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MINE.
I FOUND
IT. NOT
HER.

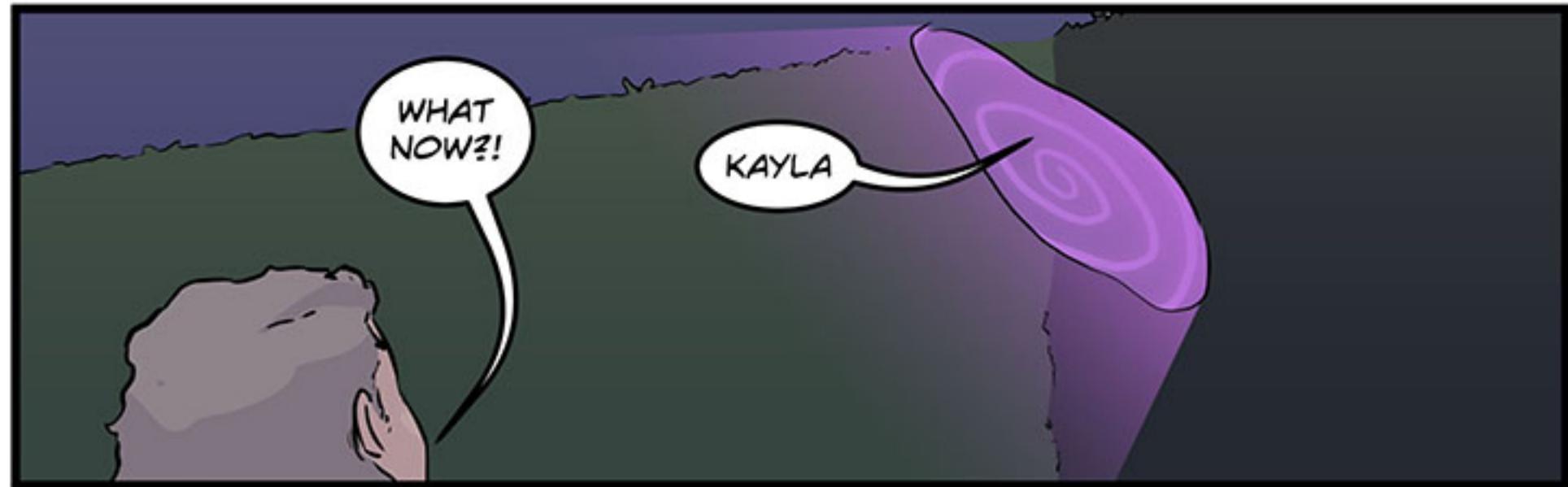
SHE WILL
SEE.

I
FOUGHT
FOR IT...
NO HER...
MINE...

I AM
ME. SHE WILL
SEE. TRAPPED
INSIDE FOR...
WHAT IS
THAT?

LET ME
OUT!

WHAT IS
THAT?!



WHAT
IS YOUR
PLAN?

SIMPLE
REALLY. I
JUST NEED
TO FIND...

IT'S A
BOX, SOMETHING
THAT HAS BEEN IN
MY FAMILY FOR
GENERATIONS. OH
THERE IT IS! NO,
NEVER MIND,
JUST A SHOE
BOX.

WHOA!
HEY, WATCH
OUT!

OOPS,
SORRY ABOUT
THAT.

AH YES,
WE CALL IT
THE SHADOW BOX.
IT'S SAID THAT MY
ANCESTORS USED IT
TO COMMUNICATE
DURING WAR
TIMES.

WILL SHE
BE ABLE TO
TALK TO US?

NO, IT
IS A ONE WAY
MESSAGE.

IF
YOU HAVE
SOMETHING OF
HERS LET'S
TAKE THIS
INSIDE.

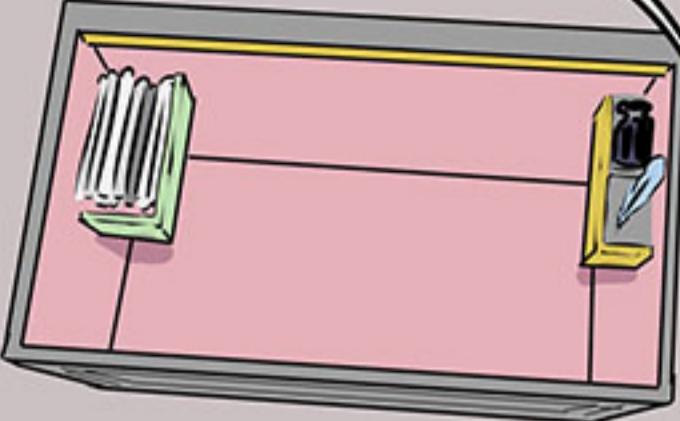
I HOPE
THIS WILL WORK,
IT'S HER FAVORITE
HAIRCLIP.

IT IS
PERFECT!

HOW EXACTLY
ARE WE GOING TO
SEND MESSAGES
TO KAYLA?



IT ALL
STARTS WITH MY GREAT-
GREAT GRANNIE'S SHADOW
BOX.



WE EACH
WRITE OUT THE
MESSAGE
WITH THIS QUILL
AND INK.

THEN
THAT BOX
TAKES IT TO
KAYLA?

IN A
WAY...

WE WILL TAKE
TURNS PLACING OUR
MESSAGE IN THE BOX
WITH THE HAIR CLIP AND
TURN THE LOCK.

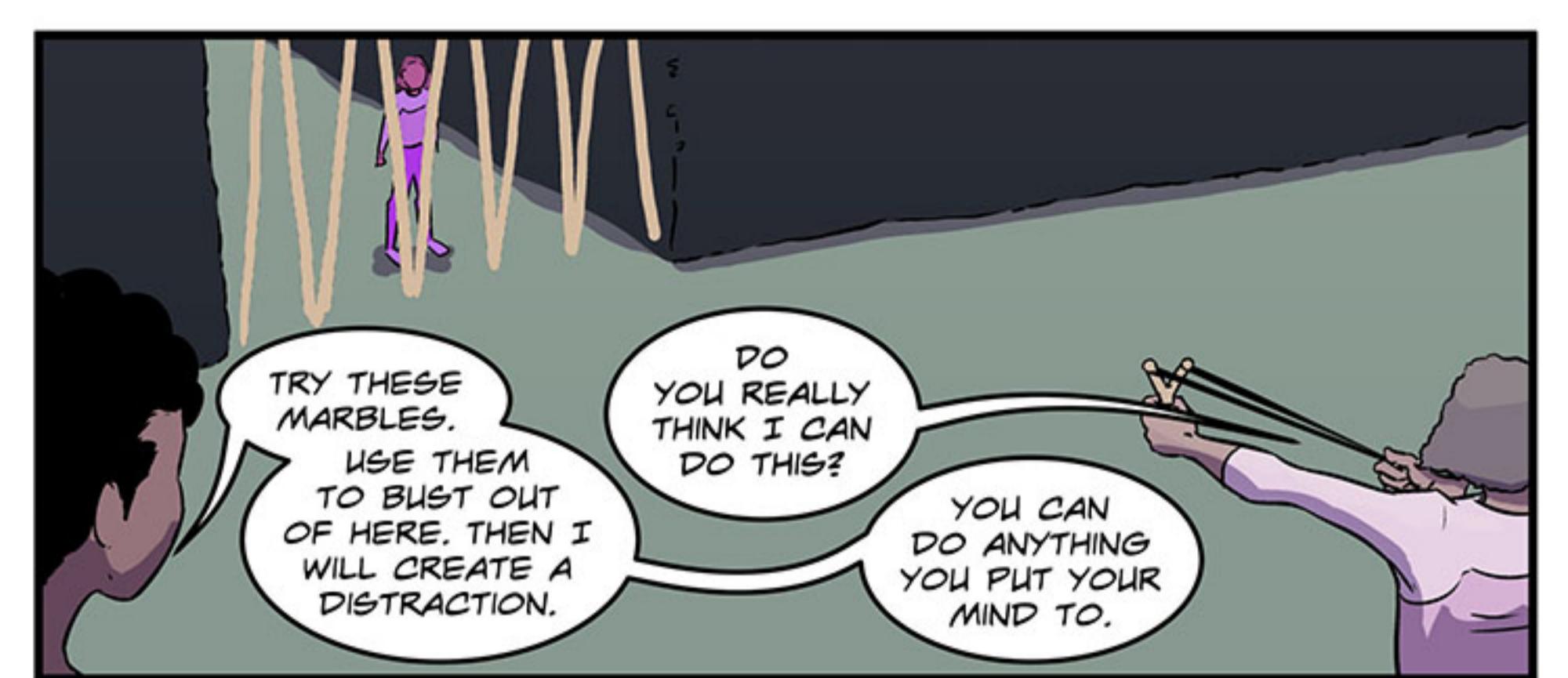
THAT'S
IT.

THAT'S
IT?

WHAT IF SHE
DOESN'T GET THE
MESSAGE?!?!?

SHE
WILL.

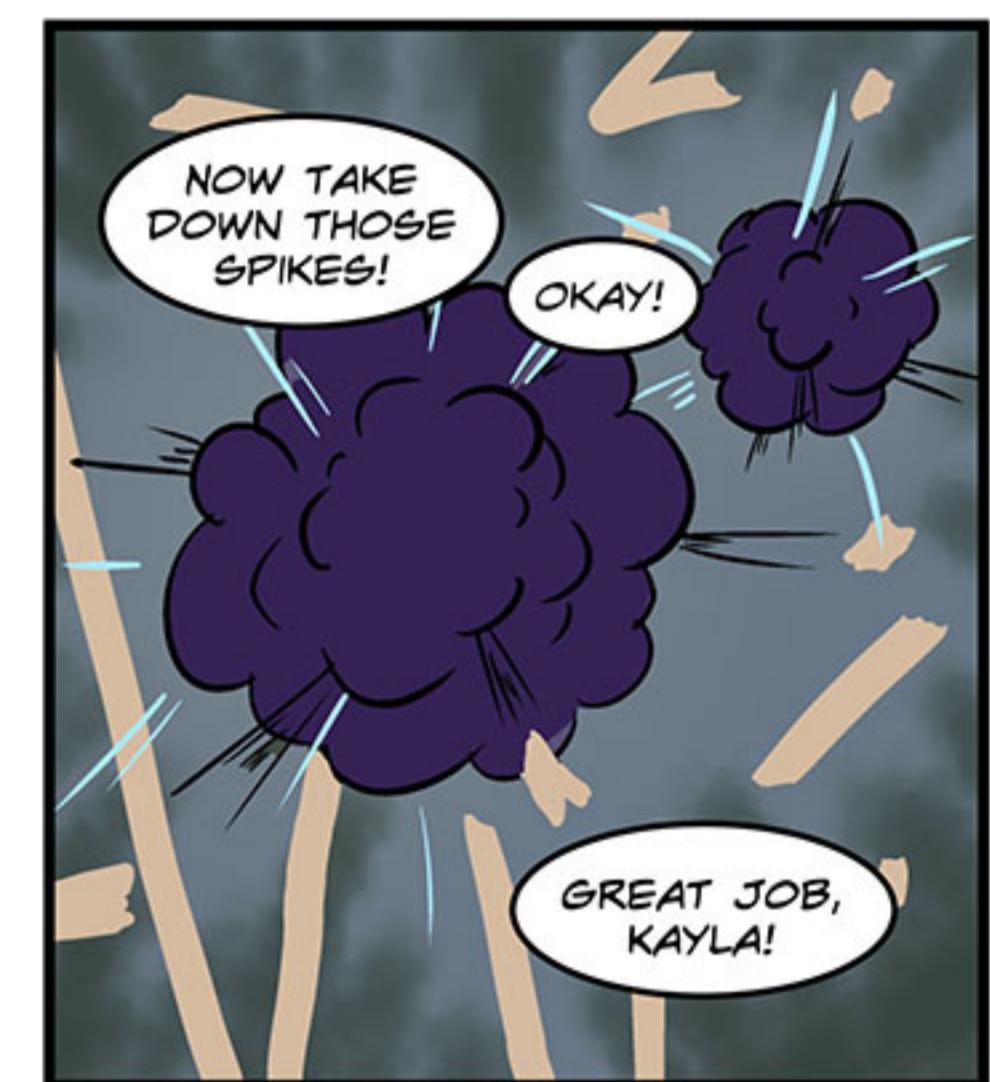




TRY THESE MARBLES.
USE THEM TO BUST OUT OF HERE. THEN I WILL CREATE A DISTRACTION.

DO YOU REALLY THINK I CAN DO THIS?

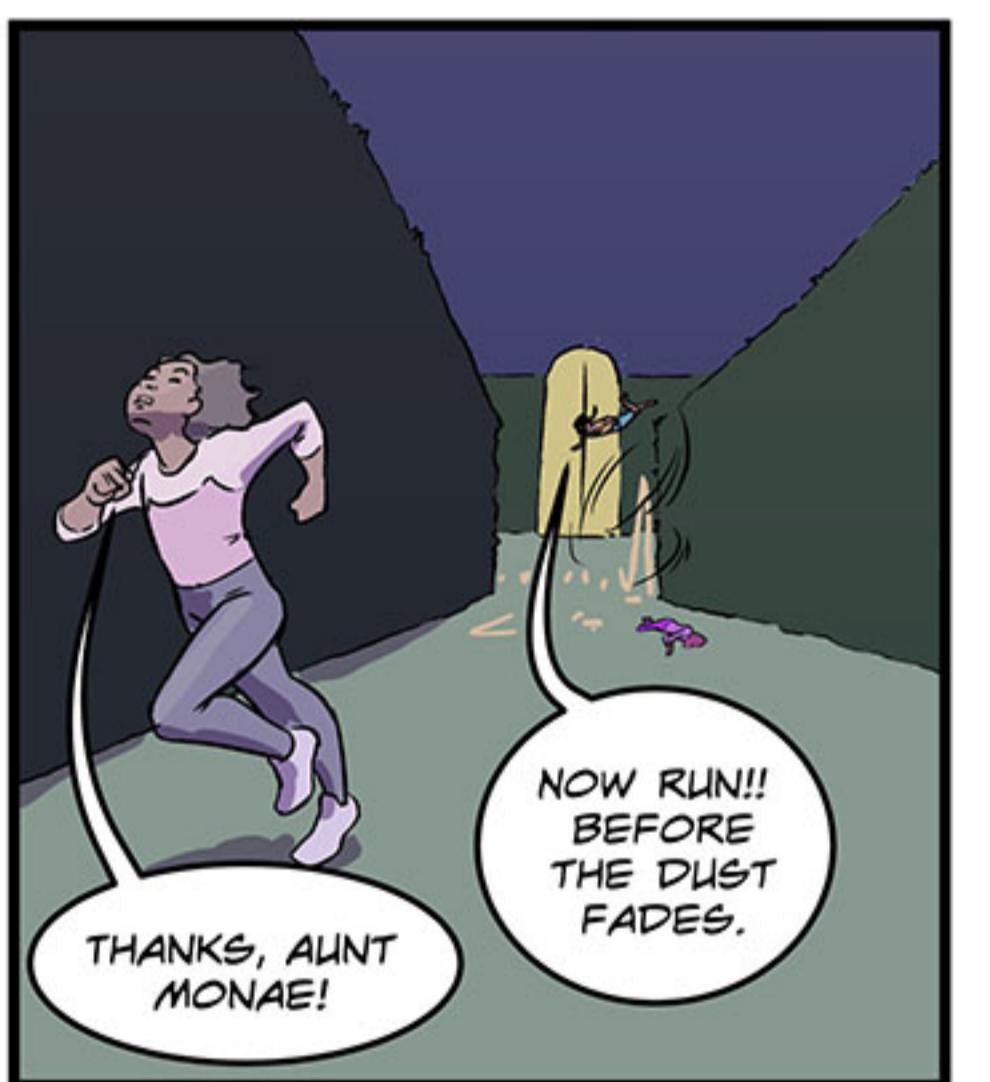
YOU CAN DO ANYTHING YOU PUT YOUR MIND TO.



NOW TAKE DOWN THOSE SPIKES!

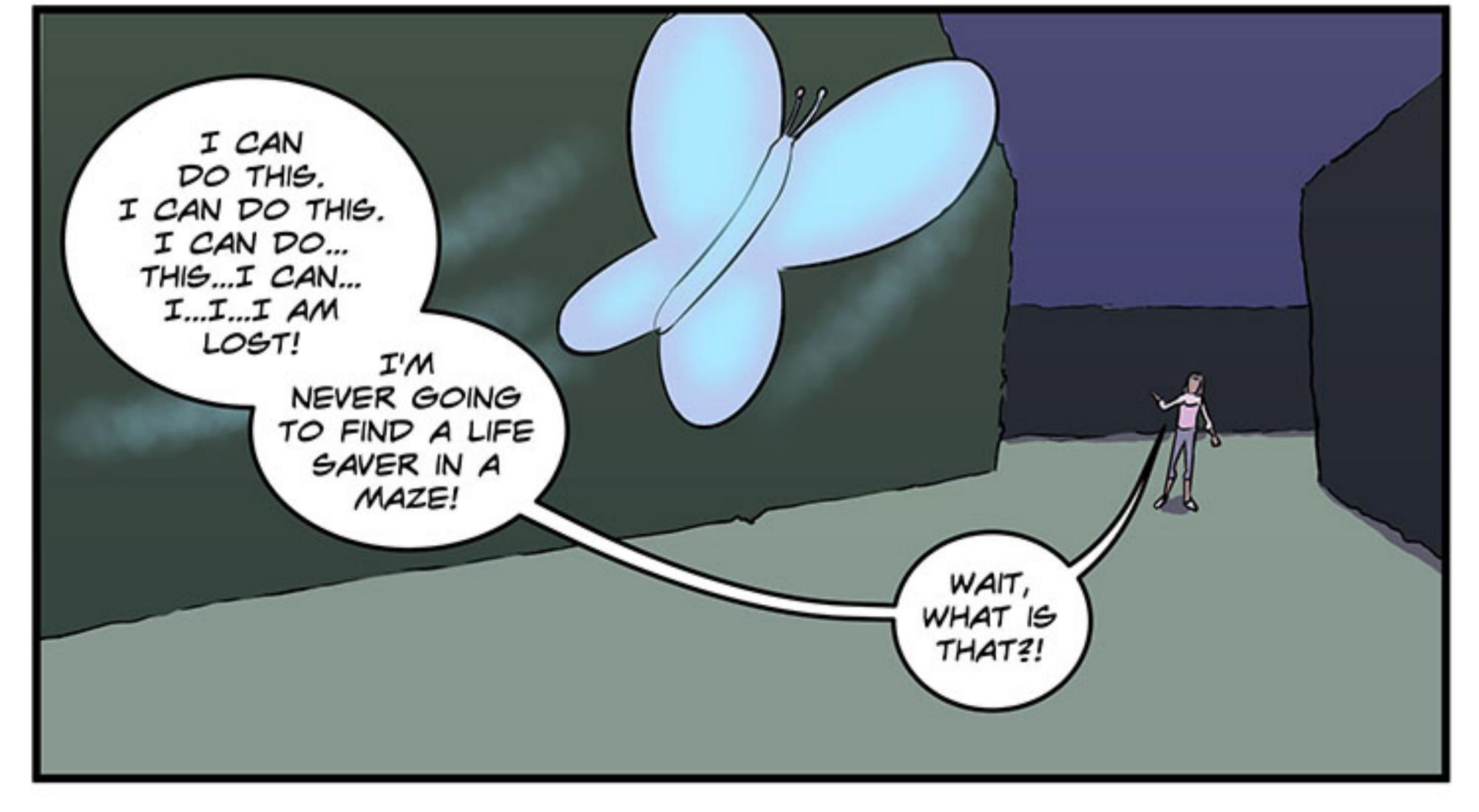
OKAY!

GREAT JOB,
KAYLA!



NOW RUN!! BEFORE THE DUST FADES.

THANKS, AUNT MONAE!



I CAN DO THIS.
I CAN DO THIS.
I CAN DO...
THIS...I CAN...
I...I...I AM LOST!

I'M NEVER GOING TO FIND A LIFE SAVER IN A MAZE!

WAIT,
WHAT IS THAT?!

COME
HERE LITTLE
THING. I WON'T
HURT YOU...
WHOA!



KAYLA...

MS. PALMER?!
IS THAT YOU?

KAYLA,
YOU CAN DO
THIS. REMEMBER
TO STOP, TAKE A
BREATH, LISTEN, AND
FOCUS. YOU ARE
SO STRONG, AND
WE ARE PROUD
OF YOU.

OKAY,
I CAN DO
THIS. CLOSE
MY EYES, DEEP
BREATH IN,
FOCUS...

SPLOOSH

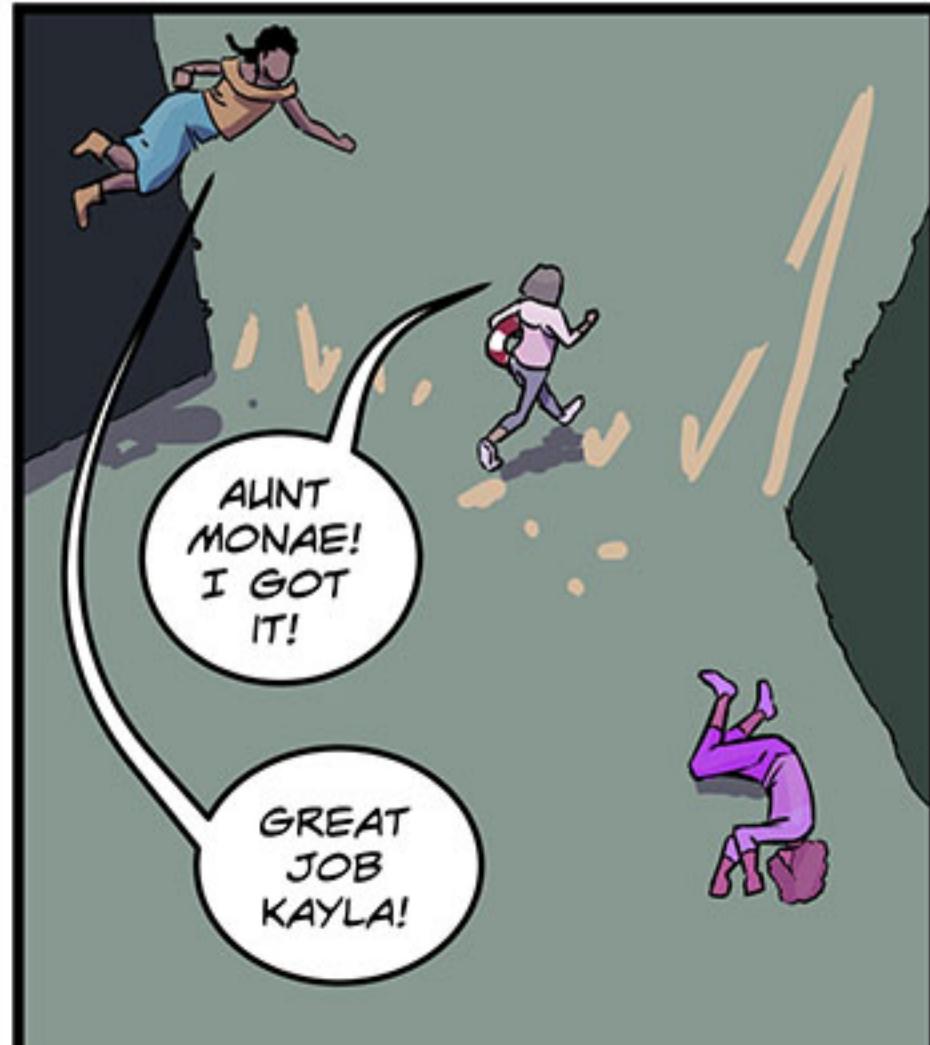
WOOOSH!

I CAN
FOLLOW THE
SOUND!

THANKS MS.
PALMER!

AUNT
MONAE!
I GOT
IT!

GREAT
JOB
KAYLA!



...THEN
MS. PALMER
WAS GONE. ONCE
I HAD THE LIFE
SAVER, THE REST
WAS EASY!

I'M SO
HAPPY HER
MESSAGE
FOUND
YOU.

WHAT
IF I CAN'T
FINISH
THIS?

GET
THOSE NEGATIVE
THOUGHTS OUT
OF YOUR
HEAD!



YOU
CAN DO
THIS.

OKAY,
I THINK
I CAN...

LOOK,
THE LAST
RIDDLE IS READY
TO GO, AND SPEAKING
OF GOING I CAN'T
STAY ANY
LONGER.

NOW,
YOU HAVE
A MAZE TO
BEAT.

S A V E S
M
I
L
Y

HOLD
ON TO THAT
SATCHEL TIGHT.
FACE YOUR SHADOW
SELF. I BELIEVE
IN YOU!

THANK
YOU. FOR
EVERYTHING.
I LOVE
YOU AUNT
MONAE!

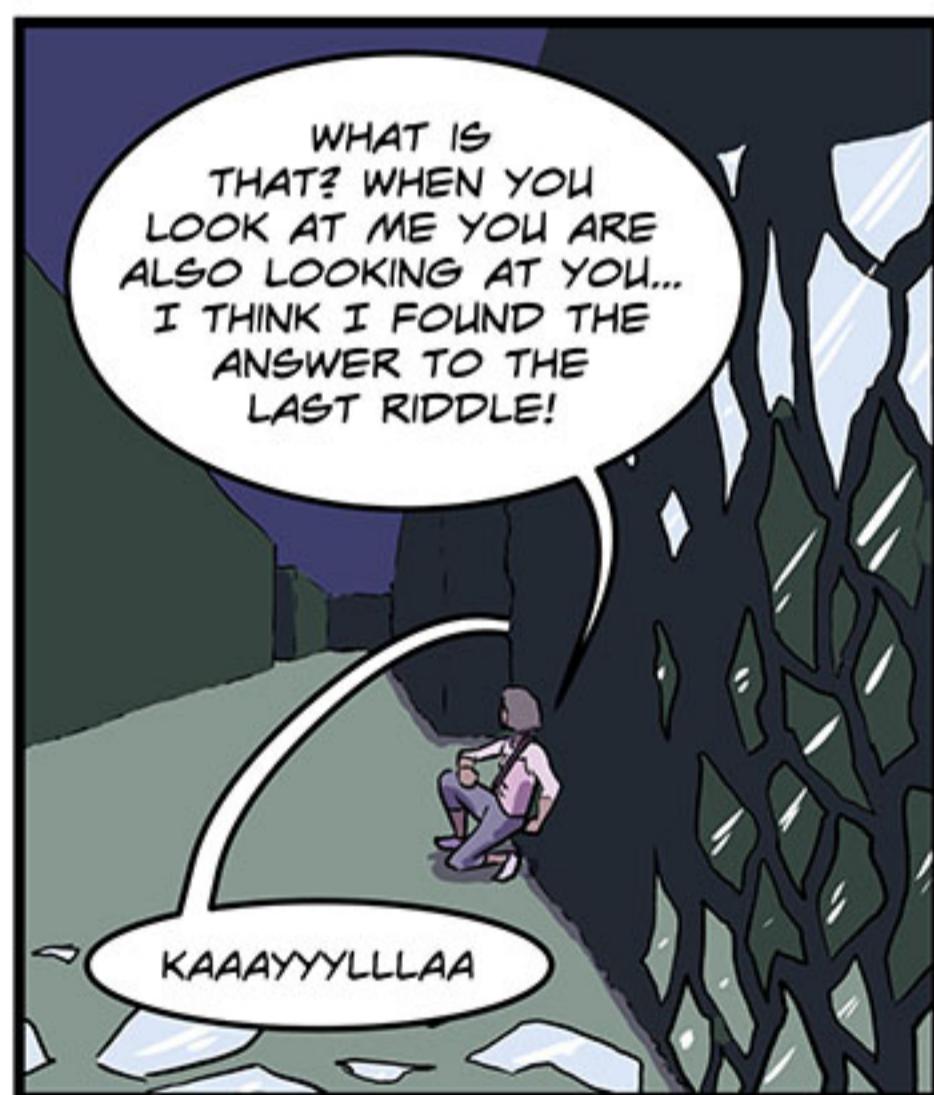
I LOVE
YOU TOO,
KAYLA...



...AND
WE ARE ALL
CHEERING FOR
YOU.

THAT
SHADOW
BETTER WATCH
OUT! KAYLA IS
READY TO
RUMBLE.





THE MIRRORS,
ARE ALL DIFFERENT.
AM I DIFFERENT
NOW TOO.

KAAAAYYLLAAA

WHAT?!

HOW DID
YOU FOLLOW ME...
NO! STAY AWAY
FROM ME!

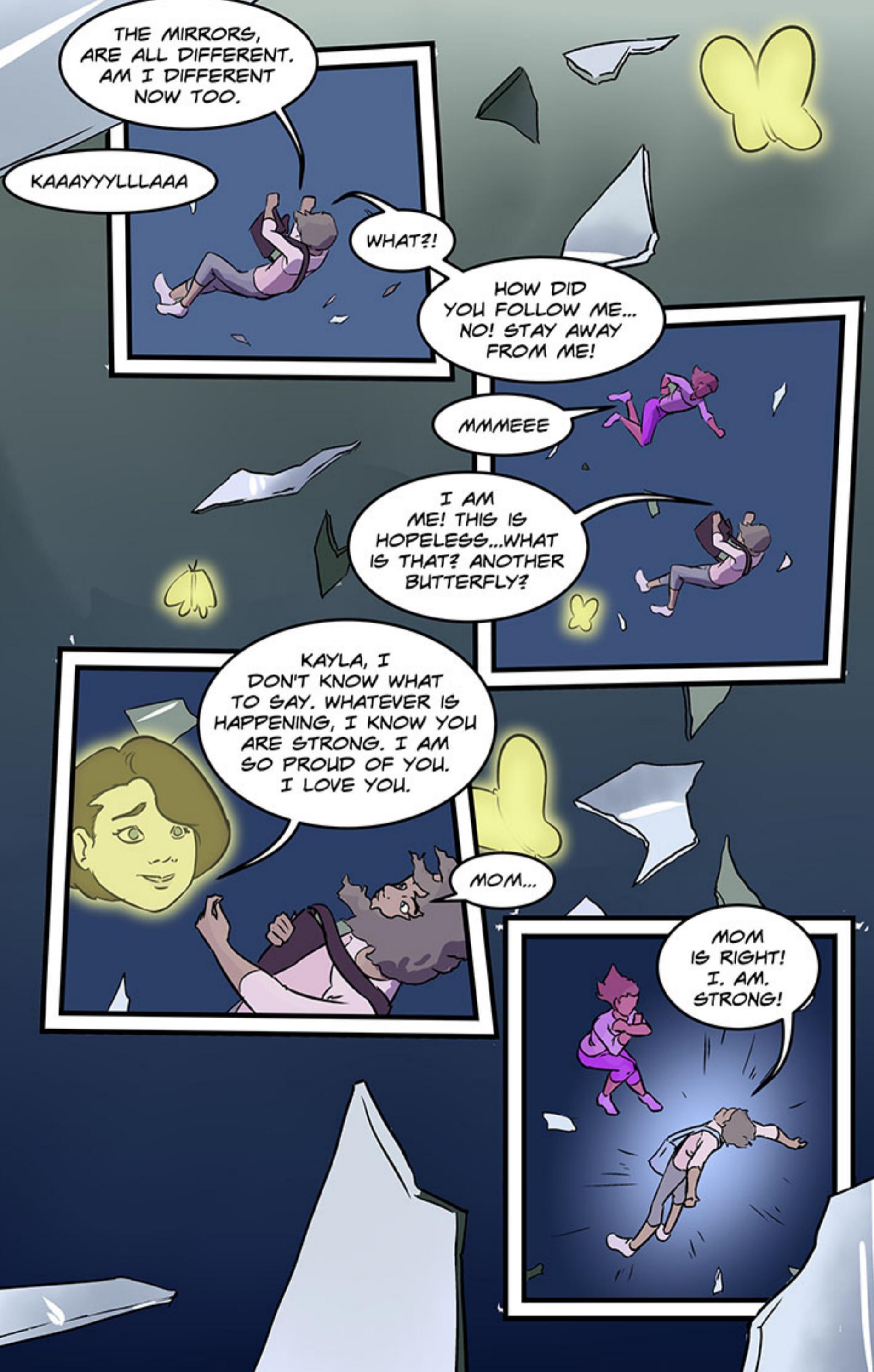
MMEEEEE

I AM
ME! THIS IS
HOPELESS...WHAT
IS THAT? ANOTHER
BUTTERFLY?

KAYLA, I
DON'T KNOW WHAT
TO SAY. WHATEVER IS
HAPPENING, I KNOW YOU
ARE STRONG. I AM
SO PROUD OF YOU.
I LOVE YOU.

MOM...

MOM
IS RIGHT!
I. AM.
STRONG!



DID I
DO IT? AM
I BACK HOME
AGAIN?

I AM
BACK IN THE
MAZE! HOW DID
YOU GET IN
HERE?



TOGETHER

WE
MADE IT HERE...
TOGETHER?

FOCUS

L
YOU



THAT'S IT!
LIKE MS. PALMER
SAYS; SLOW DOWN,
FOCUS, AND PUT EACH
PART BACK TOGETHER
AGAIN...

...AND MOM
SAYS TRUST
IN MYSELF...
STRONGER
TOGETHER!



I DID
IT! I PUT IT
TOGETHER.
FAMILY SAVES
YOU! THAT'S
SO TRUE.



I AM
SO READY
TO GO
HOME!







FAMILY REALLY DOES SAVE
YOU, AND THEY ALWAYS
HAVE YOUR BACK!



Issue 5 Parent/Caregiver Resources

Kayla feels confused and scared in an unusual situation. To learn how to raise an emotionally resilient child, see this information from PBS Parents:
<https://www.pbs.org/parents/thrive/how-to-raise-an-emotionally-resilient-child>

Aunt Monae, Ms. Palmer, and Kayla's parents help and encourage her when she needs it most. To learn how to build resilience in kids, see this information from Understood.org:
https://www.understood.org/en/friends-feelings/empowering-your-child/building-on-strengths/building-resilience-in-kids?_ul=1*1blbea7*domain_userid*YW1wLXJEdHFycEY4WENFMDdDZ0lwWGFmWXc.

Kayla stays motivated in a stressful situation from the adults in her life. To learn how to help kids stay motivated, see this information from Understood.org:
https://www.understood.org/en/friends-feelings/managing-feelings/feeling-victimized/the-importance-of-staying-motivated-for-kids-with-learning-and-thinking-differences?_ul=1*nhtard*domain_userid*YW1wLXJEdHFycEY4WENFMDdDZ0lwWGFmWXc.

Ms. Palmer helps Kayla remember ways to deal with a stressful situation. To learn how to help kids with anxiety/stress, see this information from PBS Parents:
<https://www.pbs.org/parents/thrive/sharpen-your-childs-stress-relieving-skills>

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