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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!

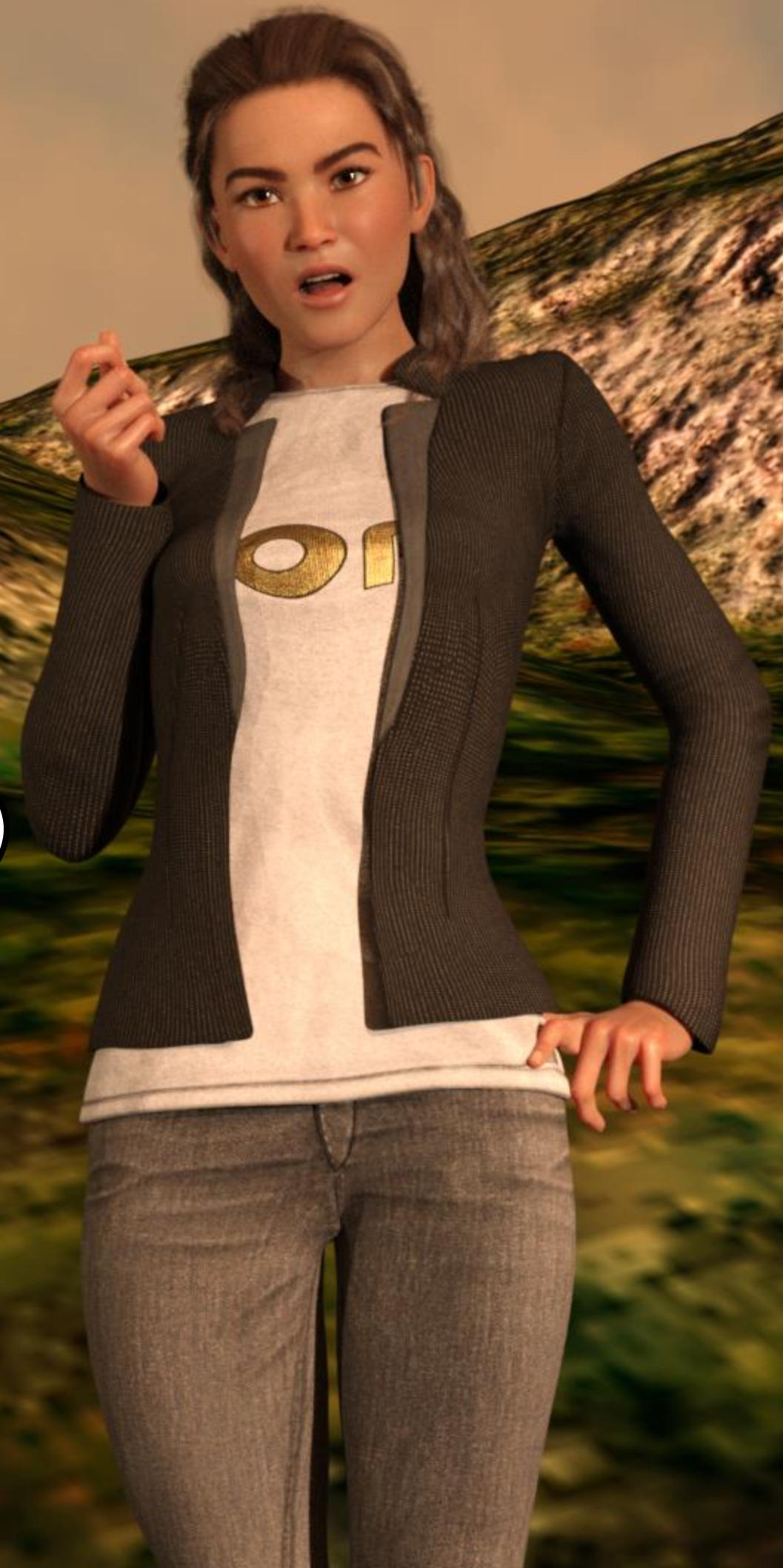
FUCK!


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 cardigan over a white t-shirt, grey jeans, and black sneakers, stands on the peak of a grassy hill. She is looking up with a surprised expression, her right hand near her head. A speech bubble is positioned to her left. The background is a vast, hazy sky with soft, warm light, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The hill's surface is covered in green grass with some brown patches.

Holy shit,
that's high
up...

Fuck, I hope
I'm right...

Liz!

A person with long blonde hair, wearing a dark long-sleeved shirt and light-colored pants, stands on a grassy hill with their arms outstretched. The hill is covered in green grass and some dry, brownish vegetation. The background is a cloudy sky with a warm, orange-brown hue. Two speech bubbles are overlaid on the image. One speech bubble, located in the upper left, contains the text "Here goes nothing...". The other speech bubble, located in the lower right, contains the text "Don't!!".

Here goes
nothing...

Don't!!



Save me
Mika...



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.



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



And manages to reach her quickly...



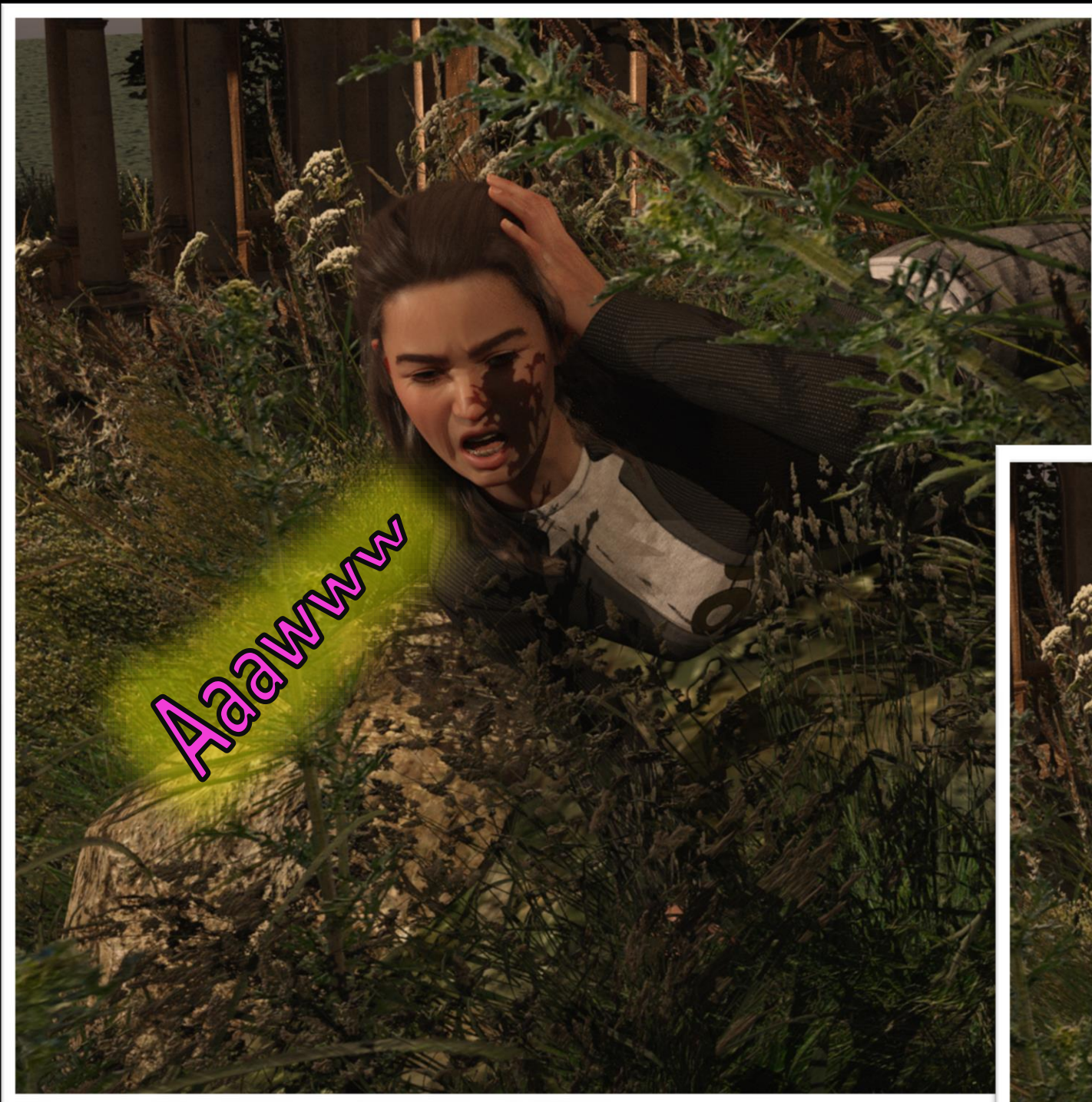
I'm here
Liz!



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!



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!

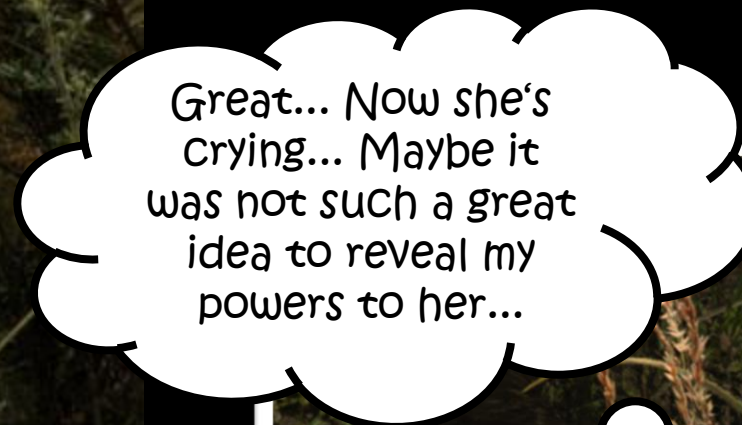
Still got the kissy
lips on...



You are
with Lana
now!

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







I 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



I'm sorry...

Vasta
Mens

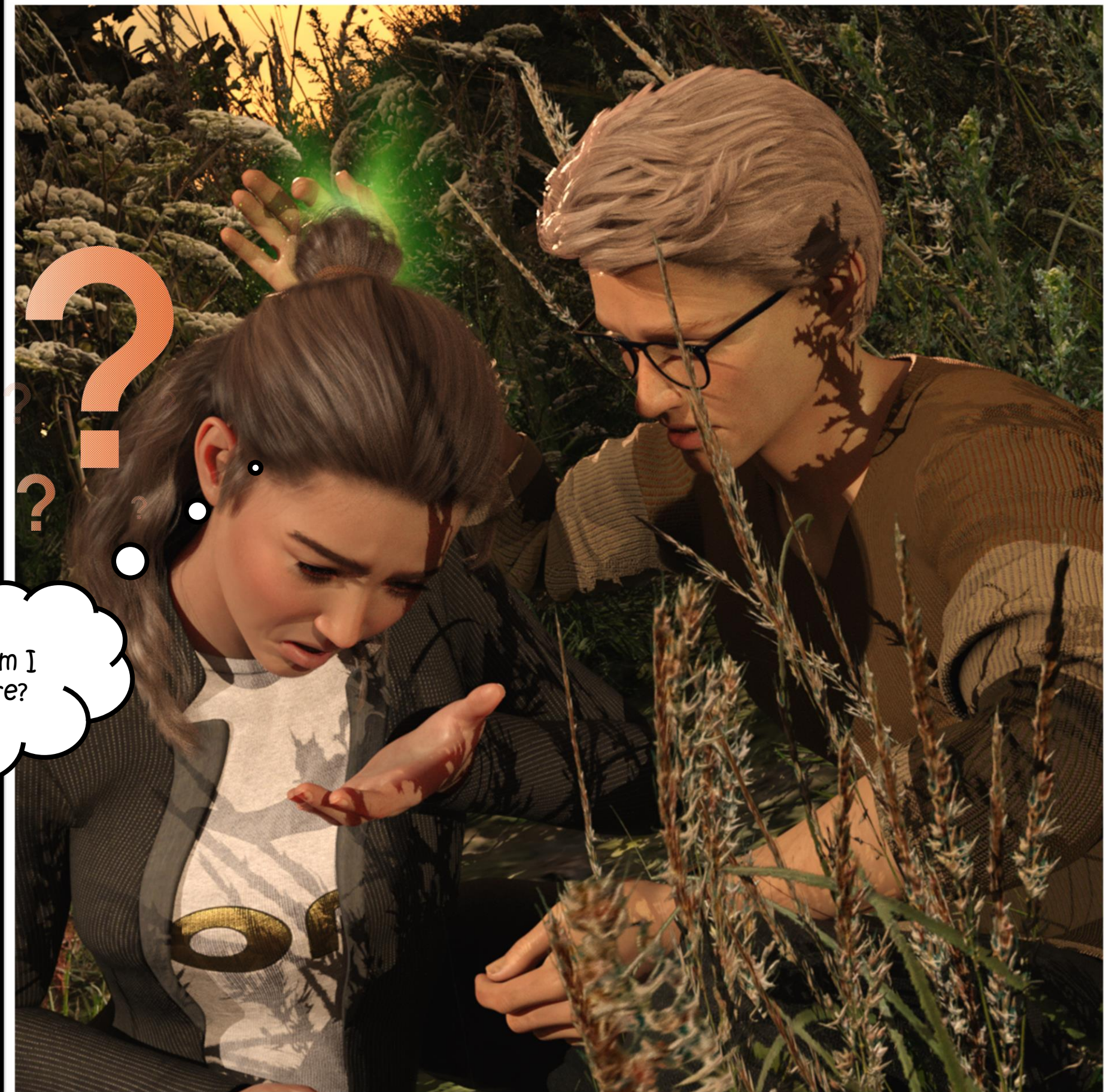
Mika focuses his magic on Liz's most recent memories – removing the most recent events from her mind...

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...



What... Am I
doing here?

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





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



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!





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


I'm sure you
understand.

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



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

Surely you
would not
mind sharing
me either...

A close-up of a young woman with dark hair and a blood streak on her cheek, looking distressed. She is wearing a dark, textured jacket over a white shirt. The background is dark and blurry, suggesting an outdoor setting at night.

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

Lana's a good
friend of
yours.

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



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...

pucker

grab



I'm not that
kinda girl!

Yet...





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

Shall we
head home?

giggle

Yeah.
Let's.

End of Chapter

Make her forget about magic
> Leave her feelings alone




Yes, I'm
with Lana.

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


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.



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...

[Leave Magic Knowledge > Forget Love](#)



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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