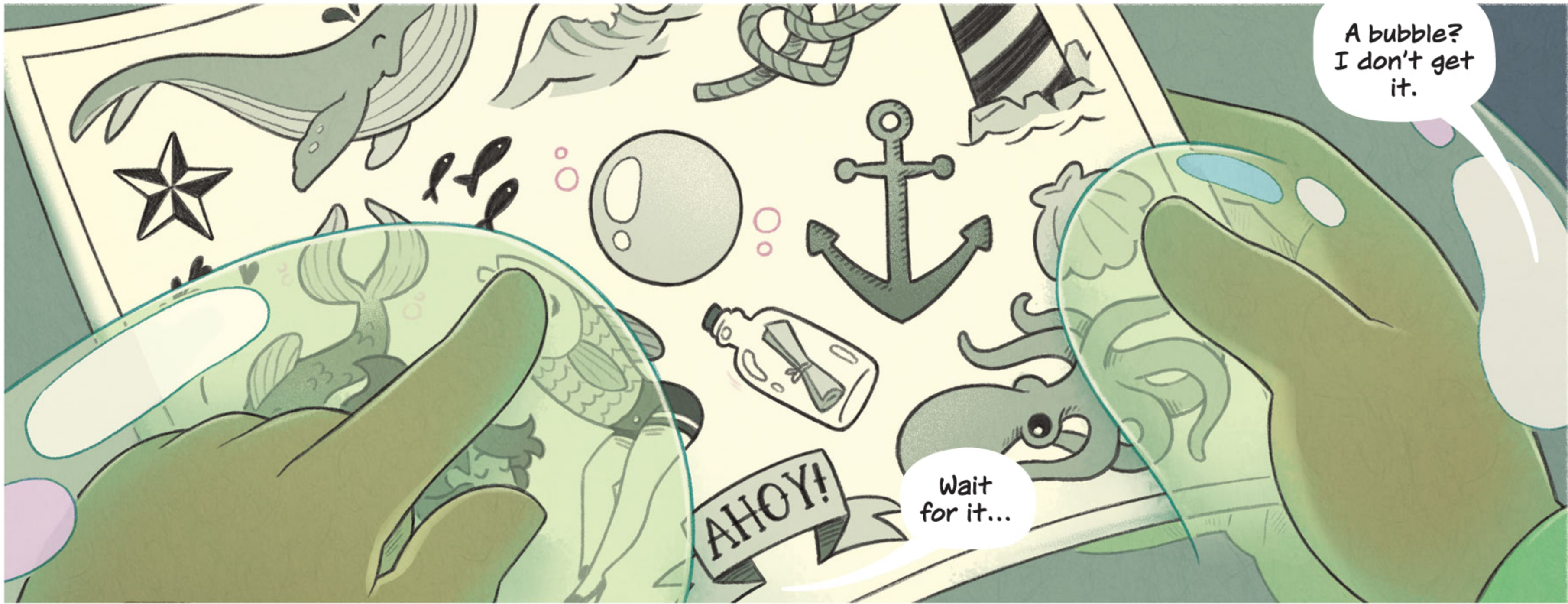
Oh, I'm--

THAT'S THE ONE!!!



BABE, look how perfect this is!



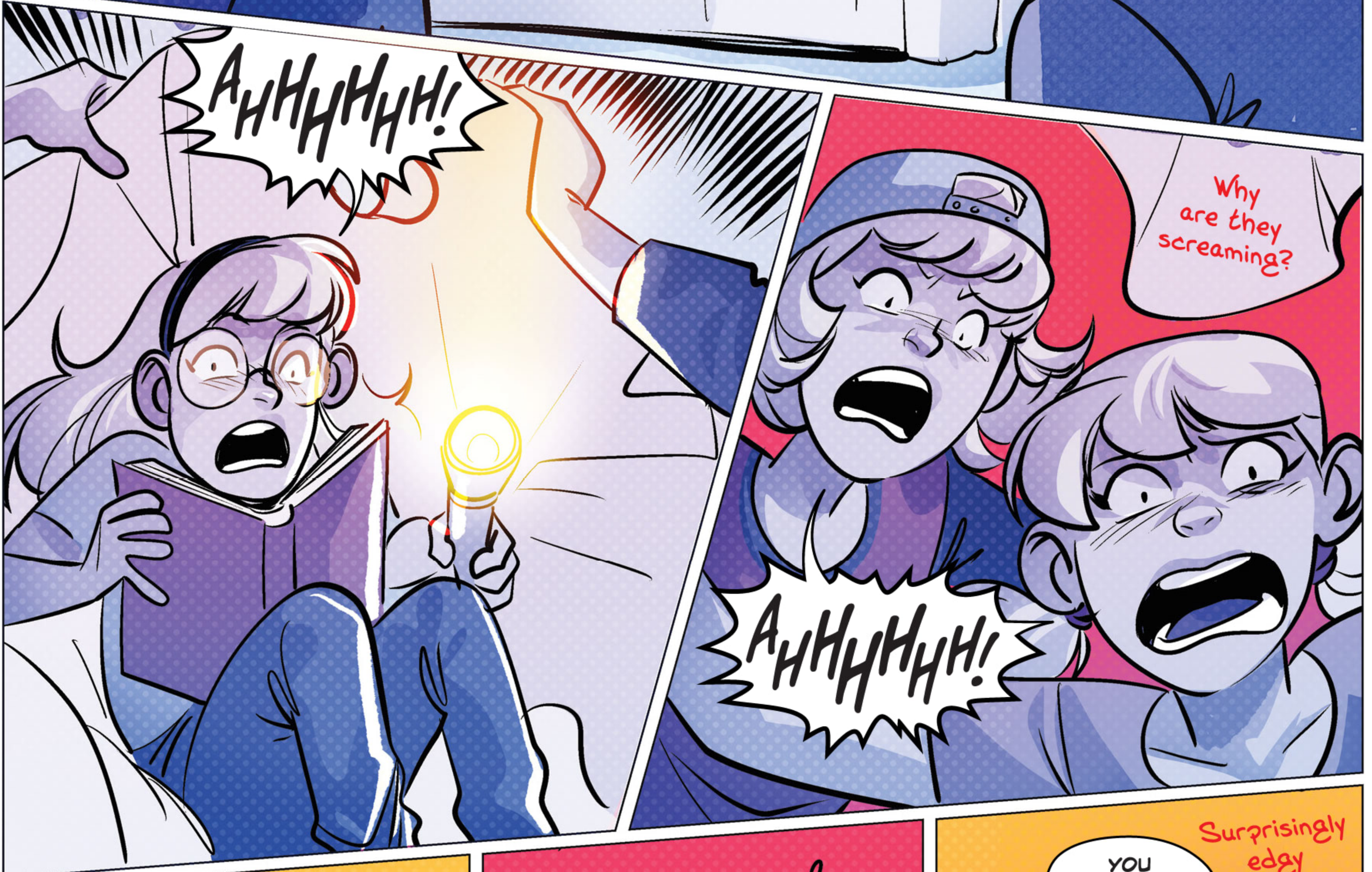
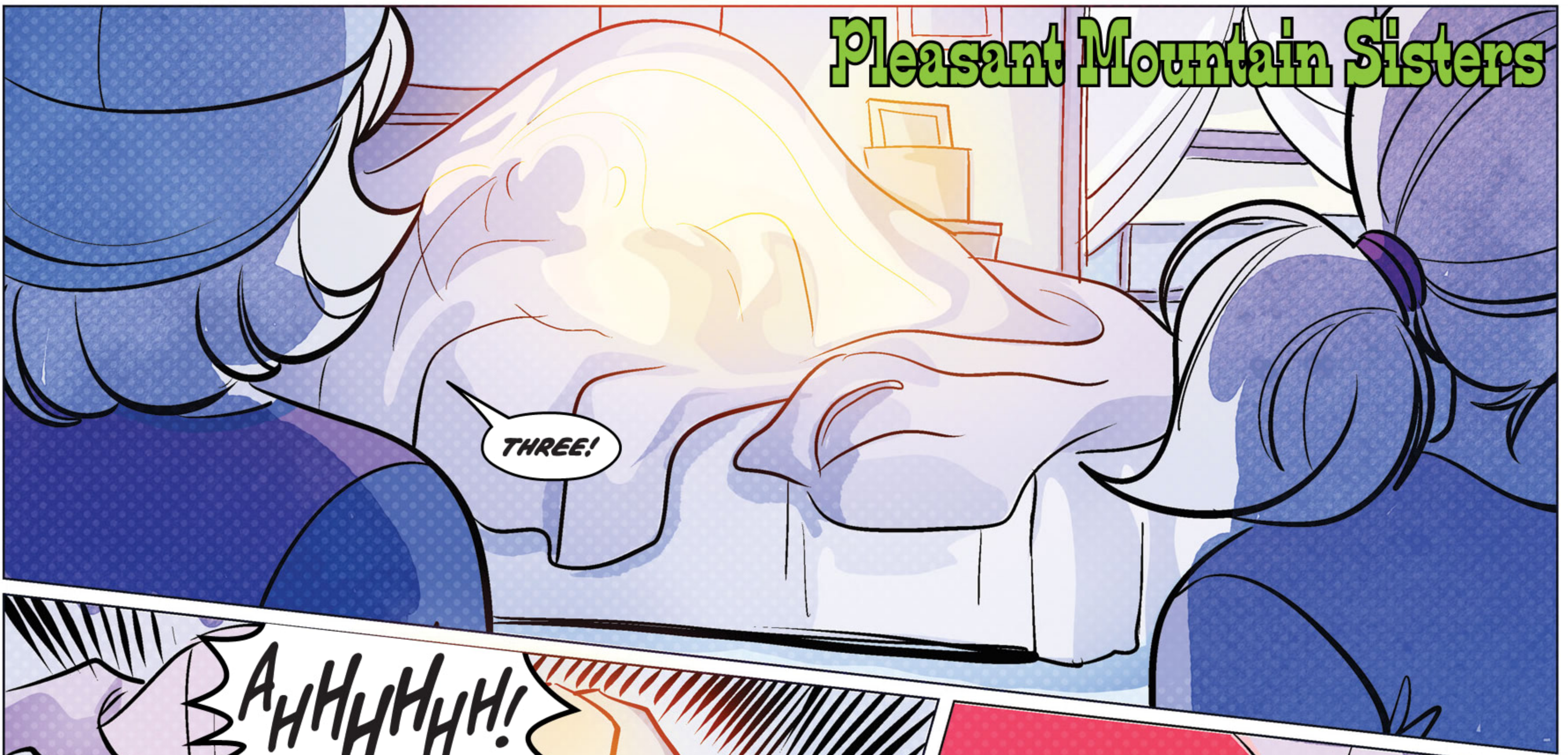








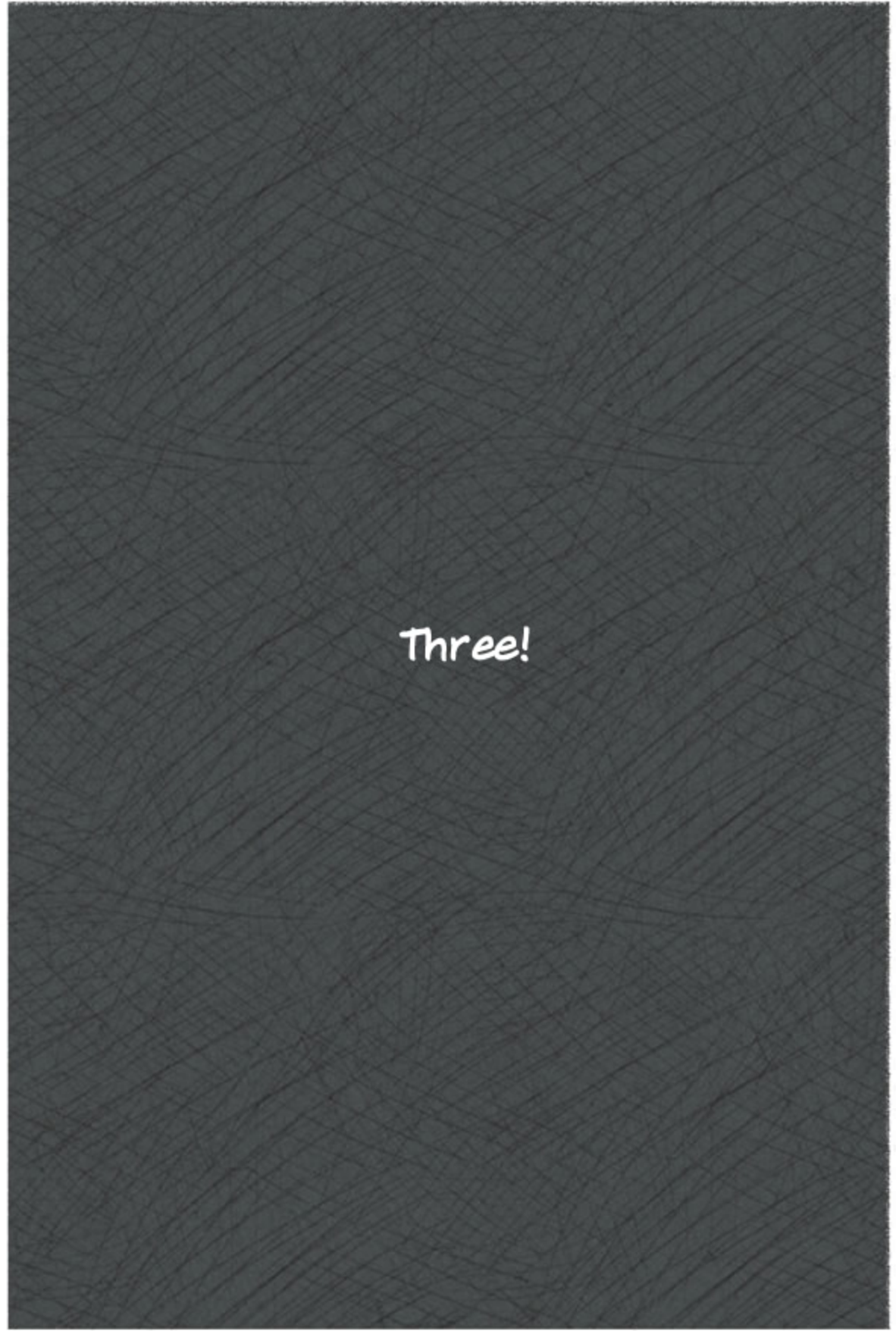
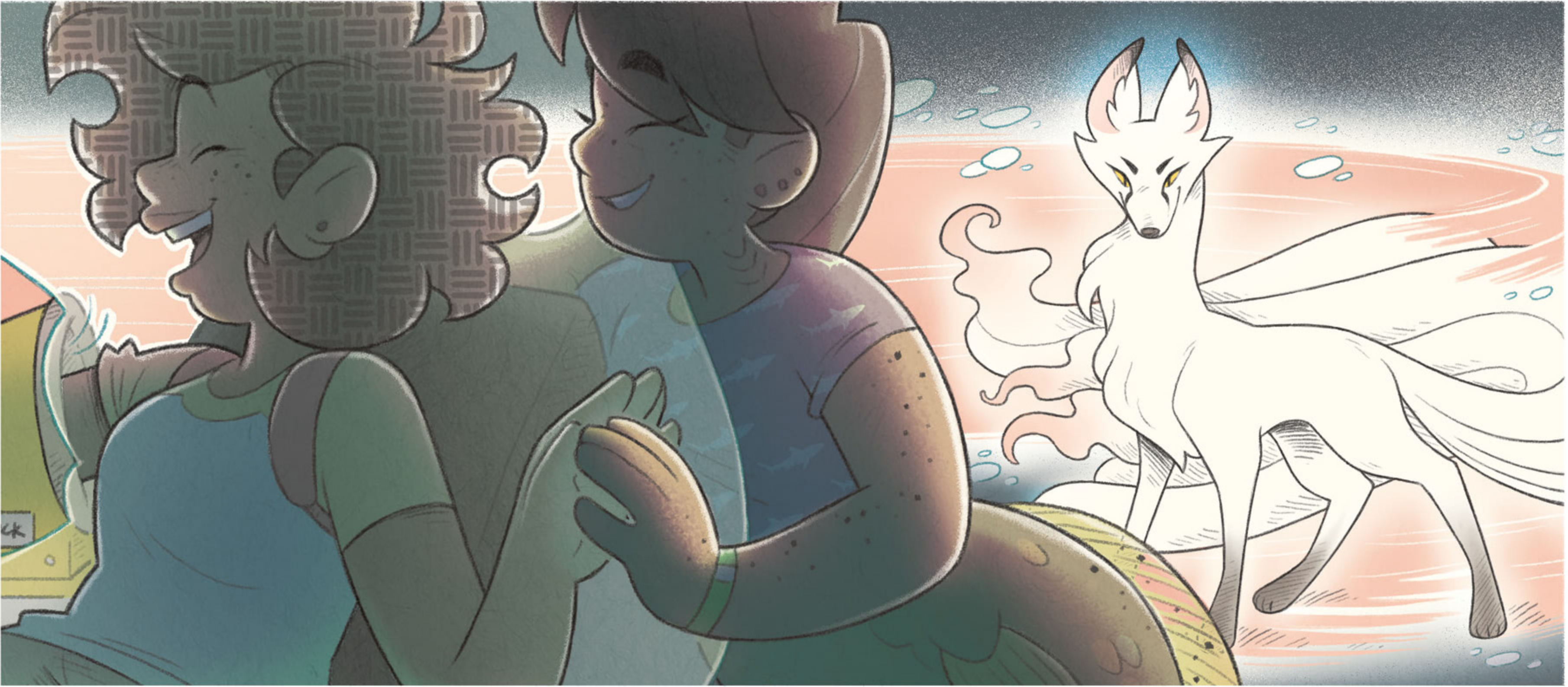
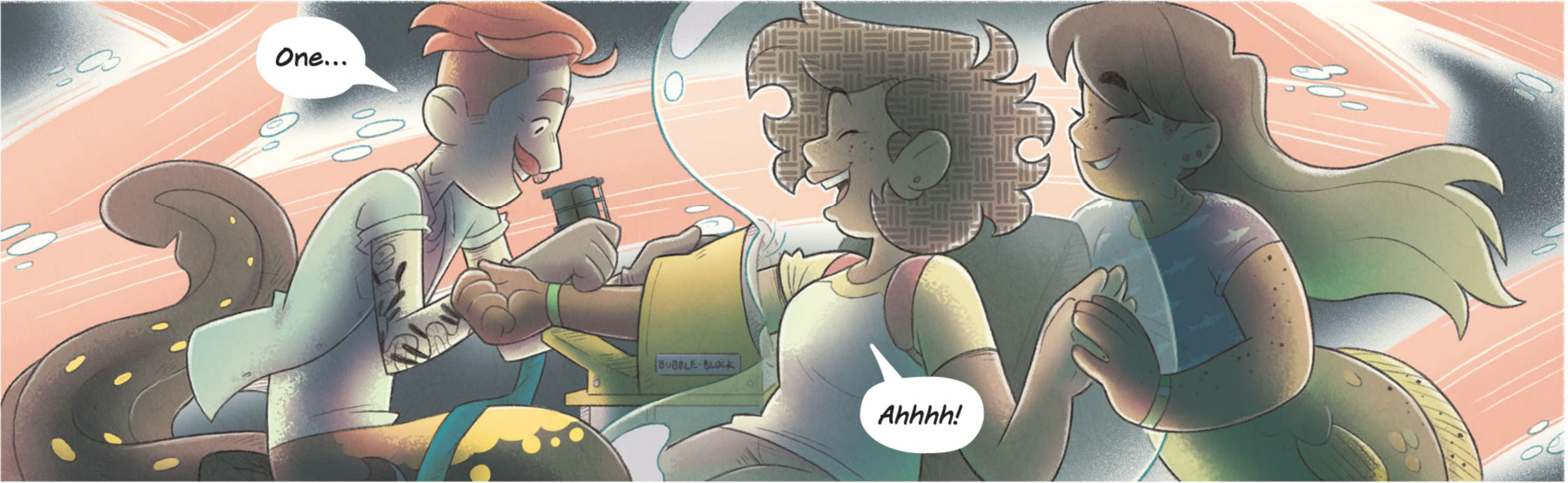
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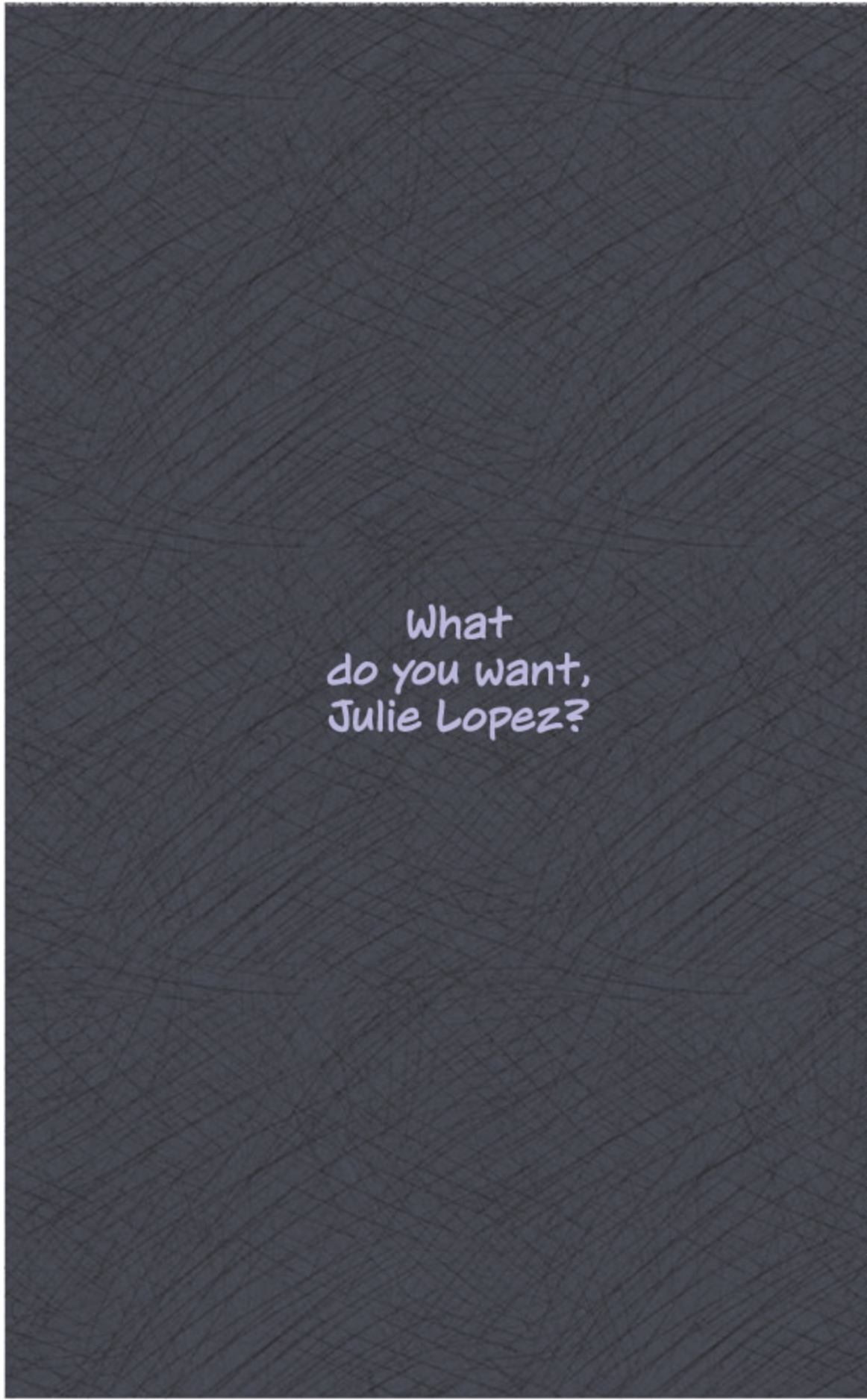
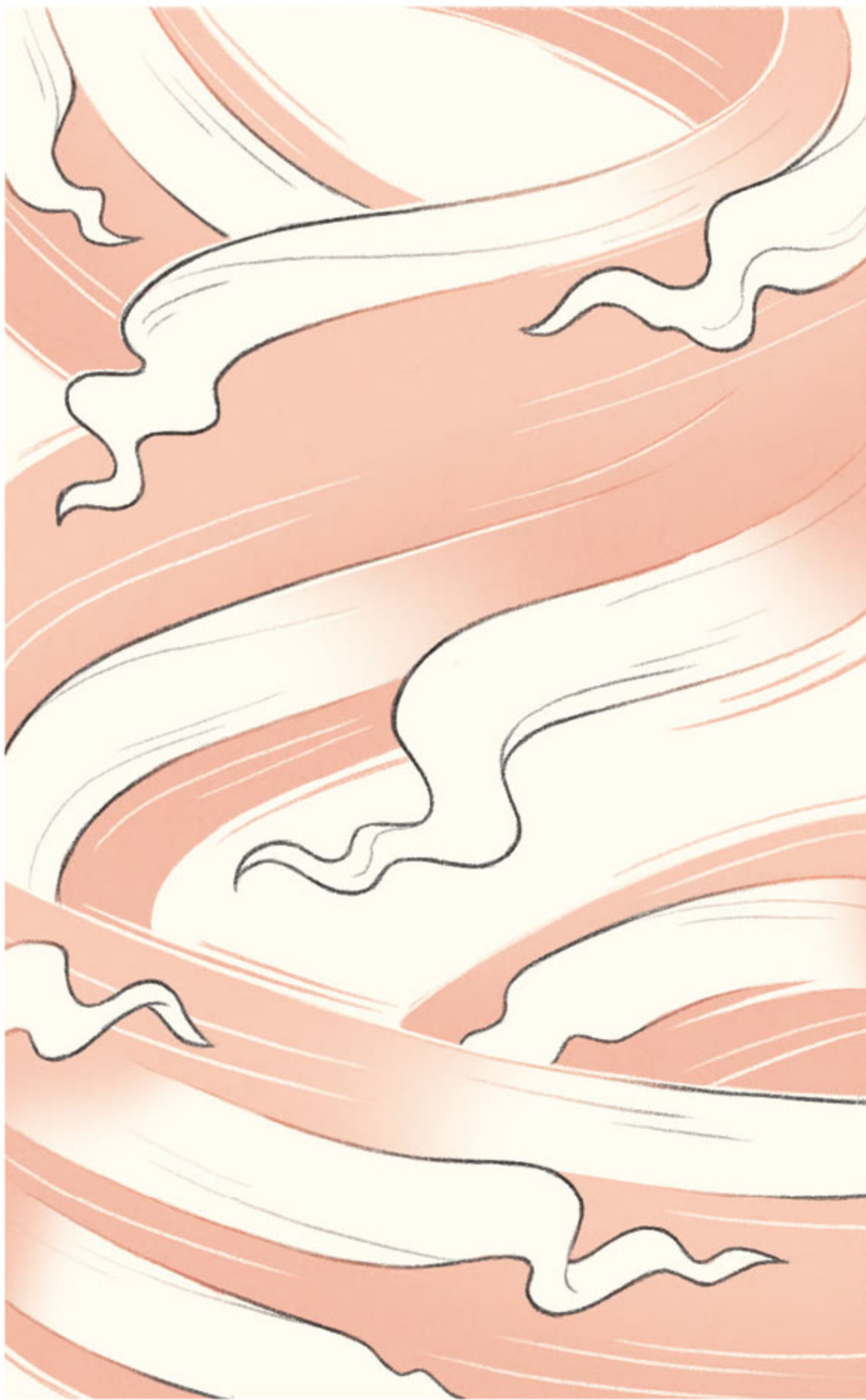
















phew

Julie.

Cass?

Stay  
as calm as  
possible.





Please calmly have a seat.

What the hell is going on, Cass?

Buh-buh-buh-buh.

I cannot stress this enough: Please remain calm.

≡phooooo≡

How did you even know--

Huh.

Wooooo oooooo Wooooo oooooo Wooooo





SPLASH

He's fine, don't worry.

Julie, would you describe yourself as a chaotic person?

Well...

Sorry...

...No?





We don't have a lot of time.

This person who's after you--

Someone is after me??

She's attracted to chaos, Julie.

And no one has more internal chaos than you.

That can't be true.

rattle rattle

I think you know that it is.

And I think you know the solution here.



BANG

This is ridiculous.

Wooooooooosh

What's happening?


Nothing in *my* control.

Argh!  
Cass! Just tell me what to do!

STOP.







Stop relying  
on other people  
to tell you what to  
do and trust  
yourself!

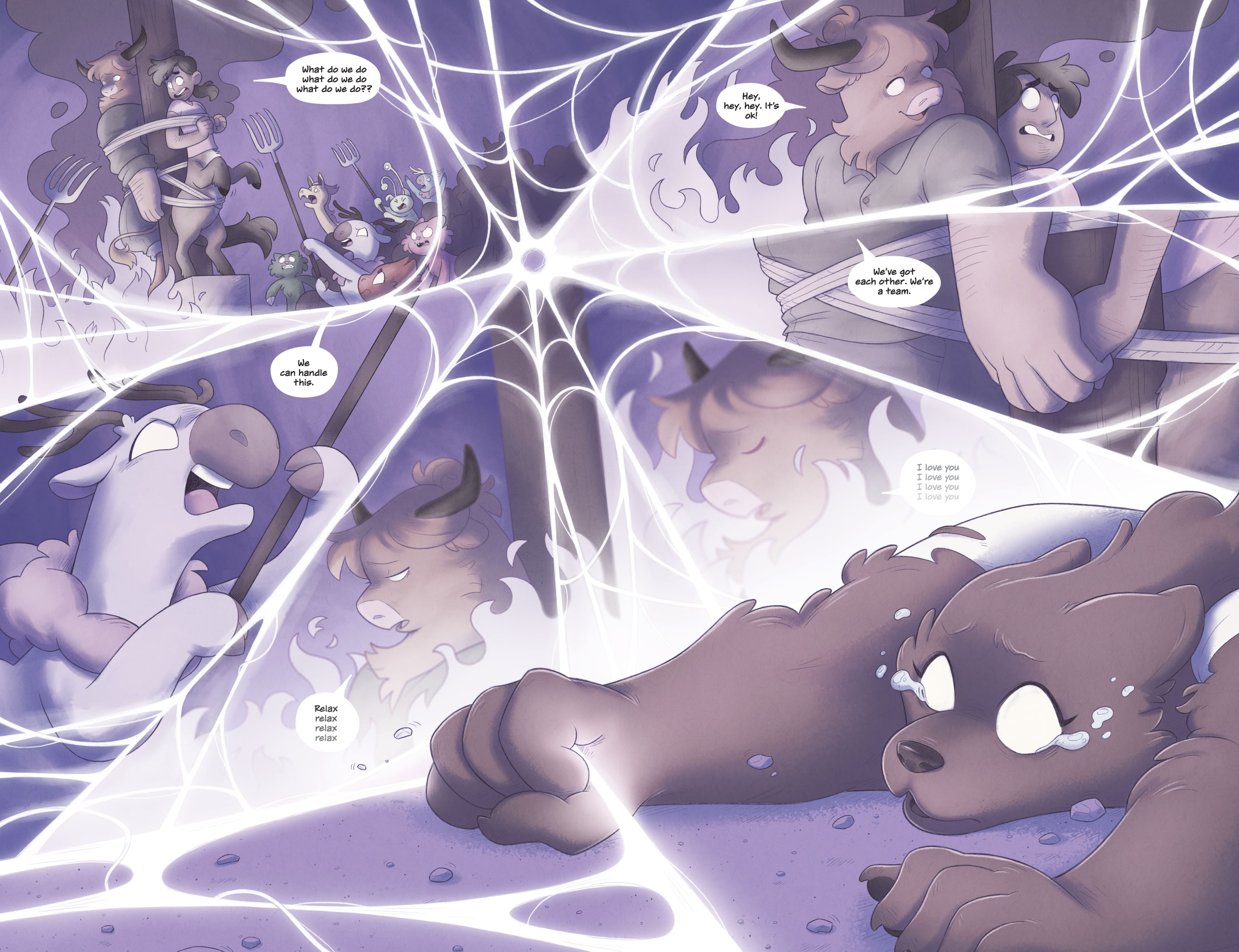
Figure  
out what you  
want!

I'm...  
I'm sorry!

You can  
handle it,  
Julie!

You just  
have to grow  
up!





What do we do  
what do we do  
what do we do??

Hey,  
hey, hey. It's  
ok!

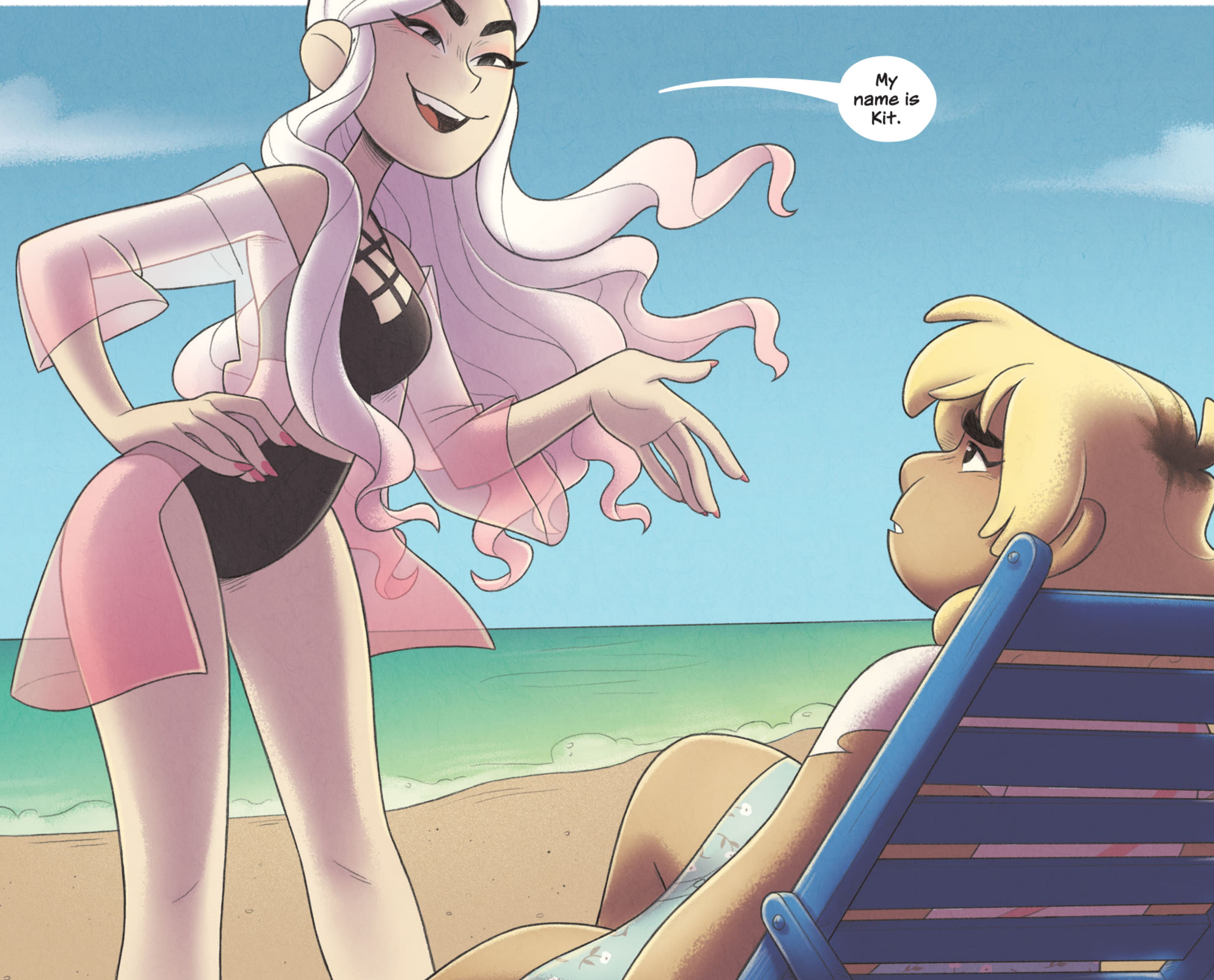
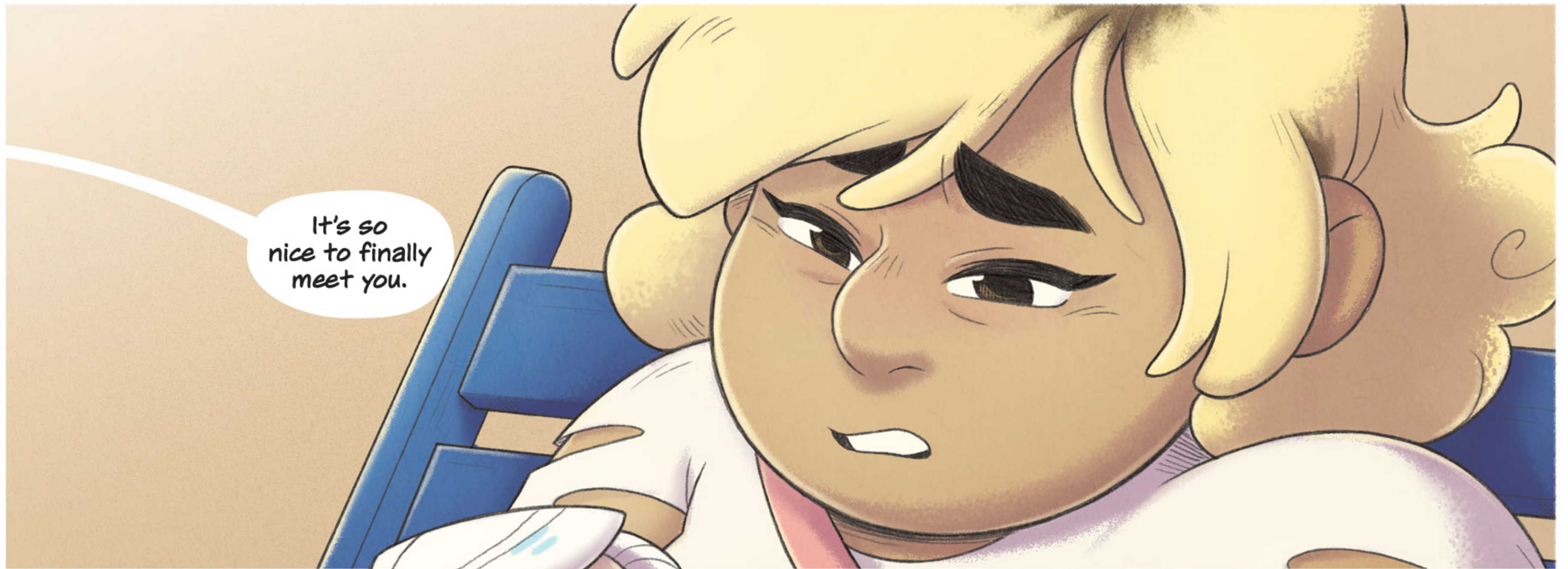
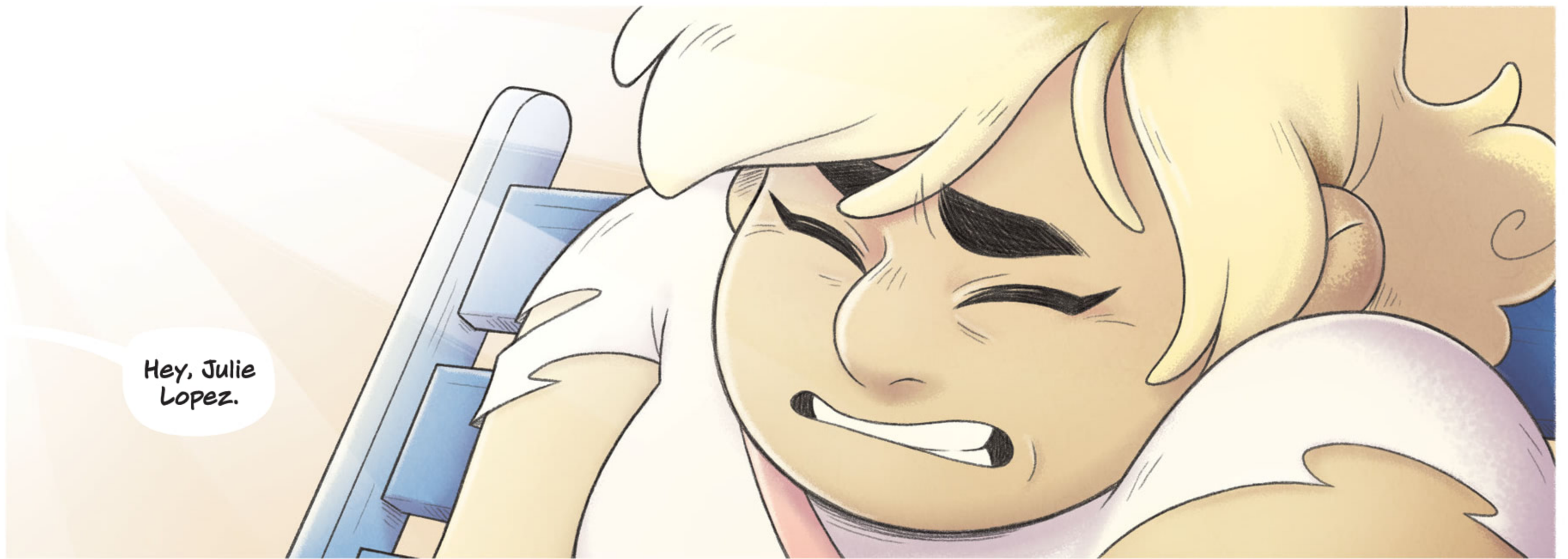
We've got  
each other. We're  
a team.

We  
can handle  
this.

I love you  
I love you  
I love you  
I love you

Relax  
relax  
relax  
relax





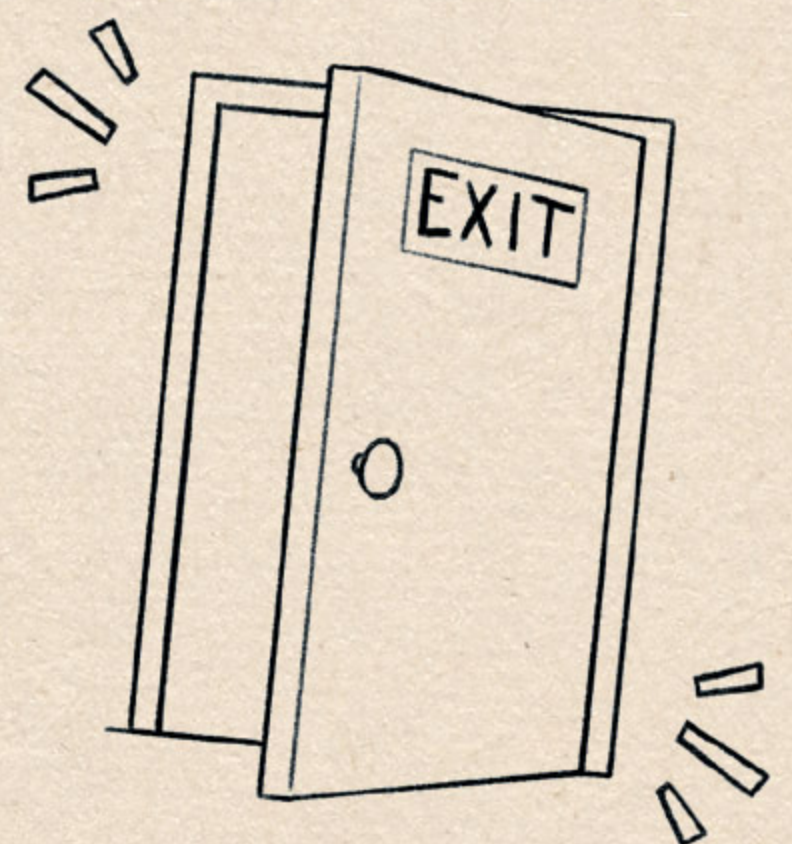
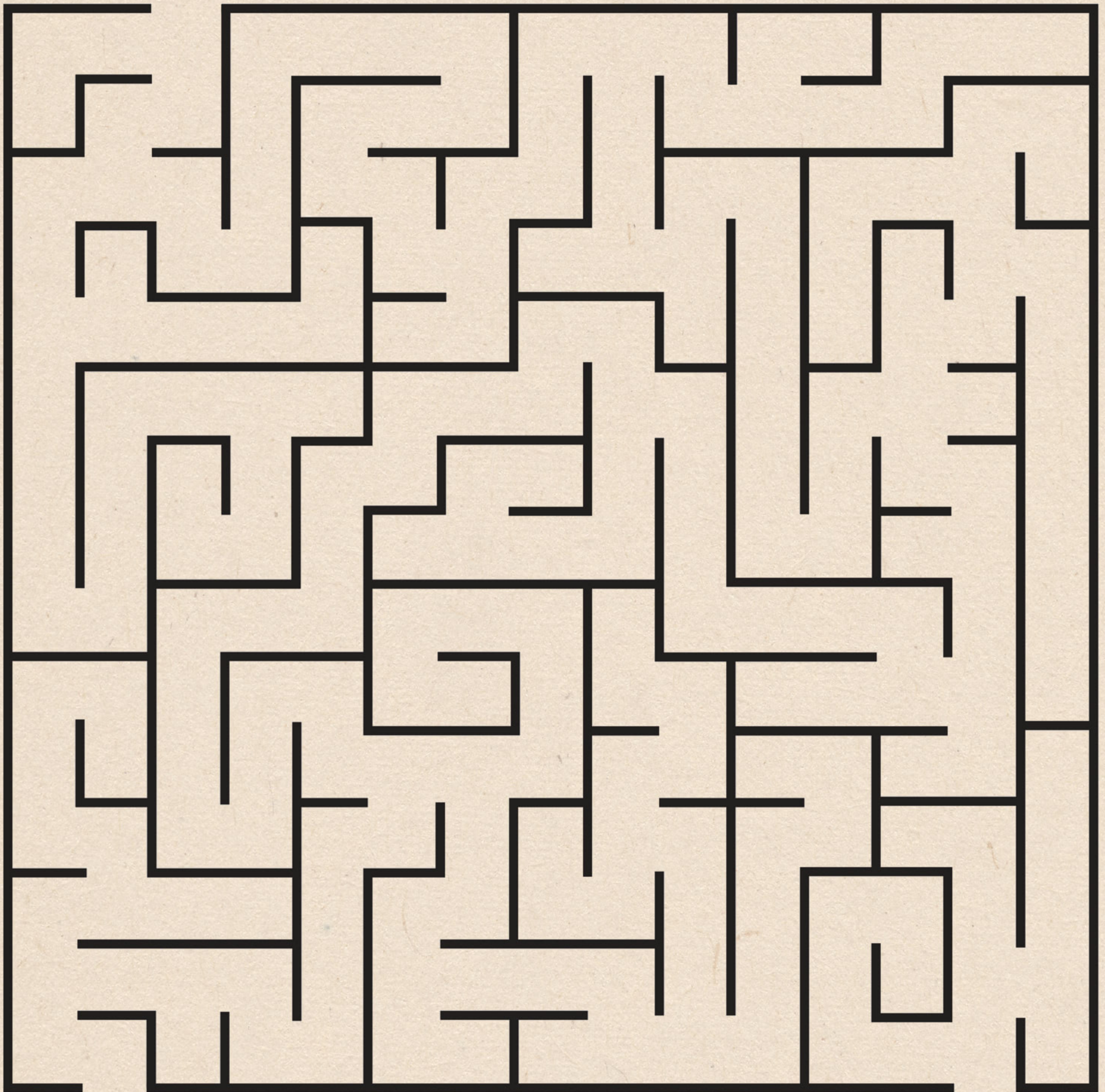


# newPals

Super Fun Pages!



Help Chet and Manuel  
escape the deranged  
Newpals!





# CHAPTER FOUR







What?

My name is Kit!



I'm loving this look on you, bee-tee-dubs.

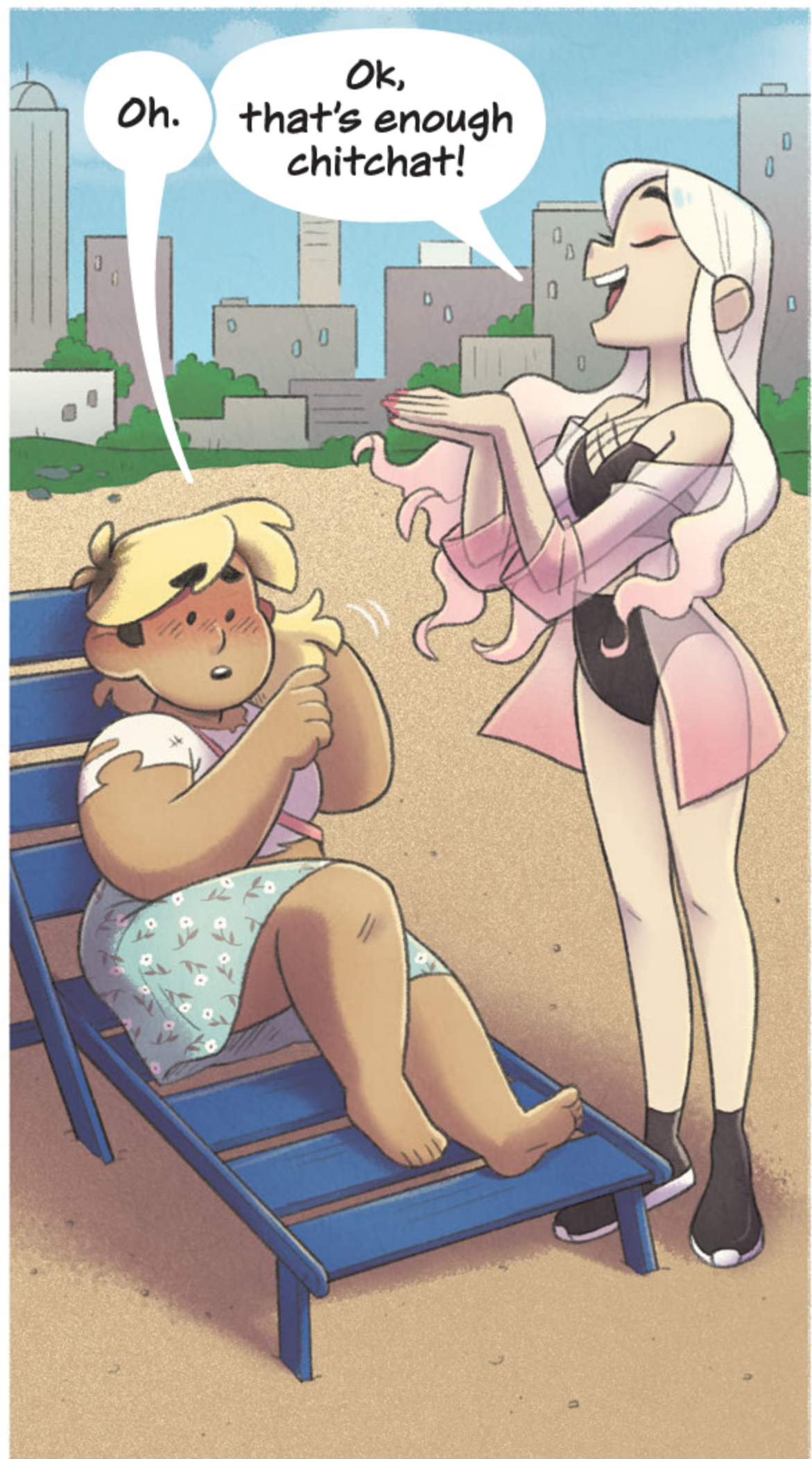
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Very Dorothy-arriving-in-Oz.



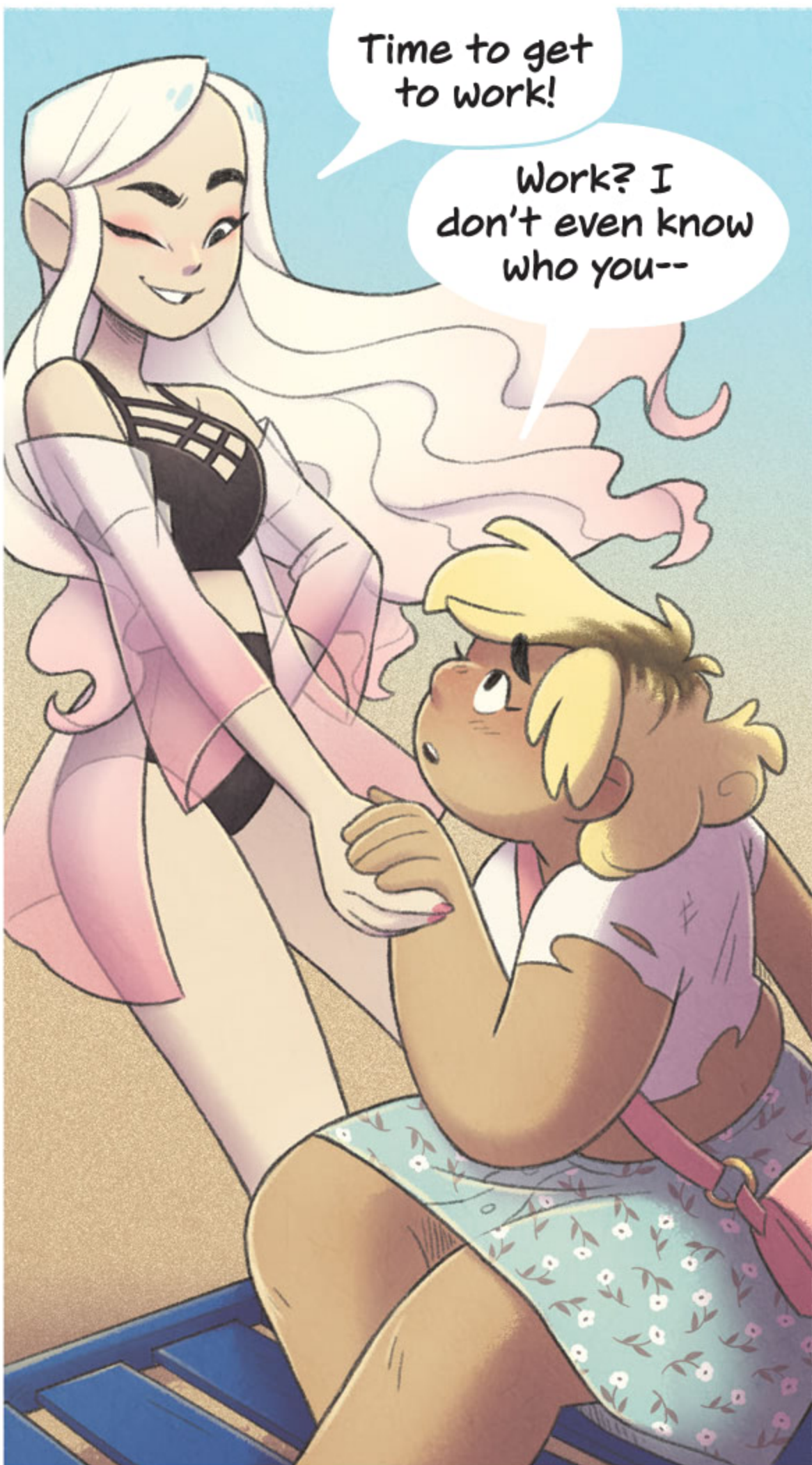
Very cute.

What?



Oh.

Ok, that's enough chitchat!



Time to get to work!

Work? I don't even know who you--



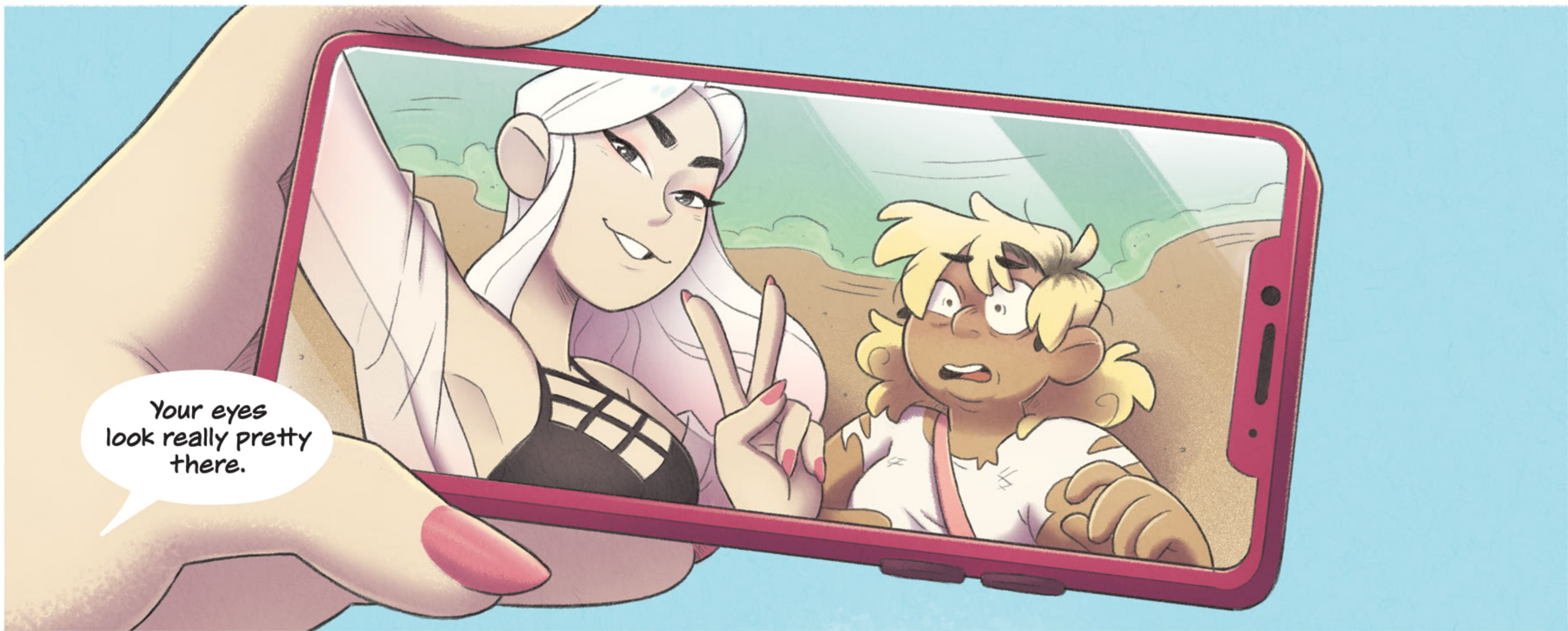
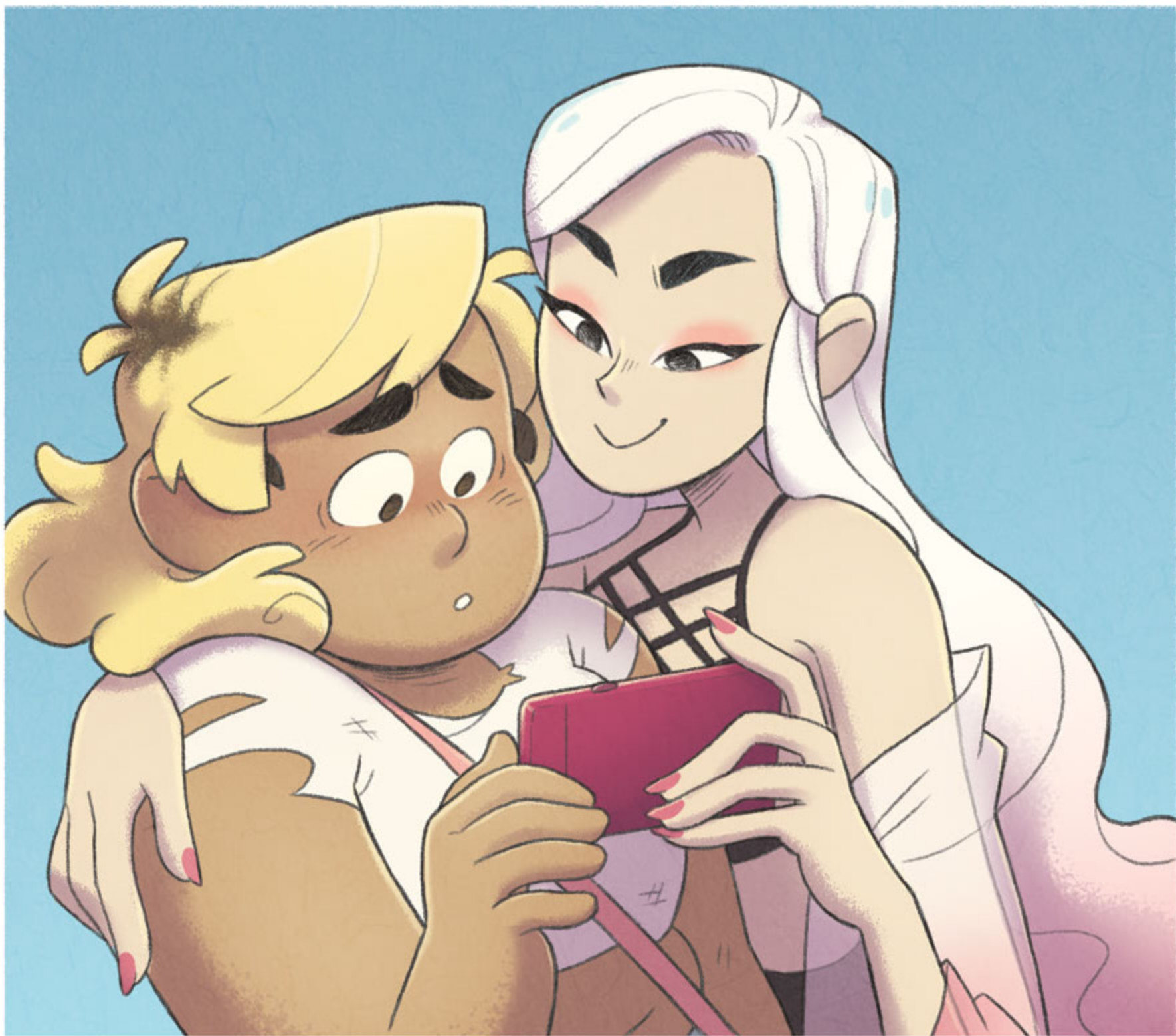
FLASH!





What is--

Ohhhh, that's a good one!



Your eyes look really pretty there.



Mine do too, but that's just what they always look like.

I'm sorry, but who are you?

How do I know you?



You know who I am, Julie Lopez!

I've been following you for a while!

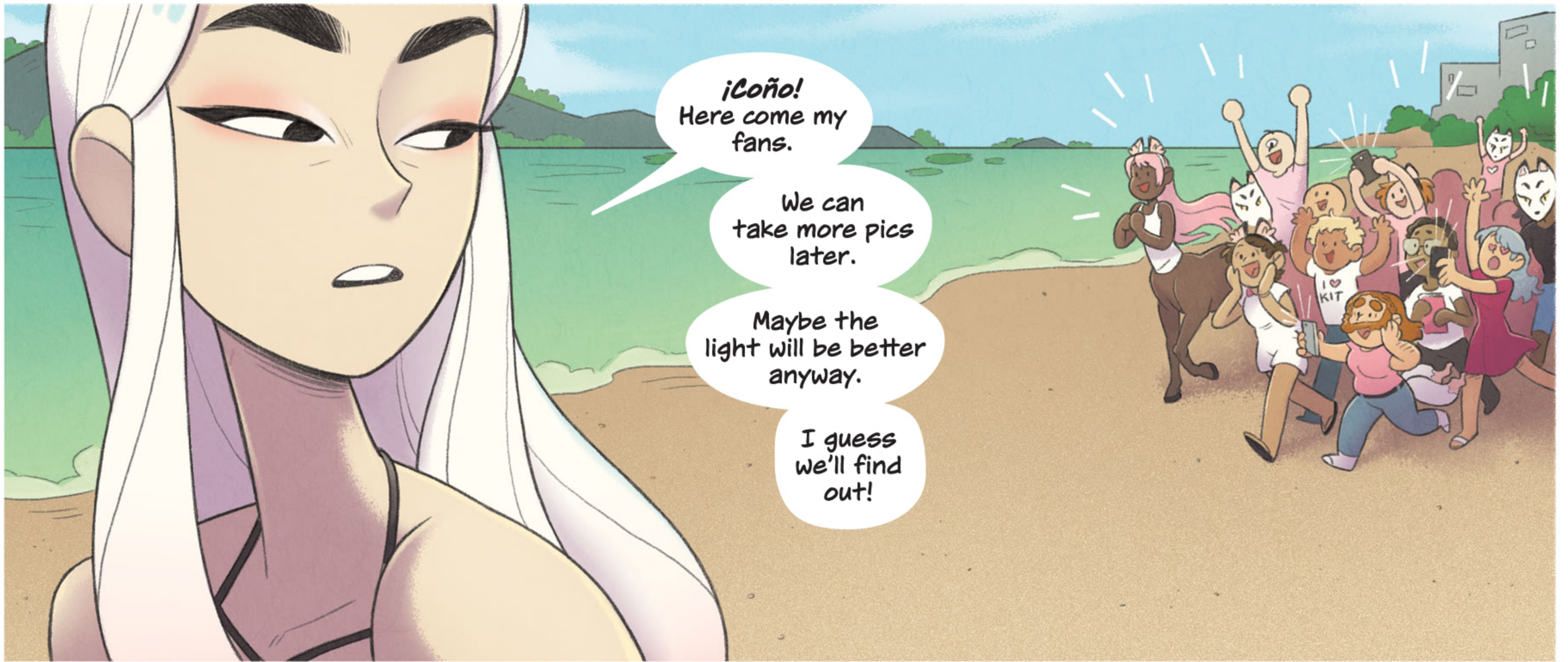


We should take a couple dozen more, just for safety.

Say "hashtag life's a beach!"

There she is!

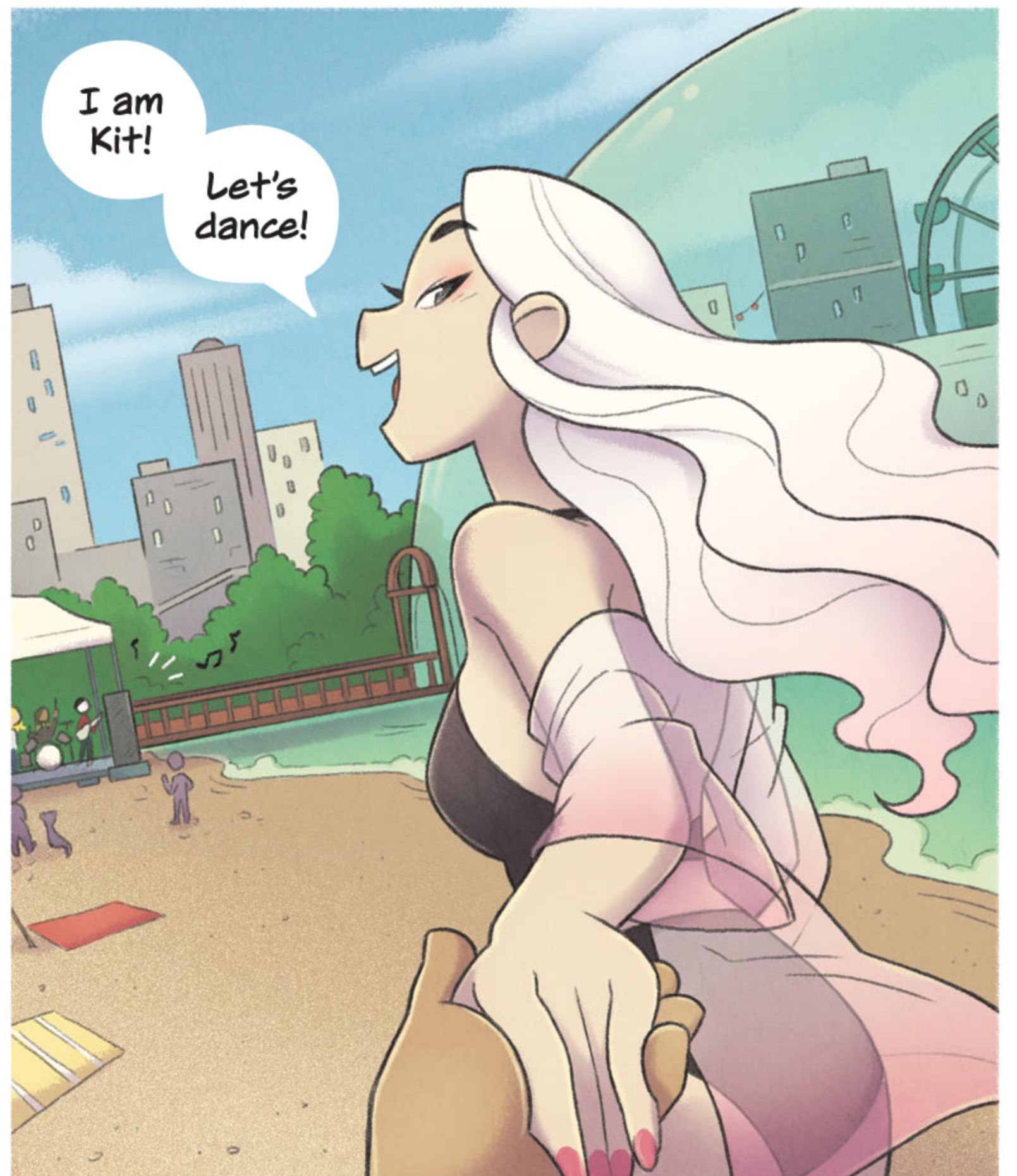
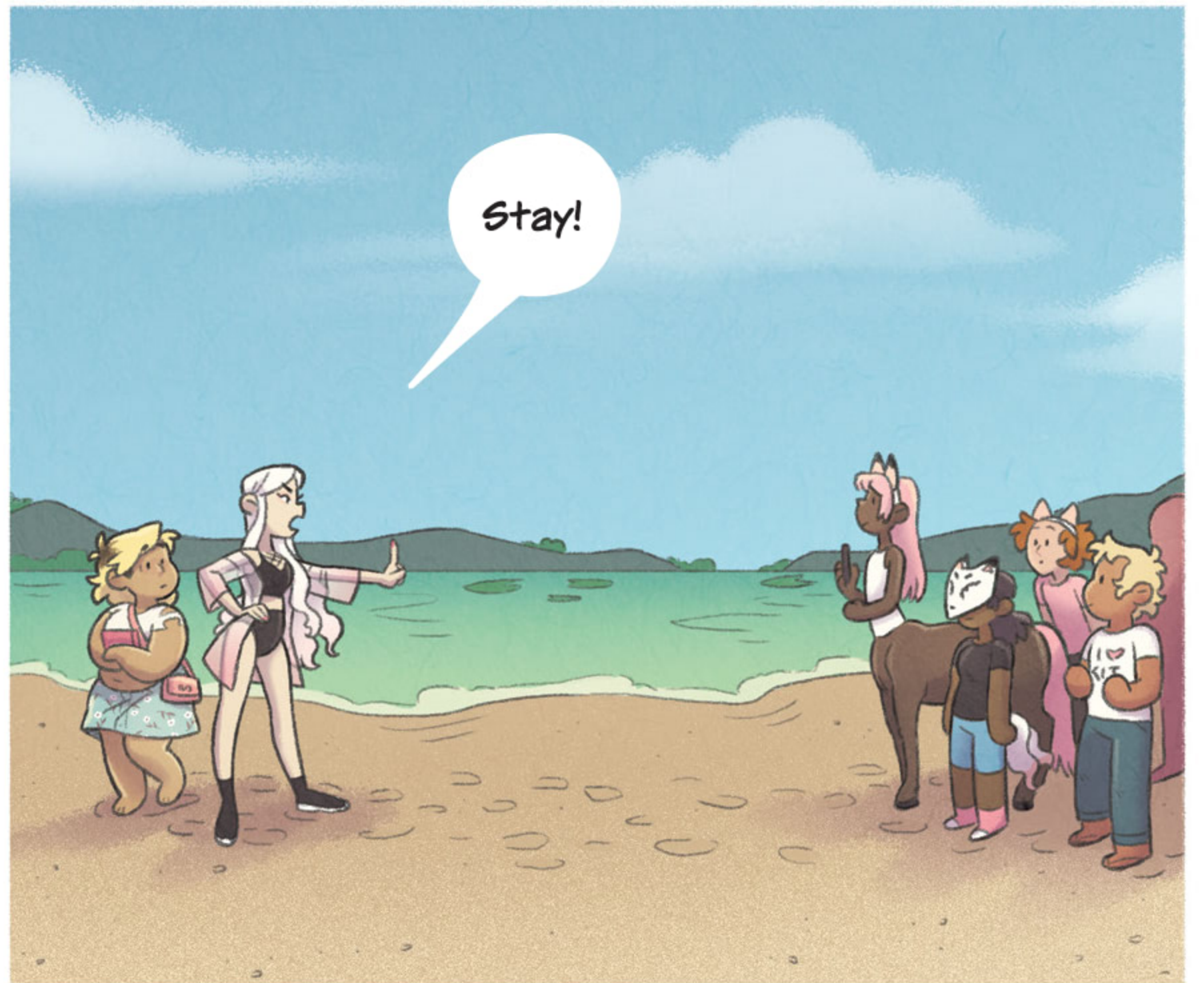
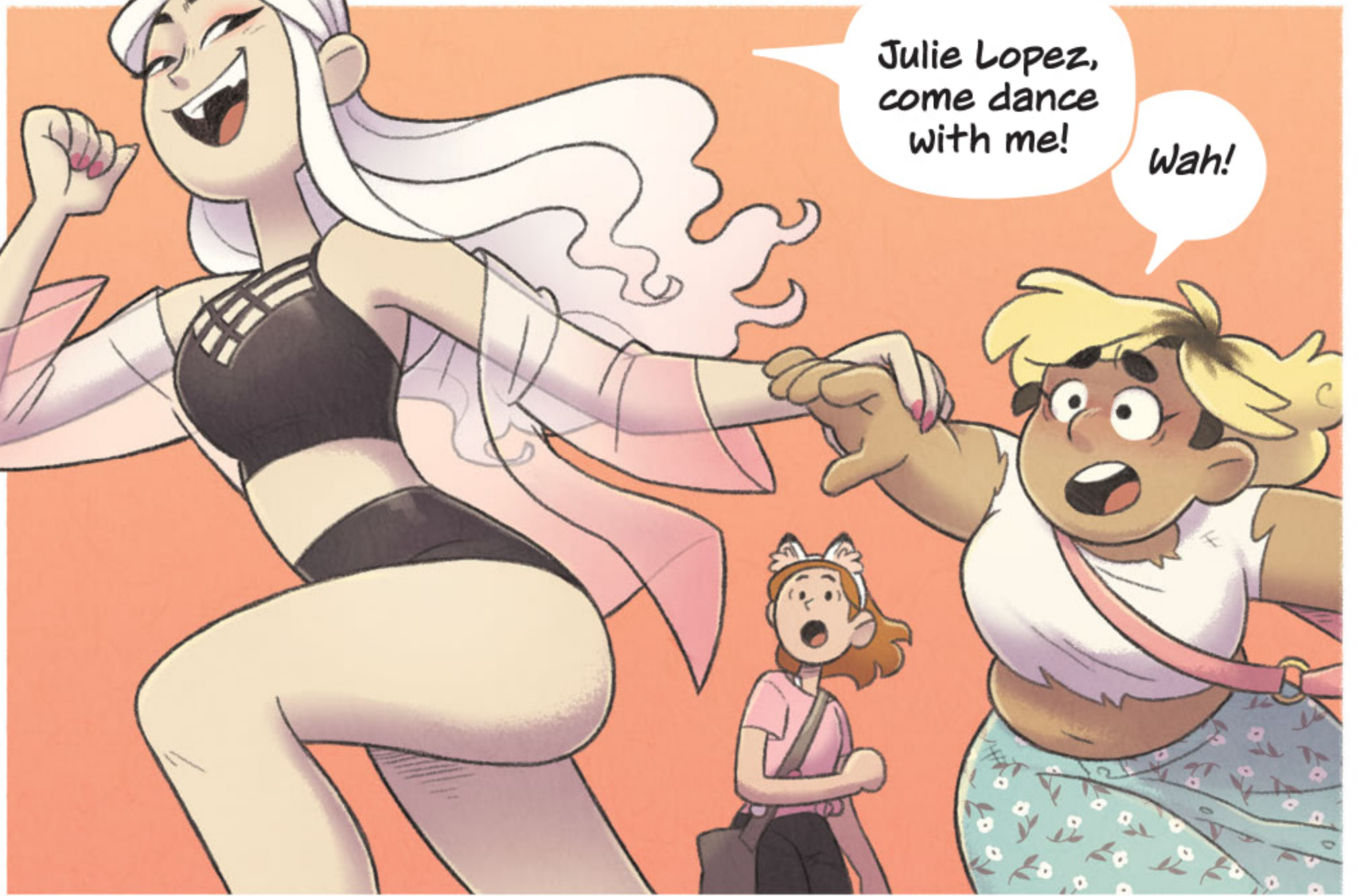
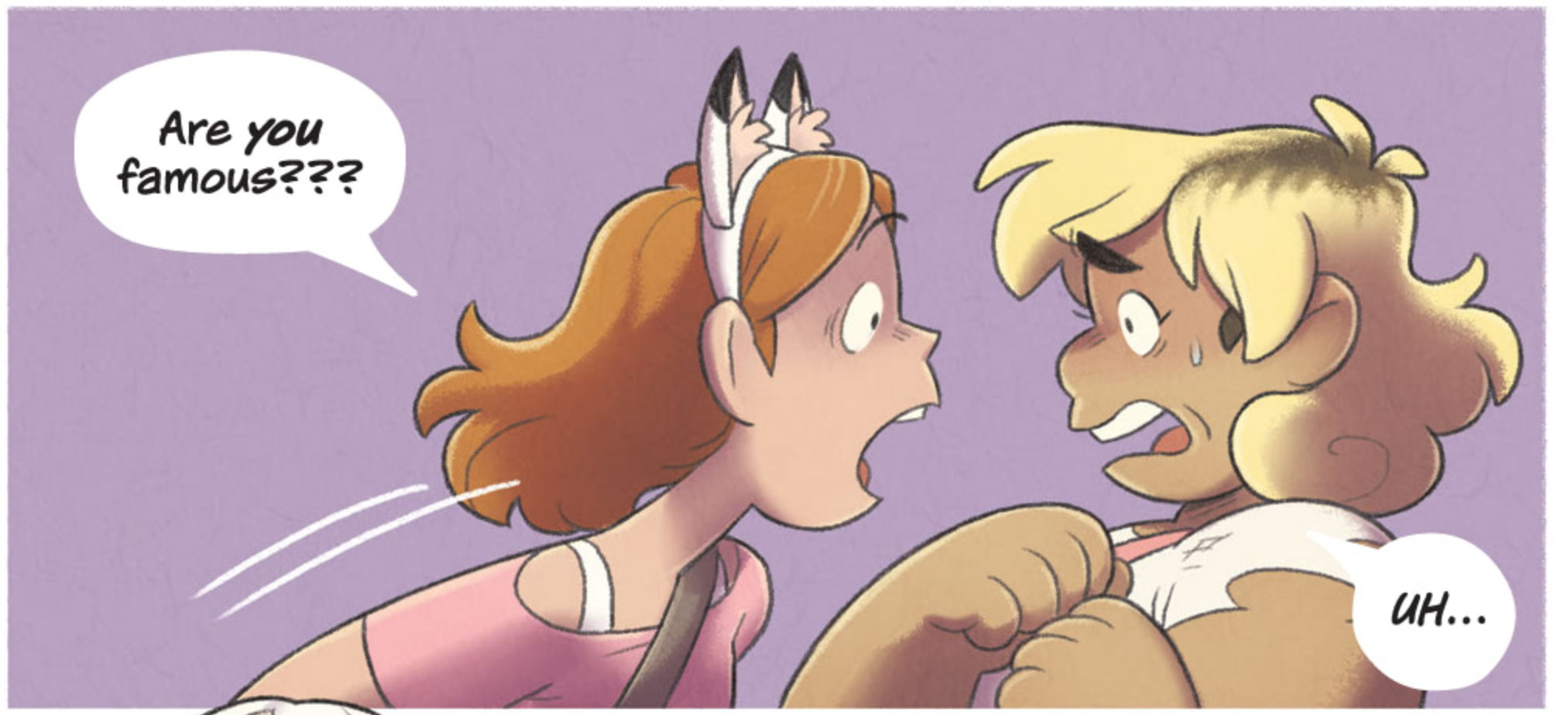




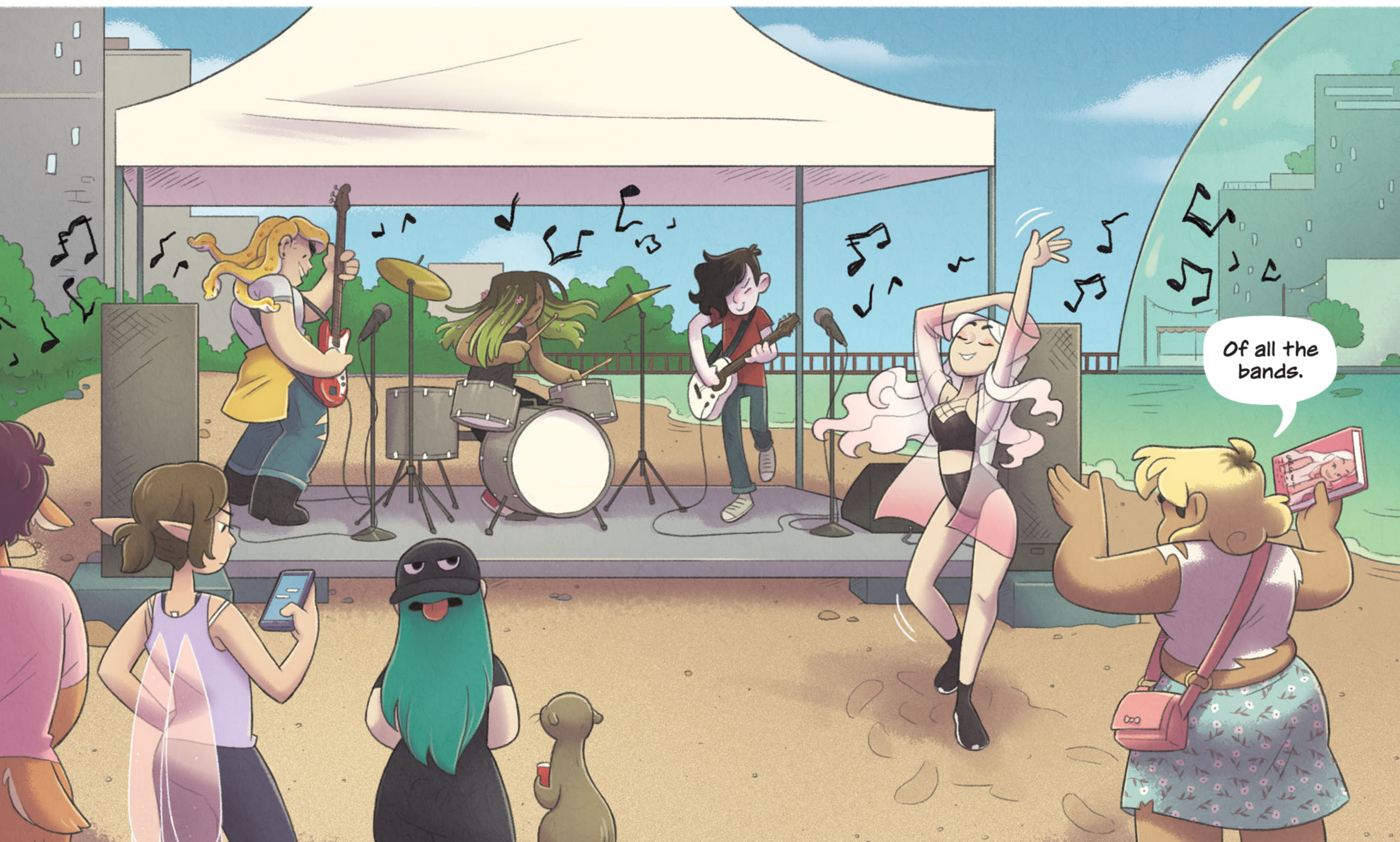
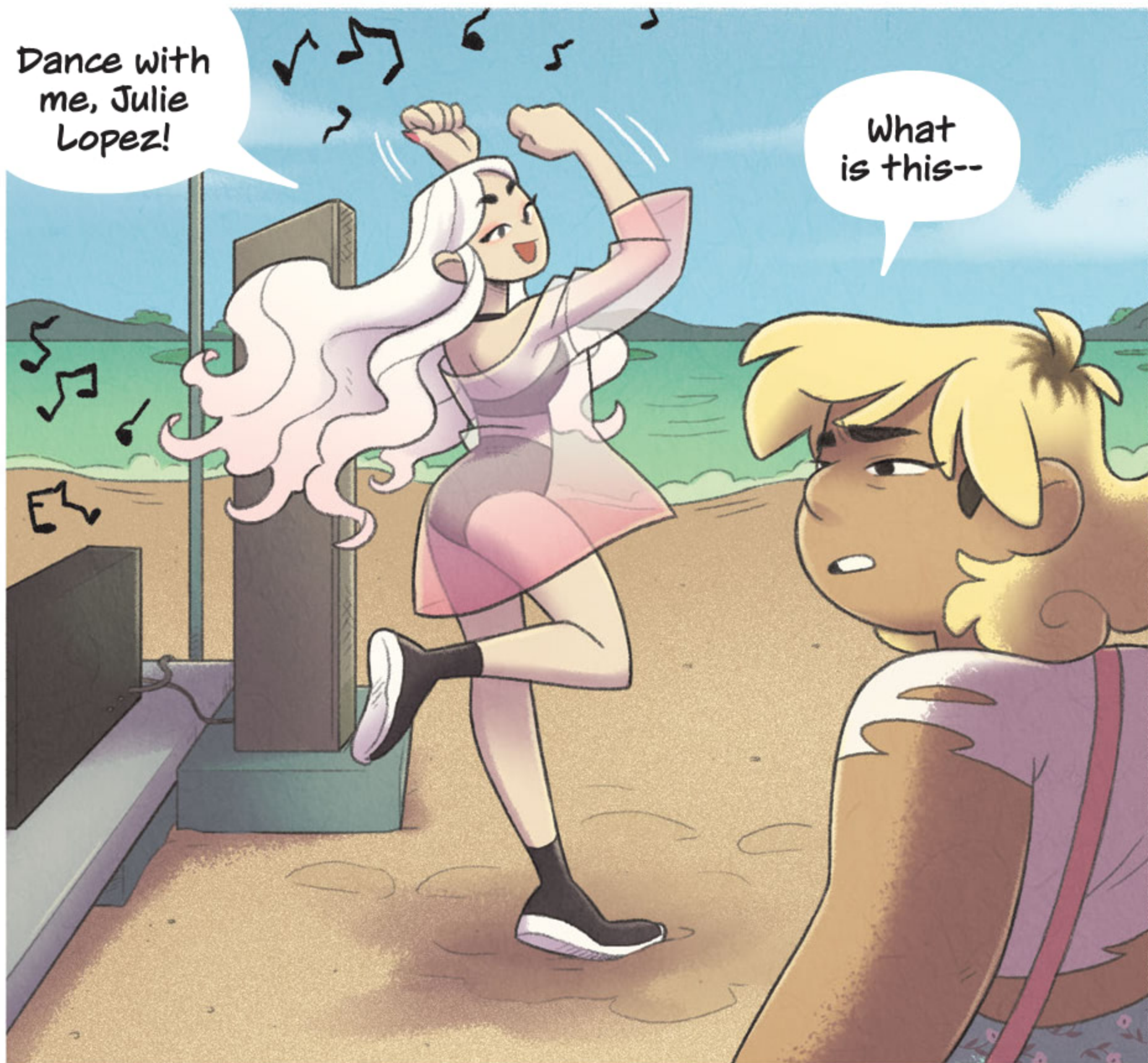
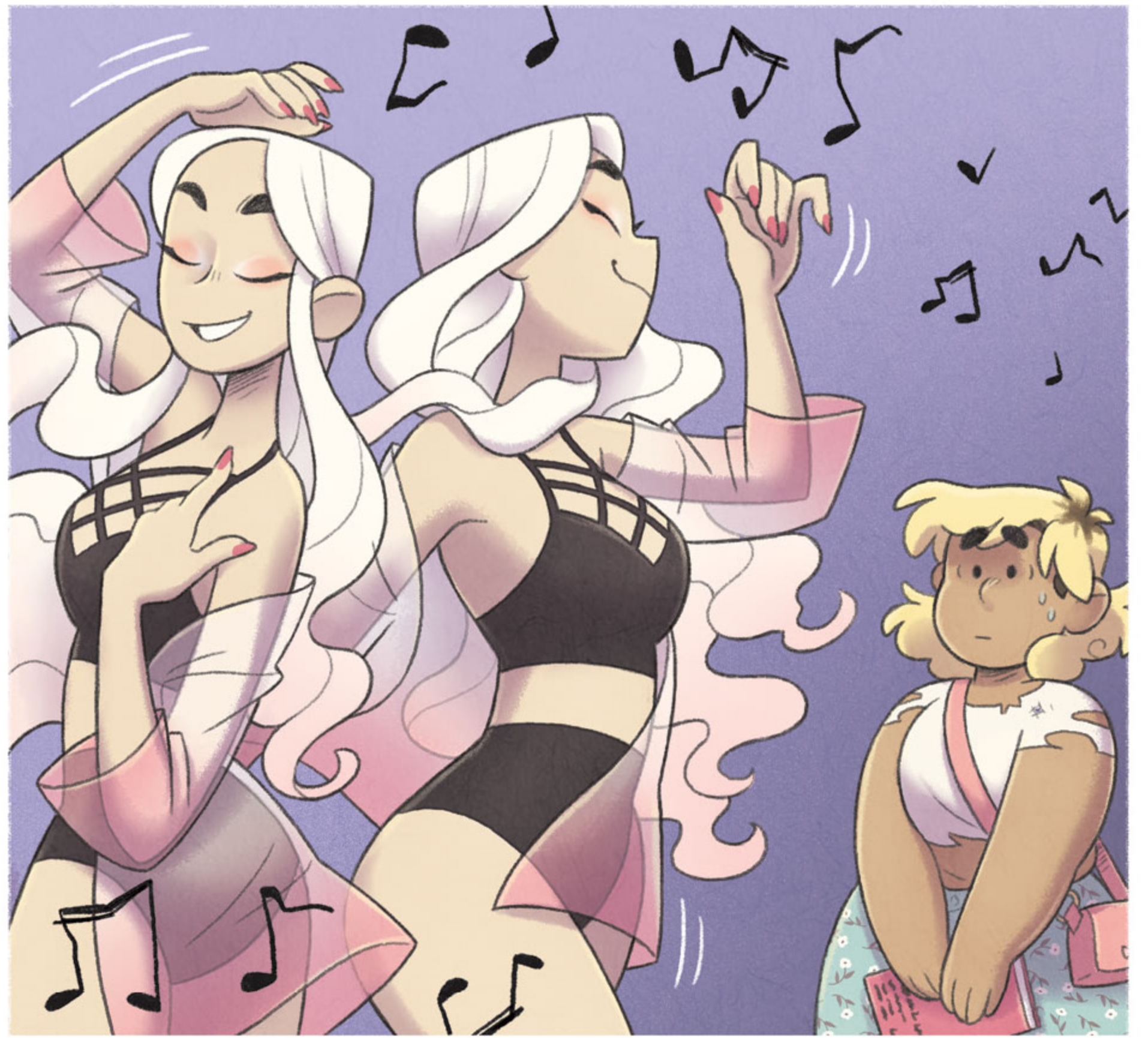








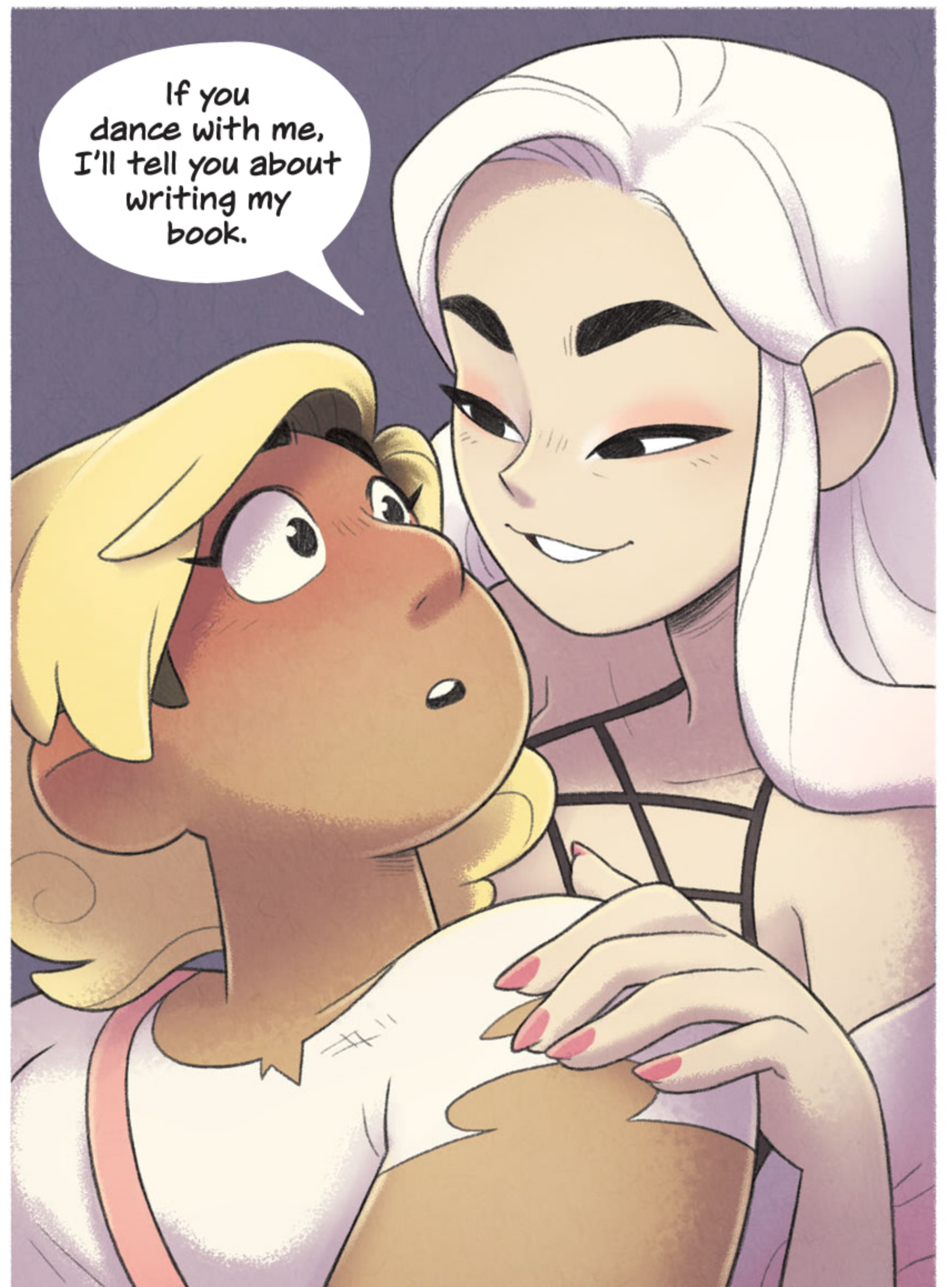




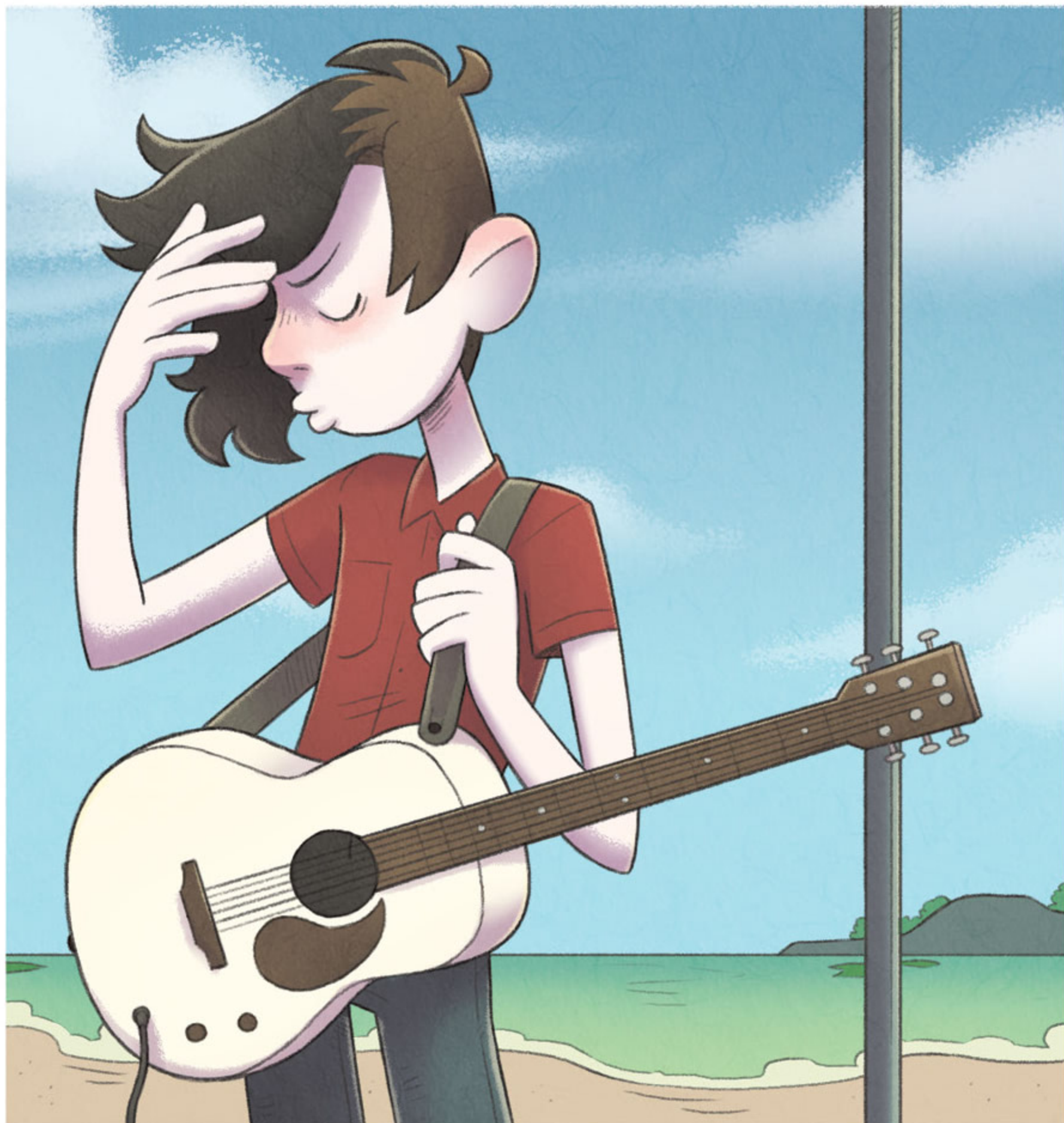








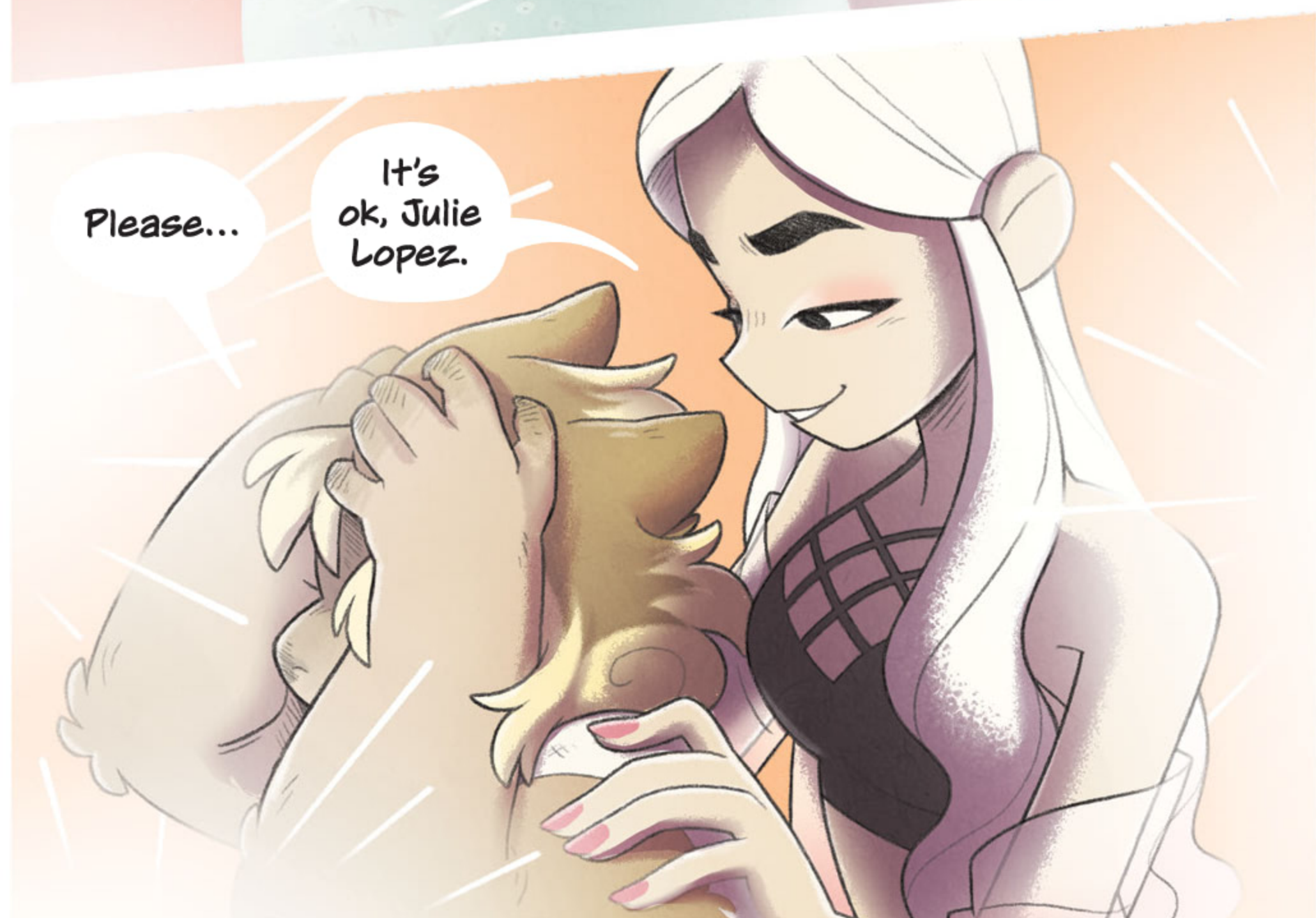
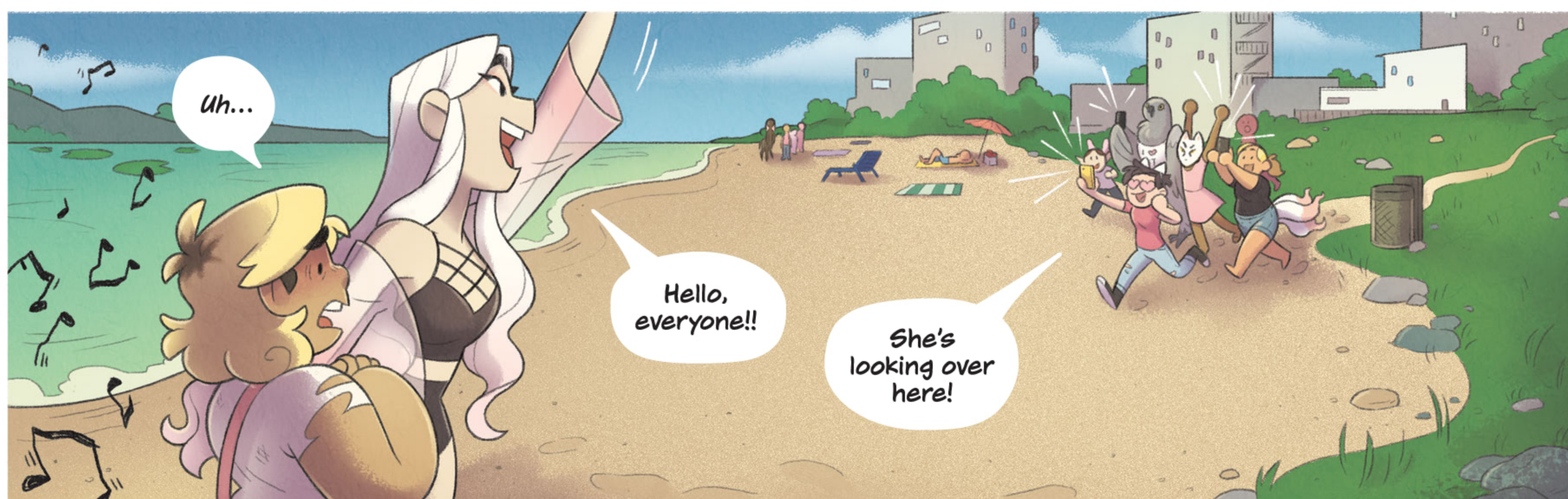








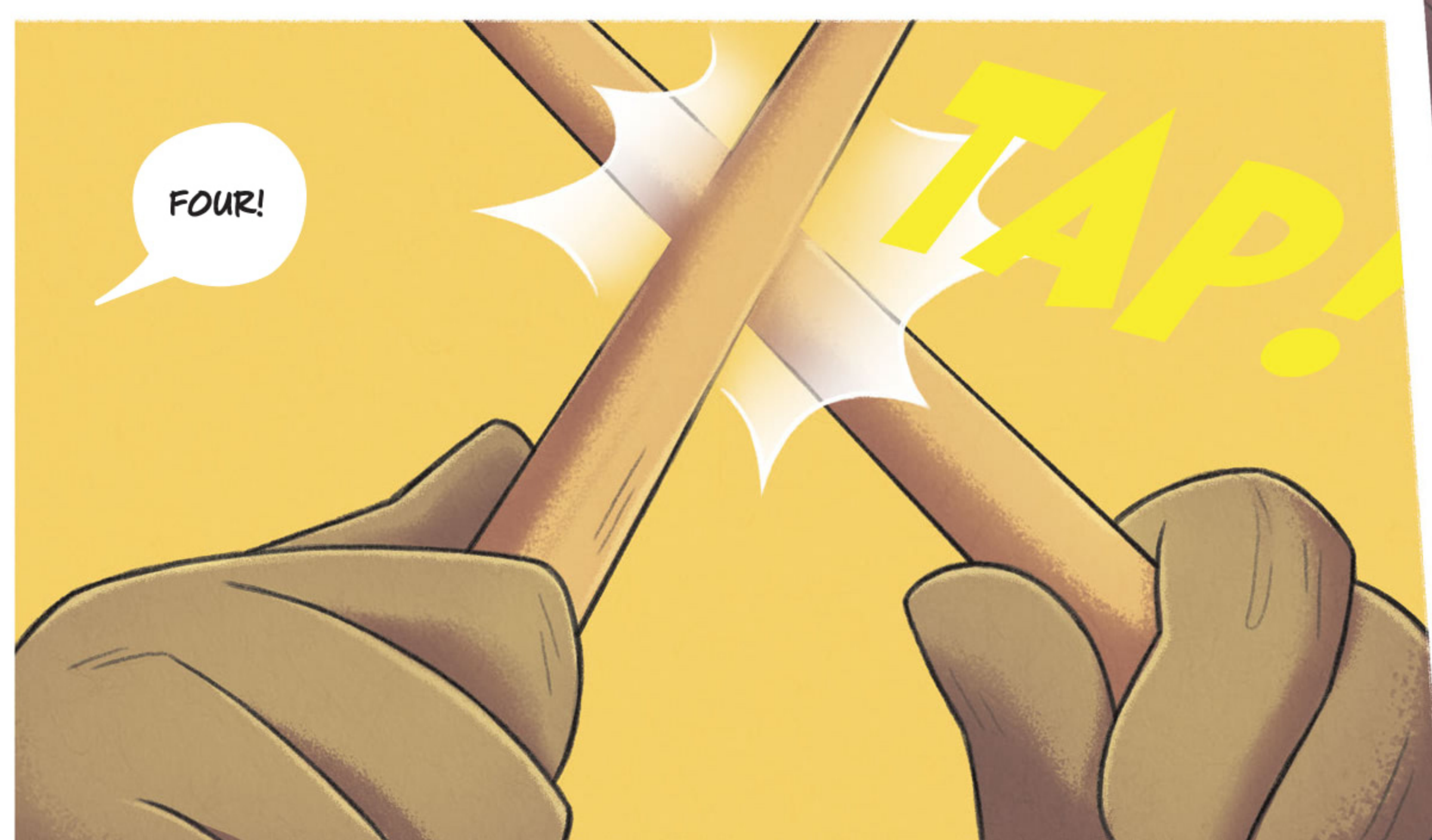




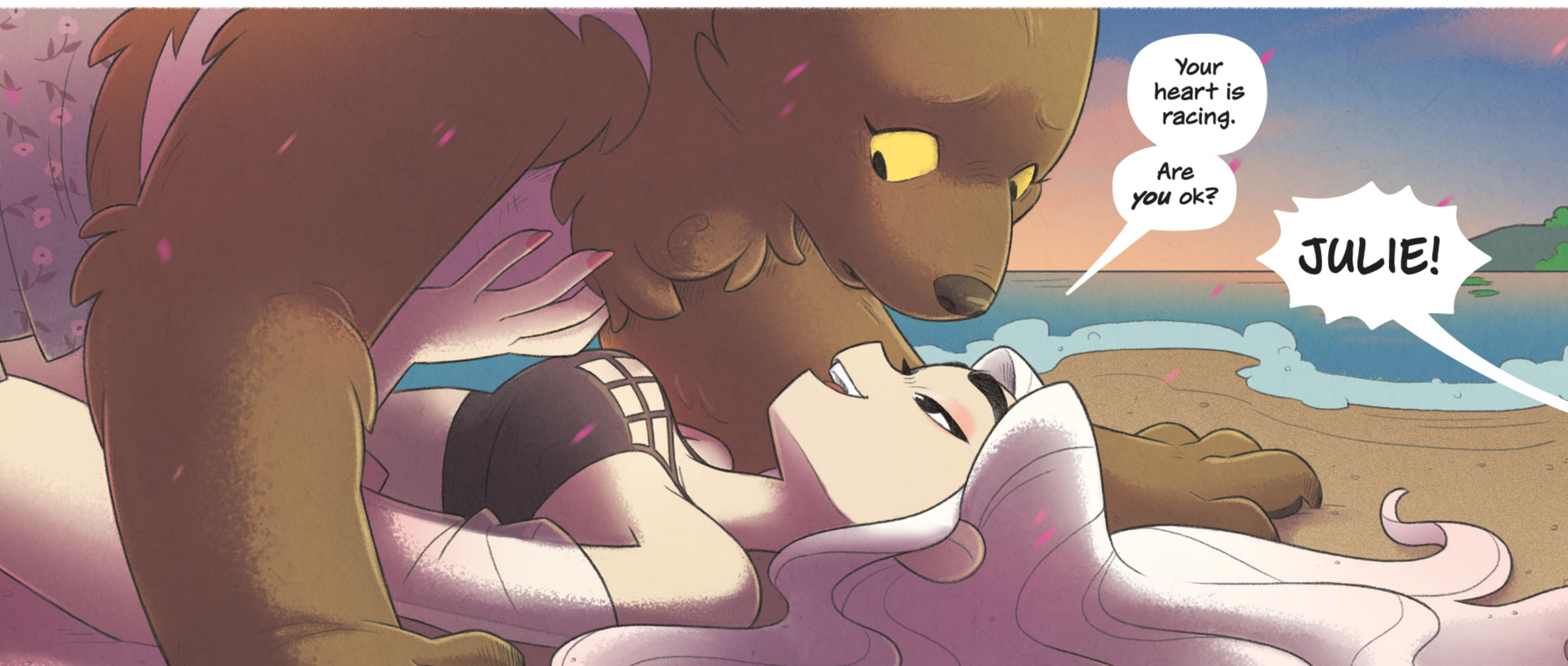
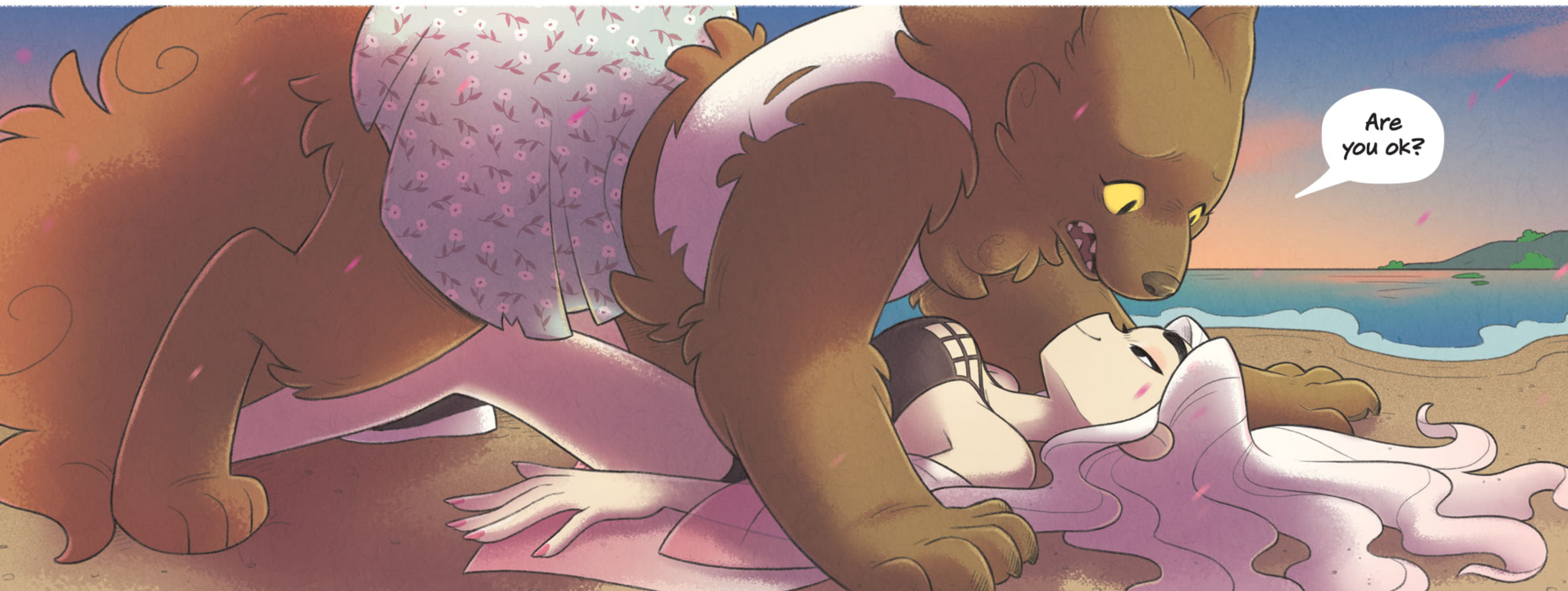




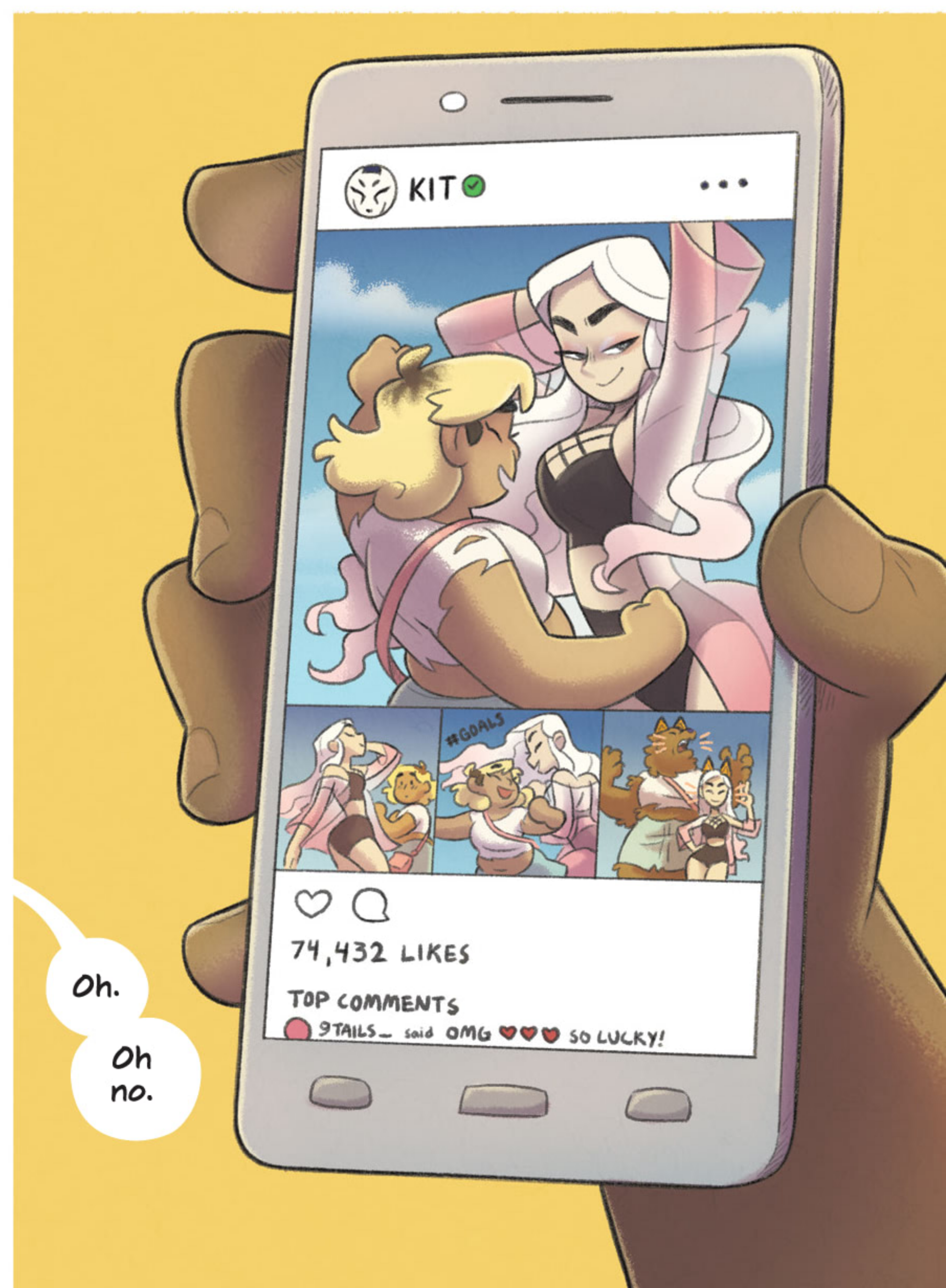
















It's not what it looks like, I promise.



You know what? Save it.

You're clearly going to do whatever you want no matter what I say.

This is just the cherry on top of a bull crap sundae.



Selena--

Nope! The genie's out of the bottle now! You're gonna hear this!



~exhale~



I have spent *so much time* hanging out with *your* friends.

Not to mention *saving* your friends.



And when I finally have a chance to hang out with one of *my* friends, you what?

Wolf-out and abandon us?



You can't even spend one afternoon doing something *I* wanted to do.

That's not it at all, I--





How much  
do you even know  
about me?

What?



Like,  
what's my middle  
name?

I  
don't--



Come on,  
we've been  
together for  
a good six  
months  
now.

Surely you  
care enough  
about me as a  
person to ask  
what my middle  
name  
is?



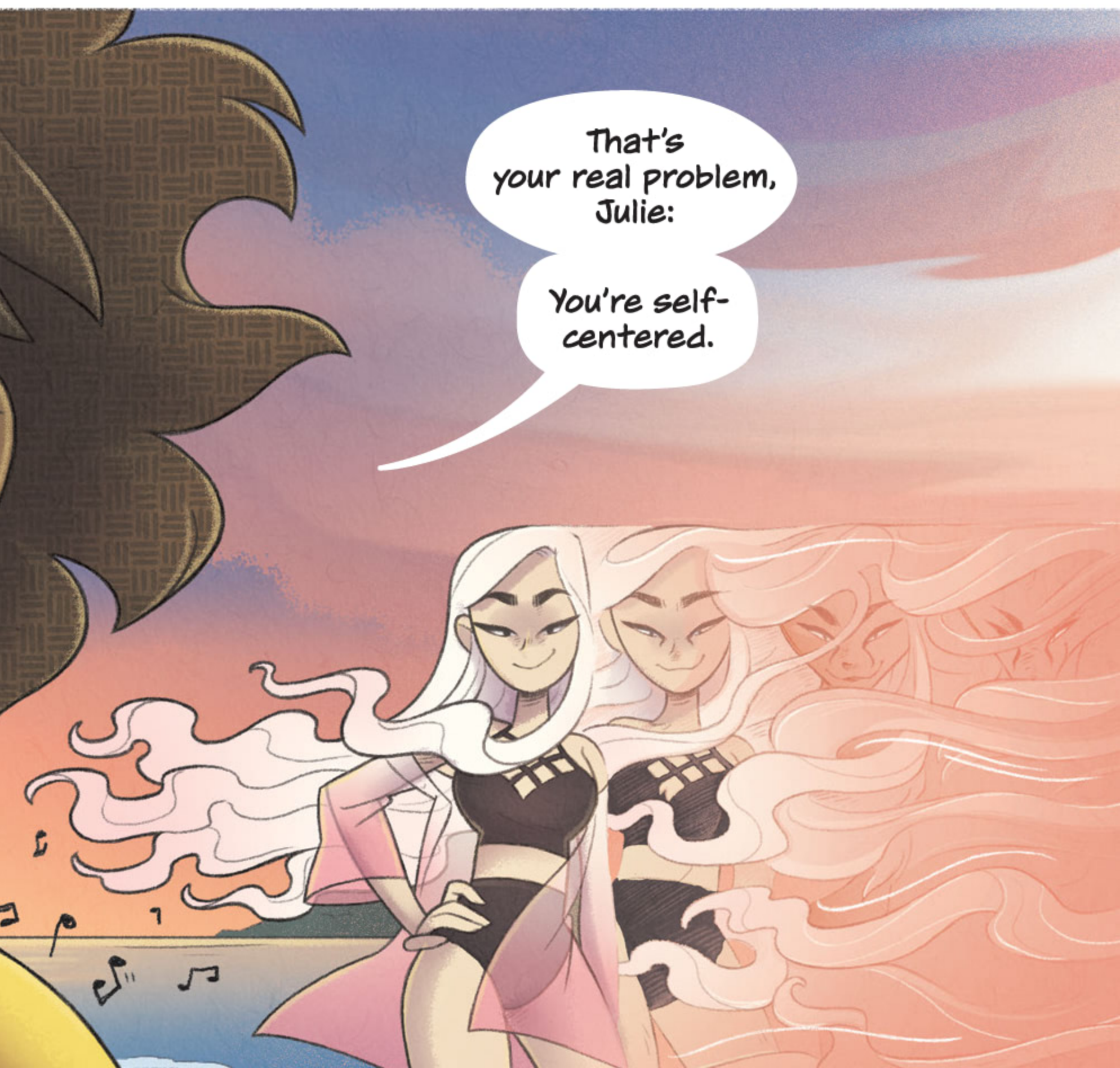
Oh that's  
right.

You don't,  
and you  
didn't.



That's  
your real problem,  
Julie:

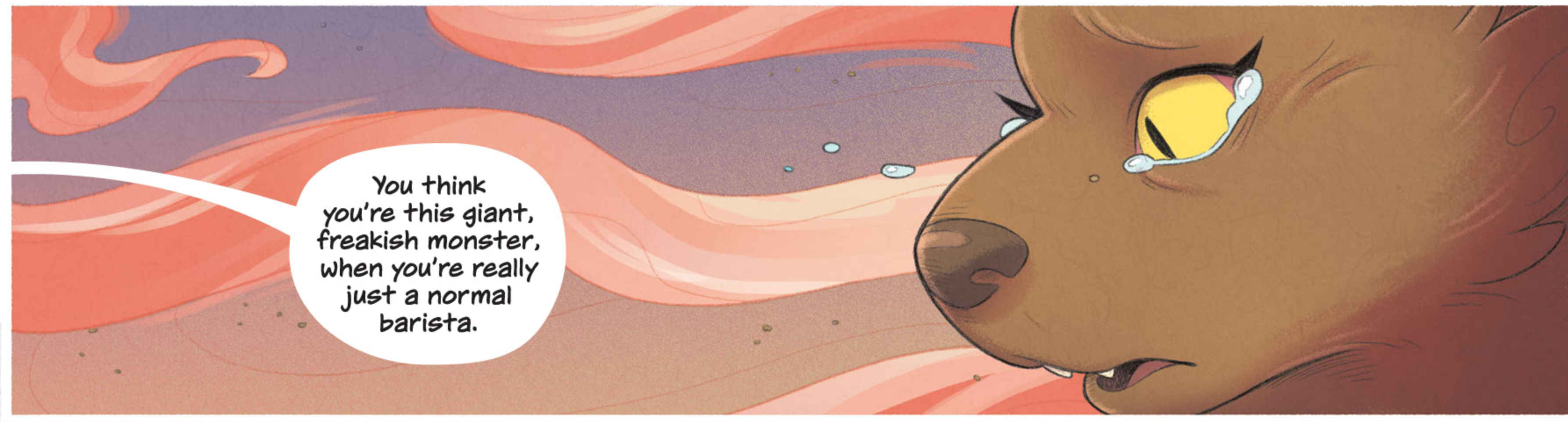
You're self-  
centered.







You have this idea of yourself in your head that's completely detached from reality.



You think you're this giant, freakish monster, when you're really just a normal barista.



My god, the self-loathing!



And then you did the same thing to me.

You decided I was someone and didn't care to deal with the reality of who I actually am.



You decided I was your dream girl.

Who I actually am doesn't even matter to you.





You don't know me at all.



Tell me what I can do, Selena.

Figure it out yourself.



You know what?

This relationship has been rotting from the inside since the beginning.



I think we're done here.

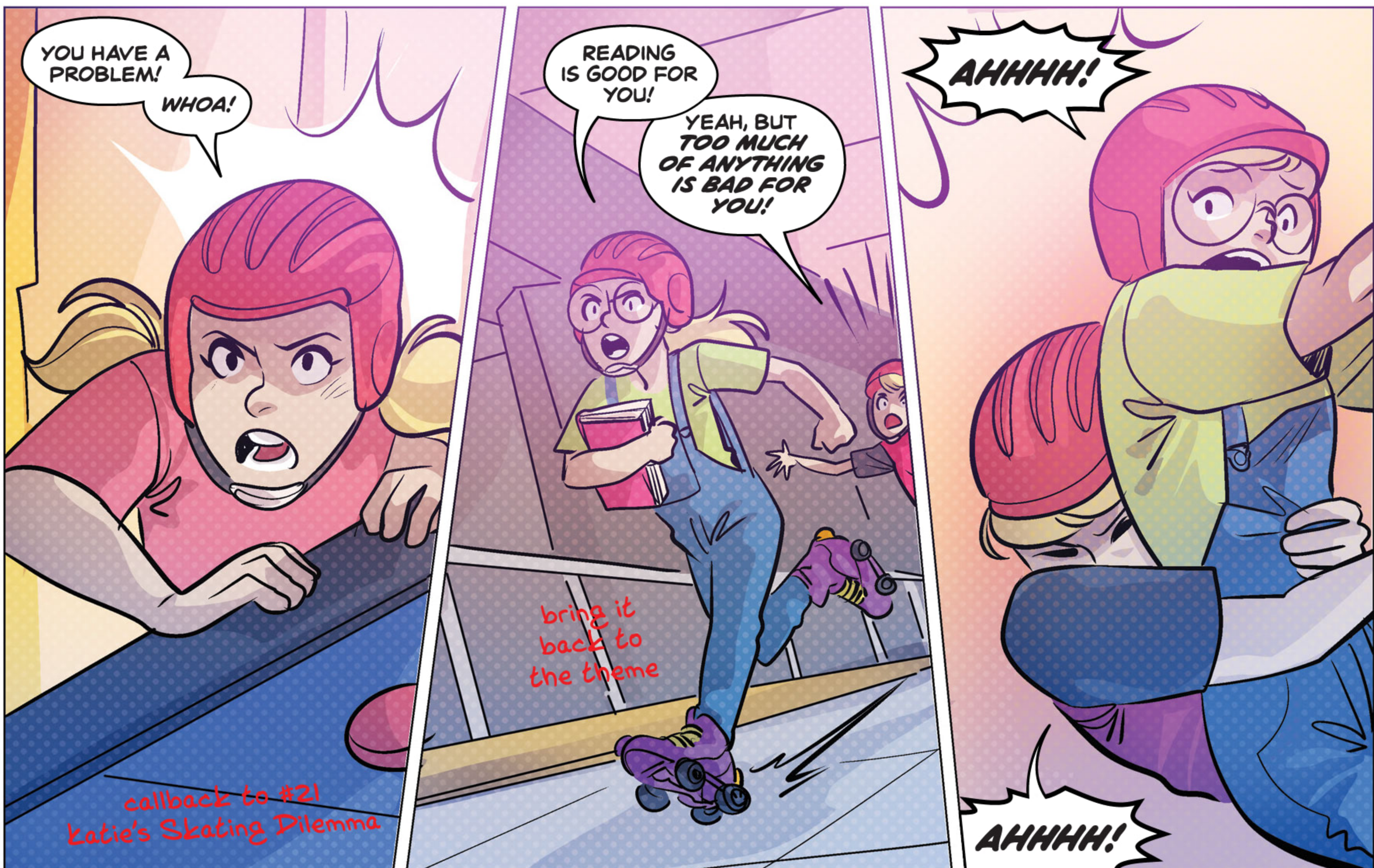
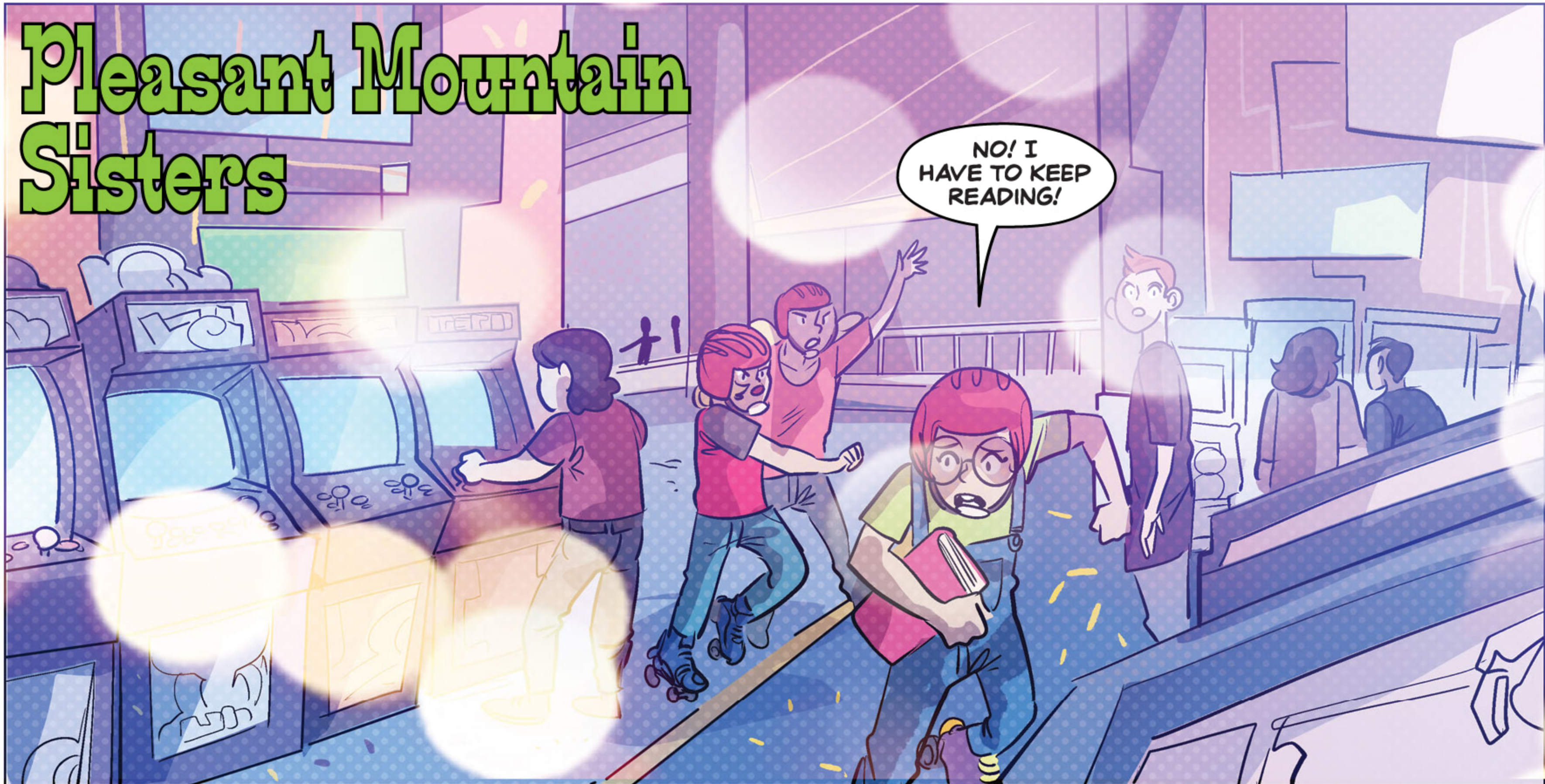


Consider us broken up.











Help Chet and Manuel!  
Please, please help them!!

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why they call  
it "breaking  
up"?

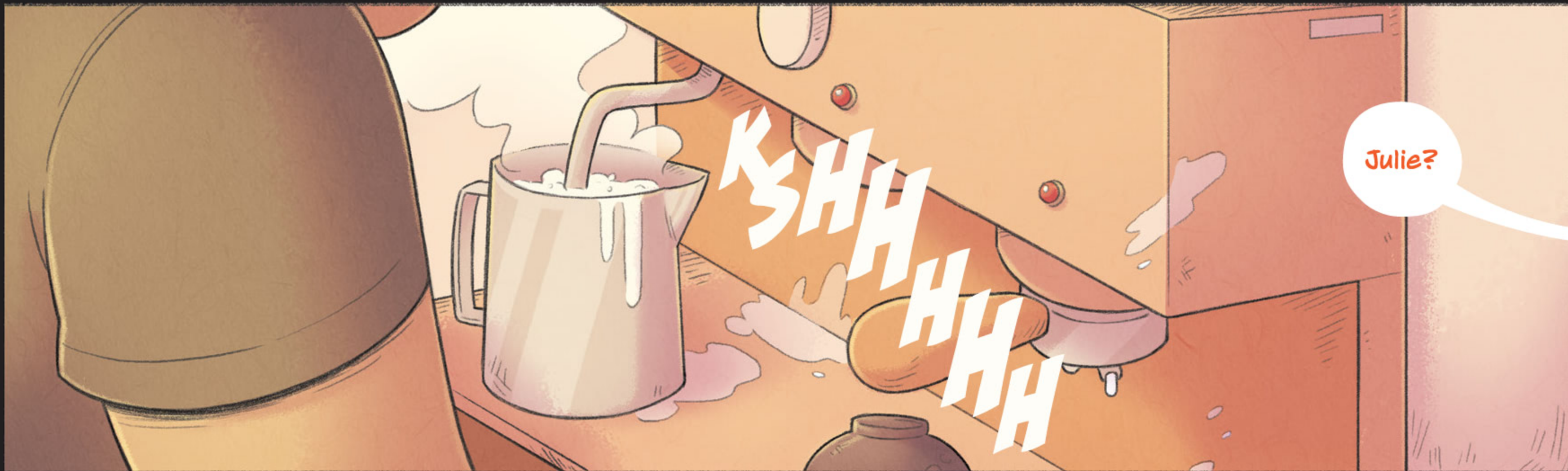
Because I  
feel like I'm  
broken?

Everything is  
shattered.

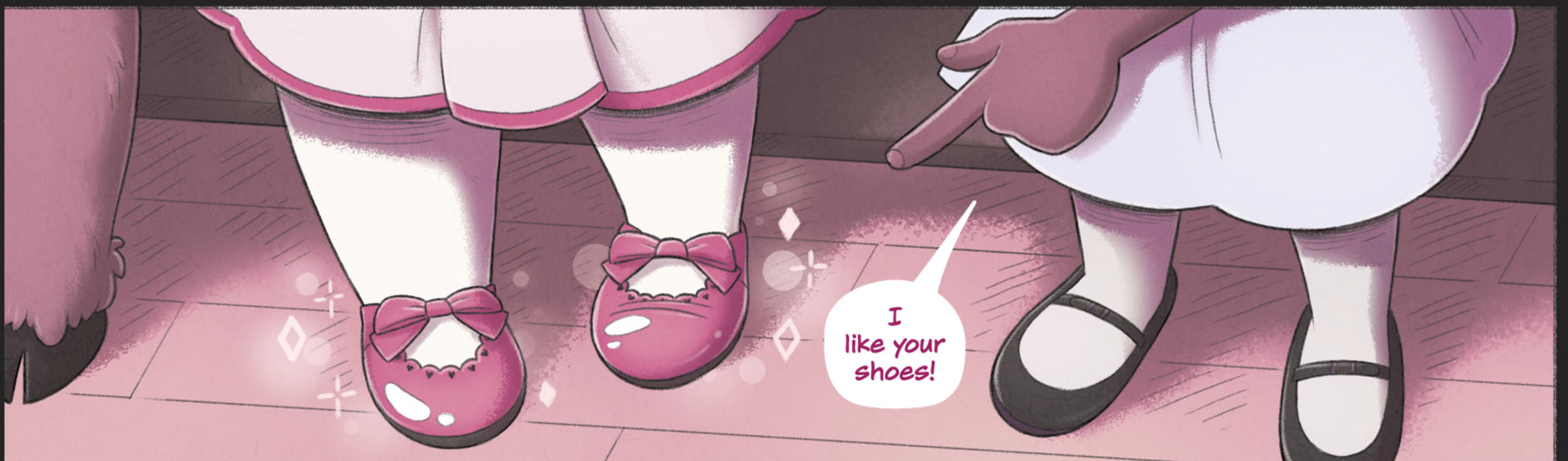
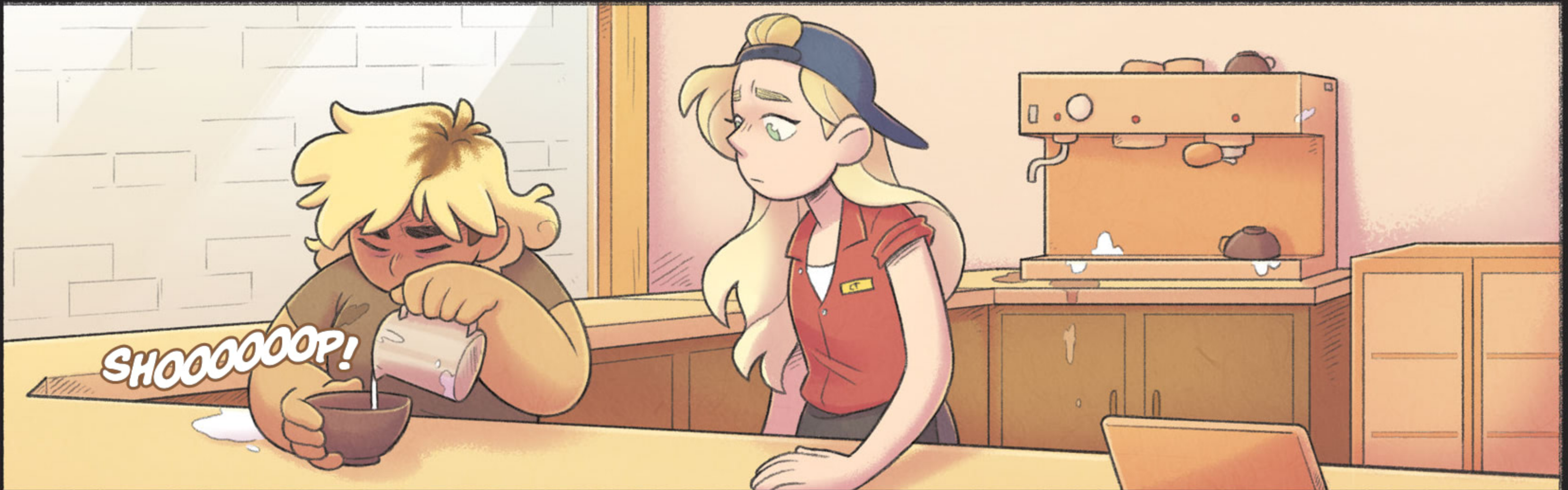
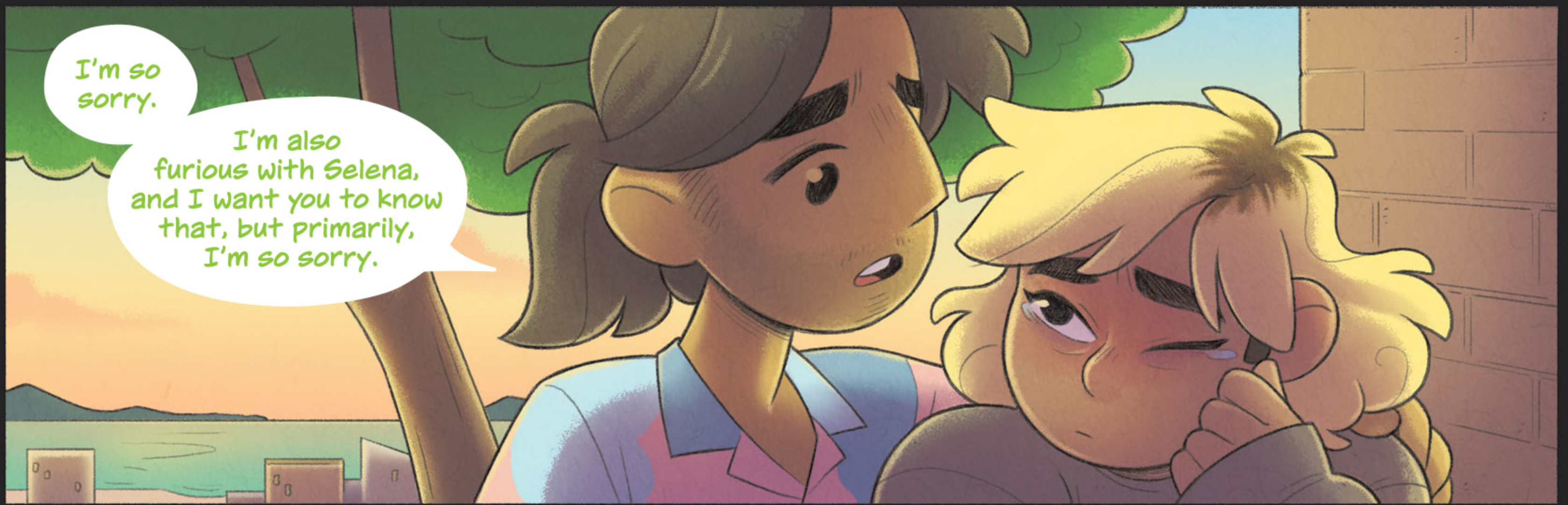
I feel  
so

torn  
apart.

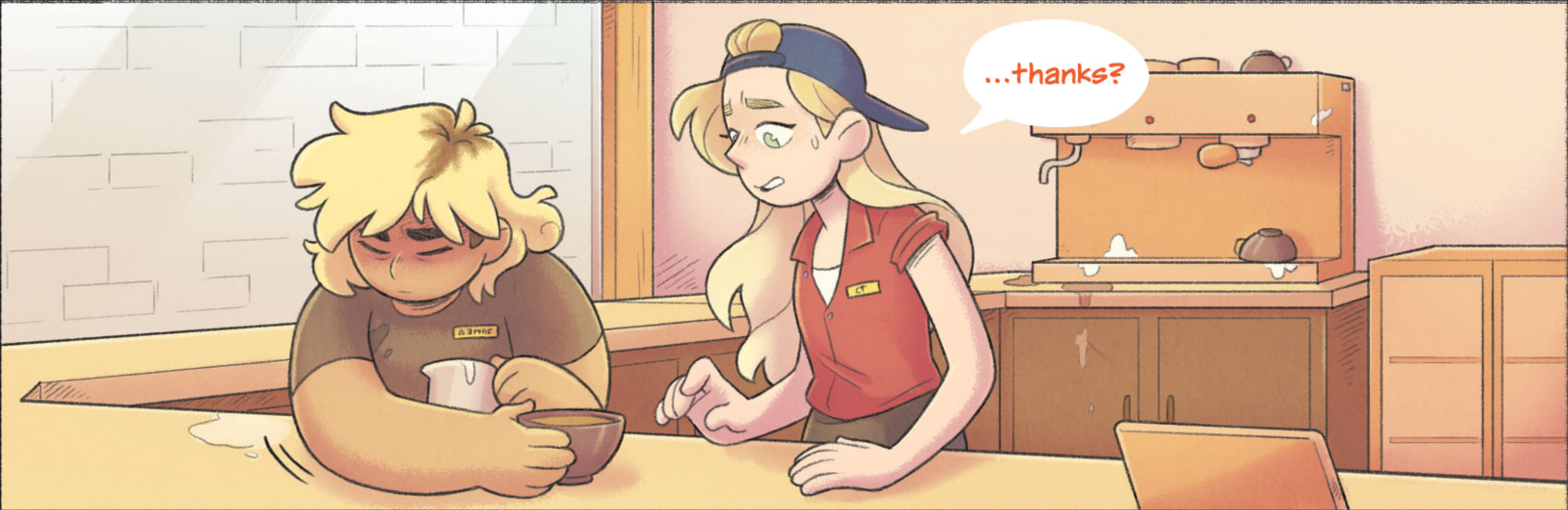




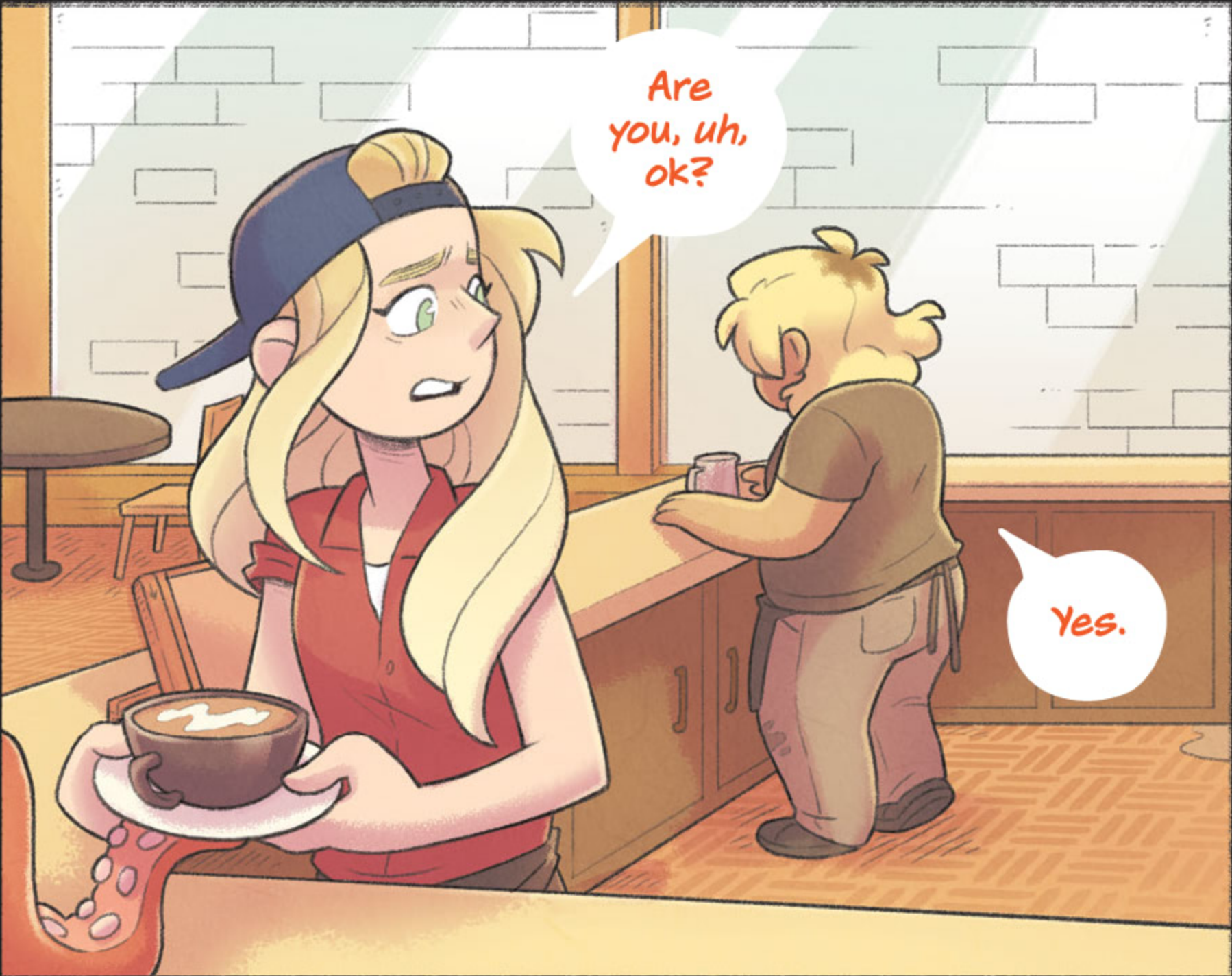




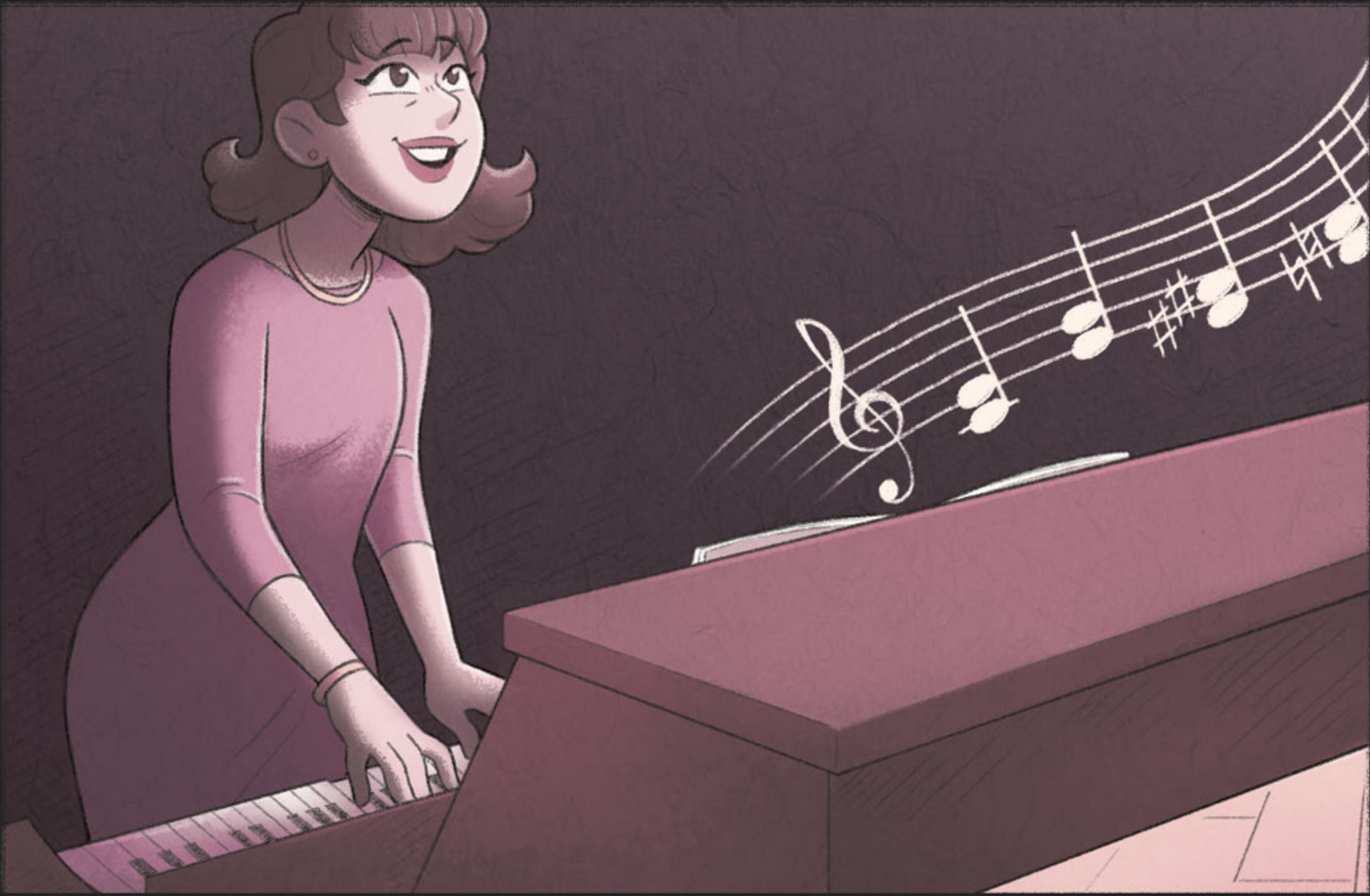
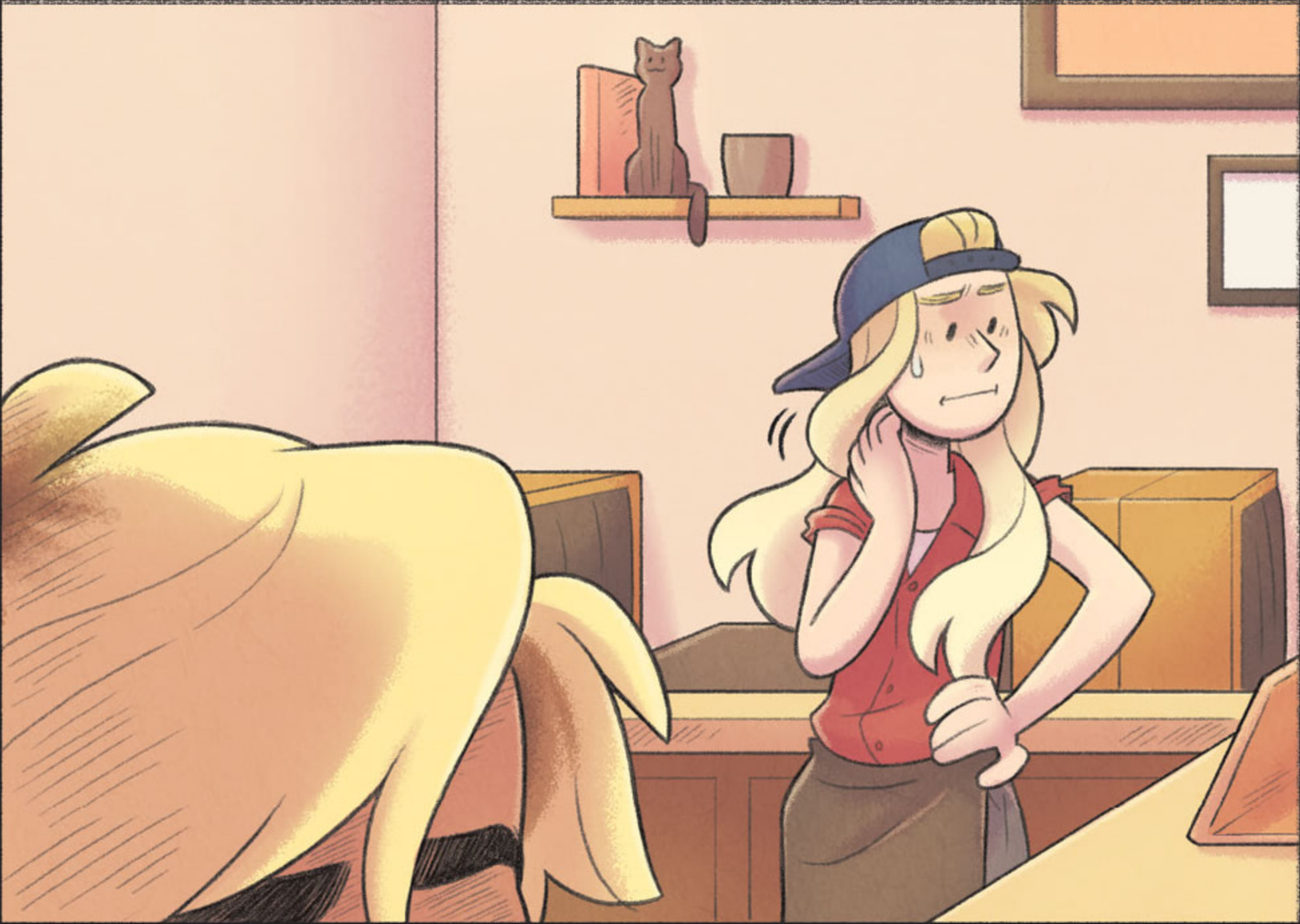












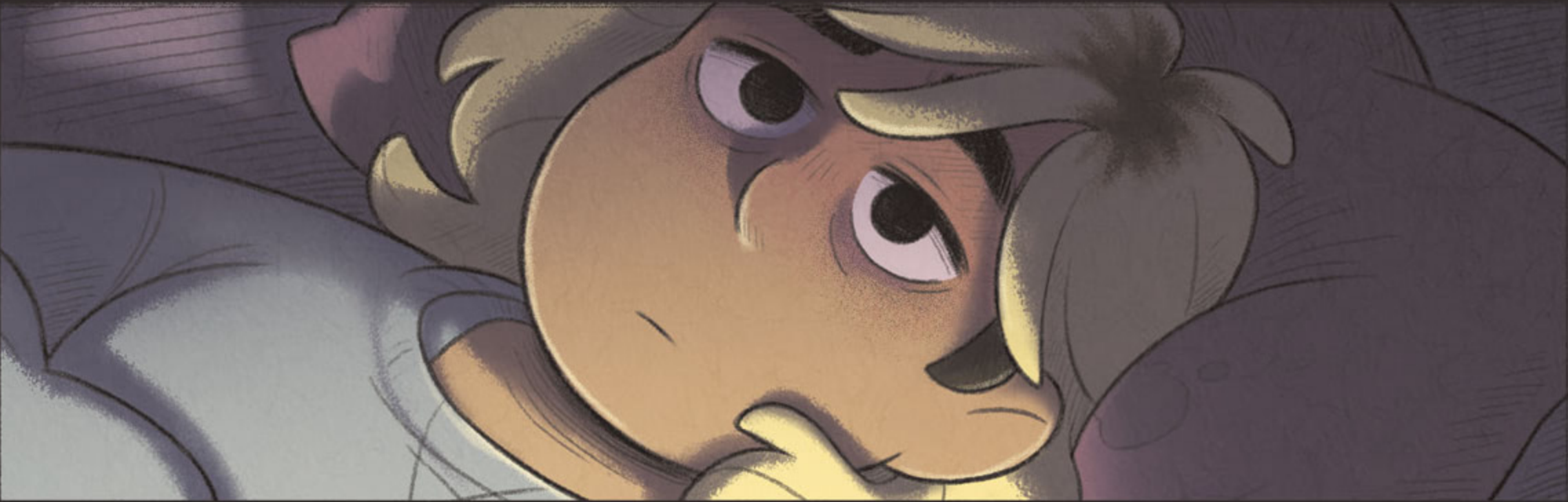
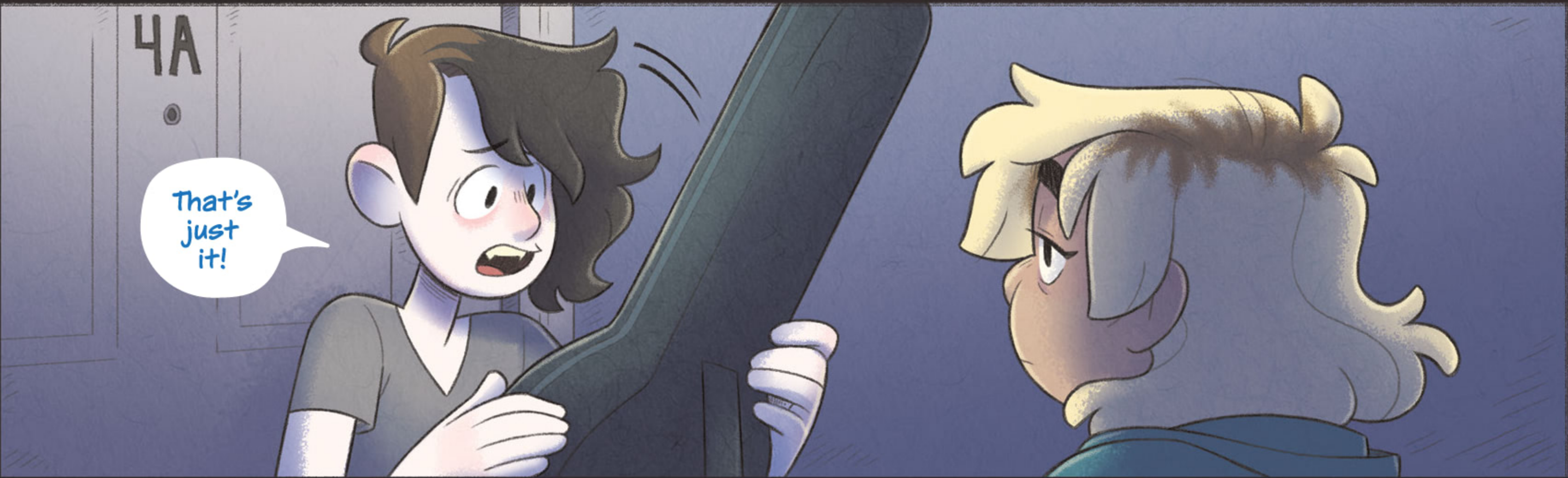








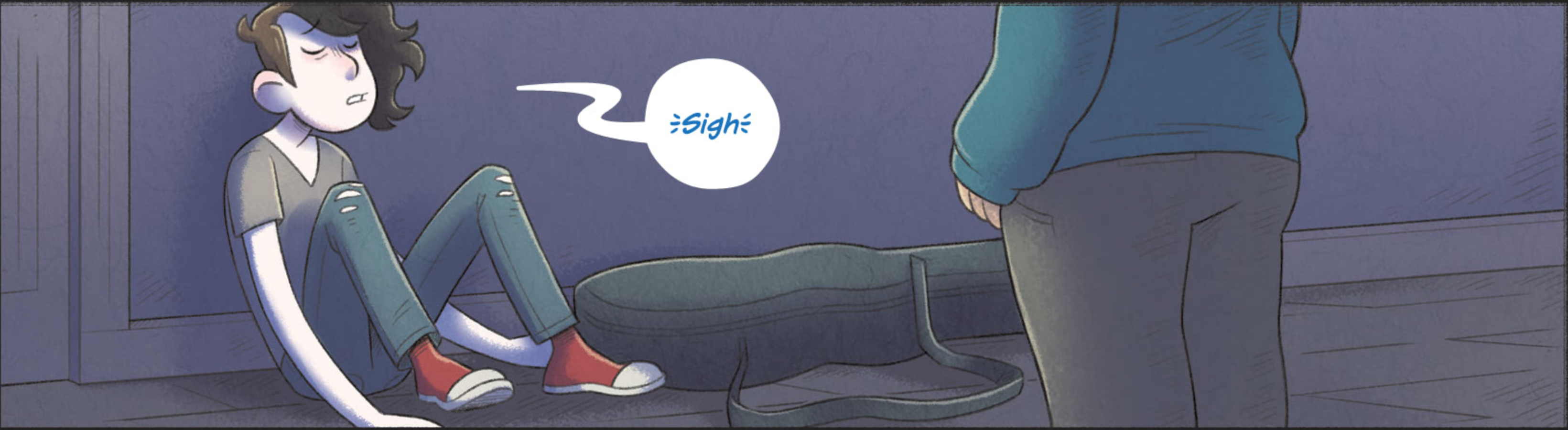




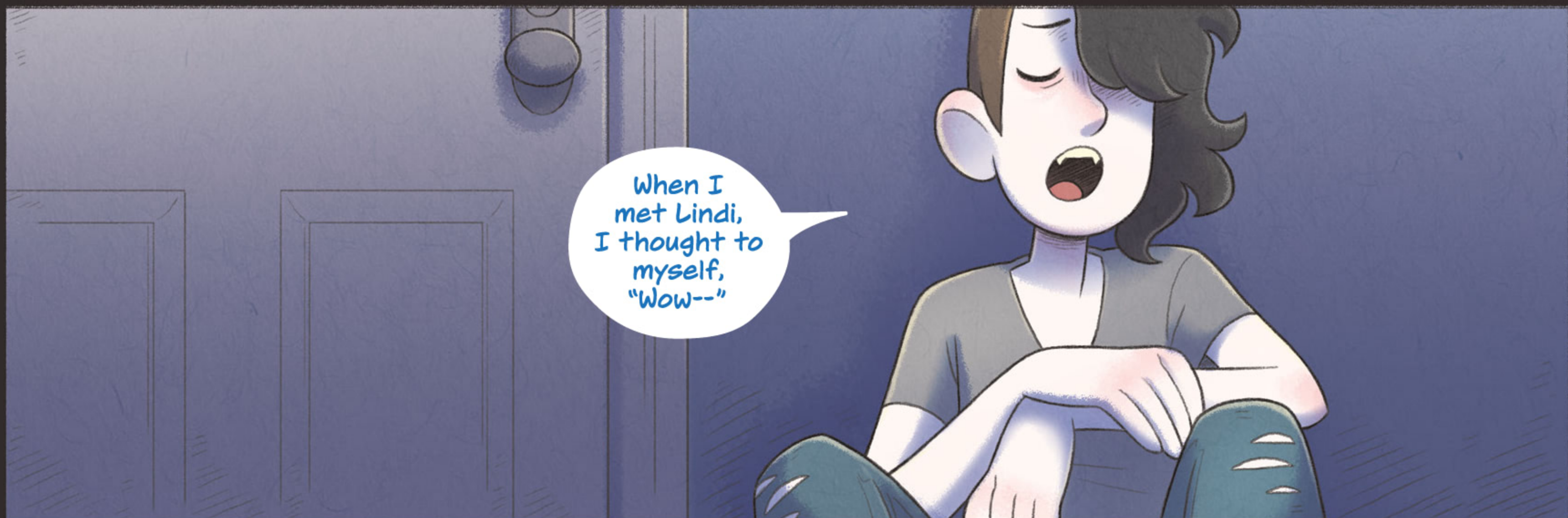




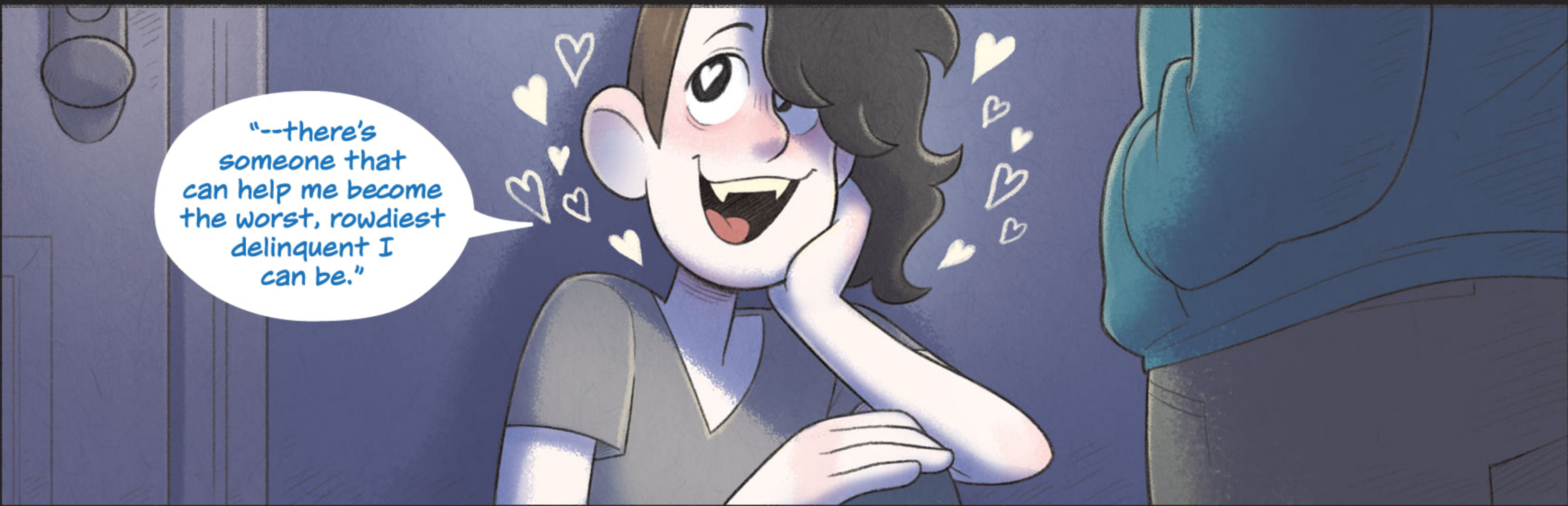
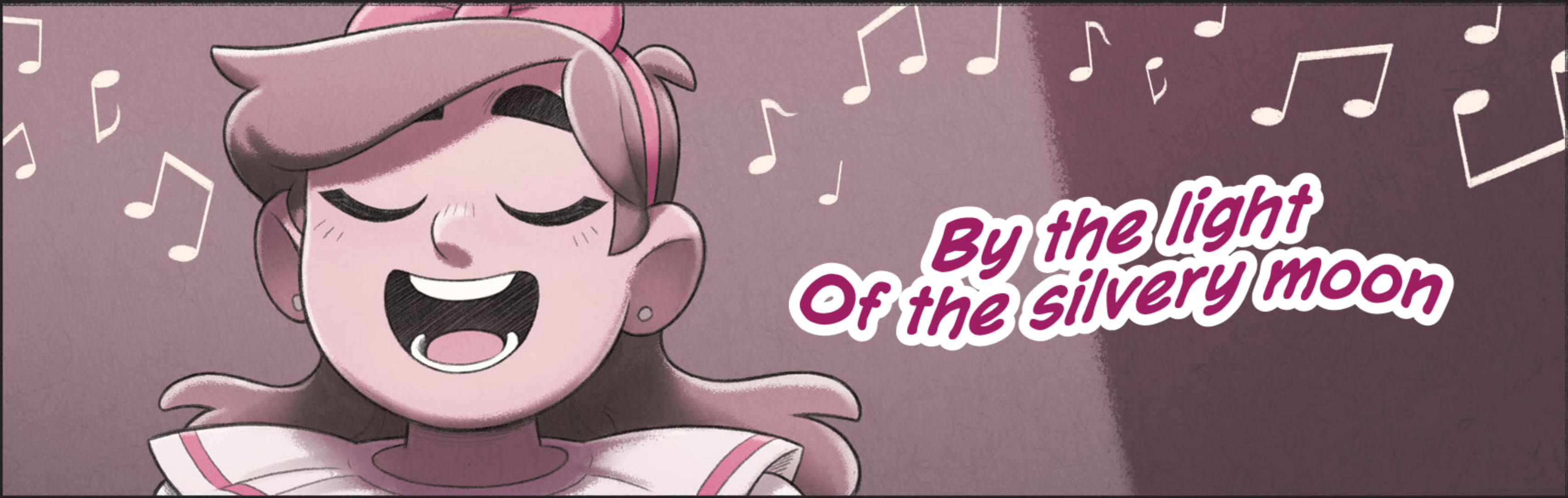
*Your silvery beams will bring love's dreams  
We'll be cuddlin' sooooooooooon*



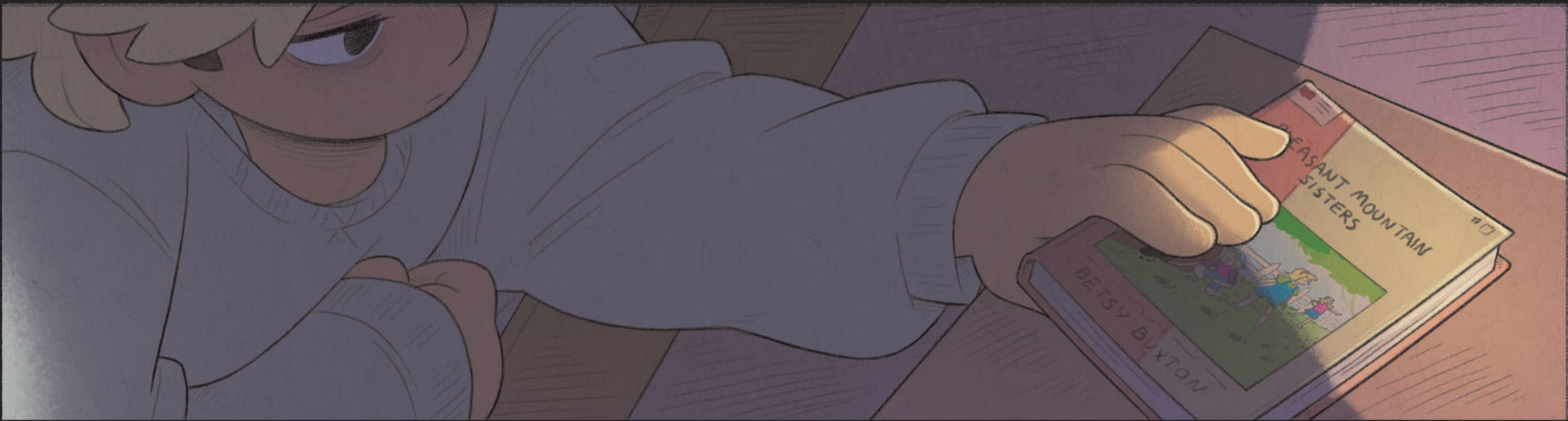
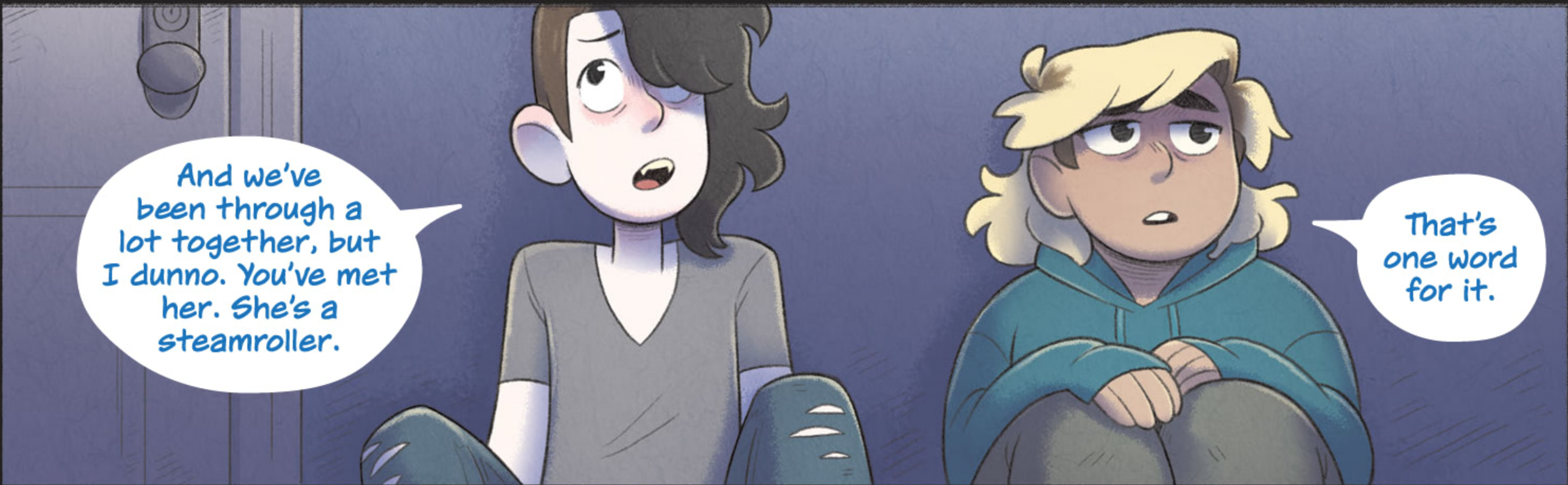








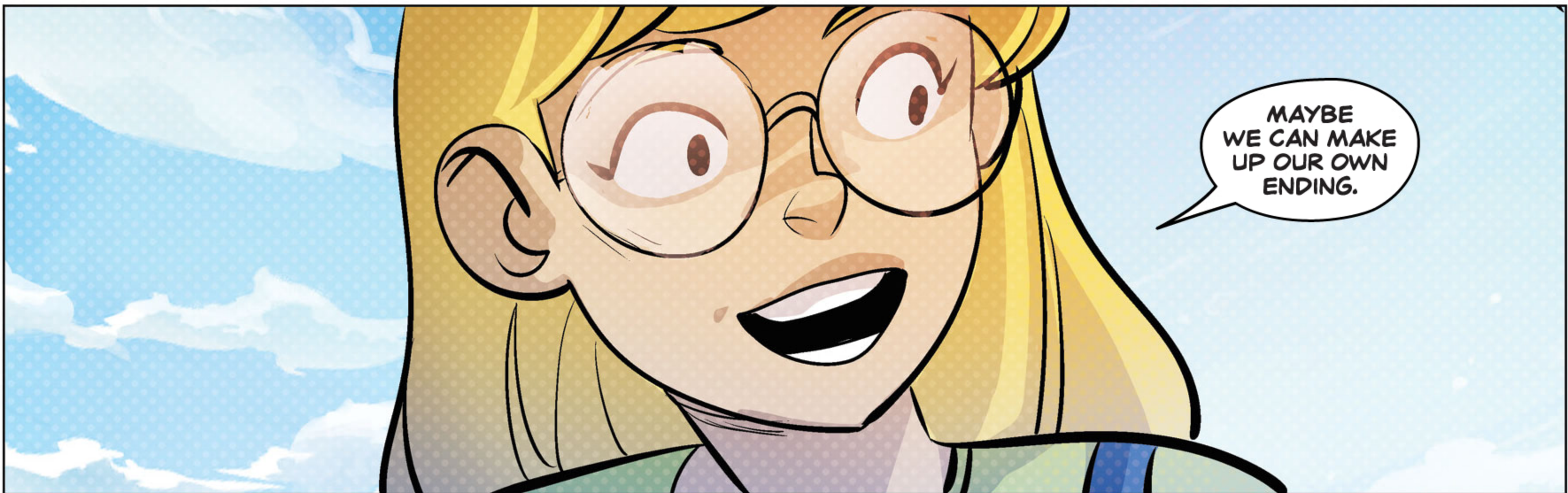
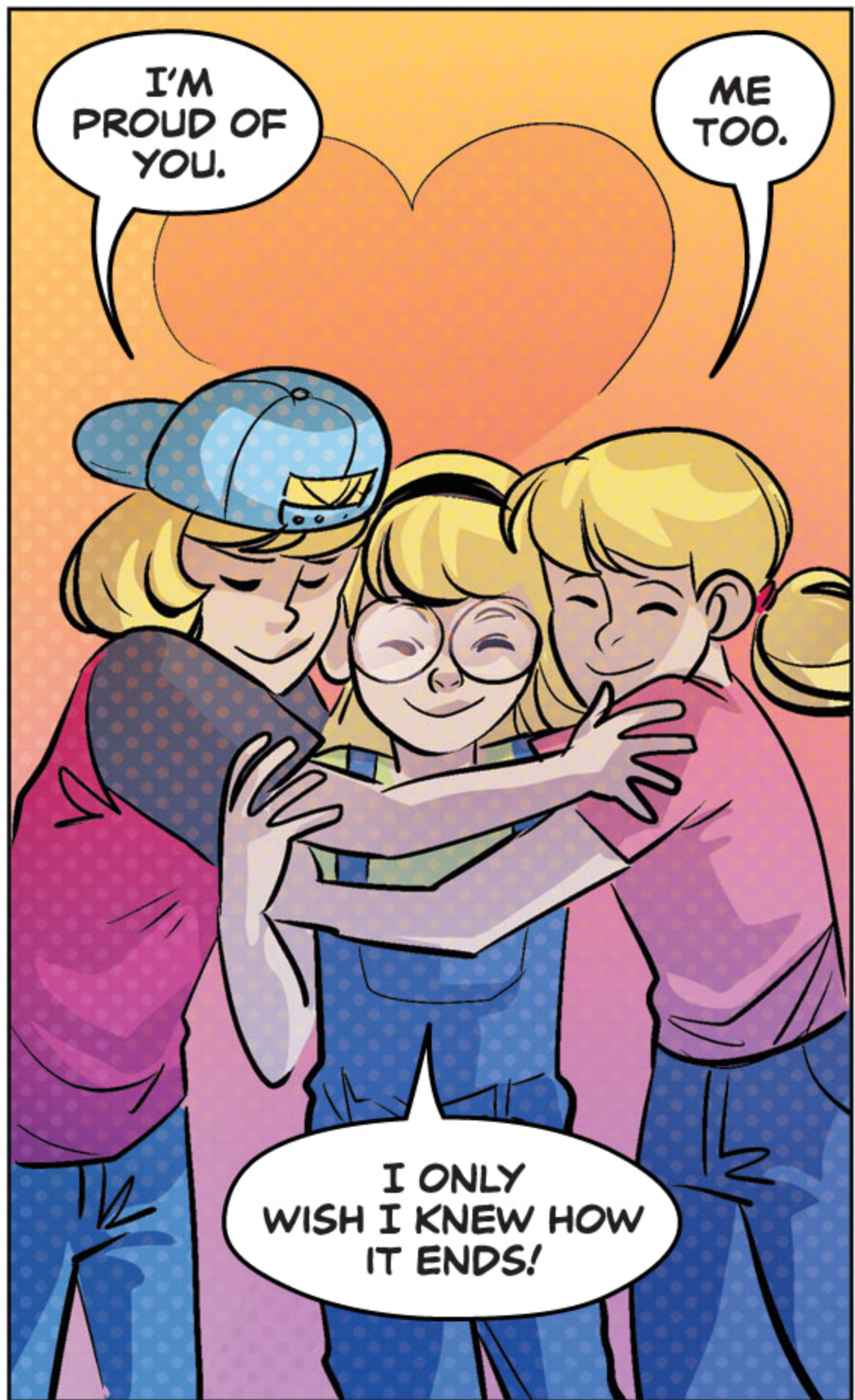
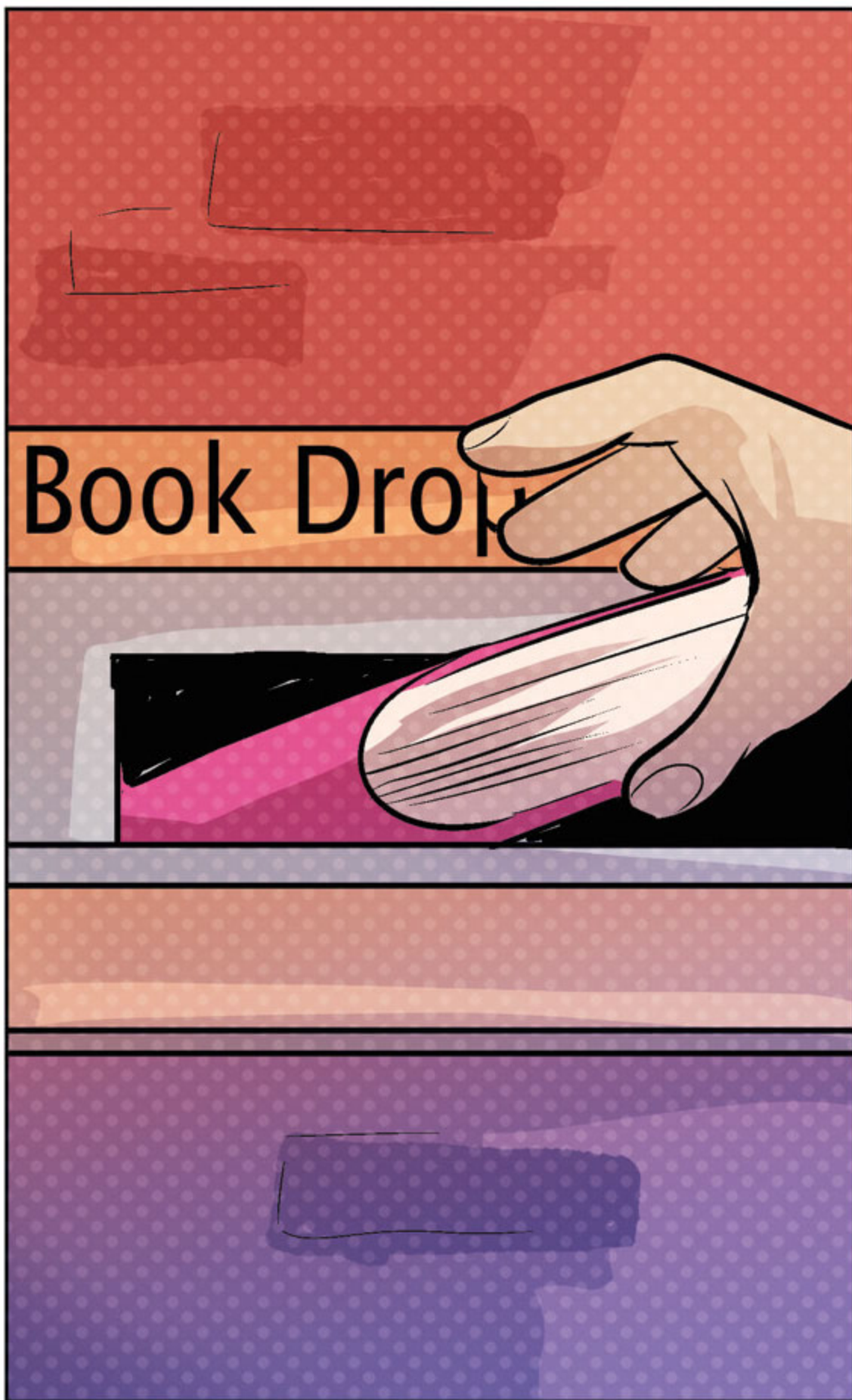
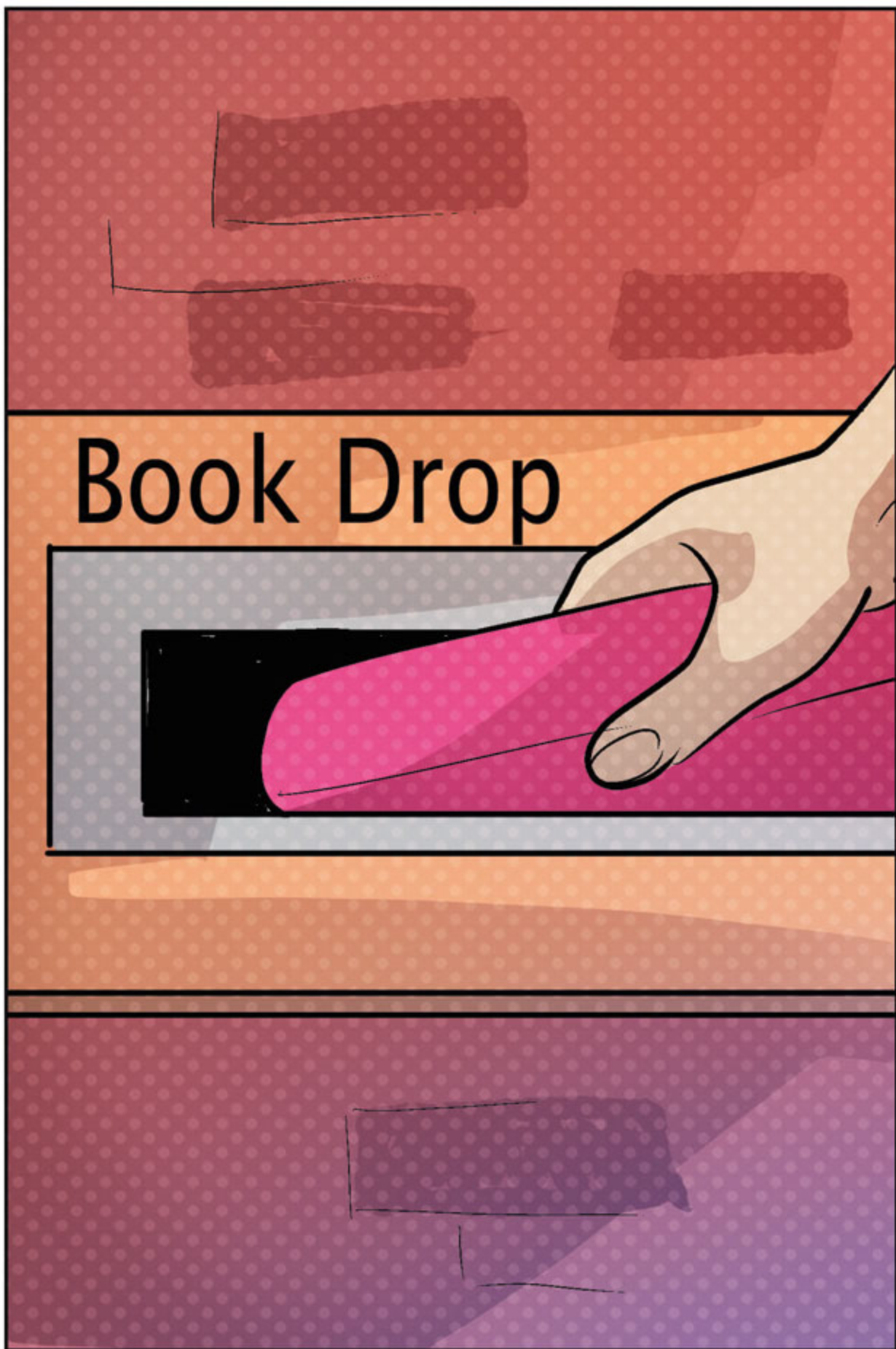
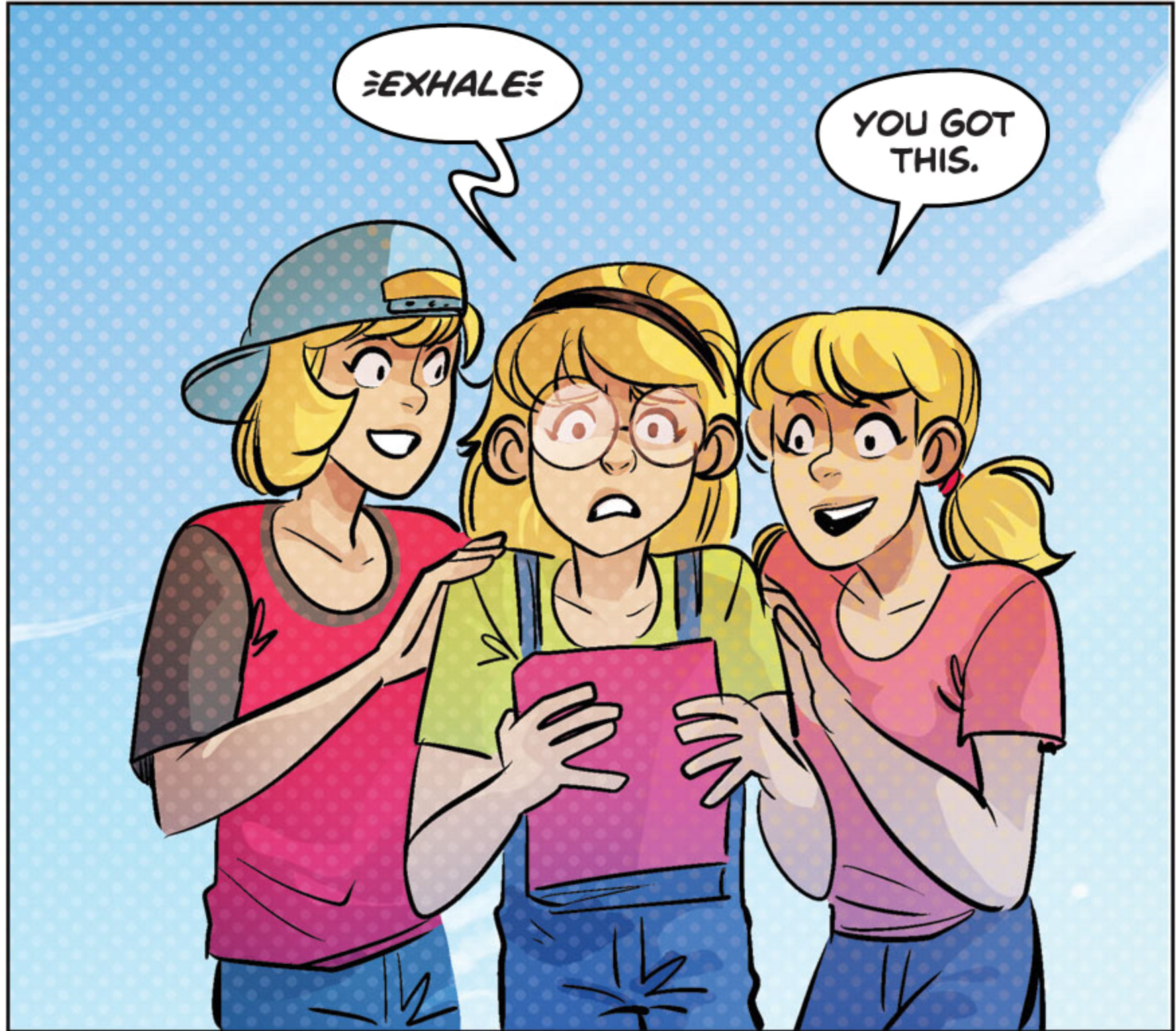
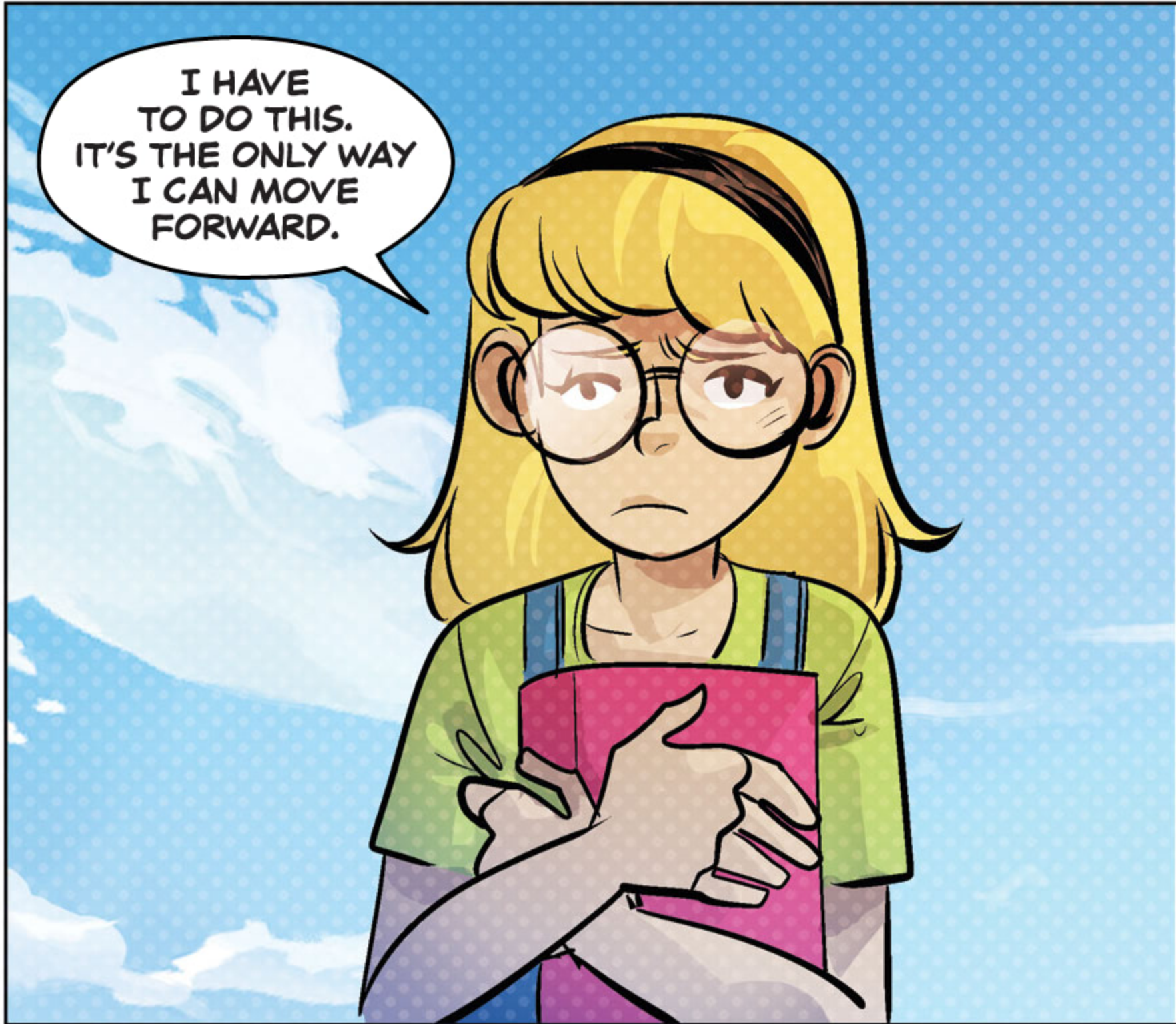
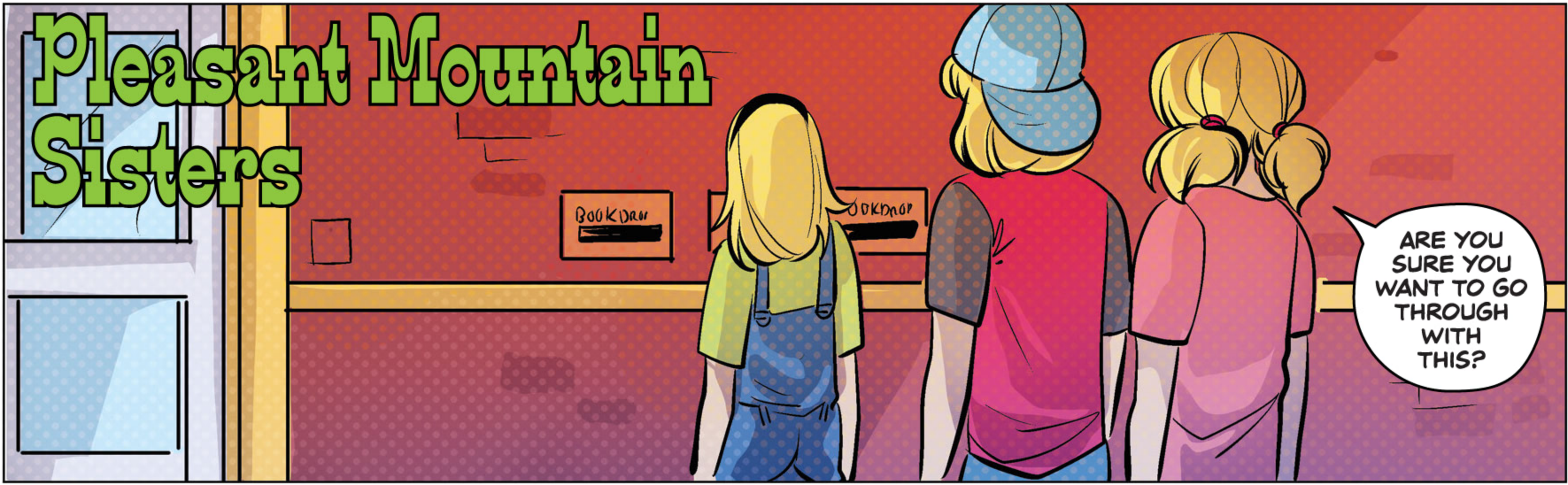




















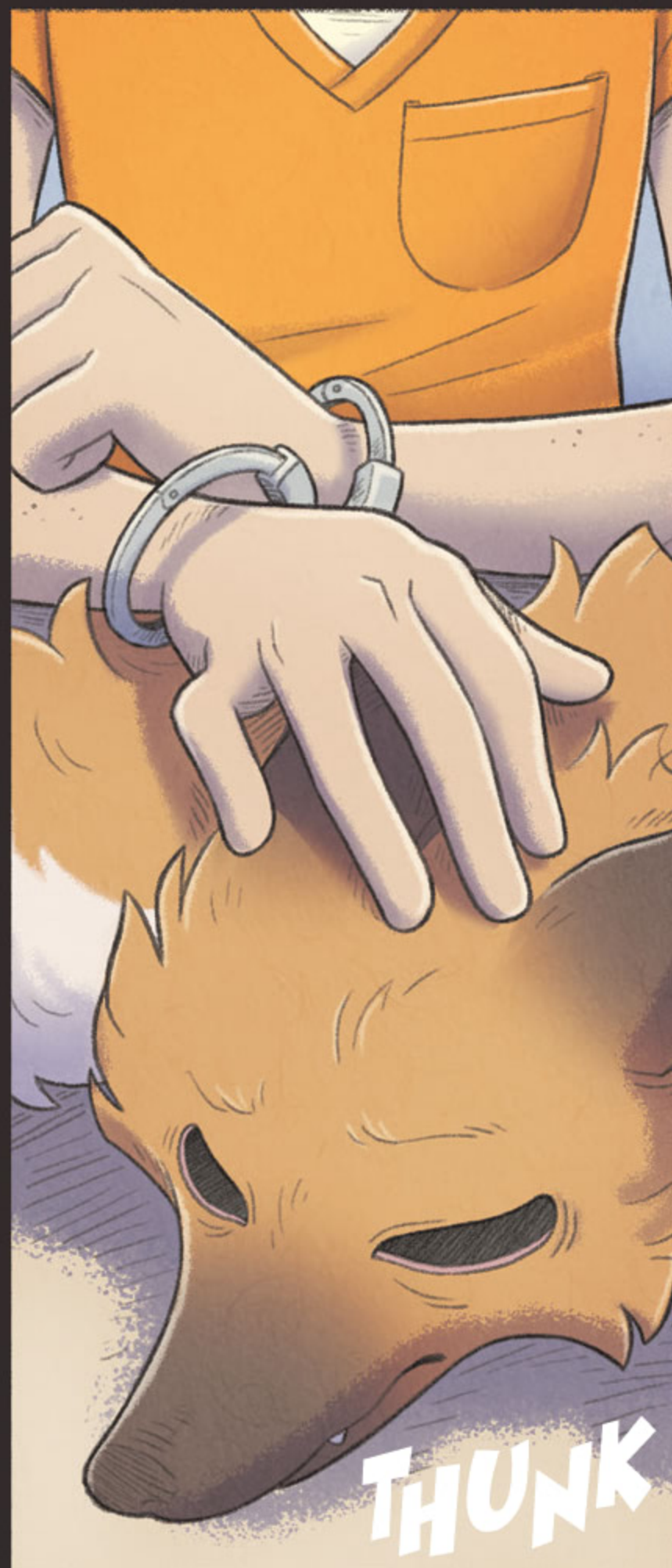
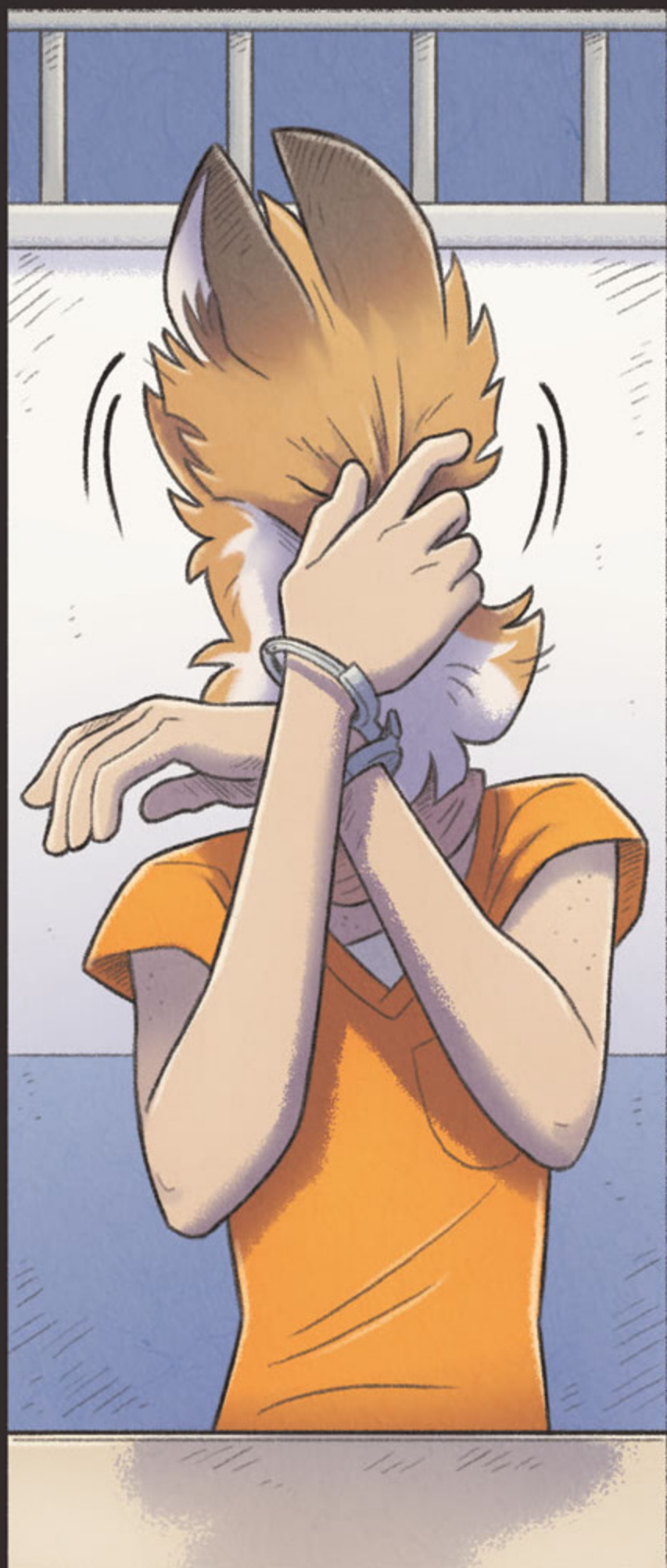
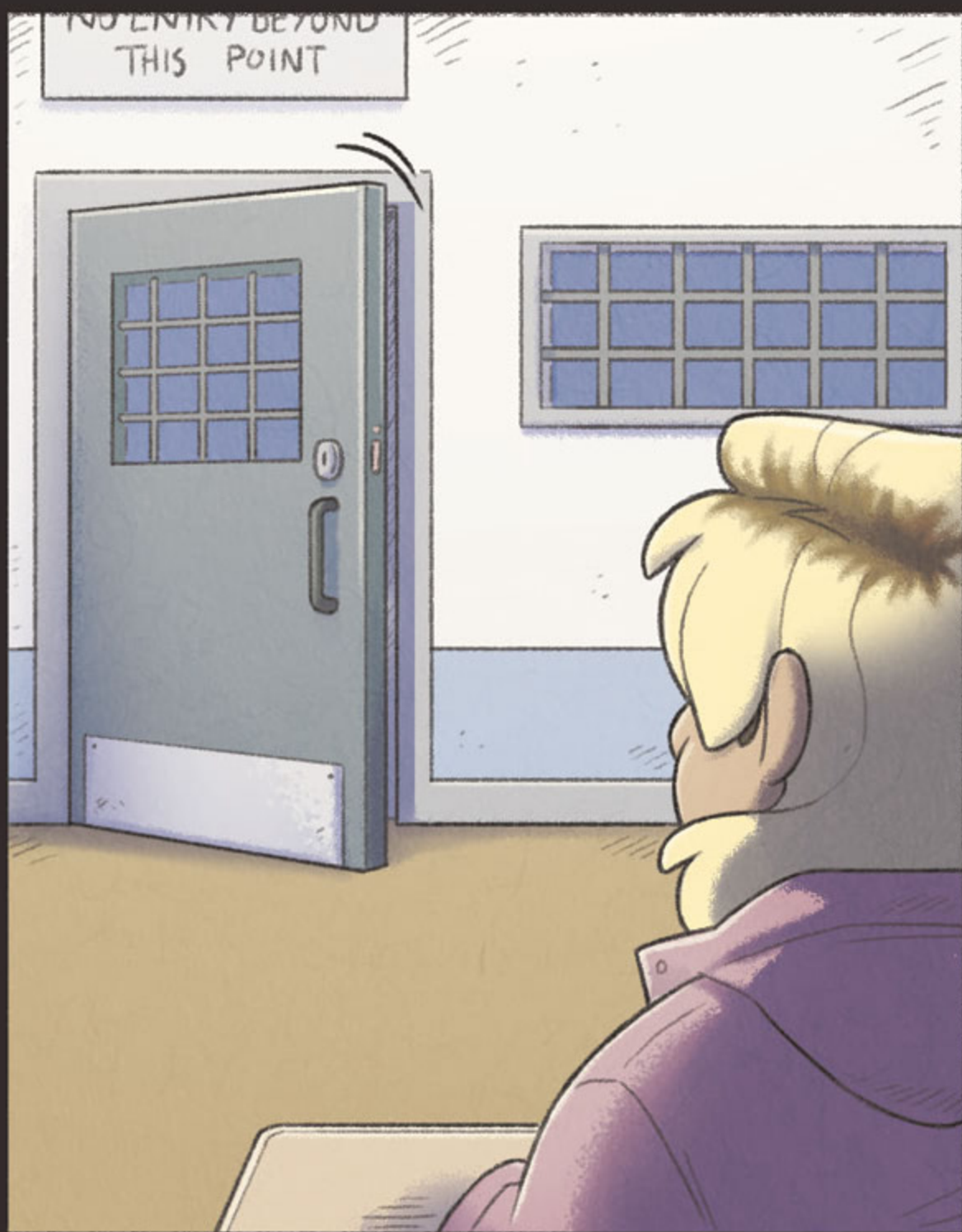
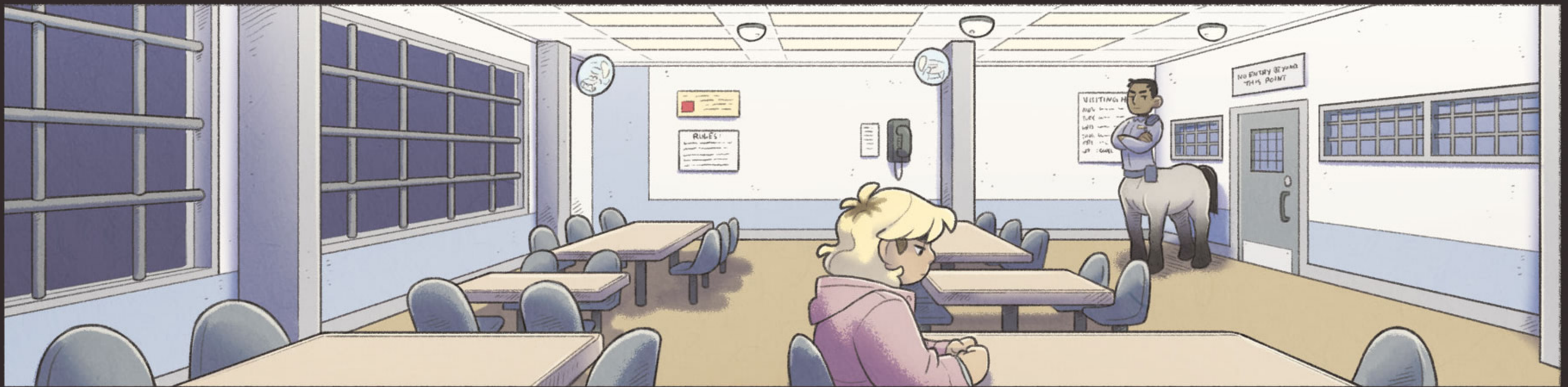




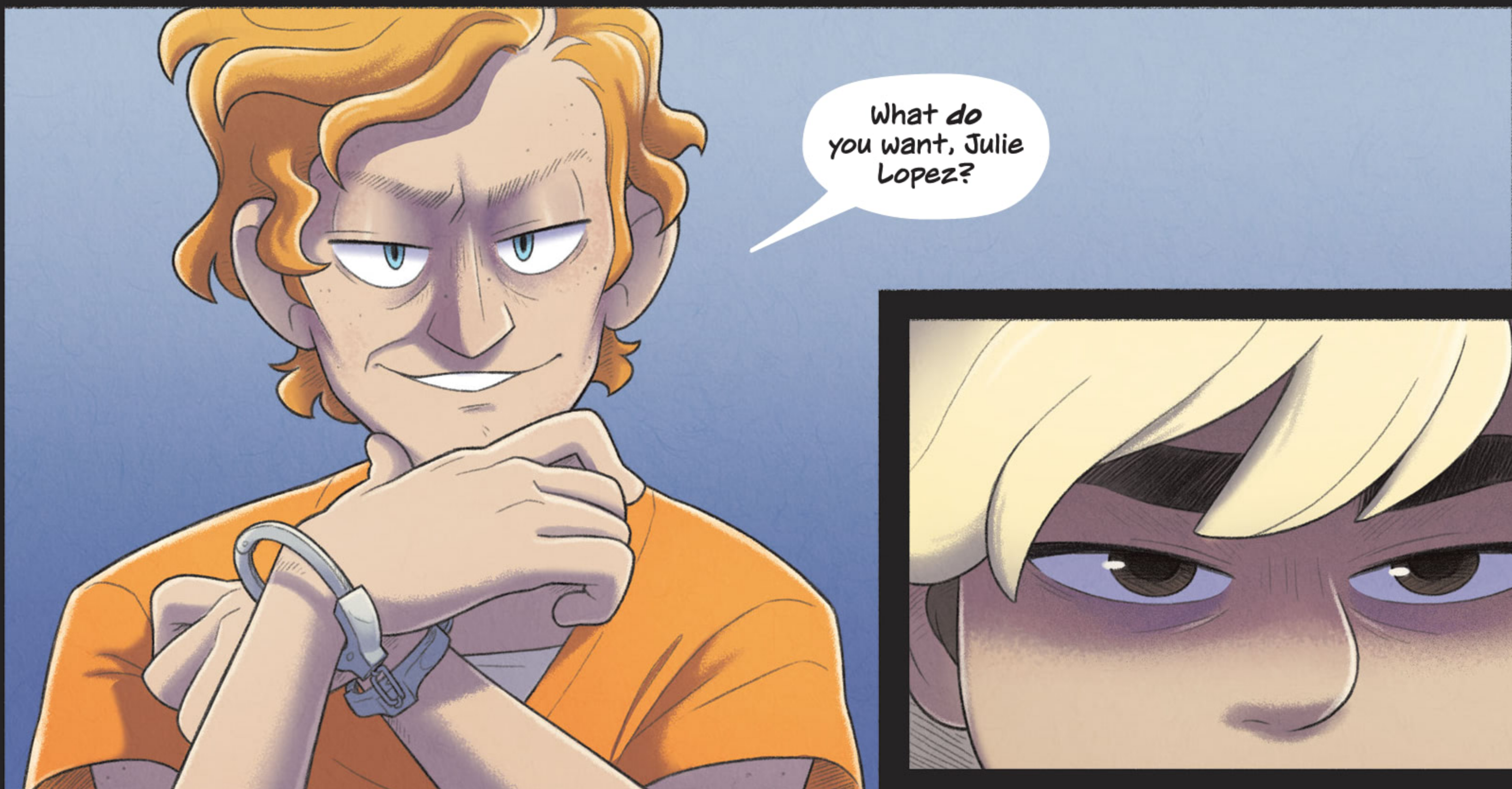
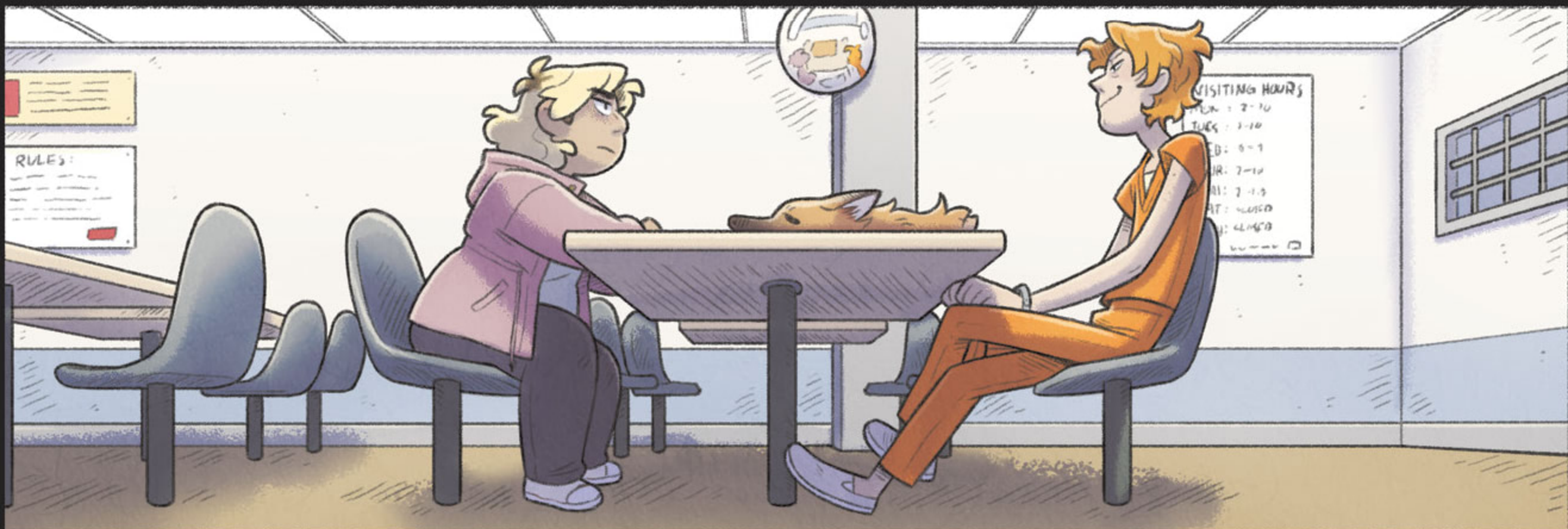














I want  
you to make  
me a normal  
human.





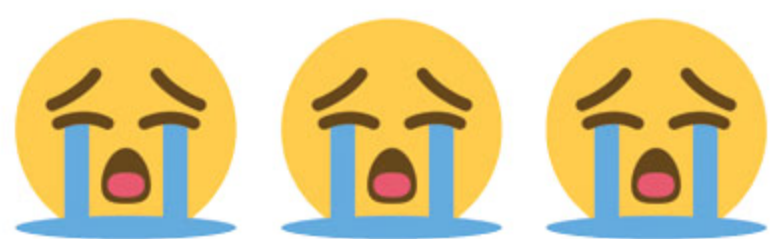


OOOOOF.

THIS IS SO MUCH, Y'ALL.

When Grace sent us the script for Volume 3, our first reaction was:

WHYYYYYY OMG WHYYYYYYY



Then Grace just kind of laughed meanly at us. I think she likes drama. OMG, IS GRACE ACTUALLY KIT?!?! (She's not. I checked. She is totally a normal human, without any sign of mystical fox tails.)

Volume 3 of *Moonstruck* also introduces us to a new Pleasant Mountain Sisters artist, Claudia Aguirre! Claudia is a queer Mexican comic book artist and writer, and the co-founder of Boudika Comics with Eva Cabrera. She has drawn *Lost on Planet Earth* with Comixology Originals, *Hotel Dare* with Boom! Studios, *Firebrand*, with Legendary Comics, *Morning in America* with OniPress, and *Kim & Kim* with Black Mask. Check out more of her work at [Boudikacomics.com](http://Boudikacomics.com)!

We'll be back with Volume 4 soon - hmm, I wonder what kind of emotional torture Grace has in store for us next? I kinda can't wait to find out!

*Shae Beagle*  
*Grace Ellis*  
*Laurenn McCubbin*





# SHAE SCRIBBLES



We had a LOT of fun coming up with new characters and designs for this arc, including our first look at JULIE'S FAMILY! They are werewolves too, but maybe not as freaked out about it? We haven't seen them before this, since they don't live in Blitheton.

So mom,  
such dad.





Speaking of new characters...  
what do you all think of Kit?  
You may have figured out  
that she is a Kitsune, or a fox  
spirit. Kitsune are tricksters  
for sure, and they LIVE.  
FOR. DRAMA.

Hmmmm...  
I wonder what Kit  
wants with Julie?

*Only the most ANCIENT of Kitsune  
end up with nine tails...*



Along with new characters,  
there's a new location!  
Mermaid Lake, with its  
annual Spring festival for  
the Unfreezing seems like  
such a fascinating place.





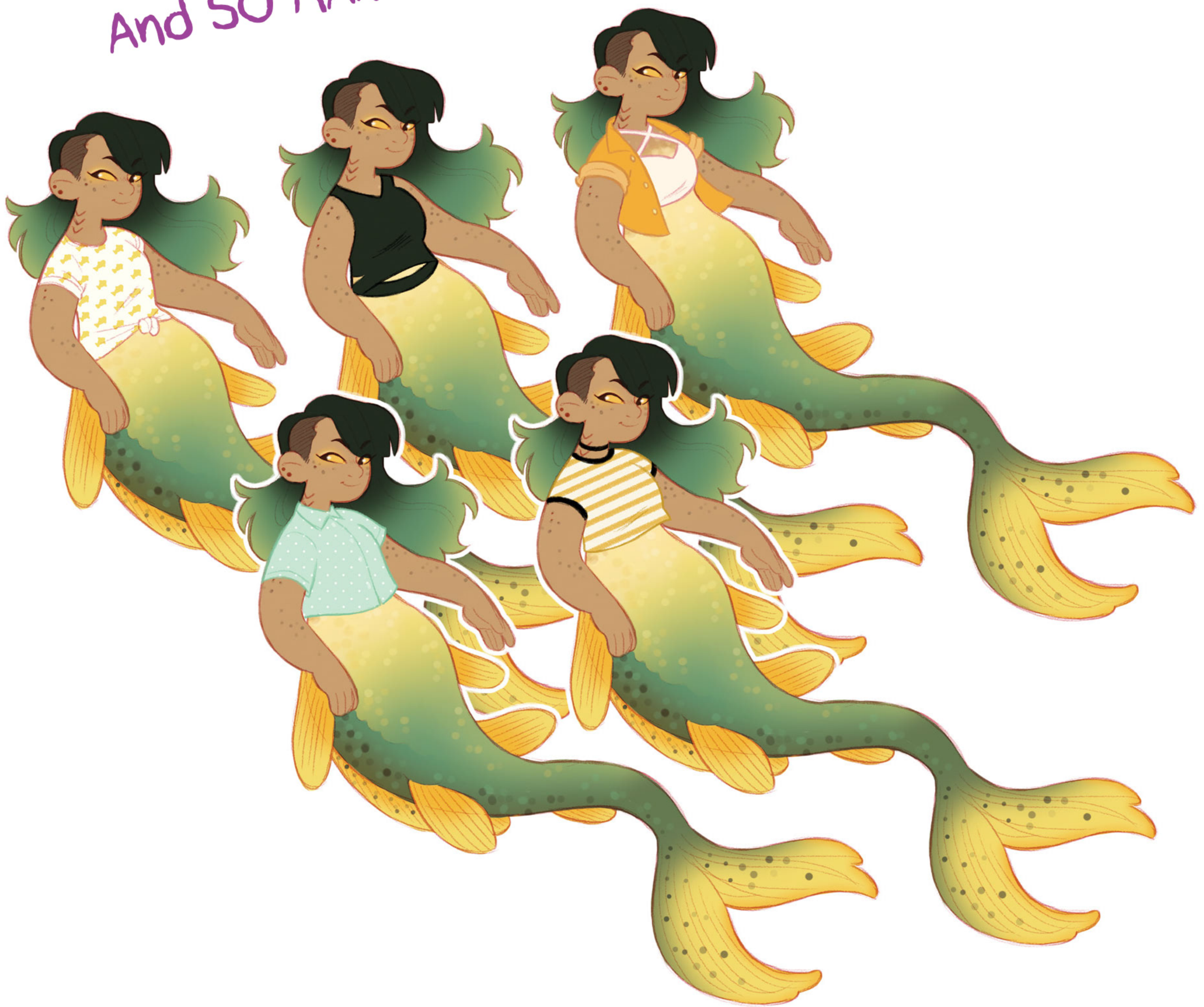


With a new location, we had to come up with a whole bunch of new background characters! We'd introduced mermaids in earlier volumes, but the ones who come from Mermaid Lake are different - they are lake mermaids! So Shae experimented with different lake fish for Skyla's tail.





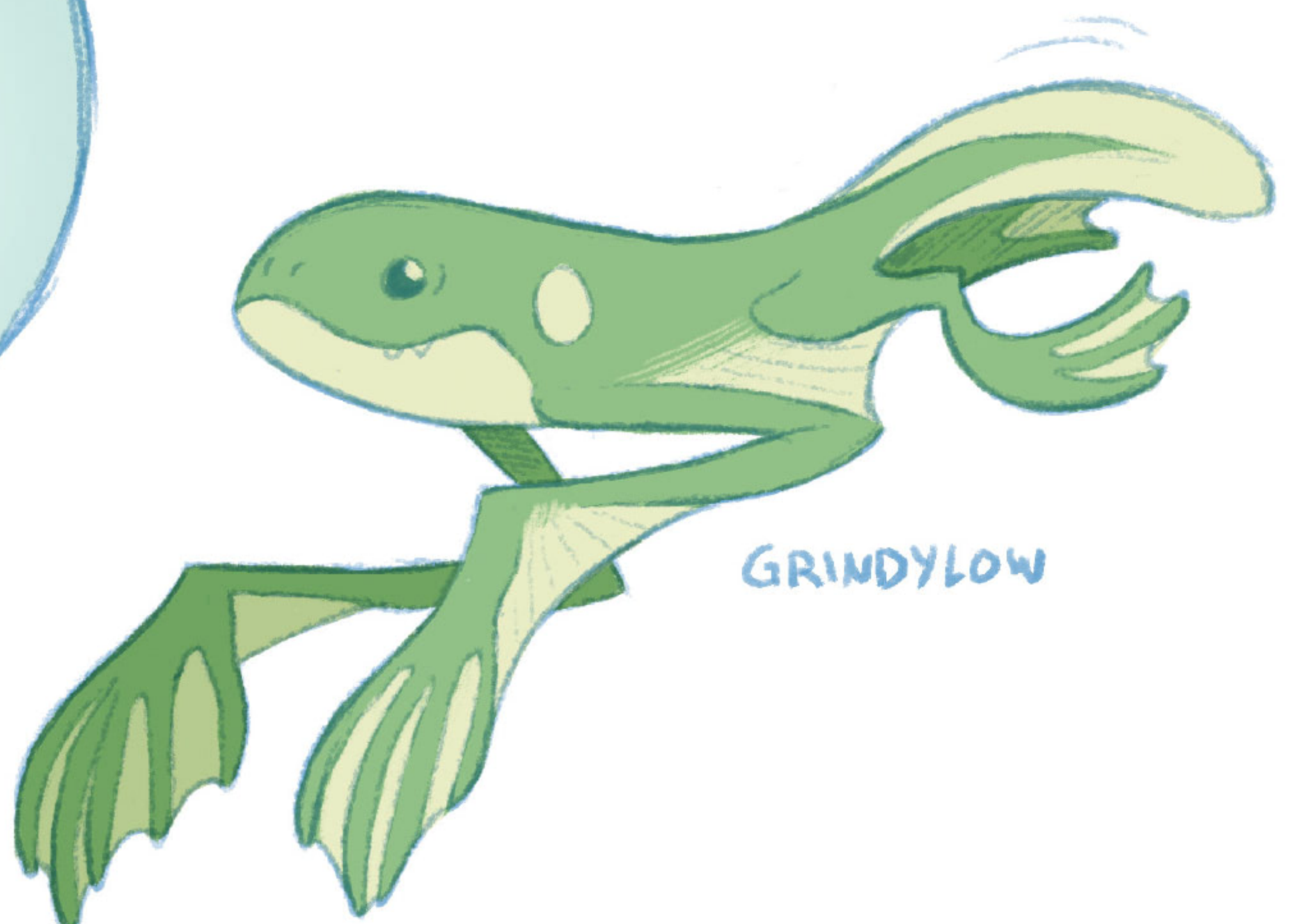
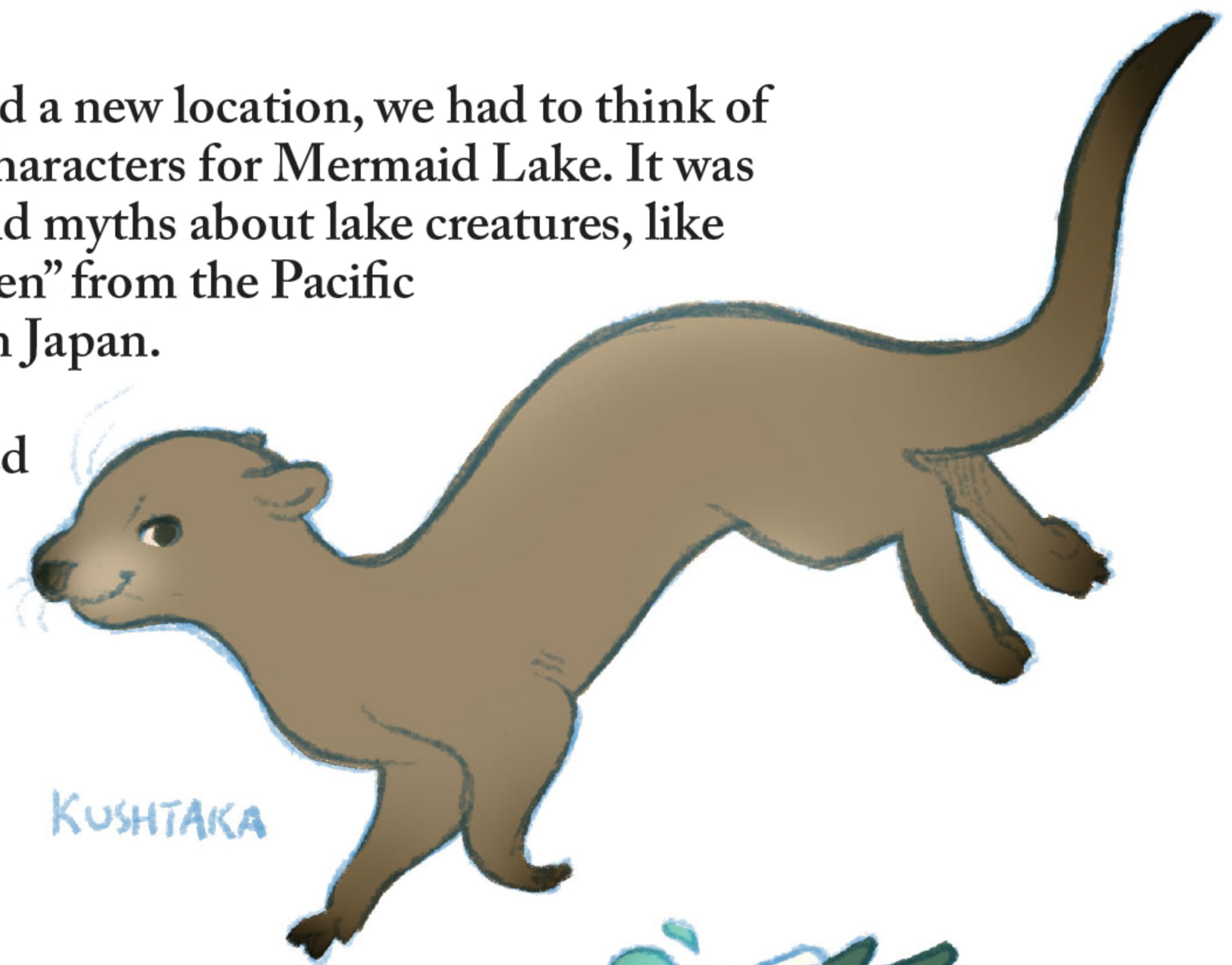
And SO MANY CUTE OUTFITS!!



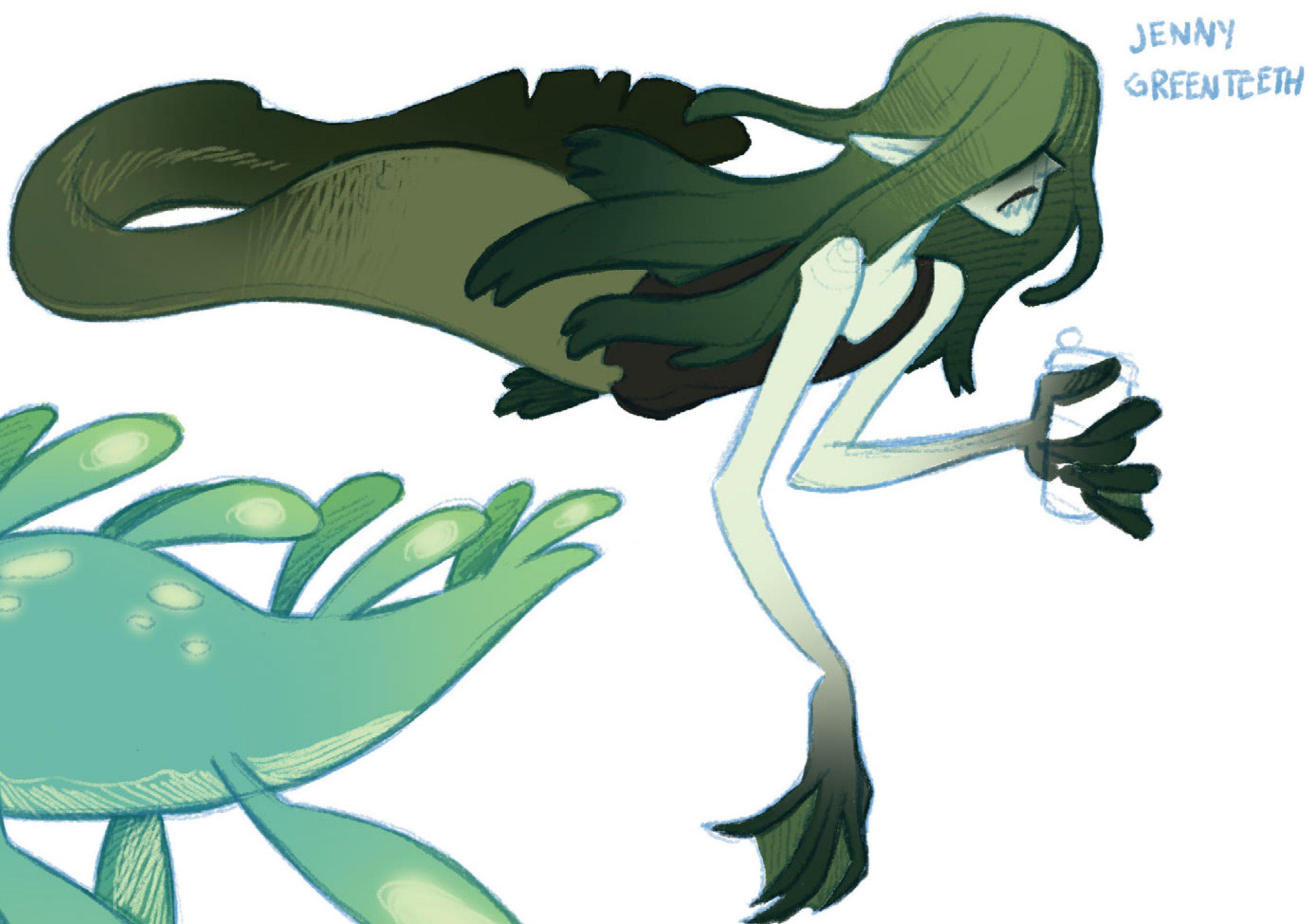


Along with new characters and a new location, we had to think of a bunch of new background characters for Mermaid Lake. It was so fun looking at fairy tales and myths about lake creatures, like the Kushtaka or “lake otter men” from the Pacific Northwest, or the Kappa from Japan.

Lots of these folktales involved creatures who would pull people into lakes and drown them, like Kelpies, Jenny Greenteeth or the Grindylow. But... Shae made them look so *cute*!







The Kelpie is like  
a sea horse,  
but in a lake!  
(no matter how  
cute you think  
they are, NEVER  
RIDE A KELPIE!)







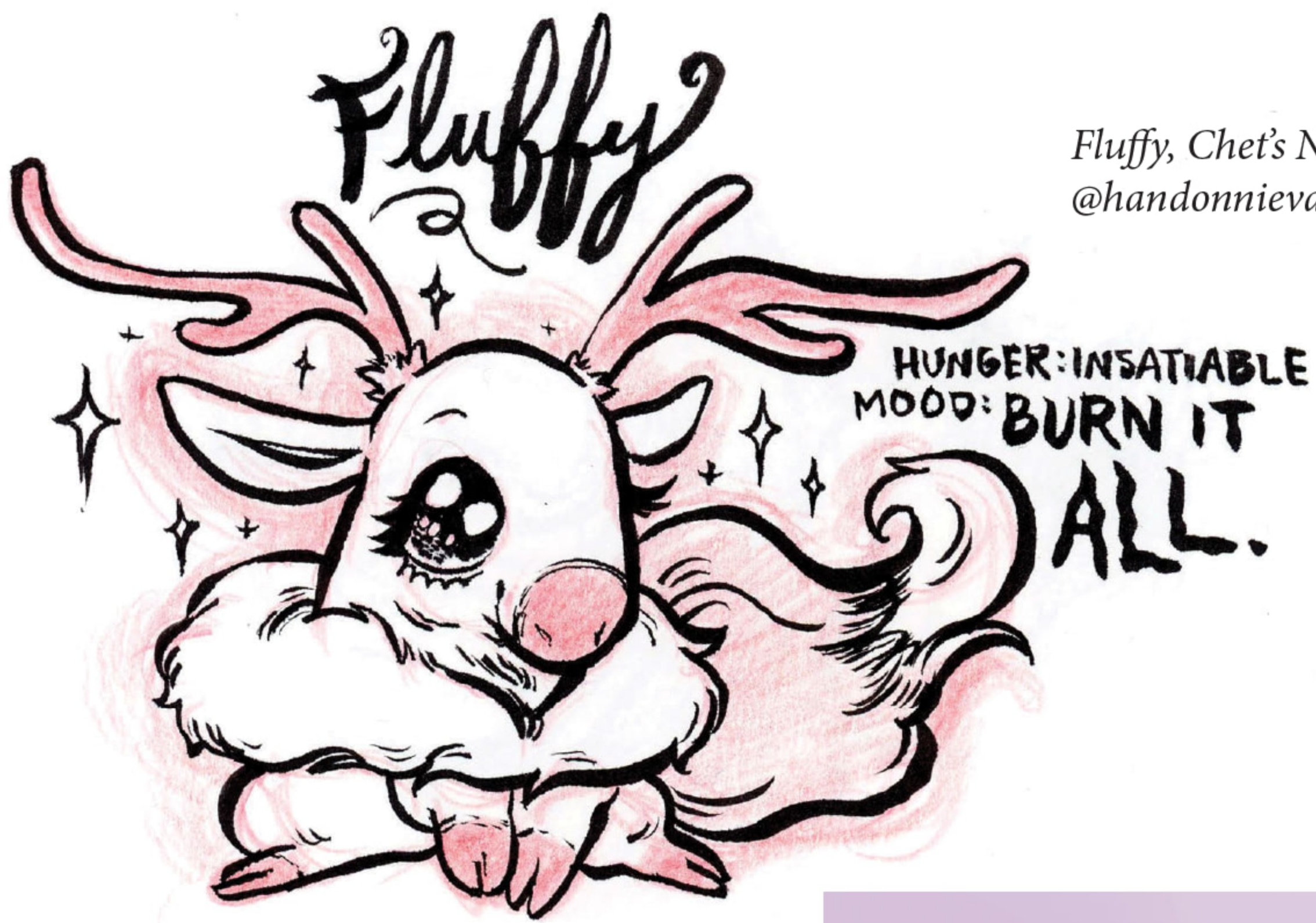
Do you have a favorite  
Moonstruck character that  
you'd like to draw for us?  
We'd love to see it! Email us!  
[teammoonstruck@gmail.com](mailto:teammoonstruck@gmail.com)



*Blitheton State University Dean by Lauren Houser,  
@lazuliarts on Instagram*







Fluffy, Chet's Newpal by Han Donovan  
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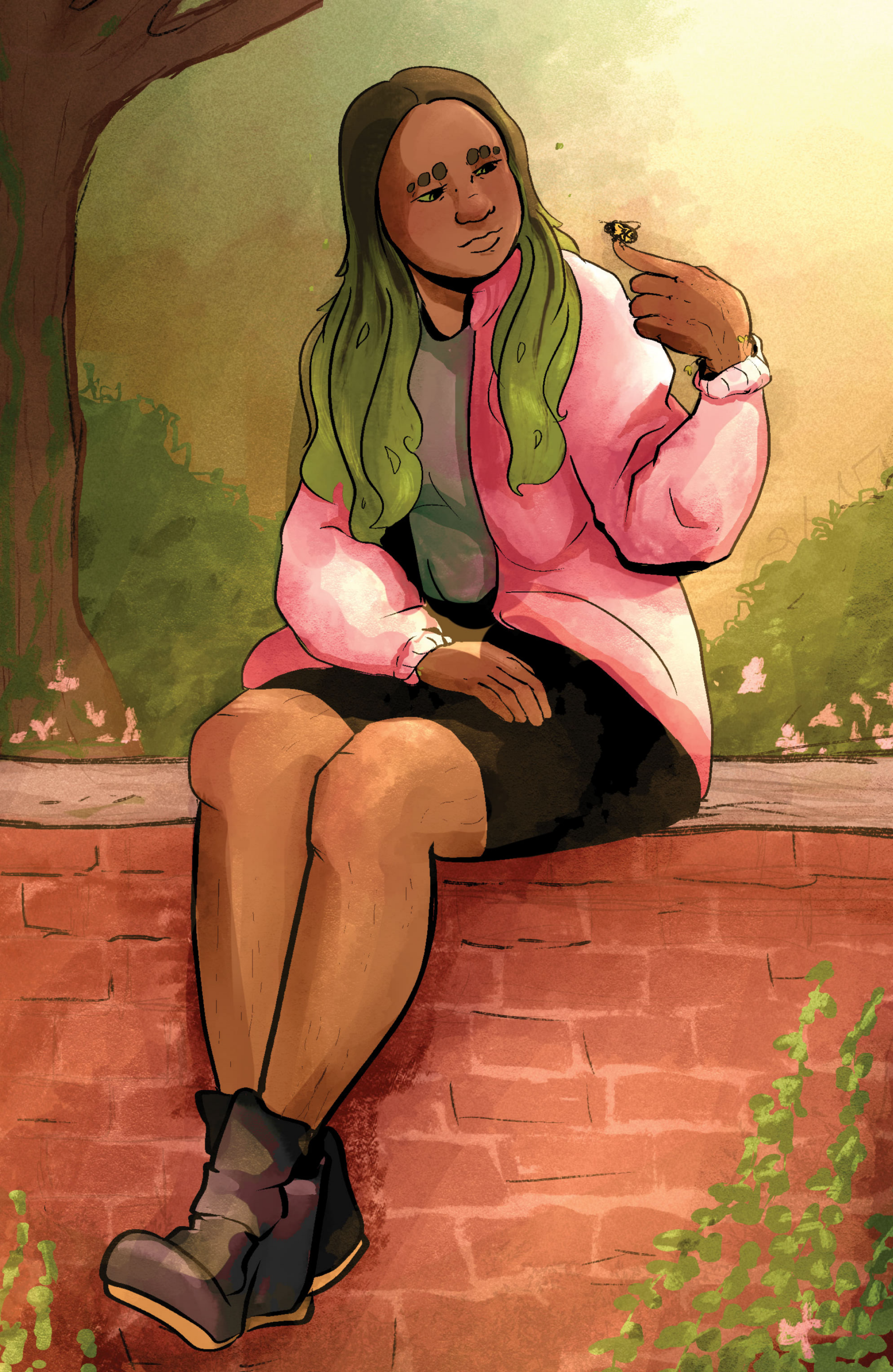
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Spring comes to the supernatural town of Blitheton, which can only mean one thing: it's time for the annual Mermaid Festival! Werewolf barista Julie meets one of her girlfriend Selena's friends, but as per usual, things take a turn for the worst. Why does everything seem to go wrong for Julie and Selena? Is the universe conspiring against them, or is it something more sinister? More importantly, will their relationship survive once it starts taking on water?

The third chapter of the popular, all-ages magical adventure from *Lumberjanes* creator GRACE ELLIS and talented newcomer SHAE BEAGLE.

STOP REQUESTED

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PULL CORD  
TO SIGNAL  
DRIVER  
TO STOP

★ ★ ★ ★

"A lush and welcoming world,  
brimming with inclusivity."

—*Entertainment Weekly*

"A light-hearted twist on mythical monsters  
that is rooted in relatable personal dramedy."

—*The Onion's AV Club*

"Jokes, magic, LGBTQ characters, and gorgeous artwork,  
this series has easy appeal for fans of fantasy romance."

—*Booklist, starred review*

"That freshly served QPOC magic we've been craving."

—*Black Nerd Problems*



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