

DOMINYKA STANAITYTE - TOM ASHMORE



the **ROSE** &
the **Raven**

NEW SPIRIT WOOD, FIVE YEARS AFTER THE SECOND GREAT WAR





DR ESPERER!
THERE WAS AN
ACCIDENT

PETER'S HORSE
SPOOKED AND
KNOCKED OVER
SOME LUMBER.

IT HIT
CARROS.



LET'S SEE. HEAVY DAMAGE TO
THE CHEST AND THE RIGHT ARM
HAS BEEN CRUSHED. I'VE SEEN
WOUNDS LIKE THESE BEFORE,
BUT NOT THIS SEVERE.



WHAT
HAPPENS
NOW?



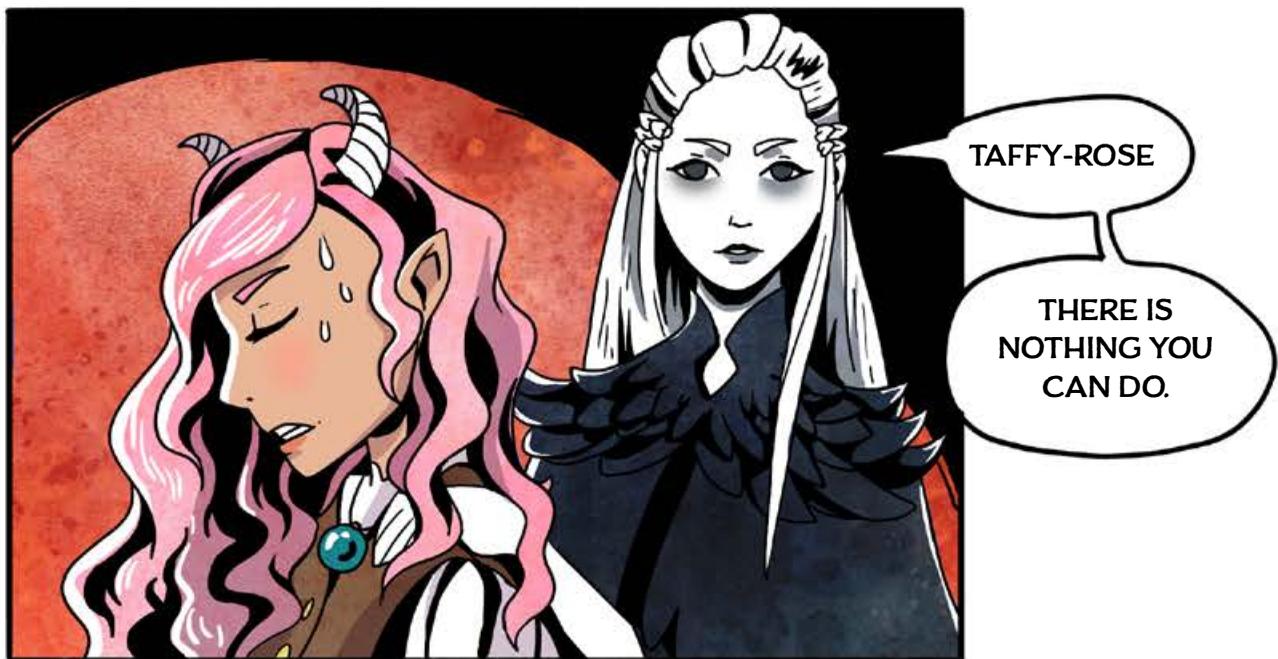
BRING HIM TO
THE TABLE,
QUICKLY!

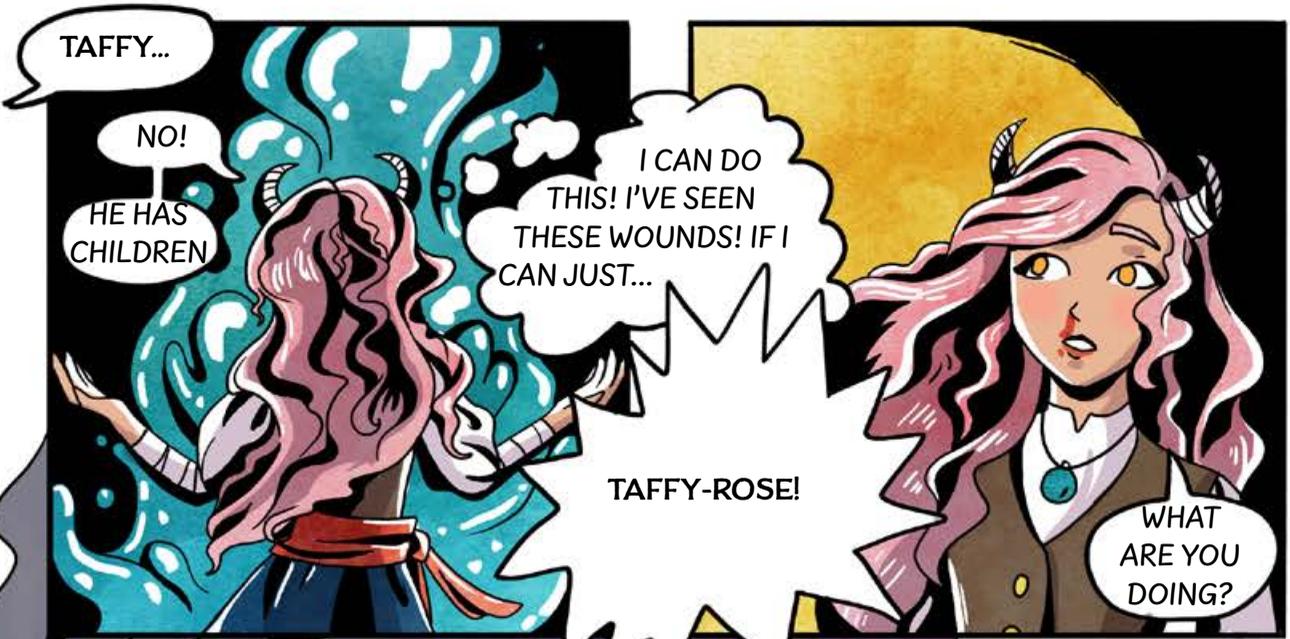
LEAVE US.



LET US WORK.

THE WHITE
CROW...





TAFFY...

NO!

HE HAS CHILDREN

I CAN DO THIS! I'VE SEEN THESE WOUNDS! IF I CAN JUST...

TAFFY-ROSE!

WHAT ARE YOU DOING?



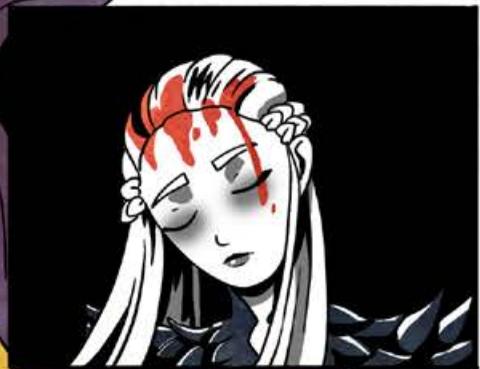
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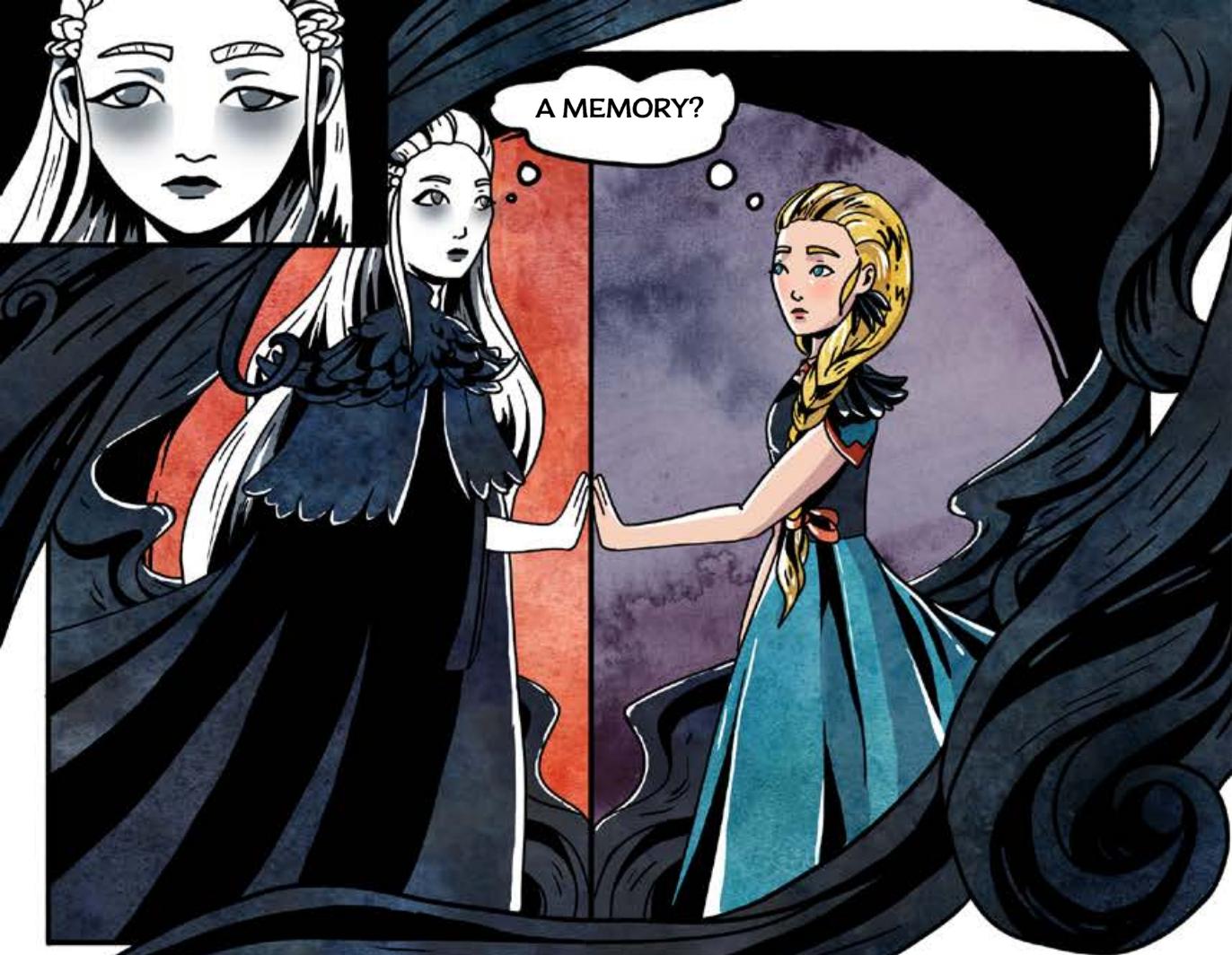


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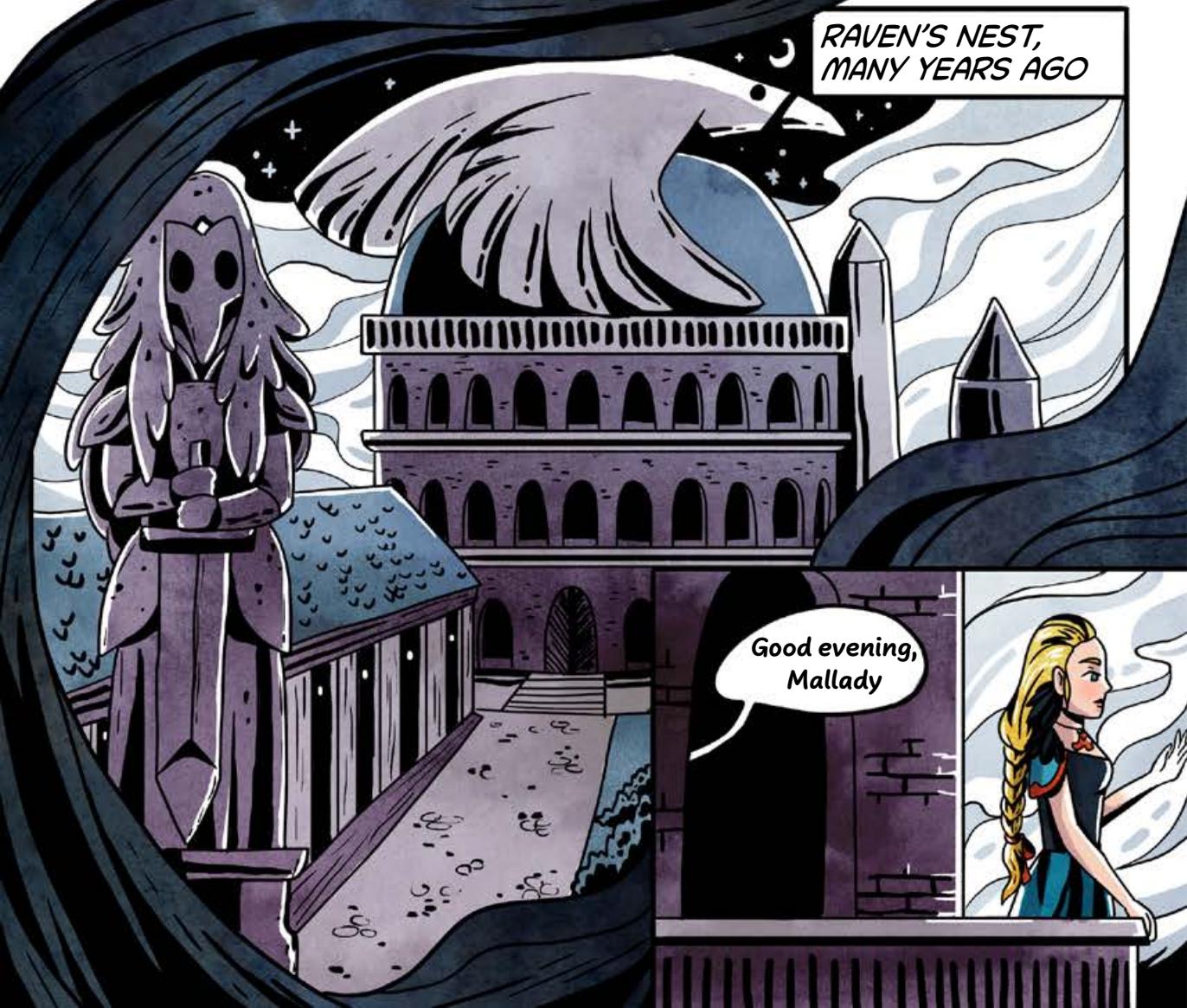
AAAAH





A MEMORY?

*RAVEN'S NEST,
MANY YEARS AGO*



Good evening,
Mallady





Good evening,
Kenta

You seem...
forlorn

Are you
alright?

I'm tired,
Kenta.

like a ghost.
I'm changing
quicker than I
hoped.

Our magic
can't be used
lightly.

Magic has a cost.
Please use your
gift sparingly.

I have to save
them.

If I can save them...
shouldn't I? No matter
the cost?

If I have this
power, shouldn't I
use it?

We all possess a
unique gift, here
in

I know about
the gift

Then what
is it?

We speak to the
dead. We travel the
dead wood and
know our way.

Mallady Whitecrow, listen
to me closely. Our gift is not just to
speak to the dead. We help people
find peace, be they living or among
the waters. Let me help you find
peace.

Our gift lets us
preserve the
living...



But not at the cost of our own lives.

You are alive.

Allow yourself to live! This damage you have done to yourself, you cannot sustain it and you cannot reverse it.

How do you propose to save people if you let the water carry you away?

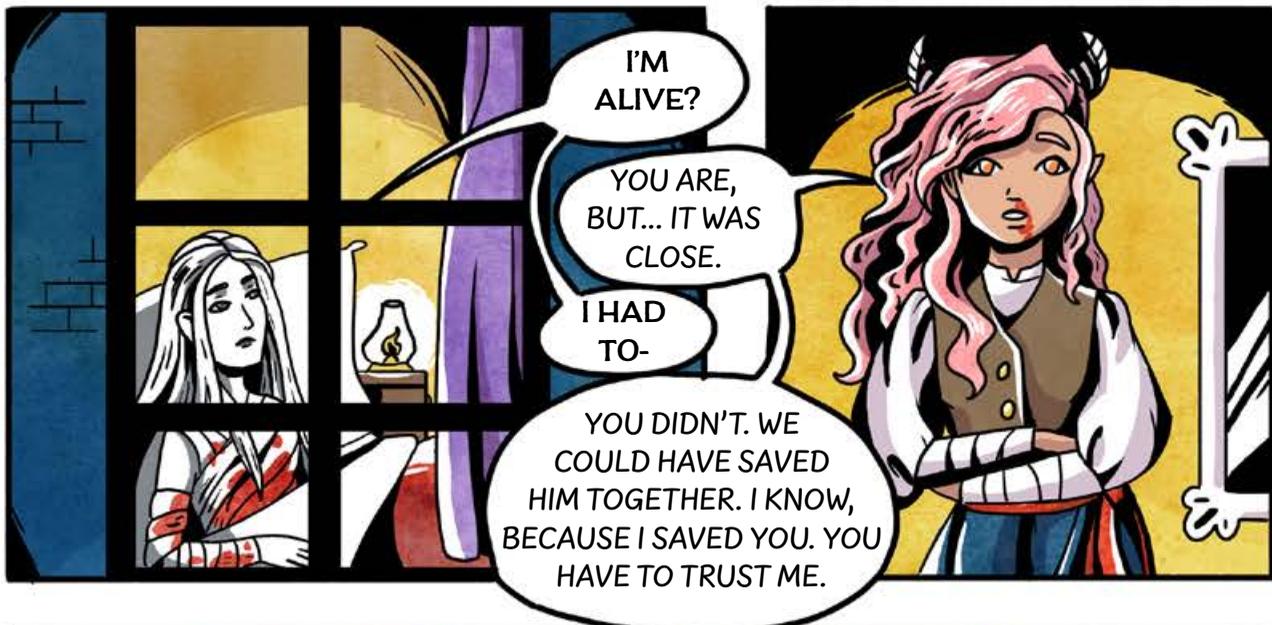


Mallady

Even if you use your abilities, you cannot save everyone.

Do not lose yourself.

I have to try

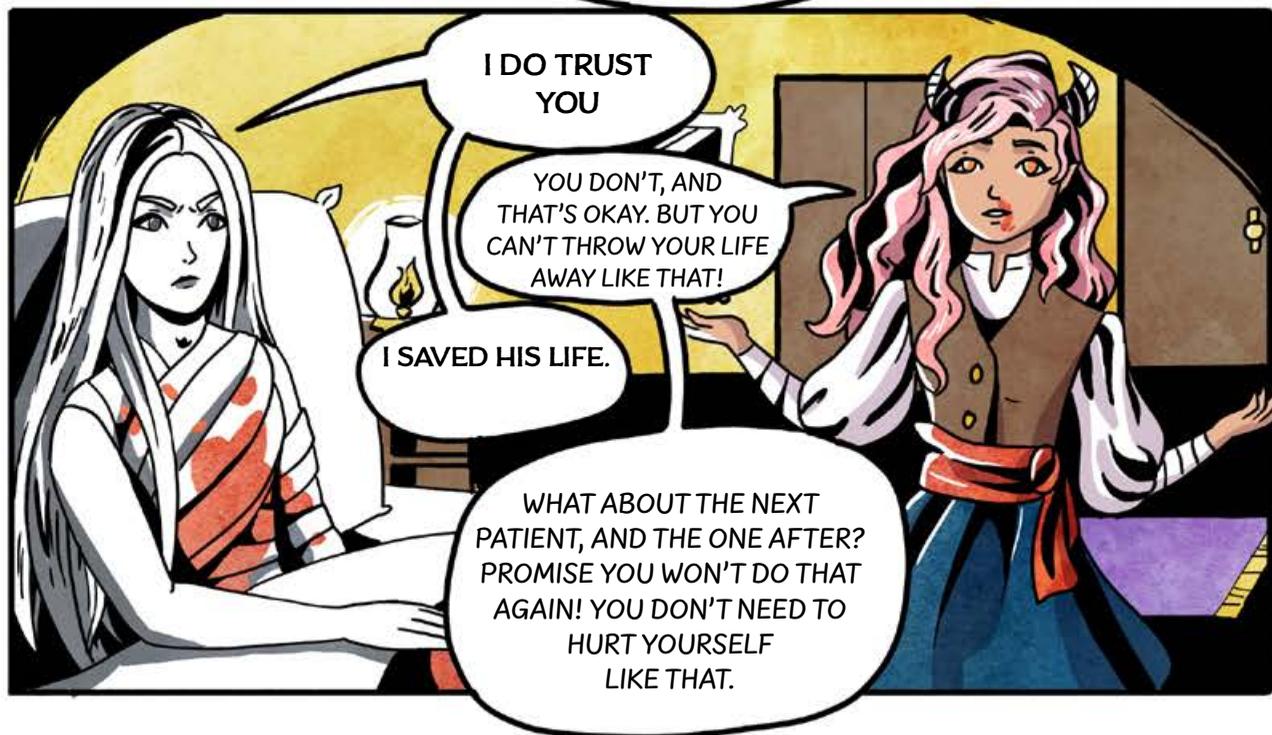


I'M ALIVE?

YOU ARE, BUT... IT WAS CLOSE.

I HAD TO-

YOU DIDN'T. WE COULD HAVE SAVED HIM TOGETHER. I KNOW, BECAUSE I SAVED YOU. YOU HAVE TO TRUST ME.

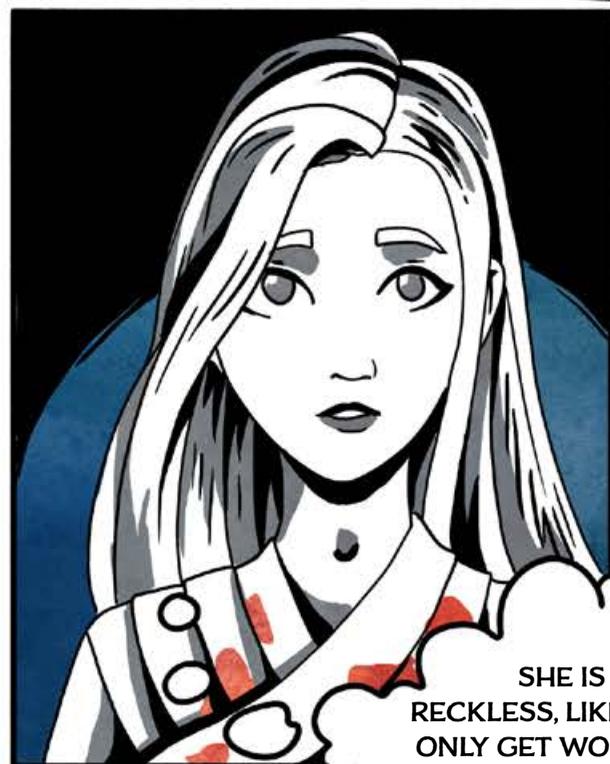


I DO TRUST YOU

YOU DON'T, AND THAT'S OKAY. BUT YOU CAN'T THROW YOUR LIFE AWAY LIKE THAT!

I SAVED HIS LIFE.

WHAT ABOUT THE NEXT PATIENT, AND THE ONE AFTER? PROMISE YOU WON'T DO THAT AGAIN! YOU DON'T NEED TO HURT YOURSELF LIKE THAT.



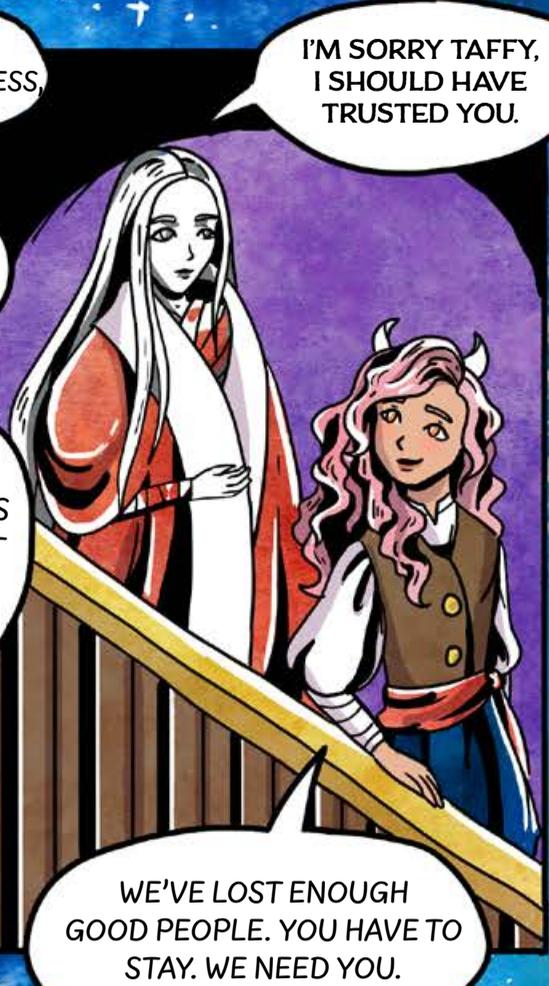
SHE IS GETTING RECKLESS, LIKE... ME. THIS WILL ONLY GET WORSE, AND THEN...



YOU MAY THINK
YOUR LIFE IS WORTHLESS,
BUT IT'S NOT.

EVERYONE HAS
VALUE. WORK WITH
ME.

SOMETIMES IT'S
LIKE YOU WANT
TO DIE.



I'M SORRY TAFFY,
I SHOULD HAVE
TRUSTED YOU.

WE'VE LOST ENOUGH
GOOD PEOPLE. YOU HAVE TO
STAY. WE NEED YOU.



I KNOW

I SHOULD HAVE
BEEN TEACHING
YOU THAT...

WE HAVE TO
SURVIVE OUR OWN
KINDNESS.



TOGETHER.

