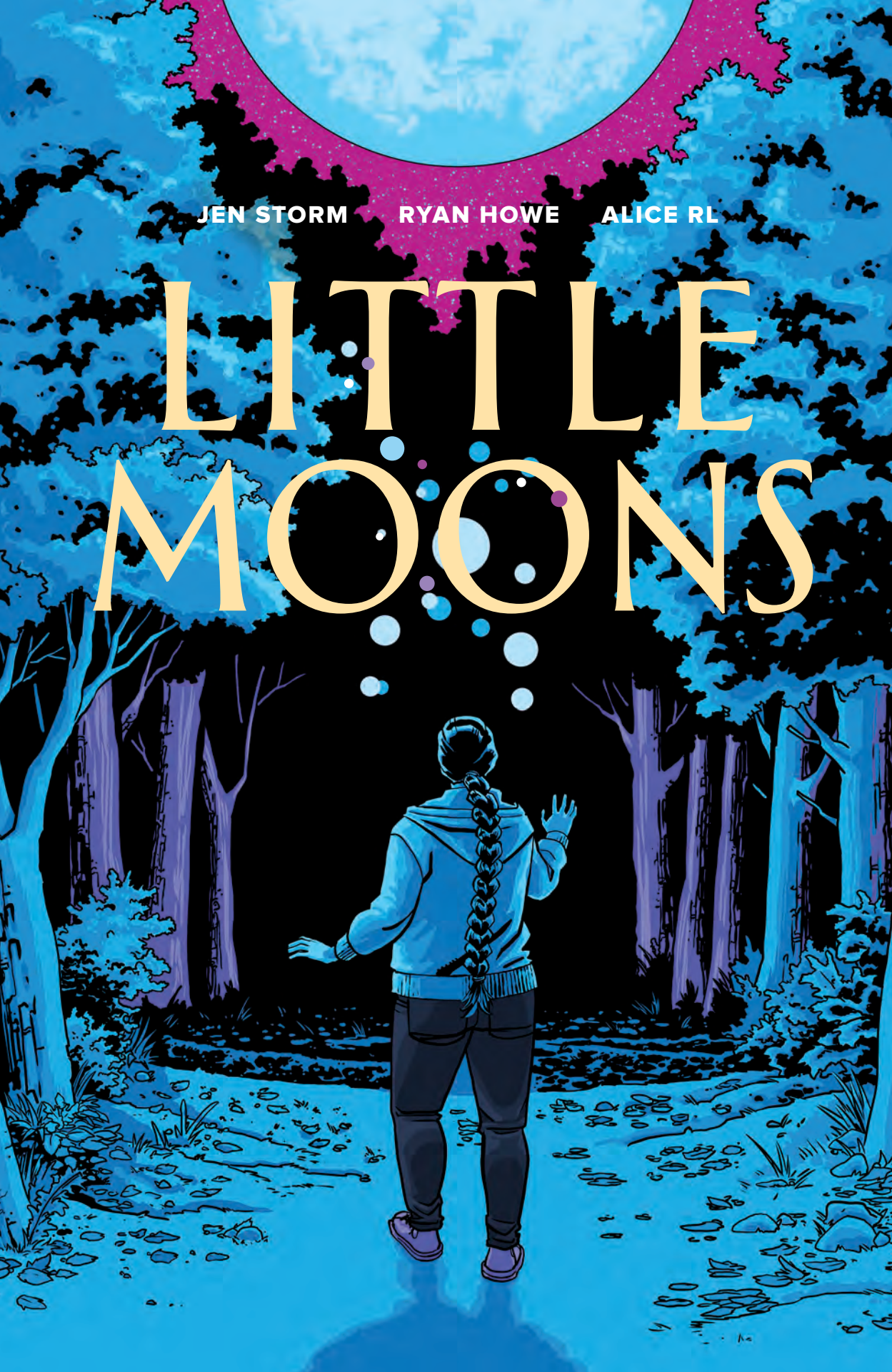

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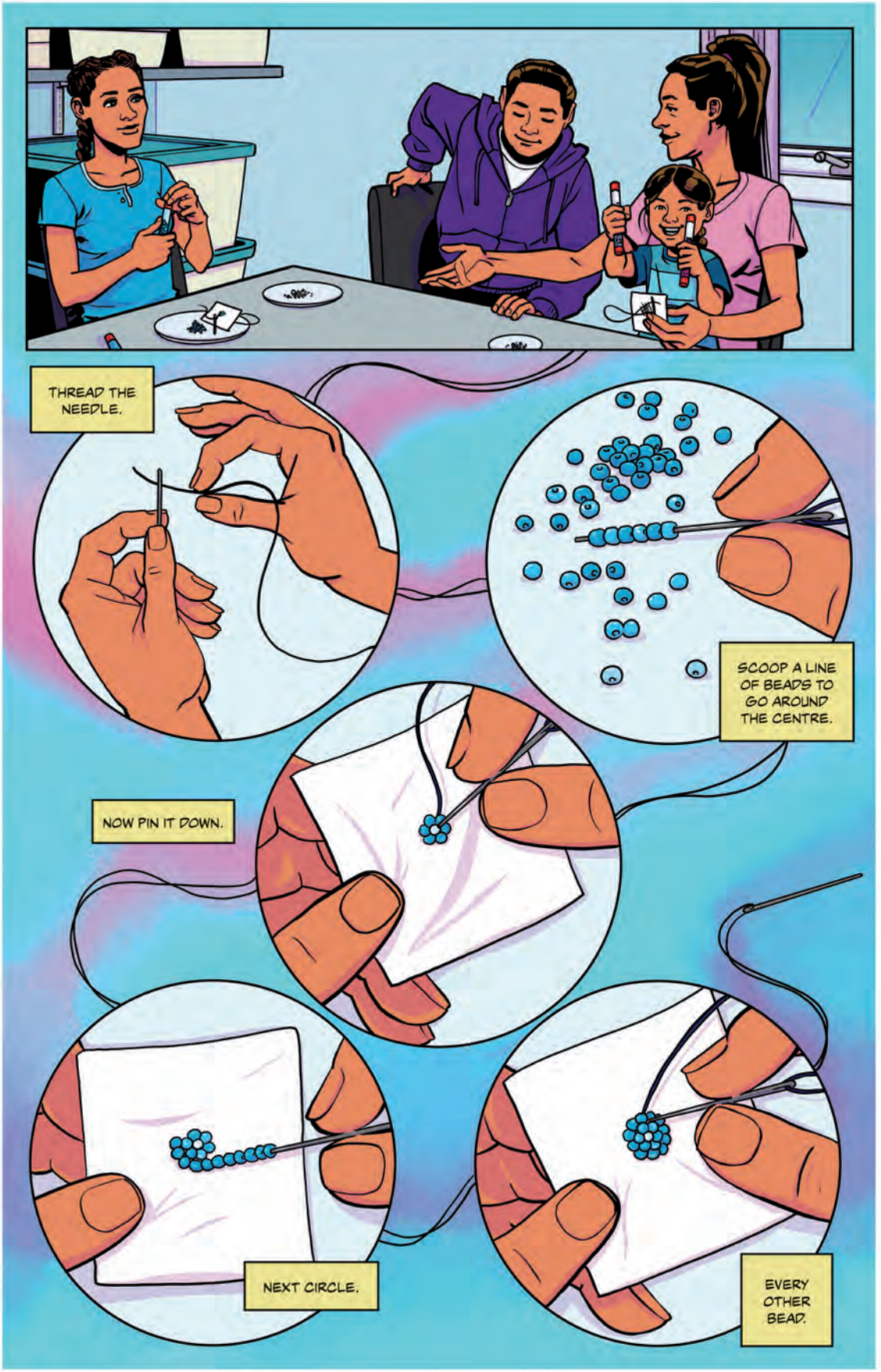
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READ


HEY DORA, HOW WAS SCHOOL?
STOP CALLING ME THAT!
I HAVEN'T WATCHED THAT SHOW IN YEARS.
WHAT AM I SUPPOSED TO CALL YOU?
LITTLE MISS VIRAL DANCING QUEEN?
OH MY GOD!
CHELSEA!
STAHHHP!
WHAT?
YOU POSTED IT, REANNA!
YOU CAN'T ACT ALL SHY NOW.


WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FOR, KOKO?
ICE CREAM...
I GUESS WE'RE OUT OF ICE CREAM.
COME ON, THEO.


MAMA!
AH,
MY BOY,
I'M SORRY I'VE BEEN WORKING SO MUCH,
BUT I GOTTA GET THESE ORDERS DONE!
CAN I HELP?
SURE!
YOU CAN HELP ME DECIDE ON BEAD COLOURS.
NO.
THAT'S A BABY JOB.
I WANT TO LEARN TO BEAD FOR REAL.


THREAD THE NEEDLE.
SCOOP A LINE OF BEADS TO GO AROUND THE CENTRE.
NOW PIN IT DOWN.
NEXT CIRCLE.
EVERY OTHER BEAD.


GOOD FIRST TRY. NEXT TIME, DON'T PULL SO TIGHTLY.
YOU'LL GET IT. IT TAKES PRACTISE.
TAKES LONGER THAN LEARNING A VIRAL DANCE, EH?
YOU OKAY, KOKO?
YES, I'M JUST LOOKING FOR ICE CREAM.
WE'RE OUT OF ICE CREAM, REMEMBER?
YES. YES, OF COURSE. I REMEMBER.
DARE TO DREAM
HA HA
HE HE
HE


HEY!
NO SWIPING!
SORRY.
PEANUT BUTTER
BREAD
DON'T FORGET I'M STAYING OUT AFTER SCHOOL!
I'M GOING SHOPPING WITH CINDY.
OKAY!


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SOAP

Plz Chelsea, let someone know you are alright, or connect with your mom!

Chelsea was last seen leaving school wearing a blue tank top and black jeans.

Anyone with information on Chelsea's whereabouts is asked to contact the RCMP.

The RCMP Missing Persons Unit is requesting assistance in locating a 15-year-old Indigenous female, 5'5" tall 115 lbs, with brown hair and eyes.

Plz if anybody has seen my niece Chelsea let my sister Andrea know! Her mom is very worried.

It's a parent's worst nightmare not knowing where their child is, thank you all for sharing the poster.

Chelsea is my young cousin. I hope and pray that someone sees this post and knows where she is.

If anyone knows Chelsea's whereabouts, please let us know. It's not like her to not contact us.

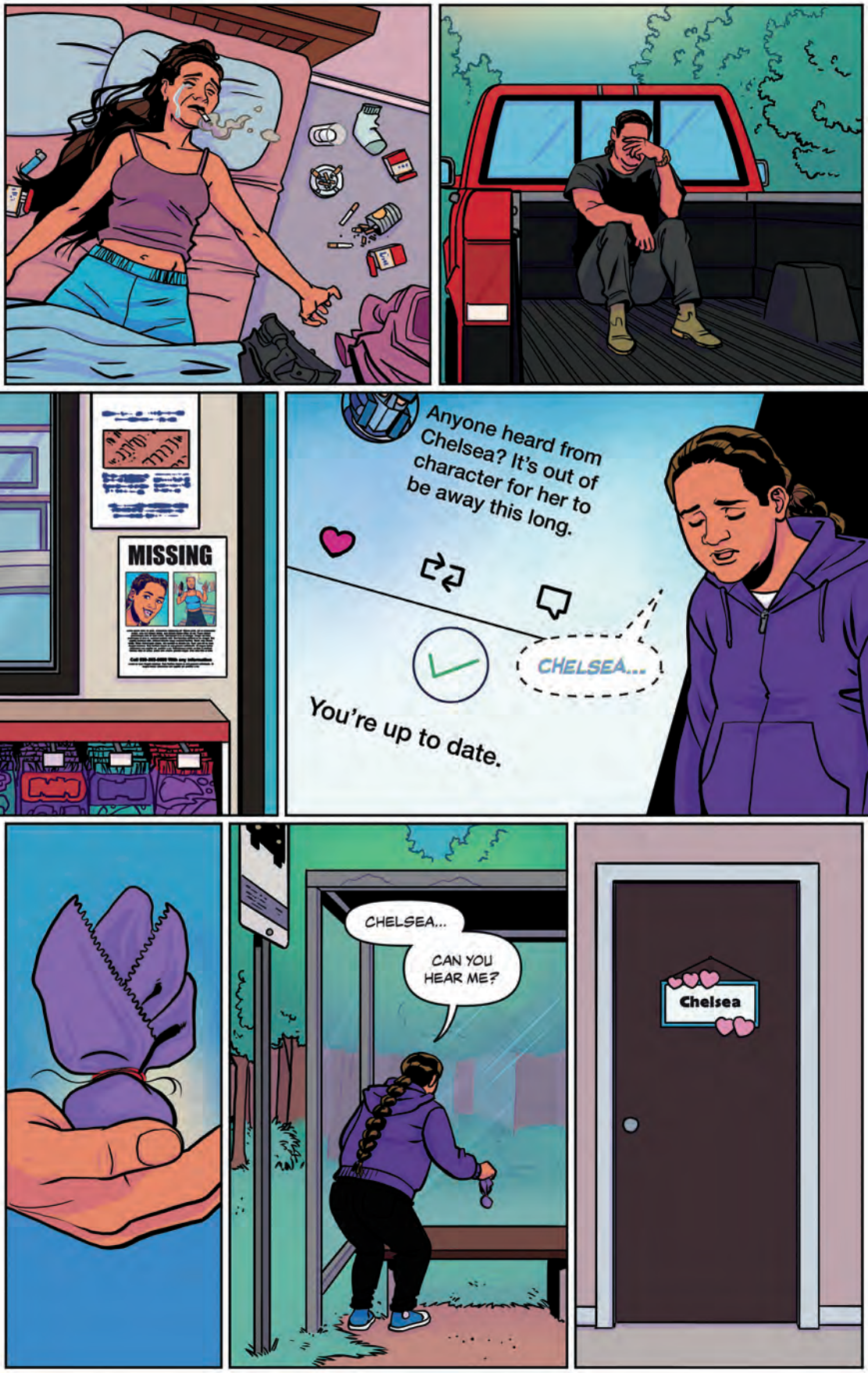
Has anyone seen Chelsea? She left school by herself saying she was only going to be gone a few hours.

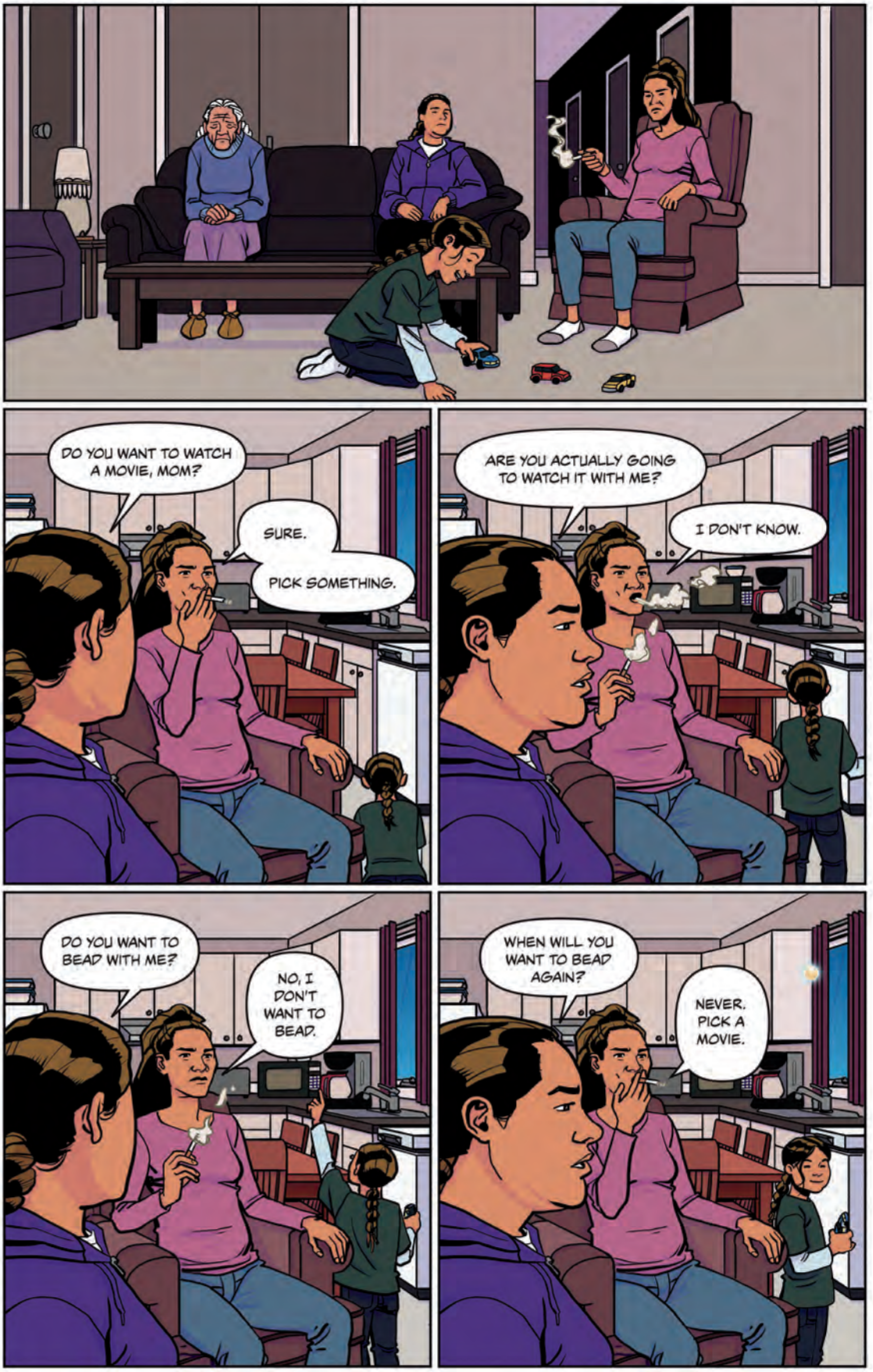
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Anyone heard from Chelsea? It's out of character for her to be away this long.

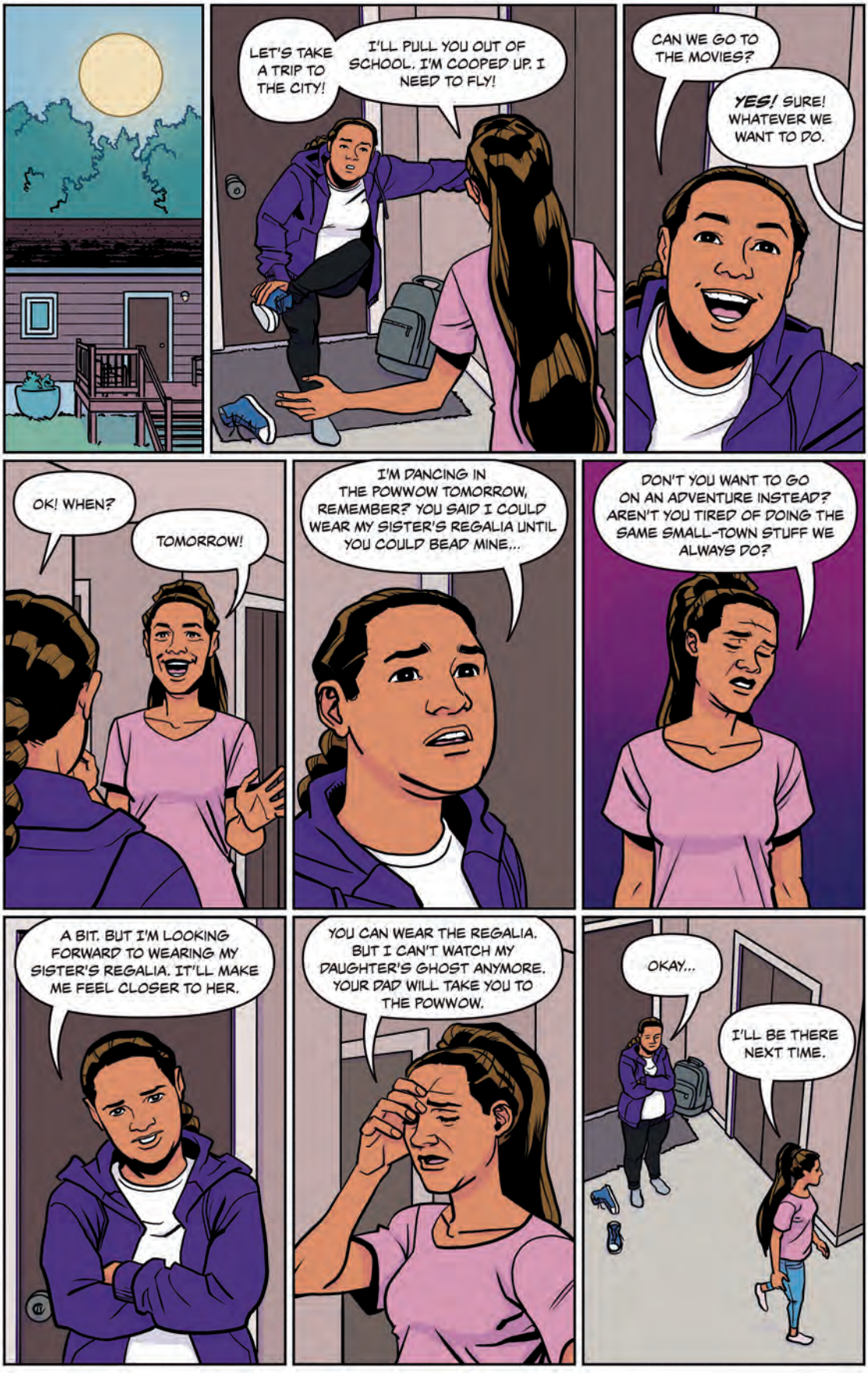


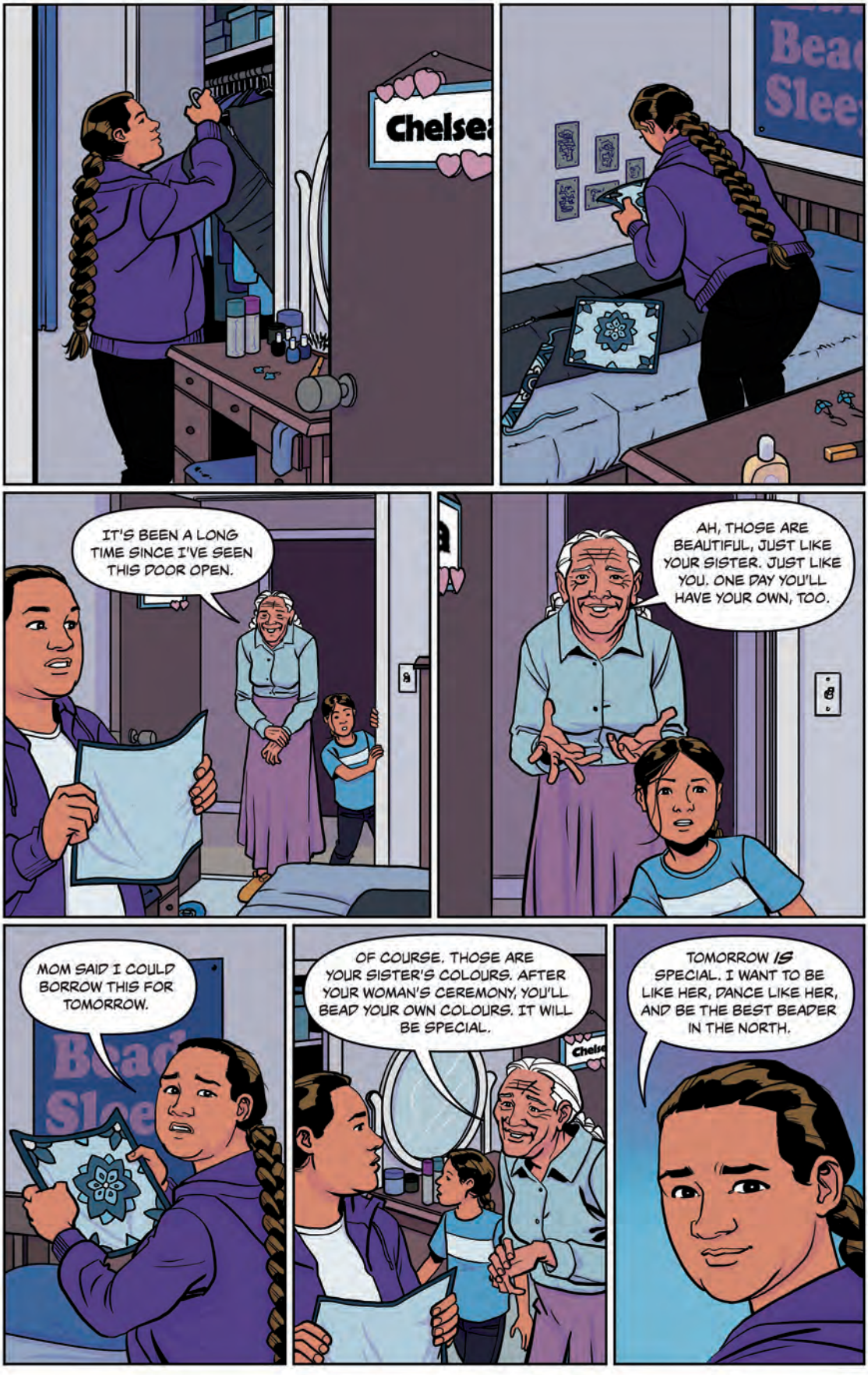



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Anyone heard from Chelsea? It's out of character for her to be away this long.
CHELSEA...
You're up to date.
CHELSEA...
CAN YOU HEAR ME?
Chelsea


DO YOU WANT TO WATCH A MOVIE, MOM?
SURE.
PICK SOMETHING.
ARE YOU ACTUALLY GOING TO WATCH IT WITH ME?
I DON'T KNOW.
DO YOU WANT TO BEAD WITH ME?
NO, I DON'T WANT TO BEAD.
WHEN WILL YOU WANT TO BEAD AGAIN?
NEVER. PICK A MOVIE.


YOU SHOULD GET BACK TO BEADING. IT'S A GOOD DISTRACTION. YOU'LL MAKE SOME EXTRA MONEY TOO.
MAYBE SOMEDAY.
YOU'RE THE BEST BEADER IN TOWN.
OUT OF A THOUSAND PEOPLE. BIG DEAL.
CHELSEA...
BEST IN THE NORTH, I'D IMAGINE.
WHAT'S THE POINT IF IT DOESN'T BRING ME ANY JOY?
WELL, LAST TIME I SOLD SOMETHING, THE MONEY BROUGHT ME A LITTLE JOY.
...WHERE ARE YOU?
TING!
BZZZT
TING!


LET'S TAKE A TRIP TO THE CITY!
I'LL PULL YOU OUT OF SCHOOL. I'M COOPED UP. I NEED TO FLY!
CAN WE GO TO THE MOVIES?
YES! SURE! WHATEVER WE WANT TO DO.
OK! WHEN?
TOMORROW!
I'M DANCING IN THE POWWOW TOMORROW, REMEMBER? YOU SAID I COULD WEAR MY SISTER'S REGALIA UNTIL YOU COULD BEAD MINE...
DON'T YOU WANT TO GO ON AN ADVENTURE INSTEAD? AREN'T YOU TIRED OF DOING THE SAME SMALL-TOWN STUFF WE ALWAYS DO?
A BIT. BUT I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO WEARING MY SISTER'S REGALIA. IT'LL MAKE ME FEEL CLOSER TO HER.
YOU CAN WEAR THE REGALIA. BUT I CAN'T WATCH MY DAUGHTER'S GHOST ANYMORE. YOUR DAD WILL TAKE YOU TO THE POWWOW.
OKAY...
I'LL BE THERE NEXT TIME.


Chelsea
IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME SINCE I'VE SEEN THIS DOOR OPEN.
AH, THOSE ARE BEAUTIFUL, JUST LIKE YOUR SISTER. JUST LIKE YOU. ONE DAY YOU'LL HAVE YOUR OWN, TOO.
MOM SAID I COULD BORROW THIS FOR TOMORROW.
OF COURSE. THOSE ARE YOUR SISTER'S COLOURS. AFTER YOUR WOMAN'S CEREMONY, YOU'LL BEAD YOUR OWN COLOURS. IT WILL BE SPECIAL.
TOMORROW IS SPECIAL. I WANT TO BE LIKE HER, DANCE LIKE HER, AND BE THE BEST BEADER IN THE NORTH.


YOU KNOW, MY GIRL,
LIFE IS A LOT LIKE A RIVER.
Eat. Bead. Sleep.
YOU CAN'T ARGUE WITH A RIVER--
--IT IS GOING TO FLOW.
YOU CAN DAM IT UP, DEFLECT IT, FLOAT AWAY ON IT, FIGHT AGAINST THE CURRENT OF IT--
--BUT YOU CAN'T ARGUE WITH IT.
WHAT'S THAT SUPPOSED TO MEAN?
YOU'LL SEE.
I'M GOING TO BED.
GOODNIGHT.
TING!
TING!

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Dedicated to my parents.—ALICE RL

For Indigenous families who have lost a loved one.—NICKOLEJ VILLIGER

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