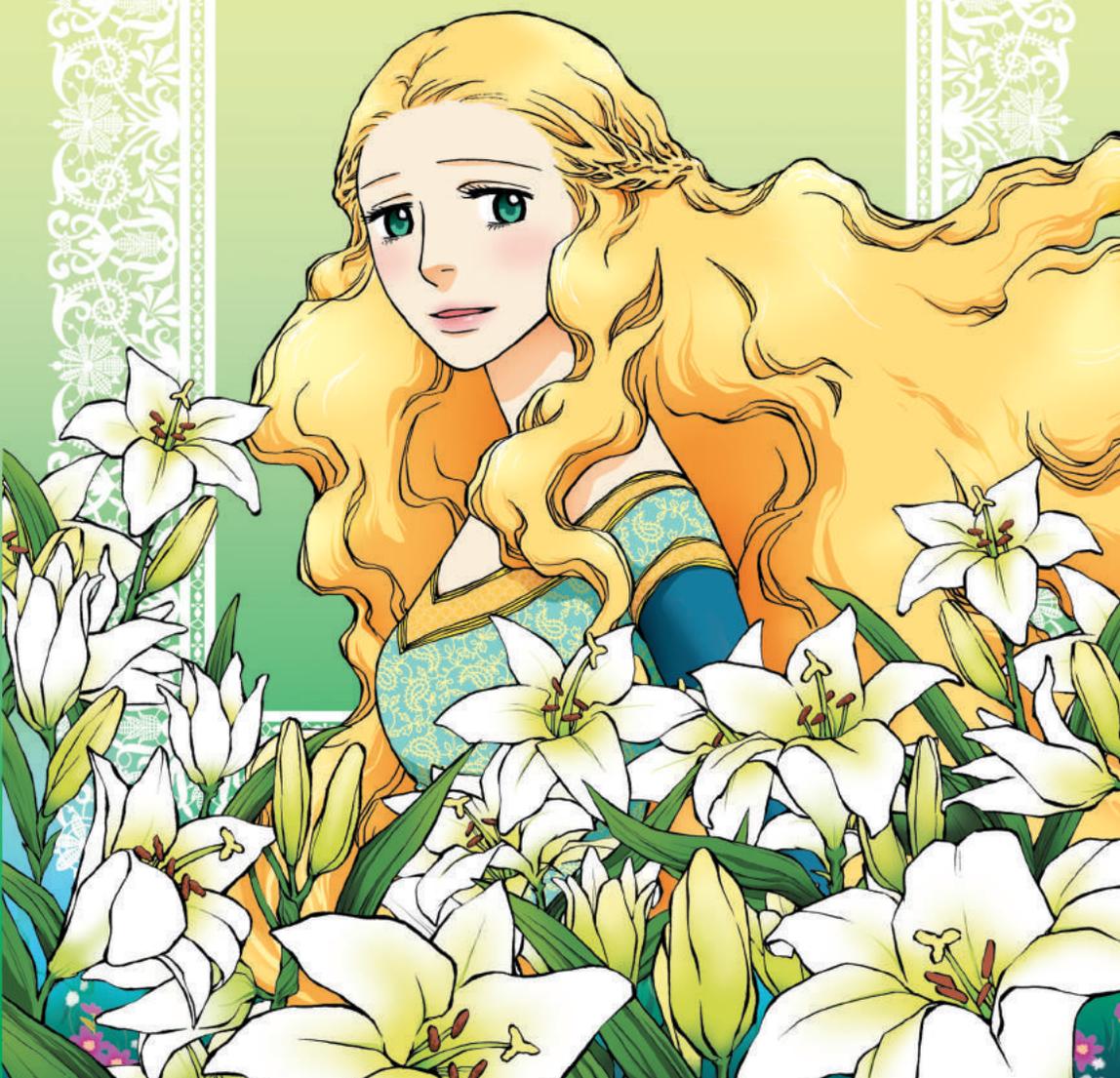


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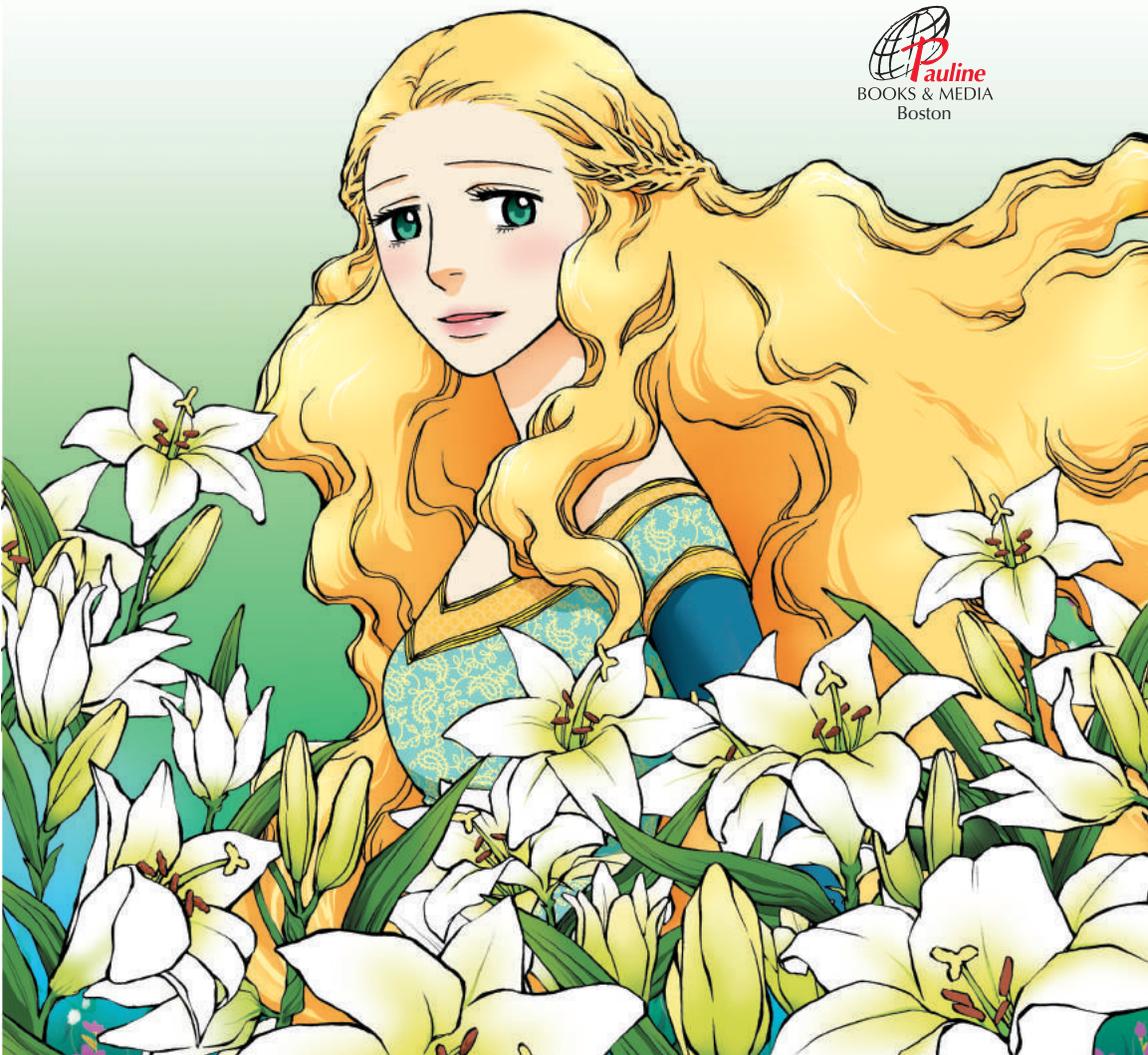


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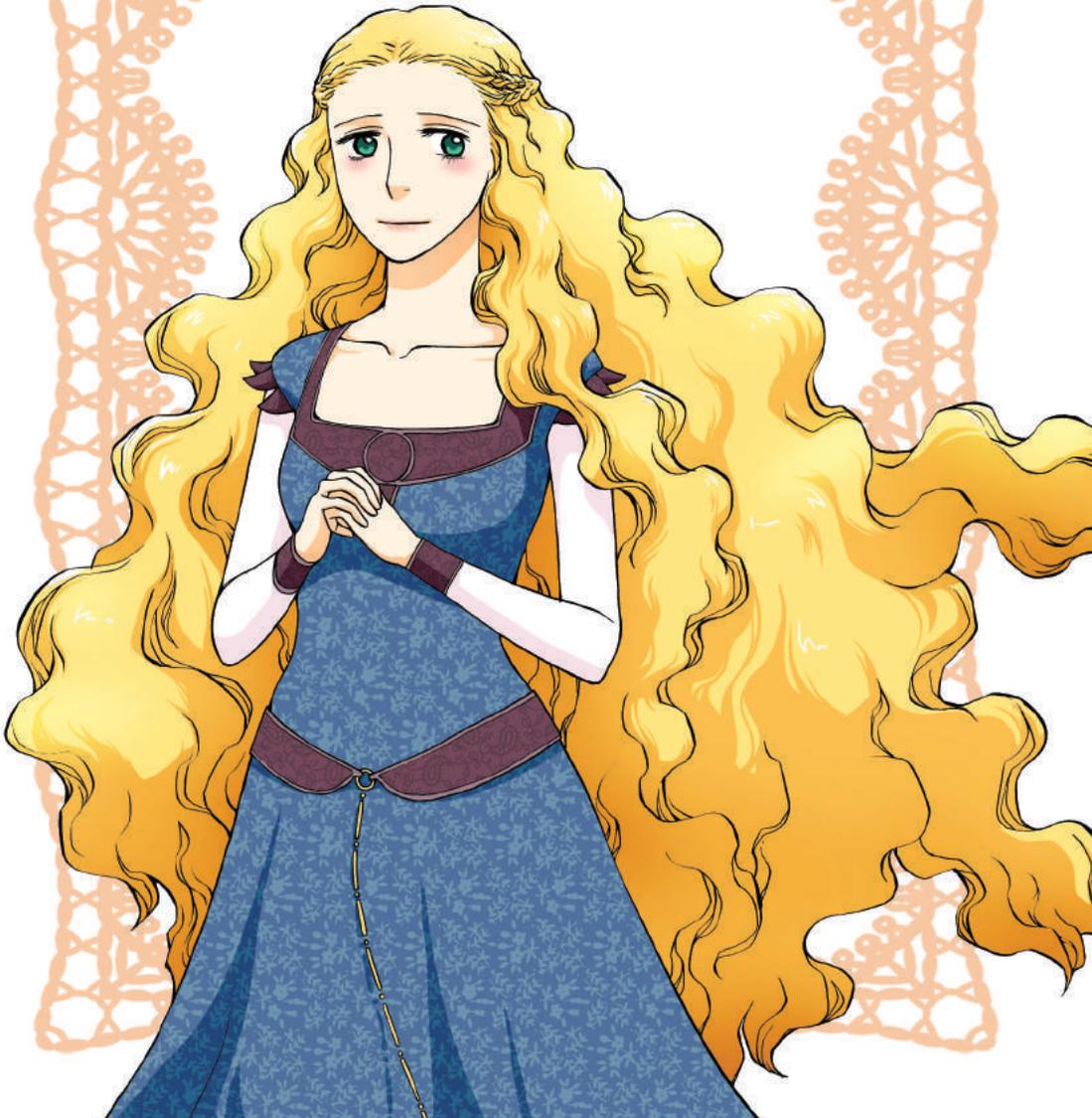
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# LADY OF ASSISI



THE YEAR 1207

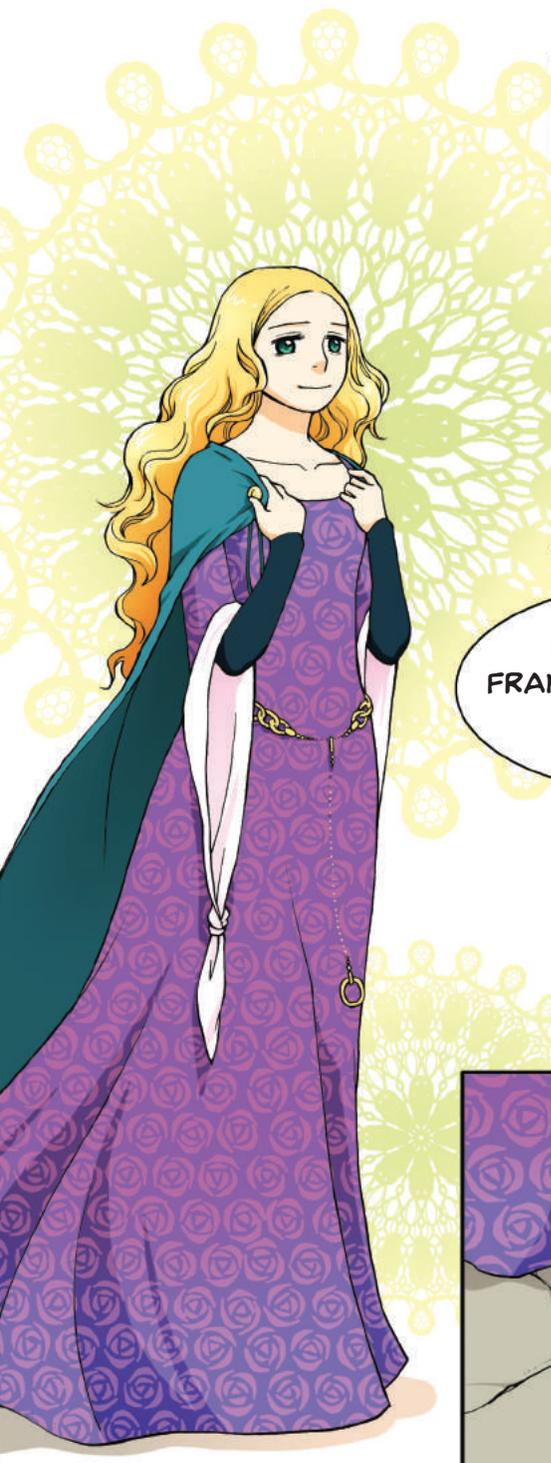


IN THE QUIET TOWN OF ASSISI IN  
THE UMBRIA REGION OF ITALY





GREEEAK



**LOOK! THAT'S  
FRANCIS BERNARDONE  
OVER THERE.**

**HE USED TO BE  
DRESSED IN FINE  
CLOTHES. NOW HE  
LOOKS LIKE A  
BEGGAR!**





A FEW MONTHS AGO,  
HE DECIDED TO GIVE UP  
EVERYTHING. INSTEAD  
OF BECOMING A KNIGHT  
HE STARTED DRESSING  
LIKE THAT.

I HEARD HE  
BEGS FOR MONEY SO  
HE CAN REPAIR THE  
RUN-DOWN SAN  
DAMIANO CHURCH.

HE IS THE SON OF A  
WEALTHY MERCHANT.  
WHY WOULD HE GIVE UP  
HIS INHERITANCE? WHY  
DOES HE SEEM SO  
HAPPY?



HUM

HUM



THUMP THUMP  
THUMP



**SLAM!**

THAT RASCAL  
BERNARDONE!



**POUND**



HOW DARE BERNARDONE  
TELL ME HE'S GOING TO  
BUILD AN AREA IN TOWN  
FOR THE MERCHANTS!

PLEASE  
RELAX,  
BROTHER.

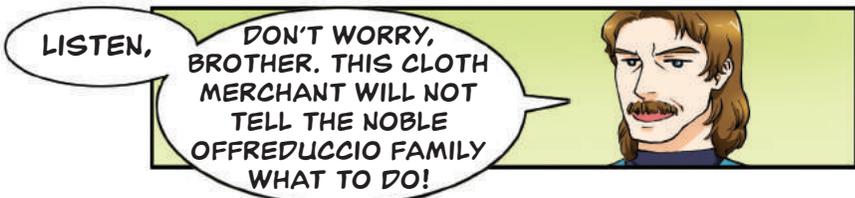


HE MUST THINK I'M A  
PUSHOVER, MONALDO!  
I AM THE NOBLEMAN  
HERE, NOT HIM.



LISTEN,

DON'T WORRY,  
BROTHER. THIS CLOTH  
MERCHANT WILL NOT  
TELL THE NOBLE  
OFFREDUCCIO FAMILY  
WHAT TO DO!





ALTHOUGH BERNARDONE IS RICH AND THE LEADER OF THE SHOPKEEPERS, HE IS STILL JUST A COMMONER.

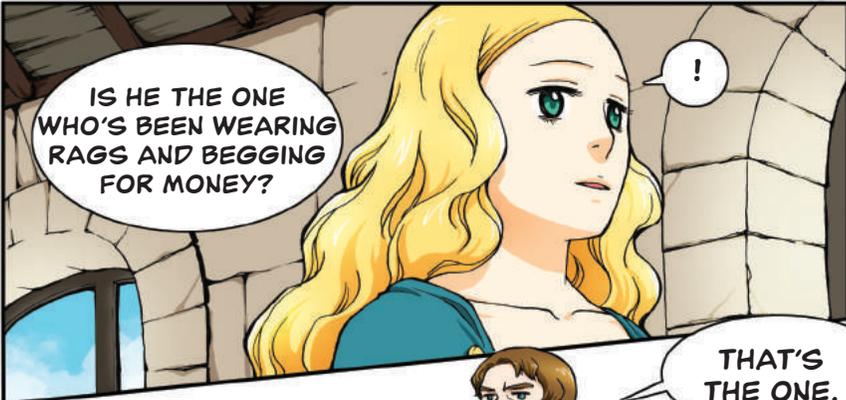
I GUESS WE'LL SEE. . .



OH, DID YOU HEAR?



BERNARDONE HAS DISINHERITED HIS SON, FRANCIS, BECAUSE HE KEPT GIVING EVERYTHING AWAY.



IS HE THE ONE WHO'S BEEN WEARING RAGS AND BEGGING FOR MONEY?

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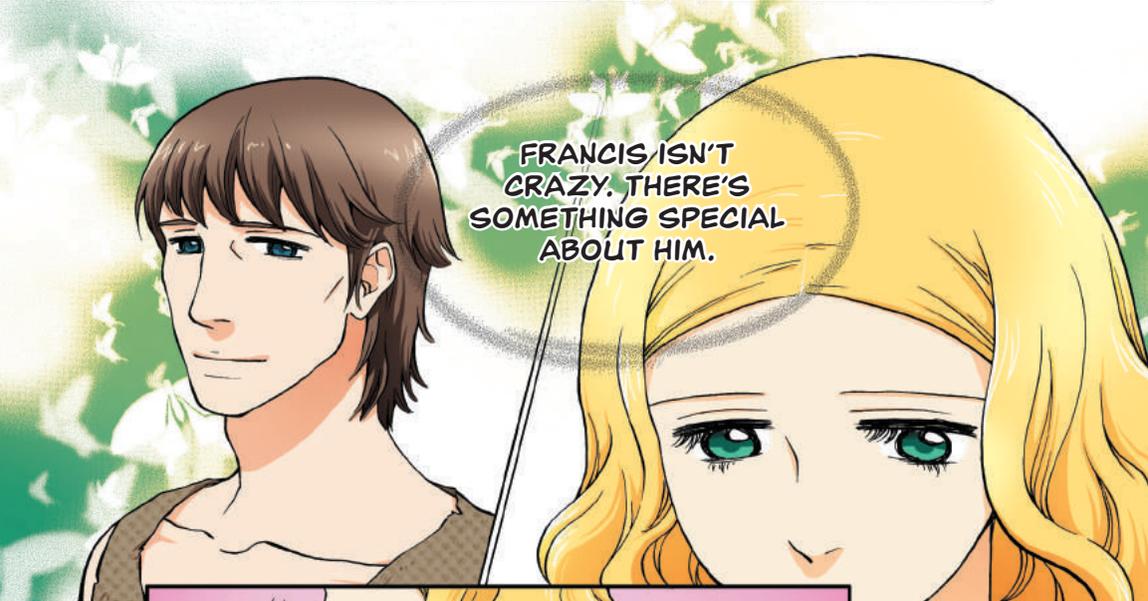
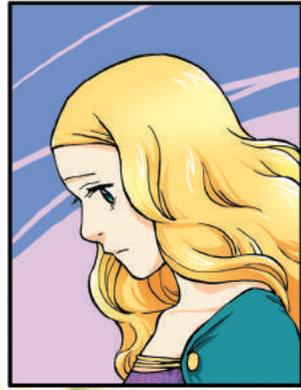
THAT'S THE ONE.



BERNARDONE BROUGHT FRANCIS TO BISHOP GUIDO BECAUSE HE WAS GIVING AWAY HIS FAMILY'S MONEY. BUT FRANCIS JUST RETURNED TO HIS FATHER ALL THE CLOTHES HE WAS WEARING AND PROMISED TO ASK NOTHING MORE FROM BERNARDONE!



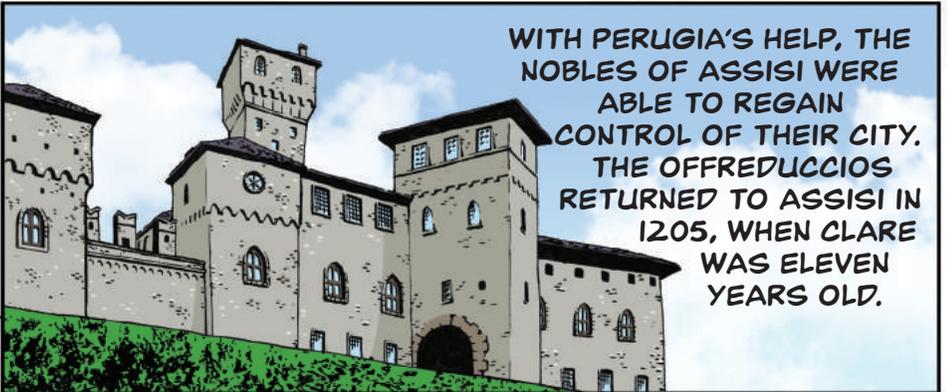
HAHA!



IN THE BEGINNING OF THE THIRTEENTH CENTURY, THE WORKING PEOPLE OF ASSISI AND MANY OTHER ITALIAN TOWNS FOUGHT TO GAIN MORE FREEDOM FROM THE RICH NOBLES. IN 1202, THE PEOPLE OF ASSISI TRIED TO TAKE OVER THE CITY. CIVIL WAR BROKE OUT. THE NOBLES SOUGHT ASSISTANCE FROM THE NEARBY CITY OF PERUGIA.



DURING THE WAR,  
CLARE'S FAMILY FLED TO PERUGIA.



WITH PERUGIA'S HELP, THE NOBLES OF ASSISI WERE ABLE TO REGAIN CONTROL OF THEIR CITY. THE OFFREDUCCIOS RETURNED TO ASSISI IN 1205, WHEN CLARE WAS ELEVEN YEARS OLD.

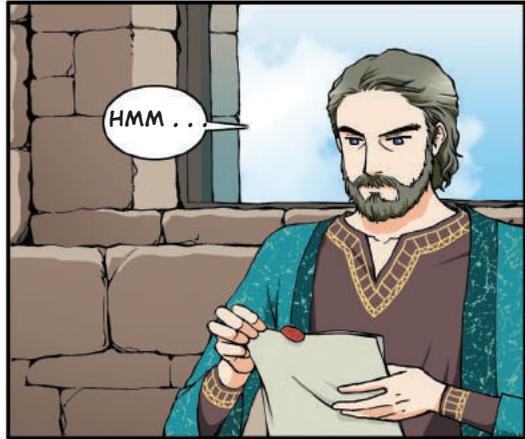
1211, ASSISI



CRINKLE



HMM...

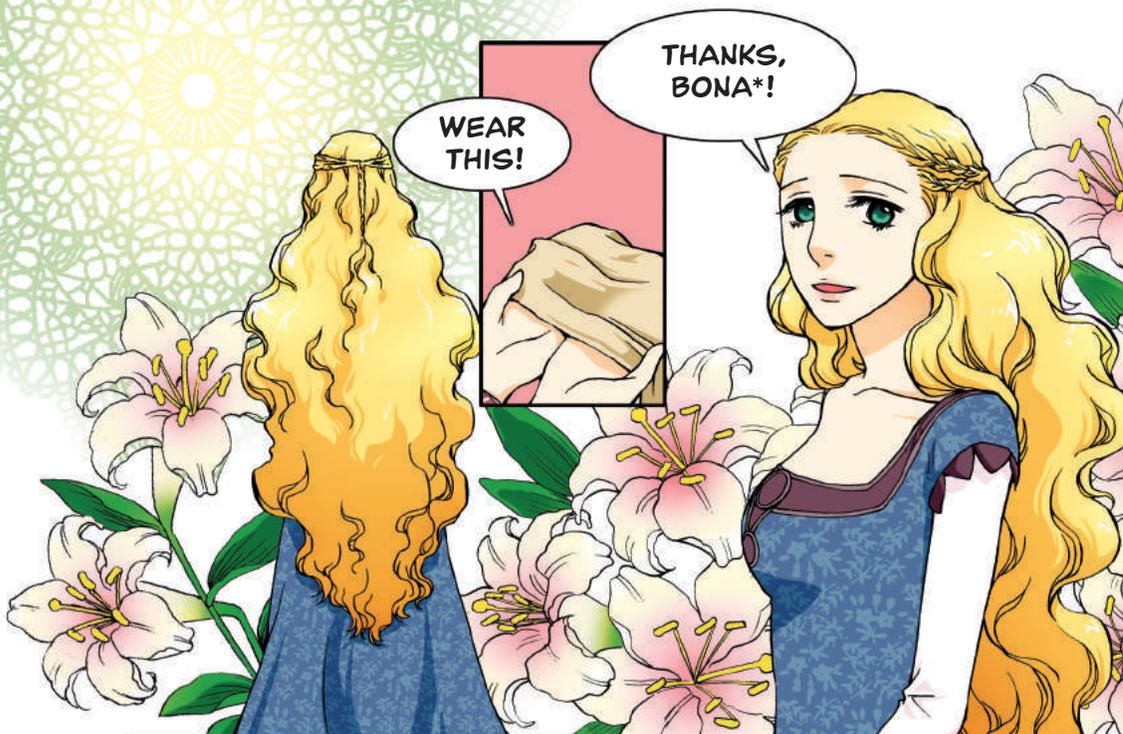


HE WANTS TO MARRY CLARE?



THIS MARRIAGE WOULD DEFINITELY BE TO OUR FAMILY'S BENEFIT.





WEAR THIS!

THANKS, BONA\*!



MY DEAR CLARE, YOU ARE ALWAYS HAPPIEST AFTER PRAYING.



I LOVE TO PRAY!



!



CLARE WAS MOST AT PEACE WHEN SHE WAS THINKING ABOUT GOD. SHE ALSO HAD A GENEROUS SPIRIT...

\* BONA DI GUELFUCCIO WAS CLARE'S RELATIVE AND FREQUENT COMPANION.

