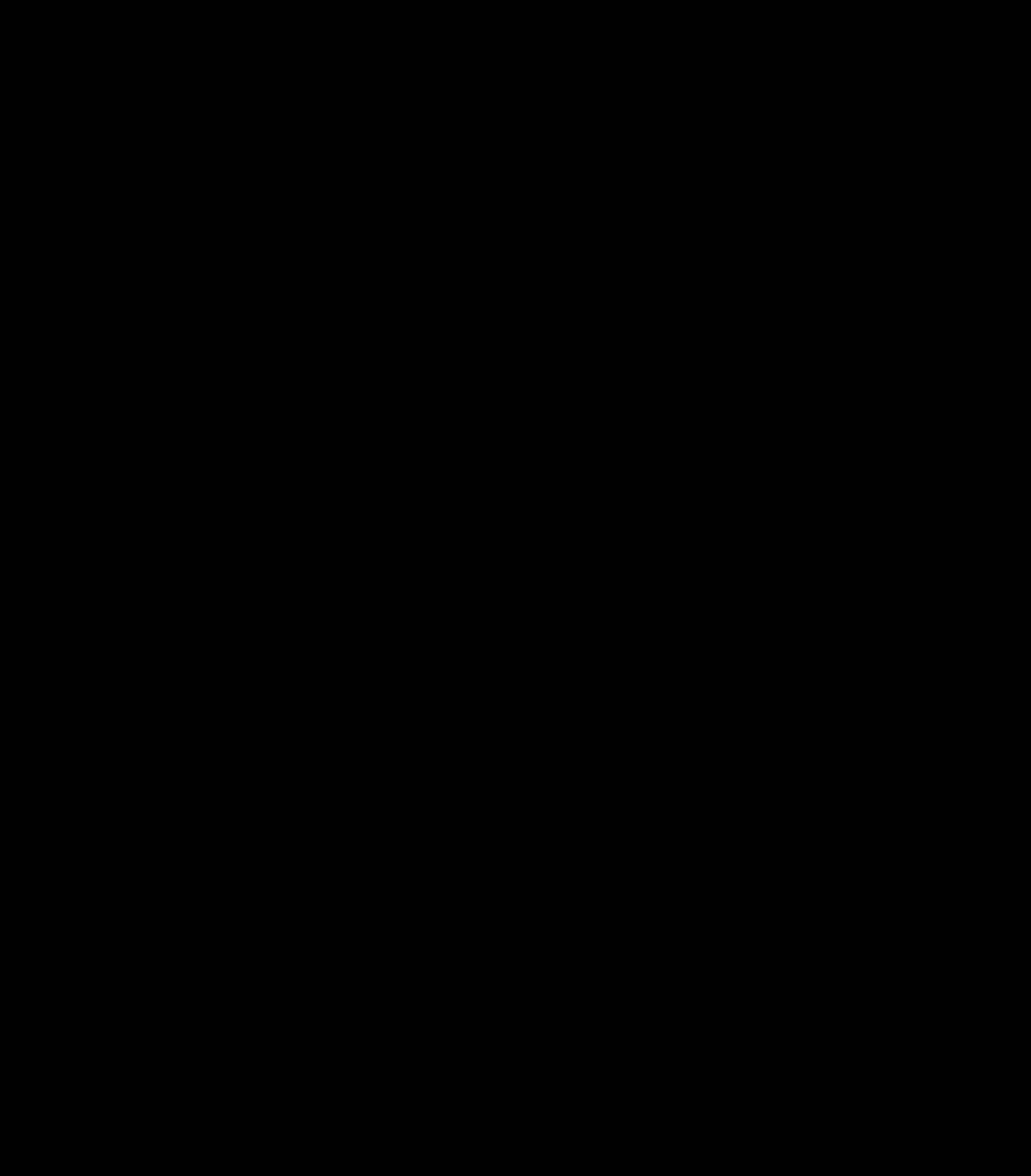






ELLIE?





IN HERE.

ARE YOU
GOING TO COME
OUT?



NO
THANK
YOU.

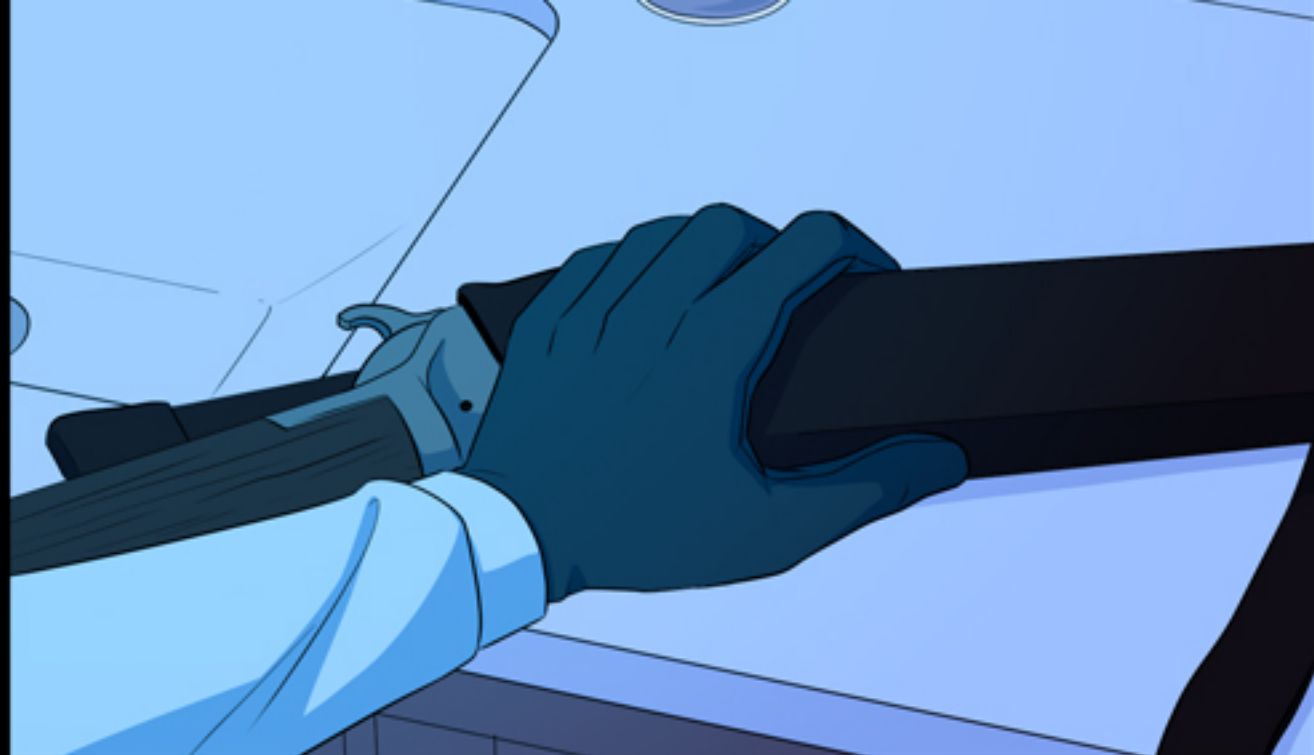




WELL
THEN, MAY I
COME IN?





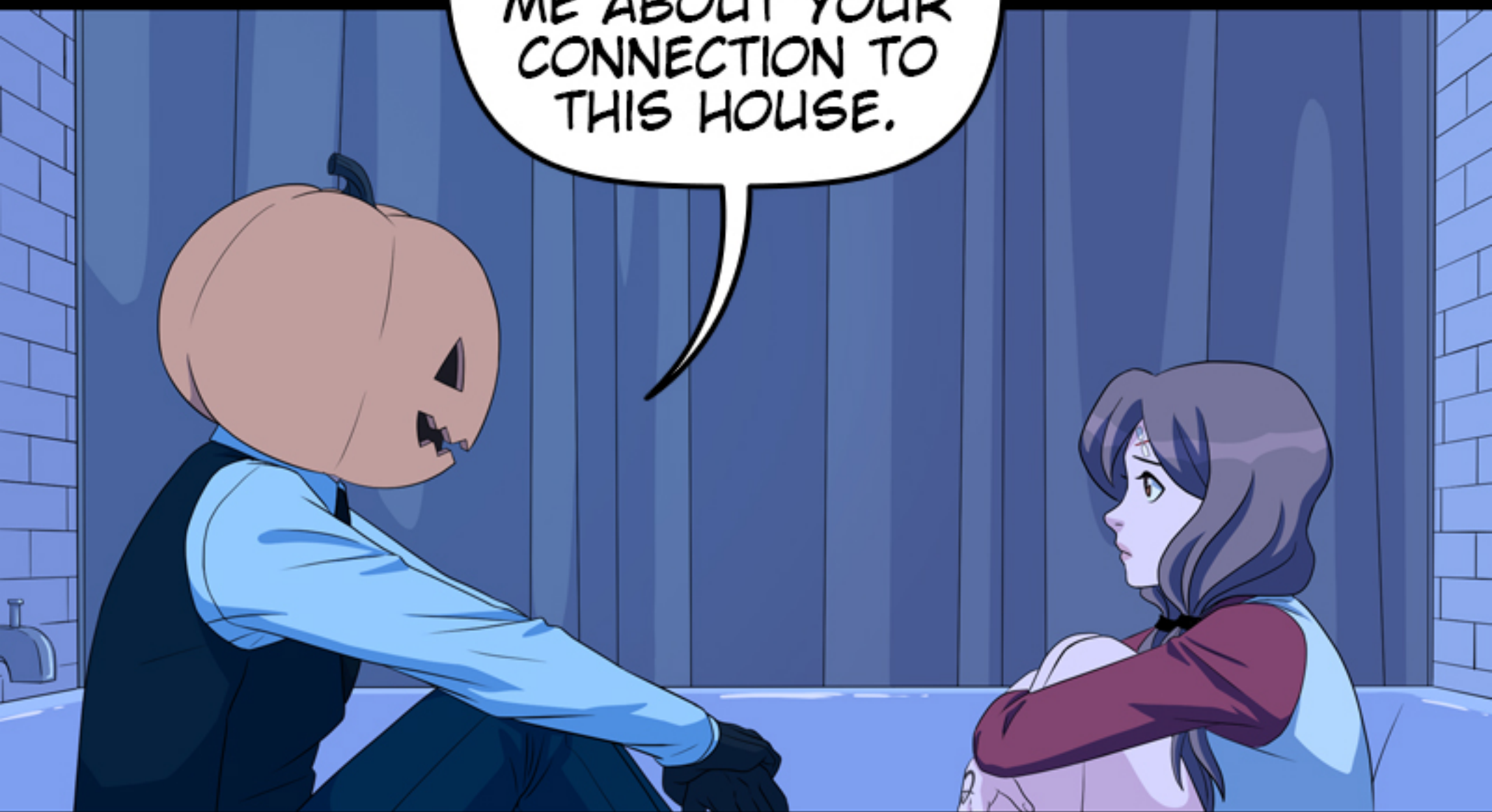


HM. BIT OF
AN AWKWARD
FIT.





SO, I
THINK IT'S
TIME YOU TOLD
ME ABOUT YOUR
CONNECTION TO
THIS HOUSE.



...YEAH,
I GUESS
IT IS.



MY GRANDPARENTS USED
TO HAVE A HOUSE ON THIS
STREET. I SPENT A LOT OF
TIME THERE AS A KID.

DAD WAS ALWAYS

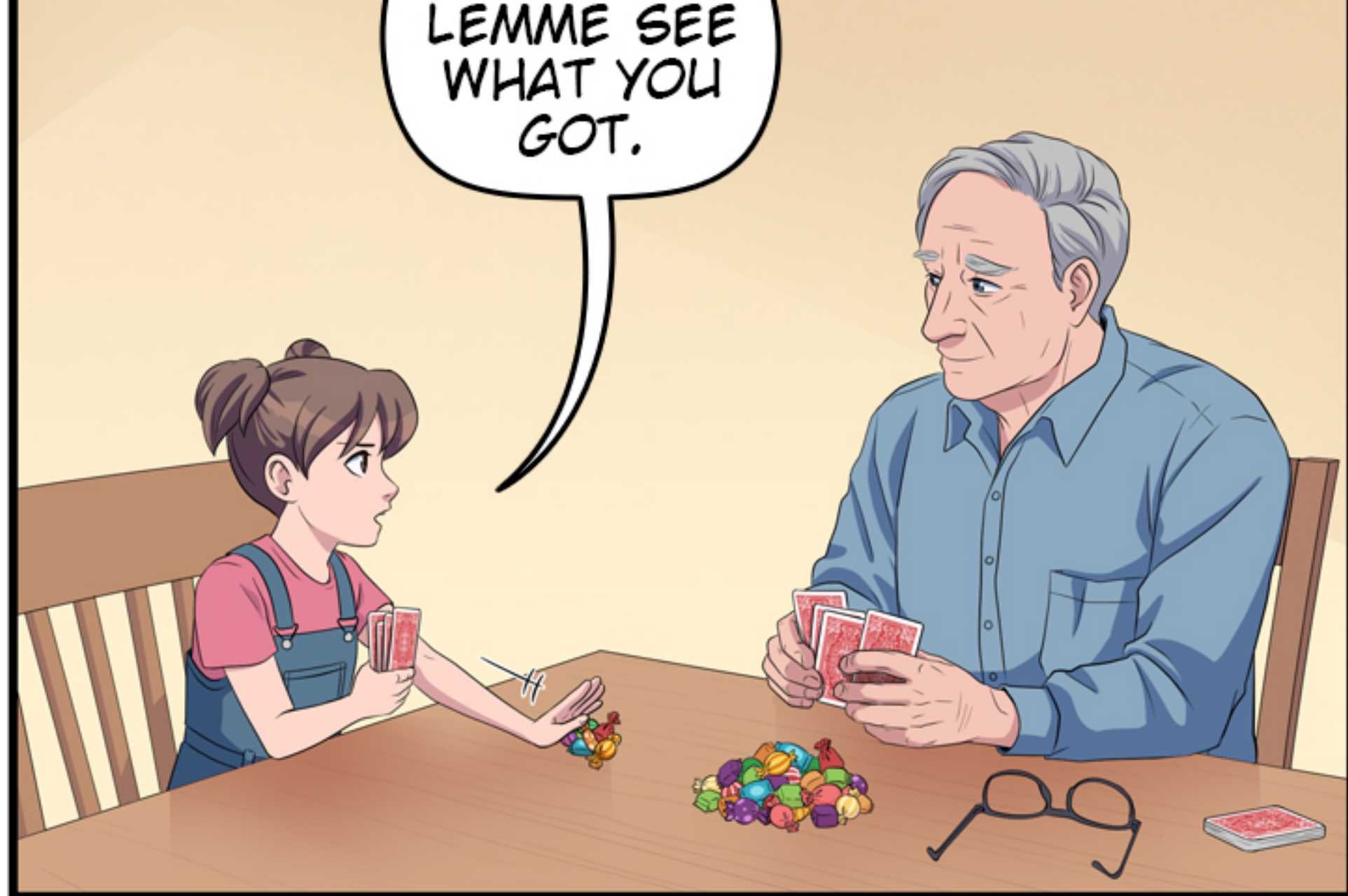
DAD WAS ALWAYS
WORKING, AND AFTER MY
MOM LEFT...WELL, IT JUST
MADE SENSE.





I REALLY LIKED GOING OVER. MY NAN
AND I WOULD GARDEN AND BAKE, AND
GRANDDAD WOULD TEACH ME HOW TO
PLAY CARDS...

ALL IN,



...WHICH MIGHT NOT
HAVE BEEN A GOOD
IDEA.

THERE WERE EVEN A
COUPLE KIDS MY AGE WHO
LIVED JUST ACROSS THE
STREET.

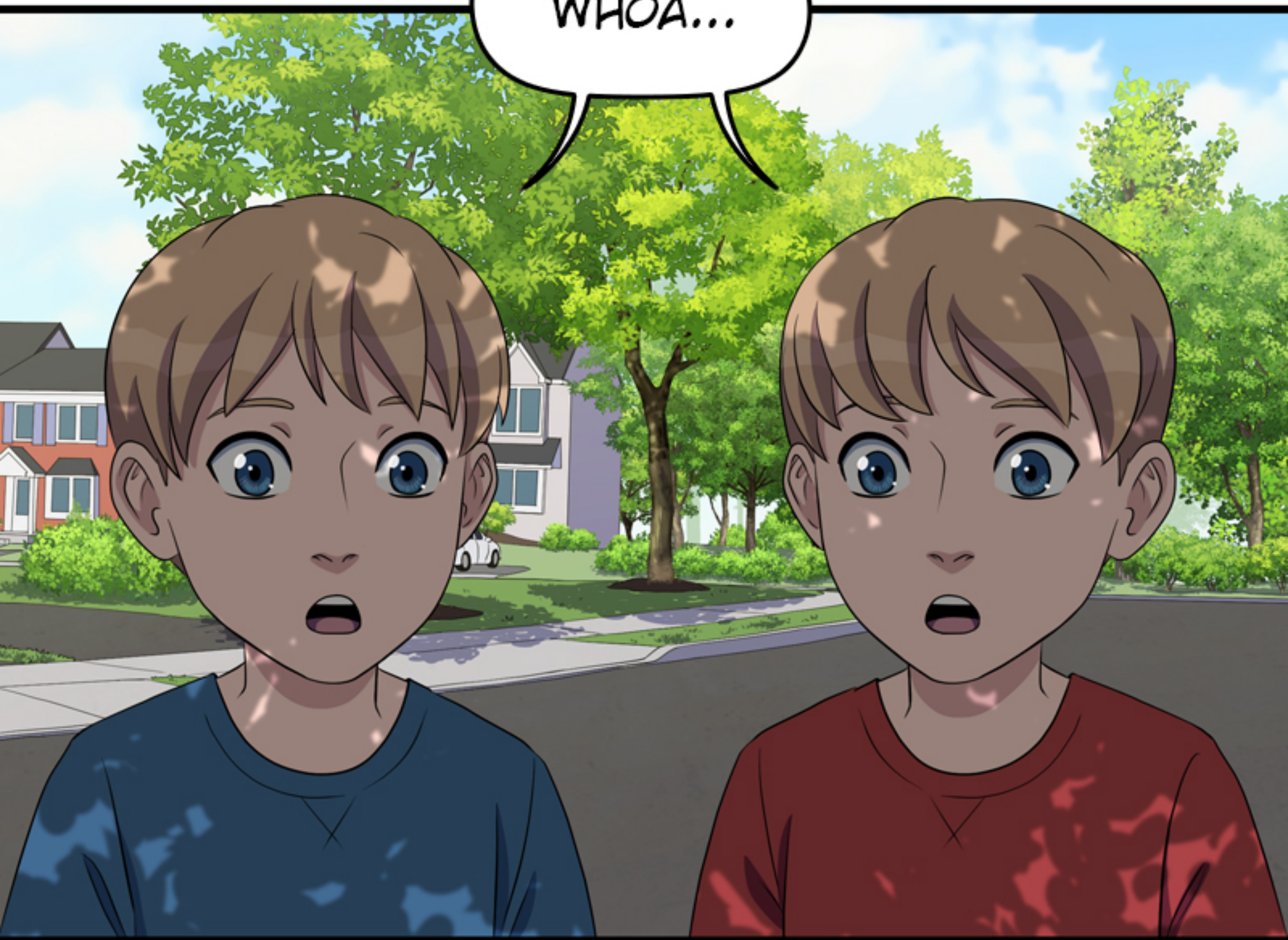
TWIN BOYS.



MATTY...

...AND MASON.

WHOA...



IT FELL
OUT LAST NIGHT
WHEN I BIT A
TOMATO.

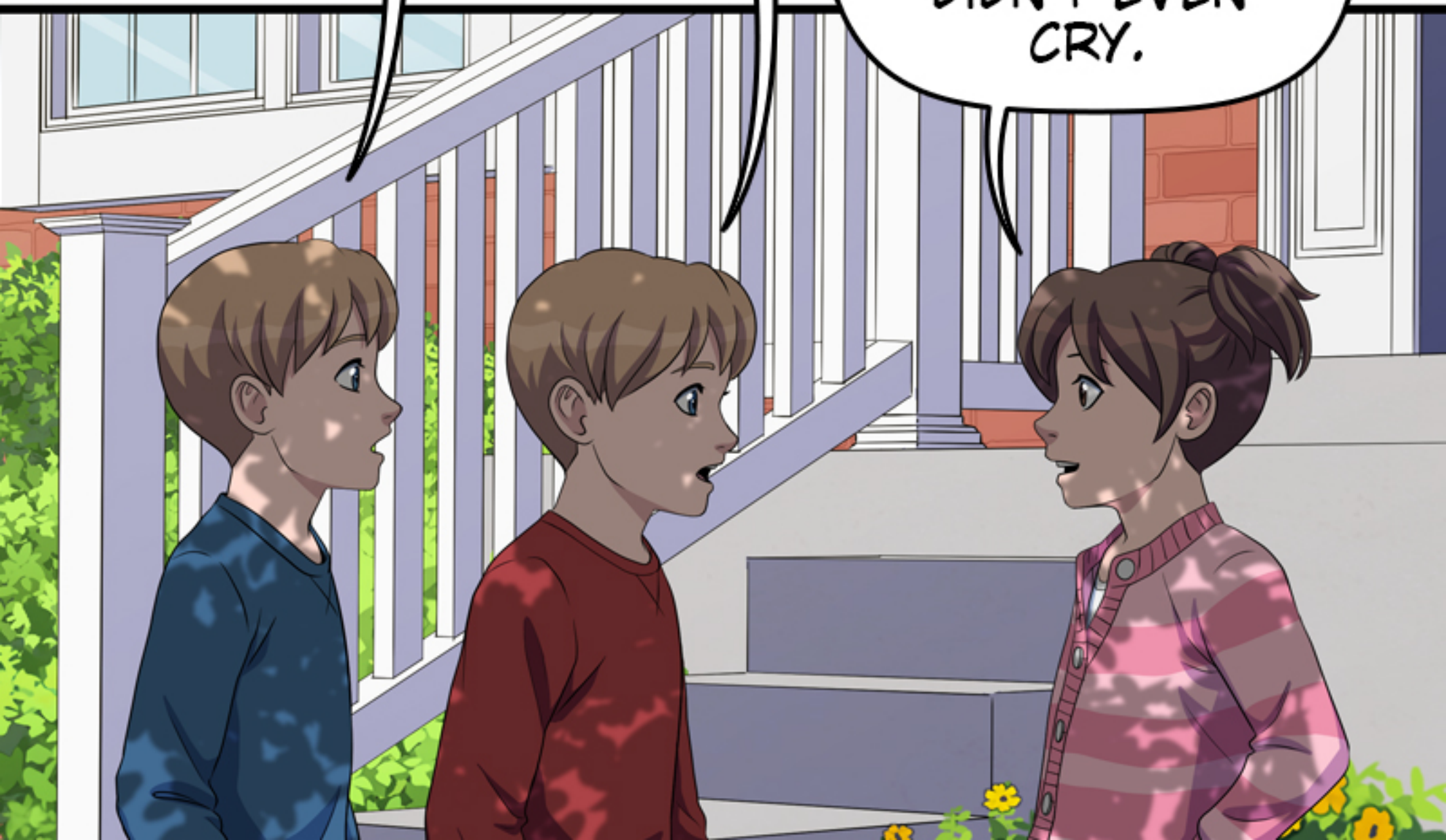




DID IT HURT?

DID IT BLEED?

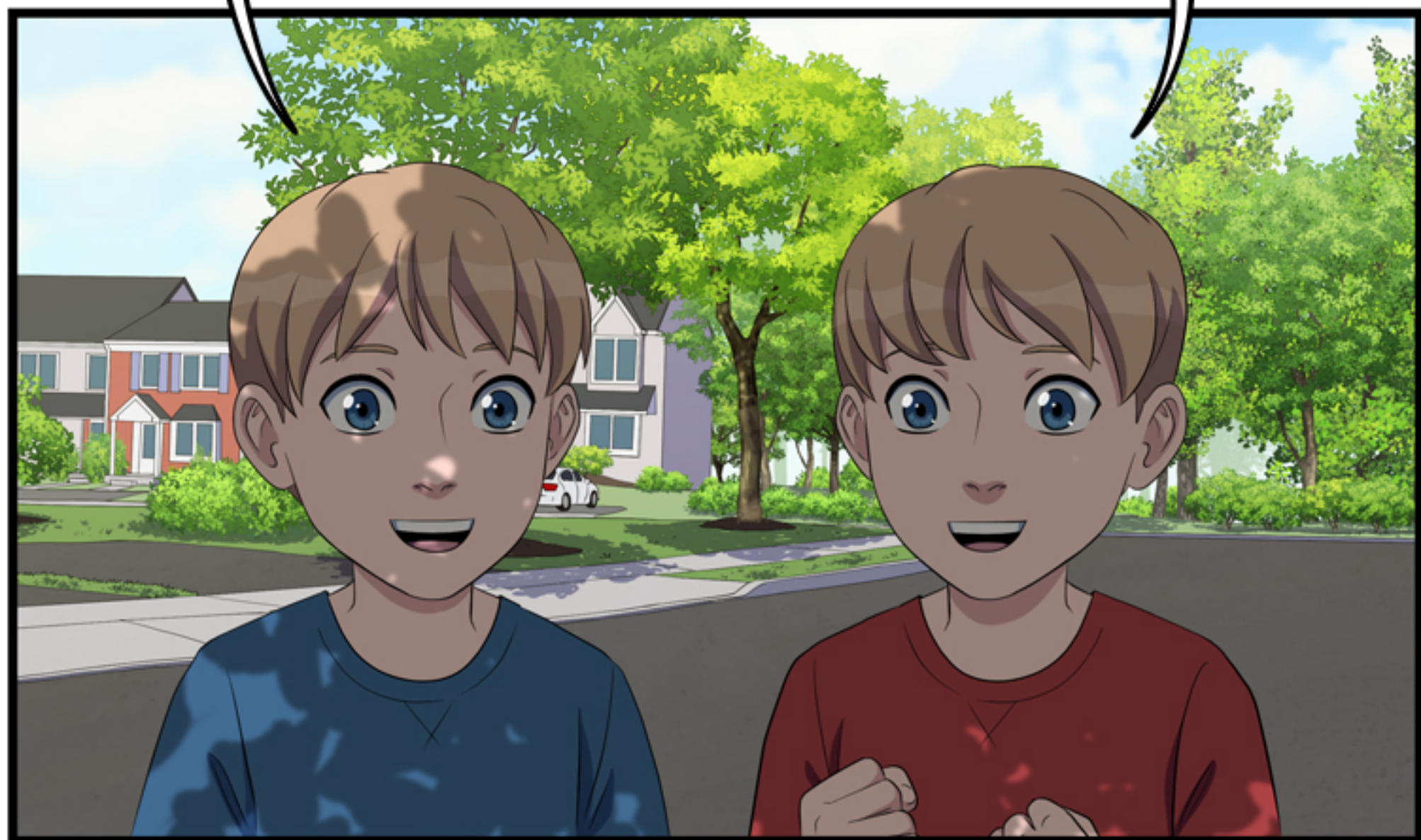
IT BLED
BUT IT ONLY
HURT A LITTLE. I
DIDN'T EVEN
CRY.





DO YOU
HAVE IT?

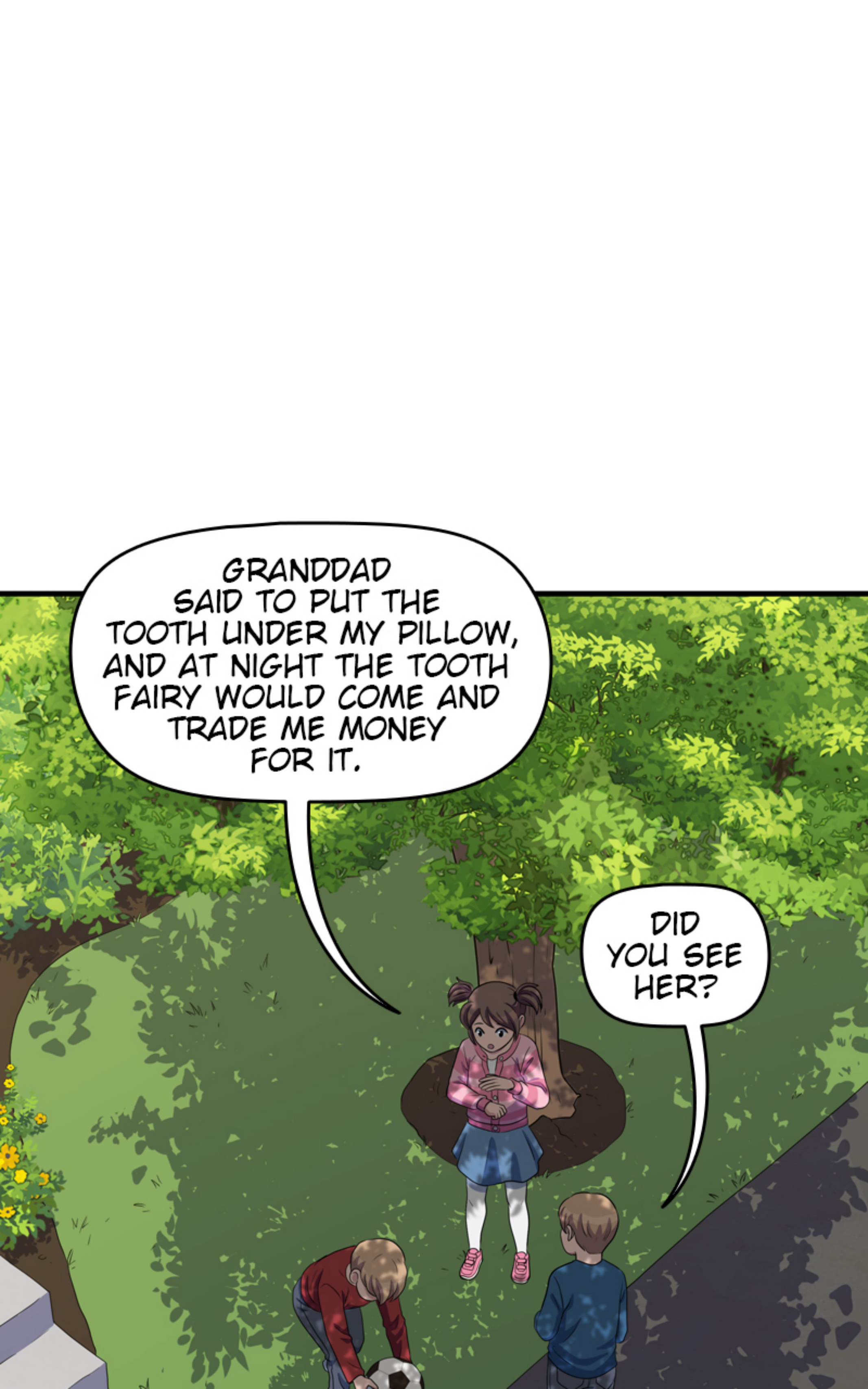
YEAH,
CAN WE
SEE IT?





NOPE,
THE TOOTH FAIRY
TOOK IT.

HUH?



GRANDDAD
SAID TO PUT THE
TOOTH UNDER MY PILLOW,
AND AT NIGHT THE TOOTH
FAIRY WOULD COME AND
TRADE ME MONEY
FOR IT.

DID
YOU SEE
HER?



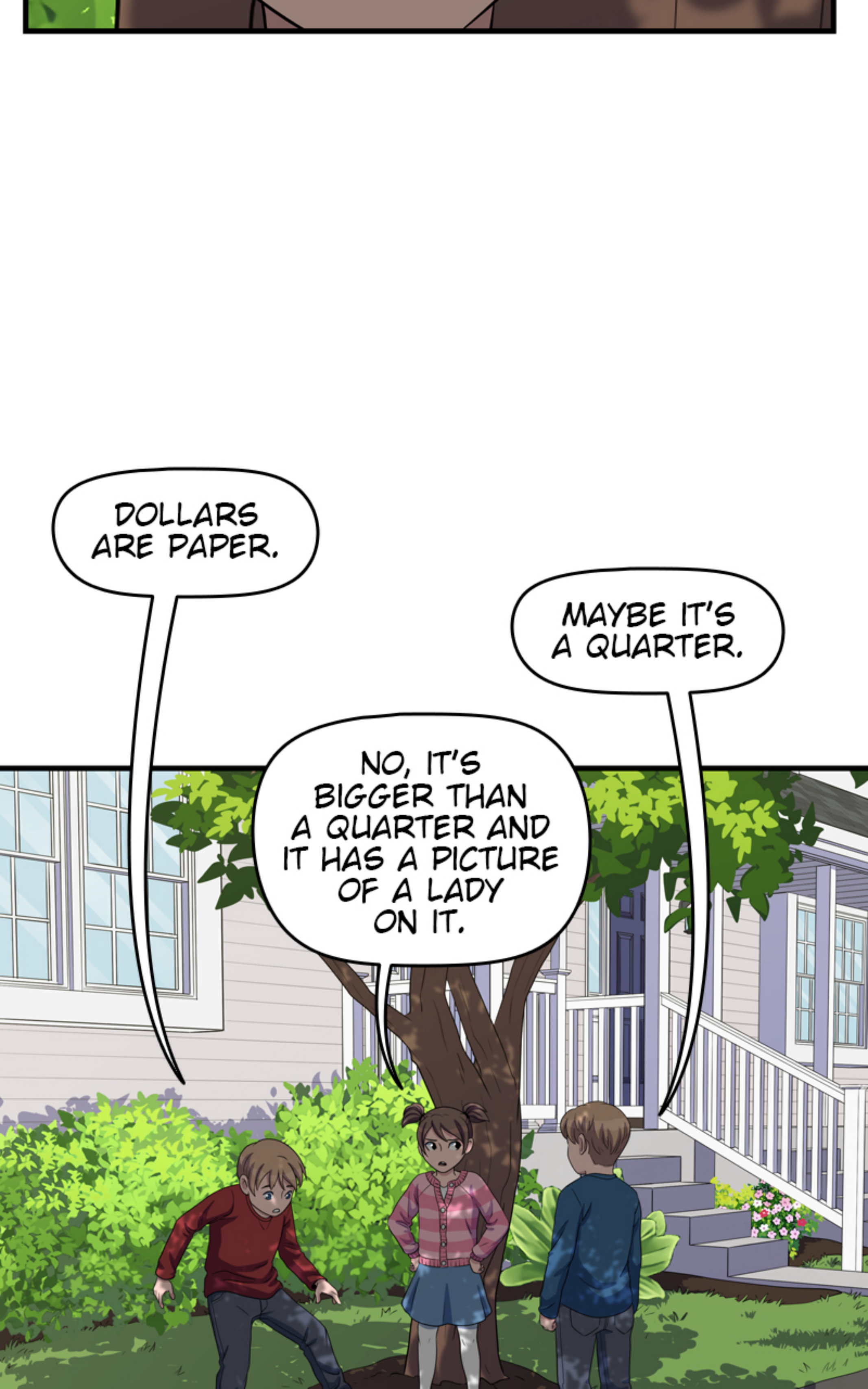
NO, I THINK
SHE'S INVISIBLE,
OR MAYBE REALLY
SMALL.





SHE LEFT
ME A DOLLAR COIN,
THOUGH!





DOLLARS
ARE PAPER.

MAYBE IT'S
A QUARTER.

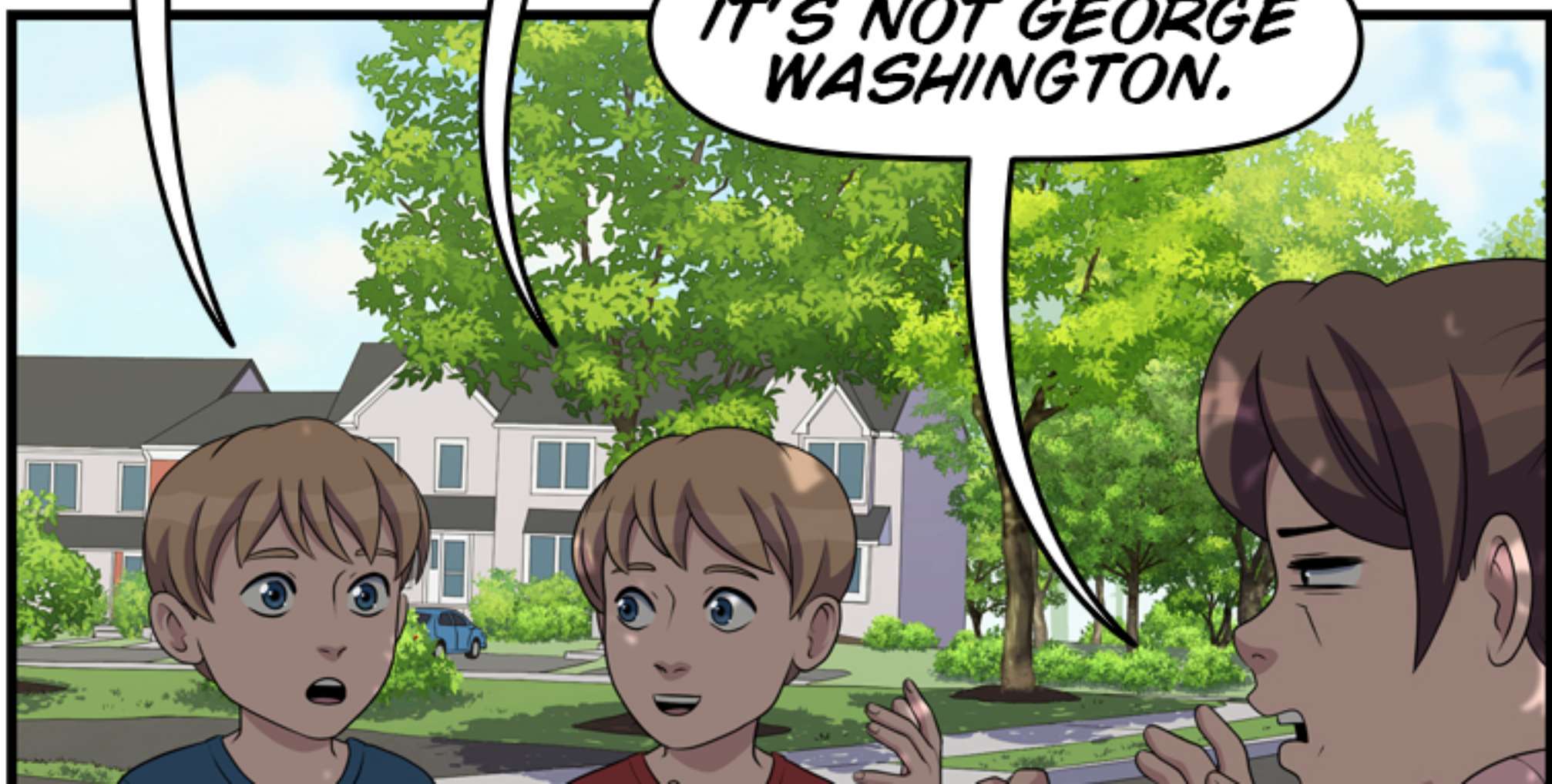
NO, IT'S
BIGGER THAN
A QUARTER AND
IT HAS A PICTURE
OF A LADY
ON IT.



ARE YOU SURE
IT'S NOT GEORGE
WASHINGTON?

YEAH, HE
HAS LONG HAIR.
MOM SAID IT'S A WIG
AND LOTS OF PEOPLE
WORE THEM BACK
THEN.

IT'S NOT GEORGE
WASHINGTON.





UGH,
I'LL JUST GO
GET IT.

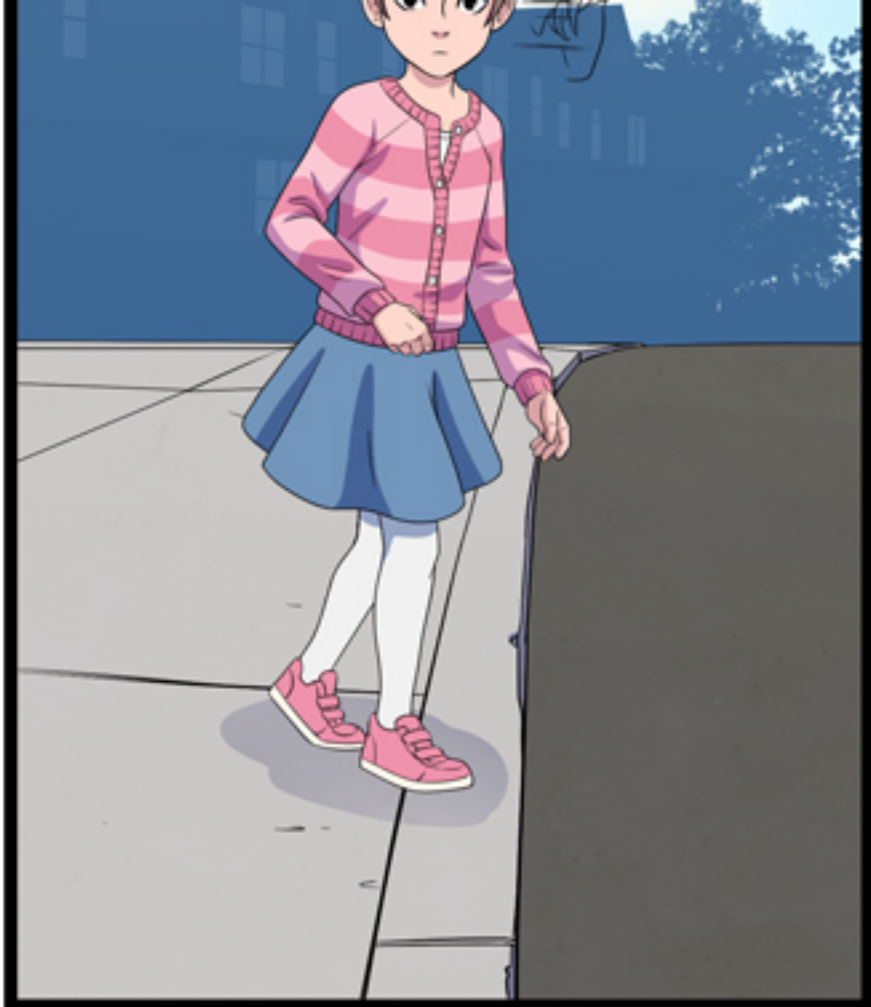
WAIT HERE,
OK?





I DIDN'T SEE
WHAT HAPPENED
NEXT.





MASON
TOLD ME LATER,
THOUGH.



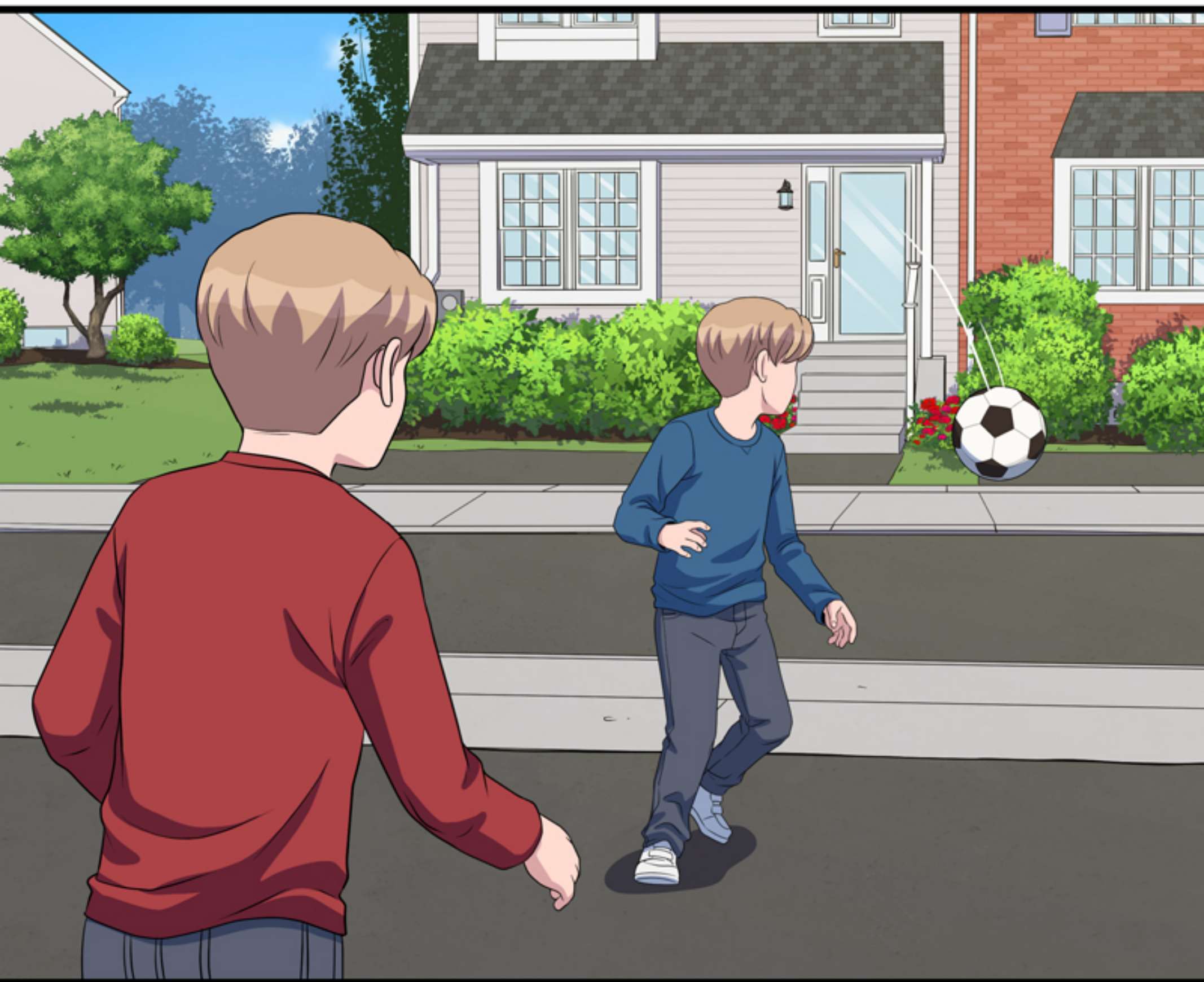


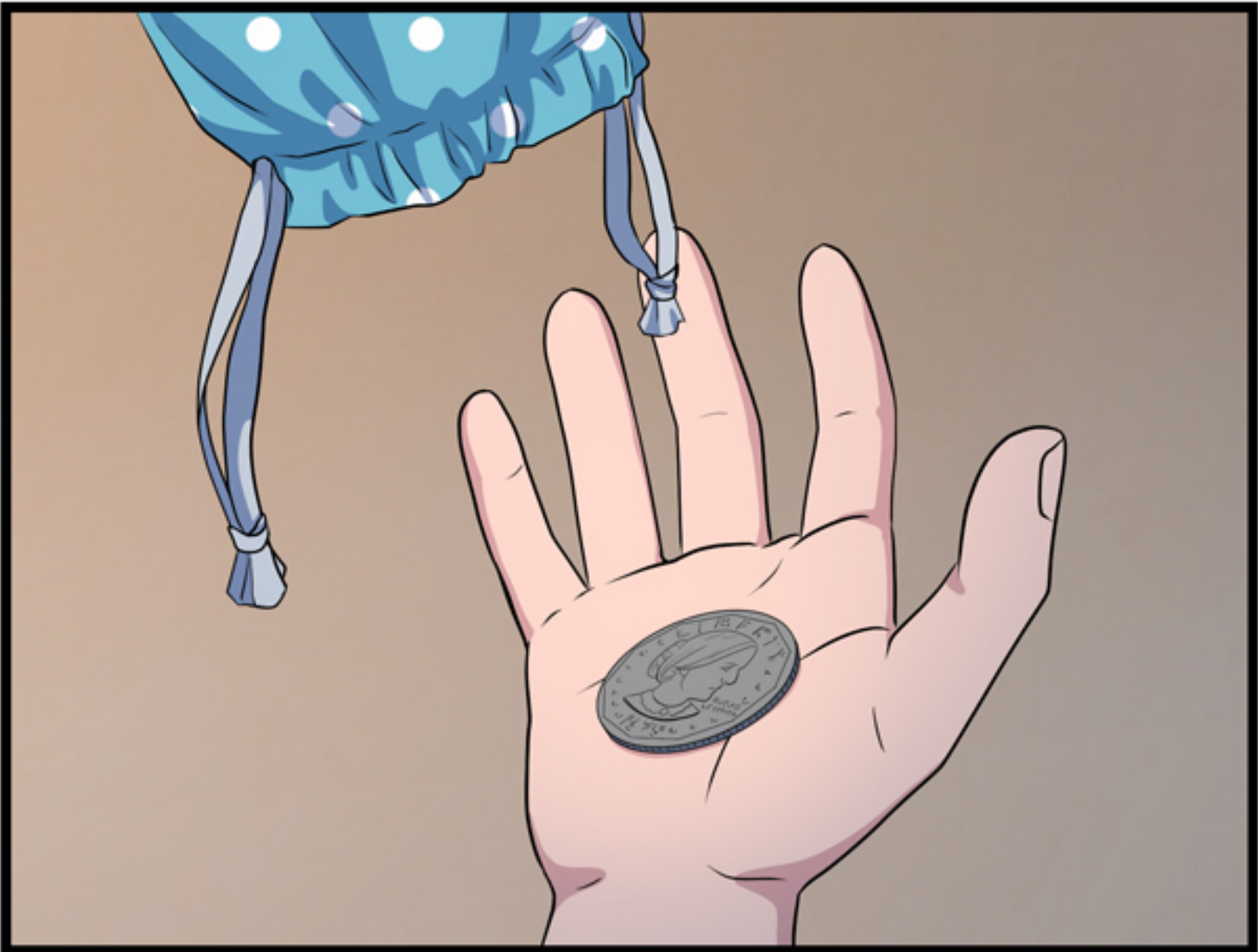
HE WAS
NEVER ABLE TO
FORGET.

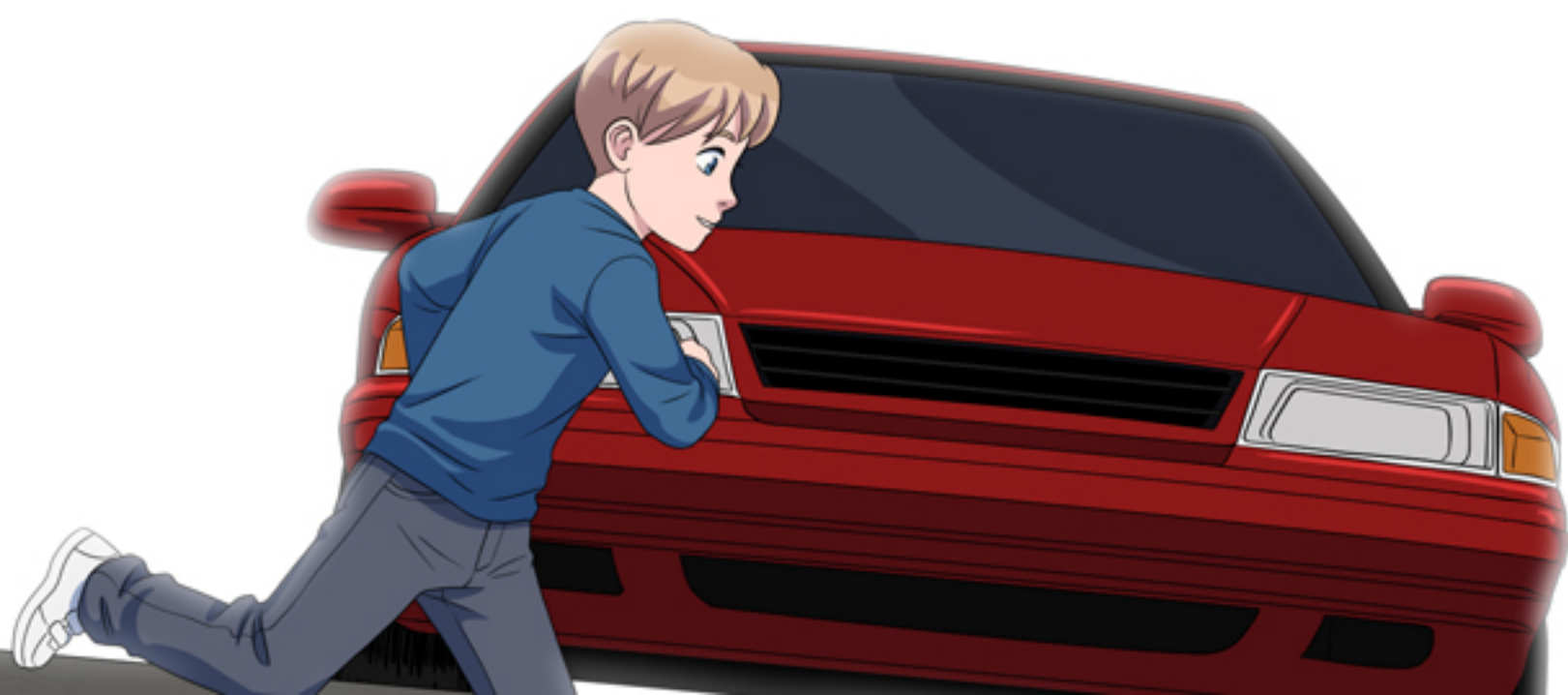


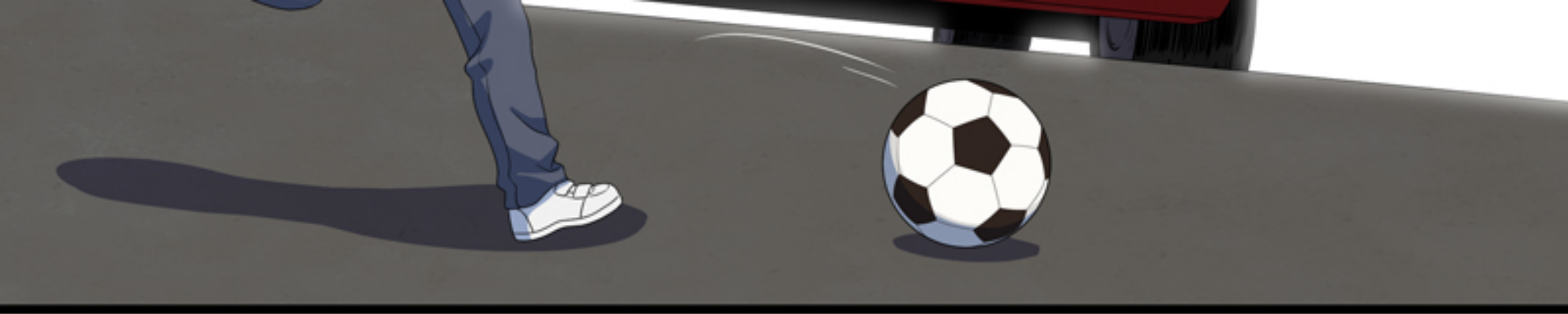












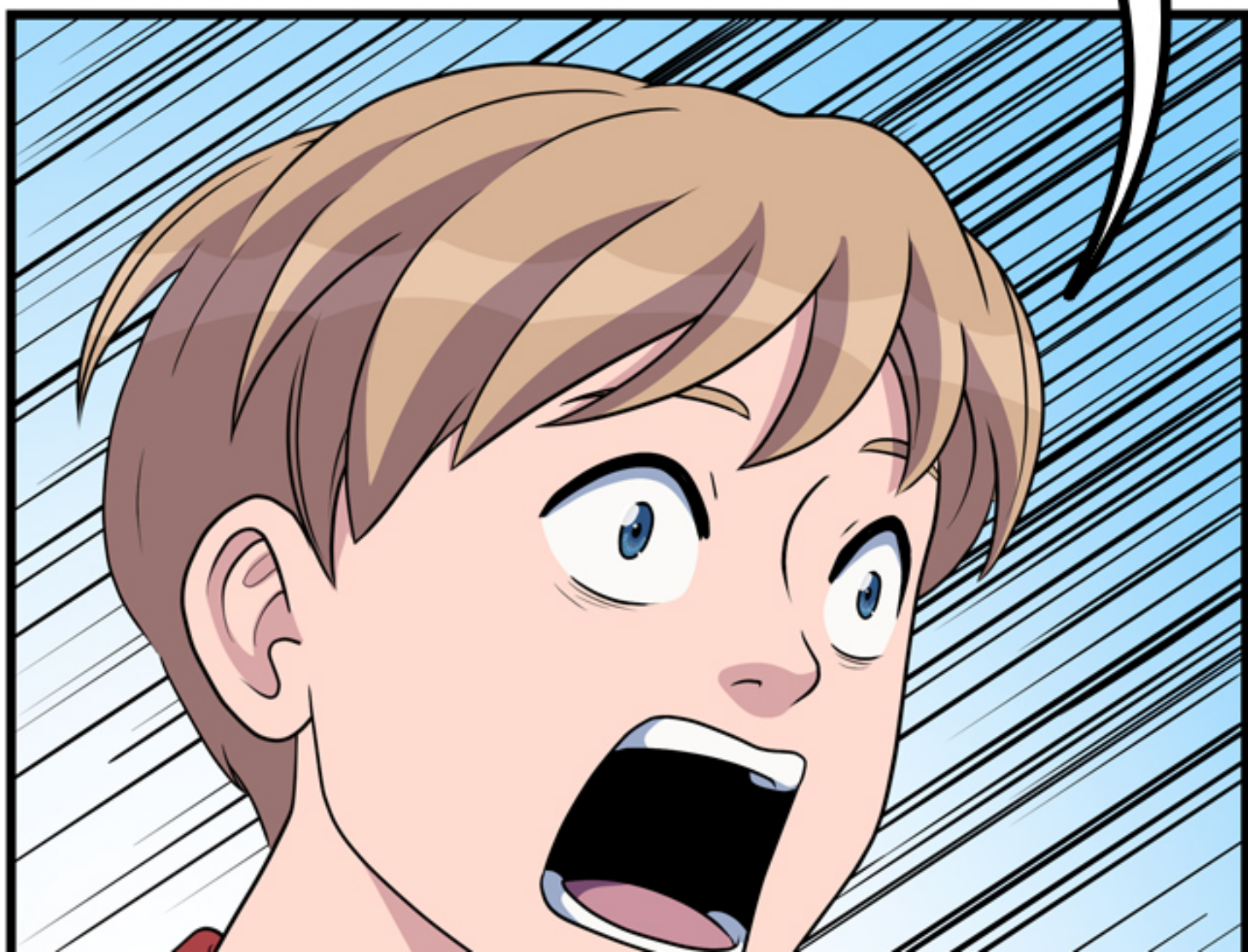
SKREEEE

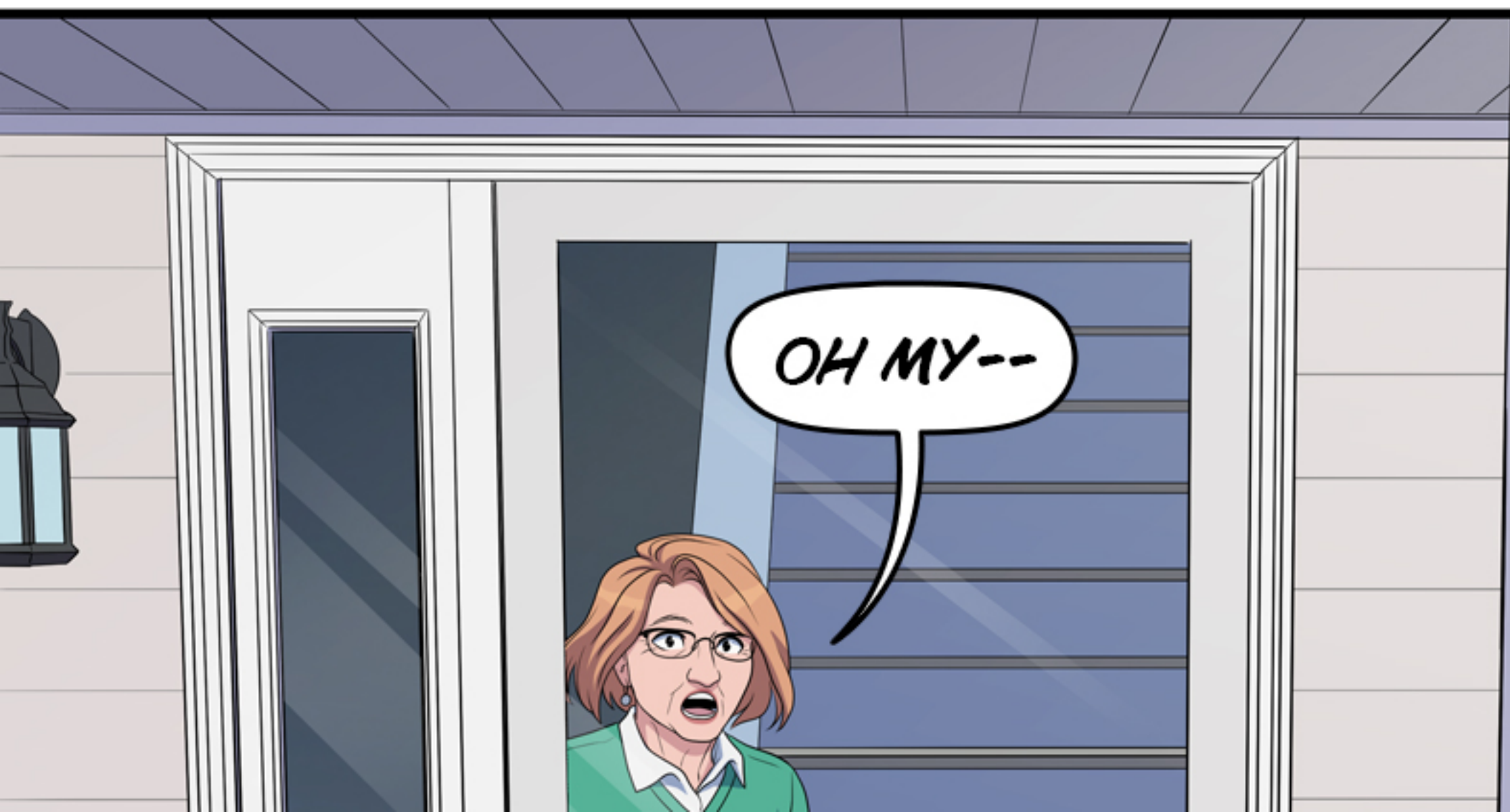
THUD

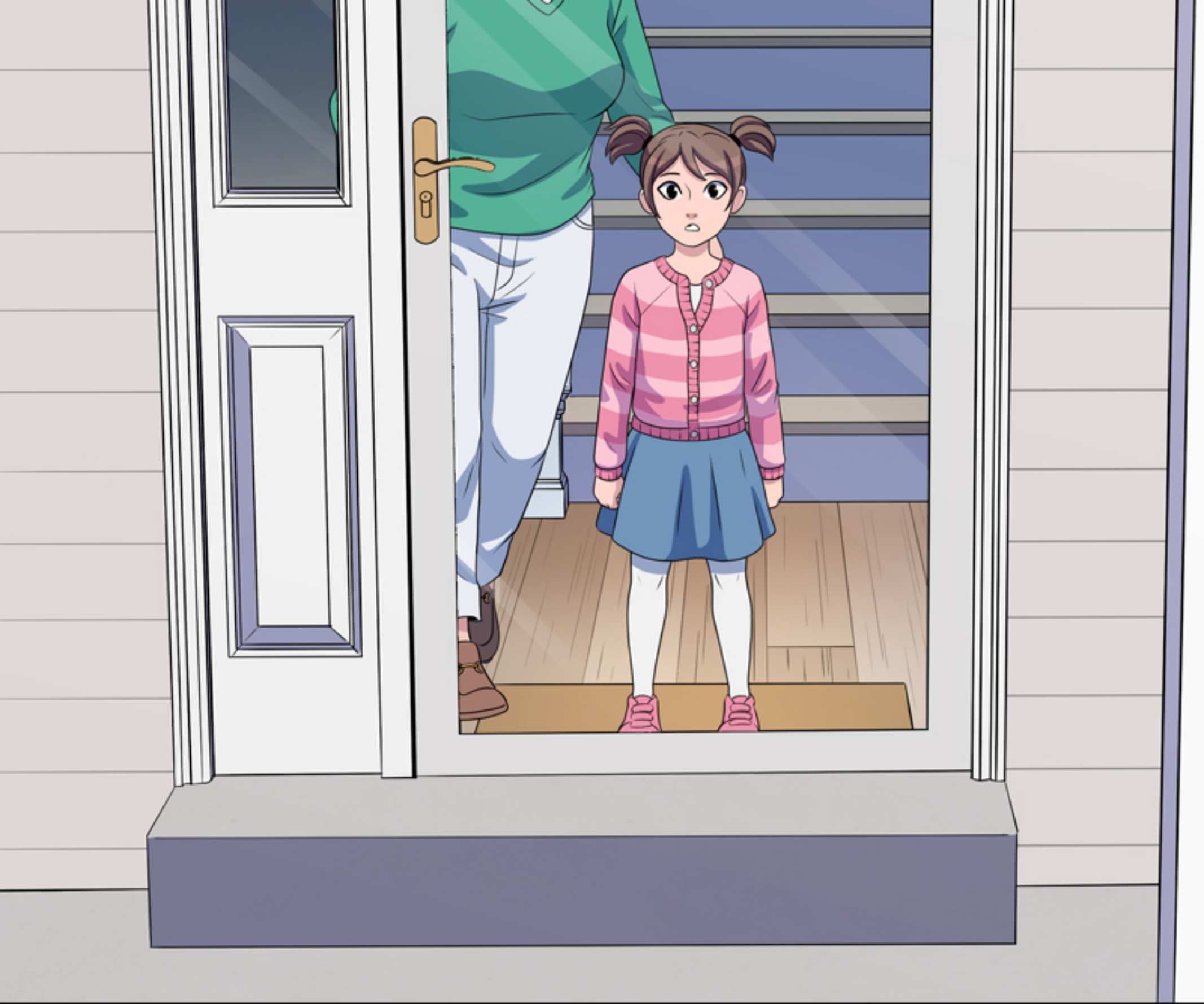




MATTY!!

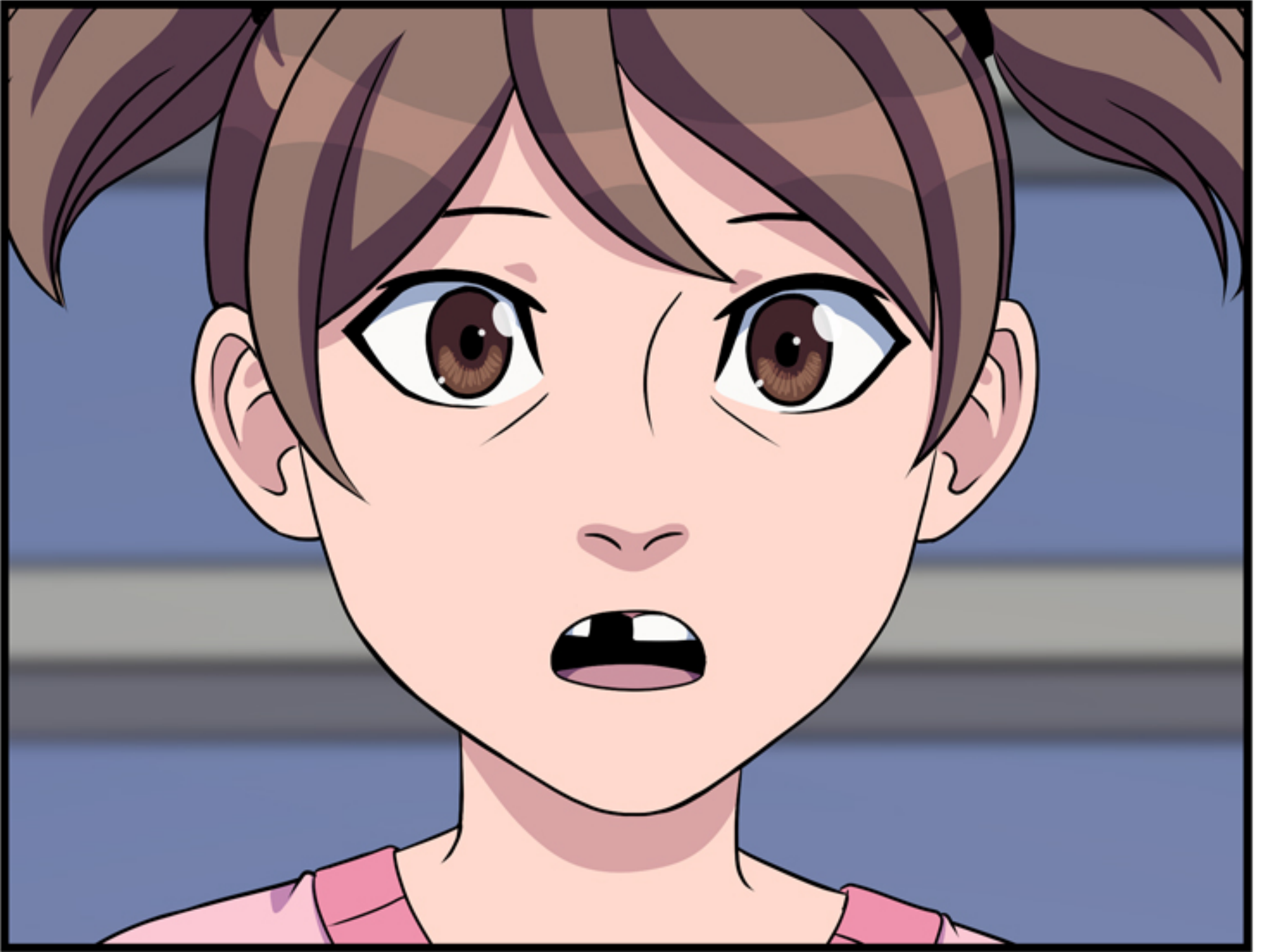






MARTINI CALL

**MARTIN: CALL
AN AMBULANCE!**



DON'T
LOOK, SWEET
GIRL.



DON'T LOOK.



THE PARAMEDICS
CAME, BUT IT WAS
TOO LATE.

THE NEXT COUPLE
WEEKS WERE A BLUR. I
REMEMBER A FUNERAL AND A
LOT OF STRANGERS COMING
FROM OUT OF TOWN.





EVERYONE WAS
TALKING ABOUT HOW MUCH
THEY MISSED MATTY, BUT I
DIDN'T UNDERSTAND.





AS FAR AS
I COULD TELL...





...MATTY
HAD NEVER LEFT.



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