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“A Kiss From A Rose”

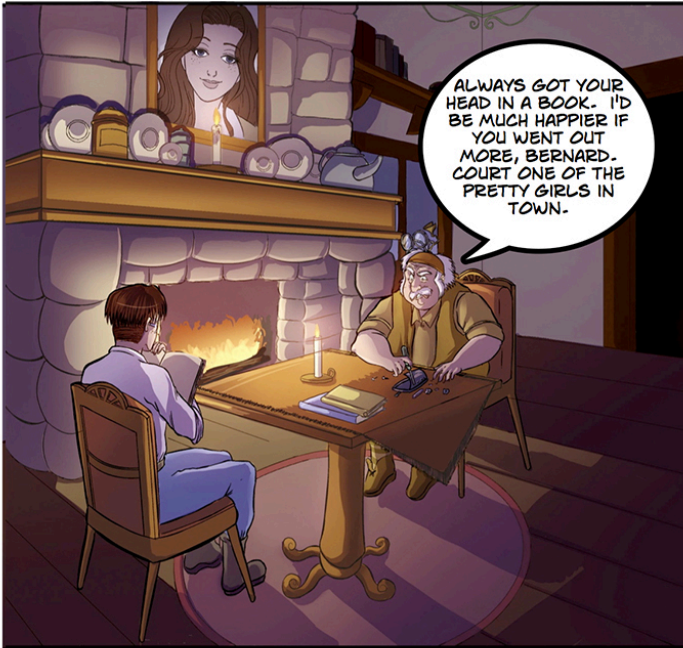
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SOMEWHERE IN THE FRENCH COUNTRYSIDE.



ALWAYS GOT YOUR HEAD IN A BOOK. I'D BE MUCH HAPPIER IF YOU WENT OUT MORE, BERNARD. COURT ONE OF THE PRETTY GIRLS IN TOWN.



AND BE MORE LIKE THAT PRIMATE, GASTON? NO THANKS, PAPA.

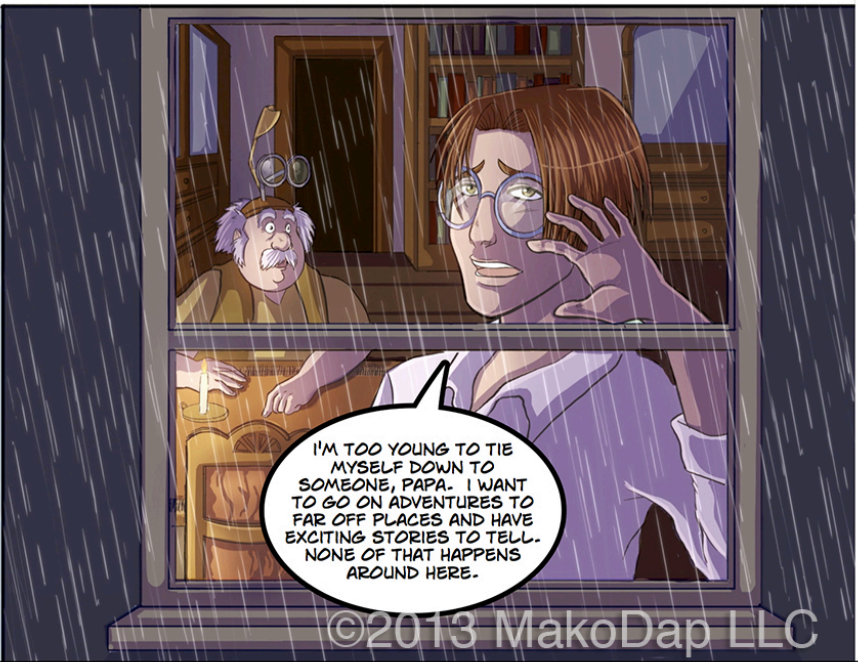


BUT YOU'RE AN IDEAL BACHELorette.

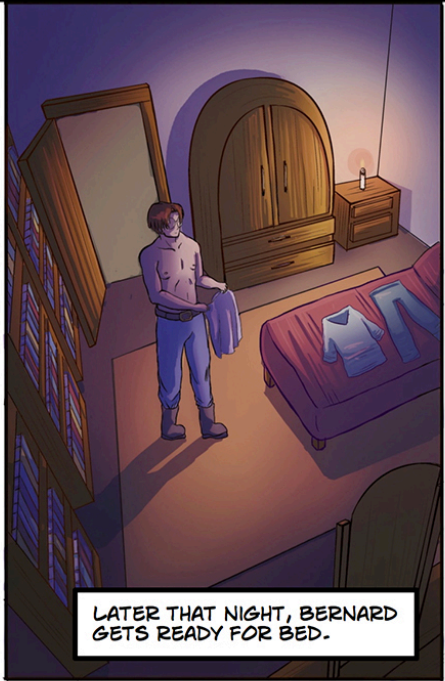


YOU MEAN BACHELOR.

I KNOW. I KNOW.



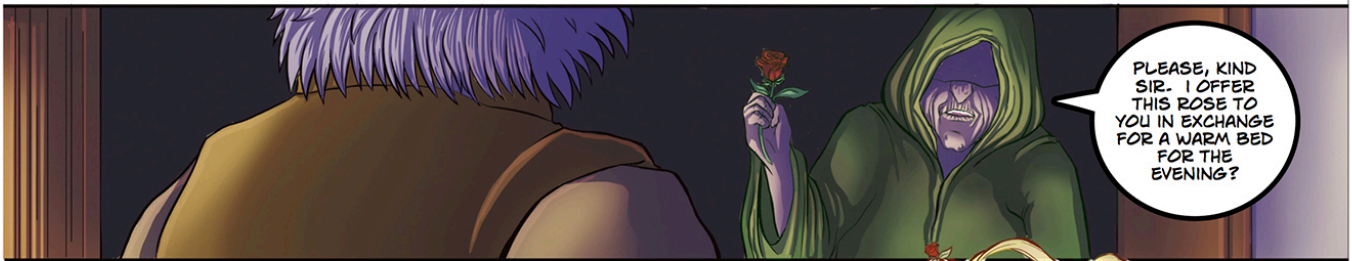
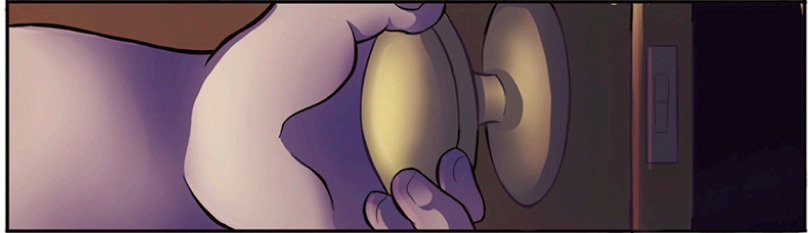
I'M TOO YOUNG TO TIE MYSELF DOWN TO SOMEONE, PAPA. I WANT TO GO ON ADVENTURES TO FAR OFF PLACES AND HAVE EXCITING STORIES TO TELL. NONE OF THAT HAPPENS AROUND HERE.



LATER THAT NIGHT, BERNARD GETS READY FOR BED.



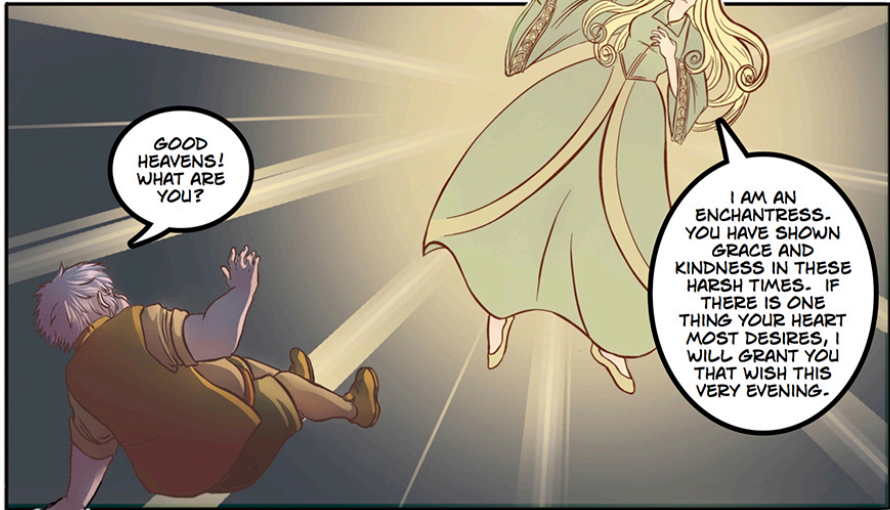
MAURICE HEARS A KNOCK AT THEIR DOOR.



PLEASE, KIND SIR. I OFFER THIS ROSE TO YOU IN EXCHANGE FOR A WARM BED FOR THE EVENING?

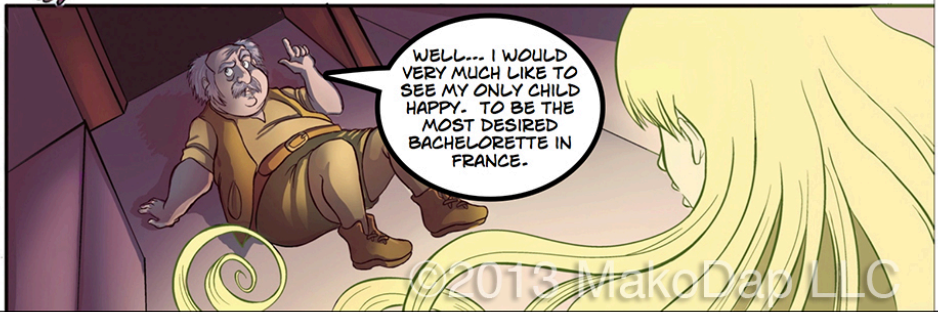


CERTAINLY. PLEASE COME IN AND DRY OFF.

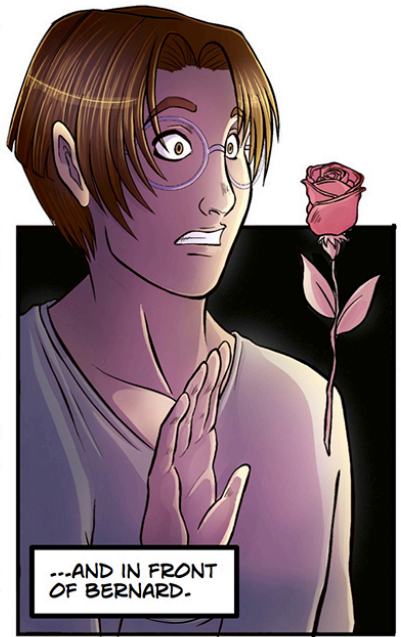


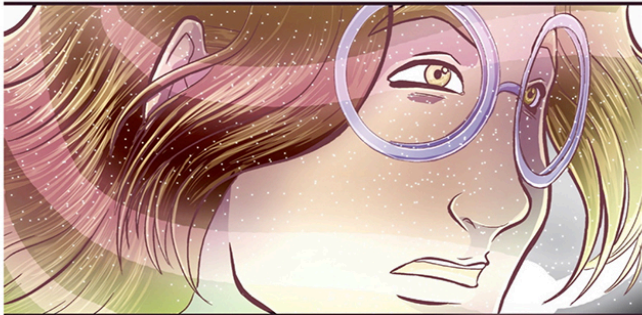
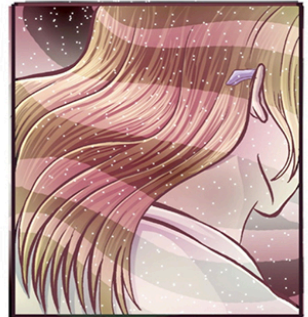
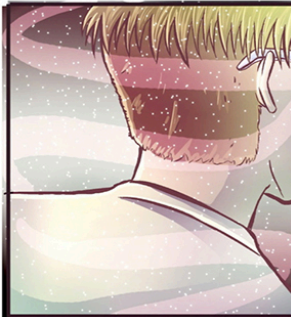
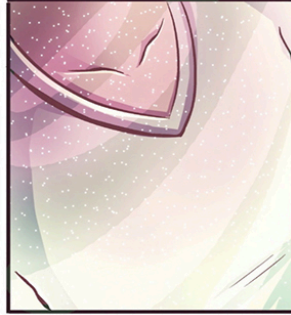
GOOD HEAVENS! WHAT ARE YOU?

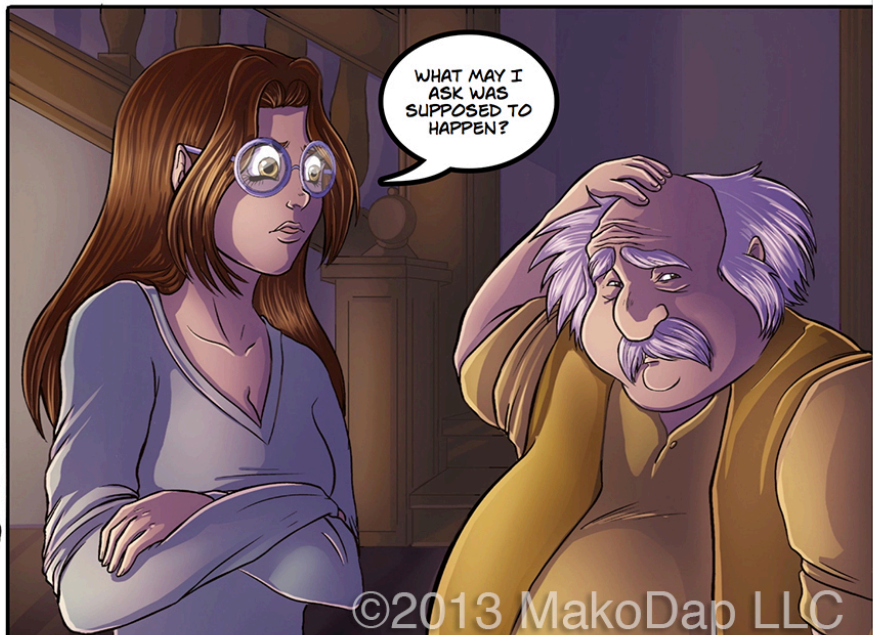
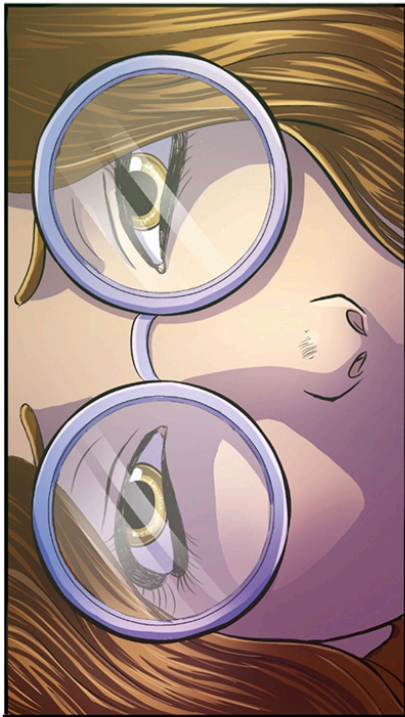
I AM AN ENCHANTRESS. YOU HAVE SHOWN GRACE AND KINDNESS IN THESE HARSH TIMES. IF THERE IS ONE THING YOUR HEART MOST DESIRES, I WILL GRANT YOU THAT WISH THIS VERY EVENING.

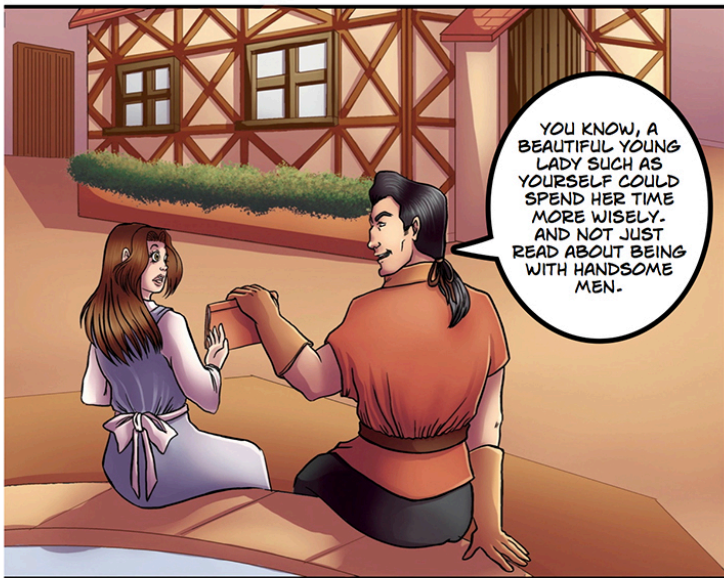
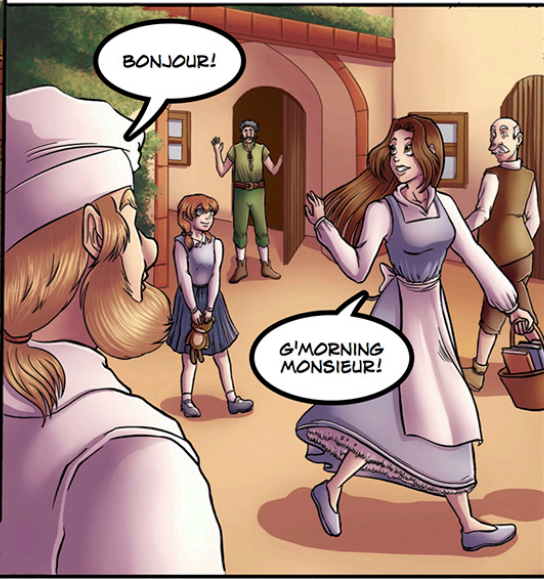


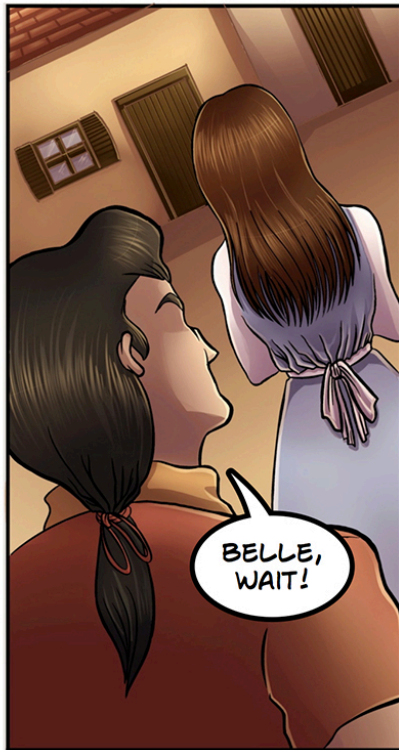
WELL... I WOULD VERY MUCH LIKE TO SEE MY ONLY CHILD HAPPY. TO BE THE MOST DESIRED BACHELORETTE IN FRANCE.











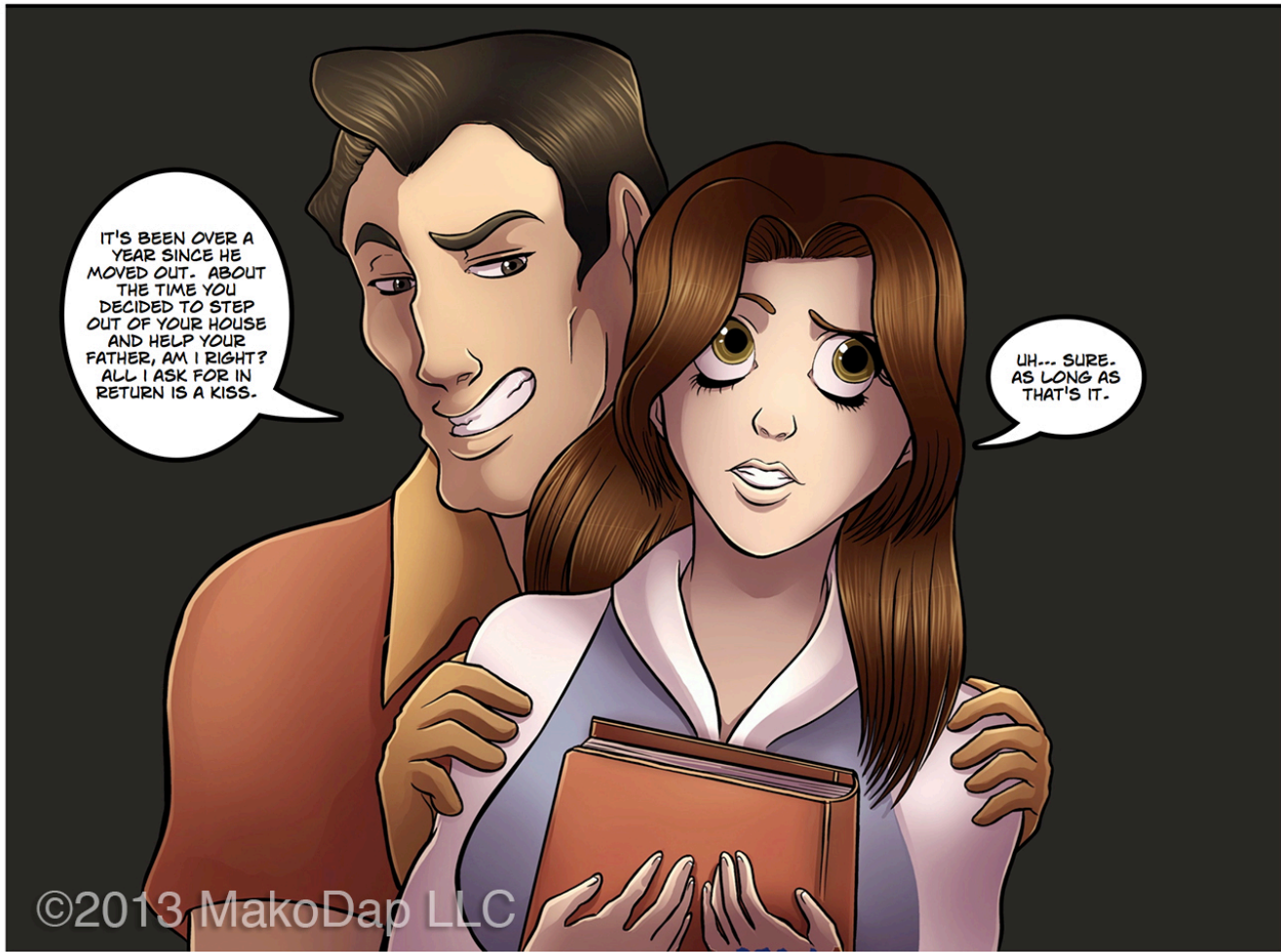
BELLE, WAIT!



WHAT DO YOU WANT, GASTON?



WE PLAN ON GOING INTO PARIS FOR SUPPLIES. THOUGHT YOU MIGHT LIKE ME TO CARRY A MESSAGE TO YOUR TWIN BROTHER, BERNARD FOR YOU.



IT'S BEEN OVER A YEAR SINCE HE MOVED OUT. ABOUT THE TIME YOU DECIDED TO STEP OUT OF YOUR HOUSE AND HELP YOUR FATHER, AM I RIGHT? ALL I ASK FOR IN RETURN IS A KISS.

UH... SURE. AS LONG AS THAT'S IT.



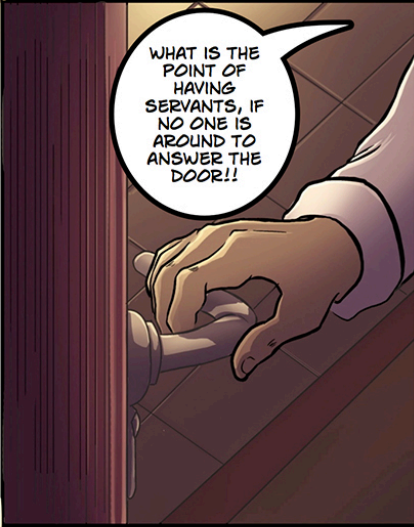
LATER THAT EVENING...



... A KNOCK IS HEARD AT THE FRONT DOOR.



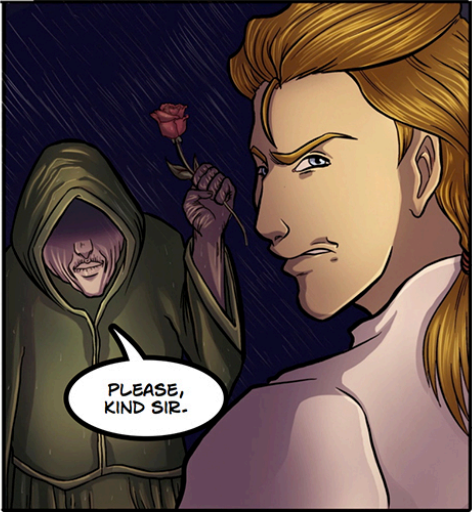
LUMIERE!!
COGSWORTH!!



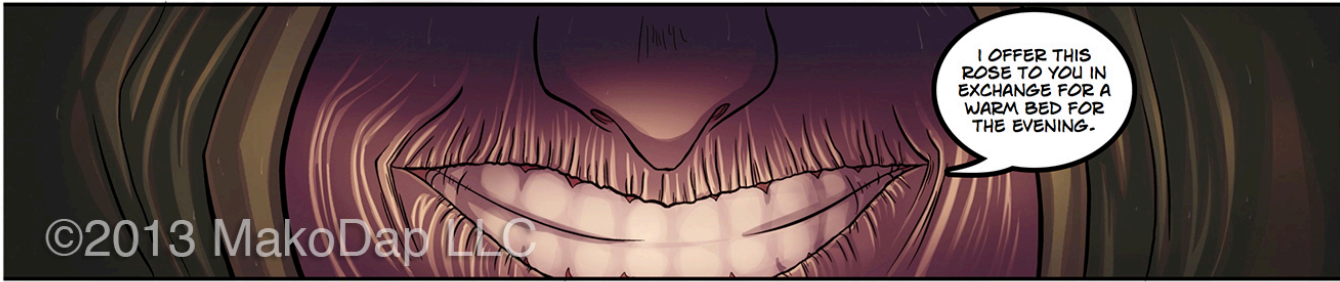
WHAT IS THE POINT OF HAVING SERVANTS, IF NO ONE IS AROUND TO ANSWER THE DOOR!!



OH GOOD. ANOTHER PEASANT LOOKING FOR A HAND OUT. GO AWAY OLD WOMAN!!



PLEASE, KIND SIR.



I OFFER THIS ROSE TO YOU IN EXCHANGE FOR A WARM BED FOR THE EVENING.