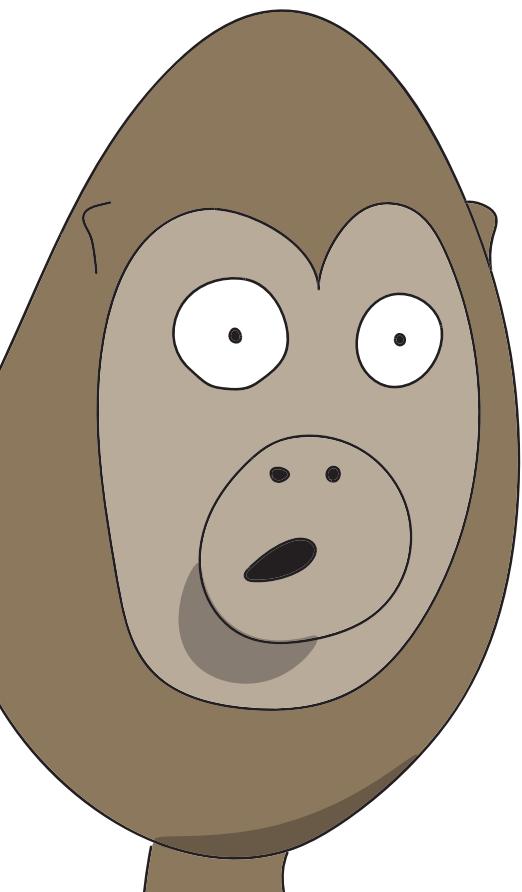
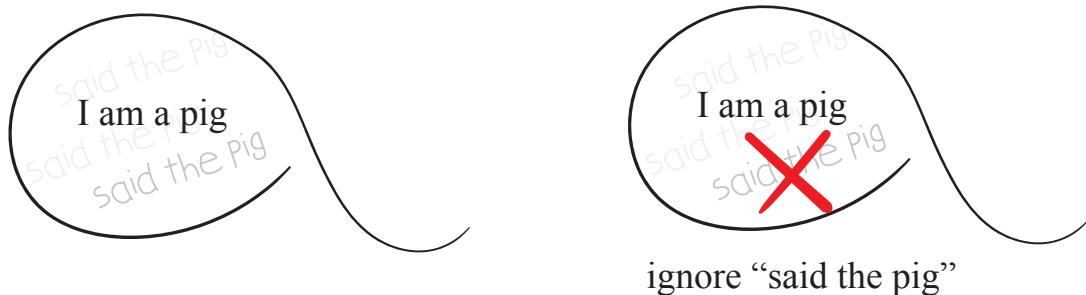


Marcus Gorileeus

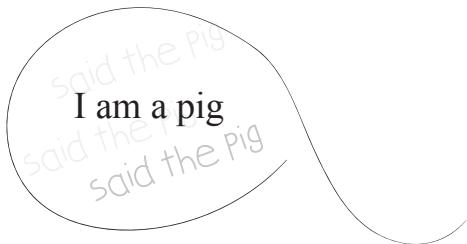


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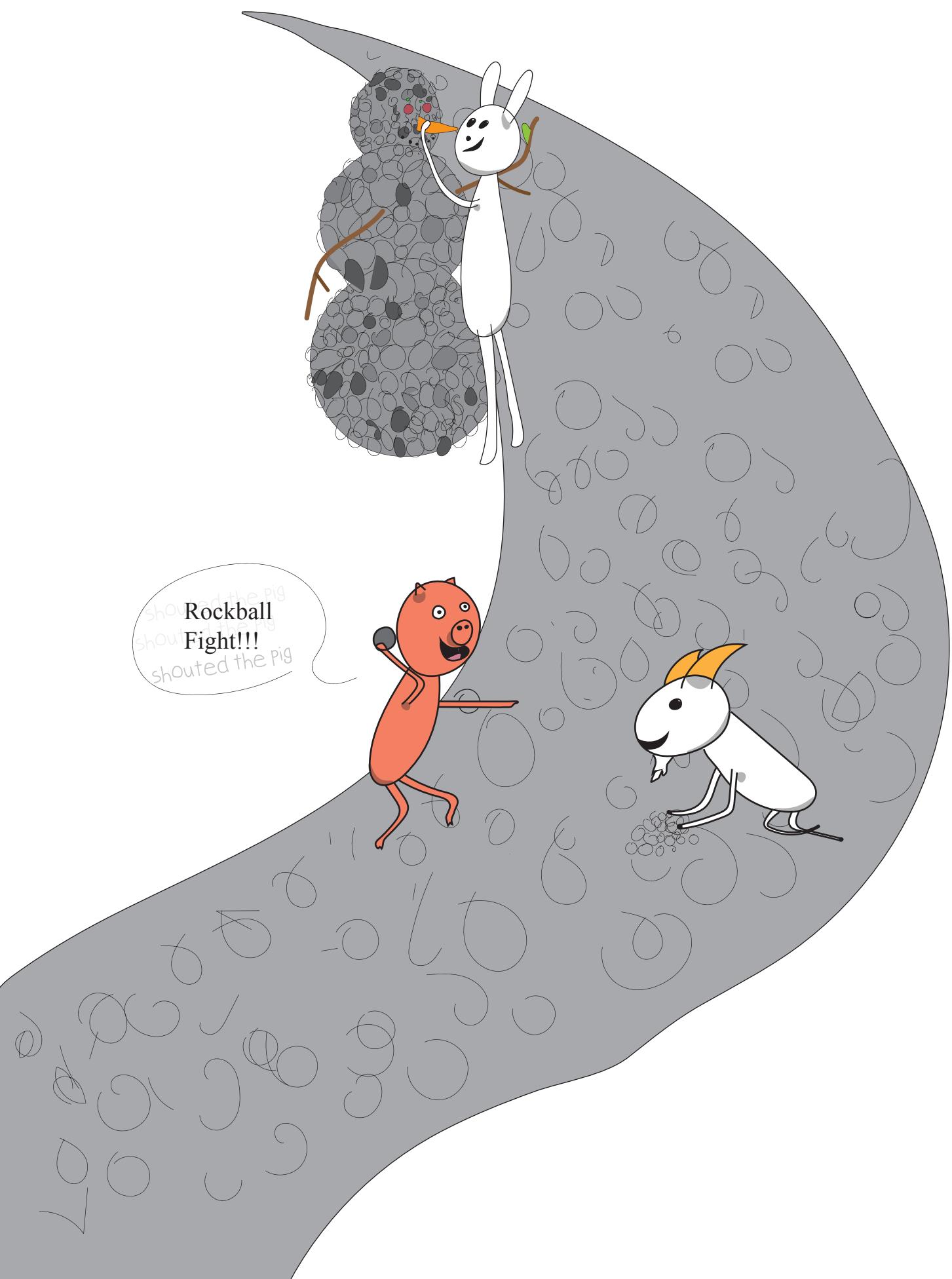
1. read “I am a pig”
2. read “said the pig”

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

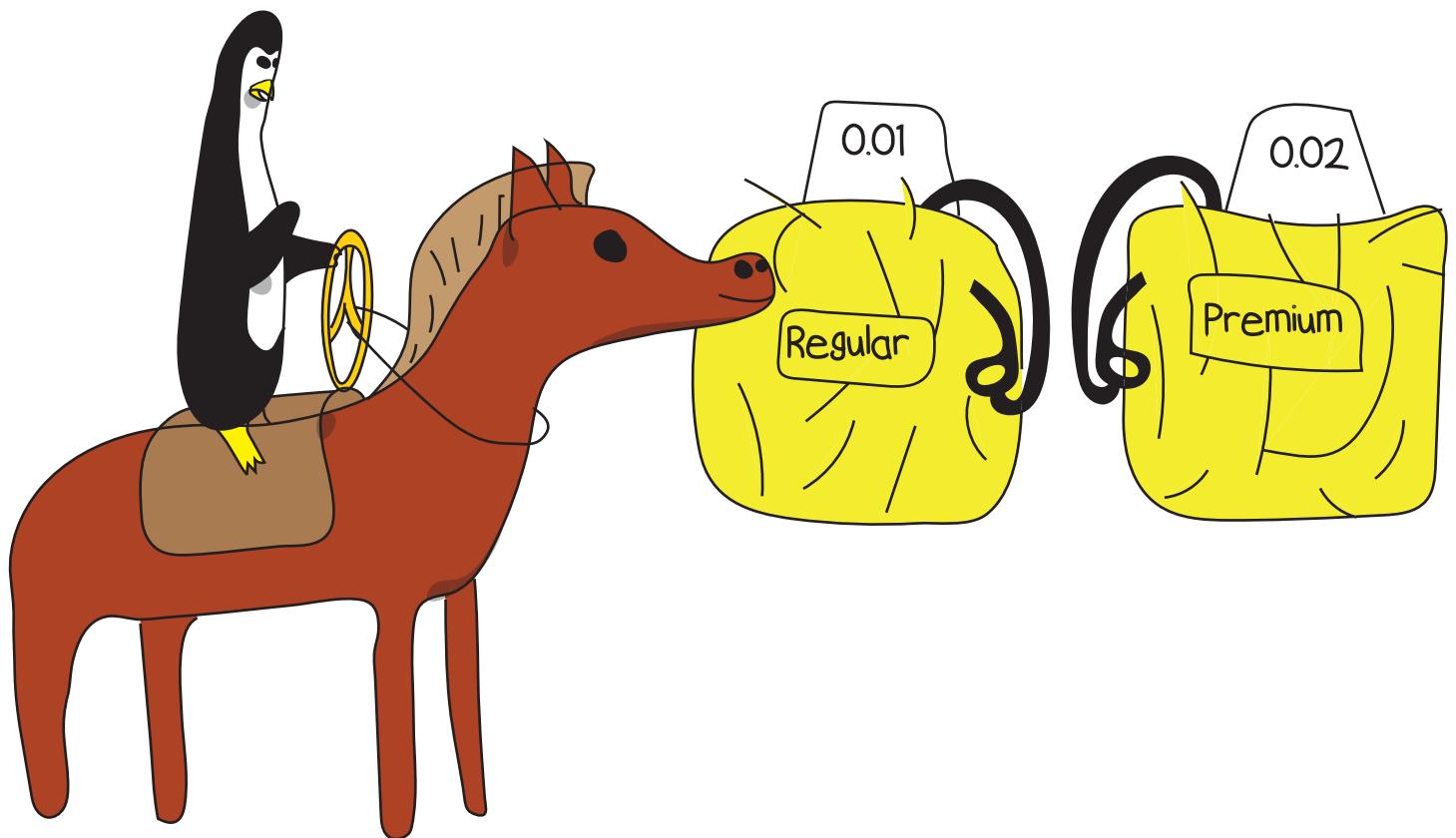
Marcus Aurelius (121-180 CE)
“Meditations”
Book 1
Section 6
(Translation by Meric Casaubon)

Chapter 1 - Pandus

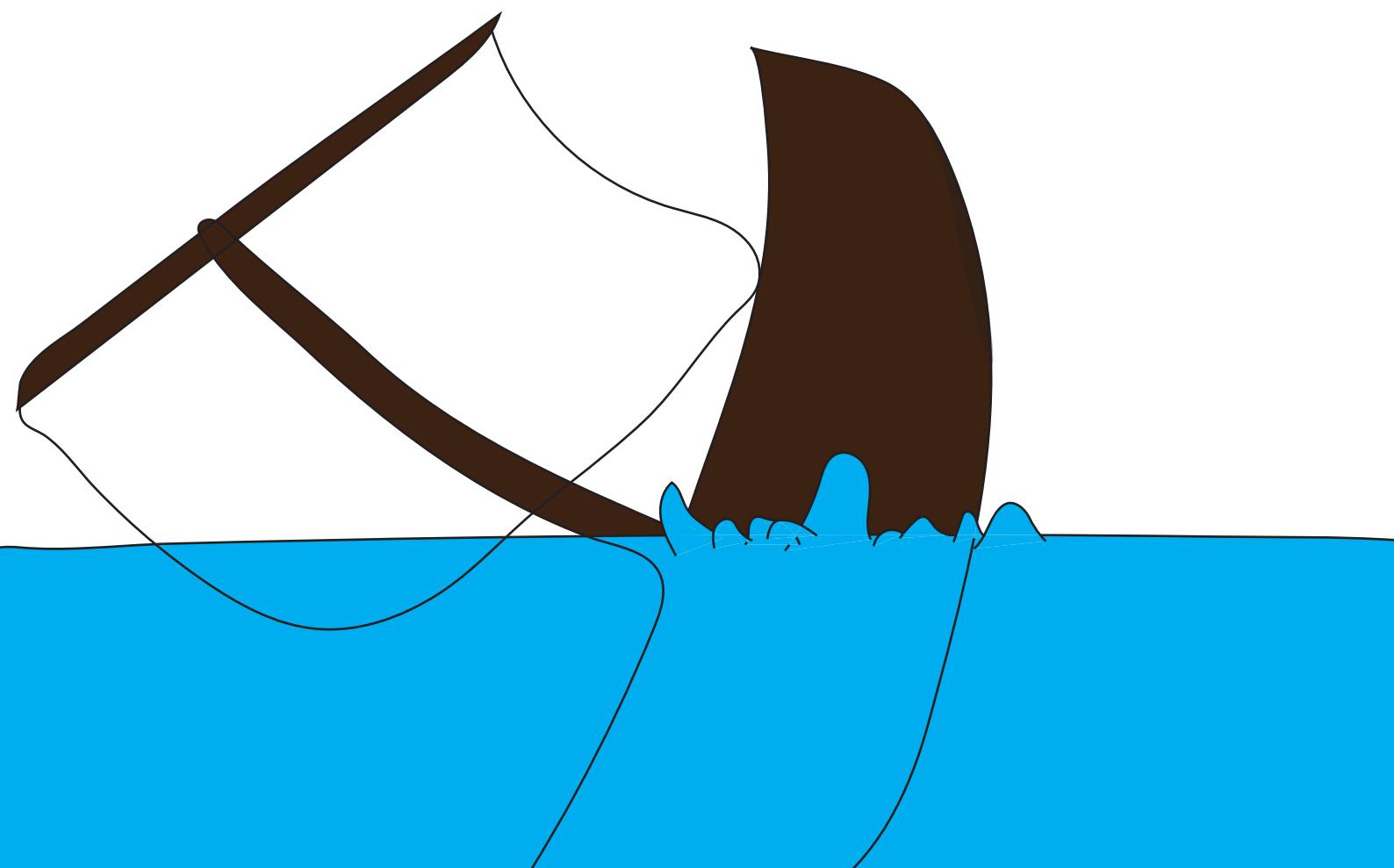
2000 years ago the world was very strange.



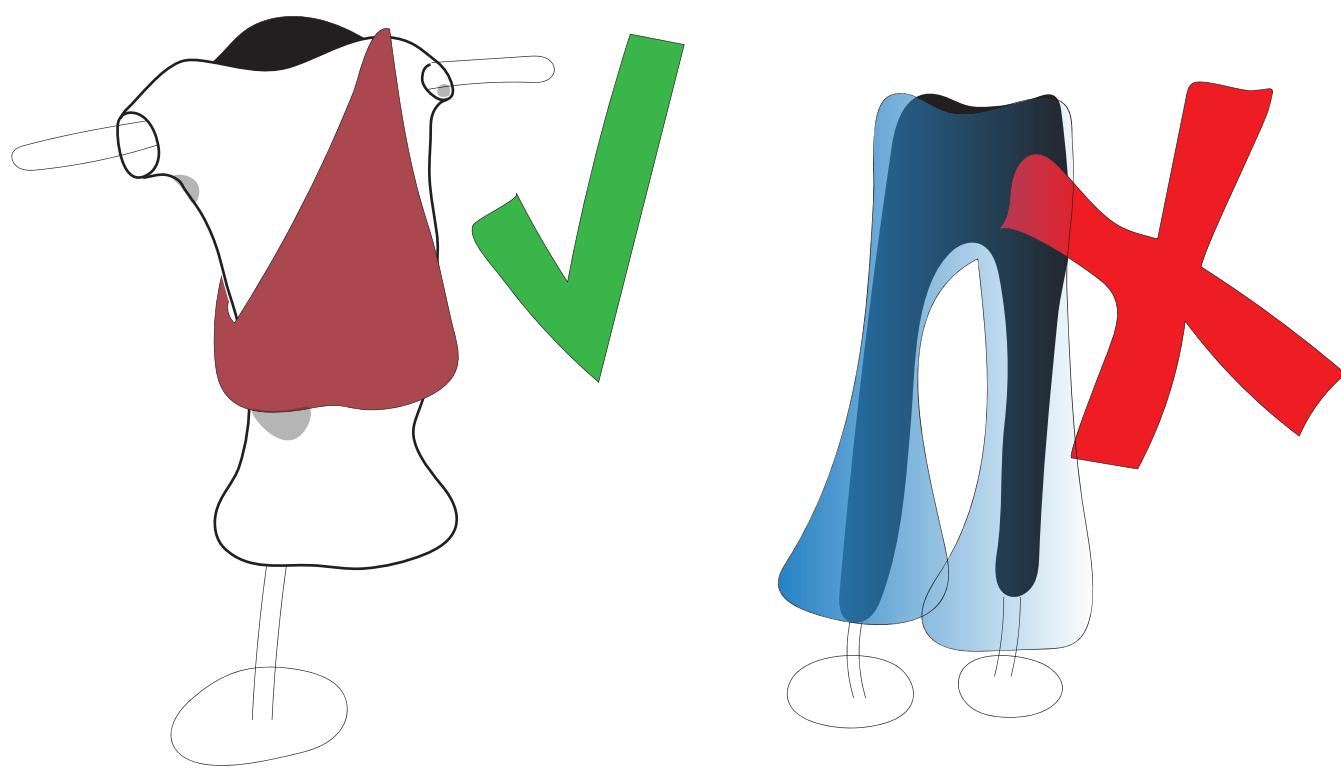
Everyone drove horses instead of cars.



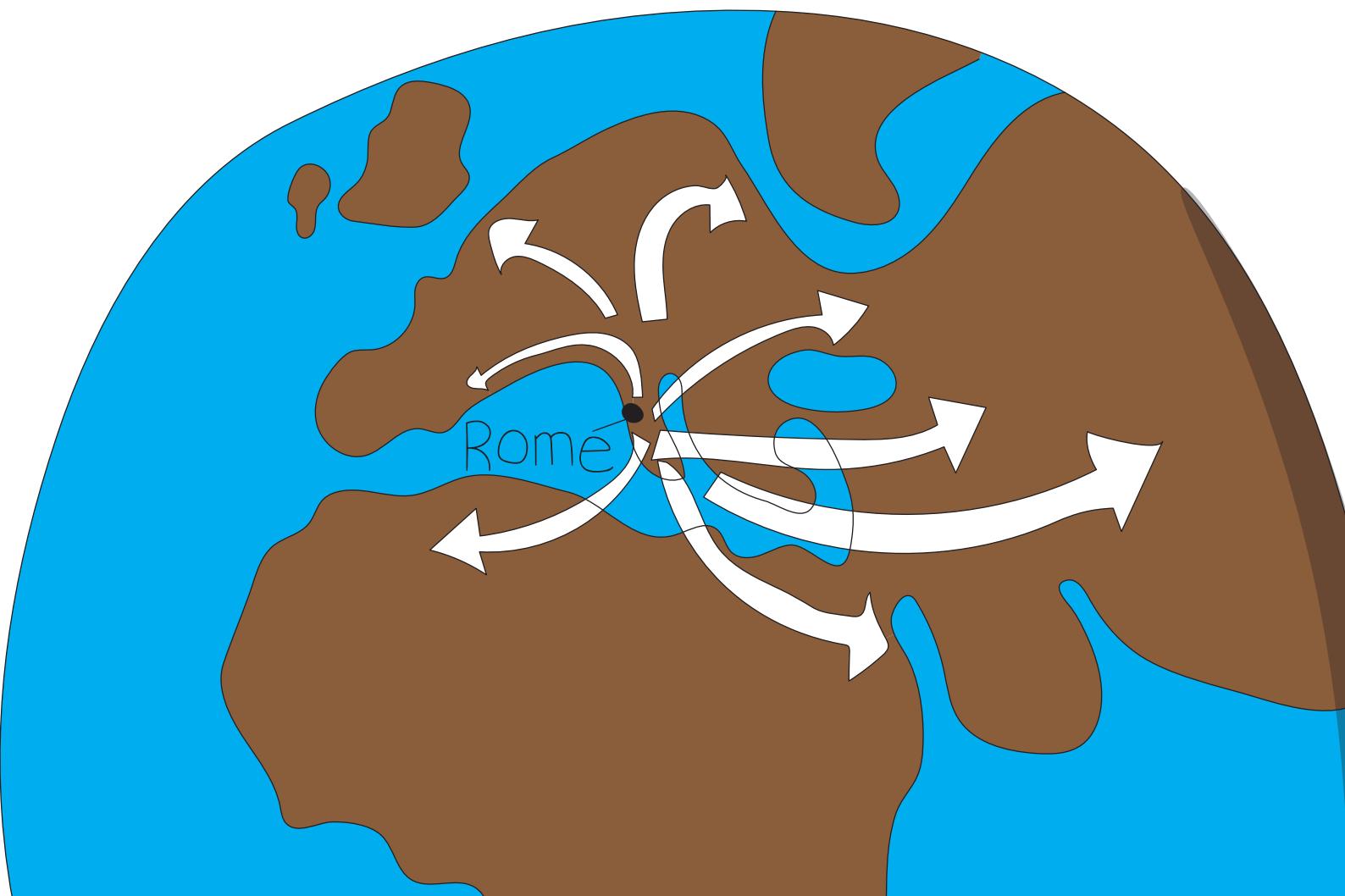
Wooden ships with sails were the best way to get somewhere far away.



Togas were in, pants were out.

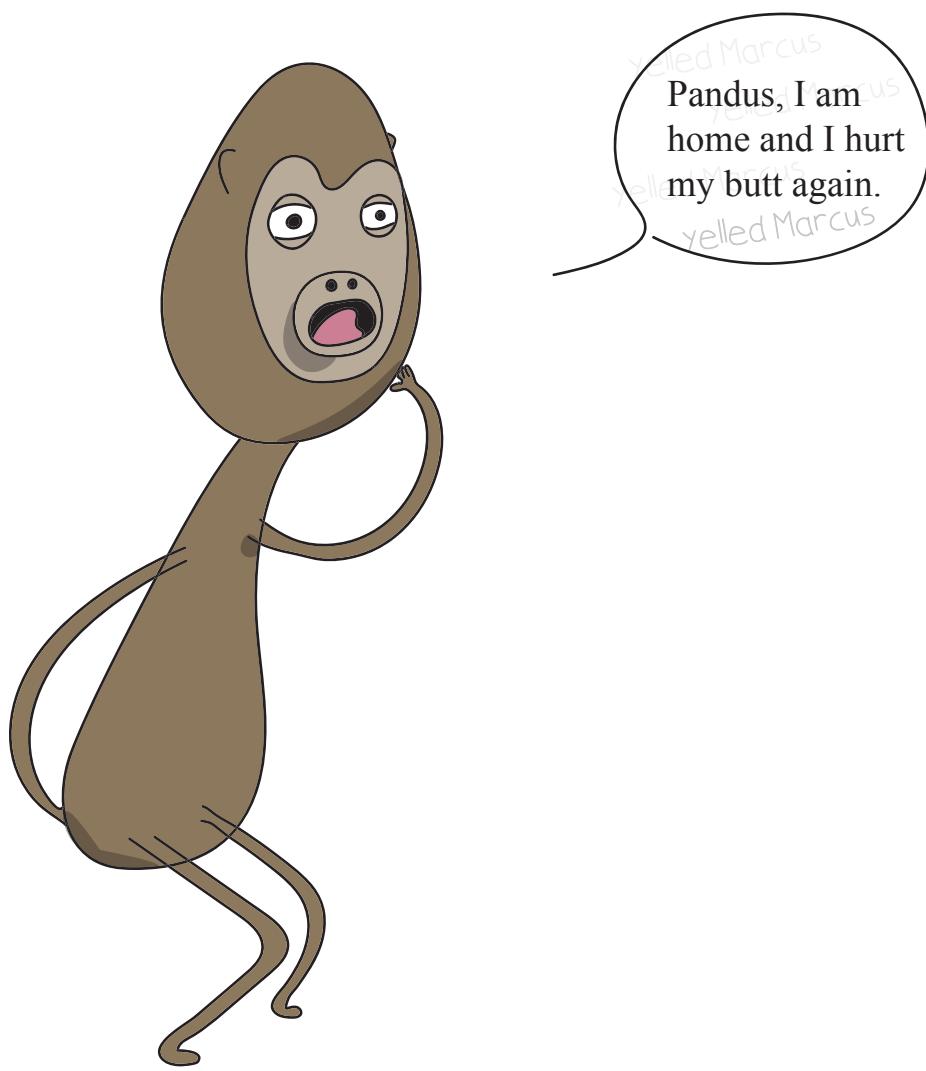


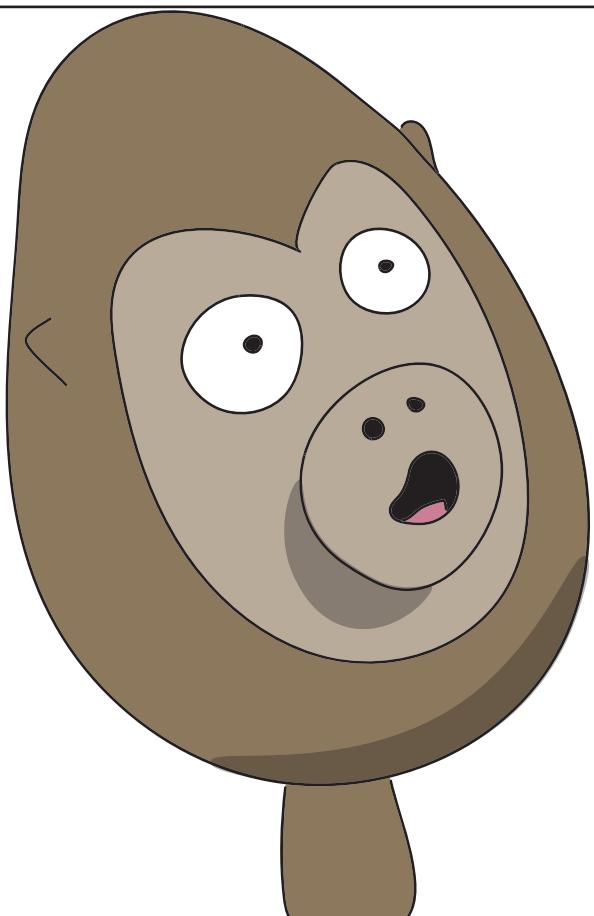
The ancient city of Rome controlled the world.



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

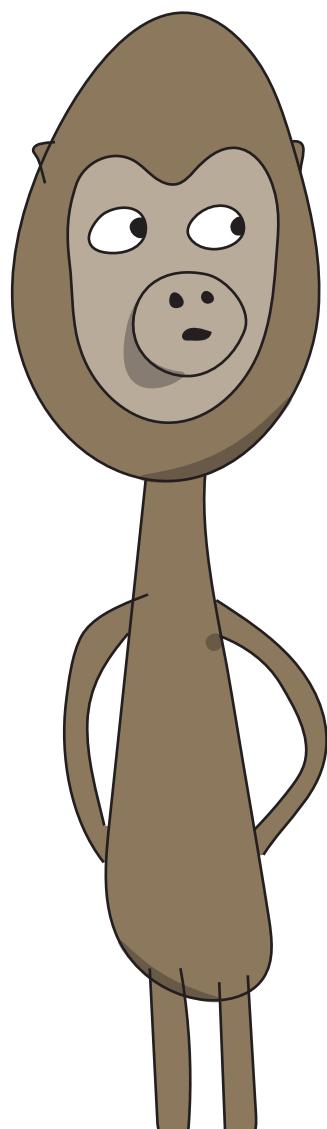
And an emperor.

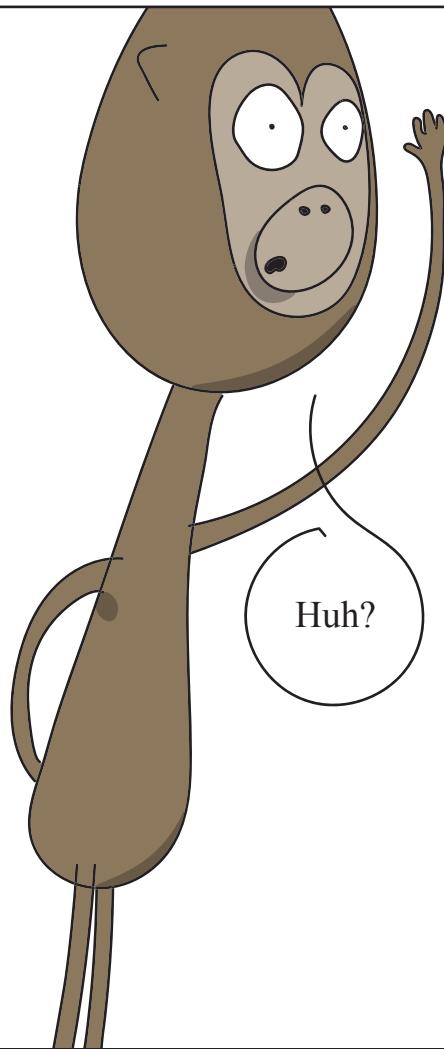


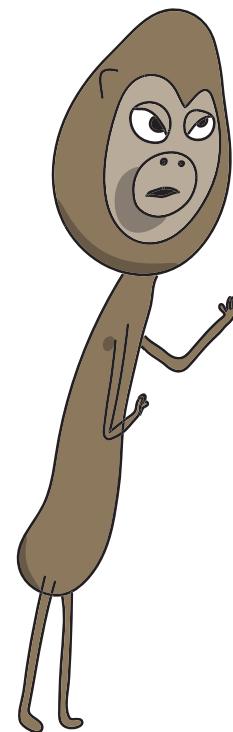


PANDUS?

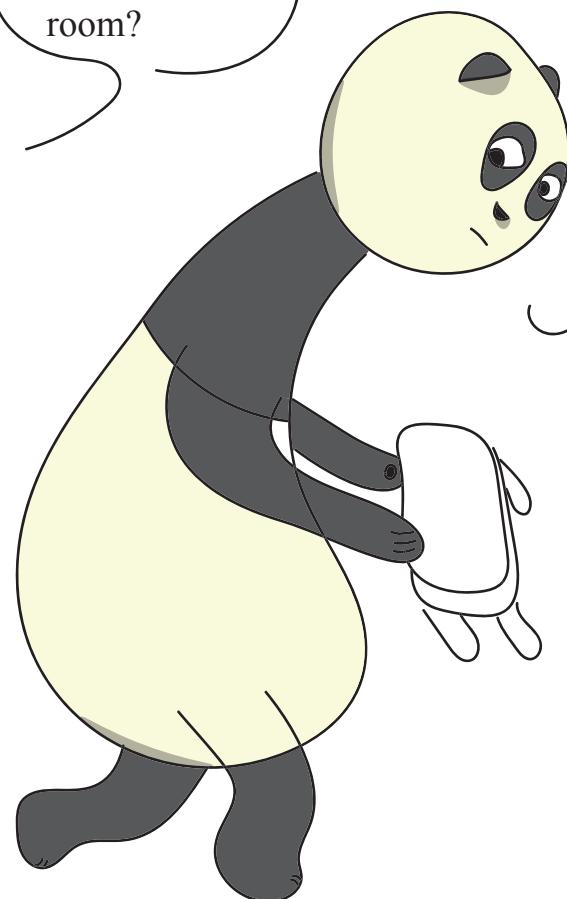
... she is probably
in the bathroom.



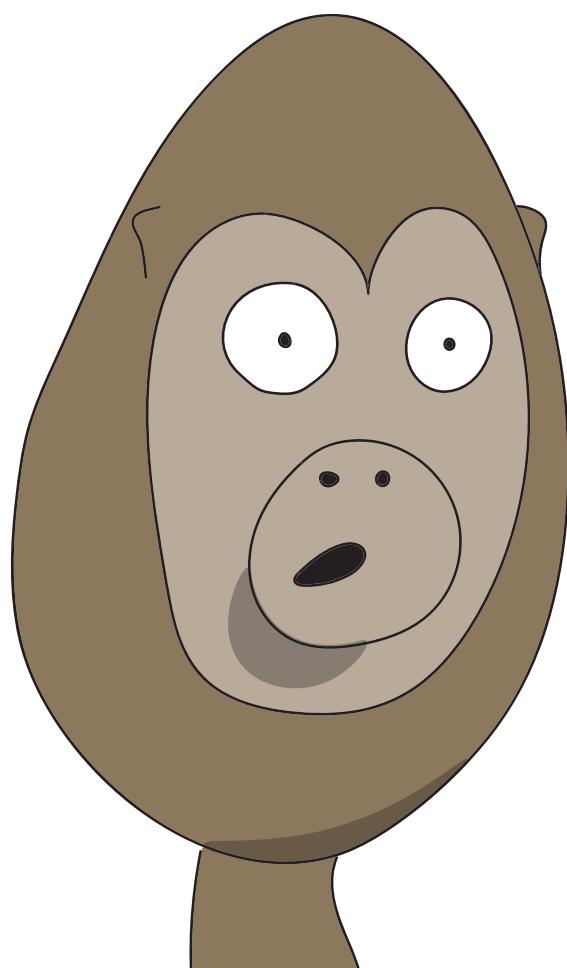




What are you
doing to my
room?



Sorry Marcus. This
is Dogneetus' room
now.

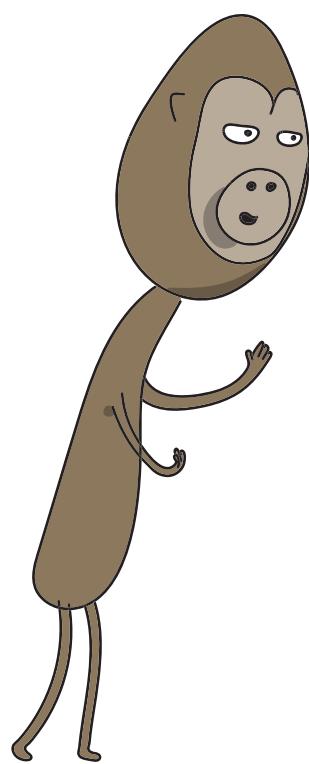


What?! Who is
Dogneetus?

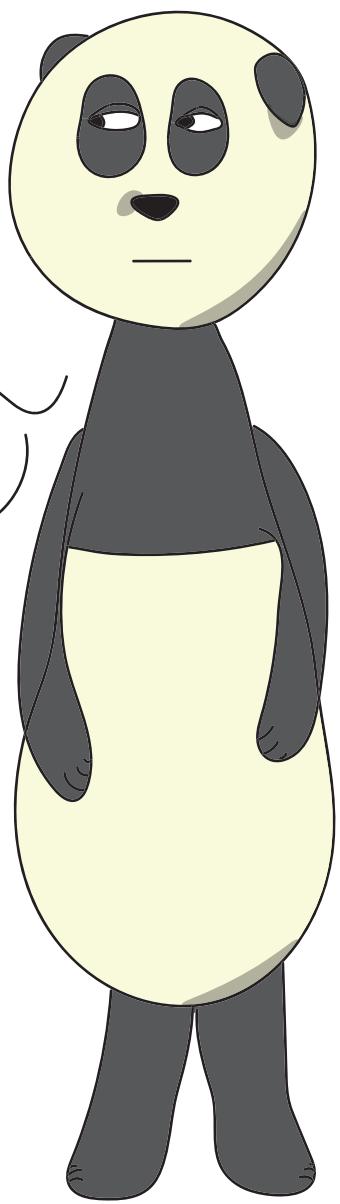


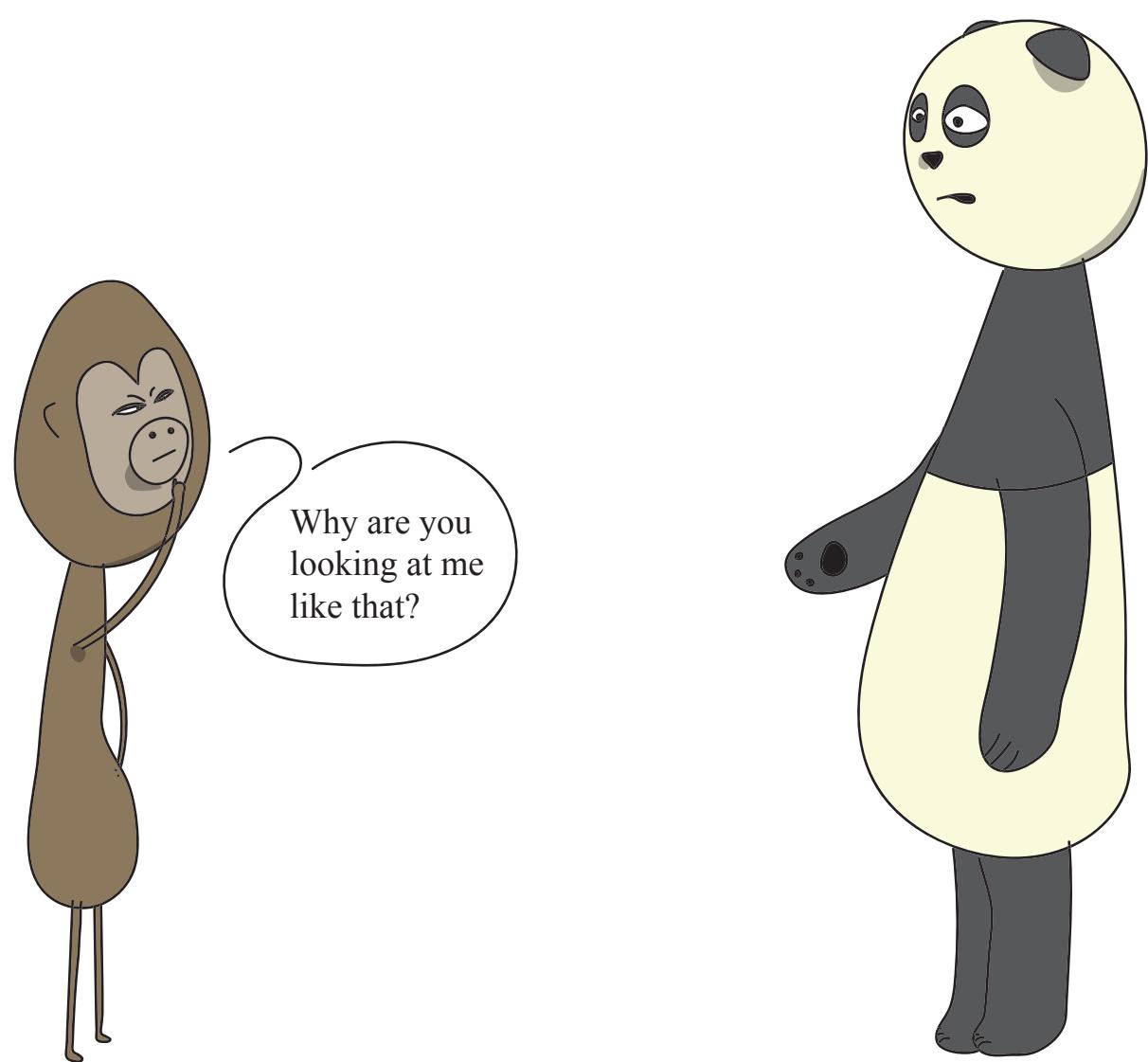
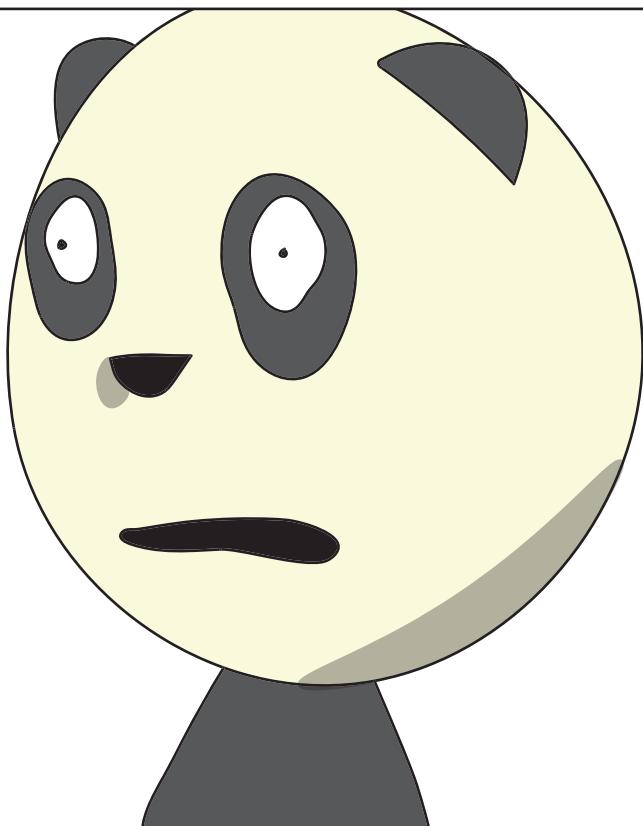
I do not know.
Your father just
told me to empty
the room for
Dogneetus.

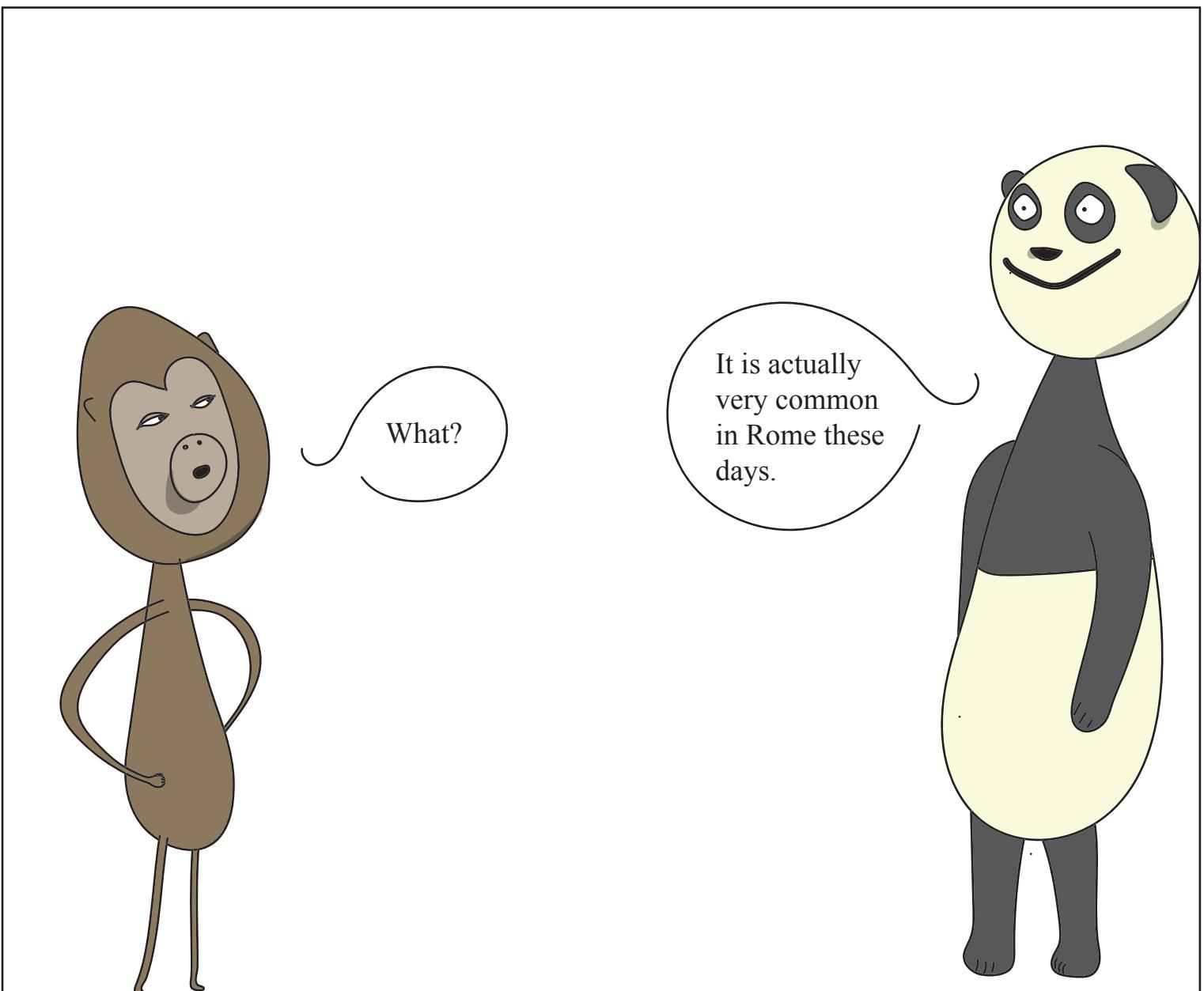
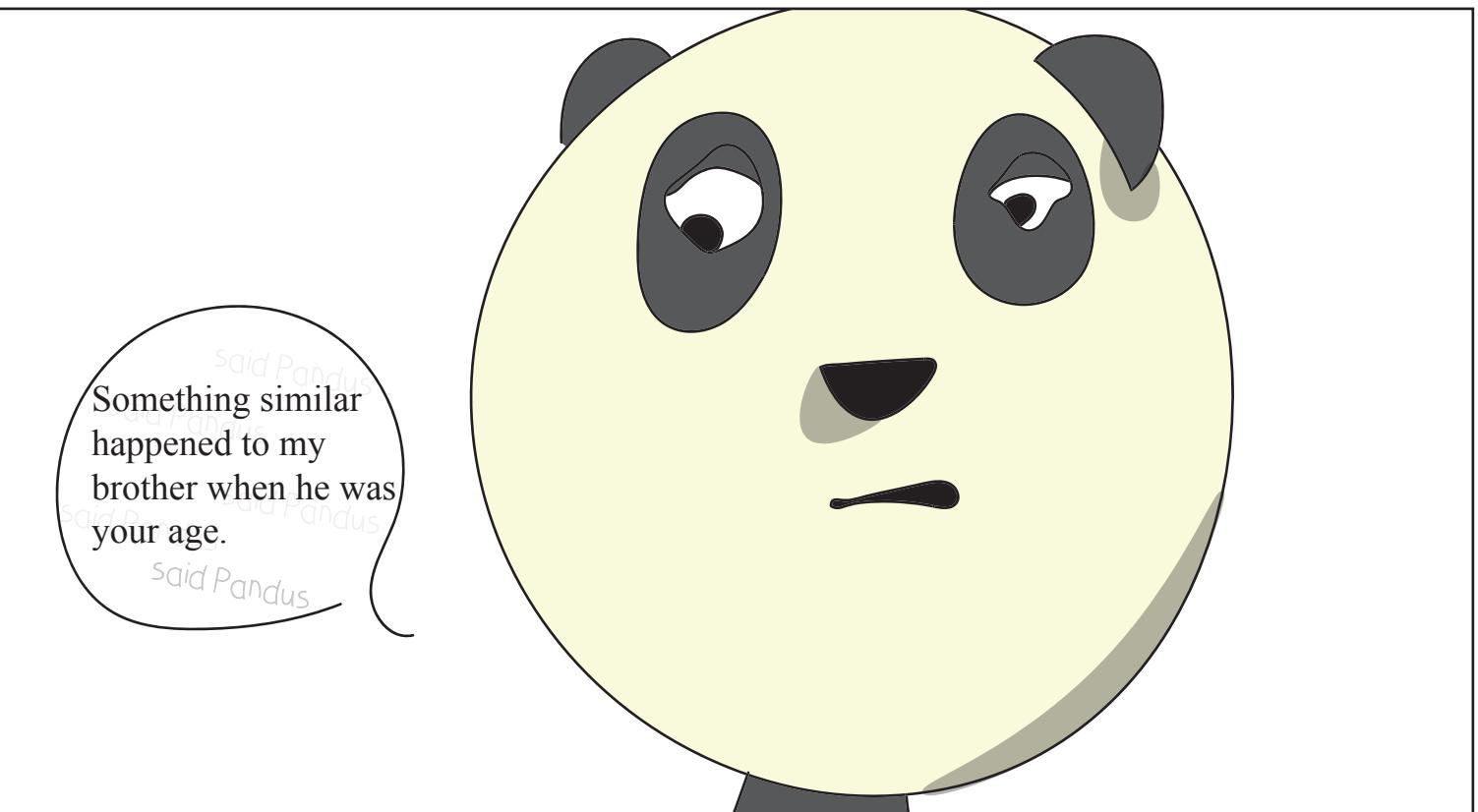
Where am I
supposed to
sleep then?
asked Marcus



Your father
did not say.



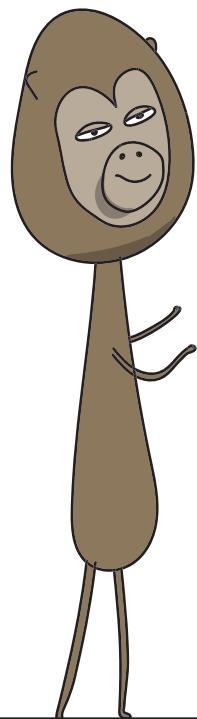




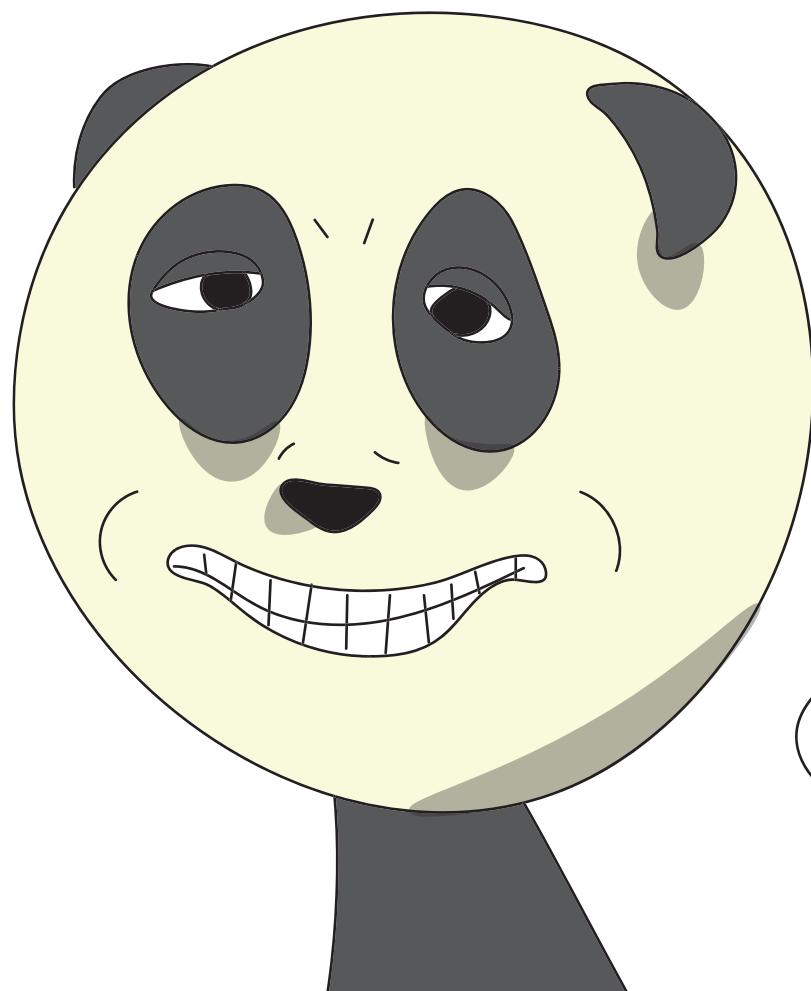
asked Marcus
...What....?

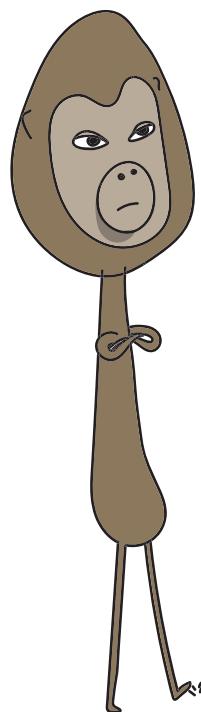
asked Marcus

Sometimes
in exchange
for a gift...

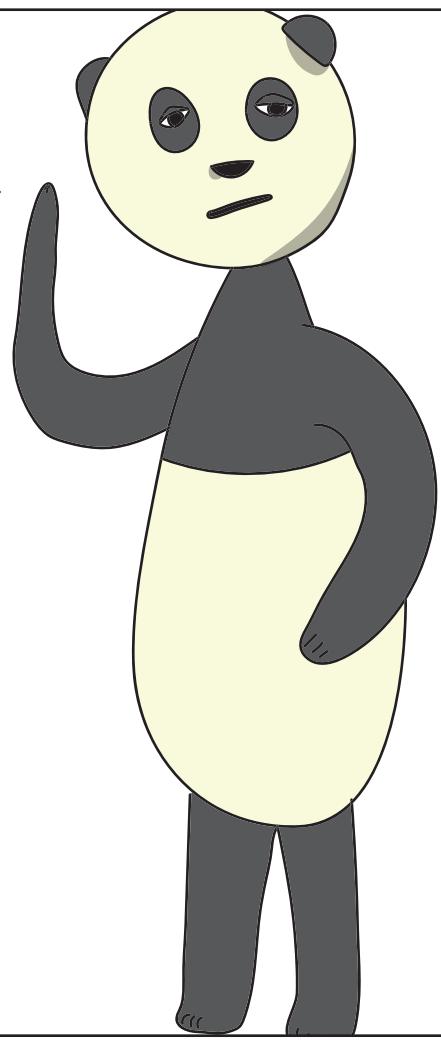


Parents send their
children away...

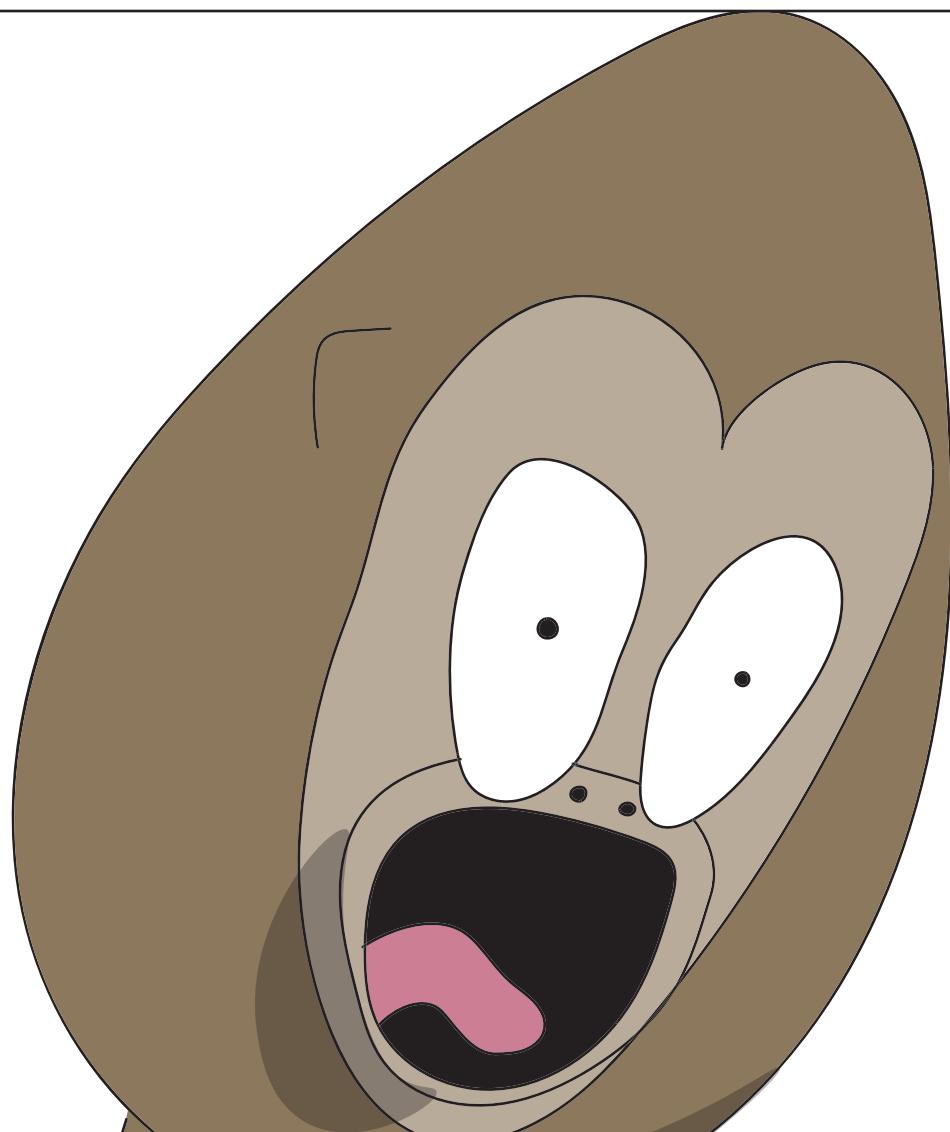
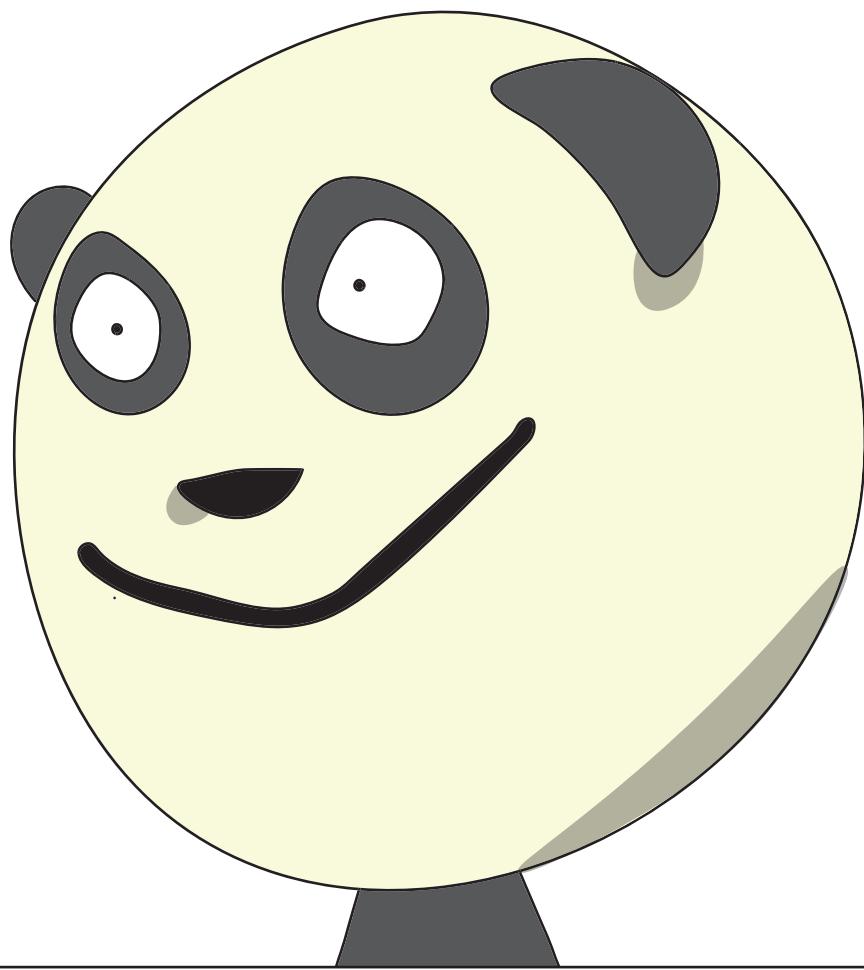


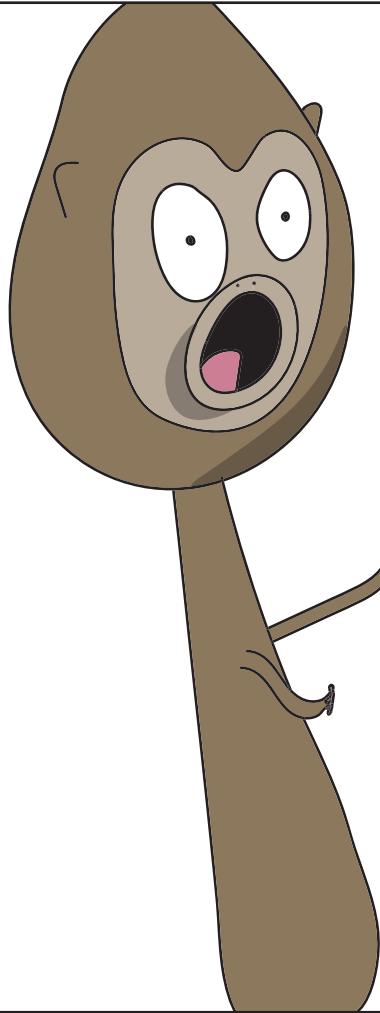


To live with
another
family...

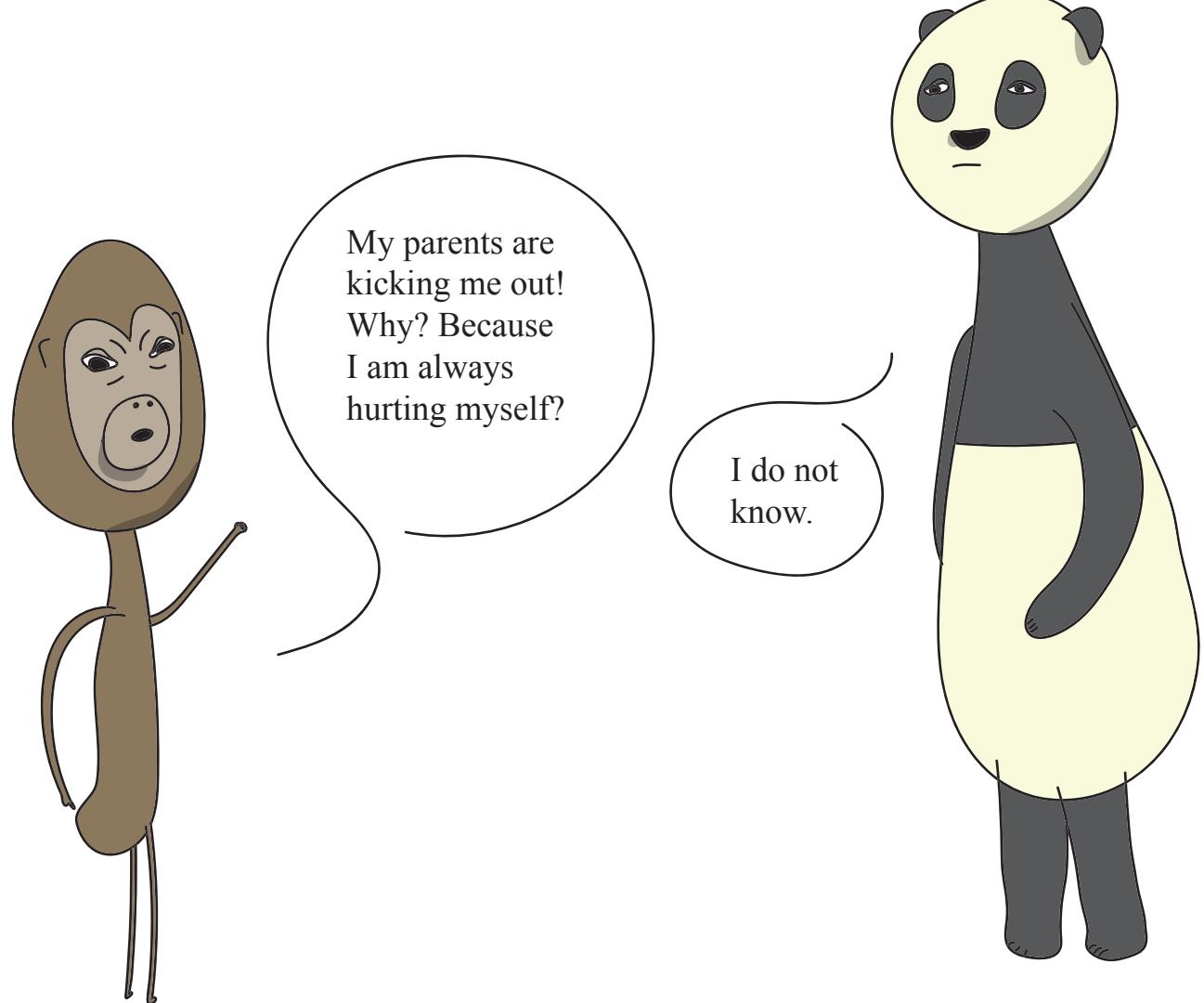


Forever.

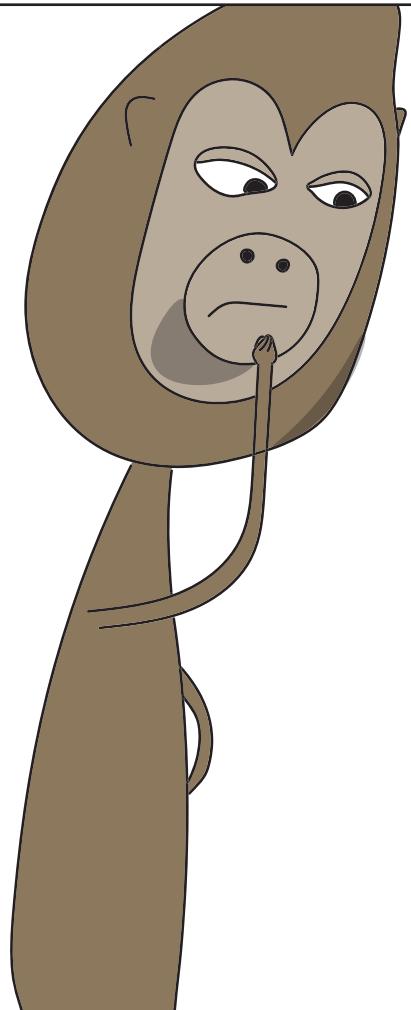




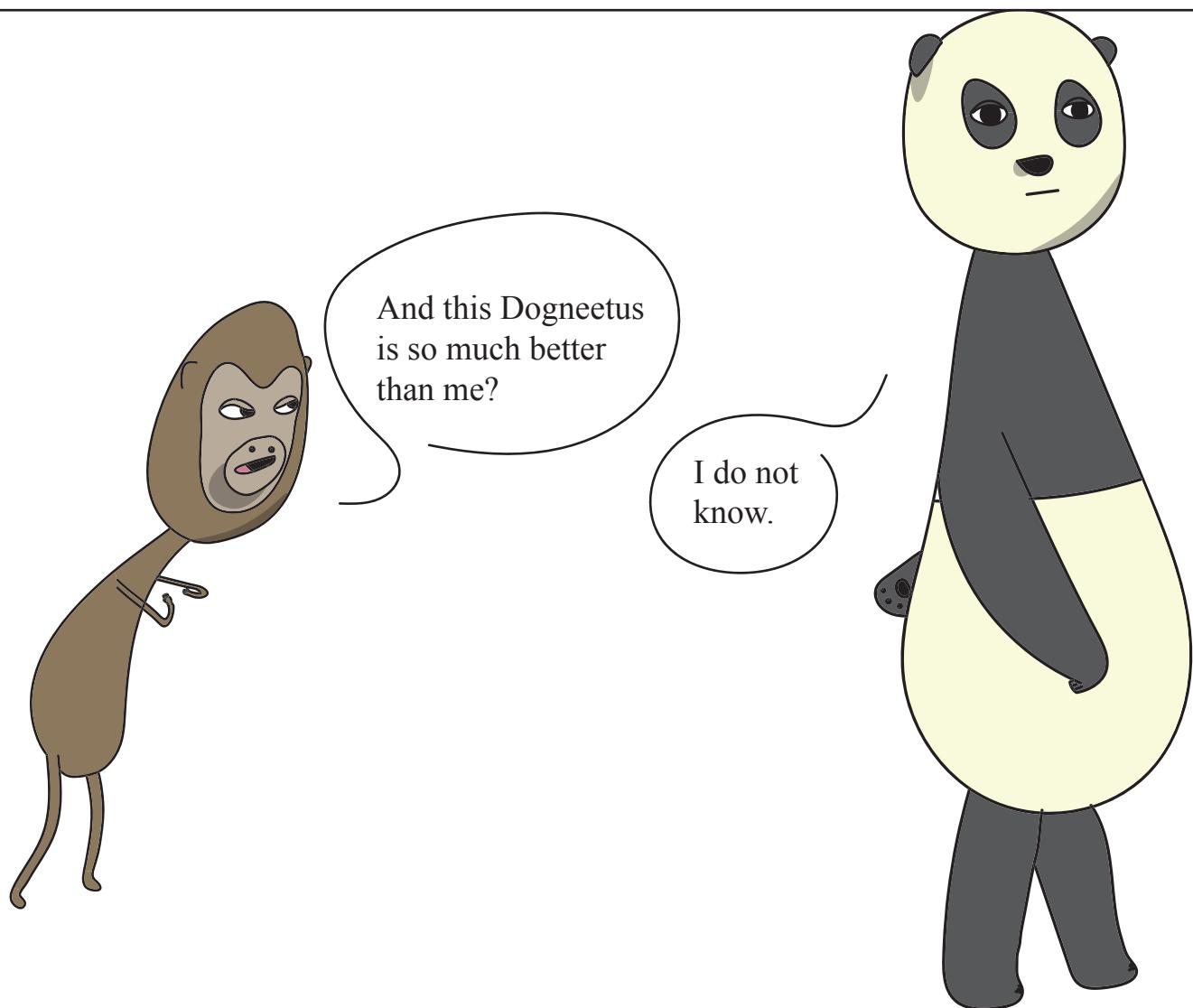
WHAT?!



I do not
know.



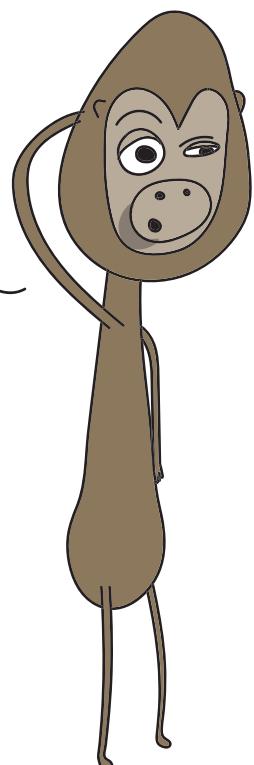
Said Marcus
Oh my gods.
This is terrible.
Said Marcus



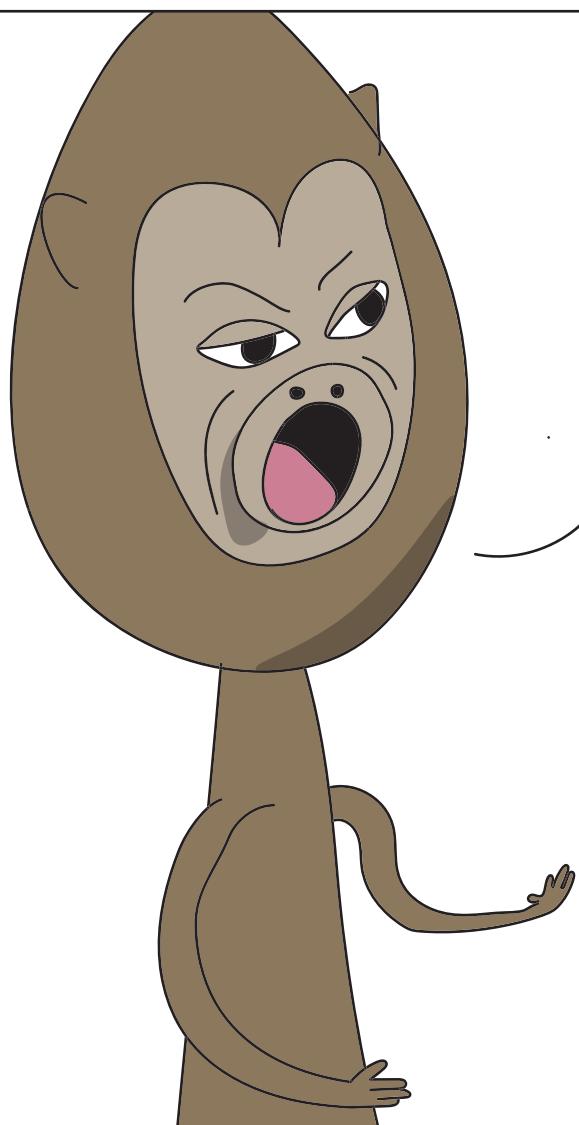
And this Dogneetus
is so much better
than me?

I do not
know.

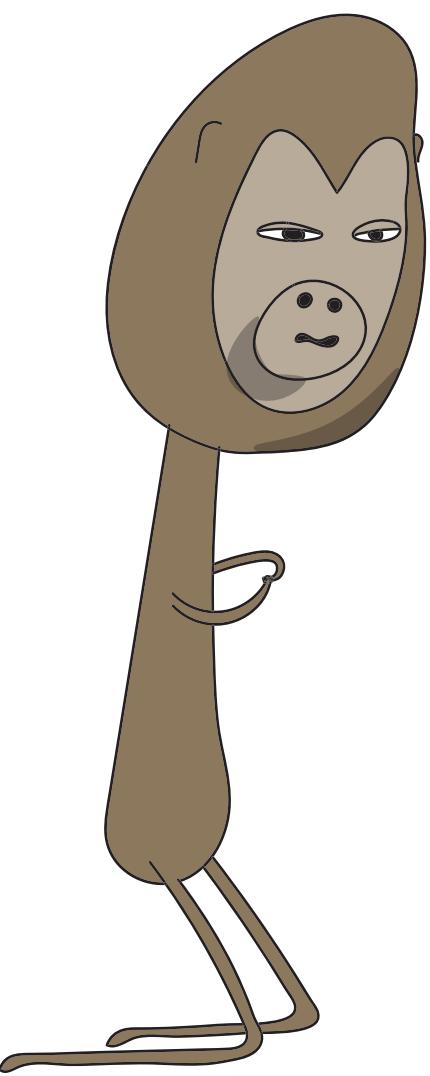
asked Marcus
Where are
you going?
asked Marcus



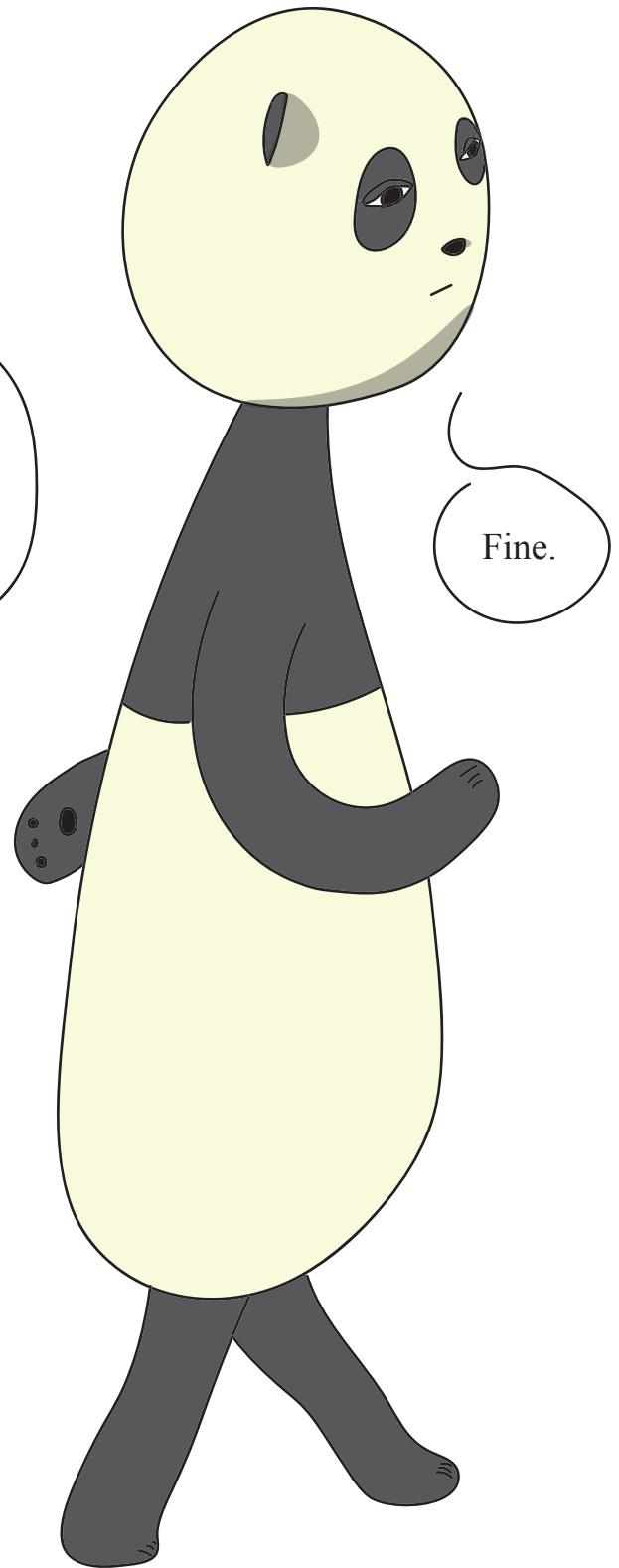
I have to pick
Dogeneetus up from the
shipping yard now. She
sailed from Greece.



NOW?!



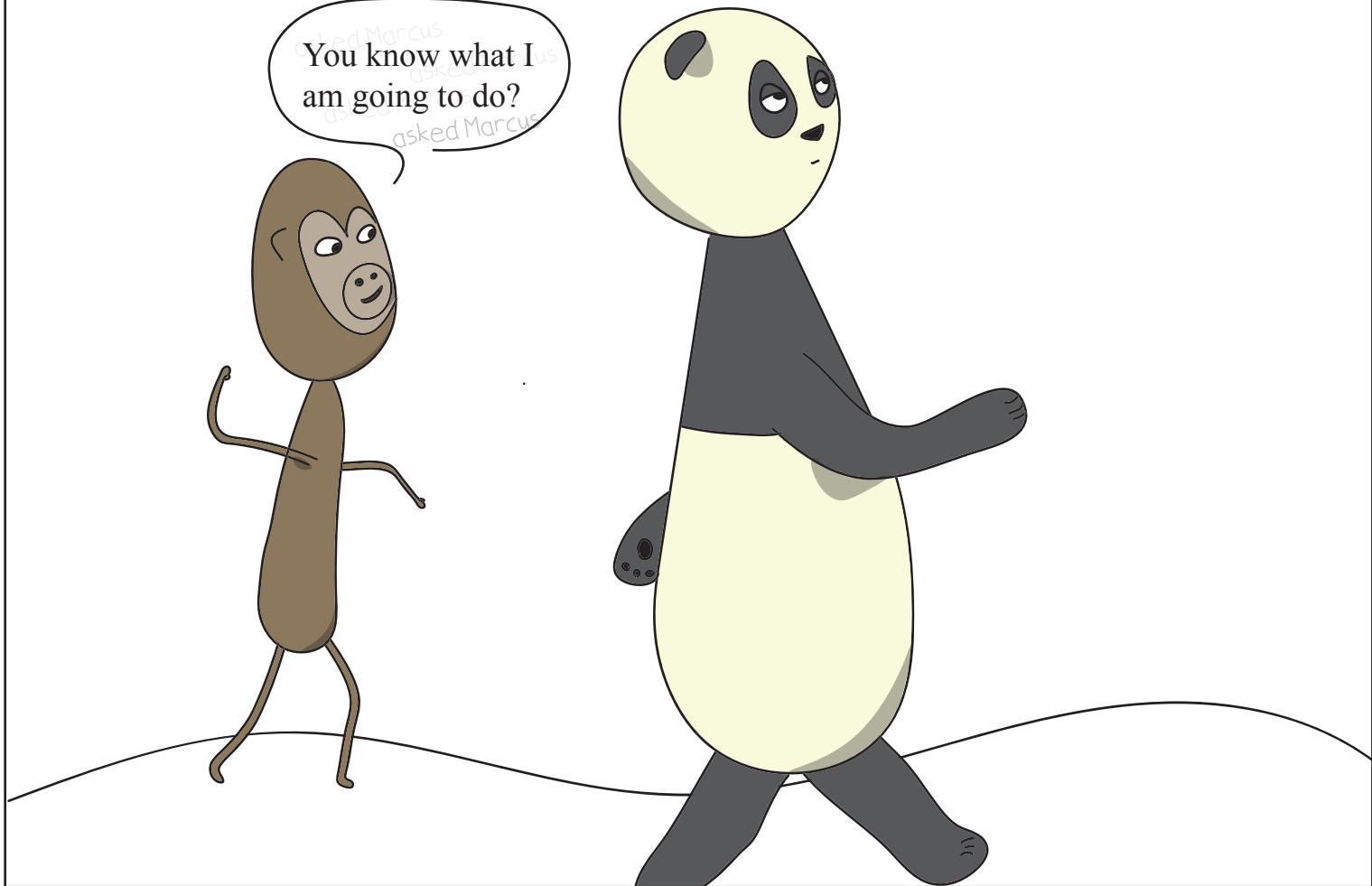
Can I come with
you? I want to
meet the person
stealing my life.



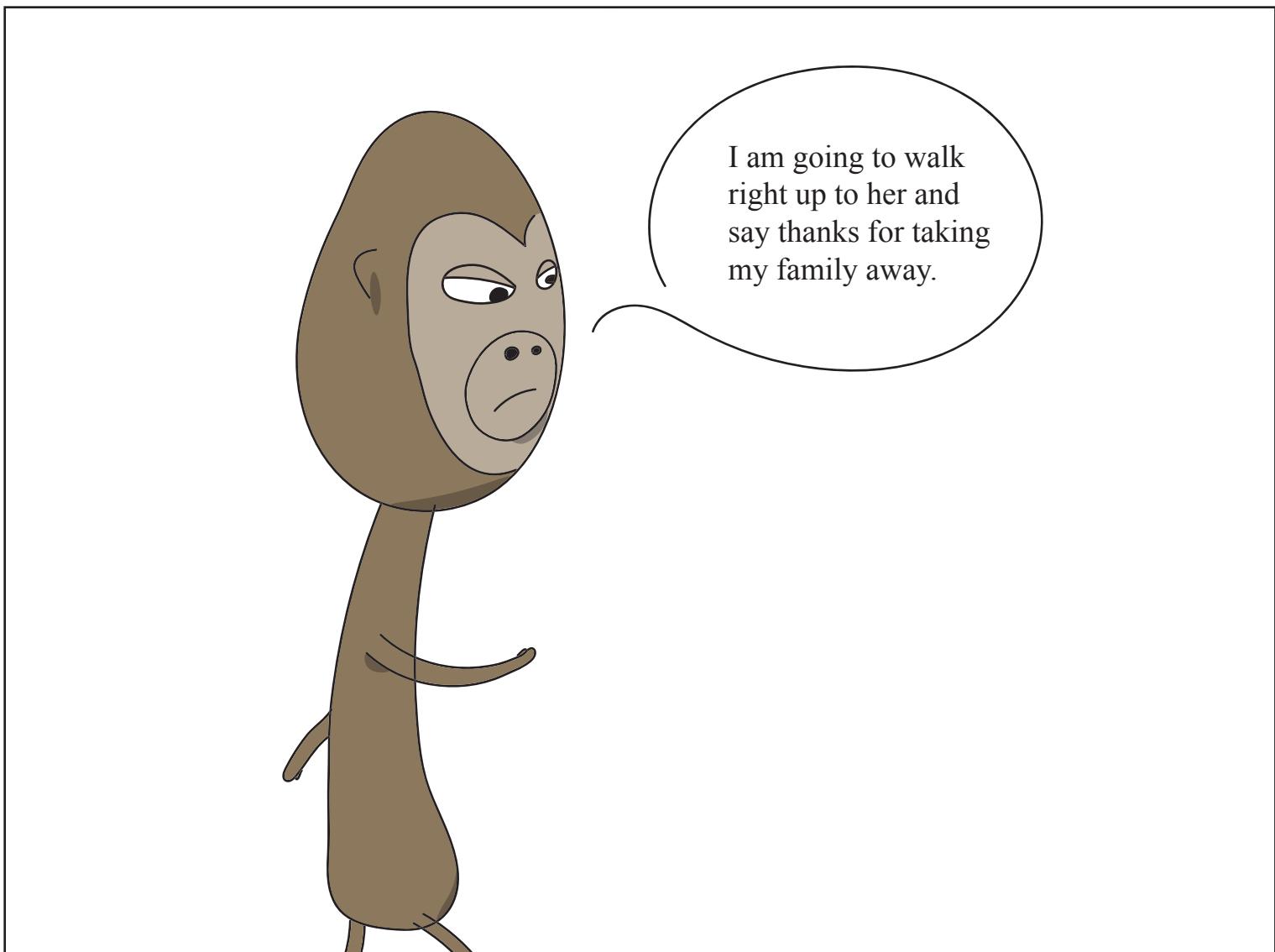
Fine.

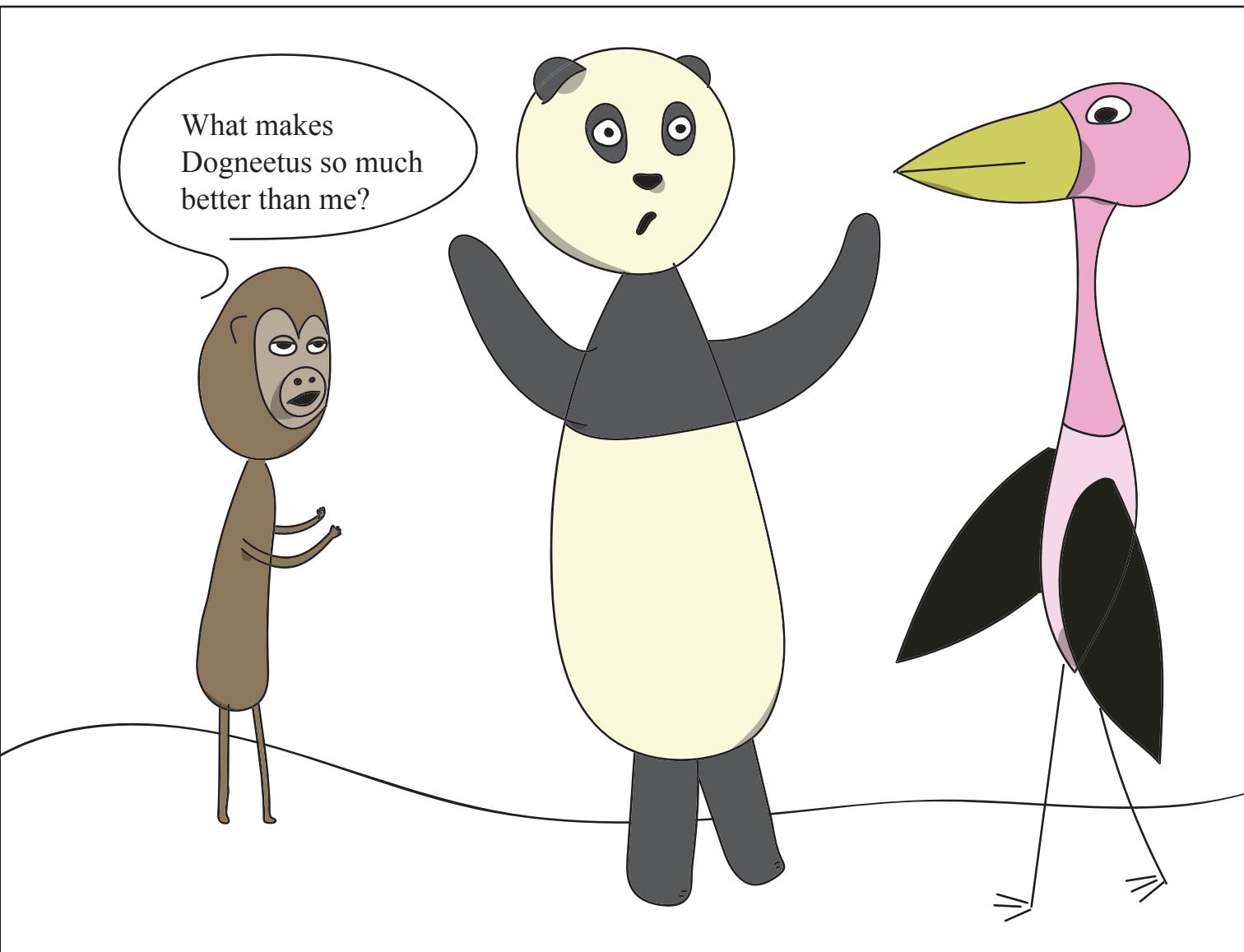
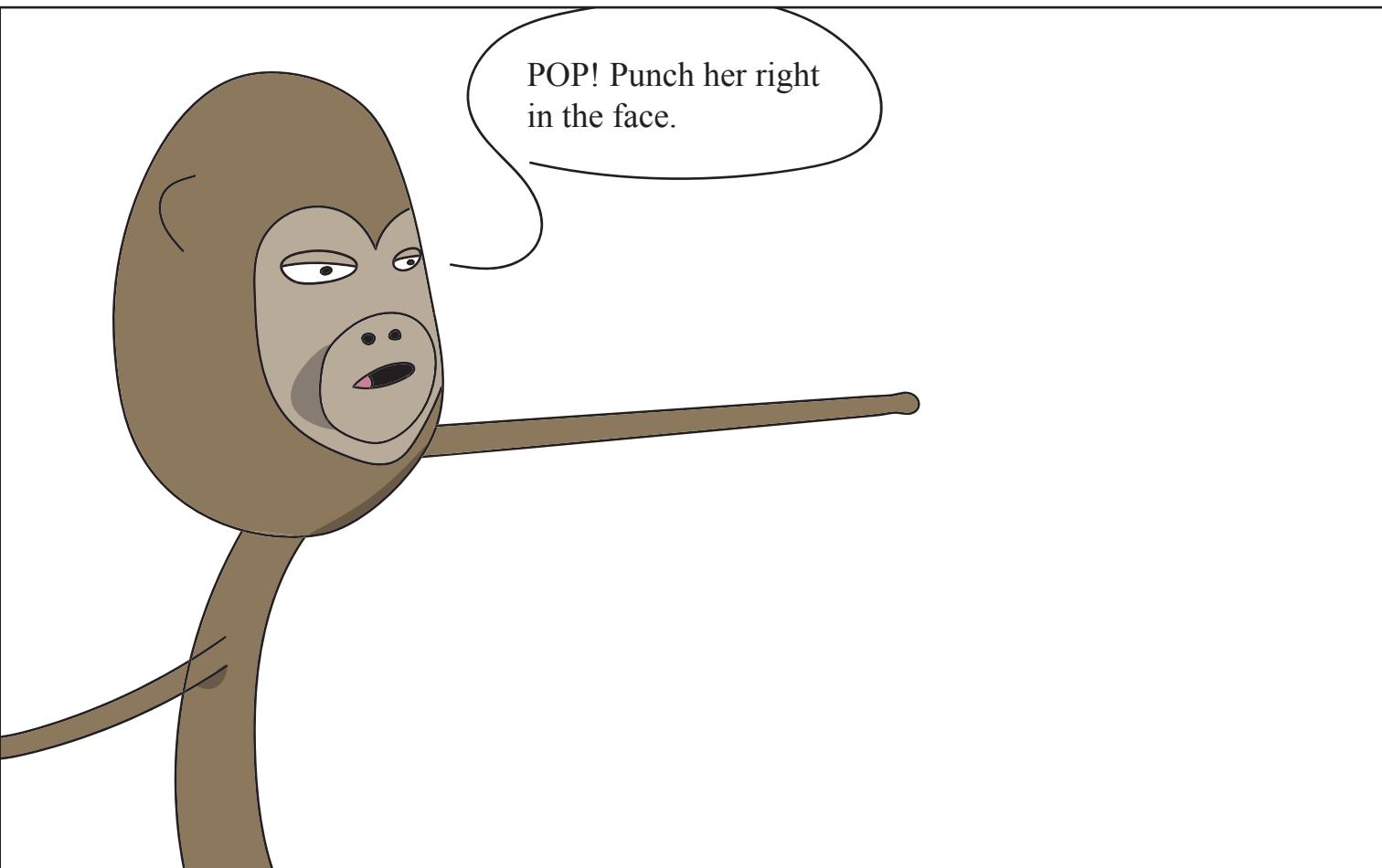
Chapter 2 - Hurt

asked Marcus
You know what I us
am going to do?
asked Marcus

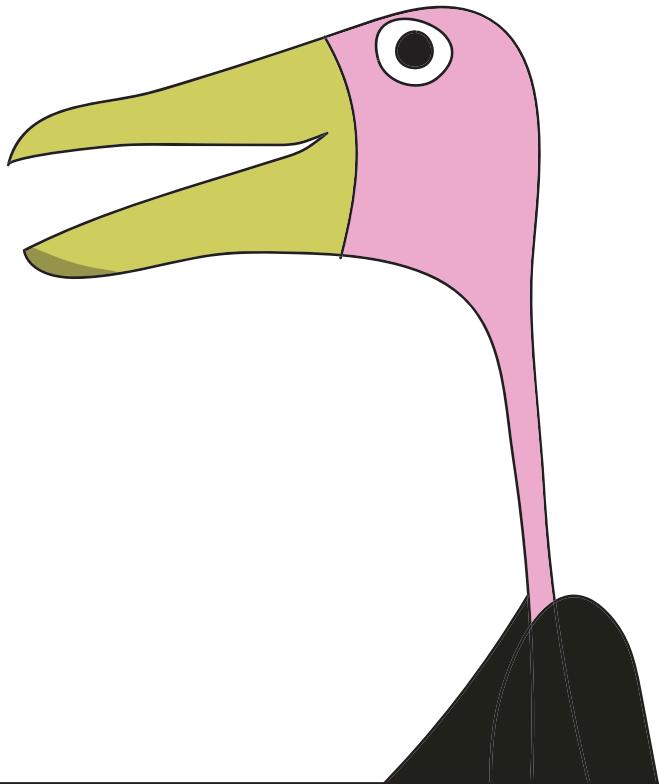


I am going to walk
right up to her and
say thanks for taking
my family away.

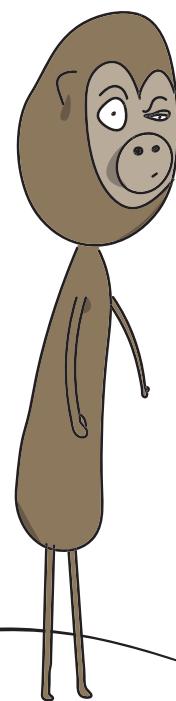




said Janus the Stork
Did you say Dogneetus?
said Janus the Stork
Dogeetus from Greece?
said Janus the Stork
said Janus the Stork

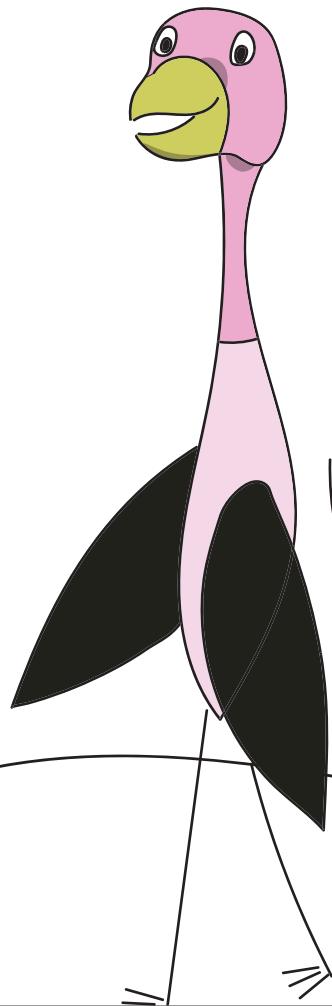


Yeah...



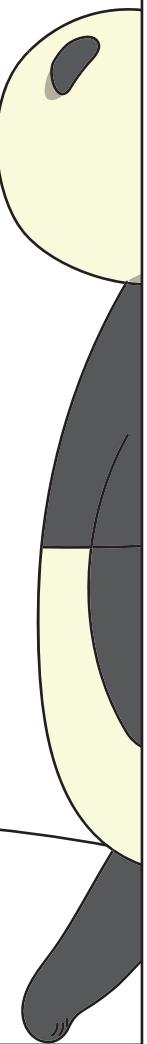
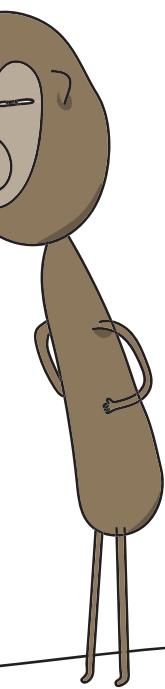
Oh, she is amazing.





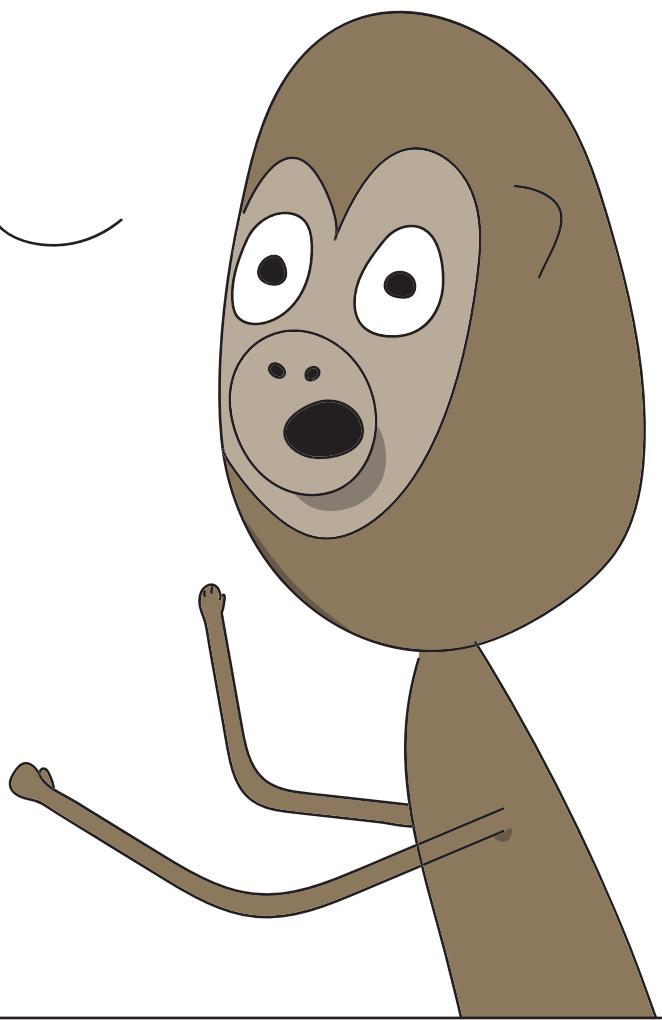
How do you know
her?

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

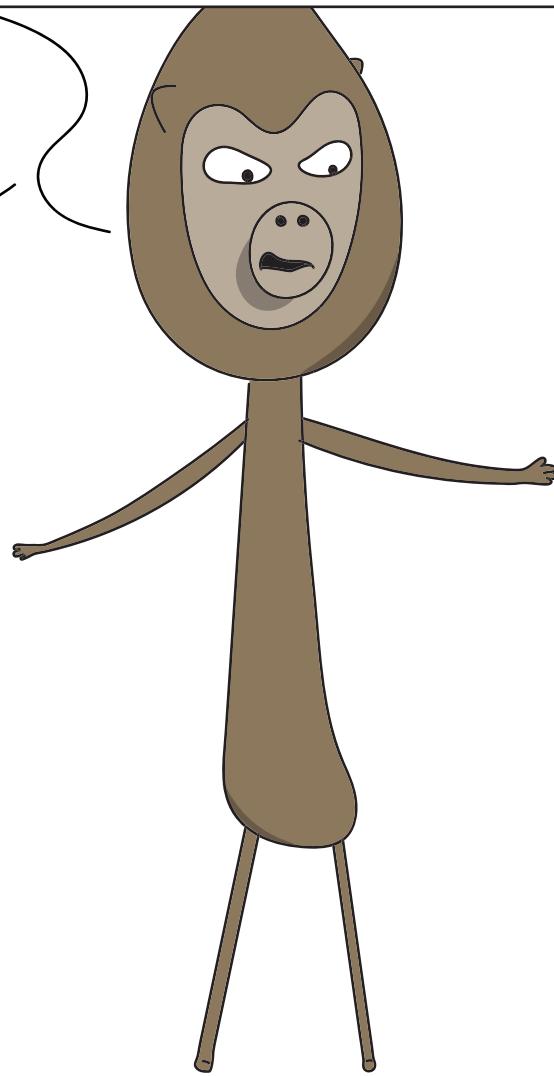


Famous for what?

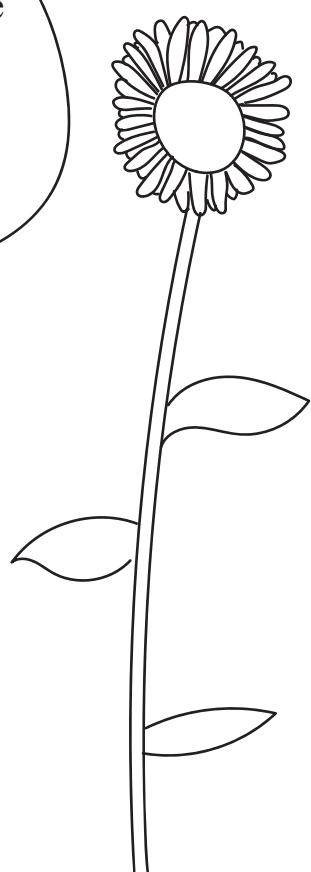
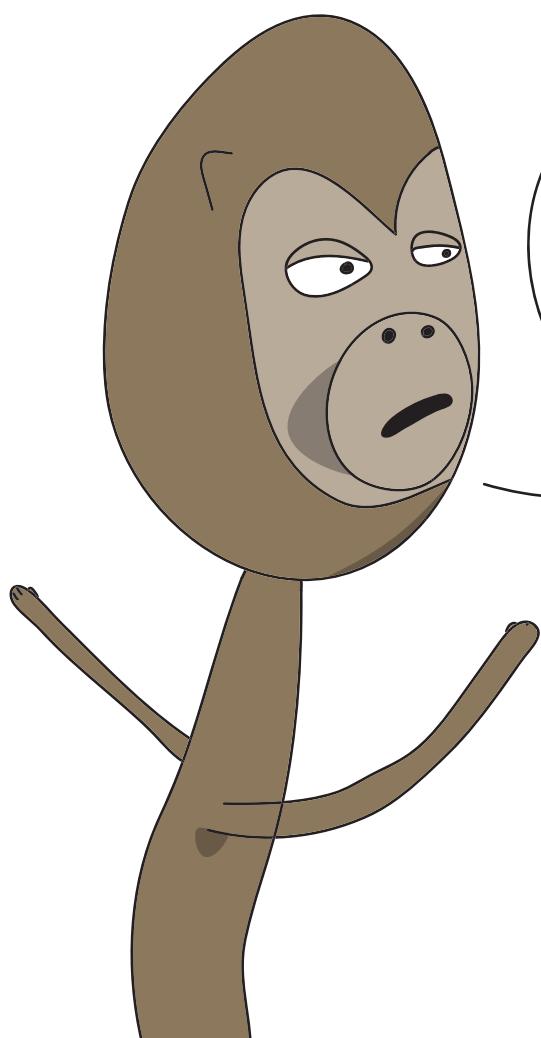
Frescoes. Beautiful
wall paintings...

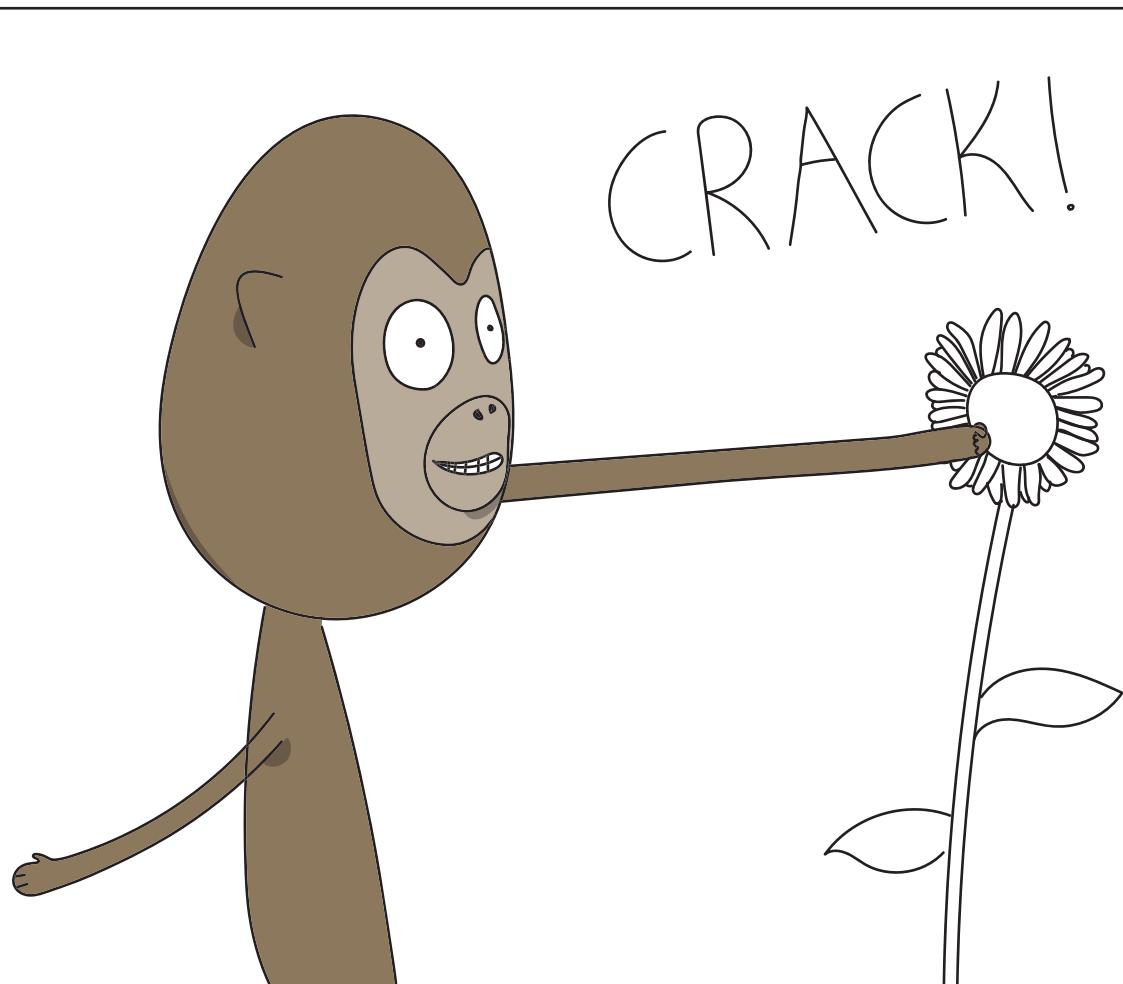
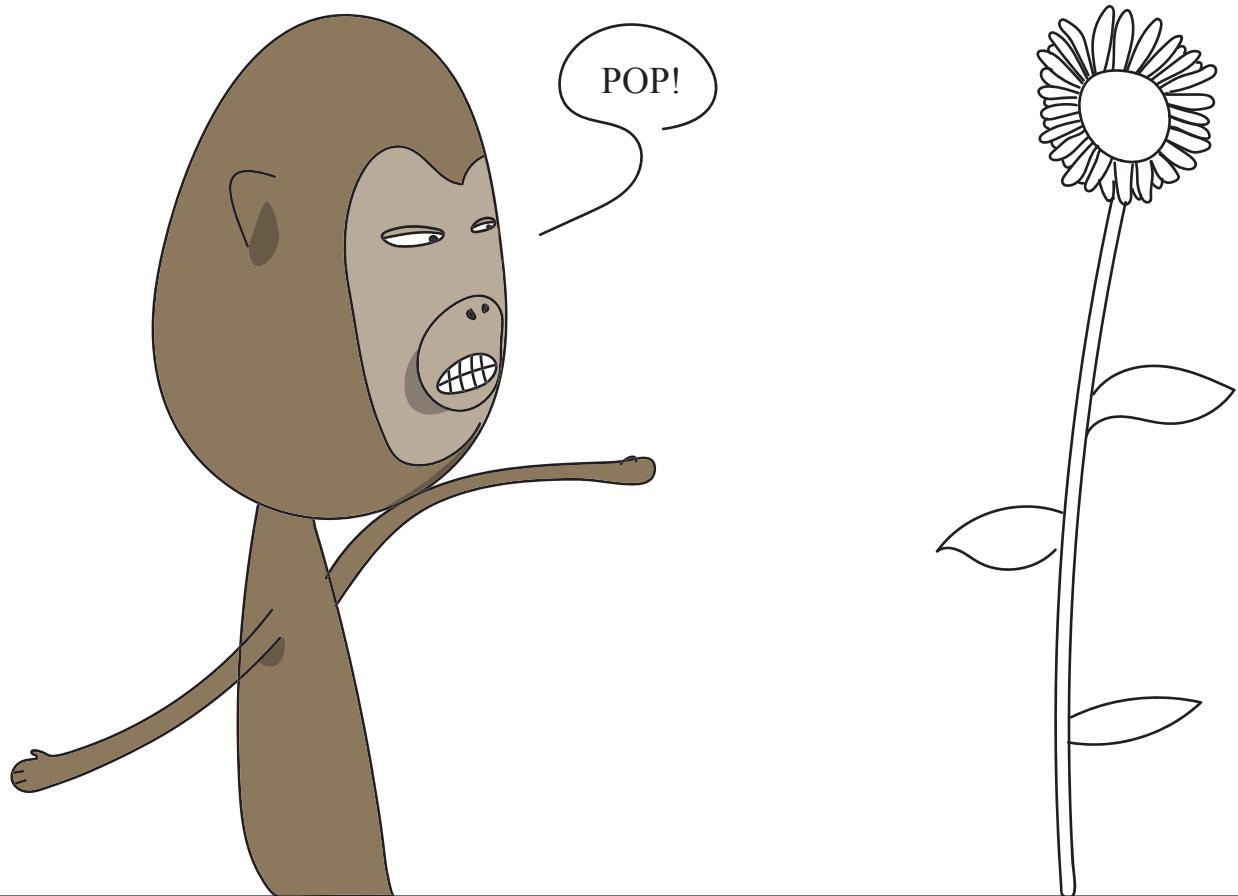


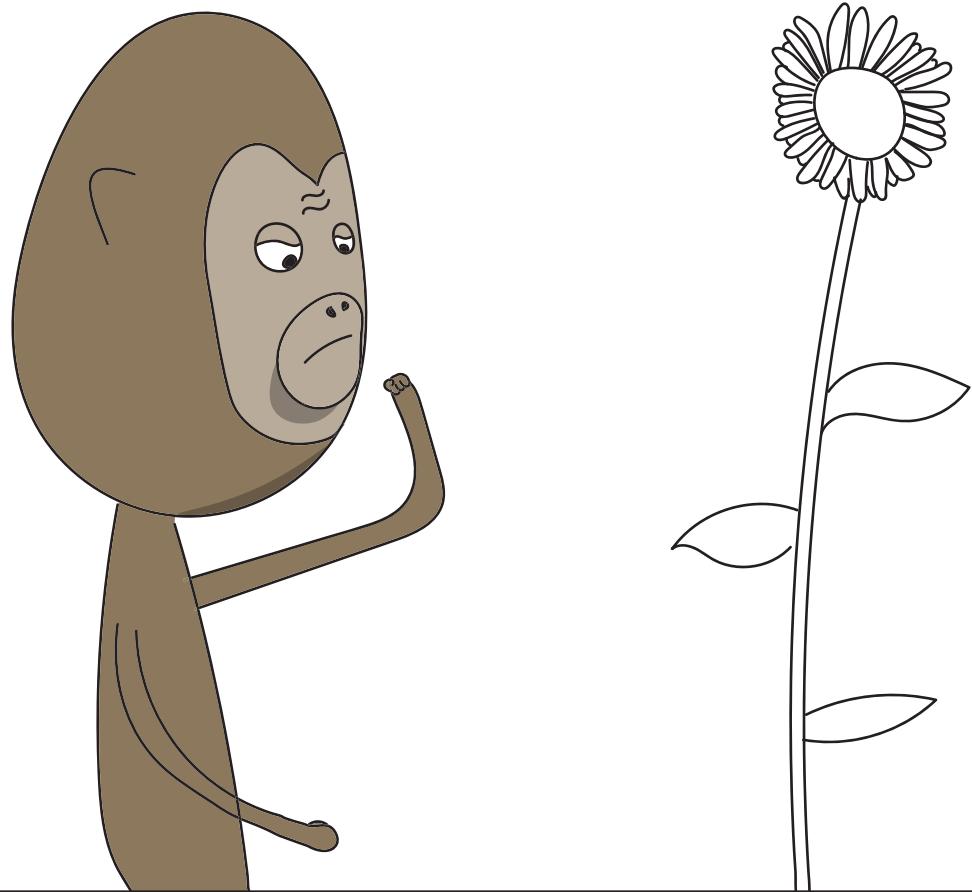
Great. She is famous.

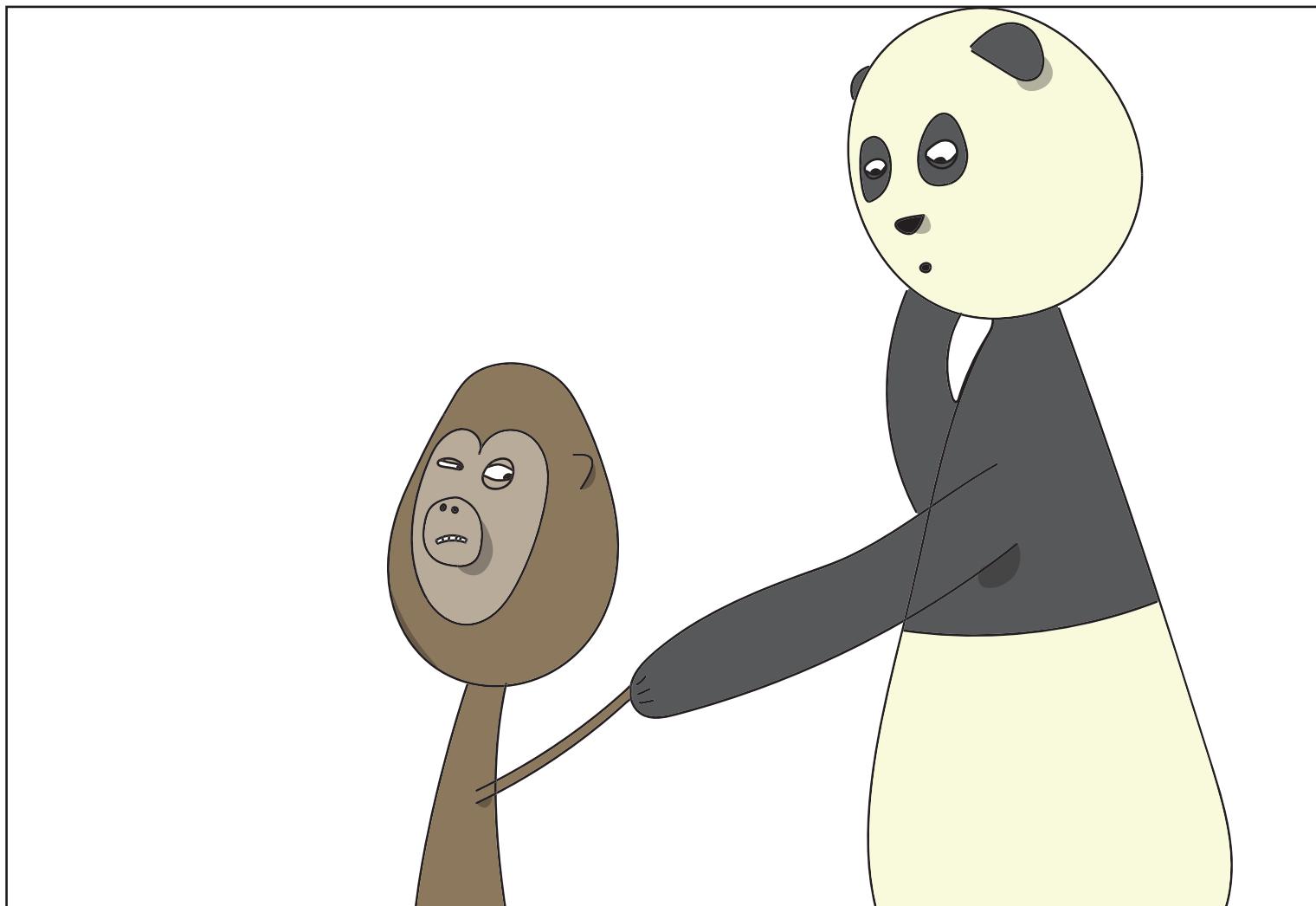
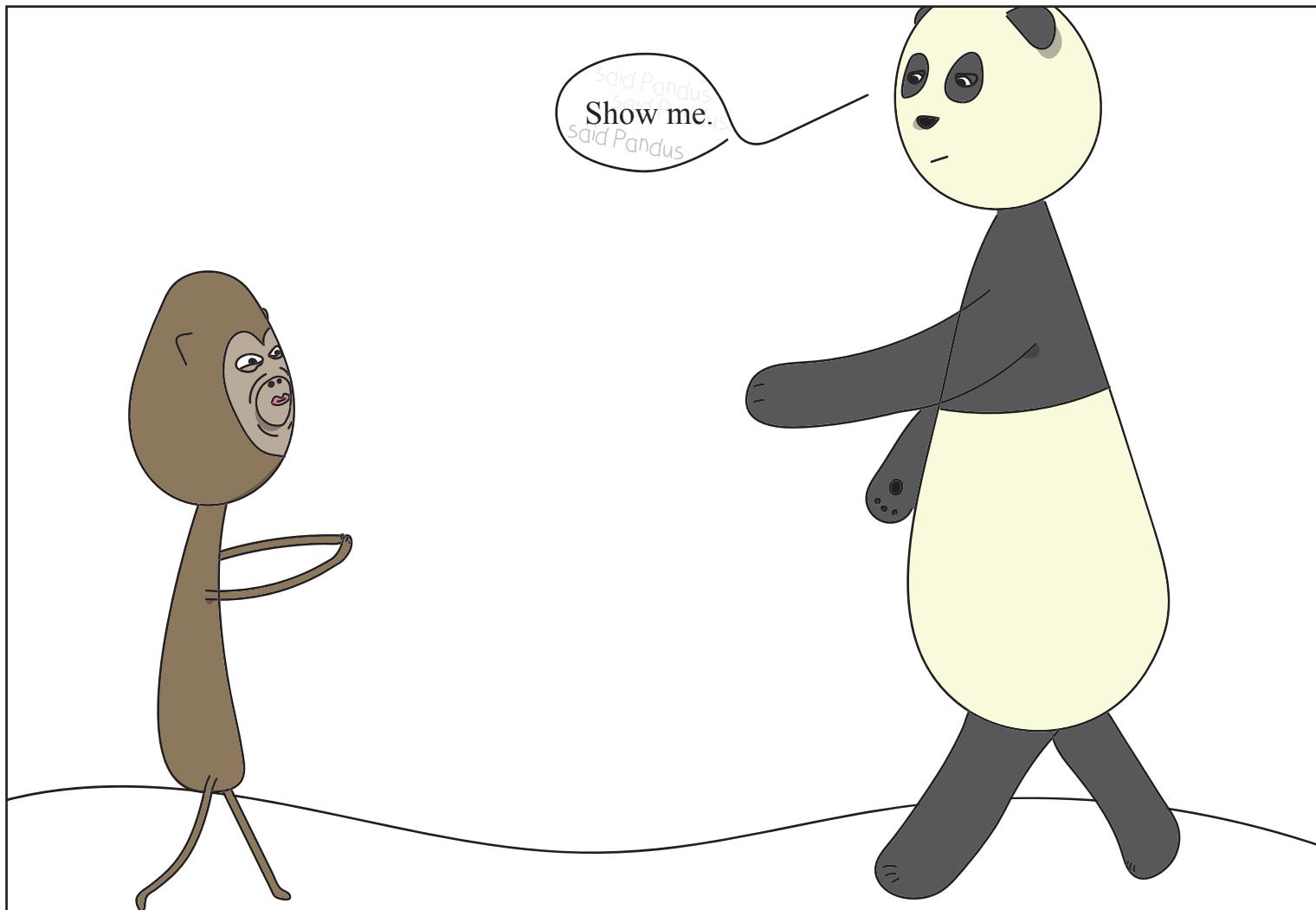


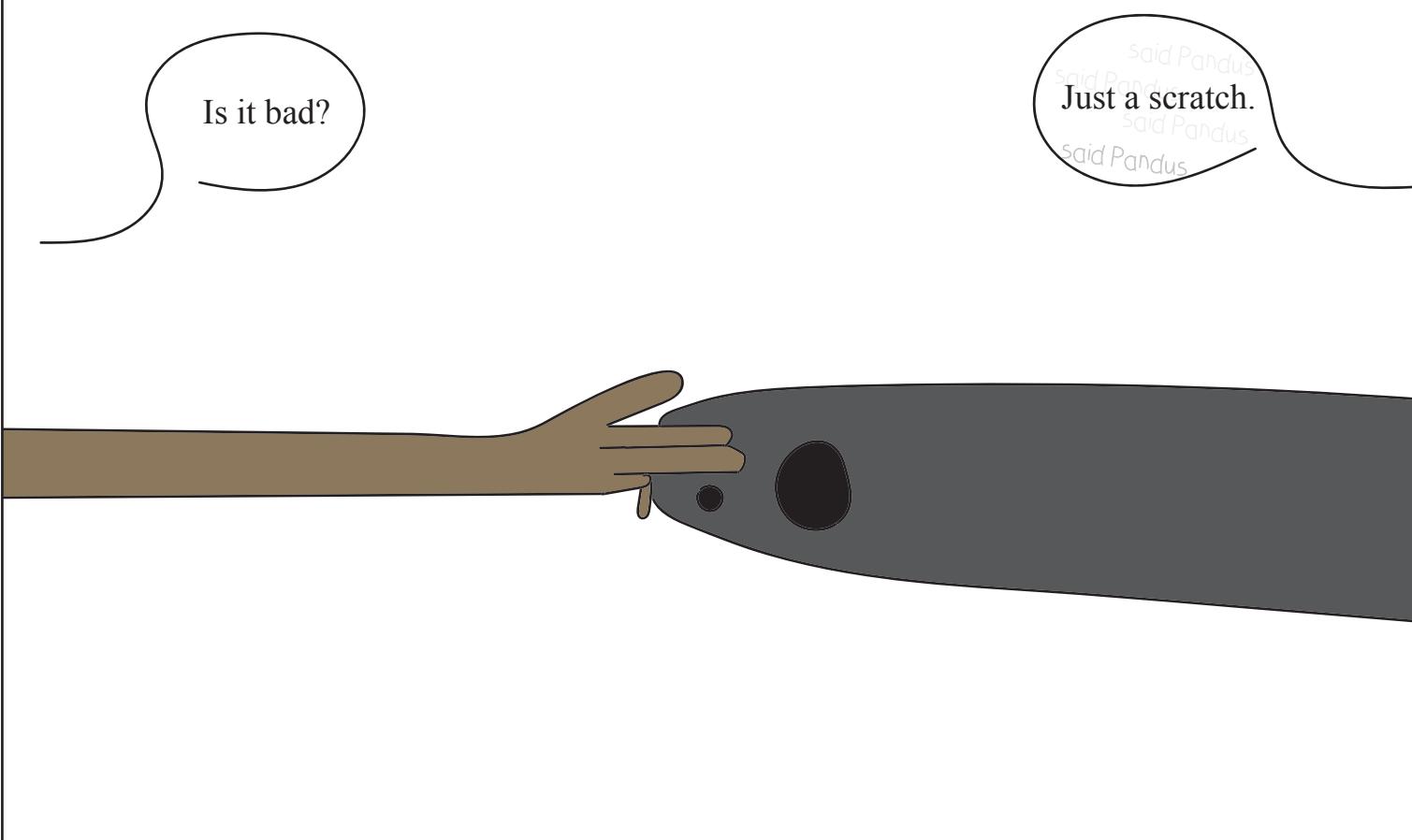
She will be more famous for getting punched in the face after she steals my family.





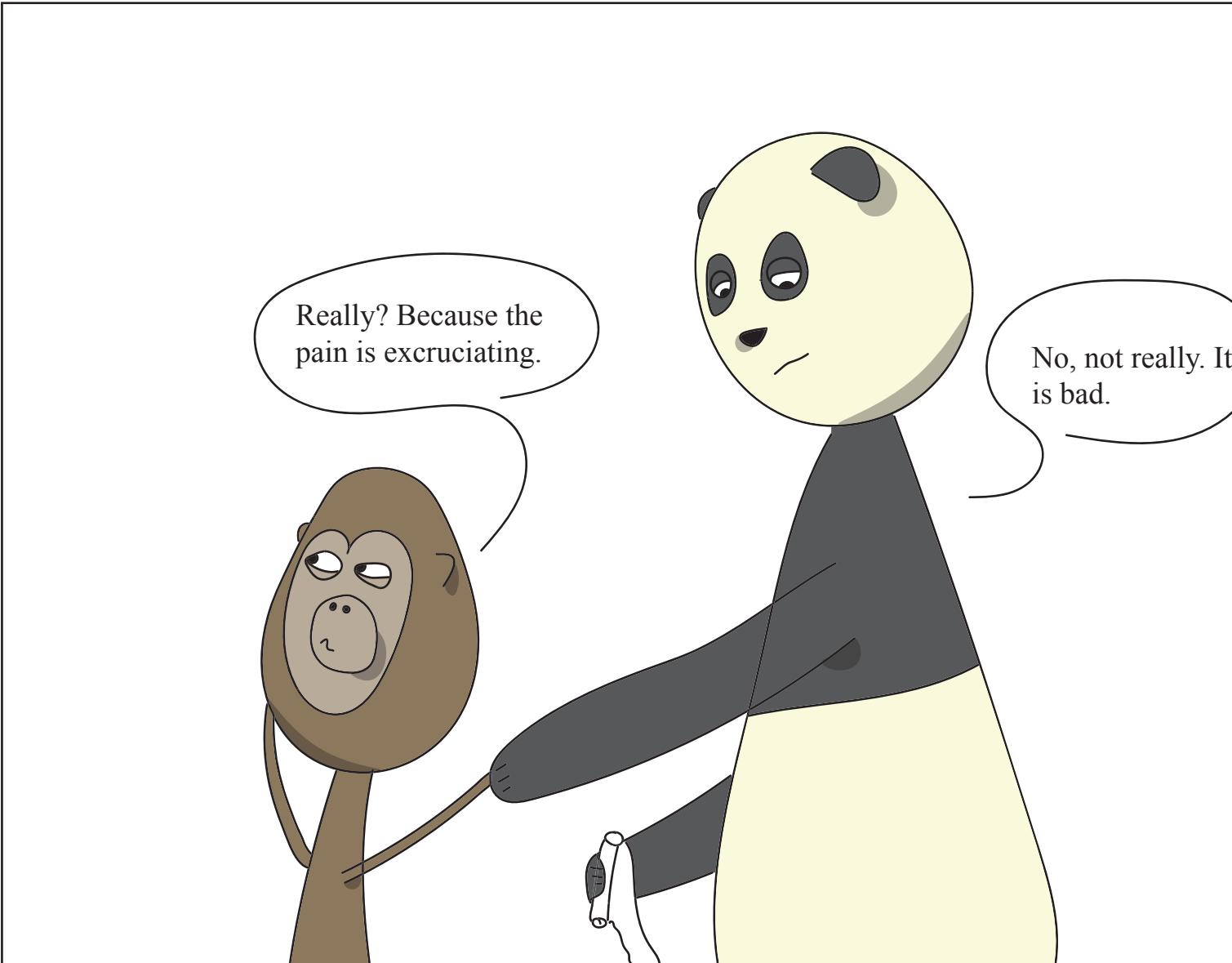






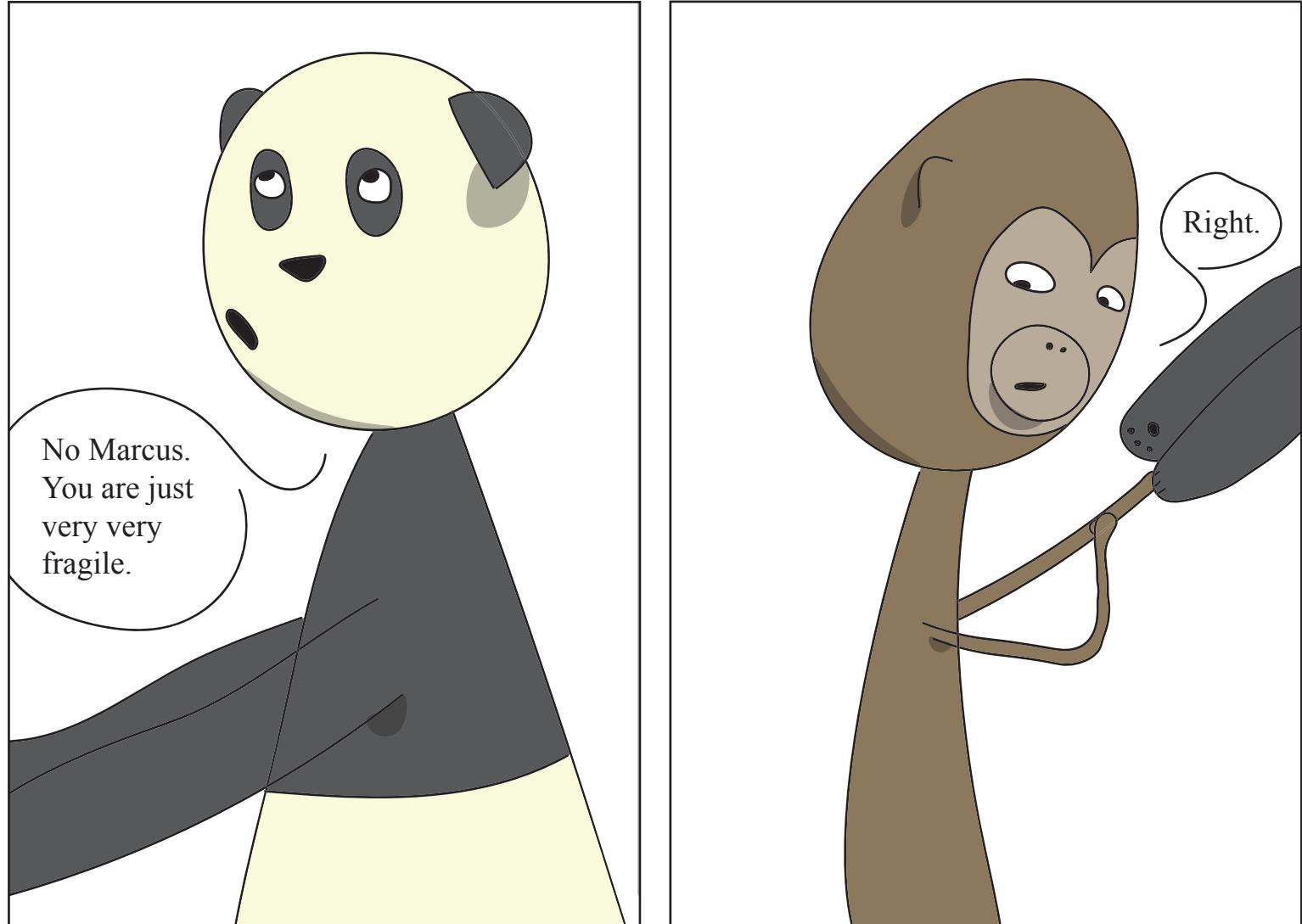
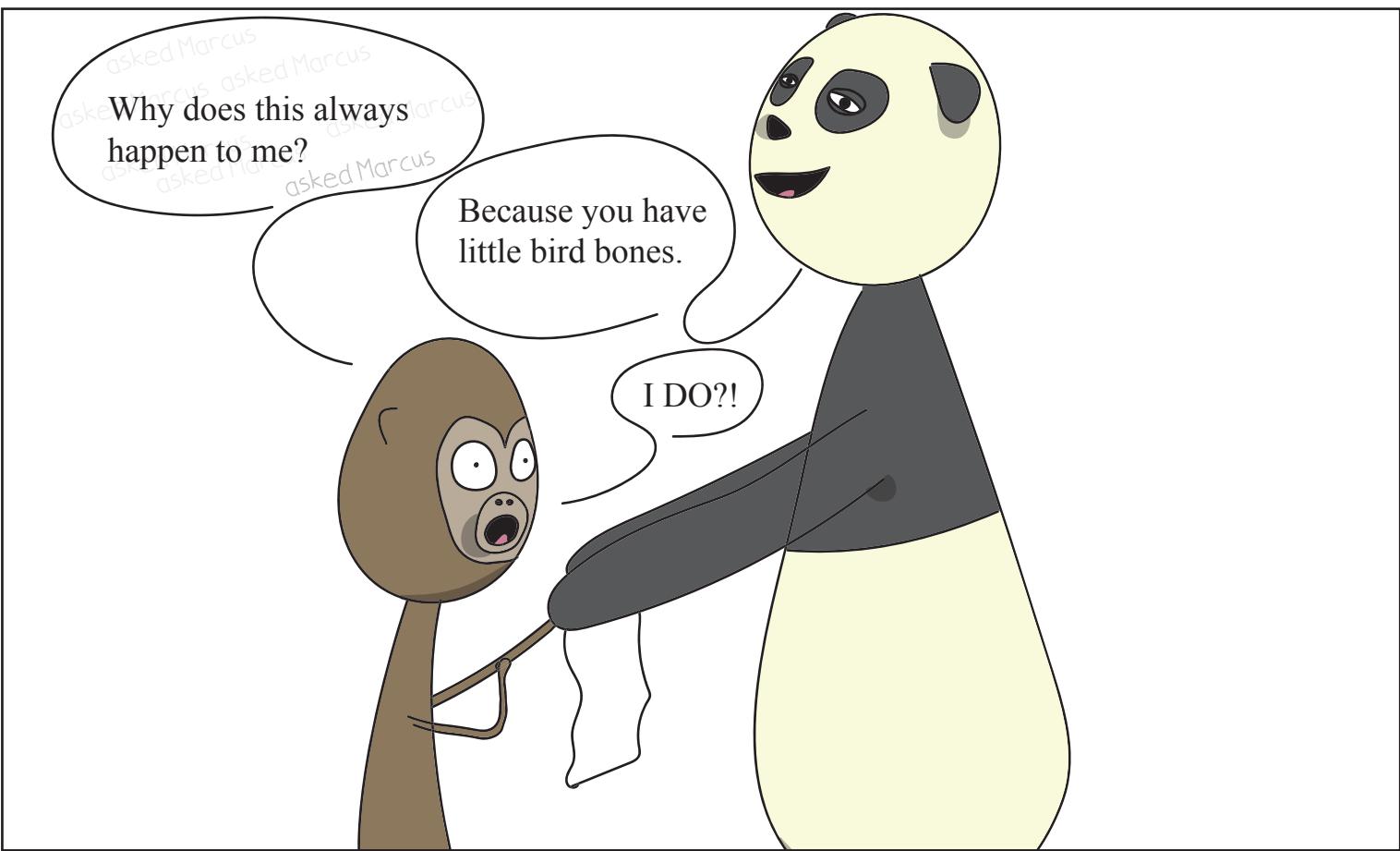
Is it bad?

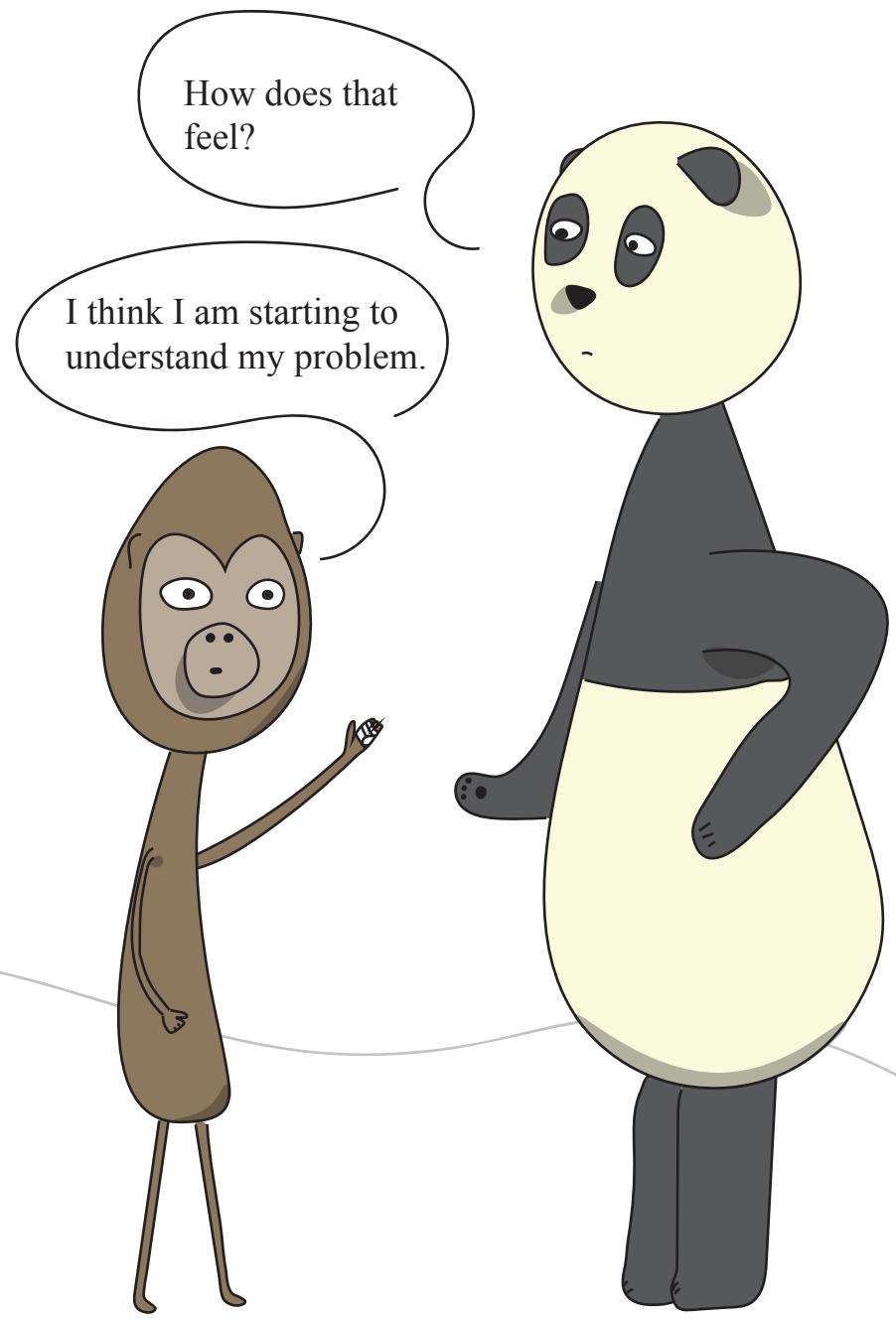
Said Pandus
Said Pandus
Said Pandus
Said Pandus
Just a scratch.



Really? Because the pain is excruciating.

No, not really. It is bad.





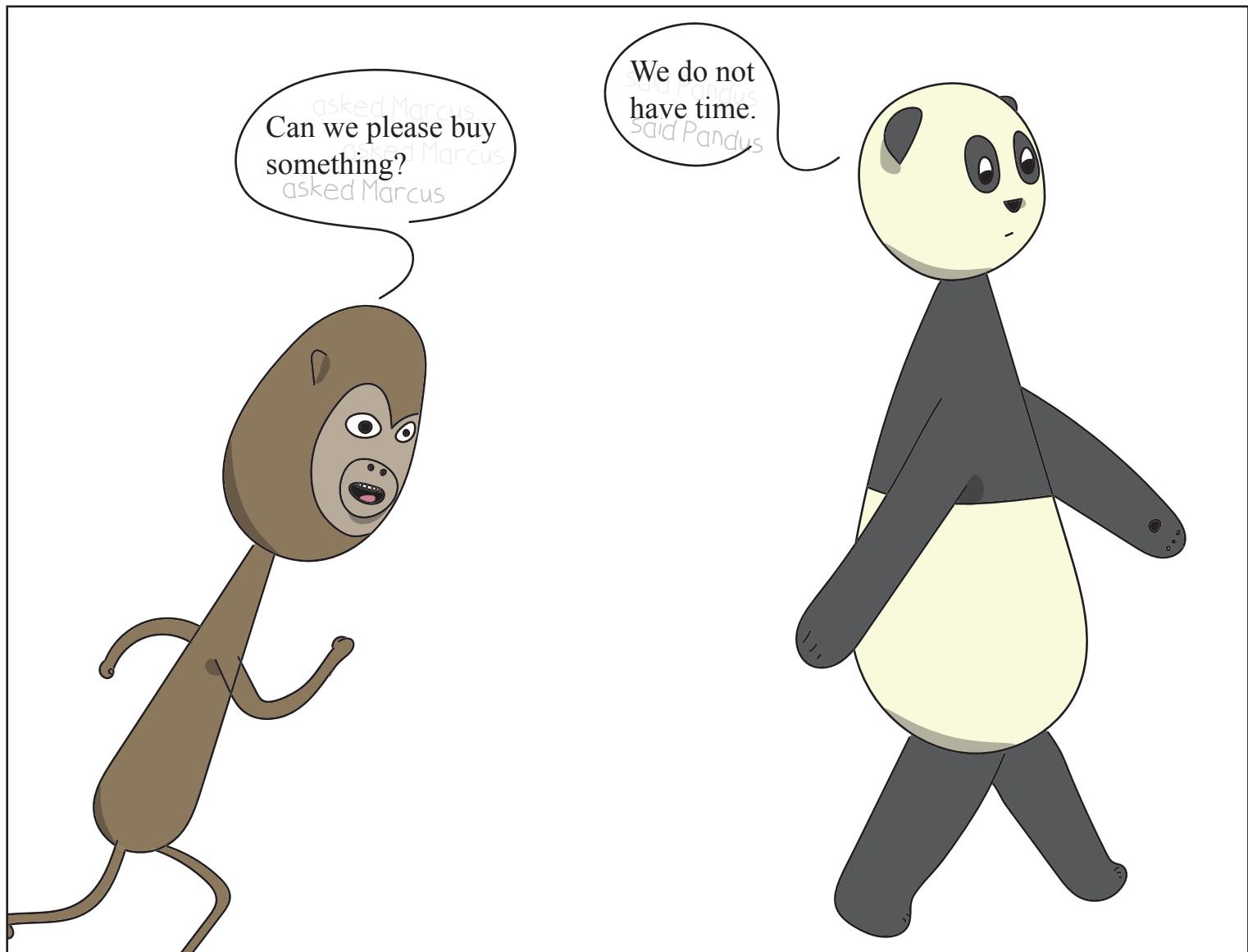
Chapter 3 - Terry

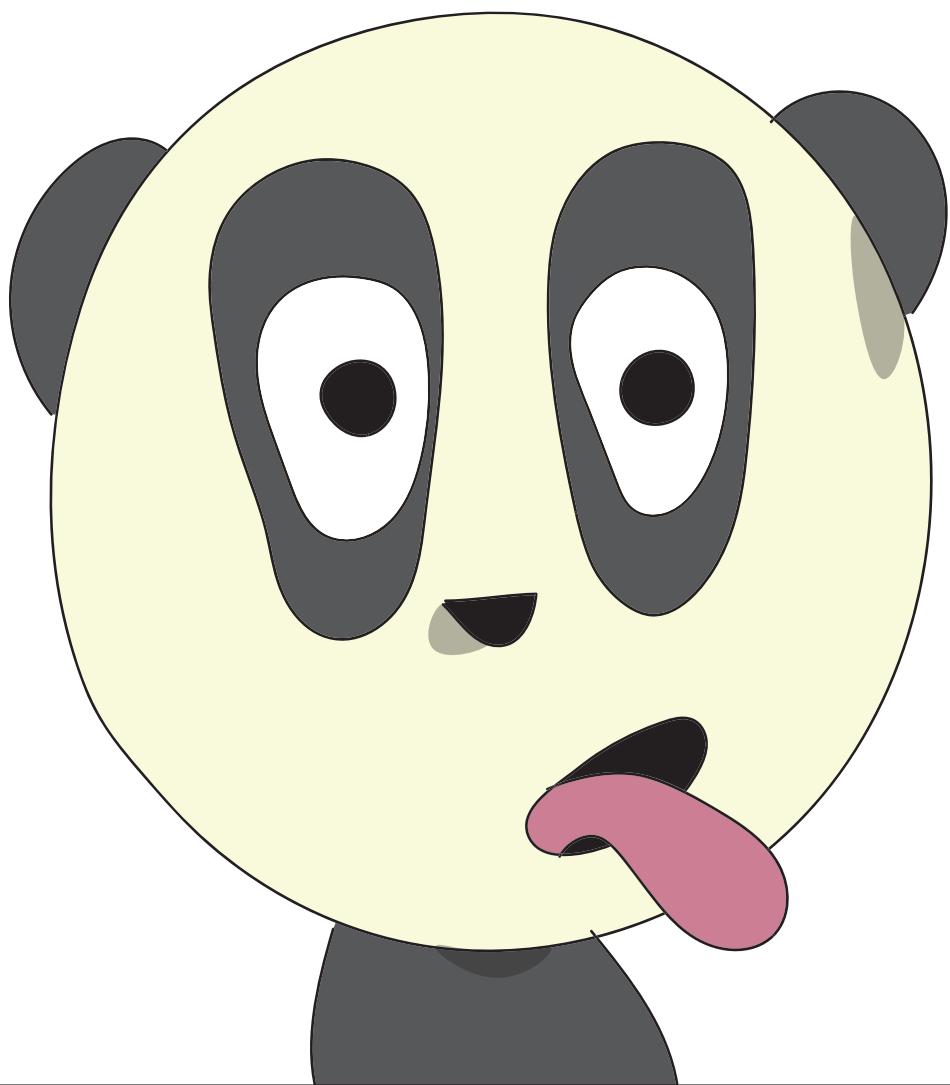
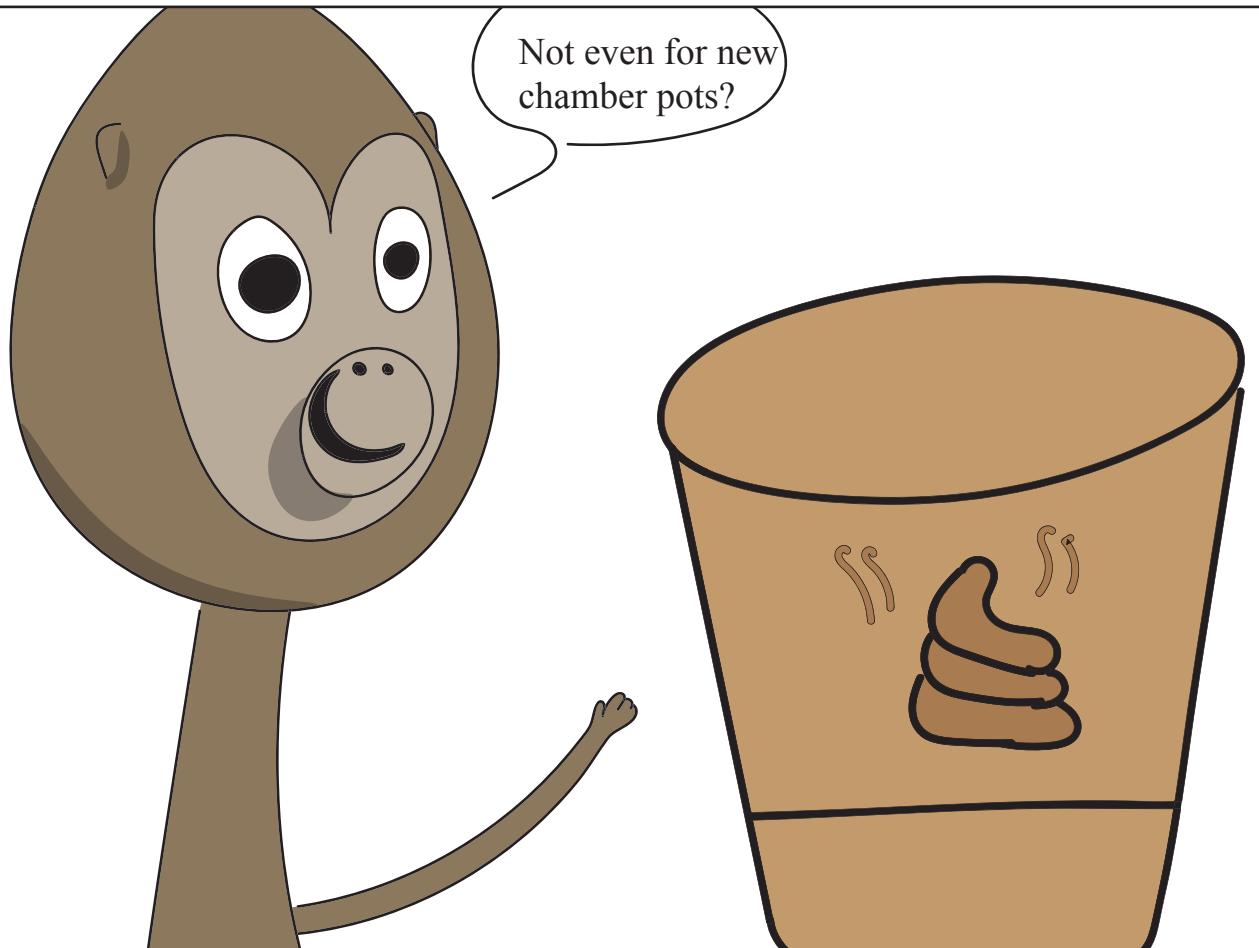
For sale today only! The extra extra light stoic pillow! Completely featherless! Terry will help you sleep like a baby!



asked Marcus
Can we please buy something?
asked Marcus

We do not have time.
Said Pandus





HEY STOP! Are
you crazy?!

" "

" "

You almost
stepped
on it.

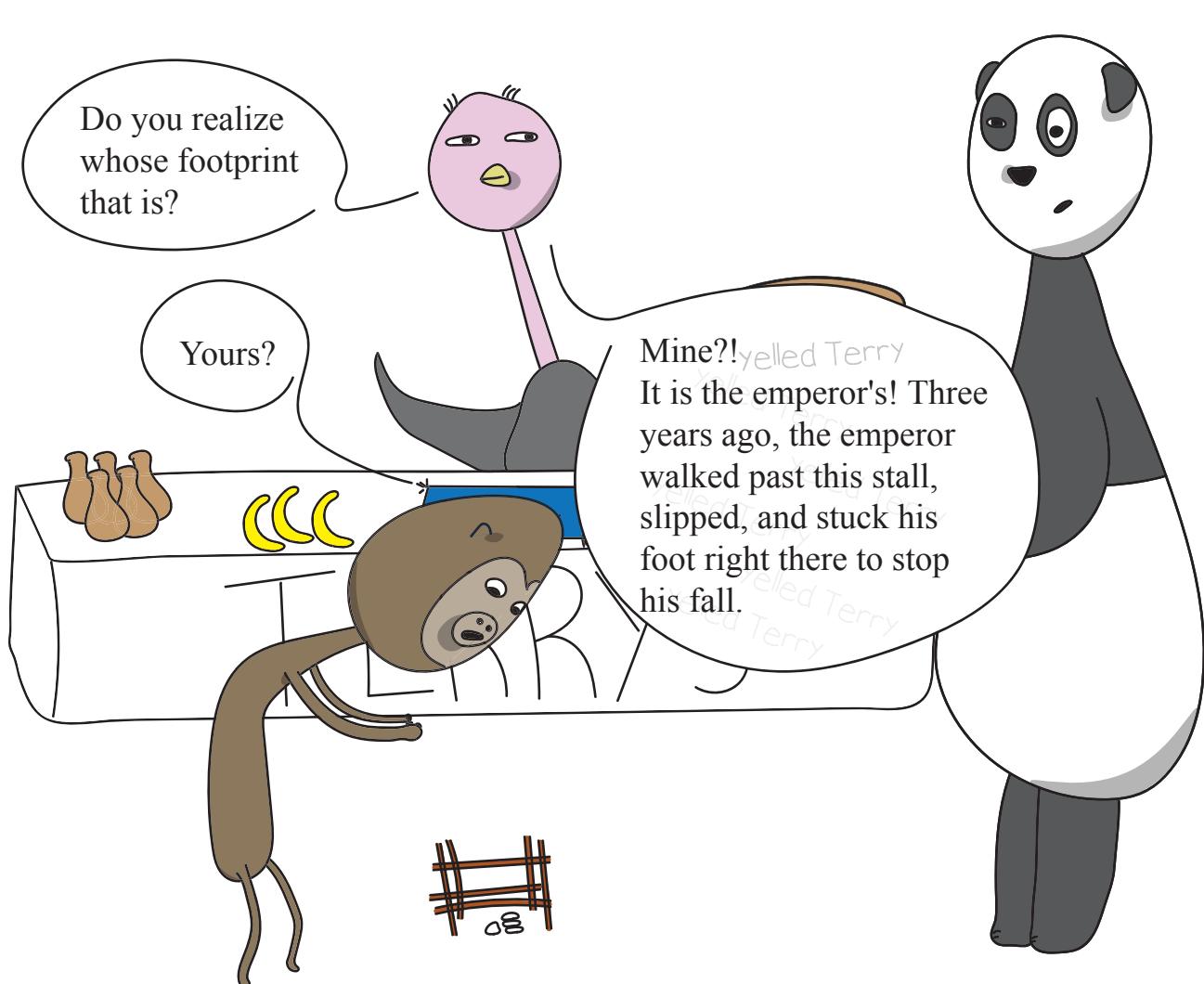
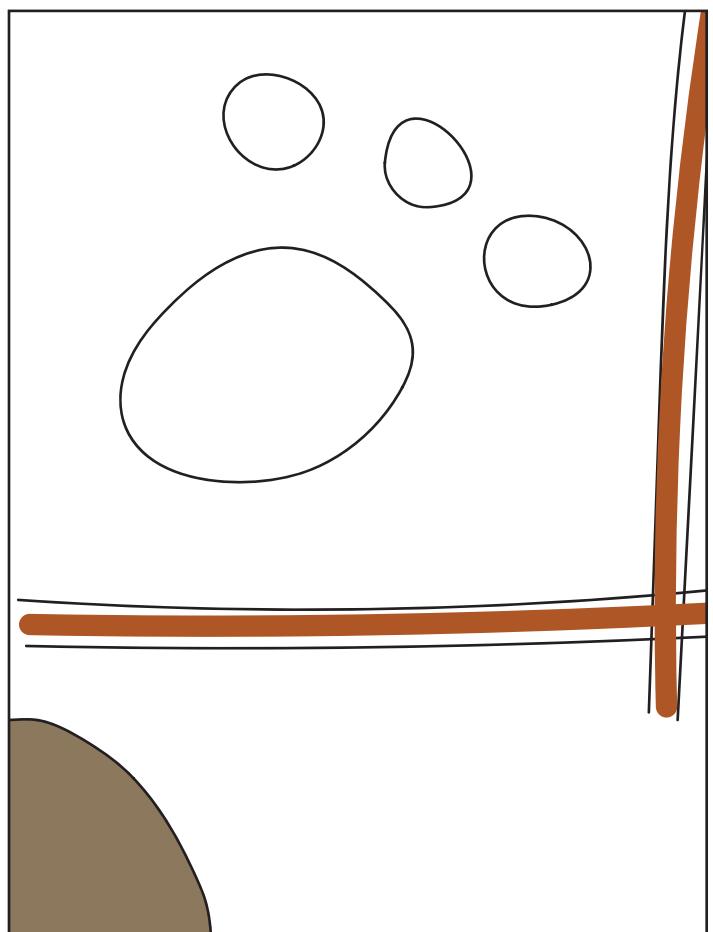
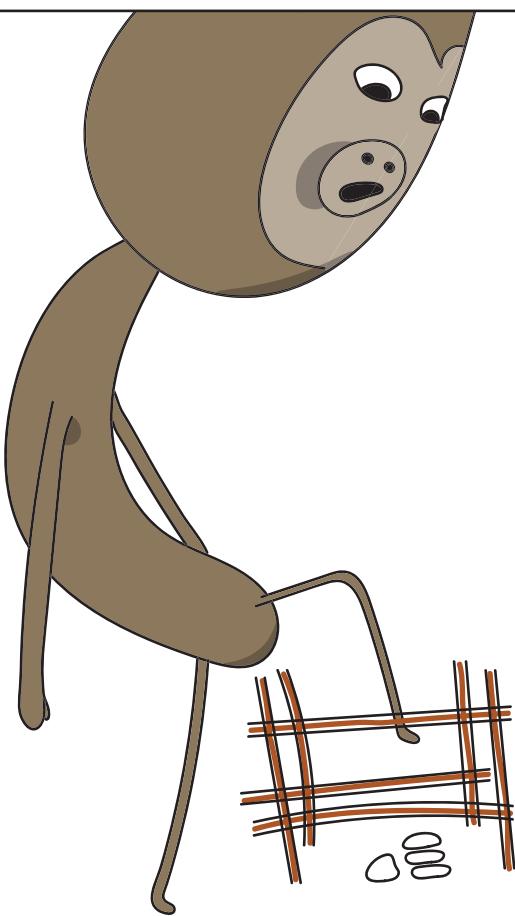
What?

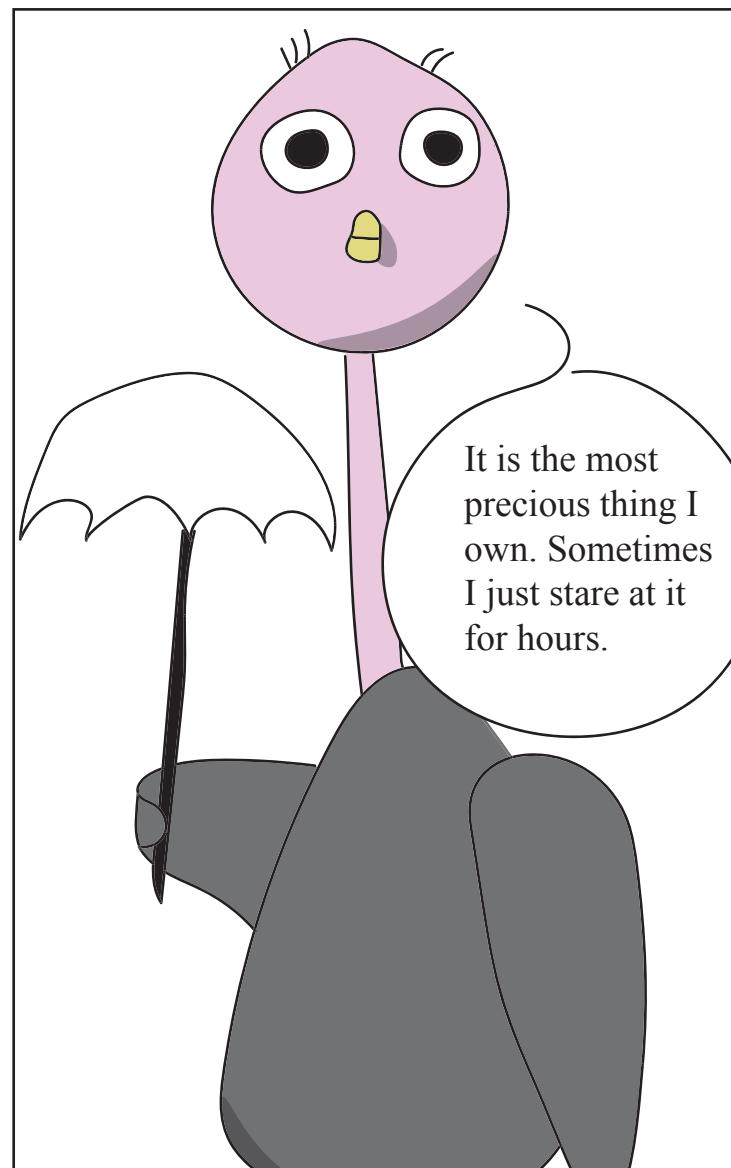
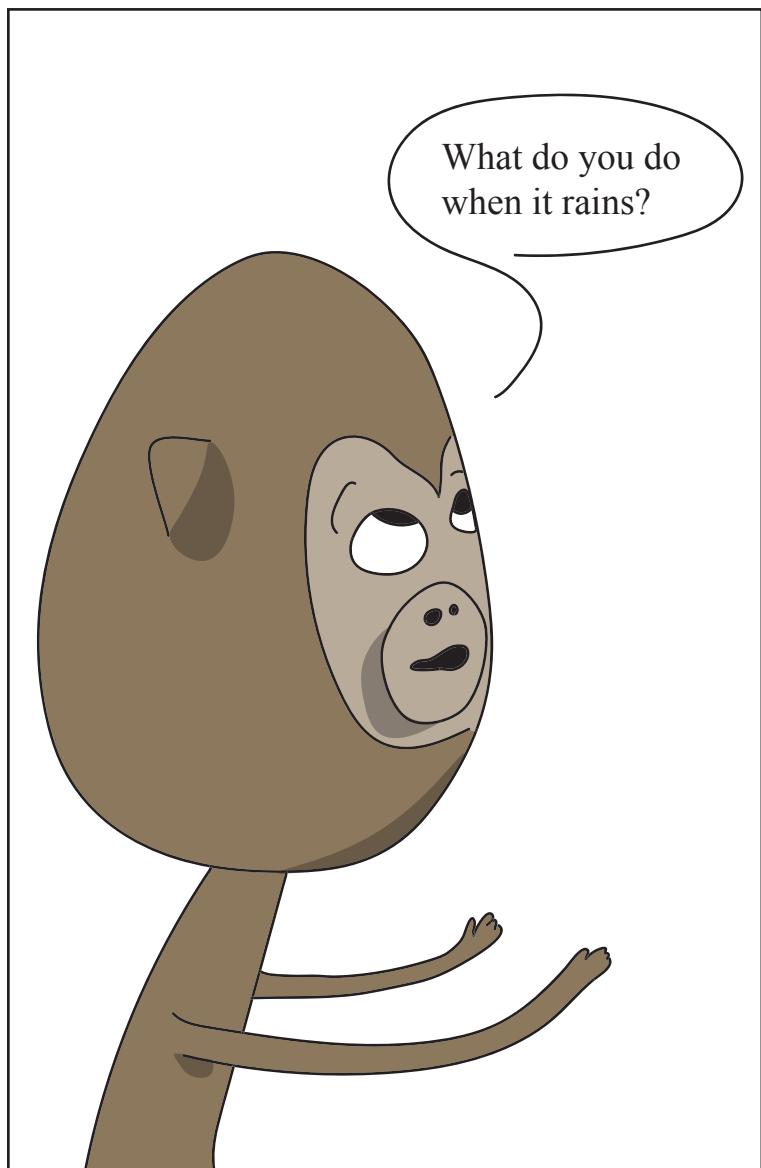
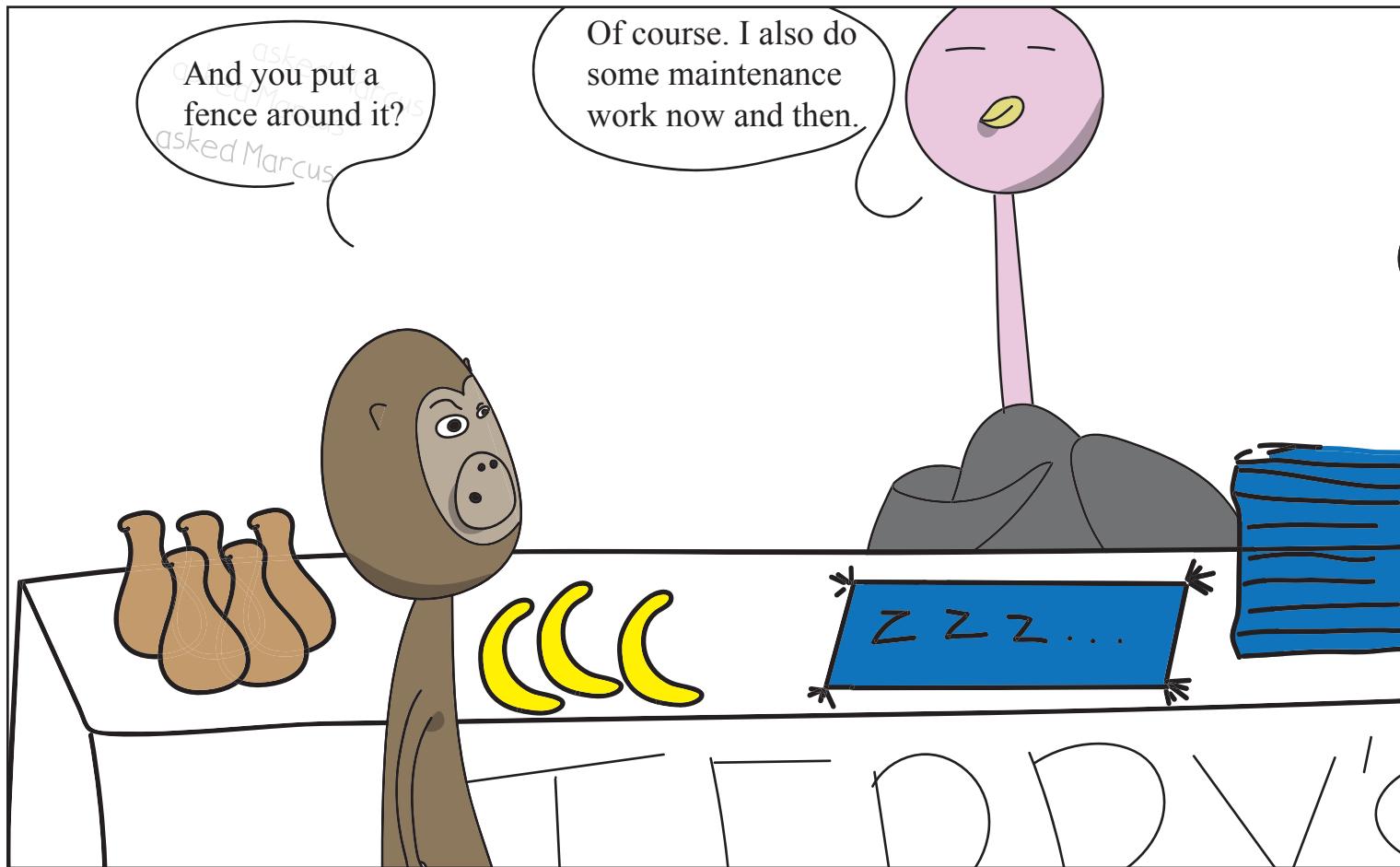
zzz...



PERRY'S

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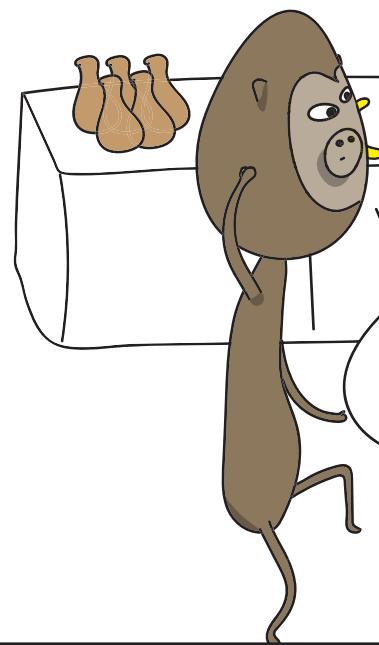




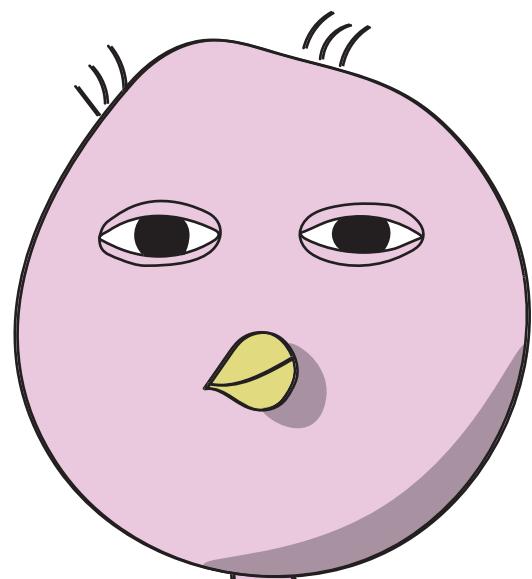
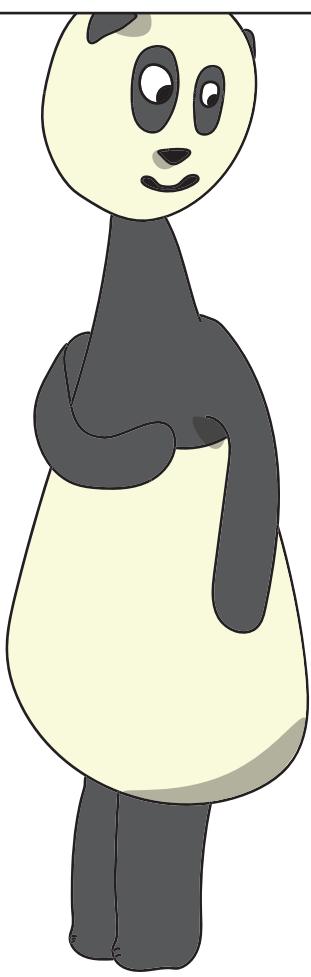
I am surprised
no one has
accidentally
stepped on it.

I never
leave.

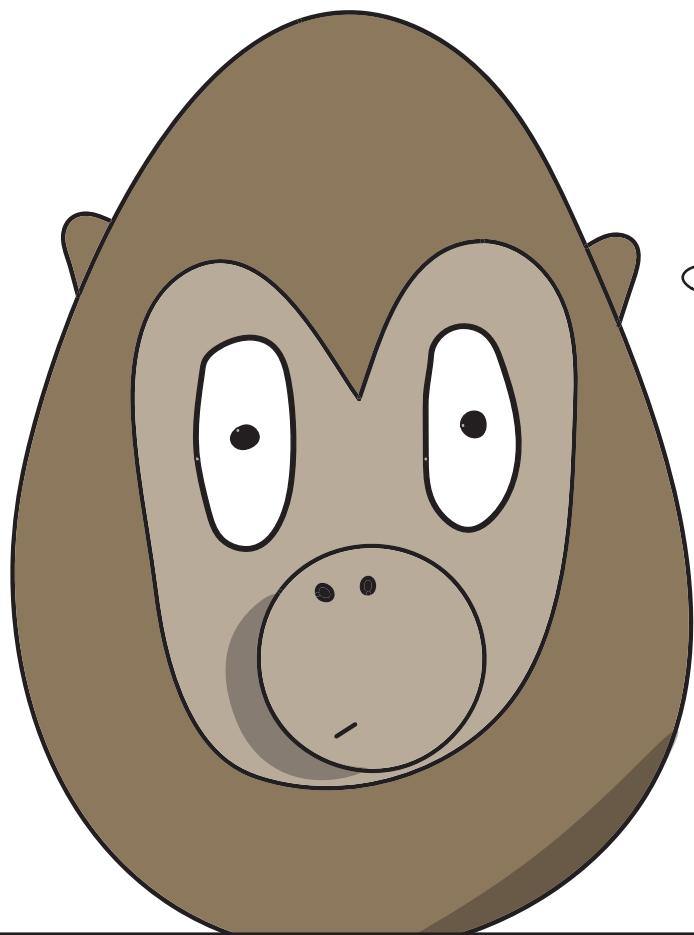
What happens when
you need to use the
bathroom?

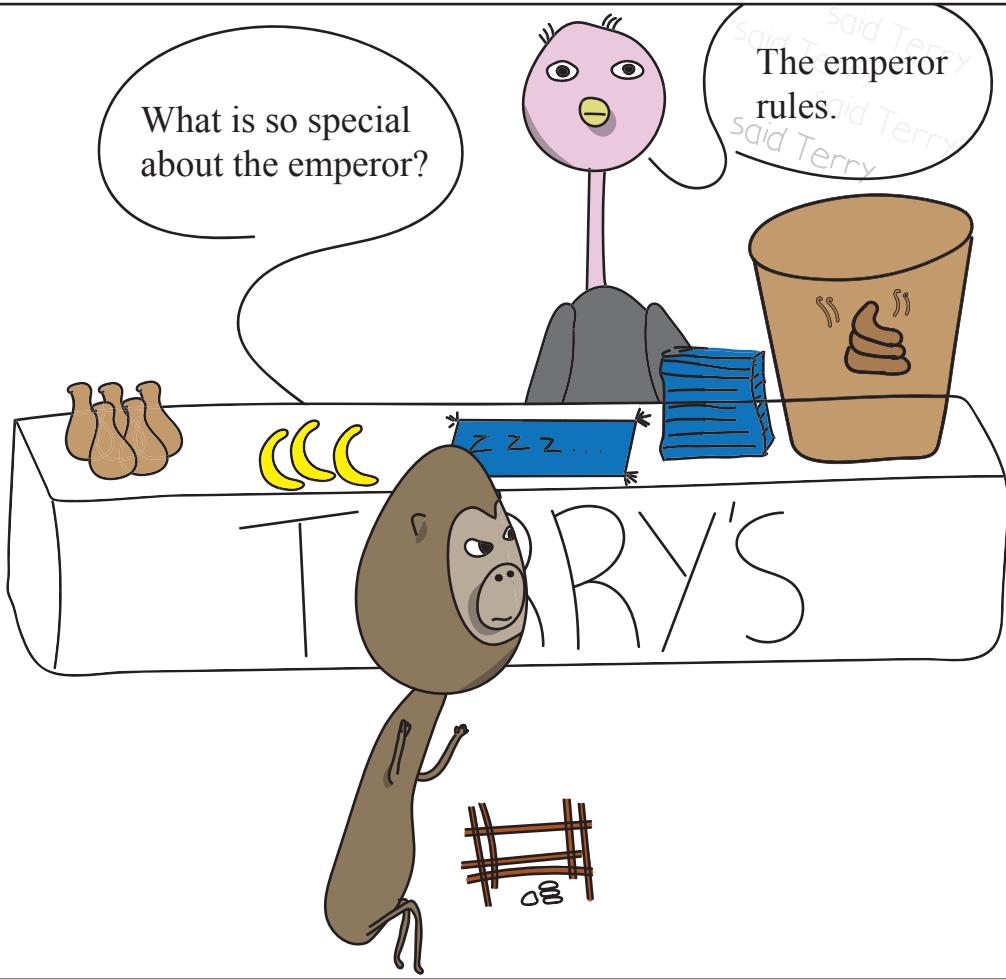


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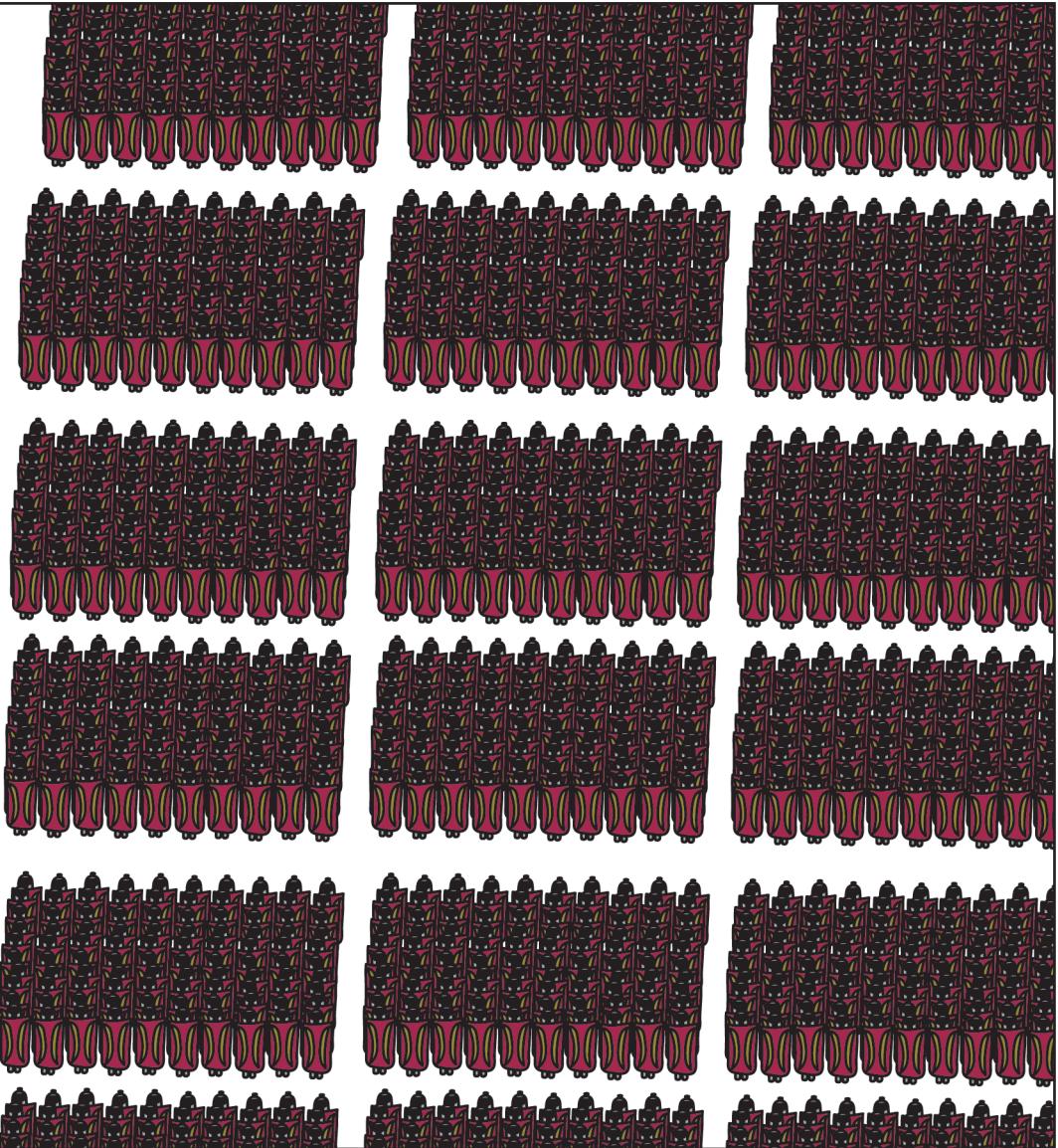


You think
this is a
chair I am
sitting on?

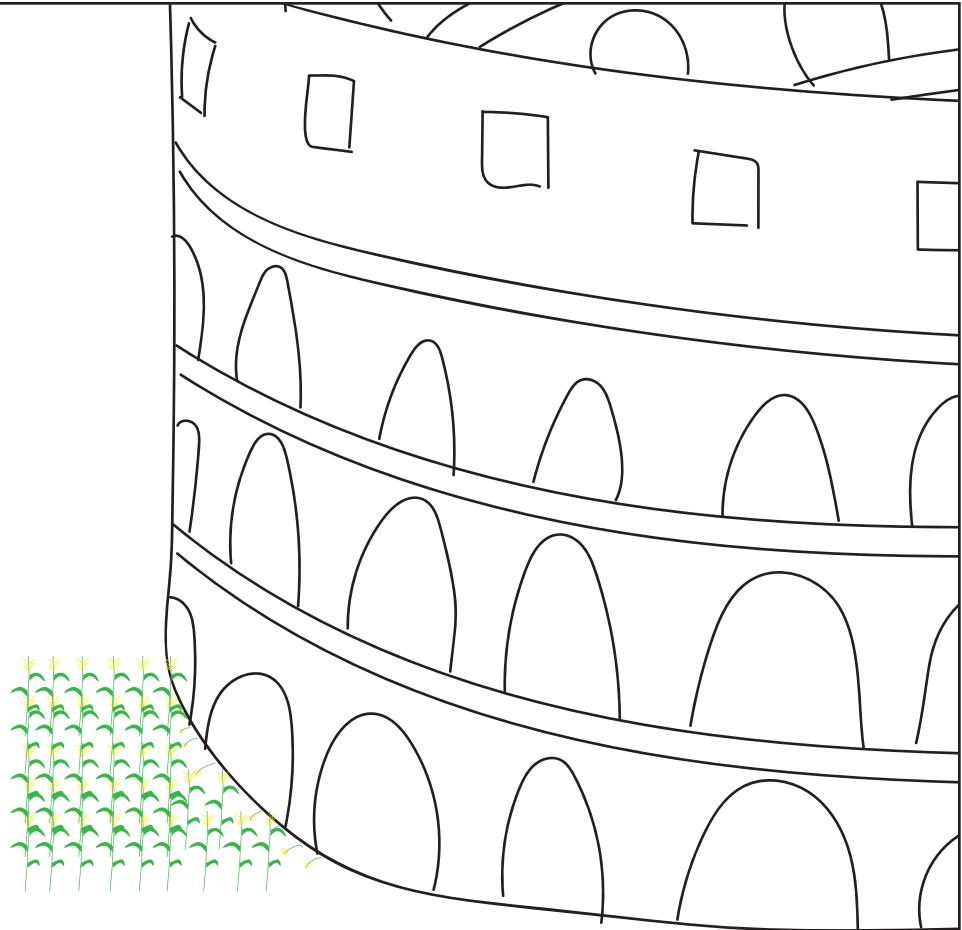
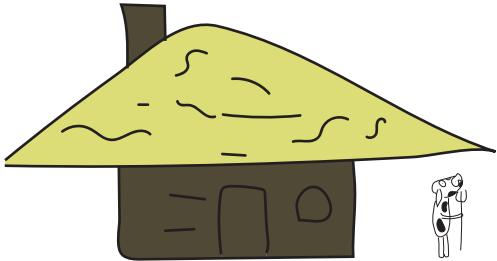




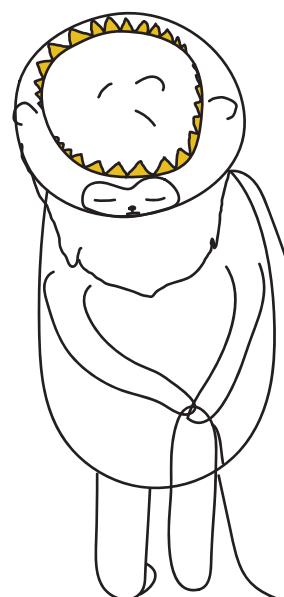
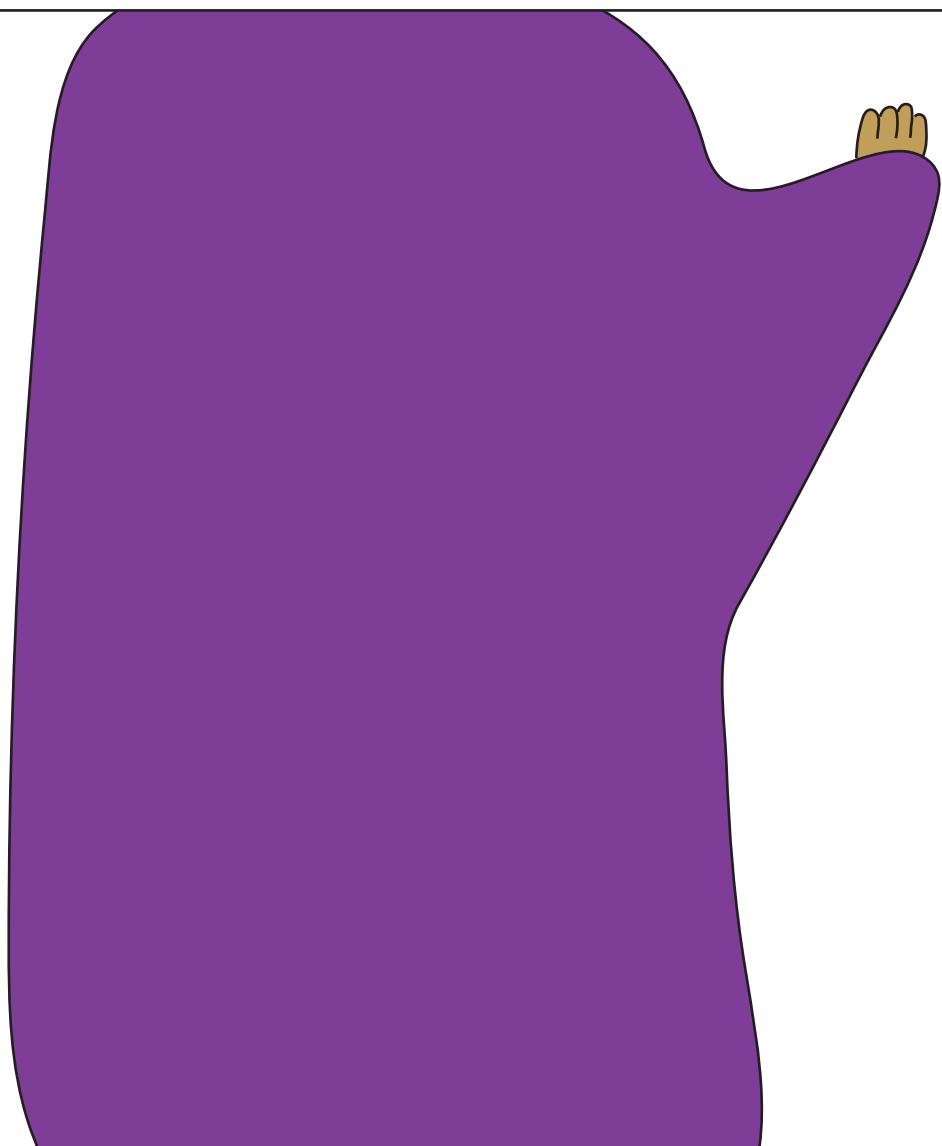
He controls the greatest army in the world.



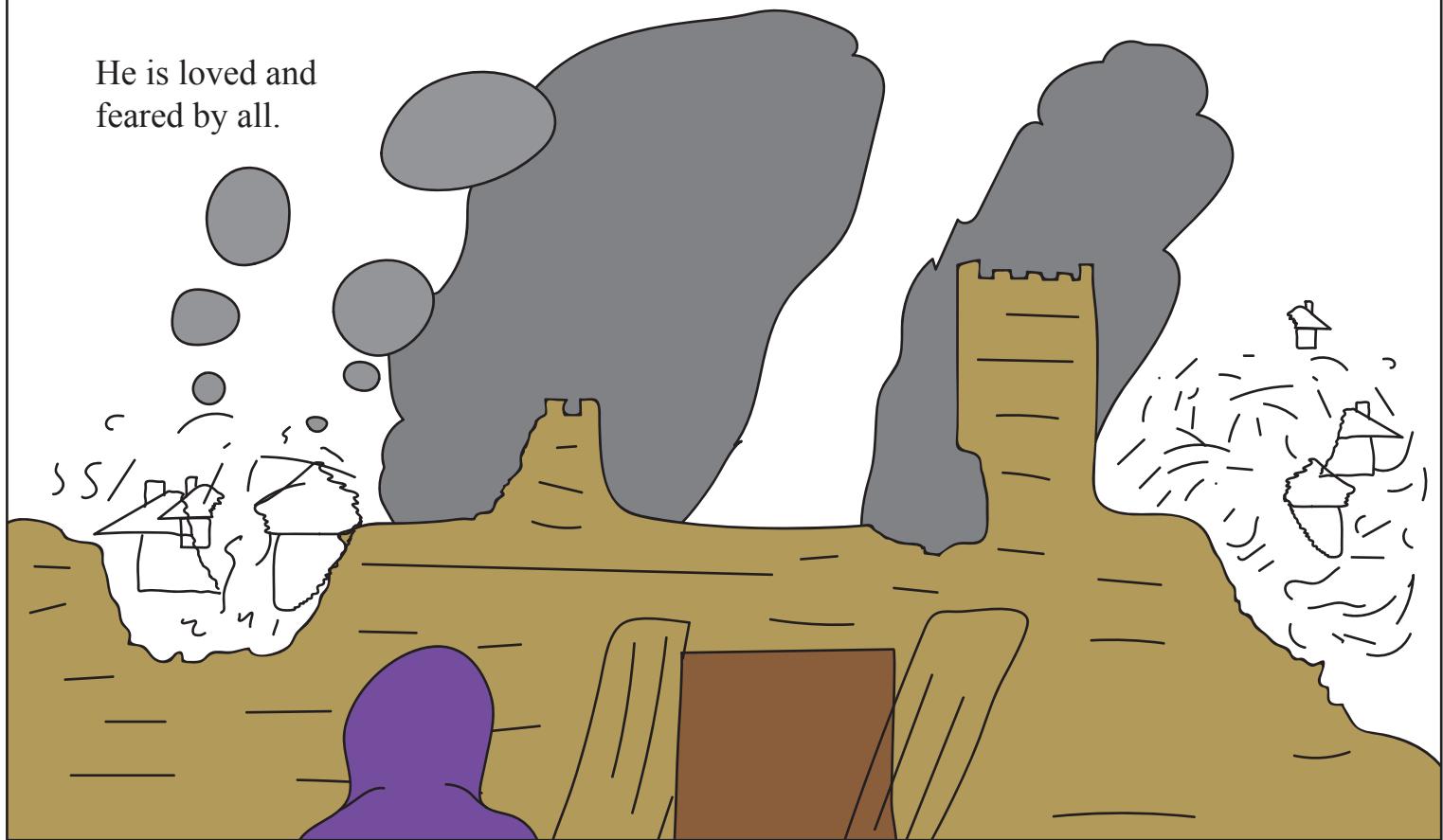
He builds whatever
he wants, wherever
he wants it.



Crowns kneel
for him.

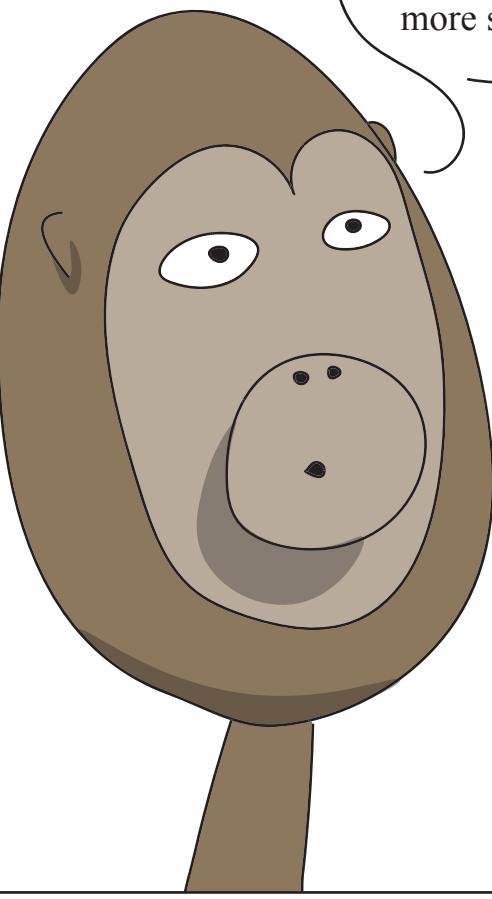


He is loved and
feared by all.

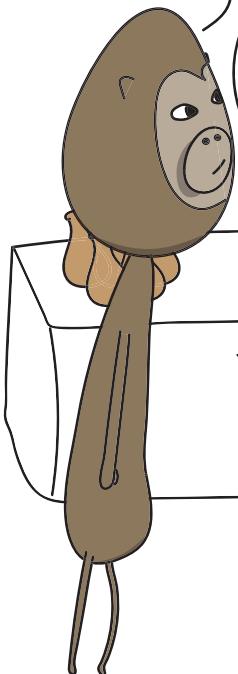
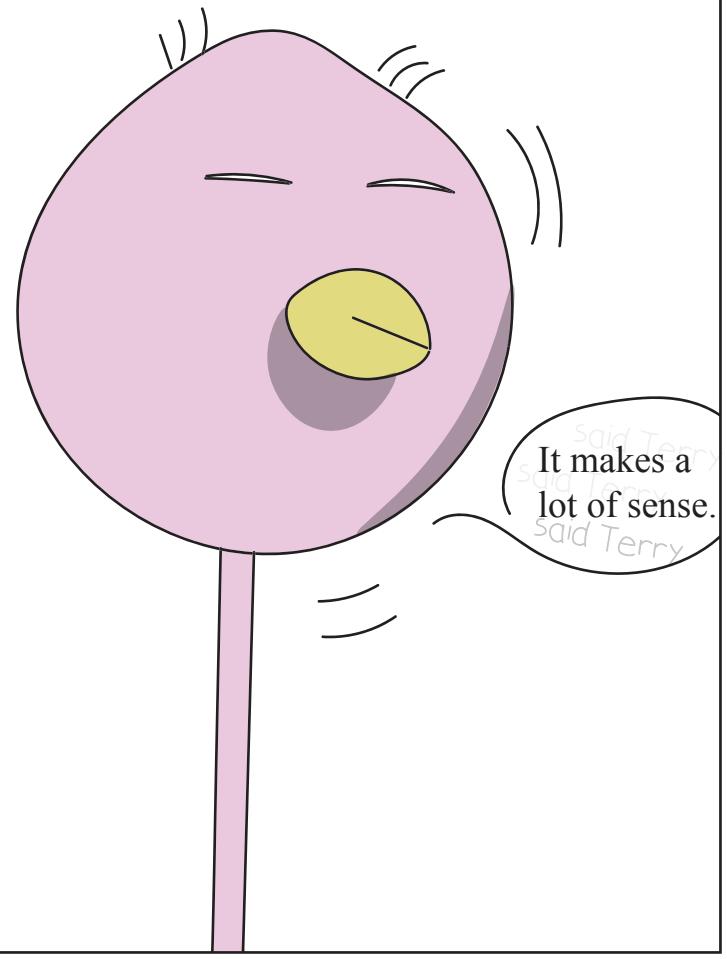


And he
stepped
there.

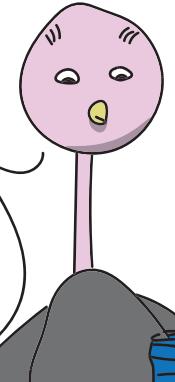




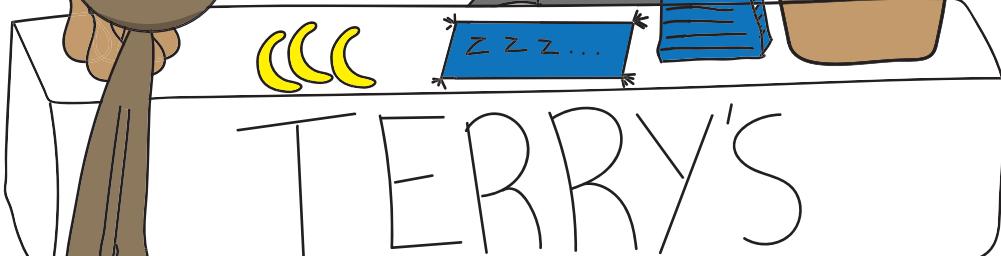
When you put it like that, it makes a lot more sense.



He has not visited you since?



He has not been back to this city in nearly 3 years.



TERRY'S

