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## DARKSTALKER

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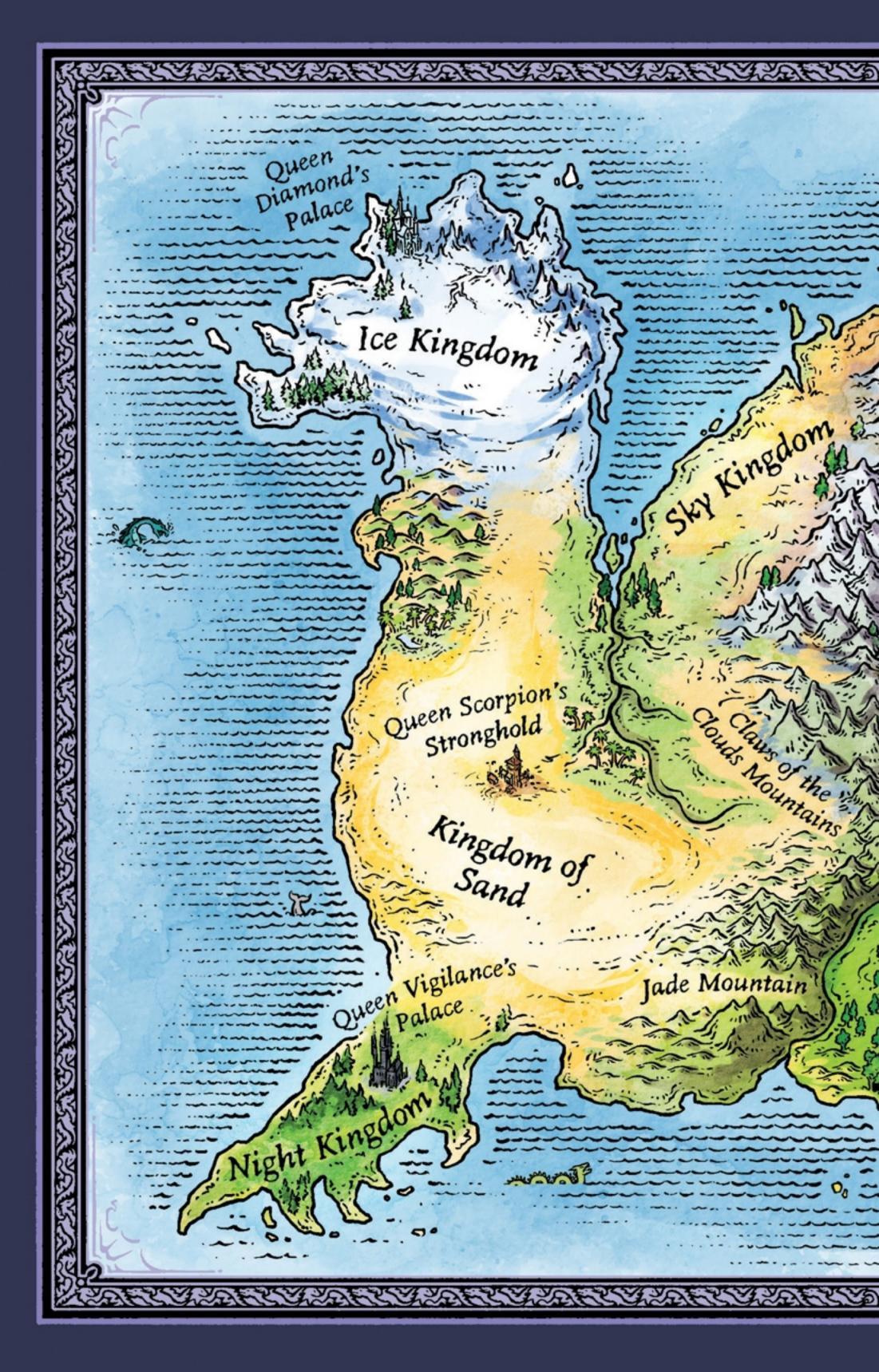
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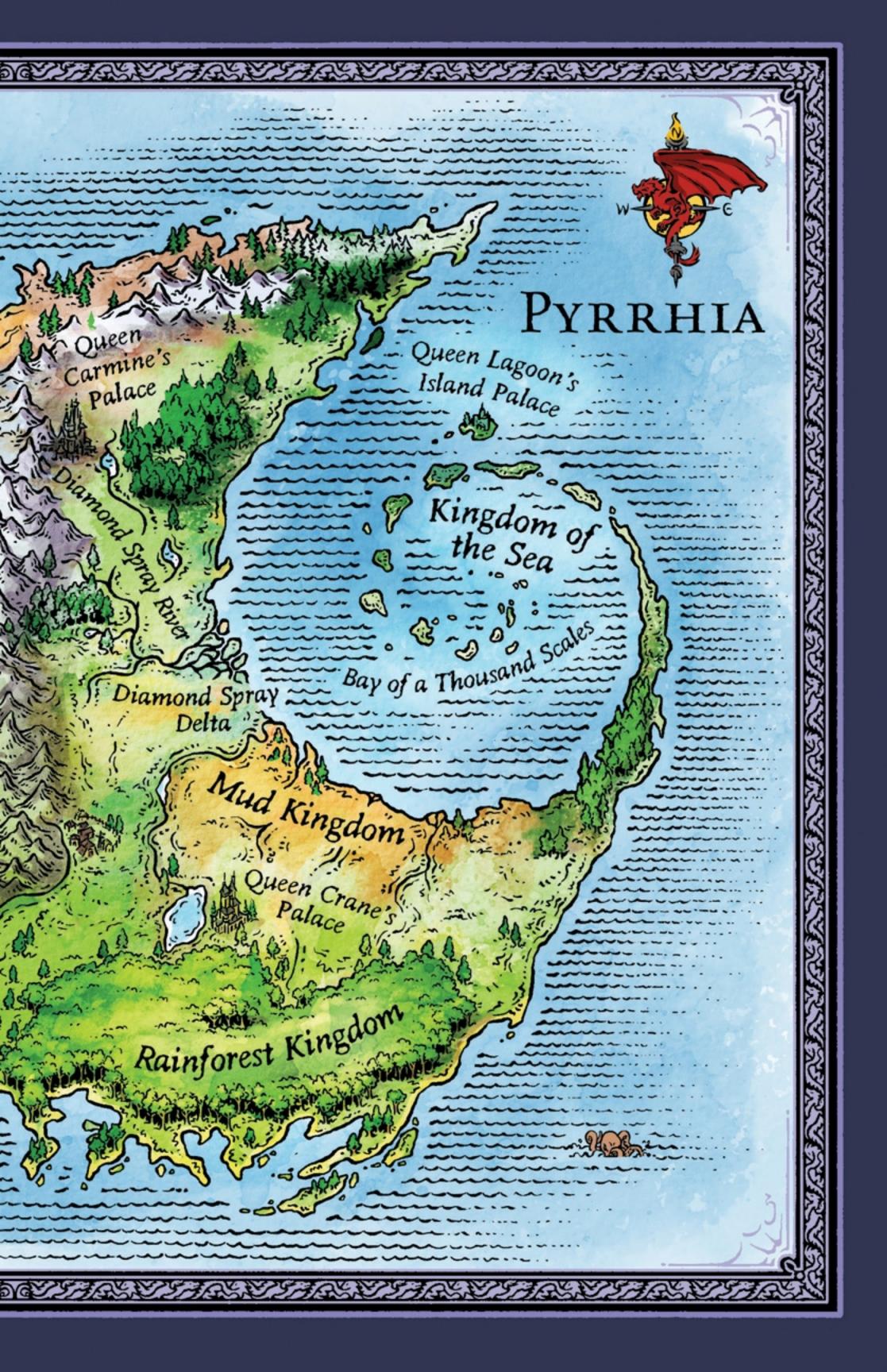
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For Courtney Donovan, who is eternally lovely, helpful, smart, and patient with me!
—T.T.S.

For Judy — in my corner, round after round — J.P.

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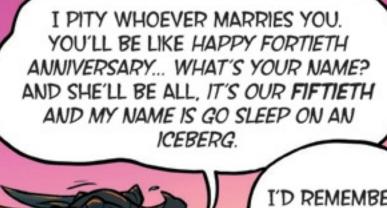








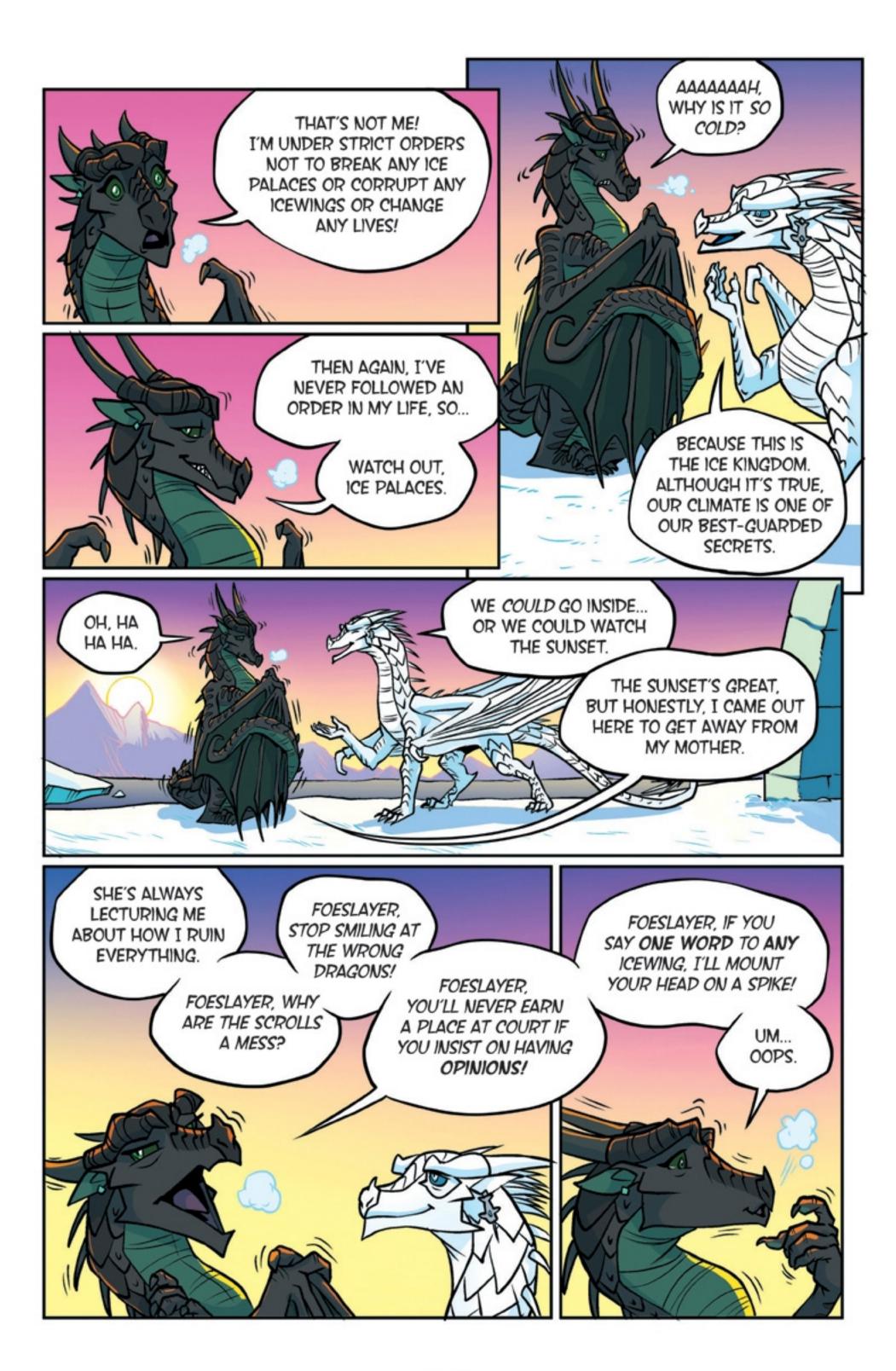








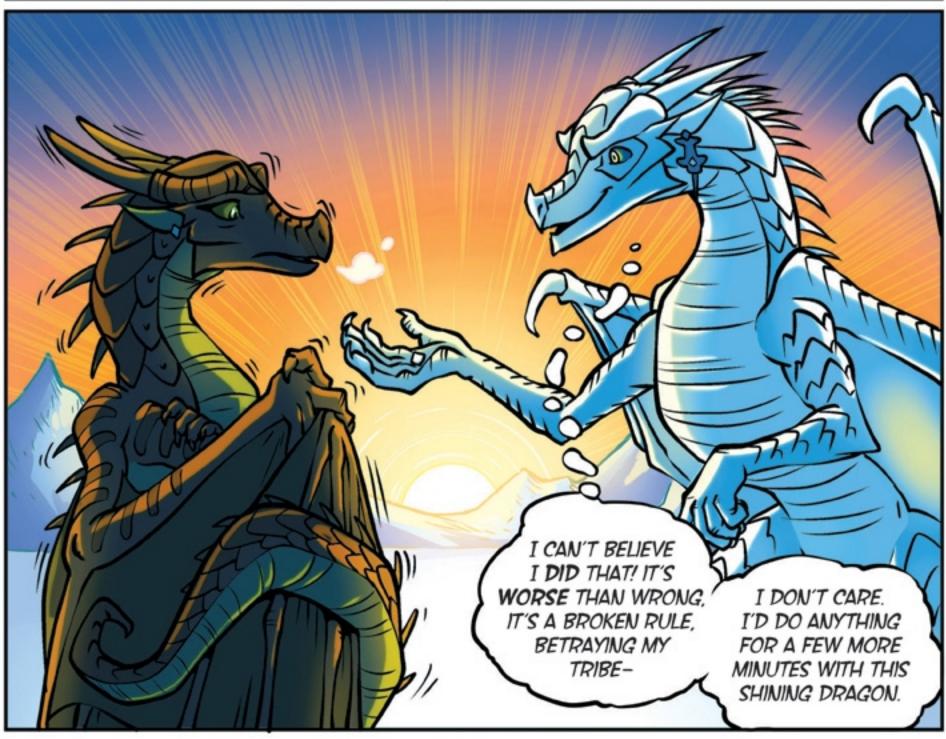


















CAN YOU ENCHANT ANYTHING?
TO DO ANYTHING? WHY DON'T YOU RULE THE CONTINENT?

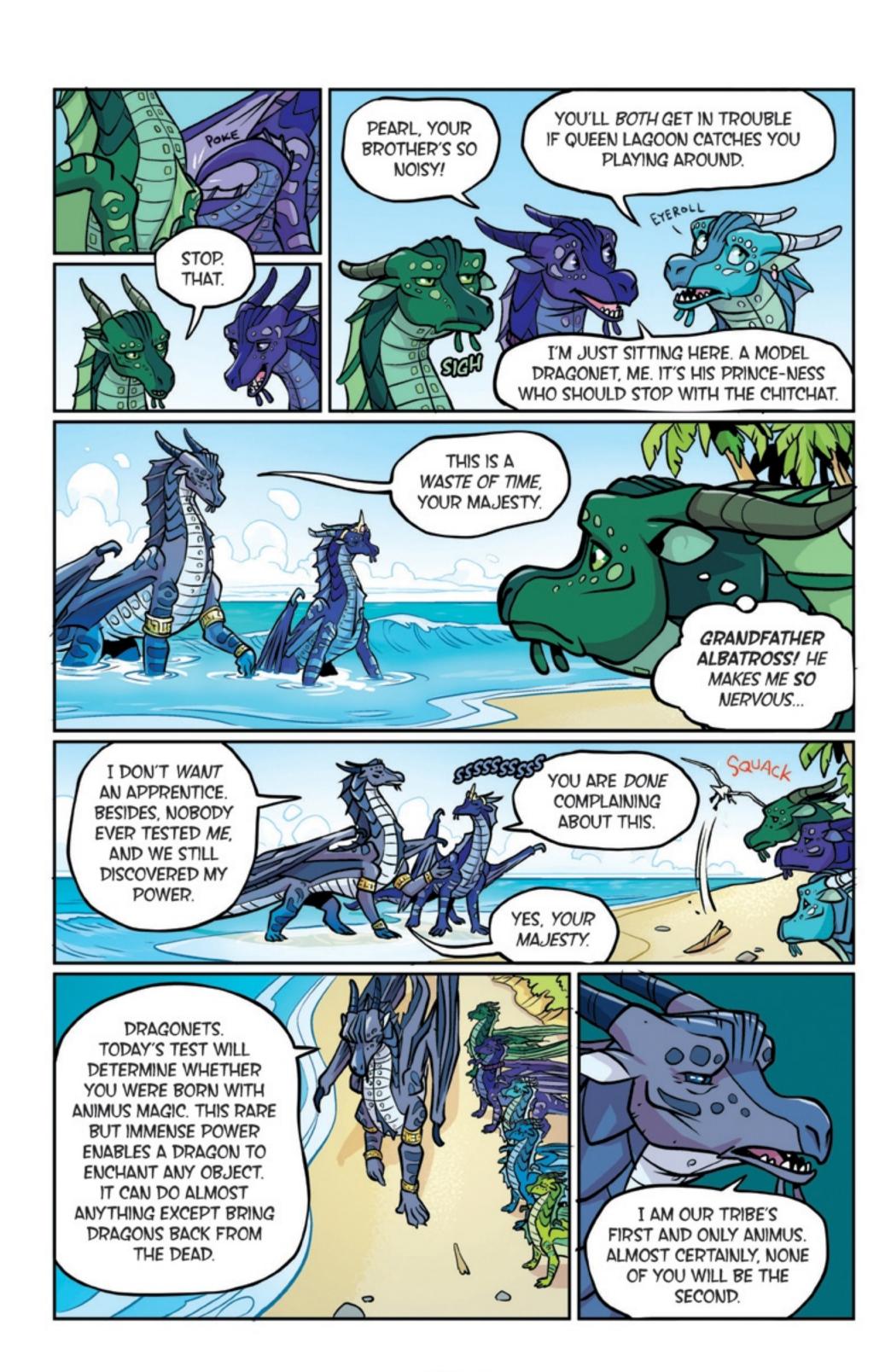
THERE ARE STRICT RULES.
WE CAN ONLY USE OUR POWERS ONCE. THERE ARE LEGENDS ABOUT LOSING YOUR SOUL IF YOU USE TOO MUCH MAGIC. IT PROBABLY ISN'T EVEN TRUE, BUT NO ONE BREAKS RULES IN THE ICE KINGDOM.







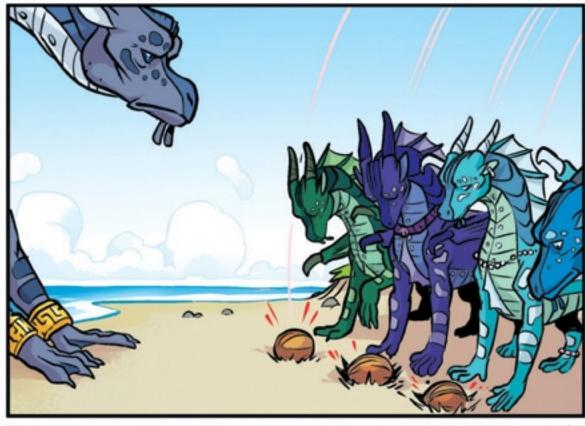










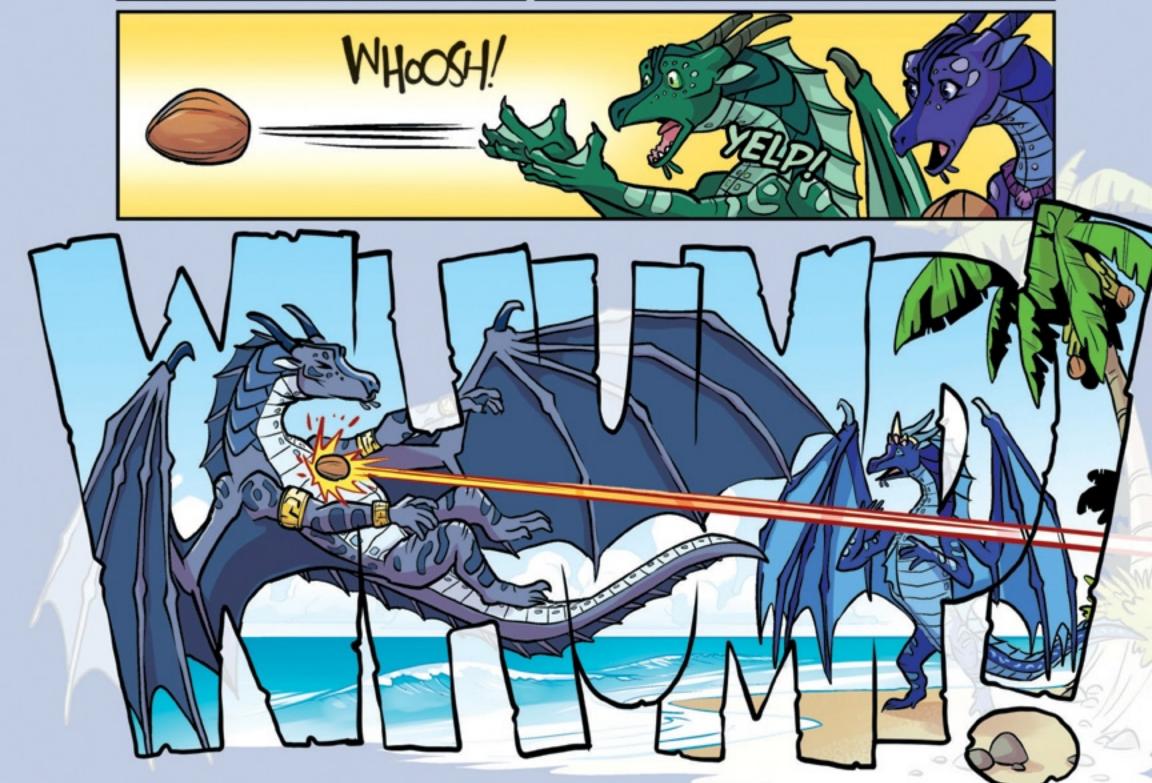


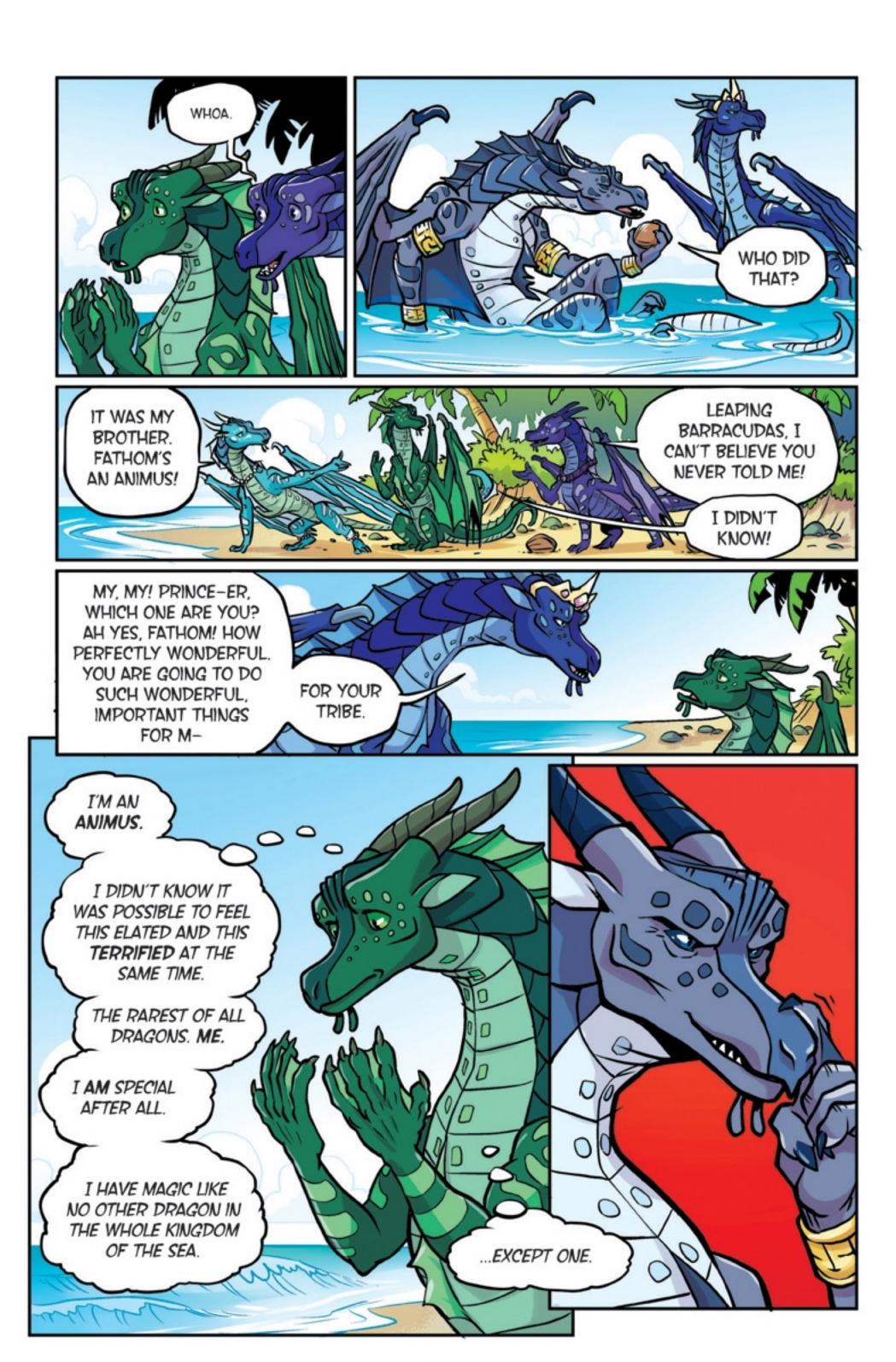




















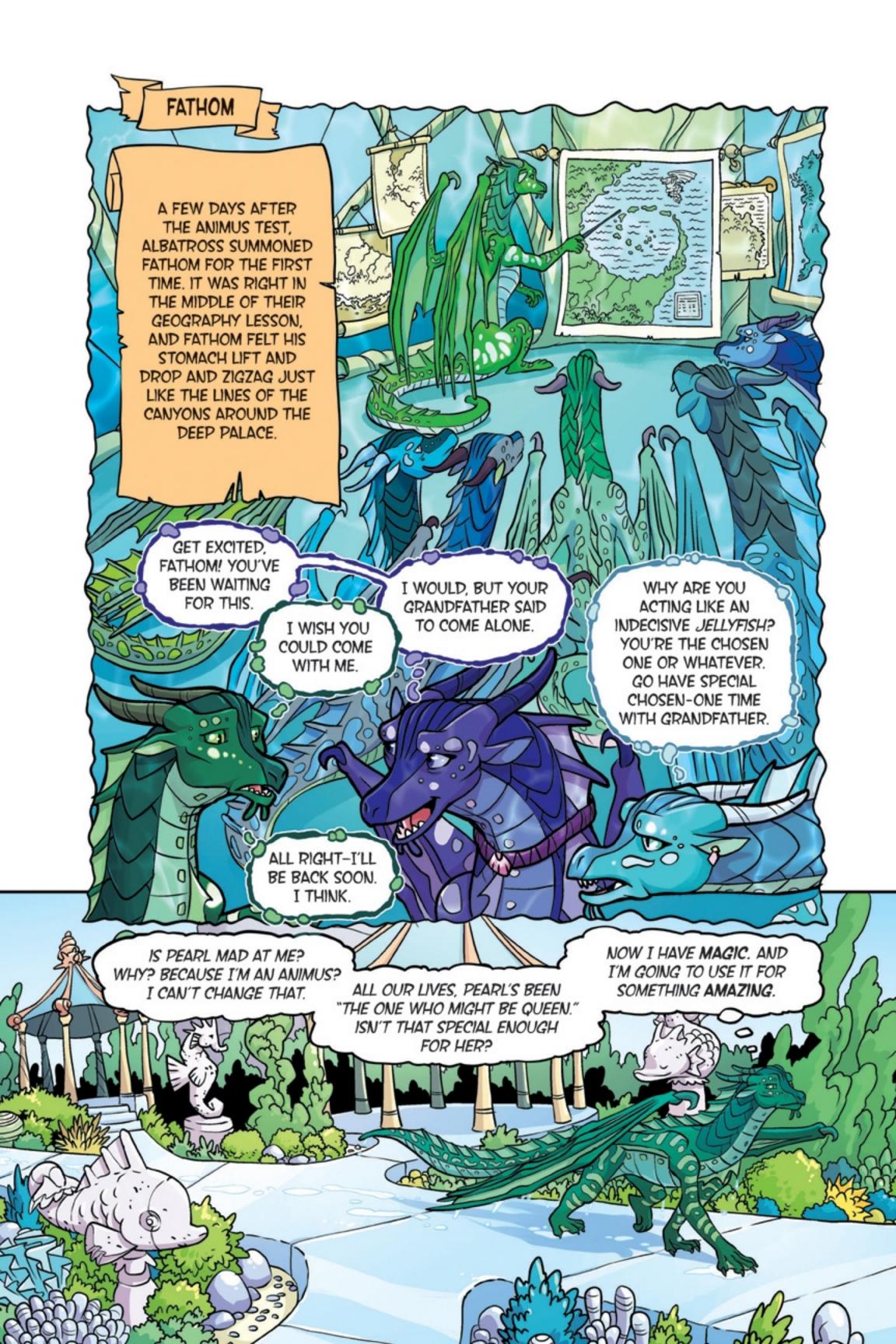












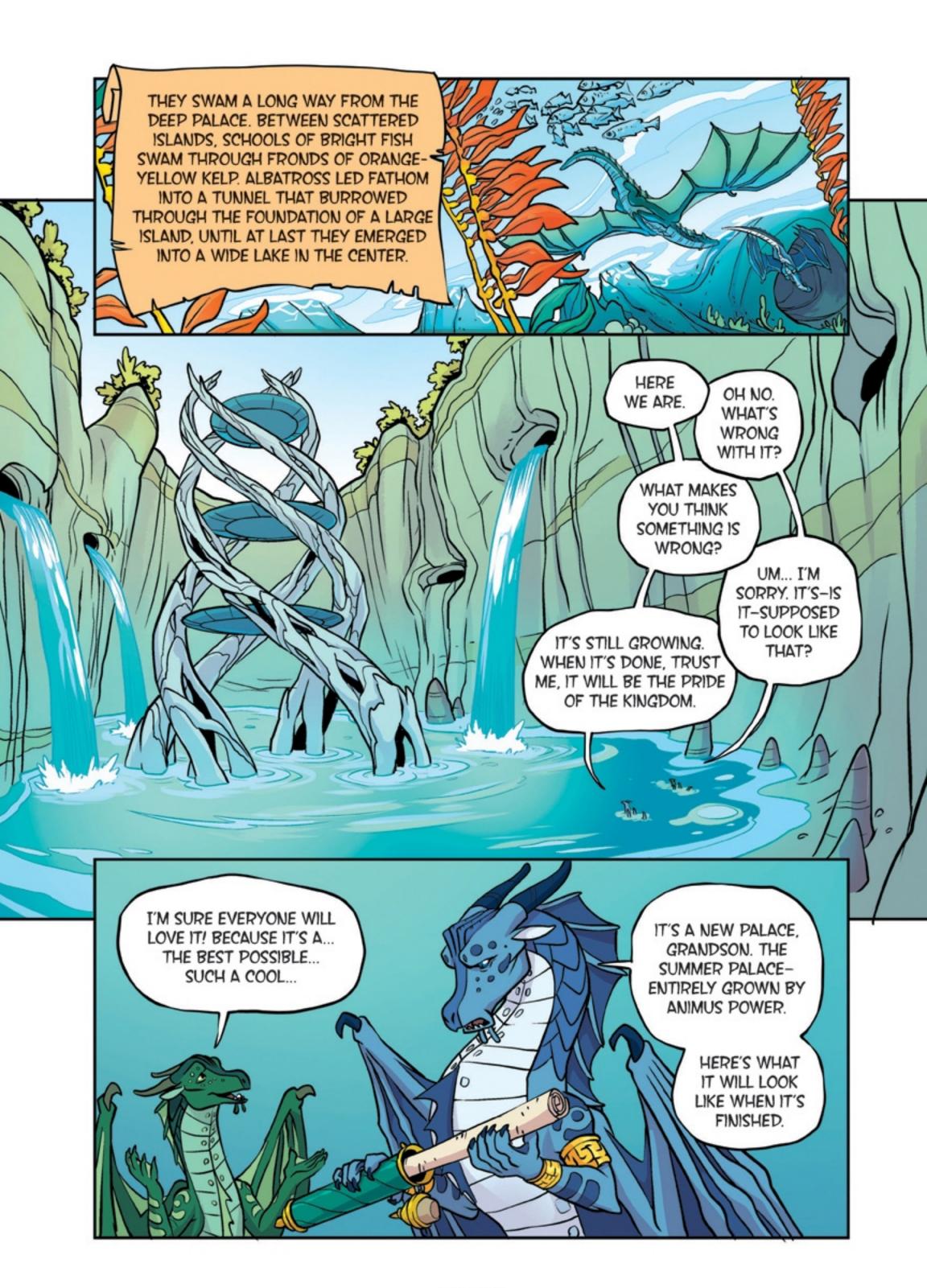


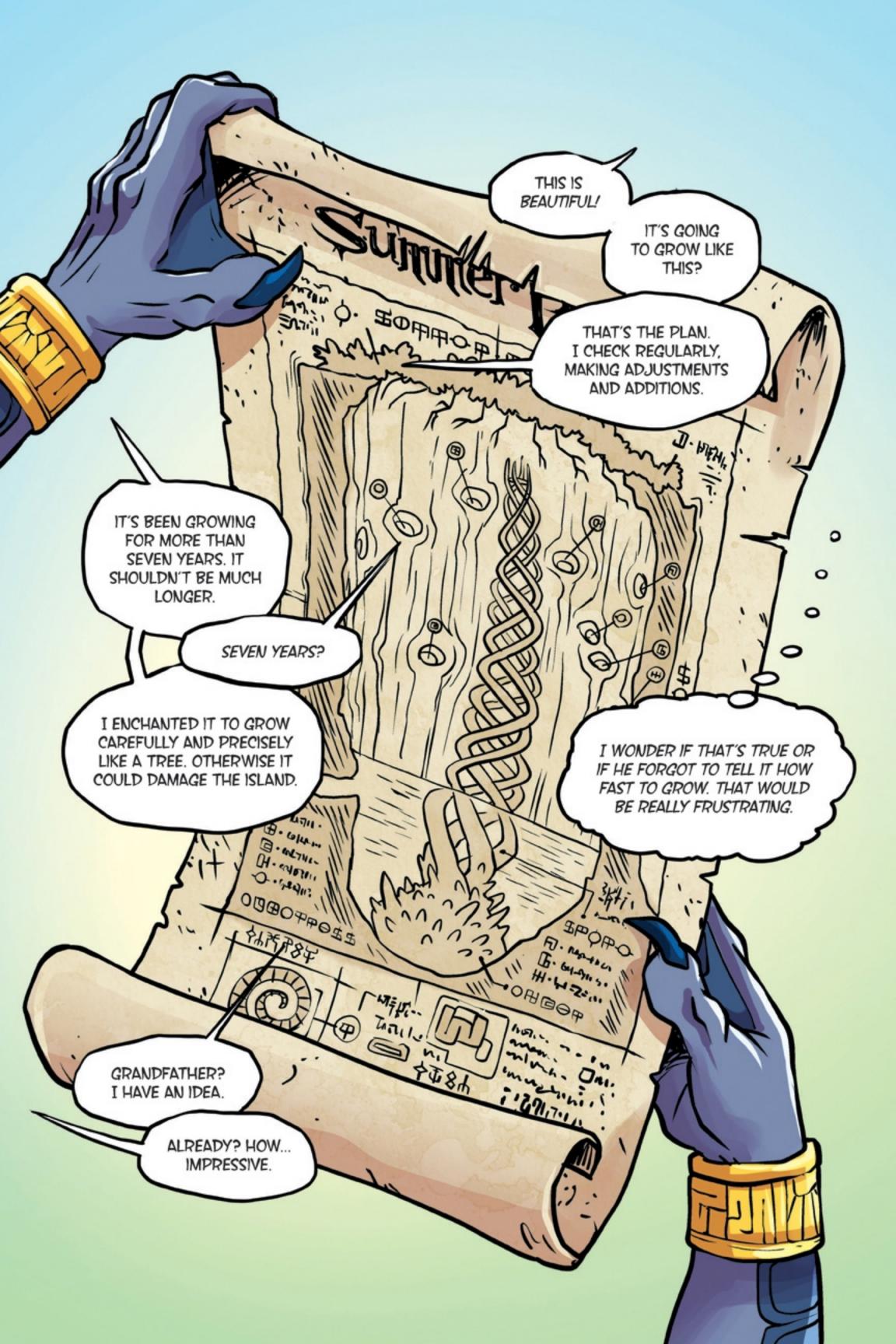




























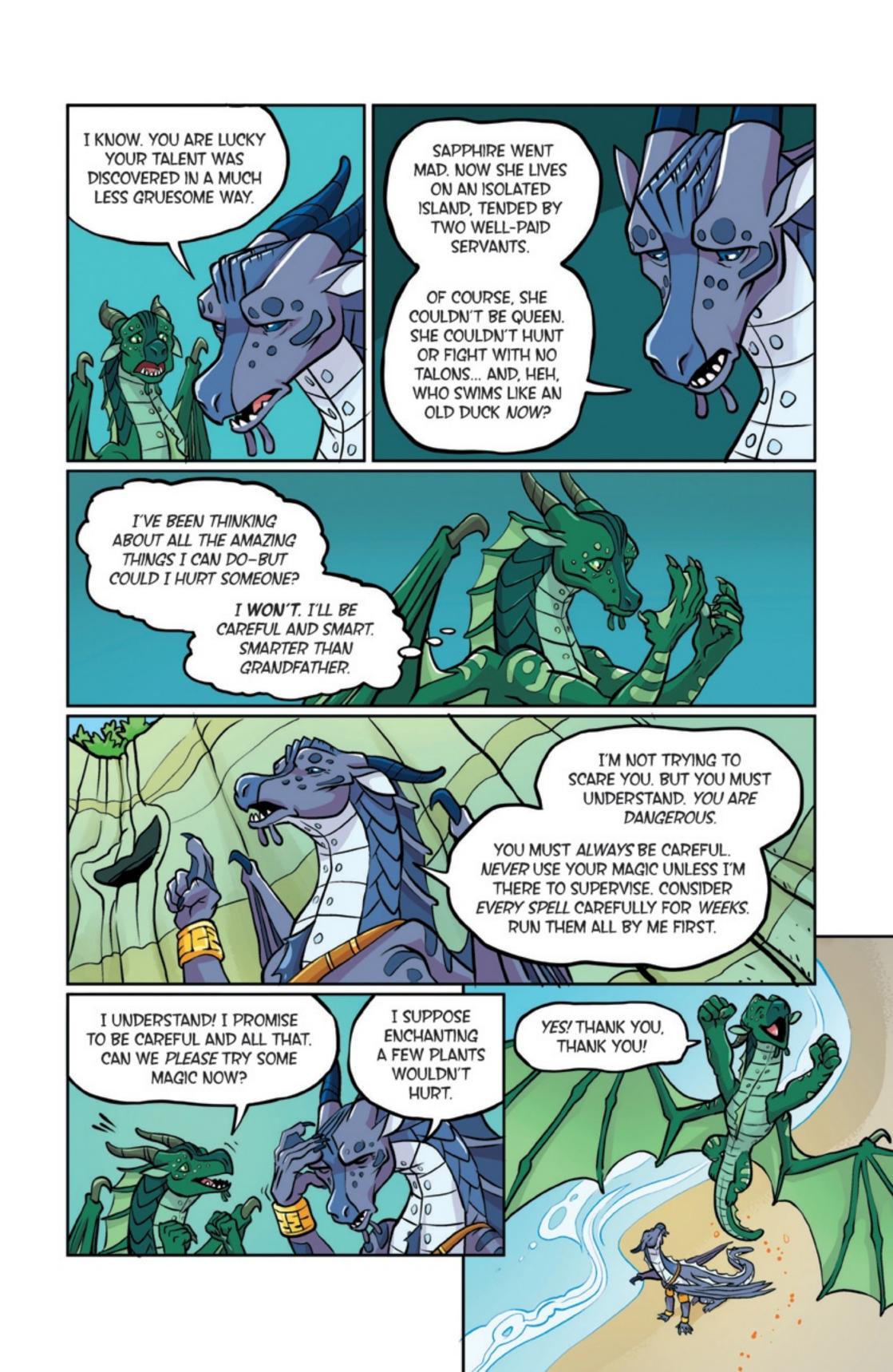


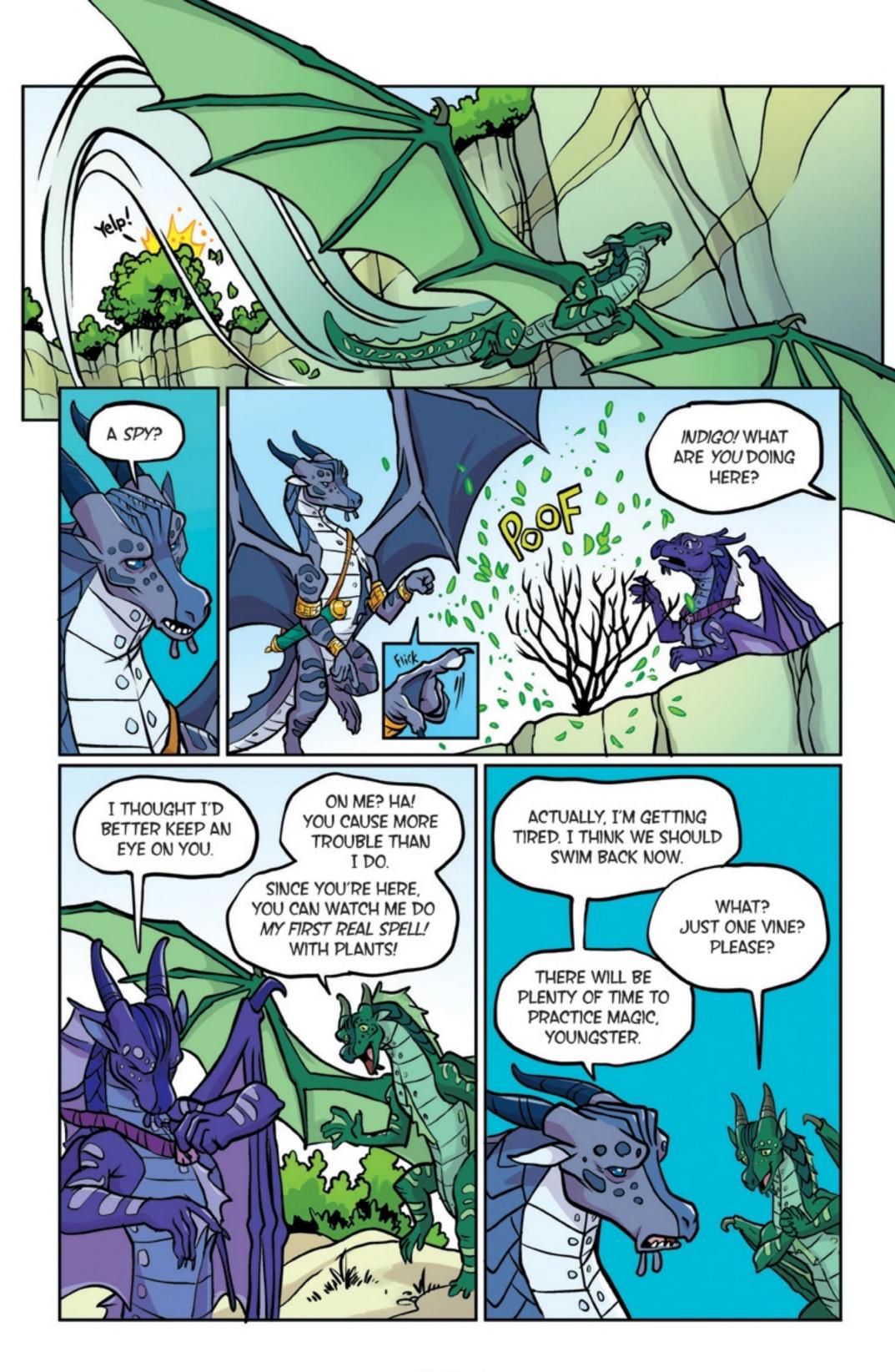


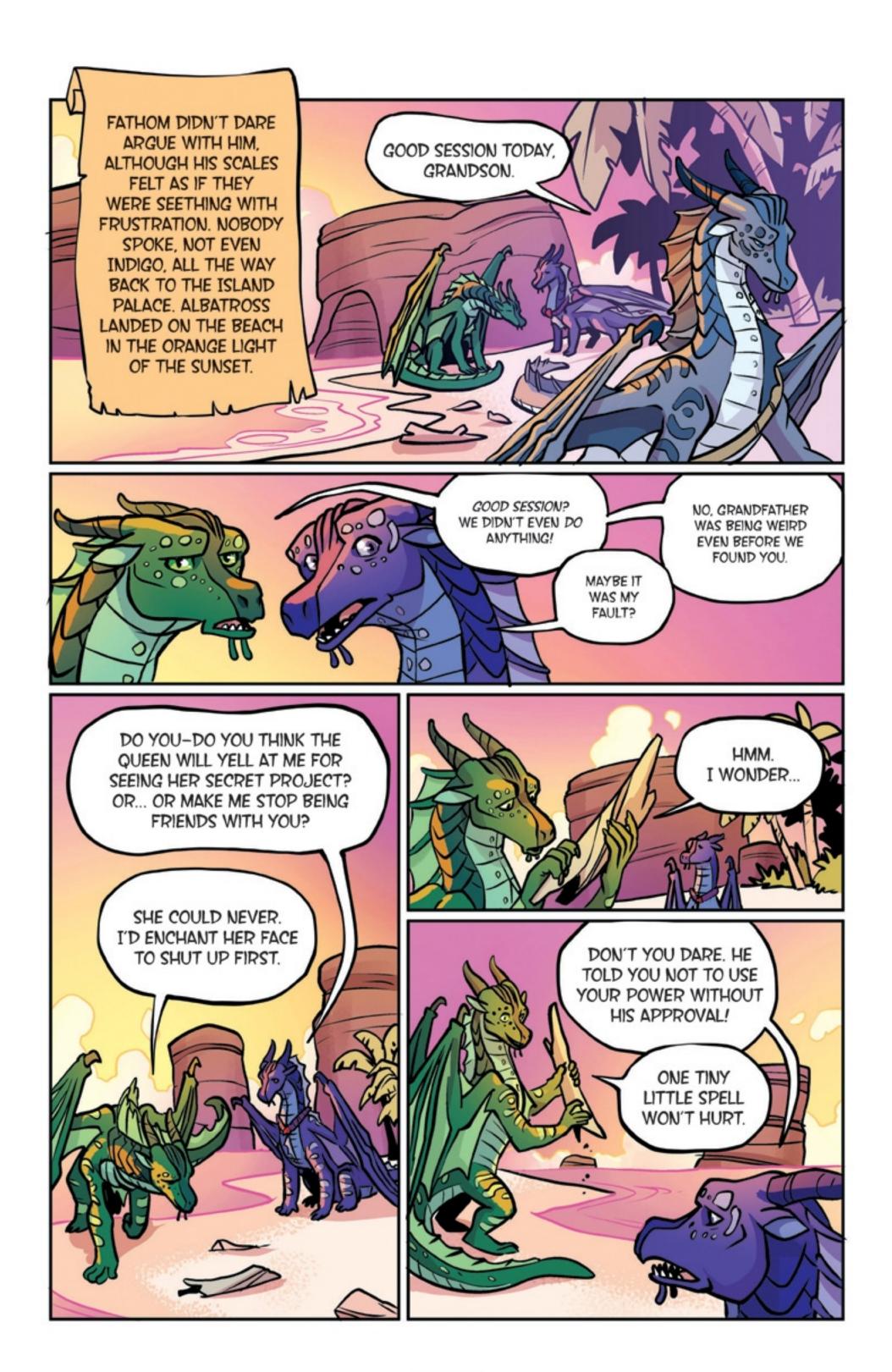






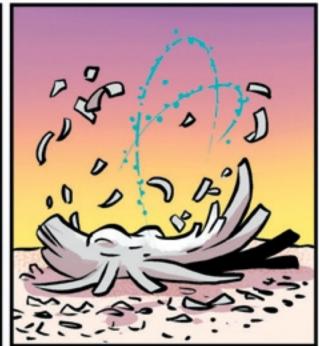


















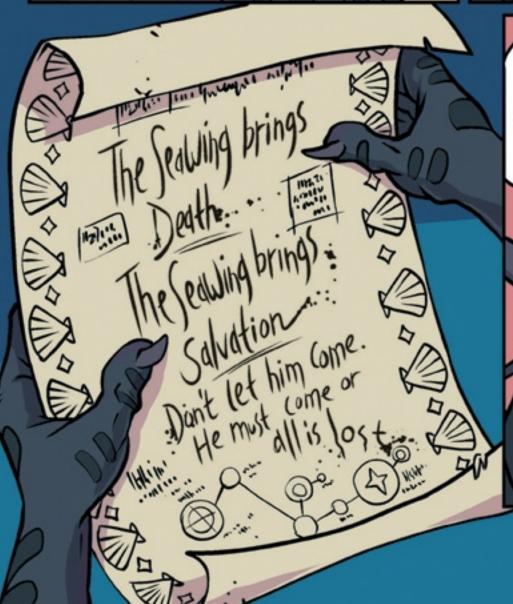












SOMETHING TERRIBLE IS
ABOUT TO HAPPEN IN THE
KINGDOM OF THE SEA. SO MUCH
DEATH. IT'S SO FAR AWAY, I CAN'T
BE SURE ABOUT DETAILS, BUTSHOULD I WARN SOMEONE?

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I CAN'T SEE ANY
PATHS WHERE ANYONE
WOULD BELIEVE ME. POOR
SEAWINGS.







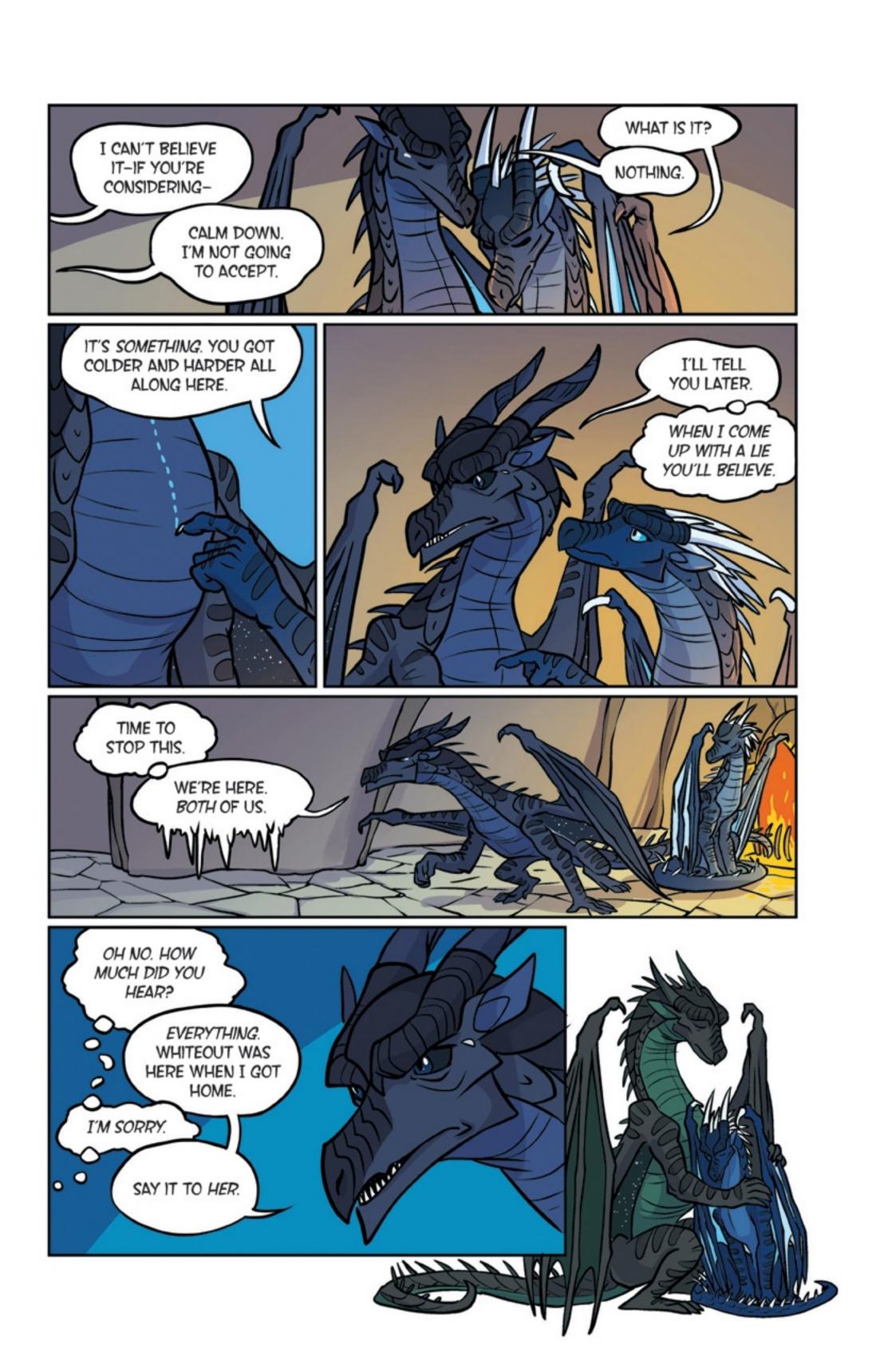










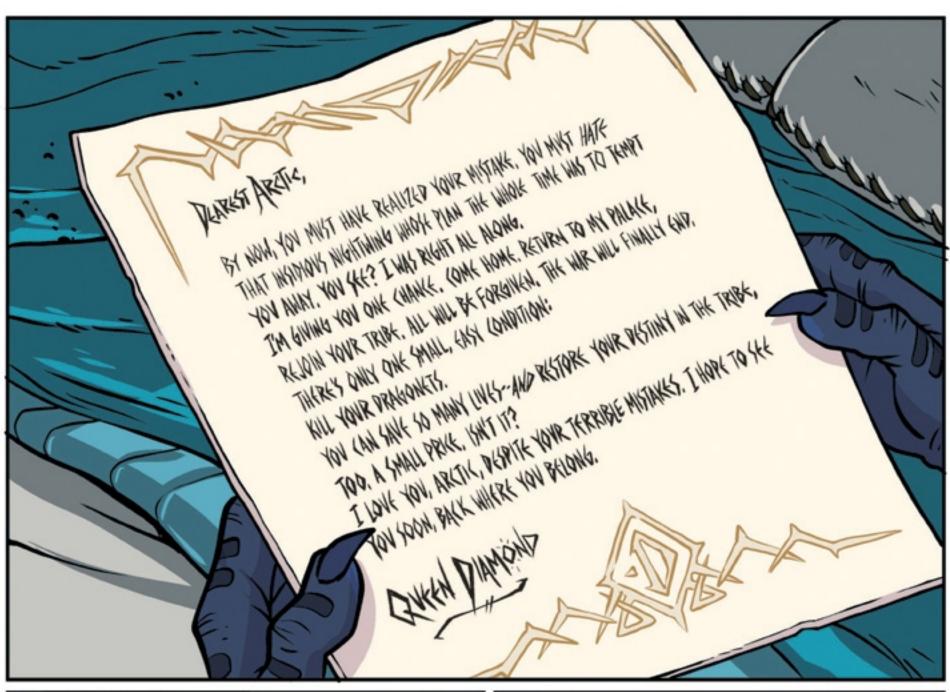












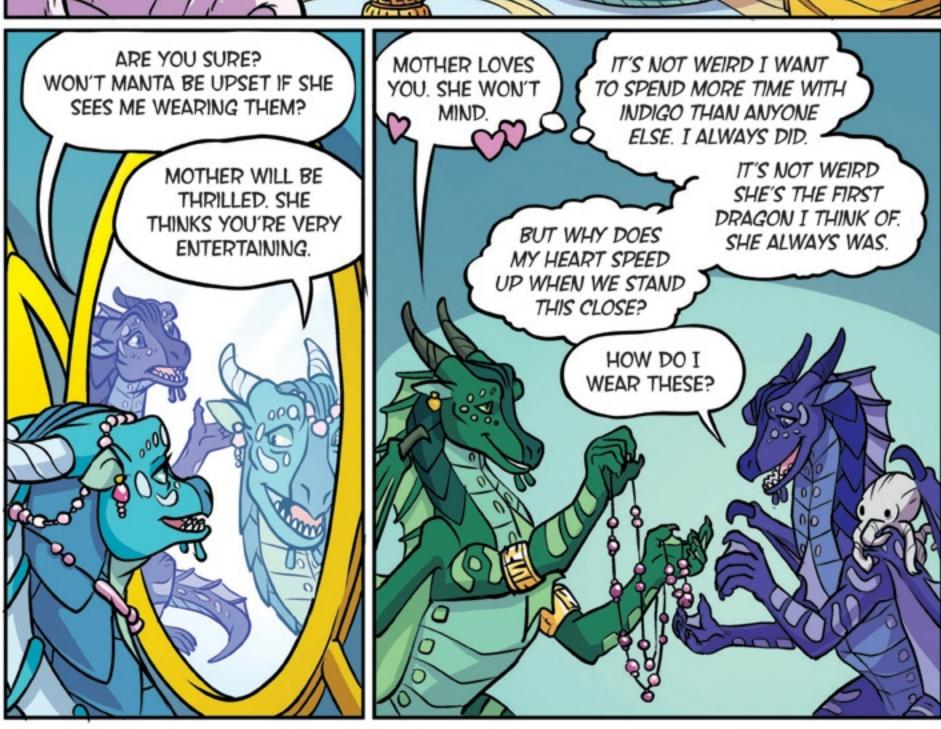


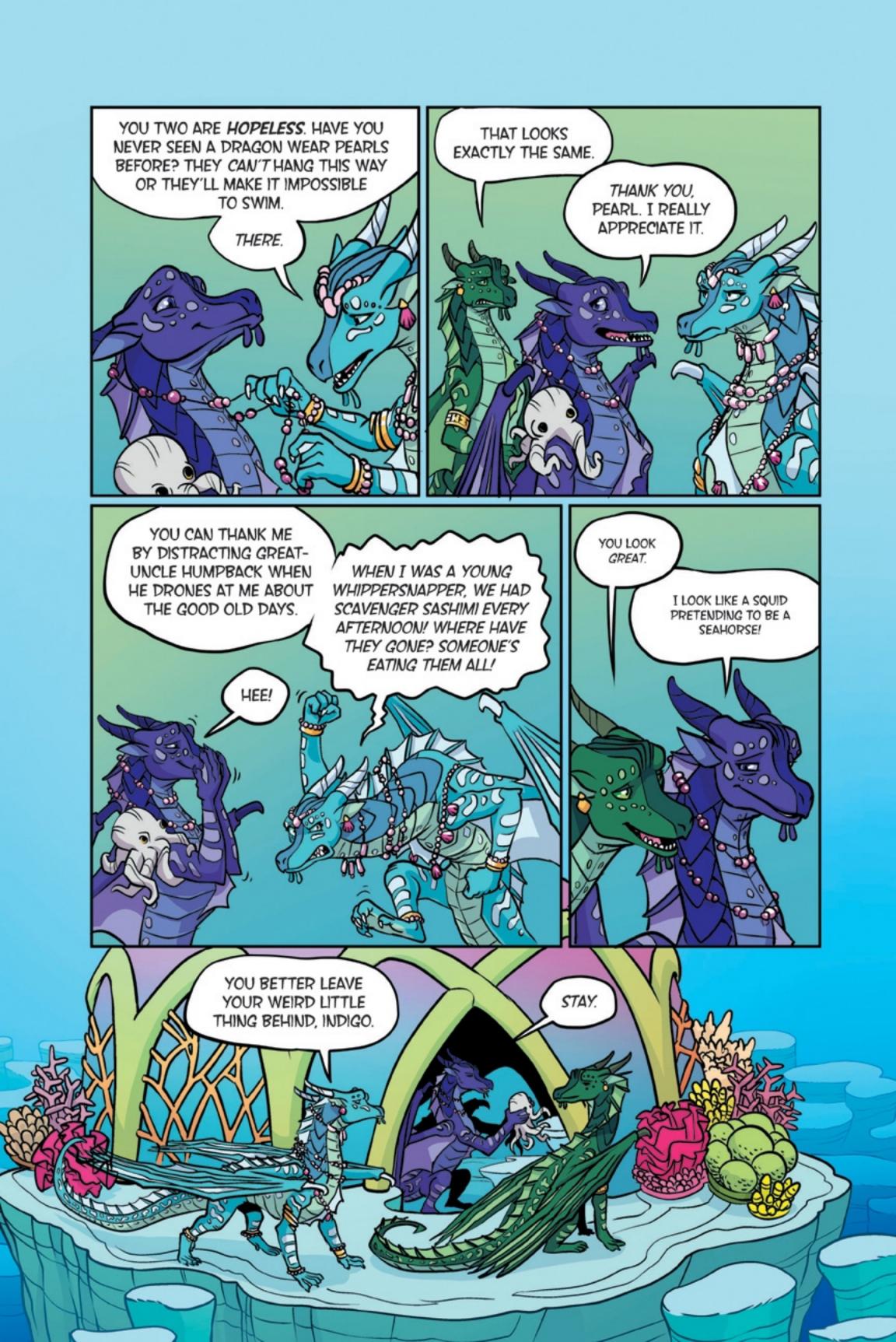






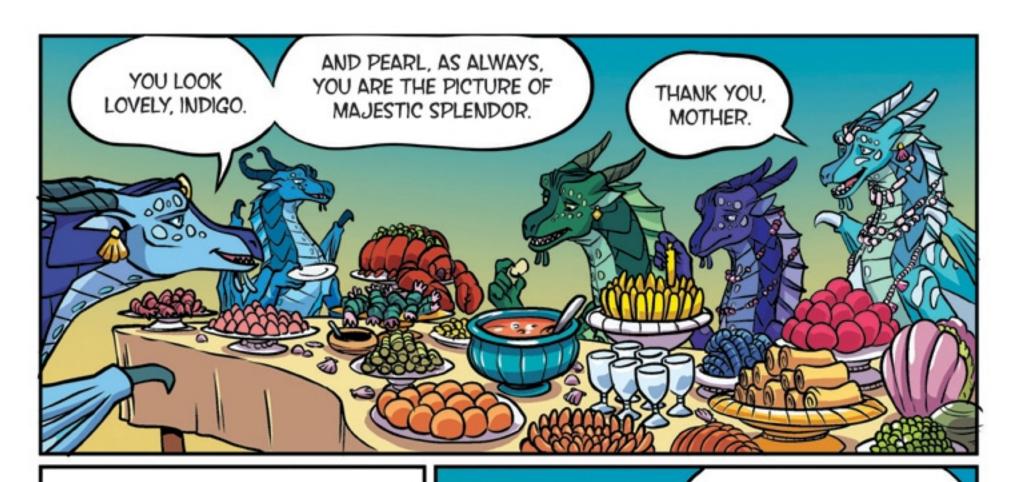












MOTHER AND PEARL ARE ALWAYS
SO AWKWARD. INDIGO SAYS IT'S
BECAUSE PEARL CAN ONLY BECOME
QUEEN IF MOTHER CHALLENGES
AND KILLS LAGOON-AND THEN
PEARL WOULD HAVE TO CHALLENGE
MOTHER AND KILL HER-BUT
LAGOON HAS HER OWN DAUGHTER
SO I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY...
AUGH, WHATEVER. SUCCESSION
RULES ARE SO COMPLICATED.

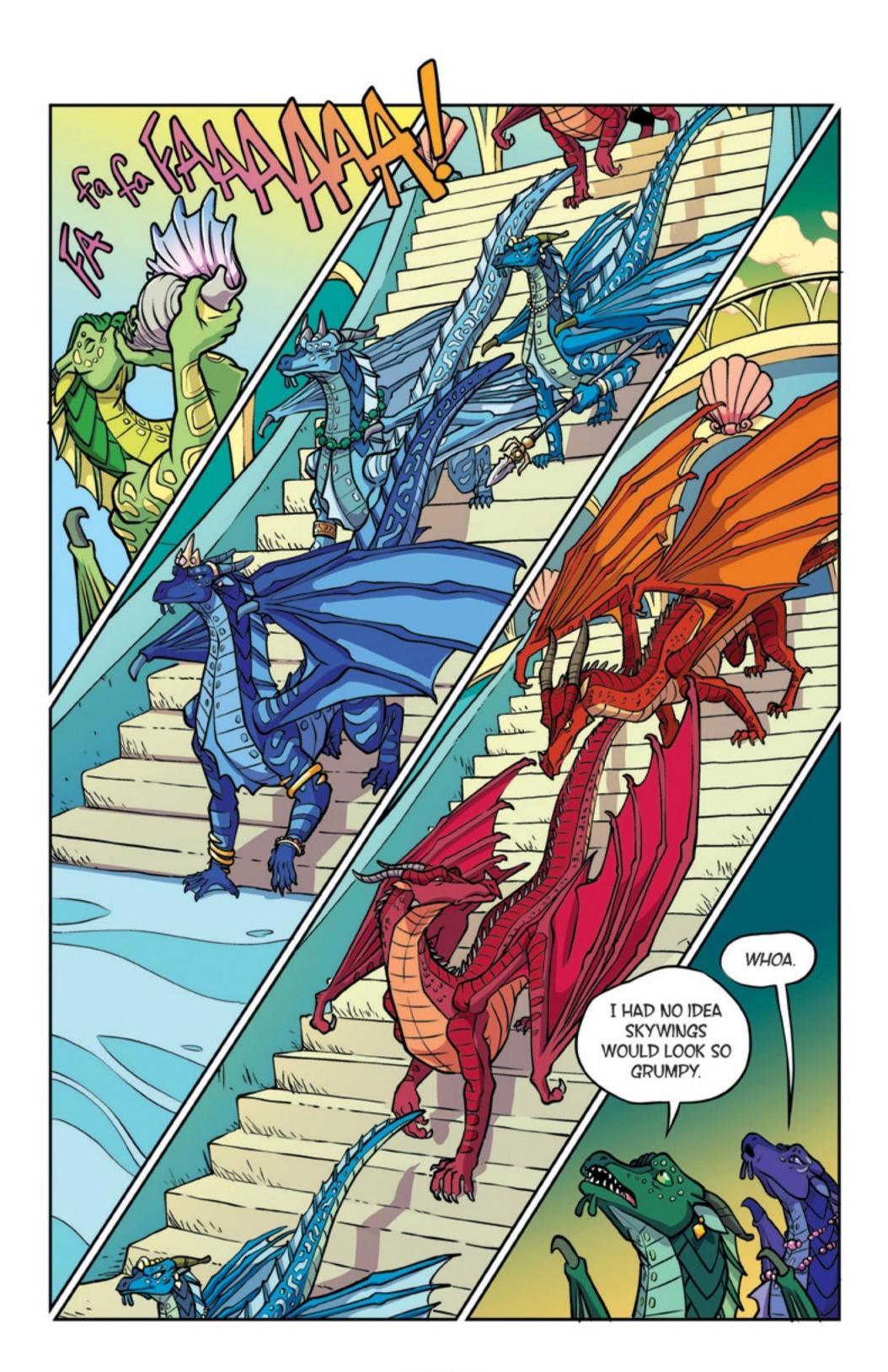


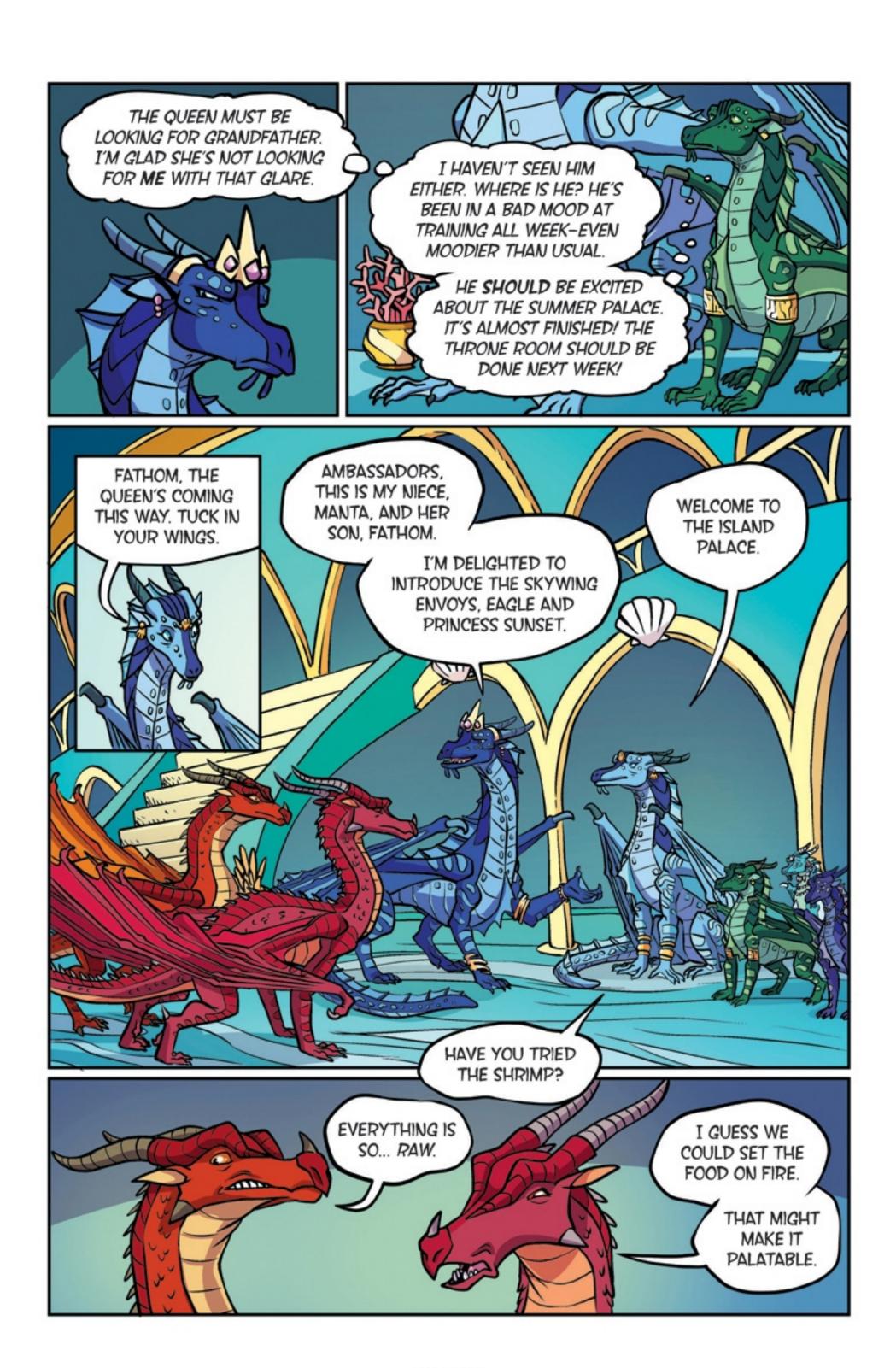
IS THERE COCONUT RICE TONIGHT? AND TUNA ROLLS? AND THAT MANGO-LIME DRINK FROM LAST TIME?

THERE'S EVERYTHING!
WE SHOULD INVITE DRAGONS
FROM OTHER TRIBES ALL
THE TIME. THE CHEFS
REALLY WENT OVERBOARD.











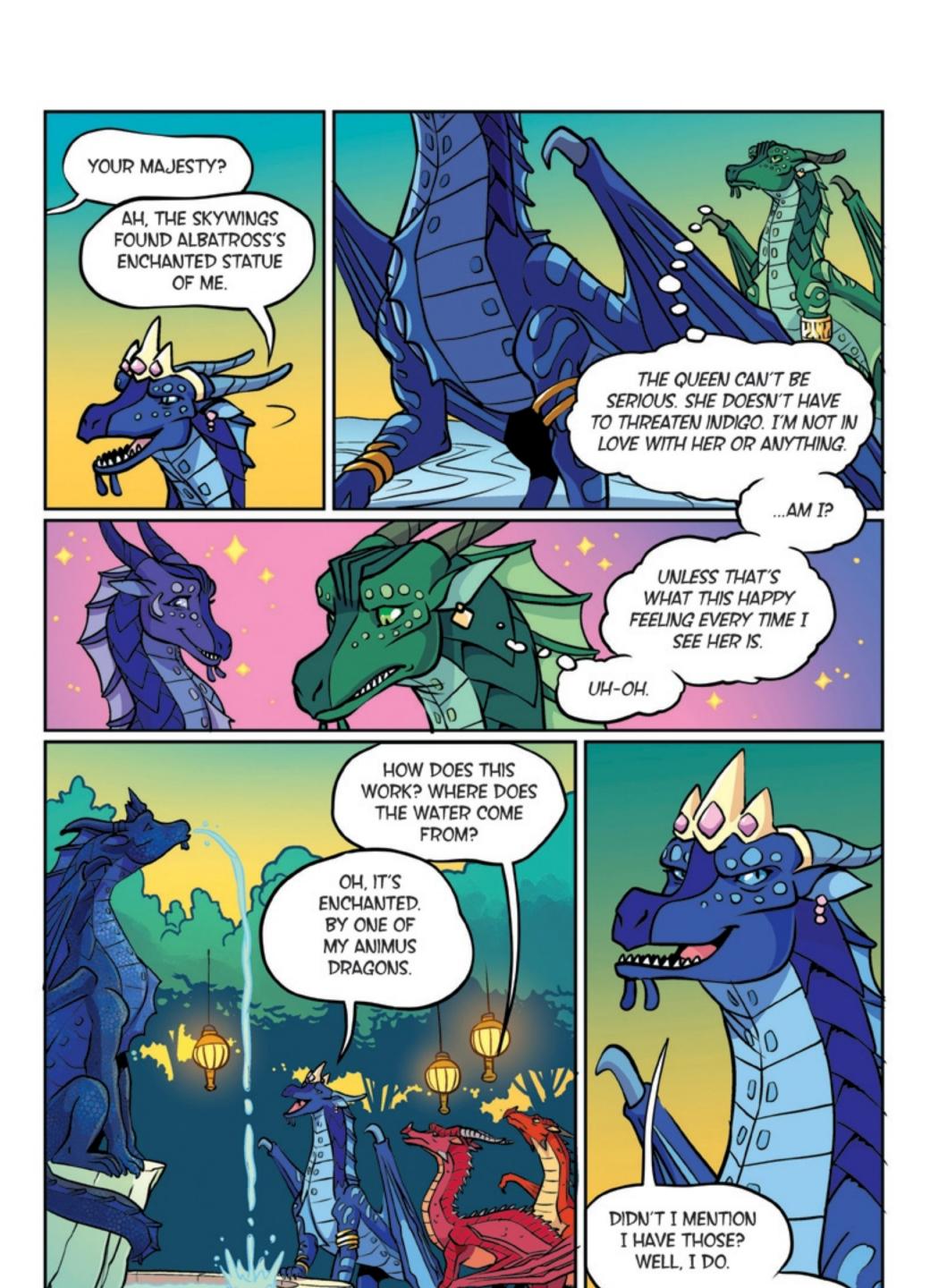






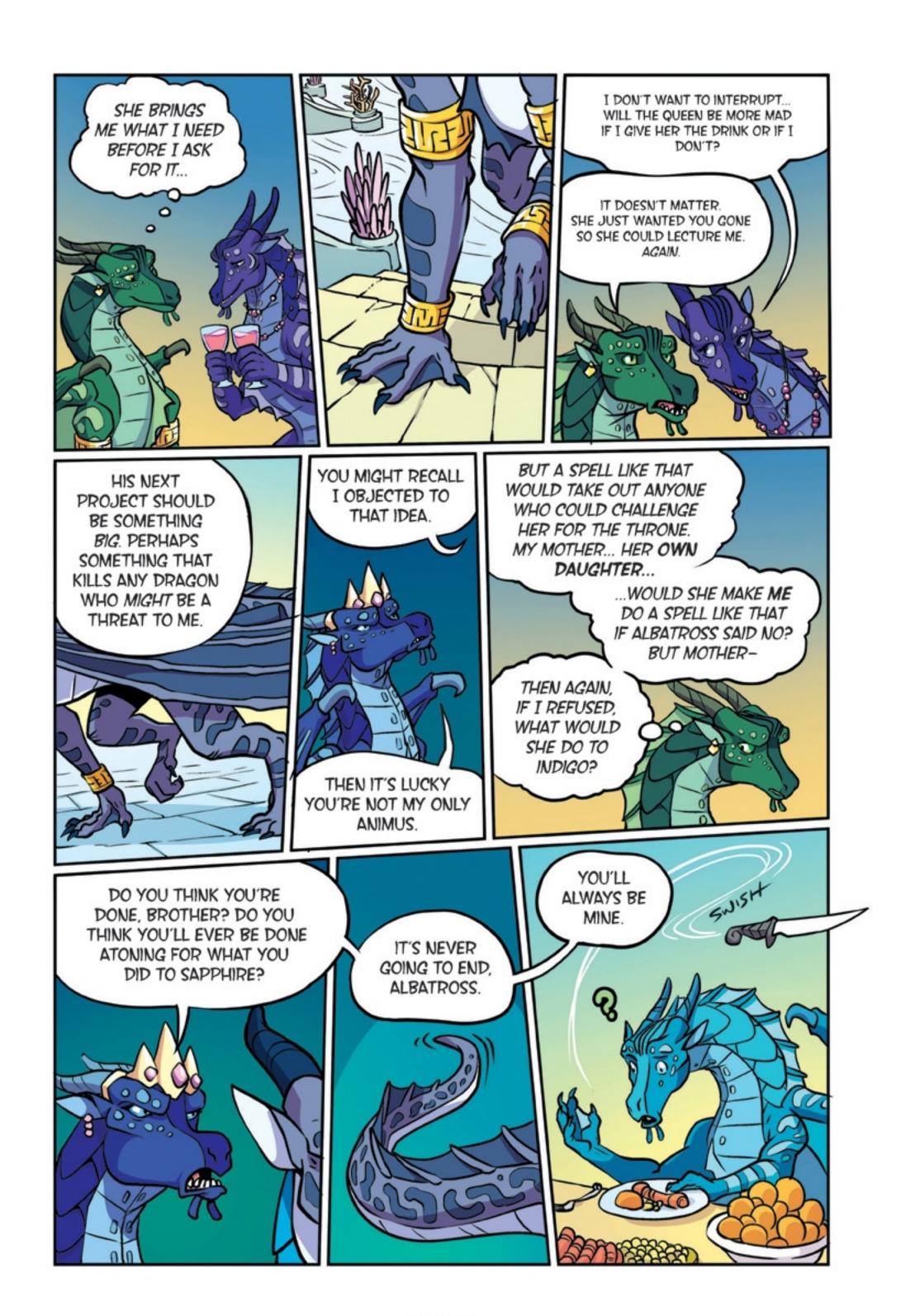






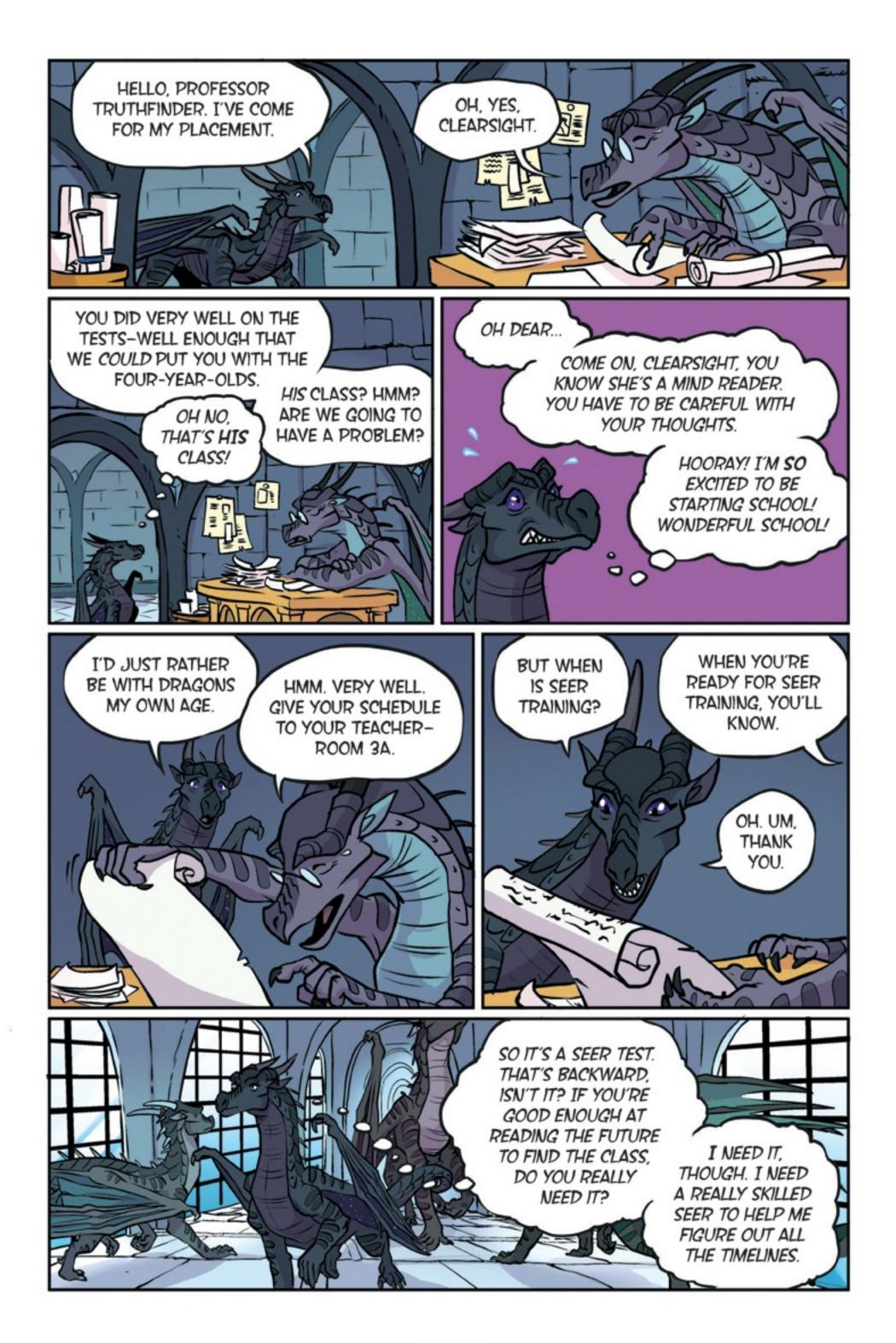
THAT'S PROBABLY AN IMPORTANT POINT TO REMEMBER DURING NEGOTIATIONS TOMORROW.

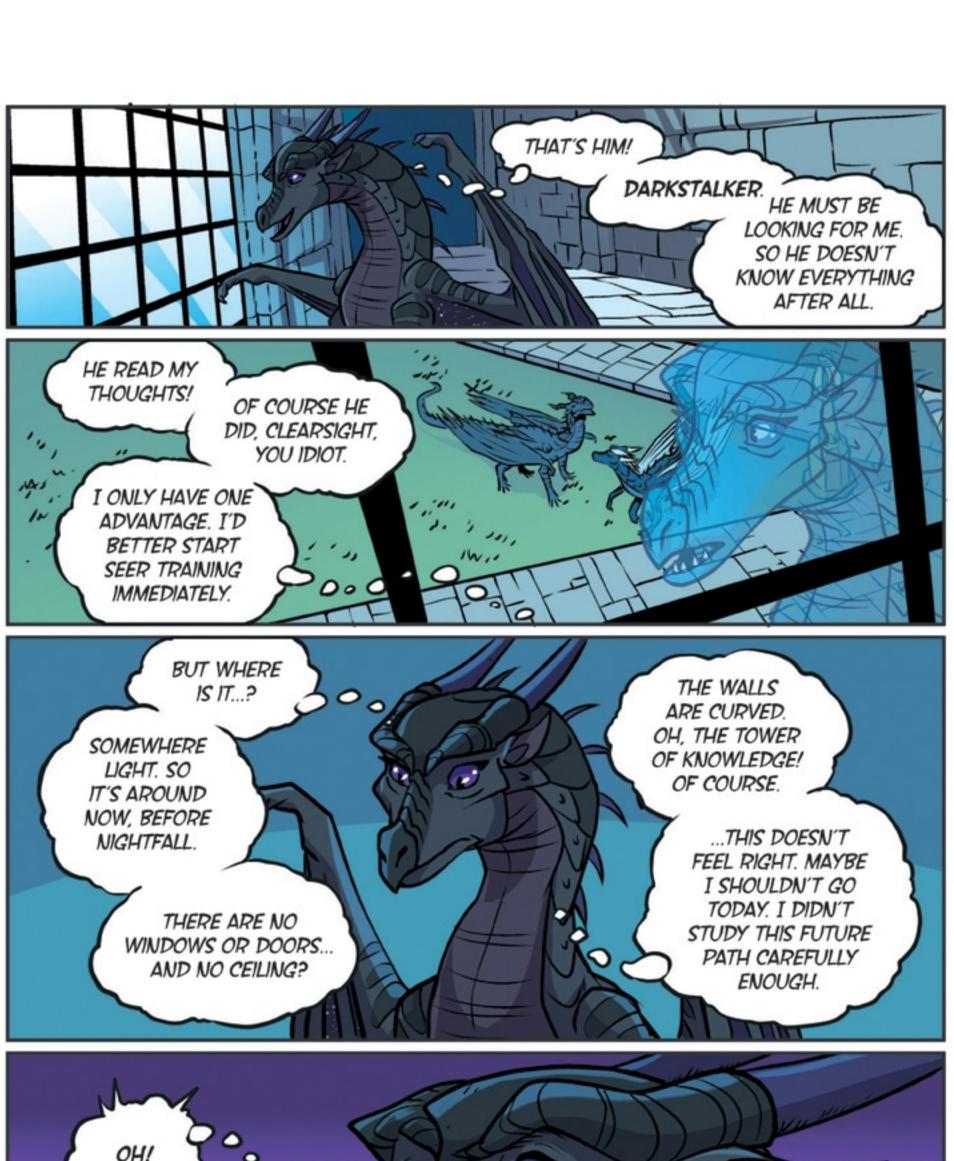






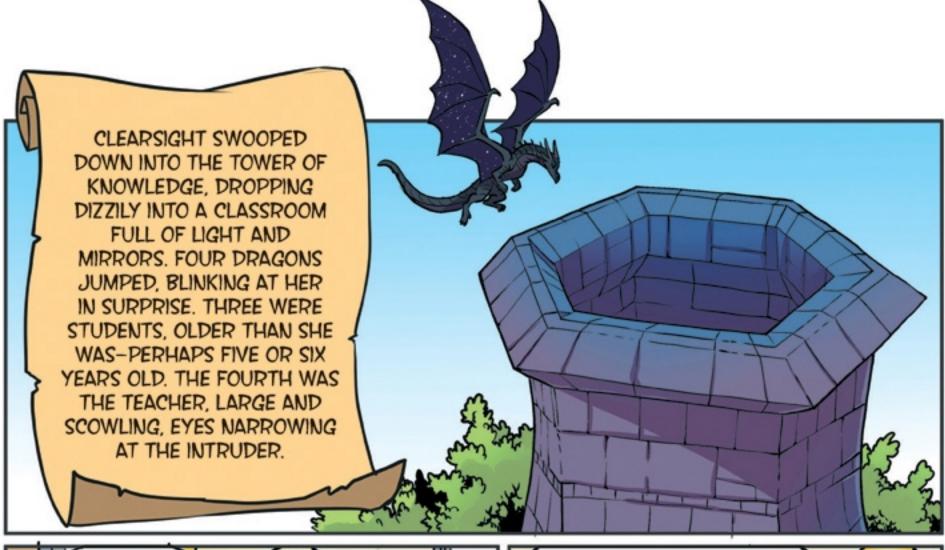














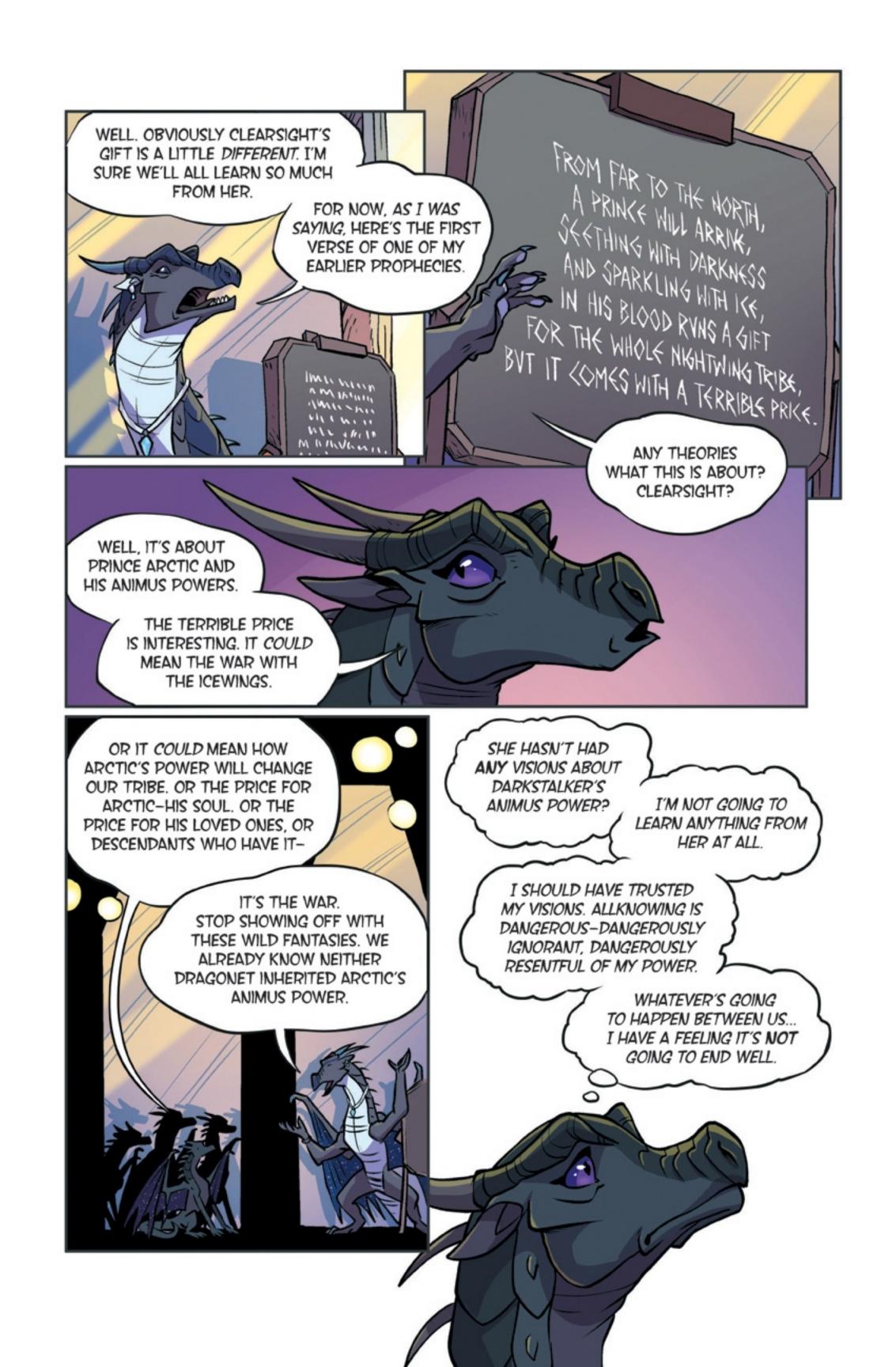


I CAN PROVE MY VISIONS
ARE REAL! I KNOW YOU'RE
ALLKNOWING, THE QUEEN'S
SEER. YOU THREE ARE JEWELEYES, MORROWWATCHER,
AND VISION.

I KNOW A HUGE STORM
IS COMING AND CLASS WILL
BE CANCELED FOR A WEEK.
I KNOW THE QUEEN'S PLANNING
TO EVALUATE HER POTENTIAL
SEERS SOON AND SHE WON'T
BE PLEASED. HOW'S THAT FOR
KNOWING THINGS?





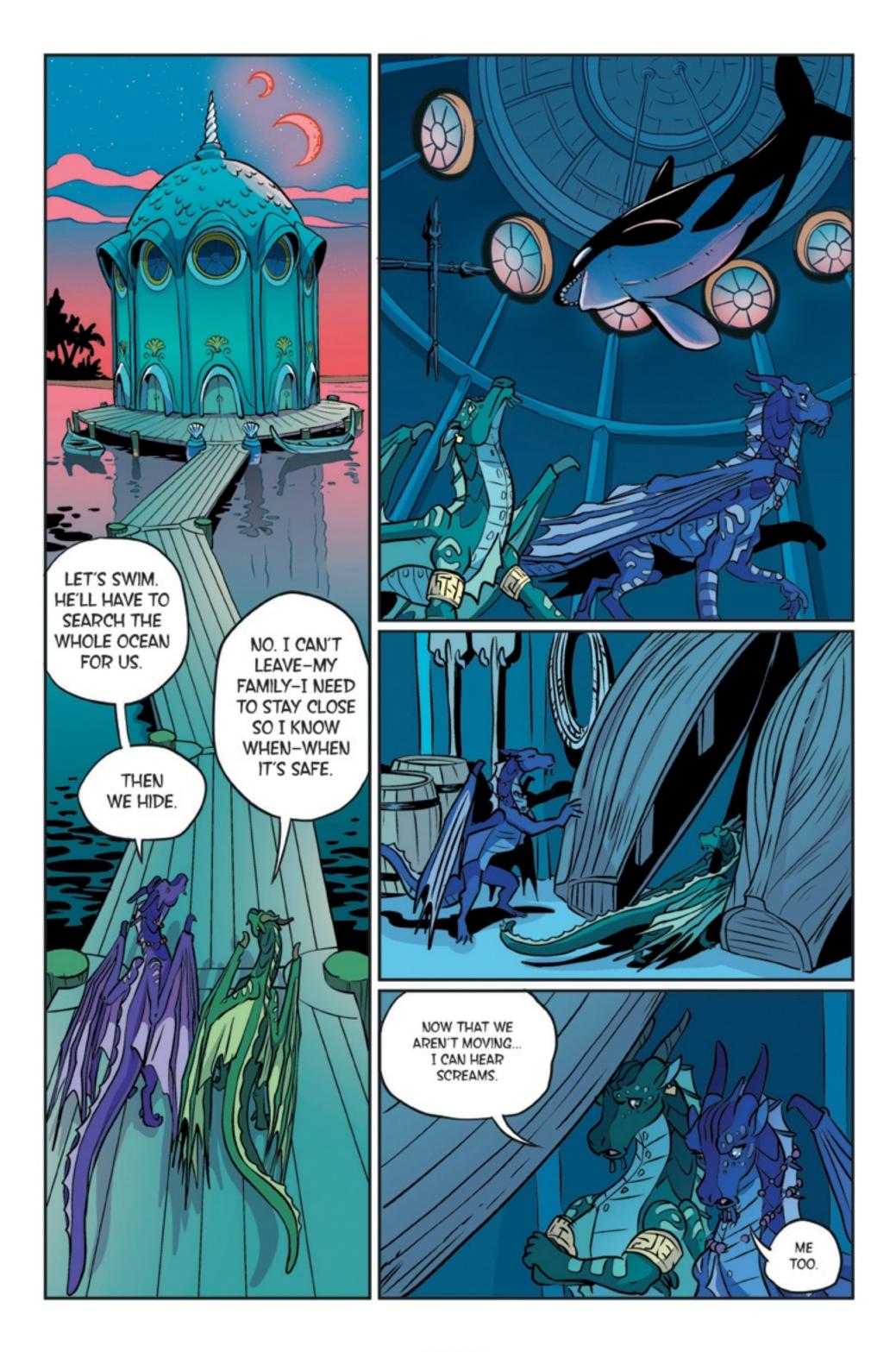


































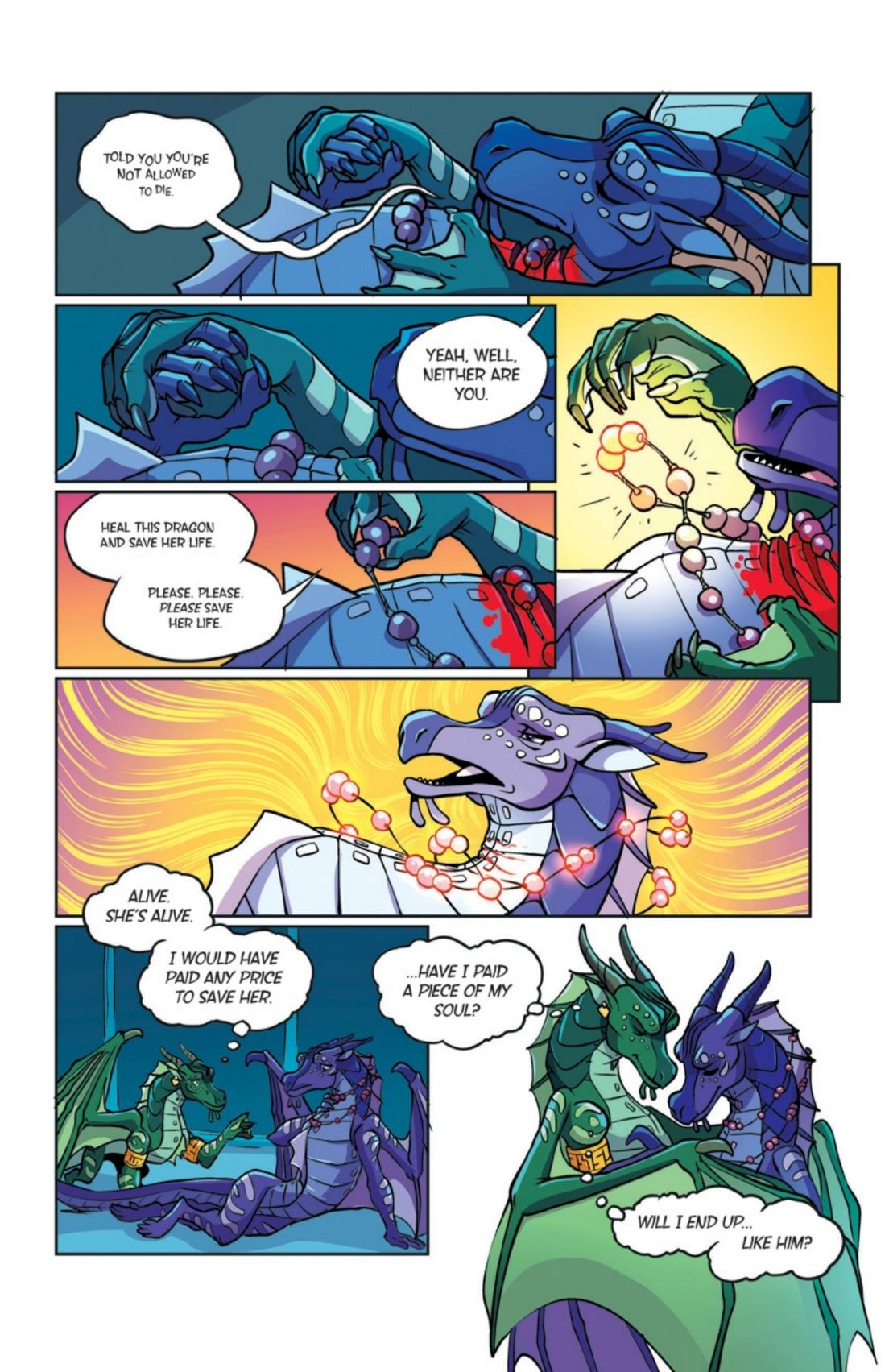


















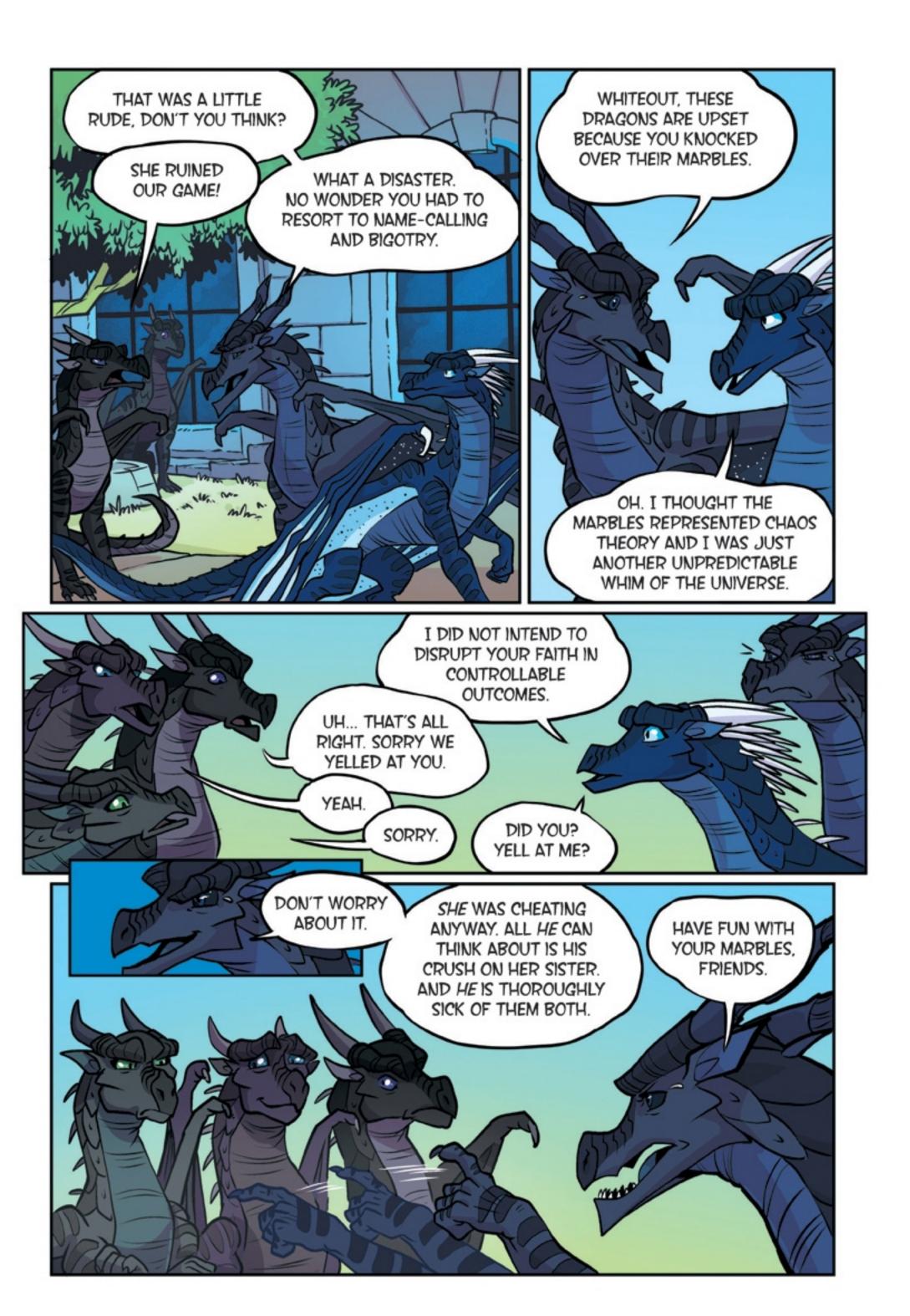


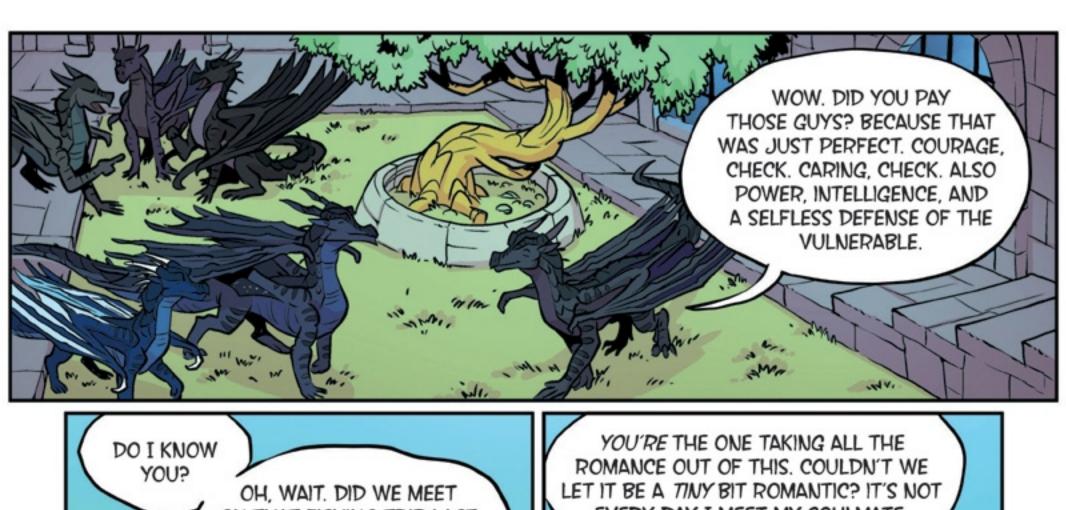






















































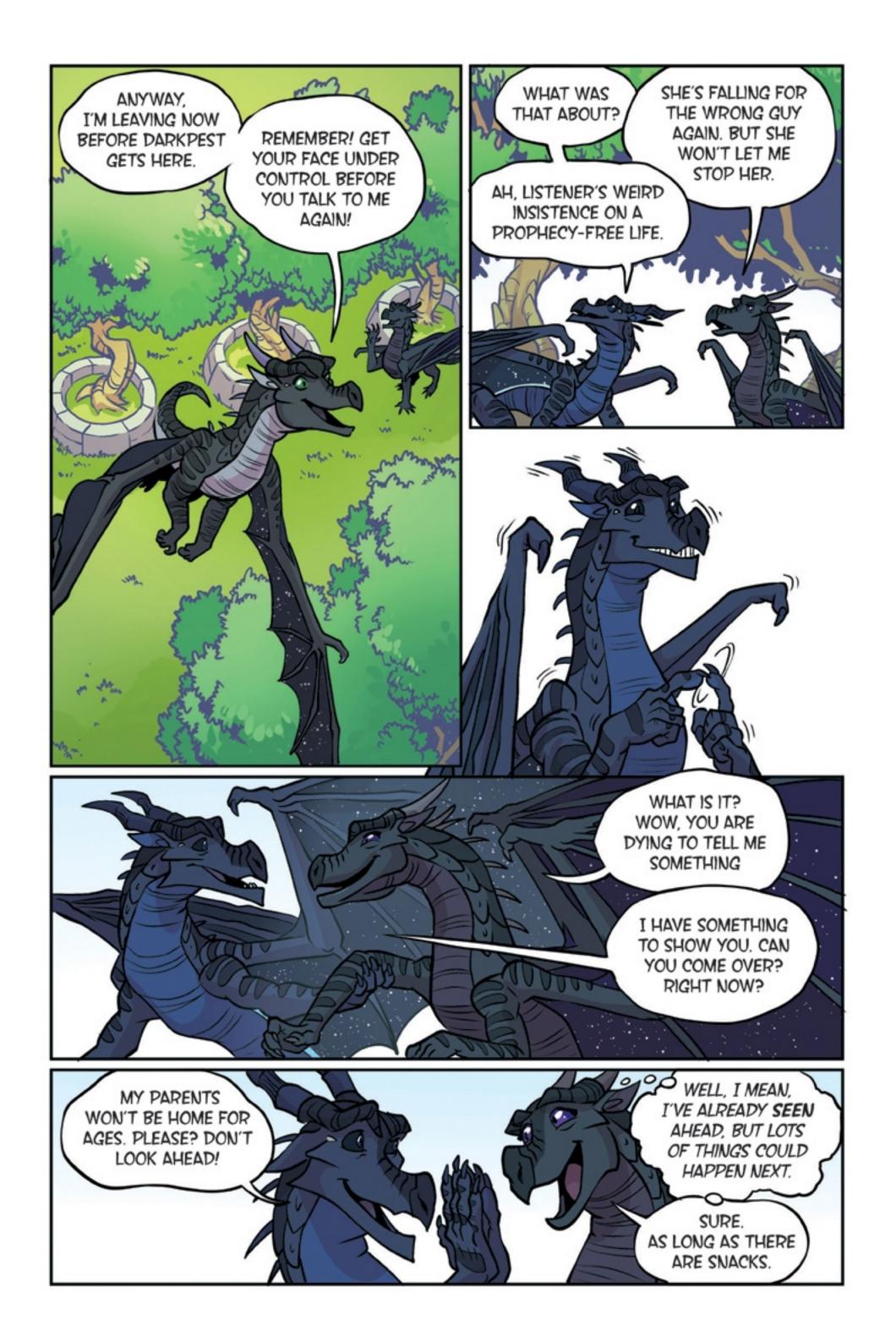








TRUE. I SHOULD TELL HER I TRUST HIM. BUT DO I?



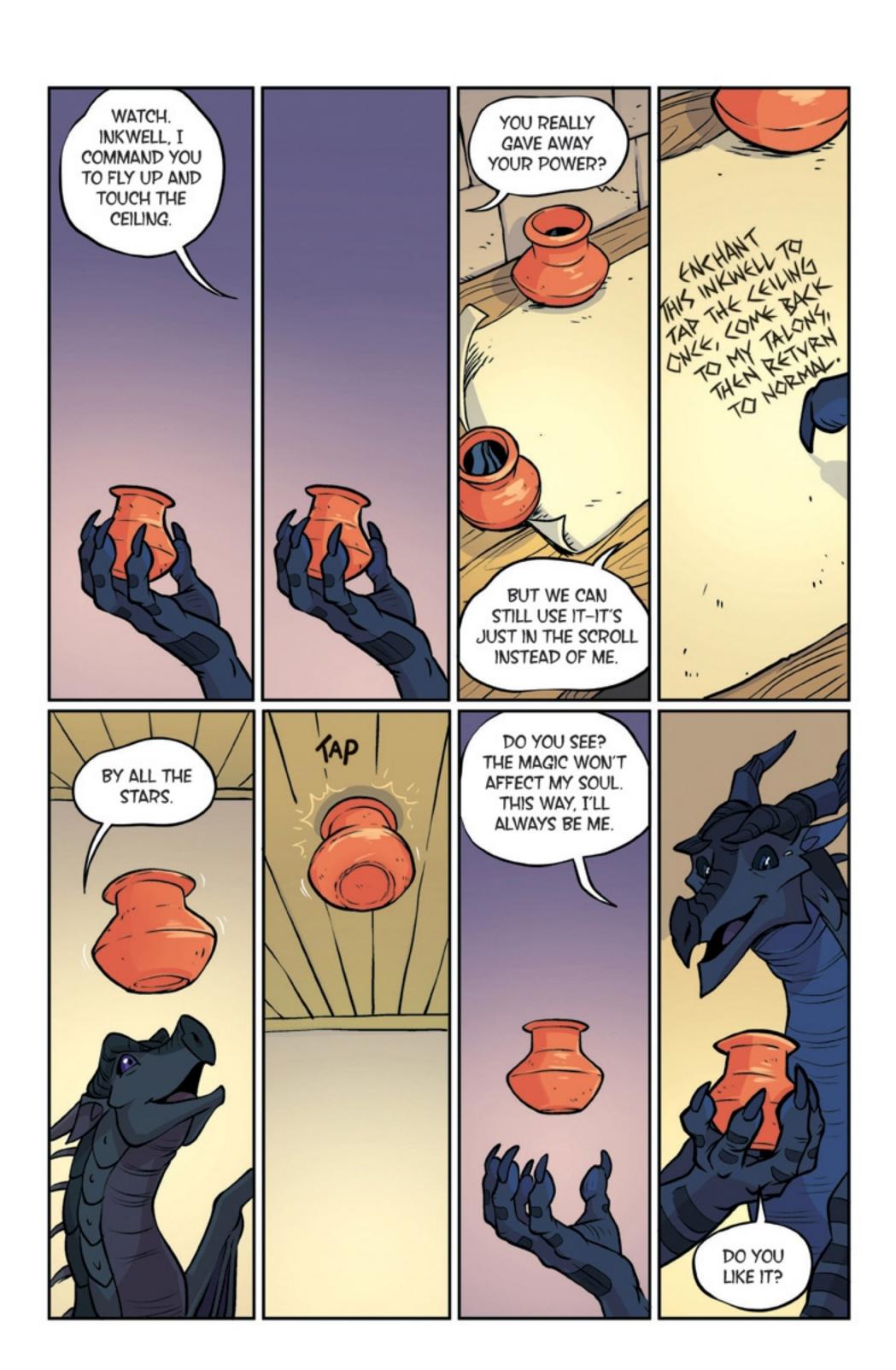
ON THE SURFACE, DARKSTALKER'S ROOM DIDN'T LOOK LIKE A PLACE FULL OF SECRETS.
A SLEEPING CORNER, A DESK WITH THREE INKWELLS, A RACK WITH THE KIND OF SCROLLS EVERY YOUNG NIGHTWING OWNS: GEOGRAPHY OF PYRRHIA; TEN LITTLE SCAVENGERS (RECIPES INCLUDED!); GOODNIGHT, MOONS. DARKSTALKER WENT STRAIGHT TO THE RACK AND SLID IT ASIDE, SLOWLY PULLING OUT ONE OF THE WALL STONES TO REVEAL A HIDDEN HOLE.

I KEEP THINGS IN HERE I DON'T WANT FATHER TO SEE.













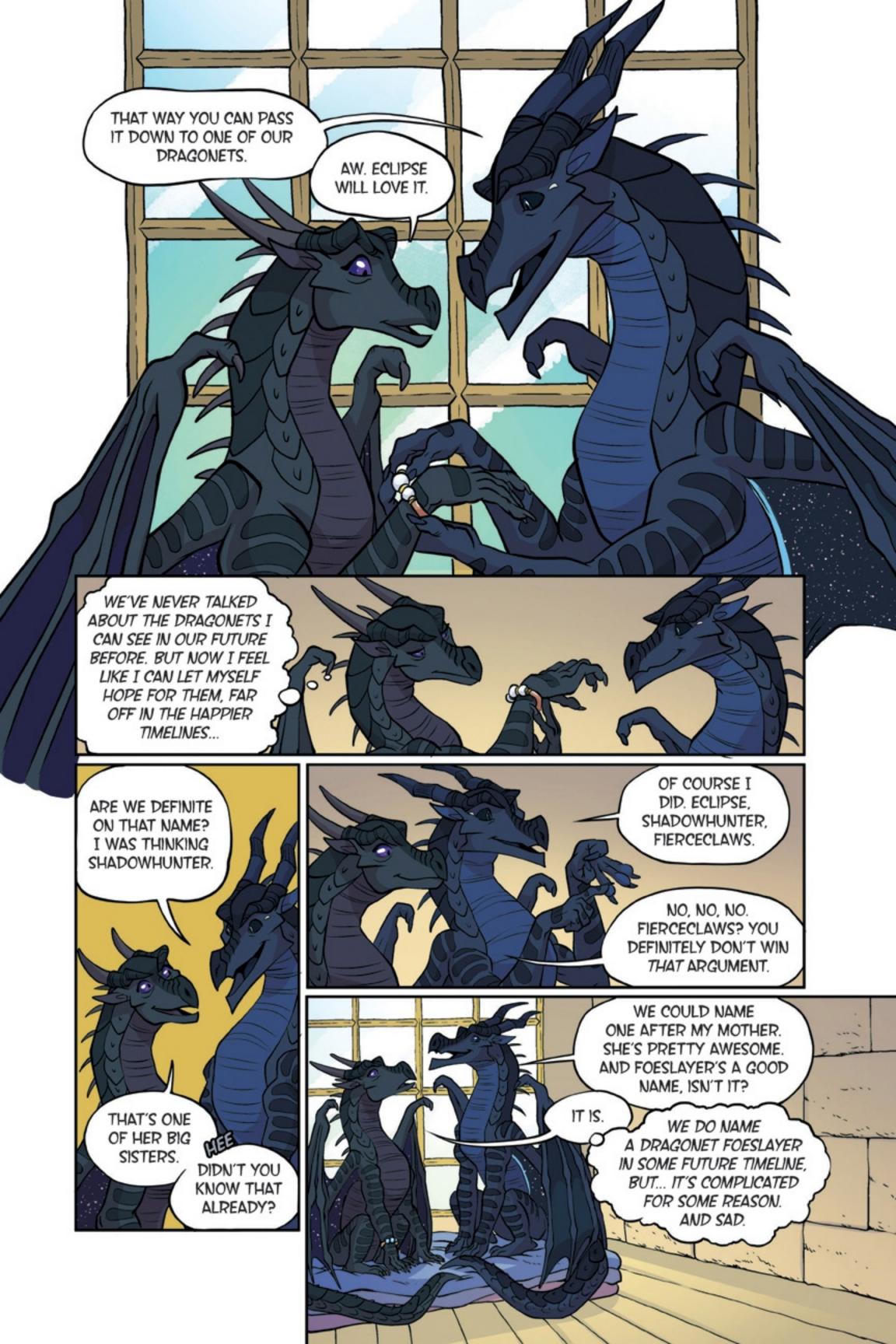


















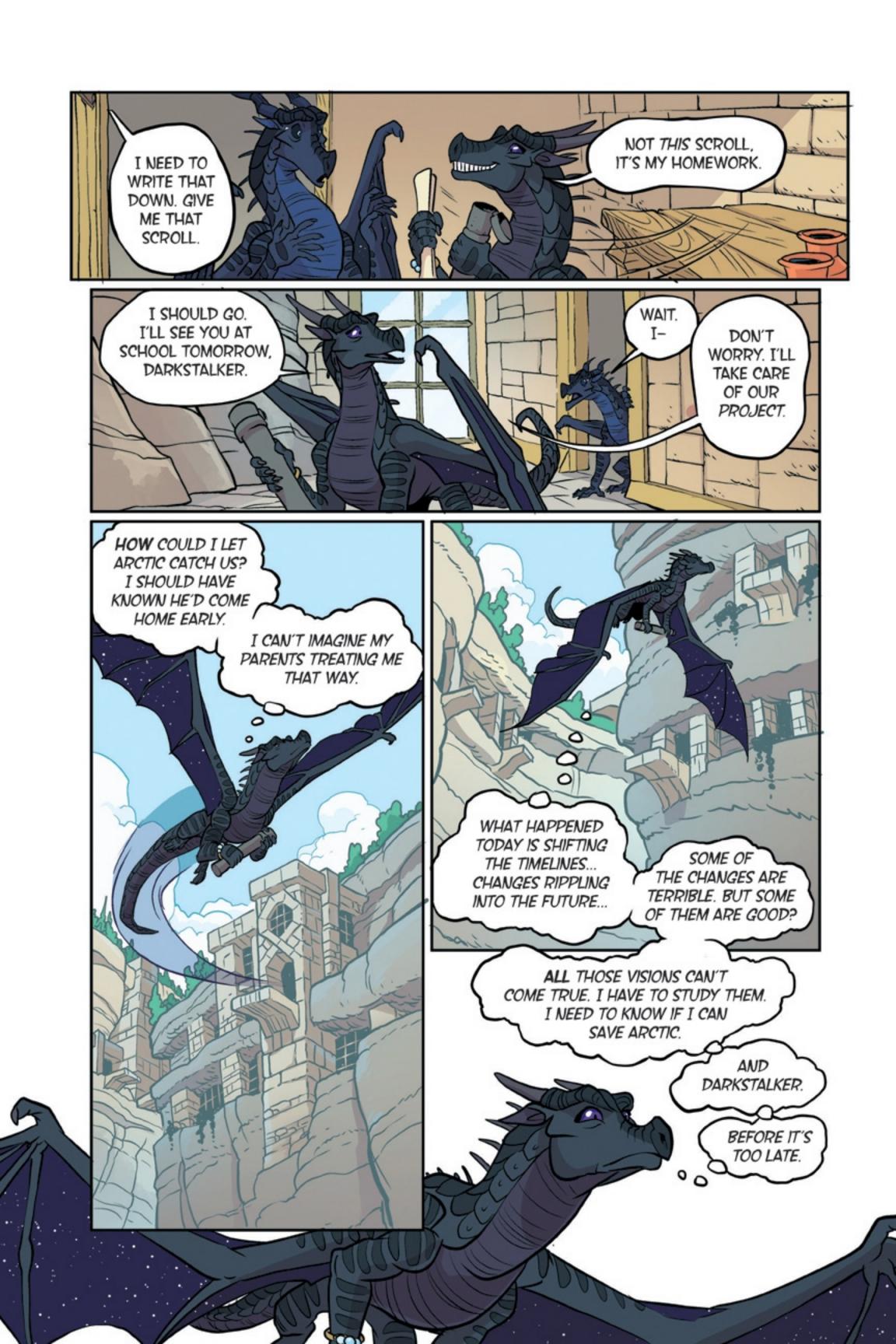


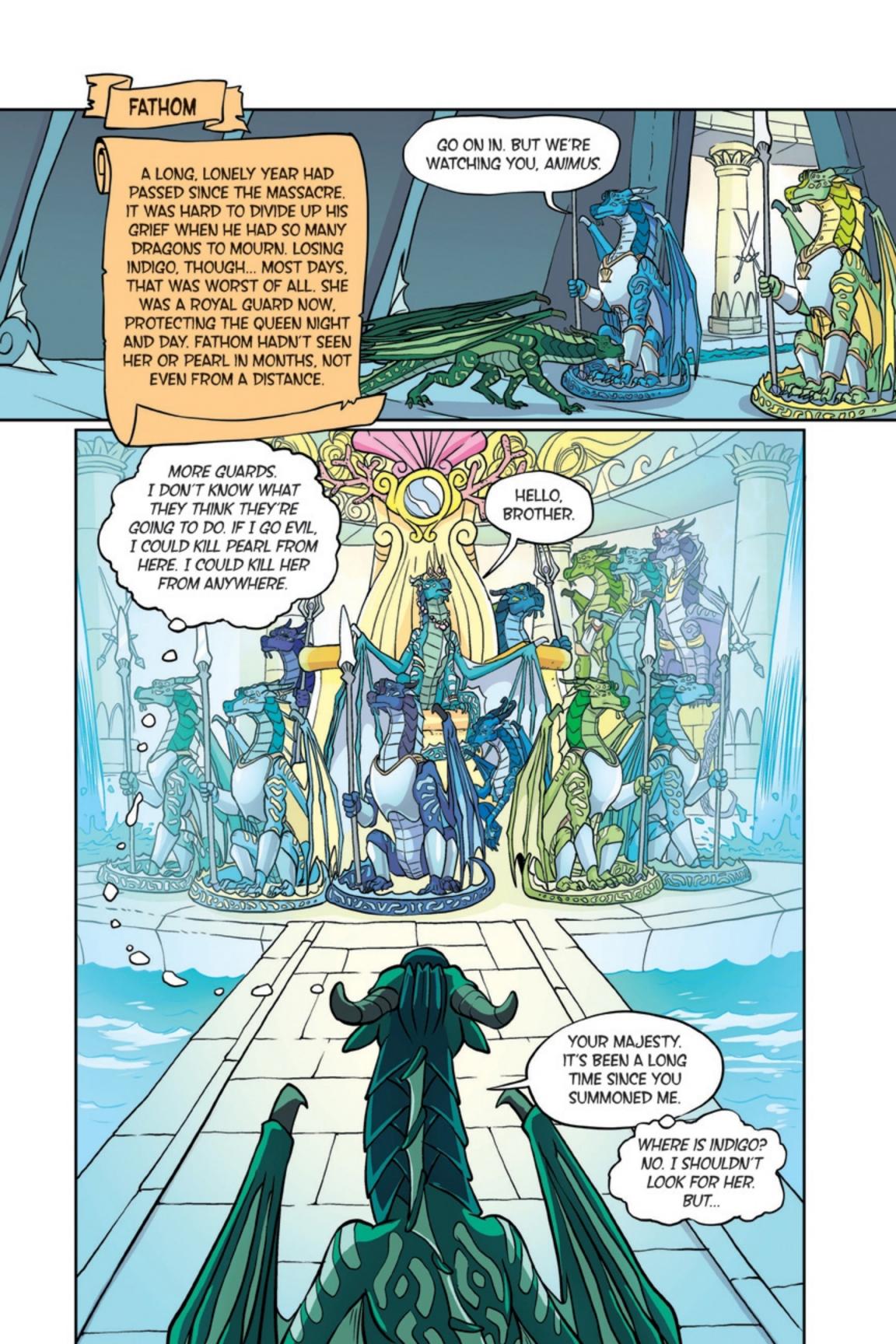


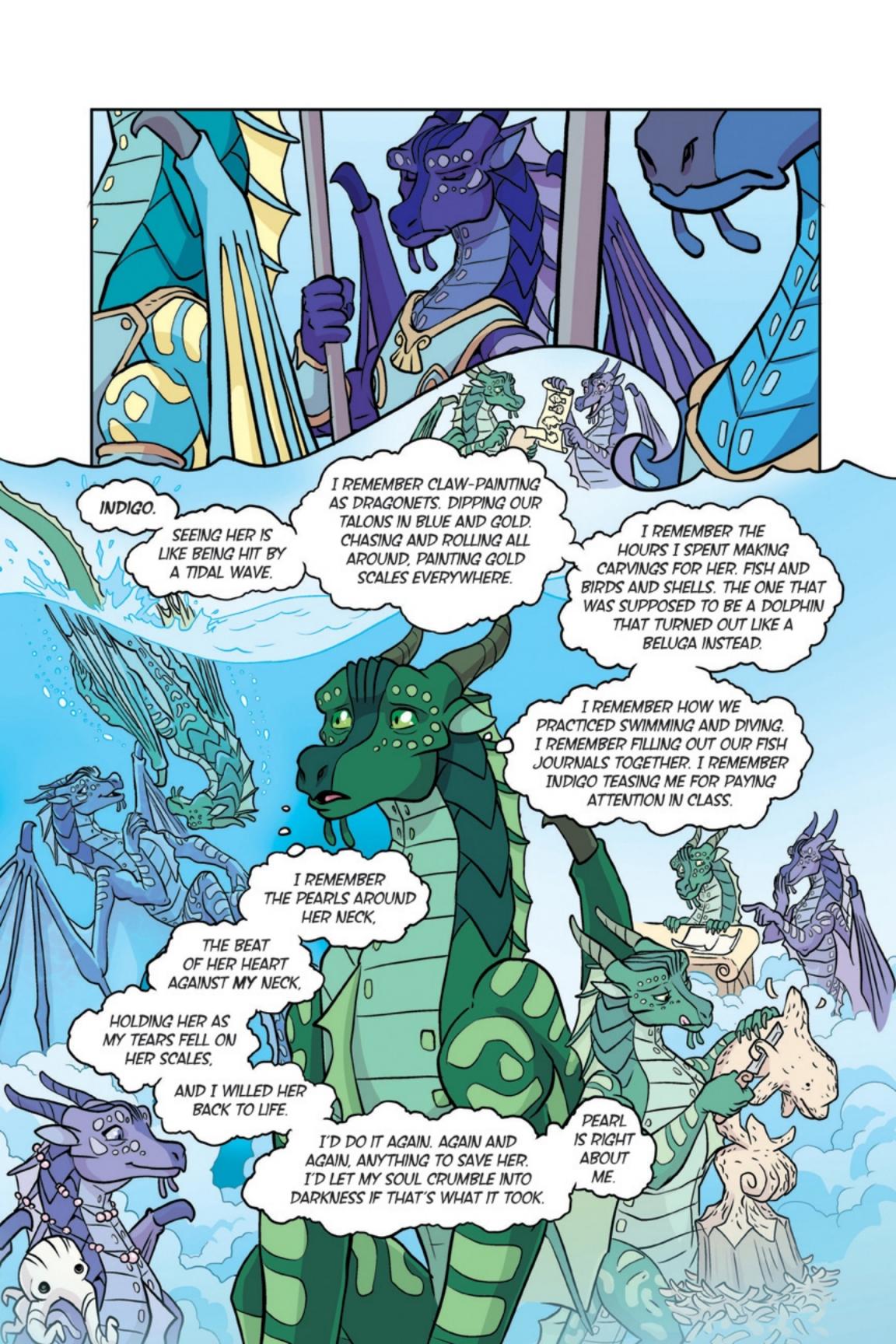


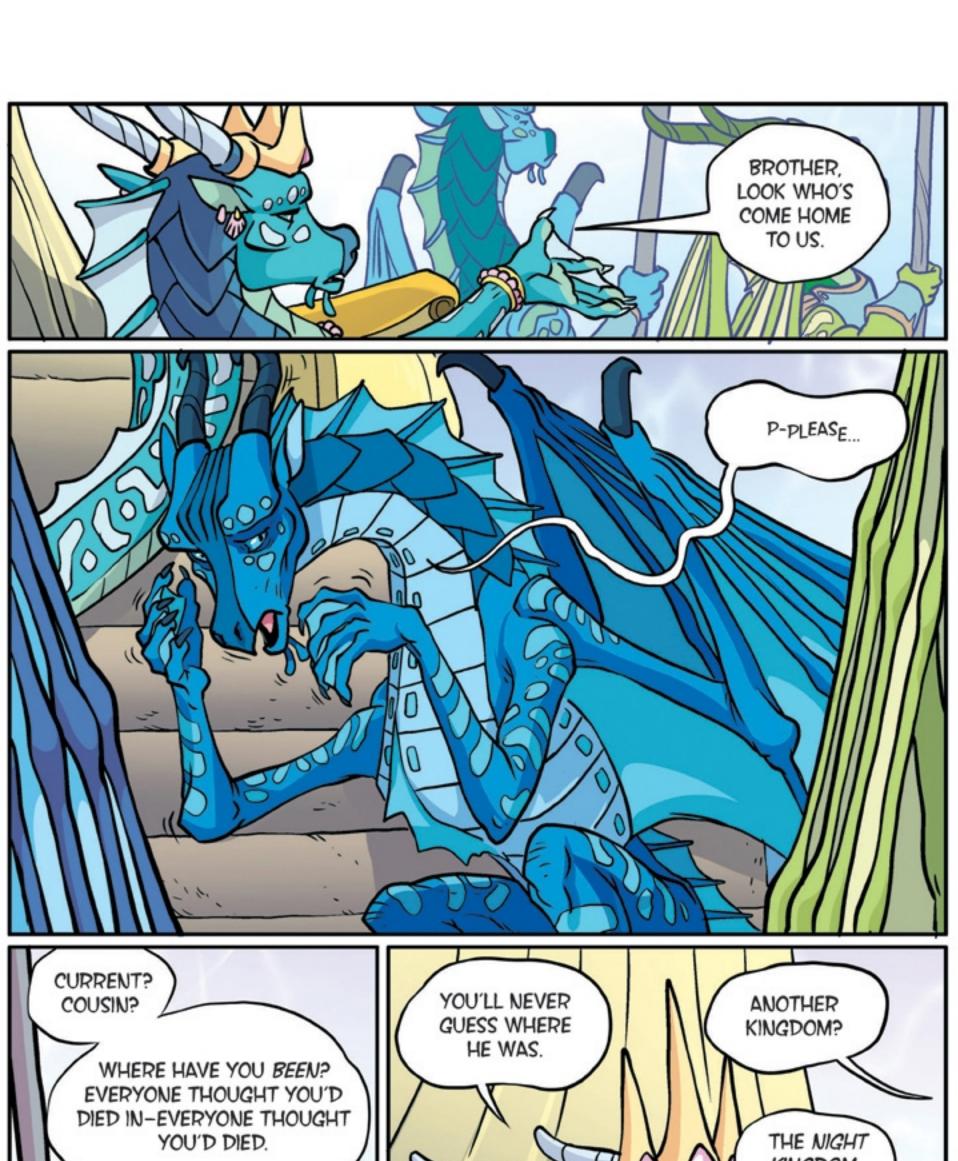


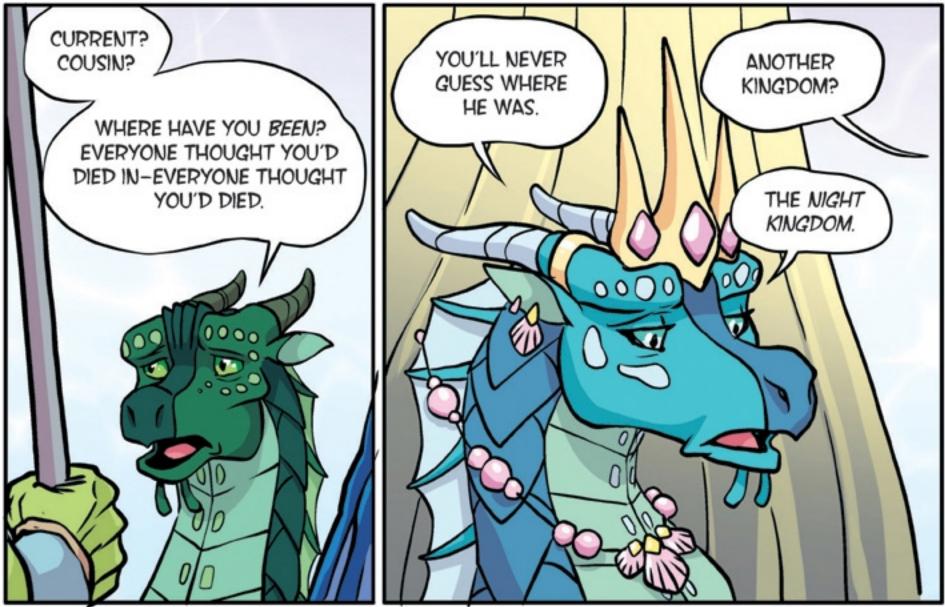


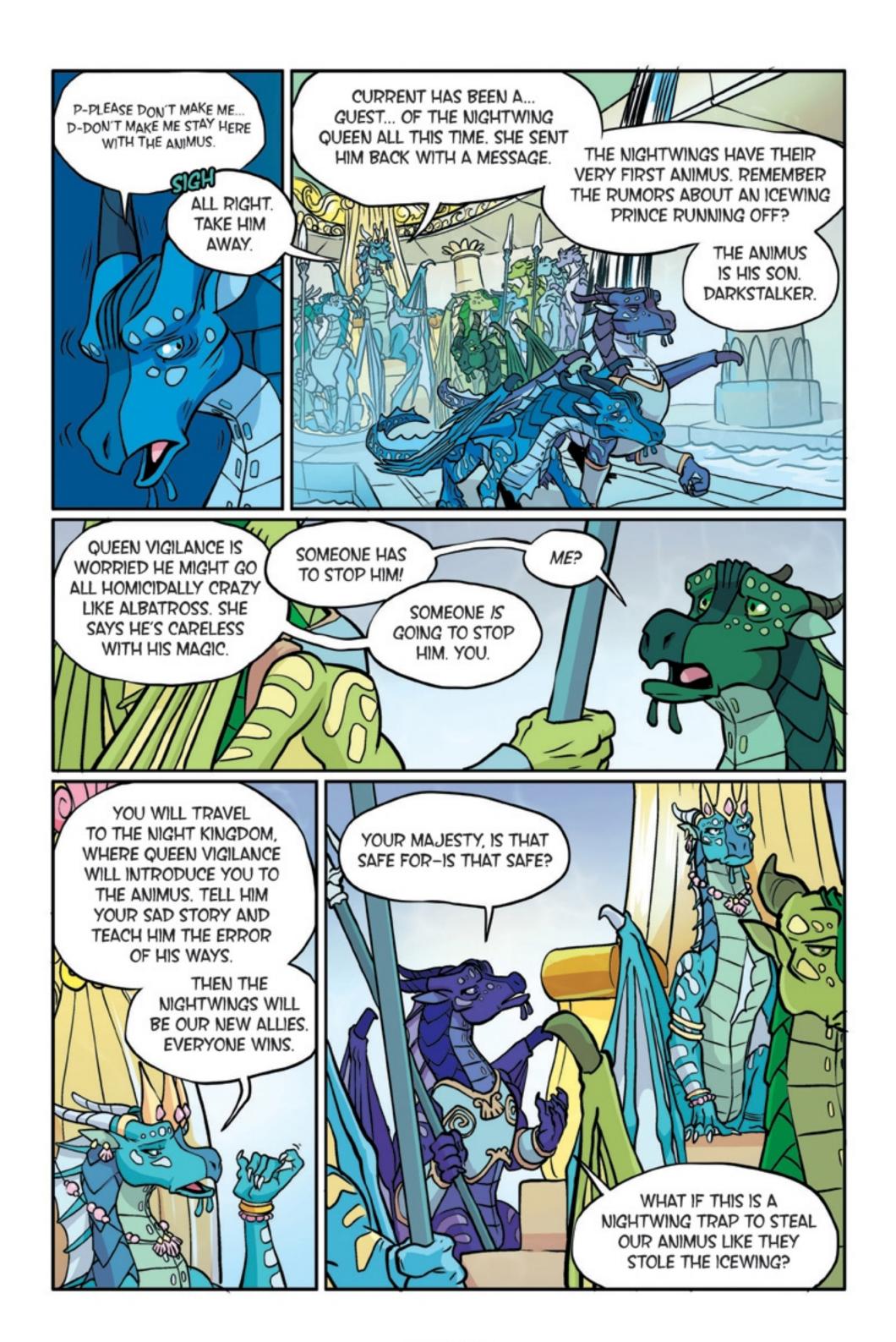












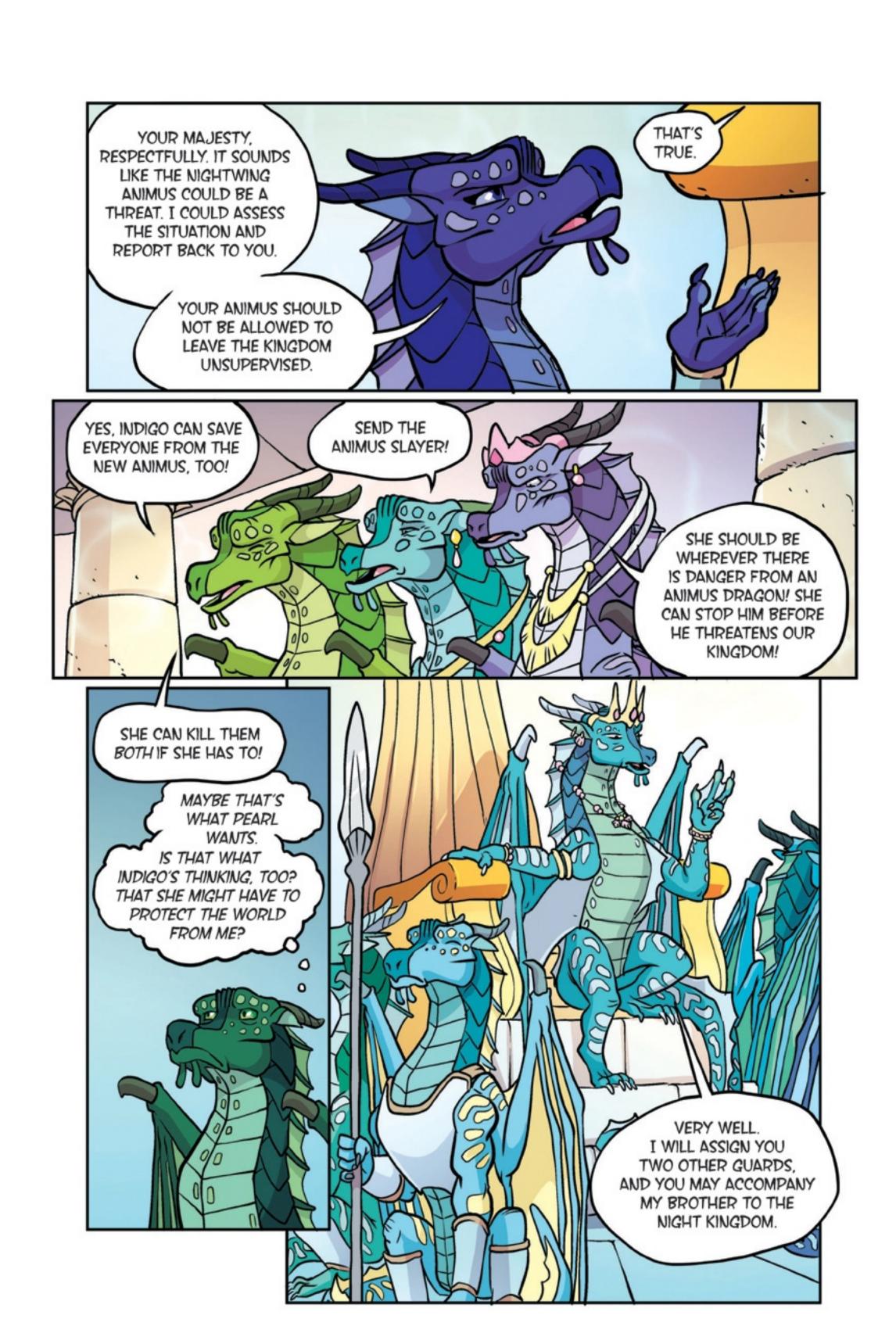


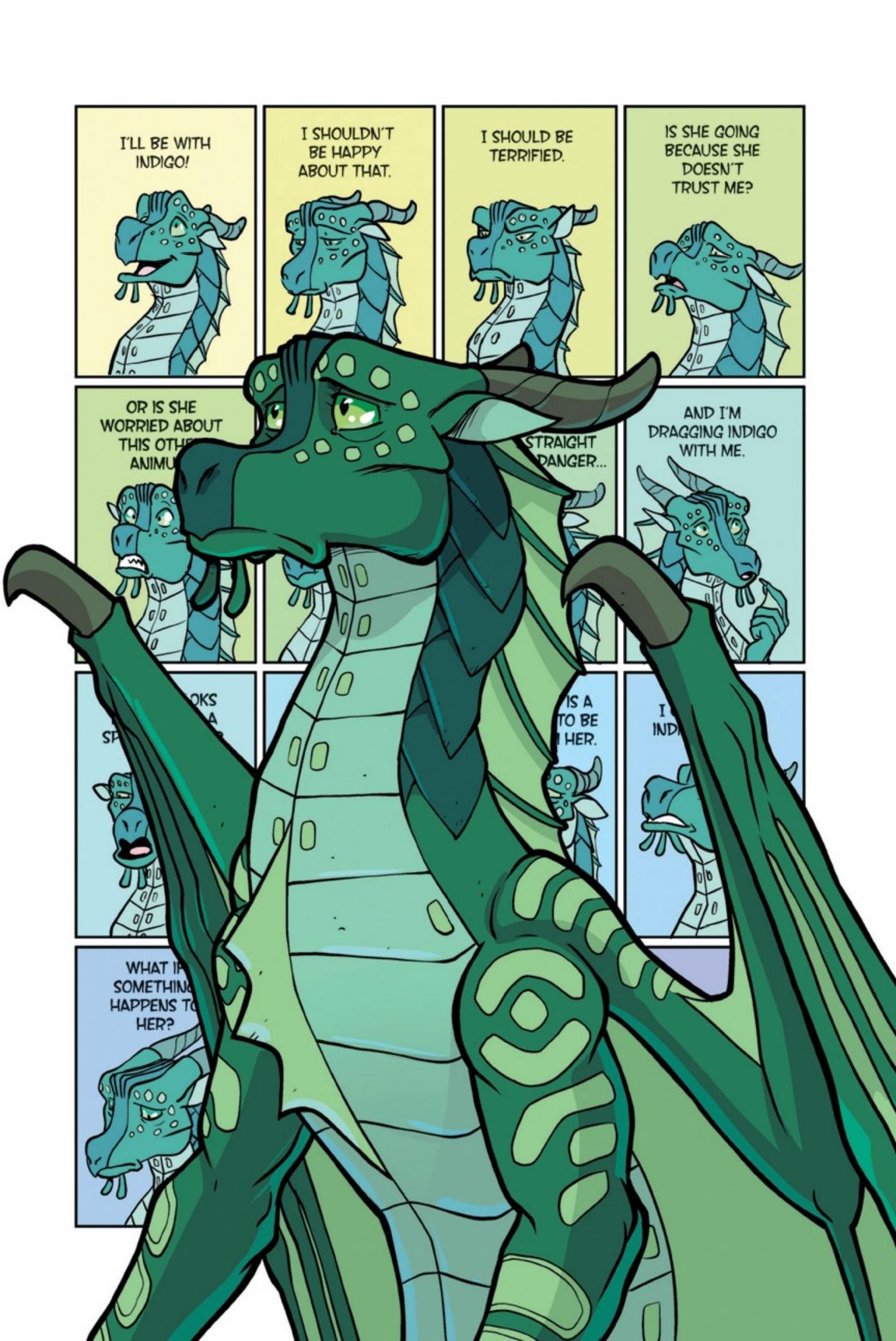
























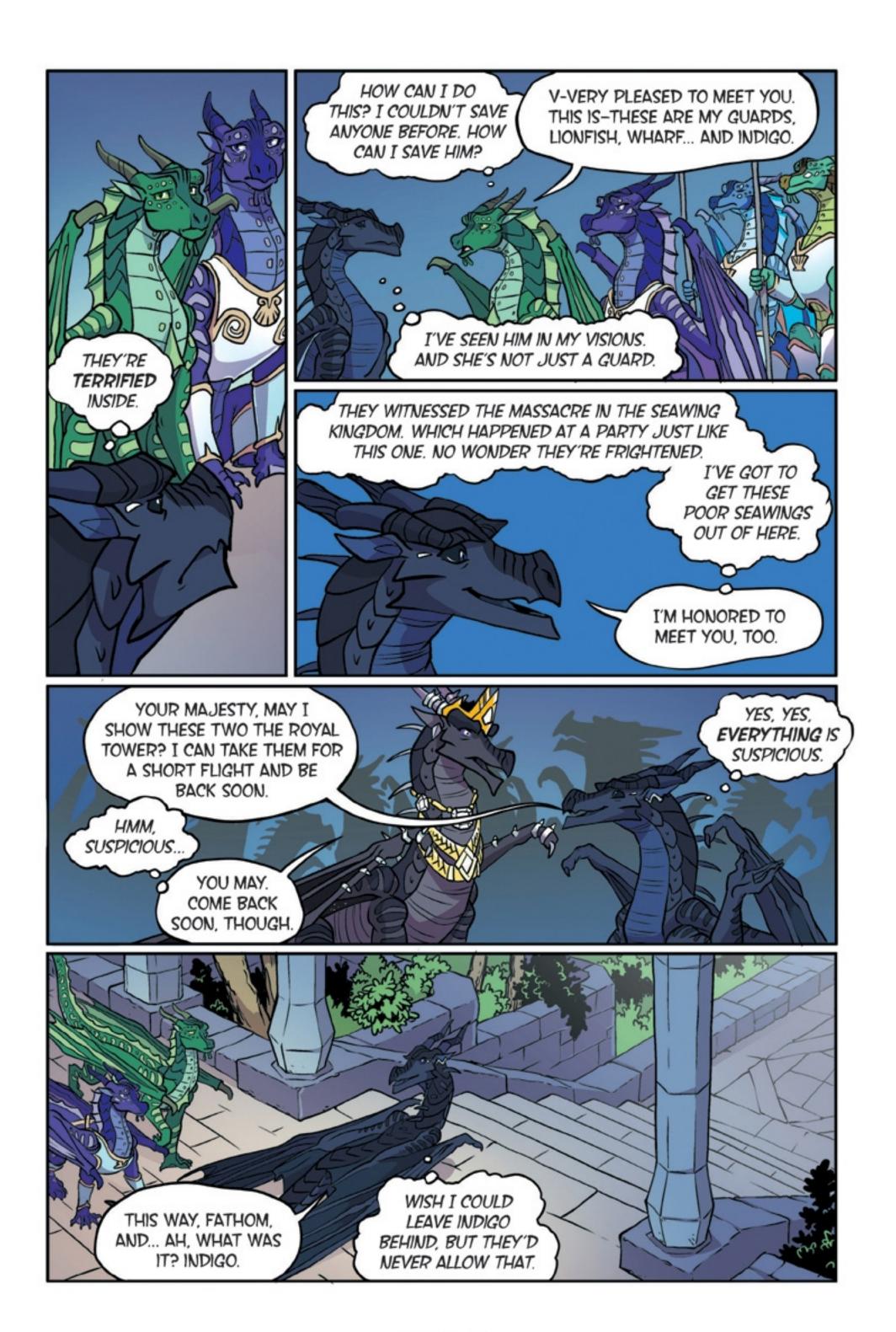








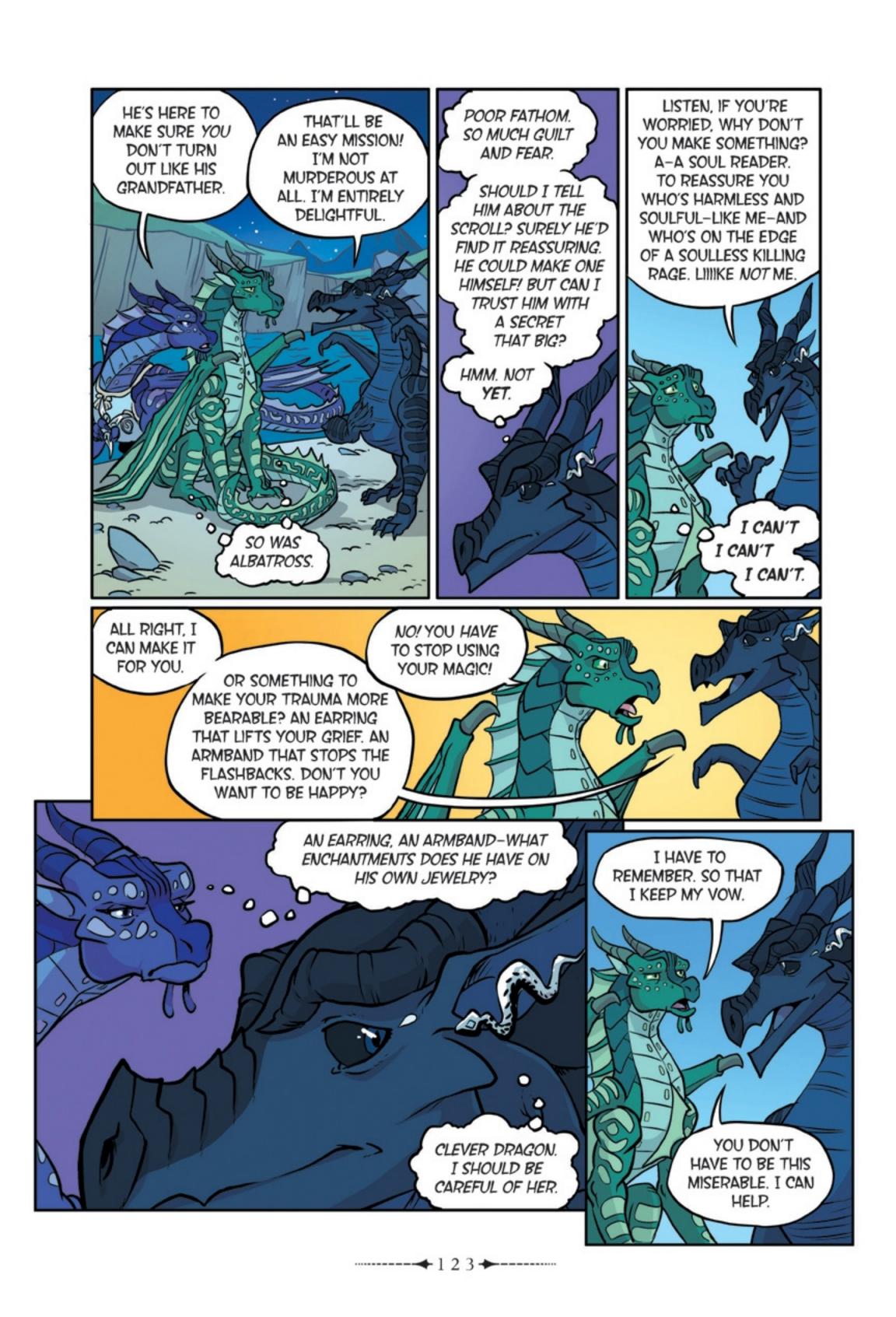






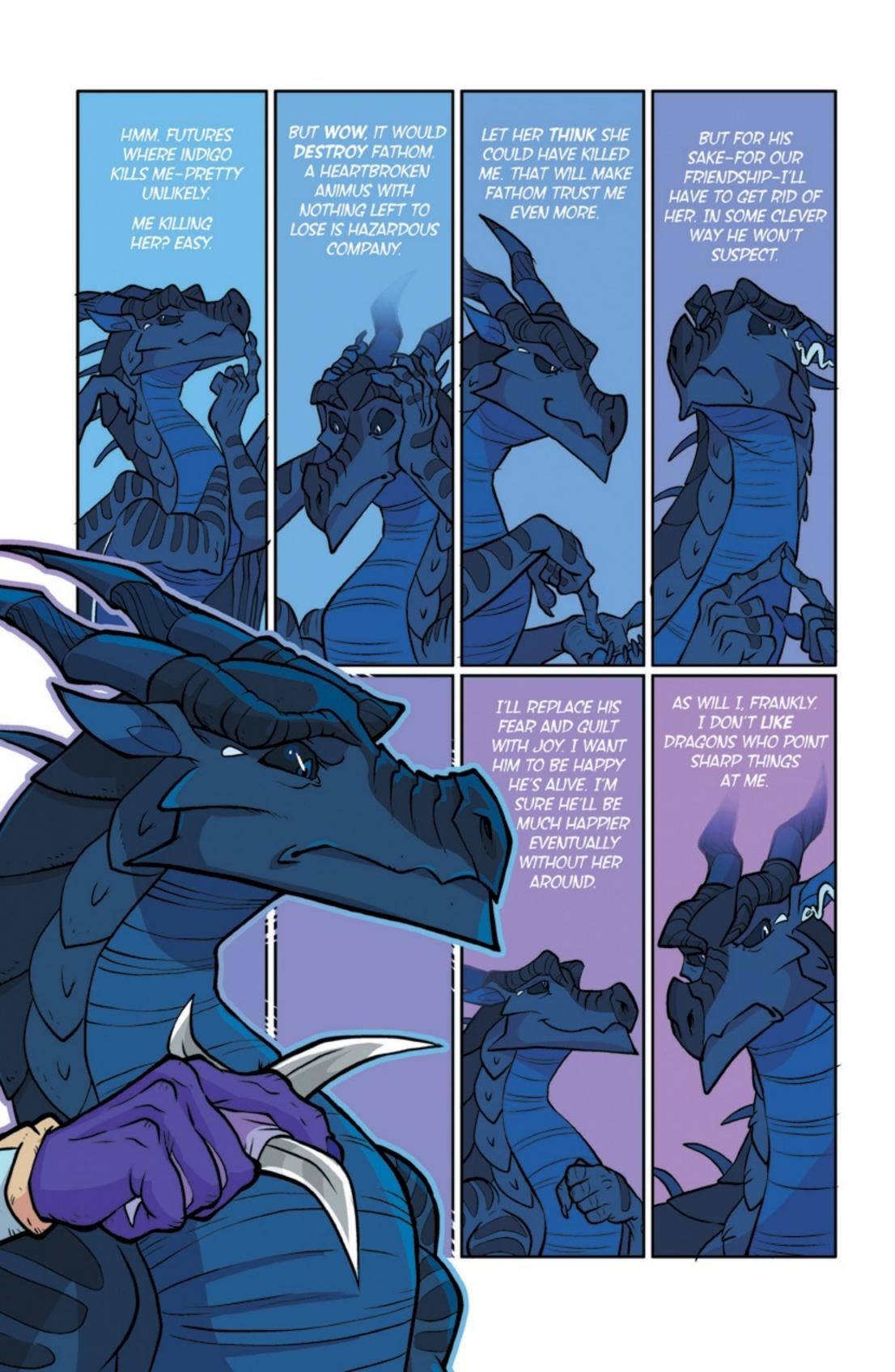










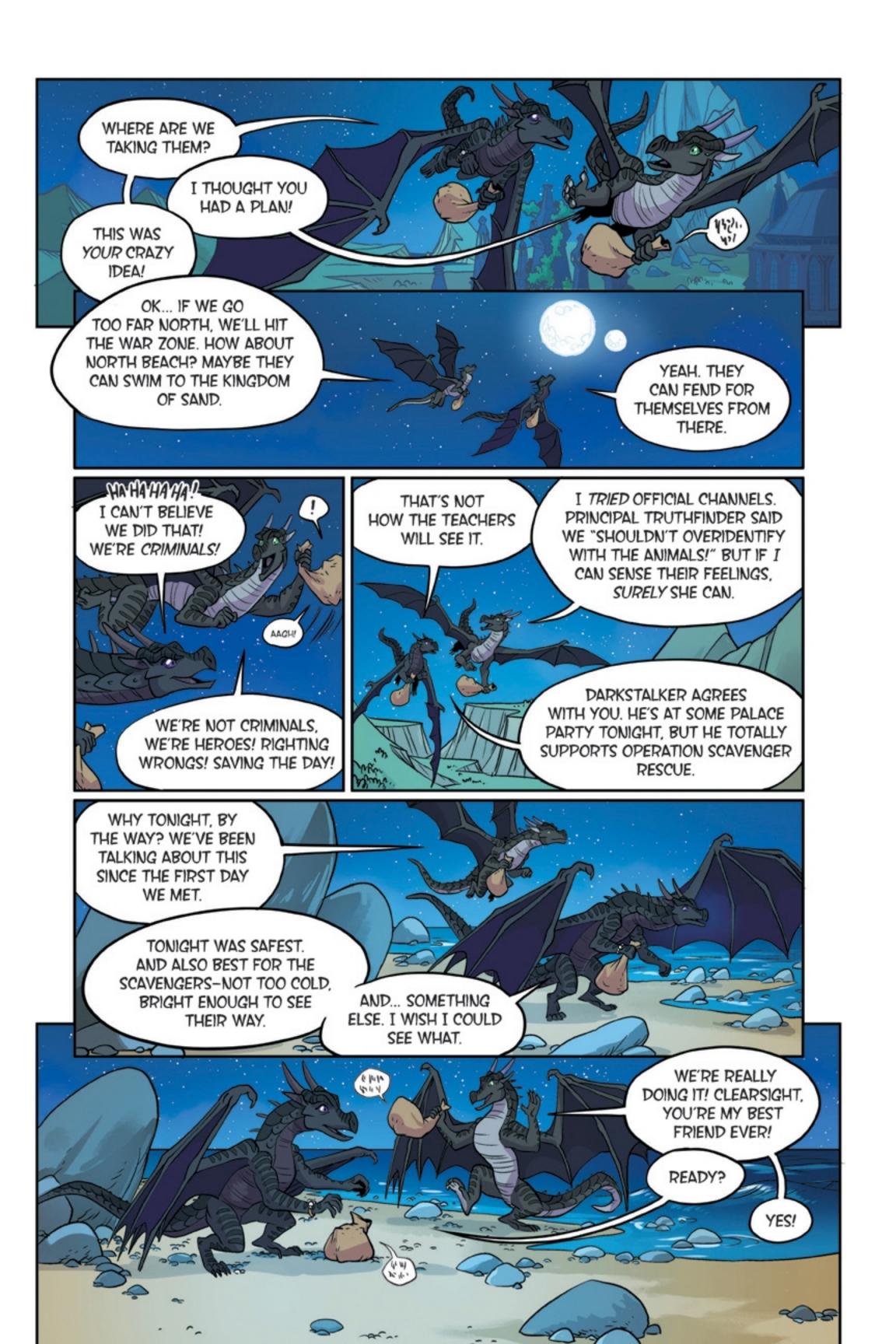


















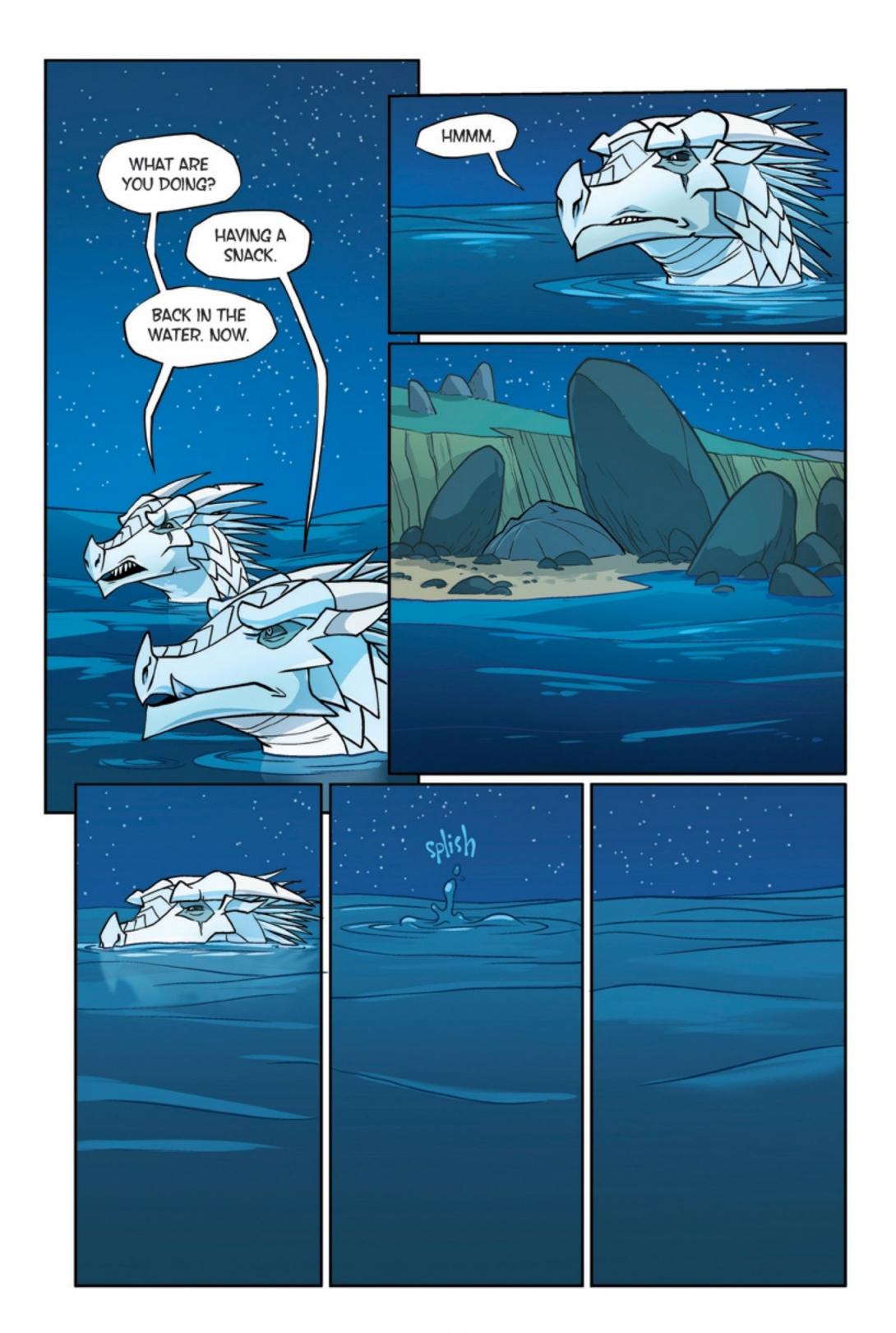


DID YOU SEE THAT?
YOUR SCAVENGER TOOK
MY SCAVENGER WITH HER!
COME ON, DIDN'T THAT
LOOK LIKE EMPATHY
TO YOU?

IT DID. ALTHOUGH
A LITTLE GRATITUDE
WOULD BE NICE,
TOO. WHERE'S THE
EMPATHY FOR THEIR
HEROIC DRAGON
RESCUERS?











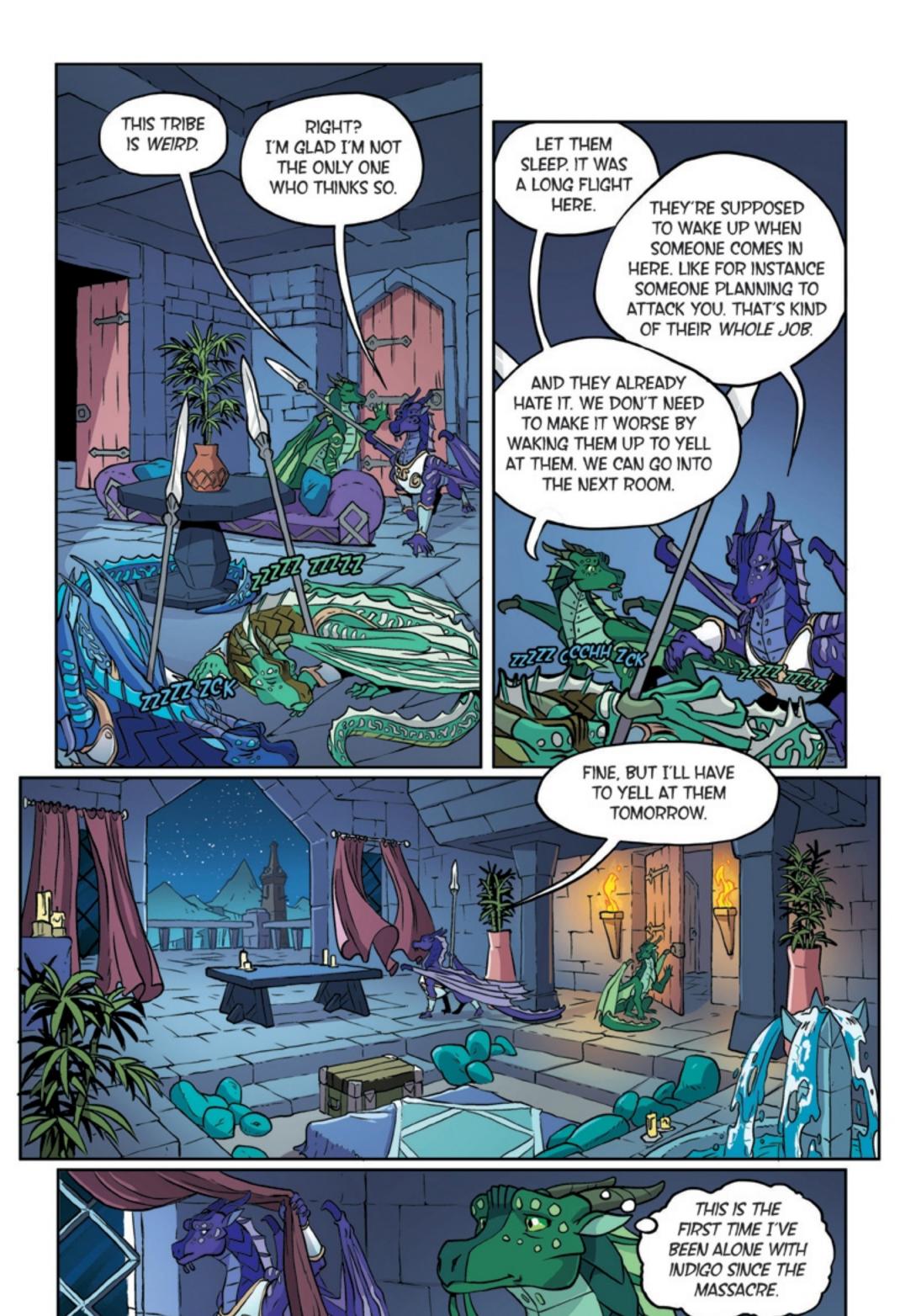


HAVING VISIONS OF NIGHTWINGS FLEEING SOME TERRIBLE DANGER?

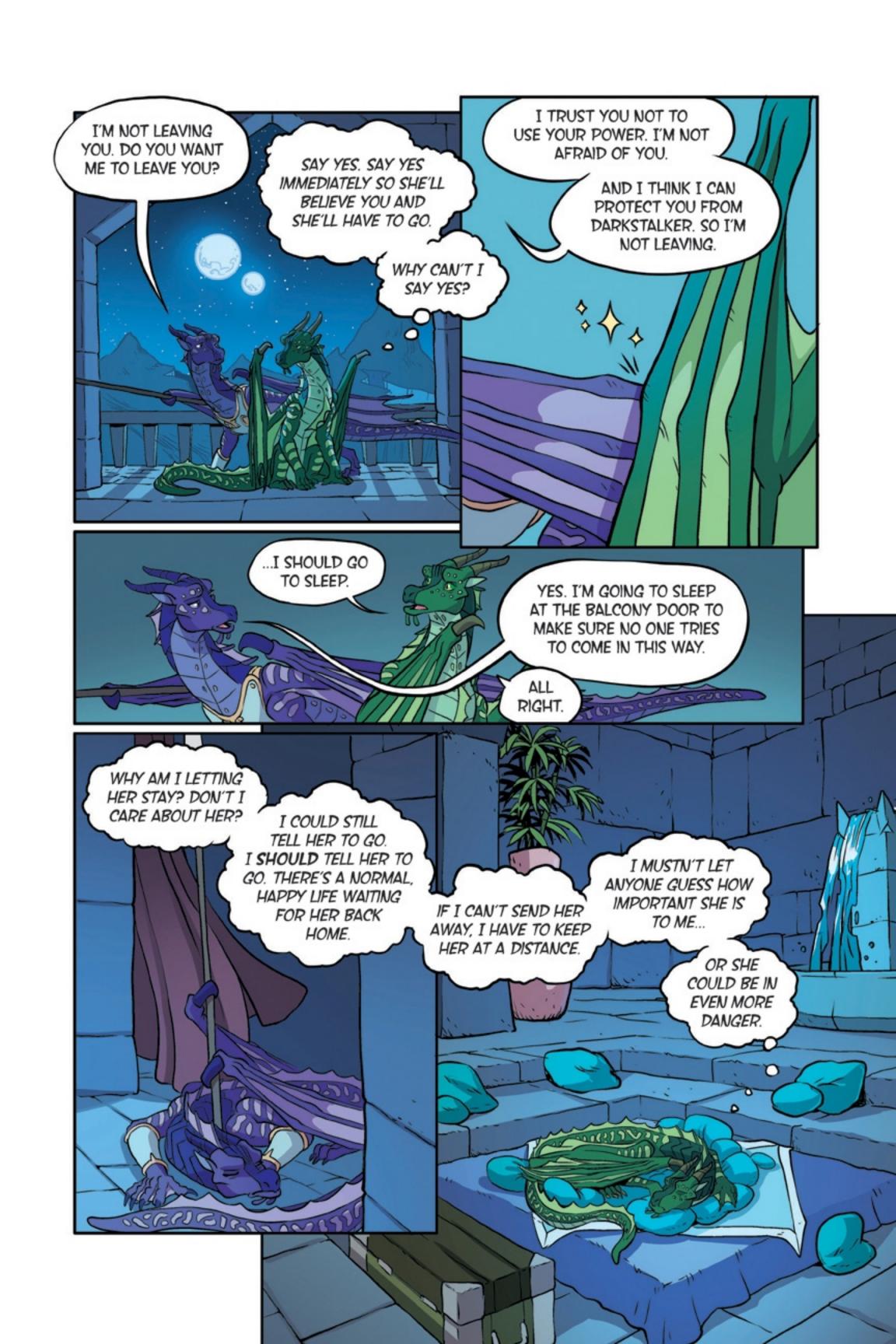
I'M NOT SURE
WHAT IT IS... BUT
TONIGHT SOME DARK
FUTURE HAS BECOME A
LITTLE BIT MORE REAL.

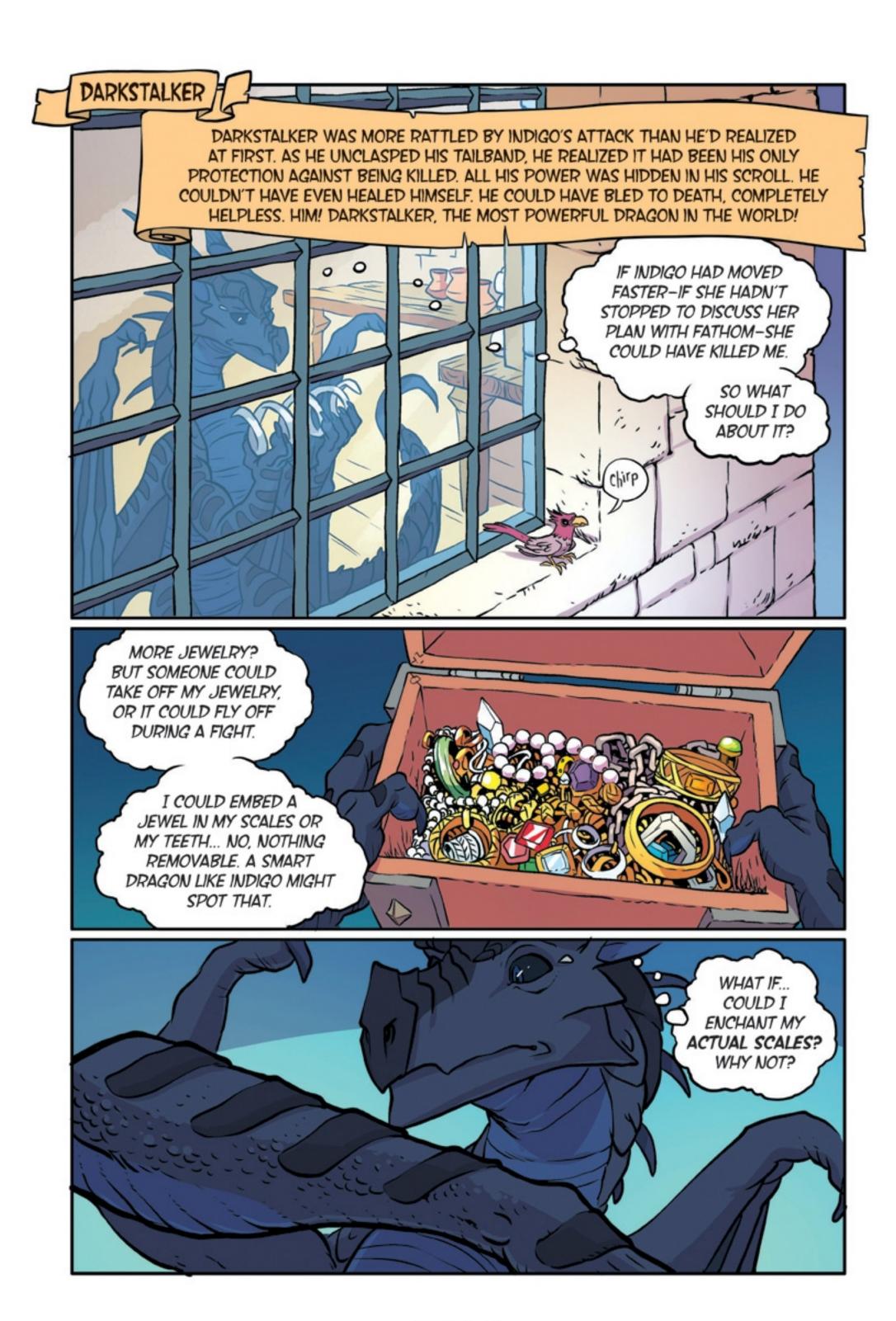
TOLD YOU I DON'T WANT TO KNOW
THE FUTURE. BUT IF-IF I EVER HAVE TO
EVACUATE MY FAMILY-I MEAN, IF IT'S

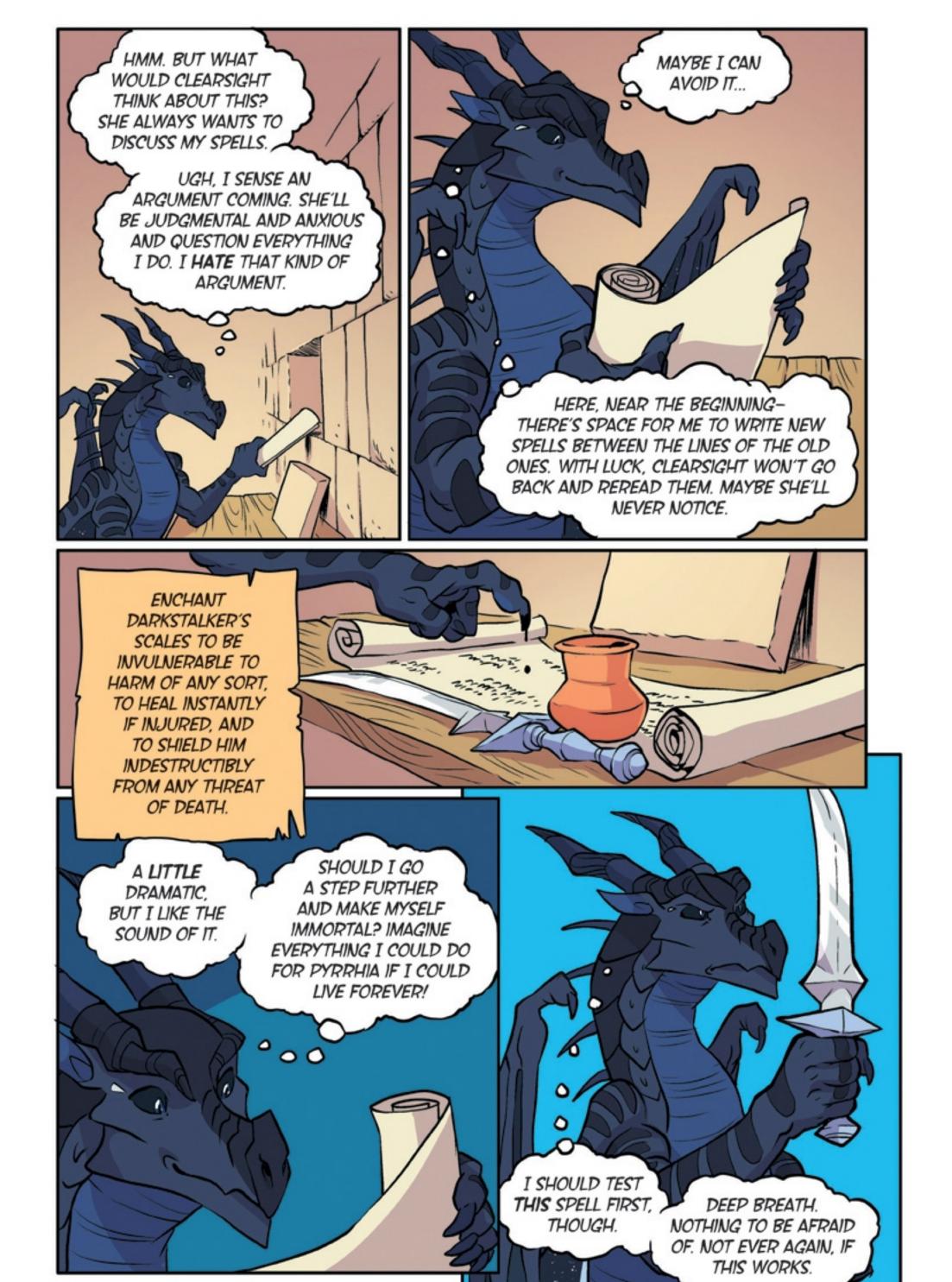








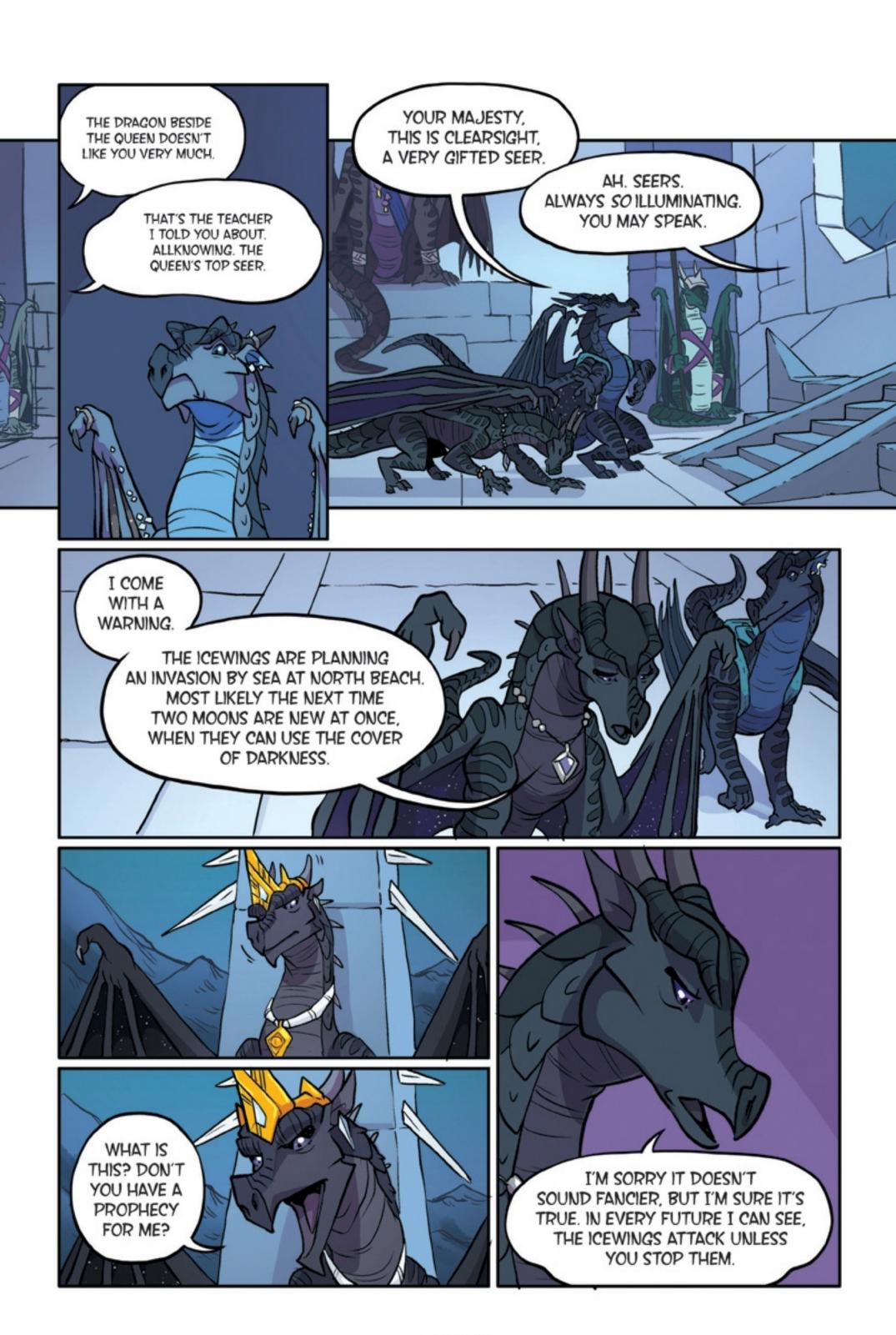


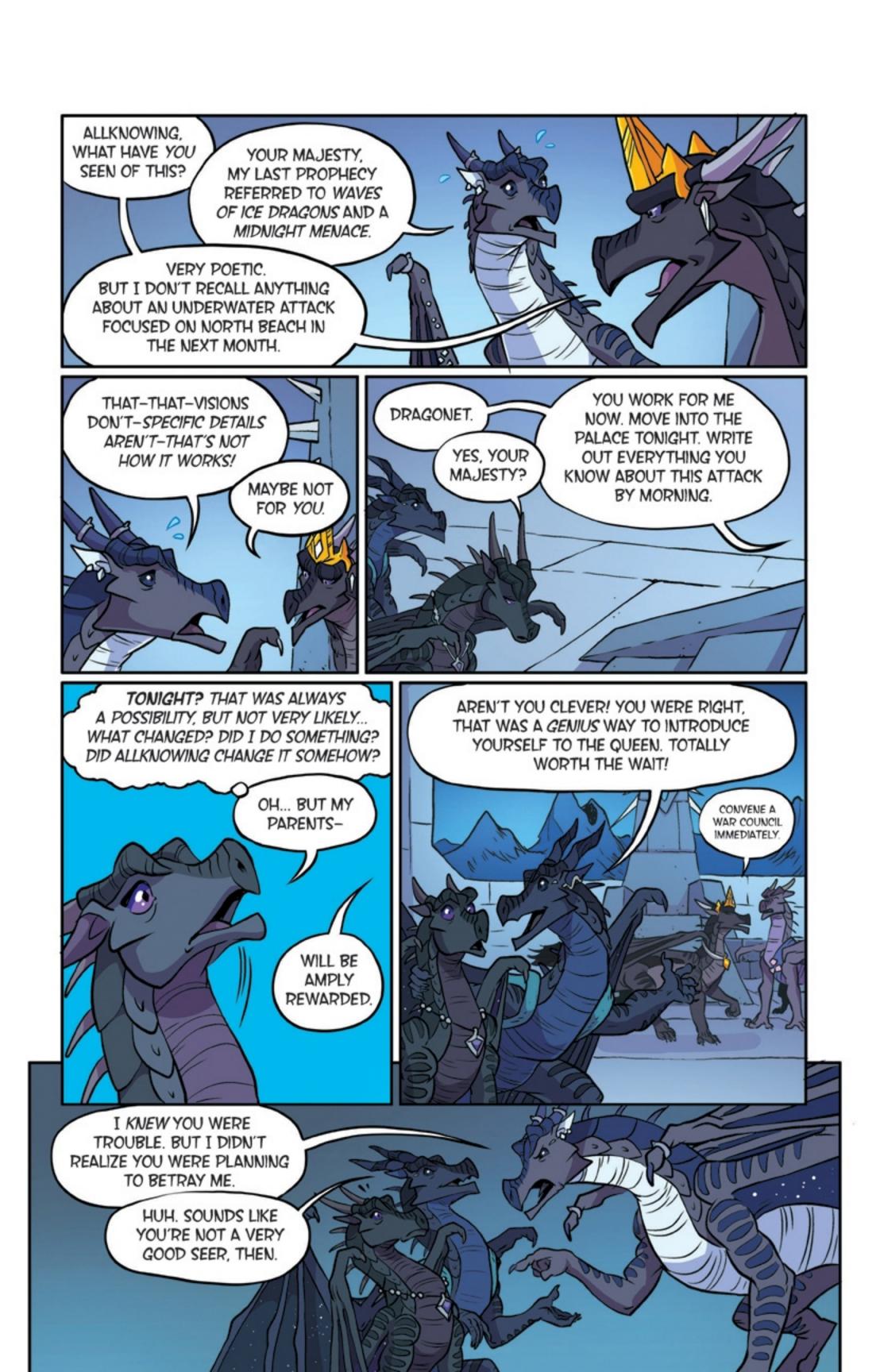










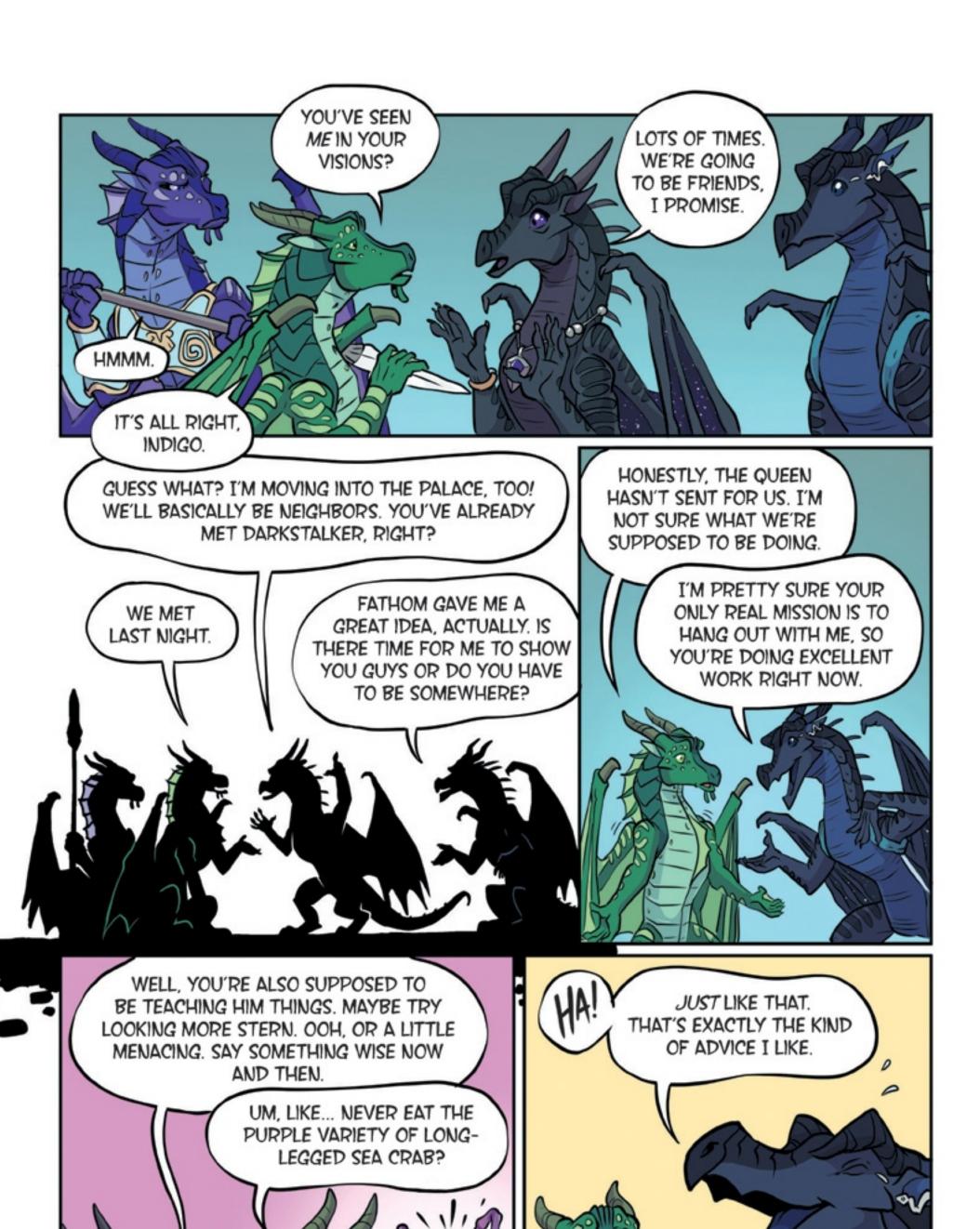














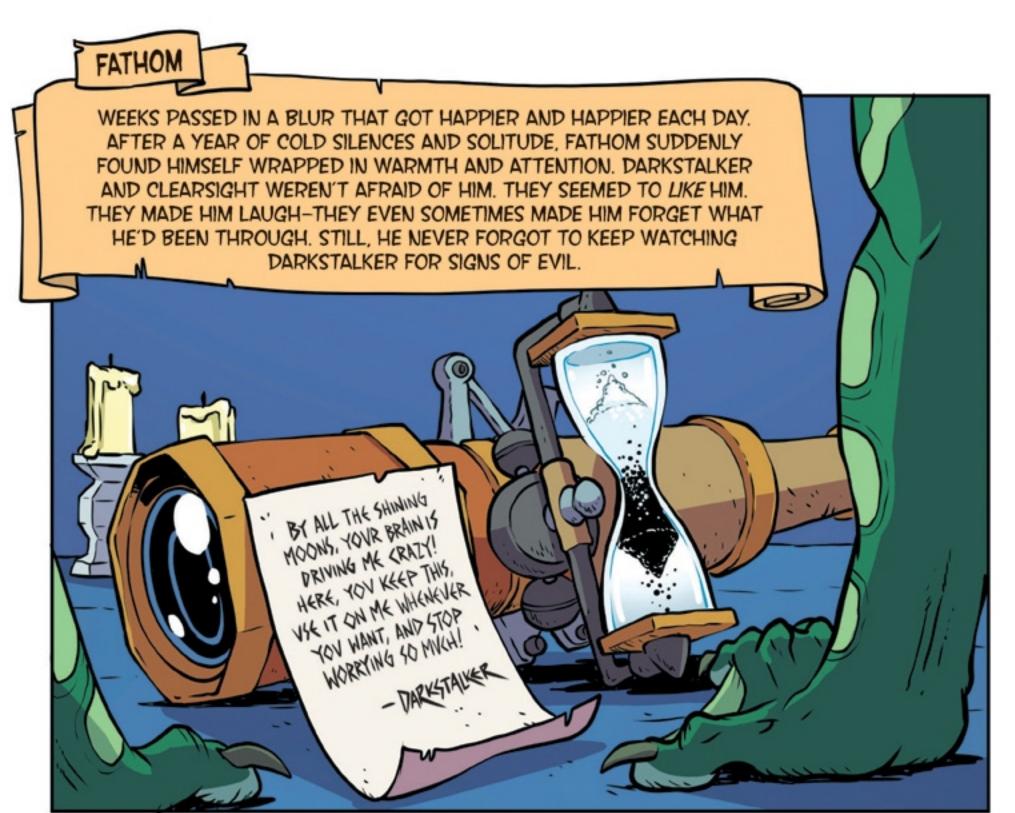










































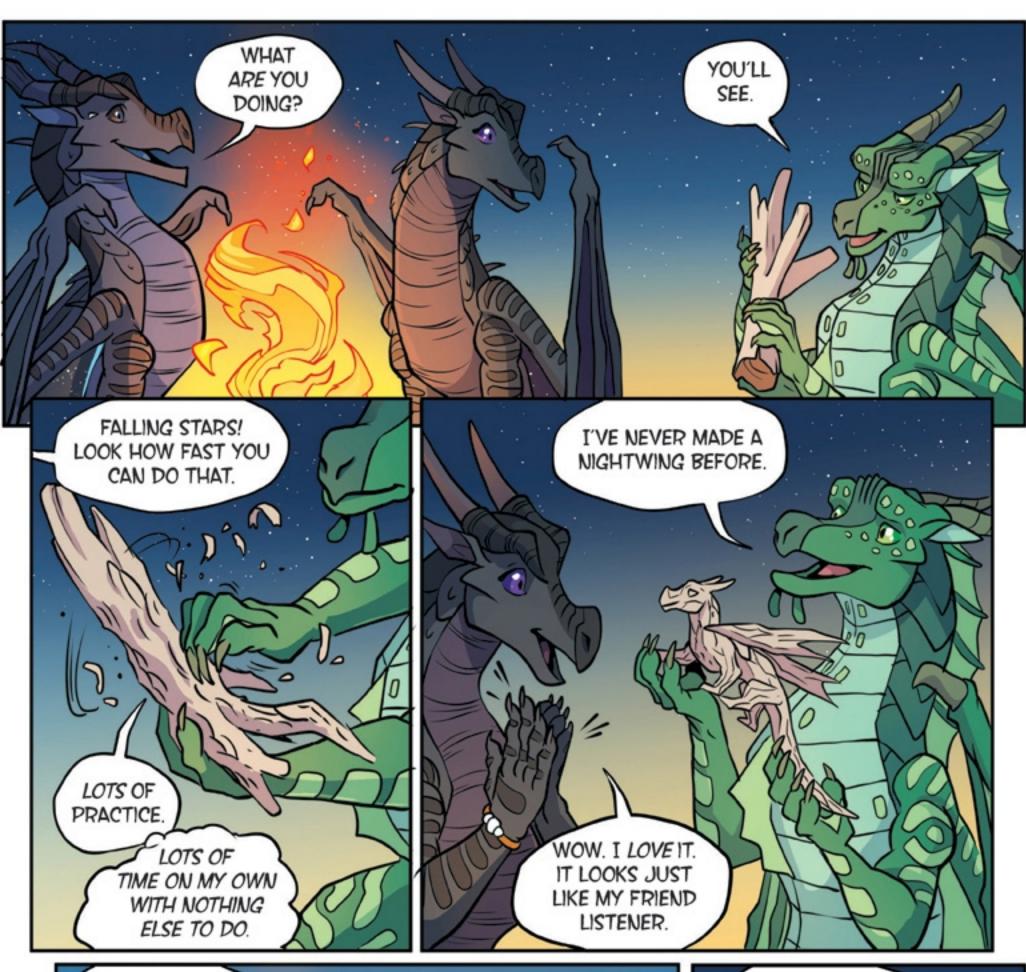








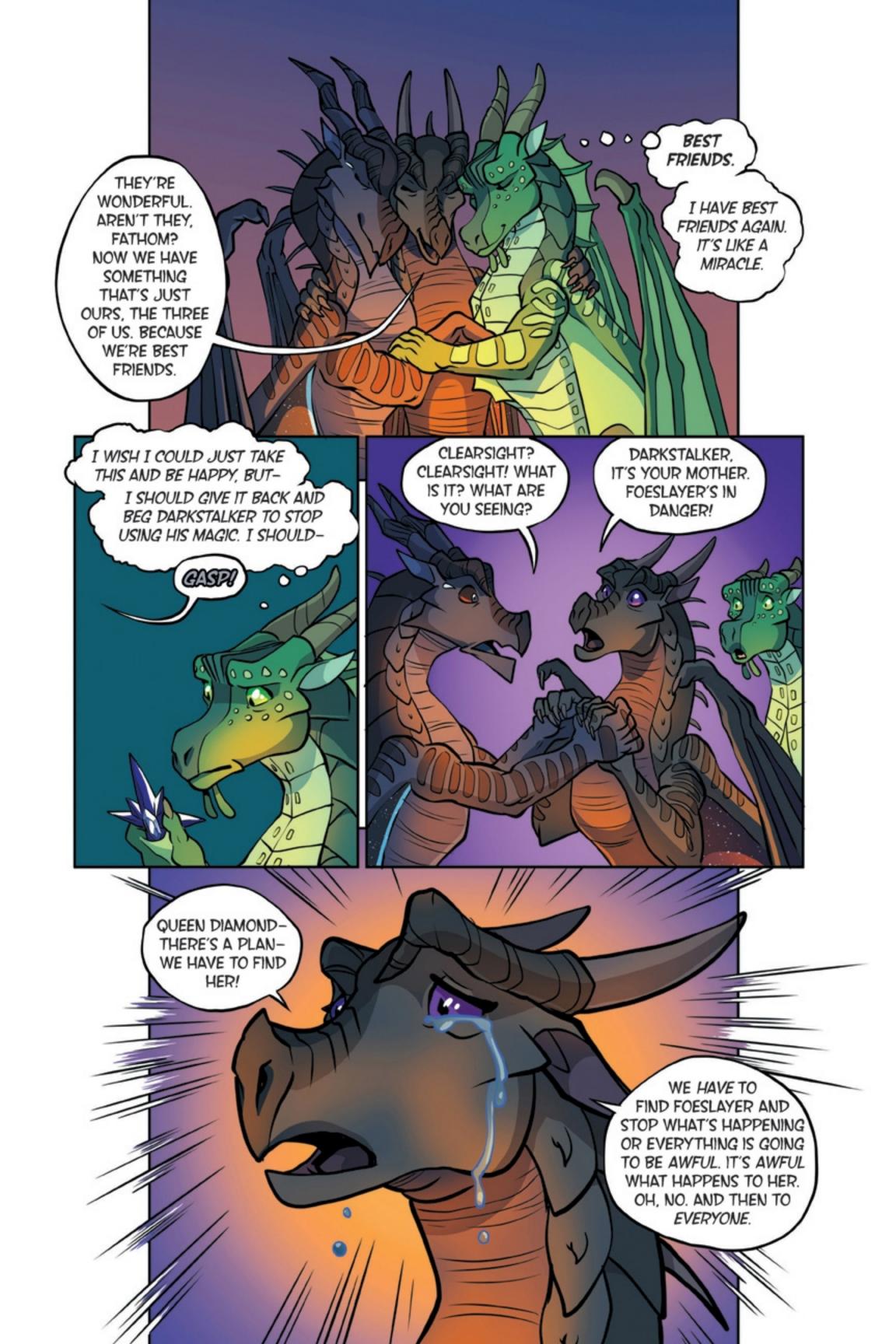








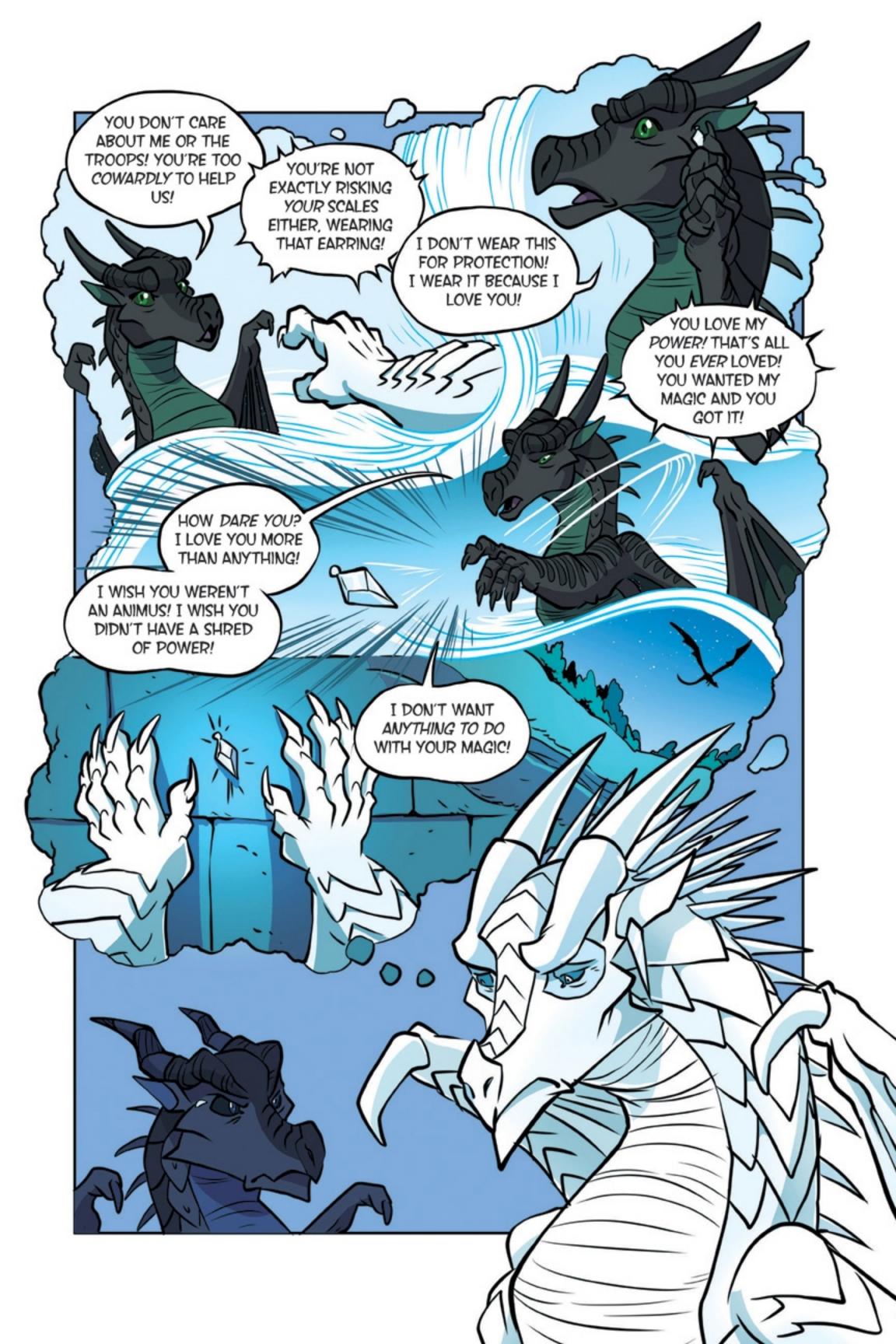




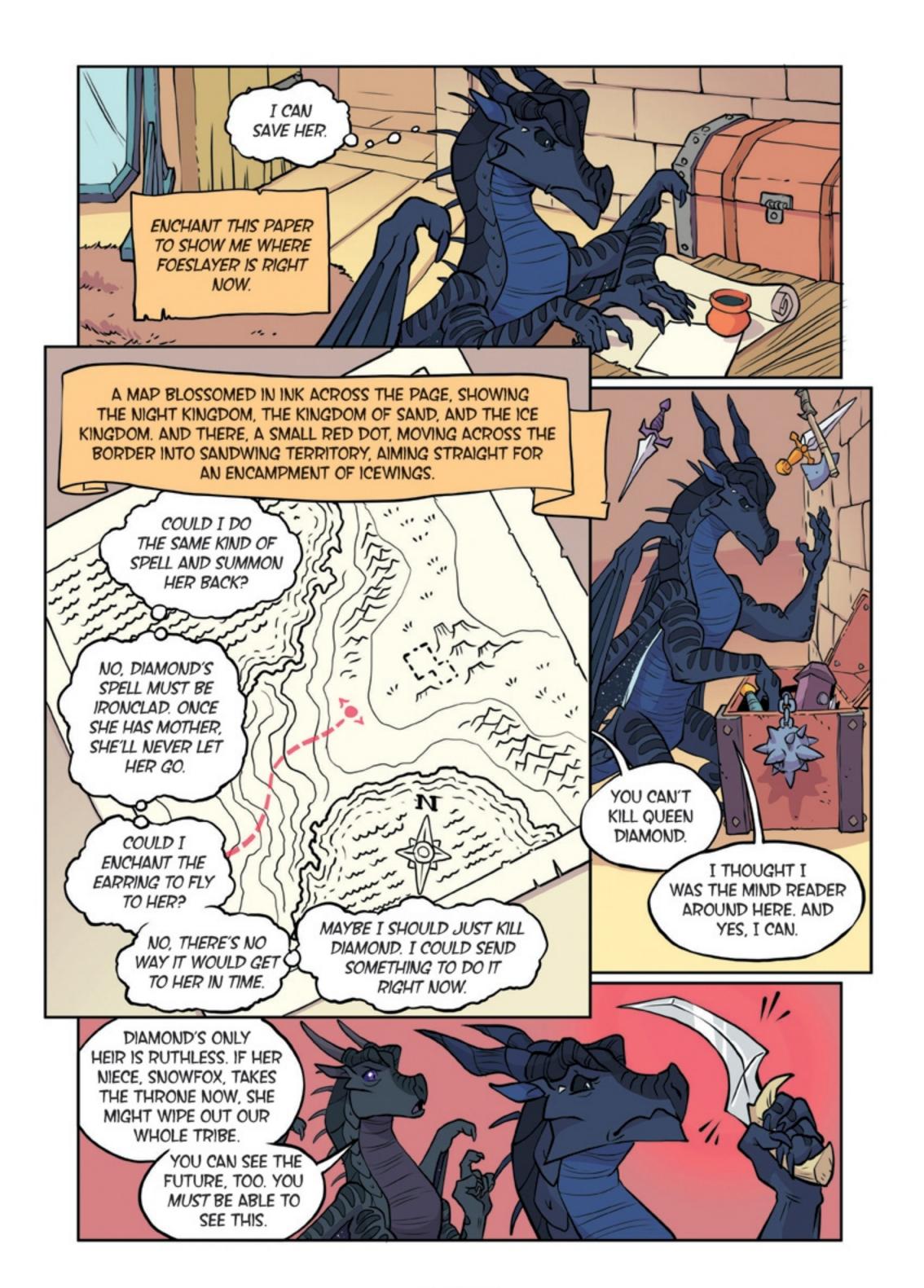














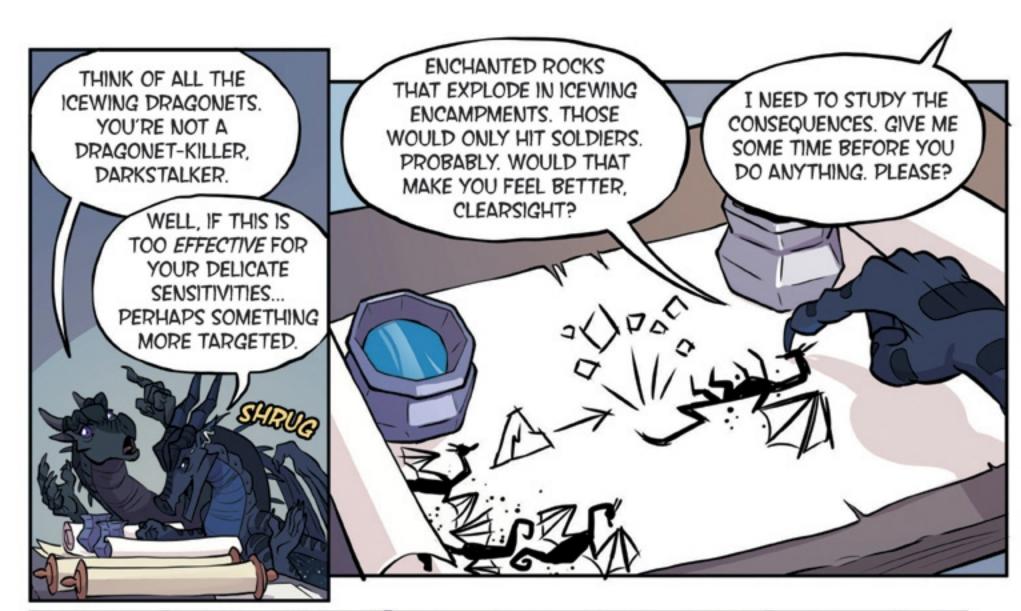


WHAT YOU SEE

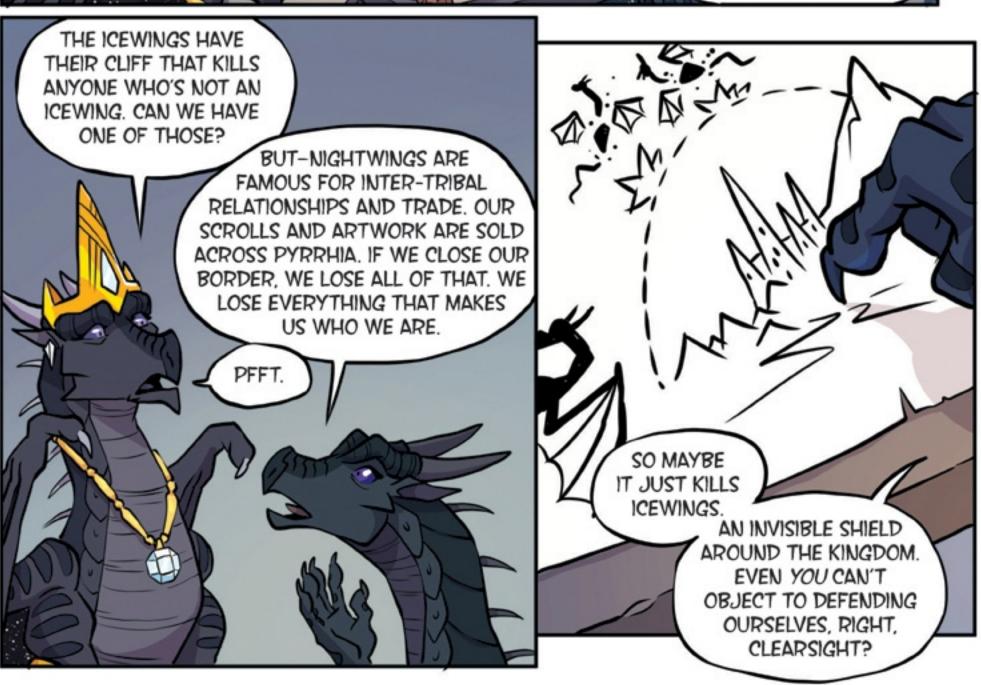
THEM DOING TO US?

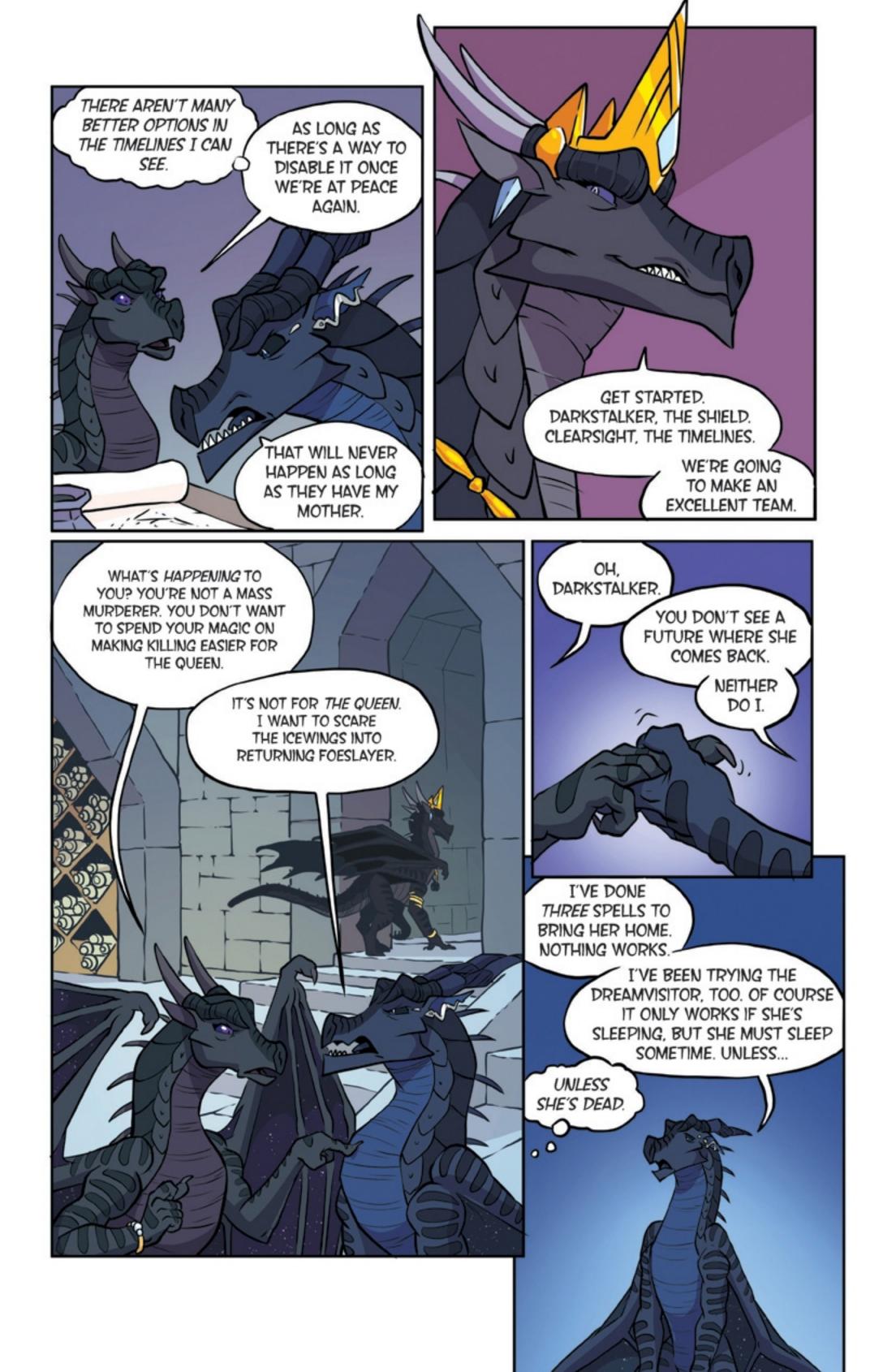
VERY, VERY

WRONG!





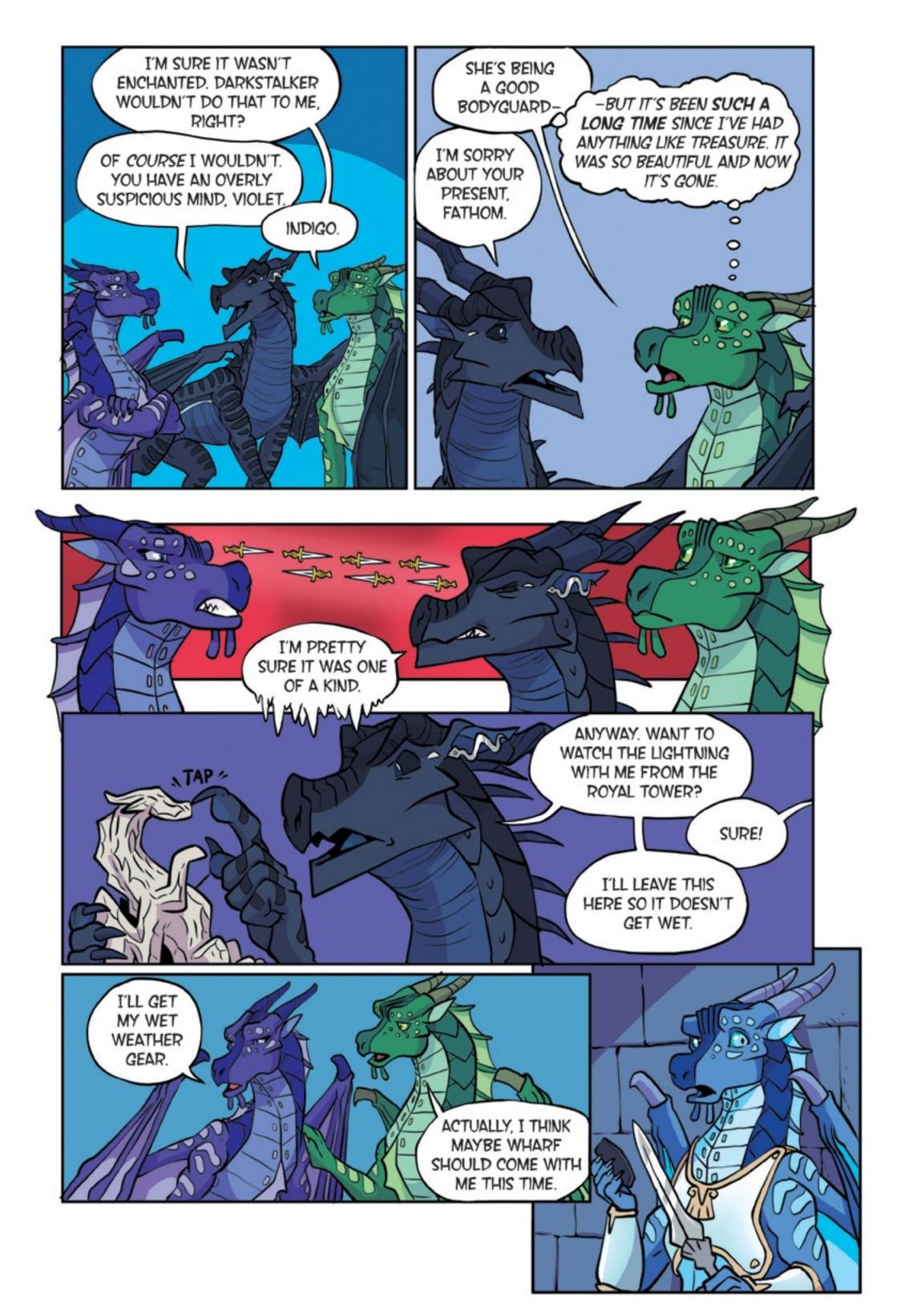




























A MONTH LATER, HUNDREDS OF LANTERNS HAD BEEN HUNG IN THE GREAT DIAMOND FOR THE QUEEN'S GLASS JUBILEE. FROM ABOVE, THEY DAPPLED THE ENORMOUS CROWD LIKE A SWARM OF FIREFLIES. COLD AIR CRACKLED WITH THE SIZZLING SCENTS OF MEAT, ONIONS, AND FRIED BANANAS. ELABORATE GLASS SCULPTURES GLOWED IN THE LAMPLIGHT—TWISTING SPIRALS, WEAVING TENDRILS, DELICATE BEADS AND TOWERING TREES AND CLUSTERS OF CAPTURED FIREWORKS—IN EVERY COLOR





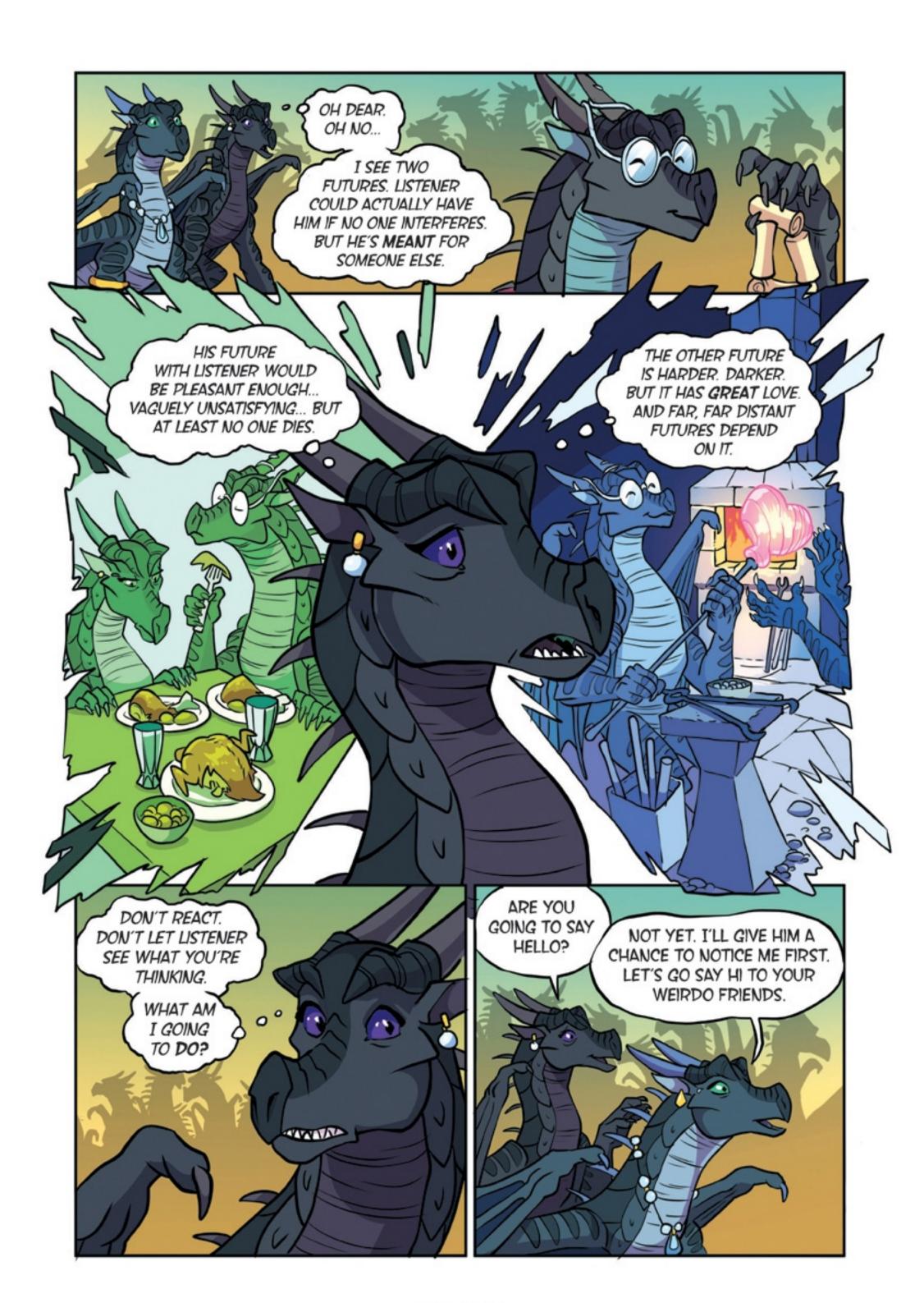






























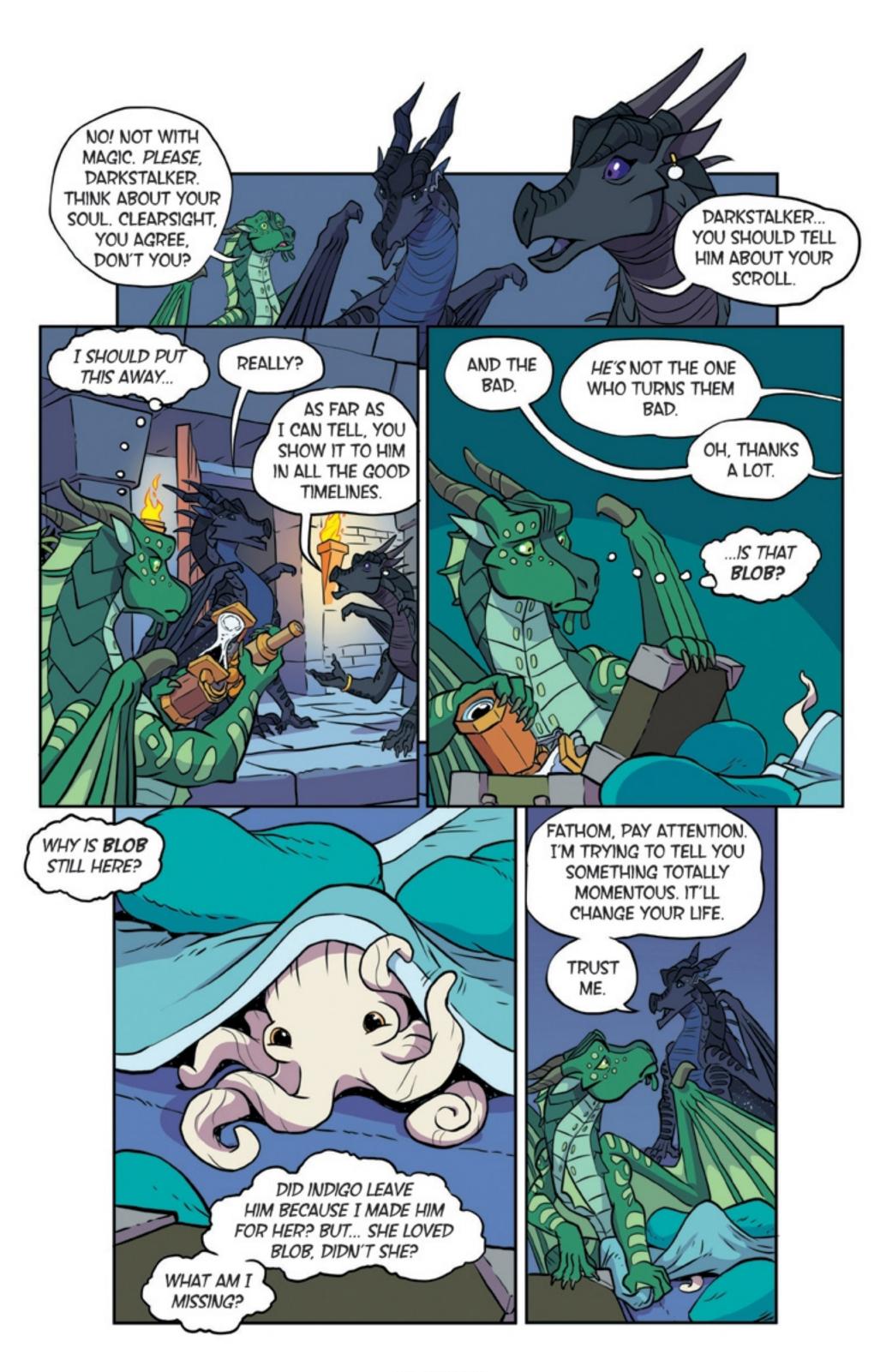








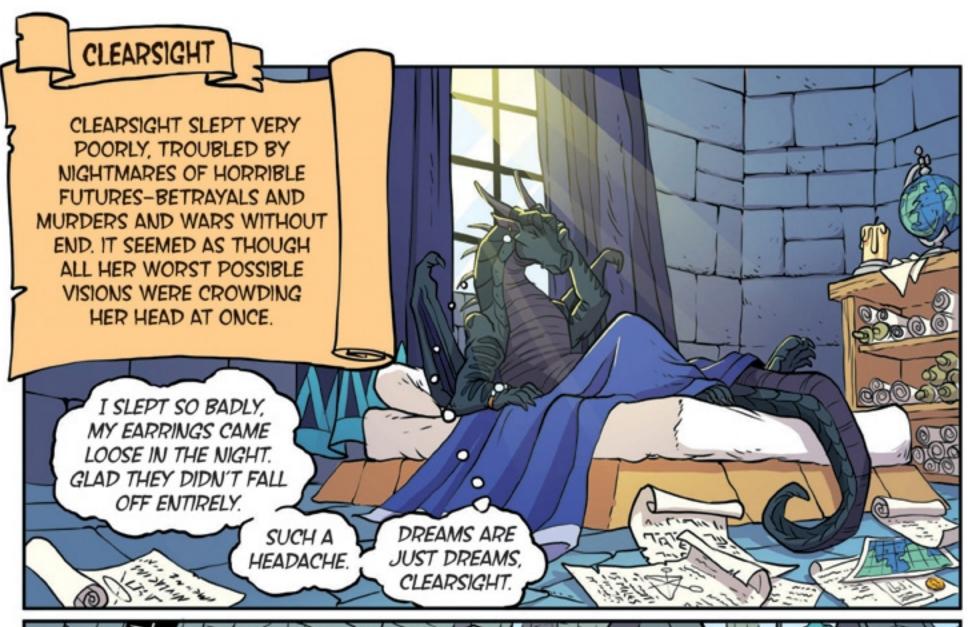
















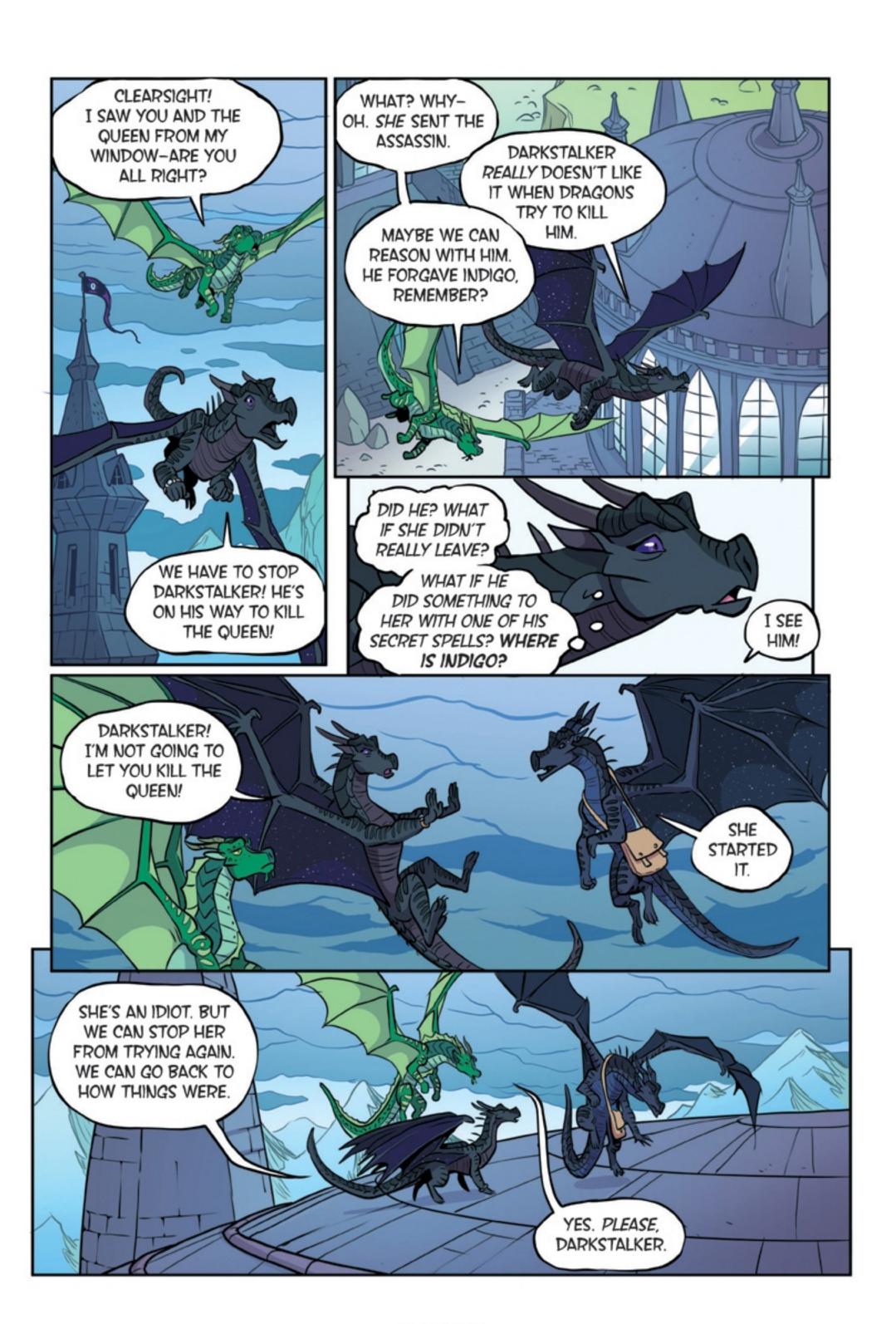










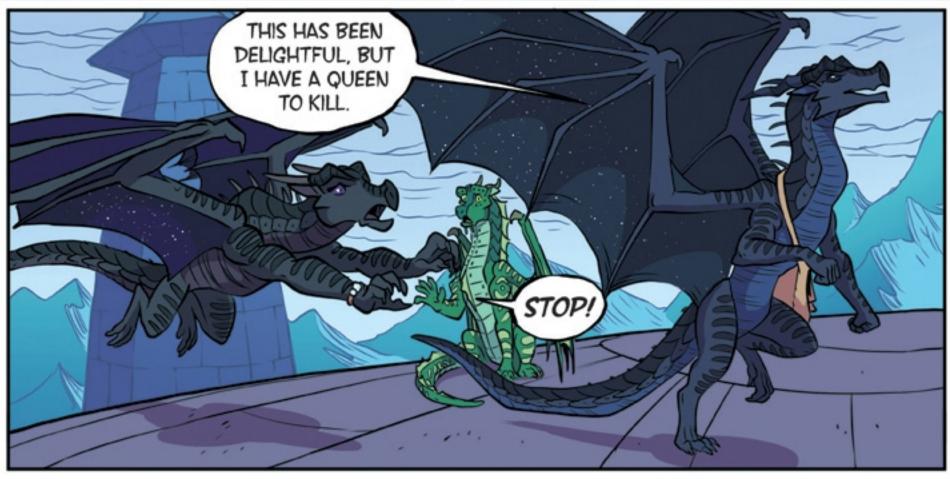












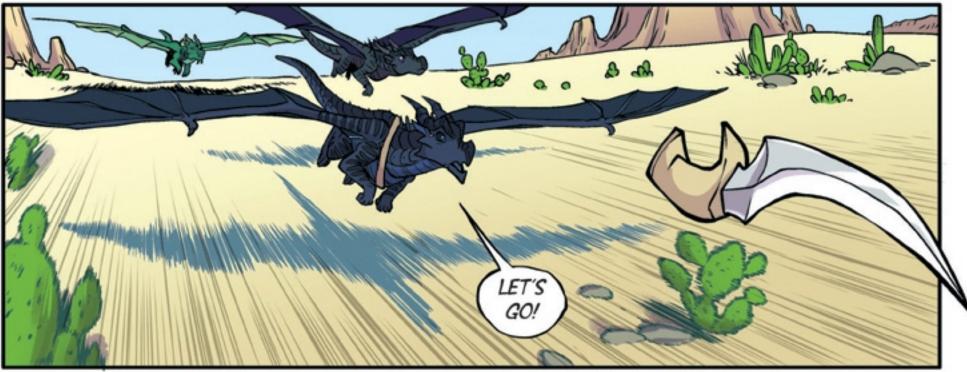
















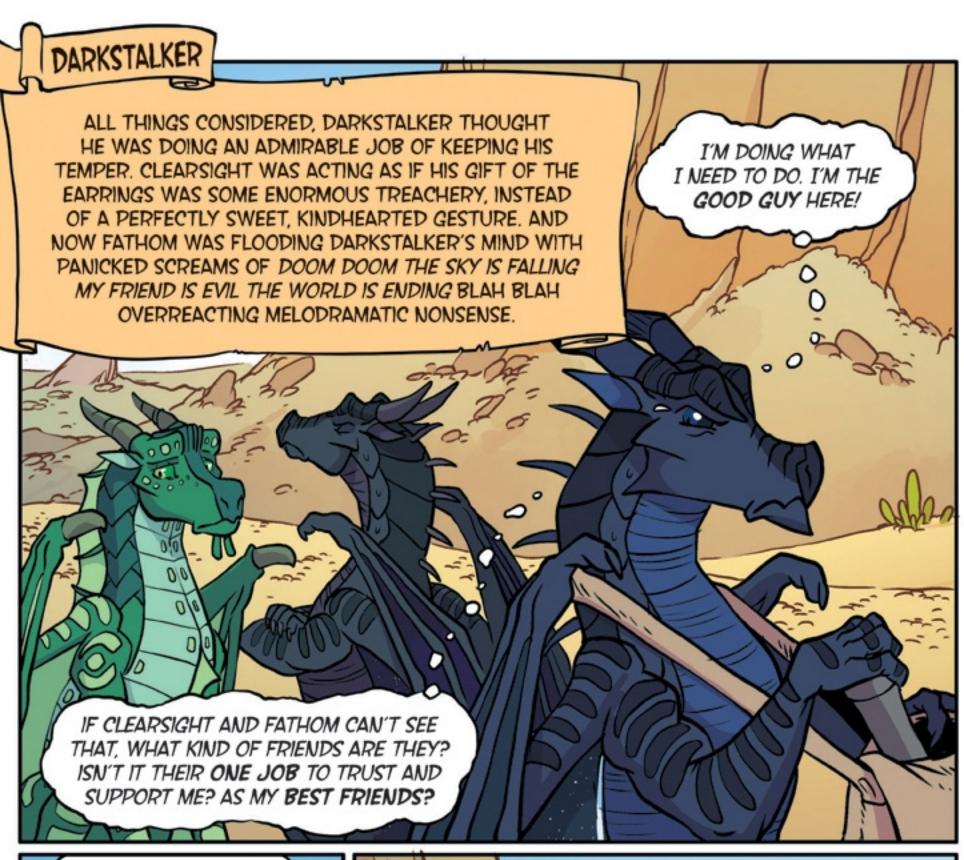






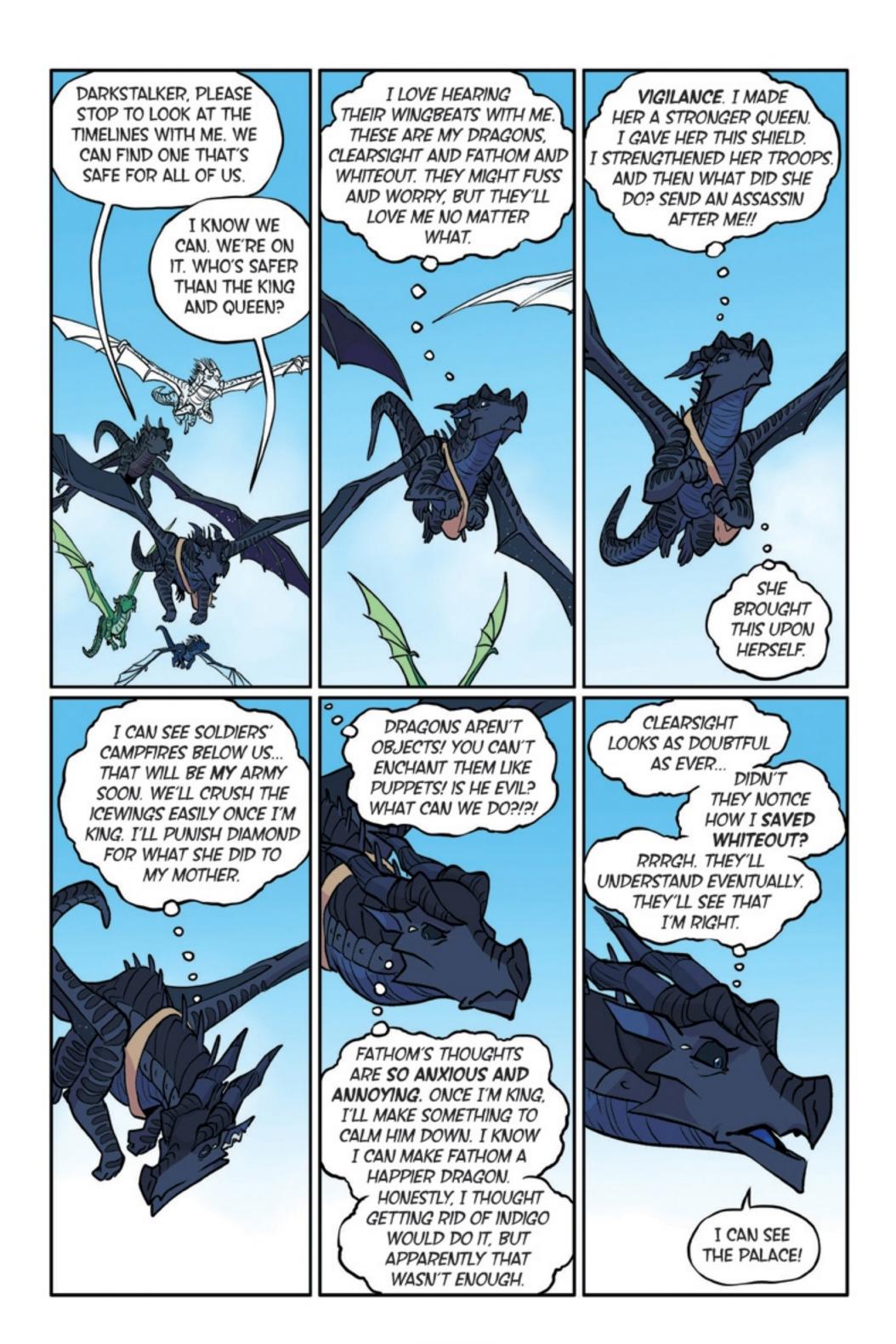




















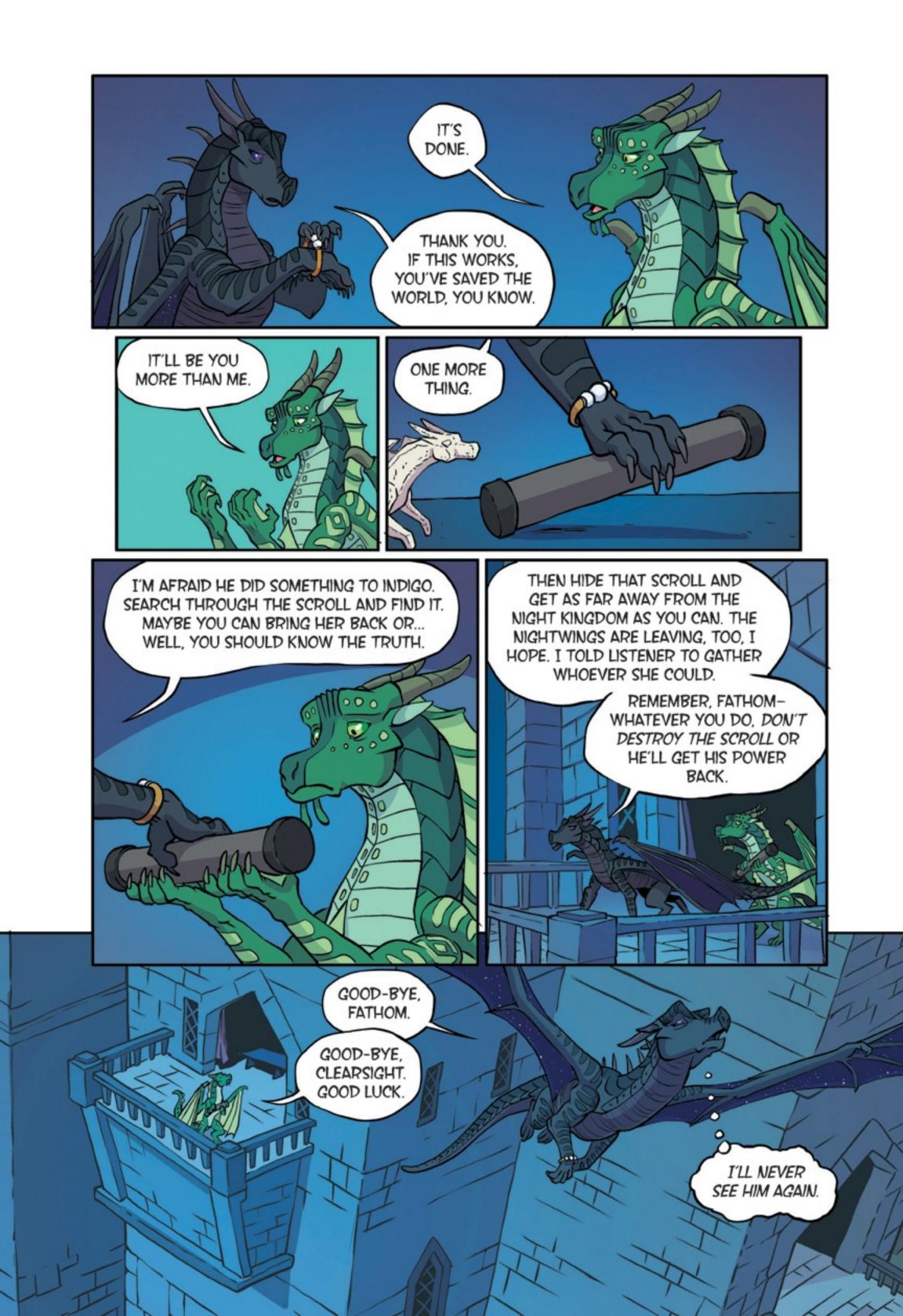


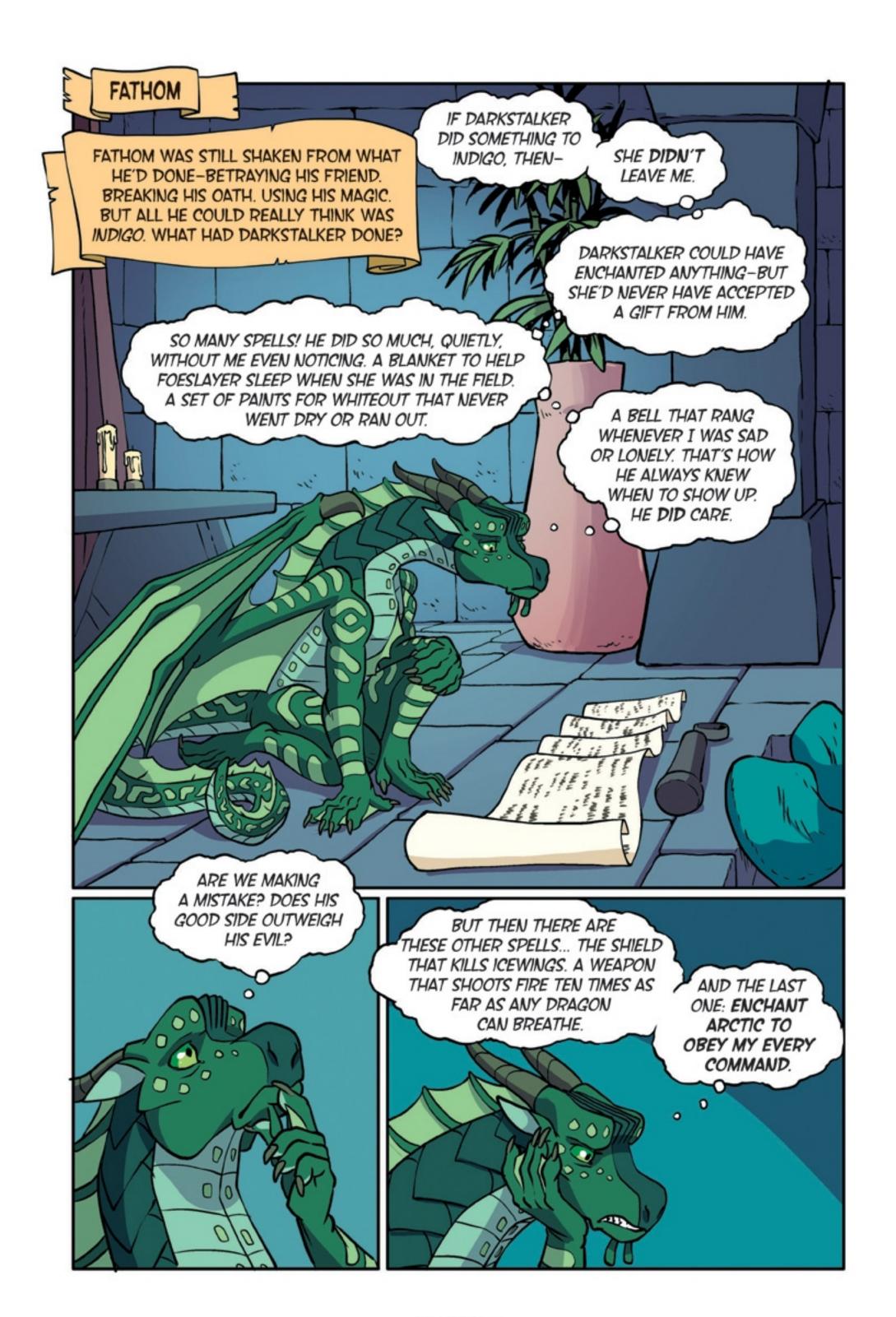


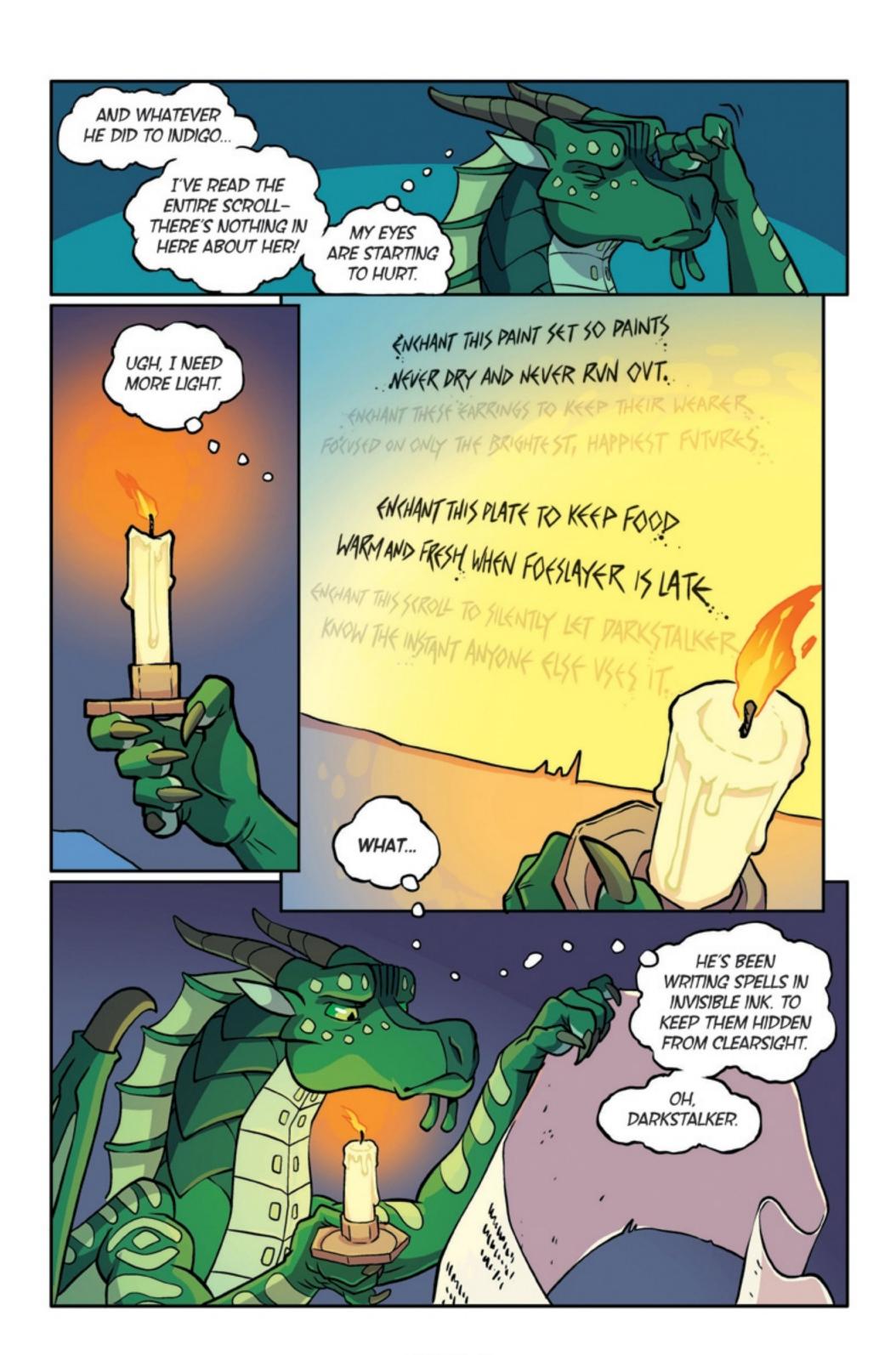




































HE FOUND CLEARSIGHT NEAR THE PEAK OF AGATE MOUNTAIN, THE TALLEST MOUNTAIN IN PYRRHIA. SHE WAS SITTING IN THE MOUTH OF A SMALL CAVE, LOOKING EAST TO WHERE THE SUN WAS RISING OVER THE TWIN PEAKS OF JADE MOUNTAIN. SHE DIDN'T SEEM TO BE CARRYING ANYTHING. WHERE WAS HIS SCROLL? AND IF SHE WASN'T GOING TO USE IT, WHY STEAL IT?



I THOUGHT I WAS
SO CAREFUL AND WE
STILL ENDED UP HERE.
ALL THAT STUDYING,
ALL THE TIMELINE
SCROLLS.

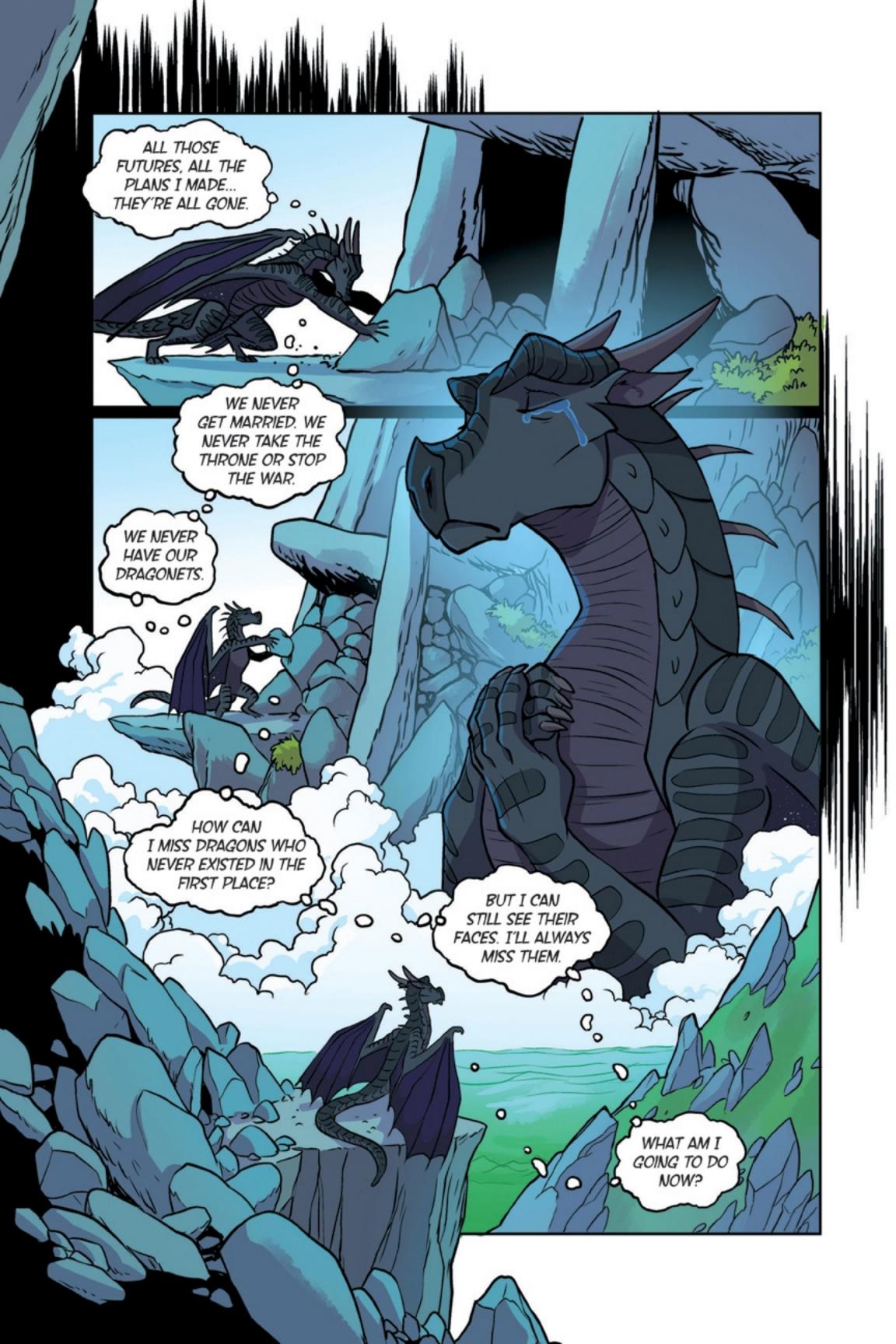
NOTHING WORKED, AND I STILL DON'T KNOW WHERE IT ALL WENT SO WRONG.



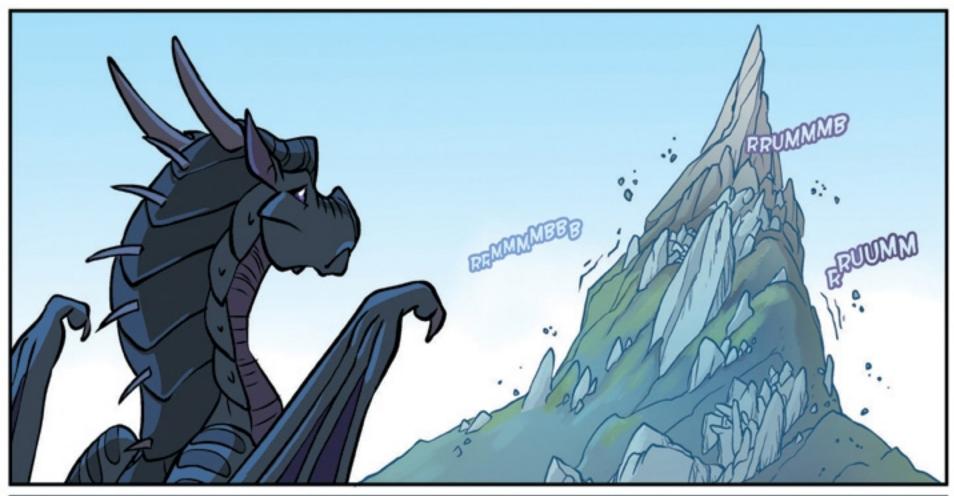




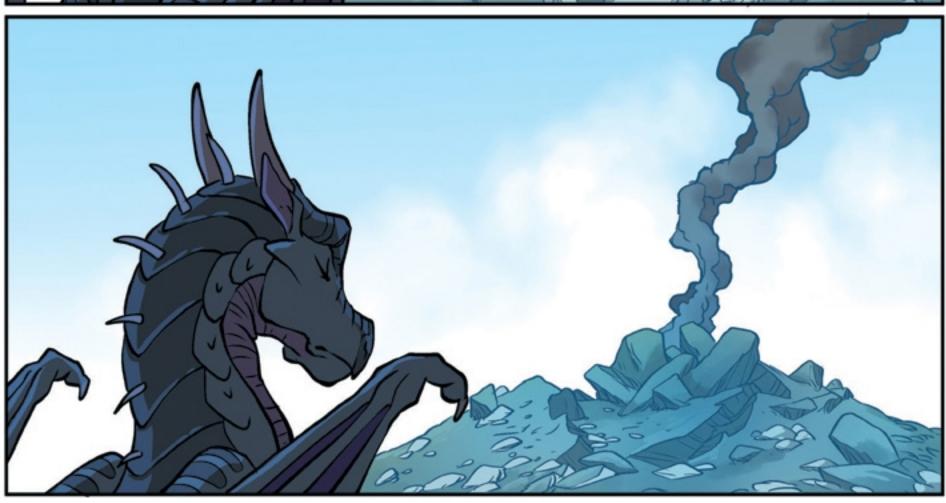








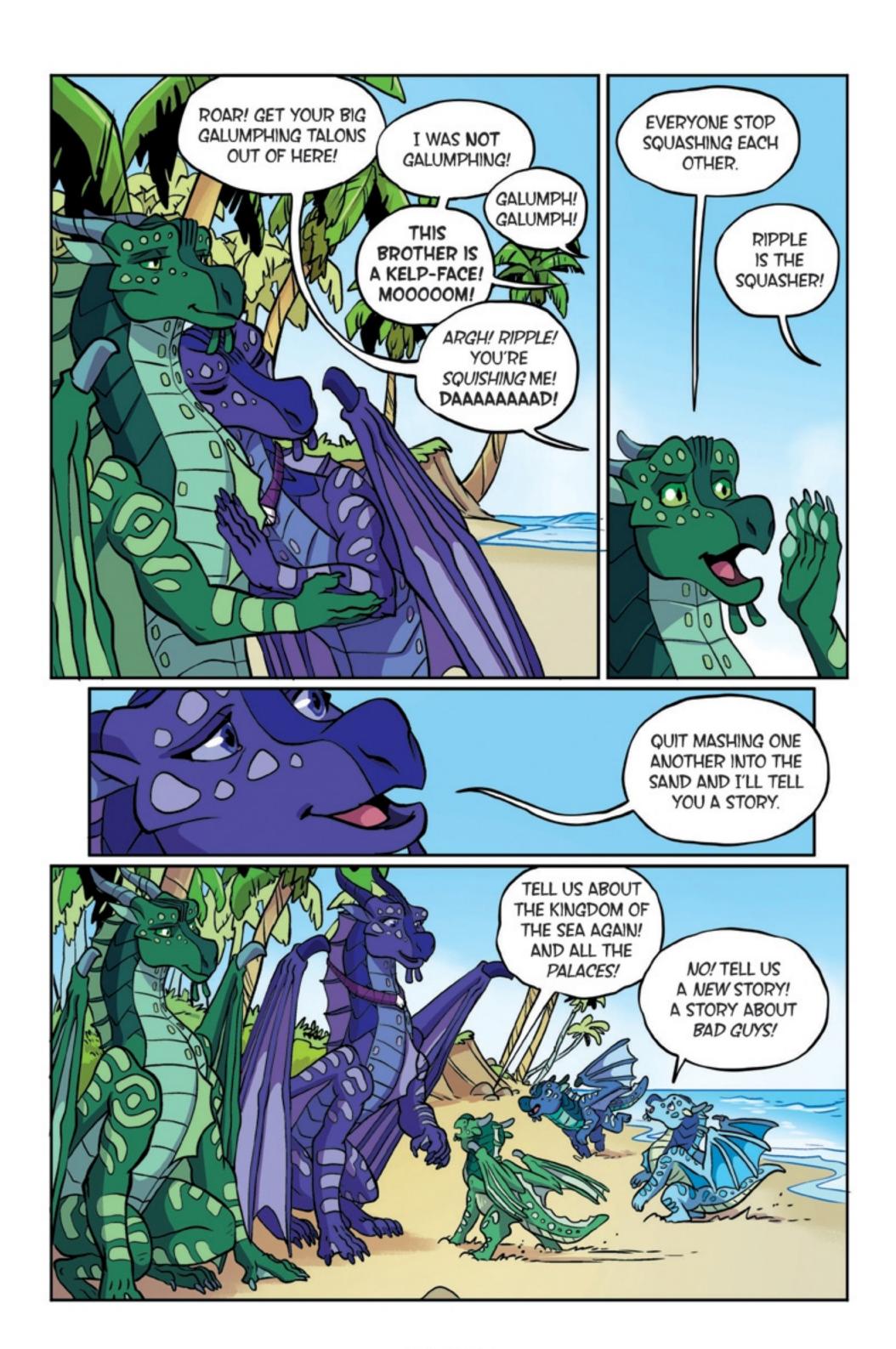










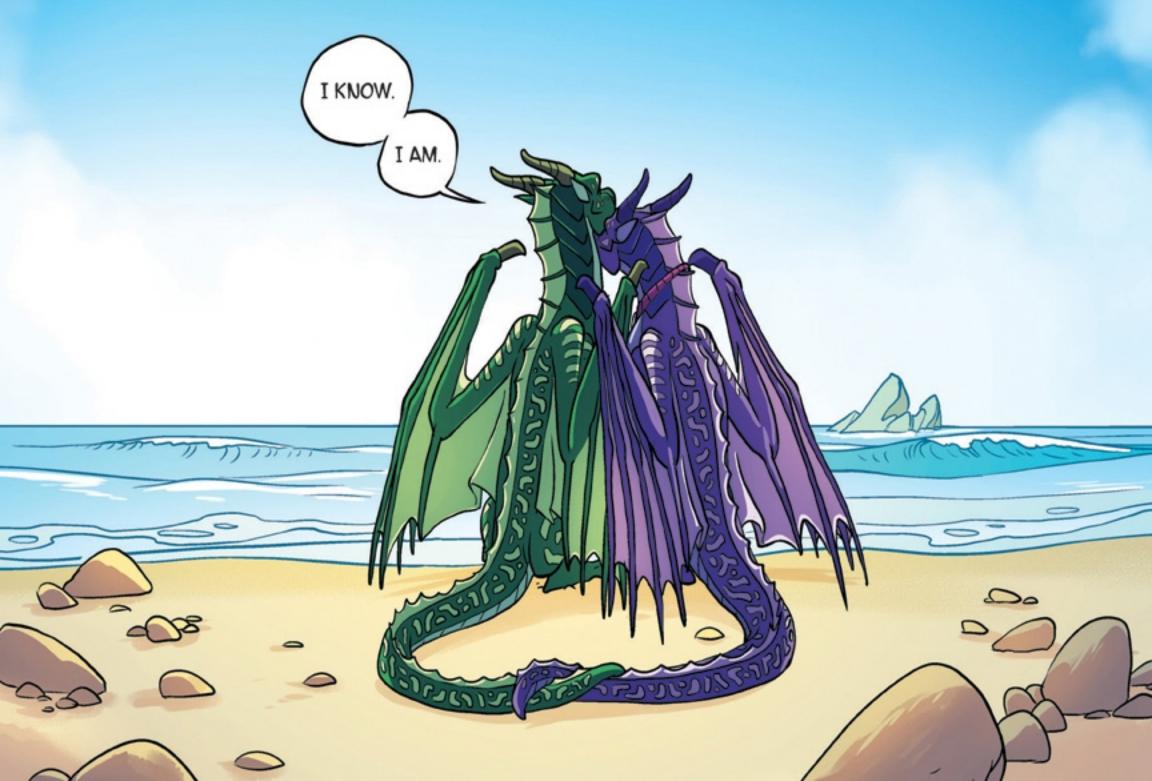








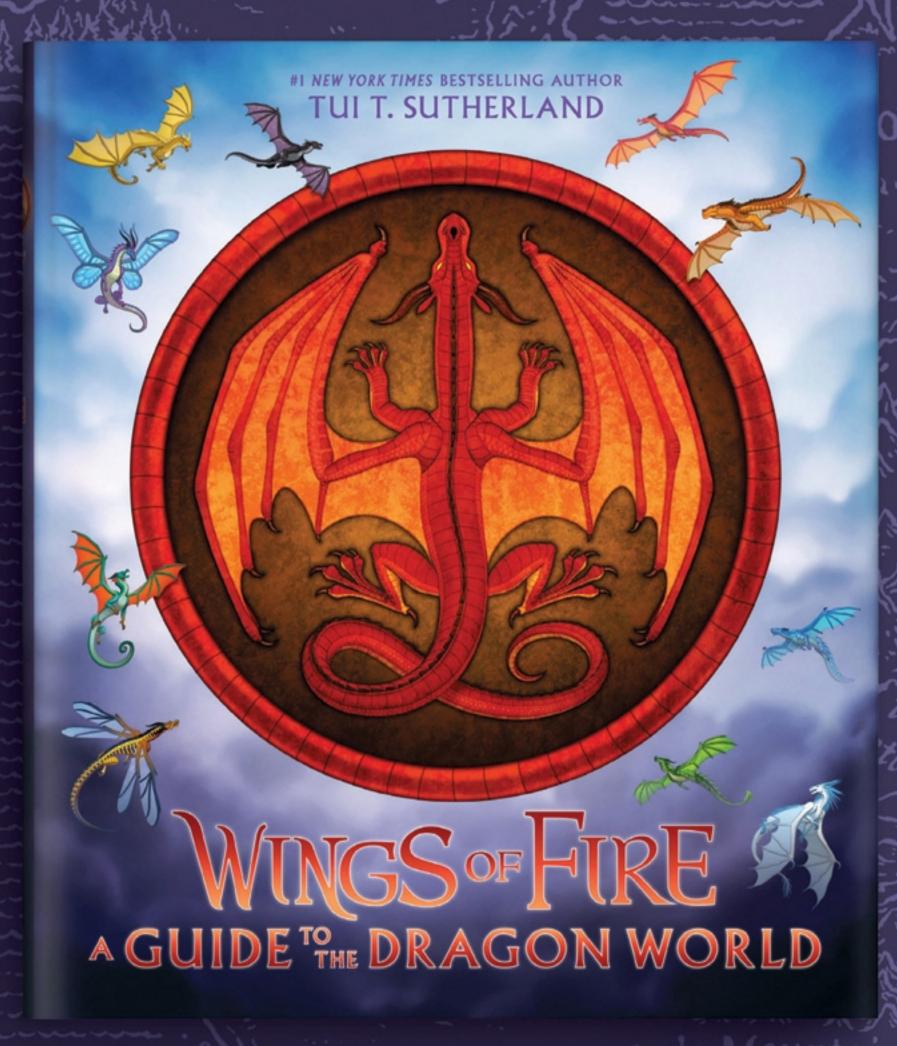








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