

FOREST GETAWAY

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Panel 1: CU: In a secluded park, Jimmy is running away from Faye's mom, who has her hand out while Faye is busy looking at her journal.

1. SFX (big): *BARK BARK!*

2. FAYE'S MOM: JIMMY!! **Where are you going?** Come back!

Panel 2: MS: Faye's mom keeps an eye out on Jimmy, while Faye sits on the picnic blanket in the background.

3. FAYE: We're in a dog park. He won't go too far.

4. FAYE'S MOM: But he's only a baby! I have to get him!

Panel 3: OSS: Mom curiously glances at Faye's notebook. Faye's sitting.

6. FAYE: Wait, mom! Wanna see what I'm working on?

7. FAYE'S MOM: ...Okayy but make it quick!

Panel 4: CU: Faye's two-page journal is shown in front of the reader. It is messy but aesthetically pleasing.

7. FAYE'S MOM: It's gorgeous! Where do you get your ideas?

8. FAYE: Thanks, Mom. I've been spending a lot of time reading mythology books lately.

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Panel 5: TS: Faye and her mom's face is shown. Faye is flipping through the pages of her journal.

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| 1. FAYE'S MOM: | Those are always fun to read. |
| 2. SFX (small): | FLIP! |
| 3. FAYE: | Oh! I even made my own mythology character too! |

Panel 6: Faye is holding a torn page of a drawing.

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| 4. FAYE'S MOM: | Who is she? |
| 5. FAYE: | This is Ariel ! |
| 6. FAYE: | She's like the God of Nature. She protects and guides animals and plants into the afterlife. |

Panel 7: Faye is pointing at her head.

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| 7. FAYE: | She could also give them <i>human-level intelligence</i> . |
| 8. FAYE'S MOM: | Ooooh... that's kinda terrifying. |

THREE

Panel 8: MCU: Faye's mom continues to look at Faye's drawing of Ariel.

1. FAYE'S MOM: How did you come up with Ariel's design?

Panel 9: MS: Faye talks to her mom.

2. FAYE: I think Gods are drawn with too many muscles and
whatever...so I made Ariel different!

3. FAYE: She doesn't care about flashy clothes or
exaggerated features to be **powerful**.

Panel 10: MS: Faye's mom smiles.

4. FAYE'S MOM: What a humble Goddess!

5. FAYE'S MOM: You'd make a great author one day, dear but I think
we should find Jimmy now.

Panel 11: MCU: Faye looks at Mom.

6. FAYE: Eep! You're right!!

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Panel 12: WS: Faye and Faye's mom are walking and looking around the forest.

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| 1. SFX (small): | 30 minutes later... |
| 2. FAYE: | JIMMY?! |
| 3. FAYE'S MOM: | Jimmy?! Come here, boy... |

Panel 13 + 14: MS: Faye and Faye's mom are in the forest.

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| 4. FAYE: | Mom. I'm starting to get worried. |
| 5. FAYE'S MOM: | Yeah. He could be anywhere... Jimmy must be |
| terrified out there. | |
| 6. FAYE: | This is all my fault... We should've gone after him |
| earlier. | |

Panel 15: POV: A deer with glowing eyes, appears in the distance.

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| 7. FAYE'S MOM: | It's okay, dear... Let's ask someone for help, Faye. |
| 8. FAYE: | Mom, look! It's a deer! |

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Panel 16: MS: Faye's mom, anxious, warns Faye.

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| 1. FAYE'S MOM: | Deers are wild animals. So be careful, Faye. |
| 2. FAYE: | Pfft... Deers aren't that bad. |

Panel 17: MS: SIDE VIEW: Faye is a few meters close to the deer. The deer and her at staring at each other.

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| 3. FAYE'S MOM: | I'm serious! |
| 4. FAYE:
running around here? | Hello, Mr. Deer. Have you seen a dog with tiny legs |
| 5. FAYE'S MOM: | You know they can't talk right? |
| 6. FAYE: | I know! |

Panel 18: MS: The Deer.

Panel 19: MCU: The deer gets closer to the camera.

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| 7. DEER: | ...What's a dog? |
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Panel 20: MSv: Faye falls on her back while Faye's mom places her hand on her daughter's shoulder.

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| 1. FAYE'S MOM: | Faye! |
| 2. FAYE: | Holy crap?! You can talk?! |

Panel 21: MS: Deer walks around Faye and her mom.

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| 3. DEER: | I always knew how to talk! We all do! |
| 4. FAYE: | We're in a fairytale. |
| 5. FAYE'S MOM: | Wait... what do you mean by <i>we</i> ?? |

Panel 22: MS: Two deers come out of the left tree.

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| 6. SFX: | RUSTLE RUSTLE! |
| 7. DEER (2): | Oh boy! Is it safe to come out? |
| 8. DEER (3): | I think these humans are friendly! |

Panel 23: MCU: A squirrel comes down from a tree and an owl appears.

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| 9. SFX: | SQUEE! |
| 10. SQUIRREL: | A HUMAN! TWO HUMANS! HOORAY!! |
| 11. OWL: | Don't get too excited. |

Panel 24: POV: A raccoon sitting on a tree stump.

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| 12. SFX: | RUSTLE! |
| 13. RACCOON: | This tree stinks... |

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Panel 25: TS: RS: Faye and her mom are reacting.

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| 1. FAYE: | We're Disney Princesses, Mom!! |
| 2. FAYE'S MOM: | But Jimmy's still missing... |

Panel 26: MS: Faye and her mom face the sfx's direction.

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| 3. JIMMY: | BOOOORK!!! |
| 4. FAYE + FAYE'S MOM: | Jimmy?!! |

Panel 27: MCU: Jimmy is resting in the girl's arms.

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| 4. SFX: | *PANTS* |
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Panel 28: MS: Faye and her mom look at the floating girl who has Jimmy in her arms.

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| 5. ARIEL: | Hi, Faye! |
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