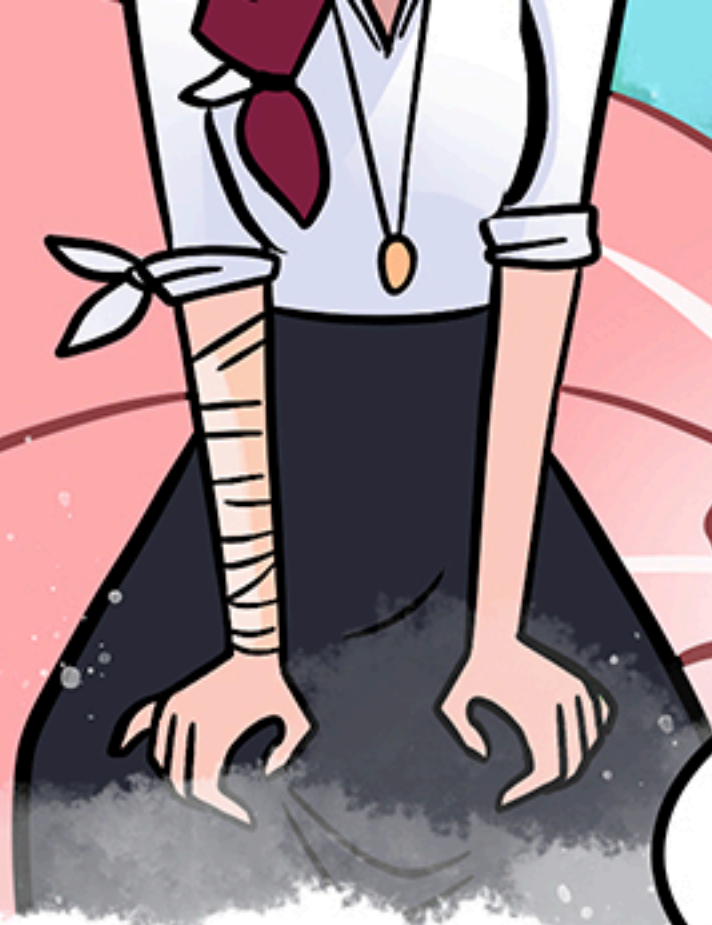


SO...

YOU WANT
TO KNOW MY
BACKSTORY,
HUH?

UH...
YEAH.





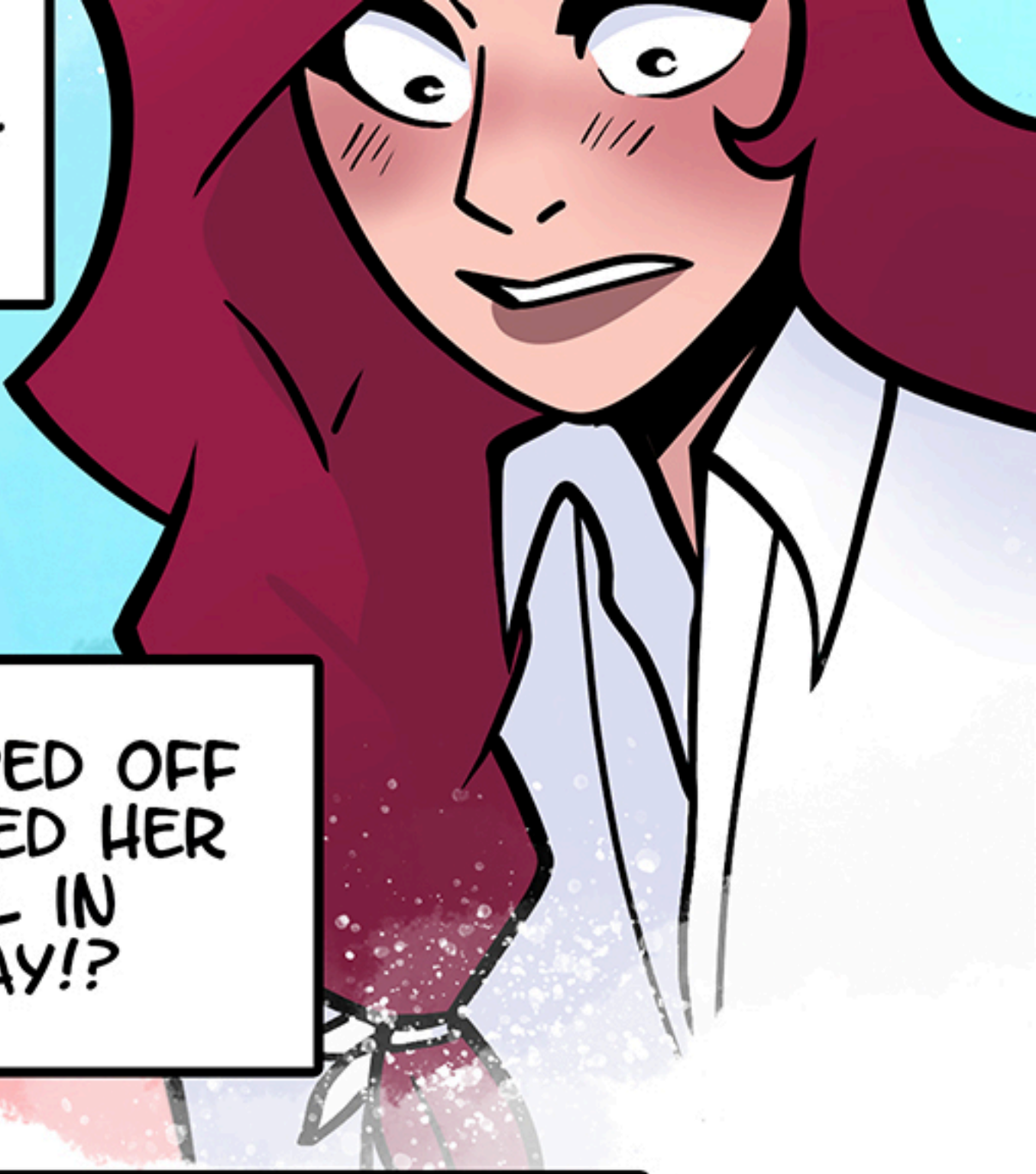
CRAP, NOW
THAT I'VE HAD TIME
TO CALM DOWN.

THE EMBARRASSMENT
IS REALLY SETTLING IN.

THIS IS
PAINFUL.

I'VE HUGGED
HER TWICE,





HAD A MENTAL
BREAKDOWN-

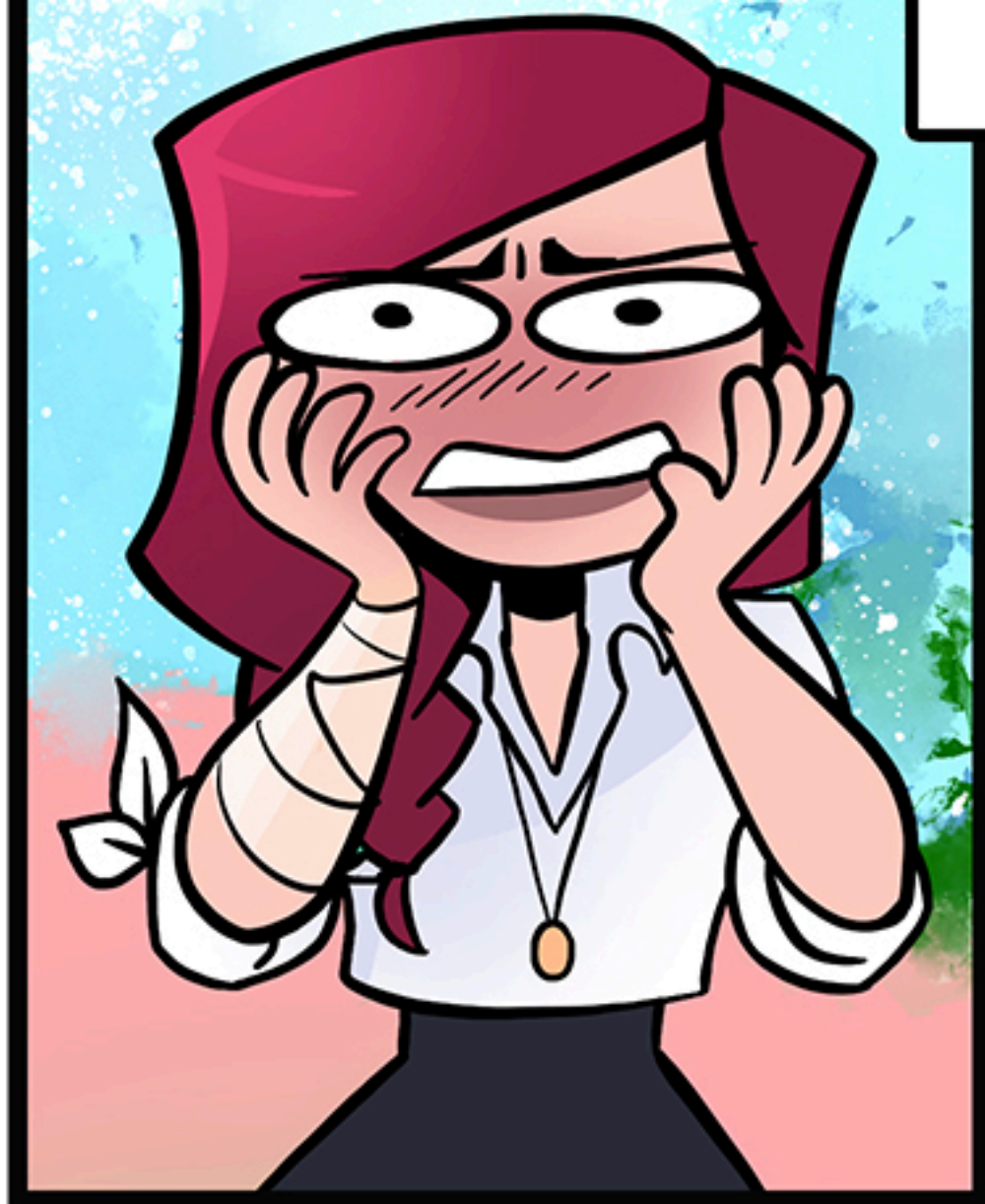
THEN RIPPED OFF
AND HEALED HER
ARM ALL IN
ONE DAY!?

PLUS WHAT NYRA
SAID ABOUT WHAT I
TOLD HER AT THE
PARTY, TOO!?

I DON'T EVEN
REMEMBER THAT!

SHE COULD HAVE
TURNED ME IN RIGHT
THEN! WHY DIDN'T
SHE!? I'M AN IDIOT-

WHAT AM I
DOING!?



DOING!?

ARE MY MENTAL BREAKS
GOING TO BE LIKE IN PACIFIC
EDGE - WHERE THE MONSTERS
ARE SHOWING UP WITH INCREASED
FREQUENCY AND STRENGTH!?





FOUGHT OFF BY
A GIANT ROBOT POWERED
BY A PLANT DEMON AND
DUPRE GIRL I JUST MET?

... WAIT, WHAT?
THIS ANALOGY IS
GETTING OUT
OF HAND.



CAMILLE-



A comic panel featuring two characters. On the left, a woman with dark red hair, wearing a light blue shirt and a necklace with a yellow pendant, has her hands pressed against her cheeks in a surprised or shocked expression. On the right, a green-skinned alien with a large, pink, multi-petaled flower for a head looks back at her. The alien has pink eyes and a small, open mouth. A speech bubble originates from the alien, containing the text 'DID YOU HEAR ANYTHING I SAID?'. The background is a soft-focus scene with a large, pink, petal-like structure on the right and some foliage on the left.

DID YOU
HEAR ANYTHING
I SAID?



AM I
BORING YOU.
CAMILLE?

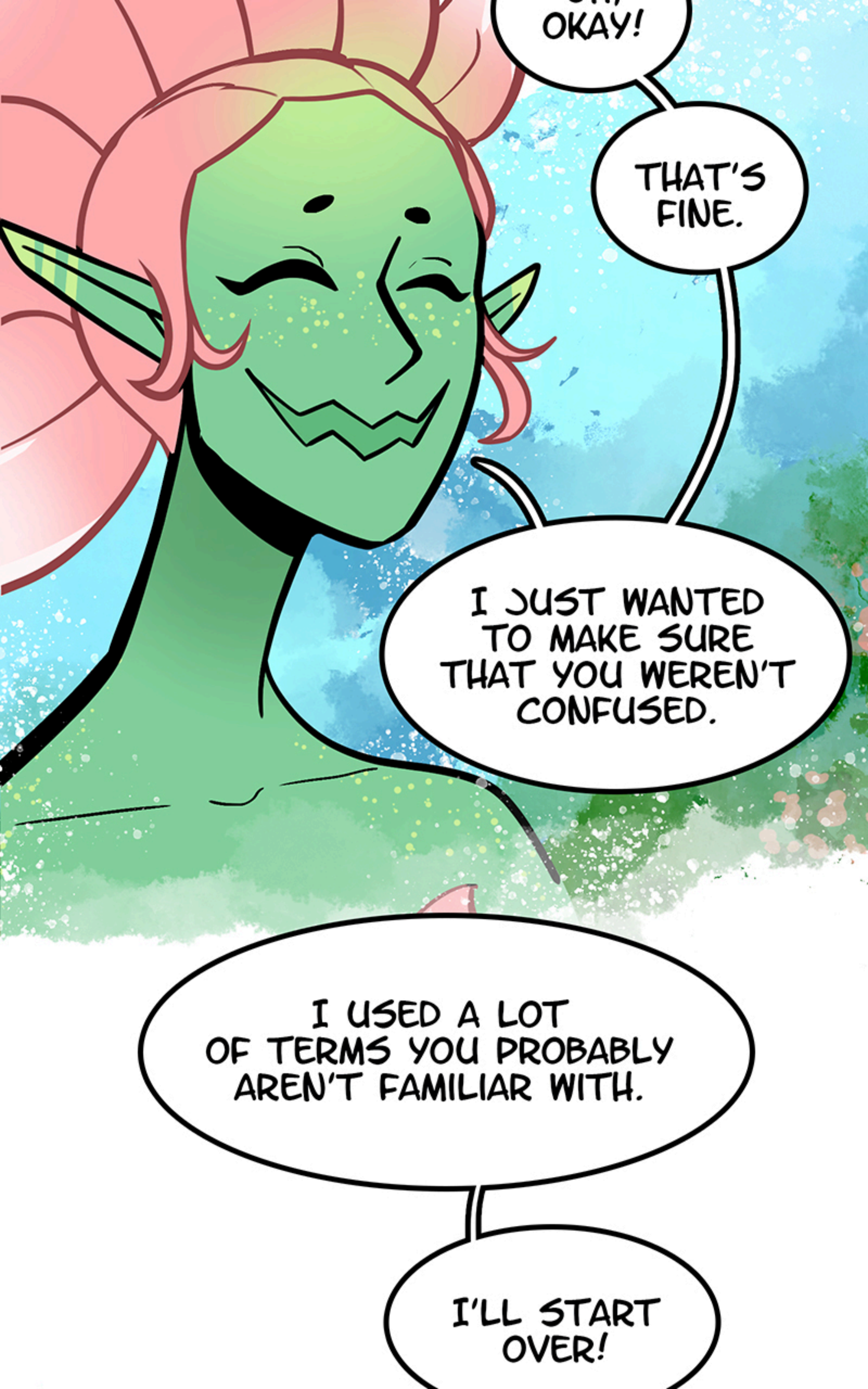
OH.... NO...
I SPACED
OUT.



can

I'M SORRY.

OH.



OKAY!

THAT'S
FINE.

I JUST WANTED
TO MAKE SURE
THAT YOU WEREN'T
CONFUSED.

I USED A LOT
OF TERMS YOU PROBABLY
AREN'T FAMILIAR WITH.

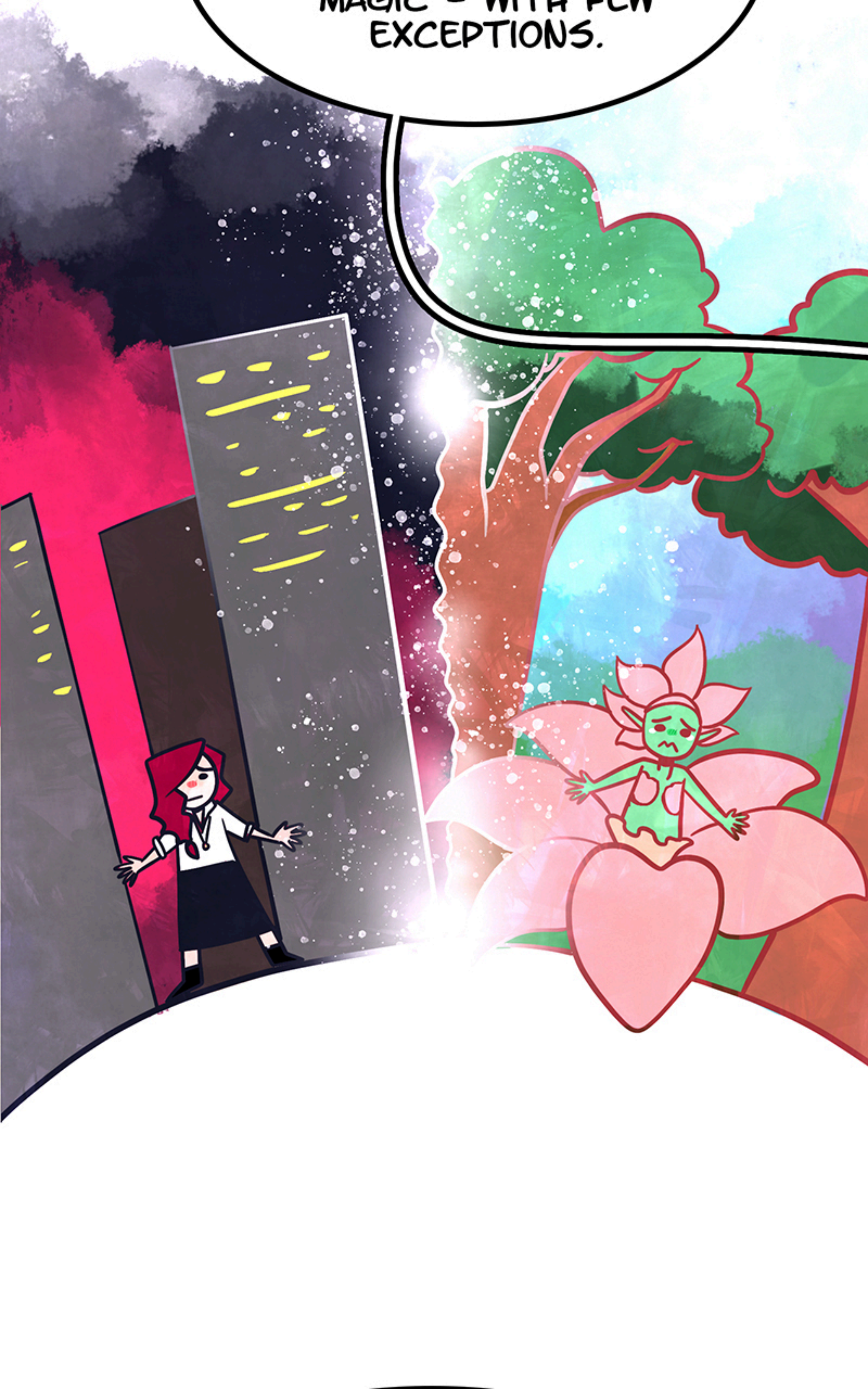
I'LL START
OVER!



MY WORLD IS
NOT ANYTHING LIKE
YOUR WORLD.

ON EARTH
MAGIC ISN'T COMMON.
WHILE ON TREA IT MIGHT
AS WELL BE ENTIRELY
MAGIC - WITH FEW

MAGIC & WITH A FEW
EXCEPTIONS.



BUT IT IS
PARALLEL IN THE
SENSE THAT THERE ARE
THIN AREAS BETWEEN OURS
THAT WE CAN SLIP
THROUGH.



The background of the image is a vibrant, abstract illustration of a forest. It features thick, white, wavy lines representing tree trunks and branches, set against a backdrop of soft, blended colors in shades of purple, blue, red, and orange. The entire scene is covered with a fine, speckled texture of small dots in various colors, giving it a dreamlike, ethereal quality. A white speech bubble with a black outline is positioned in the upper center of the image.

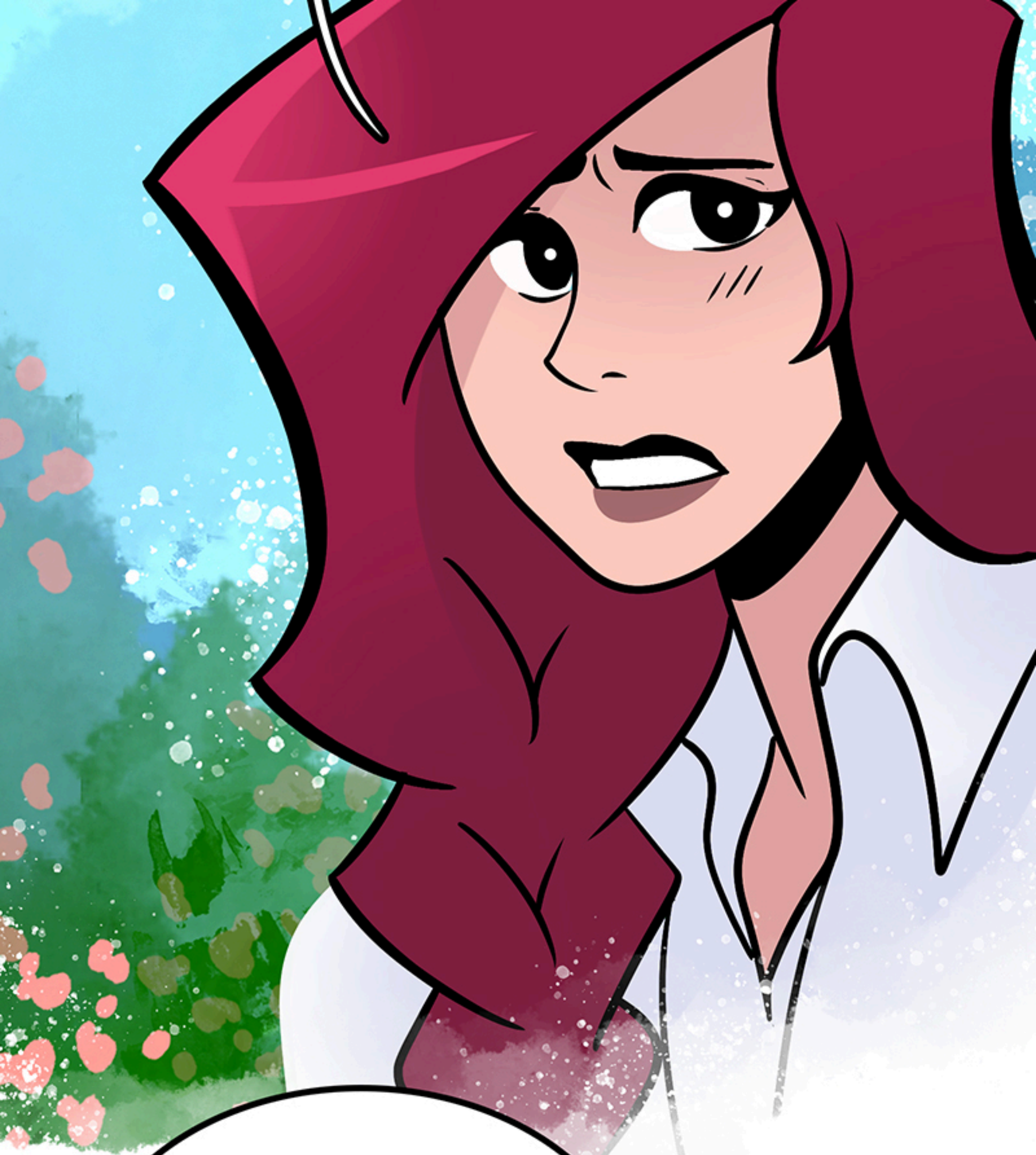
ONE OF
THOSE THIN SPOTS
IS A GREAT WHITE
TREE-

ALL DENDROBIUM
ARE TASKED WITH GUARDING
THE BASE OF THE TREE TO
MAKE SURE THAT NOTHING BAD
CAN SLIP THROUGH AND
HURT EARTH.





WAIT,
YOU SAID YOU
WERE LIKE DECORATIONS
IN A GARDEN YOU DIDN'T
MENTION THAT YOU WERE
LIKE... A GUARD.



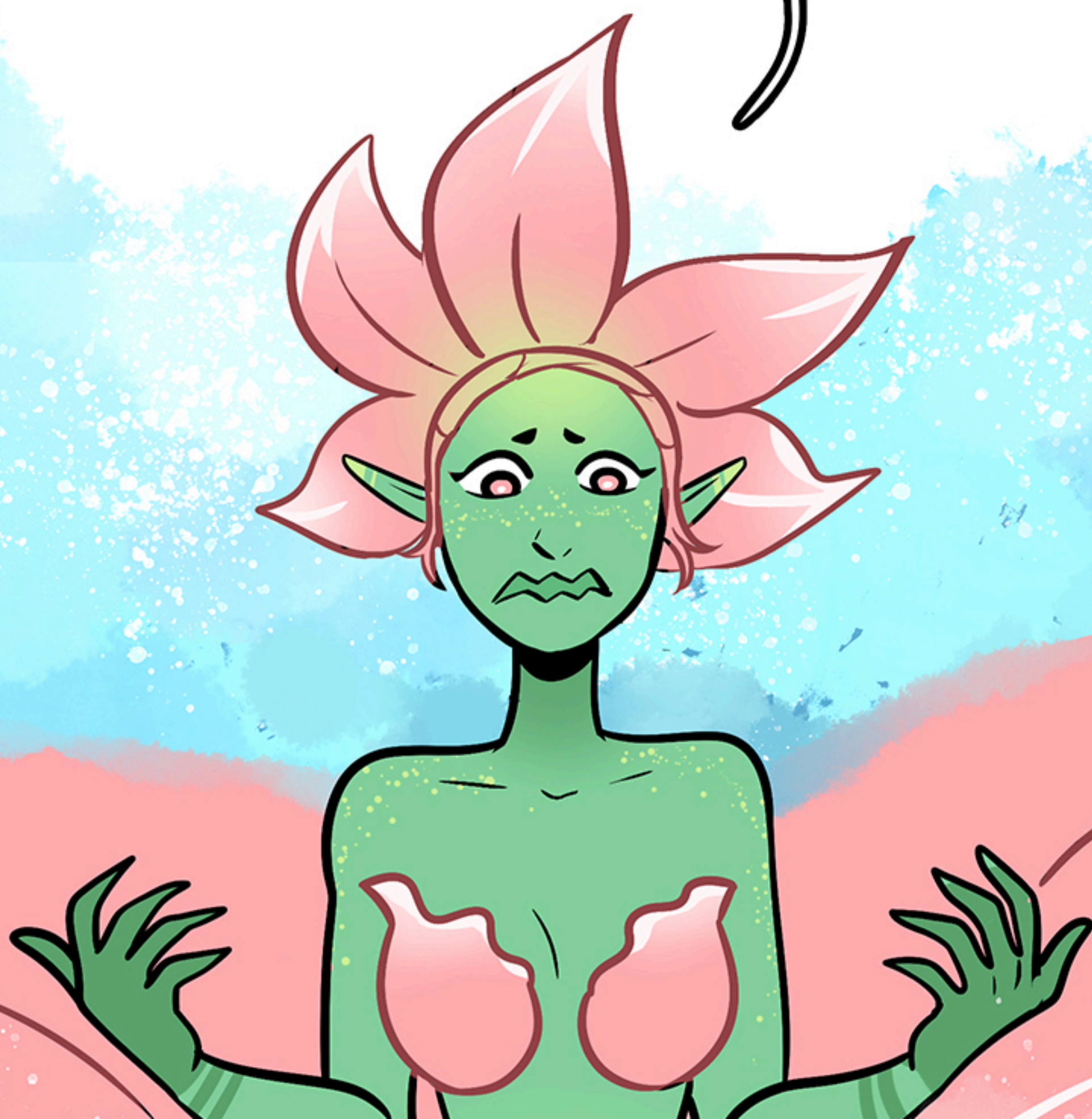
WELL IT
FELT LIKE THAT!
WE ALL HAVE THE
SAME NAME AND SIT
IN THE SAME SPOT
DAY AFTER DAY!

AND IT WAS SO
BORING!! SURE SOME DAYS
WERE DANGEROUS AND TENSE
BUT MOST OF THE TIME WE
JUST SAT THERE!

JUST... SAY THERE.



AND EVERYONE
ELSE AS FAR AS I COULD
SEE WAS PERFECTLY FINE WITH
IT! IT WAS DRIVING ME
CRAZY!





IT'S
LONELY...

IT WAS HARD TO
MAKE MY ONLY PURPOSE
TO PROTECT THE TREE FROM
BEINGS GOING TO EARTH
WHEN I WANTED TO GO
TO EARTH!





SURELY
THERE WAS MORE TO
LIVING THAN OCCASIONALLY
FIGHTING UNTIL I WAS
DESTROYED OR UNTIL
I WILTED AWAY!



I LEARNED FROM
THE GREAT TREE - SOMETIMES
IT GIVES SPECIAL PERMISSIONS
TO DEMONS TO LIVE ON EARTH
AND GIVES THEM NEW
BODIES!

AND I THOUGHT
THAT IF I GOT PULLED
THROUGH A HUMAN MADE
PORTAL THAT IT WOULD...
CHANGE ME SOMEHOW.

AND I'D
BE FREE... OR
AT LEAST HAVE
MORE OPTIONS.





DENDRO...



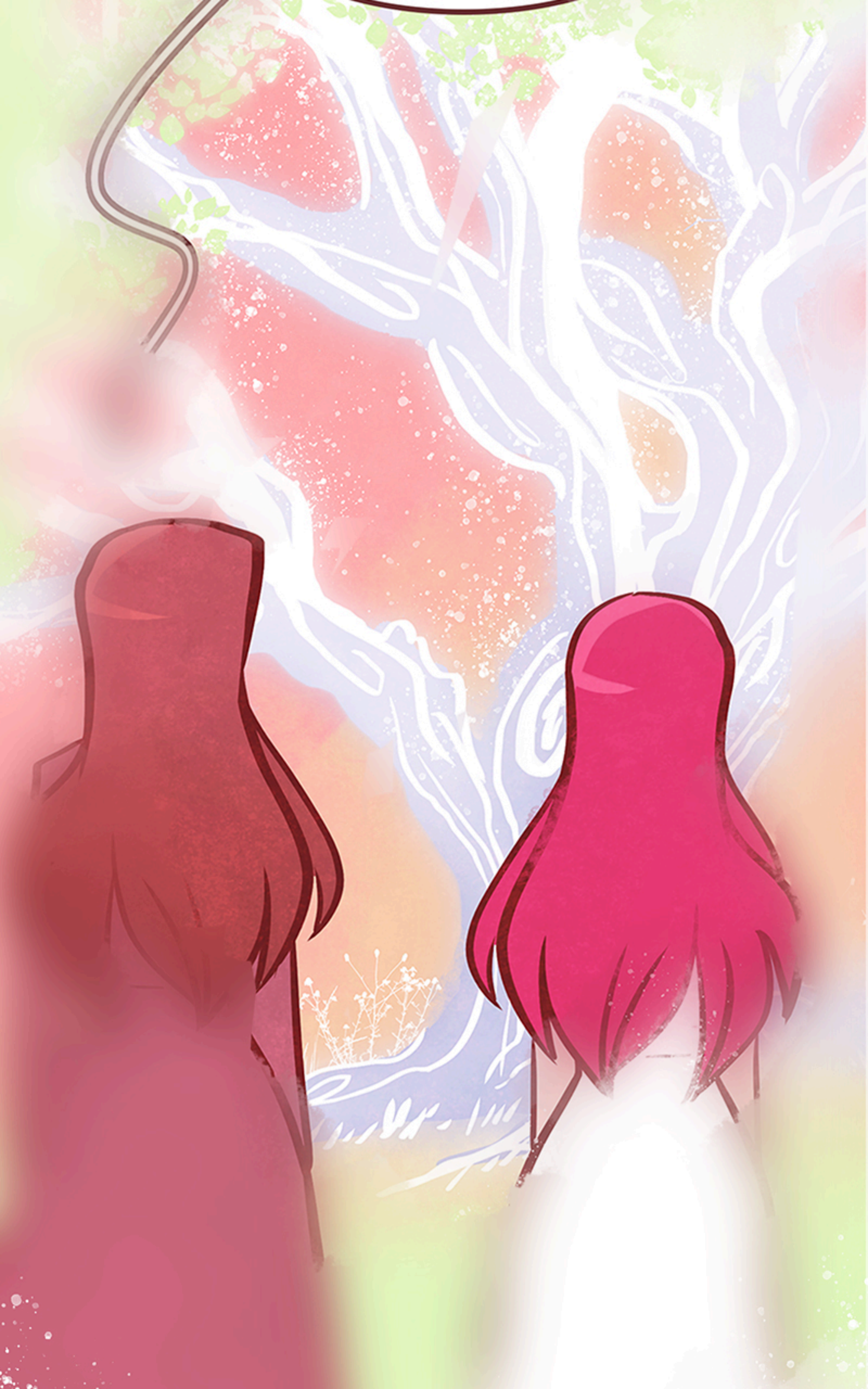


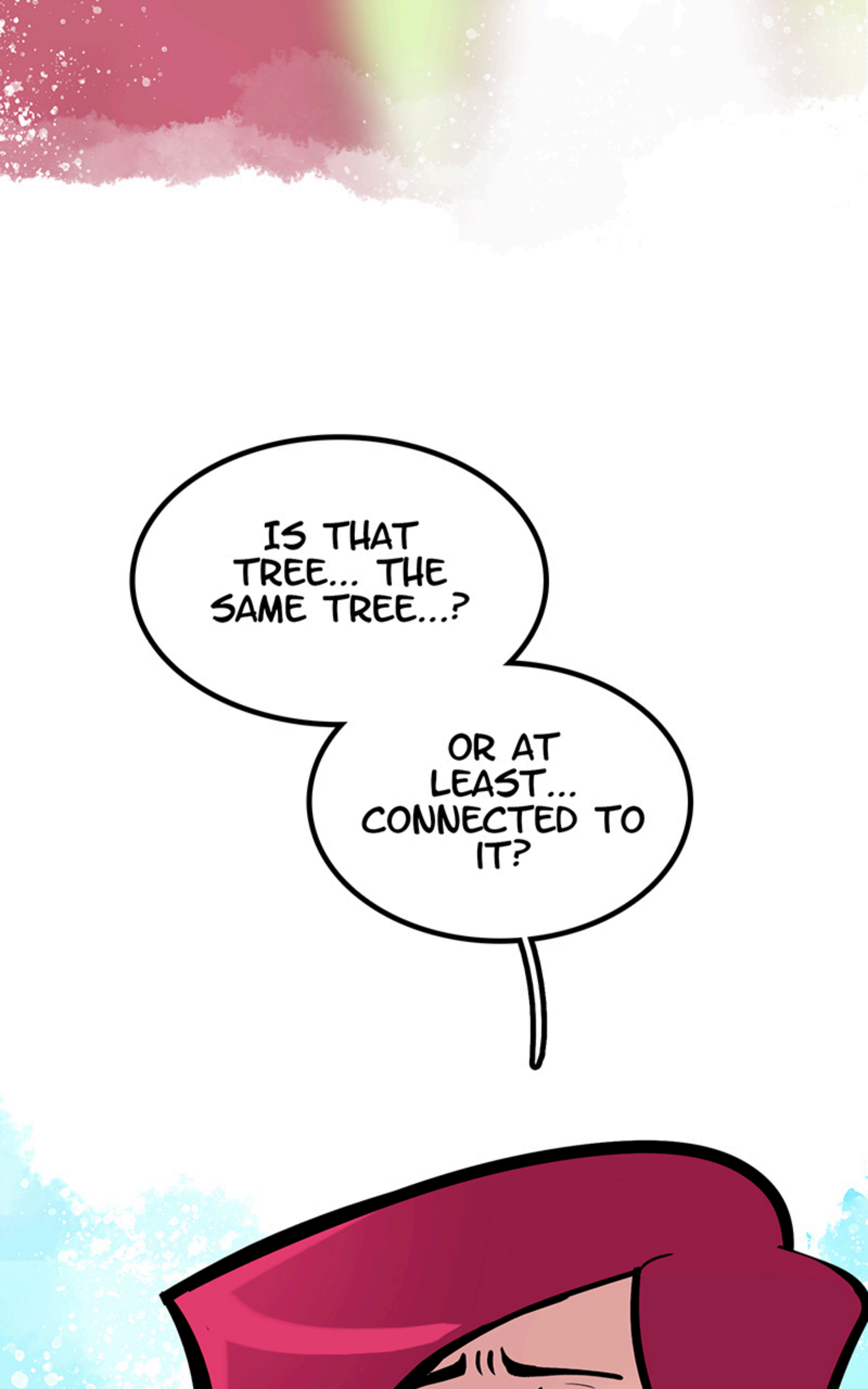
WAIT A
SECOND...



IT'S THE
GREAT TREE IN THE
CENTER OF THE LEROUX
ORCHARD.

IT IS WHERE
THEY SUMMON THEIR
FAMILIARS.



The image is a comic panel. At the top, there is a large, soft-focus cloud with a gradient of red, pink, and yellow. Below this, two speech bubbles are positioned. The first speech bubble is on the left and contains the text "IS THAT TREE... THE SAME TREE...?". The second speech bubble is on the right and contains the text "OR AT LEAST... CONNECTED TO IT?". At the bottom of the panel, the top of a character's head is visible, showing dark hair and a pinkish-red color. The background is white with some light blue and yellow speckles at the bottom.

IS THAT
TREE... THE
SAME TREE...?

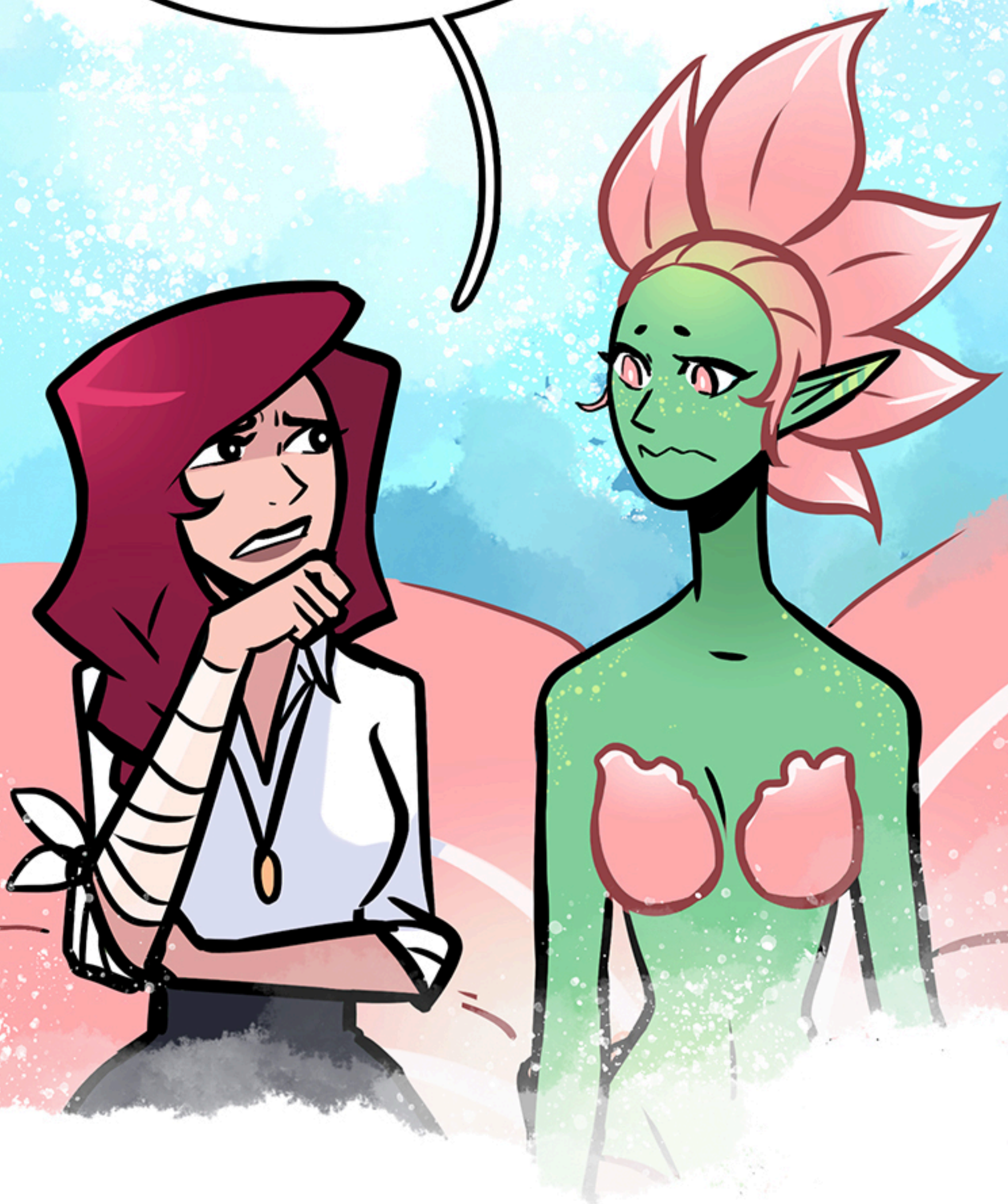
OR AT
LEAST...
CONNECTED TO
IT?



I'M SORRY...

WHAT FOR?

I THINK
THE REASON
YOU'RE IN THE SAME
BODY...



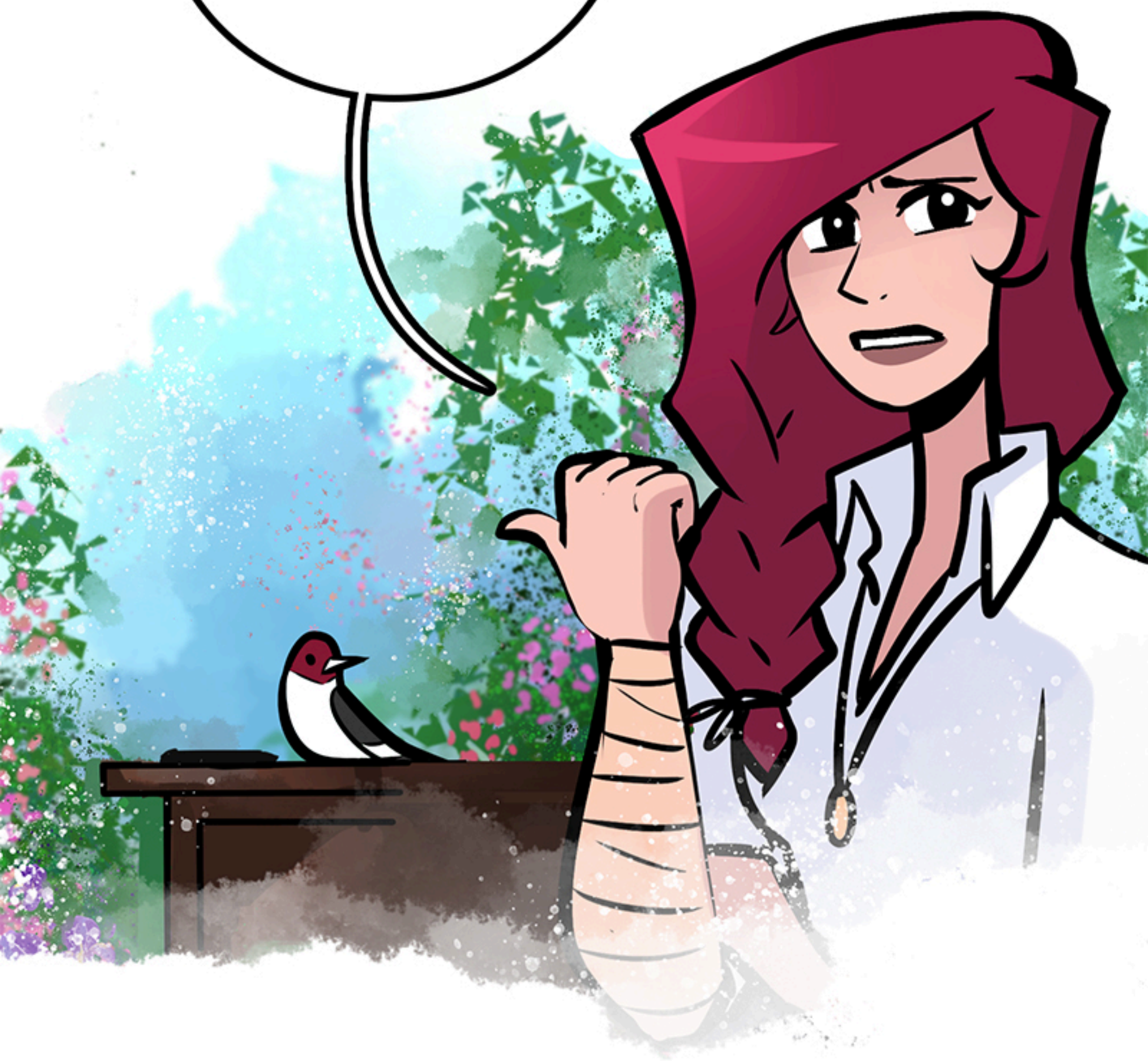
IS BECAUSE
THE NATURE OF THE
RITUAL I DID IS TO
SUMMON A TRUE
DEMON...



WHERE
WHAT YOU'RE
TALKING ABOUT IS LIKE
WHAT HAPPENED WITH

WHAT HAPPENED WITH
TOBEN - HIS FORM
CHANGED TO LIVE
ON EARTH.

IN ORDER
TO BLEND
IN MORE.



I ALWAYS

CUTE THOUGH!





IS THAT
AVALINE?

DID SHE
RESPOND?





NO...
IT SILVIA!

DINNER TIME.





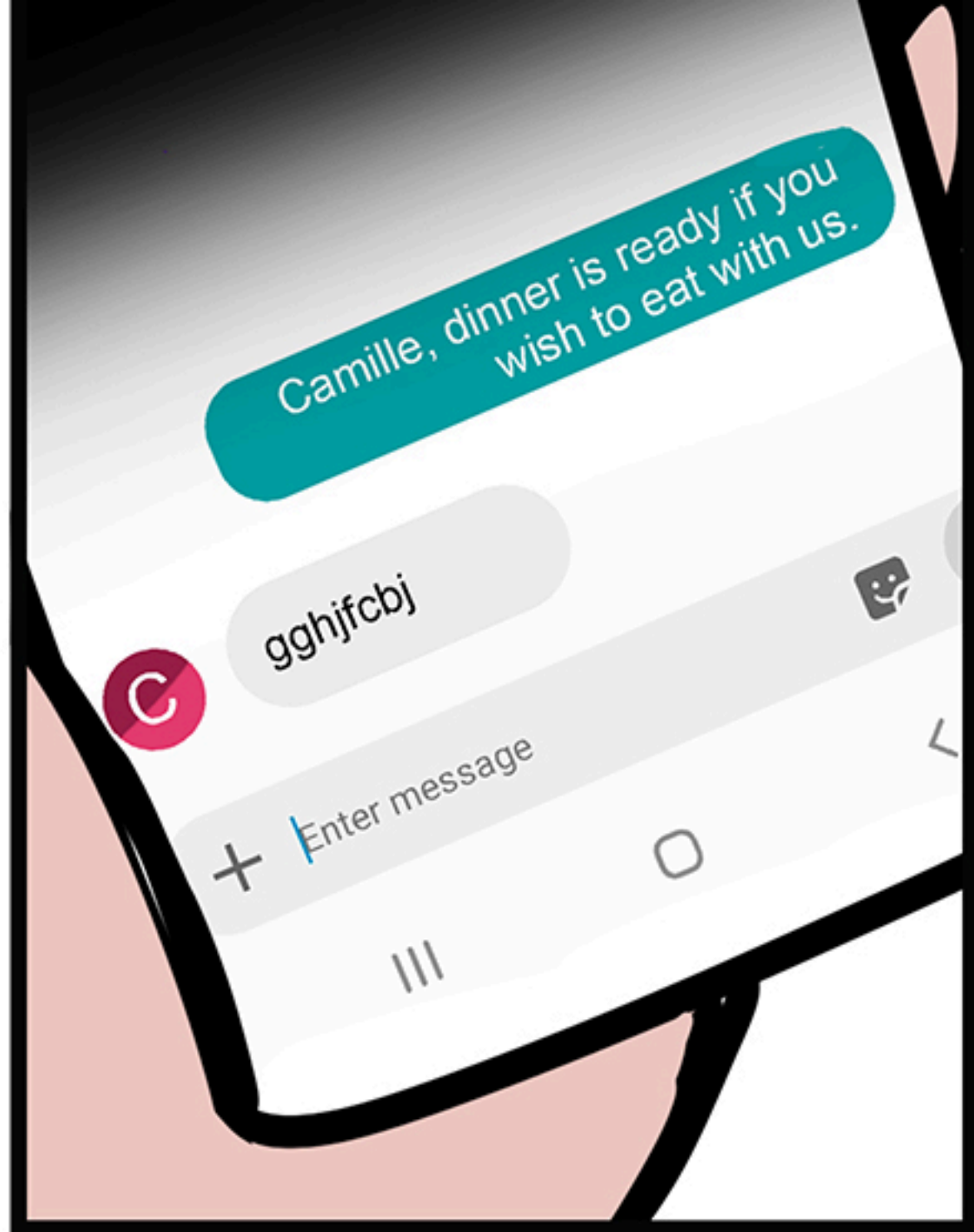
ALSO, HEY-

DON'T RESPOND
TO MY TEXTS.



On.







HA

HA
HA

HA

HA HA
HA



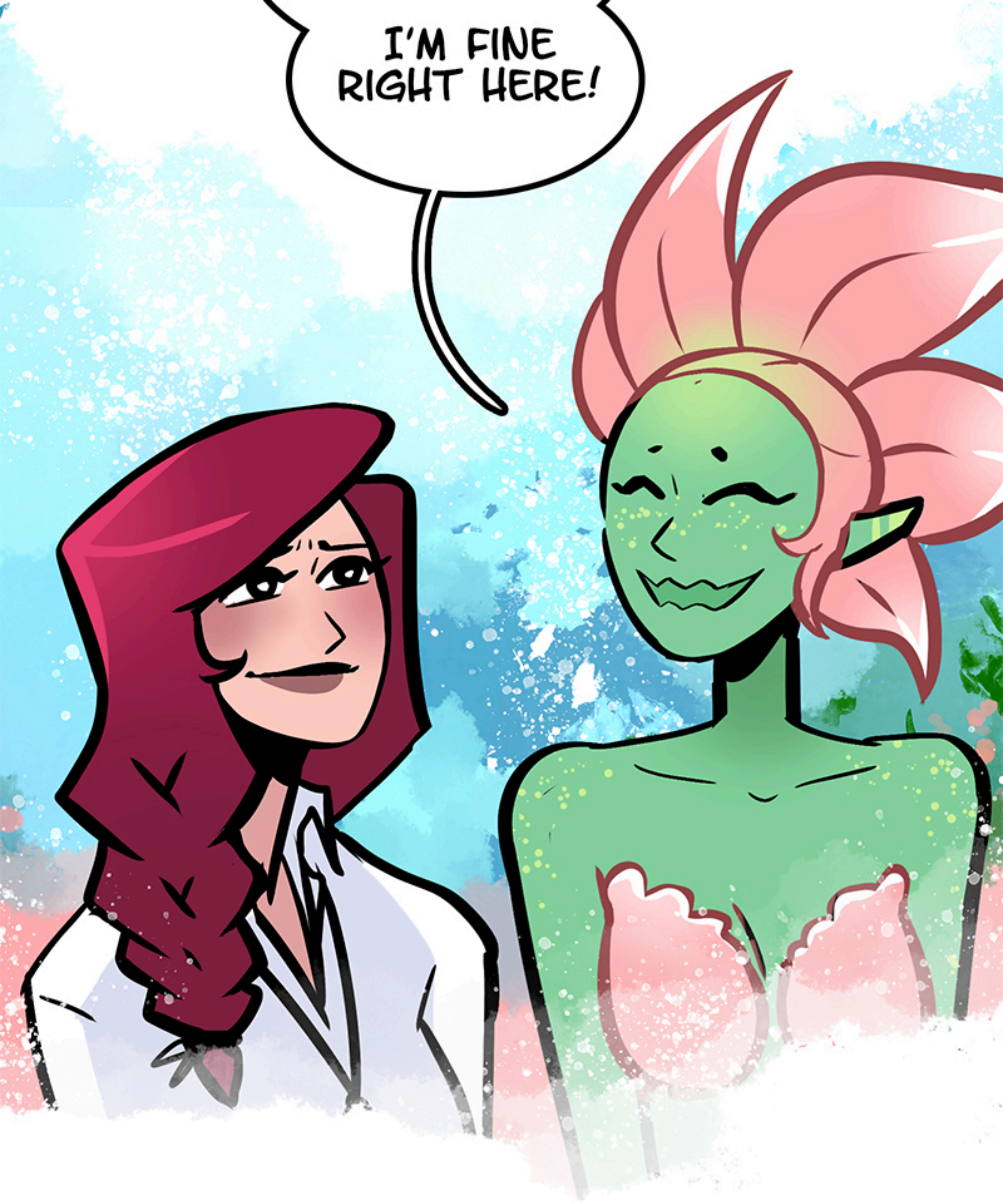
DON'T WORRY
ABOUT WHAT FORM
I'M IN...

THIS DAY HAS
ALREADY BEEN FAR MORE
EXCITING THAN MY TIME BACK
HOME. THANKS TO YOU.

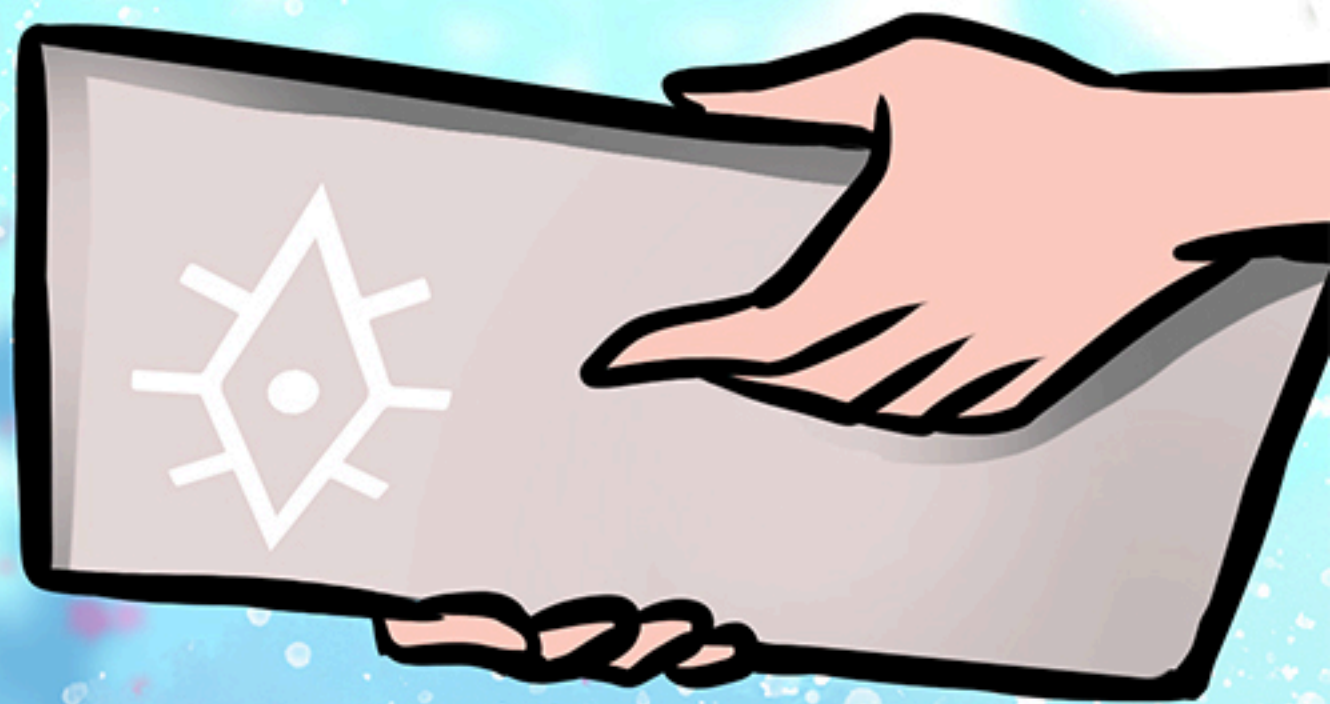


GO HAVE
DINNER WITH
YOUR PEOPLE.

I'M FINE
RIGHT HERE!



ALRIGHT...





I MADE YOU
YOUR OWN ACCOUNTS
ON SOME THINGS SO
YOU CAN ACCESS THEM
AND LEARN MORE.

JUST DON'T...
TELL ANYONE WHERE
YOU ARE OR, YOU KNOW,
WHAT YOU ARE.



NOT LIKE
ANYONE WOULD
BELIEVE YOU.

SO HAVE
FUN WITH THE
INTERNET.

INTERNET...



THANK YOU!

I WILL LEARN
EVERYTHING THAT
I CAN!

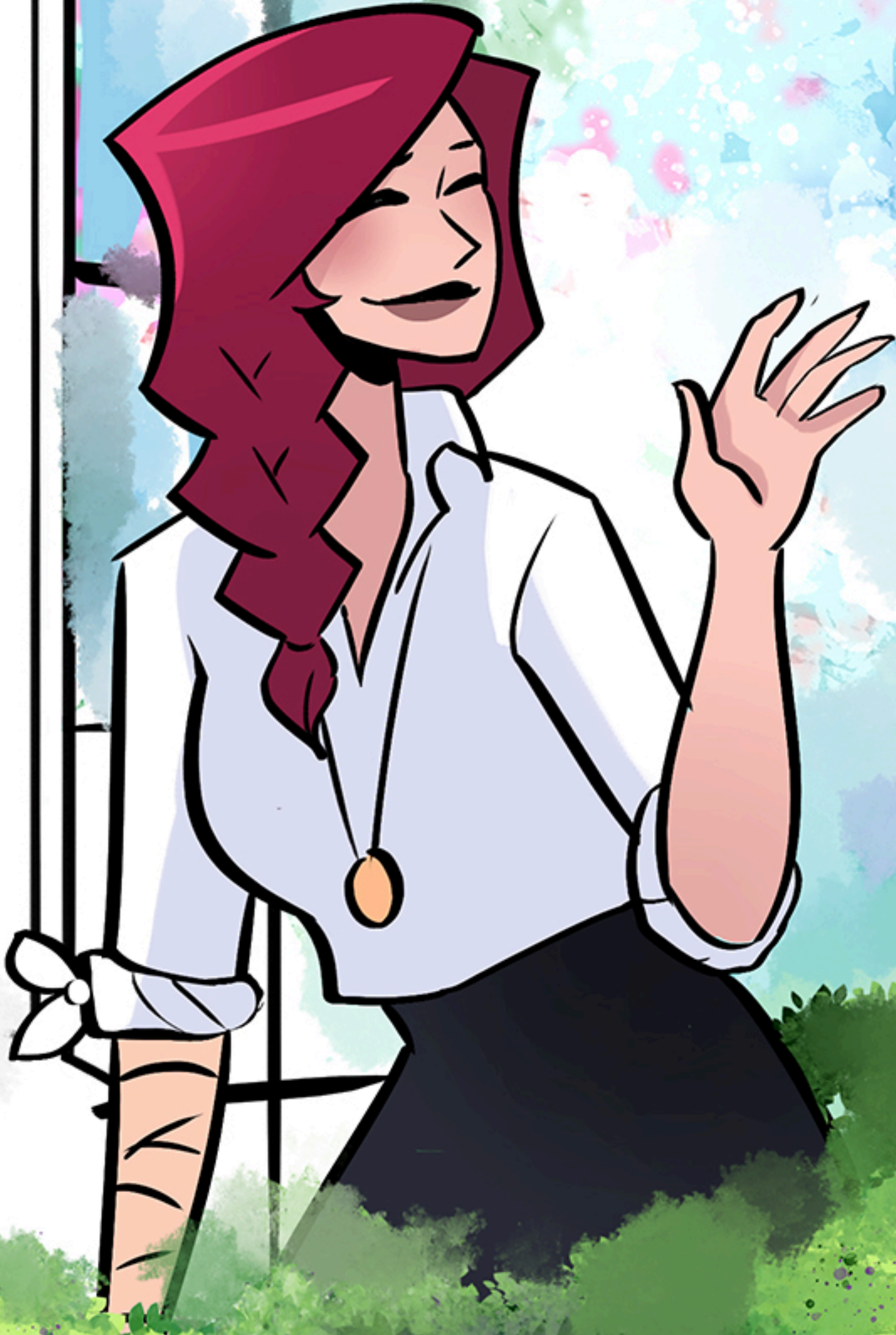




SEE YOU
LATER, THEN.

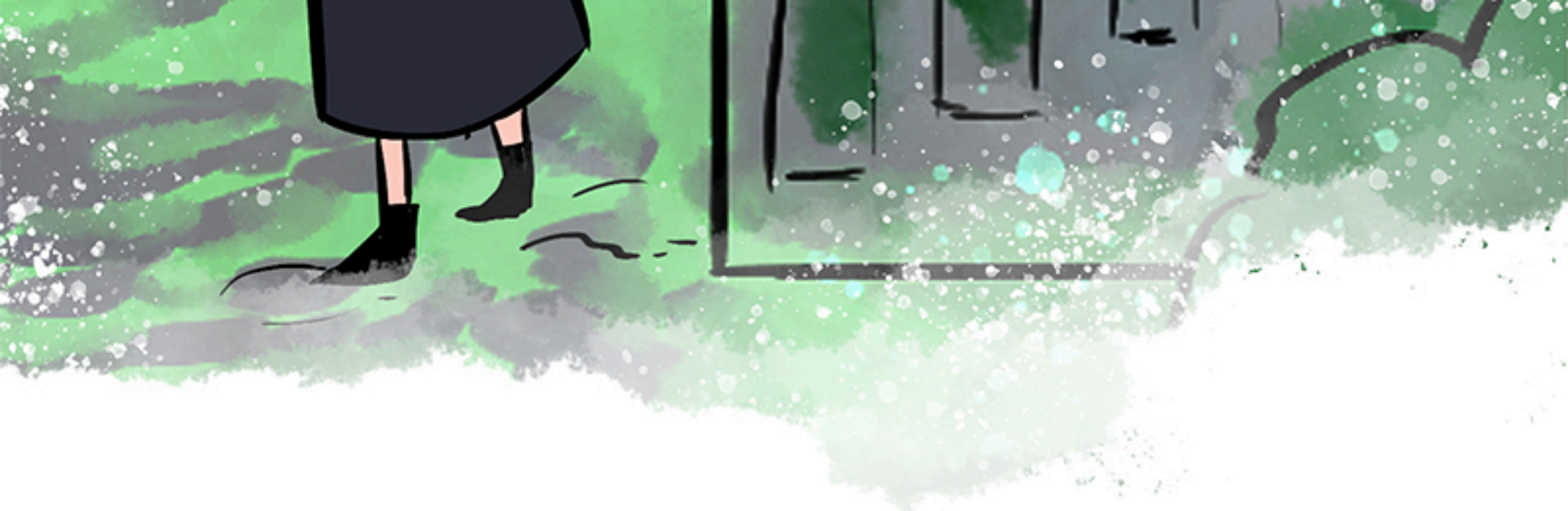
BYE BYE!

BYE BYE!





AH...



OF ALL
THE DUMB THINGS
I'VE DONE THE PAST
WEEK...

HOPEFULLY
GIVING HER FREE
REIGN ON THE INTERNET
DOESN'T TURN OUT TO
BE ONE OF THEM.



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THANK YOU
FOR READING!

PLEASE 
THE EPISODE!



BYE BYE!