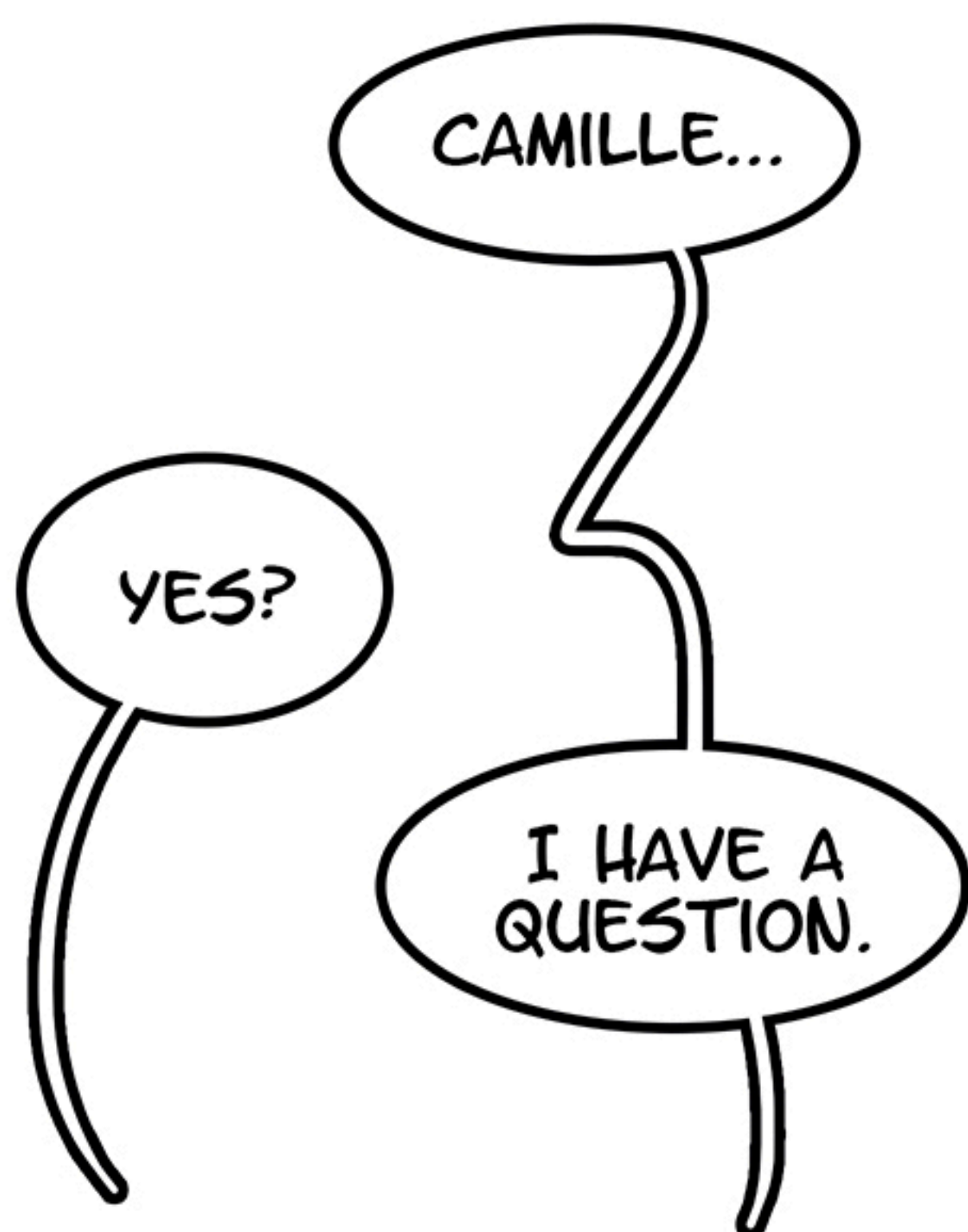






WAS THE
BLINDFOLD REALLY
NECESSARY?

UH...
YES.



I DO
THINK THAT SOME
THINGS ARE EASIER
TO UNDERSTAND IF
I JUST SHOW
YOU...

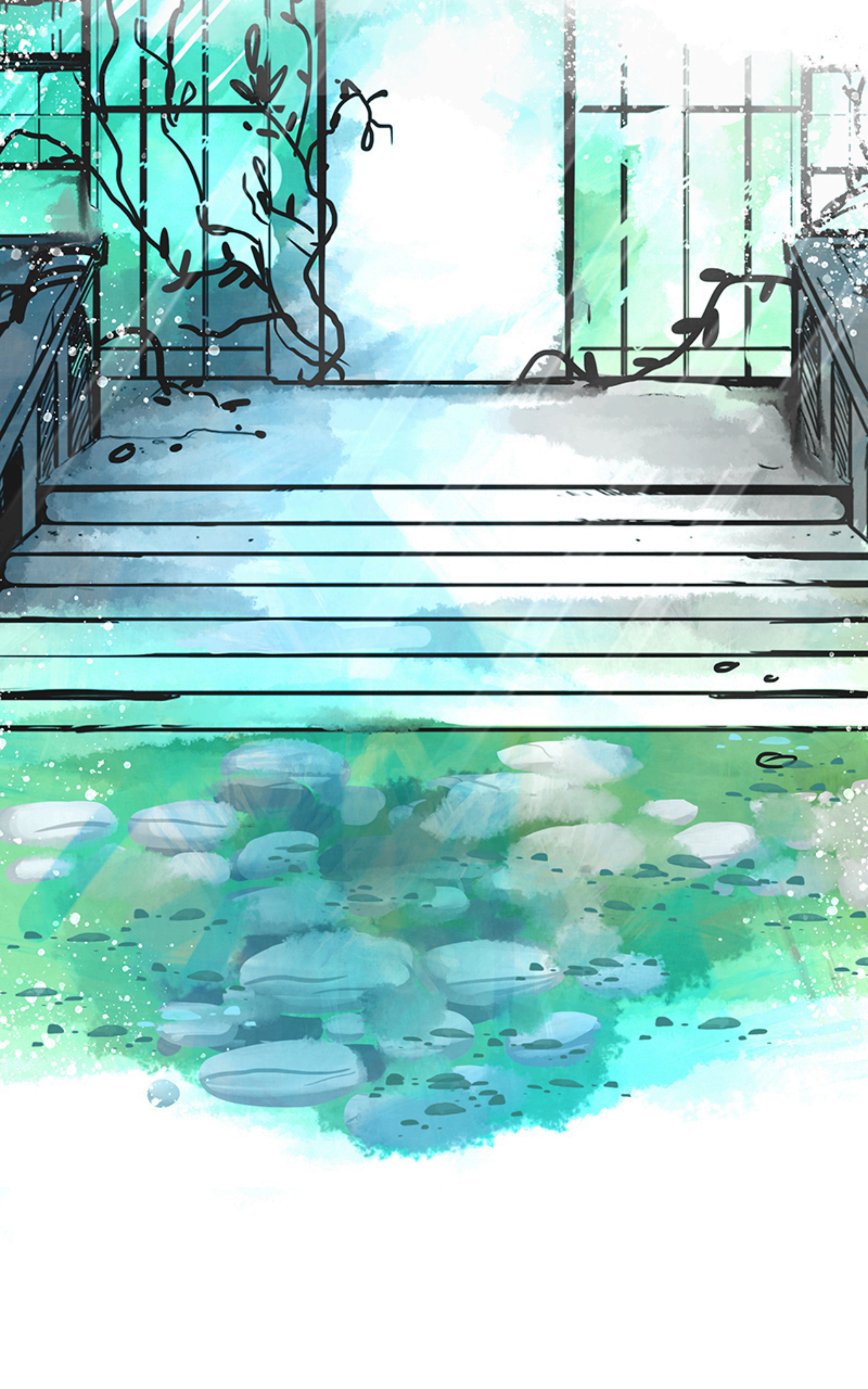
BUT I
ALSO WANT TO
EASE YOU INTO ALL
OF THAT INFORMATION.
SO THIS IS THE
MIDDLEGROUND.





ALSO
WATCH OUT
FOR THE STAIRS
COMING UP-

UH-HUH.





IT SMELLS...
VERY FLOWERY
IN HERE...

LAST TIME
I WAS IN HERE

I WAS IN HIDE
IT JUST SMELLED
LIKE...

OLD
DIRT.

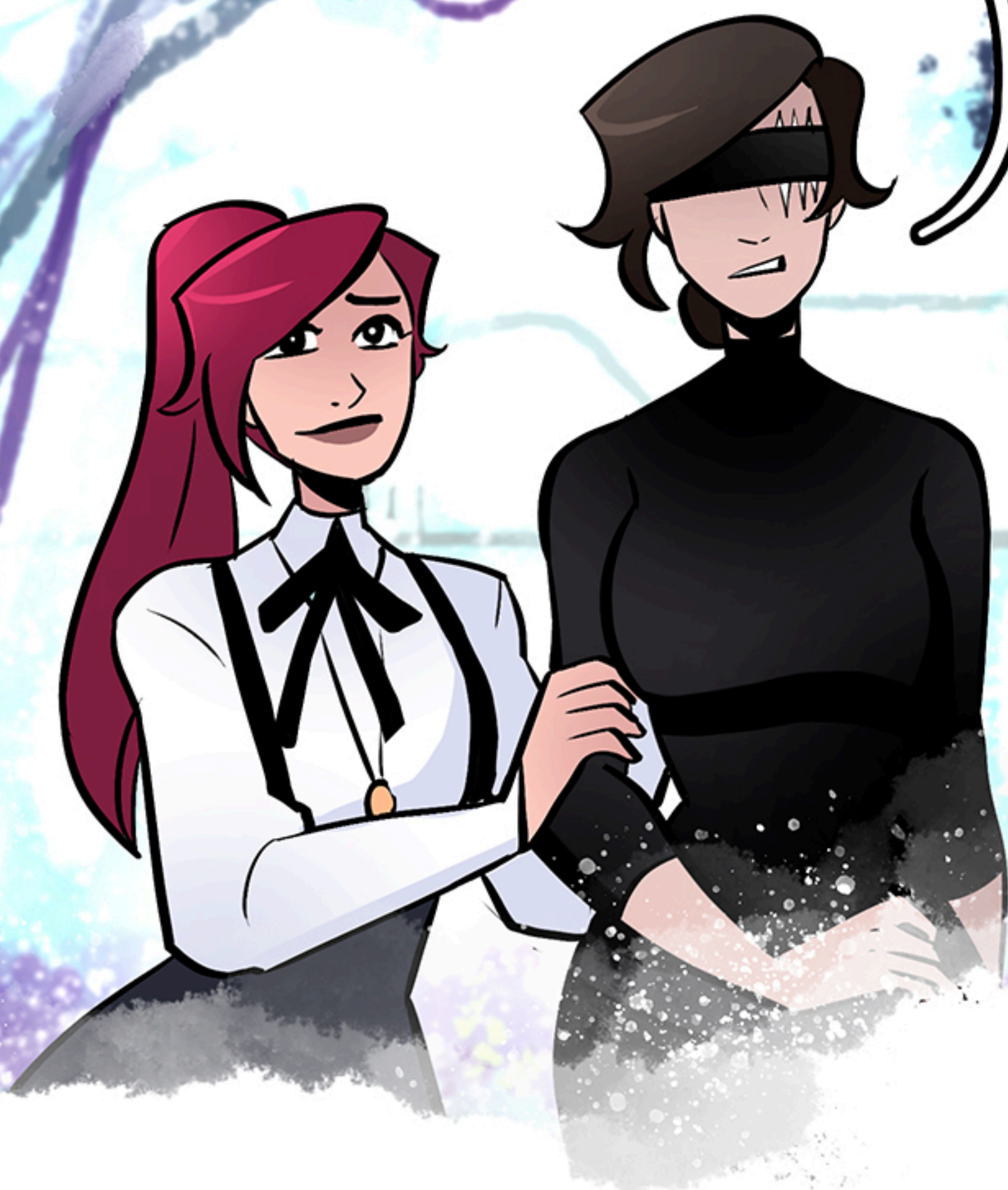


OLD

OLD
DIRT AND...
MILDEW.

WERE YOU
PRACTICING PLANT
MAGIC IN HERE OR
SOMETHING?

WHY
WOULD I BE
CONCERNED
ABOUT TH-





HELLO!





CAMILLE-
WHAT! YOU HAVE
SOMEONE IN
HERE!?

THAT

DOESN'T
SOUND LIKE
NYRA-

DON'T
TAKE THE
BLINDFOLD
OFF YET!





YOU'VE
JUST BEEN
KEEPING SOMEONE
IN HERE!?

UH...
YES.

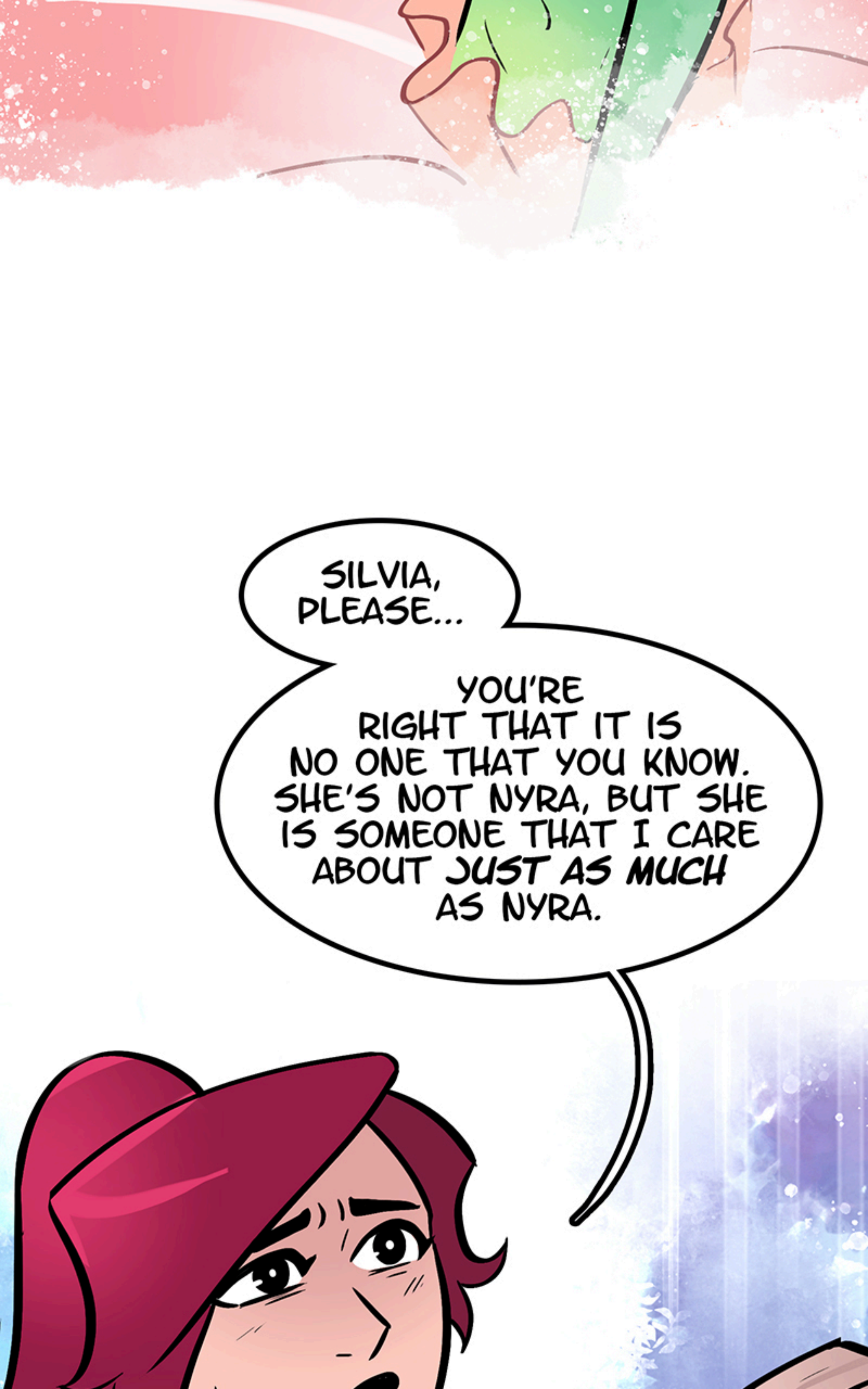
HOW?



WELL, I DON'T
REALLY NEED TO
EAT THE WAY
YOU DO-

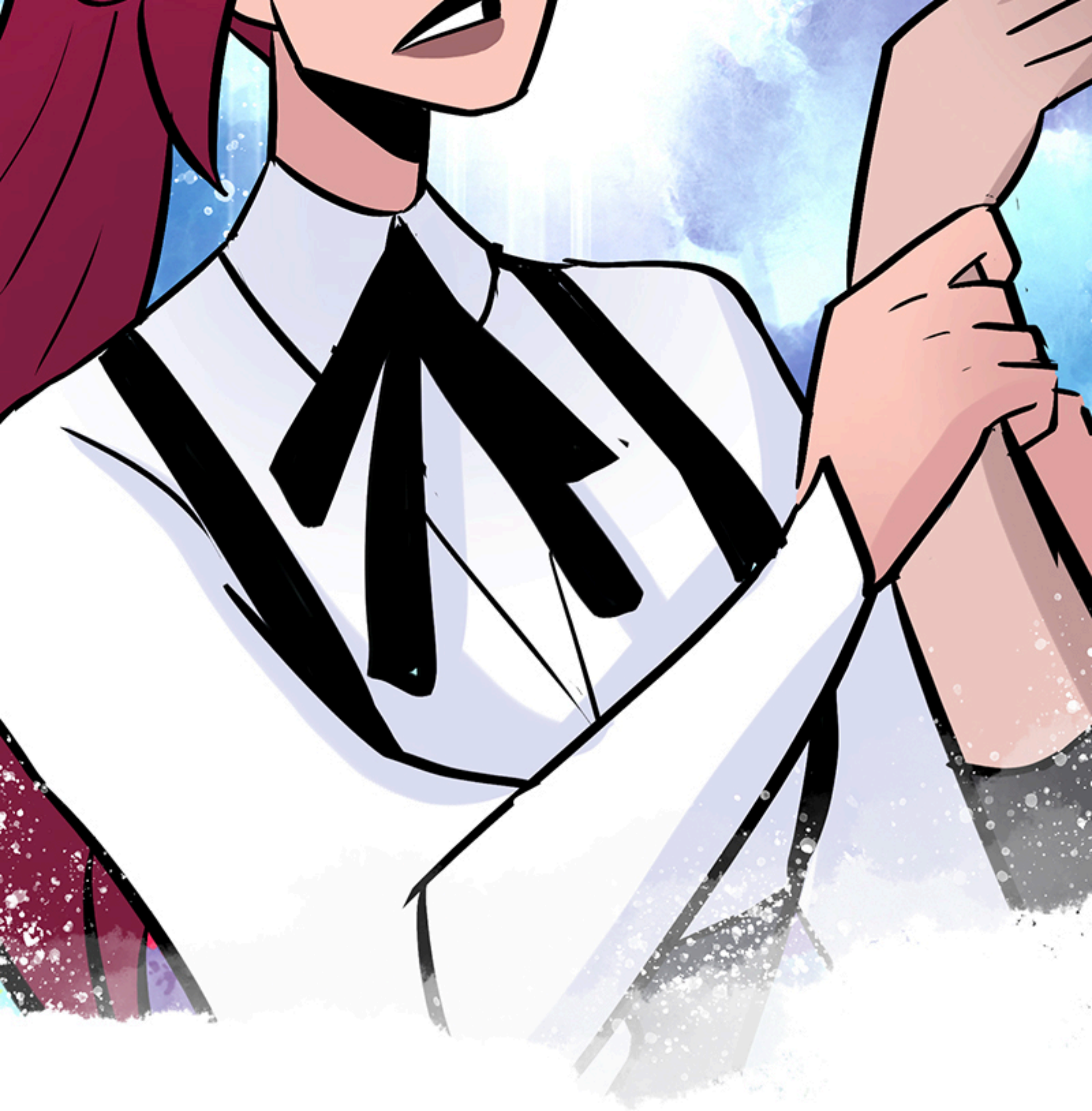
WHAT!?





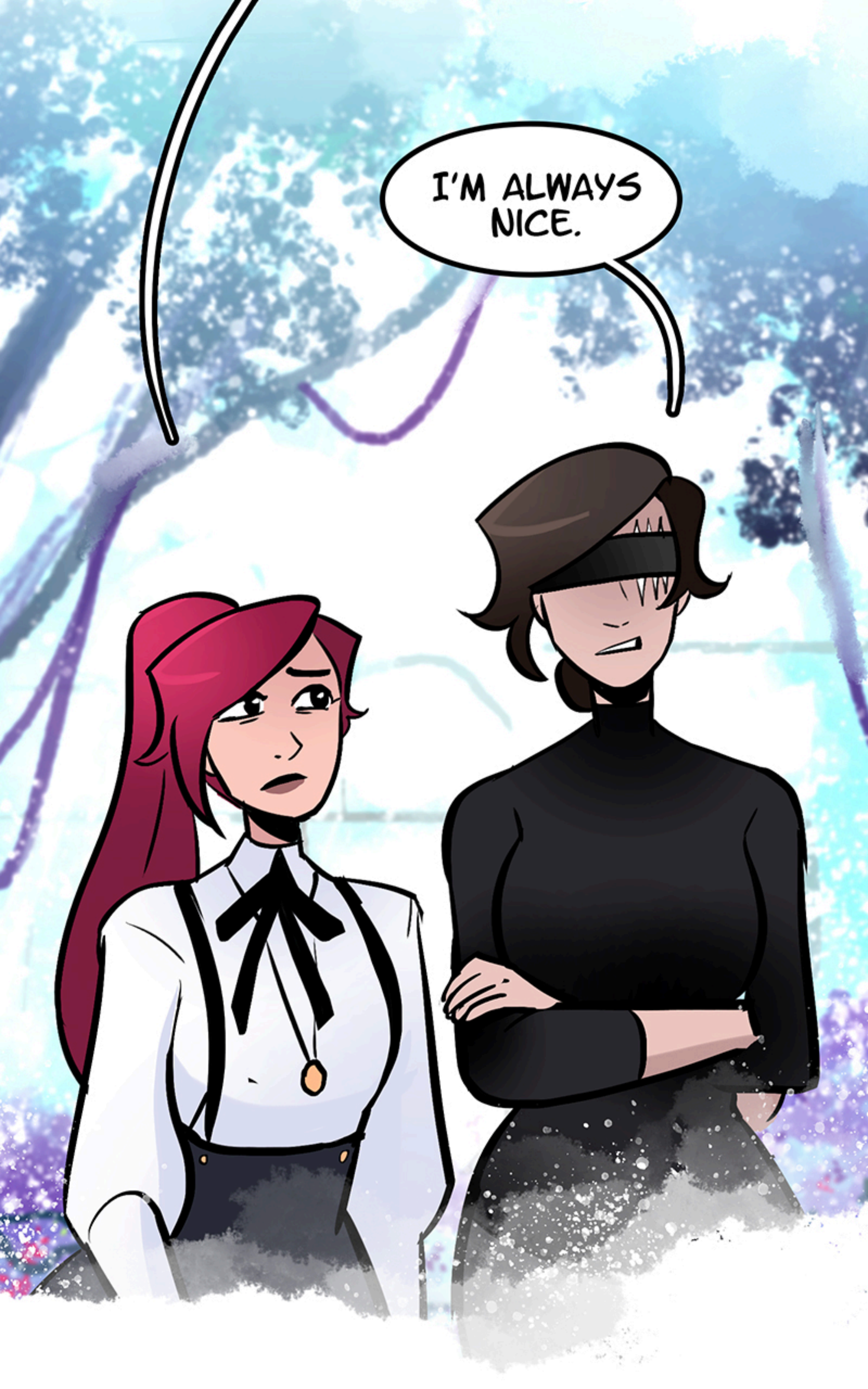
SILVIA,
PLEASE...

YOU'RE
RIGHT THAT IT IS
NO ONE THAT YOU KNOW.
SHE'S NOT NYRA, BUT SHE
IS SOMEONE THAT I CARE
ABOUT **JUST AS MUCH**
AS NYRA.

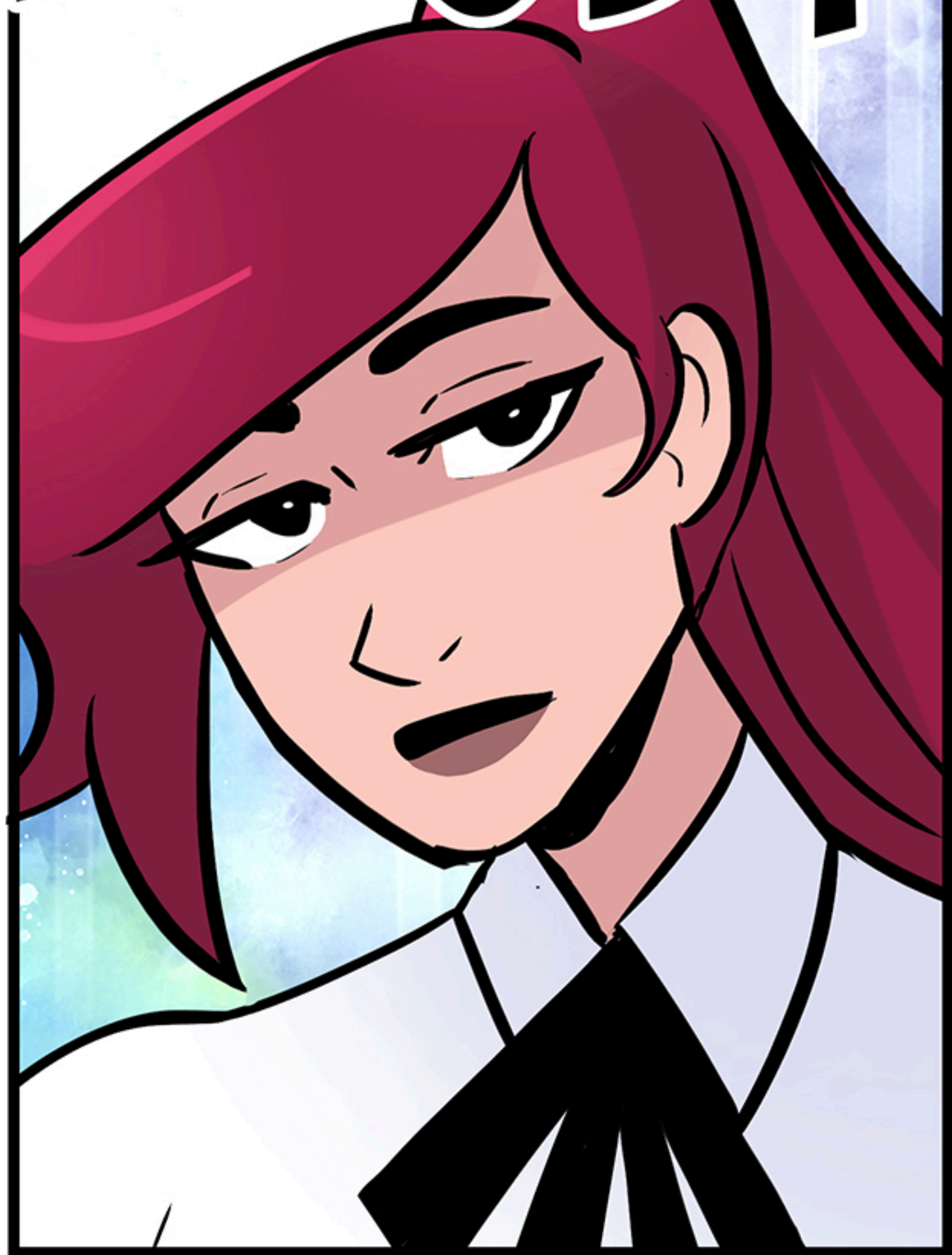


SO PLEASE
BE NICE...

I'M ALWAYS
NICE.



DOUBT





FINE.
I PROMISE.











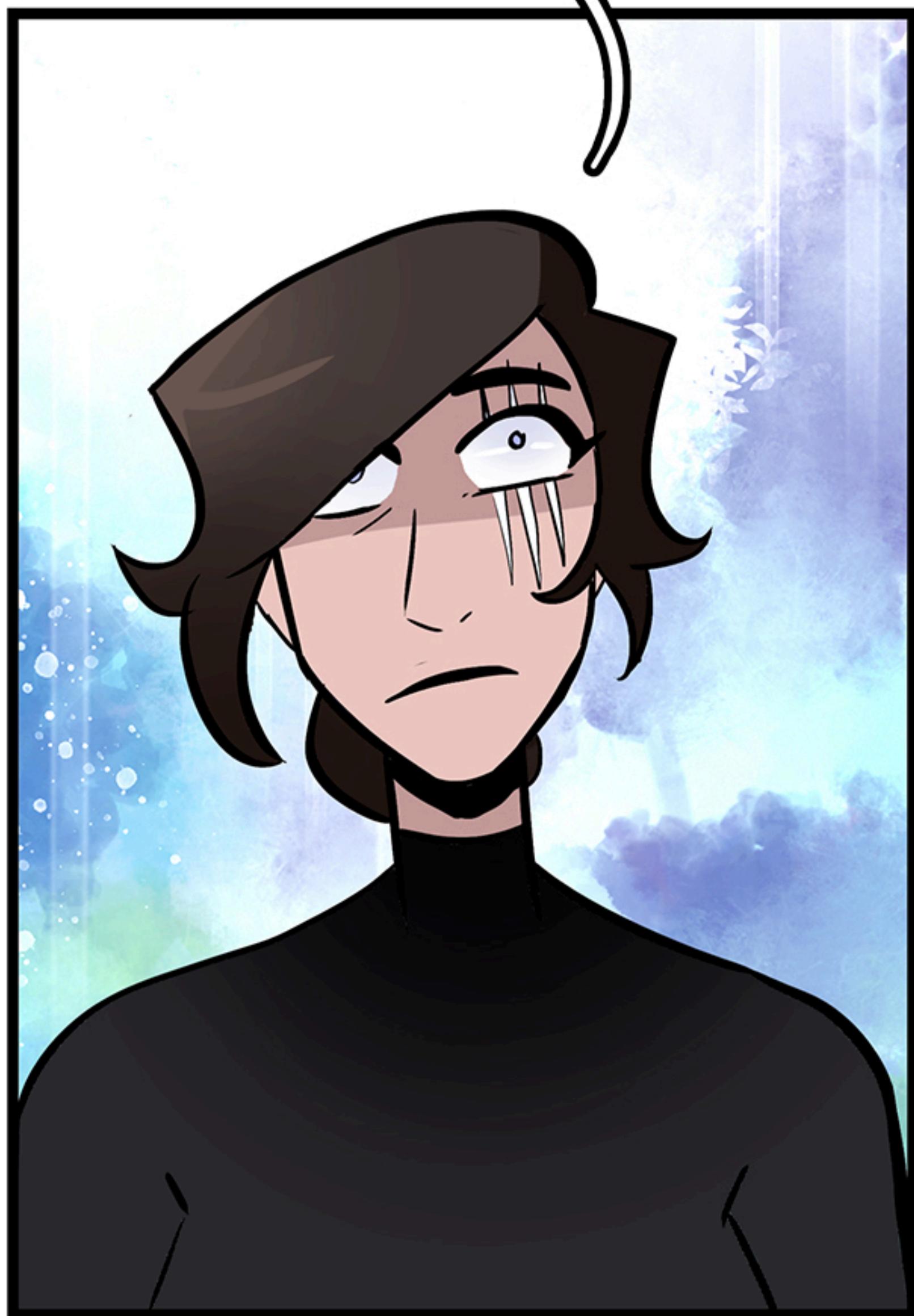






HELLO
AGAIN! MY NAME
DENDROBIUM BUT
CAMILLE AND NYRA
CALL ME DENDRO!

OH...
YOU'RE
DENDRO...



YOUR NAME...
MAKES MUCH
MORE SENSE NOW
THAT I'VE SEEN
YOU.

THANK
YOU!

AND YOU
ARE A...







I AM
A DEMON,
YES.

OF COURSE.
LOVELY. NICE TO
MEET YOU.

NICE TO
MEET YOU!





SILVIA...?

YOU
WANTED ME TO
BE NICE. SO I AM
TAKING A MOMENT
TO PROCESS.



I CAN
SAY THIS
MUCH...

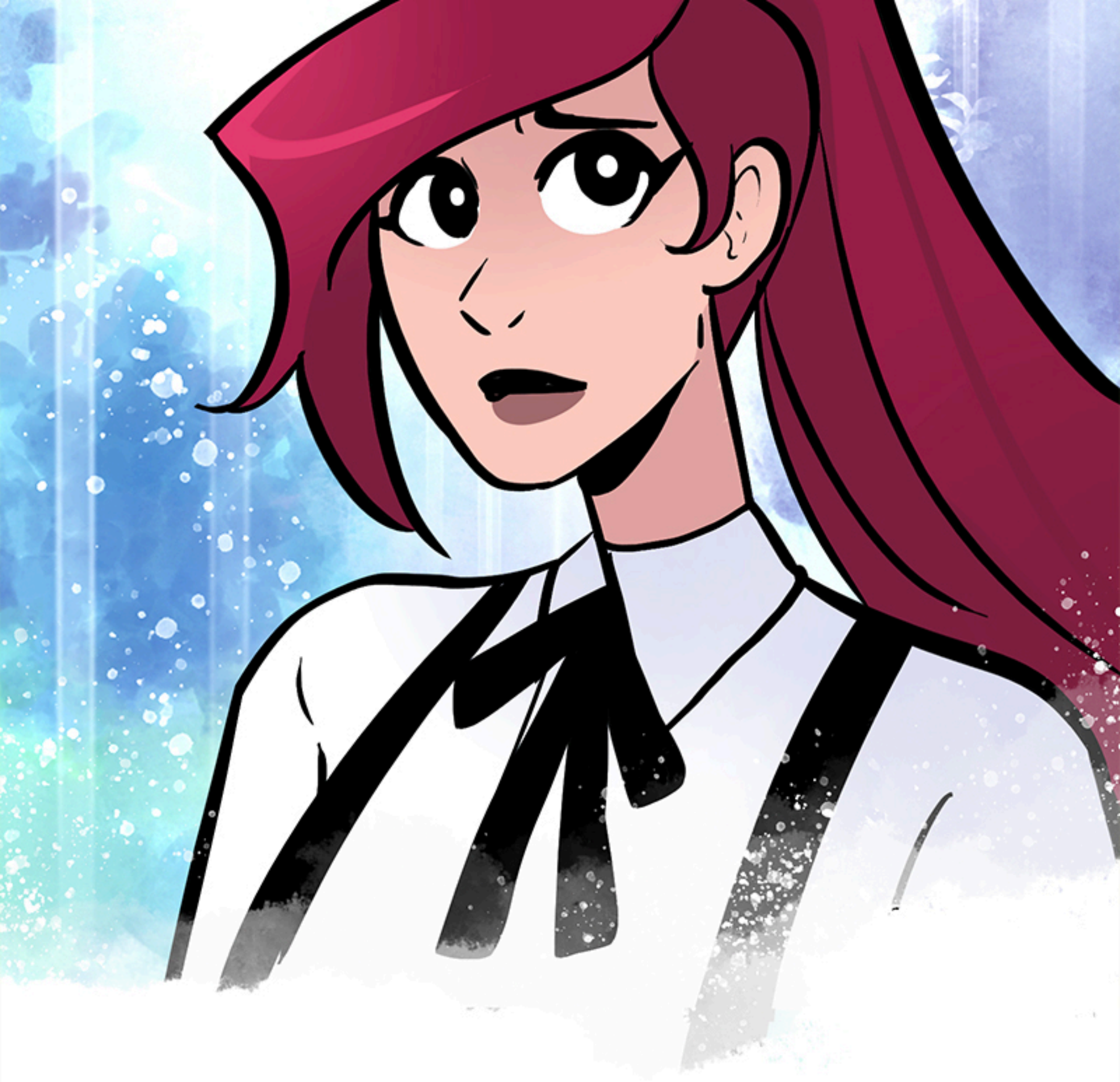
YOU ARE
YOUR MOTHER'S
DAUGHTER.





SINCE YOU ...
PERSIST IN FORMING
RELATIONSHIPS THAT
AREN'T EXACTLY THE
SEVERIN STANDARD.



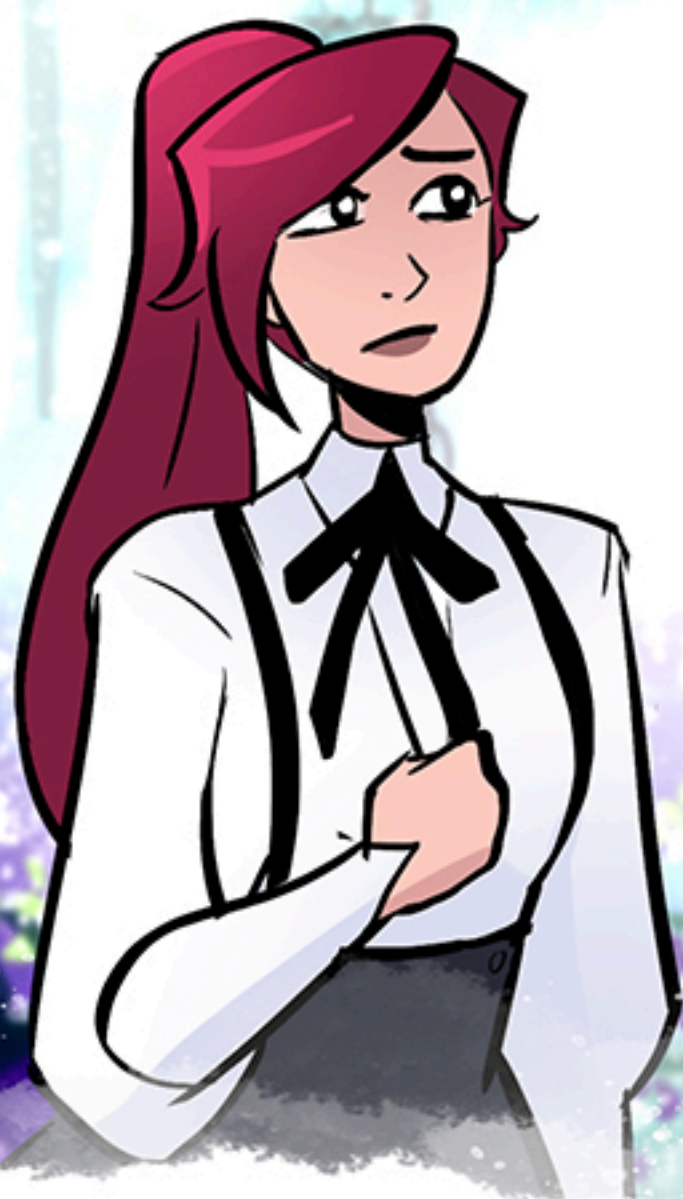


SO...
YOU'RE NOT
MAD?

MAD??

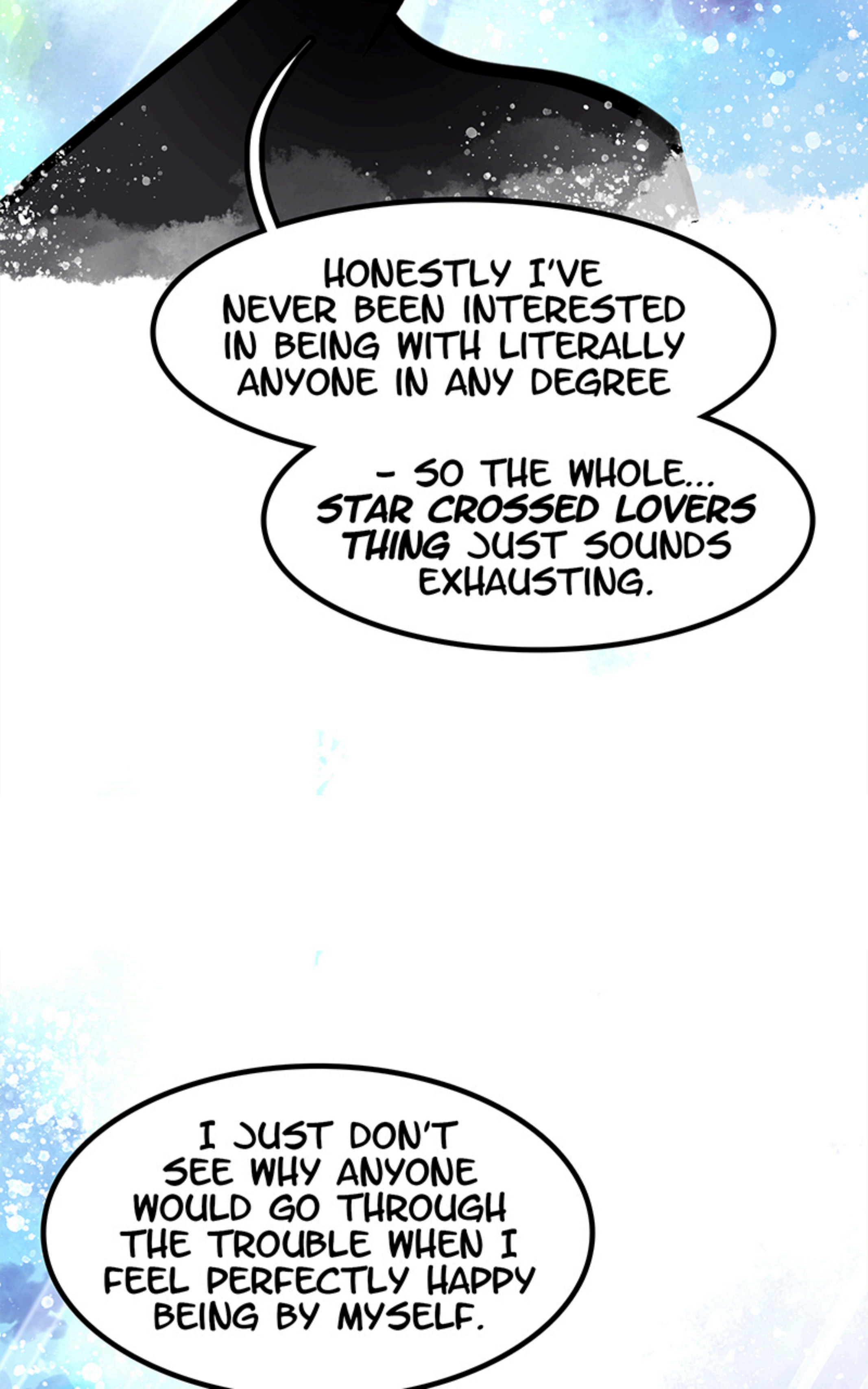
SWEETIE,
YOU SUMMONED A
DEMON AND YOU'VE BEEN
KEEPING HER IN THE
GREENHOUSE WHERE
YOUR FAMILY
DIED.

I'M NOT
MAD, BUT I AM
SURPRISED TO SAY
THE LEAST.



BUT REALLY,
AT THE CORE OF
IT ALL. I JUST DON'T
GET IT- AND I NEVER
WILL, PROBABLY.

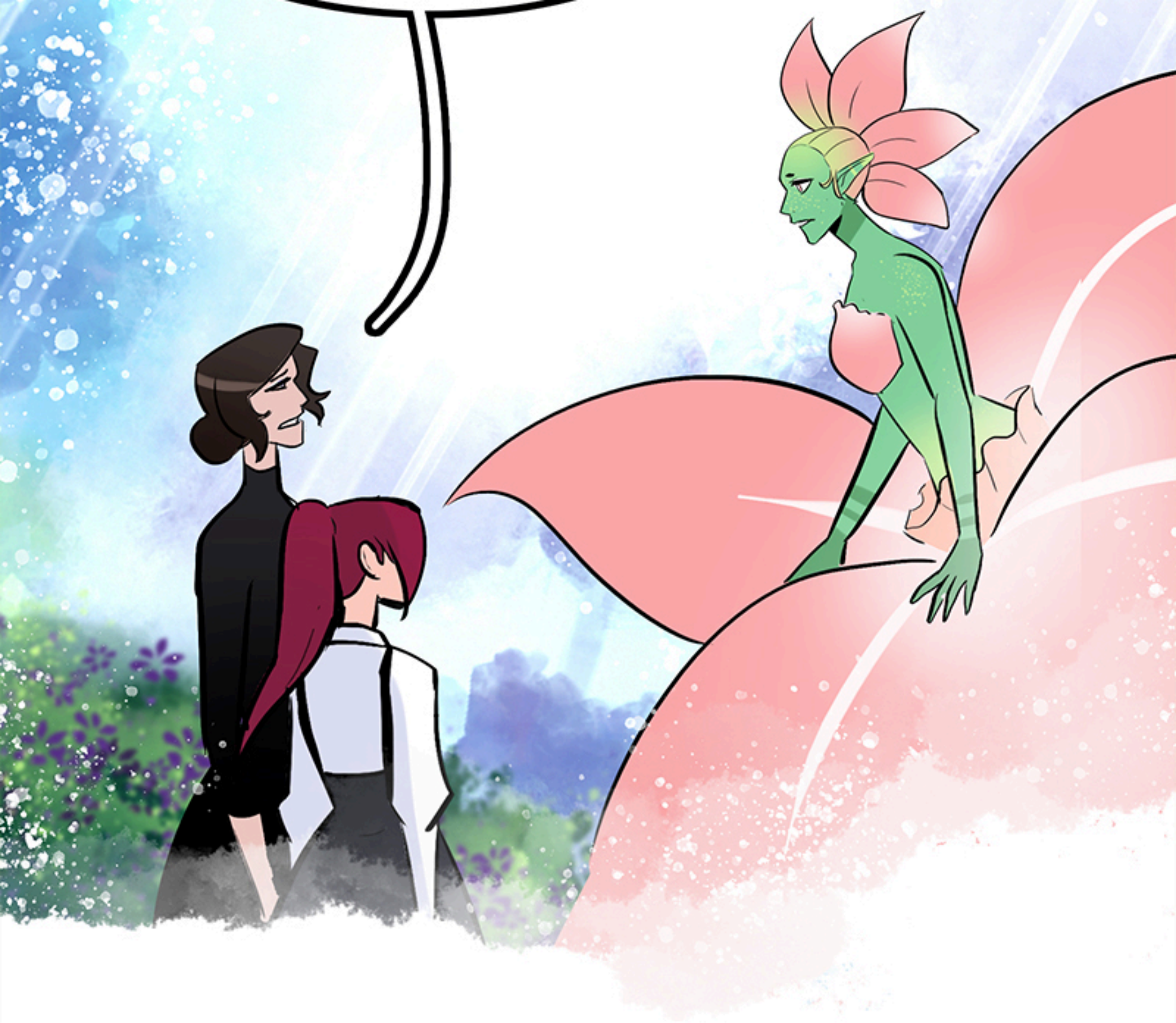




HONESTLY I'VE
NEVER BEEN INTERESTED
IN BEING WITH LITERALLY
ANYONE IN ANY DEGREE

- SO THE WHOLE...
STAR CROSSED LOVERS
THING JUST SOUNDS
EXHAUSTING.

I JUST DON'T
SEE WHY ANYONE
WOULD GO THROUGH
THE TROUBLE WHEN I
FEEL PERFECTLY HAPPY
BEING BY MYSELF.



BEEN
THAT WAY SINCE
I WAS A KID

I WAS A KID.

SOPHIA
WAS PLANNING
HER DREAM WEDDING
AND PLAYING HOUSE.
IT ALL SOUNDED
SO... MEH.



SO I MAY
NOT EVER
GET IT.

BUT THAT
DOESN'T MEAN I DON'T
SUPPORT YOU. IF THEY MAKE
YOU HAPPY THEN THAT
IS WHAT MATTERS.

I'M NOT
MAD.





THANK YOU,
SILVIA...





AAAAH I'M
GLAD THERE
WAS A HAPPY
ENDING!

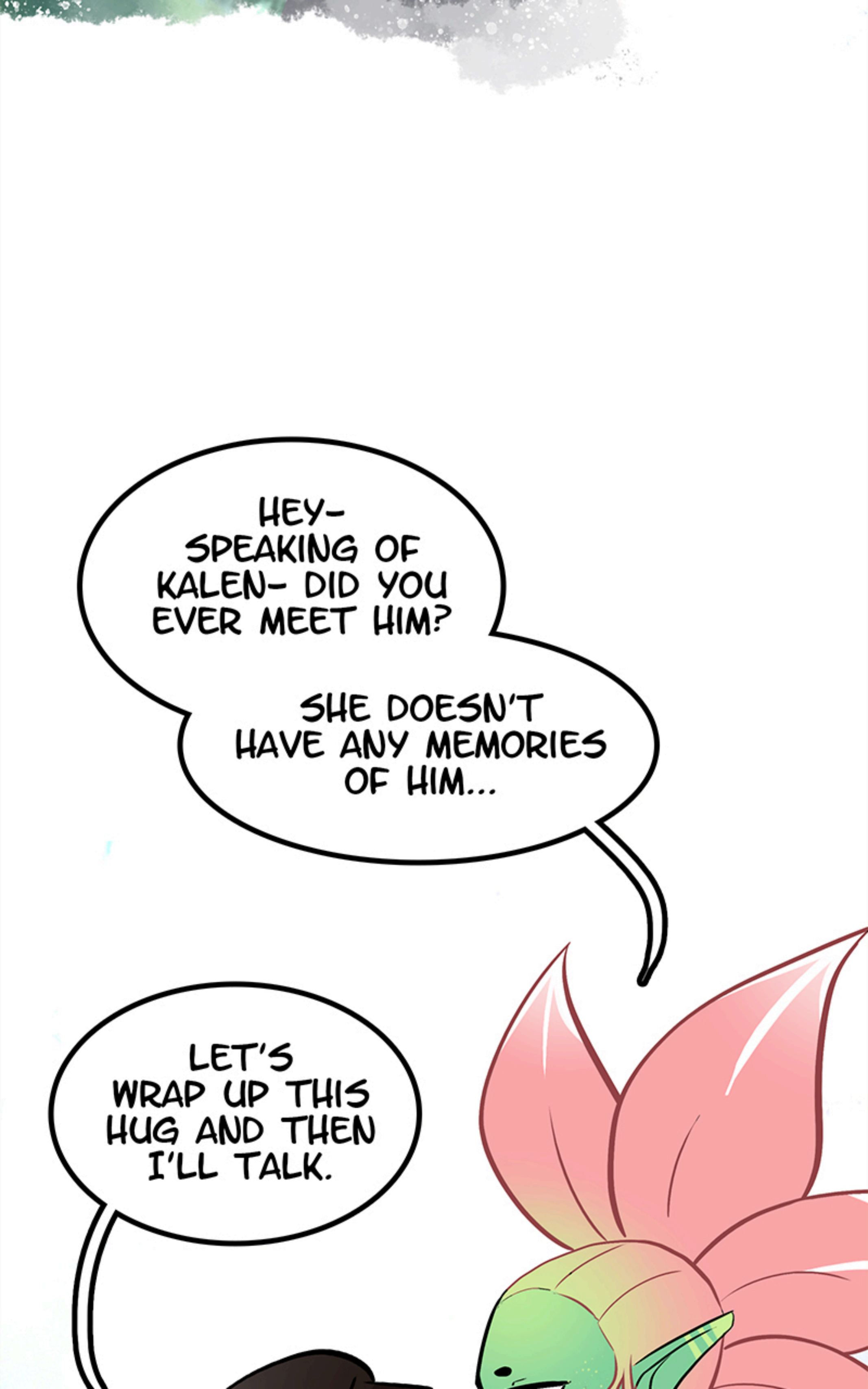




YAAAAAY!

ACK-

AHAHAH-



HEY-
SPEAKING OF
KALEN- DID YOU
EVER MEET HIM?

SHE DOESN'T
HAVE ANY MEMORIES
OF HIM...

LET'S
WRAP UP THIS
HUG AND THEN
I'LL TALK.

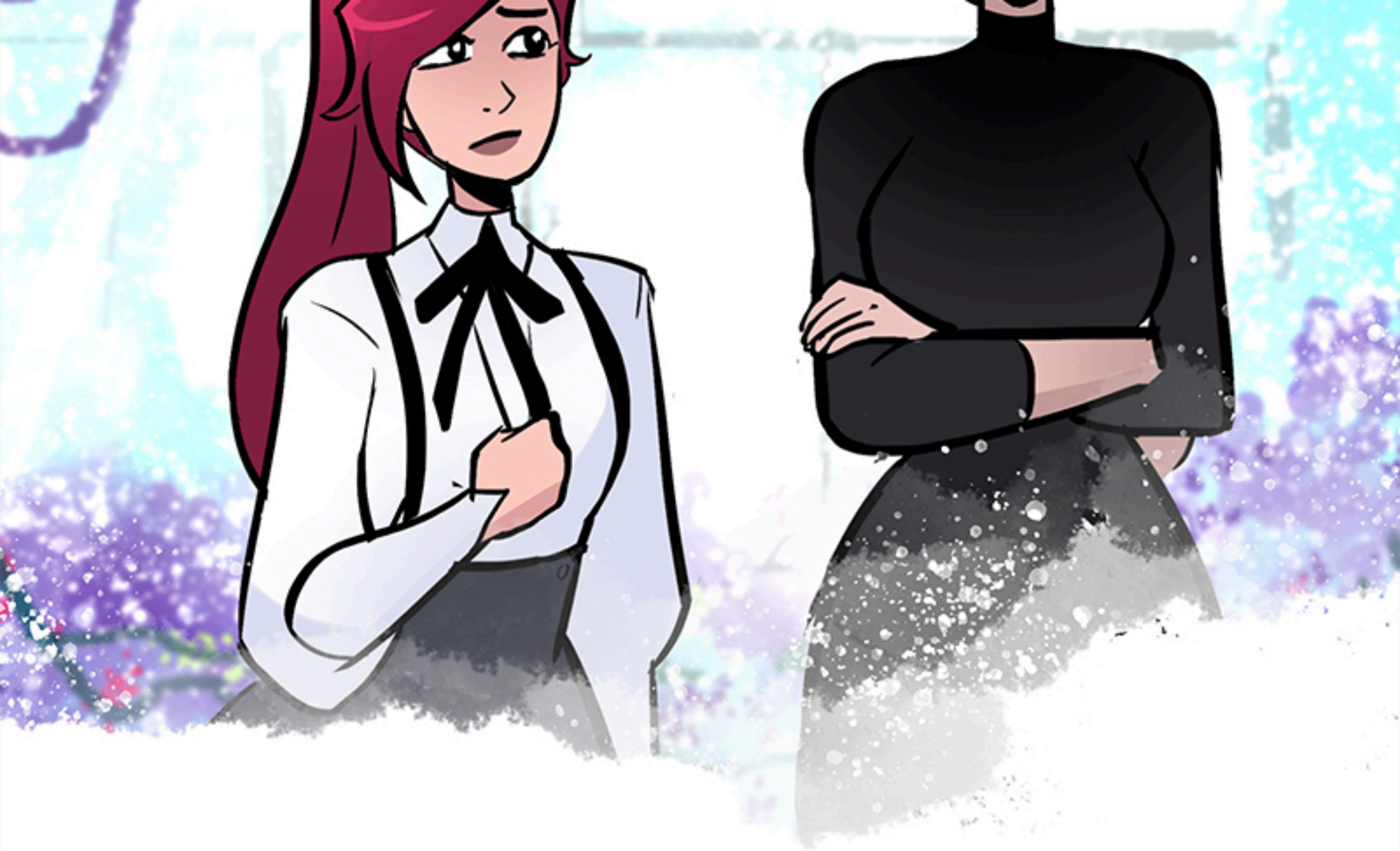




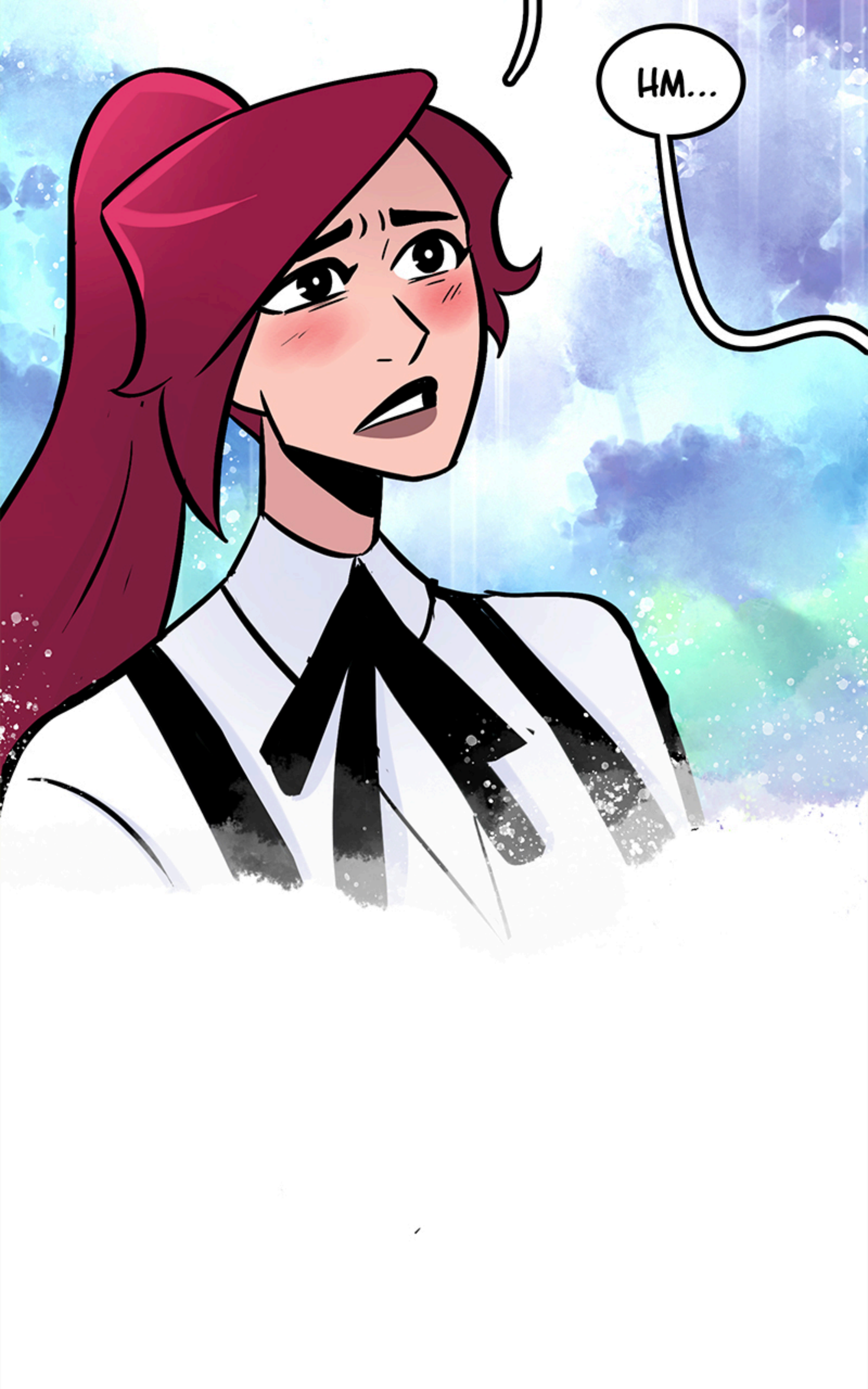
A comic panel featuring a character with dark hair and a purple headband at the bottom right, looking upwards. A large speech bubble originates from the character, containing two lines of text. The background is a soft-focus illustration of trees with green and yellow foliage. The speech bubble has a small tail pointing to the character's mouth.

KALEN
LEROUX,
HUH...

I ONLY
EVER MET HIM
ONCE. AND I DIDN'T
THINK MUCH OF IT
AT THE TIME.

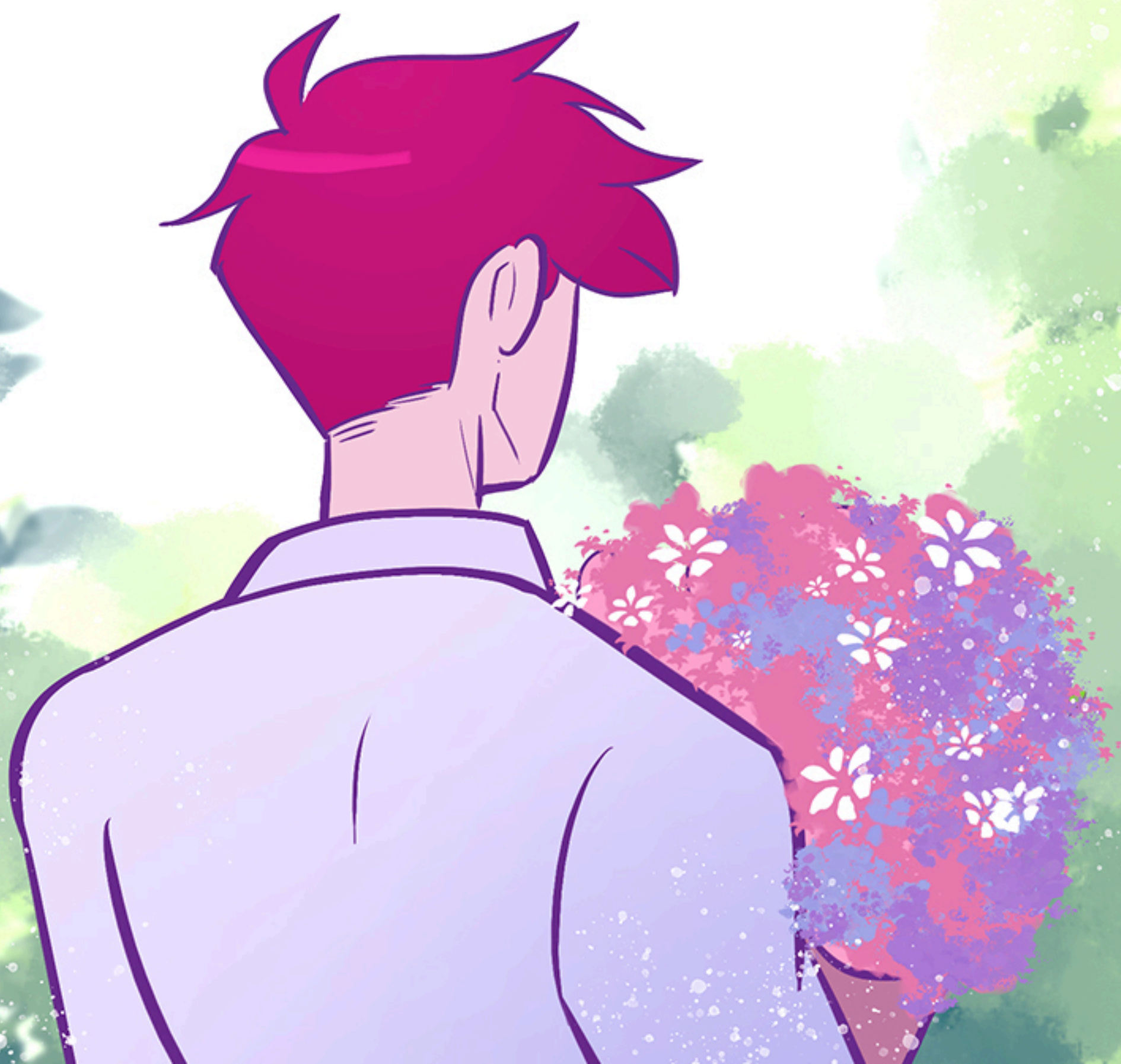


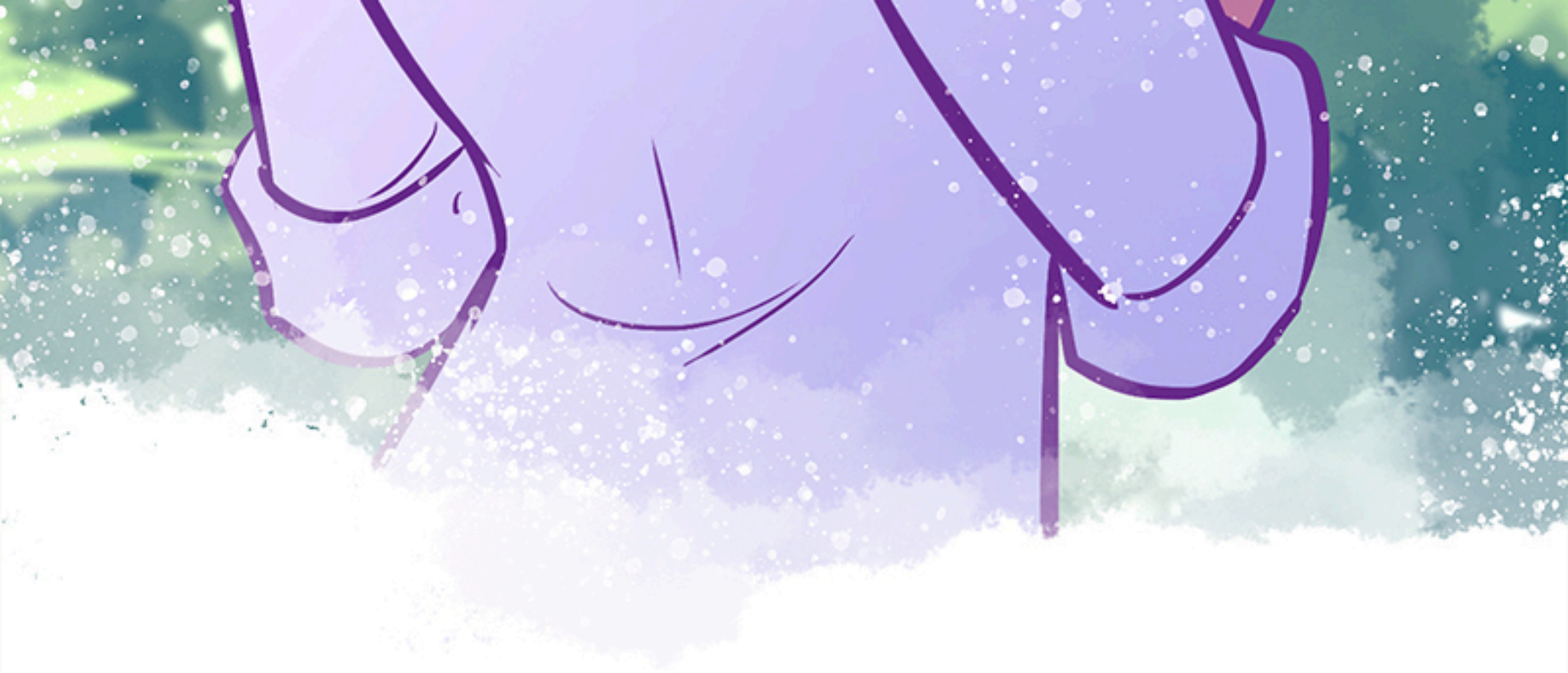
COULD
YOU TELL ME
ABOUT HIM?



HM...

IT WAS
A FEW DAYS AFTER
ABRIELLE AND ATHALIE'S
WISH RITUAL.





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