

STAR RUNNER CHRONICLES

FALLEN STAR LEGACY



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PROLOGUE.

I NEVER KNEW MY
REAL PARENTS.

AS AN INFANT, I WAS ADOPTED
BY EDWIN AND MARION PALMER,
BUT THEY DIED IN A MYSTERIOUS
CAR CRASH WHEN I WAS
SEVEN YEARS OLD.

FOR TEN YEARS FOLLOWING MY
PARENT'S DEATH, THERE WAS ONE
WOMAN WHO LOOKED AFTER ME. SHE
MADE SURE I WAS SAFE, SHE MADE
SURE I STAYED IN SCHOOL.

HER NAME WAS
PAMELA JORDAN.

IN SPITE OF EVERYTHING,
SHE BELIEVED IN ME. SHE
BELIEVED IN MY POWER TO
BECOME SOMETHING MORE
THAN AN OUTCAST.

SHE BELIEVED IN ME,
EVEN WHEN I DIDN'T
BELIEVE IN MYSELF.



THAT NIGHT, A FEW MONTHS BEFORE THE EVENTS THAT WOULD CHANGE MY LIFE FOREVER, PAMELA WAS DOING WHAT SHE OFTEN DID --

--SHE WAS WORRIED ABOUT MY FUTURE.

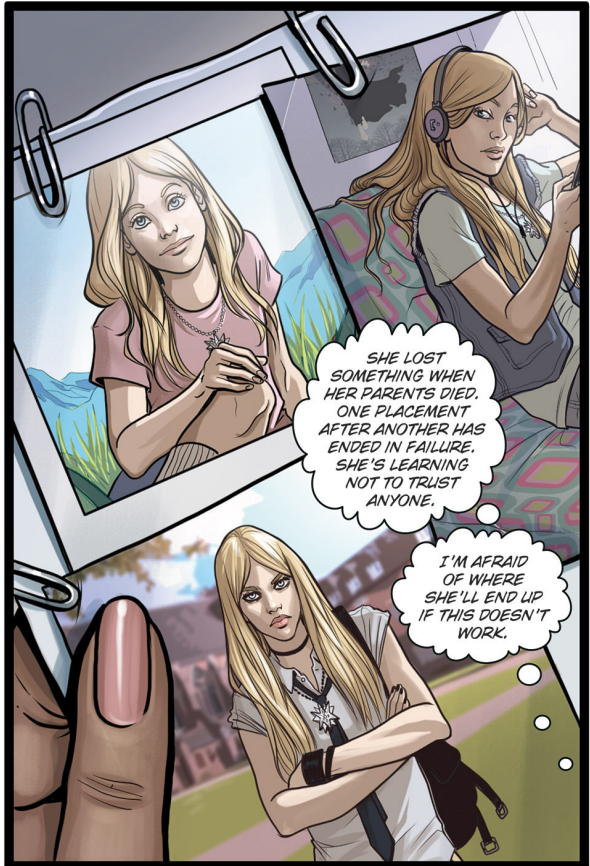
I CAN'T SHAKE THIS FEELING I'M NOT DOING ENOUGH.

ST MARY'S HAS A GREAT REPUTATION. AURORA CAN MAKE NEW FRIENDS, HAVE A FRESH START. SO WHY DO I FEEL LIKE I'VE LET HER DOWN?



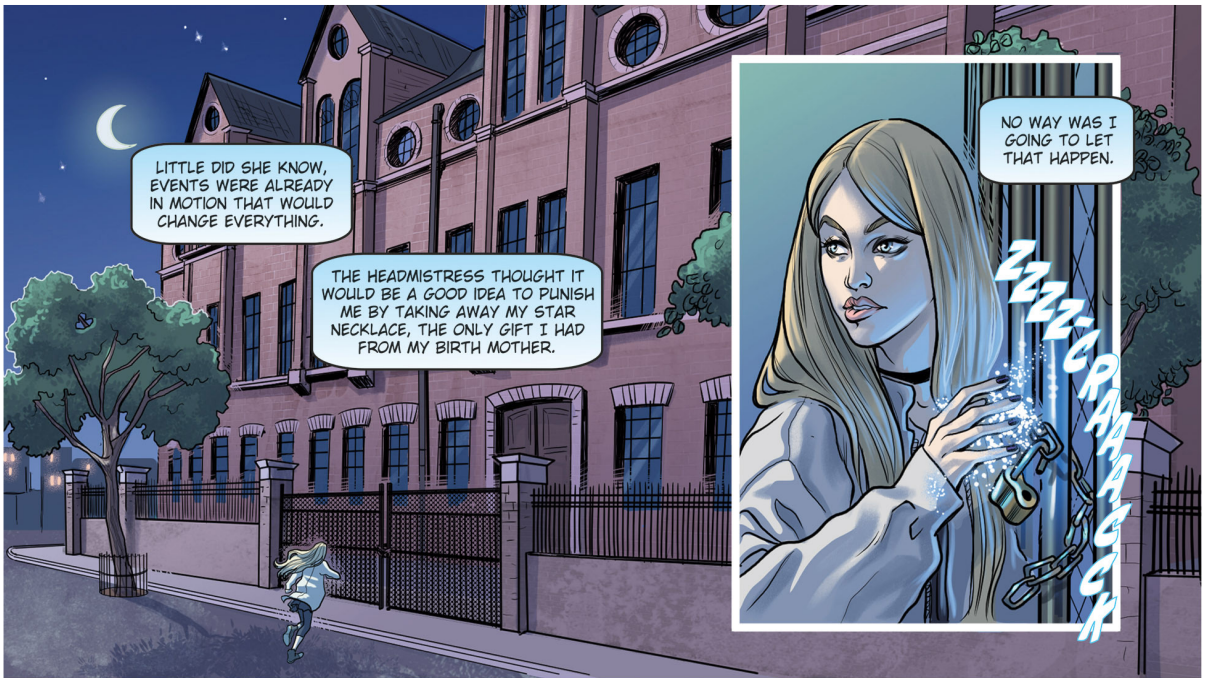
EVERYWHERE I PLACE HER SHE RUNS INTO DIFFICULTY.

SHE DOESN'T FIT IN. SHE RESENTS AUTHORITY. AURORA PULLS HERSELF AWAY FROM THE OTHER KIDS HER AGE. I JUST DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY.



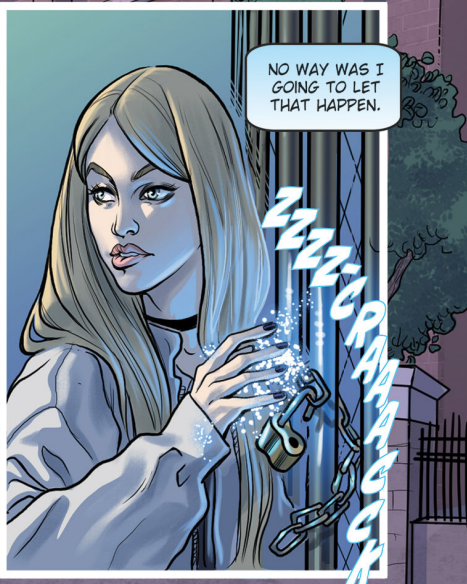
SHE LOST SOMETHING WHEN HER PARENTS DIED. ONE PLACEMENT AFTER ANOTHER HAS ENDED IN FAILURE. SHE'S LEARNING NOT TO TRUST ANYONE.

I'M AFRAID OF WHERE SHE'LL END UP IF THIS DOESN'T WORK.

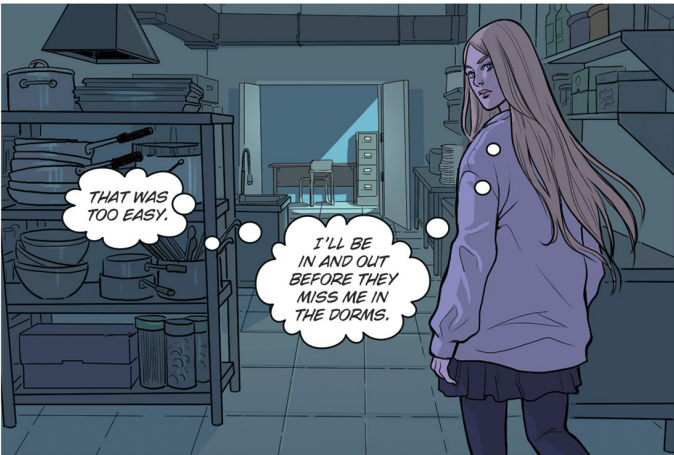


LITTLE DID SHE KNOW, EVENTS WERE ALREADY IN MOTION THAT WOULD CHANGE EVERYTHING.

THE HEADMISTRESS THOUGHT IT WOULD BE A GOOD IDEA TO PUNISH ME BY TAKING AWAY MY STAR NECKLACE, THE ONLY GIFT I HAD FROM MY BIRTH MOTHER.



NO WAY WAS I GOING TO LET THAT HAPPEN.

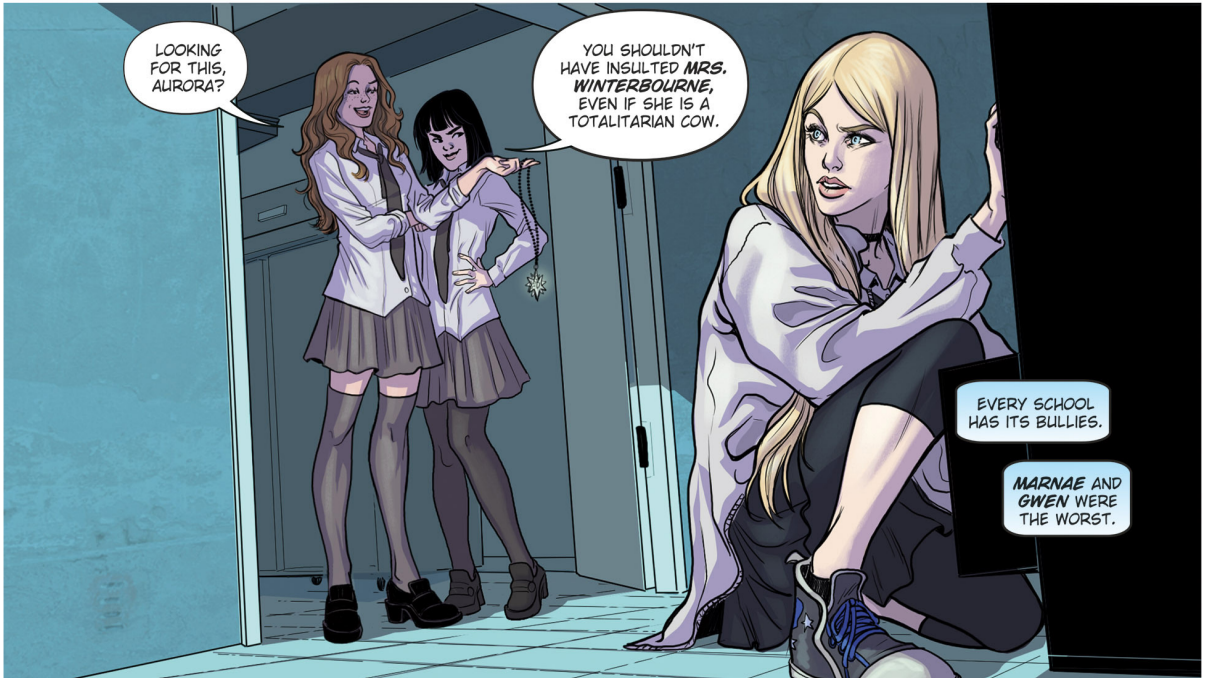


THAT WAS TOO EASY.

I'LL BE IN AND OUT BEFORE THEY MISS ME IN THE DORMS.



WAIT -- WHERE IS IT? I SAW HER PUT IT HERE...

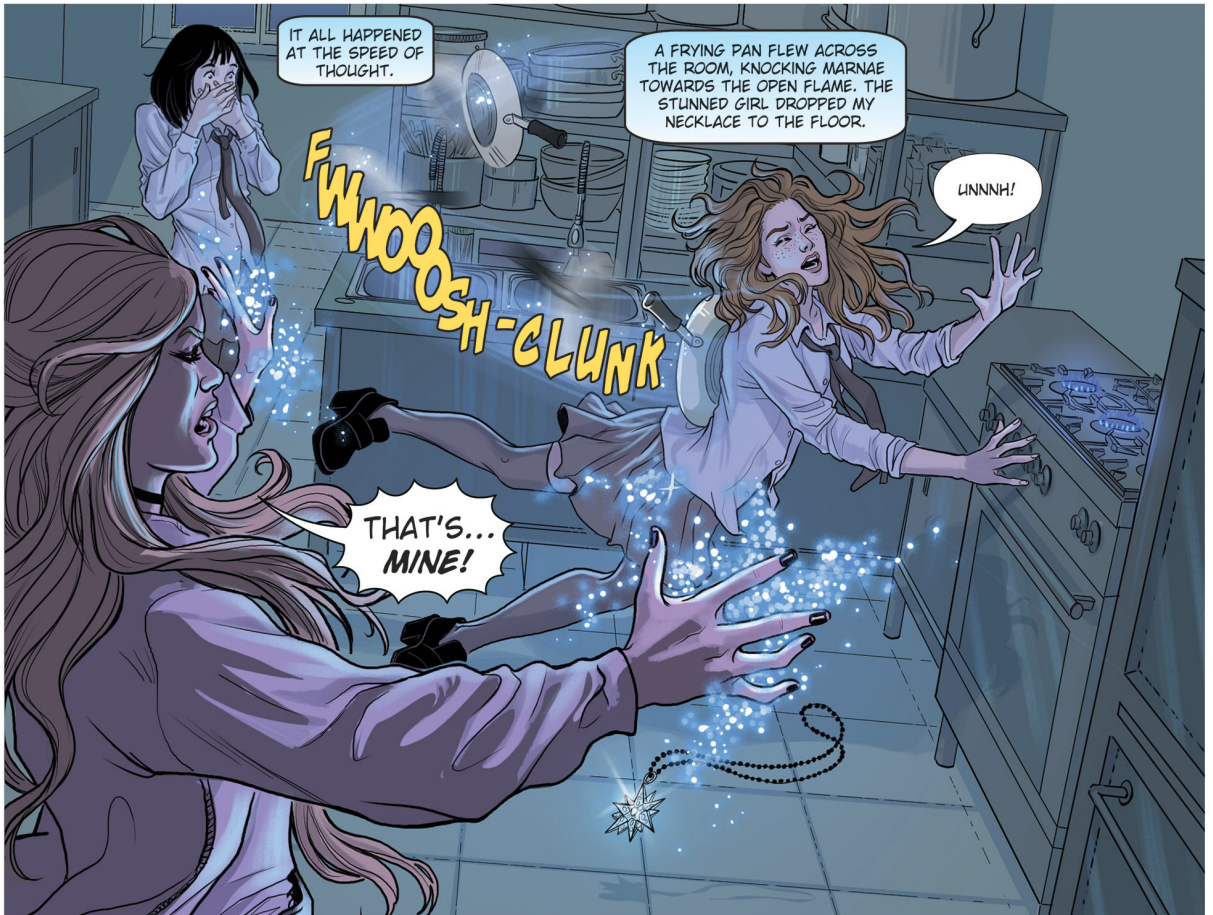
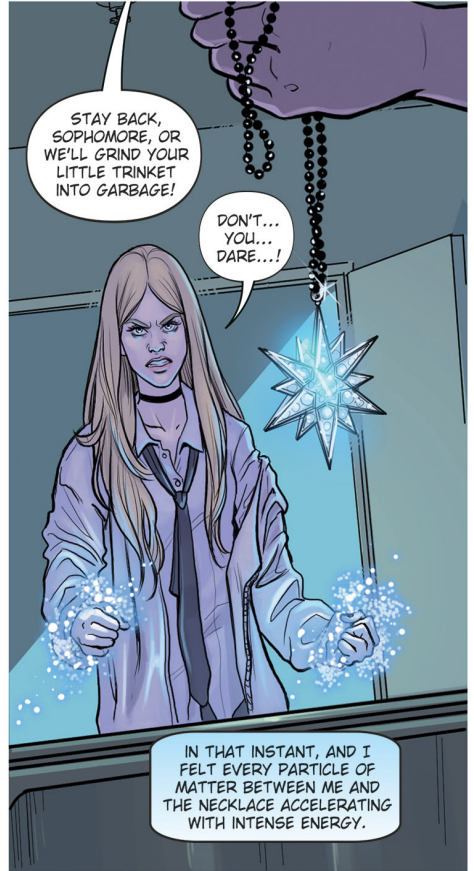
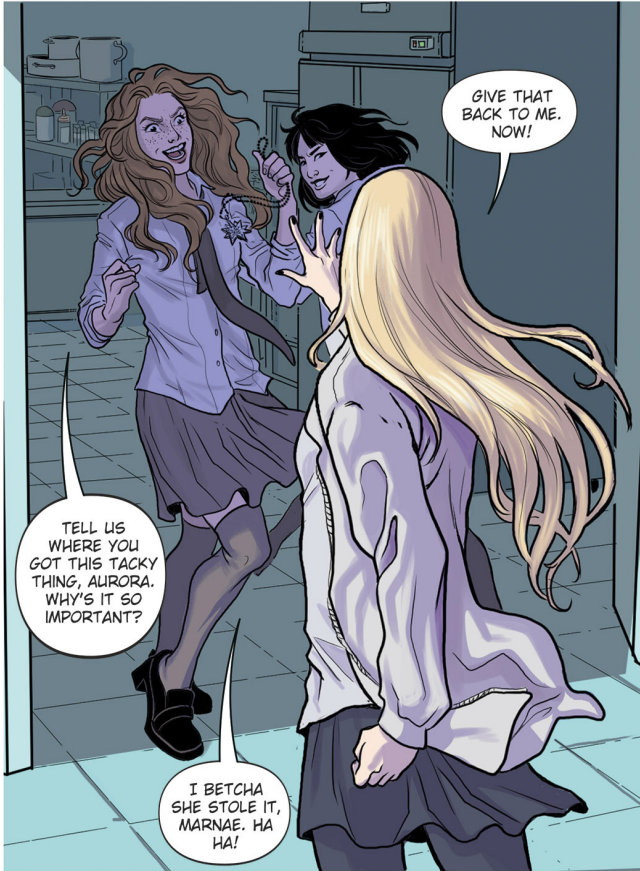


LOOKING FOR THIS, AURORA?

YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE INSULTED MRS. WINTERBOURNE, EVEN IF SHE IS A TOTALITARIAN COW.

EVERY SCHOOL HAS ITS BULLIES.

MARNAE AND GWEN WERE THE WORST.



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