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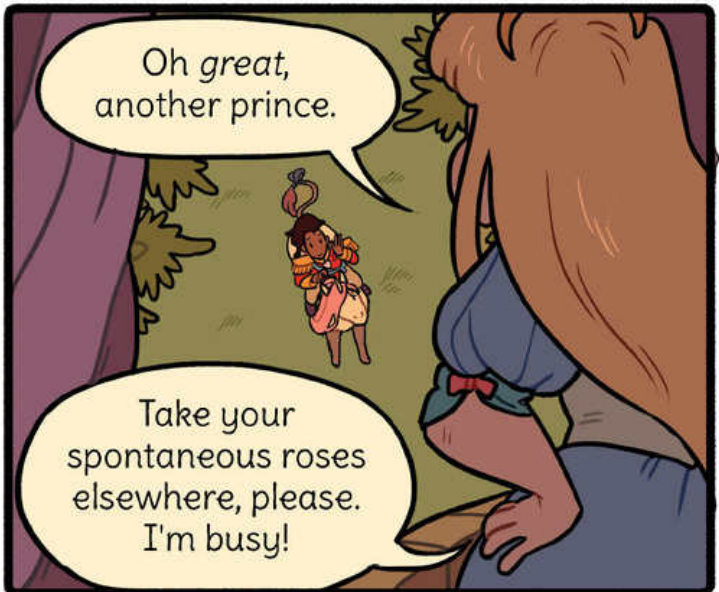
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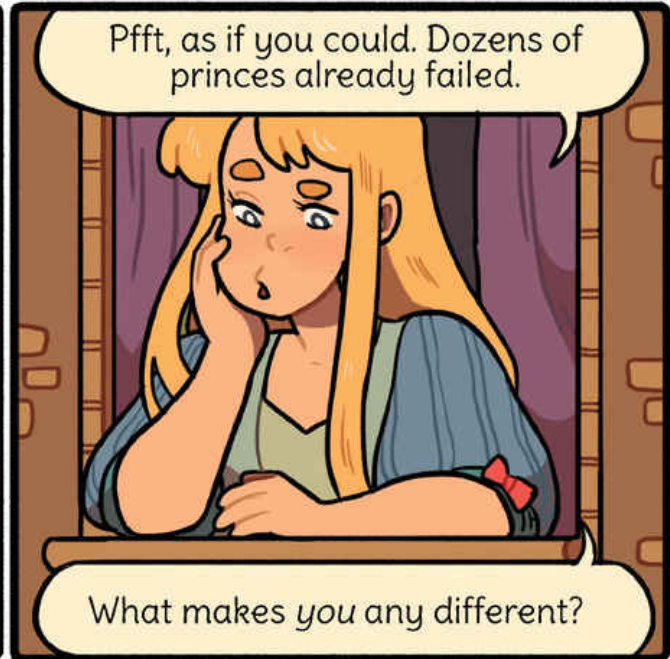
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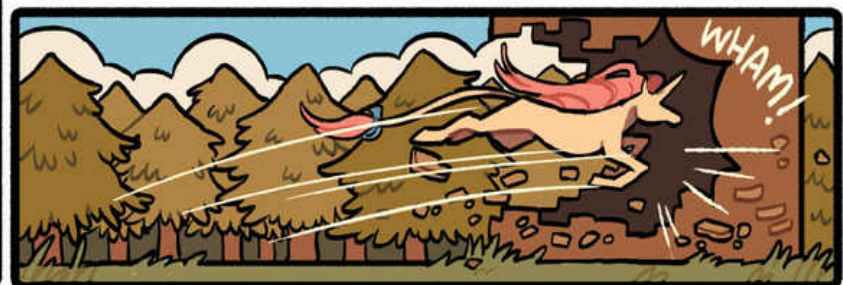
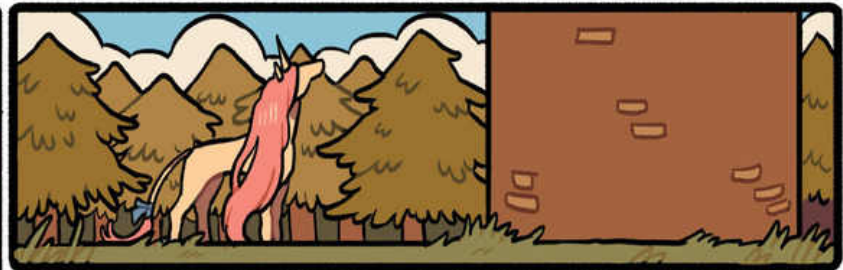
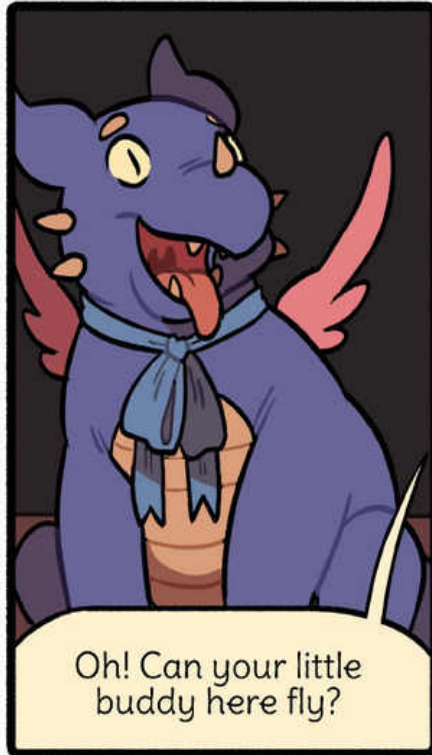
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CRASH!!



Good job, Celeste!

Yeah... Thanks, Celeste.



Celeste would do anything for a cookie.



...I can so relate.



Sooo...



Now what?



I'm not sure... Actually, this is my first time rescuing a princess...

What?! You're a rookie?

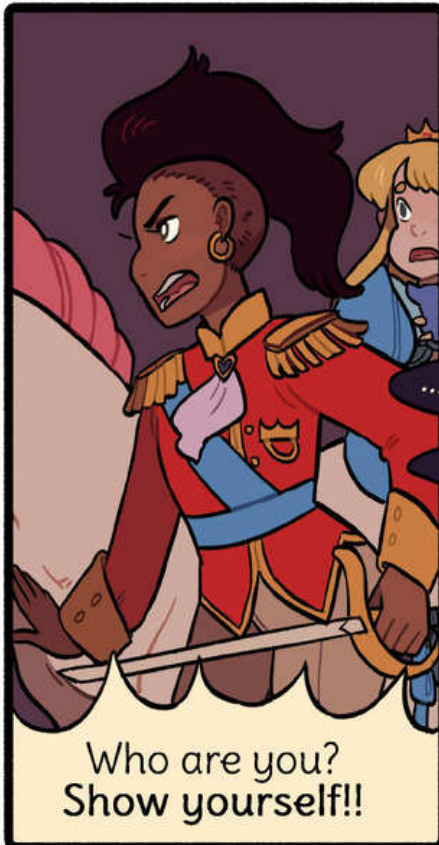


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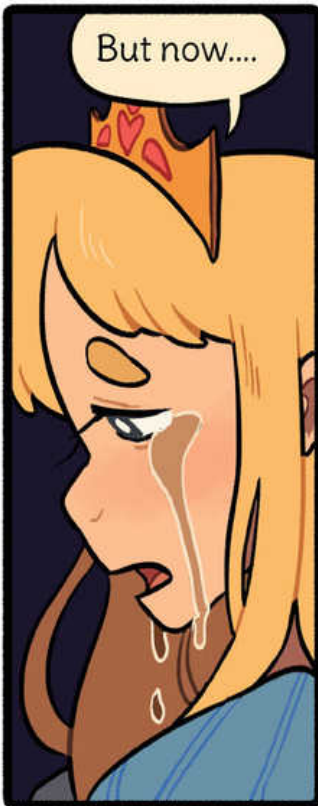
At least there I was-



-safe.











Up there, Amira!



Fear not, noble prince, for we have come to rescue you!



Er, no thanks, I'm fine!



I'd disagree.



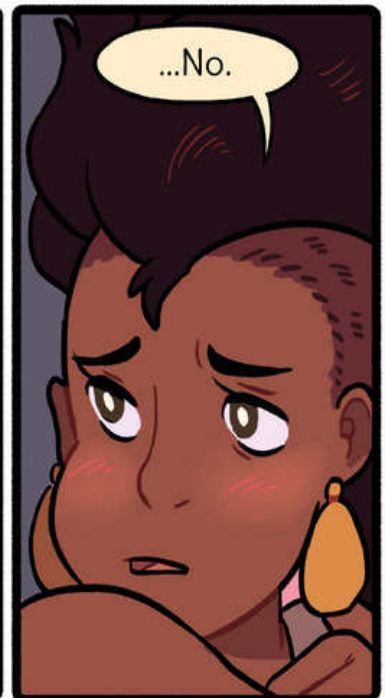
Look, I would just really prefer not to be rescued by...  
...well, princesses!



Fine, Prince Butthead here can rescue himself. Let's go, Sadie.



Amira, wait-





I think we were very lucky to be born in these shoes.



Should we not share that with everyone?



Fine, I'll rescue the butthead.

My hero!



I assure you, it isn't necessary!

Shut it.



Everything is under control!



You really don't-

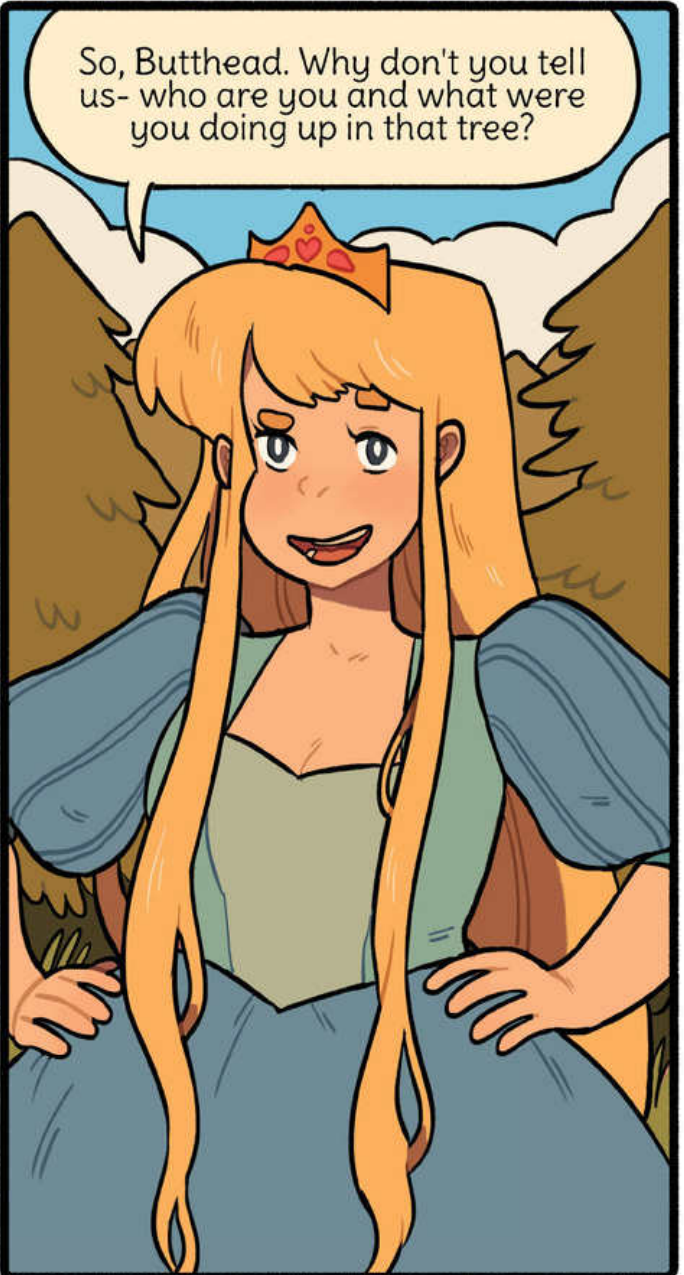
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What-?



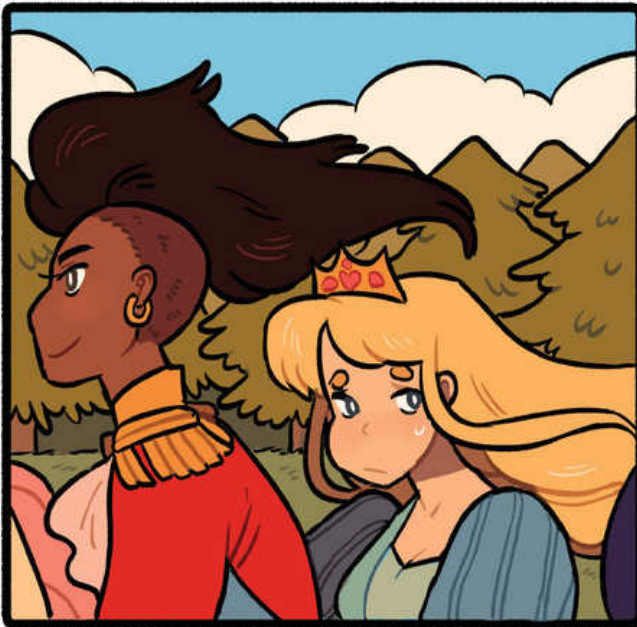
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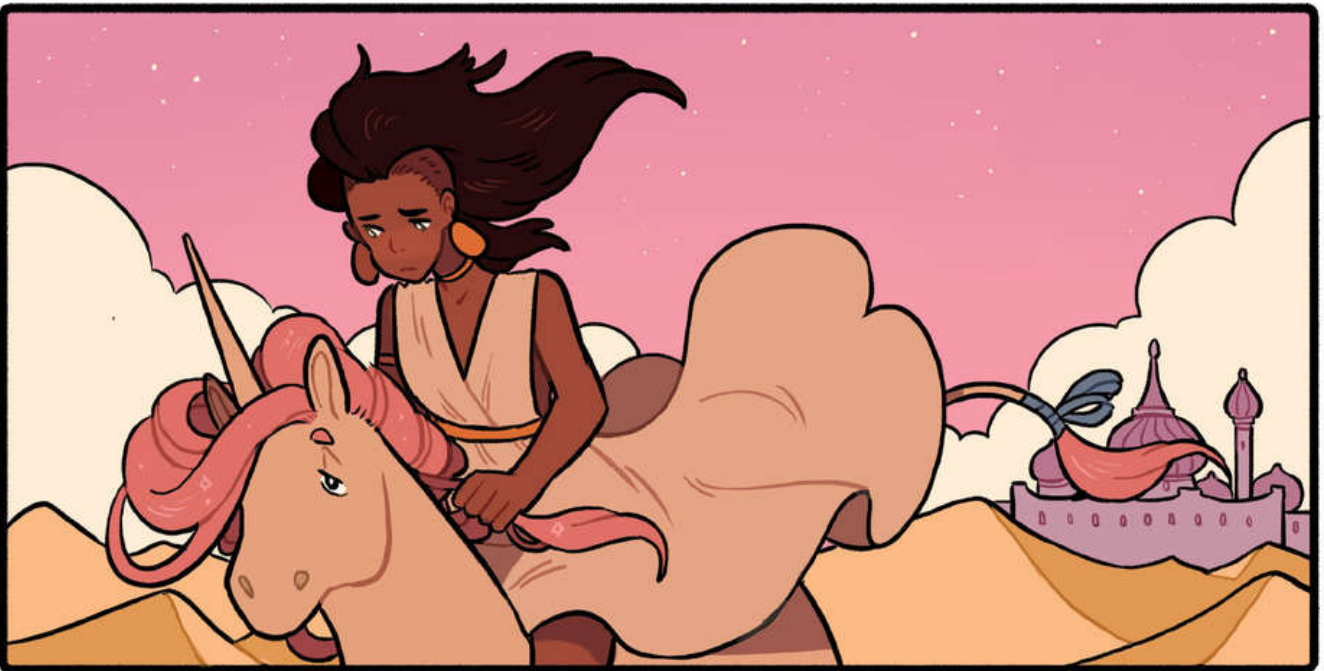




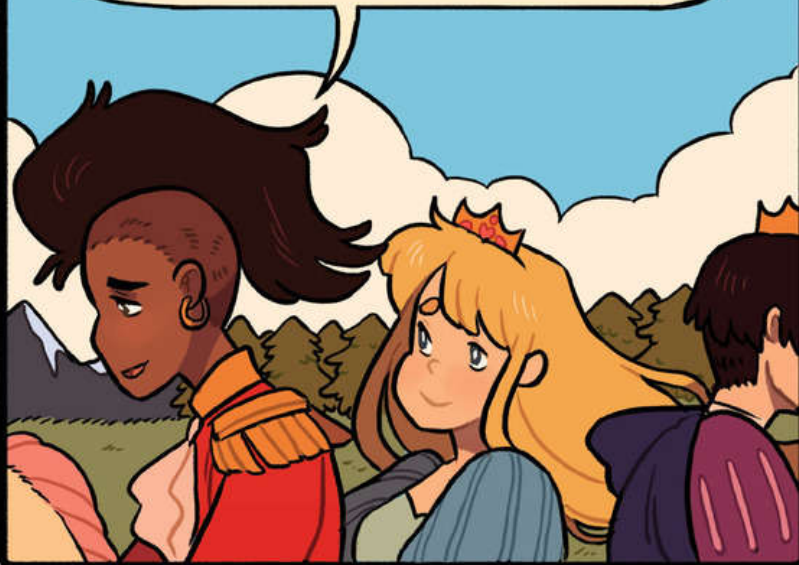
Amira, we love you and know you want to help us. Isn't it wonderful that you can connect us with another royal family?



I do want to serve the kingdom, but...



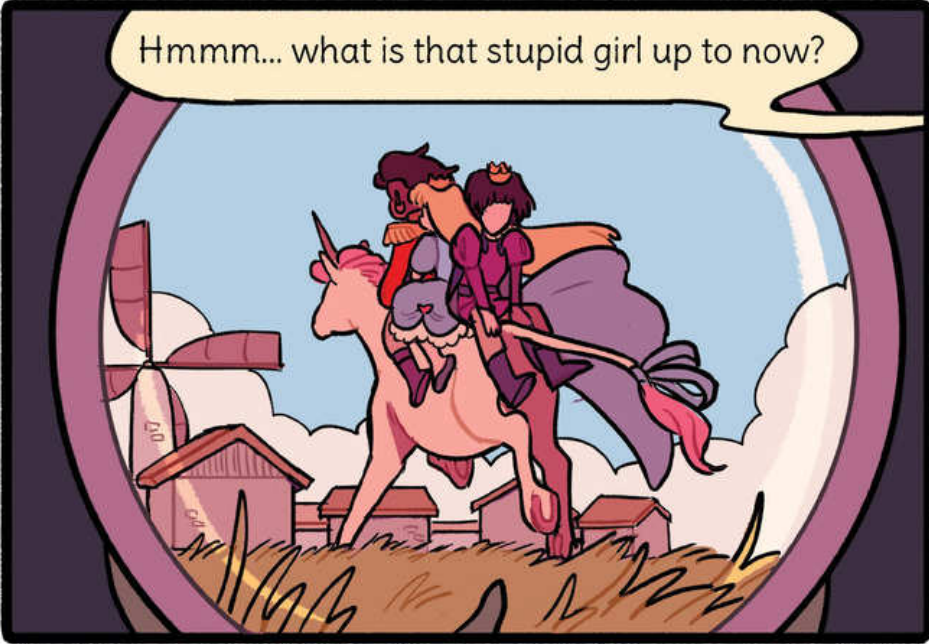
...Once I realised there wasn't a place for me, I decided to make my own, you know?



...I know.



Hmmm... what is that stupid girl up to now?



Who are these freaks travelling with her?



Does she think she can gather people to come here and defeat me?



Well, we can't allow that...



We must disillusion her.





Well...

This is definitely the village....



But where's the-?



WHOMP WHOMP

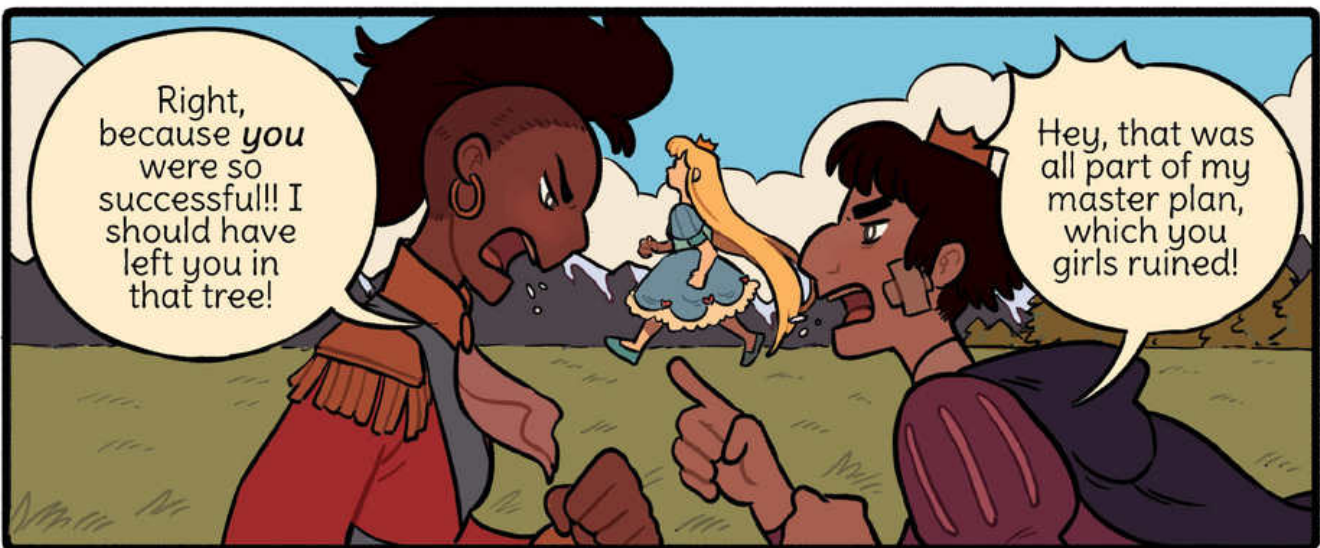
Oh.



Great! So how do I slay it then?



What? You mean you don't know?



Right, because *you* were so successful!! I should have left you in that tree!

Hey, that was all part of my master plan, which you girls ruined!



Excuse me!!



Sadie, no!!



You need to stop dancing, okay? You're a great dancer, but can't you see you're scaring everyone away?



Stop... dancing?



Sadie! He's not-!



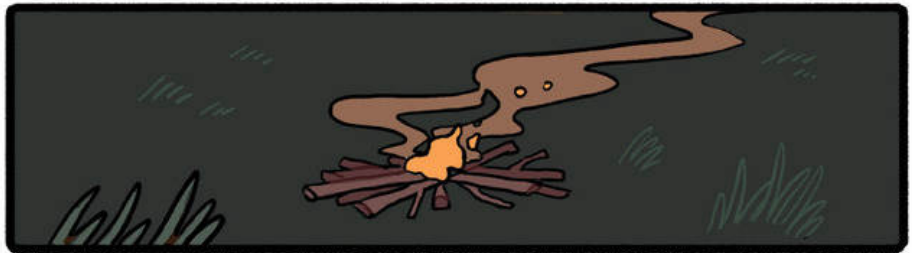
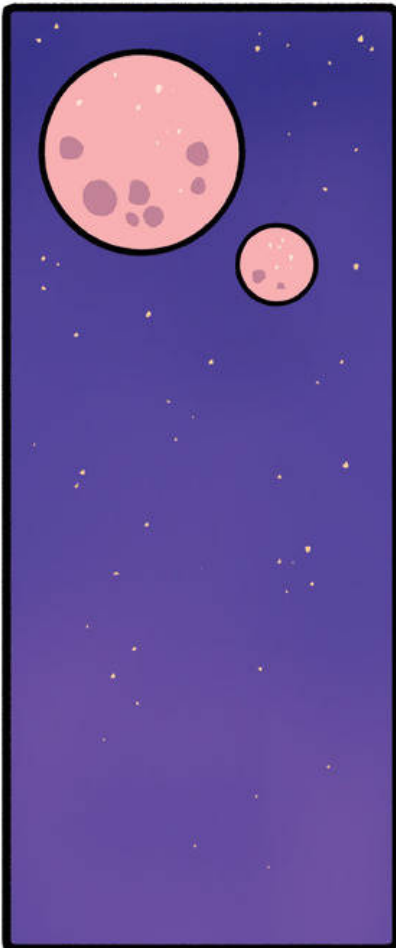
...Actually, I often wonder if my lack of creative fulfillment is because I never have an audience...

Y'see?





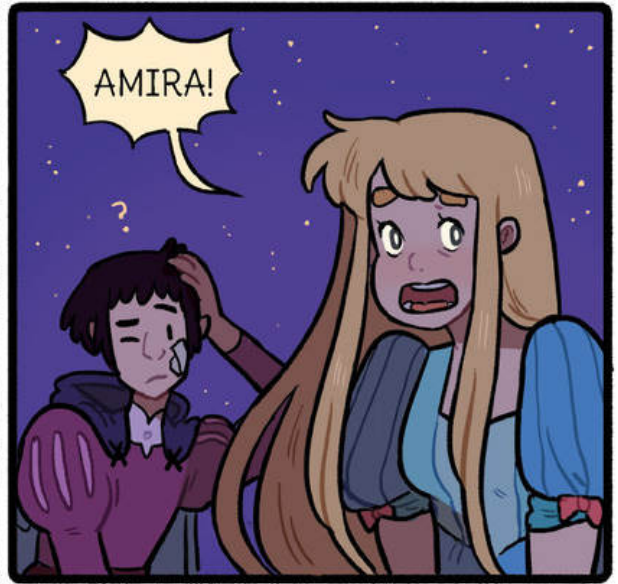




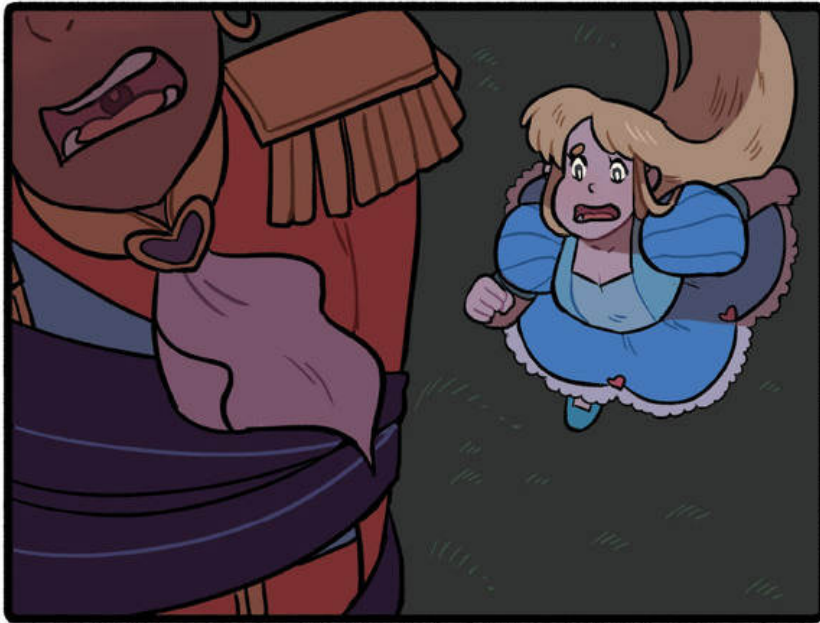




LET ME GO!!!



AMIRA!

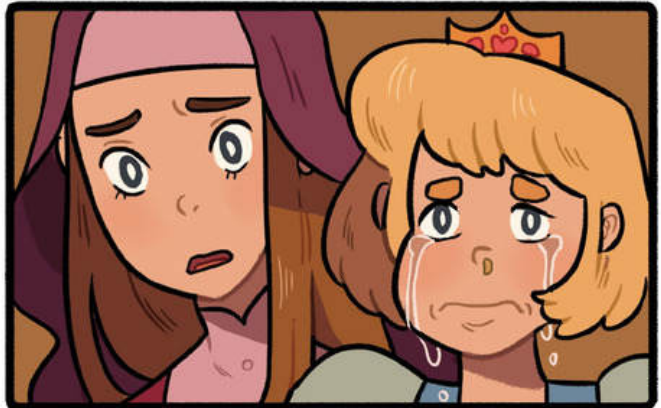
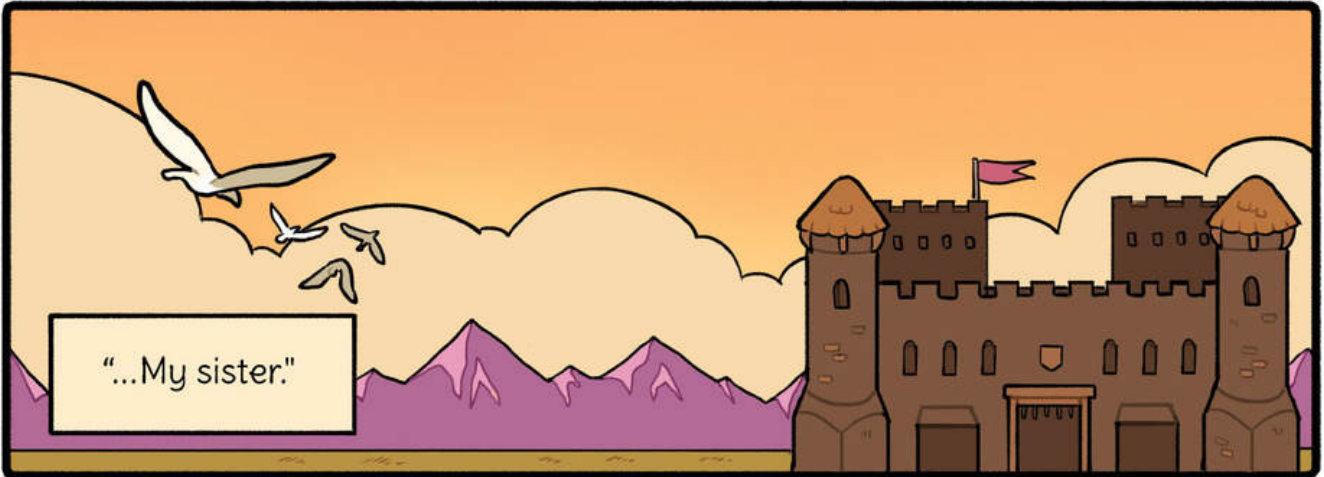
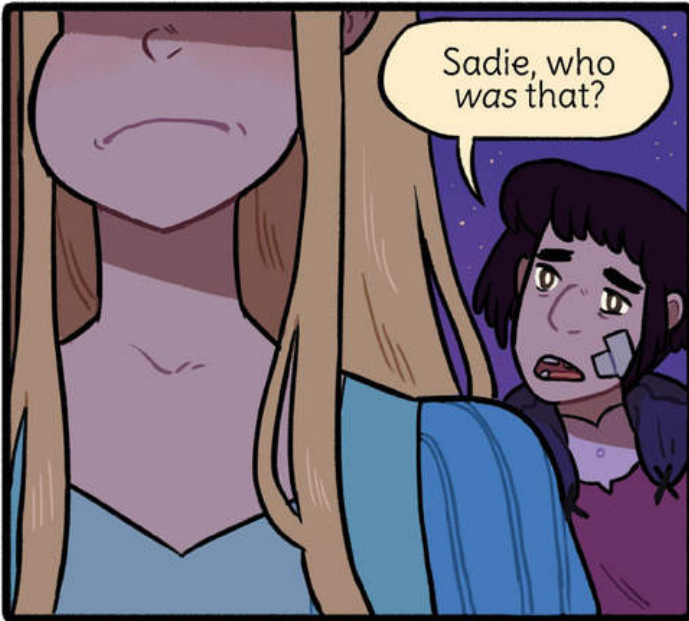


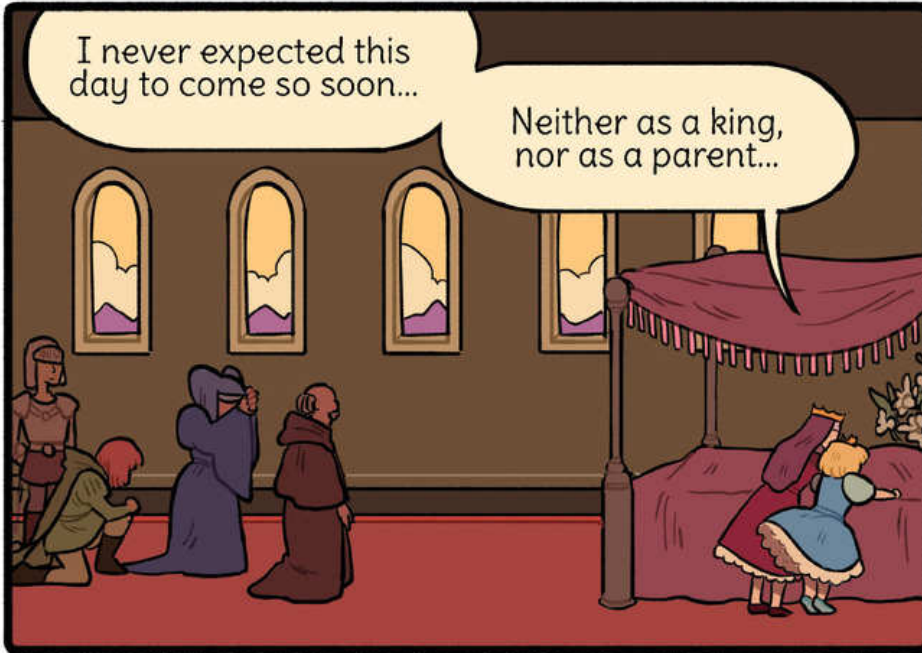
What do you want with her, you meanie?!



If you want her back, just come and get her...

...Then I can lock you up for good.





I never expected this day to come so soon...

Neither as a king, nor as a parent...



...My girls.



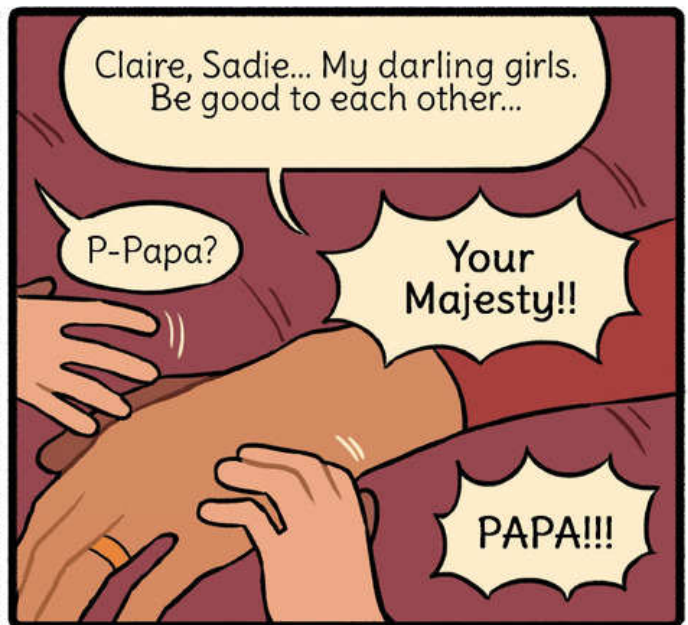
You have already lost so much so soon... Far too soon. You need to look after each other now.

That's why... I want you both to rule together, as sisters.



But Papa! I'm two years older!

And I don't know how to be a queen.

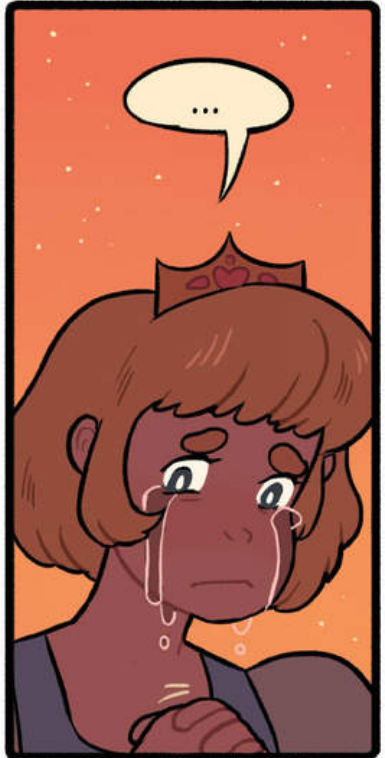


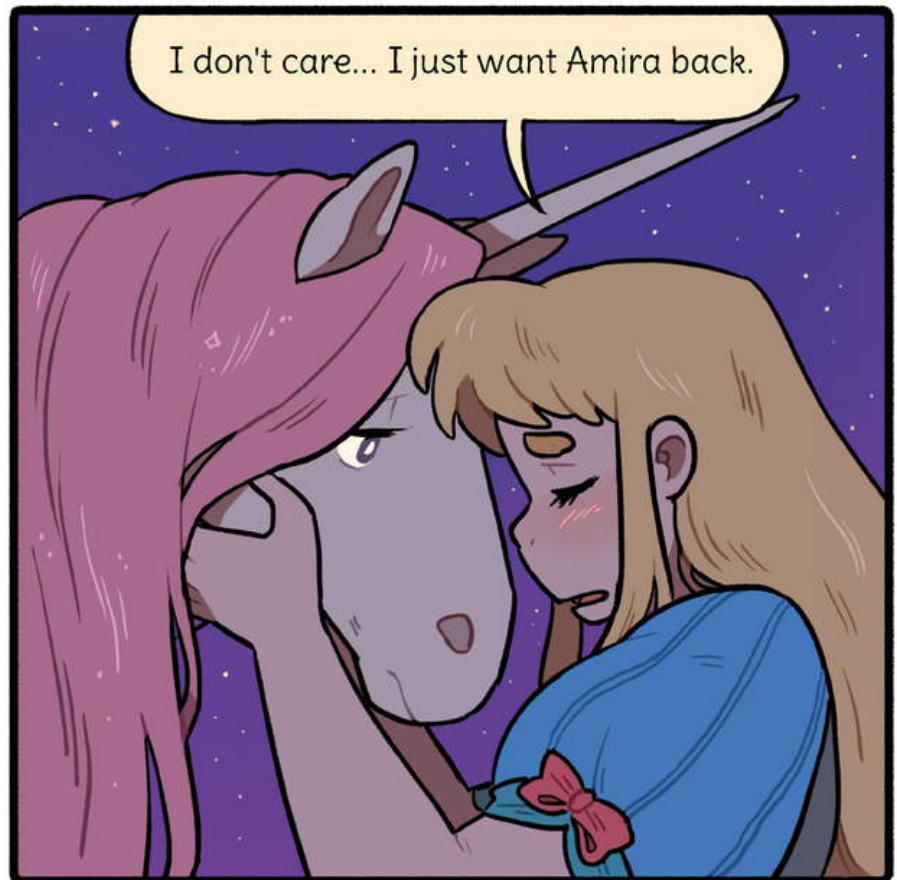
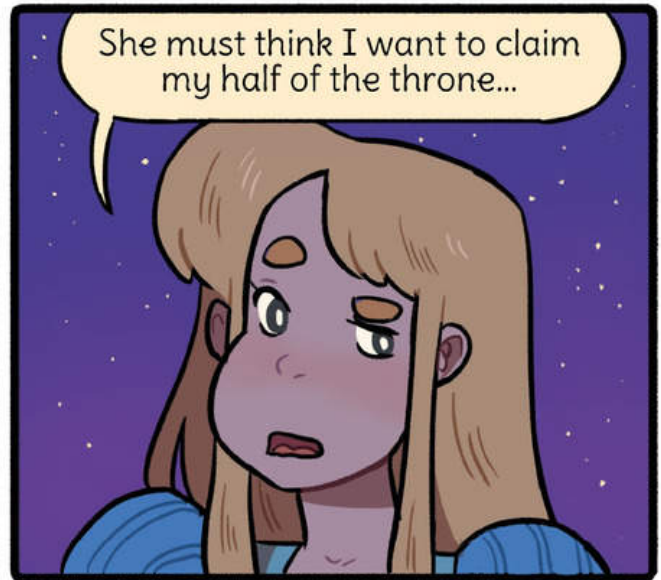
Claire, Sadie... My darling girls. Be good to each other...

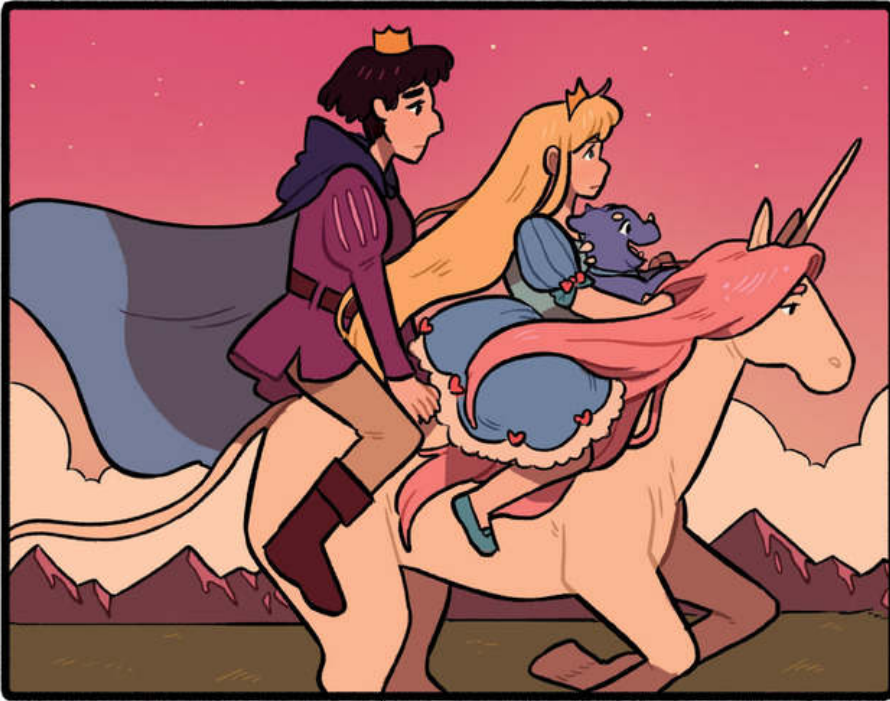
P-Papa?

Your Majesty!!

PAPA!!!







See? Here she comes.



I told you, Sadie doesn't even want to be Queen!

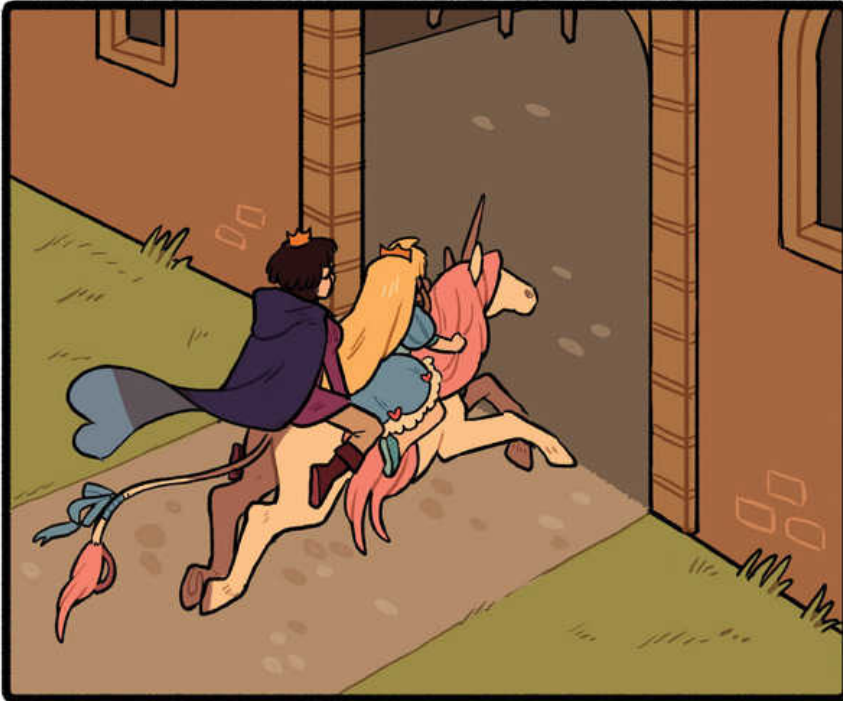
I'm the one who freed her!



Ha! You must think I'm as dumb as my sister.



"I know why she's coming, and I'll be ready for her."





Let us know if we can help!



I can see why your sister's terrified of you.

Huh?



"It must kill her to see how beloved you are."



What exactly are you planning to do with Sadie?



Oh, I won't hurt her...



I'll just turn her into the fat little pig that she is!

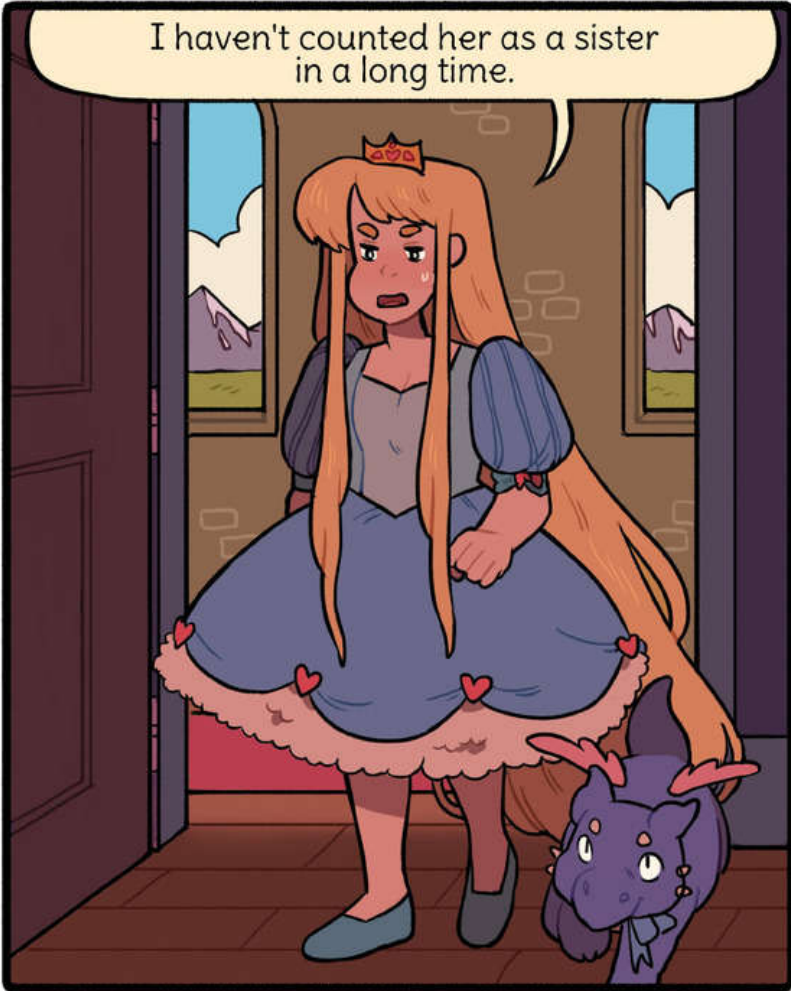


You are just the worst sister ever!!



...That's not true.

I haven't counted her as a sister  
in a long time.



Sadie!



...Sadie.



What hope do you  
have, Sadie? We both  
know you're a fat, silly  
crybaby.



That may  
be true...



But I'll never let you make me feel  
like it's a bad thing ever again!!







Well that's no good, our Queen can't have hooves...



Long live Queen Sadie!!

Sadie!

Sadie!

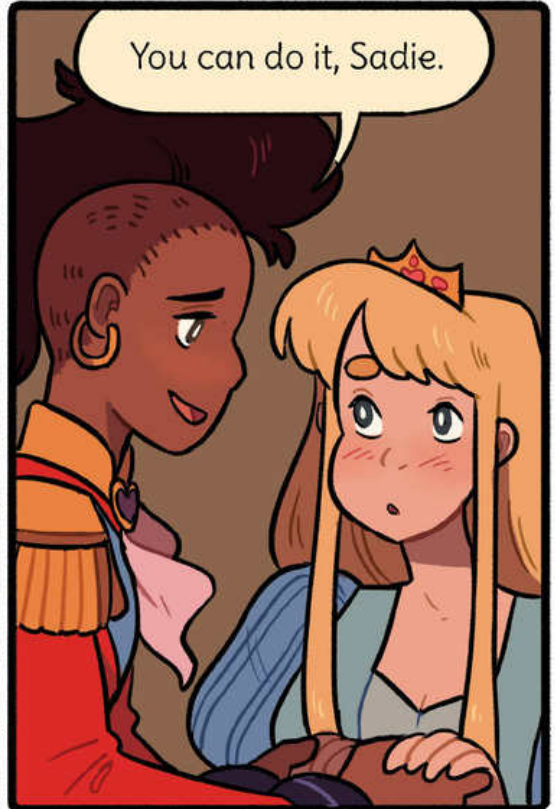


Oh, I'm sorry...

...I really don't know how...



You can do it, Sadie.



They'll all help you, because they know you and they know you'll be a great Queen.

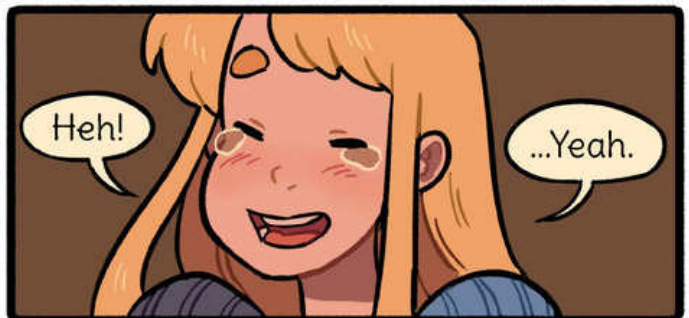


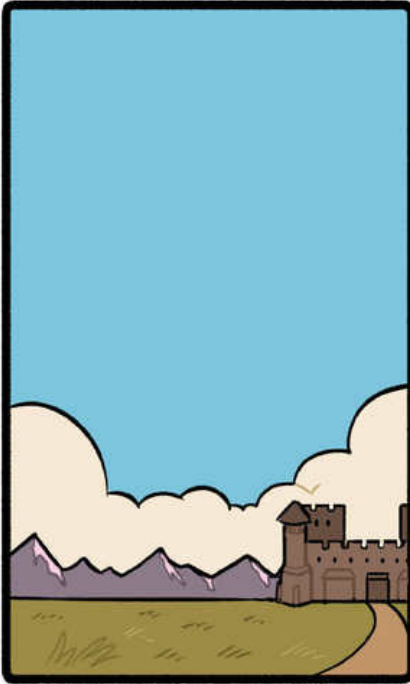
You know that too, right?



Heh!

...Yeah.





Well, your Majesty-

I told you, I'm not Queen yet! I'm still under guidance from the Royal Advisors.

Of course!



Listen, Sadie...



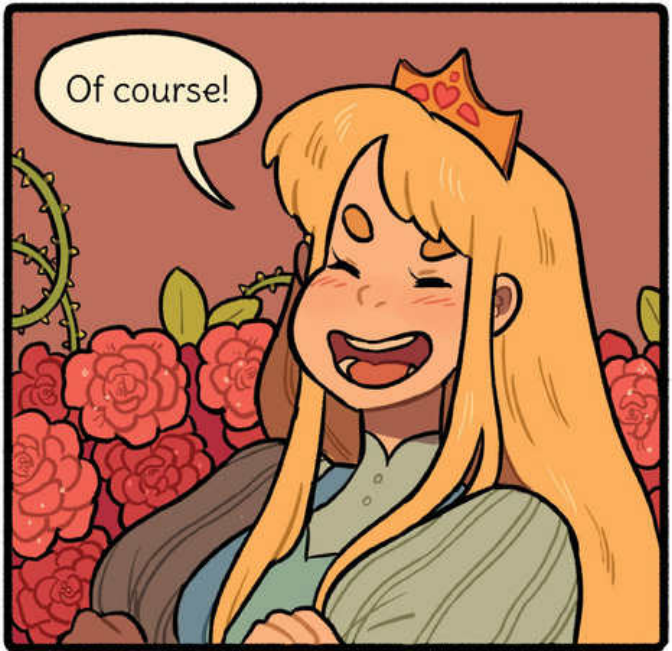
And how long will that take?



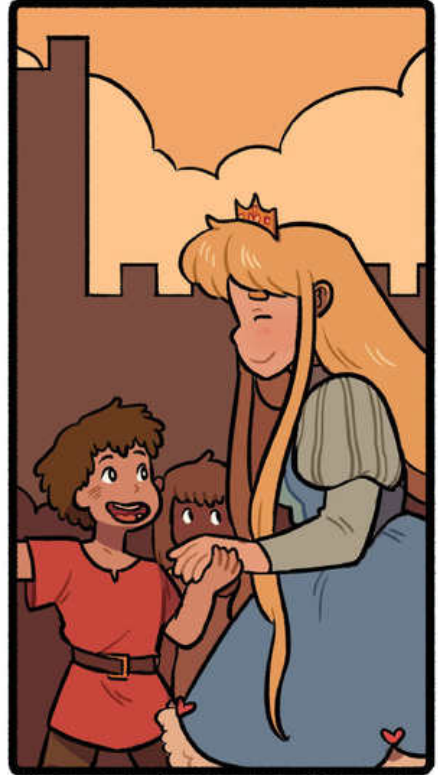
Before I met you, I totally thought I knew what a hero was. But now I can see how much I still have to learn.



I don't know... But you'll wait for me, won't you?



Of course!

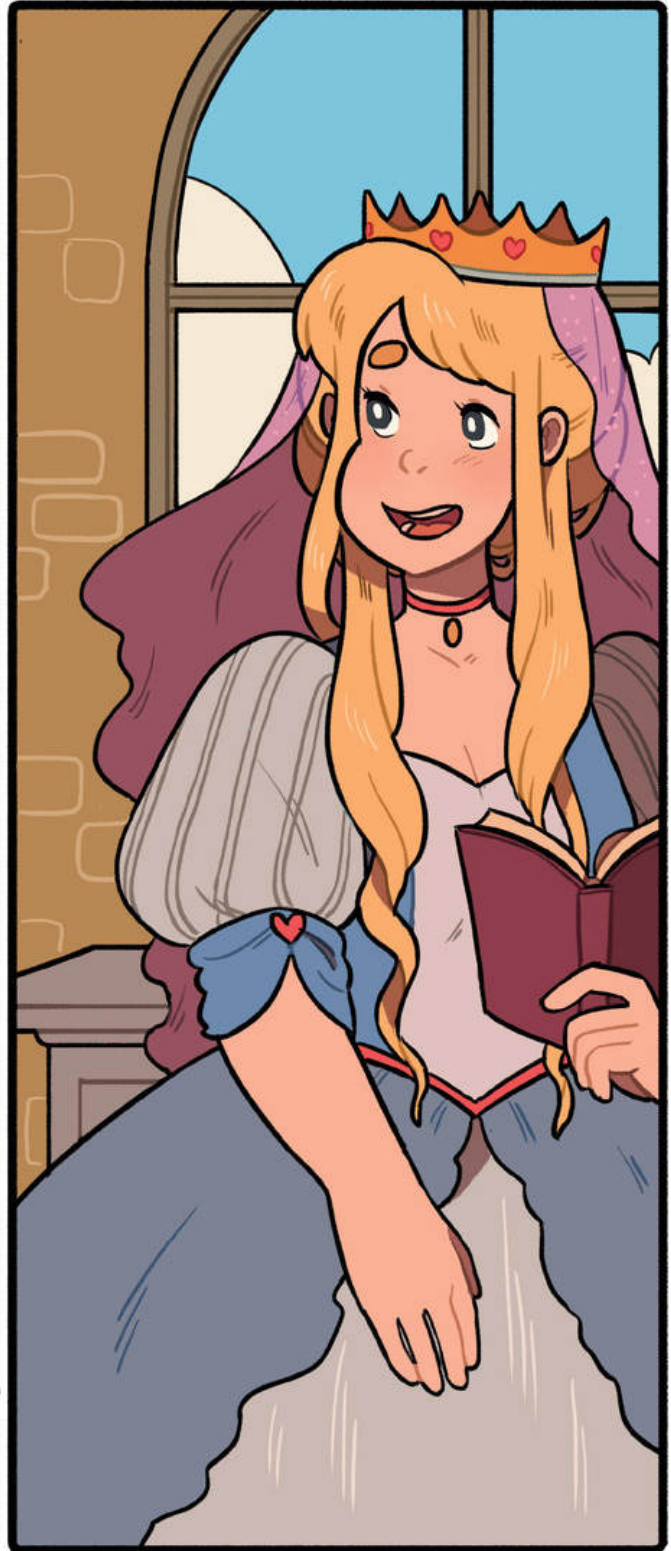
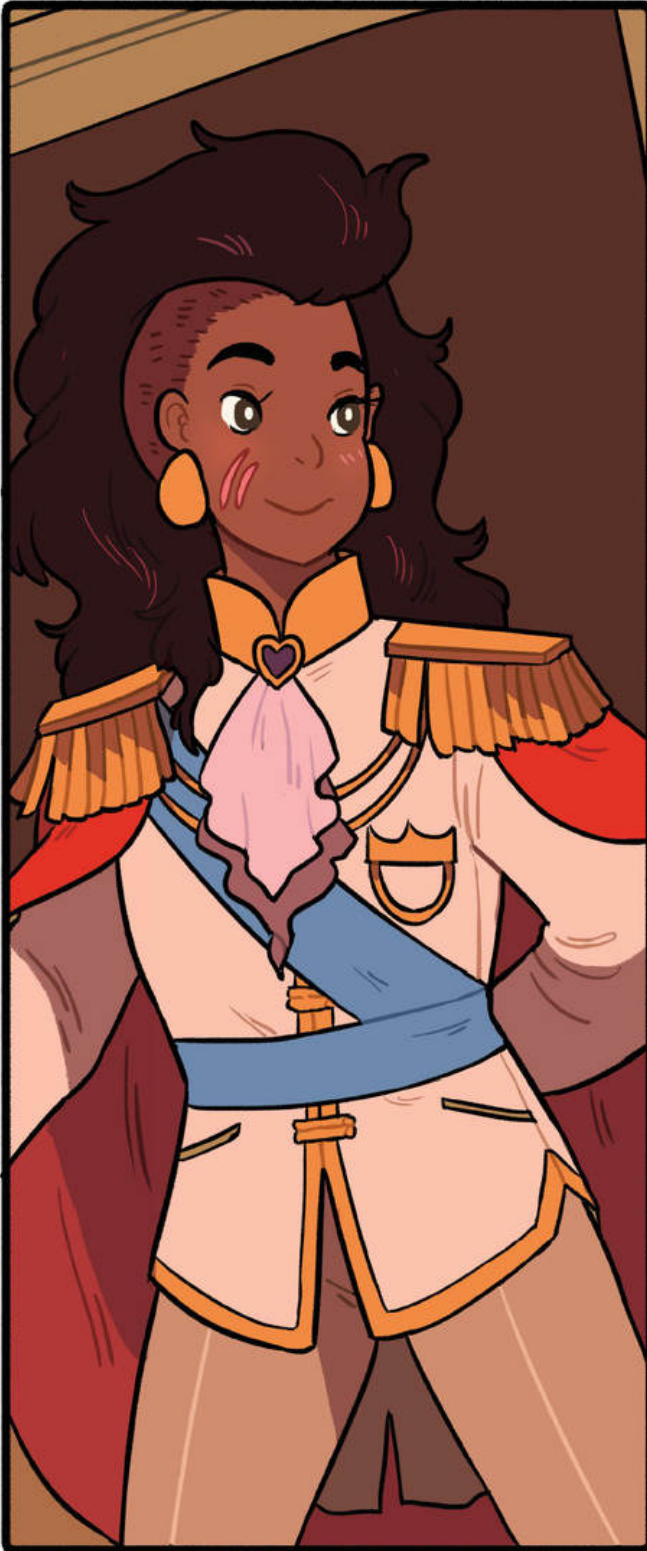


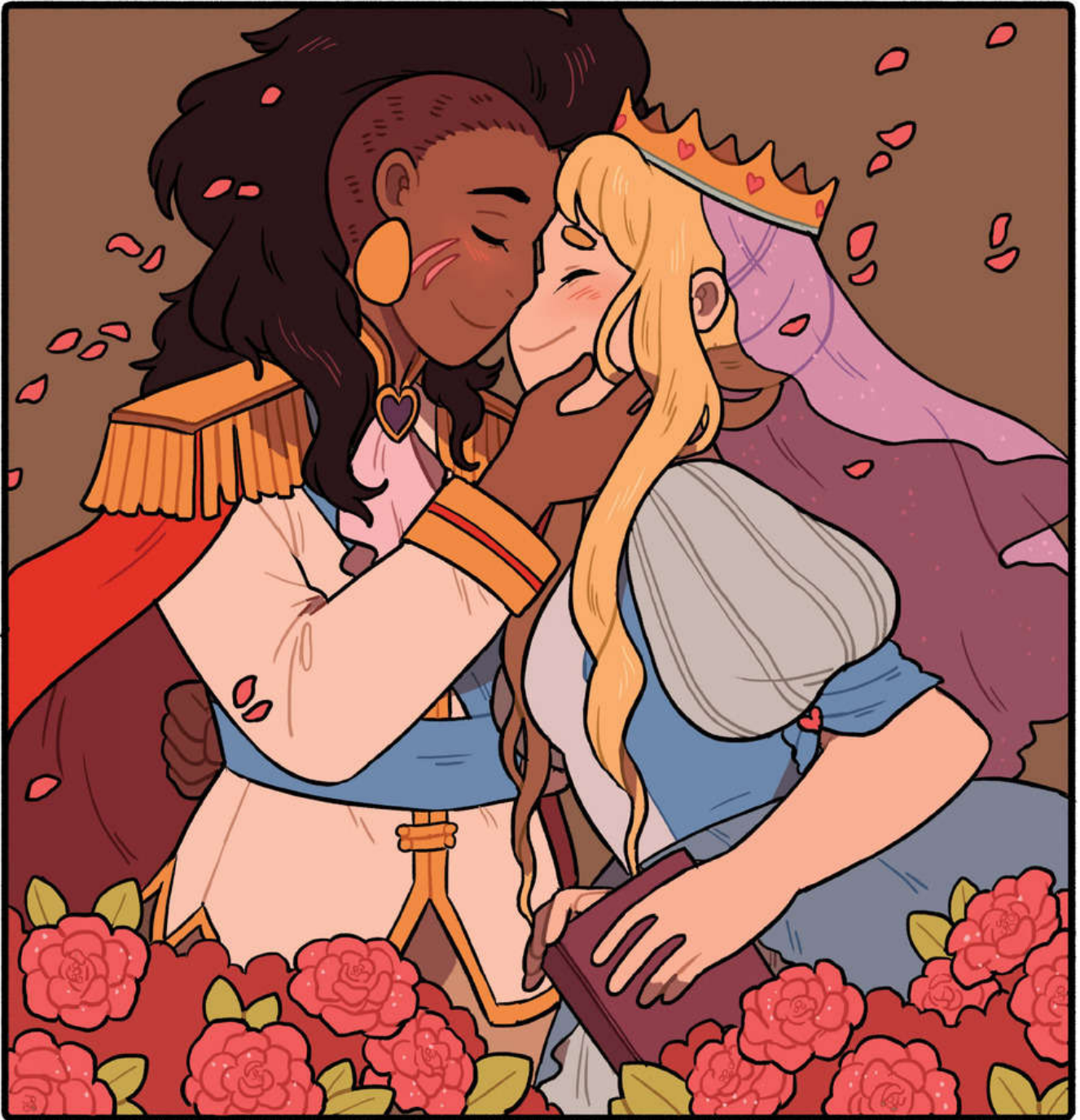


Which way was it again?  
It's been so long...



I think this is it...





The End





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## Epilogue

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Butthead... this is pretty scary...



What? Surely you've faced tougher than this before!



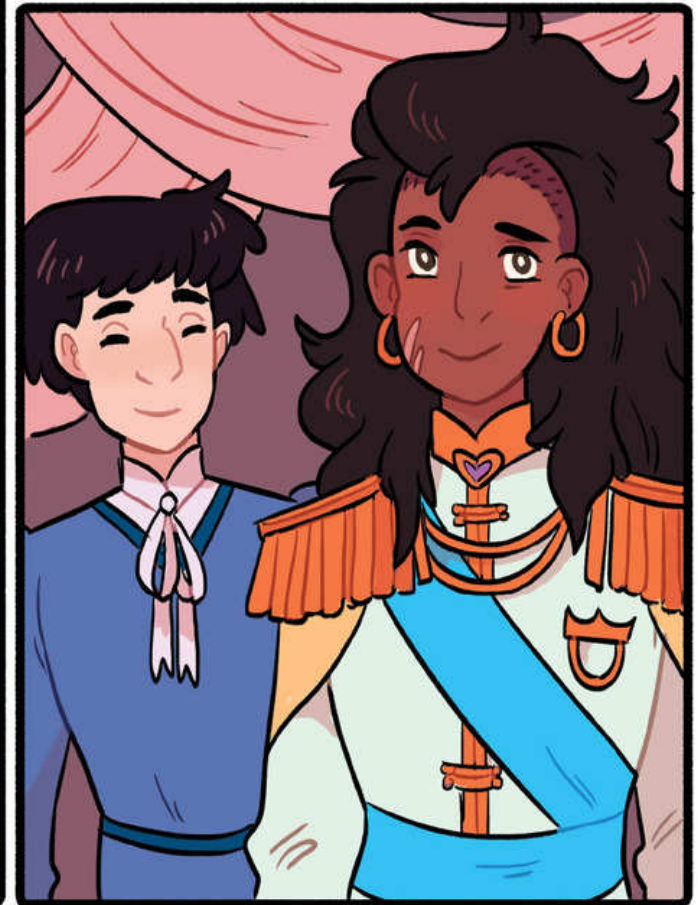
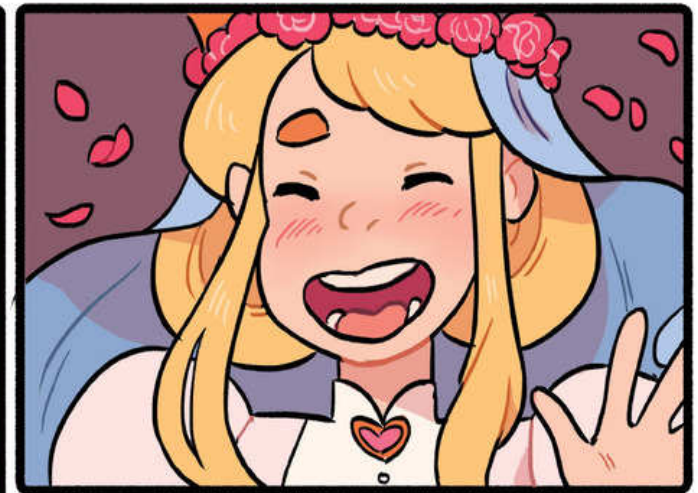
Like when you gave Cerberus a bath?

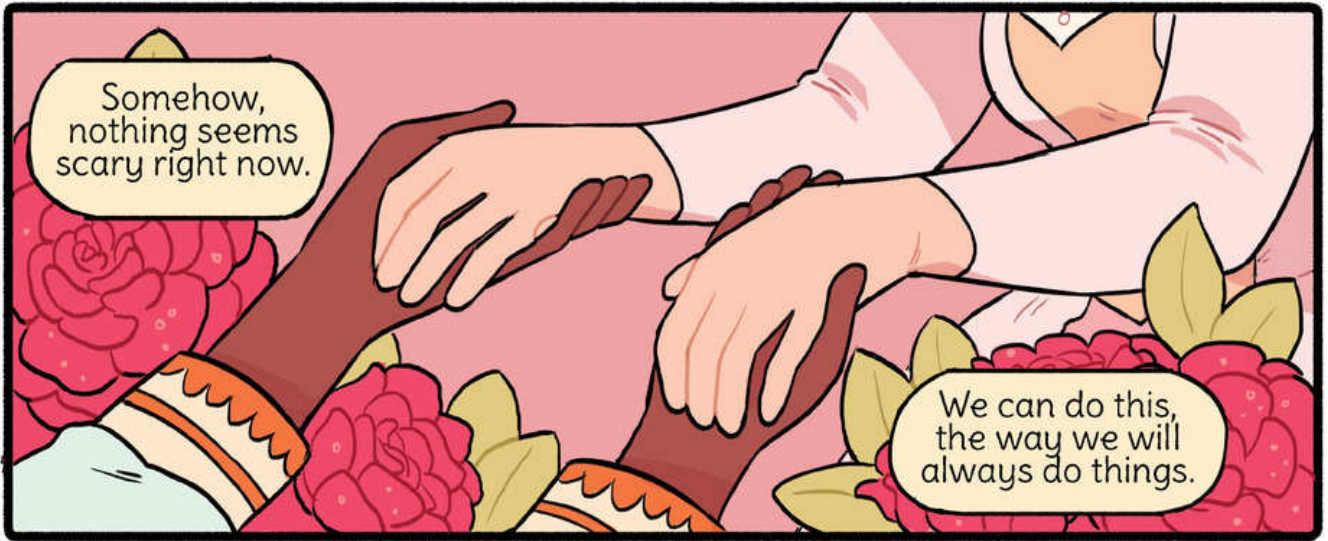
That was easy.



Or when you arm-wrestled the Wolf King?

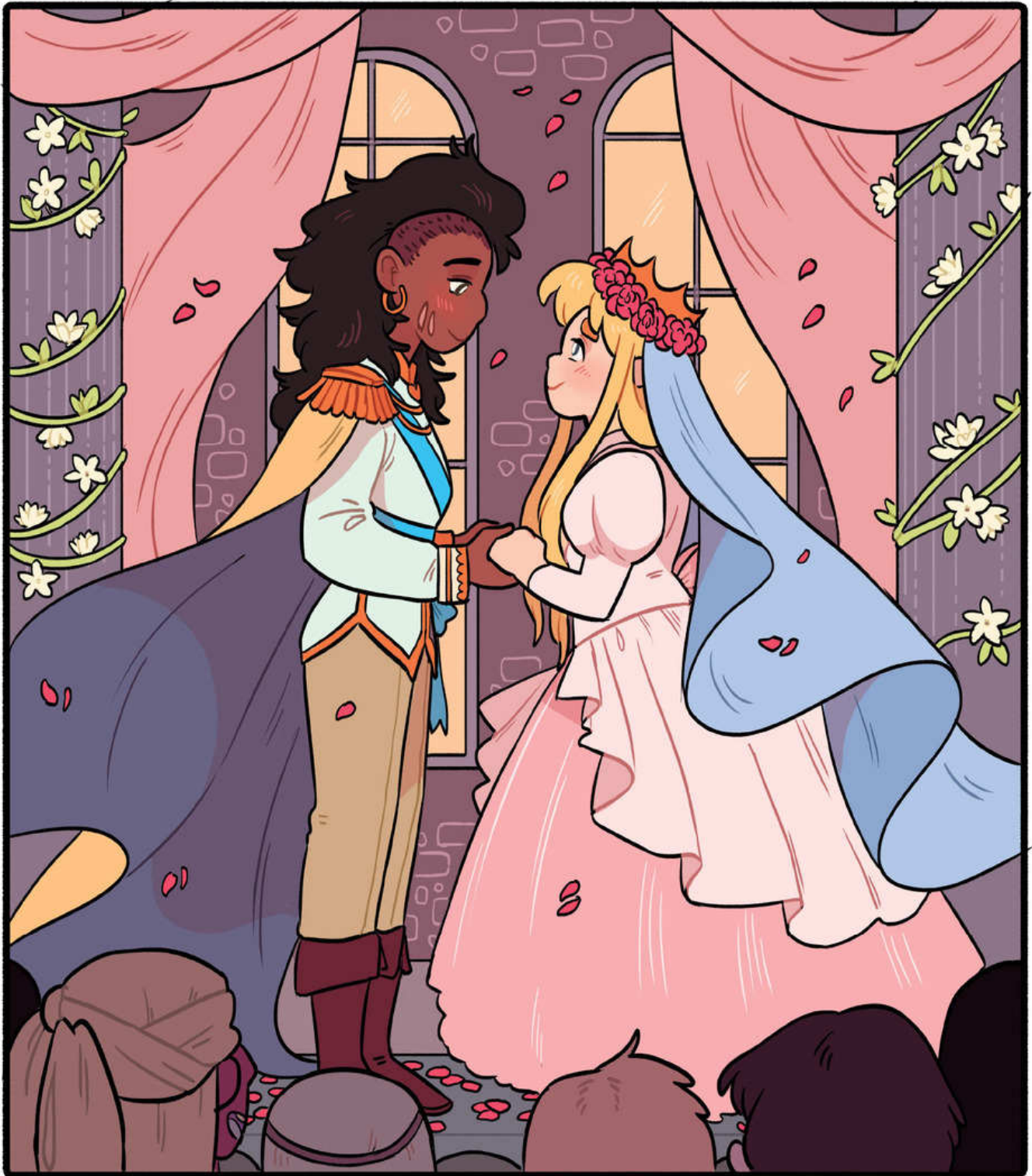
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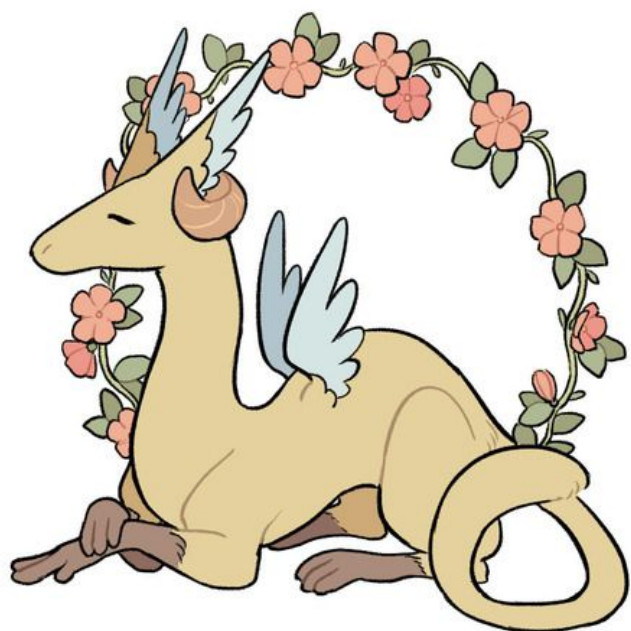


Somehow,  
nothing seems  
scary right now.

We can do this,  
the way we will  
always do things.





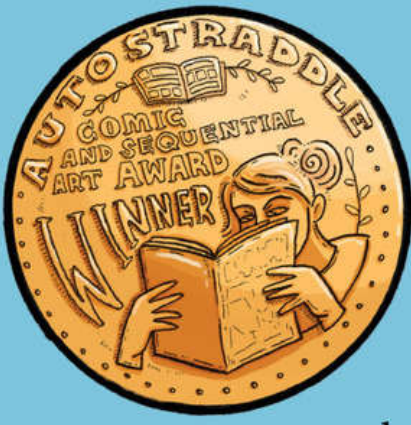


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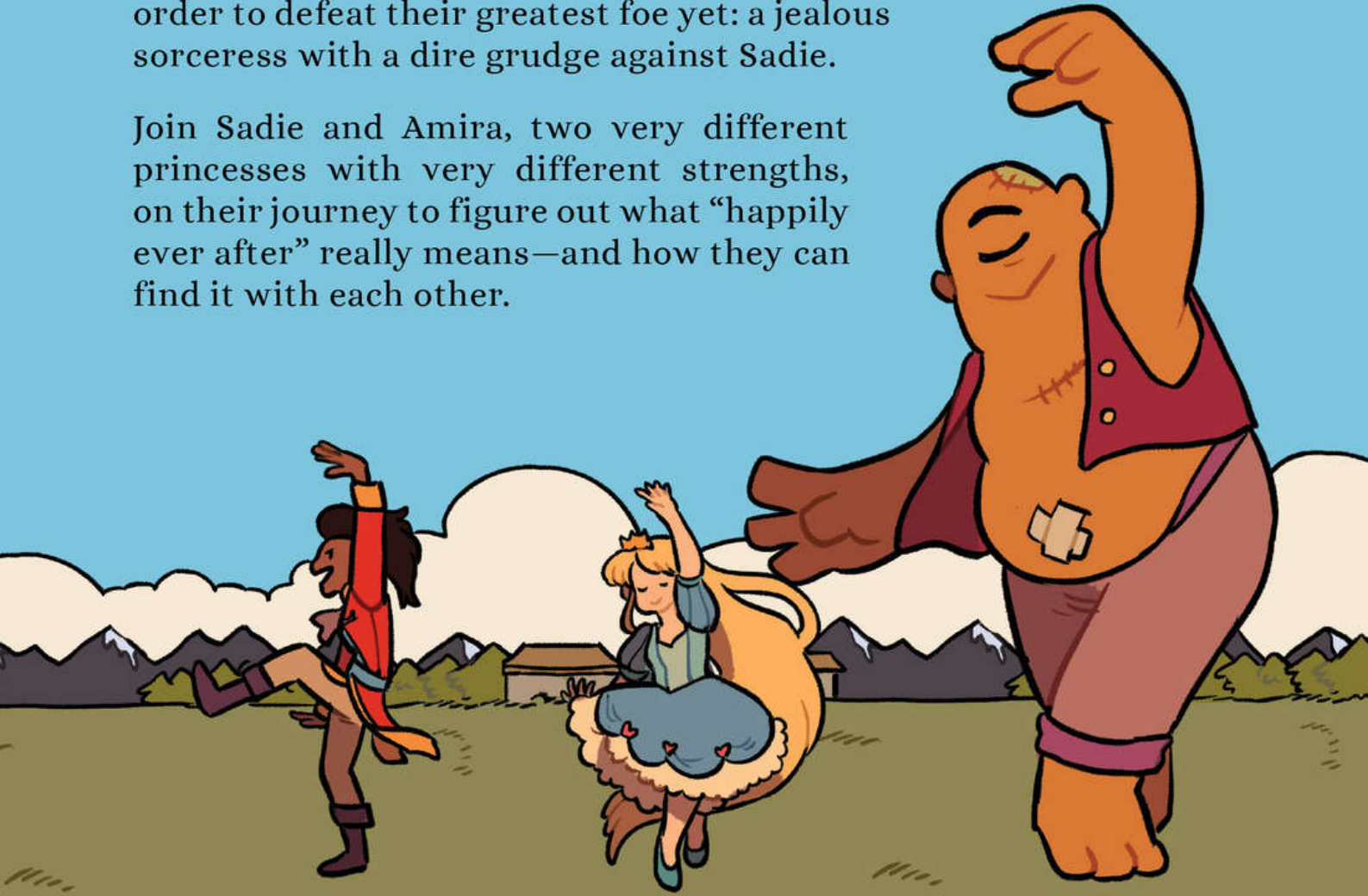




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