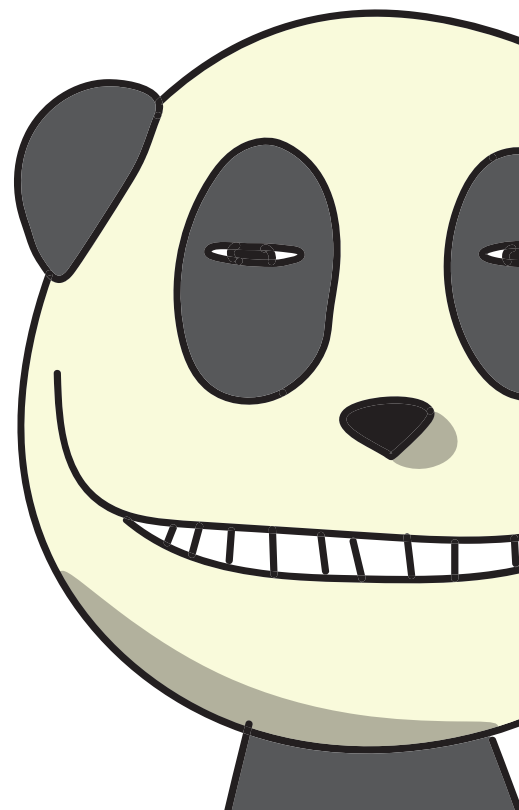
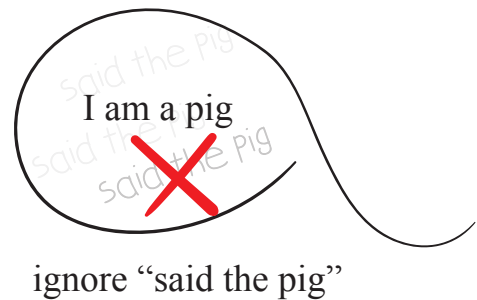
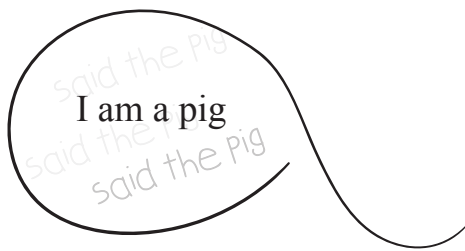


Marcus Gorileeus

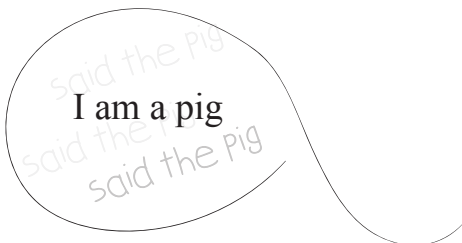


WARNING!

Do not read the slanted text in speech bubbles if reading **alone**.



If you are reading **outloud to an audience**, you may read the slanted text in speech bubbles.



1. read "I am a pig"
2. read "said the pig"

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

Marcus Aurelius (121-180 CE)

“Meditations”

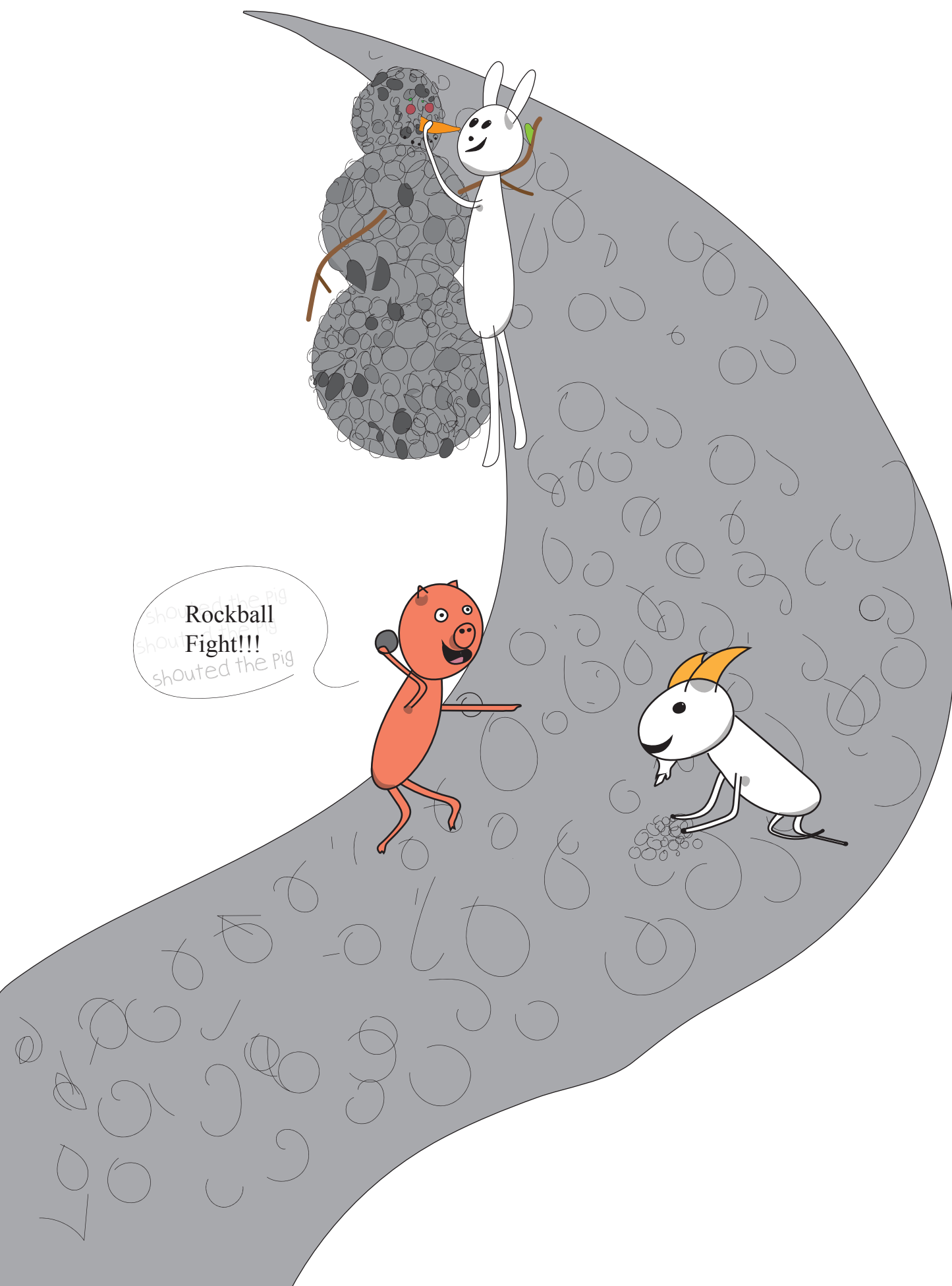
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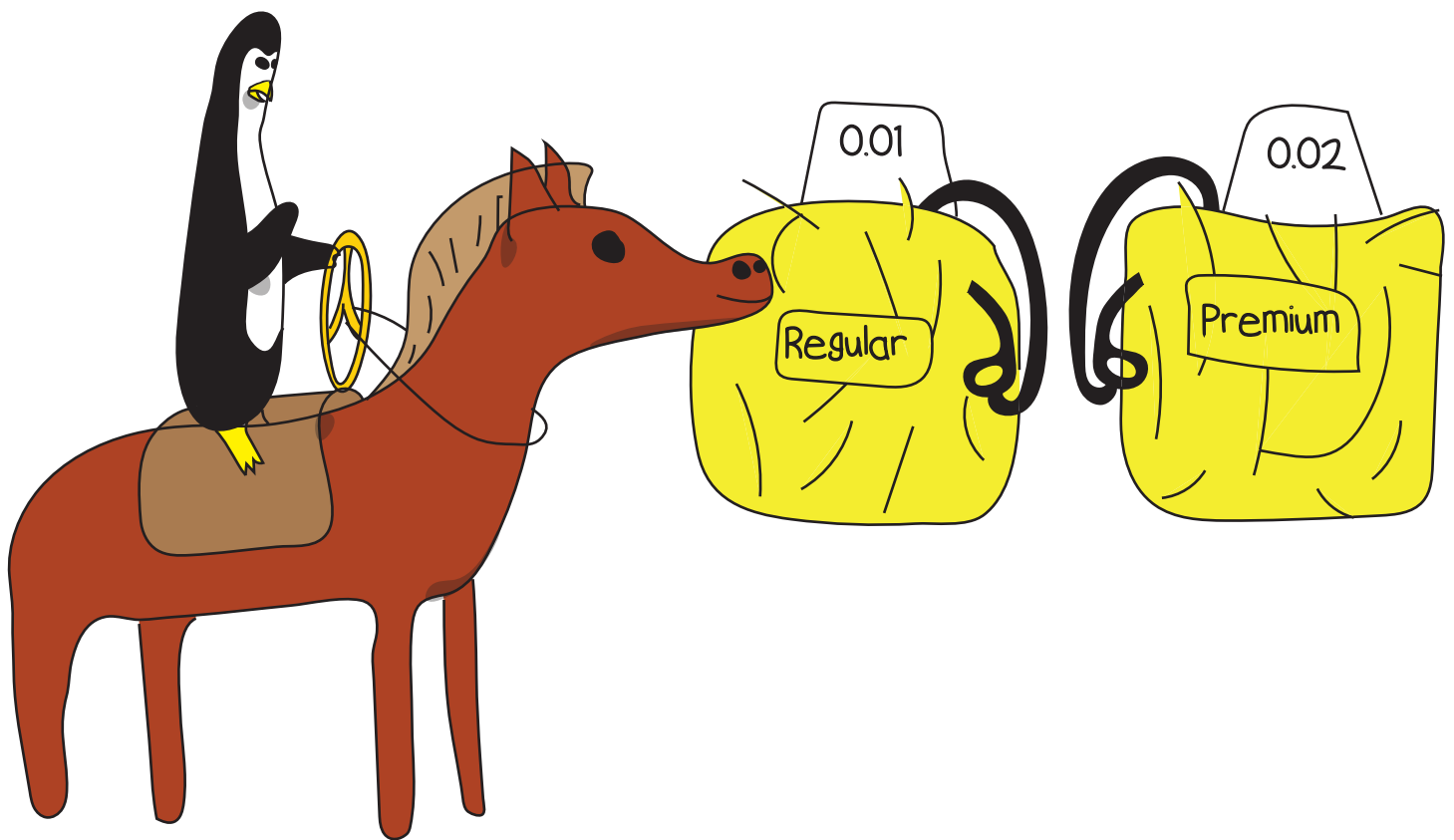
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Chapter 1 - Pandus

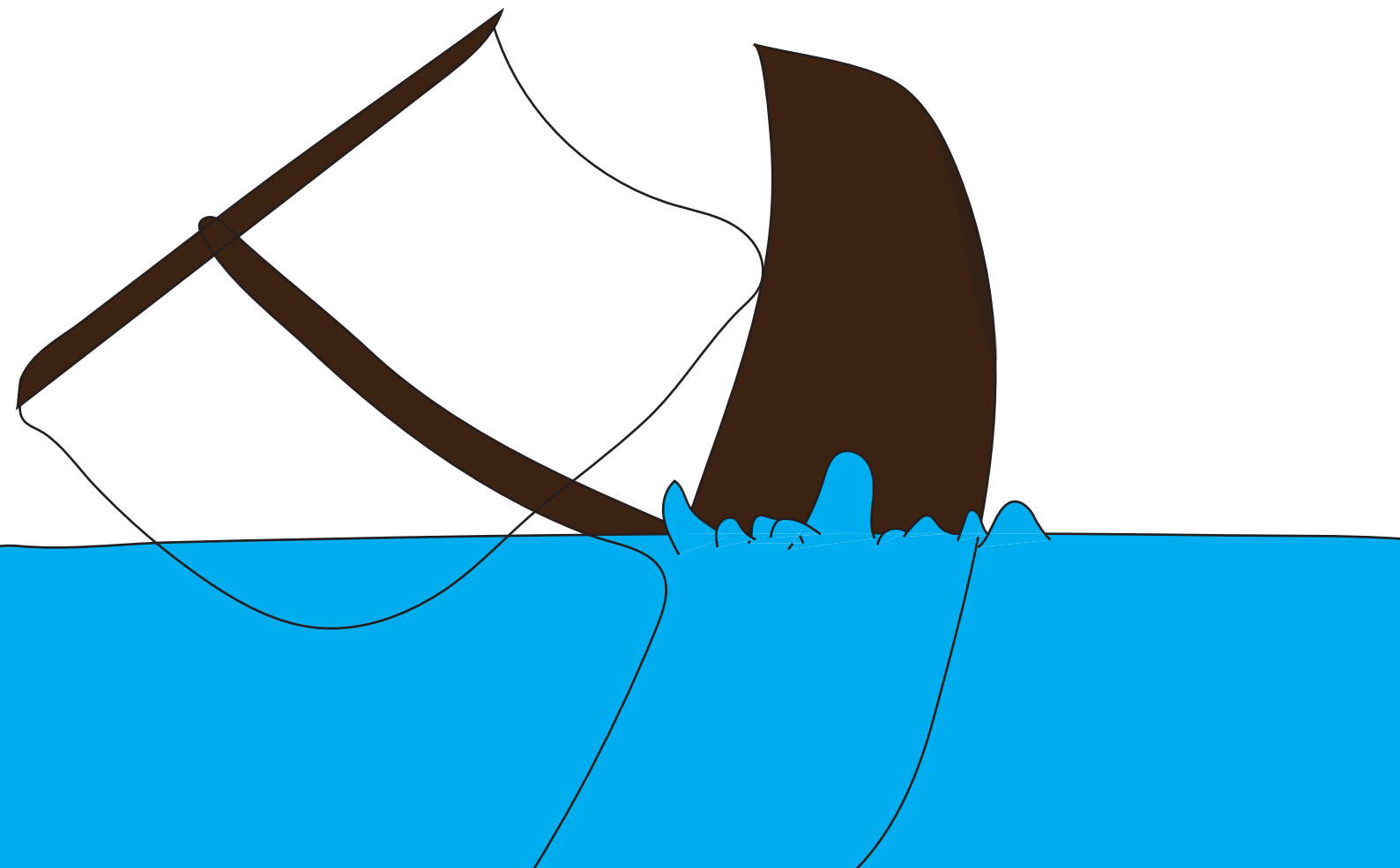
2000 years ago the world was very strange.



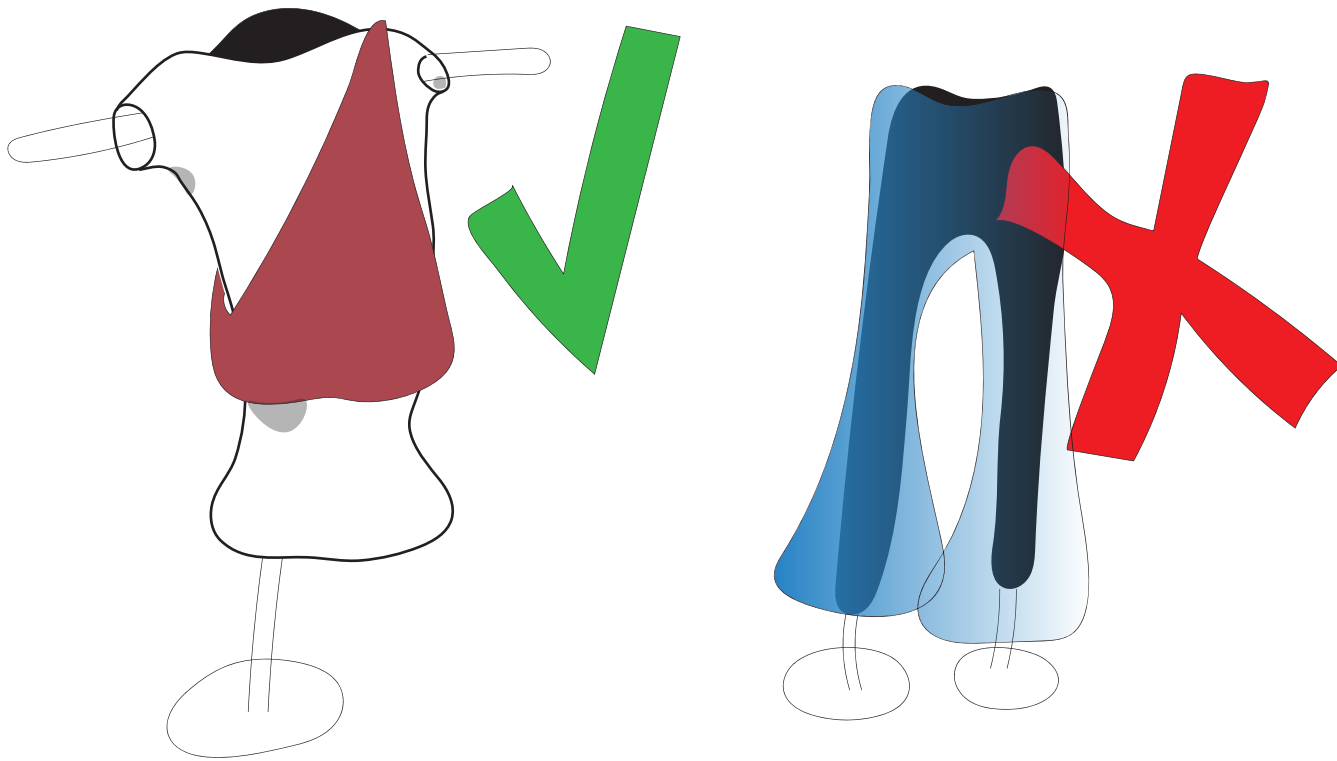
Everyone drove horses instead of cars.



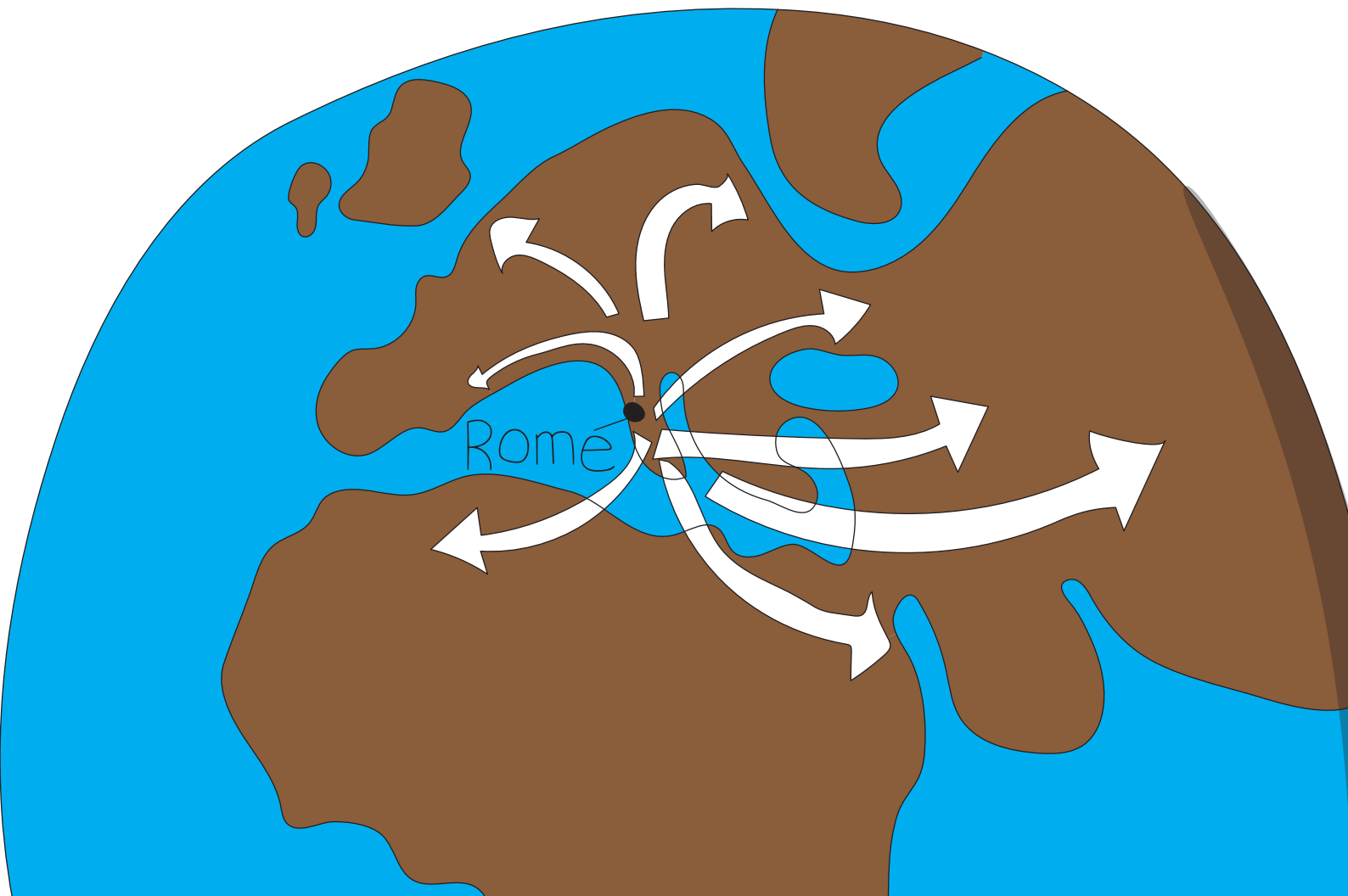
Wooden ships with sails were the best way to get somewhere far away.



Togas were in, pants were out.

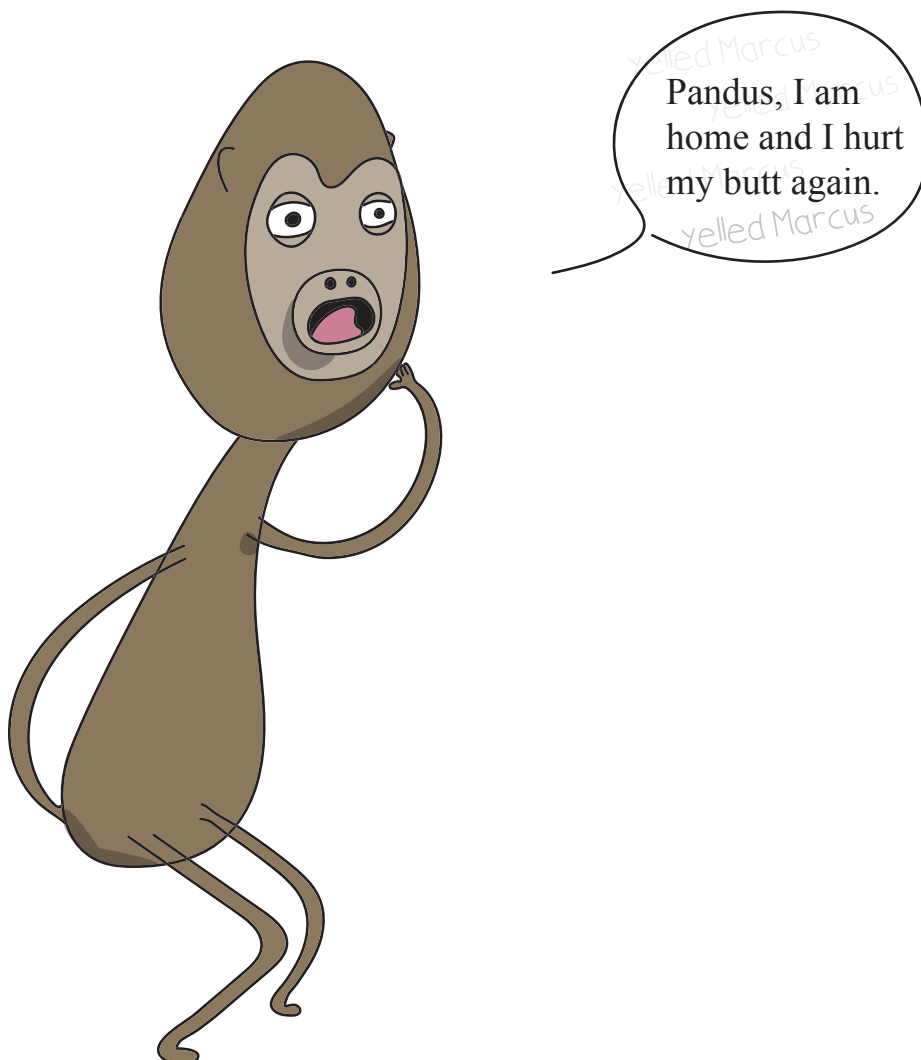


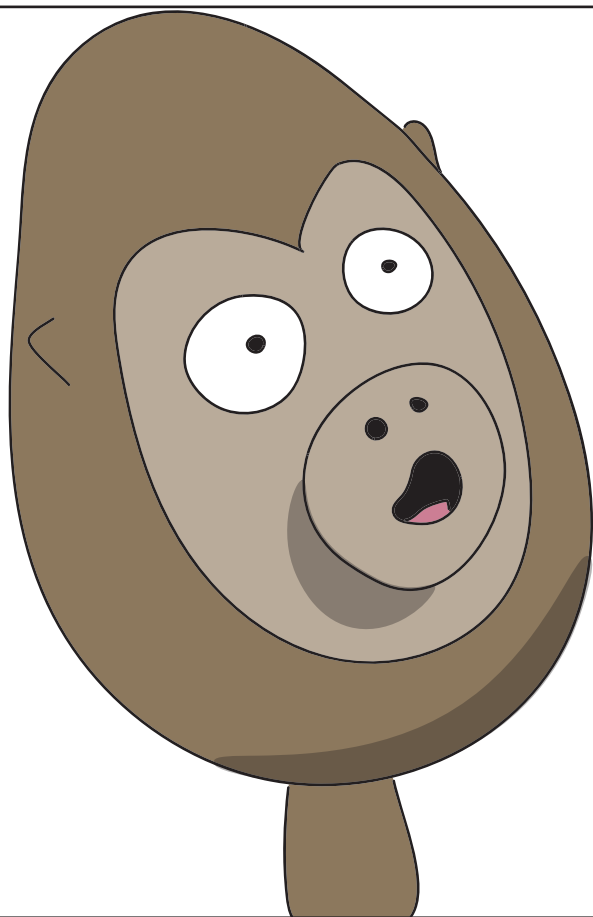
The ancient city of Rome controlled the world.



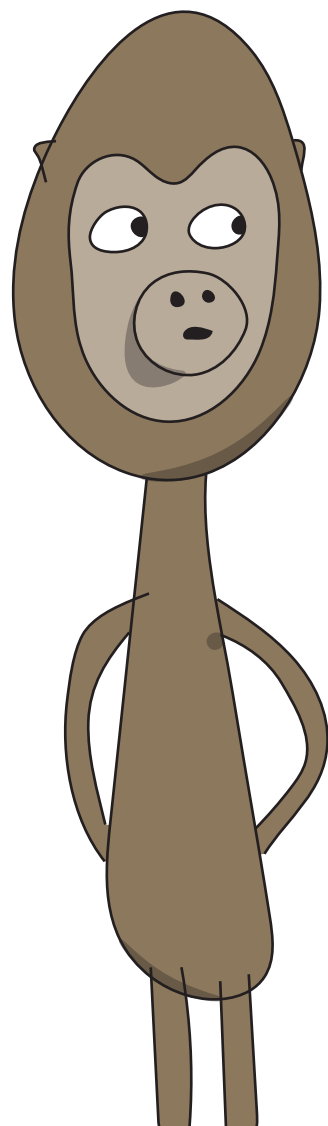
And in that city lived a boy named Marcus who would grow up to be a father and a philosopher.

And an emperor.

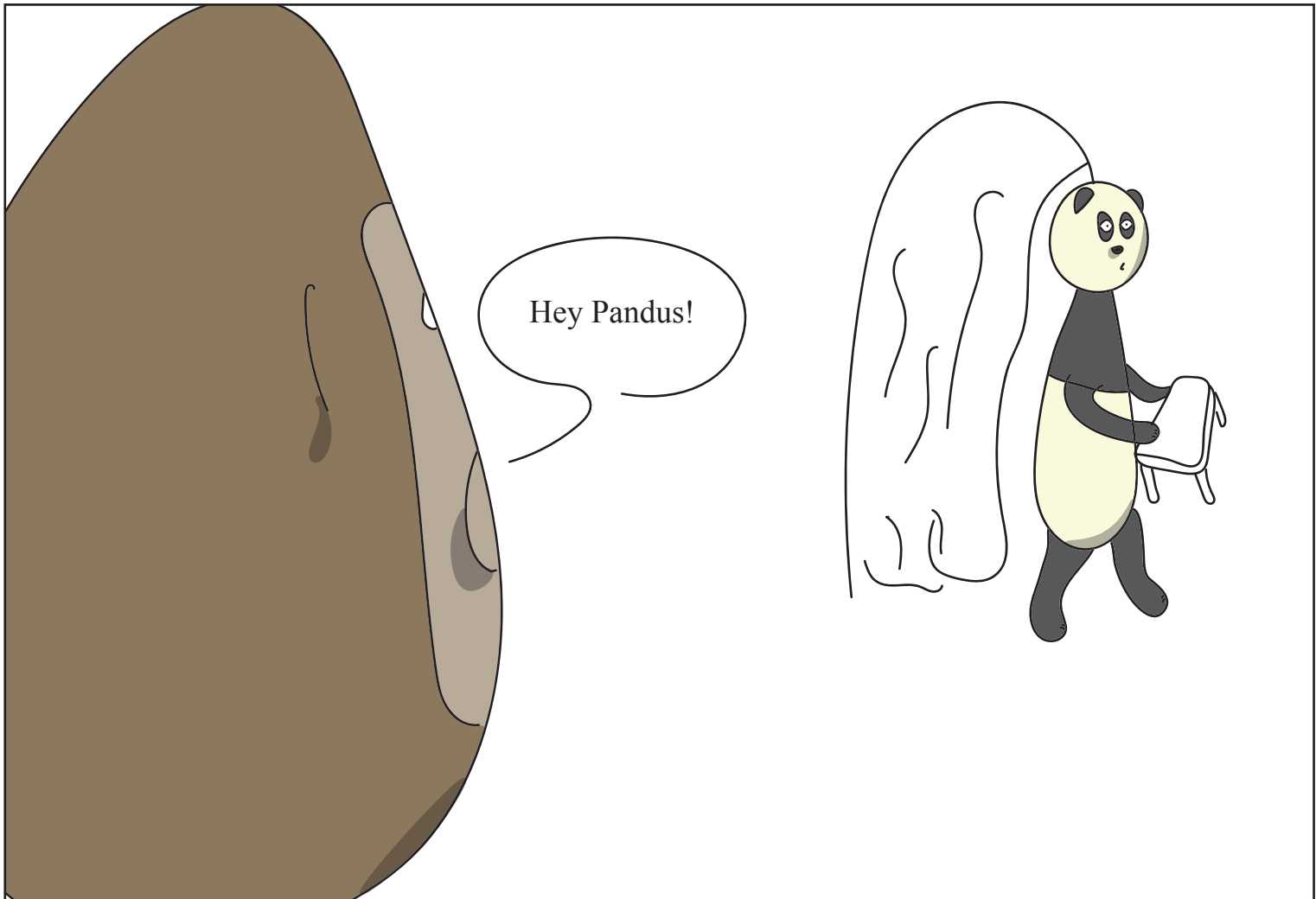
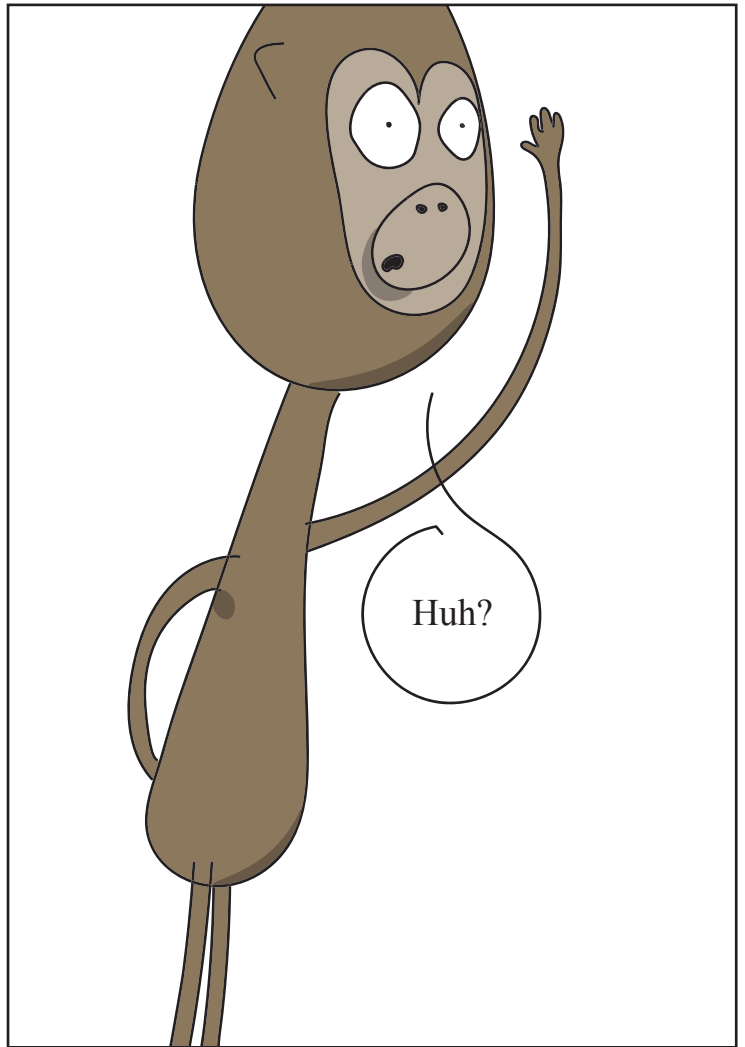
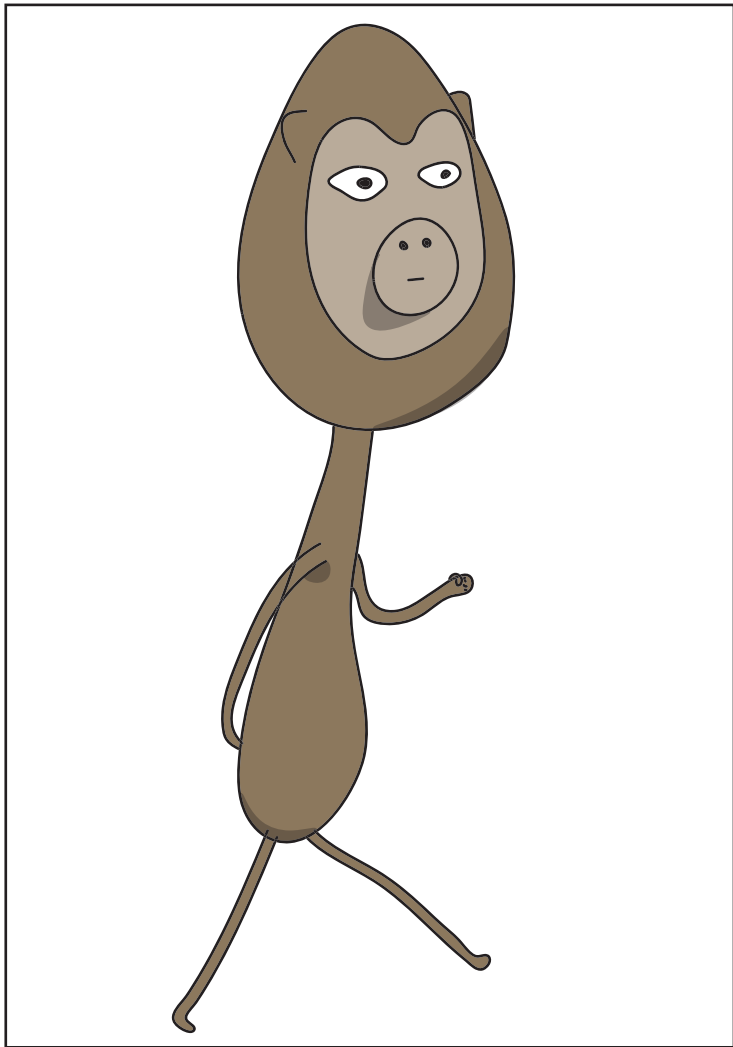


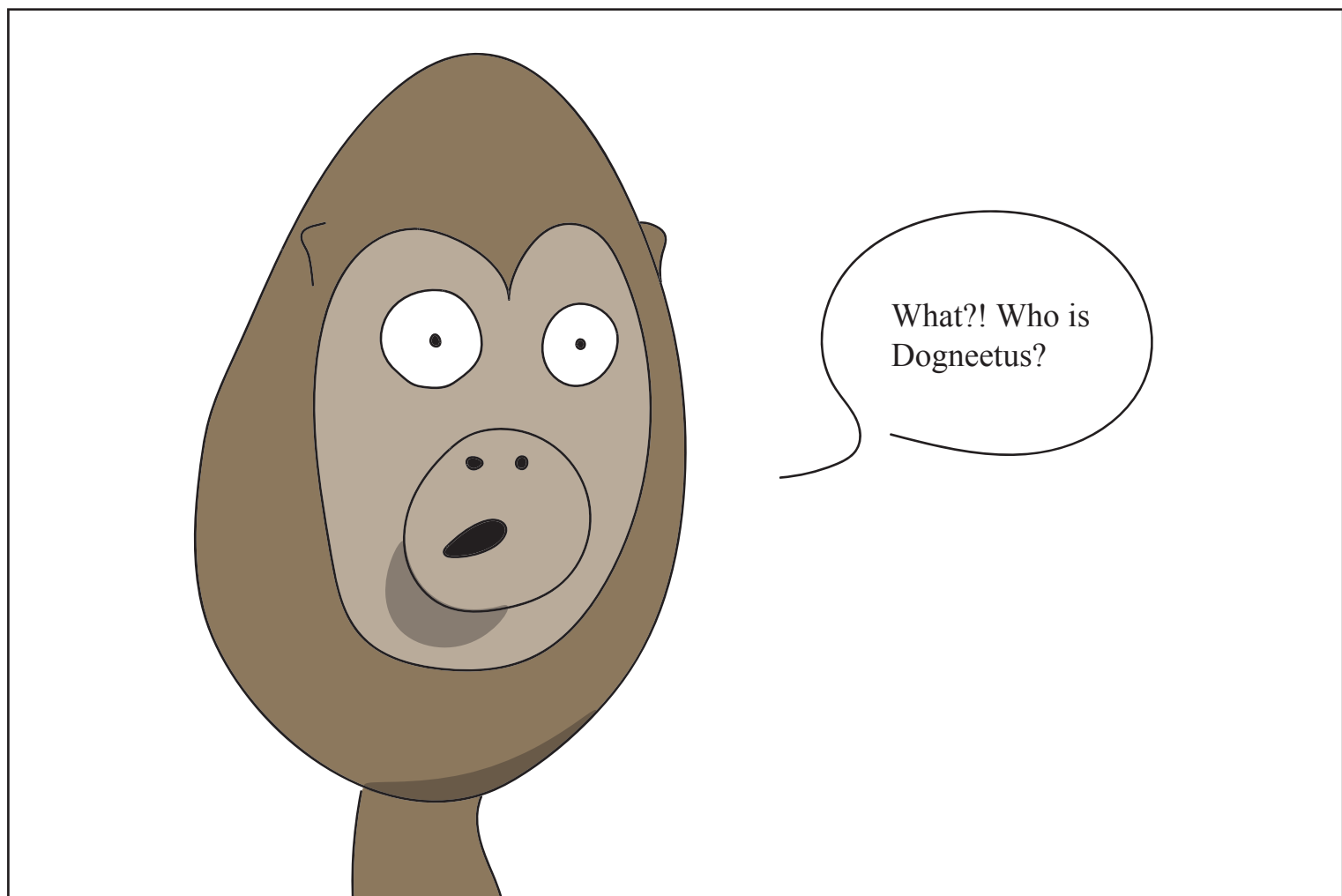
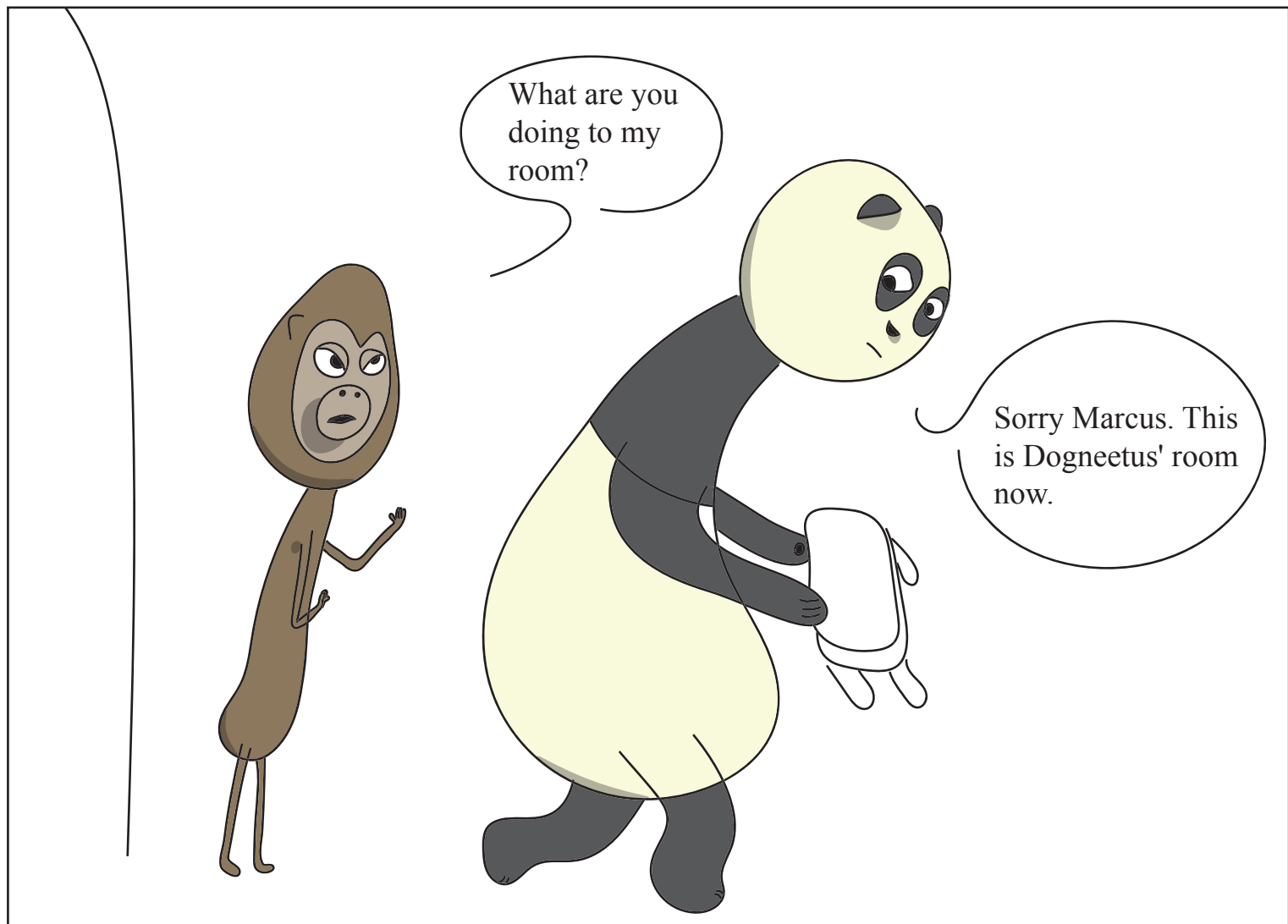


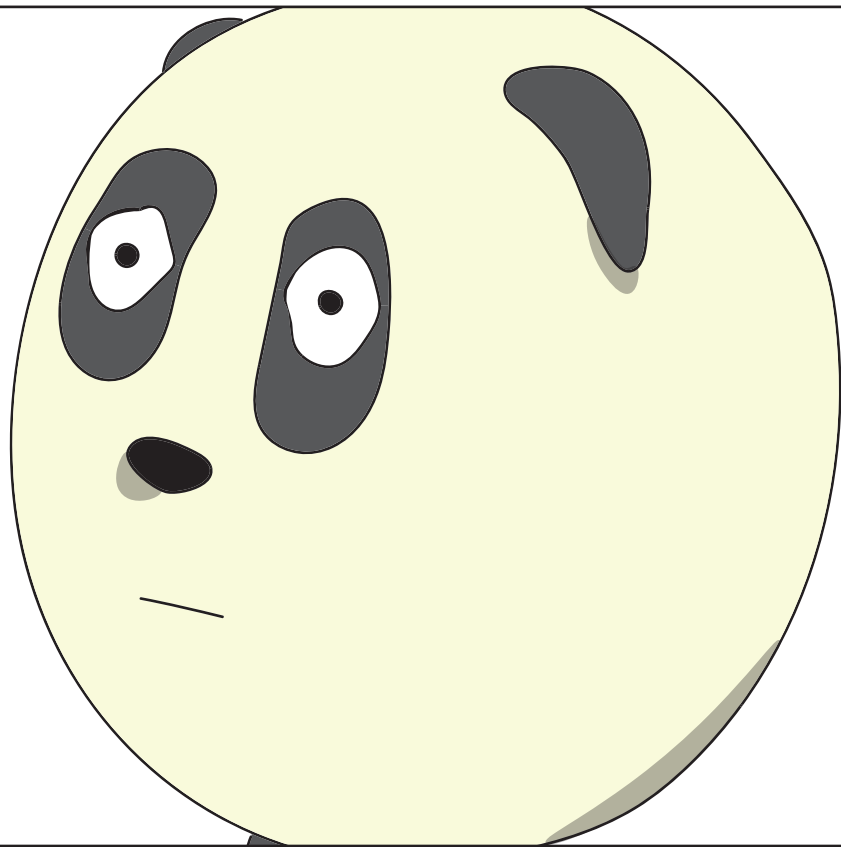
PANDUS?



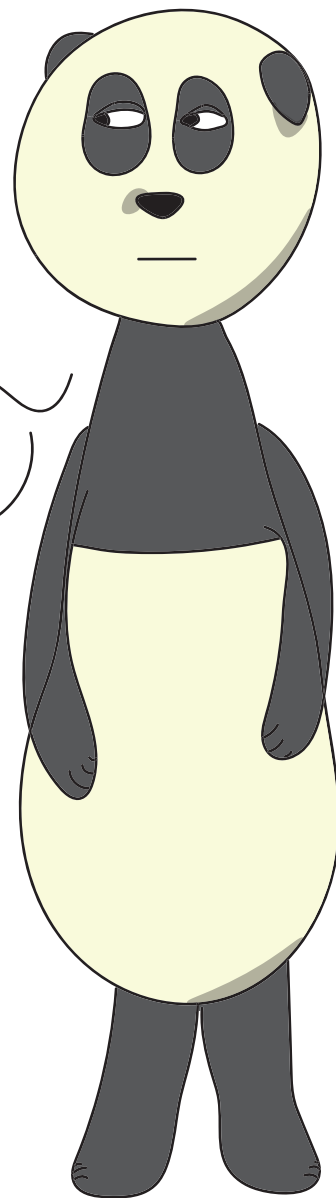
... she is probably
in the bathroom.



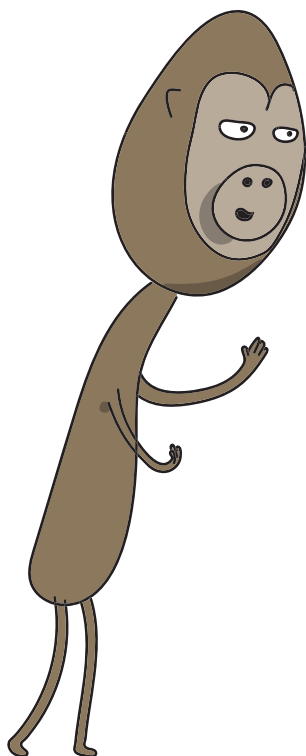




I do not know.
Your father just
told me to empty
the room for
Dogneetus.

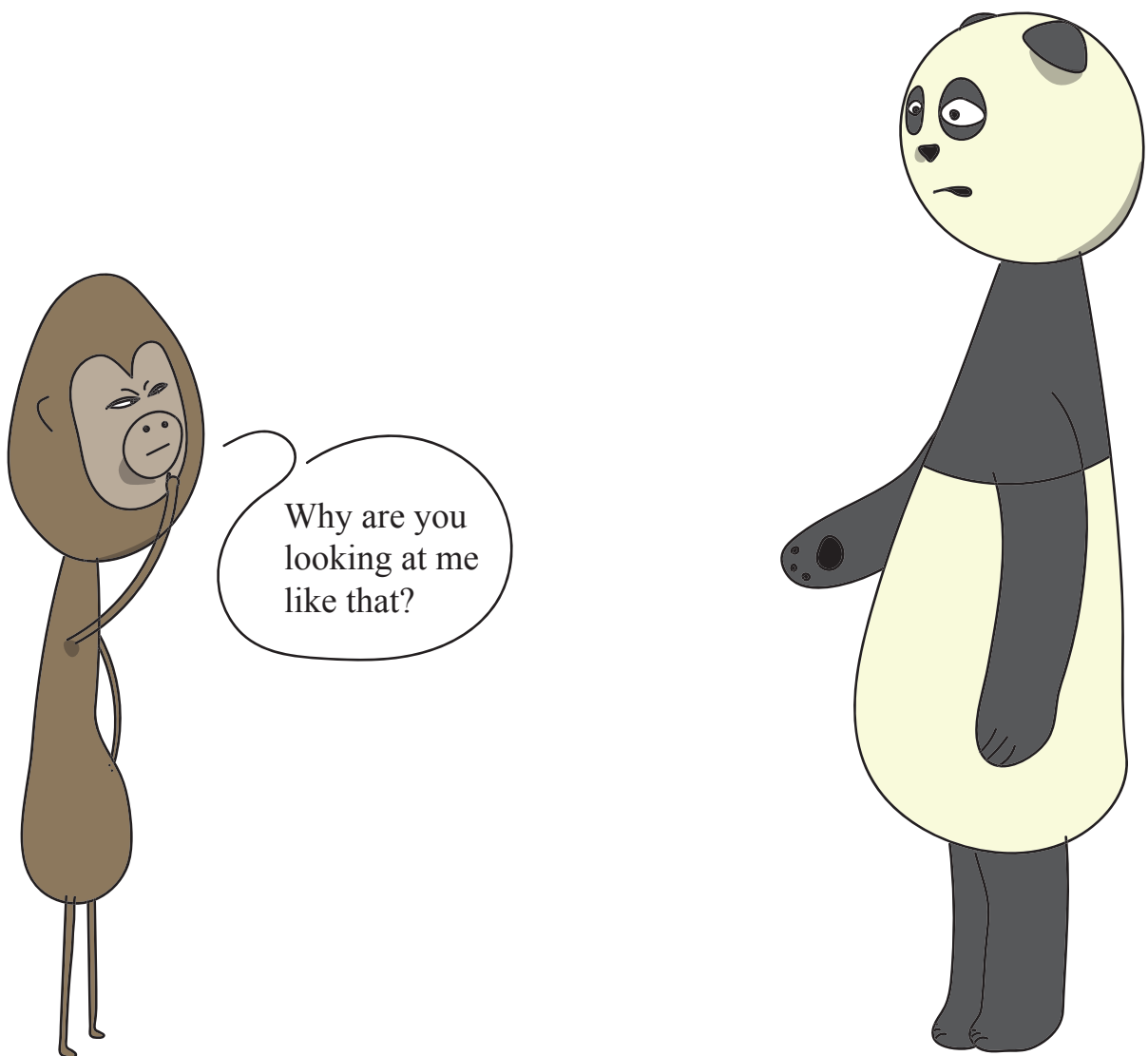
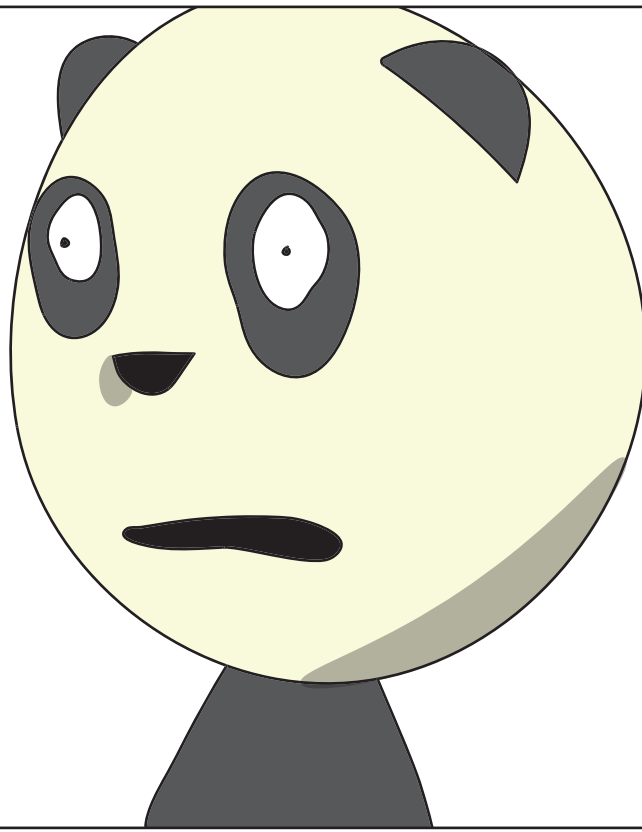


Your father
did not say.

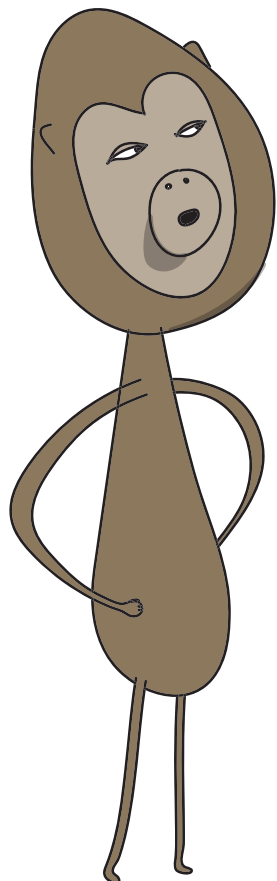
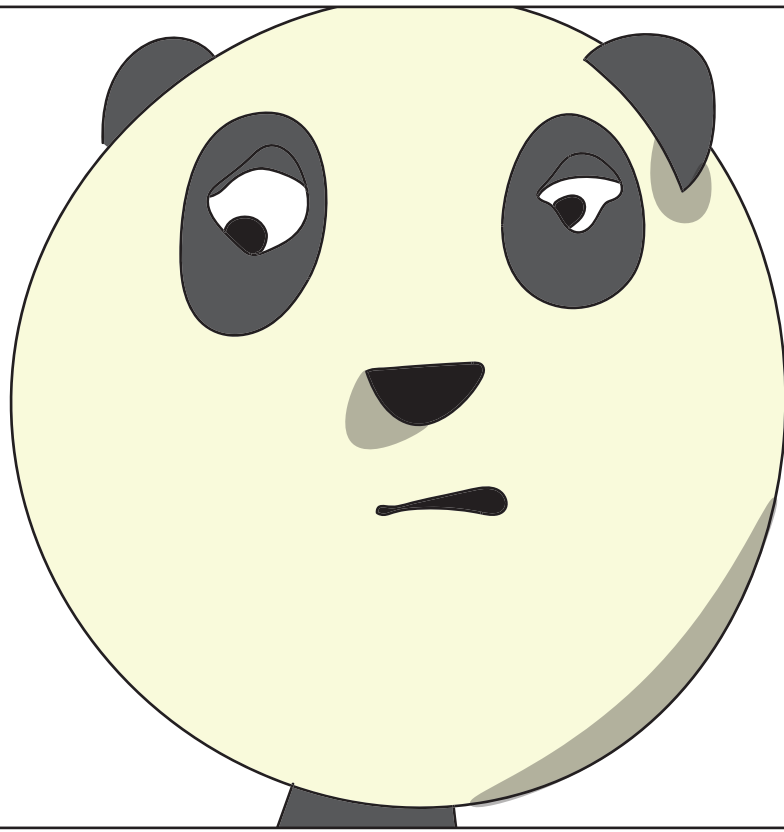


Where am I
supposed to
sleep then?

asked Marcus

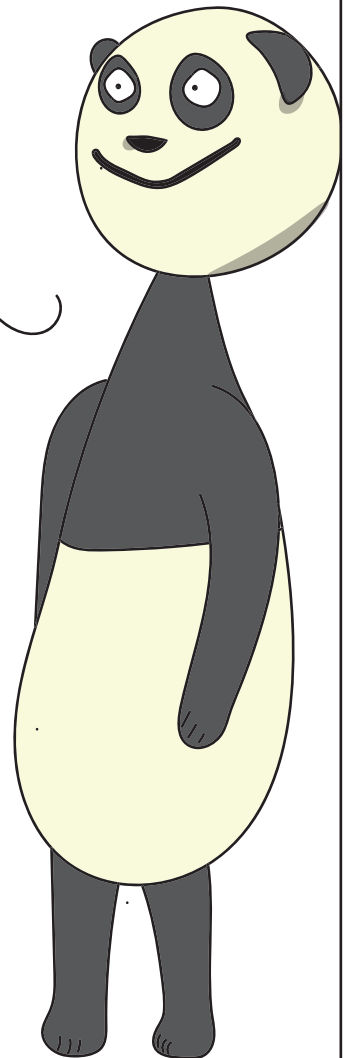


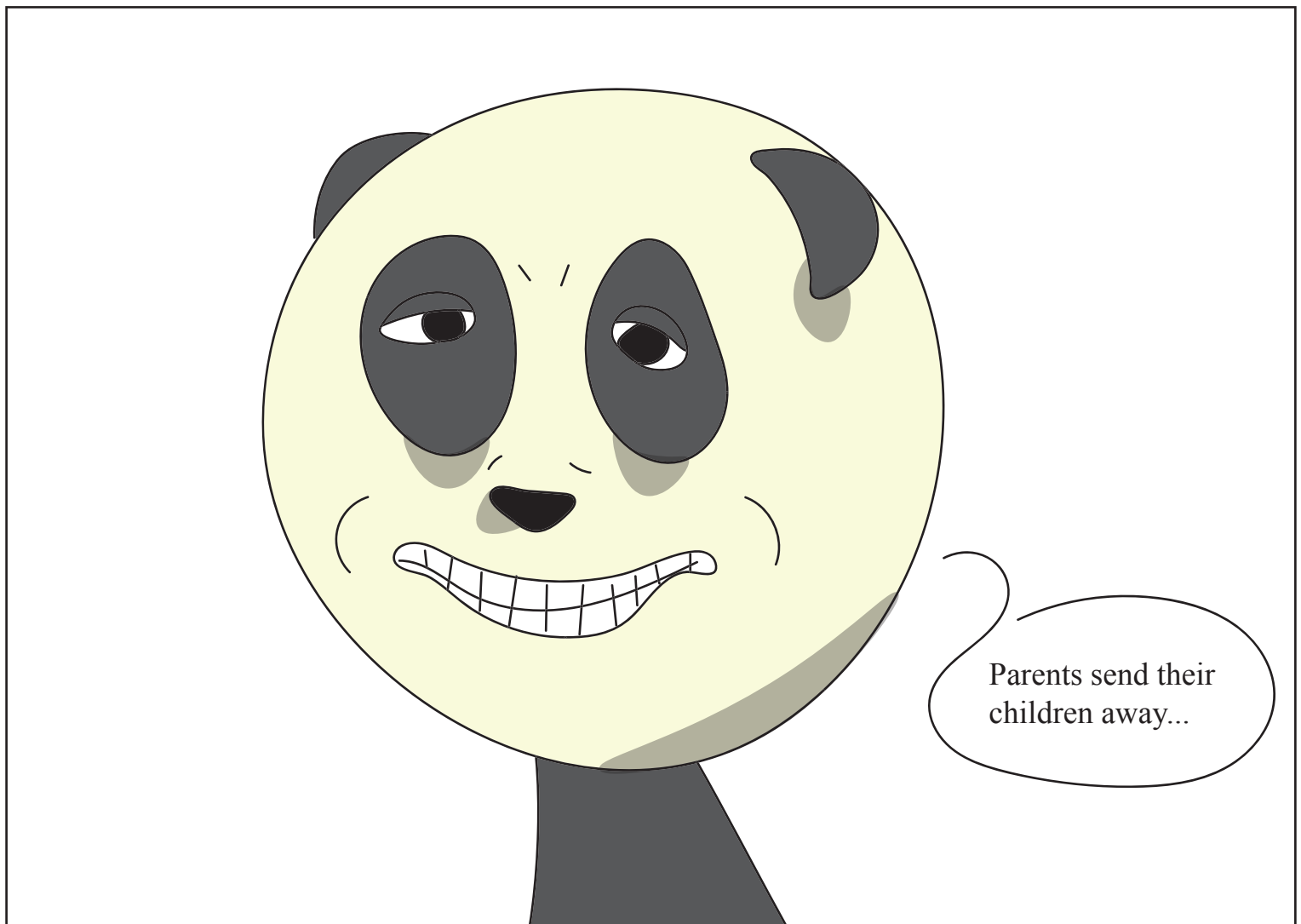
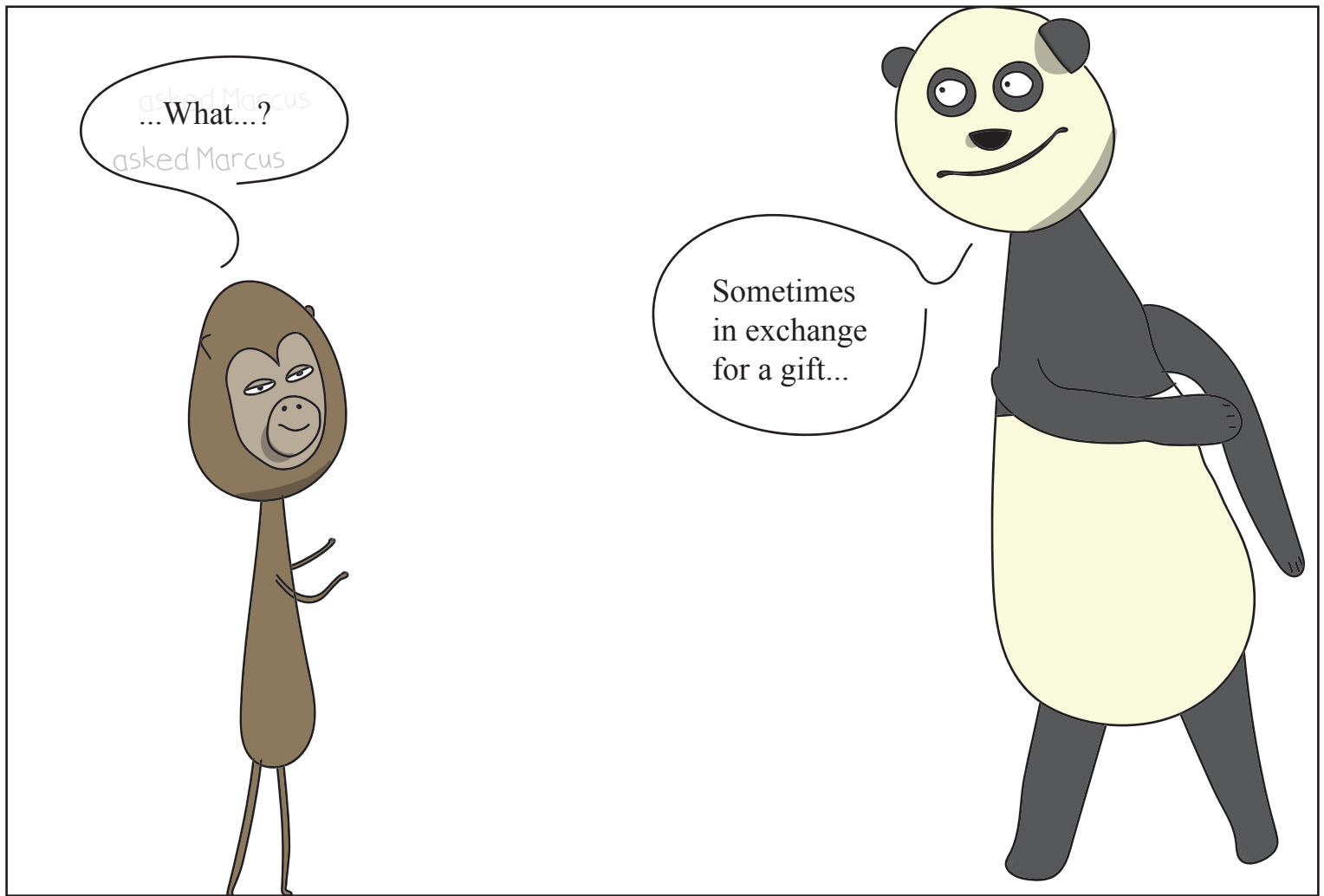
Something similar
happened to my
brother when he was
your age.

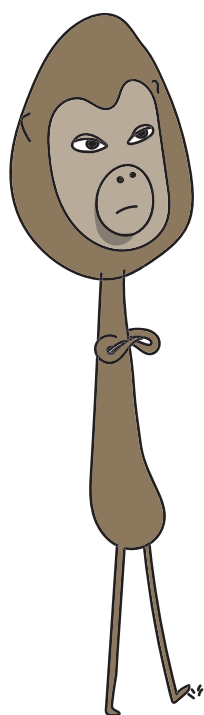


What?

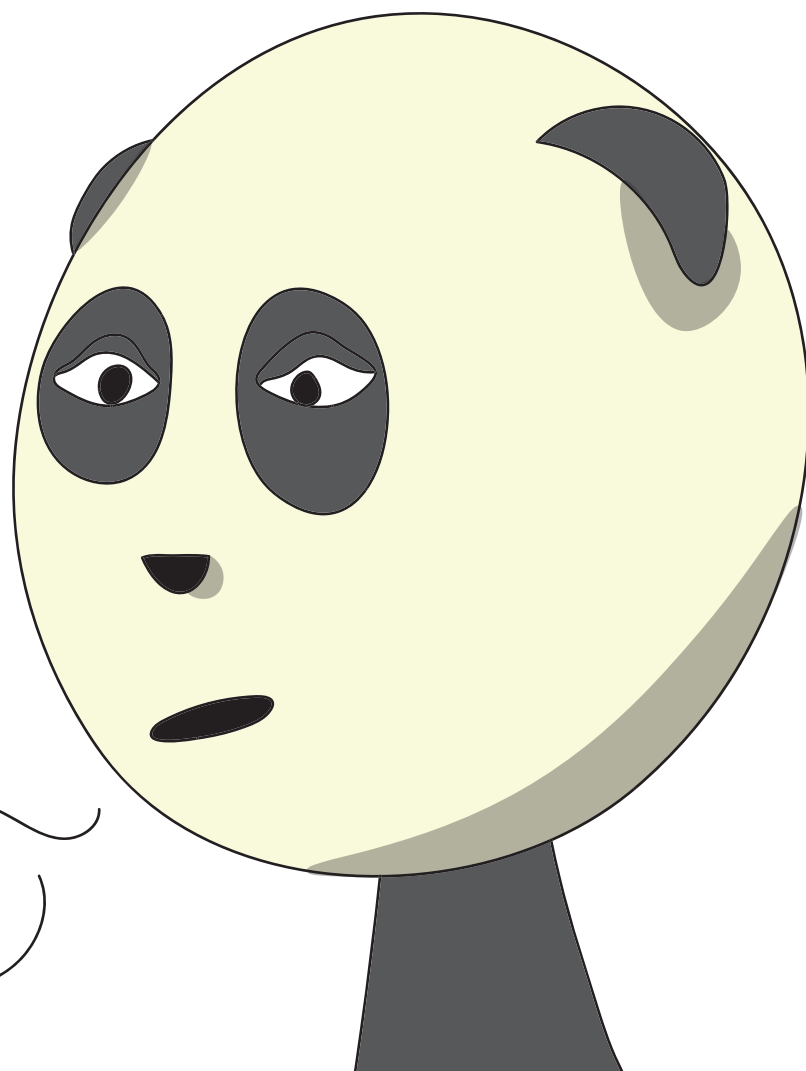
It is actually
very common
in Rome these
days.



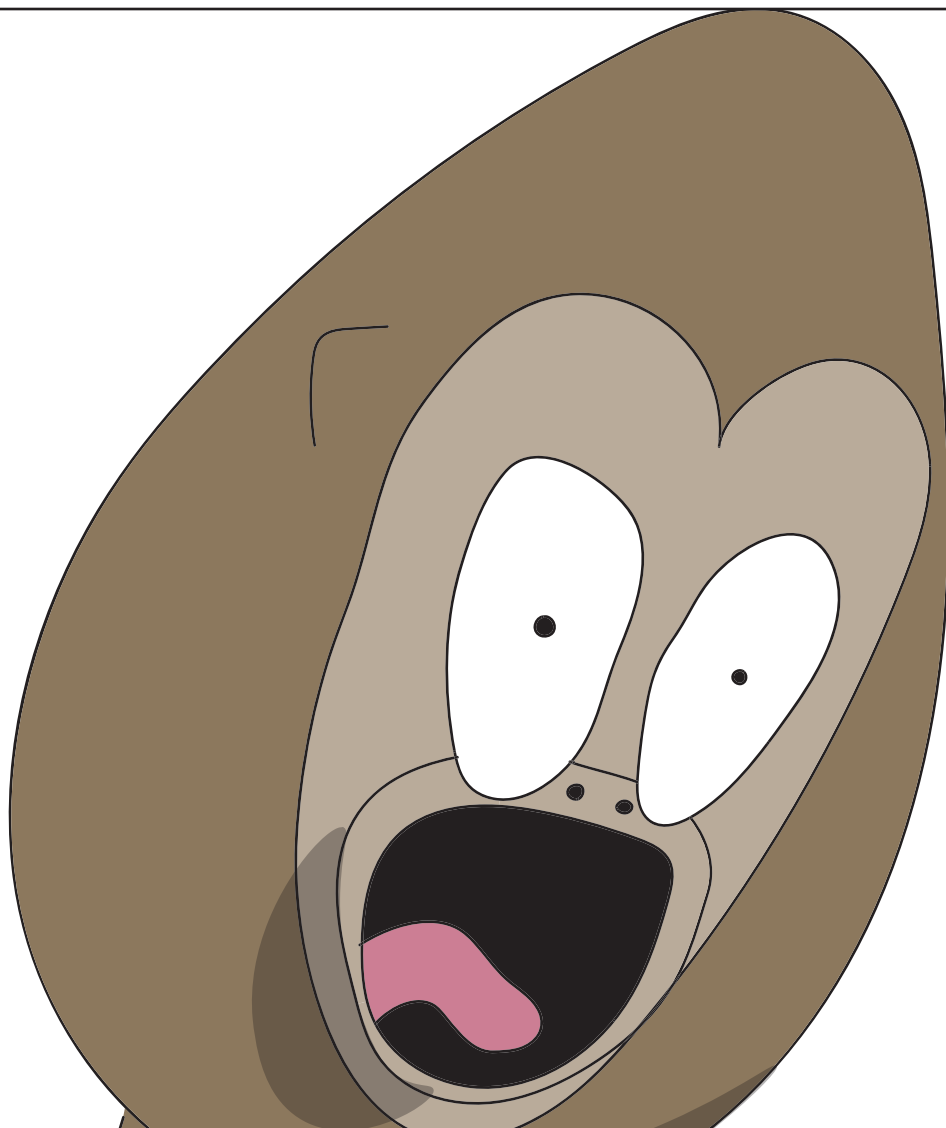
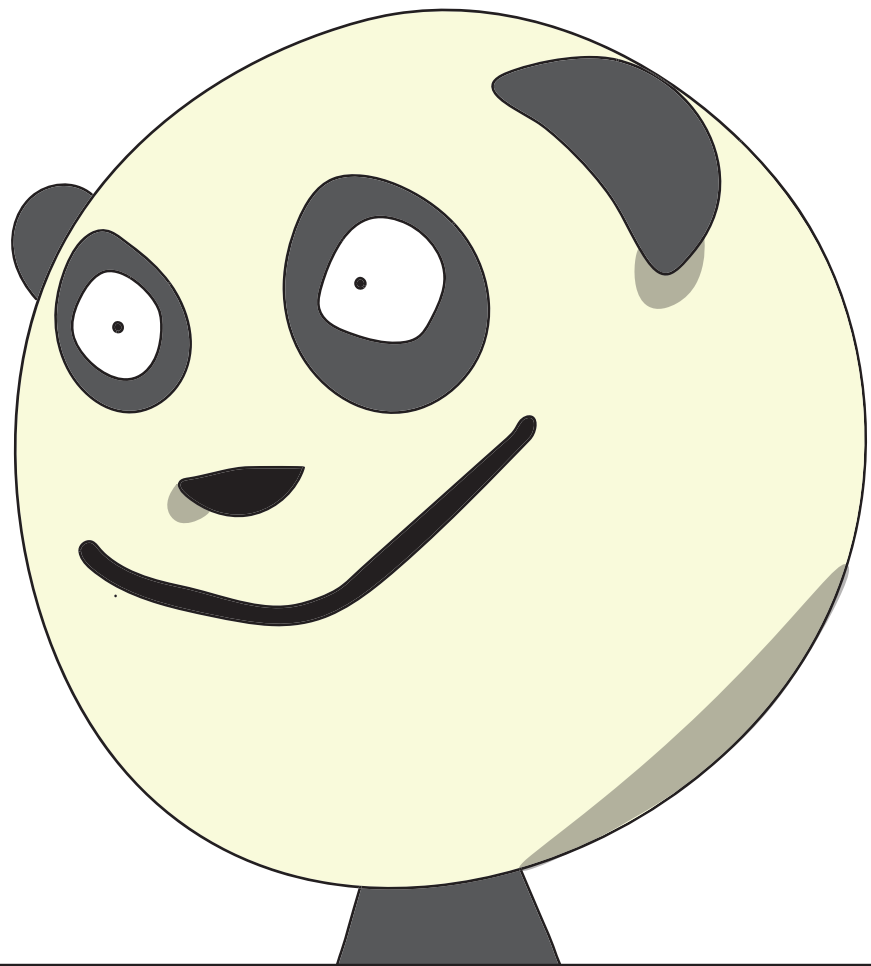




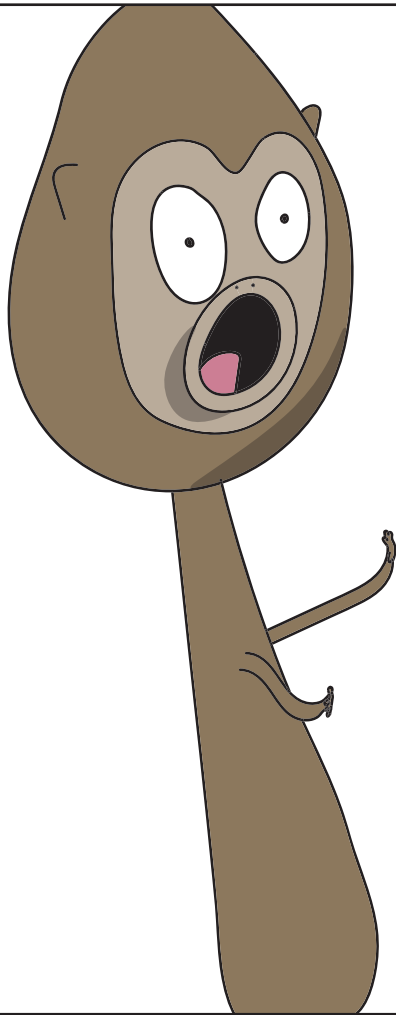
To live with
another
family...



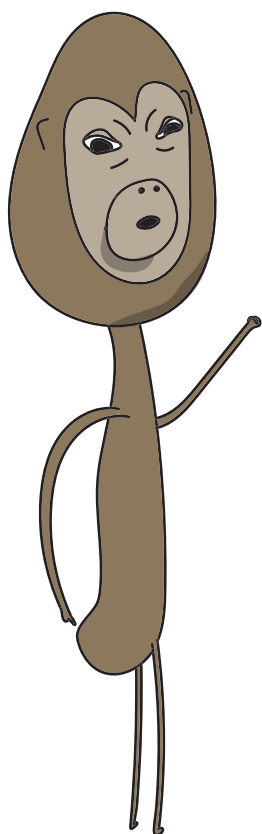
Forever.



WHAT?!

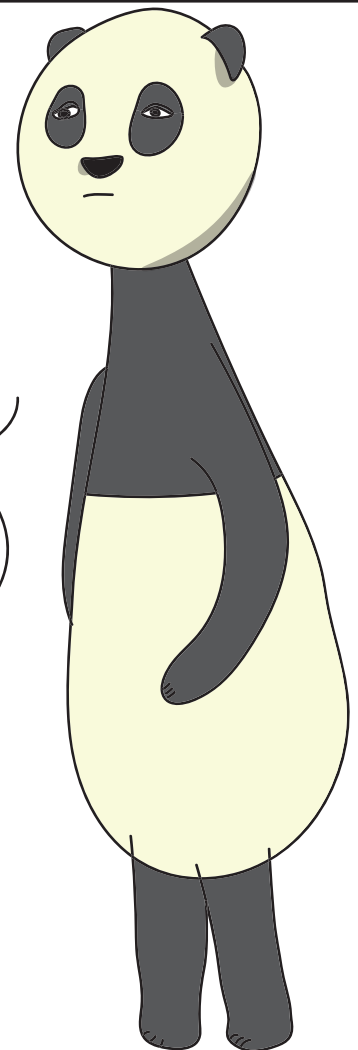


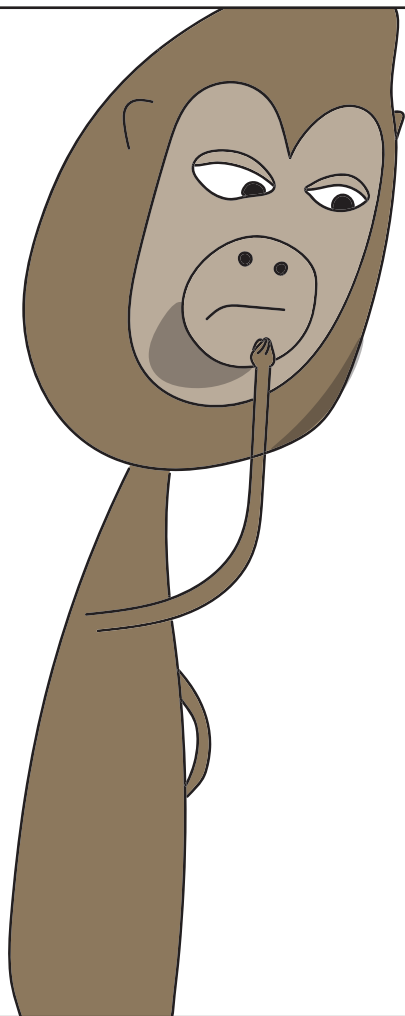
WHAT?!



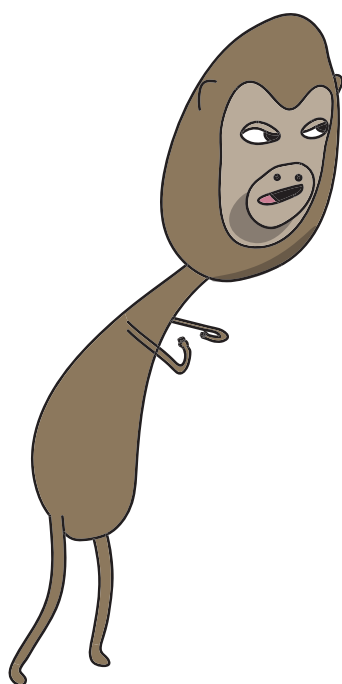
My parents are
kicking me out!
Why? Because
I am always
hurting myself?

I do not
know.



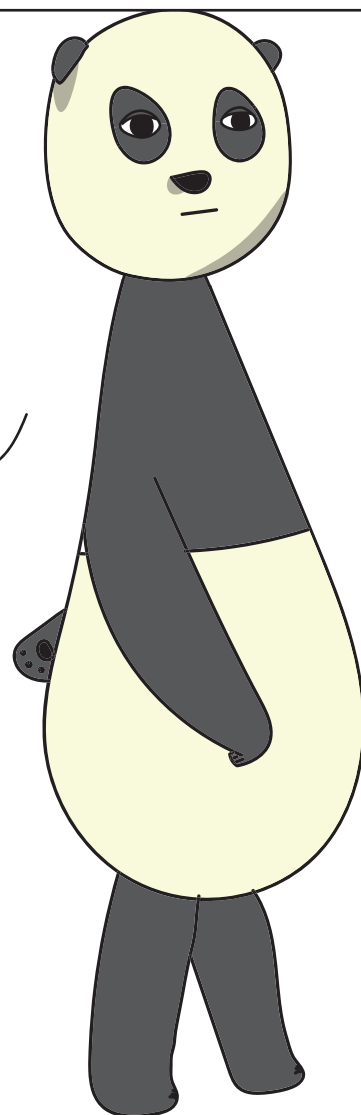


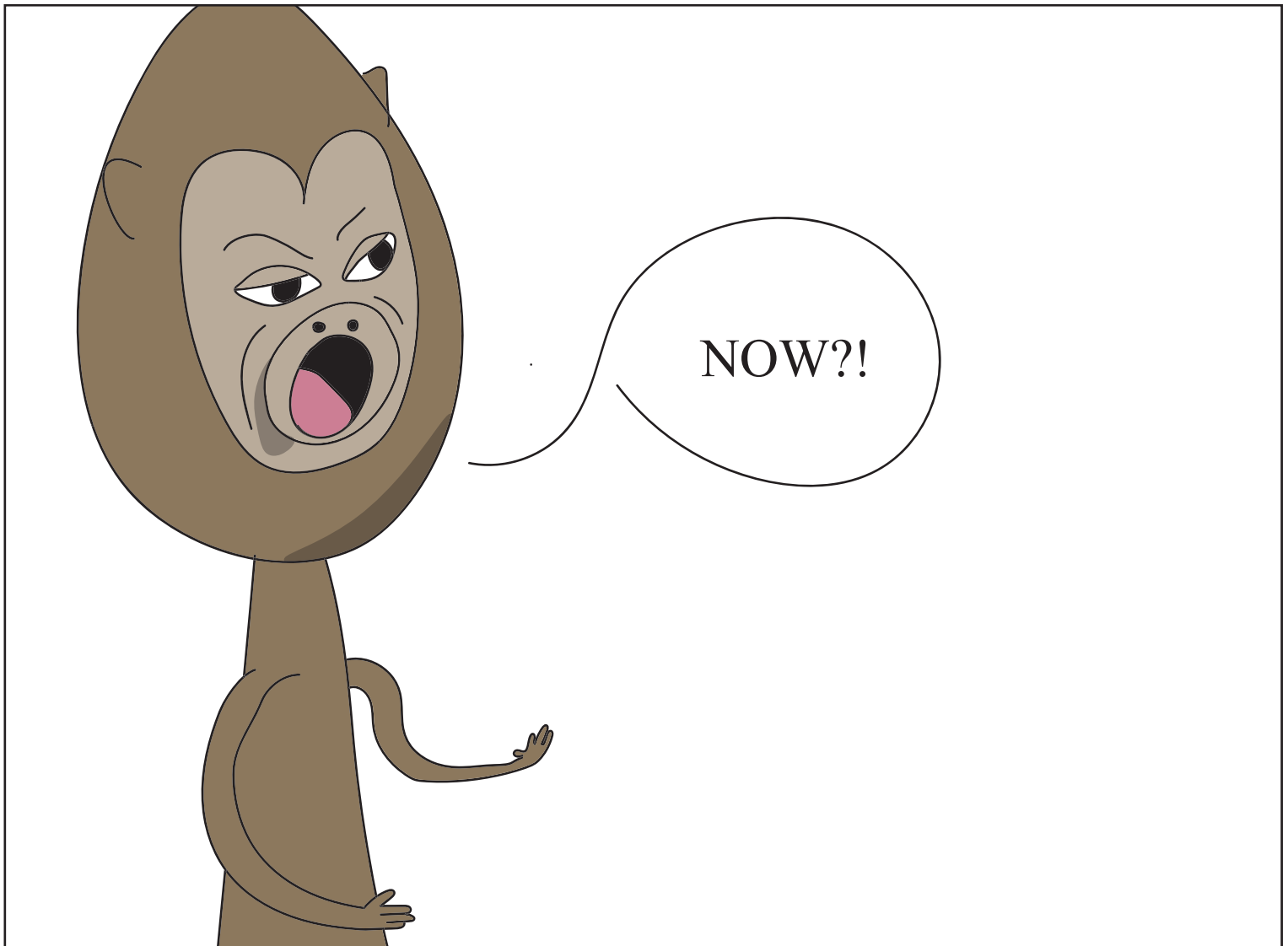
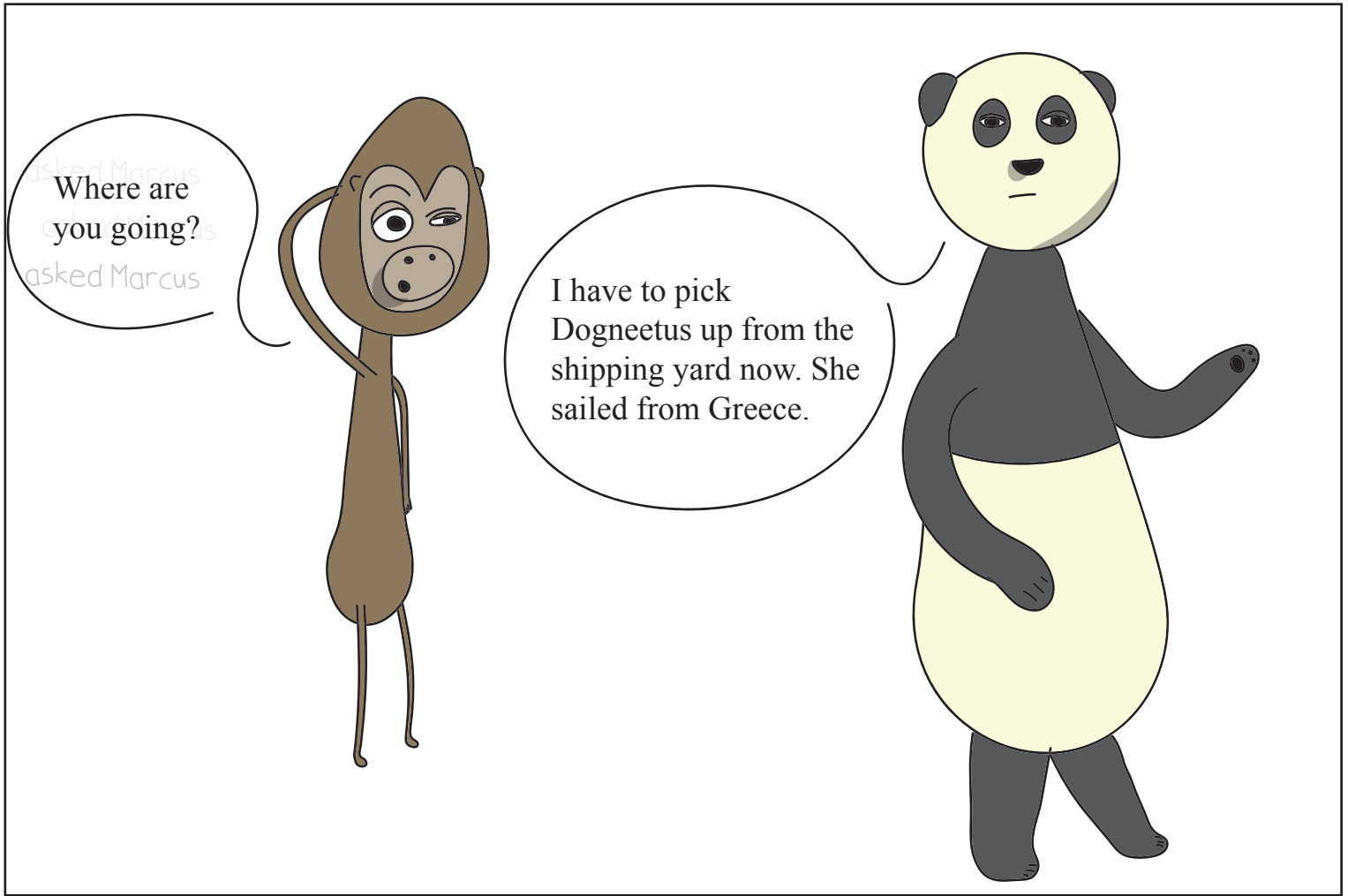
said Marcus
Oh my gods.
This is terrible.
said Marcus

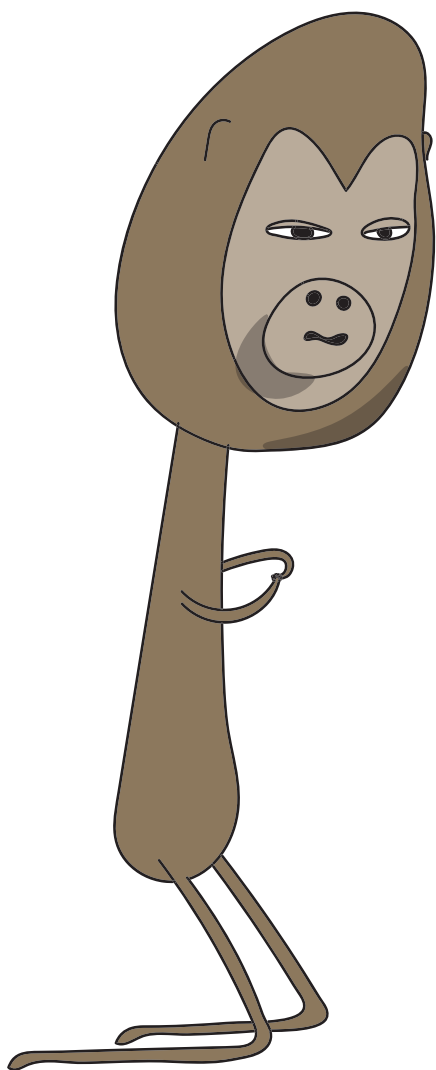


And this Dogneetus
is so much better
than me?

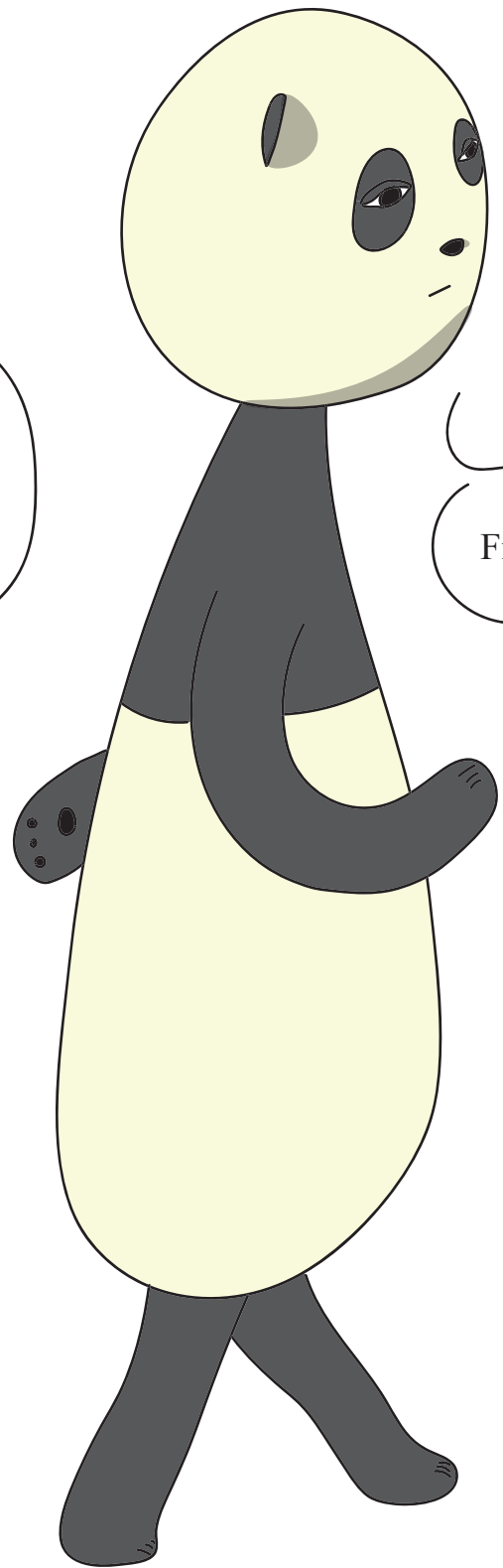
I do not
know.







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



Fine.