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To Barry, Rachel, Mike, Maarta, and Phil —
thank you so much for understanding these dragons
and for all your graphic novel magic!
—T.T.S.

For Oscar — I can't wait to see how you draw.
—M.H.

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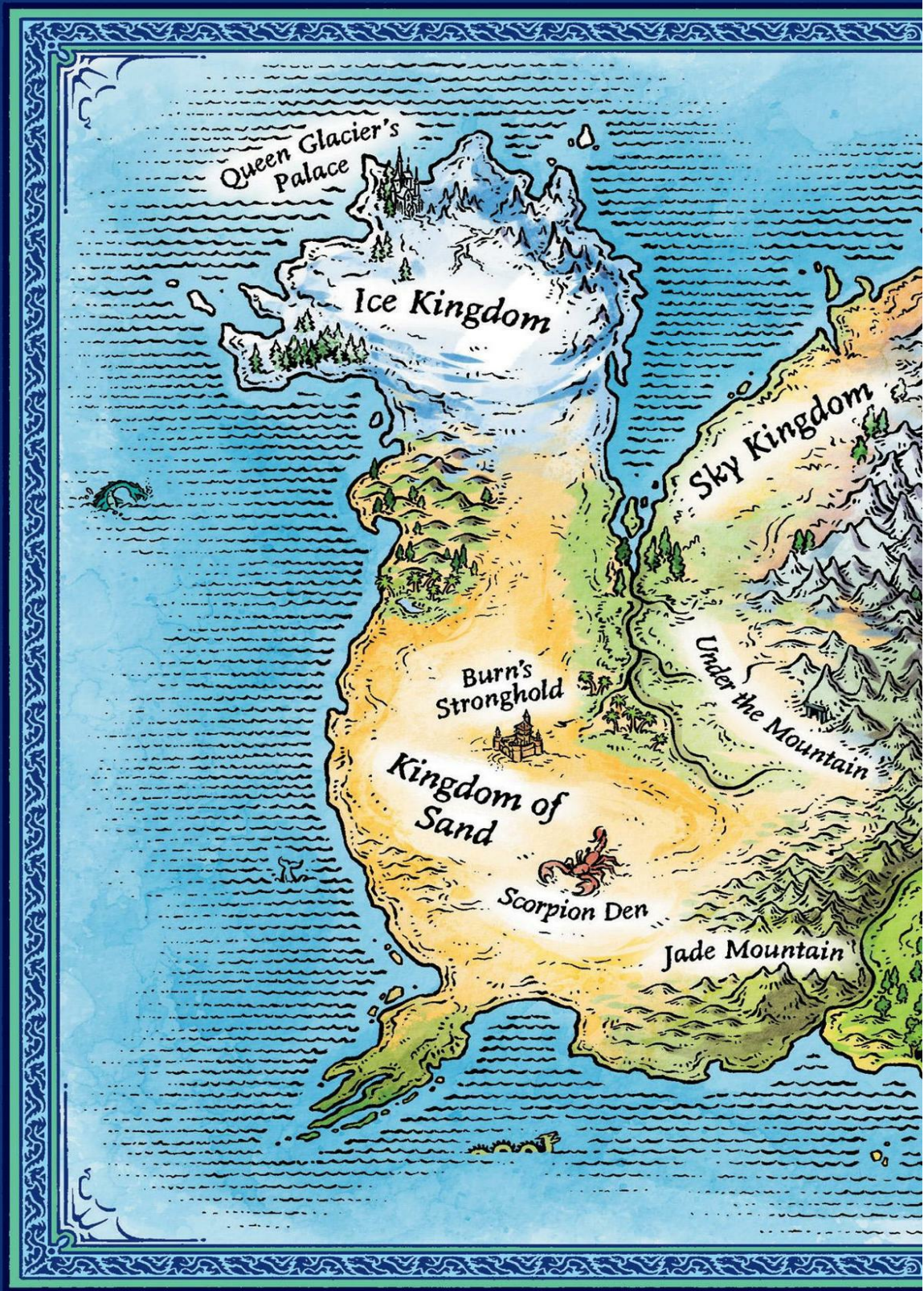
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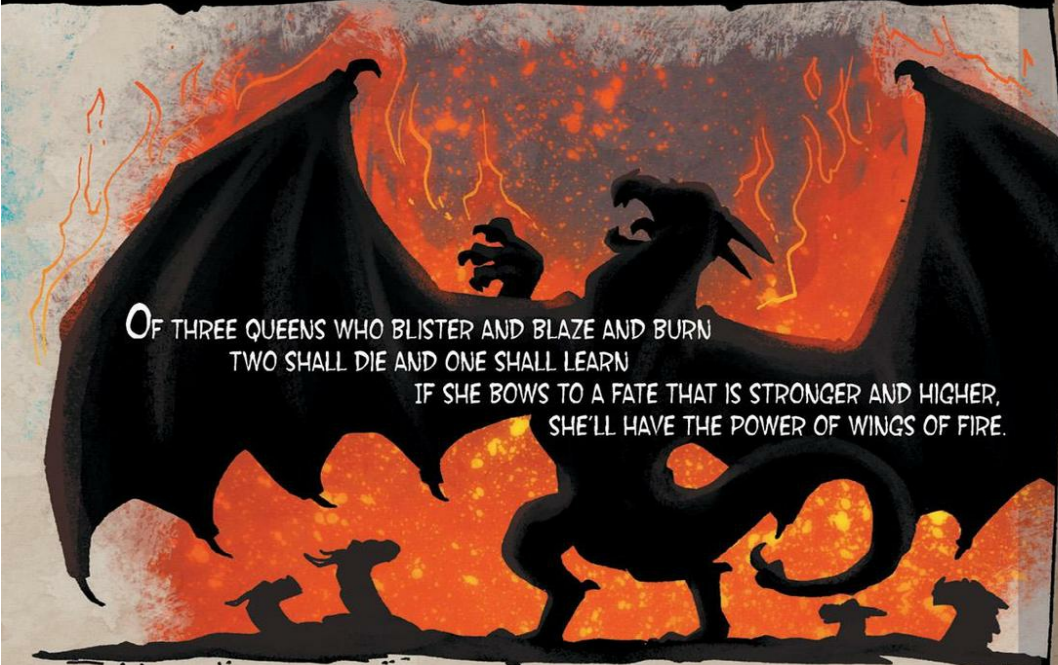
WHEN THE WAR HAS LASTED TWENTY YEARS...
THE DRAGONETS WILL COME.
WHEN THE LAND IS SOAKED IN BLOOD AND TEARS...
THE DRAGONETS WILL COME.

FIND THE SEAWING EGG OF DEEPEST BLUE,
WINGS OF NIGHT SHALL COME TO YOU.

THE LARGEST EGG IN MOUNTAIN HIGH
WILL GIVE TO YOU THE WINGS OF SKY.

FOR WINGS OF EARTH, SEARCH THROUGH THE MUD
FOR AN EGG THE COLOR OF DRAGON BLOOD.
AND HIDDEN ALONE FROM THE RIVAL QUEENS,
THE SANDWING EGG AWAITS UNSEEN.





OF THREE QUEENS WHO BLISTER AND BLAZE AND BURN
TWO SHALL DIE AND ONE SHALL LEARN
IF SHE BOWS TO A FATE THAT IS STRONGER AND HIGHER,
SHE'LL HAVE THE POWER OF WINGS OF FIRE.



FIVE EGGS TO HATCH ON BRIGHTEST NIGHT,
FIVE DRAGONS BORN TO END THE FIGHT.
DARKNESS WILL RISE TO BRING THE LIGHT.
THE DRAGONETS ARE COMING...

PROLOGUE



THE MISSING
PRINCESS
AGAIN?

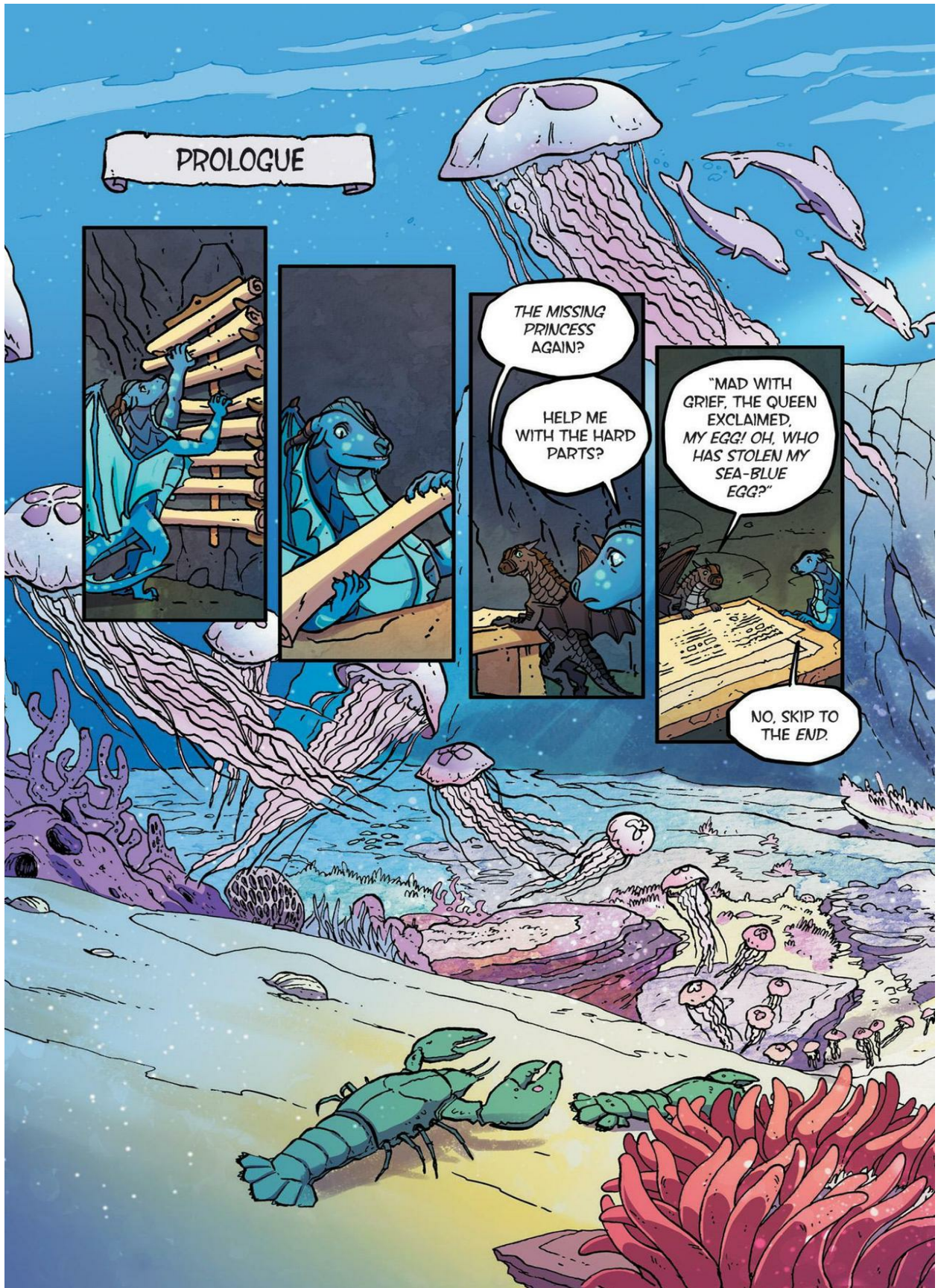
HELP ME
WITH THE HARD
PARTS?



"MAD WITH
GRIEF, THE QUEEN
EXCLAIMED,
MY EGG! OH, WHO
HAS STOLEN MY
SEA-BLUE
EGG?"



NO, SKIP TO
THE END.





I KNEW YOU'D
COME BACK TO ME. I KNEW
YOU WERE OUT THERE,
TRYING TO FIND YOUR WAY
BACK. I NEVER STOPPED
SEARCHING FOR YOU.

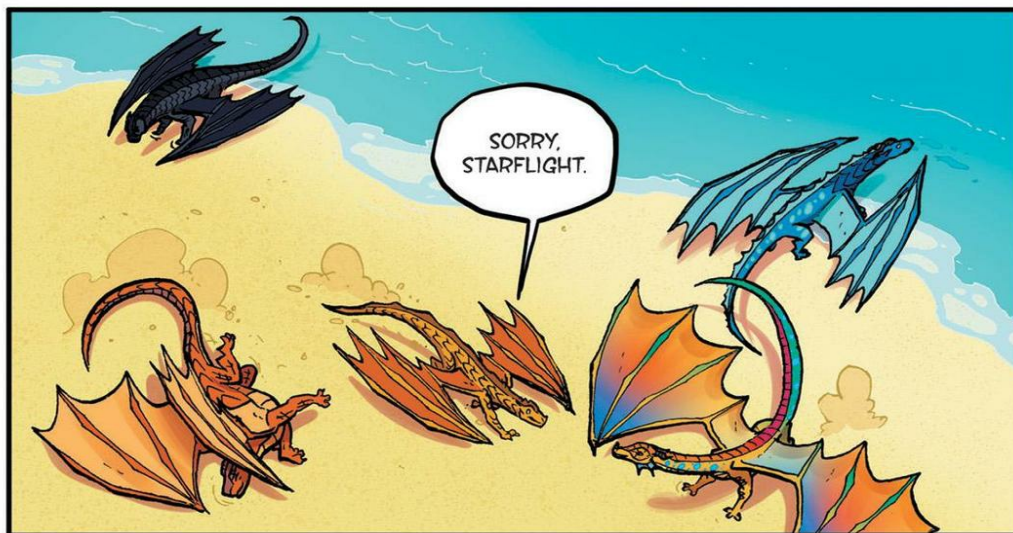
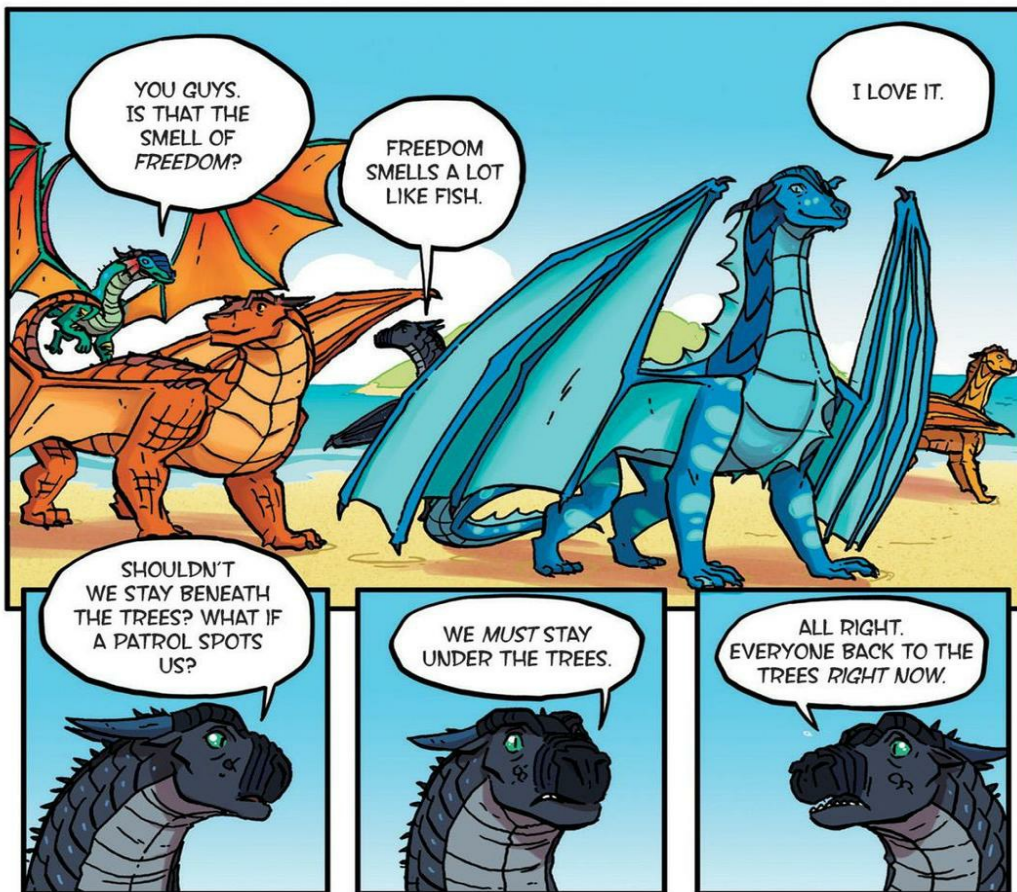
"HER JOYOUS
PARENTS THREW A FEAST
FOR THE WHOLE KINGDOM.
THEY DINED ON OYSTERS
AND TURTLES AND
WHALES..."

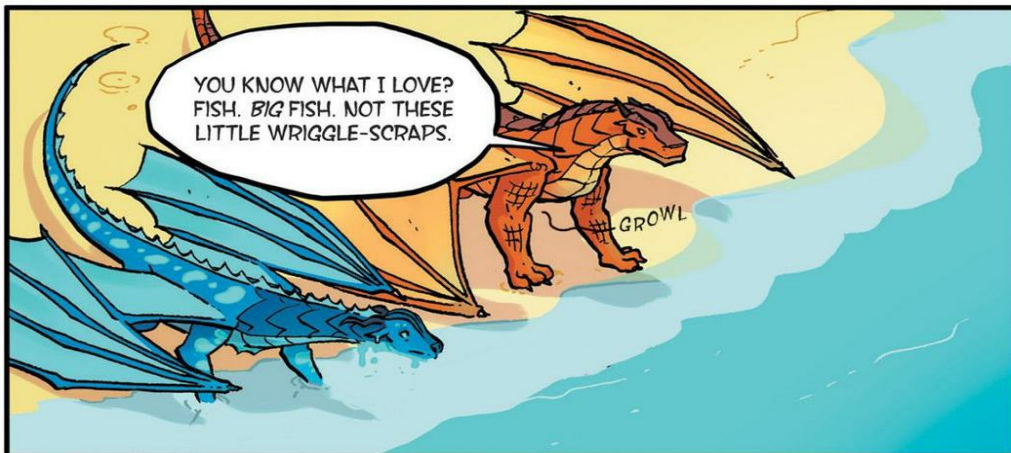
AND THEY
ALL LIVED HAPPILY
EVER AFTER...
TOGETHER.

PART ONE: THE EDGE OF THE OCEAN

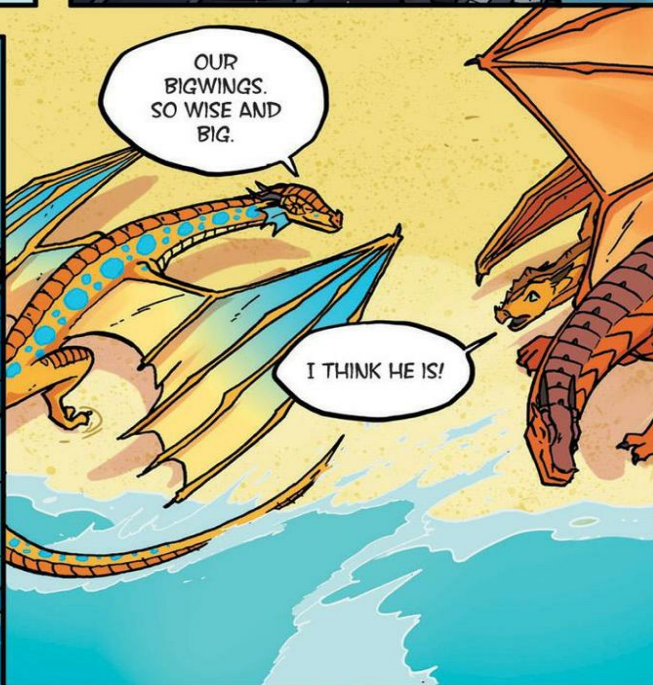
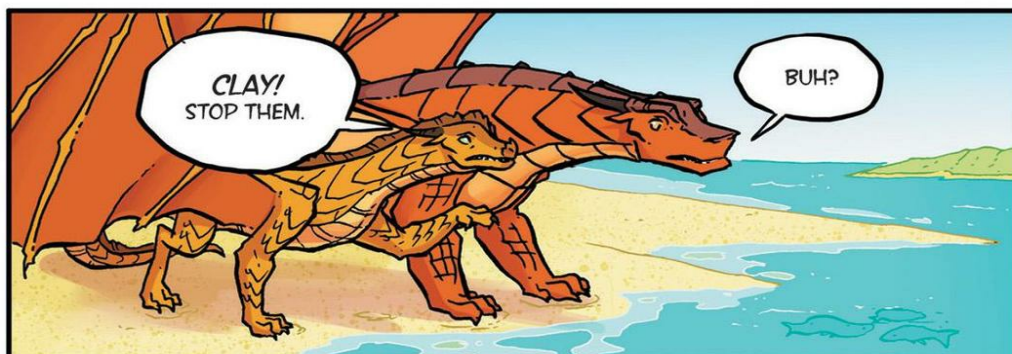




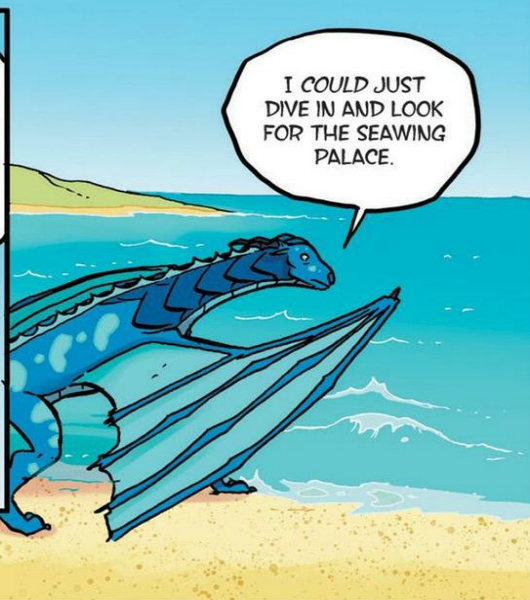
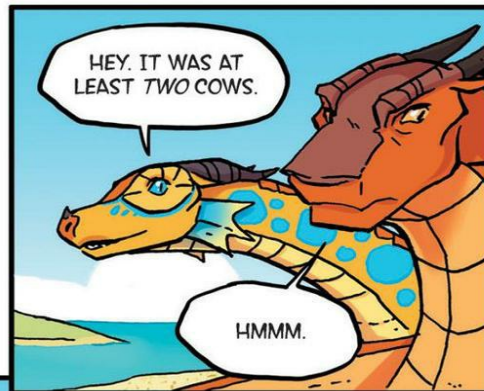


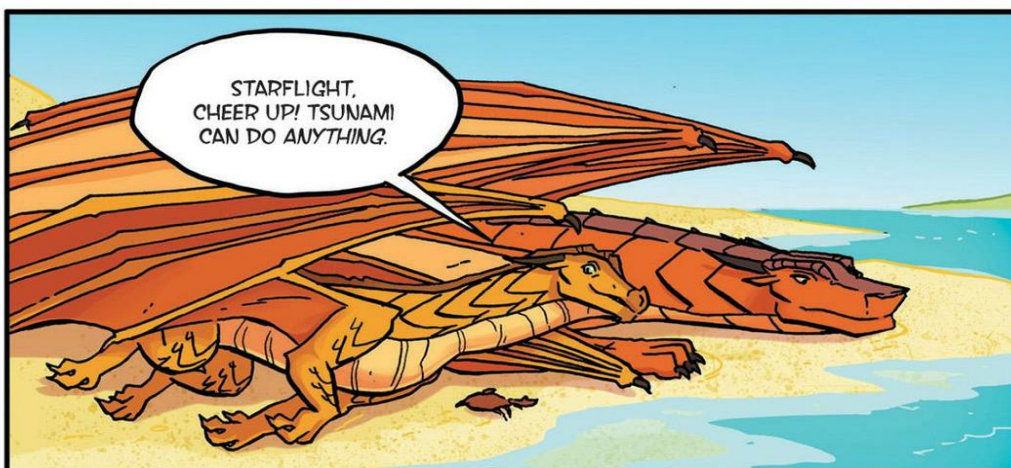


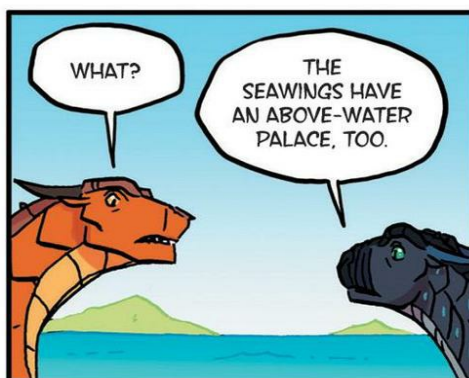
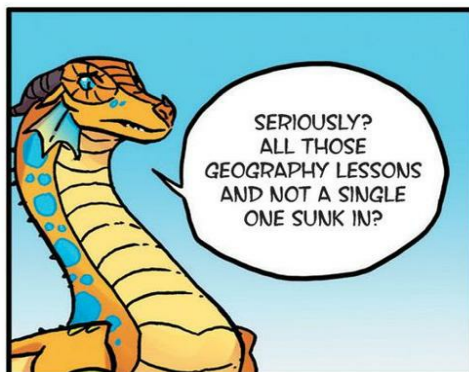
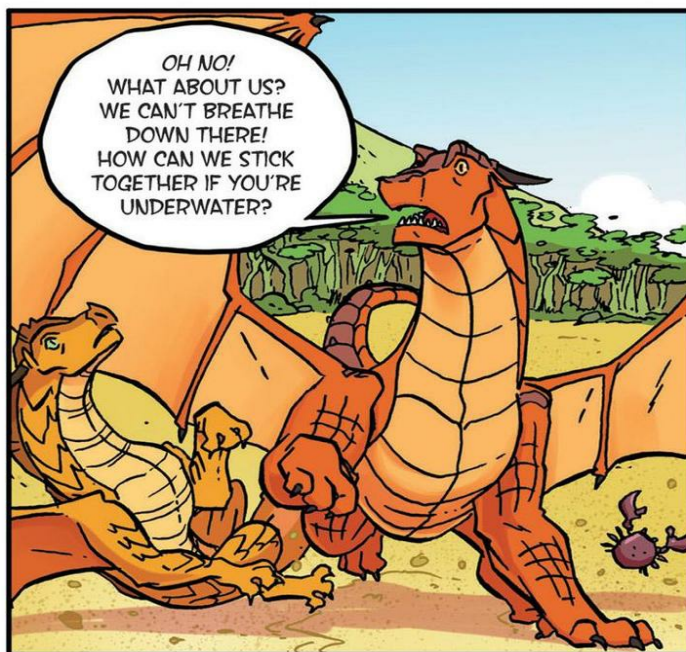


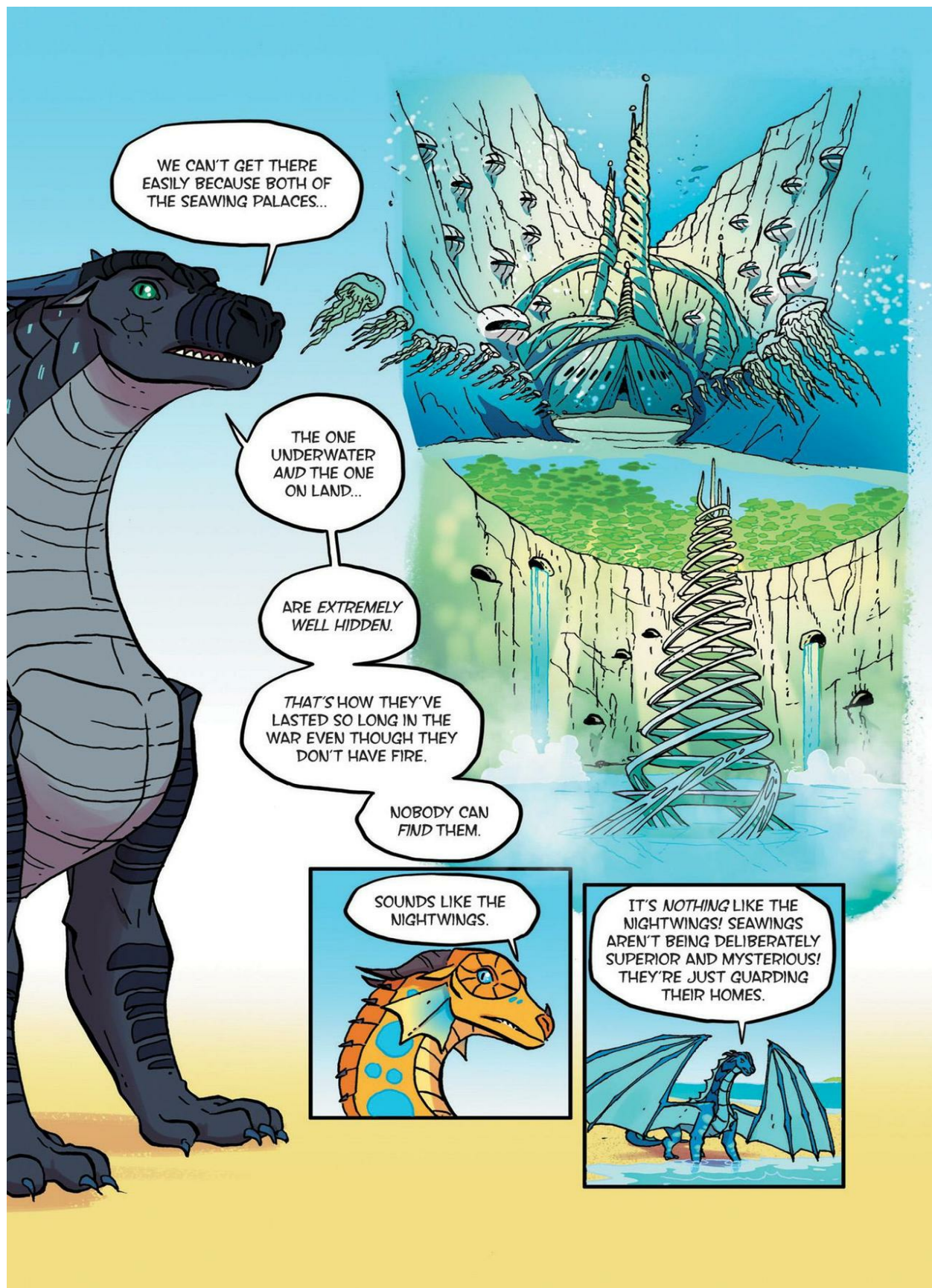












WE CAN'T GET THERE
EASILY BECAUSE BOTH OF
THE SEAWING PALACES...

THE ONE
UNDERWATER
AND THE ONE
ON LAND...

ARE EXTREMELY
WELL HIDDEN.

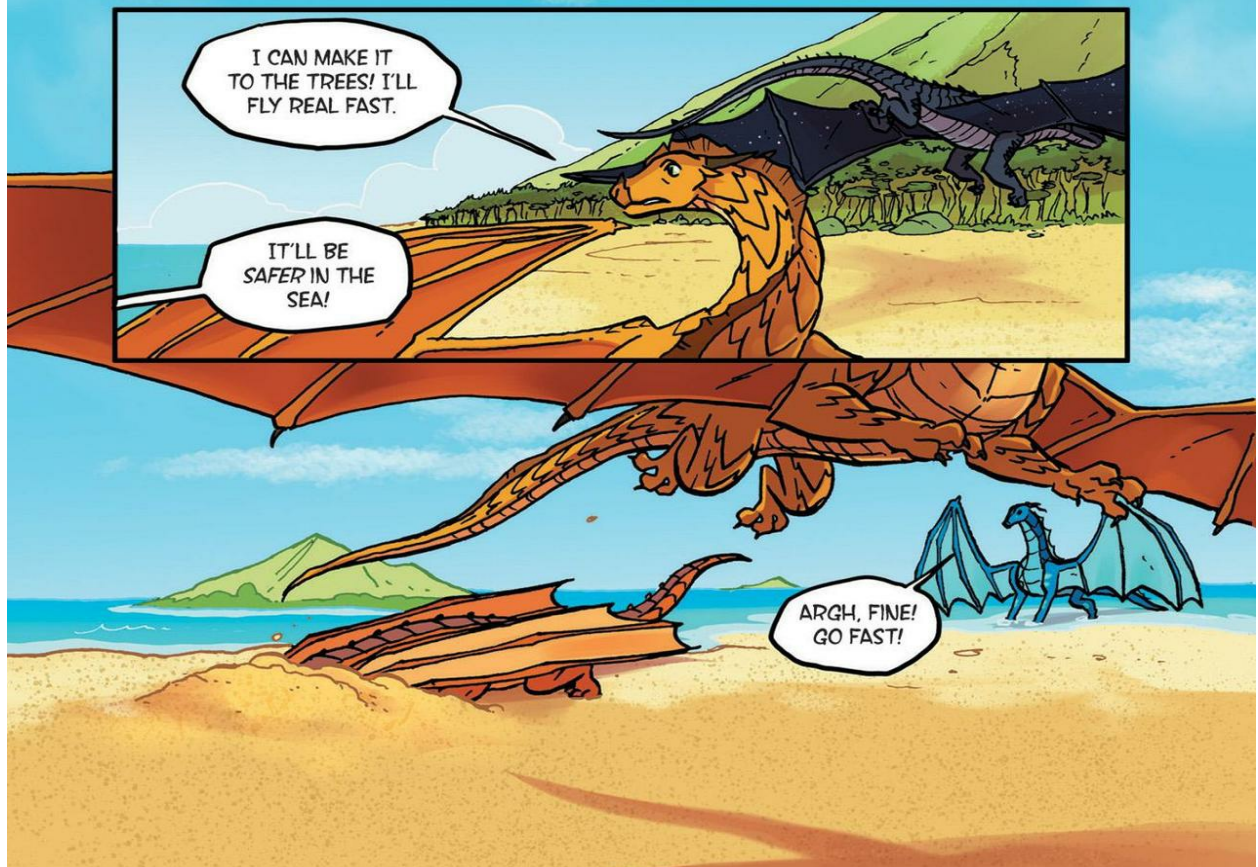
THAT'S HOW THEY'VE
LASTED SO LONG IN THE
WAR EVEN THOUGH THEY
DON'T HAVE FIRE.

NOBODY CAN
FIND THEM.

SOUNDS LIKE THE
NIGHTWINGS.

IT'S NOTHING LIKE THE
NIGHTWINGS! SEAWINGS
AREN'T BEING DELIBERATELY
SUPERIOR AND MYSTERIOUS!
THEY'RE JUST GUARDING
THEIR HOMES.







SUNNY MUST
BE SAFELY HIDDEN
BY NOW, RIGHT?

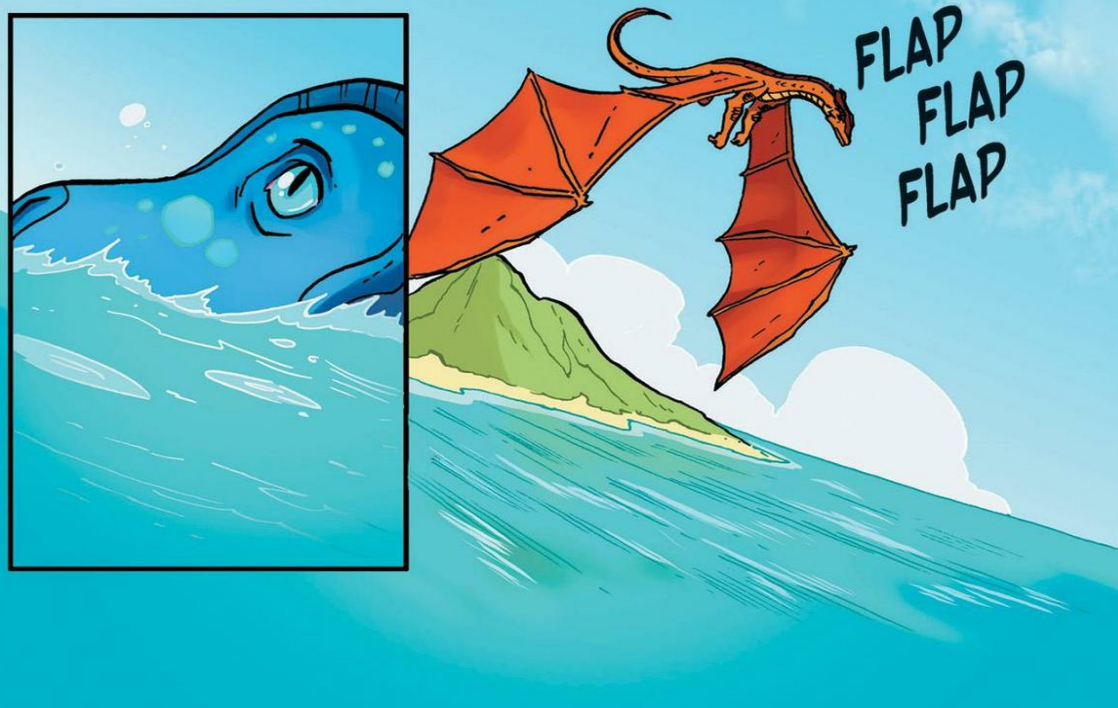
RIGHT?

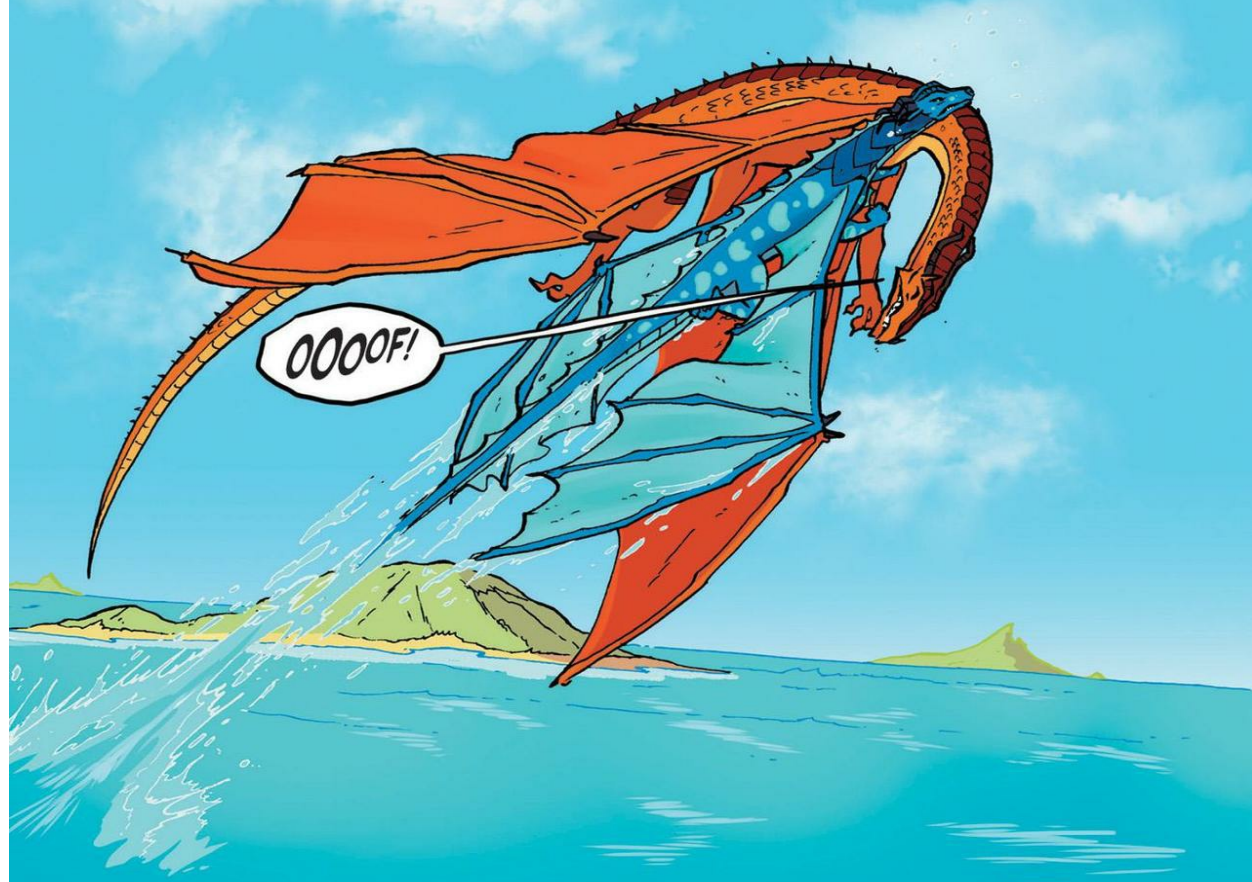
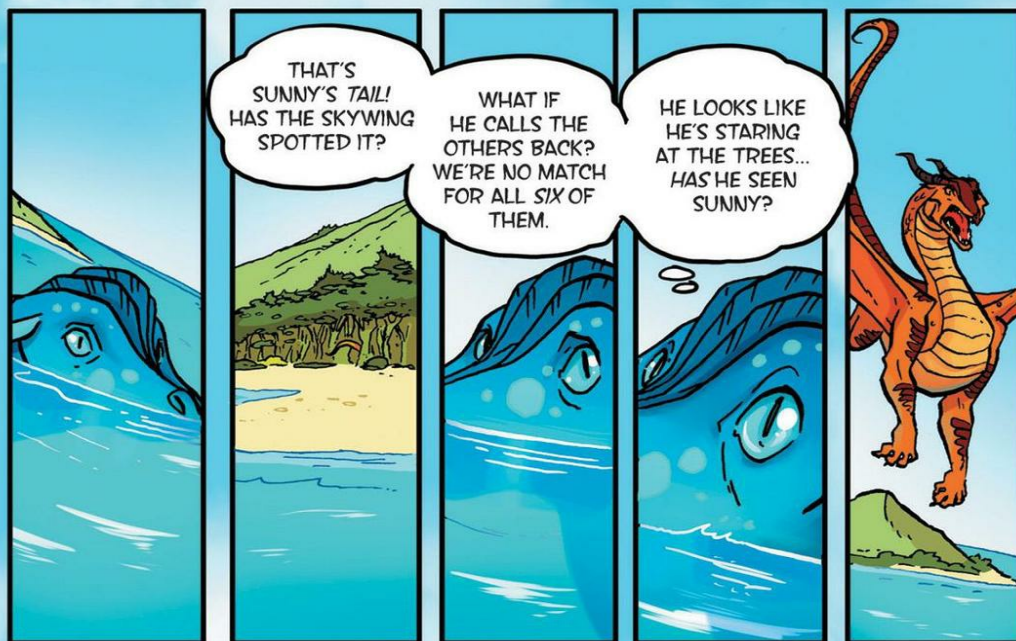


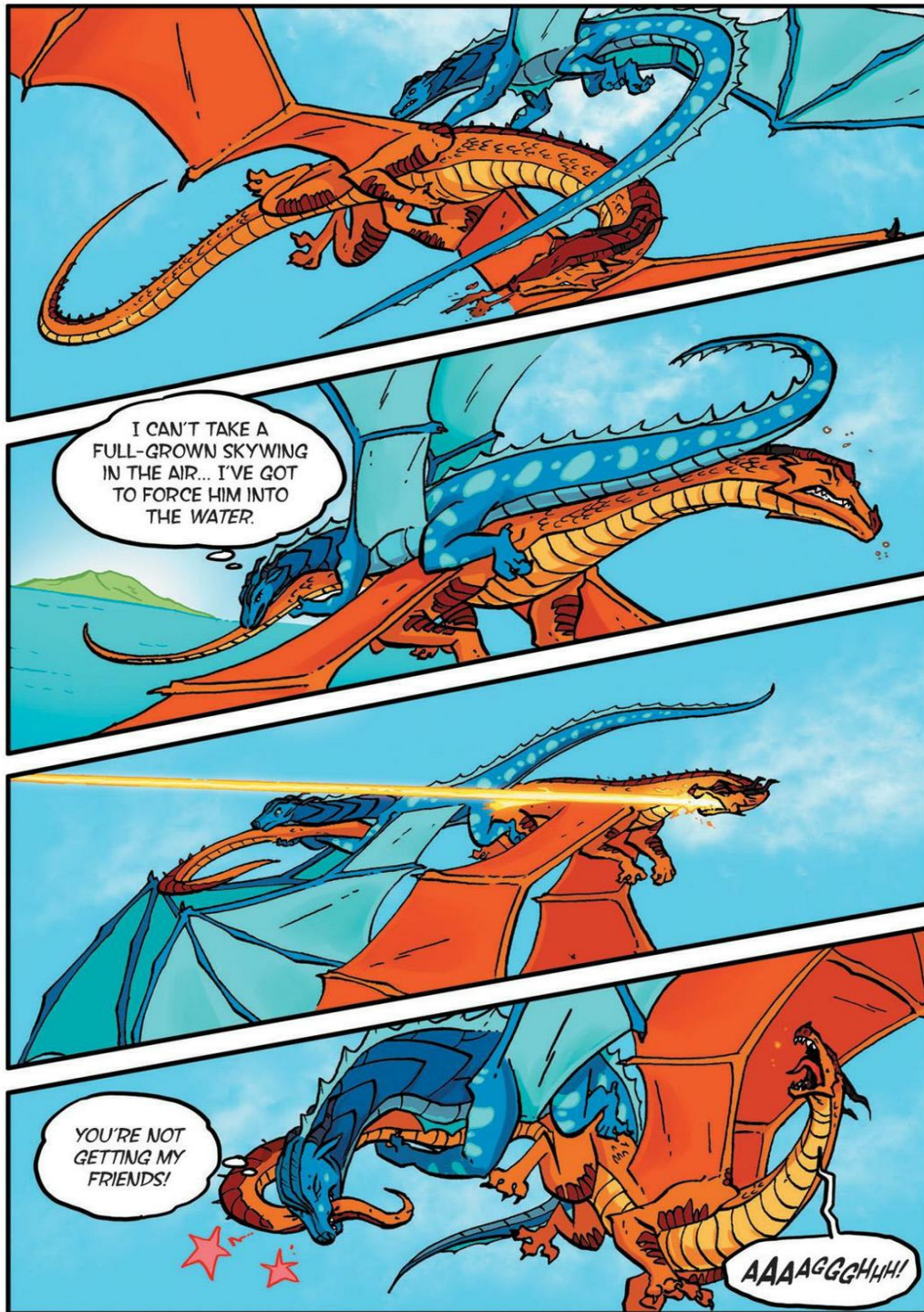
I HAVE
TO CHECK
ON HER.

MAYBE IF I
JUST SURFACE A
LITTLE BIT...

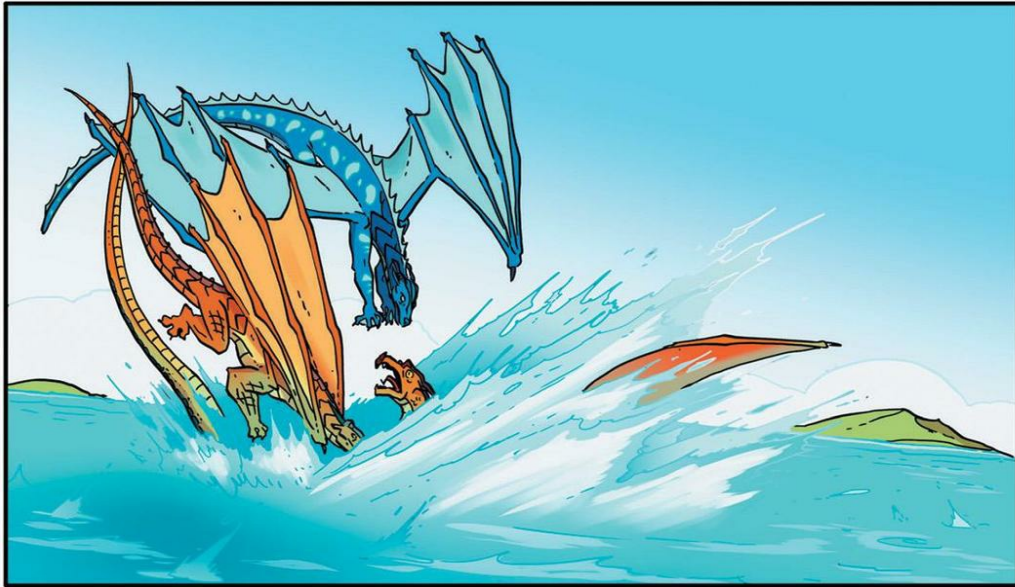




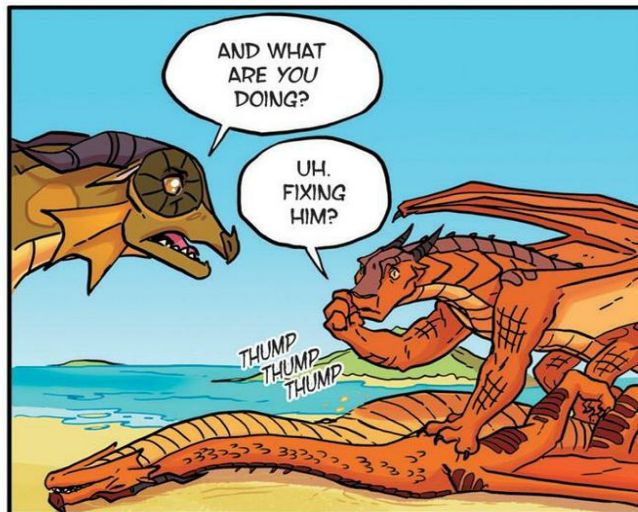










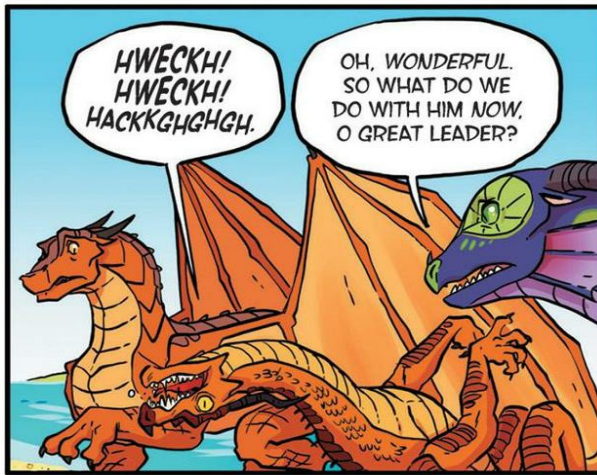




JUST SPLAT SOME
VENOM ON HIS FACE,
IF IT'S THAT EASY
FOR YOU.

...

I DON'T
KILL DRAGONS
WHO CAN'T
FIGHT BACK.



HWECKH!
HWECKH!
HACKKGHHGH.

OH, WONDERFUL.
SO WHAT DO WE
DO WITH HIM NOW,
O GREAT LEADER?



THERE'S A TREE!
IN THE FOREST!

NO WAY.
A TREE IN THE
FOREST?

A FALLEN
TREE—I THINK
WE CAN USE
IT...



WAIT,
GO LEFT!

LEFT!
LEFT!

NO, NO,
RIGHT!

AS IF WE
NEED TO BE TOLD
HOW TO MOVE
A TREE...

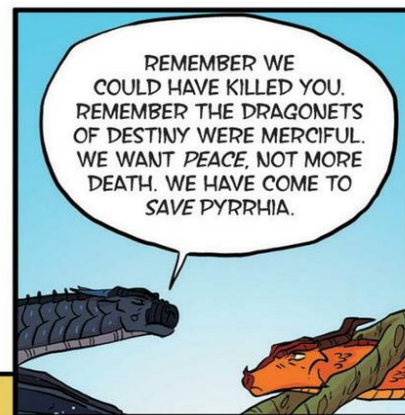
HE'S
WAKING
UP.

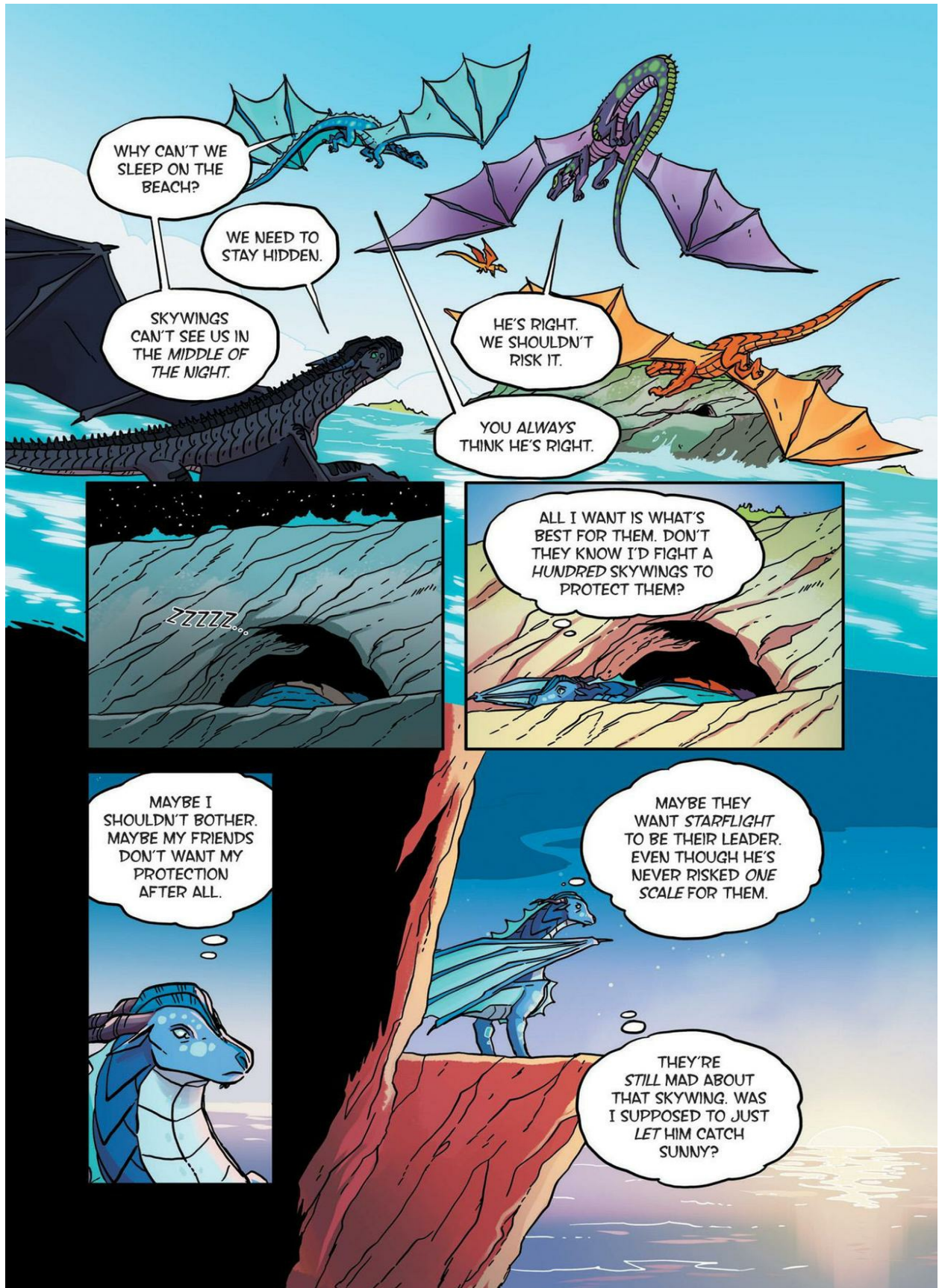
THEN WE'D
BETTER GET
THIS DONE.



MAYBE WE
SHOULD JUST
LET HIM GO.

WE CAN'T
DO THAT.





WHY CAN'T WE
SLEEP ON THE
BEACH?

WE NEED TO
STAY HIDDEN.

SKYWINGS
CAN'T SEE US IN
THE MIDDLE OF
THE NIGHT.

HE'S RIGHT.
WE SHOULDN'T
RISK IT.

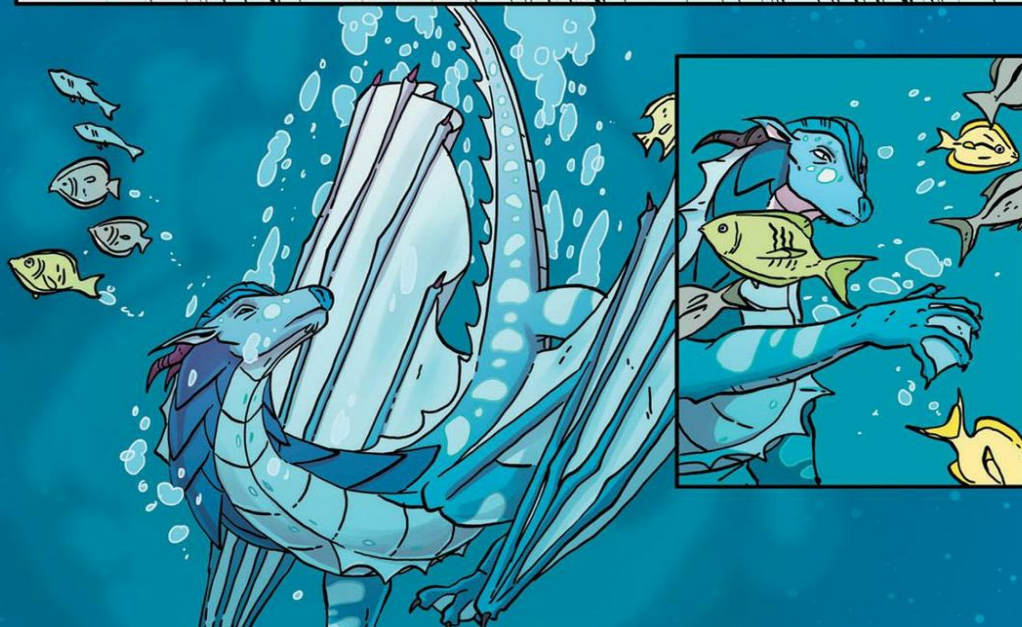
YOU ALWAYS
THINK HE'S RIGHT.

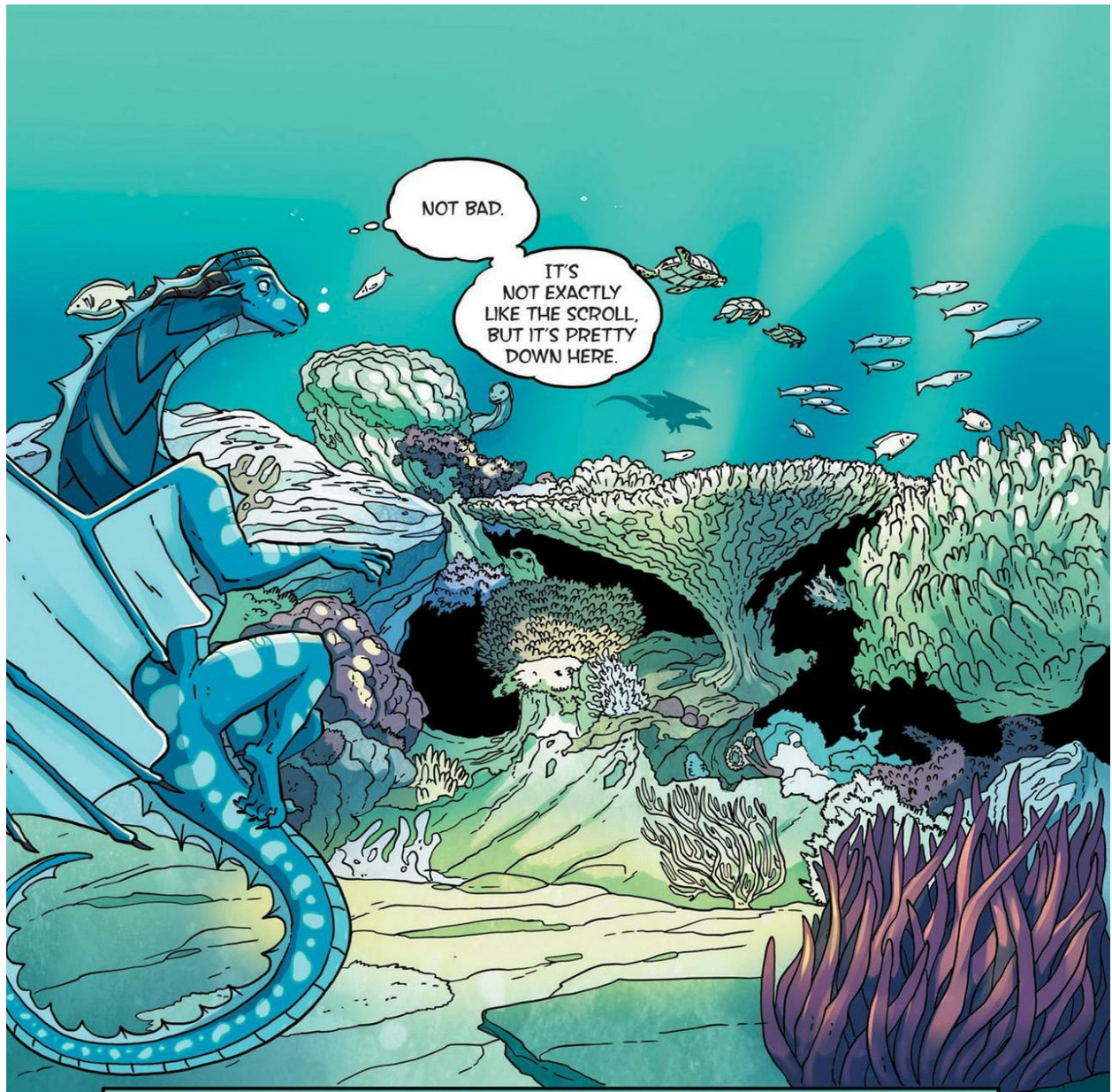
ALL I WANT IS WHAT'S
BEST FOR THEM. DON'T
THEY KNOW I'D FIGHT A
HUNDRED SKYWINGS TO
PROTECT THEM?

MAYBE I
SHOULDN'T BOTHER.
MAYBE MY FRIENDS
DON'T WANT MY
PROTECTION
AFTER ALL.

MAYBE THEY
WANT *STARFLIGHT*
TO BE THEIR LEADER.
EVEN THOUGH HE'S
NEVER RISKED *ONE*
SCALE FOR THEM.

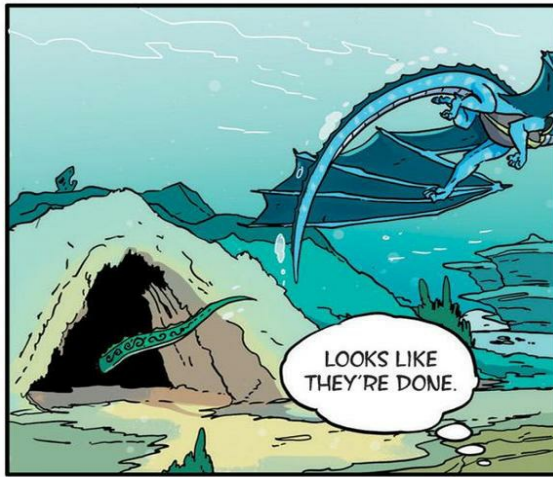
THEY'RE
STILL MAD ABOUT
THAT SKYWING. WAS
I SUPPOSED TO JUST
LET HIM CATCH
SUNNY?



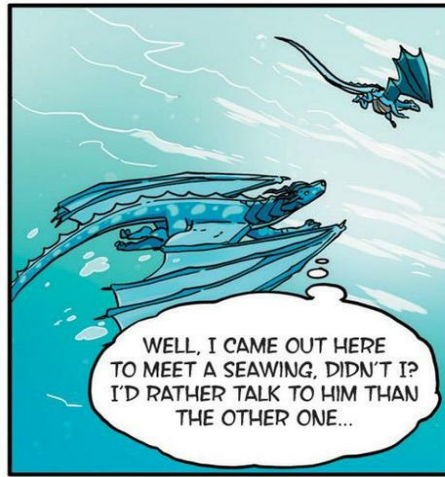








LOOKS LIKE
THEY'RE DONE.



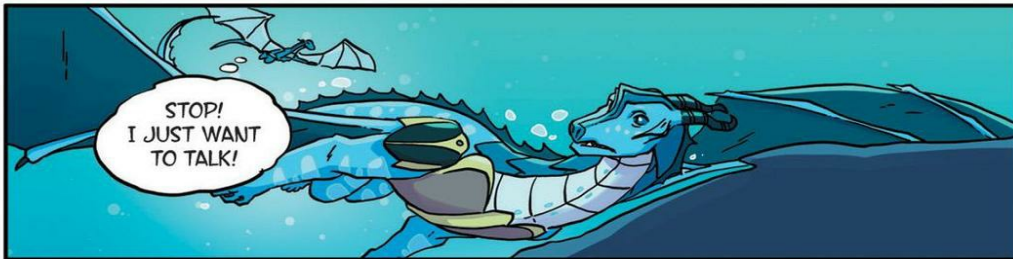
WELL, I CAME OUT HERE
TO MEET A SEAWING, DIDN'T I?
I'D RATHER TALK TO HIM THAN
THE OTHER ONE...

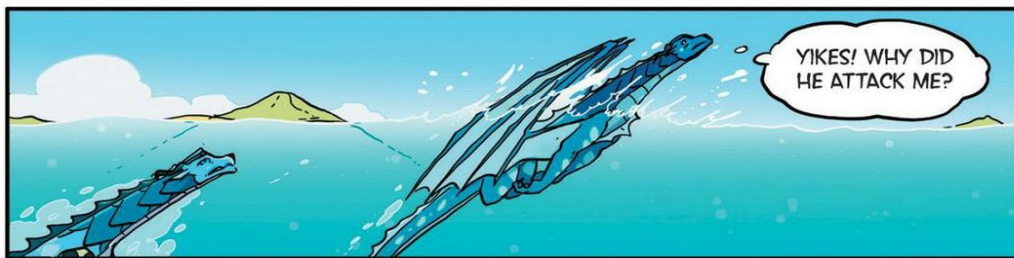
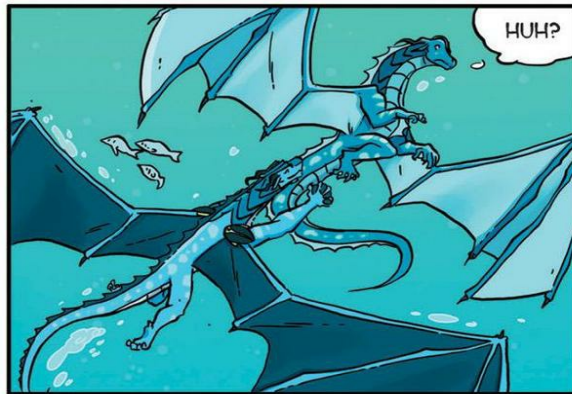


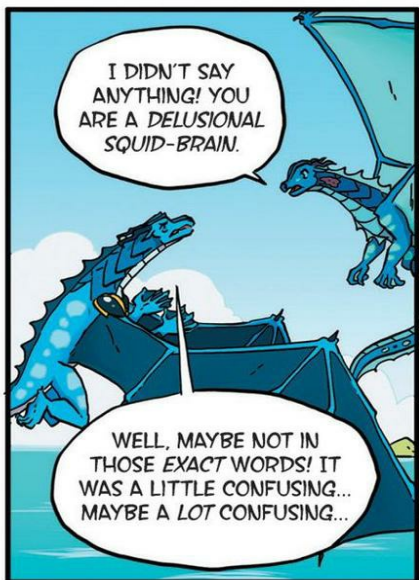
NOW OR
NEVER!

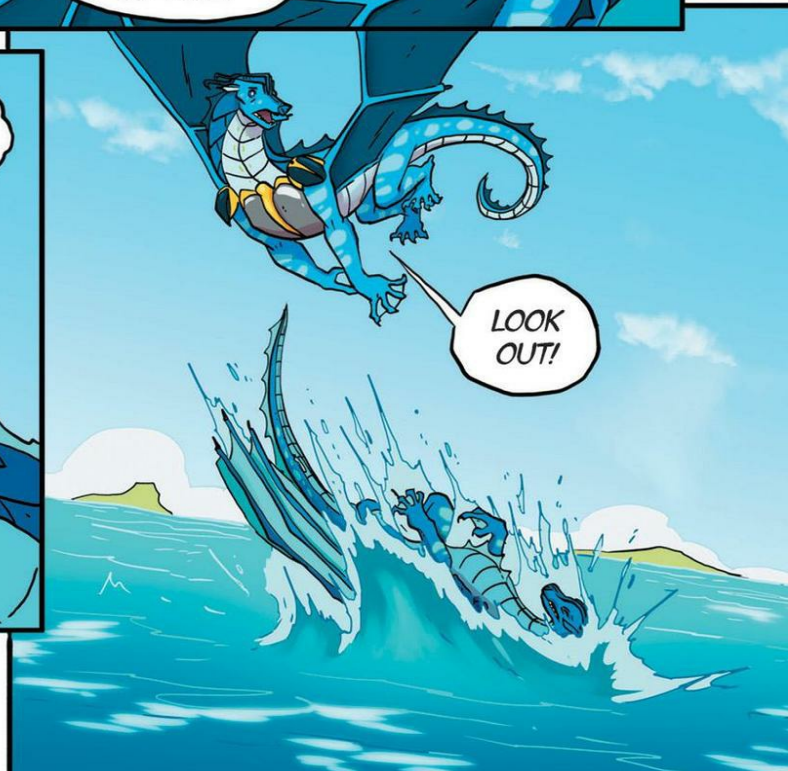


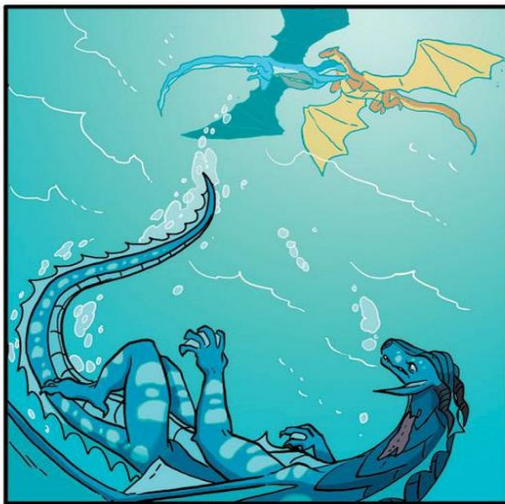
COME ON
OUT OF THE
WATER SO WE
CAN TALK.



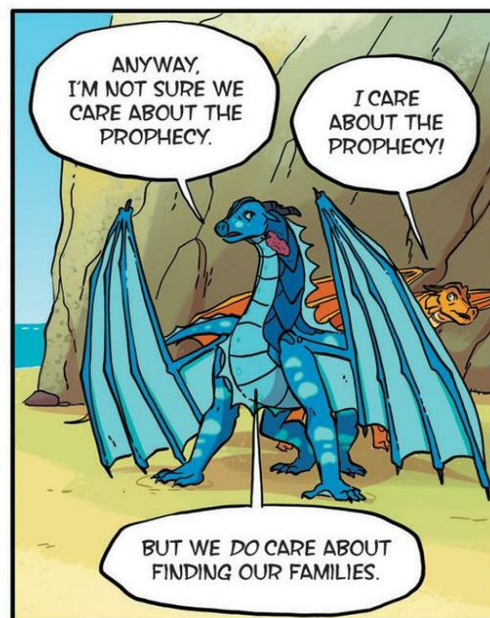
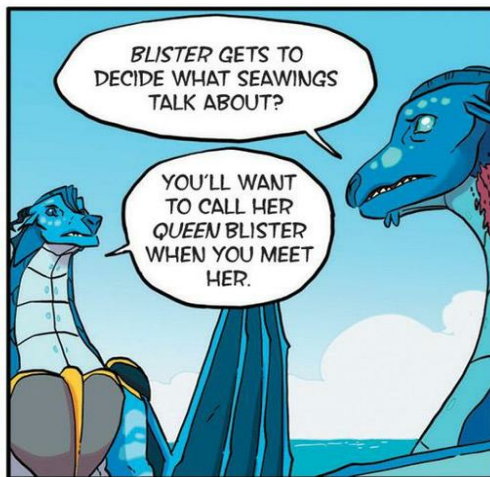


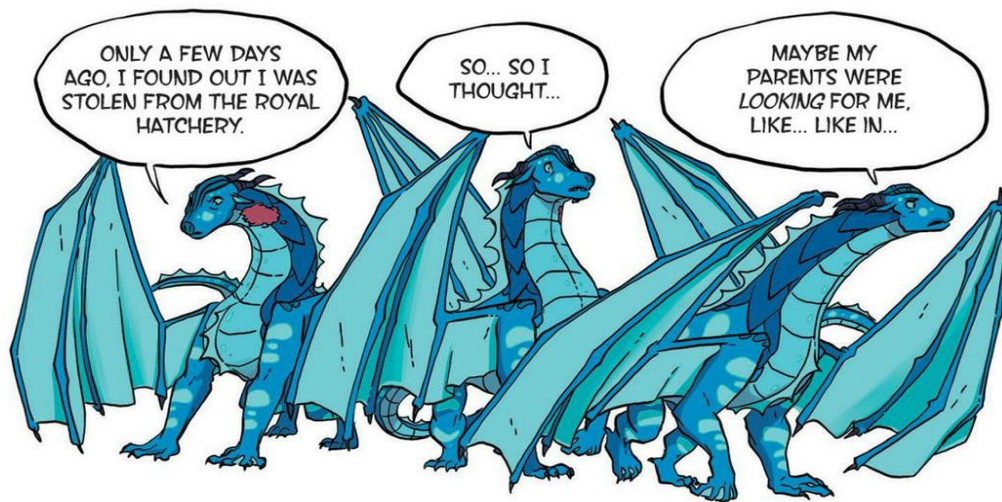










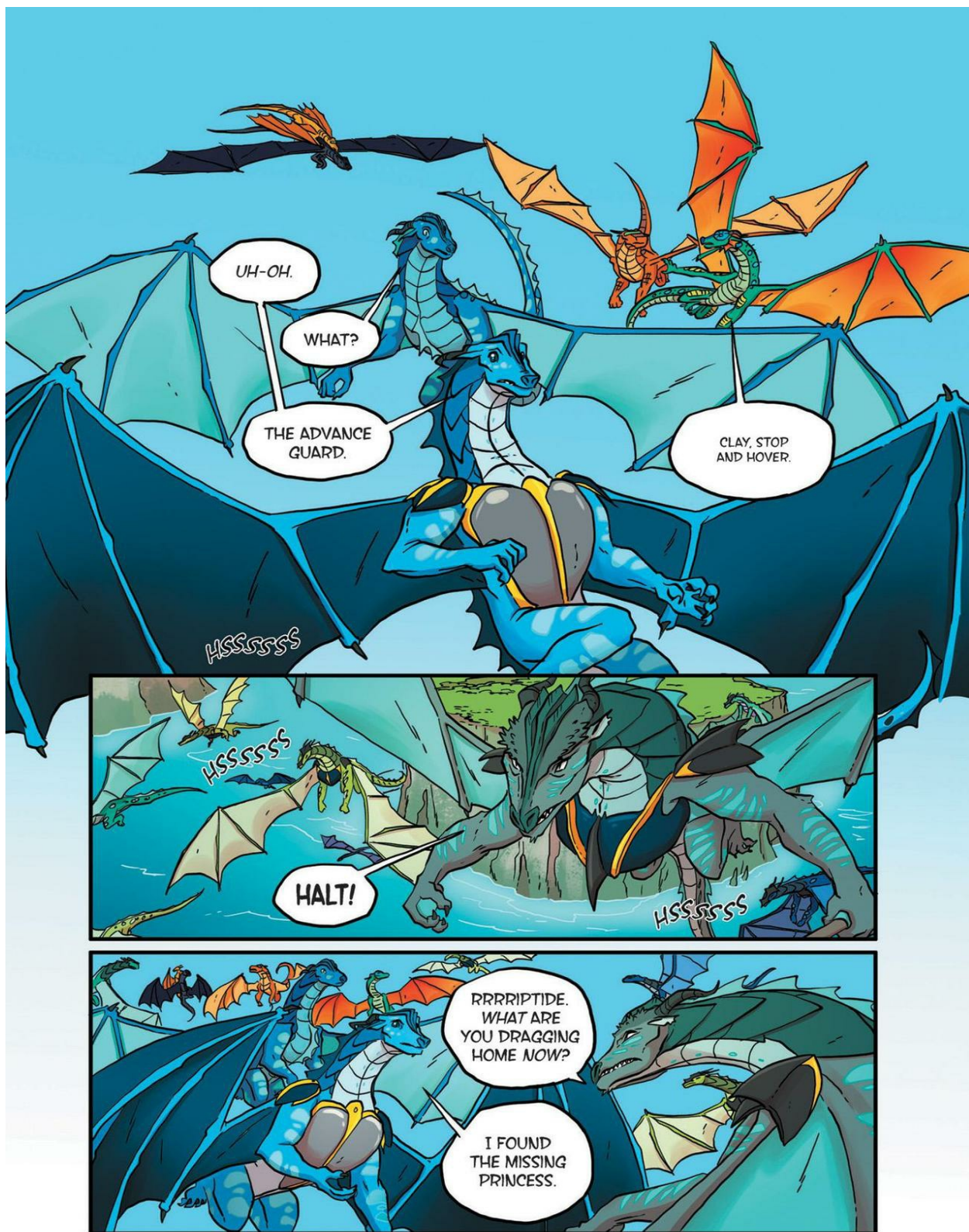












UH-OH.

WHAT?

THE ADVANCE
GUARD.

CLAY, STOP
AND HOVER.

HSSSSSS

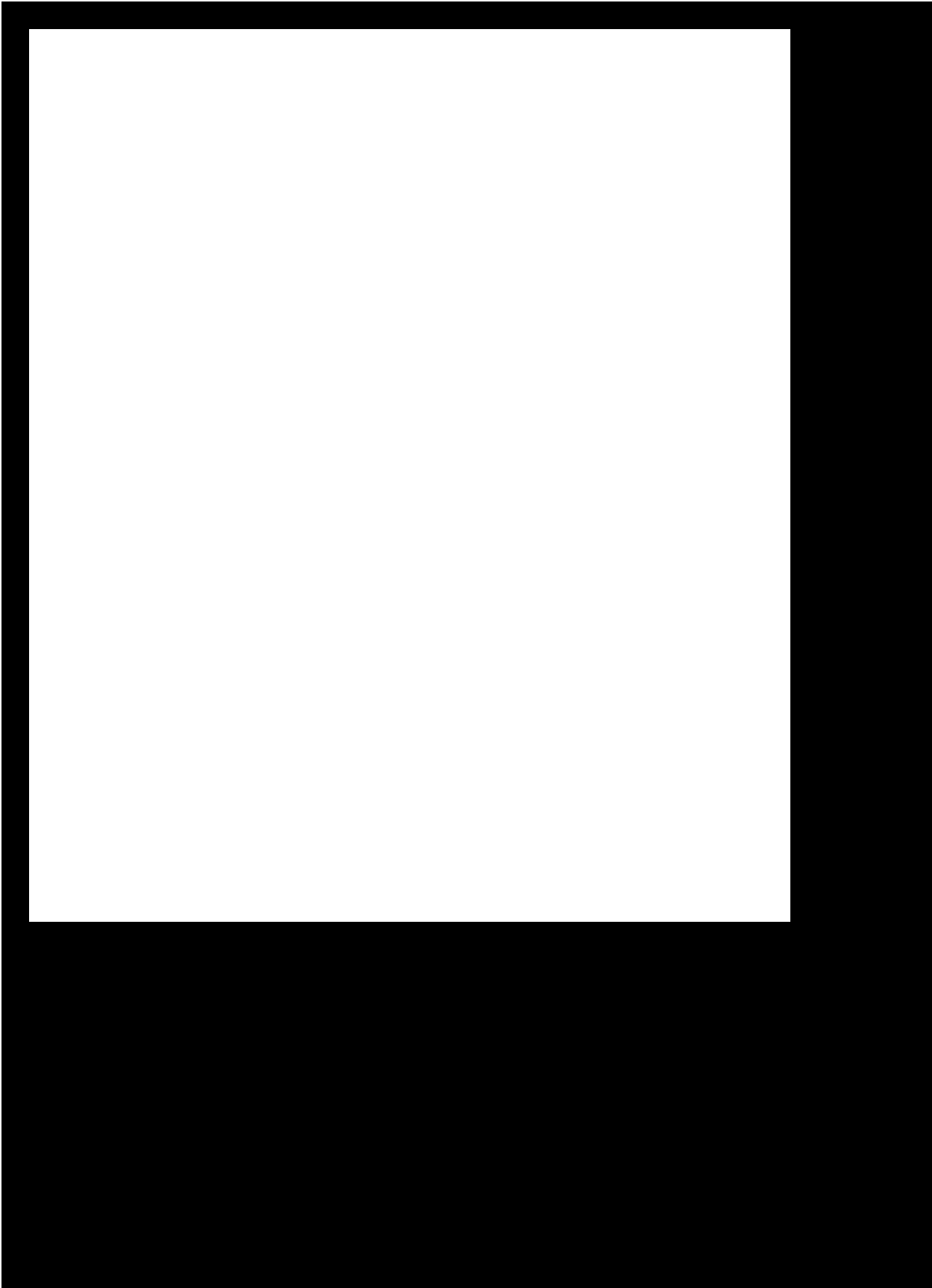
HSSSSSS

HALT!

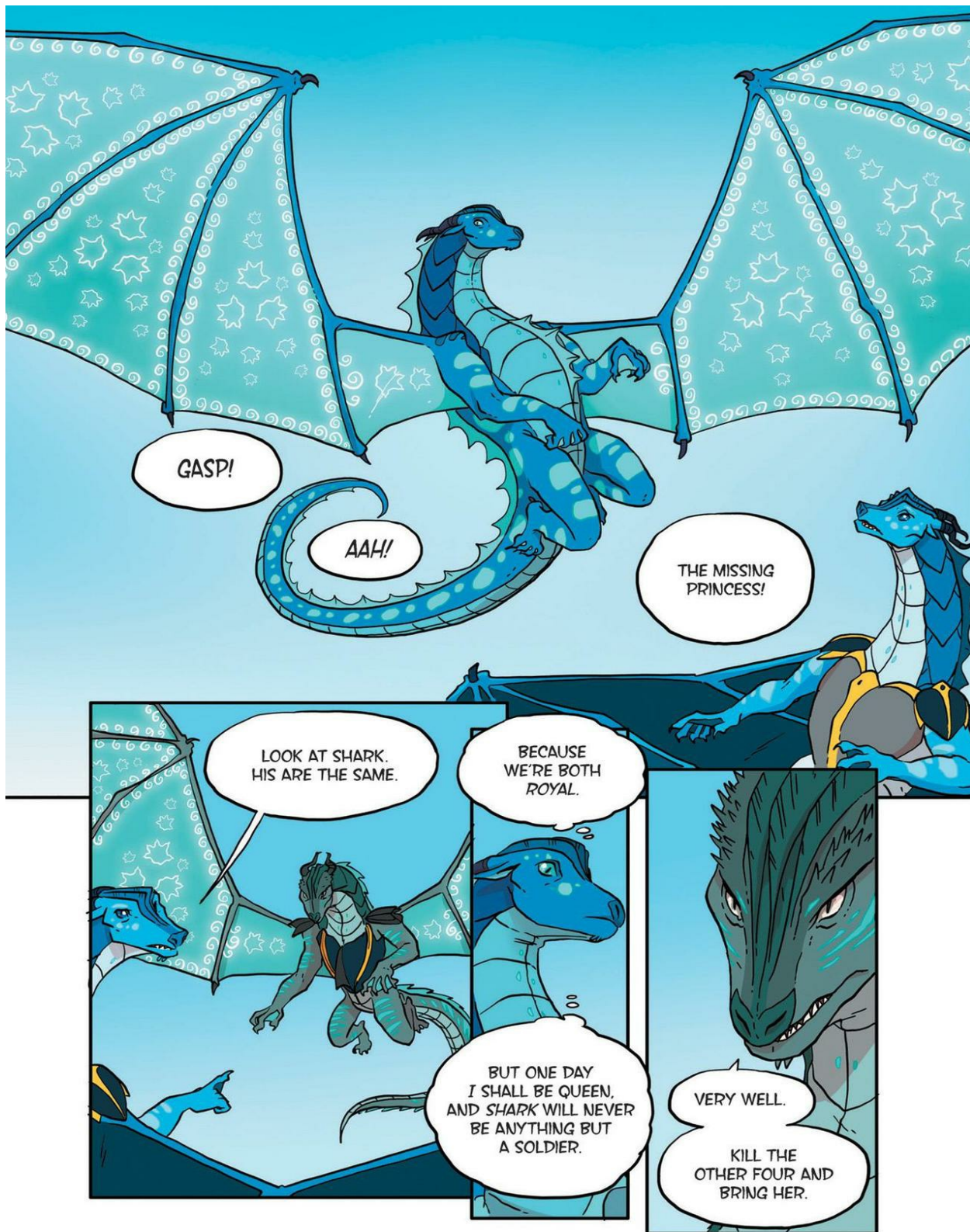
HSSSSSS

RRRIPTIDE.
WHAT ARE
YOU DRAGGING
HOME NOW?

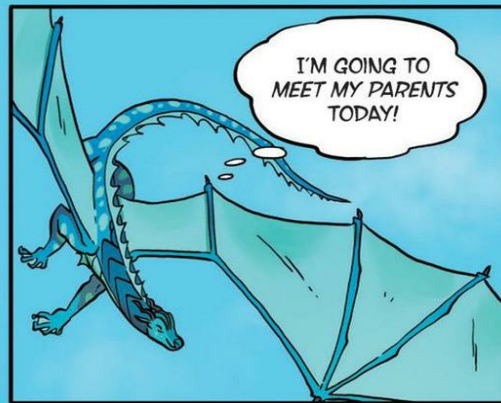
I FOUND
THE MISSING
PRINCESS.

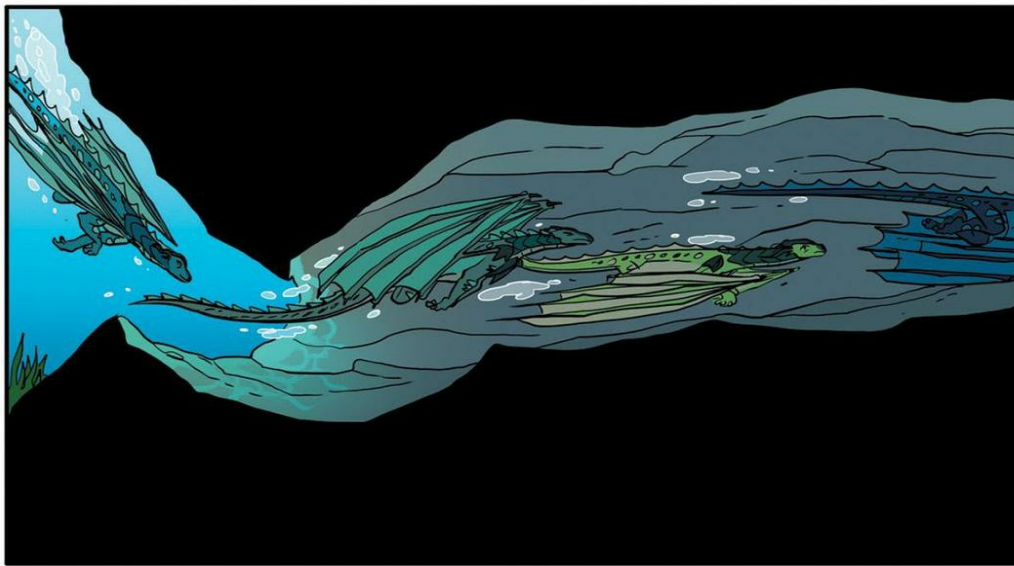




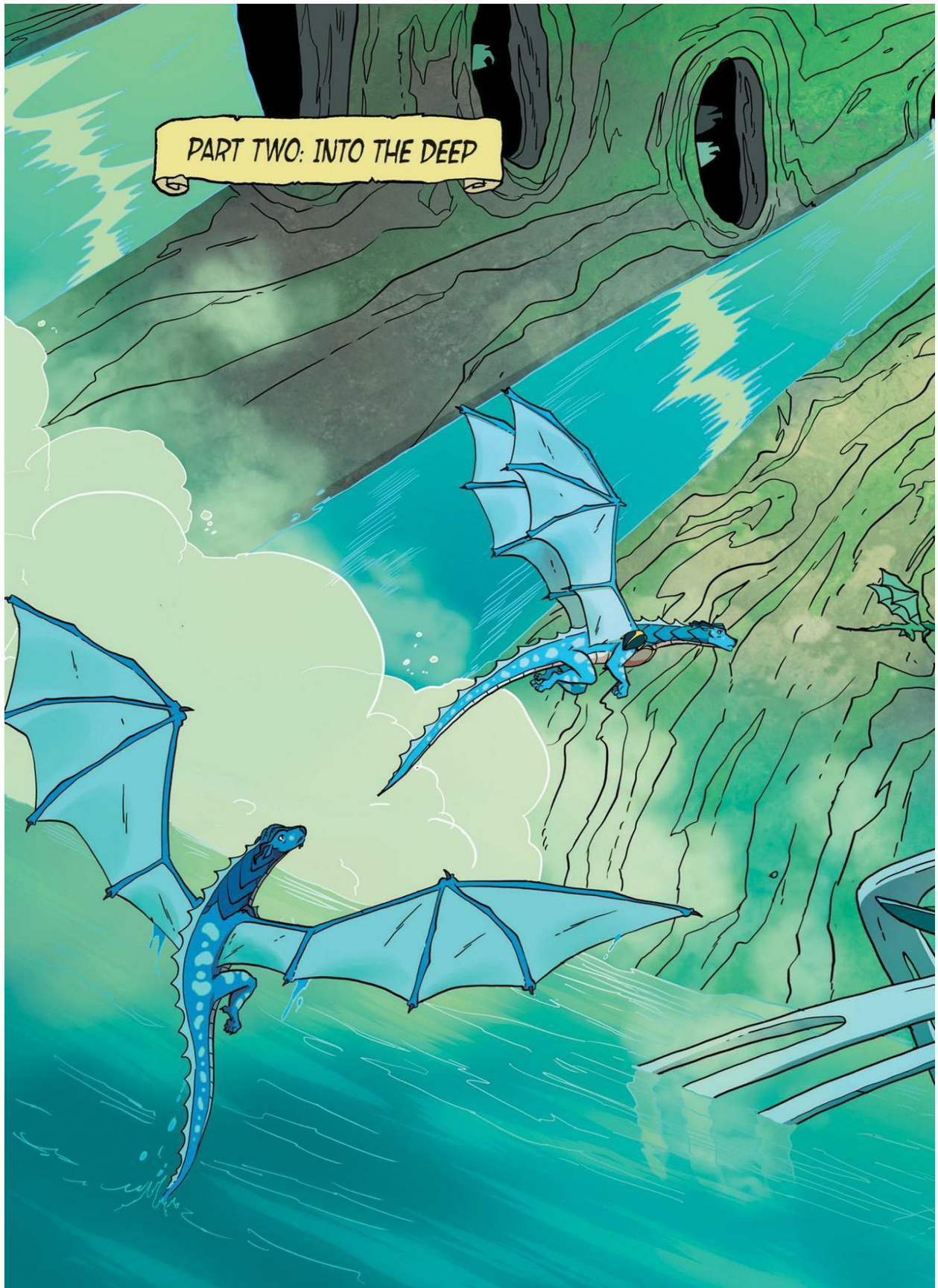








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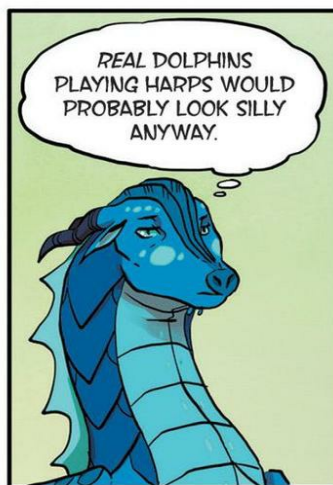


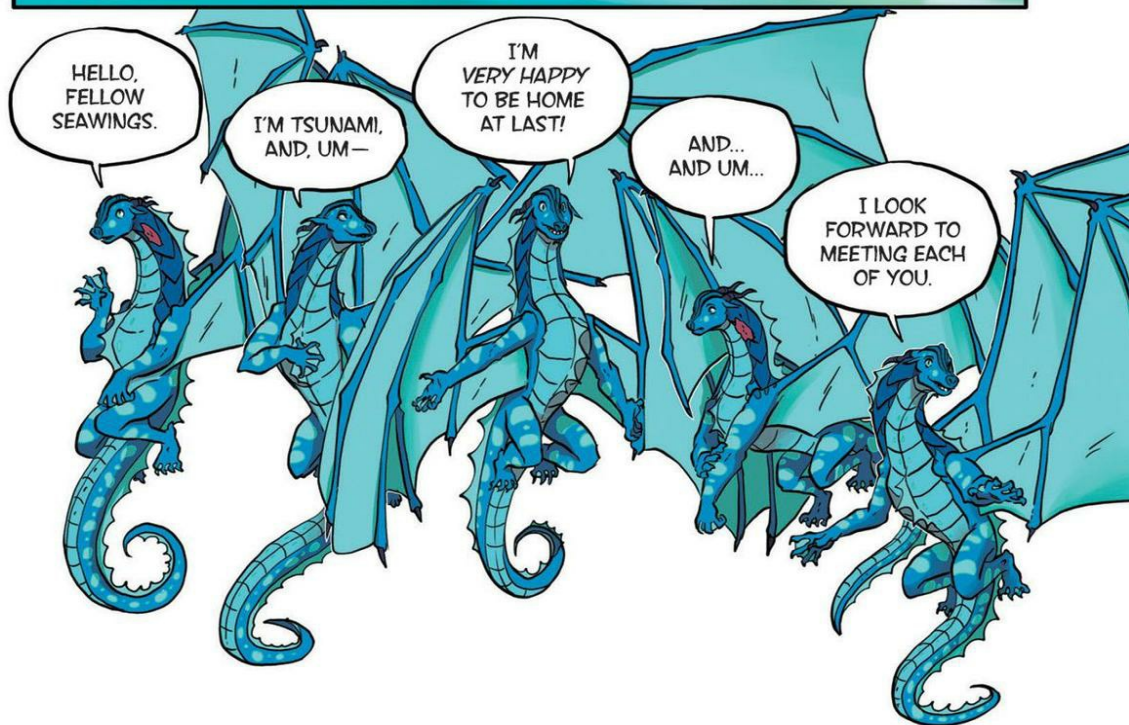


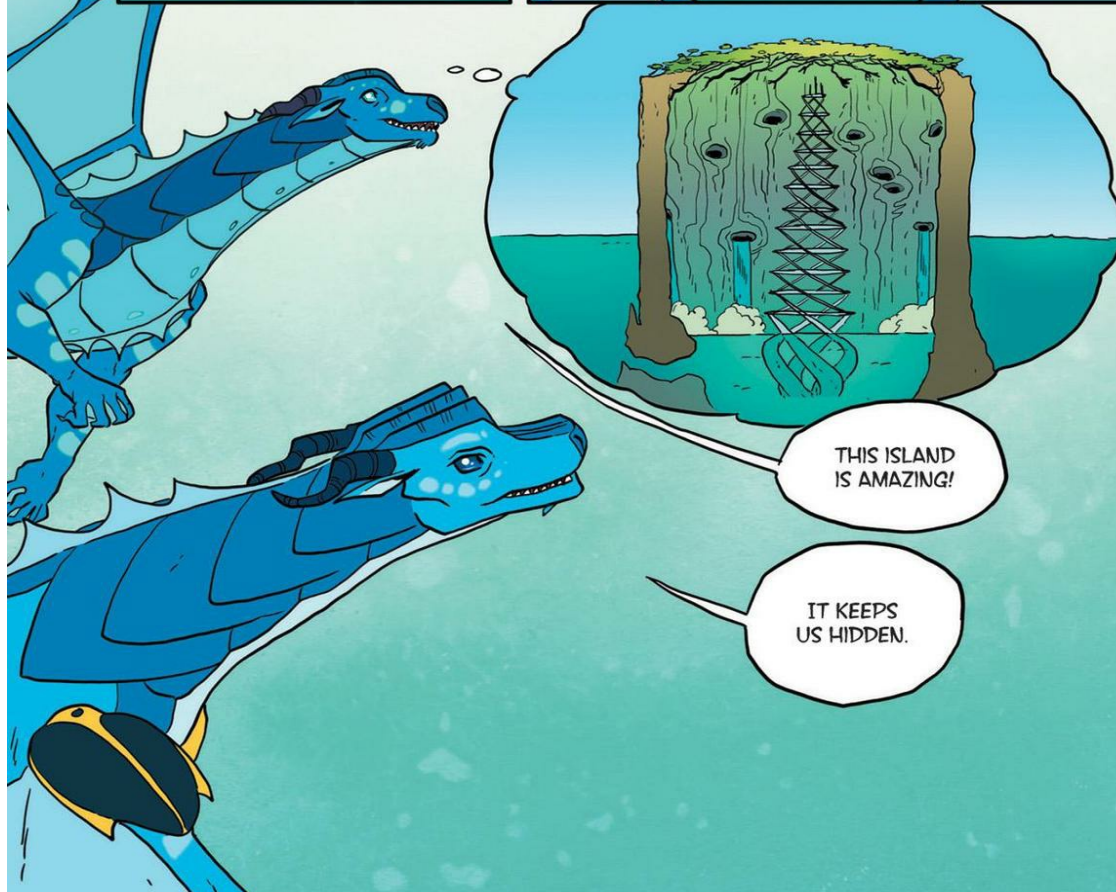
THE MISSING
PRINCESS?
IT CAN'T BE!

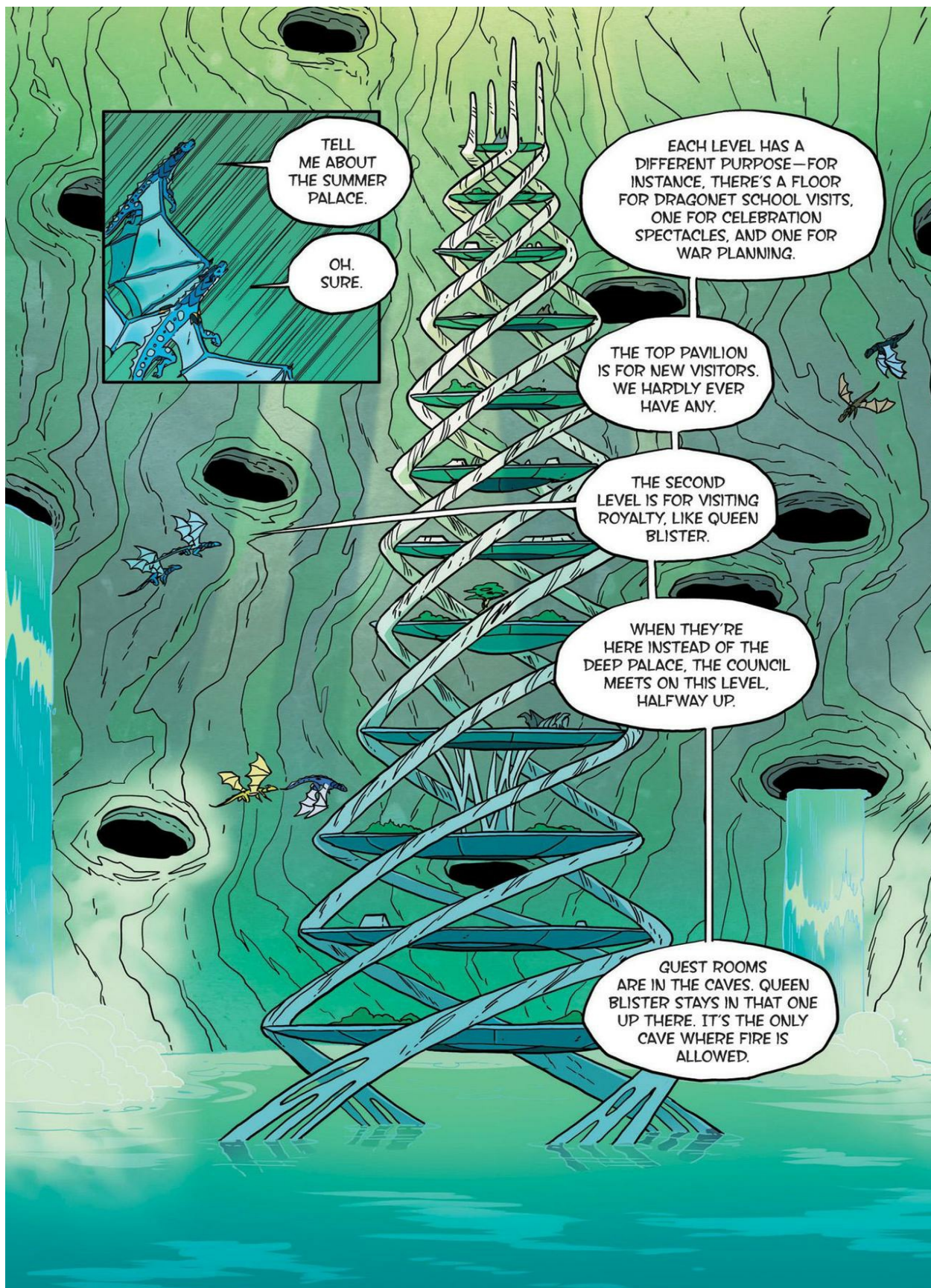
LOOK
AT HER
WINGS.

THE QUEEN
WAS RIGHT! SHE
CAME BACK!









TELL
ME ABOUT
THE SUMMER
PALACE.

OH.
SURE.

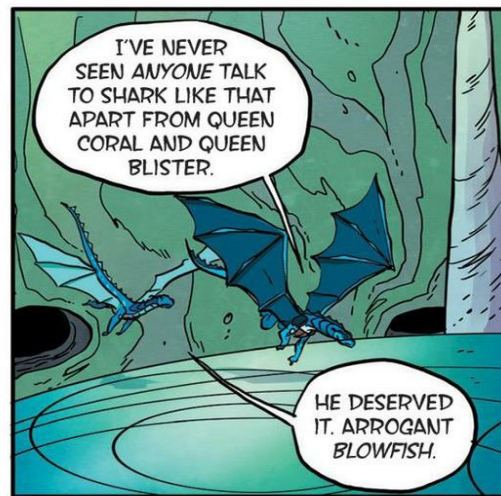
EACH LEVEL HAS A
DIFFERENT PURPOSE—FOR
INSTANCE, THERE'S A FLOOR
FOR DRAGONET SCHOOL VISITS,
ONE FOR CELEBRATION
SPECTACLES, AND ONE FOR
WAR PLANNING.

THE TOP PAVILION
IS FOR NEW VISITORS.
WE HARDLY EVER
HAVE ANY.

THE SECOND
LEVEL IS FOR VISITING
ROYALTY, LIKE QUEEN
BLISTER.

WHEN THEY'RE
HERE INSTEAD OF THE
DEEP PALACE, THE COUNCIL
MEETS ON THIS LEVEL,
HALFWAY UP.

GUEST ROOMS
ARE IN THE CAVES. QUEEN
BLISTER STAYS IN THAT ONE
UP THERE. IT'S THE ONLY
CAVE WHERE FIRE IS
ALLOWED.





AND...
ANOTHER
ONE?



IT'S TOO
SMALL FOR A
KING, SO...



DID QUEEN
CORAL MAKE ME A
THRONE AND WAIT
ALL THESE YEARS
FOR ME TO COME
FILL IT?



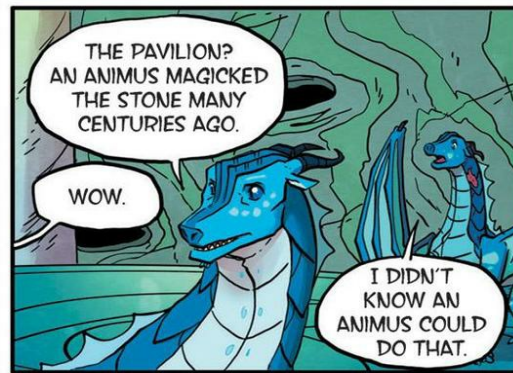
A THRONE
OF MY OWN!
ALREADY!



THIS IS A REALLY BIG THING!
I MEAN, THIS THING WE'RE STANDING
ON. IT'S REALLY TALL—EVEN TALLER
THAN OUR PRISONS IN THE SKY
KINGDOM, I THINK.



OF COURSE, IT'S MUCH NICER TO BE
THIS HIGH WHEN YOUR WINGS ARE FREE.
BUT AT LEAST THE SKYWINGS GAVE US A
PIG SOMETIMES. DO YOU HAVE PIGS? SAY,
HOW DID YOU MAKE THIS THING? DID IT
TAKE FOREVER TO BUILD?



THE PAVILION?
AN ANIMUS MAGICCKED
THE STONE MANY
CENTURIES AGO.

WOW.

I DIDN'T
KNOW AN
ANIMUS COULD
DO THAT.



WHAT LEVEL IS
THE FEASTING ON?
I COULD REALLY GO FOR A
WHALE RIGHT NOW. OR AN
OCTOPUS. OR SOME SQUID.
WHAT I'M SAYING IS, I'M NOT
FUSSY. YOU DO HAVE
FEASTING, RIGHT?

SURE, SOMETIMES
WE HAVE FEASTS.
ESPECIALLY WHEN
QUEEN BLISTER IS—

GASP. PANT.

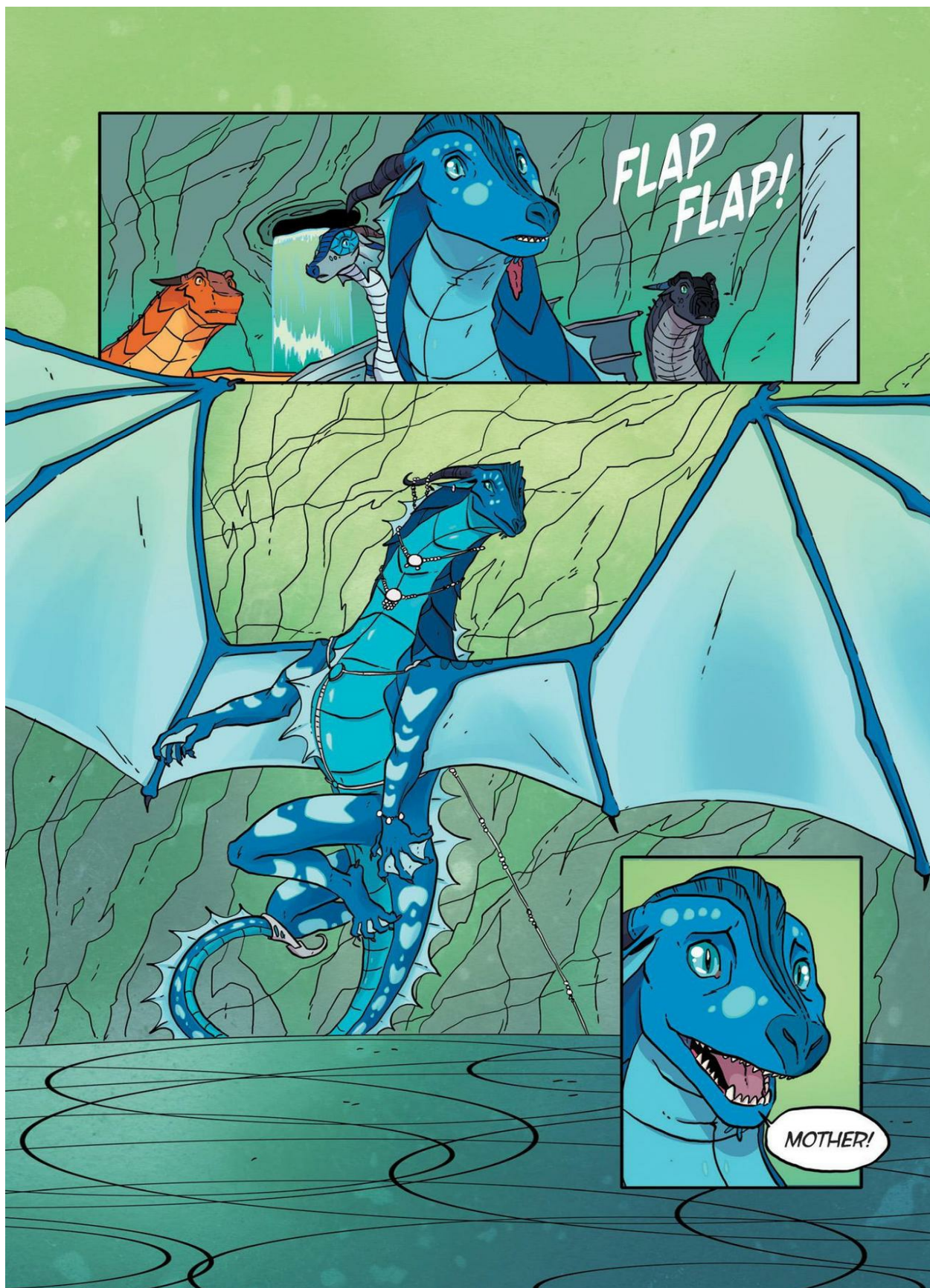


GASP! GASP!



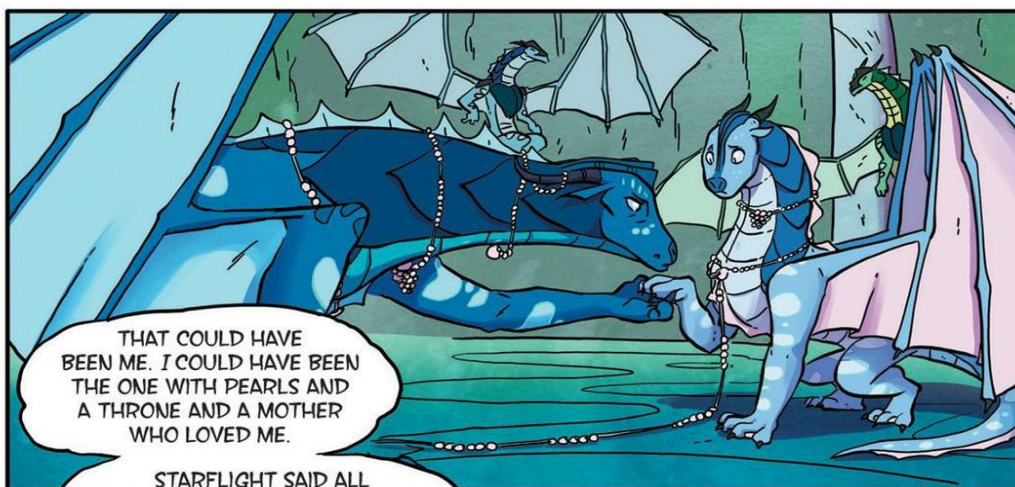
PAAAAAAAANT.

WHEN QUEEN
CORAL ARRIVES,
COULD EVERYONE
PLEASE TRY TO BE
MORE IMPRESSIVE?









THAT COULD HAVE BEEN ME. I COULD HAVE BEEN THE ONE WITH PEARLS AND A THRONE AND A MOTHER WHO LOVED ME.

STARLIGHT SAID ALL OF MOTHER'S OTHER DAUGHTERS DIED! THE ONE TIME HE'S WRONG, WHY DOES IT HAVE TO BE ABOUT THIS?

SHE DOESN'T LOOK VERY STRONG. I COULD DEFINITELY DEFEAT HER.

WHAT AM I THINKING? THIS IS MY FAMILY.



HI. I'M TSUNAMI.



HI.



"TSUNAMI" IS A GOOD NAME. WEBS DID ONE THING RIGHT.

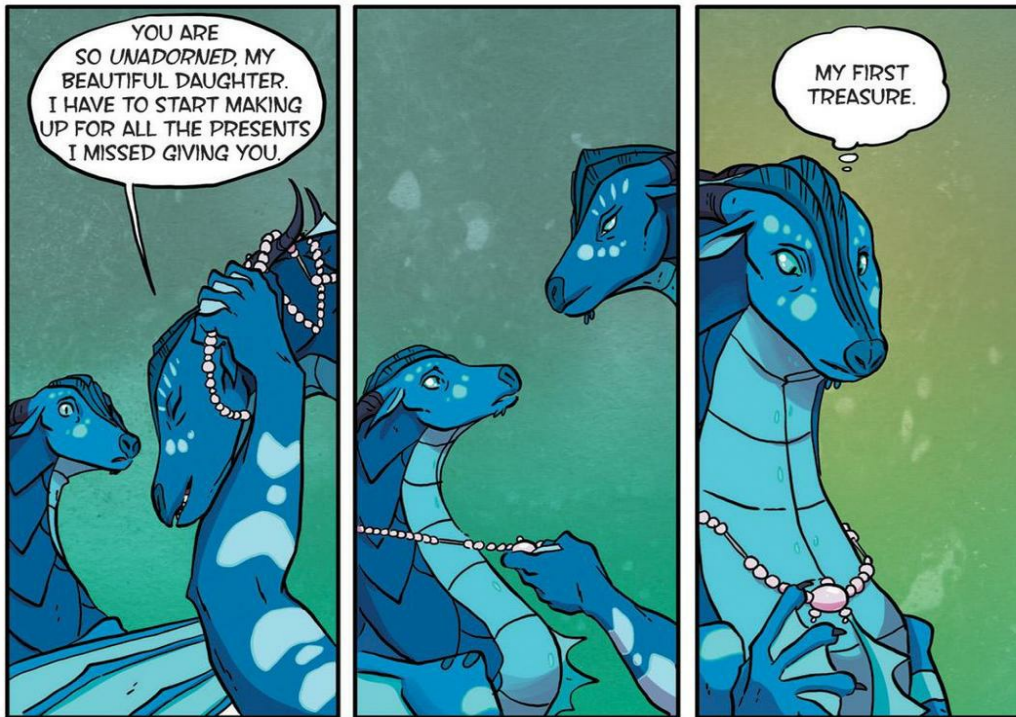


WHERE IS HE NOW? I HAVE BEEN PLANNING HIS PUNISHMENT FOR YEARS.

IT WON'T BE A QUICK DEATH.











I CAN'T BELIEVE
HE DIDN'T TELL ME.
I THOUGHT I LIKED HIM—
AND ALL ALONG HE WAS
THE SON OF OUR
KIDNAPPER.



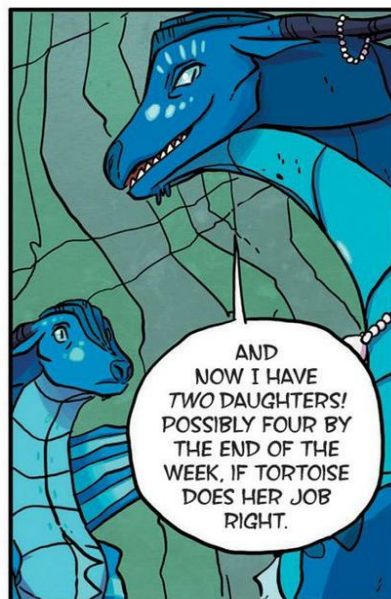
THEN AGAIN,
IT'S NOT HIS FAULT HIS
FATHER TURNED TRAITOR.
BUT MOTHER BLAMES
HIM ANYWAY. POOR
RIPTIDE.



I DON'T LIKE THAT
HE HID THE TRUTH
FROM ME, THOUGH. IS
THERE ANYTHING ELSE
HE'S HIDING?

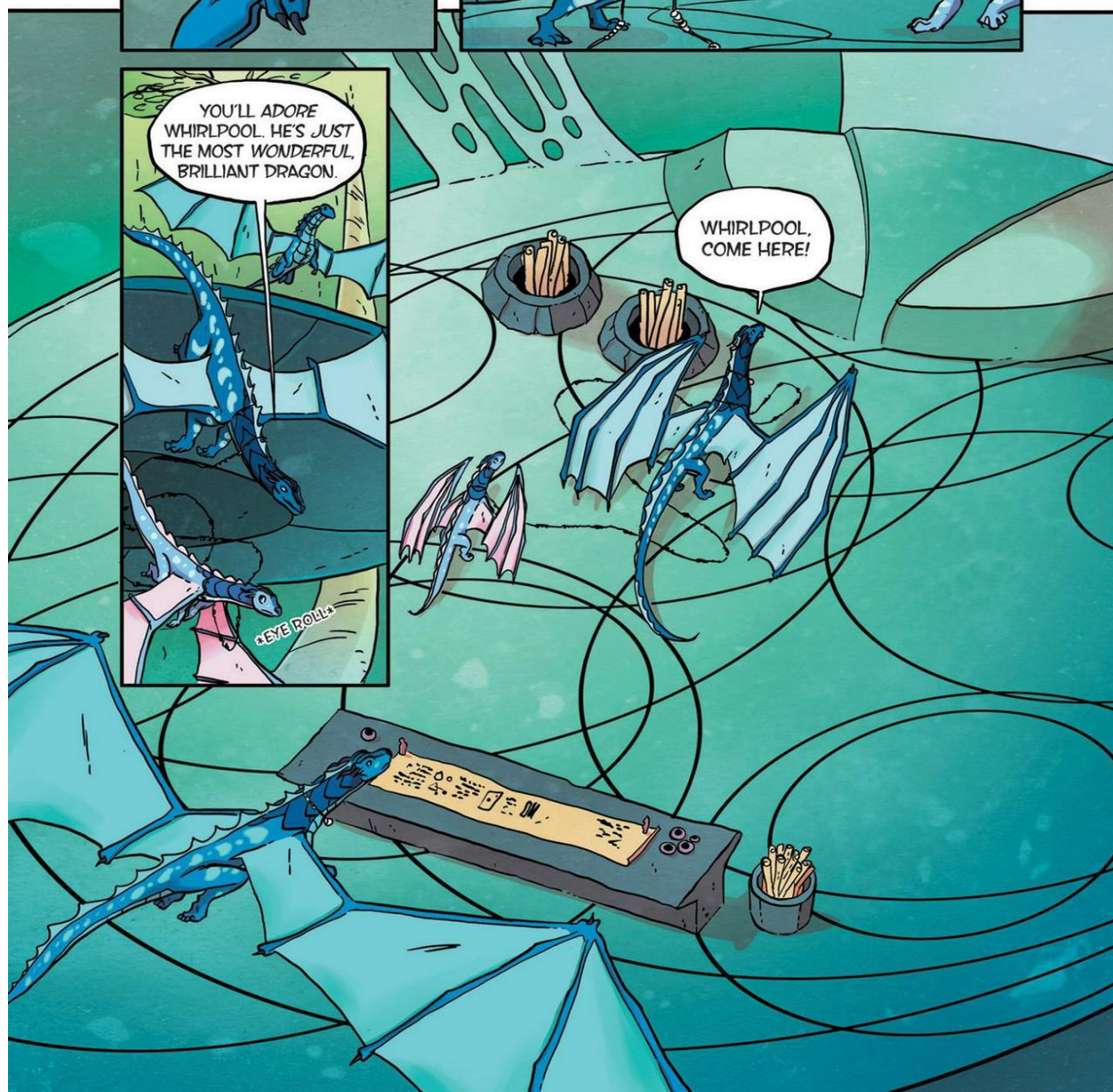


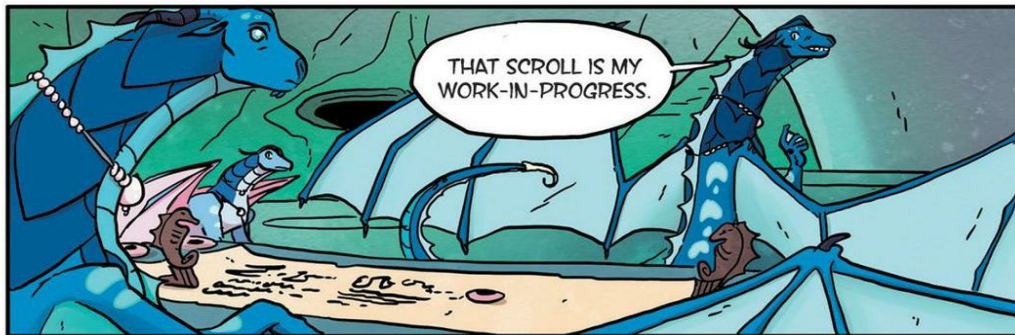
I KIND OF STILL
WANT TO SEE HIM
AGAIN...







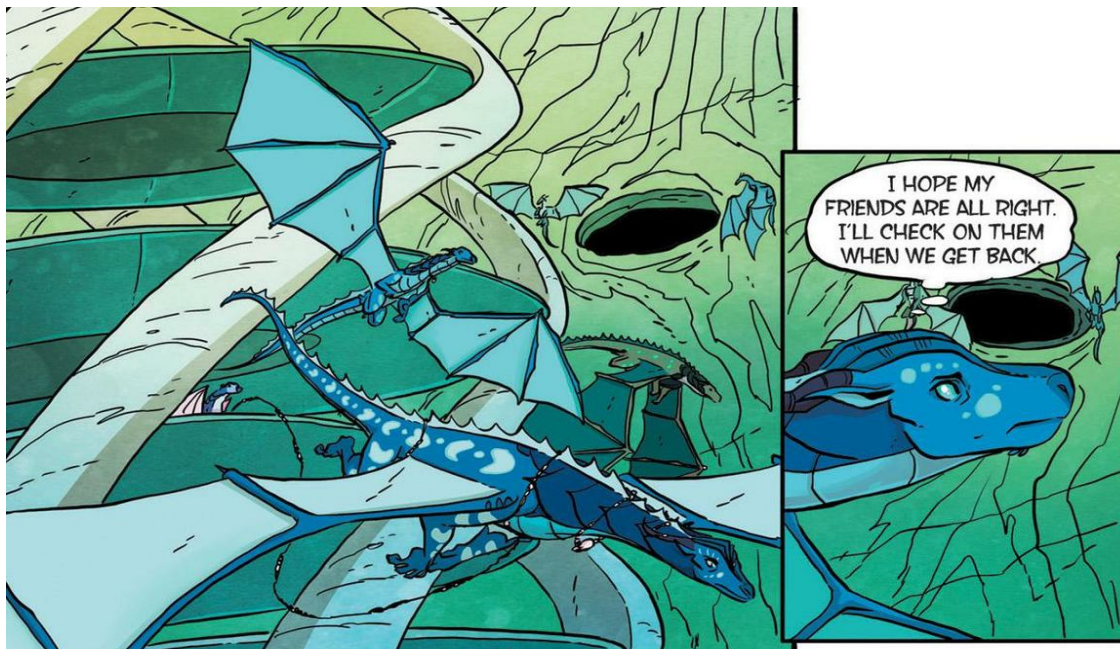


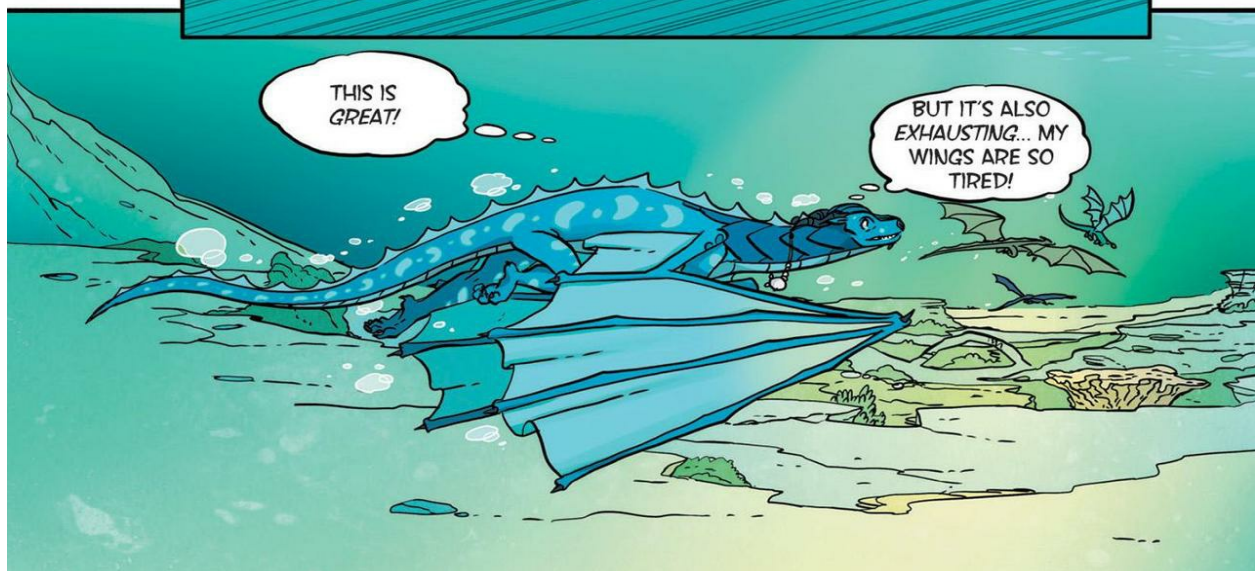


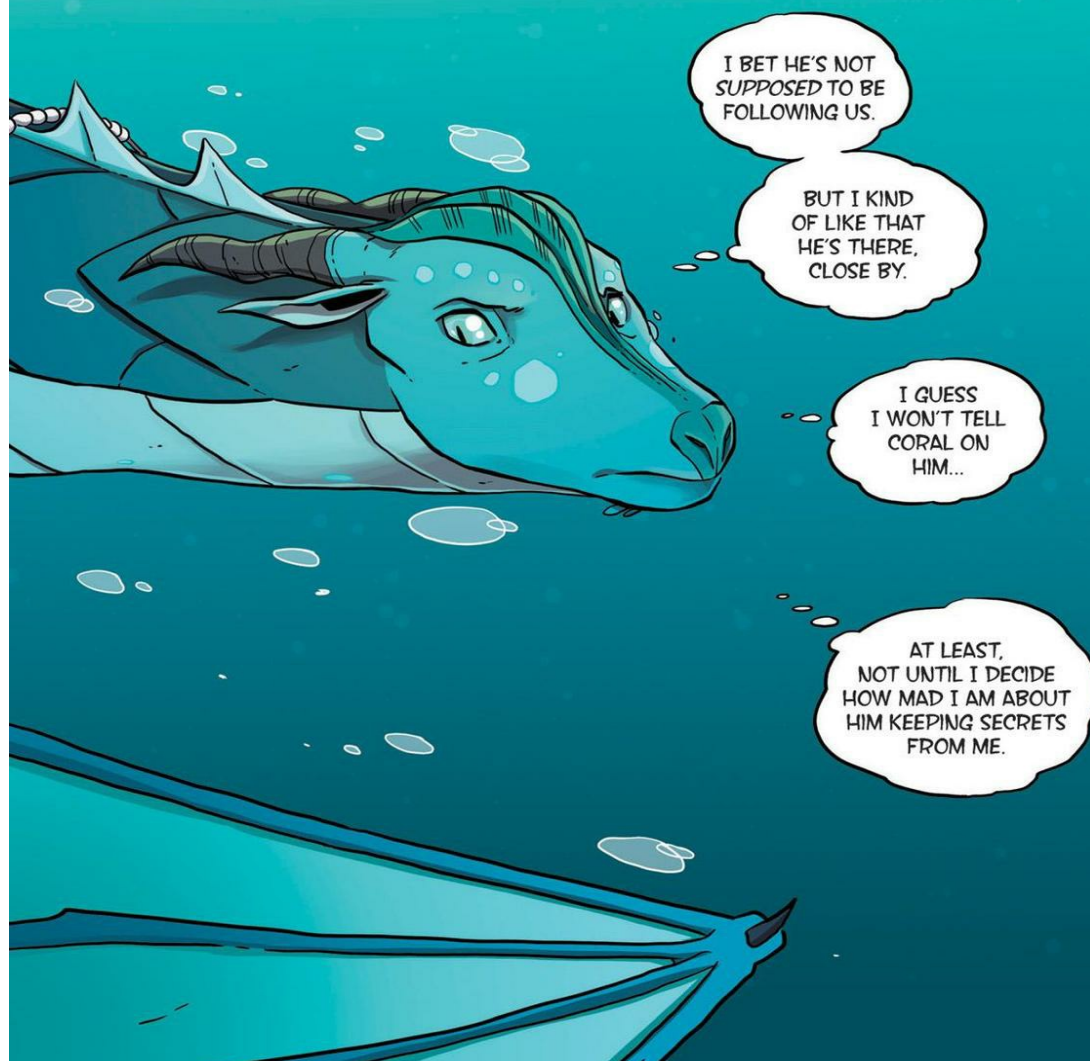
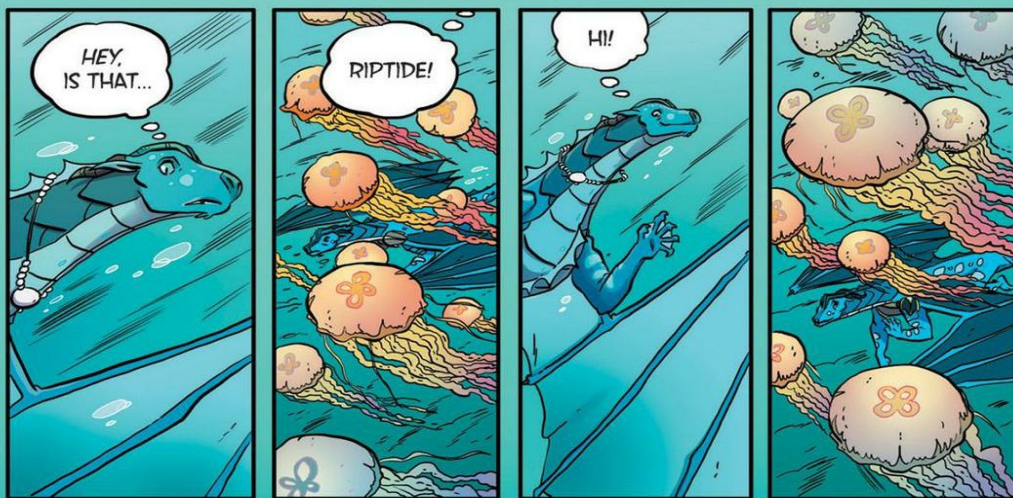




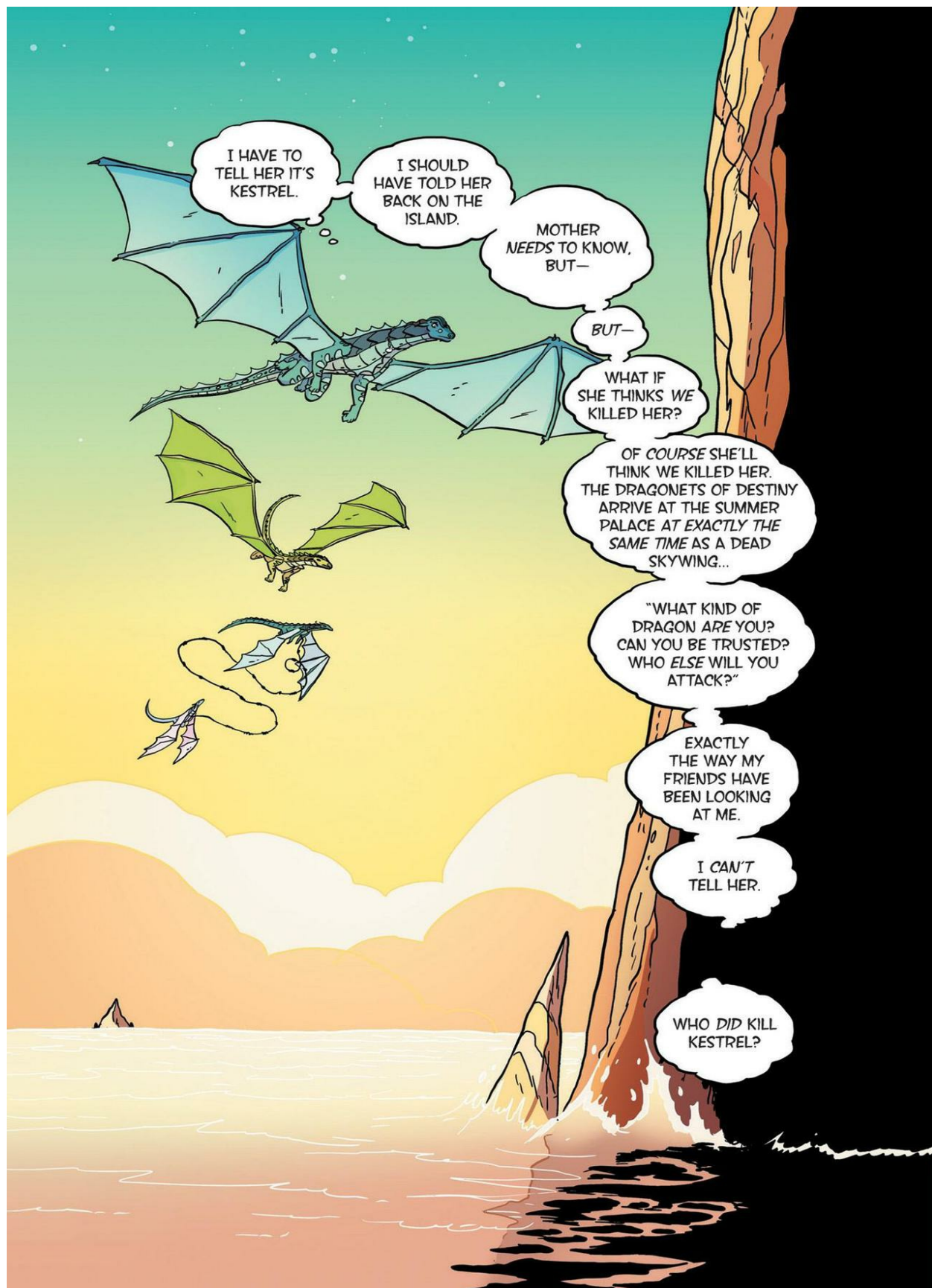












I HAVE TO
TELL HER IT'S
KESTREL.

I SHOULD
HAVE TOLD HER
BACK ON THE
ISLAND.

MOTHER
NEEDS TO KNOW,
BUT—

BUT—

WHAT IF
SHE THINKS WE
KILLED HER?

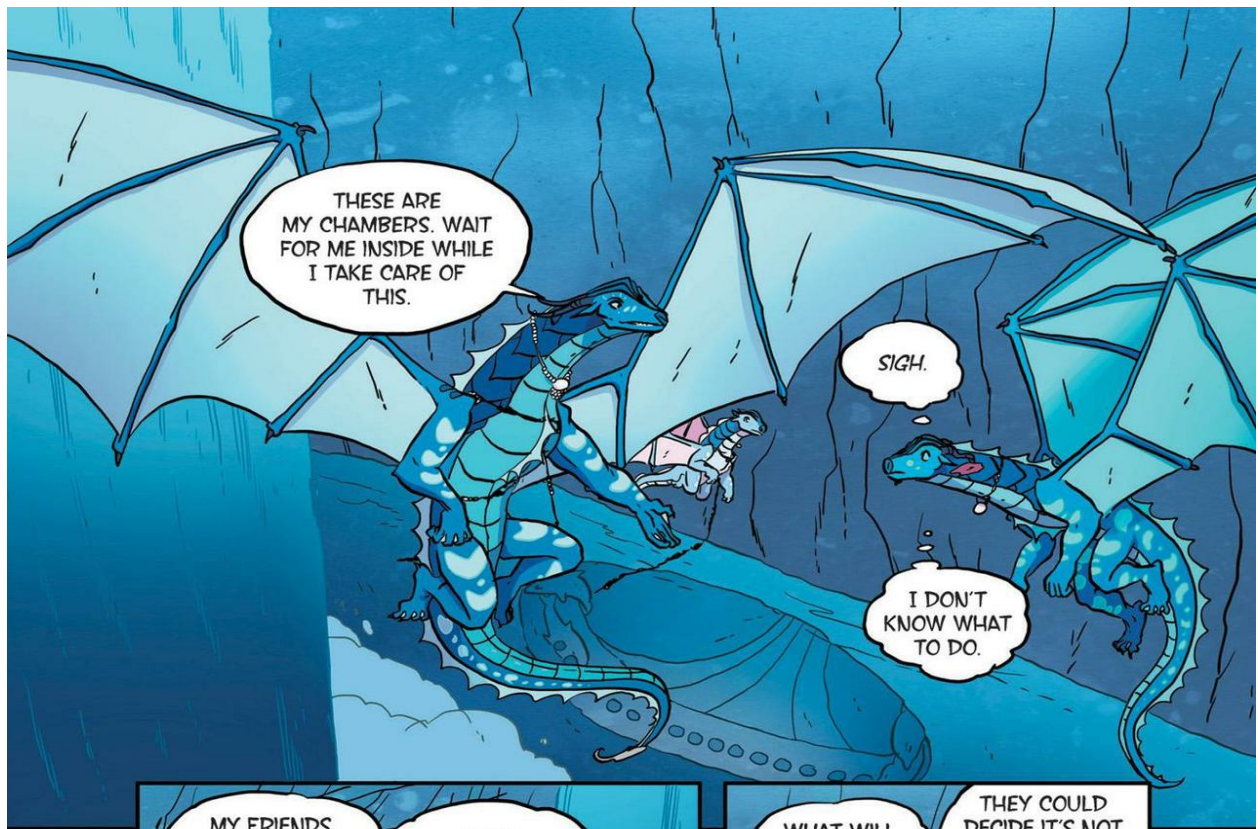
OF COURSE SHE'LL
THINK WE KILLED HER.
THE DRAGONETS OF DESTINY
ARRIVE AT THE SUMMER
PALACE AT EXACTLY THE
SAME TIME AS A DEAD
SKYWING...

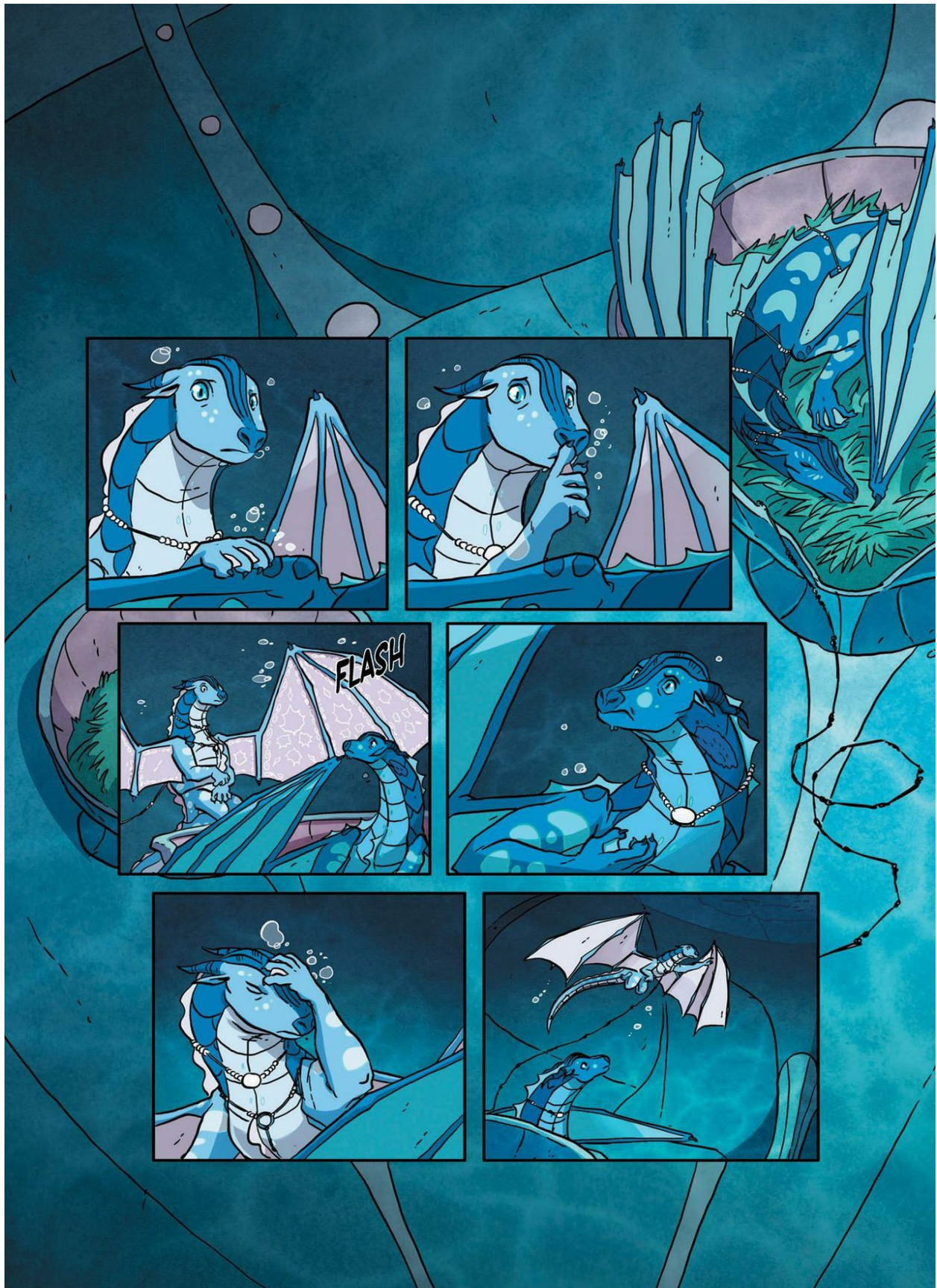
"WHAT KIND OF
DRAGON ARE YOU?
CAN YOU BE TRUSTED?
WHO ELSE WILL YOU
ATTACK?"

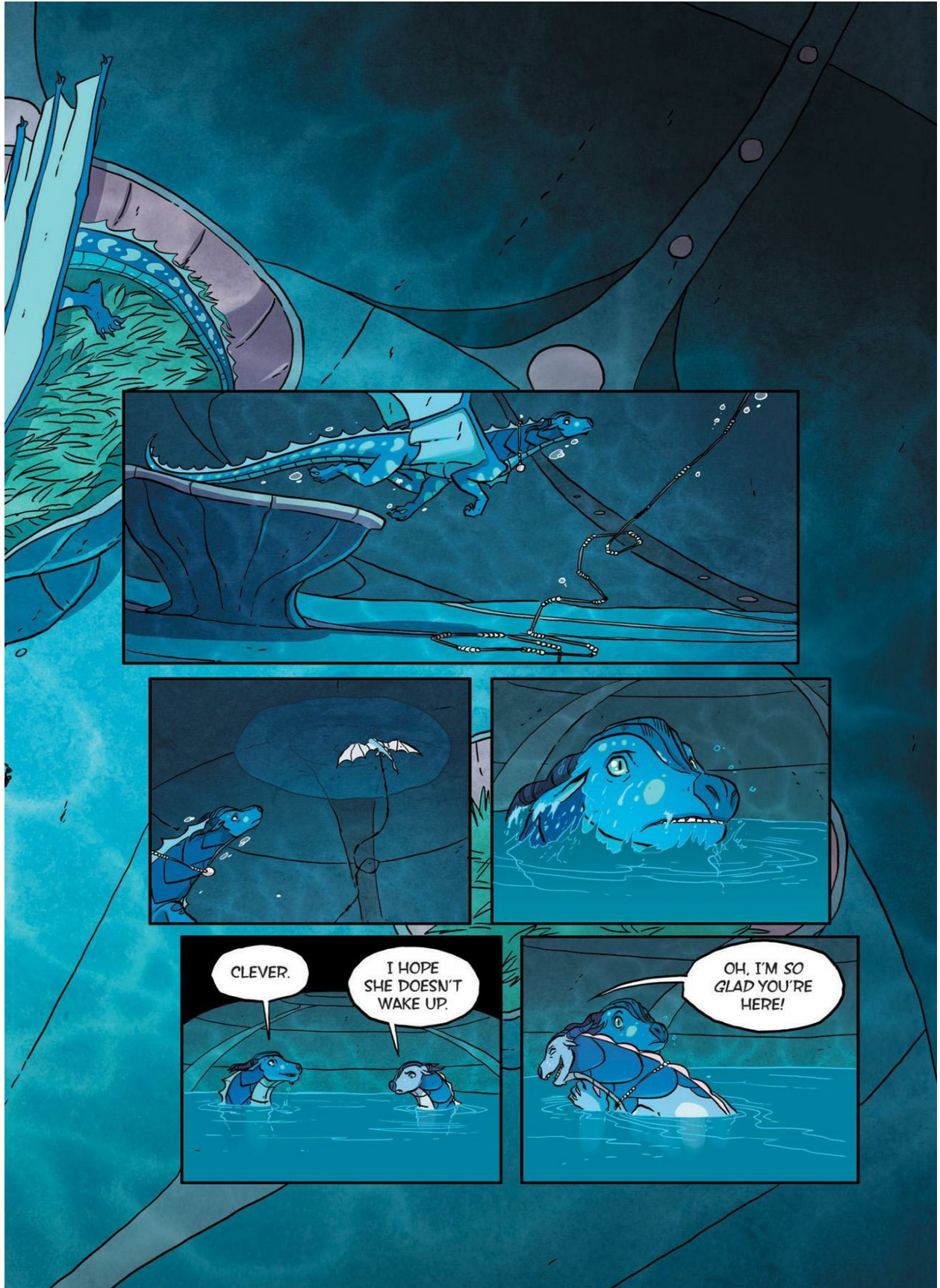
EXACTLY
THE WAY MY
FRIENDS HAVE
BEEN LOOKING
AT ME.

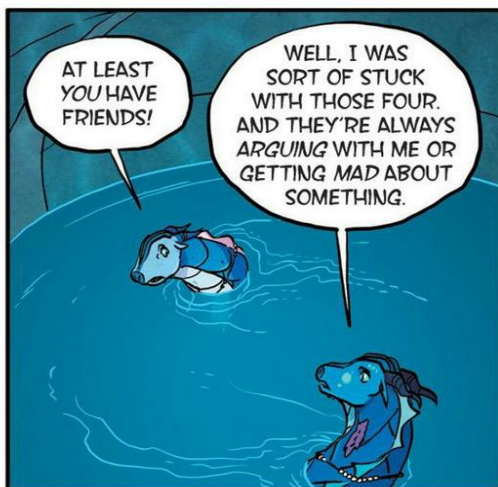
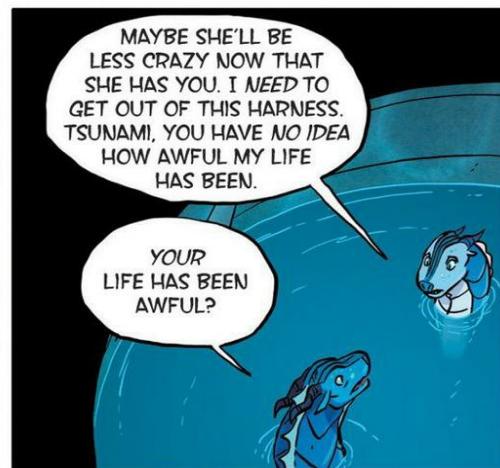
I CAN'T
TELL HER.

WHO DID KILL
KESTREL?

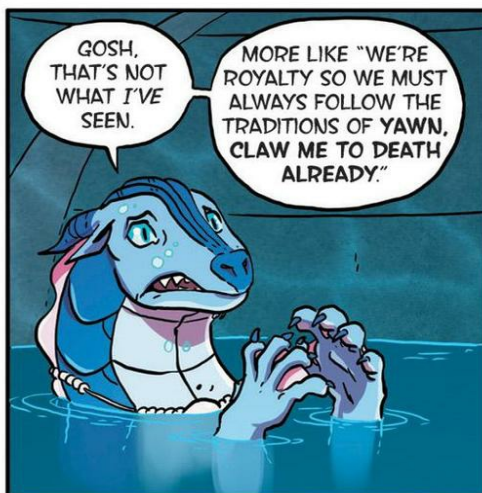


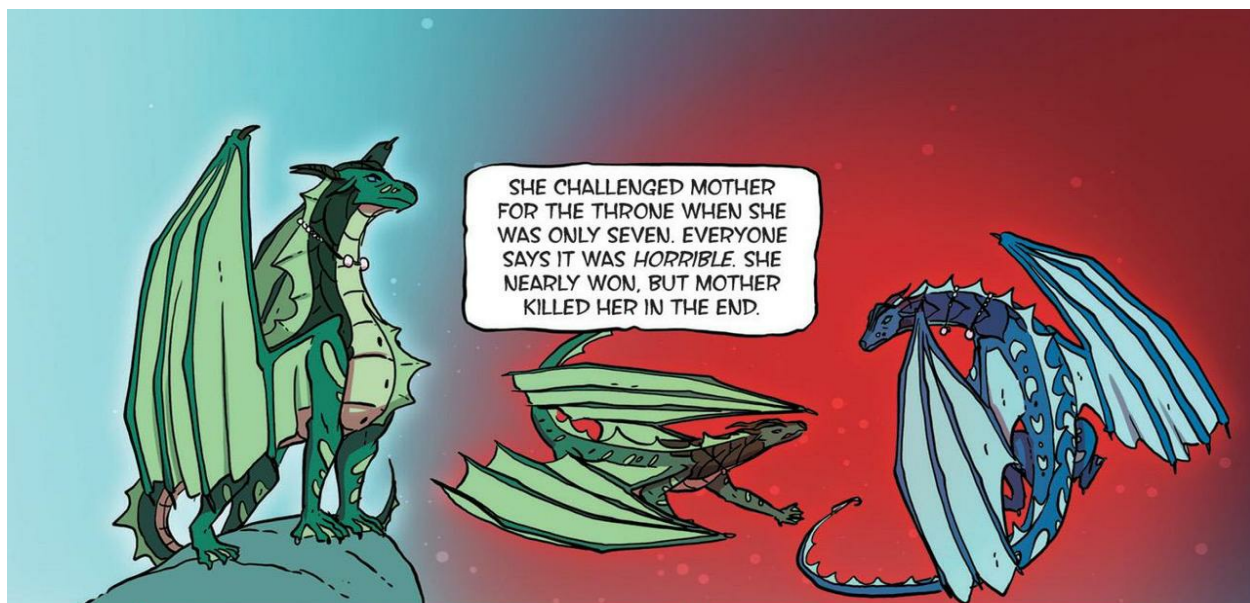










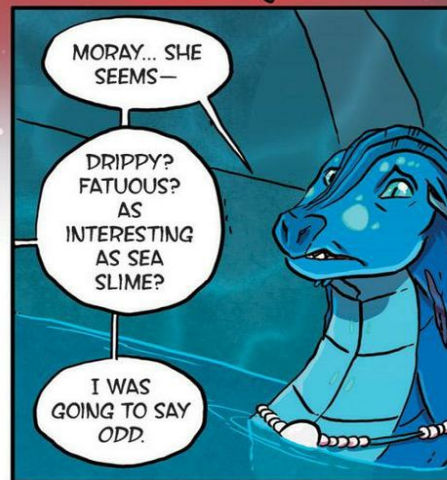


SHE CHALLENGED MOTHER FOR THE THRONE WHEN SHE WAS ONLY SEVEN. EVERYONE SAYS IT WAS HORRIBLE. SHE NEARLY WON, BUT MOTHER KILLED HER IN THE END.



IT'S WEIRD. MOTHER WORSHIPS AND MISSES ORCA, BUT MANY DRAGONS STILL HATE HER.

DON'T EVER MENTION HER NAME AROUND MORAY.



MORAY... SHE SEEMS —

DRIPPY? FATUOUS? AS INTERESTING AS SEA SLIME?

I WAS GOING TO SAY ODD.

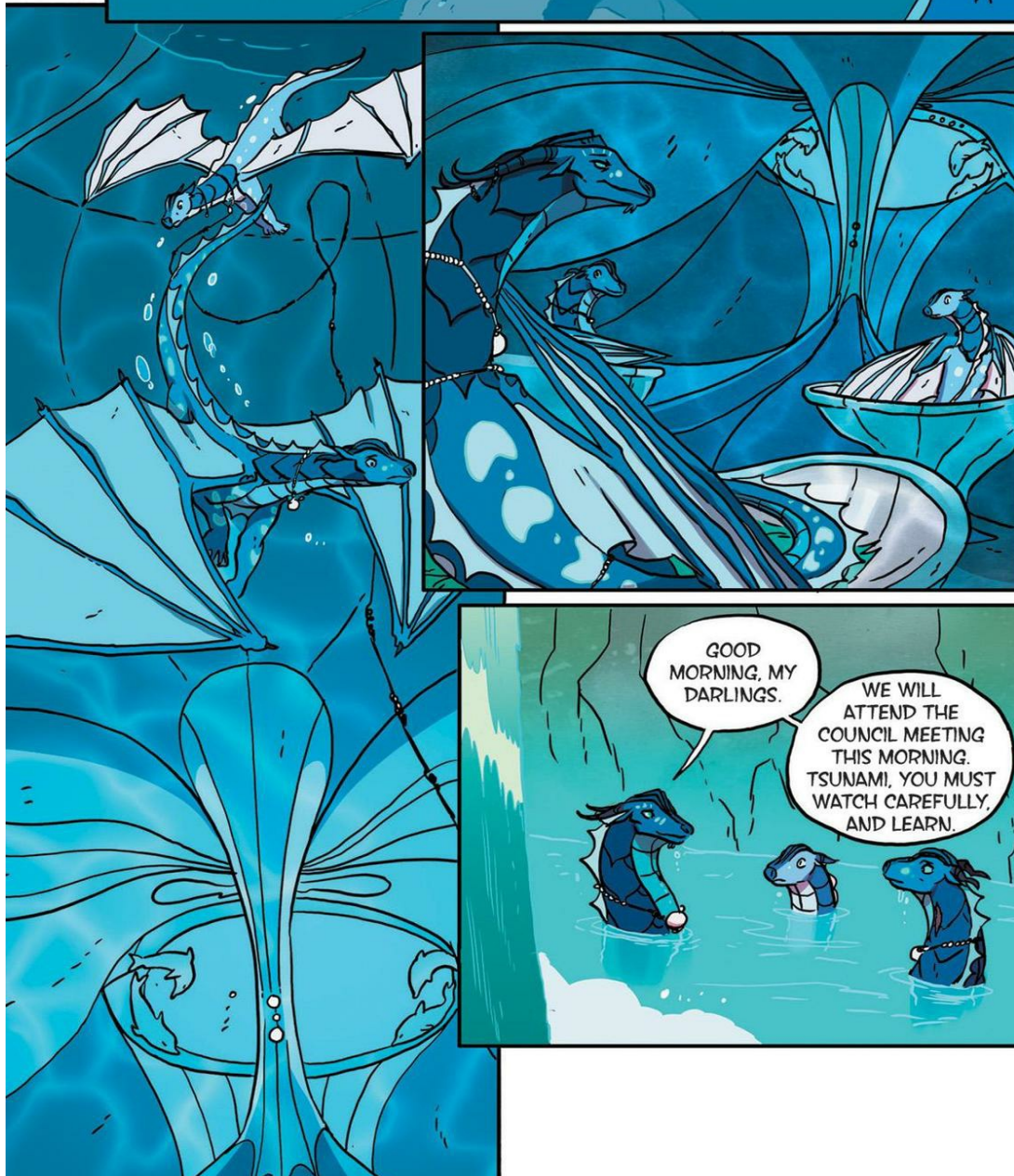


BEFORE SHE EVEN MET ME. MORAY GAVE ME THIS GLARE LIKE SHE WISHED SHE COULD KILL ME WITH HER EYES.

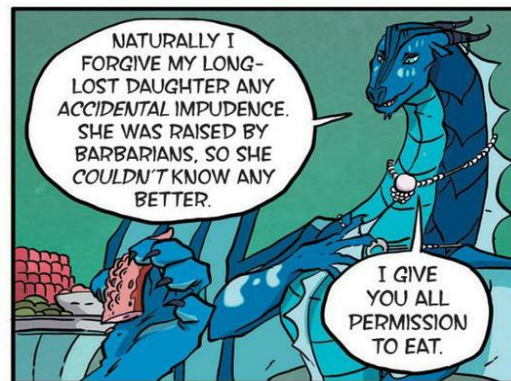
SHE DOES THAT TO ME, TOO!



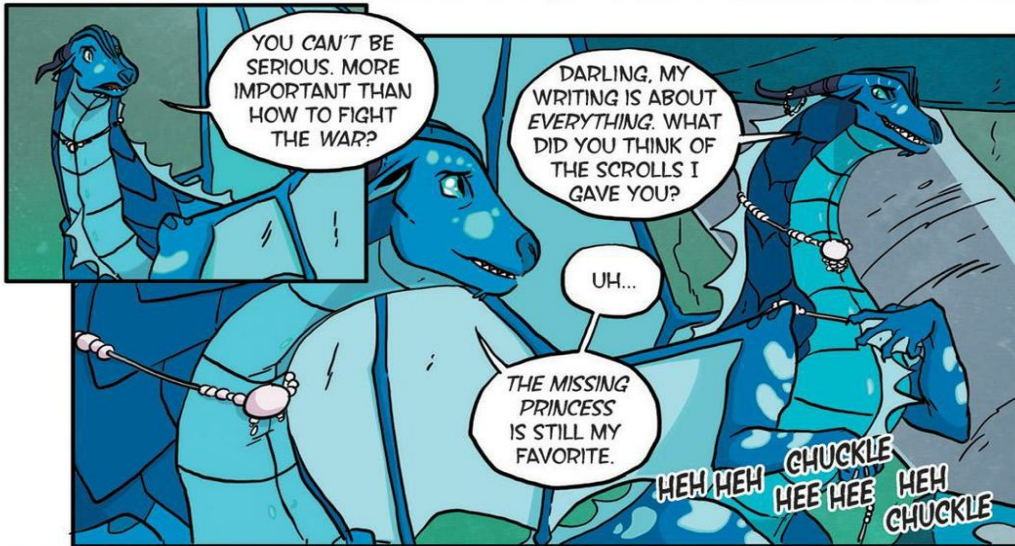
I THINK IT'S BECAUSE OF ORCA. SHE THINKS I'LL GROW UP AND CHALLENGE MOTHER AS SOON AS I CAN, LIKE ORCA DID. AND YOU'RE OLDER THAN ME, SO...







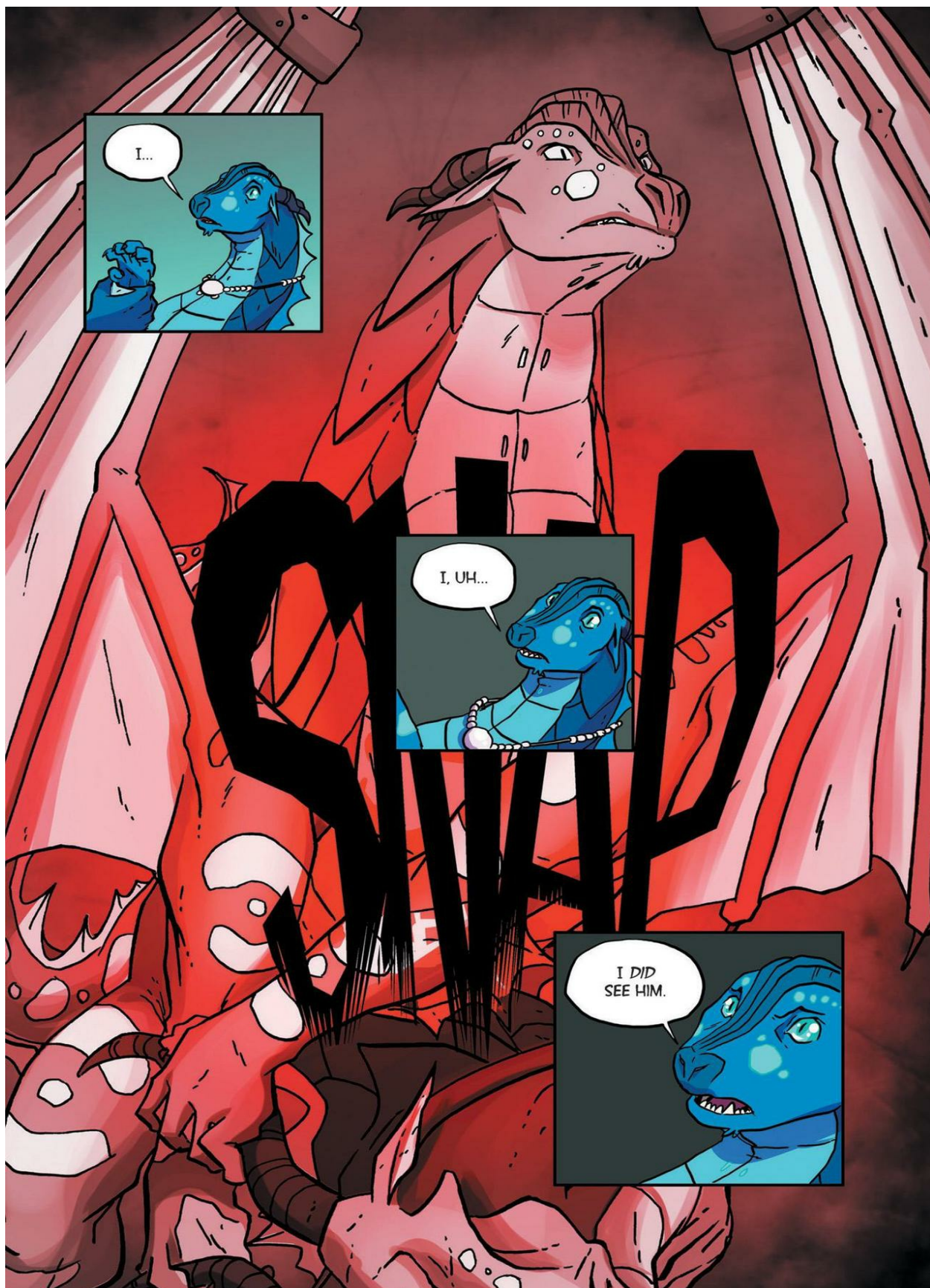








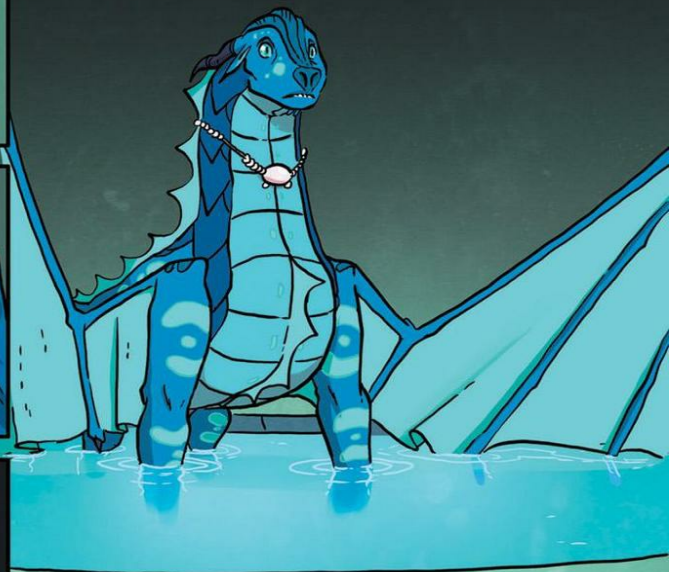




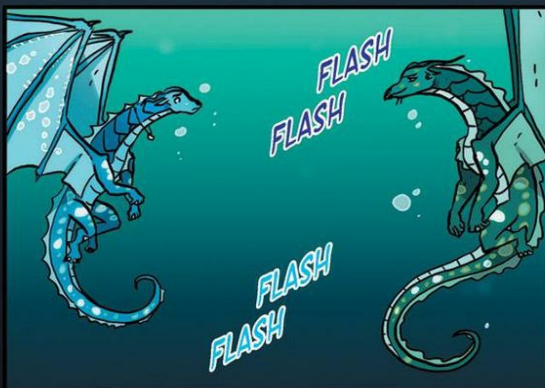
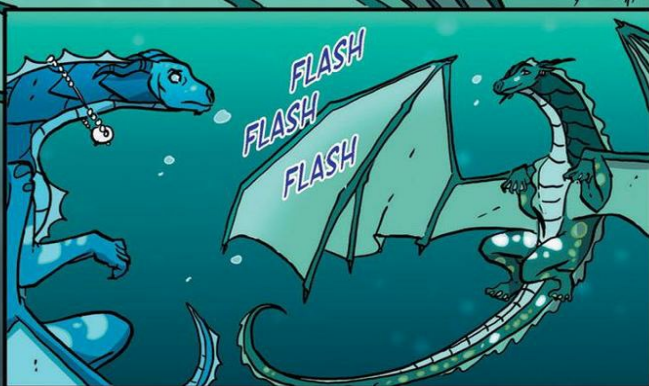


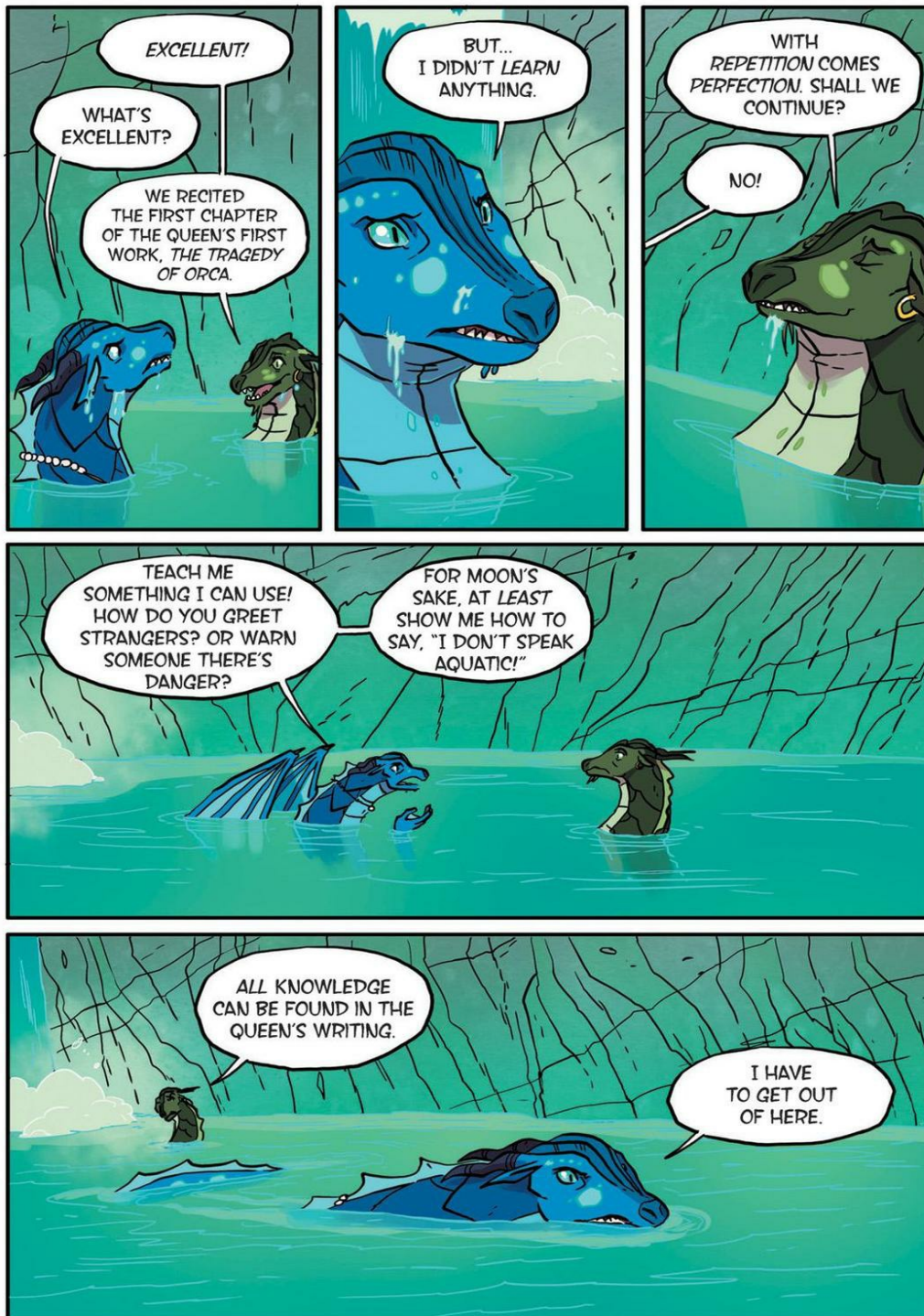


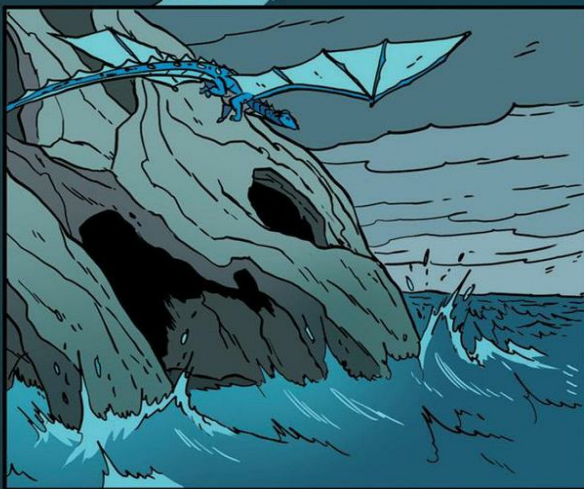
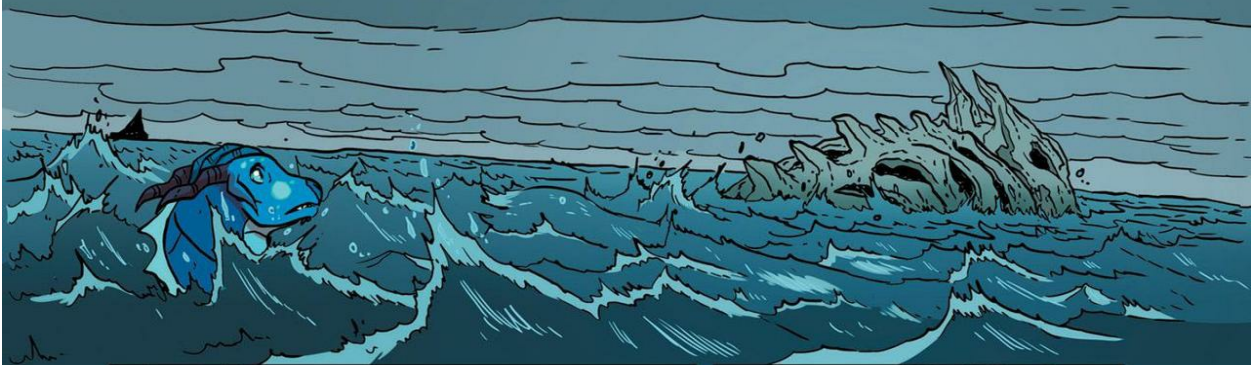
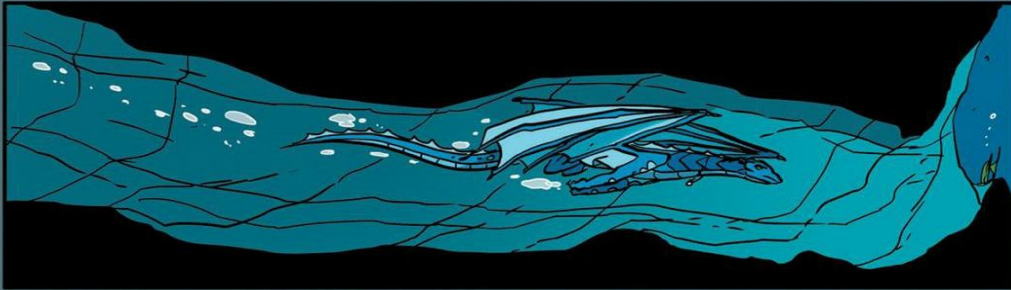
YOUR FATHER.















AREN'T YOU SUPPOSED TO BE PATROLLING THE OUTER ISLANDS?

PERHAPS, BUT AS YOU CAN IMAGINE, I DON'T HAVE A VERY IMPORTANT JOB.



HER MAJESTY WOULD NEVER TRUST ME WITH ANYTHING VITAL.

YOU DO SEEM LIKE A SHADY CHARACTER.



WAIT, I'M STILL MAD AT HIM. MY INSTINCT SAYS TO YELL AT HIM.



OR MAYBE I SHOULD STOP LISTENING TO MY FIRST INSTINCTS SO MUCH.

COME ON IN.



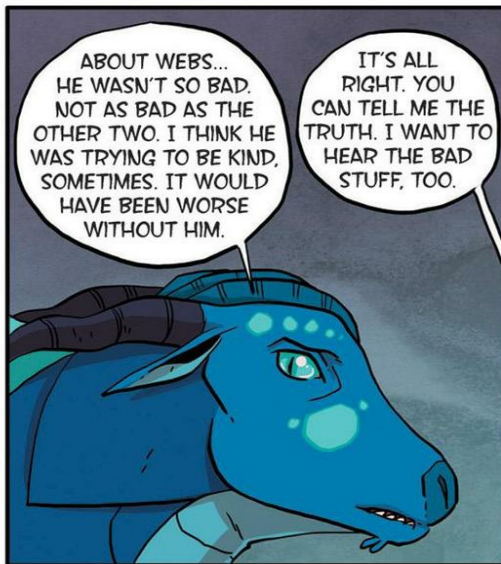
CORAL TOLD ME WEBS IS YOUR FATHER. WHY DIDN'T YOU SAY SOMETHING?



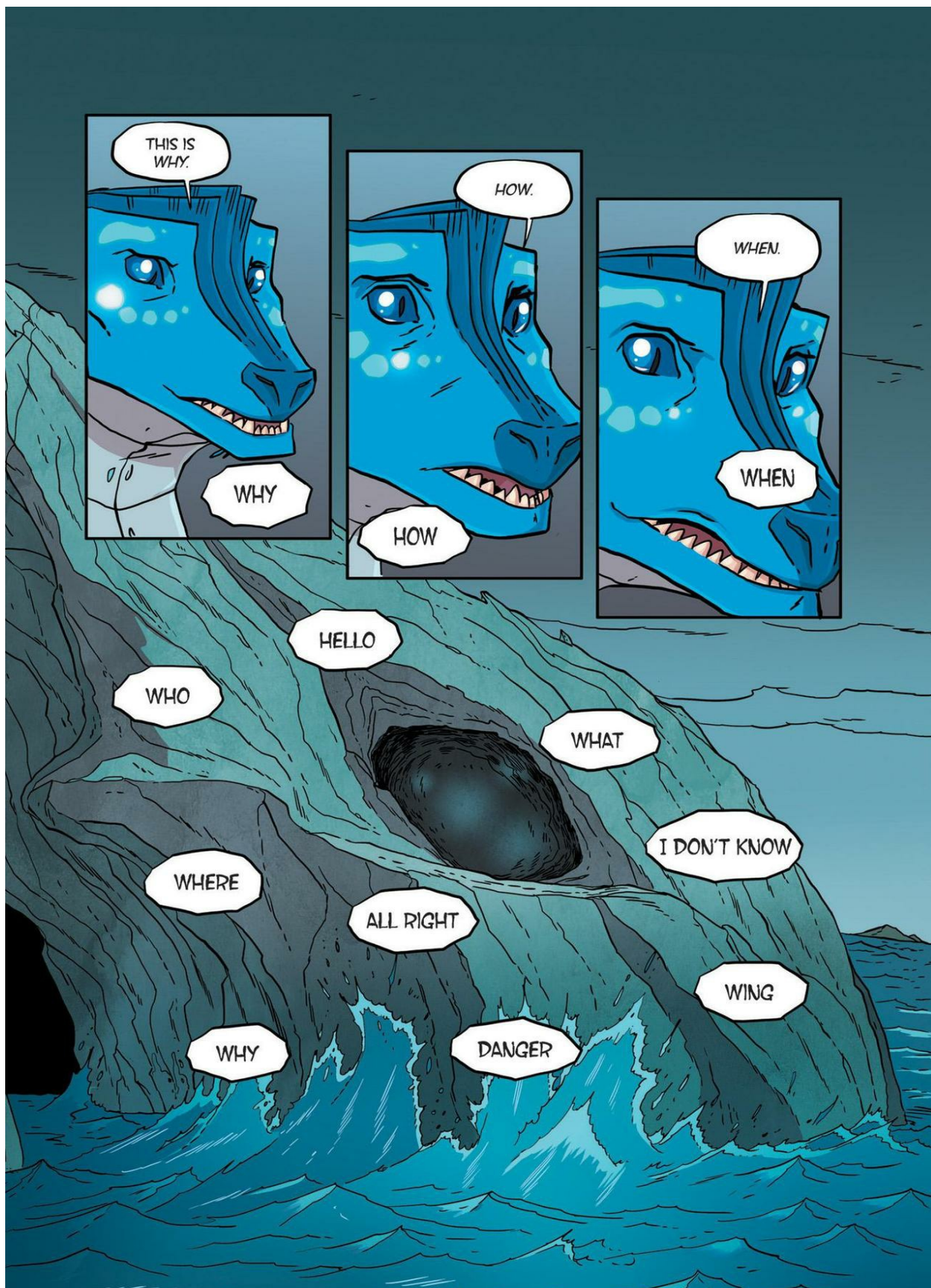
IT'S NOT HOW I USUALLY INTRODUCE MYSELF. IT MAKES DRAGONS SEE ME A CERTAIN WAY.

I'M SORRY. I KNOW I SHOULD HAVE TOLD YOU.





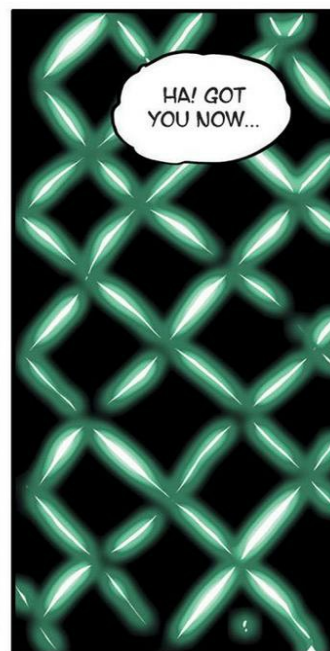
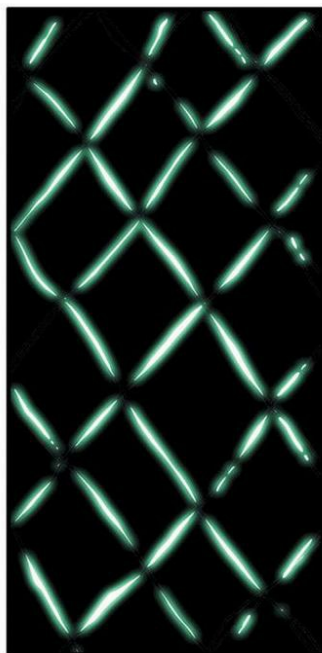
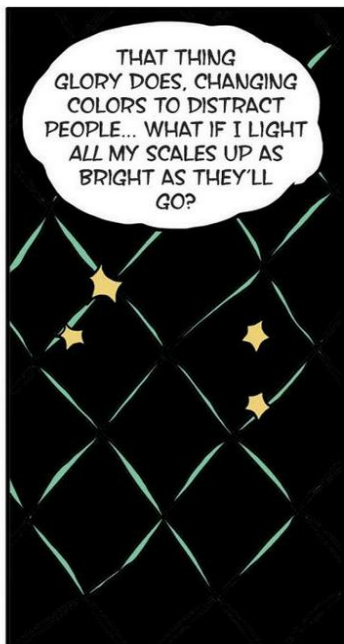


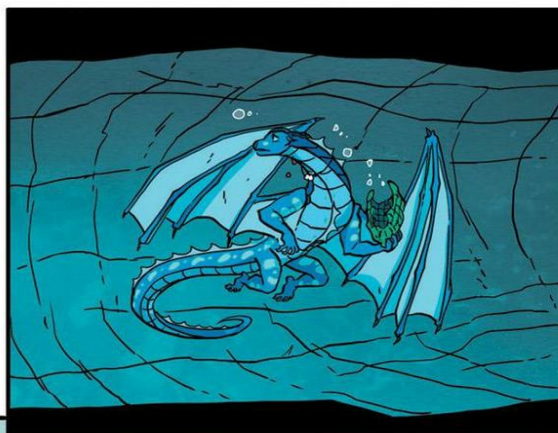


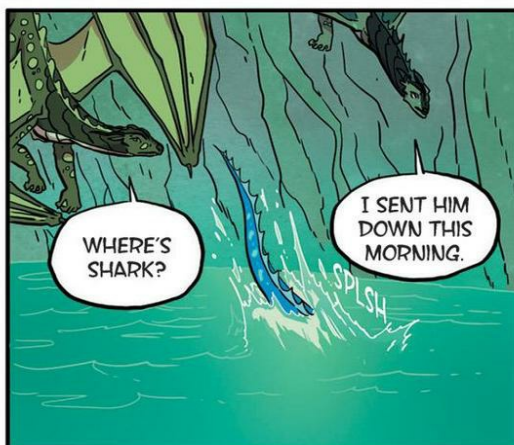


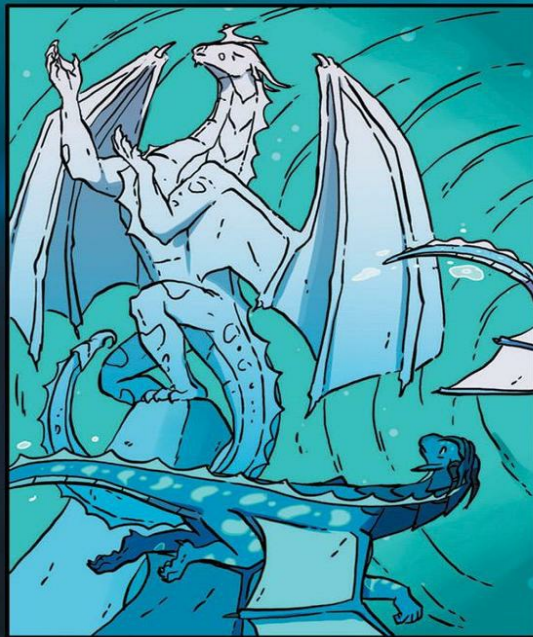
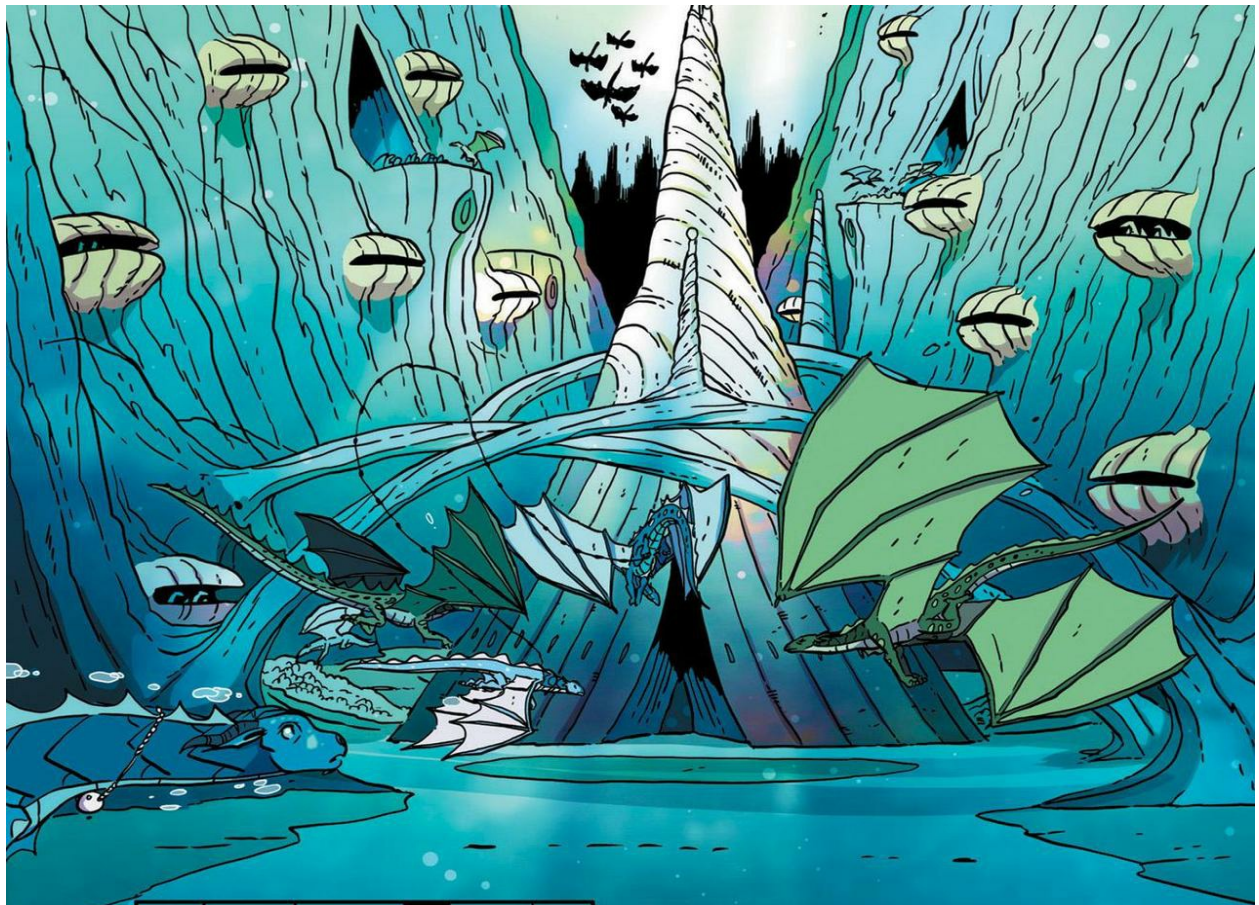




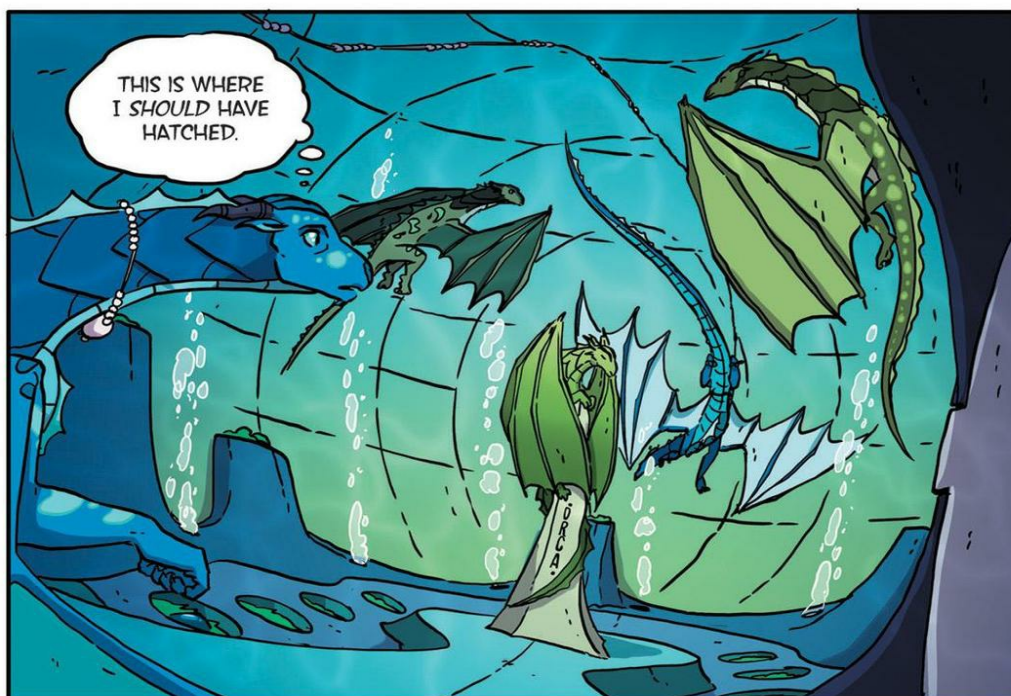




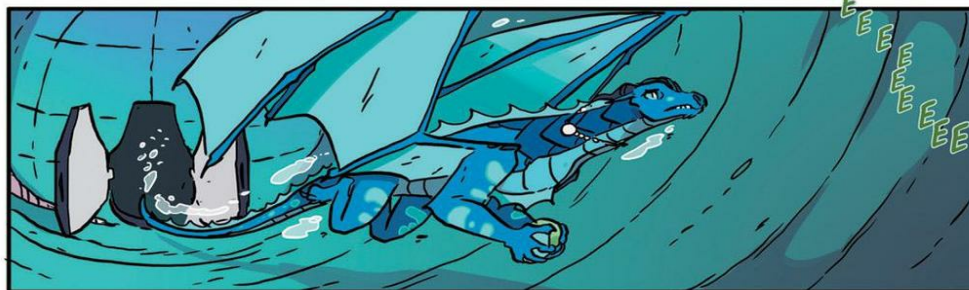


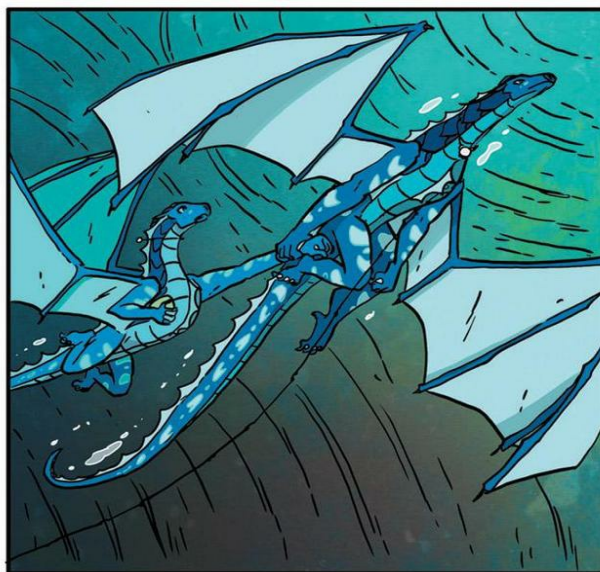


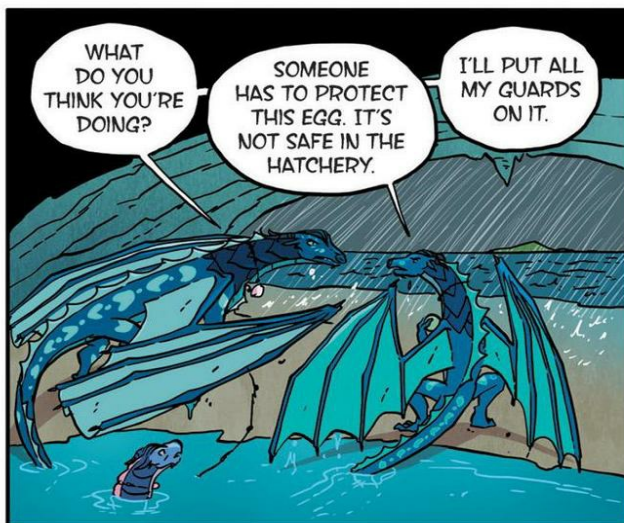




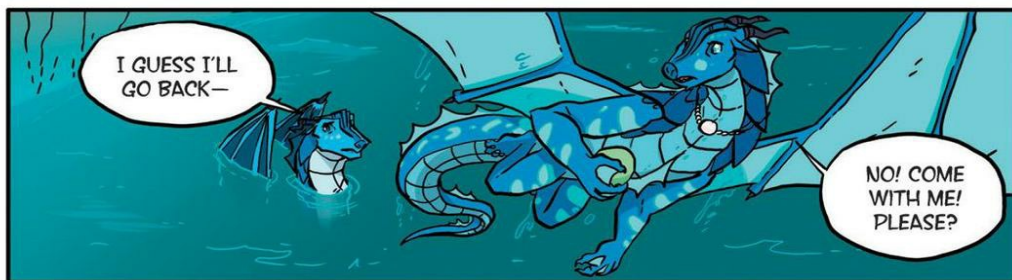




















UM, I PROBABLY
SHOULDN'T SAY,
"I HAVE NO IDEA."

THESE
DRAGONS BELIEVE
IN THE PROPHECY.
THEY BELIEVE
IN ME.

I OWE
THEM A GOOD
ANSWER.

LISTEN.
I DON'T KNOW IF
I'M SUPPOSED TO BE
THE NEXT SEAWING QUEEN
OR NOT. SOMETIMES I THINK
QUEEN CORAL IS DOING
EVERYTHING RIGHT.
OTHER TIMES...

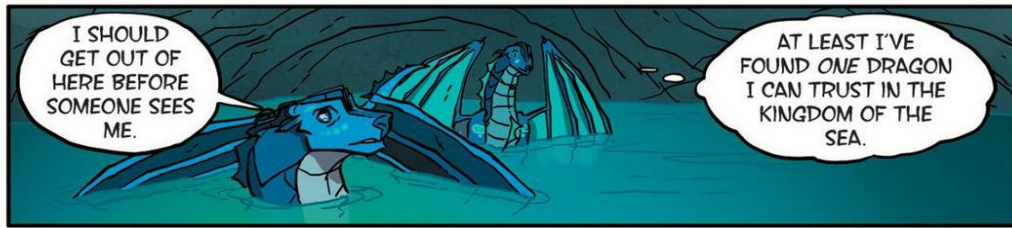
BUT I DO
KNOW THIS. WE
CAN'T FULFILL THE
PROPHECY WITHOUT
CLAY. HE'S OUR HEART.
WE'D FALL APART
WITHOUT HIM.

I KNOW
YOU DON'T TRUST
MUDWINGS. I KNOW
YOU FOLLOW ORDERS.
BUT THIS IS ABOUT
ENDING THE
WAR.

MAYBE
YOU'VE THOUGHT
NOTHING YOU EVER
DID COULD BRING
PEACE OR SAVE THE
DRAGONS YOU CARE
ABOUT, BUT *RIGHT NOW*,
YOU CAN MAKE ALL
THE DIFFERENCE.

JUST
GIVE ME
THE KEY.







SUSPECT: CORAL
PROFESSION: QUEEN
DISTINGUISHING FEATURES: WEARS PEARL NECKLACES. HARNESSED TO YEAR-OLD DRAGONET.

THE MURDERS DIDN'T START UNTIL AFTER HER FIRST DAUGHTER TRIED TO KILL HER. SHE REALIZED IF SHE HAD MORE, HER LIFE COULD BE AT RISK AT ANY TIME.



WITH NO DAUGHTERS, AND NO SISTERS, NO ONE WILL EVER BE ABLE TO CHALLENGE HER FOR THE THRONE.

BUT SHE LOVES HER DAUGHTERS! SHE'S SO PROTECTIVE OF ANEMONE!



YEAH, TO MAKE HERSELF LOOK INNOCENT.



AND HOW COULD SHE KILL ANYONE—OR ATTACK ME—WITH ANEMONE ATTACHED TO HER?



SUSPECT: SHARK
PROFESSION: COUNCILOR
 OF WAR AND DEFENSE
DISTINGUISHING FEATURES: TWISTED
 HORNS. UNBLINKING, MALICIOUS EYES.
 TRIED TO MURDER US.



I THINK IT'S
 SHARK. TORTOISE
 POINTED AT HIM
 BEFORE SHE DIED.

HE WAS AT
 THE DEEP PALACE
 BEFORE THE COUNCIL. HE
 COULD HAVE DISTRACTED
 TORTOISE WITH THE
 OCTOPUS, THEN USED A
 SECRET TUNNEL INTO
 THE HATCHERY.

BUT WHAT'S
 HIS MOTIVE?
 YOU SAID HE'S THE
 QUEEN'S BROTHER?
 AND HE HAS A
 DAUGHTER?



YES,
 MORAY.

I DON'T KNOW
 WHAT HAPPENS IF A
 QUEEN DIES WITHOUT AN
 HEIR, BUT THE THRONE
 COULD GO TO HER
 NIECE.



SUSPECT: MORAY
PROFESSION: COUNCILOR OF
 COMMUNICATIONS
DISTINGUISHING FEATURES: DRIPPY,
 FATUOUS. AS INTERESTING AS SEA SLIME.



IF MORAY
 MIGHT INHERIT
 THE THRONE,
 THEN MAYBE
 SHE'S KILLING THE
 DRAGONETS.

ONLY SISTERS
 AND DAUGHTERS
 CAN ISSUE A CHALLENGE.
 HER ONLY POSSIBLE PATH
 TO BECOMING QUEEN
 IS FOR CORAL TO DIE
 NATURALLY, WITHOUT
 HEIRS.



SHE DOES
 HATE ME AND
 ANEMONE. AND
 SHE BASICALLY
 WORSHIPS OUR
 MOTHER.



SUSPECT: WHIRLPOOL
PROFESSION: COUNCILOR OF MAGIC
 AND PUBLISHING
DISTINGUISHING FEATURES: BIG EARRING.
 STAINED TALONS. OILY, SELF-SATISFIED
 JERKFACE.



WHIRLPOOL
 SOUNDS LIKE THE
 KIND OF TOAD
 WHO'D KILL A BABY
 DRAGON.

WHY
 WOULD HE
 DO IT?



IF HE
 WANTS TO BE
 KING, HE NEEDS TO
 ENSURE HE MARRIES
 THE WINNING
 CHALLENGER.

EW, EW,
 EW, EW, EW.
 NO. AND
 FURTHERMORE,
 NO.



SUSPECT: BLISTER
PROFESSION: CANDIDATE FOR
 SANDWING QUEEN
DISTINGUISHING FEATURES: THE SMART
 ONE. PROBABLY EVIL.



MAYBE IT'S
 BLISTER.

WHAT? WHY?
 QUEEN CORAL IS
 HER ALLY.



AND SHE
 CAN'T BE KILLING
 THE EGGS! SHE
 CAN'T BREATHE
 UNDERWATER!



SHE COULD
 HAVE A
 PARTNER.

WE HAVEN'T
 EVEN MET HER. I MEAN,
 SHE MIGHT NOT BE THAT
 KIND OF DRAGON—

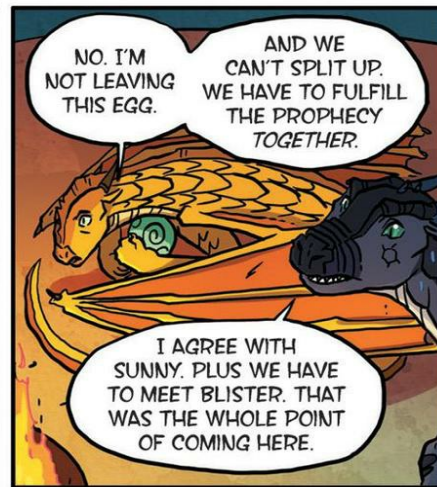


I JUST
 DON'T TRUST
 HER. IT'S A
 FEELING.



TSUNAMI.
IT DOESN'T SOUND
LIKE YOU'RE SAFE
HERE. MAYBE WE
SHOULD GO.

OR - WE COULD
GO. YOU CAN STAY
IF YOU REALLY
WANT TO.



NO. I'M
NOT LEAVING
THIS EGG.

AND WE
CAN'T SPLIT UP.
WE HAVE TO FULFILL
THE PROPHECY
TOGETHER.

I AGREE WITH
SUNNY. PLUS WE HAVE
TO MEET BLISTER. THAT
WAS THE WHOLE POINT
OF COMING HERE.



THEN YOU
SHOULD STAY WITH
US TONIGHT. SO WE
CAN KEEP EACH
OTHER SAFE.

THANK THE
MOONS.

...ALL RIGHT.
THEN I CAN HELP
PROTECT THE
EGG, TOO.

YAY!



IT'S SO
HARD FITTING
IN WITH THE
OTHER
SEAWINGS.

I WISH
MOTHER WAS
MORE LIKE THE
QUEEN FROM
THE MISSING
PRINCESS.

SHE WAS SO
HAPPY TO SEE
ME AT FIRST, BUT
SOMETIMES SHE
SCARES ME...

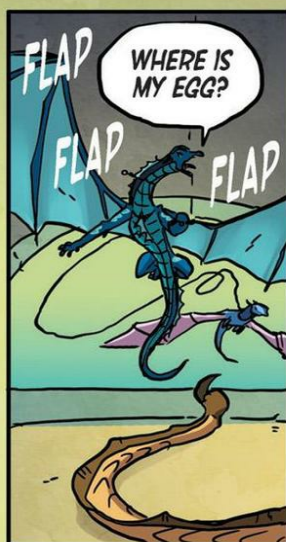
SNOOORE

BUT THIS...
THIS FEELS
RIGHT.



OH, I FORGOT
TO TELL THEM...
ABOUT KESTREL...







IS THAT SNAIL
AND HERRING? SO MOTHER
HASN'T PUNISHED
THEM YET.

MAYBE SHE
PLANS TO MAKE
A SPECTACLE OF
THEM.

WELL, TWO
CAN PLAY AT
THAT GAME.



MOTHER!
I HAVE SOMETHING
DREADFULLY SHOCKING
TO TELL YOU!

OH? COULD
WE DISCUSS
IT AFTER
BREAKFAST?

NO.
THIS IS TOO
SHOCKING.



WOULD
YOU BELIEVE THAT
MY FRIENDS—THE
DRAGONETS OF
DESTINY—WERE
CHAINED UP? AND
STARVED? BY YOUR
DRAGONS?



OF COURSE,
I'M SURE YOU DIDN'T
KNOW ANYTHING
ABOUT IT.

OH, OF
COURSE
NOT.

I'M SURE YOU'LL
WANT TO PUNISH
THE DRAGONS WHO
DISOBEYED YOU.



FOR INSTANCE,
THE ONE WHO LIED TO
YOU ABOUT KEEPING
THEM WELL FED?

YES, YES,
CERTAINLY. GUARDS!
THROW LAGOON
INTO ONE OF THE
UNDERWATER
DUNGEONS!

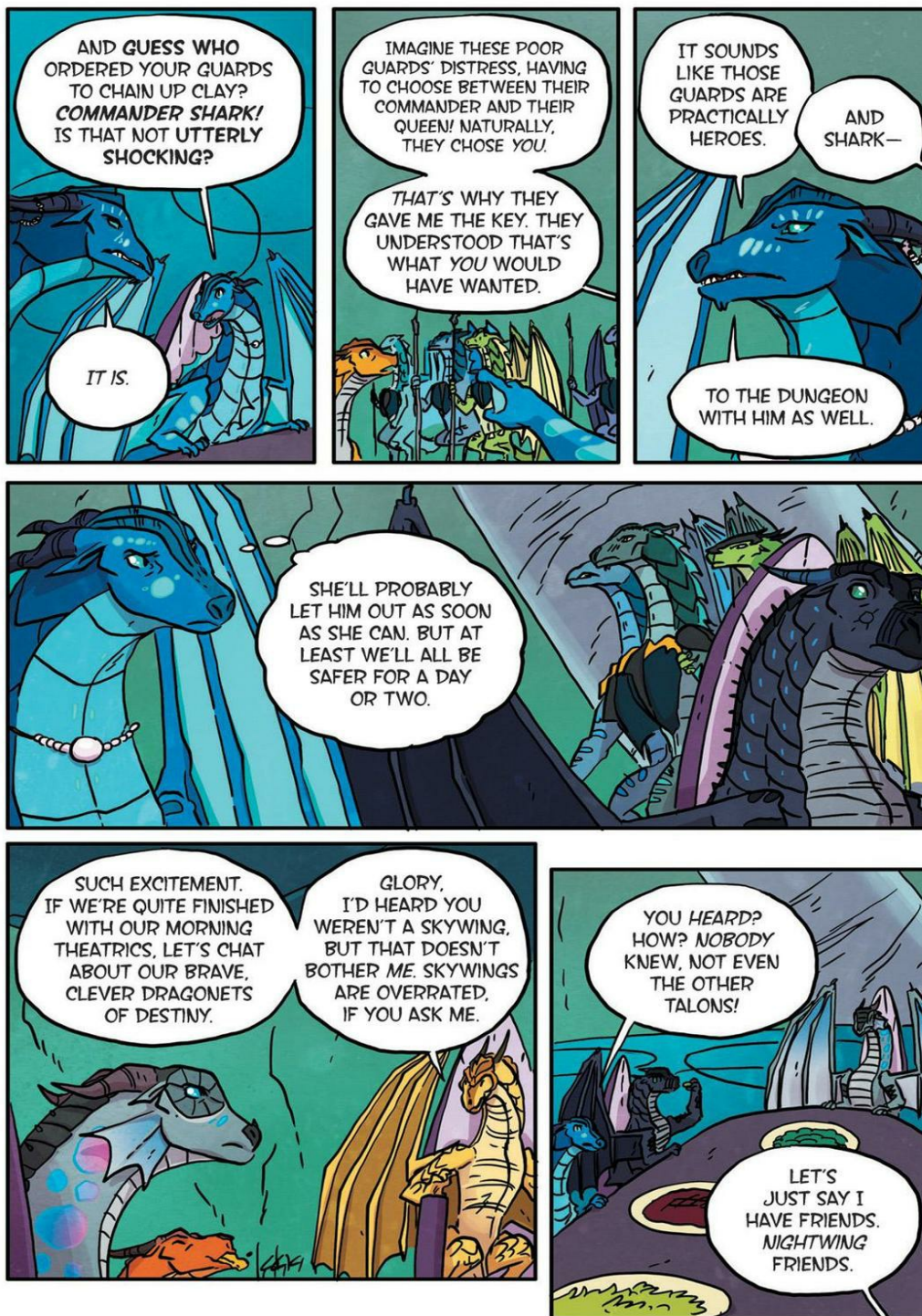
BUT—I WAS
ONLY—

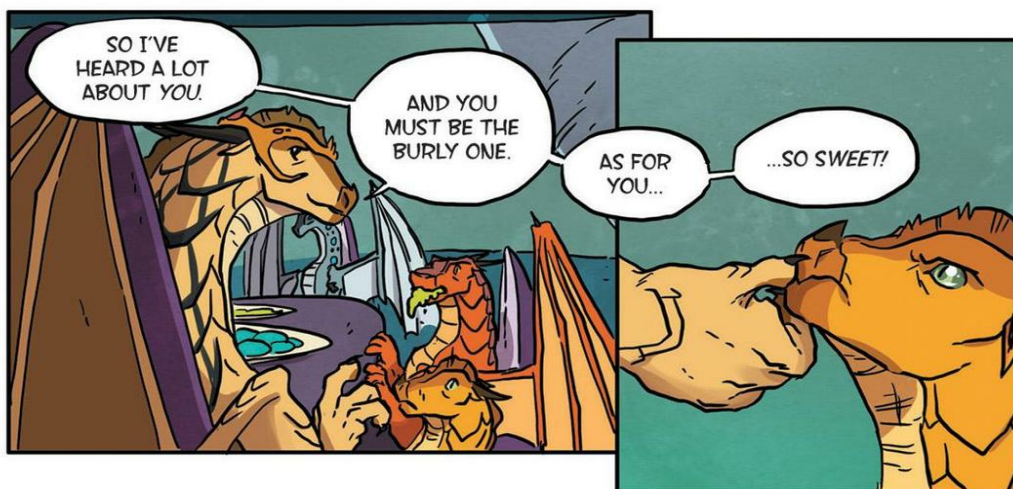
NEXT
TIME YOU'LL
OBEY MY
ORDERS!



SILENCE.

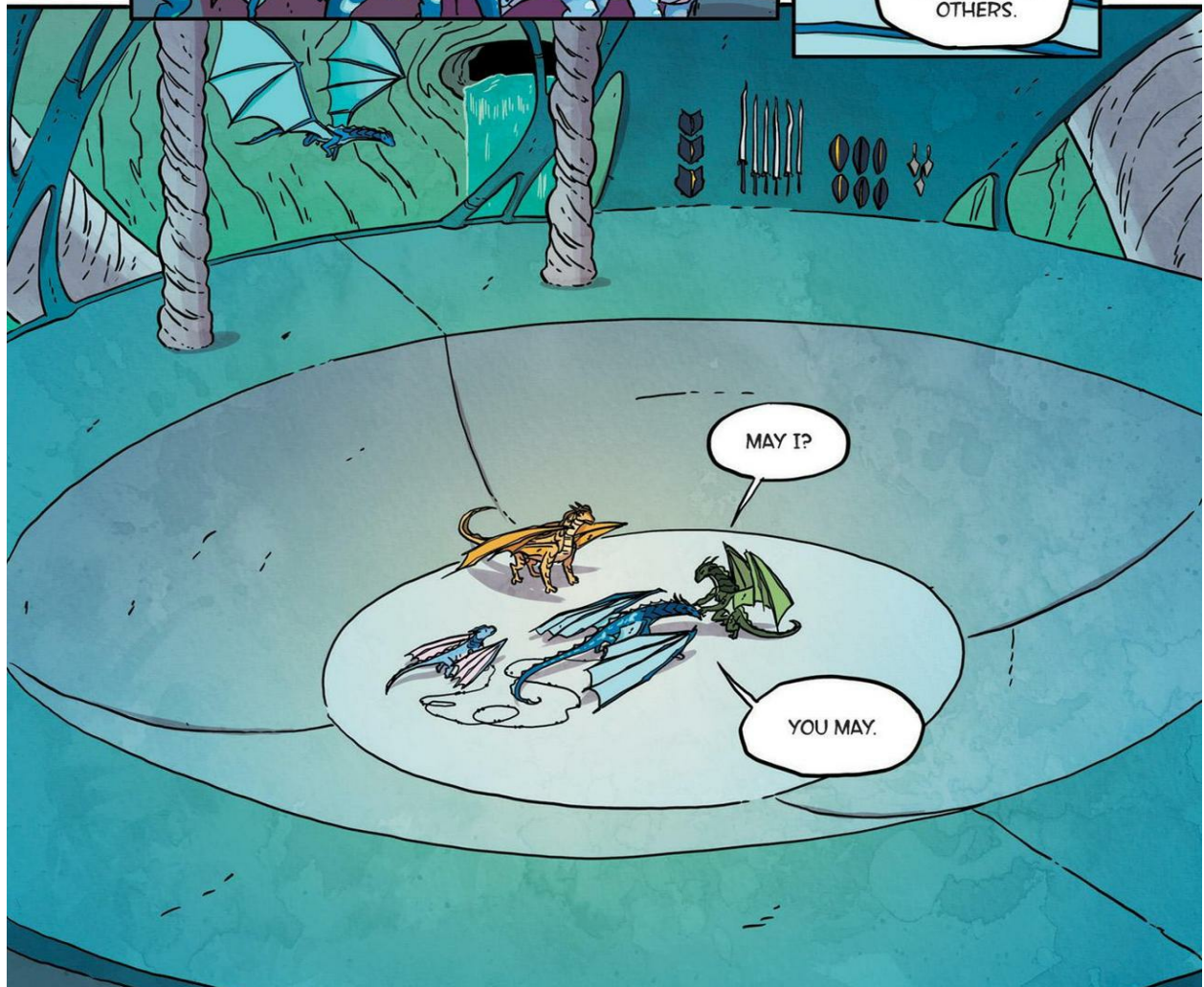
OH, MOTHER.
YOU DID KNOW.



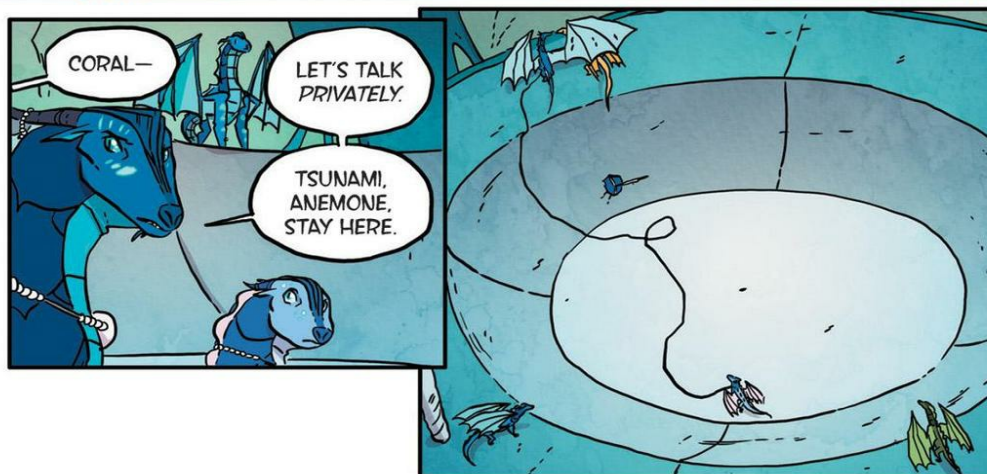


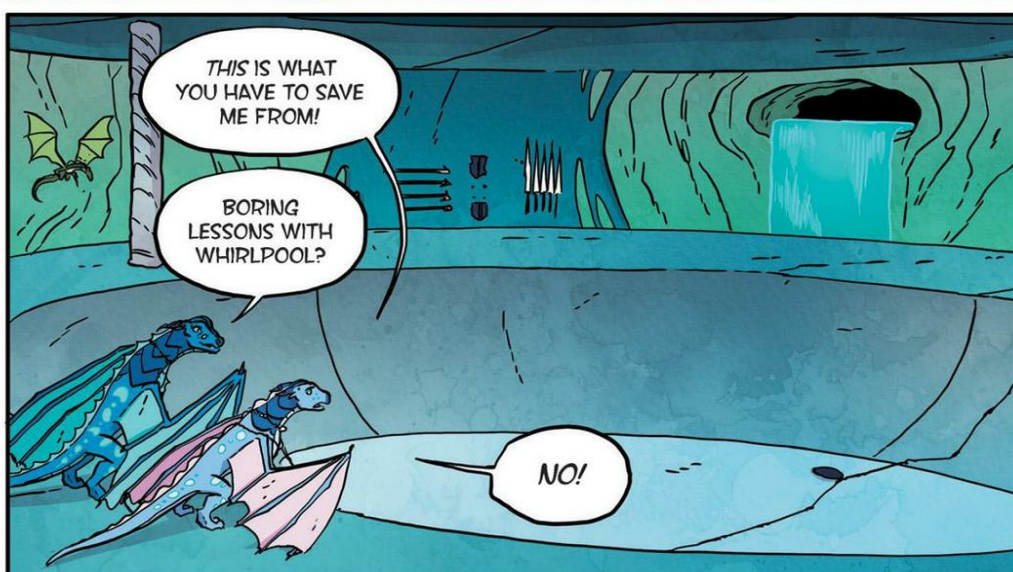






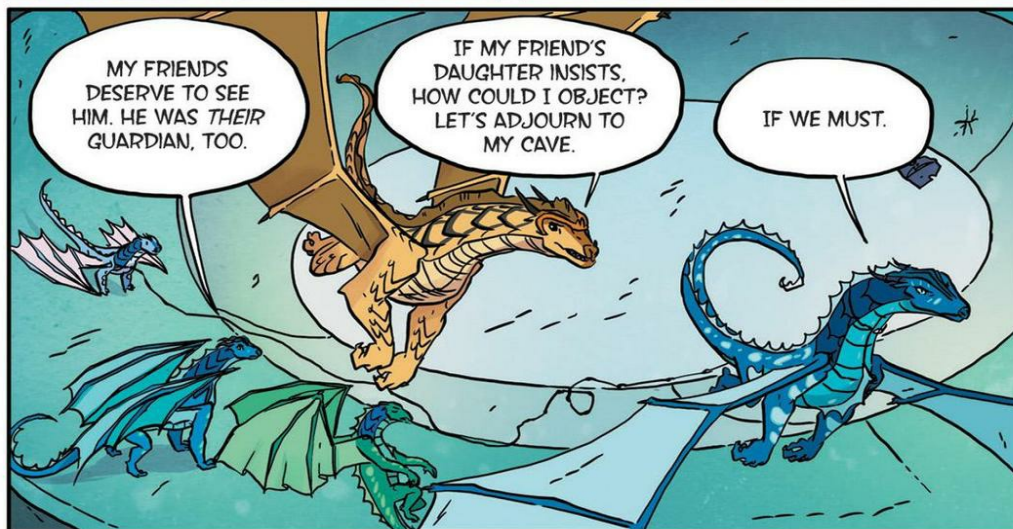
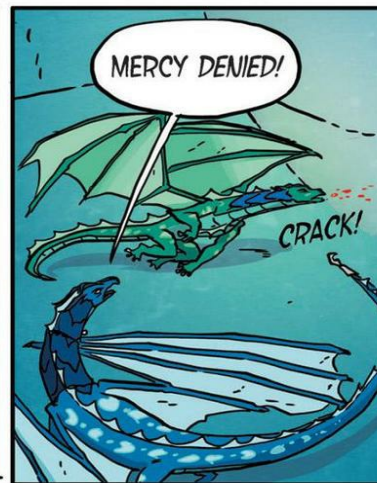


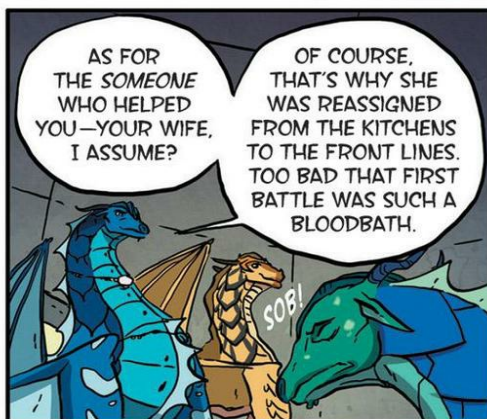


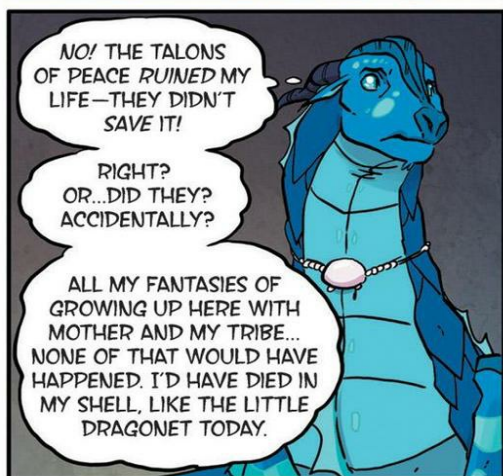


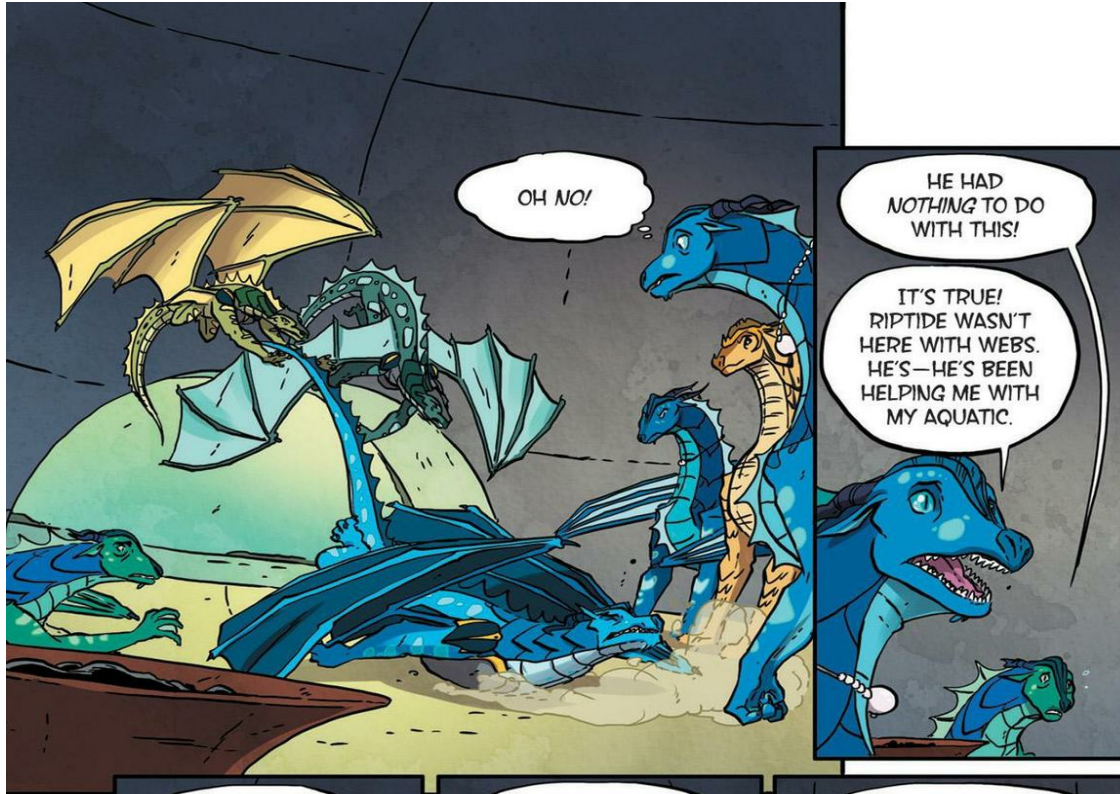


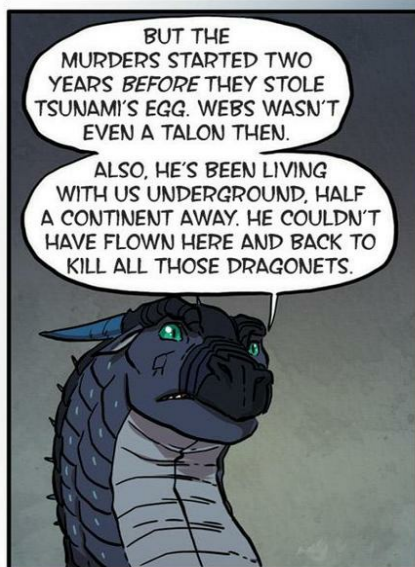








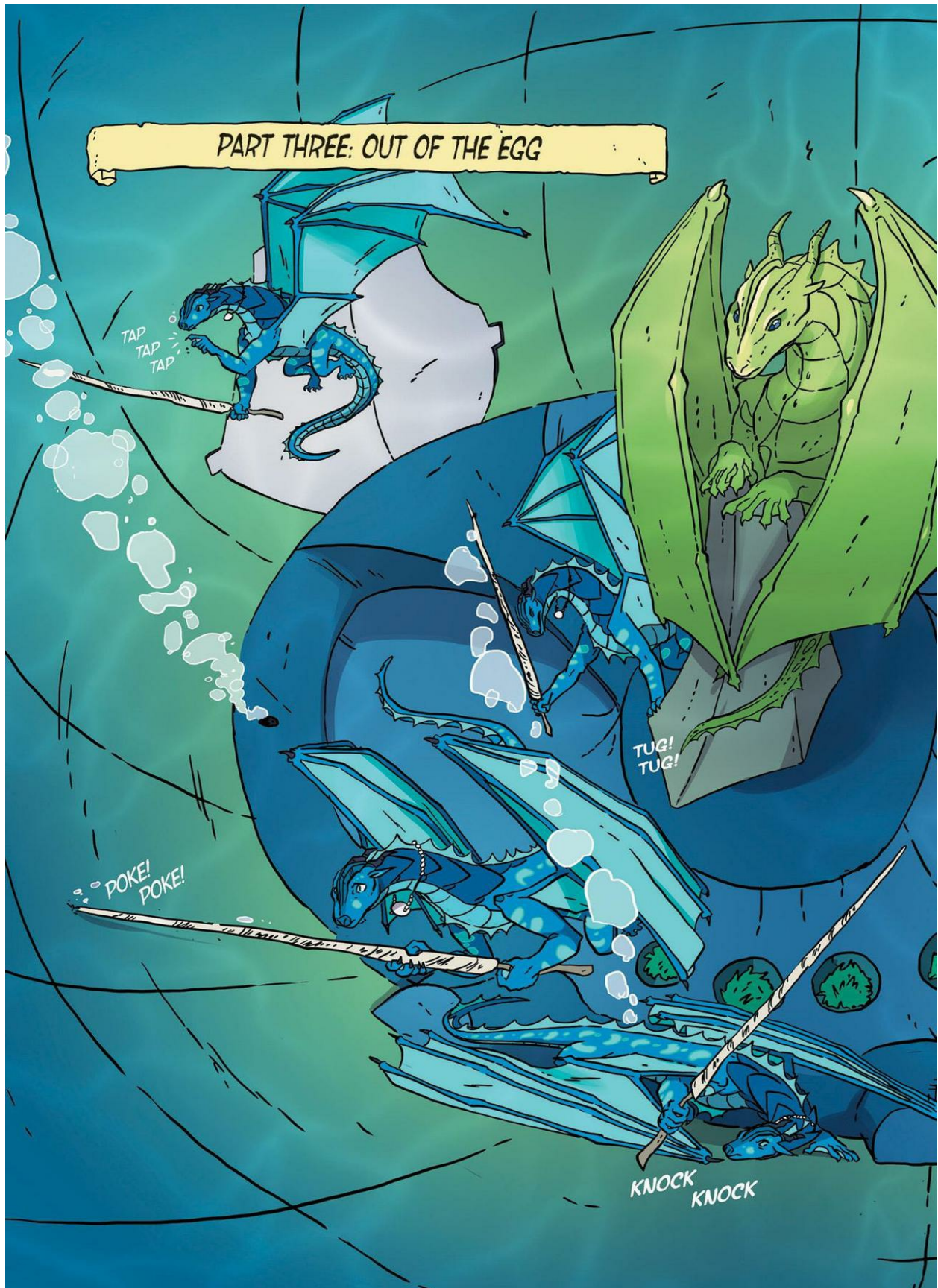


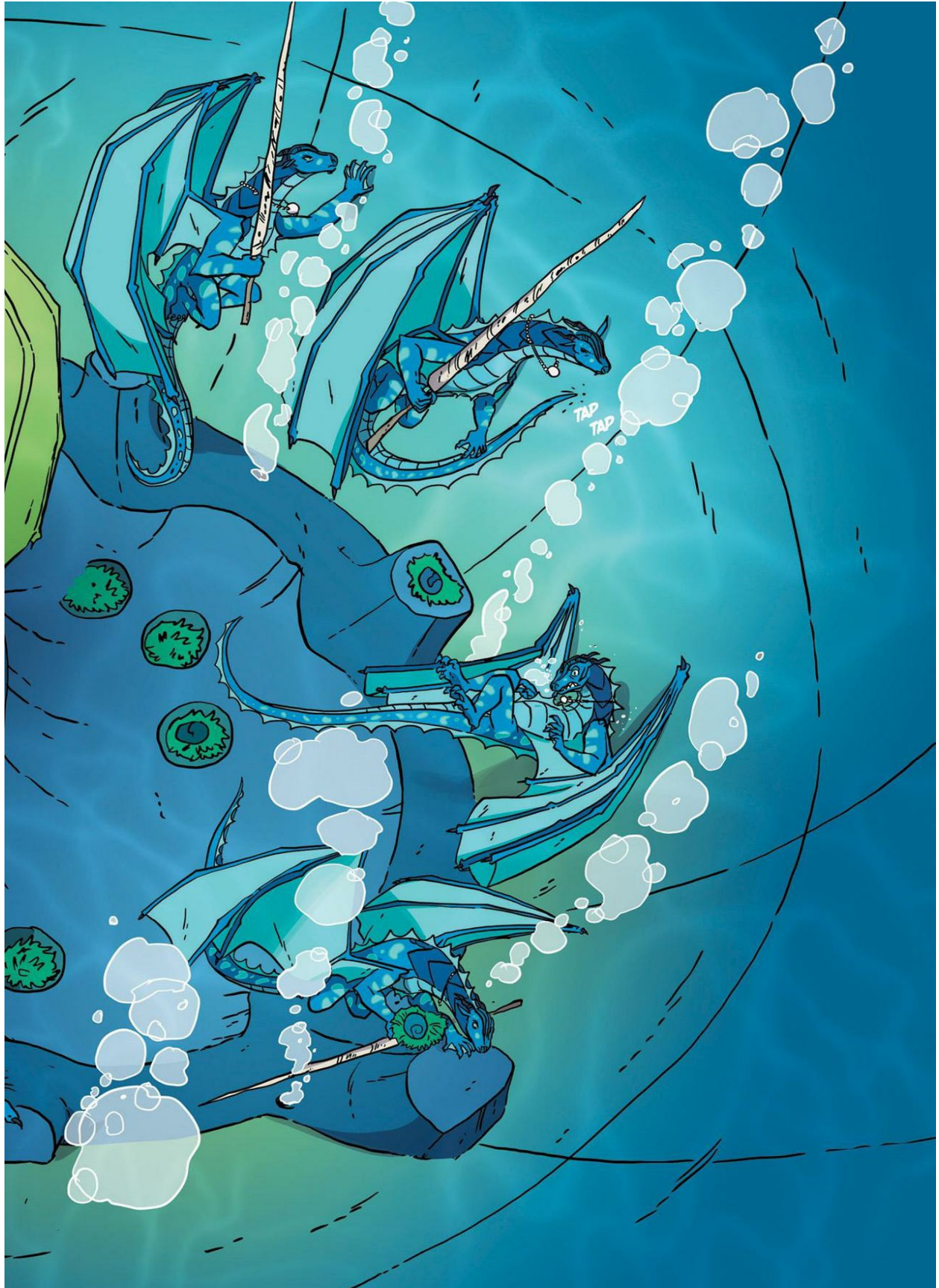


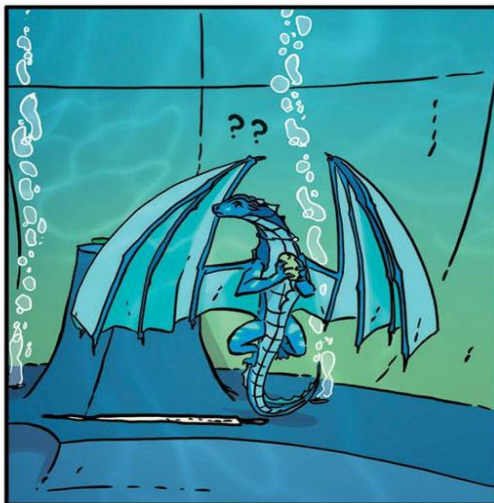


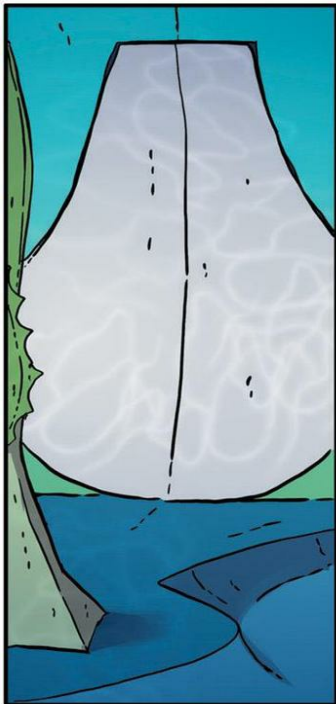
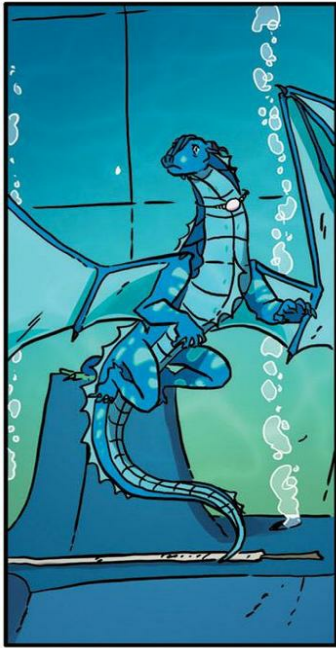


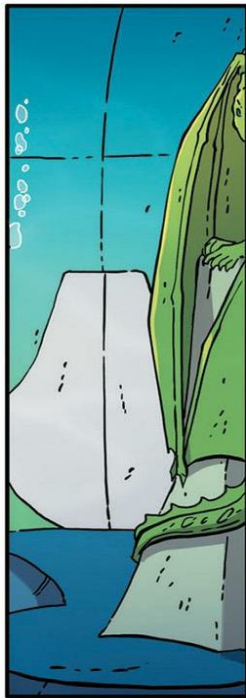
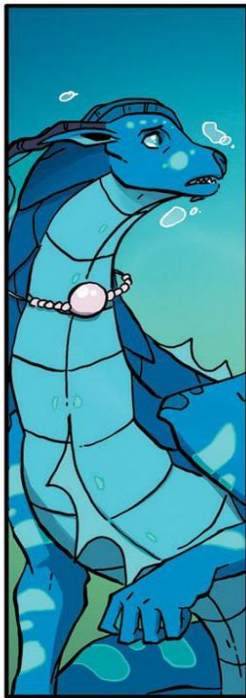
PART THREE: OUT OF THE EGG





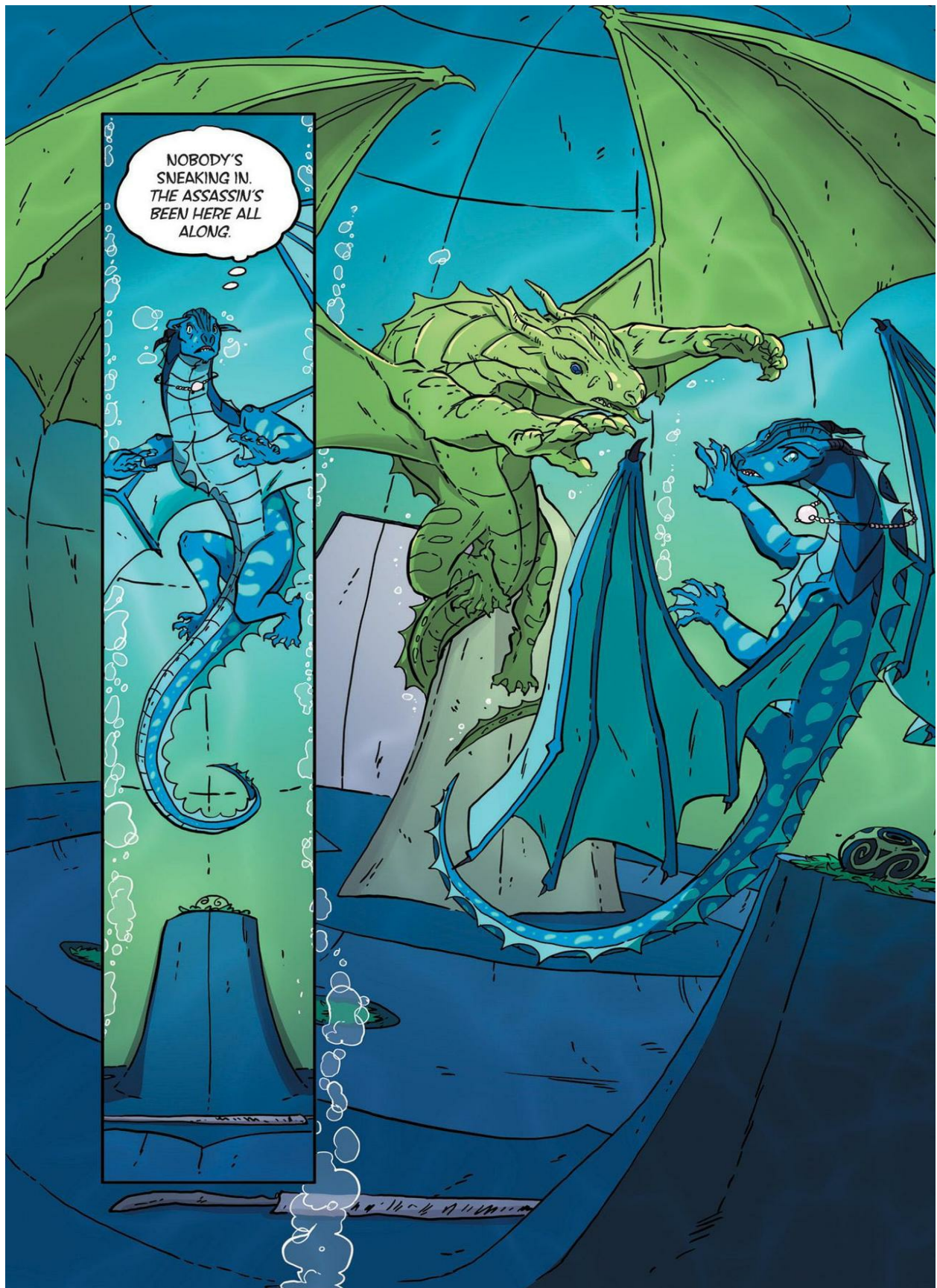


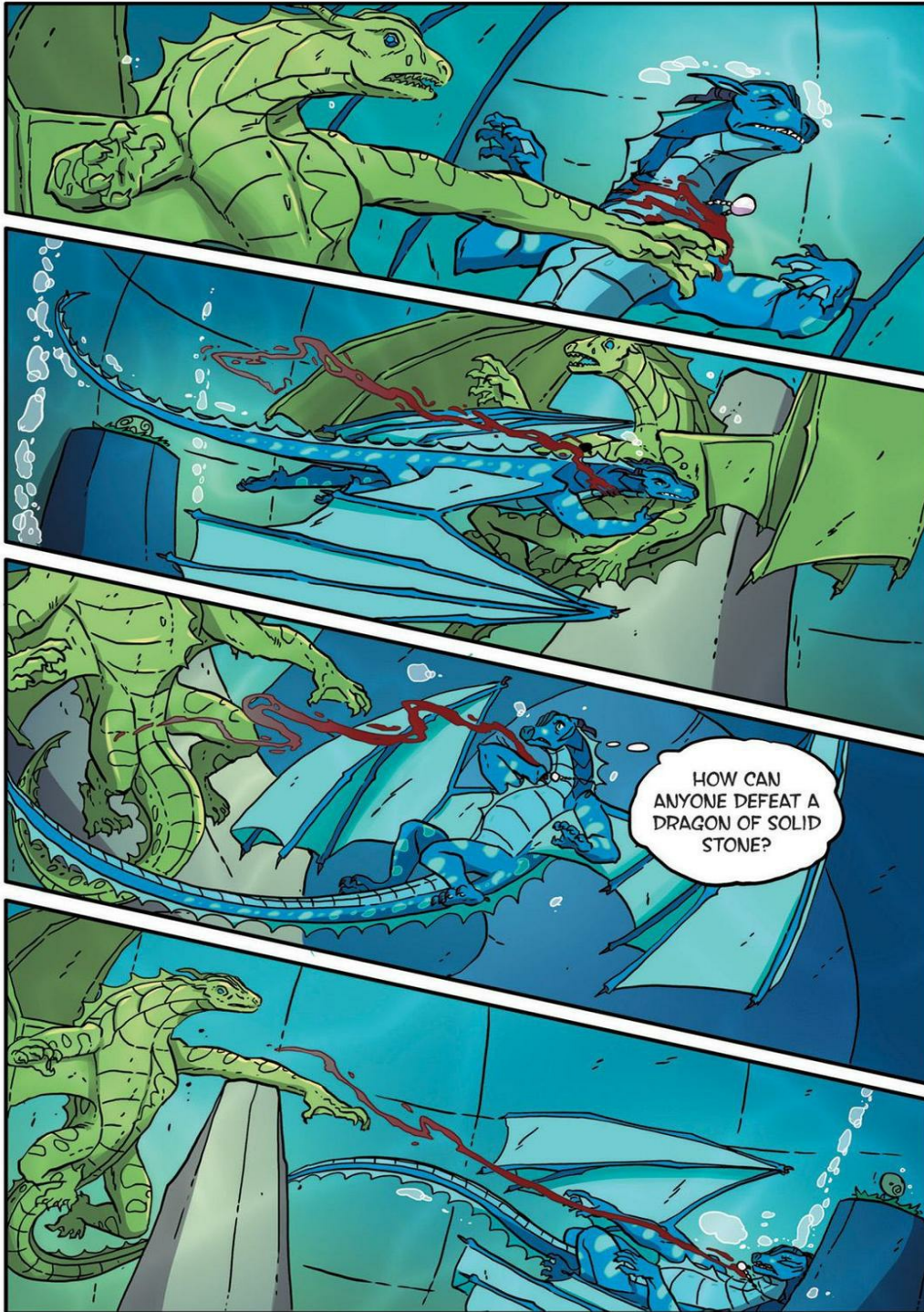


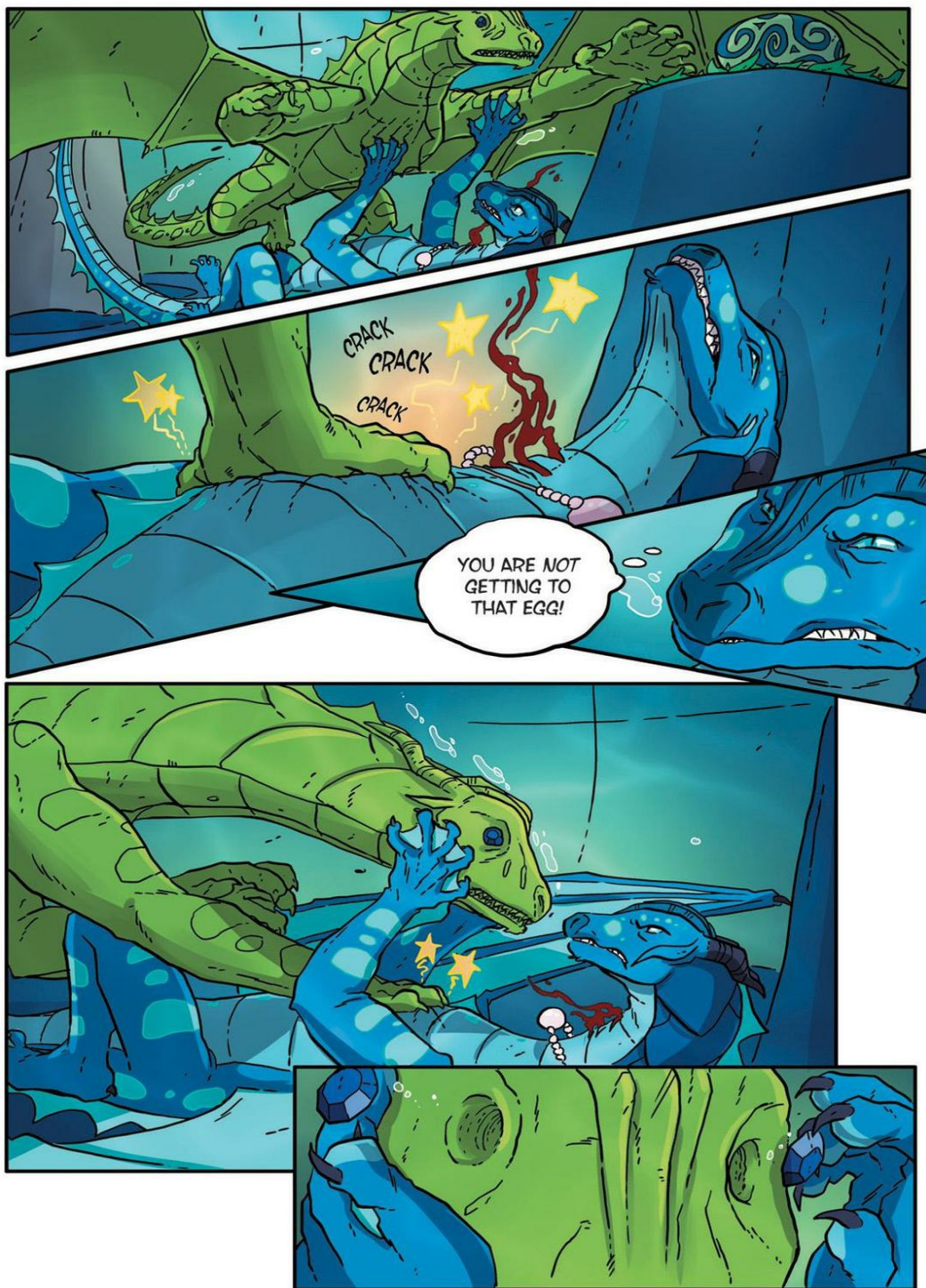


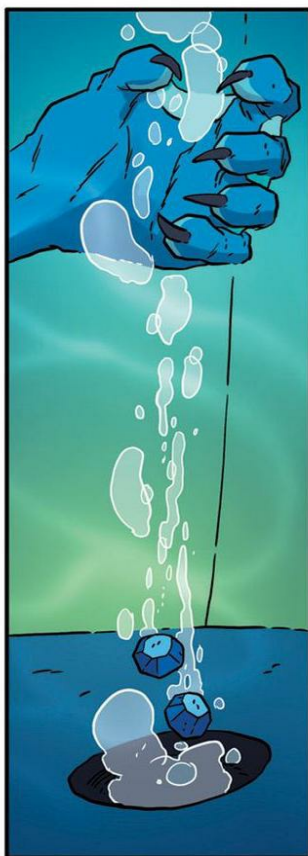
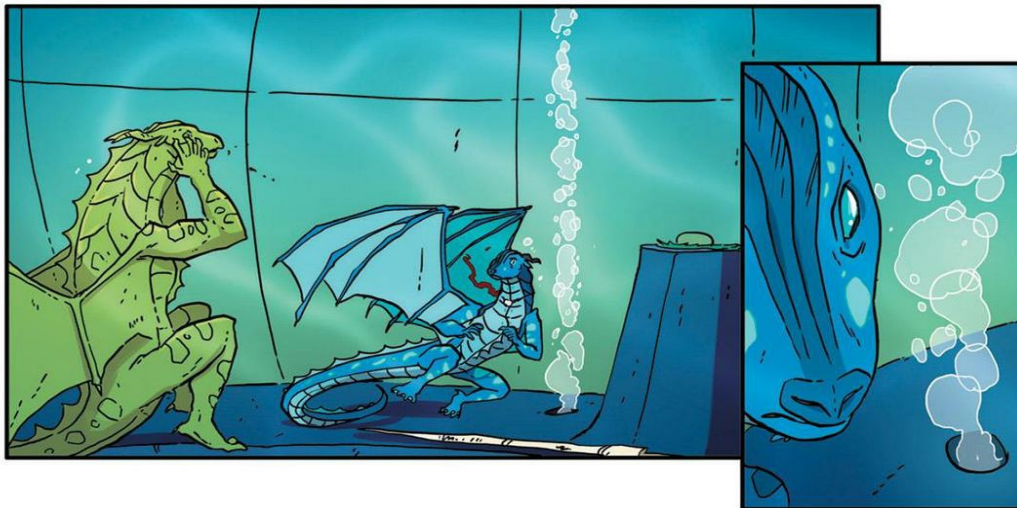
WAIT...
WASN'T THE
STATUE FACING
THE DOOR
BEFORE?

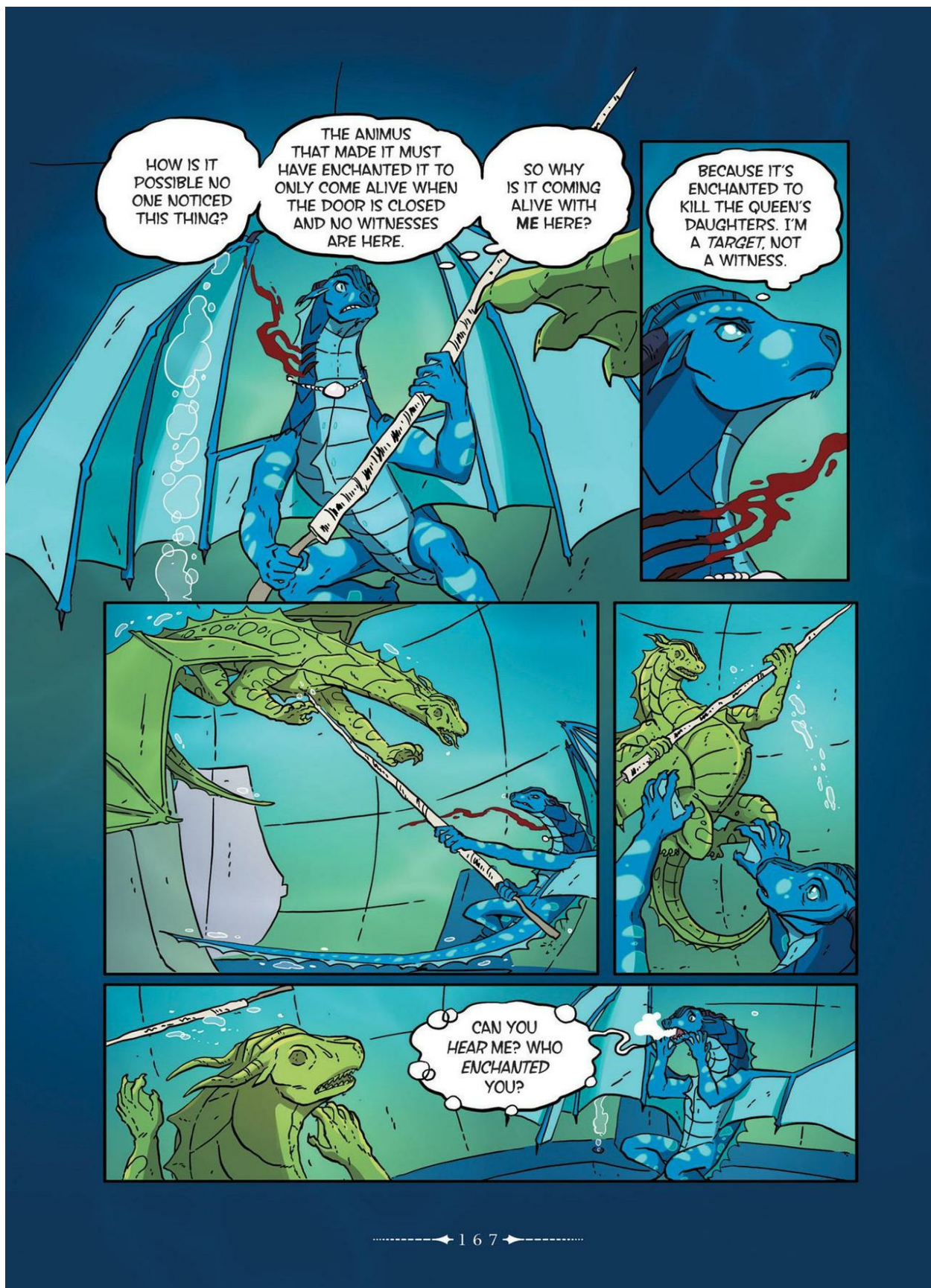


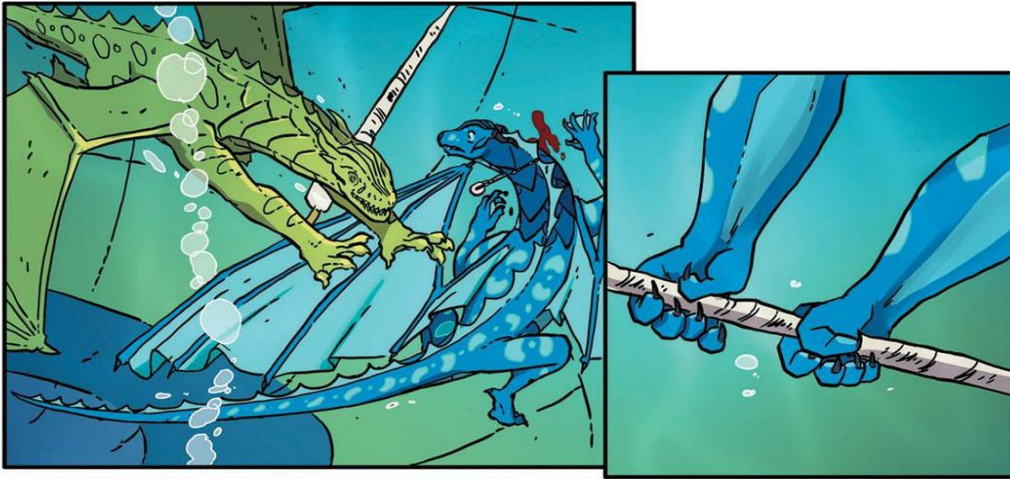




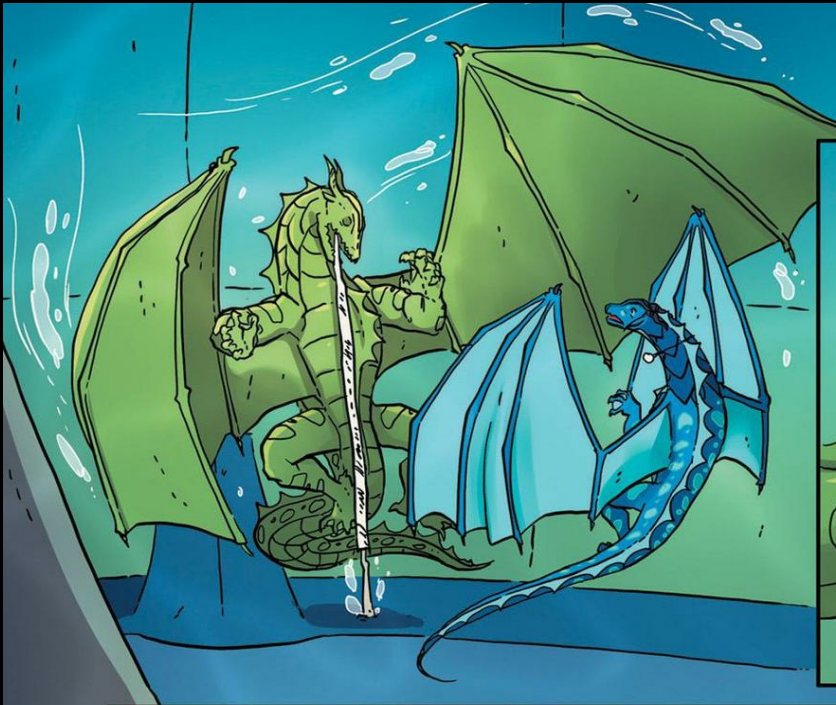








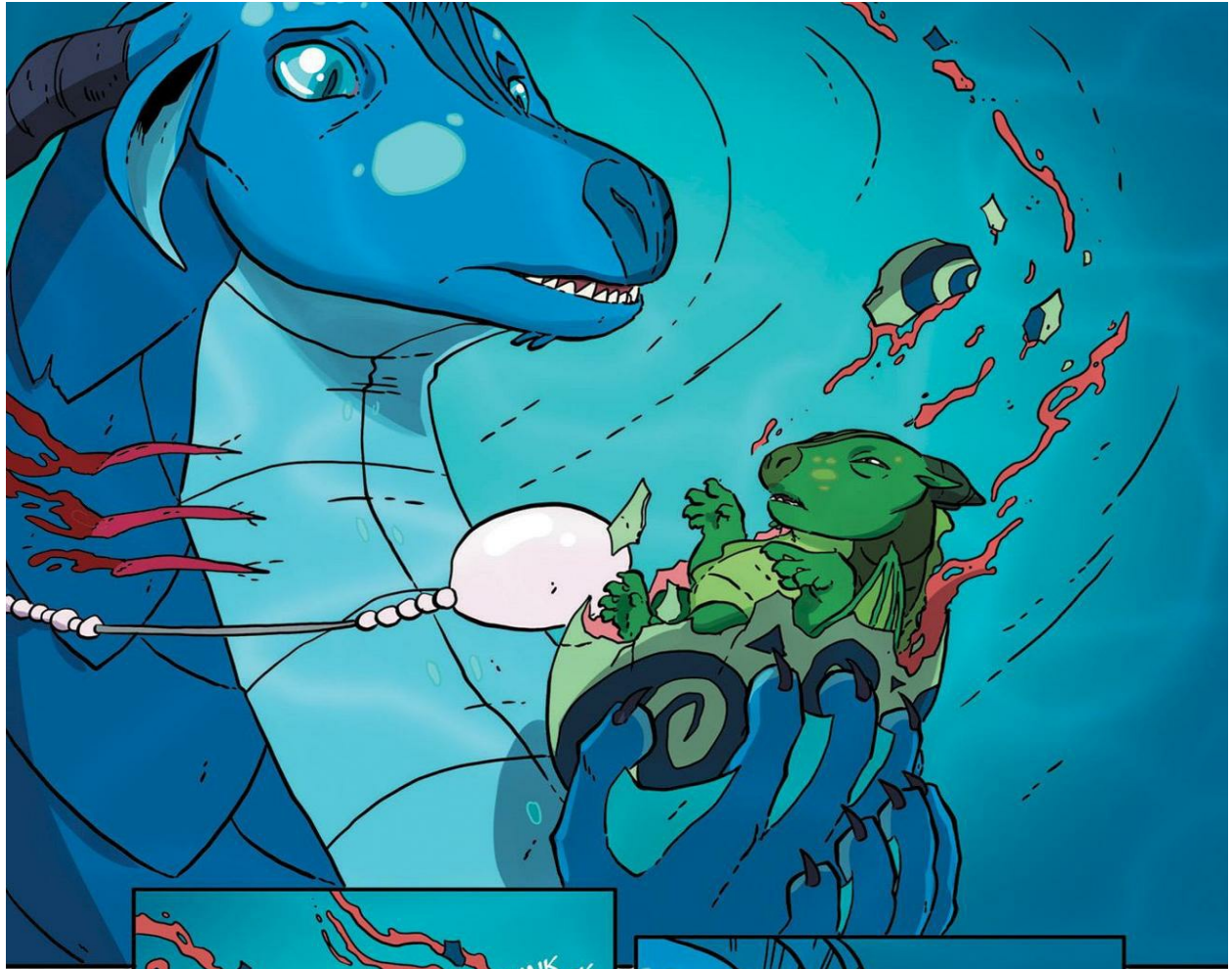






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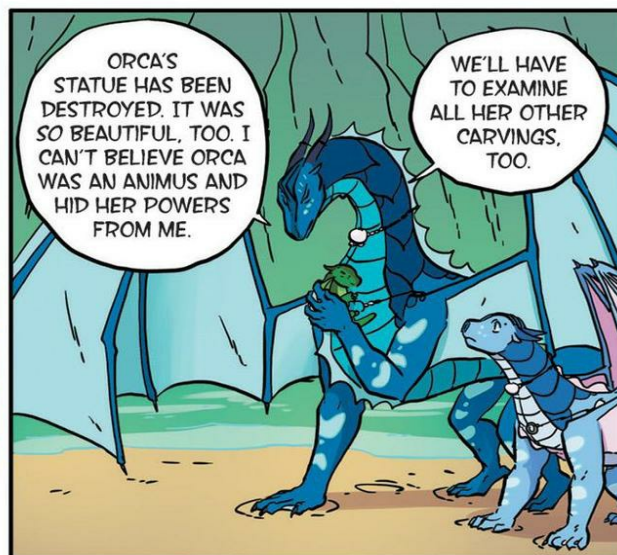


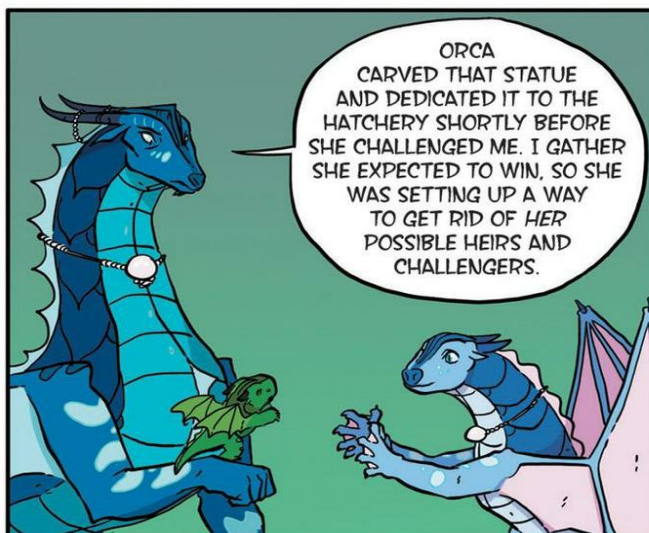












GUILTY

SUSPECT: ORCA
PROFESSION: PRINCESS,
SECRET ANIMUS
DISTINGUISHING FEATURES:
GREAT AT SCULPTING. DEAD.





AND HOW DO YOU PLAN TO DO THAT?

I DON'T KNOW. WE'LL FIGURE IT OUT.



WE WERE THINKING WE SHOULD GO MEET BLAZE. JUST TO BE FAIR.

CLAY! YOU'RE AS BAD AS ME!

BUT IT WON'T CHANGE THAT WE—I MEAN THAT WE THINK YOU'RE—

NO. NO ONE IS LEAVING.



I AM YOUR CHOICE. THE NI—THE TALONS OF PEACE WANT ME.

OH? DO THEY KNOW THAT?

IT'S NOT THEIR DECISION ANYWAY!

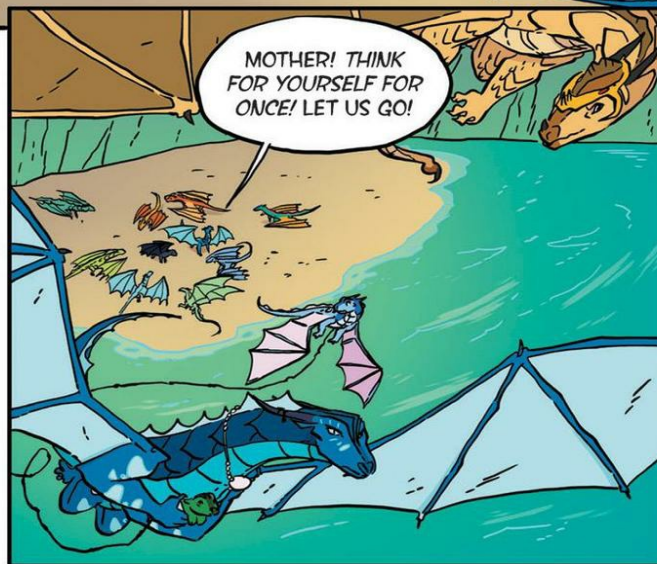


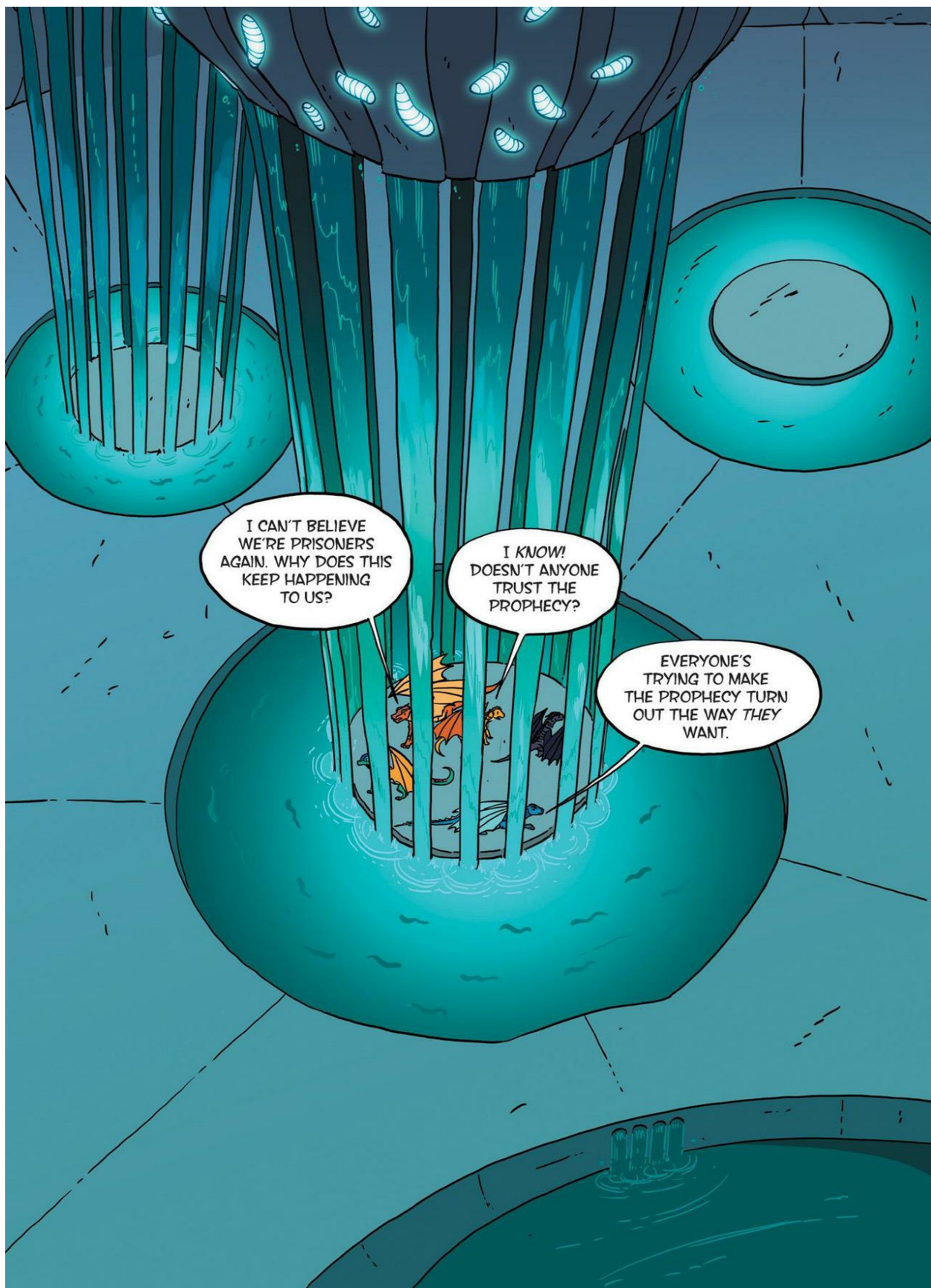
YOUR LIVES COULD BE VERY EASY FROM HERE ON. ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS TELL EVERYONE YOU'VE CHOSEN ME AS THE NEXT SANDWING QUEEN.

AND YOU CAN DO IT FROM HERE, WHERE I CAN KEEP AN EYE ON YOU.

WHERE YOU CAN KEEP US PRISONER, YOU MEAN.







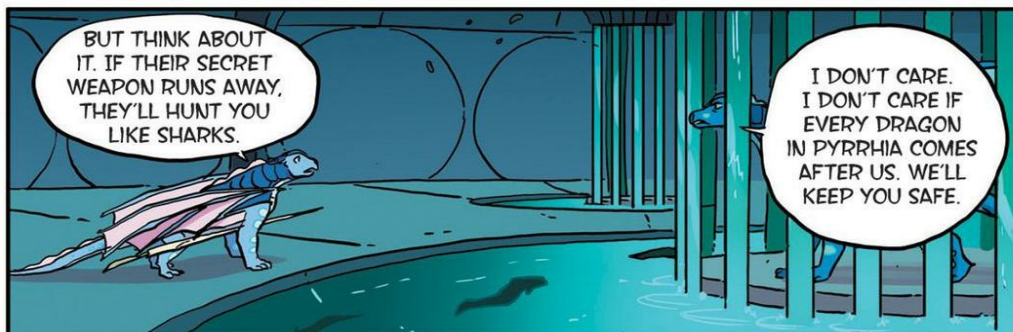
I CAN'T BELIEVE
WE'RE PRISONERS
AGAIN. WHY DOES THIS
KEEP HAPPENING
TO US?

I KNOW!
DOESN'T ANYONE
TRUST THE
PROPHECY?

EVERYONE'S
TRYING TO MAKE
THE PROPHECY TURN
OUT THE WAY THEY
WANT.



















ANEMONE!
ARE YOU ALL
RIGHT?



UM...
YOU MIGHT
BE ABLE TO GET
THROUGH THE
WATER RIGHT
NOW.



REALLY?
WHY?

THE EELS
WILL NEED TO
RECHARGE. I
THINK.



LOGICALLY,
THE GUARDS
MUST HAVE A
SWITCH. SO ONE
OF US COULD GO
THROUGH AND
TURN OFF THE
WATERFALL.



BUT I'M
NOT SURE.
I'M SORRY.
I WOULDN'T
LISTEN TO
ME.



BUT,
STARFLIGHT,
YOU KNOW
EVERYTHING. I'M
SURE YOU'RE
RIGHT.



I COULD GO
THROUGH AND TURN
OFF THE WATERFALL. THEN
IT WOULD ONLY BE ME
RISKING IT.

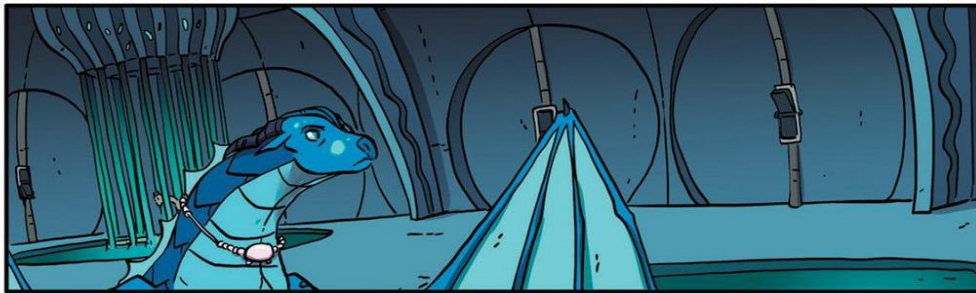
BUT IT WAS
MY IDEA. AND IF I
MIGHT BE WRONG,
SHOULDN'T I—

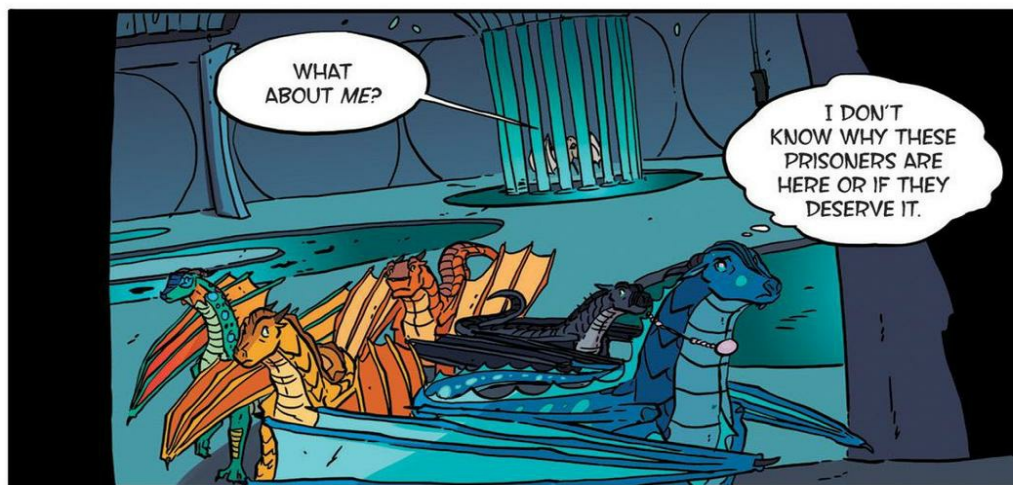














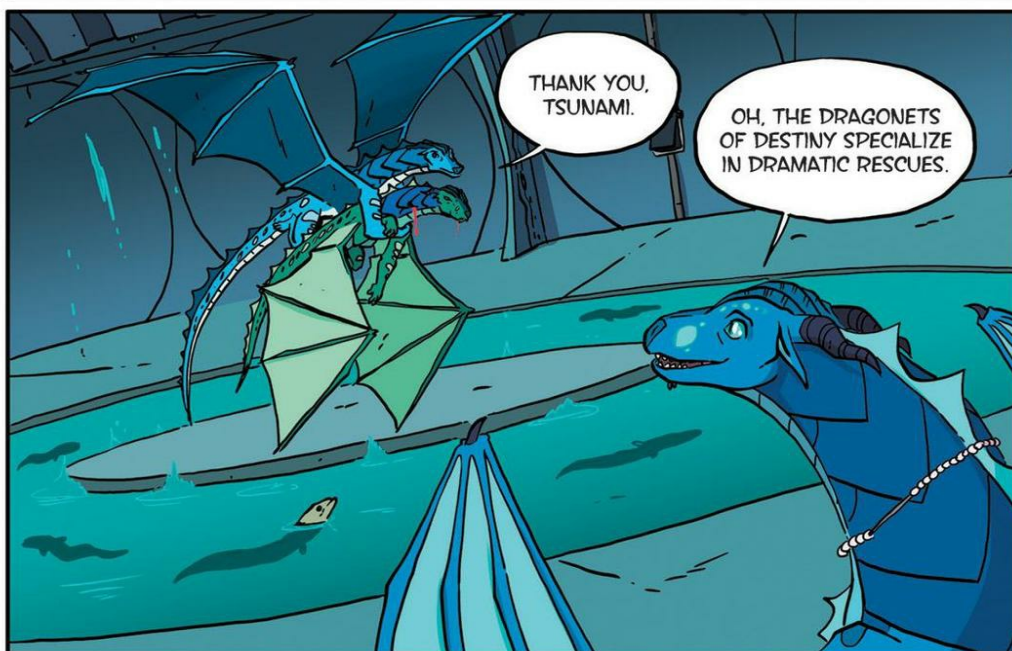




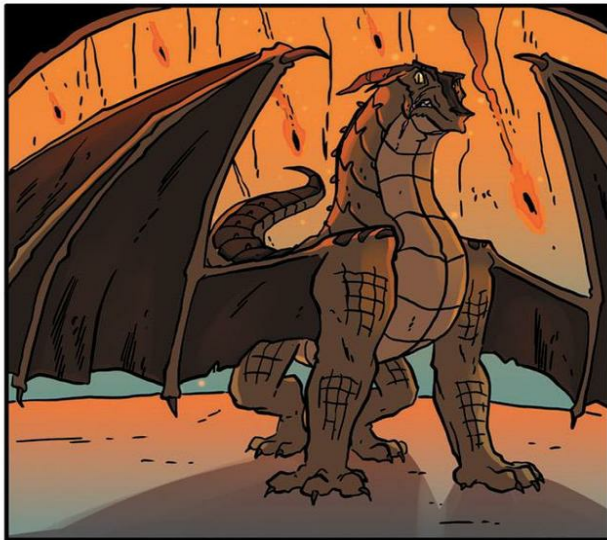
THERE'S TOO MANY OF
US TRYING TO ESCAPE AT
ONCE! BUT THE TUNNEL IS
THE ONLY WAY OUT!

OTHER THAN
THROUGH THE
SKYWINGS.









I KNOW HER!
SHE'S WITH THE
TALONS OF PEACE.
CROCODILE! WHAT
ARE YOU DOING
HERE?

POOR WEBS.
SO WRONG IN SO
MANY WAYS.



THESE ARE THE BRATS THE
TALONS ARE SO OBSESSED
WITH? SCRAWNY.

BUT THE SKYWINGS WANT
YOU BACK ANYWAY.



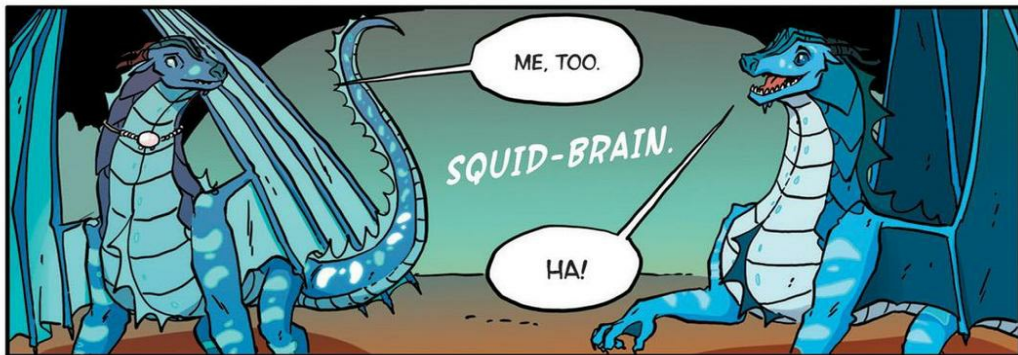
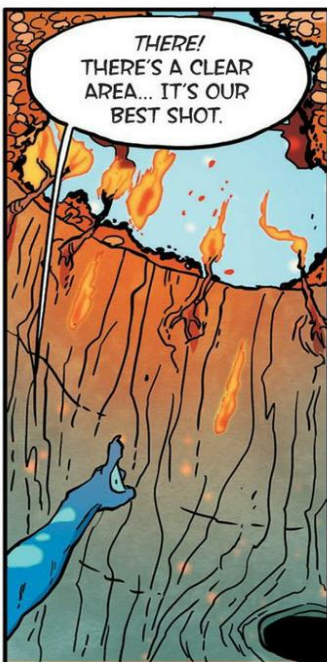
YOU'RE
NOT WORKING
WITH THE
SKYWINGS!

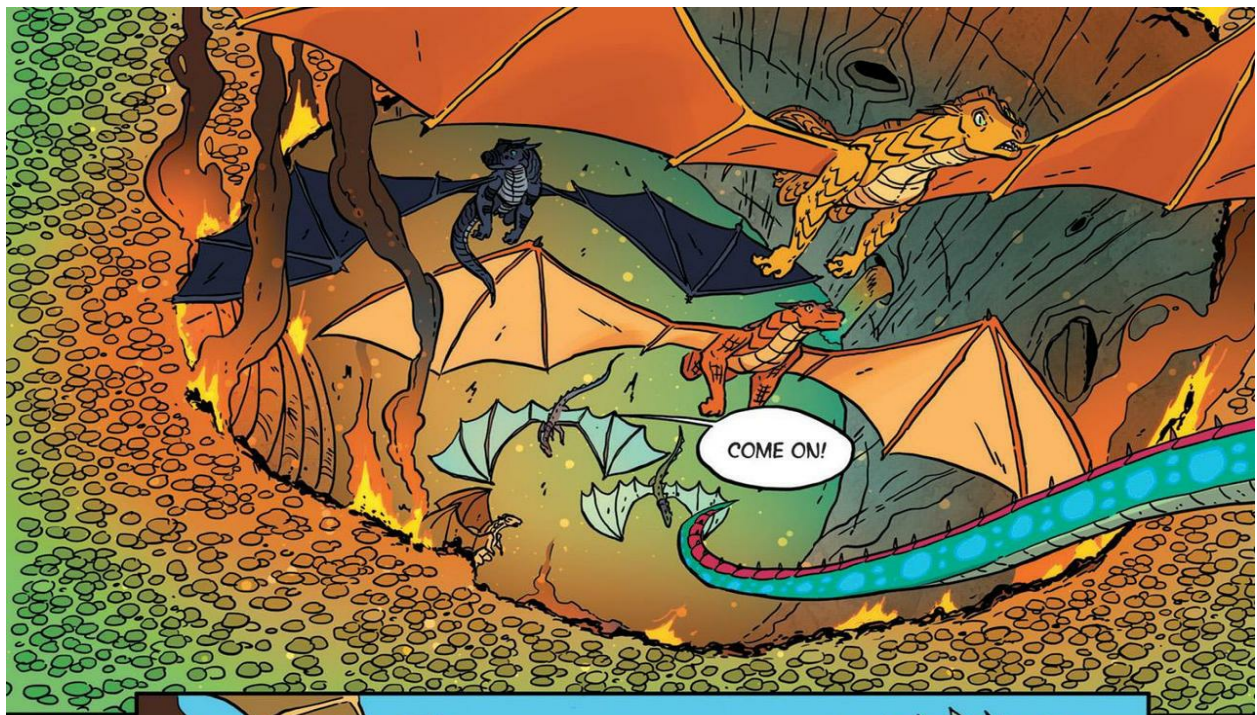
OF COURSE I AM. WHO
KNEW INFILTRATING THE
TALONS OF PEACE WOULD BE
SO USEFUL? I NEVER DREAMED
I'D GET A CHANCE TO FOLLOW
AN IDIOT SEAWING TO THE
SECRET PALACE.

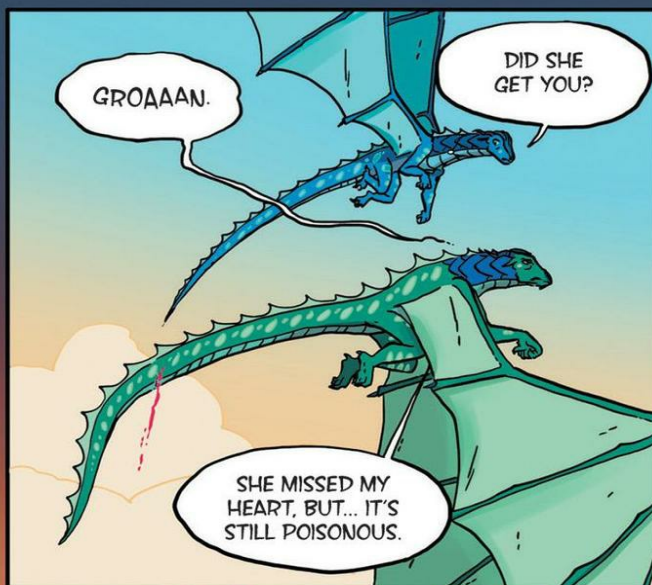


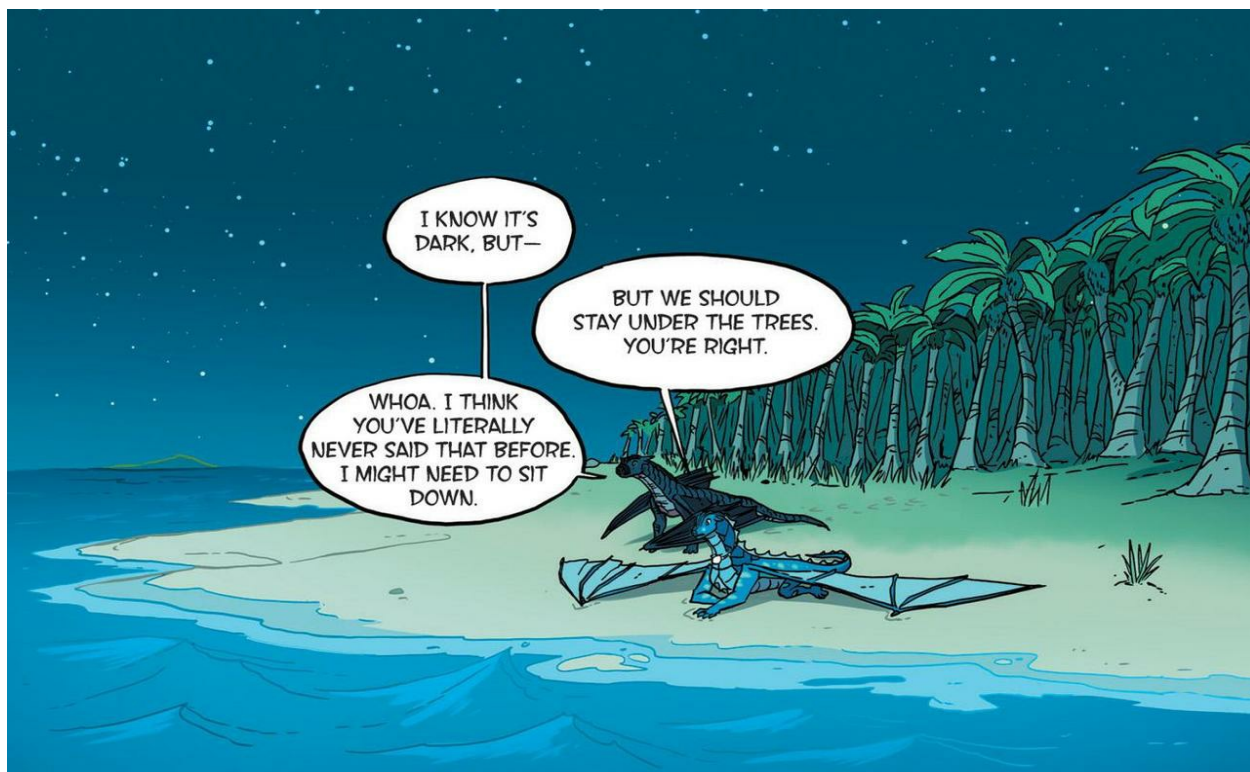
PLUS BONUS
DRAGONETS OF DESTINY!
THE NEW QUEEN WILL
BE SO PLEASED.







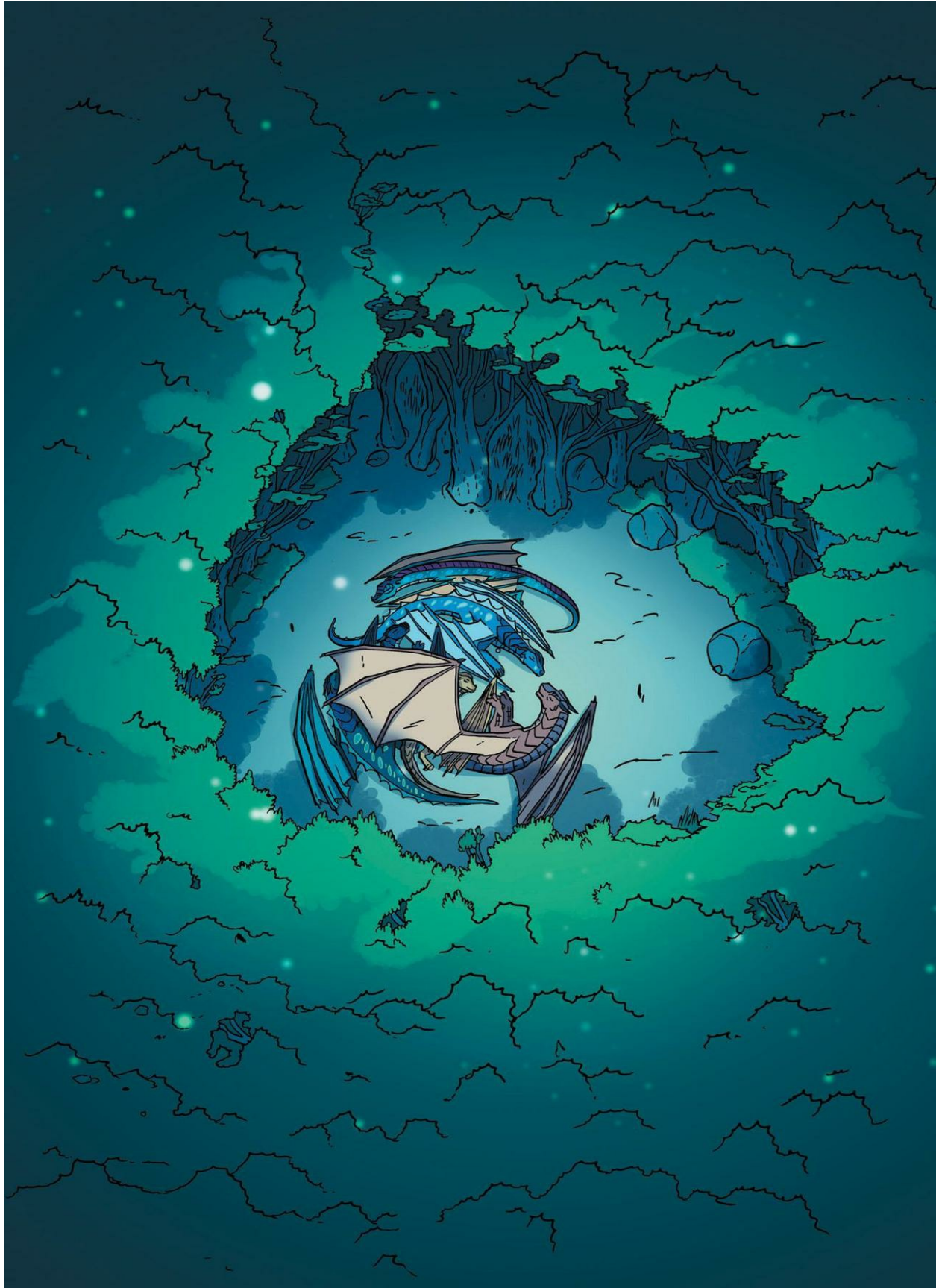












EPILOGUE – THREE DAYS LATER

WELL. THAT
DIDN'T GO AS
PLANNED.

YOU NEGLECTED
TO MENTION THAT
YOUR DRAGONETS ARE
REMARKABLY
ANNOYING.

TRUE.
BUT YOU COULD
HAVE BEEN LESS
SINISTER AT
THEM.

AT LEAST
WEBS IS
DEAD.

SHOULD
BE BY NOW.

QUEEN CORAL
SURVIVED?

AND BOTH HER
BRATS AS WELL.
IT WOULDN'T BE
CONVENIENT FOR
ME IF SHE DIED.

UNFORTUNATELY,
SHE'S GOTTEN
SQUEAMISH ABOUT
ANIMUS POWERS
SINCE LEARNING
ABOUT HER FIRST
DAUGHTER.

SHE INSISTS
MY SECRET
WEAPON WON'T
BE READY FOR
YEARS.

SHE'LL
WASTE THAT
LITTLE ONE'S MAGIC
JUST TO KEEP HER
FROM TURNING
HOMICIDAL.

SIGH...
IT HAS NOT
BEEN MY FAVORITE
WEEK OF THE
WAR.

THERE IS
ANOTHER OPTION,
BUT I'M NOT SURE
YOU'LL LIKE IT
BETTER.

THIS IS NAUTILUS,
A LEADER OF THE
TALONS OF PEACE.
NAUTILUS, EXPLAIN
YOUR BACKUP PLAN
TO QUEEN BLISTER.



UM. WE
HAVE A... SET OF
ALTERNATIVES.



ALTERNATIVES?
YOU MEAN FALSE
DRAGONETS?

YES.



BUT.



YES. BUT.
THEY'RE, AH—
NOT QUITE
PERFECT.



WORSE
THAN THE
ORIGINALS?
IS THAT
POSSIBLE?



WE CAN TAKE
THE BEST FROM EACH
GROUP. KILL THE RAINWING,
OBVIOUSLY. WE CAN WORK
WITH THE MUDWING.
AND MAYBE THE WEIRD
LITTLE SANDWING.



YOUR NIGHTWING
IS USELESS. WORST
TRAITOR I'VE EVER
SEEN.



DISAPPOINTING.
WE DON'T
USUALLY KILL OUR
DRAGONETS...

BUT IF WE
MUST.



AND WE'LL
DEFINITELY KILL
THE SEAWING.

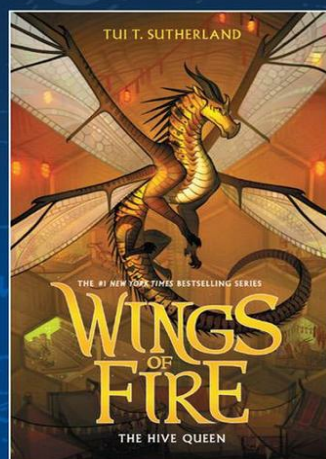
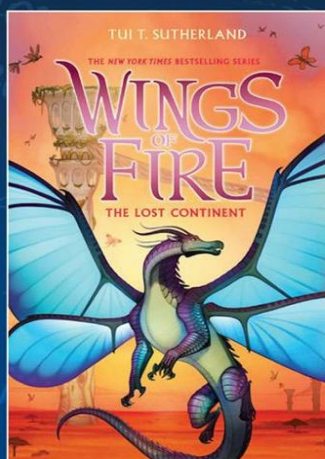
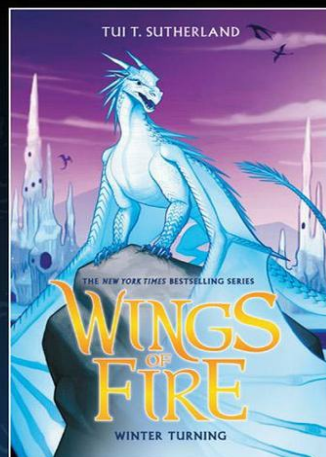
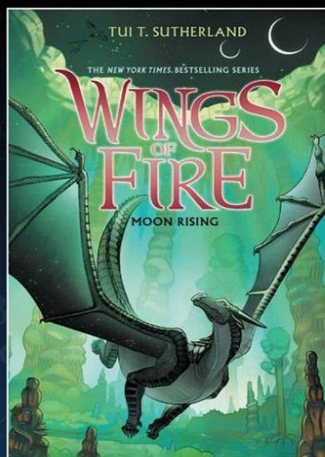
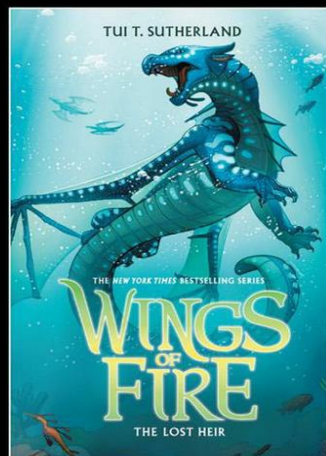
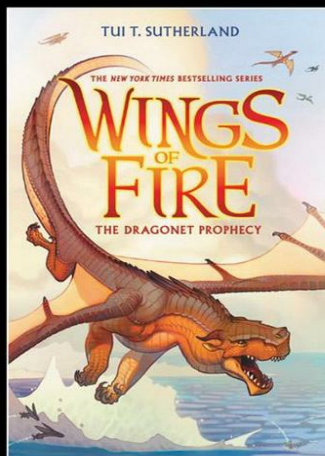


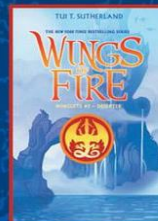
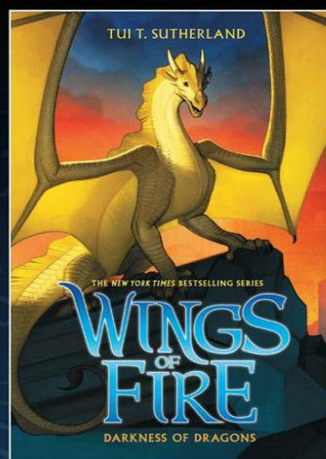
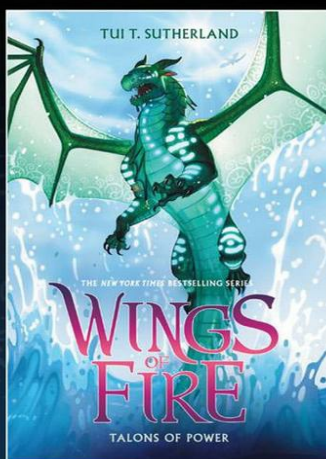
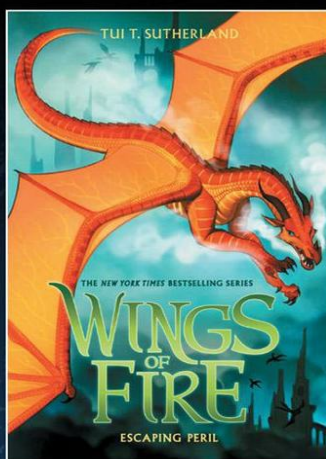
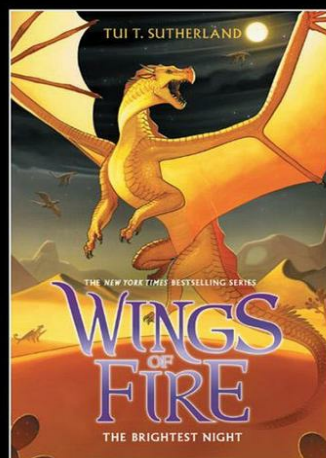
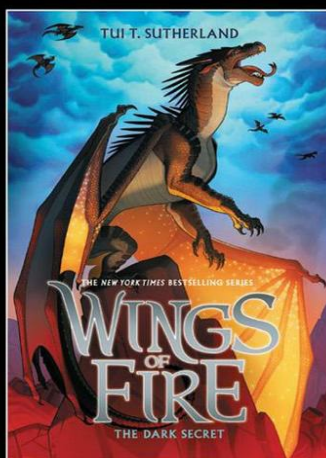
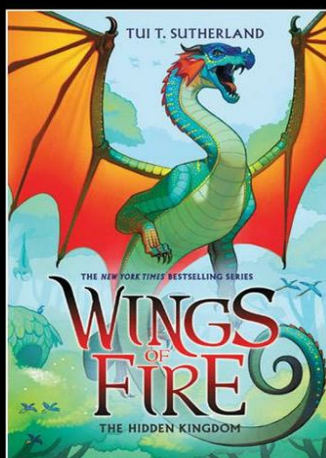
THOSE
DRAGONETS NEED
TO KNOW THEY'RE
NOT AS VALUABLE
AS THEY THINK.



THERE'S MORE
THAN ONE WAY
TO FULFILL A
PROPHECY.

DISCOVER
THE EPIC
SERIES
WHERE
IT ALL
BEGAN!





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