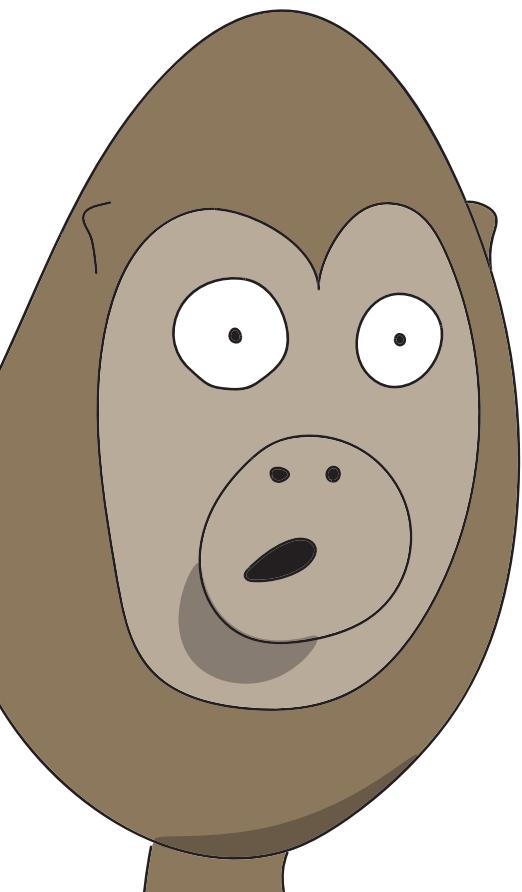


Marcus Gorileeus



Leigh Silverstein

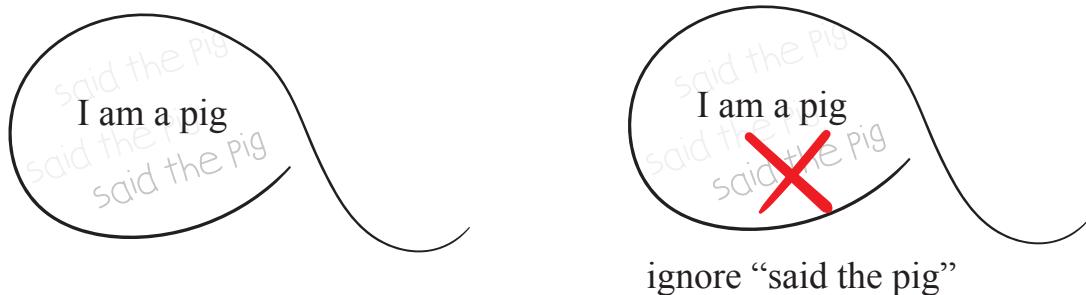


**... not to be offended by idiots...**

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

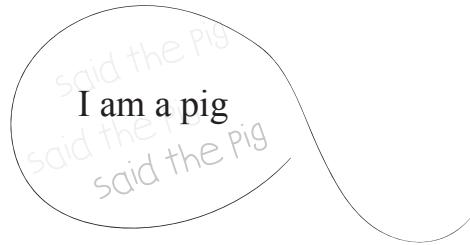
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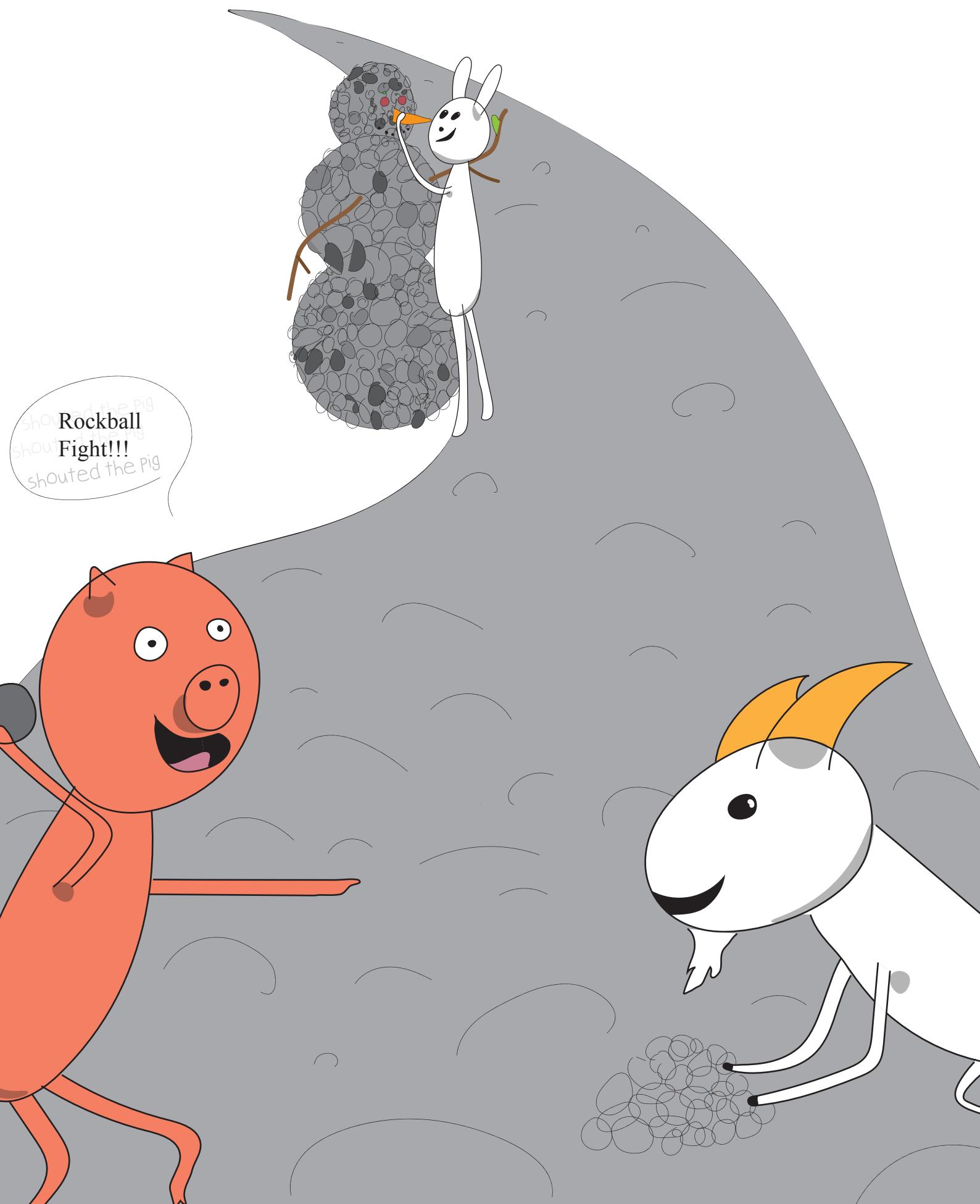
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read the slanted text in speech bubbles.



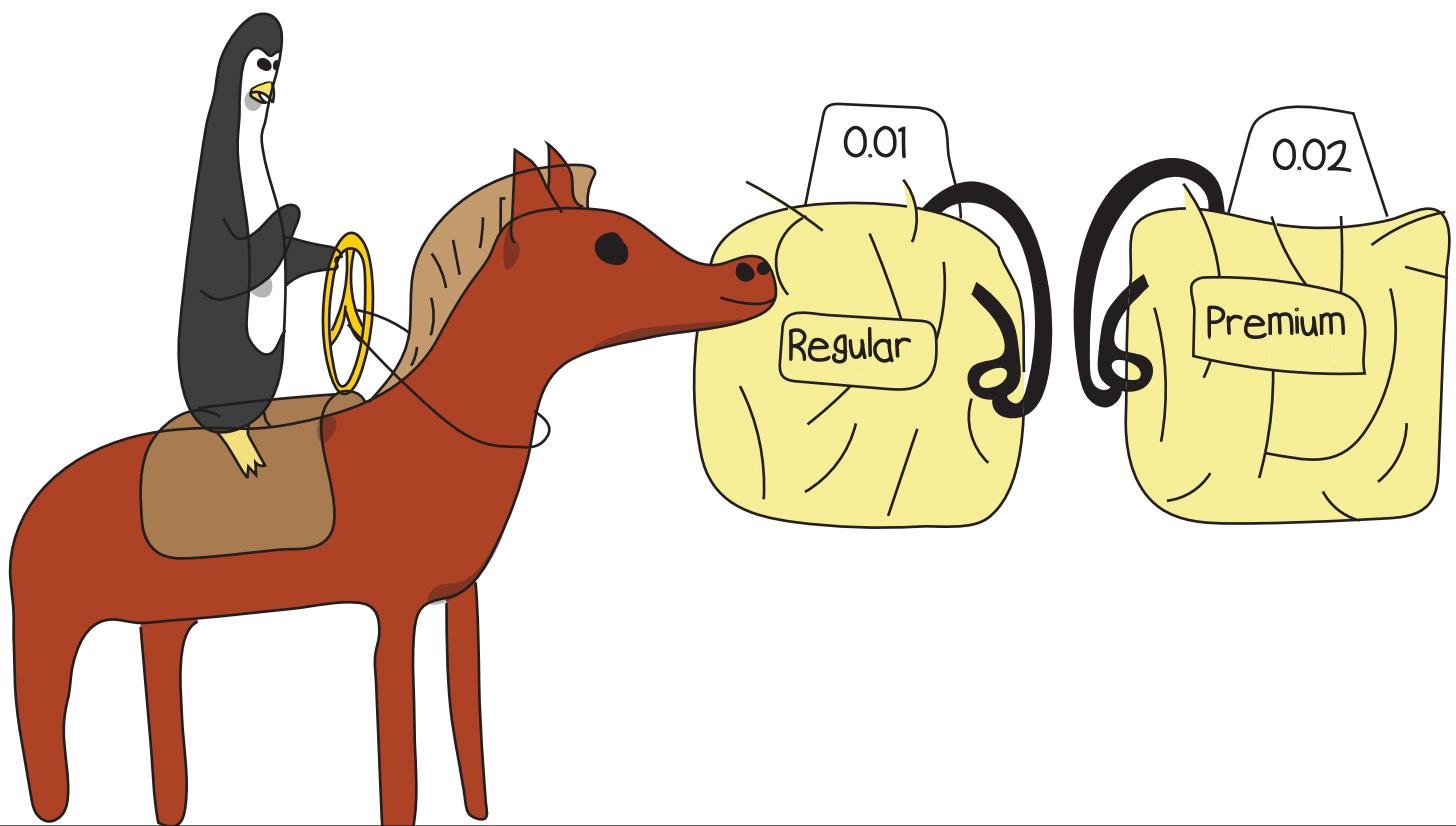
1. read “I am a pig”
2. read “said the pig”

## Chapter 1 - Pandus

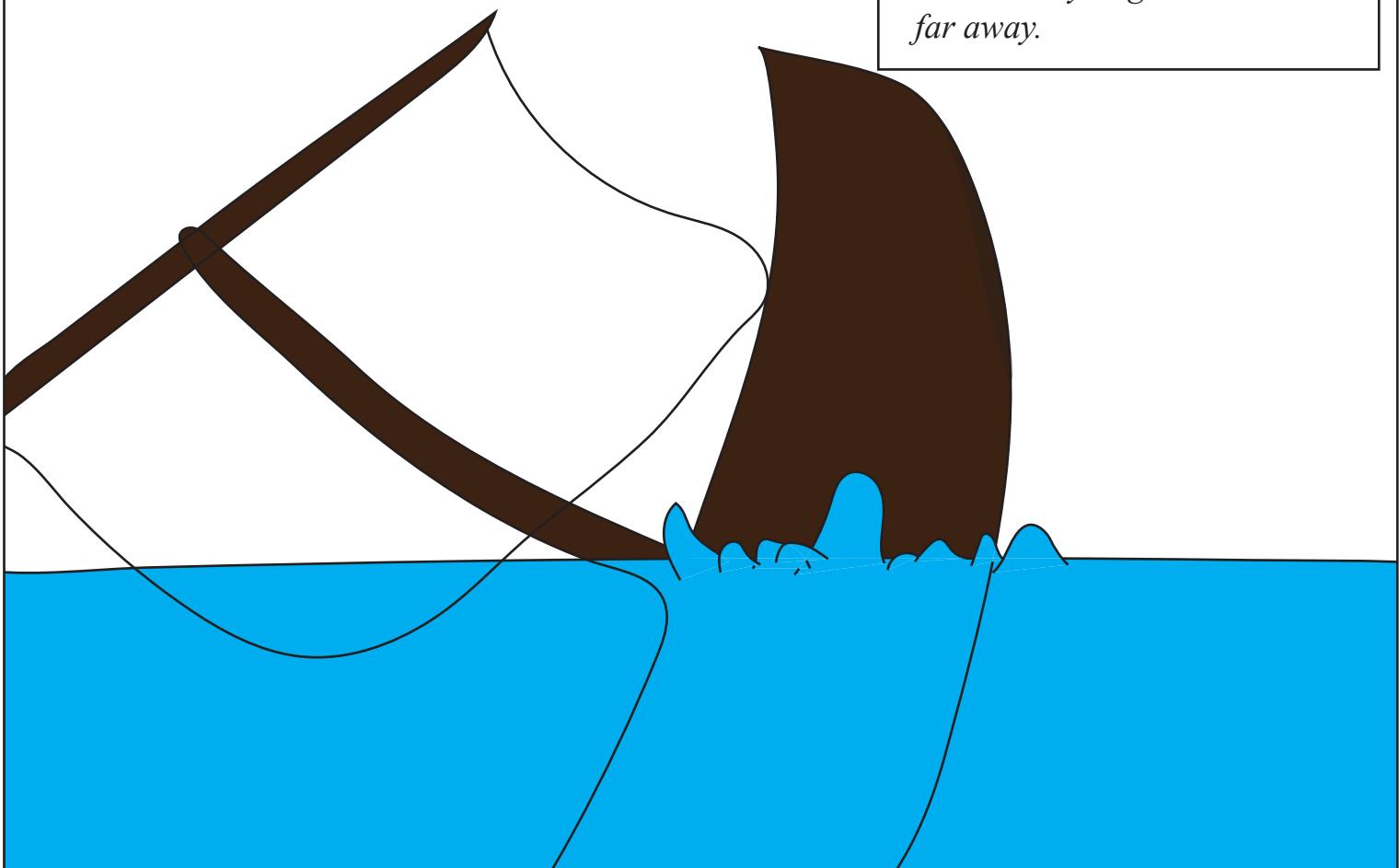
*2000 years ago the world was very strange.*



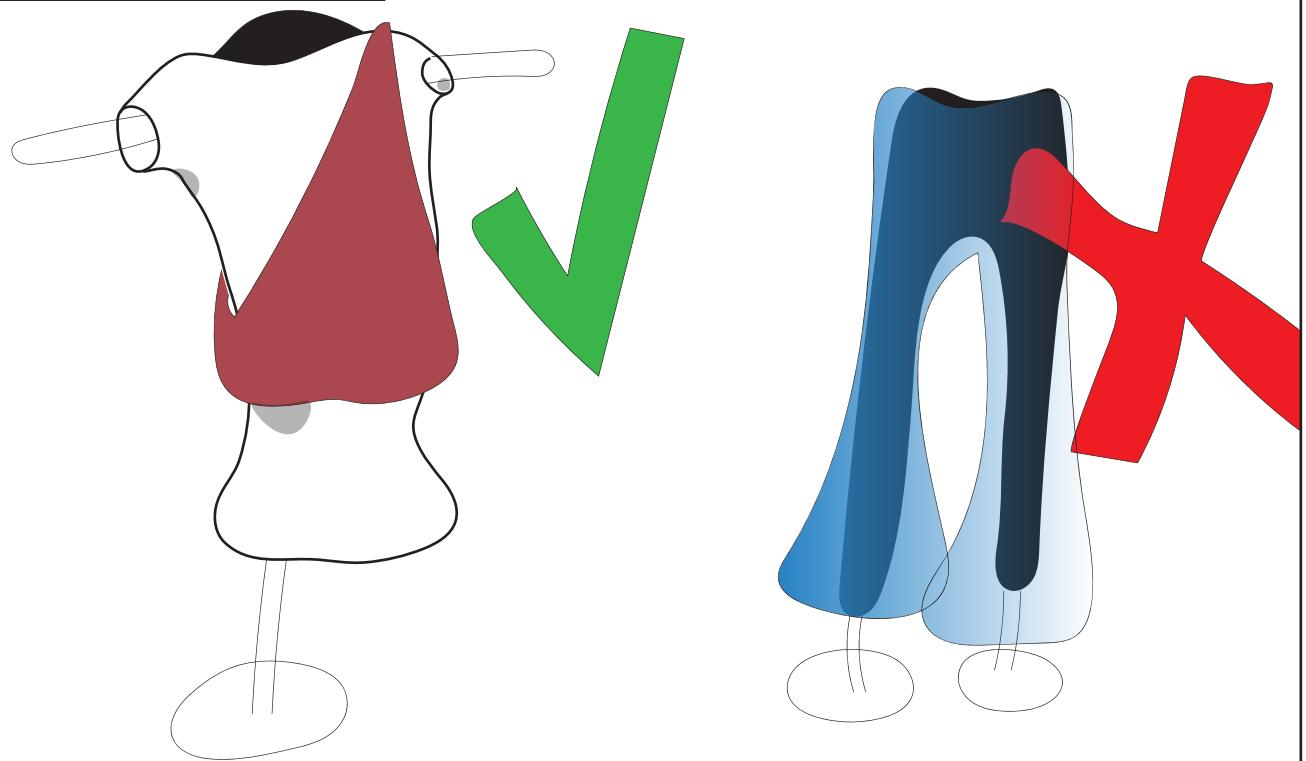
*Everyone drove horses instead of cars.*



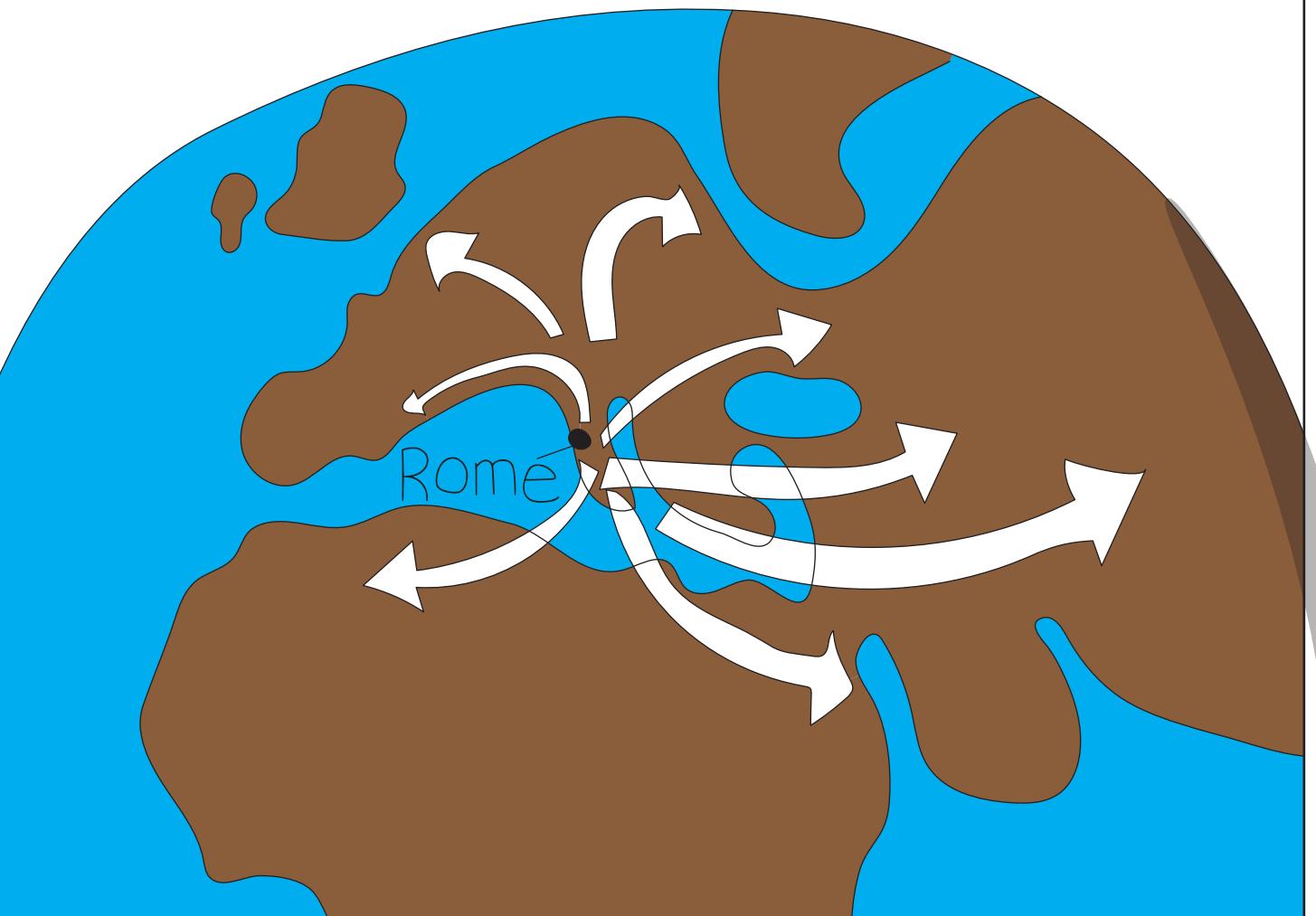
*Wooden ships with sails were the best way to get somewhere far away.*



*Togas were in, pants were out.*

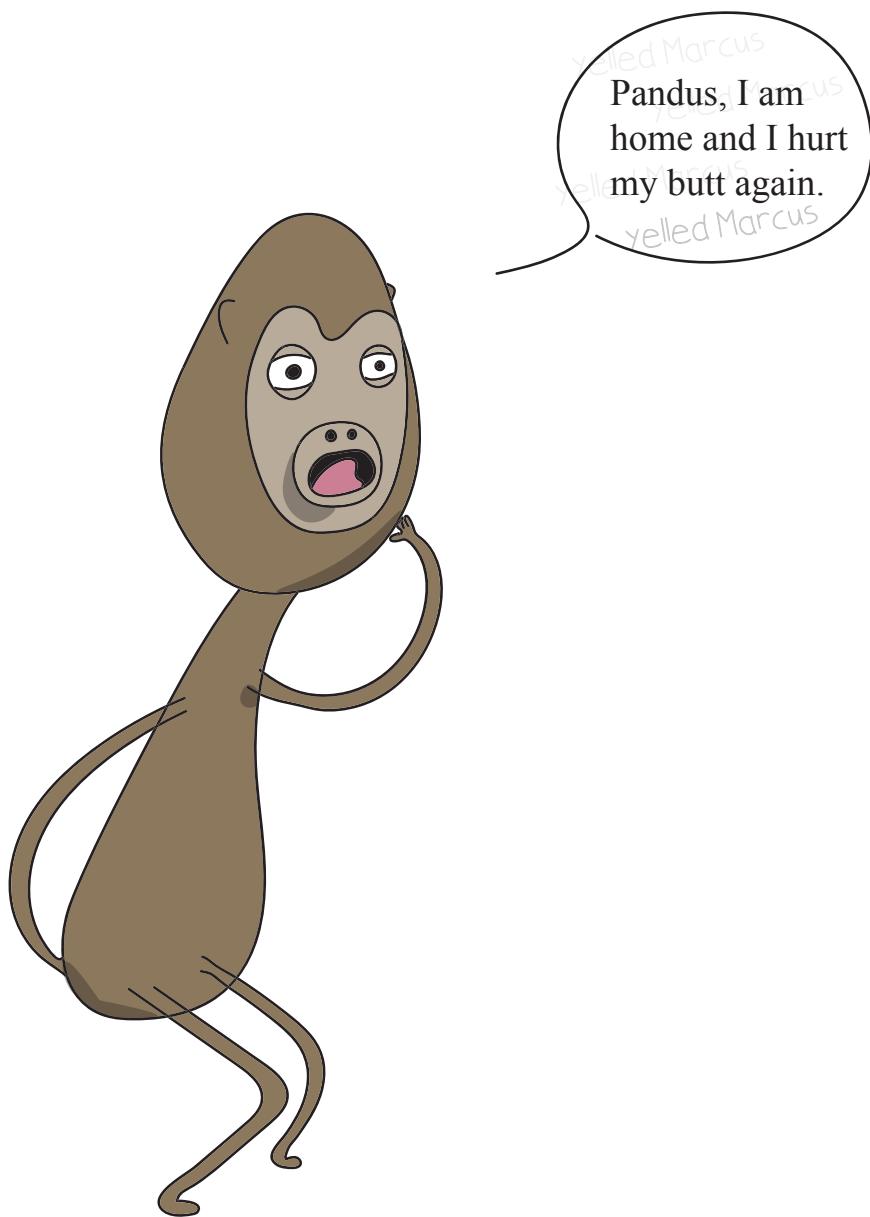


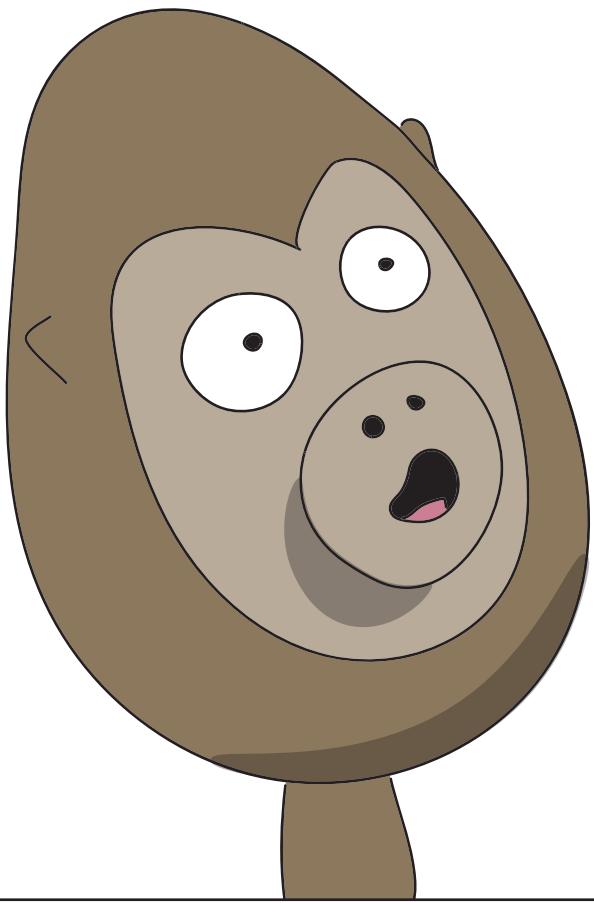
*The ancient city of Rome controlled the world.*



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

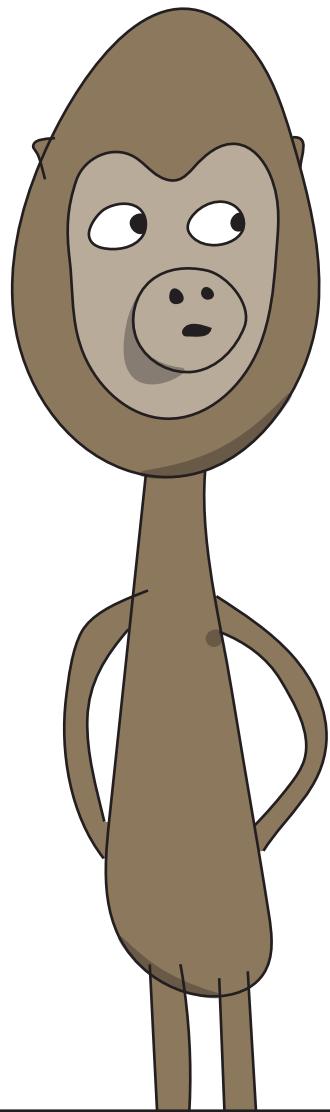
*And an emperor.*

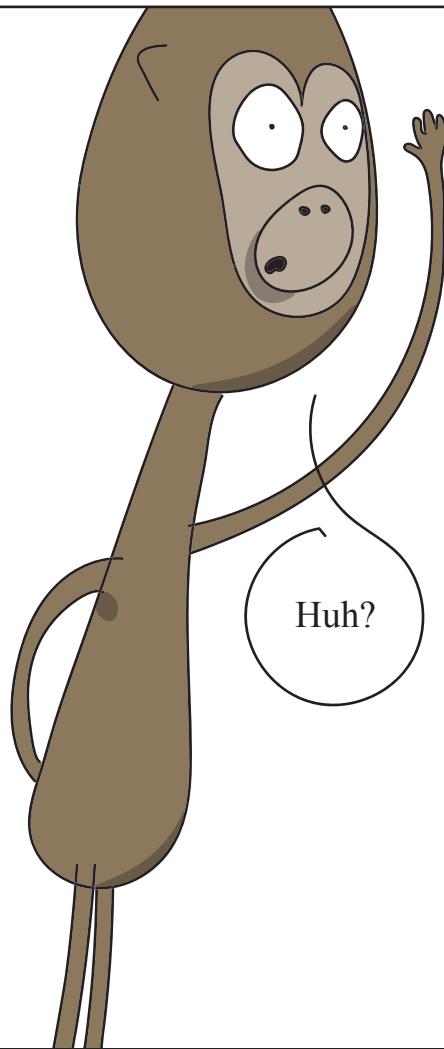
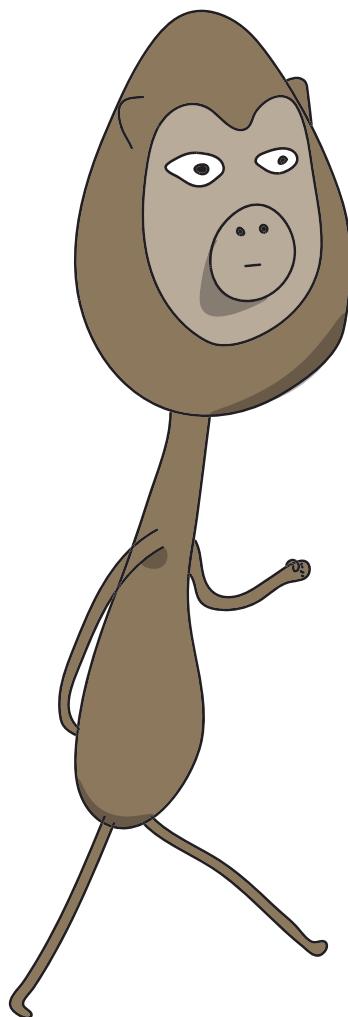


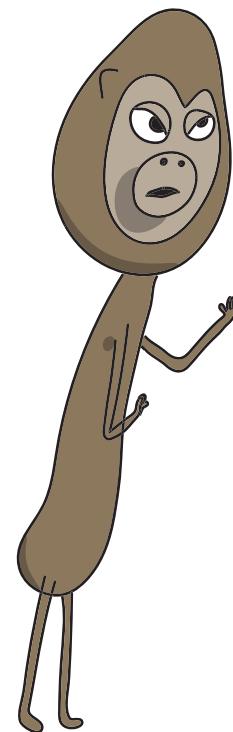


PANDUS?

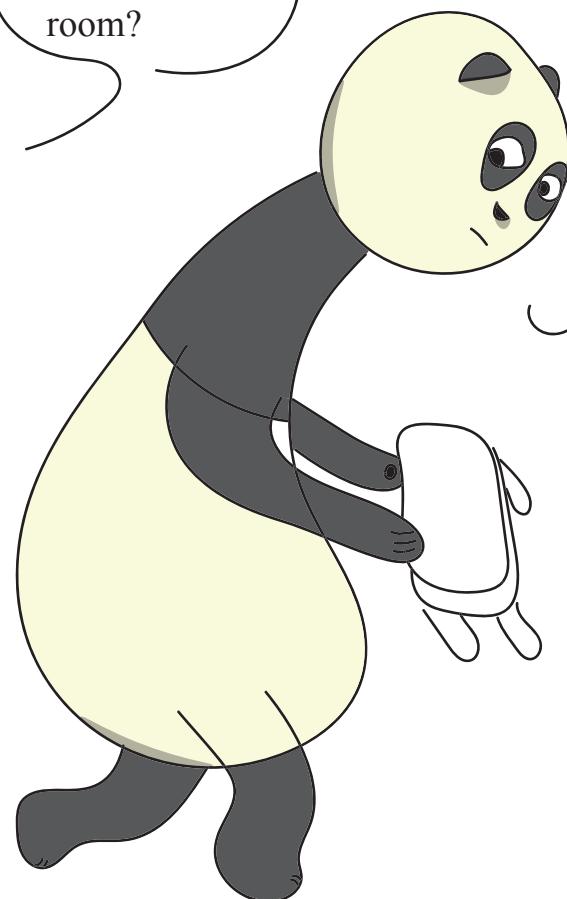
... she is probably  
in the bathroom.



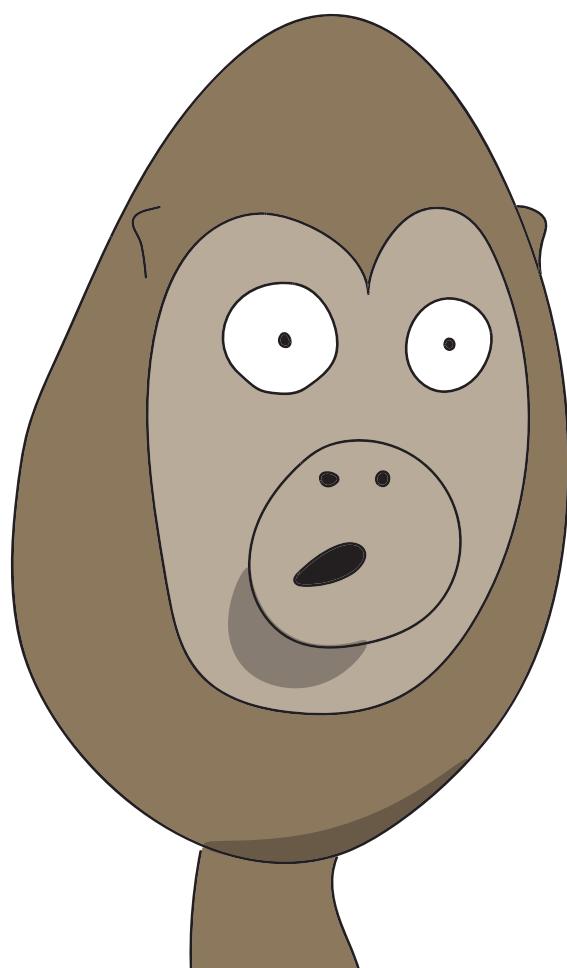




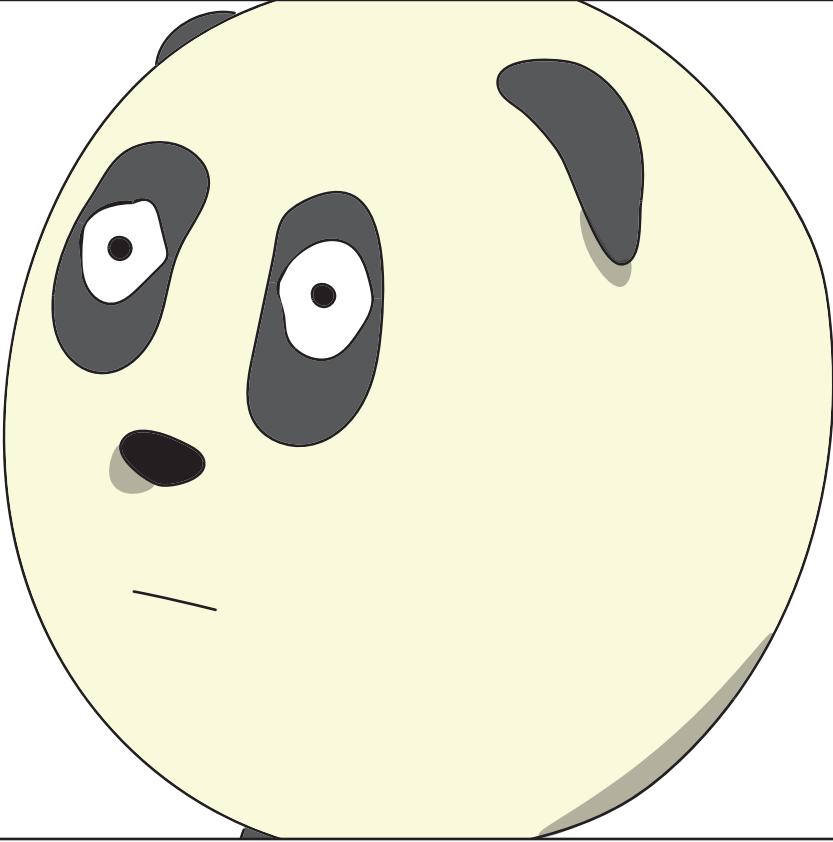
What are you  
doing to my  
room?



Sorry Marcus. This  
is Dogneetus' room  
now.

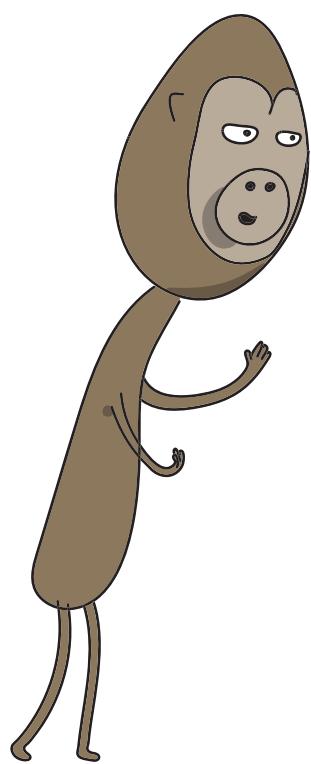


What?! Who is  
Dogneetus?

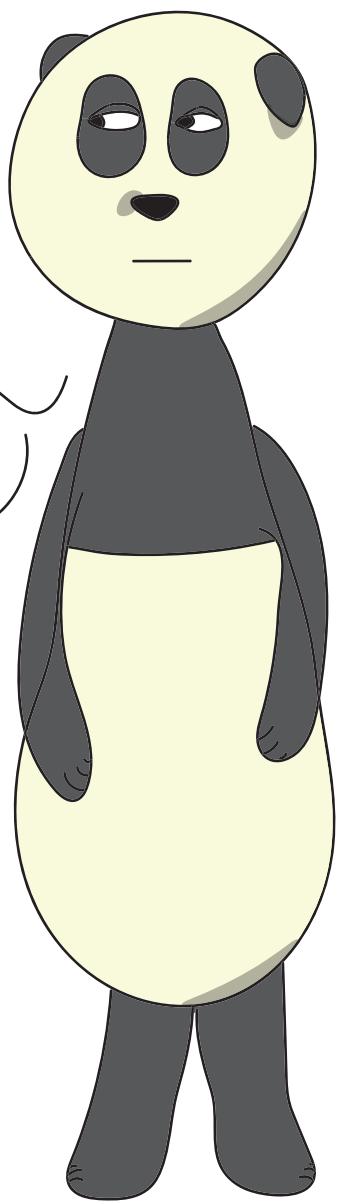


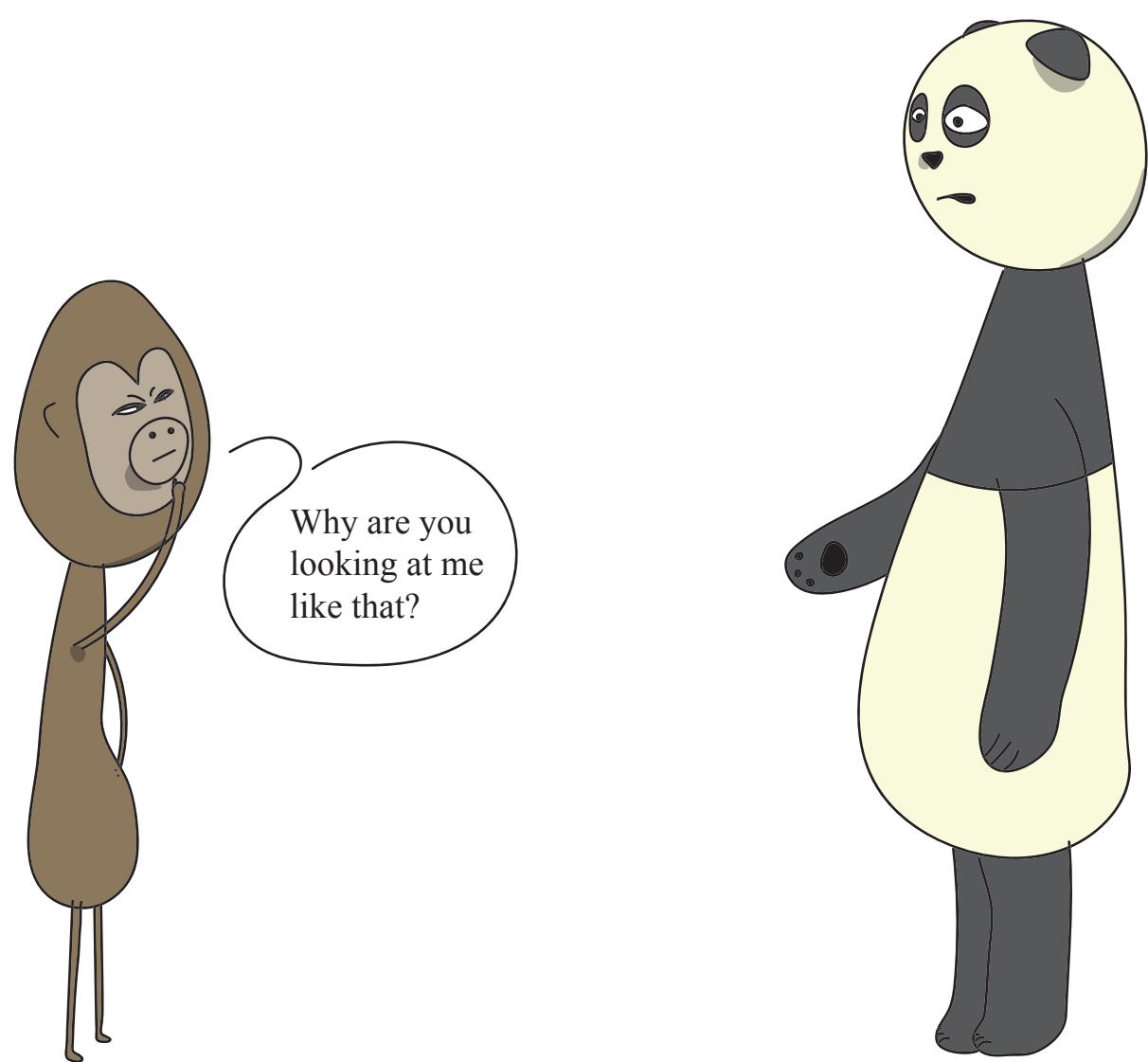
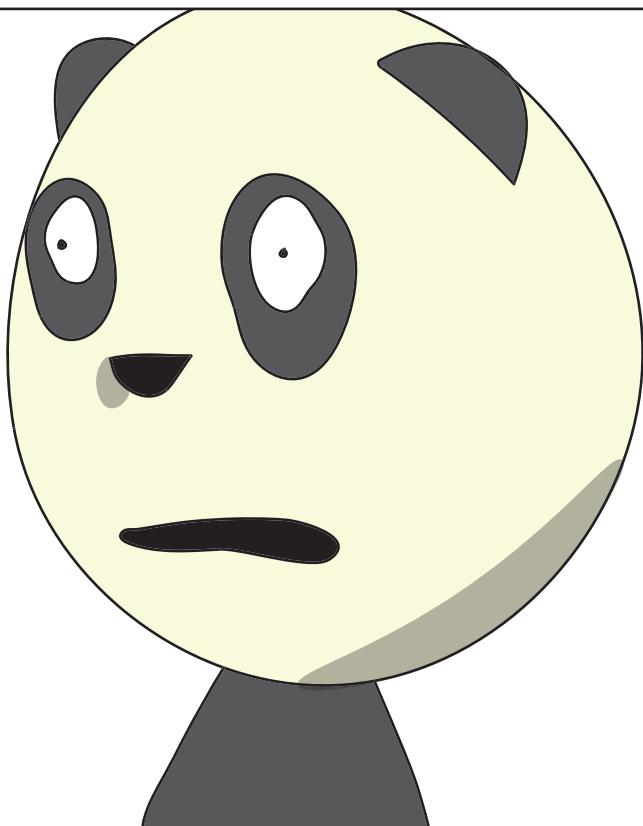
I do not know.  
Your father just  
told me to empty  
the room for  
Dogneetus.

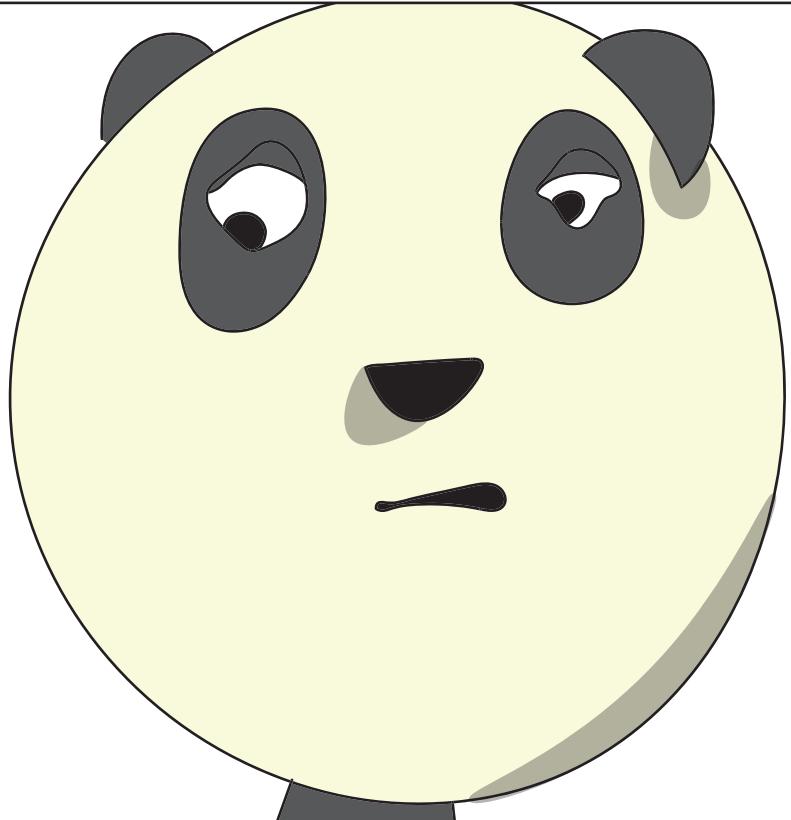
Where am I  
supposed to  
sleep then?  
asked Marcus



Your father  
did not say.

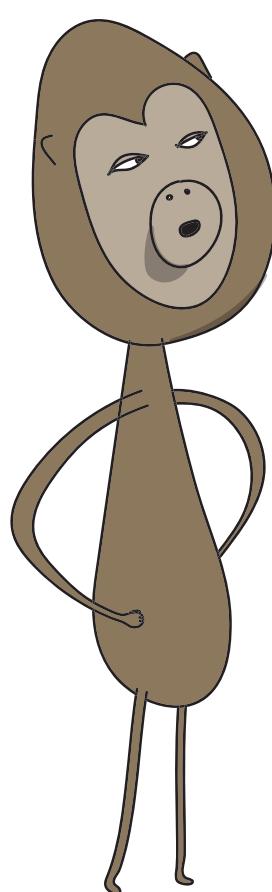




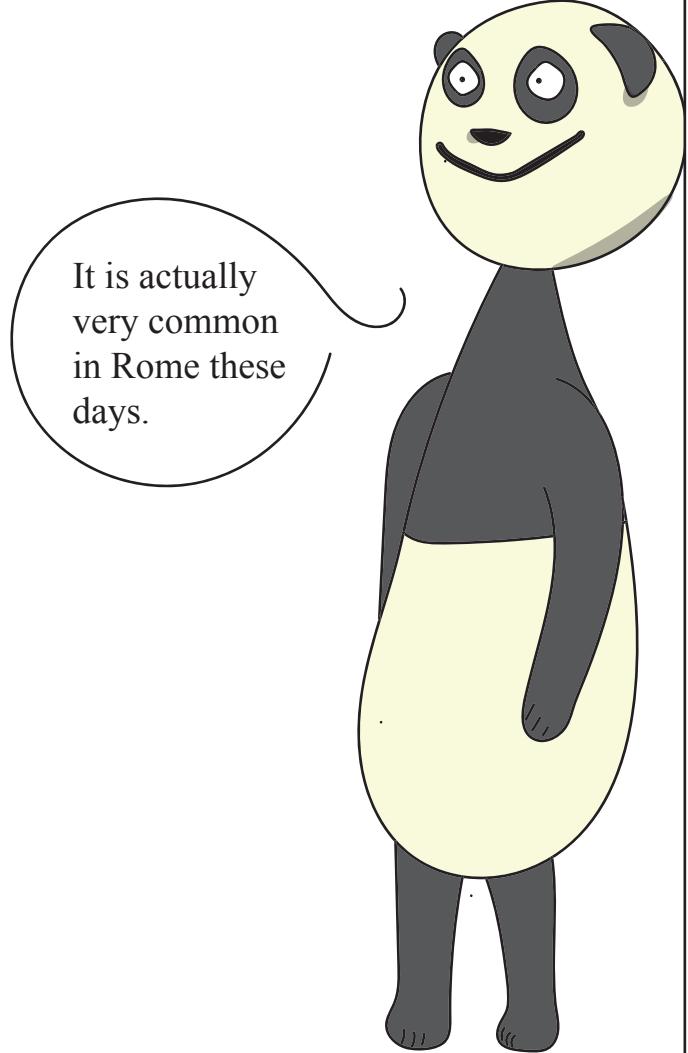


Something similar happened to my brother when he was your age.

Said Pandus



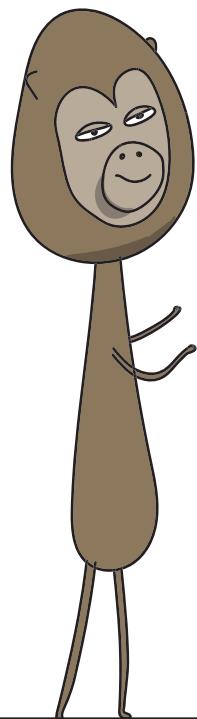
What?



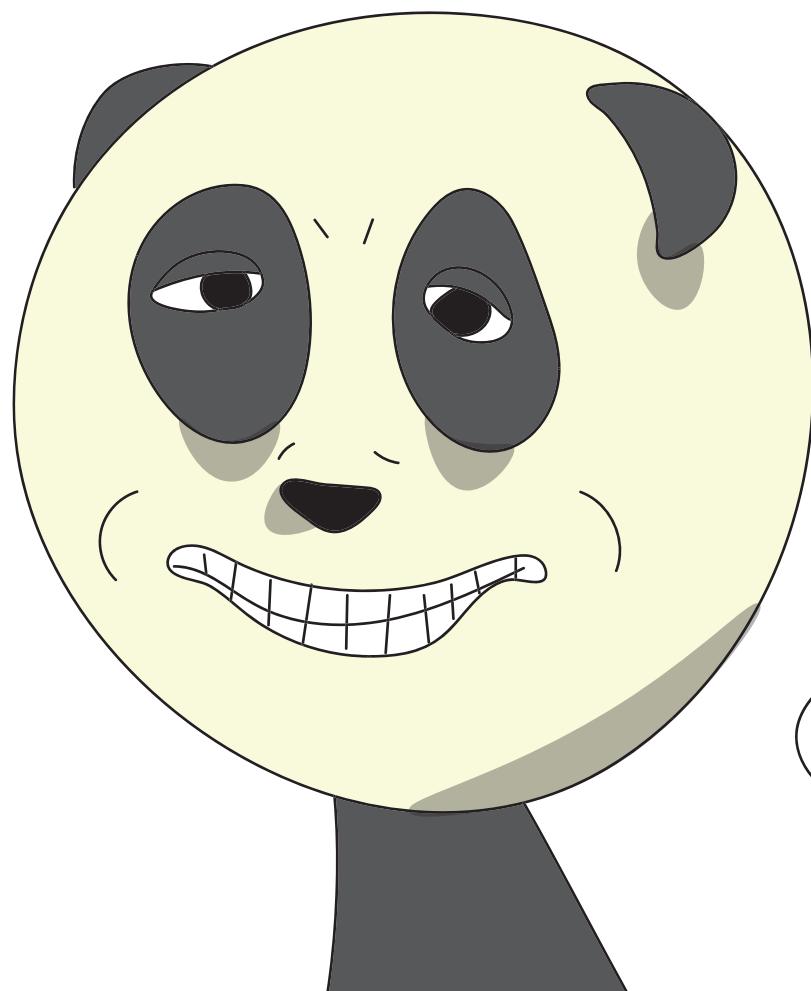
asked Marcus  
...What....?

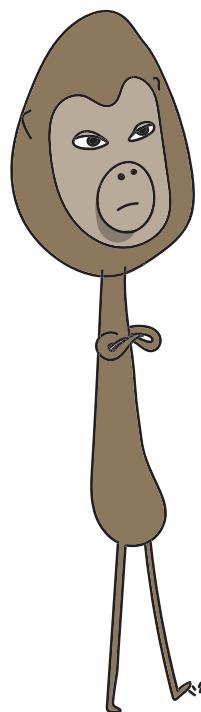
asked Marcus

Sometimes  
in exchange  
for a gift...

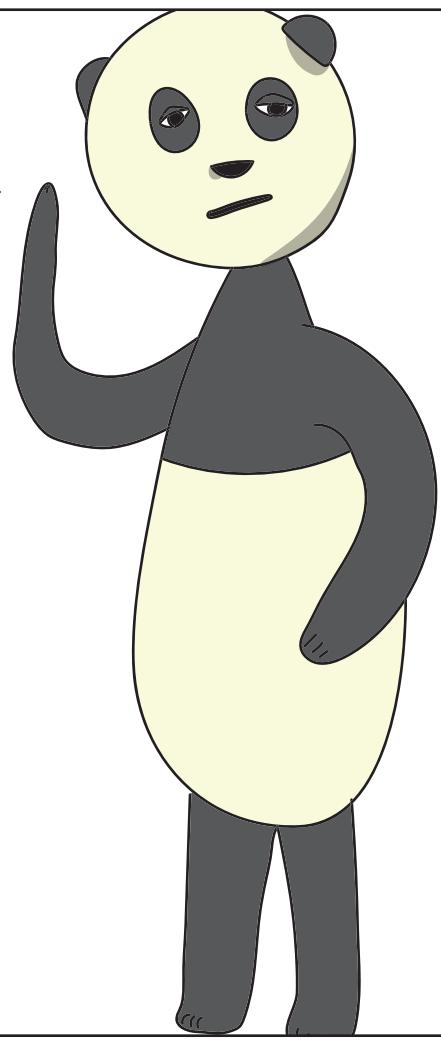


Parents send their  
children away...

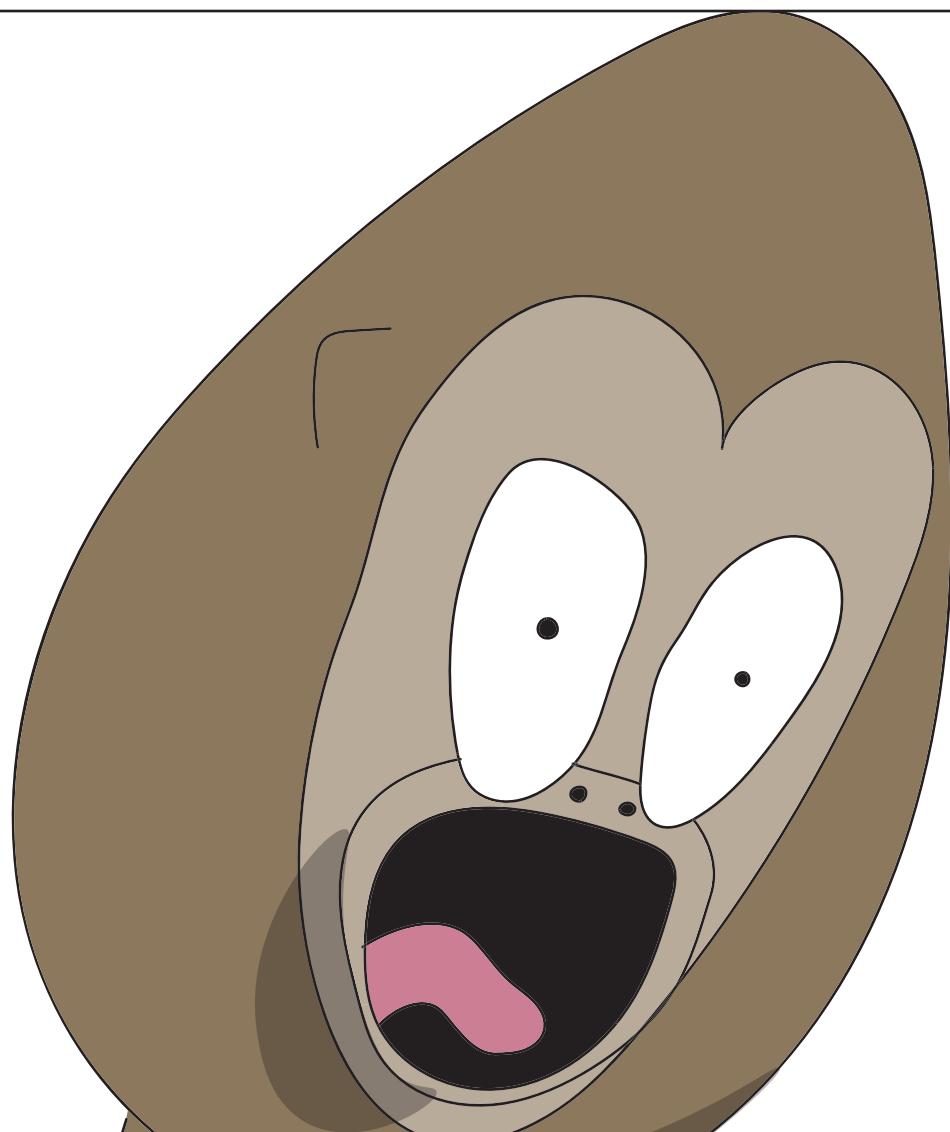
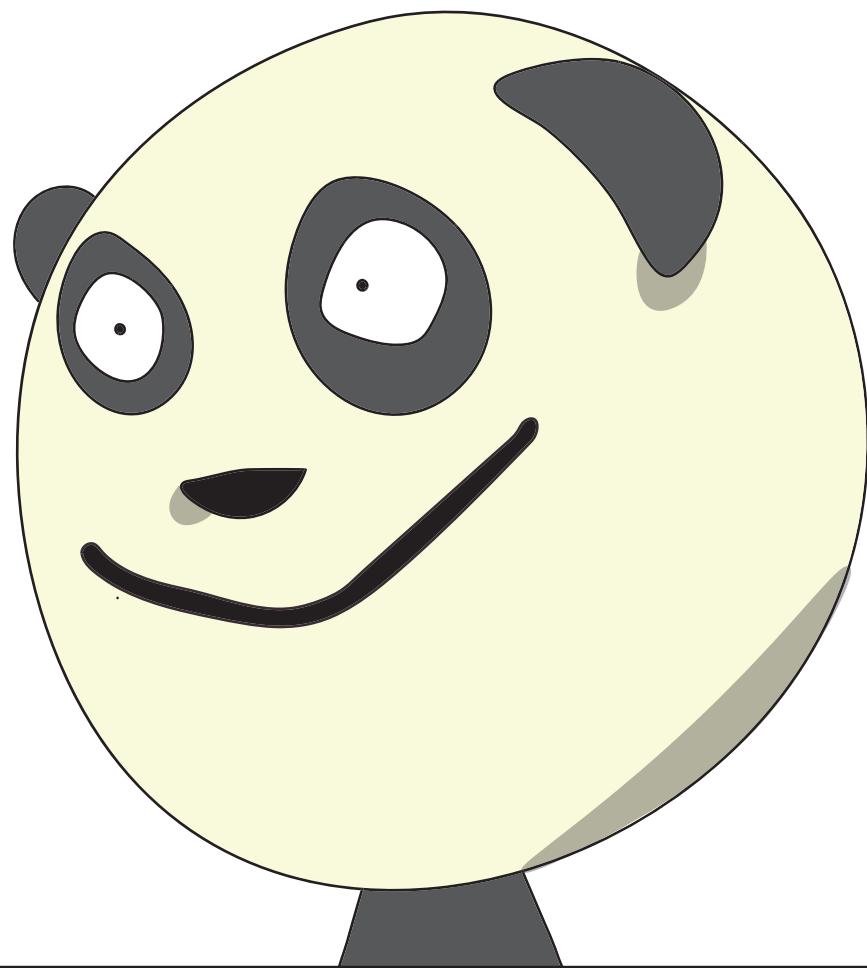


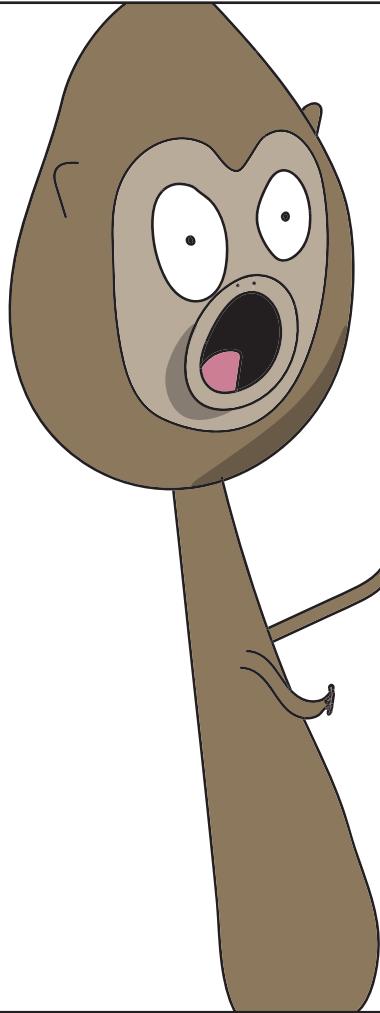


To live with  
another  
family...

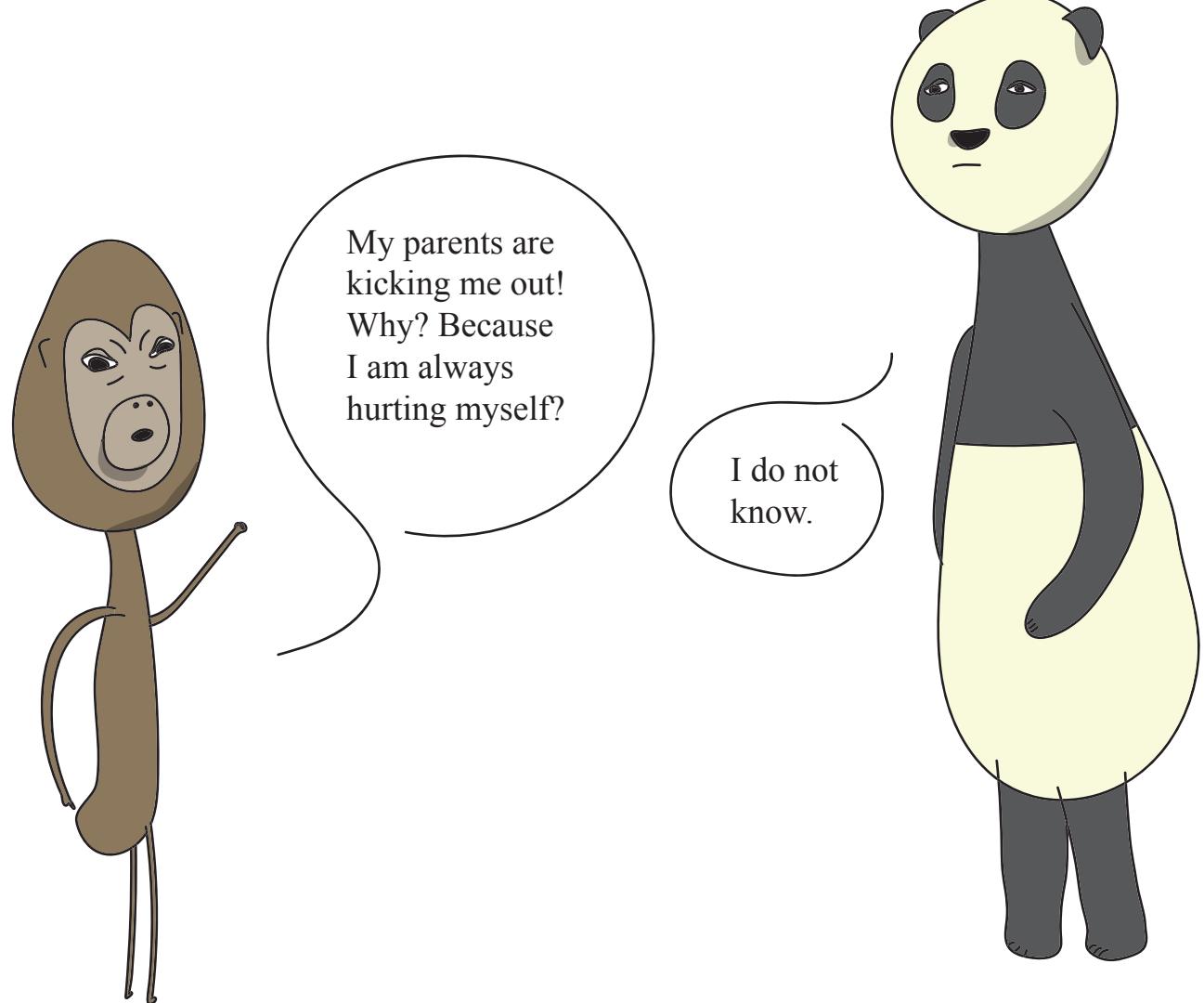


Forever.

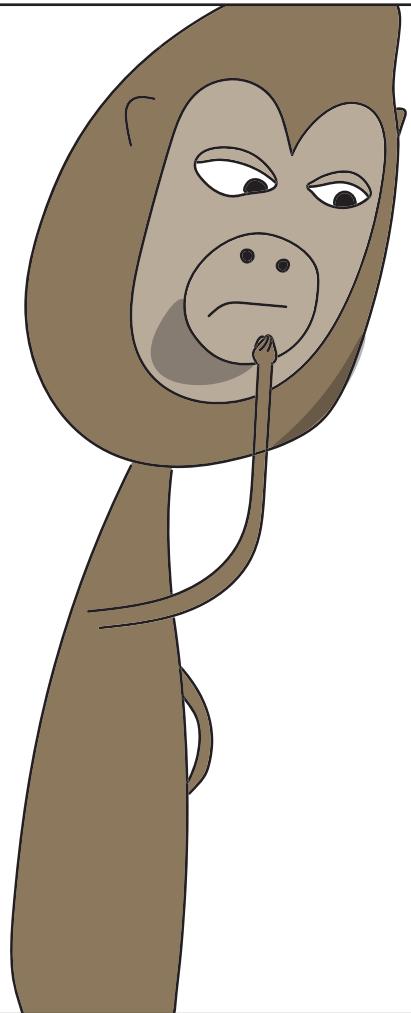




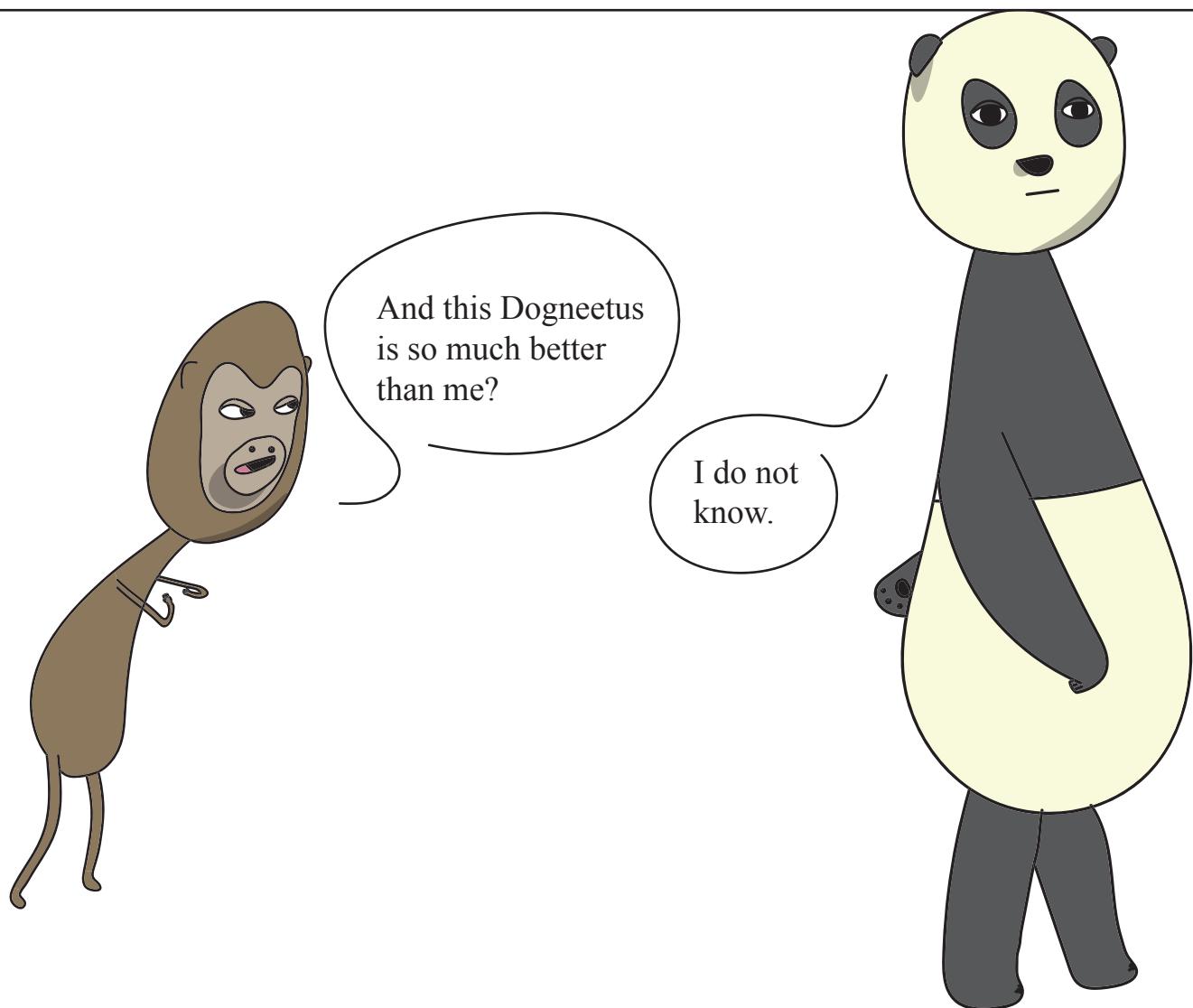
WHAT?!



I do not  
know.



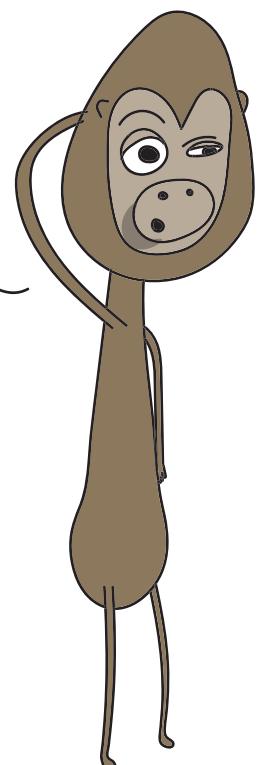
Said Marcus  
Oh my gods.  
This is terrible.  
Said Marcus



And this Dogneetus  
is so much better  
than me?

I do not  
know.

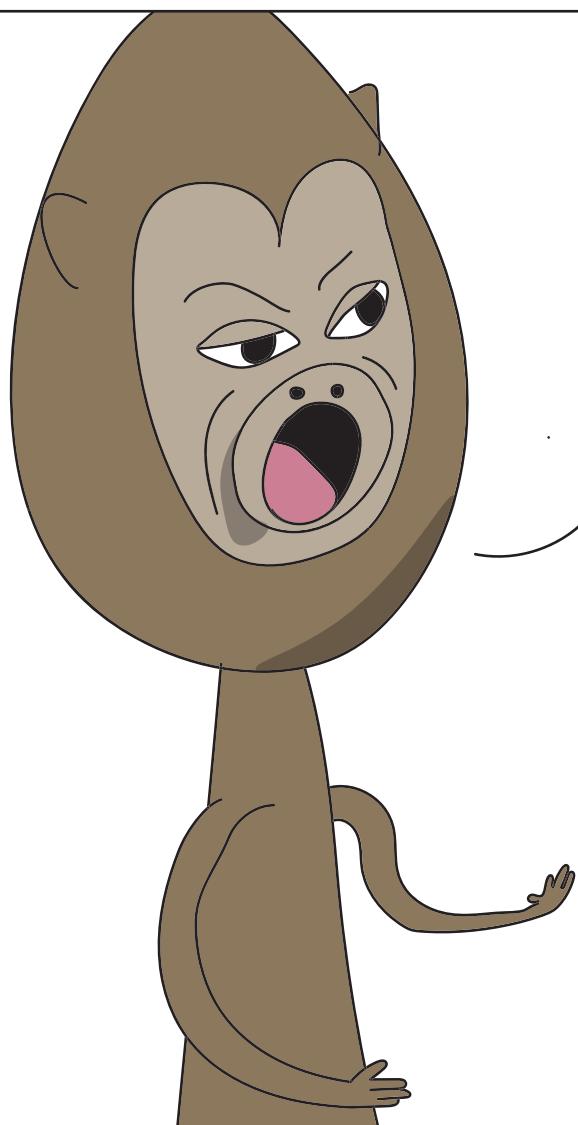
asked Marcus  
Where are  
you going?  
asked Marcus

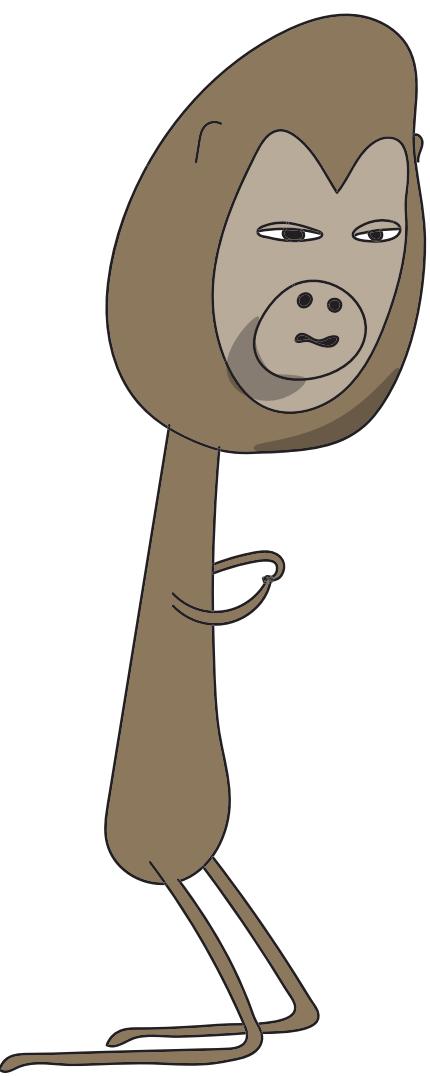


I have to pick  
Dogeneetus up from the  
shipping yard now. She  
sailed from Greece.

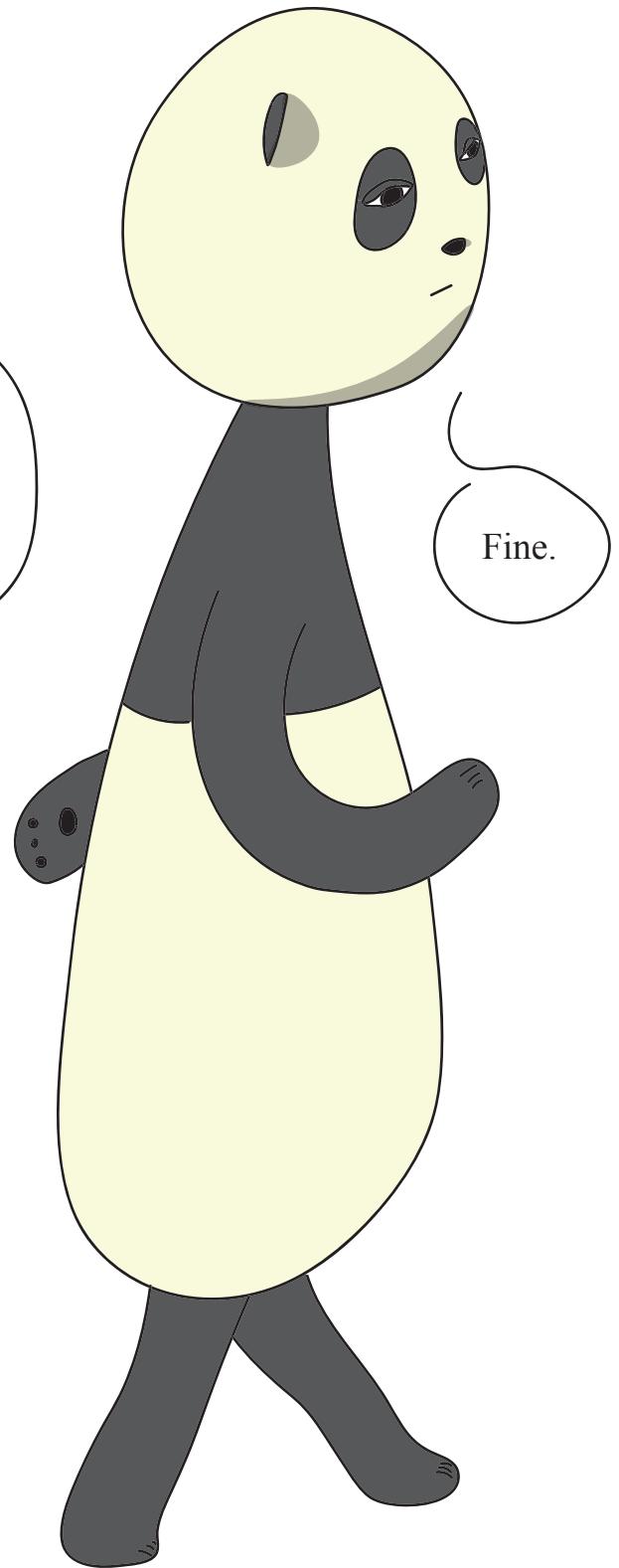


NOW?!





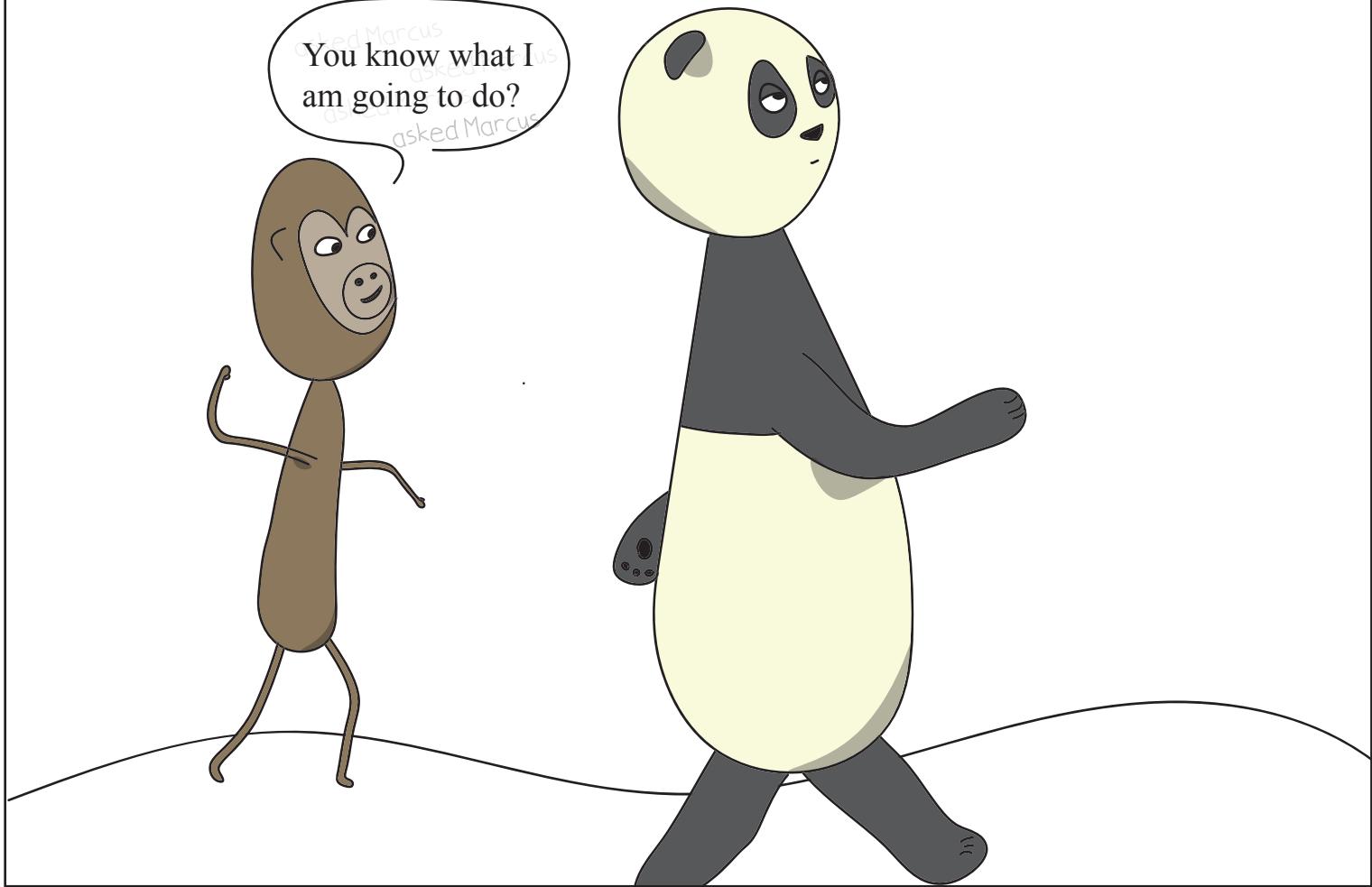
Can I come with  
you? I want to  
meet the person  
stealing my life.



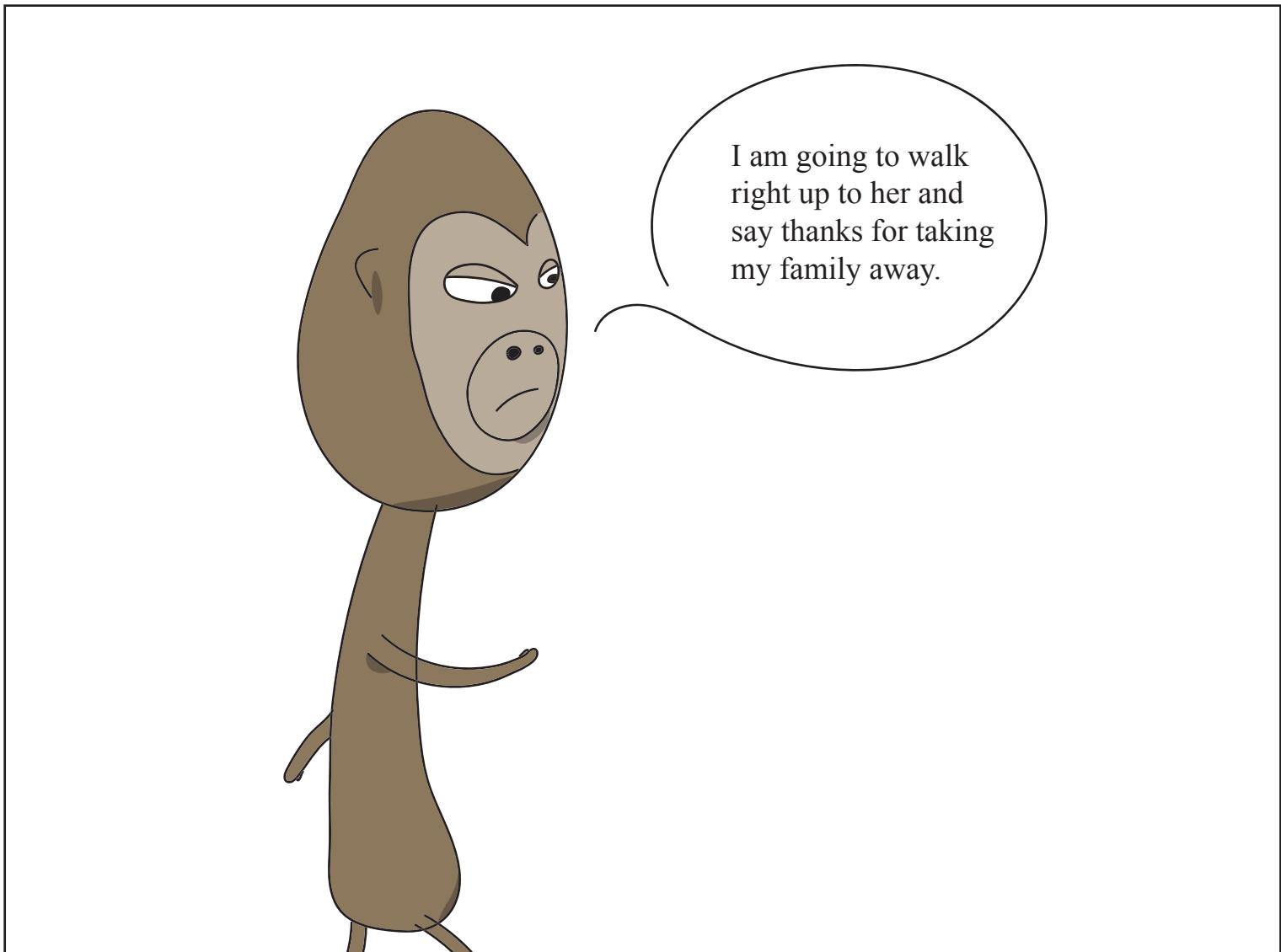
Fine.

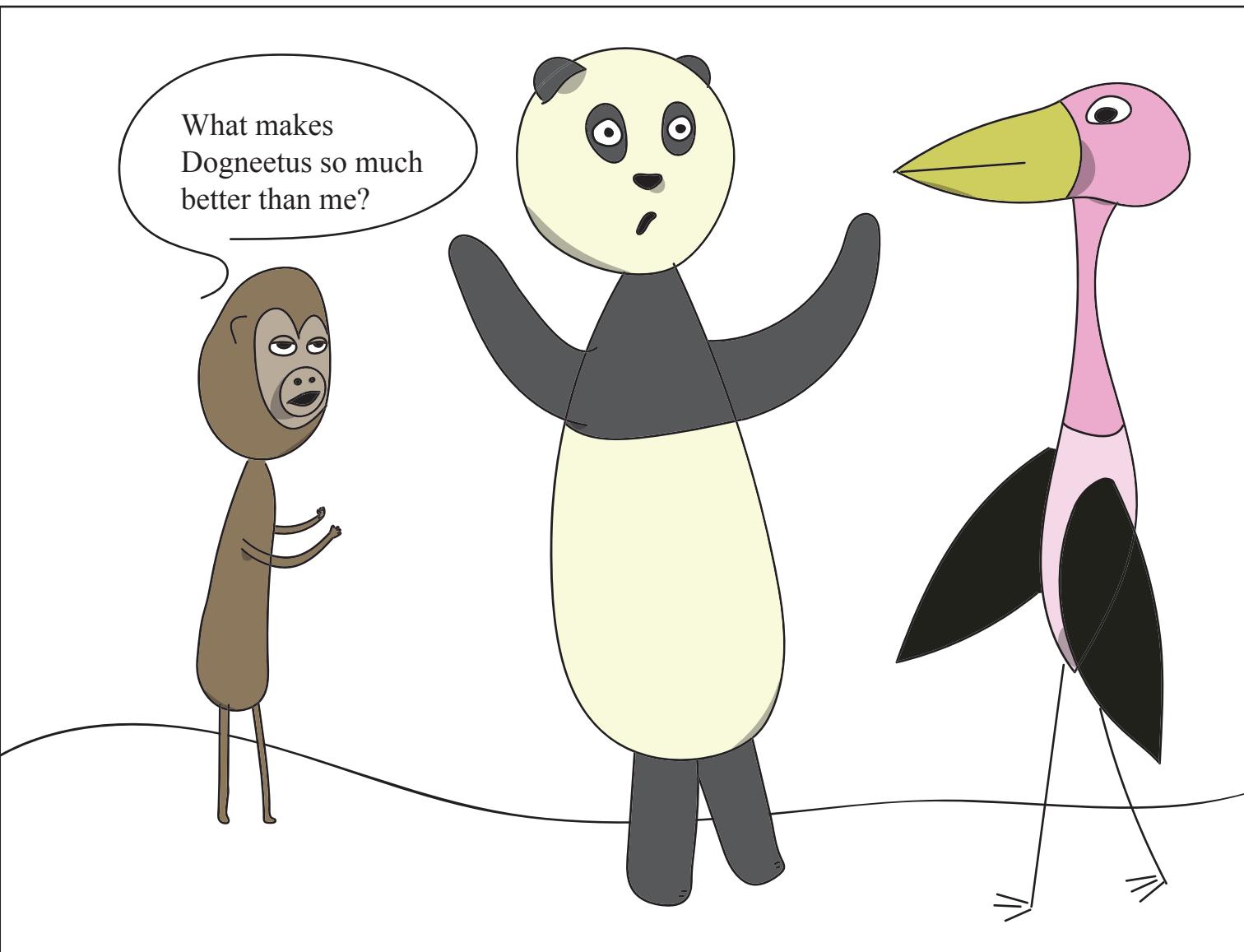
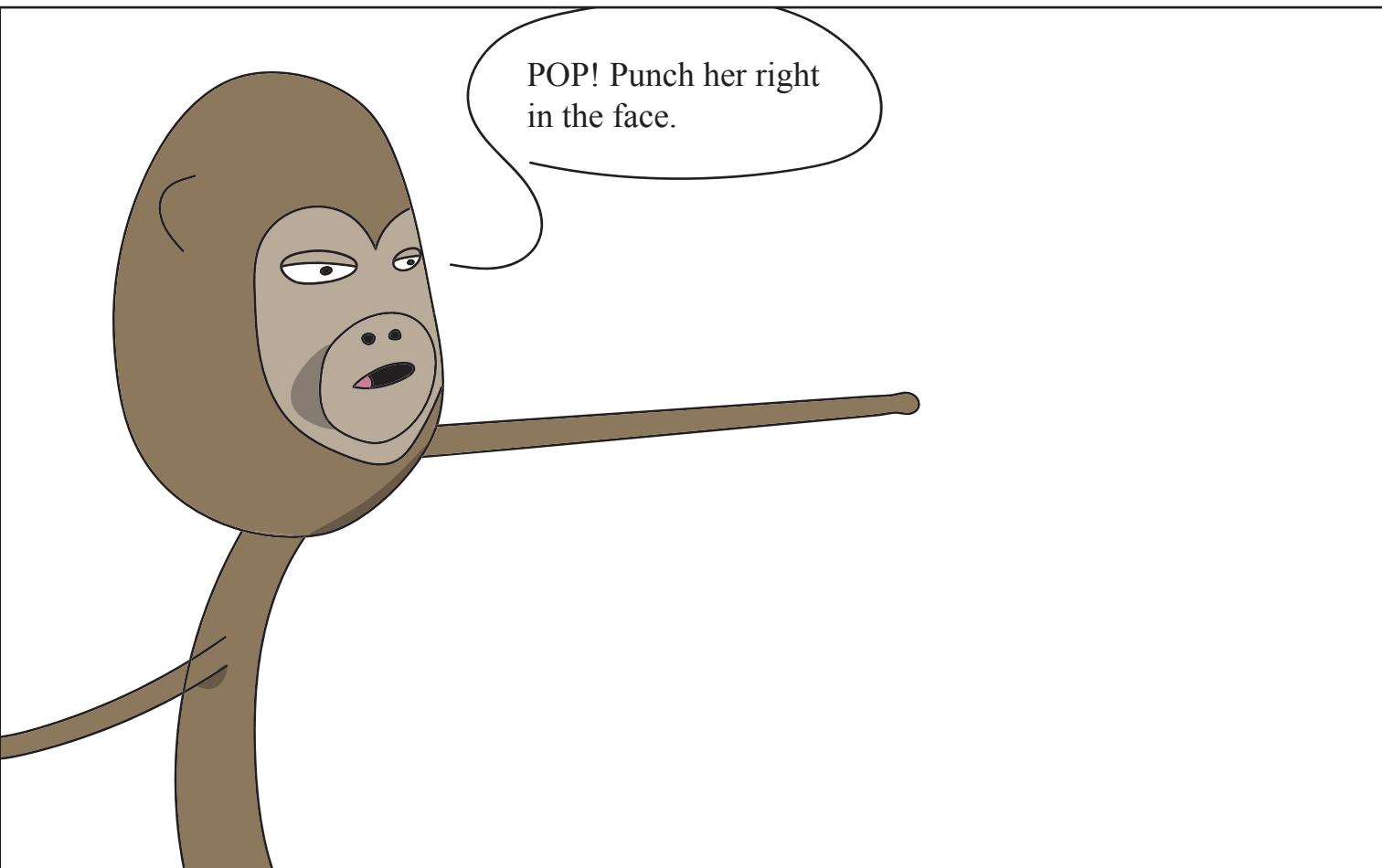
## Chapter 2 - Hurt

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

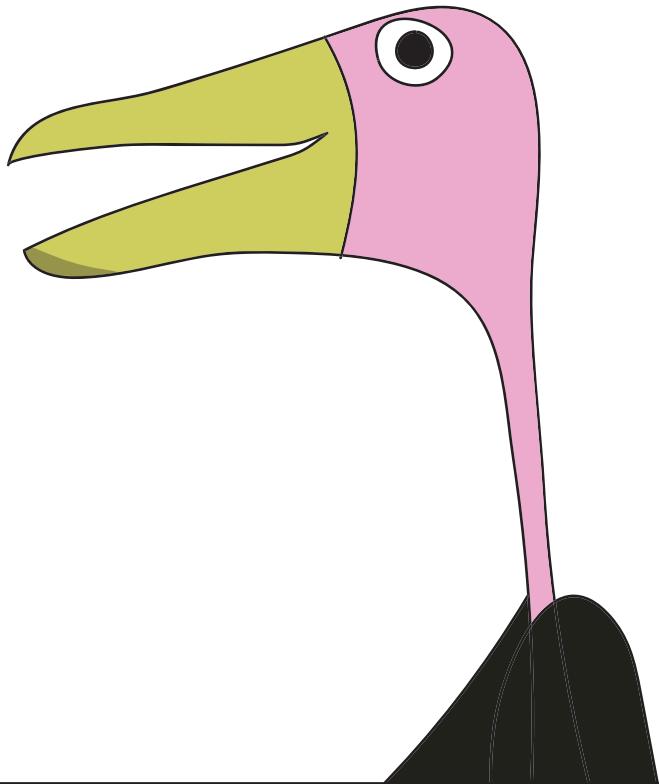


I am going to walk  
right up to her and  
say thanks for taking  
my family away.

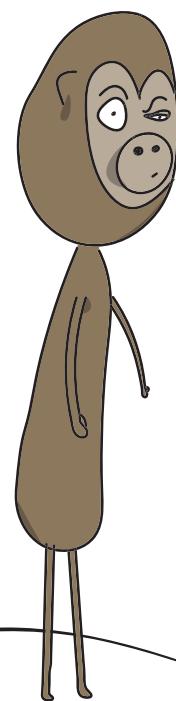




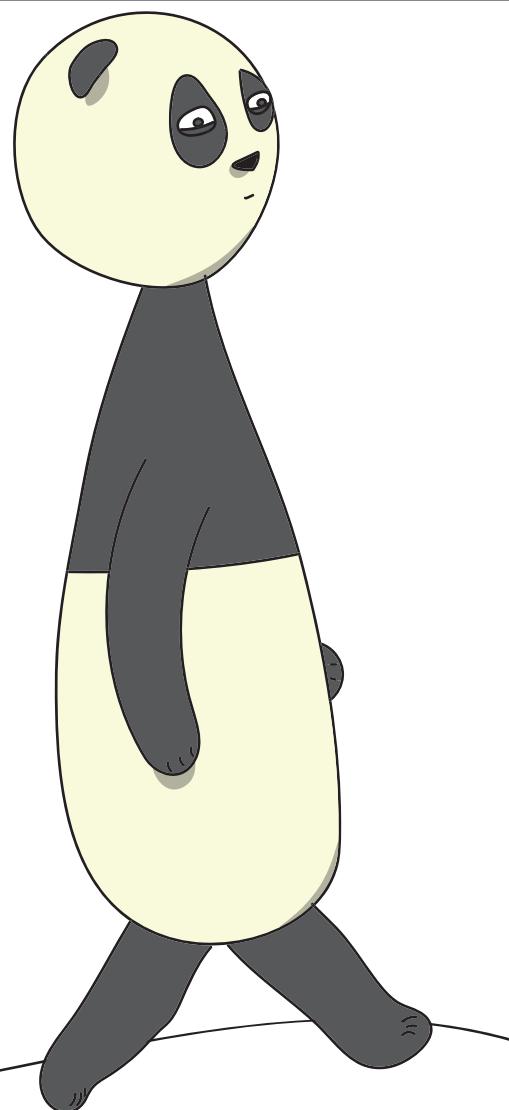
*said Janus the Stork*  
Did you say Dogneetus?  
*said Janus the Stork*  
Dogeetus from Greece?  
*said Janus the Stork*  
*said Janus the Stork*

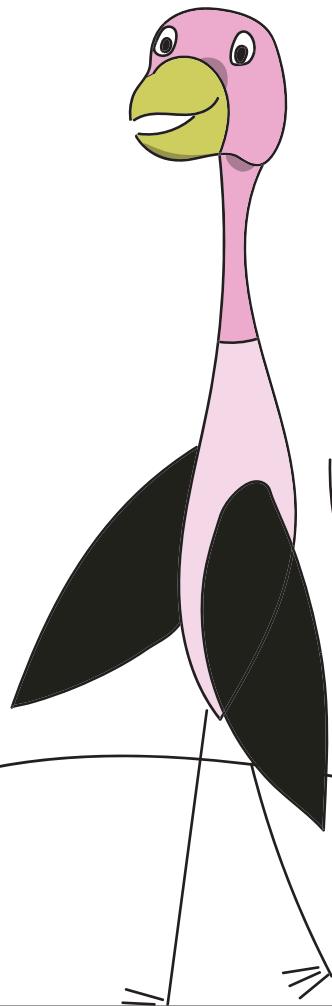


Yeah...



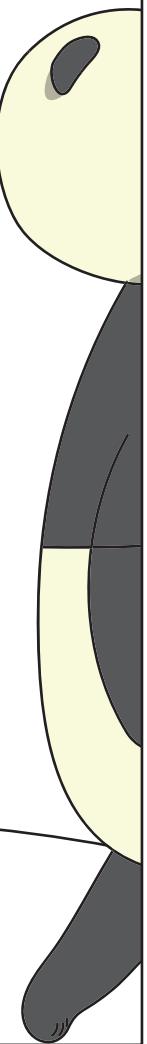
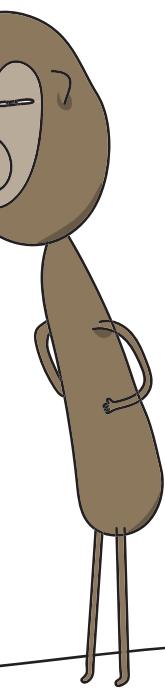
Oh, she is amazing.





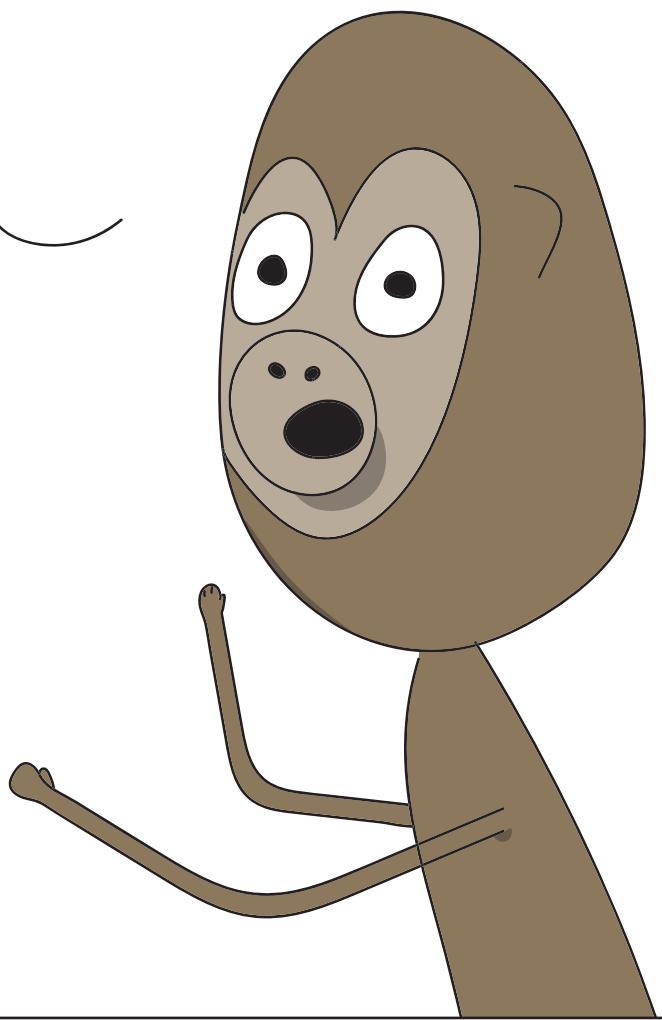
How do you know  
her?

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

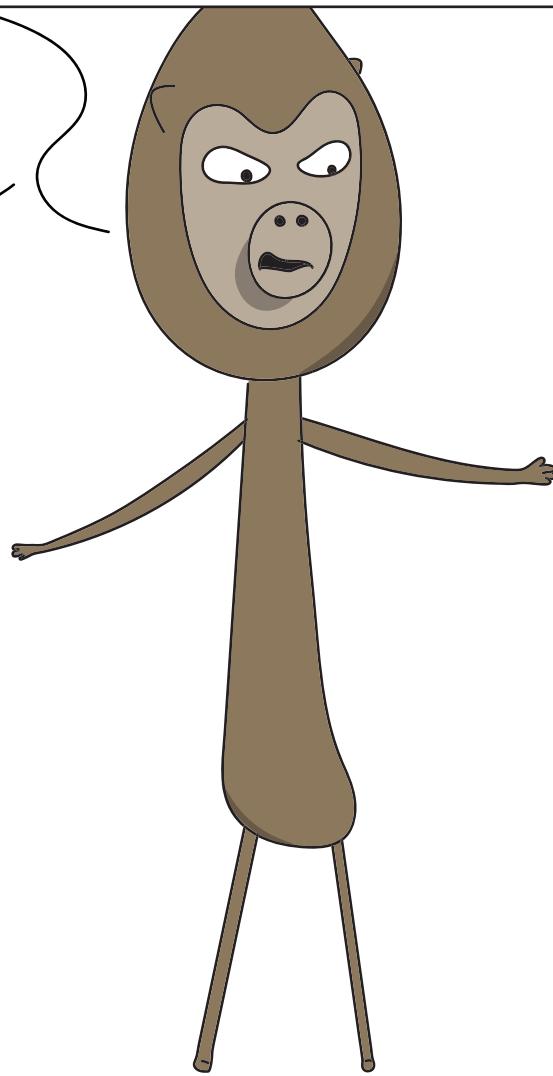


Famous for what?

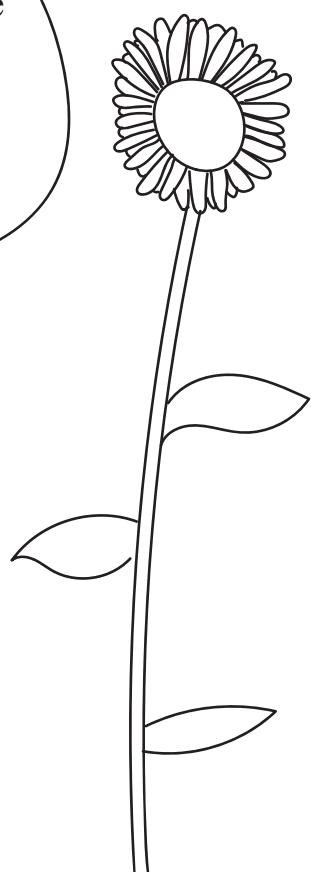
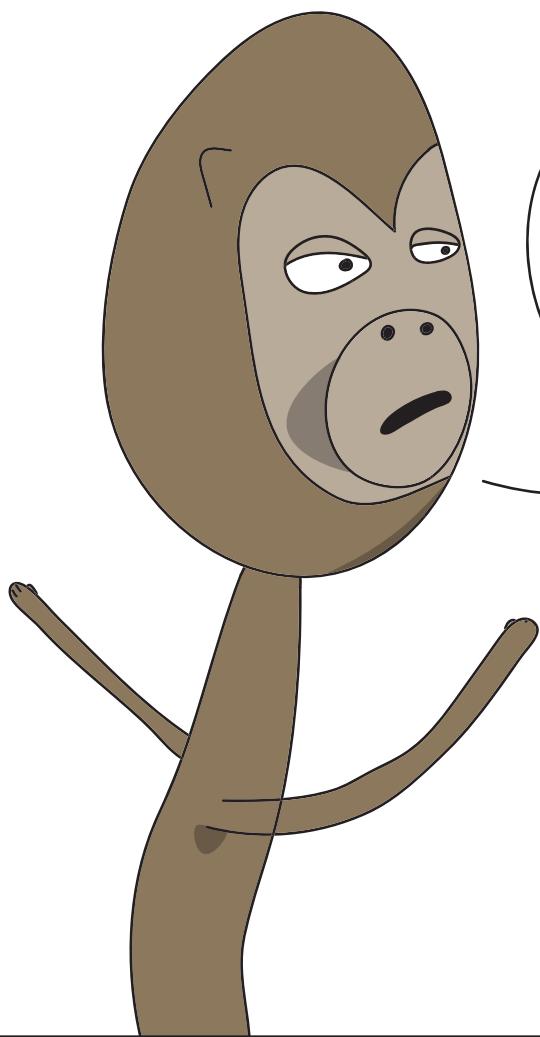
Frescoes. Beautiful  
wall paintings...

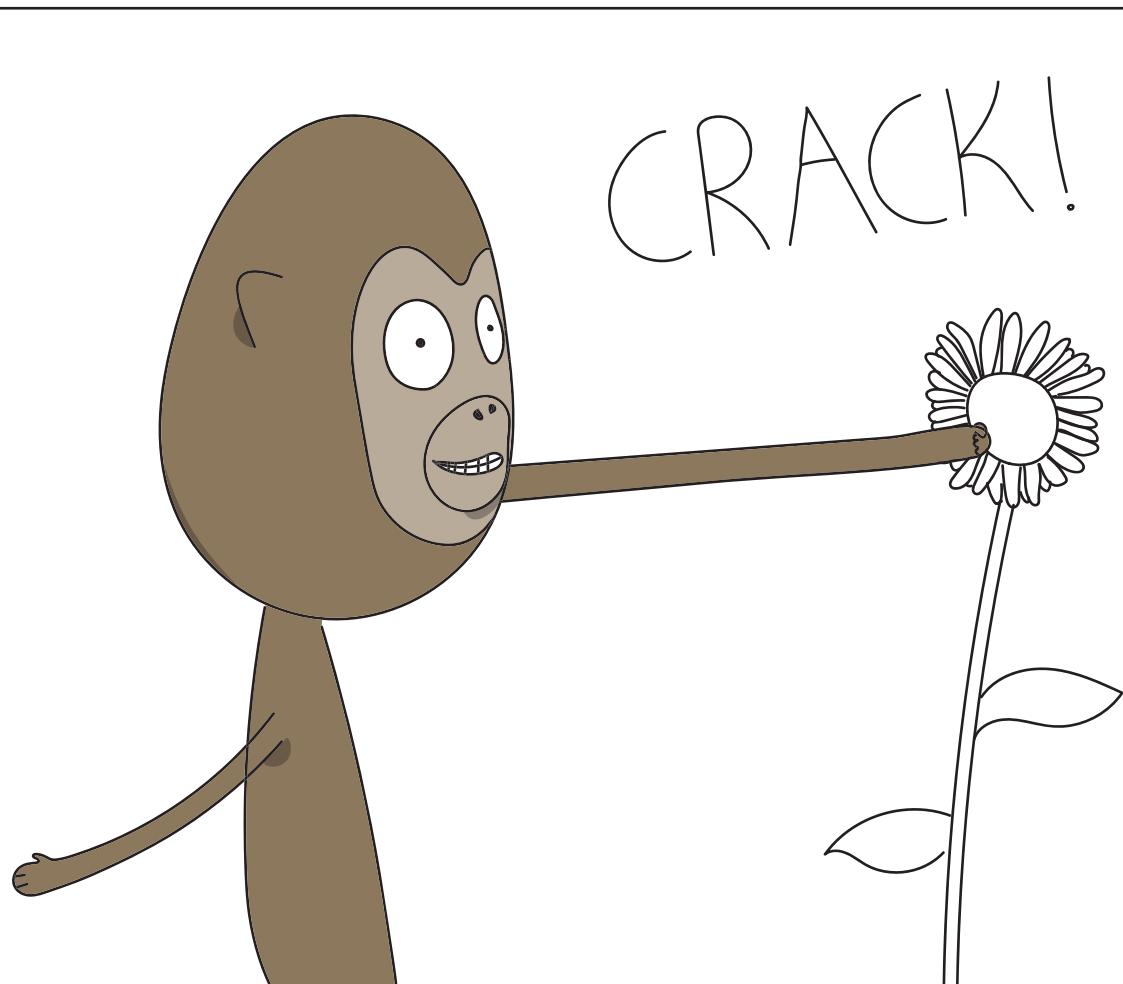
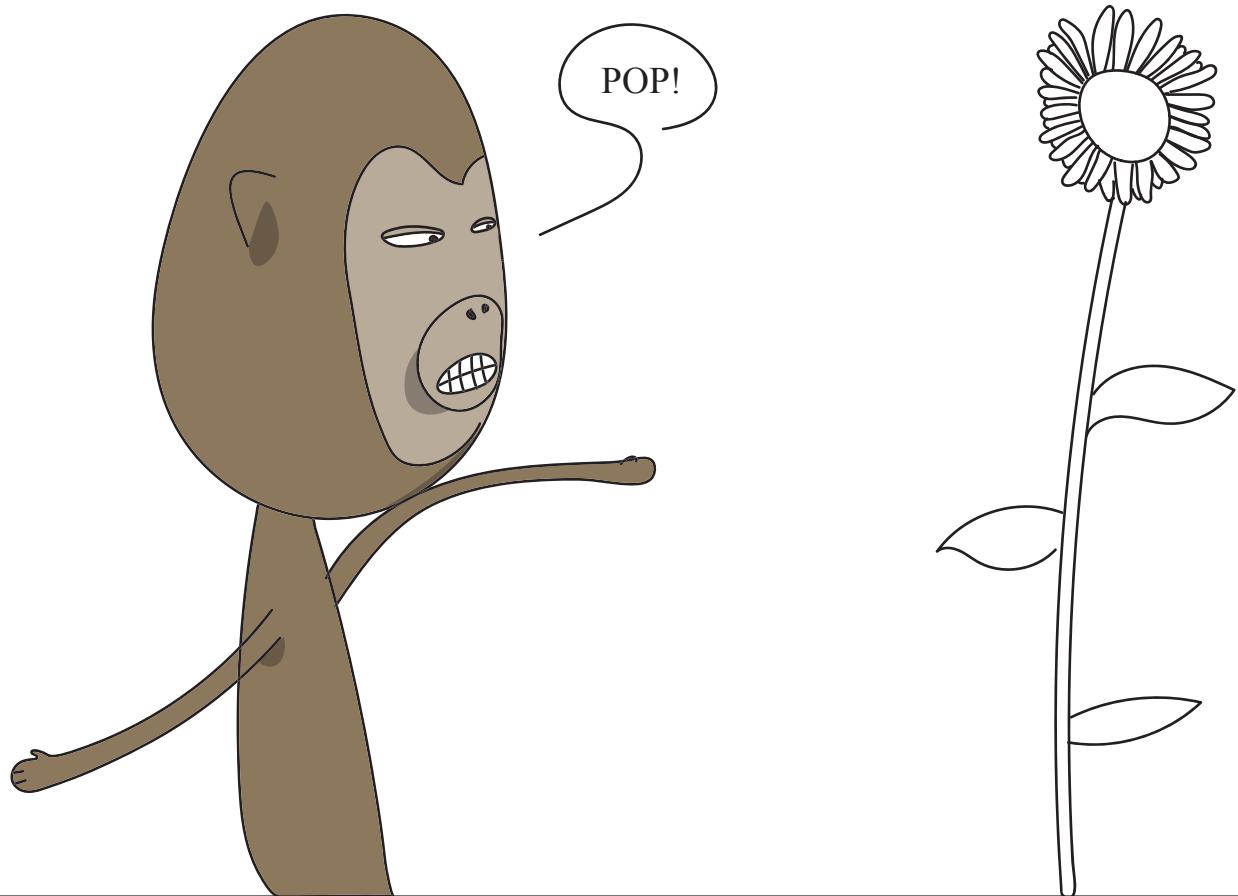


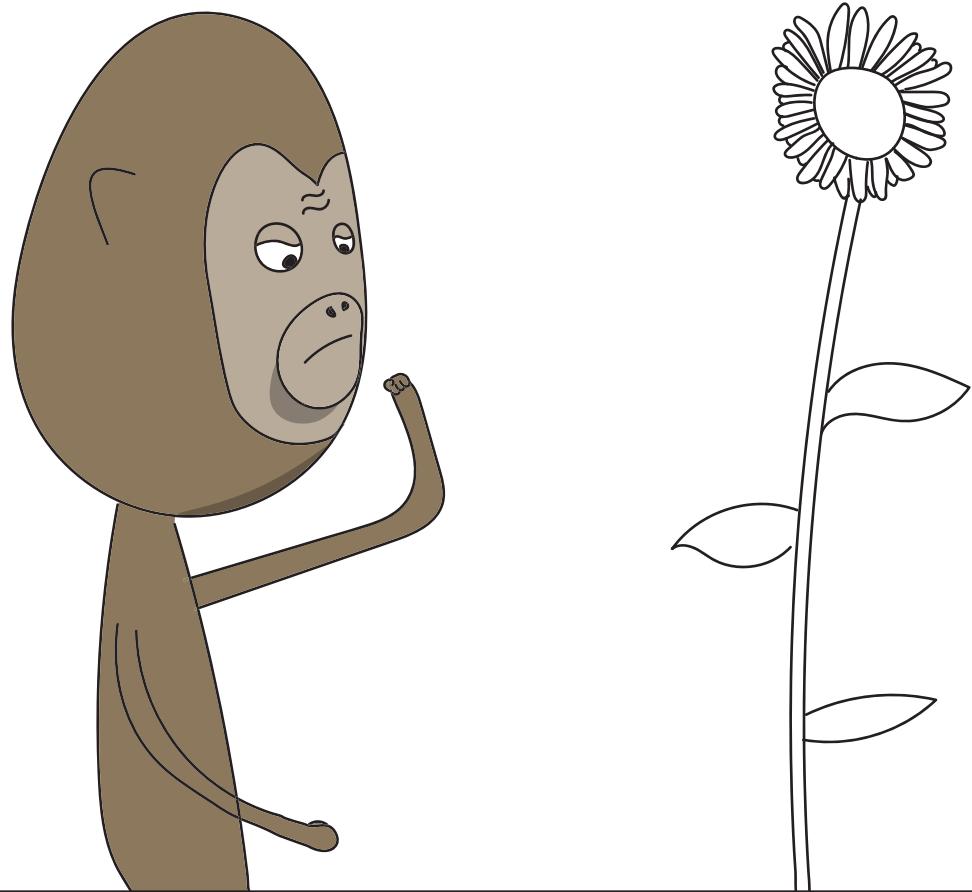
Great. She is famous.

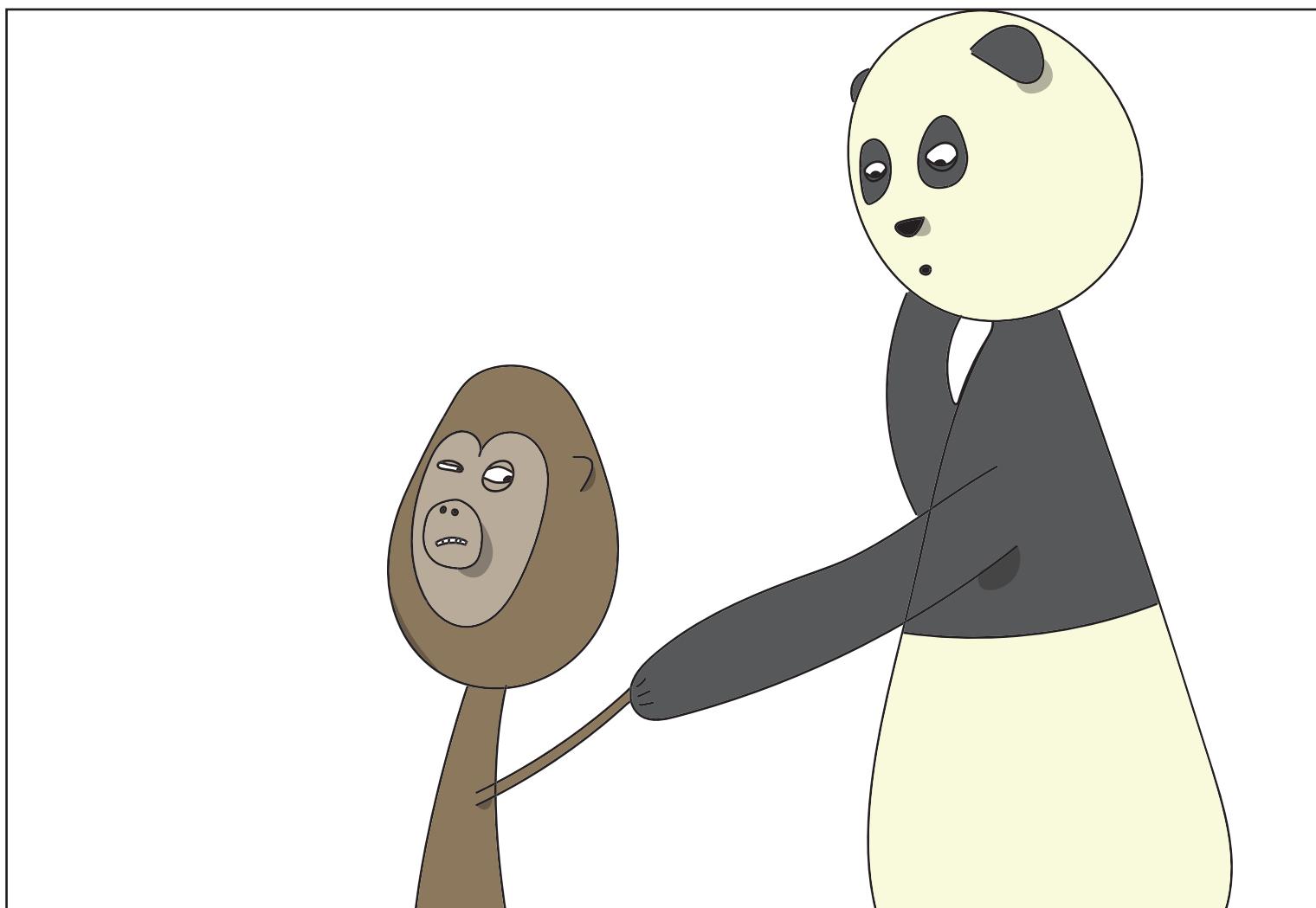
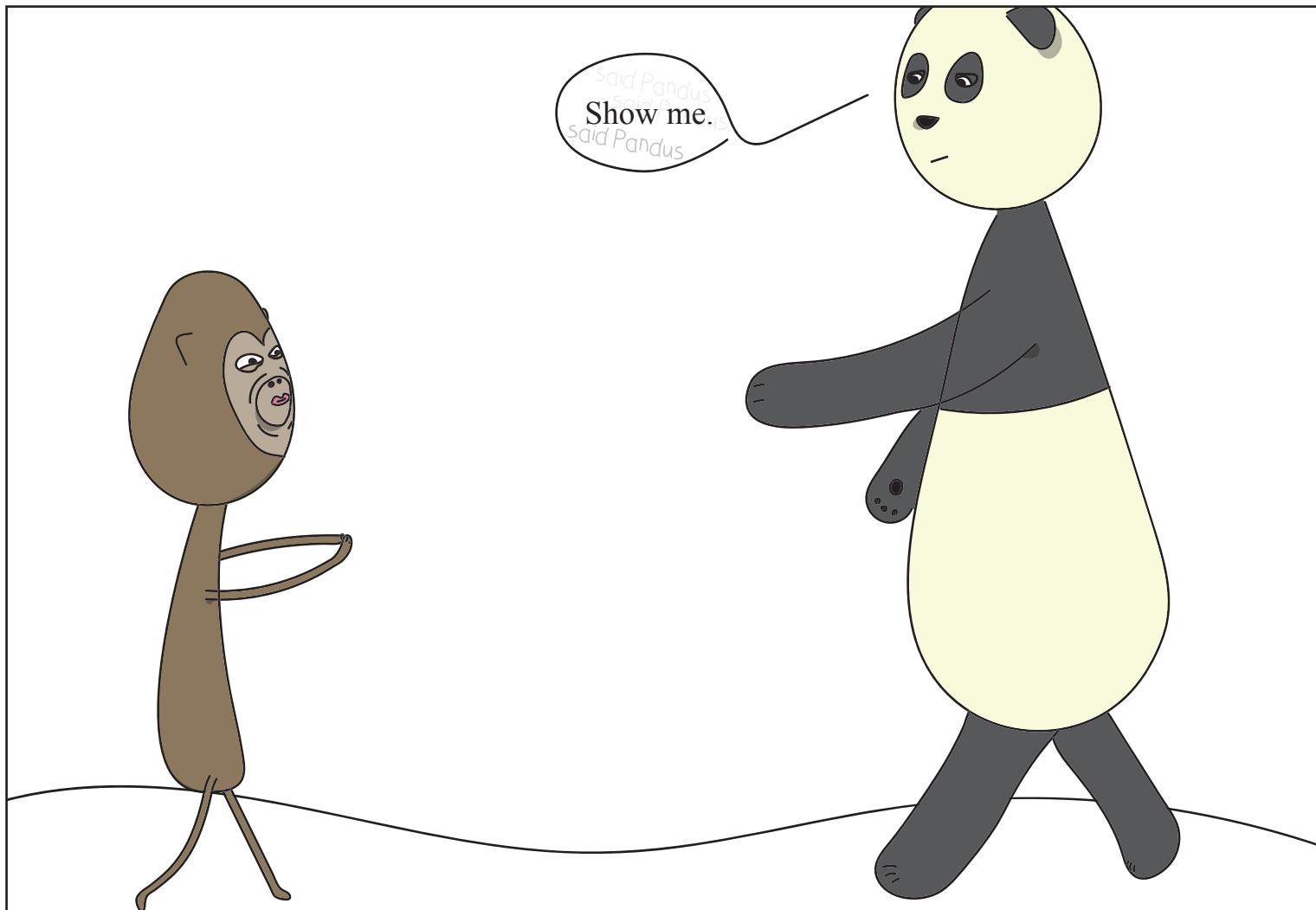


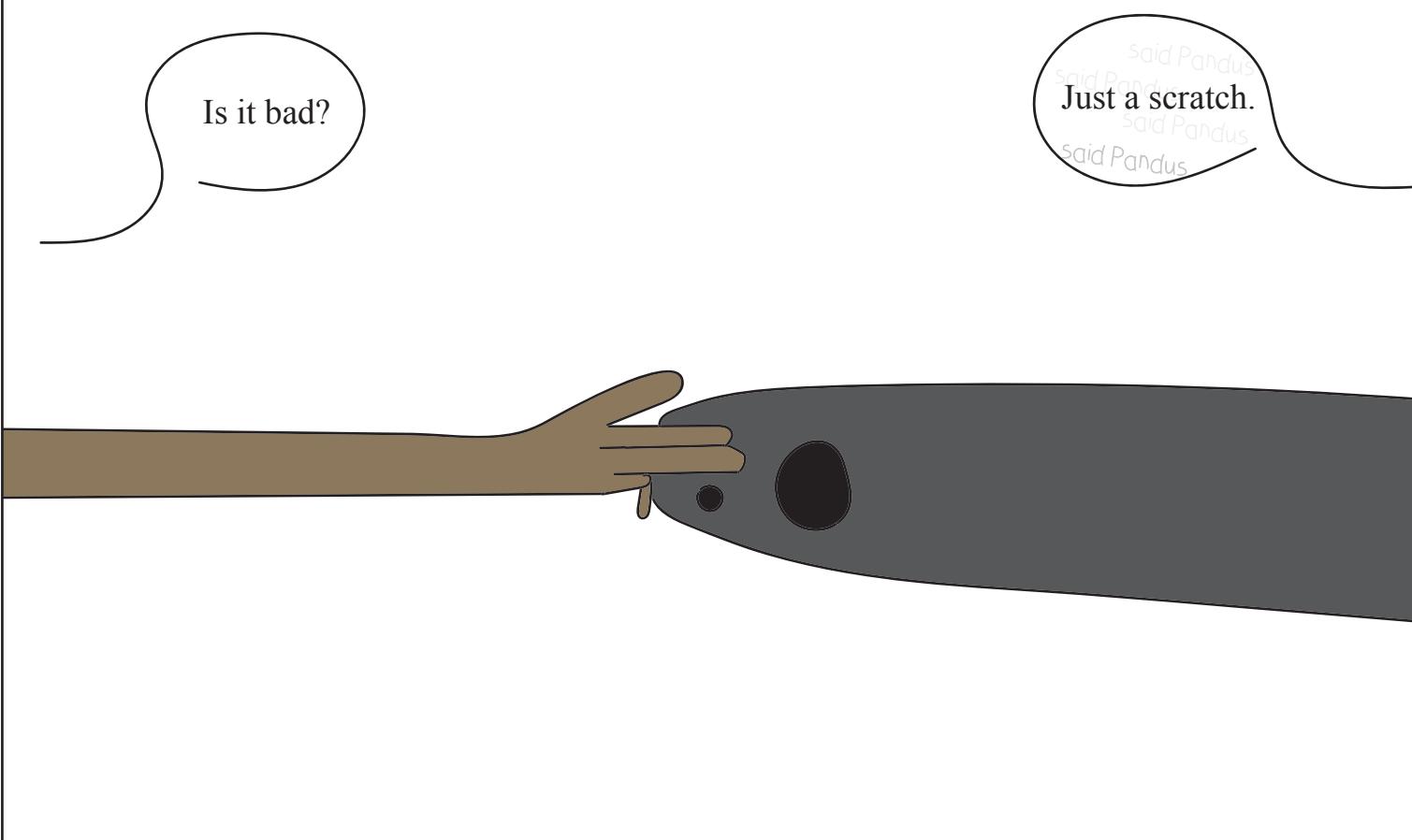
She will be more famous for getting punched in the face after she steals my family.





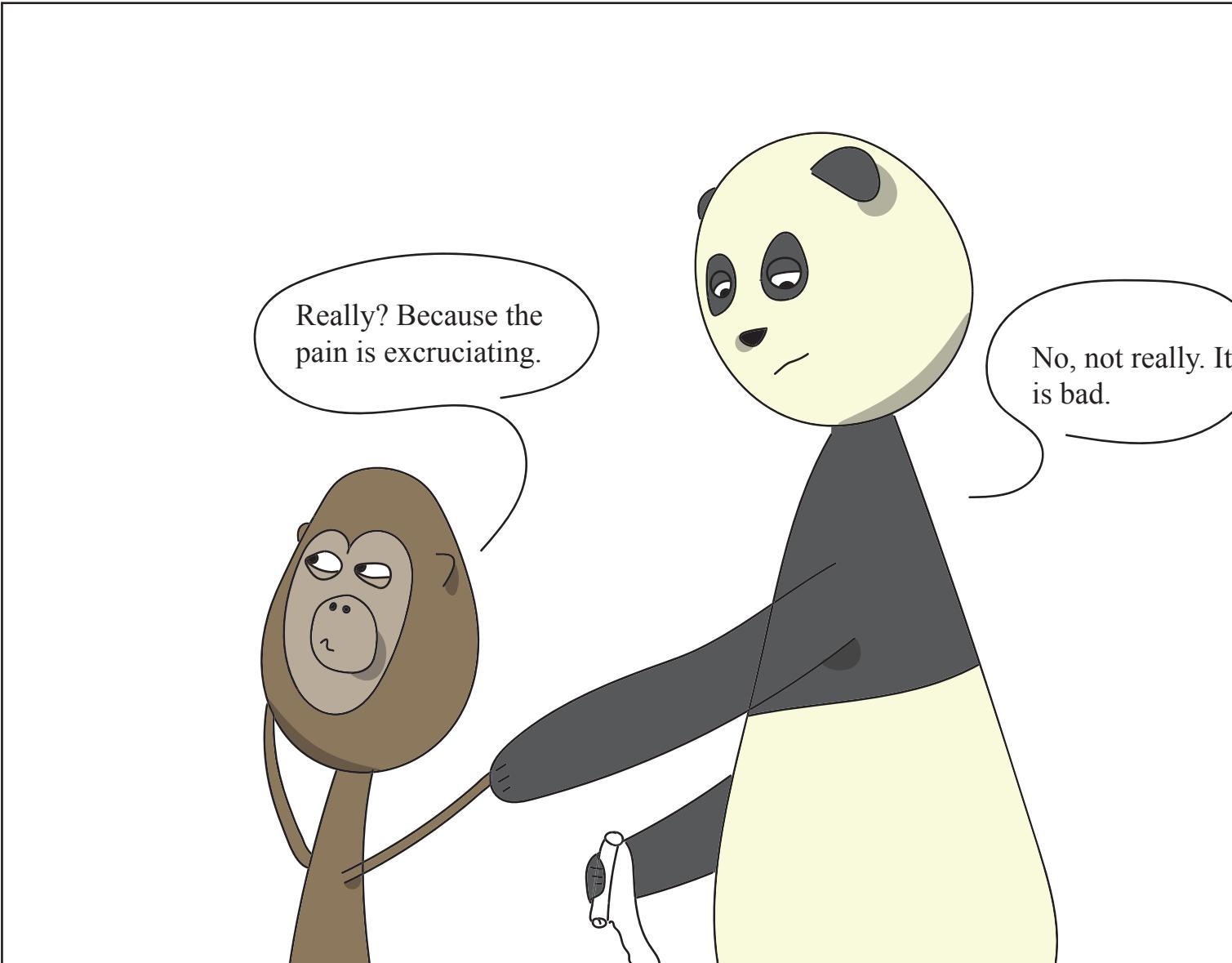






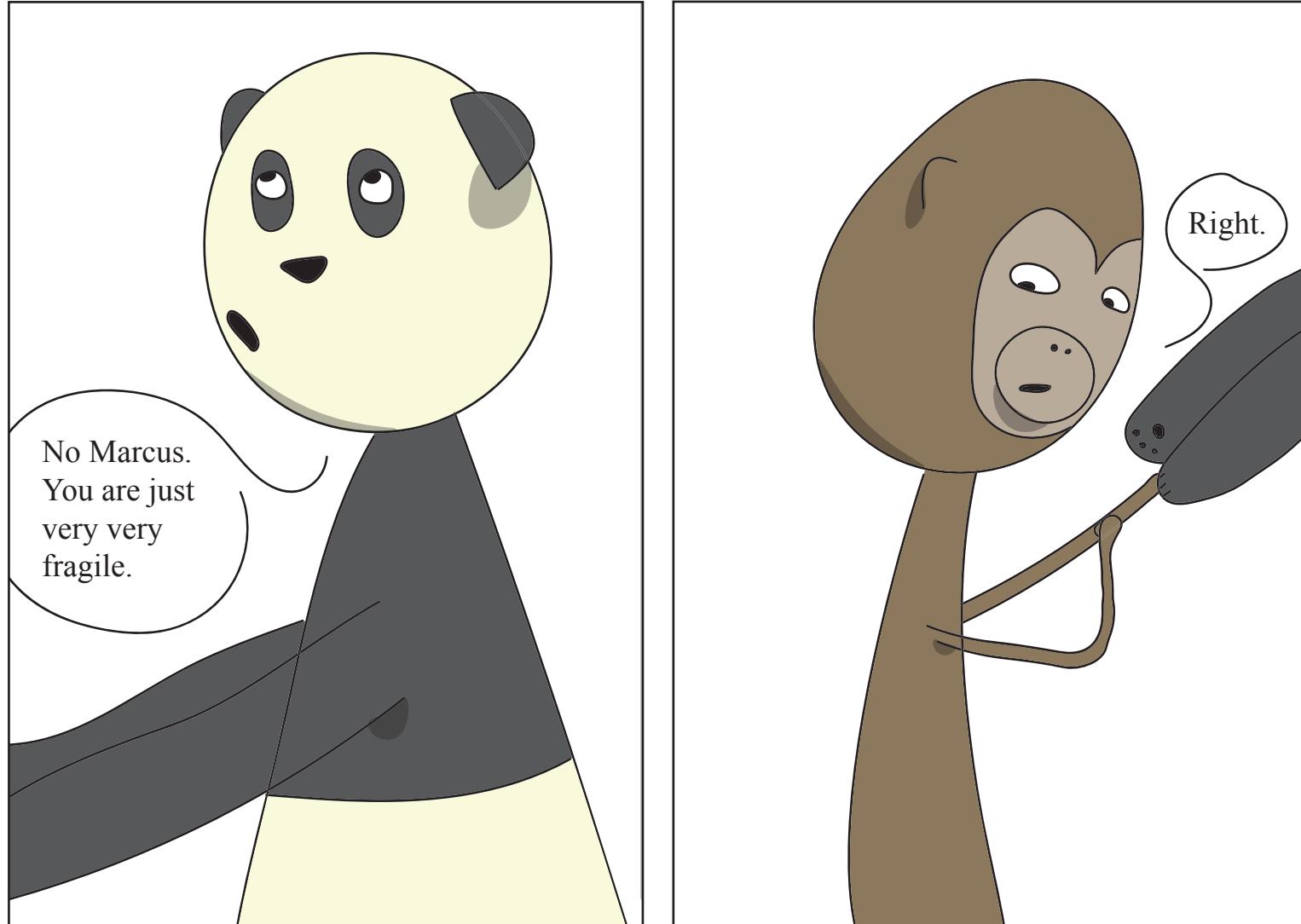
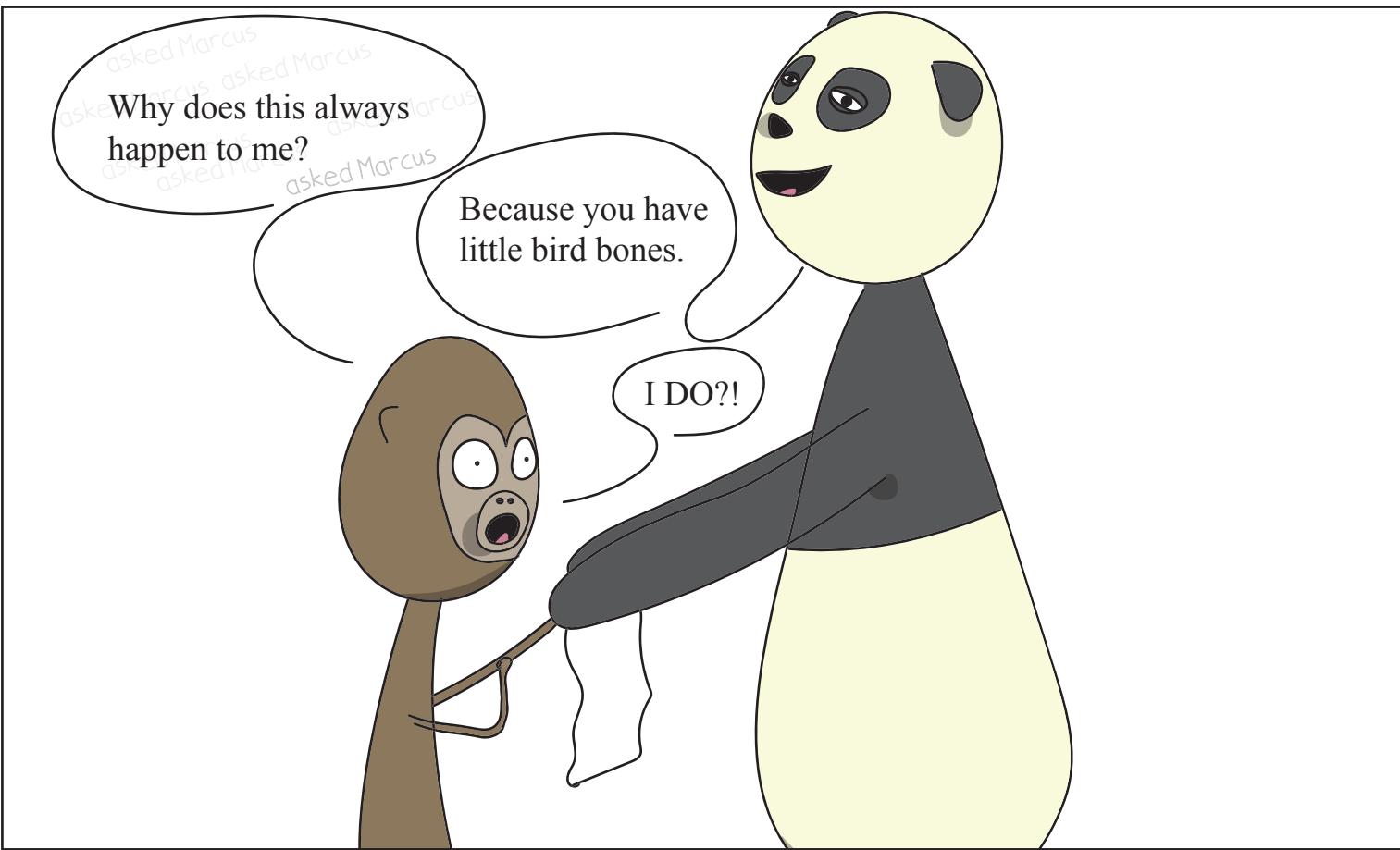
Is it bad?

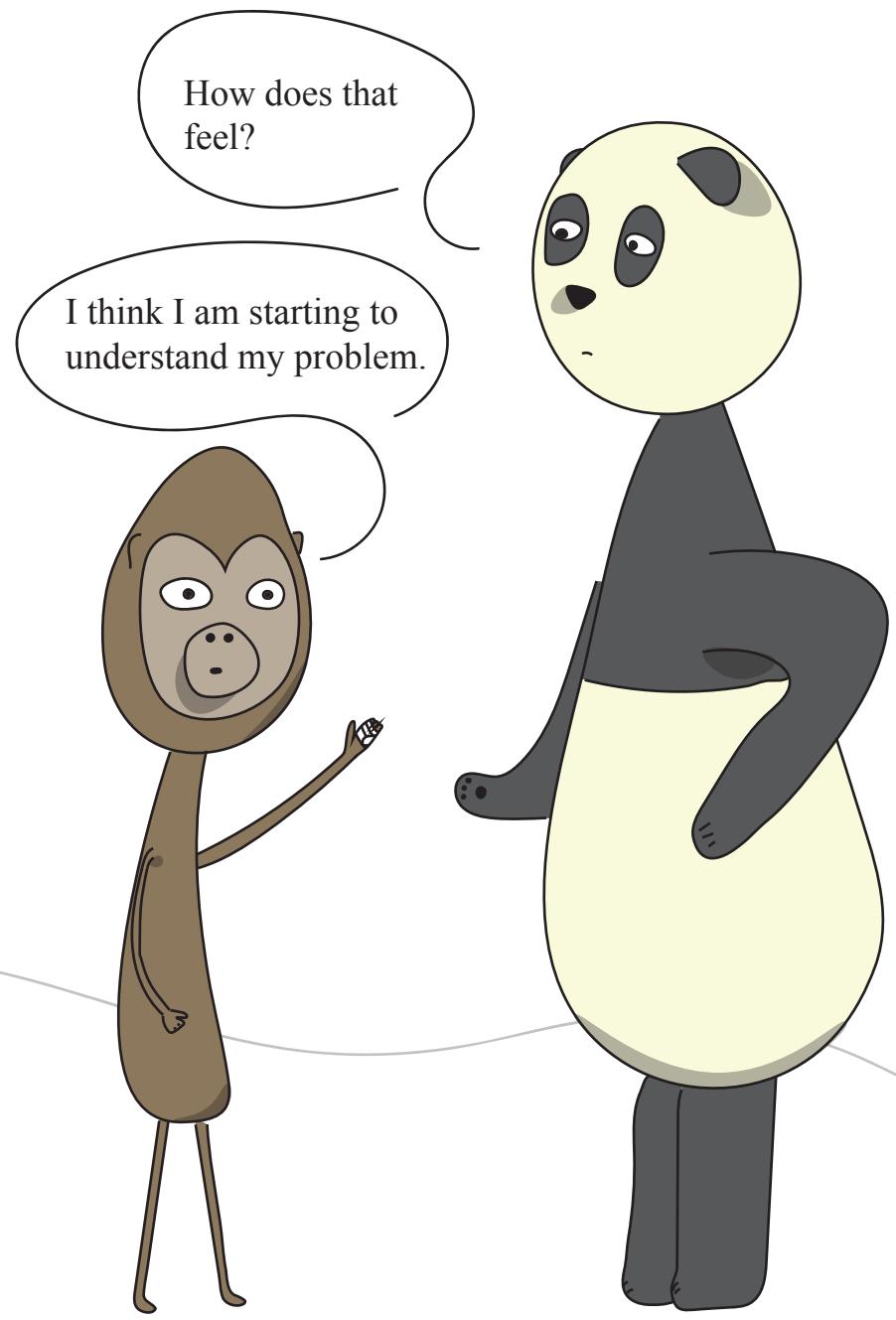
Said Pandus  
Said Pandus  
Said Pandus  
Said Pandus  
Just a scratch.



Really? Because the pain is excruciating.

No, not really. It is bad.





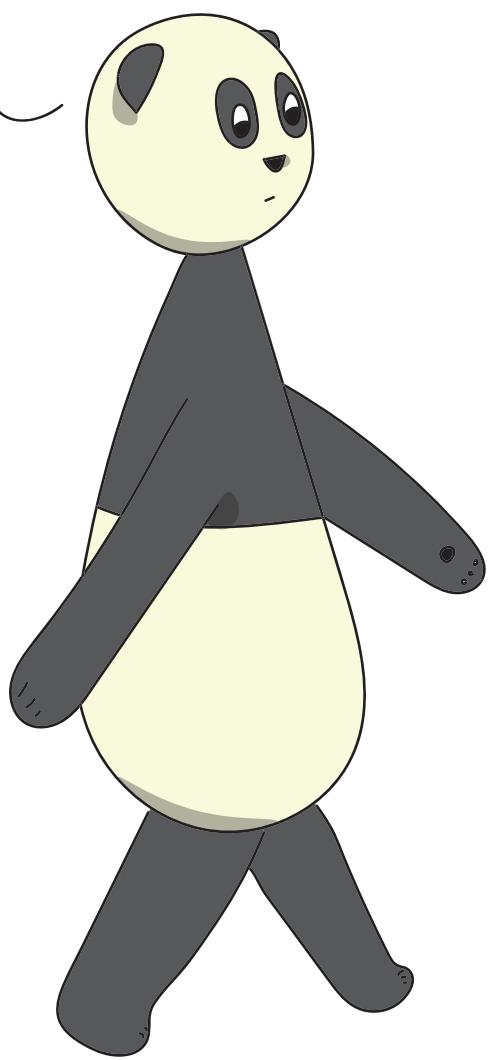
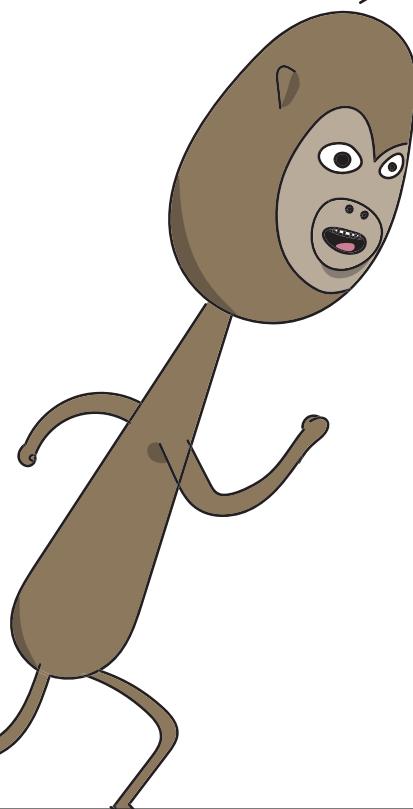
Chapter 3 - Terry

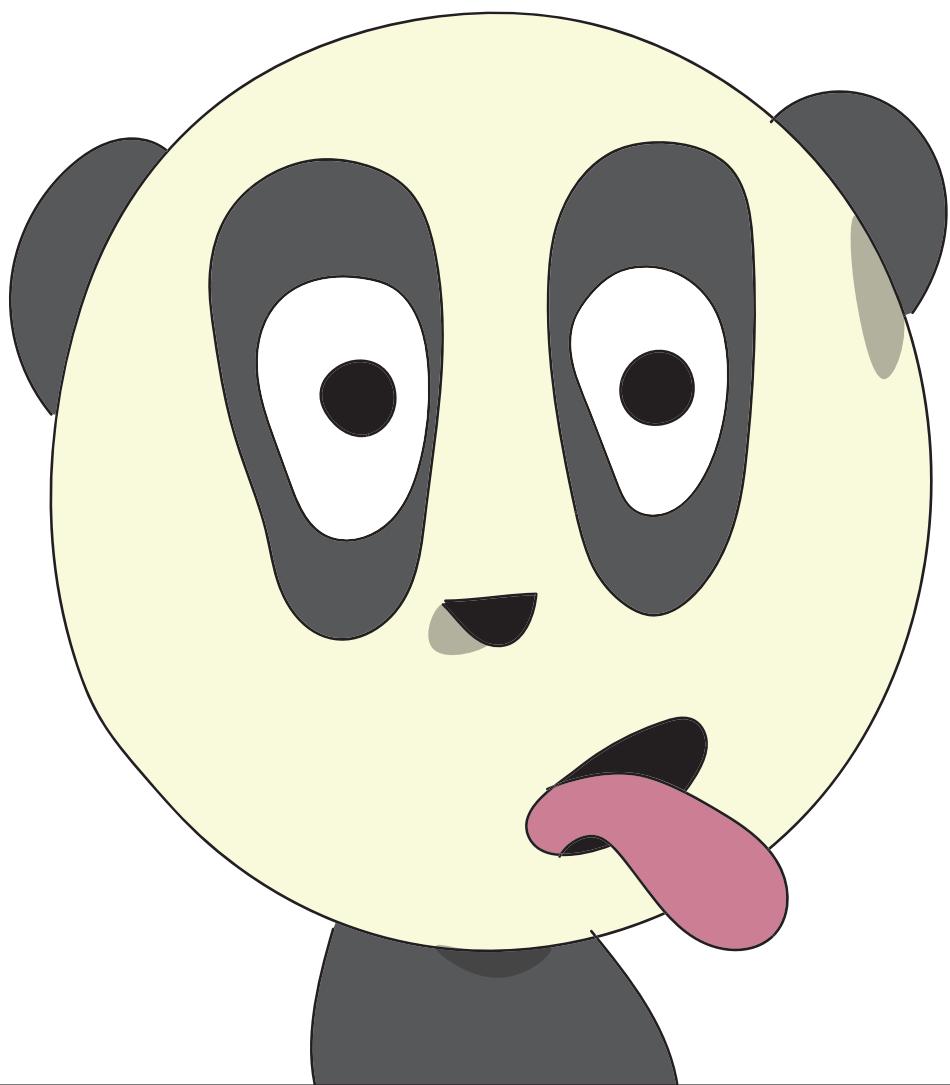
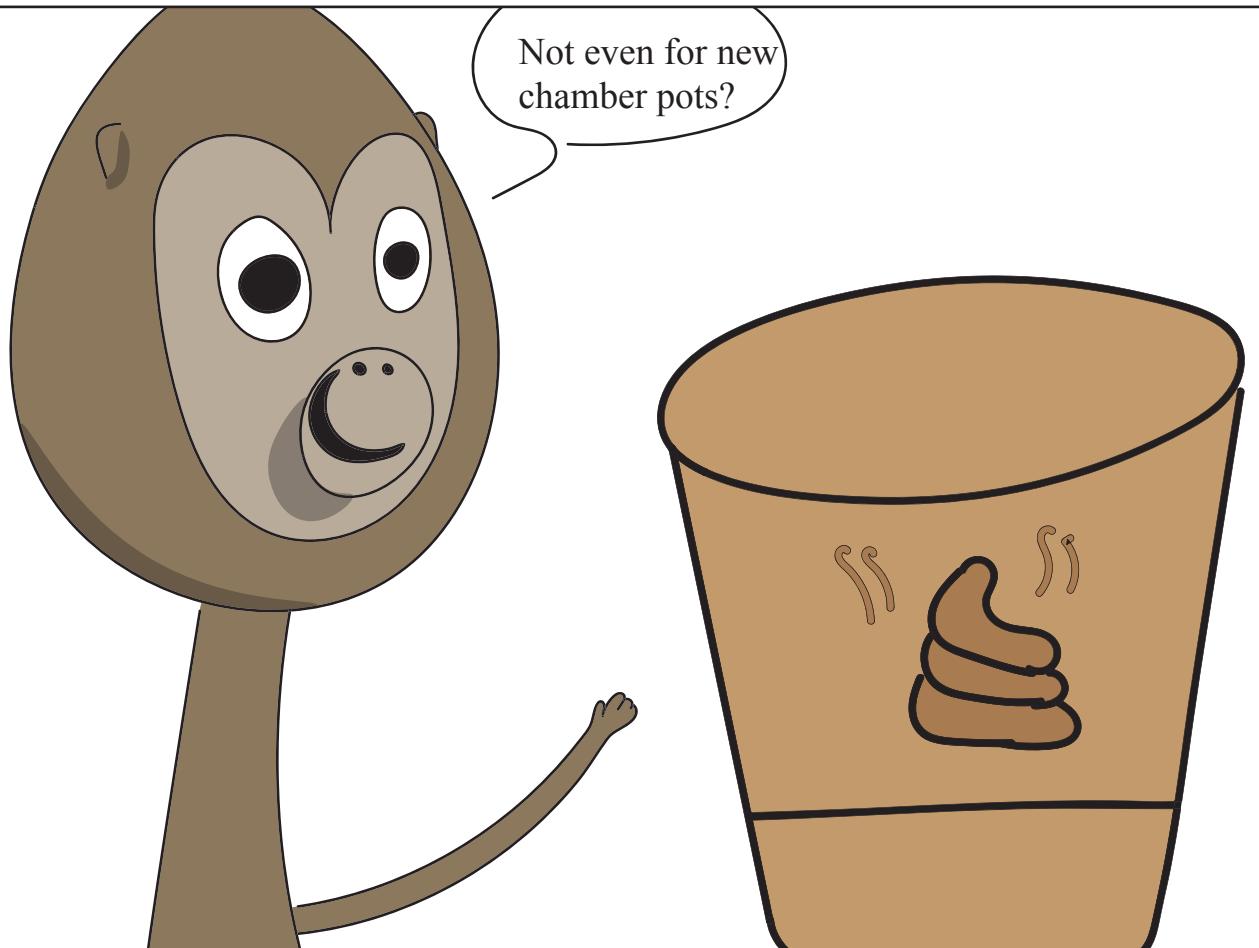
For sale today only! The extra extra light stoic pillow! Completely featherless! Terry will help you sleep like a baby!



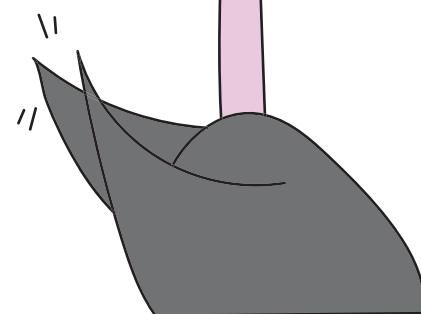
asked Marcus  
Can we please buy something?  
asked Marcus

We do not have time.  
Said Pandus





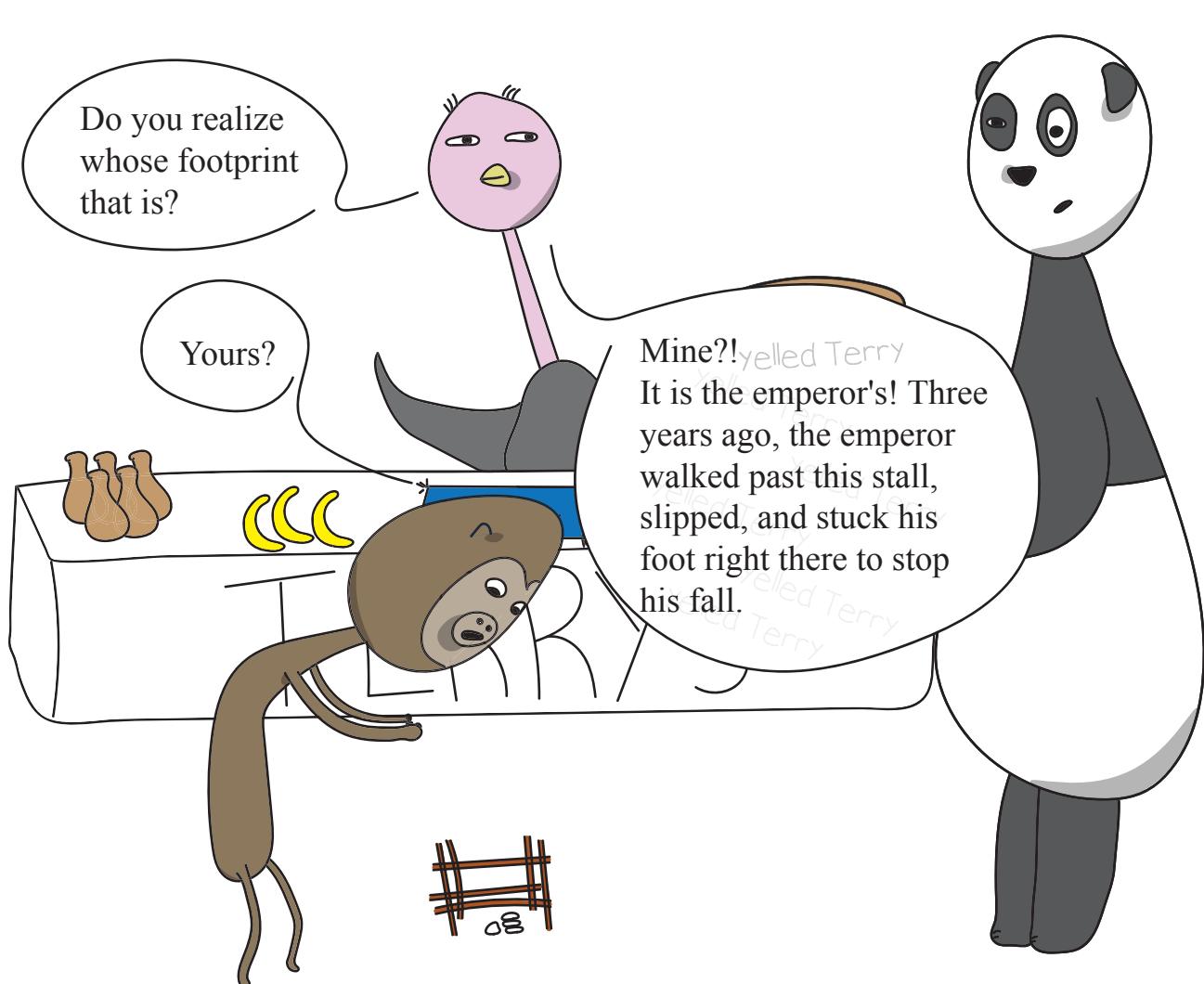
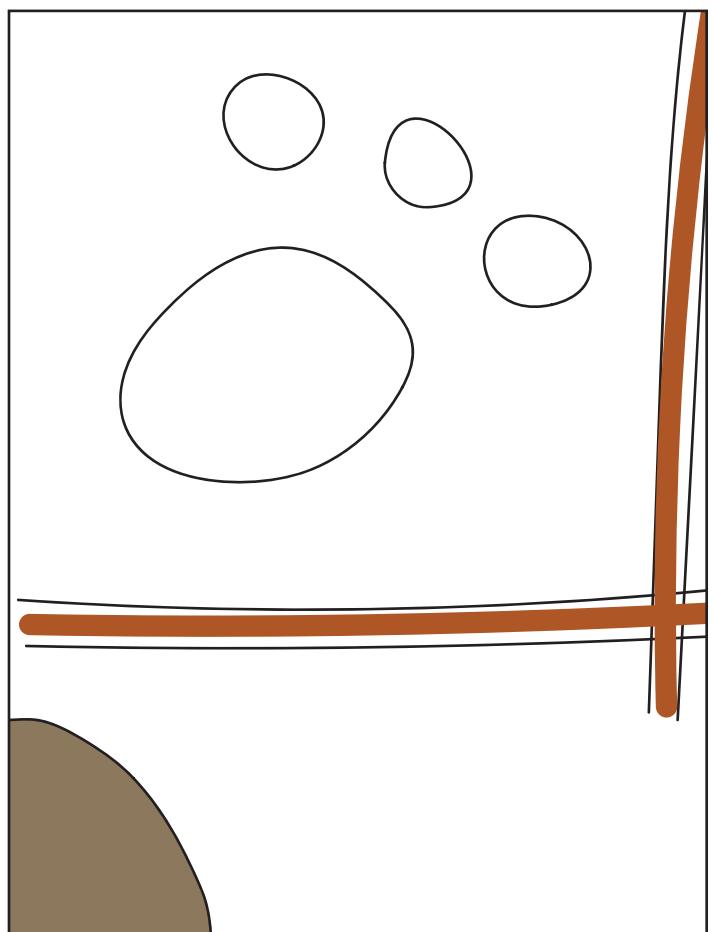
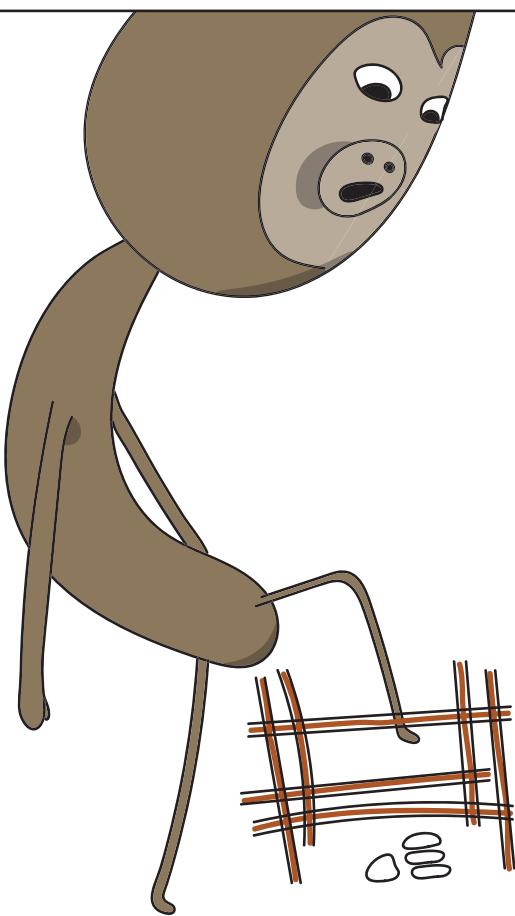
HEY STOP! Are  
you crazy?!

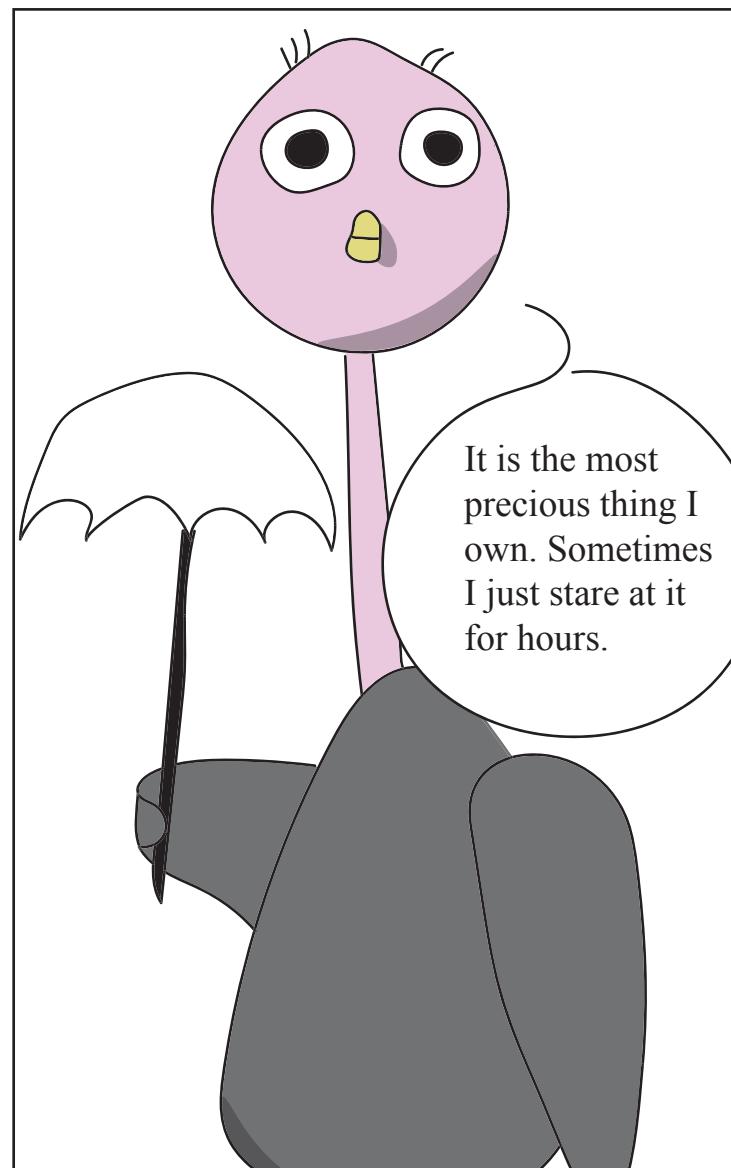
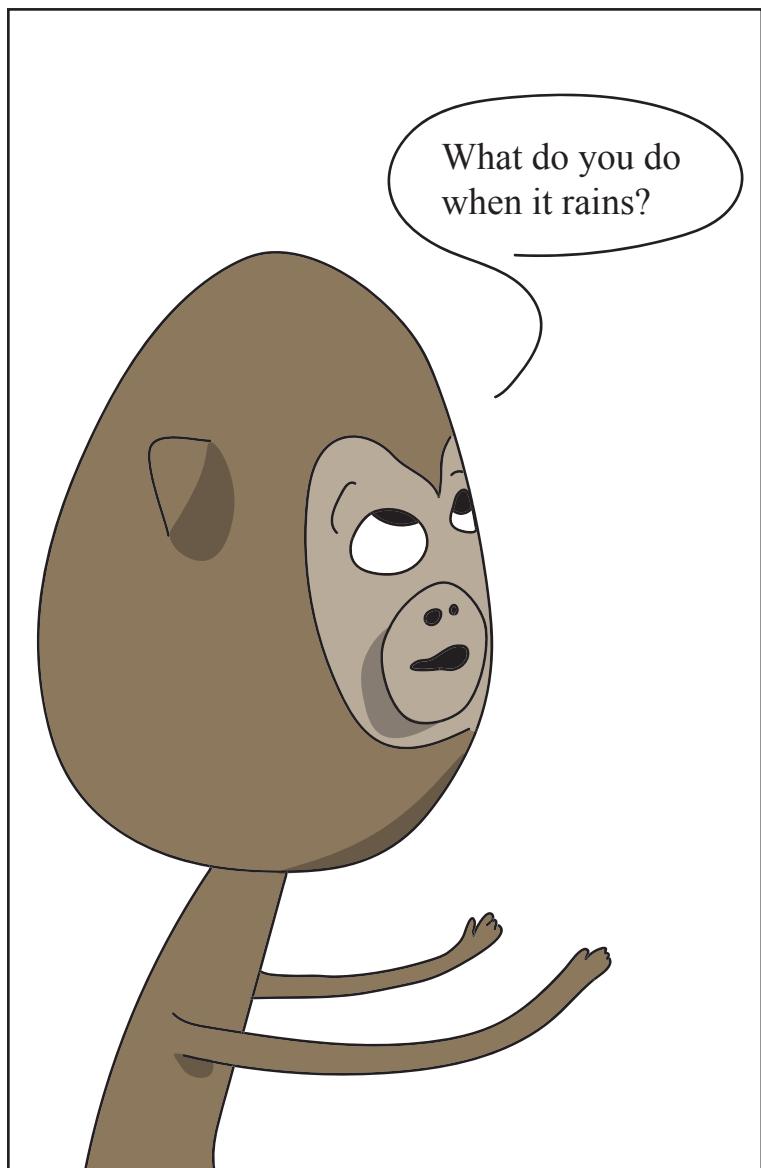
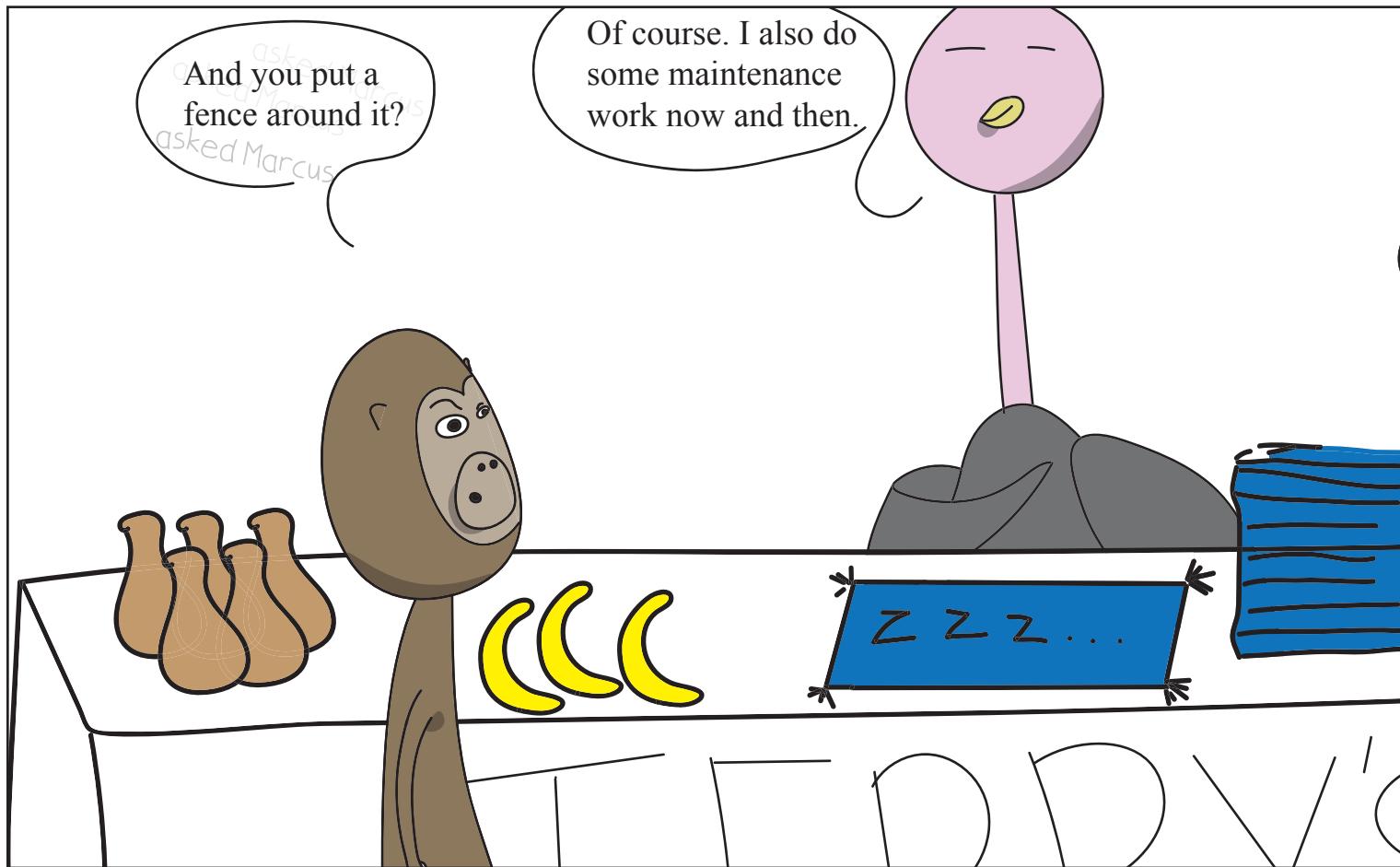


You almost  
stepped  
on it.

What?

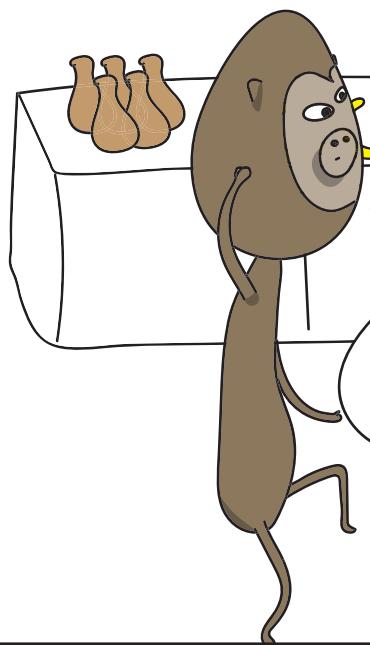




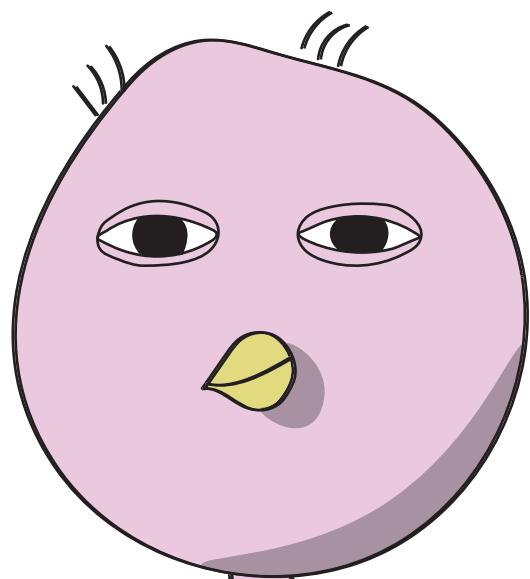
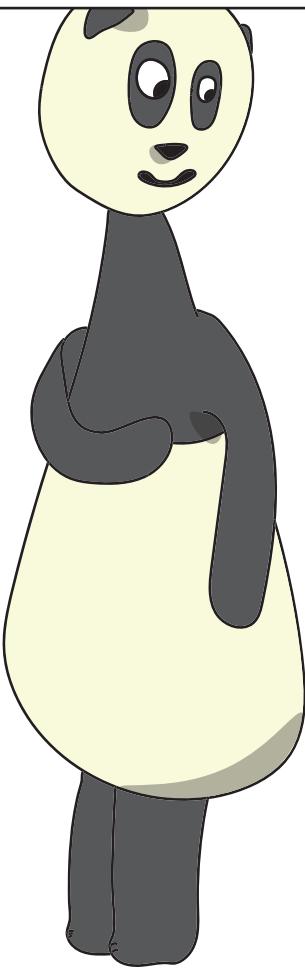


I am surprised  
no one has  
accidentally  
stepped on it.

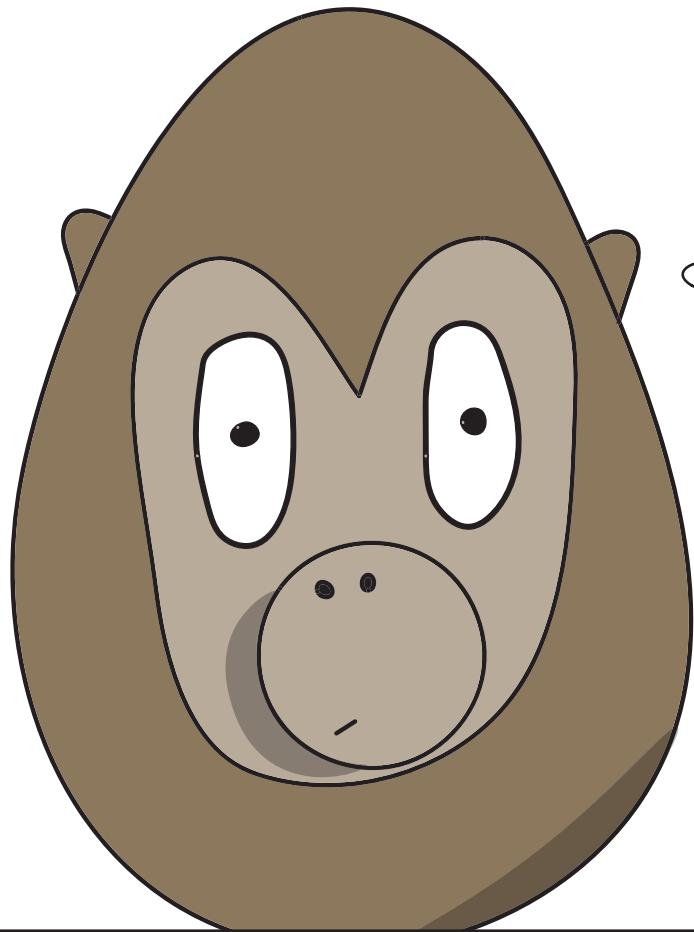
I never  
leave.

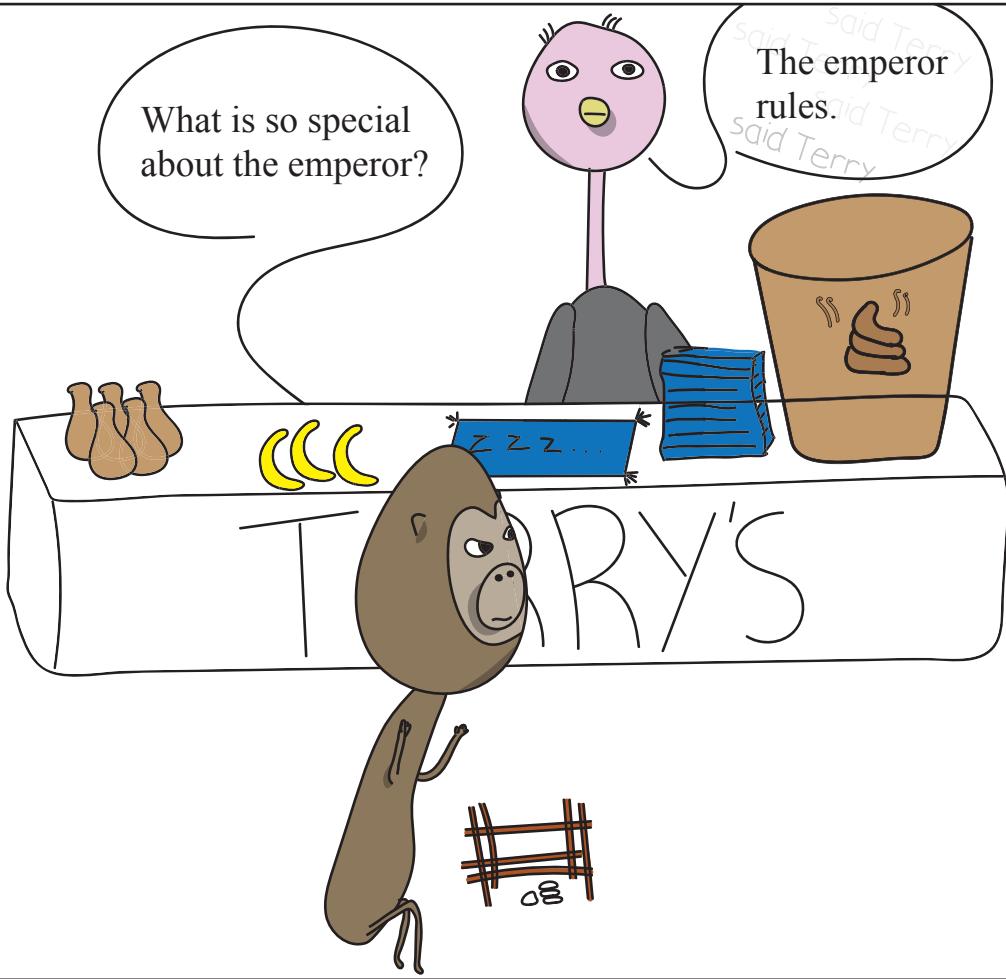


What happens when  
you need to use the  
bathroom?

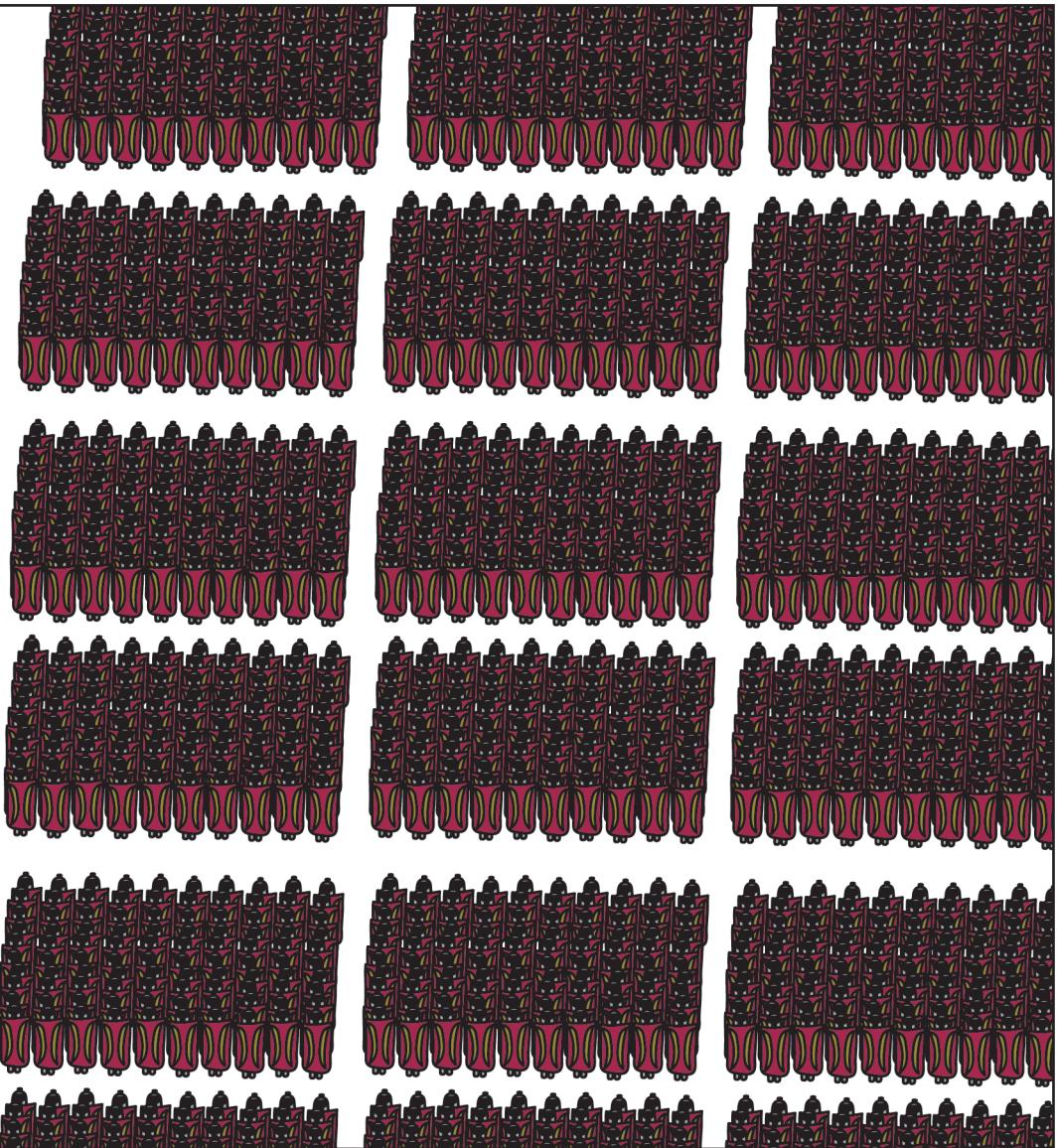


You think  
this is a  
chair I am  
sitting on?

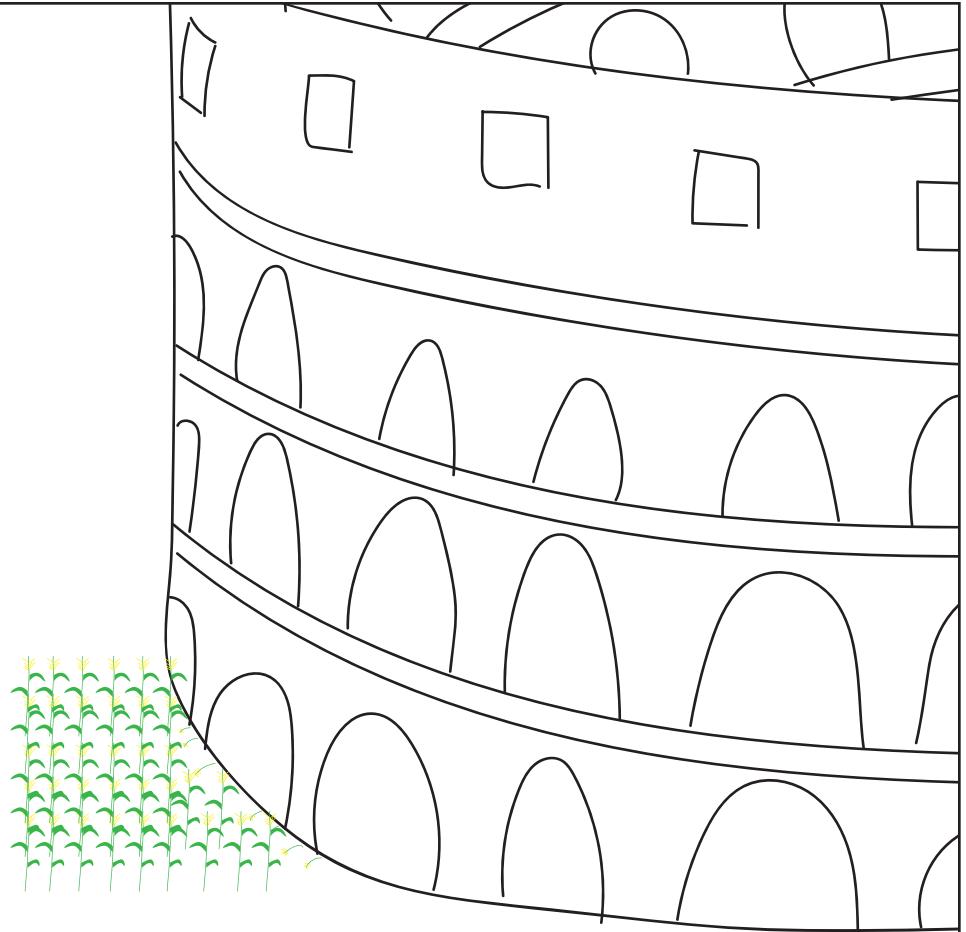
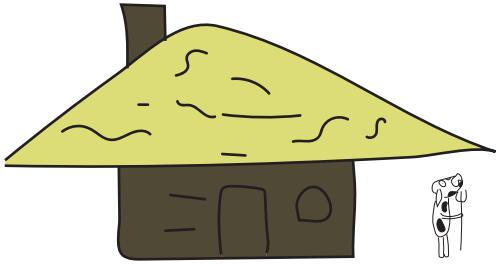




He controls the greatest army in the world.



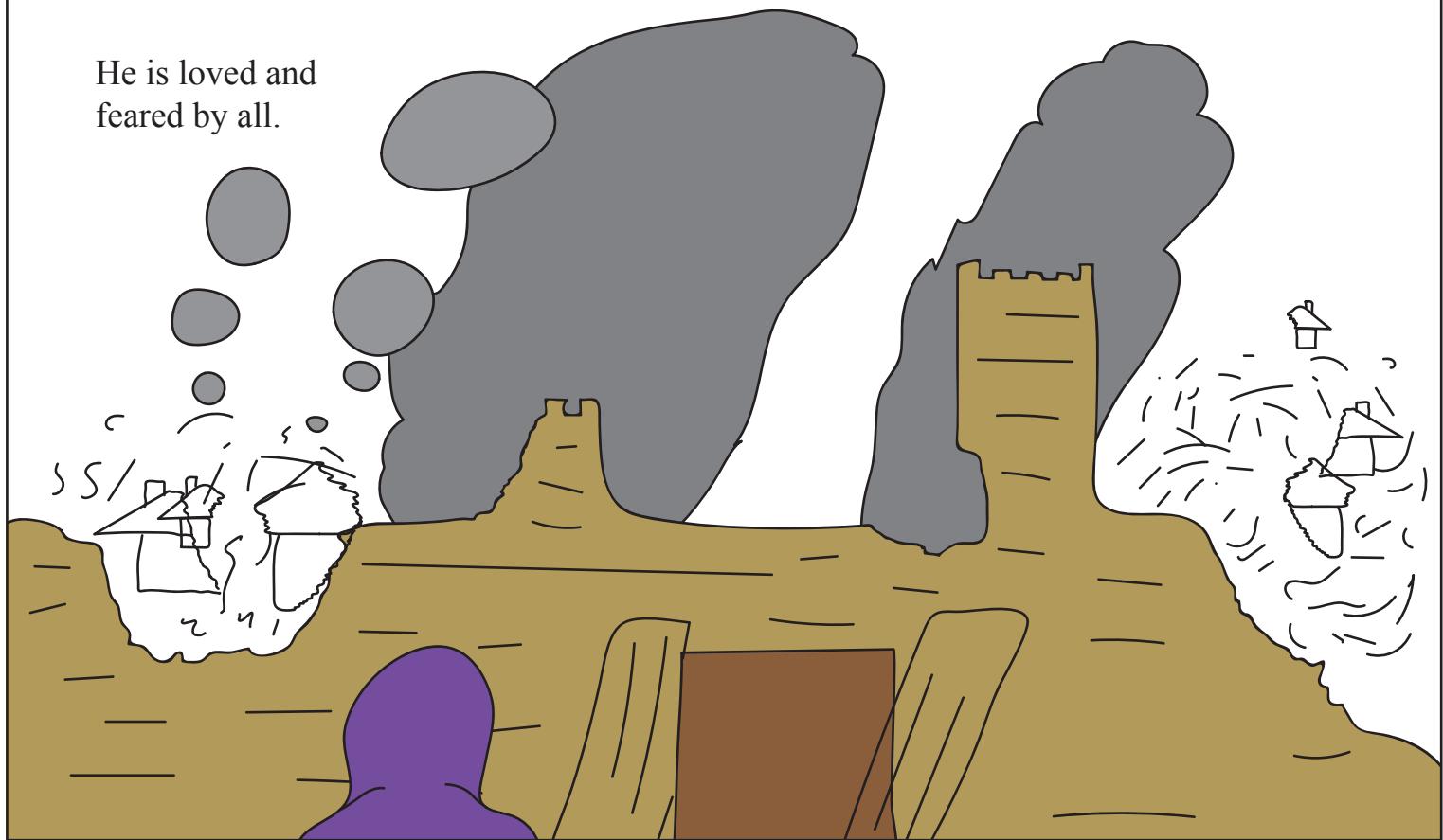
He builds whatever  
he wants, wherever  
he wants it.



Crowns kneel  
for him.

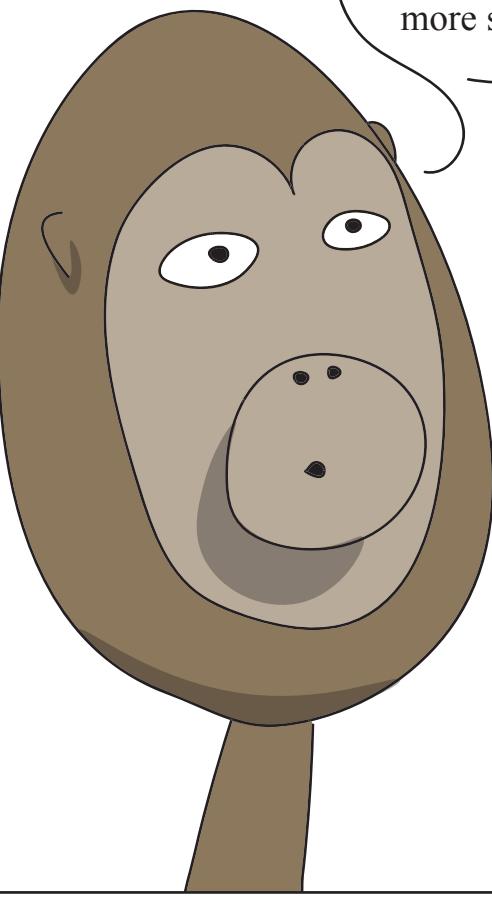


He is loved and  
feared by all.

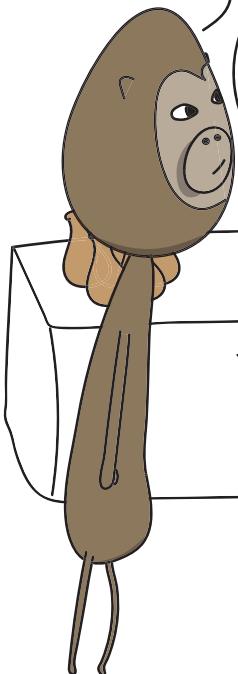
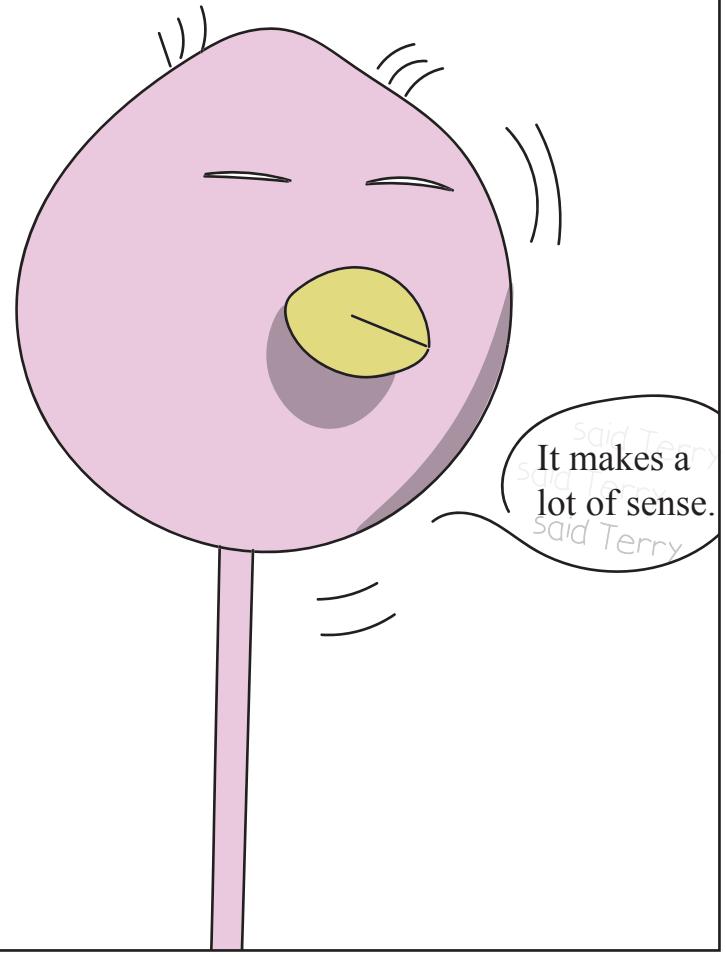


And he  
stepped  
there.

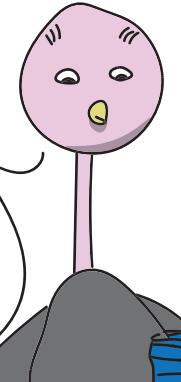




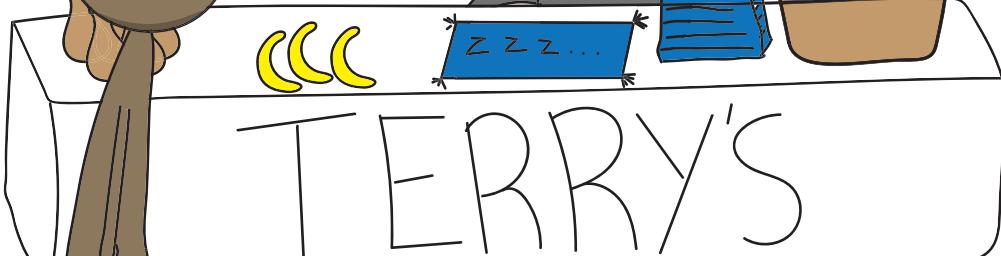
When you put it like that, it makes a lot more sense.



He has not visited you since?



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



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