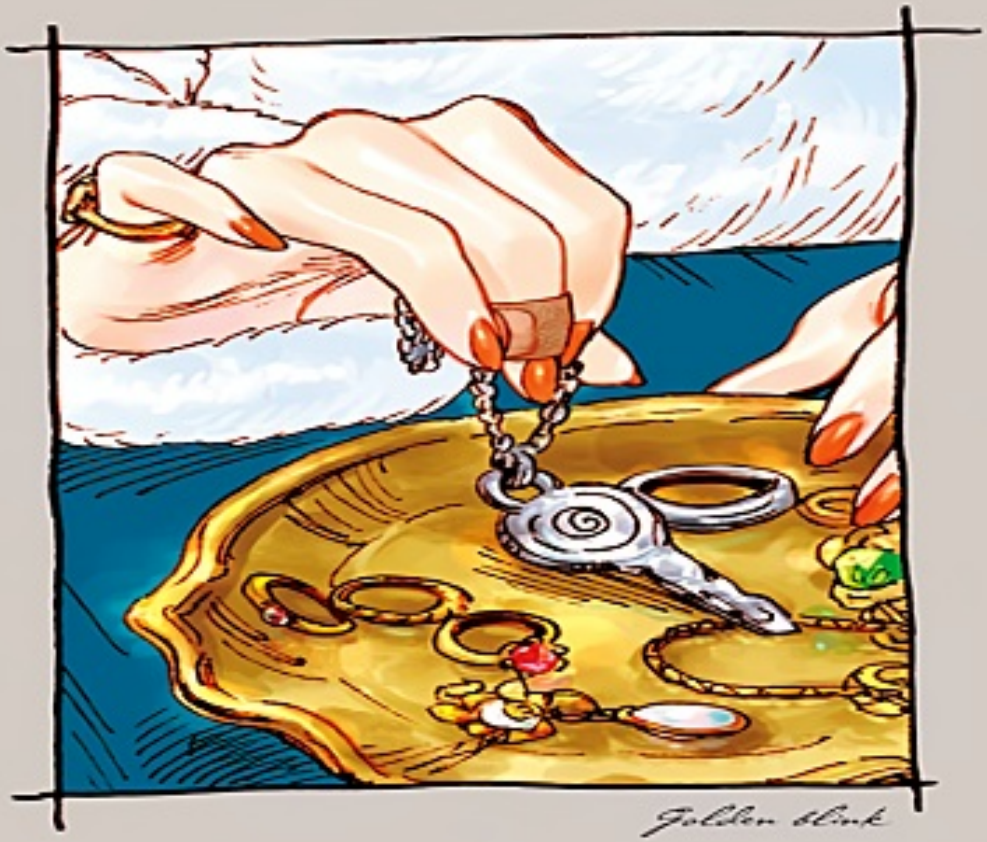

Golden Link

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Kotteri!

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Golden blink

黄金の時間



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Golden blink

Kotteri!




While his blinking tickled me,
I told him to rest his eyes a little,
so he could see plenty tomorrow.

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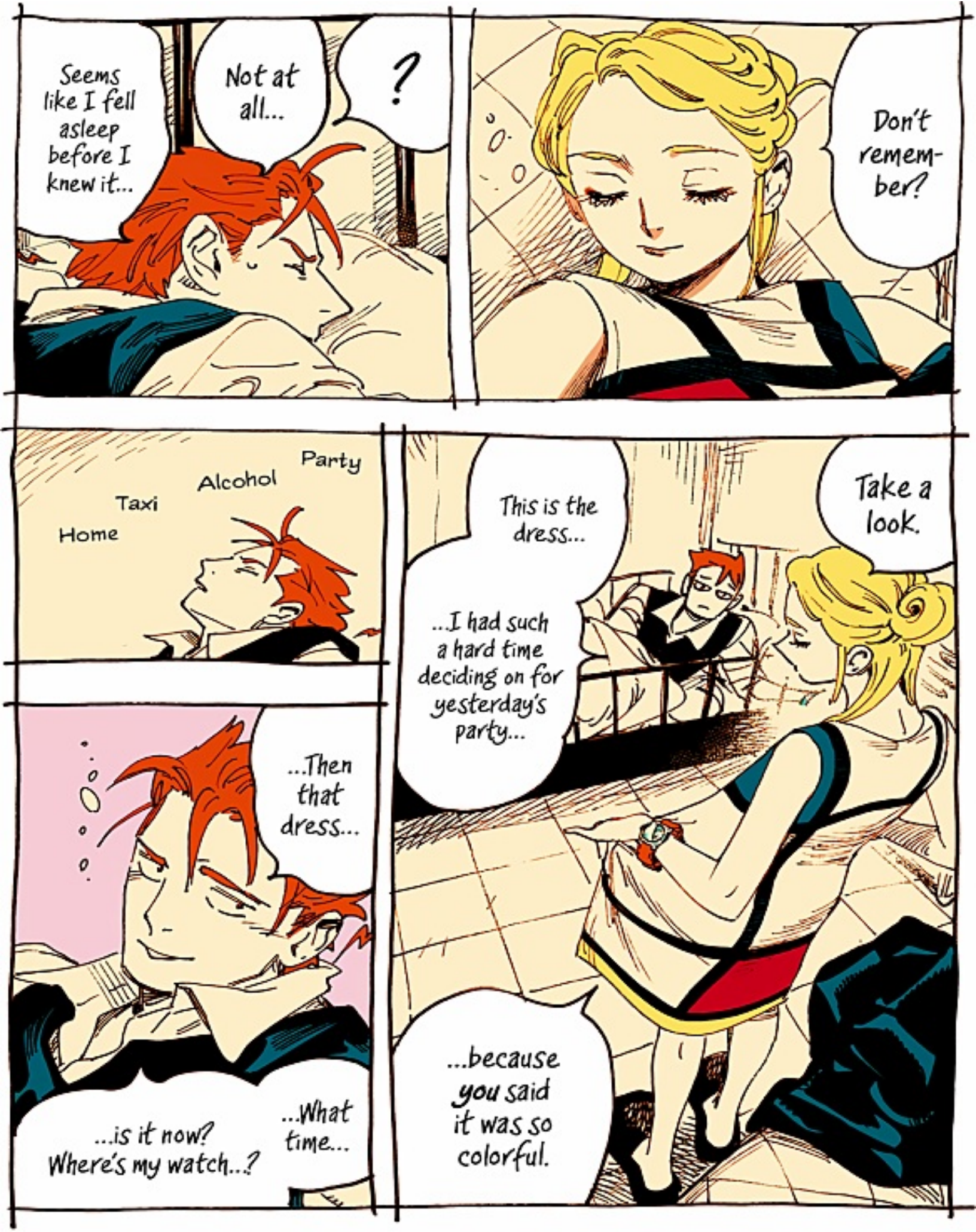
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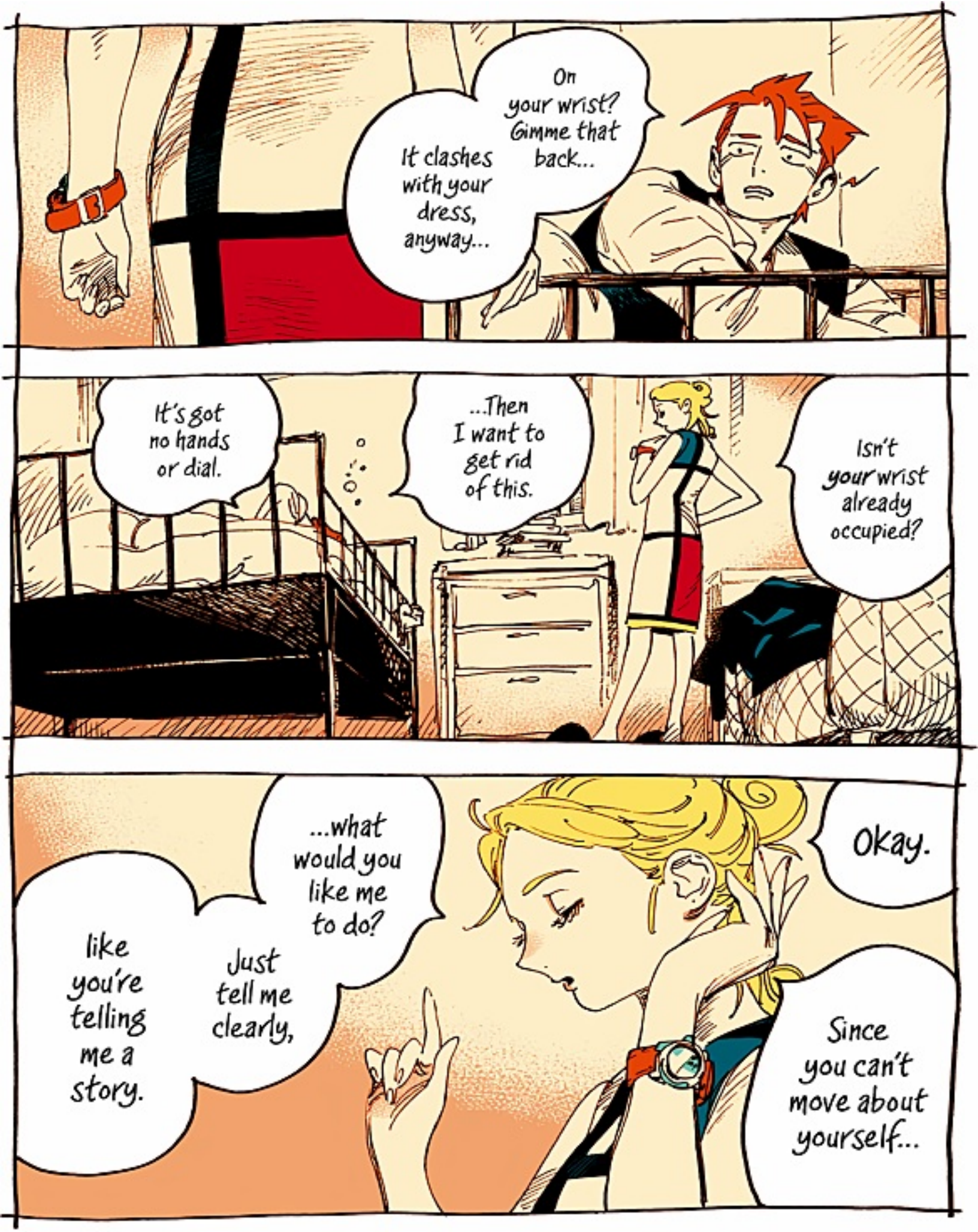
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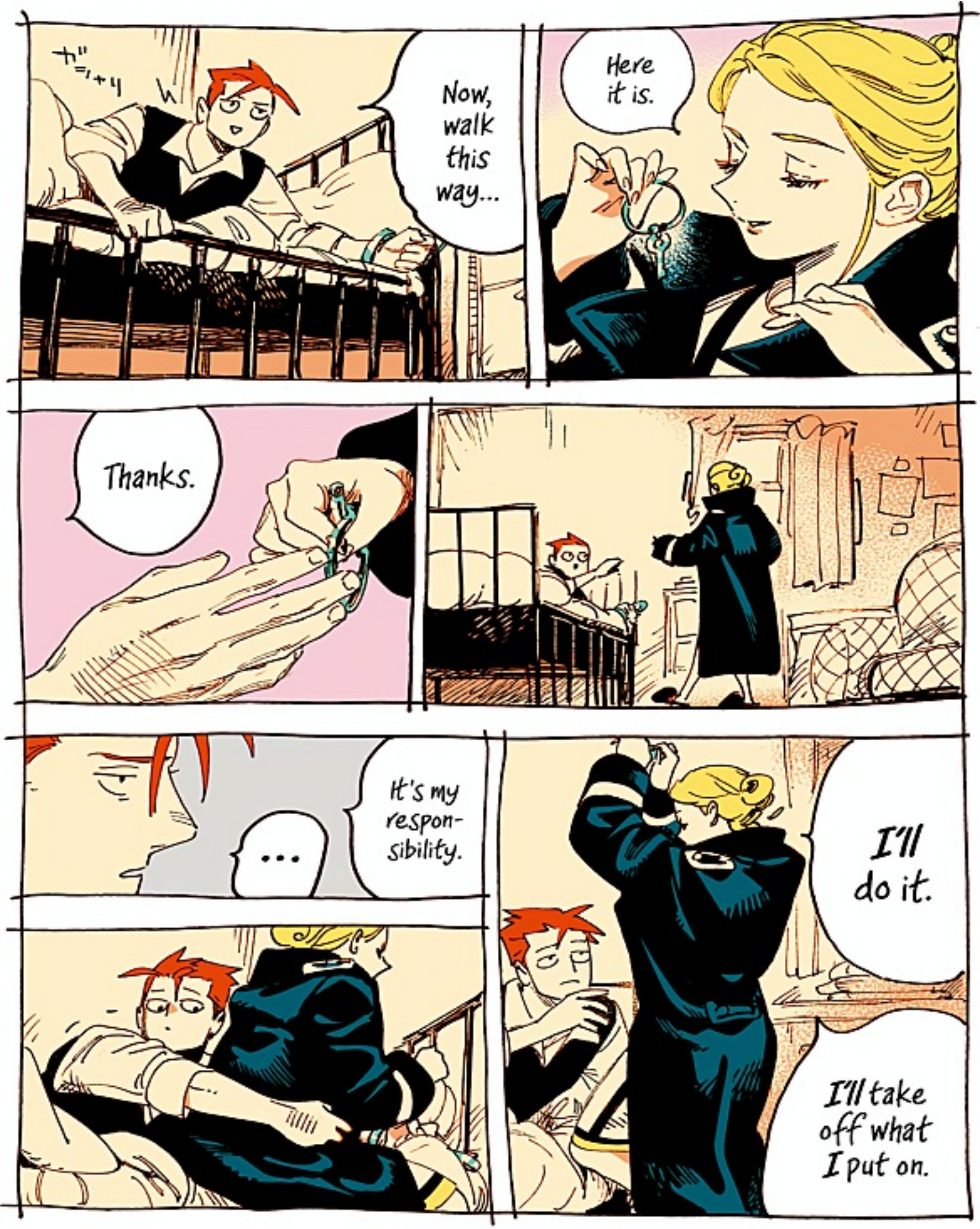
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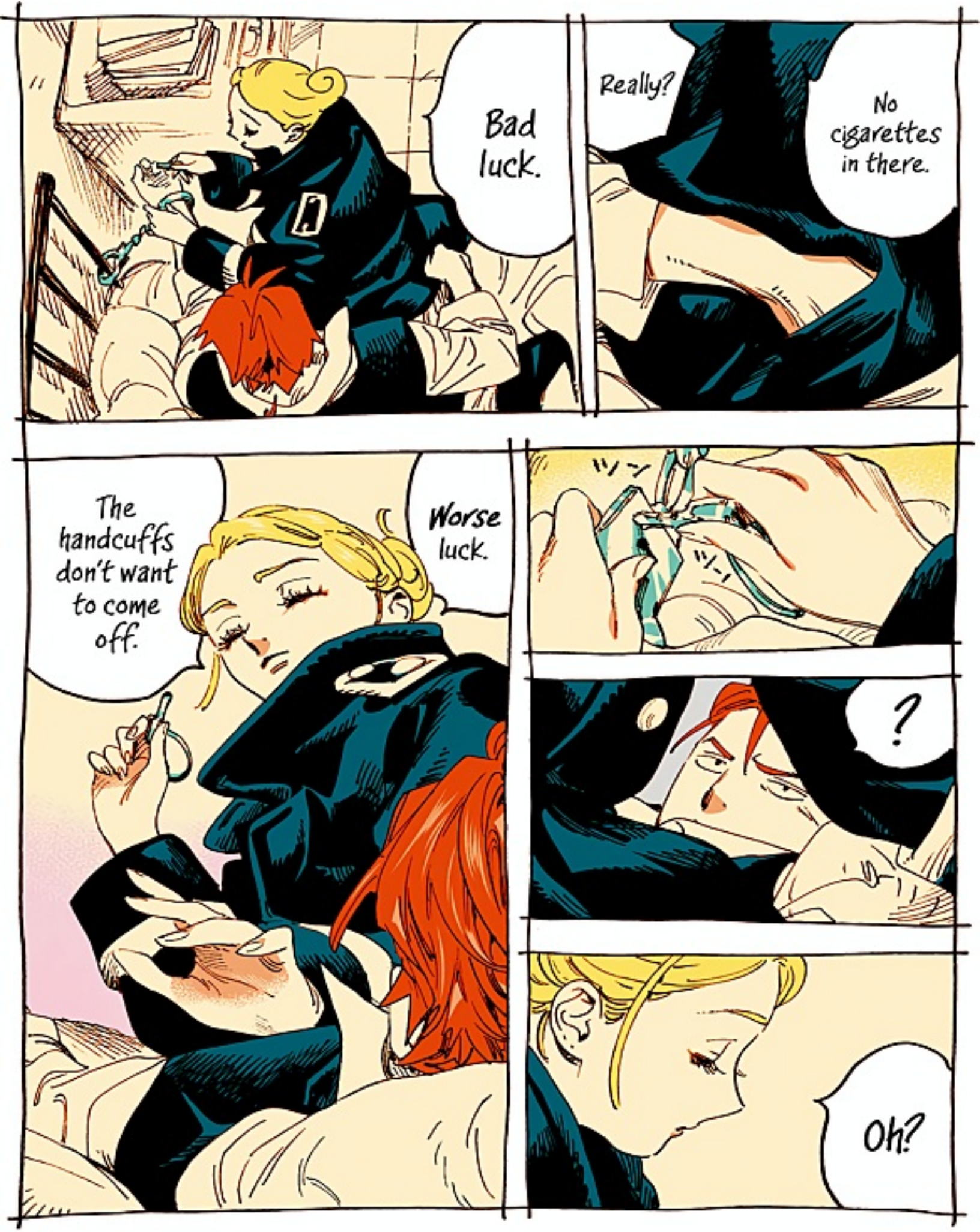

...
What in the...?
カチ
My head hurts.
Finally waking up, big baddie?
...!
Morning...
What's with the... handcuffs ...?


Seems like I fell asleep before I knew it...
Not at all...
?
Don't remember?
Party
Alcohol
Taxi
Home
Take a look.
This is the dress...
...I had such a hard time deciding on for yesterday's party...
...Then that dress...
...What time...
...is it now? Where's my watch..?
...because you said it was so colorful.


On your wrist? Gimme that back...
It clashes with your dress, anyway...
Isn't your wrist already occupied?
...Then I want to get rid of this.
It's got no hands or dial.
Okay.
...what would you like me to do?
Just tell me clearly,
like you're telling me a story.
Since you can't move about yourself...


There should be a key...
...in my coat pocket.
I want my coat.
On your right, on the couch.
Yup.
...
is this it?
That's the car key...
Left breast pocket.


Now, walk this way...
Here it is.
Thanks.
It's my respon-sibility.
...
I'll do it.
I'll take off what I put on.


Bad luck.
Really?
No cigarettes in there.
The handcuffs don't want to come off.
Worse luck.
?
Oh?


Last night...
Did I do something to make me the bad guy?
...
I'm still half-asleep though...
Figure that out for yourself.
...Ah!
Aah...!
...I'll tell you about my favorite book."
"Back home...
Last night, I clearly heard you say...






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Two hot milk teas



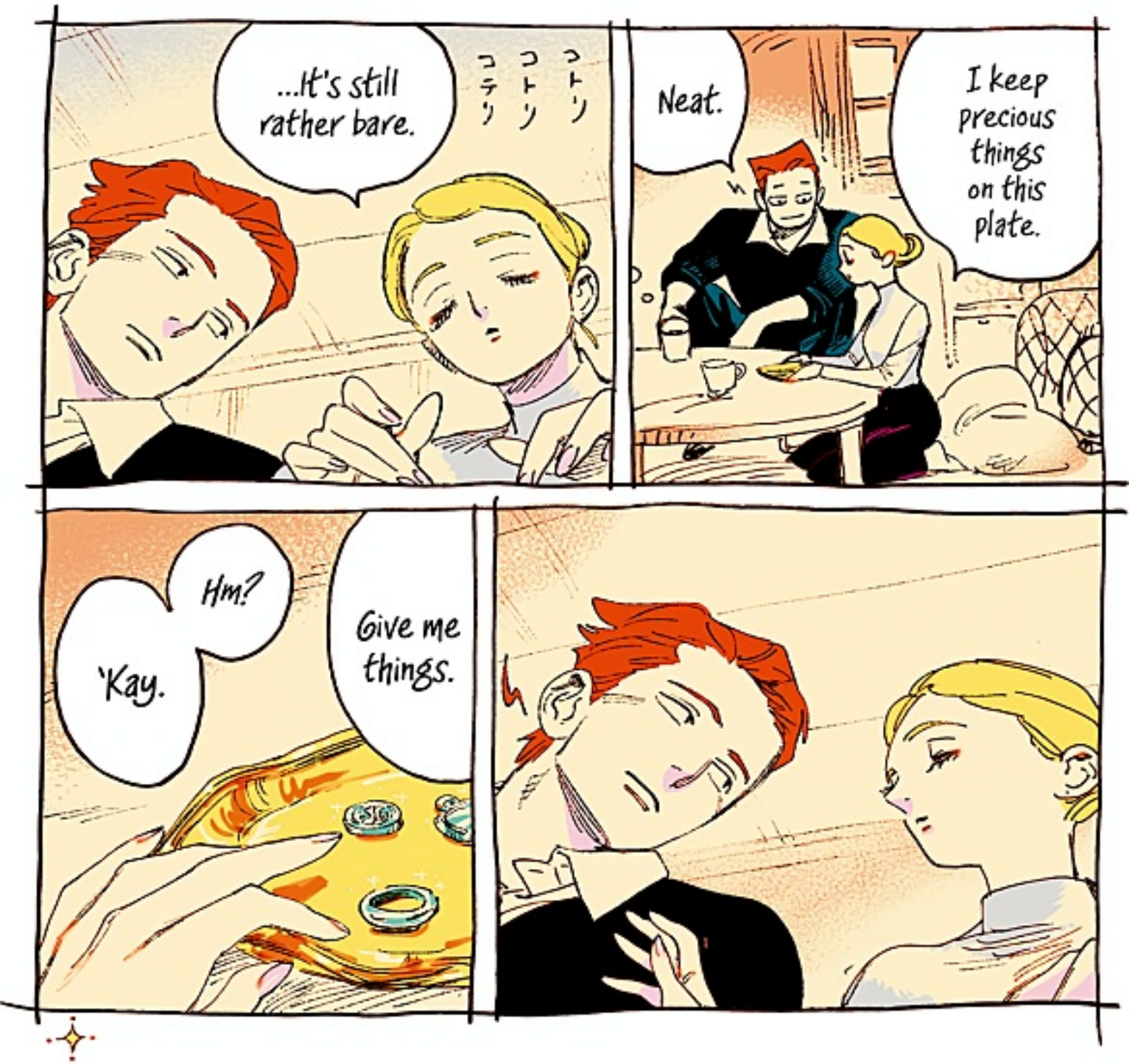

It's me.
KNOCK
KNOCK
KNOCK
What is it?
Let's go look at the stars...



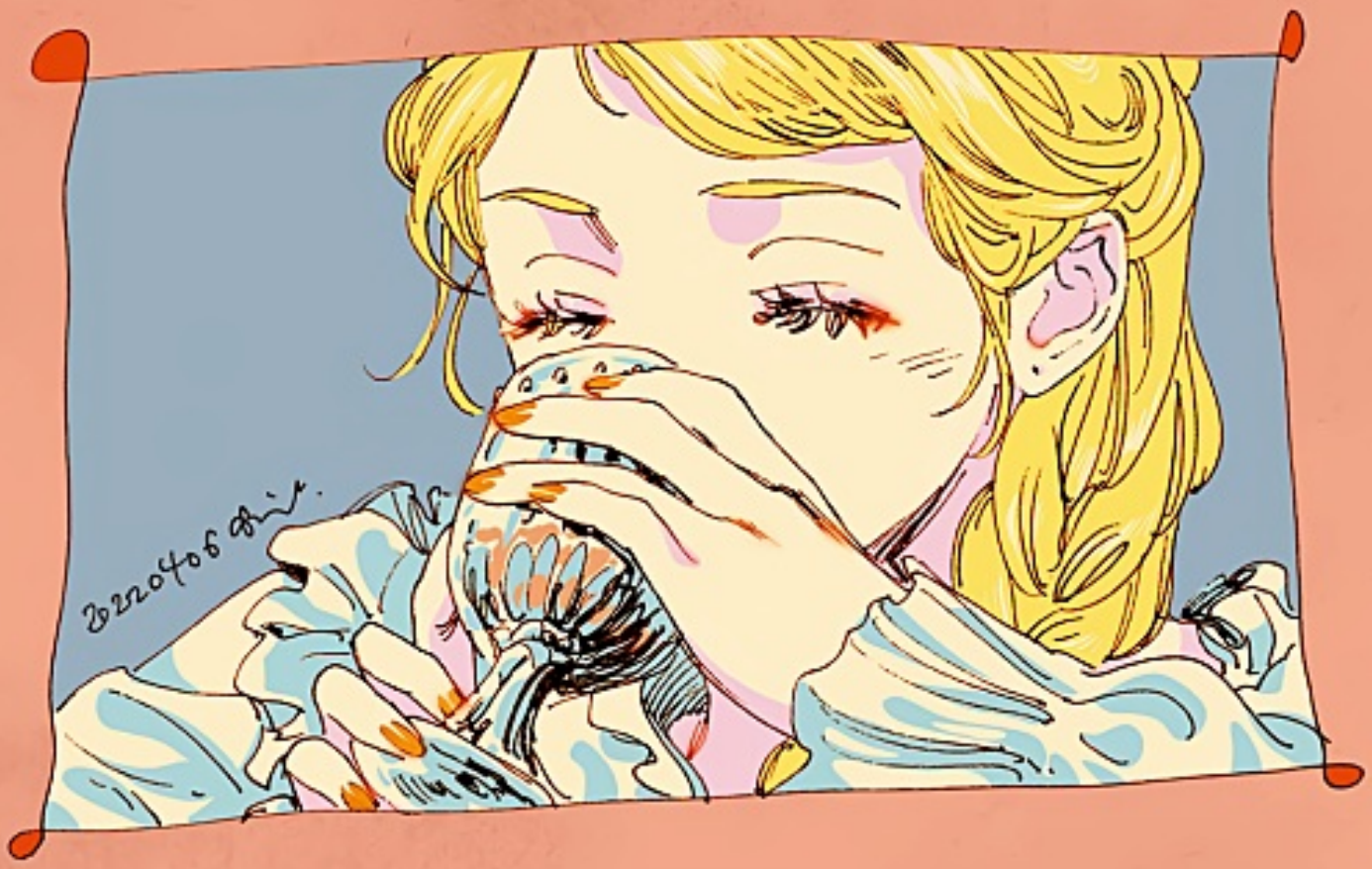

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Extra Scene

Precious



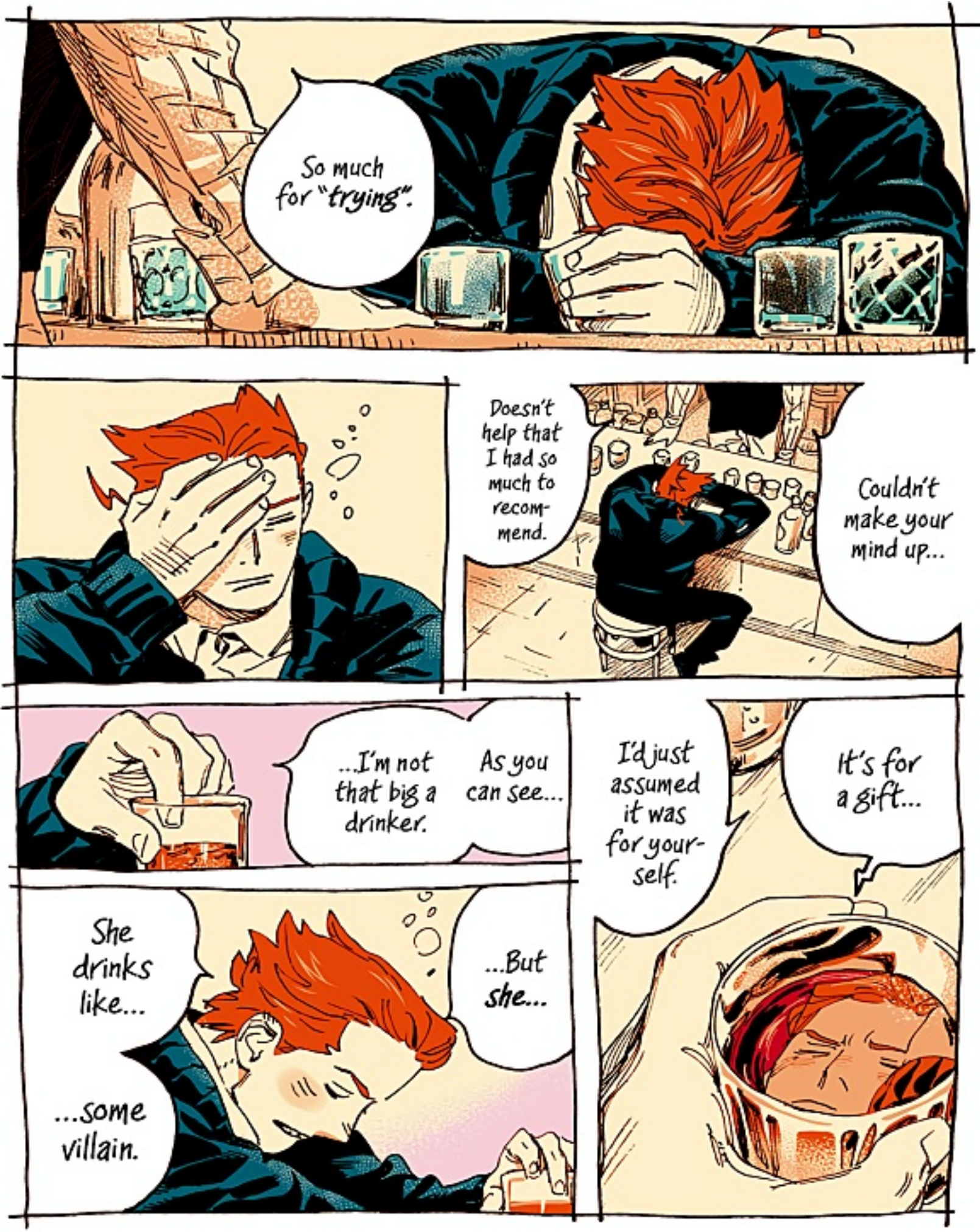
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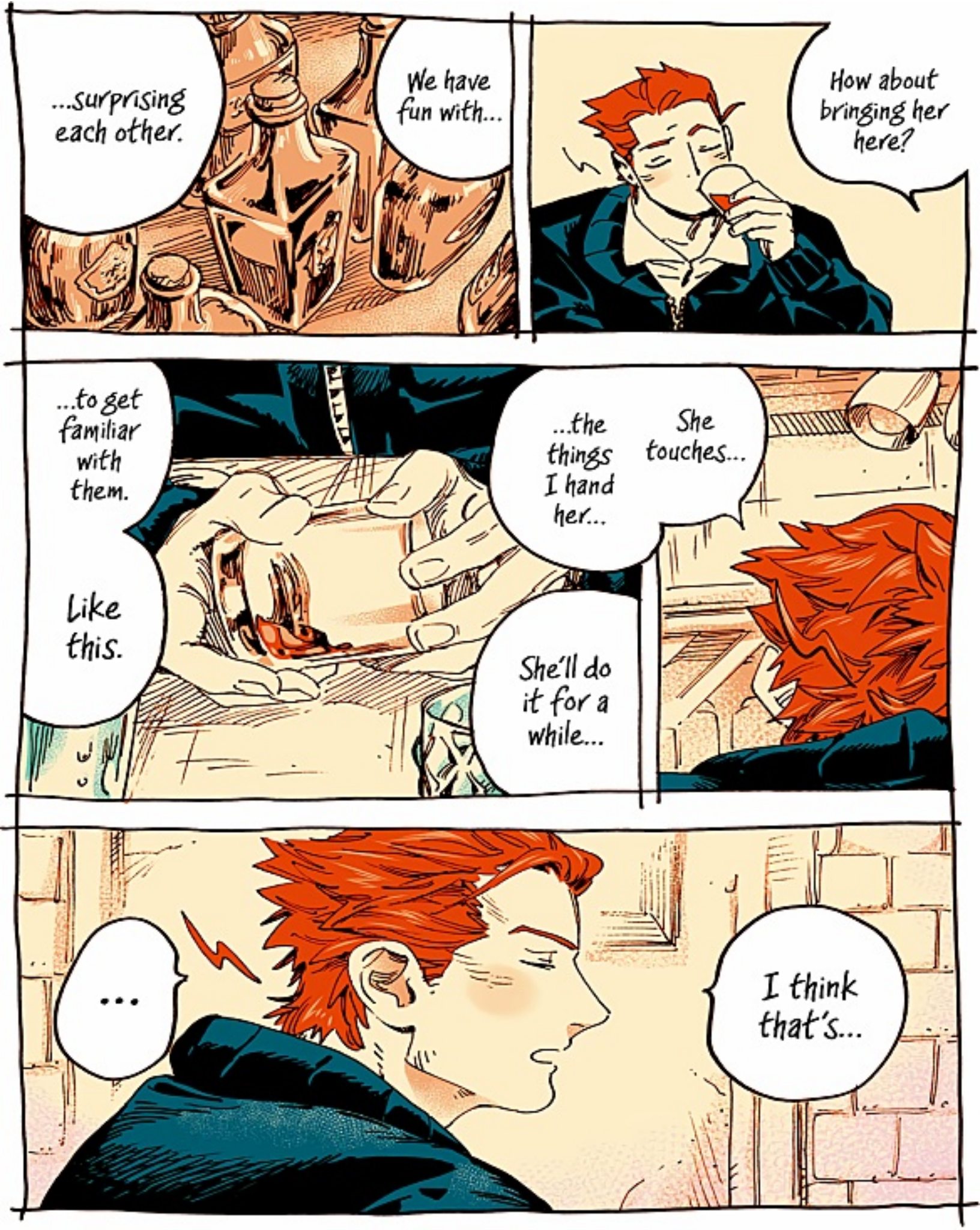


To get drunk with

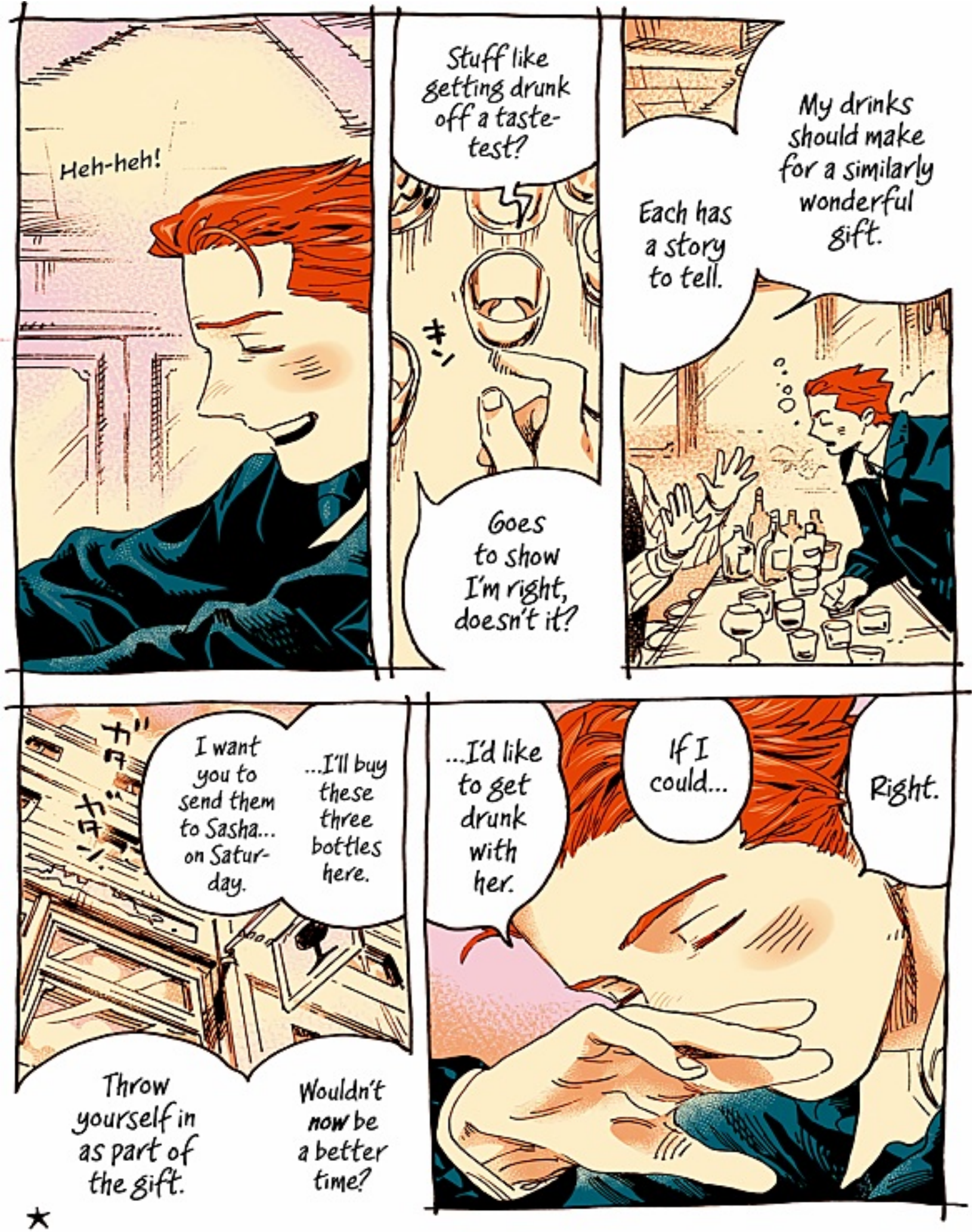

Welcome!
I want this alcohol.
...
To bring an empty bottle, I mean.
...How unusual.
Is it really?


Please, try some others.
You may like them.
No... I'm just after the same one.
I'll fetch the special stuff.
Please, try them.
...
I don't really...
I'll try a few.
If you insist. You are the pro...
Well...


So much for "trying".
Couldn't make your mind up...
Doesn't help that I had so much to recommend.
It's for a gift...
I'd just assumed it was for yourself.
As you can see...
...I'm not that big a drinker.
...But she...
She drinks like...
...some villain.

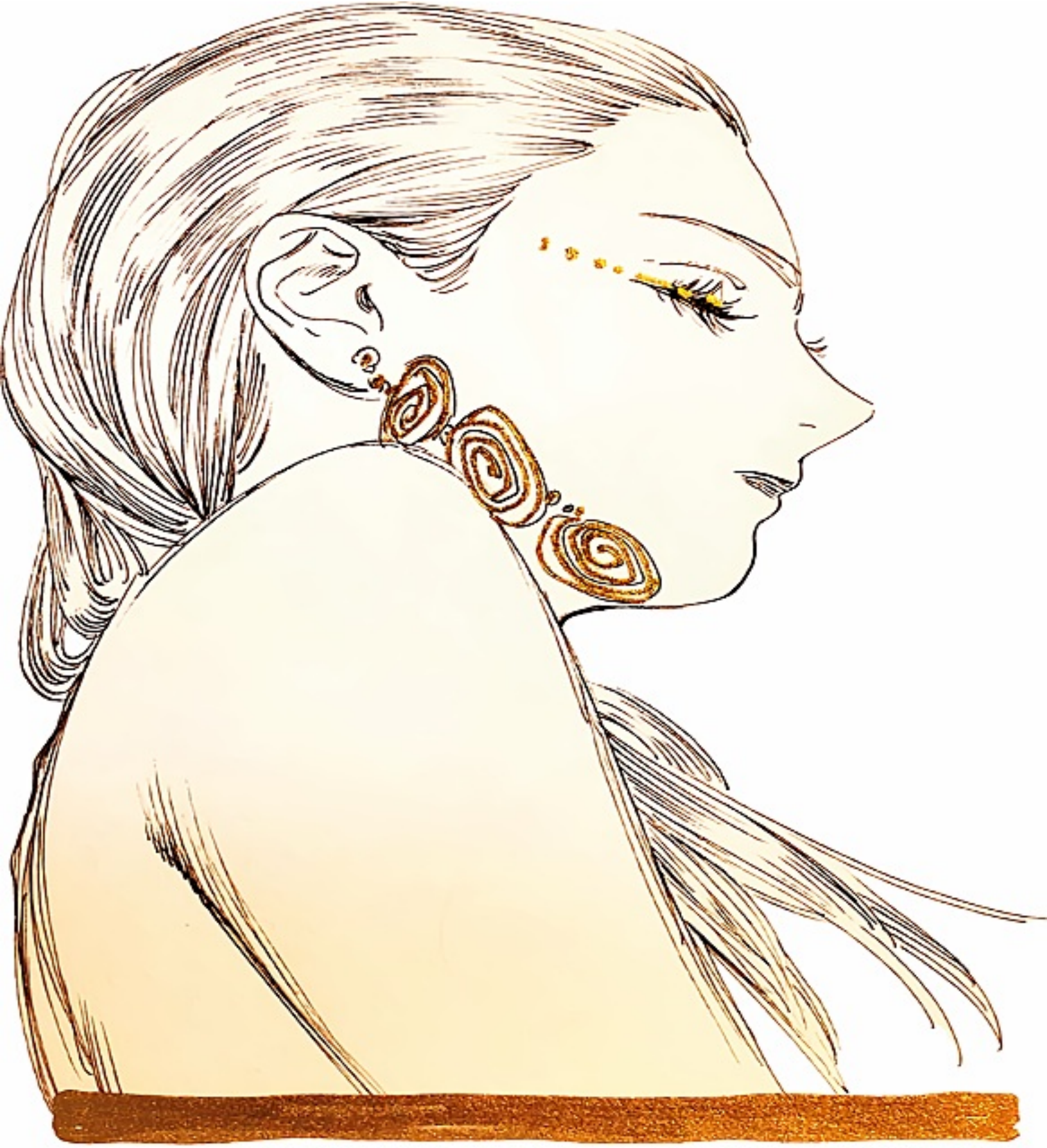

How about bringing her here?
We have fun with...
...surprising each other.
She touches...
...the things I hand her...
She'll do it for a while...
...to get familiar with them.
Like this.
I think that's...
...


Then she gave me such a lovely suit...
On a whim...
...I gave her some orange heels.
Sounds like you really get along.
...to make sure she got the right size.
She even took out my other suit...


Heh-heh!
Stuff like getting drunk off a taste-test?
キン
Goes to show I'm right, doesn't it?
Each has a story to tell.
My drinks should make for a similarly wonderful gift.
I want you to send them to Sasha... on Saturday.
...I'll buy these three bottles here.
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Throw yourself in as part of the gift.
Wouldn't now be a better time?
...I'd like to get drunk with her.
If I could...
Right.


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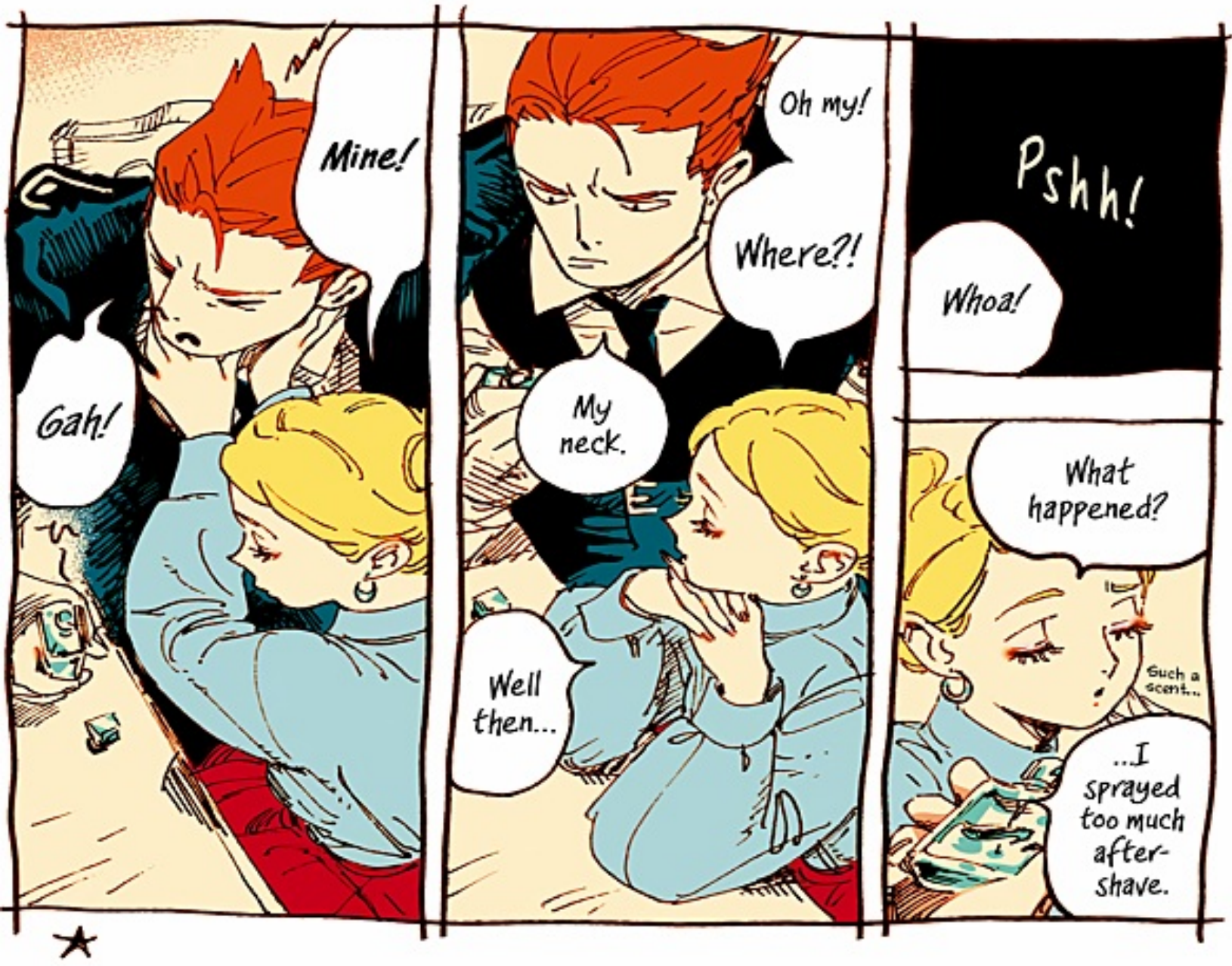

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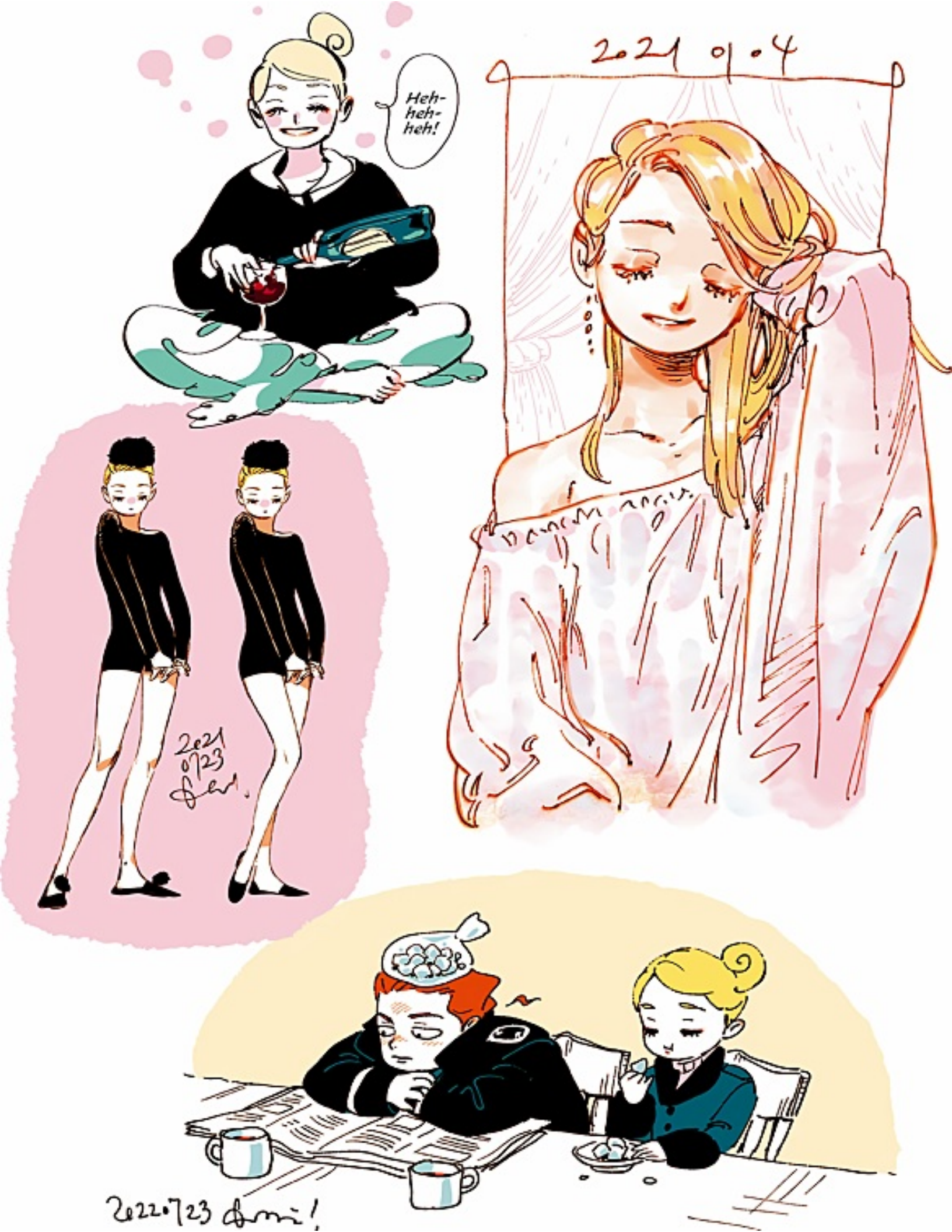

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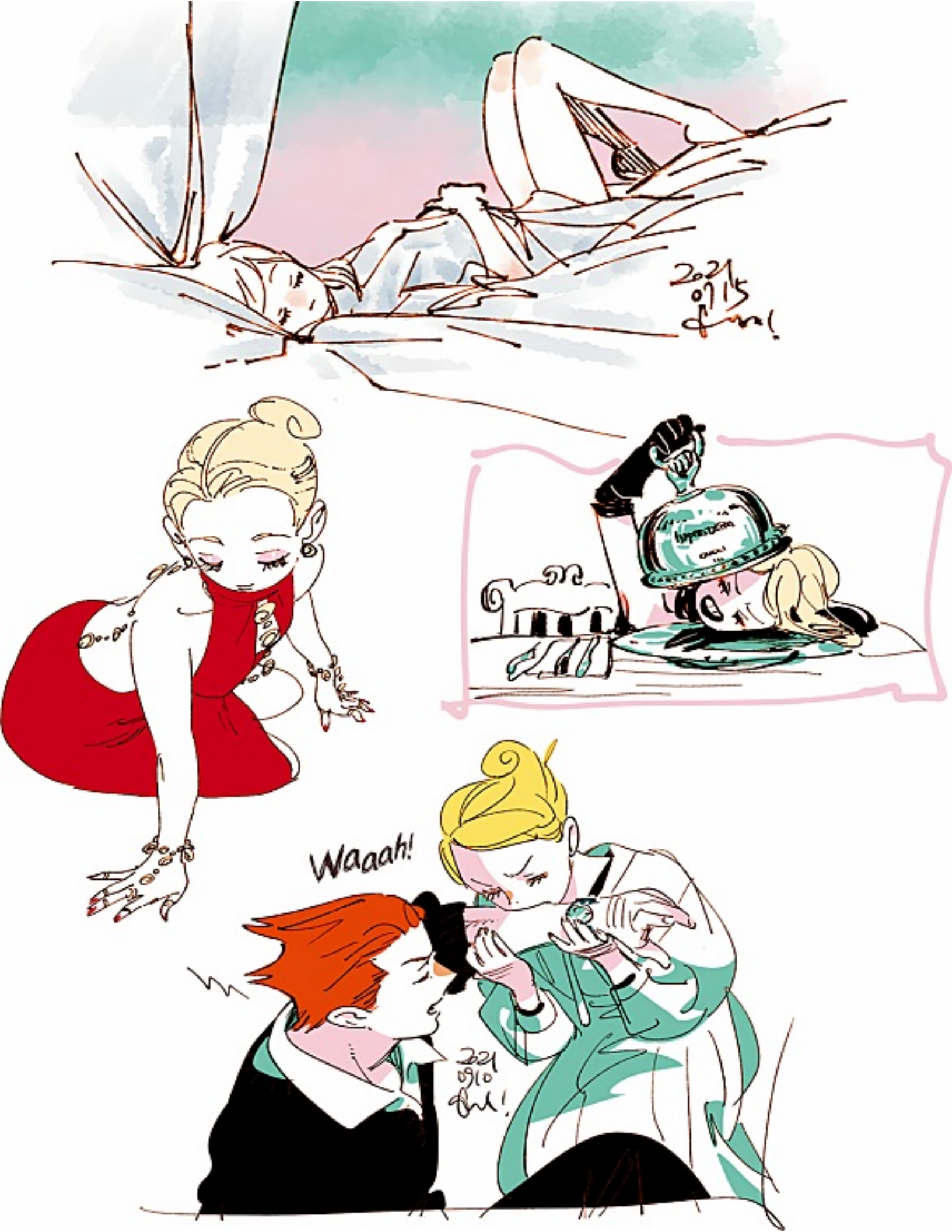

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Perfume

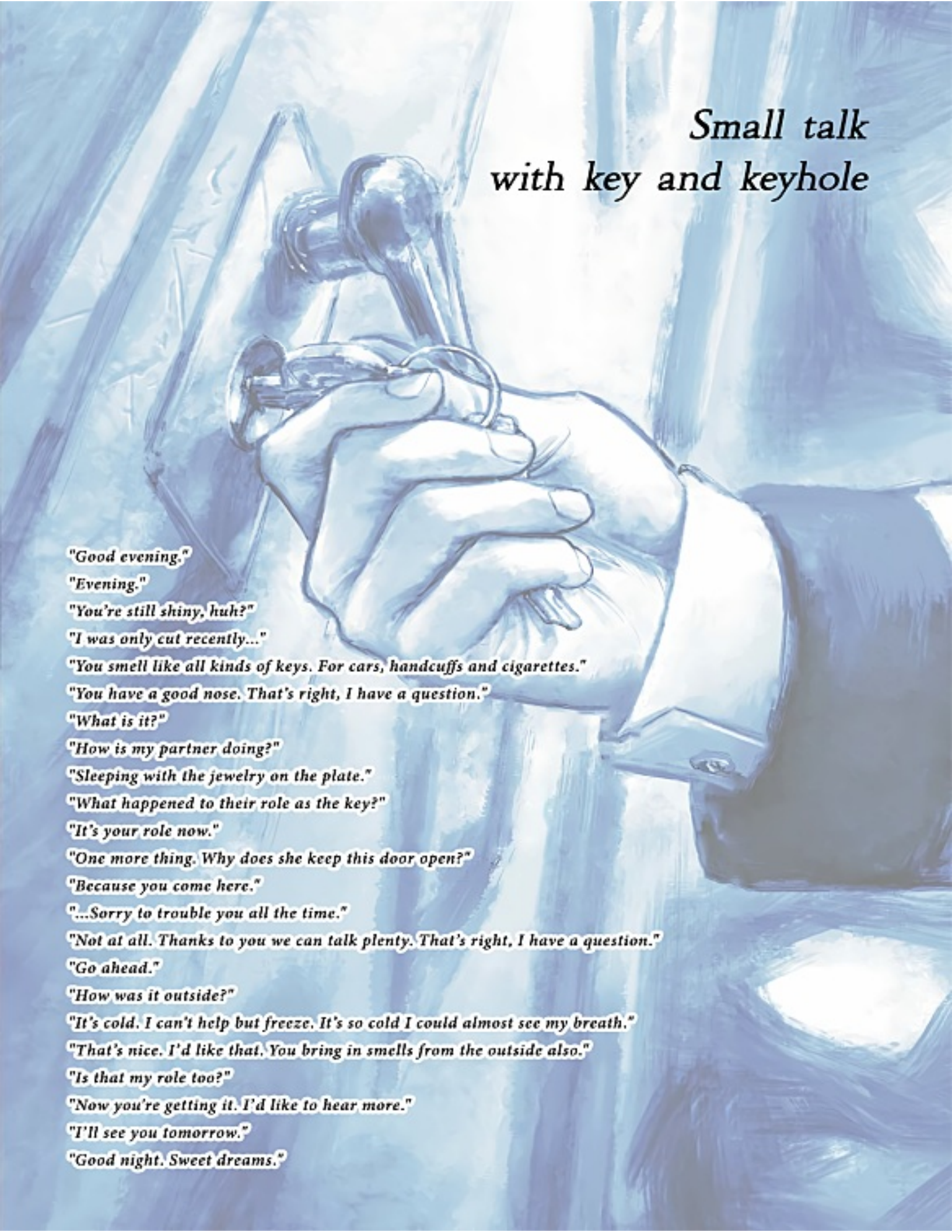



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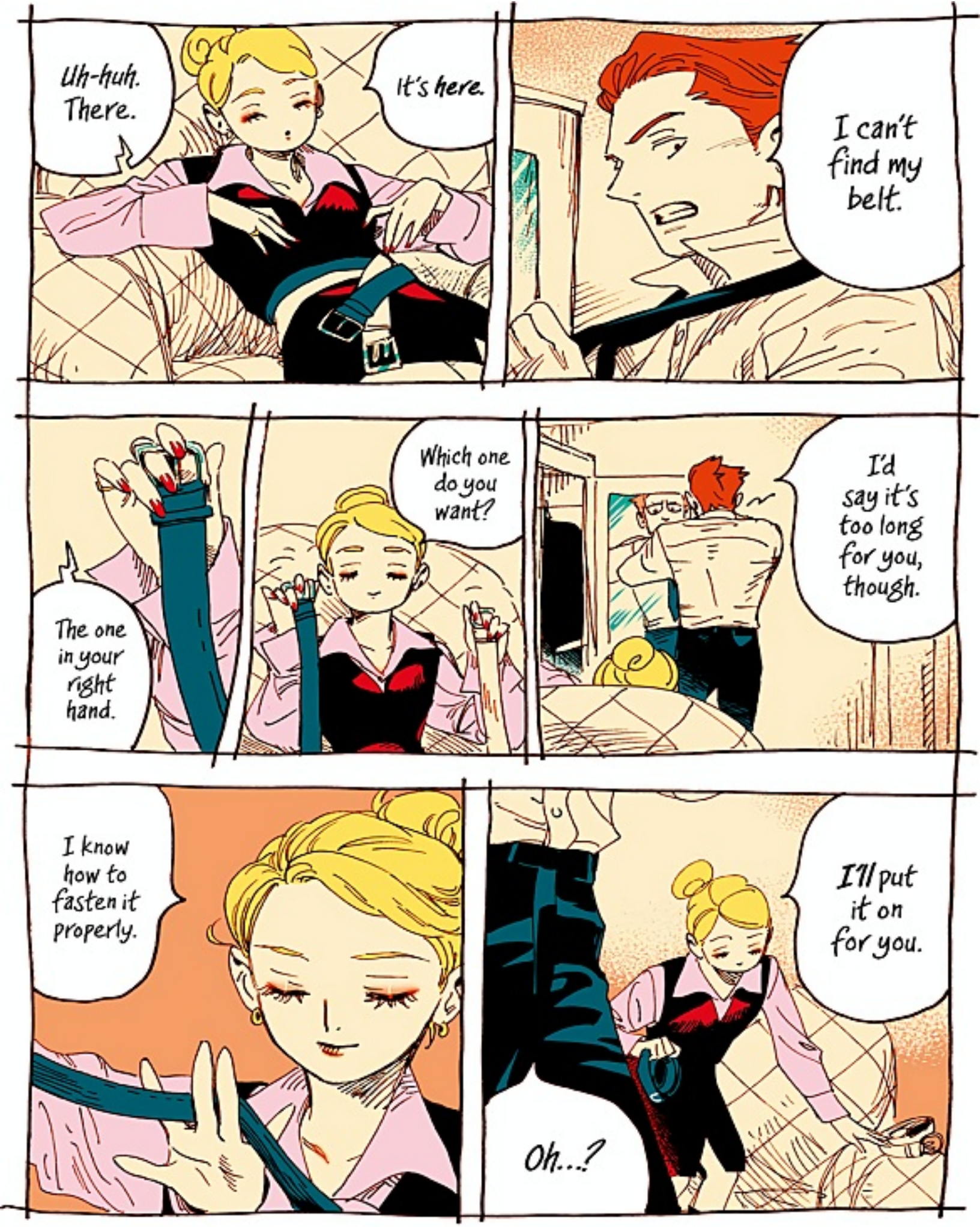
Small talk with key and keyhole

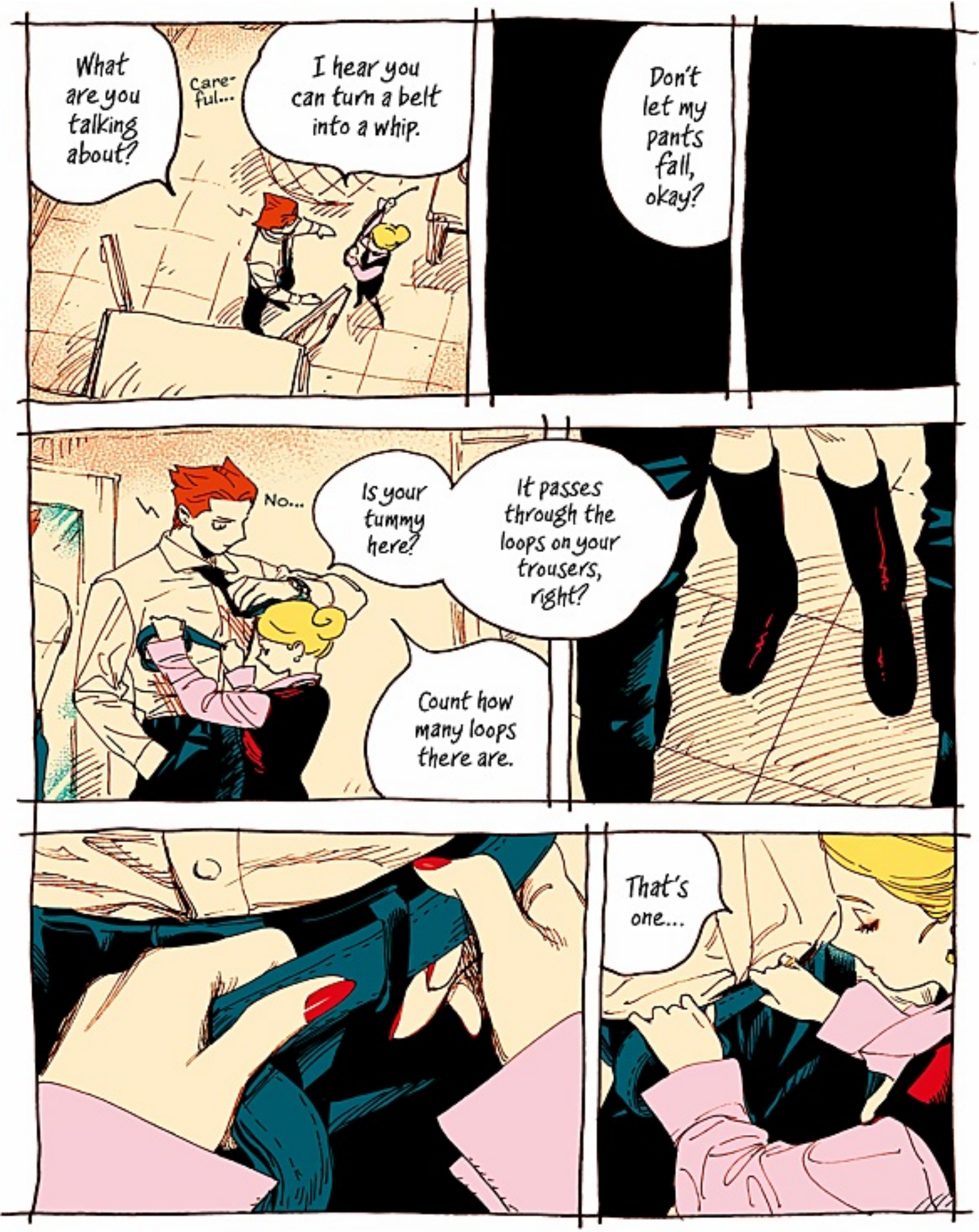
"Good evening."
"Evening."
"You're still shiny, huh?"
"I was only cut recently..."
"You smell like all kinds of keys. For cars, handcuffs and cigarettes."
"You have a good nose. That's right, I have a question."
"What is it?"
"How is my partner doing?"
"Sleeping with the jewelry on the plate."
"What happened to their role as the key?"
"It's your role now."
"One more thing. Why does she keep this door open?"
"Because you come here."
"...Sorry to trouble you all the time."
"Not at all. Thanks to you we can talk plenty. That's right, I have a question."
"Go ahead."
"How was it outside?"
"It's cold. I can't help but freeze. It's so cold I could almost see my breath."
"That's nice. I'd like that. You bring in smells from the outside also."
"Is that my role too?"
"Now you're getting it. I'd like to hear more."
"I'll see you tomorrow."
"Good night. Sweet dreams."

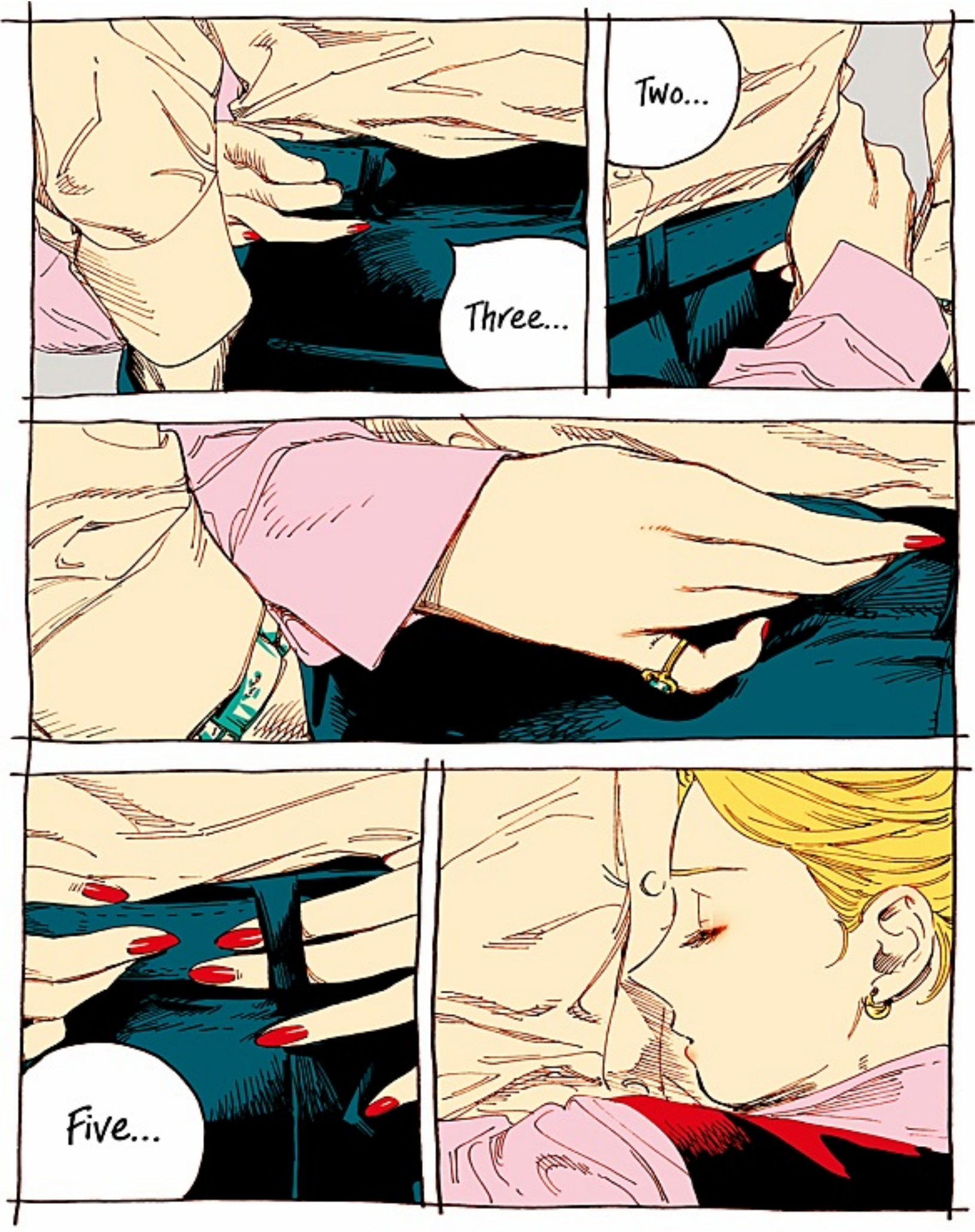
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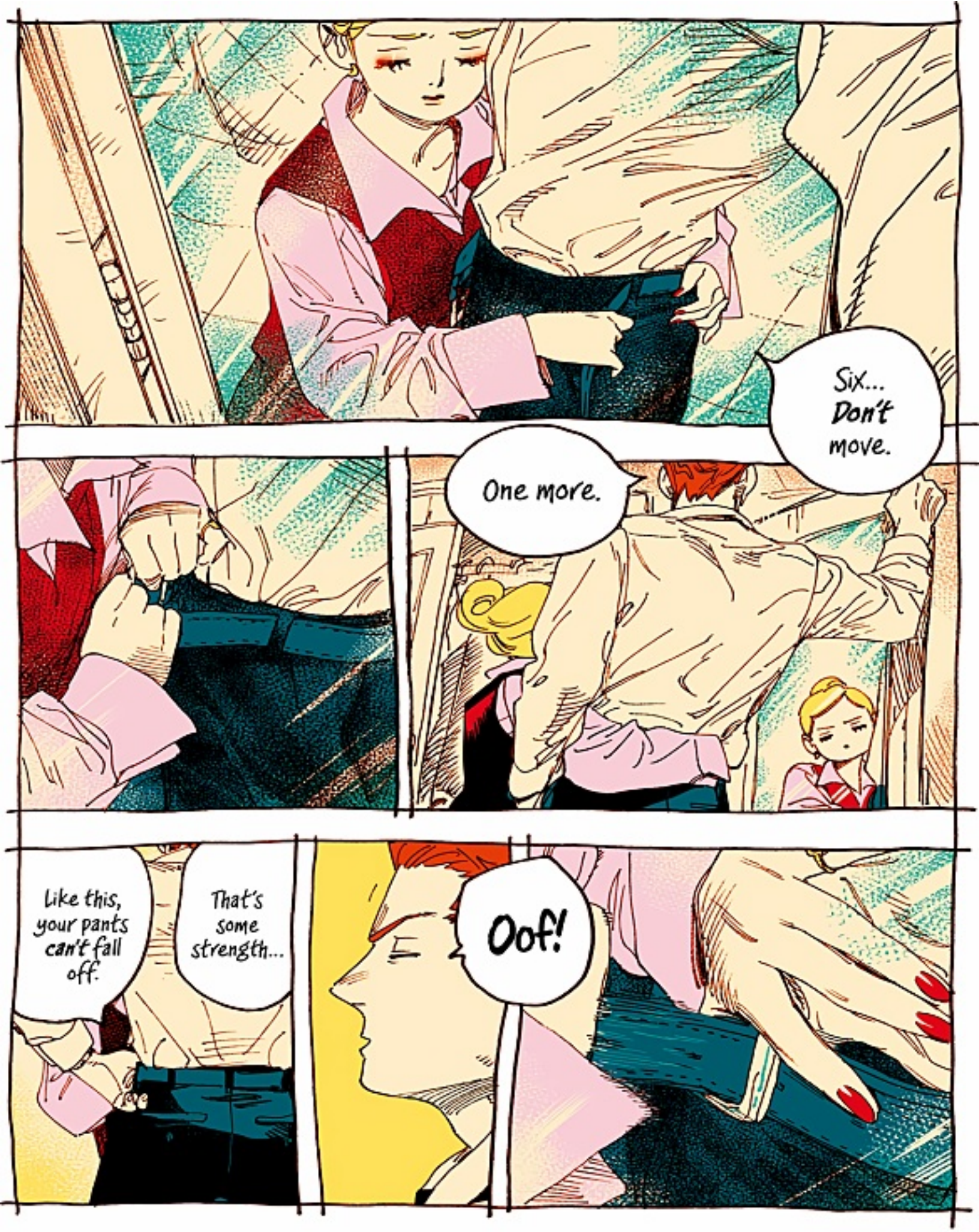
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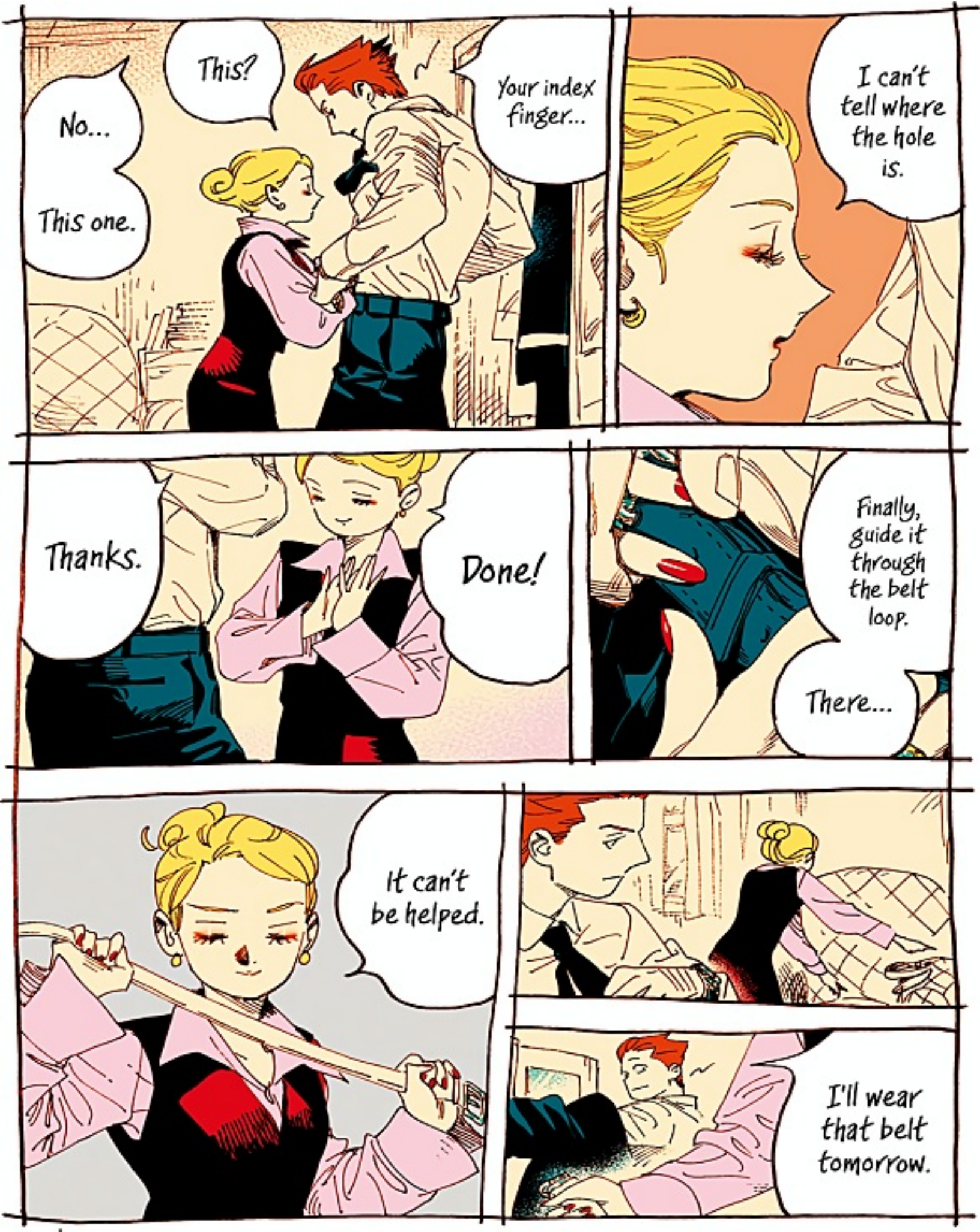


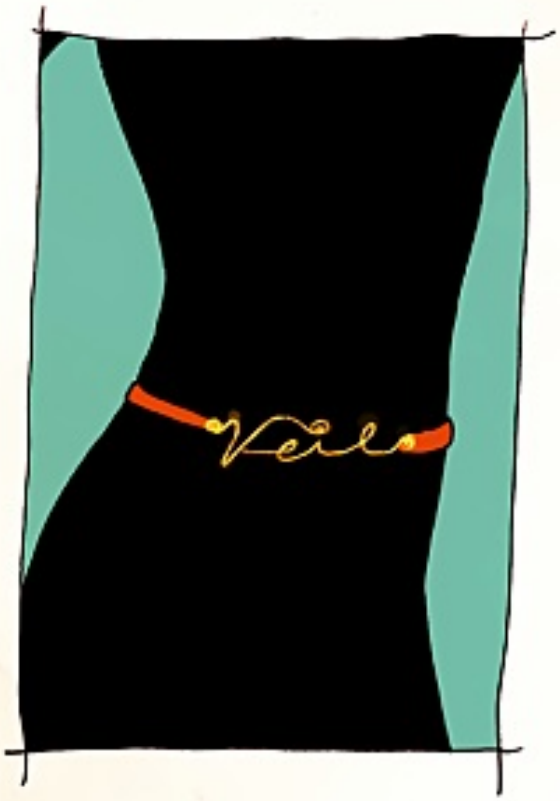

I can't find my belt.
It's here.
Uh-huh. There.
I'd say it's too long for you, though.
Which one do you want?
The one in your right hand.
I'll put it on for you.
Oh...?
I know how to fasten it properly.


What are you talking about?
Care-ful...
I hear you can turn a belt into a whip.
Don't let my pants fall, okay?
No...
Is your tummy here?
It passes through the loops on your trousers, right?
Count how many loops there are.
That's one...


Two...
Three...
Five...


Six... Don't move.
One more.
Like this, your pants can't fall off.
That's some strength...
Oof!


This?
No...
This one.
Your index finger...
I can't tell where the hole is.
Finally, guide it through the belt loop.
There...
Done!
Thanks.
It can't be helped.
I'll wear that belt tomorrow.


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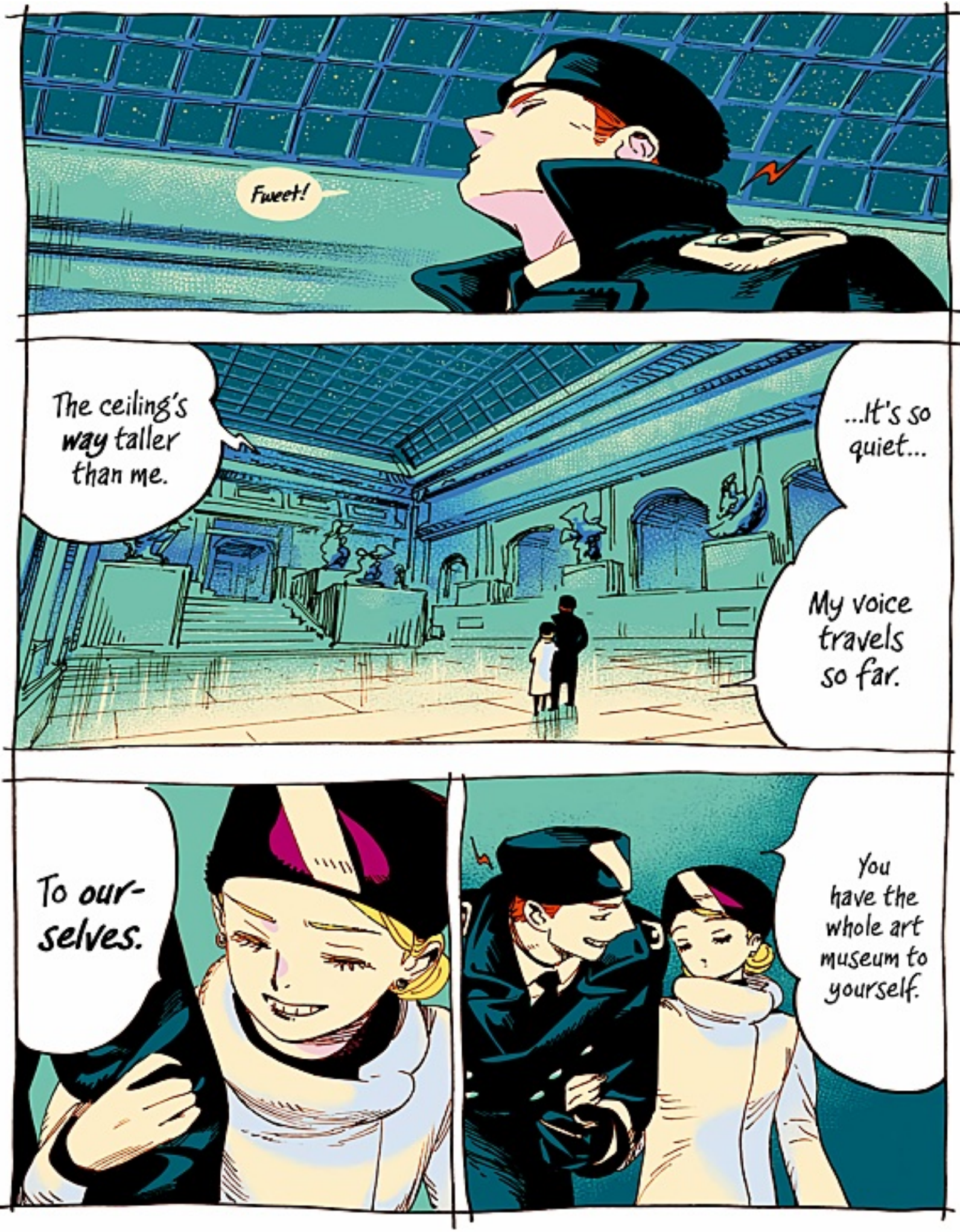


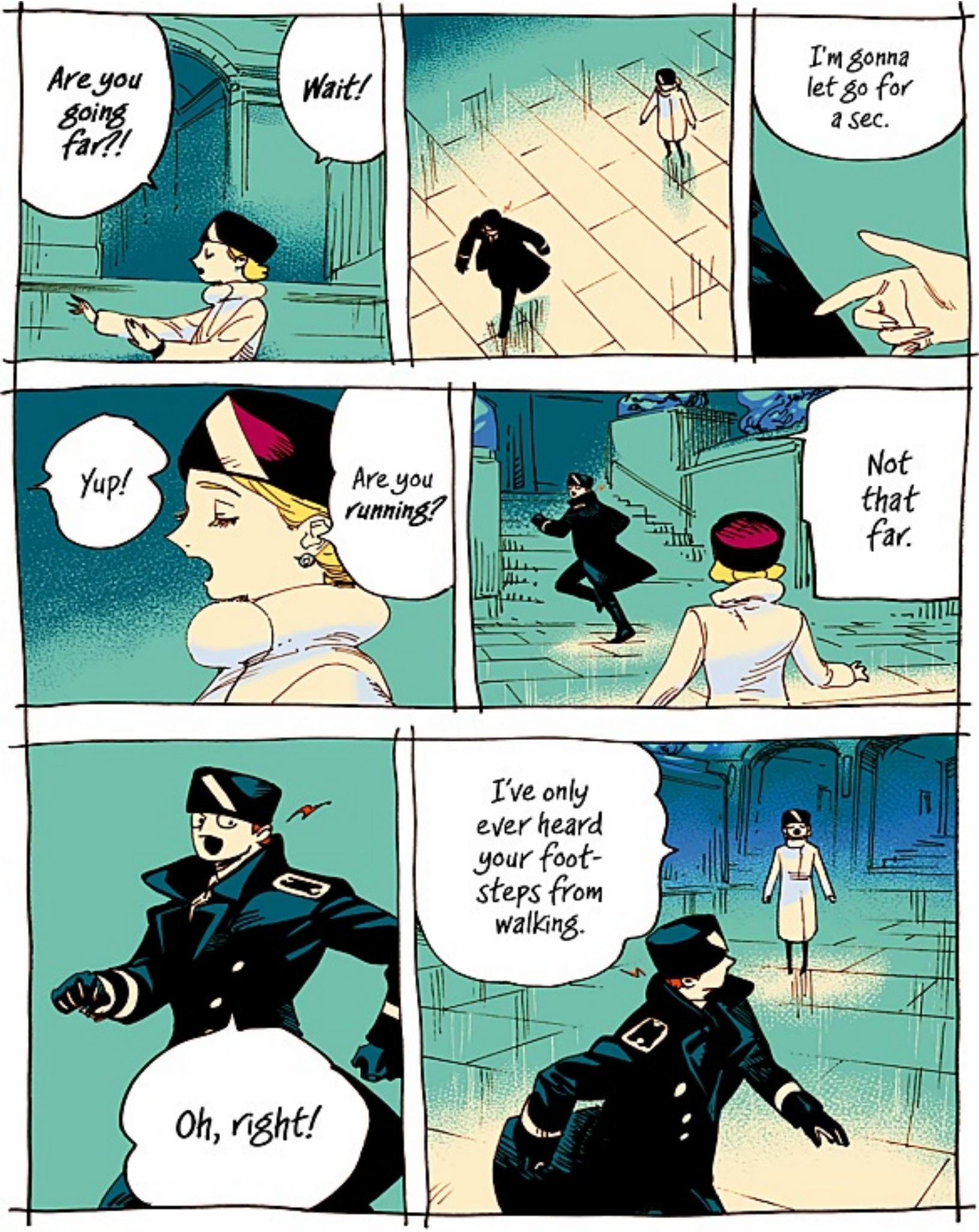


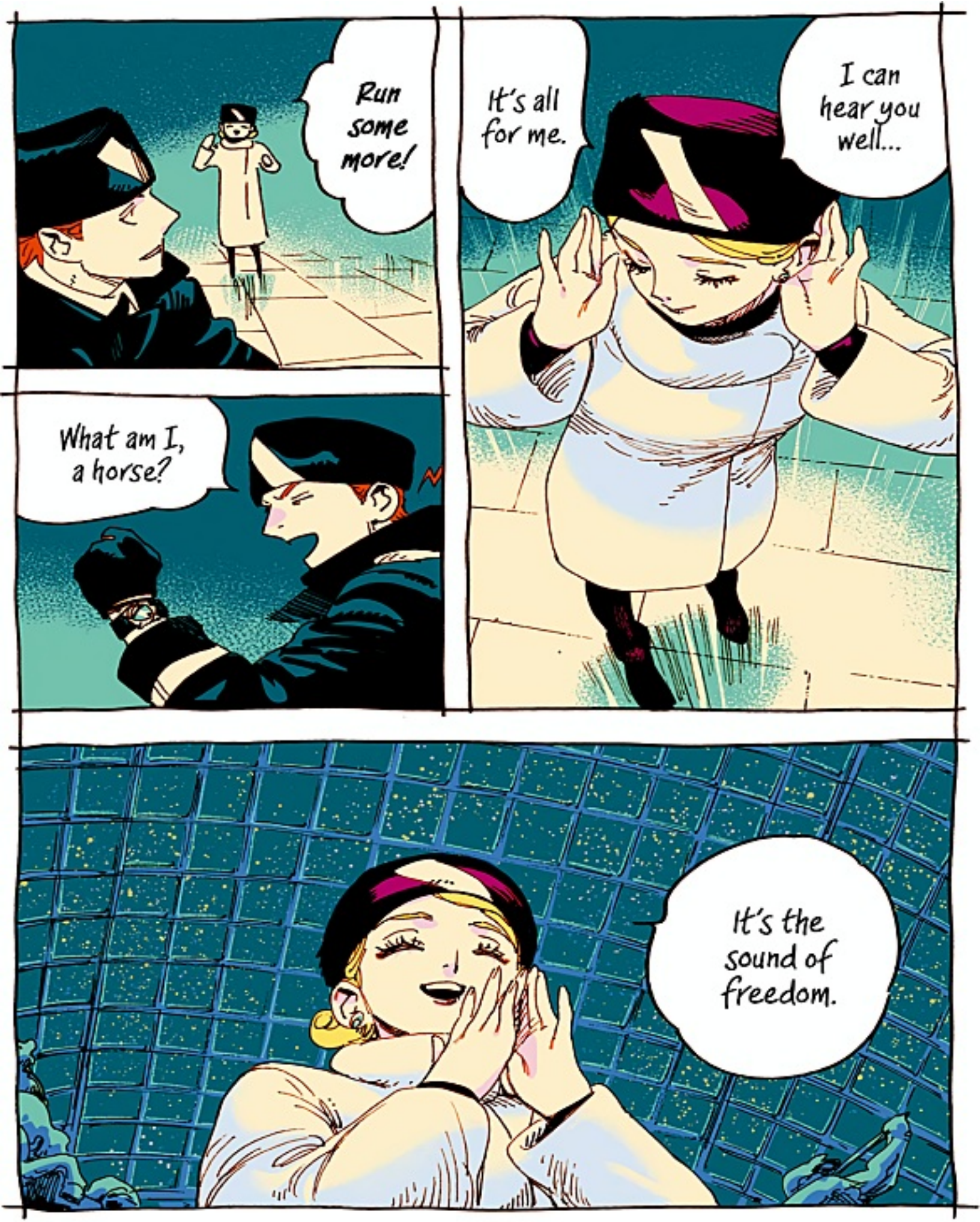
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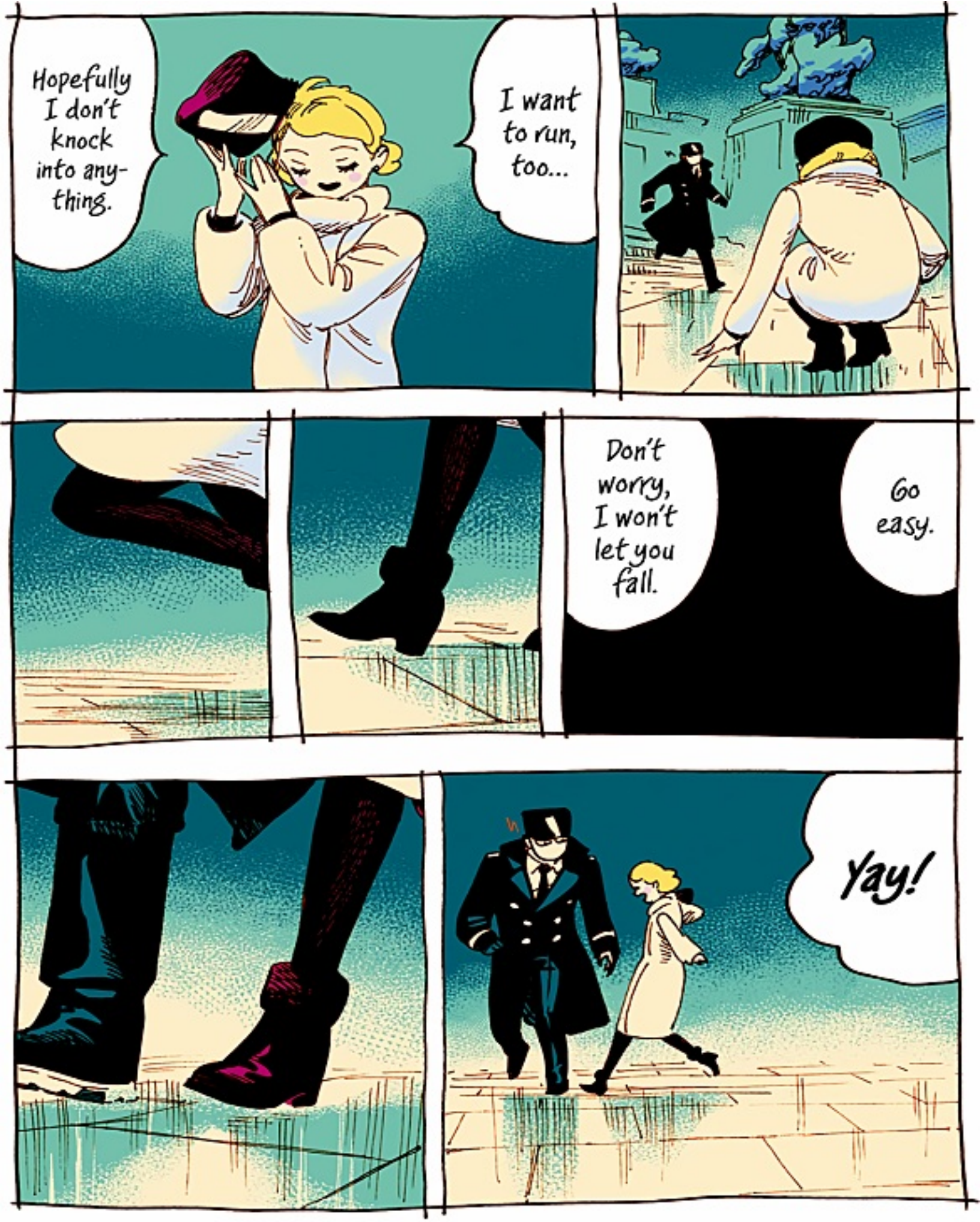


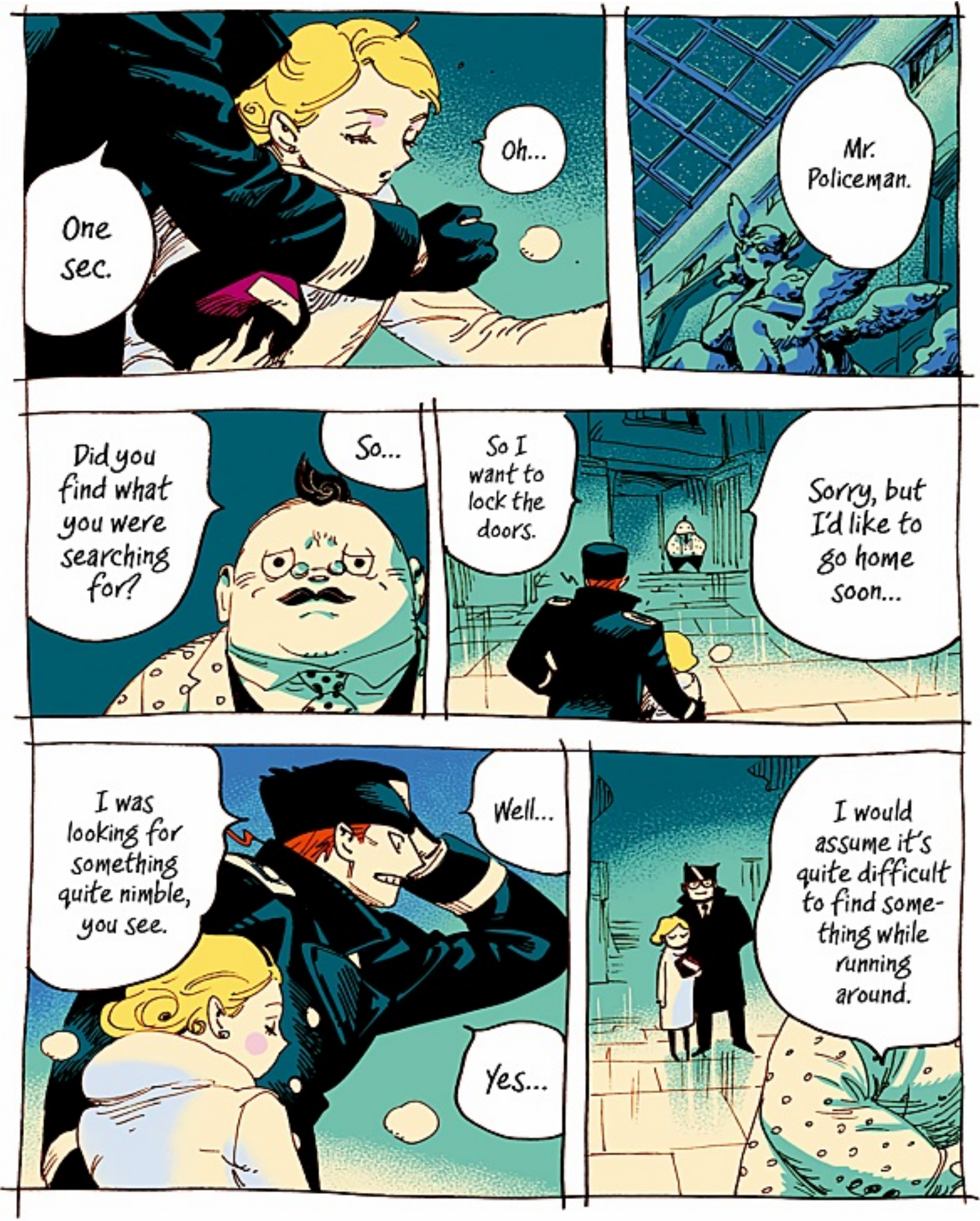
Sounds of freedom


Fweet!
The ceiling's way taller than me.
...It's so quiet...
My voice travels so far.
To our-selves.
You have the whole art museum to yourself.

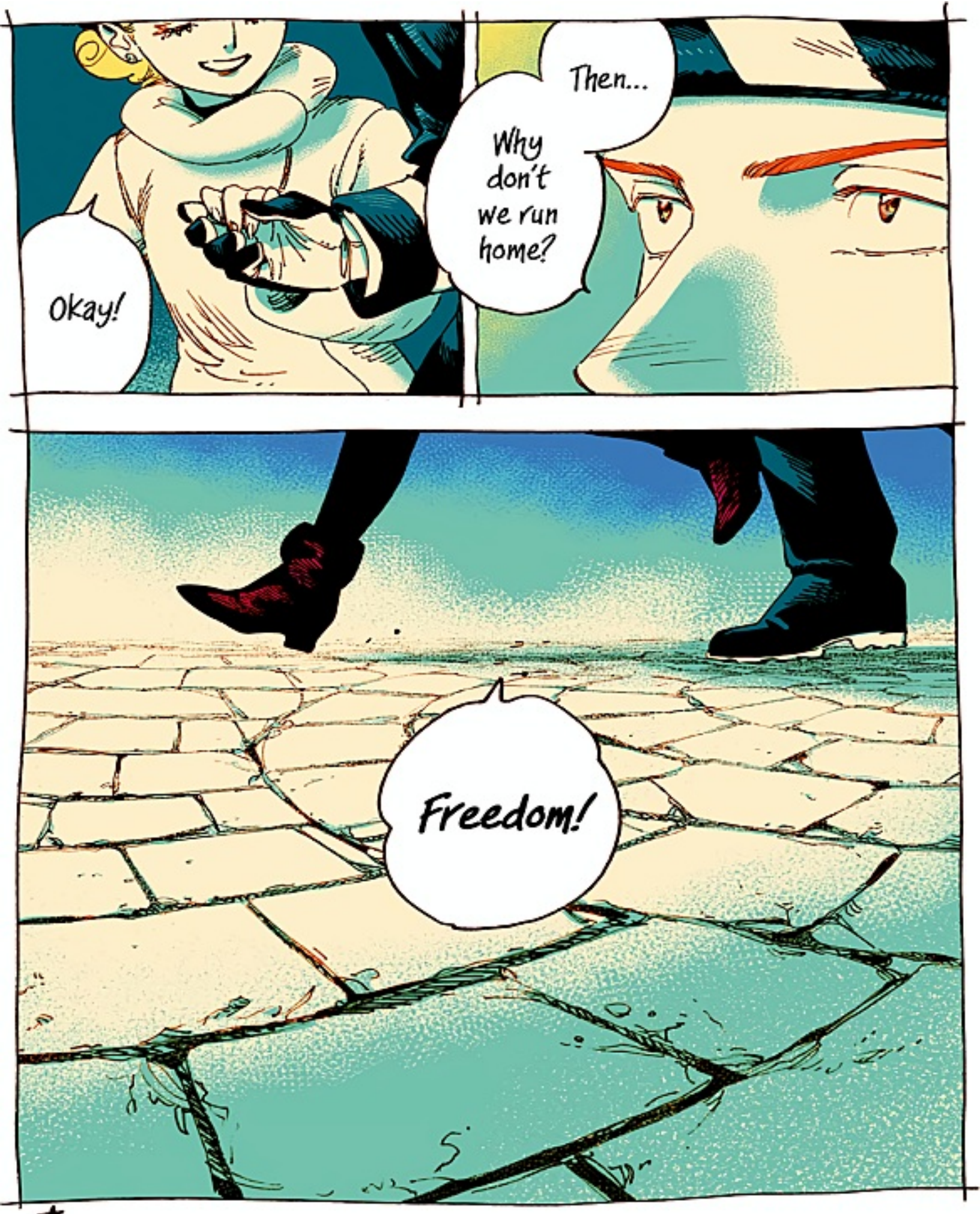

Are you going far?!
Wait!
I'm gonna let go for a sec.
Yup!
Are you running?
Not that far.
I've only ever heard your footsteps from walking.
Oh, right!


Run some more!
What am I, a horse?
It's all for me.
I can hear you well...
It's the sound of freedom.


Hopefully I don't knock into anything.
I want to run, too...
Don't worry, I won't let you fall.
Go easy.
Yay!


One sec.
Oh...
Mr. Policeman.
Did you find what you were searching for?
So...
So I want to lock the doors.
Sorry, but I'd like to go home soon...
I was looking for something quite nimble, you see.
Well...
Yes...
I would assume it's quite difficult to find something while running around.


I really like wide open spaces.
You know,
That was fun.
...I was afraid to run about as I liked.
You know...
Listen...
But still...
I ended up running anyway.


Okay!
Then...
Why don't we run home?
Freedom!


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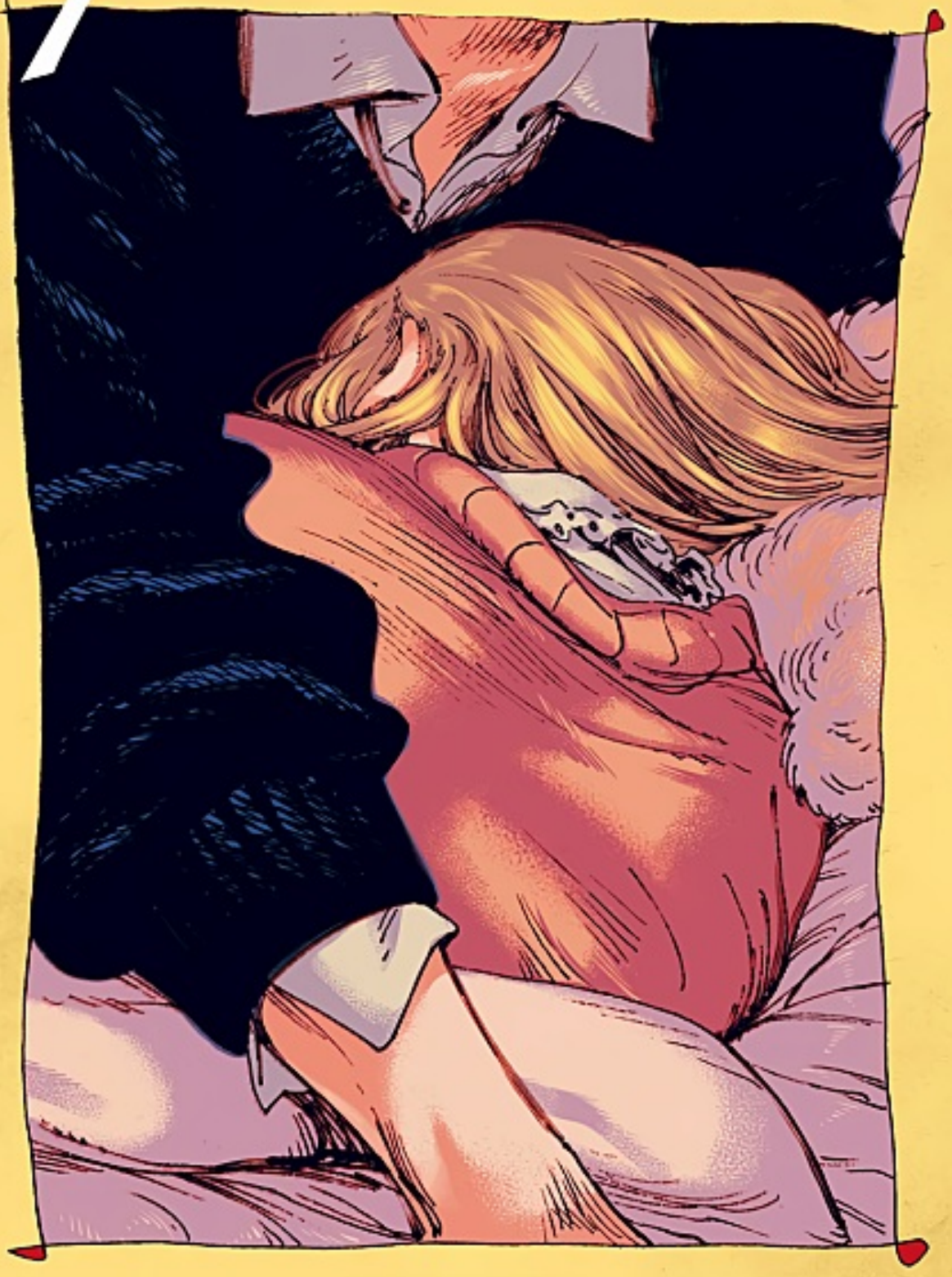
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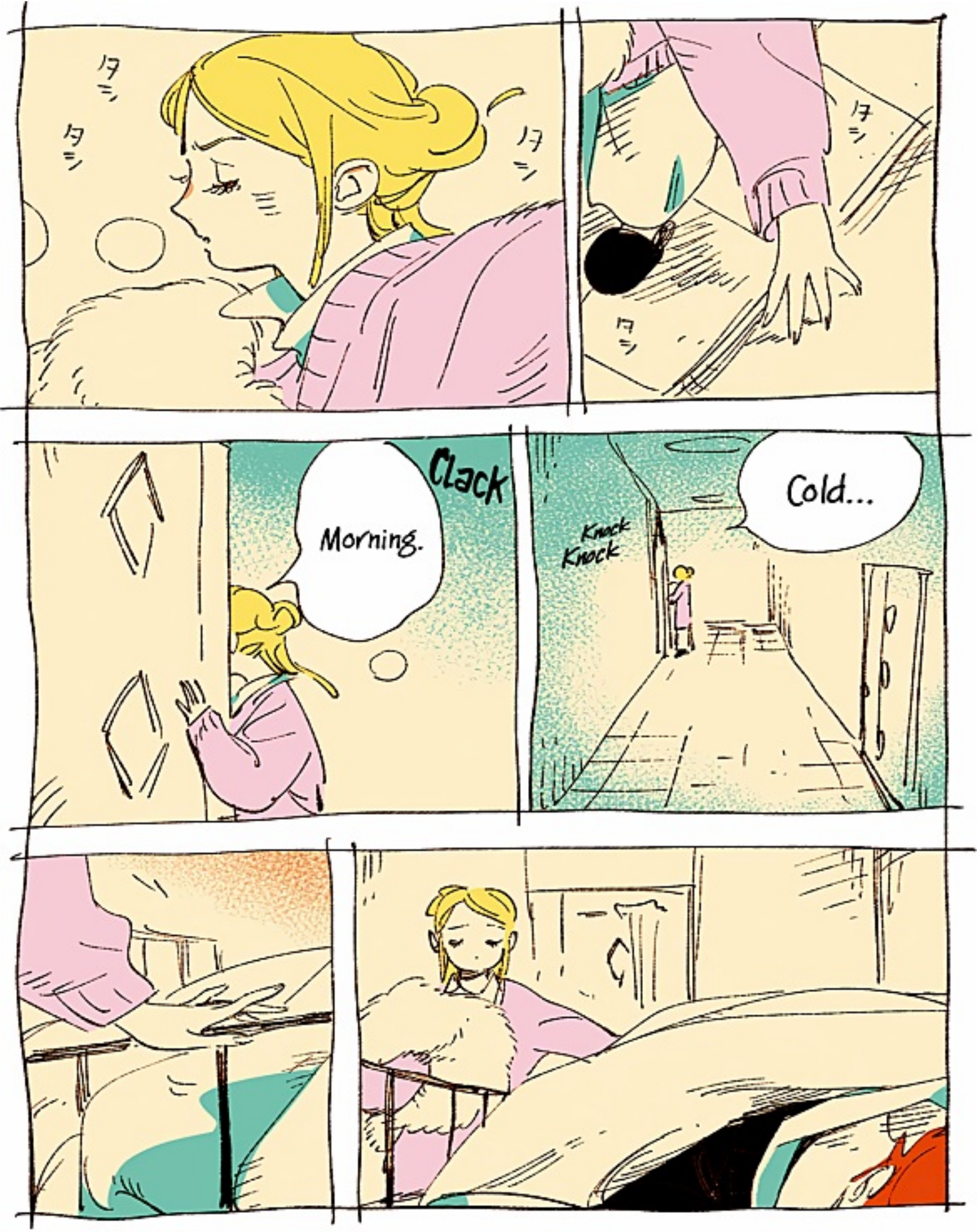


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Usual routine


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Clack
Morning.
Knock
Knock
Cold...

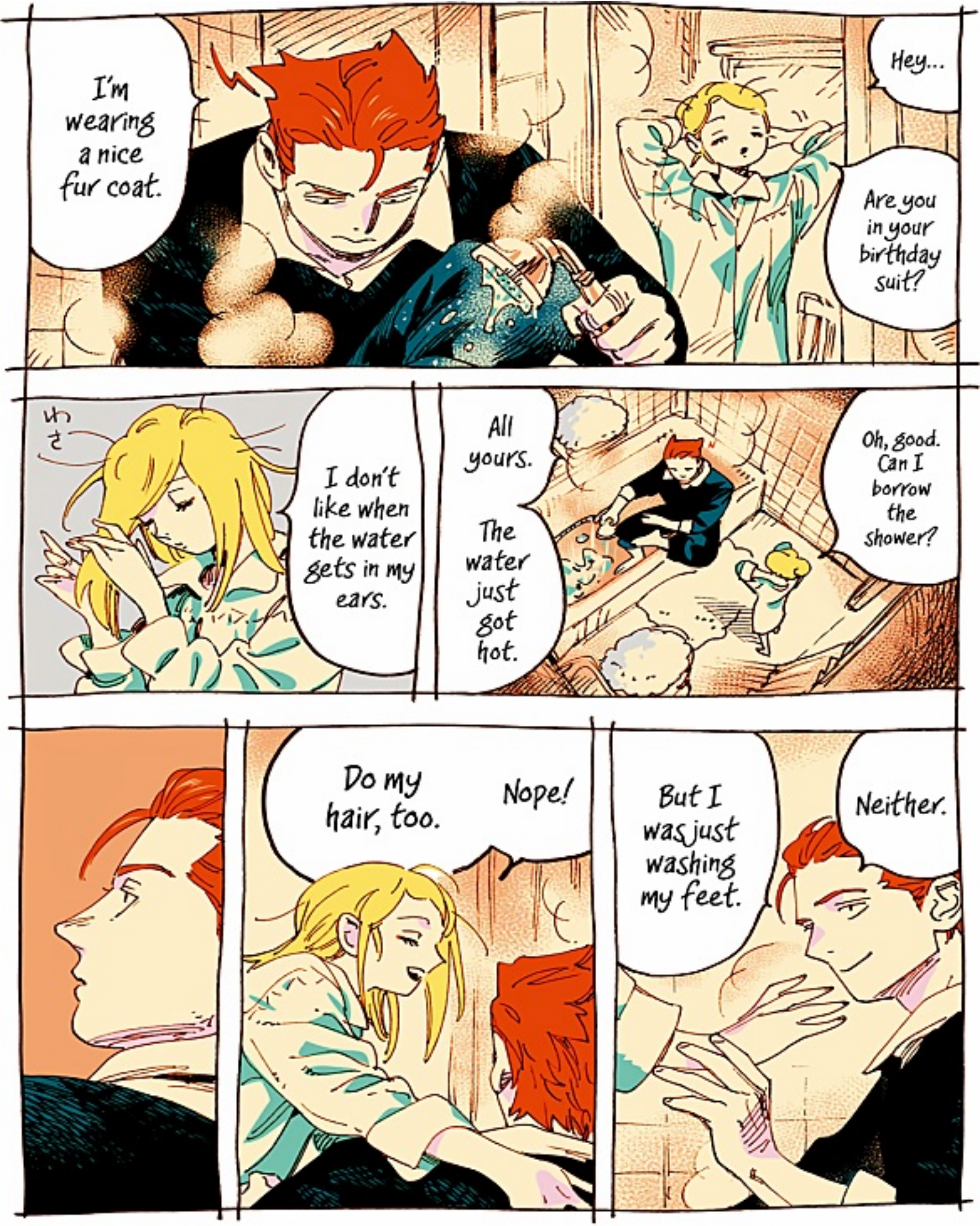

I'm cold.
...
...
Oof...

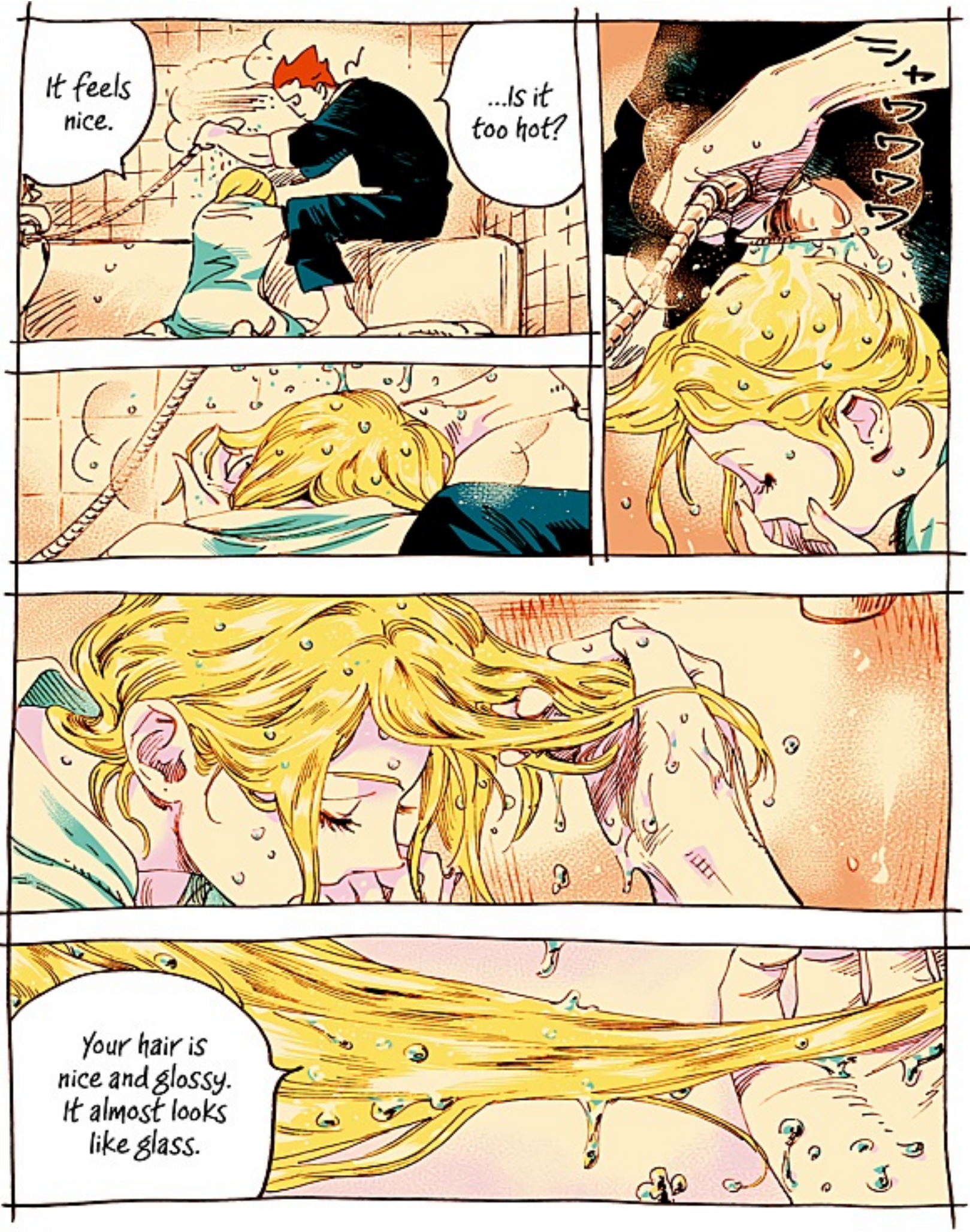


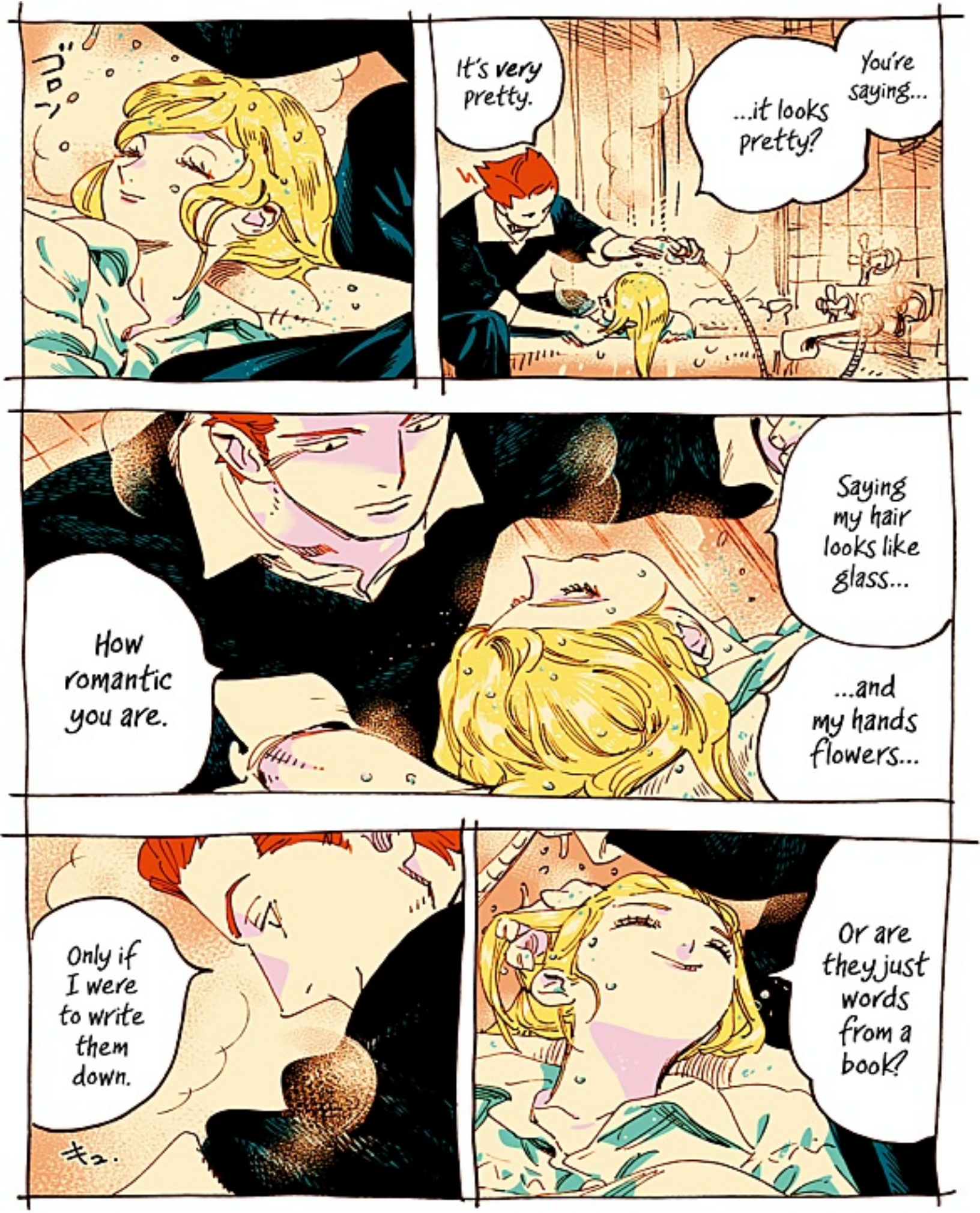
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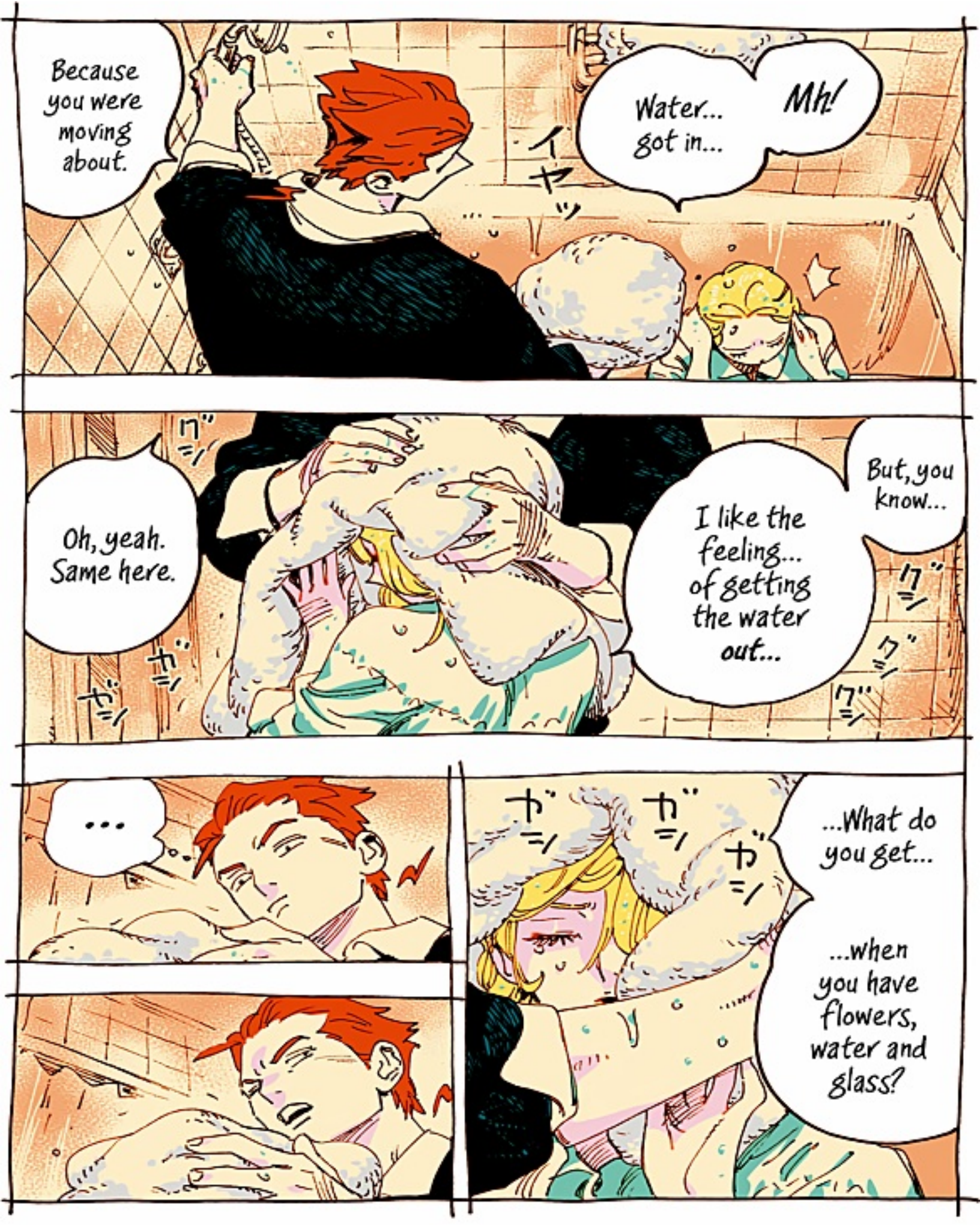


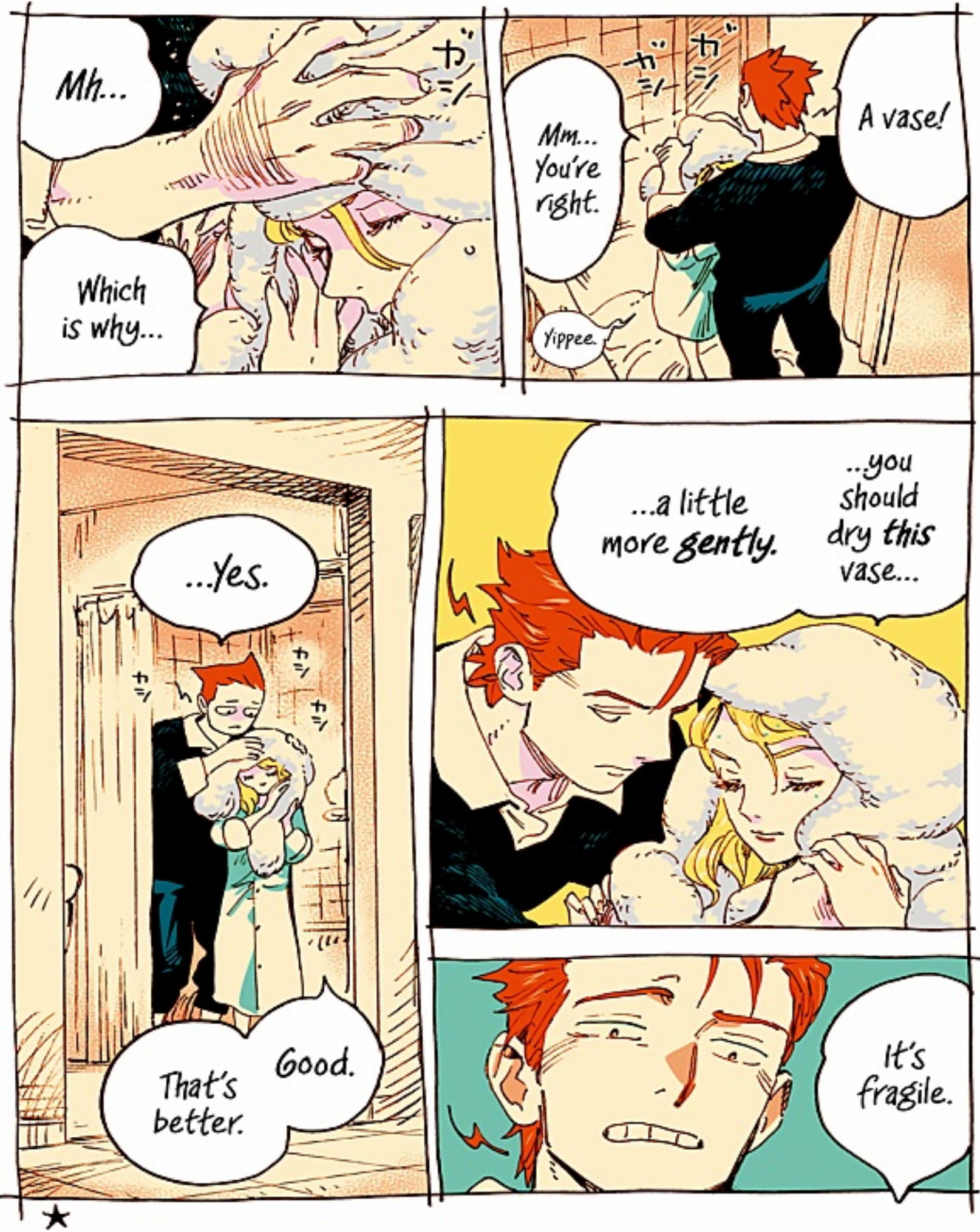
Fragile


I'm wearing a nice fur coat.
Hey...
Are you in your birthday suit?
わさ
I don't like when the water gets in my ears.
All yours.
The water just got hot.
Oh, good. Can I borrow the shower?
Do my hair, too.
Nope!
But I was just washing my feet.
Neither.


It feels nice.
...Is it too hot?
シャワワワ
Your hair is nice and glossy. It almost looks like glass.


ゴロン
It's very pretty.
You're saying...
...it looks pretty?
Saying my hair looks like glass...
...and my hands flowers...
How romantic you are.
Only if I were to write them down.
キュ.
Or are they just words from a book?


Because you were moving about.
Water... got in...
Mh!
イヤッ
Oh, yeah. Same here.
I like the feeling... of getting the water out...
But, you know...
...
...What do you get...
...when you have flowers, water and glass?

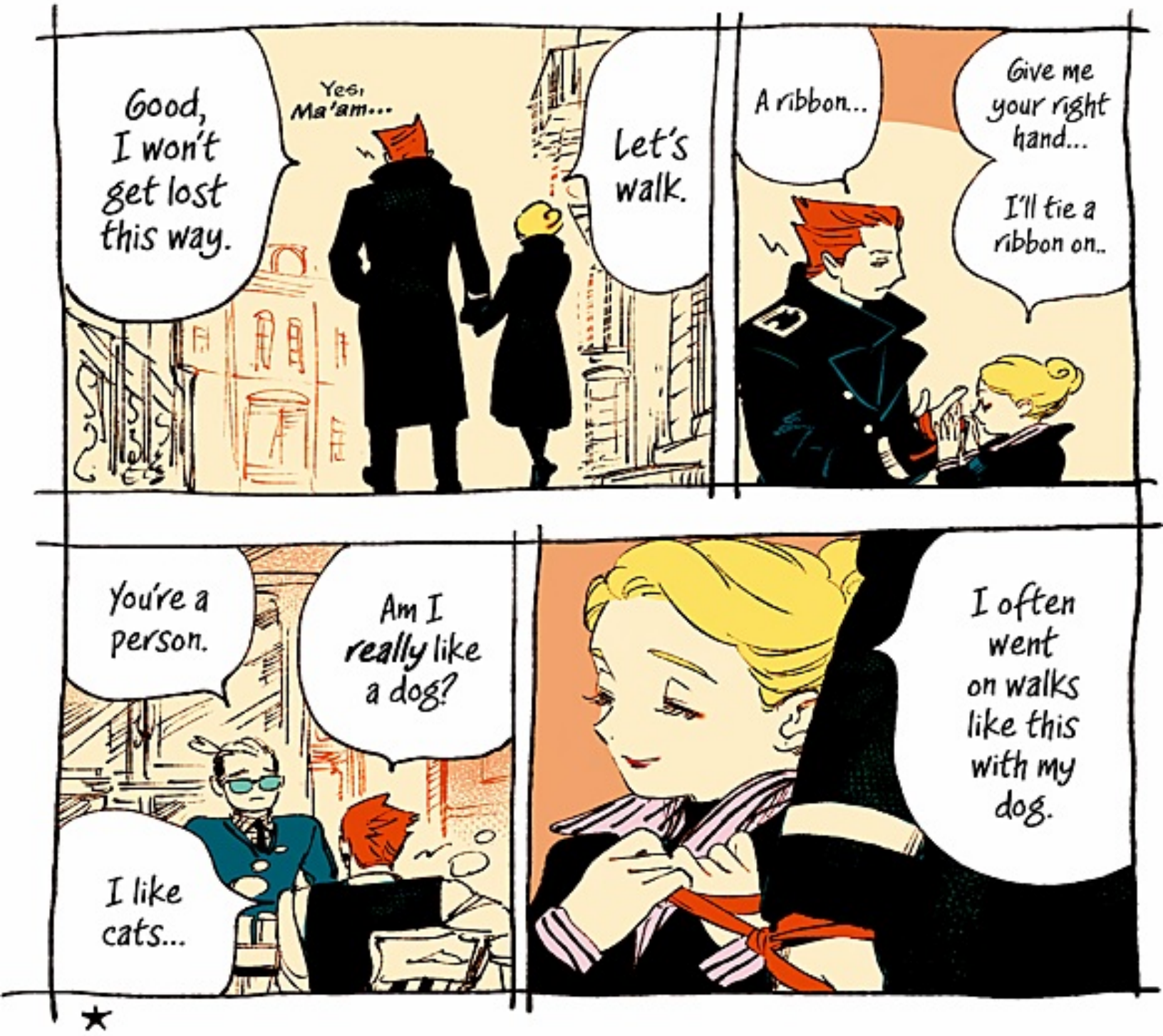

Mh...
Which is why...
A vase!
Mm... You're right.
Yippee.
...you should dry this vase...
...a little more gently.
...Yes.
Good.
That's better.
It's fragile.

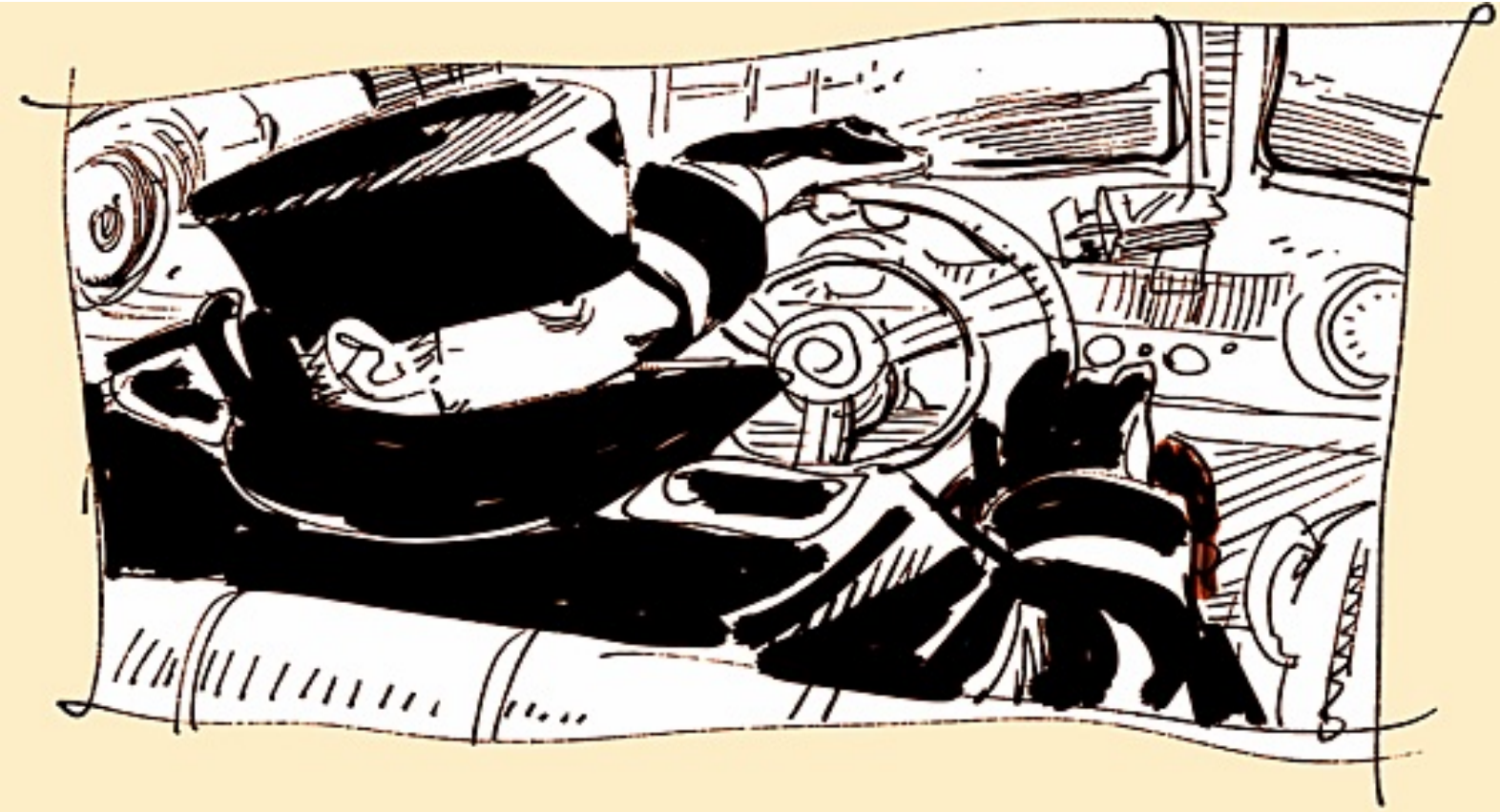

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Walk





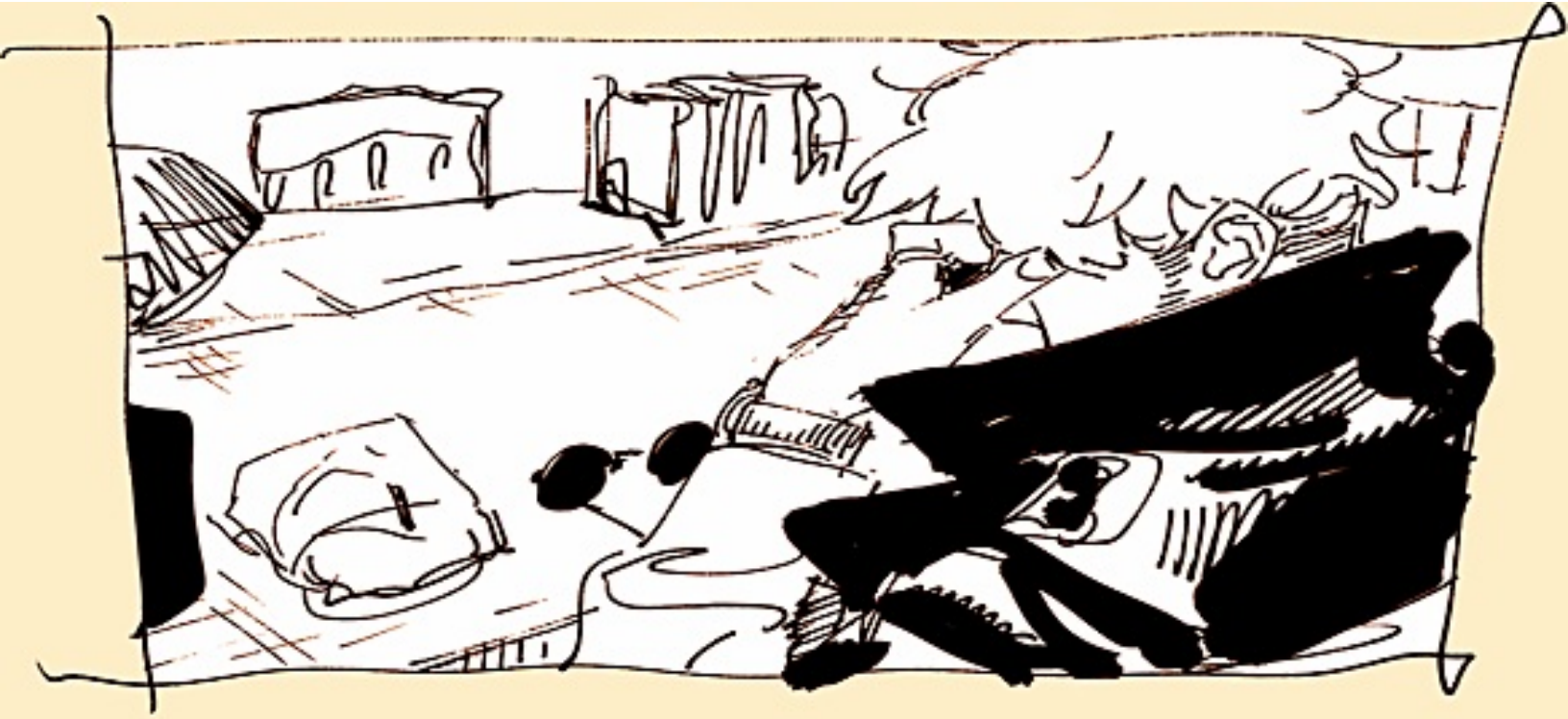


Extra Scene
Exchanged



Extra Scene
Reservation







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Time for reading

She's become one with the table.
He wanted to read a book today,
so she lays flat on the table,
listening to the various vibrations of his reading.

She knows not to disturb others reading,
so she counts the pages as they turn,
listens to the occasional sniffle,
pictures the shape of his throat as he takes a gulp of tea (Earl Grey tonight),
and imagines his form sitting to her ten o'clock as much as she likes.

Being next to each other is what's important.
Even though he loves reading books,
scanning over the letters apparently can get tiring,
so she secretly feels obliged to be a source of healing for his eyes when they wander.

She clearly feels him put down the book and also hears his breathing relax.
"Are you asleep?"
He's probably peering this way.
She shows her best sleeping face.
A little laughter tickles her nose.

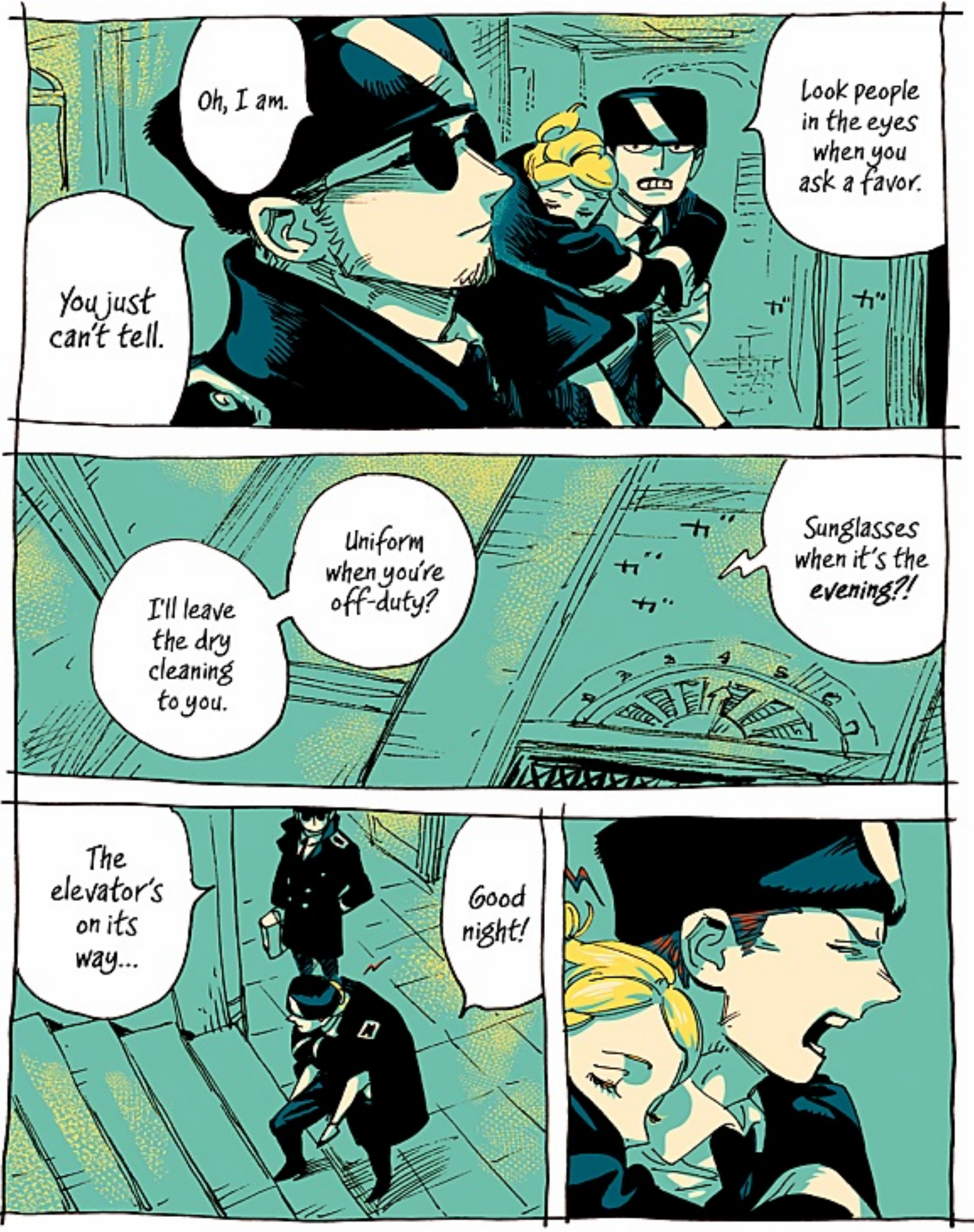
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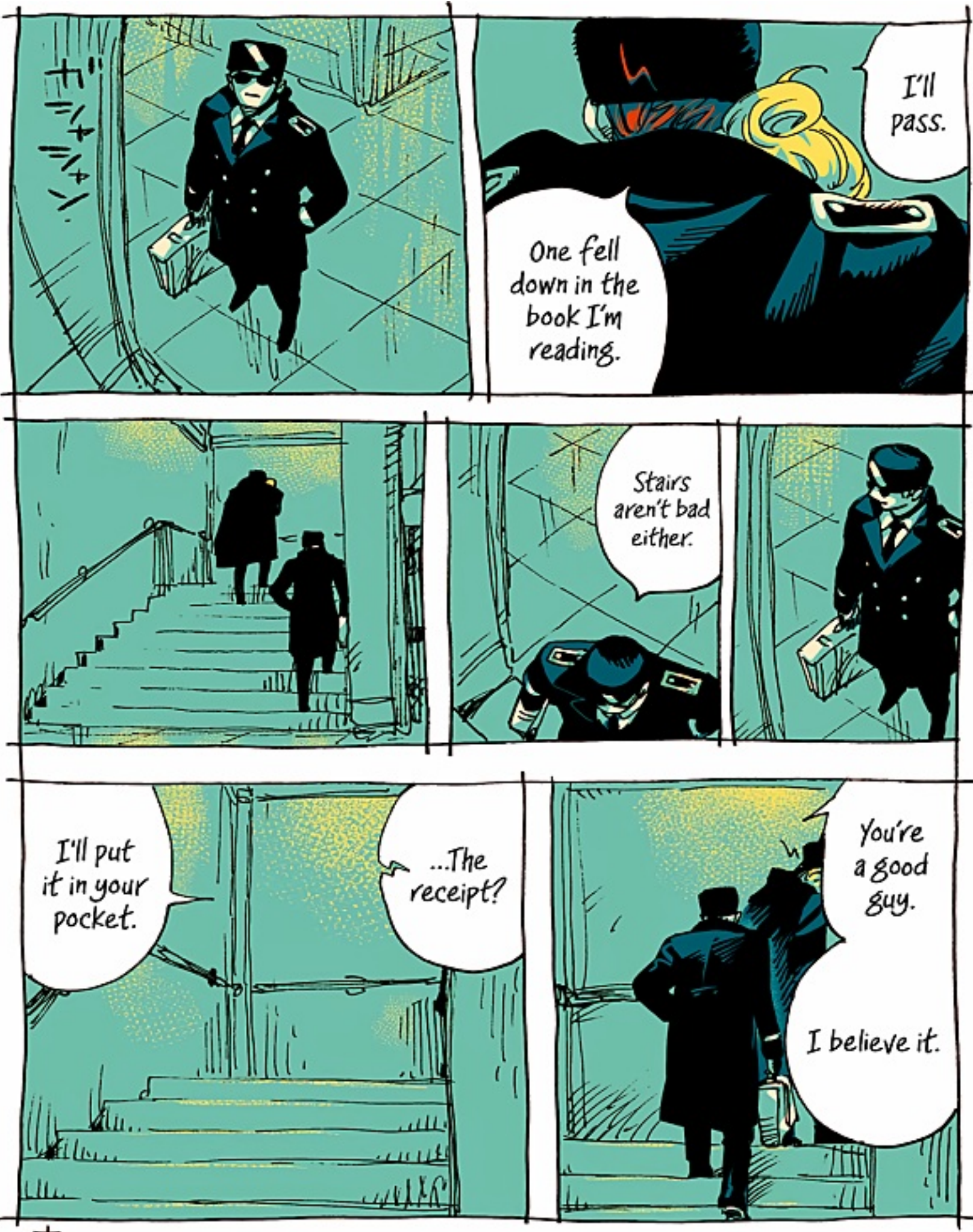


Cold guys


Seems like you've had a long day.
I was off-duty today.
You can say that tomorrow.
Not you, the one on your back.


I realized, it's funny...
I'm off-duty tomorrow, but on duty to pick them up.
Shirts, coats, uniforms...
For five.
Funny, right?
By the way, can I ask you to pick up the dry cleaning tomorrow?
...
If you're off-duty, you can go.
...
It's **because** I'm off-duty that I don't **want** to go out...


Oh, I am.
You just can't tell.
Look people in the eyes when you ask a favor.
Uniform when you're off-duty?
I'll leave the dry cleaning to you.
Sunglasses when it's the evening?!
The elevator's on its way...
Good night!


I'll pass.
One fell down in the book I'm reading.
Stairs aren't bad either.
You're a good guy.
I believe it.
...The receipt?
I'll put it in your pocket.

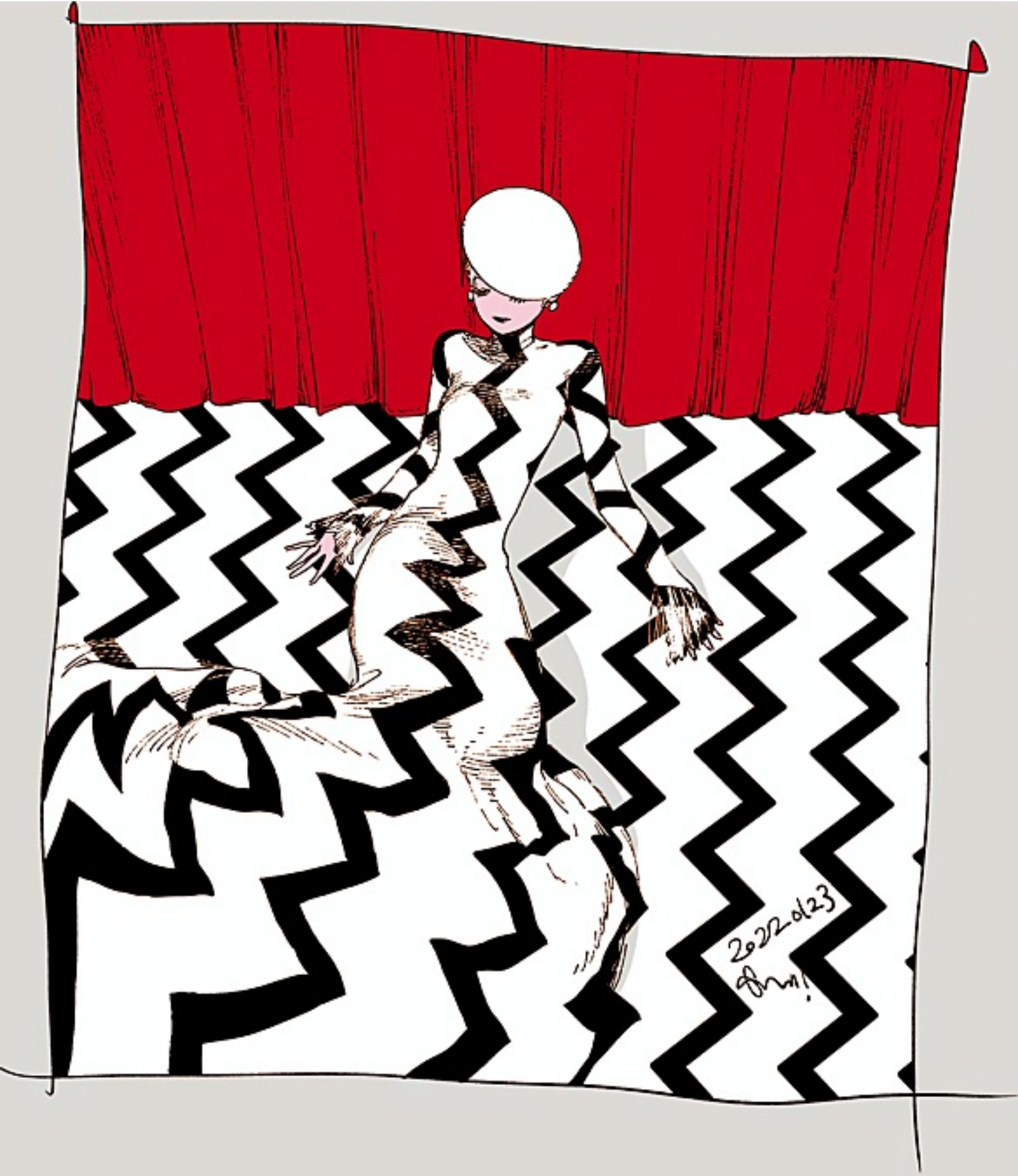
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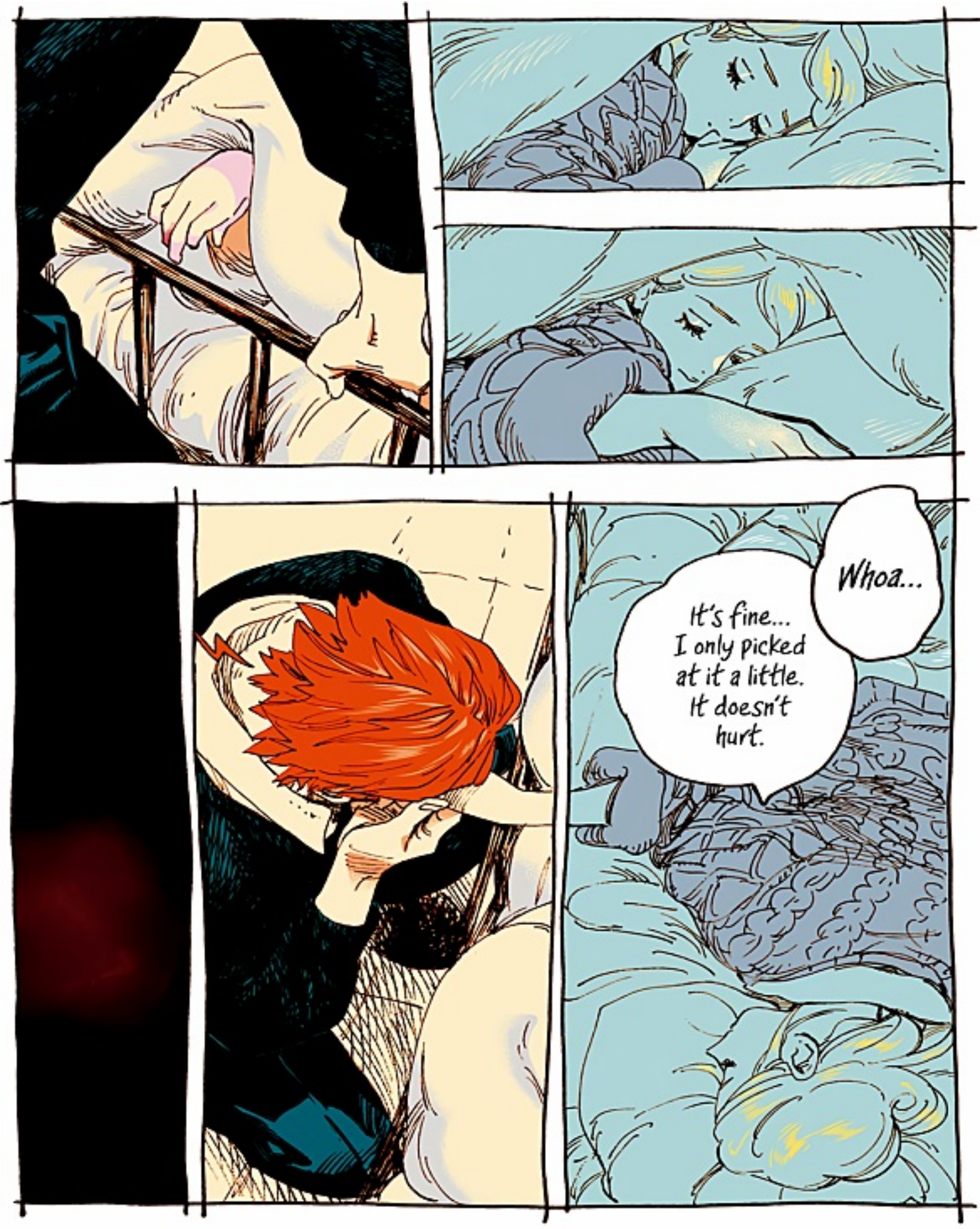

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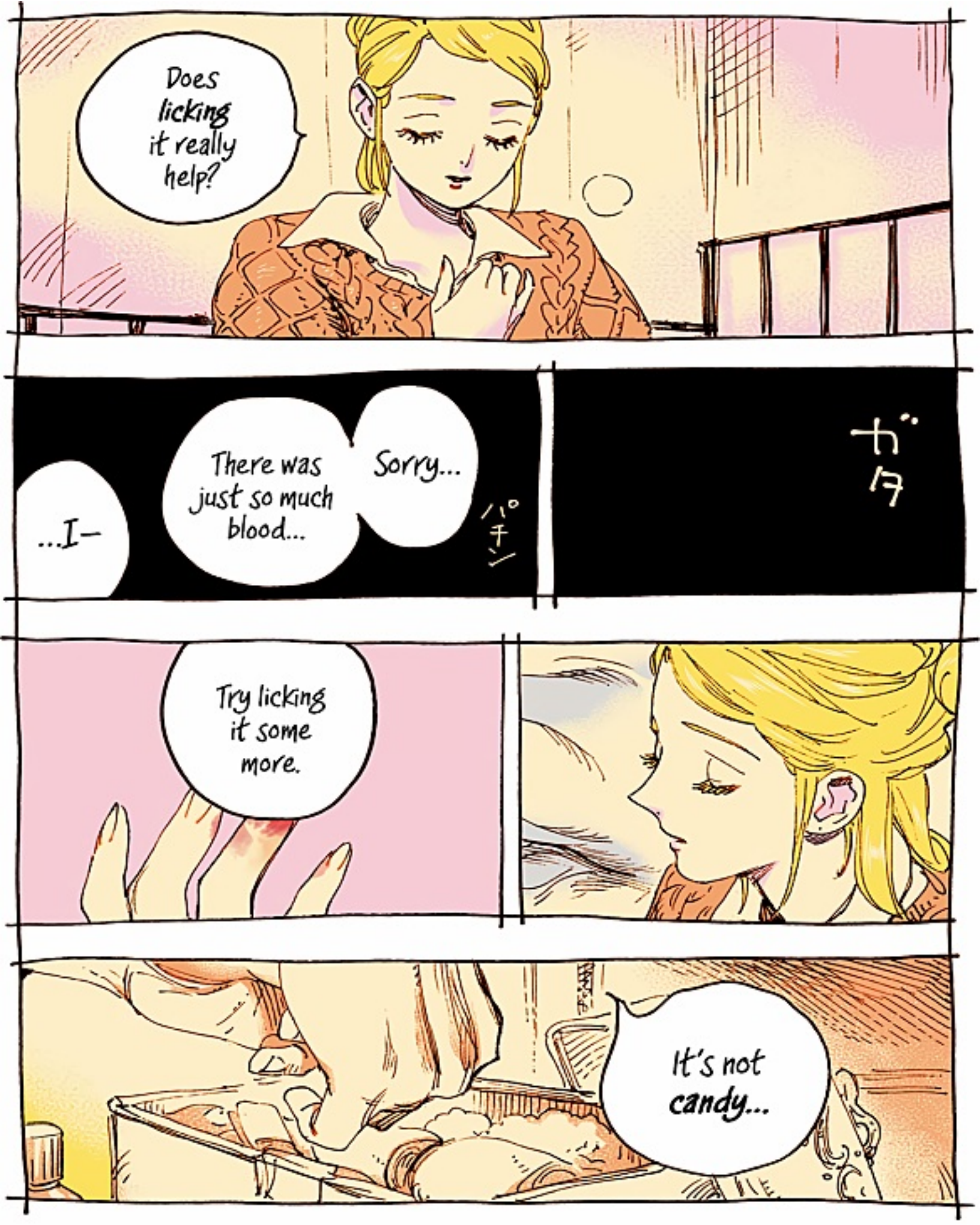


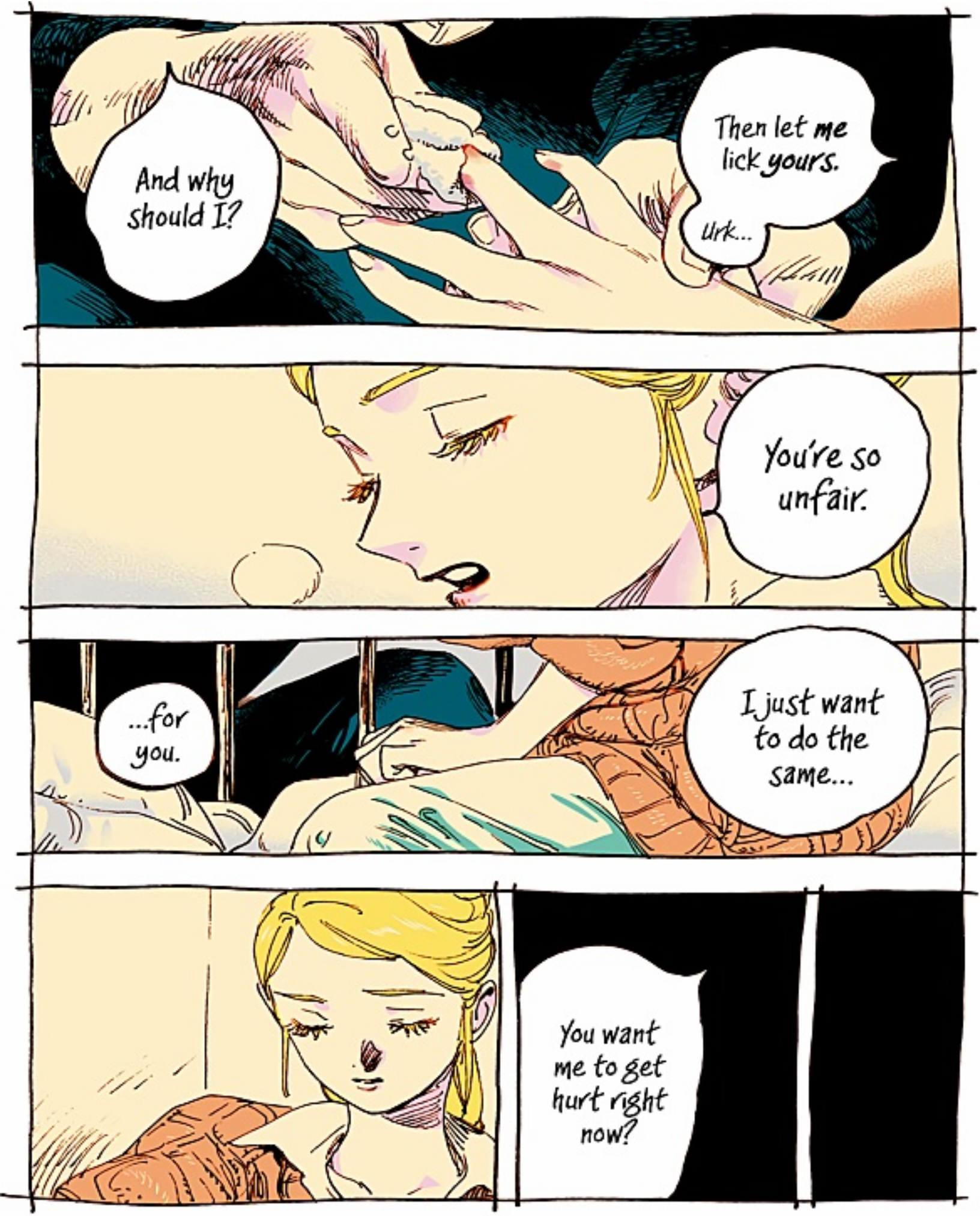
Taste of red

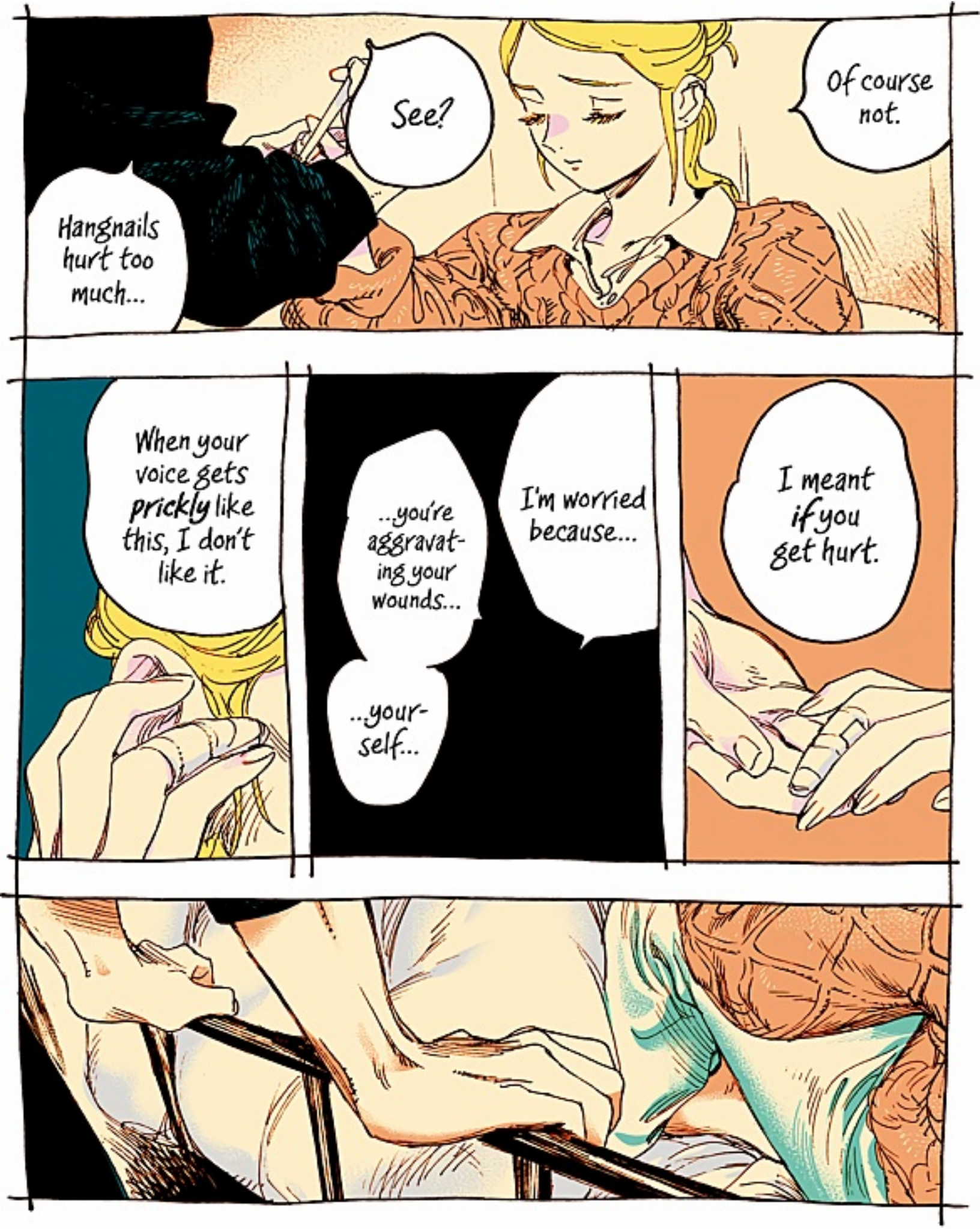

...Did you hurt yourself?
There's blood...
On the sheets.
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Hey...
Good night.
I'm asking.
Show me...
It's just a hangnail.

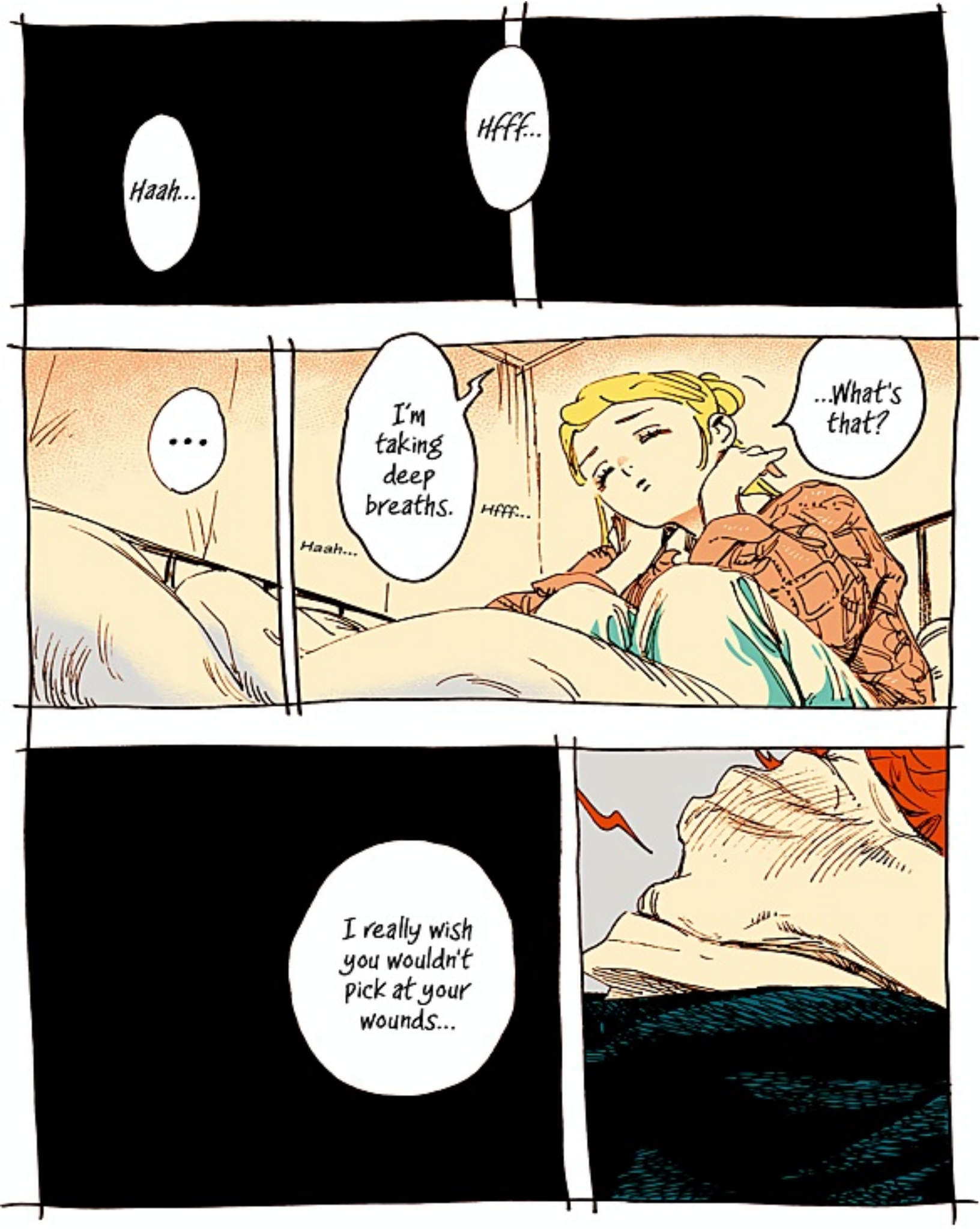

Whoa...
It's fine... I only picked at it a little. It doesn't hurt.

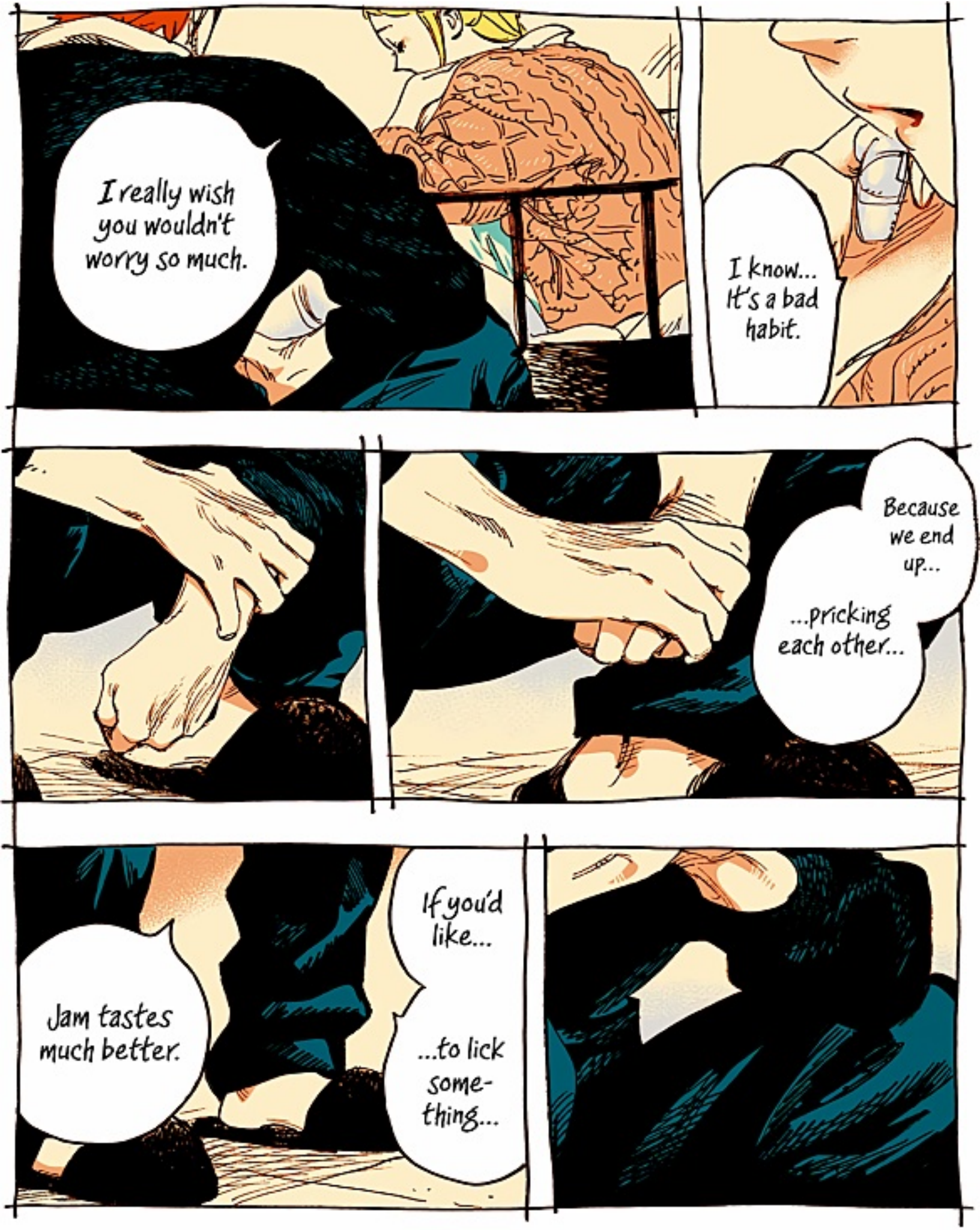

This is too much.
You didn't move the first-aid kit, did you?
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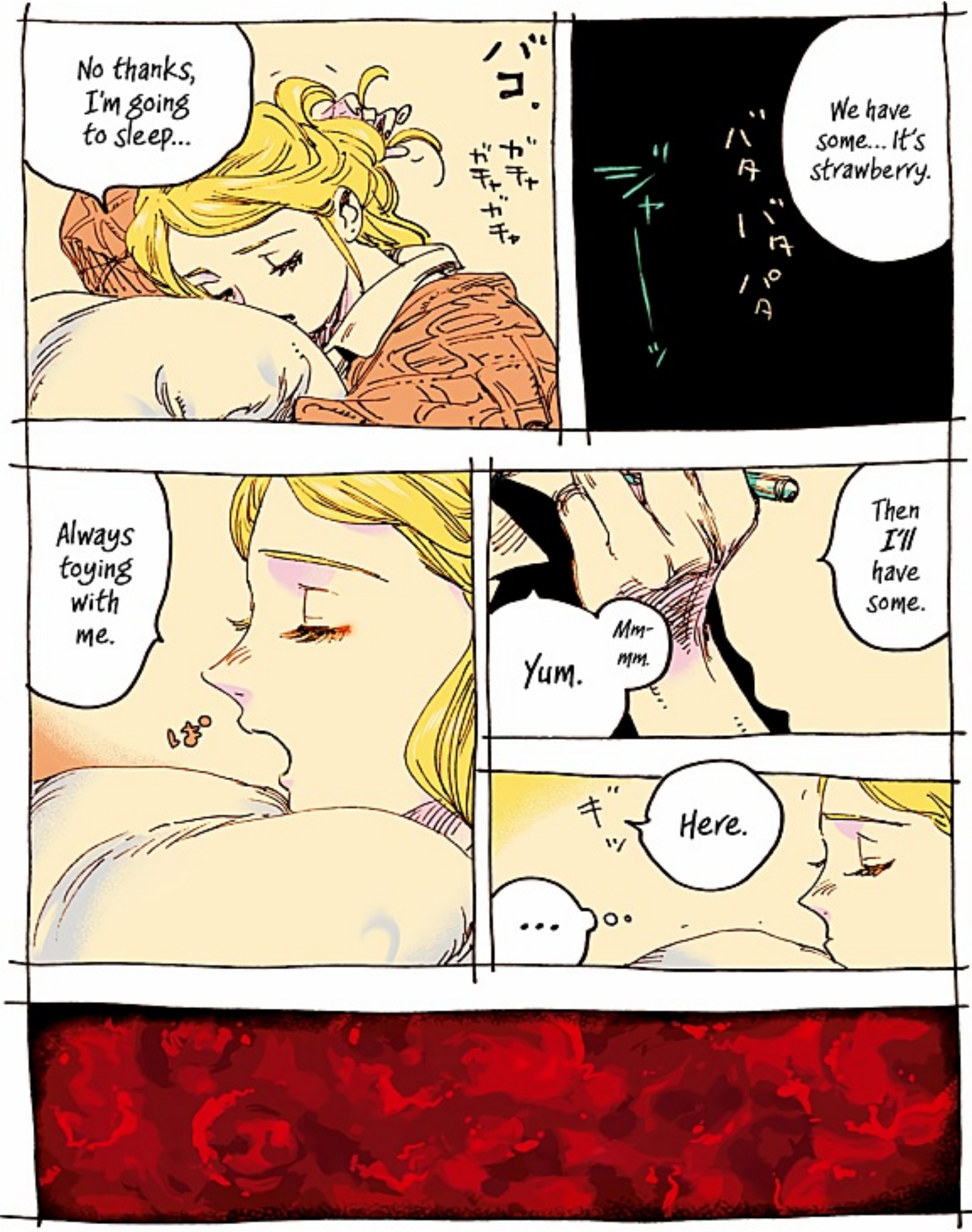

Does licking it really help?
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Sorry...
There was just so much blood...
...I—
Try licking it some more.
It's not candy...

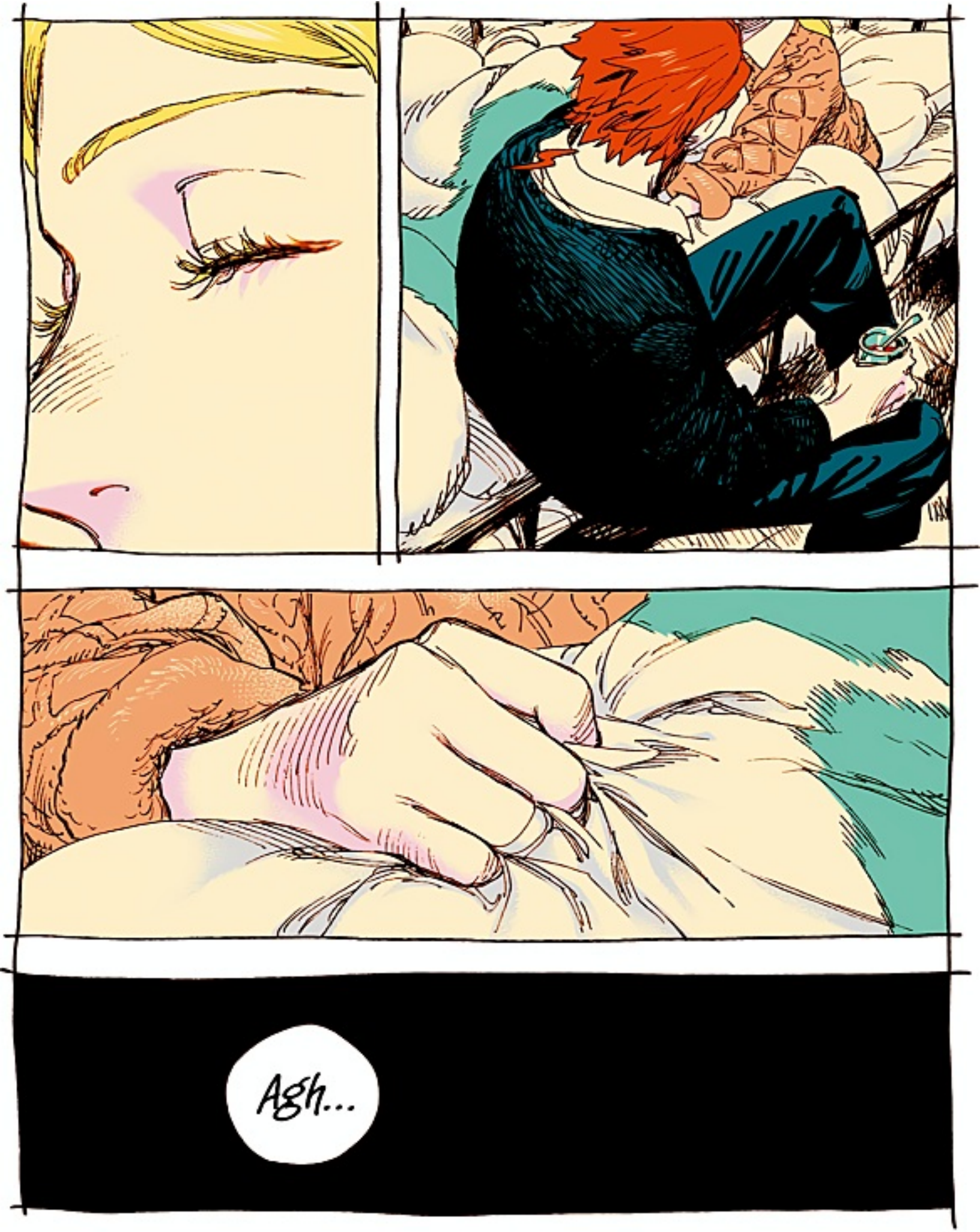

And why should I?
Then let me lick yours.
Urk...
You're so unfair.
...for you.
I just want to do the same...
You want me to get hurt right now?

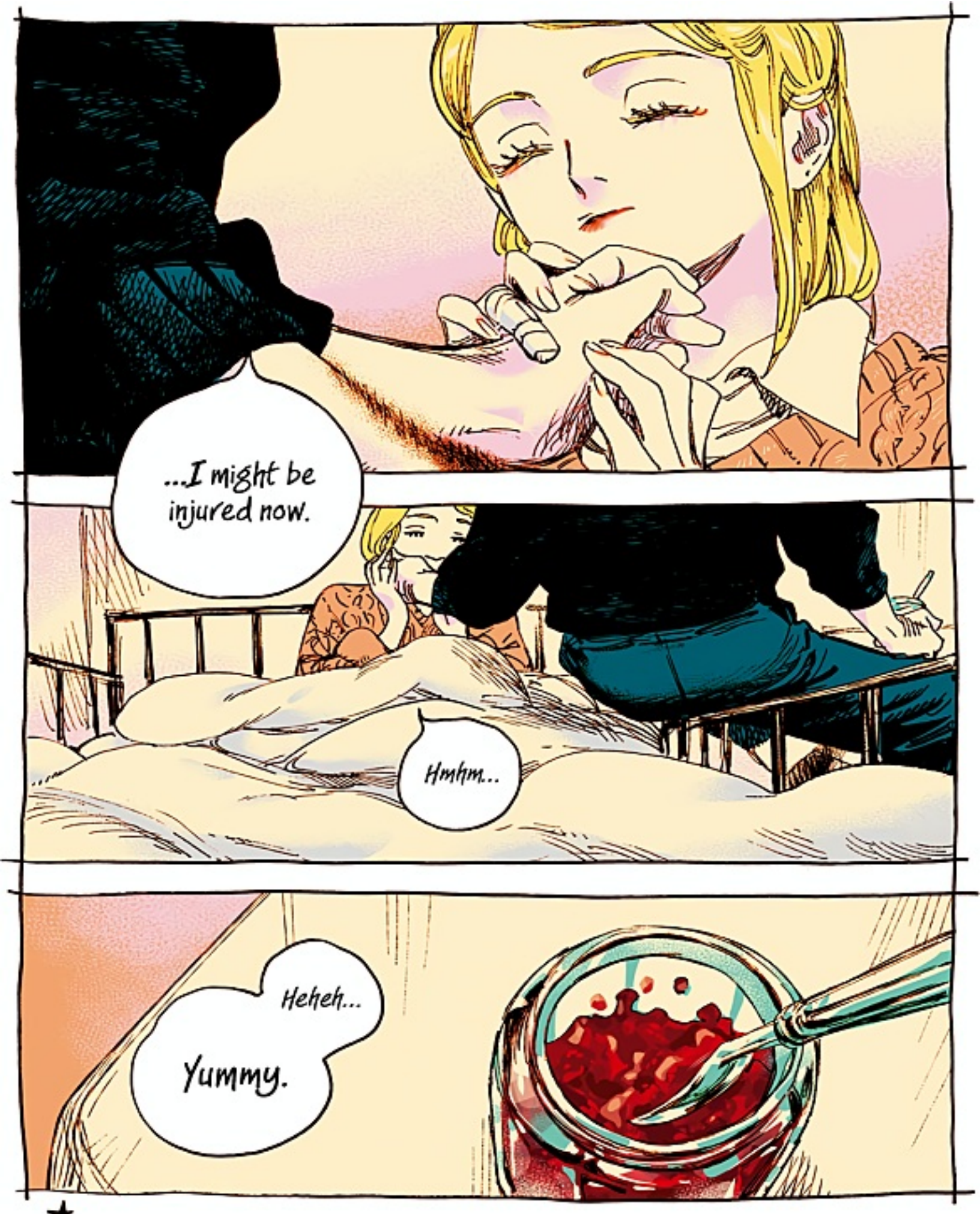

Hangnails hurt too much...
See?
Of course not.
When your voice gets prickly like this, I don't like it.
...you're aggravating your wounds...
...yourself...
I'm worried because...
I meant if you get hurt.


Haah...
Hfff...
...
I'm taking deep breaths.
Haah...
Hfff...
...What's that?
I really wish you wouldn't pick at your wounds...

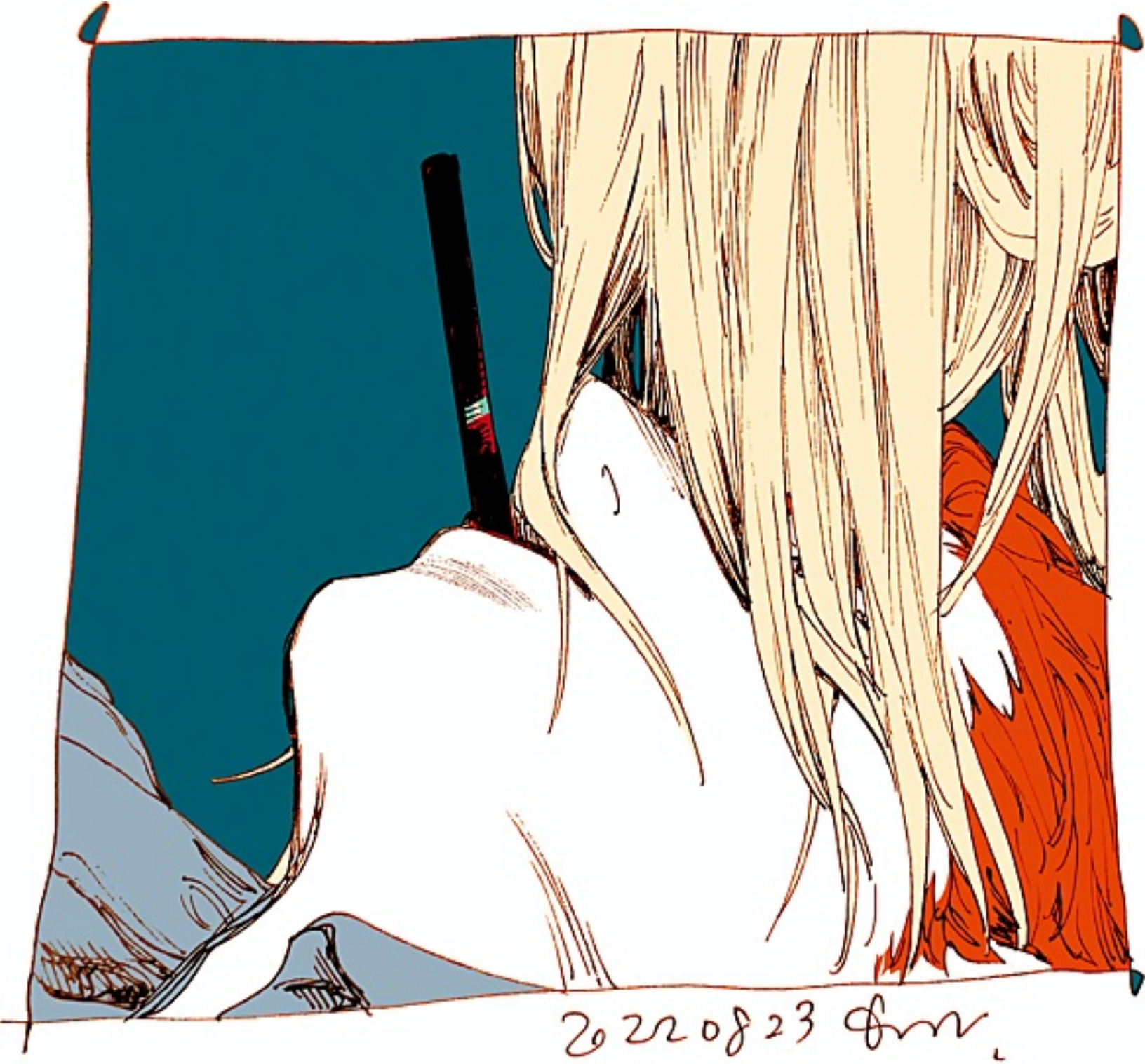

I really wish you wouldn't worry so much.
I know... It's a bad habit.
Because we end up...
...pricking each other...
If you'd like...
...to lick something...
Jam tastes much better.

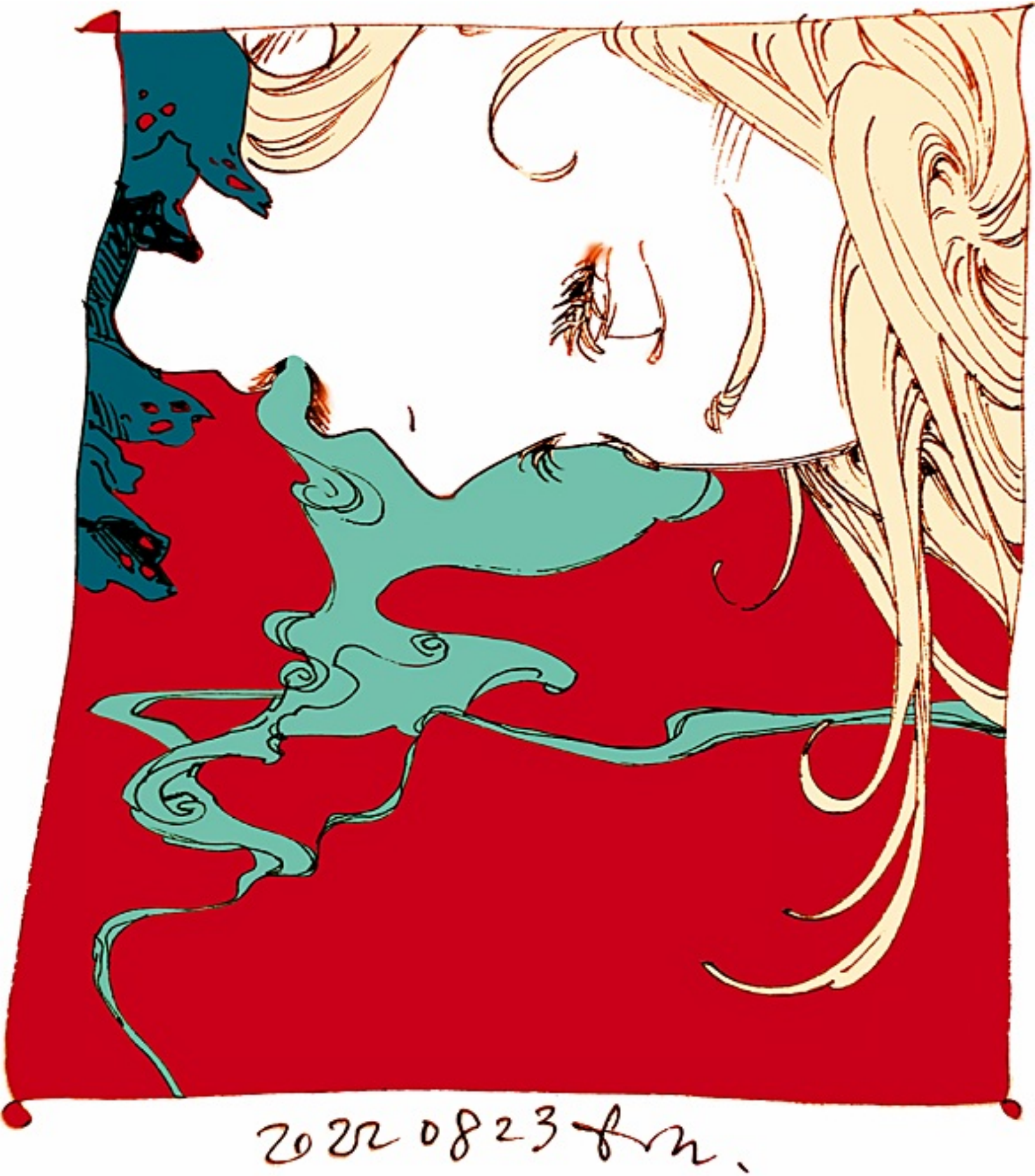

No thanks, I'm going to sleep...
バコ。
ガチャガチャガチャ
We have some... It's strawberry.
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Then I'll have some.
Mm-mm.
Yum.
Here.
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...
Always toying with me.
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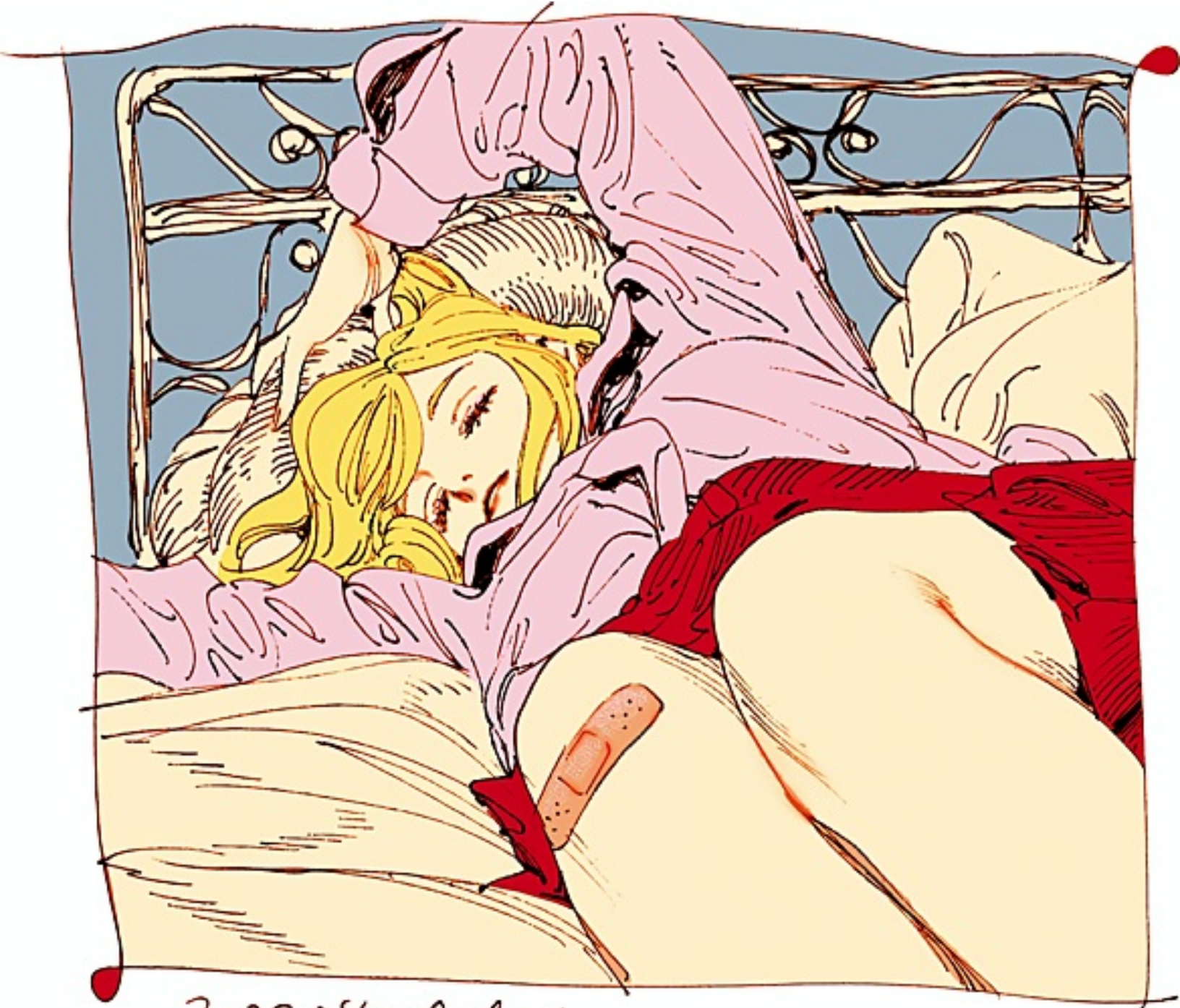

Agh...

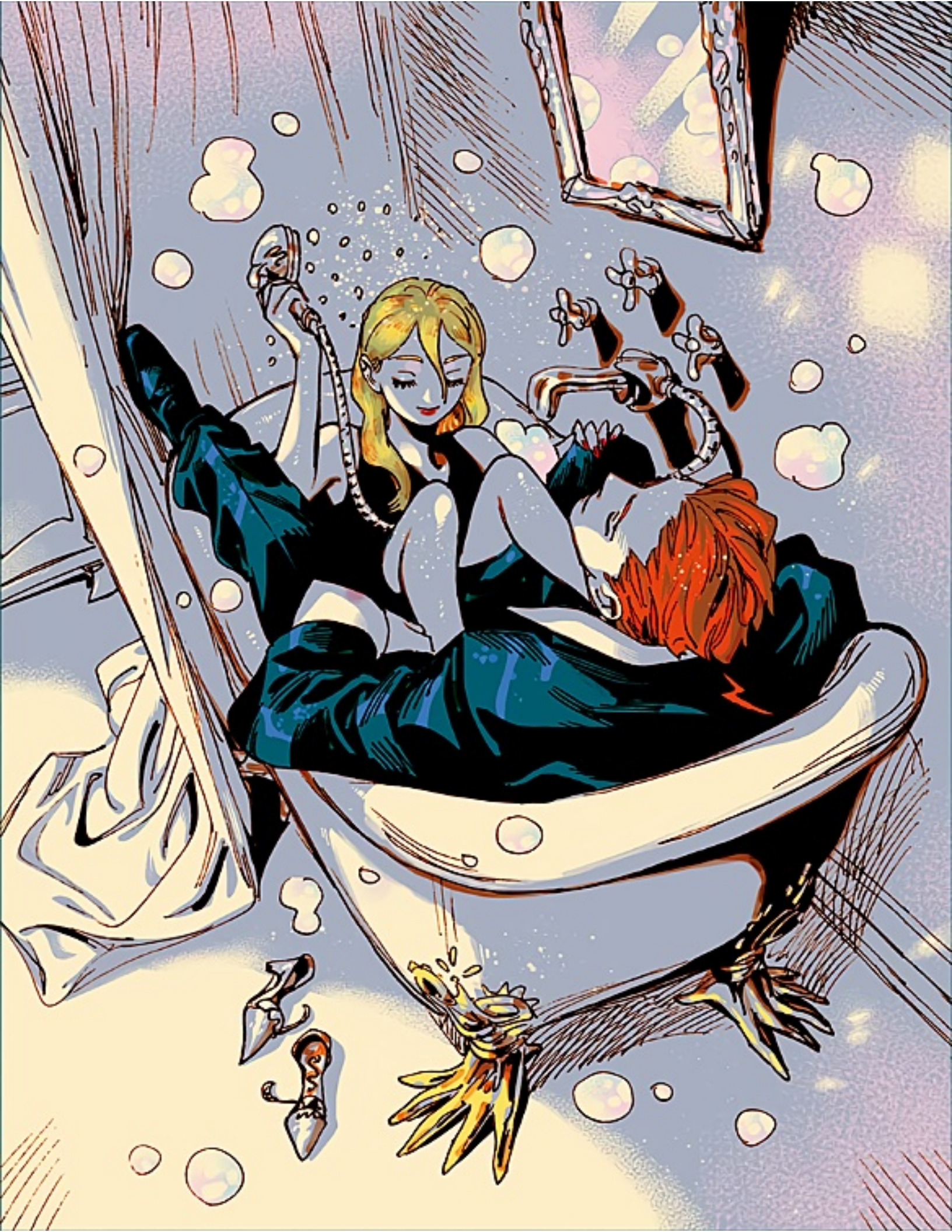

...I might be injured now.
Hmhm...
Heheh...
Yummy.


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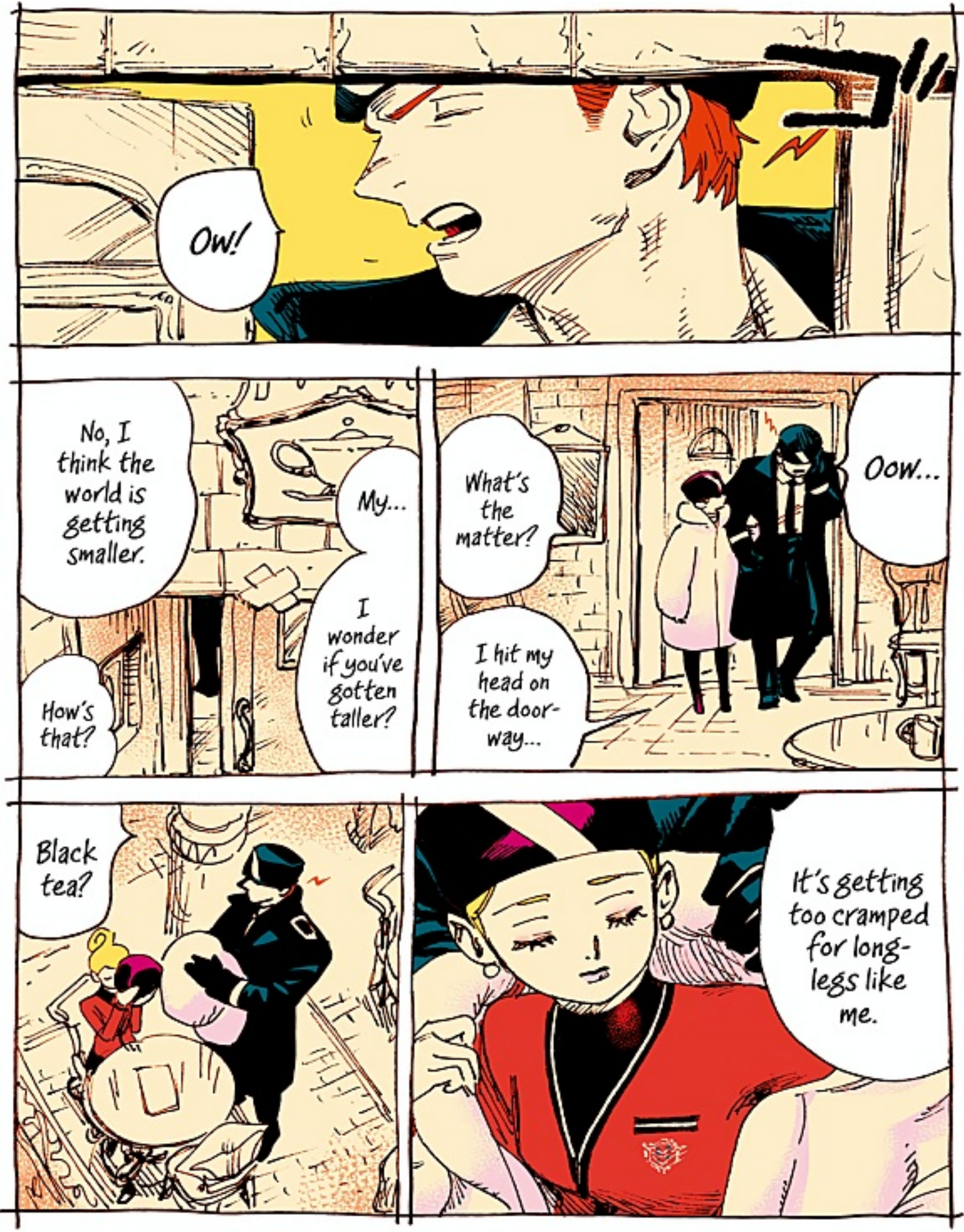



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Good world

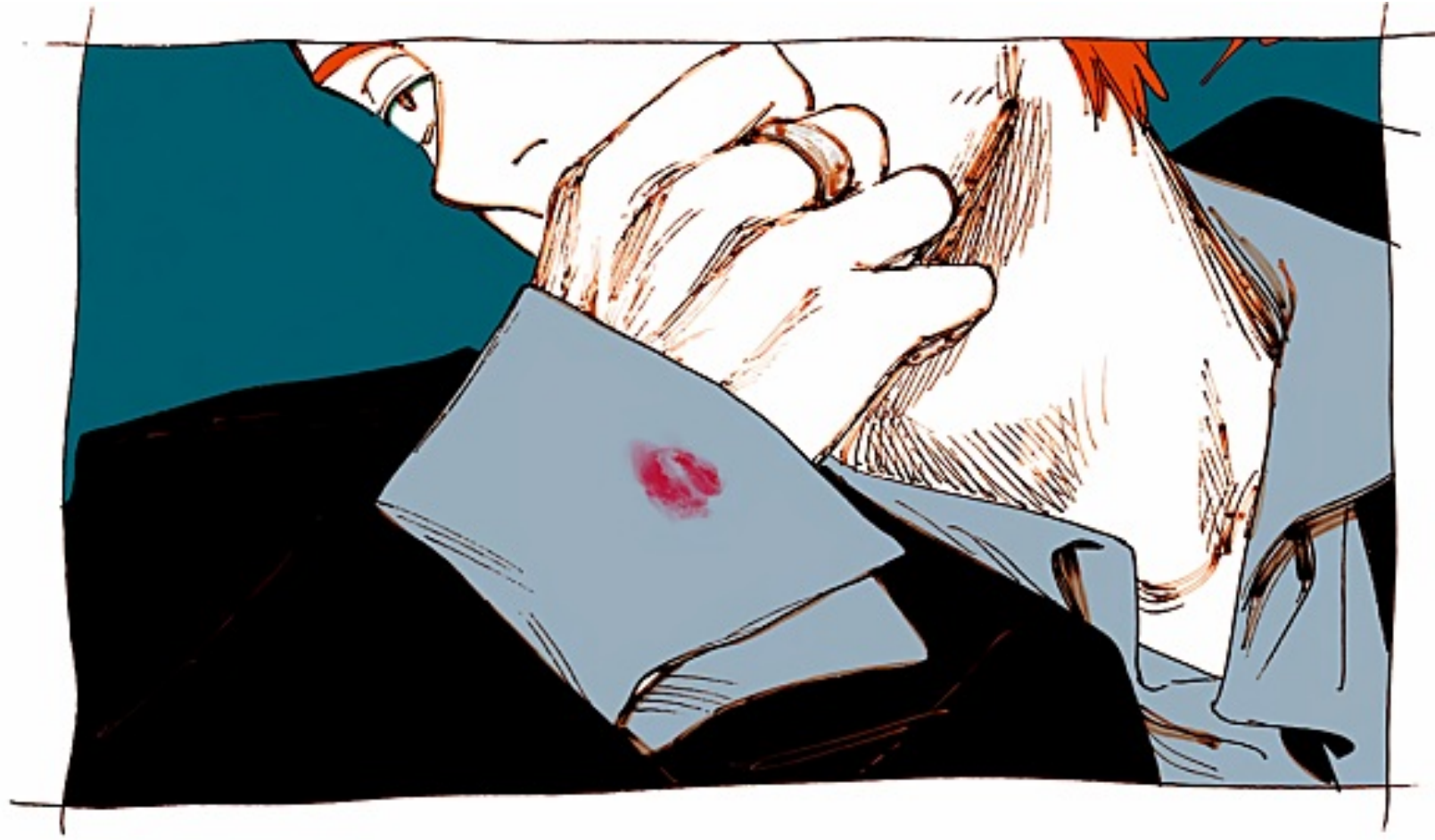

Ow!
Oow...
What's the matter?
I hit my head on the doorway...
My...
I wonder if you've gotten taller?
No, I think the world is getting smaller.
How's that?
Black tea?
It's getting too cramped for long-legs like me.

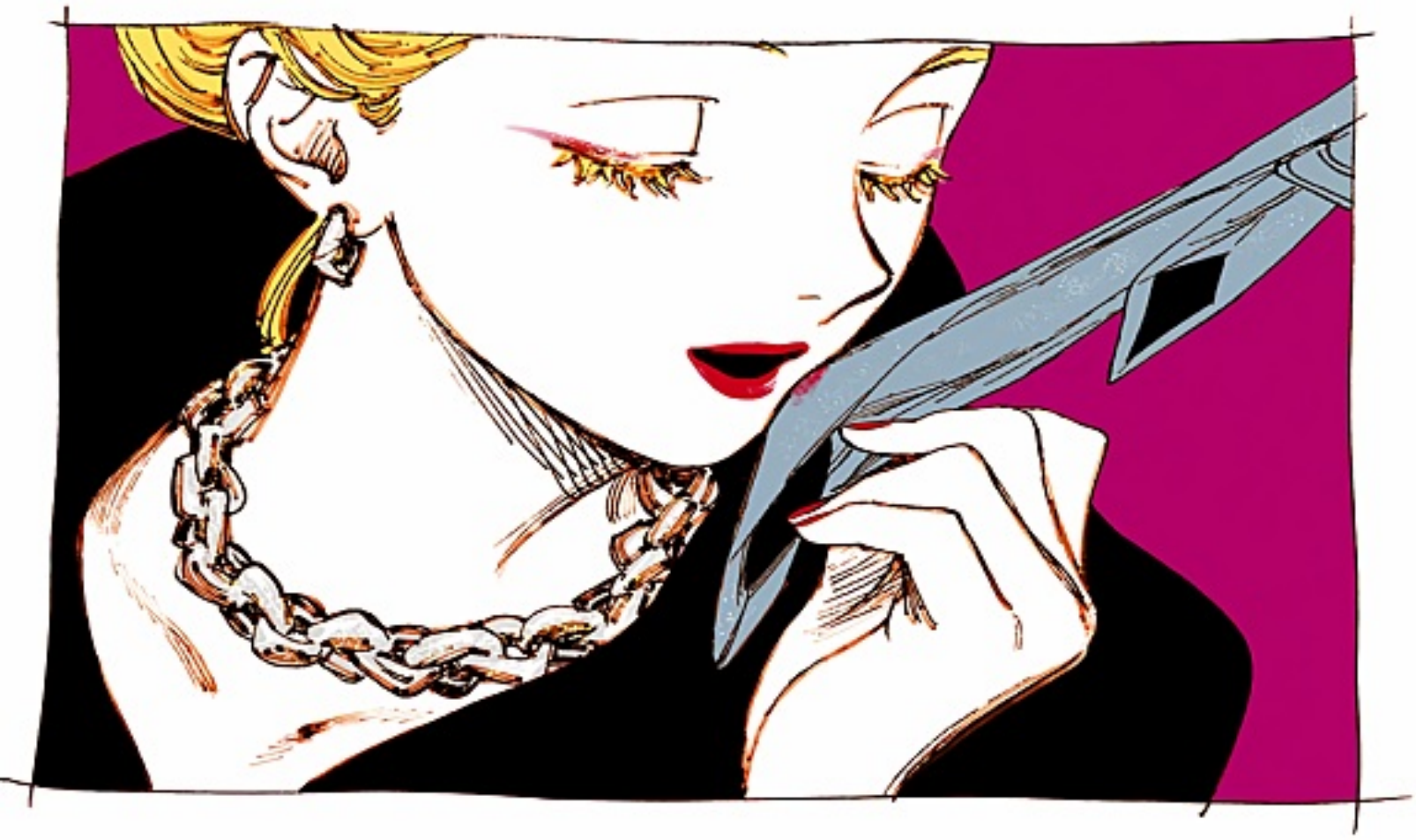

Assam!
For the two of us.
I'd like to be as tall as you are.
You'd bump your head more often.
This is the first I'm hearing of the world shrinking...
What about your bed?
My bed?


Is it not cramped when we sleep together?
In the good way.
...It is...







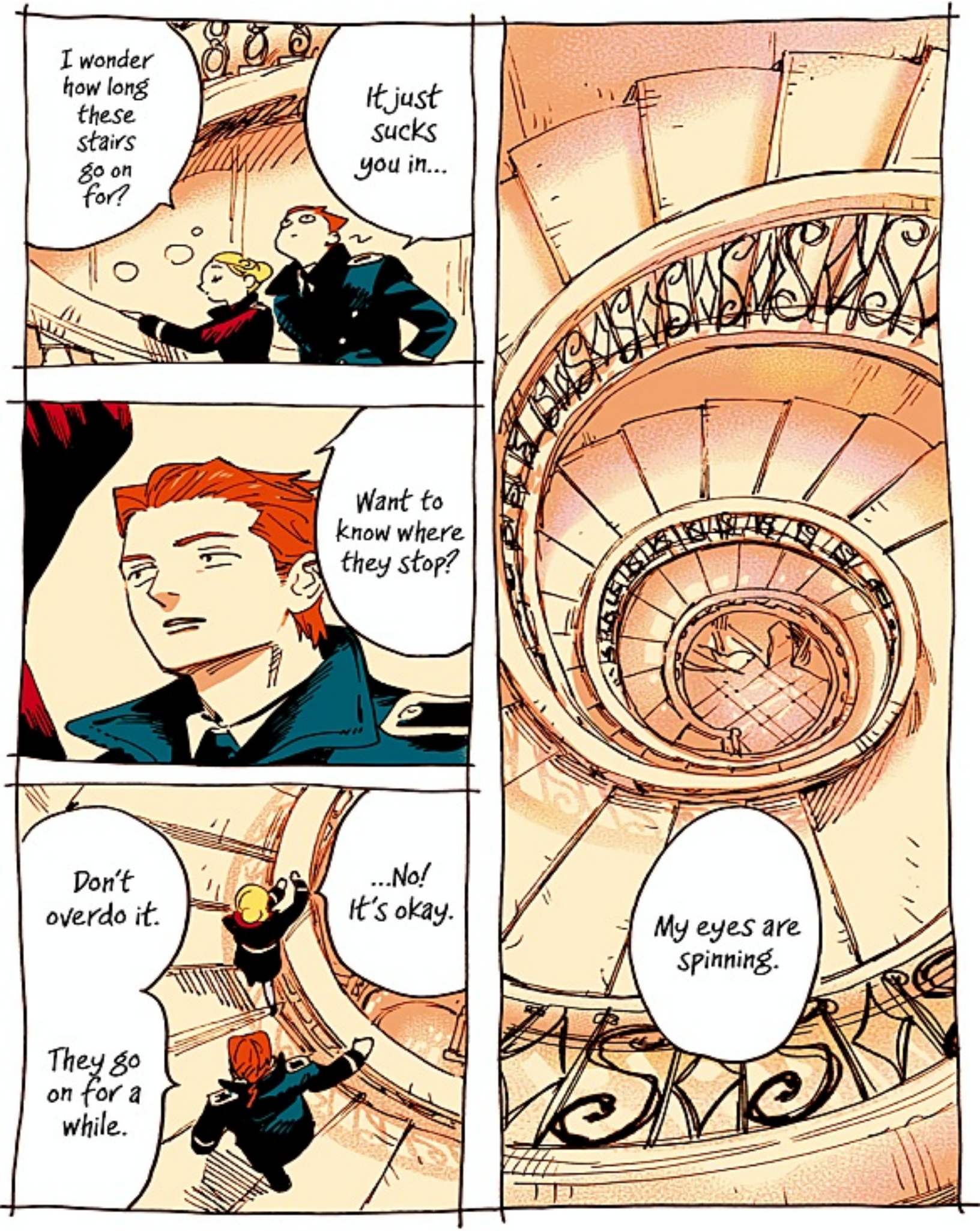


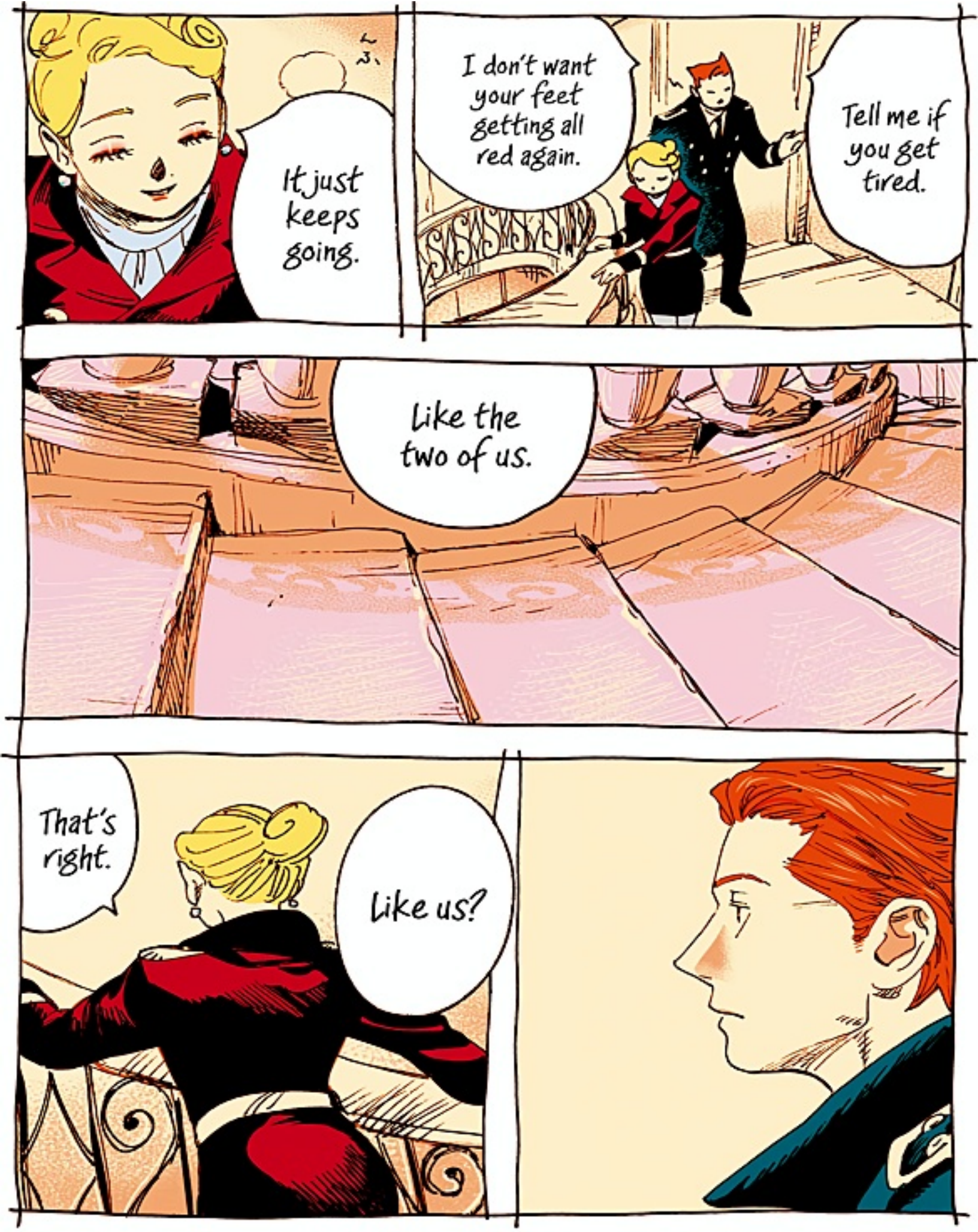

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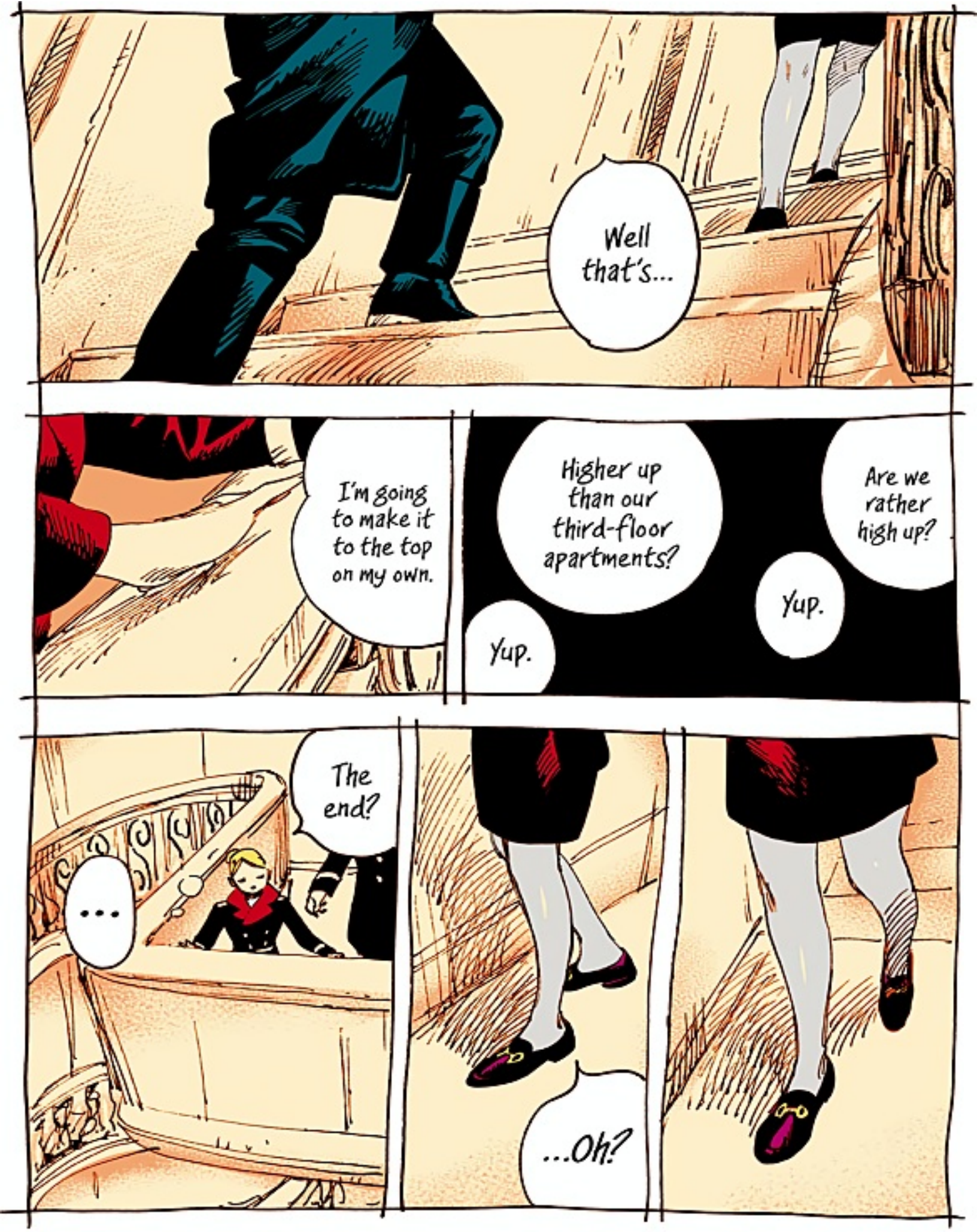
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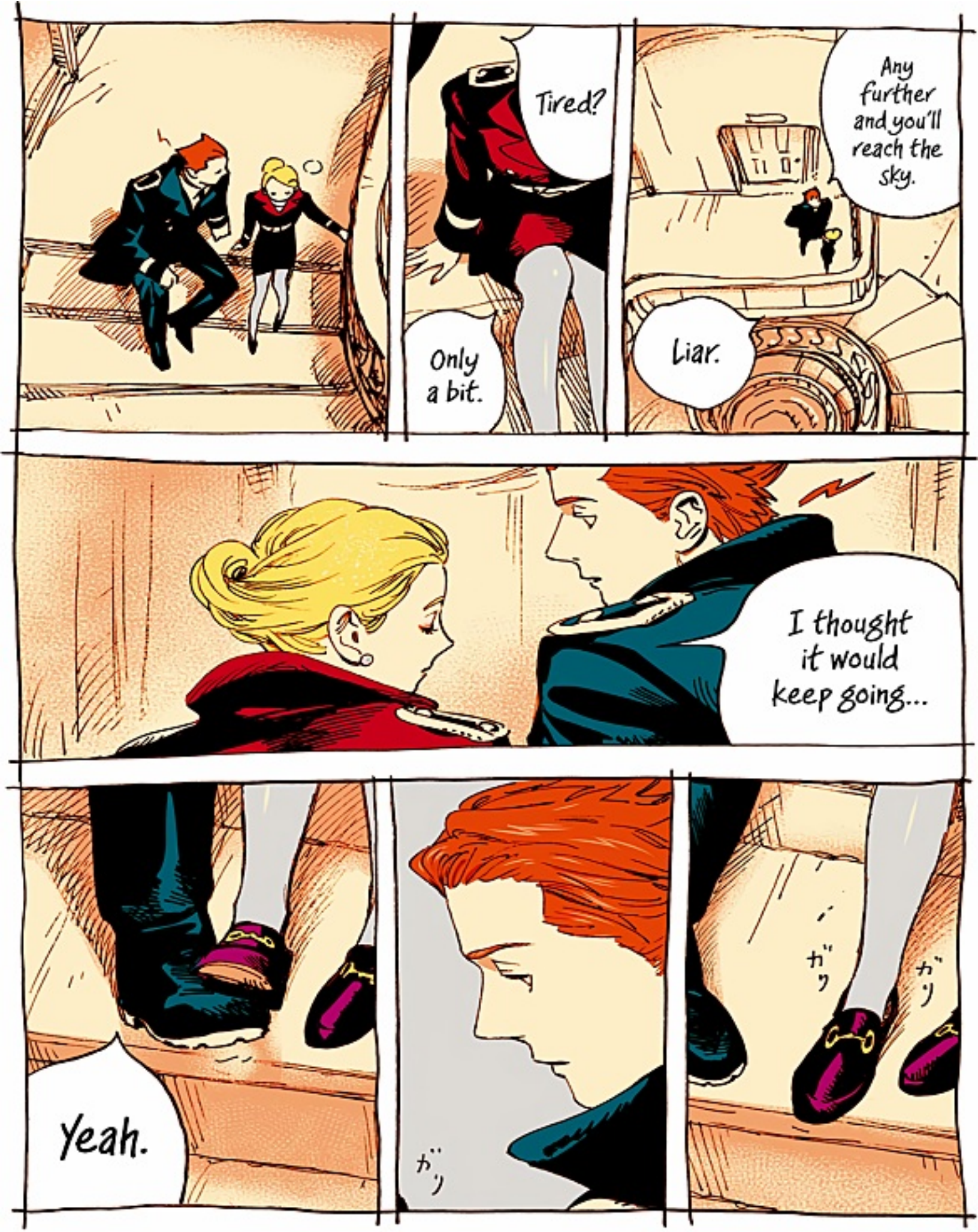
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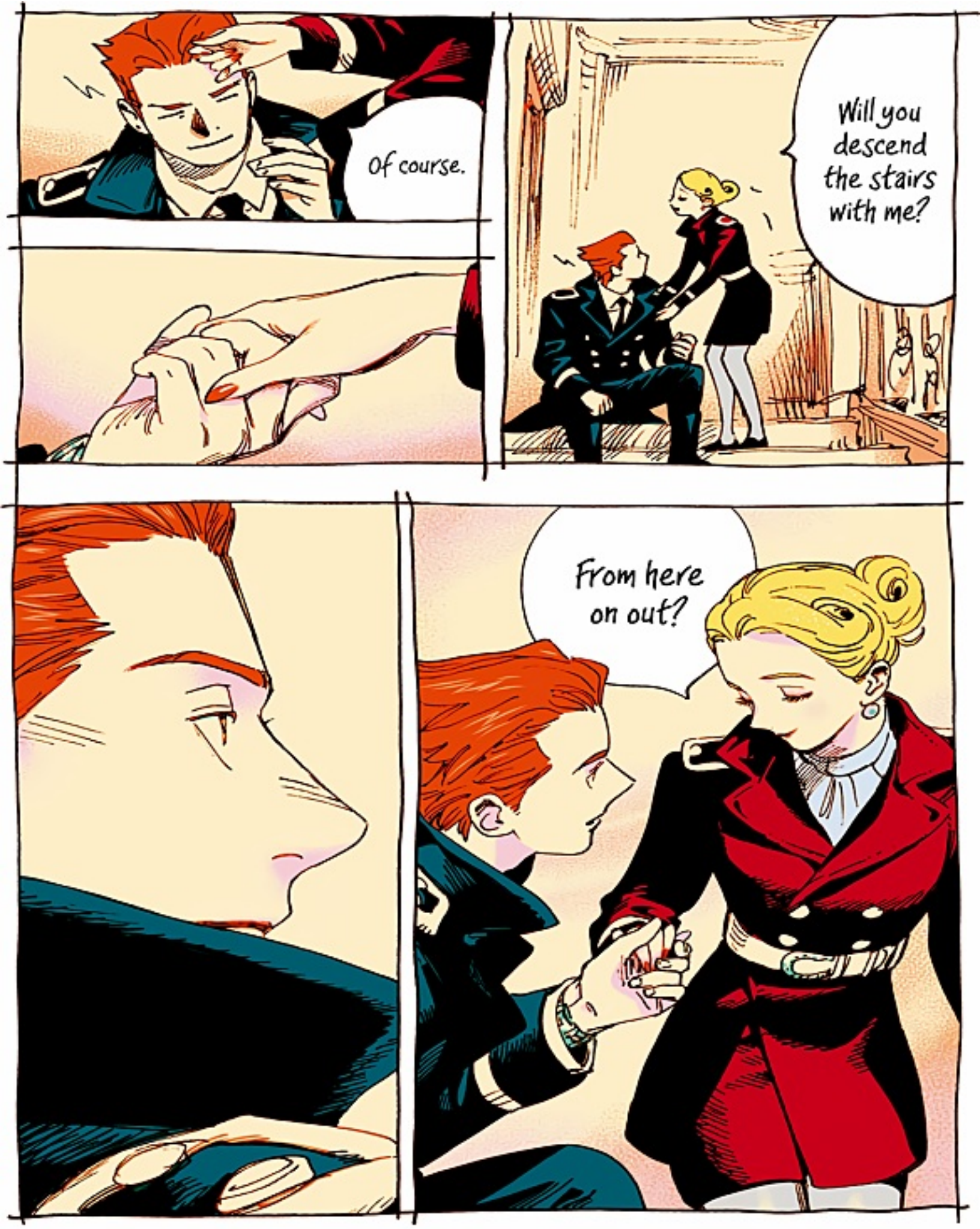

I wonder how long these stairs go on for?
It just sucks you in...
Want to know where they stop?
My eyes are spinning.
...No! It's okay.
Don't overdo it.
They go on for a while.


It just keeps going.
I don't want your feet getting all red again.
Tell me if you get tired.
Like the two of us.
That's right.
Like us?


Well that's...
I'm going to make it to the top on my own.
Higher up than our third-floor apartments?
Yup.
Are we rather high up?
Yup.
The end?
...
...Oh?


Tired?
Only a bit.
Any further and you'll reach the sky.
Liar.
I thought it would keep going...
Yeah.
ガリ
ガリ
ガリ


Since it goes back down...
It looks like it does keep going.
To me...
Back and forth.
Just like us, really.
If you need a break...
I recommend my back...
...over the cold, hard ground.


Of course.
Will you descend the stairs with me?
From here on out?




Sure.

As fate would have it, I visited Paris for the first time this summer thanks to "Veil".
Paris is a more beautiful city than I thought, brimming with cobblestones like the ones he and she walk on, I imagine.
I loved the "Winged Victory of Samothrace" and really liked the lights and darks of big art museums.

The gold in the theme
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Because calicos are golden.

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