

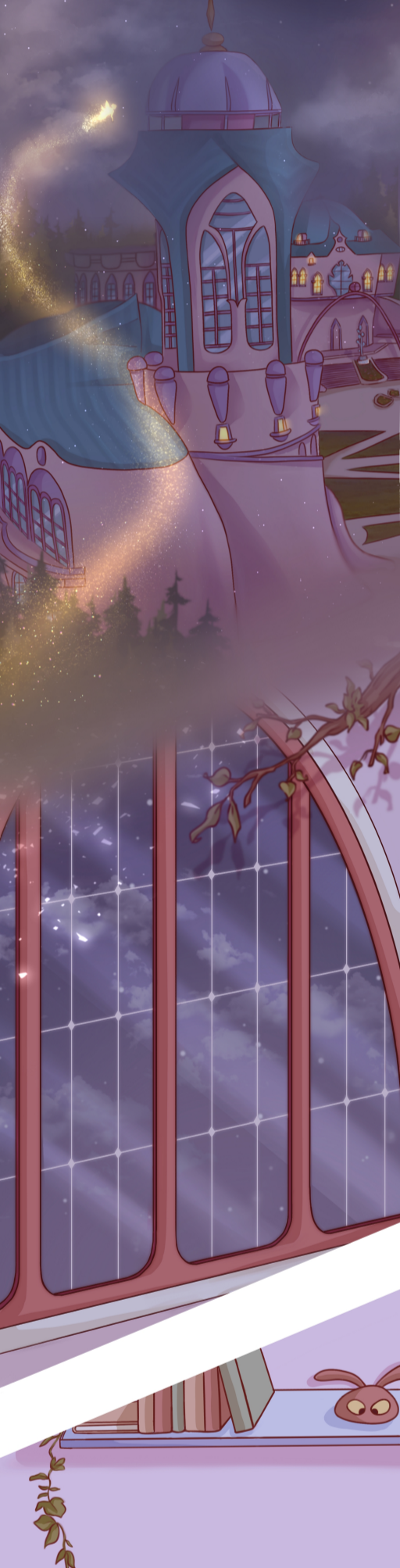
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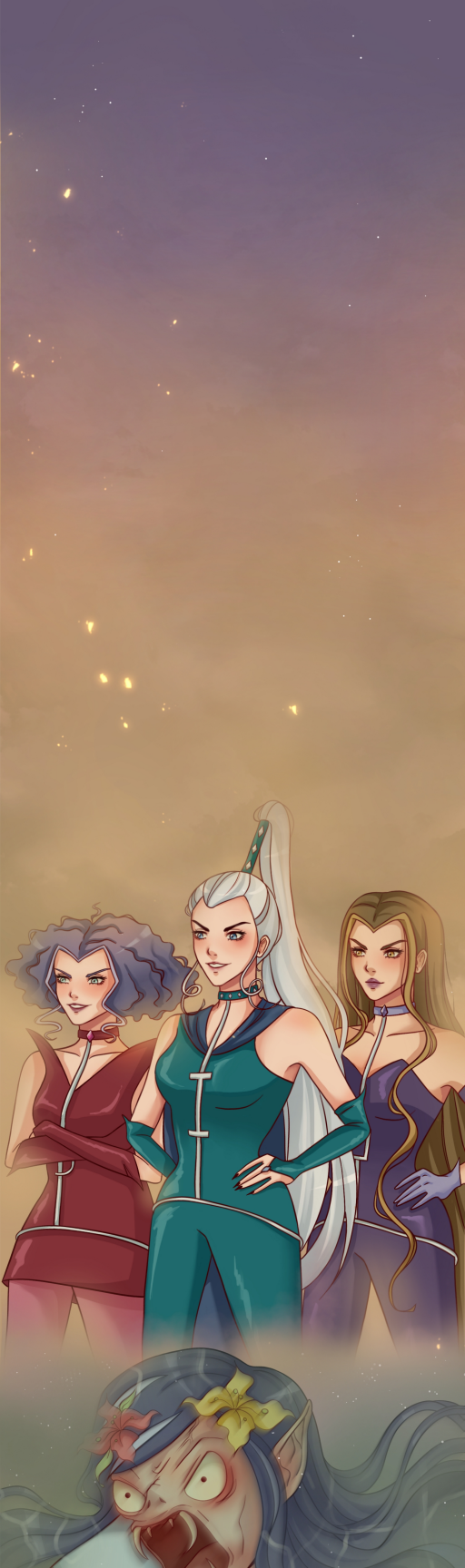
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I...I CAN'T SEE!

HOW COULD I LET THAT HAPPEN?!

I LET LAYLA GET HURT AND I
COULDN'T DO ANYTHING TO SAVE
HER HOME.



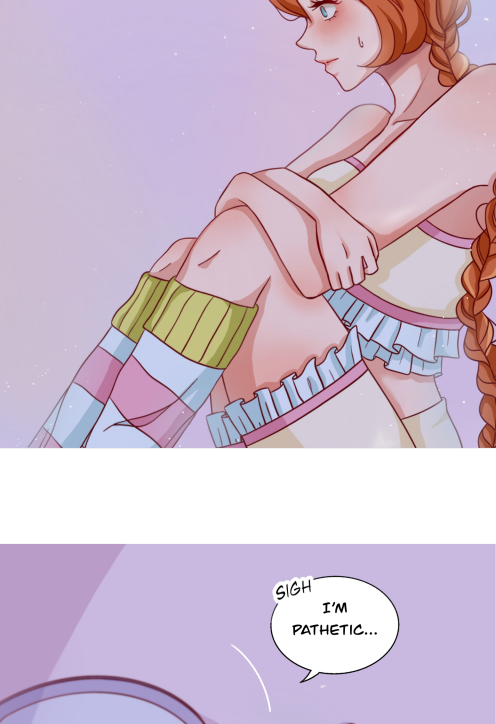
VALTOR!
IT'S ALL HIS FAULT!



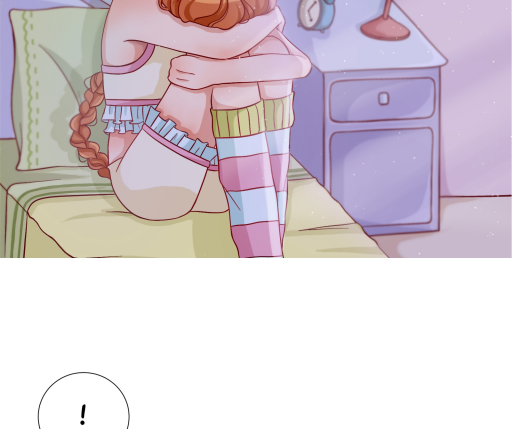
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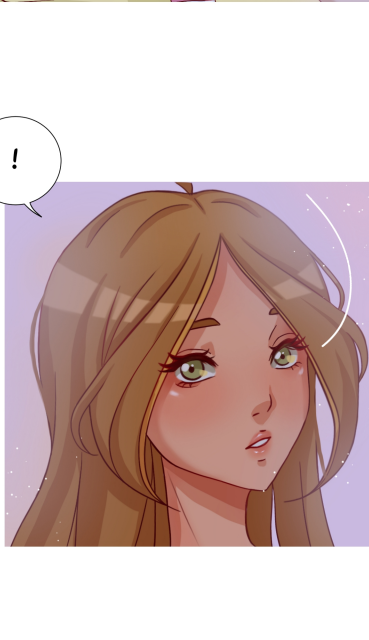
HIS AURA, I-IT WASN'T
NORMAL. IT FELT OFF... TOO
POWERFUL, TOO IMMENSE.



SIGH
I'M
PATHETIC...



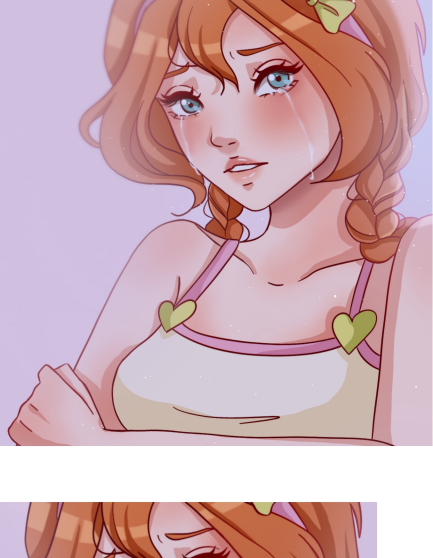
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ARE YOU OKAY
LITTLE BLOSSOM?



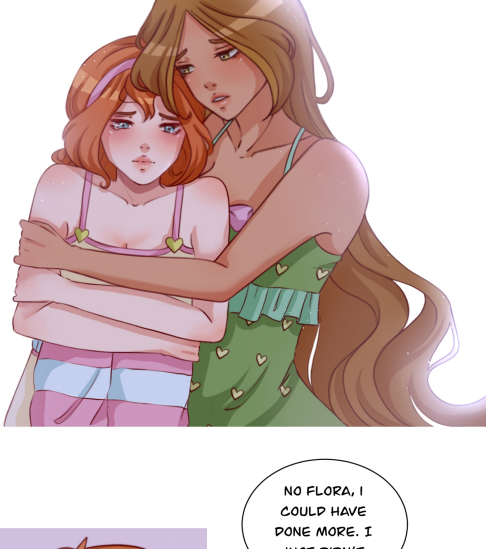
I'M SO SORRY
FLORA, IT WAS ALL
MY FAULT.



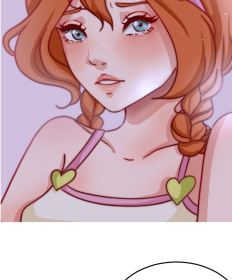
WHAT HAPPENED ON
ANDROS...
I SHOULD HAVE
BEEN STRONGER.



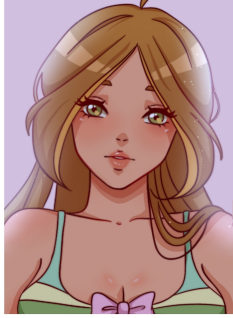
OH BLOOM, THAT WASN'T YOUR FAULT! THEY JUST CAUGHT US BY SURPRISE. YOU DID THE BEST YOU COULD.



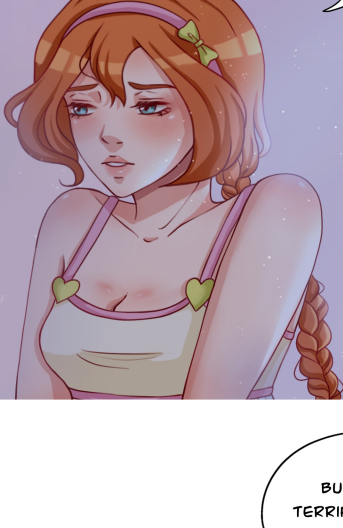
NO FLORA, I COULD HAVE DONE MORE. I JUST DIDN'T.



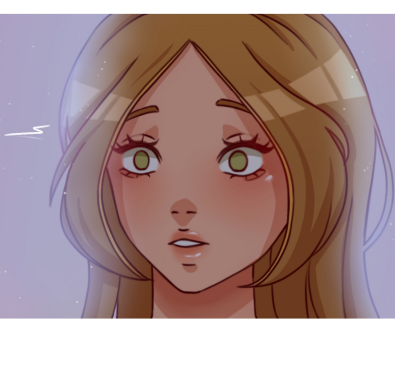
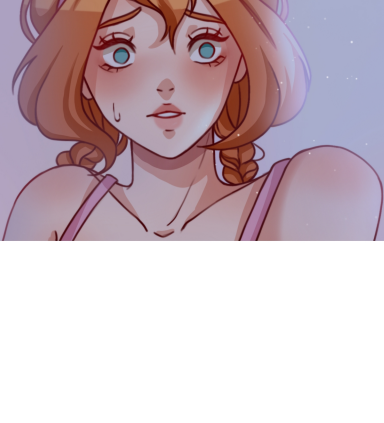
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?



I-I WAS SCARED. I COULD HAVE DONE SOMETHING... NO, ANYTHING TO STOP VALTOR FROM HURTING LAYLA.



BUT I WAS TERRIFIED OF HIM FLORA.



I FROZE.

HIS PRESENCE ALONE MADE ME FEEL POWERLESS AND WEAK.

AND YET AT THE SAME TIME, I'VE NEVER FELT MY MAGIC BURN AS STRONGLY AS IT DID WHEN HE WAS CLOSE TO ME.



FARAGONDA TOLD ME EARLIER,
THAT HE WAS CREATED FROM
MY DRAGON FLAME



JUST THE THOUGHT OF IT
MAKES ME FEEL ILL.

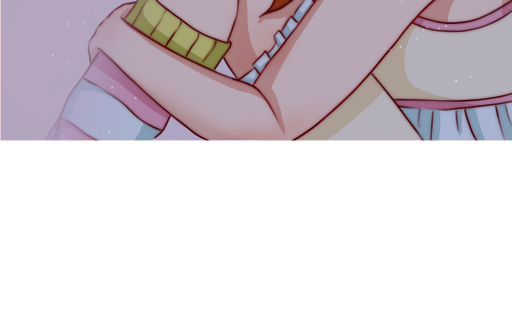


BLOOM...

IT'S OKAY TO BE AFRAID.
I WAS AFRAID TOO,
EVERYONE WAS.
YOU CAN'T BLAME YOURSELF
FOR WHAT HAPPENED.

I KNOW YOU'RE ALWAYS
TRYING TO SAVE EVERYONE BY
YOURSELF, BUT THERE'S ONLY
SO MUCH ONE PERSON CAN
TAKE.

SIGH



AS FOR YOUR MAGIC, I KNOW IT SOUNDS TERRIFYING THAT HE WAS CREATED FROM YOUR POWER.



BUT MAYBE THAT'S ALL THERE IS TO IT AND THERE IS NO SPECIAL CONNECTION.

YOU COULD ALWAYS ASK FARAGONDA MORE ABOUT IT.

RIGHT, SO SHE CAN JUST NOT TELL ME ANYTHING AND KEEP IT A SECRET "UNTIL THE TIME IS RIGHT"?



HAHA I GUESS YOU'RE RIGHT.

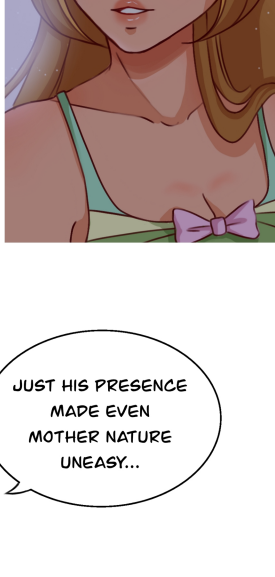


DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT TOO MUCH BLOOM.

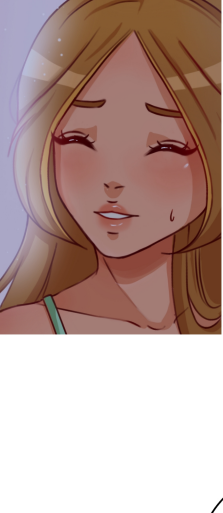
LAYLA IS ALL BETTER...



AND IT MIGHT HAVE BEEN JUST YOUR MAGIC TRYING TO WARN YOU ABOUT VALTOR.



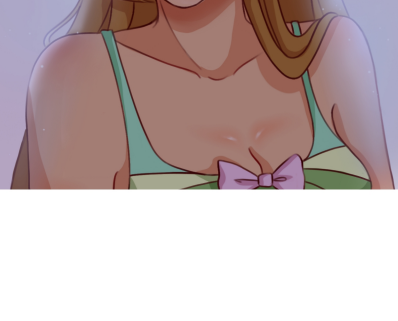
JUST HIS PRESENCE MADE EVEN MOTHER NATURE UNEASY...



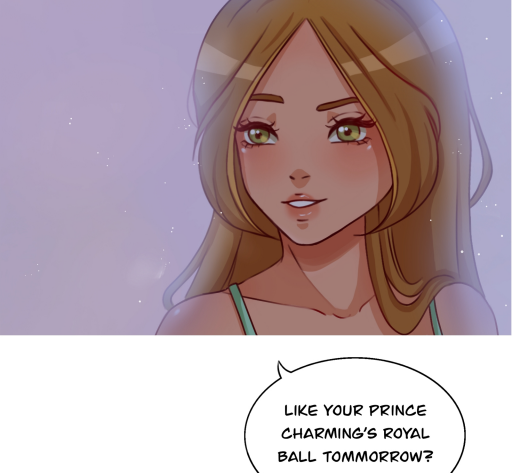
THANK YOU FLORA, YOU'RE RIGHT. NEXT TIME WE MEET VALTOR, I'LL BE MORE PREPARED AND WON'T BE CAUGHT OF GUARD AGAIN!



THAT'S THE BLOOM I KNOW!



YOU ALSO HAVE MUCH MORE IMPORTANT THINGS TO WORRY ABOUT...

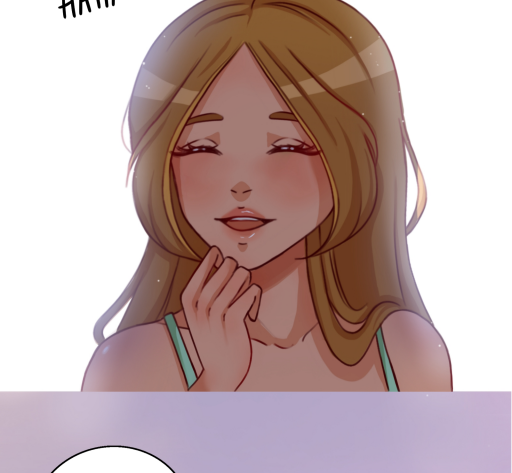


LIKE YOUR PRINCE CHARMING'S ROYAL BALL TOMMORROW?

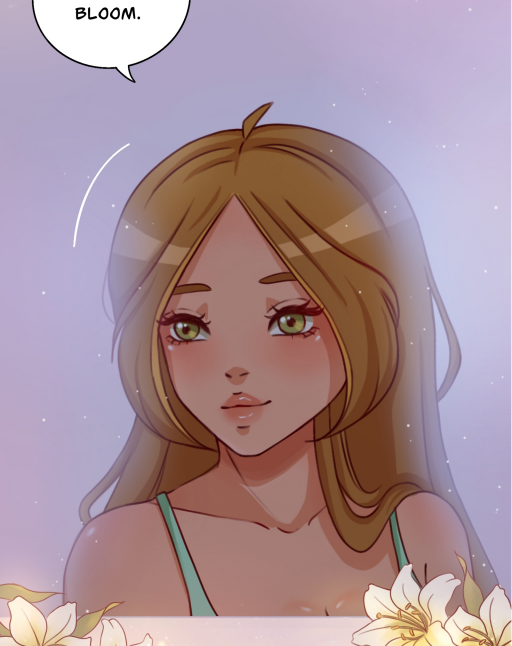


FLORA!!

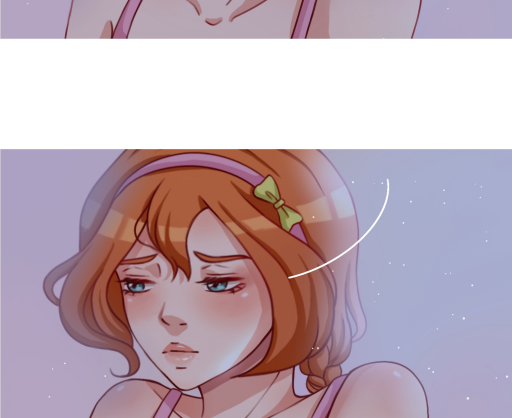
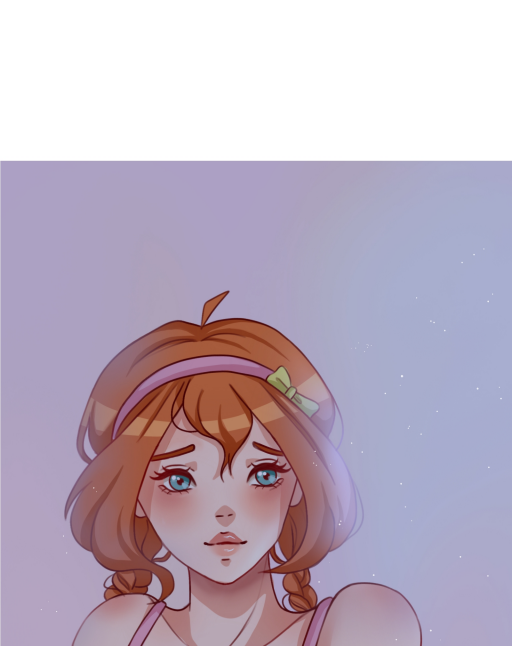
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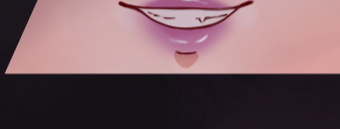


GOOD NIGHT BLOOM.



IF YOU NEED TO TALK, I'M JUST ACROSS THE ROOM.





End



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