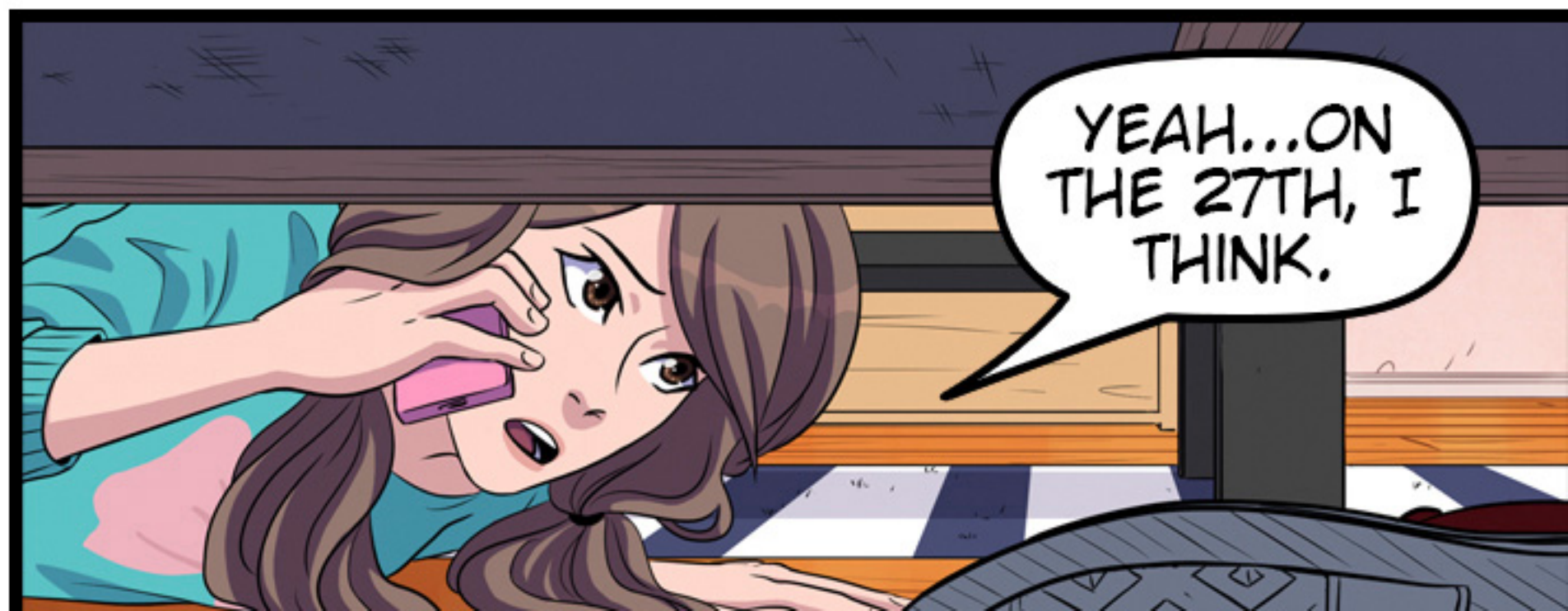
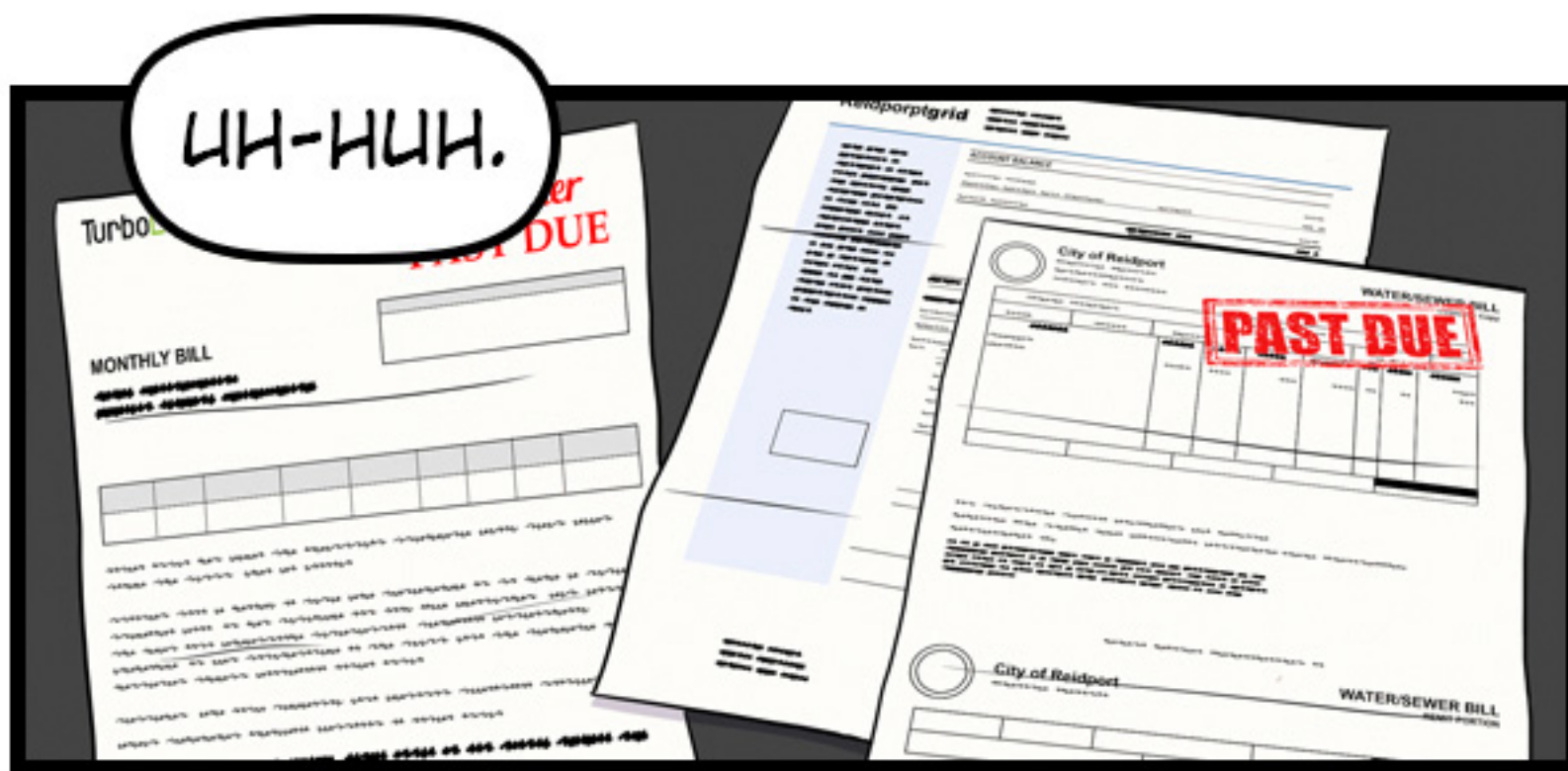
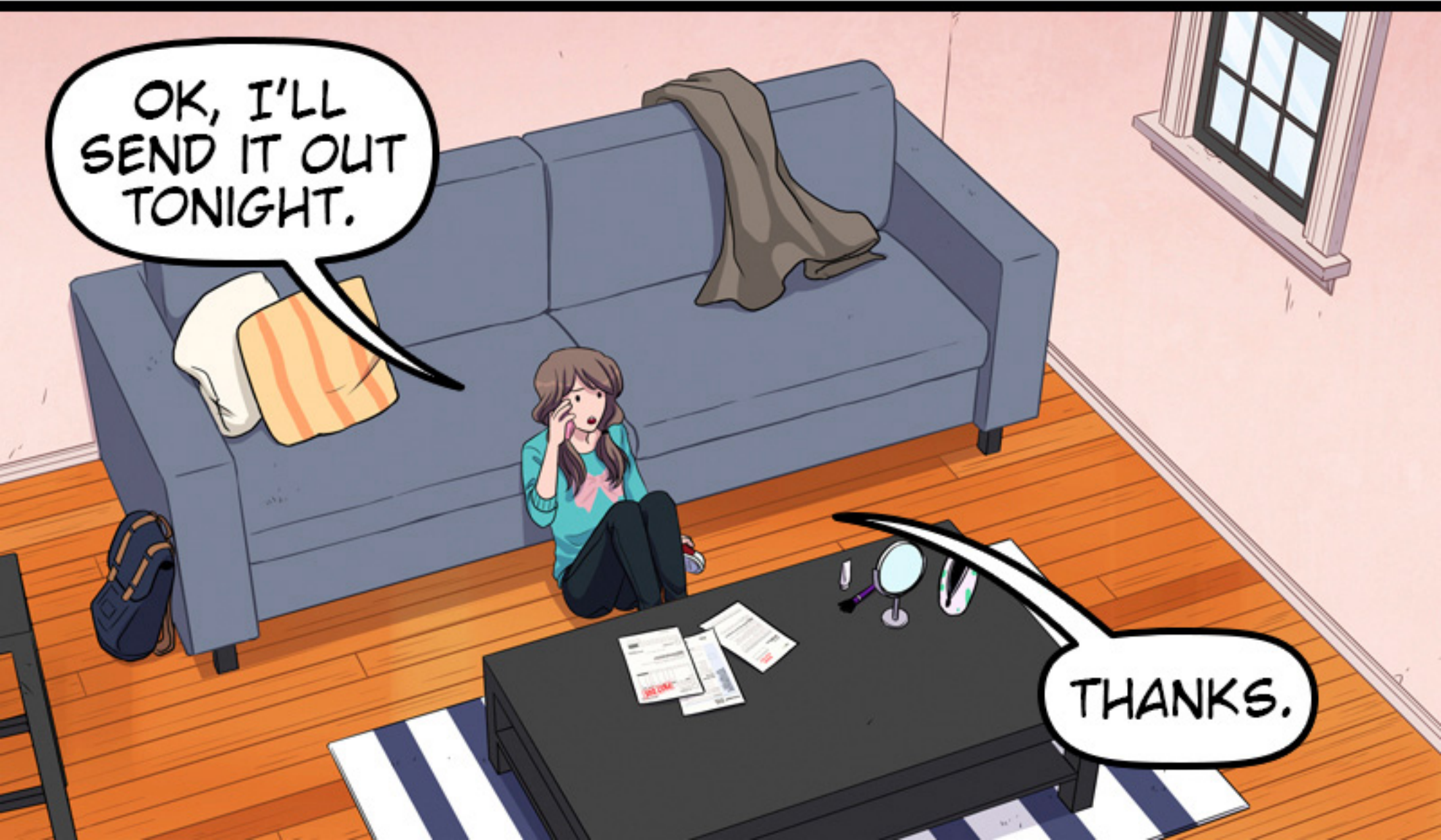






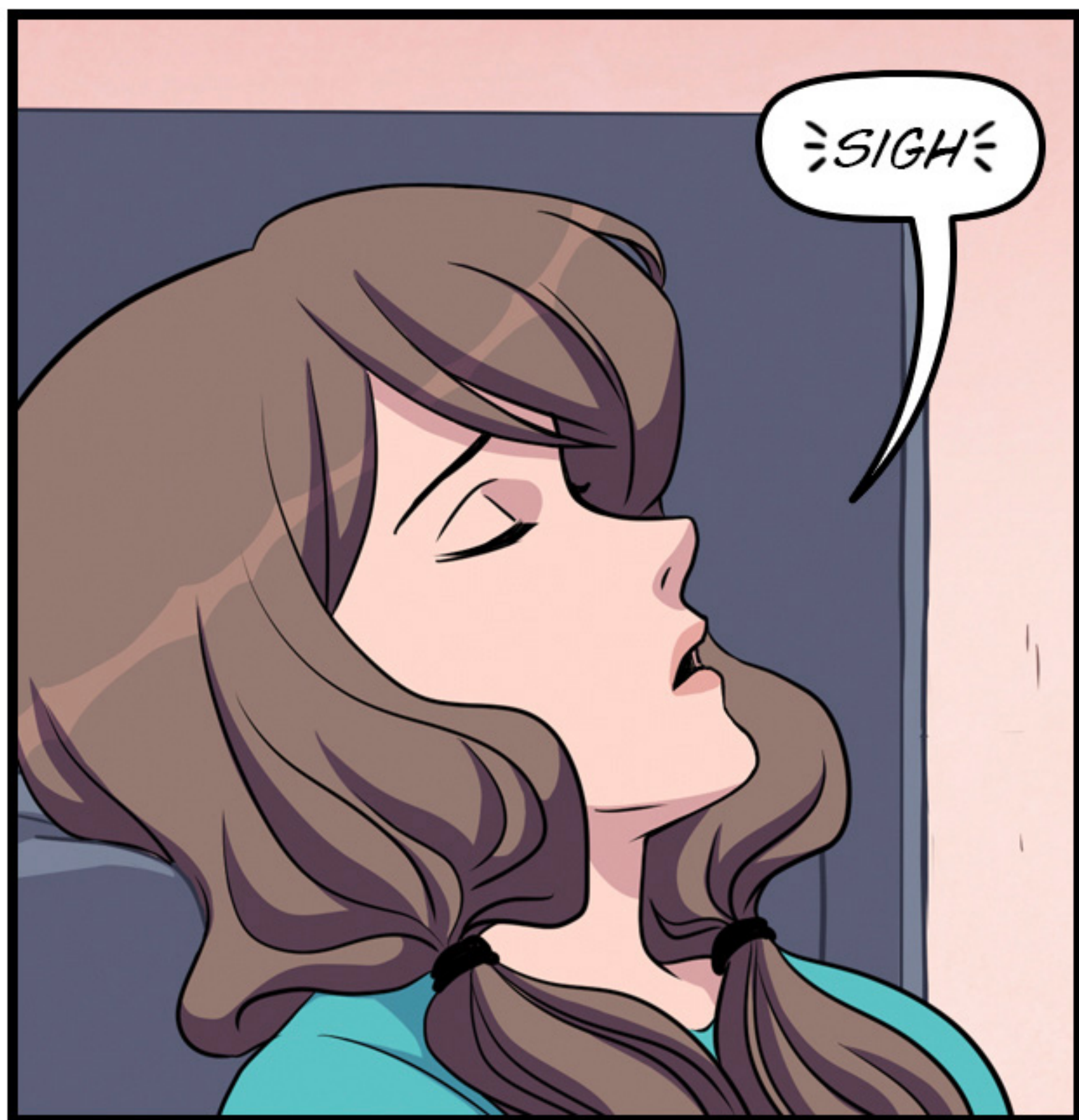






OK, I'LL
SEND IT OUT
TONIGHT.

THANKS.

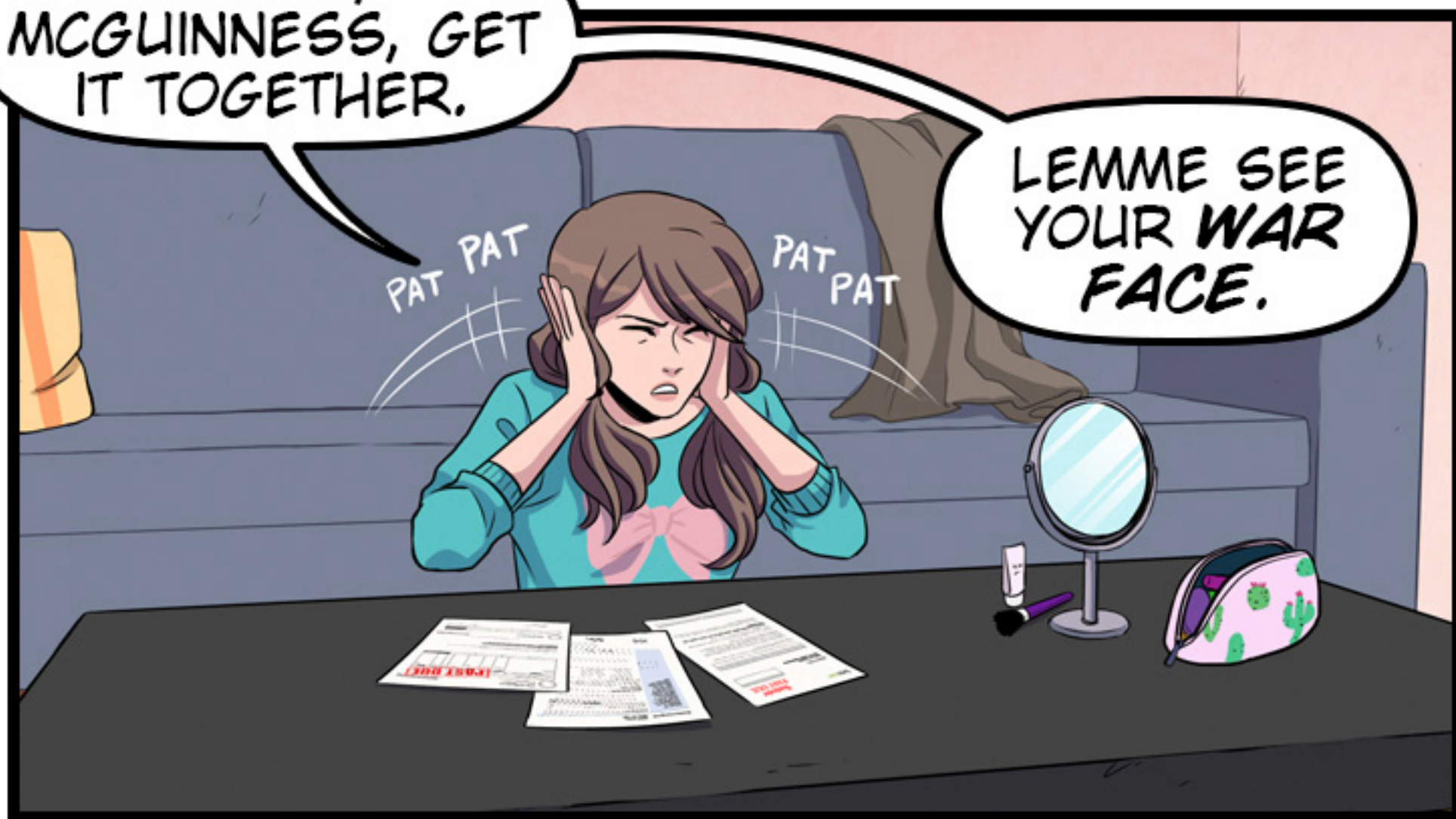


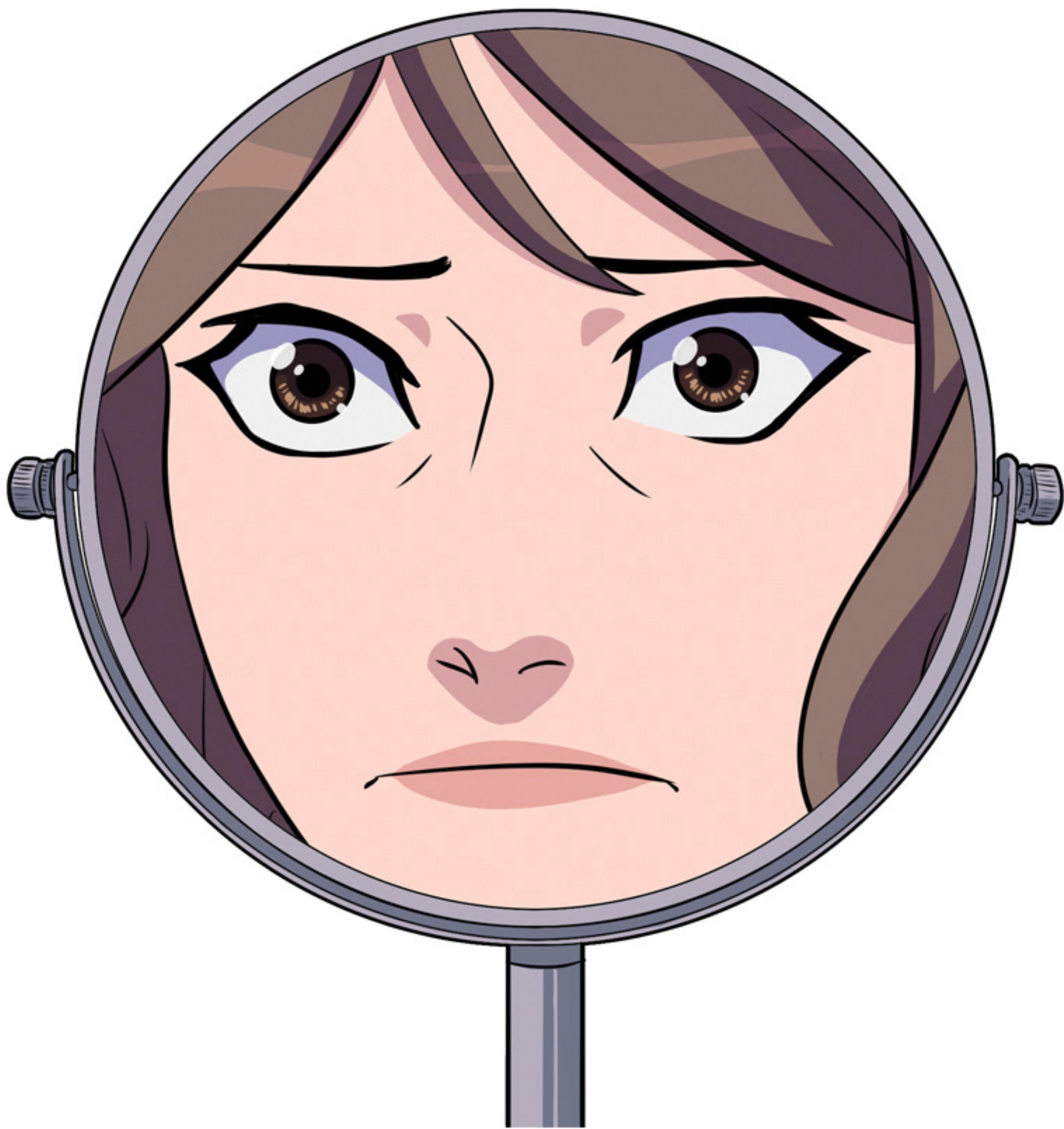
C'MON,
MCGUINNESS, GET
IT TOGETHER.

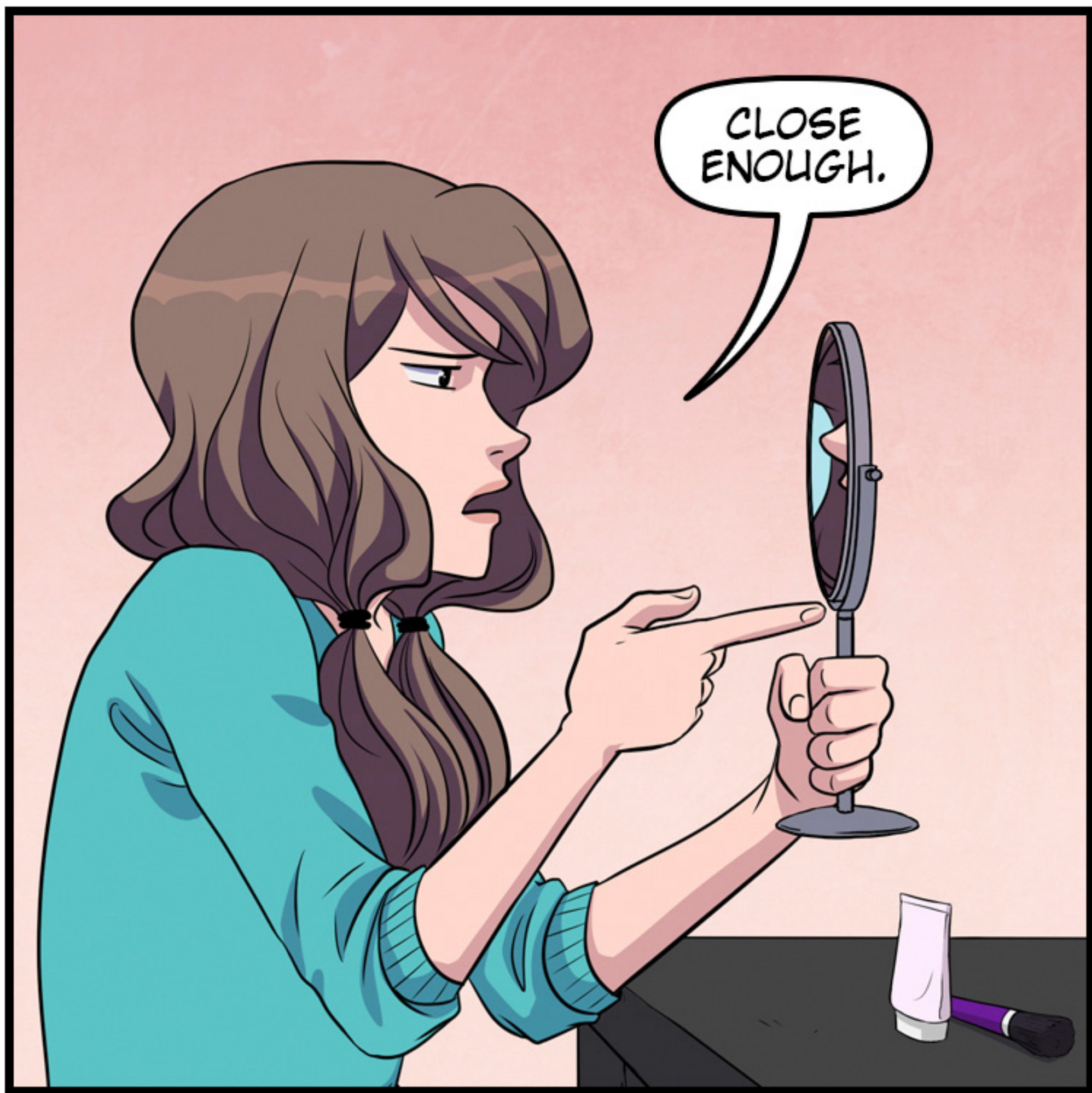
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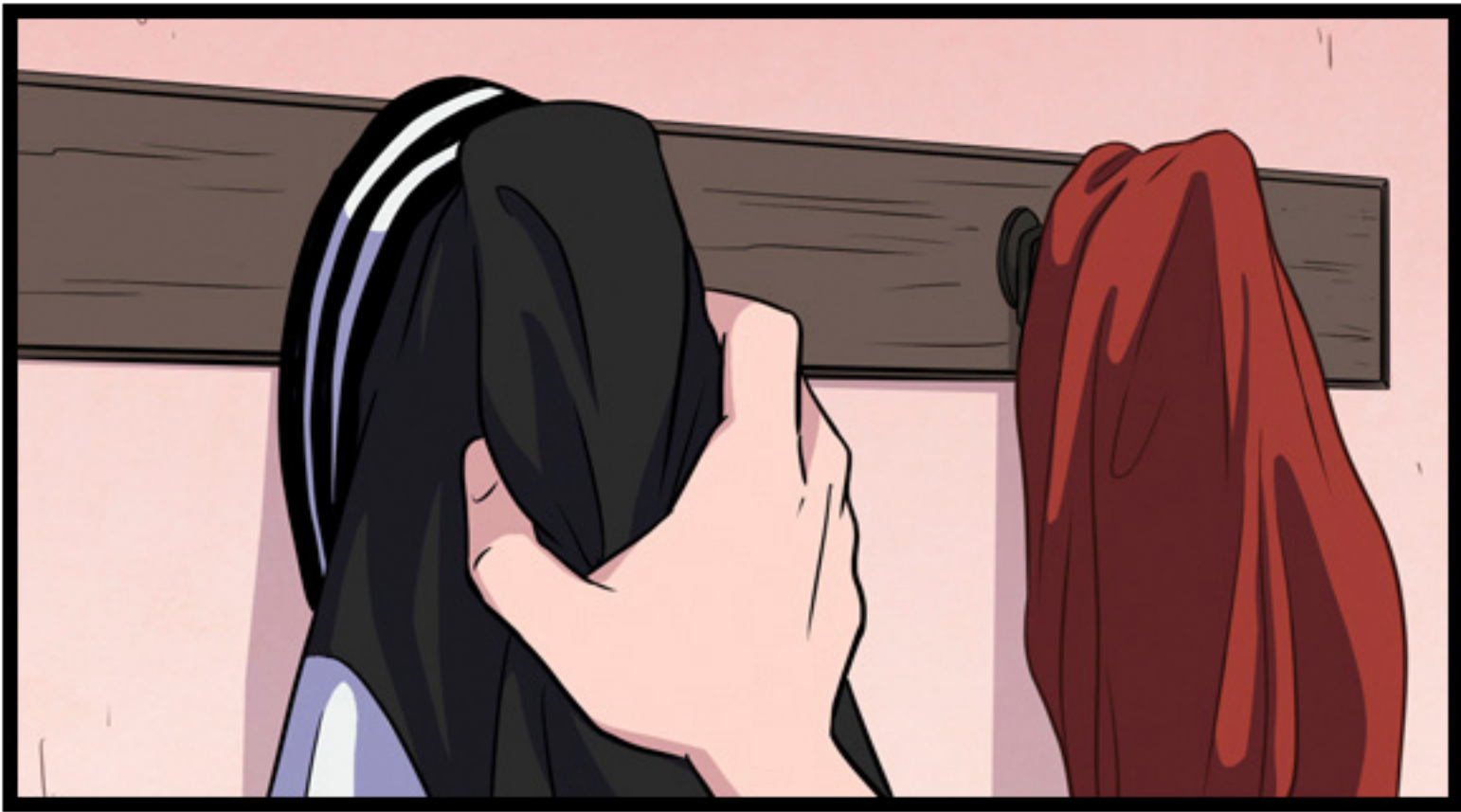
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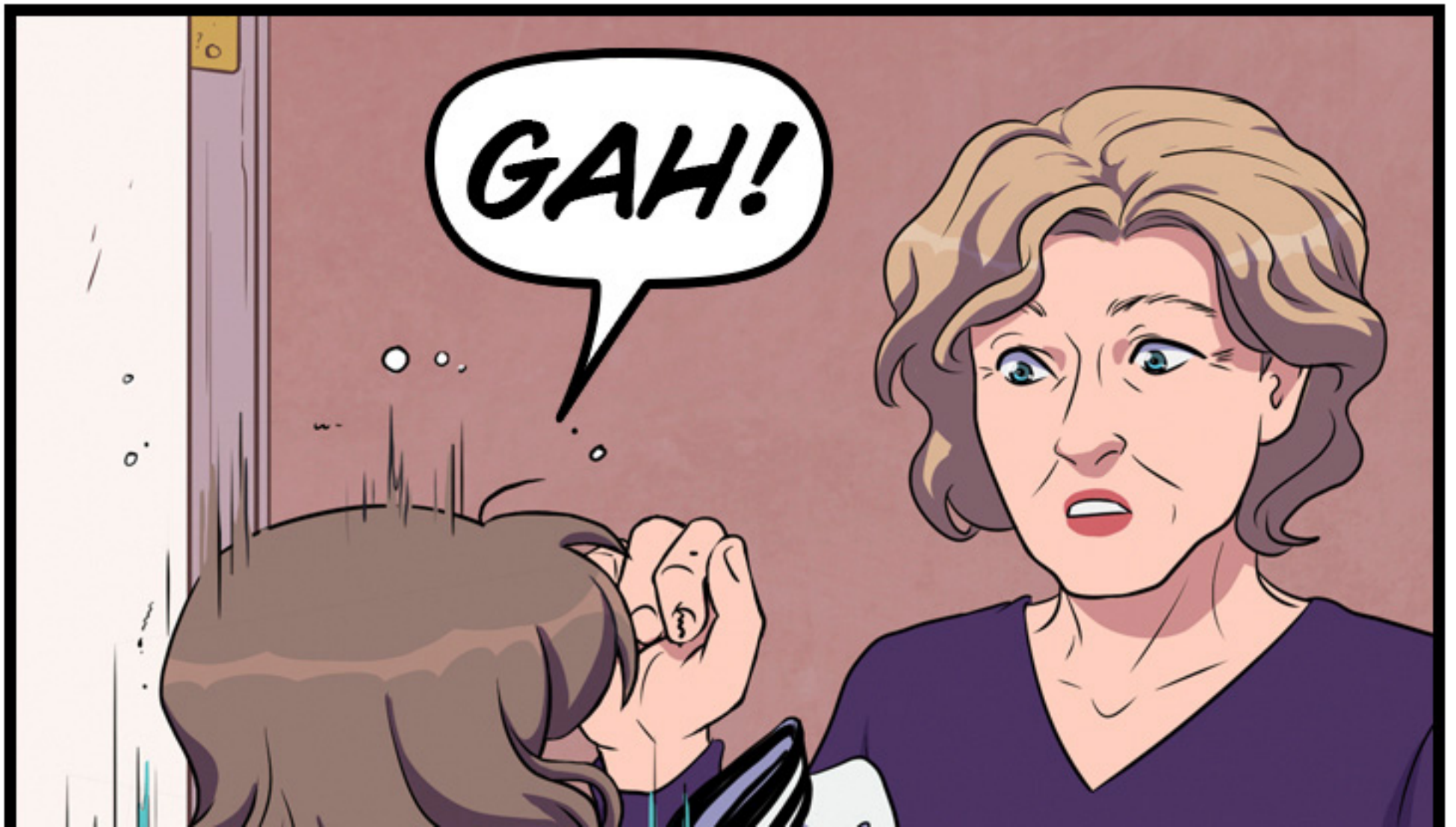
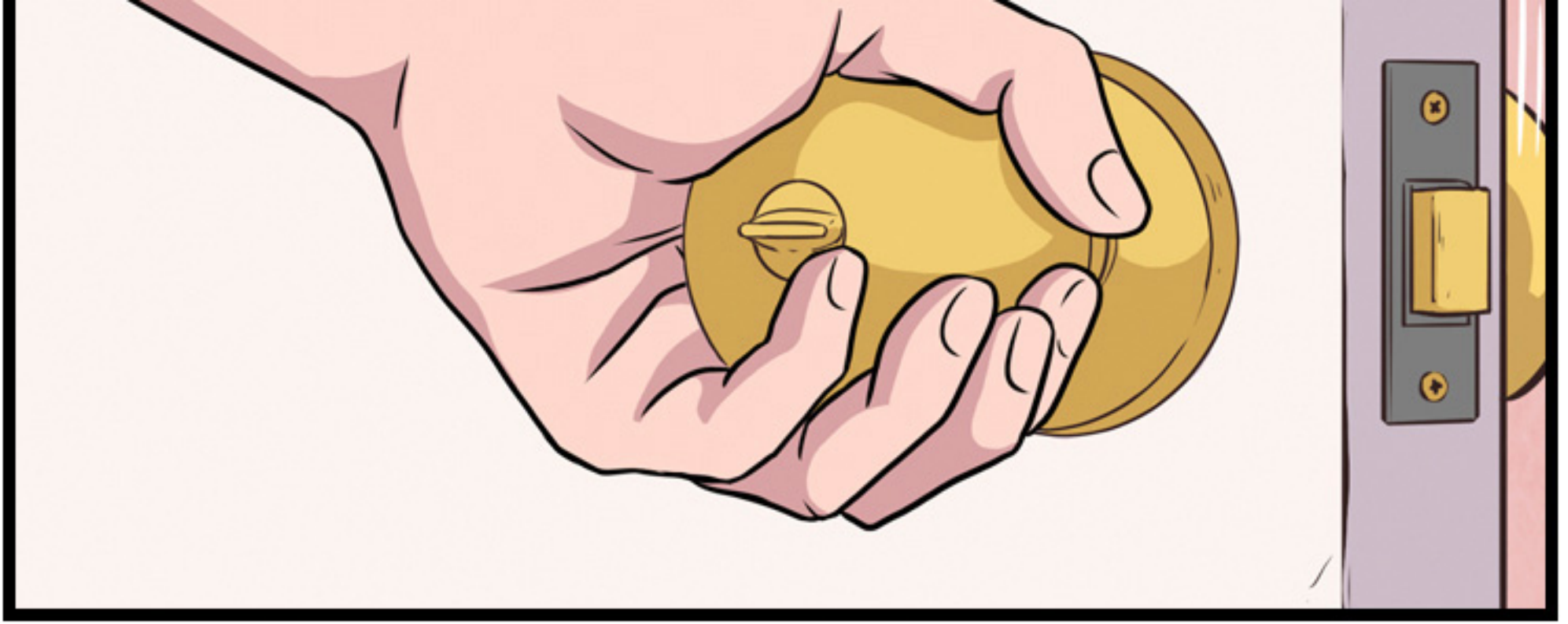
LEMME SEE
YOUR *WAR*
FACE.













GOOD
MORNING,
ELLIE.

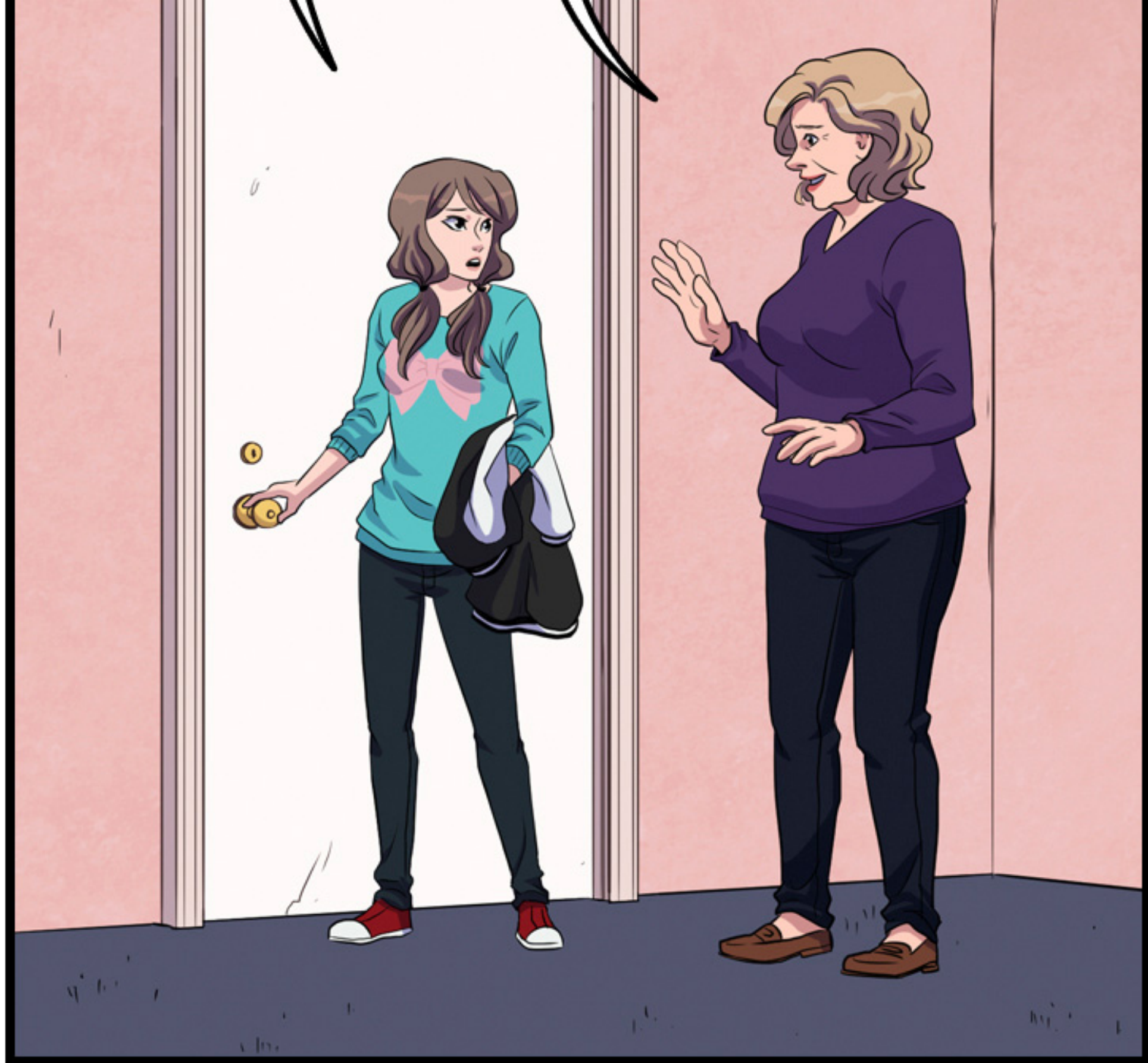
HUFF

HUFF

H-HI MRS. PERKINS.

UH, I'M
JUST ON MY WAY
TO WORK RIGHT
NOW, SO...

THAT'S FINE,
DEAR.

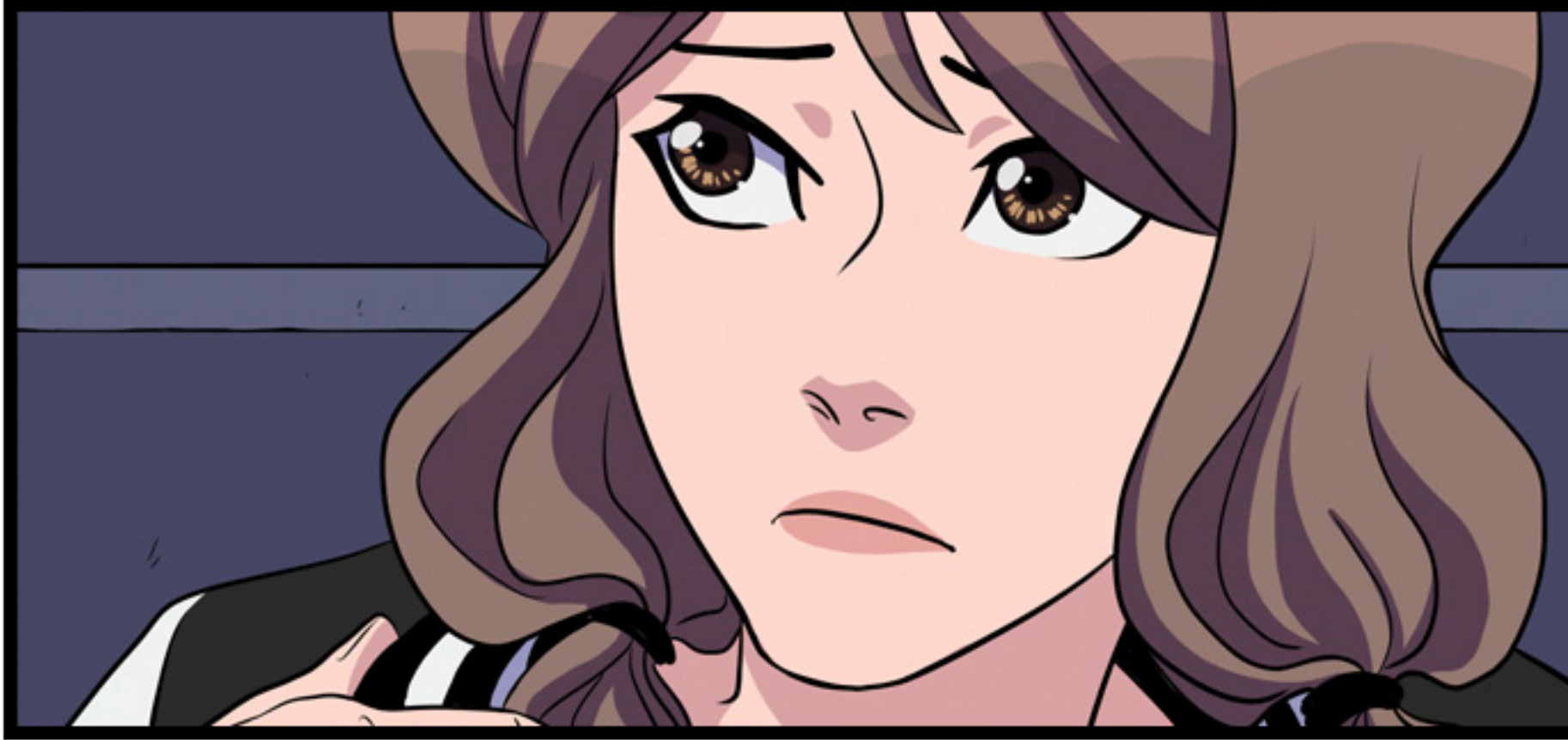


I ONLY
WANTED TO

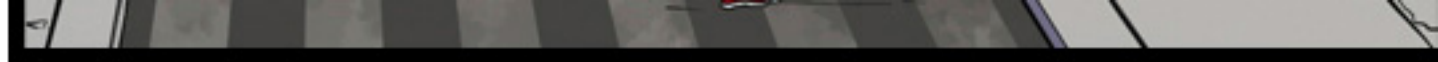
WANTED TO
DROP BY AND
REMIND YOU
THAT THE RENT
IS DUE **IN FULL**
ON THE 5TH.

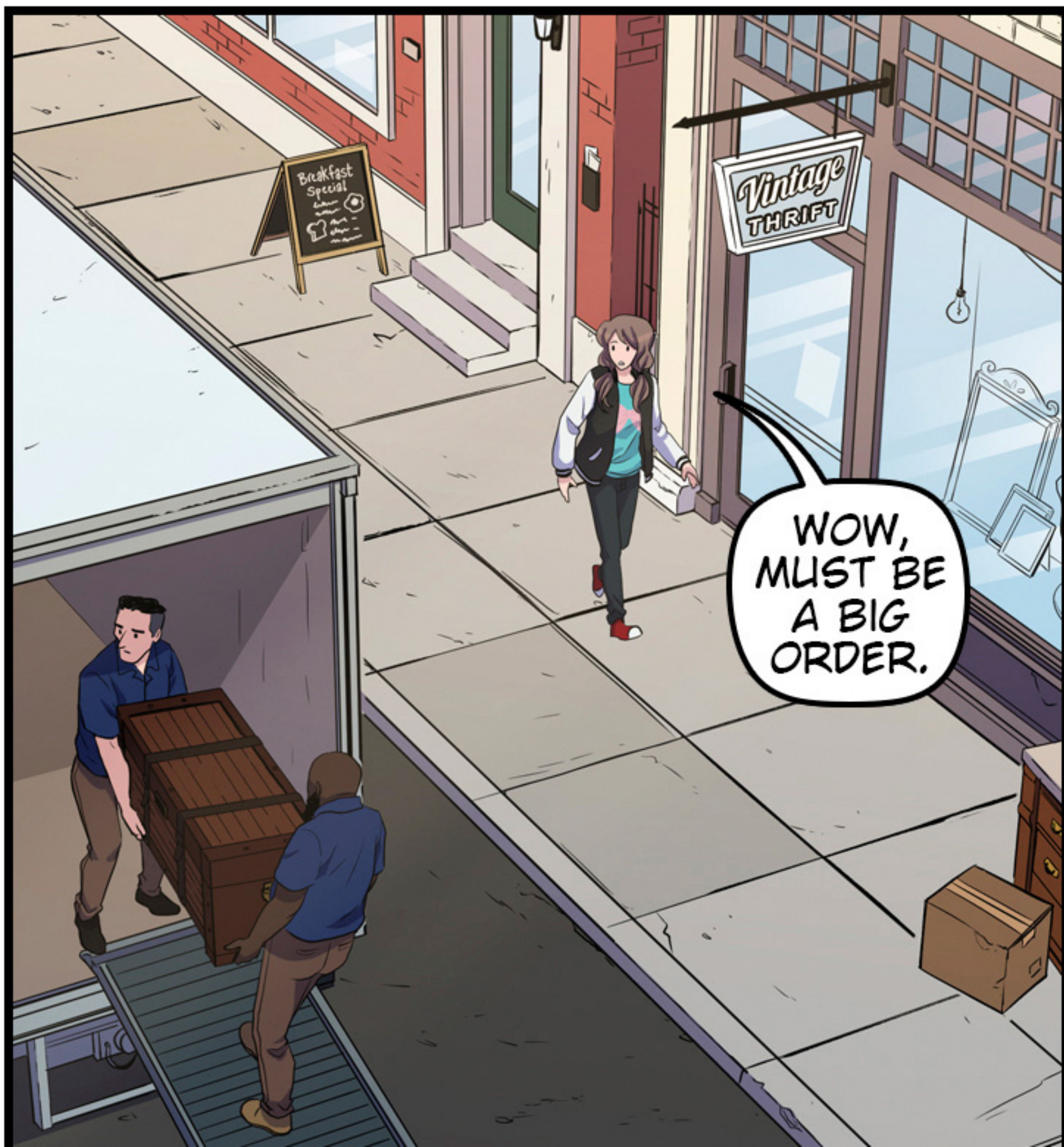
Y-YEAH, I
REMEMBER. I'LL
HAVE THE CHECK IN
YOUR MAILBOX BY
NOON MONDAY.

I'D APPRECIATE IT.





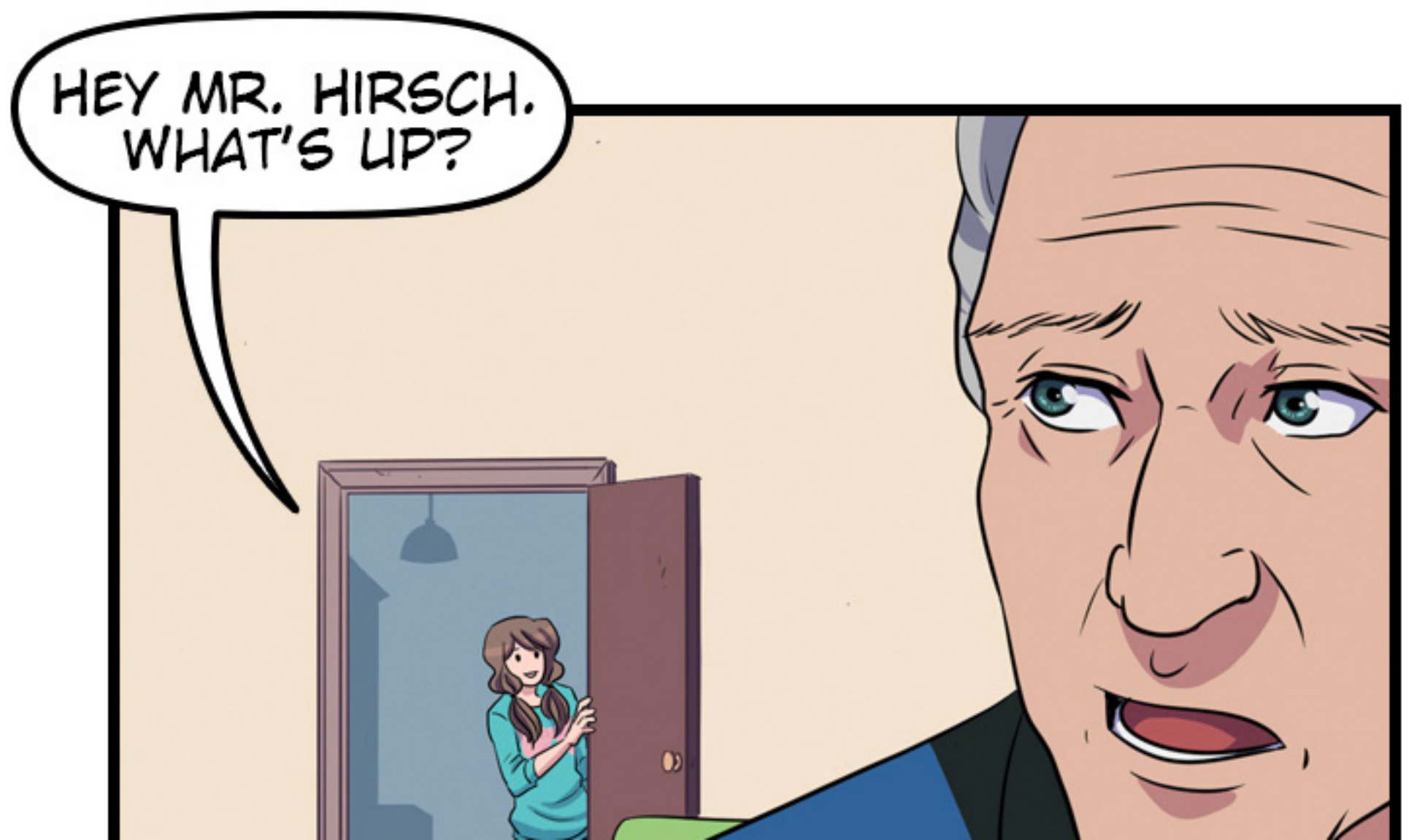




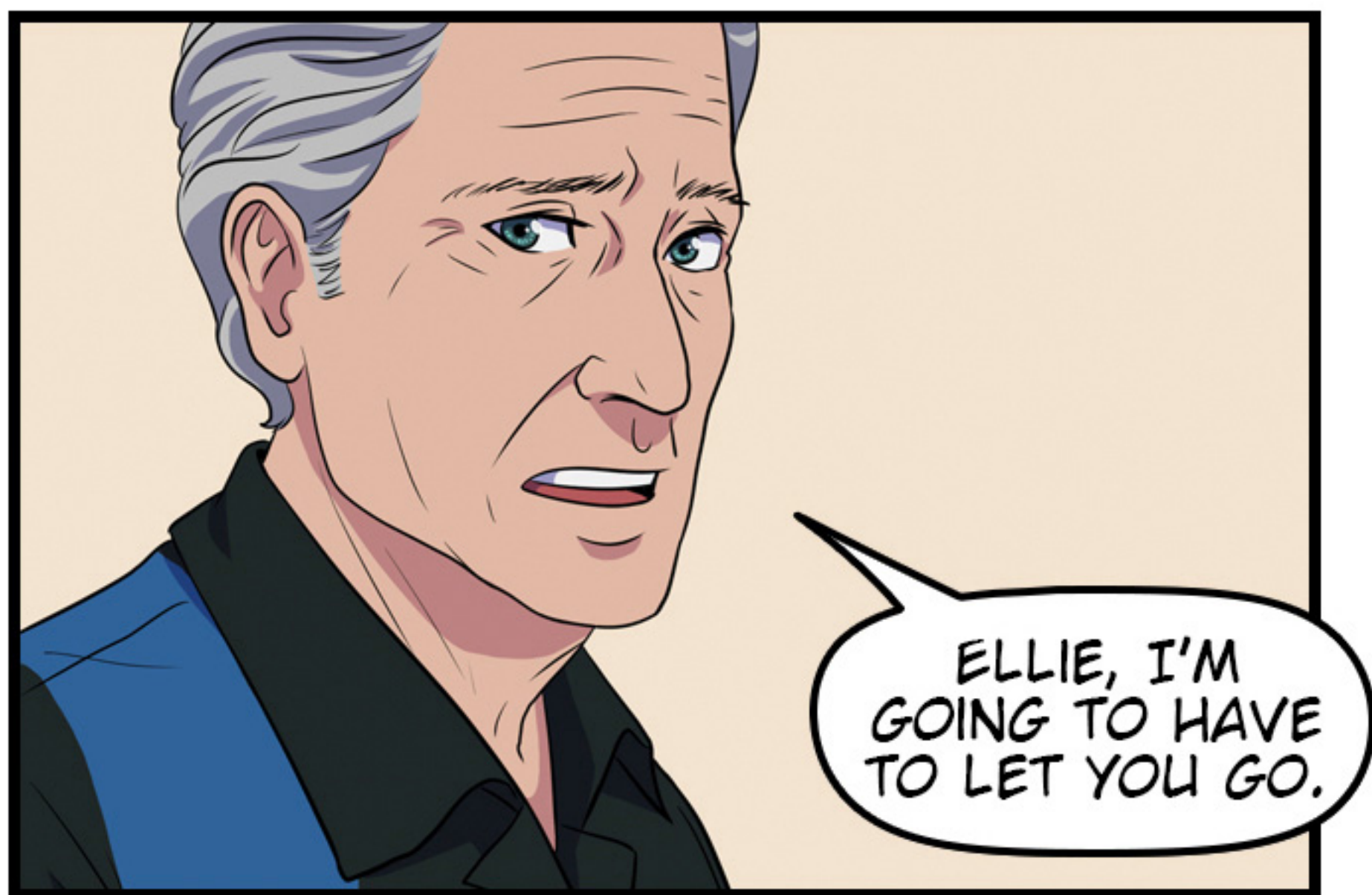


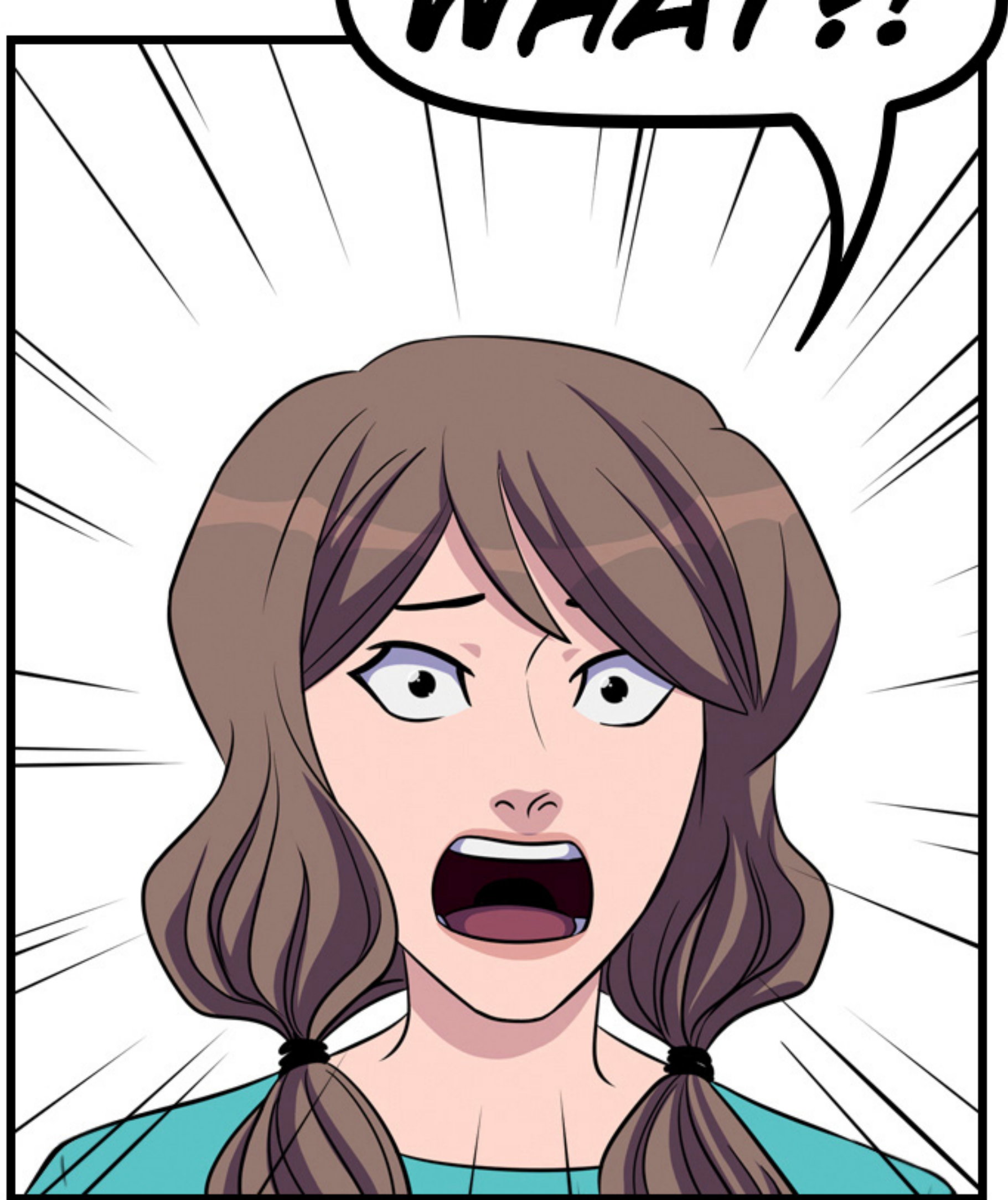
ELLIE?
IS THAT
YOU?

COME ON
BACK TO THE









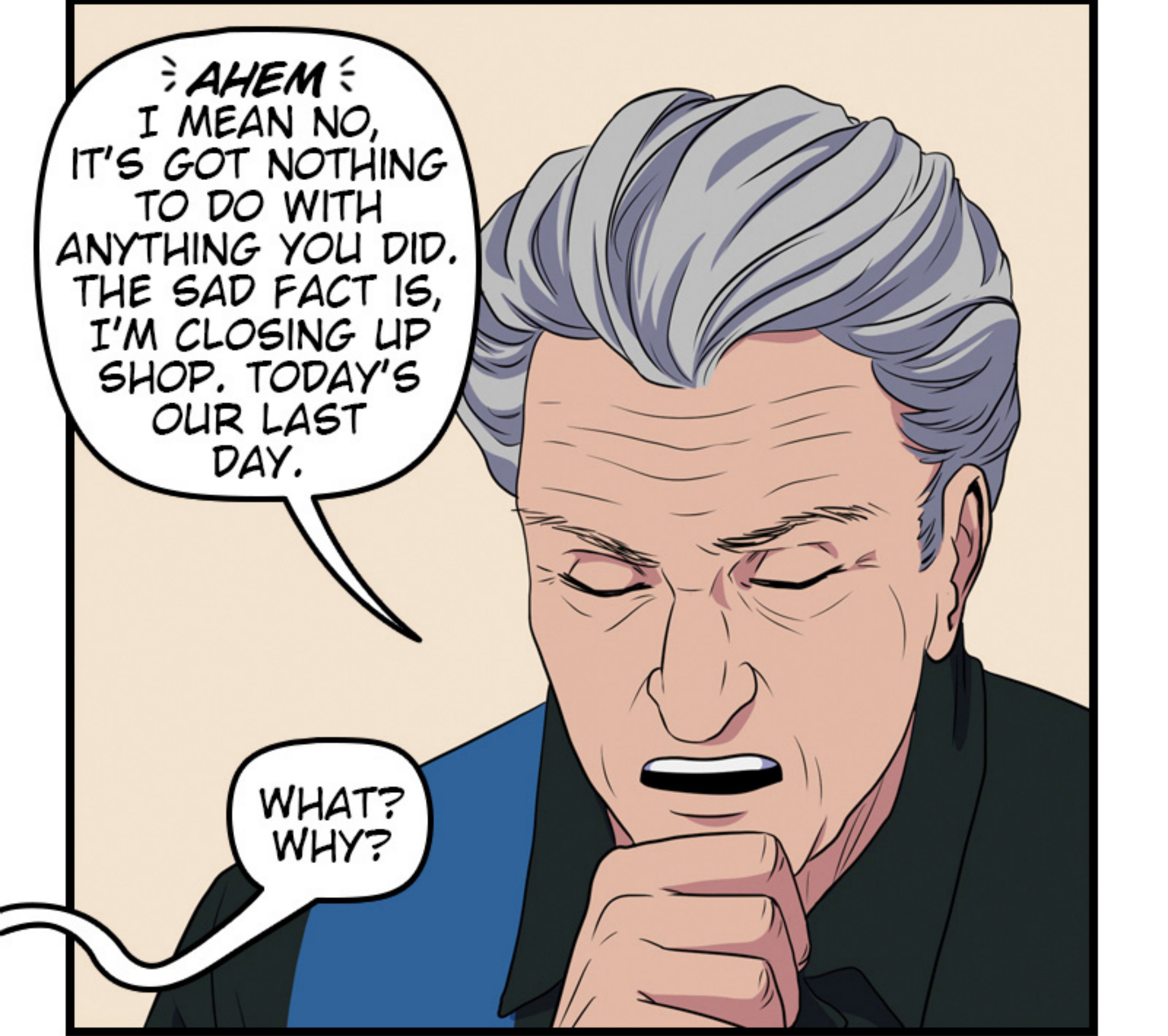
MR. HIRSCH,
YOU CAN'T BE
SERIOUS!

IS THIS BECAUSE

IS THIS BECAUSE
I KICKED THAT BABY?
BECAUSE THAT WAS TOTALLY
AN ACCIDENT--HE CAME OUT
OF NOWHERE!

NO, NO--
WAIT,
WHAT?





⌋ **AHEM** ⌋
I MEAN NO,
IT'S GOT NOTHING
TO DO WITH
ANYTHING YOU DID.
THE SAD FACT IS,
I'M CLOSING UP
SHOP. TODAY'S
OUR LAST
DAY.

WHAT?
WHY?

OH, THE USUAL
REASON I GUESS--
WE'RE JUST NOT MAKING
ENOUGH MONEY. NO ONE WANTS

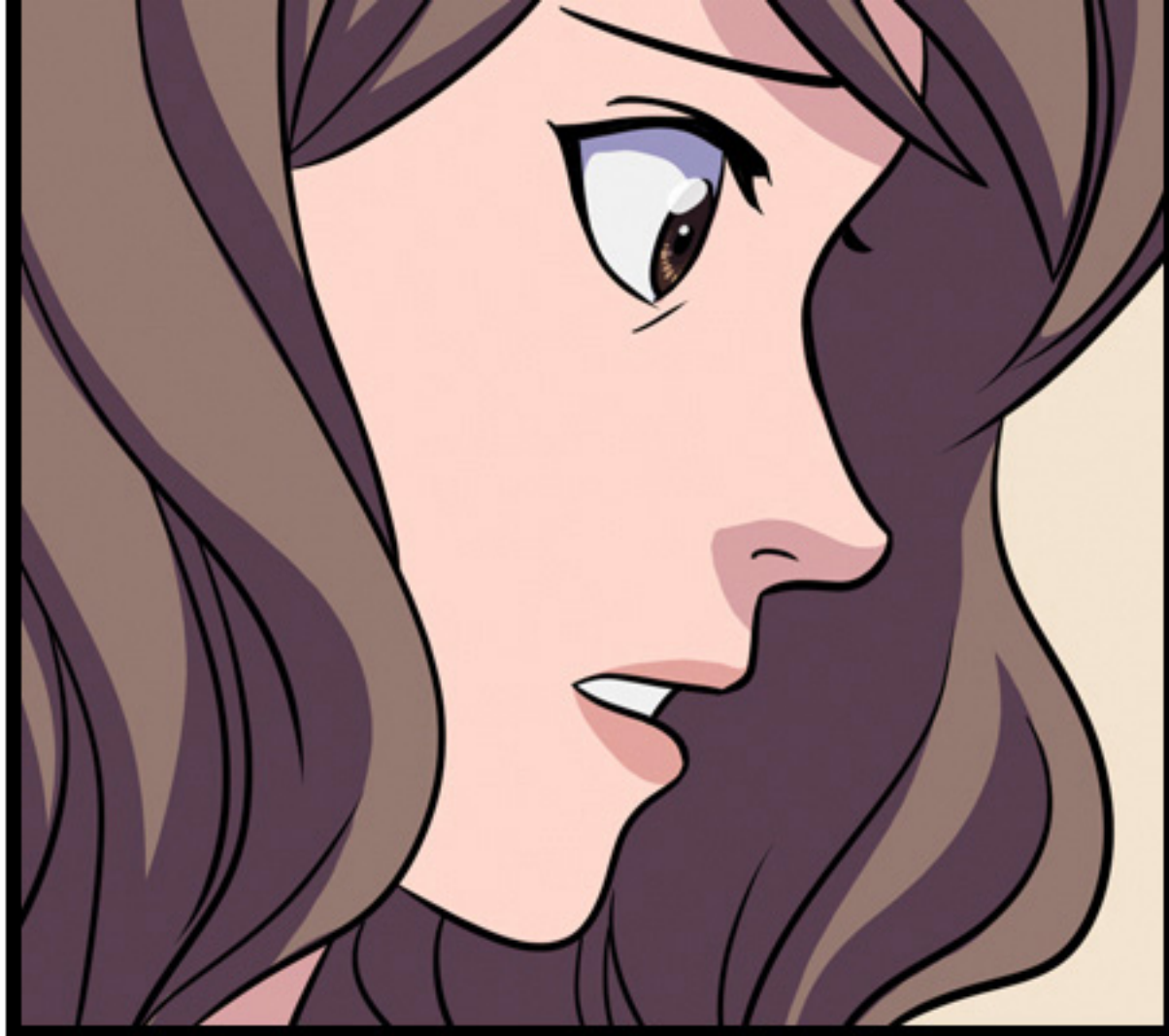
ENOUGH MONEY. NO ONE WANTS
TO PAY FOR GENUINE VINTAGE
WHEN THEY CAN GET A
CRAPPY REPRODUCTION
FOR \$9.99.



I'M REAL SORRY
TO SPRING THIS ON
YOU, KIDDO.

I THOUGHT I COULD
WORK SOMETHING OUT
WITH THE LANDLORD, AT
LEAST FOR ANOTHER
MONTH, BUT...



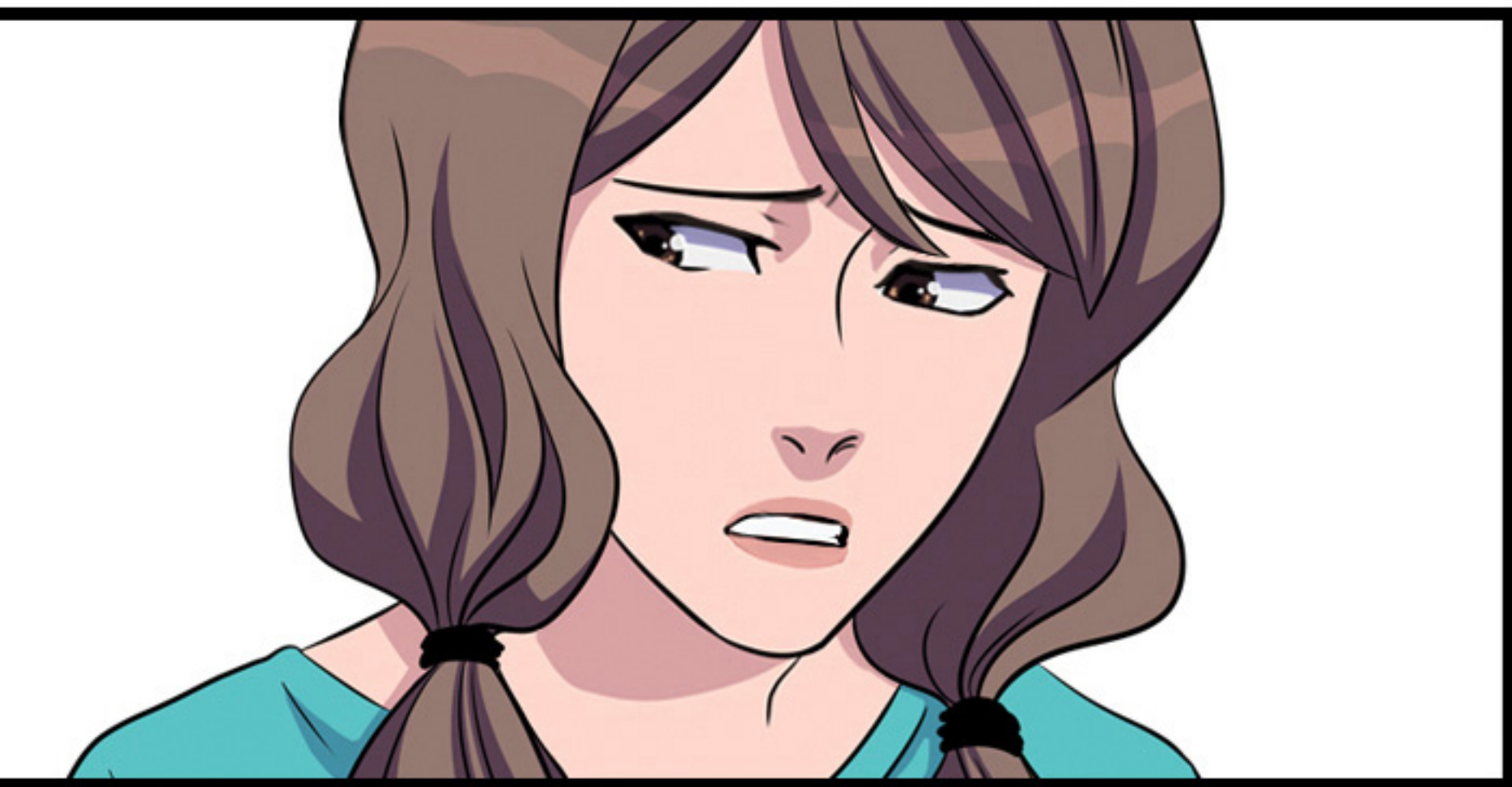




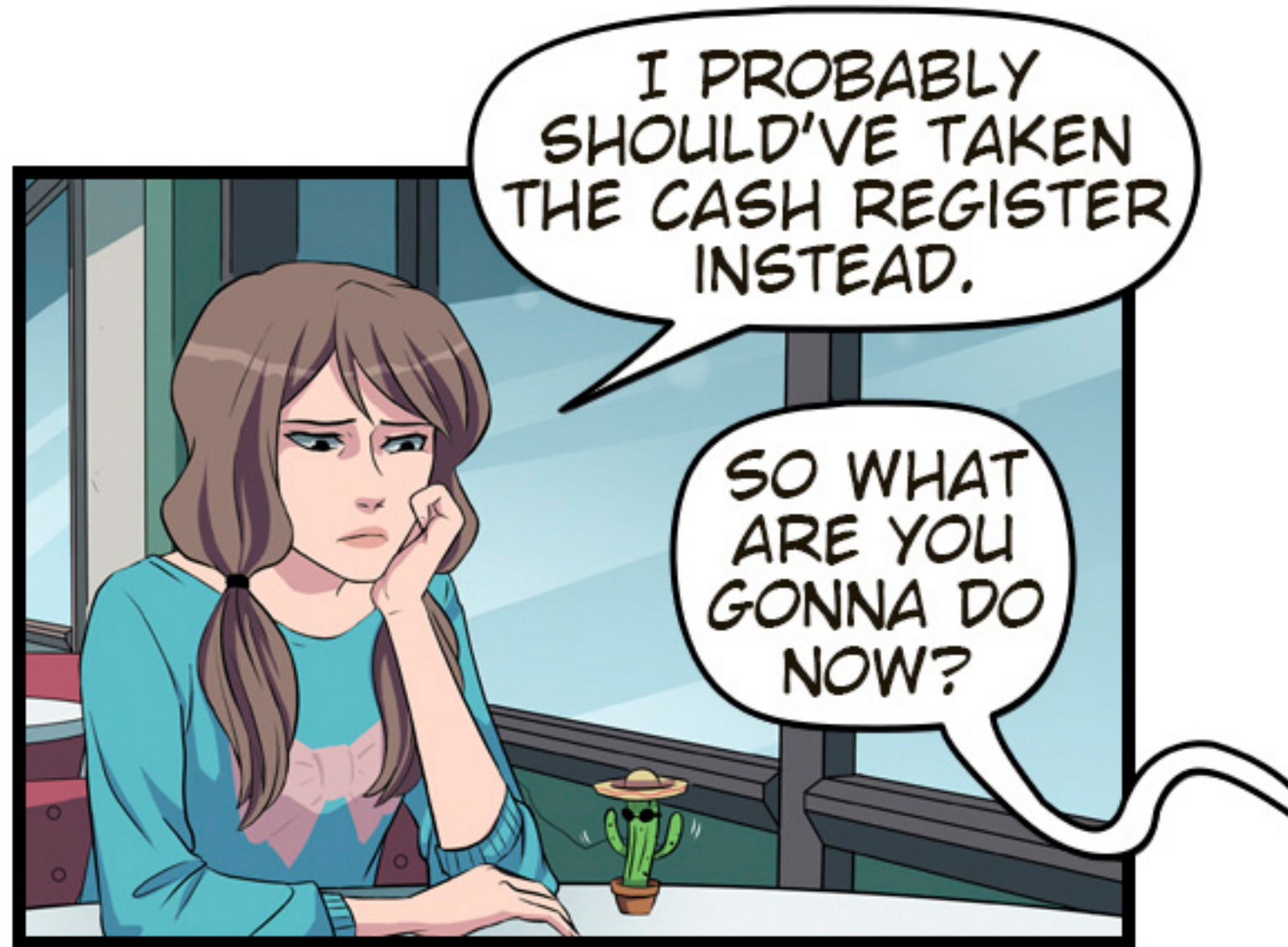
TELL YOU
WHAT, WHY DON'T
YOU GRAB SOMETHING
FOR YOURSELF ON
THE WAY OUT?



IT'S ALL
GOTTA GET
CLEARED OUT
ANYWAY.



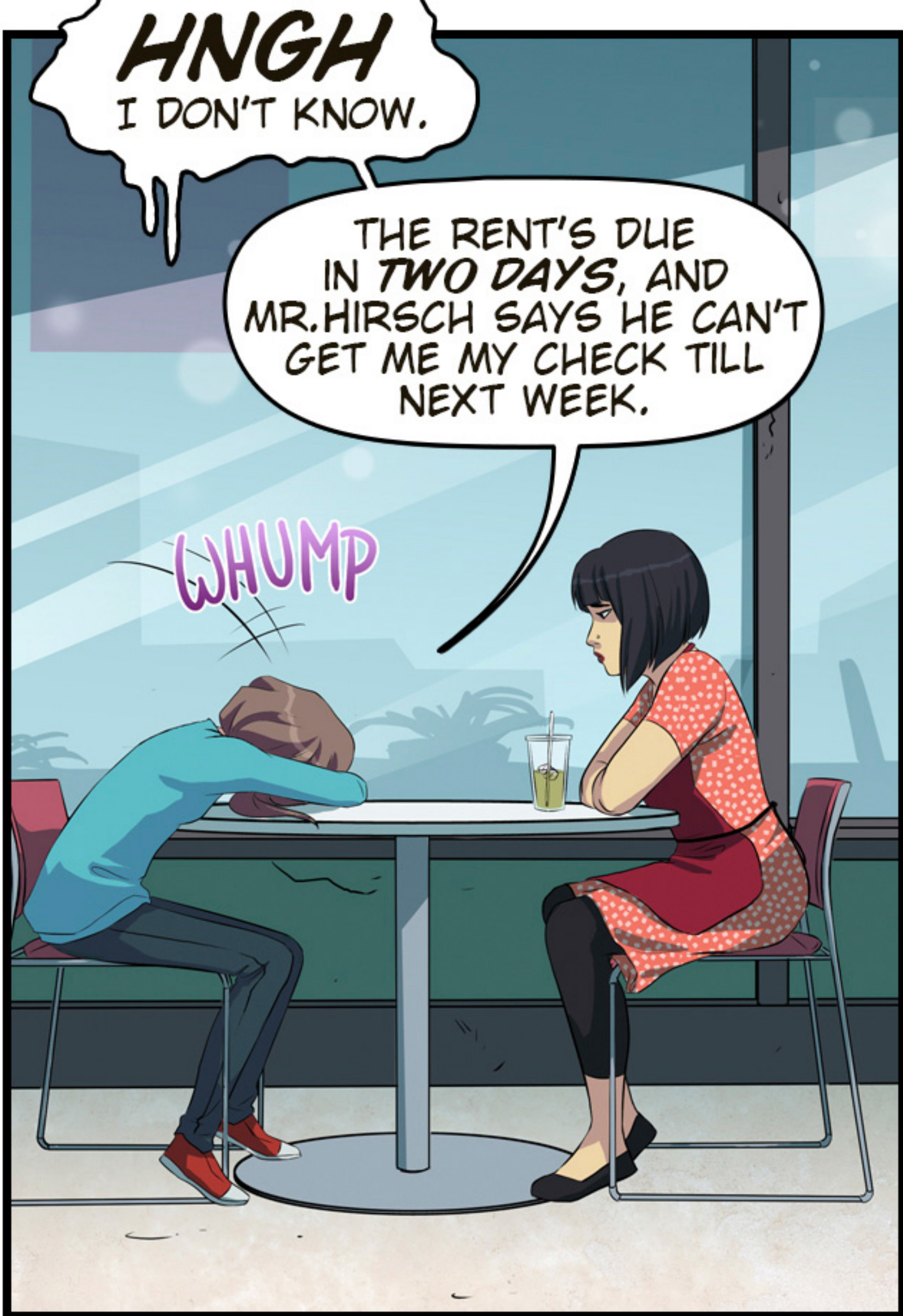


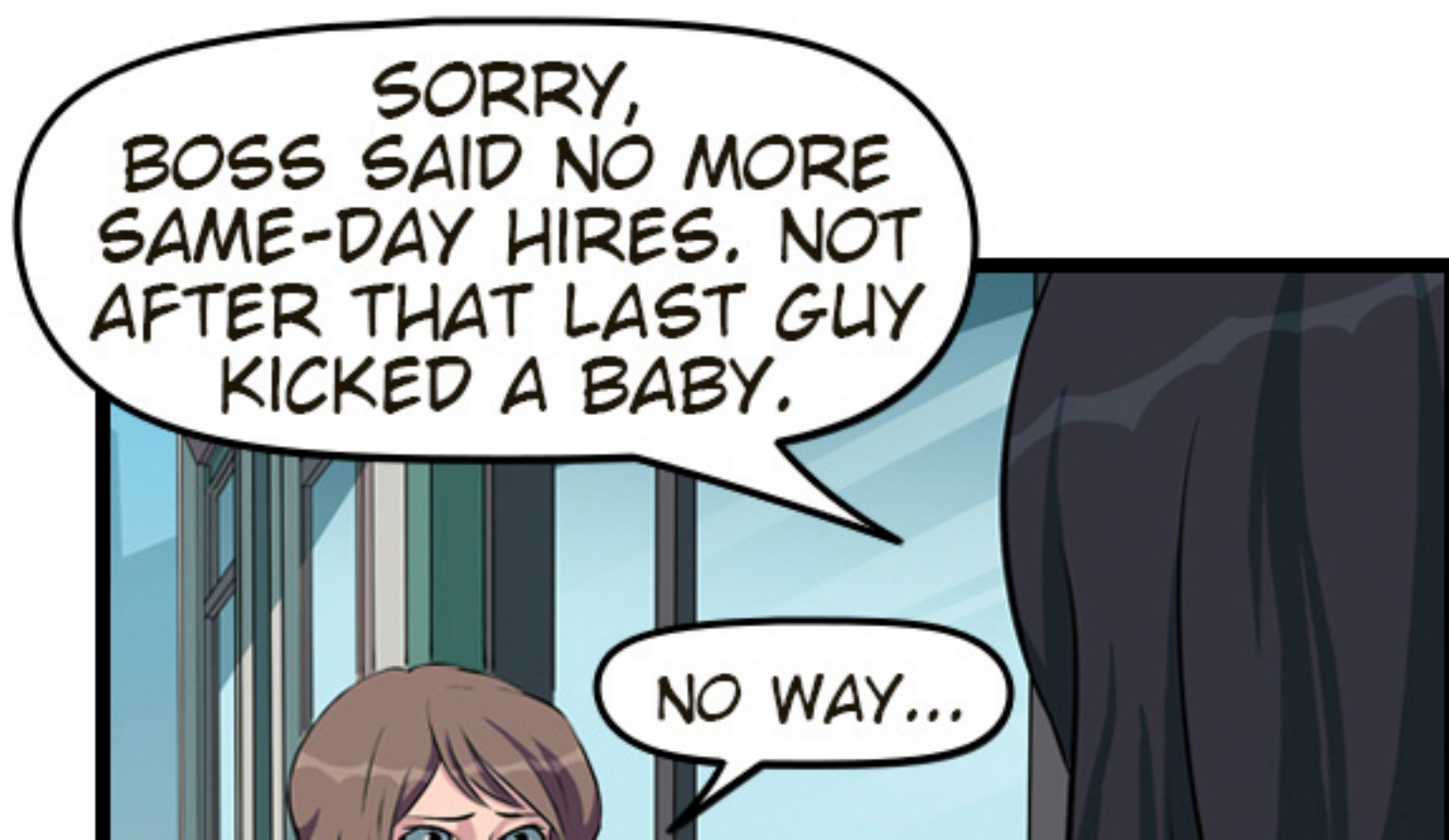
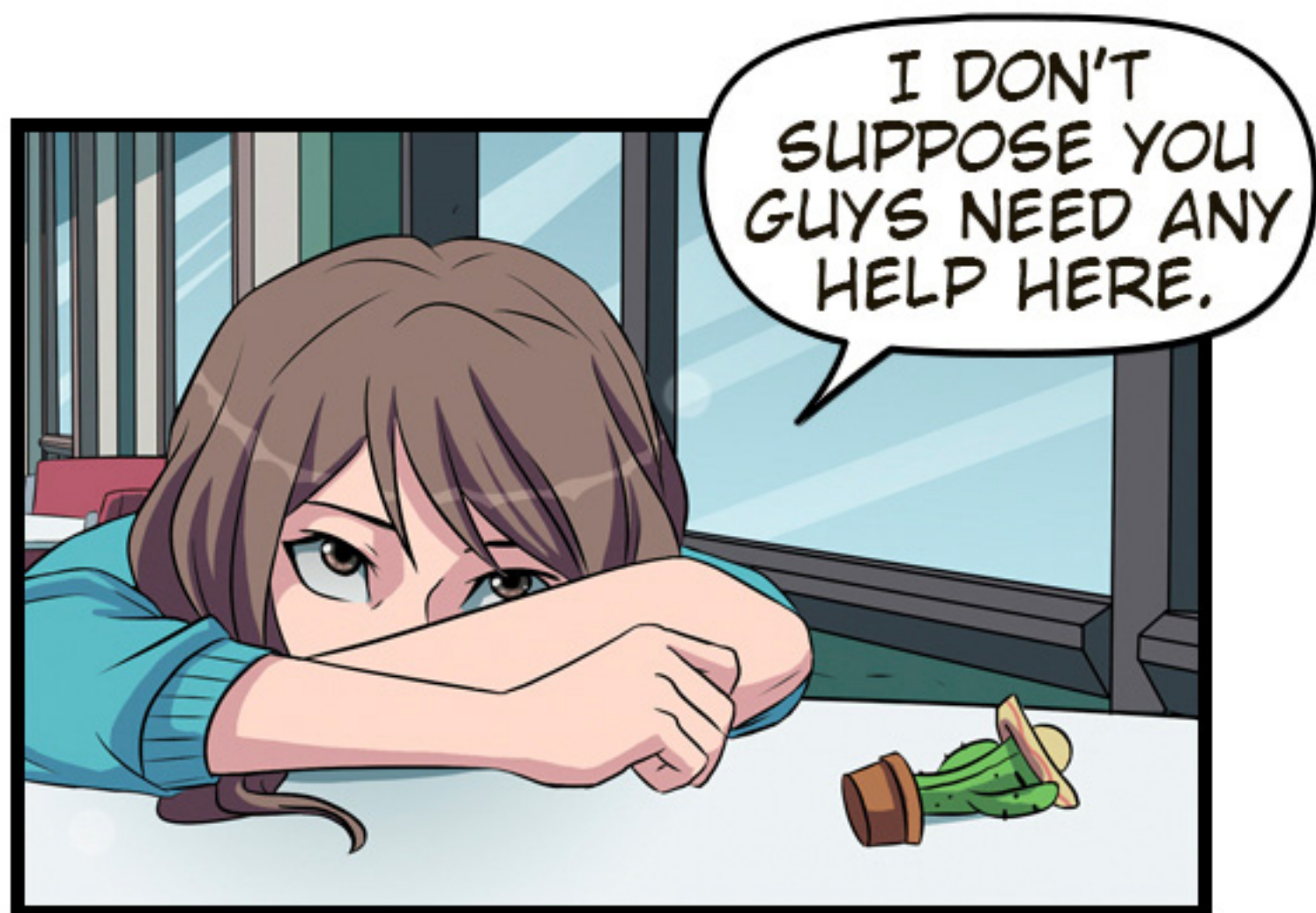


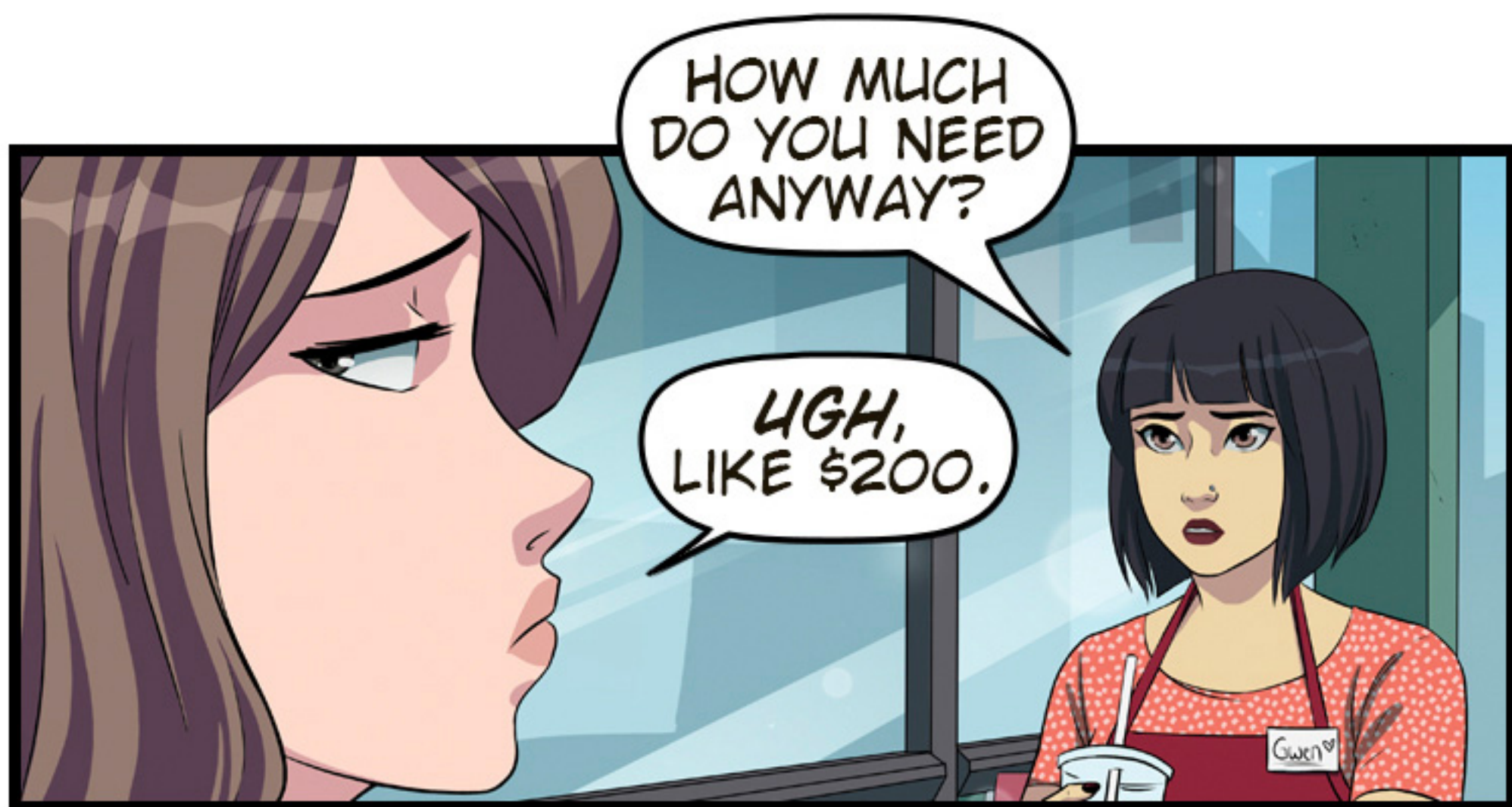
HNGH
I DON'T KNOW.

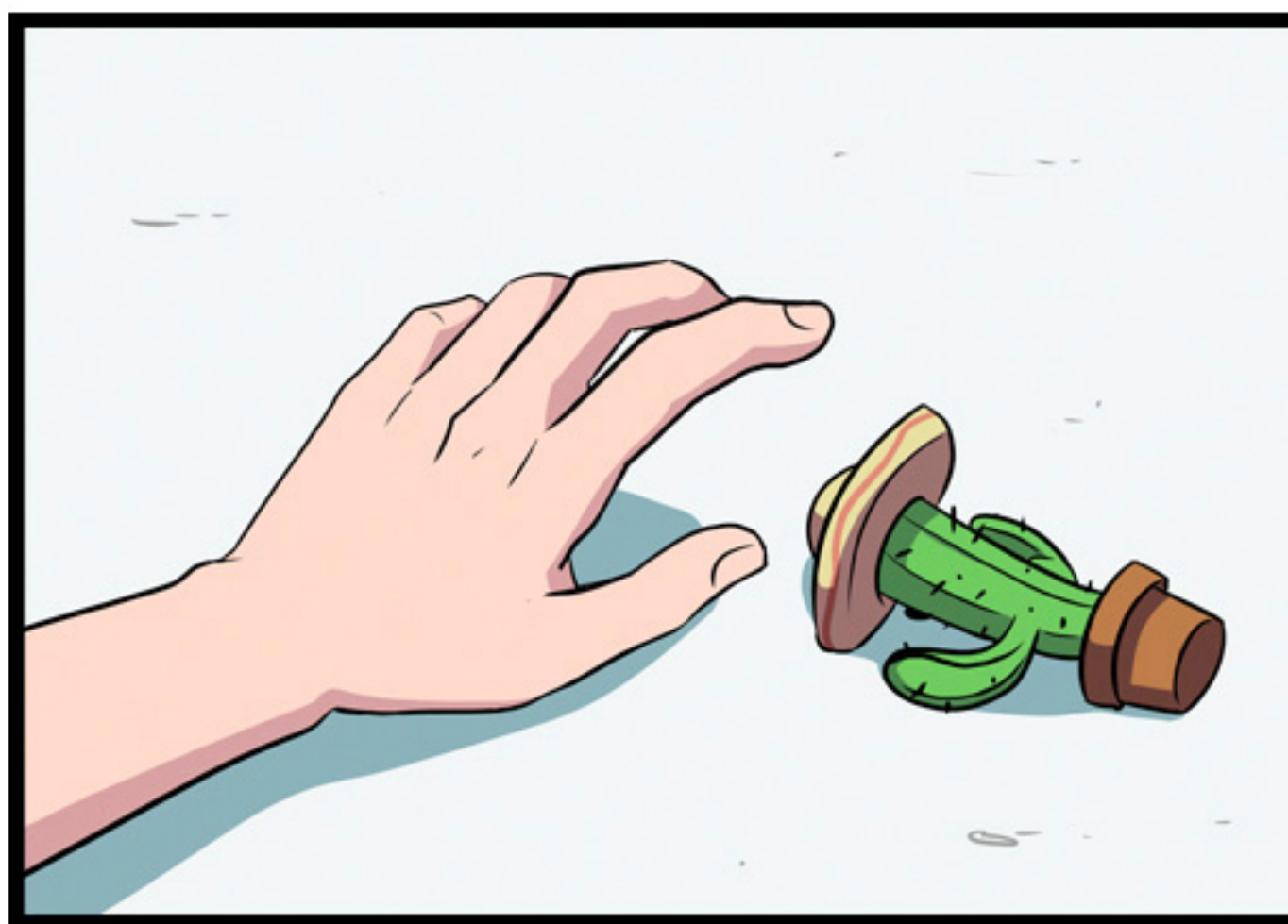
THE RENT'S DUE
IN *TWO DAYS*, AND
MR. HIRSCH SAYS HE CAN'T
GET ME MY CHECK TILL
NEXT WEEK.

WHUMP



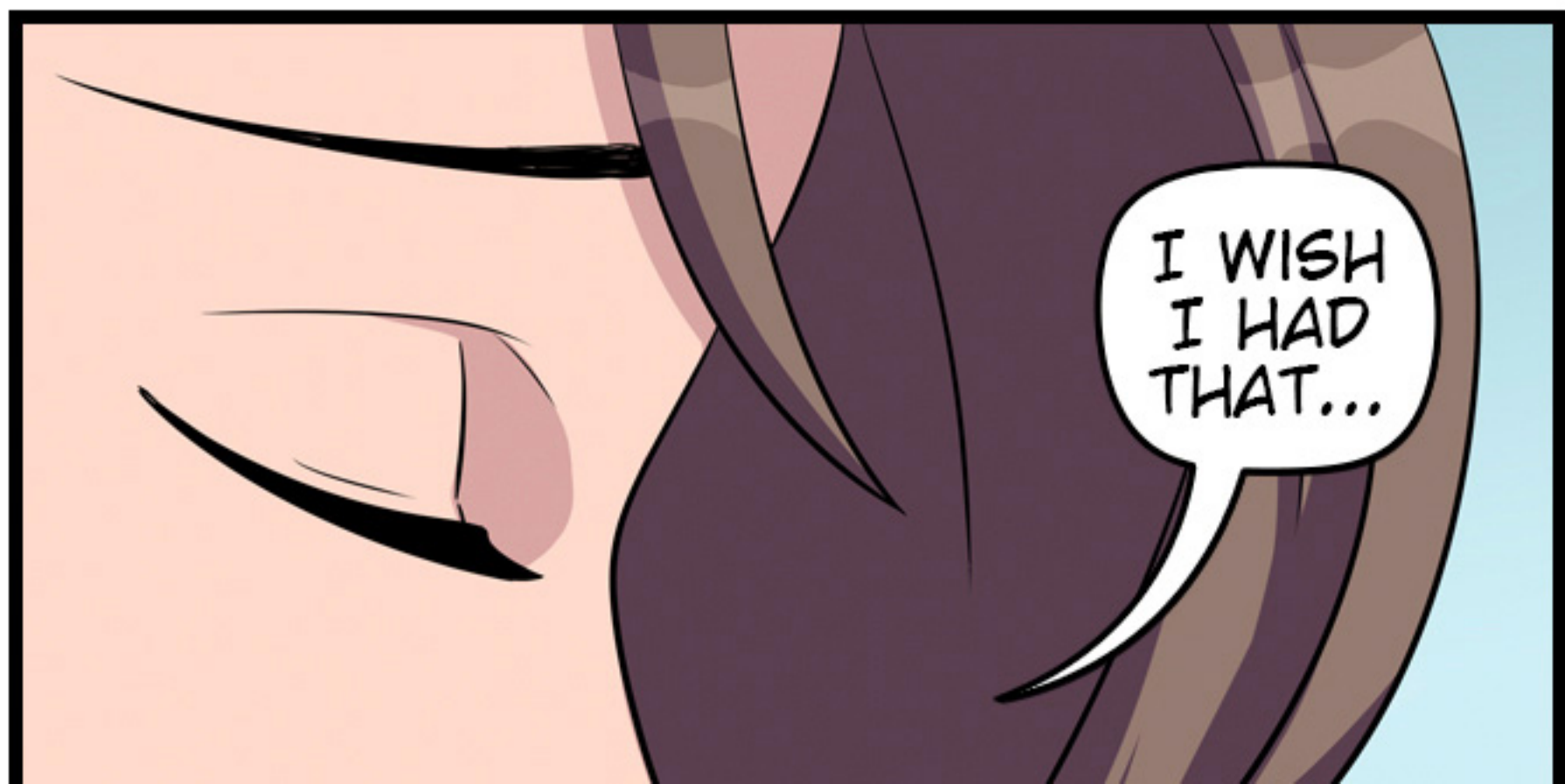




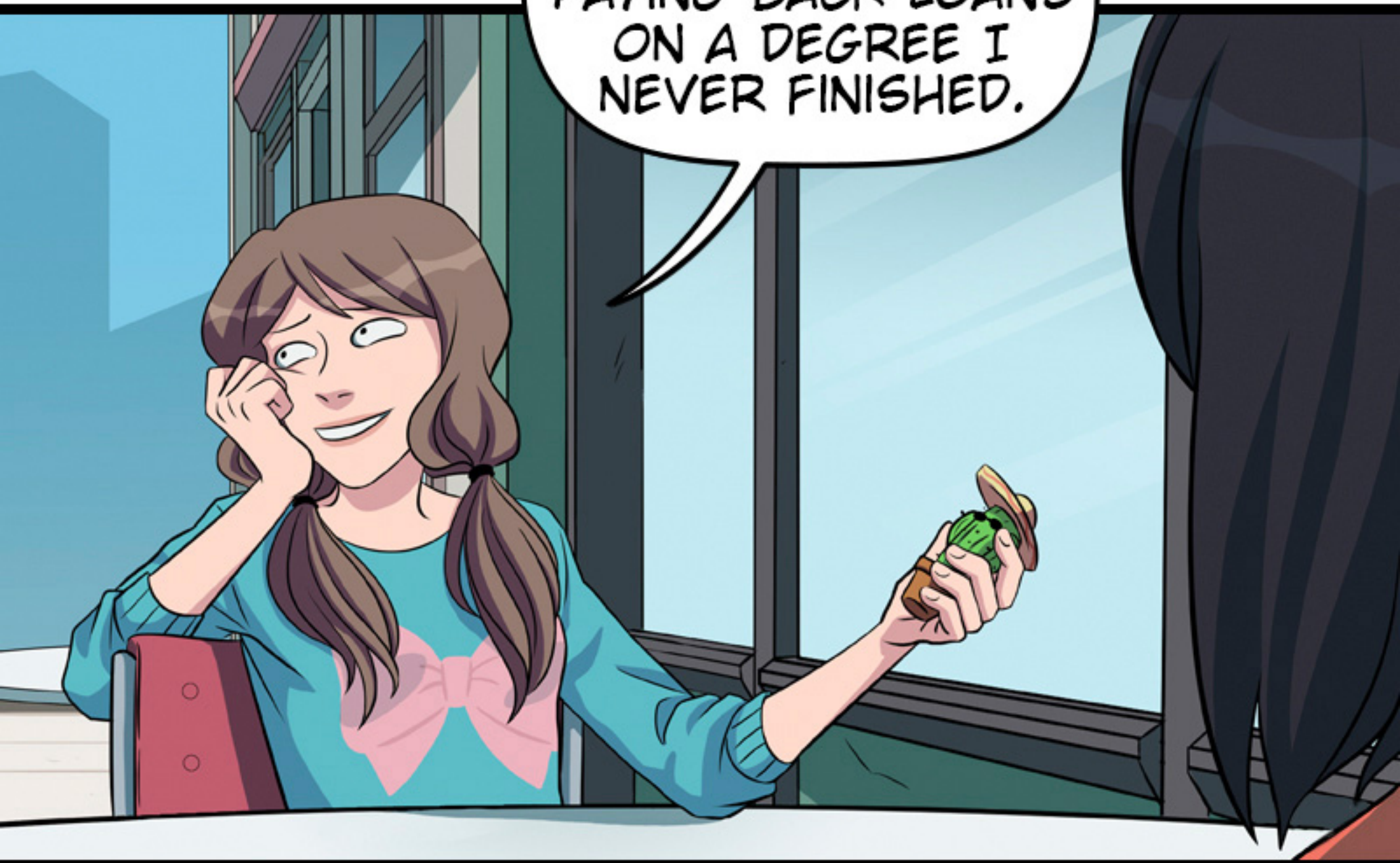


IT'S PRETTY
AWESOME, GWEN
--THAT YOU'RE DOING
SOMETHING YOU LOVE
AND YOU'RE SUPER
GOOD AT IT.

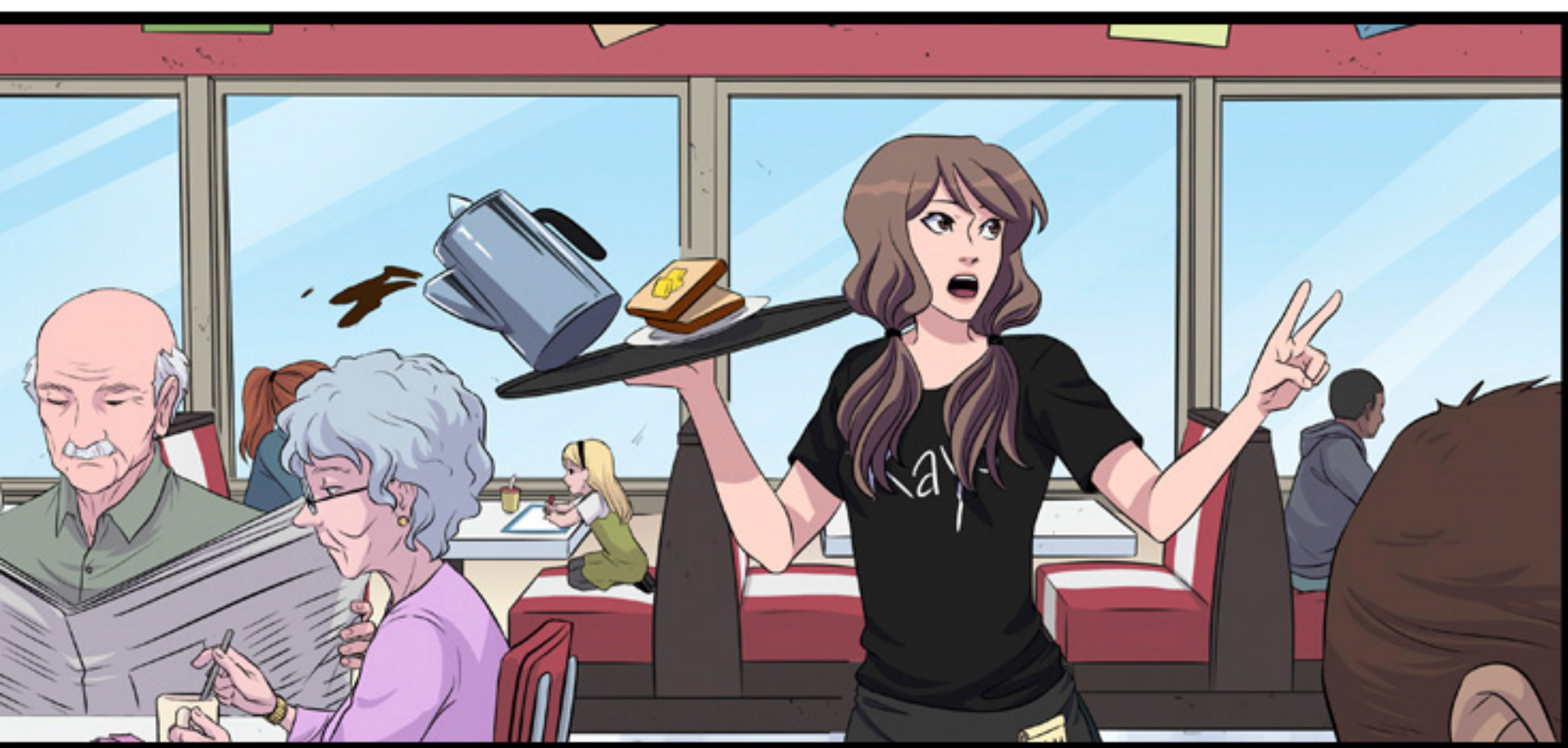


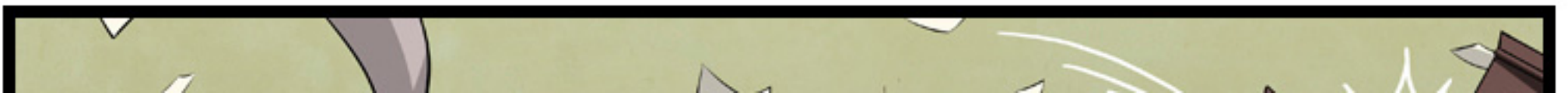
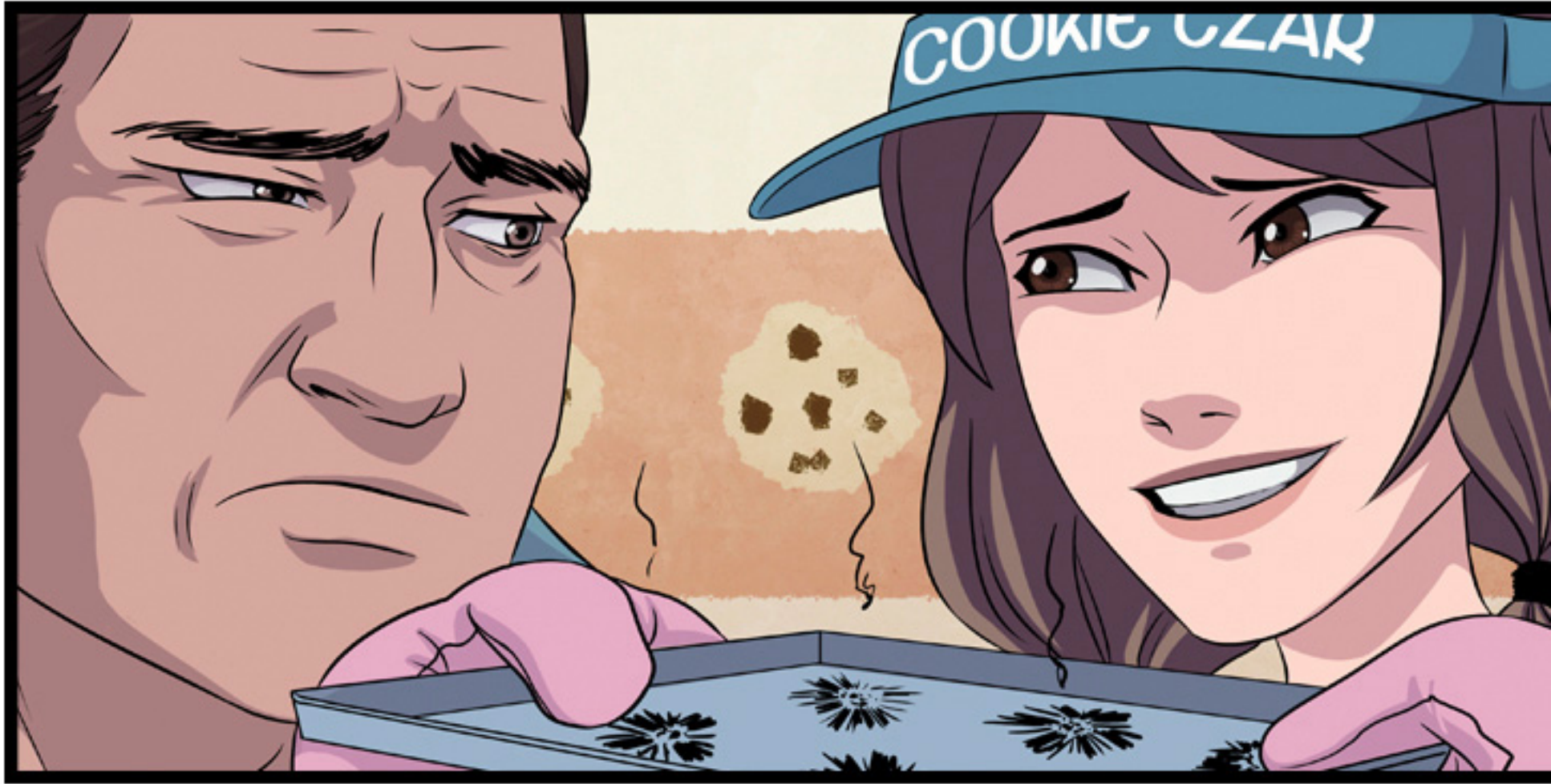


...BULLIT I'D
SETTLE FOR NOT
PAYING BACK LOANS
ON A DEGREE I
NEVER FINISHED.











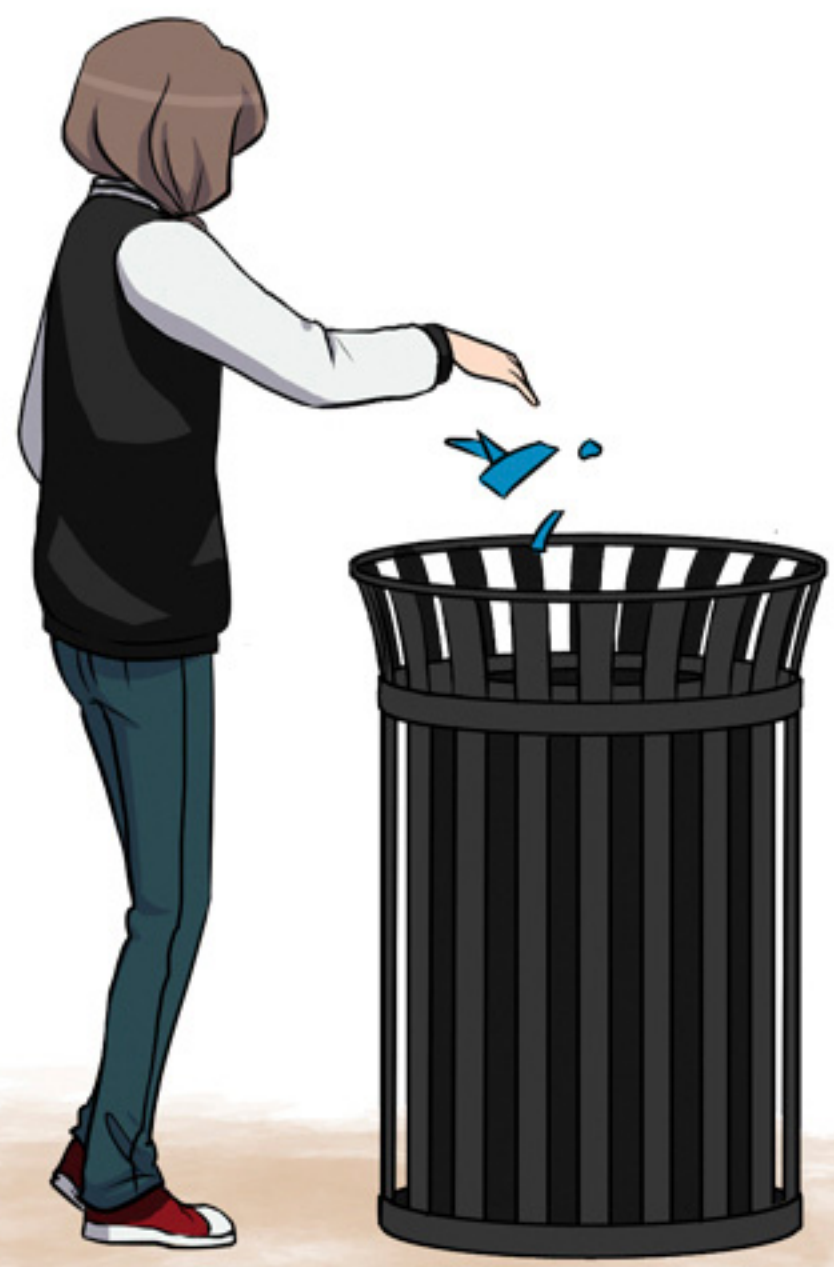


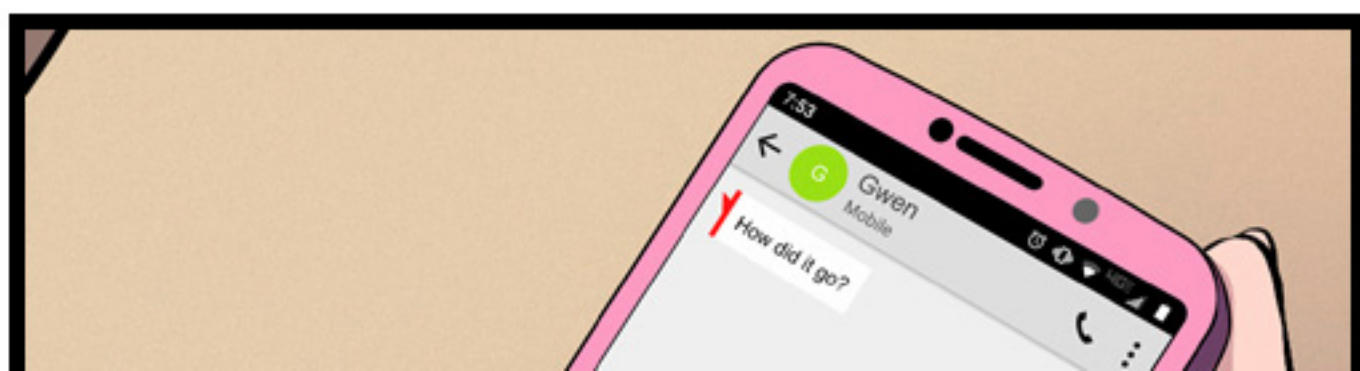


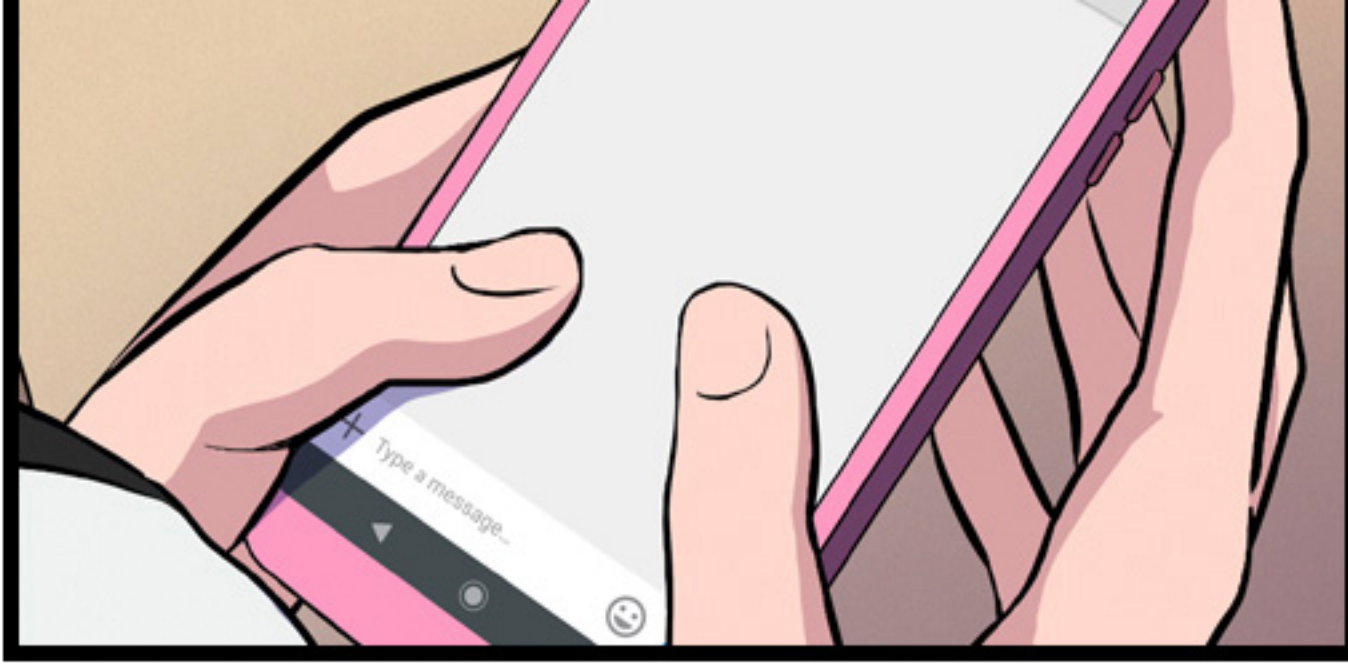
≡SIGH≡

WHY AM
I SO BAD AT
ADULTHOOD?

ADULTHOOD?





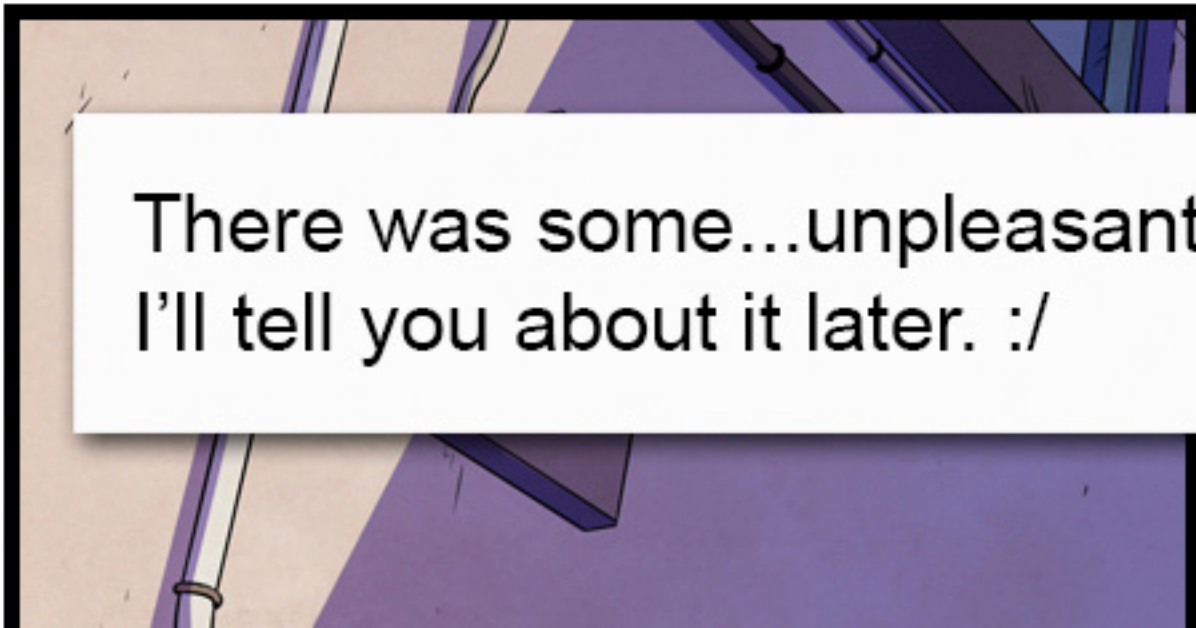


How did it go?

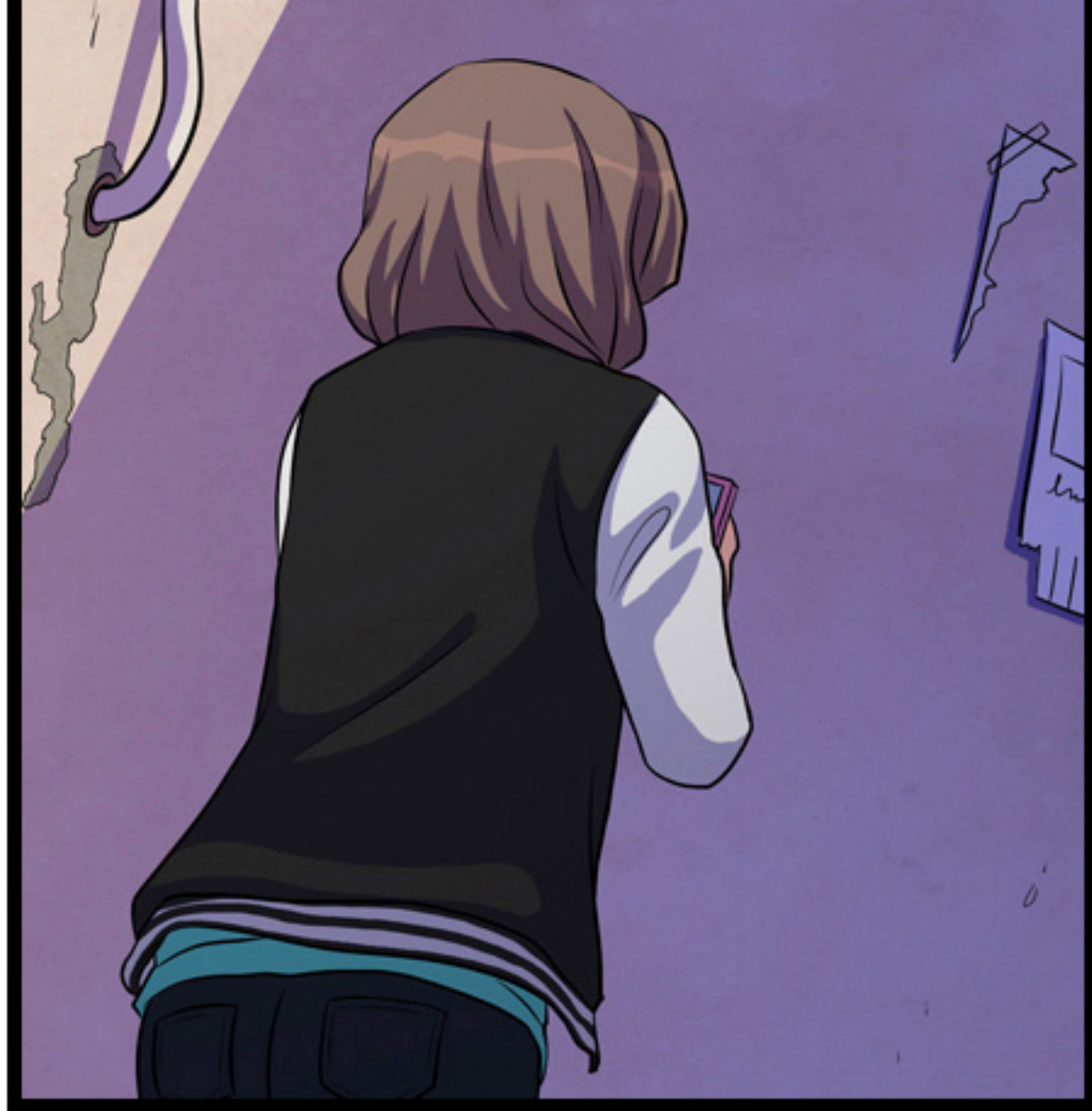
Not great. I actually owe more money now.



Seriously?! HOW???

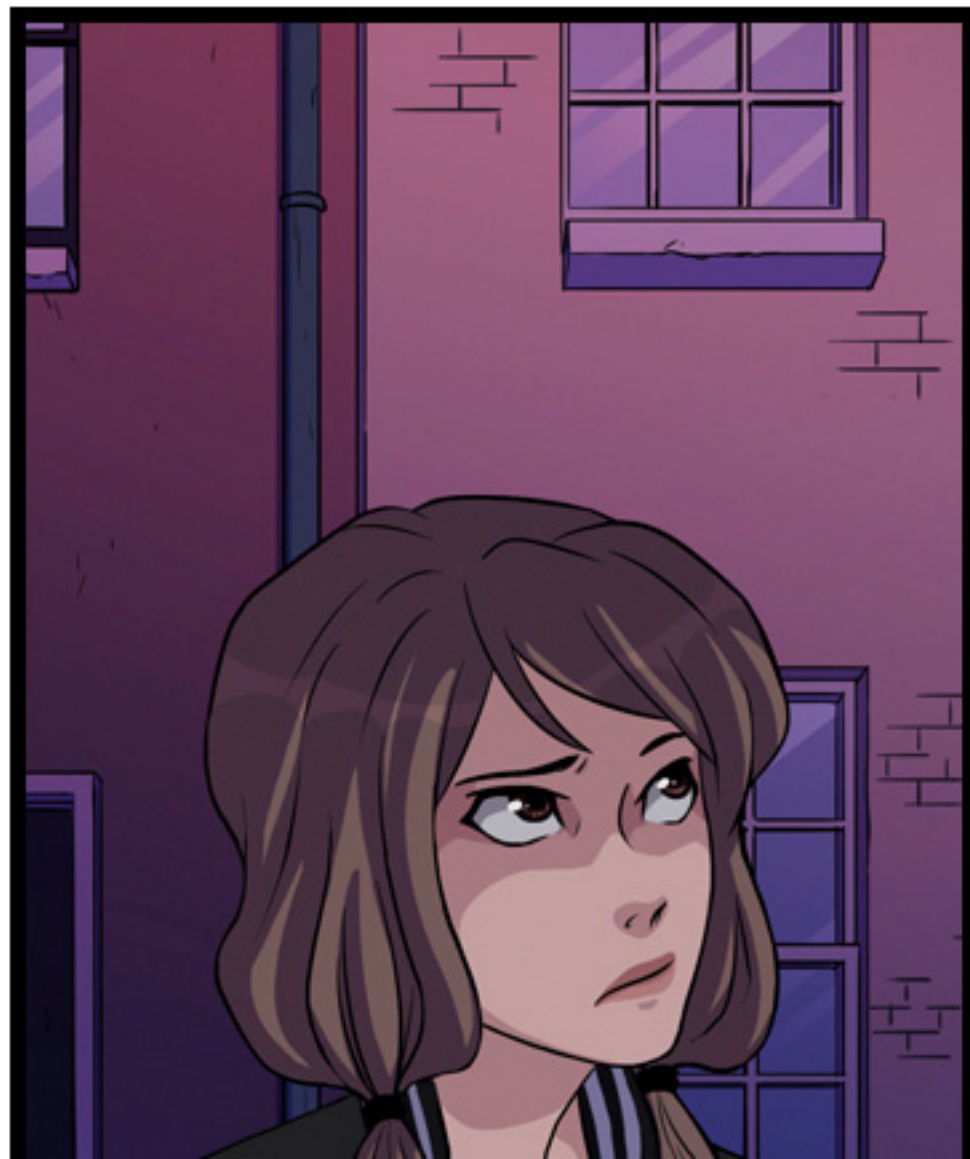
A close-up of a person's face, partially obscured by a text box. The person has dark hair and is looking down. The background is a mix of purple and blue colors.

There was some...unpleasantness.
I'll tell you about it later. :/



So now what?







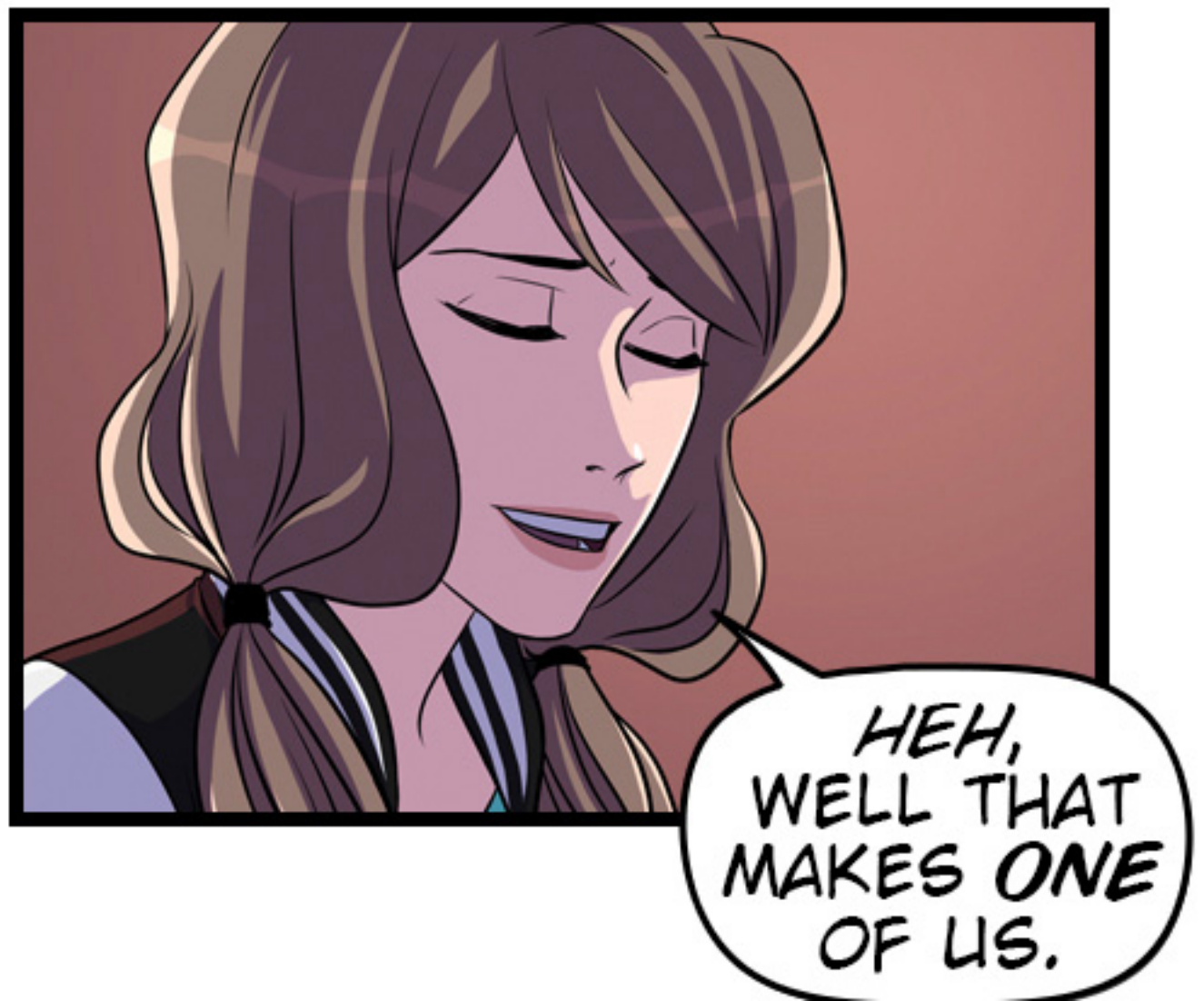
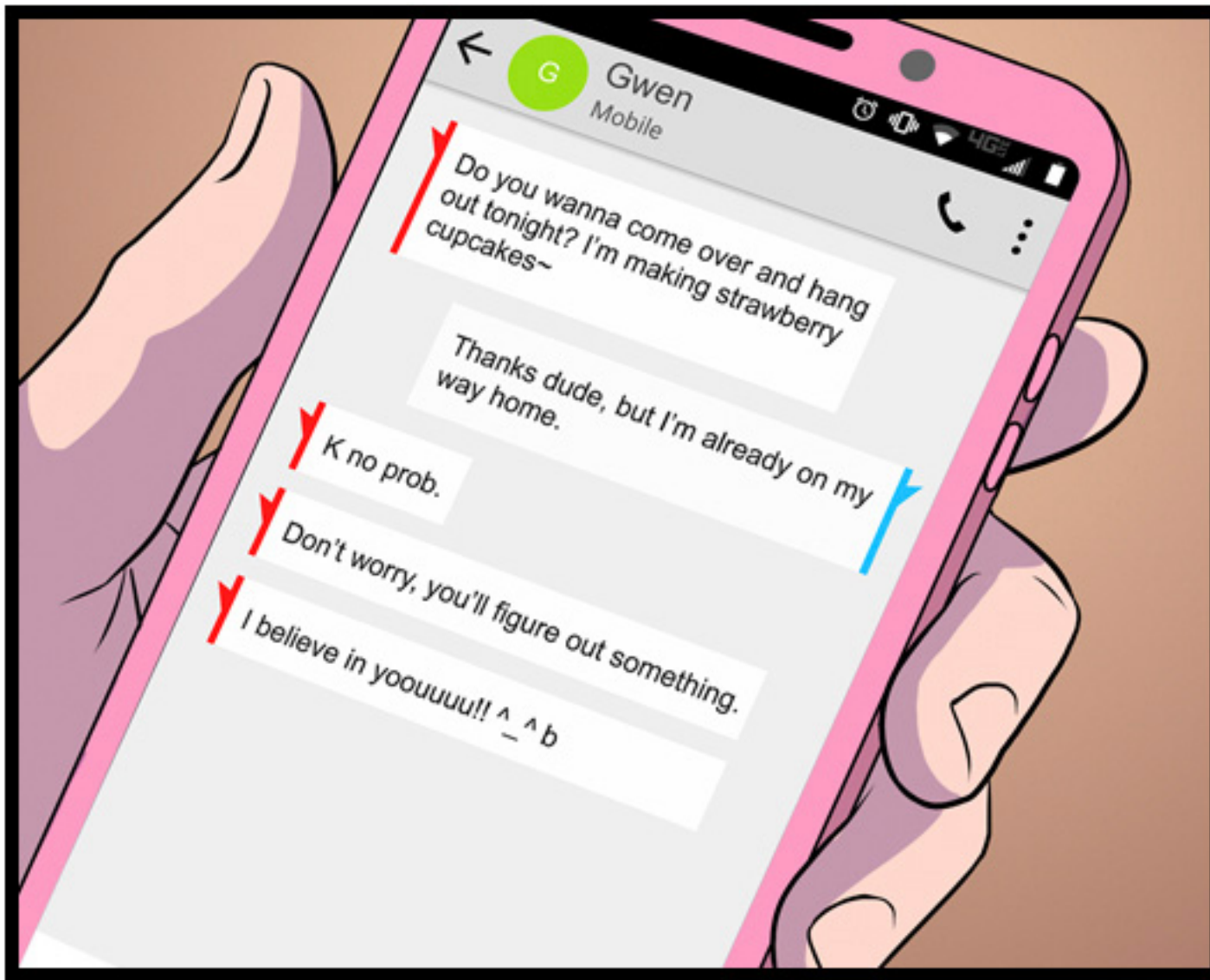
Are there still places that buy
your blood?

Uh...probably not legally...

Do you wanna come over and hang
out tonight? I'm making strawberry
cupcakes~













KSSSHH







YOU'LL HAVE
TO TRY HARDER
THAN *THAT* IF YOU
WANT TO PUT *ME* IN
THE GROUND.



