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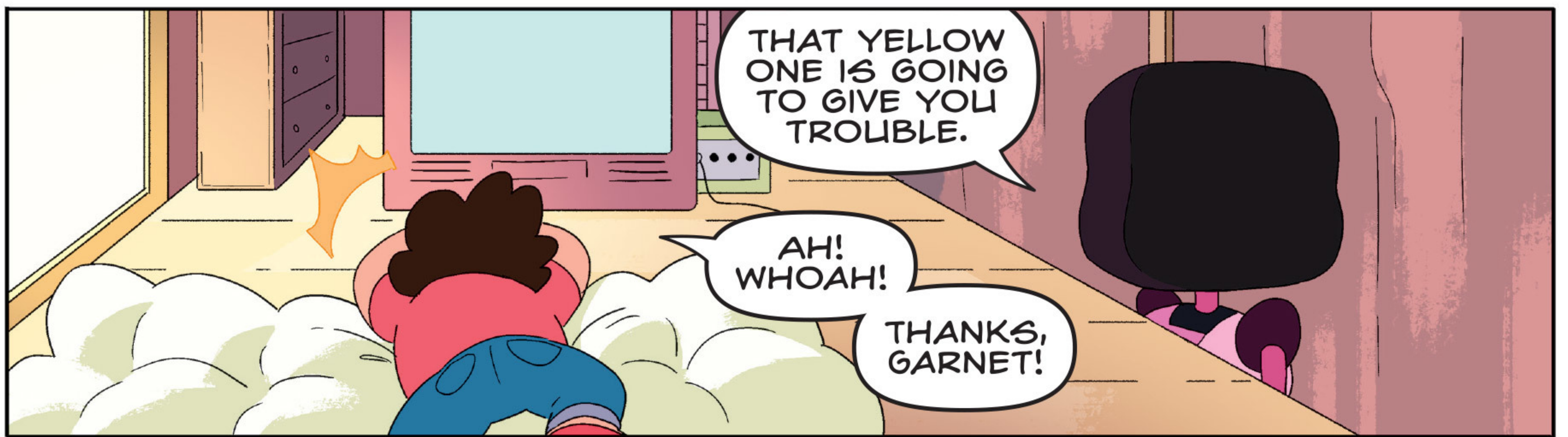
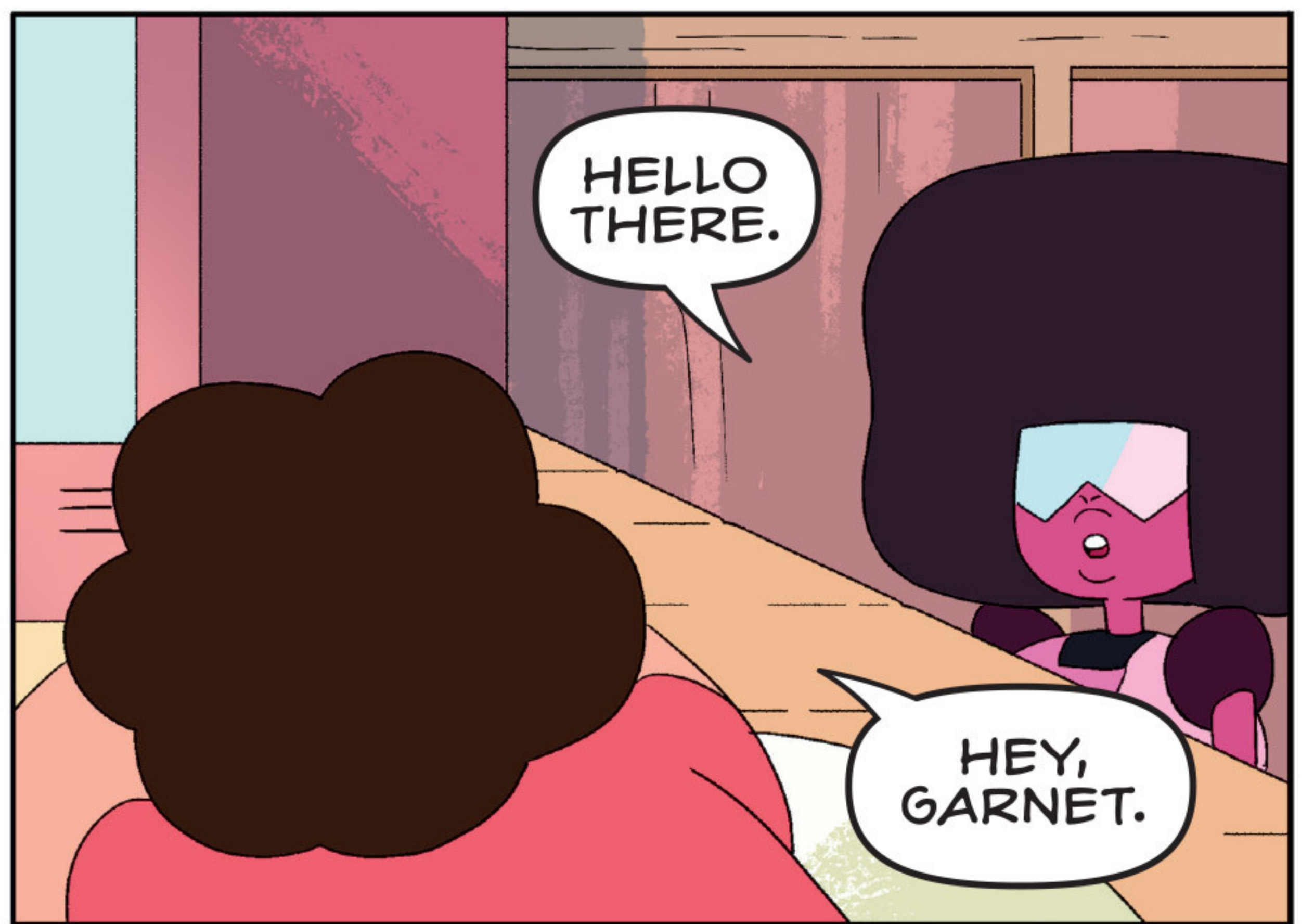
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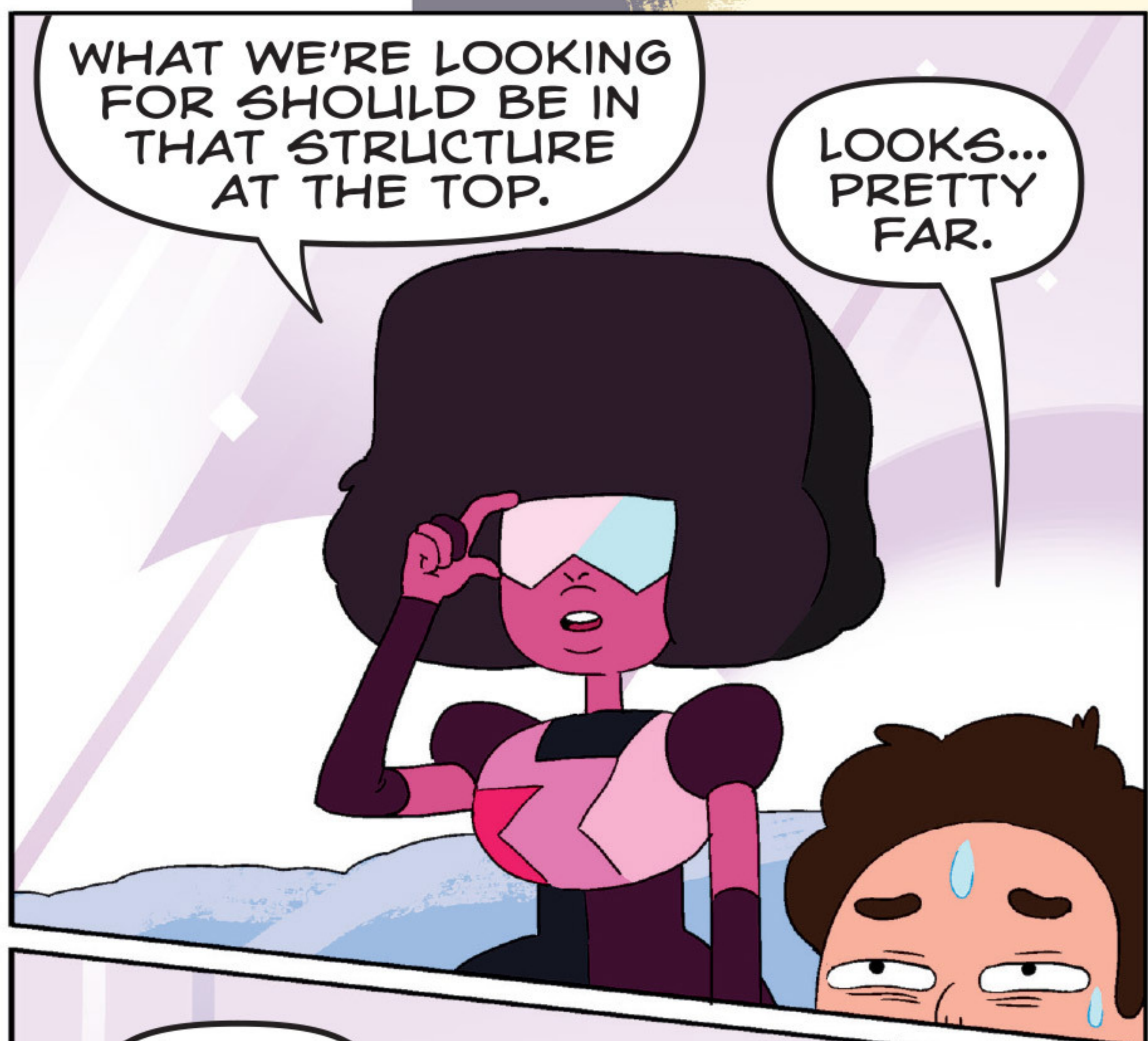




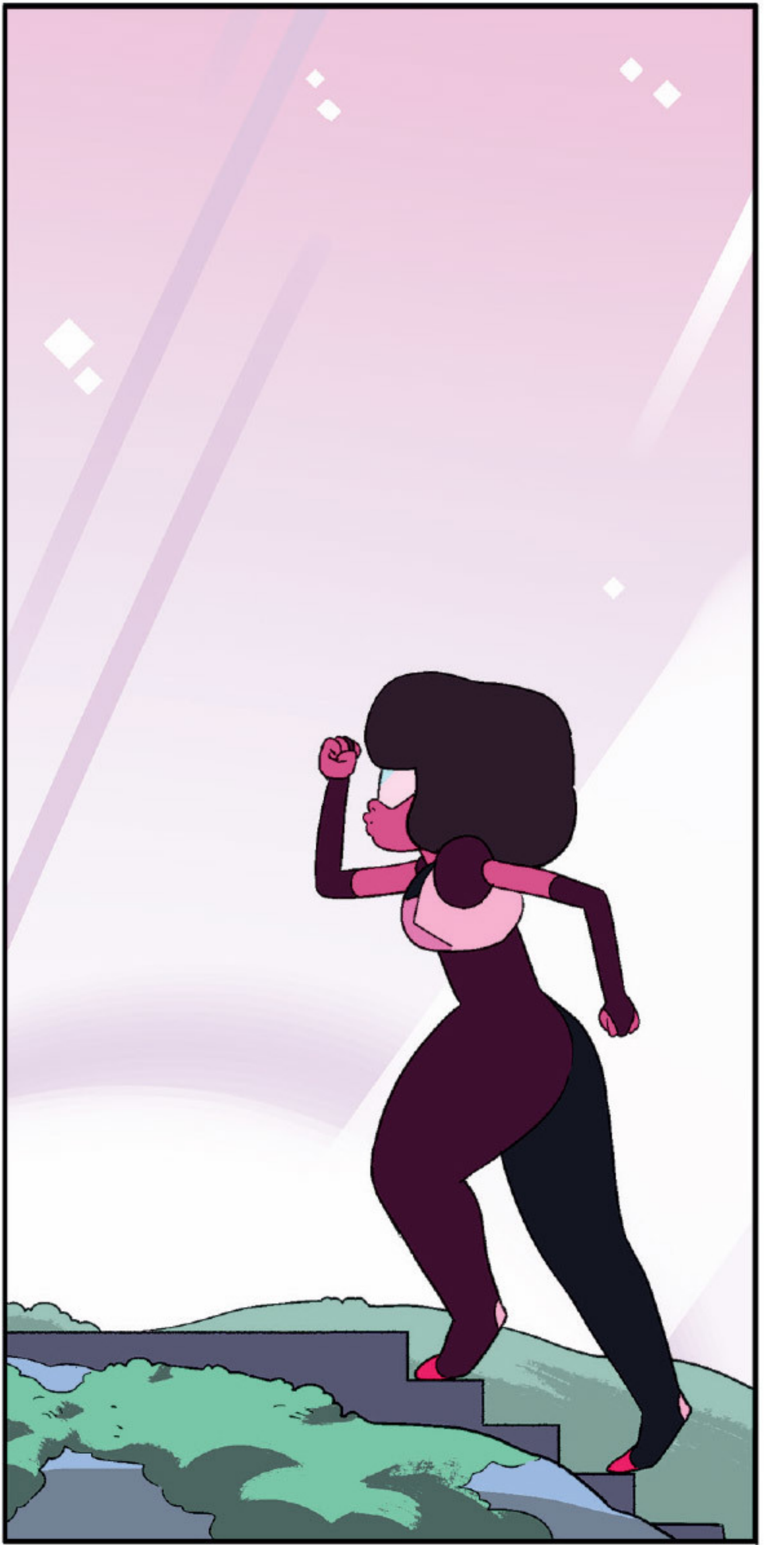
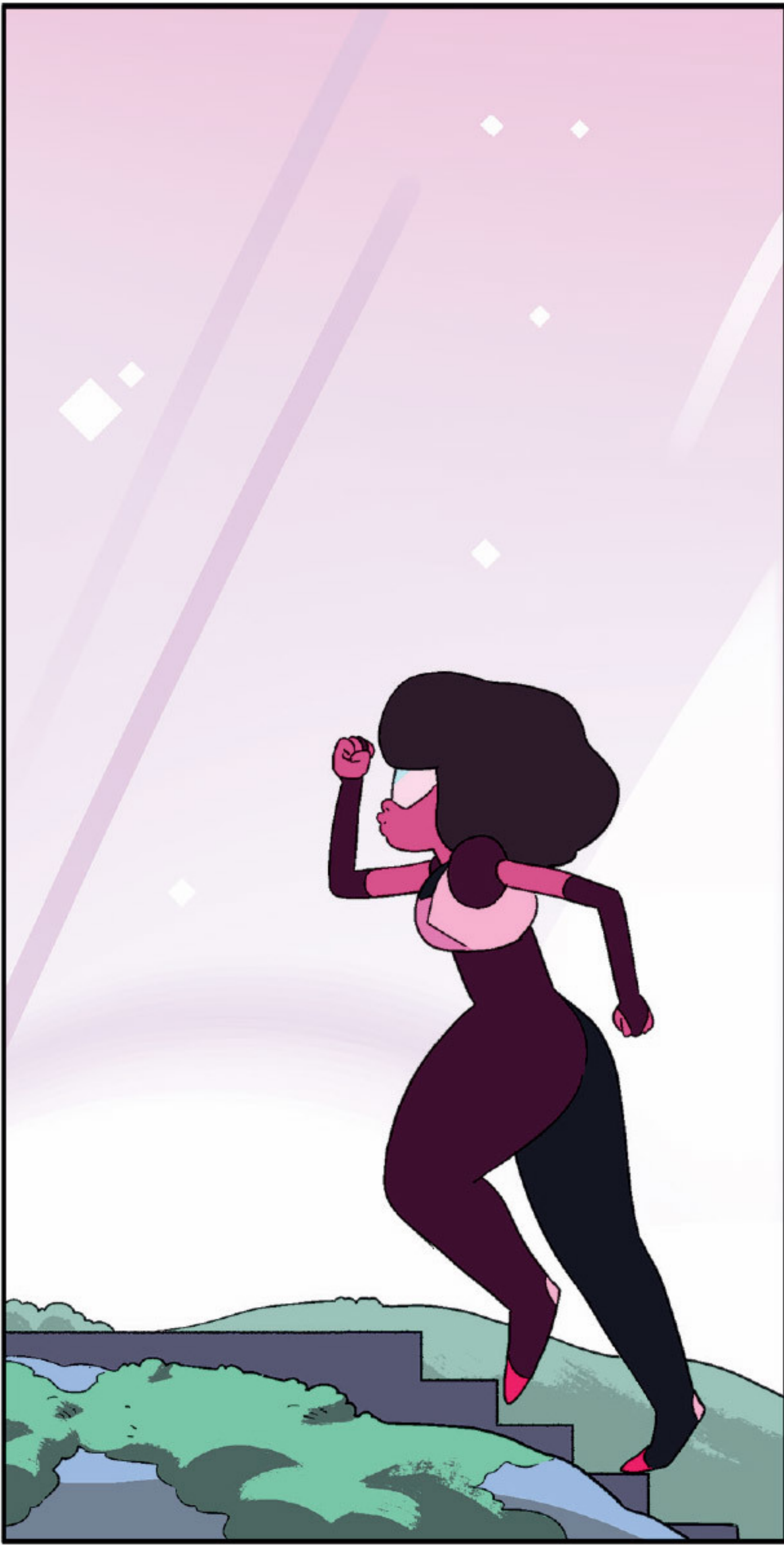




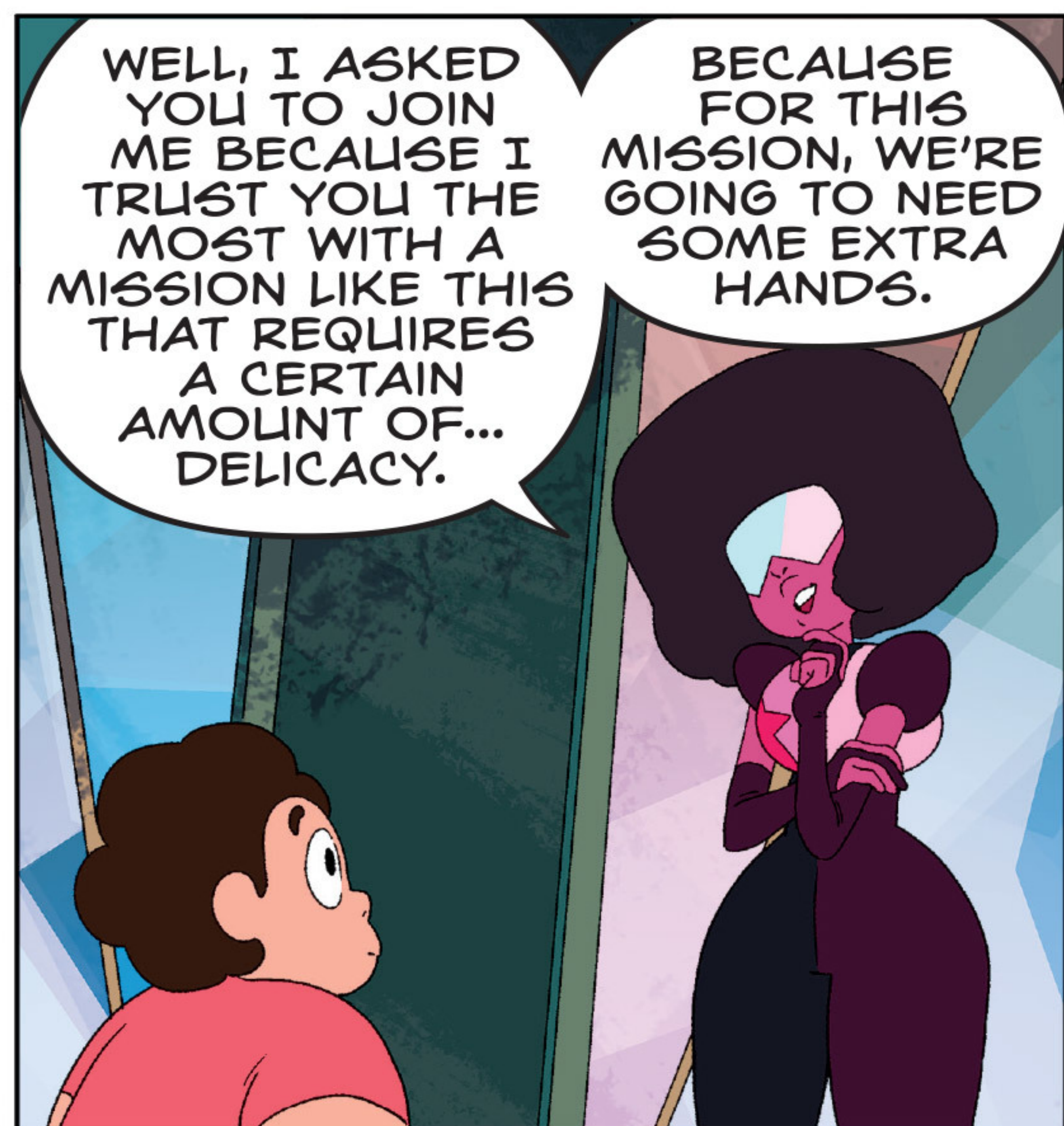
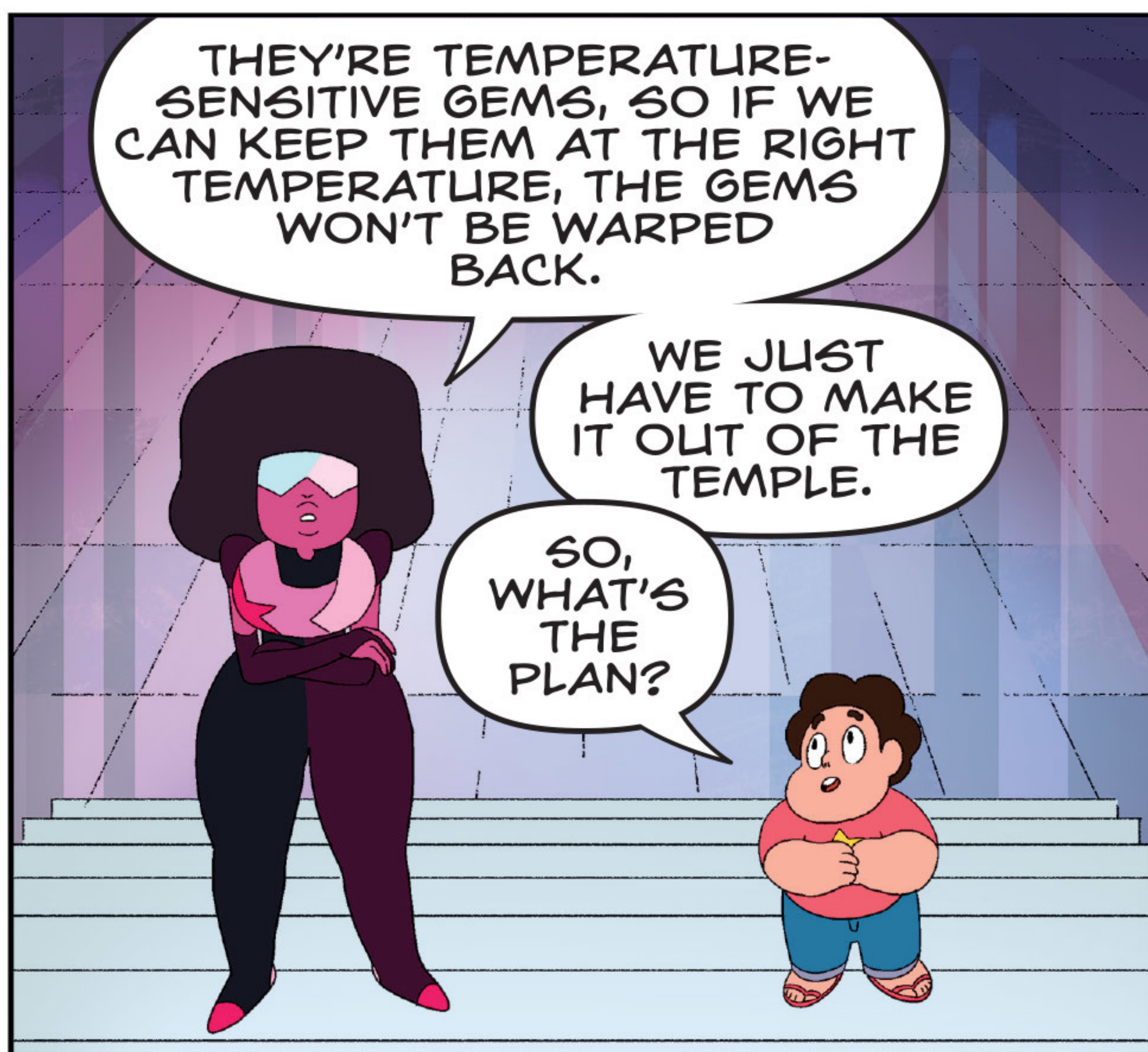
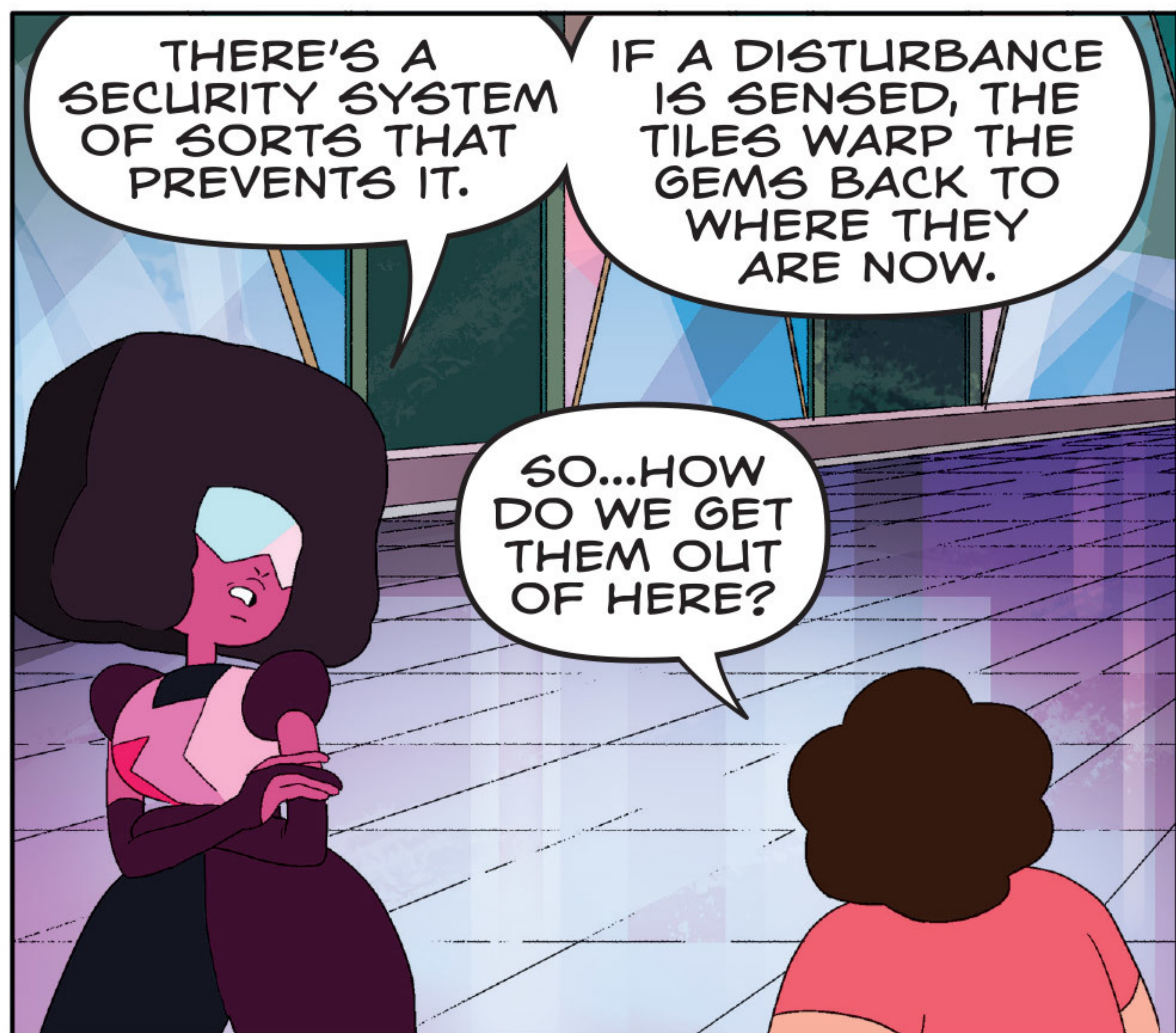




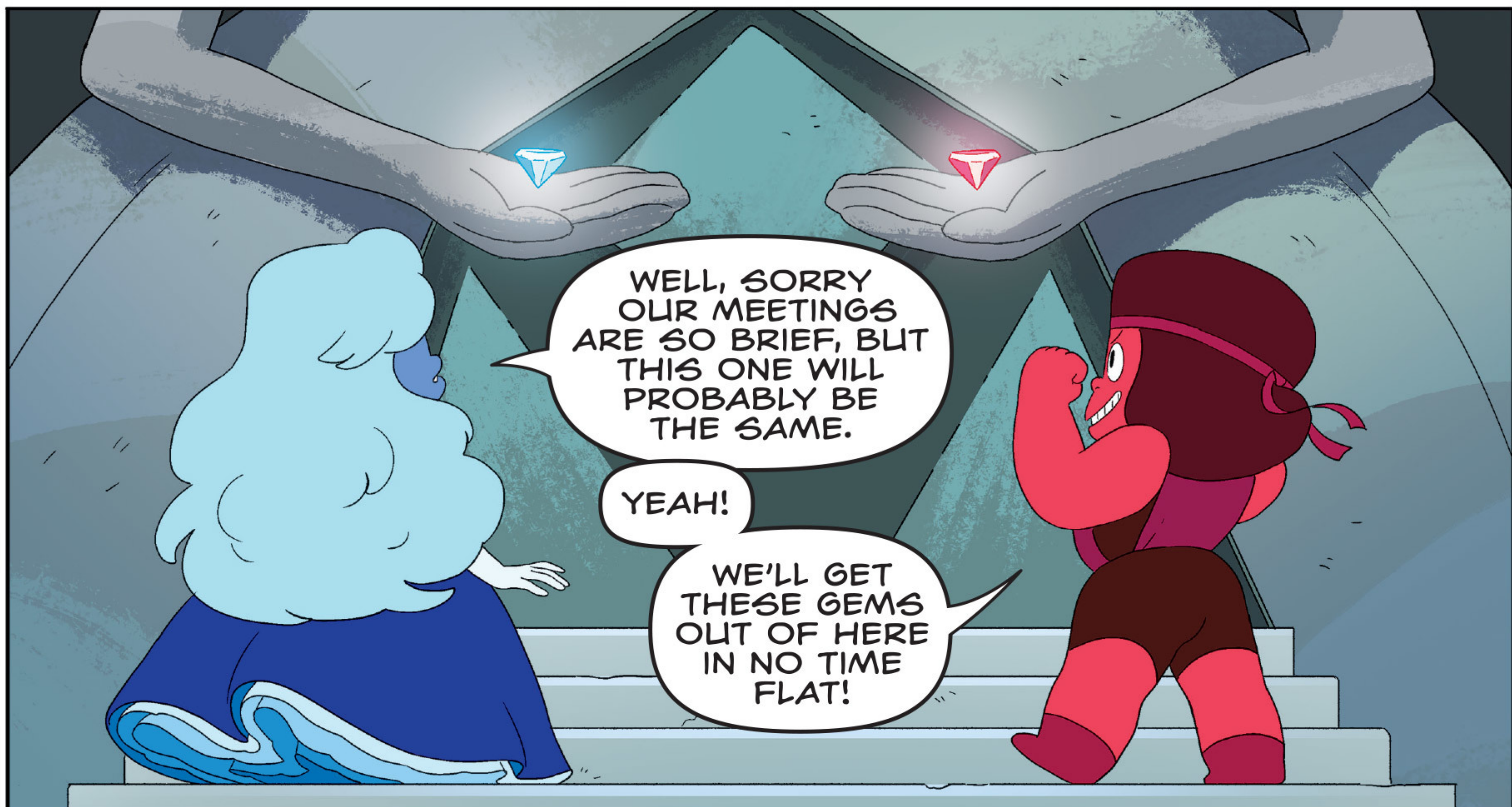




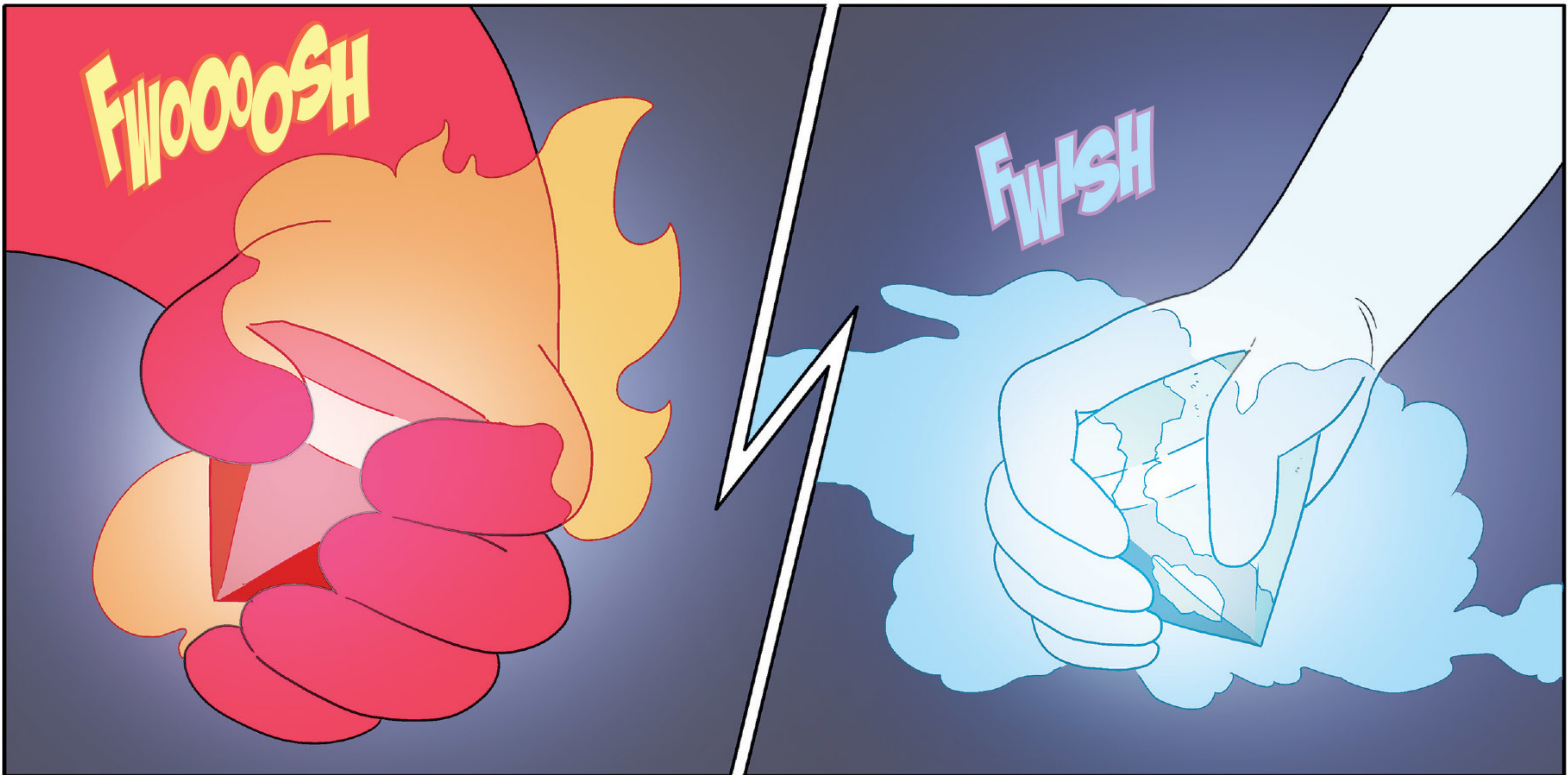
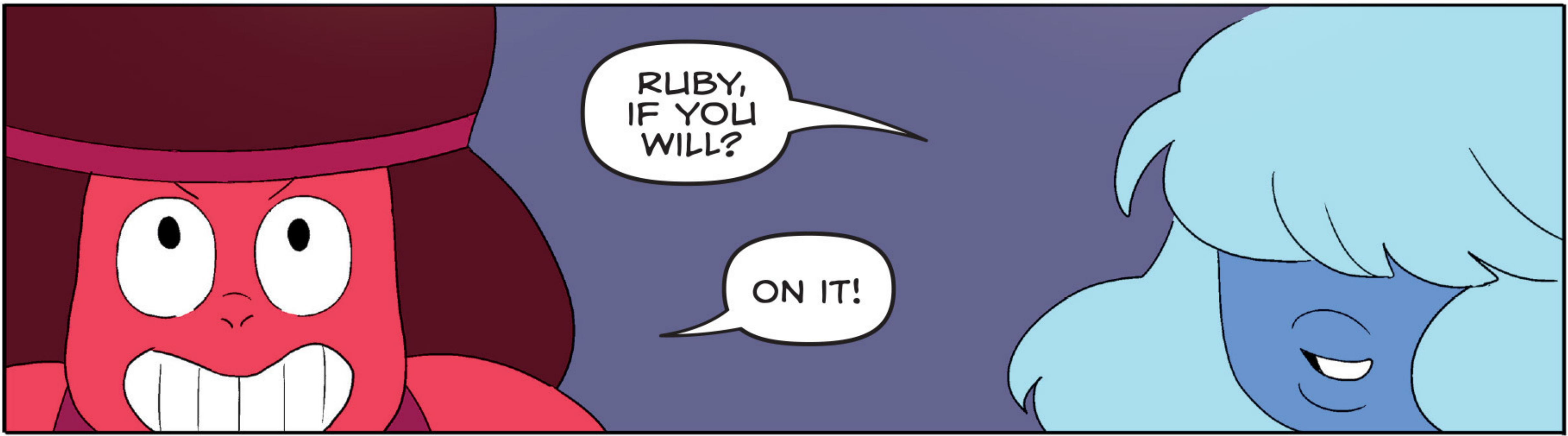
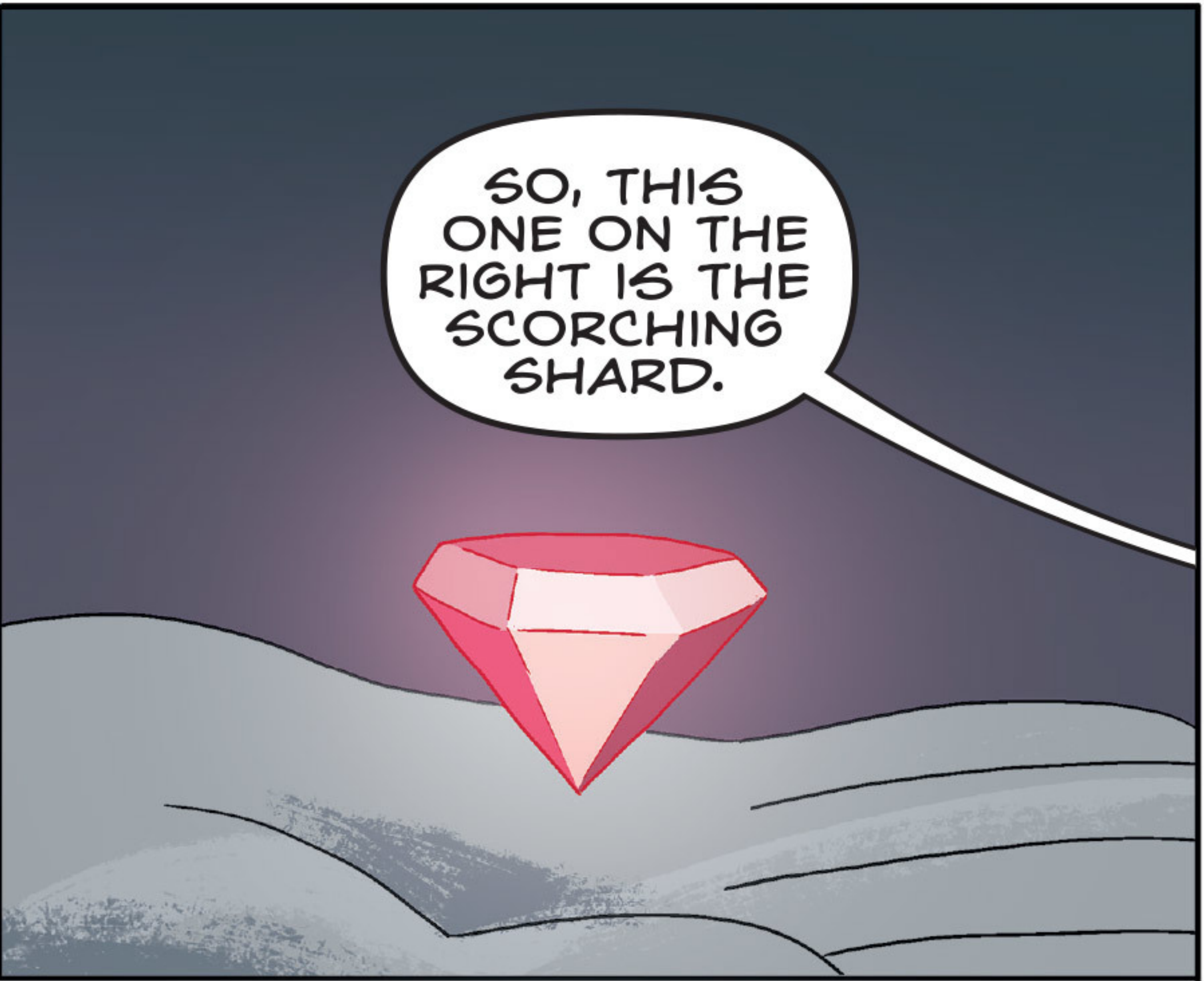
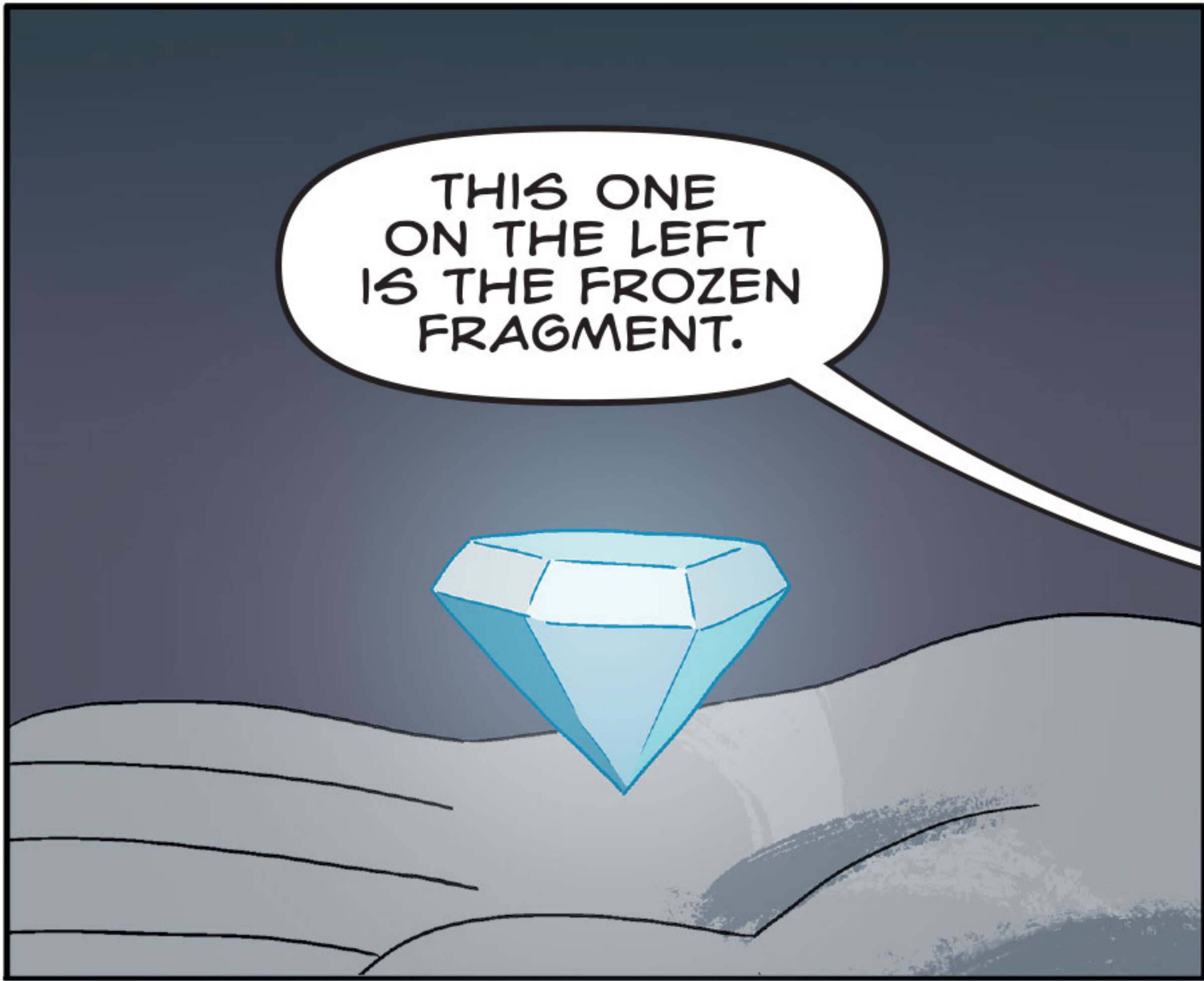




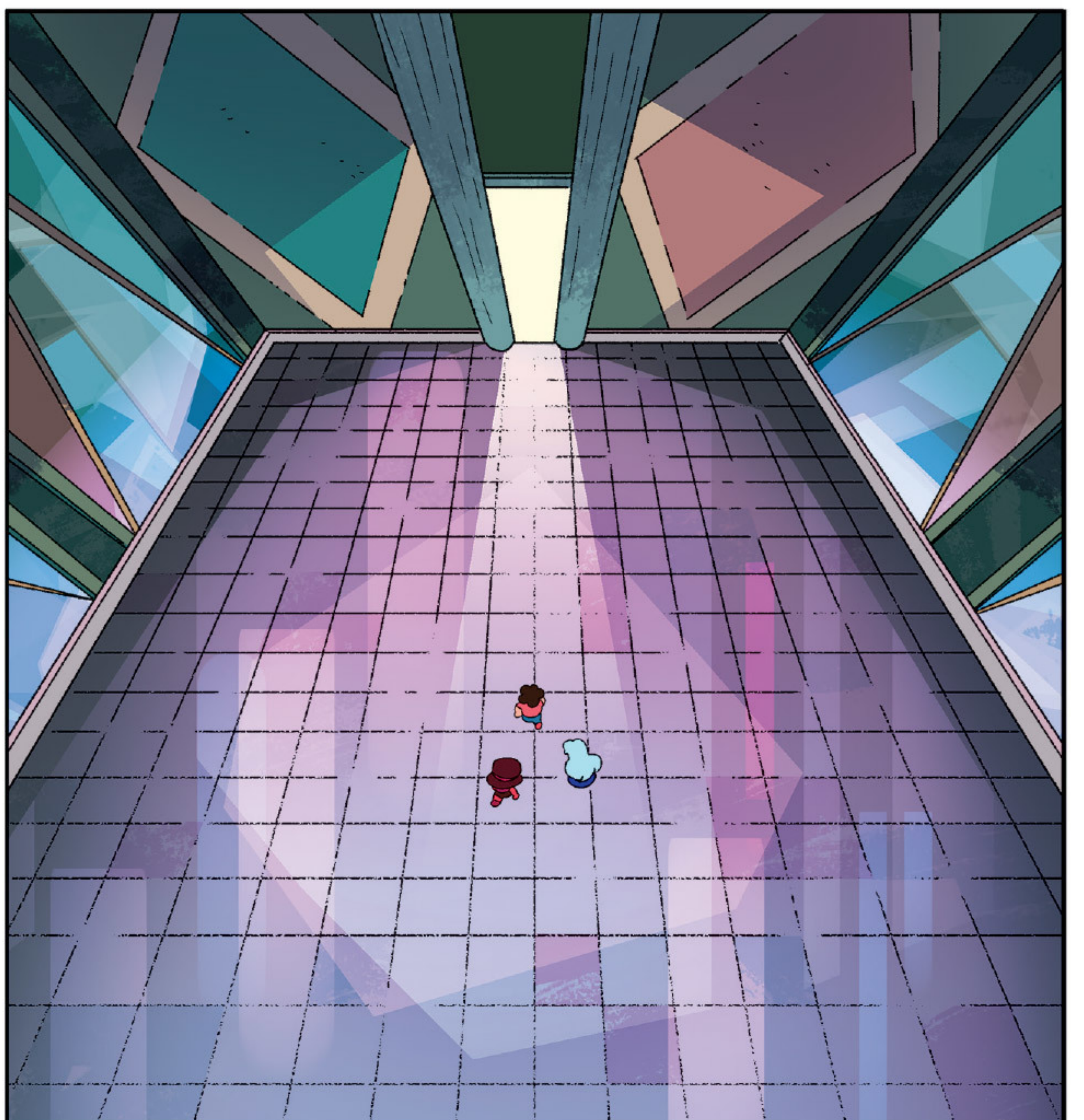
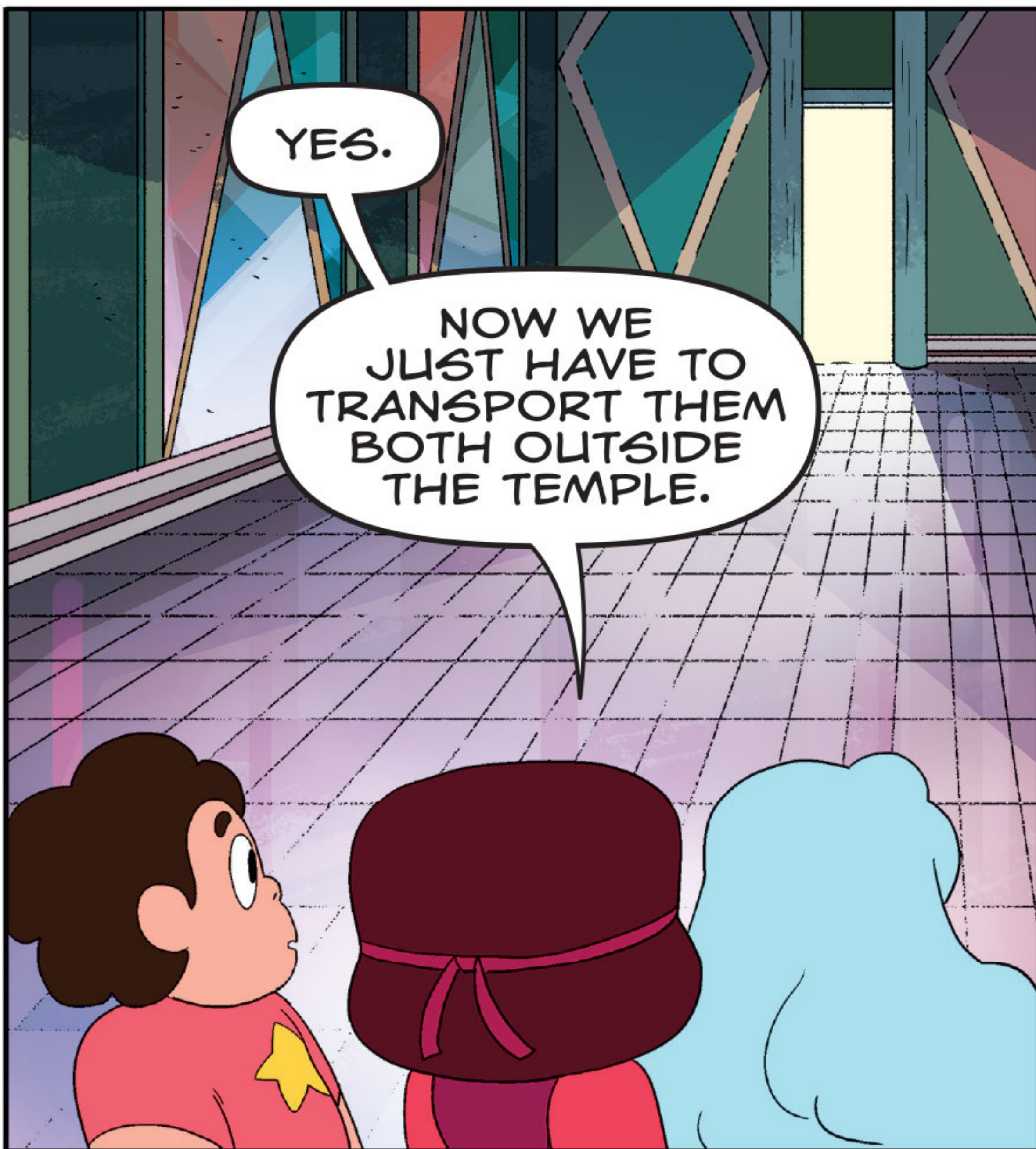




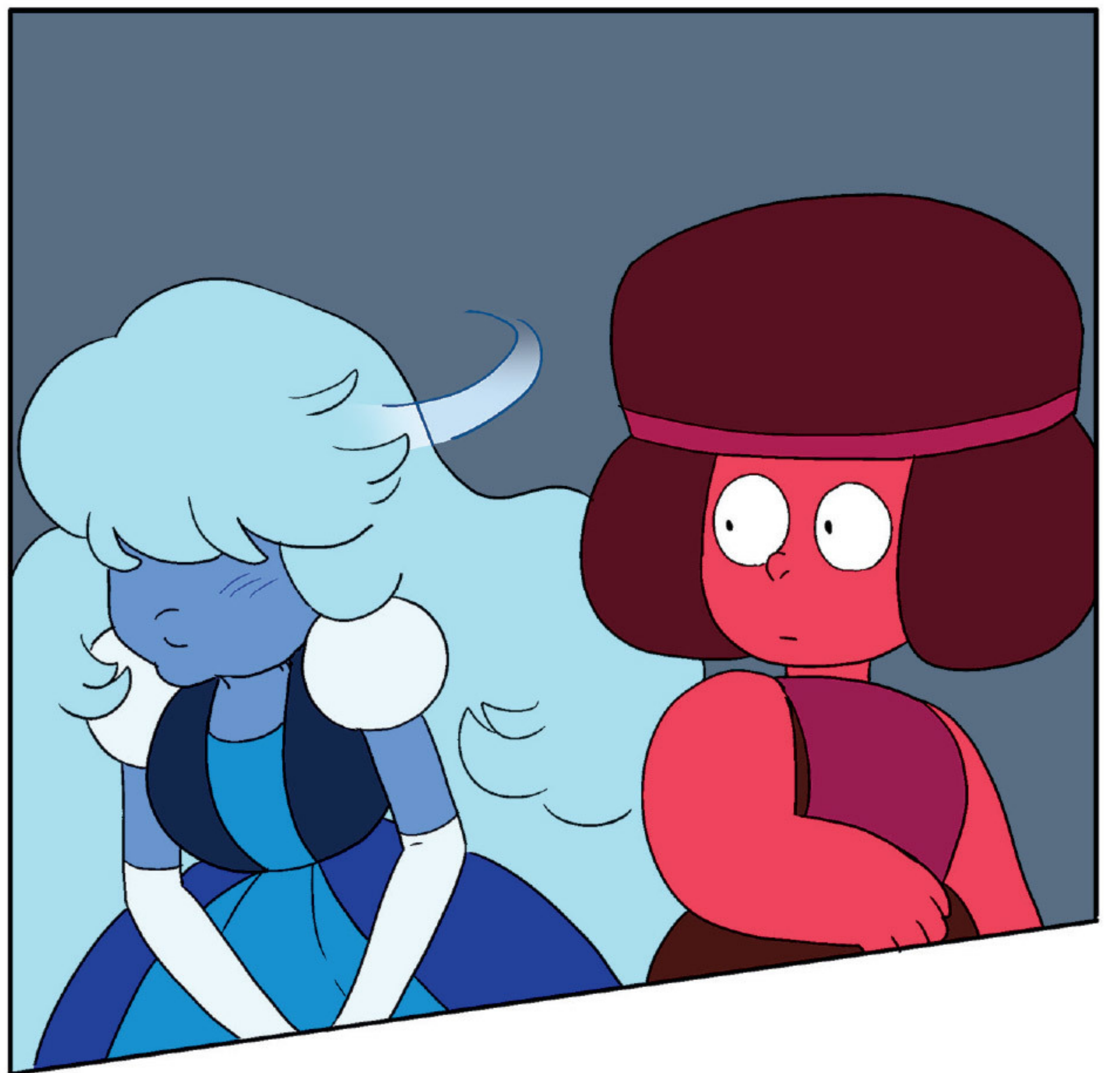












HEY, WHAT WAS THAT LOOK?

OH... NOTHING...

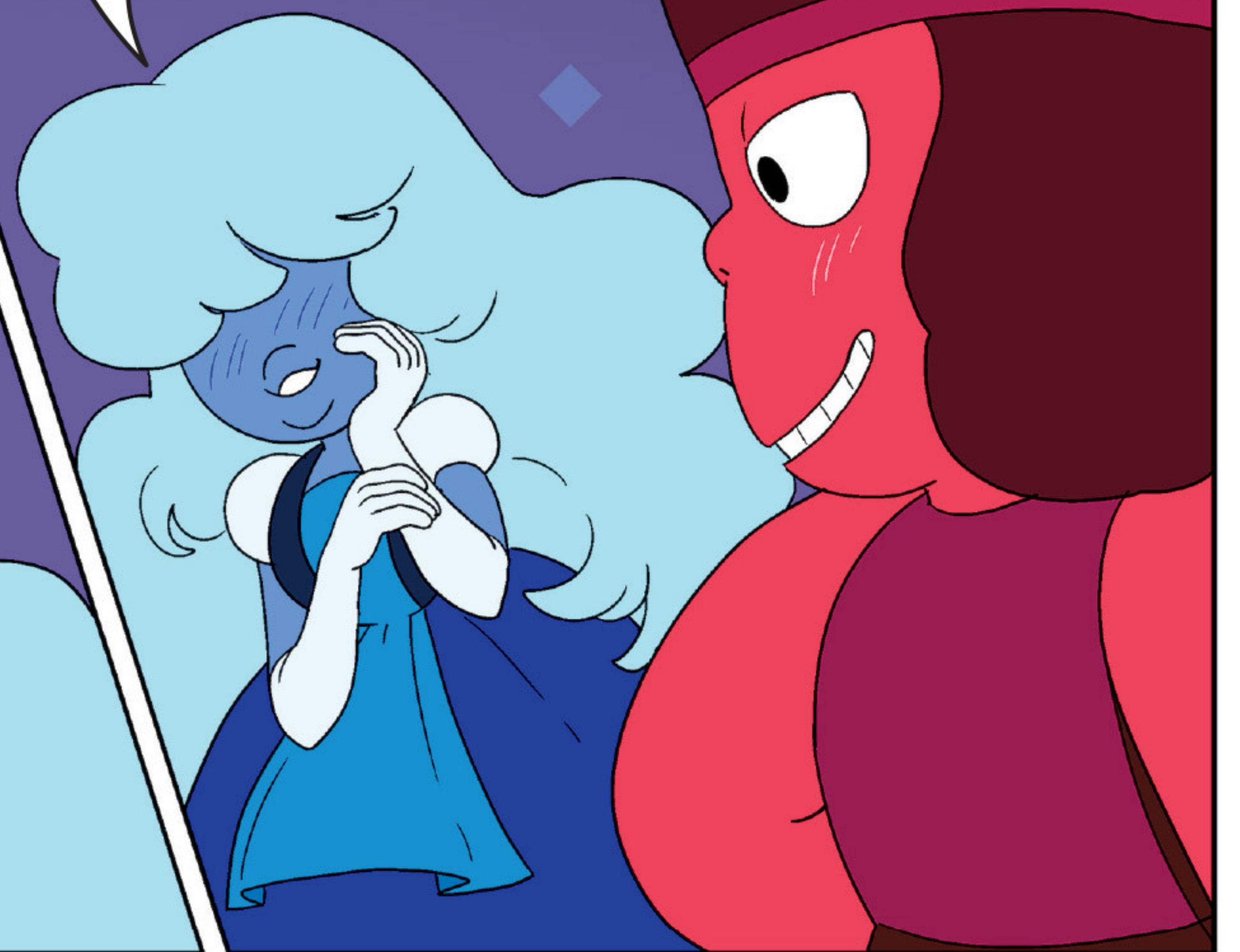


JUST...ADMIRING HOW WELL YOU'RE HANDLING THAT GEM CONTAINMENT.

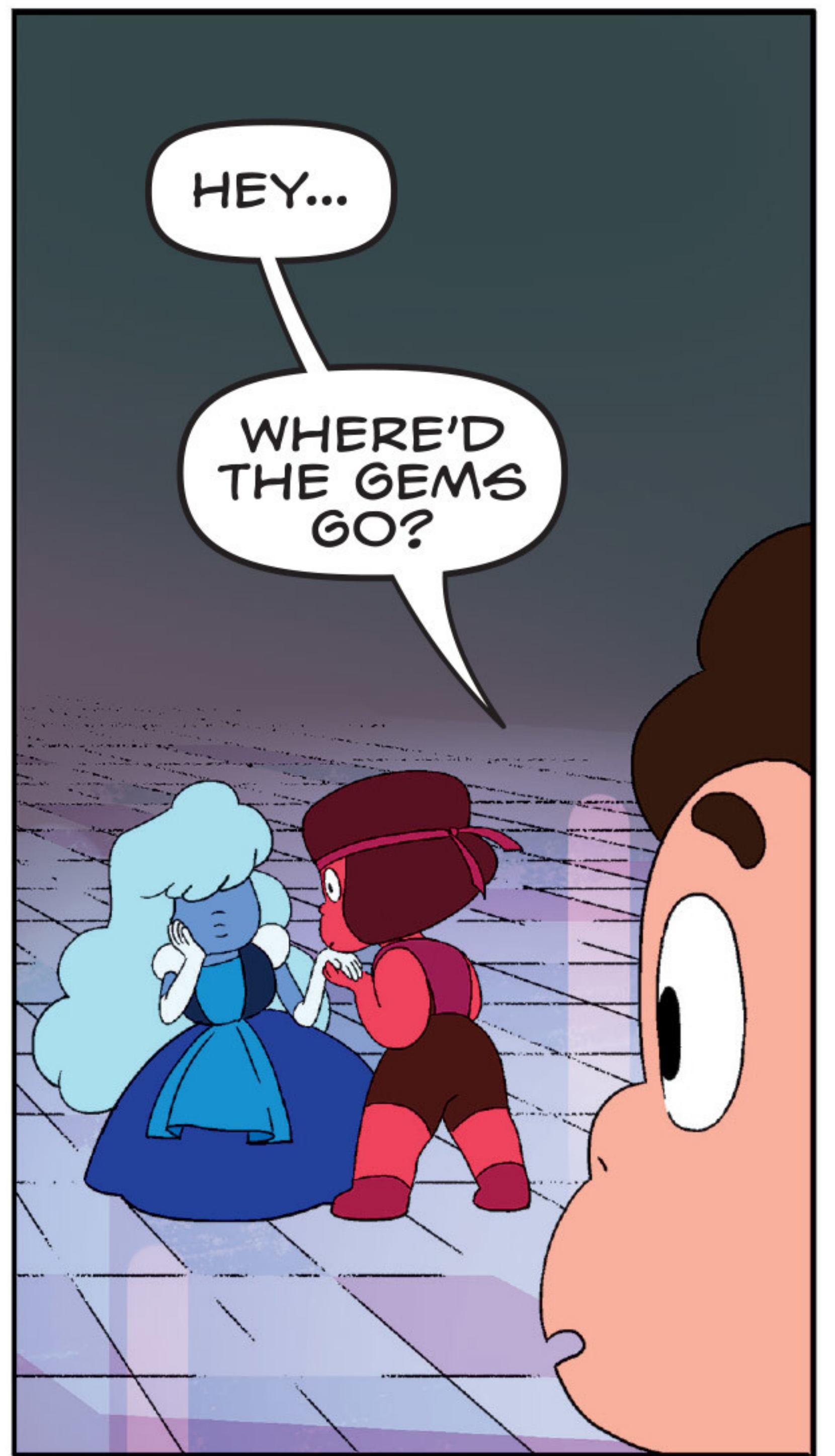
OH YEAH?

WELL YOU'RE NOT LOOKING TOO BAD YOURSELF.

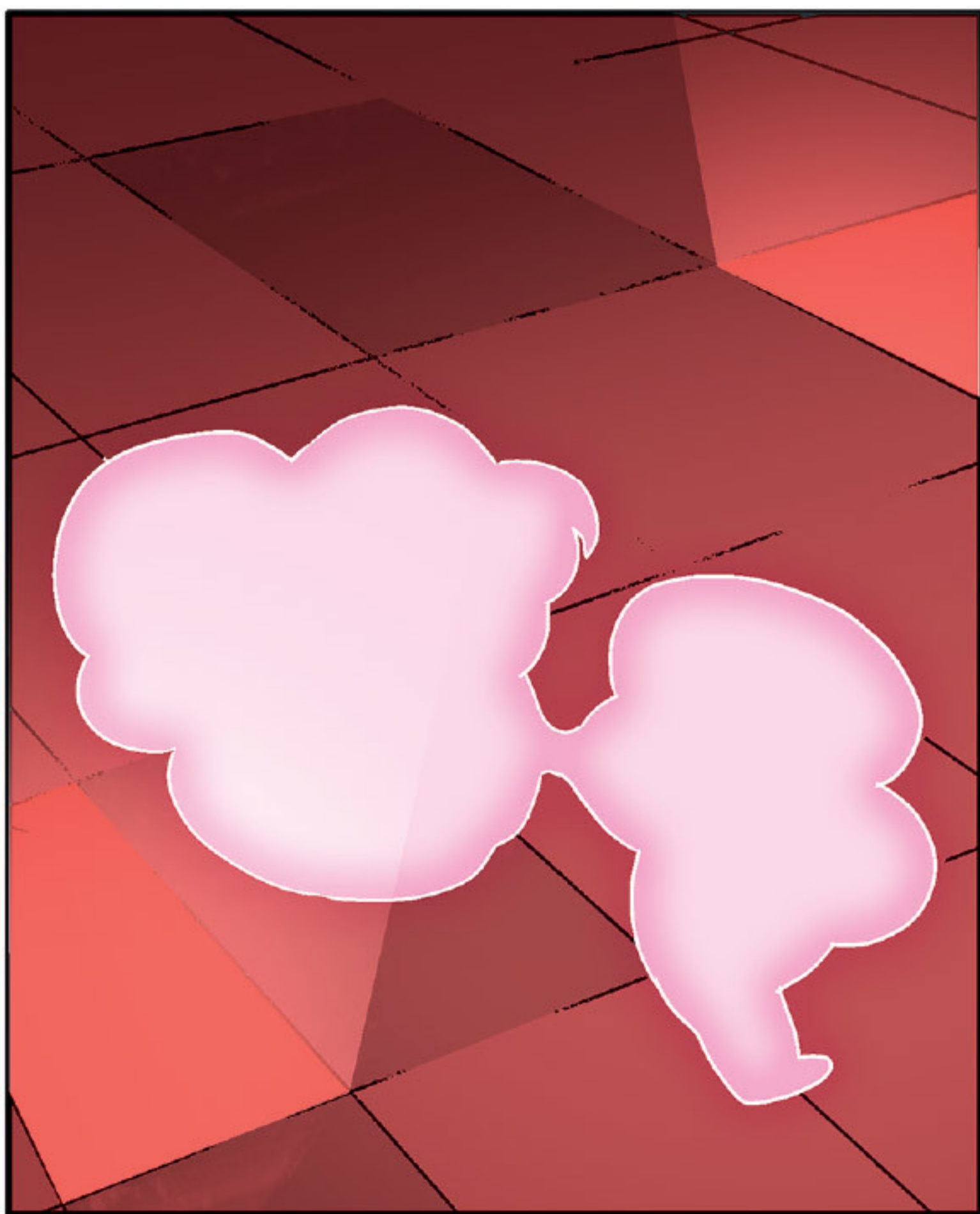
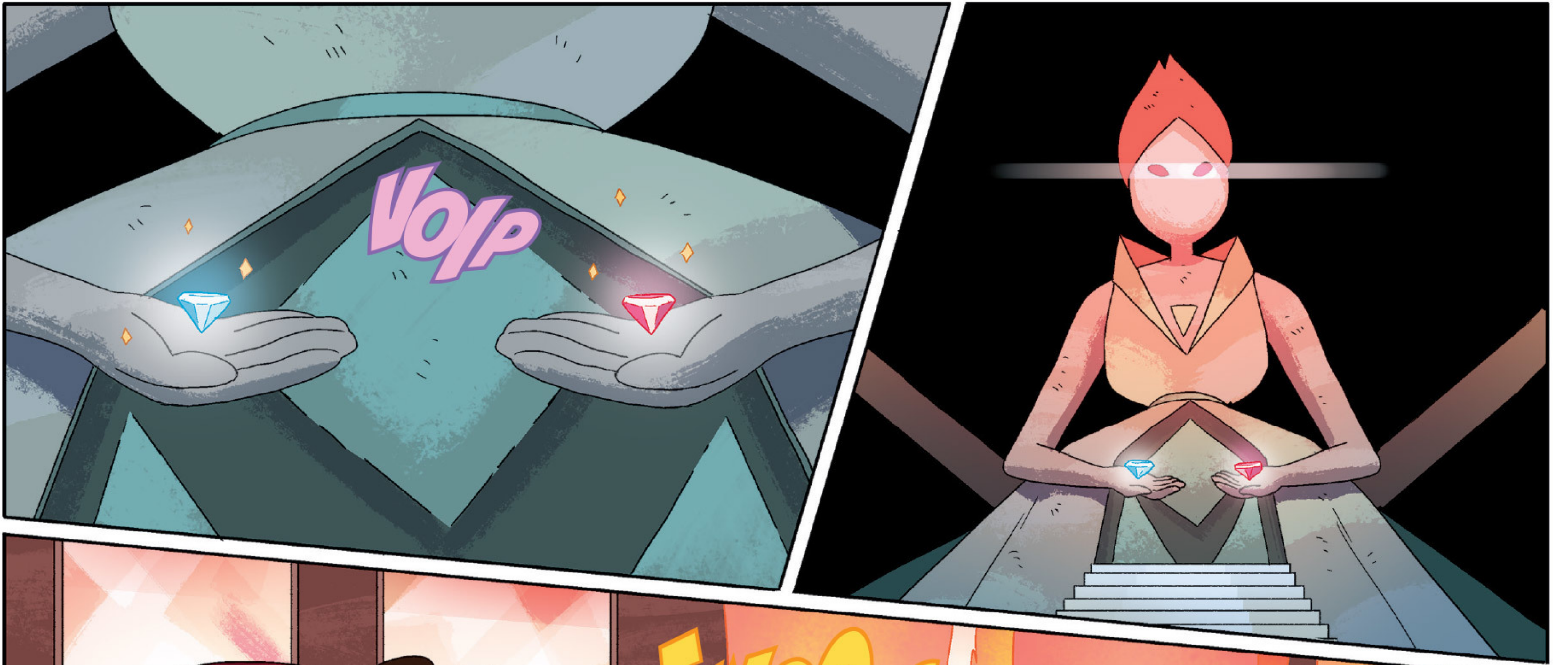
HAHA, OH STOP, YOU!



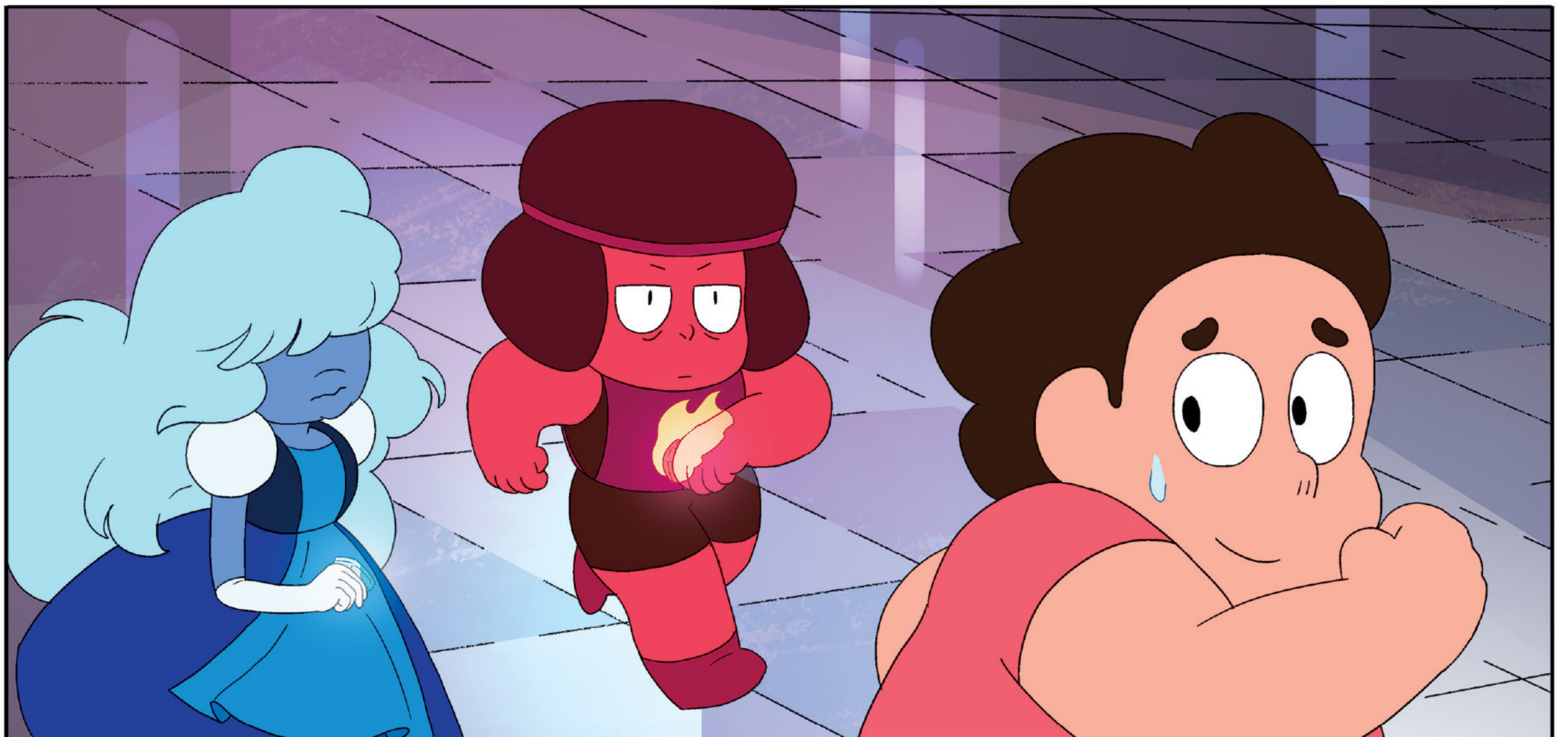
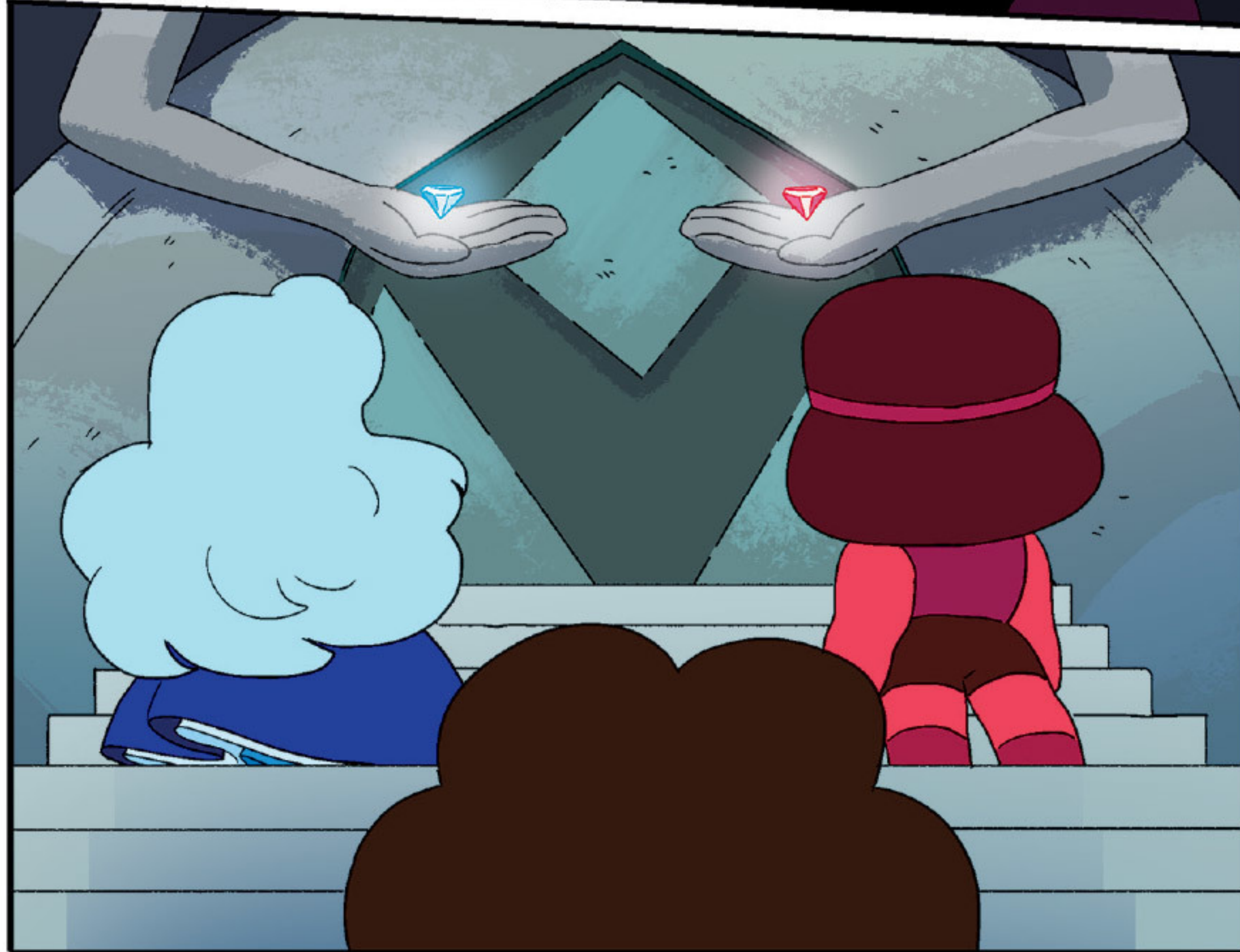
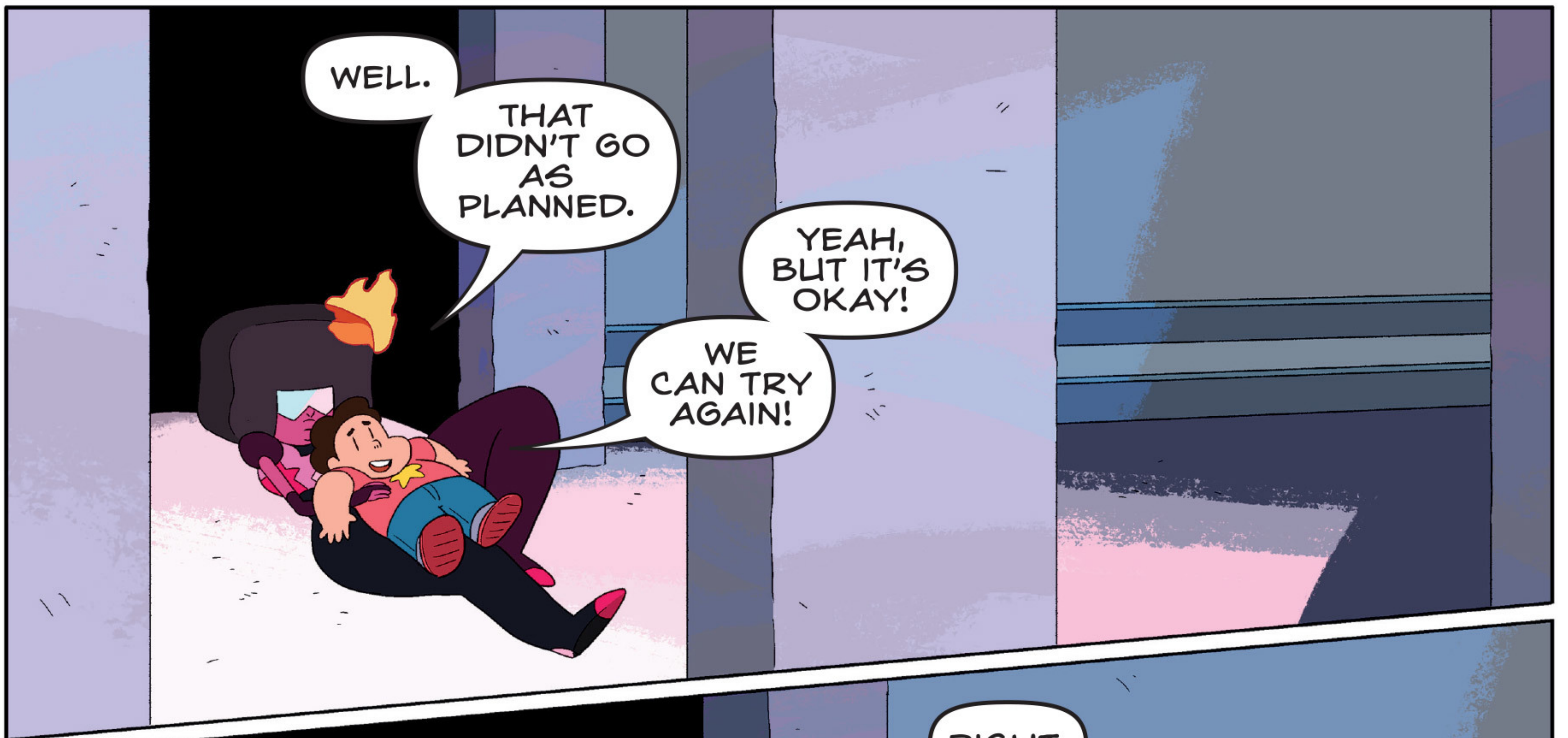




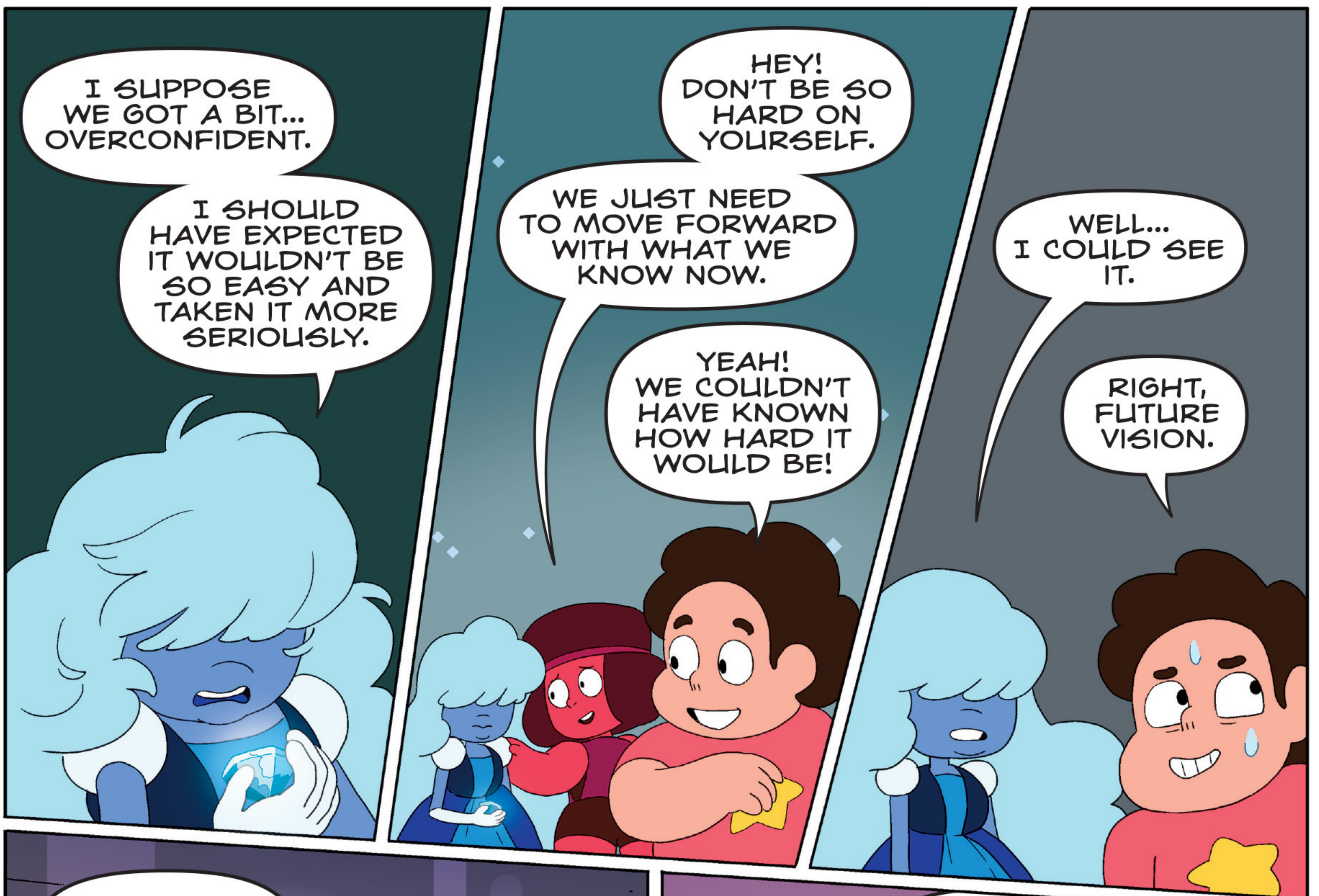












I SUPPOSE  
WE GOT A BIT...  
OVERCONFIDENT.

I SHOULD  
HAVE EXPECTED  
IT WOULDN'T BE  
SO EASY AND  
TAKEN IT MORE  
SERIOUSLY.

HEY!  
DON'T BE SO  
HARD ON  
YOURSELF.

WE JUST NEED  
TO MOVE FORWARD  
WITH WHAT WE  
KNOW NOW.

YEAH!  
WE COULDN'T  
HAVE KNOWN  
HOW HARD IT  
WOULD BE!

WELL...  
I COULD SEE  
IT.

RIGHT,  
FUTURE  
VISION.



YEAH, BUT  
THAT DOESN'T  
TELL YOU  
EVERYTHING,  
SAPPHY.

TRUE.

YOU'VE  
DEMONSTRATED  
THAT ON MULTIPLE  
OCCASIONS.



HAHA, WELL  
THAT'S JUST  
HOW IT IS  
WITH ME.

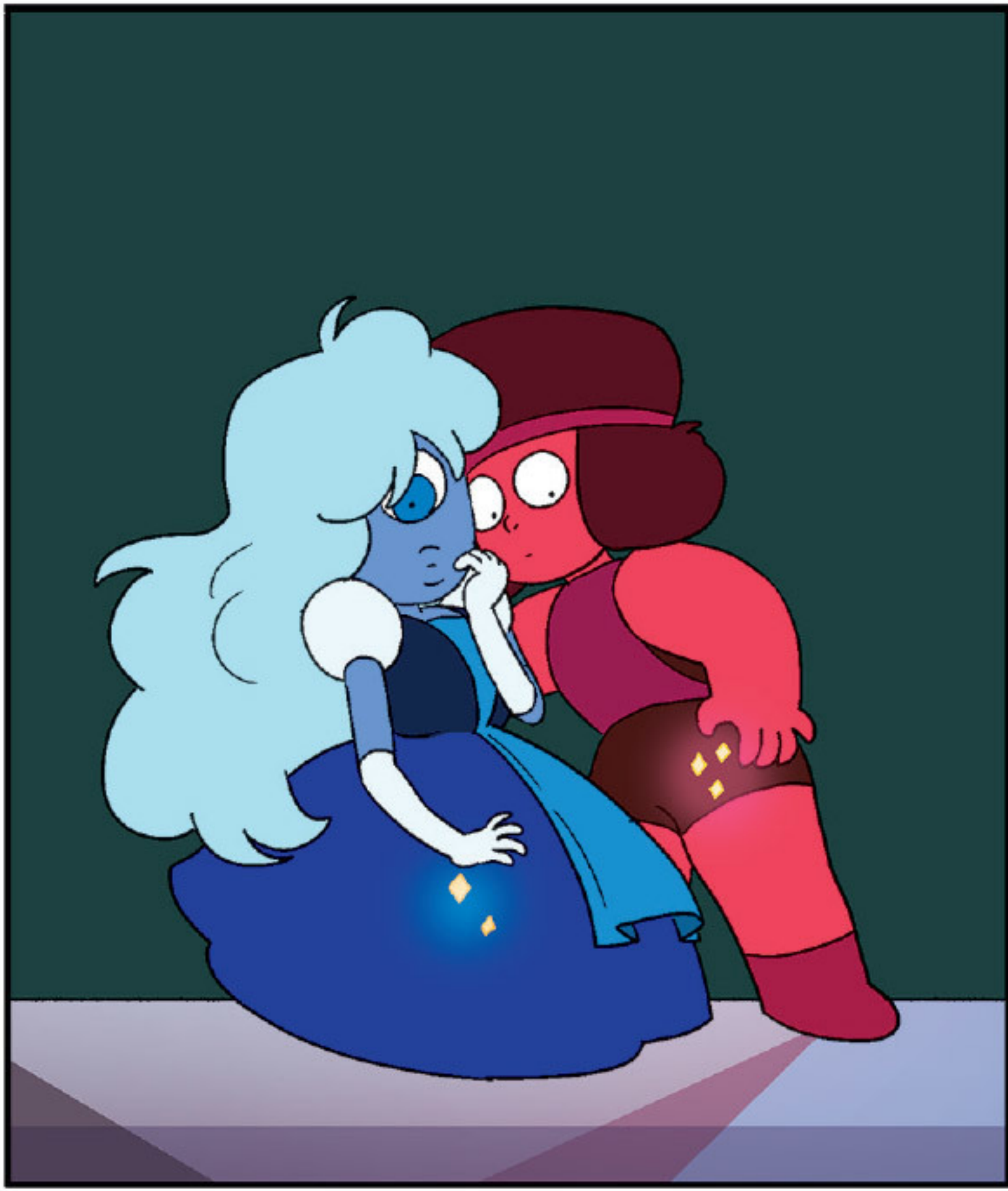
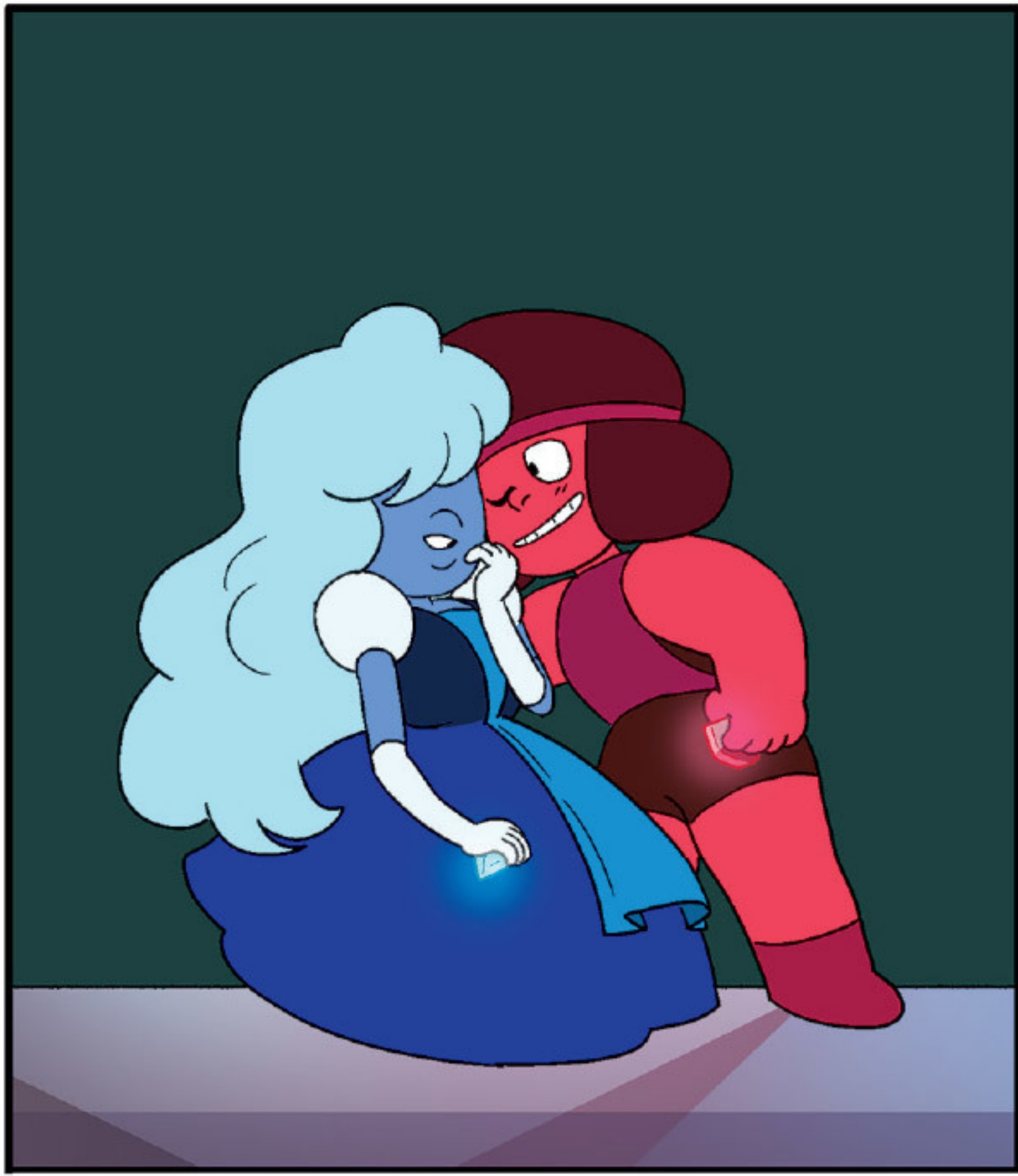
THERE'S  
NO OTHER GEM  
I'D RATHER  
HAVE TO PROVE  
ME WRONG.



HAHA  
AWW...

UUUH...  
GUYS?

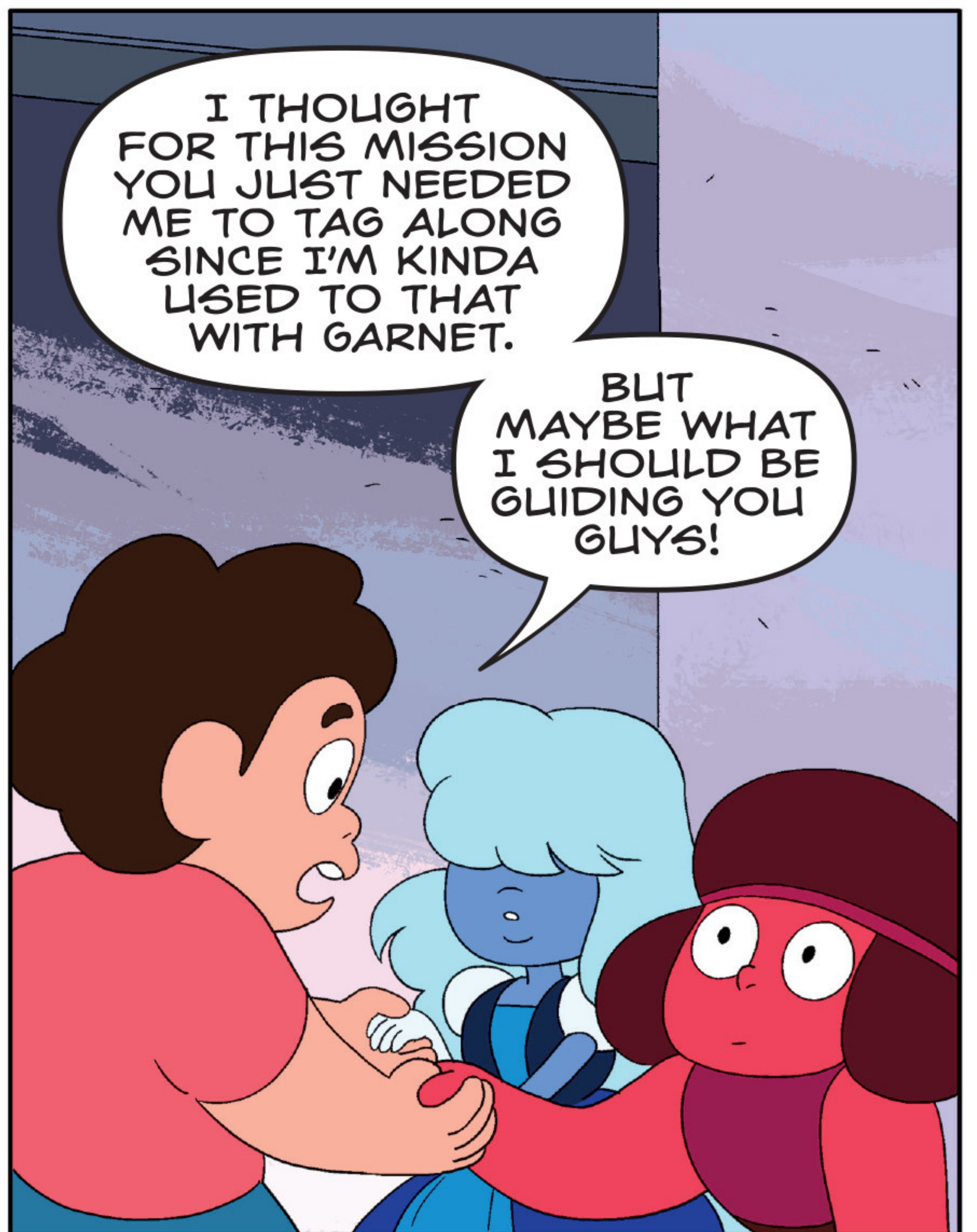
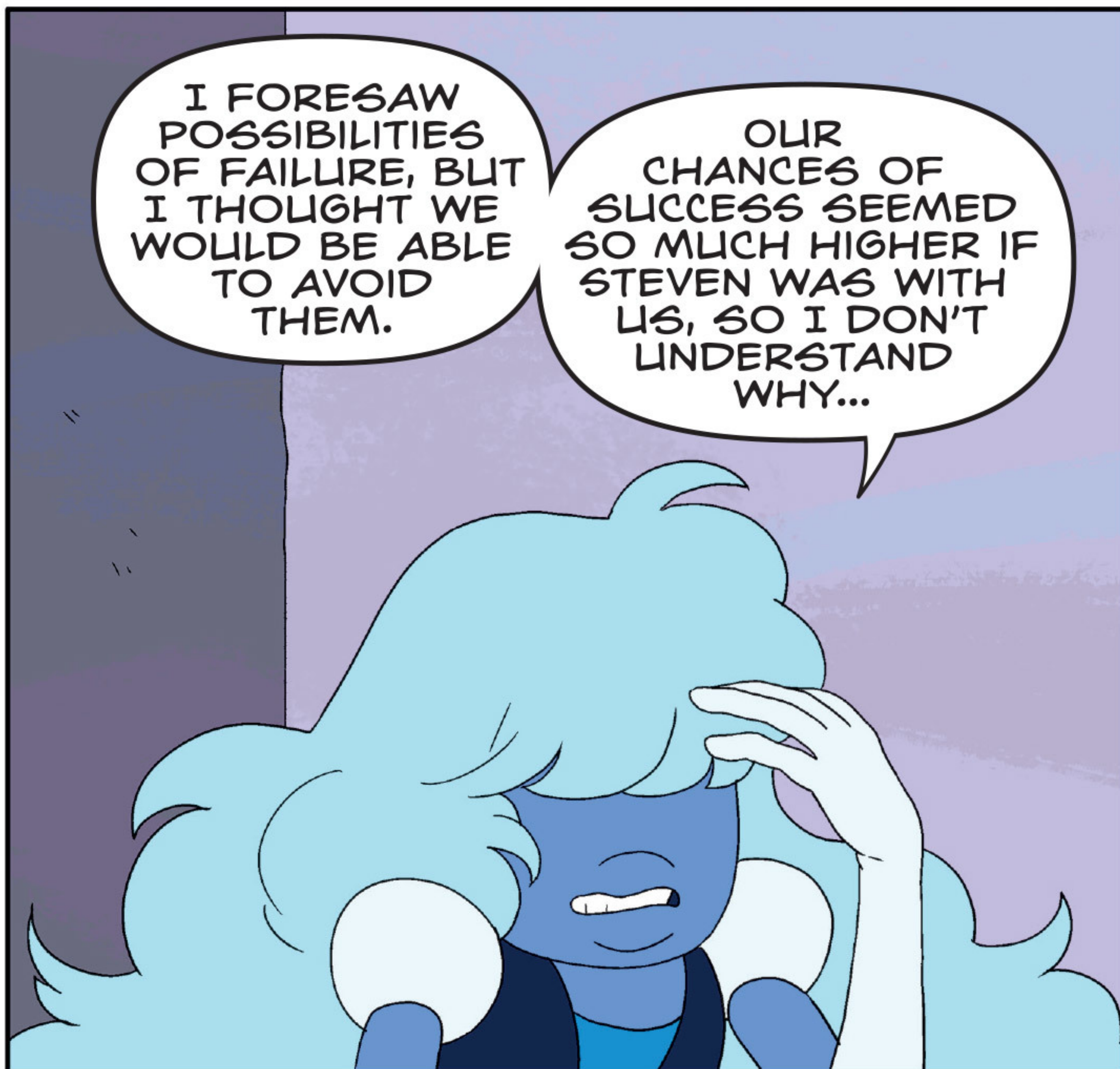








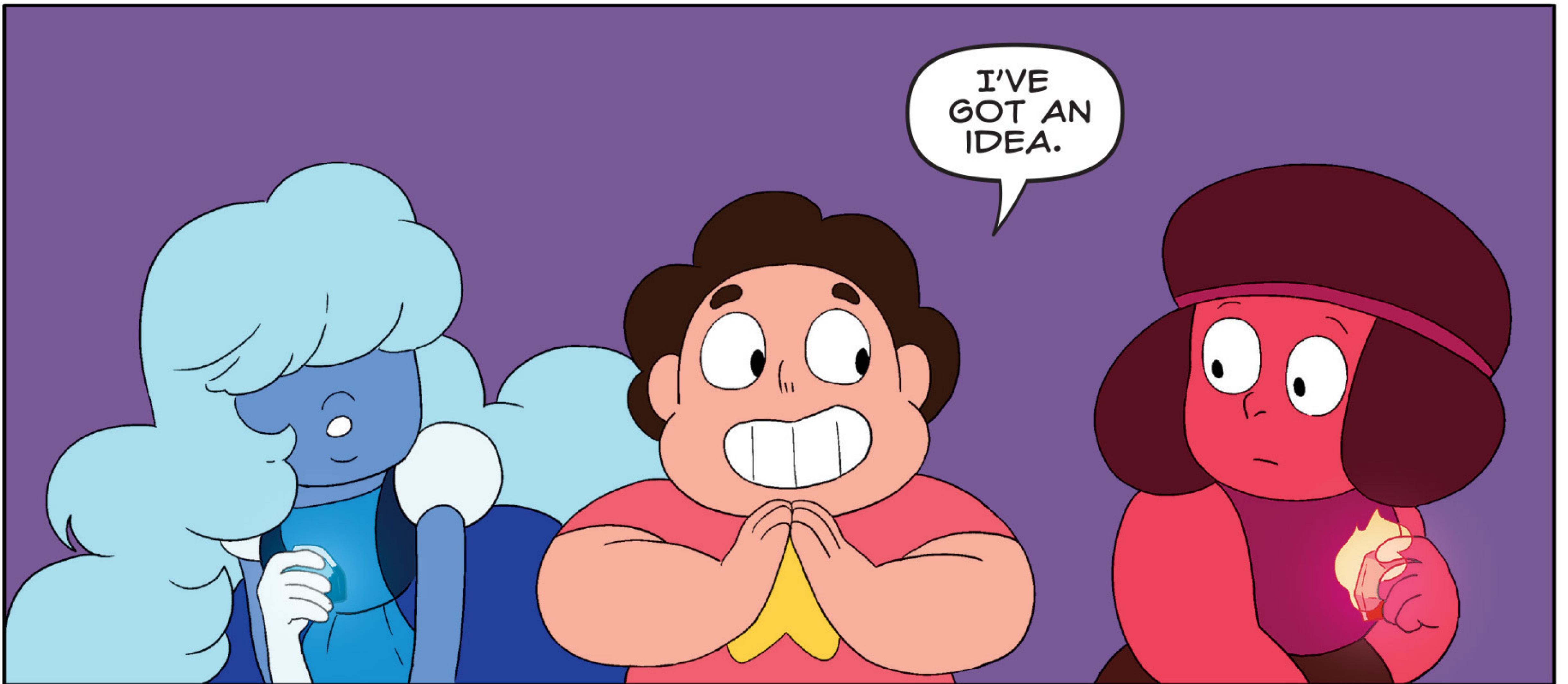
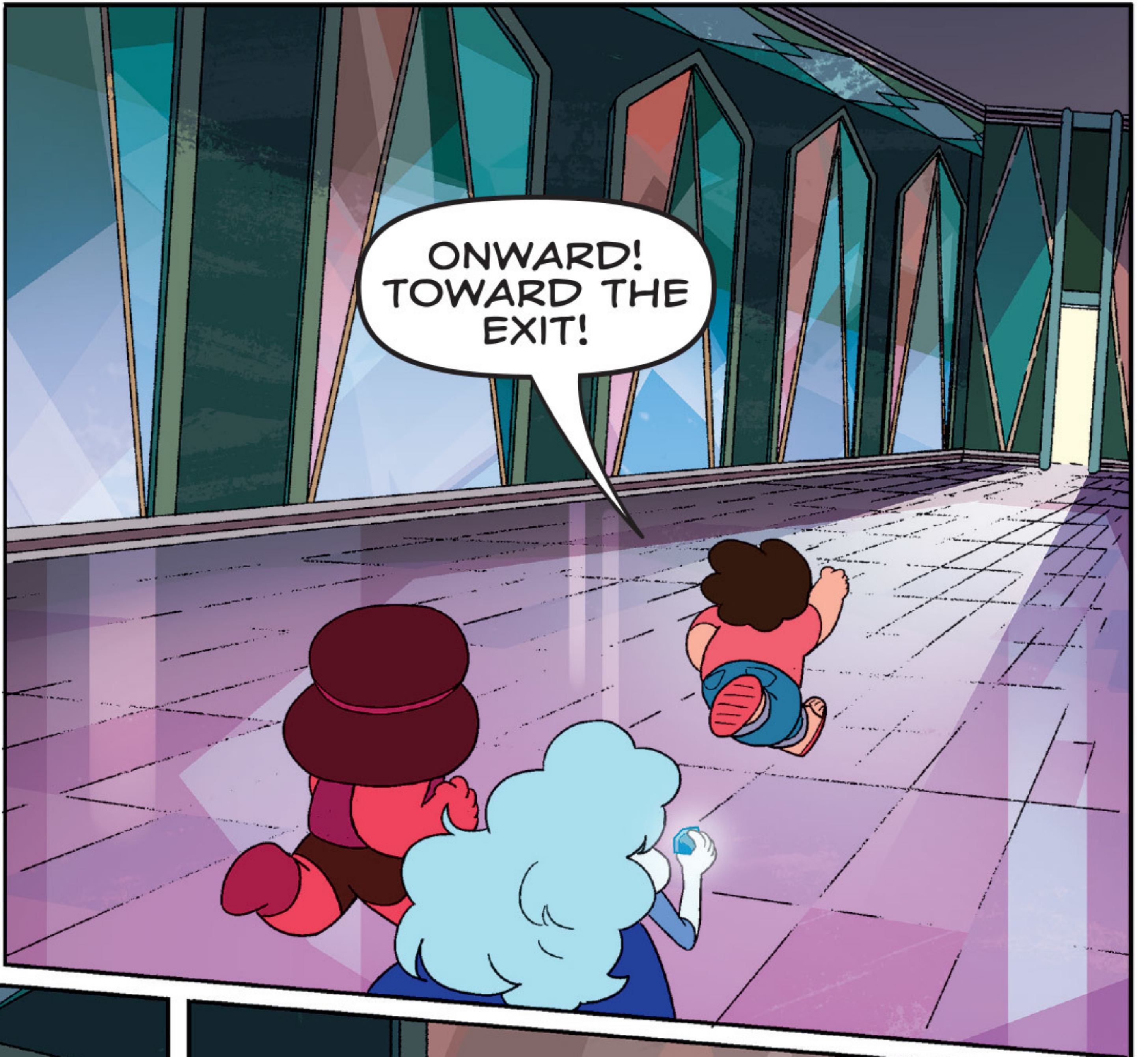




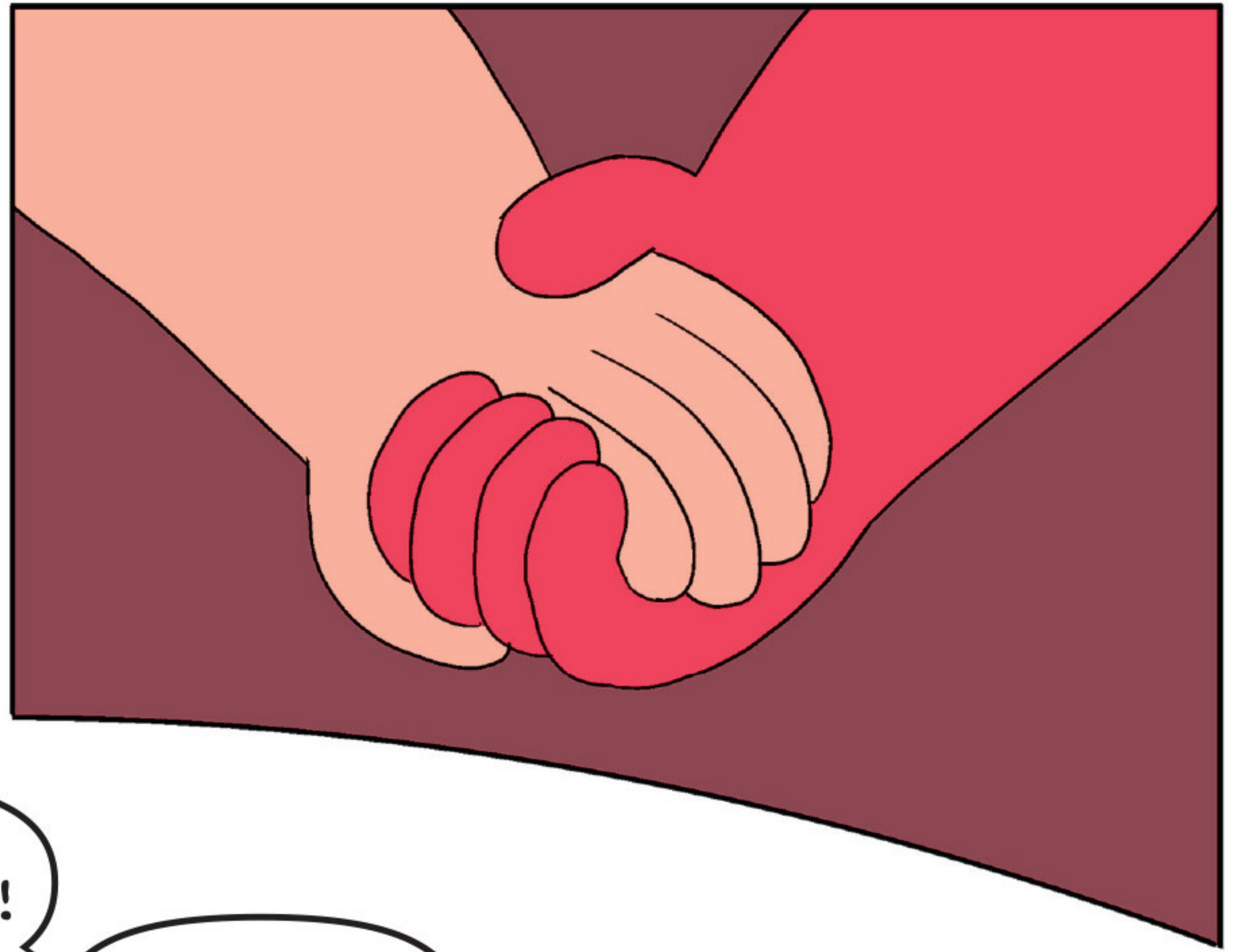
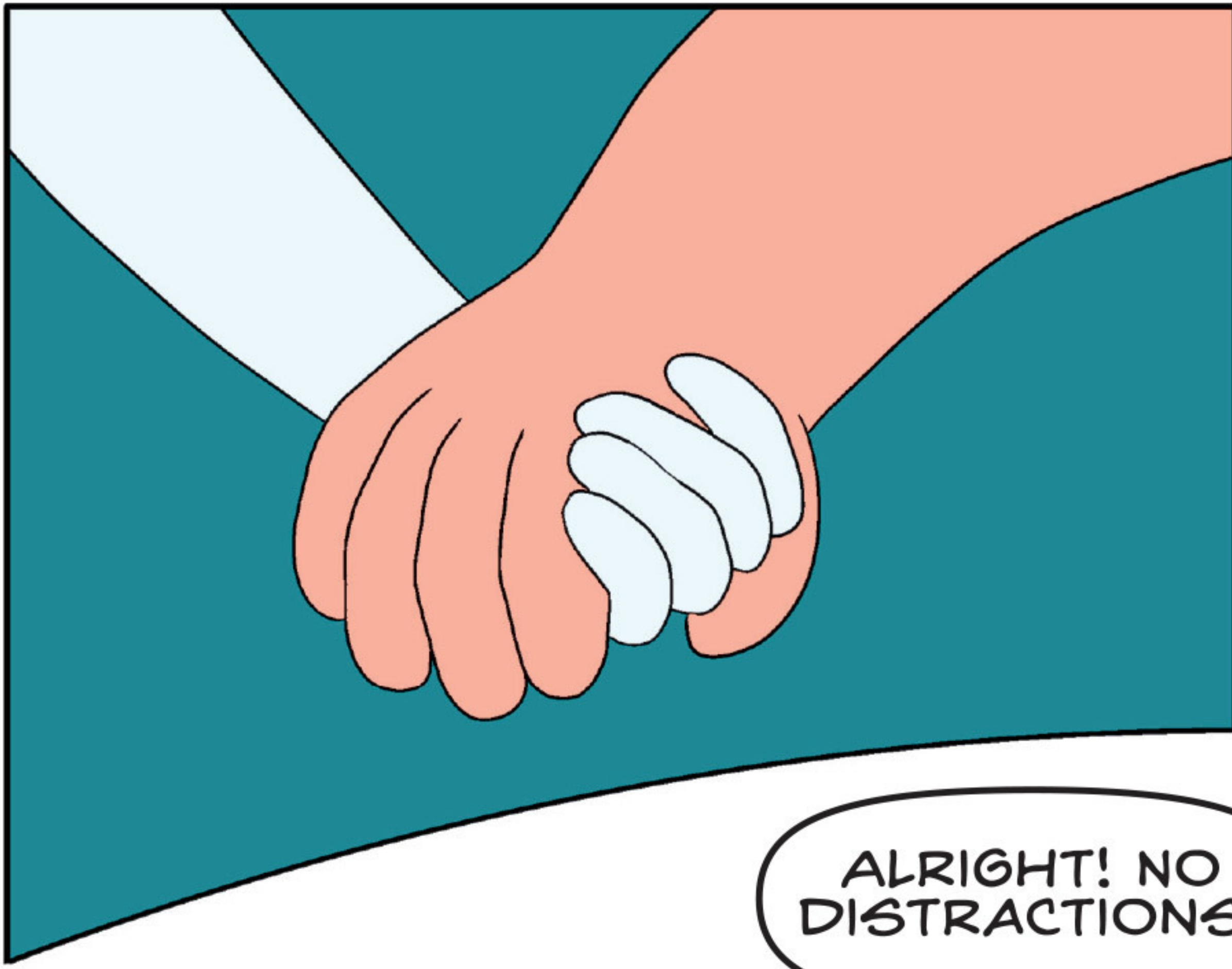






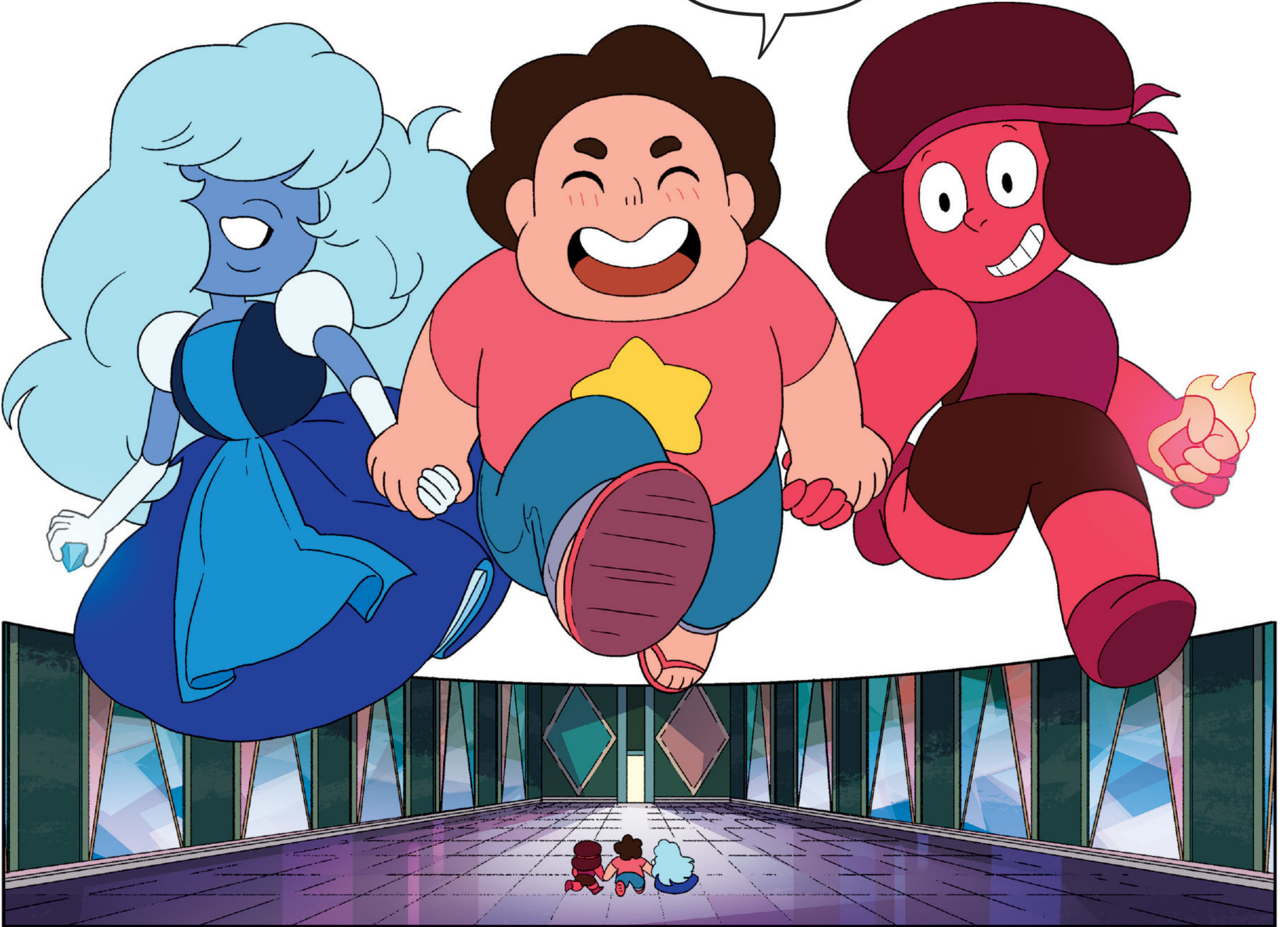






ALRIGHT! NO  
DISTRACTIONS!

WE  
HEAD OUT  
TOGETHER.



HOW ARE THE  
GEMS?

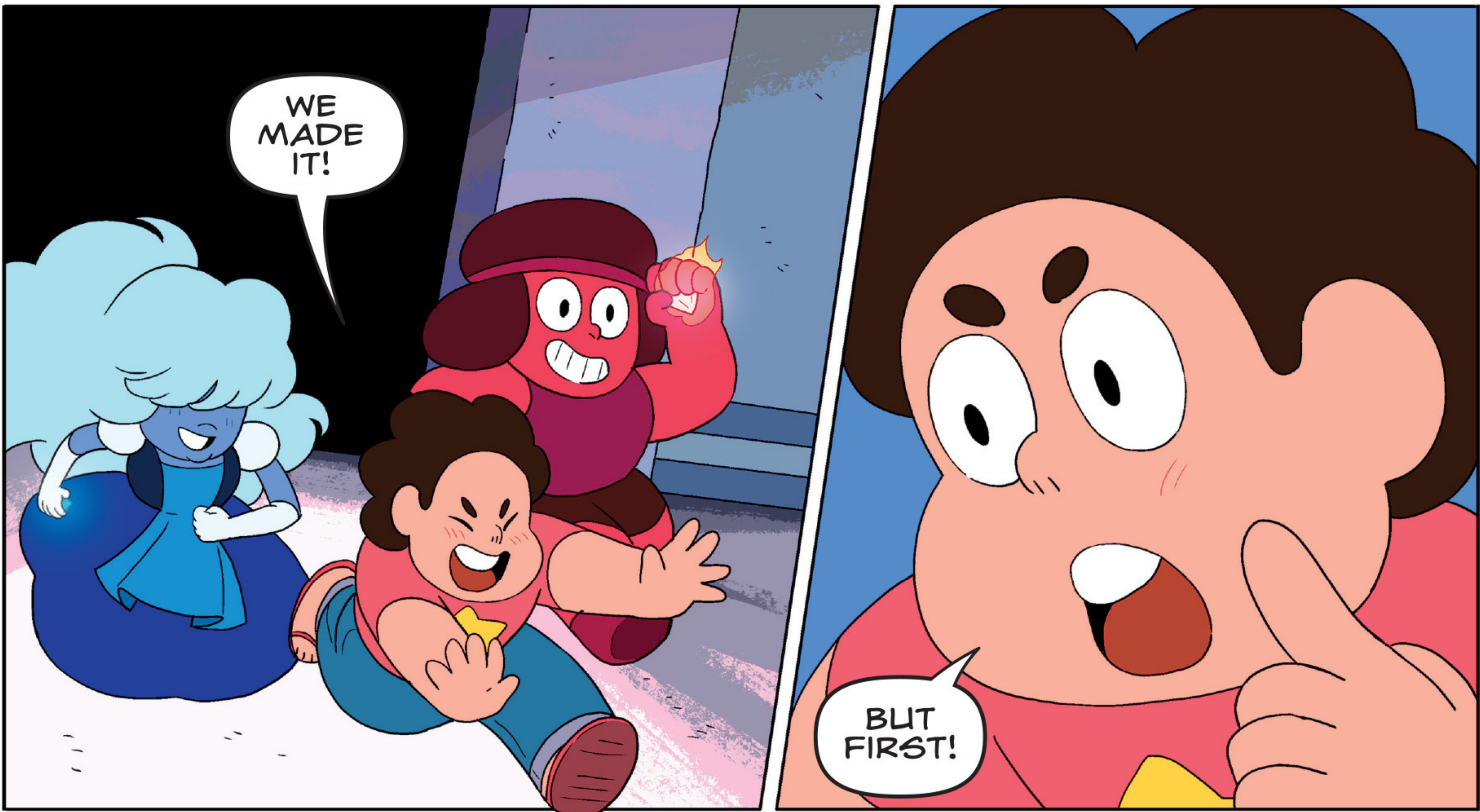
ALL  
GOOD OVER  
HERE!



LOOKING  
FINE AND  
STABLE ON  
MY END.

GOOD!  
LET'S KEEP IT  
THAT WAY.

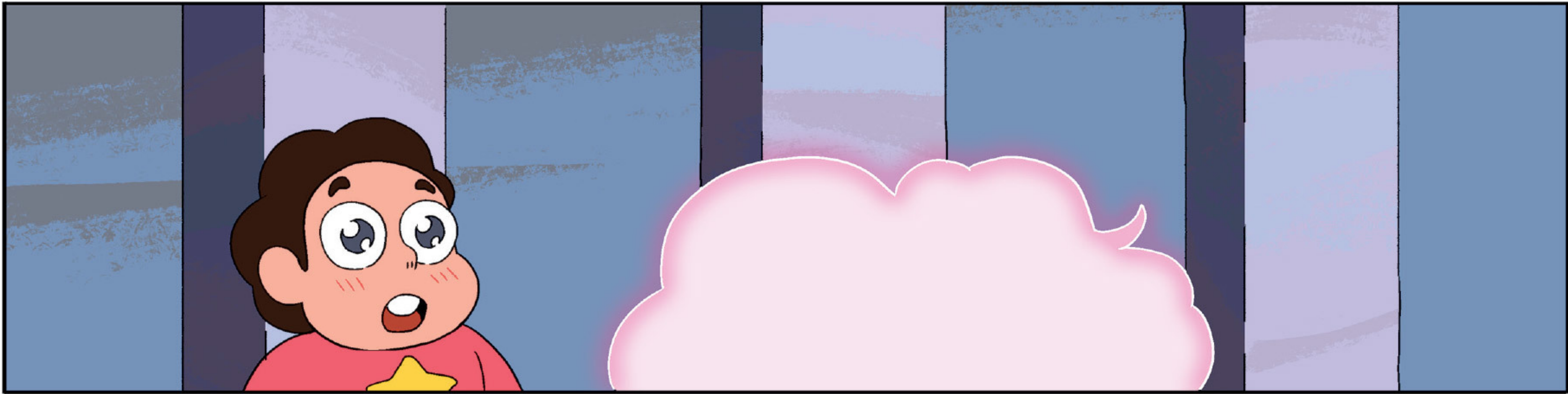














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HEAR ME ROAR!

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# FIND YOUR PLACE IN THE WORLD A GIRL IN THE HIMALAYAS

Beyond the peaks and valleys of the Himalaya Mountains lies a magical sanctuary, home to immortal beings and mystical creatures. When the human girl Vijaya is brought into the sanctuary for her protection, some fear her presence may lead to their ruin. But as mankind draws ever closer to the sanctuary's border, Vijaya will have to prove that there is more to being human than the violence her new family fears beyond their borders.



**David Jesus Vignolli**  
Writer/Artist

## Where did the idea for *A Girl in the Himalayas* come from?

The idea came during a trip to the Himalayas. We are used to seeing these mountains through the lenses of mountaineers and explorers, but they are also rich in folklore stories about gods, spiritual beings, yetis, and sages. The Himalayas are not only stunningly beautiful, but also magical.

The Himalayas also feel like a universal territory that does not belong to any particular culture but to humanity, like the Sahara desert or the Amazon forest. Those places are very tough for human life to thrive. People need to help each other in order to survive in rough conditions and severe weather. They cannot overpower nature and this makes them humble. Let's say, one depends on the mood of the gods.

I felt very inspired by that and I imagined how a small girl would feel and survive in this place full of beauty and unexpected danger.

## Tell us a little about the characters we'll meet.

Vijaya is the only survivor of a conflict that burnt down her

village. She is strong and, at the same time, very sweet and innocent. Prasad—an immortal warrior—chooses to sacrifice his immortality in order to save her. He then takes the girl to live in the Sanctuary, a secret paradise inhabited by harmonious nature spirits.

Vijaya is now taken care of by the aged and mortal Prasad and his friend Vasu. Prasad is a nice guy. A Sean Connery type. But Vasu is not as excited about the presence of a human in the Sanctuary. Nature spirits fear humans due to the chaos and destruction they cause. Why would anyone bring this dangerous species into their paradise?

Prasad feels Vijaya, an innocent child, is no threat to their haven, but Vasu is concerned that Vijaya is just another unpredictable human. For him, the little girl signifies the end of the Sanctuary as they know it.

Vijaya meets a whole forest full of delightful nature spirits.

## How did you come up with these creatures?

I thought about nature and how its powers act on us. It's no coincidence that after a walk in the woods or a dive in the ocean one feels recharged and invigorated. There are forces in nature acting all the time. Forces we humans are not aware of. I guess it all started from the idea of personifying those forces. Giving them faces. I knew they had to be wild like animals. They had to be unpredictable in their behavior. And all of them have a function in the complex job of nature.

## Who/what are some of your artistic inspirations?

In terms of narrative, Frank Miller is a master. As a boy, I remember looking at *Daredevil's* pages and thinking, "The way this guy tells stories is something special." Miller managed to mix "unmixable" elements such as superheroes and immortal ninjas and surprisingly make it work. The secret lies in how he told the story. Hayao Miyazaki's films are another inspiration, and they take me to unexplored worlds. I wanted to bring this quality to my book. I also love reading Indian mythology stories. They are so rich. The fact that they are not well-known makes them a great source of original ideas.

## What do you hope readers will take away from this story?

I think *A Girl in the Himalayas* is a universal story. It's about losing a home and finding a new one, it's about fitting in, being accepted by a group. But also about remaining truthful to oneself. I hope the reader will dive into this strange world and won't want to leave it. ■



*A Girl in the Himalayas*  
David Jesus Vignolli



**A GIRL IN THE HIMALAYAS**  
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## ICYMI: LUCY DREAMING #2

# SWEET DREAMS

Lucy dreams herself into the world of the dystopian novel that's currently all the rage at her school—but instead of being the hero, she's the villain of this particular story!



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## WWE: WRESTLEMANIA 2018 SPECIAL

WrestleMania is the biggest event in the world of sports entertainment, and we're celebrating it with an oversized one-shot showcasing the biggest WWE Superstars! This year's special includes a closer look at one of the greatest matches of all time: Macho Man Randy Savage vs. Ricky "The Dragon" Steamboat at WrestleMania III.

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## GET TO KNOW **BOOM! STUDIOS**

### JOSÉ MEZA

EVENT COORDINATOR



**Currently Watching:** *Psych*.

**Currently Reading:** *The Expeditionary Force* series by Craig Alanson.

**Favorite Item on Desk:** My Lego Helicarrier, Captain Americas, and all my MMPR toys.

**Food I'd Wrestle A Bear For:** Hot Cheetos pie.

**If I Won the Lottery I'd Spend the Money On:** Real Estate, charity and Hot Cheetos Pie.

**Hobbies:** Sports, Comics, toys, woodwork.

**Hometown:** NoHo, CA.



I AM REPTAR, HEAR ME ROAR!

# RUGRATS: R IS FOR REPTAR 2018 SPECIAL

When the power goes out at the Pickles house, the babies and adults come together to share their own personal favorite Reptar stories, from “Beauty and the Reptar” to World War Reptar!

**RUGRATS: R IS FOR REPTAR  
2018 SPECIAL #1**  
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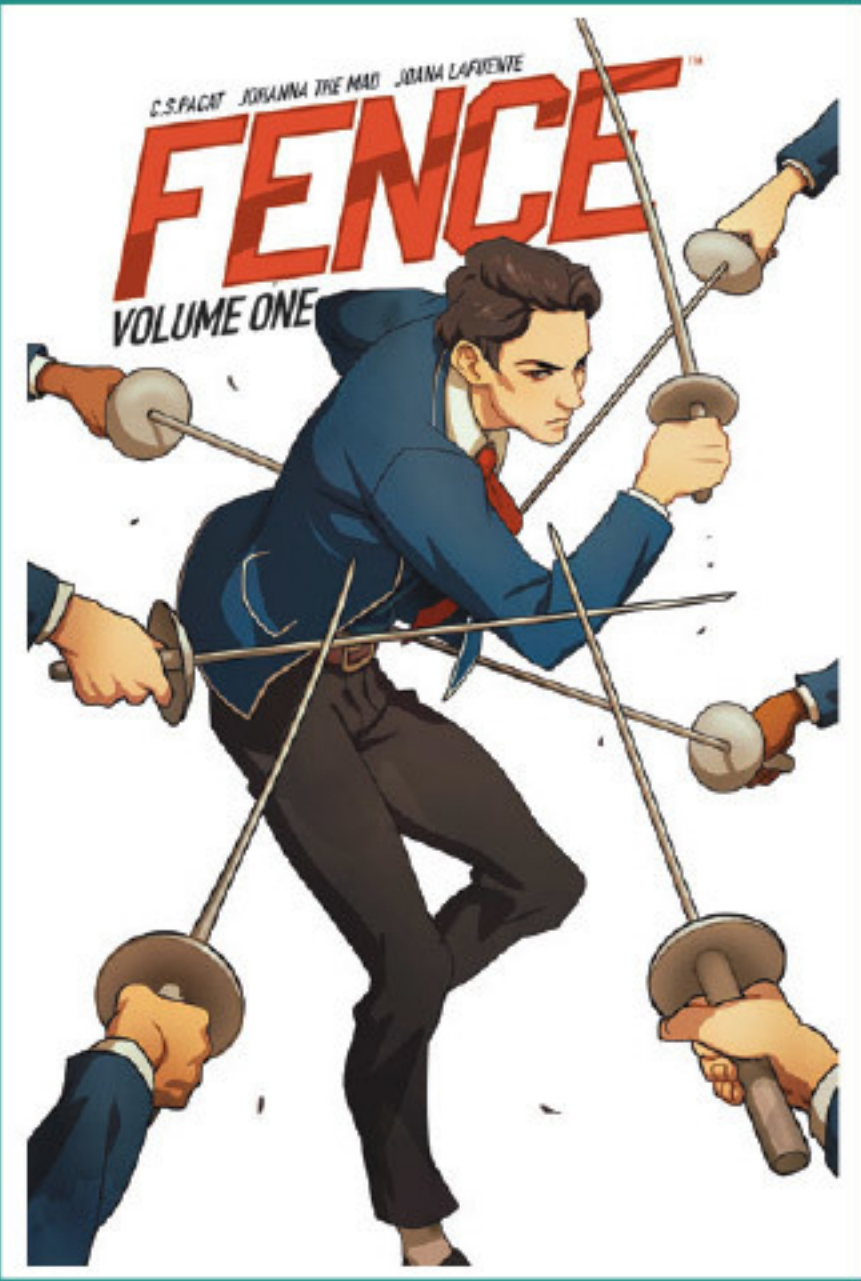
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### HEAVY VINYL SC

CARLY USDIN • NINA VAKUEVA • IRENE FLORES • REBECCA NALTY • JIM CAMPBELL

Chris has just started the 90s teen dream job at her local record store, Vinyl Destination. But when the staff’s favorite singer mysteriously disappears, Chris finds out her co-workers aren’t just sorting vinyl—they’re vigilantes!

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Fence Vol.1 (Discover Now Edition) SC Cover by  
Johanna the Mad

### FENCE VOL. 1 (DISCOVER NOW EDITION) SC

C.S. PACAT • JOHANNA THE MAD • JOANA LAFUENTE • JIM CAMPBELL

Nicholas Cox is an outsider to the competitive fencing world. Filled with raw talent but lacking proper training, he signs up for a competition that puts him head-to-head with fencing prodigy Seiji Katayama...and on the road to the elite all-boys school Kings Row. A chance at a real team and a place to belong awaits him—if he can make the cut!

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Goldie Vance Vol. 4 SC Cover by  
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### GOLDIE VANCE VOL. 4 SC

HOPE LARSON • JACKIE BALL • ELLE POWER • SARAH STERN • JIM CAMPBELL

Sixteen-year-old Goldie Vance has an insatiable curiosity and dreams of one day becoming a detective. With the St. Pascal Rockin’ the Beach Music Festival coming to town, there’s plenty of inexplicable shenanigans keeping her gumshoe brain busy, from mysterious power outages, to missing musicians, to Russian spies hiding in the shadows!

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