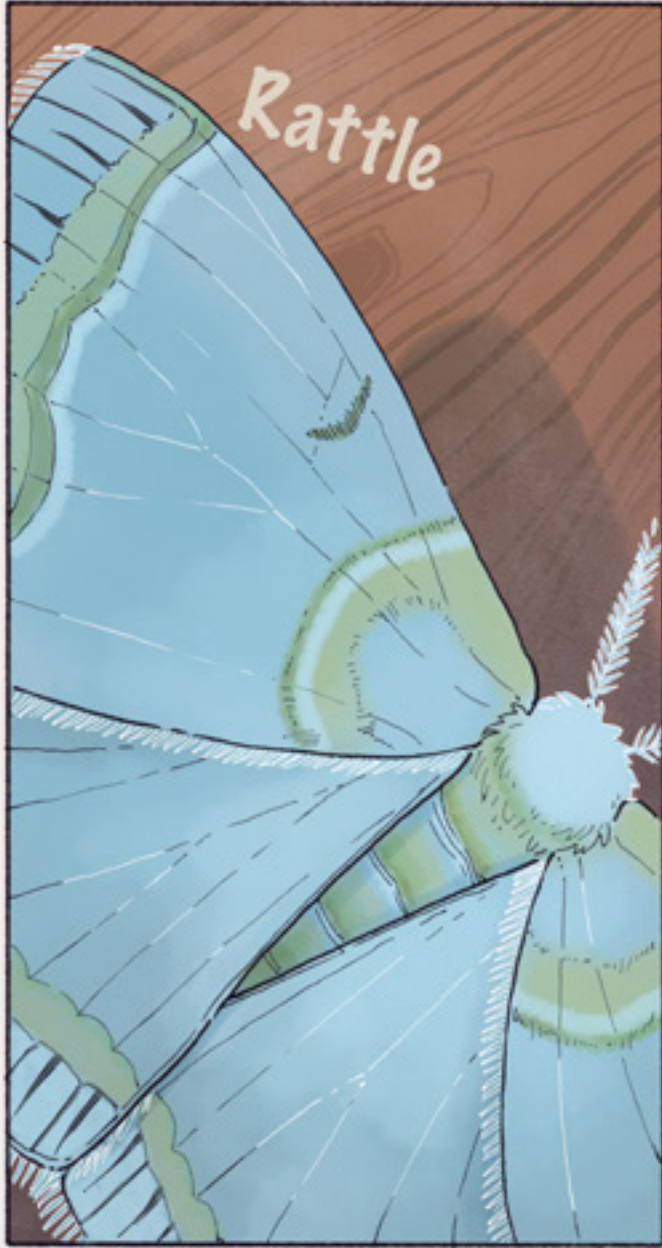


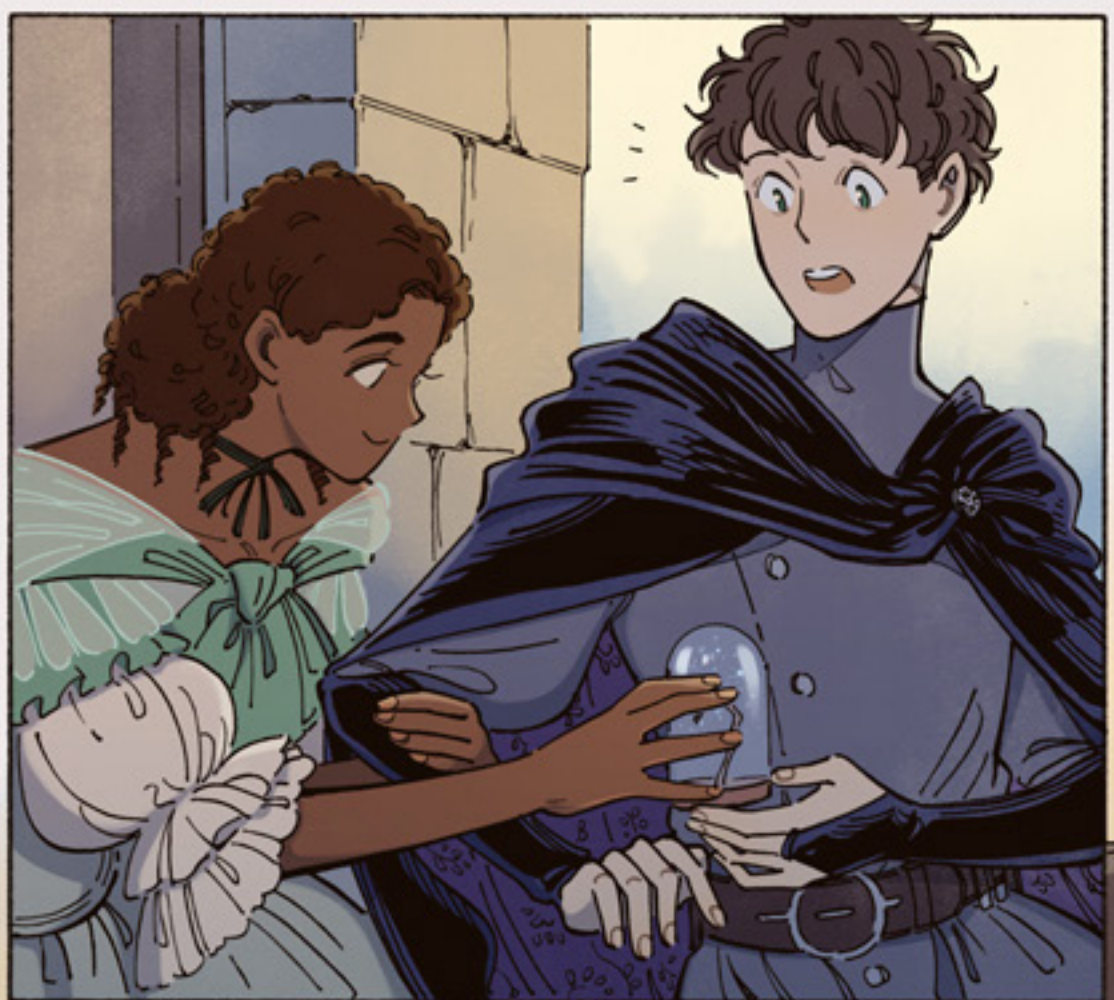
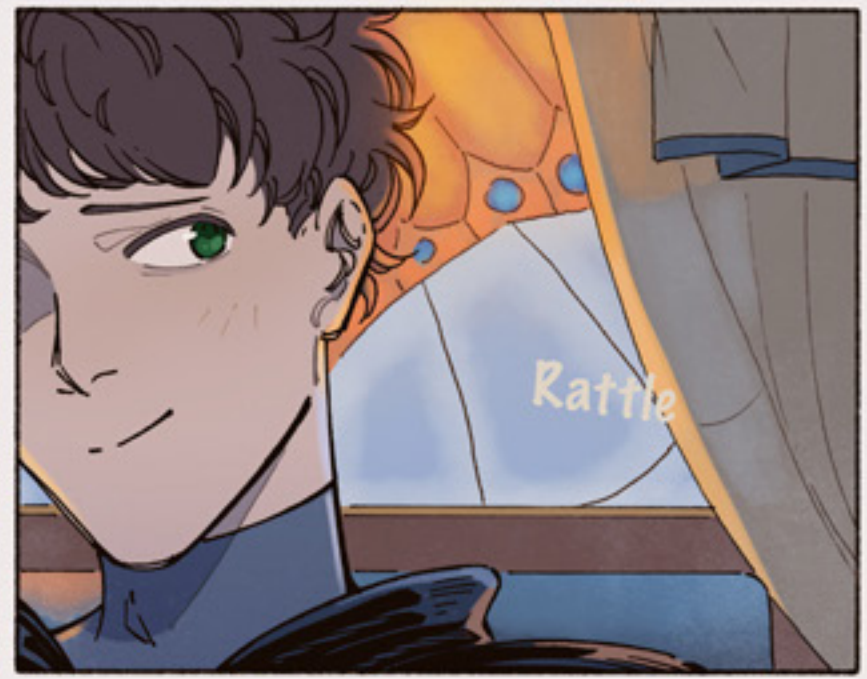
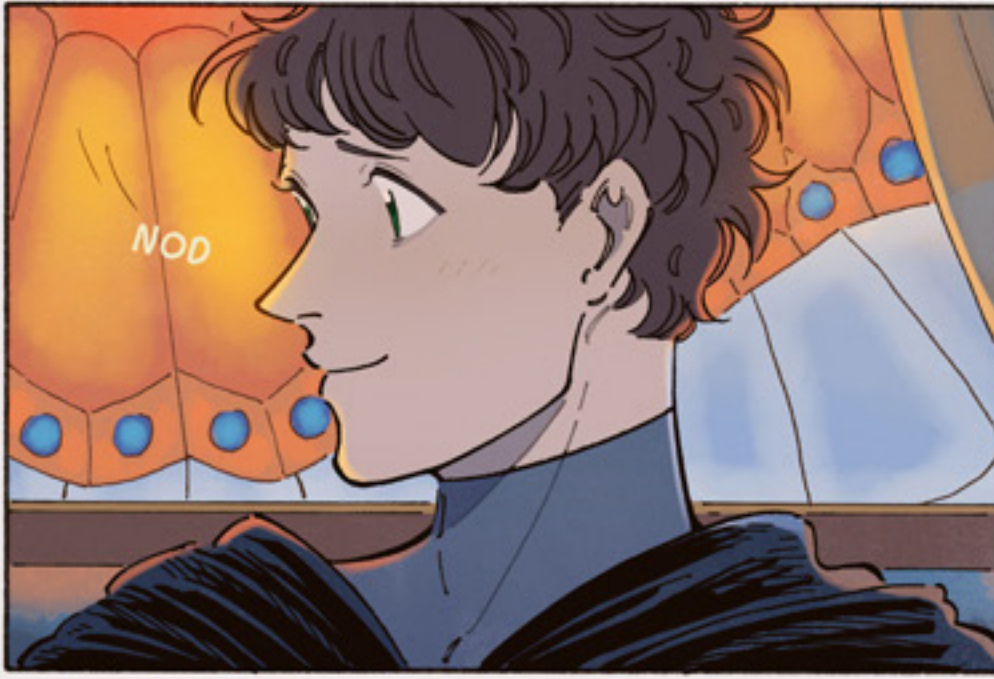
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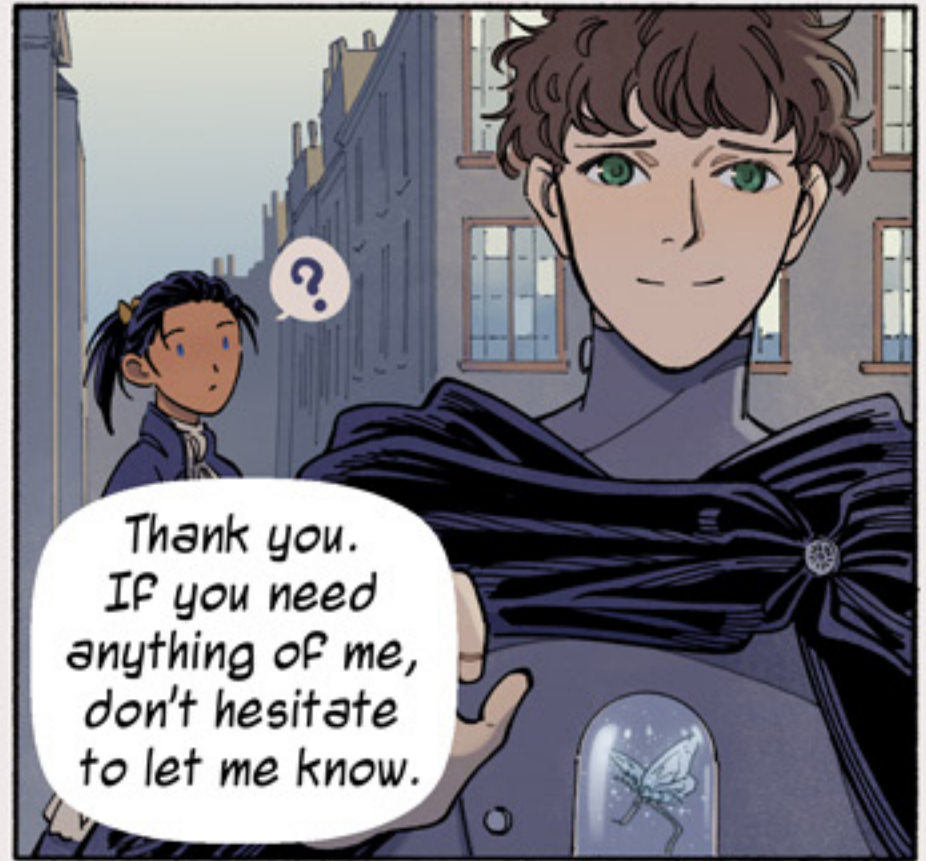
When the carriage lets you off, release this little one.



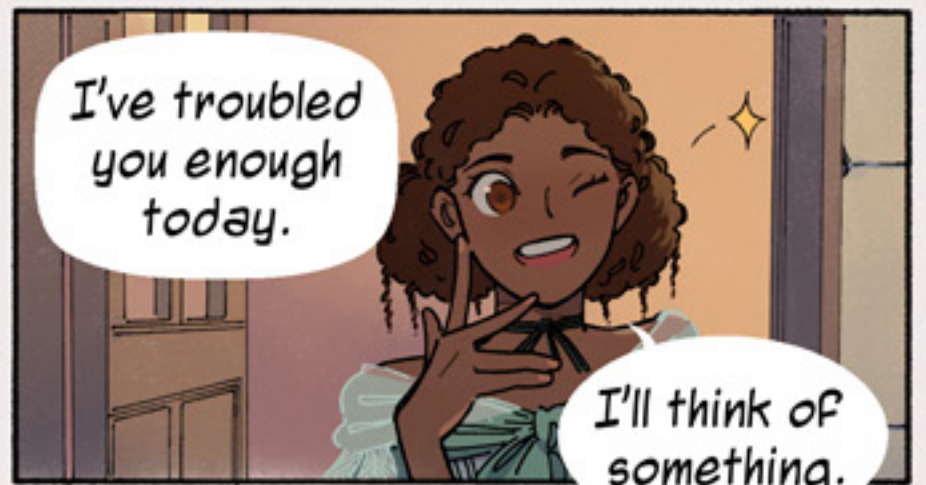
She will give you a private space, anyone who comes near will be led astray.



Just blow this whistle to call her back when you're ready to return.



Thank you. If you need anything of me, don't hesitate to let me know.



I've troubled you enough today.

I'll think of something.

Rattle

Rattle



This one will be accompanying us on this journey?



Oh no.



Mademoiselle Viverette has asked me if I would help her release this child into the country. Since it has reached maturity.

She's quite the entomologist.

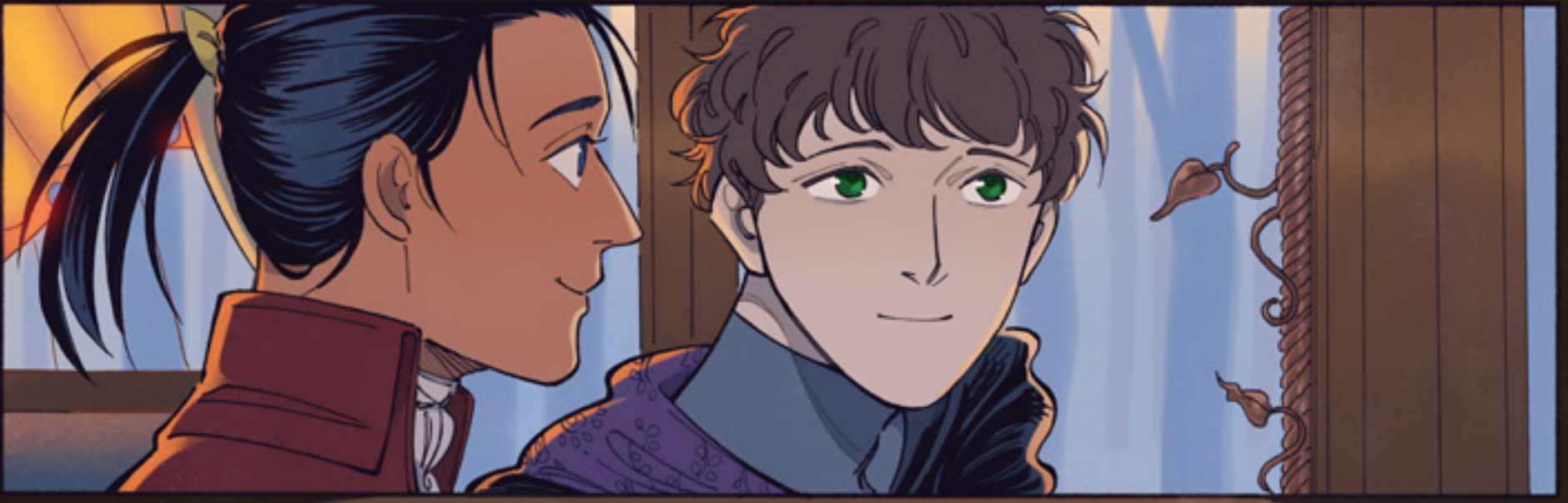


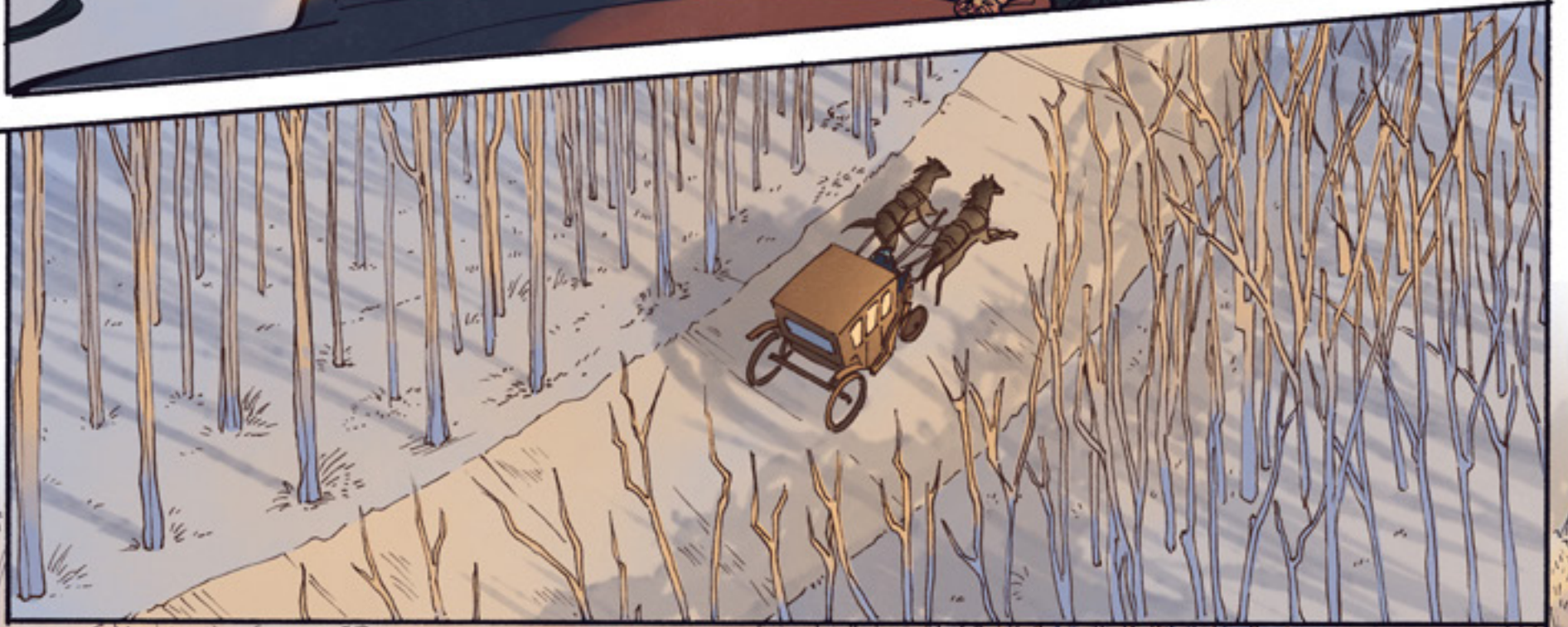
Oh, alright.

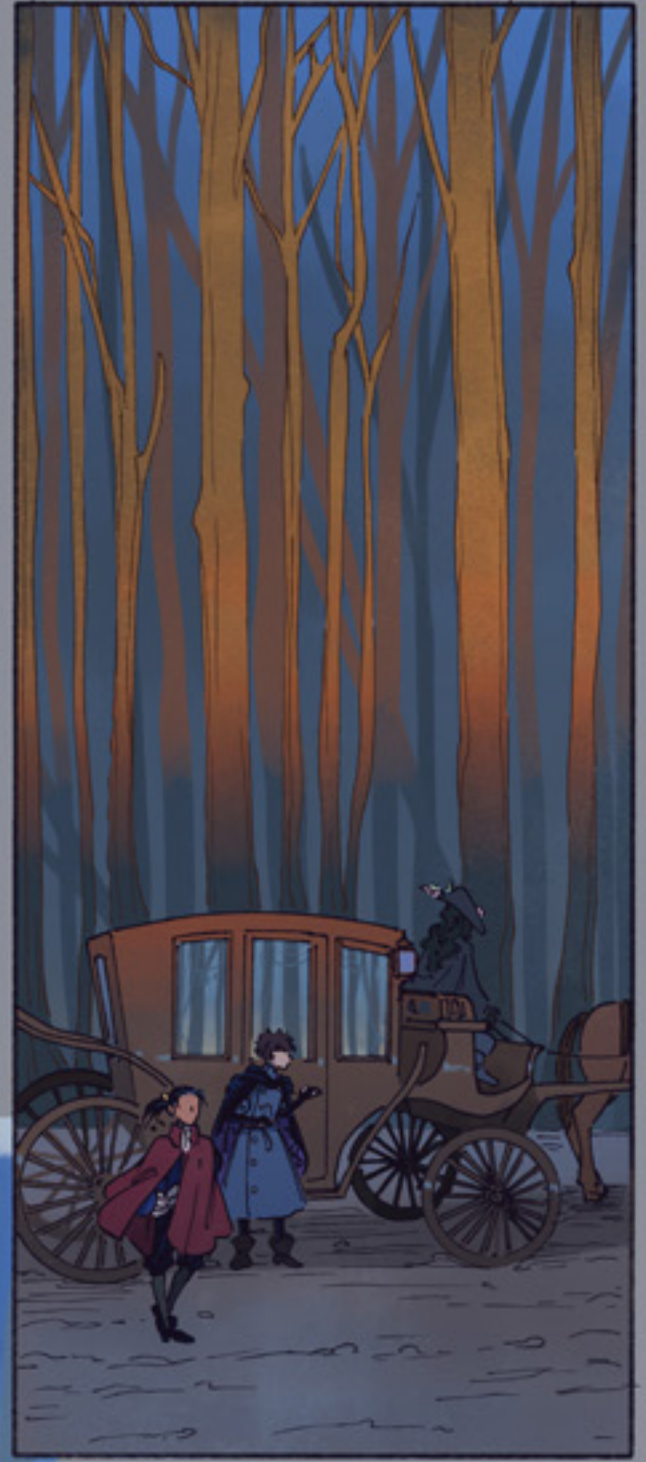
My, her dedication to the science is quite admirable.



What a splendid ride!

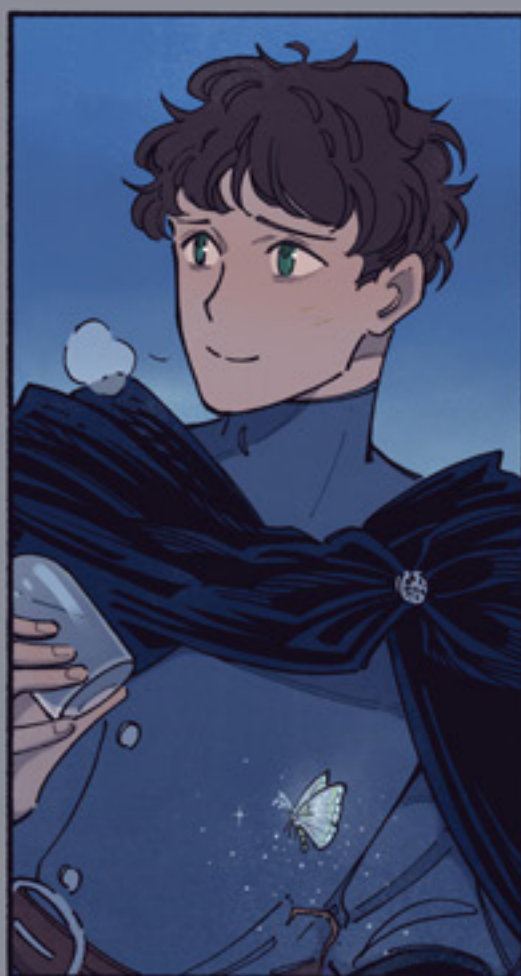






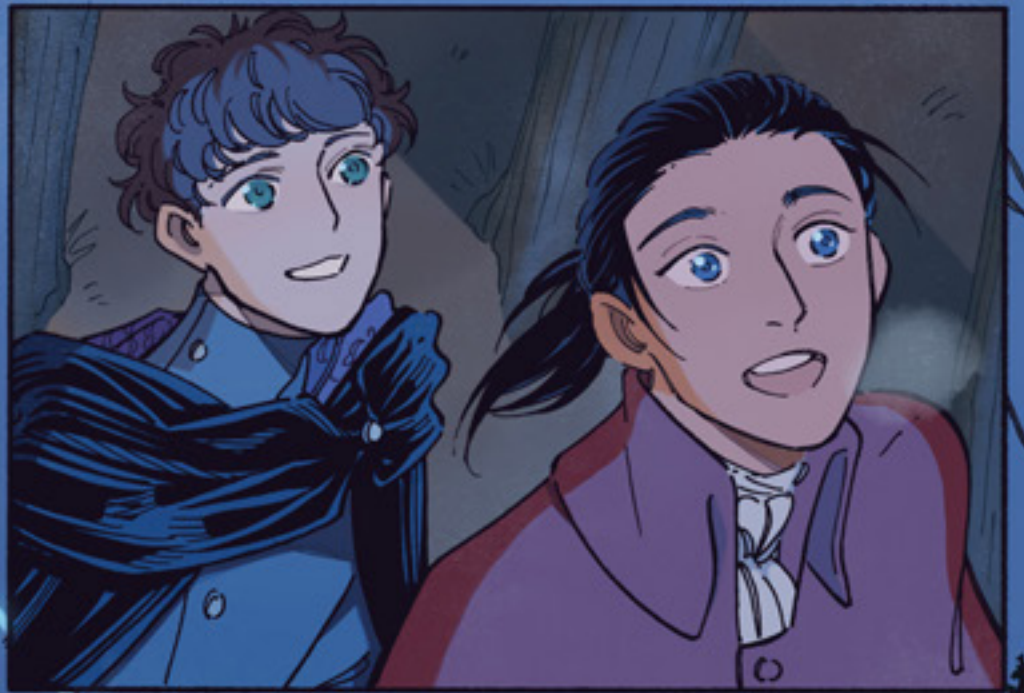
I'll be back at the break of dawn.







The light is fading. Quickly!







Ah if only
I could bring
Huygens's
telescope
this far.

The things
you can
see!







Before I met Huygens,

I thought the stars were little pin pricks in the sky.



Now I know that space circles in three dimensions.



The stars may appear to be next to each other,

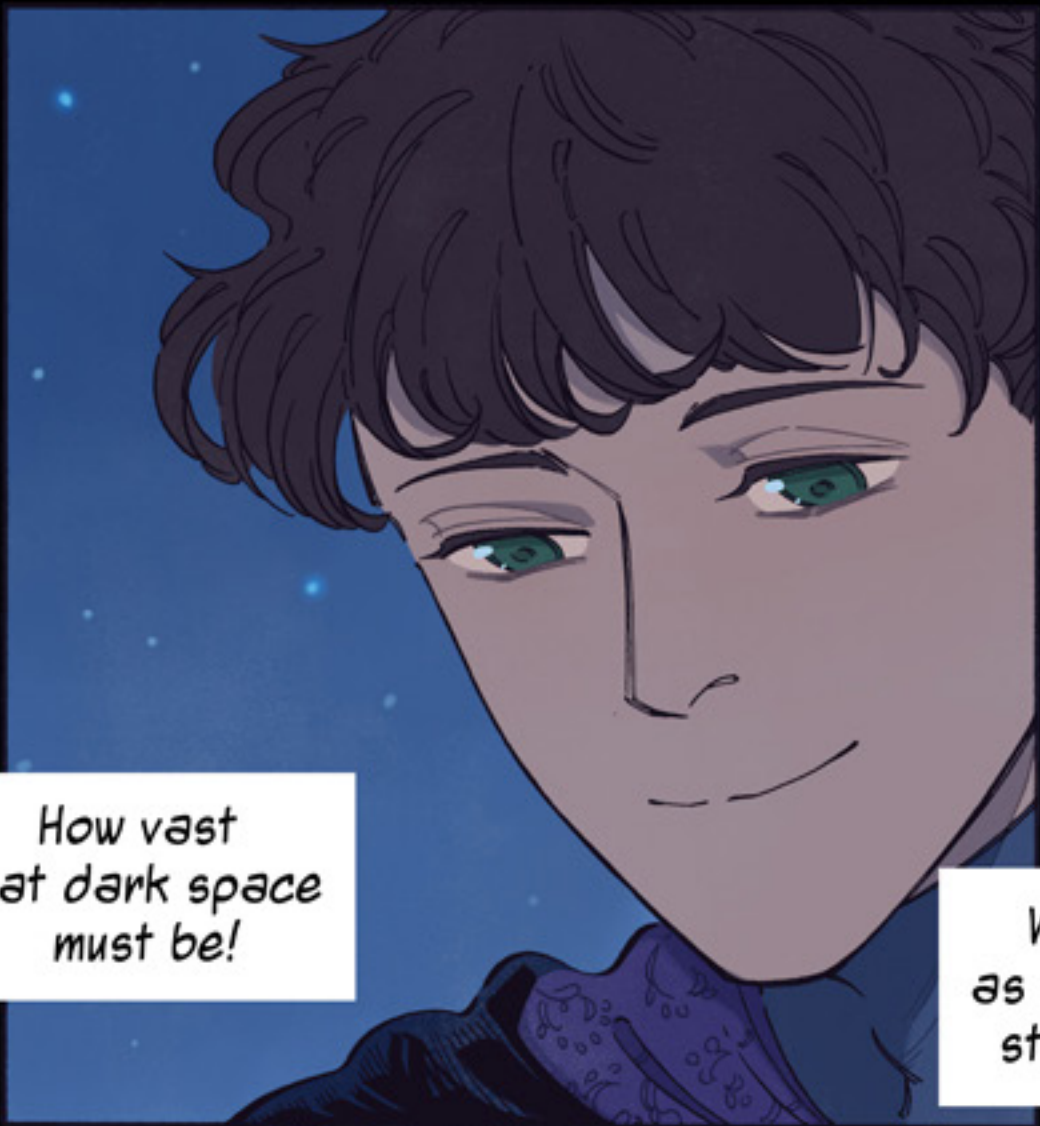
but they are in fact spread apart by unimaginable distances,



like a gigantic mobile made of fiery spheres!



How vast
that dark space
must be!



With mysteries
as numerous as the
stars themselves!



I remember a
time when it was
thought the sky must
be a hollow globe,
embedded with jewels.

No one would have
thought the stars
were bright giants
hovering around us.





Indeed!



I hope one day for a telescope so grand,



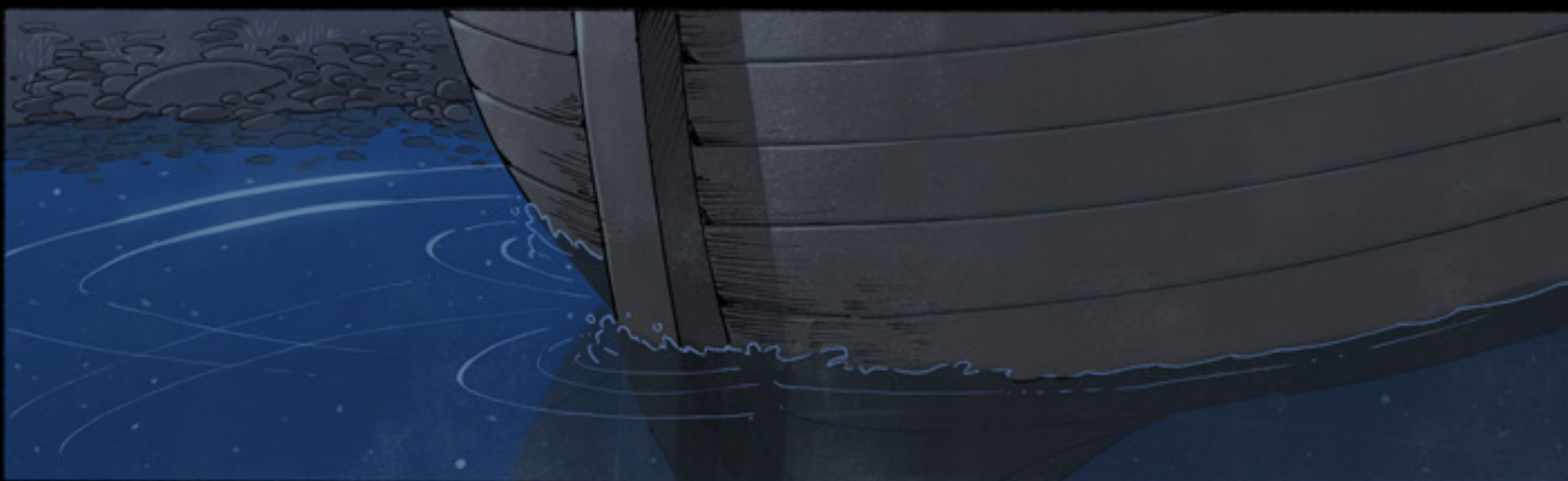
it can see into the furthest corner of the universe.



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Care for
a better view?







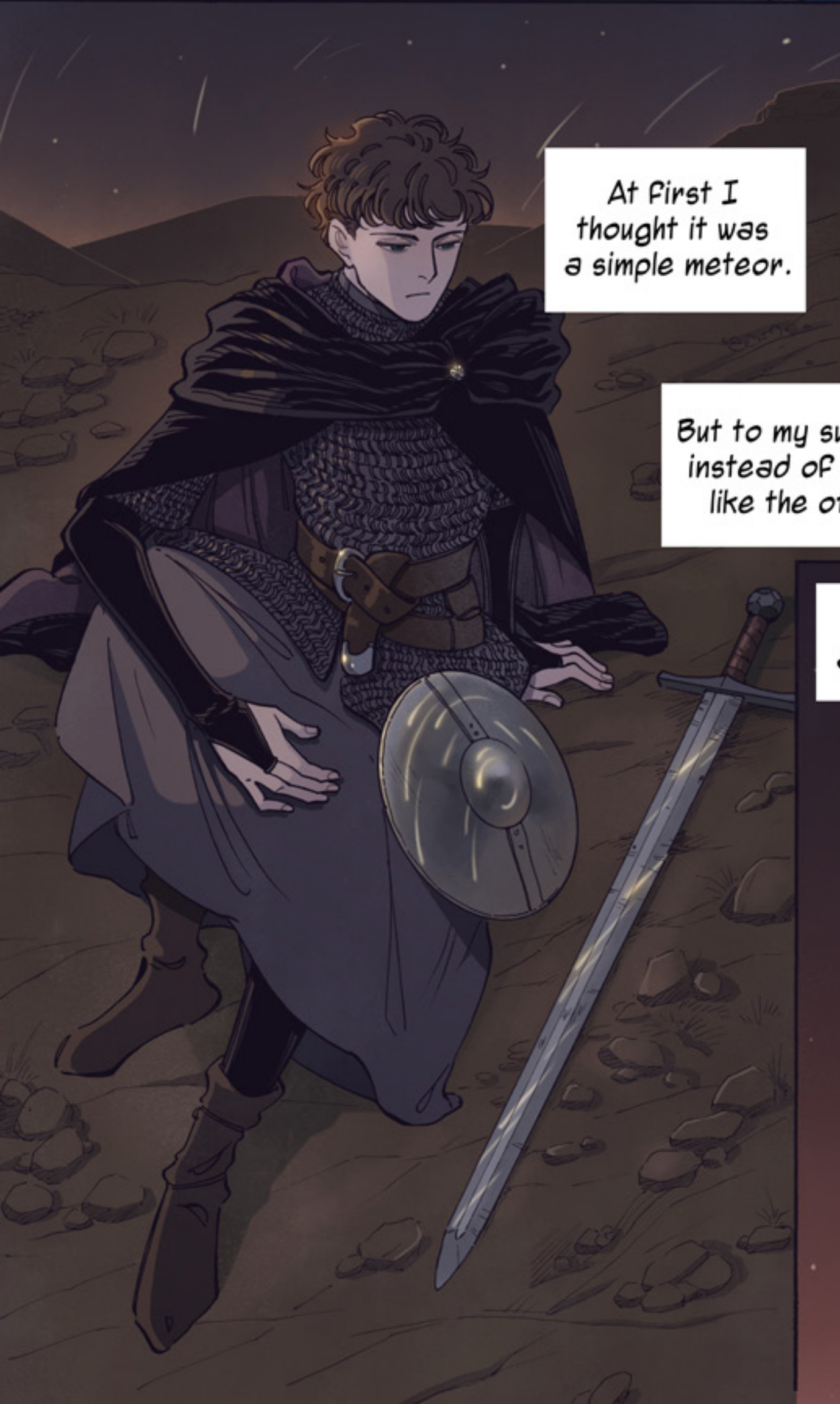
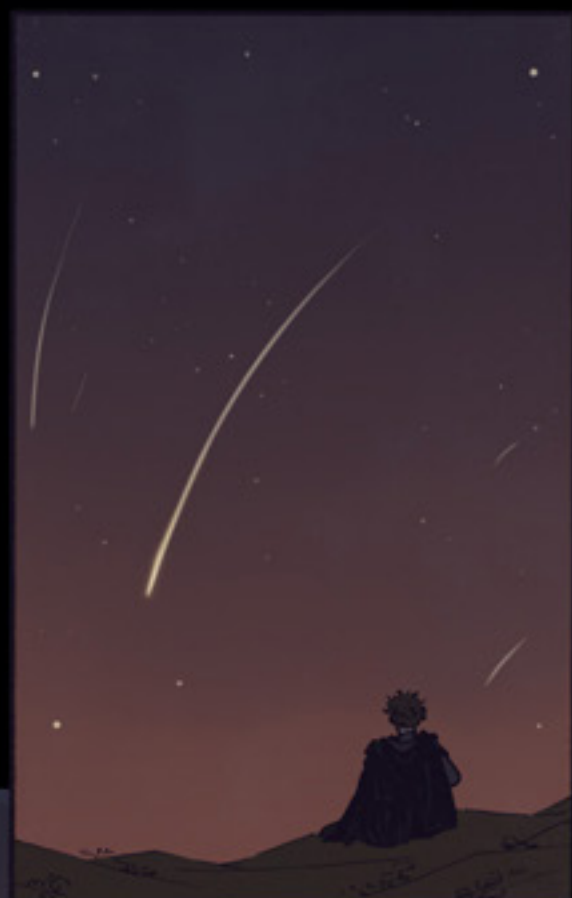
We shall row ourselves into the middle of the universe!







I once witnessed a strange phenomenon in the sky on a night quite like this.

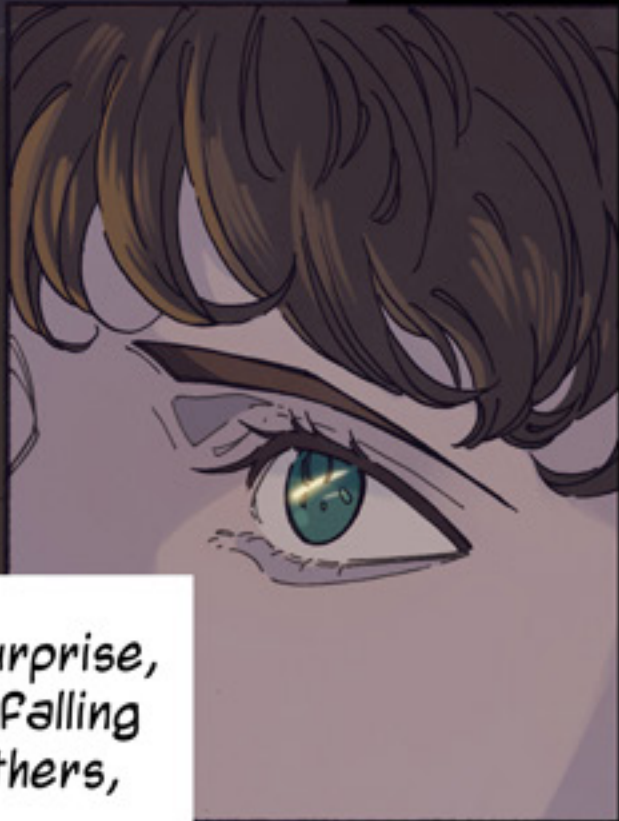


At First I thought it was a simple meteor.

But to my surprise, instead of falling like the others,

it Flew into another direction!

As if met by an invisible force or repelled by a magnet.





I remain baffled to this day. Perhaps you can enlighten me?



Flew in another direction?



That is strange indeed...



A meteor in retrograde?

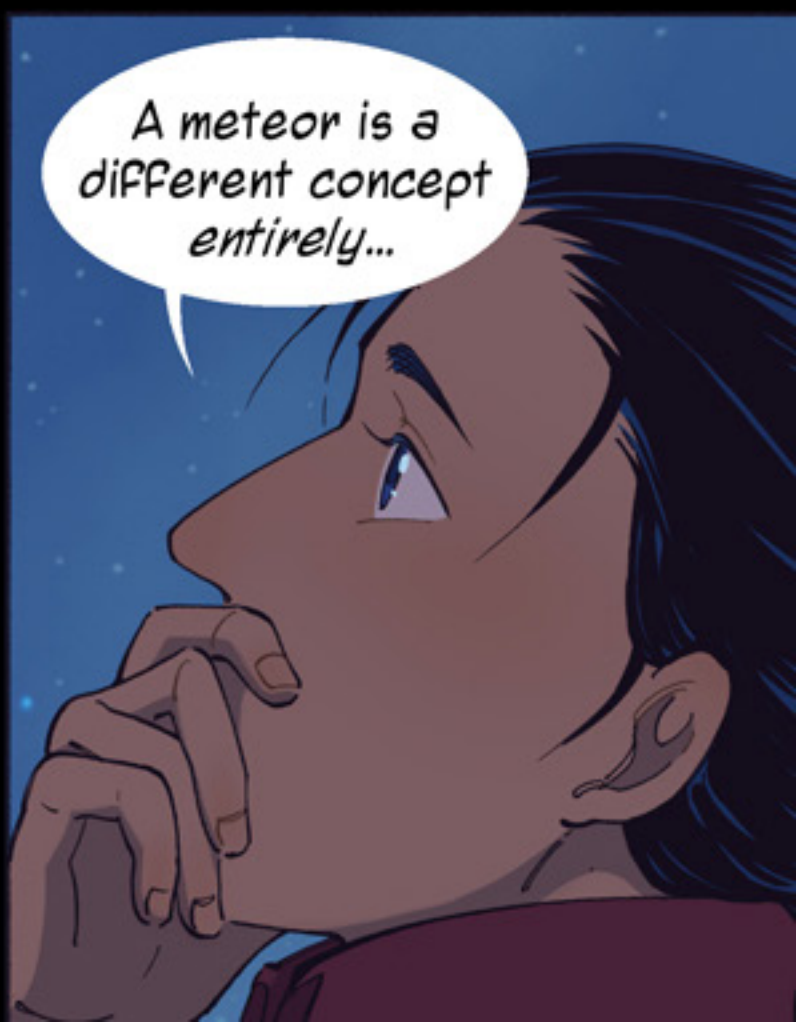
No...

What could have caused such a phenomenon...



I have charted the planets doing such things in progression,

but this is because of our perception of far away orbits in relation to our own orbit around the sun.



A meteor is a different concept entirely...

Could it be proof
of what Monsieur Huygens
had suggested? That there
are men, much like ourselves,
living beyond the borders
of our planet?



Are you
suggesting
the object was
controlled by
some sort of
intelligent
being?

You are a
daring thinker
Sulvain.



Beyond the
borders of our
planet....





Would you like to venture beyond the bounds of Paris?...France? To other worlds perhaps?



with me...?





...



Other worlds... Fascinate me.

Sometimes I think those other worlds are the only thing I think about...

But...



SIGH



I don't know...



Why not?





I understand.

There are things that keep you here...



What kind of intelligent beings do you think would ride a craft amongst the meteors?





Perhaps they are distant explorers, searching for another world.



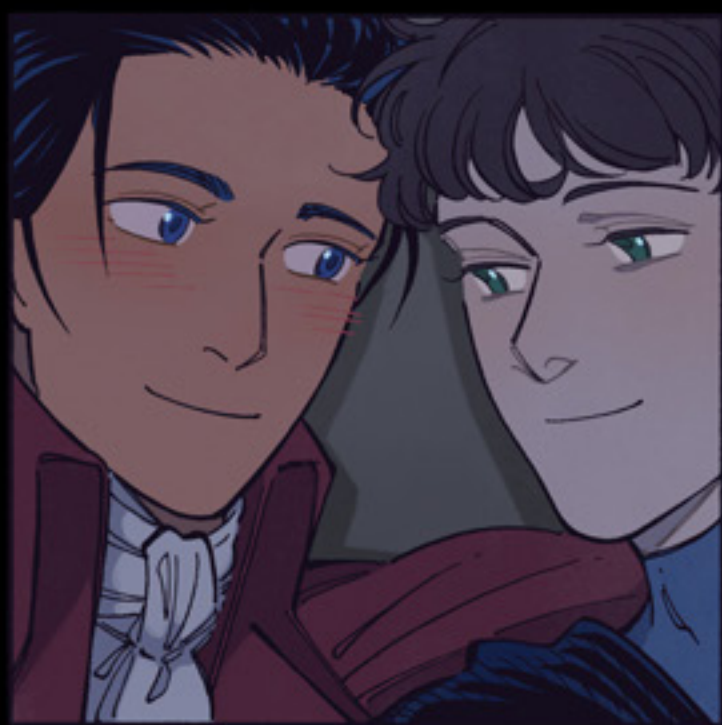
Just like you.



You mean explorers such as yourself...







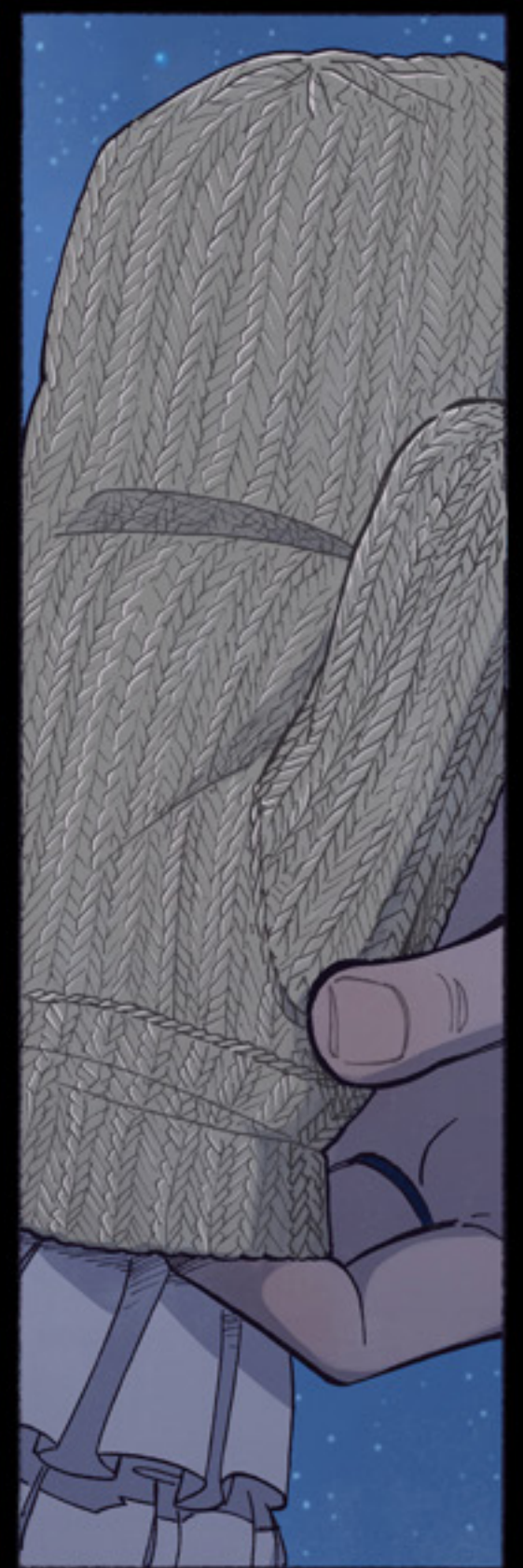


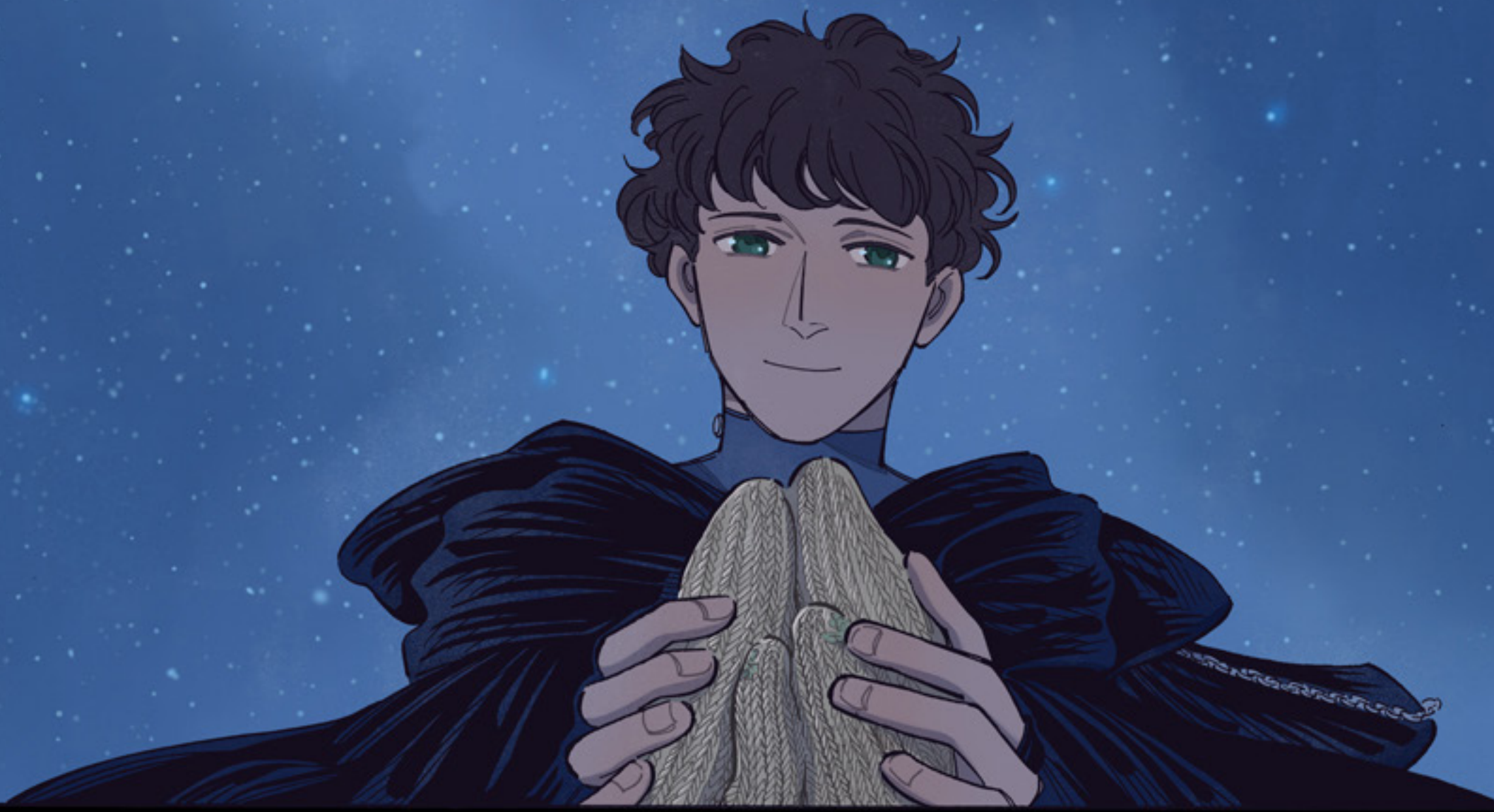


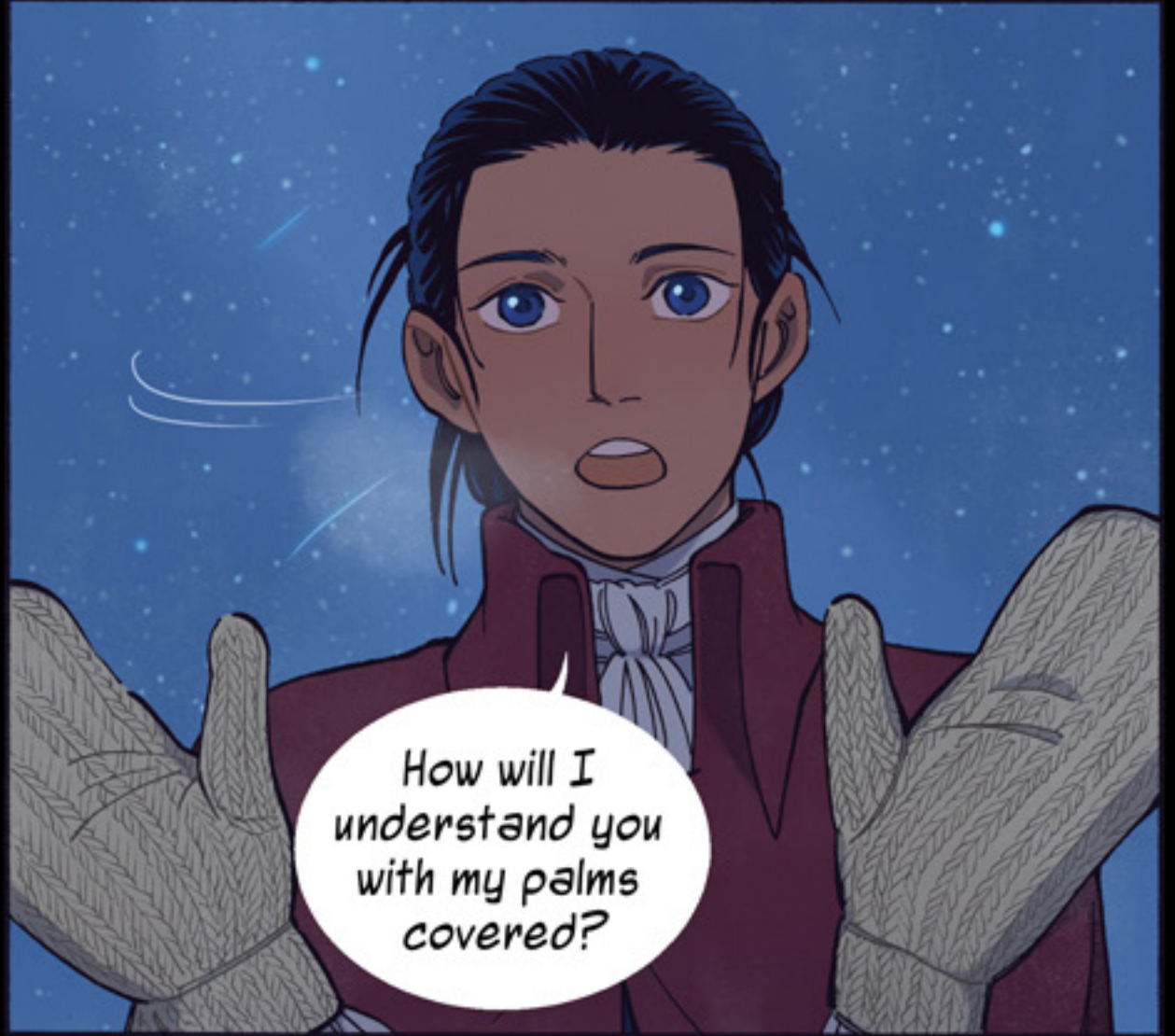
You... want me to wear these?



Oh no, you should wear them your hands are always icy cold.





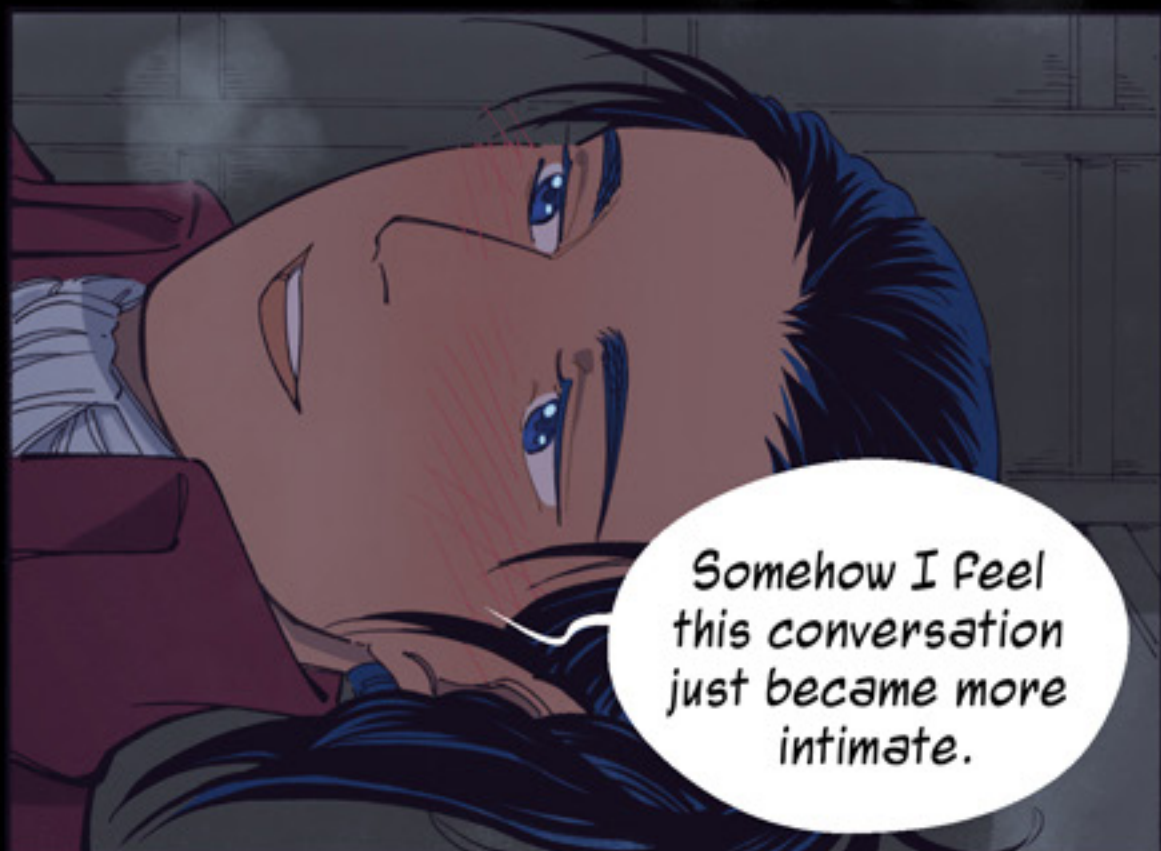


How will I understand you with my palms covered?

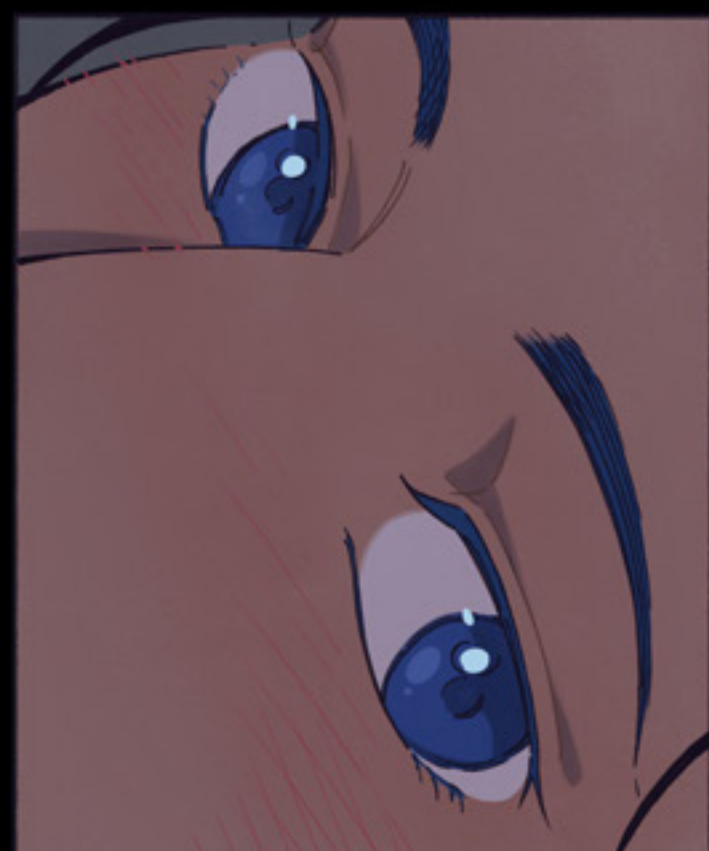


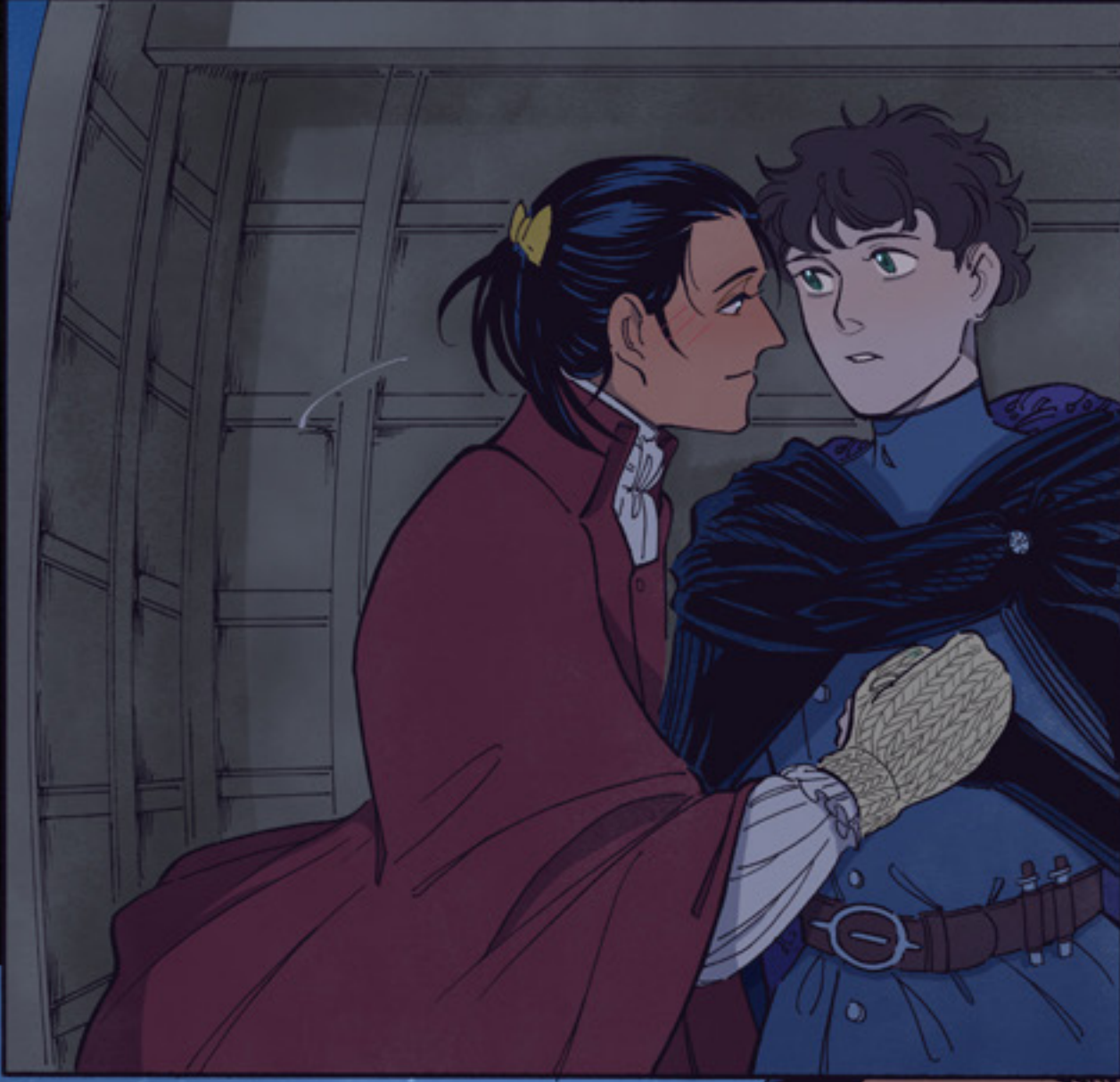
Maybe this is a sign for me to shut my mouth.





Somehow I feel
this conversation
just became more
intimate.





I don't know if it is the fire in the sky or your audacious theories,

but my heart is feeling brave tonight.

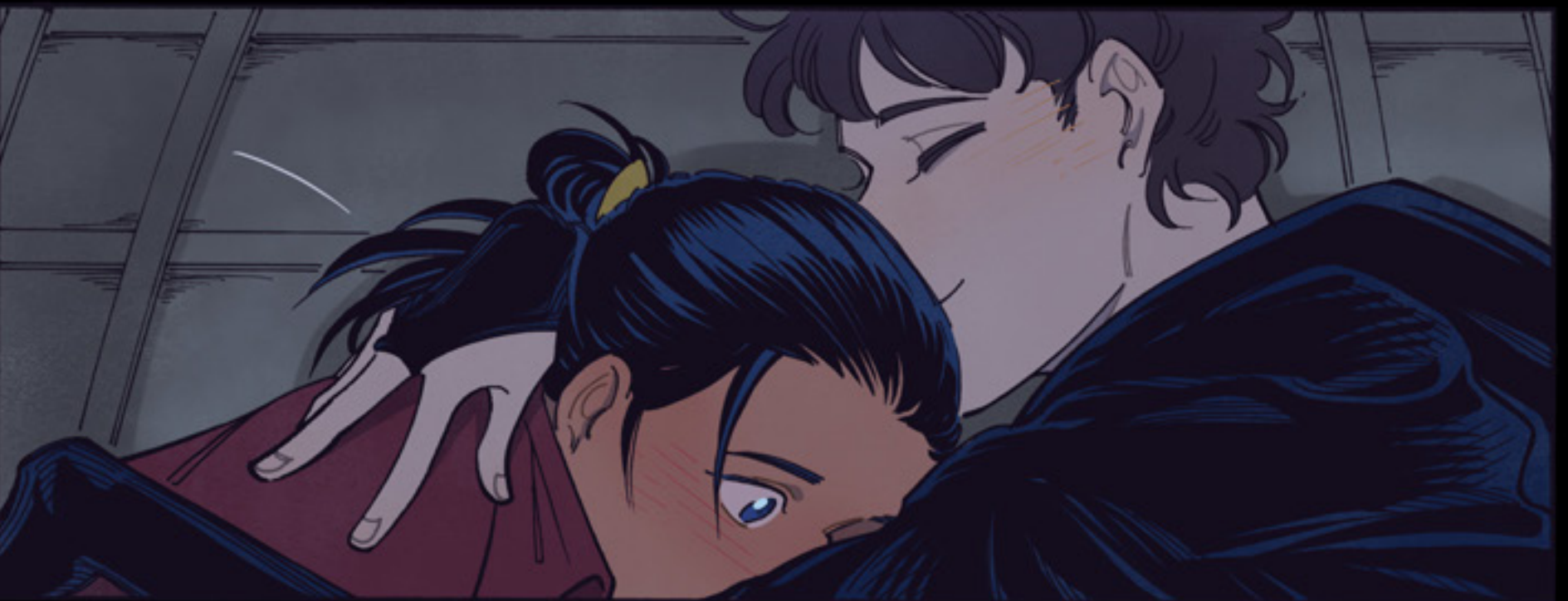
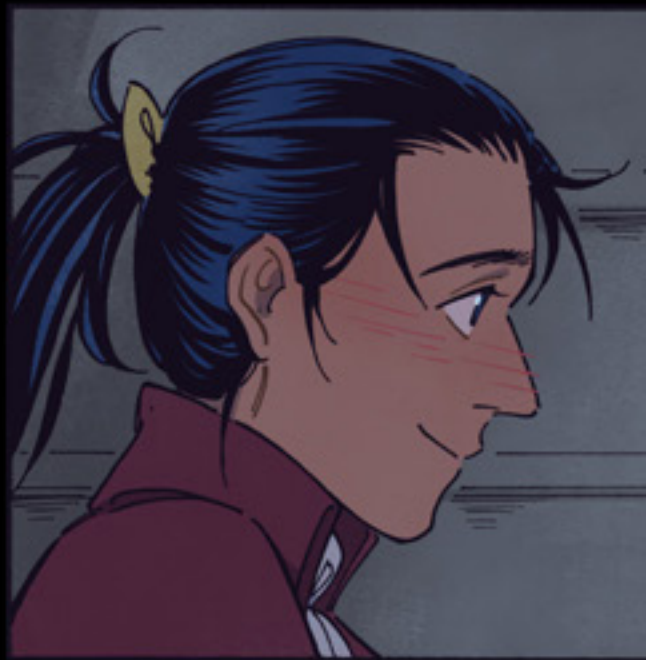








It is like you
have no need
to breathe.





Ah Sulvain,

it's so easy to be myself with you. You listen to every silly thing I have to say so earnestly.



You make me feel like a giddy child.

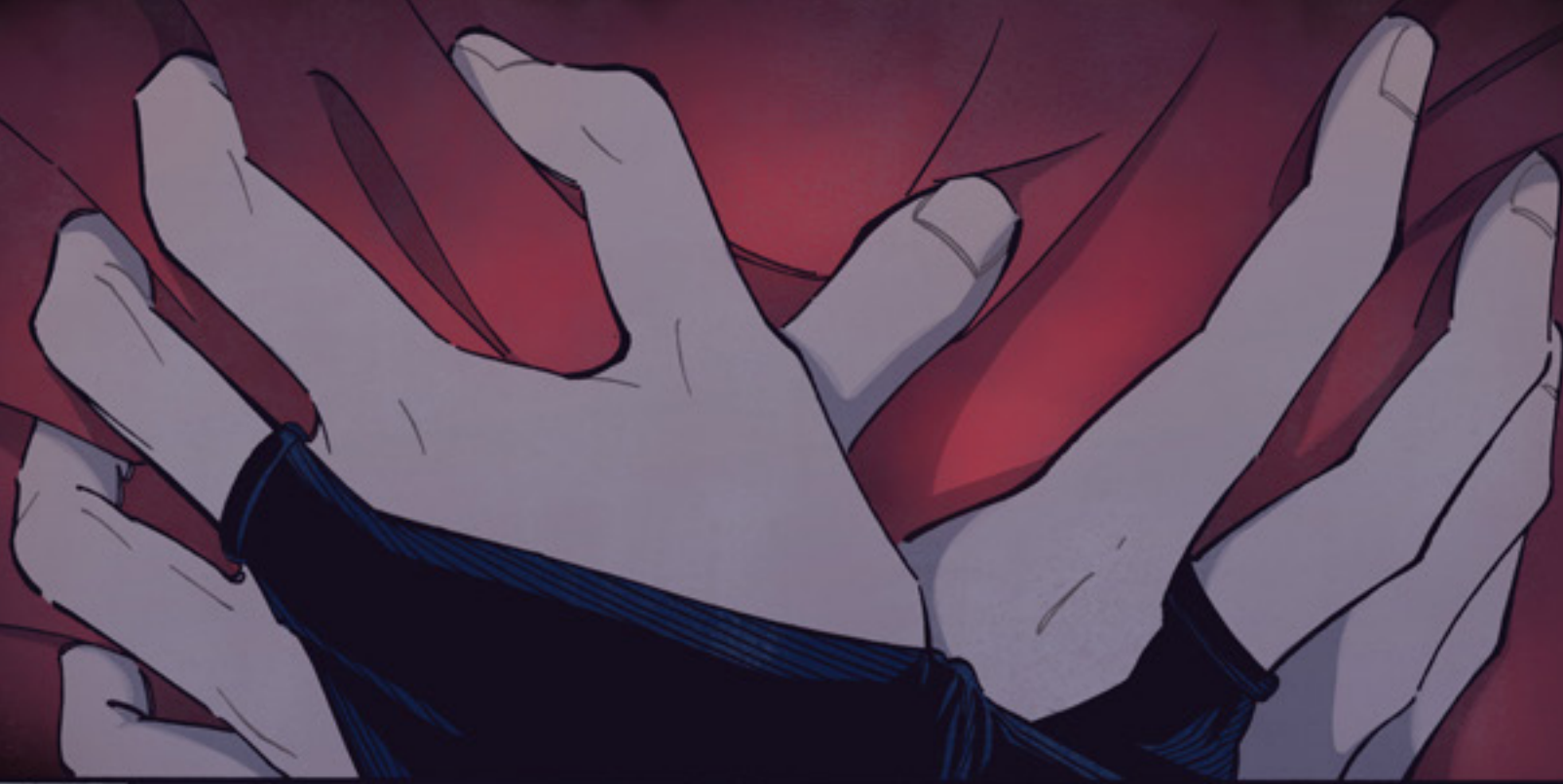
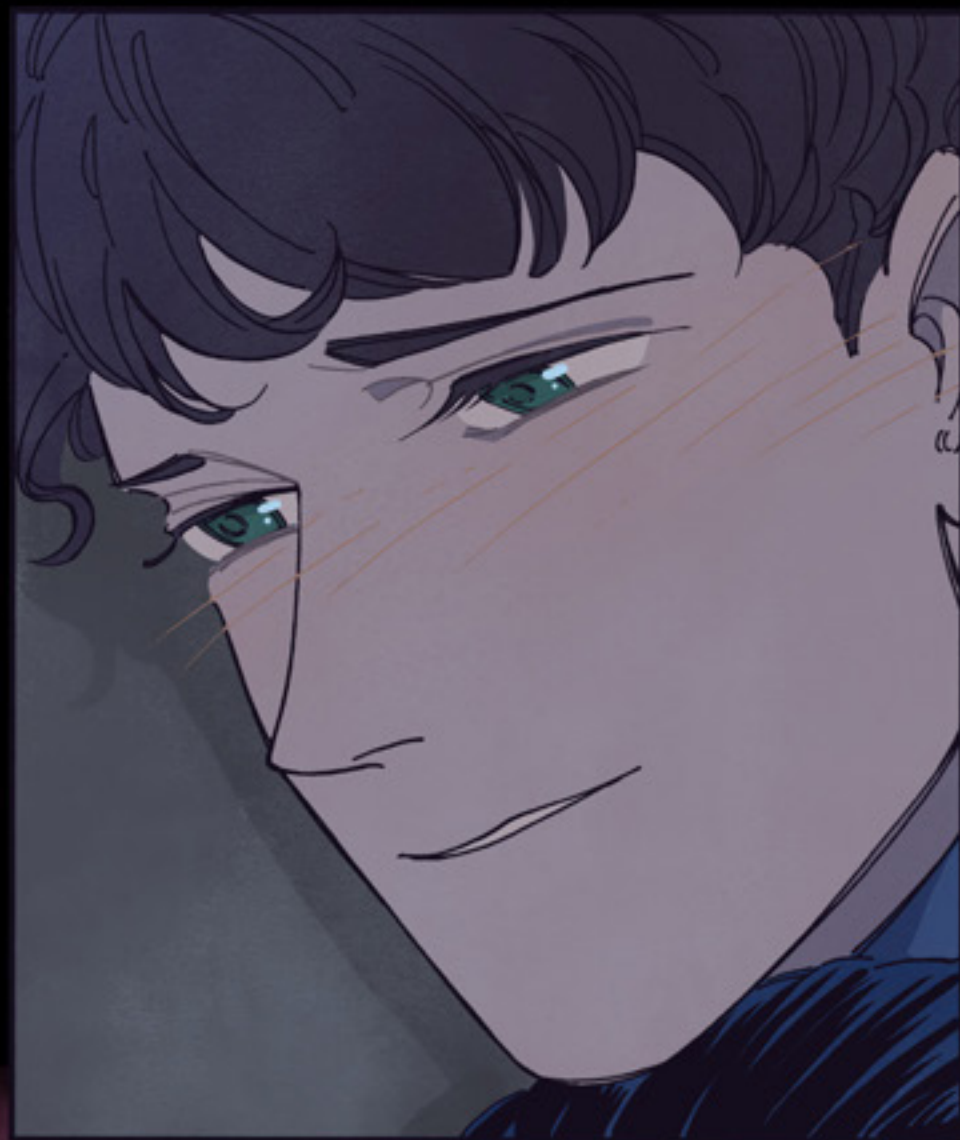


You possess a mysterious power over me...

I had almost forgotten the lights burning above us.

I suddenly feel like a horse with blinders on.





*Let the Flames of this bright
star in my arms never dim.*



*Ah, may this be a night
that lasts Forever...*

