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"I WANT TO TELL YOU ABOUT FUSION. I WANT TO TELL YOU HOW DANGEROUS IT IS."

"DANGEROUS?"

WHEN THE LIGHT BREAKS

"WHEN WE WERE JUST RUBY AND SAPPHIRE, WE COULD HAVE LIVED THOUSANDS OF YEARS IN SILENCE, INVISIBLE. SECRET AND SAFE."



COME ON!

NO FAIR YOUR LEGS ARE LONGER THAN MINE!

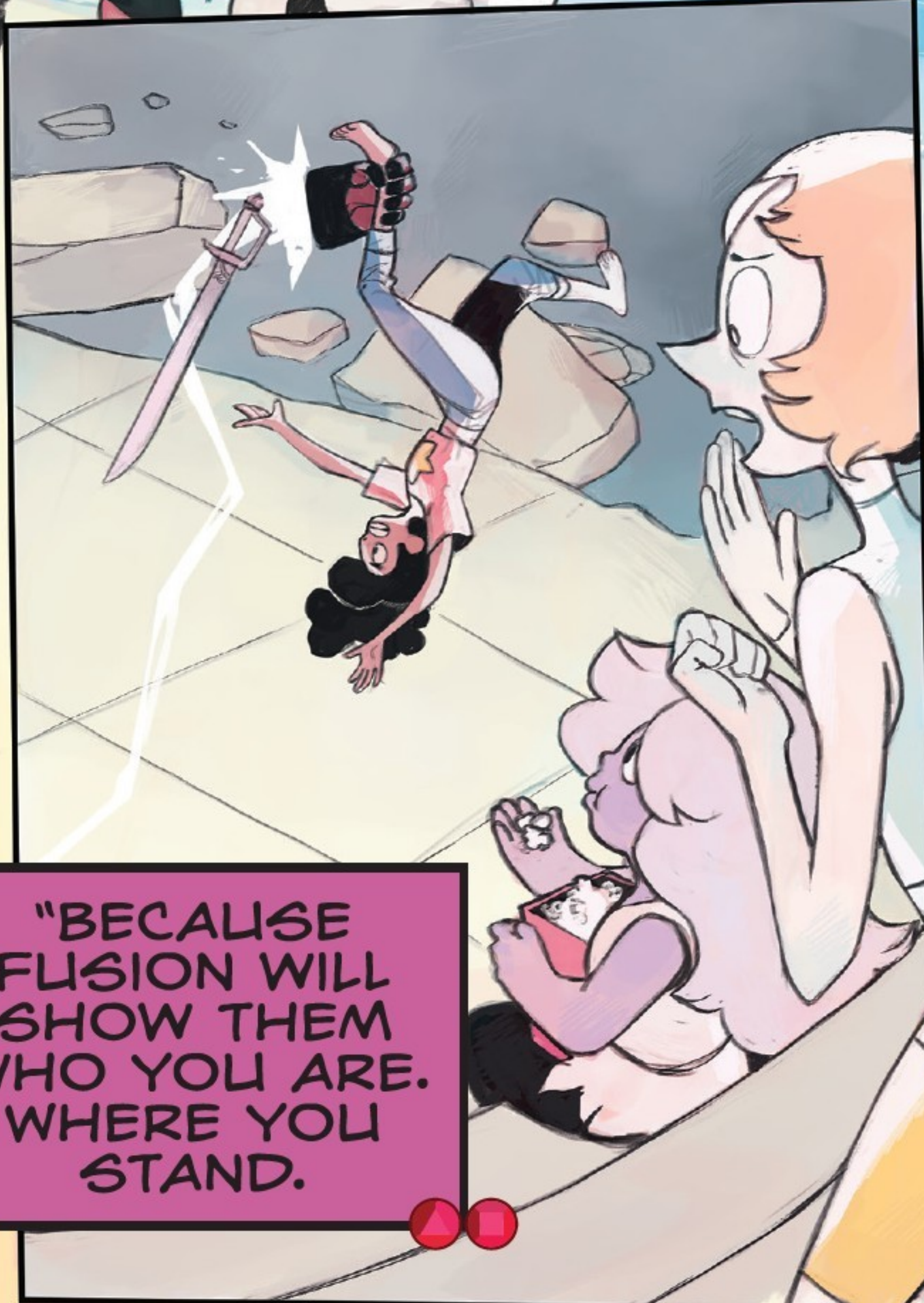


"WHEN TWO OR THREE ARE GATHERED, THERE IS LOVE. THERE'S STRENGTH. BUT THERE'S ALSO RISK."

OOF!



"BECAUSE FUSION WILL SHOW THEM WHO YOU ARE. WHERE YOU STAND."



"...AND WHERE THERE IS VISIBILITY, THERE IS VULNERABILITY."

YOU'RE GONNA MISS IT!



"NEVER FORGET HOW
MUCH BRAVERY IT TAKES
TO LOVE EACH OTHER."





"EARTH CELEBRATES
DIFFERENCE. SO
MANY WAYS TO LOVE
ONE ANOTHER."



"HOMEWORLD WANTED TO
SPREAD THEIR COLDNESS AND
HARDNESS ACROSS THE STARS."

OH
WAIT!



THERE!

--HHH--

"THEY SEE OUR
JOY AS DEVIANCE..."



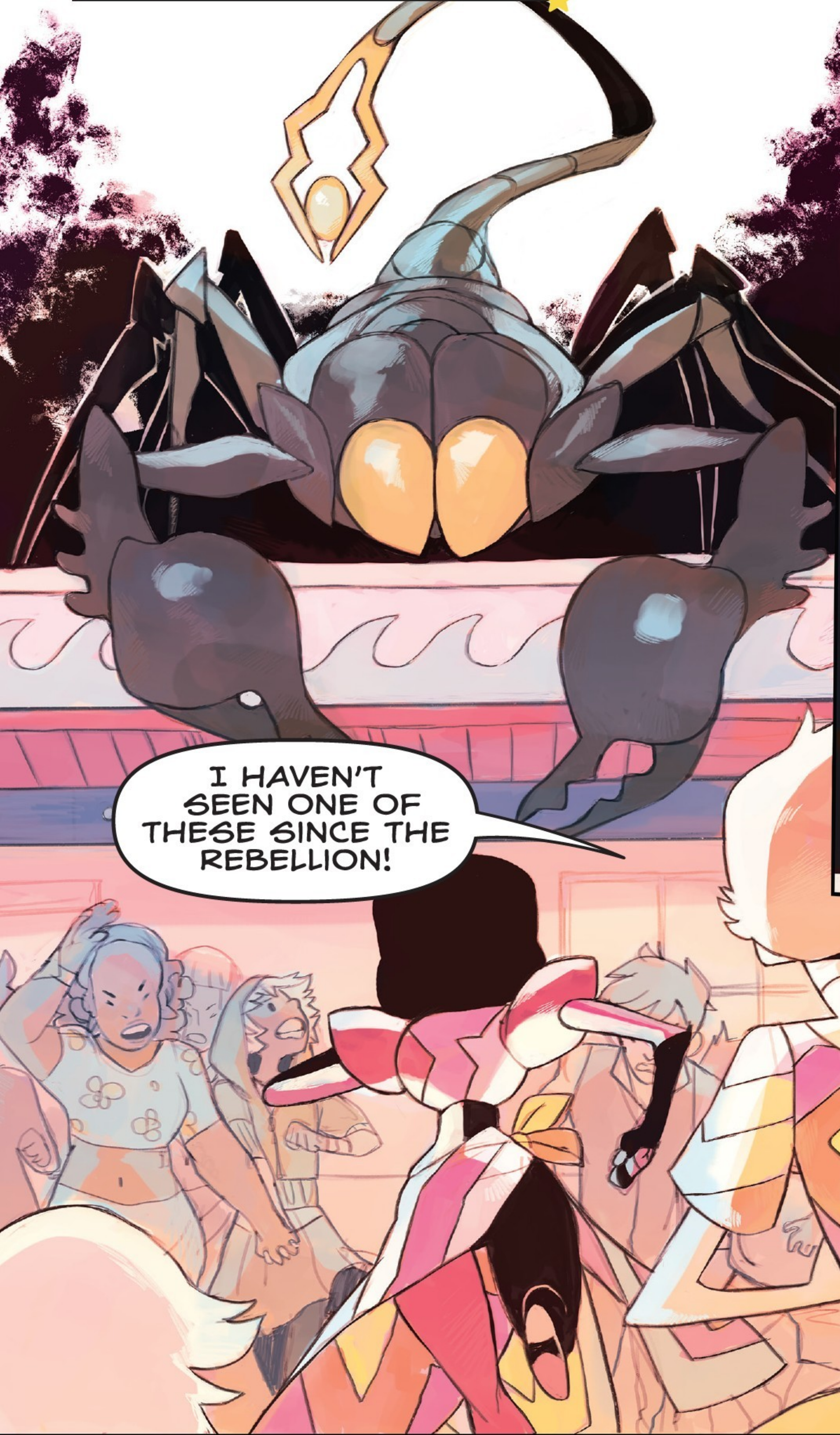
"...AND OUR UNITY
AS A THREAT."

STEVEN!
GET DOWN!

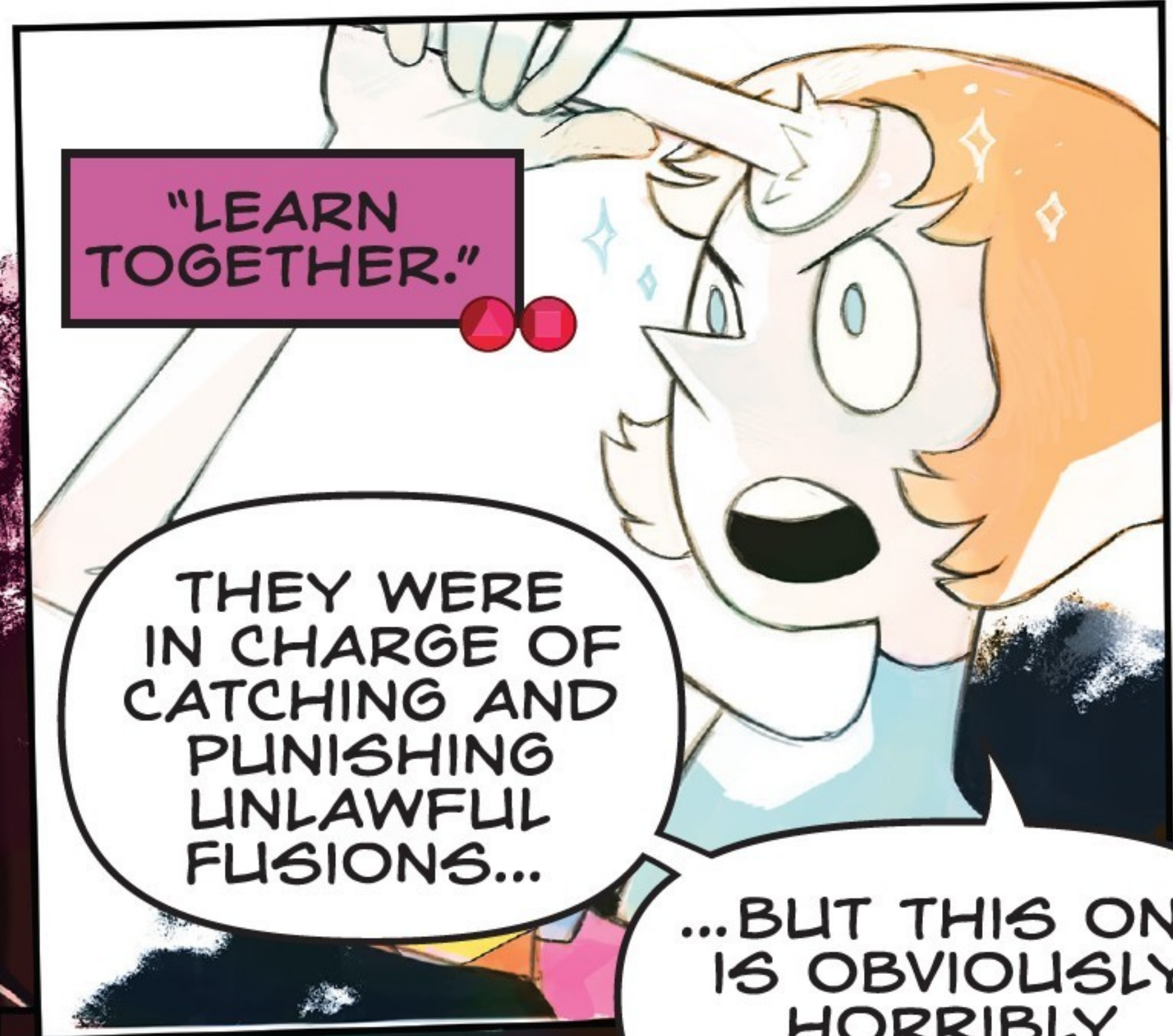
HLUH?



"IF THEY HATE US SO MUCH, WHAT DO WE DO? WHAT CAN WE DO?"



I HAVEN'T SEEN ONE OF THESE SINCE THE REBELLION!



"LEARN TOGETHER."

THEY WERE IN CHARGE OF CATCHING AND PUNISHING UNLAWFUL FUSIONS...

...BUT THIS ONE IS OBVIOUSLY HORRIBLY CORRUPTED!



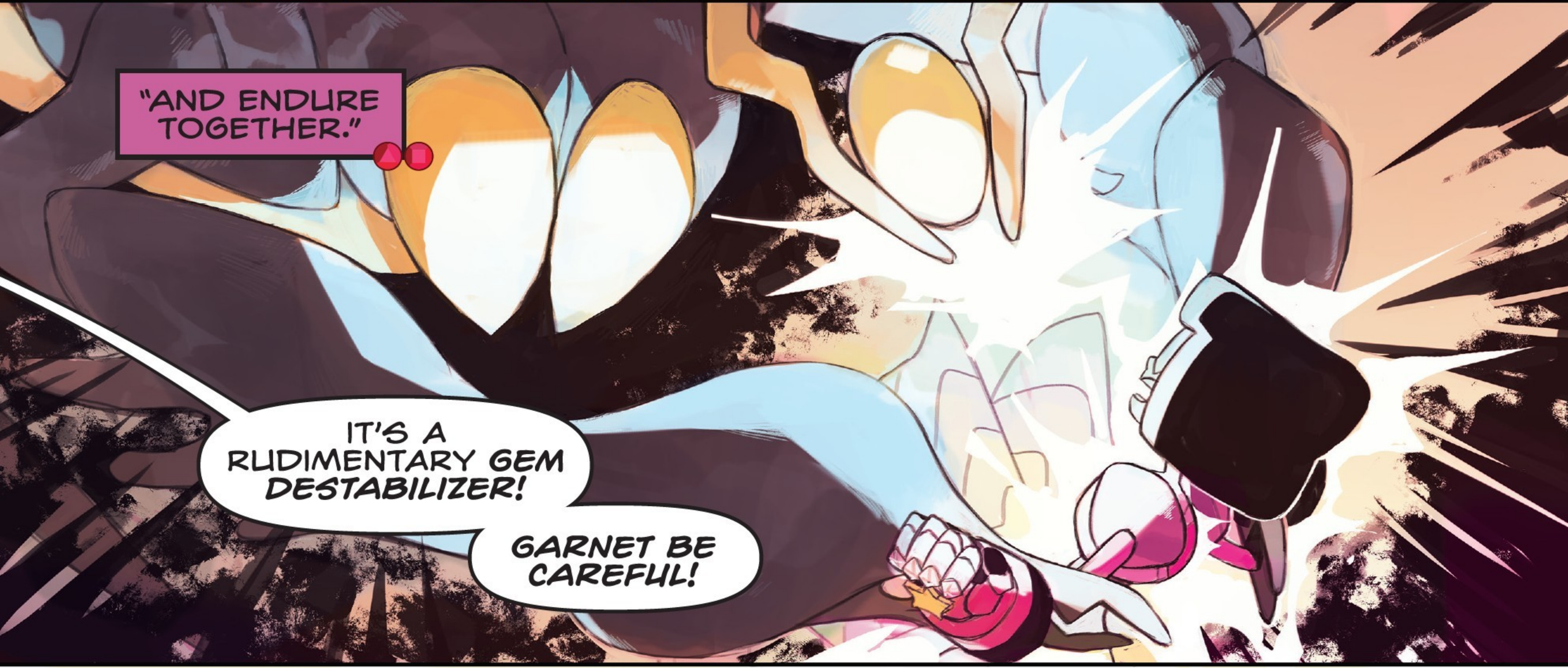
"GROW TOGETHER."

LOOKS THE SAME TO ME.



"LAUGH TOGETHER."

WHOA ITS TAIL! THAT LOOKS LIKE A--



"AND ENDURE TOGETHER."

IT'S A RUDIMENTARY GEM DESTABILIZER!

GARNET BE CAREFUL!



...SAPPHY?
OH GOSH.
YOU OK?

HOW
COULD
YOU?!?

STAY
AWAY FROM
THEM!



NOT ON
MY WATCH
YOU BIG
COCKROACH!

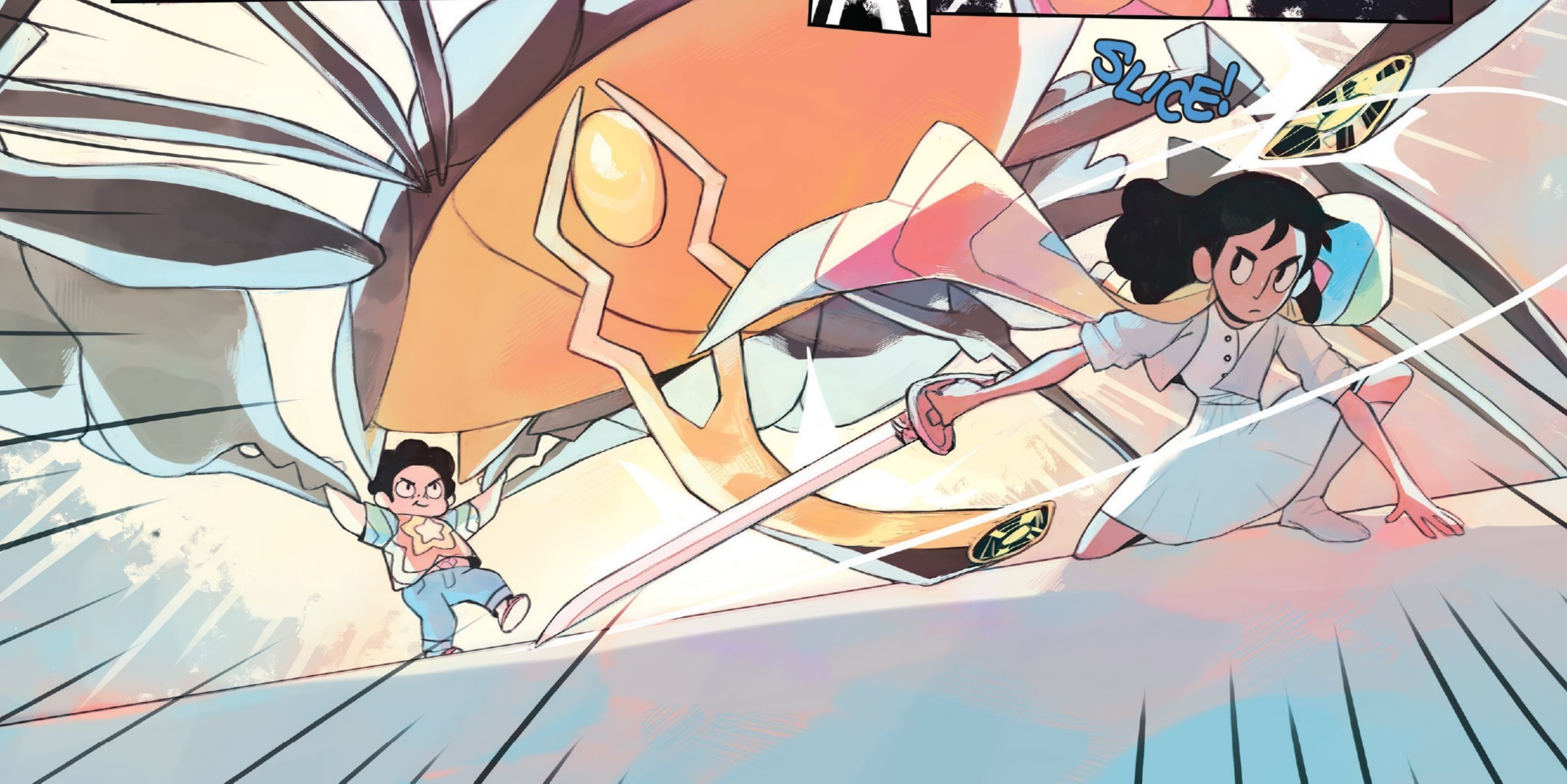
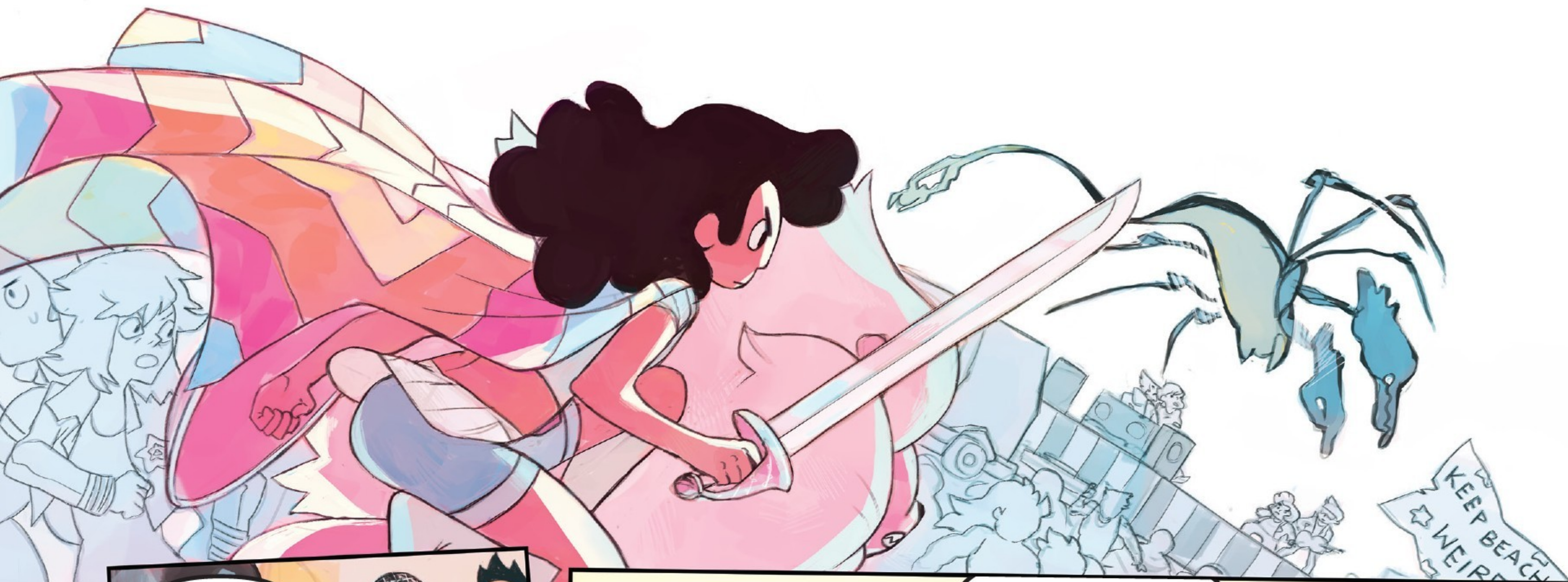
SHOO!
LEAVE THEM
ALONE!

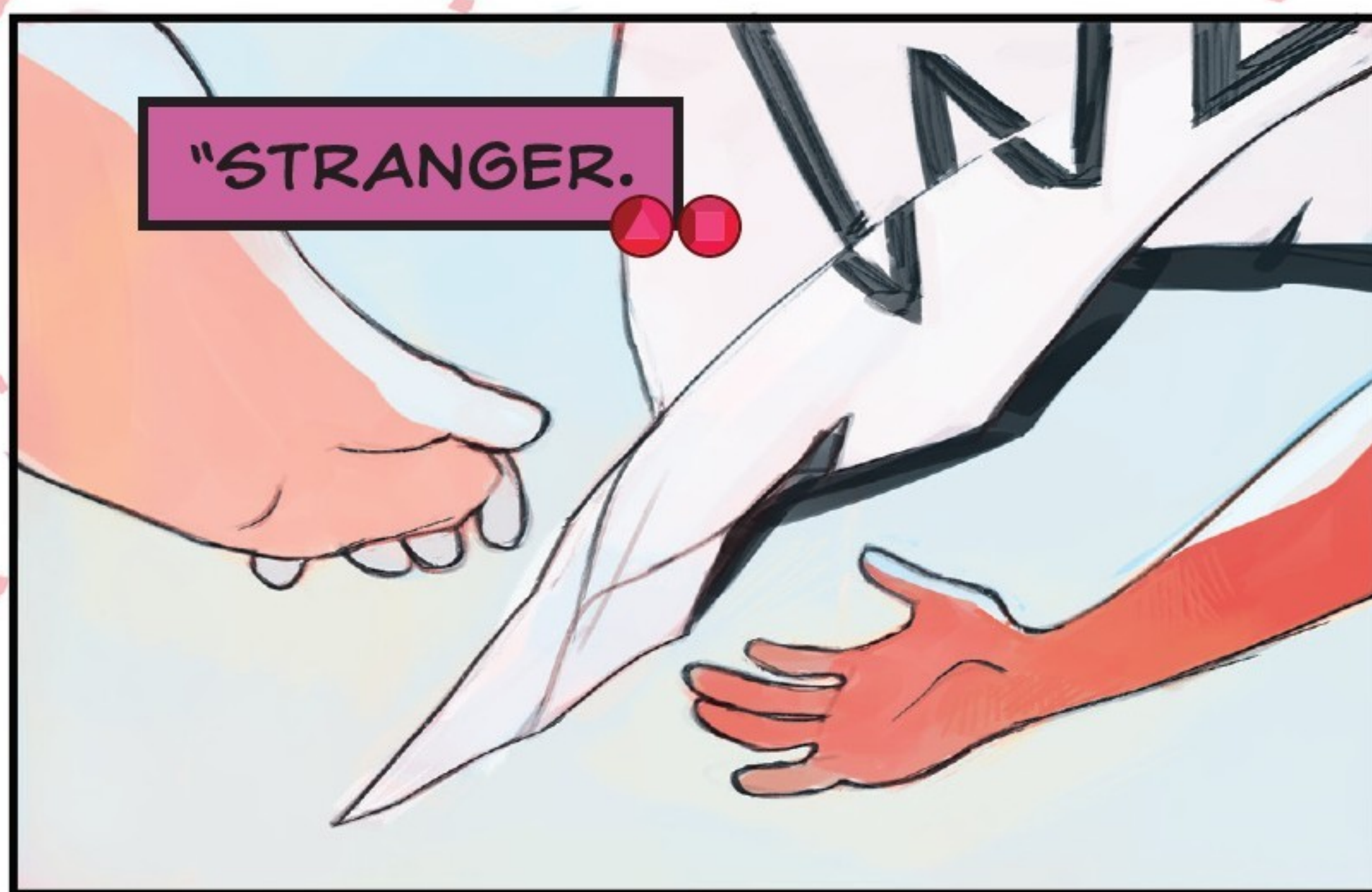
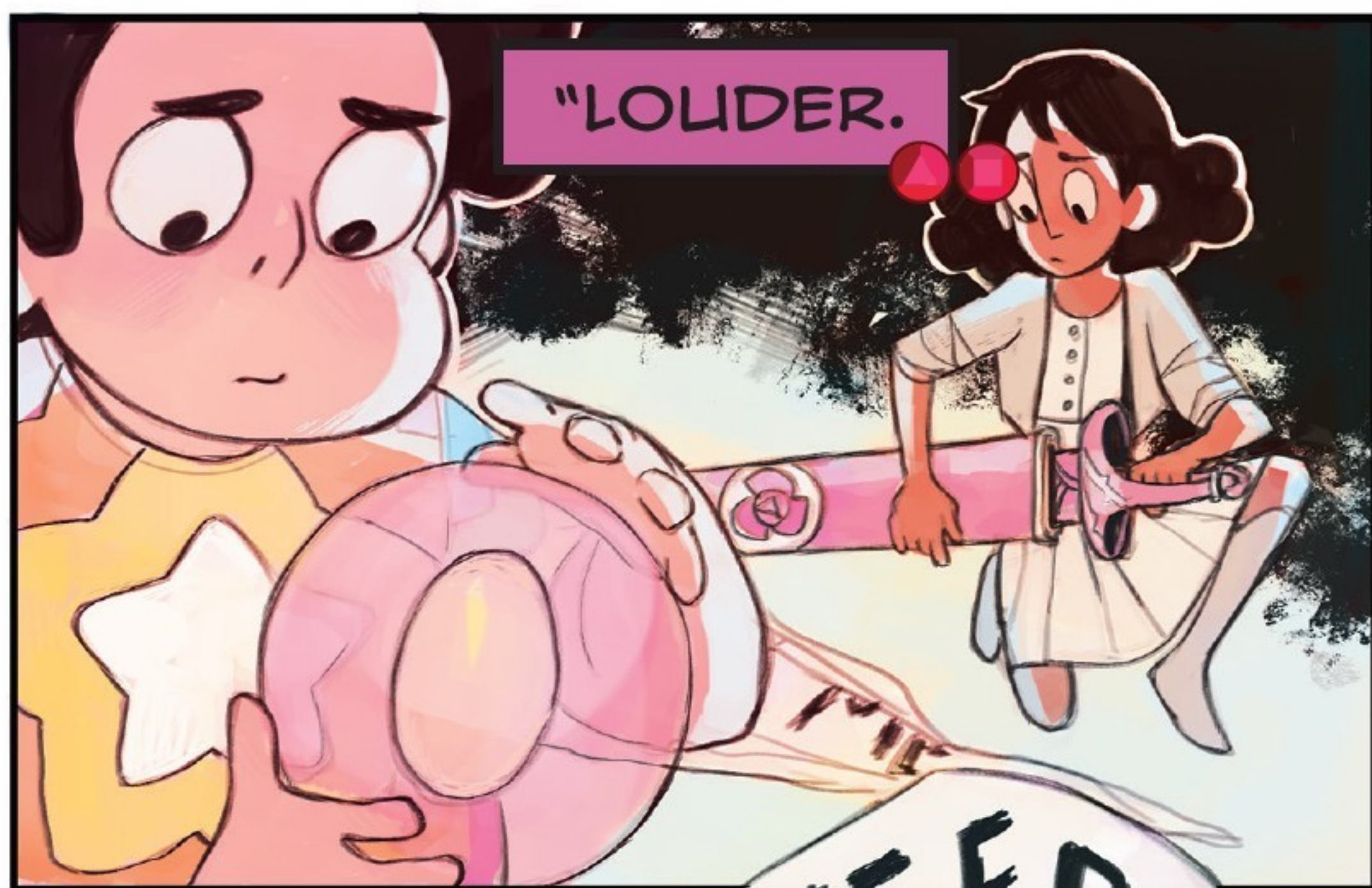
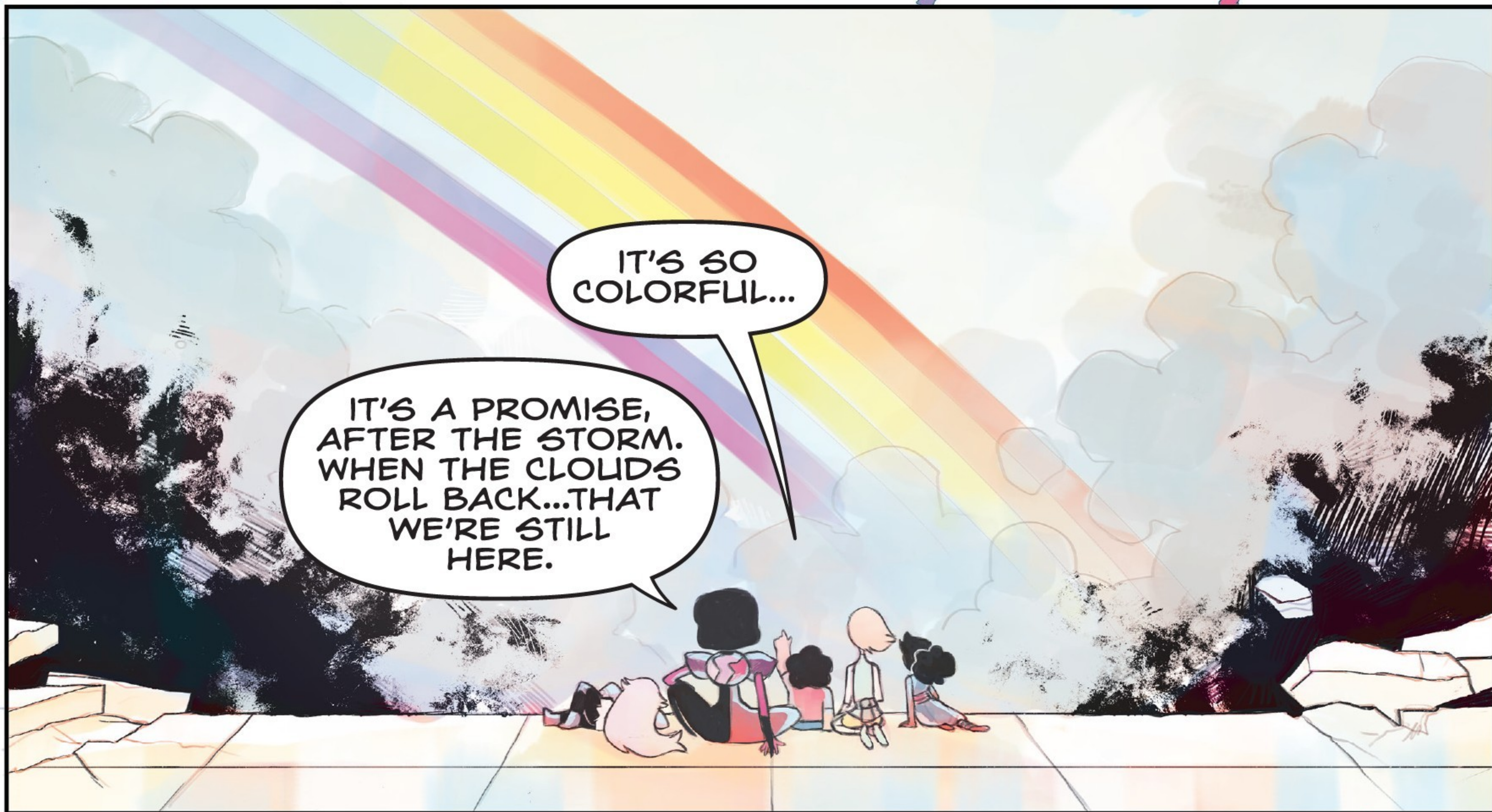


"THE ODDS ARE
AGAINST US..."

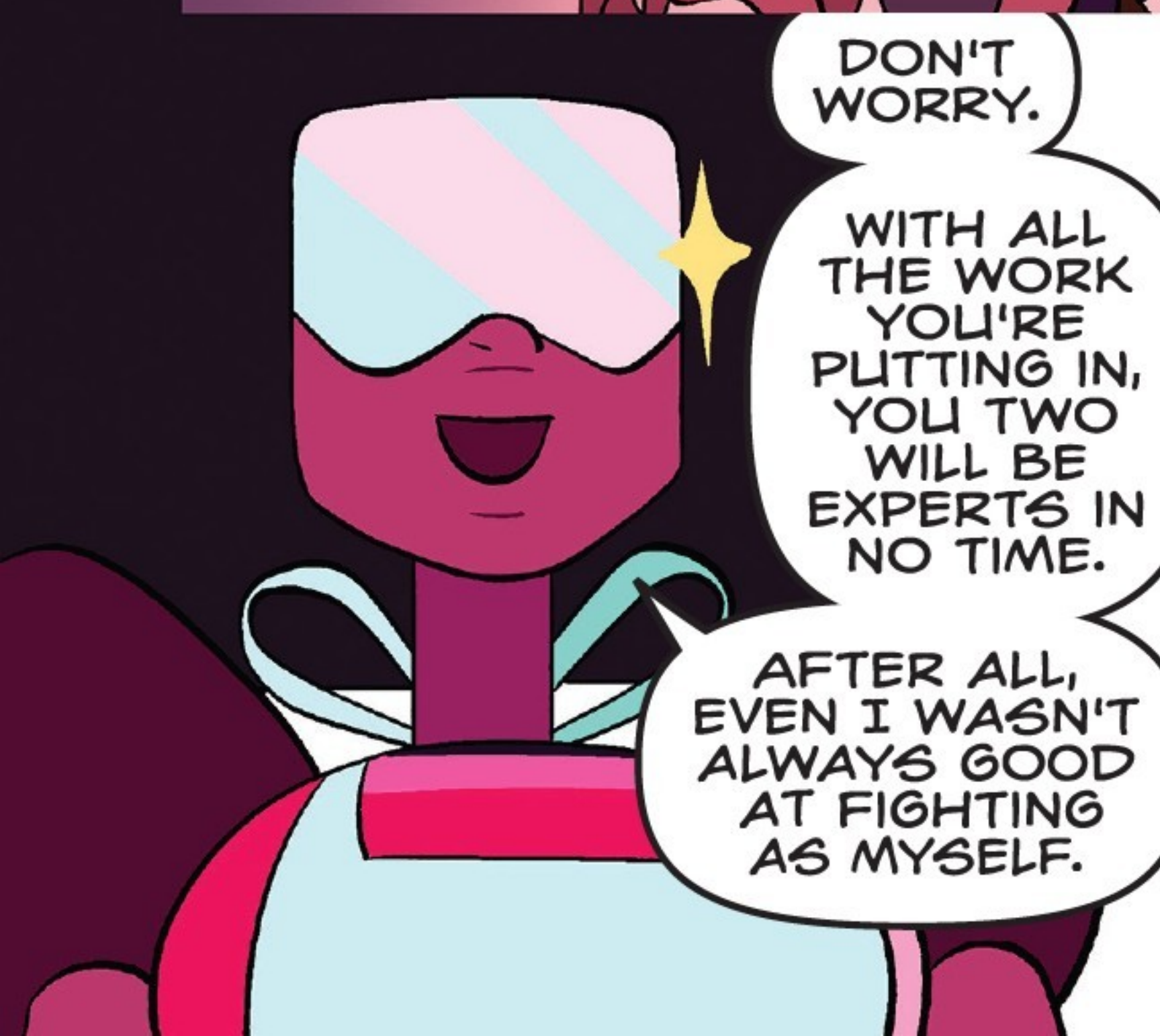
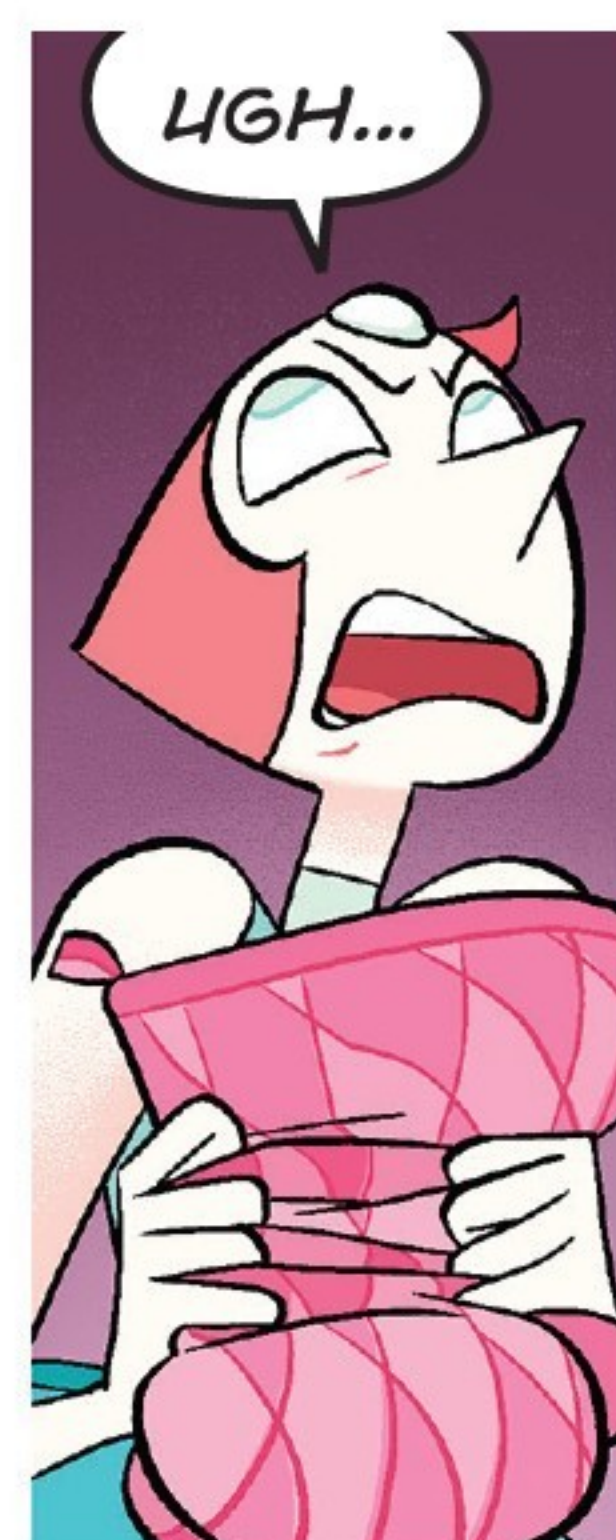
"...IT WON'T
BE EASY..."


"...BUT WE'RE
NOT GOING TO
DO IT ALONE."





THE GAUNTLET





"I'D JUST MET PEARL AND
YOUR MOTHER. EVERYTHING
ABOUT EARTH WAS NEW TO
ME. I WAS NEW TO ME.

"I WASN'T SURE
WHO I WAS SUPPOSED
TO BE YET, BUT THAT
DIDN'T MATTER.

"THE WORLD
WAS FULL OF
POSSIBILITIES.



"BUT THIS
PEACE COULD
NOT LAST."

SOLDIERS!
COMING THIS
WAY! AN ATTACK
FROM PINK
DIAMOND!



THIS IS
TERRIBLE!

FIND A
PLACE TO
HIDE. WE'LL
PROTECT
YOU.



"AND SO I DID.
I RAN FROM THE
FIGHTING, BUT IT
FELT *WRONG*."

"RUBY WAS
A SOLDIER. FIGHTING
HAD BEEN HER LIFE.
SAPPHIRE, HOWEVER,
HAD NEVER BEEN
EXPECTED TO FIGHT."

"I KNEW I WAS
UNIQUE. THERE
WAS NO GUIDE FOR
SOMEONE LIKE ME.
I DIDN'T KNOW
WHAT TO DO."

"IN THAT
MOMENT I SAW
A THOUSAND
FRACTURED
FUTURES,
CONSTANTLY
CHANGING."

"WHAT WOULD
HAPPEN IF I JOINED
THE FIGHT."

"WHAT WOULD
HAPPEN IF I
DIDN'T."

"IT WAS
OVERWHELMING. I
WAS... FROZEN."

"DON'T *EVER*
QUESTION THIS!
YOUR MOTHER
SAID. BUT IT WAS
HARD NOT TO,
WHEN THINGS
WERE SO
UNCERTAIN."

NO...
I HAVE TO DO
SOMETHING...

"THAT'S WHEN
I NOTICED."

THEY'RE *BLUE*
DIAMOND'S
SOLDIERS.

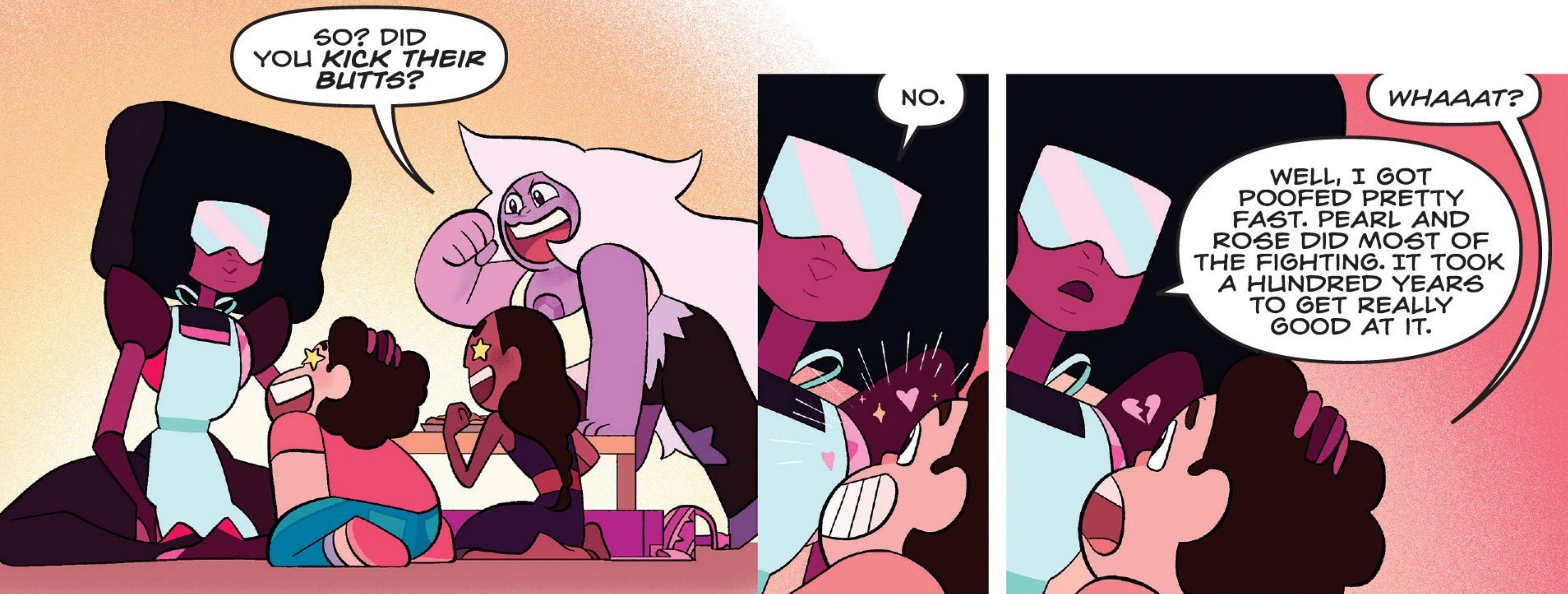
THEY'RE
NOT AFTER THE
REBELS! THEY'RE
LOOKING FOR
ME.

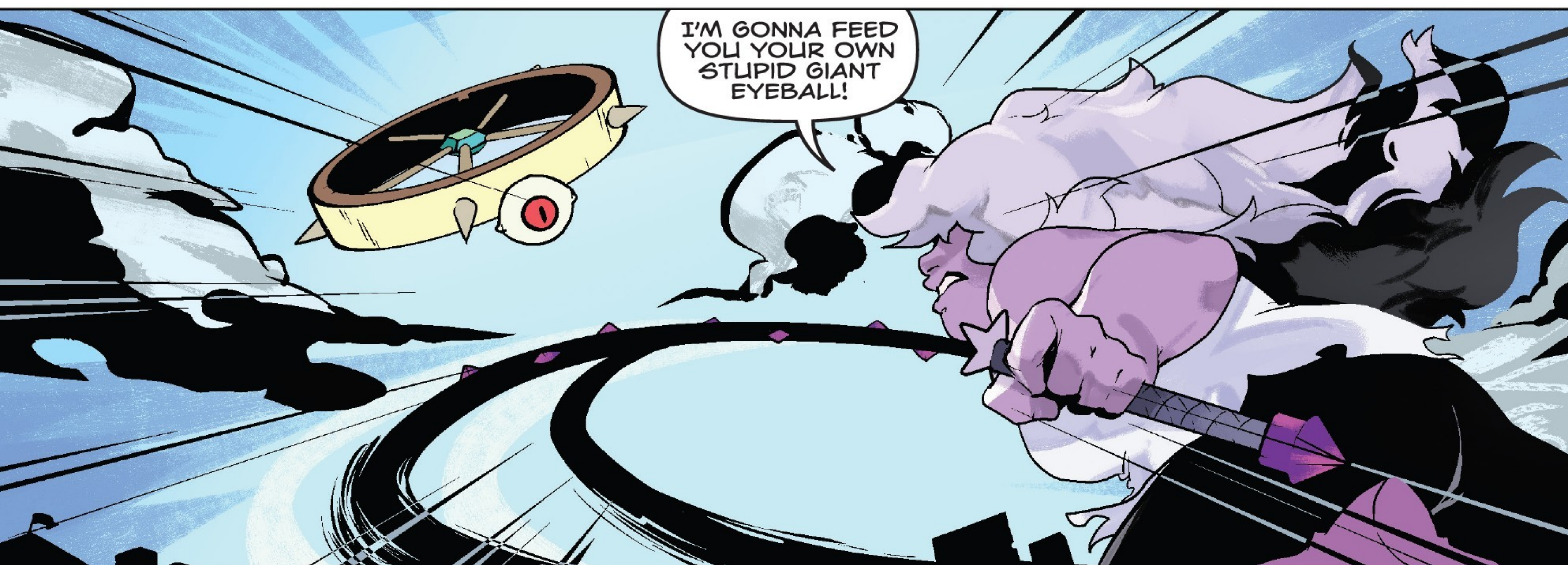




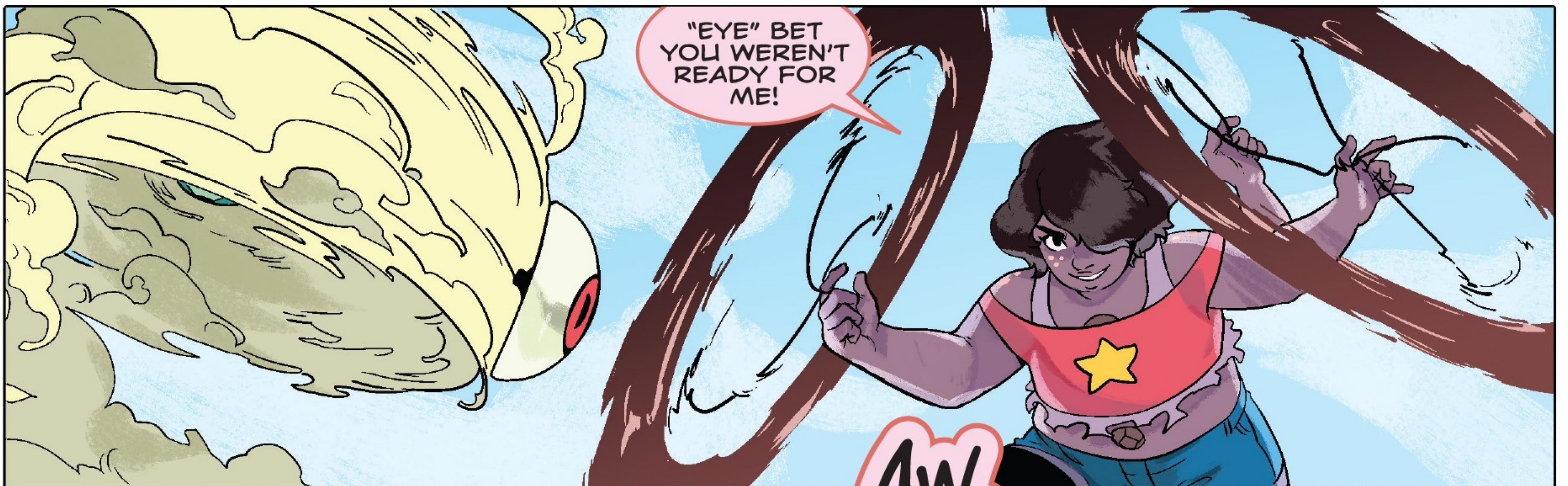
STOP! IT'S
ME YOU'RE
LOOKING
FOR.

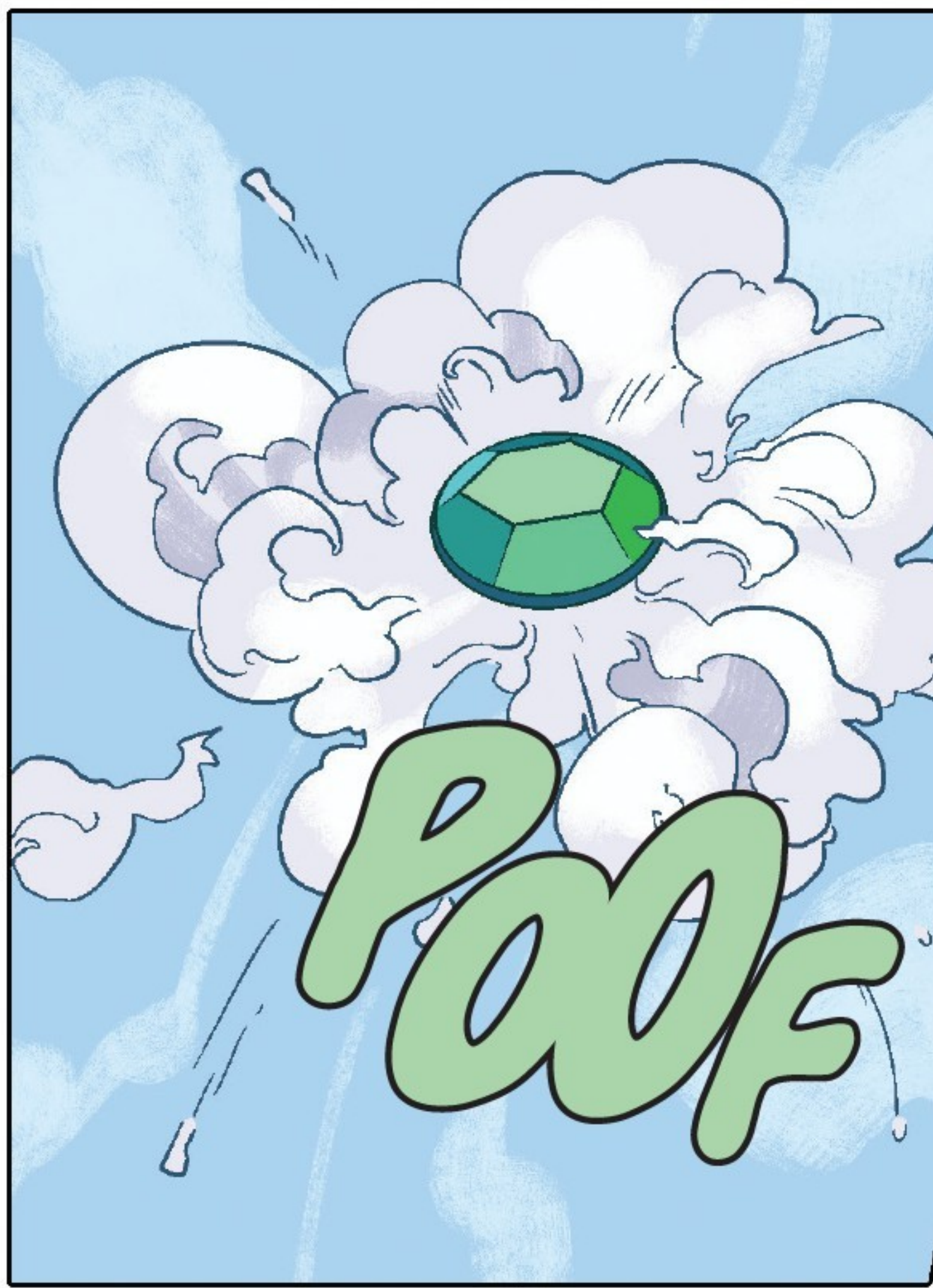
AND
I... AM A
**CRYSTAL
GEM!**











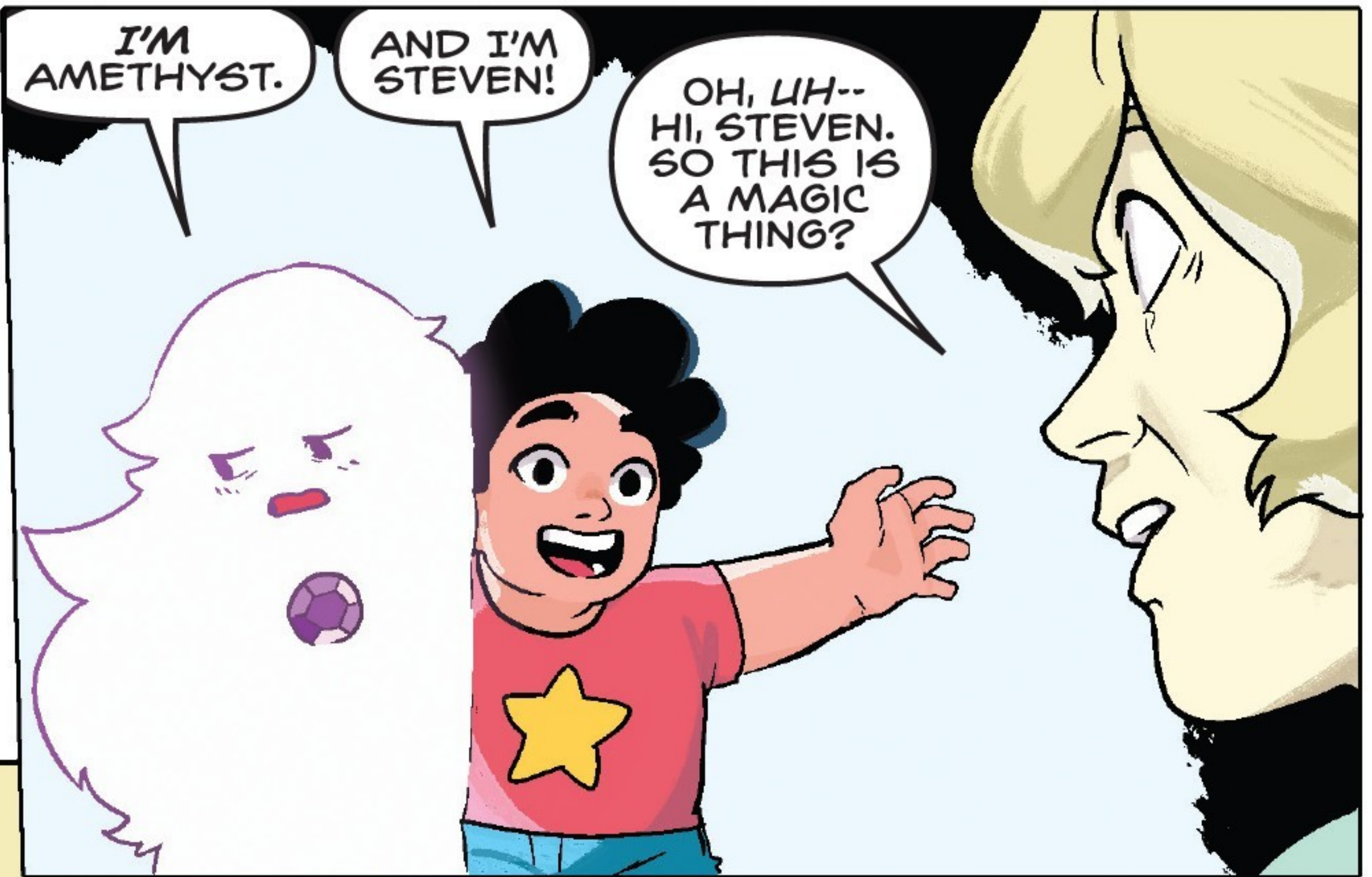
THAT... WAS AMAZING!

HAHA, YEAH. IT WAS OKAY, I GUESS.

AMETHYST, YOU HAVE TO COME MODEL THIS NEW LOOK FOR ME!



ABOUT THAT--I'M NOT AMETHYST. I'M SMOKY QUARTZ.



I'M AMETHYST.

AND I'M STEVEN!

OH, LH-- HI, STEVEN. SO THIS IS A MAGIC THING?



I NEED TO PAINT THAT... YO-YO YOU.

I GUESS IF STEVEN ISN'T BUSY--



DO I HAVE TO VISIT ONION'S ROOM AGAIN?



HERE WE GO AGAIN...



LONG TIME NO SEE. DID YOU MISS ME?

YAY! THIS IS GOING TO BE MY BEST PAINTING OF YOU EVER.

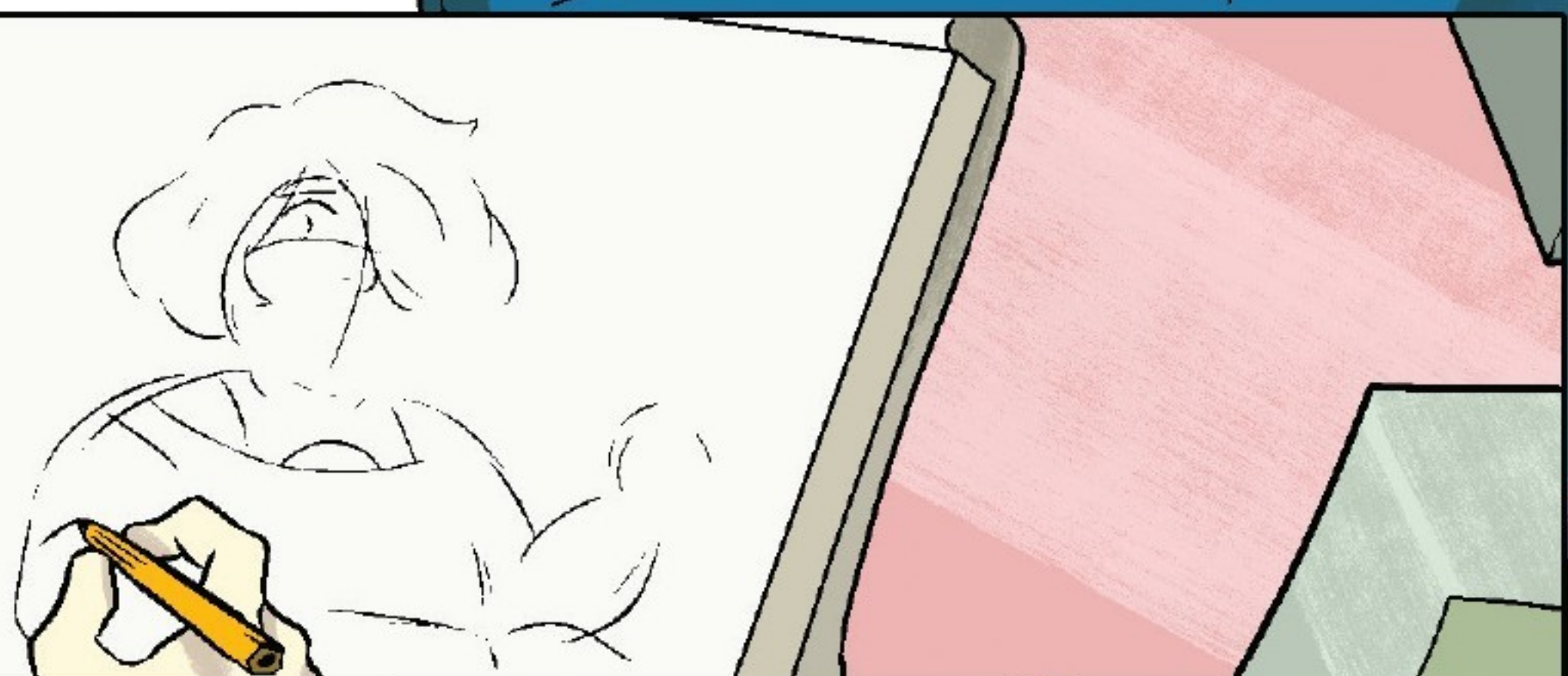


THAT SHOULDN'T BE HARD, SINCE THIS IS THE *FIRST* PAINTING OF ME EVER...



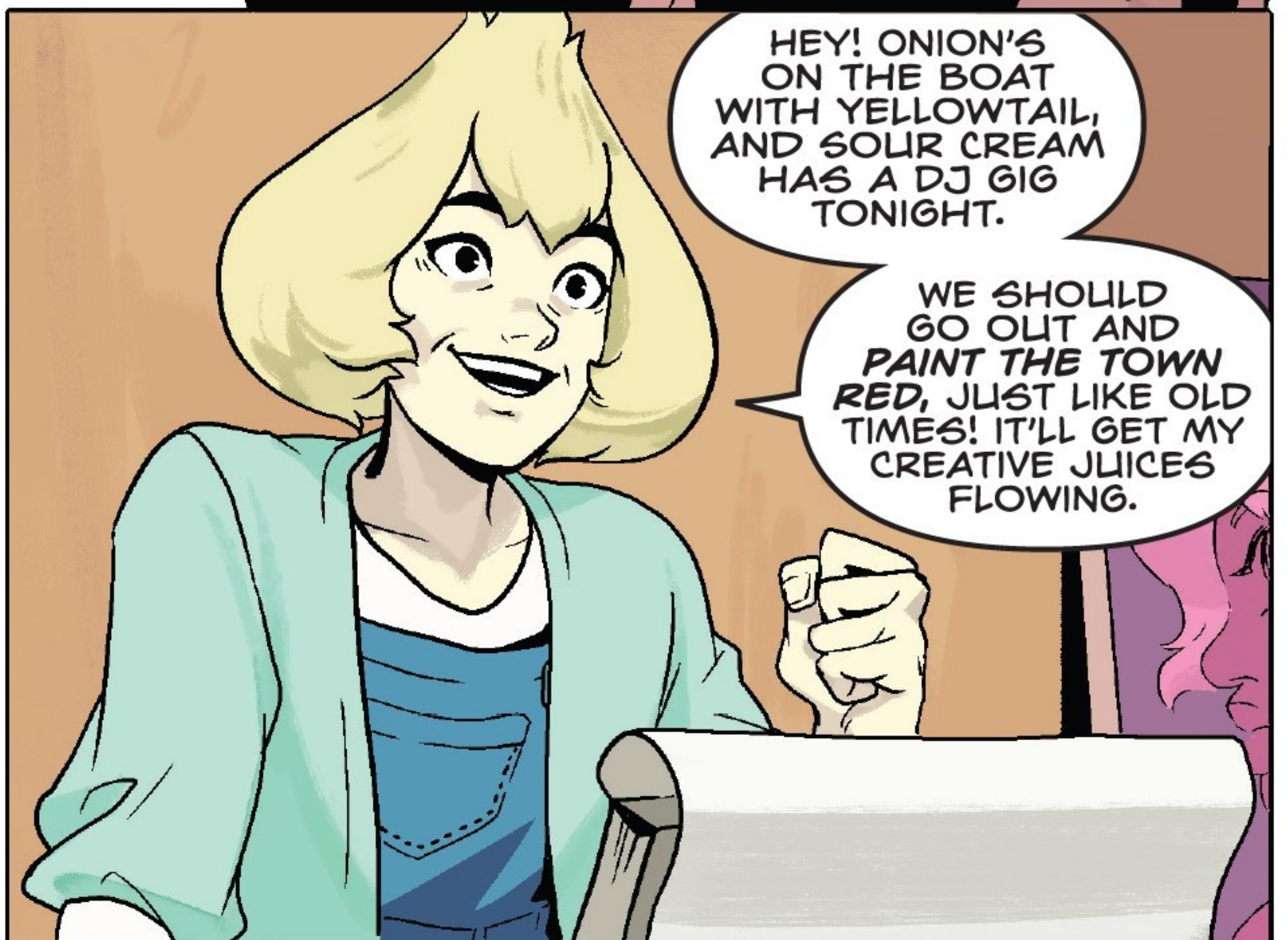
RIGHT, RIGHT, SORRY AME-- I MEAN, SMOKY QUARTZ!

IT'S JUST SO GOOD TO HAVE YOU BACK IN MY STUDIO.



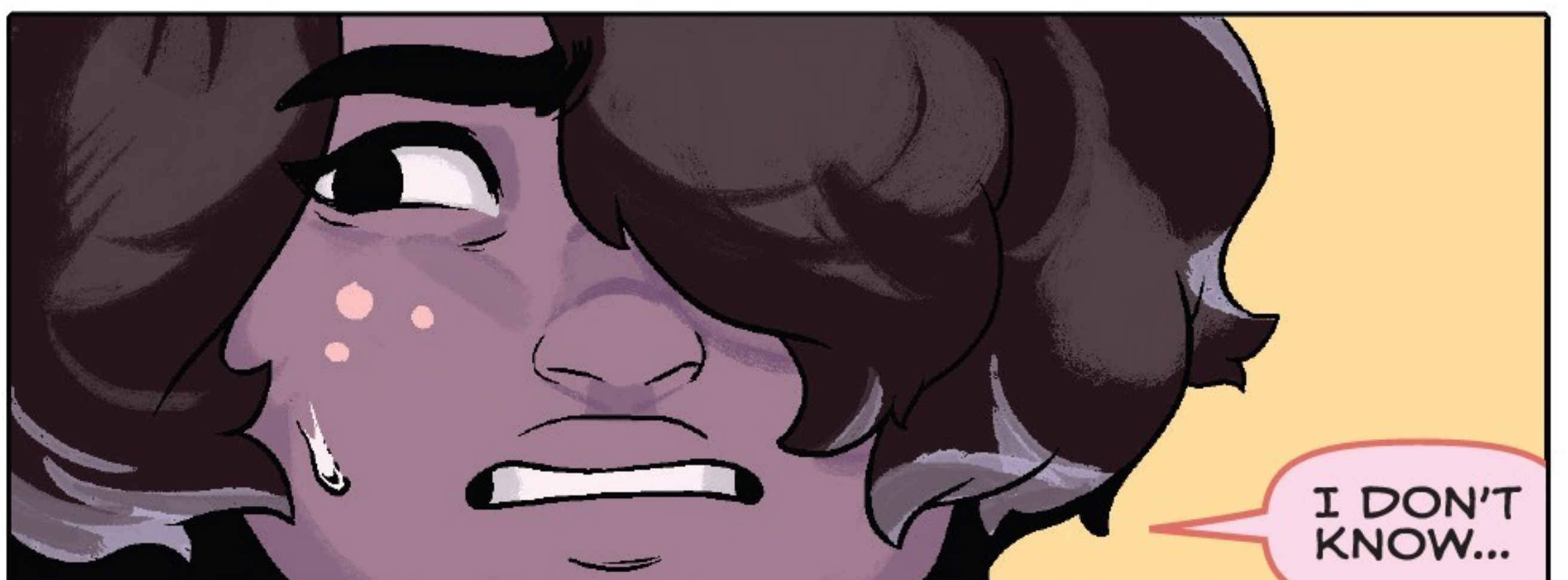
I WOULDN'T TRADE ONION AND SOUR CREAM FOR ALL THE WILD NIGHTS IN BEACH CITY, BUT I DO MISS THOSE DAYS...

HA, YEAH, I MEAN, I'VE KIND OF ONLY EXISTED FOR A COUPLE WEEKS, SO--



HEY! ONION'S ON THE BOAT WITH YELLOWTAIL, AND SOUR CREAM HAS A DJ GIG TONIGHT.

WE SHOULD GO OUT AND *PAINT THE TOWN RED*, JUST LIKE OLD TIMES! IT'LL GET MY CREATIVE JUICES FLOWING.



I DON'T KNOW...



--OOOKAY!
THIS IS
FLIN!

REMEMBER
THAT TIME THEY
THREW YOU OUT
BECAUSE YOU KEPT
SHAPE-SHIFTING
TO CUT THE
LINE?

UHH...



ARCADE
GAMES ARE
SO MUCH HARDER
THAN THEY WERE
WHEN WE WERE
YOUNG!

HA,
YEAH,
"WE"...



SMACK
'EM WITH THE
CHAIR!

YOU COULD
TAKE ANY OF
THESE WIMPS,
AMETHYST!

STILL NOT
AMETHYST...



REMEMBER
THE FIRST TIME
WE CAME HERE, AND
THEY HAD TO CLOSE
EARLY BECAUSE
YOU ATE ALL THE
PIZZA BOXES?

YOU
REALLY MAKE
A GEM KNOW
HOW TO FEEL
WELCOME,
HUH?



WHAT DO
YOU MEAN,
AMETH--

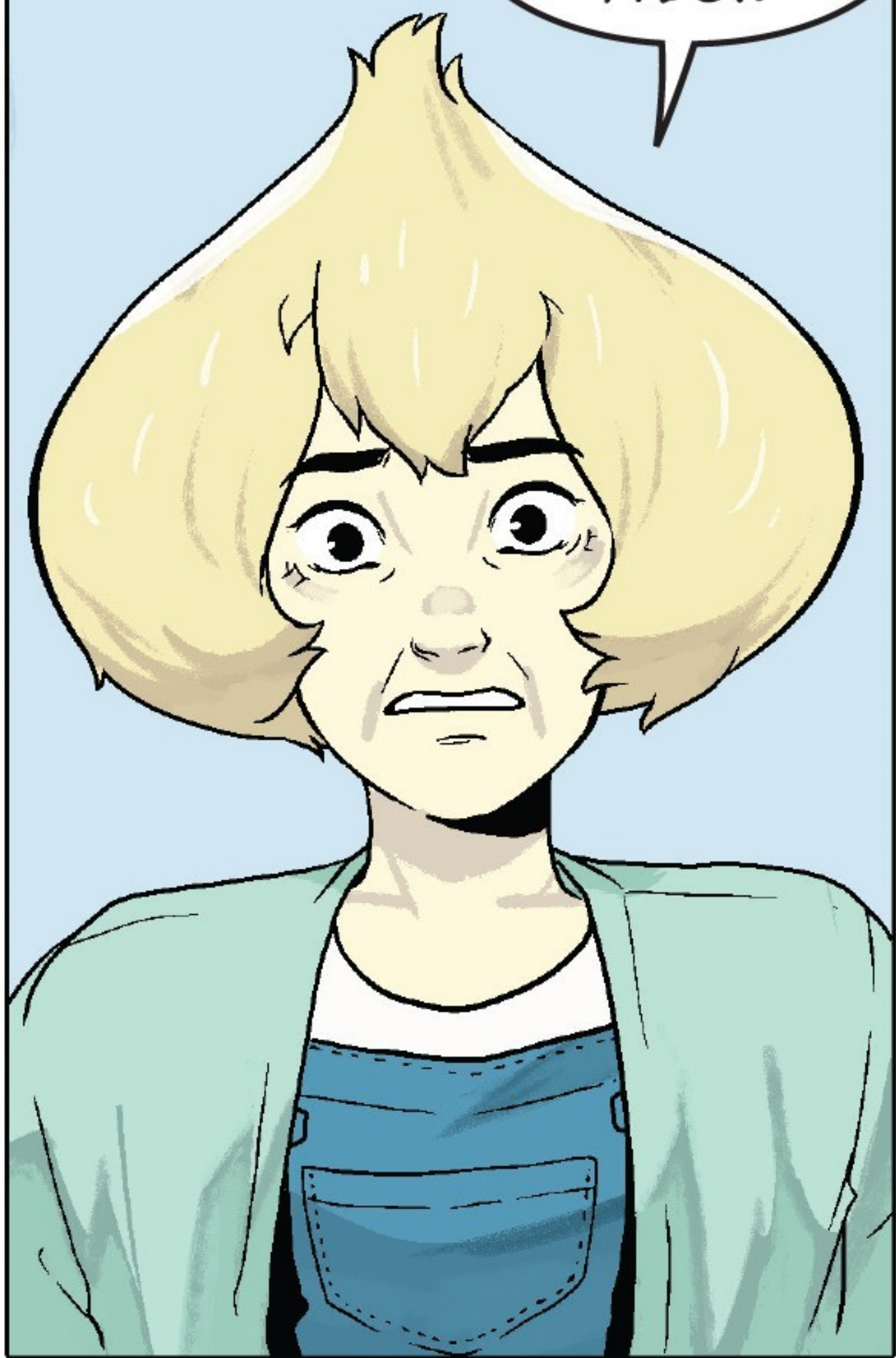
THERE
YOU GO
AGAIN.

AMETHYST
THIS, AMETHYST
THAT. IF YOU DON'T
WANT TO HANG
OUT WITH SMOKY
QUARTZ, JUST
SAY SO.



WELL...AMETHYST. IF SMOKY QUARTZ WERE HERE, I WOULD TELL THEM...

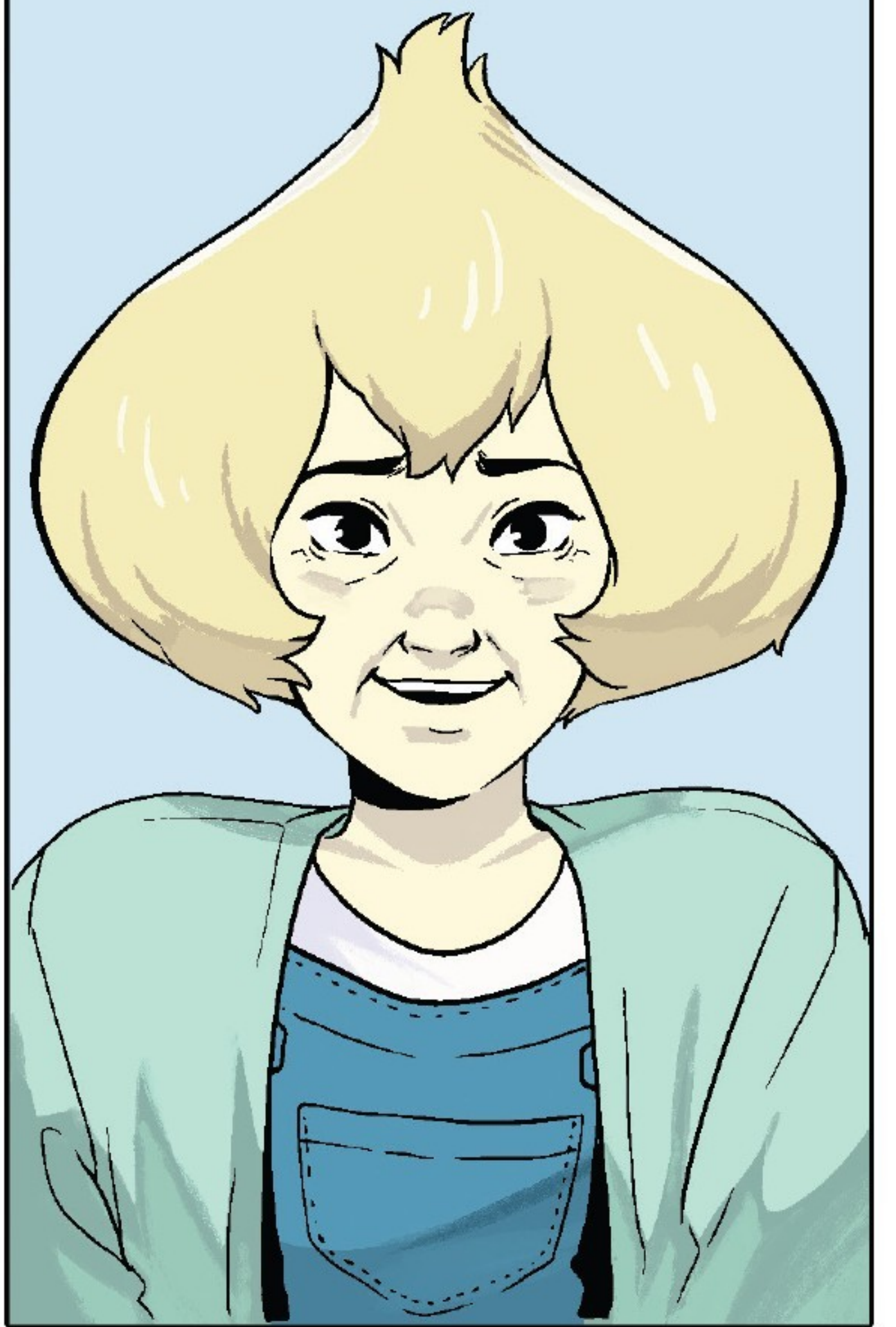
THAT I HAD A LOT OF FUN TONIGHT. A LOT.

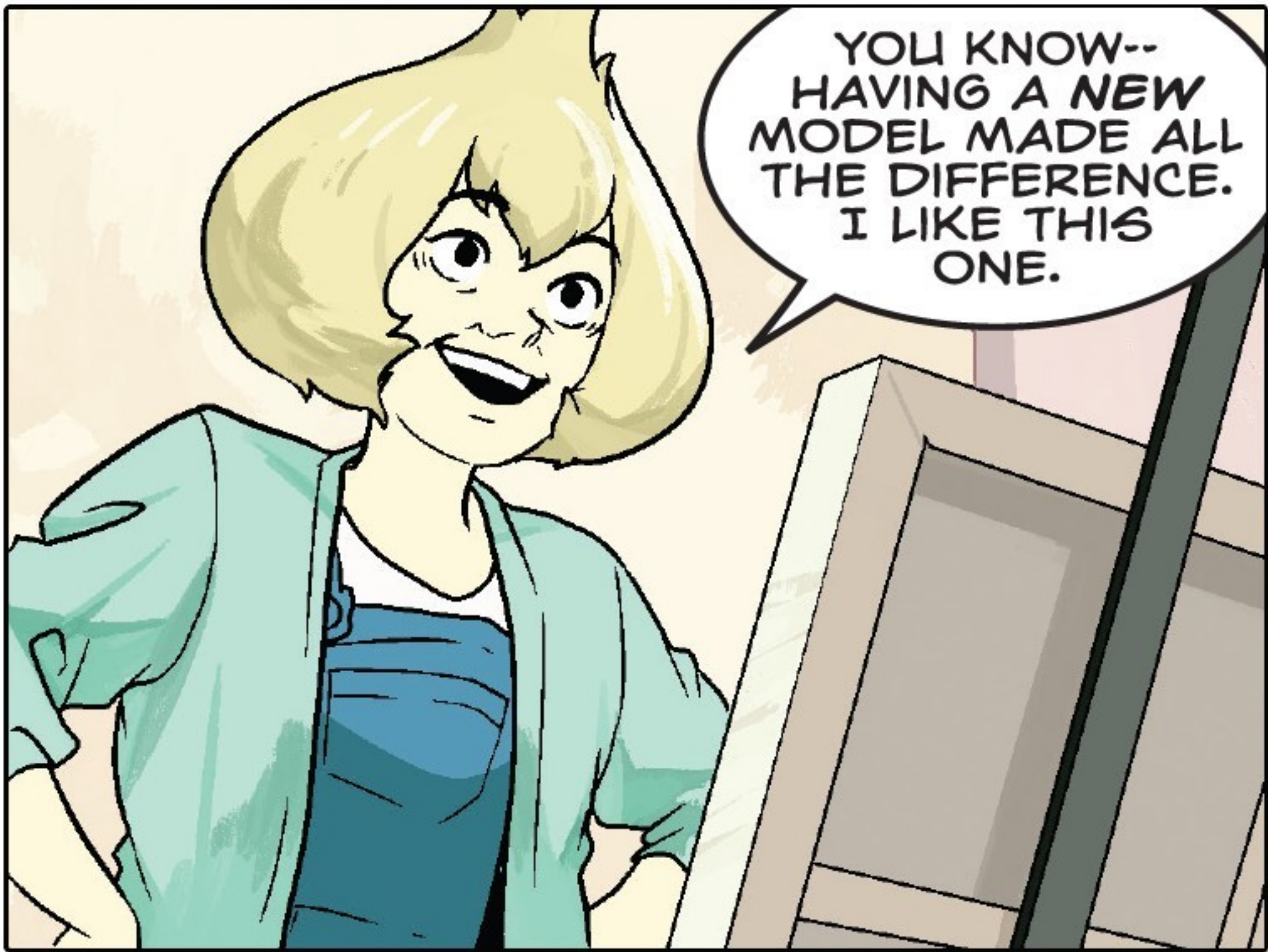
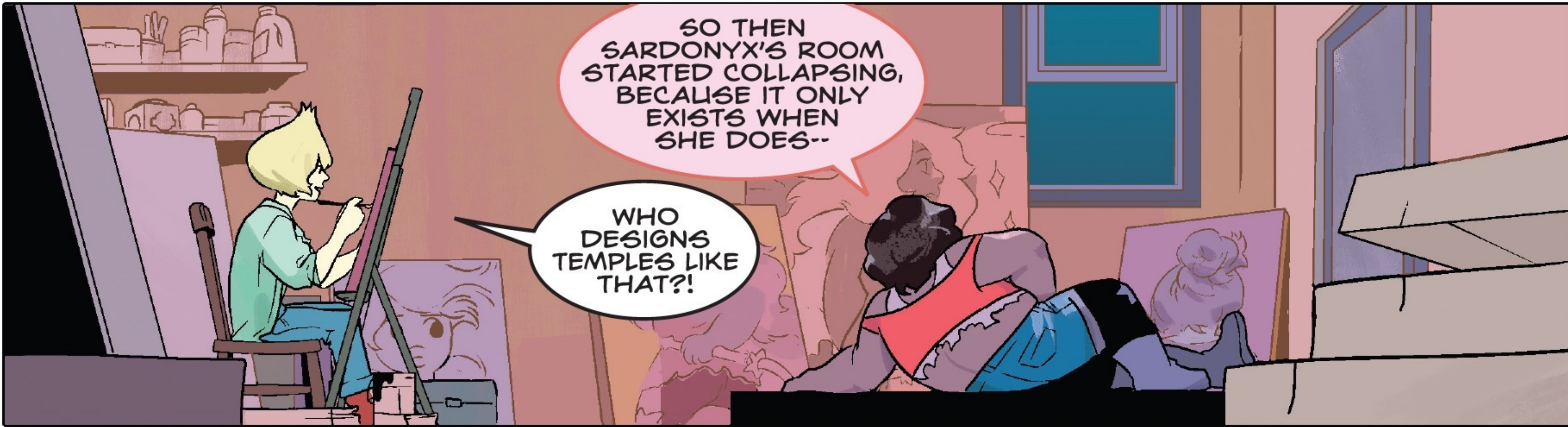


AND I WOULD TELL THEM...THAT I DON'T ALWAYS UNDERSTAND THIS MAGIC GEM STUFF...



BUT I WANT TO. I'LL TRY TO. IF THEY'LL LET ME.





END



FASCINATING...

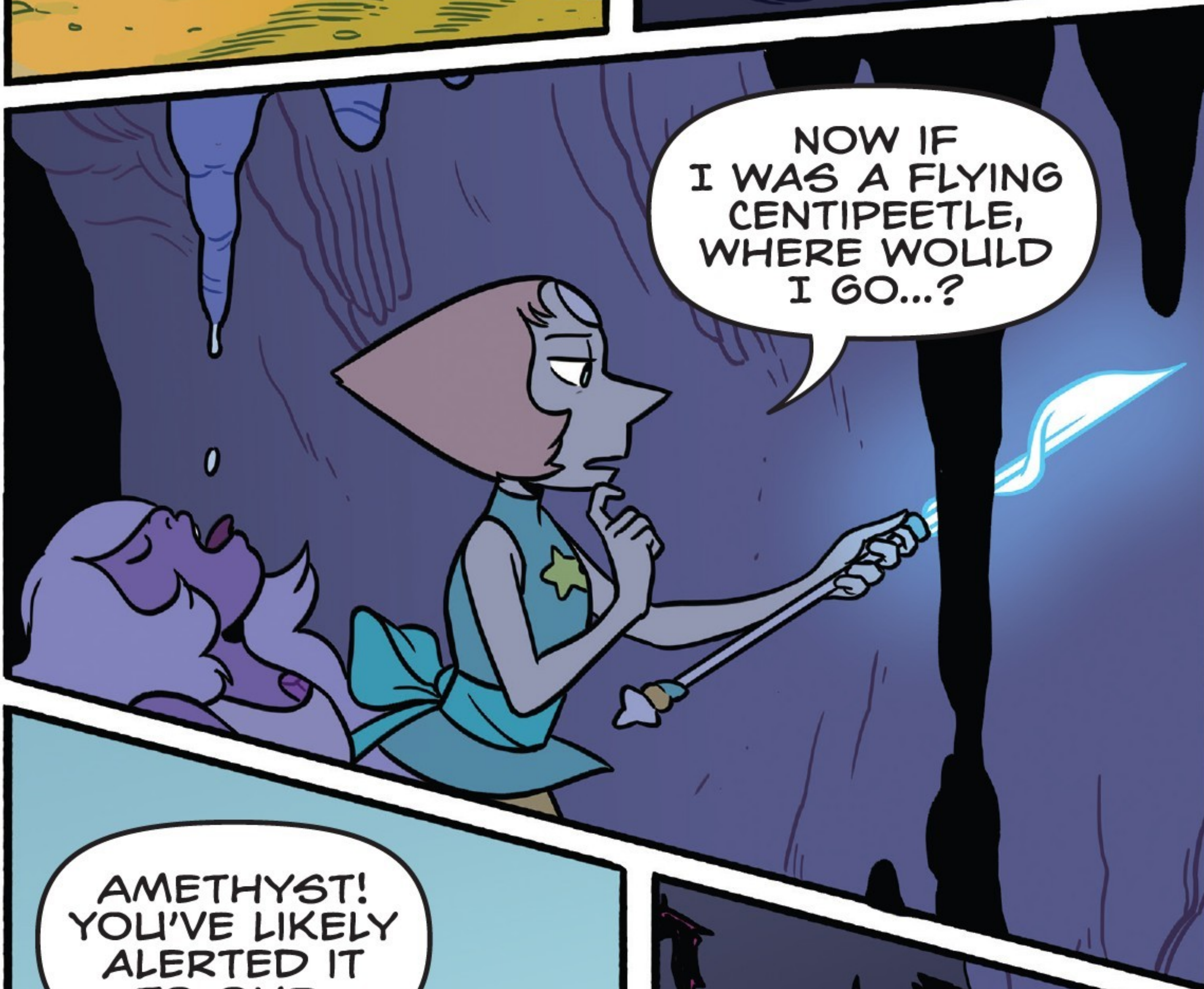


THE ONLY THING THAT'S FASCINATING IS HOW MUCH NOTHING IS HERE.

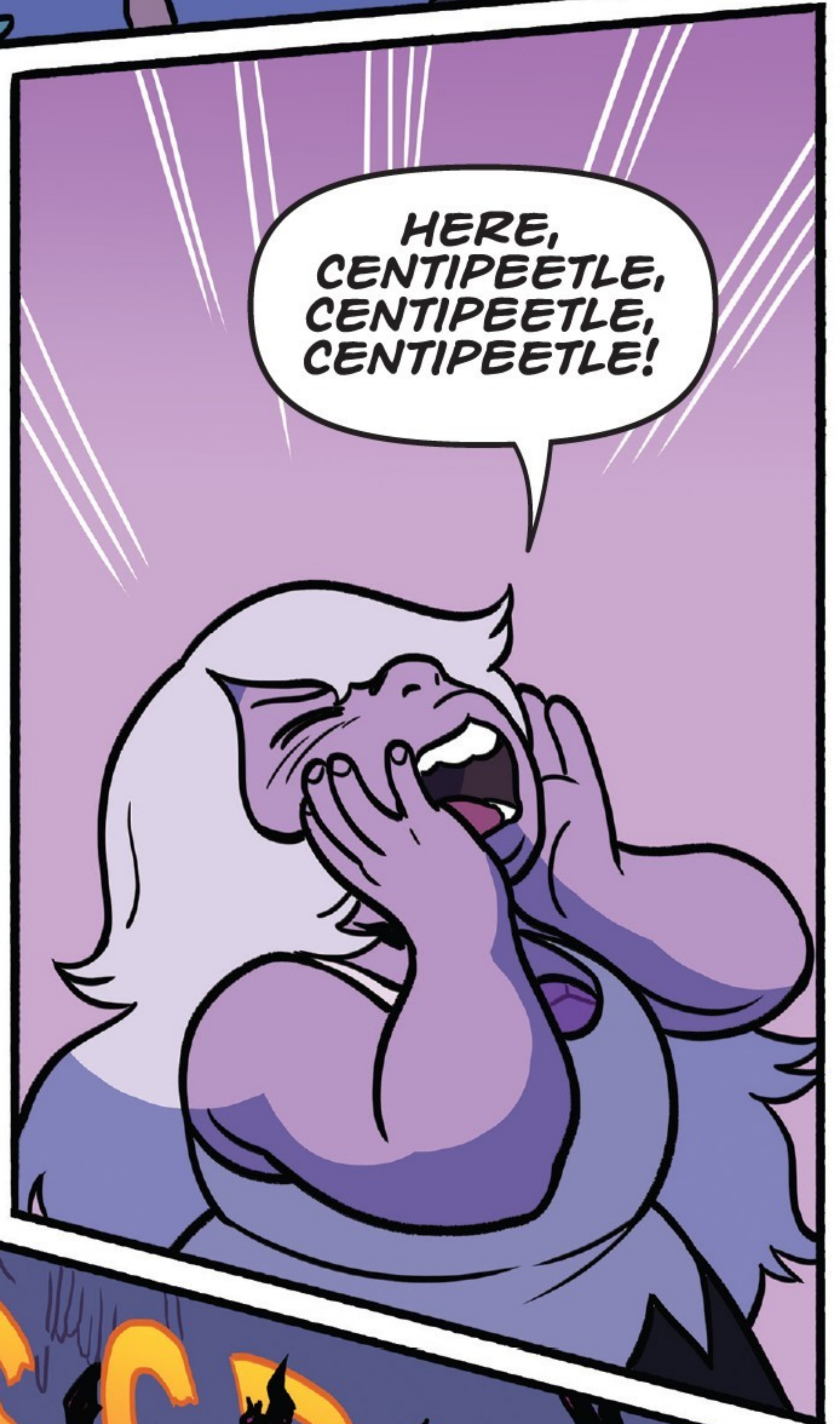
I CAN'T BELIEVE WE'RE GOING TO MISS TACO TUESDAY AND THE BIG BOI TACO FOR THIS...

THERE WILL BE OTHER TUESDAYS.

WINGING IT



NOW IF I WAS A FLYING CENTIPEETLE, WHERE WOULD I GO...?



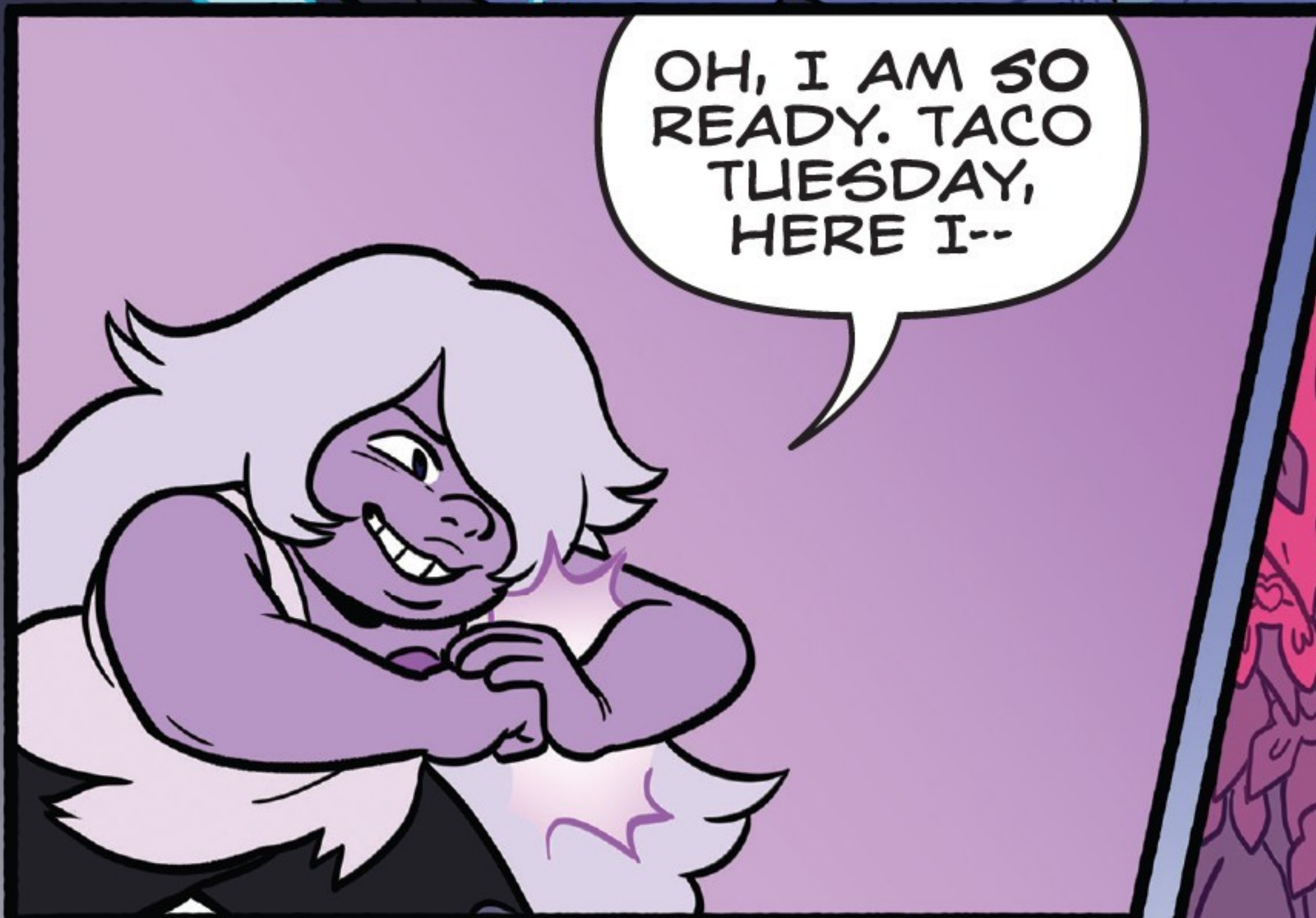
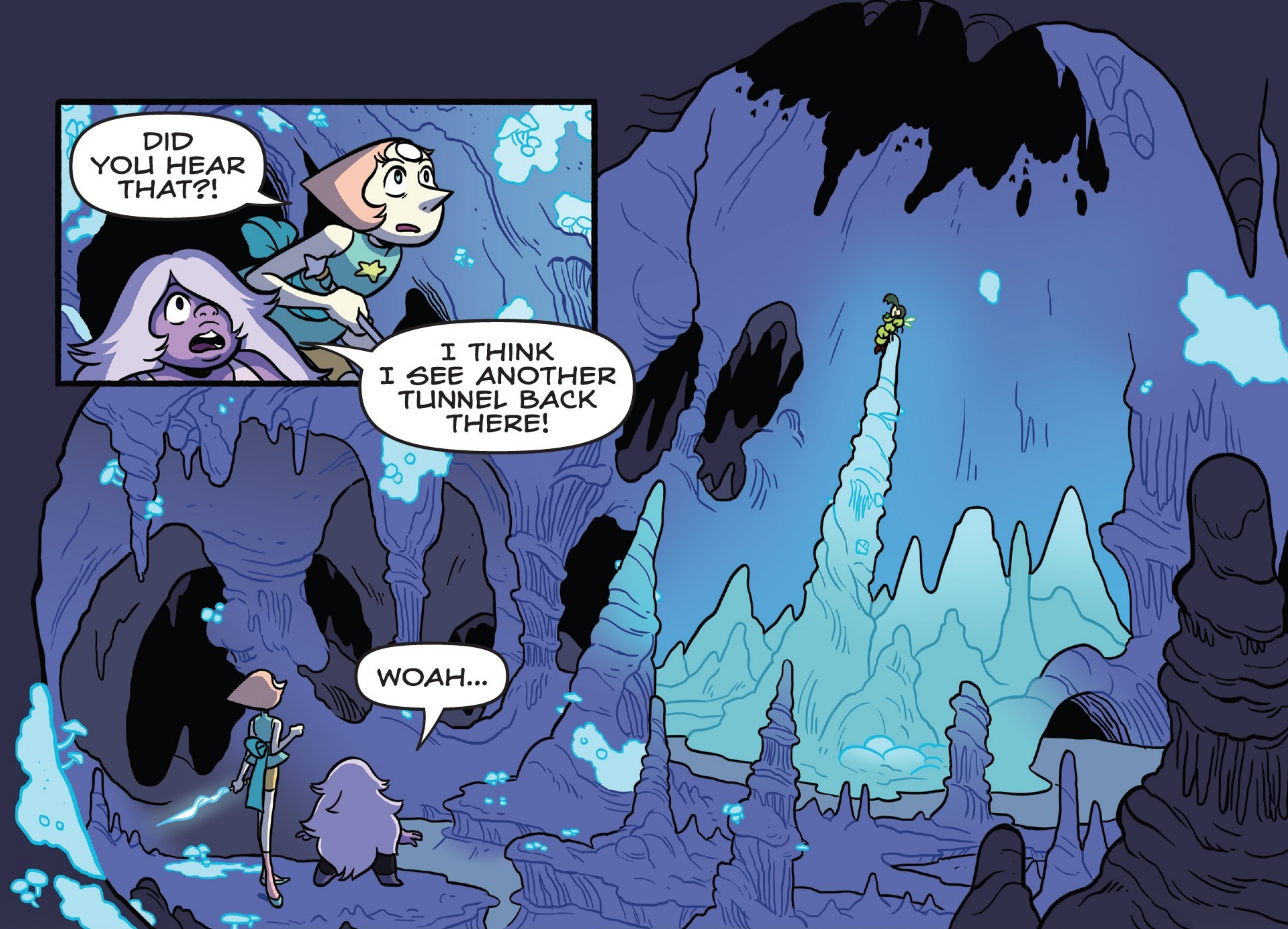
HERE, CENTIPEETLE, CENTIPEETLE, CENTIPEETLE!

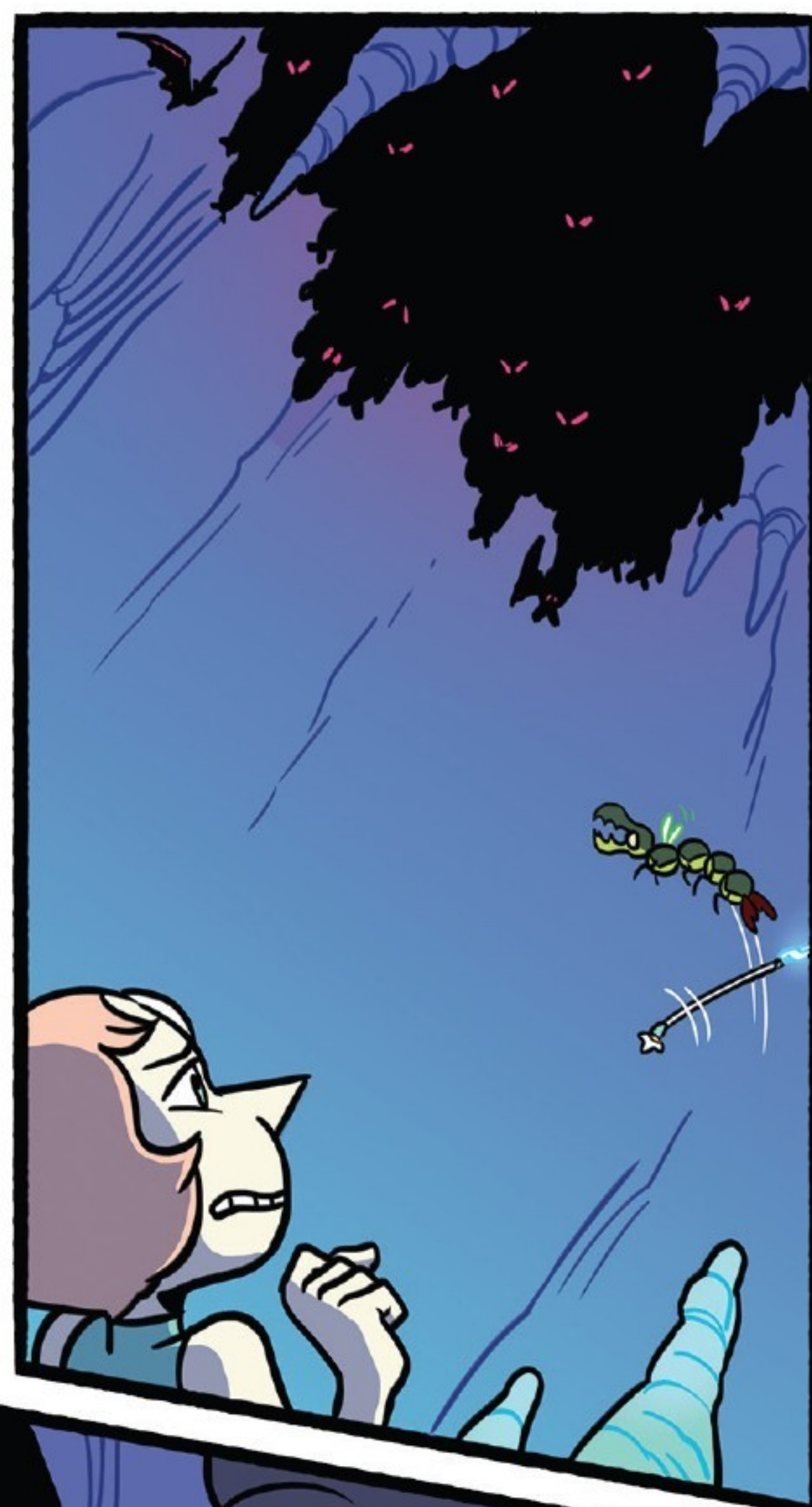
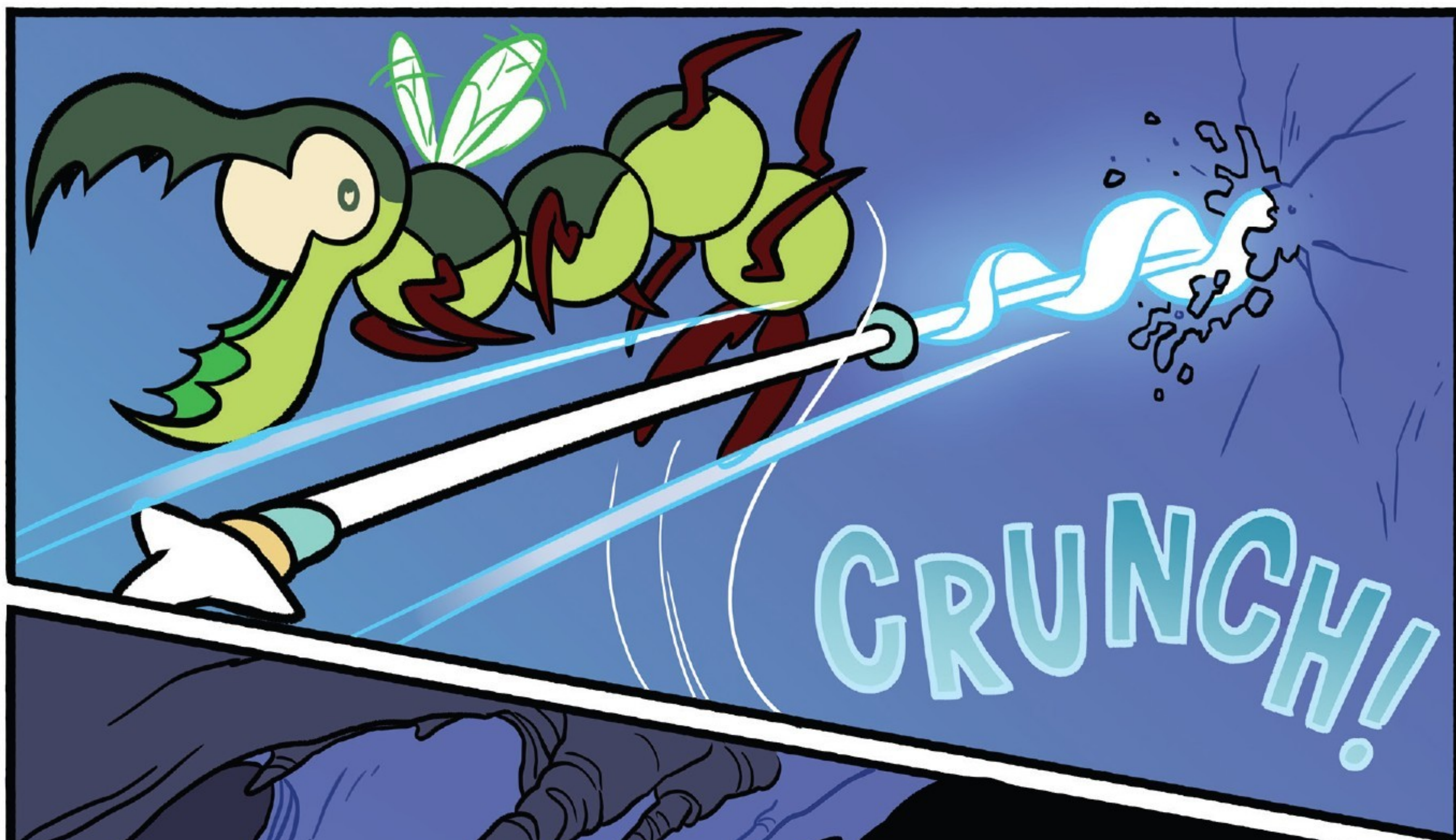


AMETHYST! YOU'VE LIKELY ALERTED IT TO OUR--

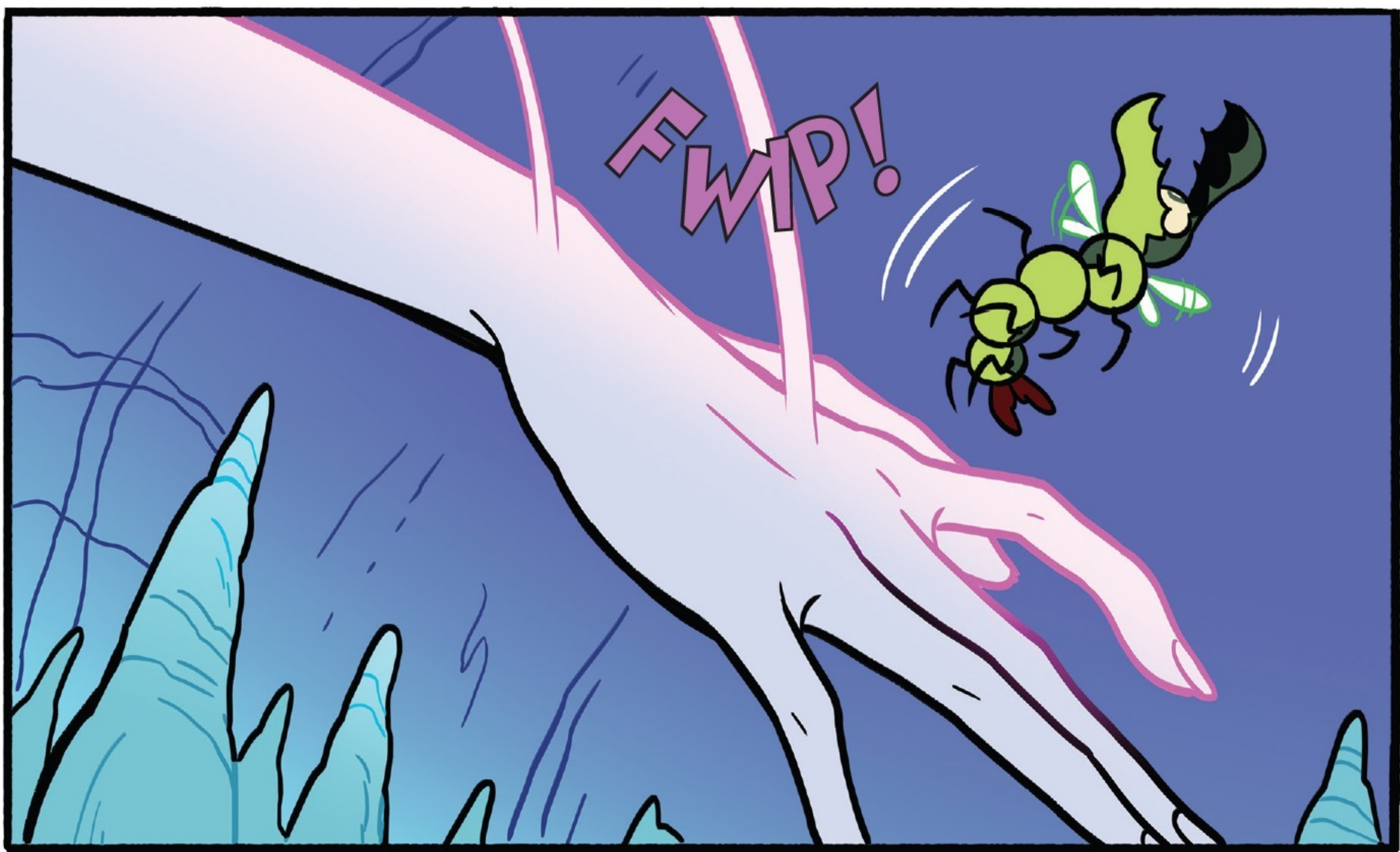


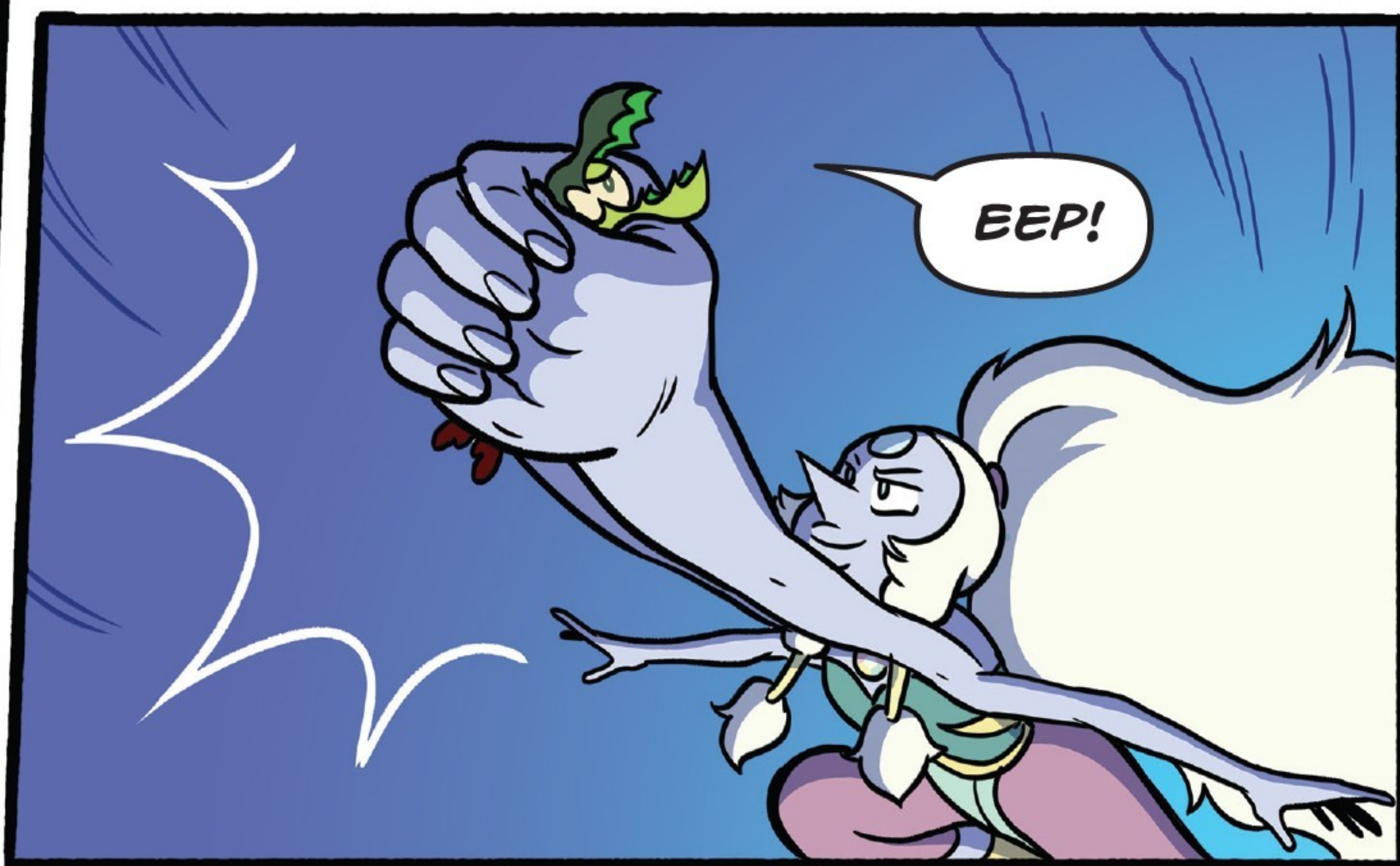
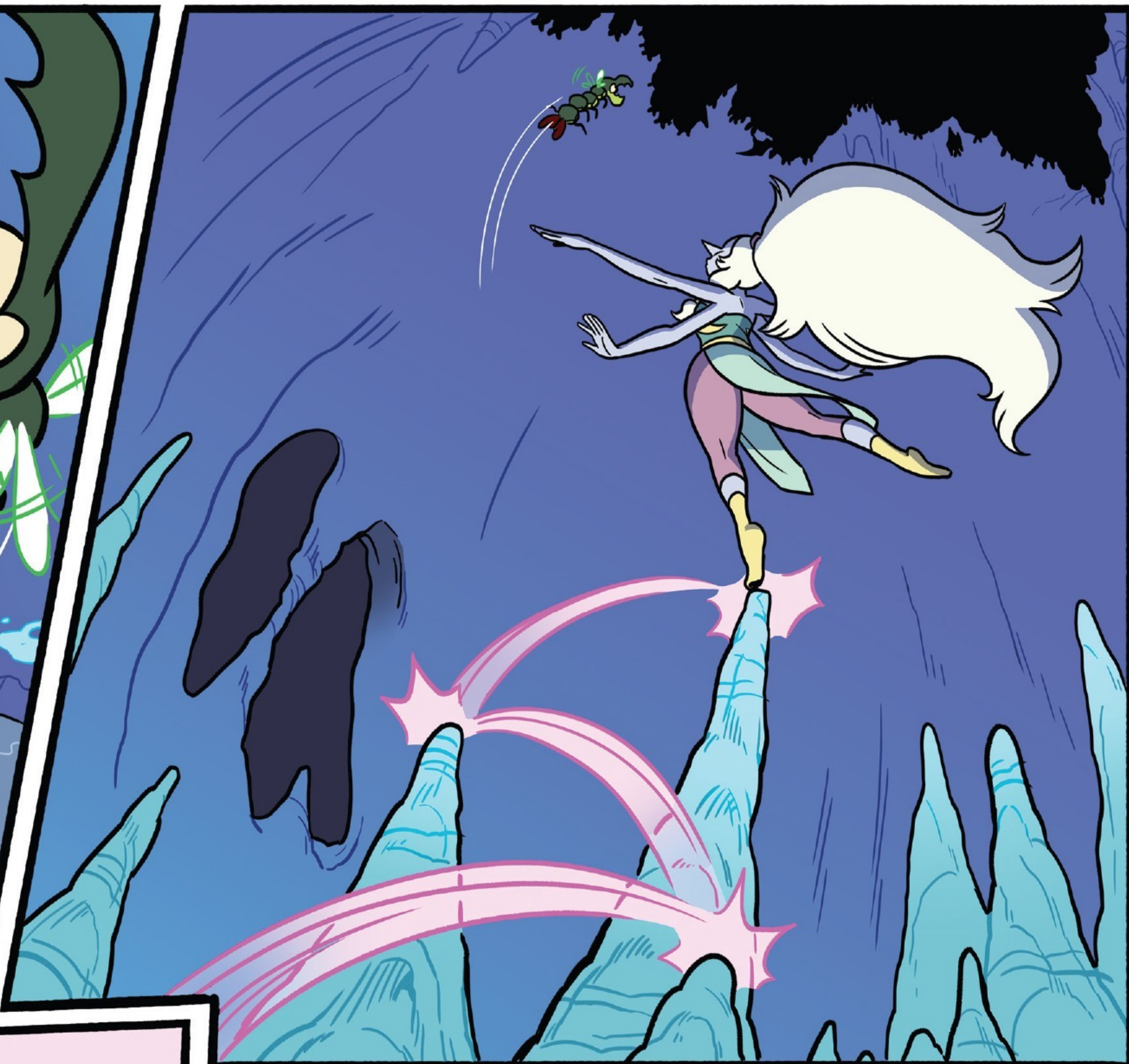
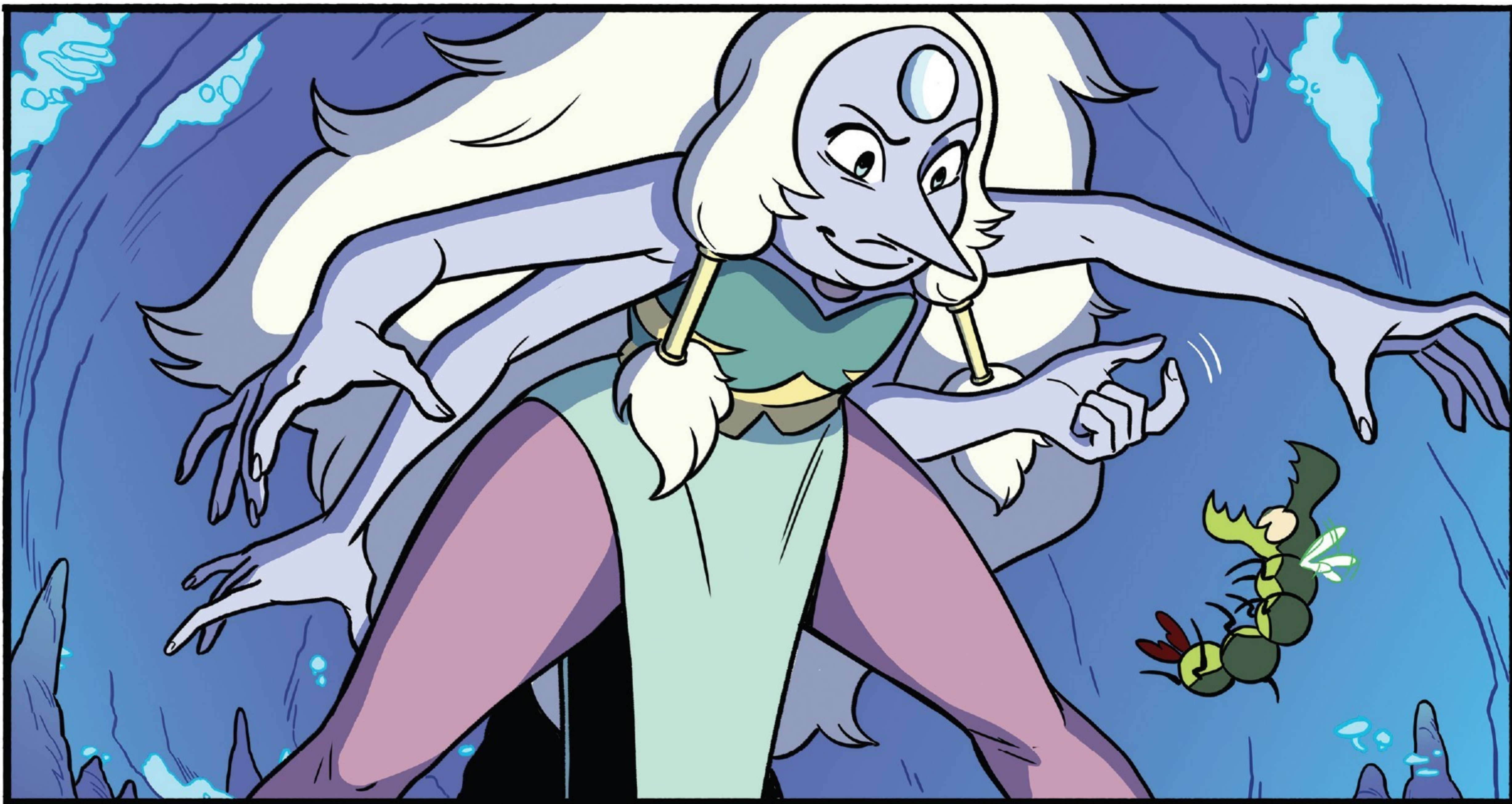
SCREEEE!

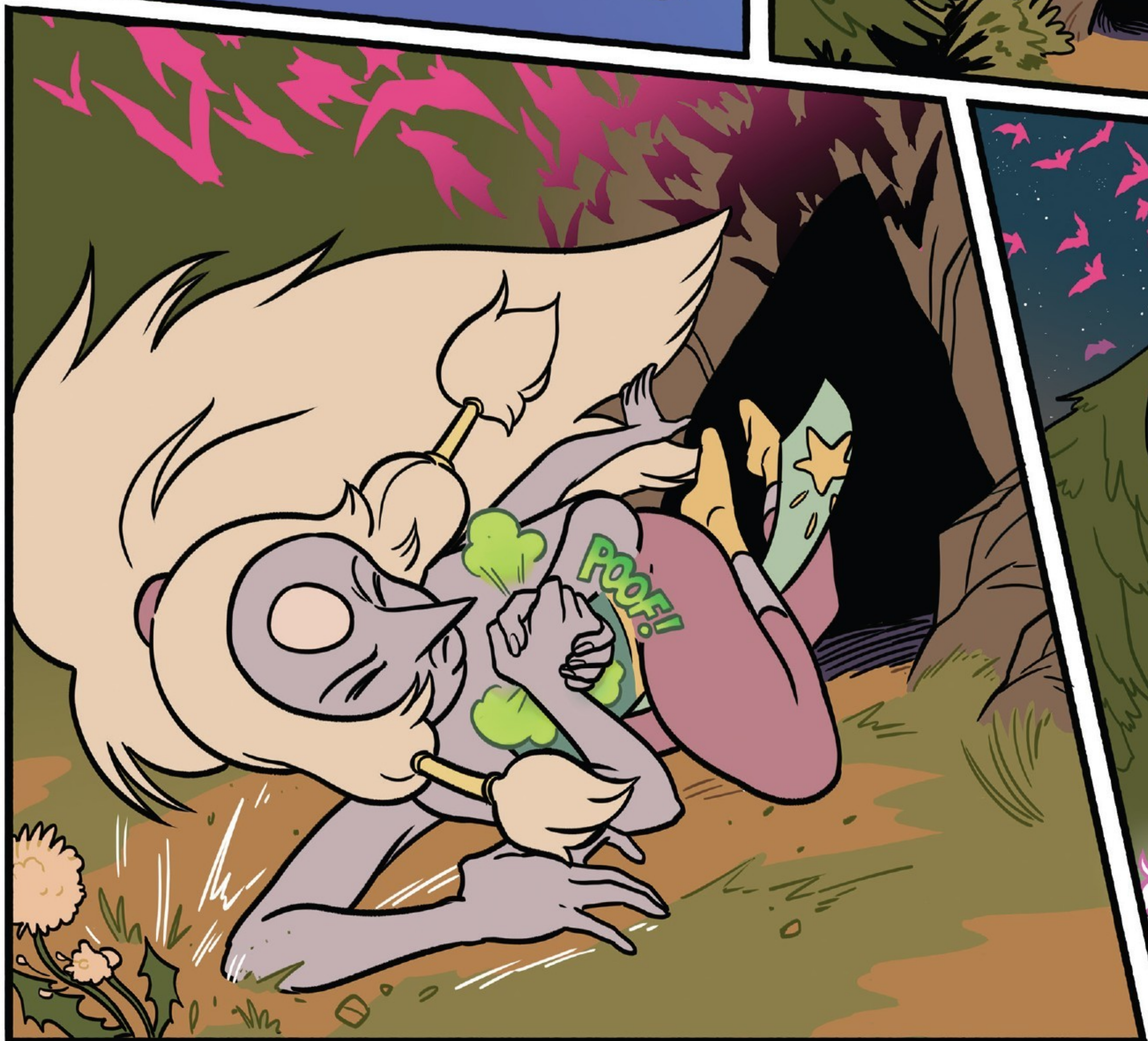
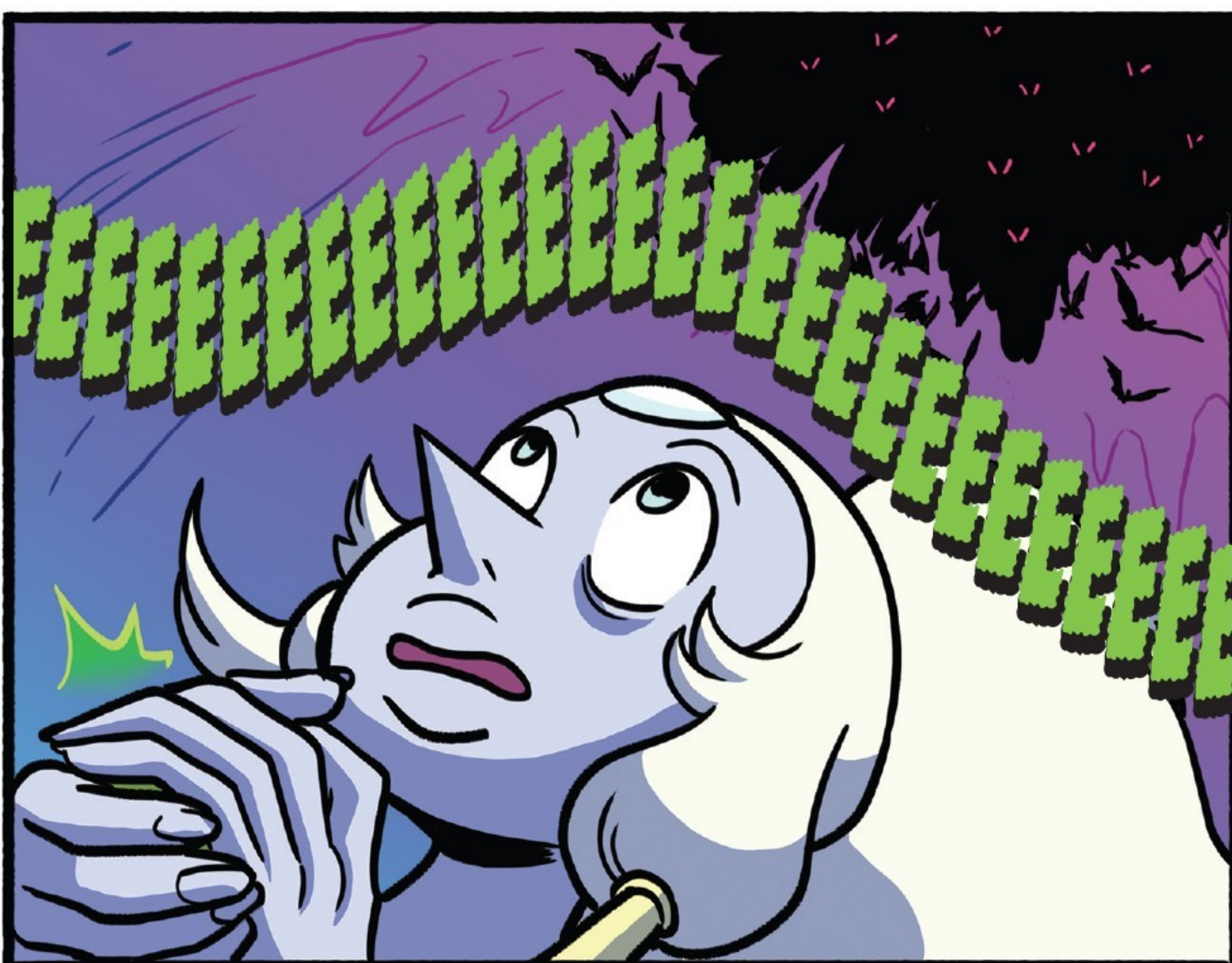
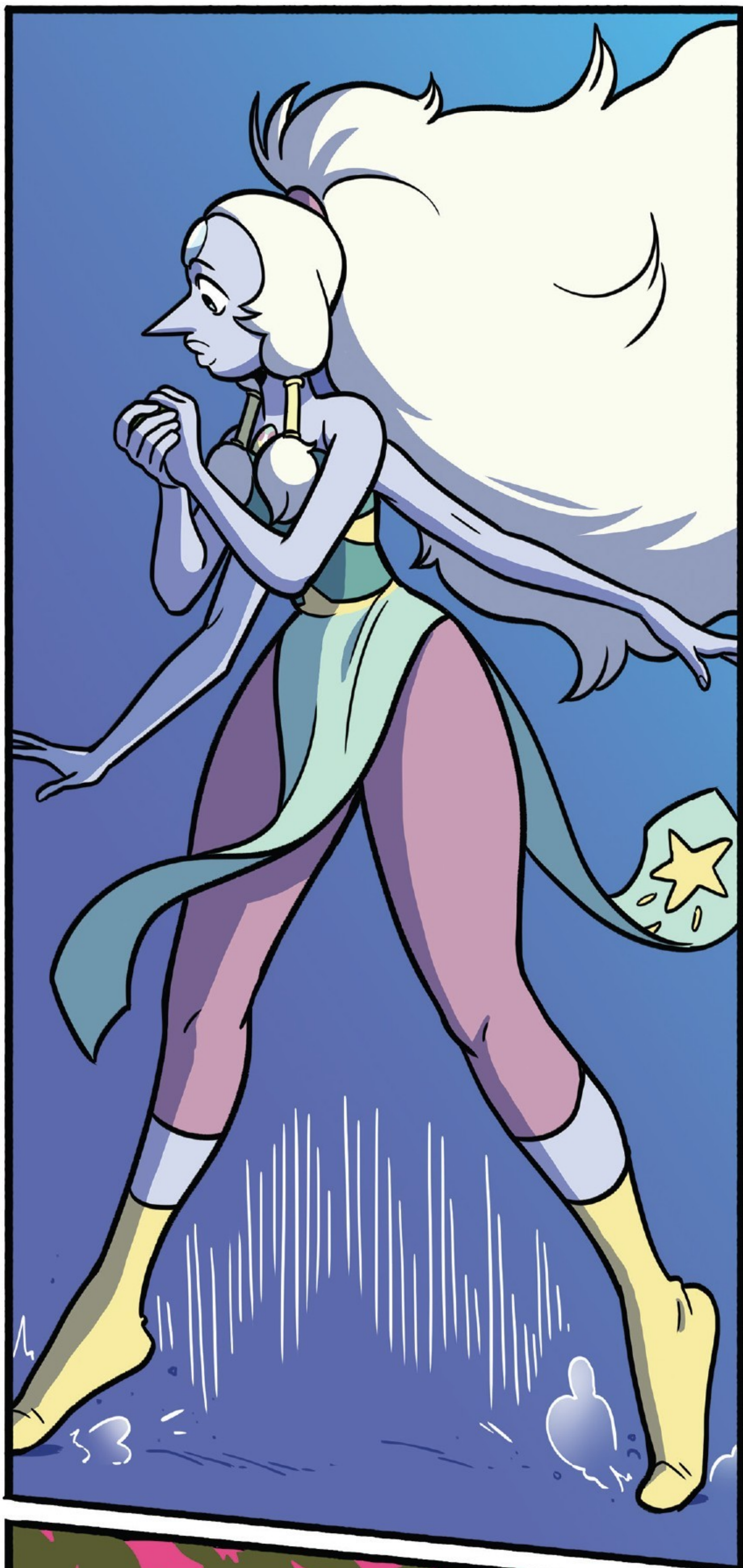


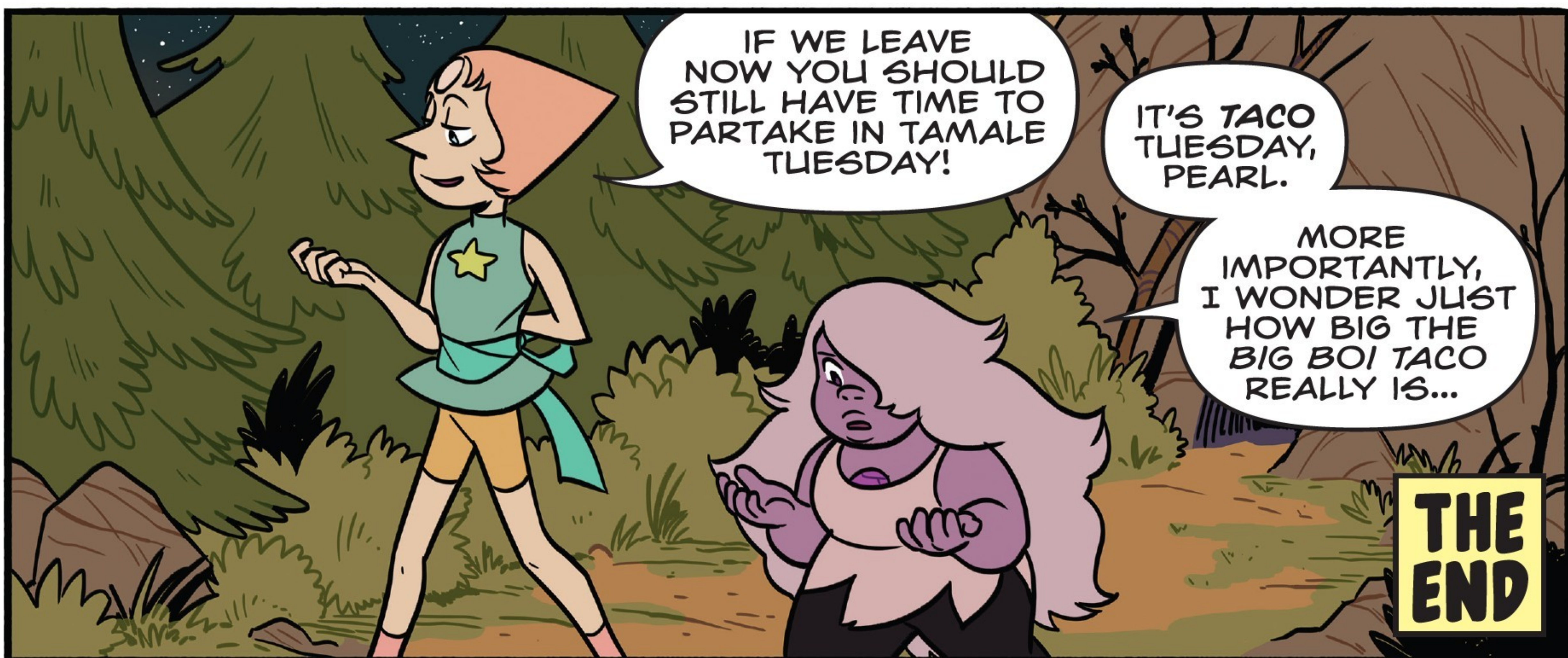
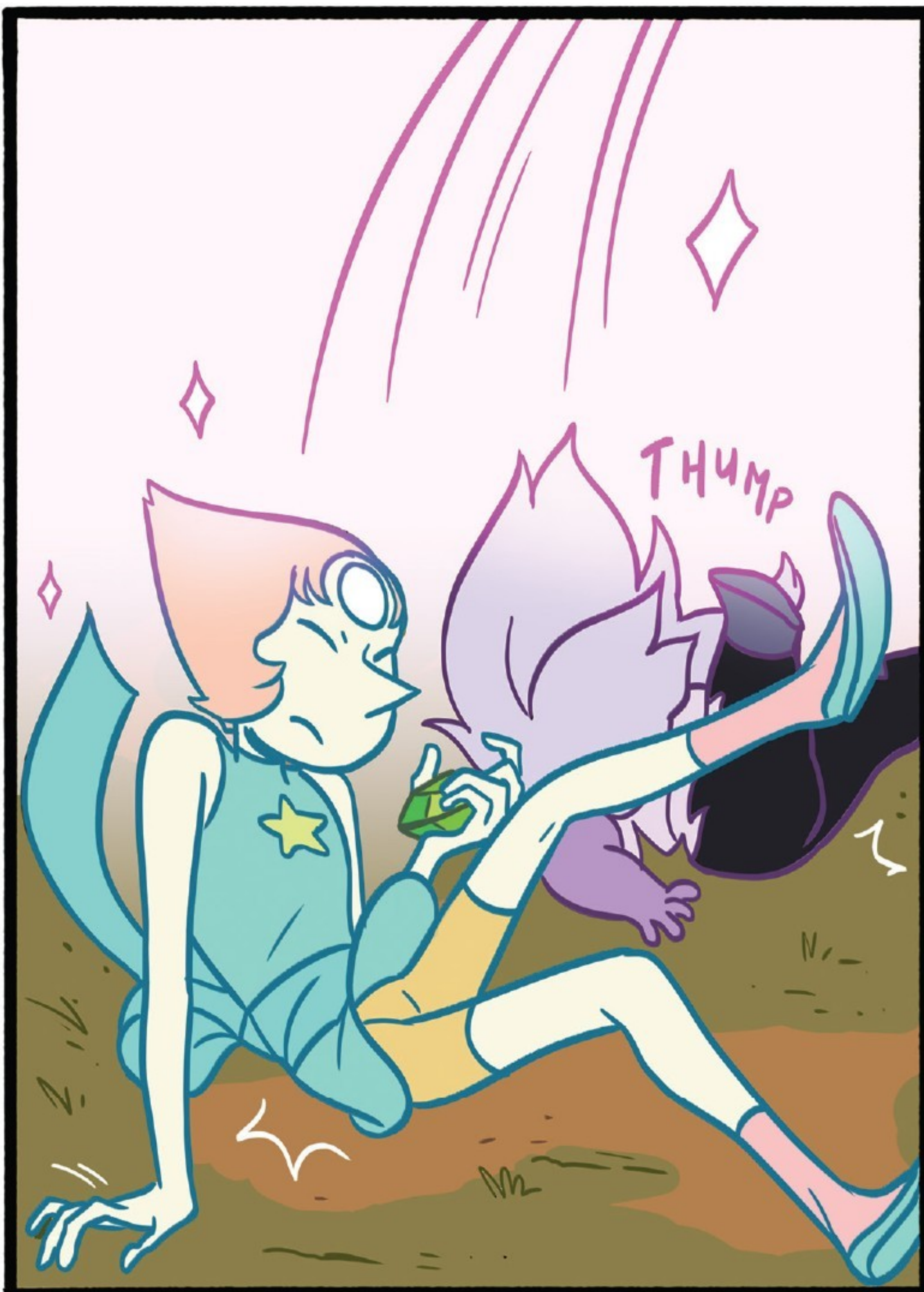














**AN OVERDUE
CONVERSATION**











IT FEELS GREAT. NO ONE IS HOLDING ME BACK, YOU KNOW? I GET TO JUST BE...ME.

...BUT I ALWAYS FEEL WRECKED WHEN WE UNFUSE.

IT'S ALMOST AS IF FOLLOWING YOUR **EVERY** **IMPULSE** IS A **BAD** IDEA.



IT ALSO FEELS GREAT FOR ME. I GET TO LET MY IMPULSIVE SIDE OUT--I'M IN THE MOMENT, TOTALLY PRESENT...

...ALTHOUGH, I DON'T ALWAYS FEEL LIKE **ME** IN THAT MOMENT. SOMETIMES, I FEEL LIKE I'M NOT LISTENING TO THE PATIENT, THOUGHTFUL PARTS OF ME WHEN I'M SLUGILITE.



THAT'S NOT HOW FUSION IS SUPPOSED TO FEEL.

"I'M REALLY SORRY, GARNET.
I THINK...I GET SO EXCITED TO BE
SLIGILITE THAT I DON'T ALWAYS LISTEN
TO YOU WHEN YOU WANT TO BE
MORE PATIENT AND THOUGHTFUL."

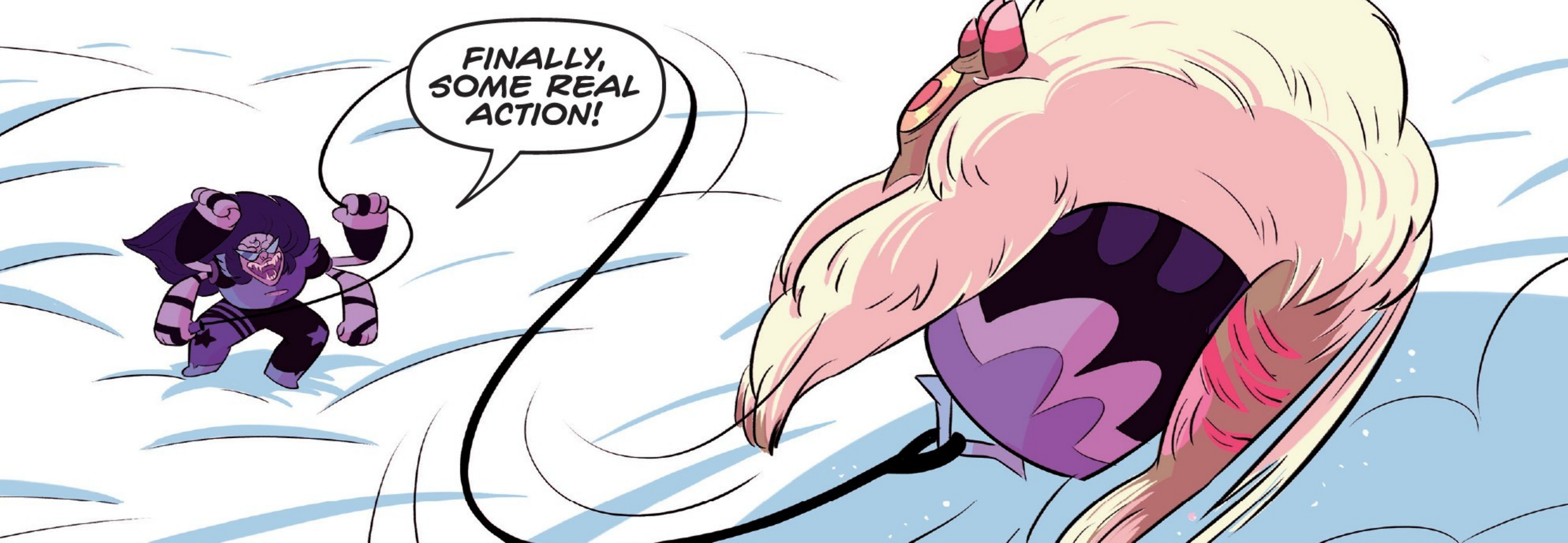
"IT ISN'T YOUR FAULT,
AMETHYST. I IGNORE
THOSE PARTS OF ME,
TOO, WHEN I GET EXCITED
TO BE SLIGILITE."

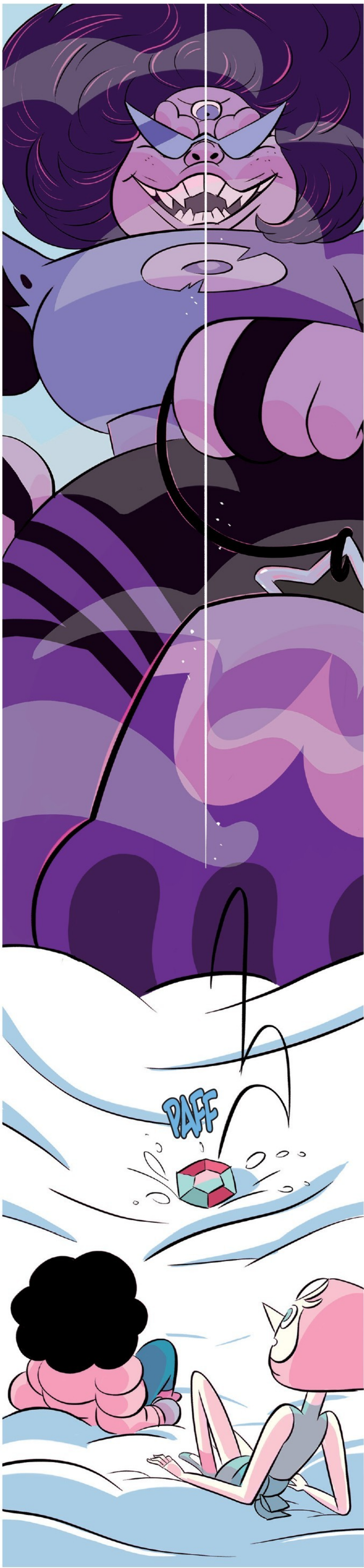
"CAN WE TRY TO DO
BETTER NEXT TIME?"

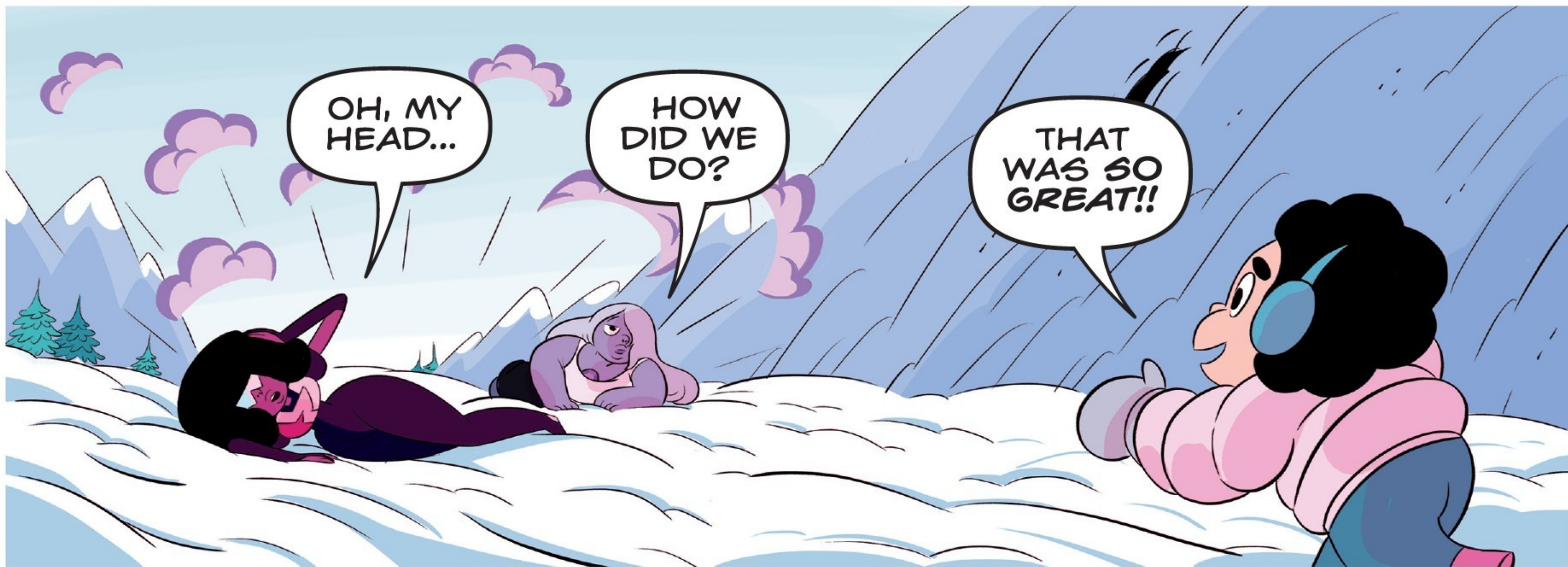
"LET'S TRY TO DO
BETTER *THIS* TIME."

"OKAY, REMEMBER!
YOU'RE GOING TO
LISTEN TO EACH
OTHER THIS TIME."

"YOU'RE WASTING
YOUR BREATH,
STEVEN. SHE WON'T
LISTEN TO YOU!"







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