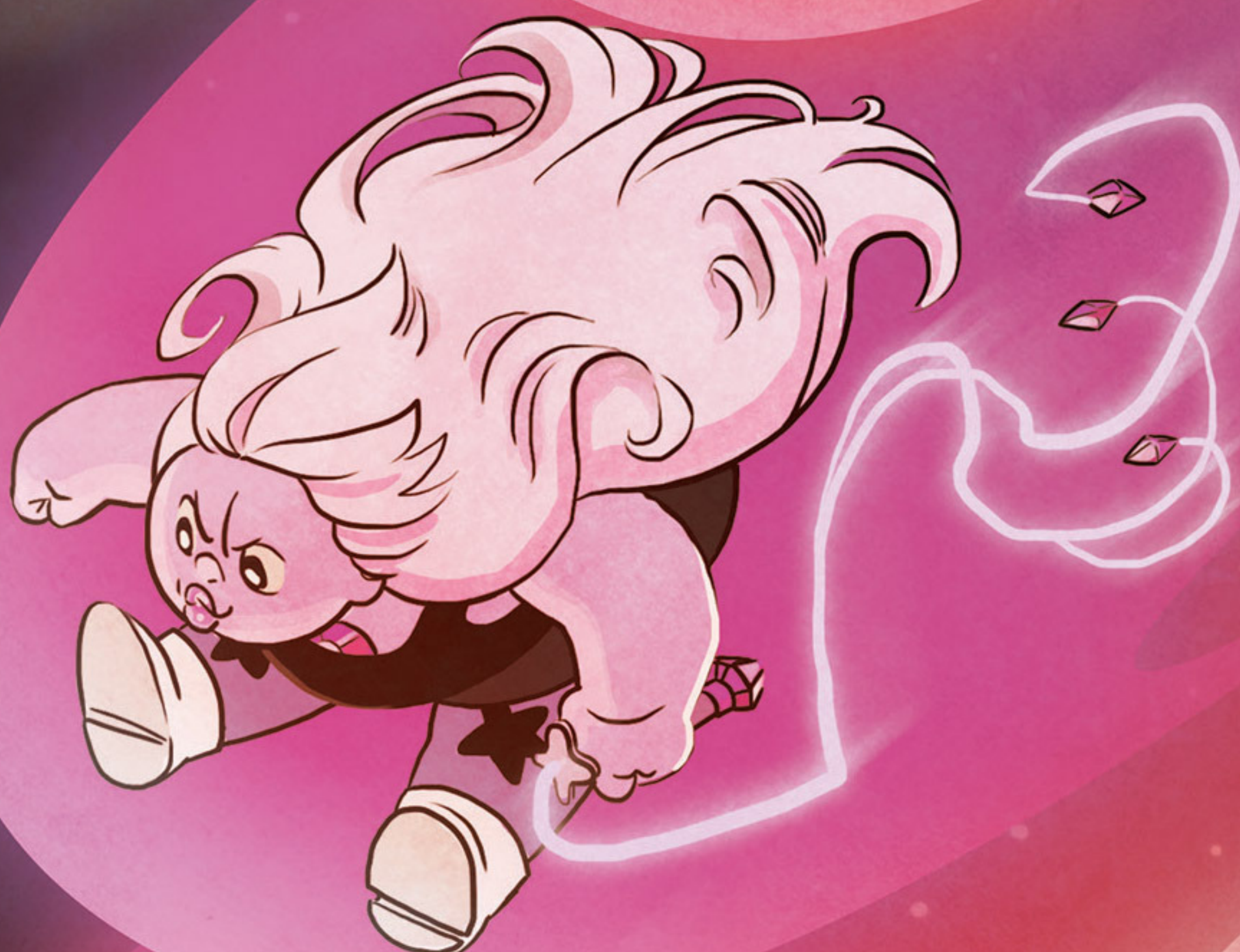
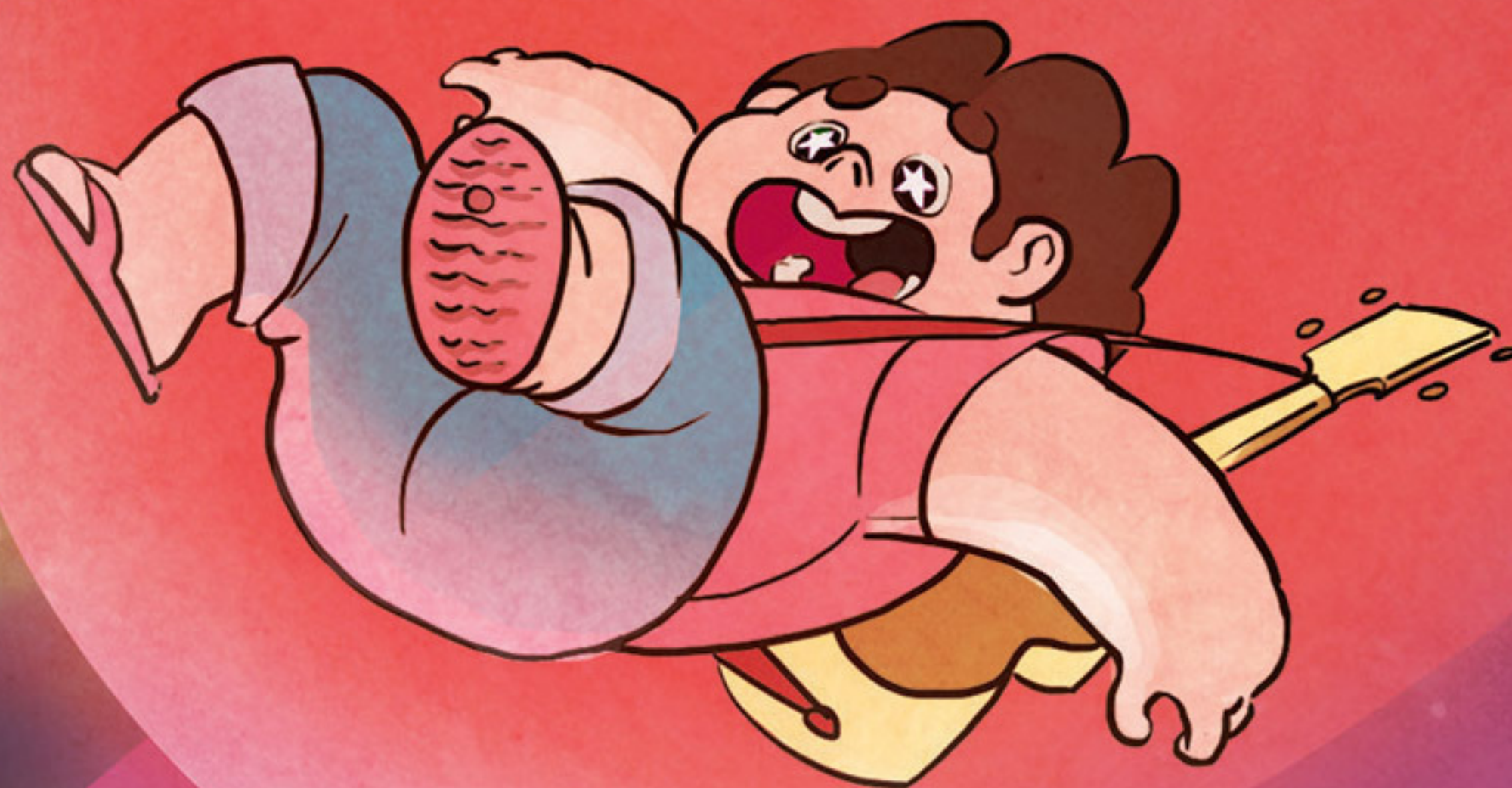


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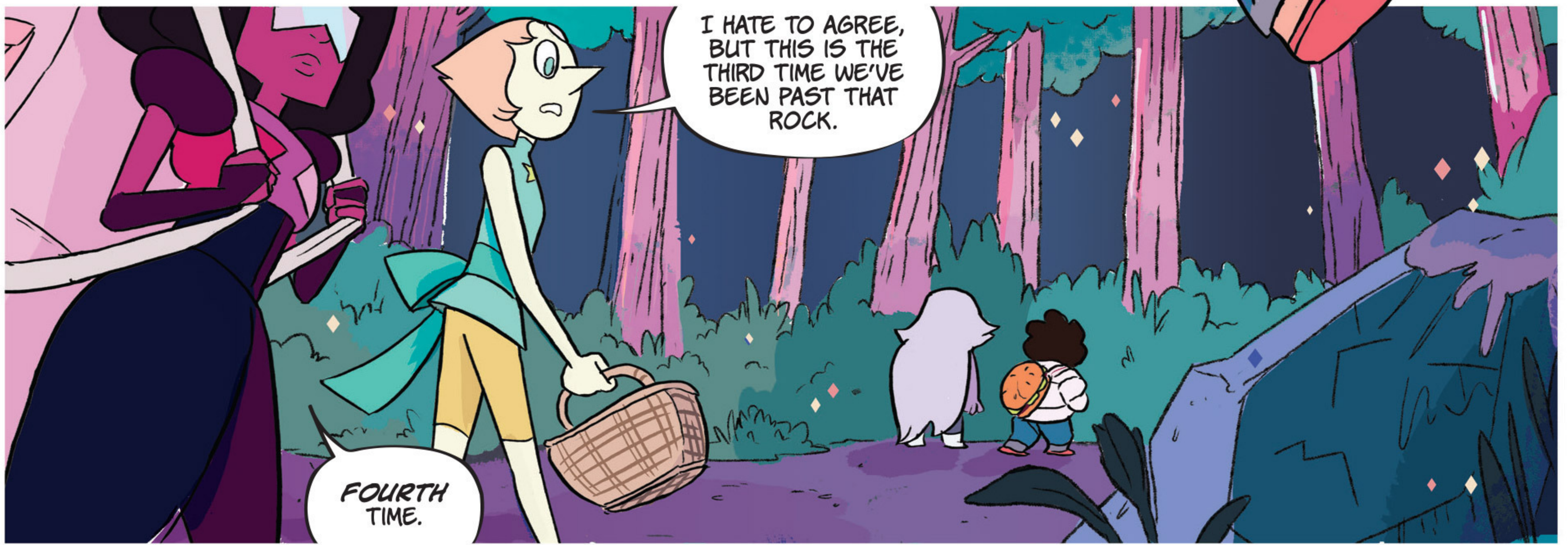
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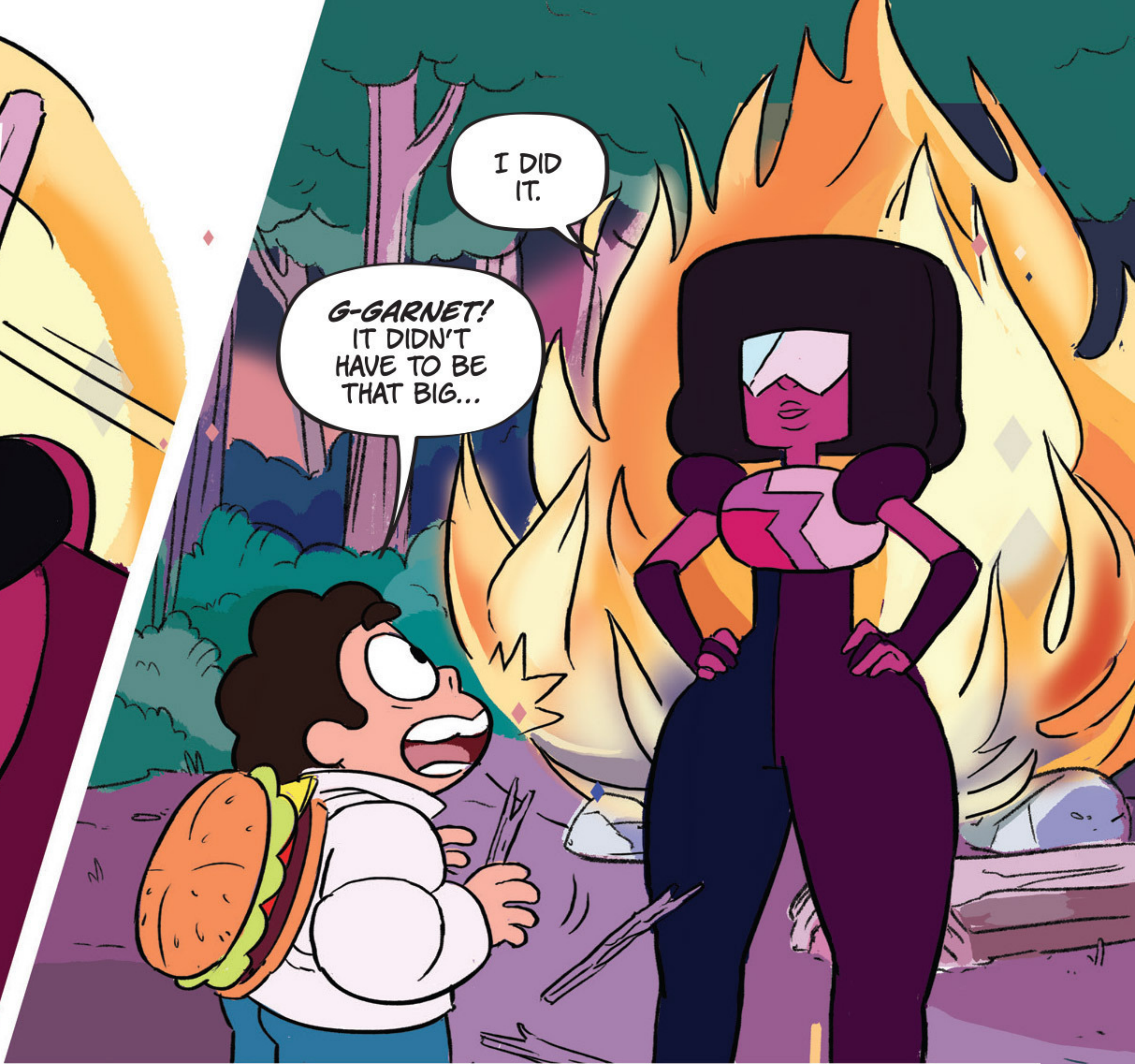






HAAHH!

FWOOM



I DID IT.

G-GARNET!
IT DIDN'T
HAVE TO BE
THAT BIG...



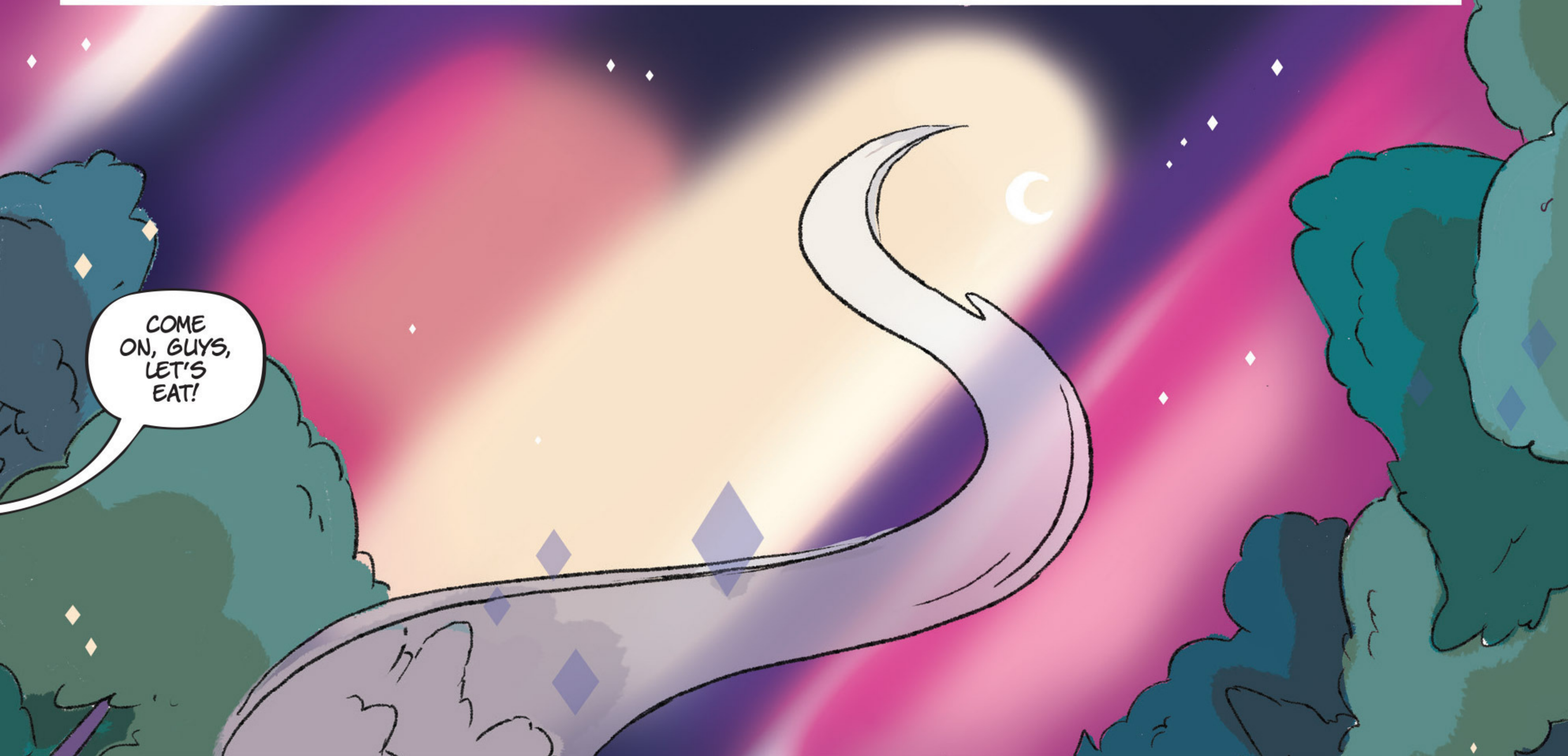
UH, GOOD
JOB THOUGH, I
GUESS? WE'LL
SAVE THE EXTRA
WOOD FOR
LATER...



THERE,
PERFECT!

H-HEY, PEARL,
I THINK YOU MIGHT
HAVE...MAYBE
SORTA HAD THE
INSTRUCTIONS
UPSIDE-DOWN?

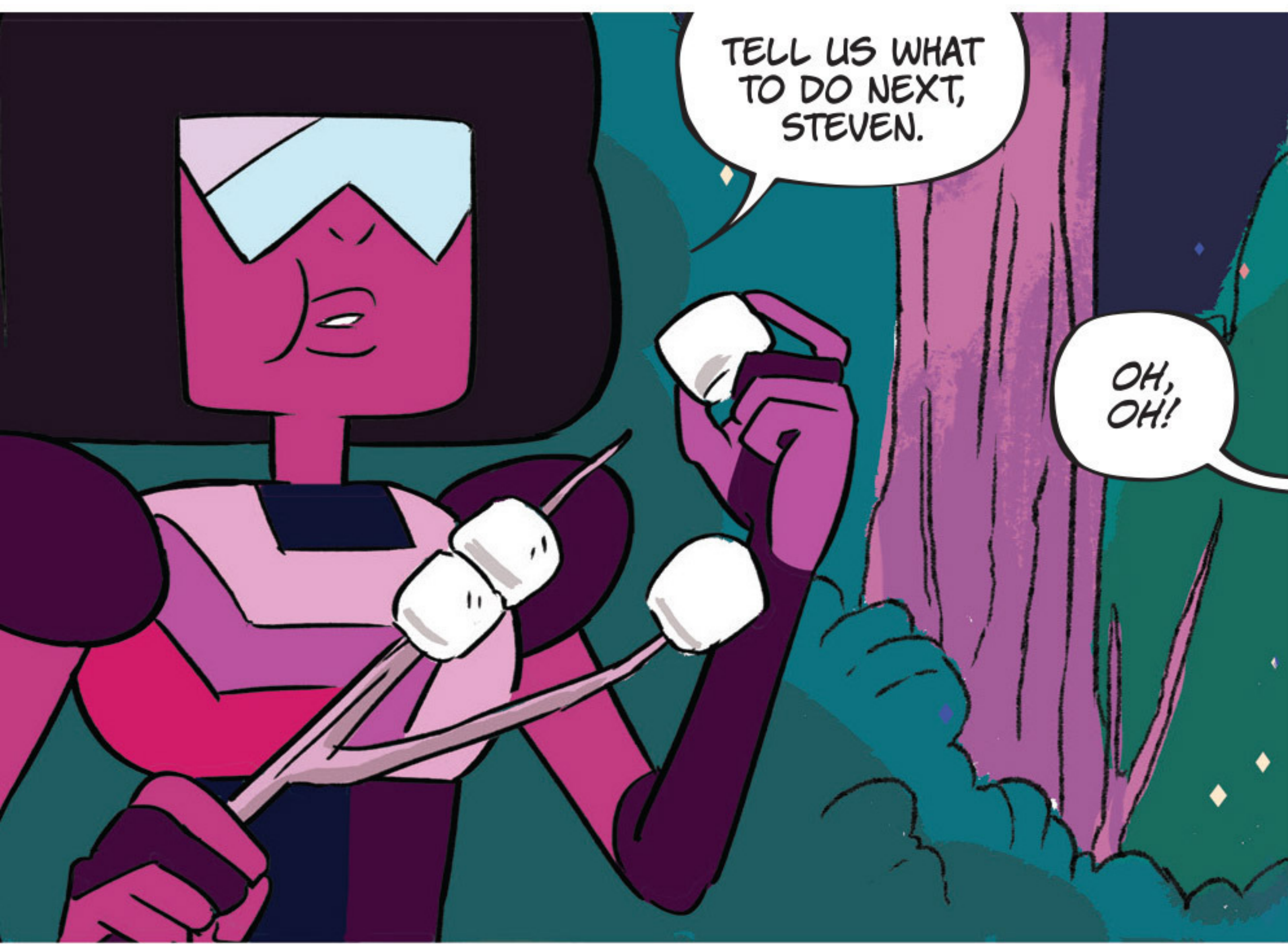
THERE WERE
INSTRUCTIONS??





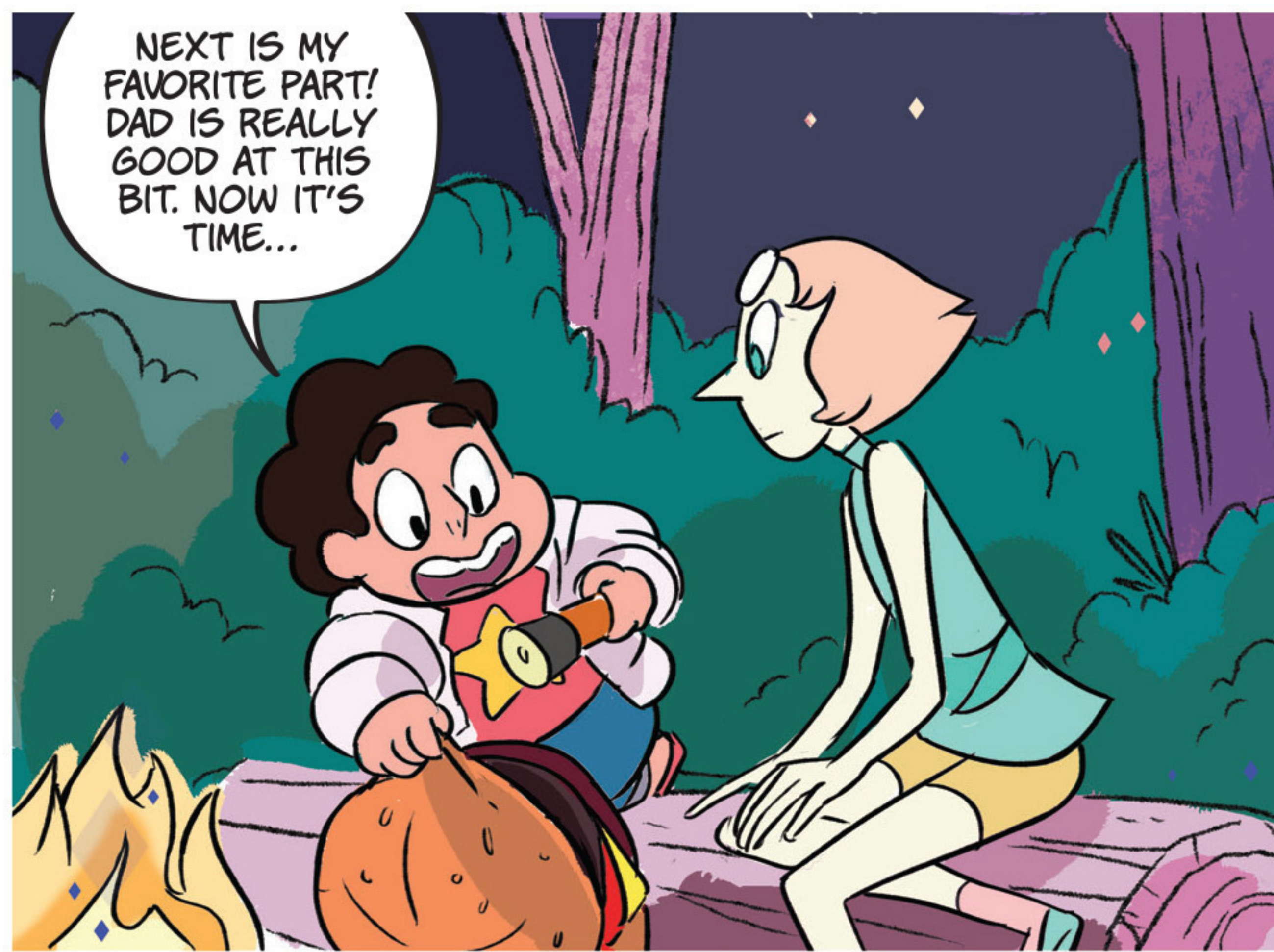
LIKE THIS? AM I DOING IT??

I THINK I'LL PASS...



TELL US WHAT TO DO NEXT, STEVEN.

OH, OH!



NEXT IS MY FAVORITE PART! DAD IS REALLY GOOD AT THIS BIT. NOW IT'S TIME...



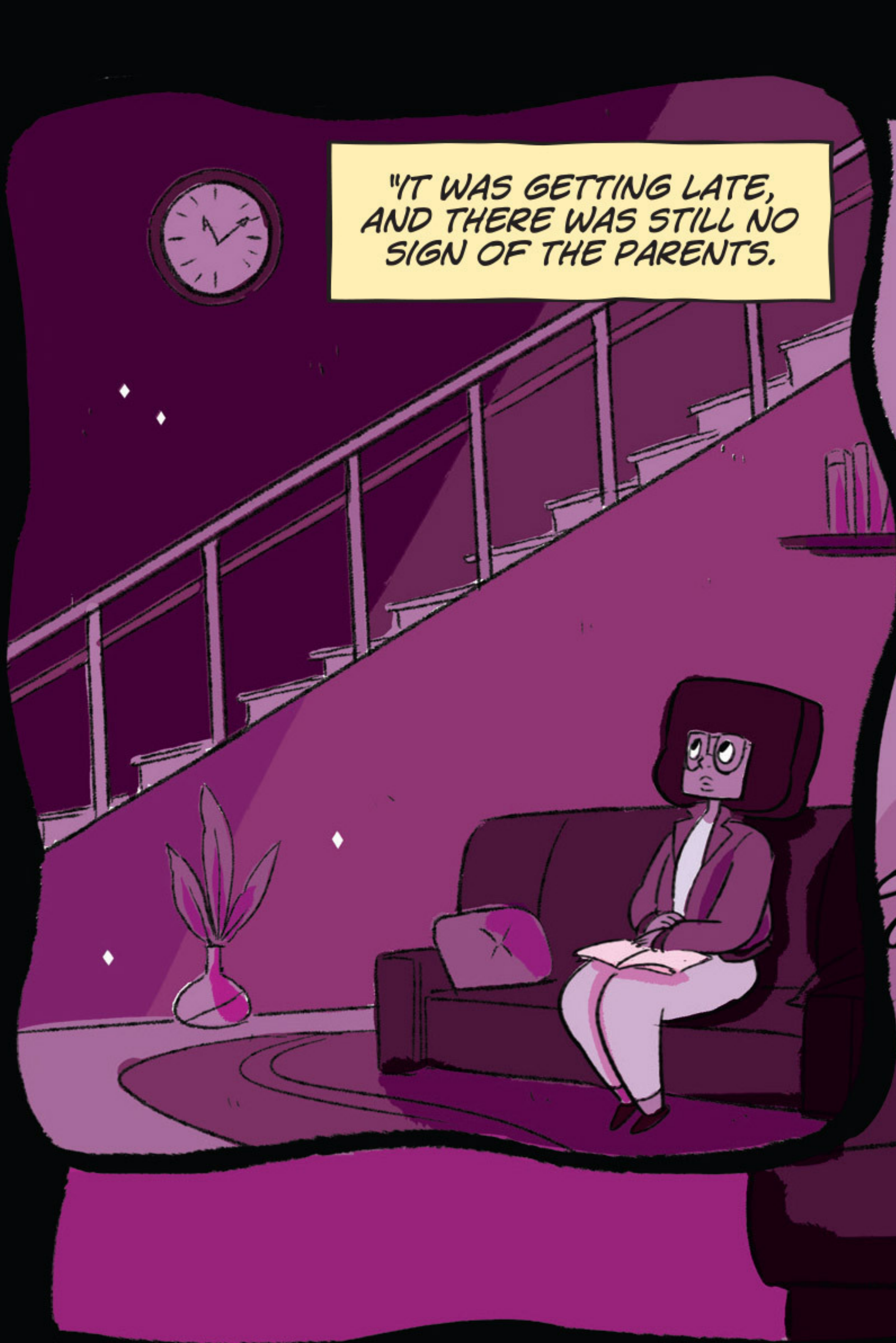
...FOR SCAARY STORIES!

OOHHH...

I'LL START! A-HE-HEM-HEM...

LEGEND HAS IT, THAT ONE DARK NIGHT, RIGHT HERE IN BEACH CITY, A TEENAGER WAS BABYSITTING SOME KIDS...

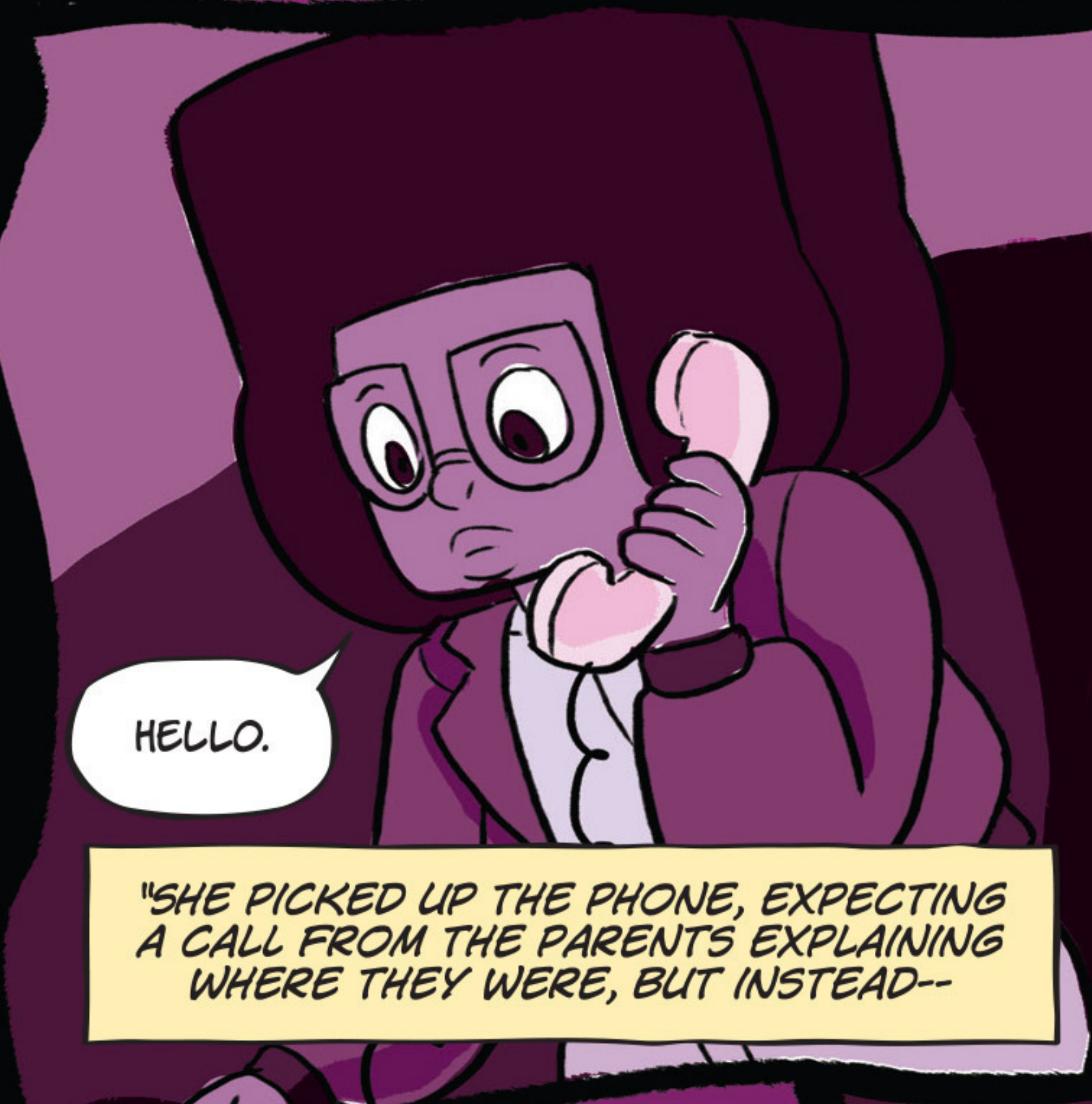




"IT WAS GETTING LATE, AND THERE WAS STILL NO SIGN OF THE PARENTS."

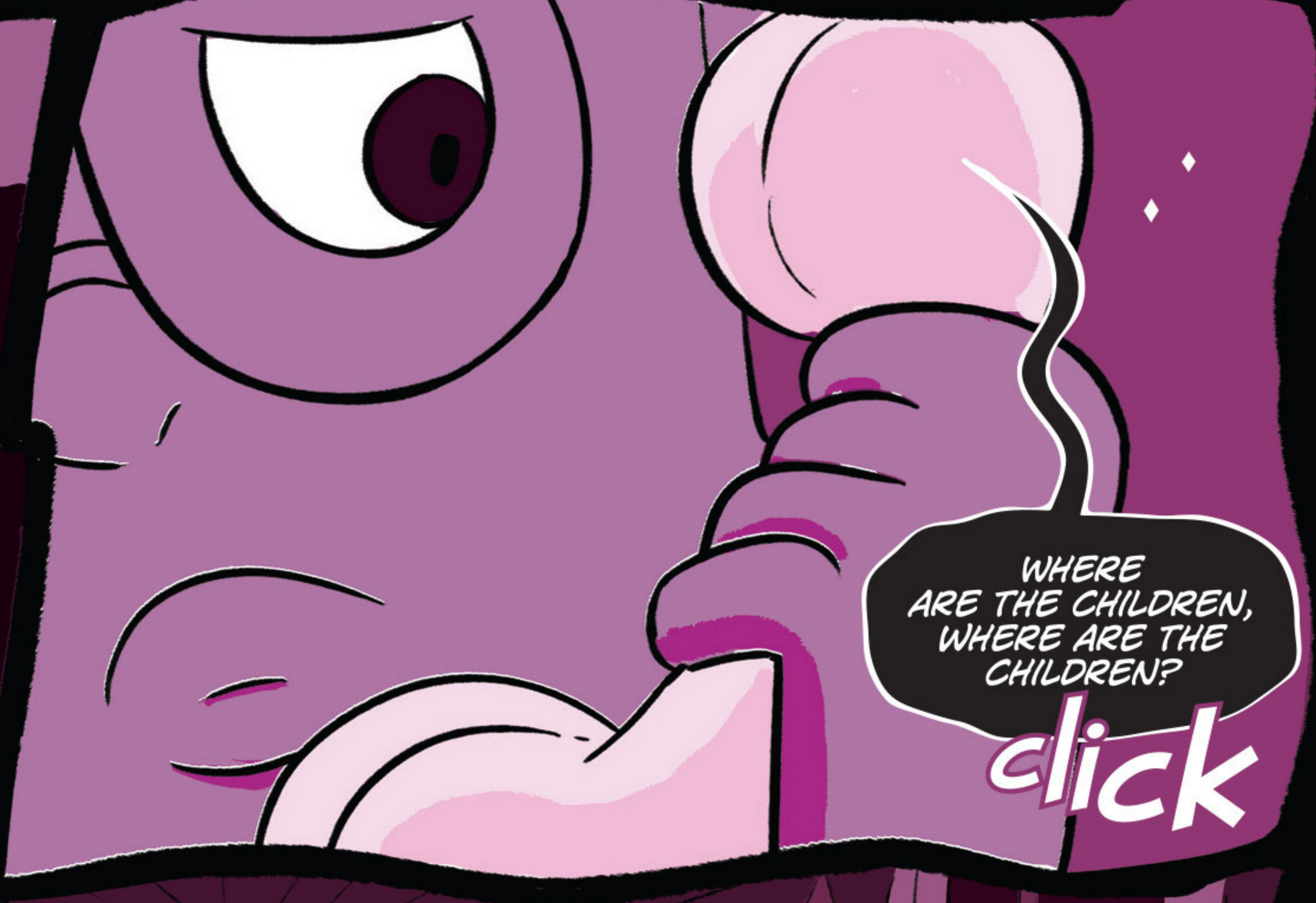


"SUDDENLY! THE SILENCE WAS BROKEN WHEN THE PHONE RANG."



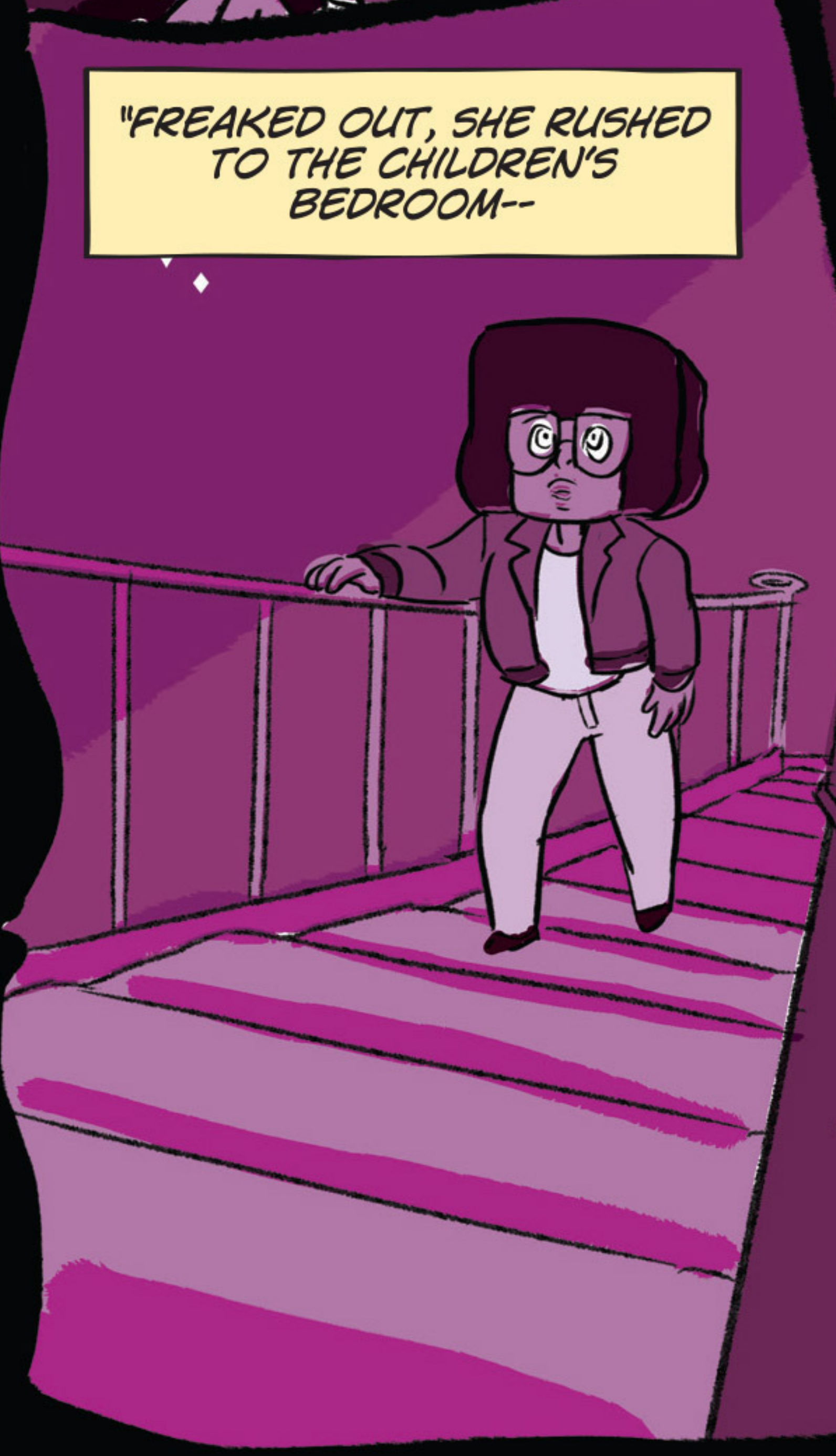
HELLO.

"SHE PICKED UP THE PHONE, EXPECTING A CALL FROM THE PARENTS EXPLAINING WHERE THEY WERE, BUT INSTEAD--"



WHERE ARE THE CHILDREN, WHERE ARE THE CHILDREN?

click



"FREAKED OUT, SHE RUSHED TO THE CHILDREN'S BEDROOM--"



"BUT WHEN SHE LOOKED IN, THE CHILDREN WERE FAST ASLEEP."

"CONFUSED, SHE WENT BACK
DOWNSTAIRS, BUT..."

RRRINGG!

WHERE
ARE THE CHILDREN,
WHERE ARE THE
CHILDREN?

IF THIS
IS A PRANK, I'M
NOT FALLING
FOR IT!

click

"JUST IN CASE, SHE
CHECKED AGAIN. STILL
EVERYTHING WAS
NORMAL."

RRRING
RRRINGG!

SLAM!

WHERE
ARE THE
CHIL--

STOP
CALLING
ALREADY!
THIS ISN'T
FUNNY!

"SHE SAT BACK DOWN,
EXPECTING THE PHONE TO
RING AGAIN ANY MOMENT,
BUT INSTEAD...

"...THERE WAS
ONLY SILENCE.

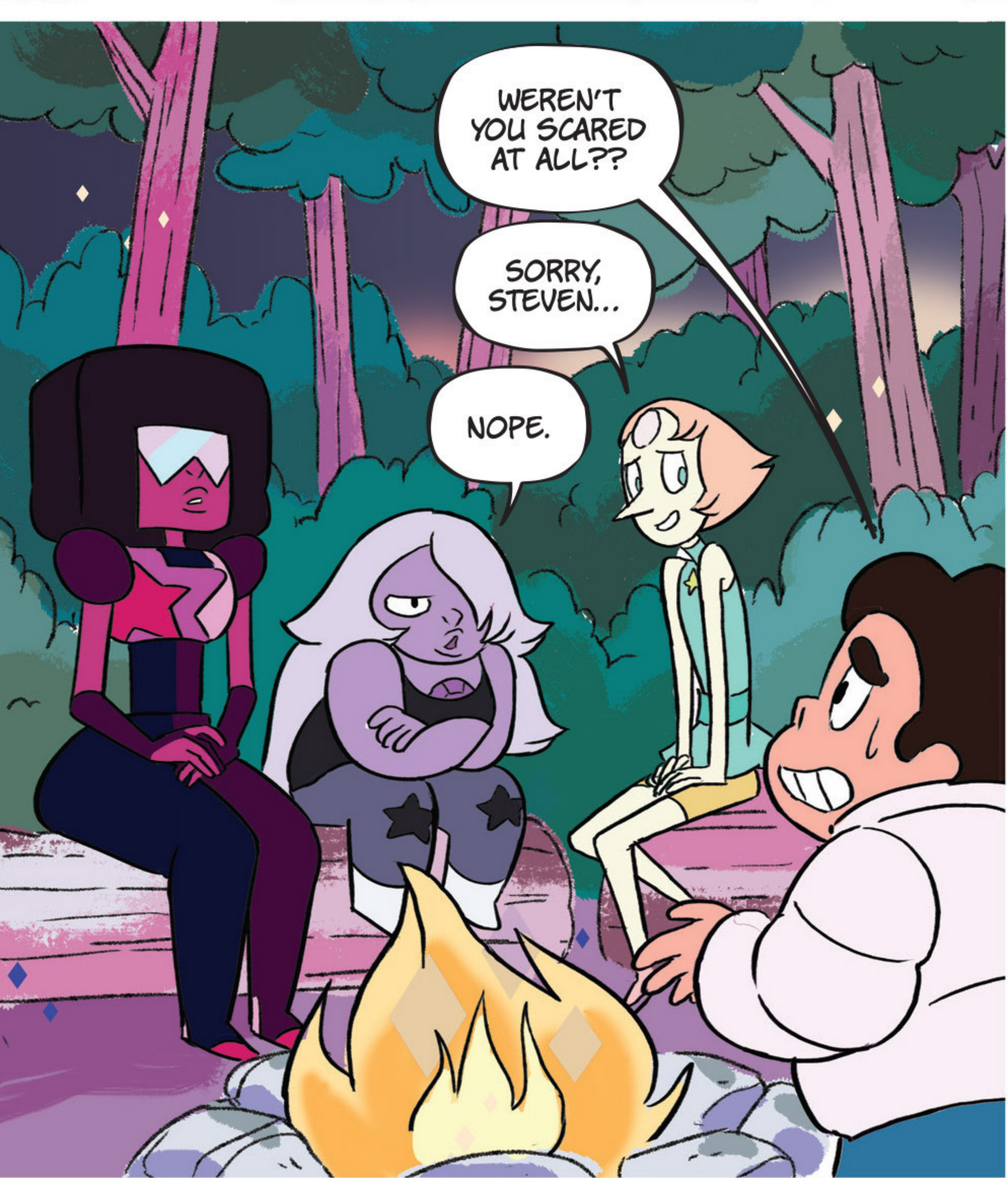
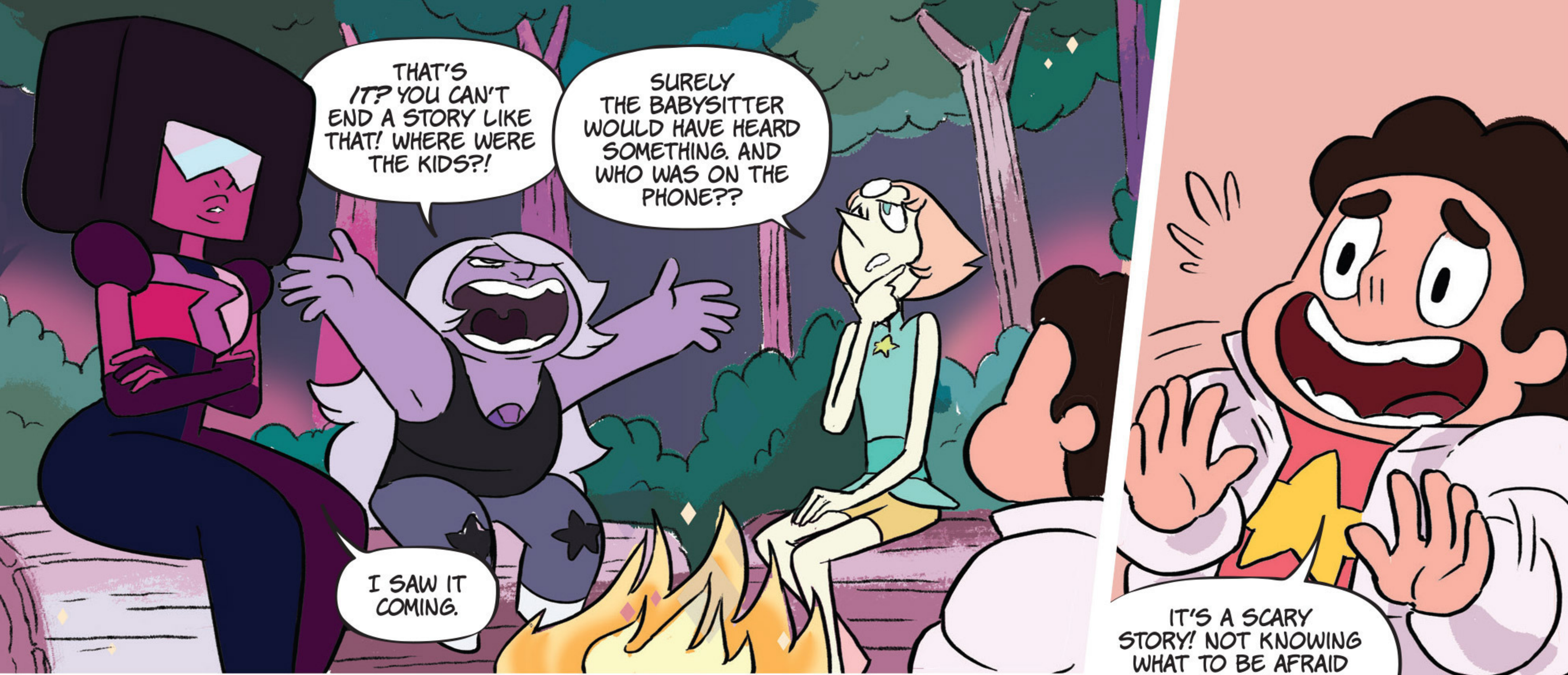
"BUT THE
CALLER'S
WORDS KEPT
NAGGING AT
HER...

phew...

"...AND WHEN SHE
WENT TO CHECK
ON THE CHILDREN
THIS TIME--

"THEY
WERE
GONE."

THE
END! WHAT
DID YOU
THINK?





AW, JEEZ,
NOT THAT
AGAIN!

AMETHYST,
YOU KNOW
THIS ONE?



IT'S JUST
SOME STUPID FAIRY
TALE THEY MADE UP TO
SCARE ME. GARNET AND
PEARL USED TO TELL IT
ALL THE TIME, BACK
WHEN THEY FIRST
FOUND ME.



I DON'T REMEMBER
SAYING WE MADE IT UP--
THOUGH IT DID KEEP
YOU OUT OF
TROUBLE.

UGH,
WHATEVER.



I WANNA
HEAR IT!

THE STORY
GOES--



NO, NO,
YOU GOTTA DO IT
PROPERLY! WITH THE
SCARY VOICE AND THE
FLASHLIGHT!

OH YES, OF
COURSE.



LONG AGO,
ON THIS VERY
PLANET, THERE
WAS A YOUNG
GEM...

"OLDER, MUCH WISER GEMS WERE ALWAYS WARNING HER NOT TO GO EXPLORING ON HER OWN."



THERE COULD BE HUMANS!



THERE COULD BE MONSTERS!

"BUT DESPITE THEIR WARNINGS, SHE OFTEN WENT WANDERING WITHOUT THEM."



I AIN'T SCARED A NOTHIN'!

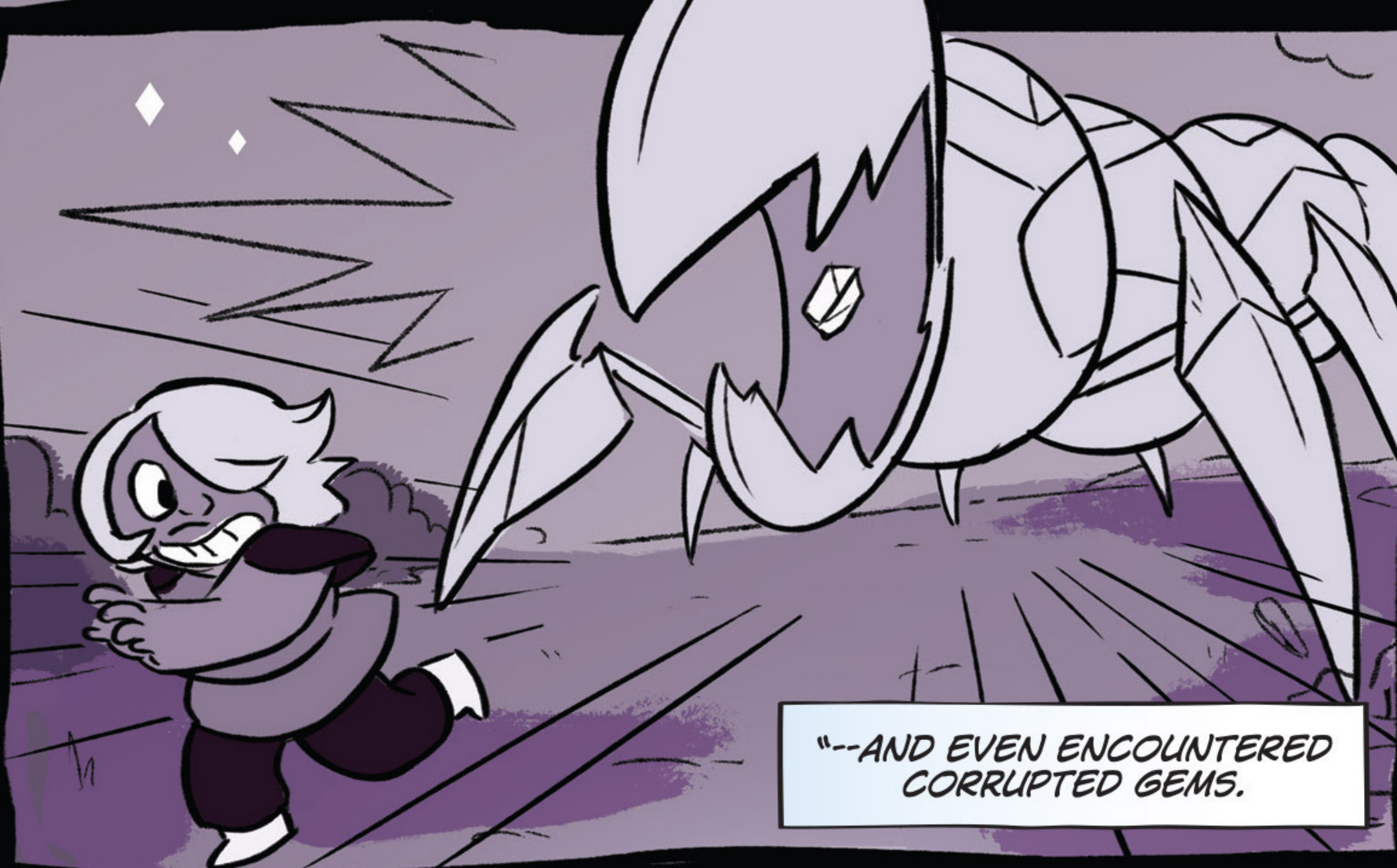


"SHE NARROWLY AVOIDED HUMANS--"

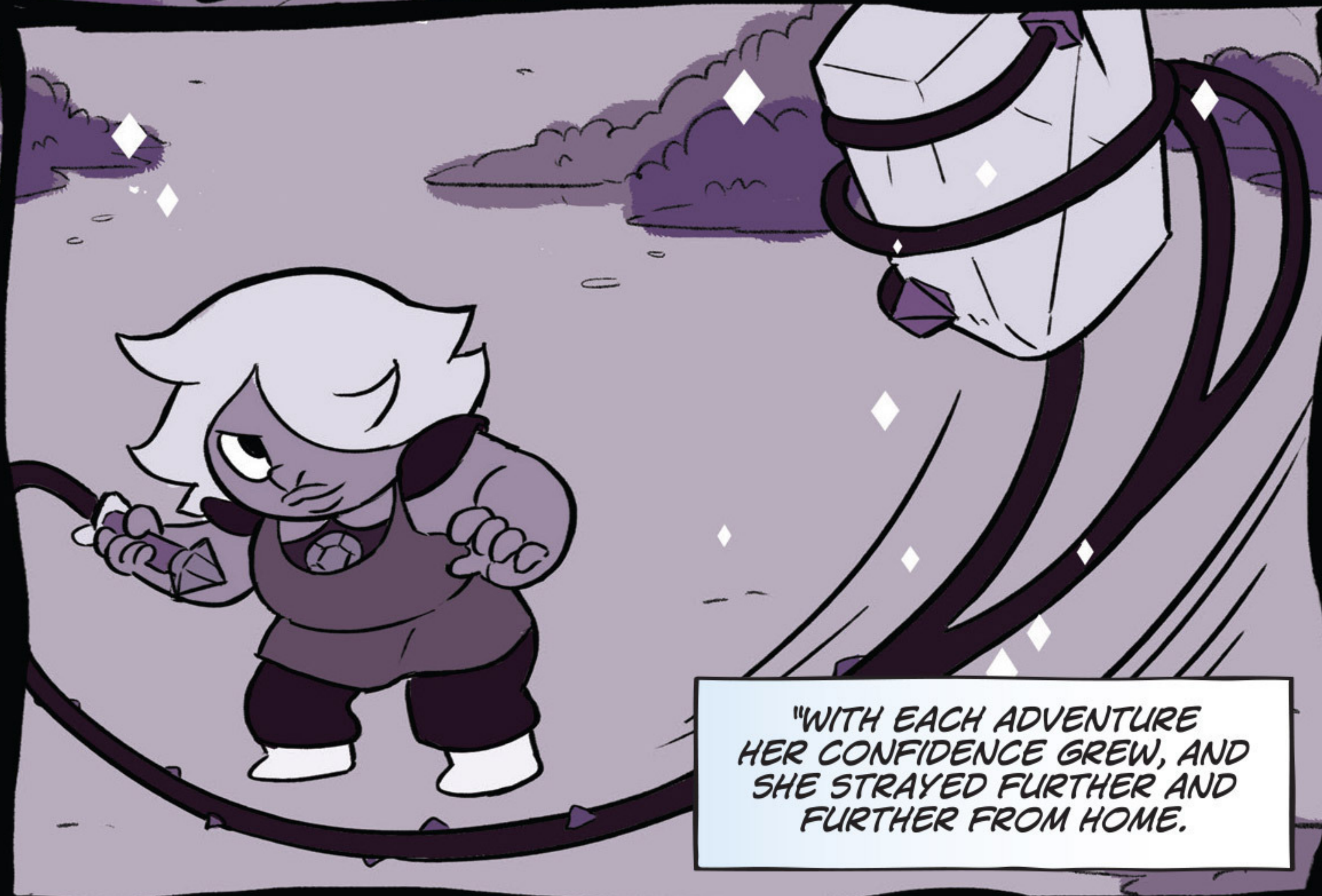


MOM!
I SAW A
PURPLE
OWL!!

DON'T BE
SILLY. OWLS
CAN'T BE
PURPLE.



"--AND EVEN ENCOUNTERED CORRUPTED GEMS."



"WITH EACH ADVENTURE HER CONFIDENCE GREW, AND SHE STRAYED FURTHER AND FURTHER FROM HOME."

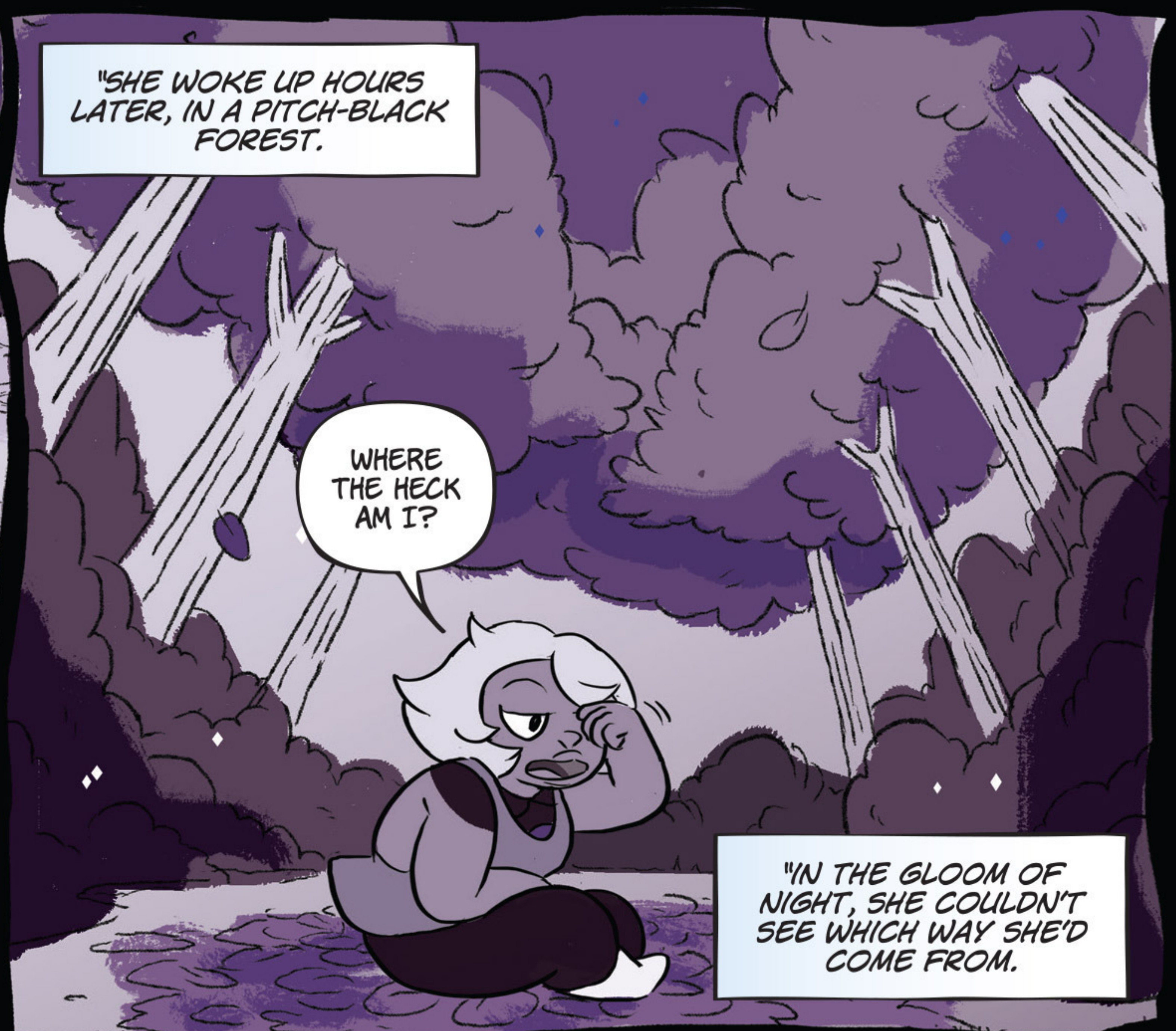
"ONE DAY, AFTER A LONG JOURNEY, THE YOUNG GEM DECIDED TO TAKE A NAP."



IT JUST FEELS GOOD.

ZZZ...

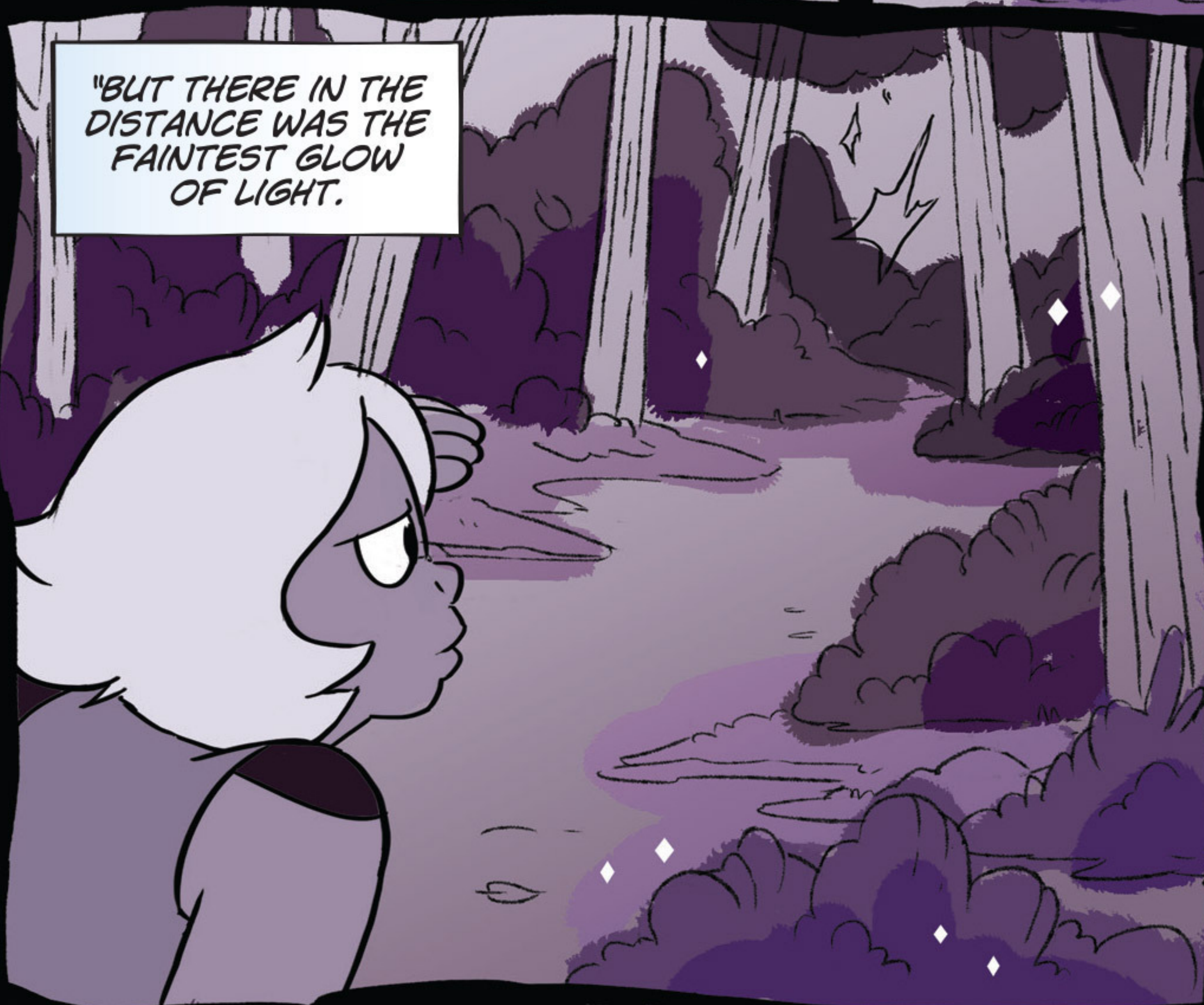
"SHE WOKE UP HOURS LATER, IN A PITCH-BLACK FOREST."



WHERE THE HECK AM I?

"IN THE GLOOM OF NIGHT, SHE COULDN'T SEE WHICH WAY SHE'D COME FROM."

"BUT THERE IN THE DISTANCE WAS THE FAINTEST GLOW OF LIGHT."



AW YEAH, A WAY OUT!



"SHE HURRIED TOWARDS IT, BUT WHEN SHE ARRIVED--"






H-HELLO??




HUUUUUUUU



"SHE LOOKED UP AT THE
CREATURE, EXPECTING TO
FIND A CORRUPTED GEM--



"AND INSTEAD, FOUND
NOTHING BUT A SHARD
OF GLASS.



"SHE FROZE IN TERROR
UNDER THE GHOST'S
PIERCING GAZE, AND
WHEN THE GHOST
REACHED FOR HER--

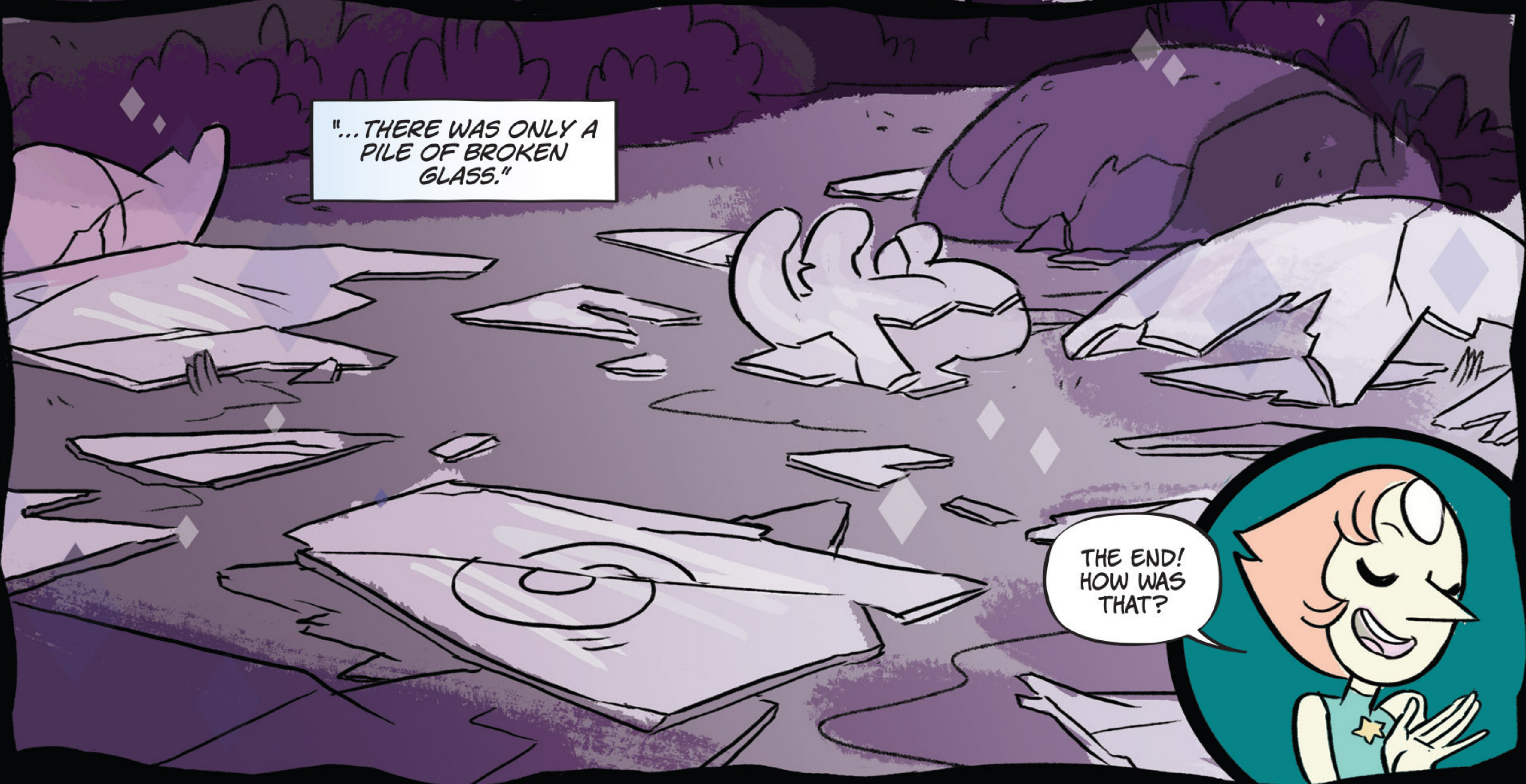


"HEARING HER SCREAM IN
TERROR, THE OTHER GEMS
RUSHED TO FIND HER.

"BUT WHEN THEY
ARRIVED..."

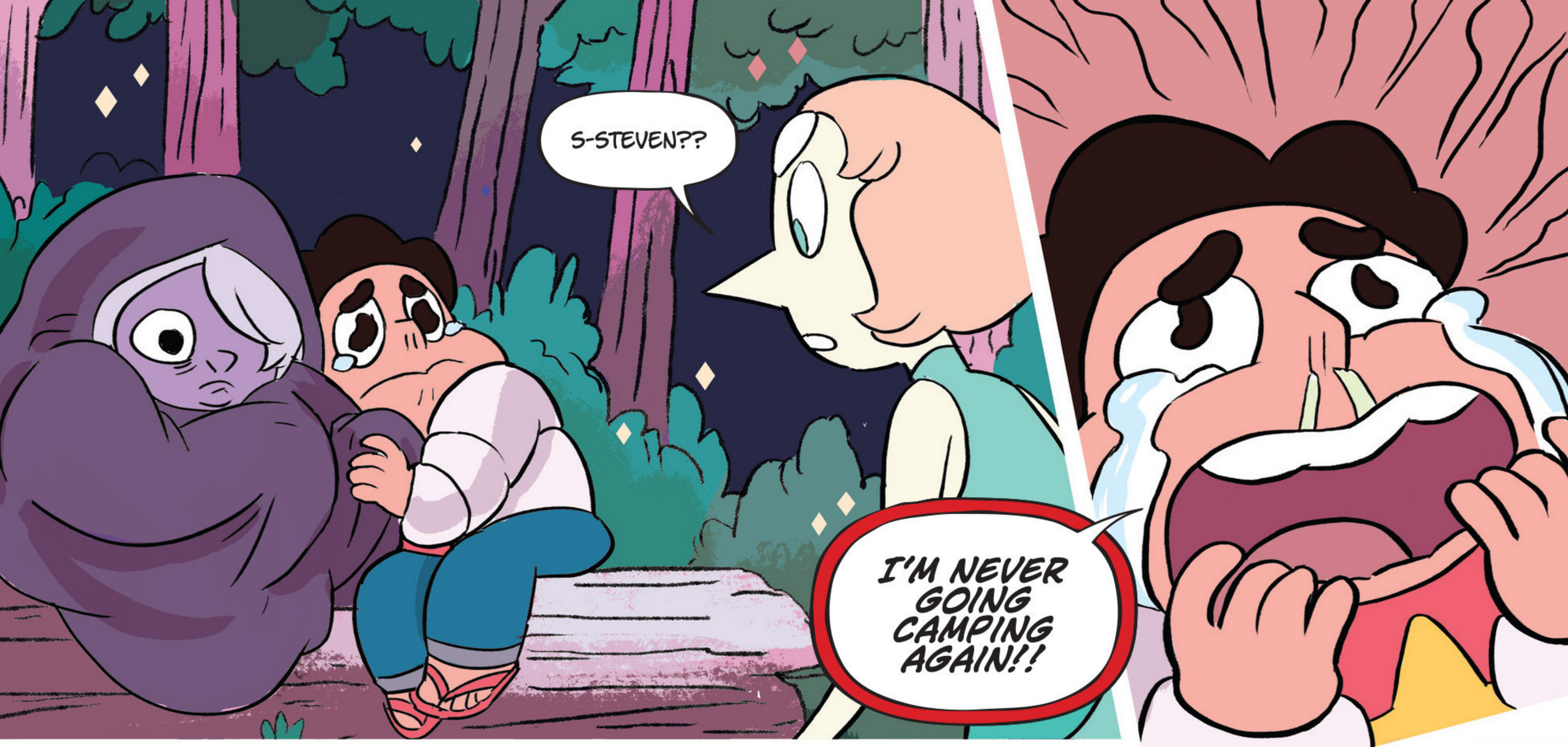


"...THERE WAS ONLY A
PILE OF BROKEN
GLASS."



THE END!
HOW WAS
THAT?





S-STEVEN??

I'M NEVER GOING CAMPING AGAIN!!



DON'T WORRY, STEVEN. WE MADE IT ALL UP.

THAT'S RIGHT! THERE'S NO SUCH THING AS THE GLASS GHOST.



HA! I KNEW IT! I WASN'T SCARED AT ALL.



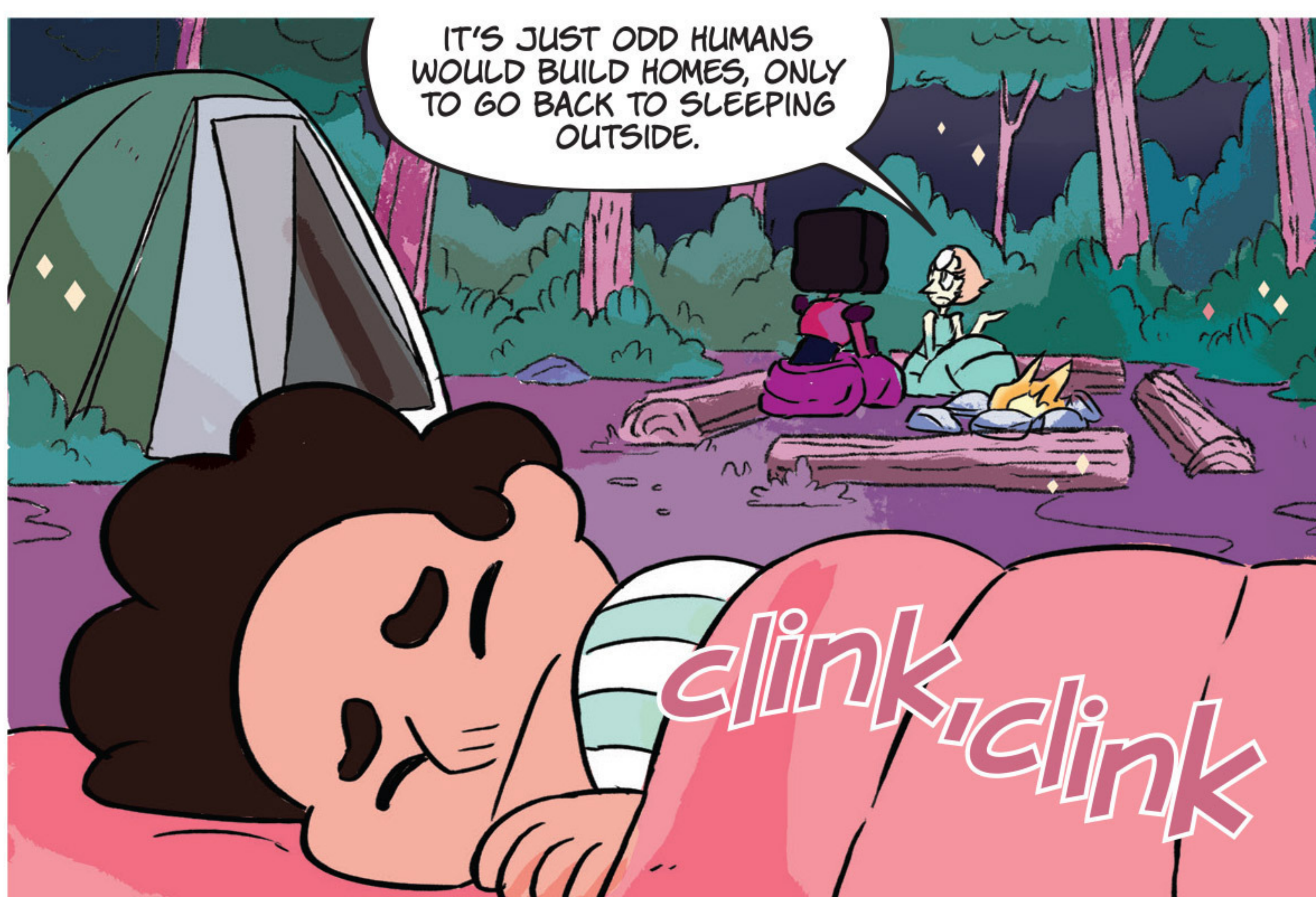
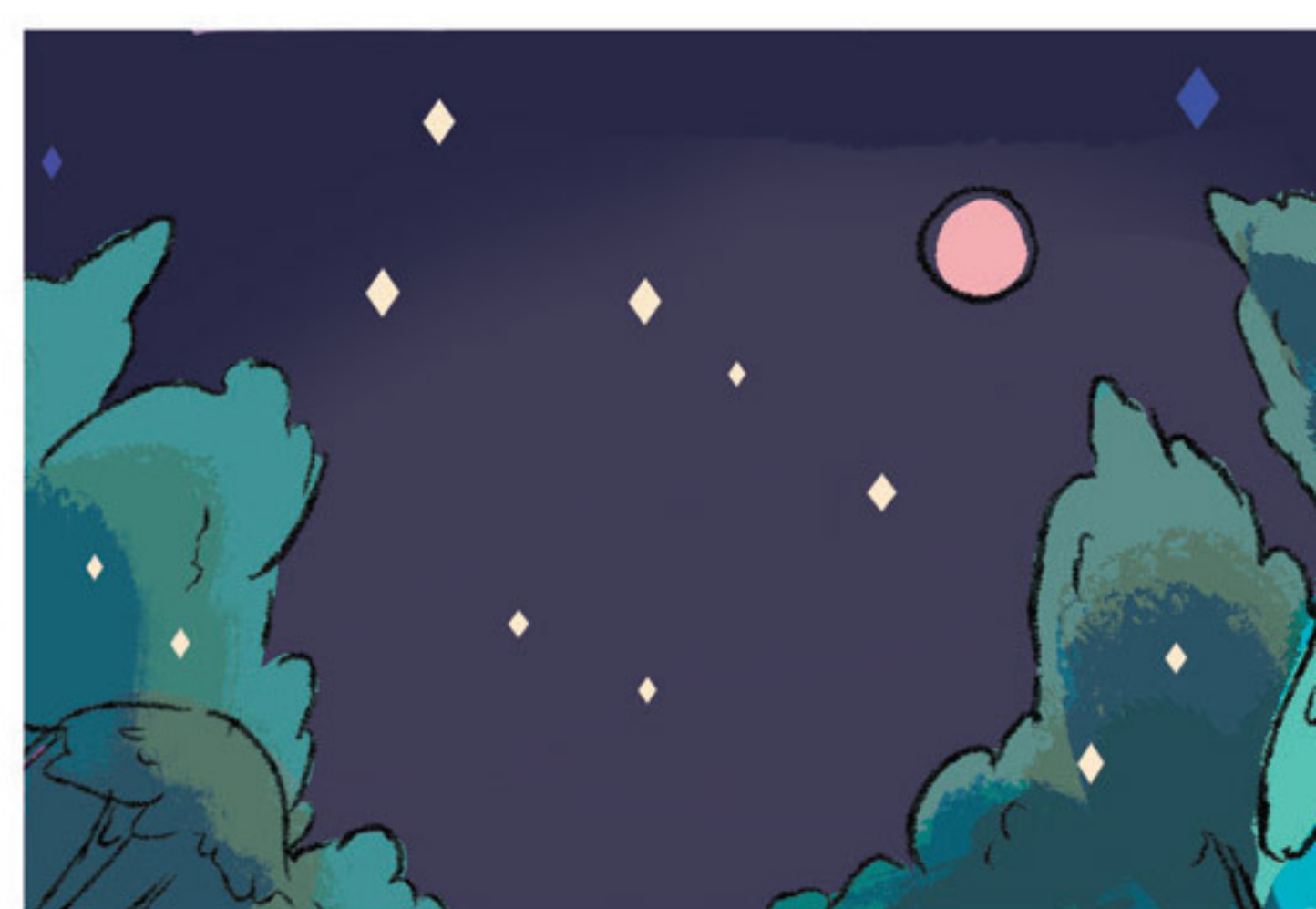
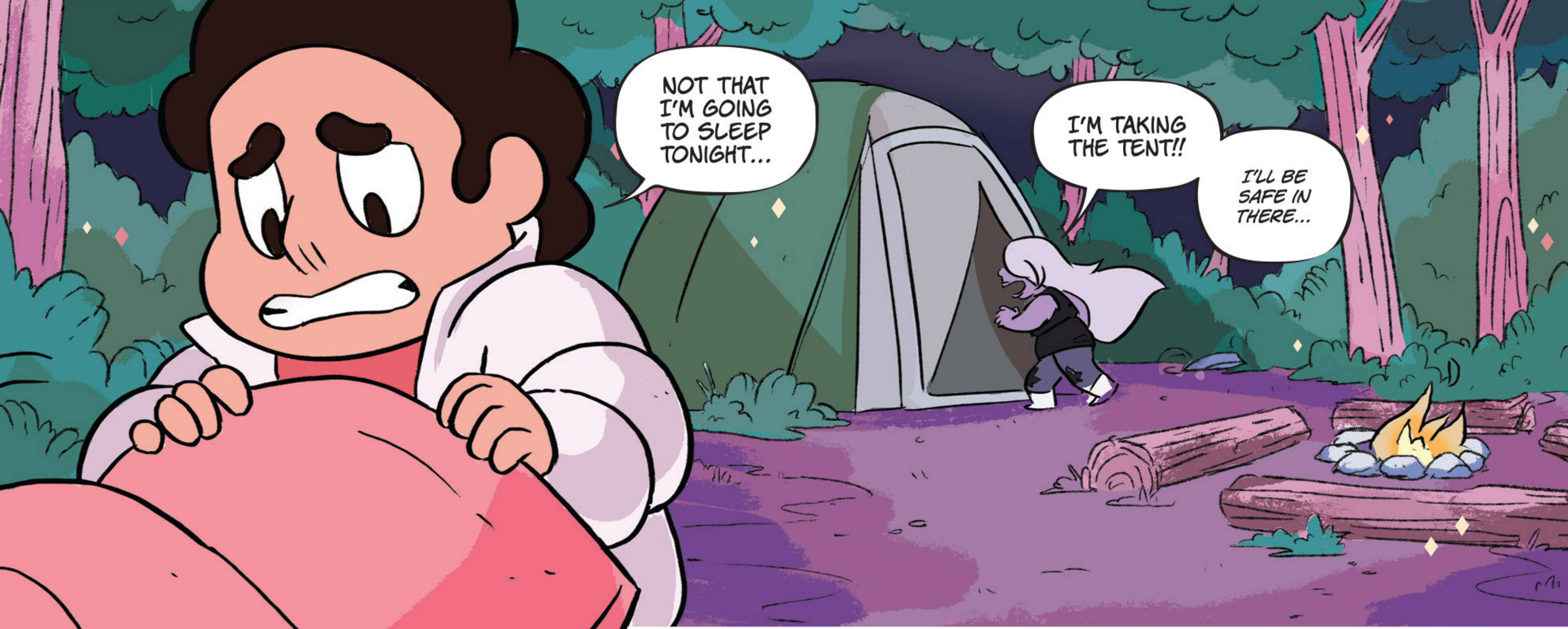
THE FIRST TIME WE TOLD HER THAT STORY, SHE WOULDN'T GO NEAR THE WOODS FOR A YEAR.

HEY!



IT'S GETTING LATE, STEVEN, IS THIS THE PART WHERE WE SLEEP IN BAGS?

OH, YEAH!

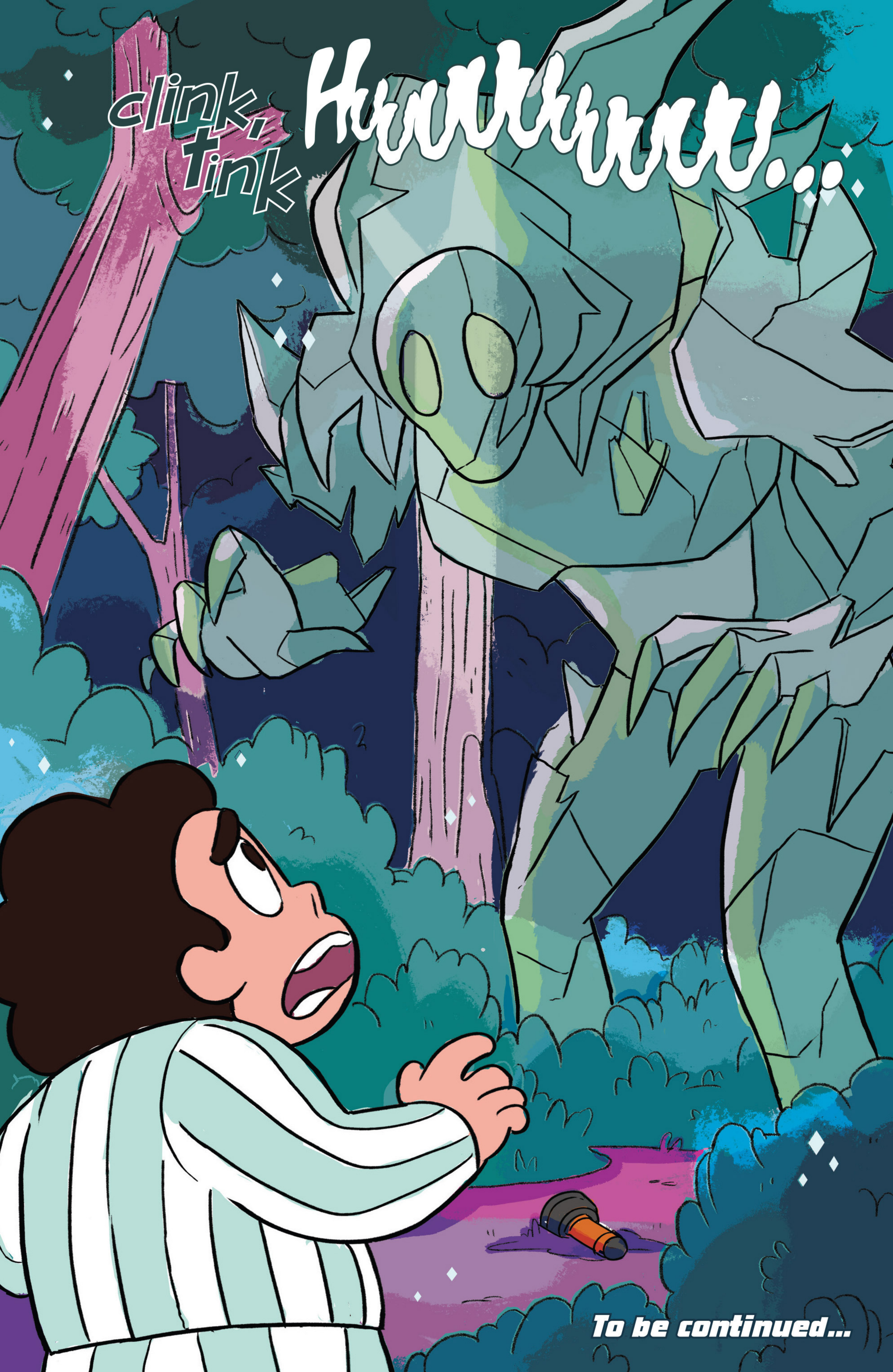




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*clink,
tink* *Hunkkkkkkk!*



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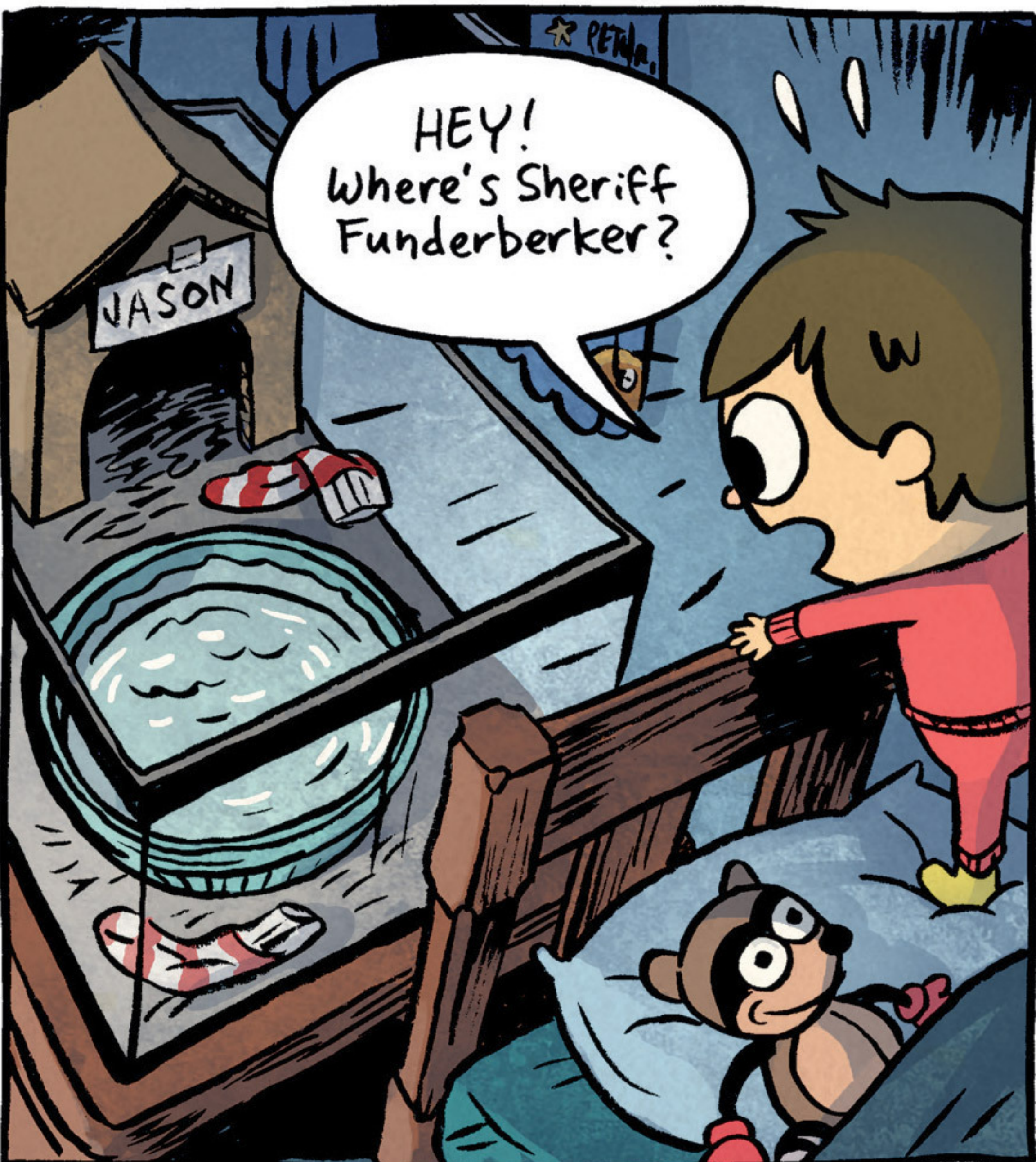
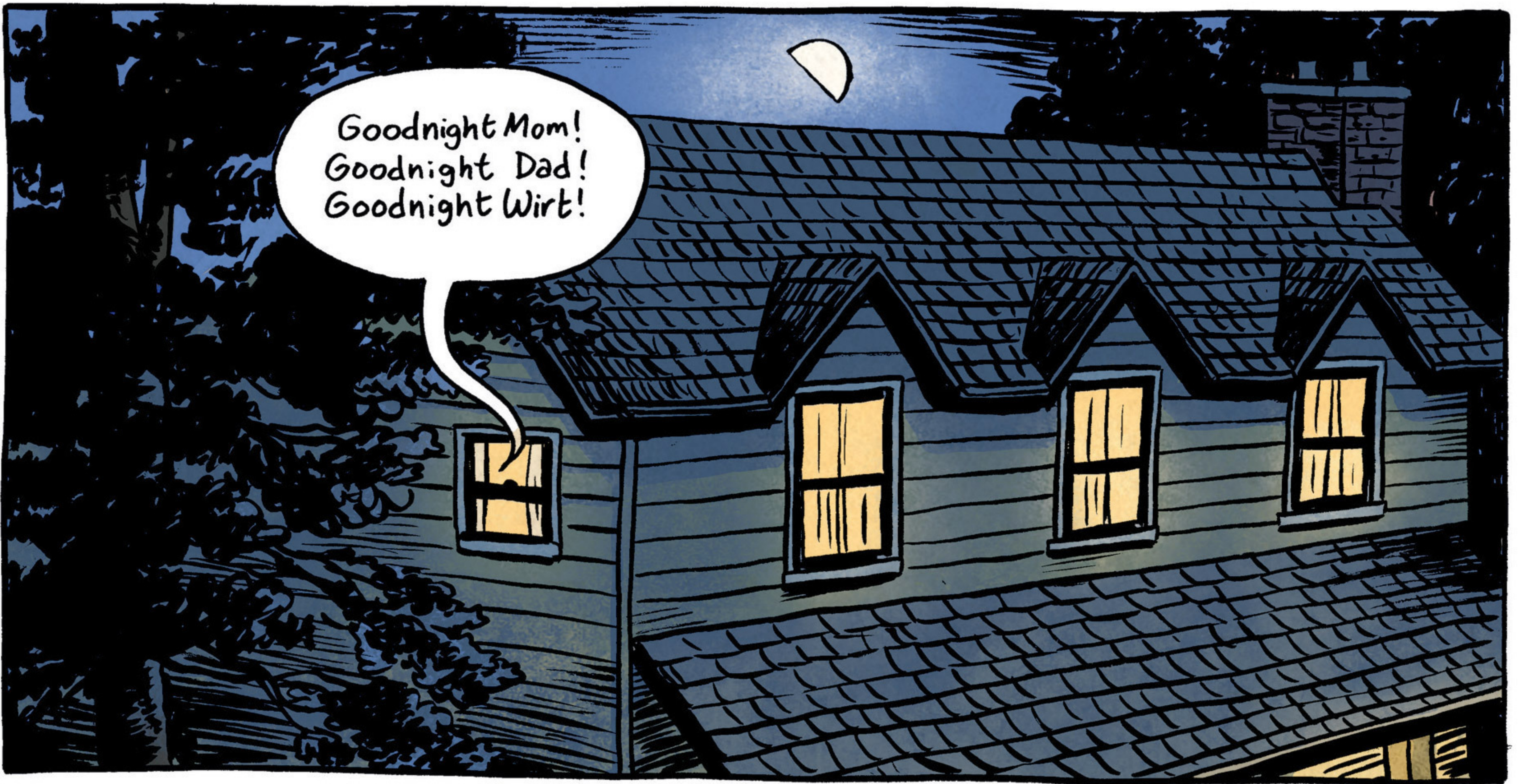
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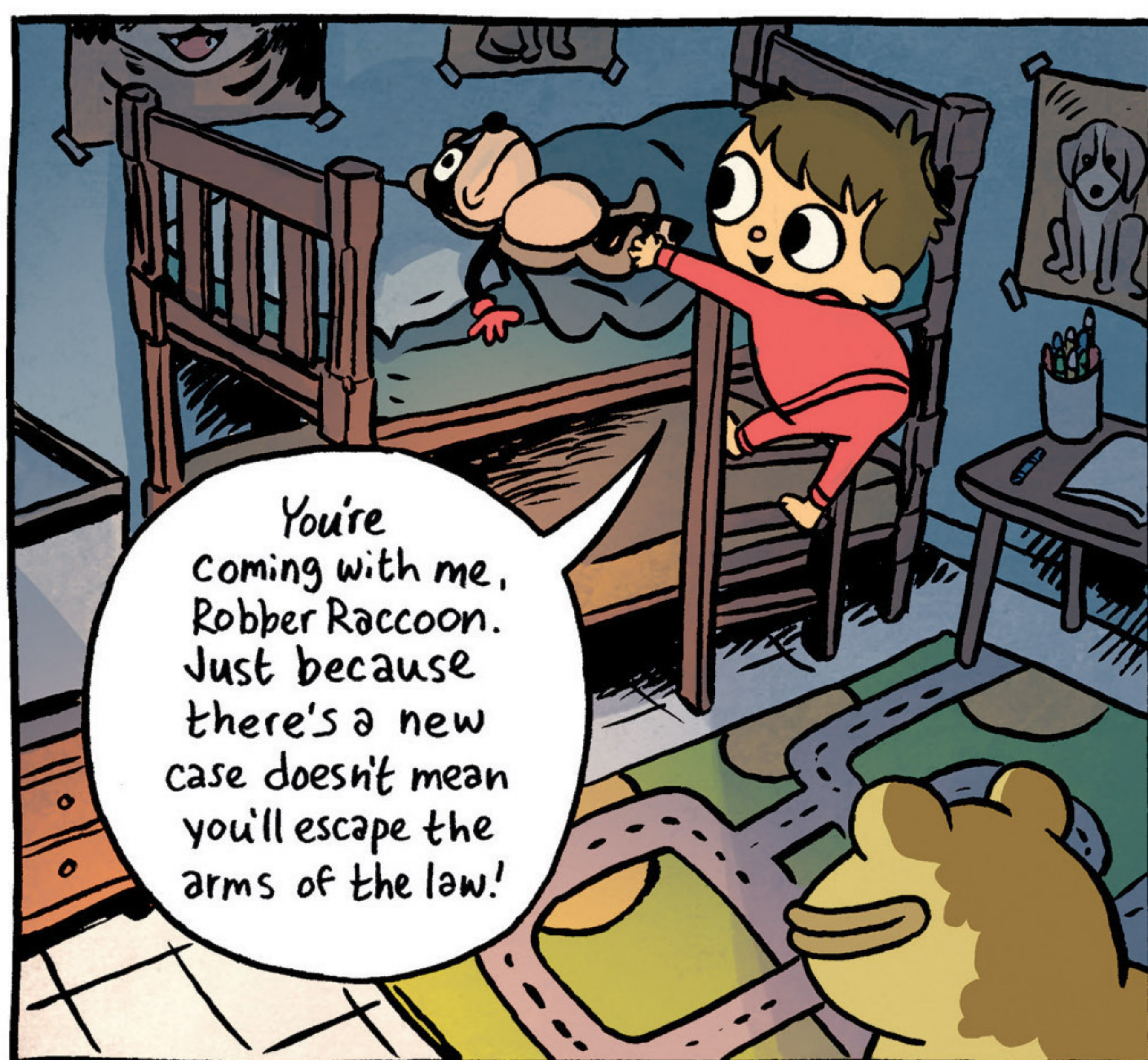
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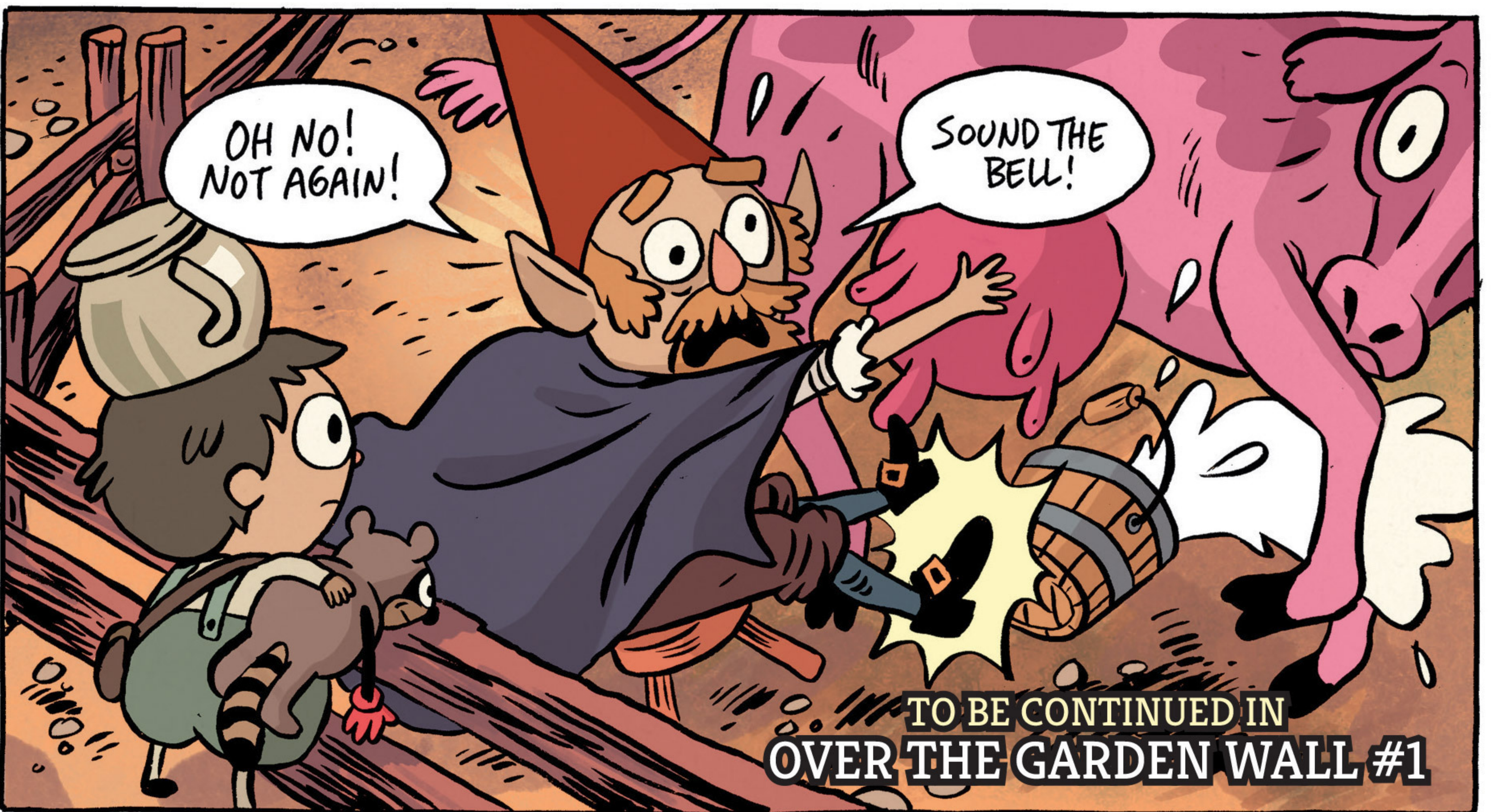
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