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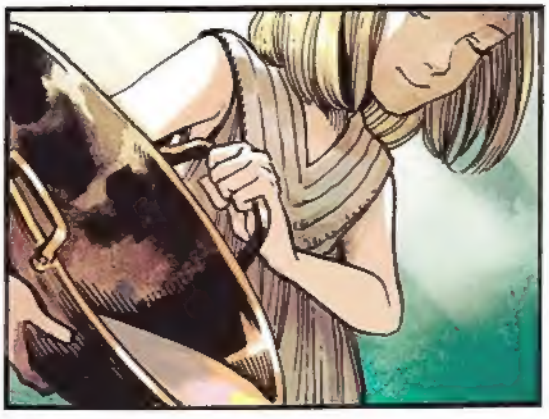
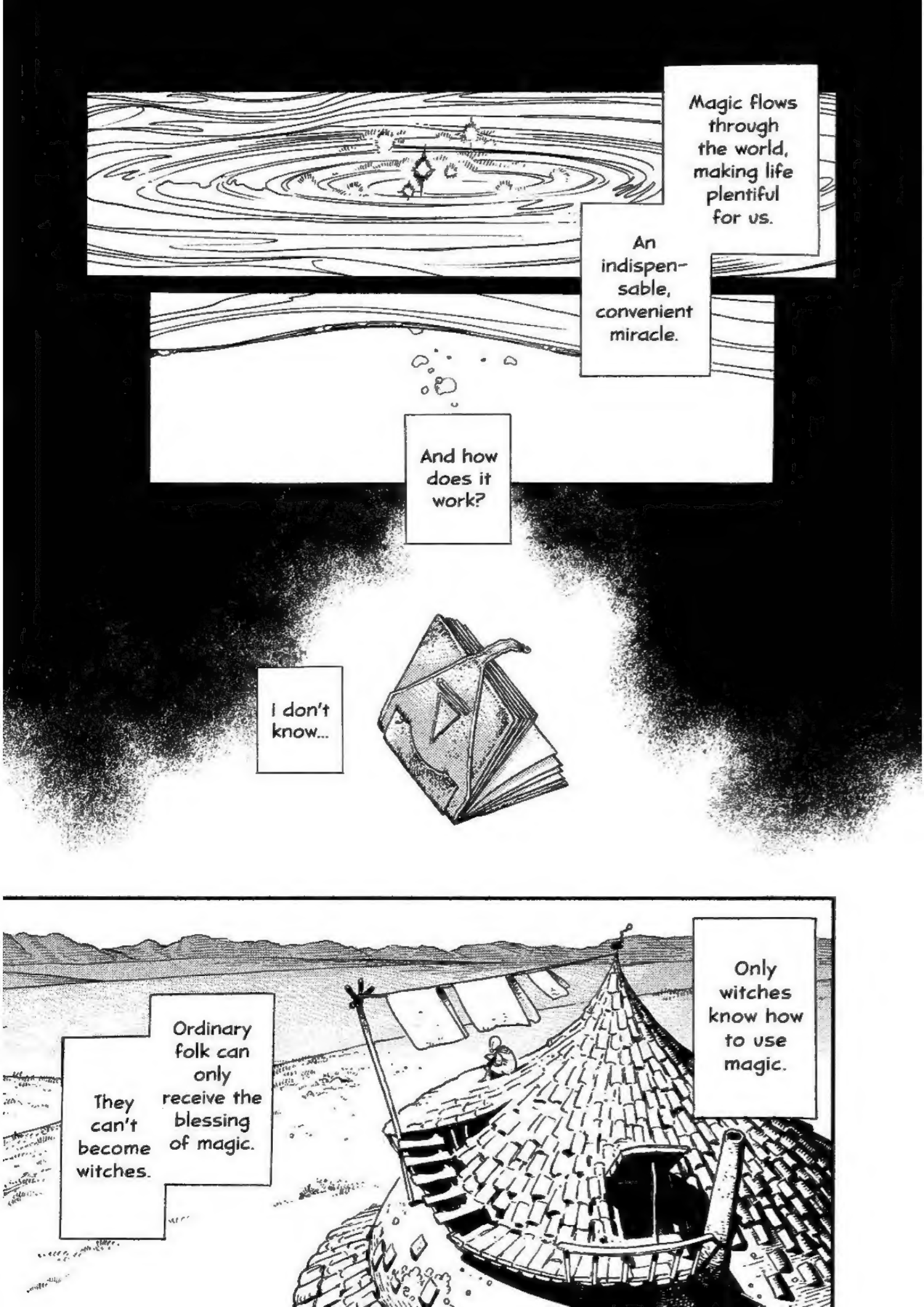


Are athletes athletes from the moment they're born?
What about astronauts or idols?
These things aren't decided at birth
So then...
what about witches?

Chapter 1

Oh!
Sorry about the mess.
SCRUB
SCRUB
SCRUB
SCRUB
whoa
ooooze
'cuz this spring has magic flowing through it!
It'll turn back in a sec
SHINE
Splish
GLOW

It's so pretty no matter how many times I see it!
Magic is amazing!


Magic flows through the world, making life plentiful for us.
An indispen-sable, convenient miracle.
And how does it work?
I don't know...
Only witches know how to use magic.
Ordinary folk can only receive the blessing of magic.
They can't become witches.

glance
Must be nice...
to be born as a witch.
These freshly washed clean sheets...
...are now flying carpets!
FL
AP

BLUSH
Shhh...
...
Oh!
BWOOOSH
No sudden gusts!
Eyaah!
Wait!
That's not what I meant by flying!
...!
It's...

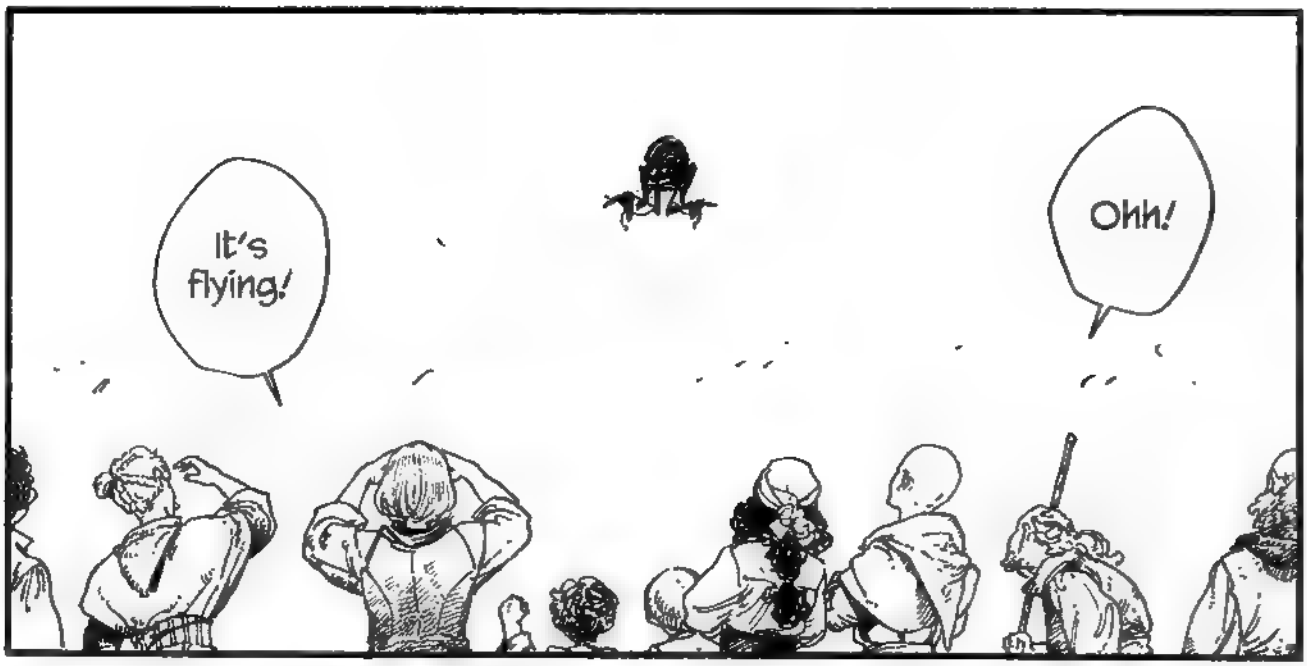
Eek!
Wh-
What
the?!
ハサァアァ
...!!

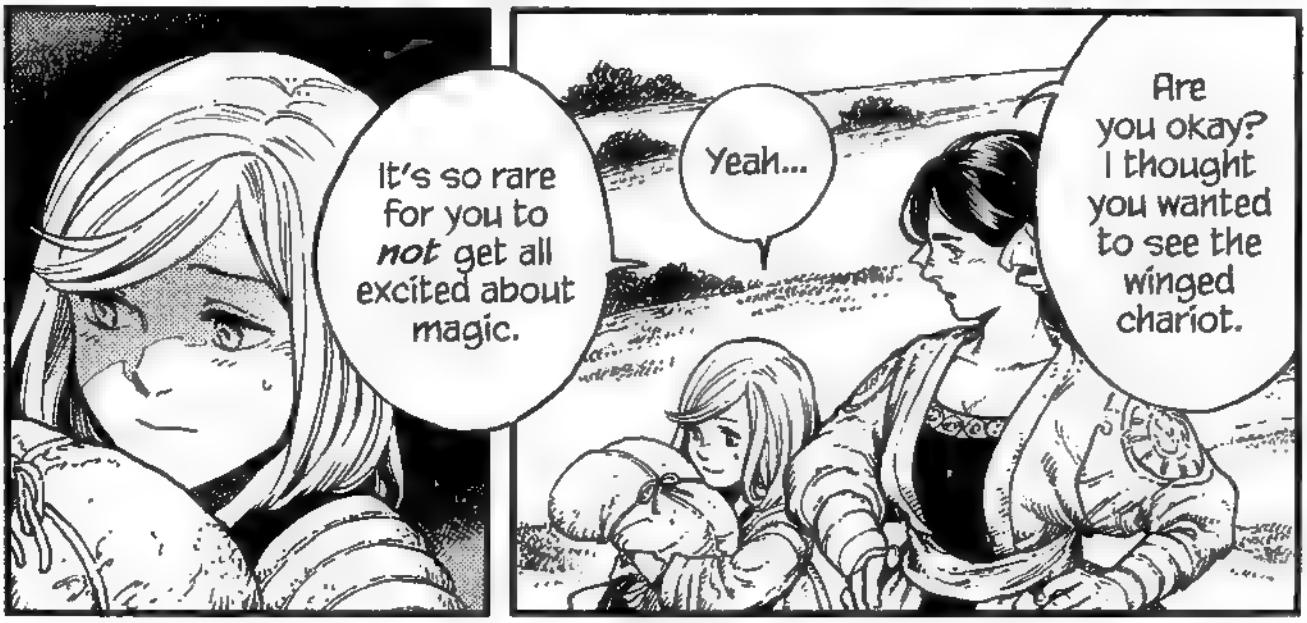
PEEK
I know I shouldn't!
Oh, but...
I really want to!
But I shouldn't!

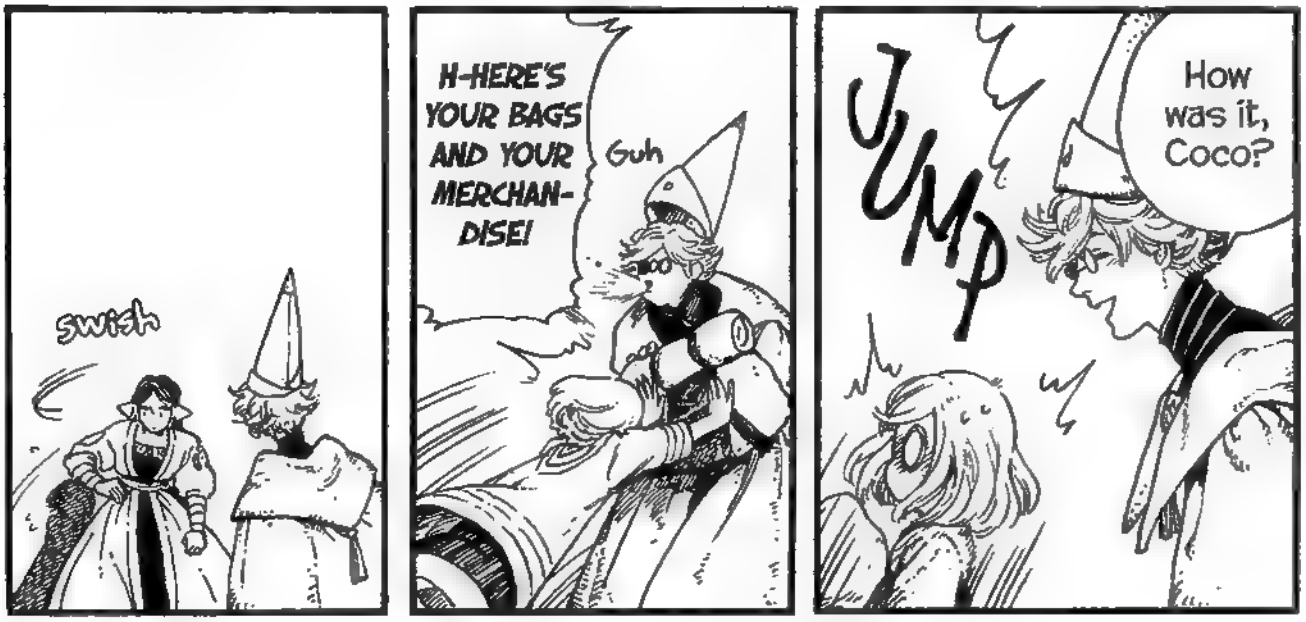
He's drawing.

I see...
Magic...
with a pen?!
he's drawing magic!
He isn't drawing magic from somewhere...

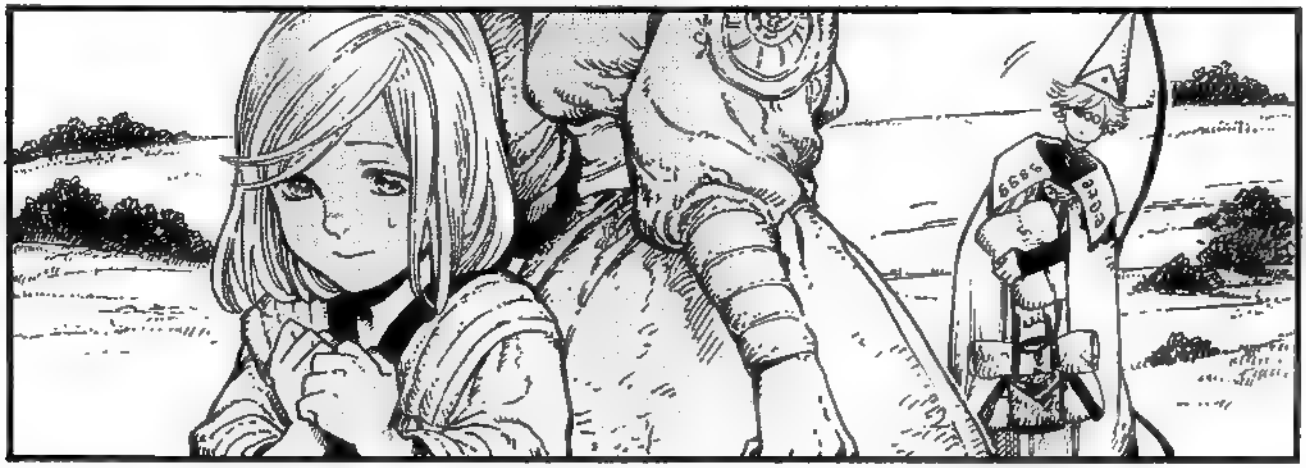
Um?
I'm done? Hello-ooo...?
KNOCK KNOCK
Okay, Coco.
!
BA-BUMP
Thanks for your hard work?
...?
Coco?


It's flying!
Ohh!


It's so rare for you to *not* get all excited about magic.
Yeah...
Are you okay? I thought you wanted to see the winged chariot.

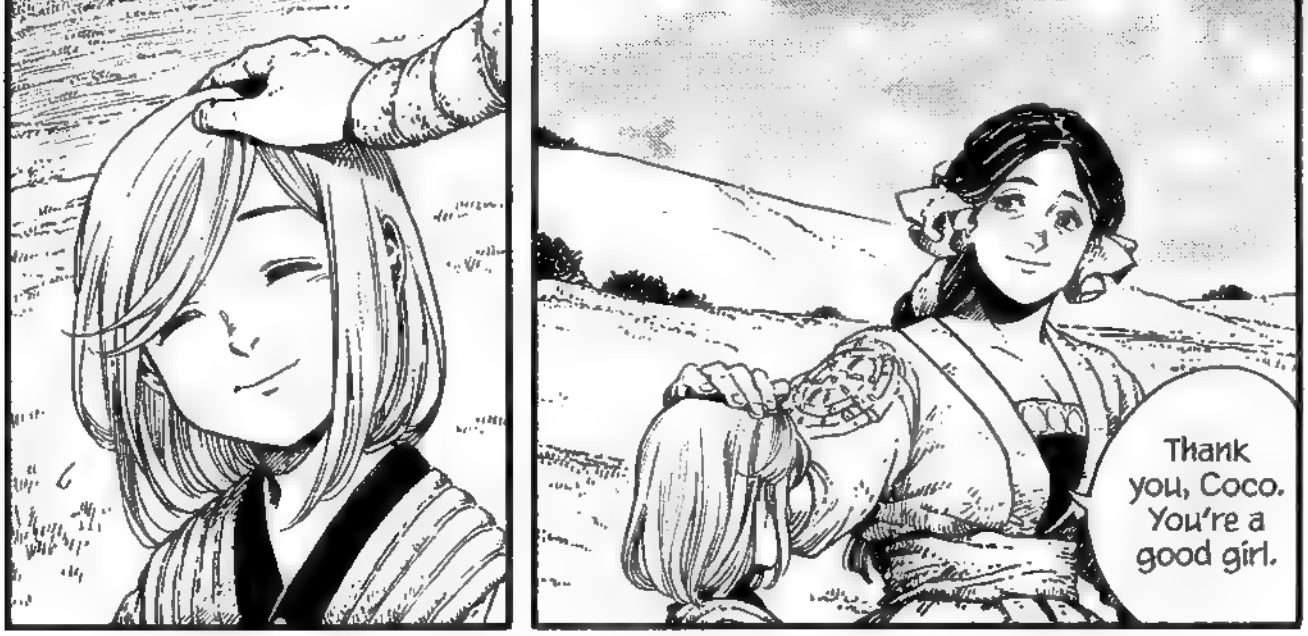

swish
H-HERE'S YOUR BAGS AND YOUR MERCHAN-DISE!
Guh
JUMP
How was it, Coco?

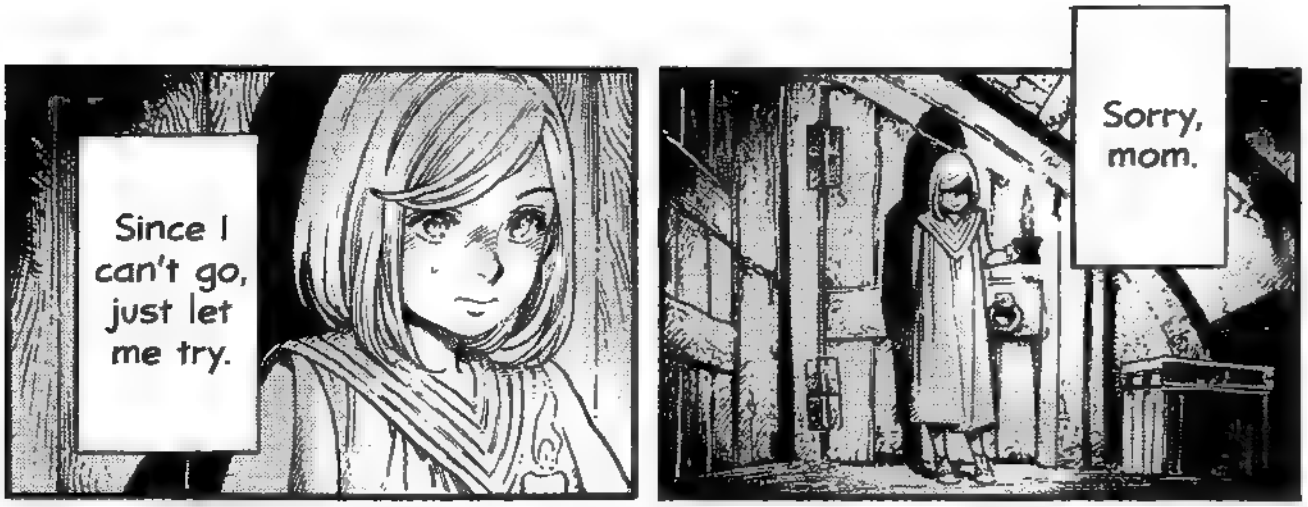
I wanted to ask about that picture book in more detail...

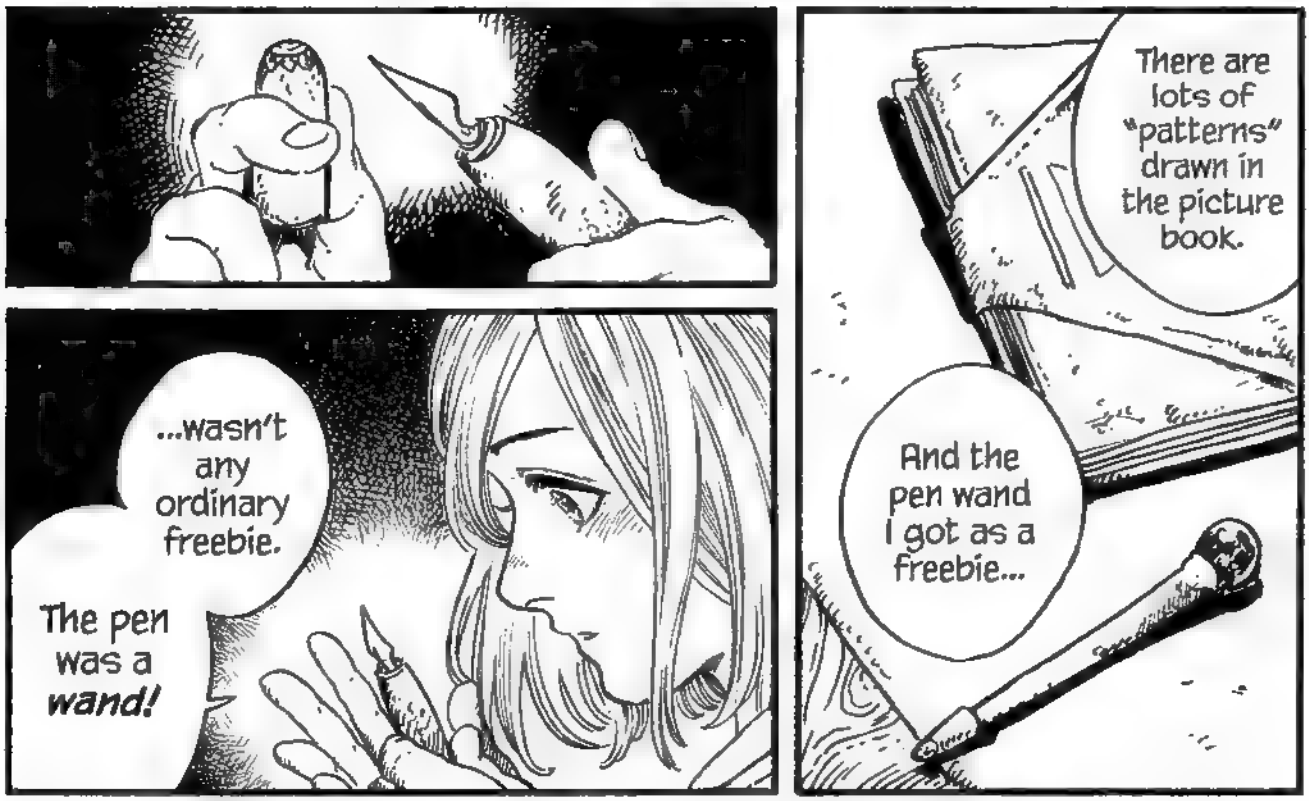


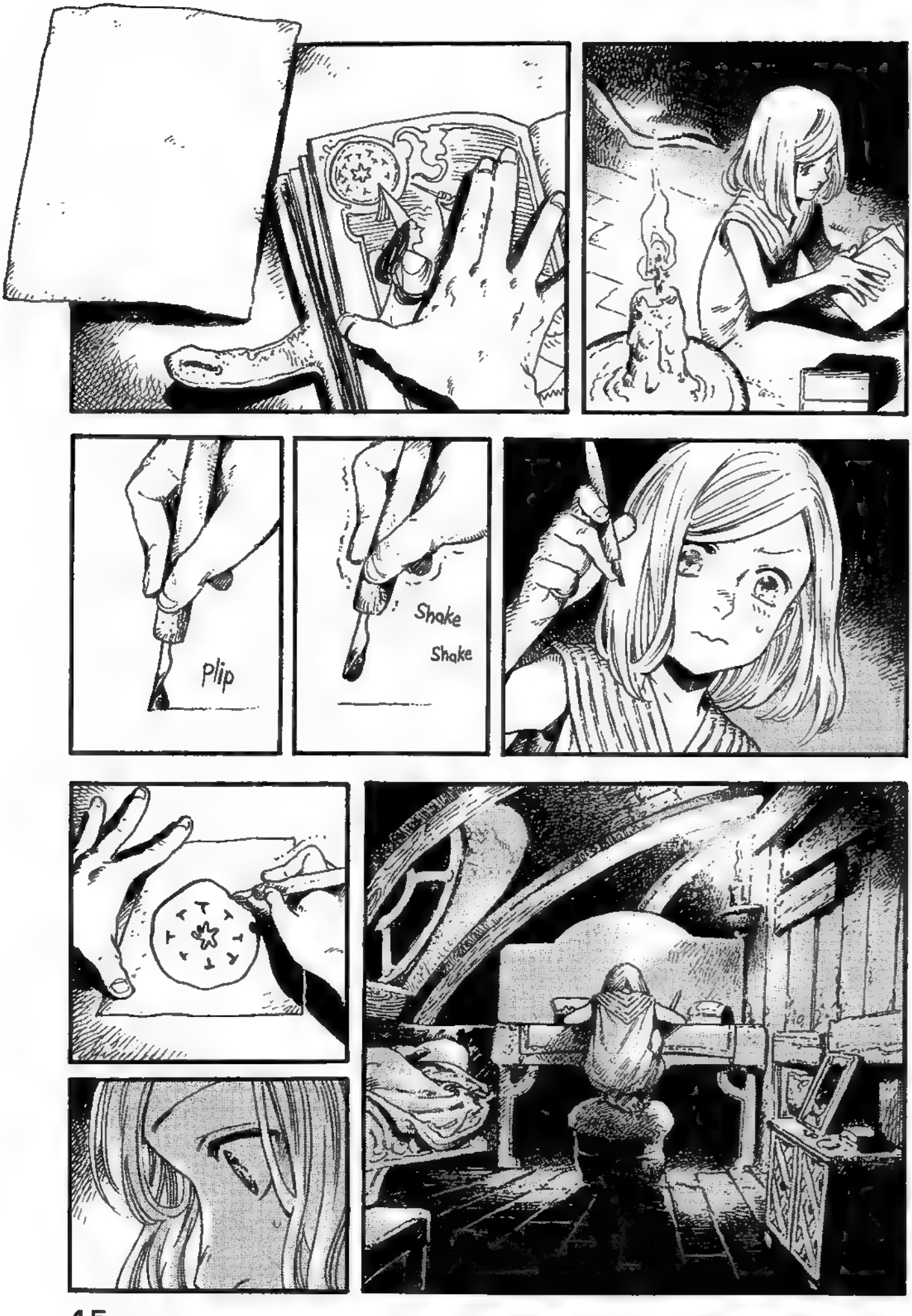
but looks like that won't be an easy task.
Farewell.
May our paths cross again.

Why the sigh, mom?
!
Whew!
you might say you wanted to leave together with that witch.
...I thought
I wouldn't say that, Mom!
I couldn't leave you by yourself!
Since your dad got sick and passed away, I just couldn't bear it if you left, too, Coco...


Thank you, Coco. You're a good girl.


Since I can't go, just let me try.
Sorry, mom.


There are lots of "patterns" drawn in the picture book.
And the pen wand I got as a freebie...
...wasn't any ordinary freebie.
The pen was a *wand!*


Plip
Shake
Shake

Oh, what do I do?! I don't know what to do!
キャー
キャー
キャー
ブン
ブン
It's magic, it's magic, real magic!
ボス
Woow, I really drew it!
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キャー
キャー

Cool!
Light! I used magic!
キャー
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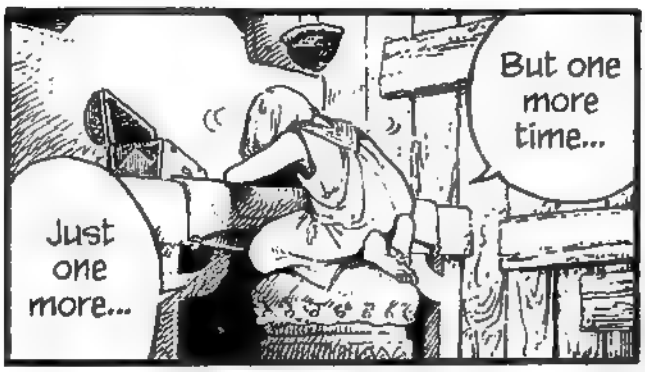
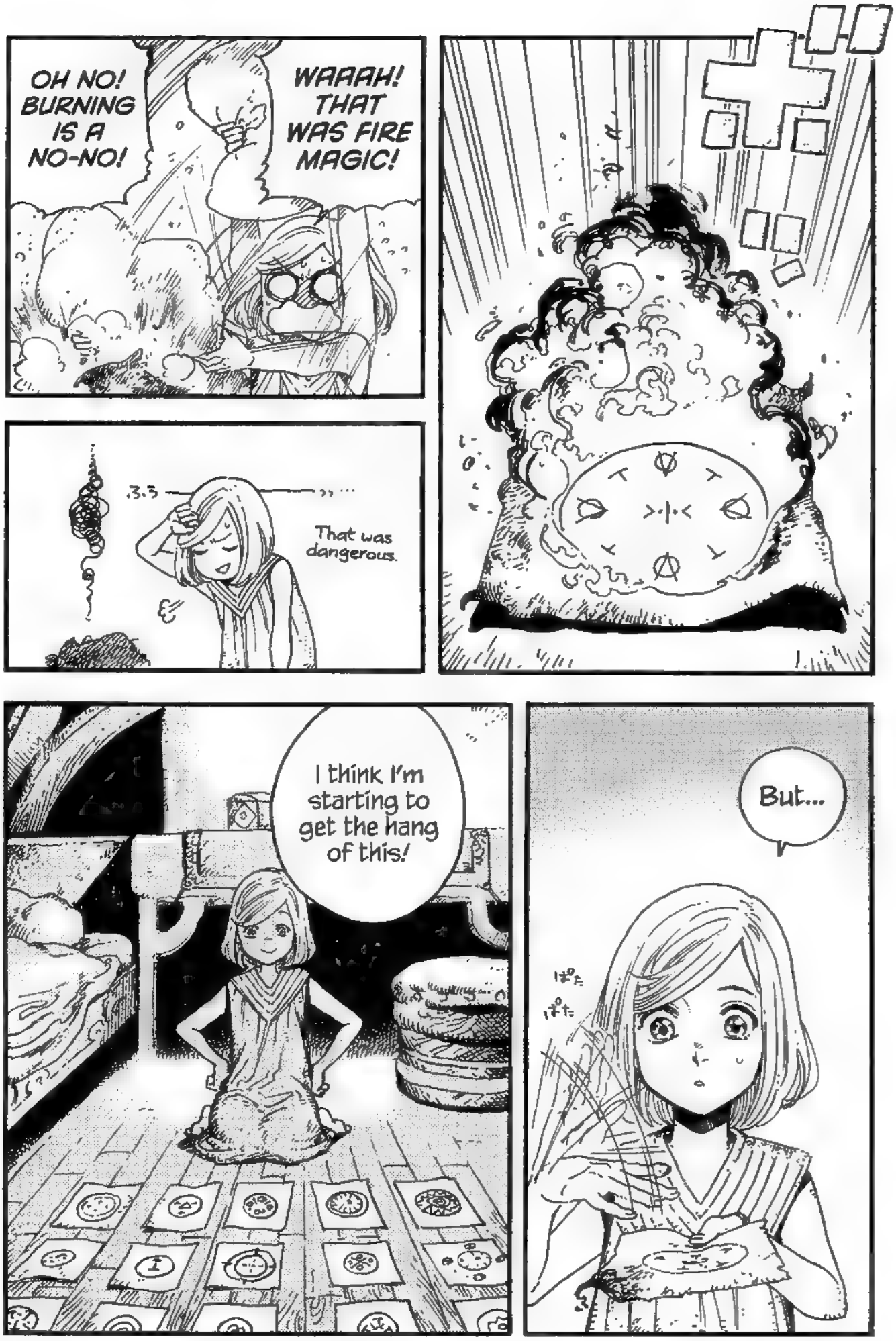
キャー


Just one more...
But one more time...

But I wonder if they'll get mad at me if they find out, since I'm not supposed to see it...
うぅぅぅ…

A picture book, huh?
That doesn't bode well.
Why sell a magic item
to a child outside of the witch community?
It can't be...


OH NO! BURNING IS A NO-NO!
WAAAH! THAT WAS FIRE MAGIC!
That was dangerous.
I think I'm starting to get the hang of this!
But...

The neat ones last longer than the messy ones!
Ones drawn bigger are more powerful than the tiny ones.
That's it!
Drawing it big and pretty is hard.
But that guy drew them so well...
Flap

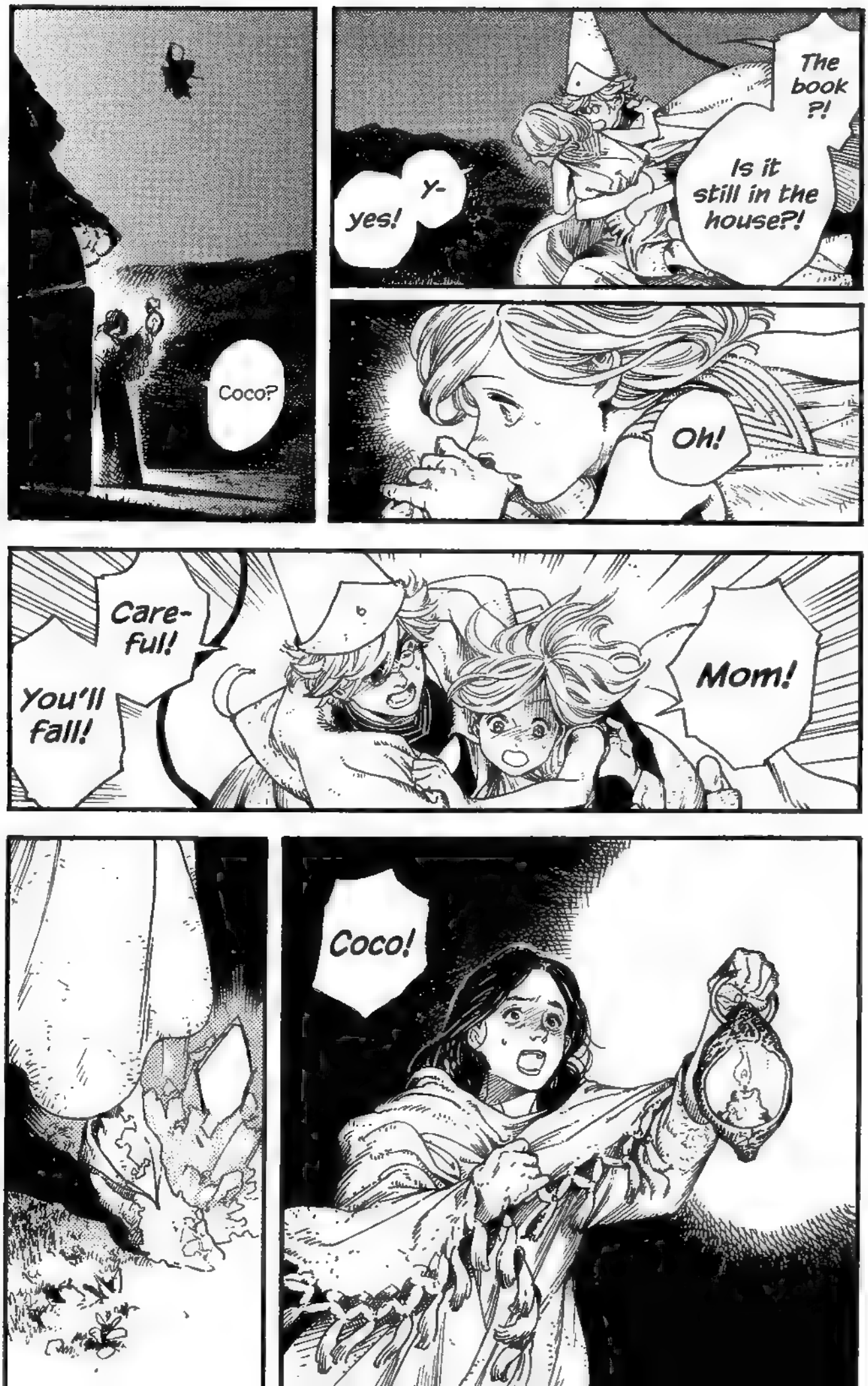
I got this...
If I put it under the light and
trace over it, I can draw it neatly.

Done!
Wonder what kinda magic this i-

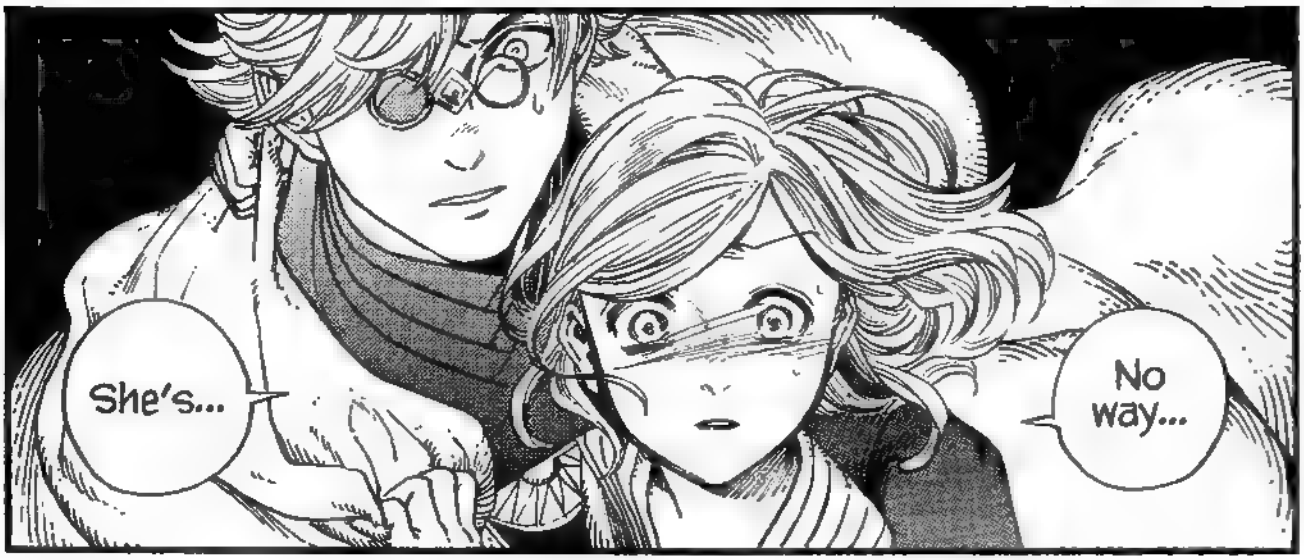
カ…

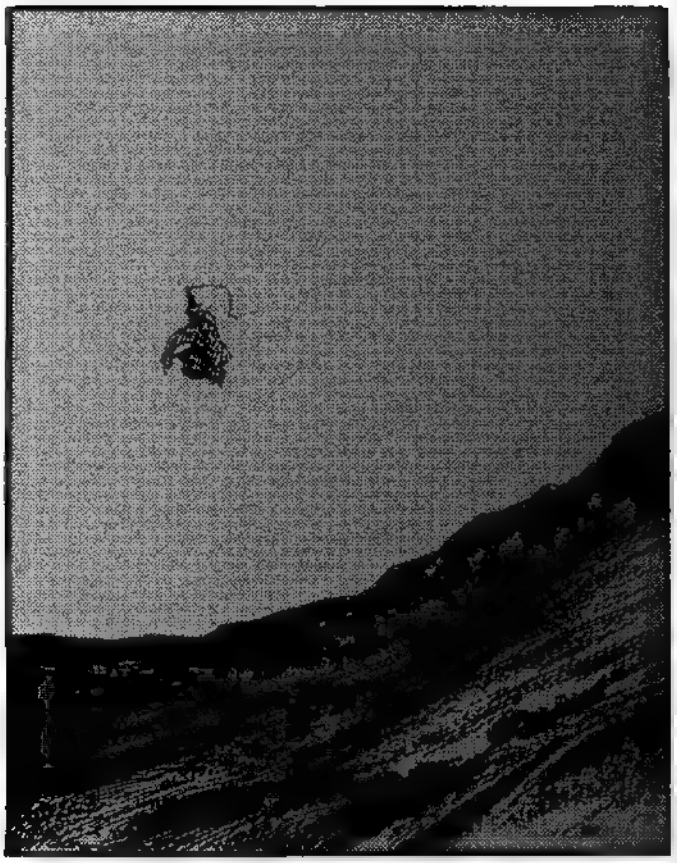
tok
tok
tok

...!
shove
WHAT DID YOU DRAW, COCO?!
WHAT KIND OF MAGIC DID YOU DRAW?!
I just copied the patterns in the book!
I... I don't know!

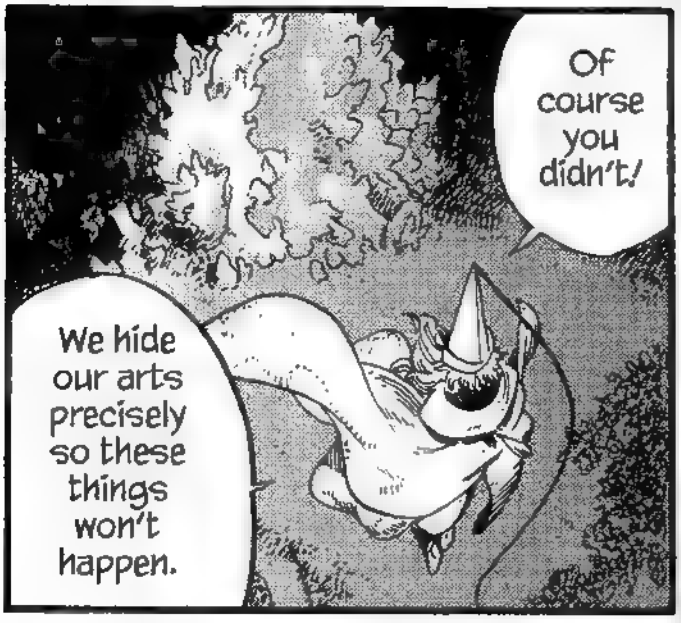

Coco?
y-
yes!
The book ?!
Is it still in the house?!
Oh!
Care-ful!
You'll fall!
Mom!
Coco!

?!


She's...
No way...



I didn't know what I was doing at all...
I'm s-so
sorry...


Of course you didn't!
We hide our arts precisely so these things won't happen.

Mom!!

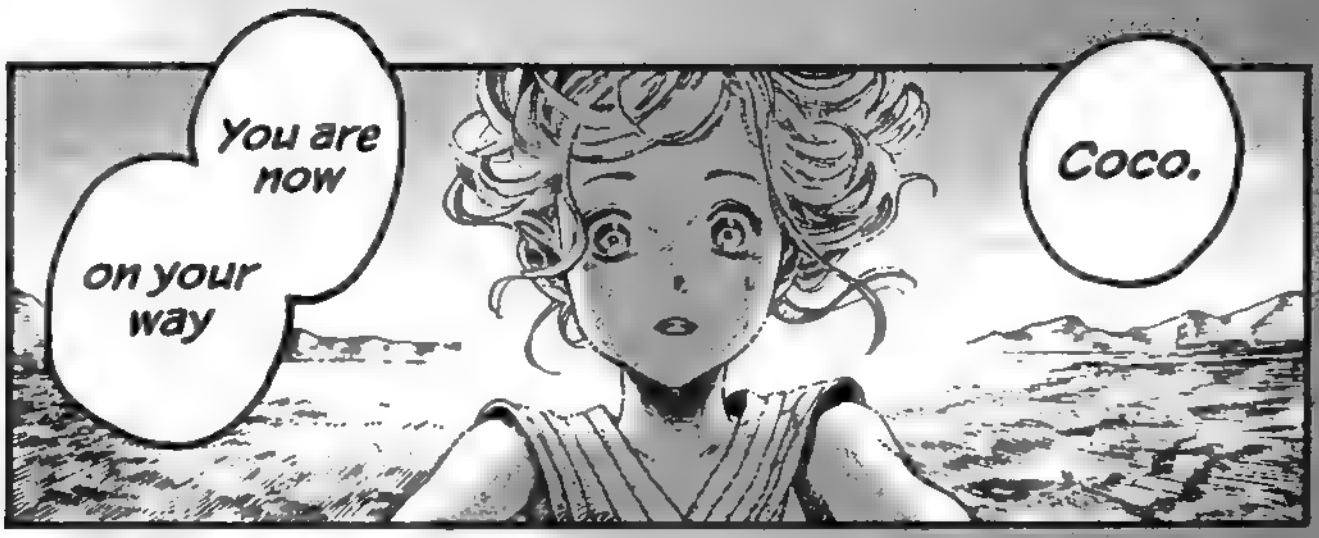
The special magic ink.
The chosen magic glyphs.
Any who hold them can use magic.
We witches absolutely must keep this secret.
I have to erase your memory.
You know too much.

Or you'll fall!
EYAA AAH! LET ME GOO OO!
H-hold on!
Quit mon-keying around!
Urgh!
THEN WHAT'S GONNA HAPPEN TO MOM?!
BUT IF I FOR-GET,
The picture book!
But I could tell you everything in the picture book like it was the back of my hand!
WHAM
BAM
WHAM
If I figure out what glyph it was, then I might know how to reverse it,
but if you don't remember, then... ouch! Ow!

Then if I erase her memory
I'll lose my only lead.
If that book is, as I fear, one of "theirs"...
GASP
If we find the same book
with the same magic glyphs...
Nnnngh
Which pages had drawings on them?
You remember what kind of book it was, yes?
and be able to save mom?
Then could we understand the original magic glyph

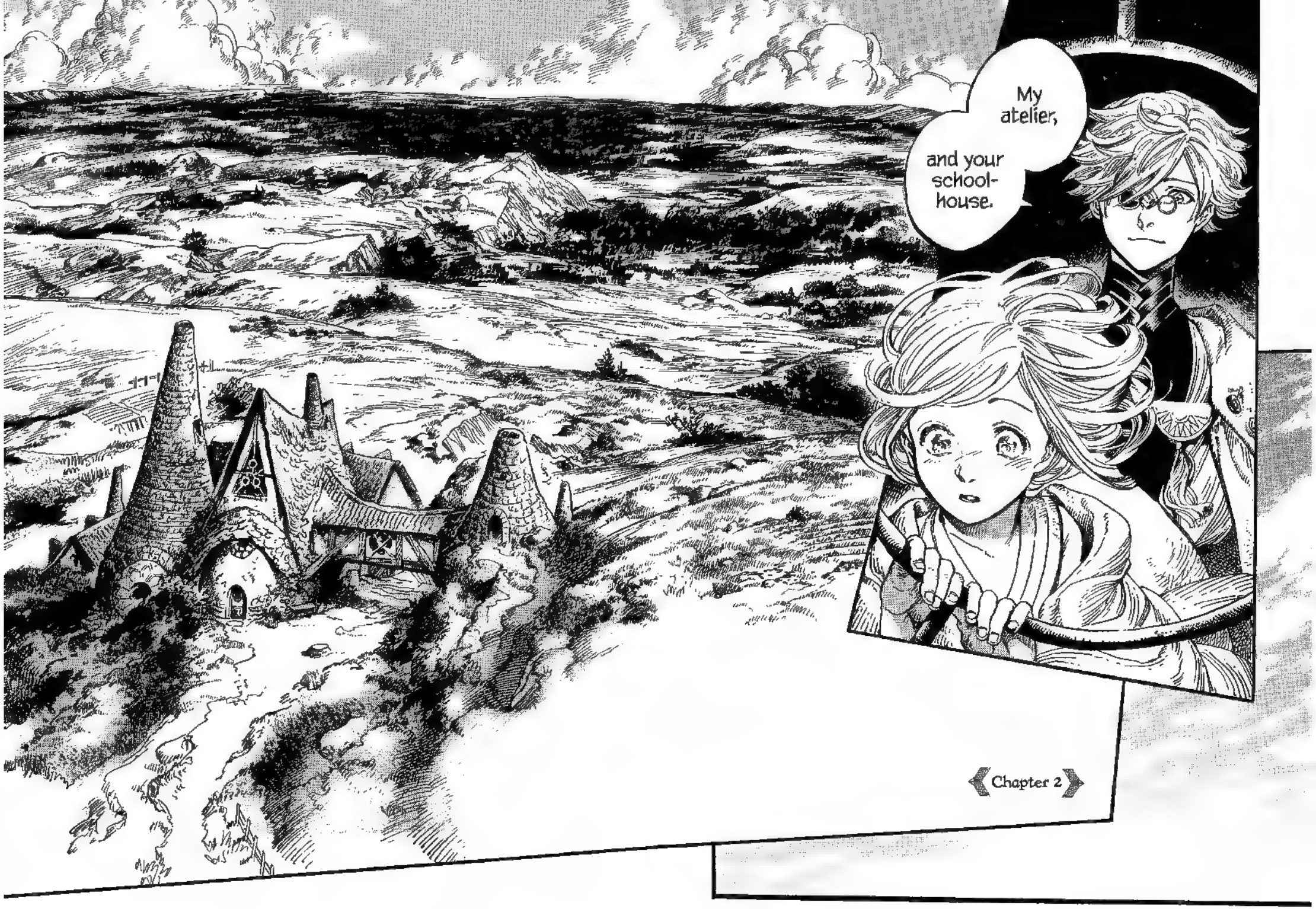
Mr. Qifrey!
It may be possible.
PLEASE, I'LL DO ANY-THING!
IF I CAN JUST SAVE MOM, I'LL DO ANY-THING!
PLEASE DON'T ERASE MY MEMORY!
I SWEAR I'LL FIND THAT BOOK!

To... learn?
You have the will to learn?
Of course!
You'll protect the secret?
If I can't erase the truth that you now know,
then I'll have you become one who keeps it a secret.
This is the only way I can safely leave your memory intact.

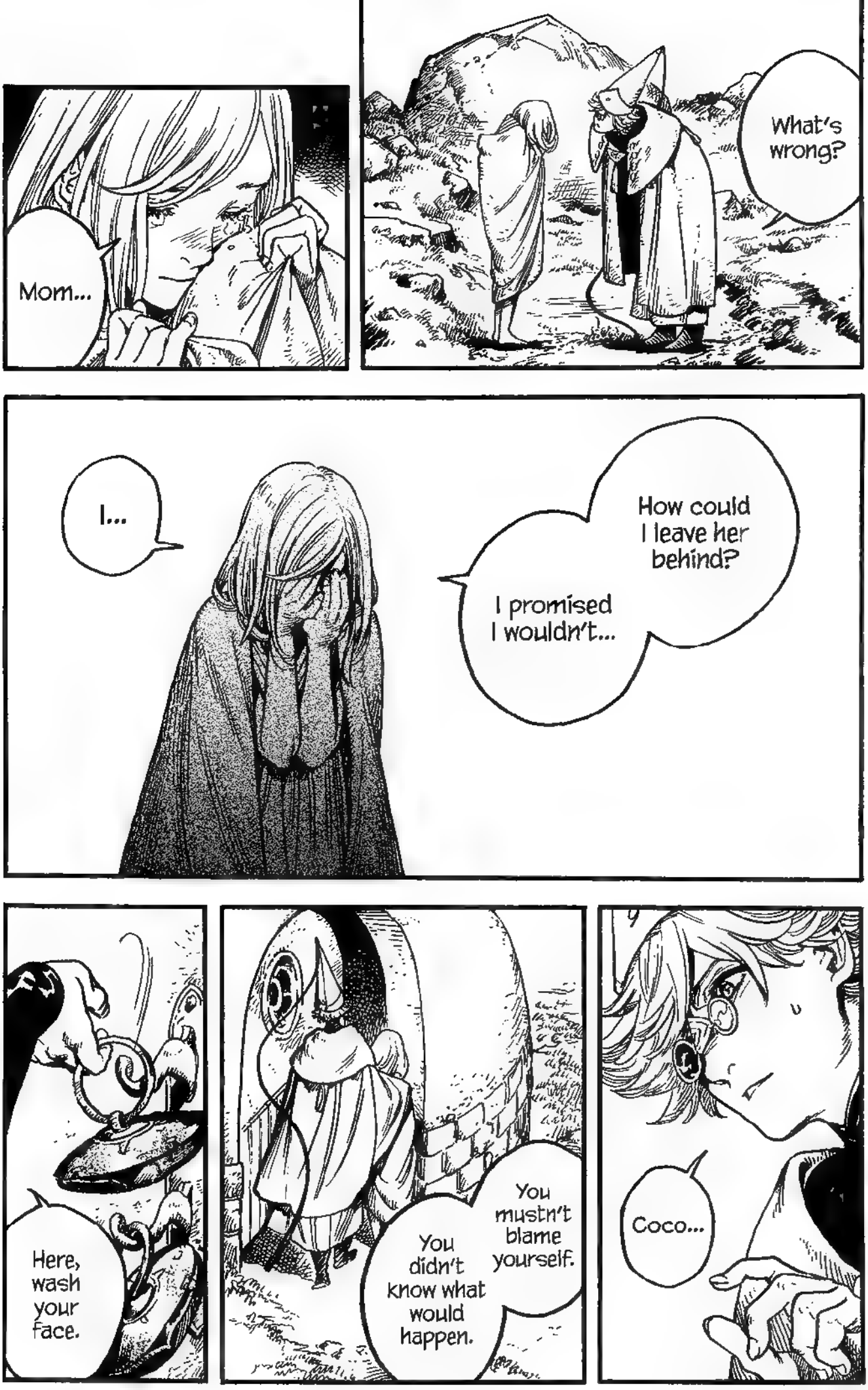

You are now on your way
Coco.

to becoming a witch.

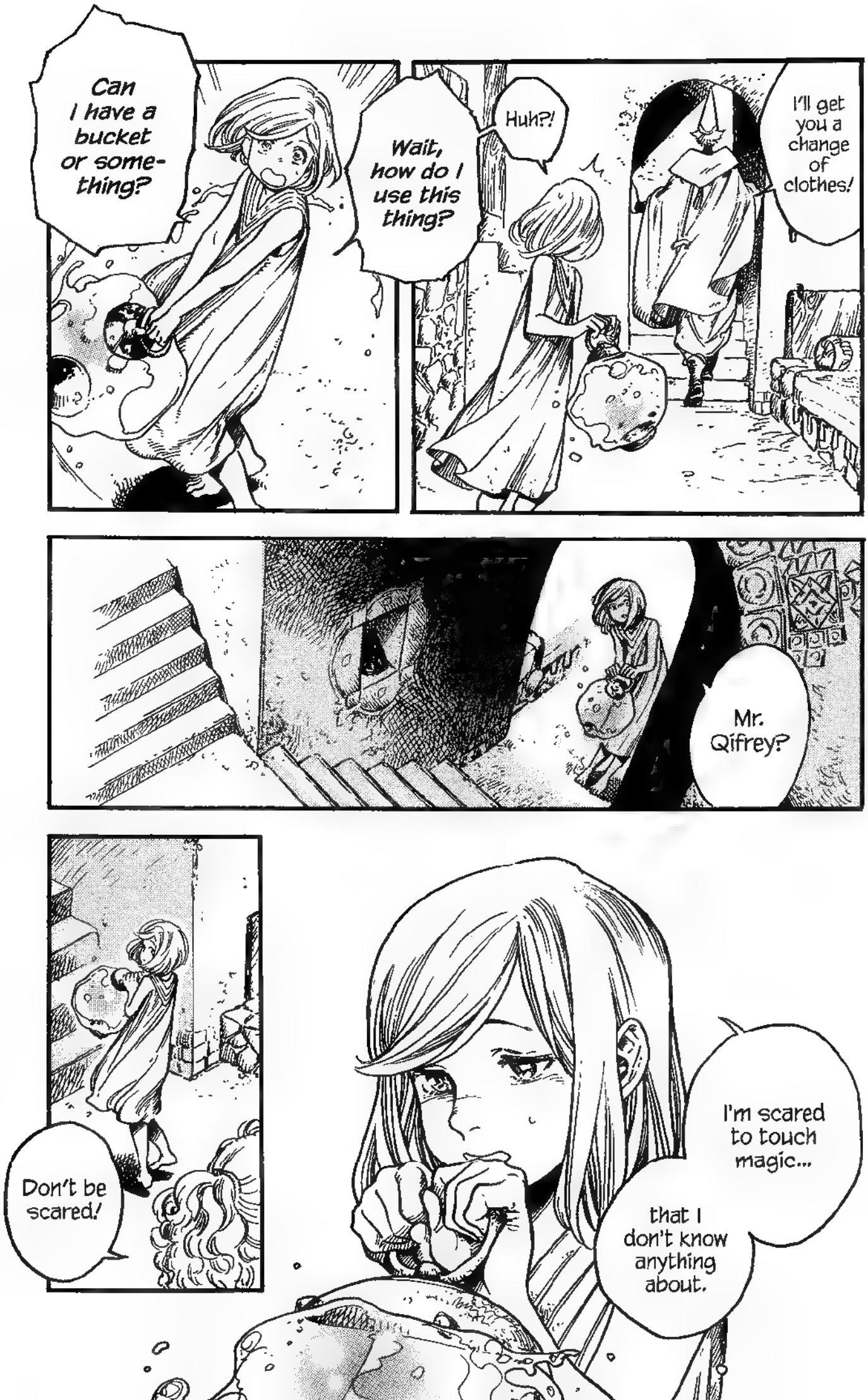
WHOOSH
Wind?
You're awake? I called a winged chariot for-hire.
Must've been cold in your nightgown up here in the sky.
But we'll be there soon.
Look, you can see it now.


My atelier,
and your schoolhouse.
Chapter 2

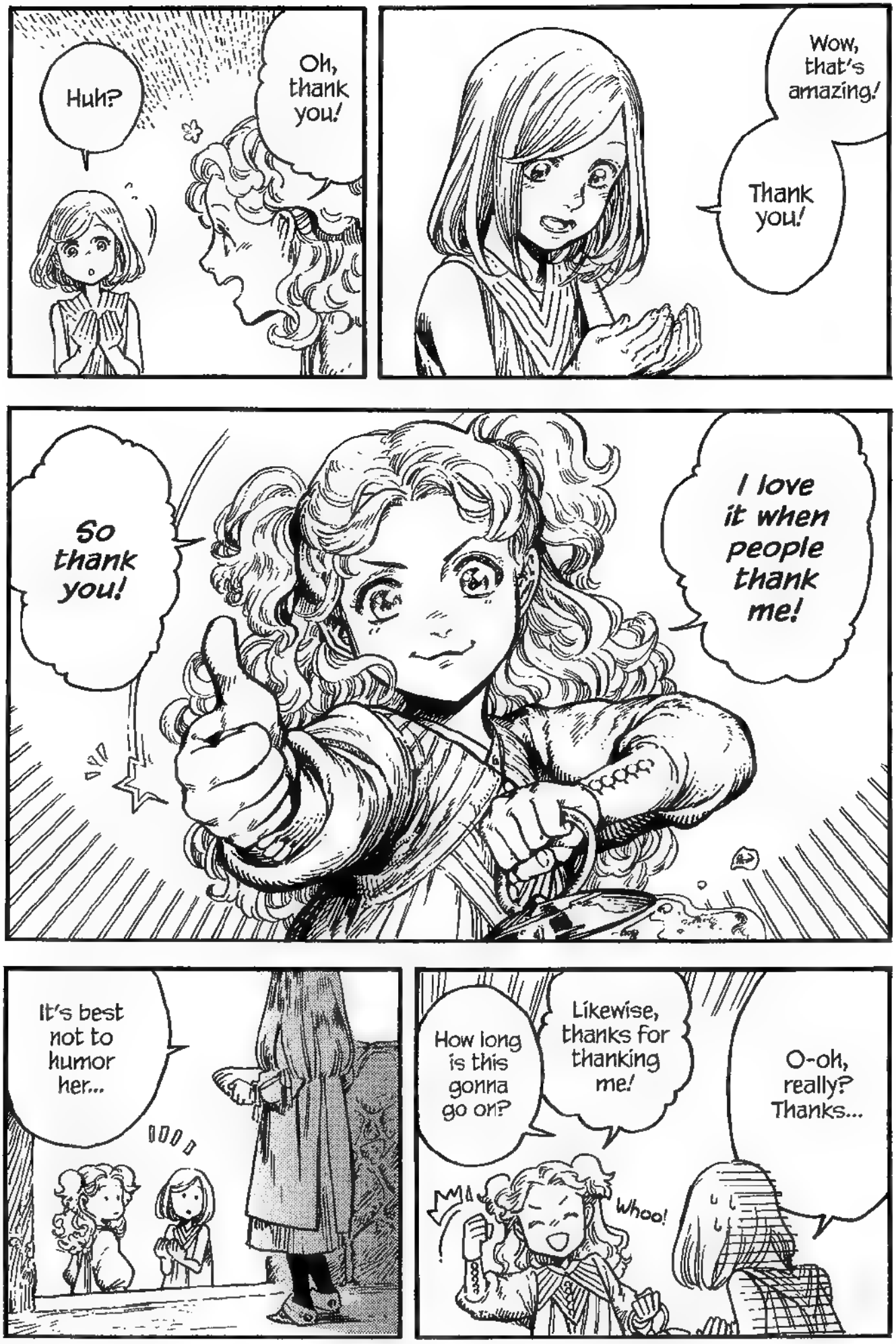
...stopping anyone from entering that house, fossilized by unknown magic.
They should grow quickly and perform their duty for us...
I scattered gatekeeper thorn seeds around your house.
Coco?
So...
Of course, you can't go back, either.


Mom...
What's wrong?
I...
How could I leave her behind?
I promised I wouldn't...
Here, wash your face.
You didn't know what would happen.
You mustn't blame yourself.
Coco...

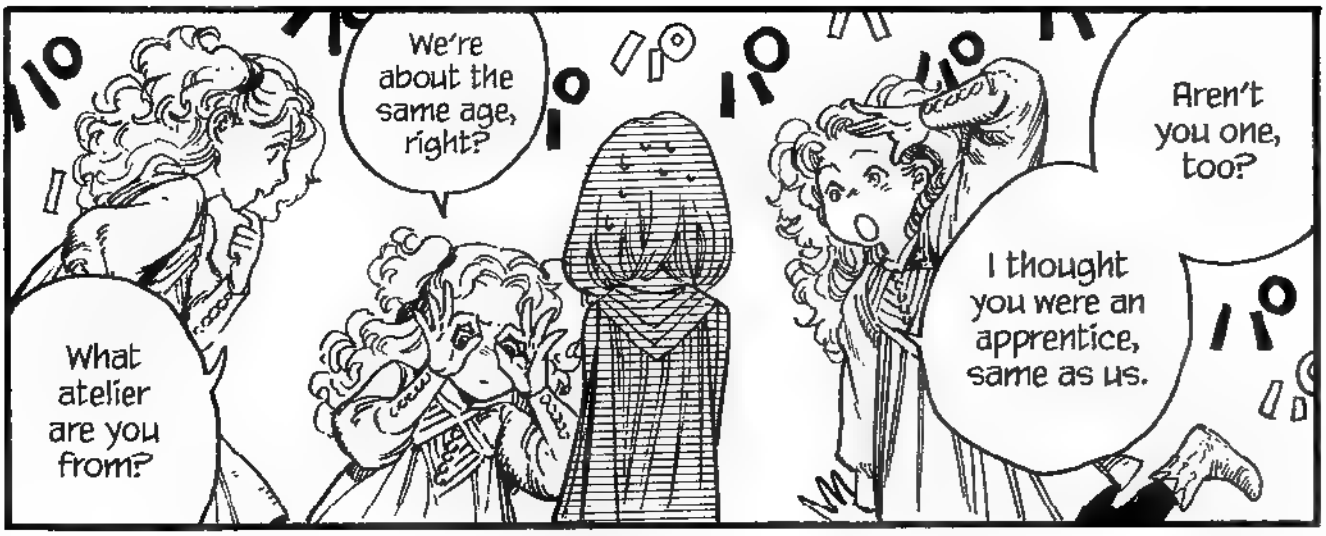
Once you've washed away your tears, lift your chin up and have a look!
Because this is where you'll be living from now on.
Um... This is?
It's water.
?
?
?
Oh!
Umm... but it's floating in a ball...
Completely slipped my mind!
BUB

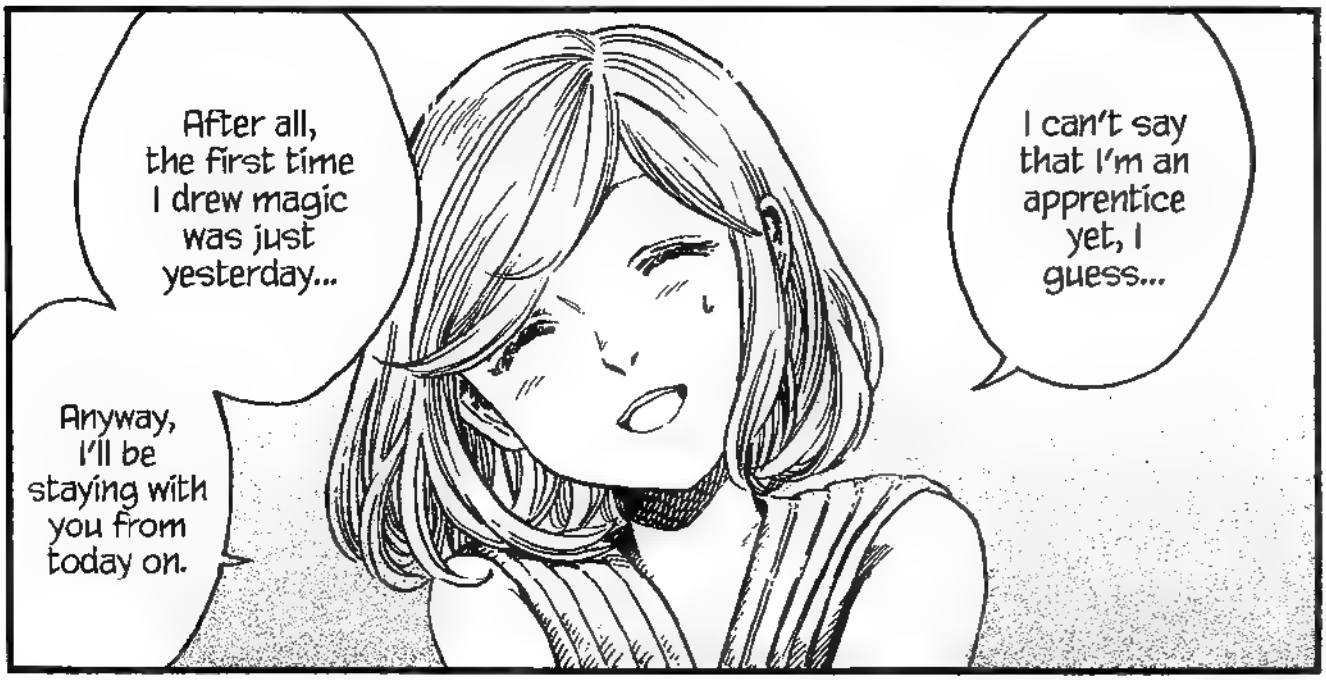

Can I have a bucket or some-thing?
Wait, how do I use this thing?
Huh?!
I'll get you a change of clothes!
Mr. Qifrey?
Don't be scared!
I'm scared to touch magic...
that I don't know anything about.

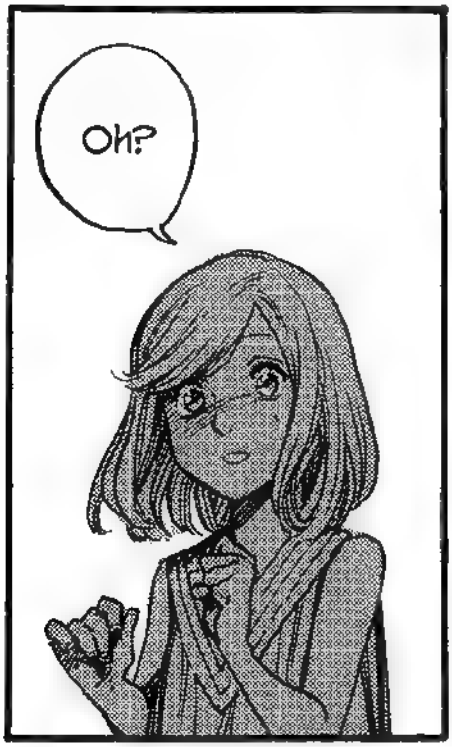
My name's Tetia. Want me to show you how to use it?
It's easy magic to work with.
You tilt the plate at the bottom, and it becomes a spout.
Glub Glub Glub
It's magic that draws moisture from the air.
This is a waterdrop buoy.
TMP


Huh?
Oh, thank you!
Wow, that's amazing!
Thank you!
So thank you!
I love it when people thank me!
It's best not to humor her...
How long is this gonna go on?
Likewise, thanks for thanking me!
Whoo!
O-oh, really? Thanks...

When Tetia gets noisy, just leave her be...
If you don't reply, she'll eventually quiet down...
You're awful, Riche!
I was just showing her the ropes.
"Leave her be"...
Oh.
Are you both witches?
We're apprentices!
Professor Qifrey's students!
Pens and ink.
Magic tools?


What atelier are you from?
We're about the same age, right?
I thought you were an apprentice, same as us.
Aren't you one, too?


After all, the first time I drew magic was just yesterday...
I can't say that I'm an apprentice yet, I guess...
Anyway, I'll be staying with you from today on.

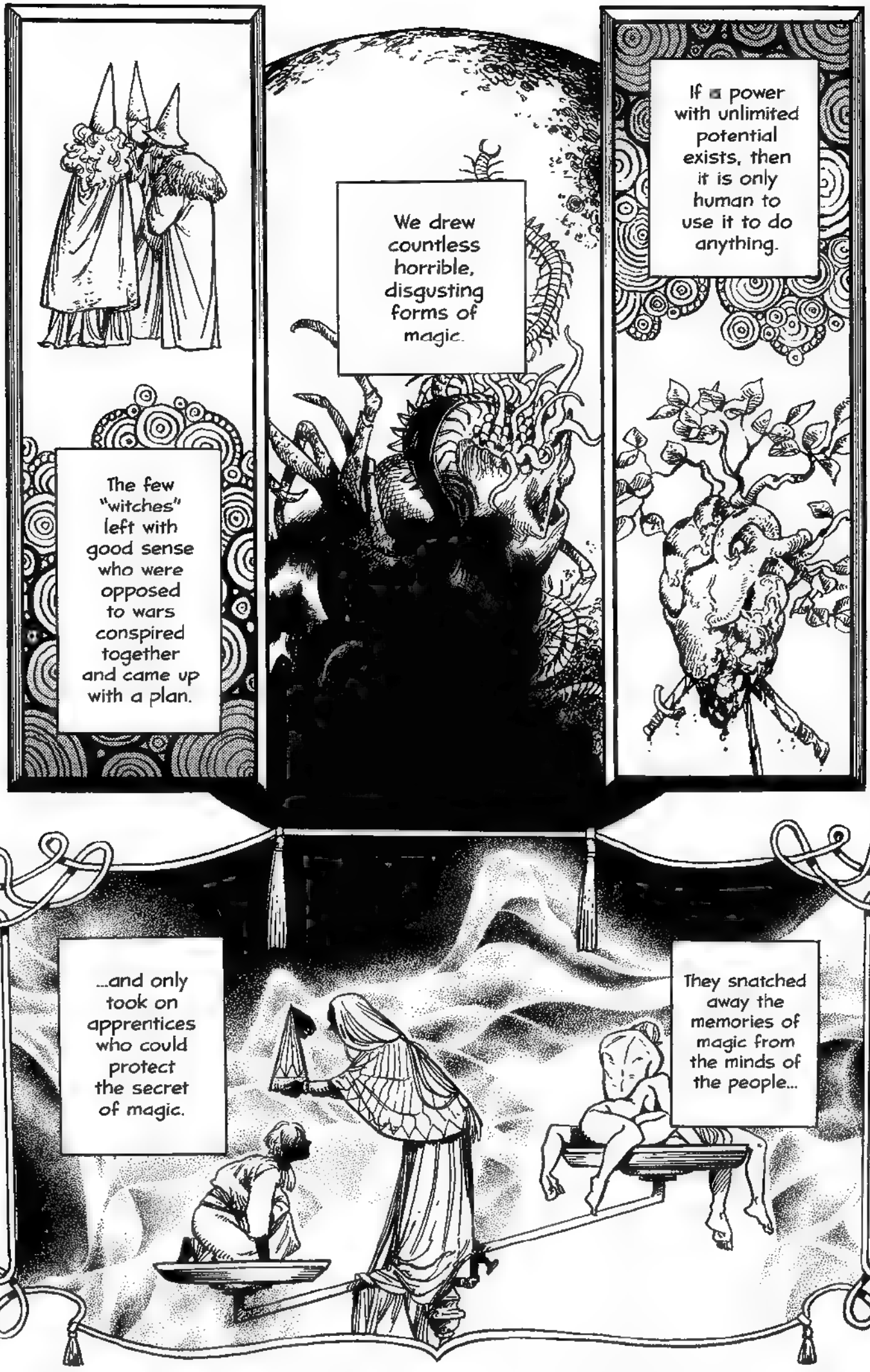

Oh?

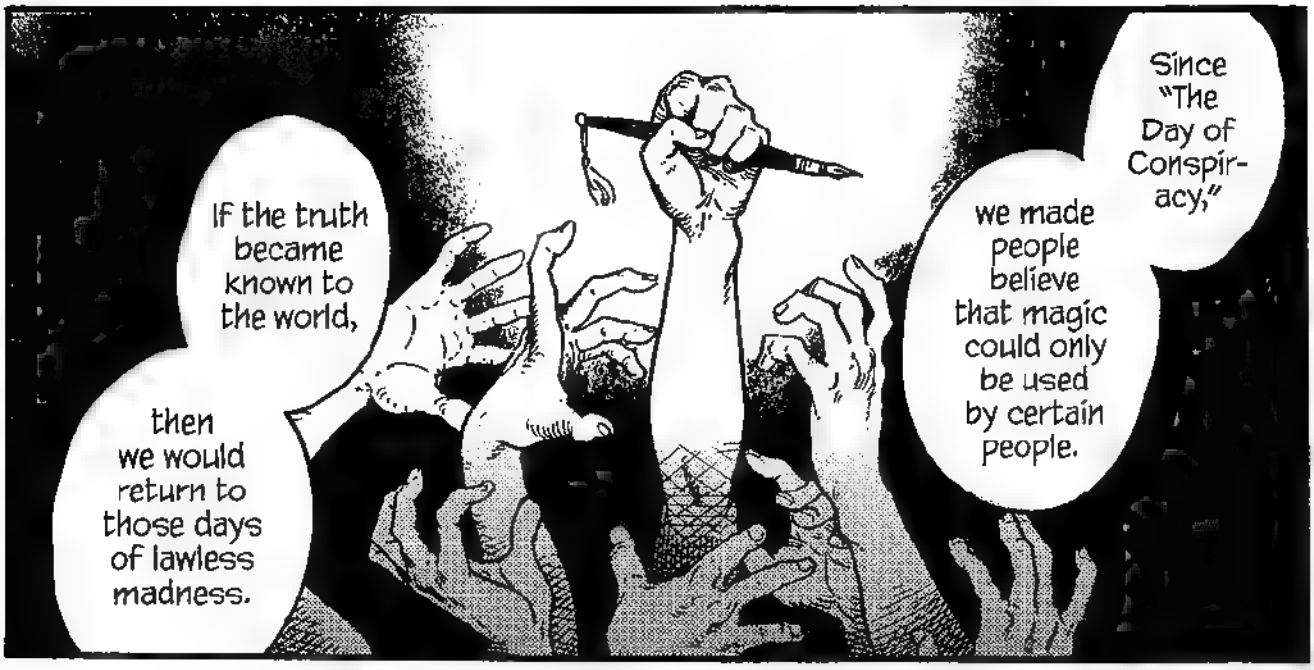
What?

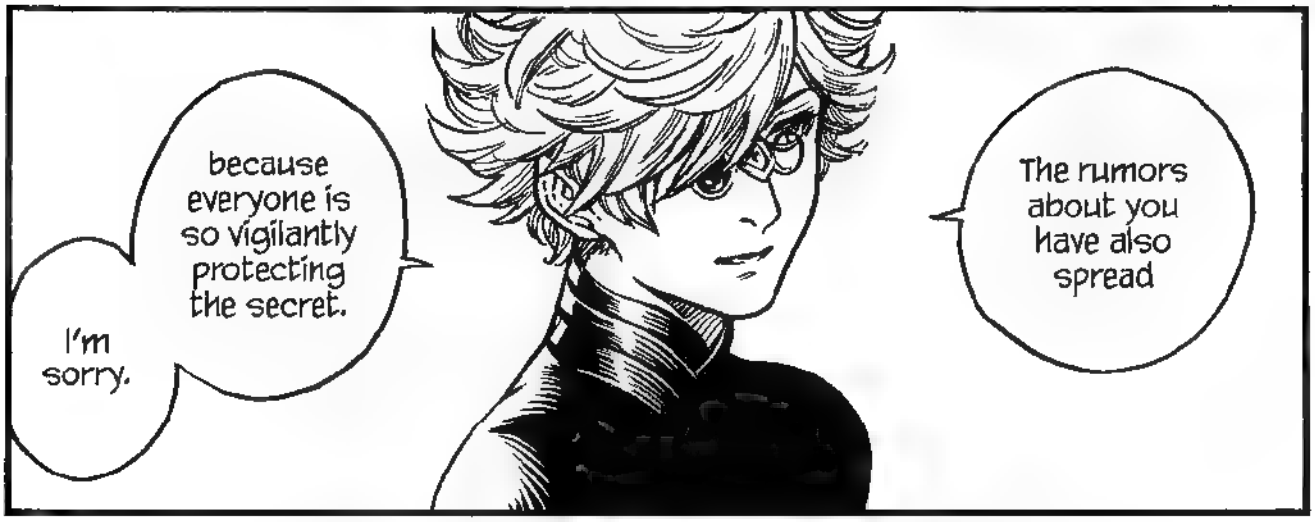
.....
We heard rumours...
Am I who?
No way...
are you... her?
One of the unknowing used forbidden magic...
...but didn't get her memory erased and was accepted as an apprentice.

Mr. Qifrey...
Are you okay?
JUMP
Coco.
Okaay!
Riche, Tetia, could you perhaps wait outside for just a bit?
Agete isn't here?
In the not so distant past, magic wasn't anything unusual.
Don't be afraid.
Let me explain.

As such, magic was something more familiar
Something that anyone, anywhere could use.
To draw magic, one has only ever needed a combination of the right shapes
and special ink.
But because of that...
....war after war broke out.


The few "witches" left with good sense who were opposed to wars conspired together and came up with a plan.
We drew countless horrible, disgusting forms of magic.
If ■ power with unlimited potential exists, then it is only human to use it to do anything.
...and only took on apprentices who could protect the secret of magic.
They snatched away the memories of magic from the minds of the people...


Since "The Day of Conspiracy,"
we made people believe that magic could only be used by certain people.
If the truth became known to the world,
then we would return to those days of lawless madness.


The rumors about you have also spread
because everyone is so vigilantly protecting the secret.
I'm sorry.

Grip
But, there's something else I'd like to know about...

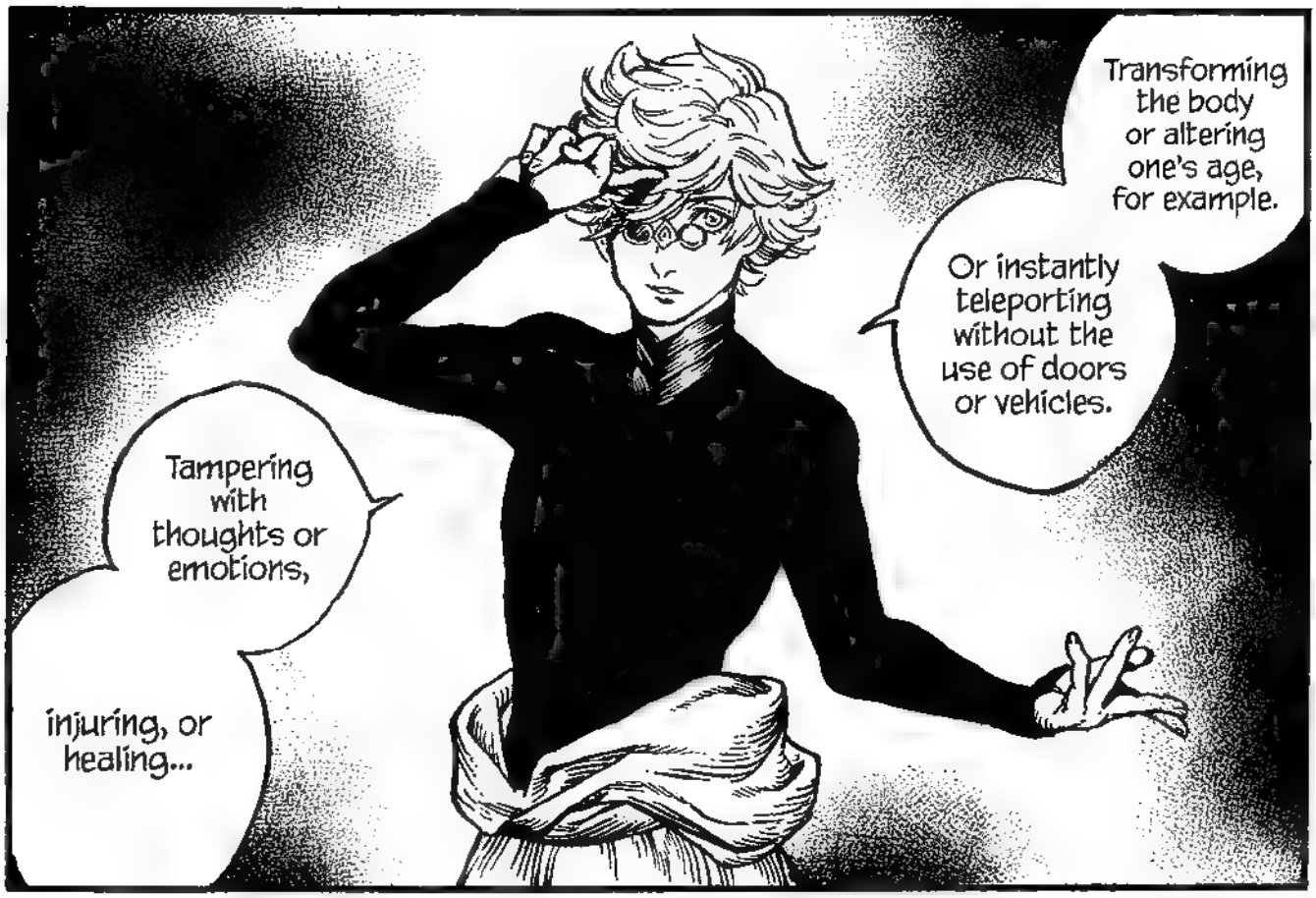
No, it's my own fault.

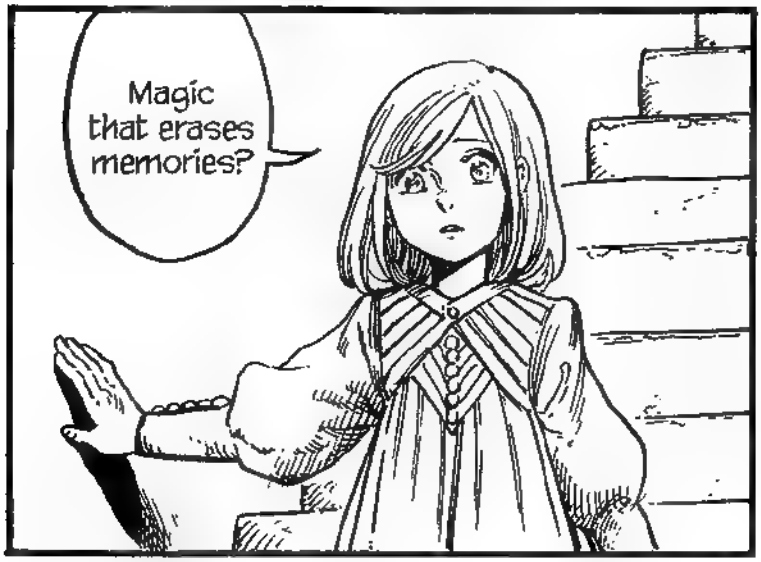
What is "forbidden magic"?

Magic that injures humans.
It's magic drawn during the wars that was forbidden by "The Day of Conspiracy"...
SHOOP
I want to learn everything I can about magic!
Teach me, please!
Teach me about forbidden magic...
Teach me everything!

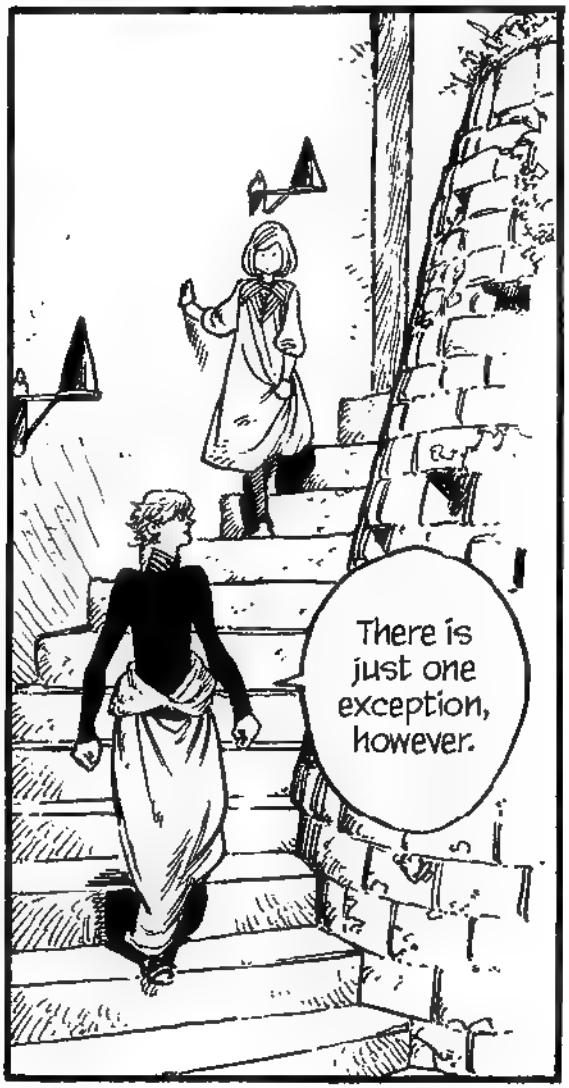
I'm too scared like this.
If I don't know anything,
I can't do anything!
Here, come with me.
Normally, I'd tell you not to be in a rush, but that's a hard thing to say to you.

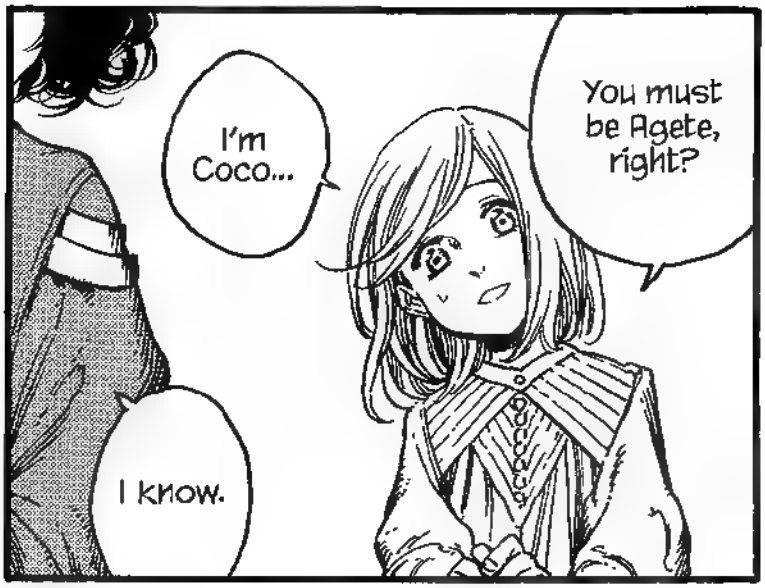
There are so many forbidden magic spells that I couldn't tell you about all of them...
...but there is basically one simple rule.
...is absolutely forbidden at all times.
Casting magic upon the human body itself...

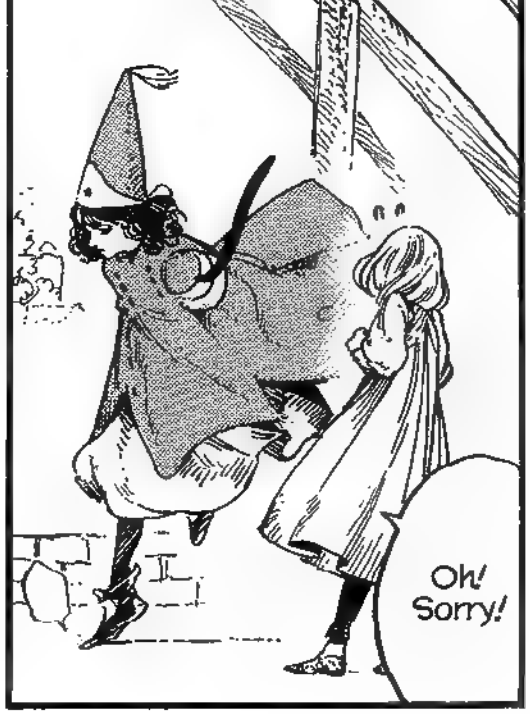

Transforming the body or altering one's age, for example.
Or instantly teleporting without the use of doors or vehicles.
Tampering with thoughts or emotions,
injuring, or healing...


Magic that erases memories?

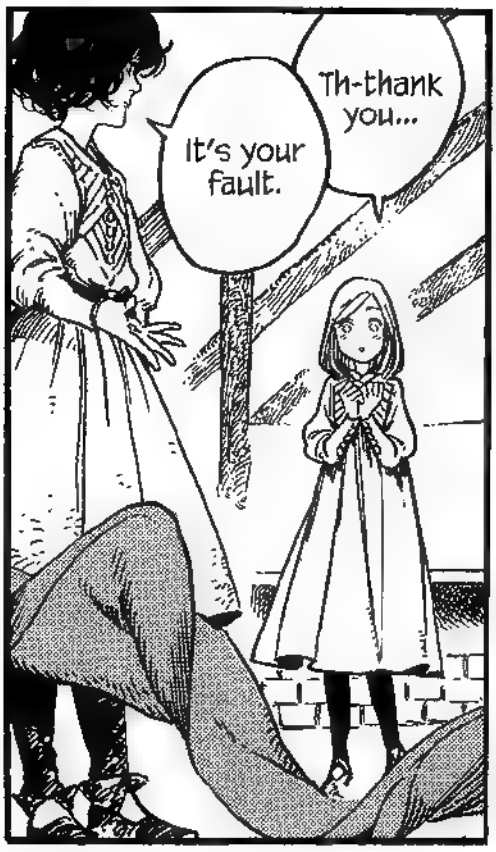
Spot on.


There is just one exception, however.


You must be Agete, right?
I'm Coco...
I know.


Oh! Sorry!

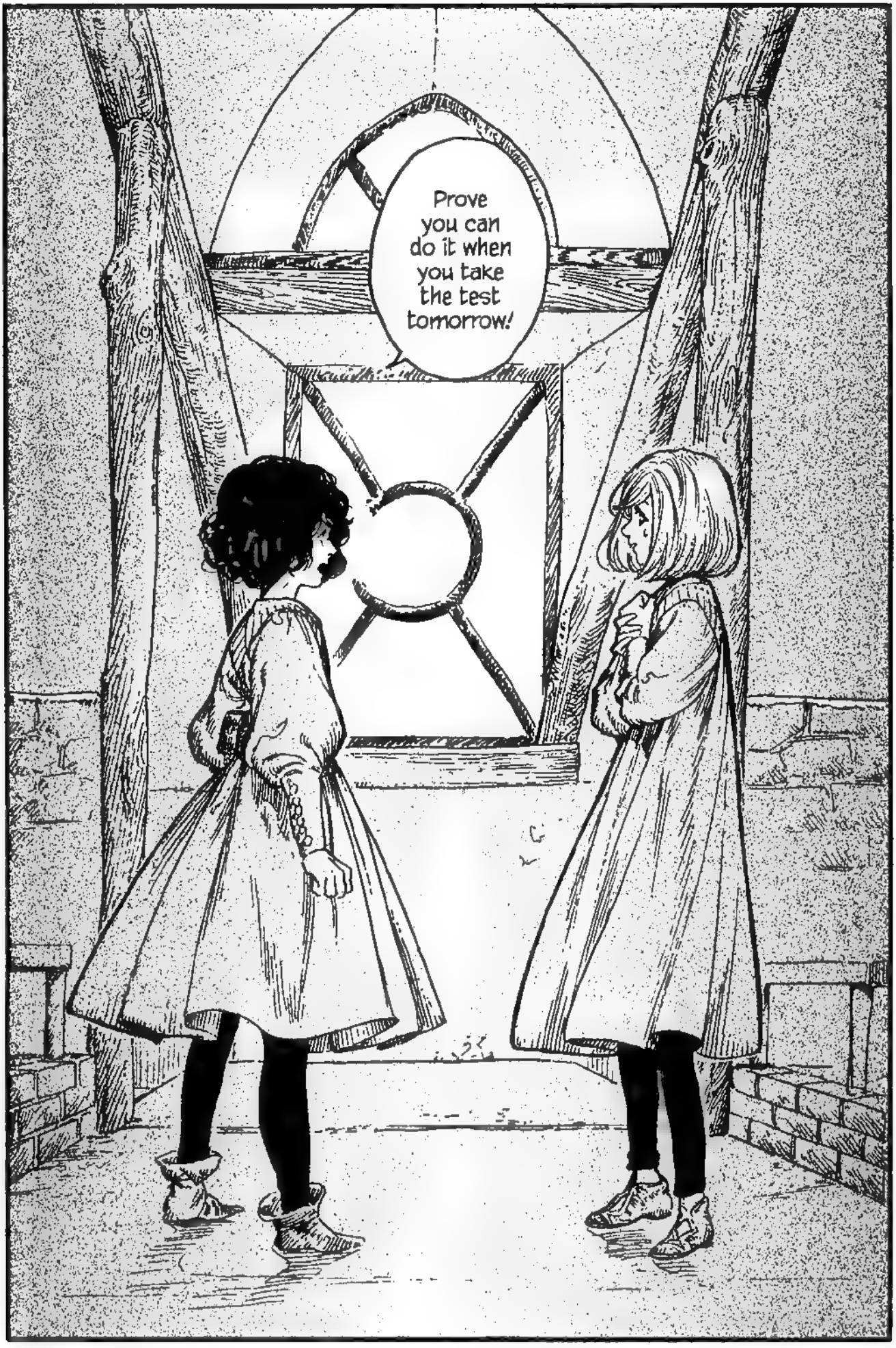
The unknowing one that everyone's talking about.
I heard you're the new sister apprentice.


Th-thank you...
It's your fault.

It's a pity what happened to your mother.
!

she'll never be human again.
!
PUSH
Don't say that like it's easy.
so I can save her...
I came here to become a witch
Grip

For as long as I can remember, I've been drawing glyphs. I've been doing it so long my fingers are stained black.
I passed the test and then finally became an apprentice.
It was only after that was I allowed to enroll.
An unknowing girl like you
can't hope to compare.
But I...
I WAS ABLE TO DRAW MAGIC BEFORE!
SO I WON'T KNOW UNLESS I TRY!
Then...
prove it!



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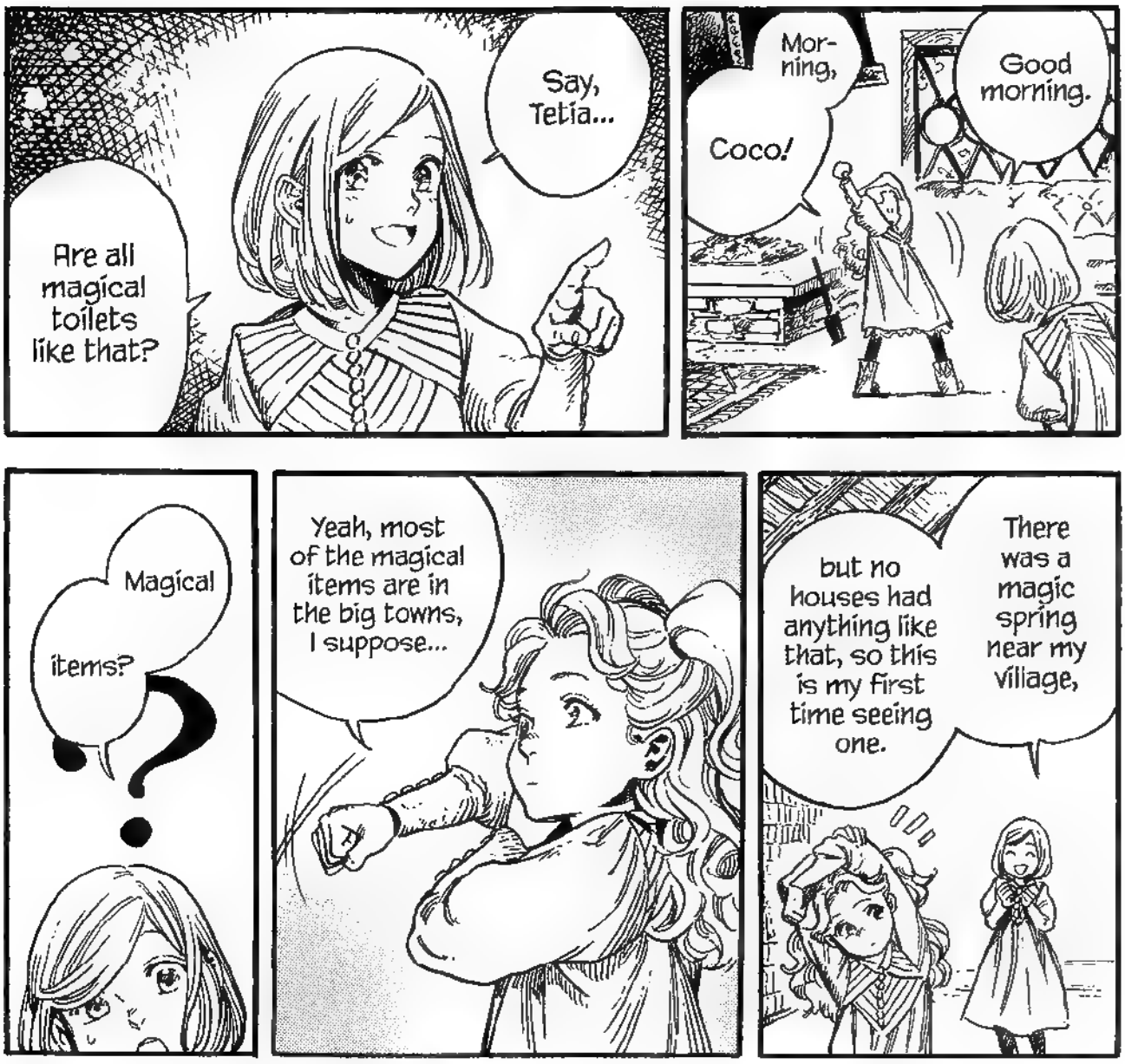
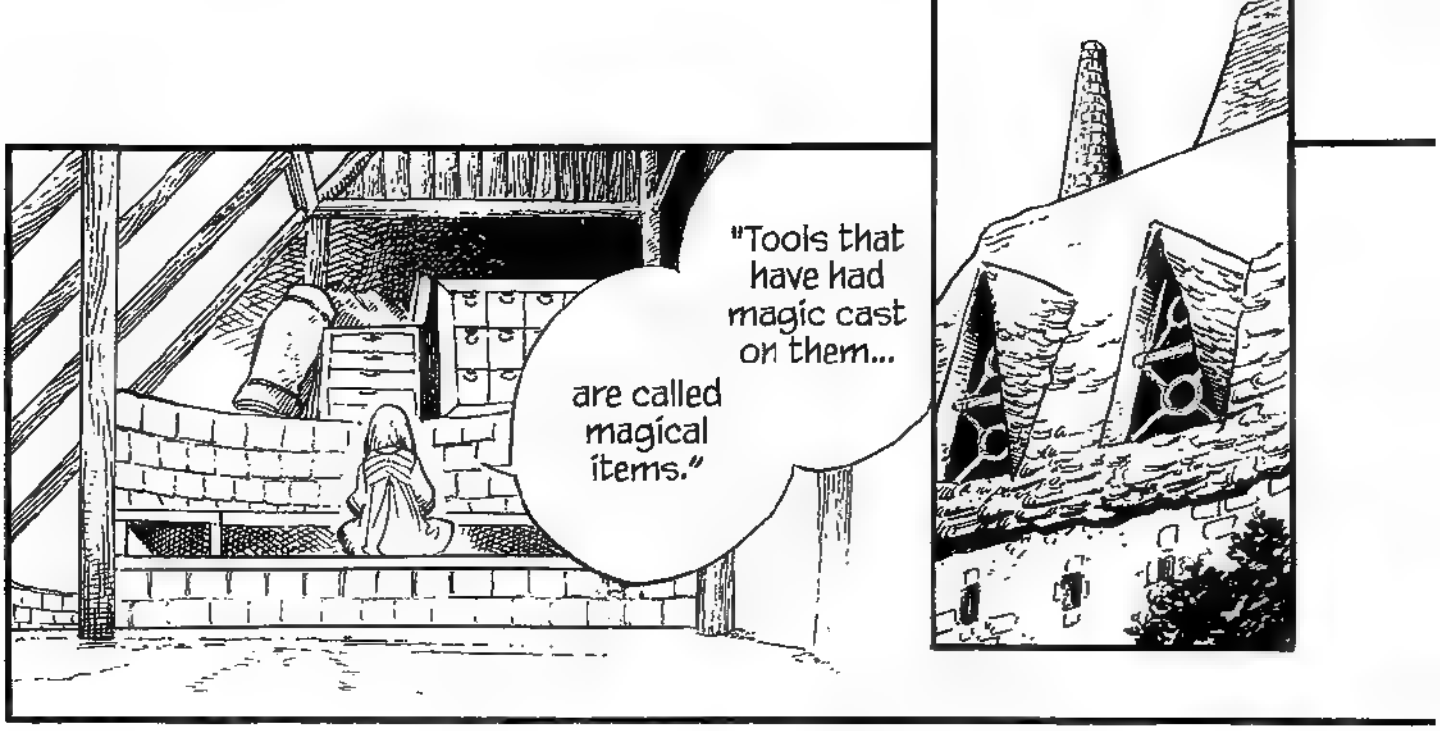
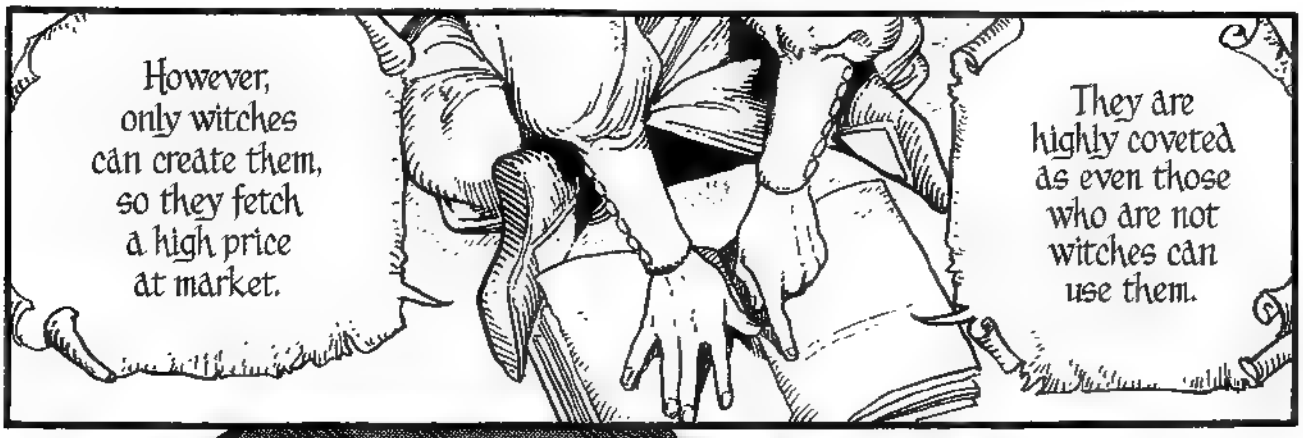
Chapter 3

FLUSH...

Sorry. It's all yours.
Are you still in there?
Coco?
knock knock
It vanished into the abyss...
It...


Say, Tetia...
Are all magical toilets like that?
Mor-ning, Coco!
Good morning.
Magical items?
Yeah, most of the magical items are in the big towns, I suppose...
but no houses had anything like that, so this is my first time seeing one.
There was a magic spring near my village,
Oh.
Pomf
Oh, sorry! I've got errands to do...
I'll lend you a book, and you can read all about it!
If you don't mind, can you tell me more?


"Tools that have had magic cast on them...
are called magical items."

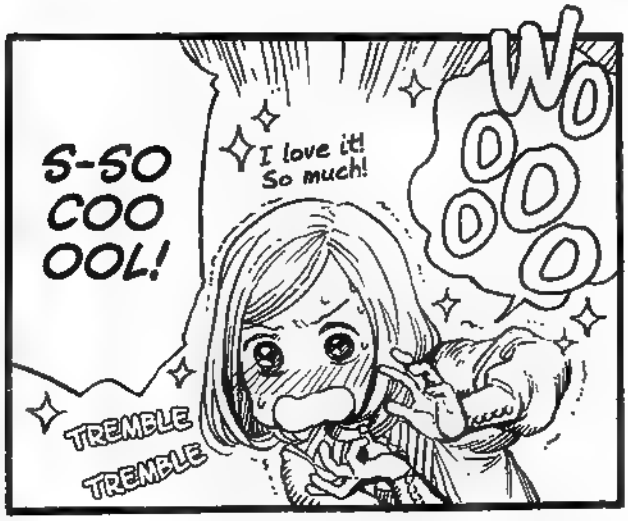

However, only witches can create them, so they fetch a high price at market.
They are highly coveted as even those who are not witches can use them.

"It is forbidden to create magical items until after one becomes a disciple by taking and passing the witch test."
Ah... a test?
The test you have to take to become a disciple...
Is this the test that Agete was talking about?

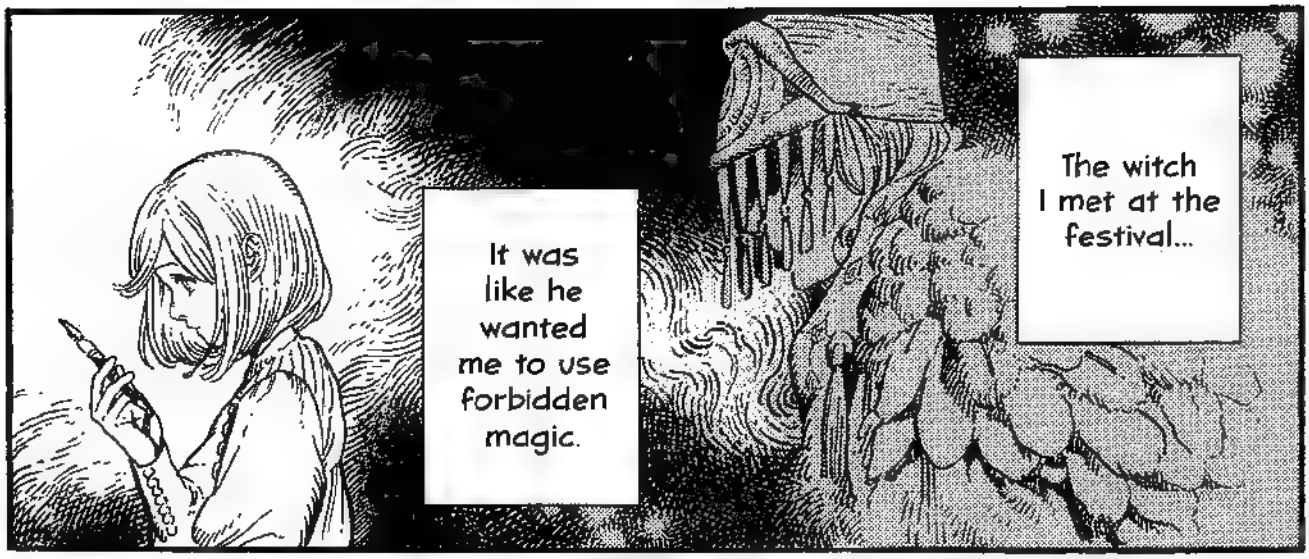
What's not written there?
Eep!
SLAM
But there's nothing specific written here about the test or what it involves...
What's this?
Books are no replace-ment for hands-on learning!
There's lots about magic you won't find written in books.
Tools for drawing magic.
Your supplies.

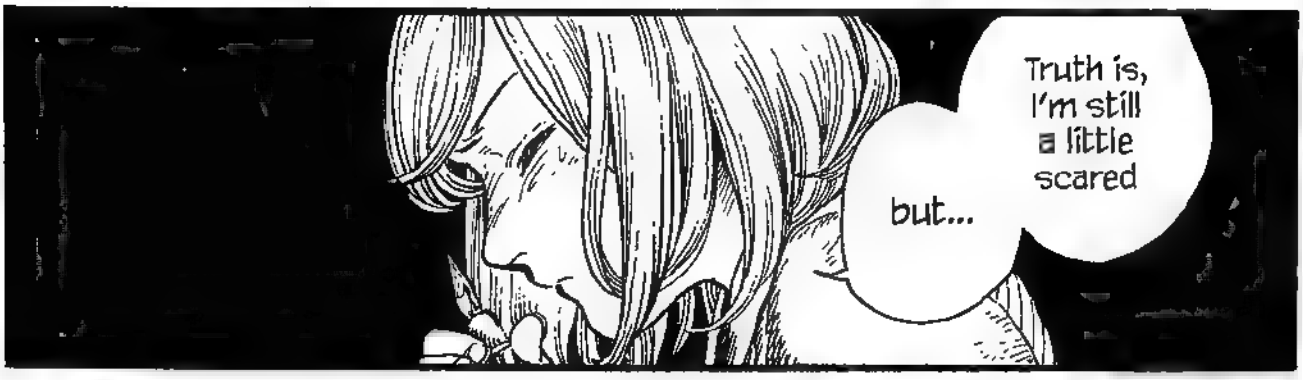
Magic Wand
The nib of this otherwise apparently normal pen is changed often.
Mortar
Used to grind ingredients that are mixed with the magic ink when casting special magic.
Sap Wand
Made of hardened sap. Although it can draw directly on trees or rocks, it will rub off easily.
Magic Ink
Only ink made from a special base known as "sap" can be used for magic
Magic Circle Notebook
A magic glyph notebook that you can use in the palm of your hand. Convenient when you want to secretly hide what you write.

the free wand I got.
just like

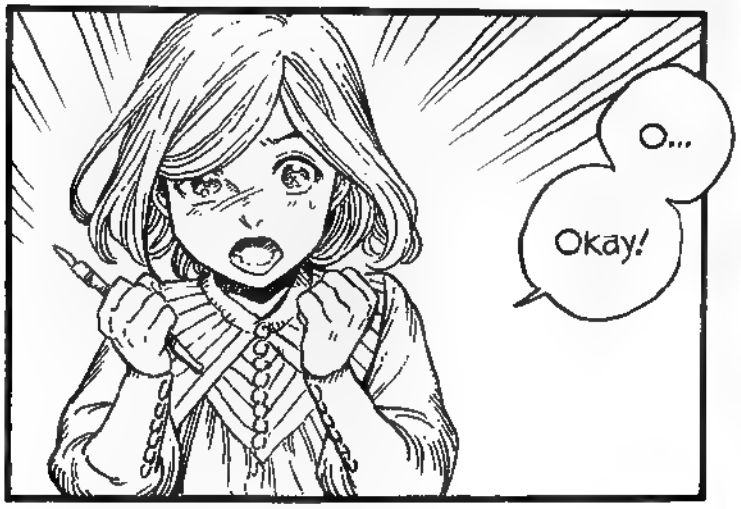

S-SO COO OOL!
I love it! So much!
WOOOO
TREMBLE
TREMBLE

Oh, this is...


The witch I met at the festival...
It was like he wanted me to use forbidden magic.

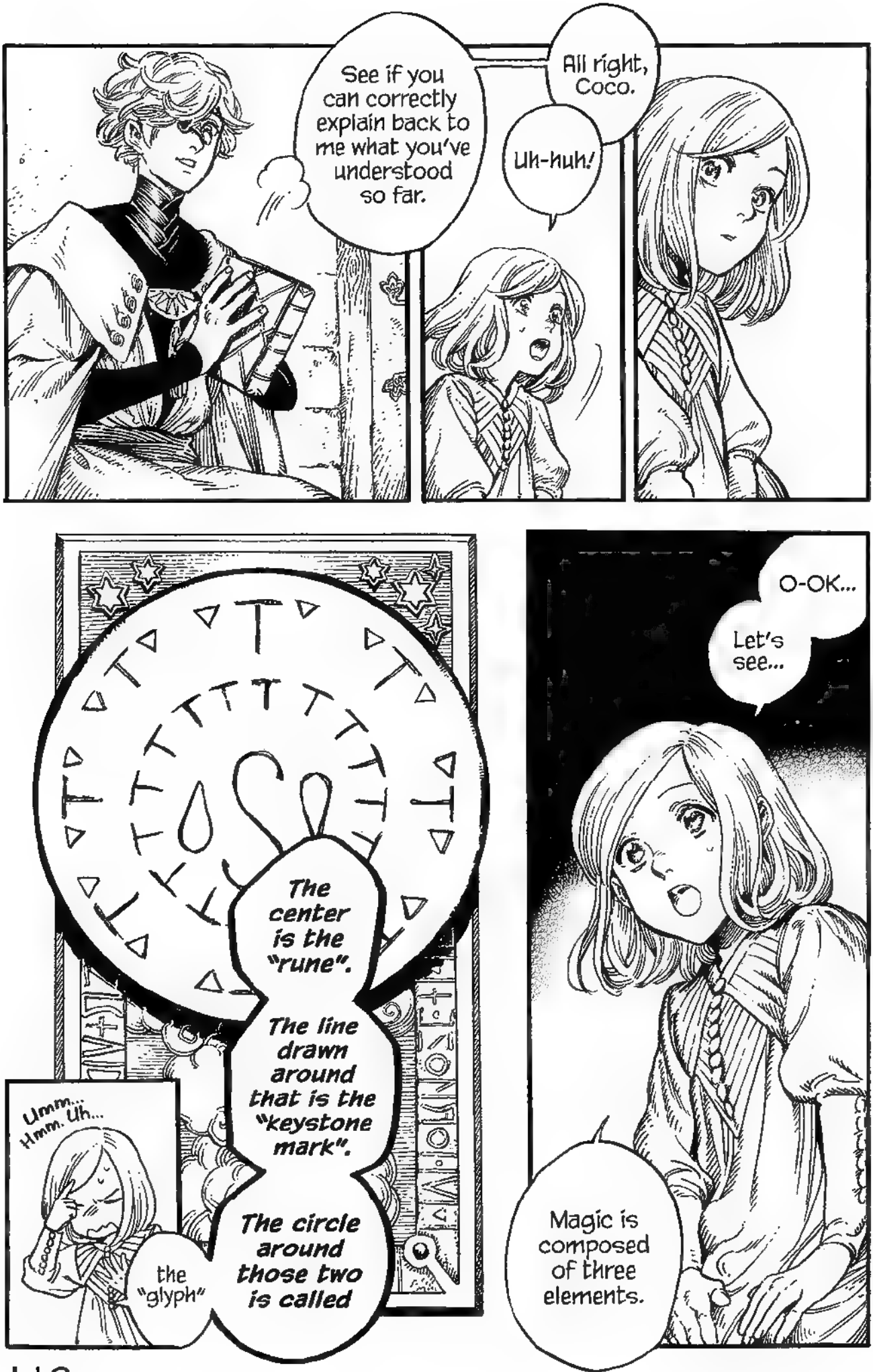

Truth is, I'm still a little scared
but...

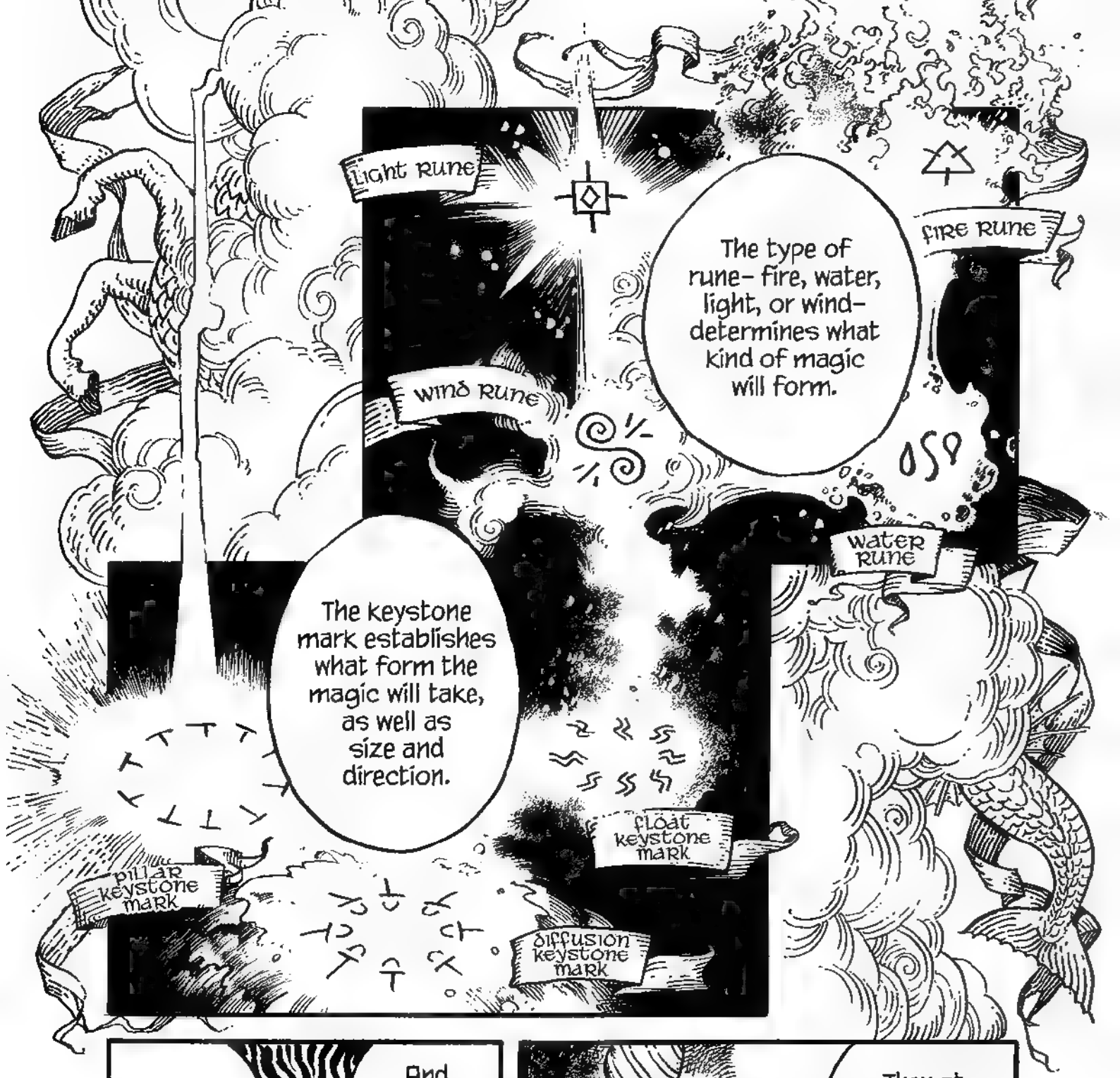
Well,
give it a go,
Coco.


O...
Okay!

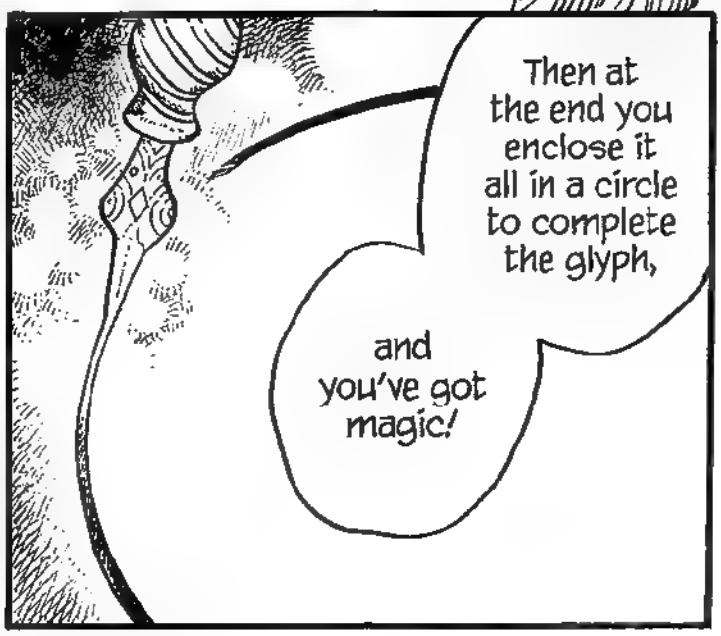
Mom... I'll turn you back no matter what!

A little while later...
K.O.
...thing about using Ginrin of Zoza or Juket is that within the item...
I FELT LIKE I WAS GOING TO DROWN...
JUST... A SEA OF WORDS I DIDN'T KNOW.
BUT THAT FELT LIKE...
Umm...
Want to take a break?
Are you okay, Coco?
I... I'M FINE.
Sorry. This is my first time teaching a student who has no background whatsoever in magic.


See if you can correctly explain back to me what you've understood so far.
All right, Coco.
Uh-huh!
O-OK...
Let's see...
Magic is composed of three elements.
The center is the "rune".
The line drawn around that is the "keystone mark".
The circle around those two is called
Umm... Hmm. Uh...
the "glyph"


Light Rune
Wind Rune
The type of rune- fire, water, light, or wind- determines what kind of magic will form.
Fire Rune
Water Rune
The keystone mark establishes what form the magic will take, as well as size and direction.
Pillar keystone mark
Float keystone mark
Diffusion keystone mark

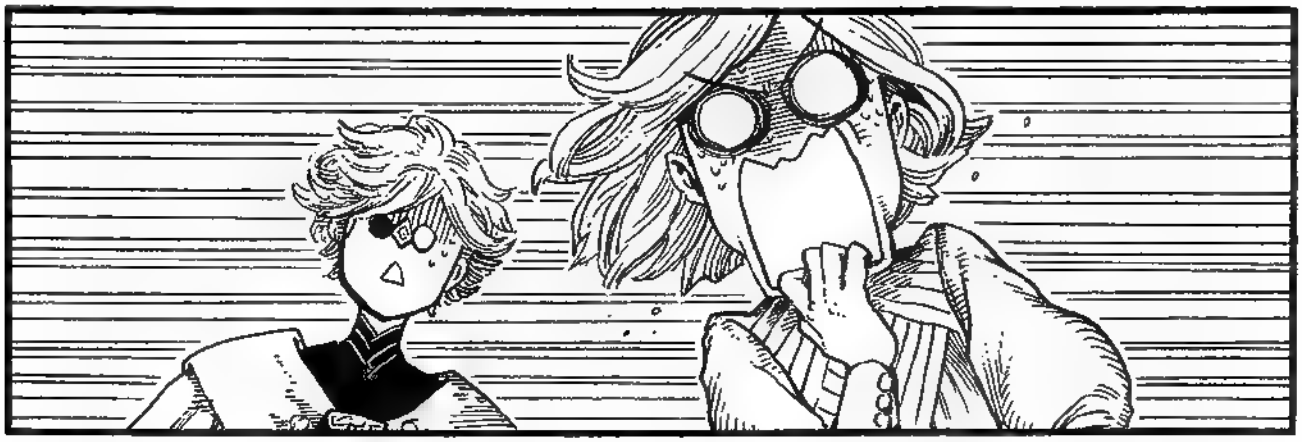
But you were able to explain it!
And that's all I can remember...
Wobble
Wobble

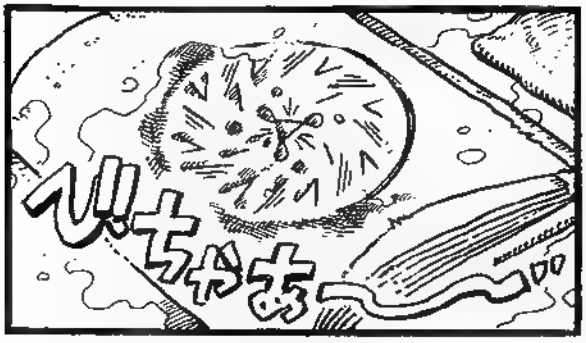

Then at the end you enclose it all in a circle to complete the glyph,
and you've got magic!

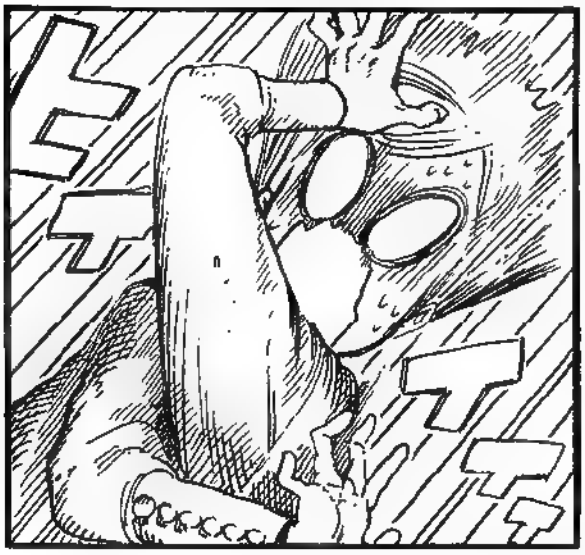
If you understand it, you can master it.
When you master it...
SUSH
SUSH
Things you have memorized may soon fade,
but words you've understood and spoken soak into your very body.
You can do this sort of thing, too.

.....
Whee
Scratch Scratch Scratch
?!
Crumple
Great! That's the spirit!
I'm gonna give it a go!
I...
I CAN'T BEAR TO SEE MINE NEXT TO THAT BEAUTIFUL FLOWER MADE OF WATER!
SO BAD...
THE LINES ARE ALL SHAKY AND MESSY!
Swipe
No throwing it away!
No! No!
It's awful!
AUGH! IT'S SO BAD!

No magic will form if there's a break like this.
See, look here. The glyph isn't completely closed.
It's only natural. You're just starting out.
But there are elements that you should pay more attention to.
But you'll get used to them soon enough and be galloping around freely!
Like a newborn horse that's trying to stand up for the first time.
People's hands are always unsteady when they first use a new tool.
So connect the line
and see what kind of magic f-
BWSH







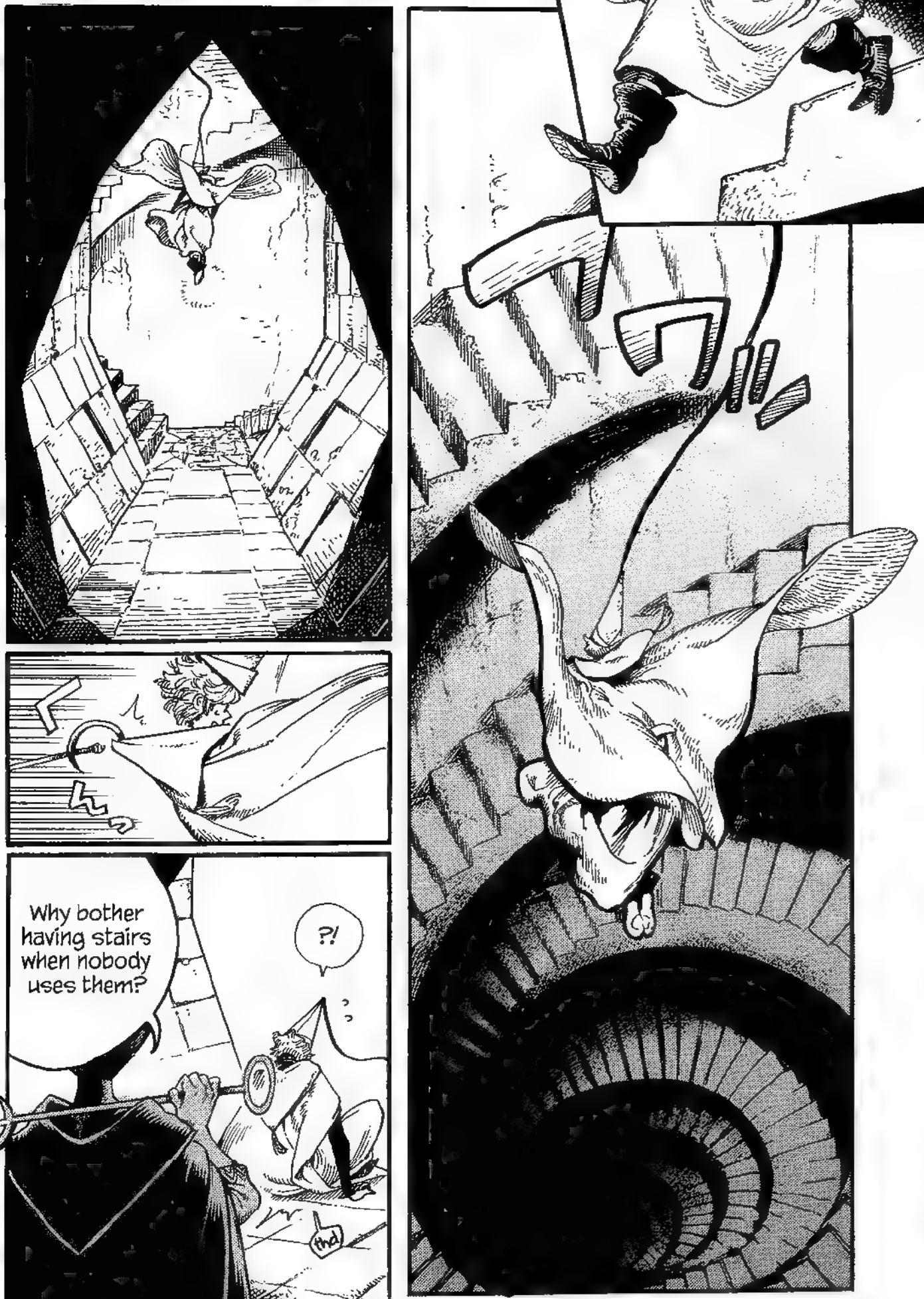
SORRY! I'M SO SORRY!
THAT WASN'T ON PUR-POSE!
S-
Spin
Spin
Spin
Spin
Spin

Calm down, Coco.
Sorry, Agete. Are you all right?
I'LL DRY IT!
I'm sorry!
ばふんこ
ばふんこ
ばふんこ
ポロ
ポロ
Actually, could I please take a look at Coco's glyph?
Oh. Sure.
I don't mind.
I'm fine, Professor.
Yeah. This is why.
Look.

This keystone mark is longer than the rest.
That's what caused the water to shoot out from this side.
Splendid.
A very precise analysis.
Here, a towel.
Good.
Looks like I can safely leave Coco in your hands, Agete.

Please look after Coco while I'm away.
I'm going to be away for two or three days at the Witch Auditorium.
What?!
Profes-sor...
Shiver
Wait, please! I...
Tap Tap
You can learn a lot from your sister disciples.
Watch Agete and study hard, Coco.

Now, Coco.
I said I don't mind.
Stop apologizing.
Um... I'm really sorry, I...
The time for halfhearted studies is over.
Um...
Already?!
Your test begins!

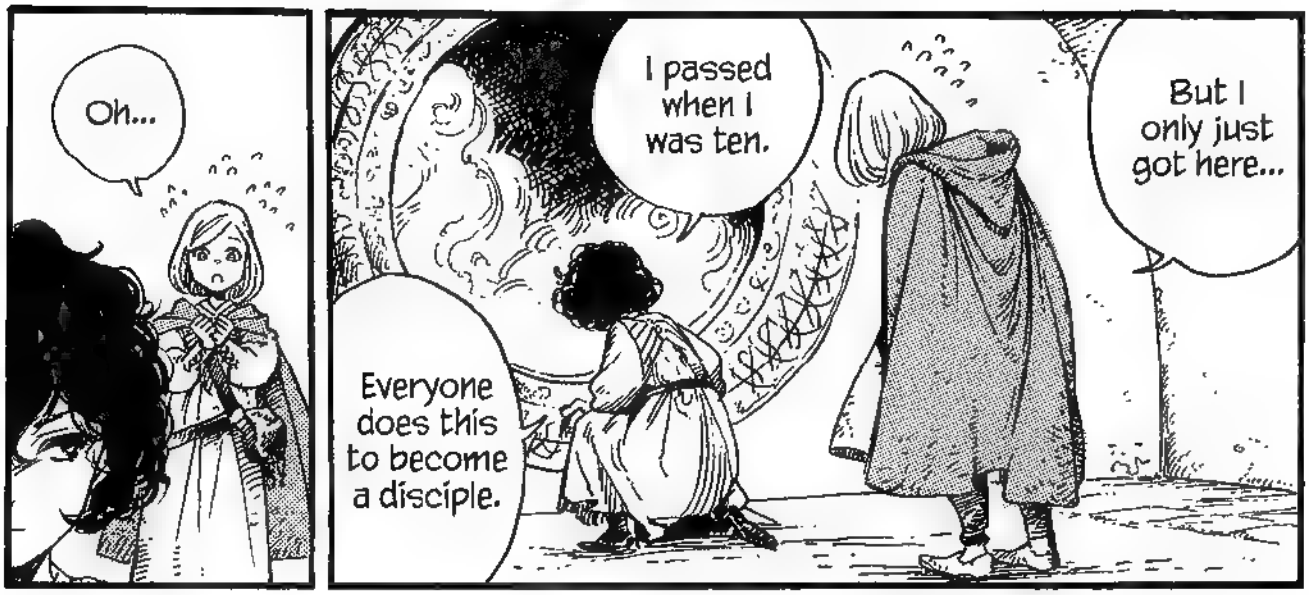

Why bother having stairs when nobody uses them?
?!
thd

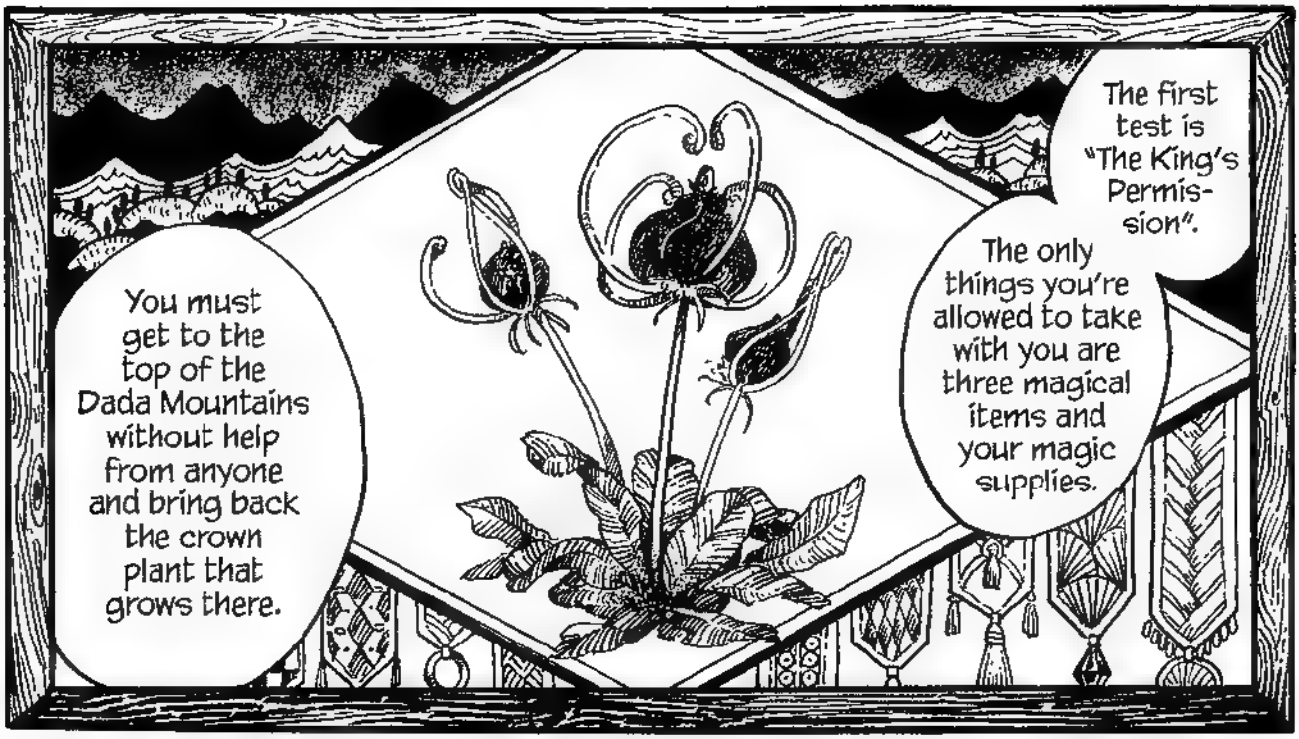
...you problem child.
It's been a long time since you set foot on the "seafloor"
That was a long time ago, Alaira.
Well, it might be connected, right?
Already? Rumor travels fast.
I hear you have a new disciple!
Seems like you're still trying to cause trouble, eh?
We'll see about that...

...To the Brimmed Hat Group.
!
It's been four years since forbidden magic was last used.
This is an important clue... one you would want to keep close at hand, hm?
.....
That's not the only reason.

It's too soon, and the timing is bad.
What? She hasn't?
She hasn't taken the test, so she's not a proper disciple yet.
is at its highest elevation for the year.
Oh, that's right. In this season, the Dada Mountains test site...
Hey...
It could cost her her life.
I can't have her take the test right now.

The professor isn't even here...
Are we really doing this, Agete?
You take the test alone no matter when you take it, anyway.

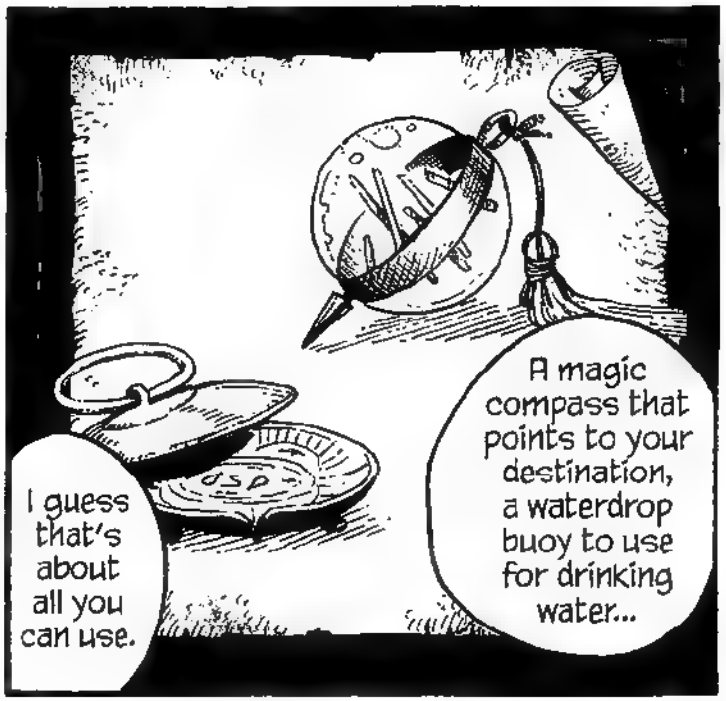

Oh...
I passed when I was ten.
But I only just got here...
Everyone does this to become a disciple.


You must get to the top of the Dada Mountains without help from anyone and bring back the crown plant that grows there.
The only things you're allowed to take with you are three magical items and your magic supplies.
The first test is "The King's Permission".

It's a galaxy! That's a very precise form of magic. It's impossible to move.
WAIT, YOU MEAN I COULD EVEN BRING THAT TOILET THEN?!
キラキラ
You can only bring magical items that are used in the household.

Oh... what about your shoes?

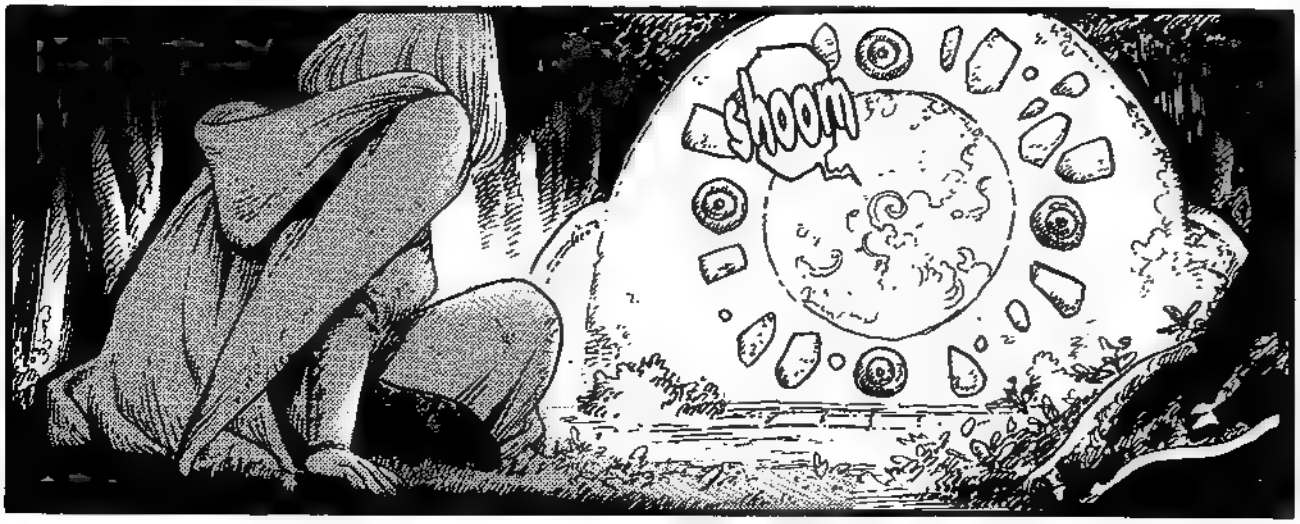
My shoes?


I guess that's about all you can use.
A magic compass that points to your destination, a waterdrop buoy to use for drinking water...

Fidget
Fidget
Fidget
Fid
So...
if you don't mind...
et
dget
Fidg
The soles lit up when you and Professor Qifrey flew.
Those shoes are magical items, right?
.....
Fid
I WONDER IF I COULD BORROW THEM...
get
Here.
!
SORRY THAT WAS PUSHY OF ME!
JUST FORGET I ASKED!

THUD
So hurry up and go already!
Shove
Oh! Thank y-
You can borrow them.
Thrust
You only get one try at this test.
I forgot to mention...

and you'll be forced to leave the atelier.
If you fail, Professor Qifrey can't recognize you as his disciple,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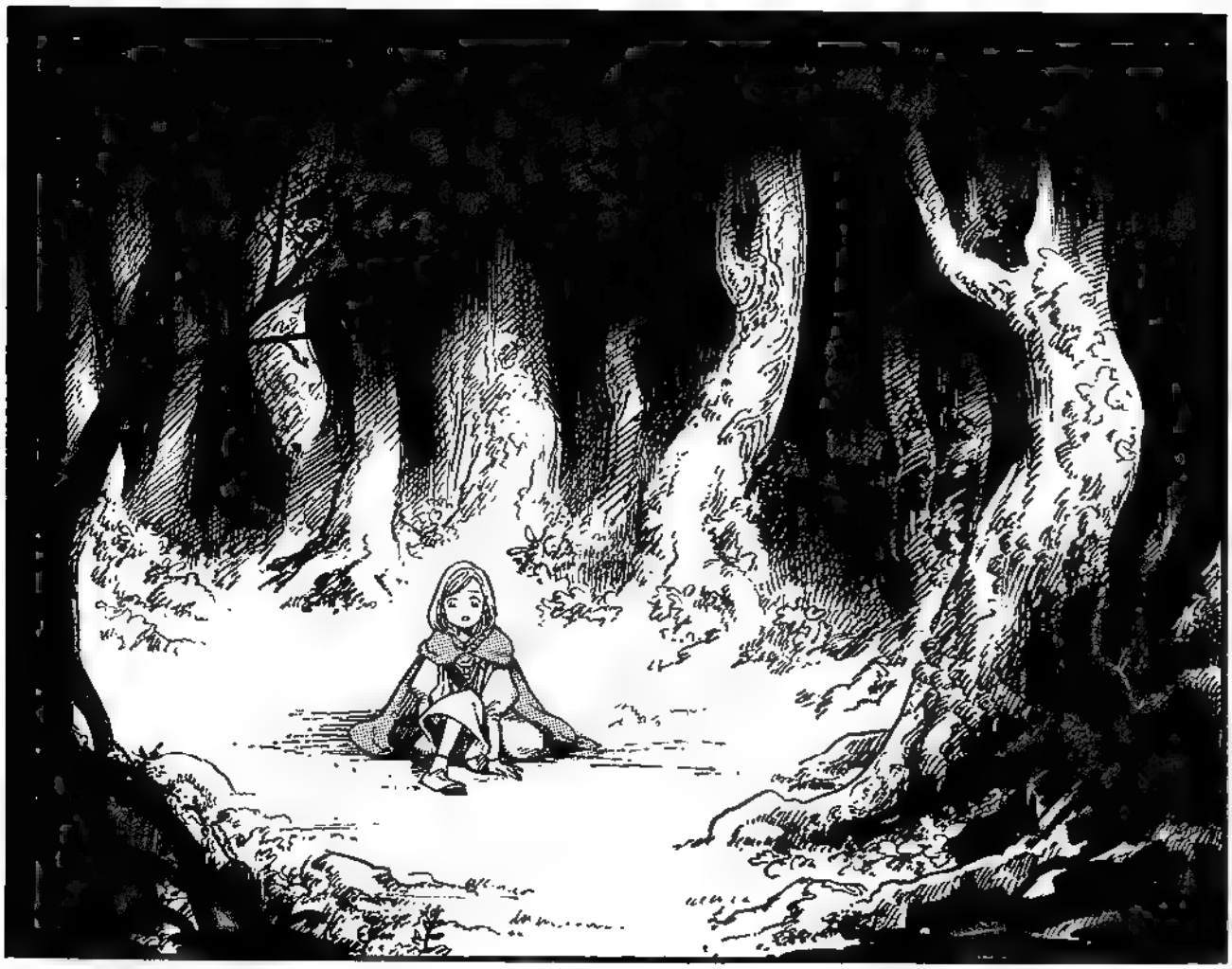
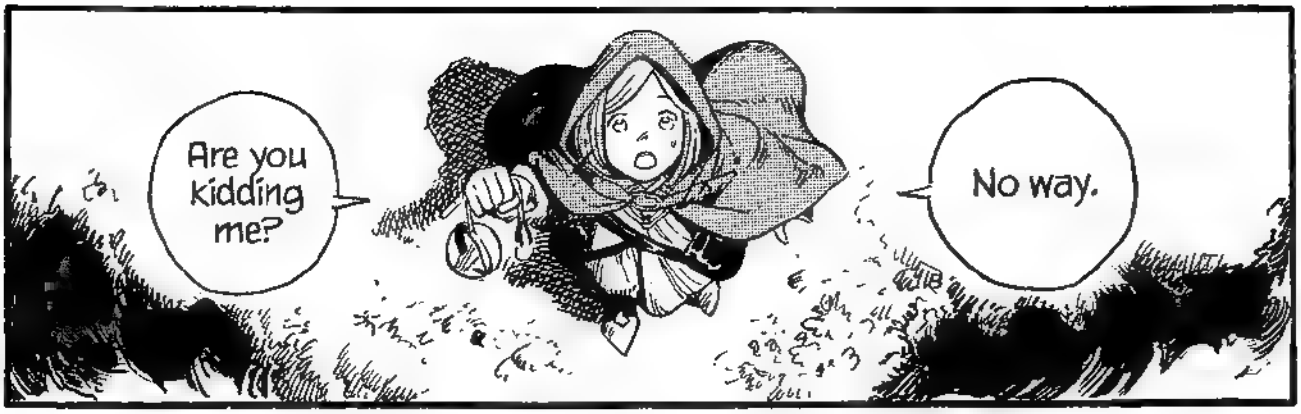


But I have to do my best.
I can't back out now!
Suddenly I don't feel quite so brave anymore...
RUSTLE
tap tap
then it can't be too har-
tap tap
points this way.
The magic com-pass...
After all, if a ten year-old can do it...
swing
swing
swing
ALRIGHT! I CAN CLIMB SOME MOUNTAINS NO SWEAT!
I CAN DO THIS!



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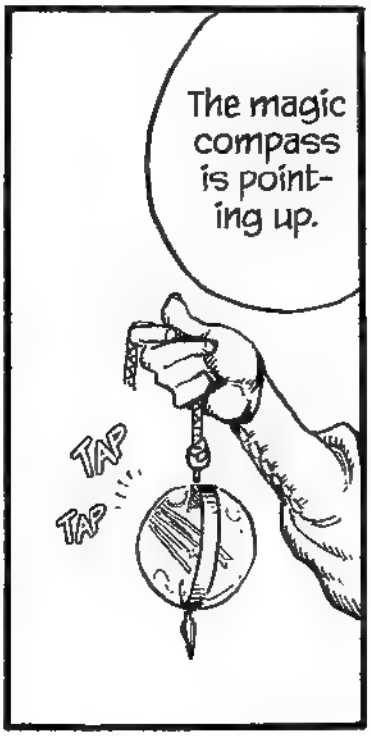
I must bring back the crown plant that grows at the peak of the Dada Mountains
to pass the test to become the disciple of a witch.

Oh! I've got just the thing!

TAP
TAP
Yep, definitely up...
but how am I supposed to get up there?


The magic compass is pointing up.
TAP
TAP

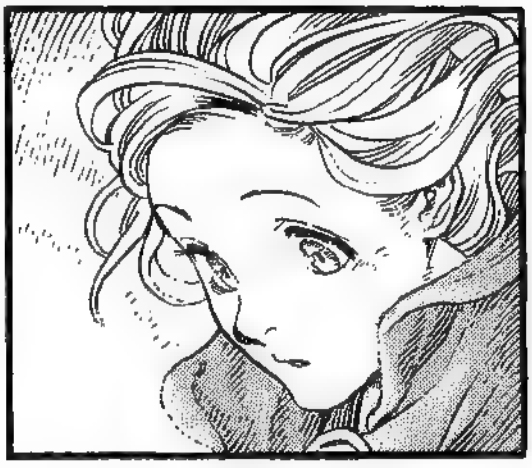
Chapter 4

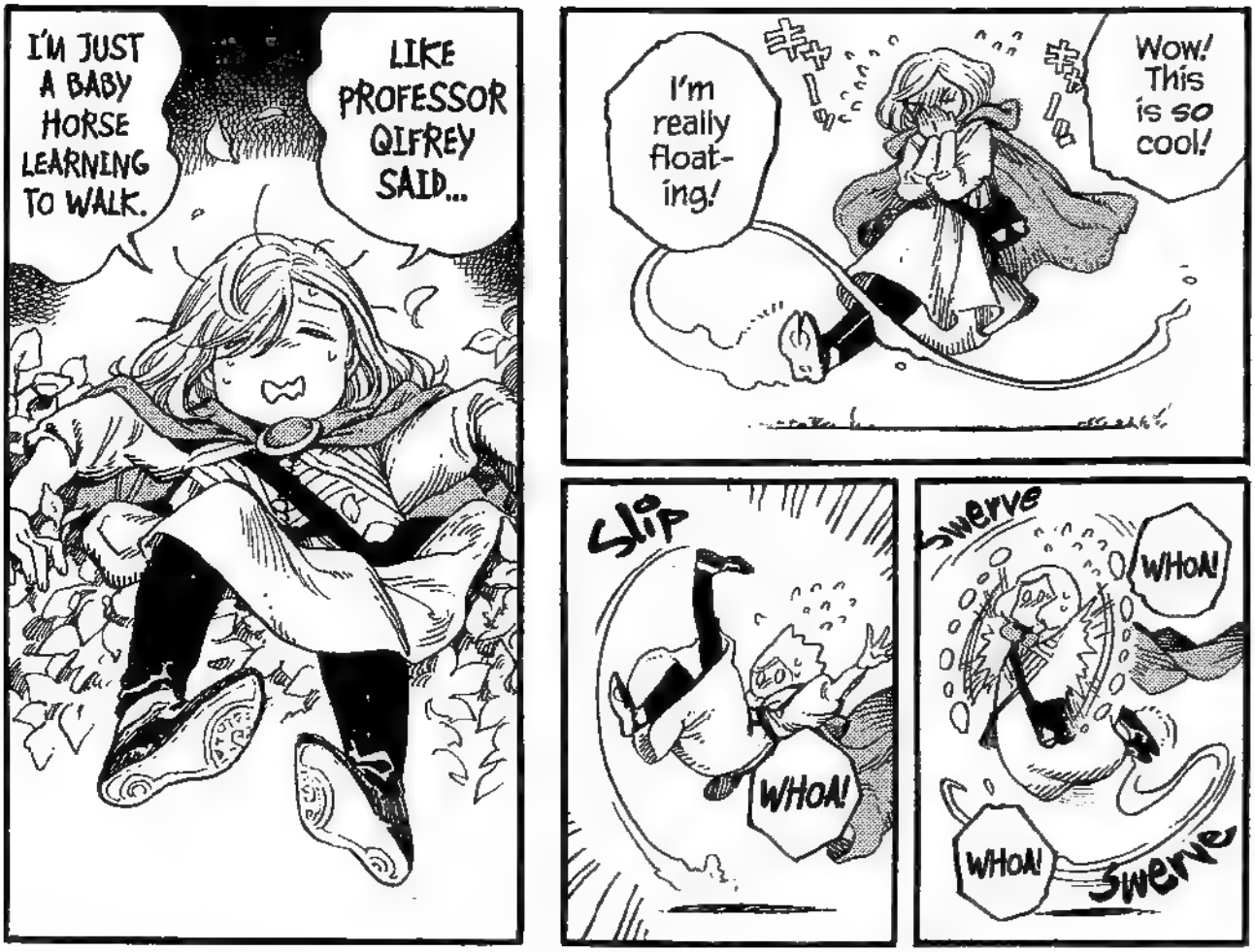
The shoes Agete lent me!
Ta-dah!

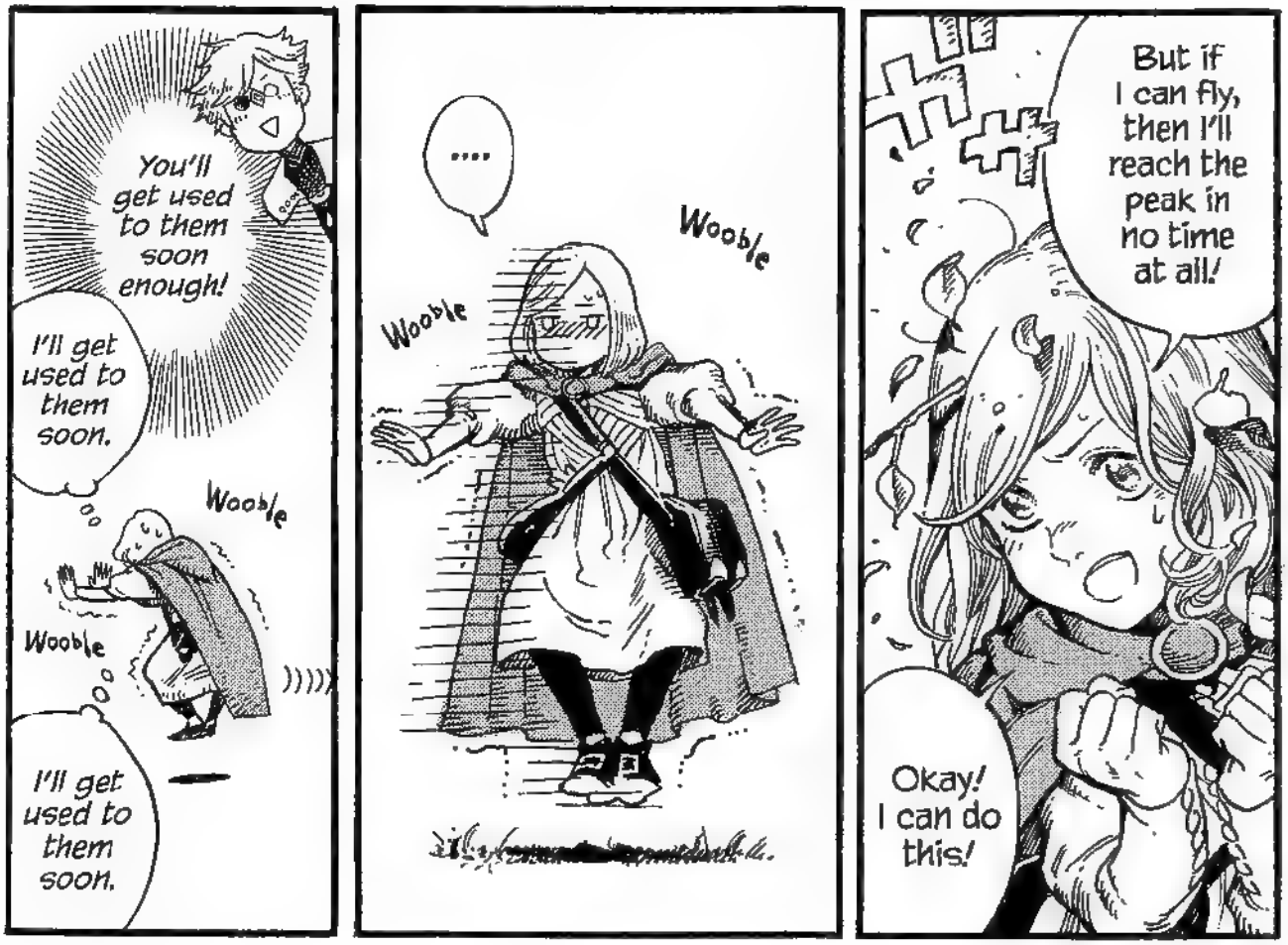
Put them together so they line up just right, and then...
Half of the glyph is drawn on each shoe.

Whoa.

Float



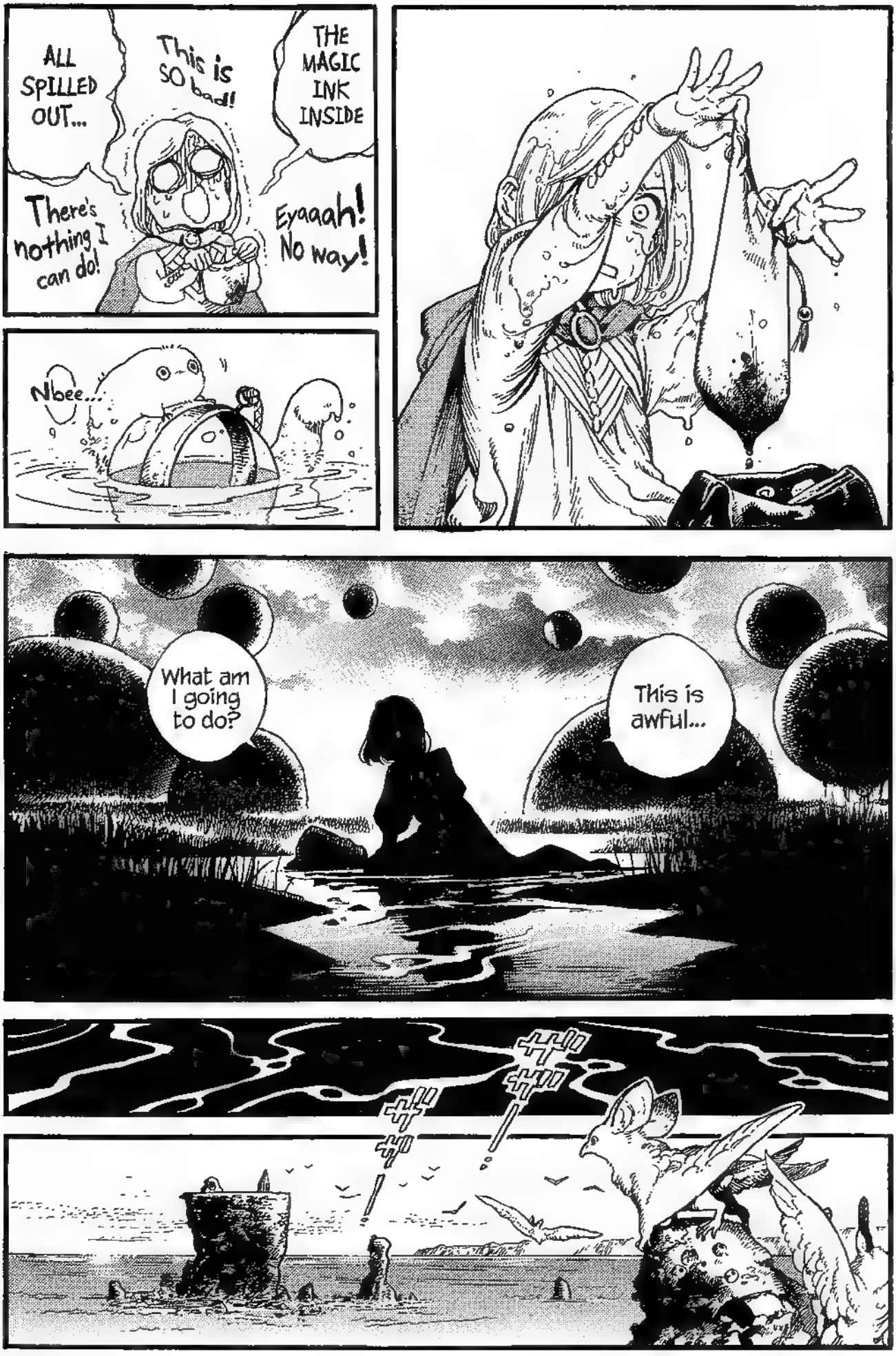

I'M JUST A BABY HORSE LEARNING TO WALK.
LIKE PROFESSOR QIFREY SAID...
I'm really floating!
Wow! This is so cool!
slip
WHOA!
swerve
WHOA!
WHOA!
swerve

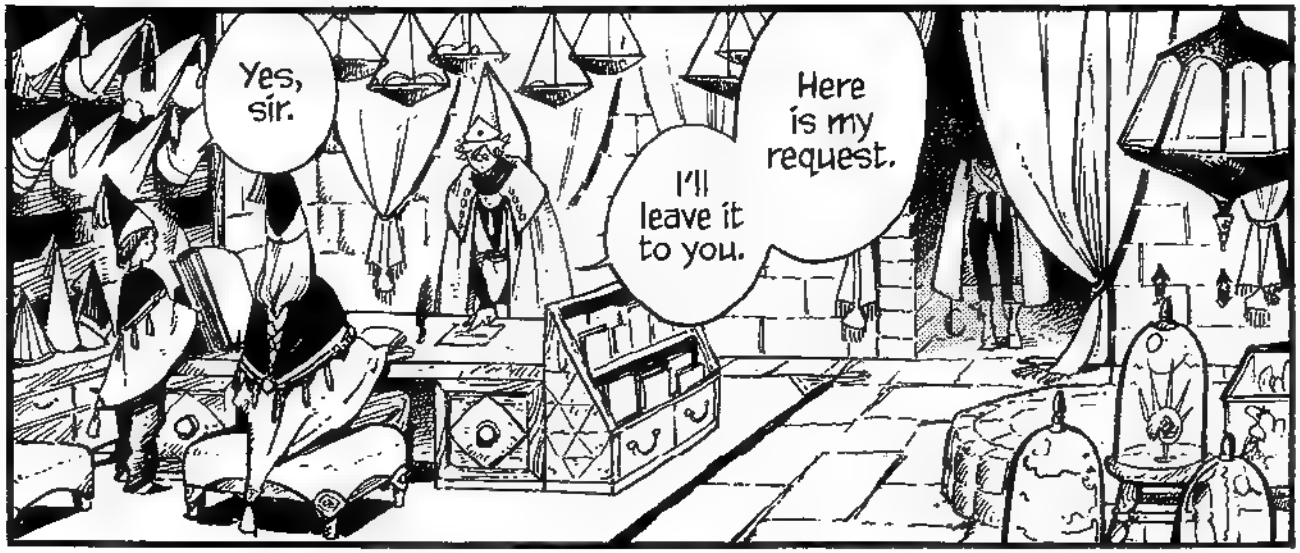

You'll get used to them soon enough!
I'll get used to them soon.
Wooble
Wooble
I'll get used to them soon.
....
Wooble
Wooble
But if I can fly, then I'll reach the peak in no time at all!
Okay! I can do this!

I think I'm starting to get the hang of this!
Just a little further...
GR
AB
SPRONG
WHOA!
WHOA!
WHOA!

Nbee!
AHH HHH HH!
SPLASH
.....
AUGH!
Splat
!

Nbee!
Brushbug
A small animal covered in brush-like hair. It tends to be attracted to the smell of magic ink.
It must have been attracted by the magic.
A brush-bug! This is the first time I've seen one.
Ugh... my shoes are all covered in mud too...
Sigh.....
Wipe
Wipe
SPLASH
Blergh...
NO WAY! IS IT BECAUSE I WIPED IT?!
NO, NO, NO! OH! I'LL DRAW IT BACK ON AND FIX IT!
THE GLYPH GOT WASHED AWAY?!
HUH?!


ALL SPILLED OUT...
This is SO bad!
THE MAGIC INK INSIDE
There's nothing I can do!
Eyaaah! No way!
Nbee...
What am I going to do?
This is awful...

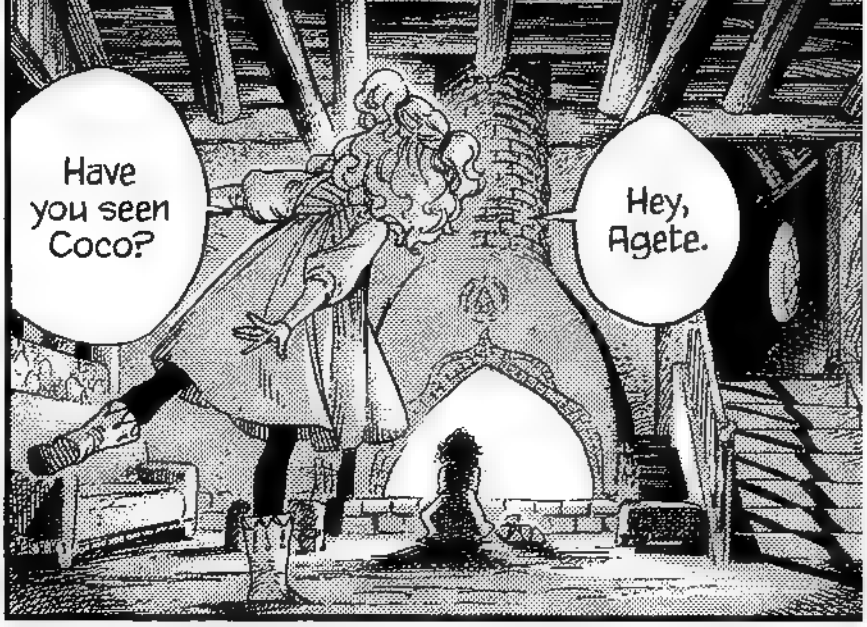

Yes, sir.
I'll leave it to you.
Here is my request.

The auditorium is *the* stronghold for witches.
All necessities gathered together in one spot.

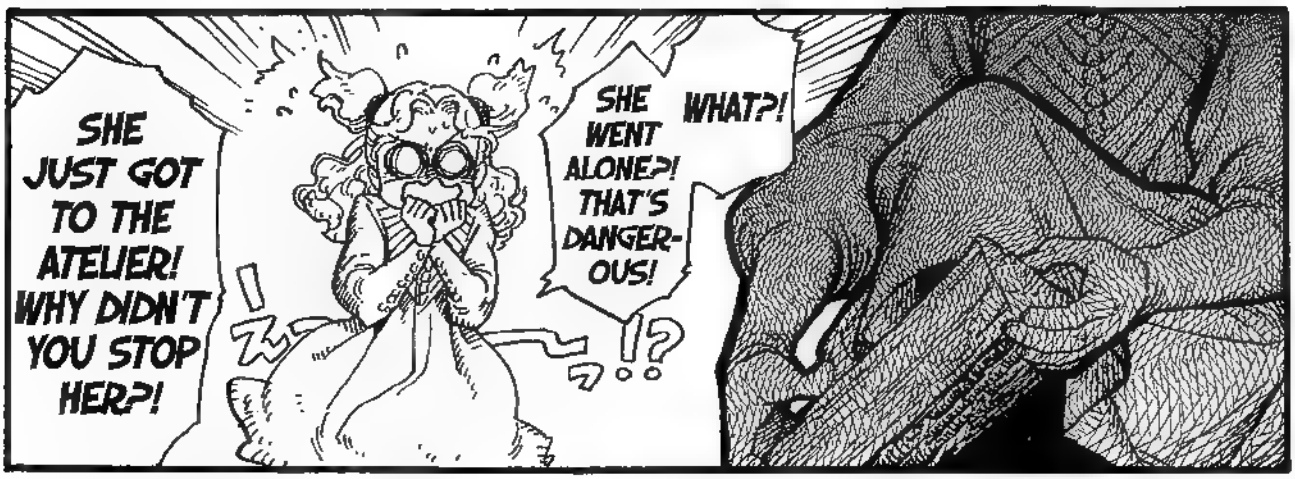
You could even bring your disciples here if you wanted.
You wouldn't have to go out of your way just to pick that up if you lived here.

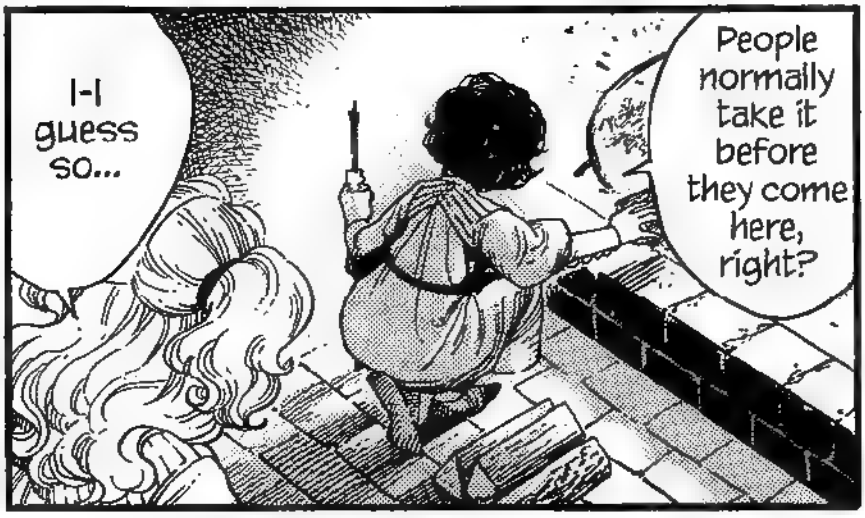
Sir, here it is.
Thanks.
Well.
Then I will come only when it's necessary.
I see your hatred of the auditorium is deeply rooted.
I can't do anything about you hiding yourself away in your atelier,
but keep an eye on those disciples of yours.
You never know what kids their age will get up to
when there are no adults around.
Huh?

She went to the Dada Mountains to take the test.
She's not here.


Have you seen Coco?
Hey, Agete.

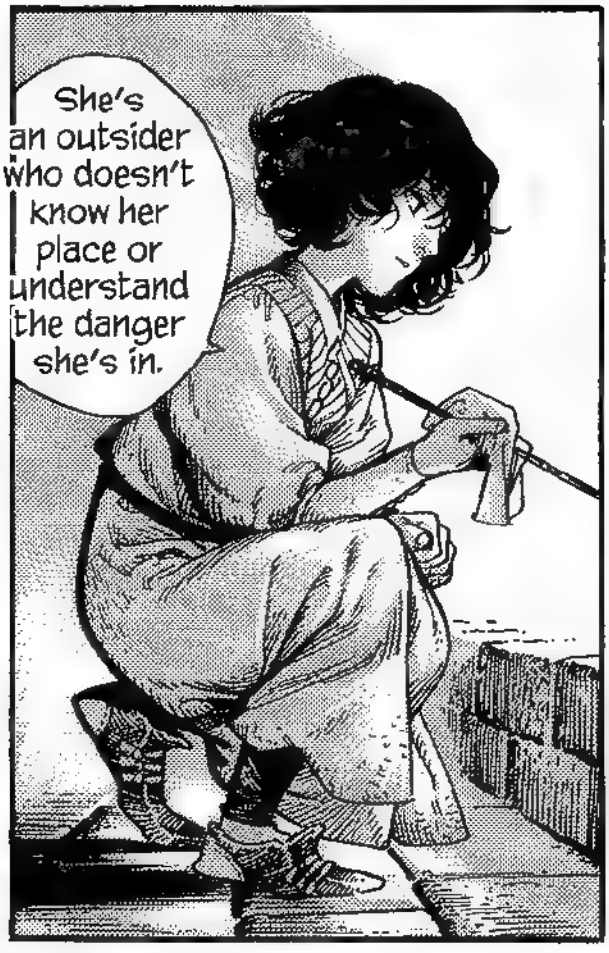
but she's not answering when I call.
Think she's sleeping?
It's just about dinner time,

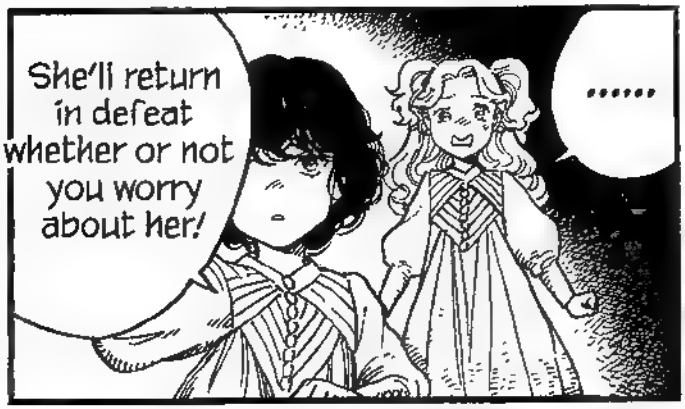

SHE JUST GOT TO THE ATELIER! WHY DIDN'T YOU STOP HER?!
SHE WENT ALONE?! THAT'S DANGER-OUS!
WHAT?!
Zzz
!?


I-I guess so...
People normally take it before they come here, right?

If she can't even pass a simple test like that,
then she really has no business becoming a disciple.

I detest those who can't even do as much as I can.
There's nothing to gain from being with someone like her.
And she's an unknowing at that!


She's an outsider who doesn't know her place or understand the danger she's in.


She'll return in defeat whether or not you worry about her!
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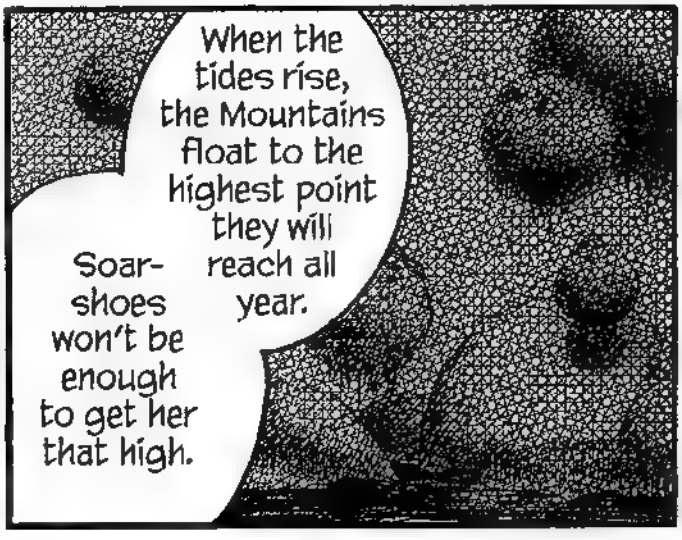
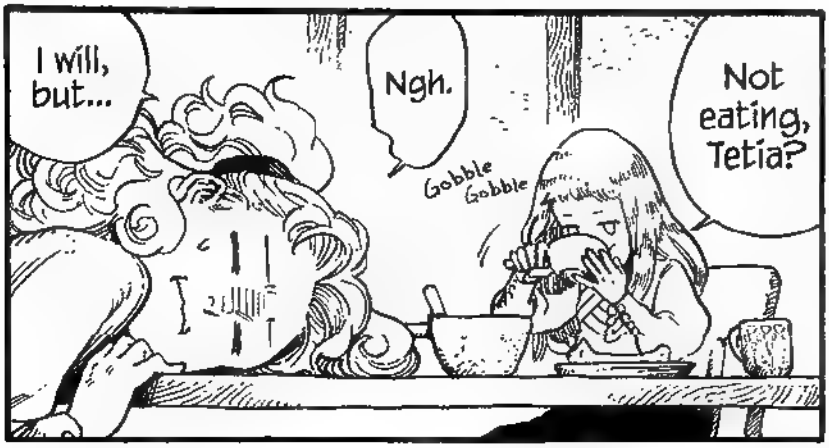

When the tides rise, the Mountains float to the highest point they will reach all year.
Soar-shoes won't be enough to get her that high.

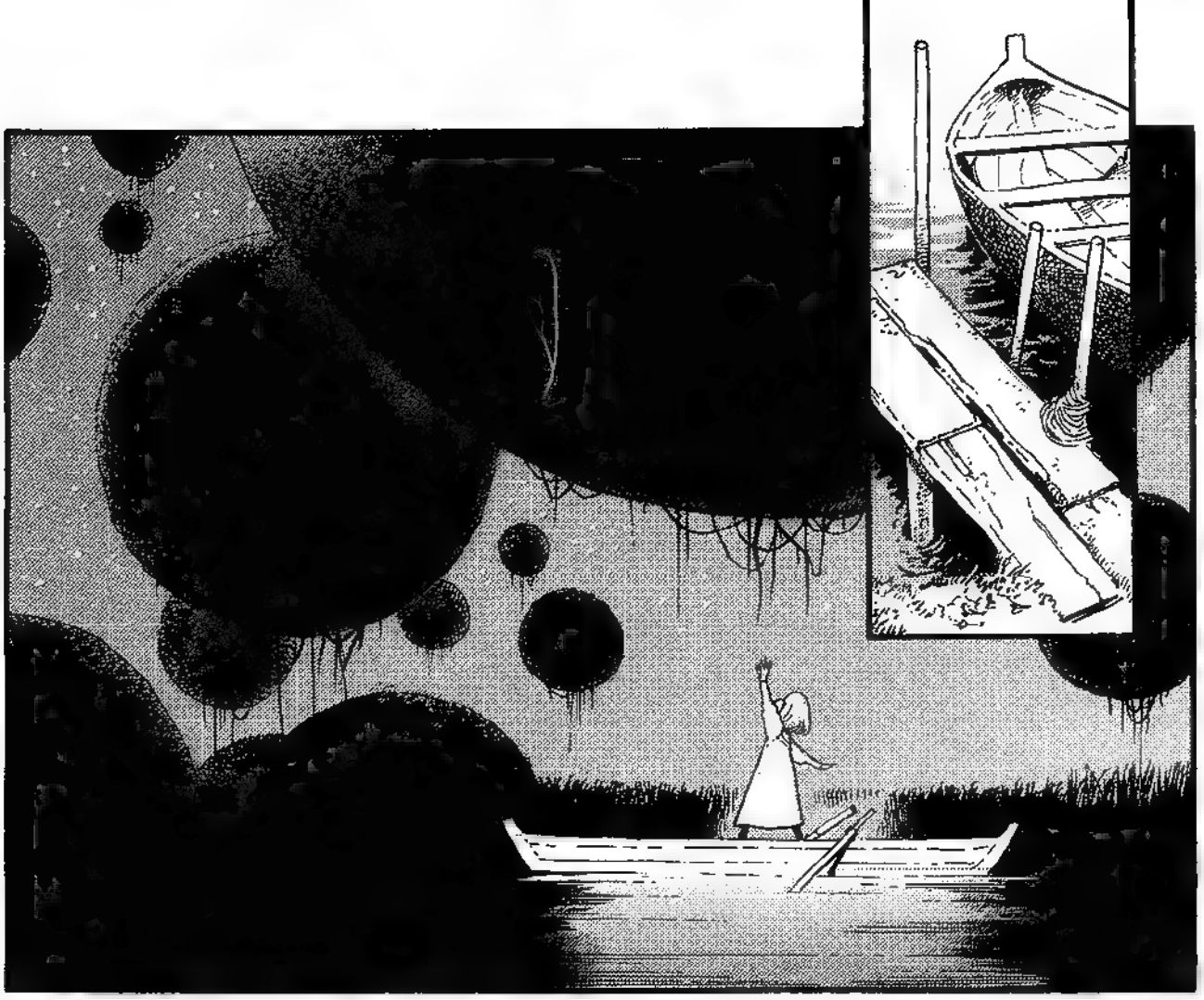
I'll make her wish she never set foot in our world.

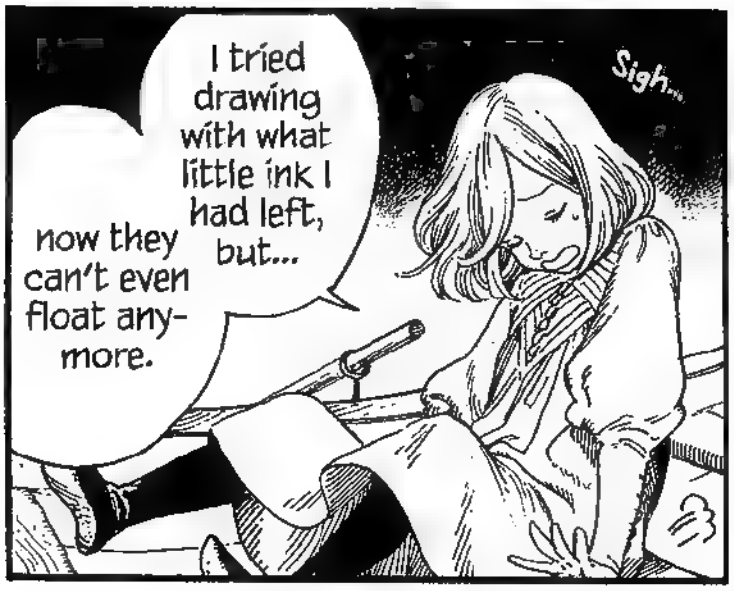

I will, but...
Ngh.
Gobble Gobble
Not eating, Tetia?

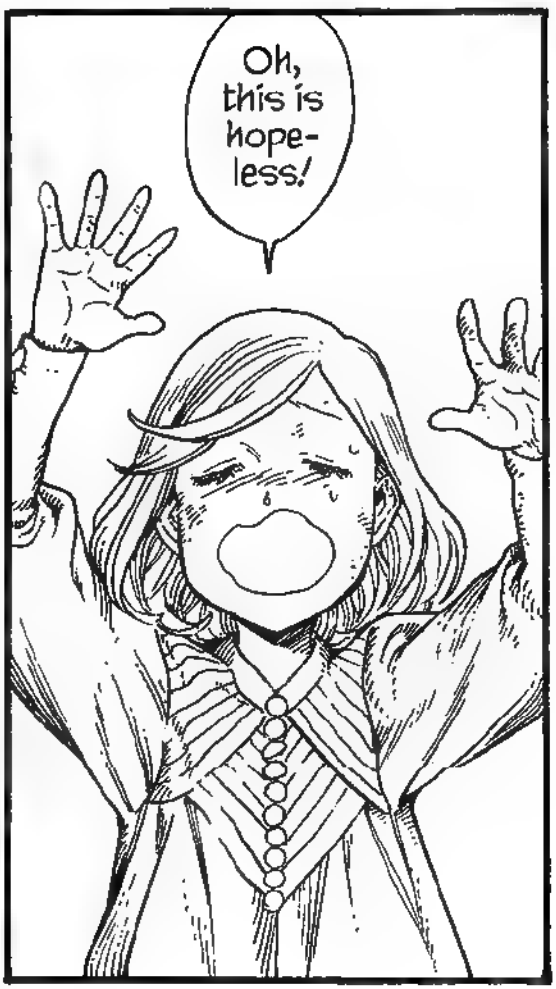
Anguish

I CAN'T BE THE ONLY ONE WHO'S WORRIED!
Sec-onds.
You're acting too normal, Riche!
Bam
Bam

I just...
feel awful, y'know...




Sigh...
I tried drawing with what little ink I had left, but...
now they can't even float anymore.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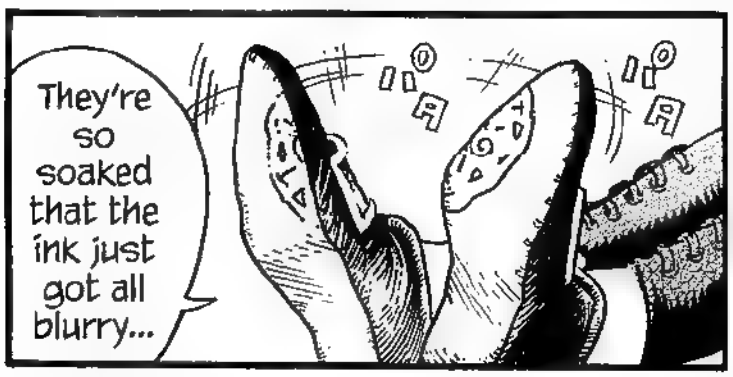
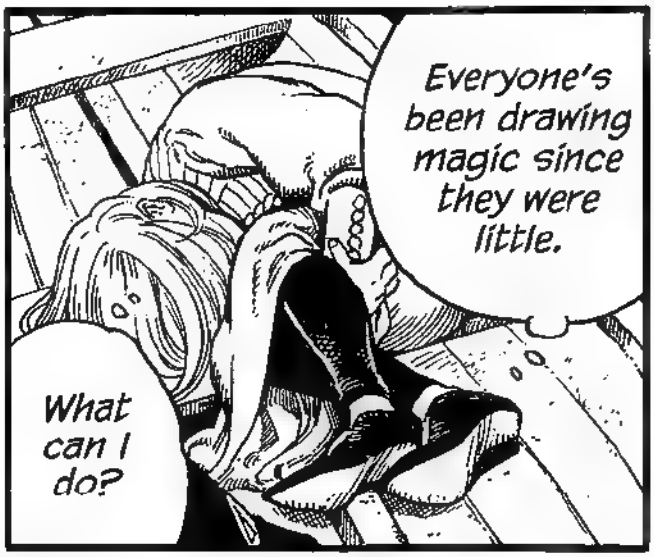

They're so soaked that the ink just got all blurry...

If I draw it right on the bottom of my feet, then I bet...
Any magic drawn directly on the body is forbid-den.
No!
Gulp
I have no idea what other kinda magic would be best to use in this kind of situation.

Flop
Nbee!
Woop
FLNG!
It's just like Agete said.
but that doesn't mean just anybody can be good at it.
Anybody can draw magic,


Everyone's been drawing magic since they were little.
What can I do?

To think, there are such marvelous artisans in this village!

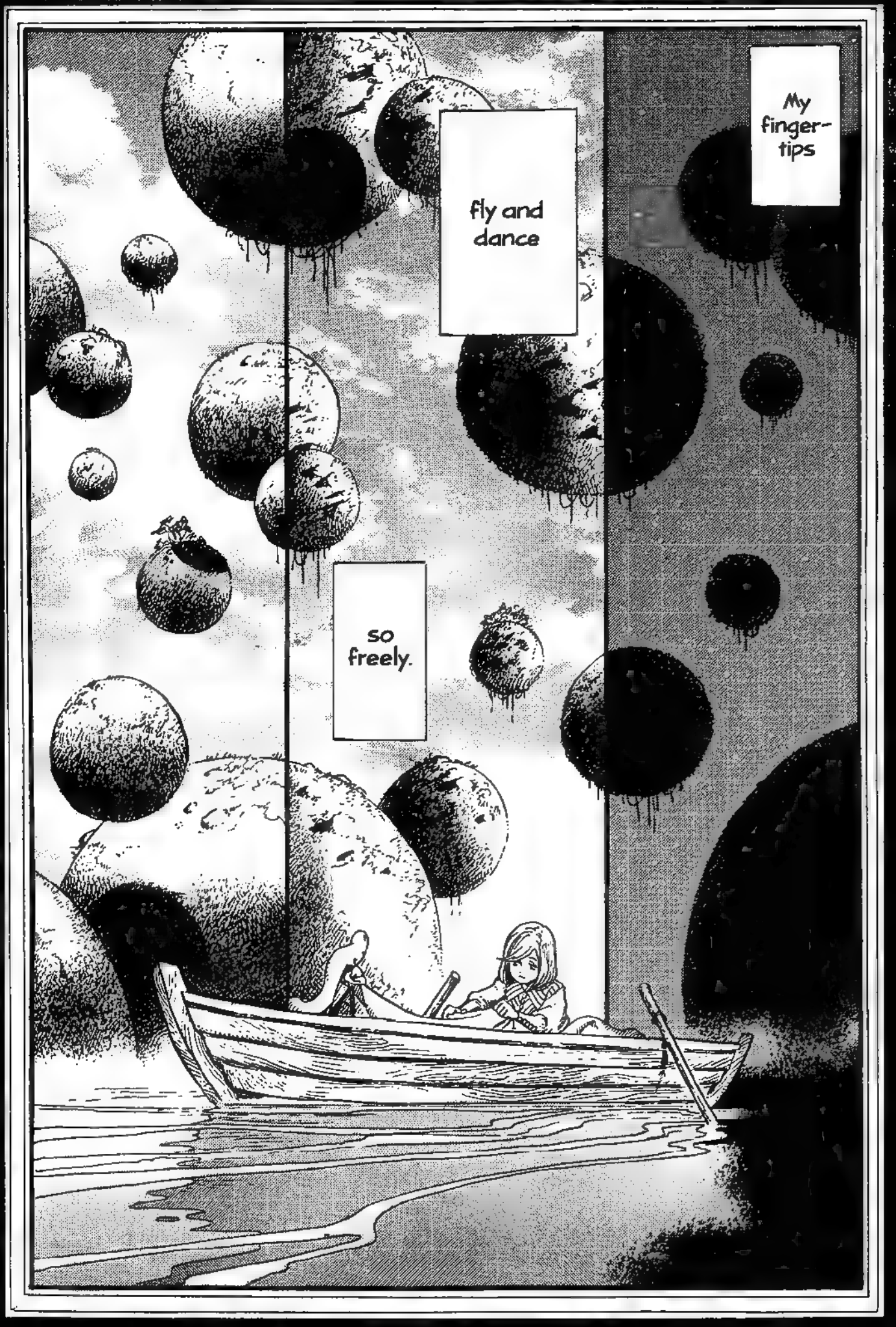
Now **this** is magic.

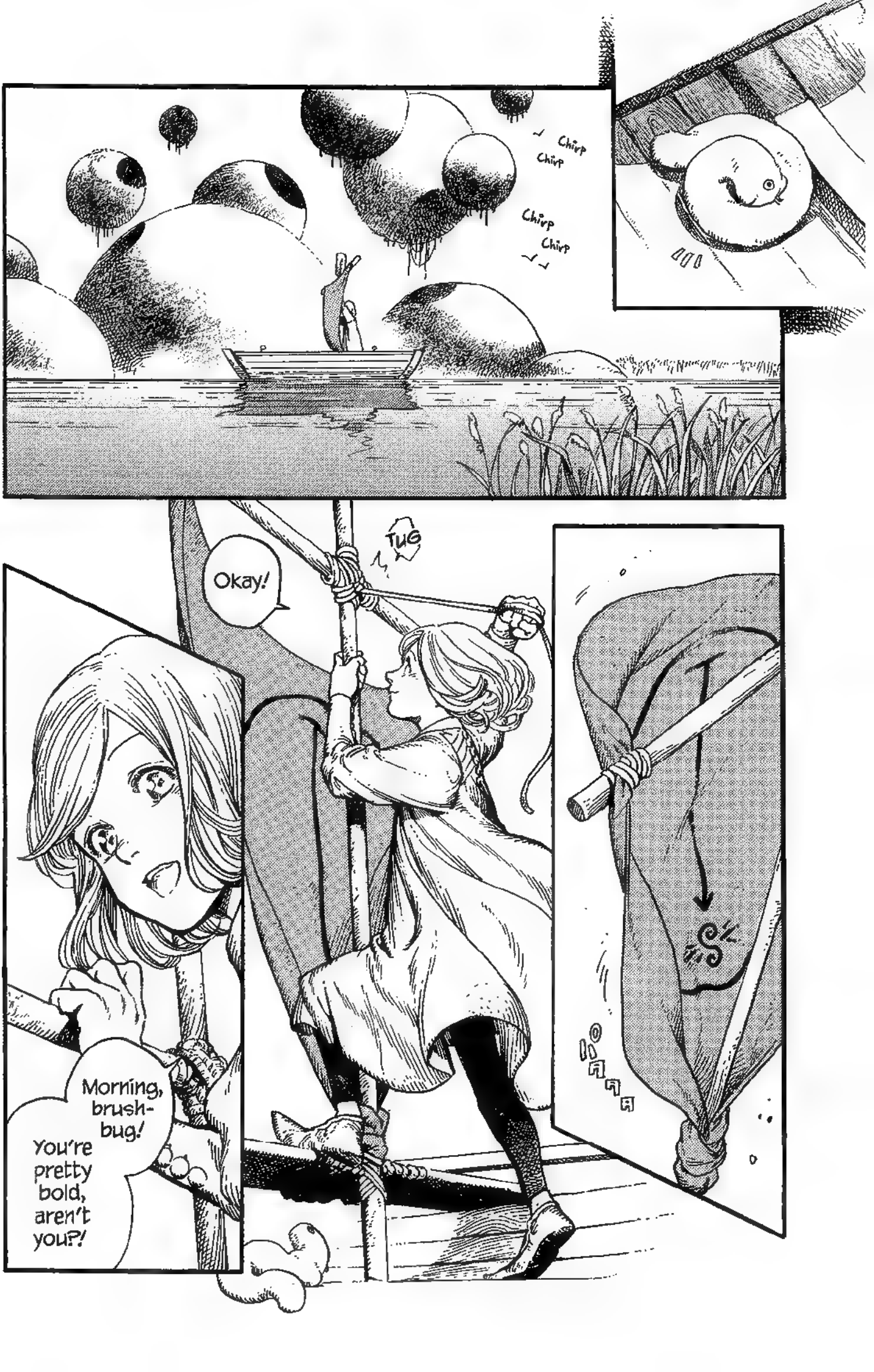
Oh! I can use **my** magic!
ガッ

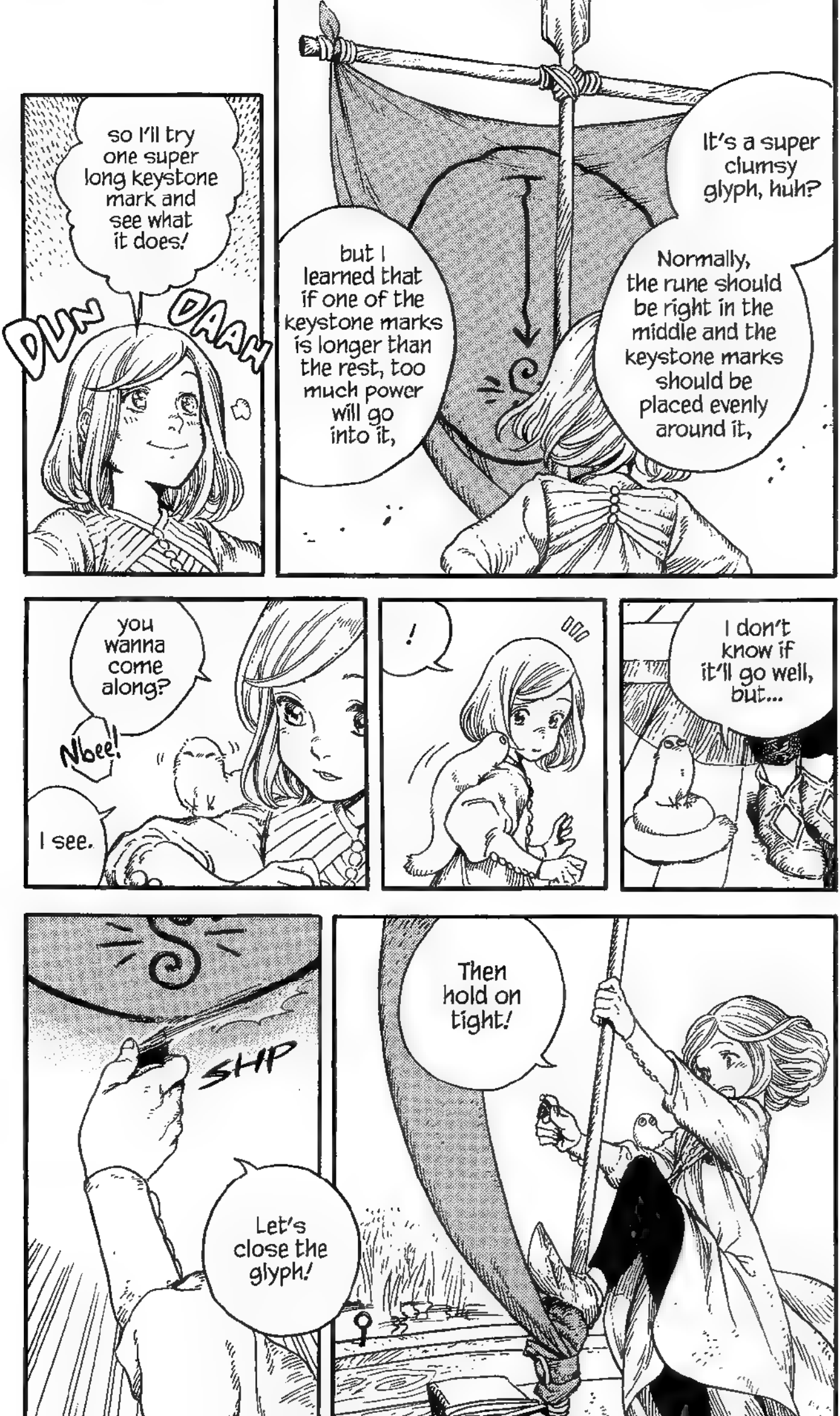
I guess it's true.
Only people with certain special abilities can be witches.

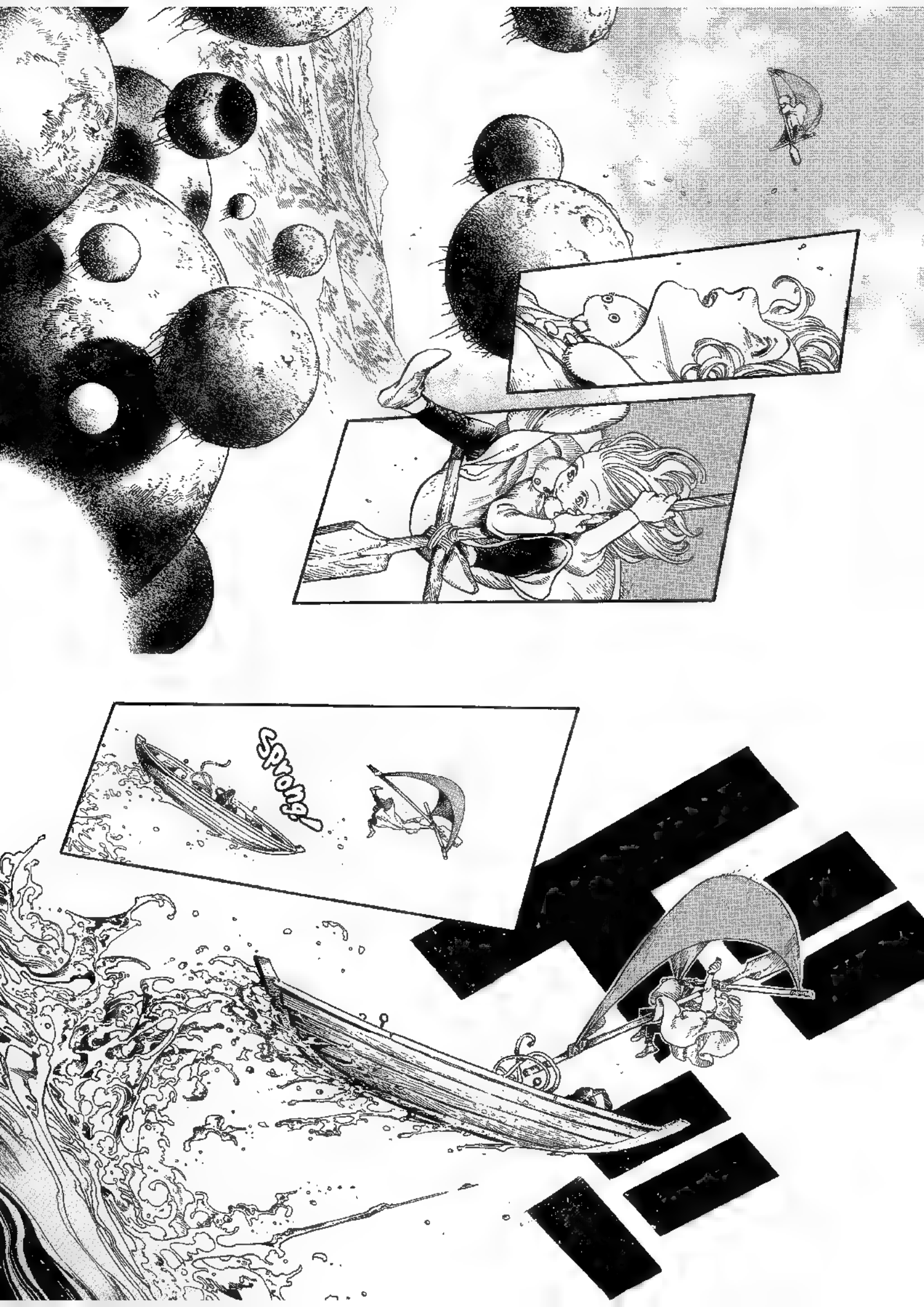
and pointy little rock.
Search for a flat
パラパラ
and then if you dip it in water and get it a bit wet...
tear off a piece big enough to wrap the stone in,
Take the ink-soaked pouch,
Painting Stone
A stone used by tailors to draw on cloth.

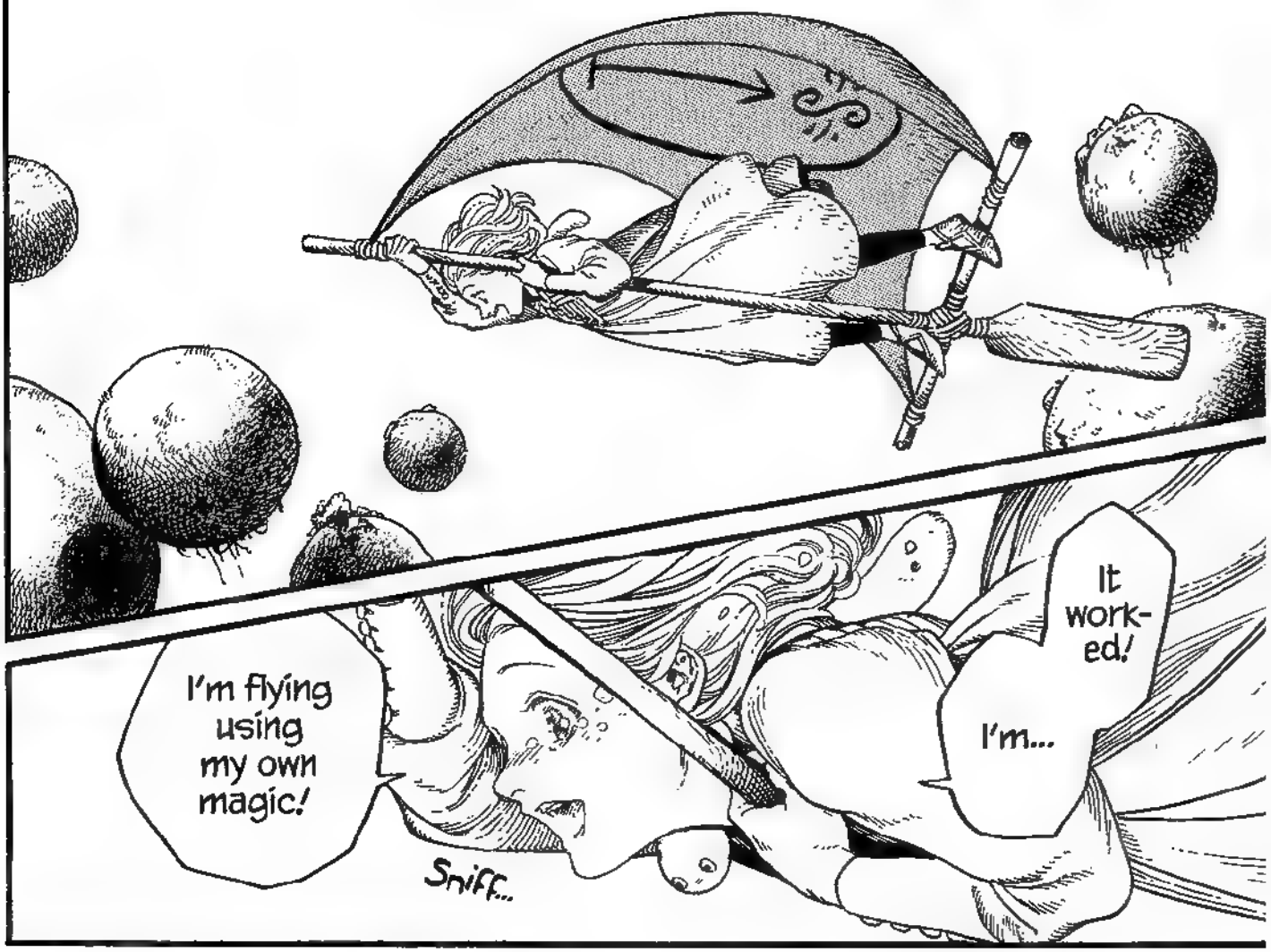
TUG
Now I can draw on it.
The mud drying on the cloak makes it stiff.
So then,
I'll just use a tool I'm already familiar with.
People's hands are always unsteady when they first use a new tool.

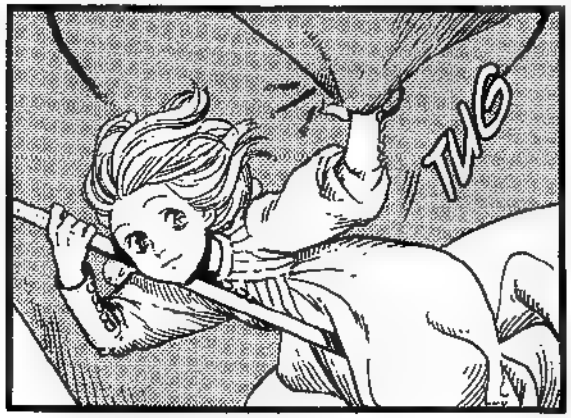

My finger-tips
fly and dance
so freely.

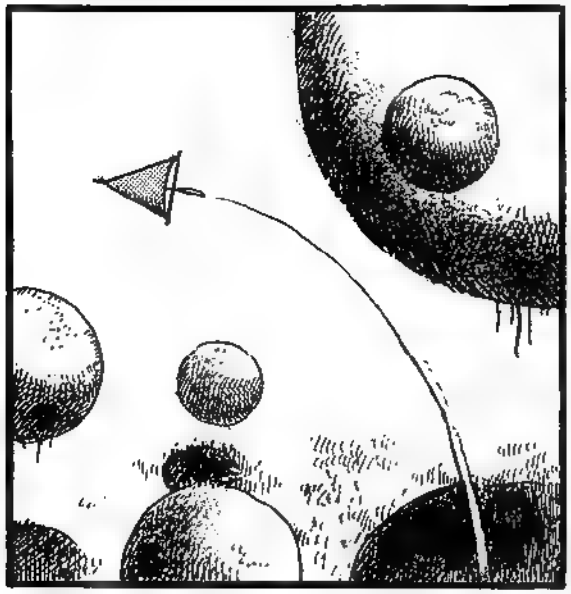

Chirp
Chirp
Chirp
Chirp
TUG
Okay!
Morning, brush-bug!
You're pretty bold, aren't you?!

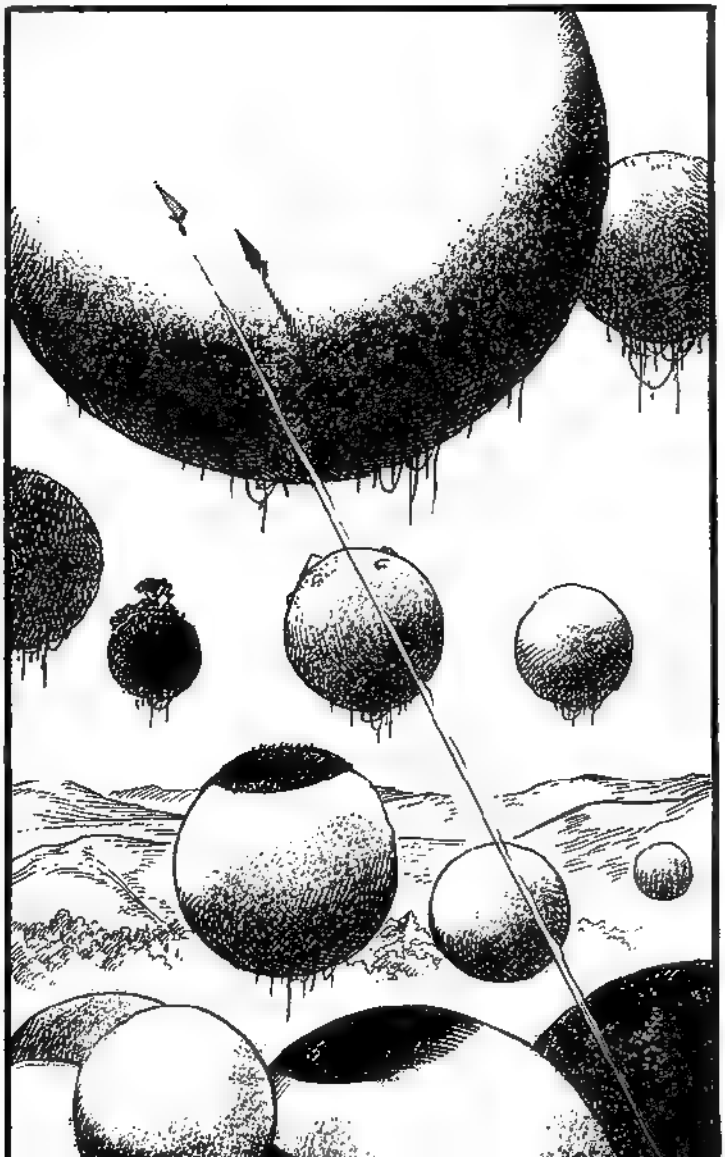

so I'll try one super long keystone mark and see what it does!
DUN
DAAH
It's a super clumsy glyph, huh?
but I learned that if one of the keystone marks is longer than the rest, too much power will go into it,
Normally, the rune should be right in the middle and the keystone marks should be placed evenly around it,
you wanna come along?
Nbee!
I see.
!
I don't know if it'll go well, but...
SHP
Let's close the glyph!
Then hold on tight!

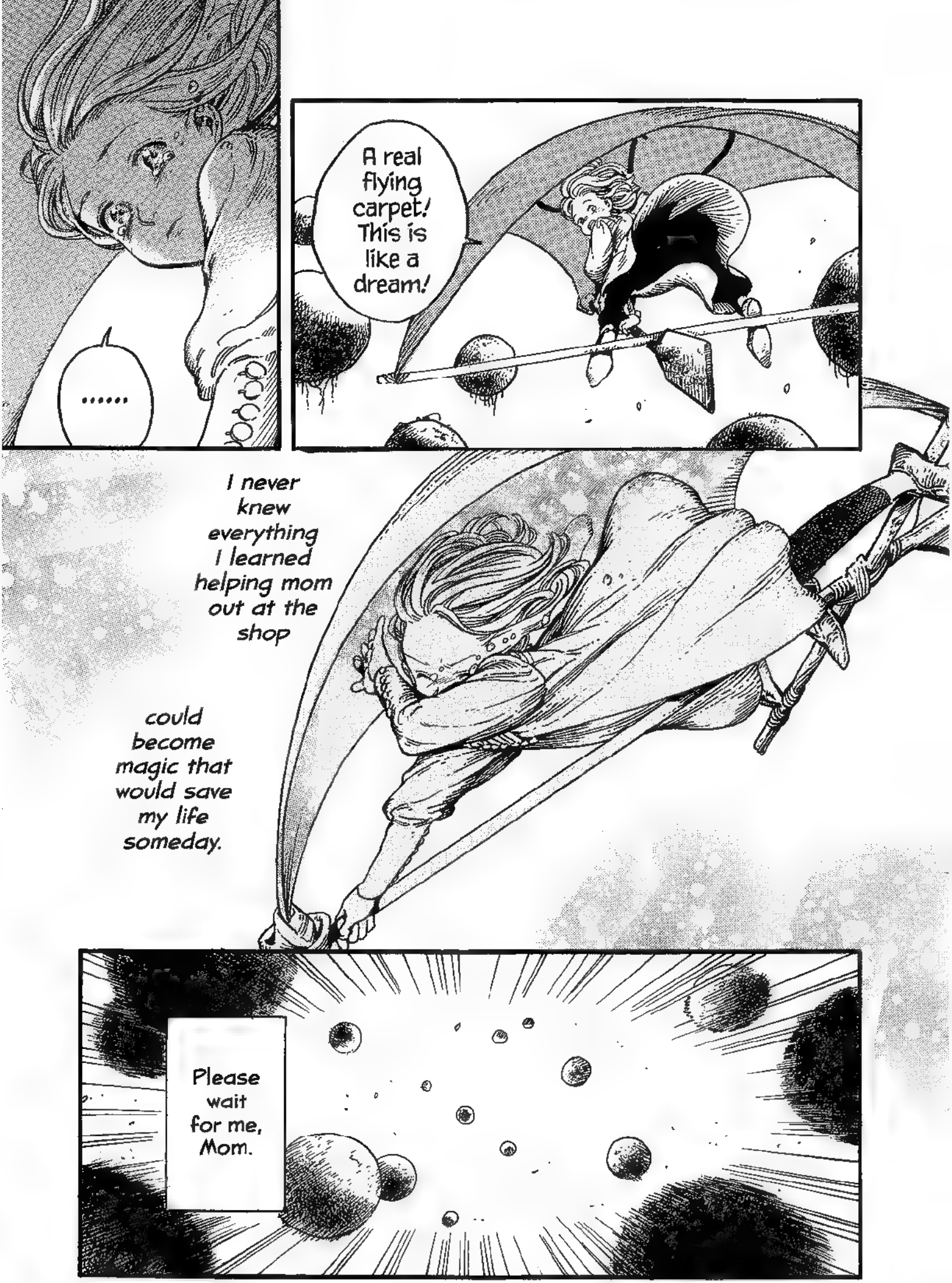

Sprong!


I'm flying using my own magic!
Sniff...
It worked!
I'm...

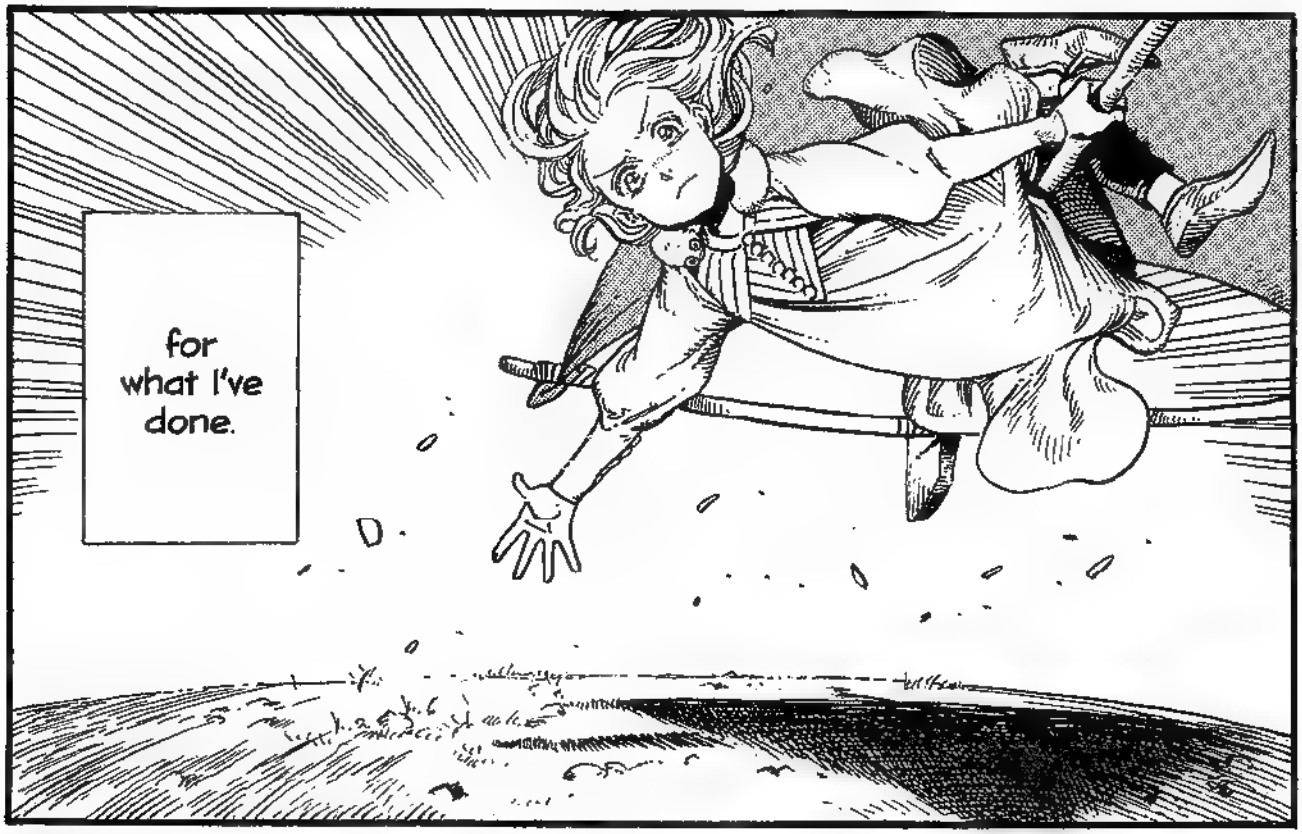

TUG






.....
A real flying carpet! This is like a dream!
I never knew everything I learned helping mom out at the shop
could become magic that would save my life someday.
Please wait for me, Mom.

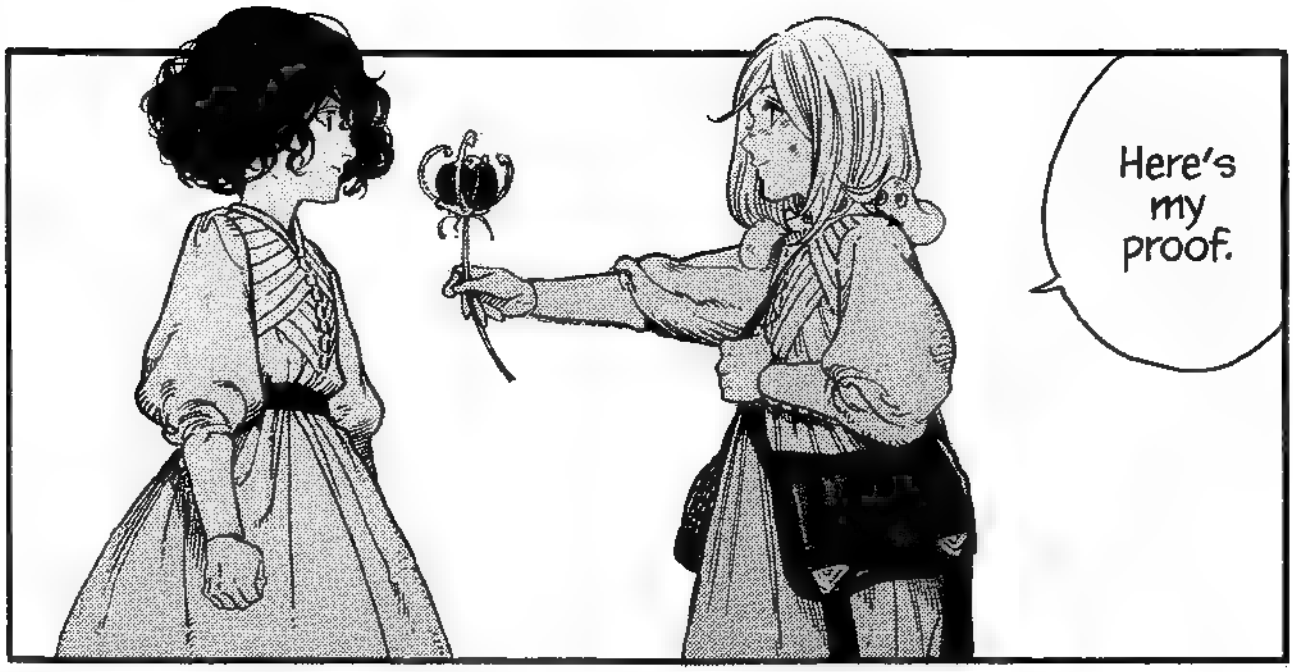
I'll take respon-sibility
ポリフムッ


for what I've done.

I'm home, Tetia.
PRO-FESSOR QIFREY!
IT'S TERRIBLE! COCO, SHE...
WHAT?!
COCO WENT TO THE DADA MOUNTAINS ALONE TO TAKE THE TEST?!
Nod Nod
IT'S TOO DANGER-OUS!
WE MUST STOP HER NOW!
BUT SHE'LL FAIL IF WE INTERRUPT THE TEST!
IT'S MUCH TOO EARLY FOR HER TO TAKE THE TEST AT ALL!
MAGIC WASN'T PART OF HER LIFE FROM THE DAY SHE WAS BORN LIKE IT WAS FOR US!

I'd lose more than just a student; I'd lose my only lead...
If anything happens to her...
Okay, the window is connected!
CLA
NK
COCO!
Oh?

WE WERE SO WORRIED ABOUT YOU!
Agete.
HUG
OH, COCO!
I'M SO GLAD YOU'RE ALL RIGHT!
.....
I brought back "The King's Permis-sion"!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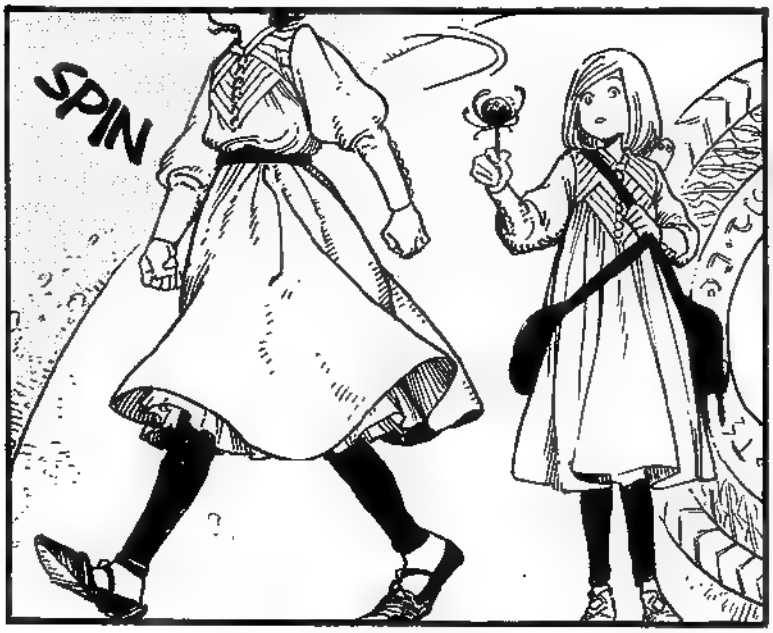
SPIN

Coco.
!

.....

It's extremely dangerous to use magic recklessly
when you don't have the proper foundation of knowledge and aren't prepared for whatever might happen.
You of all people should know better, Coco.
Wilt
I'm sorry, Professor Qifrey.
One misstep could have meant death.
Never, ever do that again.
More-over,
there is no need to prove anything by braving the dangers of the test.
SHF

You already *are* my disciple.
It's...!
It's a symbol of pride,
proof you're a witch,
and something that binds you to a promise
not to misuse magic.
Never forget that weight as long as you wear it.

This pointy hat
watches over your magic.
OK then, let's head back up, shall w-
Gurgle
Looks like you'll need to eat something first.
Heh heh.
I will!
Live up to the hat!

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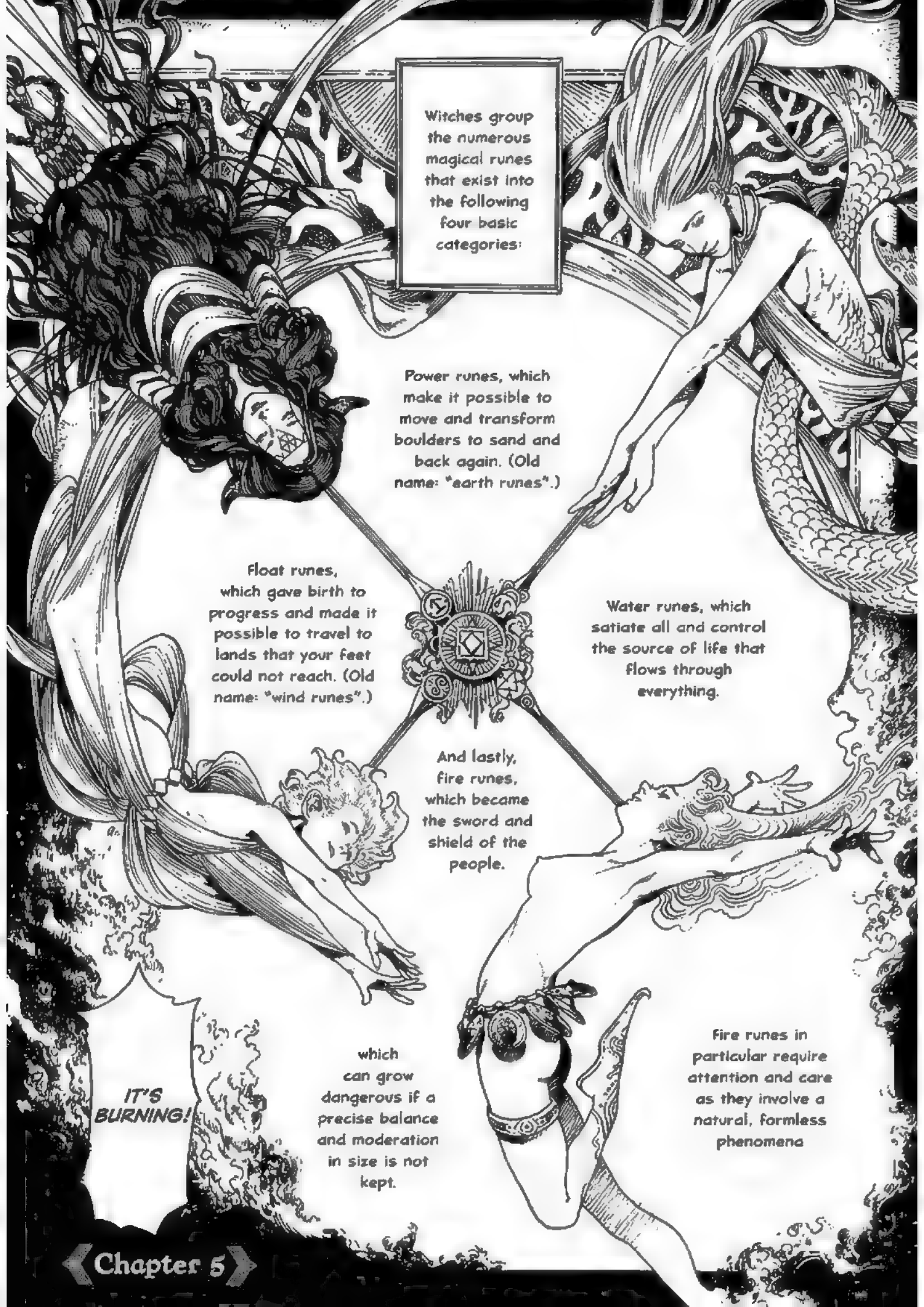
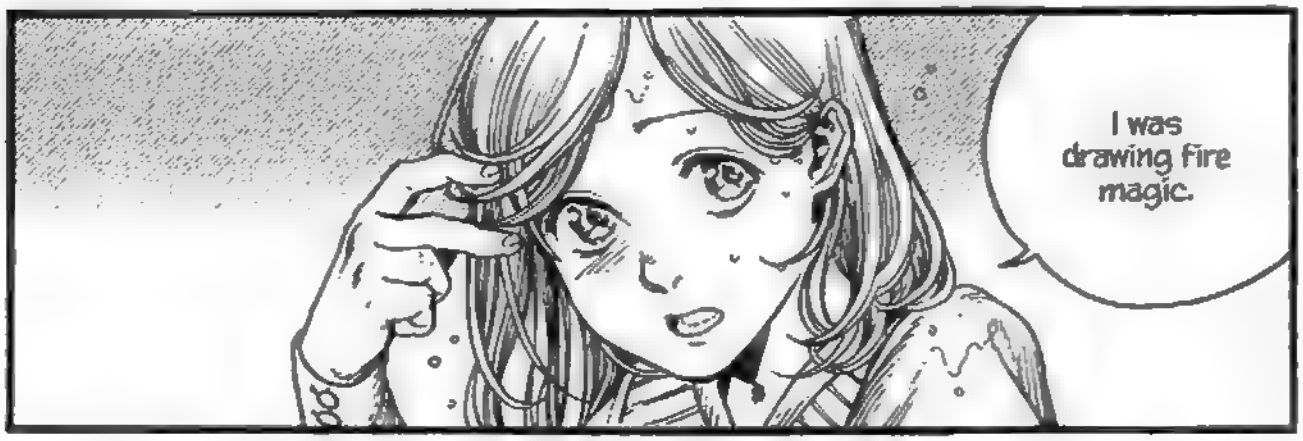
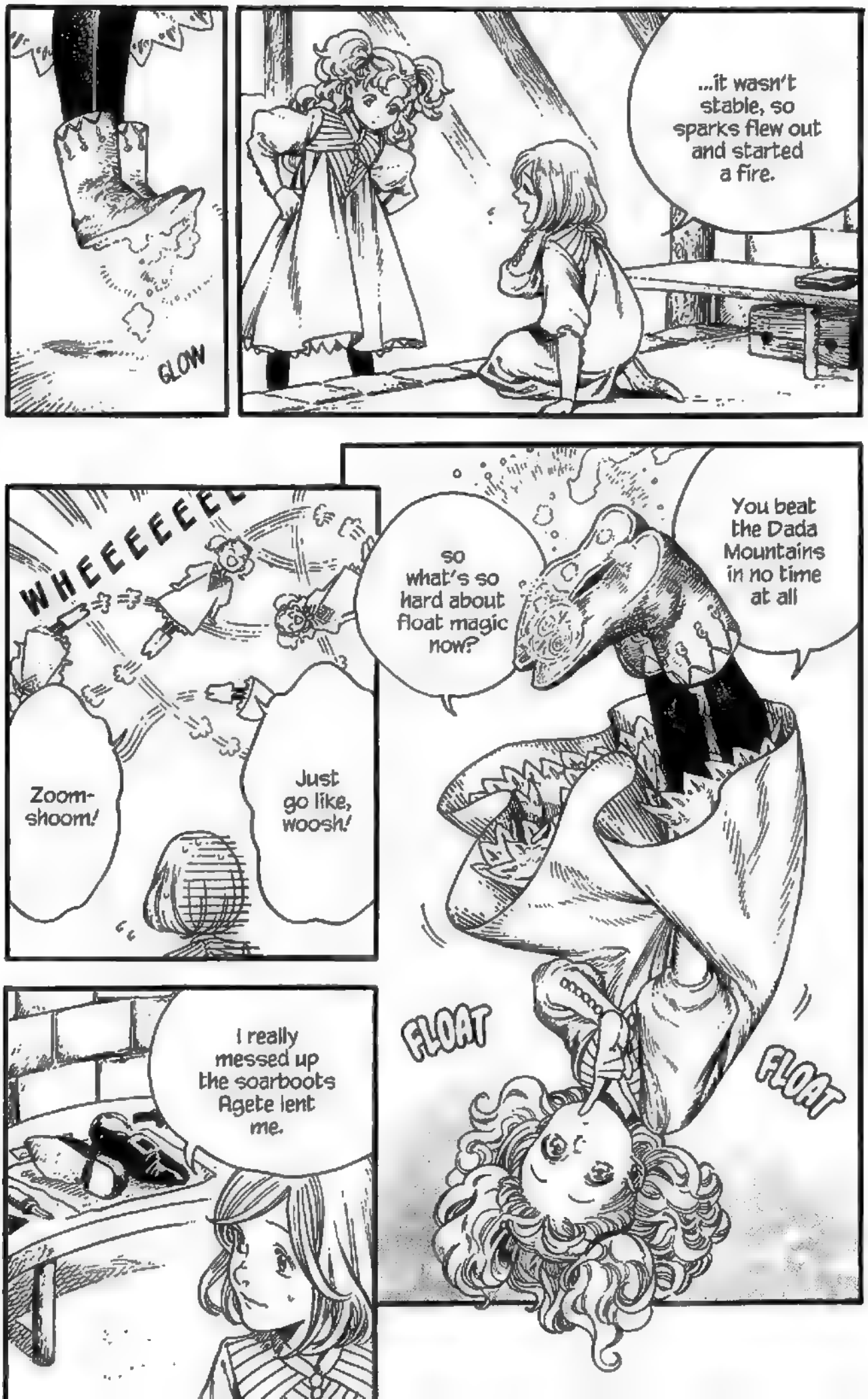

Witches group the numerous magical runes that exist into the following four basic categories:
Power runes, which make it possible to move and transform boulders to sand and back again. (Old name: "earth runes".)
Float runes, which gave birth to progress and made it possible to travel to lands that your feet could not reach. (Old name: "wind runes".)
Water runes, which satiate all and control the source of life that flows through everything.
And lastly, fire runes, which became the sword and shield of the people.
IT'S BURNING!
which can grow dangerous if a precise balance and moderation in size is not kept.
Fire runes in particular require attention and care as they involve a natural, formless phenomena
Chapter 5

Y-you okay?
BLOOSH
But... what were you doing, Coco?
Thanks for saying thanks!
STAGGER
Thanks, Tetia.
SPUTTER


I was drawing fire magic.

THUD
but if you can get the fire to float about the paper, it'll last longer. That'll make it good practice for your float magic."
O
X
"If you cast it as is, the paper will burn up with the glyph
is what Professor Qifrey told me, but...


GLOW
...it wasn't stable, so sparks flew out and started a fire.
WHEEEEEEE
Zoom-shoom!
Just go like, woosh!
so what's so hard about float magic now?
You beat the Dada Mountains in no time at all
FLOAT
FLOAT
I really messed up the soarboots Agete lent me.

I used to repair shoes for travellers that came by.
WOAH! WOW! THESE LOOK BRAND-NEW!

I thought I'd return them after I fixed them up properly.

You want one that's the right weight and easy to hold, one that's compatible with you.
The pen I gave you earlier was one of my old ones.

but no matter how much I try, the lines are all shaky...
The only thing that's left is to draw the glyph on the bottom

LEAN
Maybe that pen isn't a good match for you.

It would be best for you to see for yourself and choose.
That settles it!
Let's go
to the magical art supply shop!
M-!
Magical art supply shop?!
What are you saying? Am I dreaming?
Uh, Coco?
Please just give me a moment to let it sink in...
Fwaah!
Haah
Haah
Wahaha...

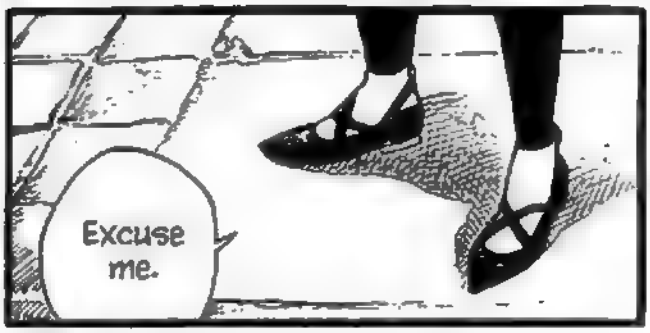
Karoon, the town of Muldforest
Woow!

Karoon is the biggest town of witches near us.

There are so many witches here!

This island in the middle of the lake was built around the tower, which was in turn made to keep watch
and protect the town from the molesnakes that live in the mudforest on the opposite shore.
Since witches built the tower, other witches gathered and built an atelier town around it
In Professor Mode
and to this day a bridge to the other side still hasn't been built!
Professor Qifrey.
Coco's off in dream-land.
Glow

Oh, that's...
Over there!
What's that?!


Excuse me.

There's witches and more witches,
everywhere I look! This is like a dream...
GLANCE
GLANCE

Let's all meet at the magical supplies shop before we leave, okay?
It's just going to be a waste of time for me to stay here while Coco plays tourist....
Oh... sure.
I'm going ahead.
See you later, then.
There are shops I want to go to, too.

Uh.
Um, well...
Getting along well with Agete?

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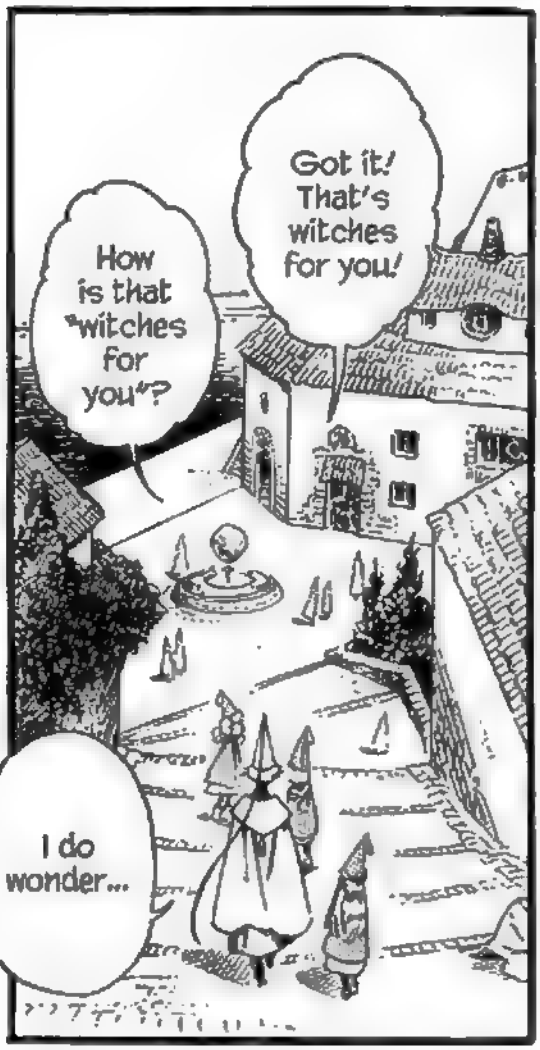
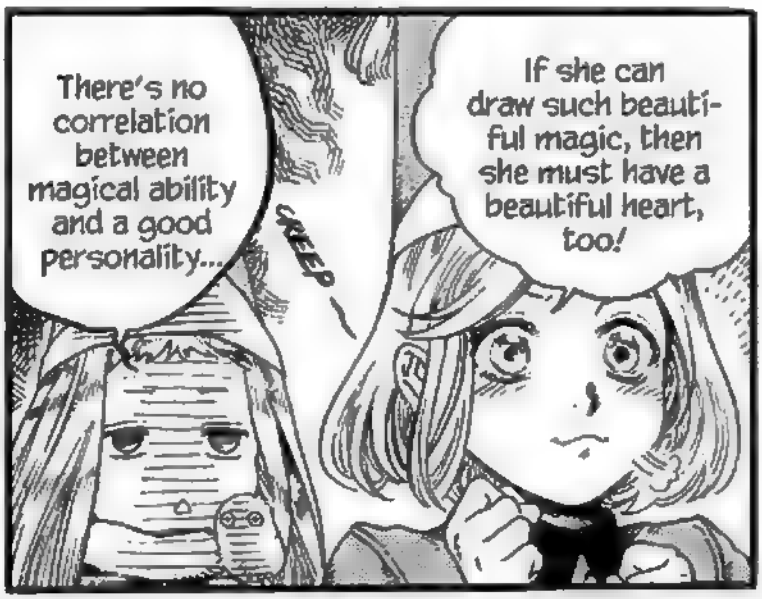
I'd like to become better friends with her if I can.
When I took a peek at the magic she drew,
It was so delicate and beautiful.


Got it! That's witches for you!
How is that "witches for you"?
I do wonder...


There's no correlation between magical ability and a good personality...
CREEP
If she can draw such beautiful magic, then she must have a beautiful heart, too!

It's better for you if you don't get your hopes up...

(HATTER)
BABBLE
BABBLE
(HATTER)
BABBLE
(HATTER)
GASP!
Just my imagination?
Mmh. Nothing.
Coco? What's wrong?

Over here, Coco.
Go on in.
This is the magical supplies shop, "Sword of Stars"!
Wow...

Huh.
A witch disciple who's never seen a silver tree?

There's a tree right in the middle of the shop...

No need to say that.
It hasn't been long since Coco here became a disciple, Mr. Normoa.
You don't know about something as basic as a silver tree?
Then of course you wouldn't know.
Forgive me, lass.
WA HA HA HA H
LEAN
OHOH!
So you're the one...

This is Mr. Nomoa.
He runs this shop!
I didn't know who you were either, so let's call it even!
Quite right.
All the magical items here were made by me and my grandson, Tartar.
Pens, ink, we'll do whatever you want!
And we can make the ink as dense as you like!
What is... "dense"?
You've been slacking on the job, Qifrey!
Just because you look stylish with those cool glasses and that poofy hair doesn't mean you can slack off.
She hasn't been with us long, you see.
Stylish...

SHF
SHF
SHF
?
I'll show you around, Coco, so come with me.
Okay!
Coco?
Com-ing!

Here's a branch that's become stained black just right.

SNAP

Watch closely now.
PLONK

6
This is "sap"!
Huh?
It turned black!
SHF
Right now, this is poisonous to both tree and human,
but after it's been boiled and the excess water removed...
GLUG
The branches are silver while healthy, but grow stained black after death.
but magic ink is different.
Normal ink is made from wood soot,
BLUB
...you get raw magic. It turns to pure magic ink.

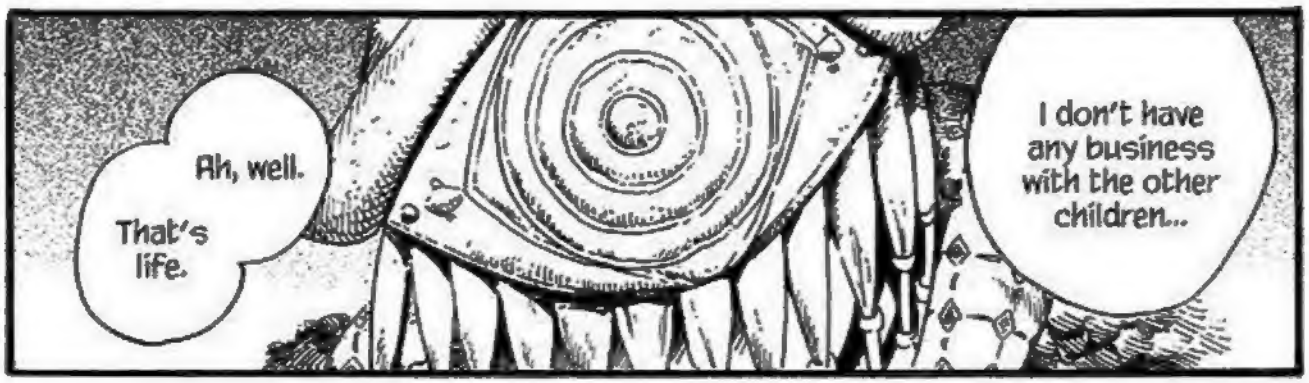
That's why when it comes to magic, these are very important trees.
It is made from the tree's very blood.
Legend says that long, long ago, a silver tree fell in love with a witch...
the tree offered up its blood as magic ink and its branches as wands.
THAT'S RIGHT! THE WAND!
That's right! It's strange, but it can't be harvested from other trees.

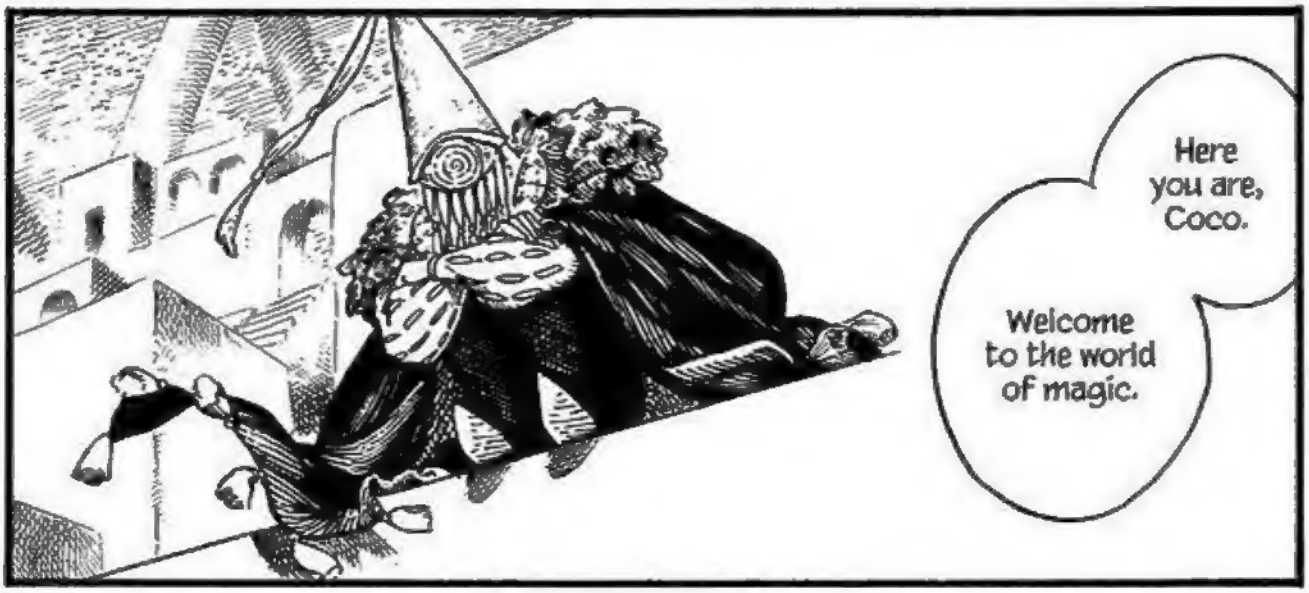
You should find a wand that's just right for you.
Yes.
Came to buy a wand, did you?
Hoho!
Then let me give you a sample to write with.
Come on, Coco!
Okay!
We'll head down to the shop, Professor!
Oh yes, Mr. Nomoa, I have some paper I'd like to order while we're at it...
I wonder what kind of wand you'll get?
I like light-weight wands!

GR
AB
HURRY, RUN!
OH NO, OH NO! THIS IS BAD!
THIS ISN'T KAROON AT ALL!
DASH DASH DASH DASH DASH DASH DASH DASH DASH DASH
W-WAIT, TETIA! HOLD ON.
CALM DOWN. WHAT DID YOU SEE?
What in the world are you talking abo-?
IT'S NOT WHAT I SAW,
IT'S WHAT SAW ME!

MR. NORNOA!
THEY COULDN'T HAVE GOTTEN BORED! THIS IS THE MOST INTERESTING SHOP EVER!
I COULD LOOK AT STUFF HERE ALL DAY!
Shucks, you're making me blush.
Have you seen my disciples?!
I've looked around but I can't find them anywhere.
Hmm? Maybe they got bored and went for a walk?
I just saw them...
Besides, it's not like they'd run off without thanking you.
Where the devil are they?

They ran out chasing this weird-looking witch.
I'm pretty sure
he was wearing a mask like a big eye.


I don't have any business with the other children...
Ah, well.
That's life.


Here you are, Coco.
Welcome to the world of magic.

You
are our
hope.

AN INTRO TO MAGIC GLYPHS

A summary of the rules governing Magic Glyphs.
If you are ever confused, please refer to this page.

The 3 Elements of a Magic Glyph

RUNE

Drawn in the center. The type of Rune will determine the magic's general effect.

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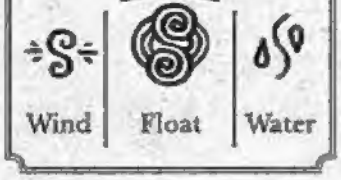

KEYSTONE

Written around the Rune. Keystones determine what form the magic takes, such as size or direction.

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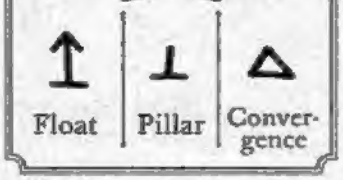
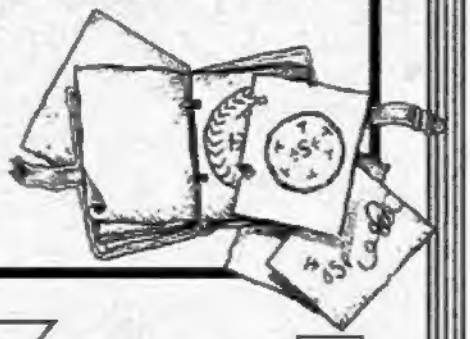


GLYPH

The circle surrounding the Rune and Keystone. When the glyph is closed, its magic is invoked.



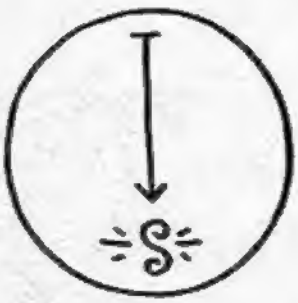
Examples of Basic Magic Glyphs

Common Soarboot Glyph

With both halves pressed together, one can fly through the air without fear of stumbling.

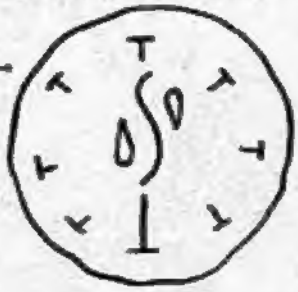
Glyph used at the Dada Mountains

With the Rune offset from the center and the Keystone extended, this Glyph creates a strong momentary burst of magic.



Coco's first Glyph at the Atelier

Due to one Keystone being longer than the rest, Agathe ended up soaked. Additionally, Qifrey's specialty in water magic, allows him to even make "water flowers".



Coco's first Magic Glyph

A small, flickering light appeared. Since it was copied from the picture book of forbidden magic, its true effects are unknown.