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Hey momo



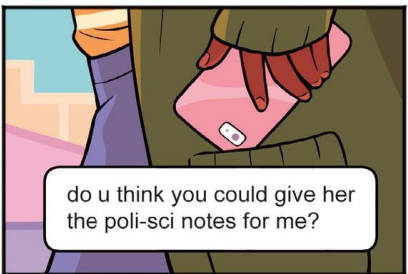
ur still at school right?



Yes :o



My friend Lea was out sick yesterday,



do u think you could give her the poli-sci notes for me?

She should be in the dorms



Sure, what room?



622!



You're a lifesaver!!!



😊😊😊









No, don't get up. I got it.

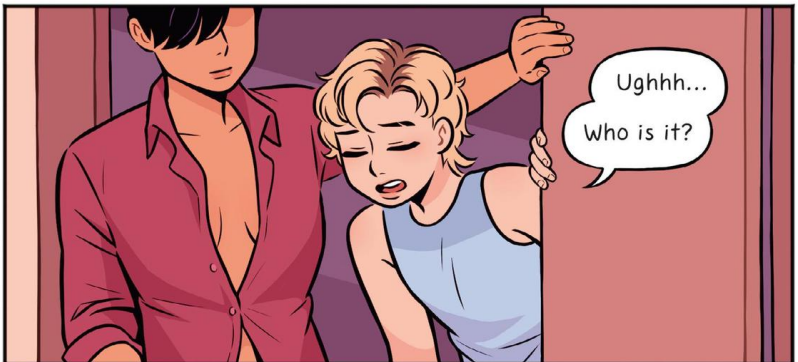


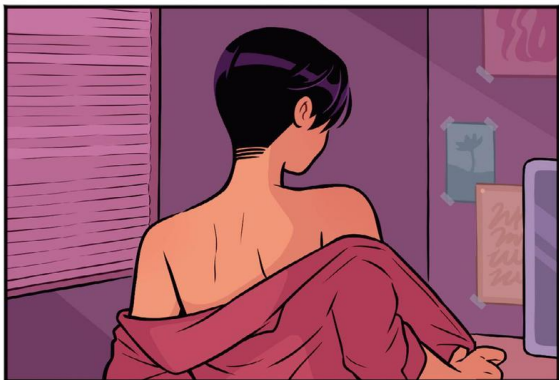
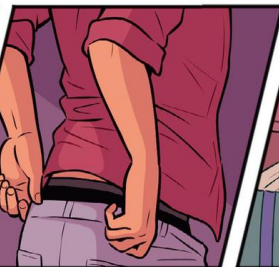
If it's Quinn, tell her to go away.

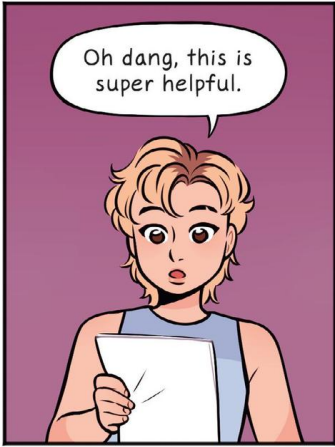


haha

Roger that.





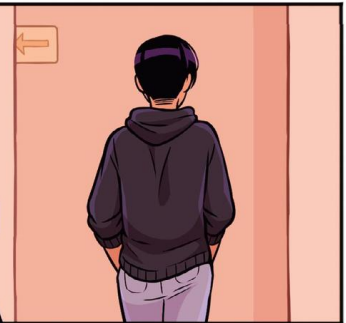


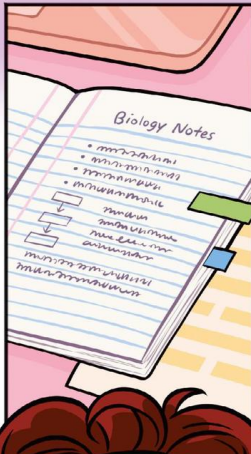








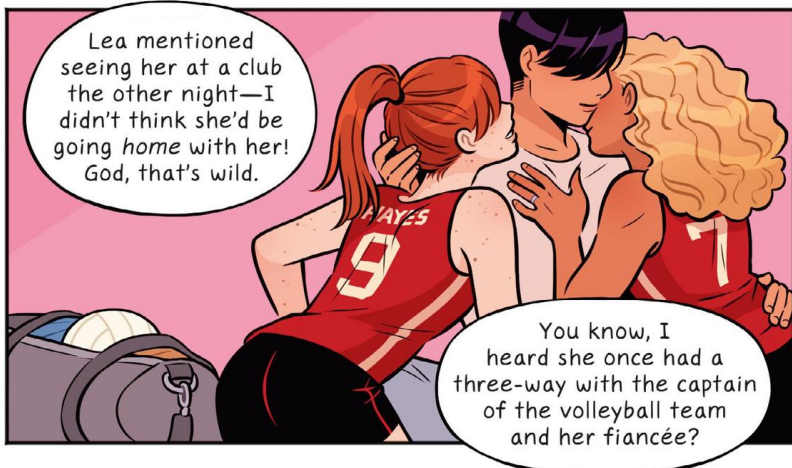


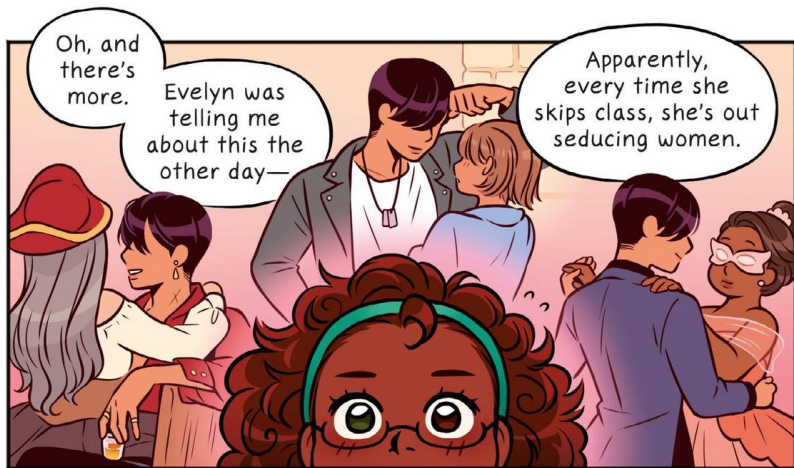




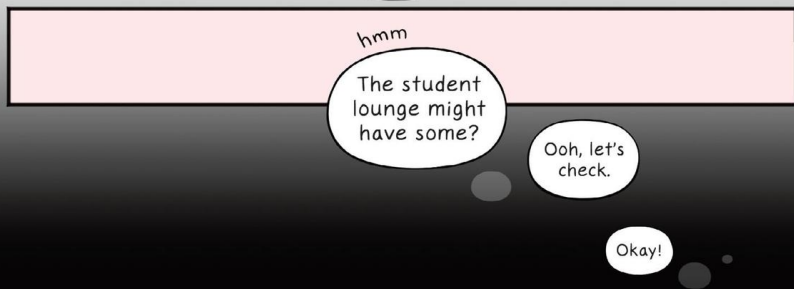
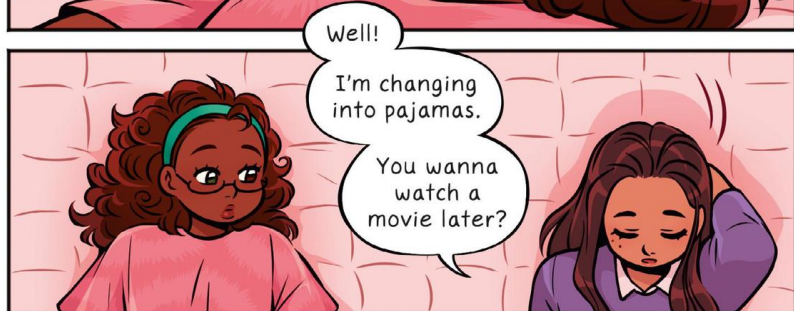












haha

You look like crap, dude.

Leave me alone. I was up all night taking notes for the history test.

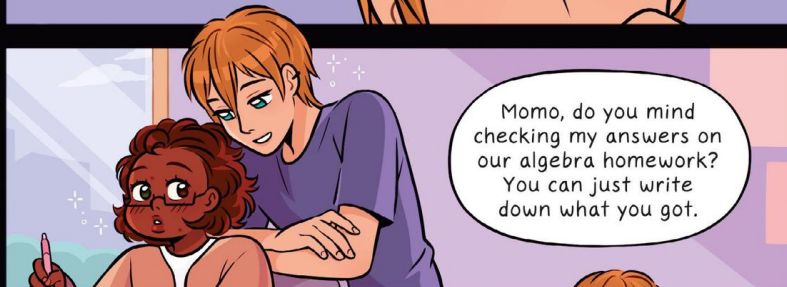
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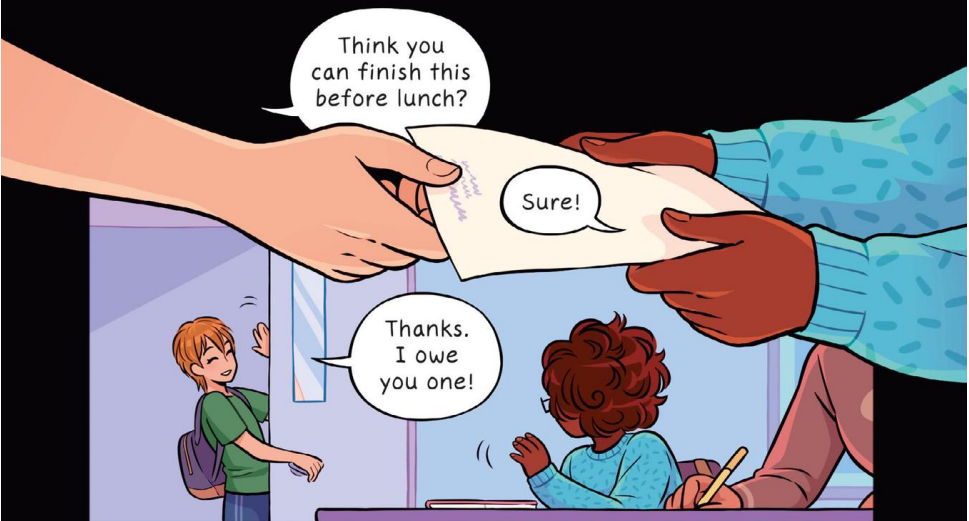
Ugh, I totally forgot. Can I see yours?

No way, I worked my ass off for these! Just fail!

Come ooon.







Think you can finish this before lunch?

Sure!

Thanks. I owe you one!



You know you can say no, right?



Huh?



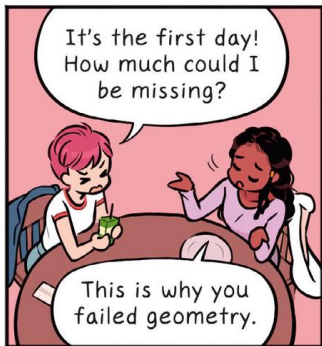
To Jasmine.







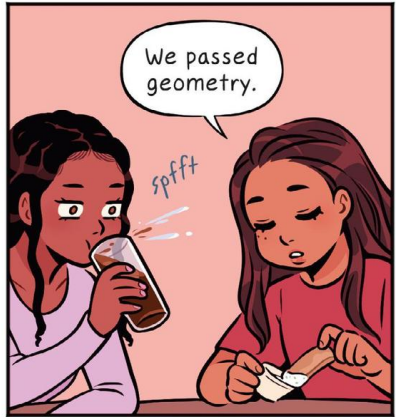






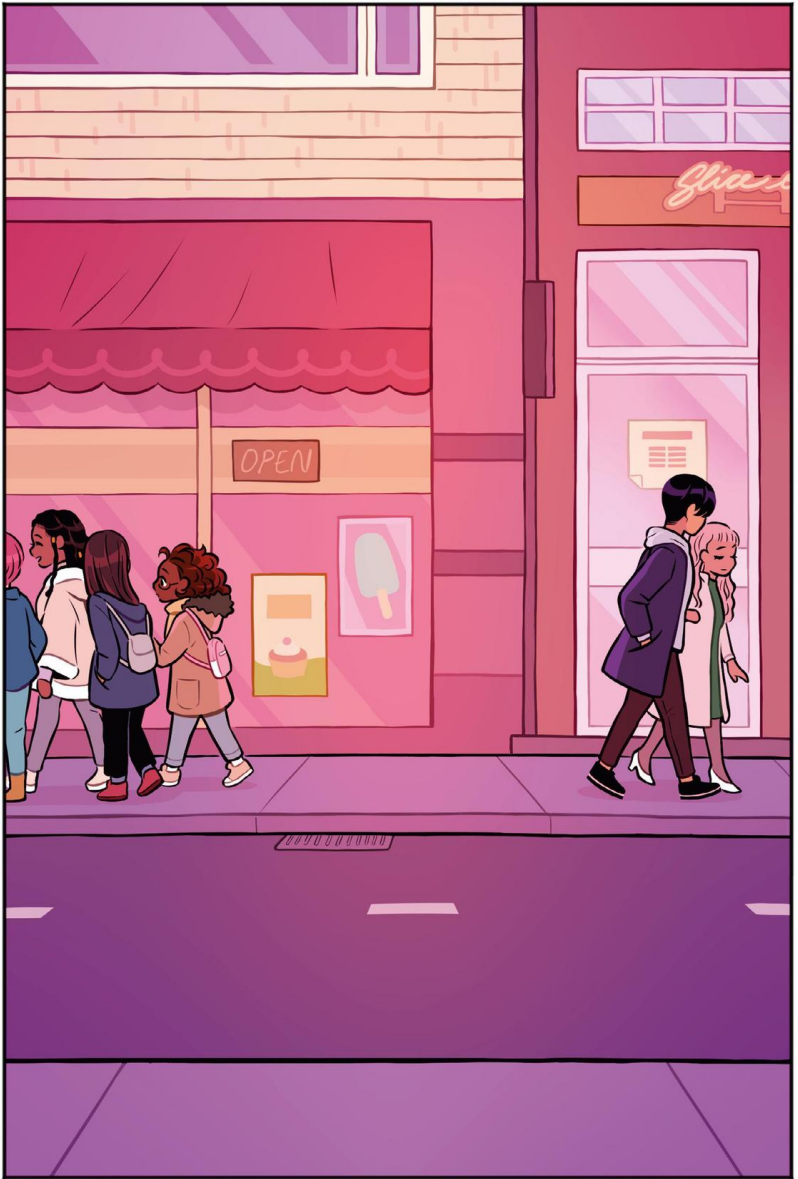
















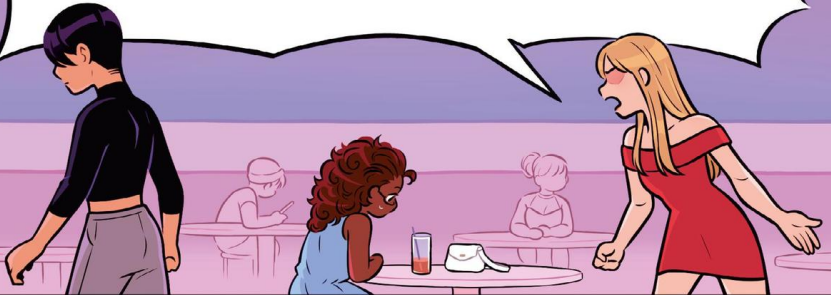






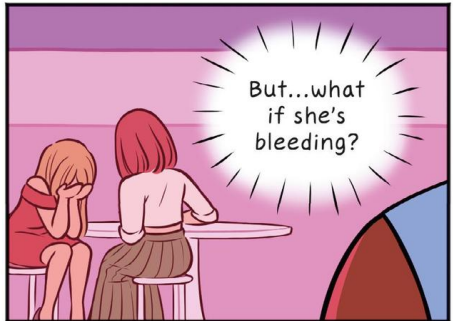
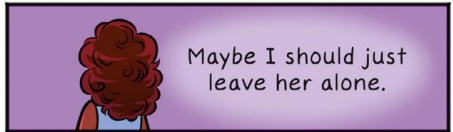


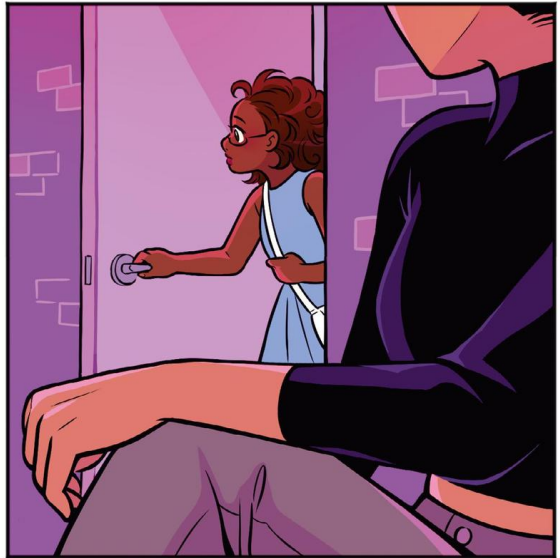
I know you slept with her.



















Ah!

See, you're bleeding!



Hang on.
It's probably just a scratch, but...better safe than sorry.



Band-Aid?



O...kay...

Great!



Sorry I don't have any cool ones...



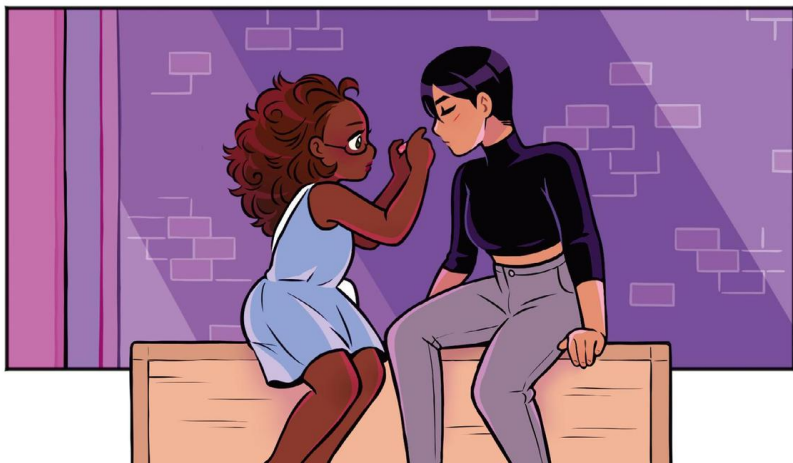
I think I got the flower Band-Aids on sale, and that's why I have so many.

Um...I guess the starry ones have more color options? If you don't like pink or purple...

They had other kinds at the store but I guess I liked these the most...

OMG stop talking!!!







It's pretty small, so...it shouldn't scar.

I'd put something on it when you get home, though.



Um... okay!

I'll just go then—

Is that really all you came out here for?

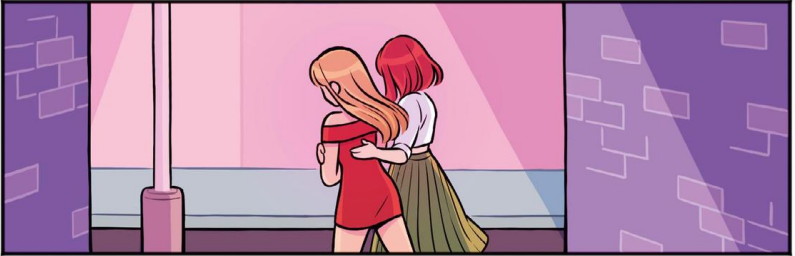


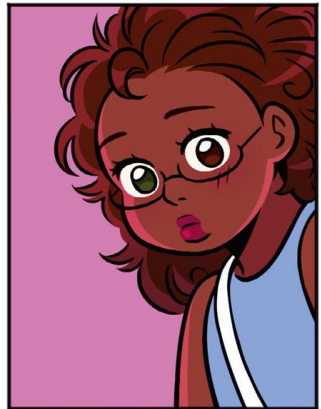
Y-yes. Why?

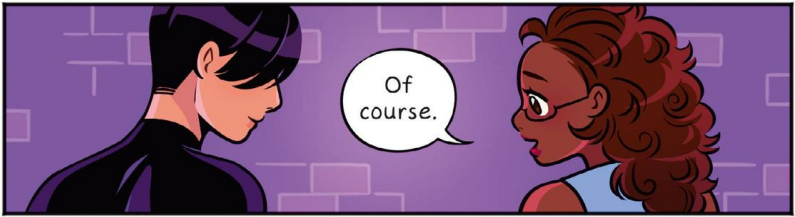






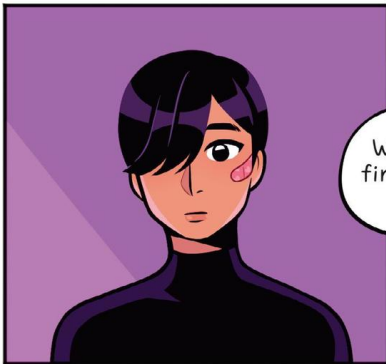
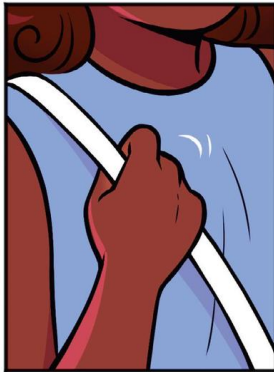


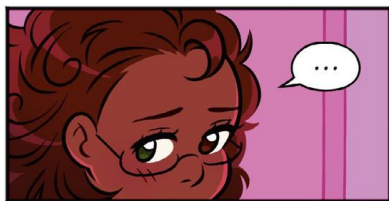






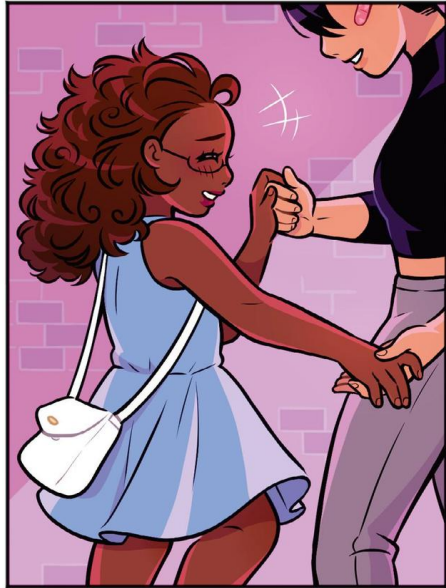




















What is going on? It's like I'm seeing her everywhere now!

Should I say hi? But I don't want to intrude...



They all seem so cool though...

Augh, brain freeze!

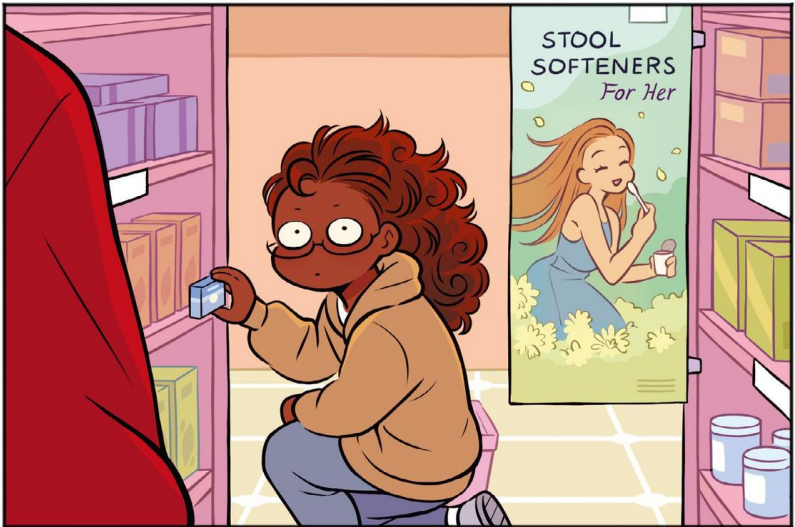
That's karma, nerd.

50% OFF















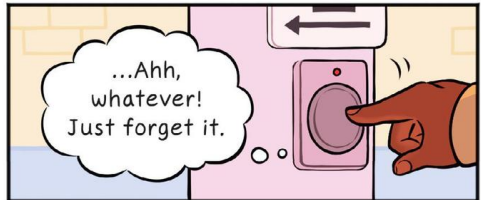






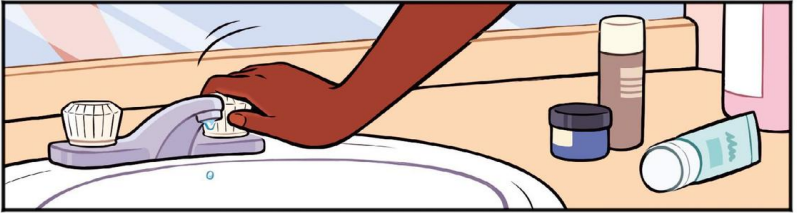


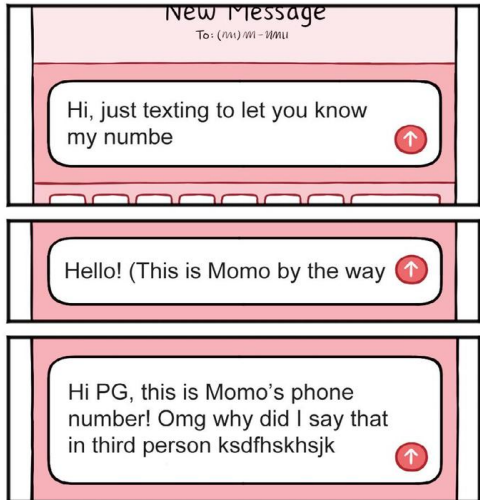
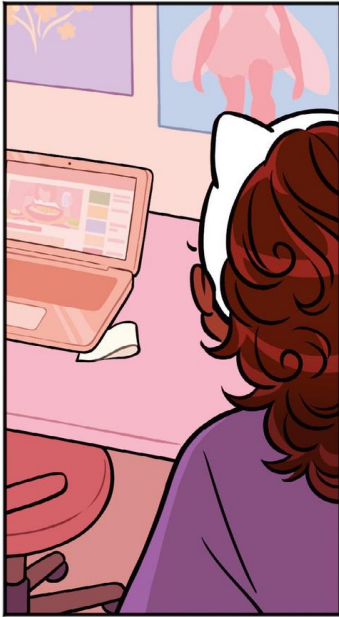


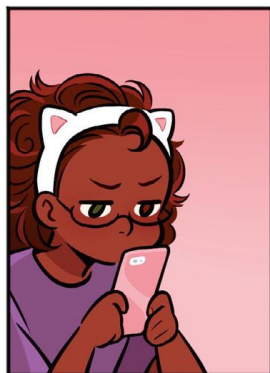






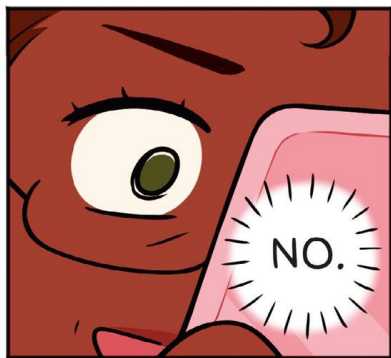
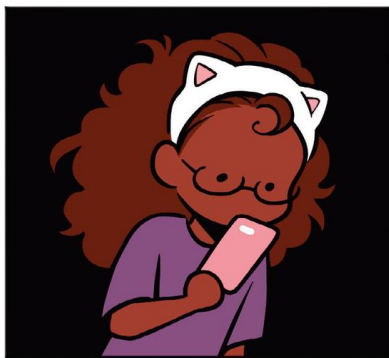
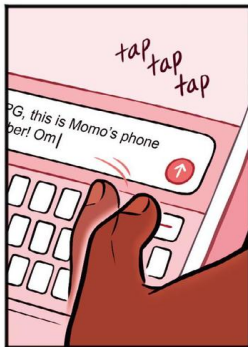


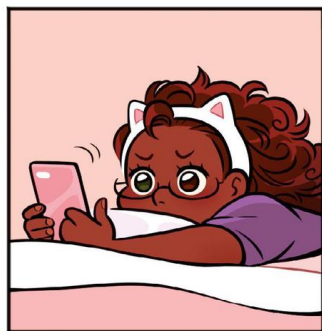


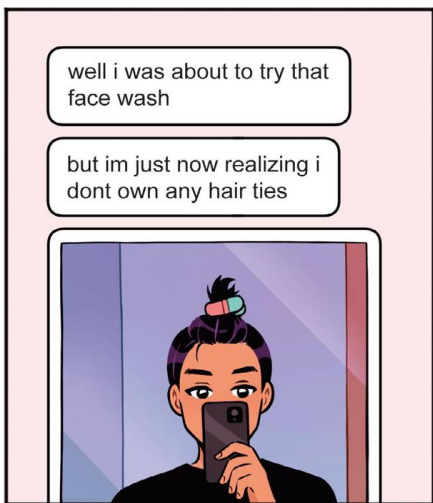
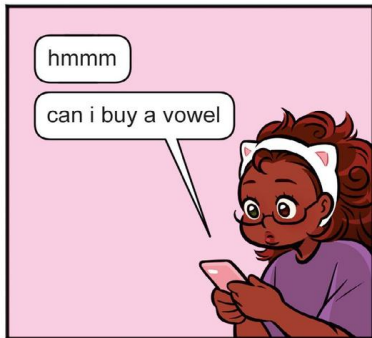


I can barely talk to people in the first place...





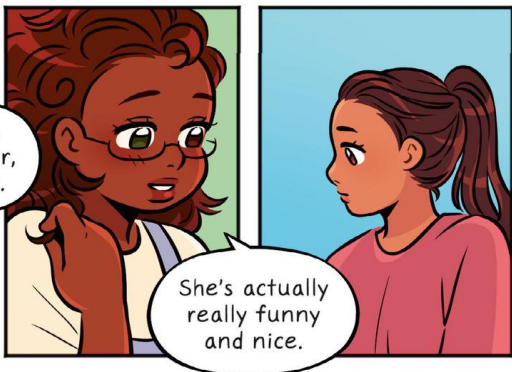




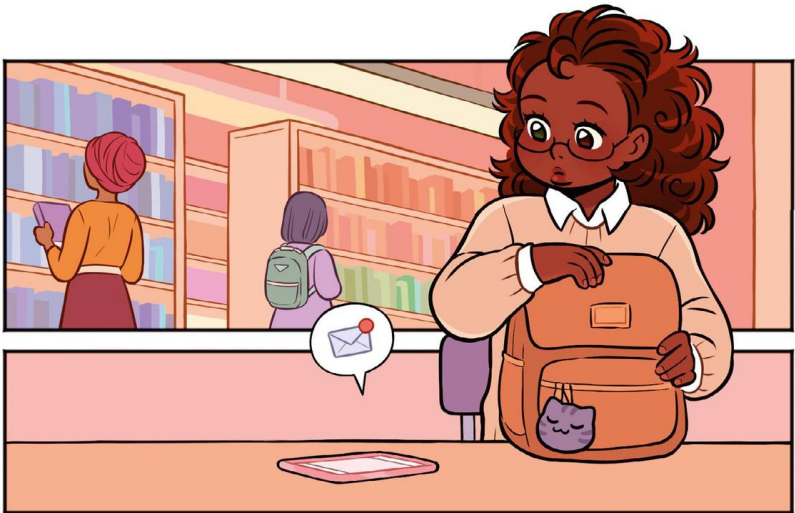
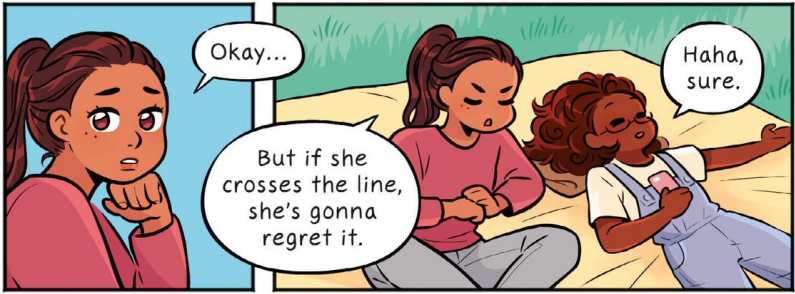




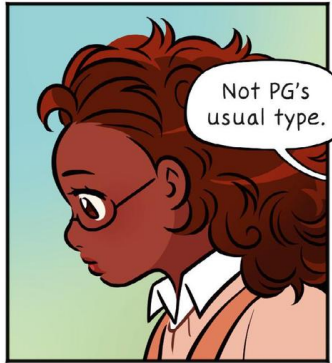


















...and that's the setup for the next book!



Wow. And you said this is based on a video game?

Yes! Fantasia Fallen.

It's one of my favorite games ever.

The remake actually comes out in a few weeks! I preordered it and everything.



They don't really make a lot of merch, but I have all the official comics and stuff.

Look how pretty the art book is!

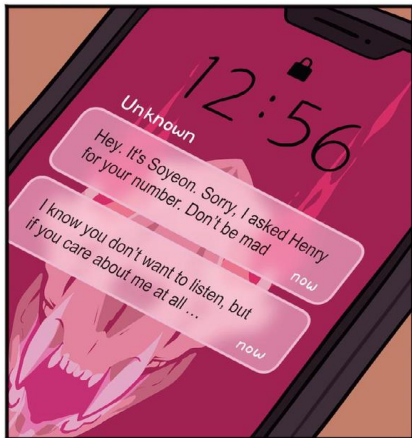


Do you have that, too?

Oh my god, if only. That went out of print so fast—it's worth like \$500 now.

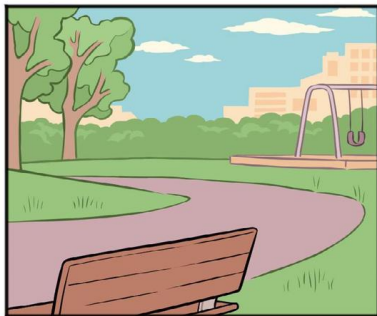






if you care about me at all ...





Thanks for lunch, again!

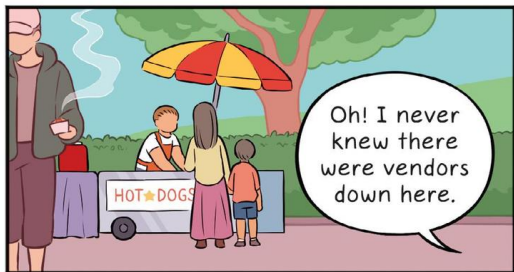
Yeah, no problem. The bakery is pretty close to my place—a couple minutes from the lakefront.

It's a short drive, but you could definitely walk it.

We should go together sometime.

I'd like that.











Is that a
new bra?



You
noticed!

I just got it
yesterday.



Aww.

I mean, it's coming off anyway. But I like it. Looks good.

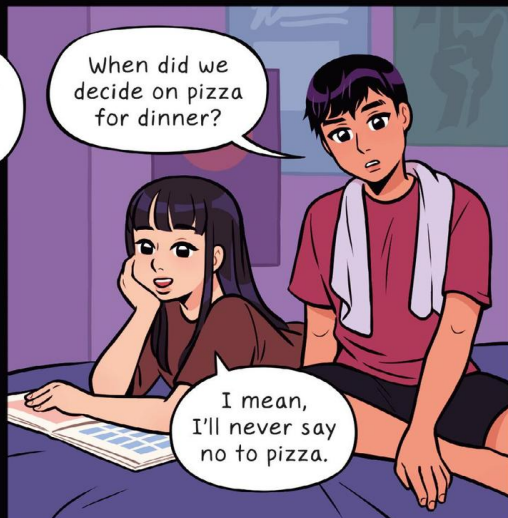
haha

Thanks.

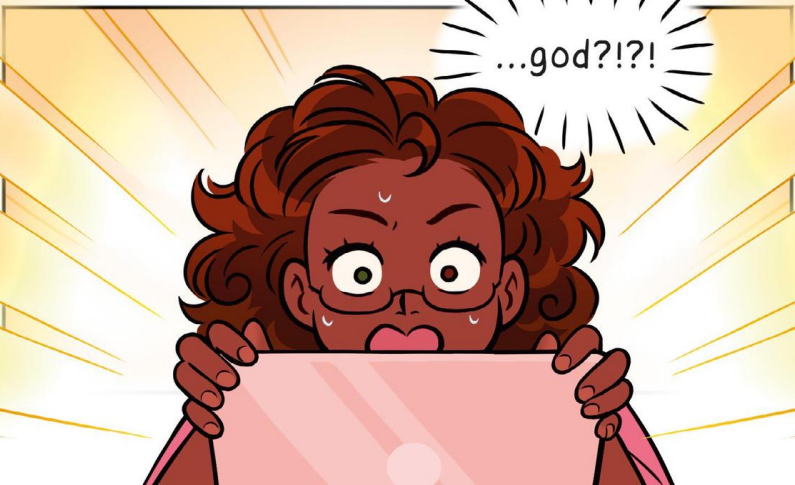
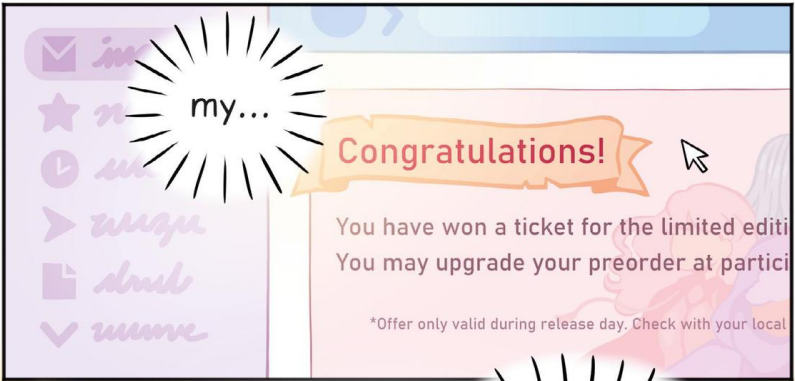
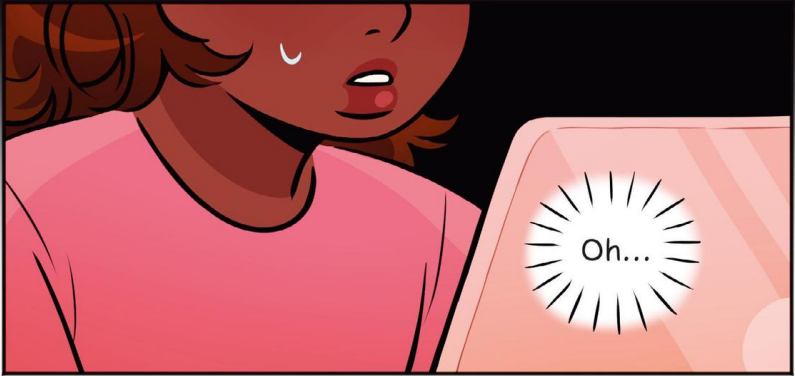



What are you looking at?














Wait, wait, wait,
slow down. What
did you win?




A limited edition
bundle of *Fantasia Fallen*!
It comes with an art book, a
tarot deck, and an exclusive
figure of Ophelia!



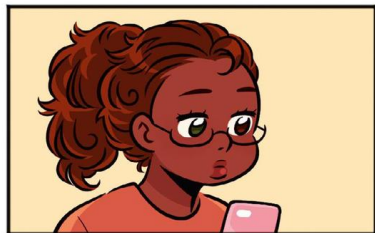
They held a
promotion for this
like five months ago—
if you preordered the
game, you could put your
name in the lottery.



And if you got picked,
they'd give you a ticket
that upgrades your
order on release day.
And now I have one!!



Oh!
Wait, that's
so cool.







Fantasia fans are no joke...



PG!

do u like music festivals

I've never been to one!

well

today's the last day of firesound

and i have an extra ticket

do u wanna go 🙏🙏



this is the lineup

one of my favorite bands
is opening

Omg

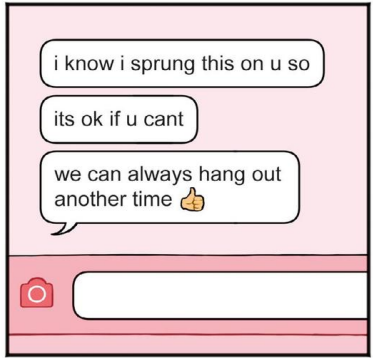
What time does it start?

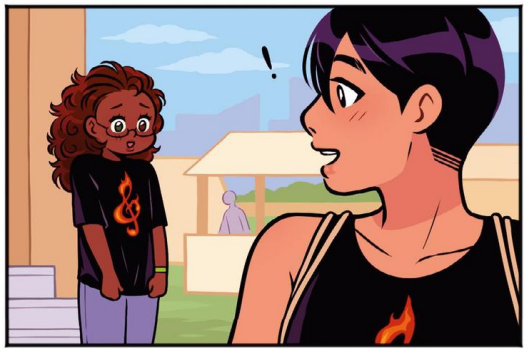
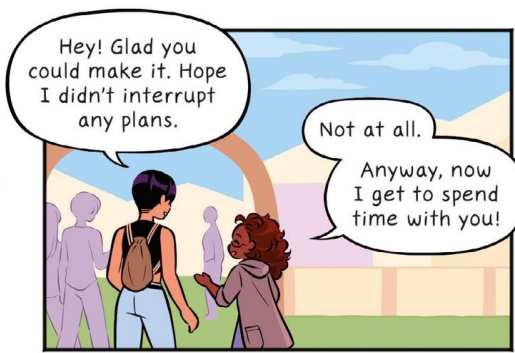
they start at 2



think u can make it?

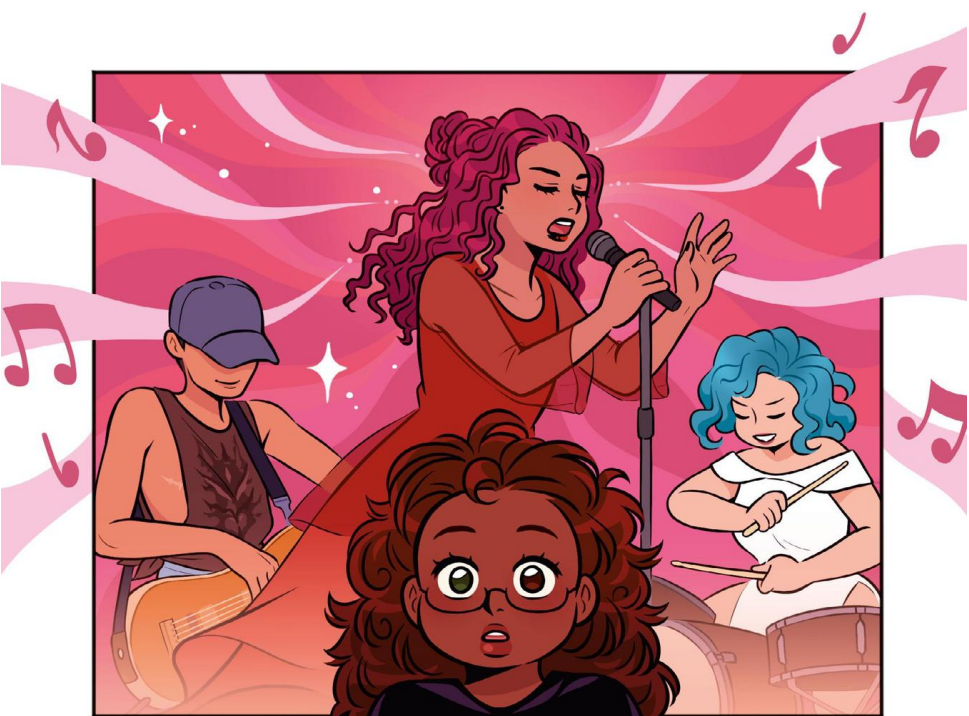








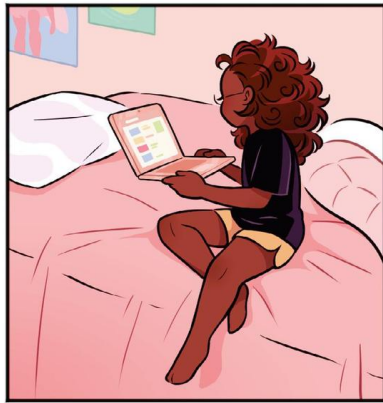




ROO AAR







Or else my tongue will plant the only words I can't uproot

I need something divine, something terrible and new

I'm Pandora with her gifts, but I want the curse of you

Yeah, you're the kind of cage that I can't help but adore
I've locked the gate and tossed the key, so



Will you let me go?



Will you let me go?



Oh, PG!

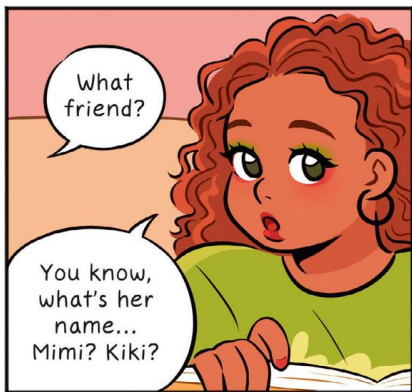


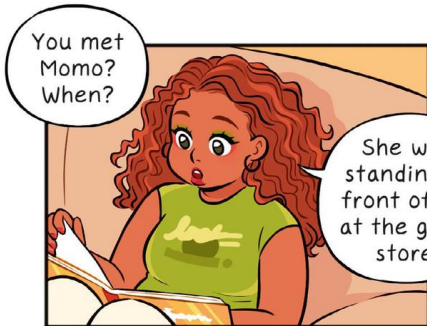
Tell your friend I said thank you!



What friend?

You know, what's her name... Mimi? Kiki?









Thursday, 2:31 PM

we still seeing that movie tomorrow?

Yes!! What time do you wanna meet up?

hows 2:30 sound



do u mind if we stop by my parents house

its on the way

That's totally fine!

we might be there a couple minutes jsyk

its my lil bros bday

Ooooh

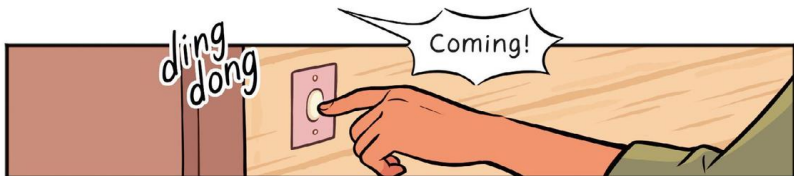
Okay!

Should I get him something?

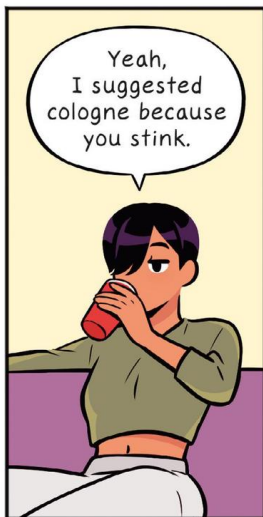
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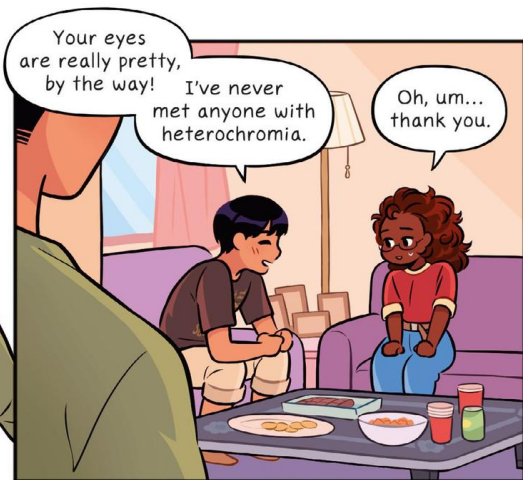


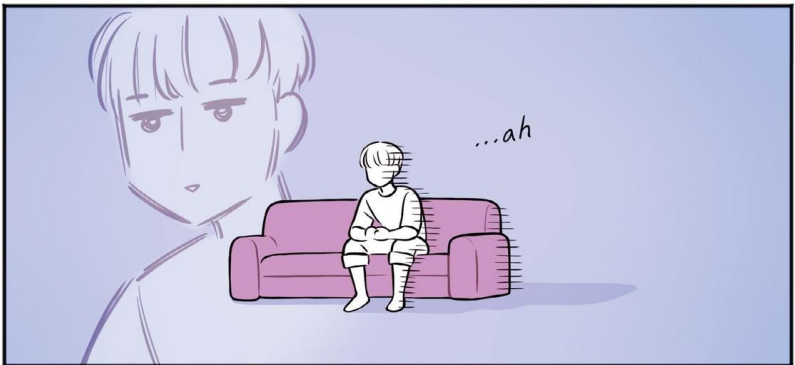




...are you going out with my sister?

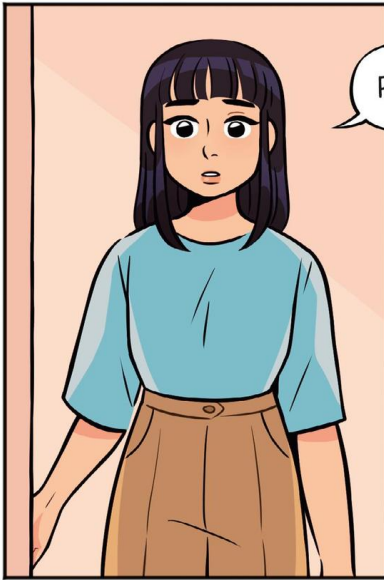




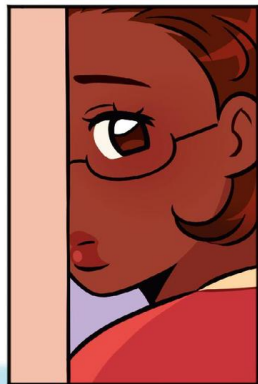






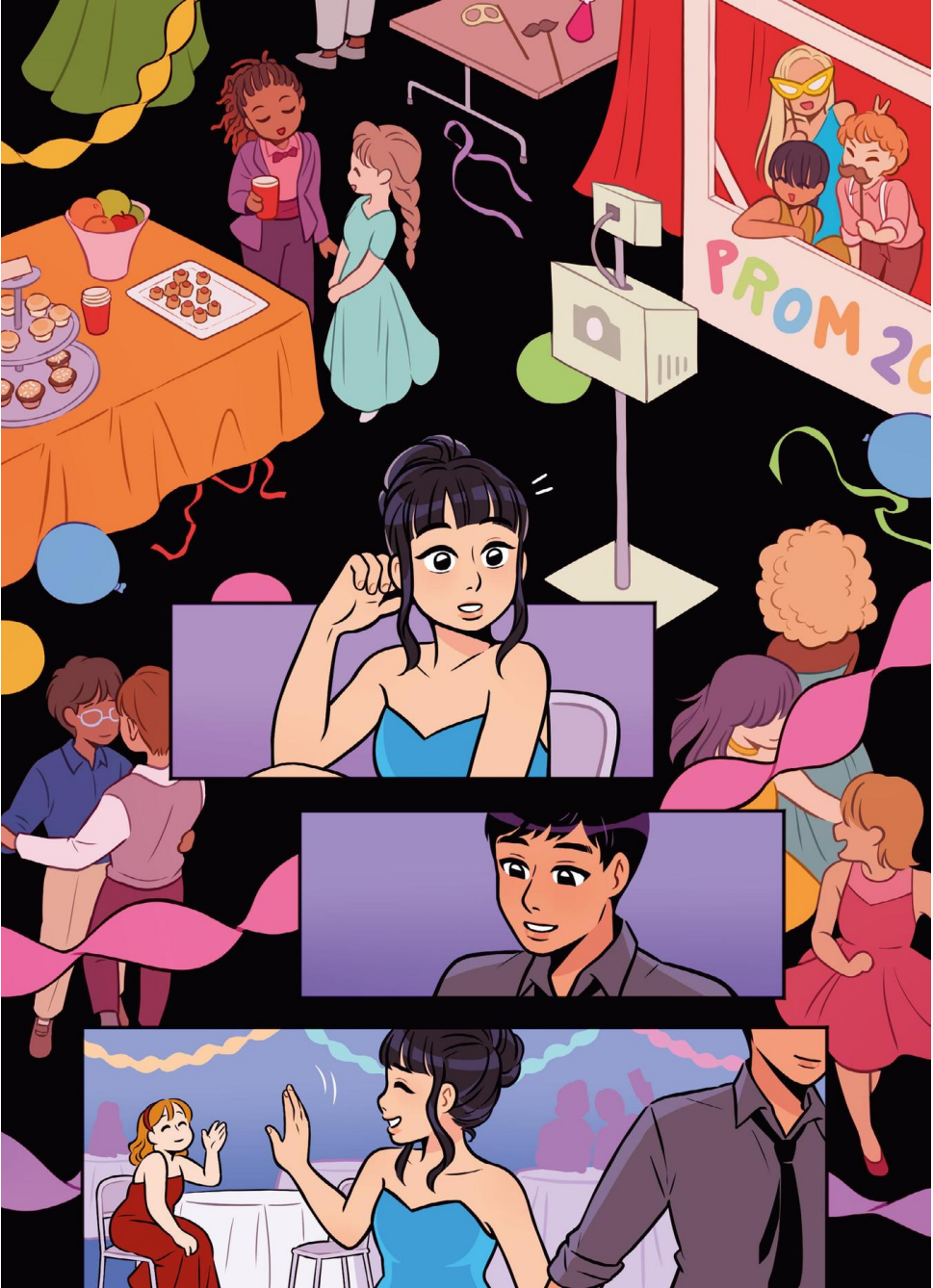




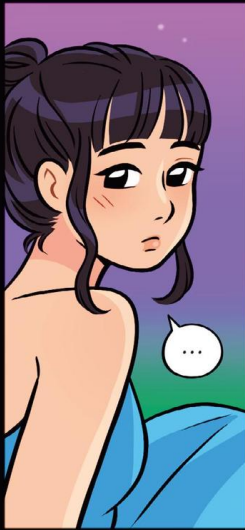




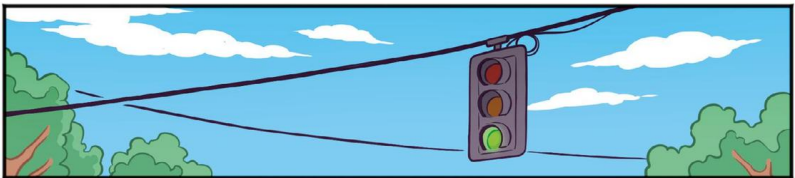


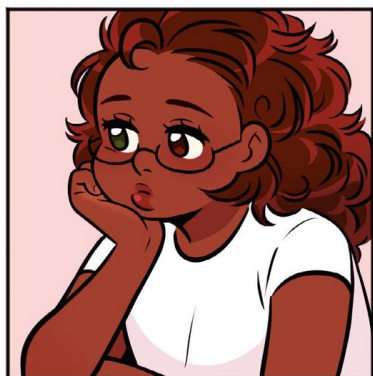












also henry said ur invited
to his next birthday party

he wouldnt shut up unless
i told u

LOL

Ok! Tell him I said thanks~





I still can't believe she took my phone.

Like, our finals are over! You have nothing left to teach us!

Does she really expect me to be paying attention at this point?



I was just about to text you back, too.

Damn. Getting caught texting? Somebody's losing their touch.



Whatever, it was totally your fault.

Maybe if you didn't like talking to me so much...



So what were you going to text me?

Oh!



Okay, so...



I'm finally going to do it.

Mhm.



I'm gonna ask Marie out.



What about us?

Well,

I'll miss having our "sleepovers," but...

I really think I've got a shot. And we're graduating soon, so...

I don't want any regrets, you know?

No. I mean...

I mean you.

And me.

What do you...





Then you haven't been paying attention!

I...



Well, I'm sorry. I thought...I thought we were just friends.

I thought this was a fling.

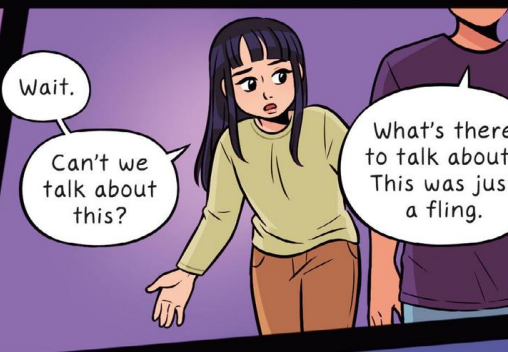


Of course.

That's all I'm good for, right?



...You know that's not what I meant.





Oh,
Soyeon!



Are you
staying
over—



?



CLANG
FUCK!



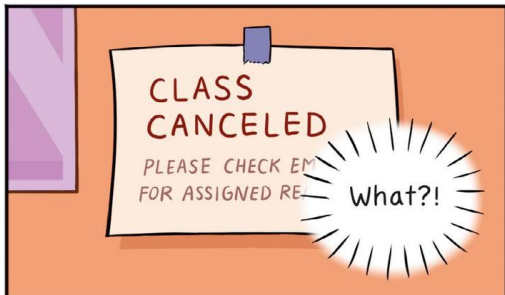


thump
thump



huff
huff







Momo?

Hey!



Oh, hi, Evelyn!

Aren't you supposed to be in class?



It was canceled.

What! I'm so jealous. Wait, does that mean you're free right now?

I guess, kind of?



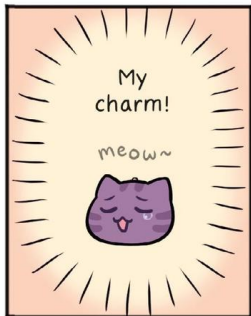
Oh my god, girl. The TEA that I have to spill.

O-oh?



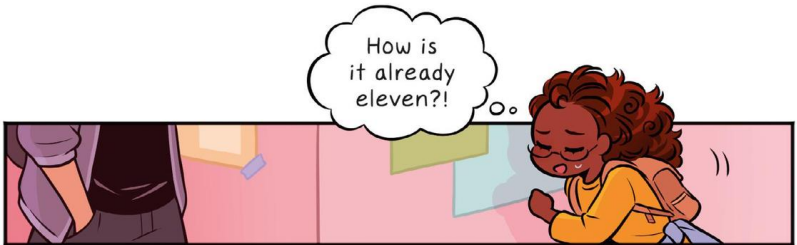
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And do you know what she said to me?

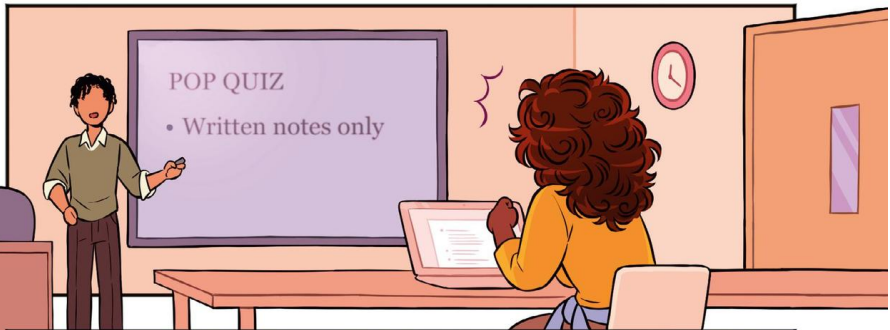
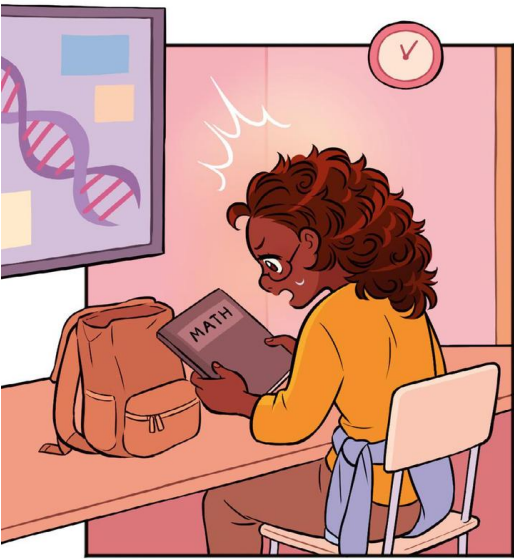














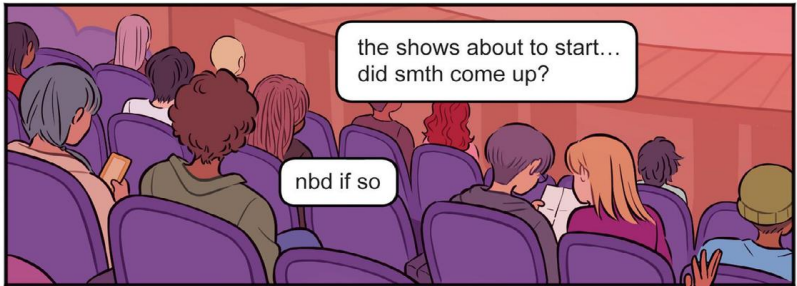














Psst.



You okay?

You keep checking your phone.



It's nothing...

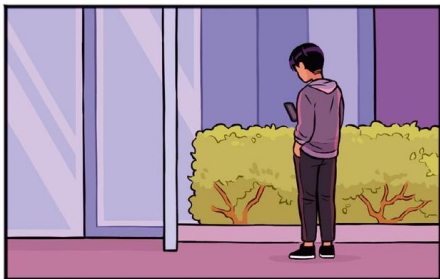


I gotta head out, actually.

What, really?

Okay... bye!

Later.







Hey...I really don't mind. I know it wasn't on purpose.

I still got to see a lot of the show—it just wasn't as fun without you.



...Momo?

*sniffle*

Sorry. I'm fine...



It's just been...

a long day...

and I don't want you to see me crying.



I'm not looking, so...

It's okay, right?







I mean, it definitely might be easier, but...

You like being there for people. That's not a bad thing.



What if I'm doing it for selfish reasons, though?

What if I'm just doing it because... I want people to like me?



Well...

what's wrong with that?



Everyone wants to be liked.

It's not like you're expecting to get something out of it.



You care about people because it makes you happy.

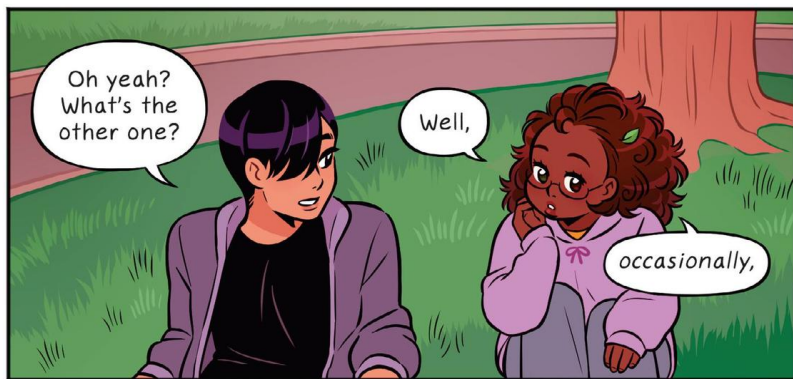
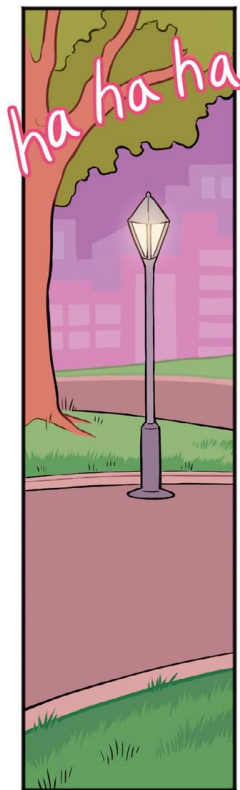
I don't see the problem, as long as you remember to care about yourself.



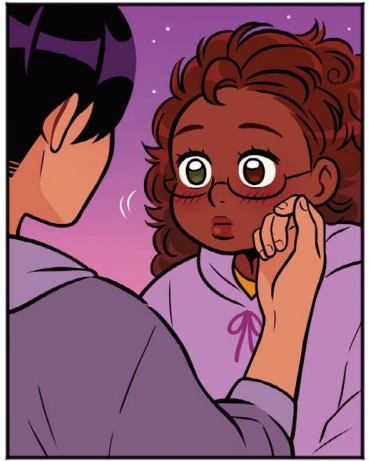












RING RING RING!!





H-HELLO?!



Oh! Sorry, I didn't think you would wake up.



No, I'm just—um, I needed some fresh air.

Uh-huh. Yeah, I will. Bye.



Sorry, that was Kayla. She was just worried—I didn't tell her I was leaving.

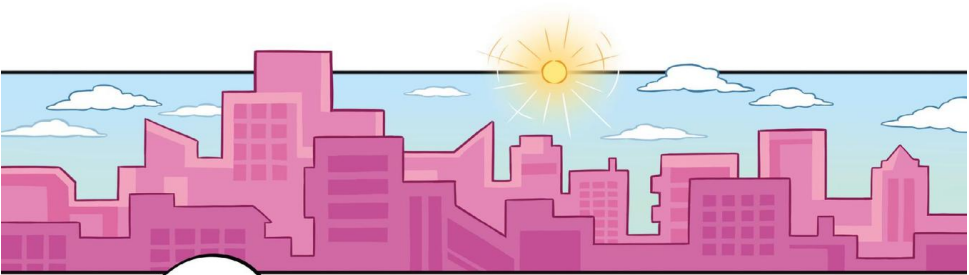
Yeah, no problem.

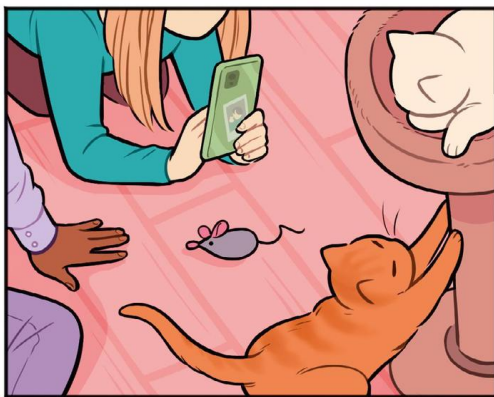


beep!  
beep!  
bee—











So that's  
what the P  
stands for??

Yeeeah...

My mom picked  
it out, so...I don't  
think it really  
suits me.

That's why  
I just go by  
my initials.

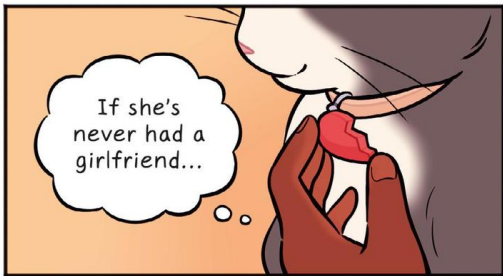
Aw...

Wait, did I just unlock  
some top-secret PG lore?

Haha! Yes,  
yes, you did.







See?  
She's having  
a good time.  
Don't ruin it.



Have a  
nice day!

Thank you!  
You too!







But maybe...

Maybe she feels the same?

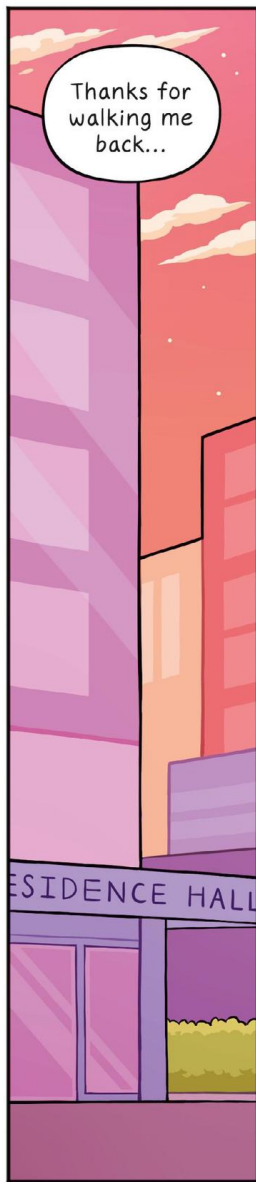






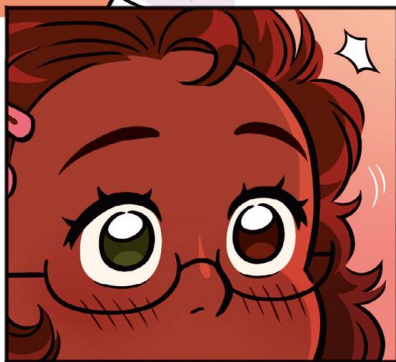






Thanks for walking me back...











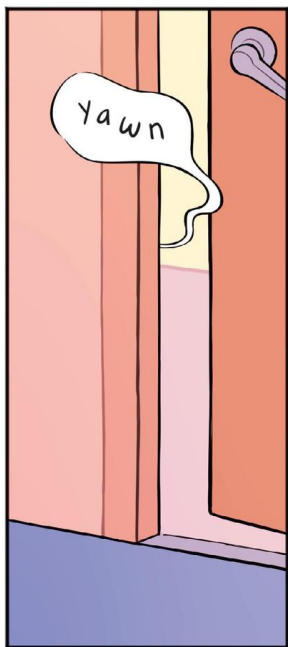
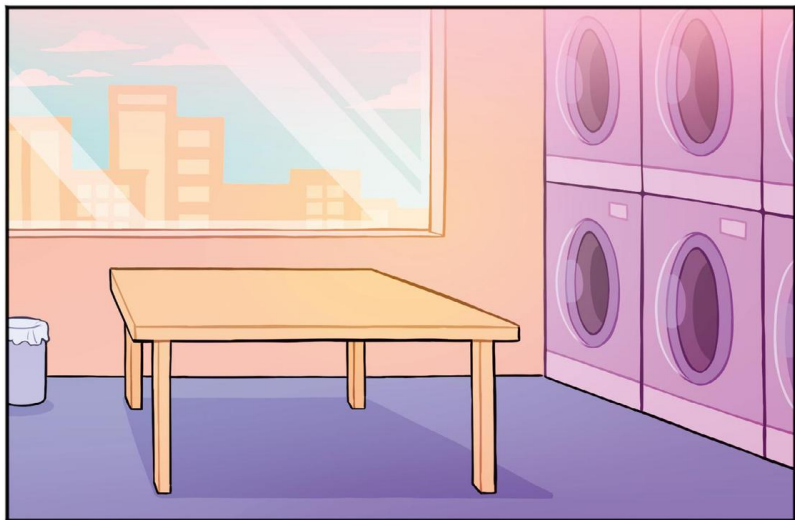




Yeah.

I'm good.











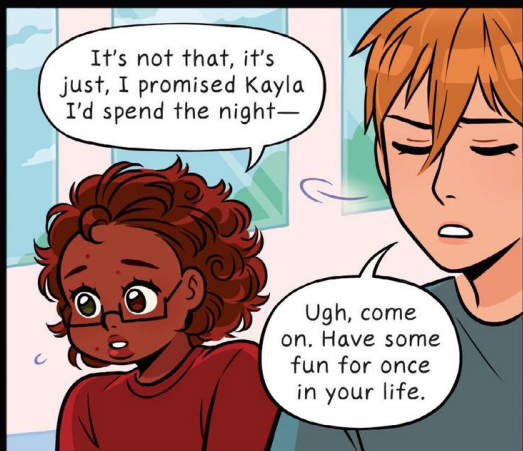














It's just that we usually—



Just think about it. Okay? Okay?



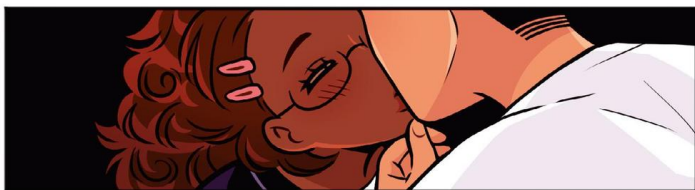
O-okay.





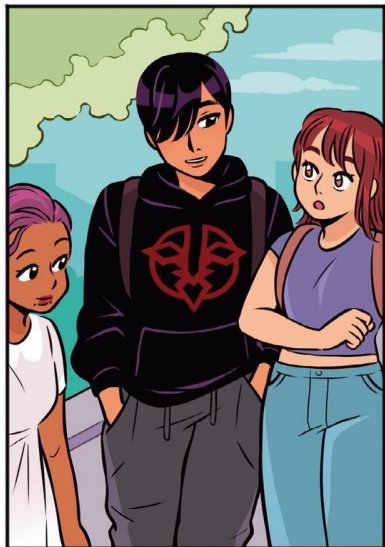


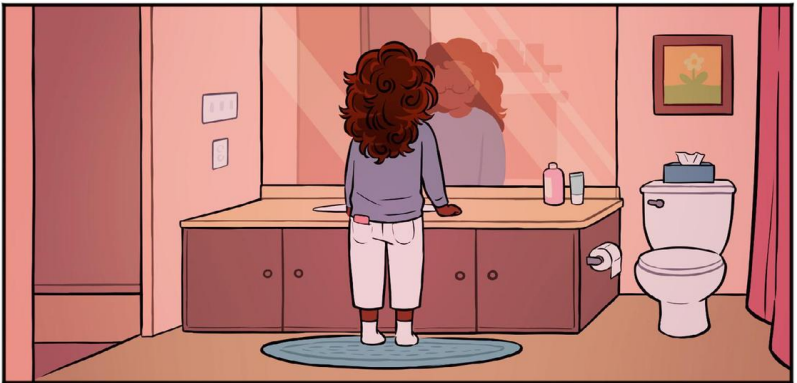
*Did she...  
make a move  
on you?*



*At least  
I actually  
love her!*







It's kind of funny that I'm coming to you for relationship advice.

Wow. Not PG's usual type.

Apparently, every time she skips class, she's out seducing women.

You're just playing with her feelings!

You should come over again sometime.

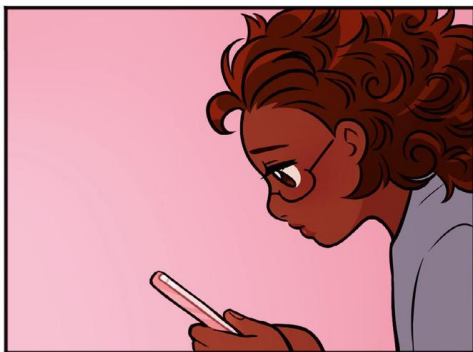
She's nobody.

I've never had a girlfriend.

PG doesn't seem like the kind of person who'd be interested in long-term relationships.

Are you sure she's not...after something?

She's probably the...one-night-stand type...



Is your roommate home?

Ah, she's at work. This is her long day.

Gotcha.

So this is your room, huh? It's cute.

Hehe, thanks.

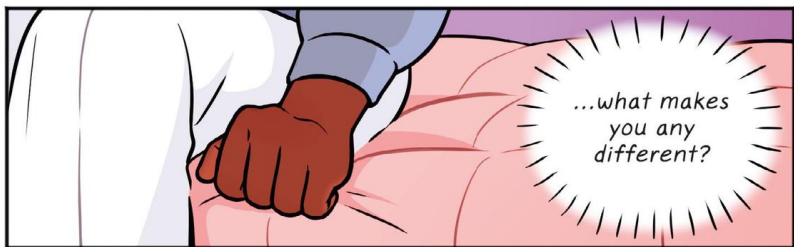
Is this silk?

Oh—yes!

My mom gets the same ones. They're hard to wash, though, aren't they?

I wash mine by hand. It's not so bad.

Really? Maybe I should invest in one.





Oh.



I'm not  
different  
at all.



Why did  
I think...



...I was  
special?





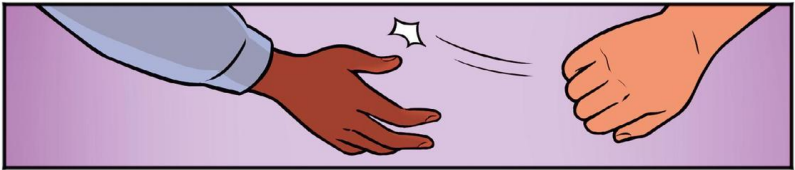


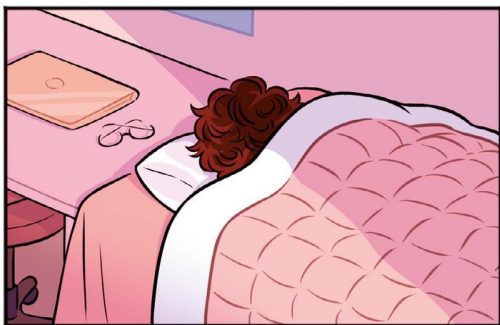


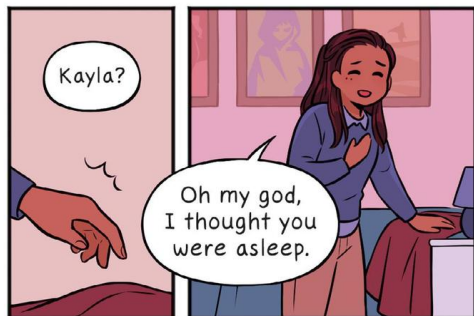
Not her type    Why else would she stay?    One-night stand  
I'm not any different    She's just having fun  
I'm so stupid    Of course it's not that deep  
Why would someone like her    Why would anyone  
want someone like me?



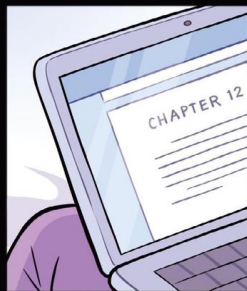














Hey, Kayla...  
am I boring?

What?

No. Who  
told you  
that?



It was  
Jasmine,  
wasn't it.

She never  
said that.



And anyway, even if  
she did, doesn't she kind of  
have a point? I don't drink  
or smoke or...go to parties.



Well...  
do you  
want to?



I don't know.  
Isn't that what  
teenagers are  
supposed to do?



Please. You  
could do all  
that and still  
be boring.

Yeah,  
but...



...I don't  
want to be  
boring.



Come on.  
Get dressed.

Why?  
Where are  
we going?

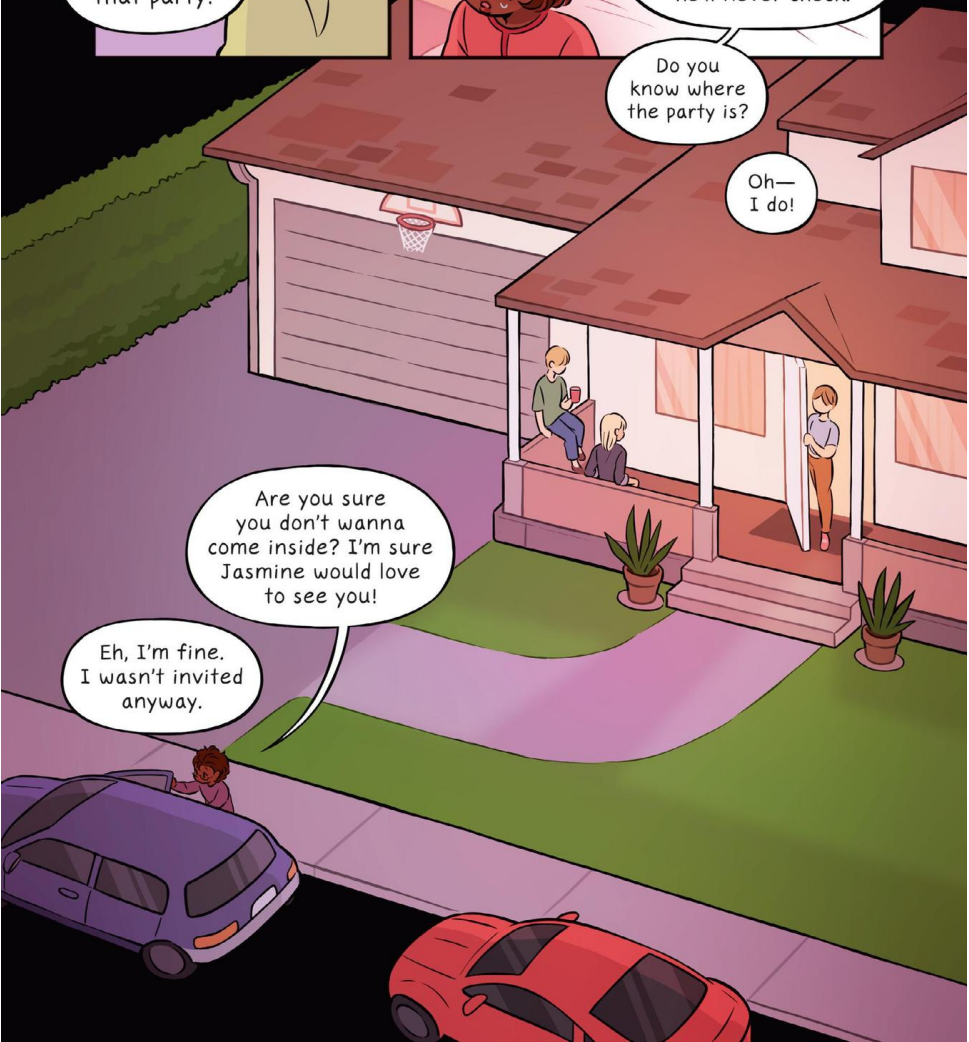


We're getting you to that party!



Wh-what about your parents?

We'll just say you forgot to do something at your house! My dad's the only one home—he'll never check.



Do you know where the party is?

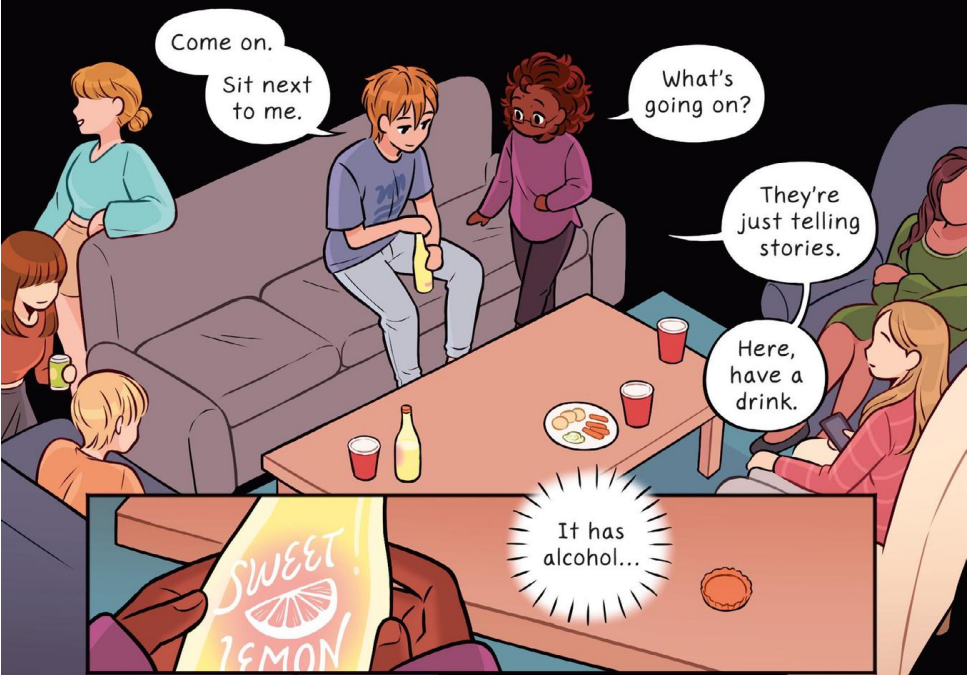
Oh—I do!

Are you sure you don't wanna come inside? I'm sure Jasmine would love to see you!

Eh, I'm fine. I wasn't invited anyway.







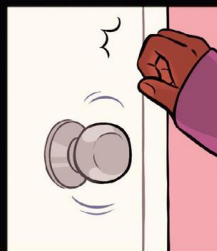
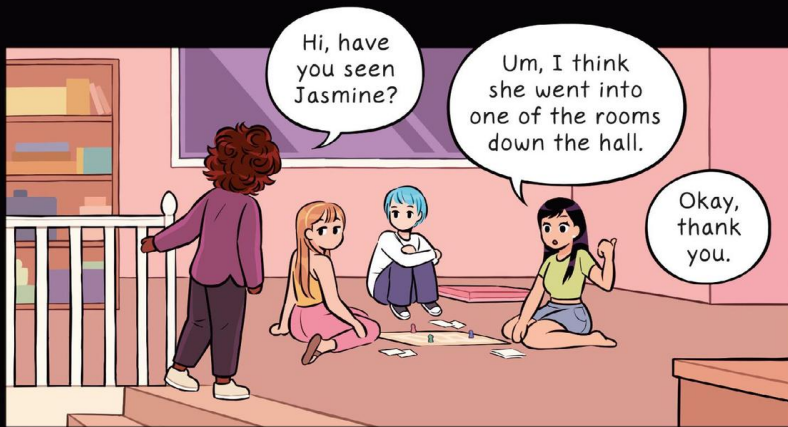


Maybe I'm just imagining things.









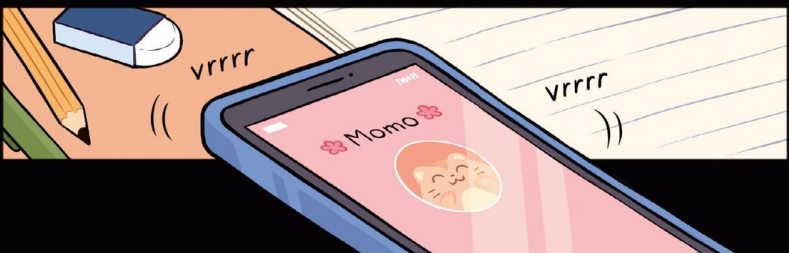
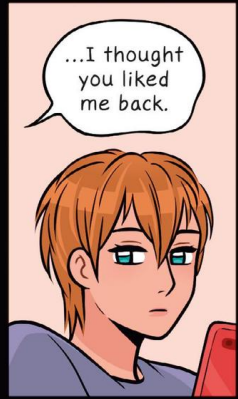
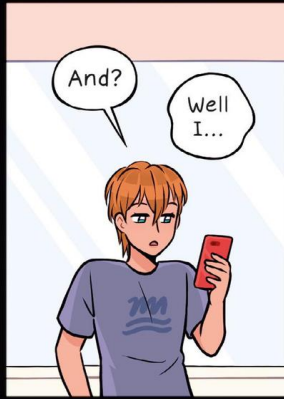




My girlfriend.









Hey!

Hi. Can you come pick me up?

Of course. Are you okay?

Yeah.

I just, um...I think I had too much to drink.

Wow, look at you! Partying like a pro.



Okay, I'm getting in the car. See you in fifteen! Also, if you have to throw up, do it now.

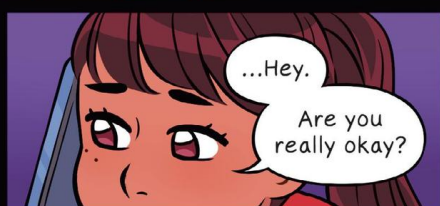


heh

Fine, but no promises.



sniffle



...Hey.

Are you really okay?

Yeah!  
Of course.  
Everything's  
fine.

...Okay.  
See you  
soon.

Bye.





Con đó  
hả Thuy?

Is that  
you, Thuy?

creak

Yeah.

Hiếm lắm  
mới thấy con  
mấy hôm nay.

It's so rare  
to see you  
these days.



Con có  
ở lại ăn  
tối không?

Are you  
staying for  
dinner?

Yeah,  
I'll stay.







Hey!



Oh, hey.

I didn't know you were visiting.

Yeah, just spending the night.



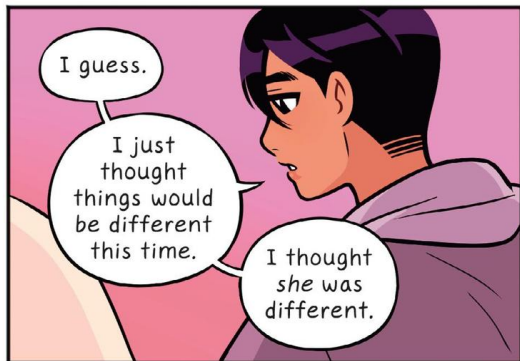
Do you like how Mom redecorated?

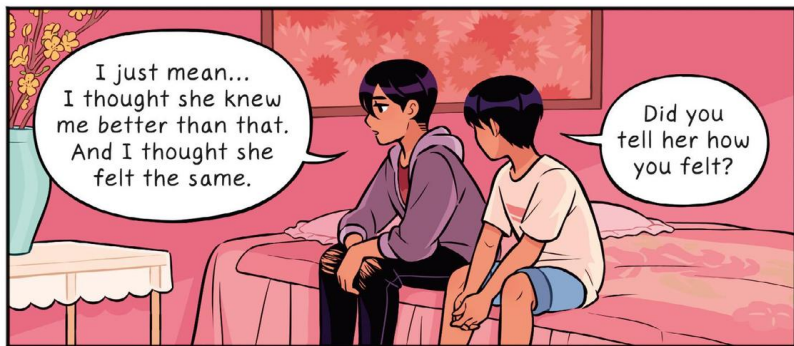
I keep telling her to turn this into an exercise room, but she won't listen to me, haha.



Uh, you good?

Huh?





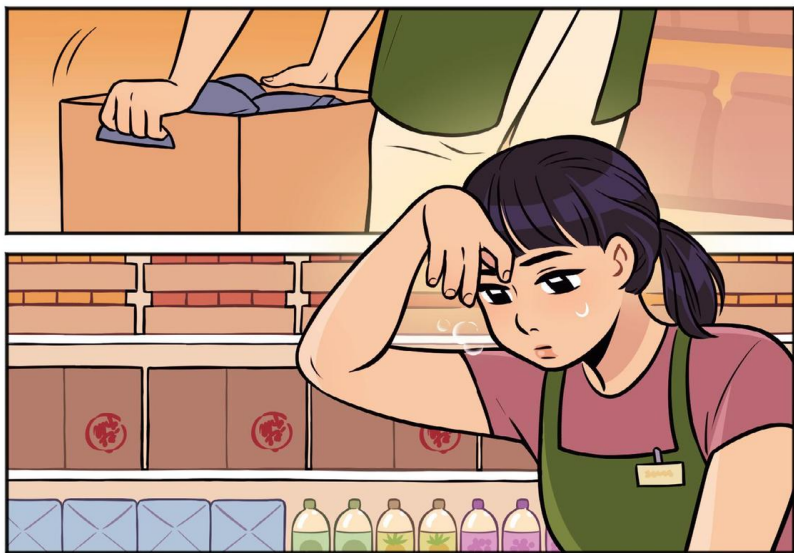
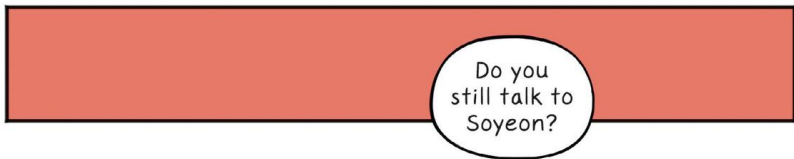
Well, hey. Maybe you'll feel better after dinner? Mom's making bún riêu.

Yeah. Thanks.



Sometimes people want words, PG.







You know, I sent you that text weeks ago.



What made you change your mind?



...I'm not sure.



Maybe because I'm going through something similar again.



I guess I just...wanted to hear the other side of it.



Great.



Great.



That's real convenient, isn't it.



How you just get to pick and choose when you want me back in your life again.

And I'm the one who has to live with that.



...You weren't the only one who was hurt, you know.





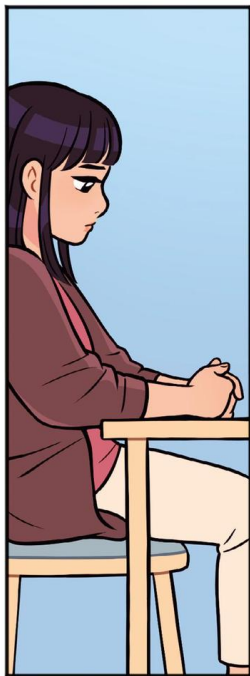
You were my best friend. You were the one who was supposed to know me better than anyone else.



When I have feelings for someone...



I don't mess around.



For what it's worth, I didn't know.

I'm serious.



I'm sorry I didn't realize, but I'm not a mind reader, okay? I had my own shit to deal with back then.

And you were my best friend, too. Why didn't you just tell me?

I thought you knew. You should have known.



Well you shouldn't have assumed!

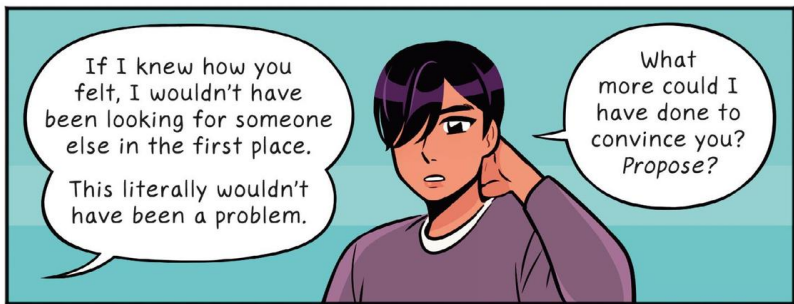


I don't think you know how it feels to be out of someone's league. You were always so popular. You just seemed... unattainable.



So when someone came along who was within my reach, I just...  
I wanted that for me, too.







sigh

Look.

I may not have talked to you about it, but...

you didn't talk to me either.

You can't blame me for doing the same thing.



Besides, when was I supposed to explain myself?

Before or after you kicked me out?



What you said back then, about me fooling around...

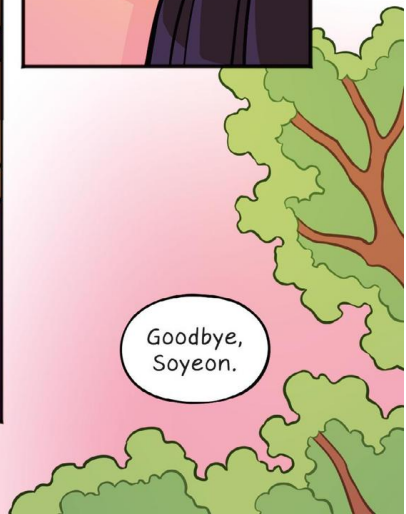
I've heard all that before.

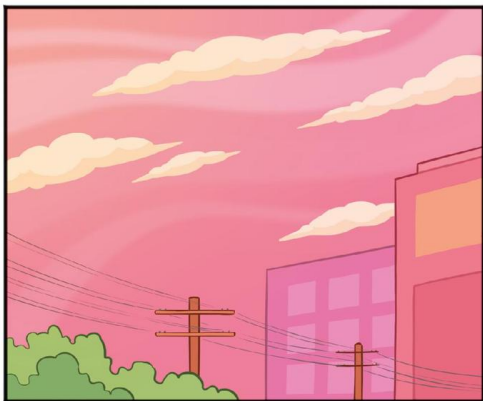
It was just a hundred times worse, coming from someone who was always supposed to be on my side. It felt like I never meant anything to you.











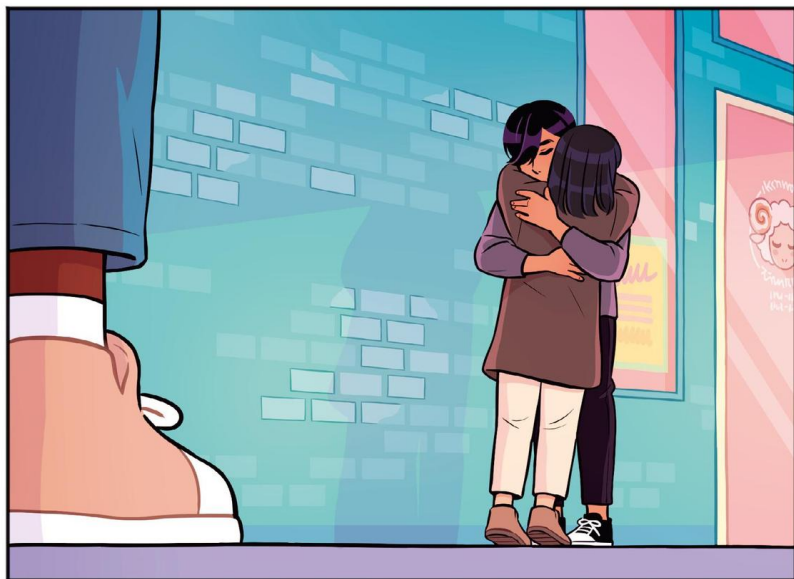
She should be home, but I'll text her when I'm closer to the apartment...

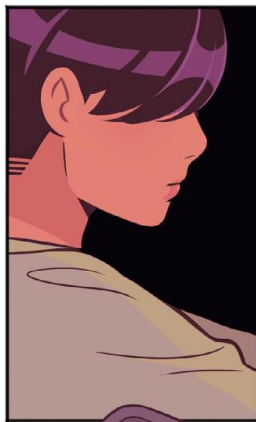
and I can pick up something for her on the way.



I wonder if I should get her a drink, too? Maybe if they have a flavor she likes—







...Am I the  
nobody now?

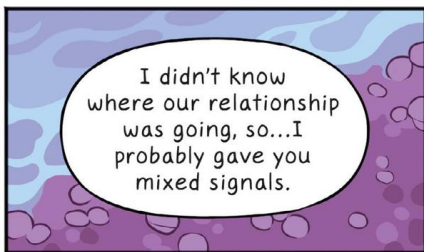


Momo?

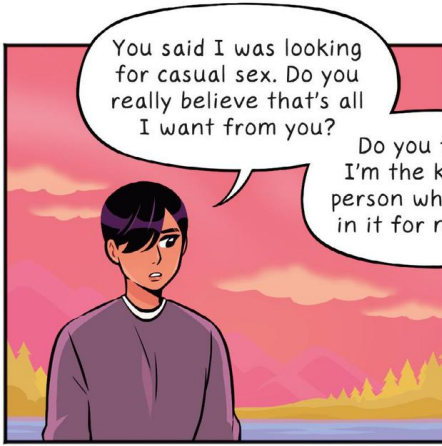












Do you think I'm the kind of person who's only in it for myself?



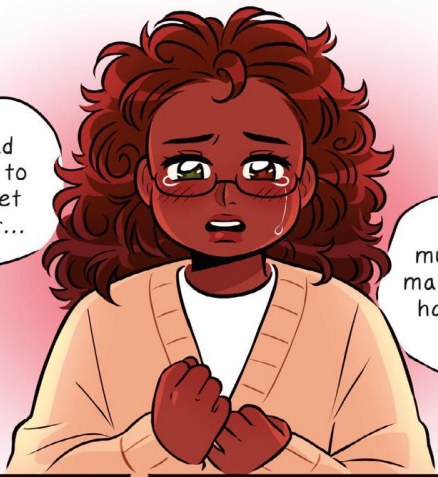




...I wish you would have told me from the beginning.

It's bad enough to let it get this far...

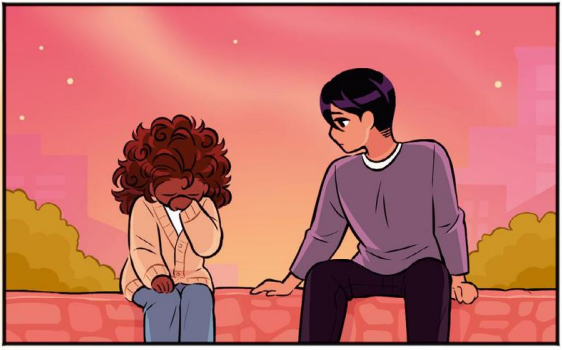
But it's so much worse to make me think I have a chance with you.



And maybe that's my fault, too, but...

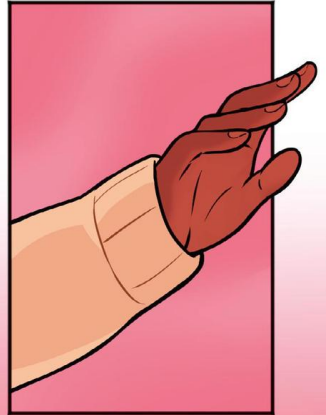


...I'm sorry for wanting somebody to like me back for once...!!


















I like you, Momo.

I like you so much.



Dating, or being girlfriends...I don't know if those are enough to describe how I feel.

We can call it whatever you want.

I just...

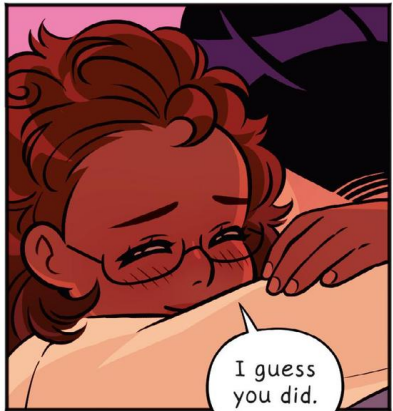




...didn't I say you could stand to be more selfish?



Yeah.



I guess you did.



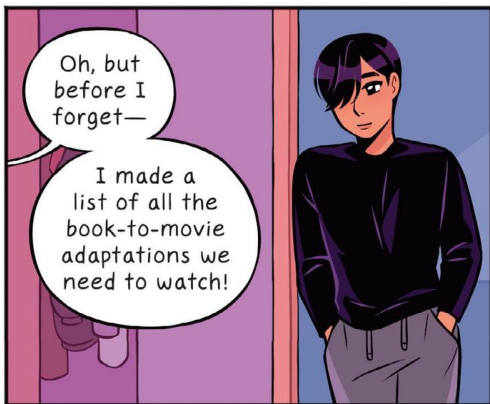
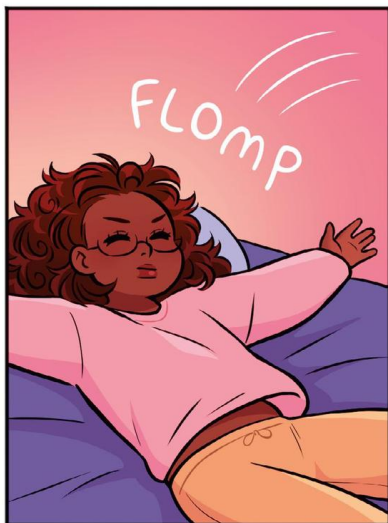


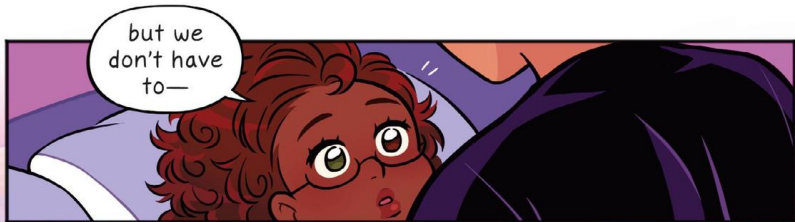






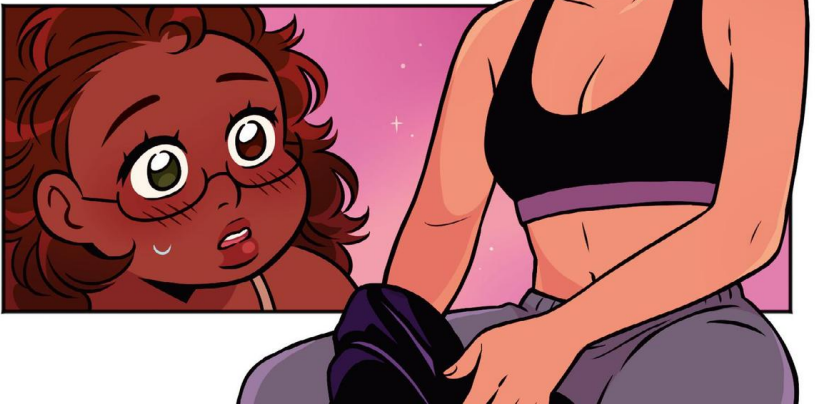
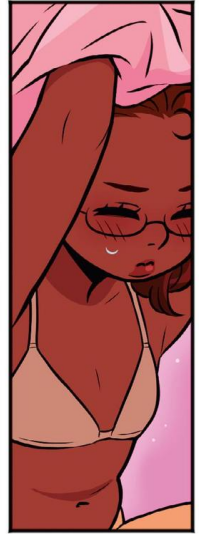


















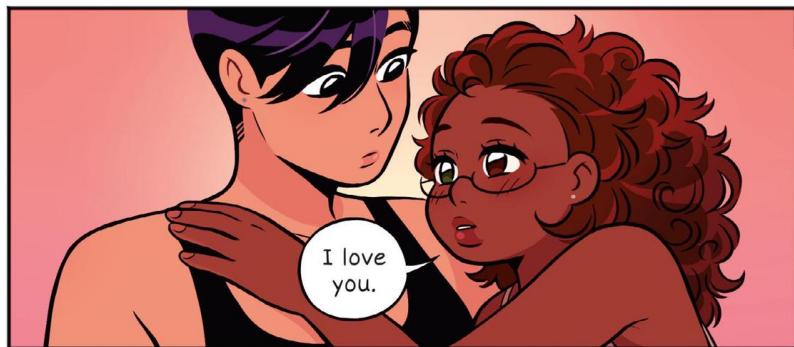


I'm...  
I'm not even  
wearing cute  
underwear.















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