

A comic panel featuring a young girl with vibrant red, curly hair and freckles. She is wearing a white dress with blue sleeves and a small pendant on a chain. She is standing in a forest with green foliage and a waterfall in the background. She has a slightly mischievous or knowing smile. Two speech bubbles are present: a large one above her head and a smaller one to her right. The speech bubbles contain the text "THAT LITTLE THIEF HAS MY LOCKET!" and "BUT IT'S STRANGE..." respectively.

THAT
LITTLE
THIEF
HAS MY
LOCKET!

BUT IT'S
STRANGE...

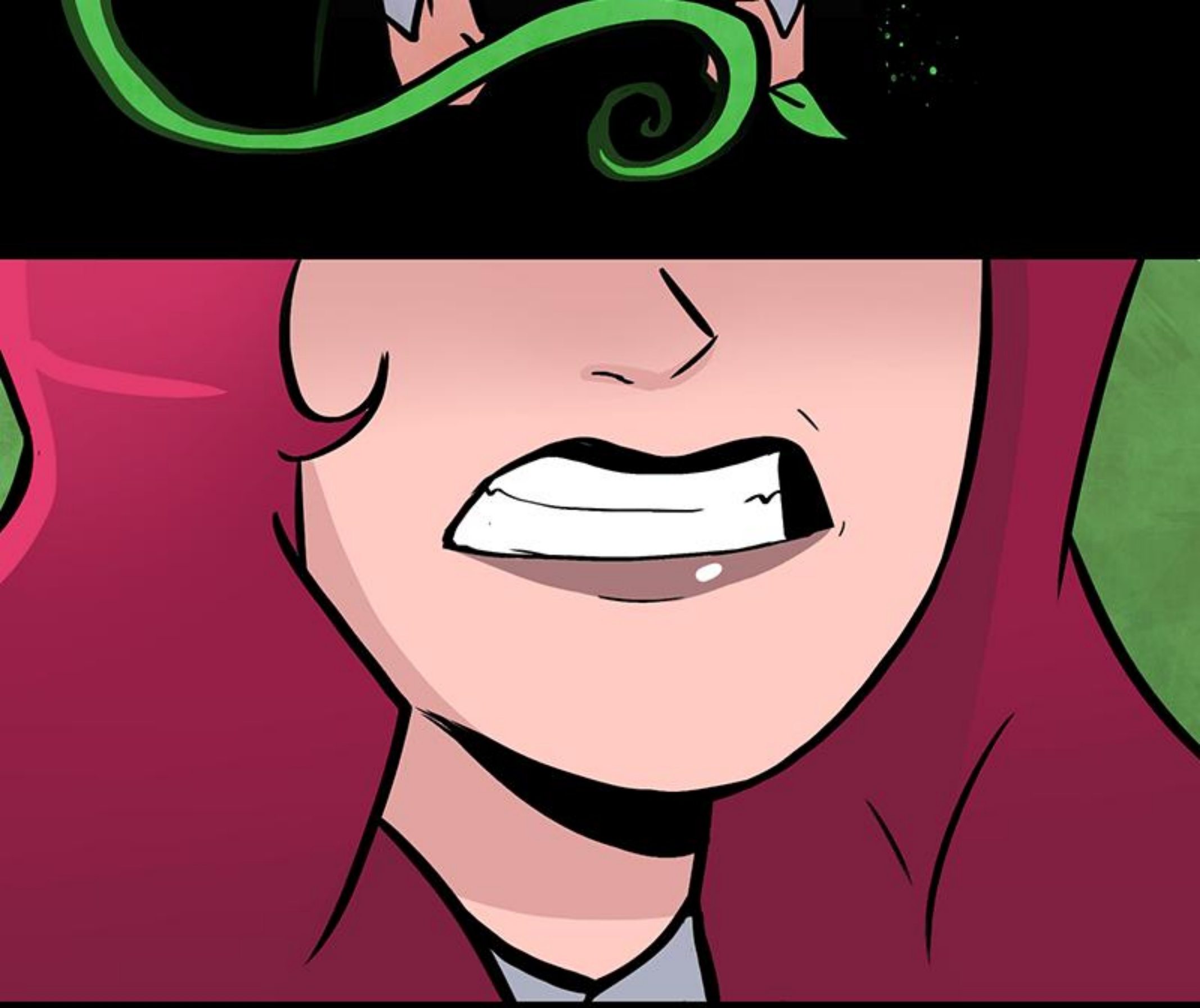
A person wearing a white shirt and a dark skirt is running barefoot on a brown dirt path. The path is surrounded by a lush, green environment with glowing green plants and vines. The background is a mix of green and blue, suggesting a forest or a magical landscape. Two speech bubbles are present, one above the other, both containing text. The first speech bubble is connected to the path by a line, and the second speech bubble is connected to the first by another line. The overall style is that of a comic book or a storybook illustration.

THE
PLANTS
MANIFESTING
AROUND
HER...

JUST LIKE
THE GIRL IN THE
FRENCH QUARTER-
MUST BE A LEROUX
THEN.

THEY JUST
KEEP POPPING UP,
HUH.



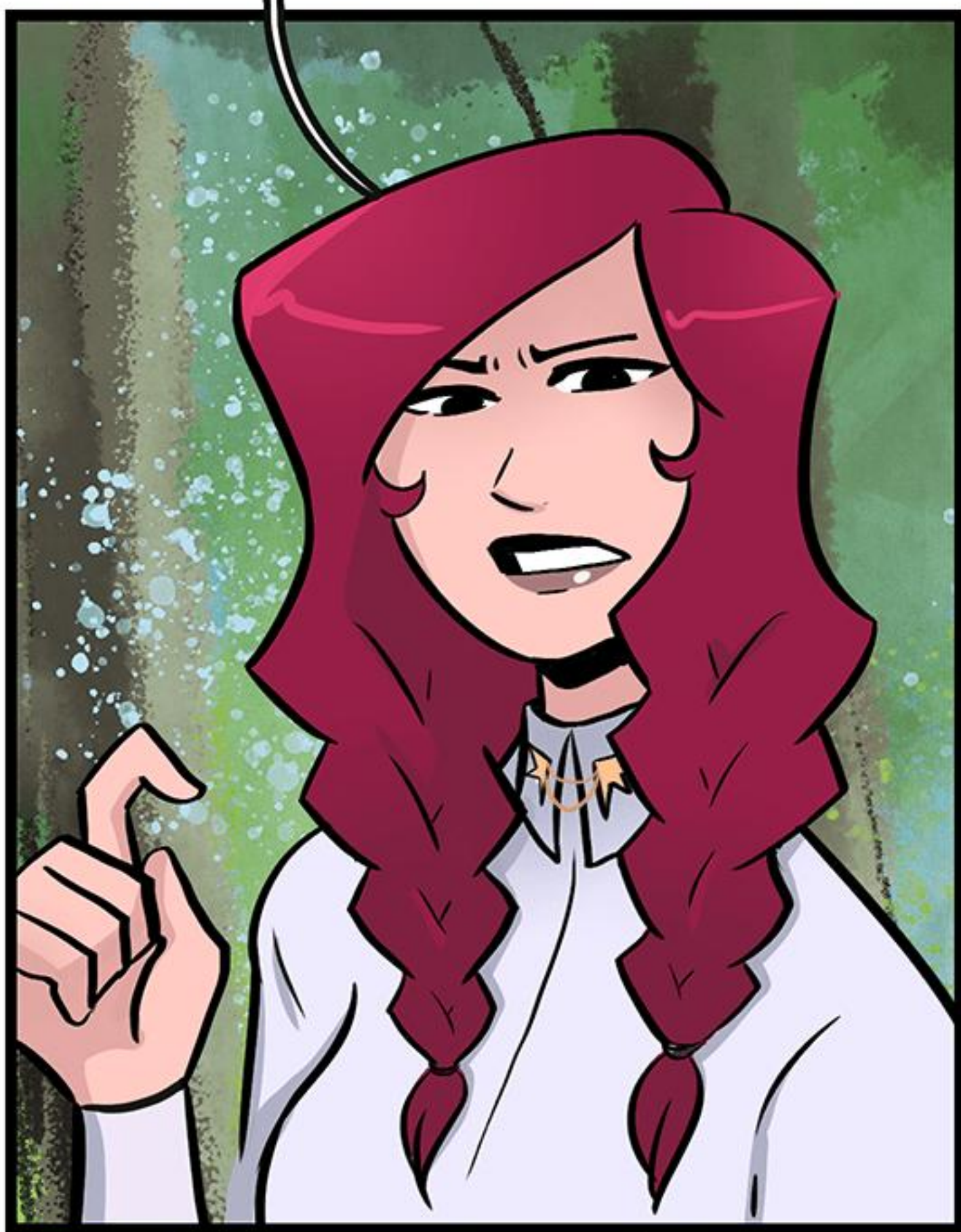




A comic book illustration set in a lush, green forest. On the left, a woman with long, wavy red hair, wearing a white long-sleeved shirt and a dark, pleated skirt, stands with her arms crossed, looking towards the right. On the right, a woman with short, curly red hair, wearing a white t-shirt and a dark skirt, stands on a large, fallen tree trunk. She has her hands raised in a questioning gesture. A speech bubble originates from her, containing the text "WHO GOES THERE!?". The background is filled with tall, green trees and a soft, dappled light filtering through the canopy. The style is a mix of digital painting and comic book line art.

WHO GOES
THERE!?

HEY - YEAH -
WHERE DID YOU
FIND THAT?





THIS?

IN THE

SWAMP!

WE HAVEN'T
FOUND ANYTHING
THIS COOL IN THE
SWAMP IN A LONG
TIME!



WE??

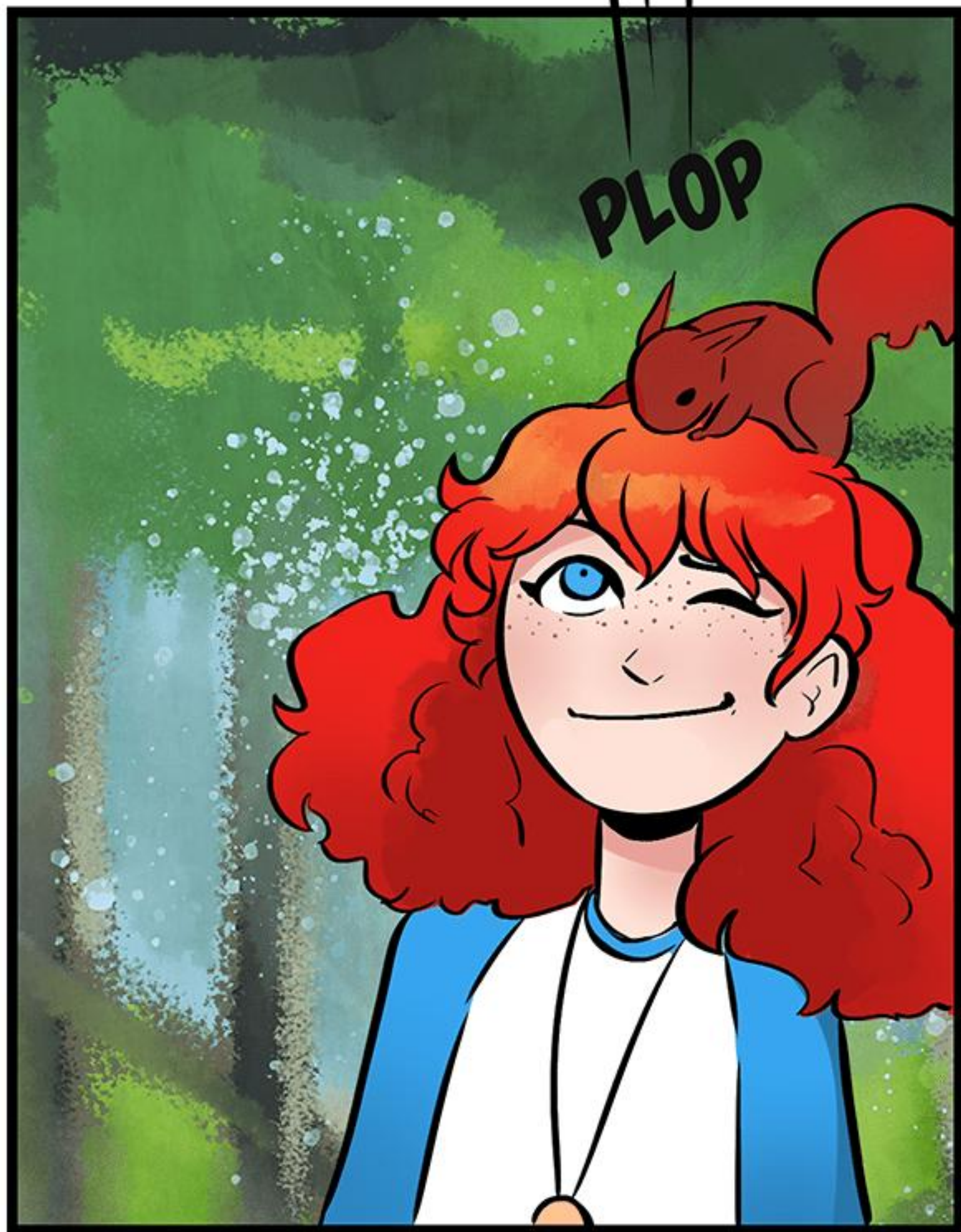
OKAY WELL...
I'M PRETTY SURE
THAT IT'S MINE.

NO-
IT'S MINE!



TAC
FOUND
IT!





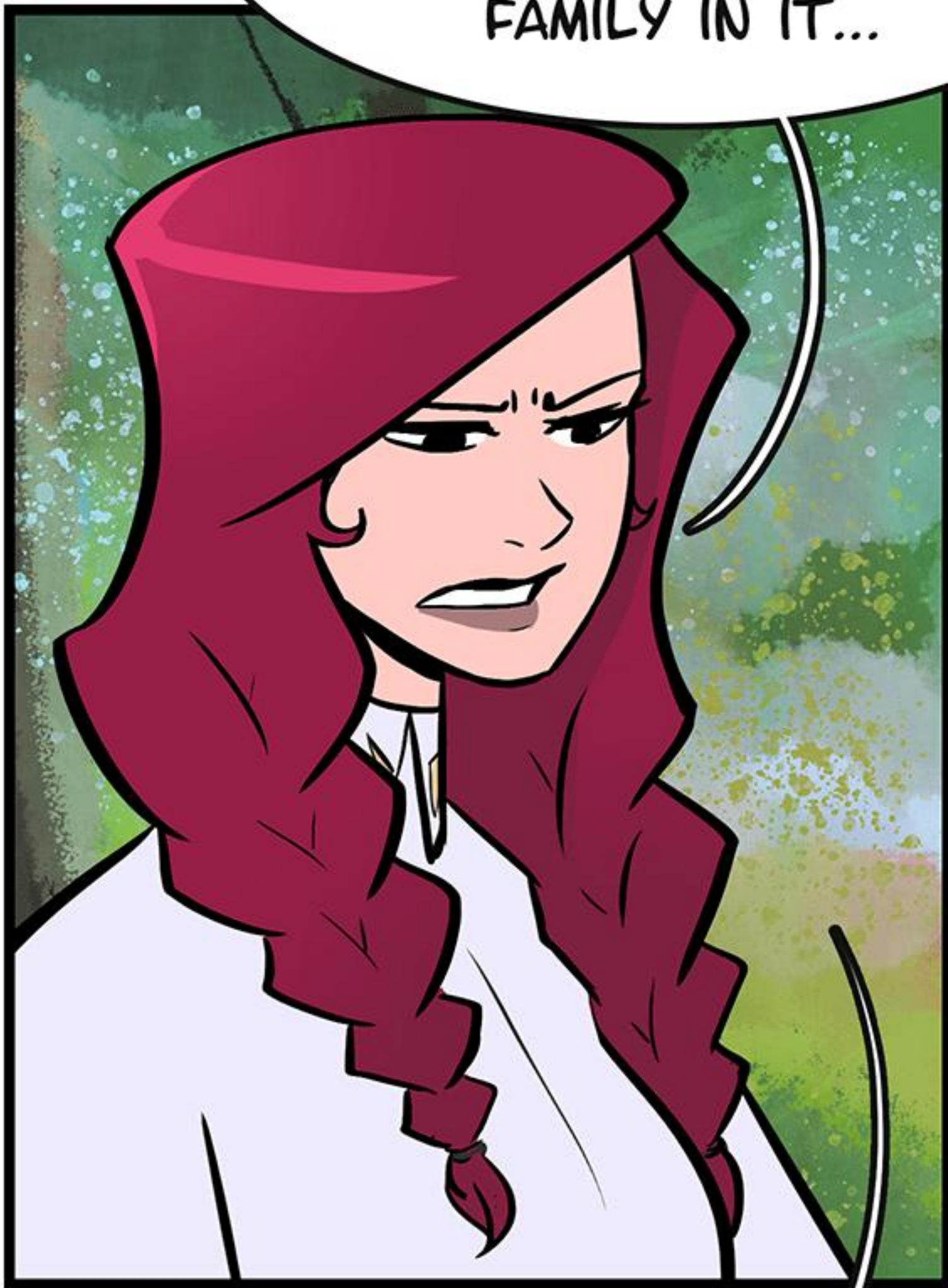


IT WAS
A GIFT FROM
THE SWAMP!



LISTEN, IF YOU
JUST... OPENED UP THE
LOCKET YOU WOULD SEE

SECRET... YOU WOULD SEE
A PICTURE OF MY
FAMILY IN IT...

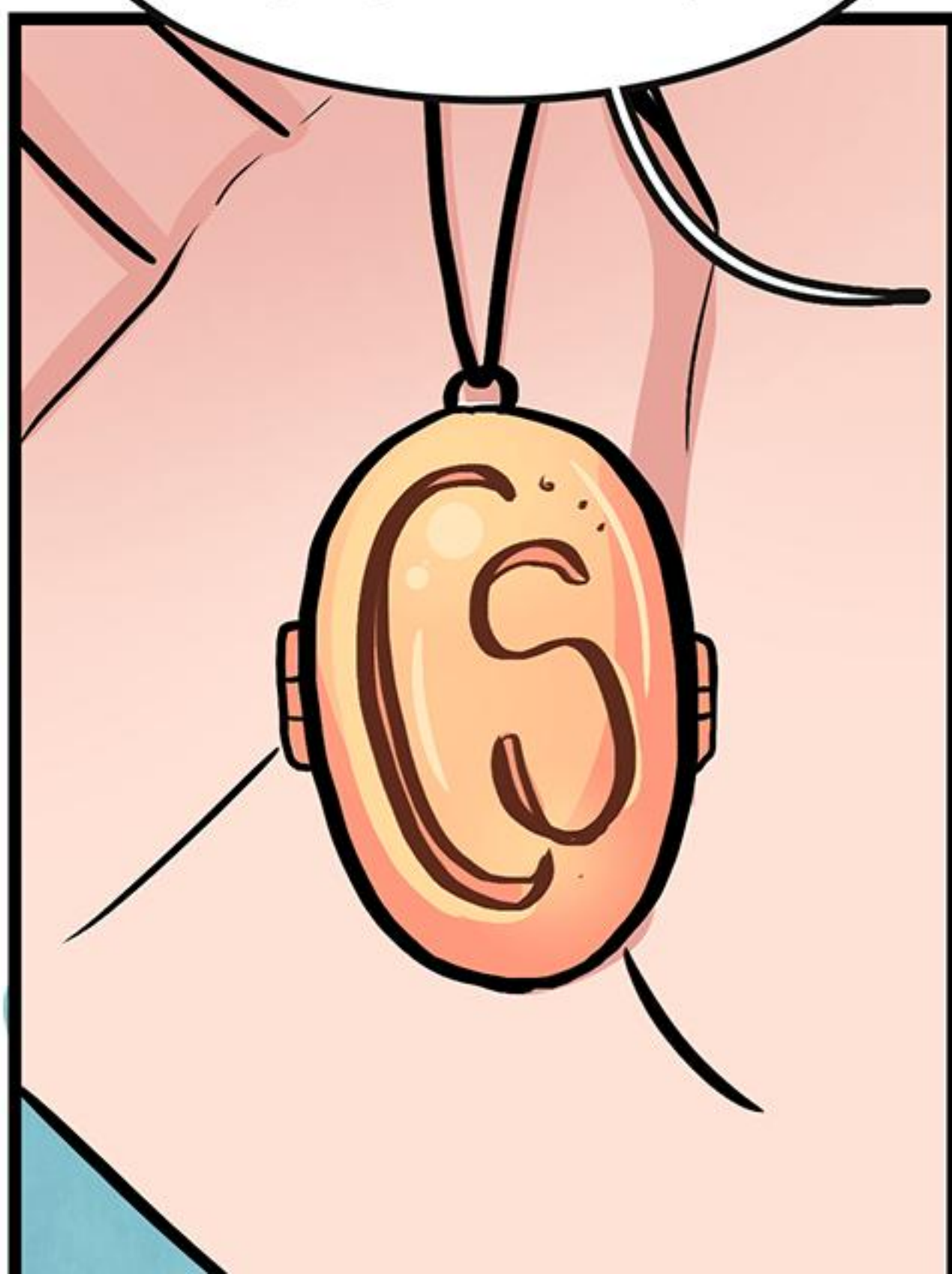


ON THE BACK IT
HAS MY INITIALS, IT IS
VERY CLEARLY MINE.





JUST LIKE
MY FAMILIAR - SO
IT WAS OBVIOUSLY
MEANT FOR ME!







LOOK KID...
I'VE HAD A REALLY





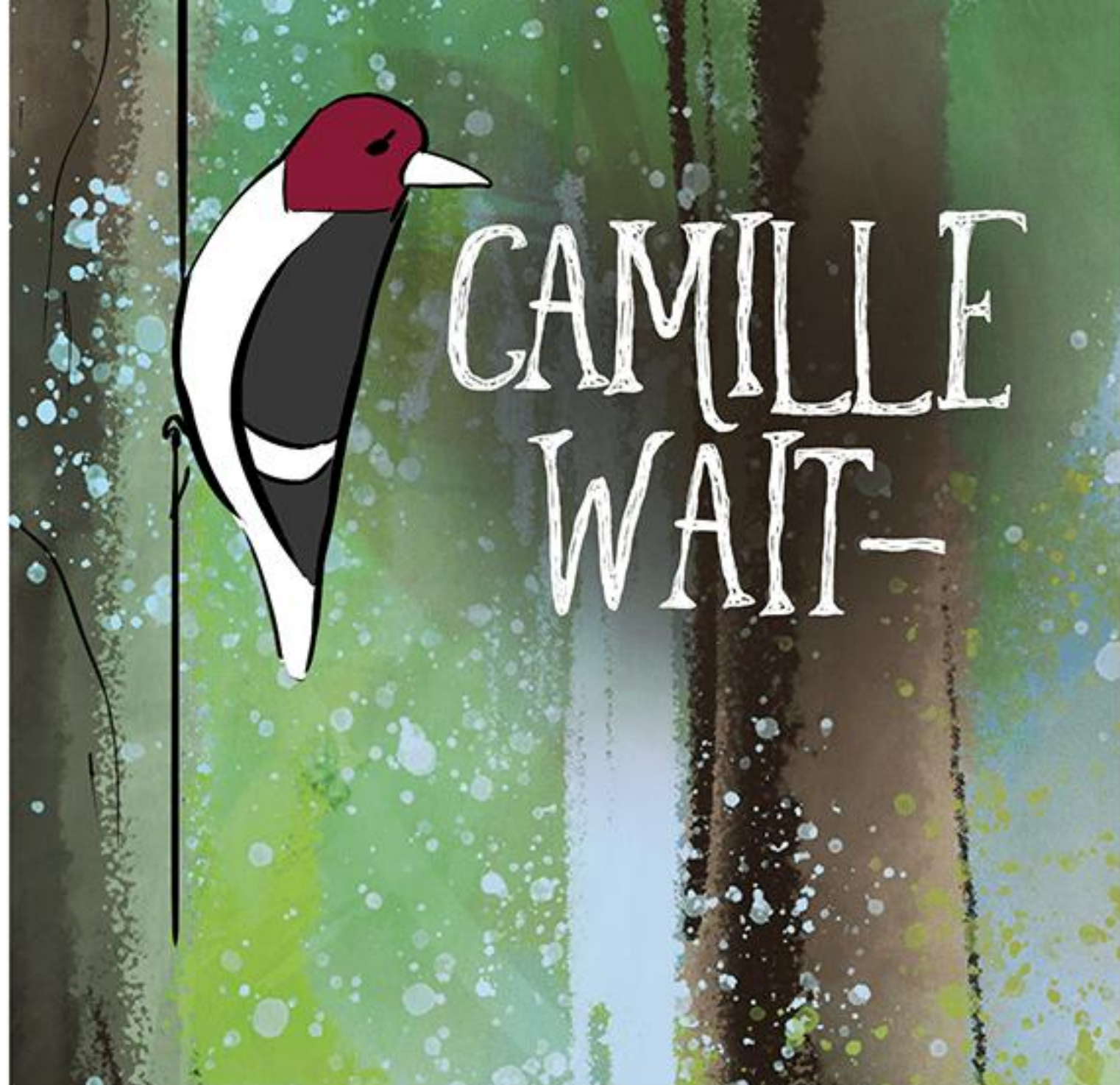
YOU SHOULD
LEARN TO RESPECT
THE SWAMP, EVIL BLOOD
WITCH!



IT WAS
BROUGHT TO ME FOR
A REASON BECAUSE YOU
WEREN'T WORTHY OF IT
AND NOW IT'S MINE!











OH MY
GOD-
OW!!

WHAT IS
THE MATTER
WITH YOU?!



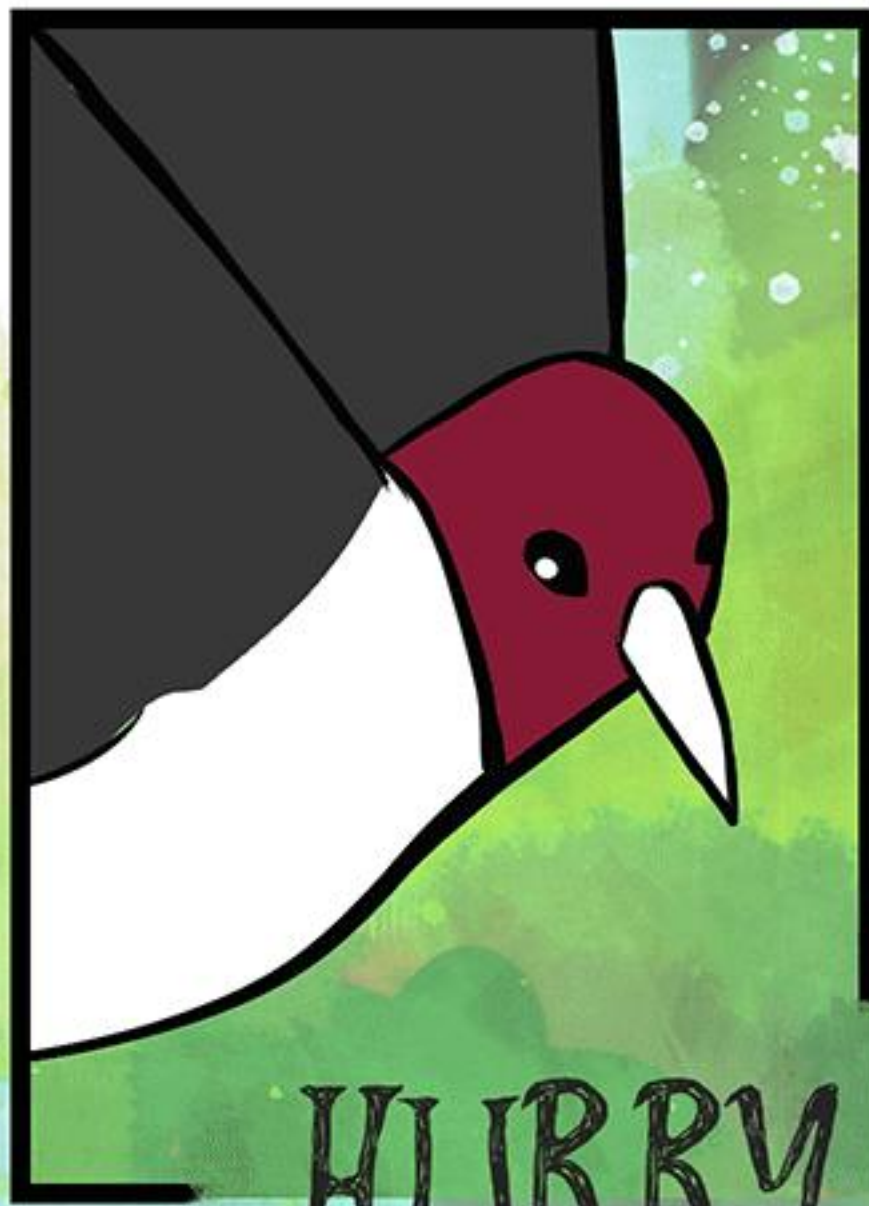






CAMILLE

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HURRY





HA HA HA!

NICE TRY,
BLOOD WITCH!



BUT THE
SECOND I'M
THROUGH THE
BARRIER-



YOU'RE
OUT OF
LUCK!!

ONLY
LEROUX CAN PASS
THROUGH THE GATE
WITHOUT EXPLICIT
PERMISSION.

AND YOU'RE

AND YOU'RE
NOT INVITED!!!





MLEEEH!



SHE VANISHED-





DON'T STOP.

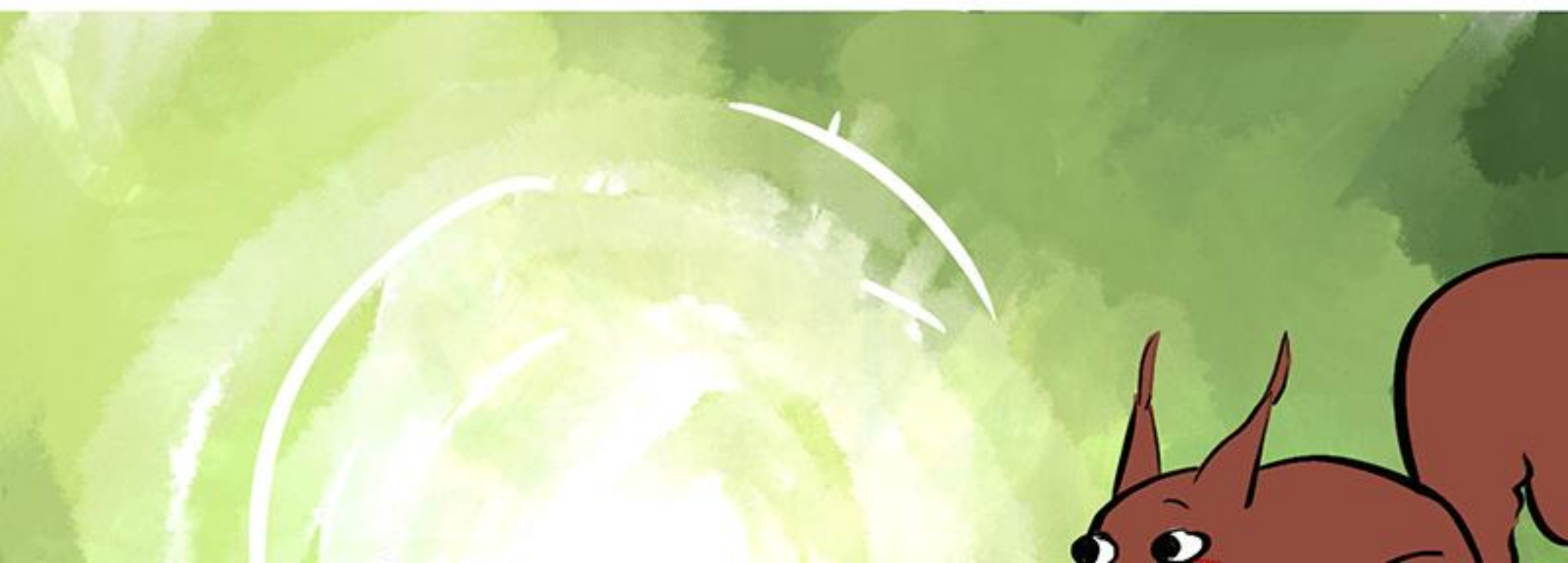
RUN!





WELL,
THAT TAKES
CARE OF
THAT!











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