



**The lost Temple**  
Chapter 25  
*Liz's Conundrum*

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Previously on „The lost Temple“:

*Mikael – a young archeology student – learned of the world of magic by meeting the demon girl Kassandra Elaquoi. In exchange for his help, she has taught him magic – though he is not very skilled at it. Over various occasions, Mika has increased his repertoire of magical spells and by combining them he is now able to pull off some pretty decent magic like teleportation, healing and „opening the mind“.*

*Last time we saw him use his newest acquisition, the Vasta Mens spell, on his faithful servant Magda back at the hut in the woods. The test is a full success and he managed to rewrite her mind and memories making her believe things that simply are not true...*

We continue from here, as Mika leaves the hut...

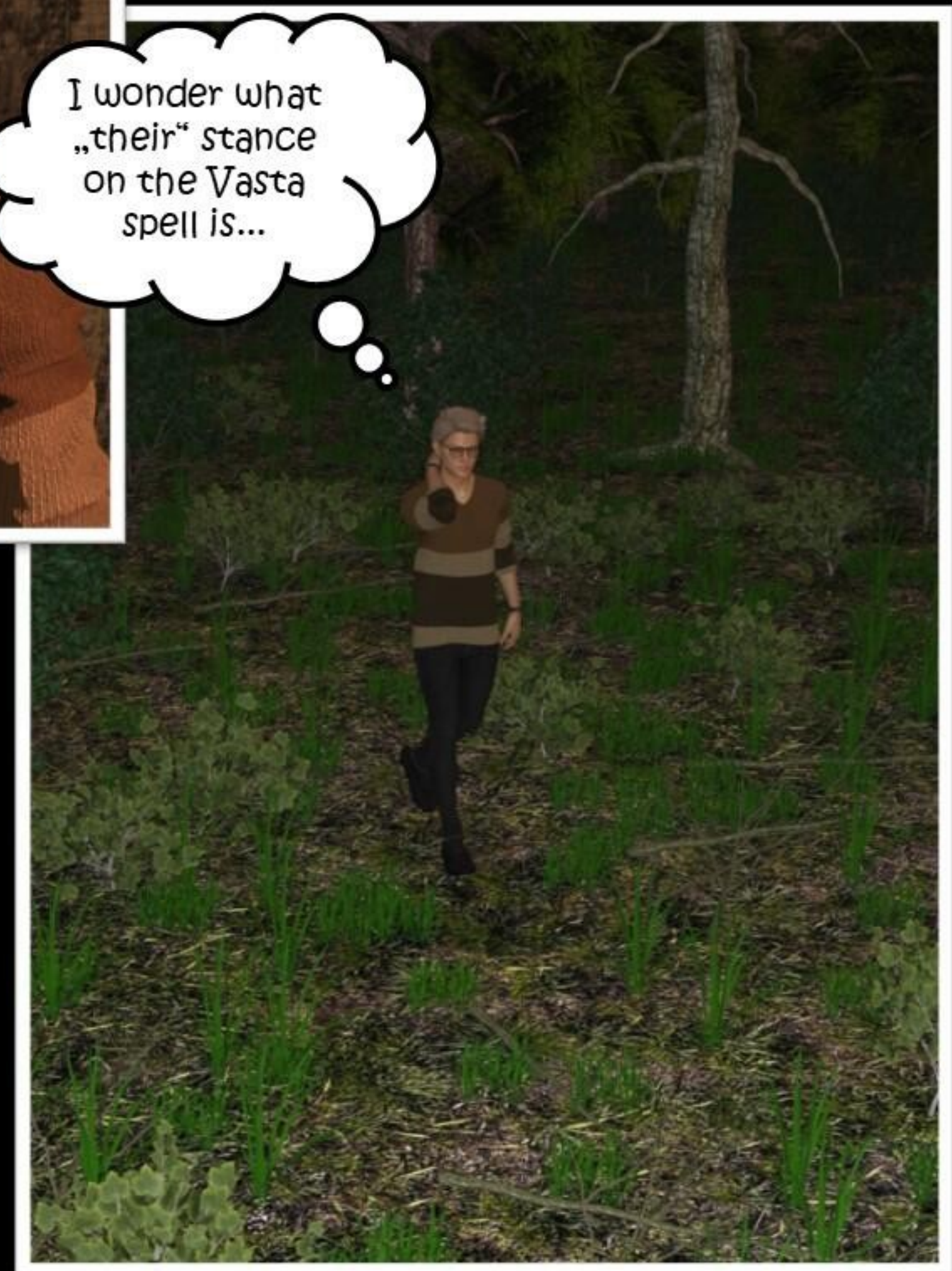
Magda believes it has always been that way...



The true power of the Vasta Mens spell is.. almost Frightening...



I wonder what „their“ stance on the Vasta spell is...



Most likely it's forbidden...

And seeing what it can do... I could not blame them...



I should not use it carelessly...



Huh?

Mikal valdes!!





Liz?!

Found you!



A little bit atop a small hill, Liz is standing - striking a triumphant pose...

What does she mean with she found me?





It's her who's been avoiding me these past days.

Ever since she kissed me at the club I barely saw her at university.



I even tried contacting her but she did not return any of my calls!

What's she  
been up to?

Long time no  
see, Liz! What's  
up?

Cut the crap,  
Mika! I followed  
you around!

You are a  
magician!



Fuck!

Wha... Come on, Liz. Do you hear yourself talk?

I know what I saw!

Back at my place...

You teleported!!



Urgh...  
The tablet  
incident...

Look... it  
was kinda  
strange back  
then...

But I don't  
know what  
went on back  
then either...

Oh, spare me  
the blatant  
lies!

Lana breaks her  
arm and two days  
later she's all fine  
again?!



... That was no real break.

It was a misdiagnosis on the doctor's side.

You and Lana get together and suddenly her long-term ill mother is running around as if nothing ever was wrong?



Coincidence?  
Lana's mom has been  
under treatment for  
some time now and it's  
finally kicking in...

Stop  
bullshitting  
me!!

Liz takes a deep breath and seems to calm herself...



*\*sigh\**  
So, you won't fess up to me...

But I think you are still a decent guy Mika.

And I think you would help me out if I ever was in a pinch...

Of course, I'd help you. **We are friends, Liz!**



The most suspicious thing is that he actually has explanations prepared for all the things I brought up!



So... if I was about to fall off a cliff you'd use anything in your power to save me, right?

Friends ... Tsk!

Sure!

Wait...


WHAT?!

Without another word Liz turns around and darts up the rocky slope.



Don't do it Liz!




A woman with long brown hair, wearing a black jacket over a white top, grey jeans, and black sneakers, stands on the peak of a grassy hill. She has her right hand to her ear as if listening. A speech bubble is positioned to her left, containing the text "Holy shit, that's high up...". The background is a clear, light blue sky.

Holy shit,  
that's high  
up...

Fuck, I hope  
I'm right...

Liz!



A person with long hair, wearing a dark long-sleeved shirt and light-colored pants, stands on a grassy hill with their arms outstretched. The background is a hazy, overcast sky. Two speech bubbles are overlaid on the image. The first speech bubble, located in the upper left, contains the text "Here goes nothing...". The second speech bubble, located in the lower right, contains the text "Don't!!".

Here goes  
nothing...

Don't!!

A person with long, light-colored hair is standing on a grassy hill, facing away from the camera with their arms outstretched horizontally. They are wearing a dark long-sleeved top and light-colored jeans. The background is a hazy, overcast sky. A speech bubble is positioned above the person's head, containing the text "Save me Mika...".

Save me  
Mika...

\*Gulp\*



And that's how Liz jumped off  
that hill...

Wahhhh



Mika is way too slow to catch up to her...

Oh, my  
god!

**THUMP**

LIZ!!





Are... are you alright?

Author's note: Leg bending in that direction = not good!



I'm... alive. But my knee hurts ... a lot... *sob*

Note: The "cliff" is actually not that steep. Obviously, Liz had planned this all out beforehand... but she still managed to hurt herself.



Wait for me,  
Liz. I'm coming  
down to you.



Mika sets out to climb down to Liz's position...



Shit!

That  
hurts...

And manages to reach her quickly...

I'm here  
Liz!



Oh... shit.  
That looks  
bad.



Oh, god. It's  
pointing the  
wrong way!





So  
stupid!



Magic...



As Liz writhes in pain and curses herself for her stupid plan, Mika casts the Medeo spell on her broken leg...

*Medeo*



Slowly but surely...



The bones are set back into position...



And within only moments Liz's knee bends the right way once again...



In the meantime,...

Almost done...

Magic...  
How could I've been so stupid?

Wait... My leg's not hurting any longer?







I can move it again!



It doesn't hurt one bit!



I knew it!

I don't want you to ever get hurt, Liz.



But I'm really bad at this magic thing. All I'm good for right now is some healing.

Before Mika can explain any further, Liz gets closer and places a kiss upon his lips...





I'm sorry!

Still got the kissy lips on...



You are with Lana now!

I... err... I  
guess I am...



I'm such a  
bad friend...

sob

Great... Now she's  
crying... Maybe it  
was not such a great  
idea to reveal my  
powers to her...

sob  
sob



I could use the Vasta spell to make her forget...

Forget about my magic...

Forget her love for me...

Use Vasta to make her forget about Magic

Leave Magic Knowledge be

Make her forget about magic



*Vasta  
Mens*

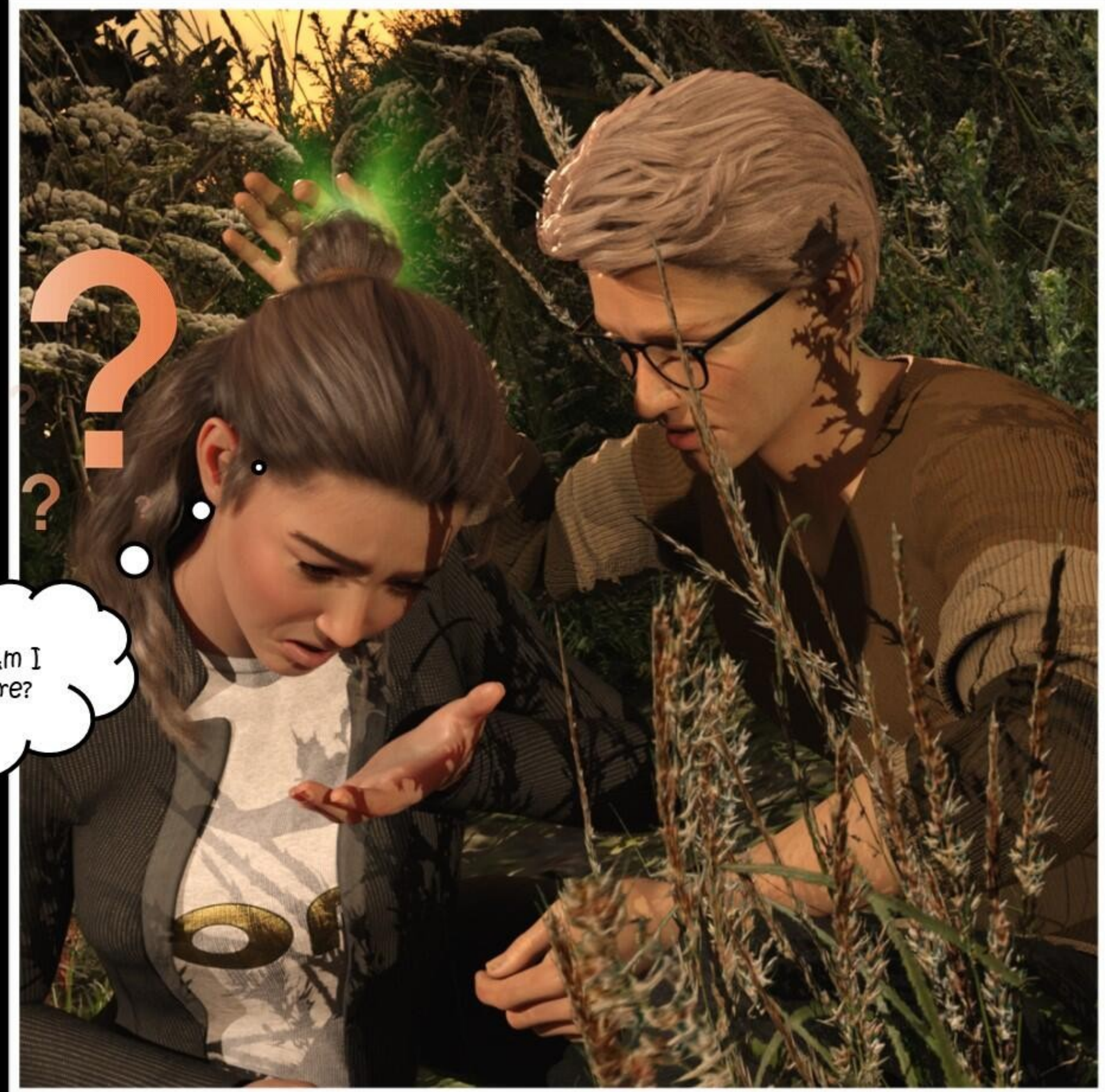
I'm sorry...

Mika focuses his magic on Liz's most recent memories – removing the most recent events from her mind...

**Then diving deeper...**  
Thankfully, all relevant memories are lighting up at the moment in Liz's brain as they are all part of Liz's current situation and Mika has an easy time tracking them down... tempering with them... or deleting them...



Like that time, he unintentionally activated the Teloris spell at Liz's place...



What... Am I doing here?



I'm together with Lana now...

Her feelings of Love only bring Liz sorrow like this...

I could use Vasta Mens to help her forget... Maybe that would be for the best...

But tempering with her knowledge about magic is one thing... Changing her feelings...

And do I even want that? I mean... I like Liz... I really do...

Make her forget about her feelings of Love toward you

Make her okay with not being your only girl!

Leave her feelings alone



Oh... Mika.  
Wha...

Where are  
we?

What are  
we doing  
here?



Taking advantage of Liz's confusion and the ongoing Vasta Mens spell, Mika carefully tracks down Liz's feelings for him and either removes them from her mind or replaces them with feelings of normal friendship as best he can...



I just wanted  
to ask you  
that.

I just walked  
by and found  
you sitting  
here.

Are you okay,  
Liz?

With Mika asking Liz checks herself but nothing hurts...



I... erm... yeah... I feel fine. Only some small bruises. I guess I must have stumbled.

But I'm really confused...

Alright, then let's get going.

It will only get darker from here on out.



With a heavy heart Mika starts leading the way back... such that Liz would not see the regret clearly visible in his face.



Err... yes..  
Woods. Dark.  
Of course.

What was I  
doing in the  
woods in the  
first place?



I wonder why I feel a bit sad?

Ah, must be from the bruises...

I should be lucky my good friend Mika found me here!

End of Chapter

Torn between his feelings for Lana and Liz Mika comes up with a wicked idea: Using the Vasta Mens spell to be with both of them...

Make her forget about magic  
> Make her okay with Lana



It's okay Liz. Don't worry about Lana.

sob



Lana won't mind us. She's fine with me seeing other girls.

Huh?  
For real?



Or at least she soon will!



You sure?

That is... a bit weird...


Why would she...

Of course, I'm sure.

And why wouldn't she?



Err... I...

A woman with dark hair and a bloody forehead looks distressed. She is wearing a dark, textured jacket over a light-colored top. The background shows a garden with a stone wall and plants.

What... No...  
I... I'd want  
you for myse...


I'm sure you  
understand.

Lana knows  
just because I  
love another  
doesn't change  
my feelings for  
her.



I mean... I do want to be with you Mika... but...

Surely you would not mind sharing me either...



I... you are right,  
Mika. I don't mind  
you seeing other girls.  
Especially if it's with  
a good friend like  
Lana.

Surely you  
would not want  
to be so selfish  
to deny her my  
company.

Lana's a good  
friend of  
yours.



Oh, my god.  
This is great!

I had such  
worries!

I did not  
know Lana  
was open to  
that.

I'm totally  
fine with  
it!



Yeah... She  
does not know  
either...yet

Well, I'm glad  
you are okay  
with it.

I really do  
like you.

This time Mika hones in...



And places a kiss on Liz's lips...  
while exploring her chest with  
his left hand...



But Liz takes hold of his hand and stops his groping...



Mika!

Not here...  
It's too public  
for that...

I'm not that kinda girl!

Yet...





Sorry!  
A spur of the  
moment. You  
are just so hot,  
Liz.

\*giggle\*

Shall we  
head home?

Yeah.  
Let's.

End of Chapter

Make her forget about magic  
> Leave her feelings alone


sob

I decide not to temper with Liz's feelings. Doing that... would be bad. I should not use magic for something like that.

Yes, I'm with Lana.

But I do value our friendship a lot.





Yes. *\*sob\**  
Of course!

I hope... we  
can stay  
friends, Liz...



You are a  
great person,  
Mika.

One of the few  
people in class  
whose abilities I  
recognize.

Let's work  
hard to ace  
this semester!

Thank you,  
Liz.

Liz tried to act cheery as we walked back to town together... but it was obvious she had still feelings for me... and it was not that I did not like her... in fact, I did fancy her... but Lana was first... and I love her!



Anyway, with her memories about my magic deleted I did not have to worry about her talking about my secret... But that did not make me feel any better. It would have been nice to have another person I could talk to...

End of Chapter

I decide against using Vasta to make her forget about my magic... but...

I really value Liz, and I want her to know...

I need one more I can talk to in my life...

But her love for me... I'm with Lana now...

I could try to temper with her feelings for me... Make her not crush on me...

But... Do I want that? I like Liz, don't I? Why can't I have... More?

Make her forget about her feelings of Love toward you

Make her okay with being not your only girl!

Leave her feelings alone

Yes, I'm with Lana now.



Yes, I'm with Lana.



But I do value our friendship a lot.



Yes!

Yes, of course.

Let's be friends, Mr. Magician!

\*gulp\*



**\*giggle\***  
Don't be so pale.  
I know how to  
keep a secret.

I won't tell  
anyone,  
promise!

But there's so  
much I want  
to know!

Thank you,  
Liz.

Liz tried to act cheery as we walked back to town together... but it was obvious she had still feelings for me... and it was not that I did not like her... in fact I did fancy her... but Lana was first... and I love her!



Anyway, I'm pretty sure Liz will keep my secret... and it will be much easier working together with her on that student project now that she understands my situation.

End of Chapter

I dive deep into Liz's mind and I can feel a wave of mixed feelings wash over me. Love, sadness, conflict. I focus on what I can identify as love for me and either remove it or replace it with feelings of friendship... I also remove her memories of just kissing me...



Oh...  
Mika... I'm  
so sorry.

For testing  
you like  
this.

But... I  
needed to  
know...

It's quite the task... but after some minutes she stops sobbing...



It's okay,  
Liz.

I think I  
wanted you  
to know from  
the start.

Wanted to  
talk to you  
about it...



I... can count on you to keep it a secret though?



Absolutely!

I will talk to nobody but you about this.

I swear it upon our friendship!

shake

With a heavy heart, I stand up  
and we start walking back.



Hm... I've  
tears in my  
eyes?

Guess I'm just  
glad he forgave  
me for testing  
him.

I've won a reliable ally for the  
future to come I think... But I  
lost anything beyond that... and  
while it seems to be for the  
best... it still feels bad.

End of Chapter



# Thank you for reading!

Hello, Hexxet here,

I think I know which option you guys will favor, but there will be a Patreon poll to determine which one of these options for Liz becomes canon anyway! 😊

I will then continue writing the main story with the option the majority selected.

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