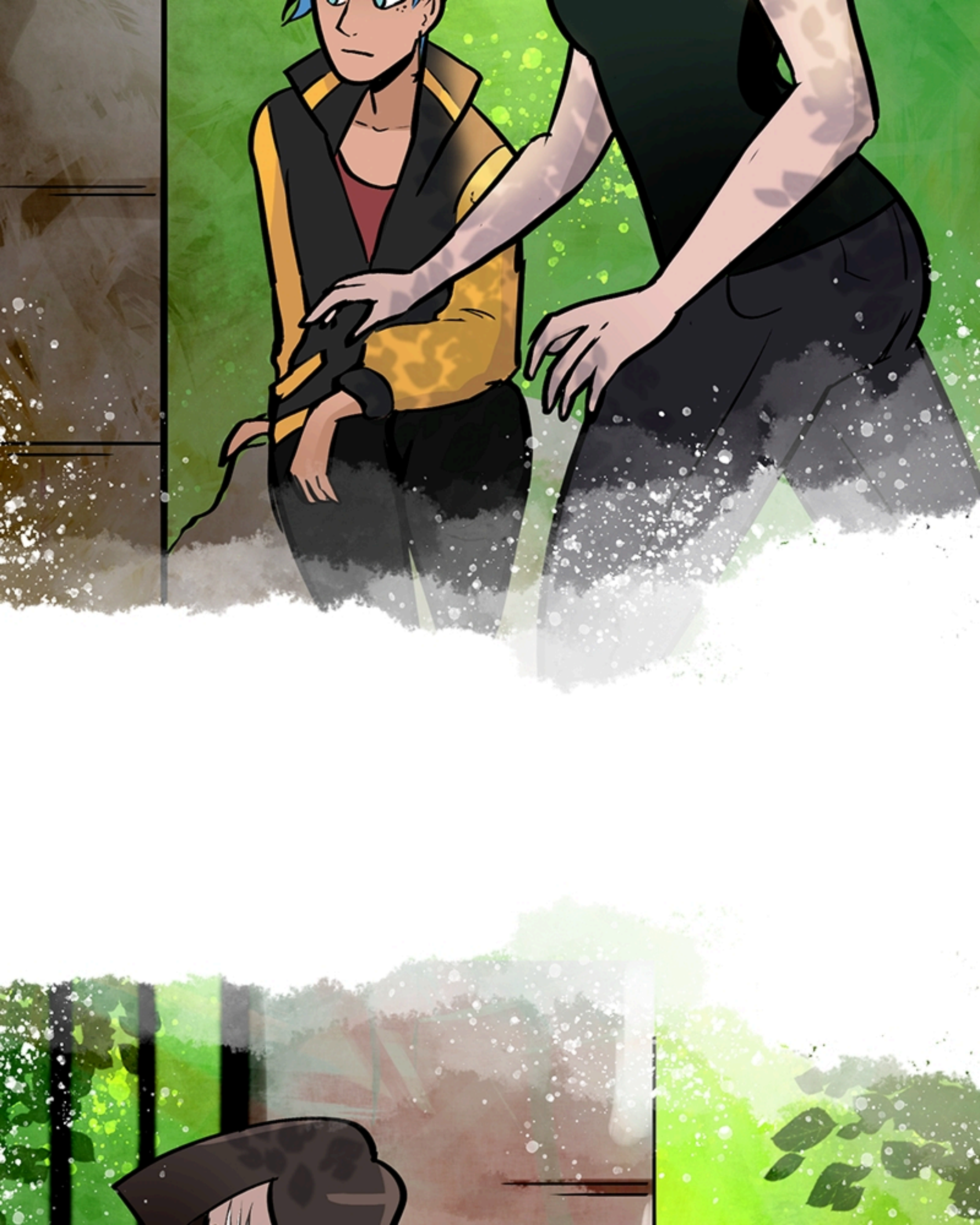














OI, NYRA.
YOU OKAY?





YEAH, I'M
FINE NOW.

IT'S JUST
BEEN A REALLY
CRAZY DAY.



I'LL BET.

WHAT'S
WITH THE BOTTLE,
THEN?







OH... WELL...

THIS IS...

YOU
KNOW...





HUMAN ASHES.





ALRIGHT-
WELL THEN IT'S

EVEN BETTER THAT
WE'RE LEAVING.

THIS HAS
GONE ABOVE AND
BEYOND NORMAL
FAMILY DRAMA.







WHAT?

WHILE YOU
WERE OUT SILVIA
CALLED HARRIET
LEROUX.



THEY CAME AND
SET UP STONES AROUND
THE PERIMETER.

THE LAST ONE
IS RIGHT INSIDE
THE GATE.



ONCE THE KEY
IS PUT IN, THE BARRIER
WILL ACTIVATE ITSELF AND
THIS WHOLE MANOR WILL
BE ON LOCKDOWN.





I'VE HAD
EVERYONE ELSE
PACK UP AND LEAVE
ALREADY.

I'VE JUST
BEEN WAITING FOR
YOU TO GET BACK SO
THAT WE CAN GET
OUT OF HERE.

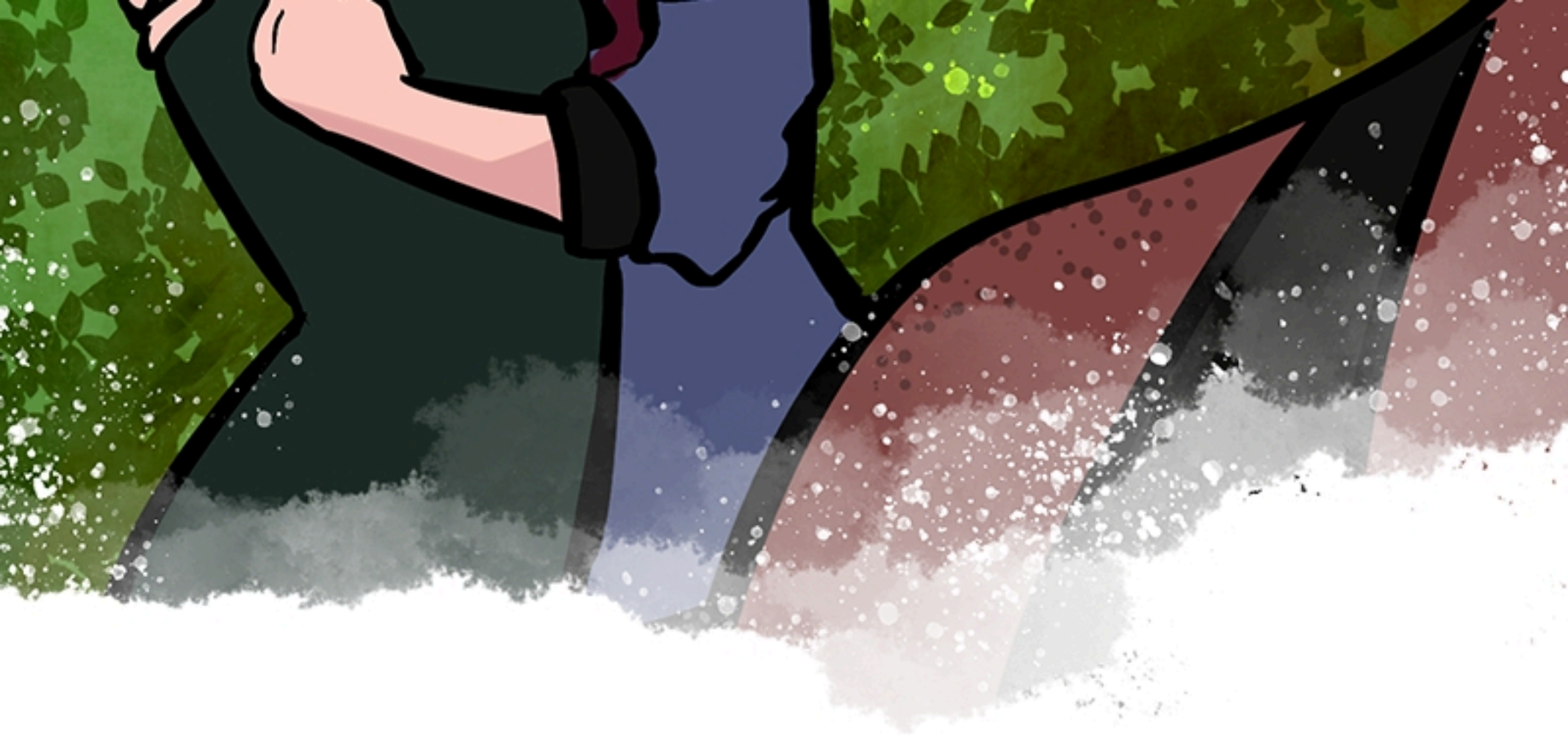




WHY CAN'T
WE BE ON LOCKDOWN
WITH THEM?

WHY NOT
STAY AND
HELP!?





BECAUSE
IT'S NONE OF
OUR BUSINESS,
NYRA!





WE HAD

WE HAD
RESPONSIBILITIES,
OUR JOB WAS TO
MEND FENCES WITH
THE SEVERINS.

BUT
COME ON!





DUAL-BLOOD
CHILDREN-

USING EXCESSIVE
MAGIC IN PUBLIC-

DEMONS AND
POSSESSION-

OH AND
APPARENTLY-





MURDER!?



I MAINTAIN
THAT DIANA ELOI
WAS LONG DEAD,

AND THE
DEMON WAS JUST
ANIMATING HER
BODY.





OH GOODY!
THAT'S MUCH
BETTER, THANKS
FOR CLEARING
THAT UP!



HOW DO YOU
EVEN KNOW ABOUT

ANY OF THAT? I NEVER
TOLD YOU ABOUT HER
BLOODLINE-





BECAUSE THE

BECAUSE THE
CAT IS OUT OF THE
PROVERBIAL BAG,
NYRA.

SILVIA HAD TO
EXPLAIN EVERYTHING
TO ME-



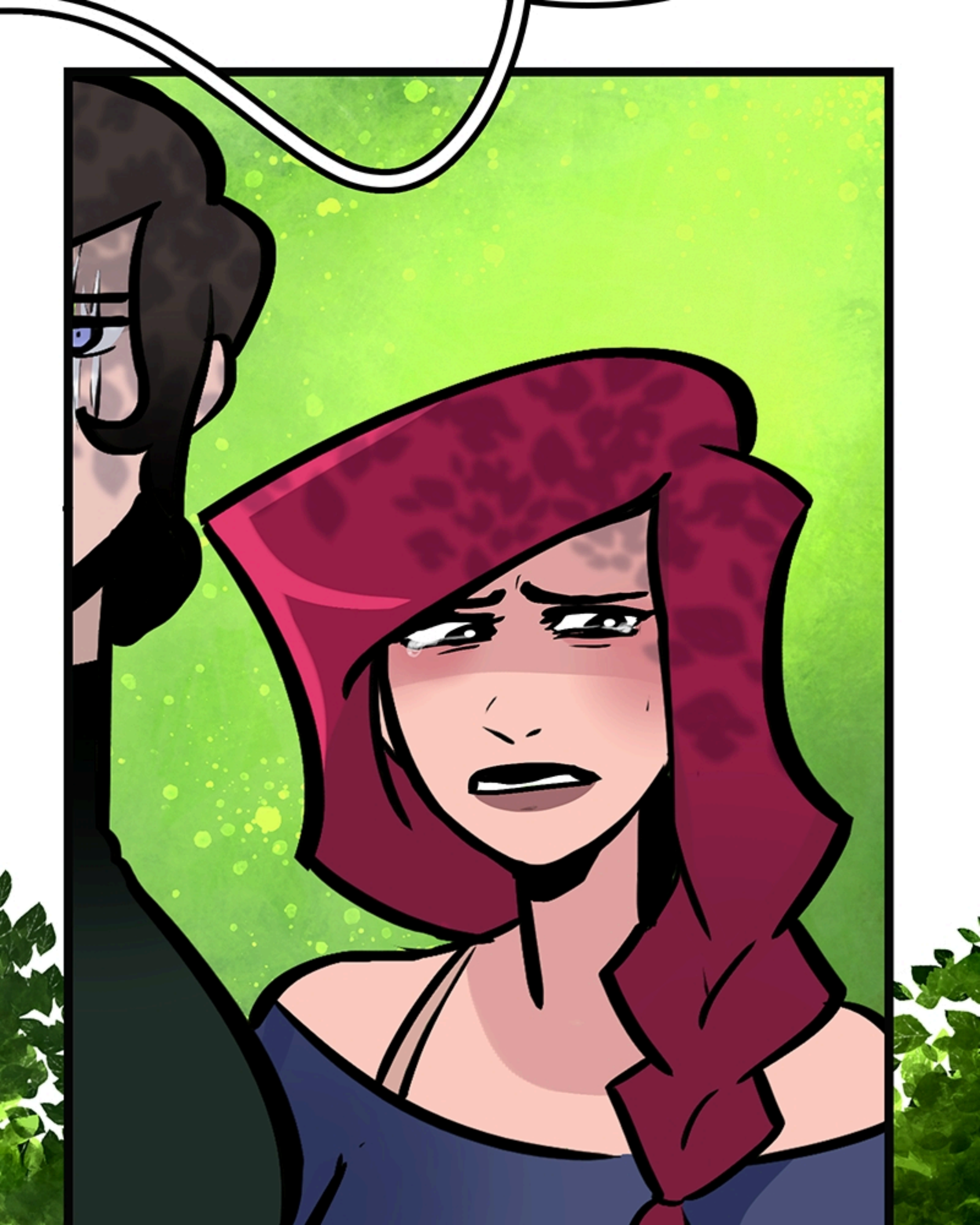


WHEN THE
SEVERIN MATRIARCH
CALLED HER TO SCREAM
ABOUT YOUR LITTLE
STINT AT THE
CAFE.



YOU REALLY
THINK THAT OUR
FAMILY WON'T BE
BLAMED FOR THIS?
JUST LIKE LAST
TIME??

THE ONLY
SAVING GRACE
IS THAT ATHALIE
DOESN'T KNOW YOUR
FULL NAME.





SO WE GET THE HELL
OUT OF LOUISIANA AND
WE STAY OUT-

UNTIL THIS
WHOLE THING BLOWS
OVER.



WHAT IS DONE
IS DONE, YOU HAVE
TO THINK ABOUT

A comic book panel featuring three speech bubbles. The background is dark with silhouettes of trees and bushes. The top speech bubble is partially cut off. The middle speech bubble is oval-shaped. The bottom speech bubble is also oval-shaped and has a long tail pointing towards the bottom right corner.

TO THINK ABOUT
YOURSELF.

WHAT ARE
YOU EXPECTING
OTHERWISE?

WERE YOU TRYING
TO GET YOURSELF
MUTED IN HER PLACE?
THAT'S MAKES NO
SENSE.



YOU'VE ALWAYS
BEEN MORE EMPATHETIC
THAN ME-



BUT YOU'VE
ALWAYS BEEN RATIONAL.
YOU HAVE TO SEE THAT
STAYING HERE WOULD BE
A RIDICULOUS CHOICE.





A comic panel featuring a blue cat with a pink nose and mouth, looking upwards. The background is a dark green, textured surface, possibly a tree trunk or foliage. Two speech bubbles are present: one at the top and one in the middle. The top speech bubble contains the text "ALSO, 'IT'S OKAY IF YOU LIKE PLANTS.'" followed by "SERIOUSLY?". The middle speech bubble contains the text "YOU DIDN'T THINK I'D FIGURE THAT OUT ON MY OWN??".

ALSO, "IT'S OKAY
IF YOU LIKE PLANTS."
SERIOUSLY?

YOU DIDN'T
THINK I'D FIGURE
THAT OUT ON MY
OWN??





IT'S JUST...

AFTER GOING
THROUGH SO MUCH
HERE...



RUNNING
AWAY AND AVOIDING
ATTACHMENTS BECAUSE IT
IS THE EASIER THING
TO DO... IT'S WHAT
I'VE ALWAYS
DONE.





SLIPPING
AWAY BEFORE
ANYTHING BECOMES
SERIOUS. BEFORE
ANYTHING CAN

STICK-

I'M
TIRED OF
IT.





FINE.

THAT'S ALL
WELL AND GOOD
BUT...



WHY ARE YOU
COMING TO THIS
CONCLUSION AT THE
MOST INCONVENIENT
TIME POSSIBLE?











...BECAUSE I-

SLOANE'S
RIGHT!





WHAT?



NYRA...





YOU HAVE
TO GO.



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