

# Embers to Inferno

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HNG...

AGH...

OPEN

PUSH

WHERE AM I?

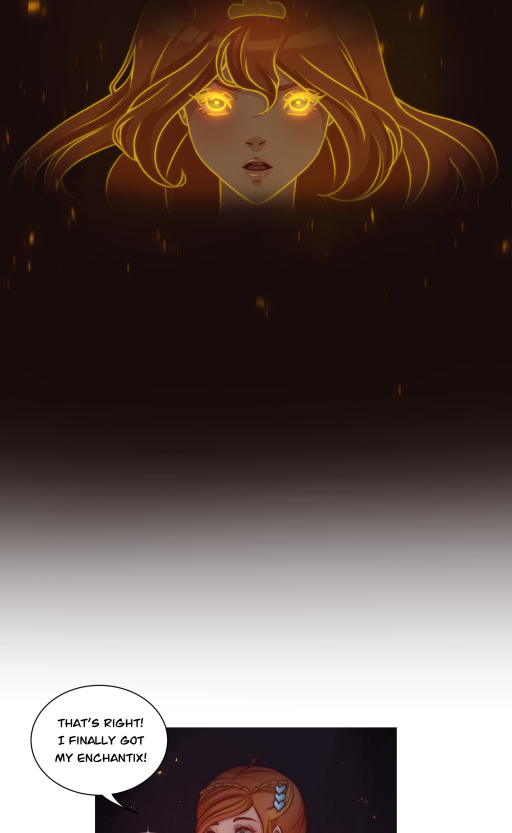
AH!

I WAS AT  
PYROS...

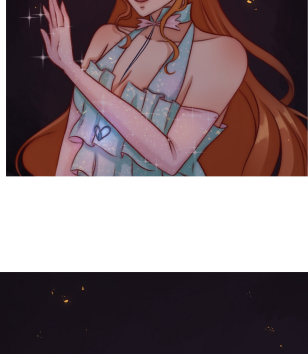
VALTOR SENDS HIS  
REGARDS.



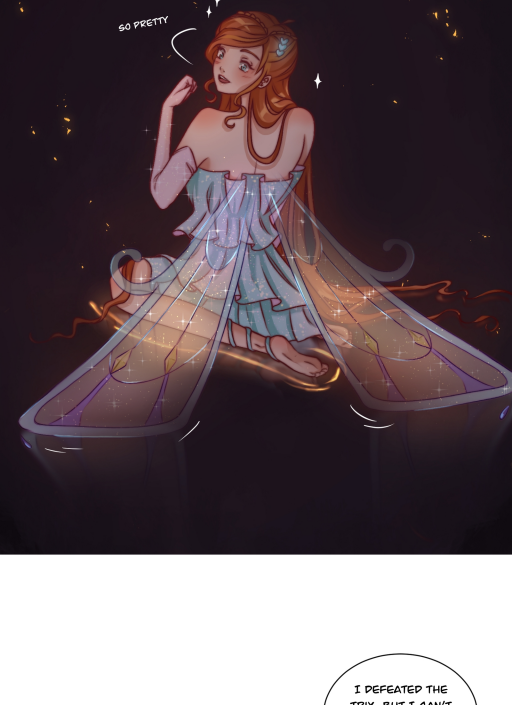
VALTOR WILL NOT WIN.  
EVER!



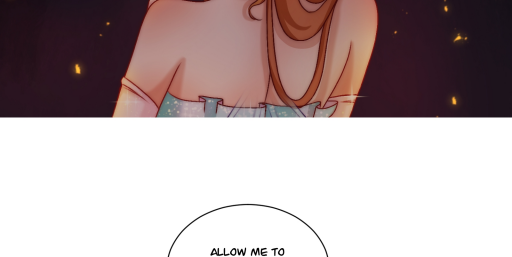
THAT'S RIGHT!  
I FINALLY GOT  
MY ENCHANTIX!



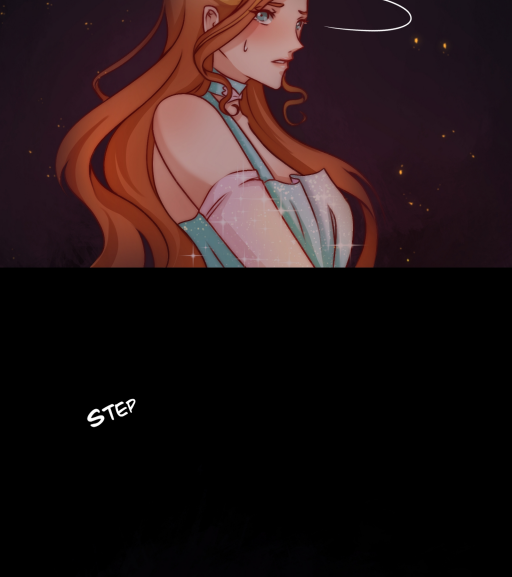
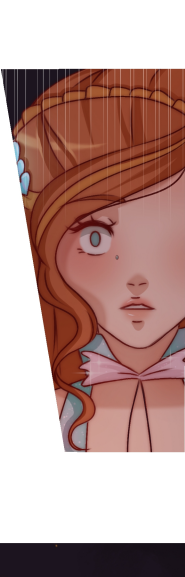
SO PRETTY



I DEFEATED THE  
TRIX, BUT I CAN'T  
REMEMBER WHAT  
HAPPENED AFTER...



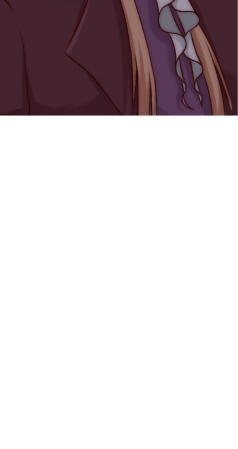
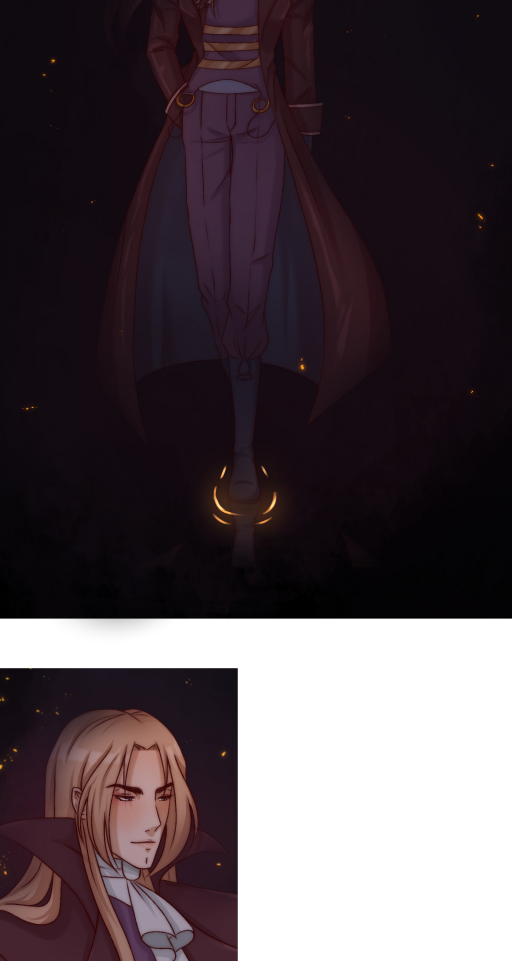
ALLOW ME TO  
REFRESH YOUR  
MEMORY.

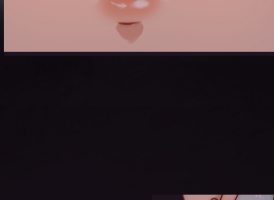


STEP

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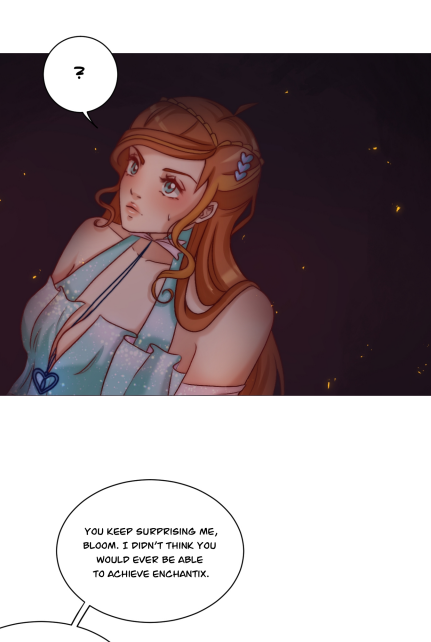




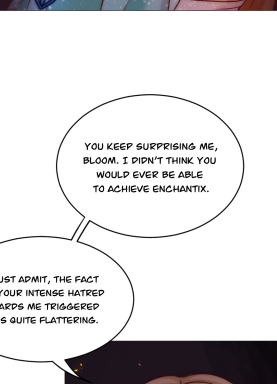
VALTOR!



AHEM



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YOU KEEP SURPRISING ME, BLOOM. I DIDN'T THINK YOU WOULD EVER BE ABLE TO ACHIEVE ENCHANTIX.

I MUST ADMIT, THE FACT THAT YOUR INTENSE HATRED TOWARDS ME TRIGGERED IT, IS QUITE FLATTERING.



QUIT THE NICETIES VALTOR. IF YOU'VE COME TO FINISH ME OFF THEN JUST DO IT.



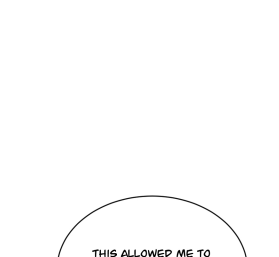
QUITE THE OPPOSITE, LITTLE FAIRY. I'VE COME TO PROPOSE A DEAL OF SORTS.

THAT'S WHY WE'RE HERE. IT'S SURPRISINGLY DIFFICULT TO GET YOU AWAY FROM ALL YOUR FRIENDS.



HERE?

WE ARE CURRENTLY IN YOUR OWN SUBCONCIOUS. AFTER YOU GAINED ENCHANTIX, THE CONNECTION BETWEEN OUR FLAMES GREW STRONG ENOUGH FOR ME TO REACH OUT.



THIS ALLOWED ME TO FINALLY TALK TO YOU IN PRIVATE.

MY APOLOGIES FOR TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THE SITUATION.



IT SEEMS YOUR ENCHANTIX IS VERY UNSTABLE, YOU COLLAPSED AFTER EXHAUSTING YOUR POWERS.

STEP

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KNEEL



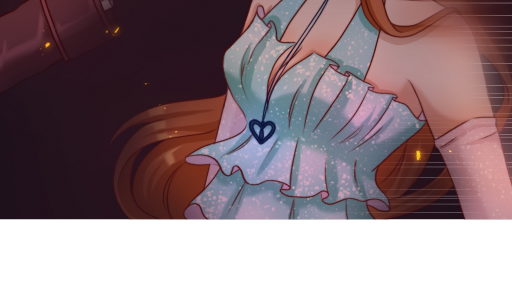
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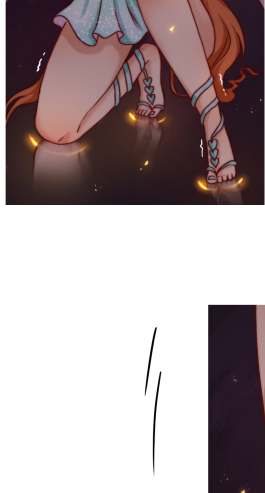
HEAL

THERE. YOU TOOK QUITE THE FALL AFTER YOUR MAGIC GAVE OUT.

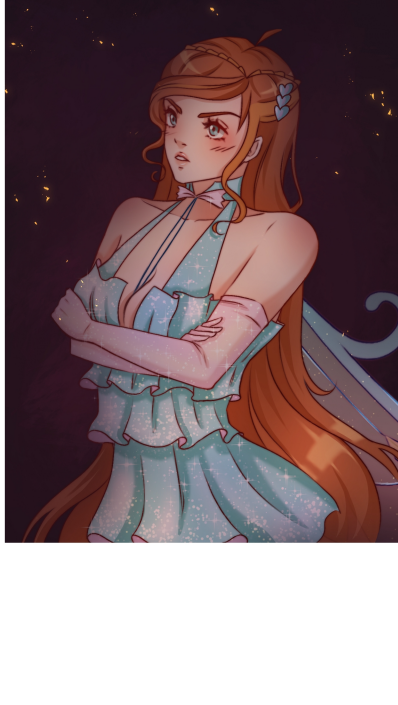


LEAN BACK





Wobble

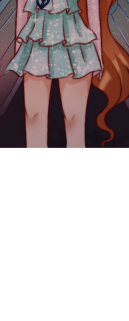
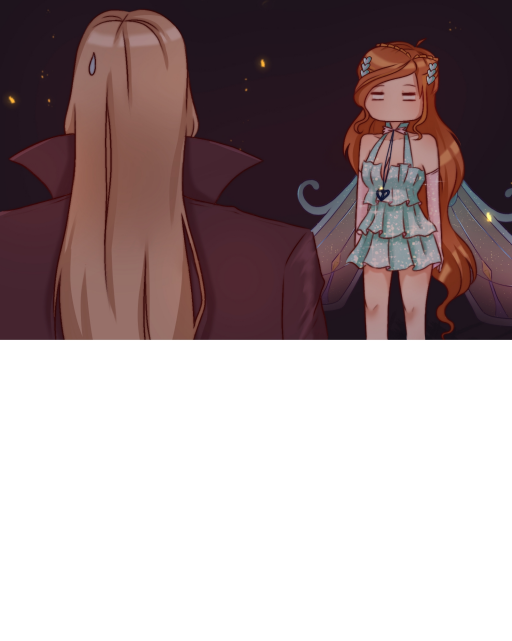


YOU SAID YOU WANTED TO MAKE A DEAL?



YES, A DEAL THAT WOULD BENEFIT THE BOTH OF US.

I WILL TRAIN YOU TO FULLY MASTER YOUR POWERS.



HAHAHA  
YOU? TRAIN ME?! STARS, I DIDN'T KNOW YOU HAD A SENSE OF HUMOR VALTOR.



WHY ON EARTH WOULD I EVER TRUST YOU?



HN



BECAUSE I'M YOUR ONLY HOPE.

LEAN

?

I'M SURE YOU ARE WELL AWARE OF THE GROWING SHADOW AROUND YOUR DRAGON FLAME?

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WHAT?! H-HOW...

I CAN FEEL IT.

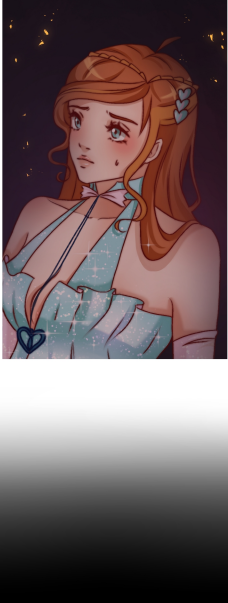
I CAN SENSE YOUR DRAGON FLAME GROWING DARKER BY THE DAY.

I'VE FELT IT CLEARLY EVER SINCE OUR FIGHT AT CLOUD TOWER.

LIAR! YOU'RE JUST TRYING TO TRICK ME INTO COOPERATING WITH YOU!

WHAT COULD YOU POSSIBLY GAIN FROM THIS ANYWAY?!

I MAY BE MANY THINGS BLOOM, BUT A LIAR IS NOT ONE OF THEM. I CAN ASSIST YOU IN CONTROLLING IT AS WELL AS MANAGING YOUR INCOMPLETE ENCHANTIX, I PROMISE YOU THAT.

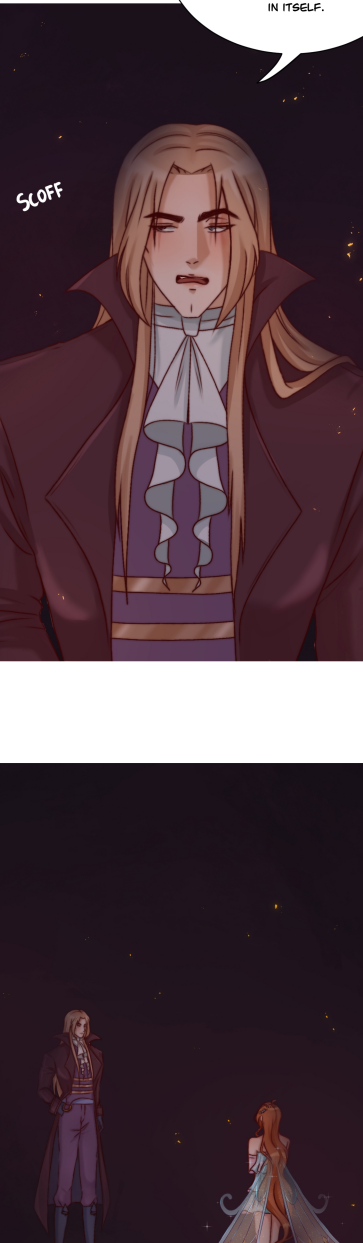


AND WHAT DO I  
STAND TO GAIN  
FROM THIS?

MY AIM IS NOT ONLY TO HELP  
YOU GAIN CONTROL OVER  
THE SHADOW, BUT TO ERADICATE  
IT FROM YOU  
ENTIRELY IN THE LONG RUN.

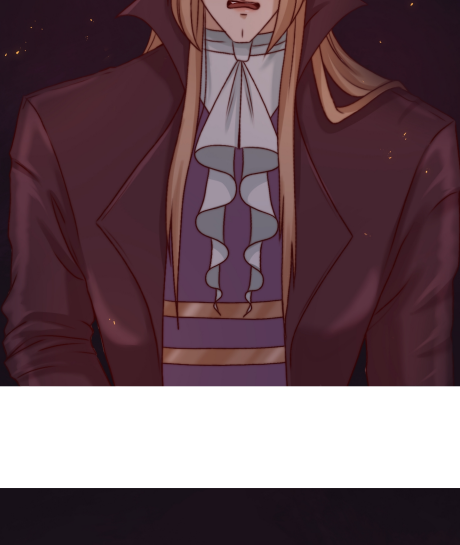
I WANT TO ABSORB THAT MAGIC  
AND INCORPORATE IT INTO  
MY COLLECTION.  
WITH PARKAR GONE, YOU ARE  
THE SOLE POSSESSOR OF  
SUCH DARK SHADOW MAGIC.

IS THAT  
REALLY ALL?

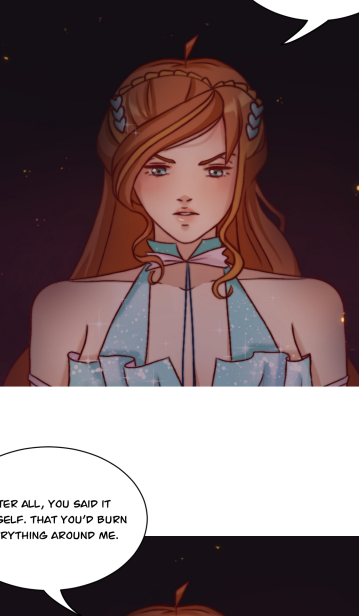


I ALSO JUST HAVE A PROFOUND  
DISDAIN FOR THE HALFWIT.  
SO ERADICATING HIS LEGACY FROM  
THE REALMS OF MAGIC  
WILL BE ENOUGH OF A REWARD  
IN ITSELF.

SCOFF



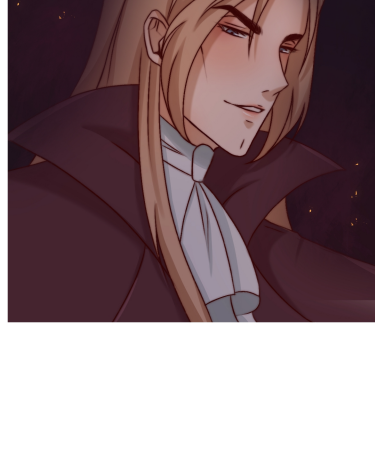
HOW DO I KNOW YOU WON'T  
BETRAY ME AND KILL ME  
AND MY FRIENDS THE  
FIRST CHANCE YOU GET?



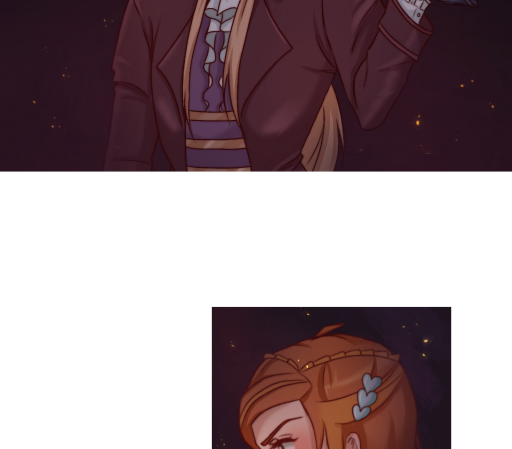
AFTER ALL, YOU SAID IT  
YOURSELF. THAT YOU'D BURN  
EVERYTHING AROUND ME.



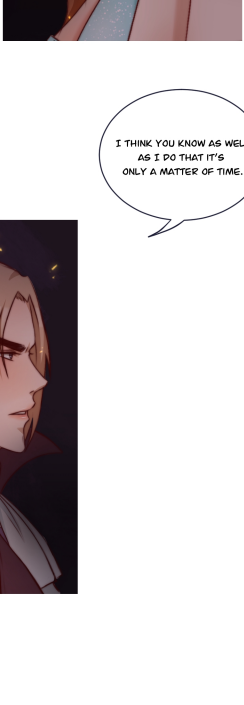
YOU'LL HAVE TO TAKE  
MY WORD FOR IT.



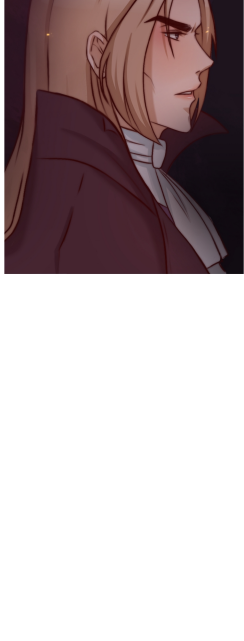
BESIDES, AFTER OUR LITTLE ARRANGEMENT WE CAN GO BACK TO OUR USUAL ENMITY. I'M ASSUMING YOU ALSO WOULDN'T LET ME WALK AWAY WITH ALL THAT POWER?



GLARE

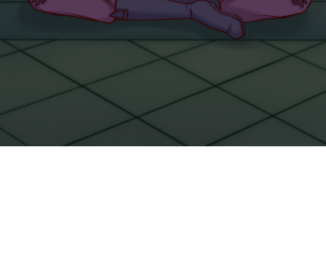


I THINK YOU KNOW AS WELL AS I DO THAT IT'S ONLY A MATTER OF TIME.



IF YOU DON'T GET RID OF IT, SHE WILL TAKE OVER.

GRIT



End

Episode 9

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Bonus



OPEN





FUCK.