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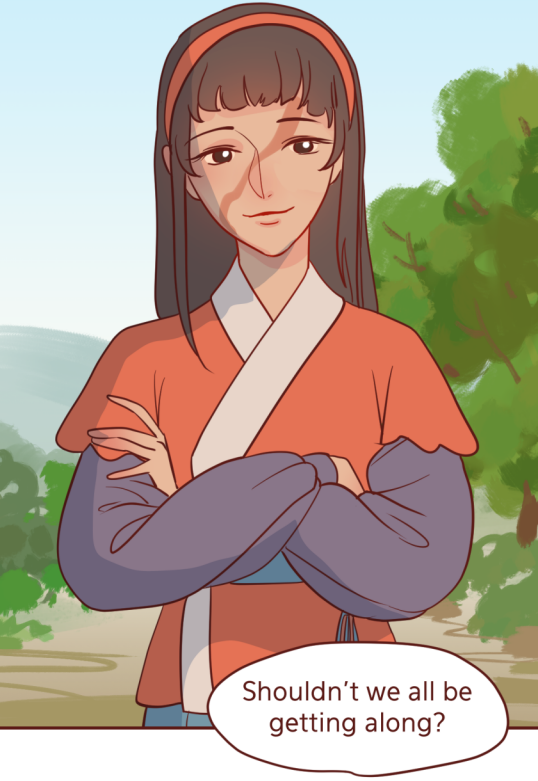
You DARE give me that filthy look? You rat!!



Let's teach him a lesson--

Hey! What's going on?

We're a teeny, tiny village in a remote mountain region.

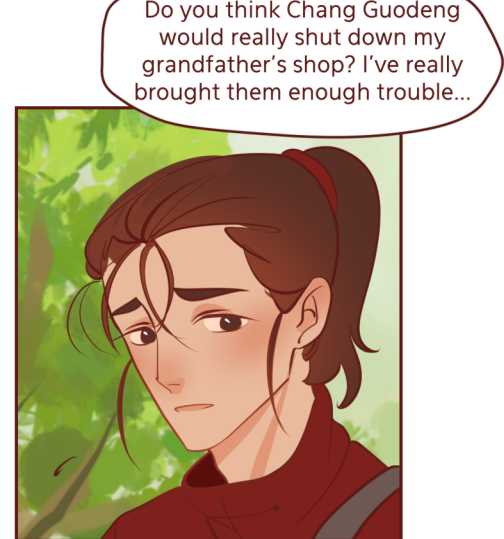


Shouldn't we all be getting along?

M-Miss Shen!!!









All right. For the sake of our friendship, I will tell you something that you must repeat to absolutely no one. Promise me.



Um, ok?
I promise, Shen-jie.



So this happened about three years ago.

Remember the Spring Festival Chief Chang held that year by the forest?

Well, Chang Guodeng, that pig, harassed Miss Xu, the tailor's daughter, in the forest.



But Miss Xu fought back, and managed to get a lethal shot to his balls.



Chief Chang tried to protect his son, so Xu's family was paid off and the whole thing was covered up quietly.



..."take"...balls...

Well, unfortunately, he's impotent now.



His father is completely disappointed in him.

Chief Chang is now trying for a second son with his second wife.



Chang Guodeng has literally no power to make his father do anything.

So don't worry about any of his threats. They're just smelly air.



...Y-you sure about telling me something like this? It feels incredibly private.



That asshole has given you so many scars over the years, and you're worried about his privacy?



This guy...

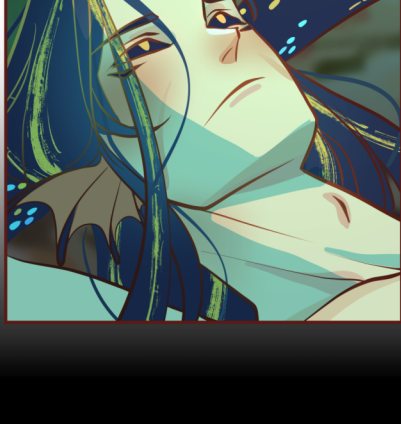
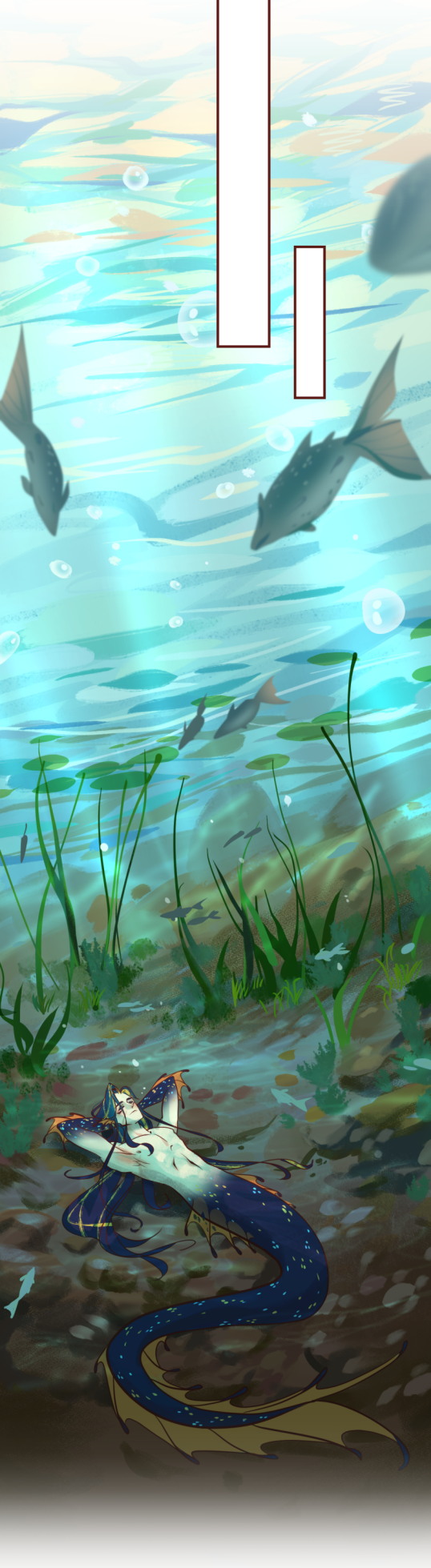
Yes, and my father would have our asses if he found out that I told you.



So you better keep your mouth shut. And cheer up! I'm trying to tell you not to worry.

Y-yes ma'am!





Say, Lang-xiong...



...have you ever thought about what you'll do after leaving the palace?

Ha! You mean, if?



You know how I feel about that. But you know what I mean, Lang.

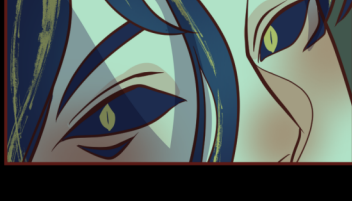
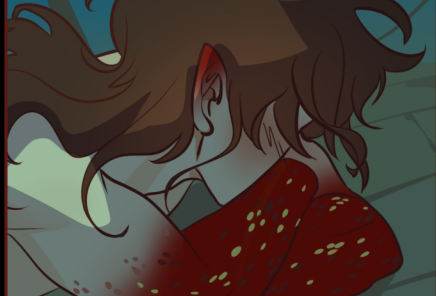
Hmm...



No, I suppose I've never actually thought about it.

By the time I'd need to leave, I'd be a fugitive, and that's just the best case scenario. I probably wouldn't have many choices then.

Why, do you?

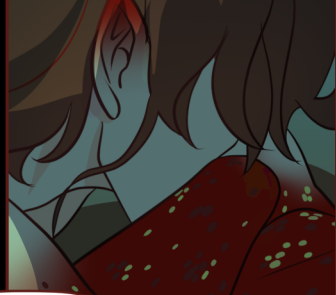


Whoa, whoa.
You do, but you're
embarrassed? Why?



Tell me, I won't
judge you.

What, you wanna settle
down with a nice mergirl,
have cute merbabies?
Is there someone already?



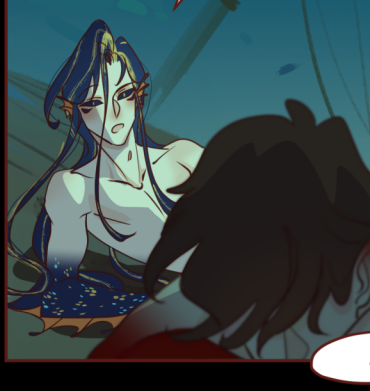
Don't forget to make me
their honorary uncle.

Or, wait, with your obsession
with humans, you want to settle
down... with a human girl?



I mean, there's nothing
wrong with that, but that's
a lot of hurdles...

...What?



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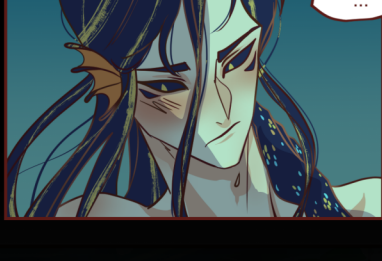
I can't tell if you're playing
games or not.



What's gotten into you all of a sudden?



...Nothing. Sorry. My bottle's empty, we should head back.



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Siiiiigggggghhhh.....



I knew what he meant but I just had to... goad him like that...

BONUS

