



LITTLE
SILVIA...



WHAT IS
THAT TERRIBLE
SMELL...

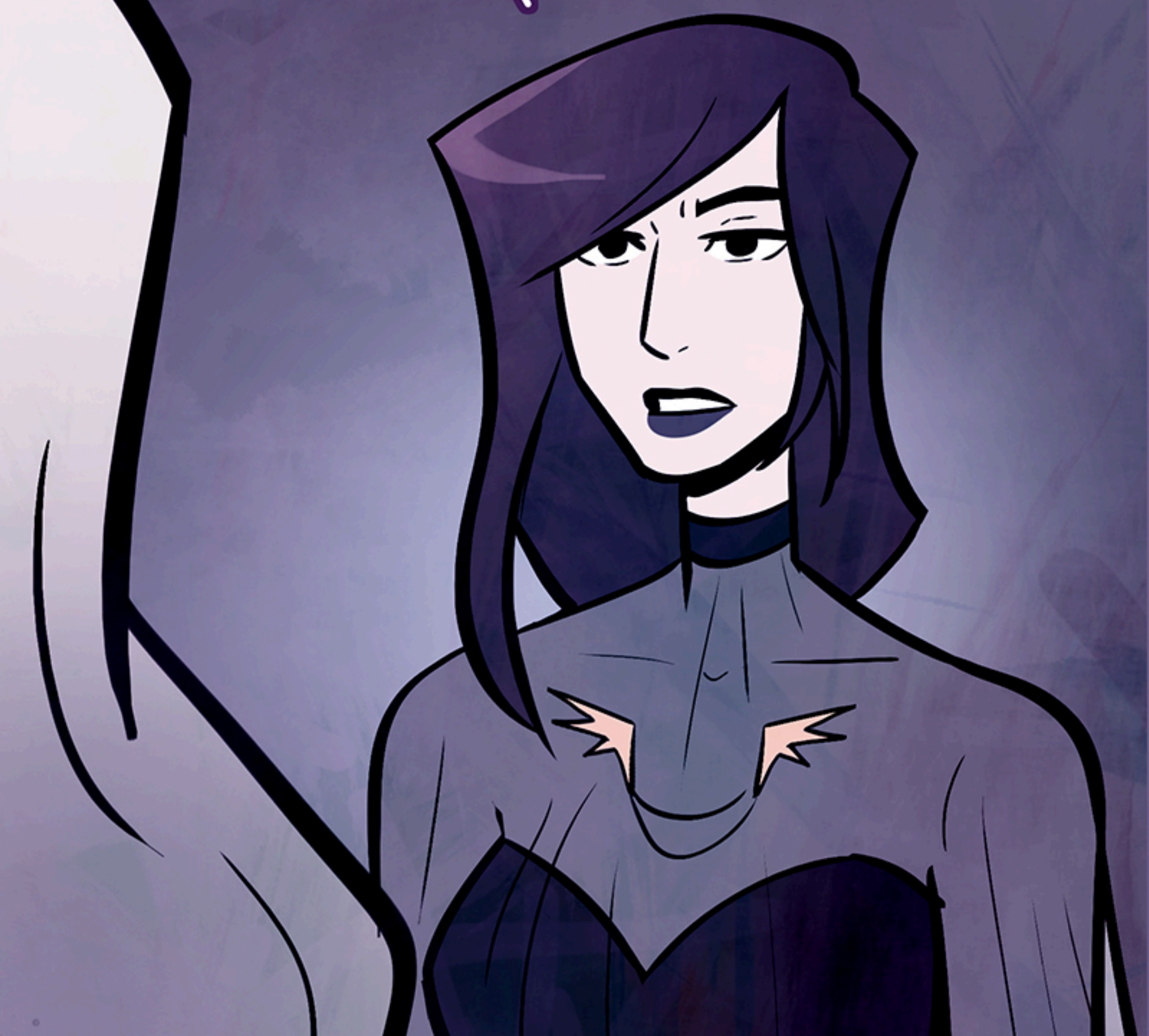




MOTHER.

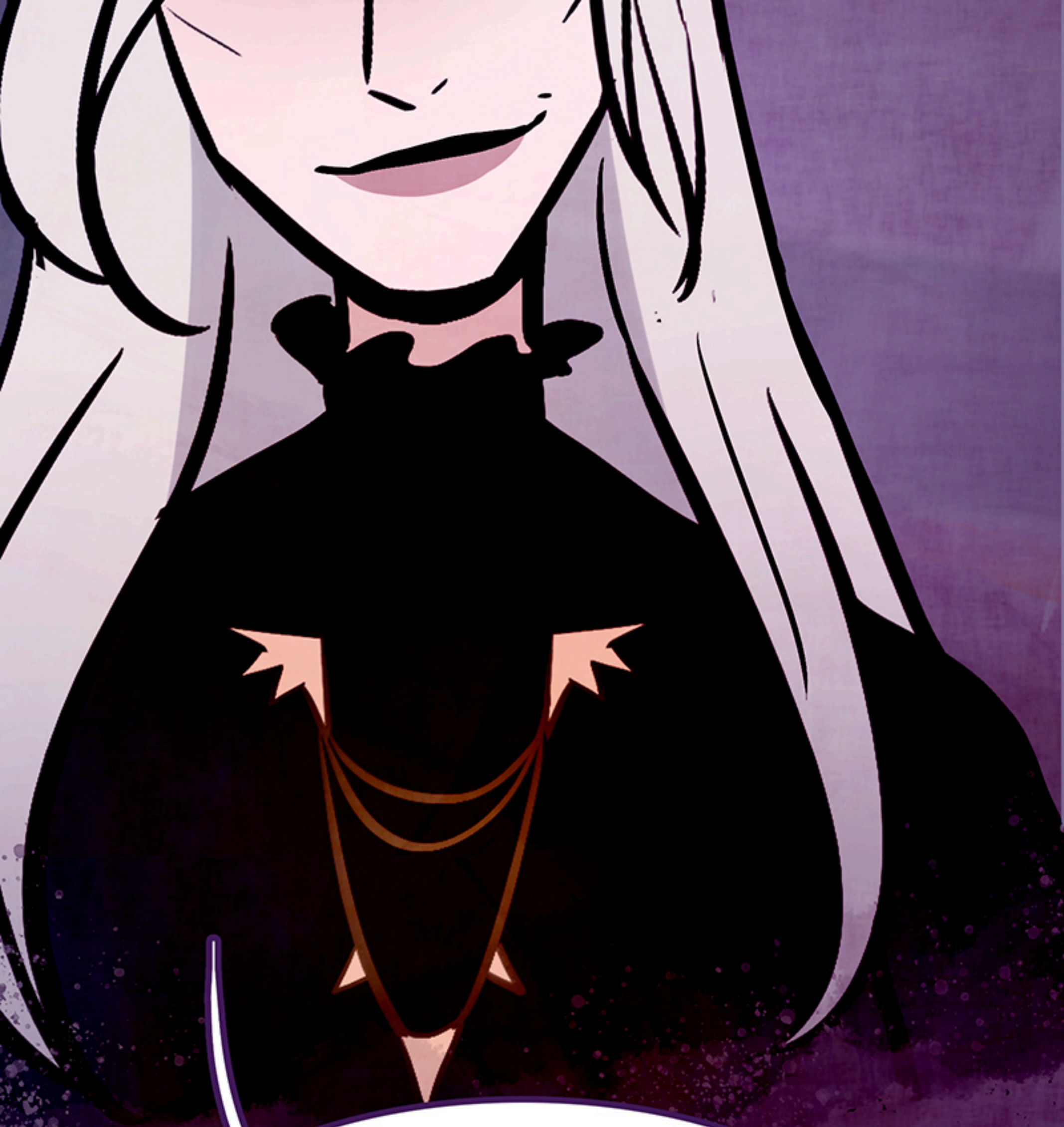


SILVIA
FOUND SOME WILD
FLOWERS GROWING ON
THE GROUNDS. I WAS
GOING TO GET SOME
WEED KILLER FOR
THEM.





I SEE...



SO THOUGHTFUL
OF YOU BOTH. SINCE
YOU KNOW WHAT TERRIBLE
HEADACHES THOSE SORT
SMELLS GIVE ME...



SCOFF



THOUGHTFUL??

REALLY??

AS THOUGHTFUL
AS HER PLANS TO BUILD
A GREENHOUSE ON THE
GROUNDS IF SHE BECOMES
MATRIARCH?



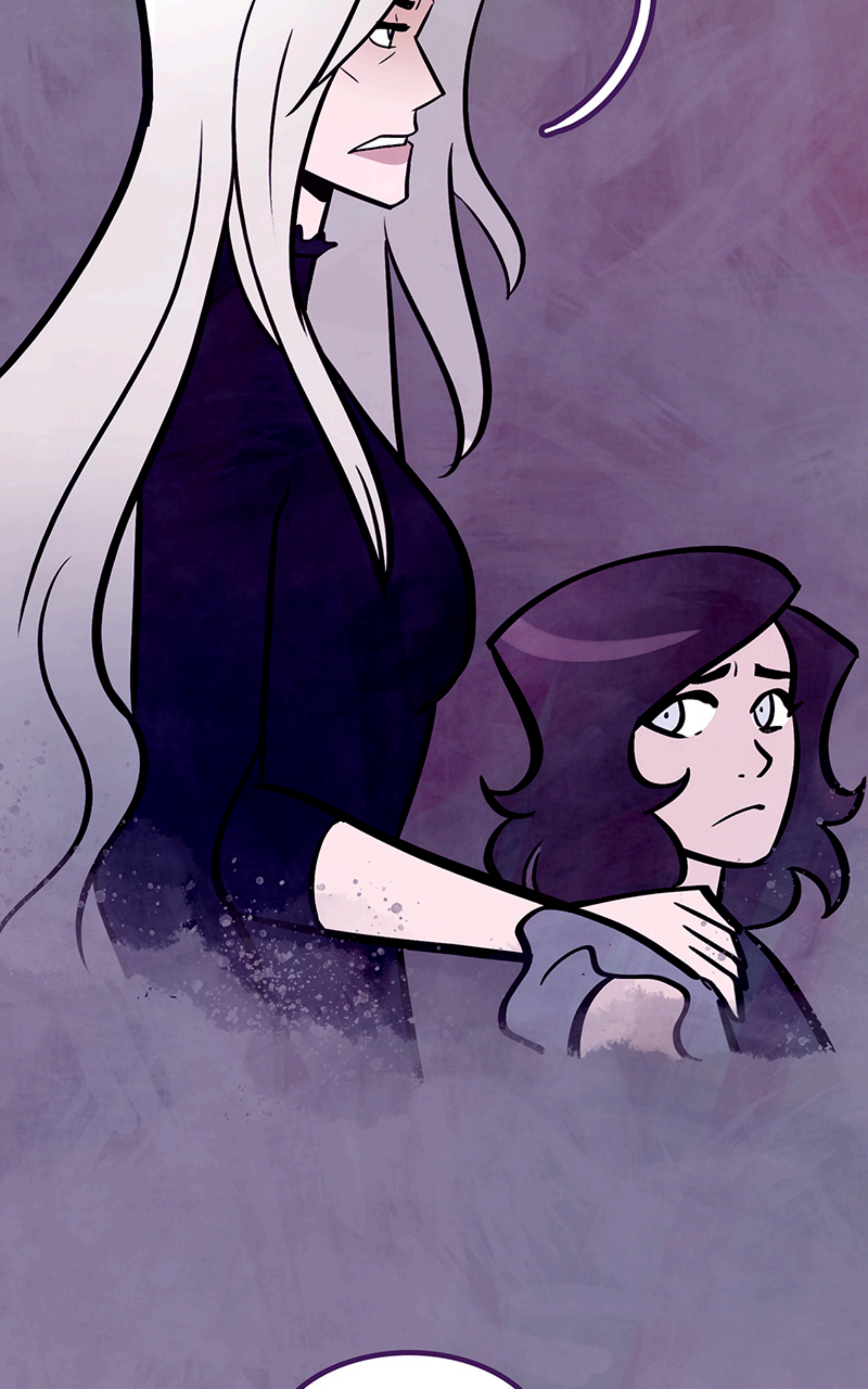
BE QUIET,
ATHALIE.



21 YEARS...
CAN'T YOU GO
ONE DAY WITHOUT
LYING ABOUT YOUR
SISTER...

I'M TIRED
OF HEARING
IT.





I'M NOT
LYING!

I'VE NEVER
LIED ABOUT HER
ONCE!

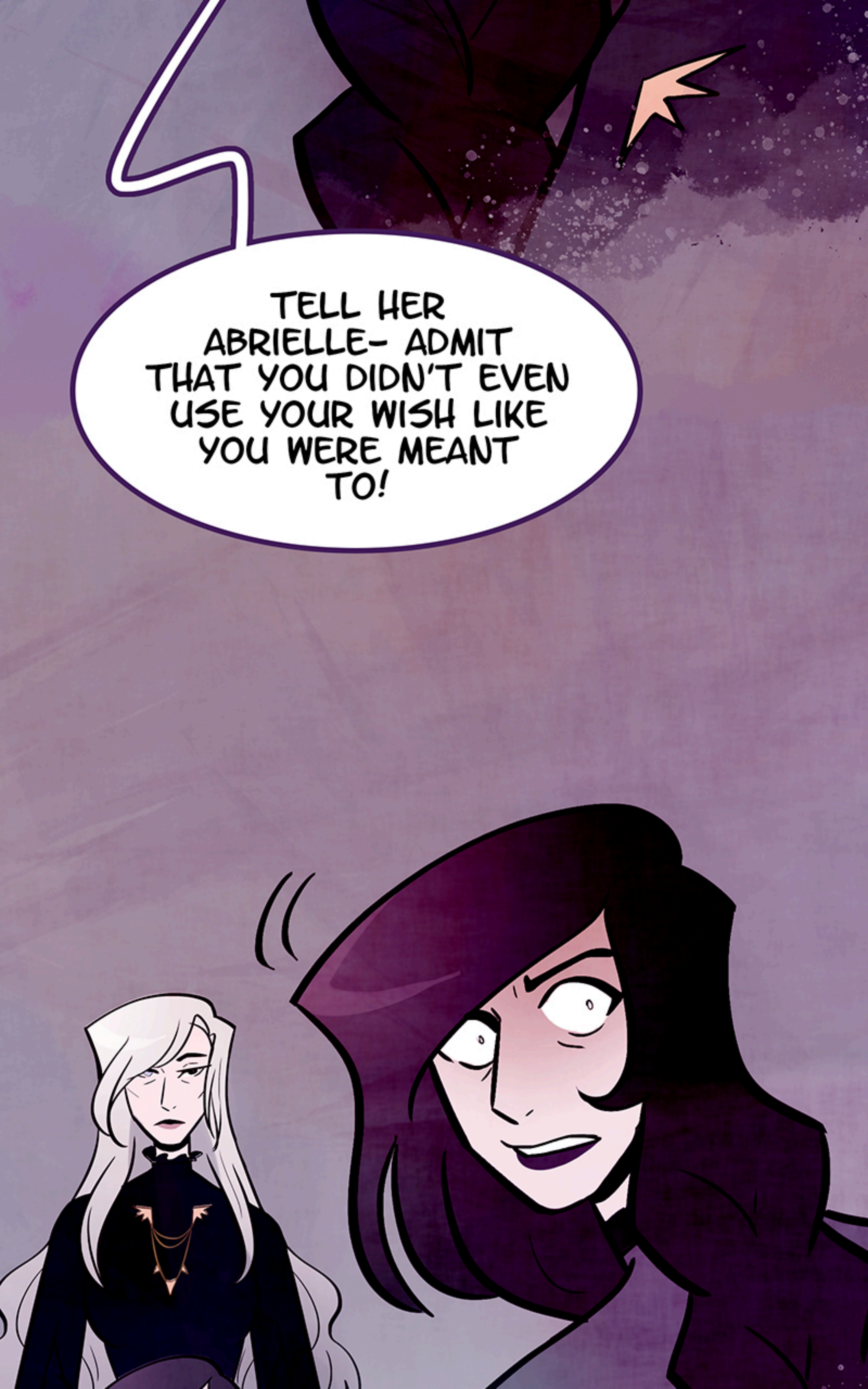
WHY
DON'T YOU
EVER BELIEVE
ME!?



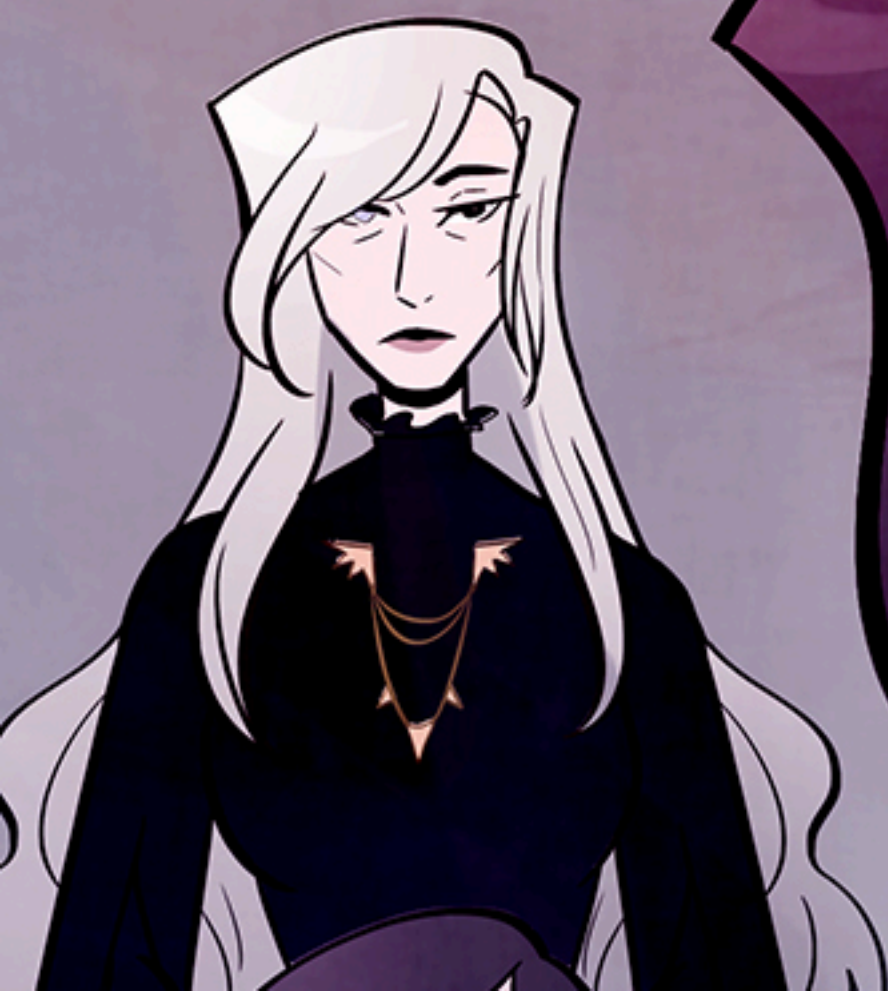
SHE DOESN'T
CARE ABOUT YOU
OR ME-

SHE DOESN'T
CARE ABOUT
THIS FAMILY!



A comic panel with a purple background. At the top, a dark, jagged shape resembling a broken object or a monster's head is shown with a bright orange spark or flame. A white speech bubble with a purple outline contains text. Below the speech bubble, two characters are shown. On the left is a woman with long, flowing white hair, wearing a black high-collared dress and a gold necklace with a central pendant. On the right is a woman with long, dark purple hair, wearing a dark purple high-collared dress. She has a surprised or excited expression with wide eyes and a slight smile. The background has some faint, darker purple smudges and a small orange arrow pointing towards the top right.

TELL HER
ABRIELLE- ADMIT
THAT YOU DIDN'T EVEN
USE YOUR WISH LIKE
YOU WERE MEANT
TO!





ENOUGH!

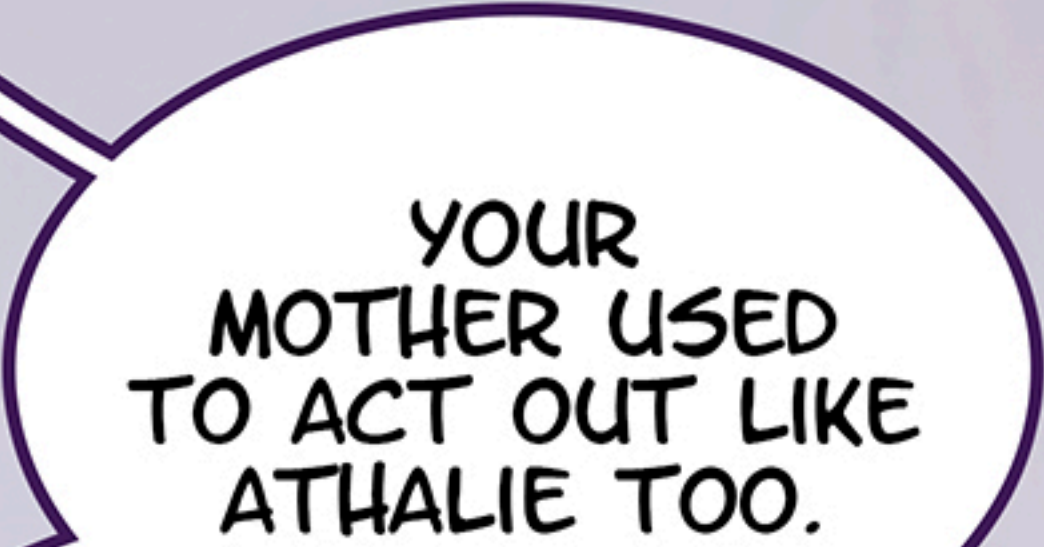




DO YOU
SEE THIS,
SILVIA?



IT'S A
TALE AS OLD
AS TIME.



YOUR
MOTHER USED
TO ACT OUT LIKE
ATHALIE TOO.



SO... JUST LIKE
YOUR MOTHER IS A
FAILURE COMPARED
TO ME...





...AND JUST LIKE
YOU ARE BETTER
THAN SOPHIA...

YOU'LL
UNDERSTAND
WHEN YOU HAVE
TWINS... ONE IS
JUST BETTER.

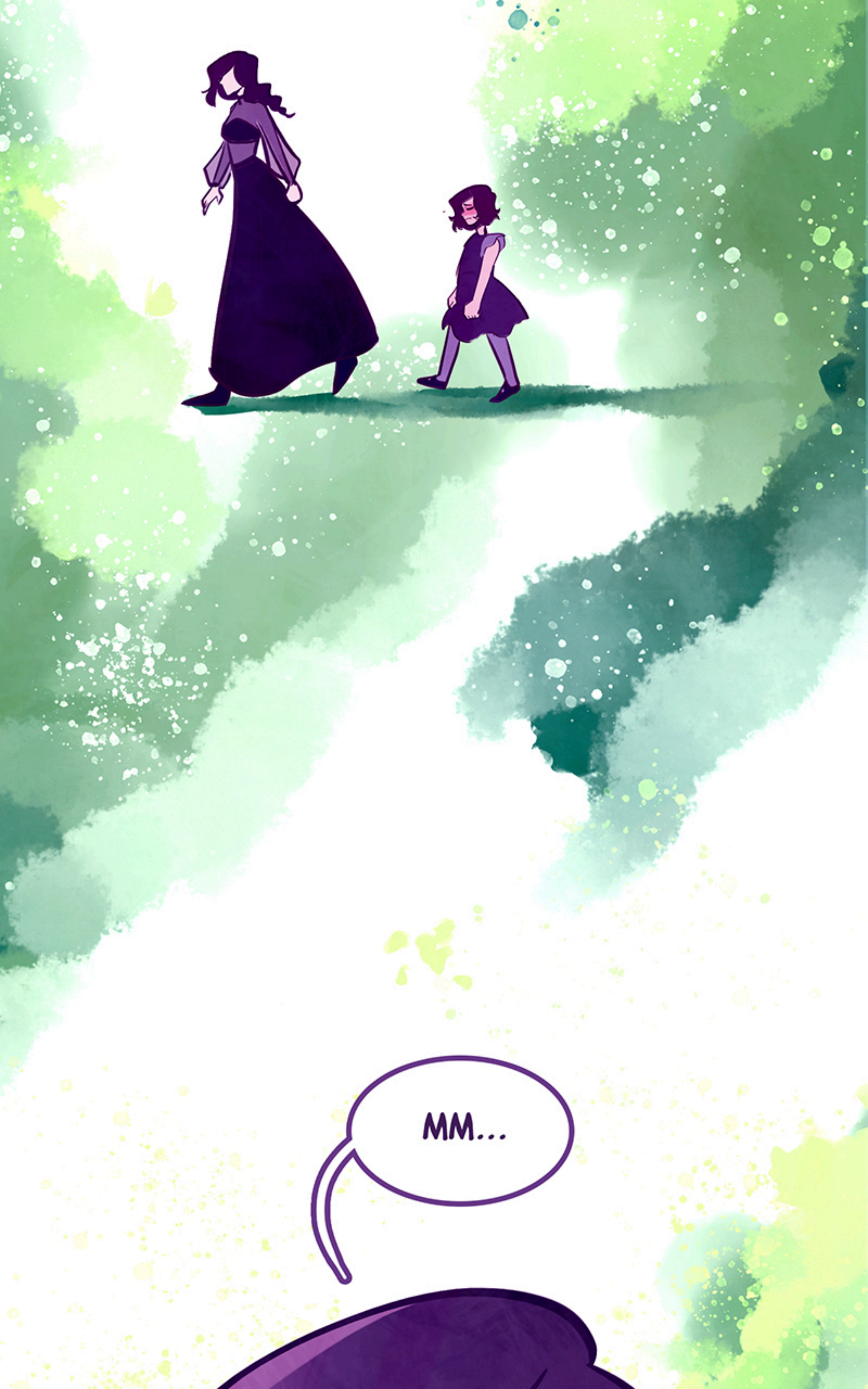




GO ON
NOW...

GO DEAL
WITH THOSE
FLOWERS...





MM...





HEY
NOW...

IT'S
OKAY...

I KNOW,
SHE'S REALLY
SCARY, HUH?



A comic book panel with a white background. At the top, there are green and purple splatters, including a small purple shoe. Two speech bubbles are connected by a vertical line. The top bubble contains the text 'PITTING US AGAINST EACH OTHER LIKE THAT...'. The bottom bubble contains the text 'SHE CLAIMS IT'S TO MAKE US TRY HARDER- TO BE MORE AMBITIOUS...'. There are also green and purple splatters at the bottom right of the panel.

PITTING US
AGAINST EACH
OTHER LIKE
THAT...

SHE CLAIMS
IT'S TO MAKE
US TRY HARDER-
TO BE MORE
AMBITIOUS...

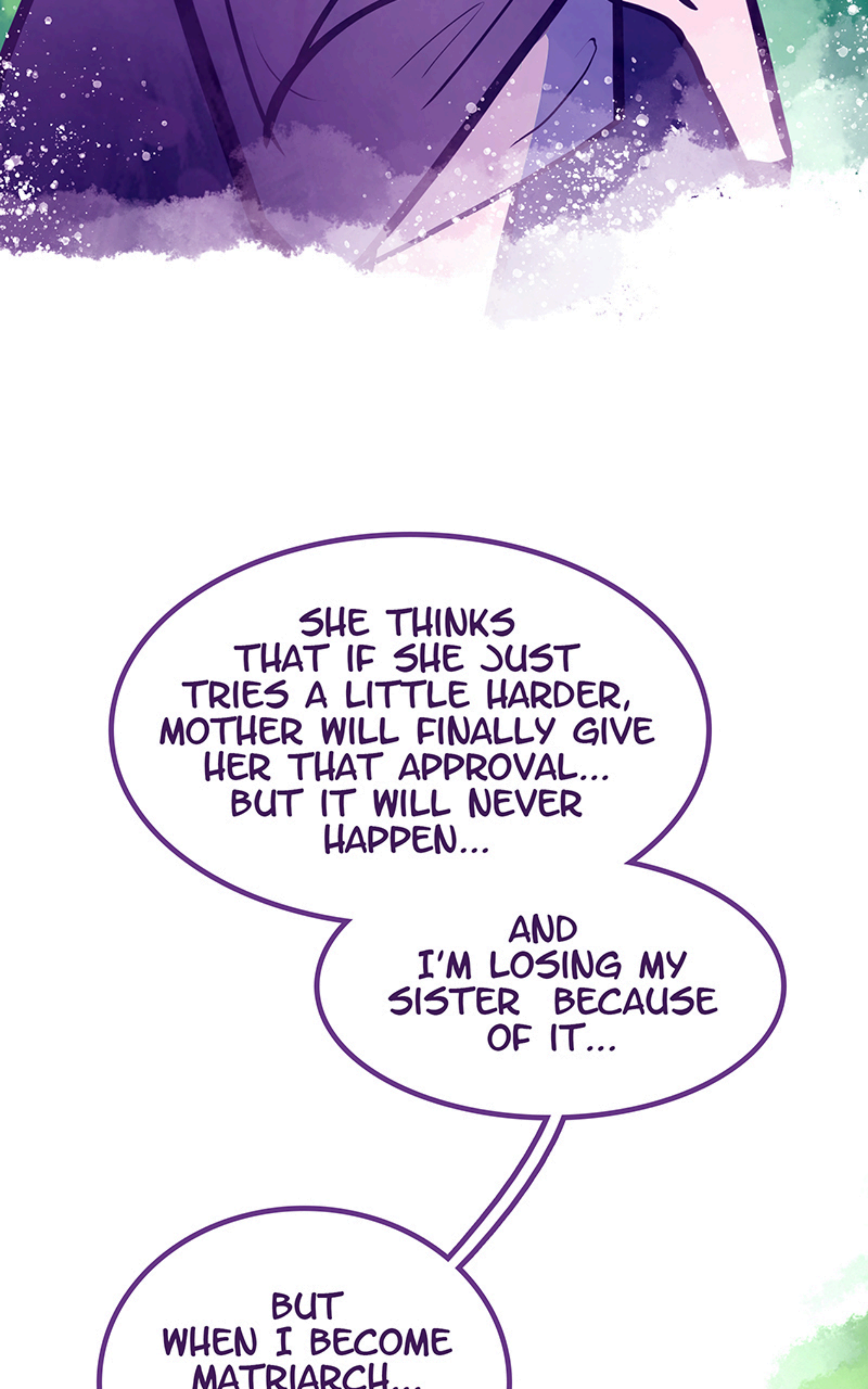


BUT THE
MAN YOU'RE
TAKING ME TO,
HE HELPED ME SEE
THAT FAMILIES DON'T
HAVE TO OPERATE

HAVE TO OPERATE
THIS WAY.

EVERYTIME
I'VE TRIED TO
EXPLAIN IT TO
ATHALIE... SHE
DOESN'T WANT
TO LISTEN.





SHE THINKS
THAT IF SHE JUST
TRIES A LITTLE HARDER,
MOTHER WILL FINALLY GIVE
HER THAT APPROVAL...
BUT IT WILL NEVER
HAPPEN...

AND
I'M LOSING MY
SISTER BECAUSE
OF IT...

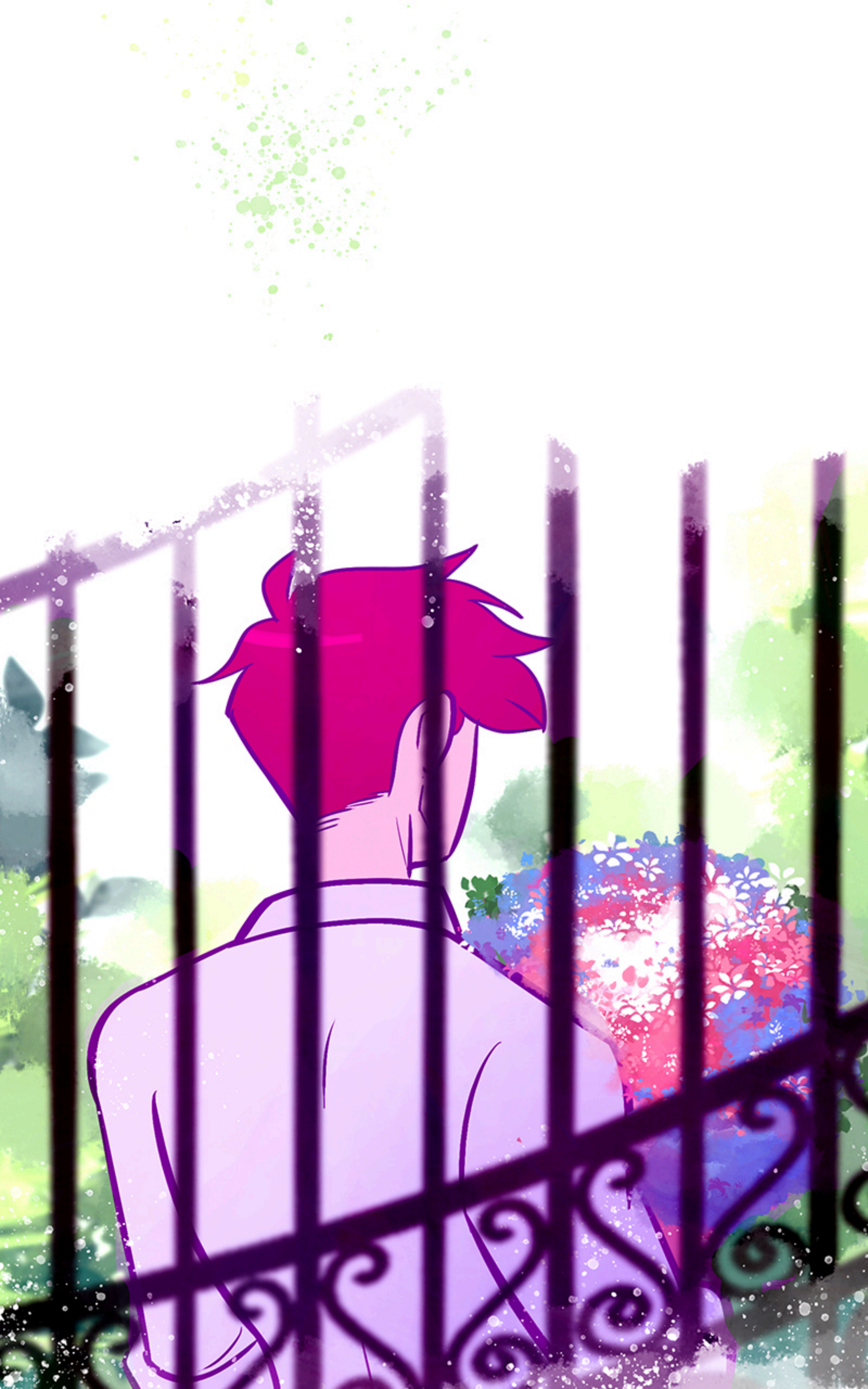
BUT
WHEN I BECOME
MATRIARCH...

THINGS WILL BE
DIFFERENT,
OKAY?

OKAY...









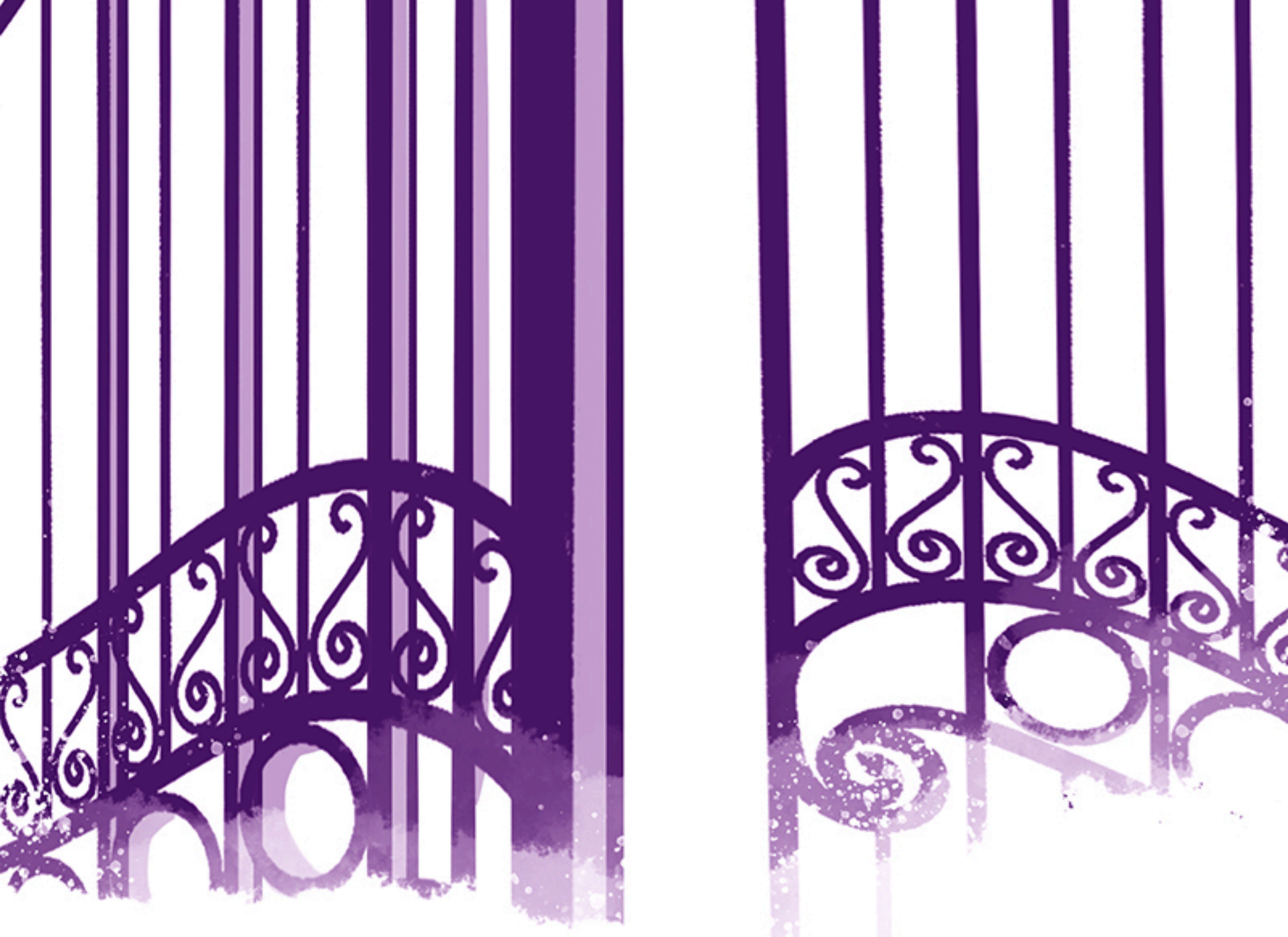


ELLIE-



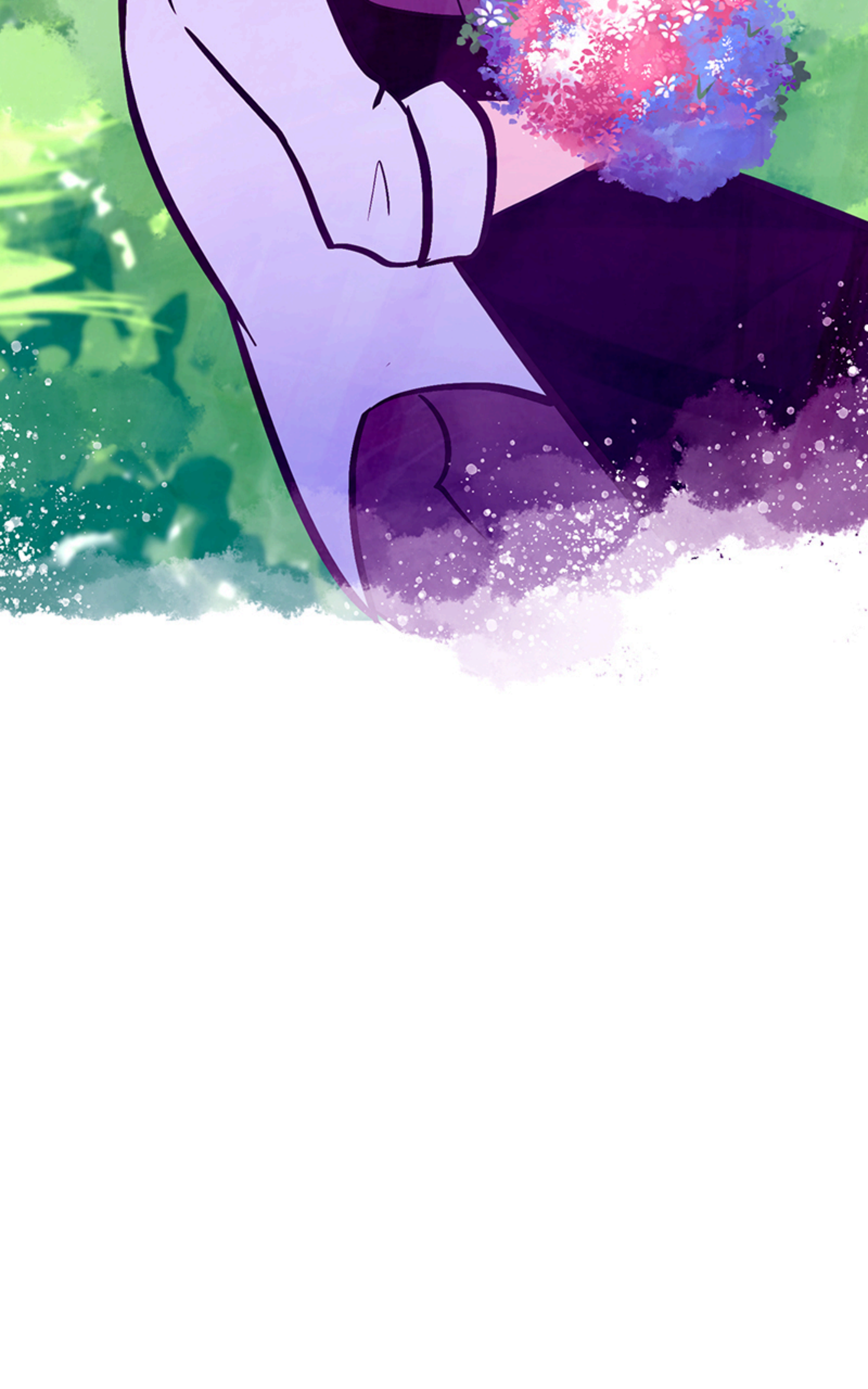


SLIDE









YOU LOOK
SO BEAUTIFUL...

ME??
LOOK AT
YOU!





DID IT
WORK THEN?
MY WISH?

YES IT
WORKED
PERFECTLY-





I WASN'T
EXPECTING THE
DEMON TO SHOW UP
IN MY ROOM BUT
YOU KNOW-

OH SORRY!
HE JUST WANTED
TO BE SURE OF WHAT
ALL YOU WANTED-
I DIDN'T WANT TO
SPEAK FOR YOU...

HAH!
I COULD HAVE
HAD ANYTHING? I
SHOULD HAVE ASKED
FOR SOME WINGS
TOO THEN!

UHH...





I BROUGHT
YOU SOME
FLOWERS!

OH THIS
IS WHAT MY
MOTHER SMELLED,
I ADORE THEM!



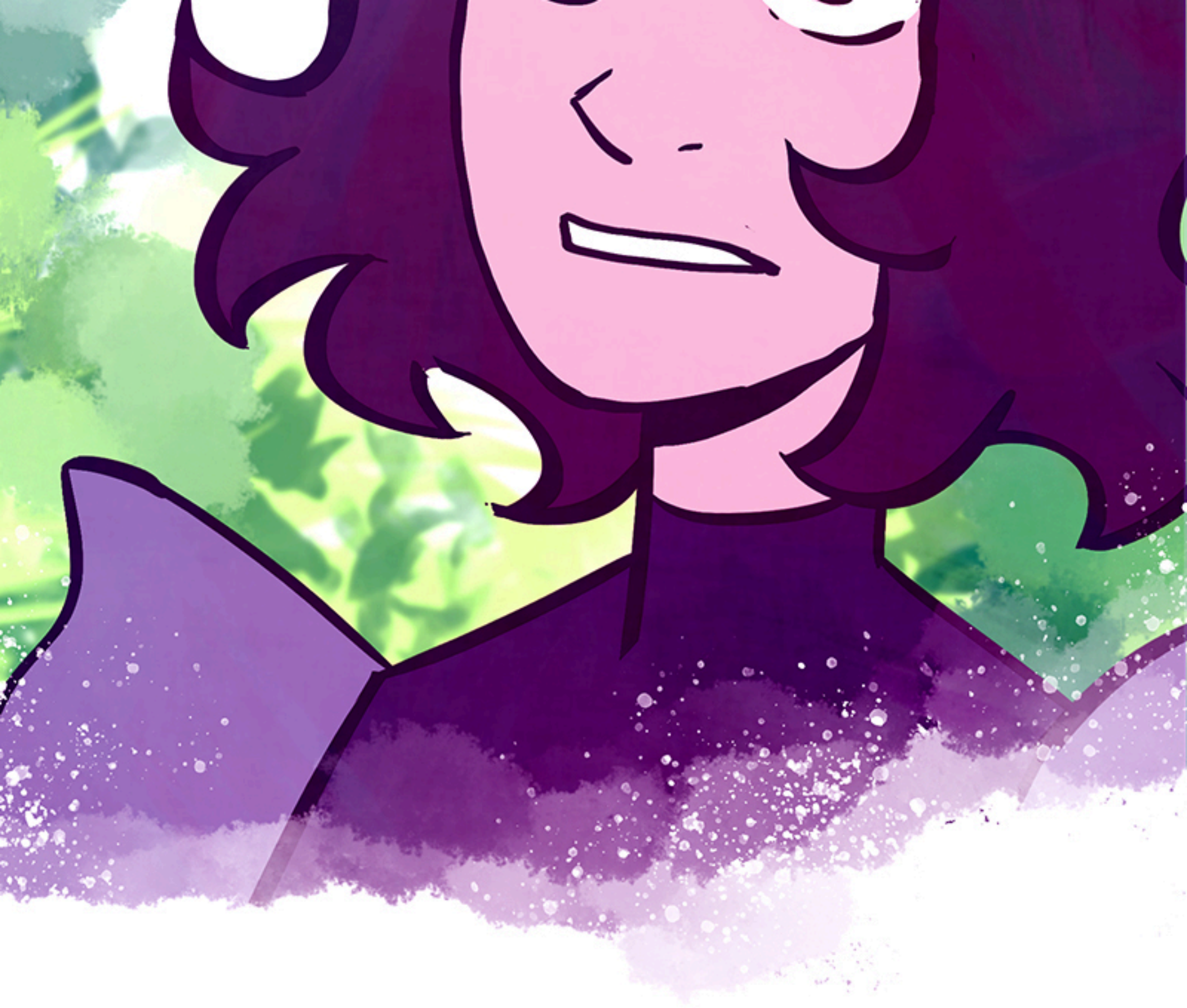


WHY IS
YOUR MOM SO
WEIRD??

RUNS
IN THE FAMILY,
YOU KNEW WHAT
YOU SIGNED UP
FOR, HAHHAH!

HUH...



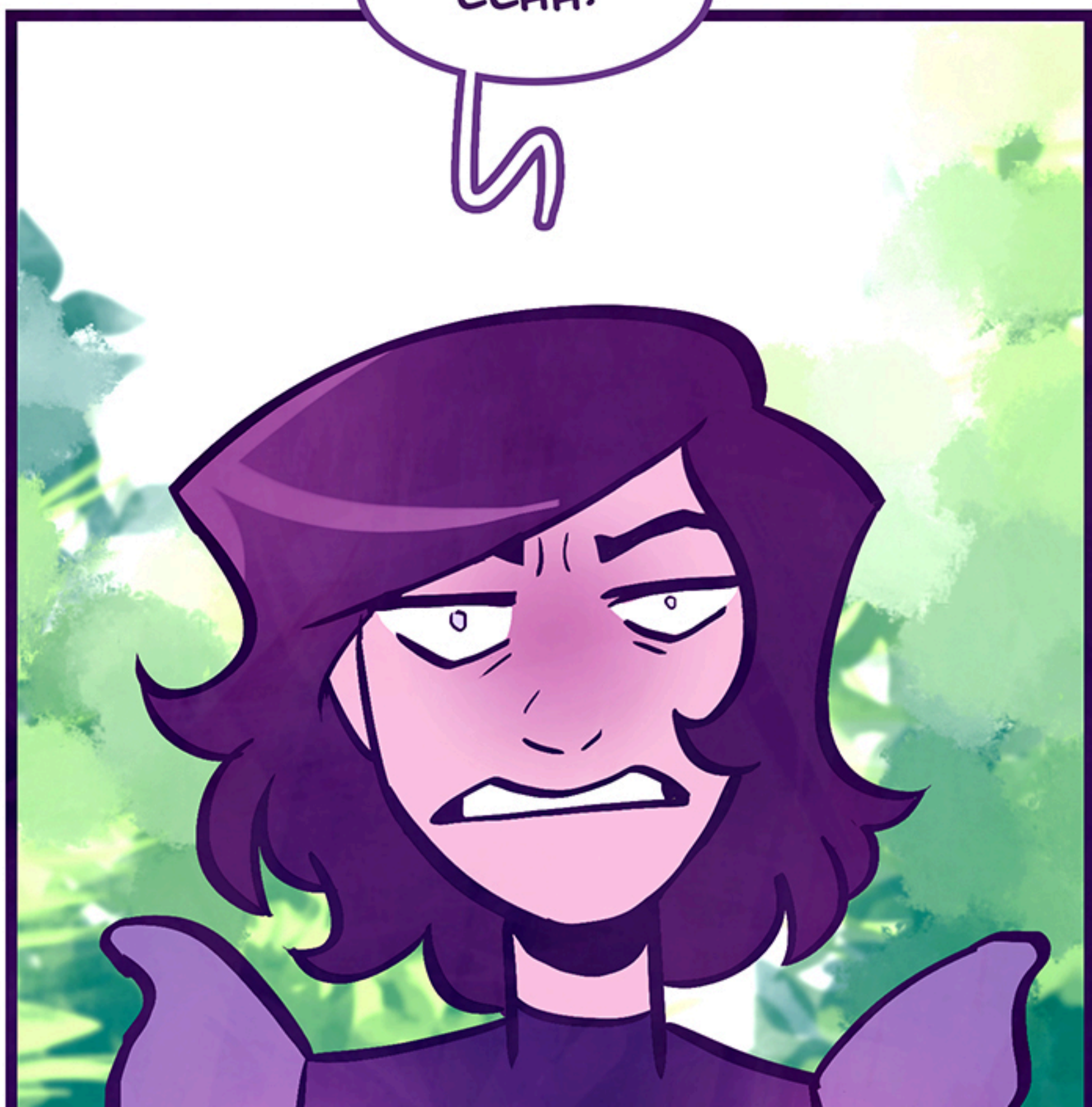


ABRIELLE HAD
ALWAYS BEEN KIND
TO ME. BUT THIS WAS
THE FIRST TIME I'D EVER
REMEMBER SEEING HER
ACTUALLY HAPPY.



THEN THEY KISSED
AND I GOT GROSSED
OUT SO I RAN AWAY.

EEHH!

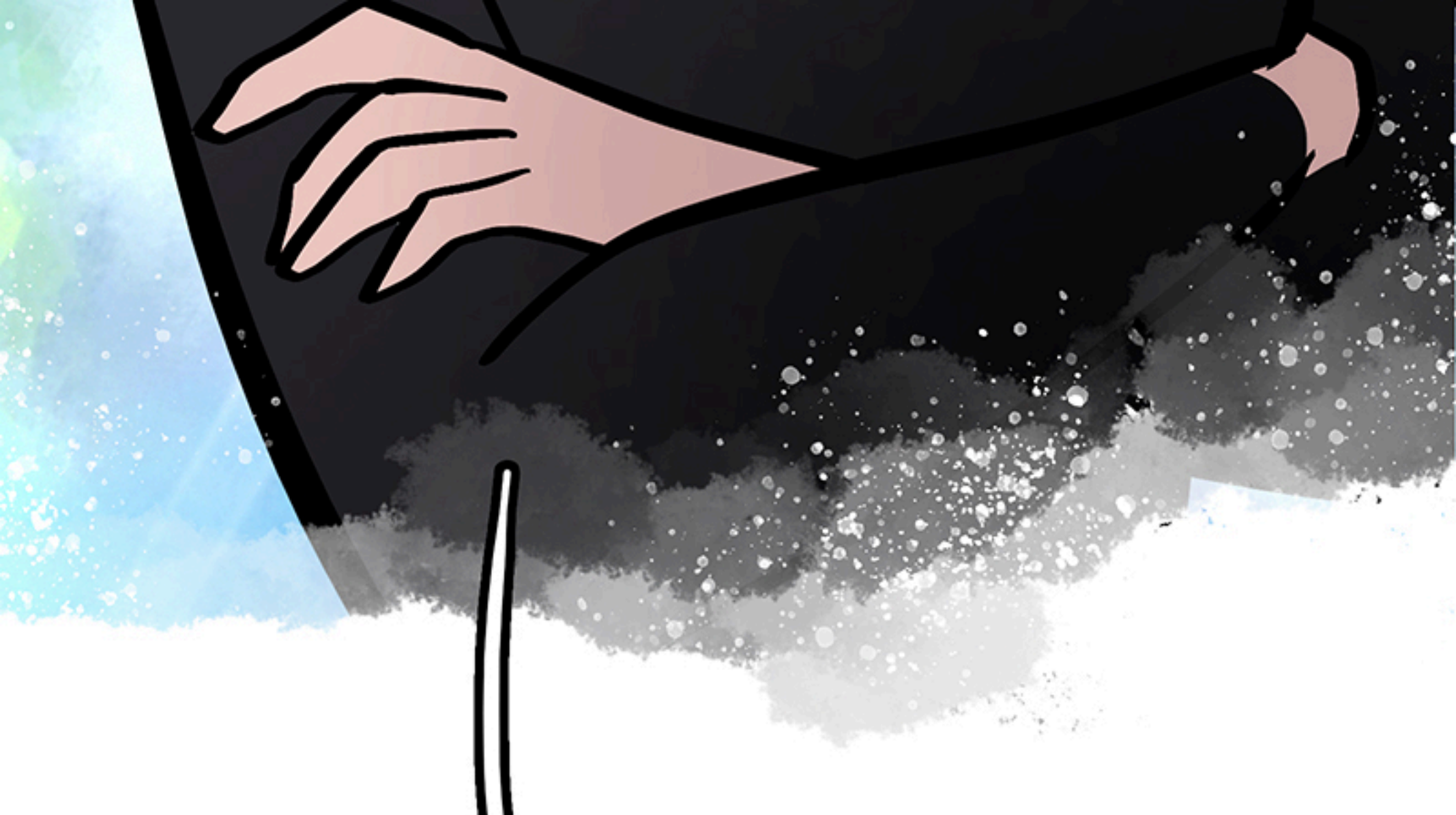




SHE FOUND ME
LATER AND ASKED
ME NEVER TO
MENTION HIM TO
ANYONE ELSE.

THEN NEXT THING
I KNEW SHE WAS GETTING
MARRIED TO SOME RICH
BANKER GUY.



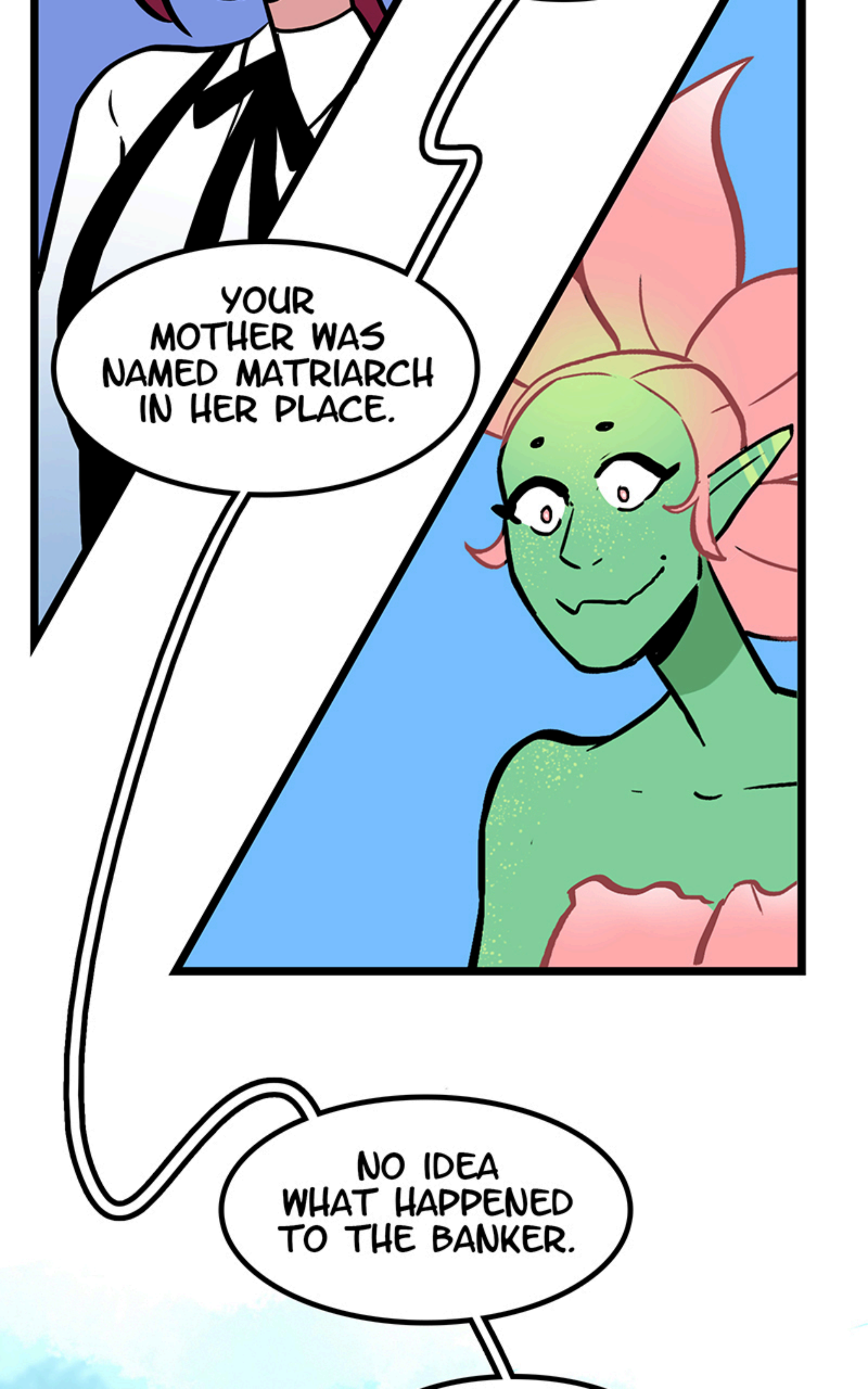


THEN ATHALIE
GOT MARRIED NOT
LONG AFTER.

THEN YOUR
GRANDMOTHER
ALETTE DIED.



BIG OLD
FIGHT AT THE
FUNERAL.



A comic panel featuring two characters. On the left, a character in a white suit and black tie is partially visible, with a speech bubble coming from them. On the right, a green-skinned character with large, expressive eyes and a large pink flower on their head looks towards the speaker. The background is a solid blue color.

YOUR
MOTHER WAS
NAMED MATRIARCH
IN HER PLACE.

NO IDEA
WHAT HAPPENED
TO THE BANKER.

DIVORCED...

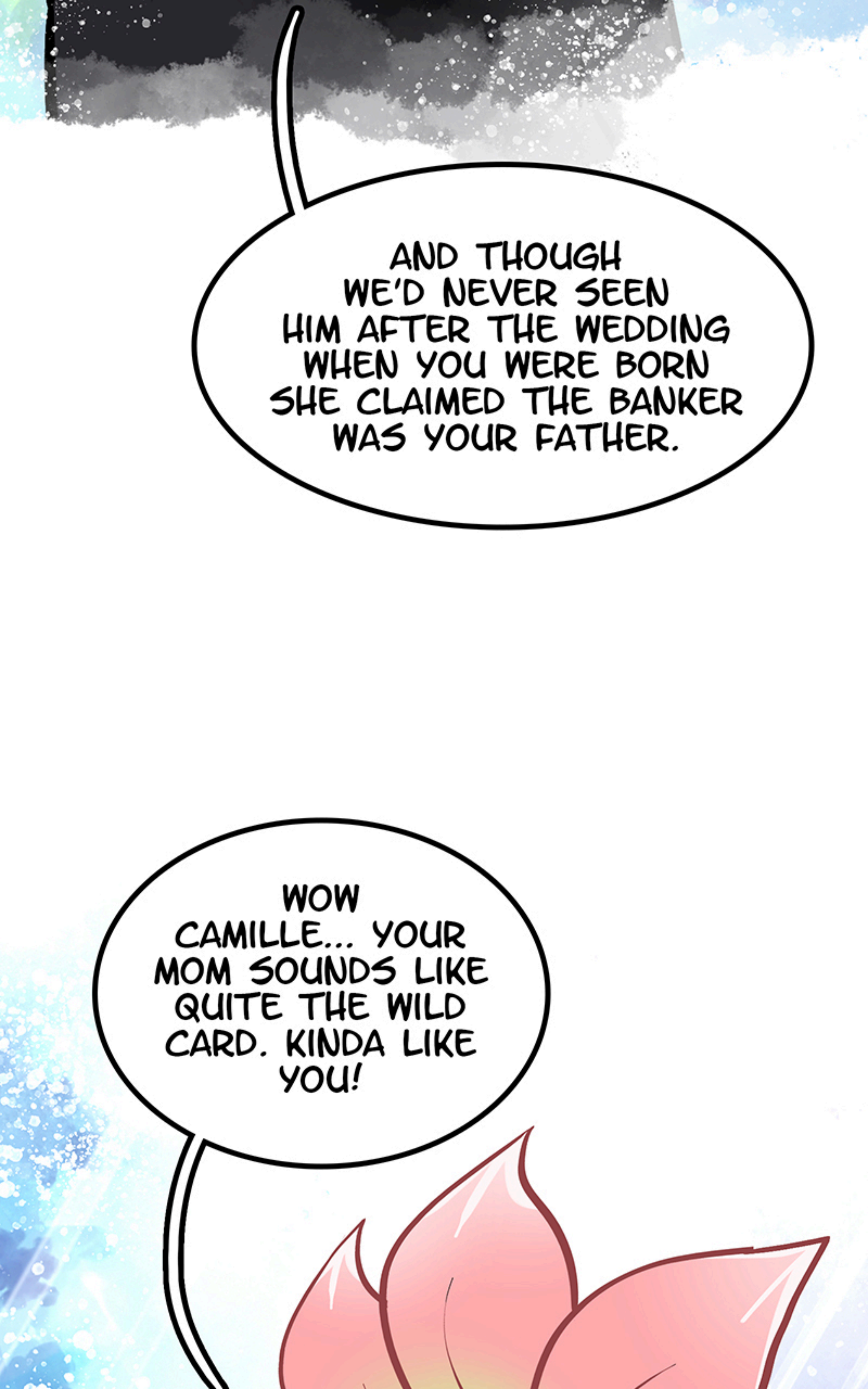
DIED??

MAYBE THE
WHOLE THING WAS
AN ELABORATE
RUSE.





EITHER WAY,
IT WAS A BUSY
YEAR.



AND THOUGH
WE'D NEVER SEEN
HIM AFTER THE WEDDING
WHEN YOU WERE BORN
SHE CLAIMED THE BANKER
WAS YOUR FATHER.

WOW
CAMILLE... YOUR
MOM SOUNDS LIKE
QUITE THE WILD
CARD. KINDA LIKE
YOU!



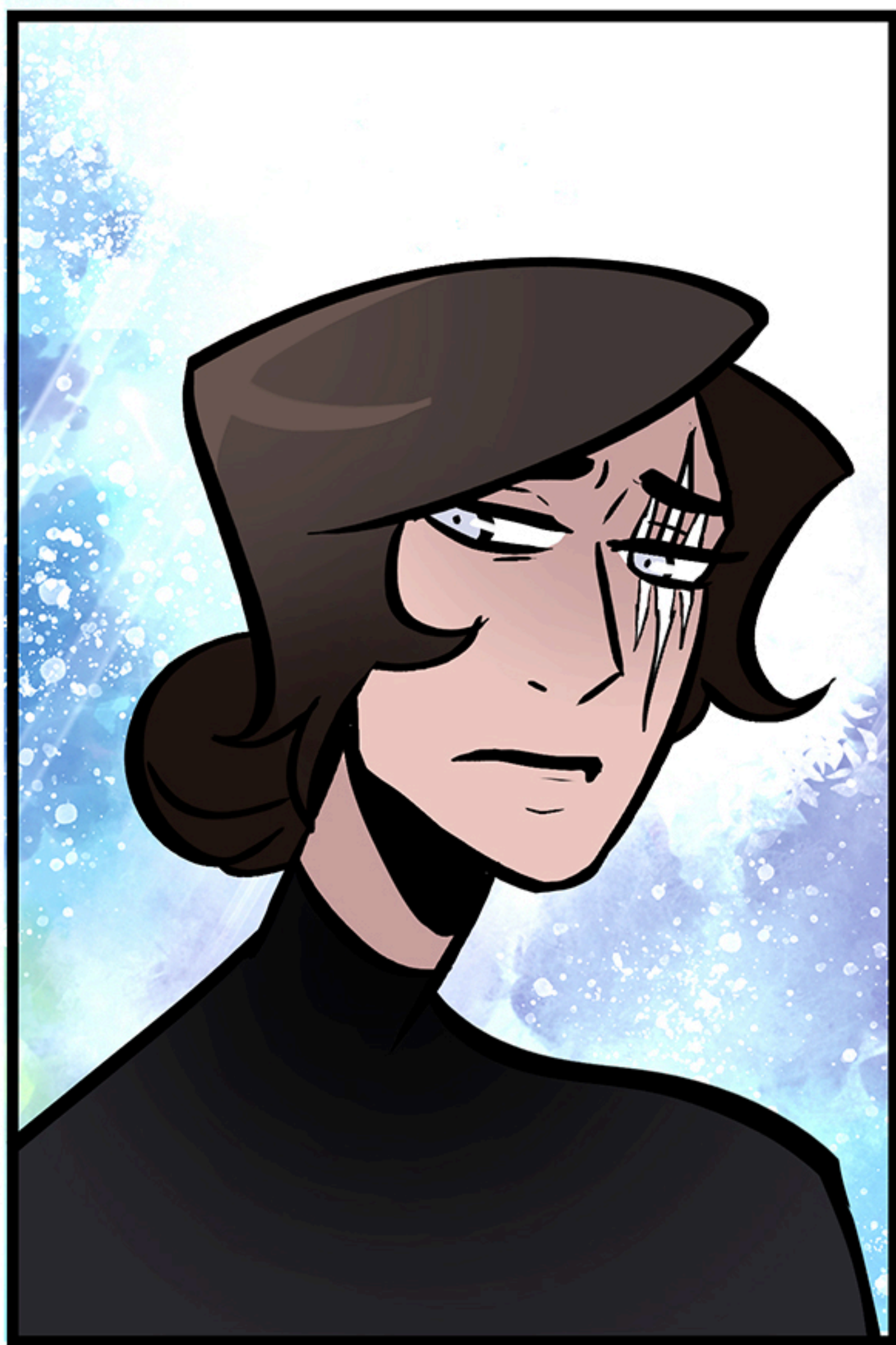
YEAH...
AND ATHALIE
SOUNDS AN
AWFUL LOT LIKE
ALETTE...





SO IN A
WAY AVALINE
IS...

RIINNNGG



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