





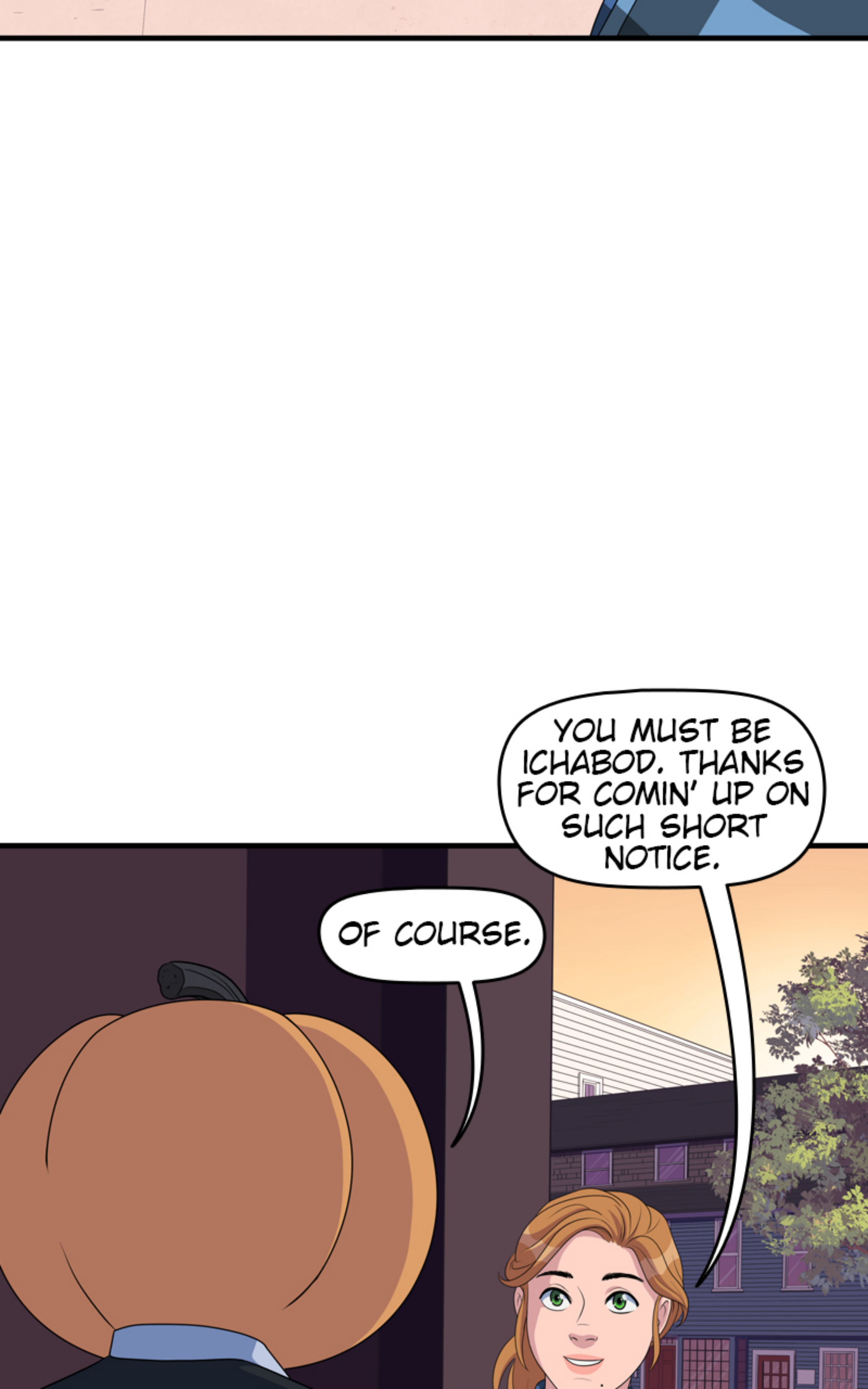




A comic panel set at night on a city sidewalk. A man with a carved jack-o'-lantern for a head, wearing a light blue dress shirt, a dark vest, a dark tie, and dark trousers, is walking towards two women. He is also wearing black gloves. The woman on the left has blonde hair and is wearing a green dress with a white leaf pattern. The woman on the right has brown hair in pigtails and is wearing an orange tank top and blue shorts. In the foreground on the right, the back of a person's head with long brown hair is visible, looking towards the man with the pumpkin head. A speech bubble from the man asks for a name, and a response bubble from the person in the foreground confirms the name.

EXCUSE
ME, ARE YOU
ROSE?

HUH? OH,
YEAH, THAT'S
ME.



YOU MUST BE
ICHABOD. THANKS
FOR COMIN' UP ON
SUCH SHORT
NOTICE.

OF COURSE.



THIS IS
MY PARTNER,
ELLIE, AND OUR...
COLLEAGUE,
MARIS.

SHE'LL
BE ASSISTING
US.

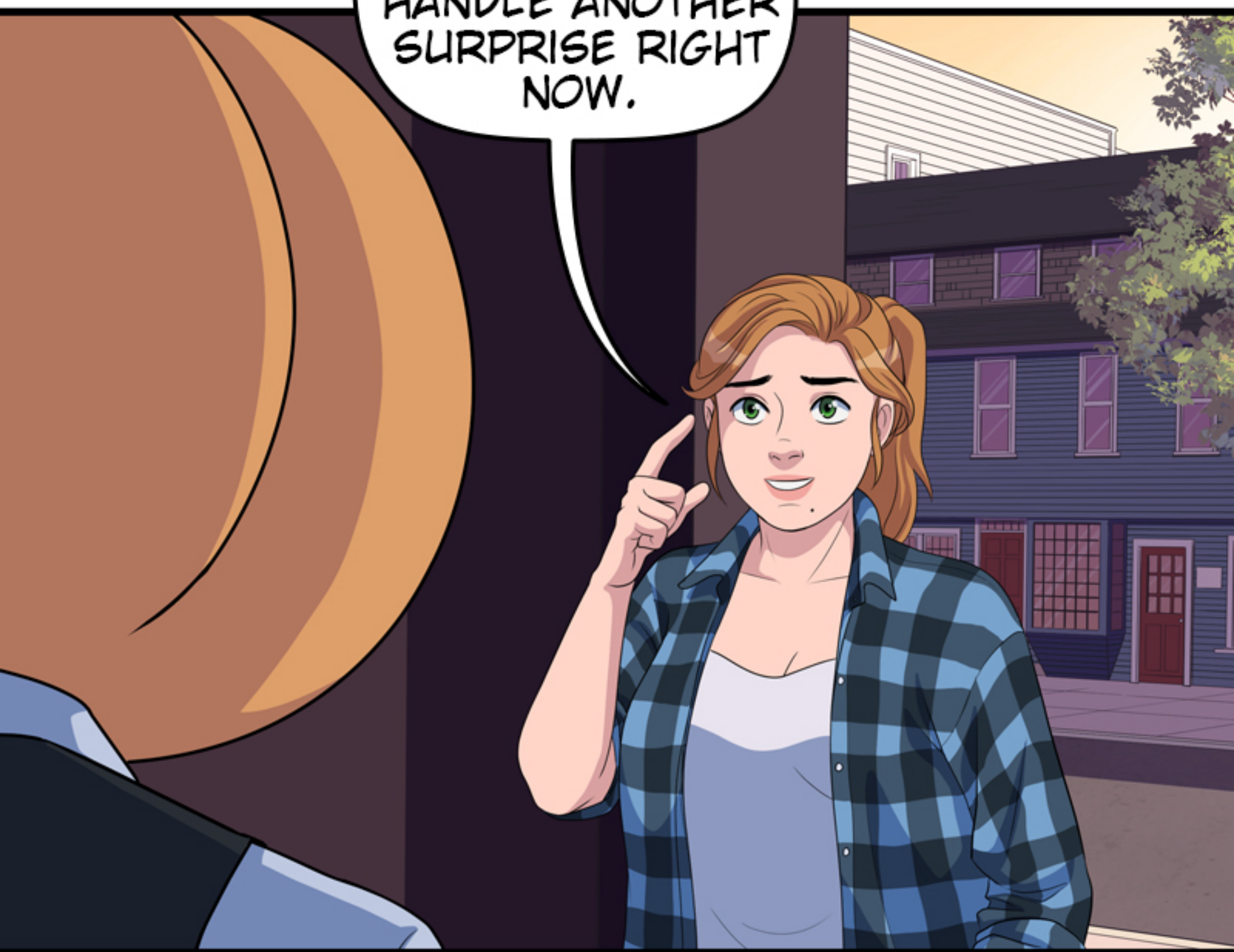
NICE
TO MEET
YOU



BOY, I'M
GLAD YOU WARNED
ME ABOUT THE, UH,

PUMPKIN THING.

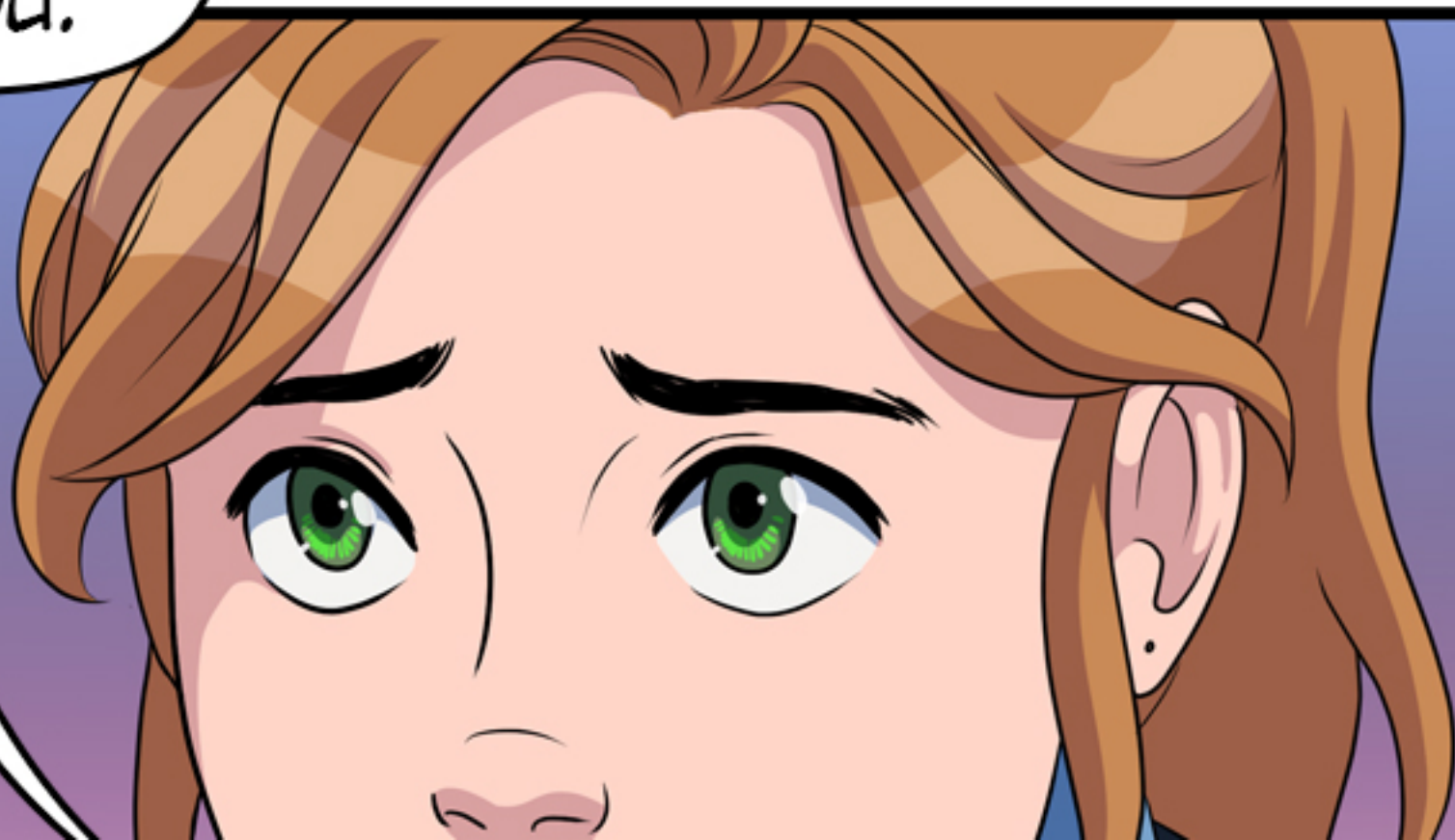
I DON'T
THINK I COULD
HANDLE ANOTHER
SURPRISE RIGHT
NOW.



YES, YOU
SEEMED RATHER
FRAZZLED ON OUR CALL.
I'M AFRAID I DIDN'T CATCH
THE PARTICULARS OF
THE PROBLEM.



...I THINK
IT'S BETTER IF I
SHOW YOU.







**CLOSED
FOR FAMILY
EMERGENCY**

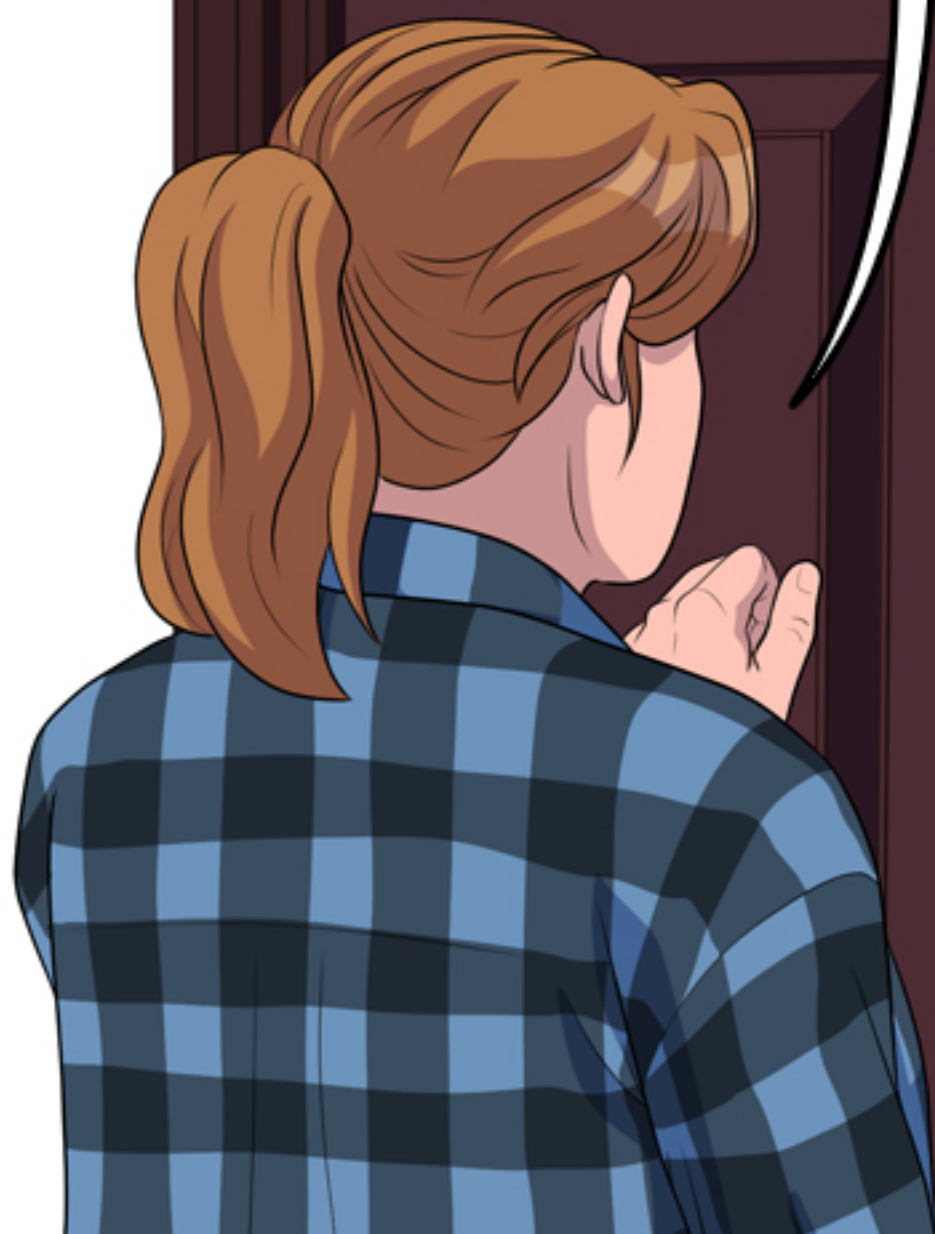


Winky

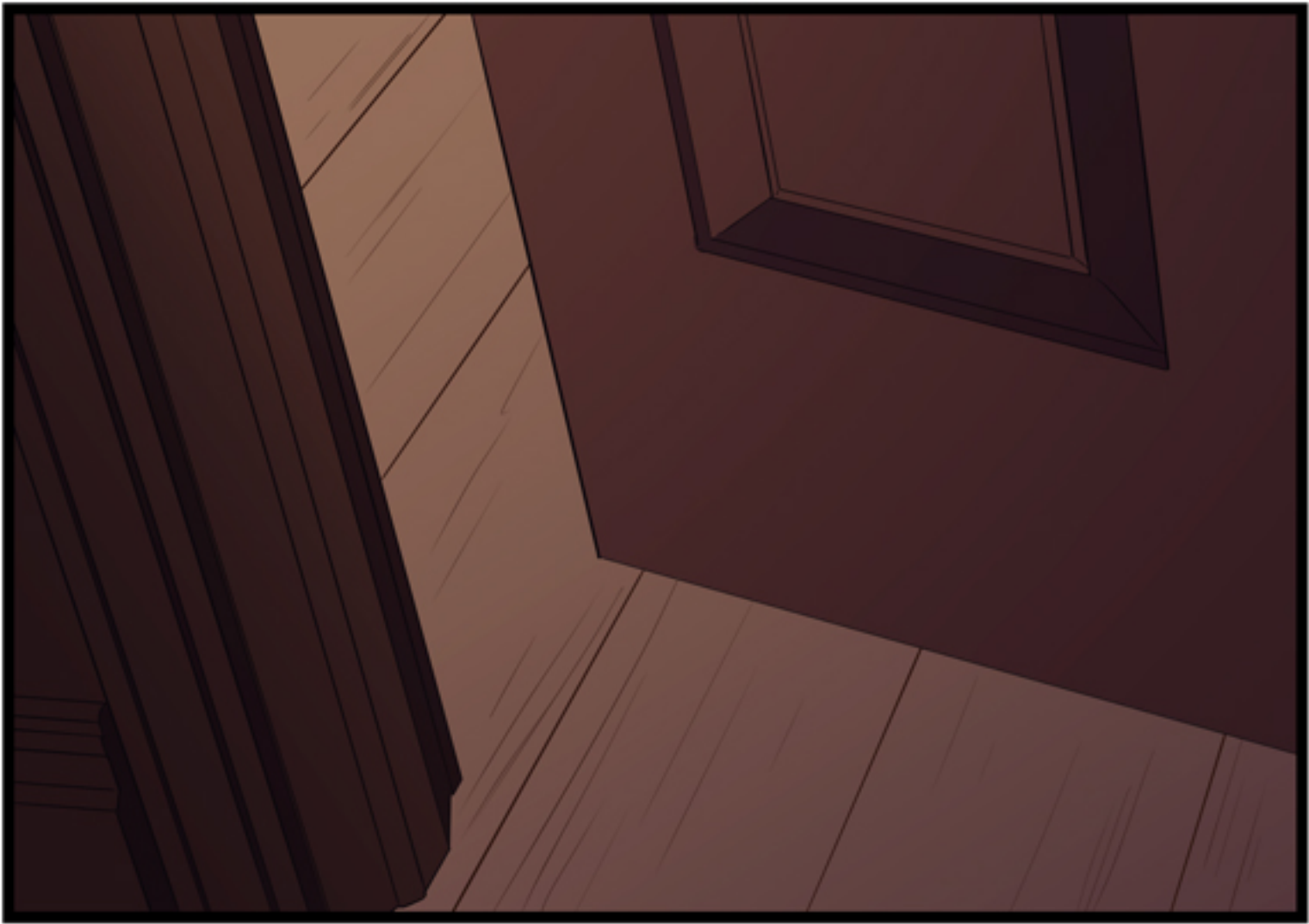
KNOCK
KNOCK



PEG? THE GHOST
HUNTERS ARE HERE. OK
IF I LET 'EM IN?



YEAH, GO
'HEAD.







THE SEA, OUR
ANCIENT MOTHER.
HOW WE LONG TO RETURN.
LET US SLIP BENEATH THE
WAVES. LET US REST ONCE
MORE IN HER TENDER
EMBRACE.



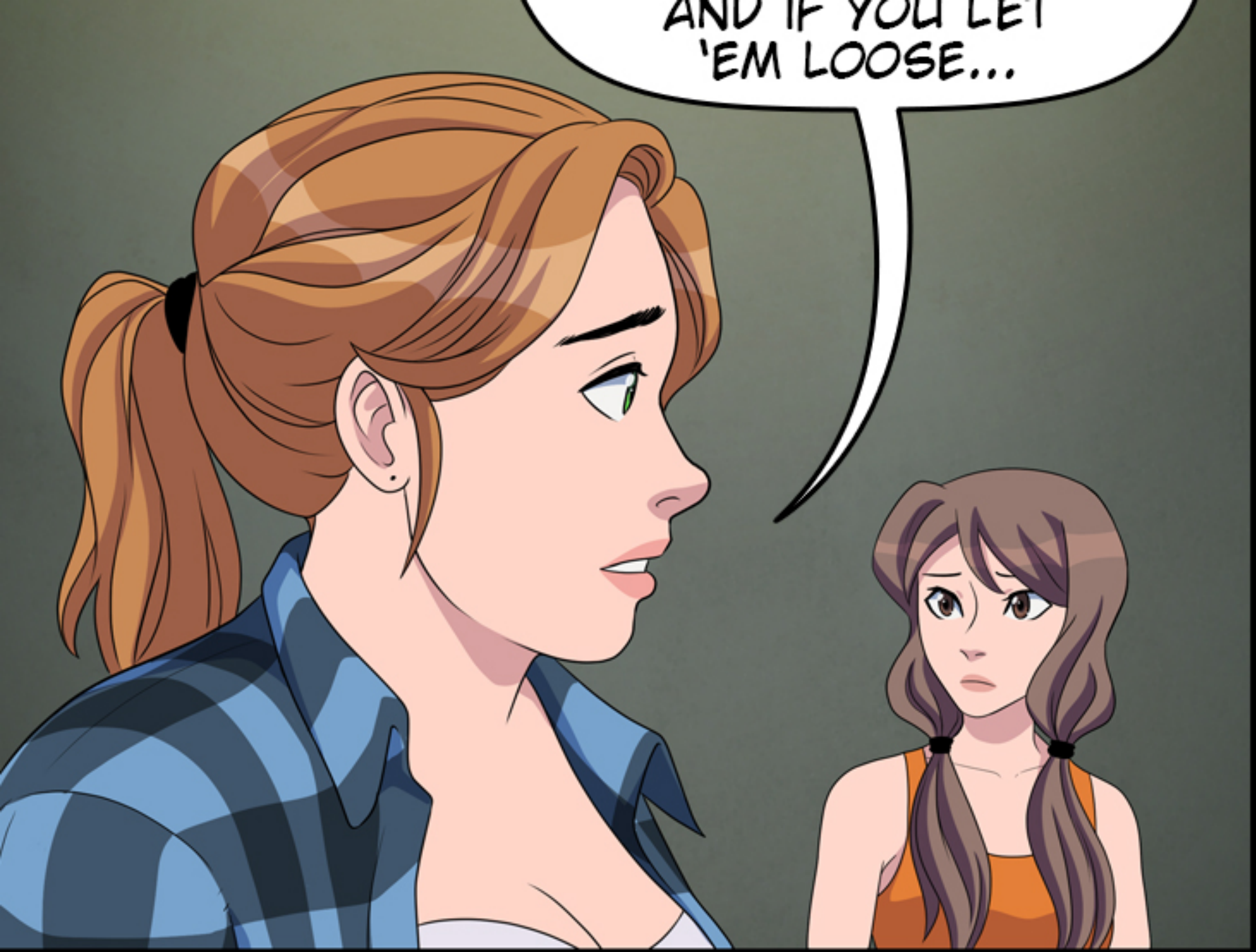


ANY CHANGE?



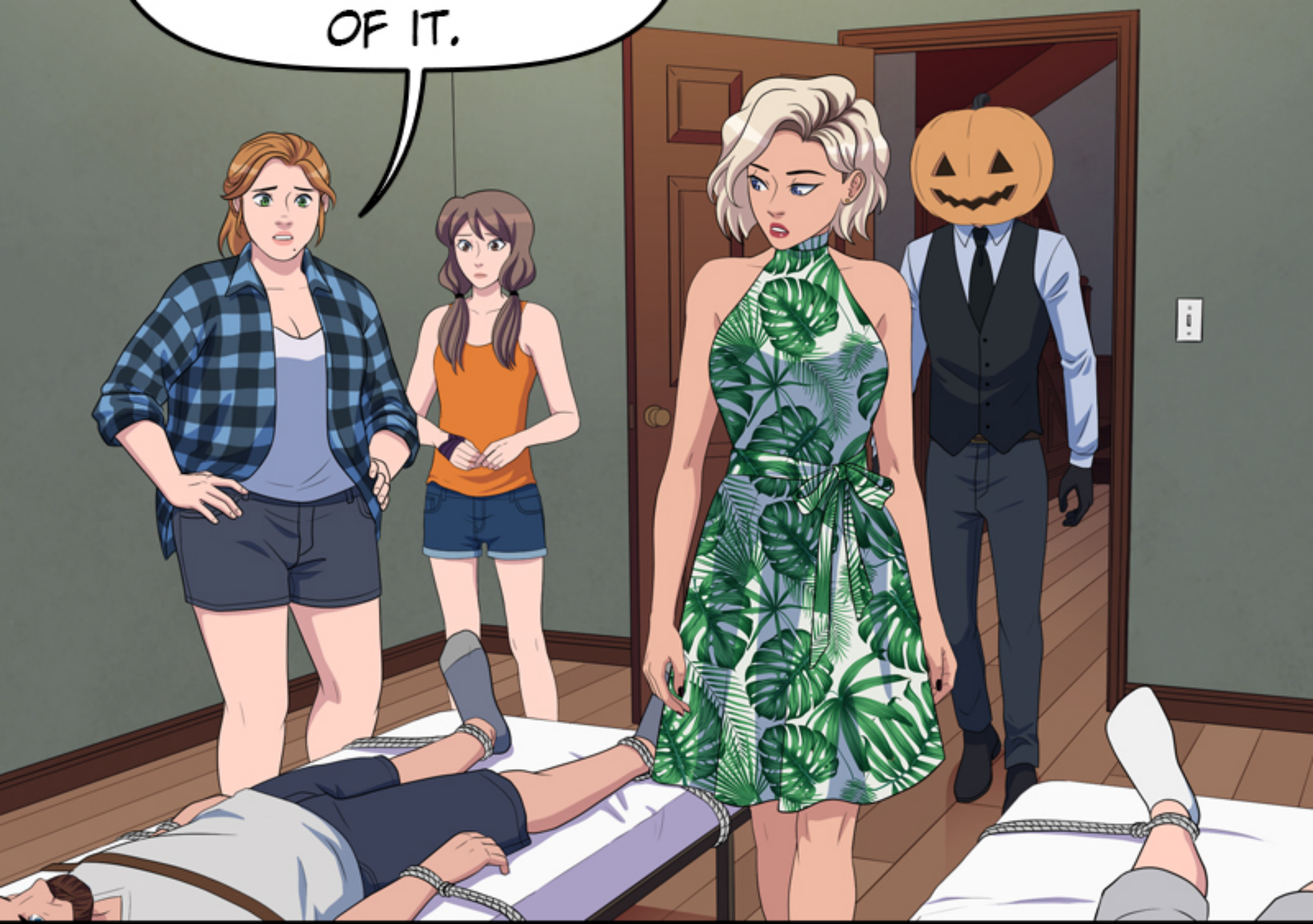


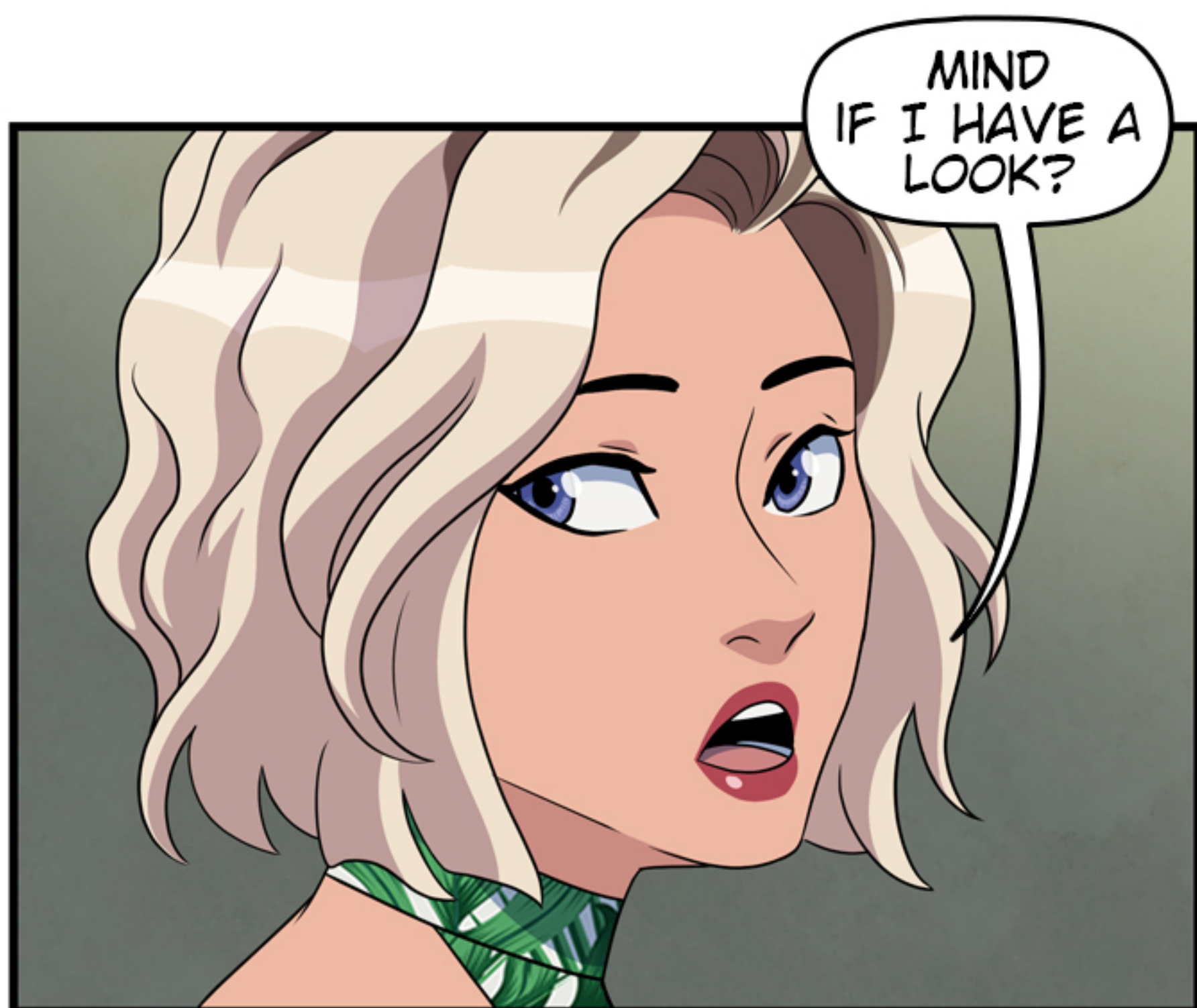
THEY'VE
BEEN LIKE THIS
FOR TWO DAYS. THEY
WON'T EAT, WON'T SLEEP,
AND IF YOU LET



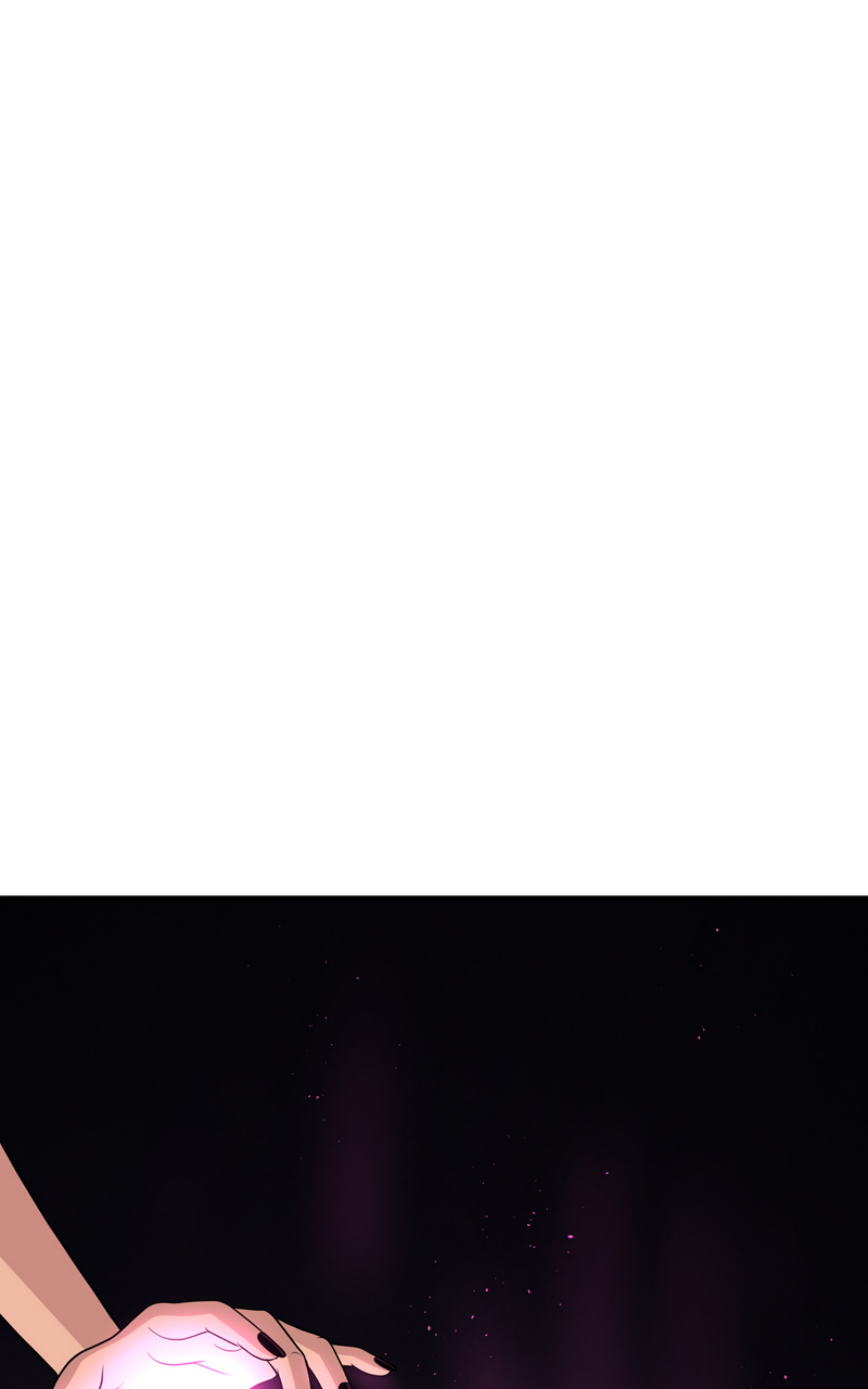


WE CALLED
THREE DOCTORS
AND A PRIEST, BUT NO
ONE'S BEEN ABLE TO
SNAP 'EM OUT

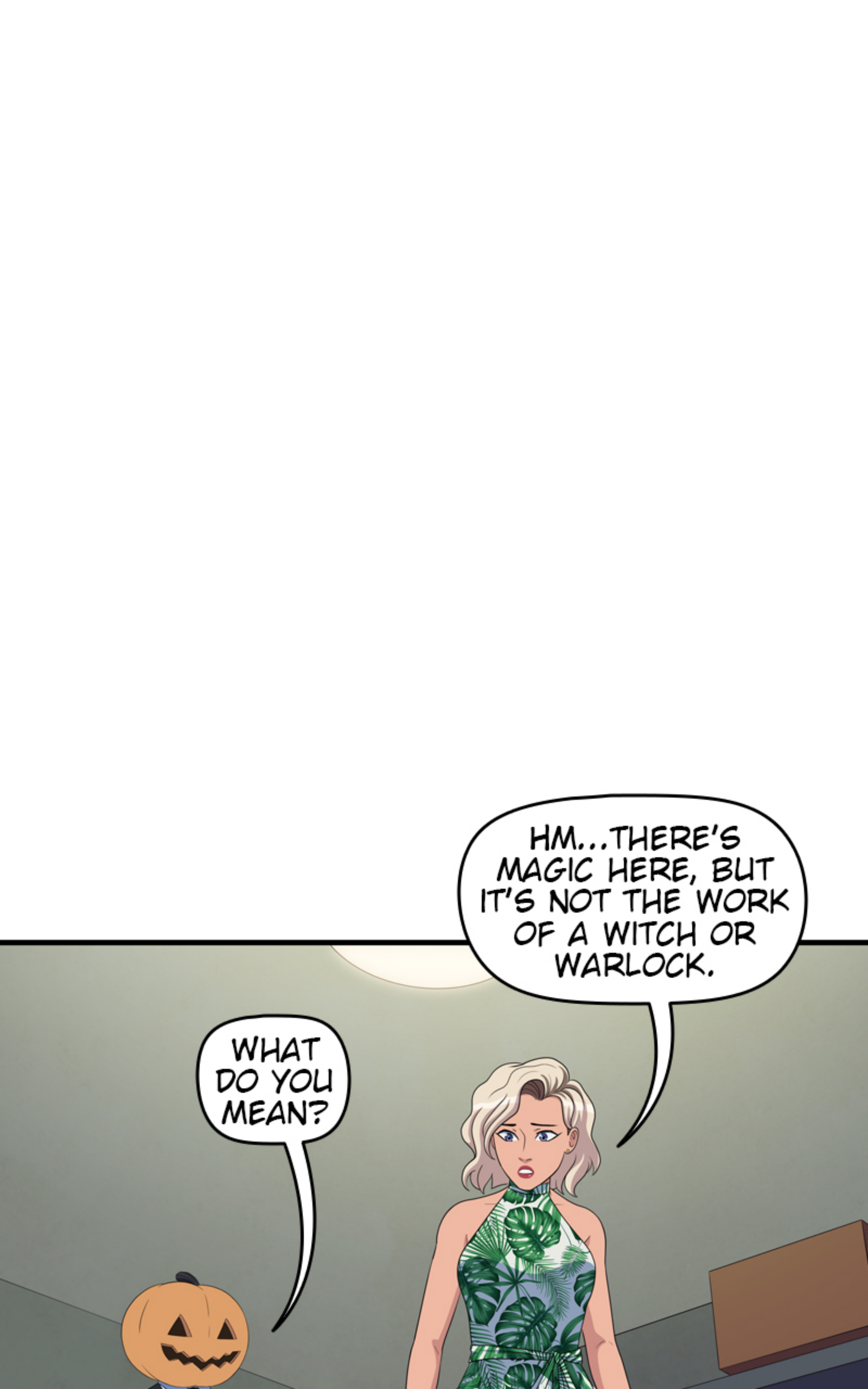










A comic panel featuring a woman with short blonde hair and blue eyes, wearing a white halter-neck dress with a green tropical leaf pattern. She is looking down with a concerned expression at a jack-o'-lantern in the bottom left corner. The jack-o'-lantern has a simple carved face with triangular eyes and a jagged mouth. The background is a plain, light gray wall. Two speech bubbles are present: one from the woman and one from the jack-o'-lantern.

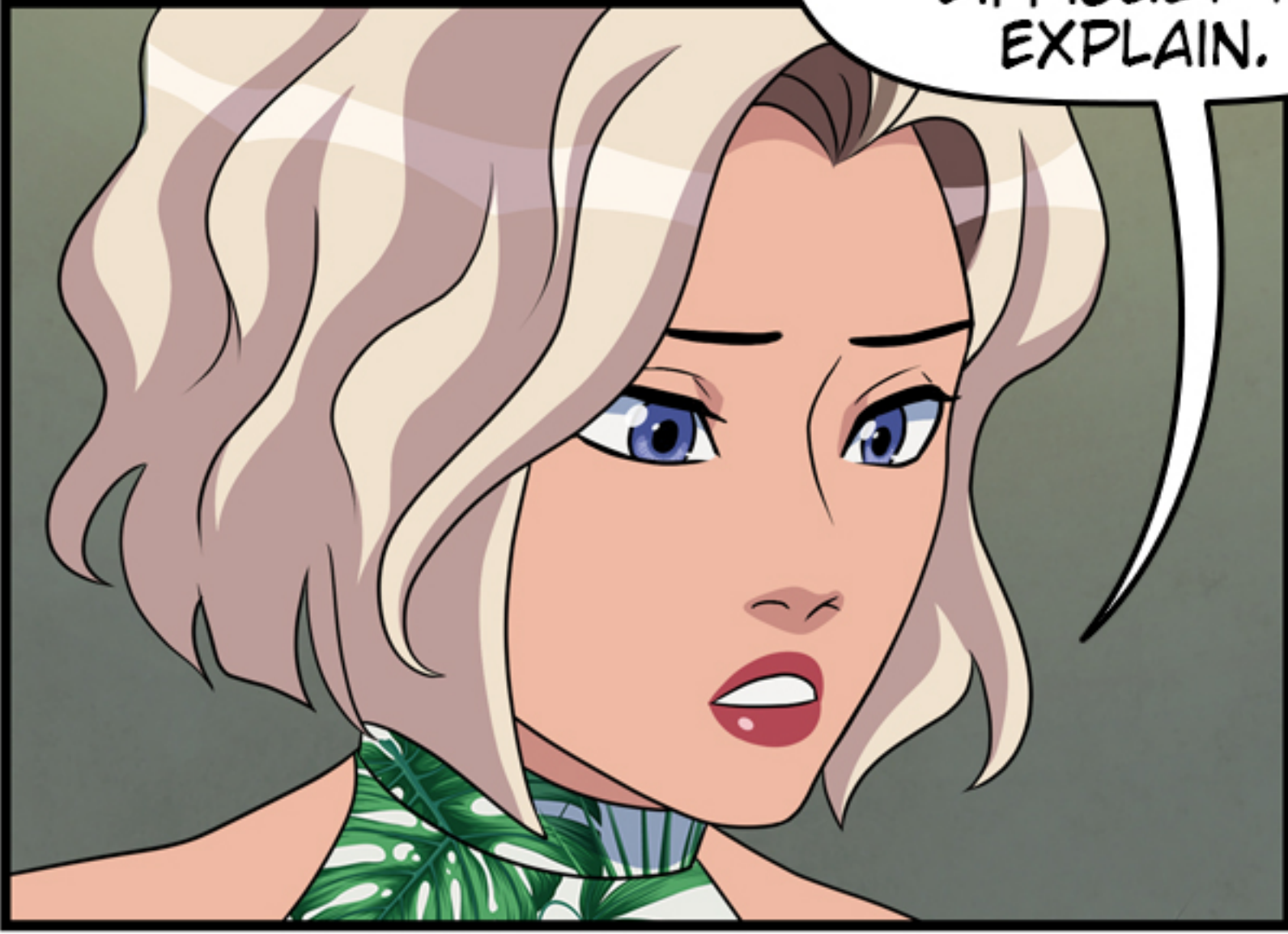
HM...THERE'S
MAGIC HERE, BUT
IT'S NOT THE WORK
OF A WITCH OR
WARLOCK.

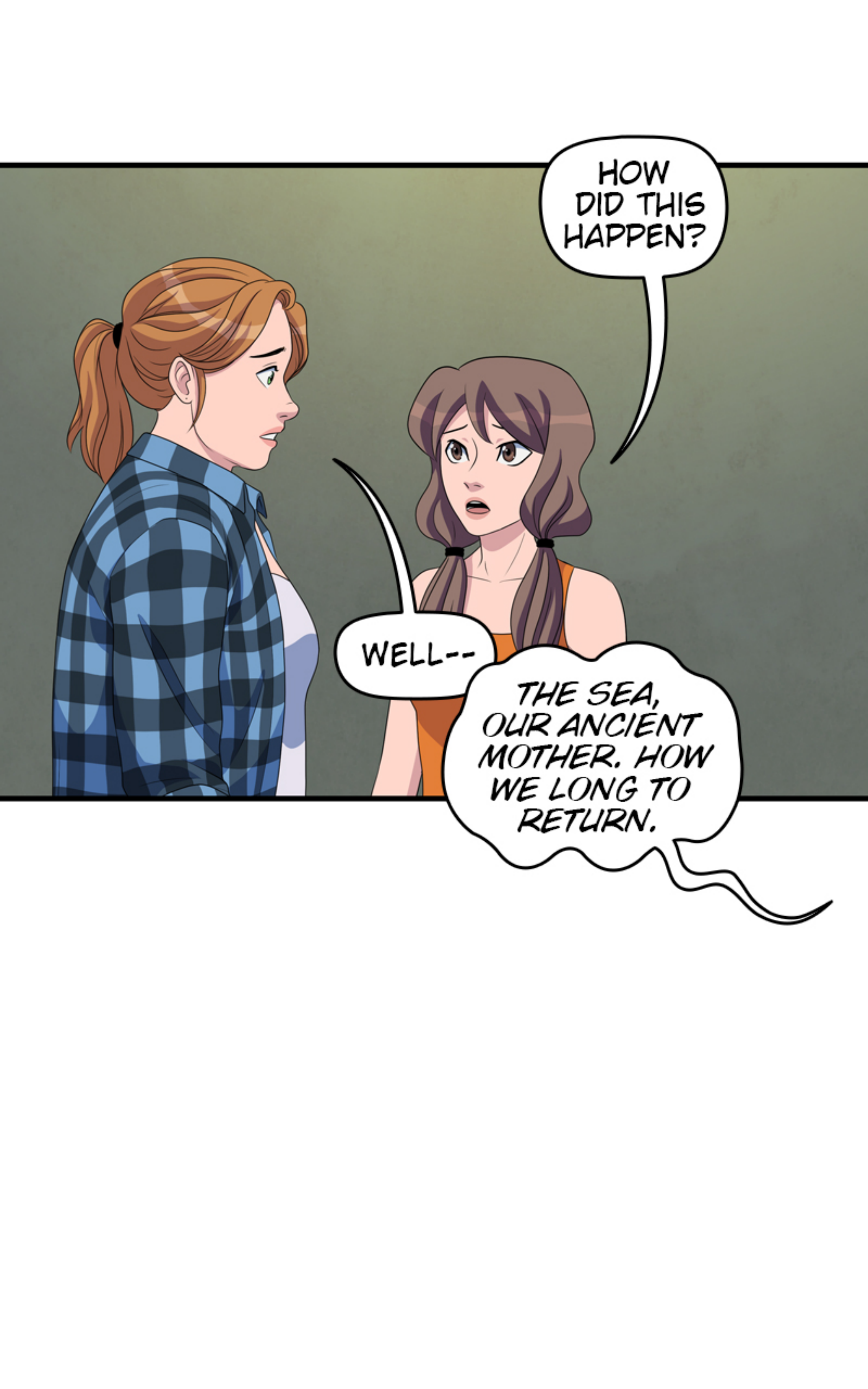
WHAT
DO YOU
MEAN?



IT FEELS

UNSTRUCTURED...
PRIMAL, EVEN. IT'S
DIFFICULT TO
EXPLAIN.



A comic panel featuring two female characters. On the left, a woman with reddish-brown hair in a ponytail, wearing a blue and black plaid shirt, looks towards the right. On the right, a woman with brown hair in pigtails, wearing an orange top, looks back with a surprised expression. Three speech bubbles are present: one from the woman on the right at the top, one from the woman on the left in the middle, and a larger one from the woman on the right at the bottom.

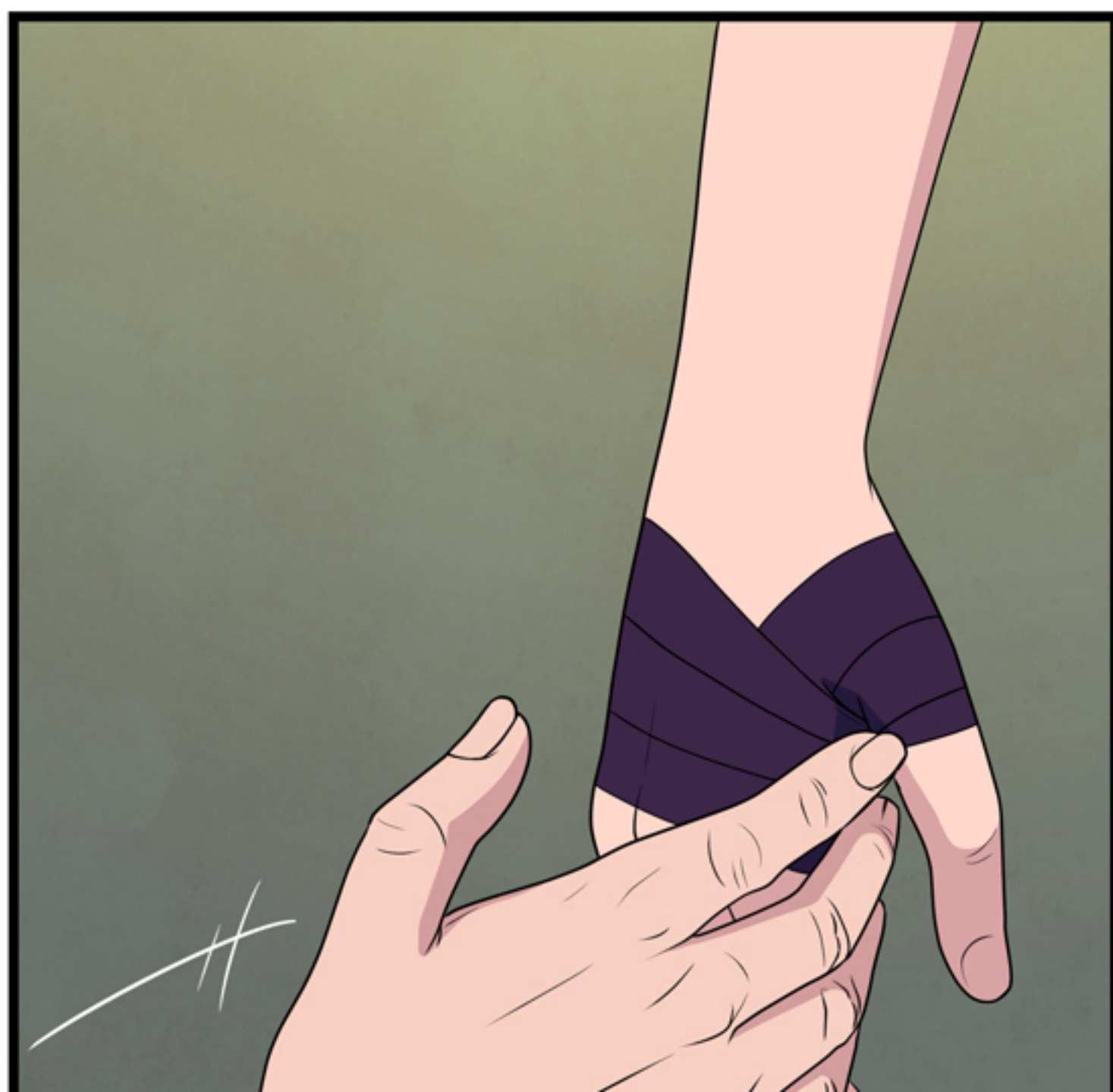
HOW
DID THIS
HAPPEN?

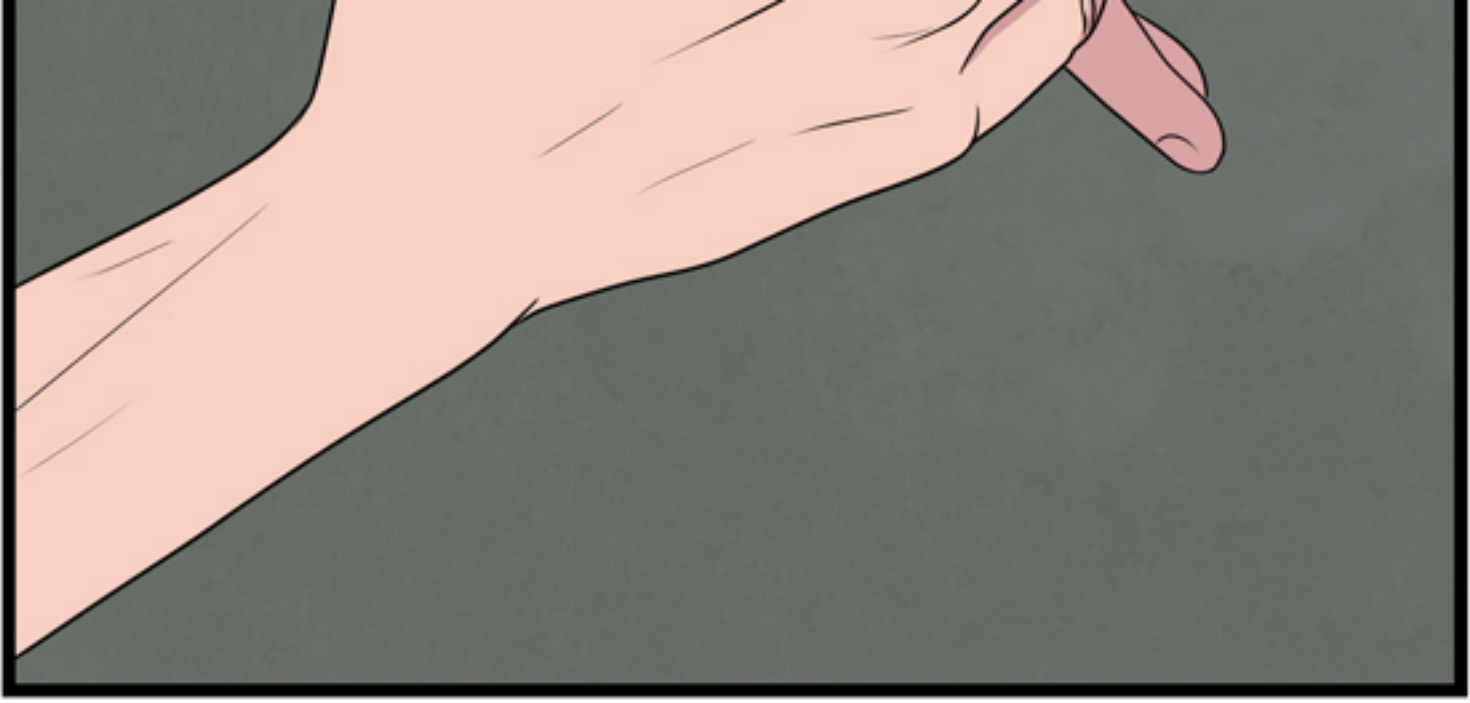
WELL--

THE SEA,
OUR ANCIENT
MOTHER. HOW
WE LONG TO
RETURN.

MAYBE IT'LL
BE EASIER IF WE
TALK IN THE DINING
ROOM. I'LL BE
BACK IN A FEW,
PEG.





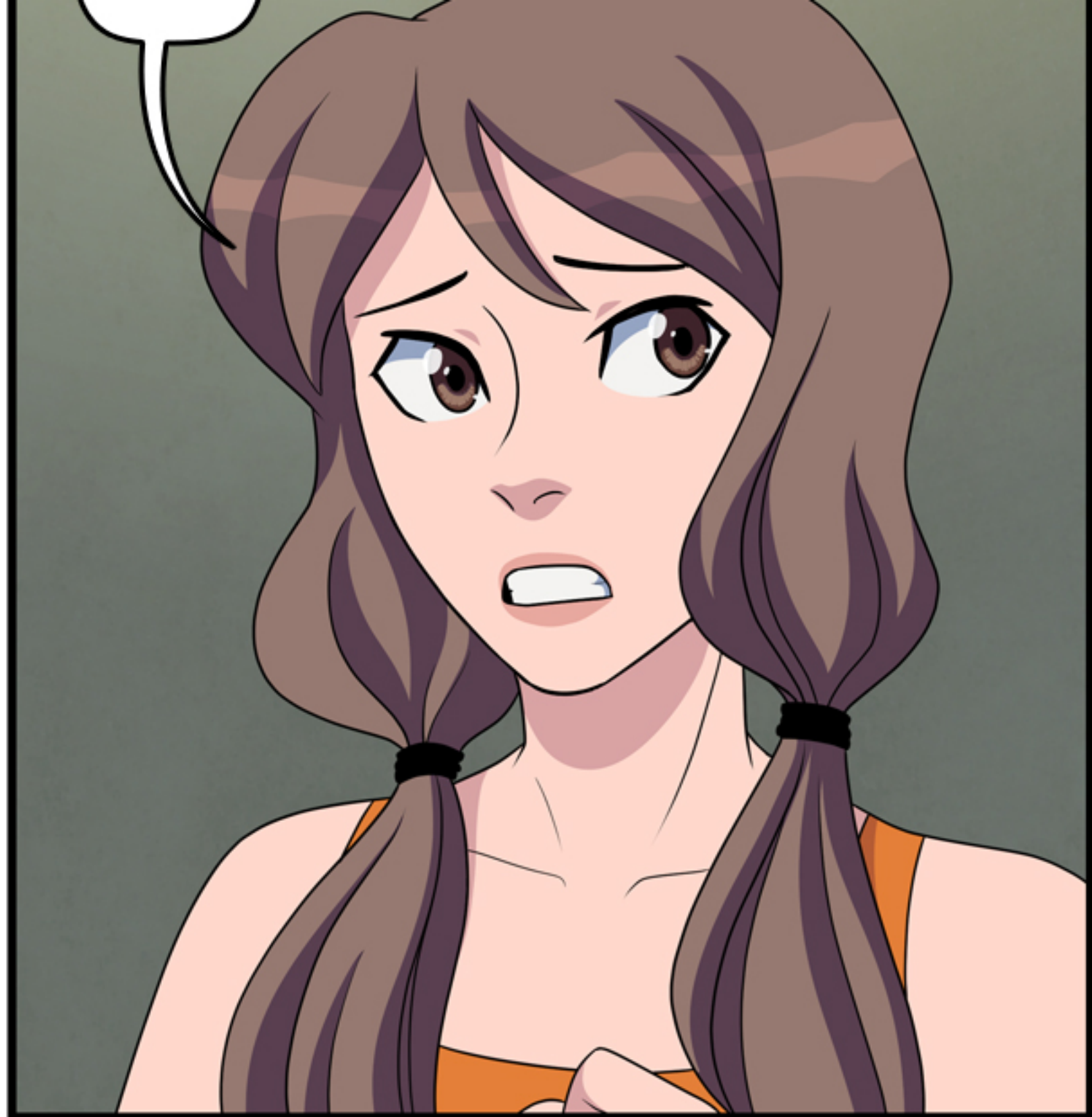


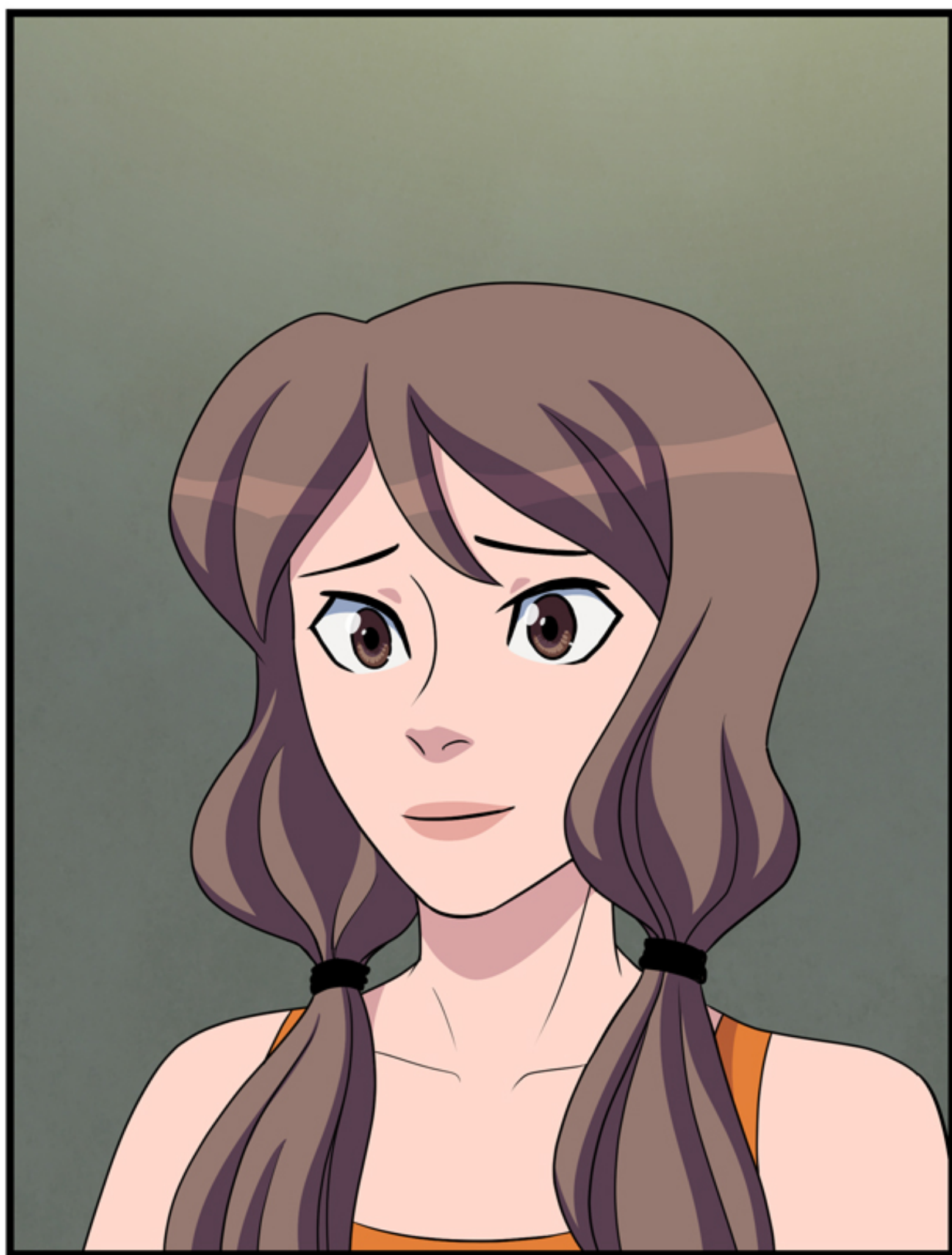
YOU'RE
GOING TO HELP
THEM, RIGHT?



I...

I...





YES.
DON'T WORRY,
WE'RE GOING TO
FIGURE THIS
OUT.







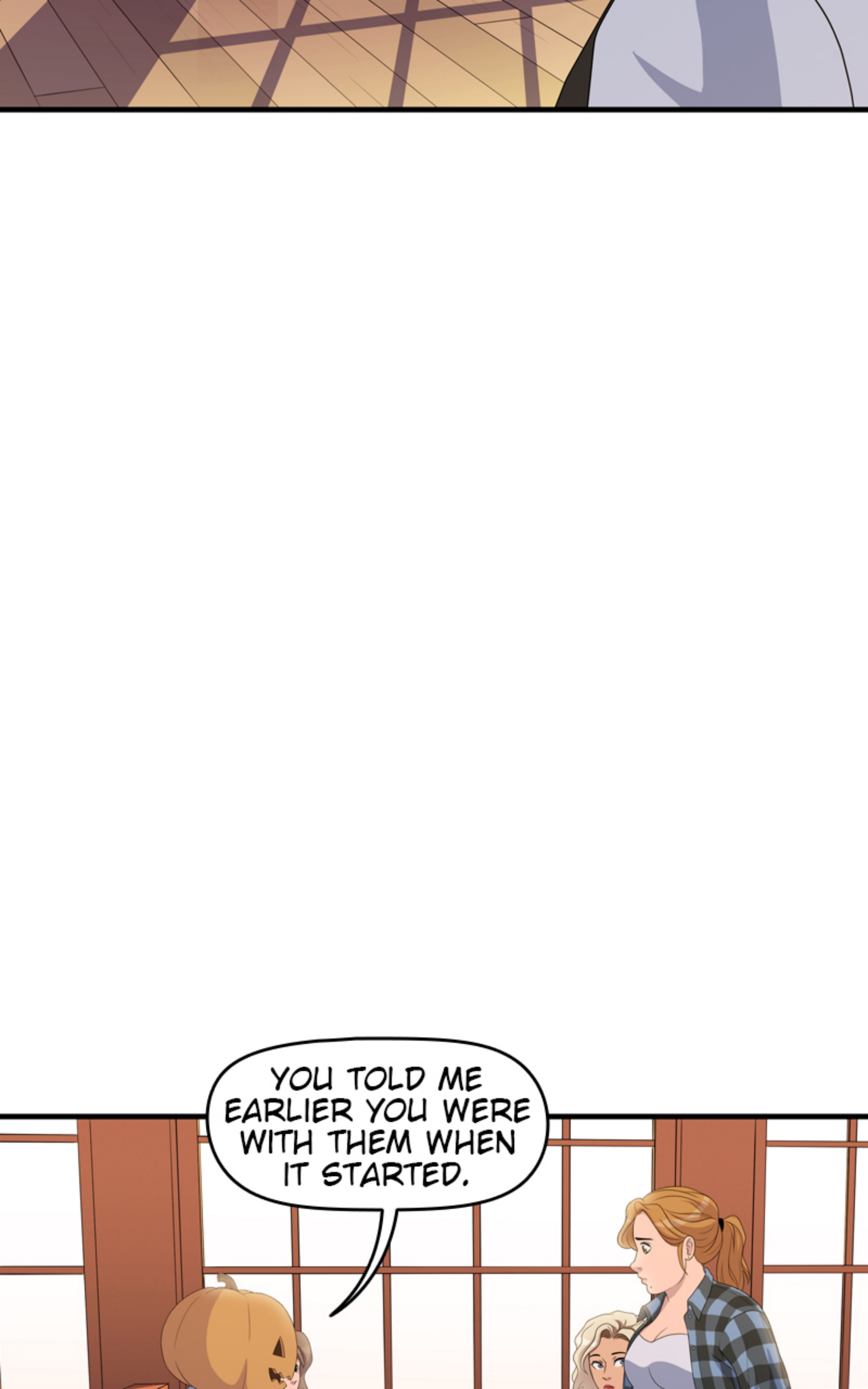
-SIGH-
PEG'S A TROOPER,
BUT SHE'S TAKIN'
THIS HARD.



SHE AND
HER HUSBAND,
ARCHIE, OWN THE INN.
STEVEN--THE GUY
WITH THE BEARD--
HE'S THEIR
SON.

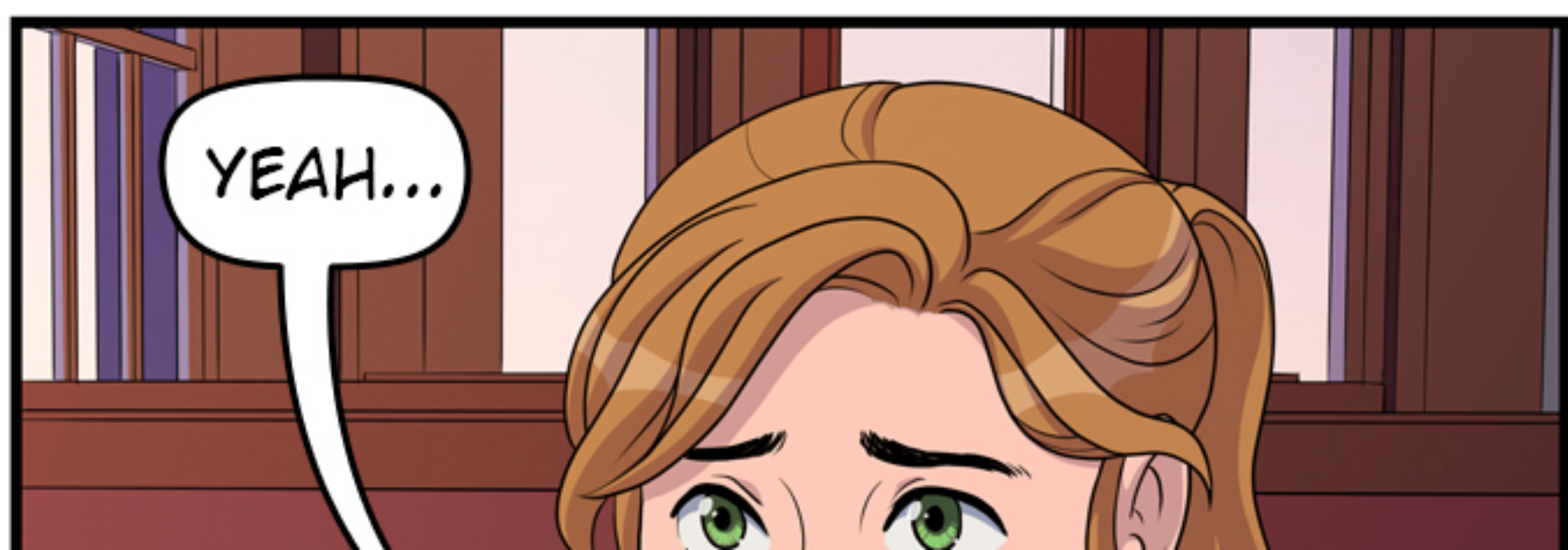
ALL THE MORE
REASON TO GET TO
THE BOTTOM OF
THIS QUICKLY.





A comic panel showing a woman with blonde hair in a ponytail, wearing a blue and black plaid shirt over a grey tank top. She is looking down at a child whose head is a jack-o'-lantern. The child is holding a small orange object. They are standing in front of a large window with a wooden frame. A speech bubble from the woman contains the text: "YOU TOLD ME EARLIER YOU WERE WITH THEM WHEN IT STARTED." The top of the panel shows a close-up of a wooden lattice structure and a portion of a purple object.

YOU TOLD ME
EARLIER YOU WERE
WITH THEM WHEN
IT STARTED.





IT WAS
TWO DAYS
AGO.



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