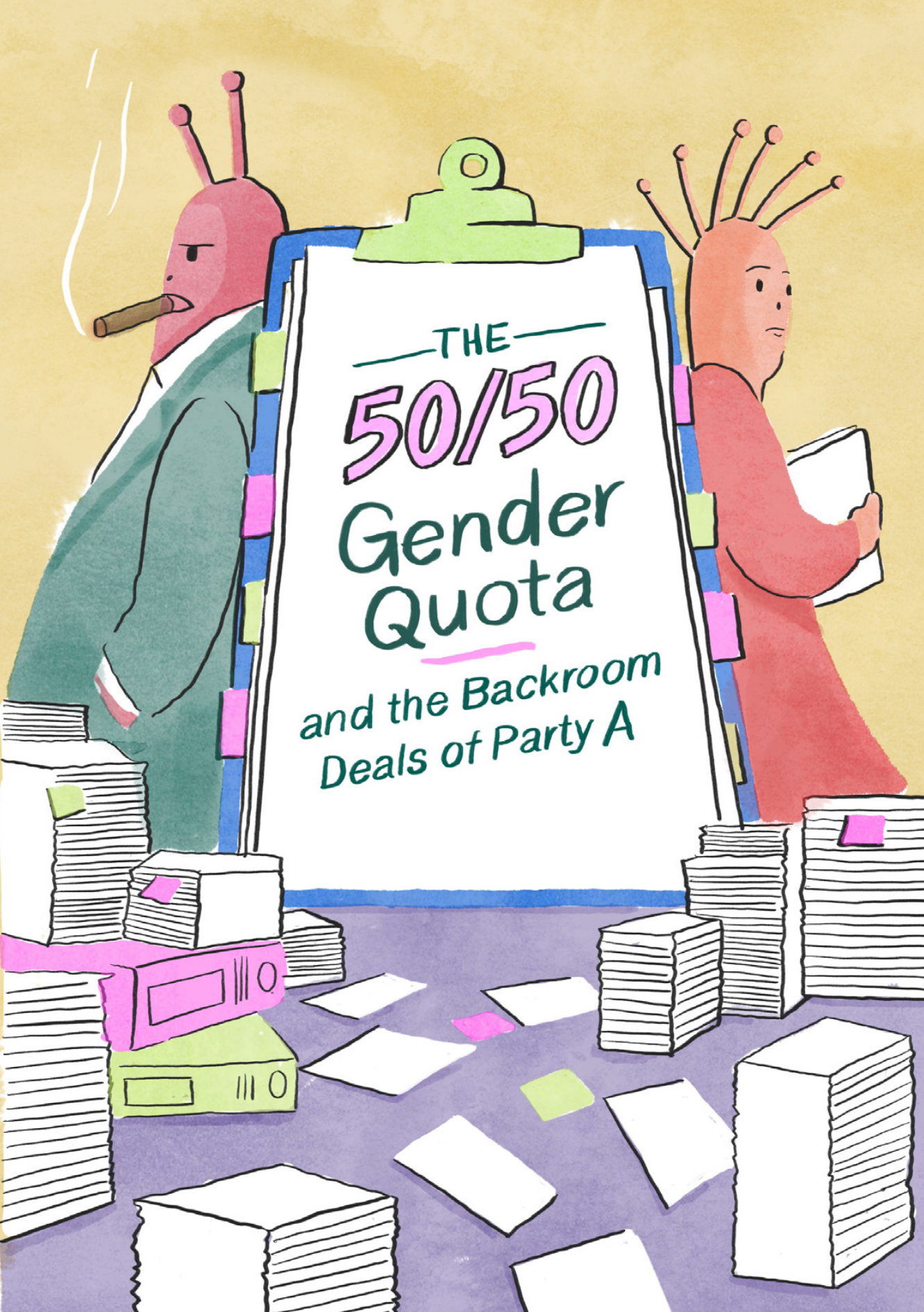

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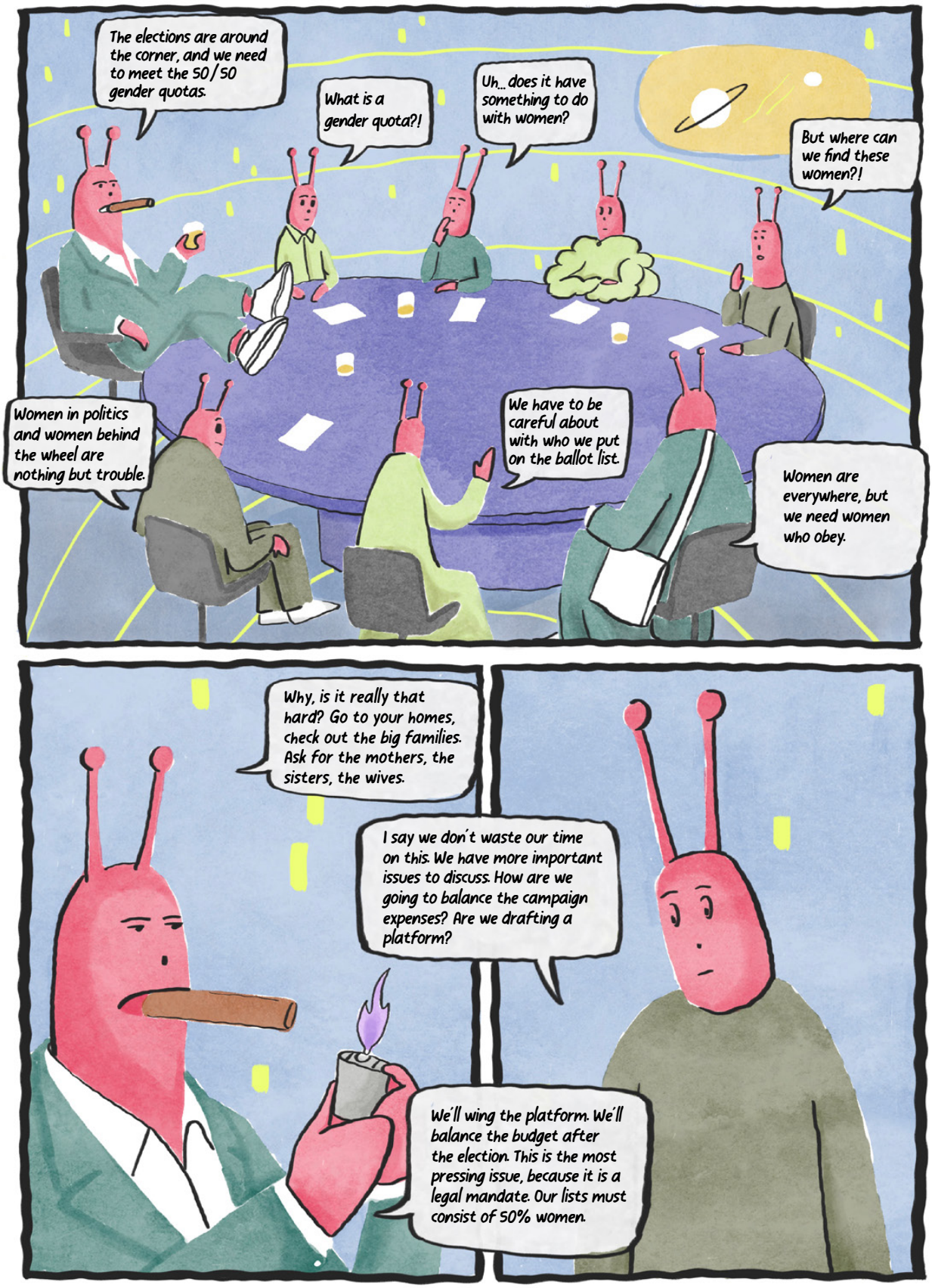
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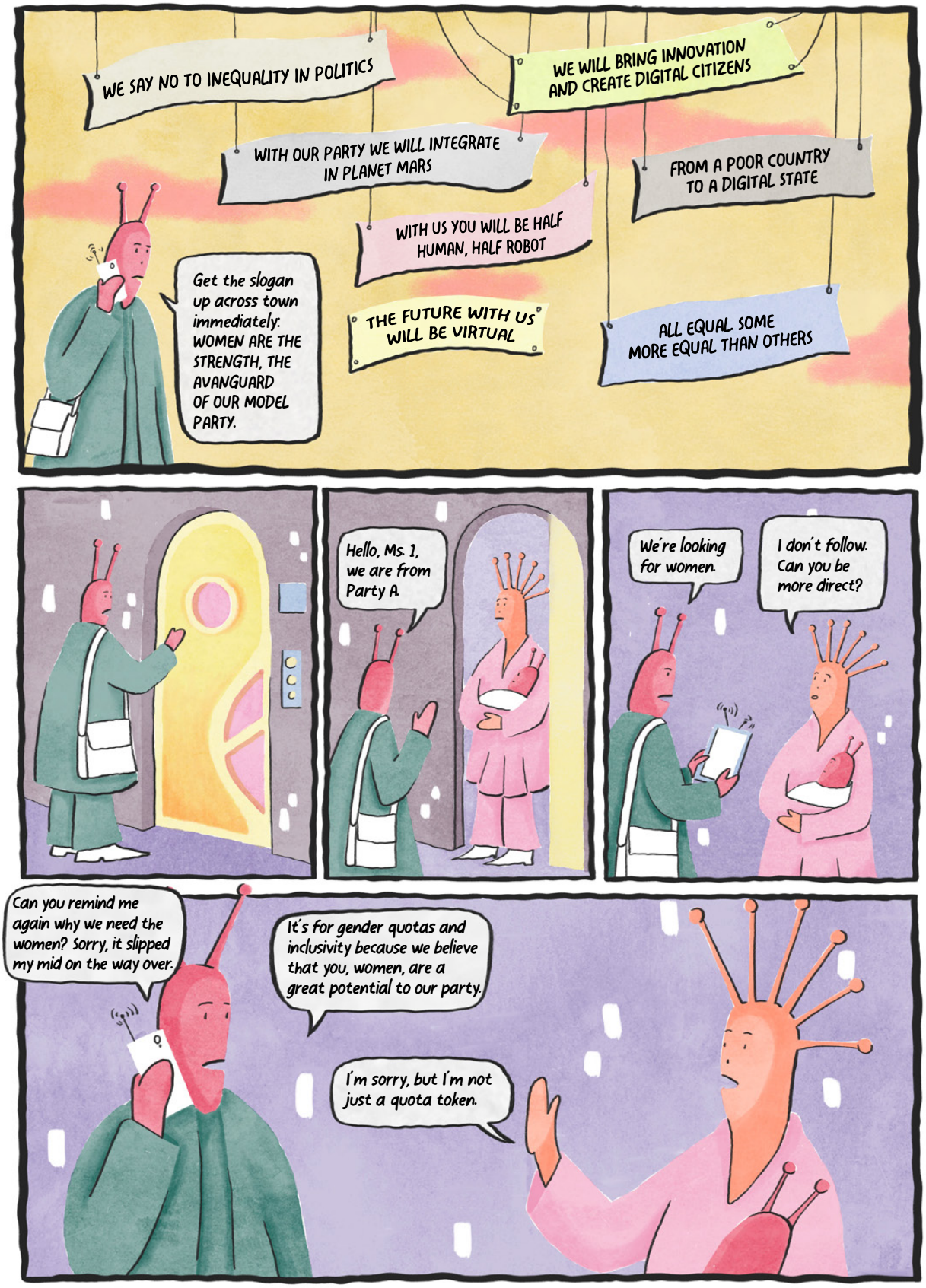
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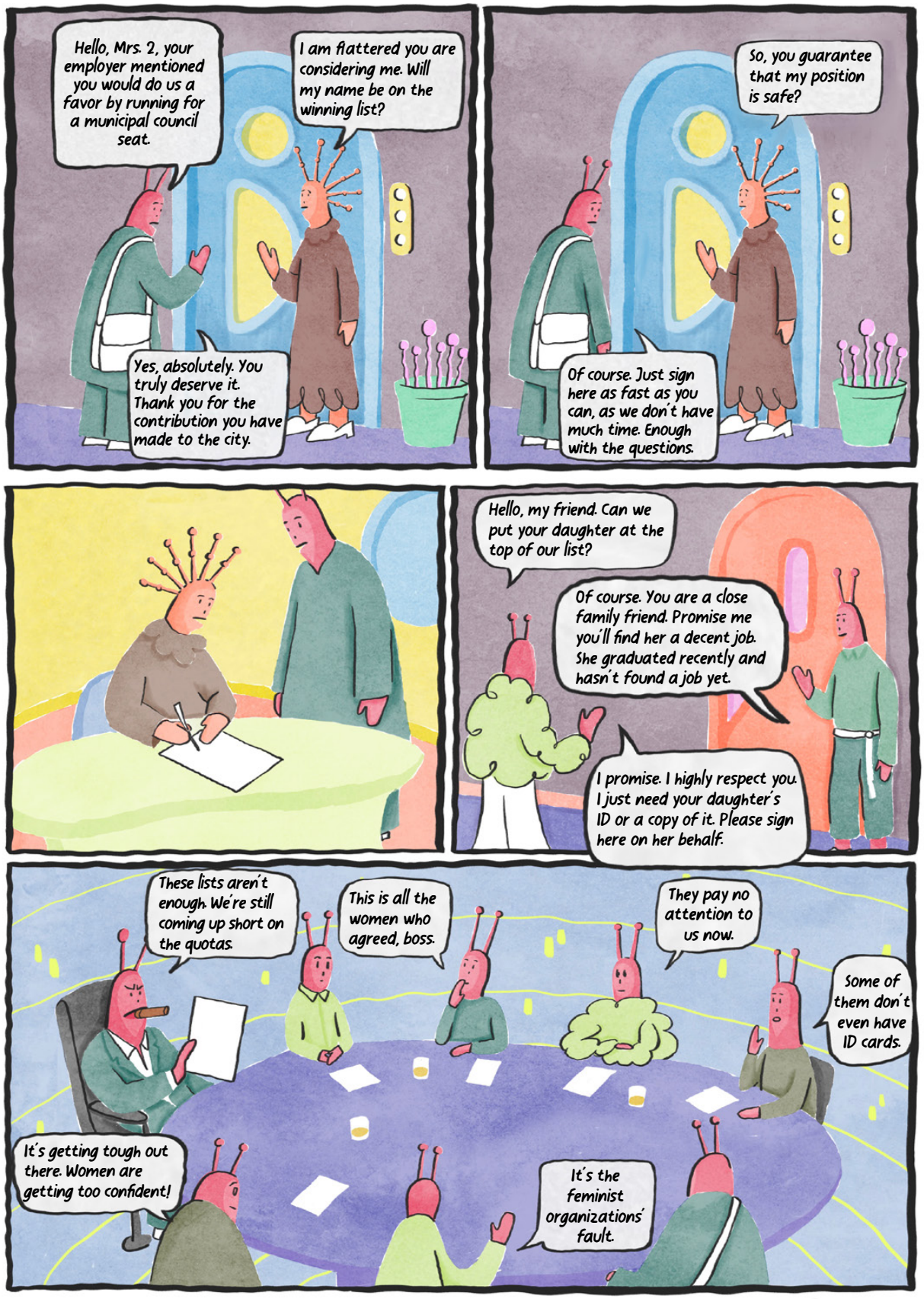


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The elections are around the corner, and we need to meet the 50/50 gender quotas.
What is a gender quota?!
Uh... does it have something to do with women?
But where can we find these women?!
Women in politics and women behind the wheel are nothing but trouble.
We have to be careful about with who we put on the ballot list.
Women are everywhere, but we need women who obey.
Why, is it really that hard? Go to your homes, check out the big families. Ask for the mothers, the sisters, the wives.
I say we don't waste our time on this. We have more important issues to discuss. How are we going to balance the campaign expenses? Are we drafting a platform?
We'll wing the platform. We'll balance the budget after the election. This is the most pressing issue, because it is a legal mandate. Our lists must consist of 50% women.

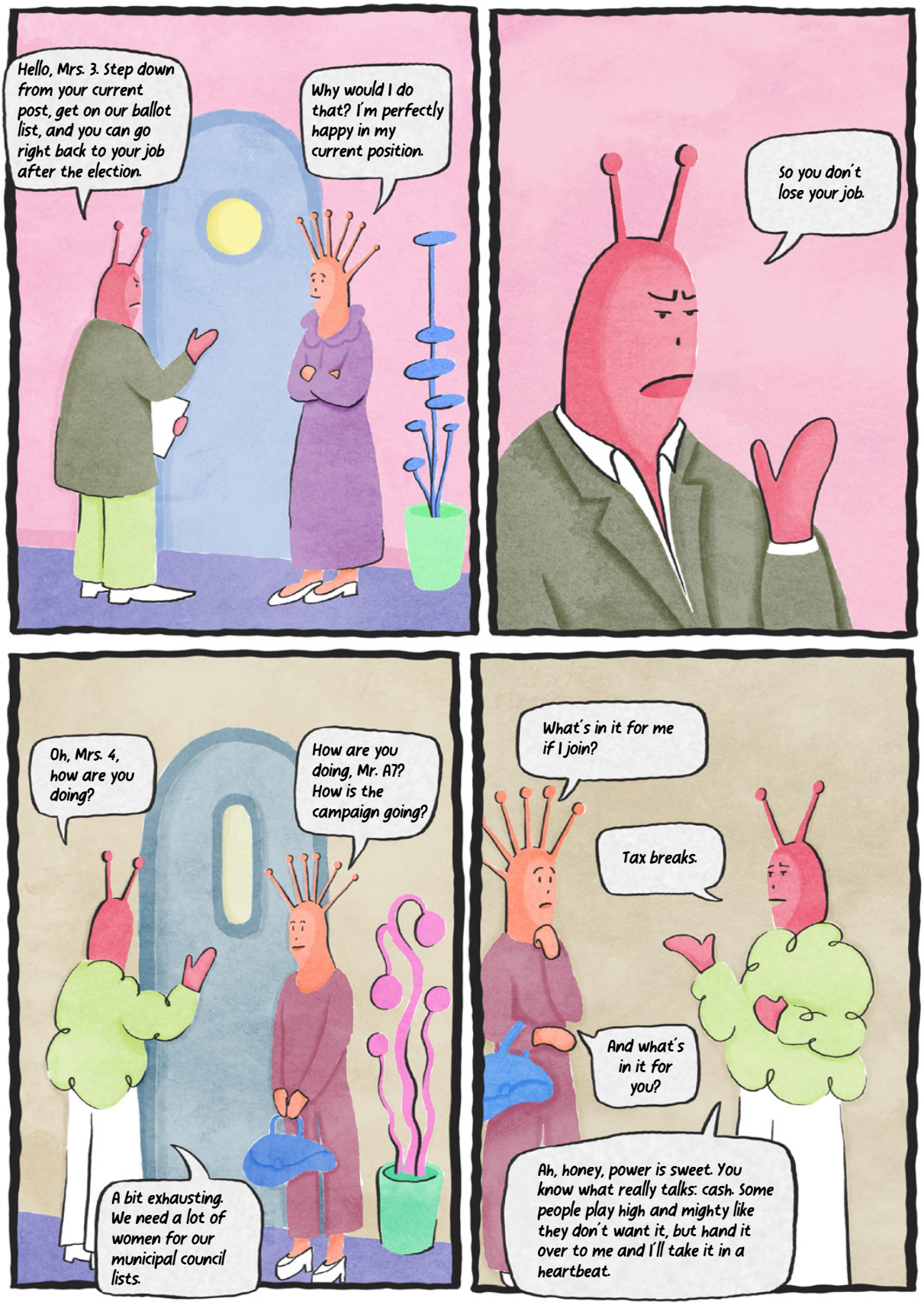

We're running out of time. The deadline to submit the lists is almost up. This is urgent.
We need many women.
LIST
Come on, quick! Get out in the field. Go door to door and pack those damn lists with women.

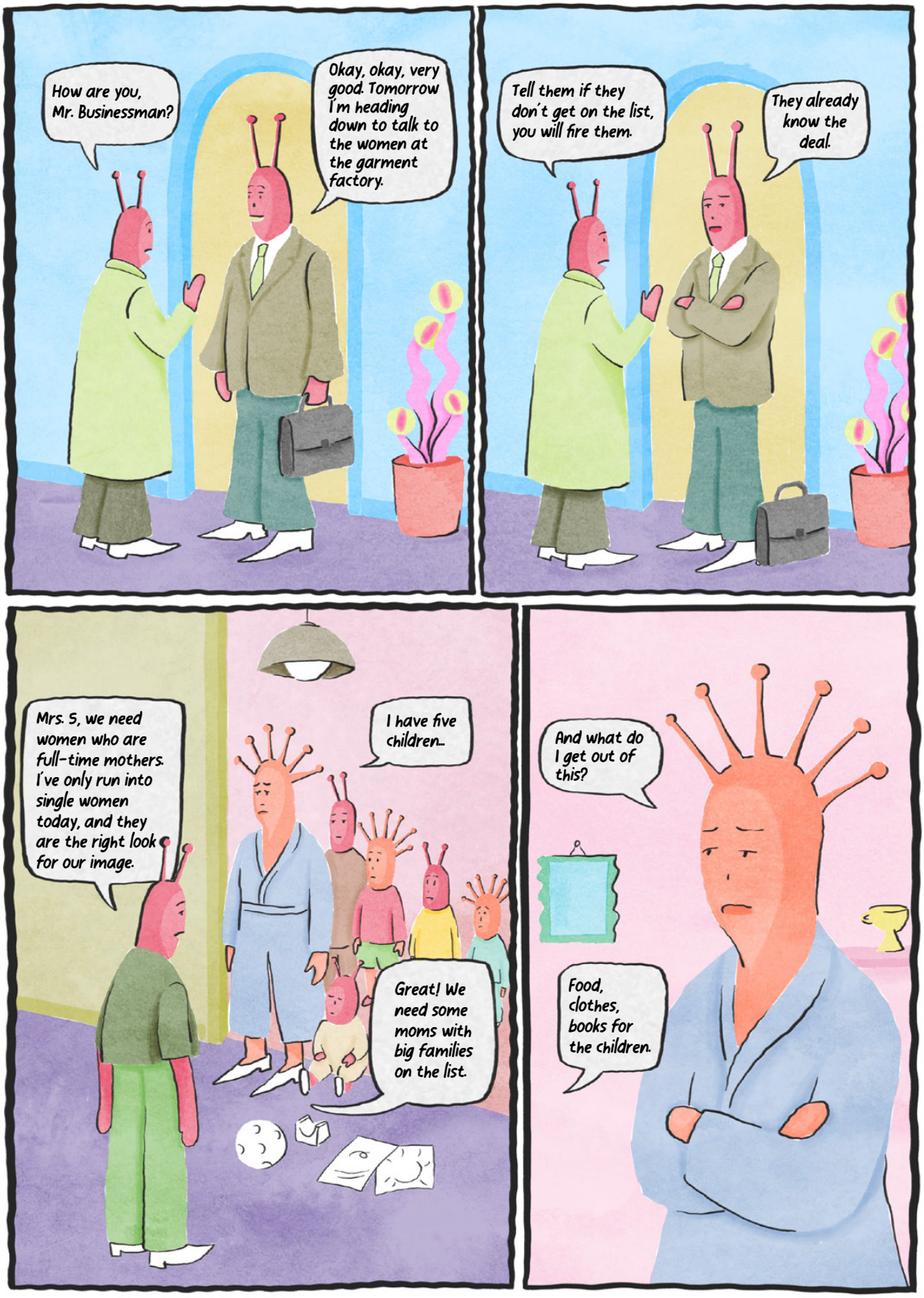

WE SAY NO TO INEQUALITY IN POLITICS
WE WILL BRING INNOVATION AND CREATE DIGITAL CITIZENS
WITH OUR PARTY WE WILL INTEGRATE IN PLANET MARS
FROM A POOR COUNTRY TO A DIGITAL STATE
WITH US YOU WILL BE HALF HUMAN, HALF ROBOT
THE FUTURE WITH US WILL BE VIRTUAL
ALL EQUAL SOME MORE EQUAL THAN OTHERS
Get the slogan up across town immediately: WOMEN ARE THE STRENGTH, THE AVANGUARD OF OUR MODEL PARTY.
Hello, Ms. 1, we are from Party A.
We're looking for women.
I don't follow. Can you be more direct?
Can you remind me again why we need the women? Sorry, it slipped my mid on the way over.
It's for gender quotas and inclusivity because we believe that you, women, are a great potential to our party.
I'm sorry, but I'm not just a quota token.

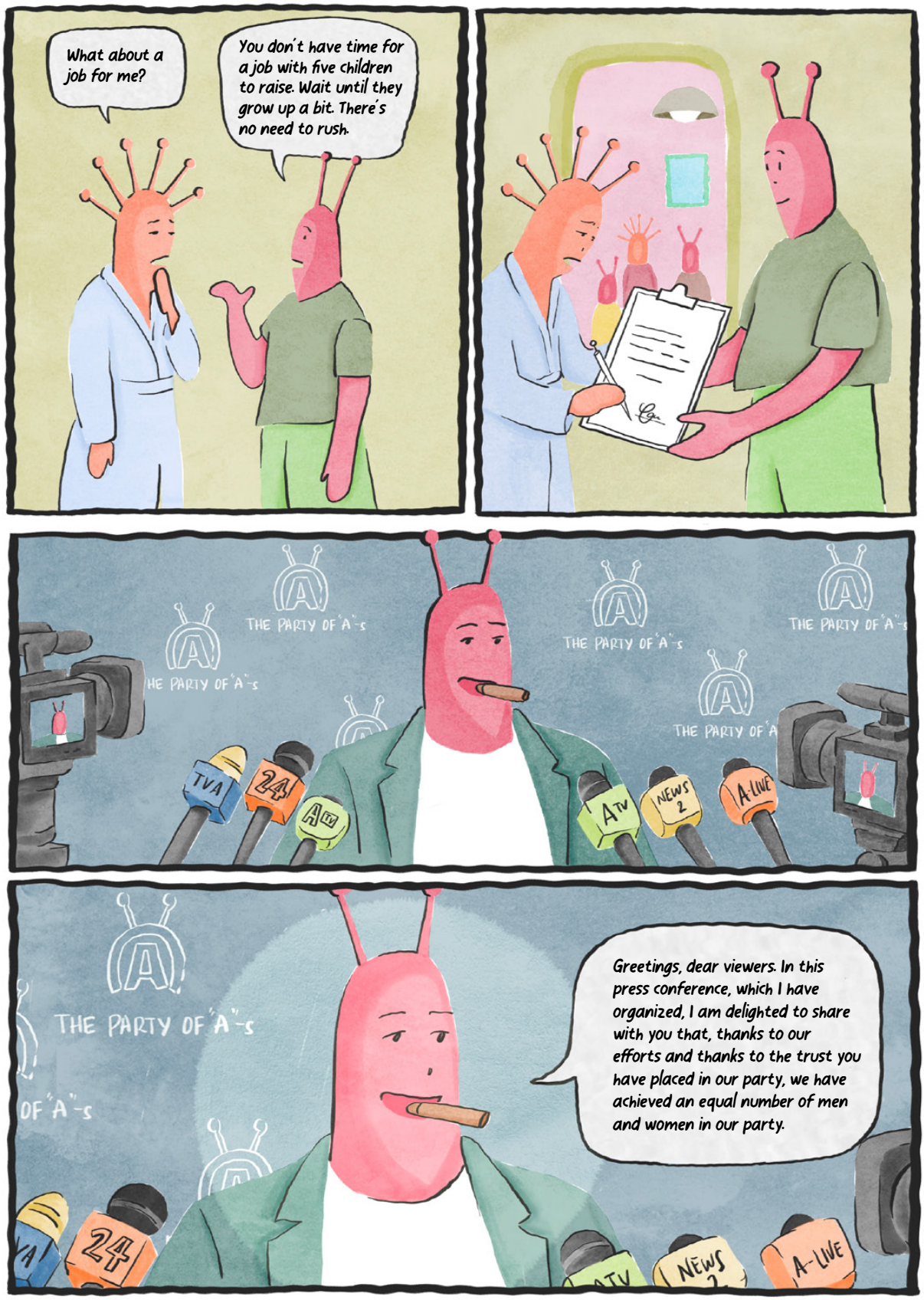

Hello, Mrs. 2, your employer mentioned you would do us a favor by running for a municipal council seat.
I am flattered you are considering me. Will my name be on the winning list?
Yes, absolutely. You truly deserve it. Thank you for the contribution you have made to the city.
So, you guarantee that my position is safe?
Of course. Just sign here as fast as you can, as we don't have much time. Enough with the questions.
Hello, my friend. Can we put your daughter at the top of our list?
Of course. You are a close family friend. Promise me you'll find her a decent job. She graduated recently and hasn't found a job yet.
I promise. I highly respect you. I just need your daughter's ID or a copy of it. Please sign here on her behalf.
These lists aren't enough. We're still coming up short on the quotas.
This is all the women who agreed, boss.
They pay no attention to us now.
Some of them don't even have ID cards.
It's getting tough out there. Women are getting too confident!
It's the feminist organizations' fault.

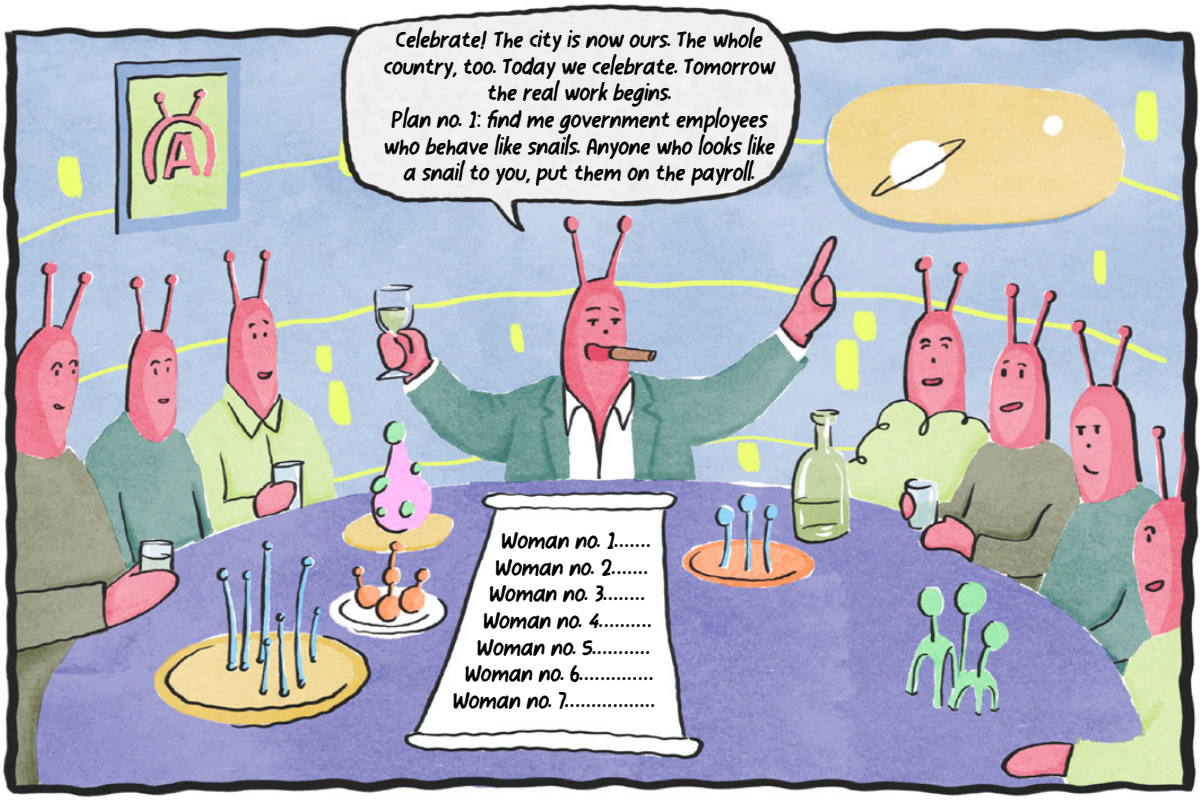

I don't see the names of your wives, mothers, sisters, or cousins on this list. Add them right now. No need to ask permission. Tonight, when you go home, have them sign.




Hello, Mrs. 3. Step down from your current post, get on our ballot list, and you can go right back to your job after the election.
Why would I do that? I'm perfectly happy in my current position.
So you don't lose your job.
Oh, Mrs. 4, how are you doing?
How are you doing, Mr. A7? How is the campaign going?
A bit exhausting. We need a lot of women for our municipal council lists.
What's in it for me if I join?
Tax breaks.
And what's in it for you?
Ah, honey, power is sweet. You know what really talks: cash. Some people play high and mighty like they don't want it, but hand it over to me and I'll take it in a heartbeat.


How are you, Mr. Businessman?
Okay, okay, very good. Tomorrow I'm heading down to talk to the women at the garment factory.
Tell them if they don't get on the list, you will fire them.
They already know the deal.
Mrs. S, we need women who are full-time mothers. I've only run into single women today, and they are the right look for our image.
I have five children...
Great! We need some moms with big families on the list.
And what do I get out of this?
Food, clothes, books for the children.

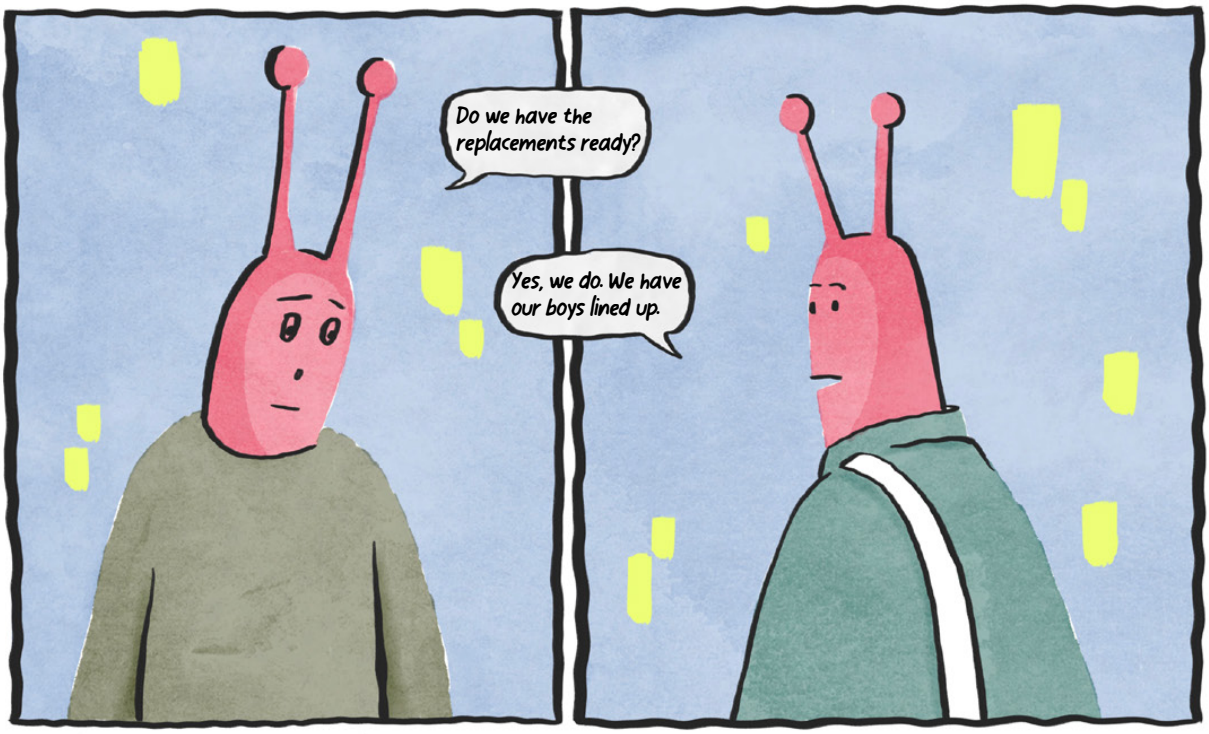

What about a job for me?
You don't have time for a job with five children to raise. Wait until they grow up a bit. There's no need to rush.
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Greetings, dear viewers. In this press conference, which I have organized, I am delighted to share with you that, thanks to our efforts and thanks to the trust you have placed in our party, we have achieved an equal number of men and women in our party.


Celebrate! The city is now ours. The whole country, too. Today we celebrate. Tomorrow the real work begins.
Plan no. 1: find me government employees who behave like snails. Anyone who looks like a snail to you, put them on the payroll.
Woman no. 1.....
Woman no. 2.....
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Woman no. 4.....
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Woman no. 6.....
Woman no. 7.....

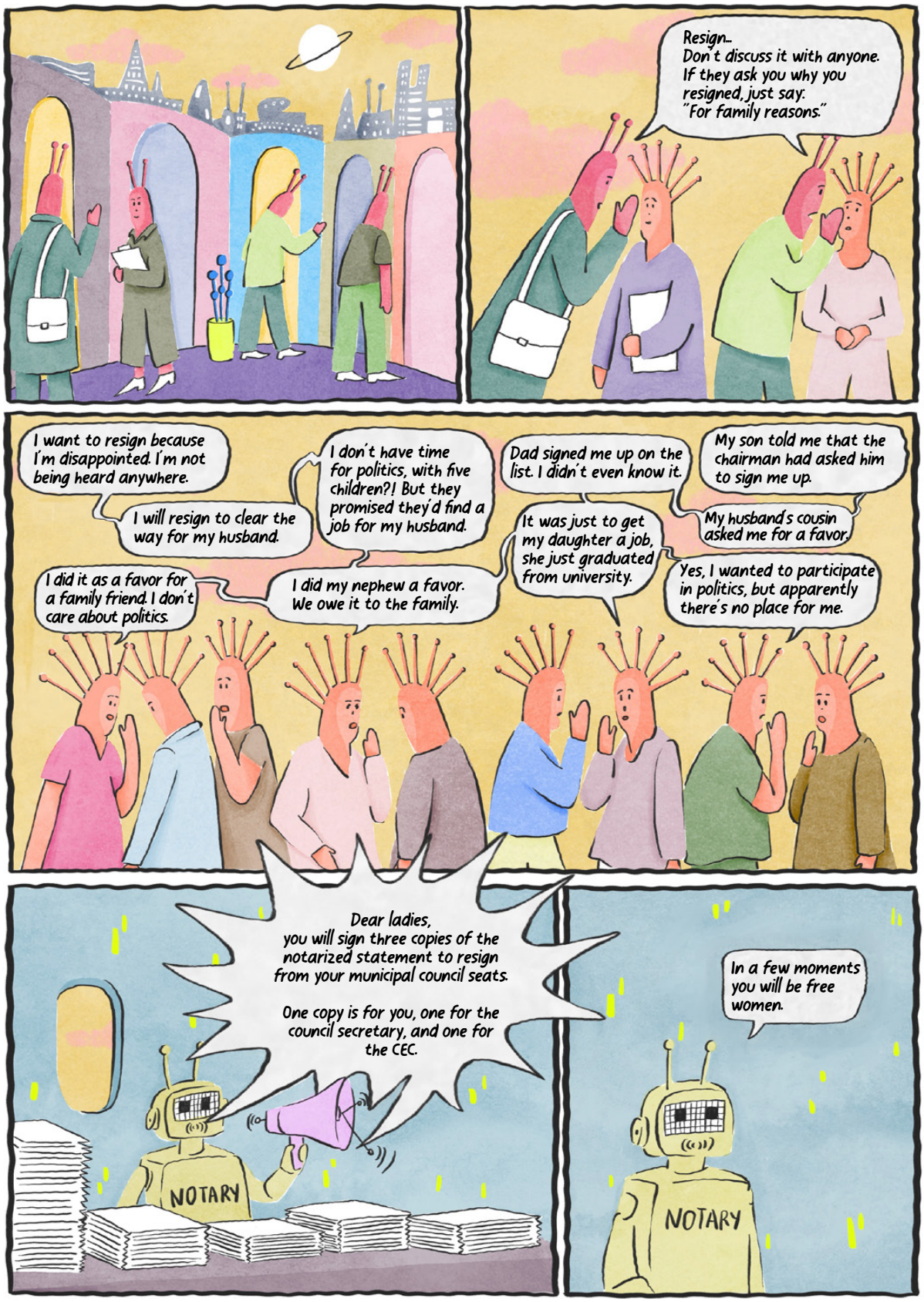

Get word to all the women immediately.
They must resign today before taking office.
Send them to the notary to sign the statements.
The notary has the paperwork ready.
Don't waste any time.

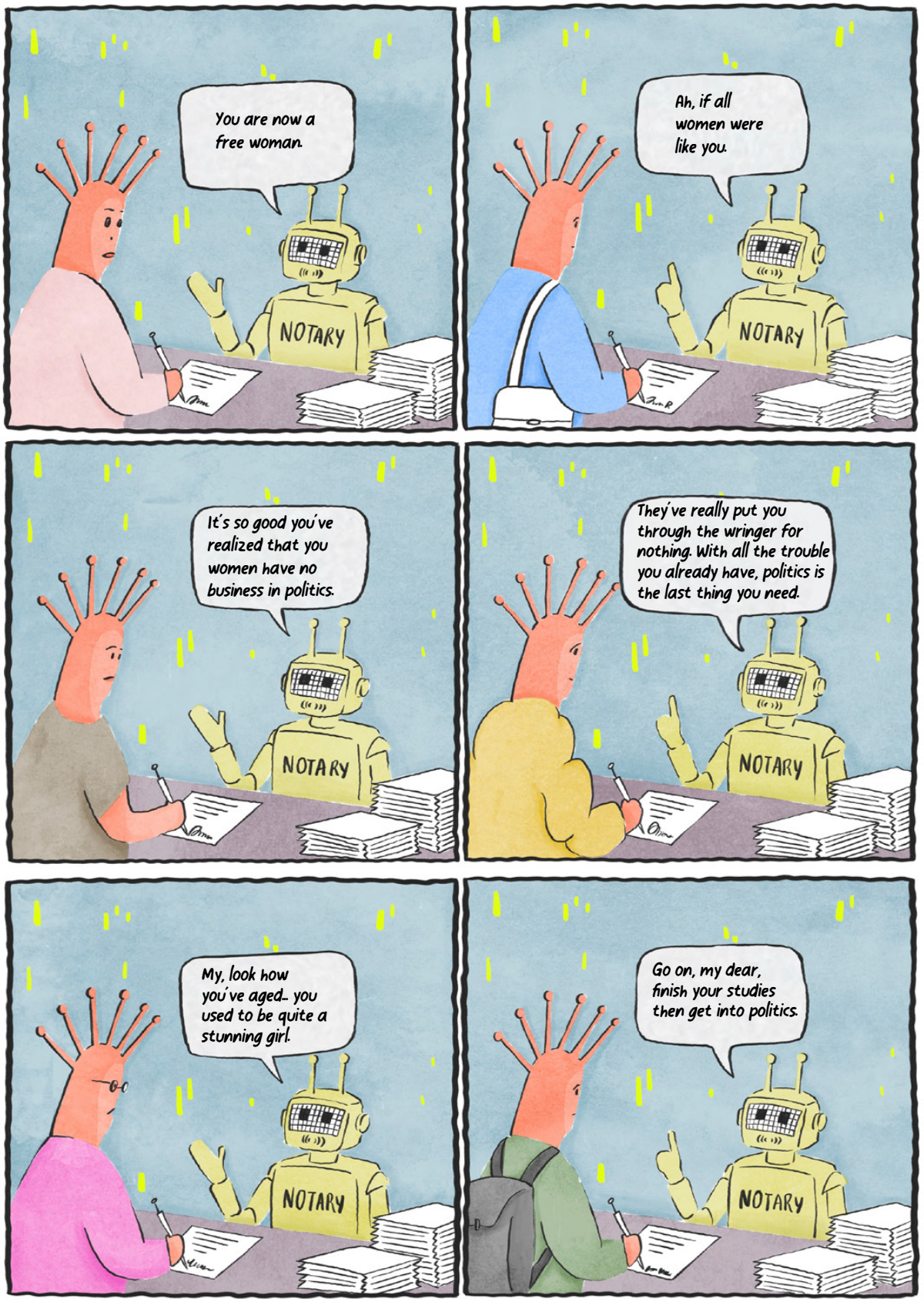

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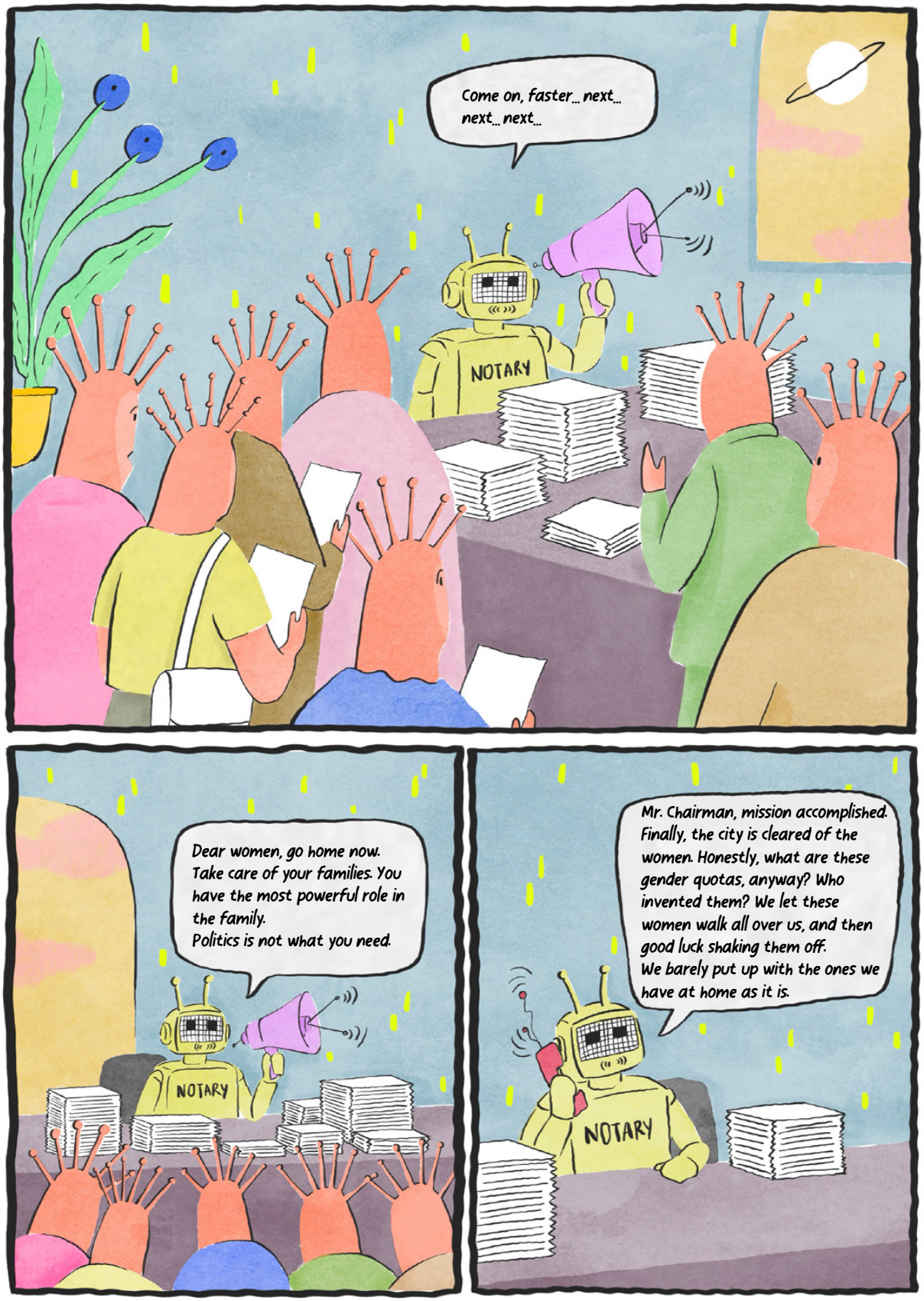

Tell them they'll be fired.
They will obey. Most don't have any ambitions for a political career.
And look out. Keep the conversations verbal. Not over the phone. I don't want a single trace behind.

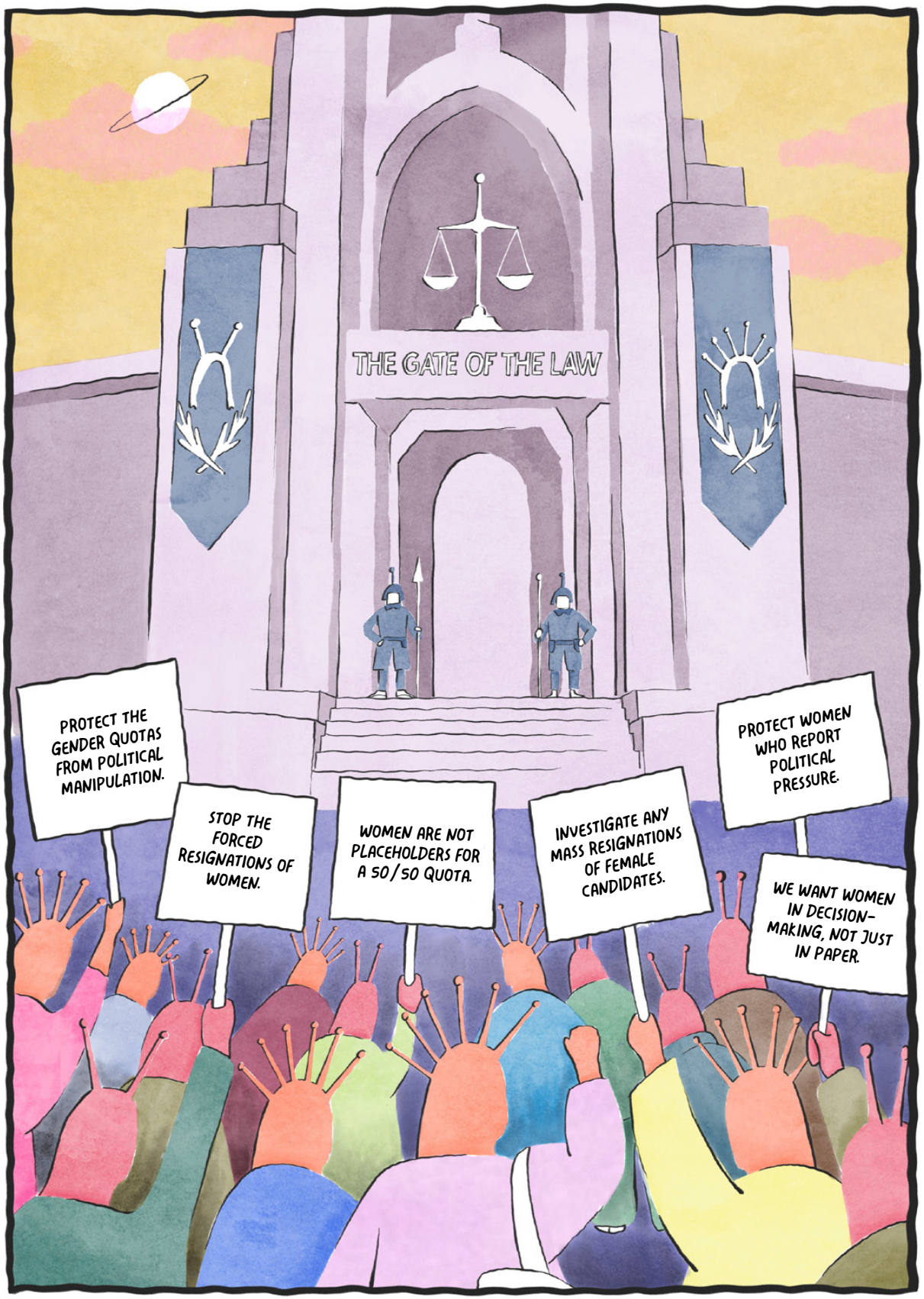

Do we have the replacements ready?
Yes, we do. We have our boys lined up.

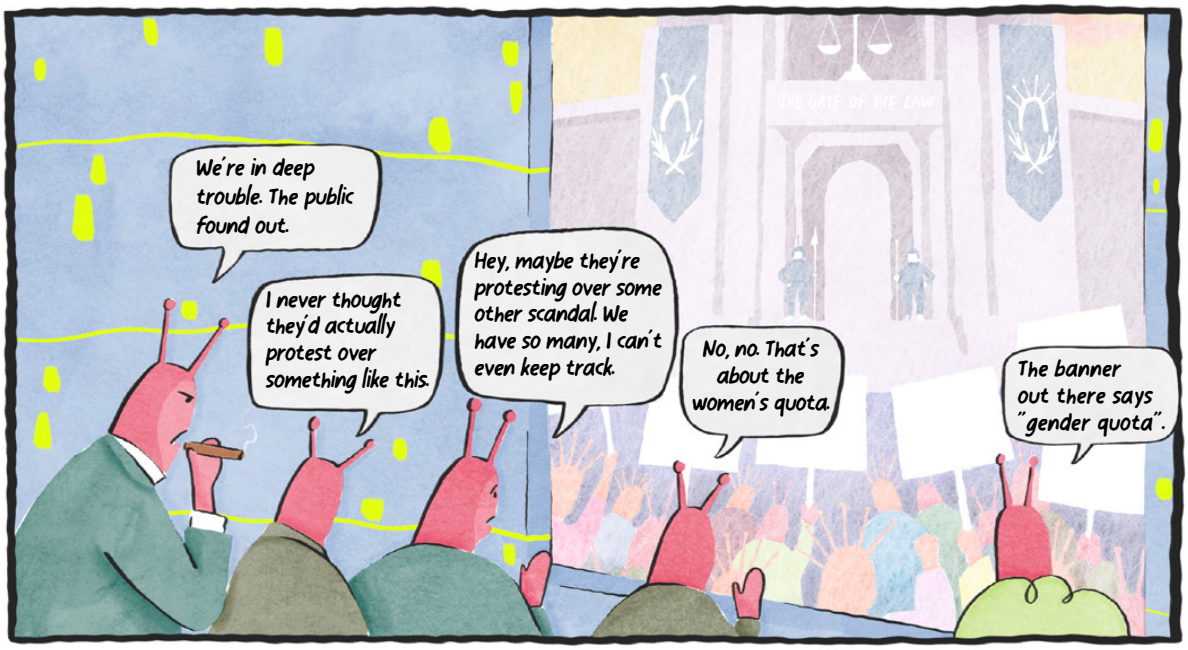


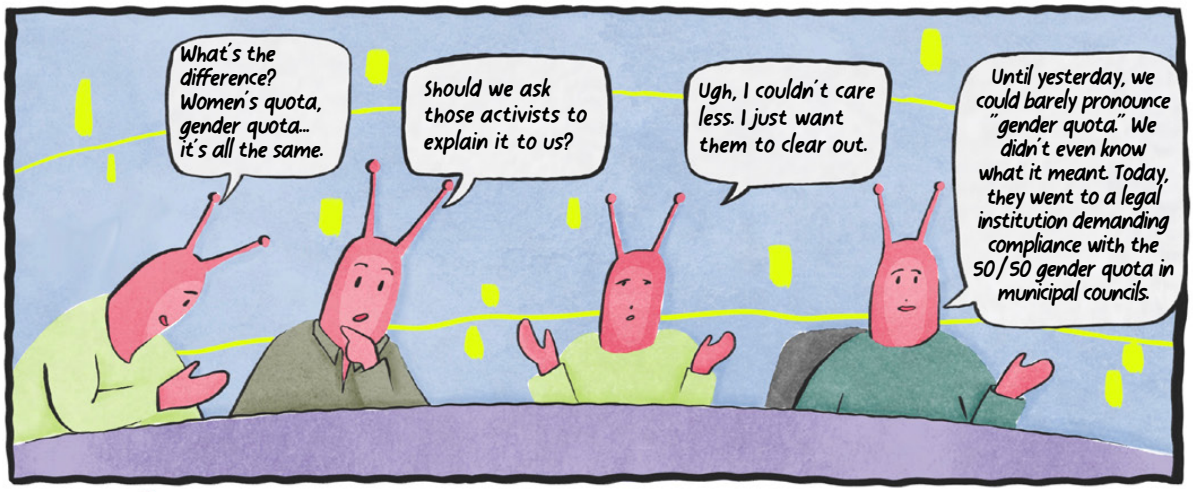

Resign...
Don't discuss it with anyone. If they ask you why you resigned, just say: "For family reasons."
I want to resign because I'm disappointed. I'm not being heard anywhere.
I will resign to clear the way for my husband.
I don't have time for politics, with five children?! But they promised they'd find a job for my husband.
I did it as a favor for a family friend. I don't care about politics.
I did my nephew a favor. We owe it to the family.
Dad signed me up on the list. I didn't even know it.
My son told me that the chairman had asked him to sign me up.
It was just to get my daughter a job, she just graduated from university.
My husband's cousin asked me for a favor.
Yes, I wanted to participate in politics, but apparently there's no place for me.
Dear ladies, you will sign three copies of the notarized statement to resign from your municipal council seats.
One copy is for you, one for the council secretary, and one for the CEC.
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In a few moments you will be free women.
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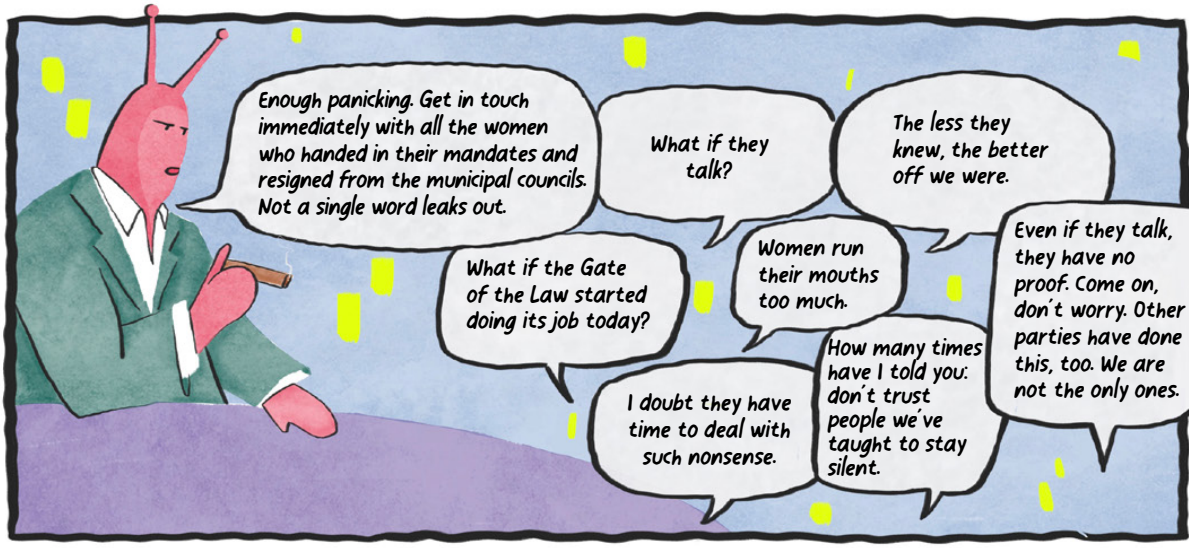

You are now a free woman.
NOTARY
Ah, if all women were like you.
NOTARY
It's so good you've realized that you women have no business in politics.
NOTARY
They've really put you through the wringer for nothing. With all the trouble you already have, politics is the last thing you need.
NOTARY
My, look how you've aged... you used to be quite a stunning girl.
NOTARY
Go on, my dear, finish your studies then get into politics.
NOTARY


Come on, faster... next... next... next...
NOTARY
Dear women, go home now. Take care of your families. You have the most powerful role in the family.
Politics is not what you need.
NOTARY
Mr. Chairman, mission accomplished. Finally, the city is cleared of the women. Honestly, what are these gender quotas, anyway? Who invented them? We let these women walk all over us, and then good luck shaking them off.
We barely put up with the ones we have at home as it is.
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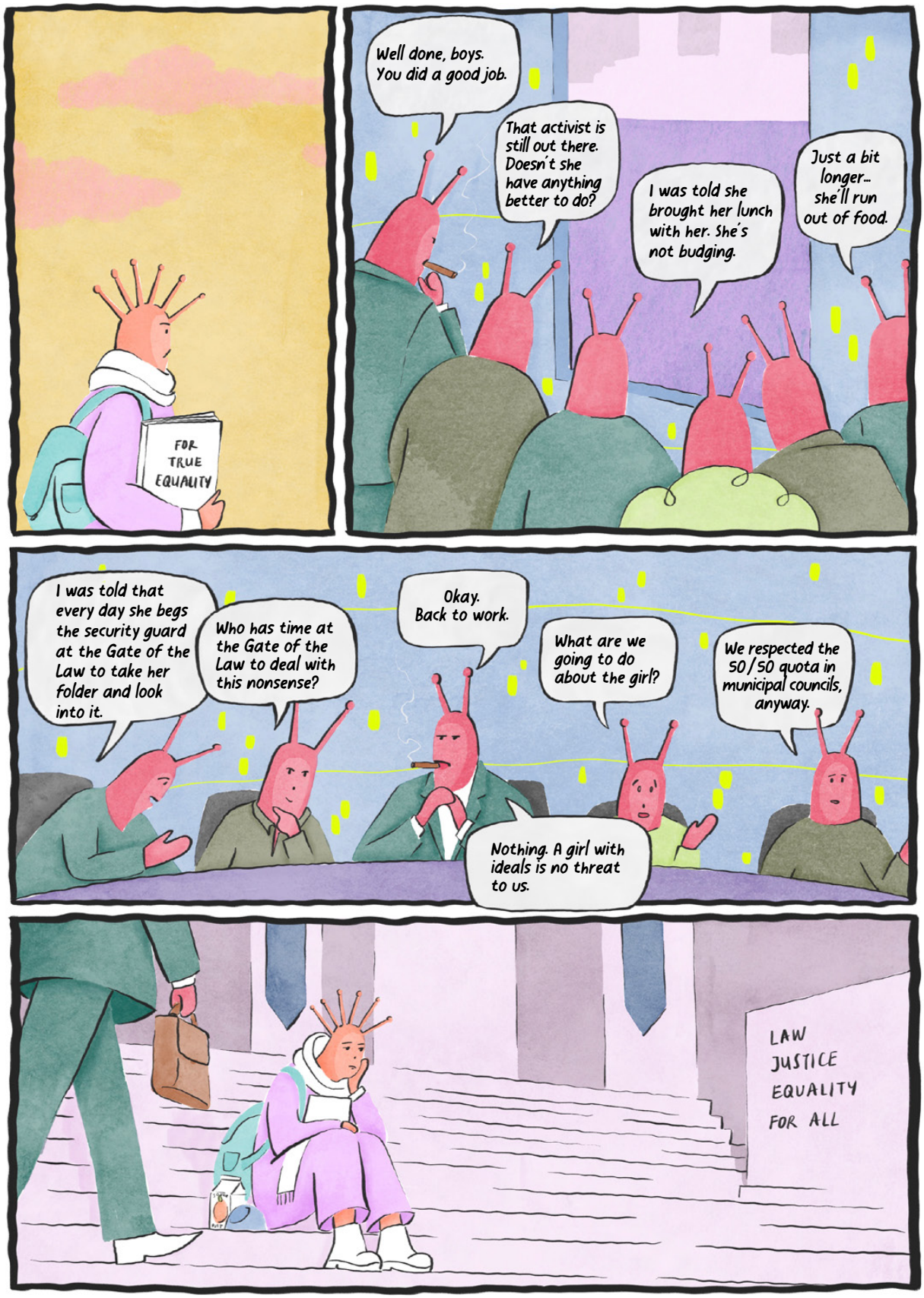

THE GATE OF THE LAW
PROTECT THE GENDER QUOTAS FROM POLITICAL MANIPULATION.
STOP THE FORCED RESIGNATIONS OF WOMEN.
WOMEN ARE NOT PLACEHOLDERS FOR A 50/50 QUOTA.
INVESTIGATE ANY MASS RESIGNATIONS OF FEMALE CANDIDATES.
PROTECT WOMEN WHO REPORT POLITICAL PRESSURE.
WE WANT WOMEN IN DECISION-MAKING, NOT JUST IN PAPER.

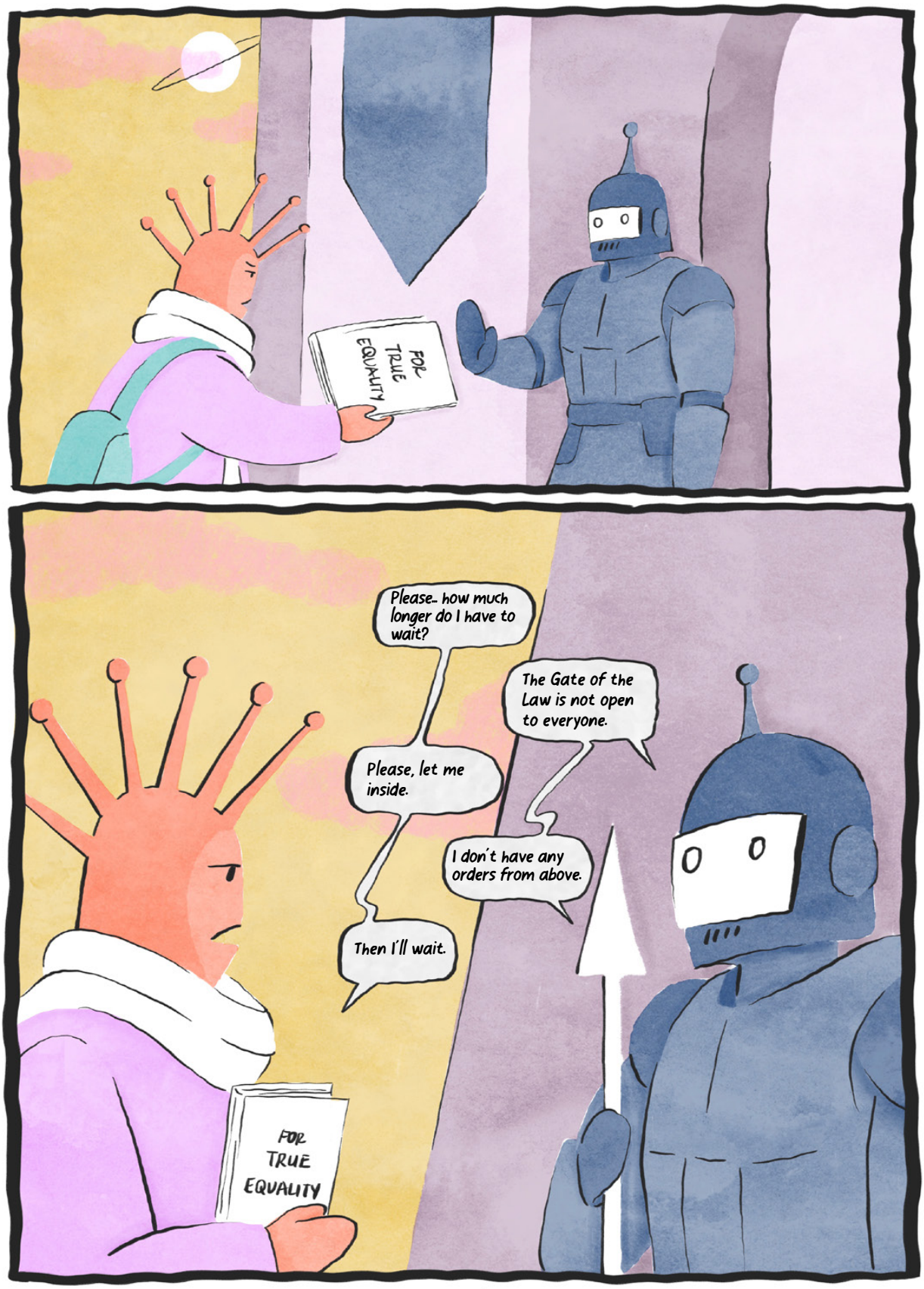

We're in deep trouble. The public found out.
I never thought they'd actually protest over something like this.
Hey, maybe they're protesting over some other scandal. We have so many, I can't even keep track.
No, no. That's about the women's quota.
The banner out there says "gender quota".

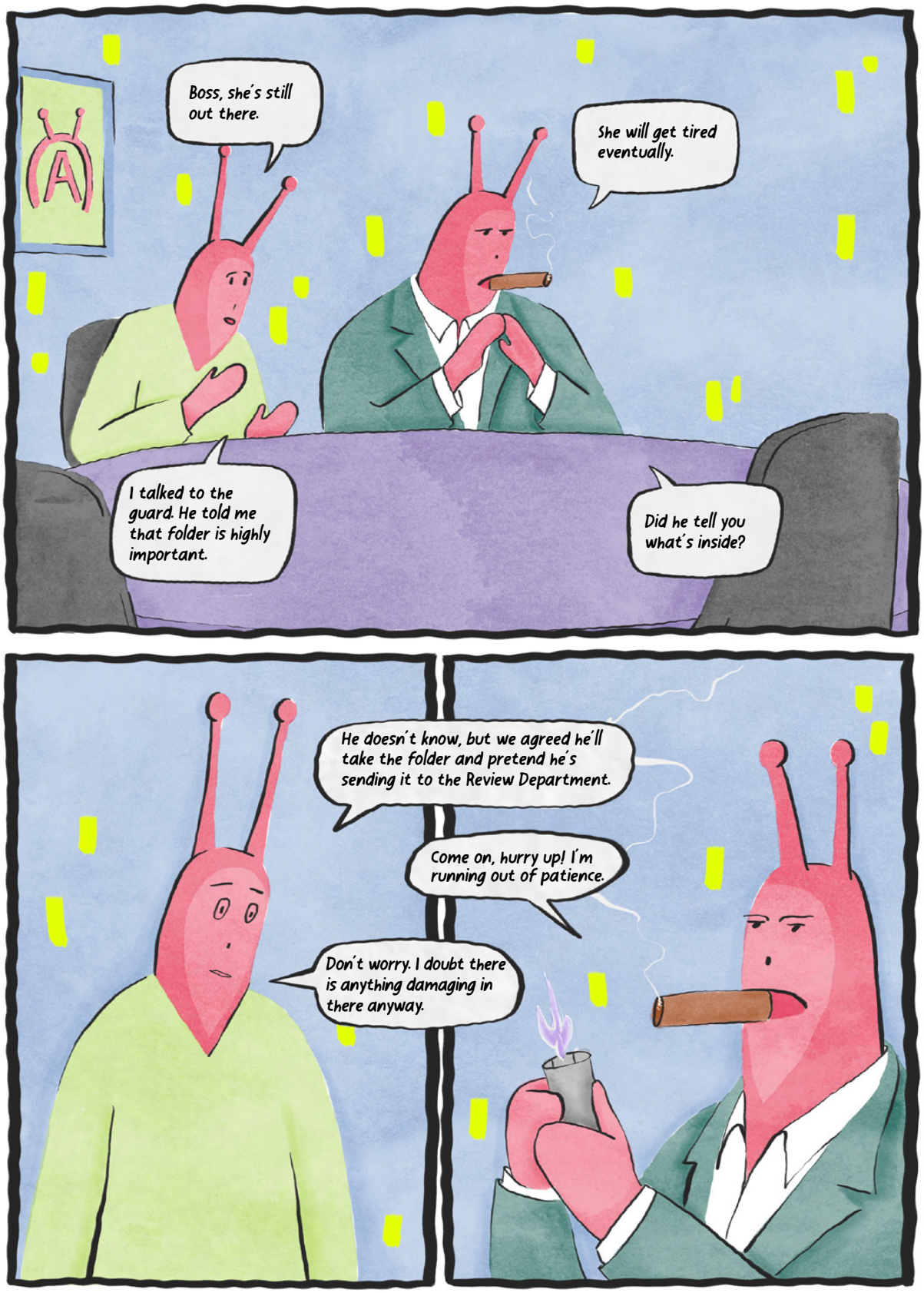

What's the difference? Women's quota, gender quota... it's all the same.
Should we ask those activists to explain it to us?
Ugh, I couldn't care less. I just want them to clear out.
Until yesterday, we could barely pronounce "gender quota." We didn't even know what it meant. Today, they went to a legal institution demanding compliance with the 50/50 gender quota in municipal councils.


Enough panicking. Get in touch immediately with all the women who handed in their mandates and resigned from the municipal councils. Not a single word leaks out.
What if they talk?
The less they knew, the better off we were.
What if the Gate of the Law started doing its job today?
Women run their mouths too much.
Even if they talk, they have no proof. Come on, don't worry. Other parties have done this, too. We are not the only ones.
I doubt they have time to deal with such nonsense.
How many times have I told you: don't trust people we've taught to stay silent.

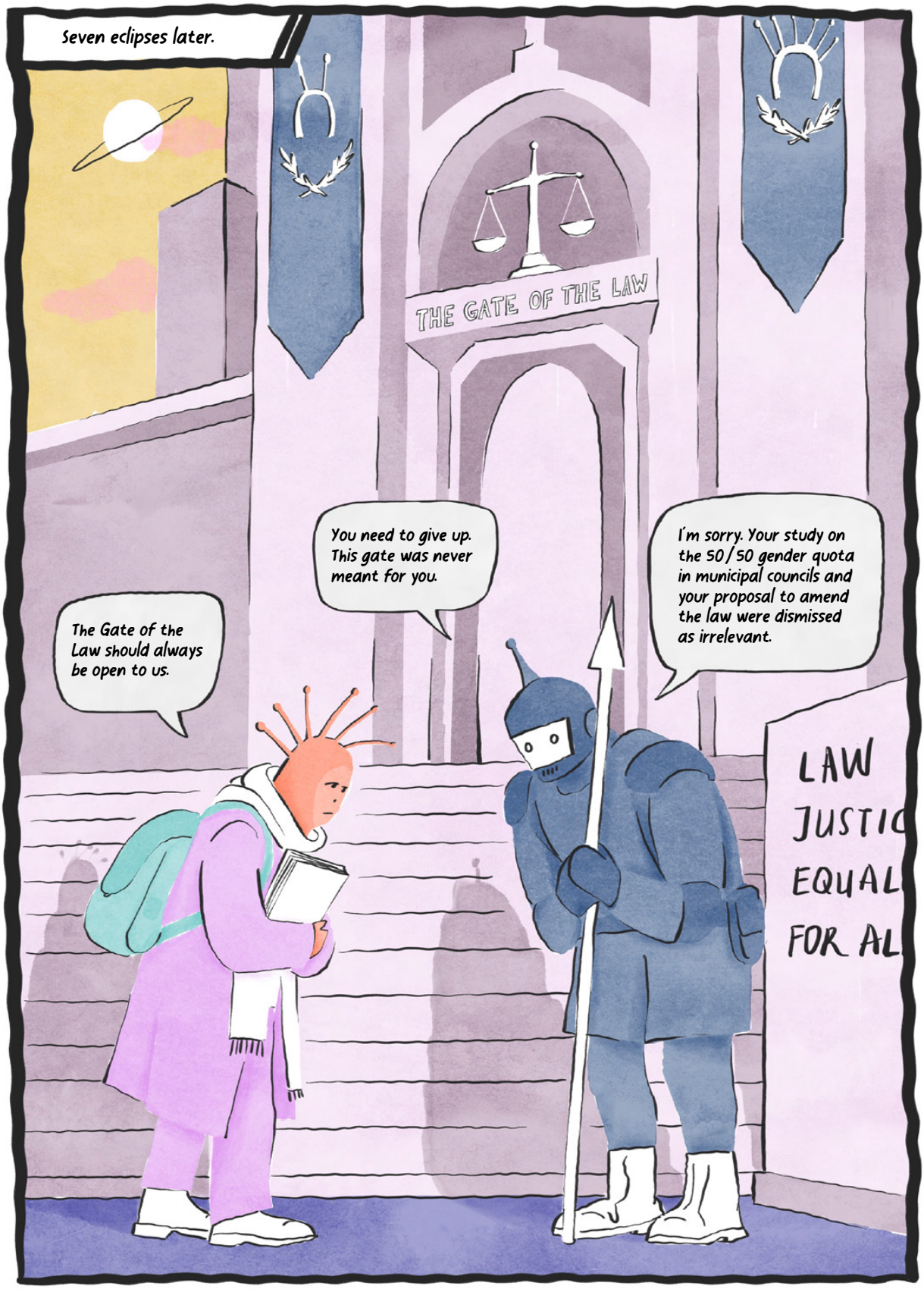

They won't find any gender quota violations in our party. Focus on other parties' violations. Make them public. We need to deflect the attention away from us.
But we are the ruling party. All attention is on us.
Then we'll do what they ask. We'll review the gender quota law. In the next elections we'll be more careful.
But first, reveal the other parties' violations. We need to deflect the attention away from us.
We have to do whatever it takes. Just as long as we don't step foot inside that damn gate.
Tell our boys and girls to disperse the crowd.
What method should we use, boss?
You know the drill. Use the usual method.

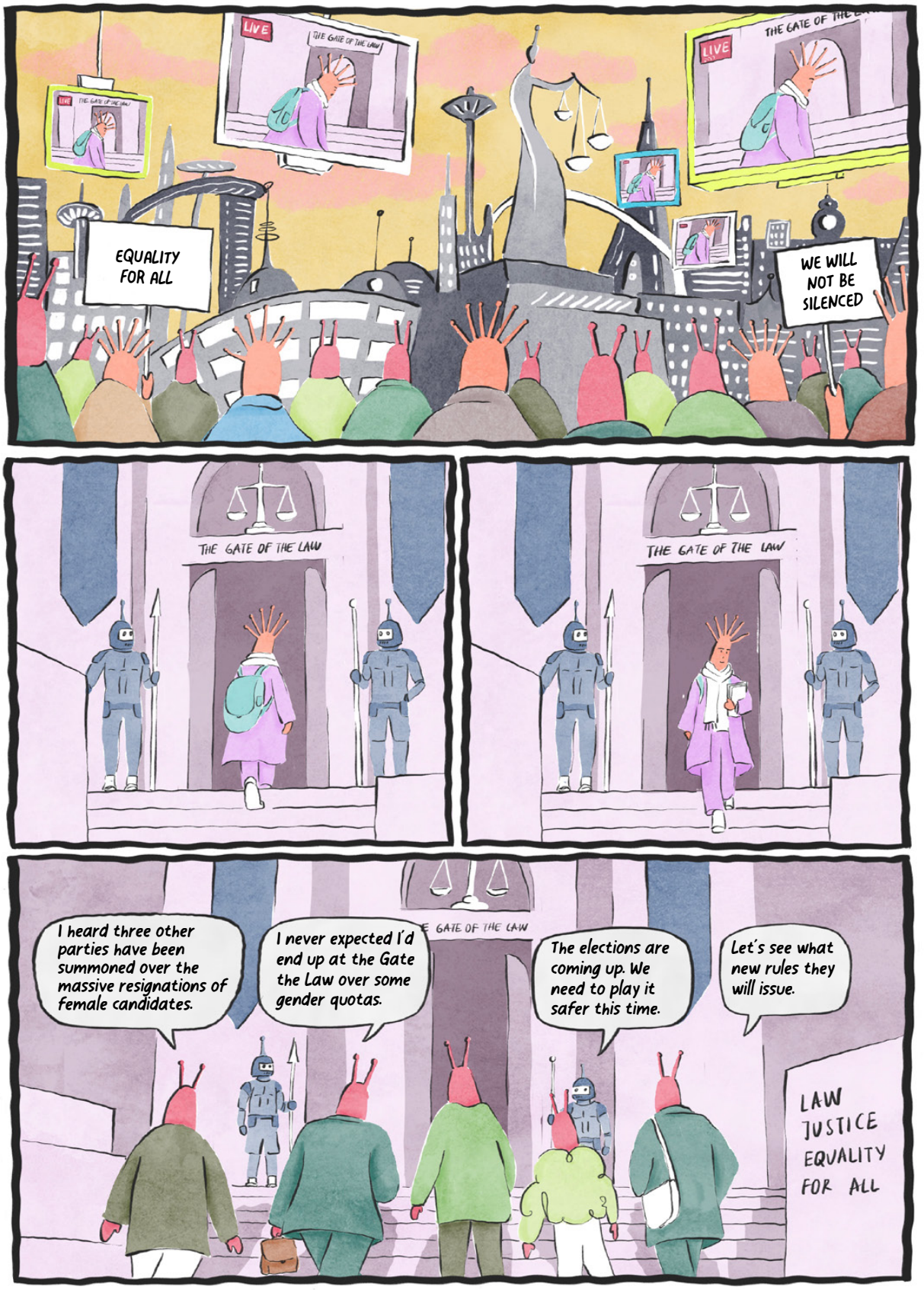

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Well done, boys. You did a good job.
That activist is still out there. Doesn't she have anything better to do?
I was told she brought her lunch with her. She's not budging.
Just a bit longer... she'll run out of food.
I was told that every day she begs the security guard at the Gate of the Law to take her folder and look into it.
Who has time at the Gate of the Law to deal with this nonsense?
Okay. Back to work.
What are we going to do about the girl?
We respected the 50/50 quota in municipal councils, anyway.
Nothing. A girl with ideals is no threat to us.
LAW
JUSTICE
EQUALITY
FOR ALL


FOR TRUE EQUALITY
Please... how much longer do I have to wait?
The Gate of the Law is not open to everyone.
Please, let me inside.
I don't have any orders from above.
Then I'll wait.
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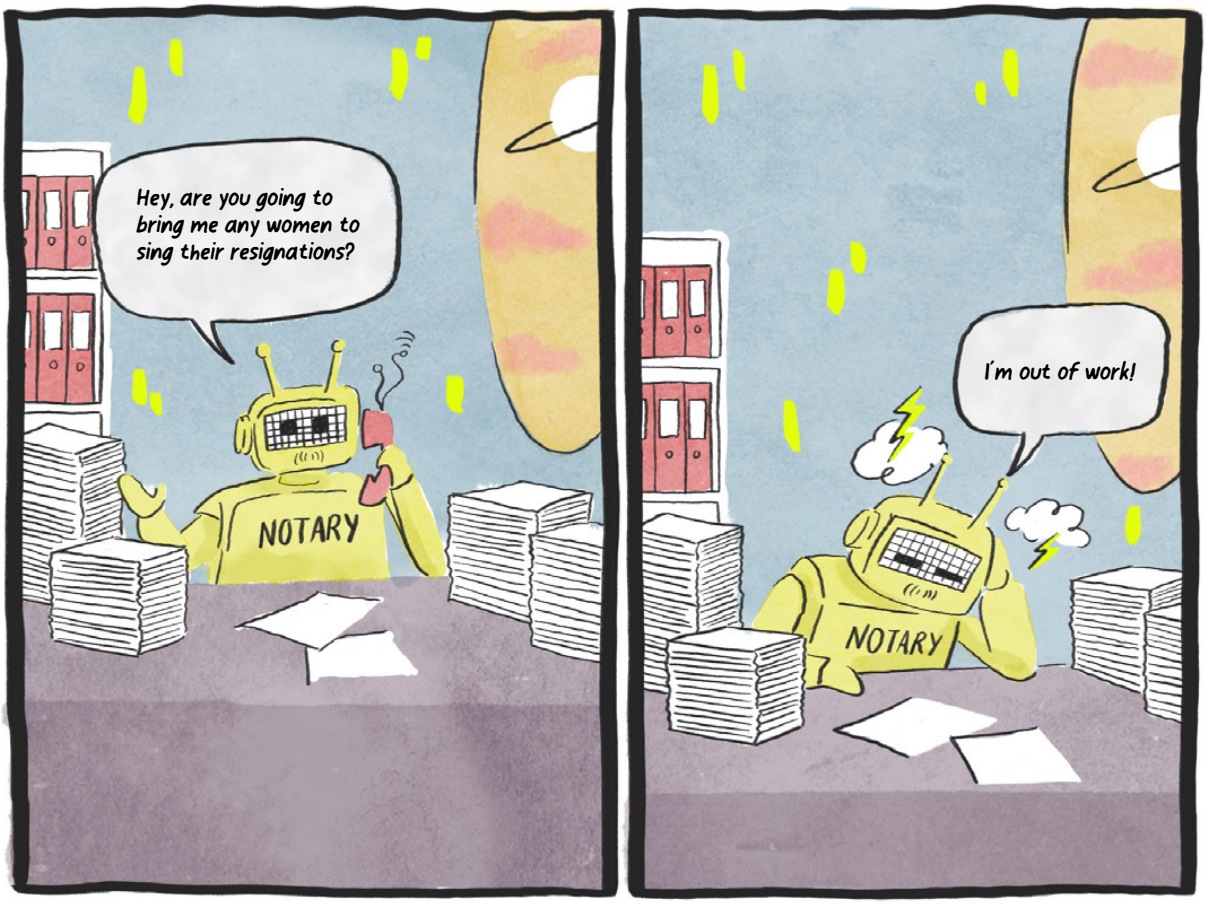

Boss, she's still out there.
She will get tired eventually.
I talked to the guard. He told me that folder is highly important.
Did he tell you what's inside?
He doesn't know, but we agreed he'll take the folder and pretend he's sending it to the Review Department.
Come on, hurry up! I'm running out of patience.
Don't worry. I doubt there is anything damaging in there anyway.


I just received the order from above. I'm taking the folder for review.
You ask for way too much. Are you going to hand over the folder, or do you want to keep waiting on these steps for another few years?
I assume I need to sign an acknowledgment receipt to prove it was submitted.
FOR TRUE EQUALITY
Boss, the guard sent me photos of the folder.
There are only five resignation statements from the women. It doesn't say it anywhere that we ordered them to do it.
Very good.
What if they figure it out anyway?
Figure out what? If our name is not on it, it does not exist.
The folder has been reviewed. Now you just have to wait a little longer.
THE GATE OF THE LAW
How long?
I don't know. They'll let me know from above.

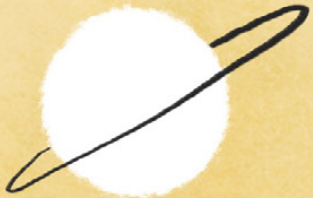

Seven eclipses later.
THE GATE OF THE LAW
The Gate of the Law should always be open to us.
You need to give up. This gate was never meant for you.
I'm sorry. Your study on the 50/50 gender quota in municipal councils and your proposal to amend the law were dismissed as irrelevant.
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EQUALITY FOR ALL
WE WILL NOT BE SILENCED
THE GATE OF THE LAW
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I heard three other parties have been summoned over the massive resignations of female candidates.
I never expected I'd end up at the Gate the Law over some gender quotas.
The elections are coming up. We need to play it safer this time.
Let's see what new rules they will issue.
LAW
JUSTICE
EQUALITY
FOR ALL


Bad news. The Gate of the Law left us no room to manipulate the ballot lists this time.
So how are we going to fill the lists now?
With women.
Women who actually want to get into politics?
Women who don't resign right after the election?
Well, then... we need to find women with political ambitions.
This year we need to recruit differently.
Every resignation is being monitored now. The gender ratio keeps getting updated.
God, I hate transparency...
So... what do we do?
For the first time ever...we'll follow the law.


Hey, are you going to bring me any women to sing their resignations?
NOTARY
I'm out of work!
NOTARY

THE END



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