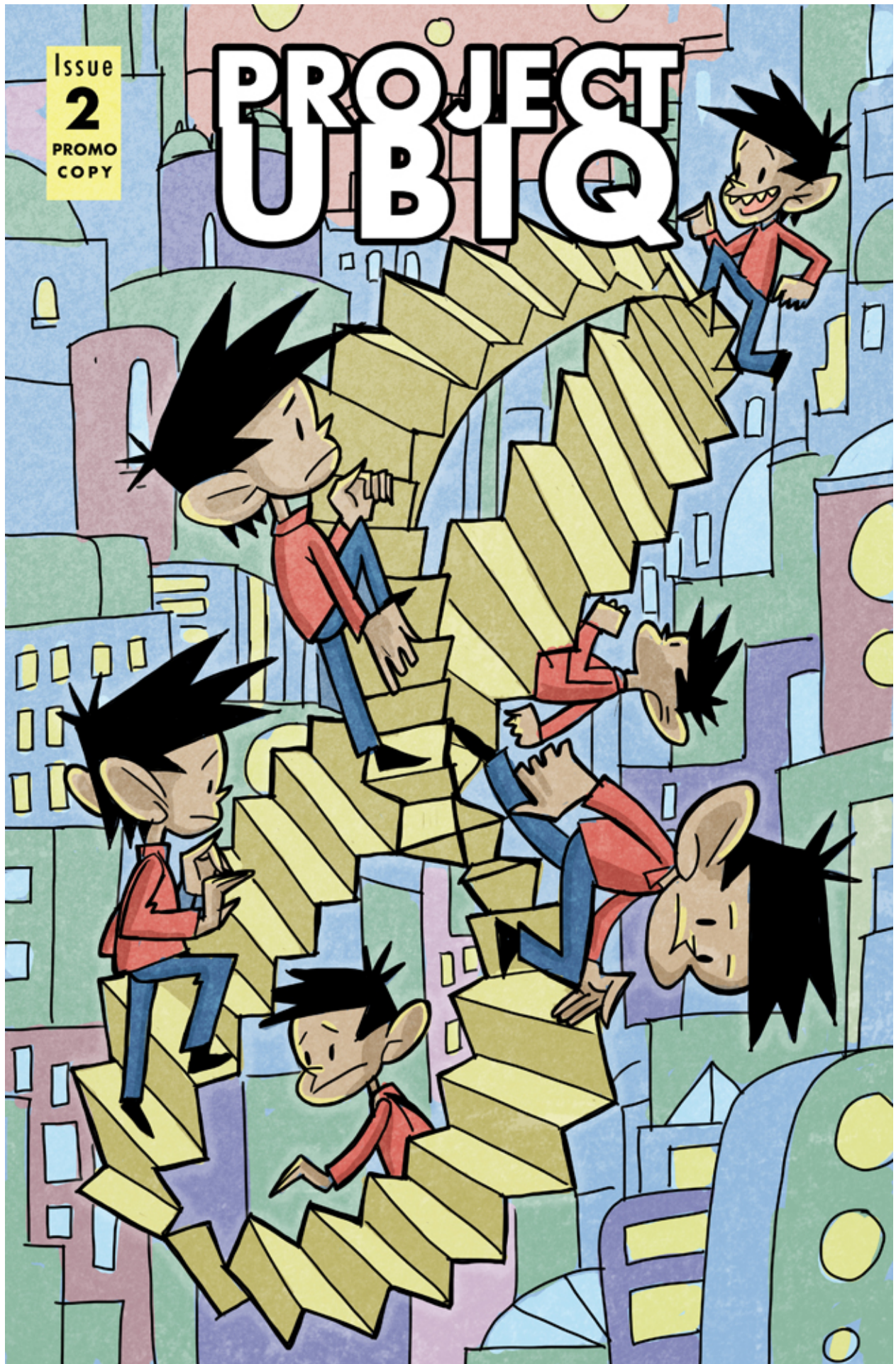


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**"Welcome to
Moebius City."**

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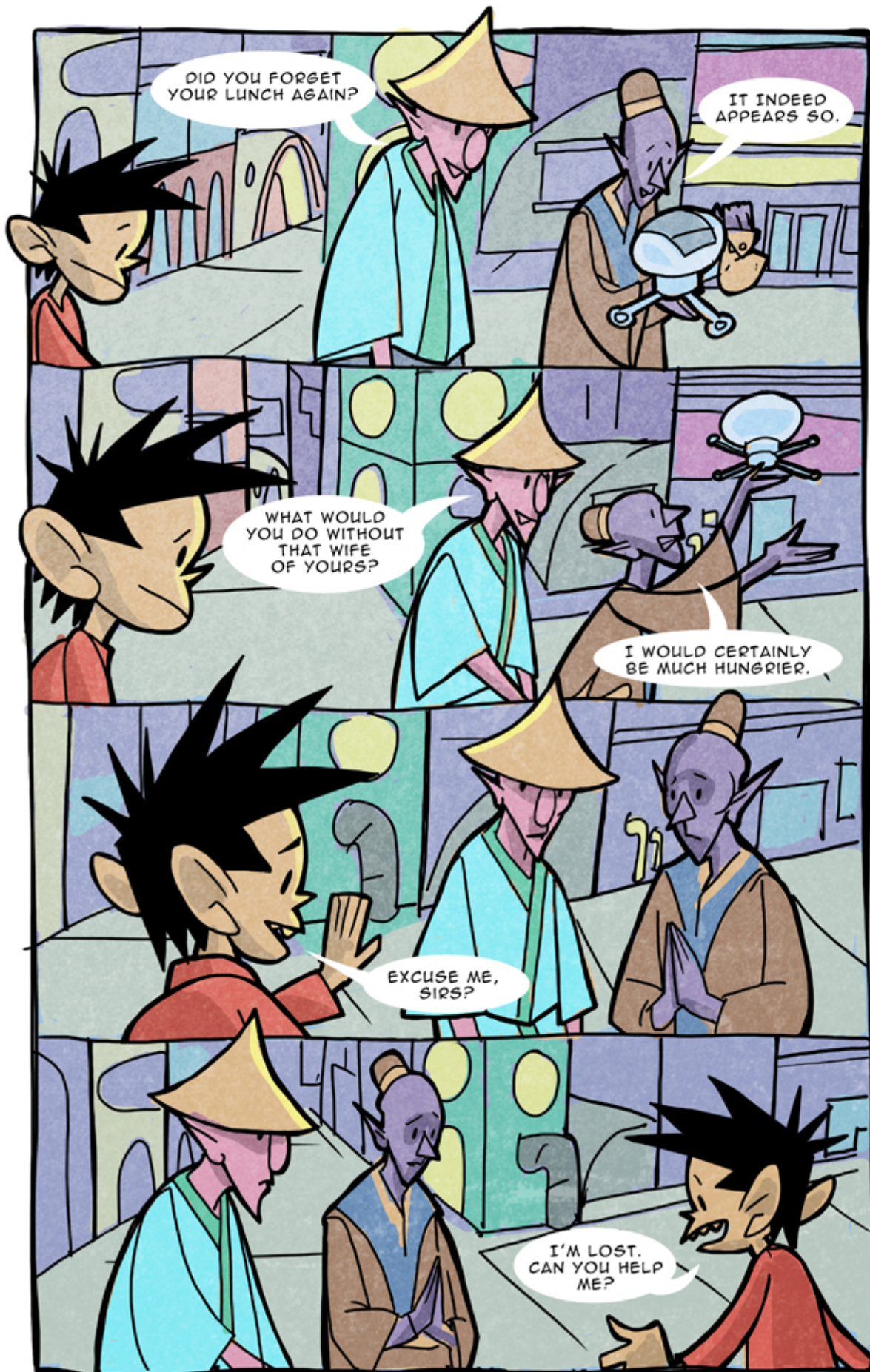
drawn by
GINO BARZIZZA

WELCOME TO
MOEBIUS CITY.

IT RUNS LIKE A
WELL- OILED MACHINE...

...OR A HEALTHY
LIVING ORGANISM.







YOU DO NOT
SEEM LOST TO ME.

YOU APPEAR TO BE
RIGHT HERE.



YES, BUT I
DON'T KNOW
WHERE "HERE" IS.

HOW DID YOU
GET TO A PLACE
YOU DO NOT KNOW?



I HAVE NO IDEA!

I SAW THIS
STRANGE FLYING
HEART THING WITH A
BIG CREEPY EYE, SO
I SNUCK UP ON IT...

...BUT THEN I
SAW A BUNCH OF
TOYS IN ITS EYE, SO
I CHASED IT...

...UNTIL IT
SWALLOWED ME IN A
FLASH OF LIGHT AND
I FELL THROUGH A
SPIRAL TUNNEL THING.

THEN I ALMOST
GOT HIT BY A FLYING
CAR POD THAT SMASHED MY
FAVORITE TOY, BOT-BOT.

I'M TRYING TO
FIND THE FLYING HEART,
BUT IT'S GONE.
I LOOKED AROUND AND
SAW YOU, AND THOUGHT
YOU COULD HELP.





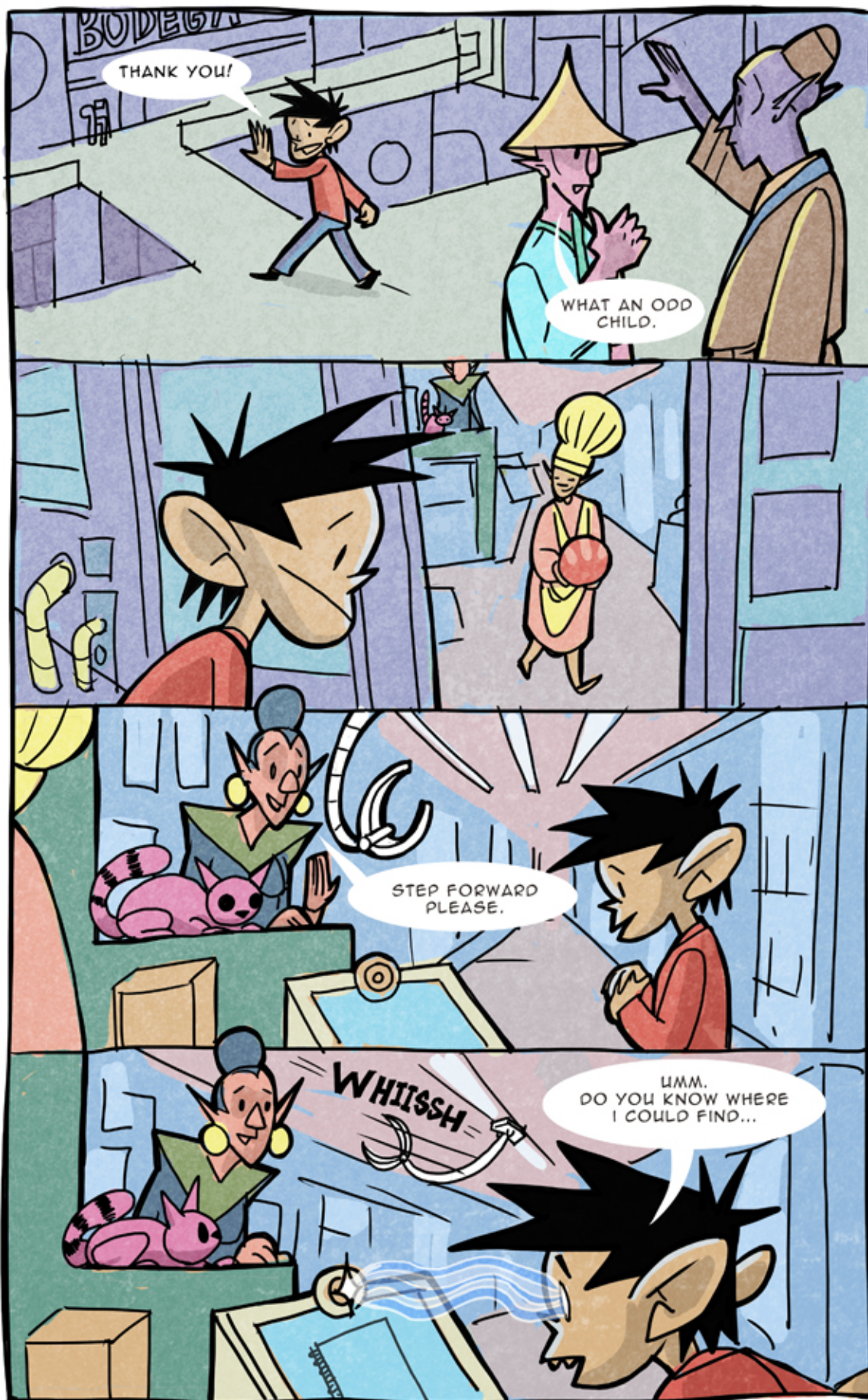
WELL, YOU'RE IN
THE CENTER OF
MOEBIUS CITY.

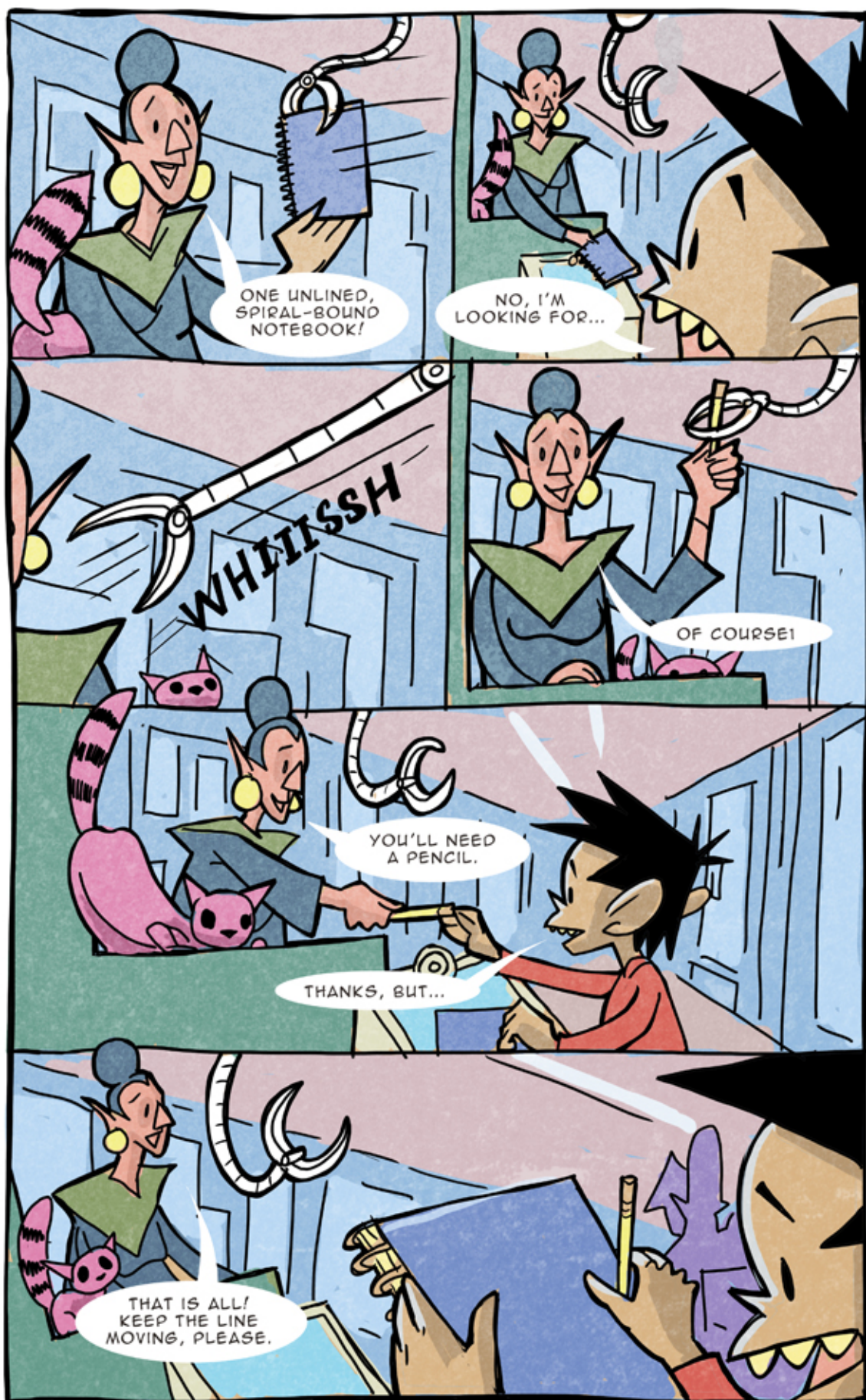
YOU SHOULD
BE ABLE TO
FIND WHATEVER
YOU NEED.

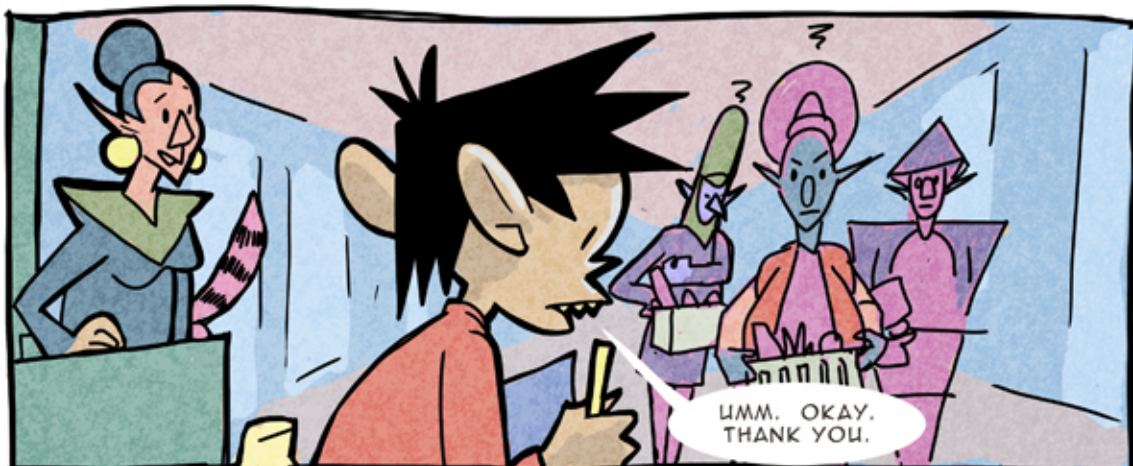
WHERE DO I
FIND THE FLYING
HEART THING?

TRY THE BODEGA.
THEY HAVE EVERYTHING
AT A BODEGA.

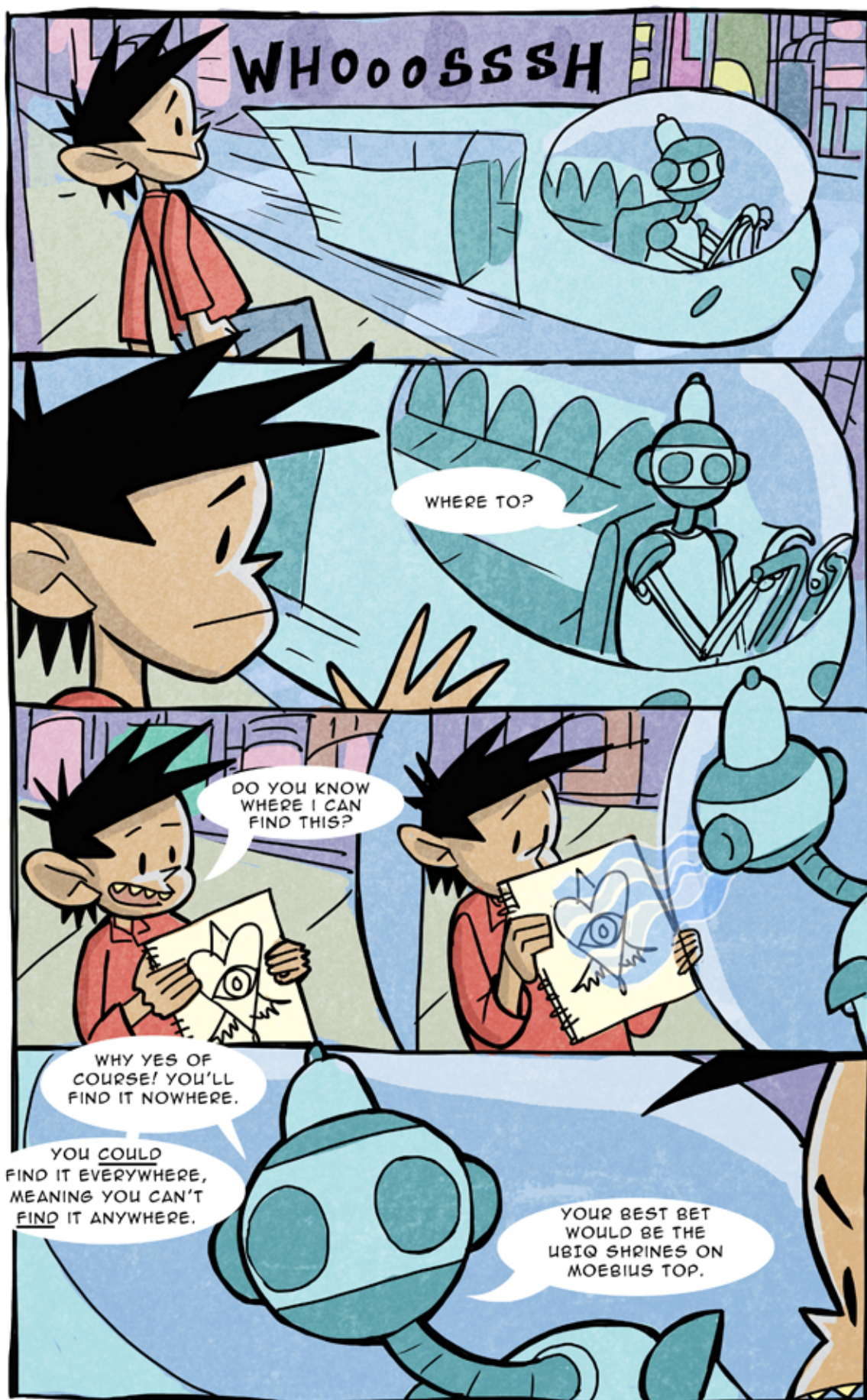
THEY EVEN
HAVE WHAT I NEED
WHEN I DON'T
KNOW WHAT
I NEED.

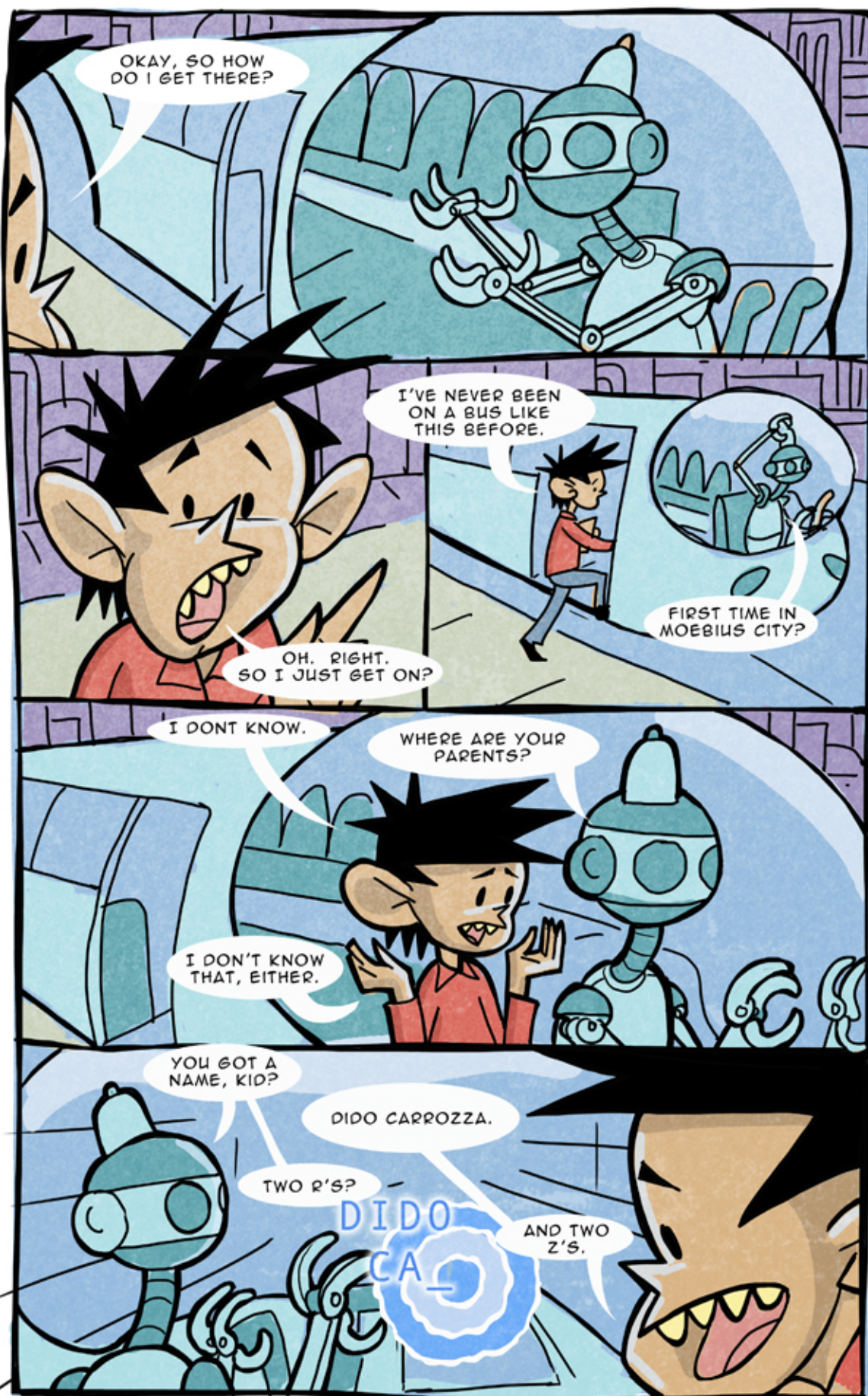


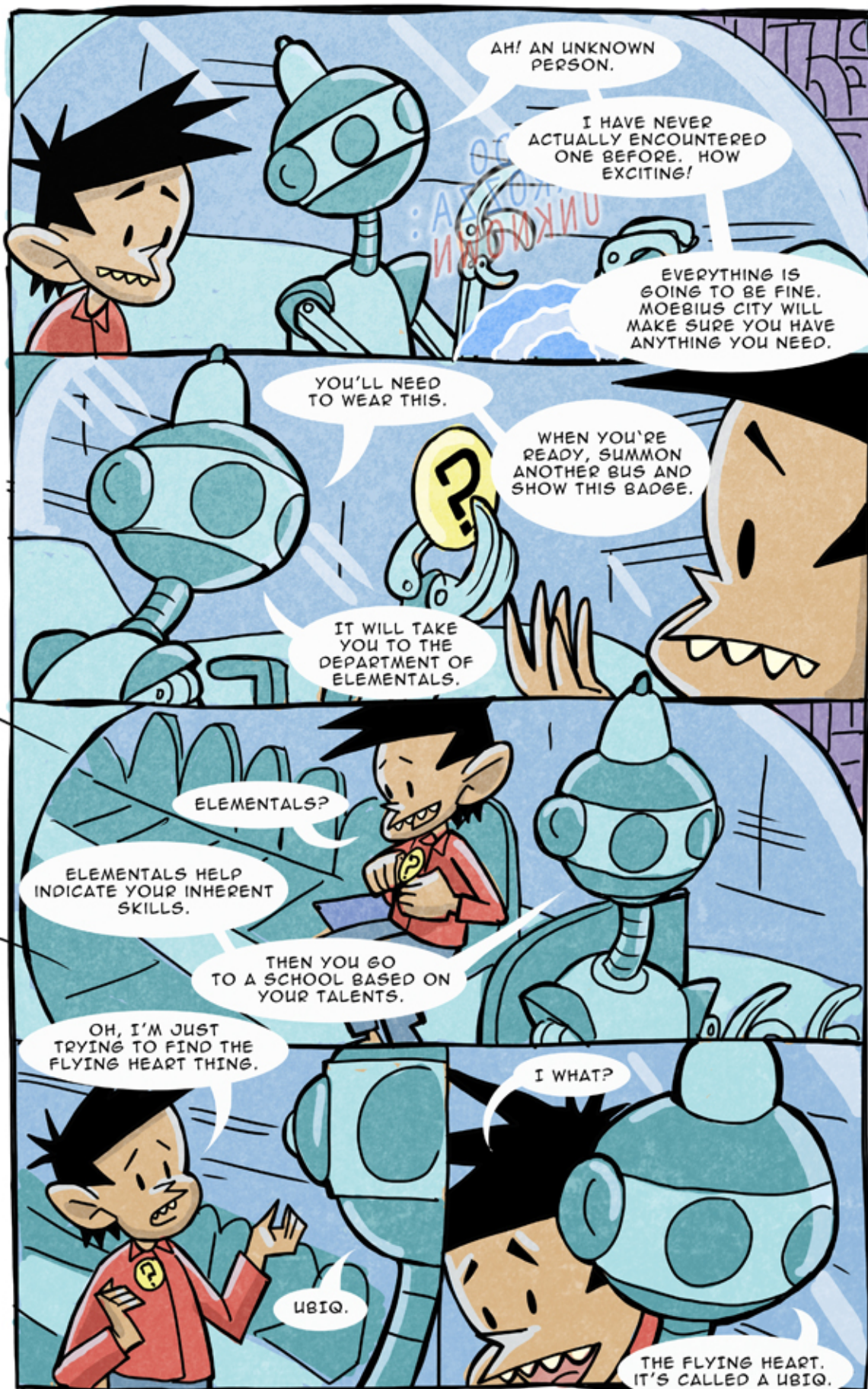


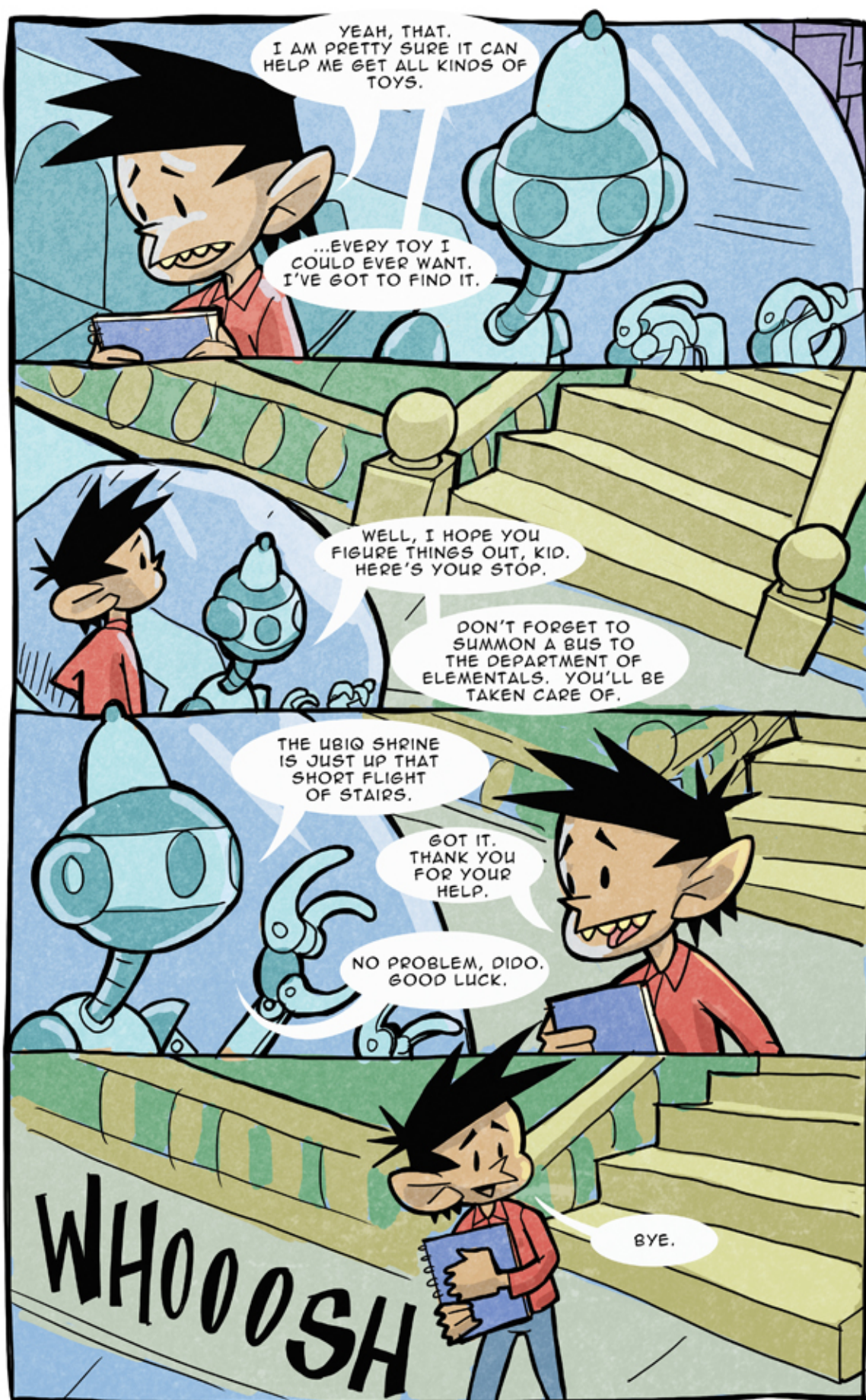




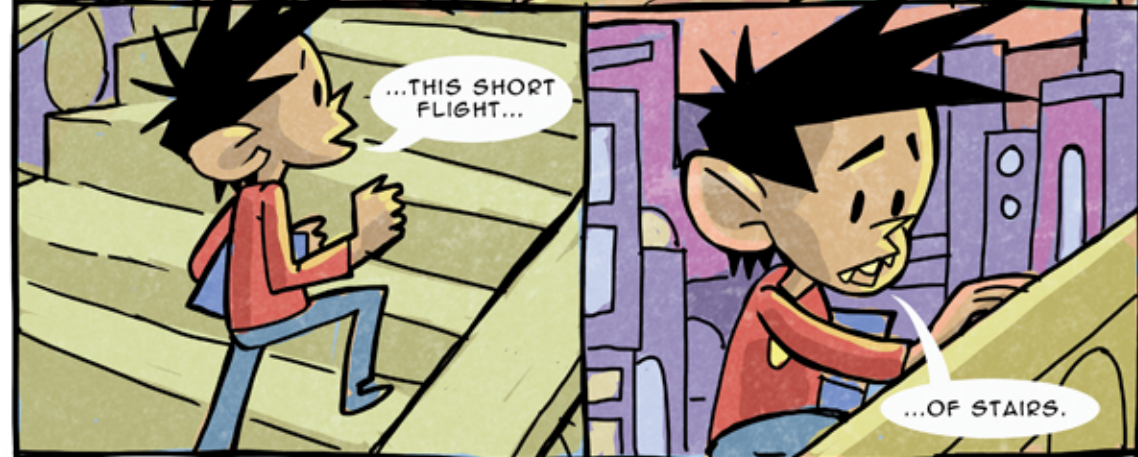
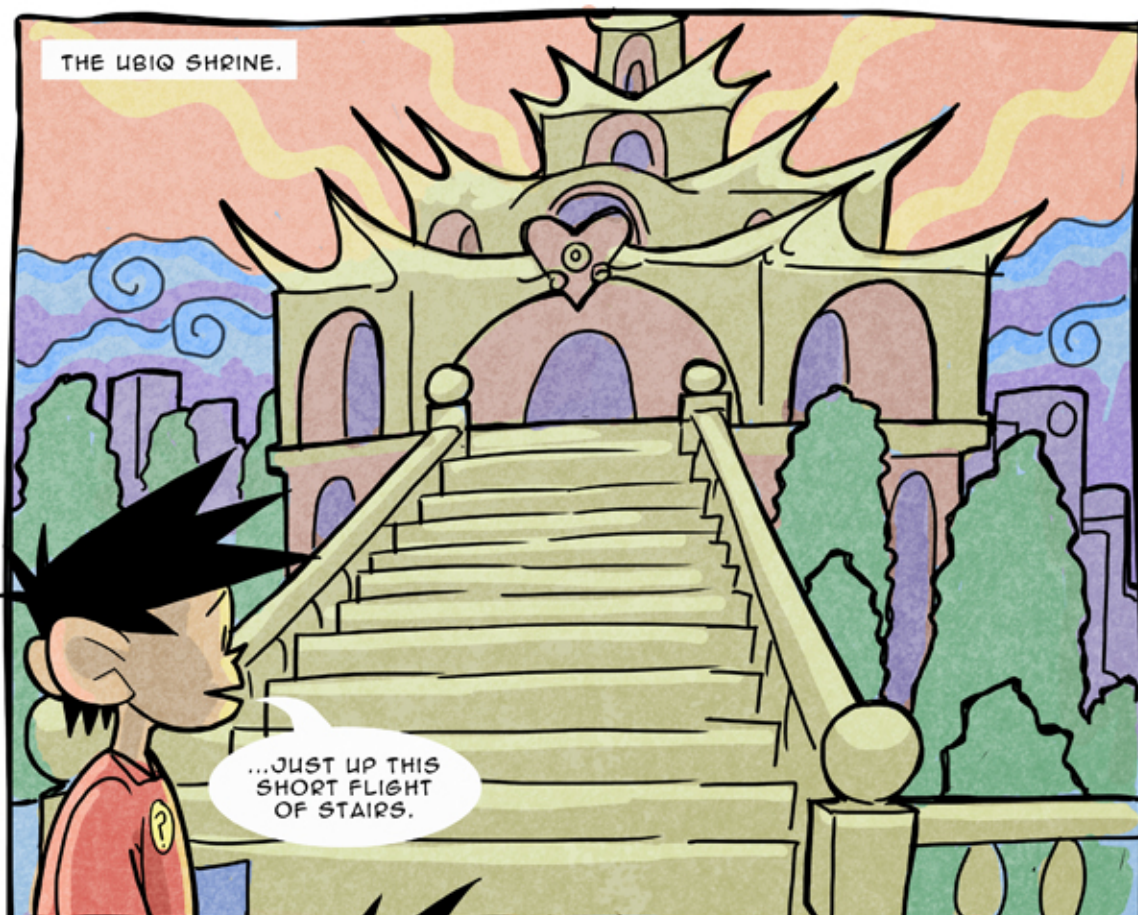






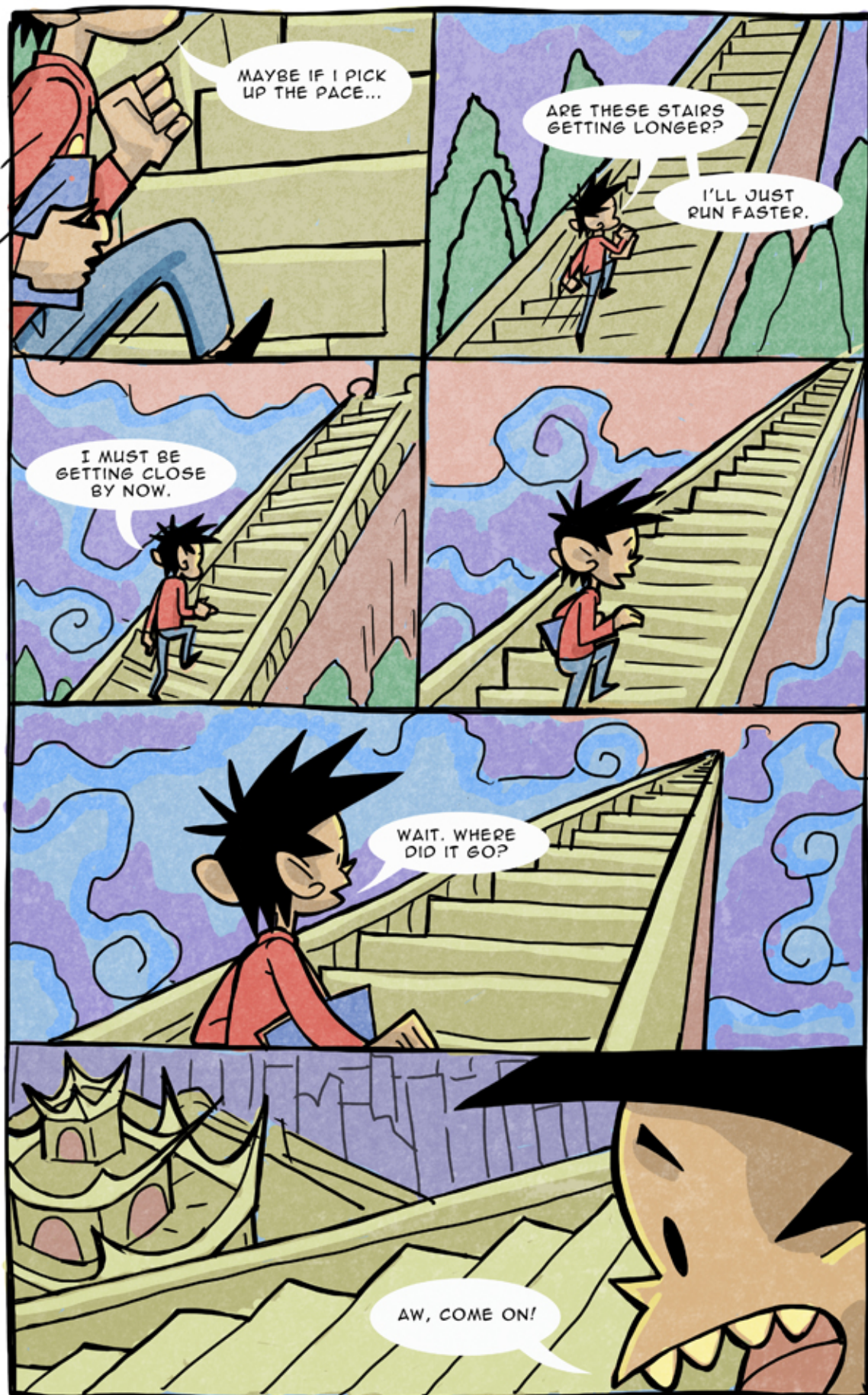


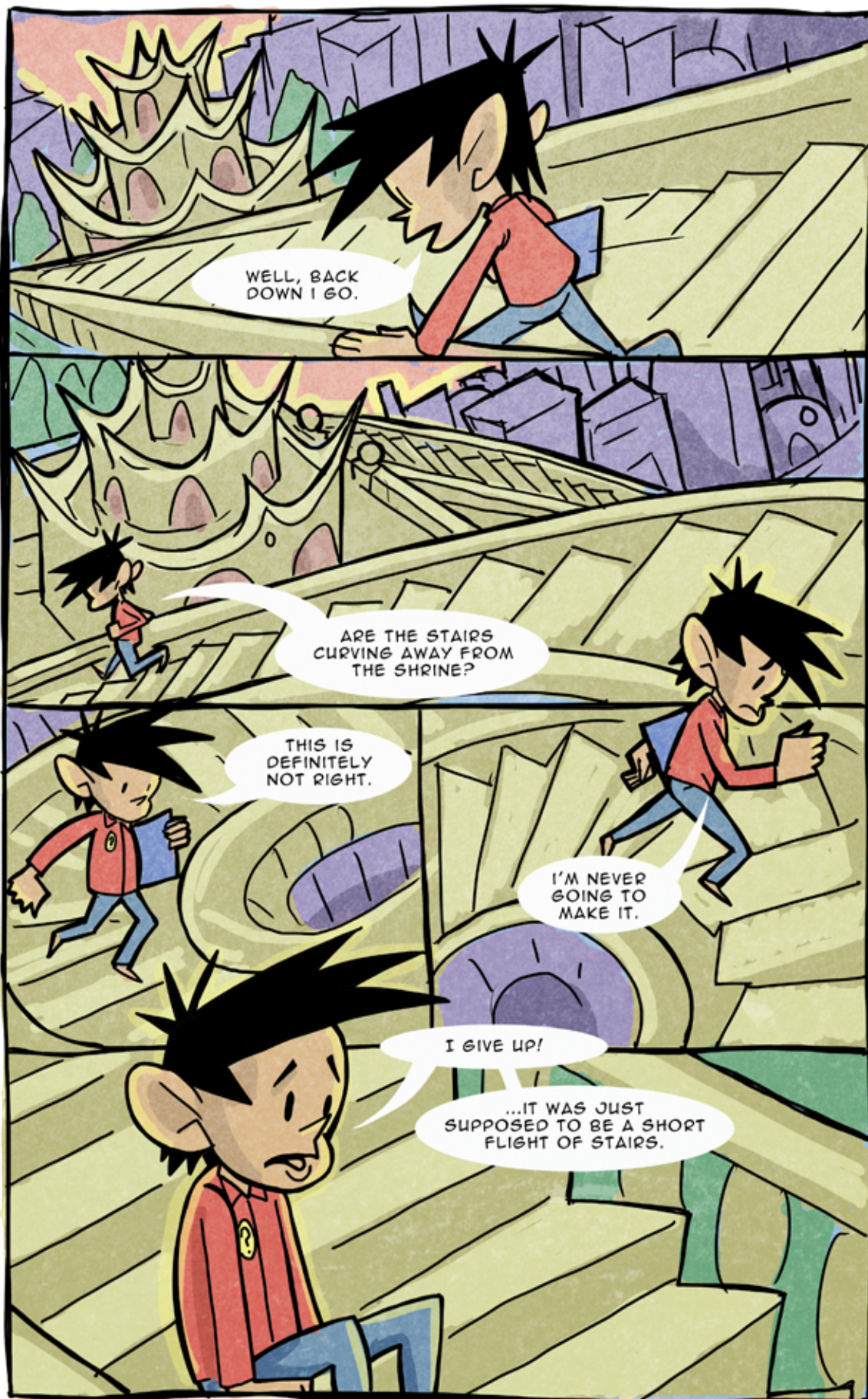
THE UBIQ SHRINE.



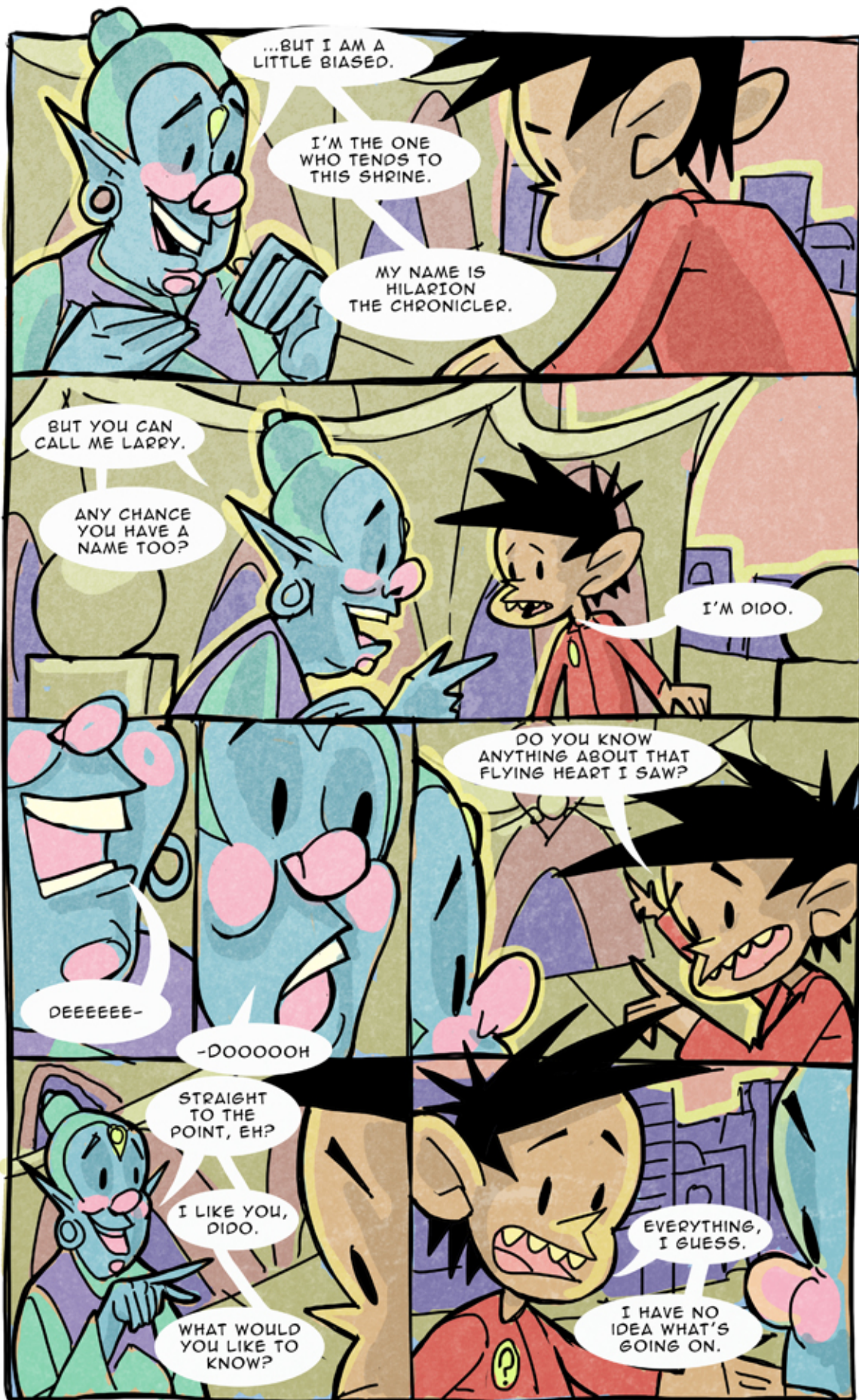
...OF STAIRS.















WHAT'S UP WITH
THOSE CRAZY STEPS?

THEY WOULDN'T
TAKE ME WHERE I
NEEDED TO GO!

AH! THE STEPS HAVE
THEIR OWN IDEAS ABOUT
WHERE WE OUGHT TO BE.

WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?
THEY BROUGHT ME HERE,
BUT IT TOOK FOREVER!

THEIR TIMING WAS PERFECT!
IF YOU HAD ARRIVED ANY EARLIER,
I WOULD HAVE STILL BEEN
NAPPING.

THEN WHO WOULD
YOU BE TALKING TO?

THIS IS
ALL NUTS!

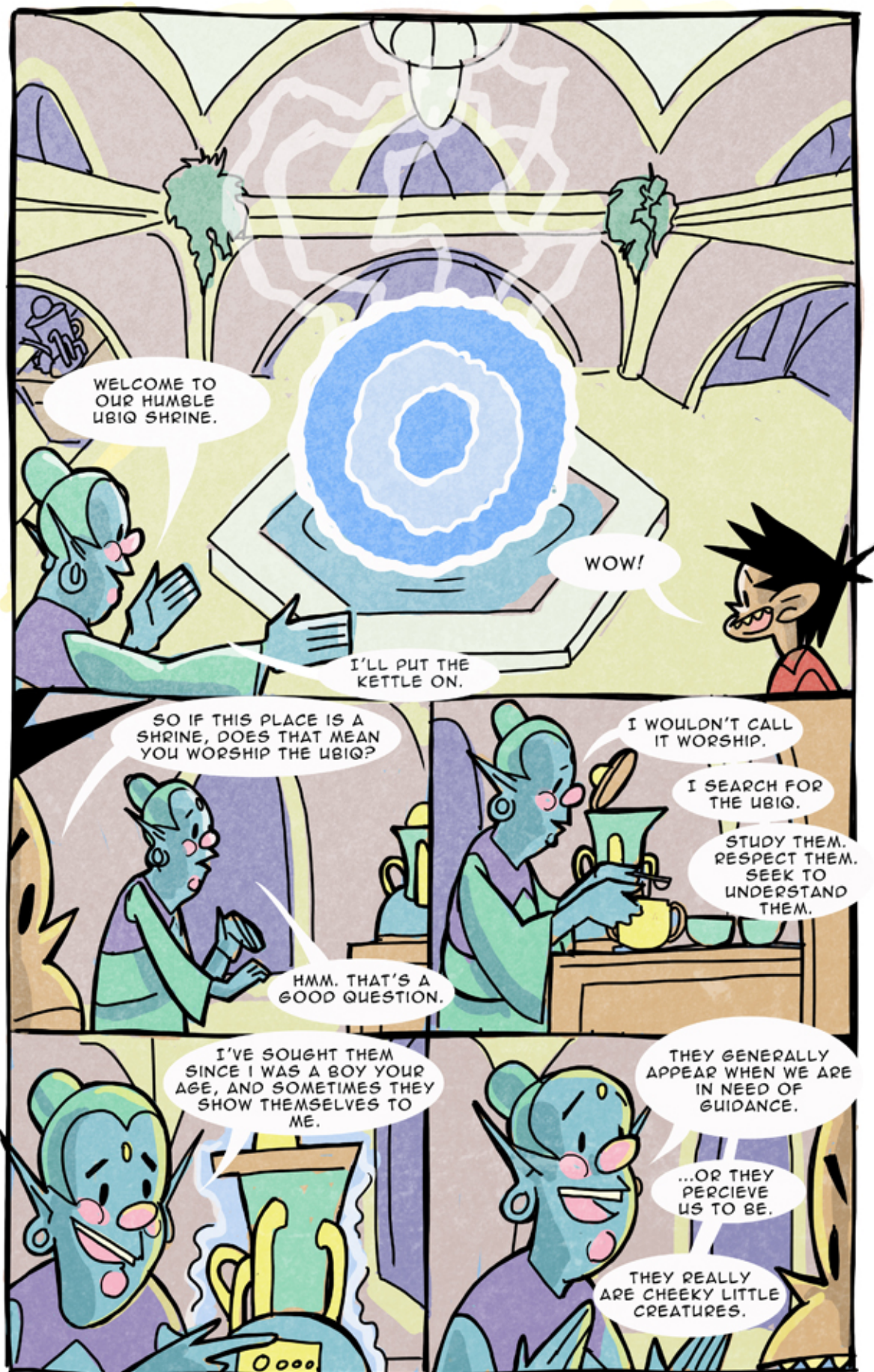
I JUST NEED TO KNOW
WHERE I CAN GET A USBQ,
SO IT WILL SEND ME BACK
HOME WITH EVERYTHING
IT SHOWED ME IN THE
VISION.

CAN YOU
HELP ME?

MAKES PERFECT
SENSE TO ME!

IT SOUNDS
LIKE YOU HAVE HAD
QUITE A DAY.

WHY DON'T YOU
COME INSIDE
FOR TEA?



WELCOME TO
OUR HUMBLE
UBIQ SHRINE.

WOW!

I'LL PUT THE
KETTLE ON.

SO IF THIS PLACE IS A
SHRINE, DOES THAT MEAN
YOU WORSHIP THE UBIQ?

HMM. THAT'S A
GOOD QUESTION.

I WOULDN'T CALL
IT WORSHIP.

I SEARCH FOR
THE UBIQ.

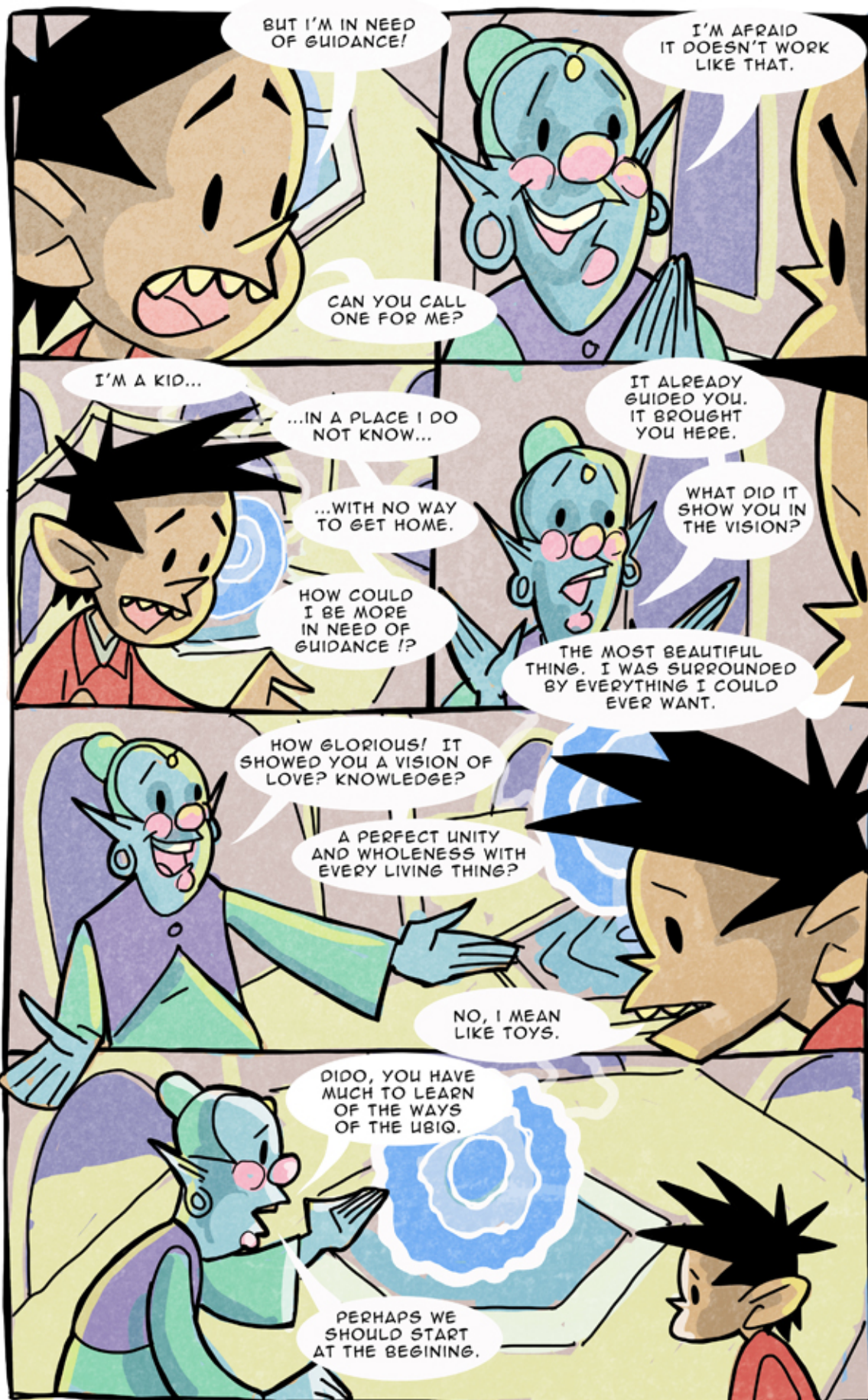
STUDY THEM.
RESPECT THEM.
SEEK TO
UNDERSTAND
THEM.

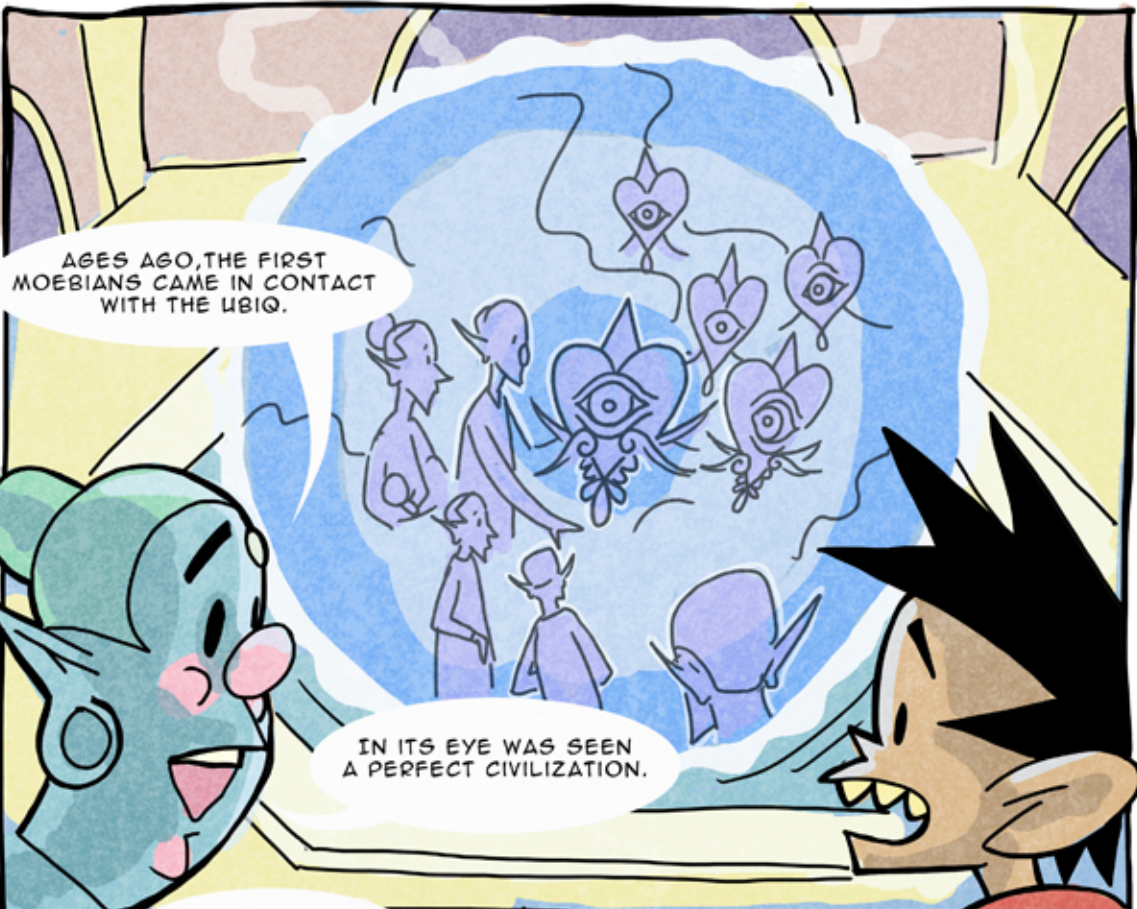
I'VE SOUGHT THEM
SINCE I WAS A BOY YOUR
AGE, AND SOMETIMES THEY
SHOW THEMSELVES TO
ME.

THEY GENERALLY
APPEAR WHEN WE ARE
IN NEED OF
GUIDANCE.

...OR THEY
PERCEIVE
US TO BE.

THEY REALLY
ARE CHEEKY LITTLE
CREATURES.





AGES AGO, THE FIRST
MOEBIANS CAME IN CONTACT
WITH THE UBIQ.

The panel shows two characters, a blue Moebian on the left and a brown-skinned character on the right, looking into a large circular frame. Inside the frame, a group of Moebians are gathered around a large, stylized eye. The eye has a face with a wide smile and is surrounded by several smaller, similar eyes. The background of the vision is a light blue, swirling pattern.

IN ITS EYE WAS SEEN
A PERFECT CIVILIZATION.

EVERY MOEBIAN
WOULD HAVE THEIR
NEEDS MET...

...A HOME TO
LIVE IN...

...FOOD TO EAT...

...MEDICINE IF
THEY BECAME ILL...

...AND EDUCATION
BEFITTING THEIR
INDIVIDUAL TALENTS.

MANY DEVOTED
THEIR LIVES TO CARE
FOR THE UBIQ.

IN GRATITUDE,
THE UBIQ FULFILLED OUR
VISION OF THE
IDEAL CITY.



WITH OUR NEEDS
MET, MOEBIANS
WERE FREE TO
CREATE AND BUILD.

GREAT ADVANCES WERE
MADE IN ART, TECHNOLOGY
AND GENERAL WELL-BEING.

BUT WE
GOT GREEDY.

MOEBIANS STARTED
THINKING ONLY OF
THEMSELVES.

IN CONSTANT COMPETITION
WITH ONE ANOTHER, WE
DEMANDED MORE AND MORE
OF THE UBIQ.

THE STRESS
BECAME TOO MUCH...

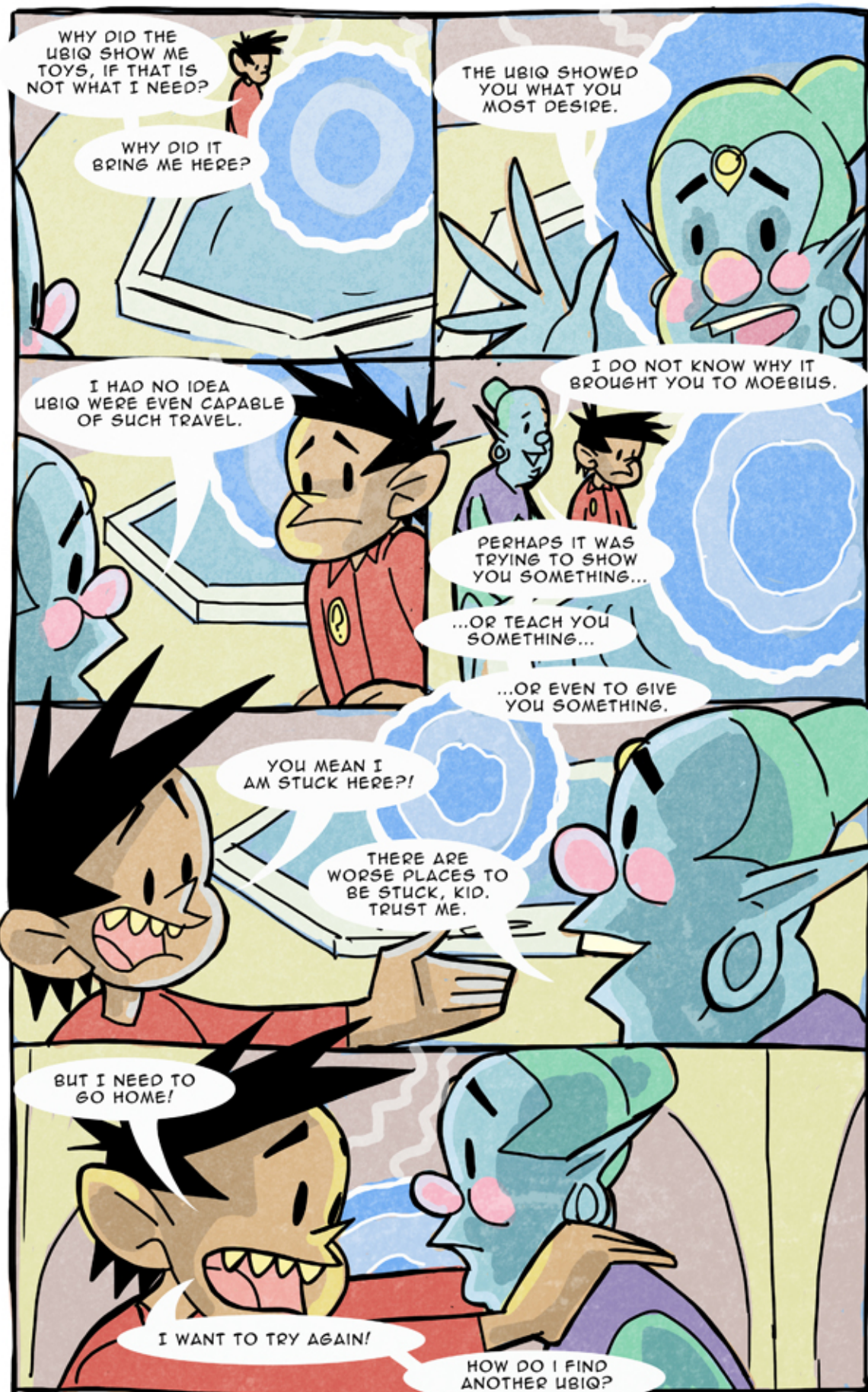
...AND THEY
VANISHED.

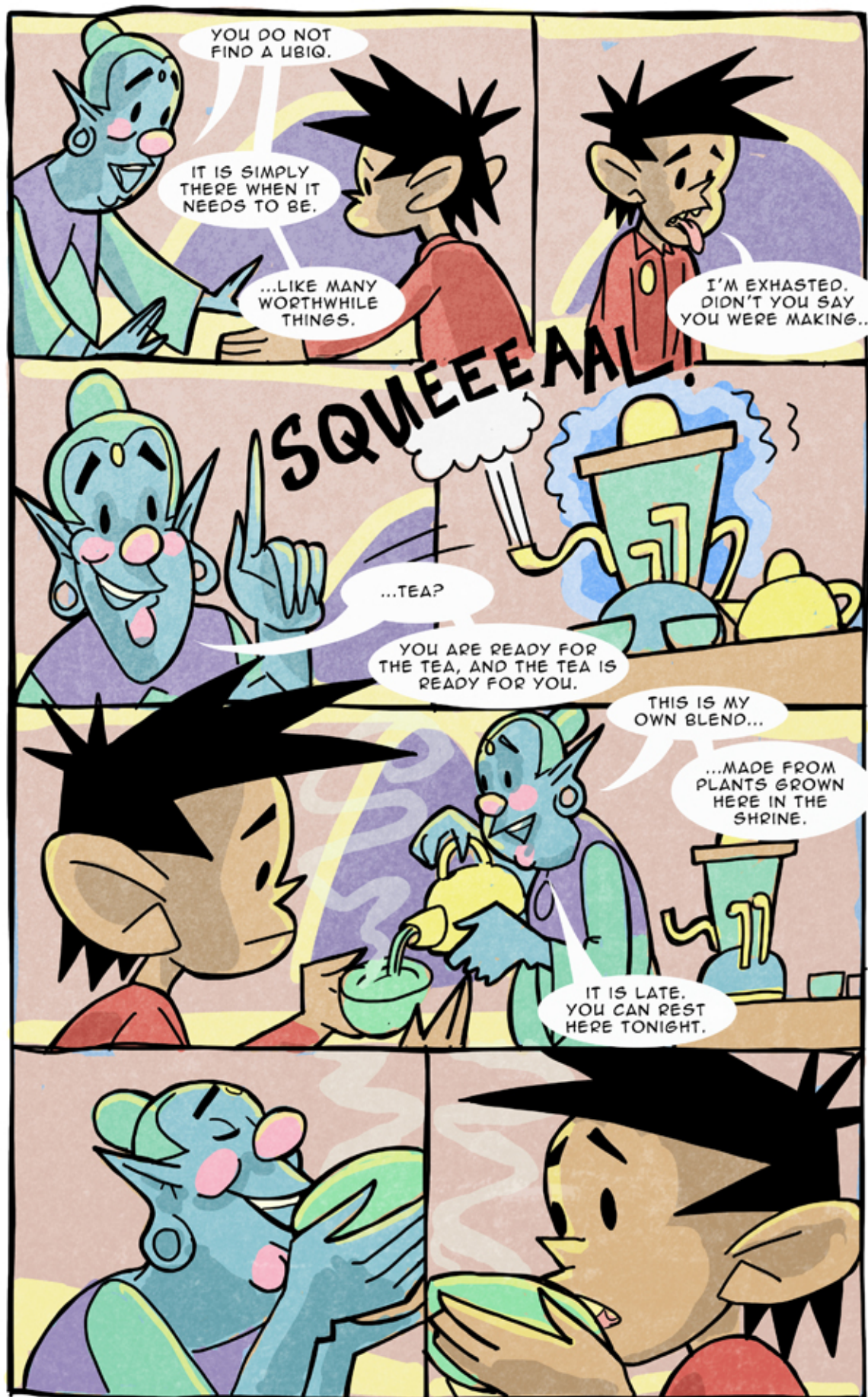
YET THEY REMAIN.

INVISIBLE AND
ETHEREAL, THE UBIQ STILL
POWERS EVERYTHING IN
MOEBIUS CITY.

MOEBIANS LIKE MYSELF
CONTINUE TO SEEK THEM...

...TRYING TO
UNDERSTAND
THEIR POWER







Where did the Ubiq come from?



I did not create the image of a winged heart with an eye in the center. I saw it on a t-shirt, and then a completely different version on a poster, and another on the lapel of a friend's jacket. It is a symbol that has been evoked to represent an ethereal spirit, and once I began looking for it I saw it everywhere.

The flying heart showed itself to me at a time in my life when I was in need of guidance. I began to envision an entity that, if you knew how to look for it, could inform your decision-making. They are everywhere. This led me to the name Ubiq, which is a shortened version of the word "ubiquitous", and a nod to the book Ubik by Phillip K. Dick.

Thank you for reading.

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