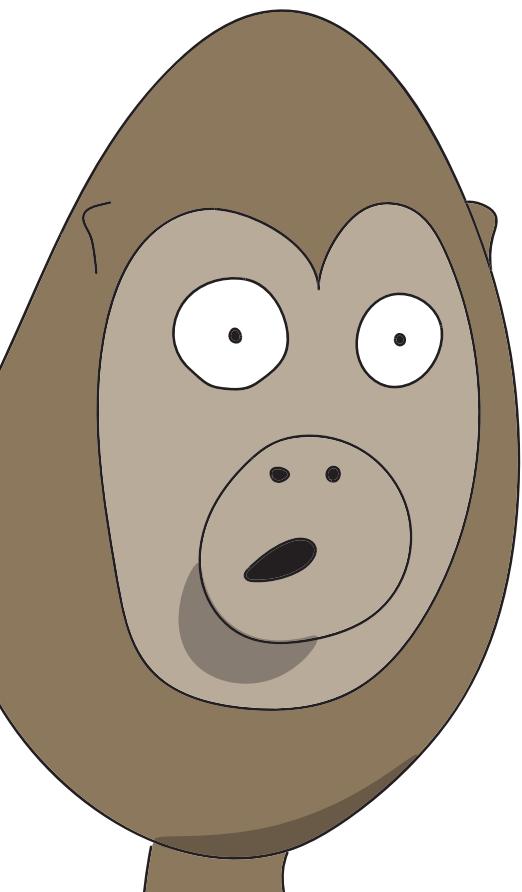


Marcus Gorileeus



Leigh Silverstein

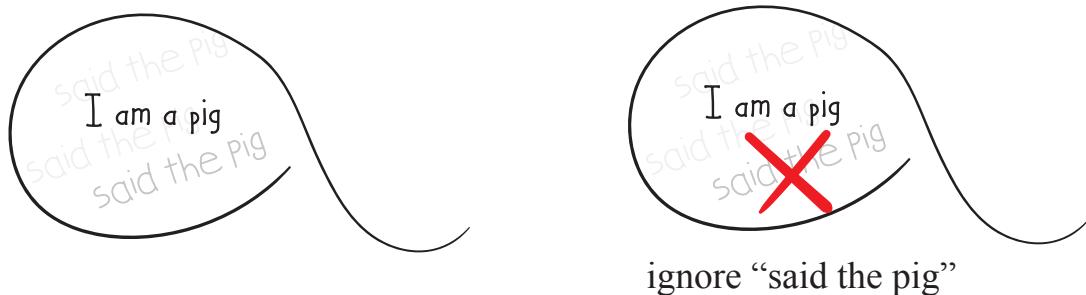


... not to be offended by idiots...

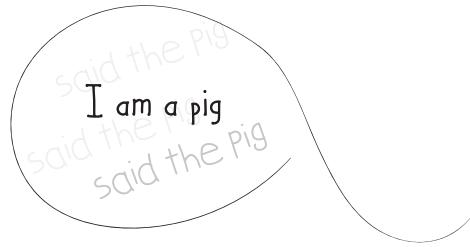
Marcus Aurelius (121-180 CE)
“Meditations”
Book 1
Section 6
(Translation by Meric Casaubon)

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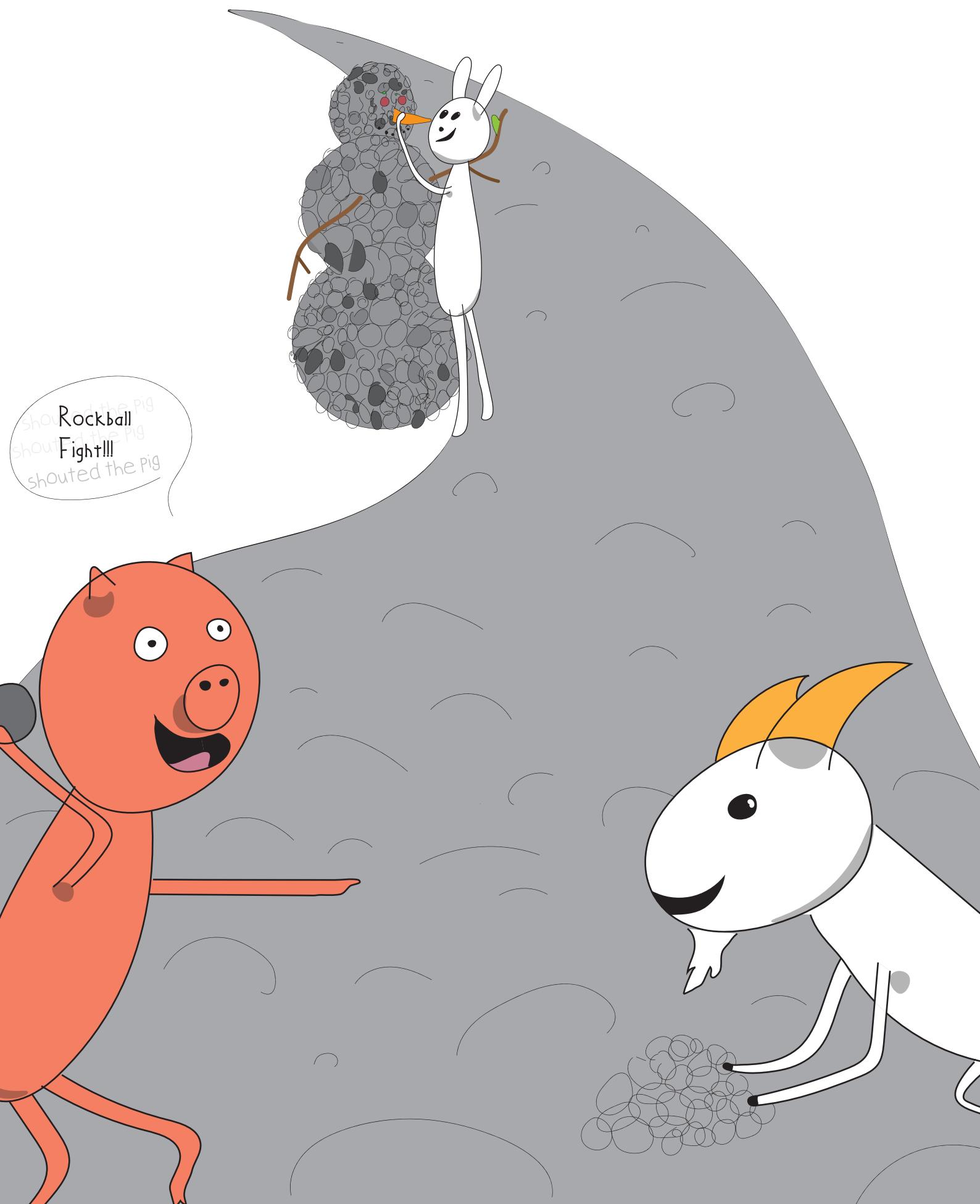
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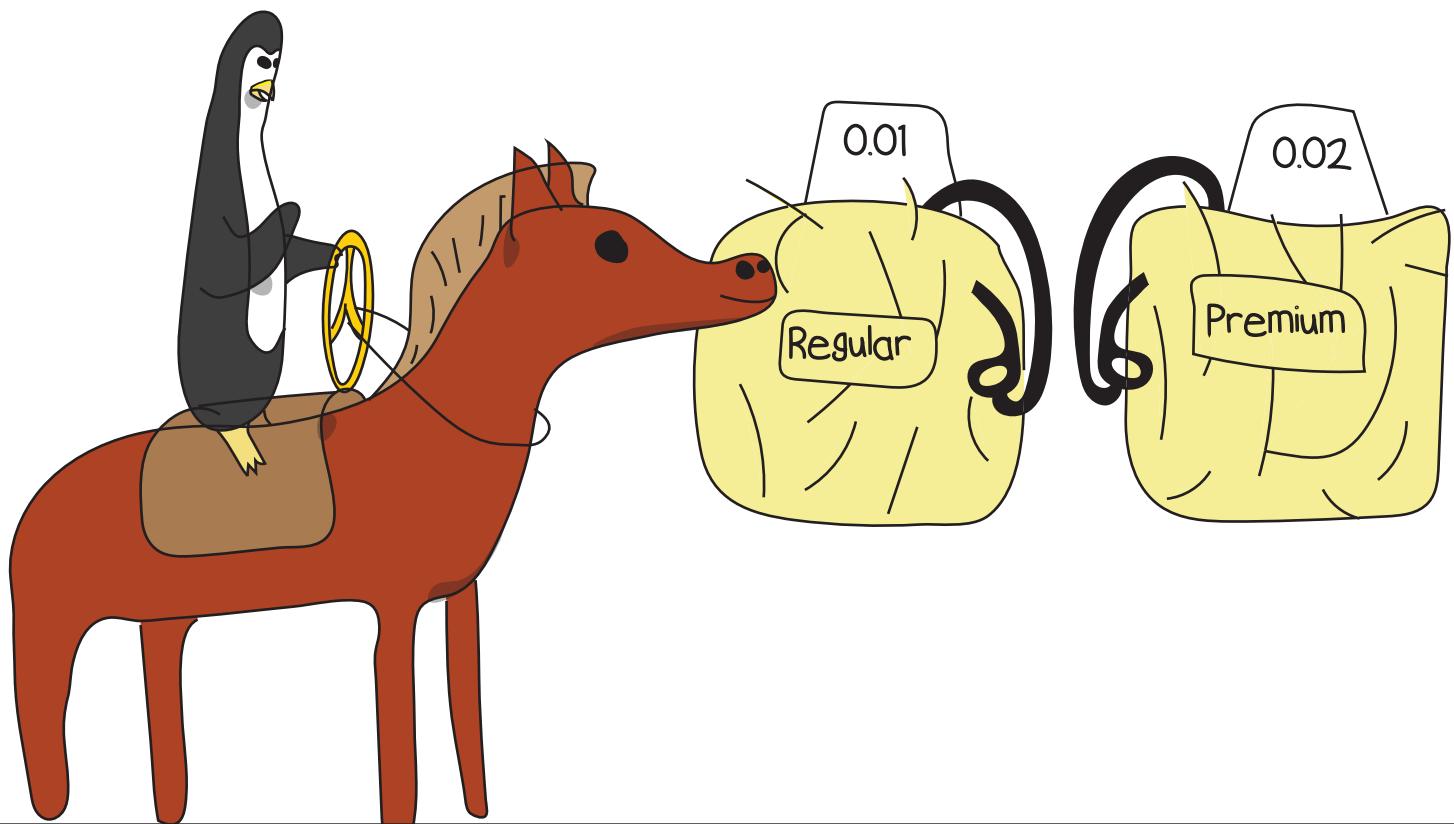
1. read “I am a pig”
2. read “said the pig”

Chapter 1 – Pandus

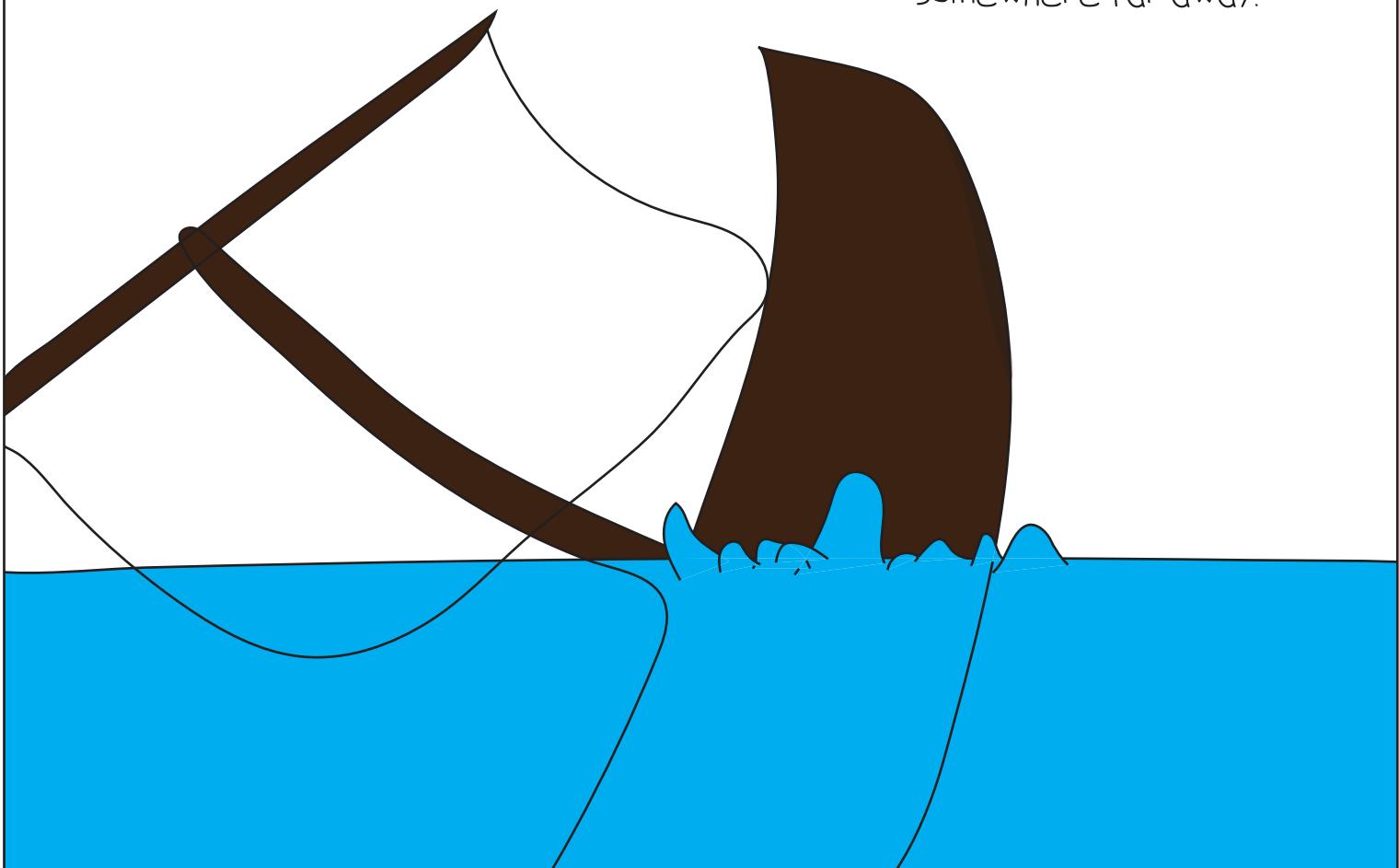
2000 years ago the world was very strange.



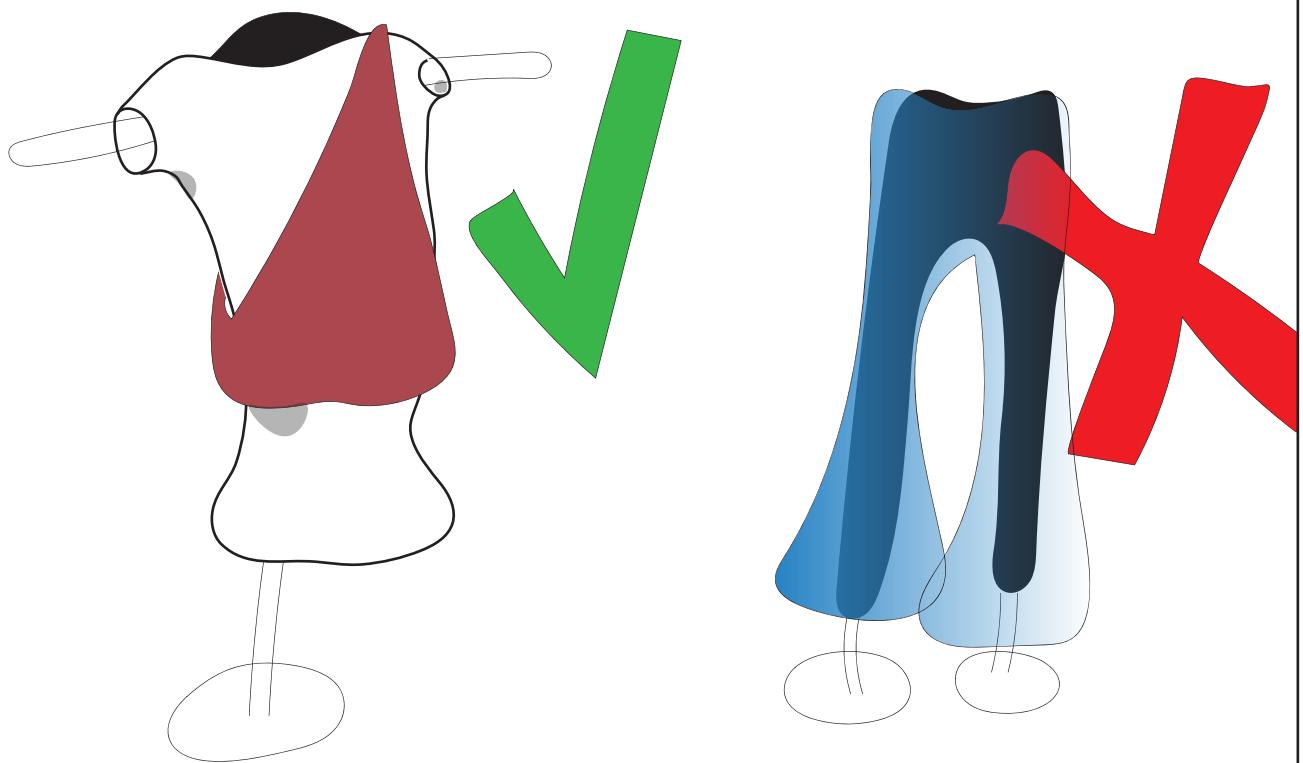
Everyone drove horses
instead of cars.



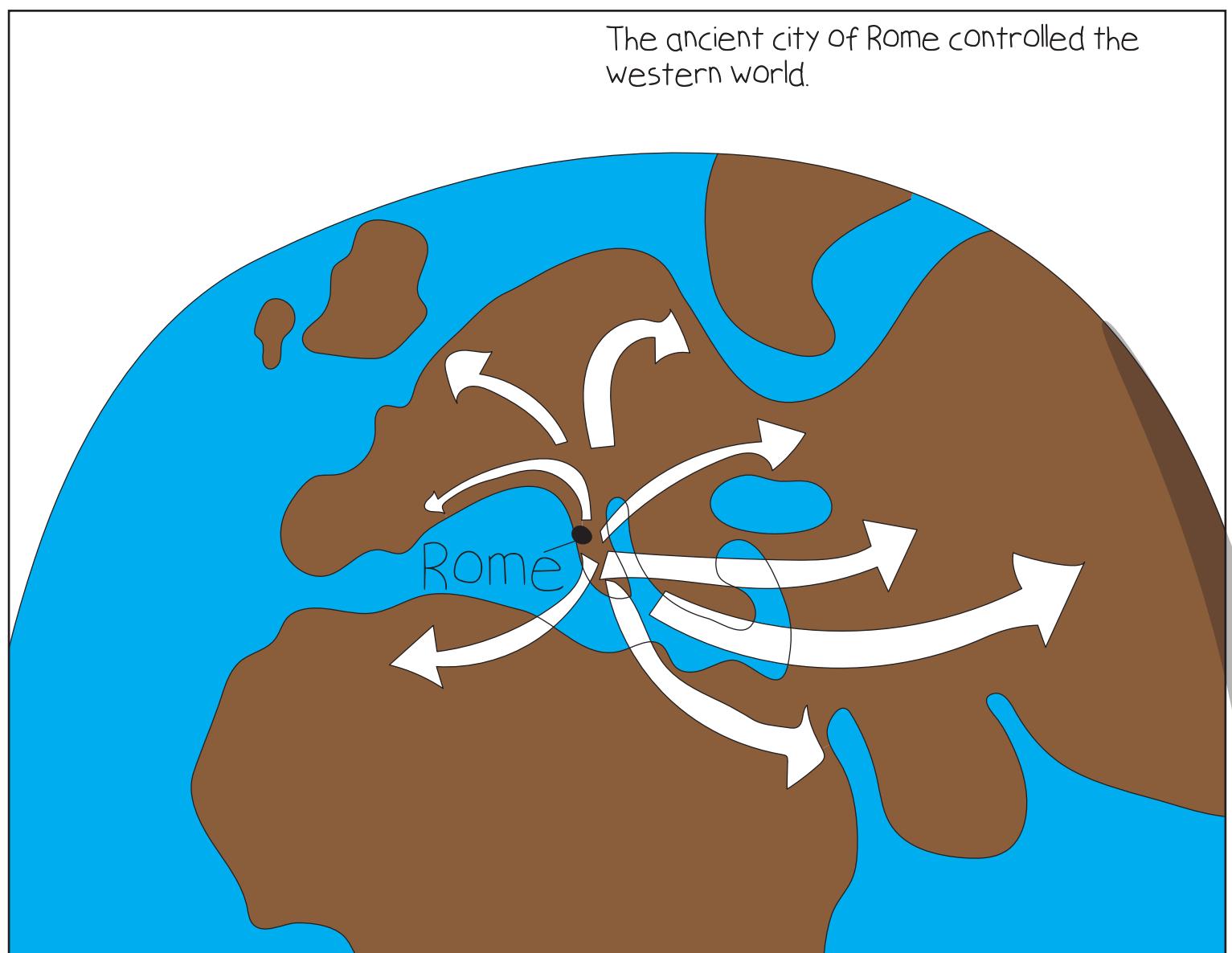
Wooden ships with sails were
the best way to get
somewhere far away.



Togas were in, pants were out.

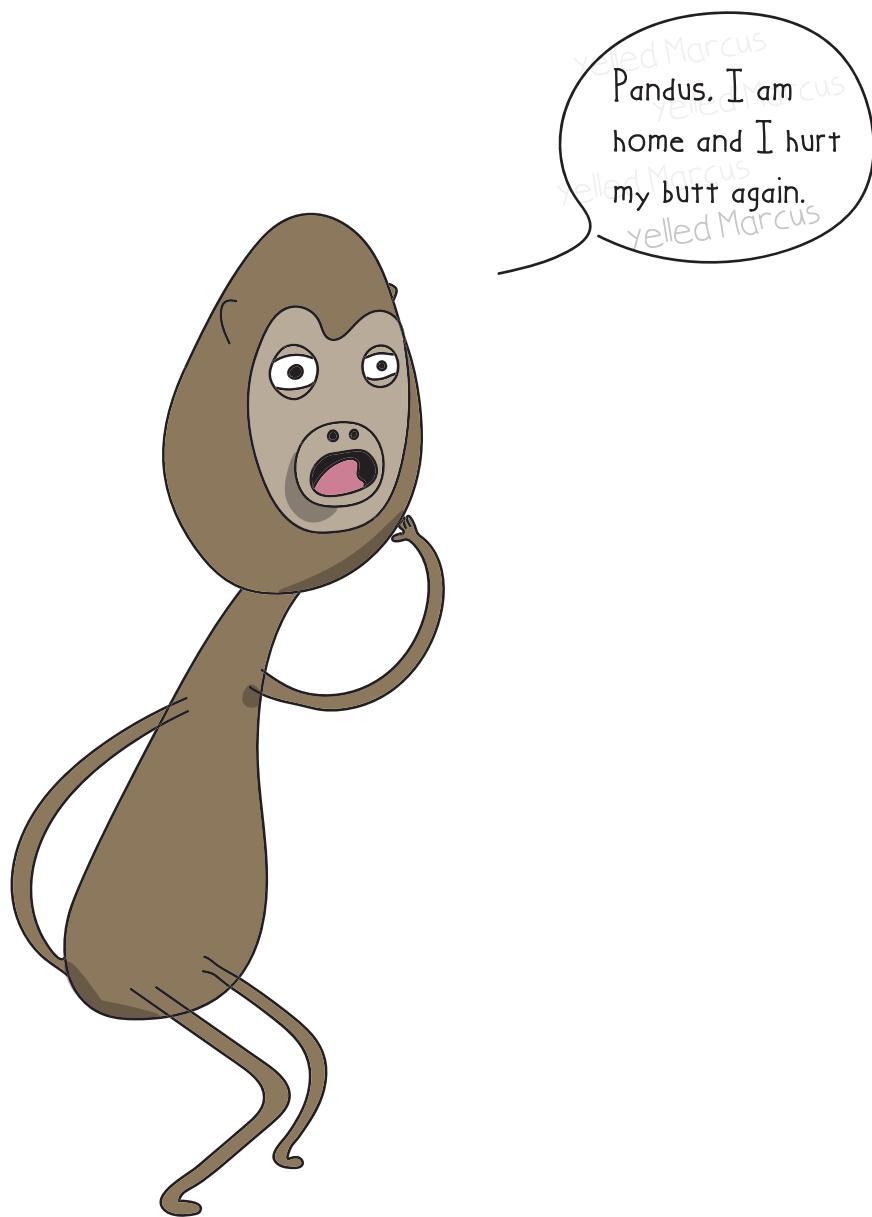


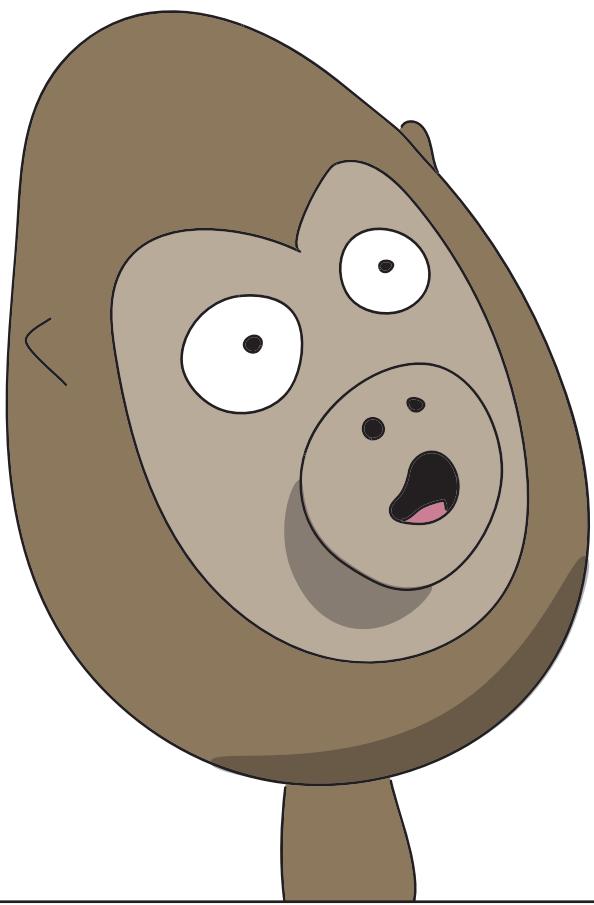
The ancient city of Rome controlled the western world.



And in that city lived a boy named
Marcus who would grow up to be a
father and a philosopher.

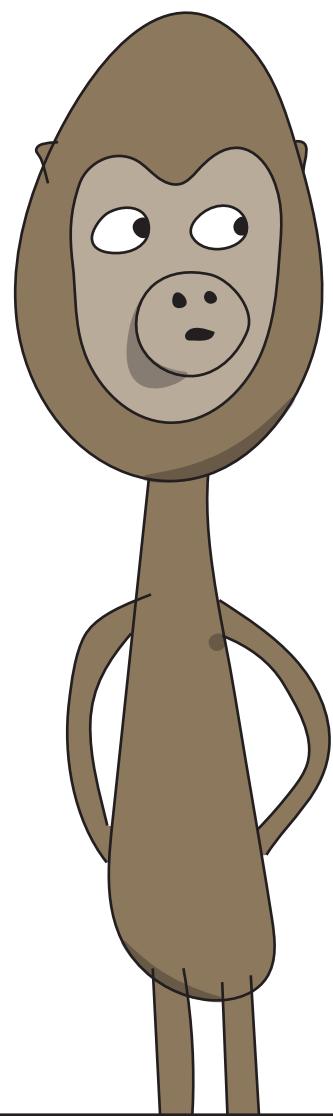
And an emperor.

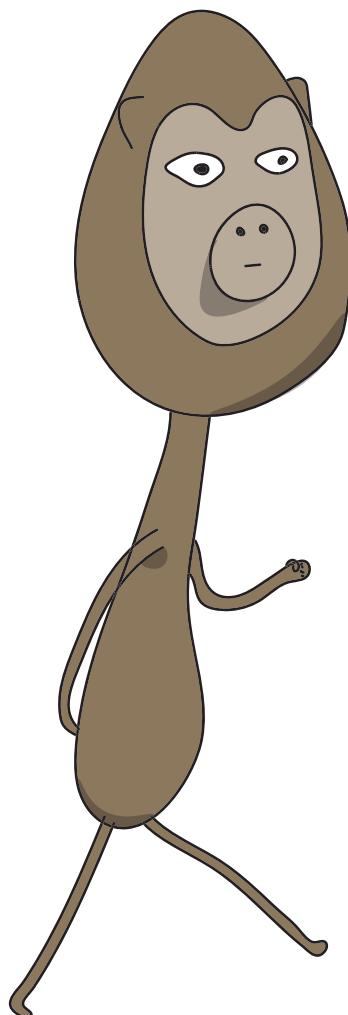


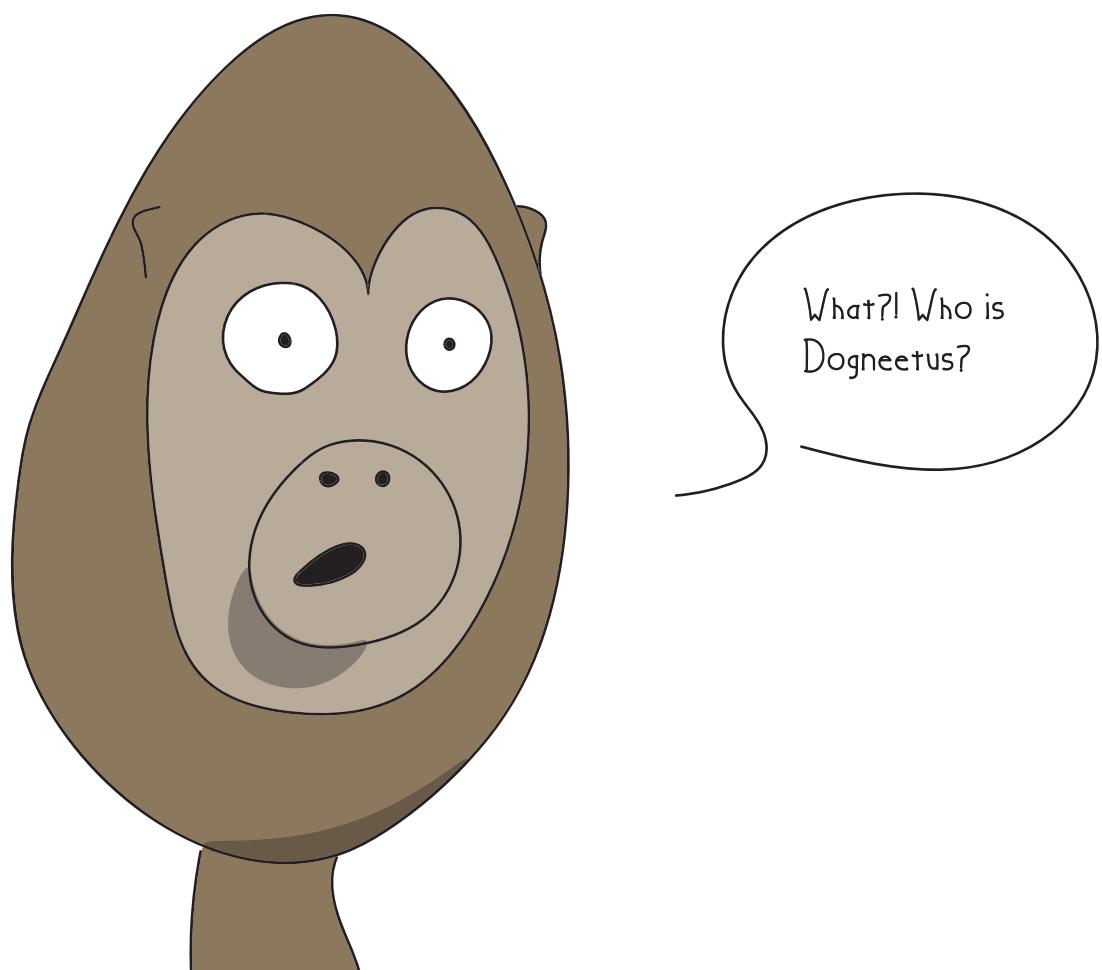
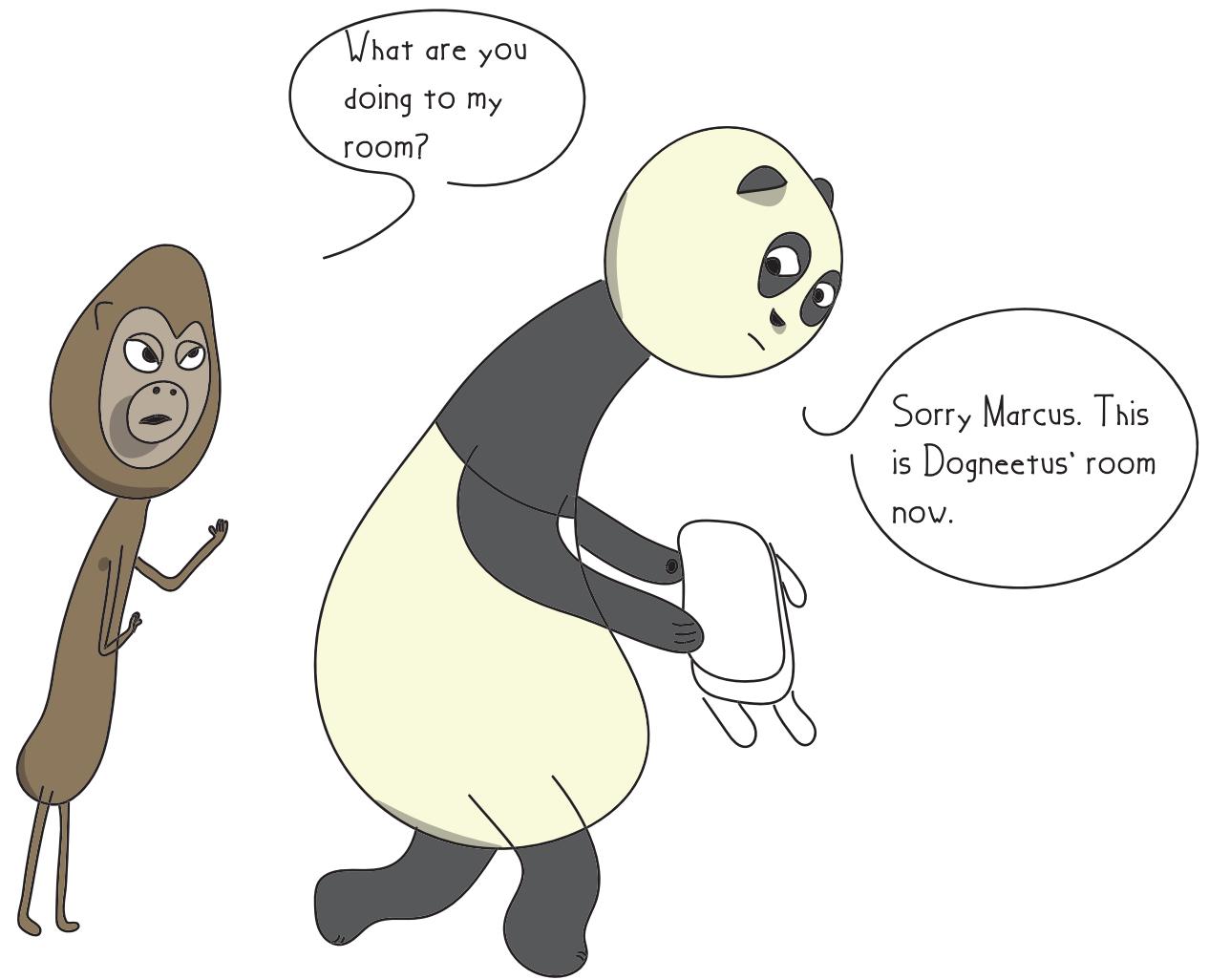


PANDUS?

... she is probably in
the bathroom.





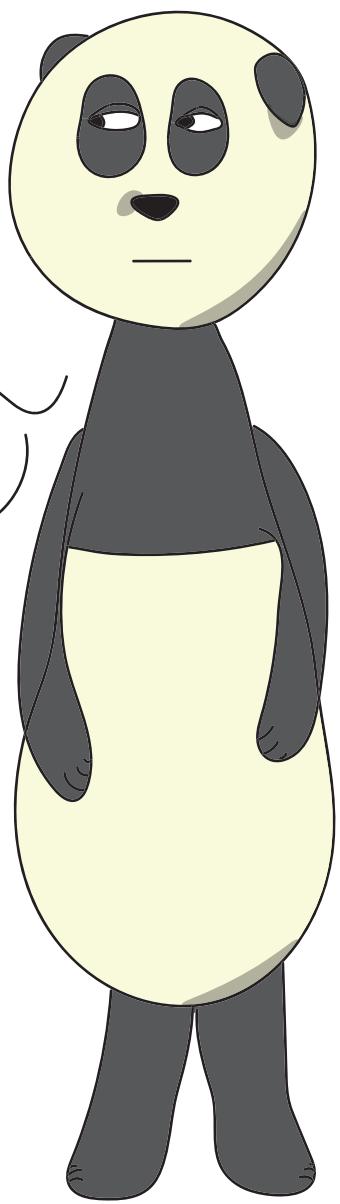
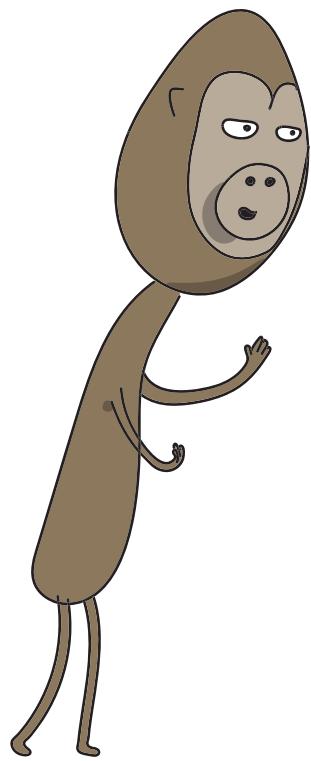


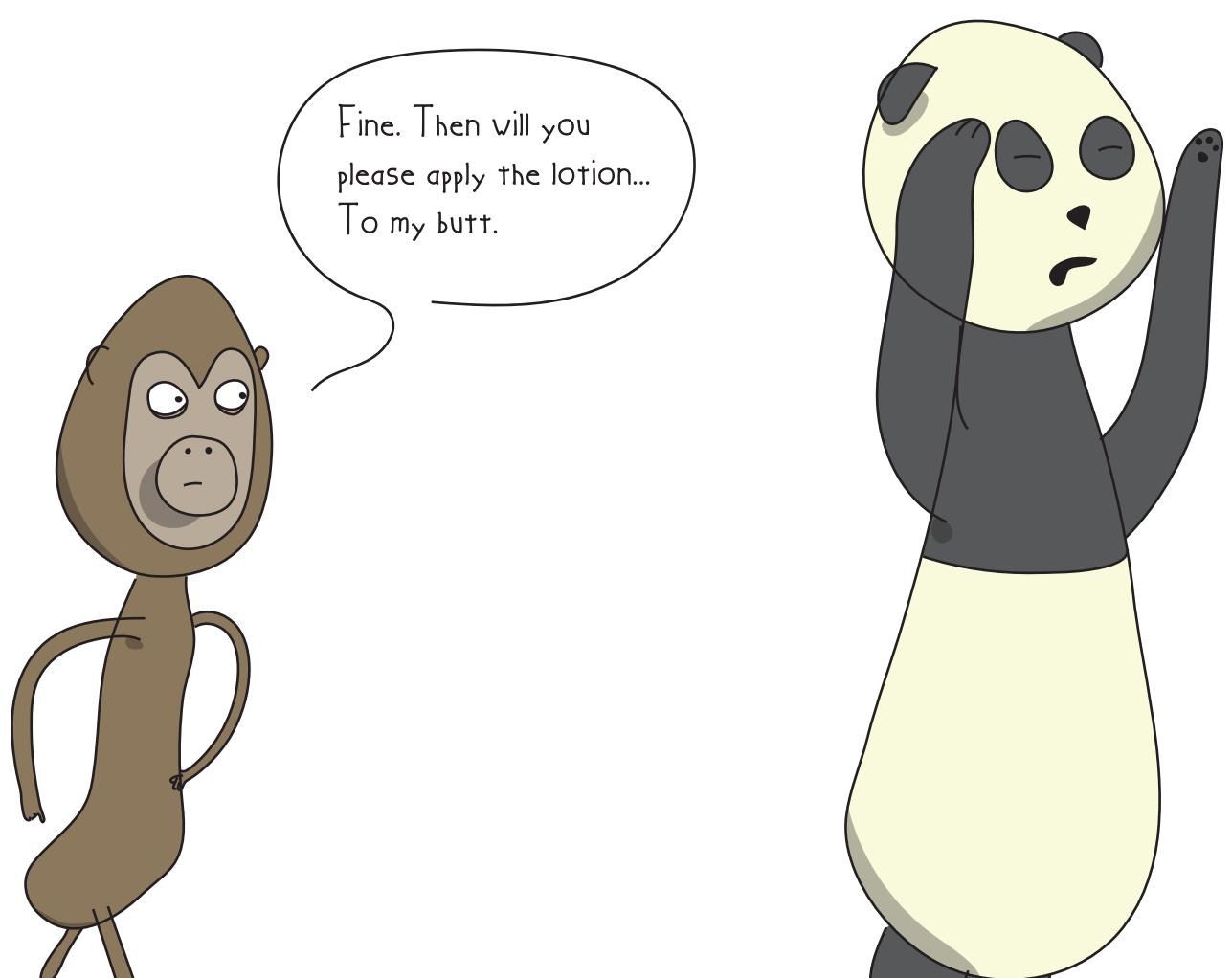


I do not know.
Your father just
told me to empty
the room for Do-
gneetus.

Where am I
supposed to
sleep then?
asked Marcus

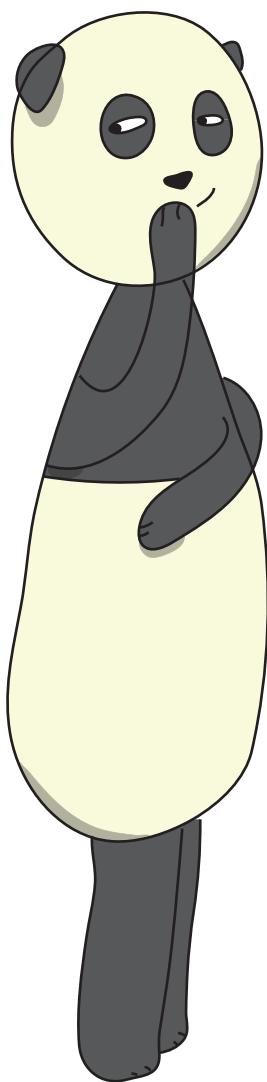
Your father
did not say.



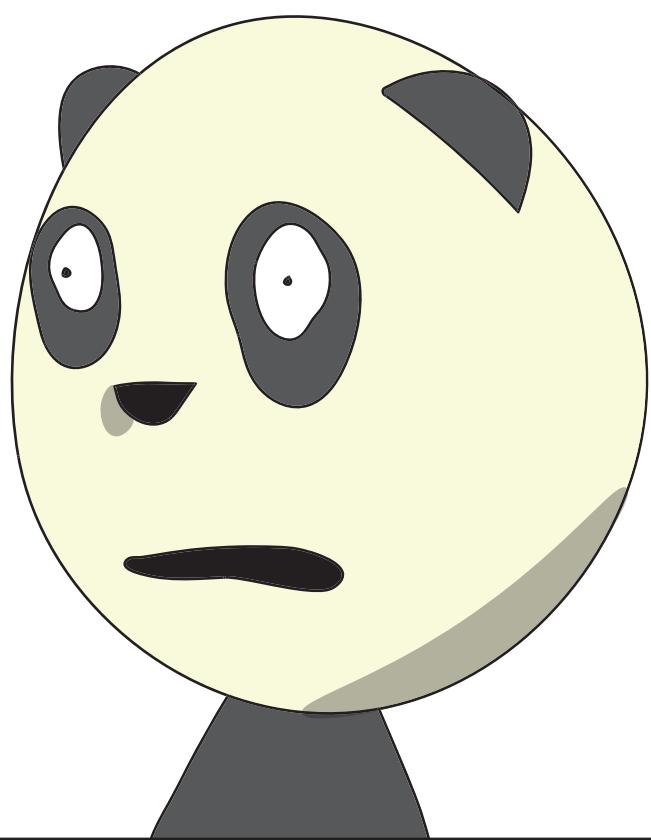


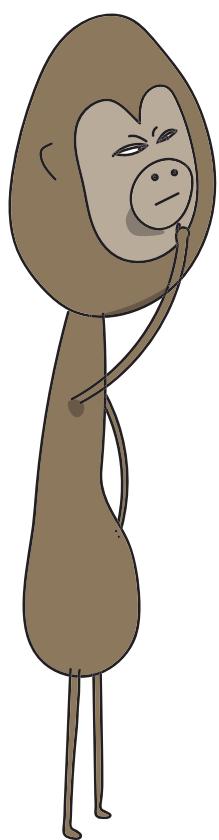


Oh no...



What? Are we
out of
LOTION?

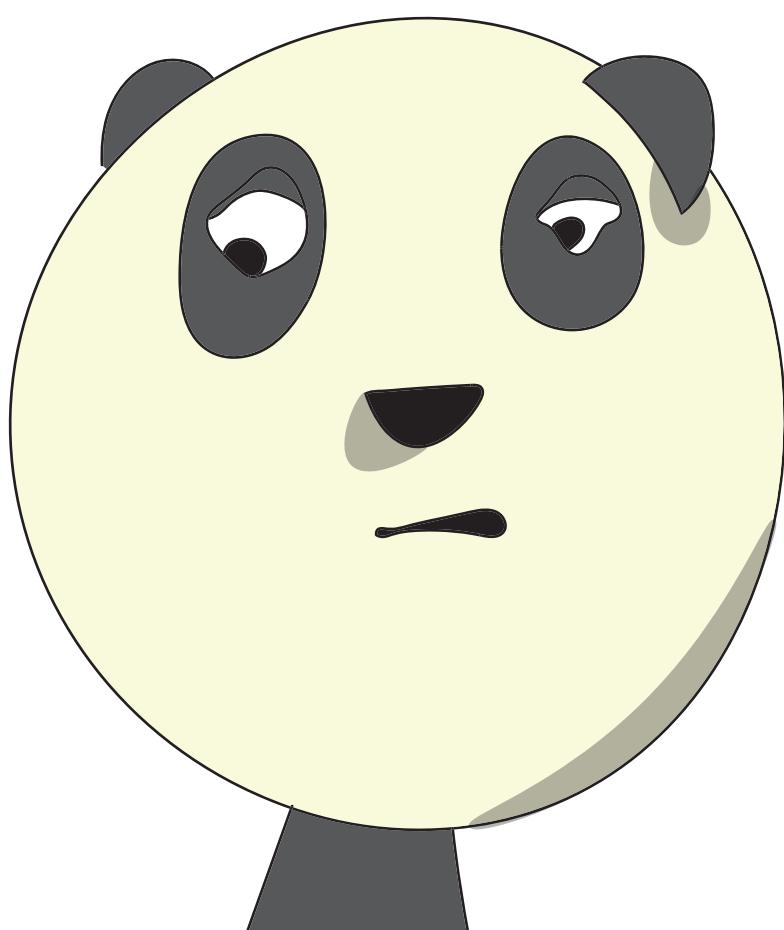


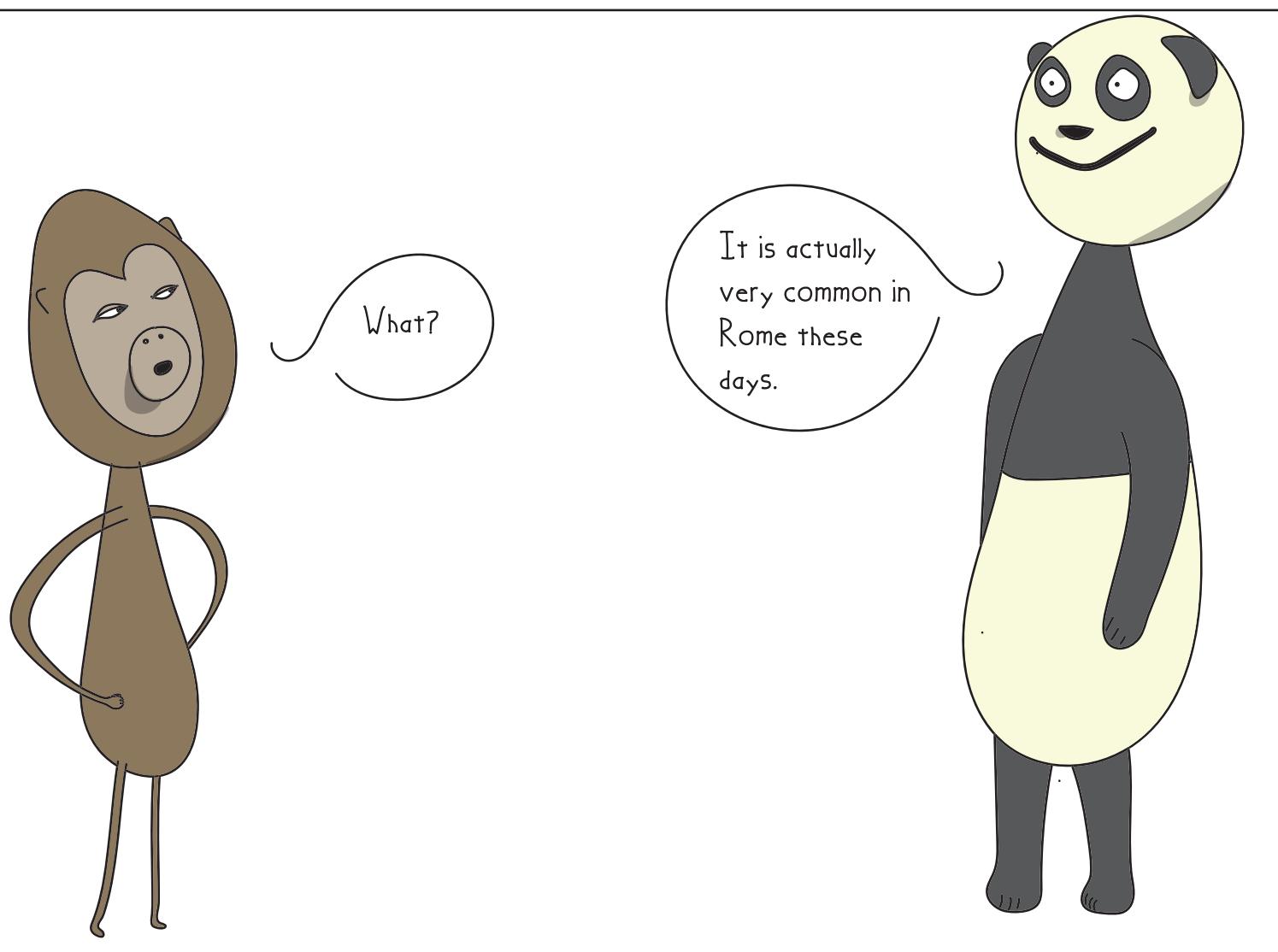


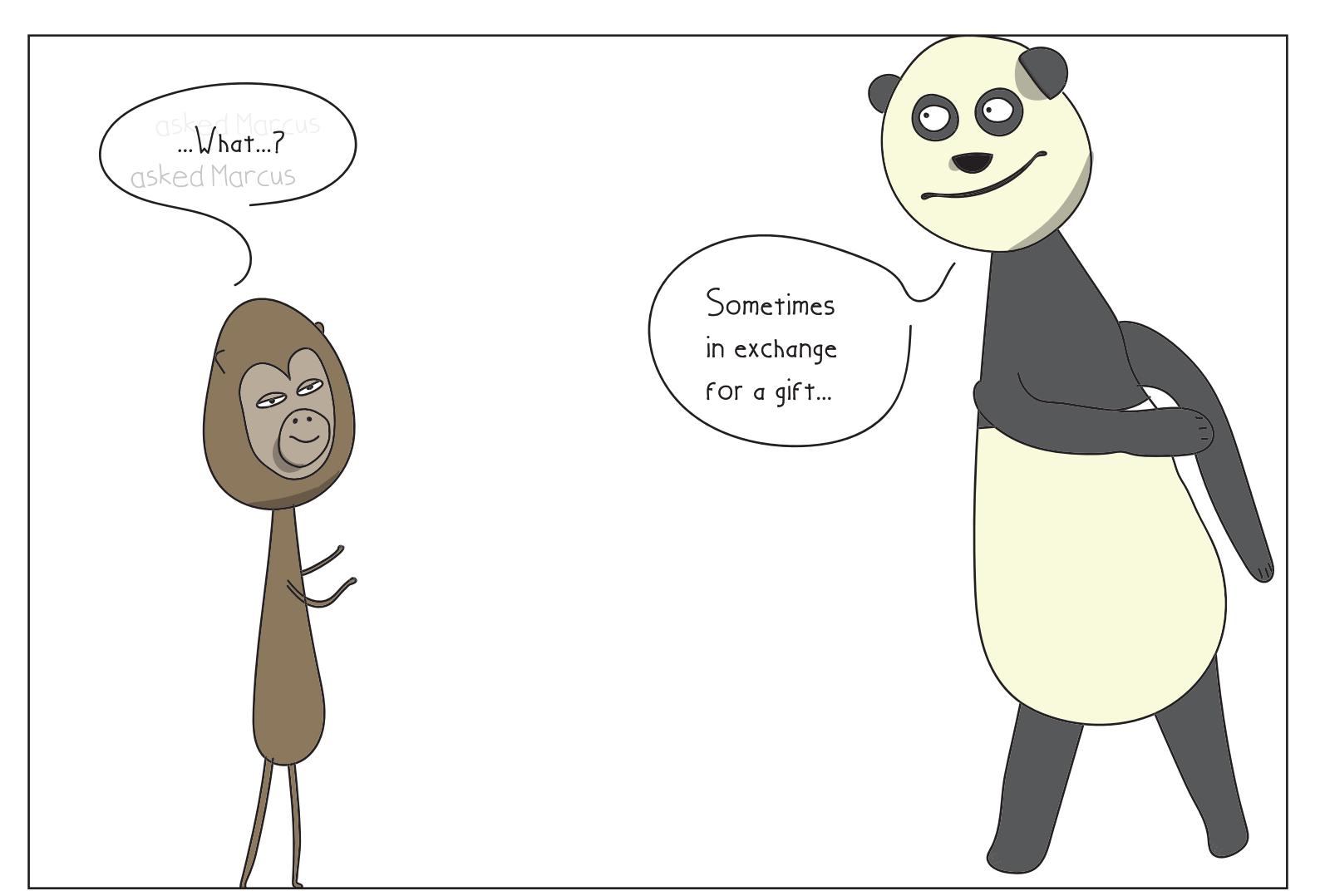
Why are you
looking at me
like that?



Said Pandus
My brother lost his
room when he was your
age. And then said Pandus
something else happened
to him. Said Pandus





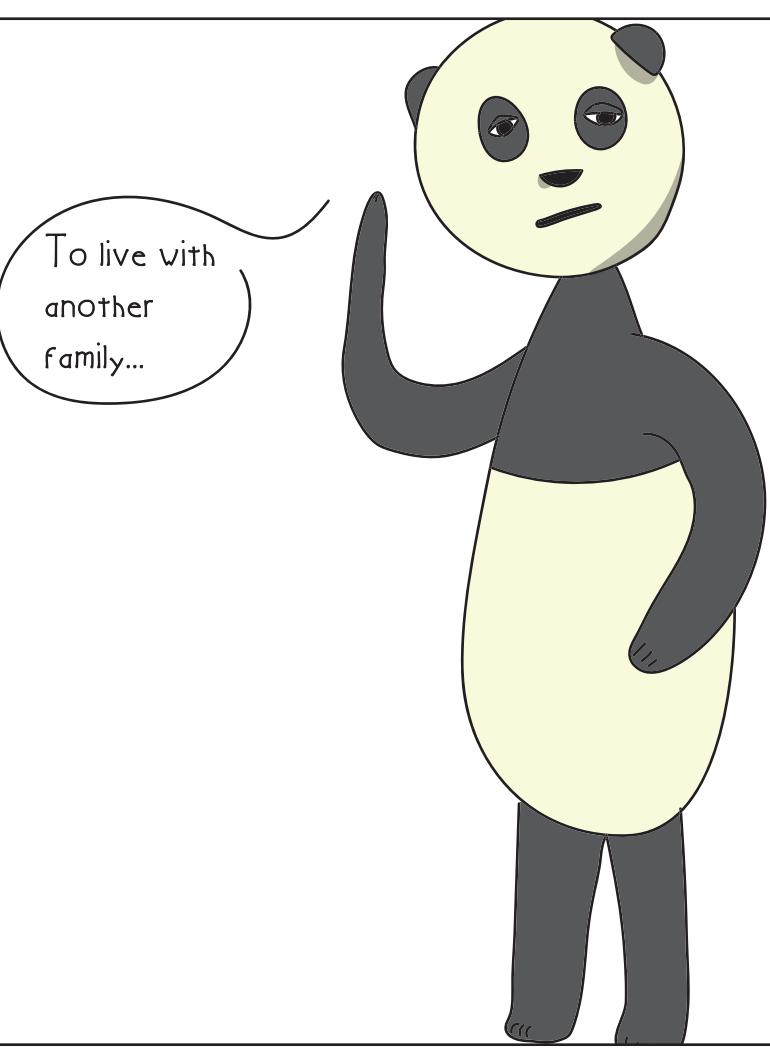
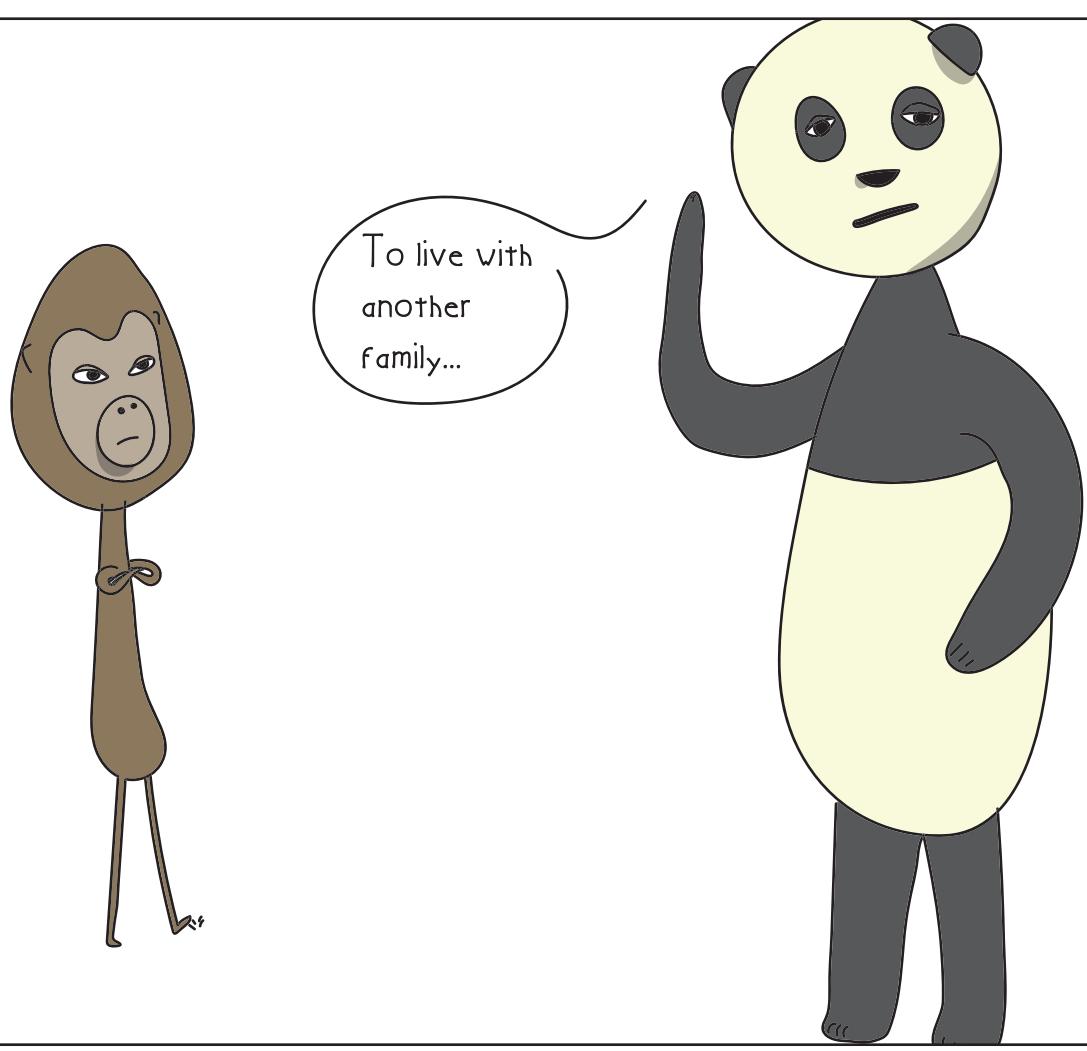


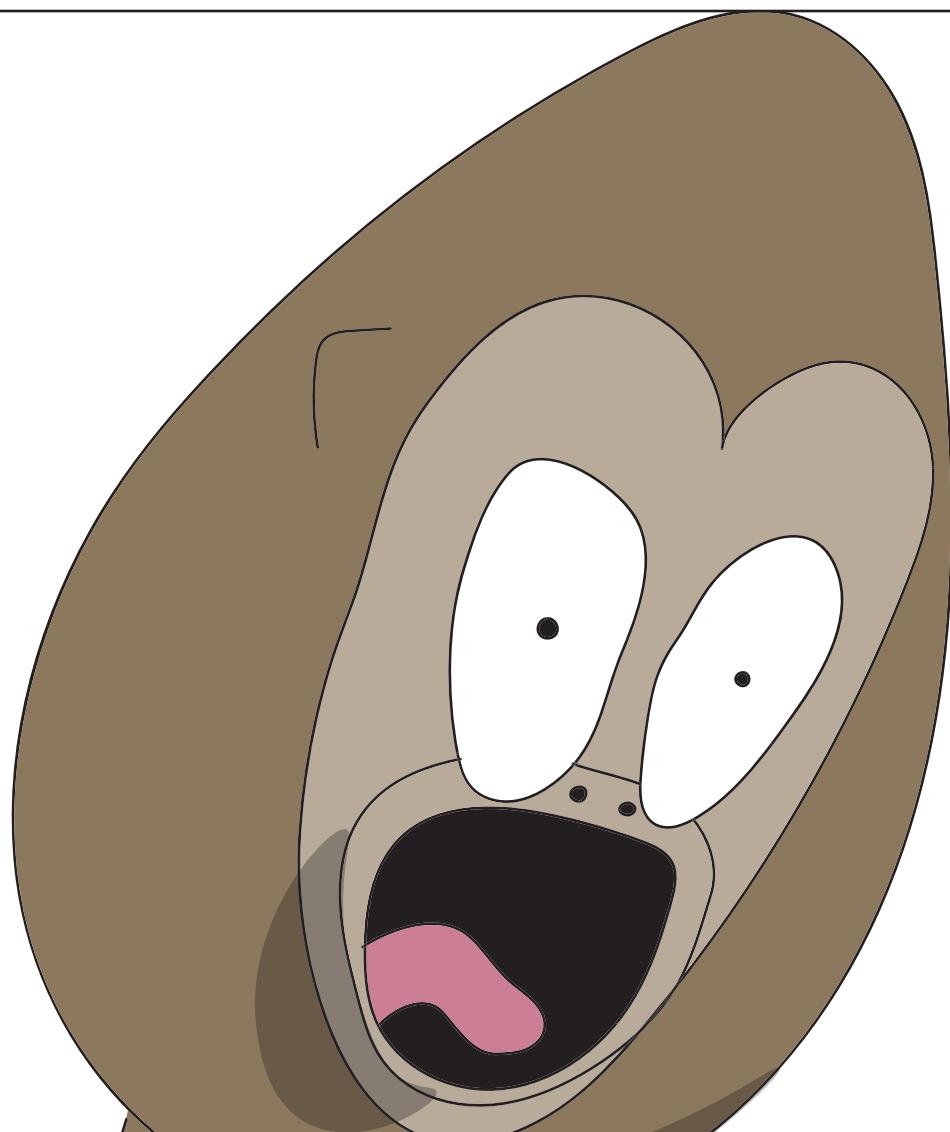
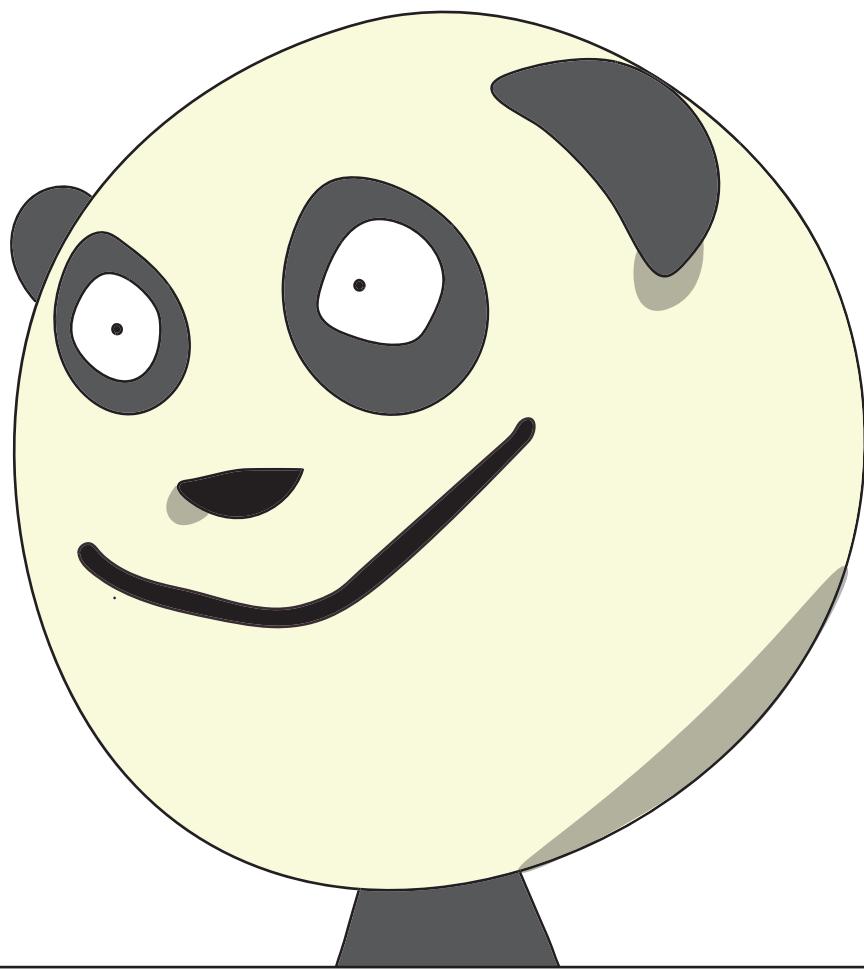
asked Marcus
... What...?
asked Marcus

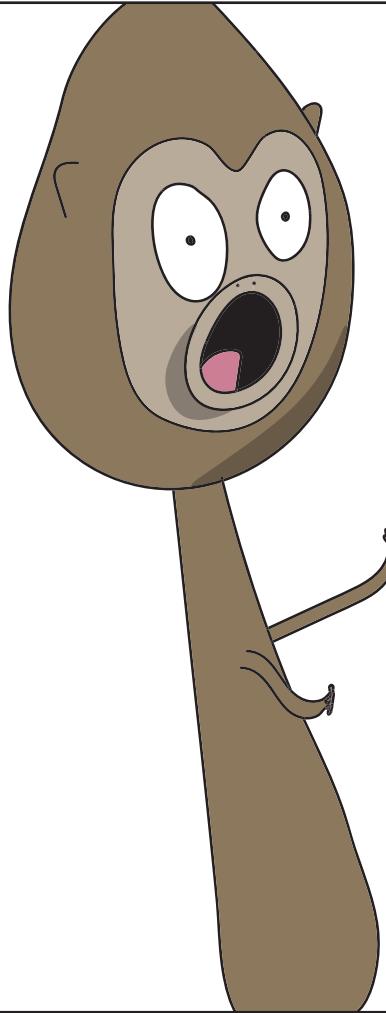
Sometimes
in exchange
for a gift...



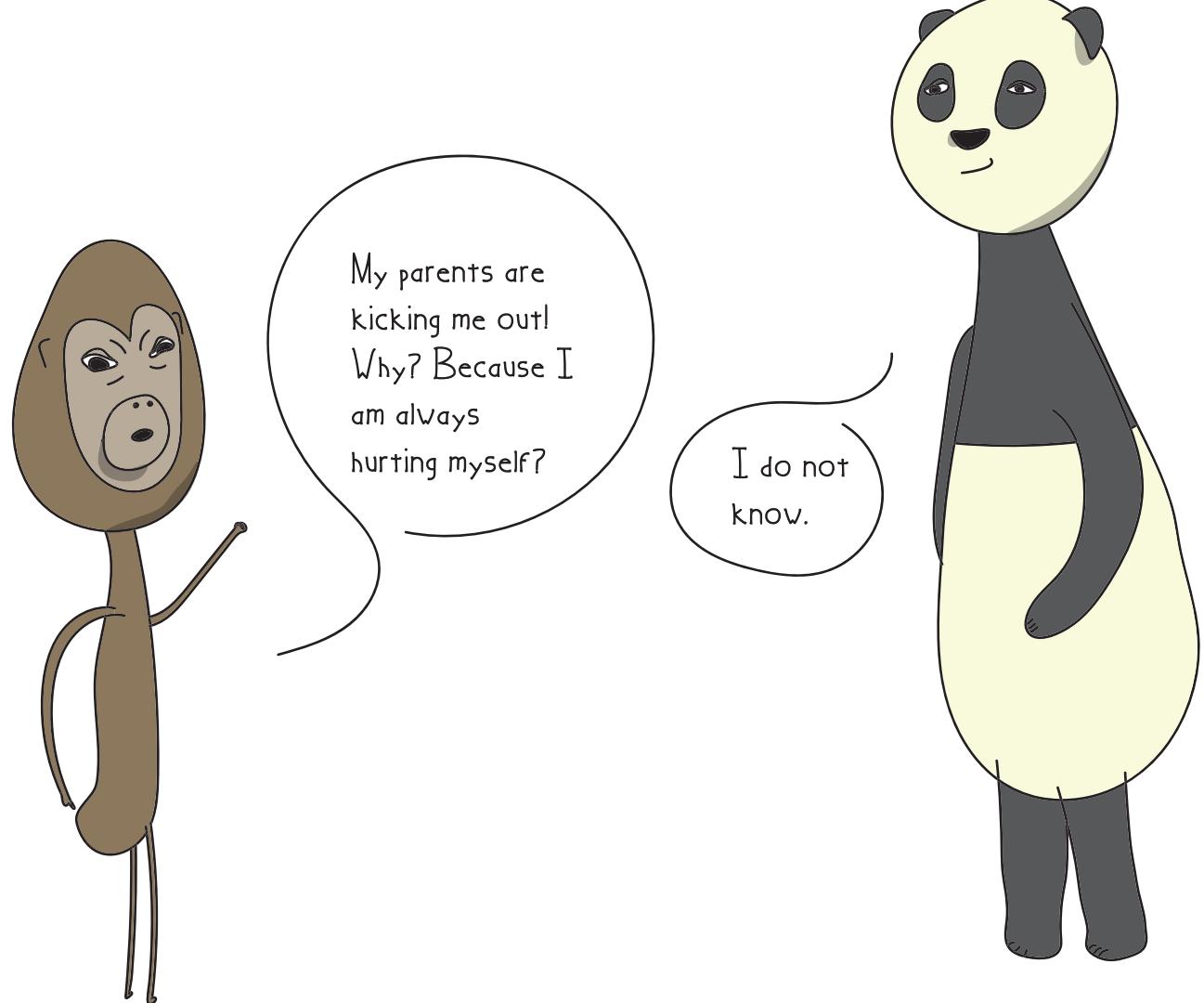
Parents send their
children away...



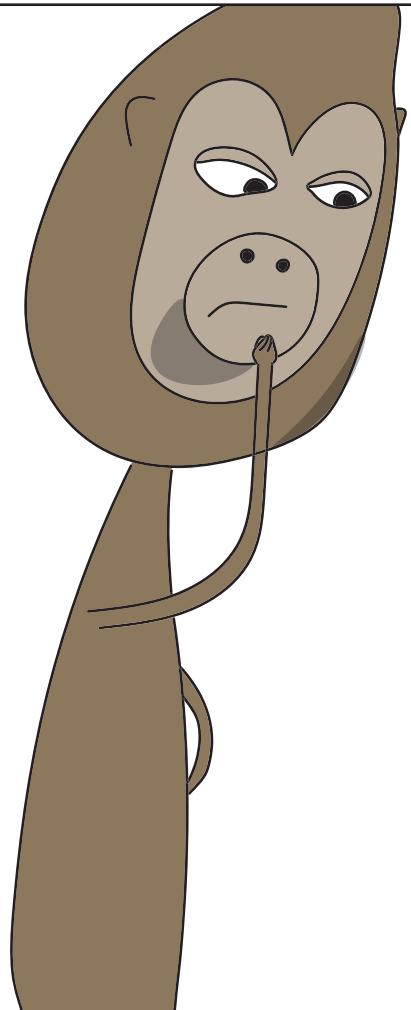




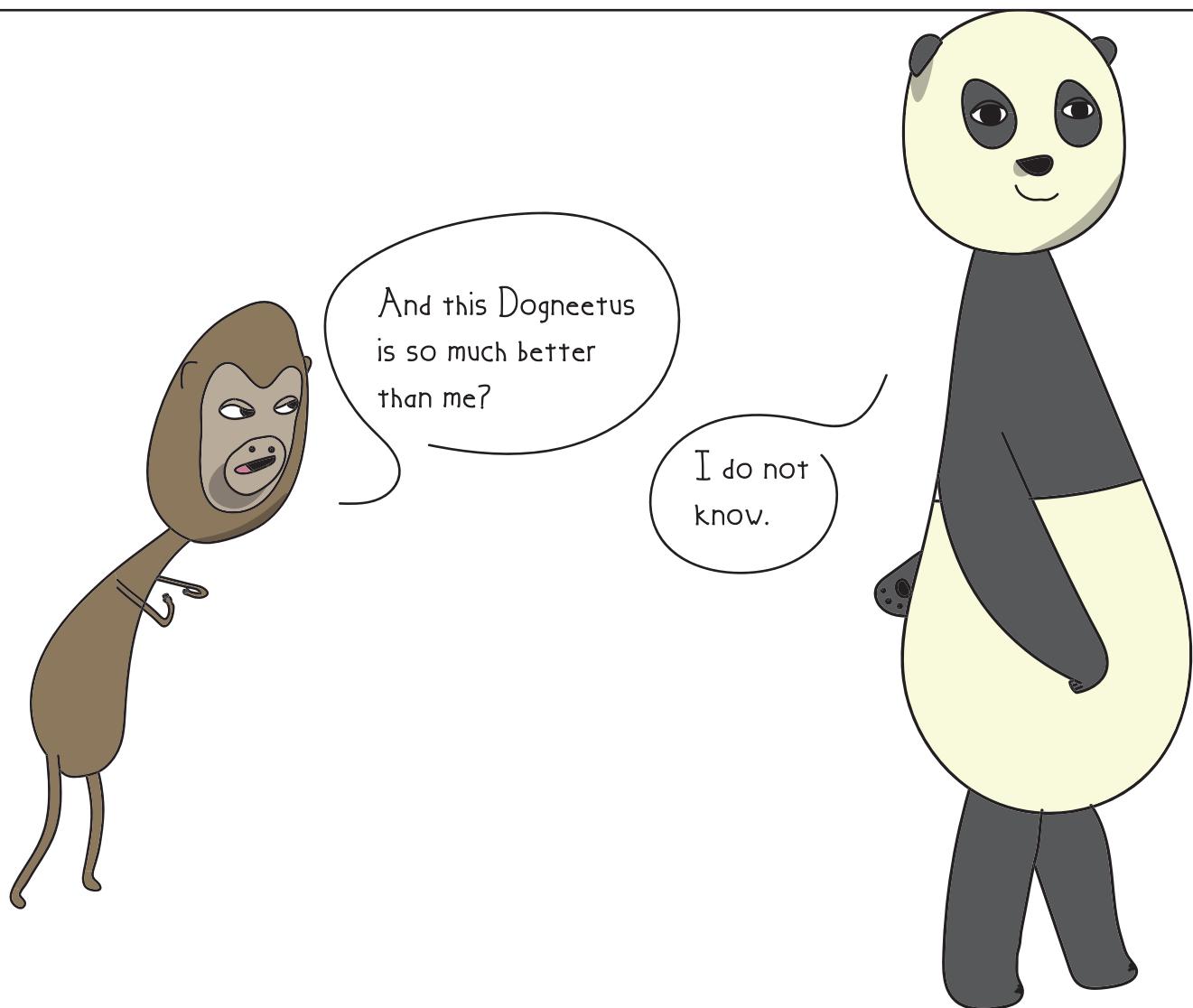
WHAT?!



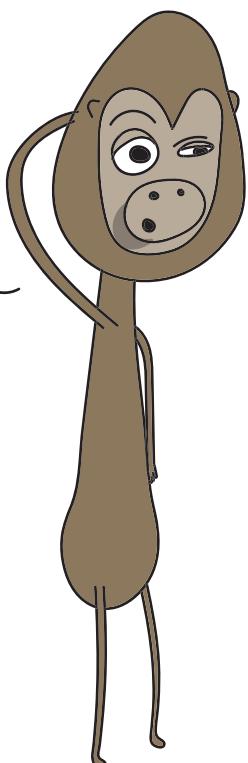
I do not
know.



Said Marcus.
Oh my gods.
This is terrible.
said Marcus



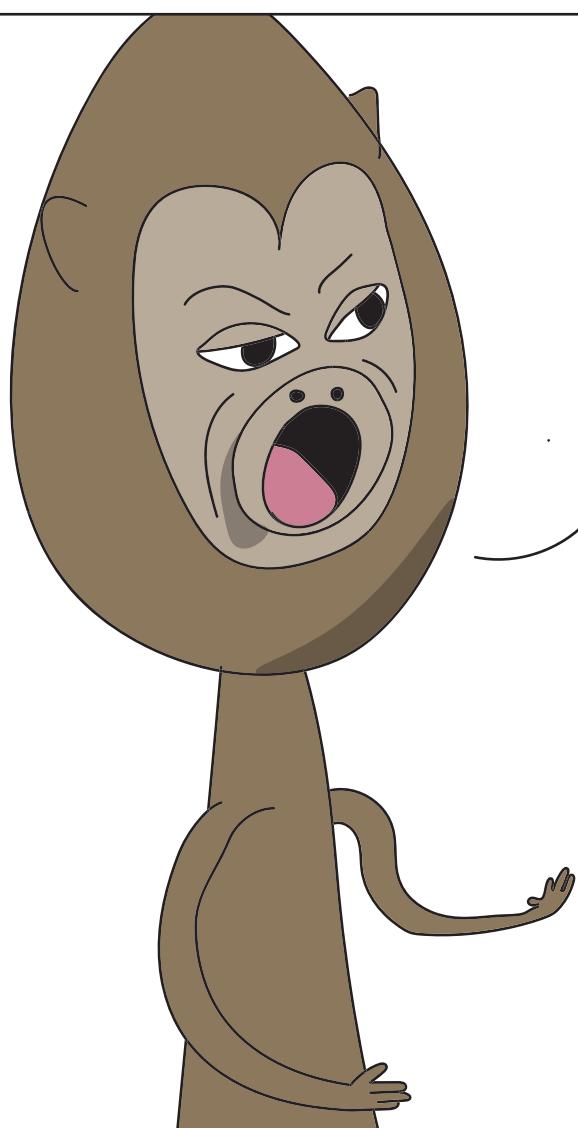
asked Marcus
Where are
you going? I
asked Marcus



I have to pick
Dogeneetus up from the
shipping yard now. She
sailed from Greece.



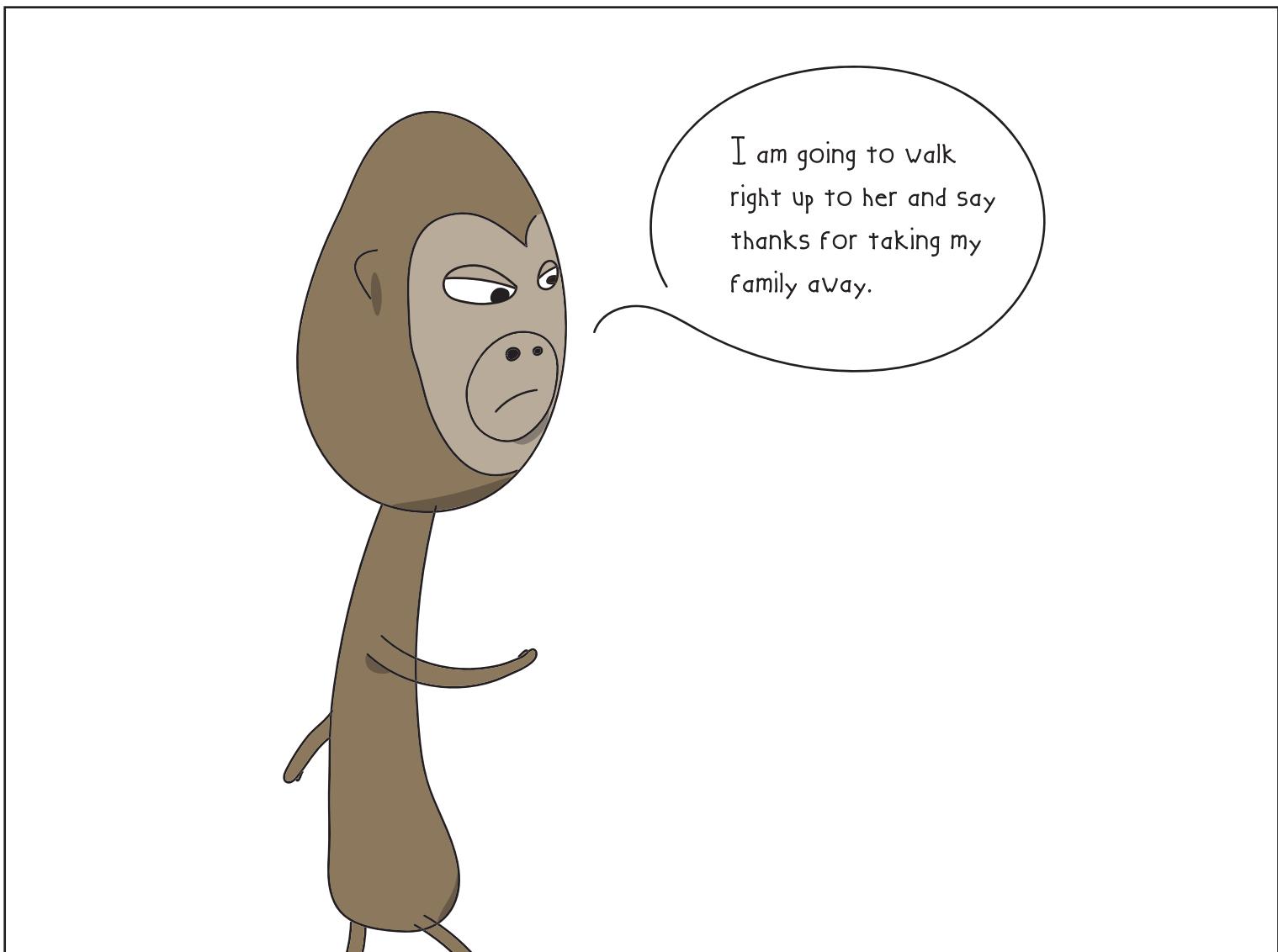
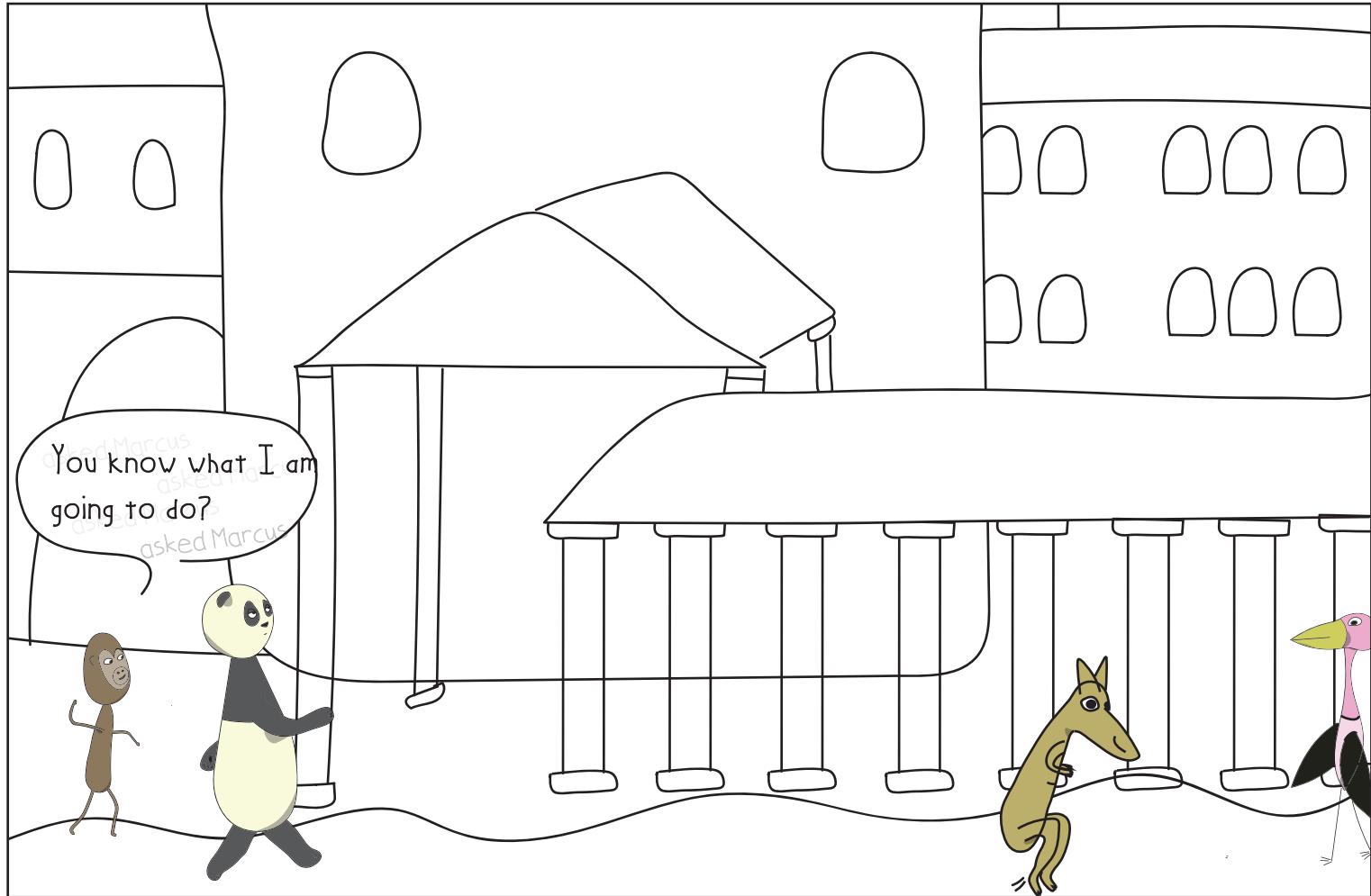
NOW?!

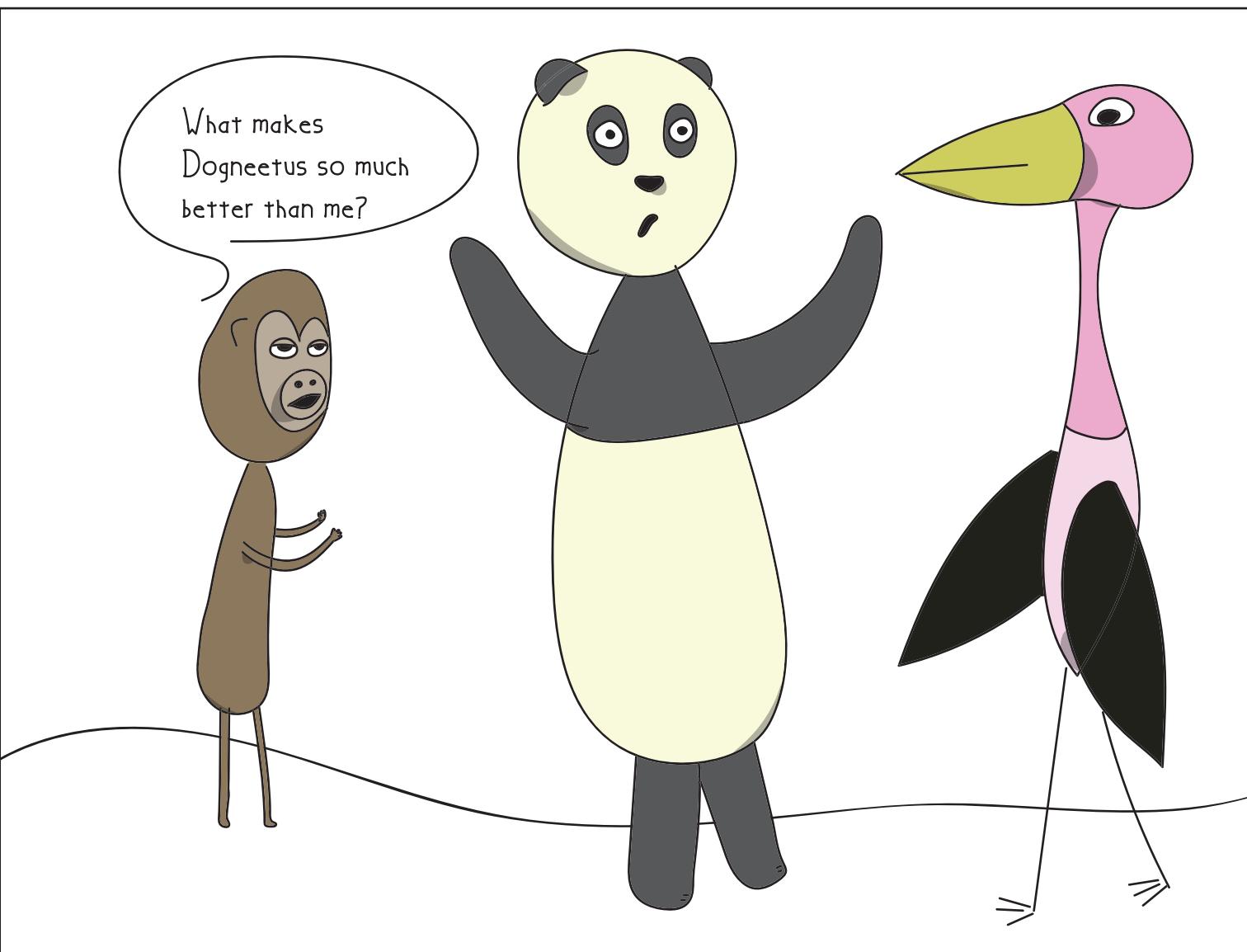
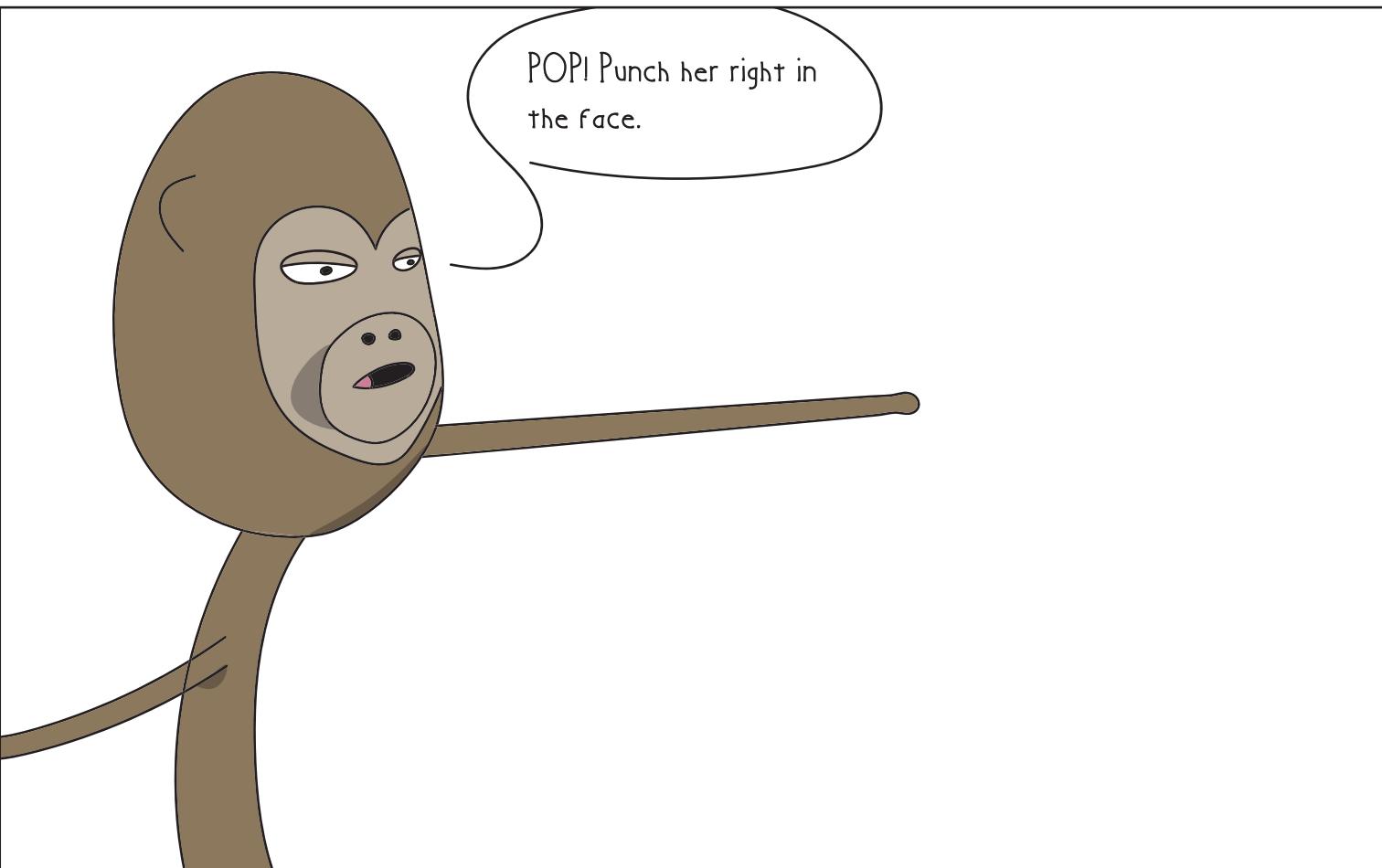


Can I come with
you? I want to
meet the person
stealing my life.

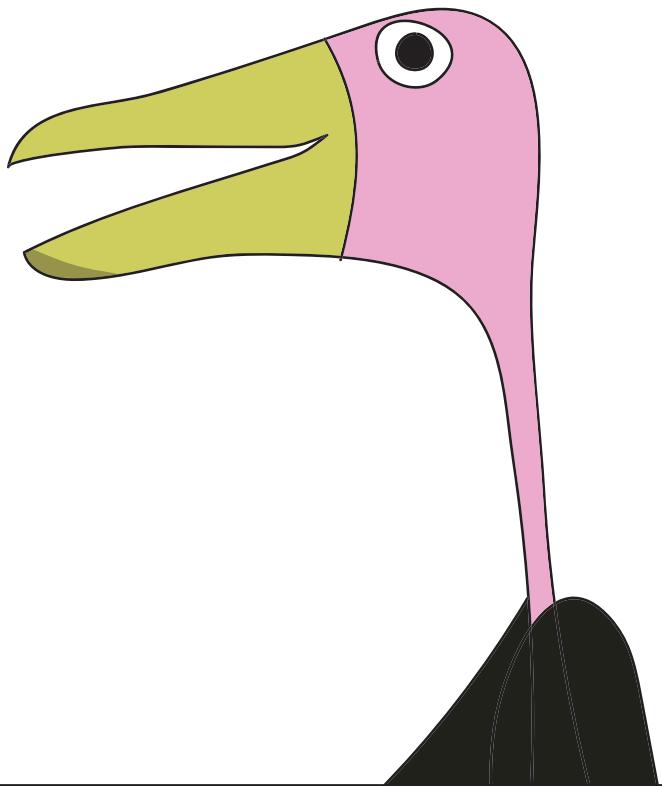
Fine.

Chapter 2 – Hurt



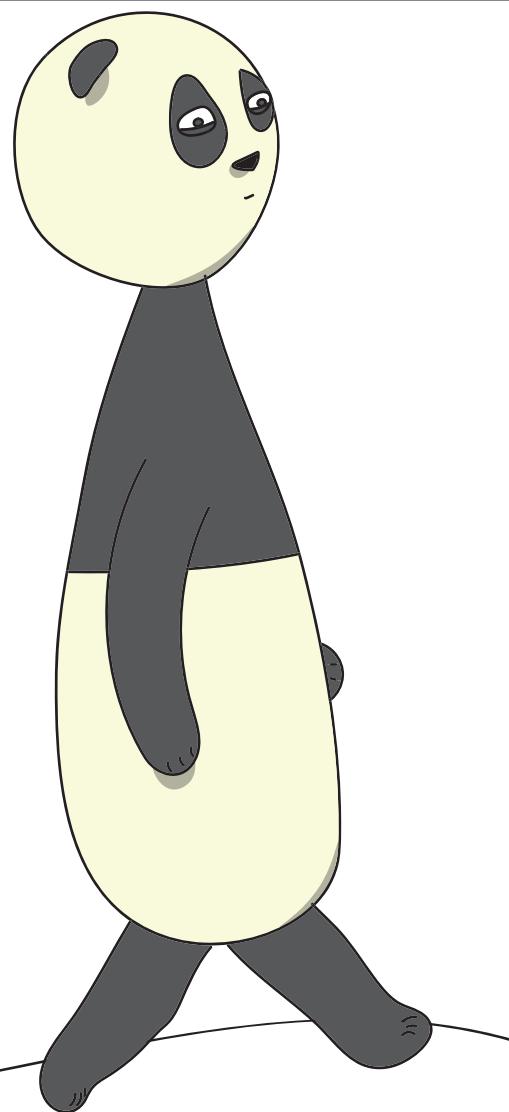
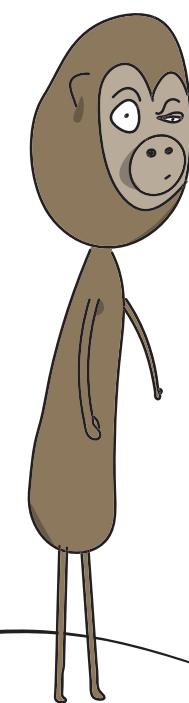


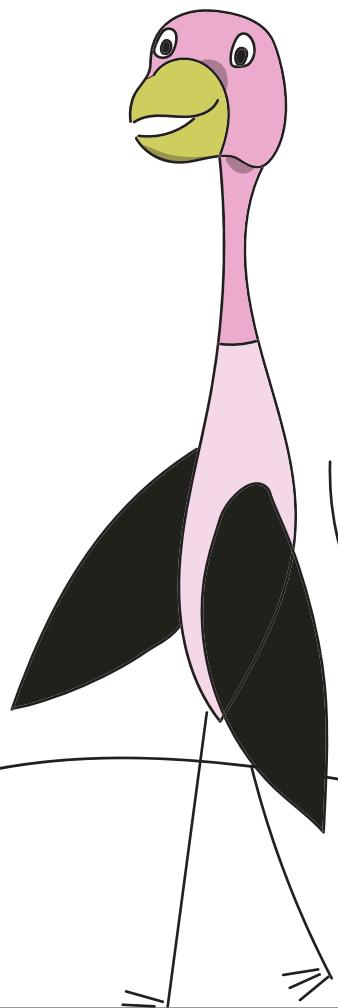
Did you say Dogneetus?
Dogneetus from Greece?
said Janus the Stork



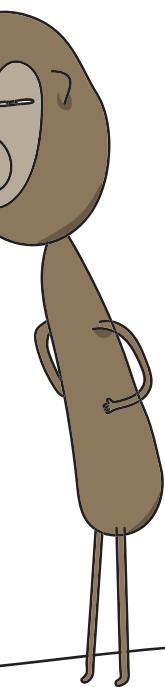
Yeah...

Oh, she is amazing.

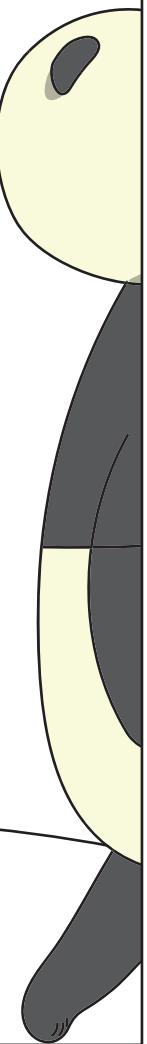




How do you know
her? asked Marcus

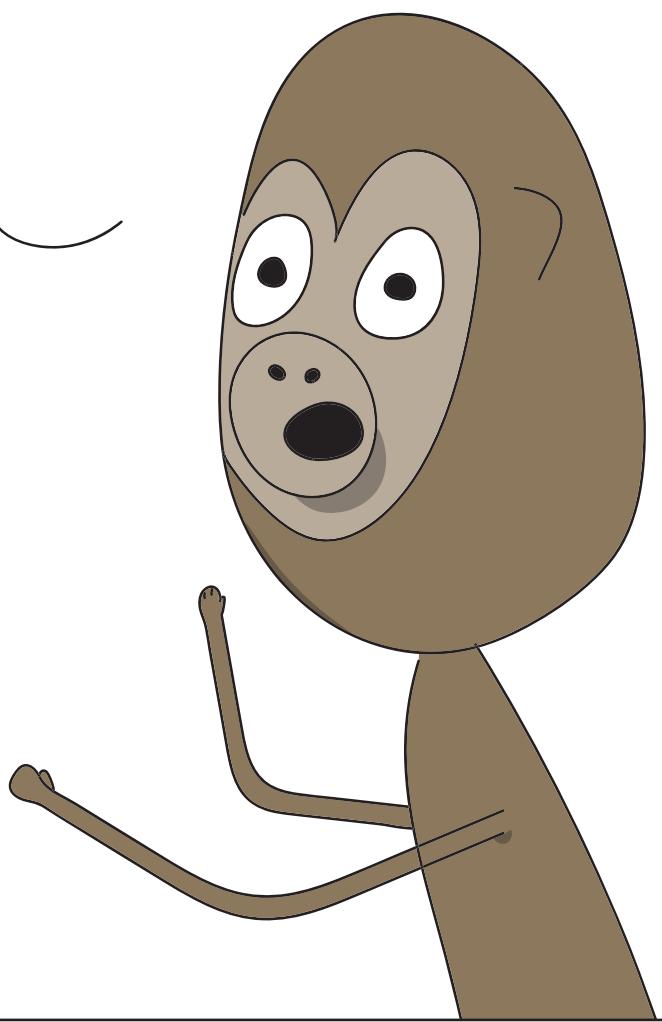


I have not met her,
but everyone knows
her. She is famous.

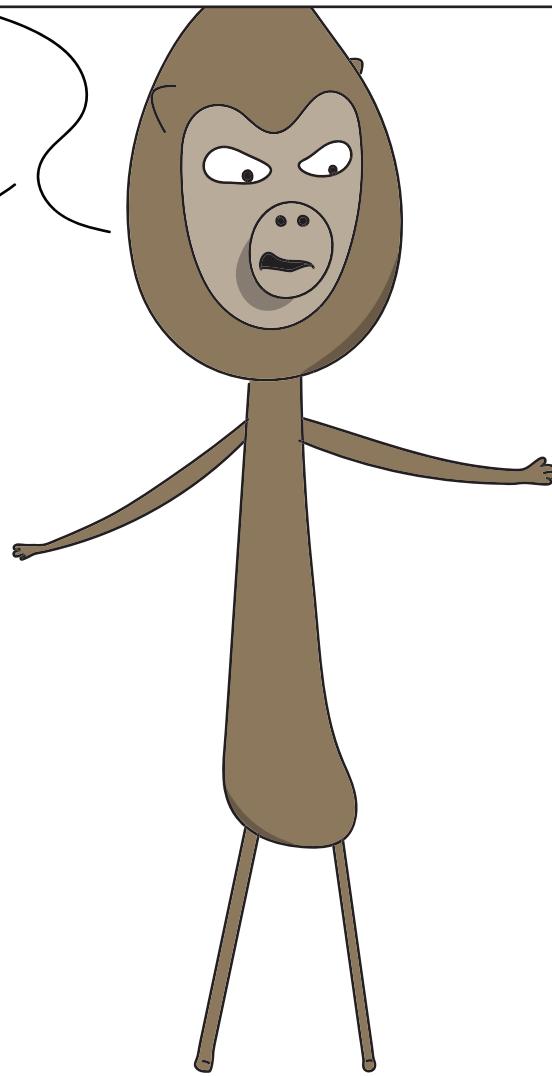


asked Marcus
asked Marcus
asked Marcus
asked Marcus
Famous for what?

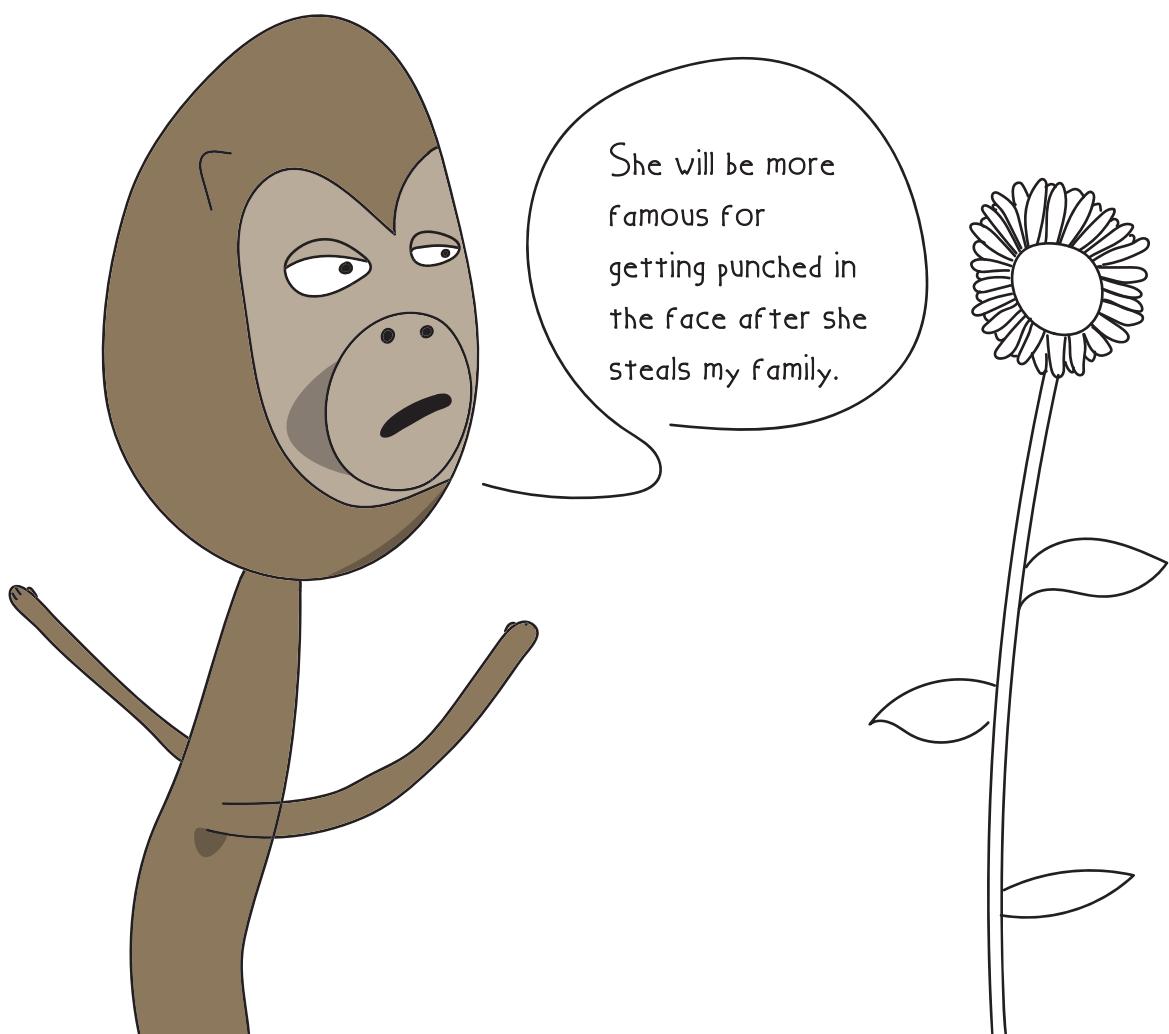
Frescoes. Beautiful
wall paintings...

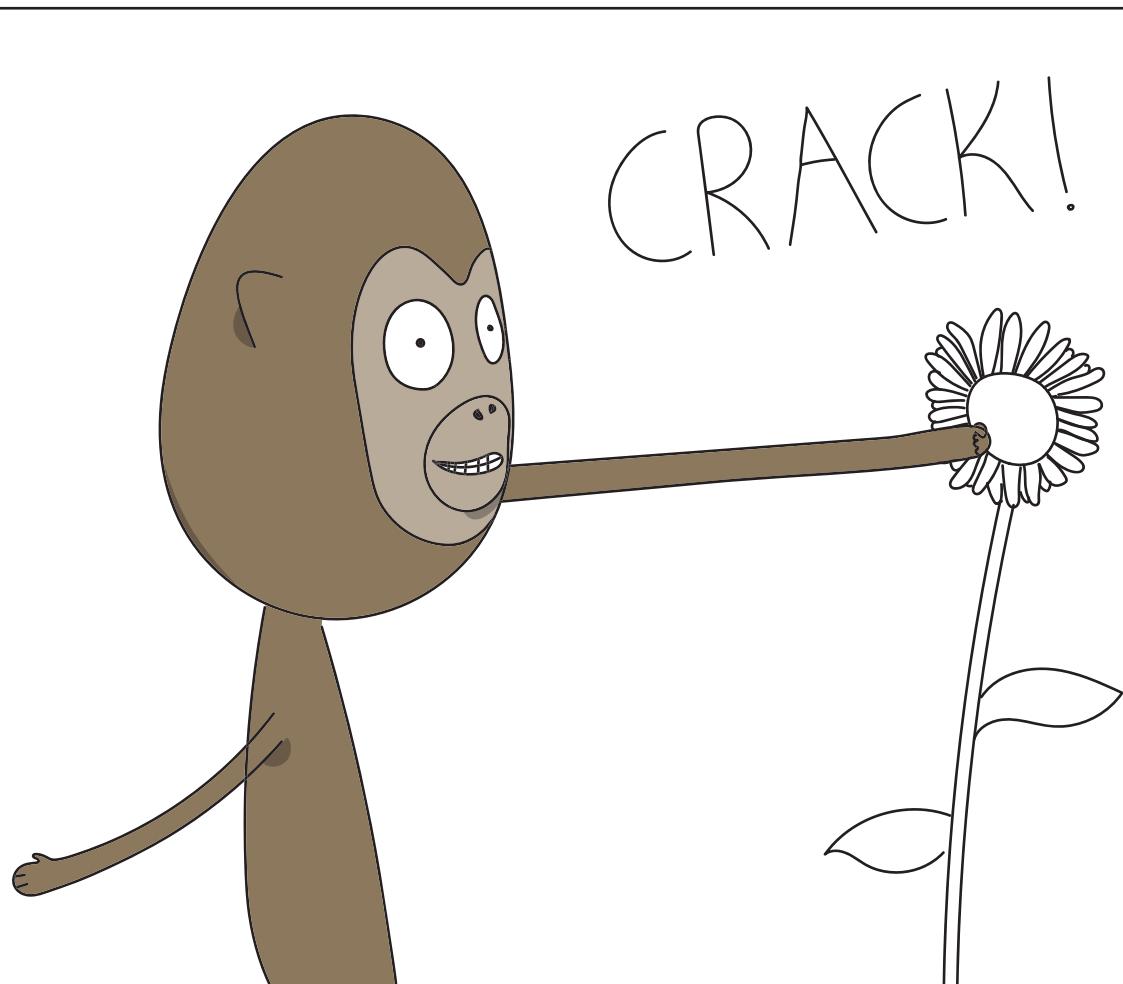
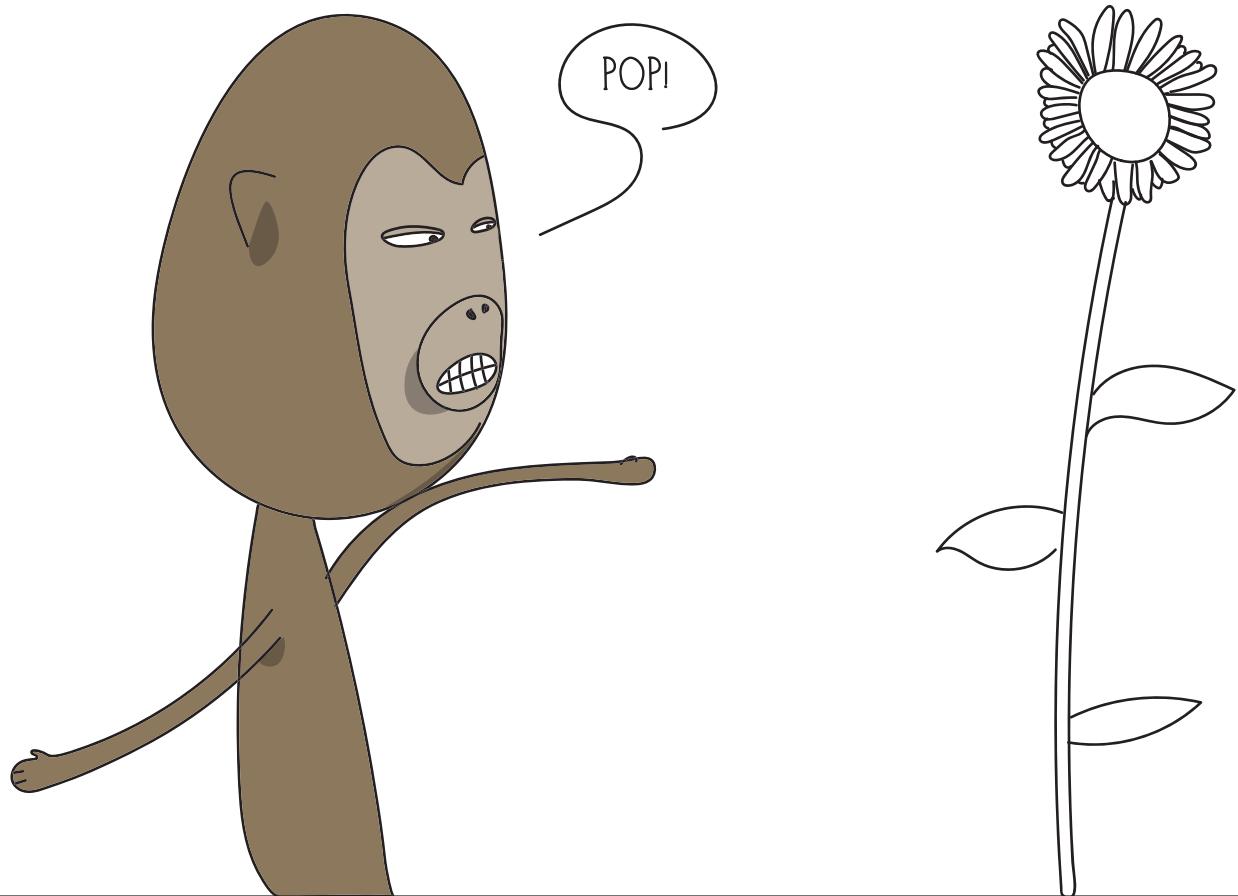


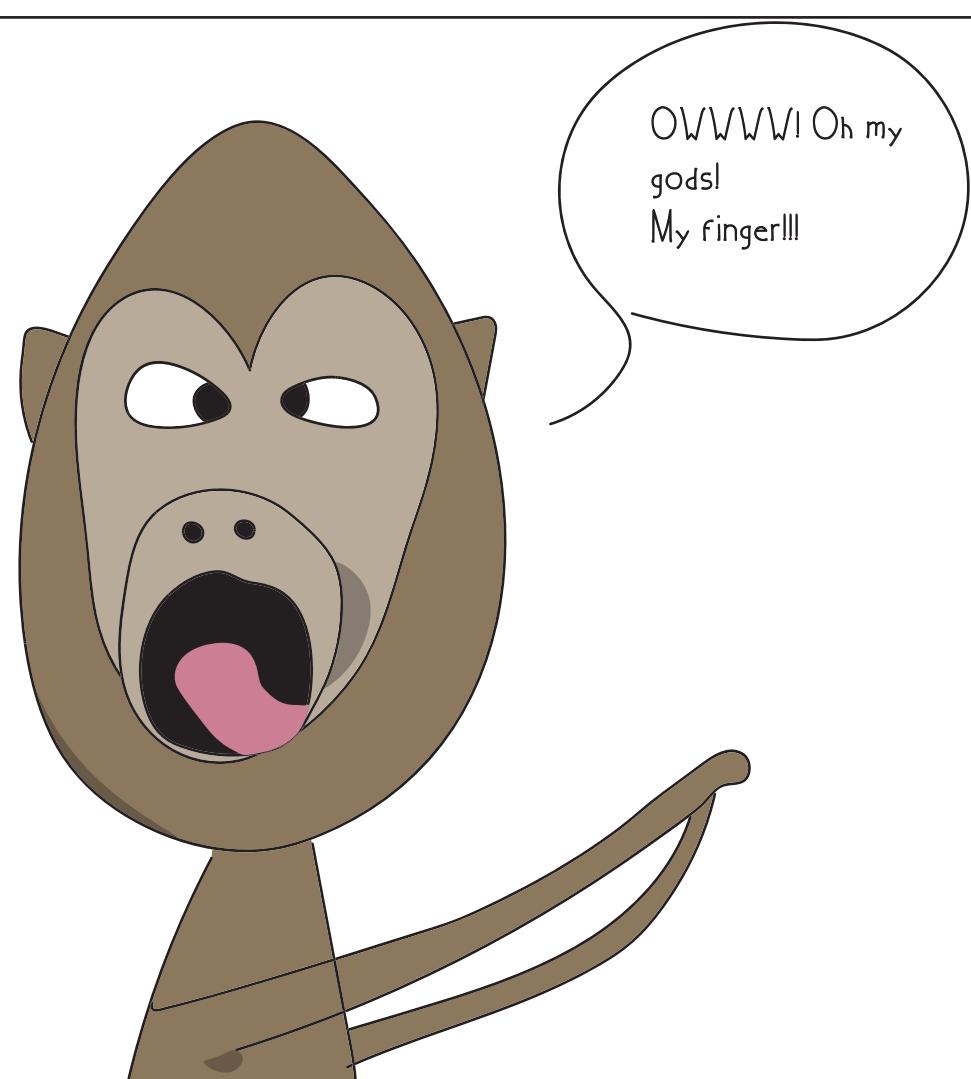
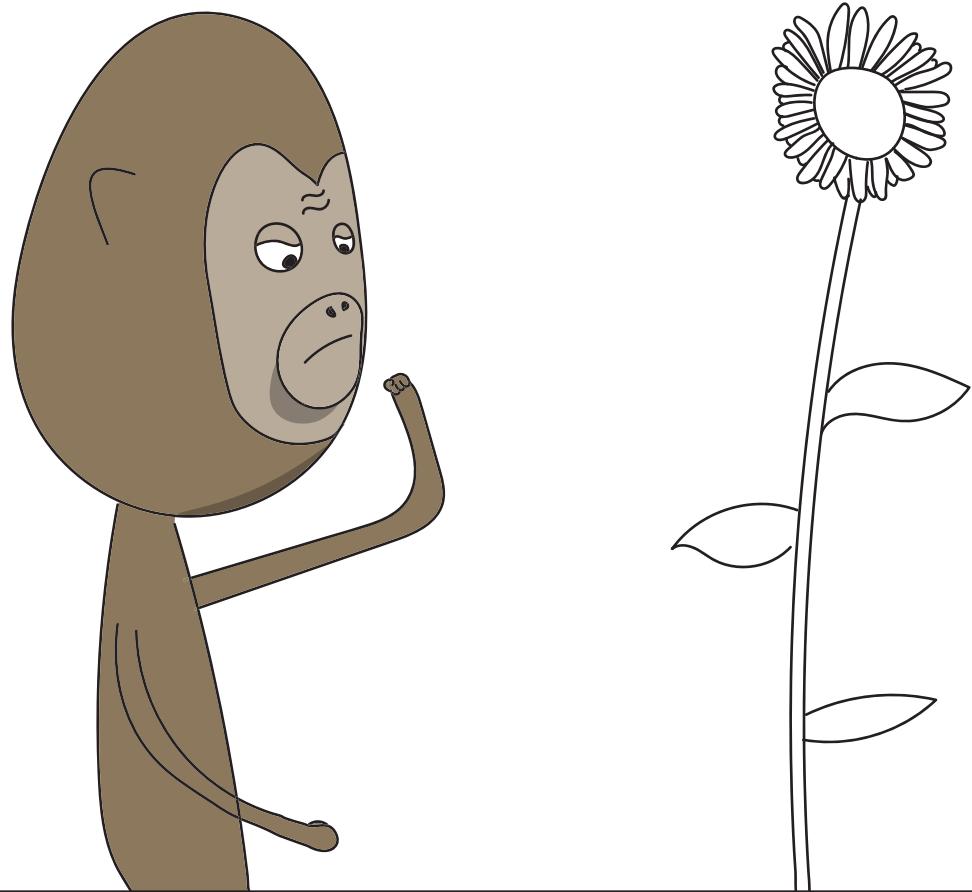
Great. She is famous.

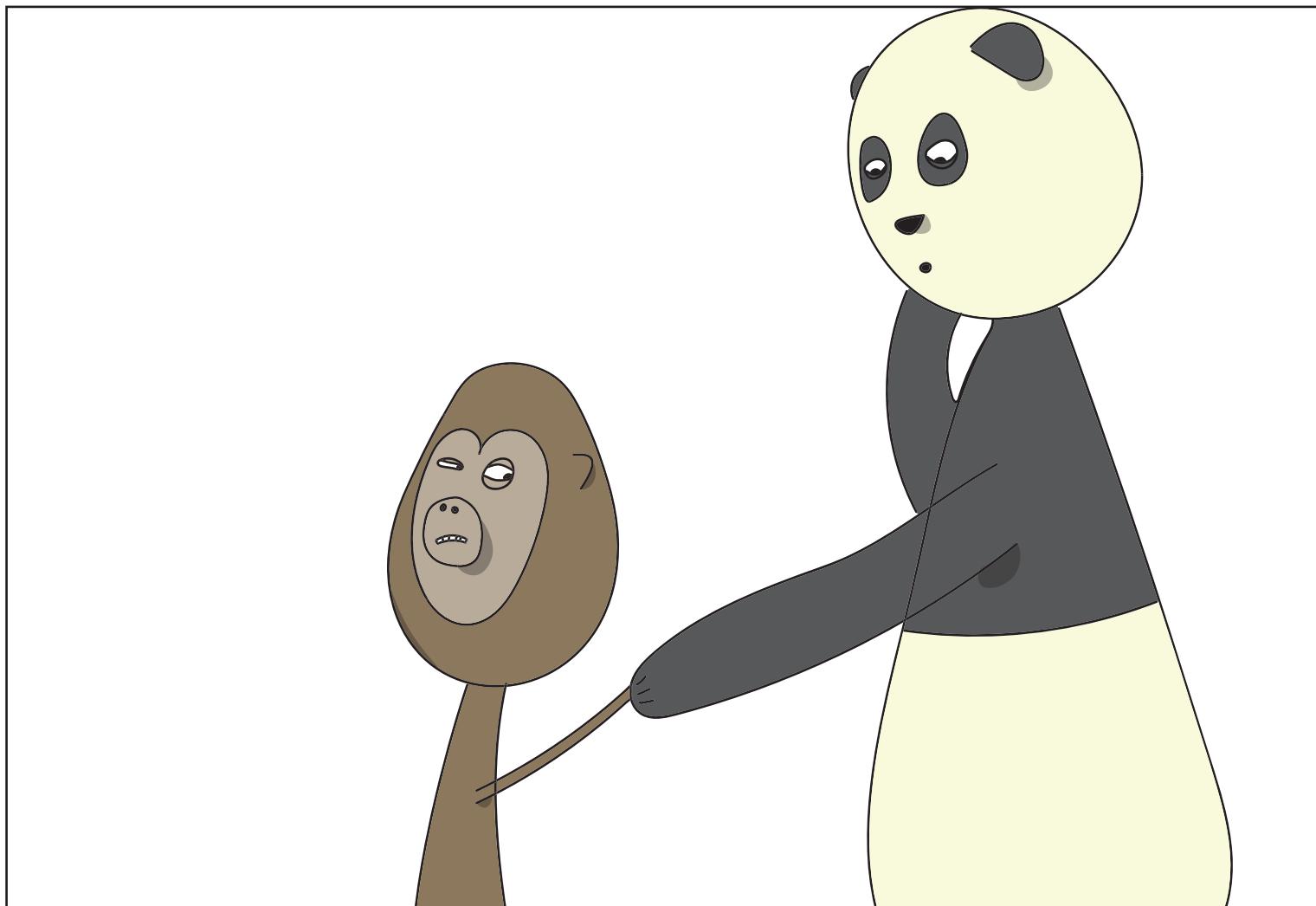
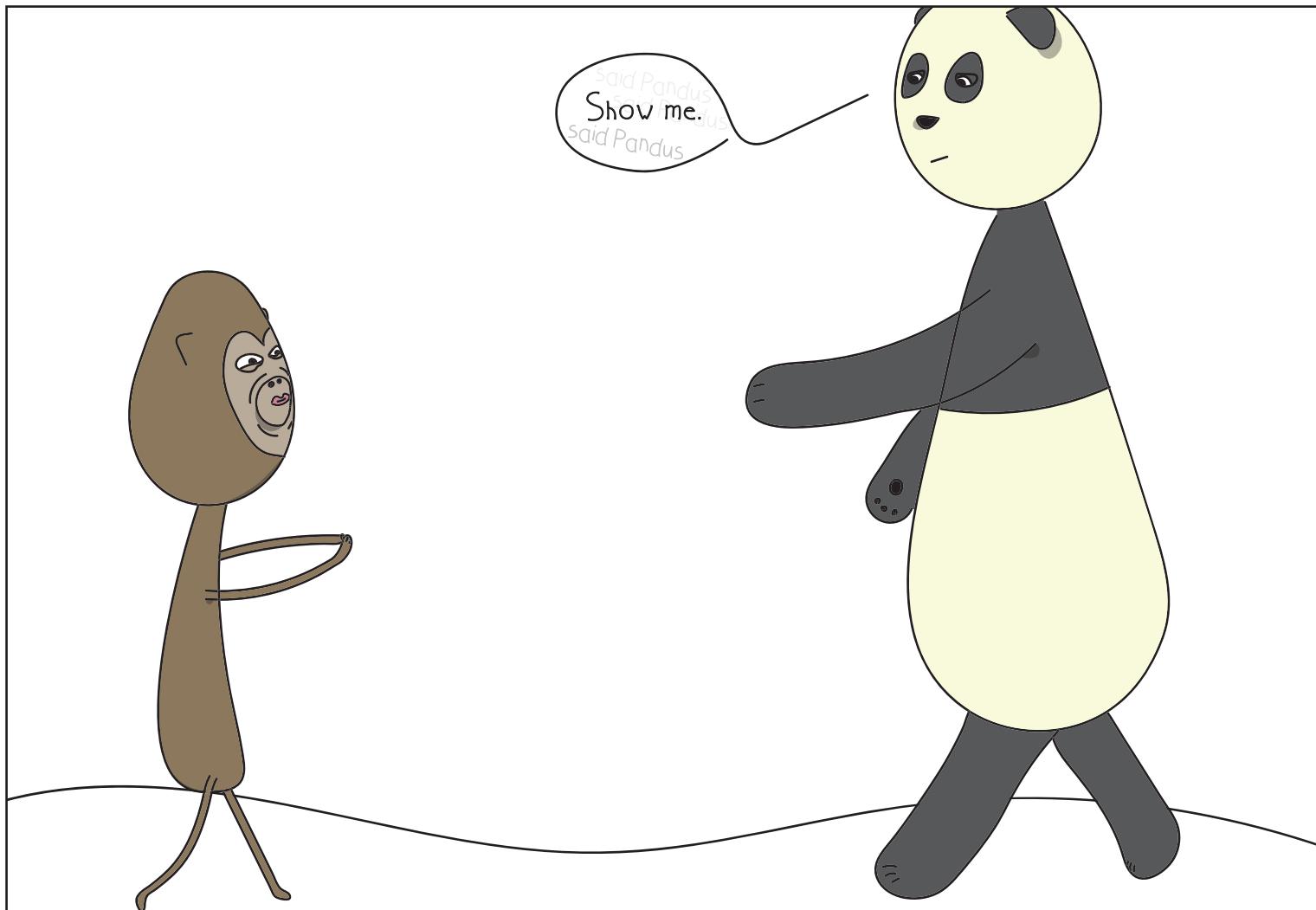


She will be more famous for getting punched in the face after she steals my family.



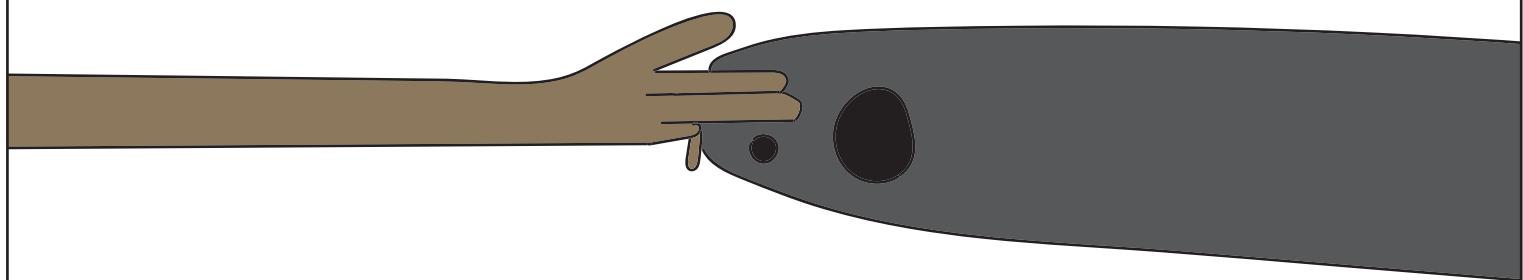






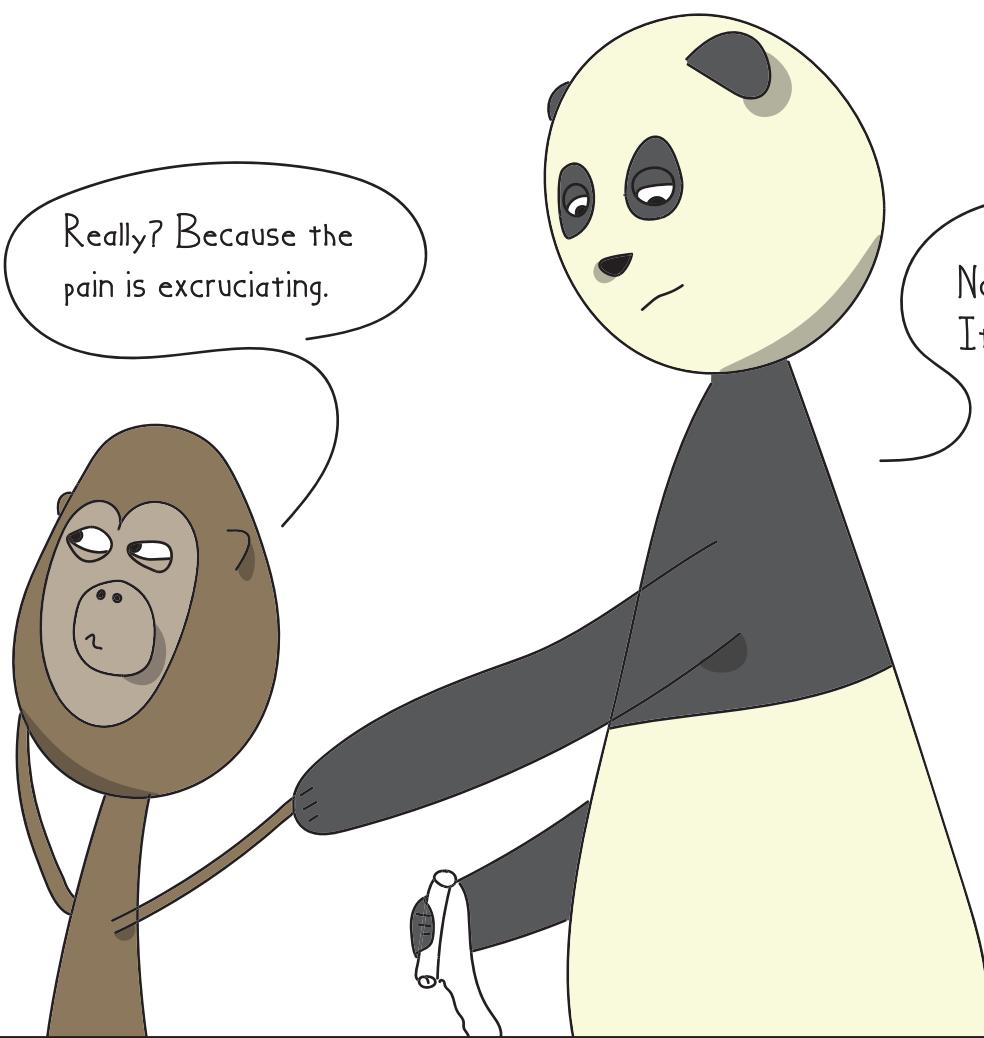
Is it bad?

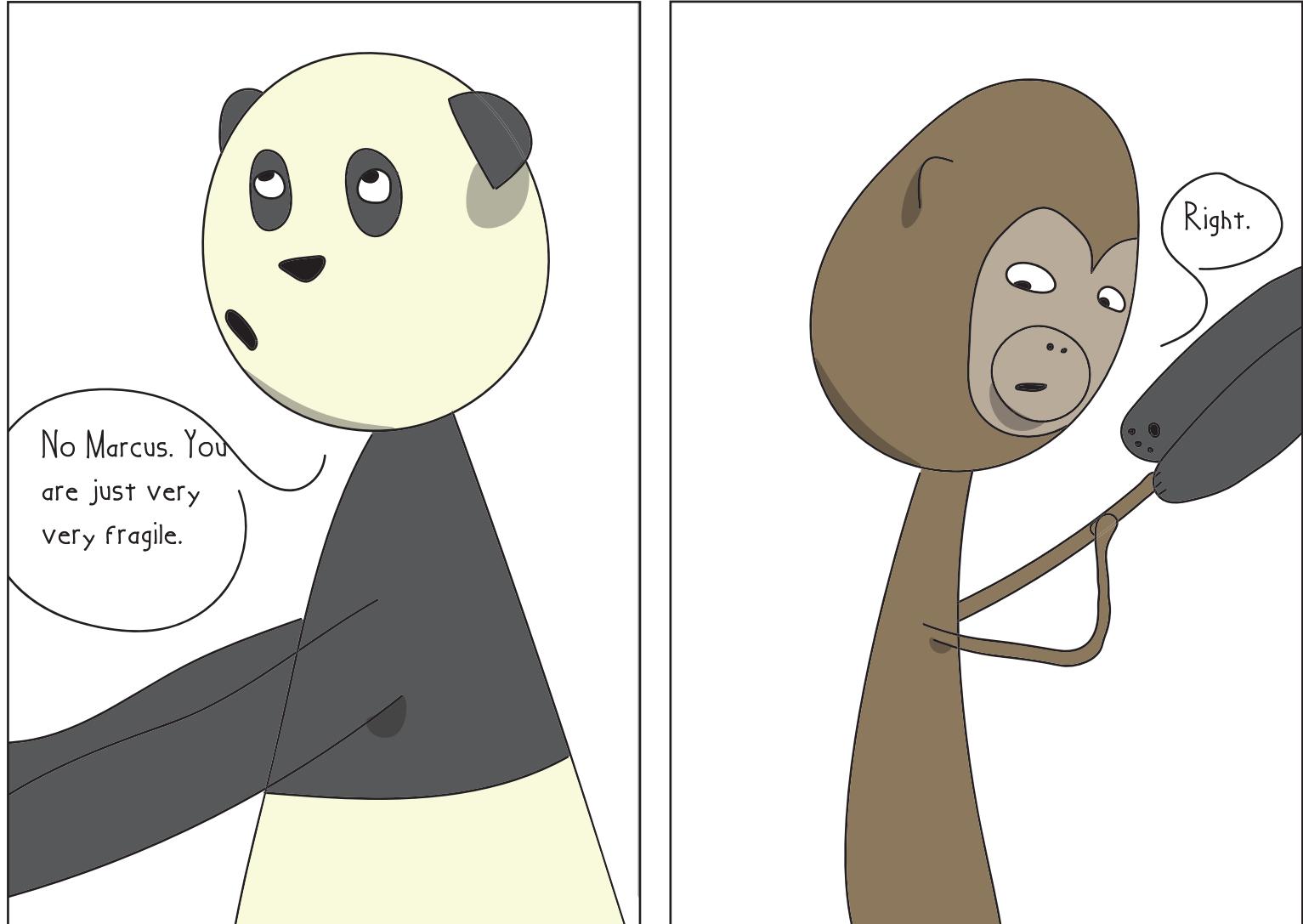
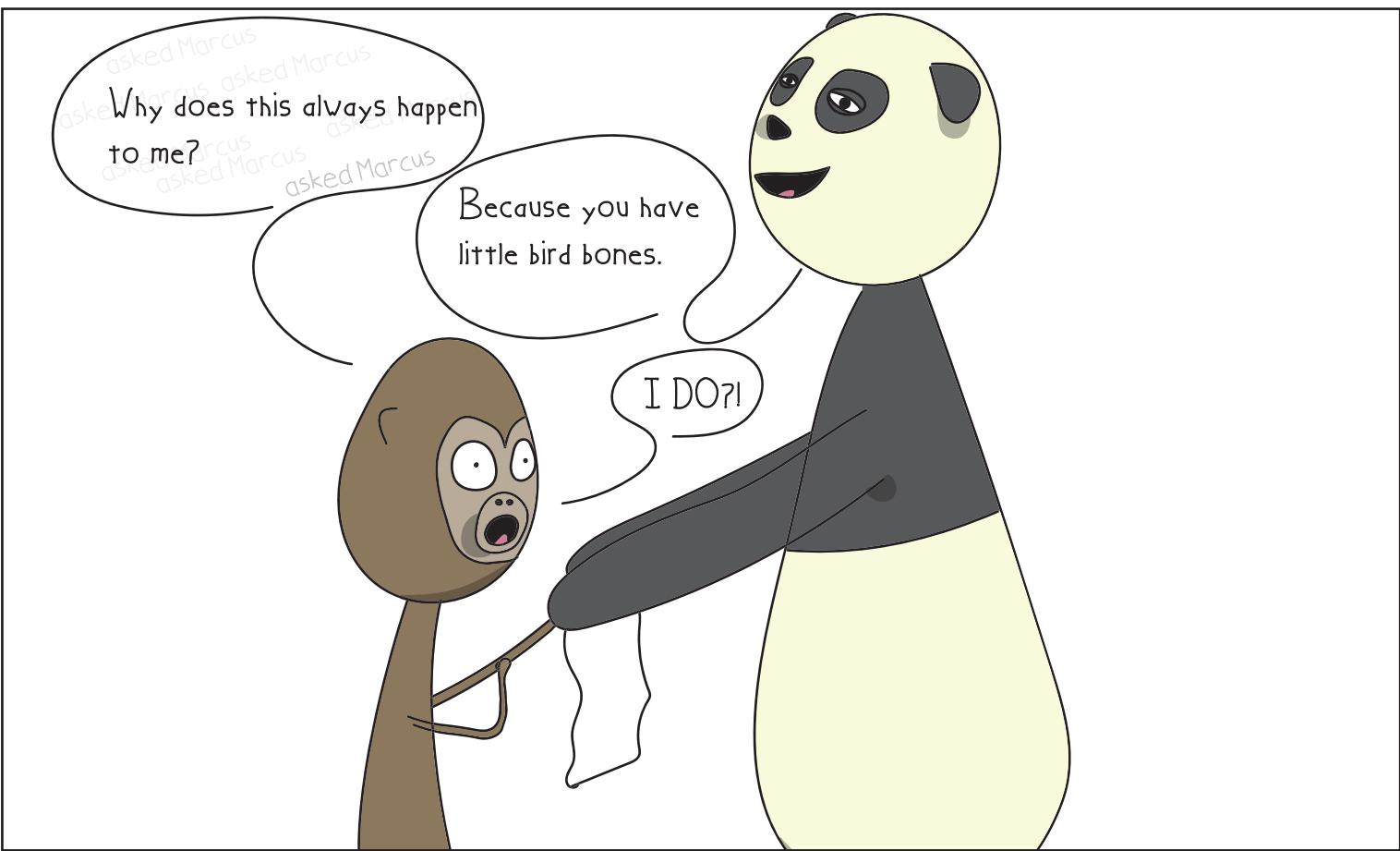
Said Pandus
Just a
scratch.
Said Pandus



Really? Because the
pain is excruciating.

No, not really.
It is bad.







How does that
feel?

I think I am starting to
understand my problem.

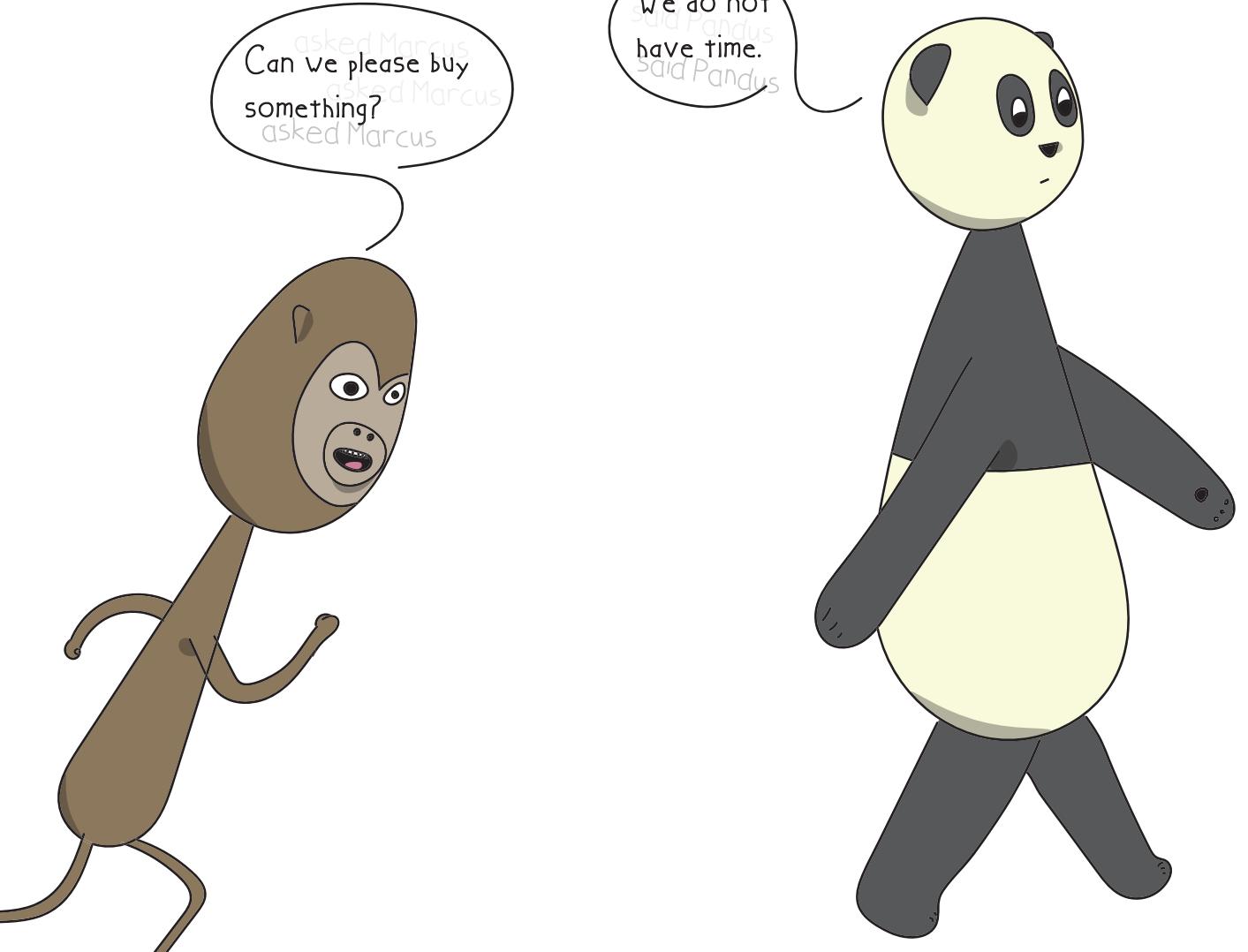
Chapter 3 – Terry

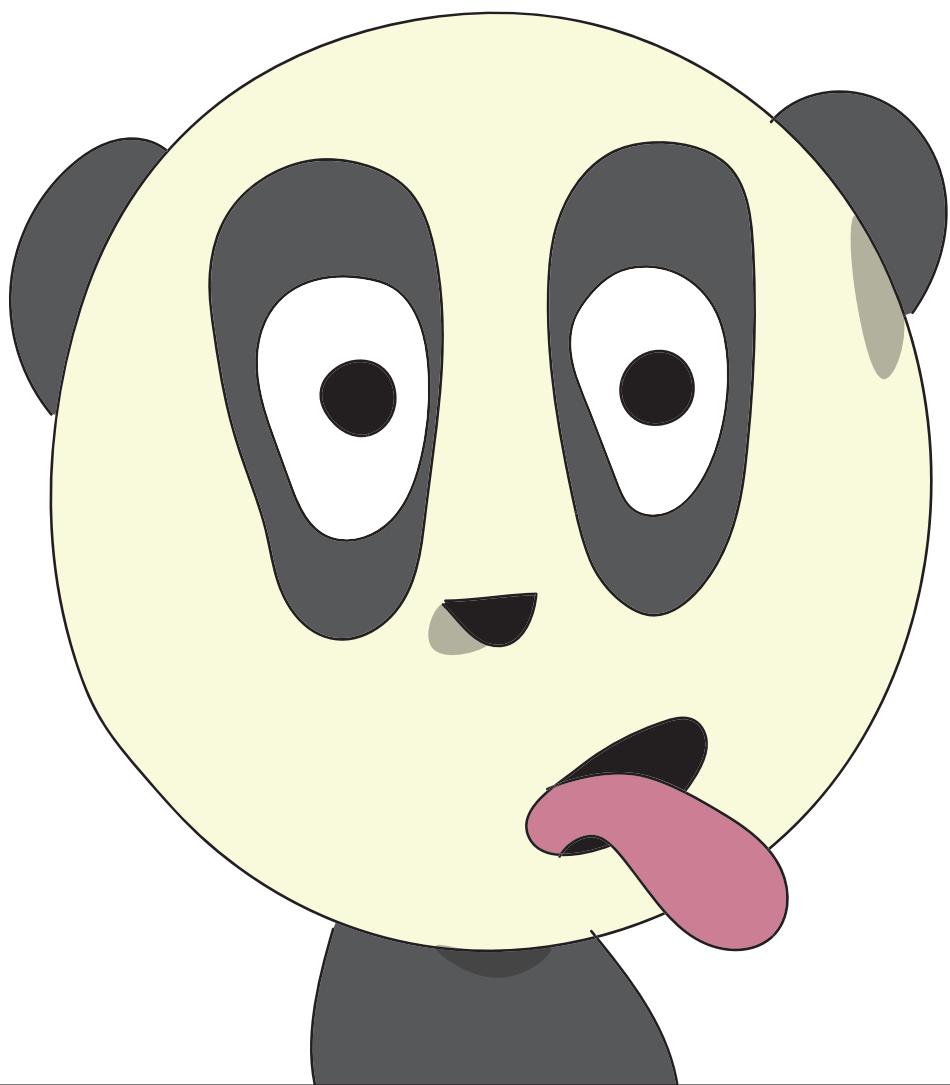
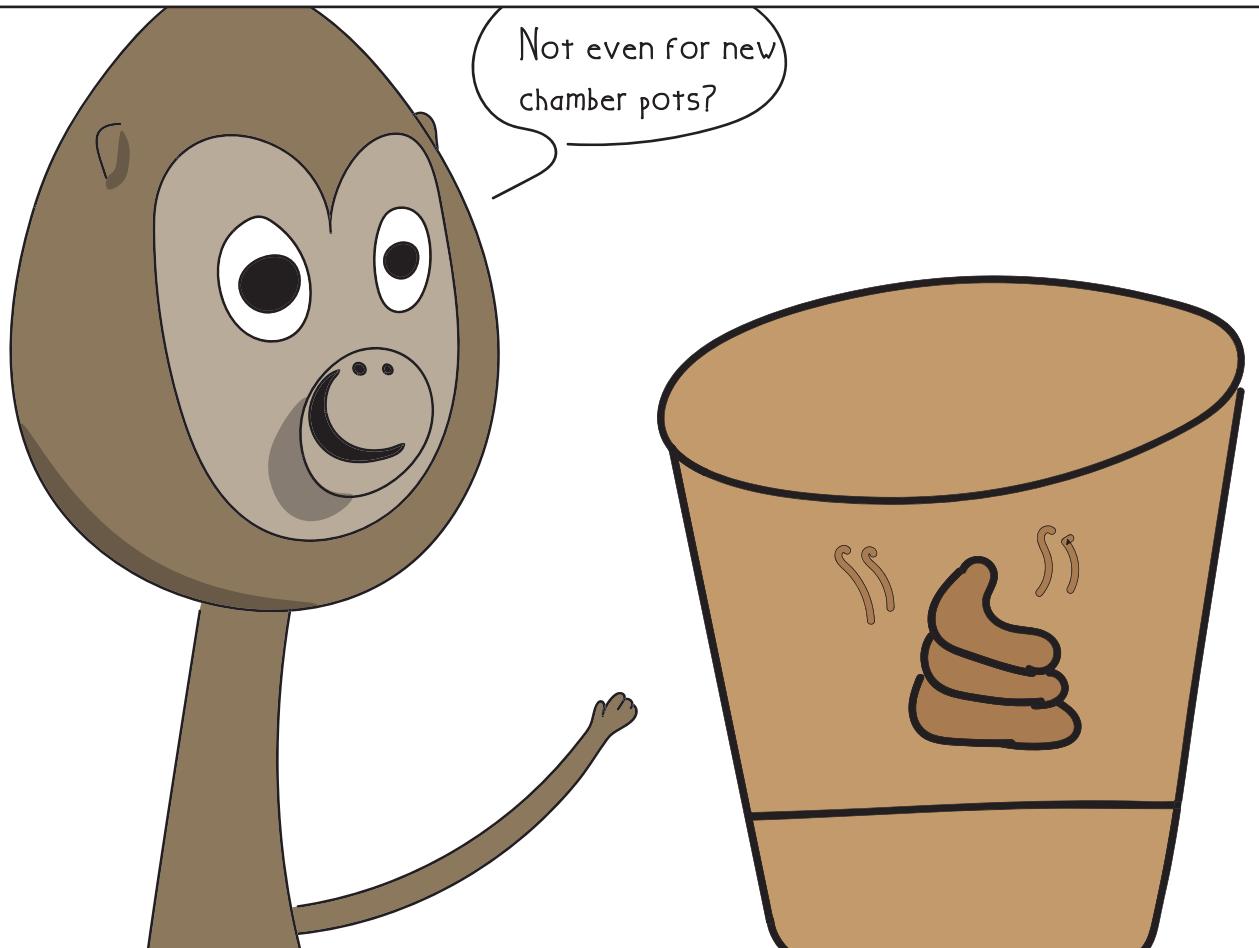
For sale today only! The extra
extra light stoic pillow!
Completely featherless! Terry
will help you sleep like a baby!

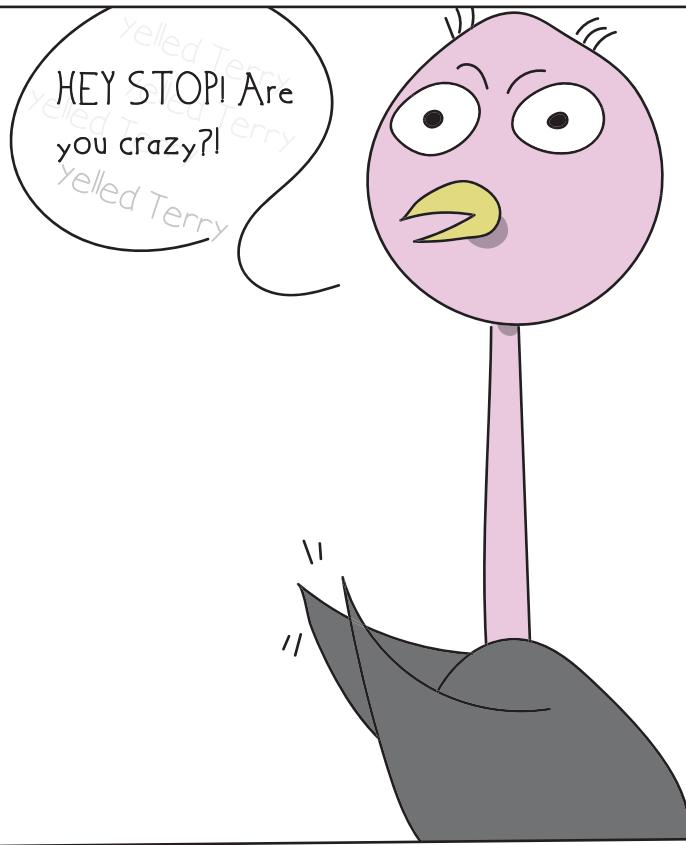


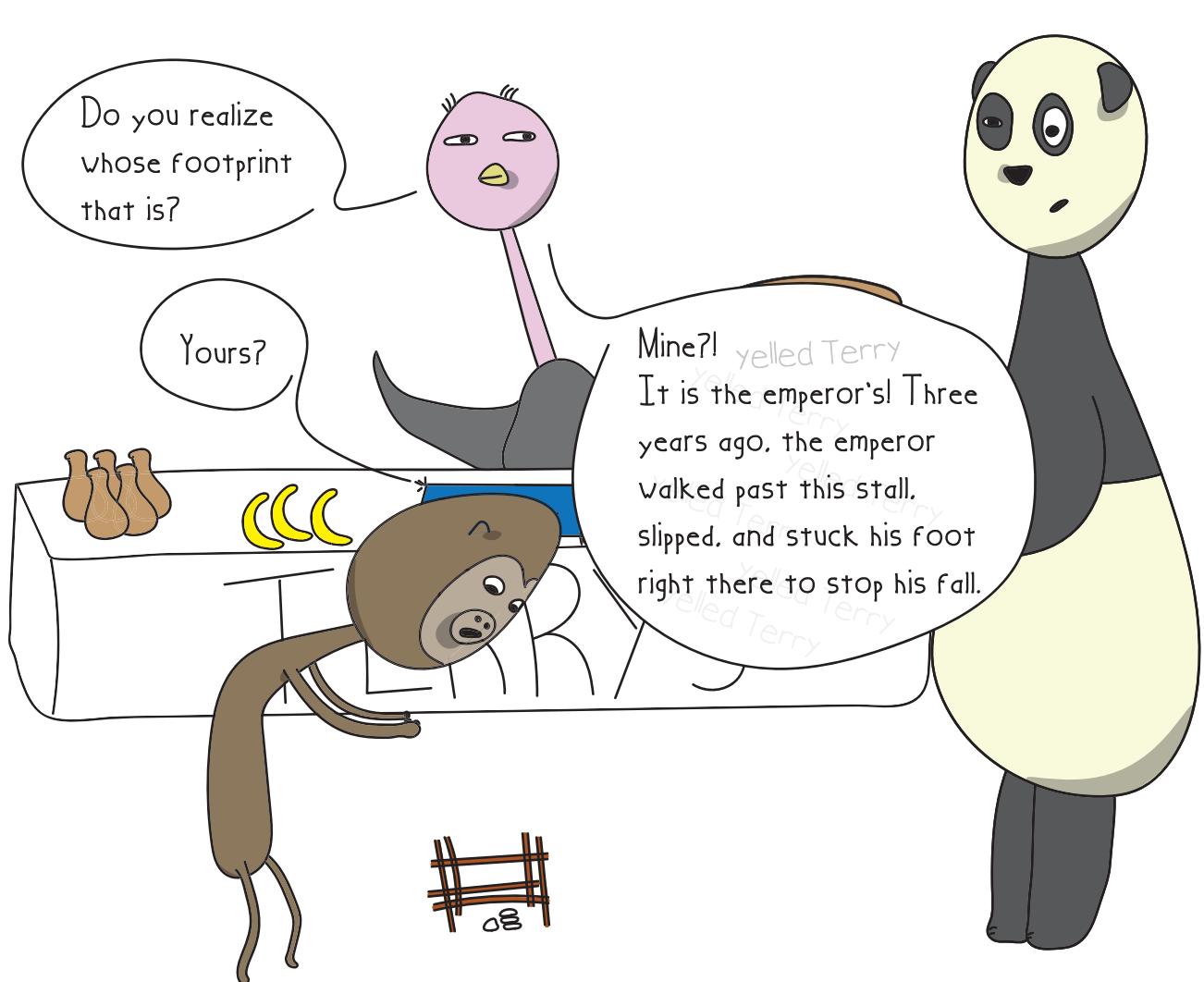
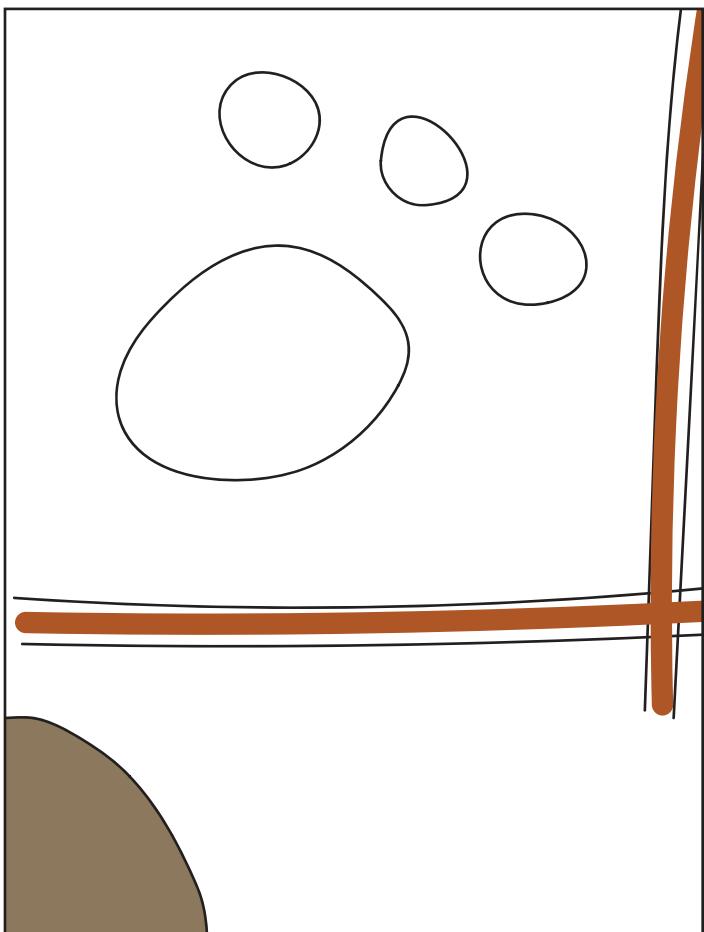
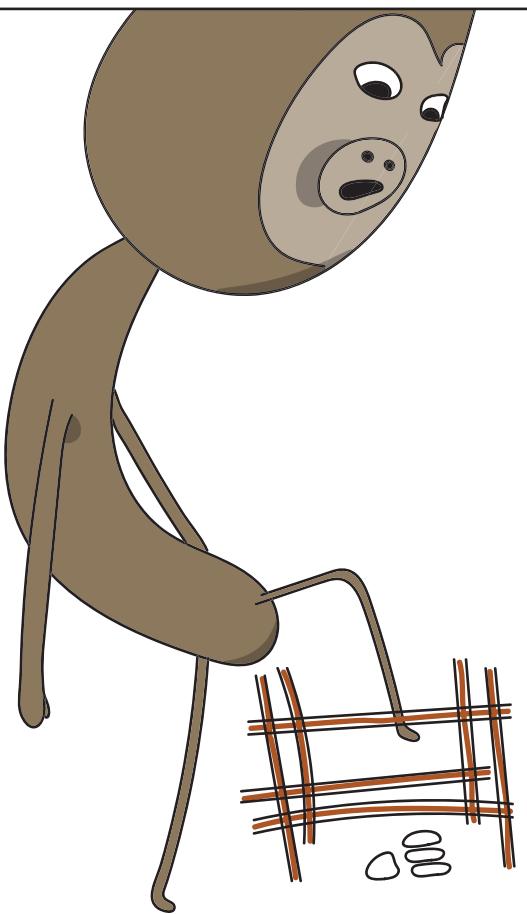
asked Marcus
Can we please buy
something?
asked Marcus

We do not
have time.
Said Pandus



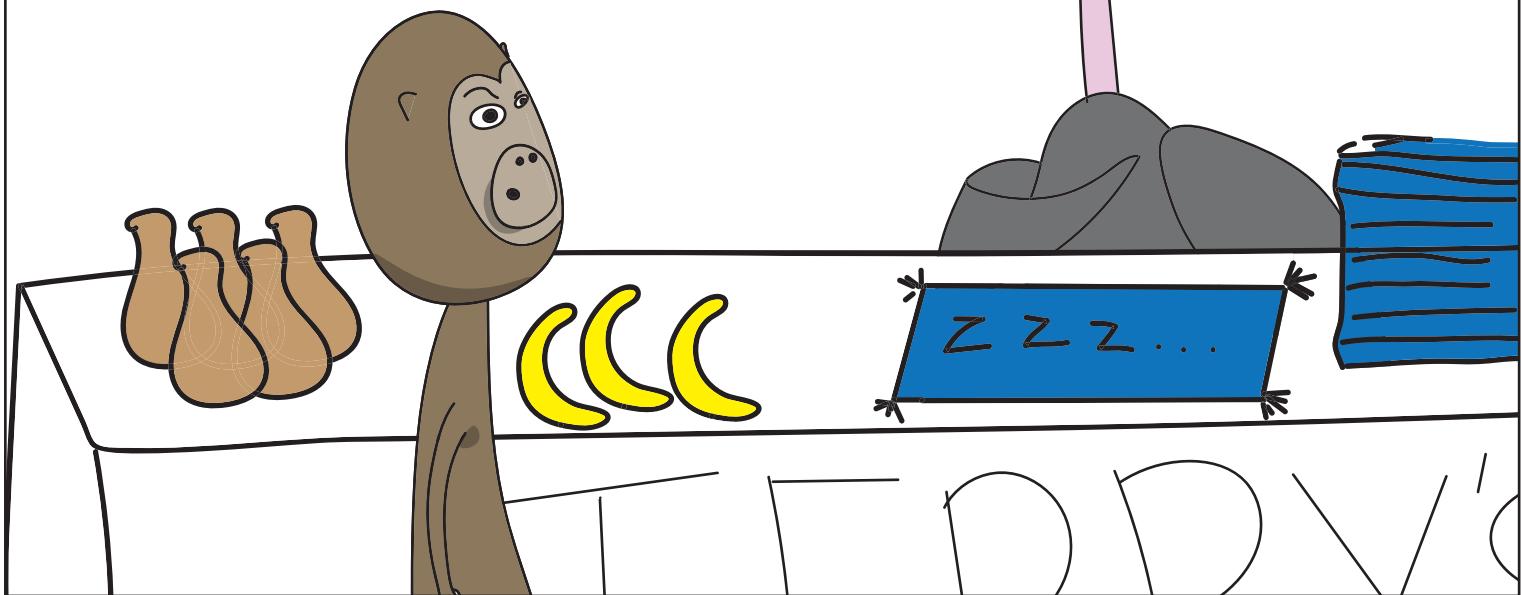




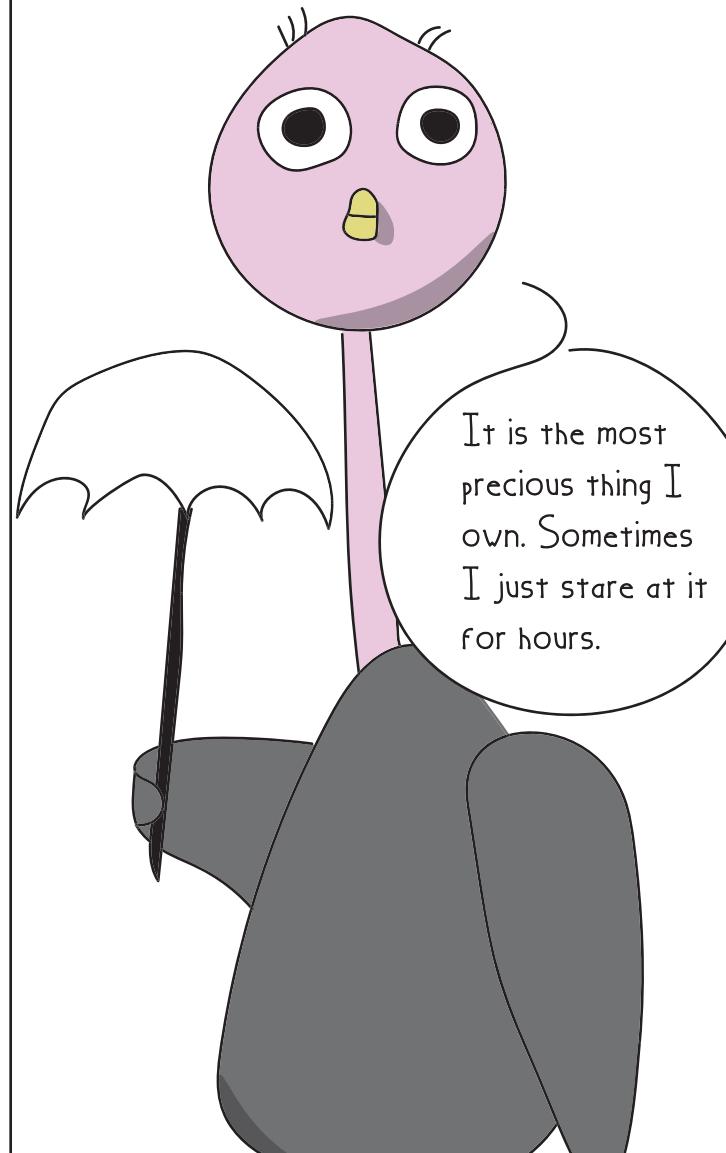
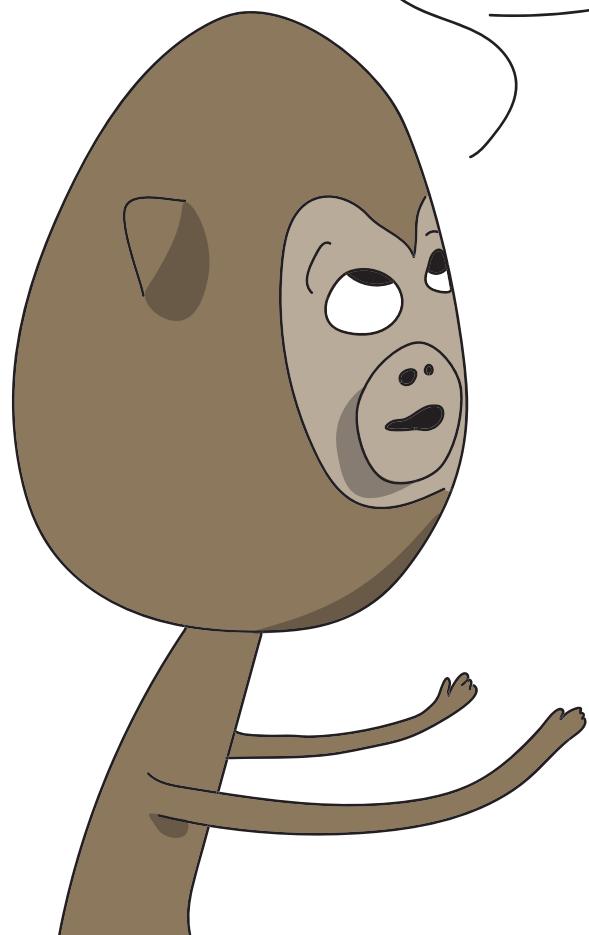


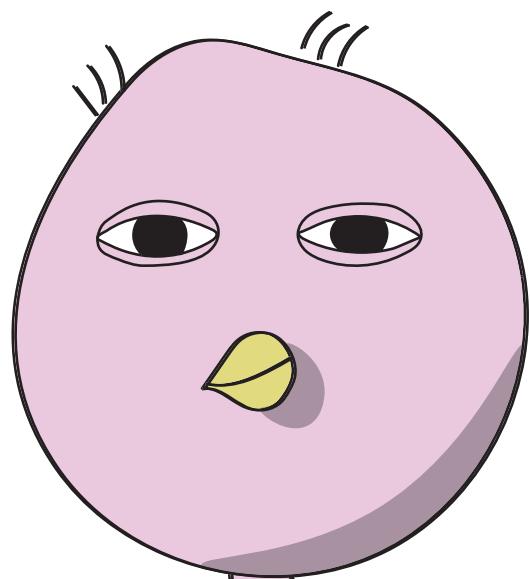
asked
"And you put a fence
around it?"
asked Marcus

Of course. I also do
some maintenance
work now and then.

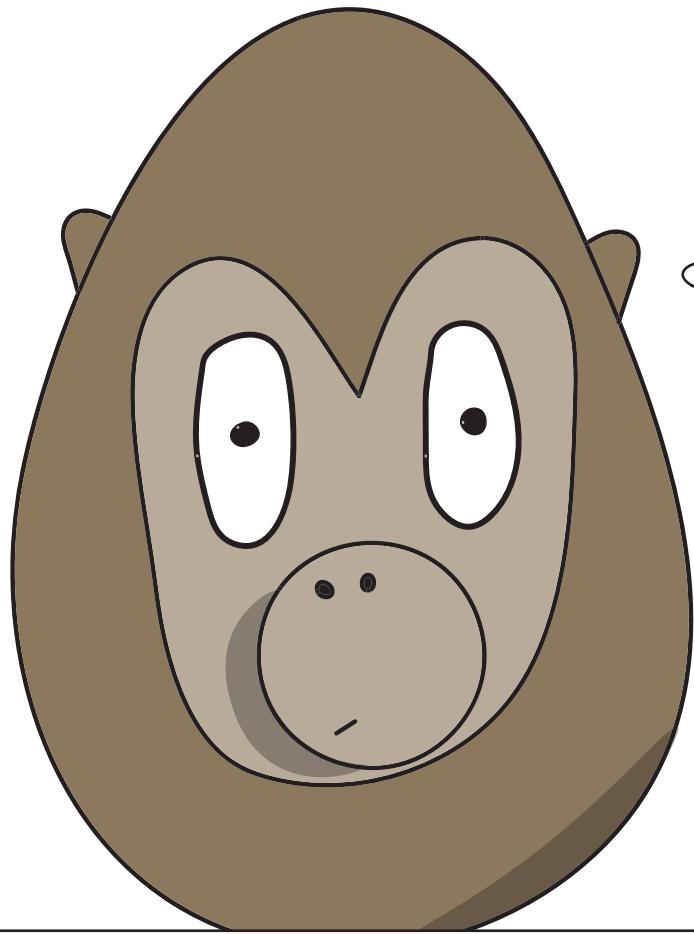


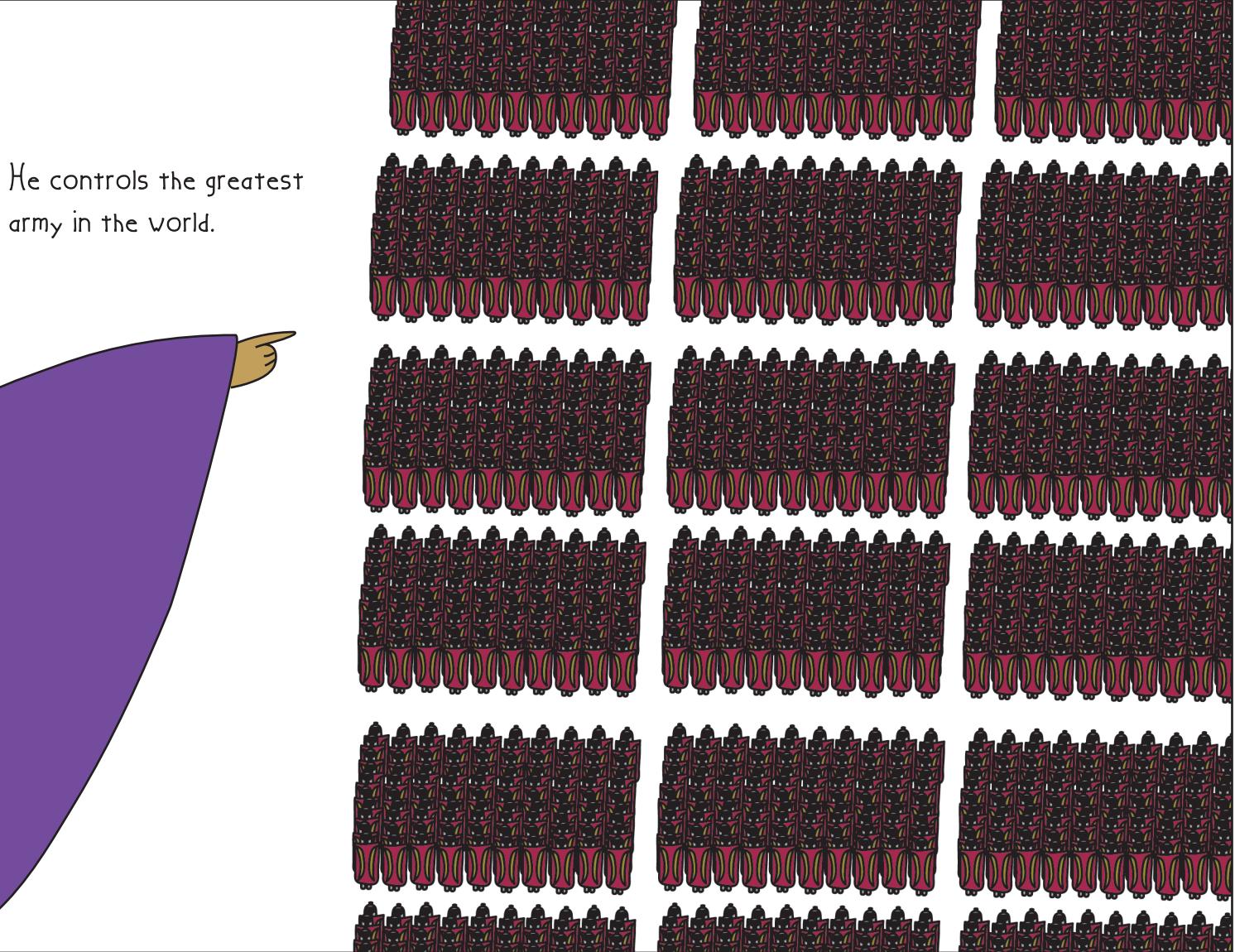
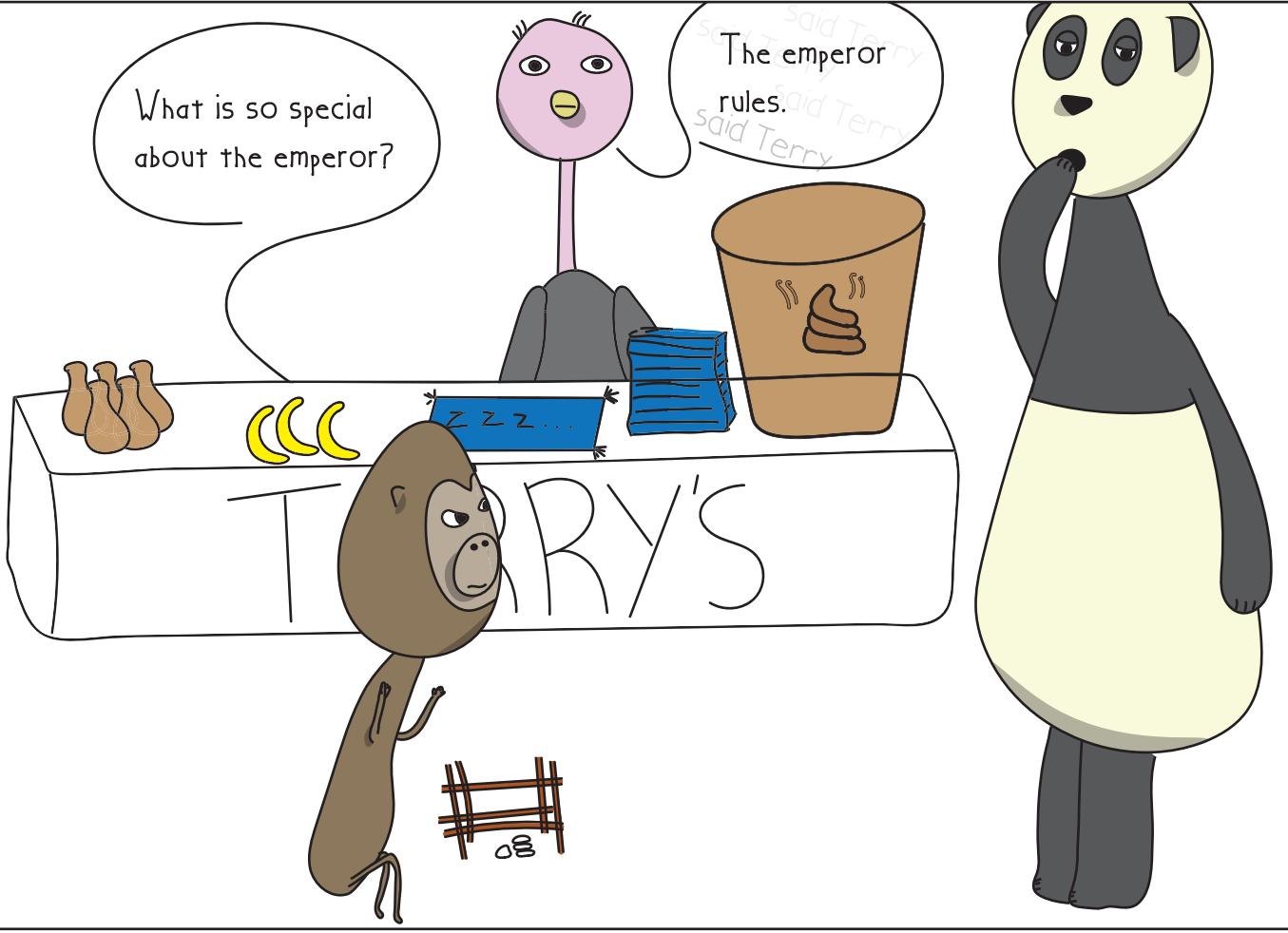
What do you do
when it rains?



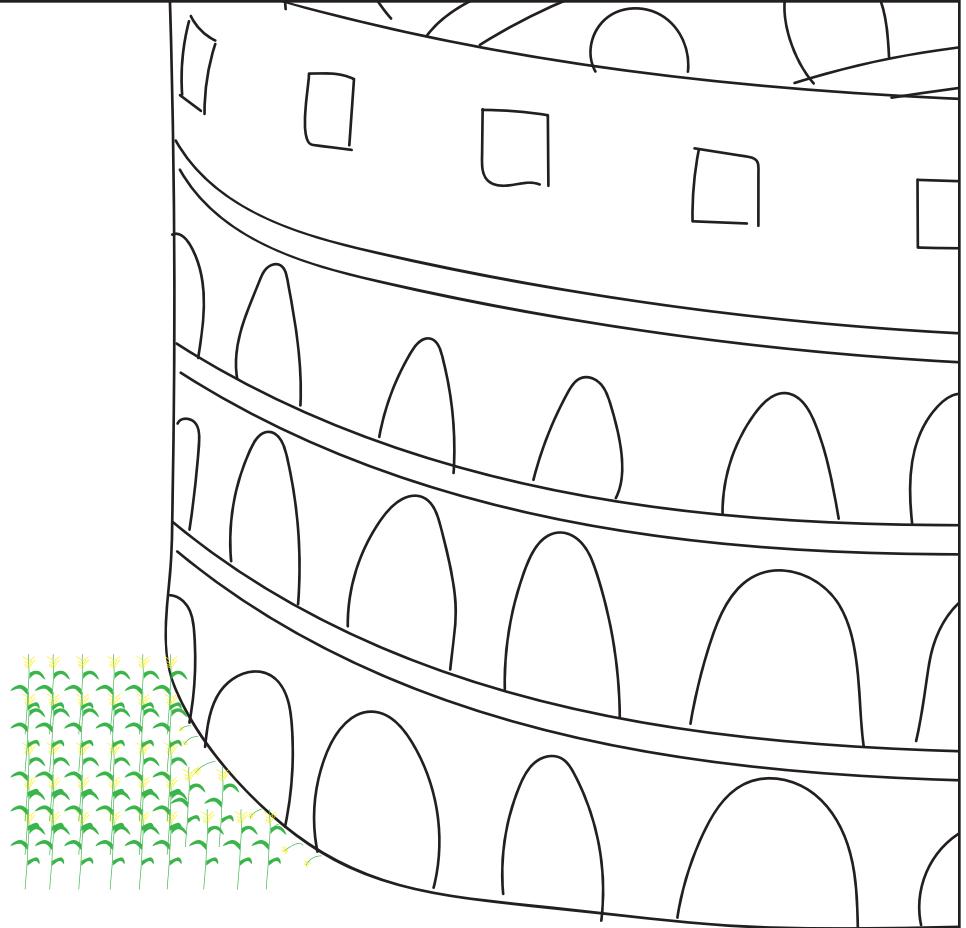
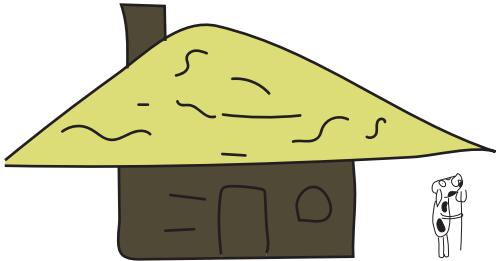


You think this is a chair I am sitting on?

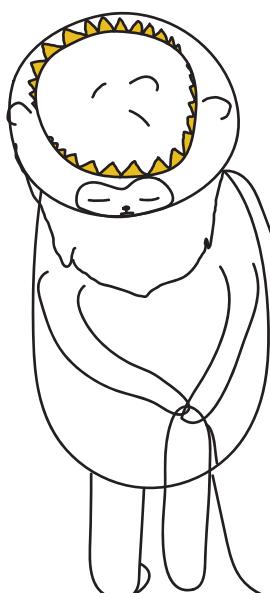
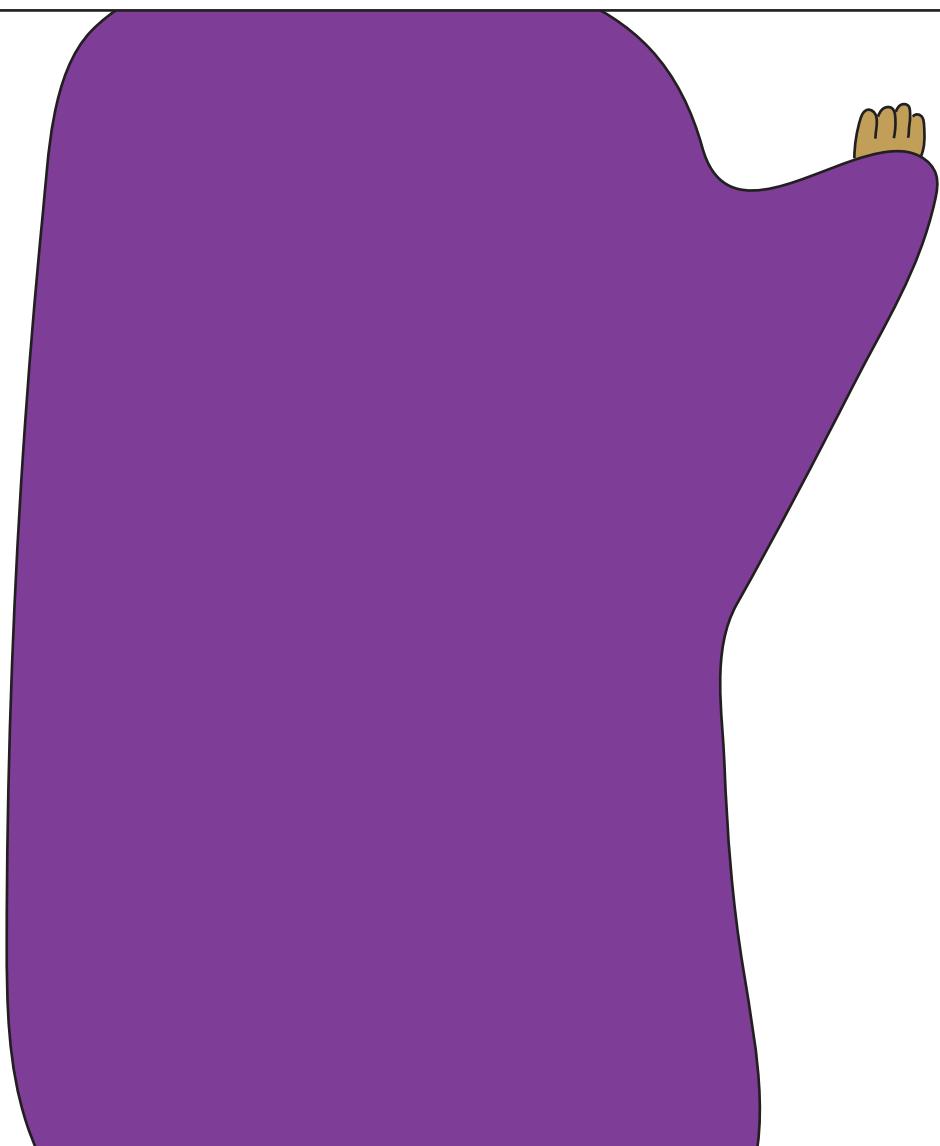




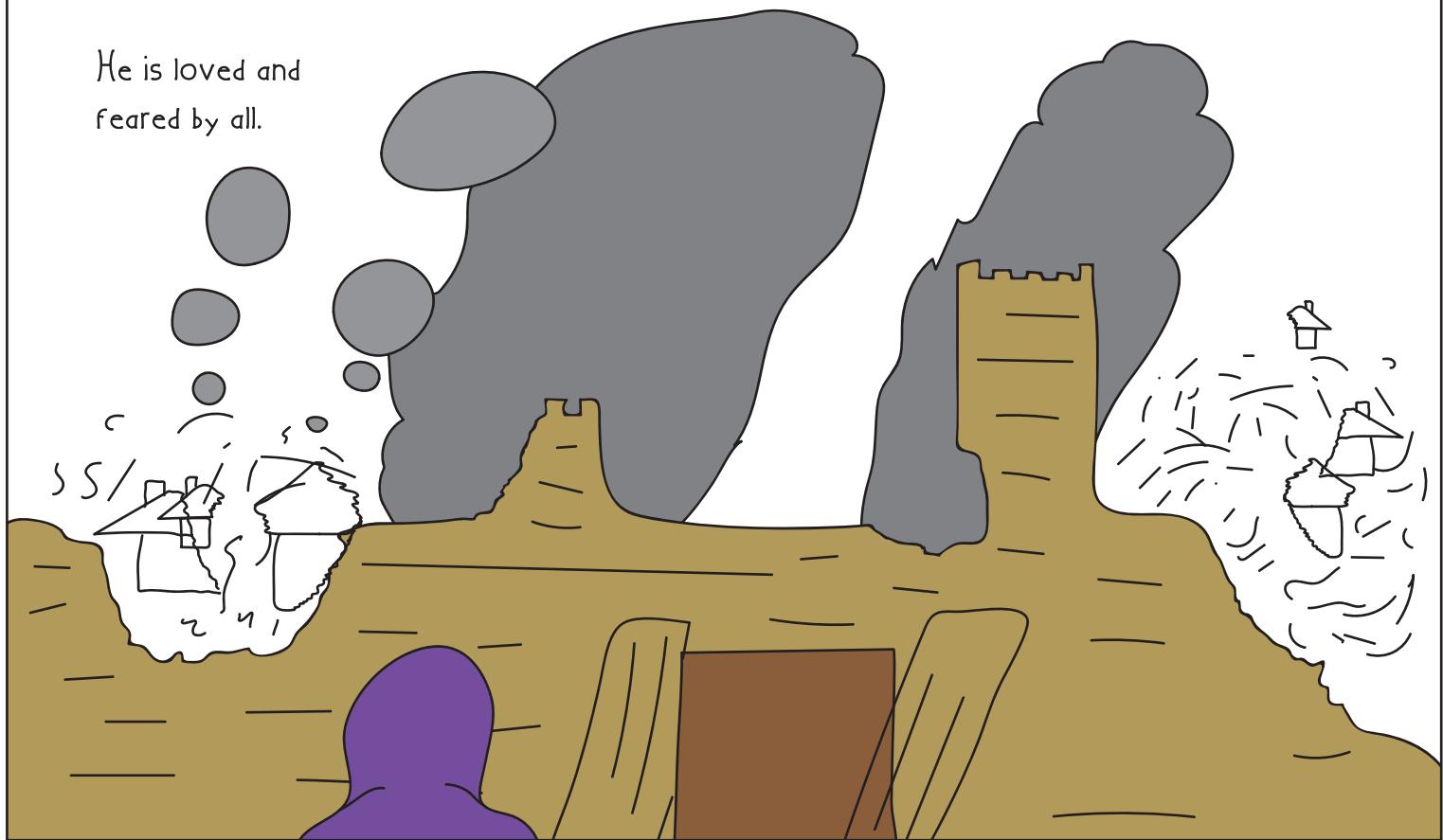
He builds whatever he
wants, wherever he
wants it.



Crowns kneel
for him.

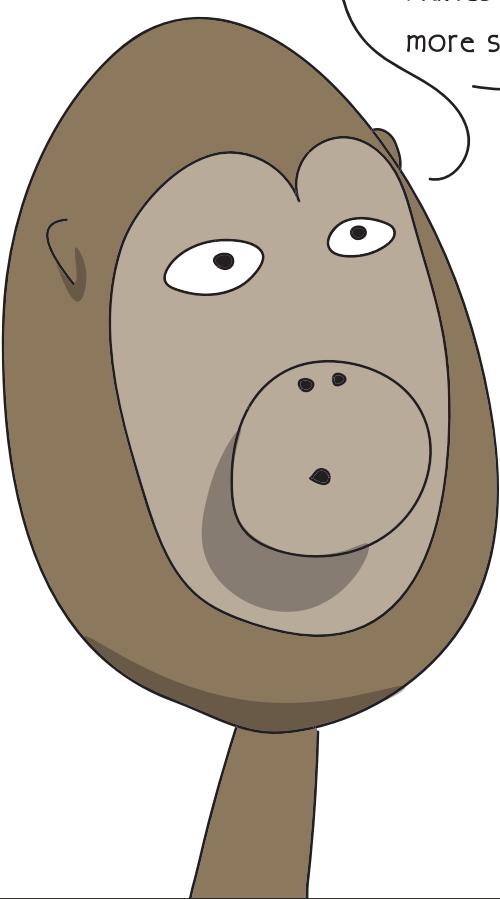


He is loved and
feared by all.



And he
stepped
there.





When you put it like that, it makes a lot more sense.

