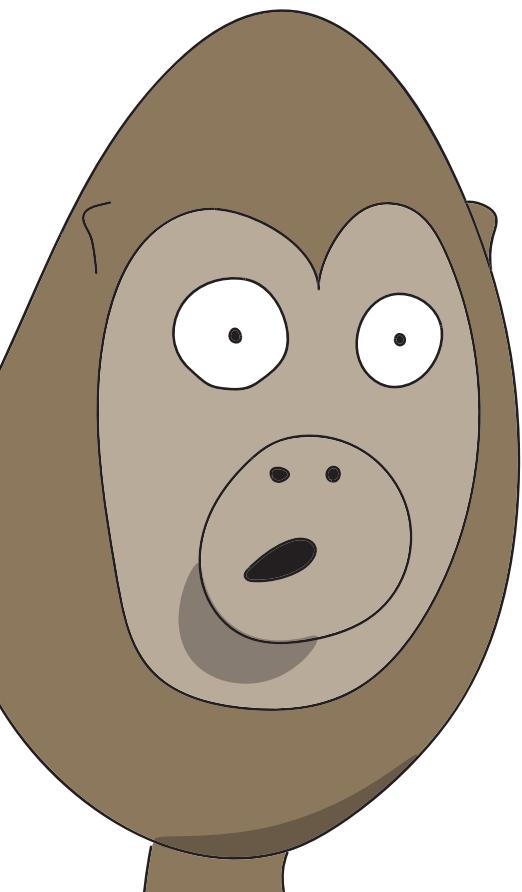


Marcus Gorileeus



Leigh Silverstein

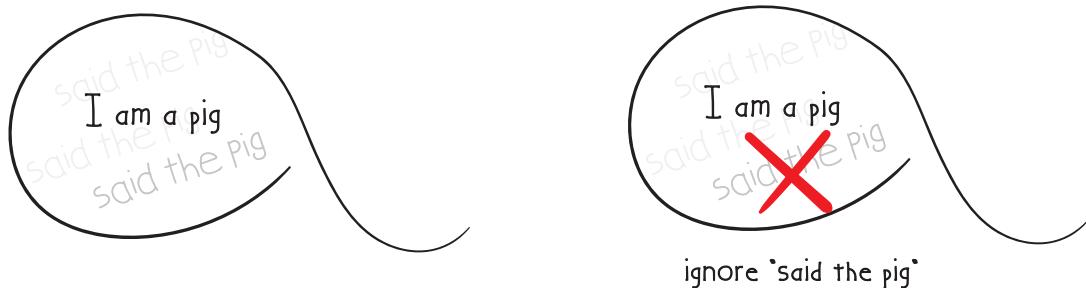


... not to be offended by idiots...

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

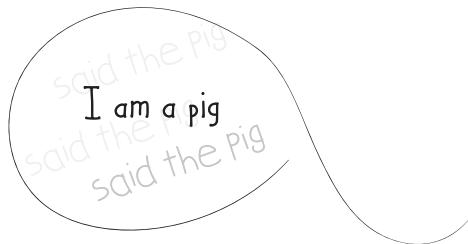
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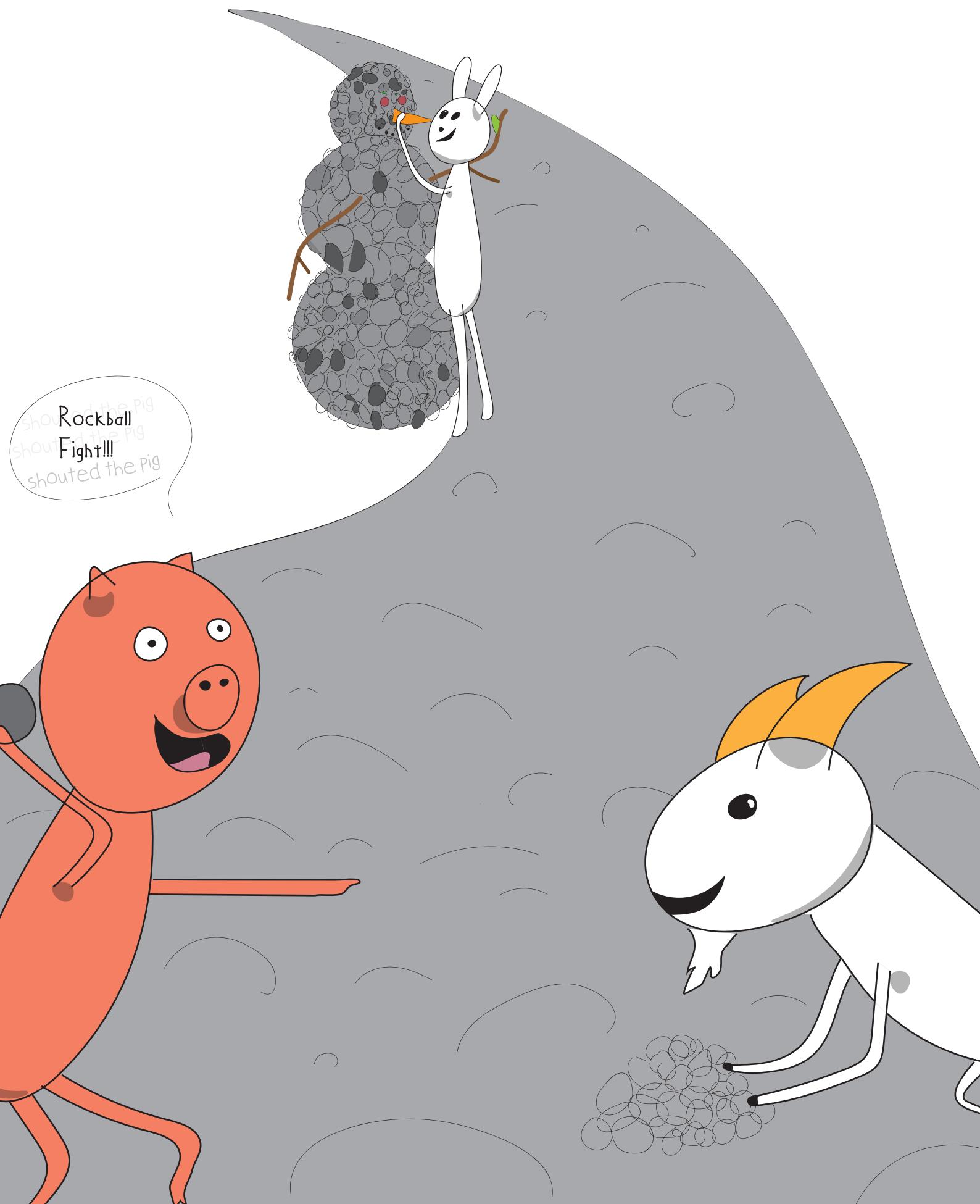
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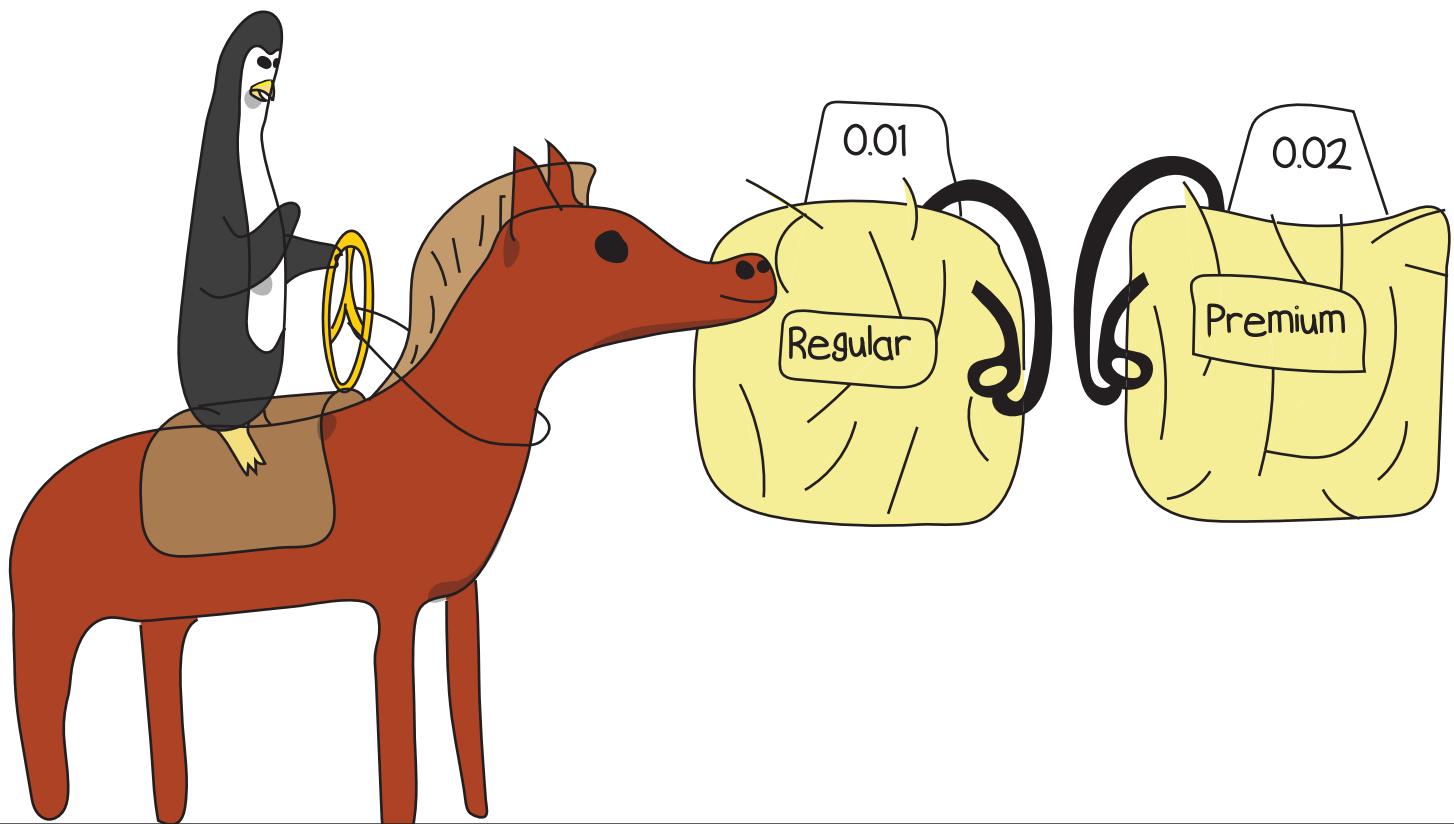
1. read "I am a pig"
2. read "said the pig"

Chapter 1 – Pandus

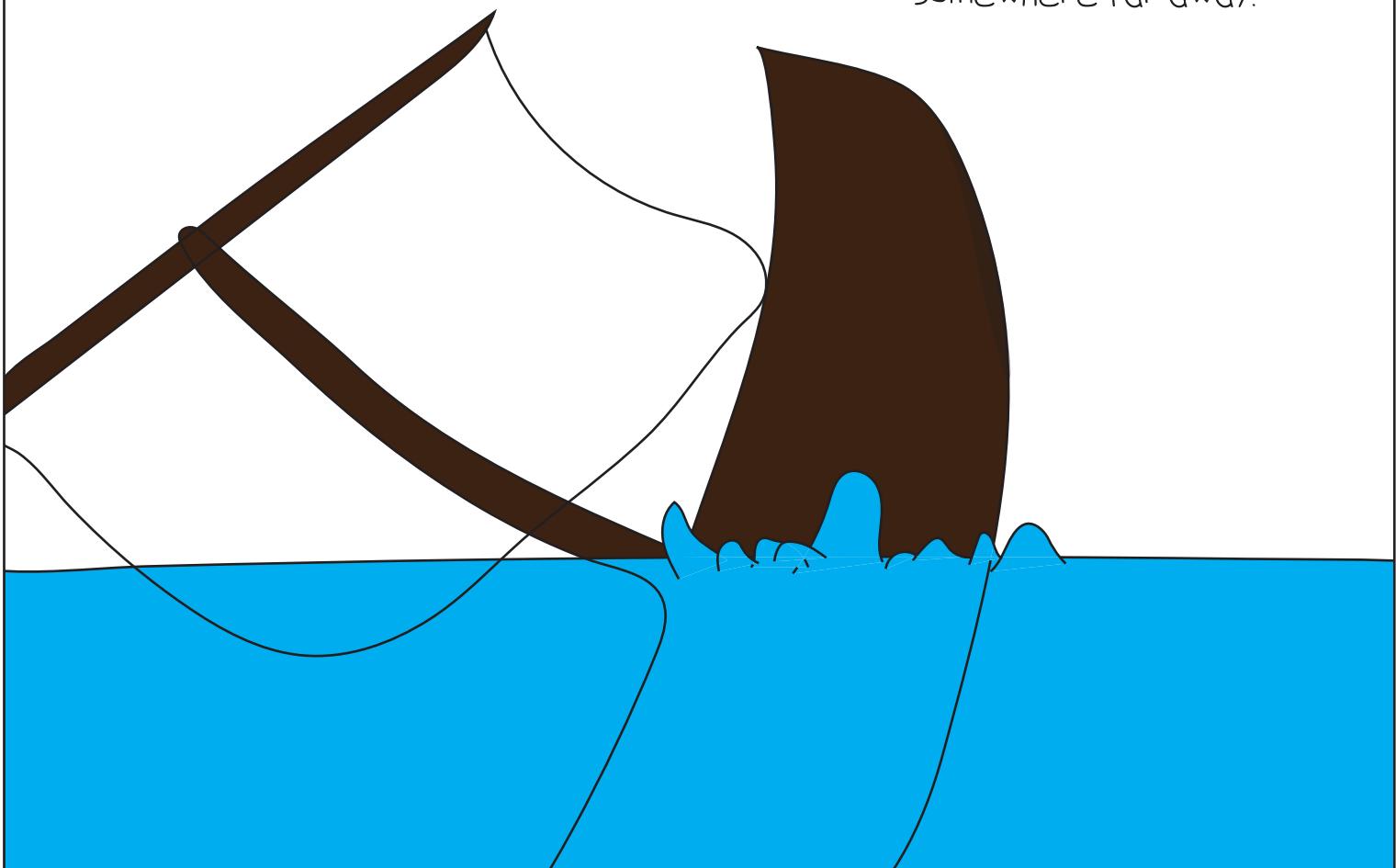
2000 years ago the world was very strange.



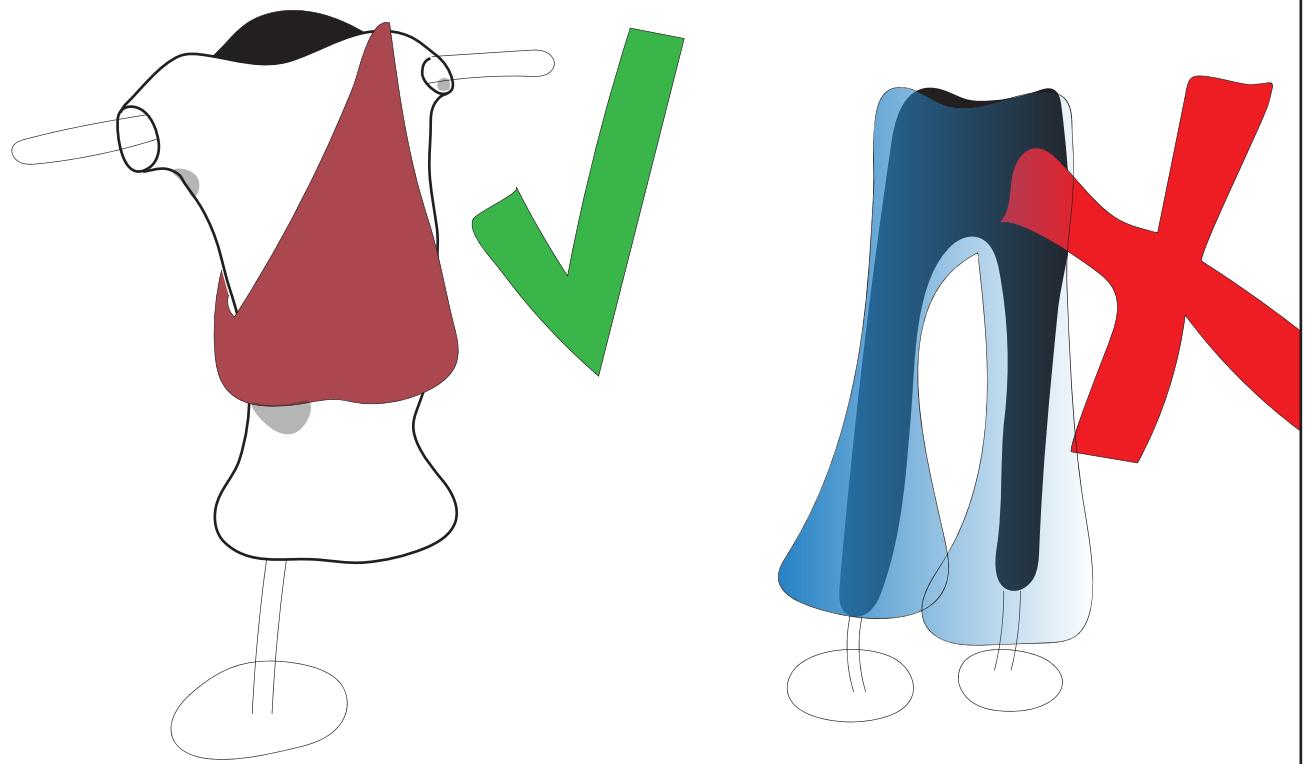
Everyone drove horses  
instead of cars.



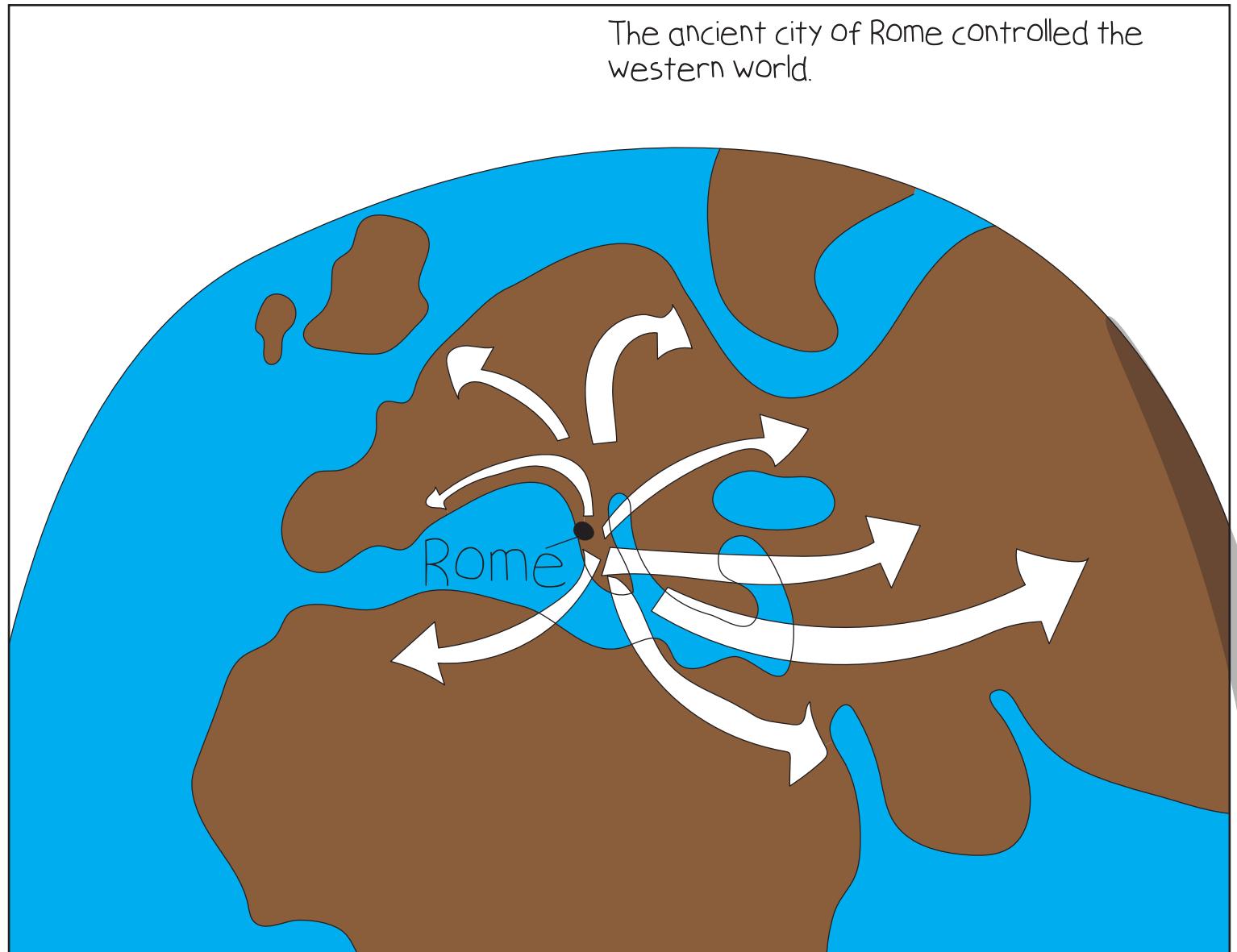
Wooden ships with sails were  
the best way to get  
somewhere far away.



Togas were in, pants were out.

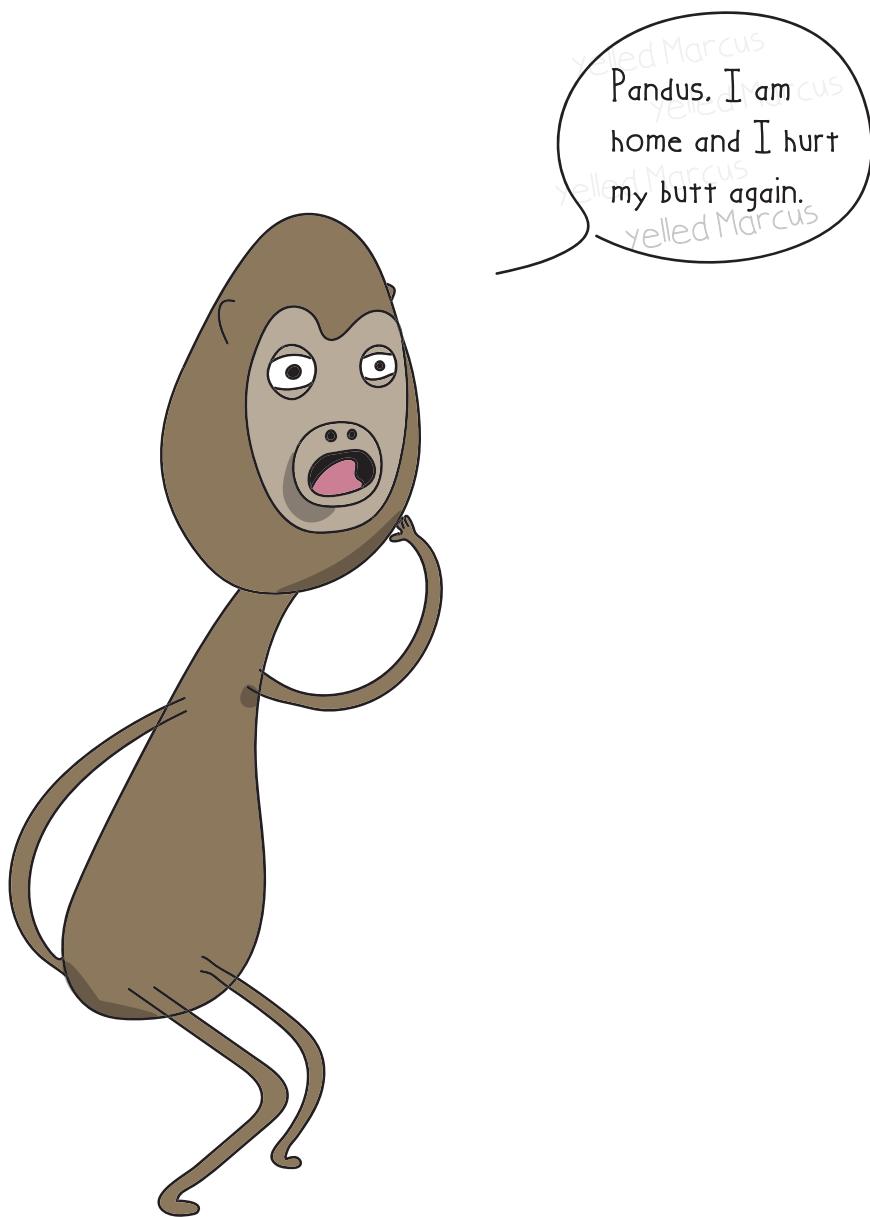


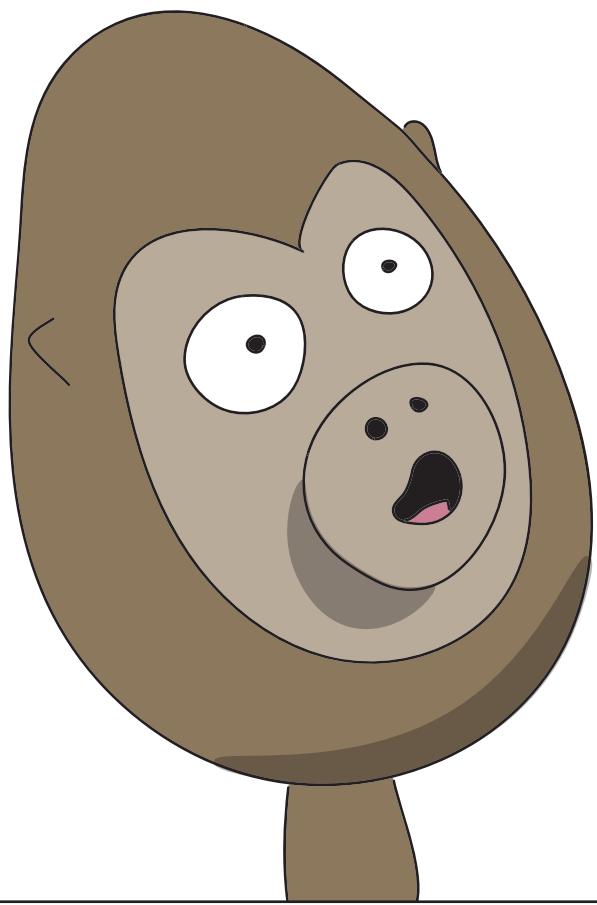
The ancient city of Rome controlled the western world.



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

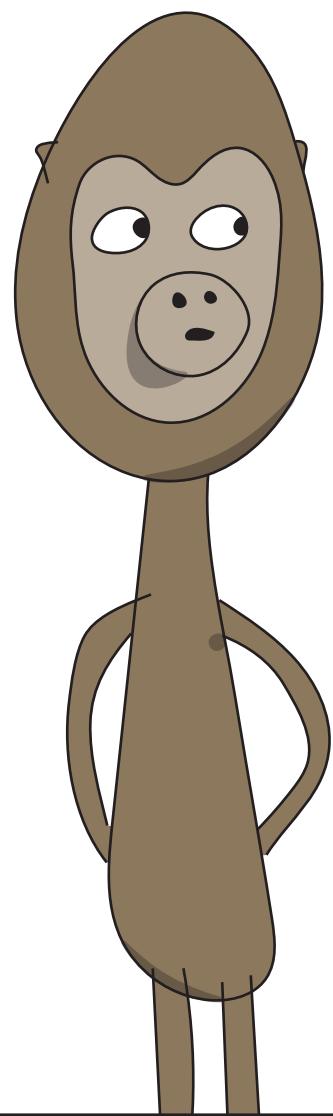
And an emperor.

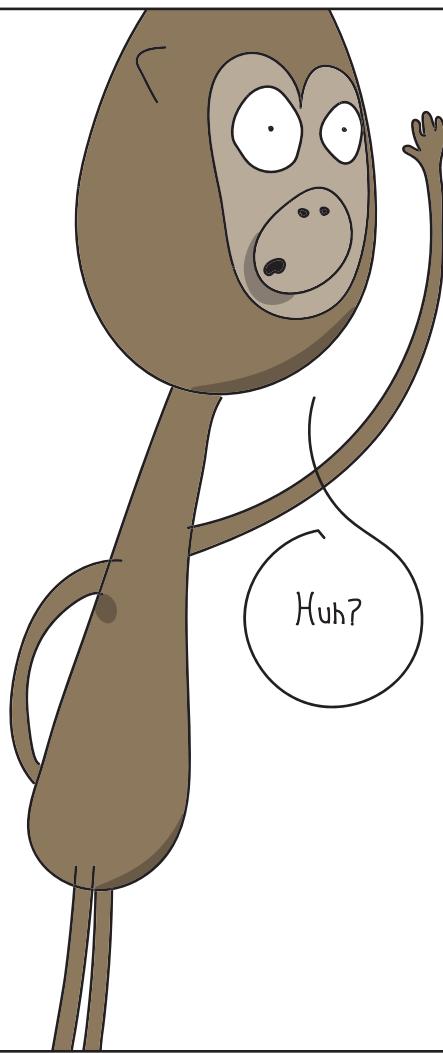
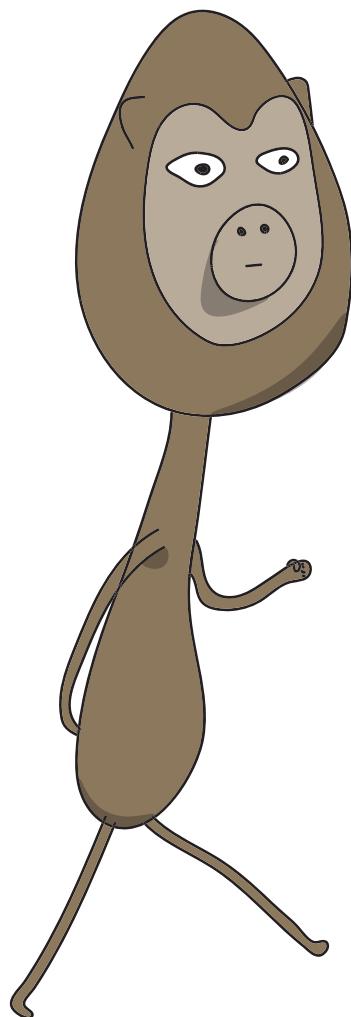


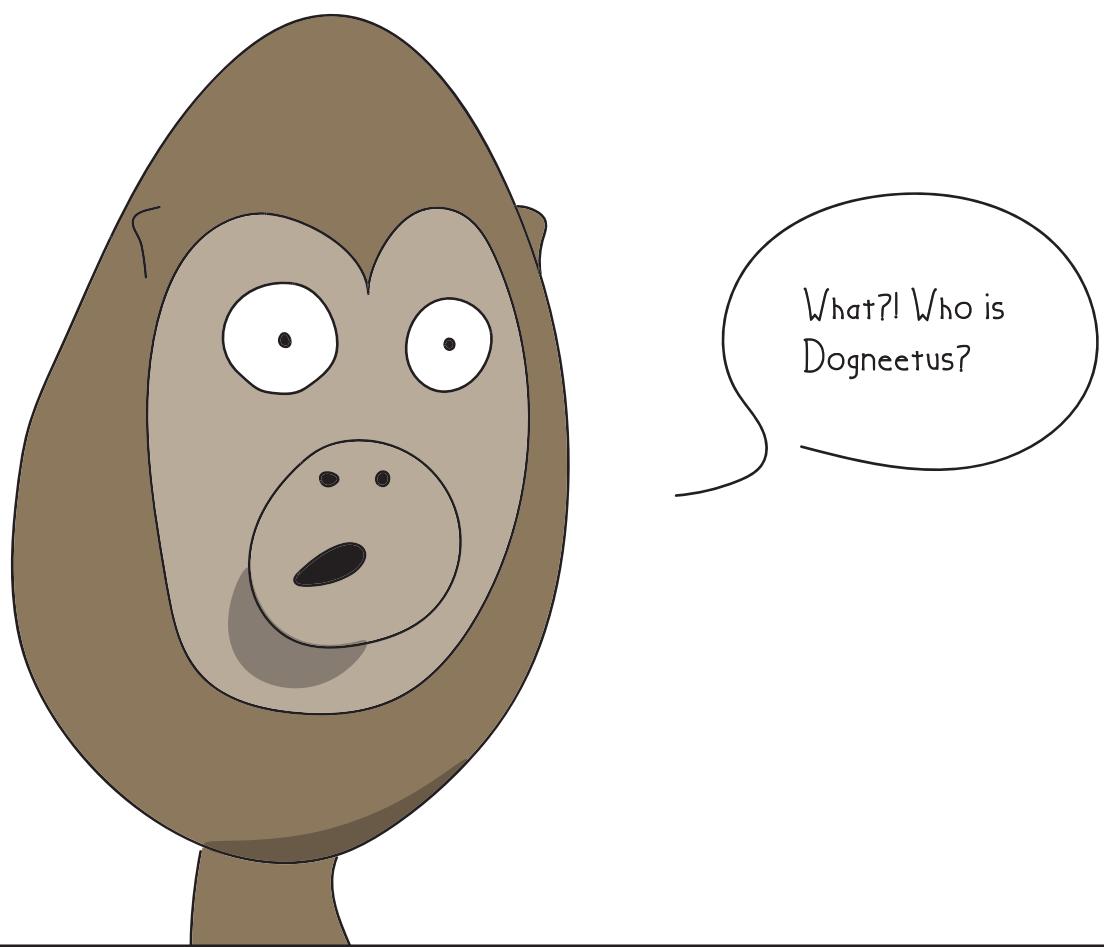
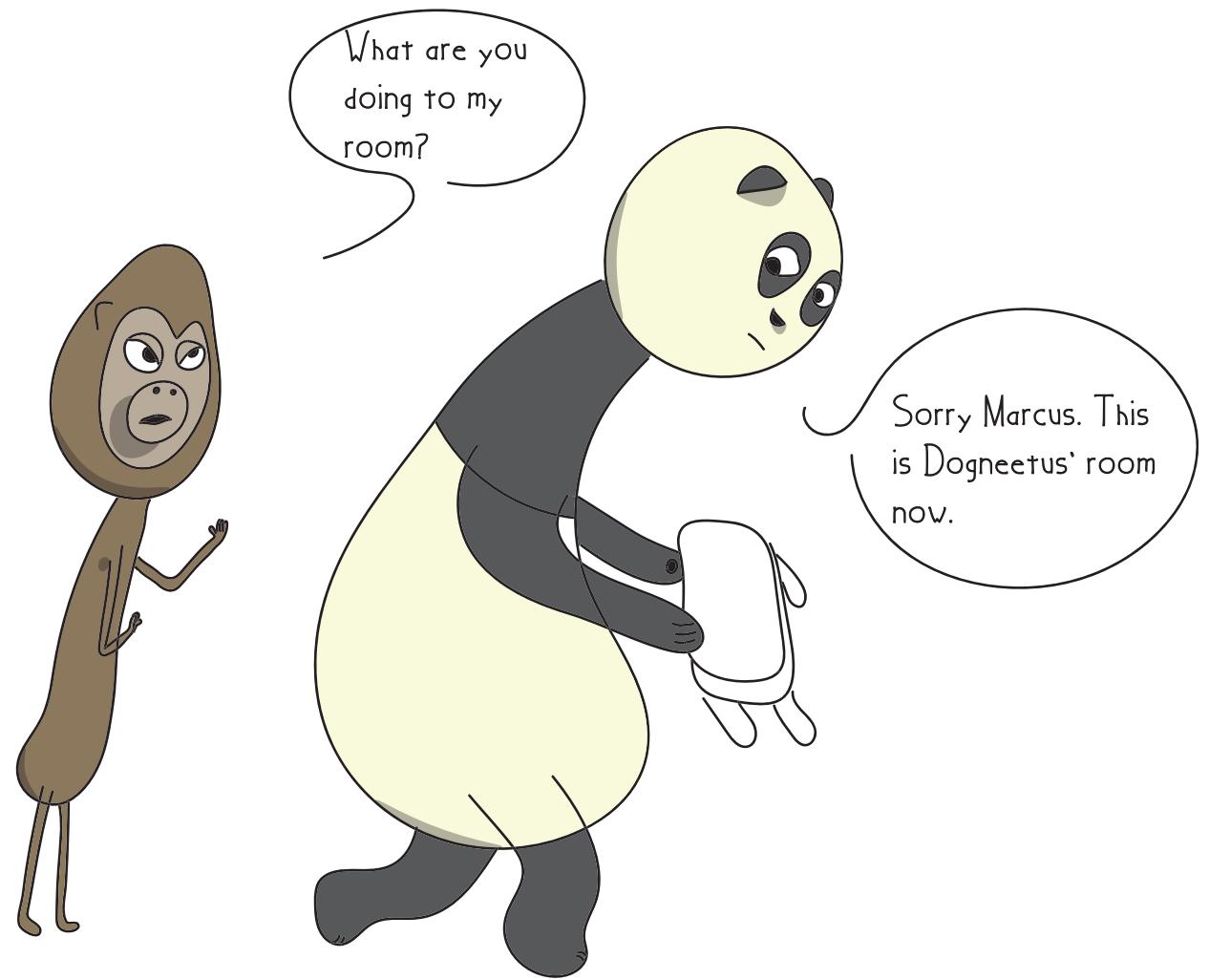


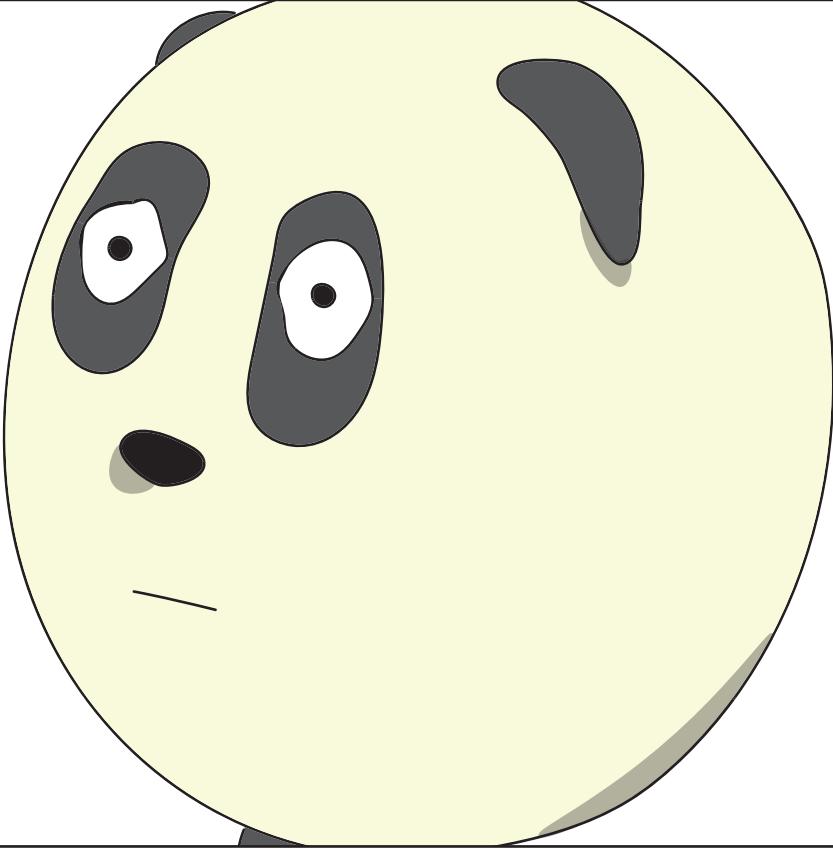
PANDUS?

... she is probably in  
the bathroom.

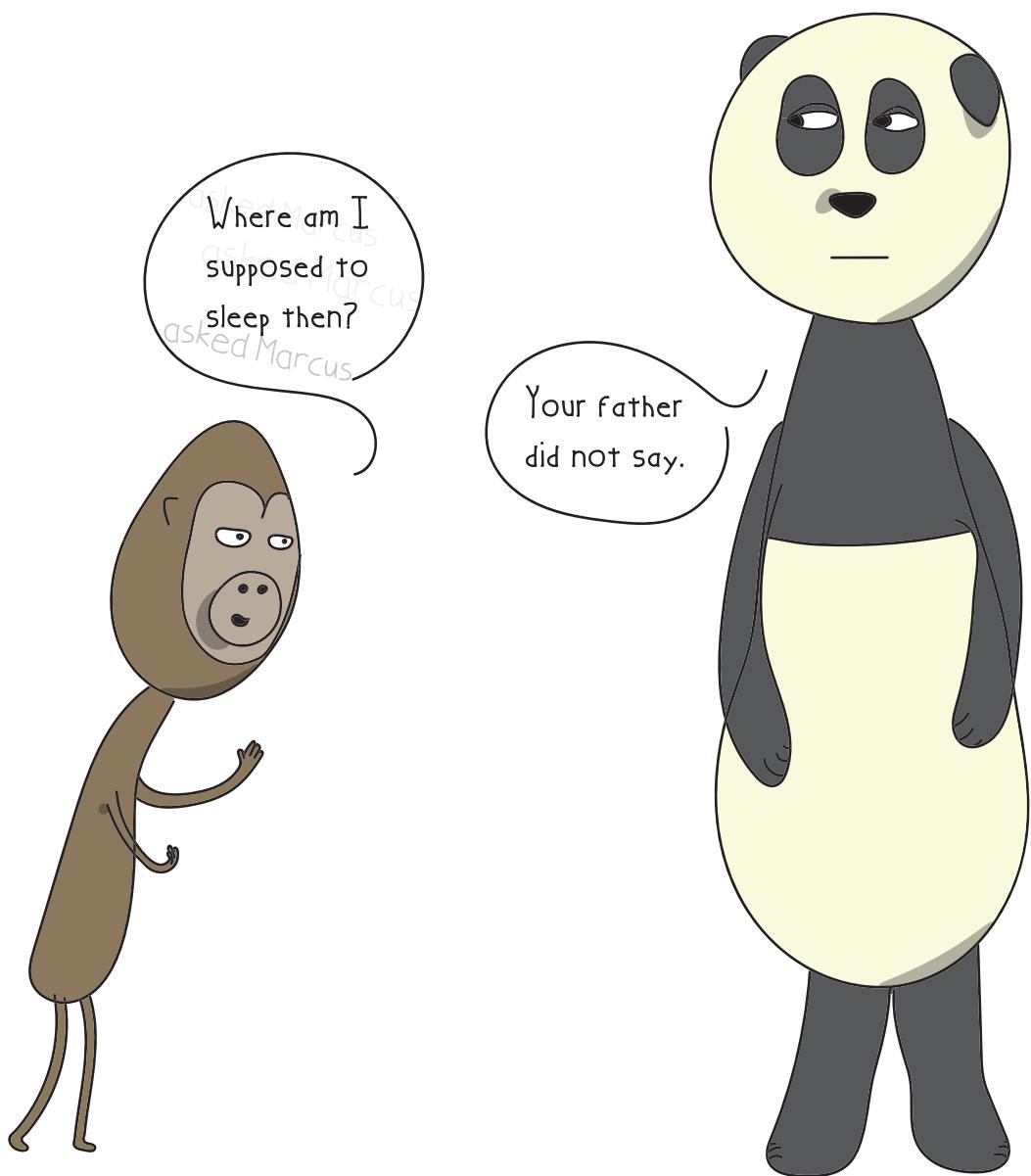


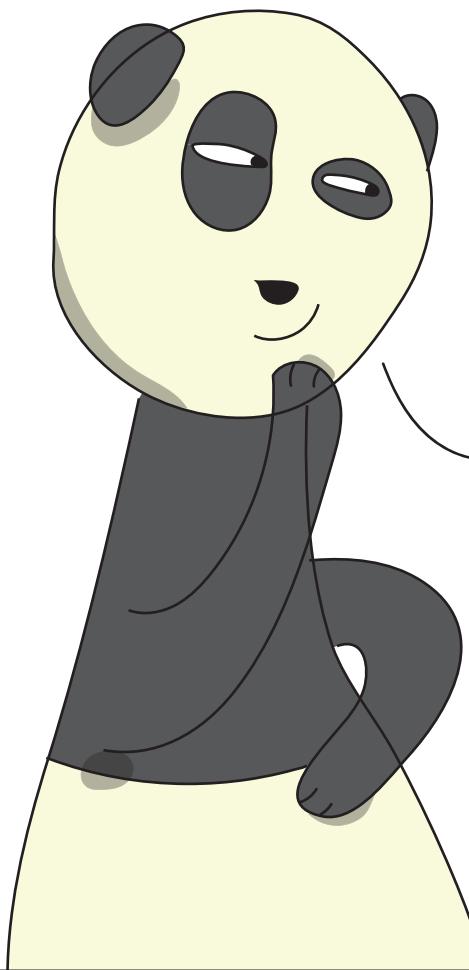
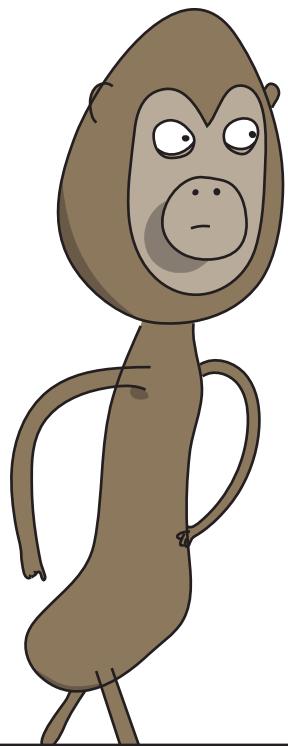




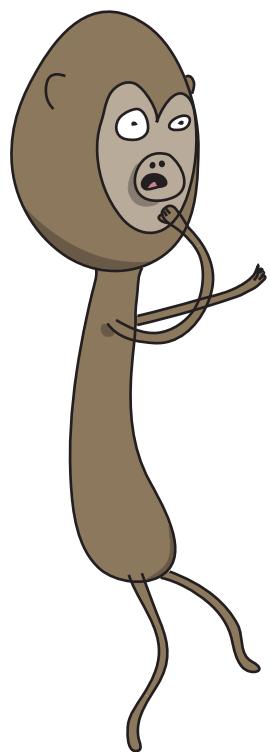


I do not know.  
Your father just  
told me to empty  
the room for  
Dognetus.

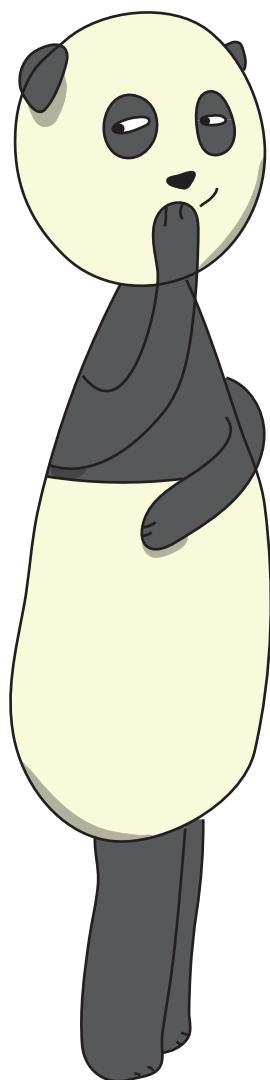




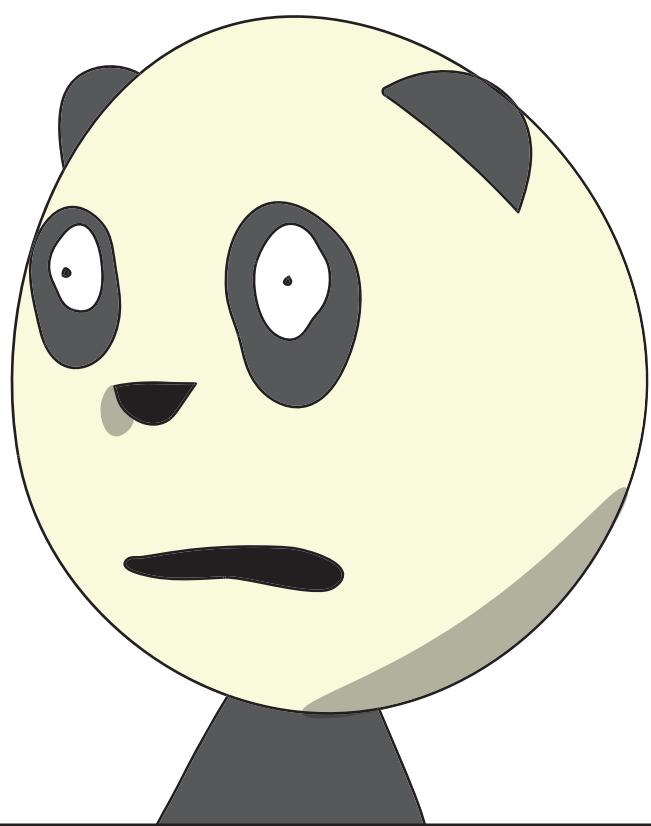
Hmmm.  
thought Pandus

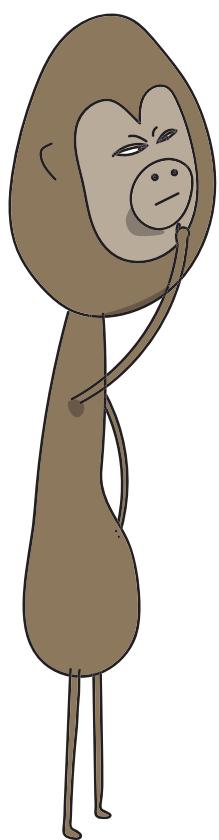


Oh no...



What? Are we  
out of  
LOTION?

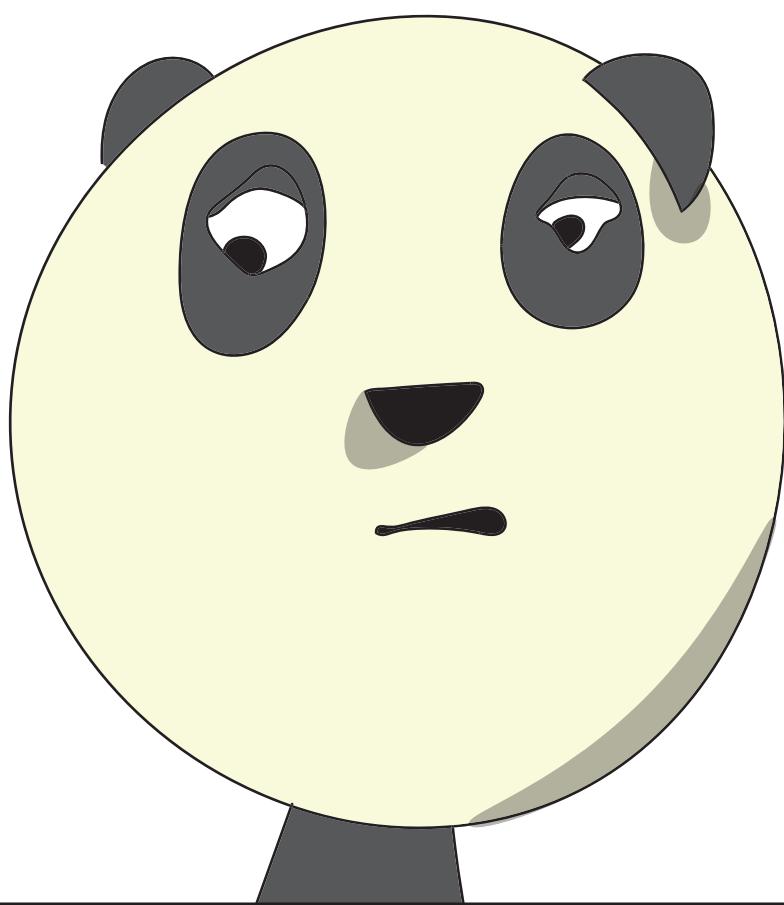


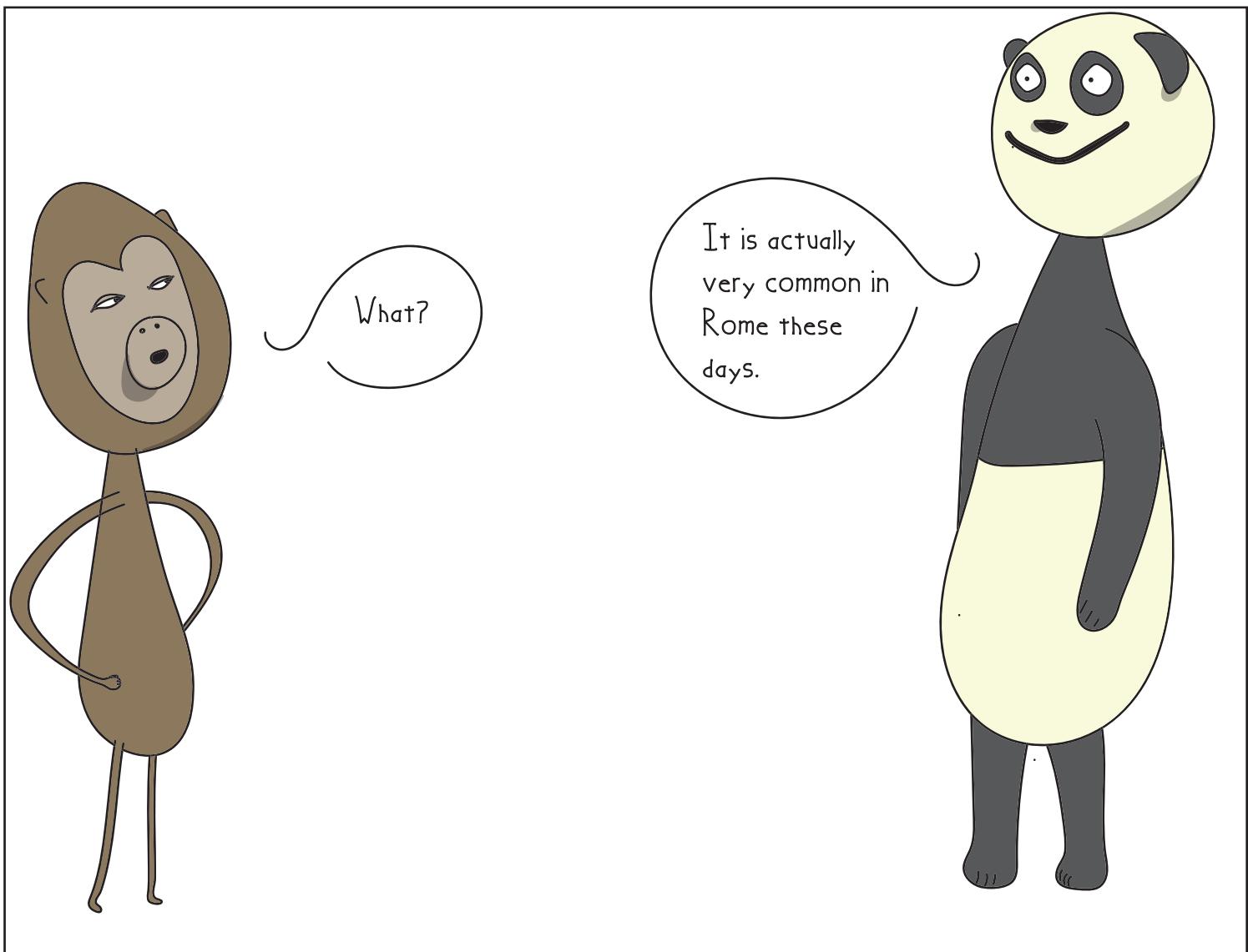


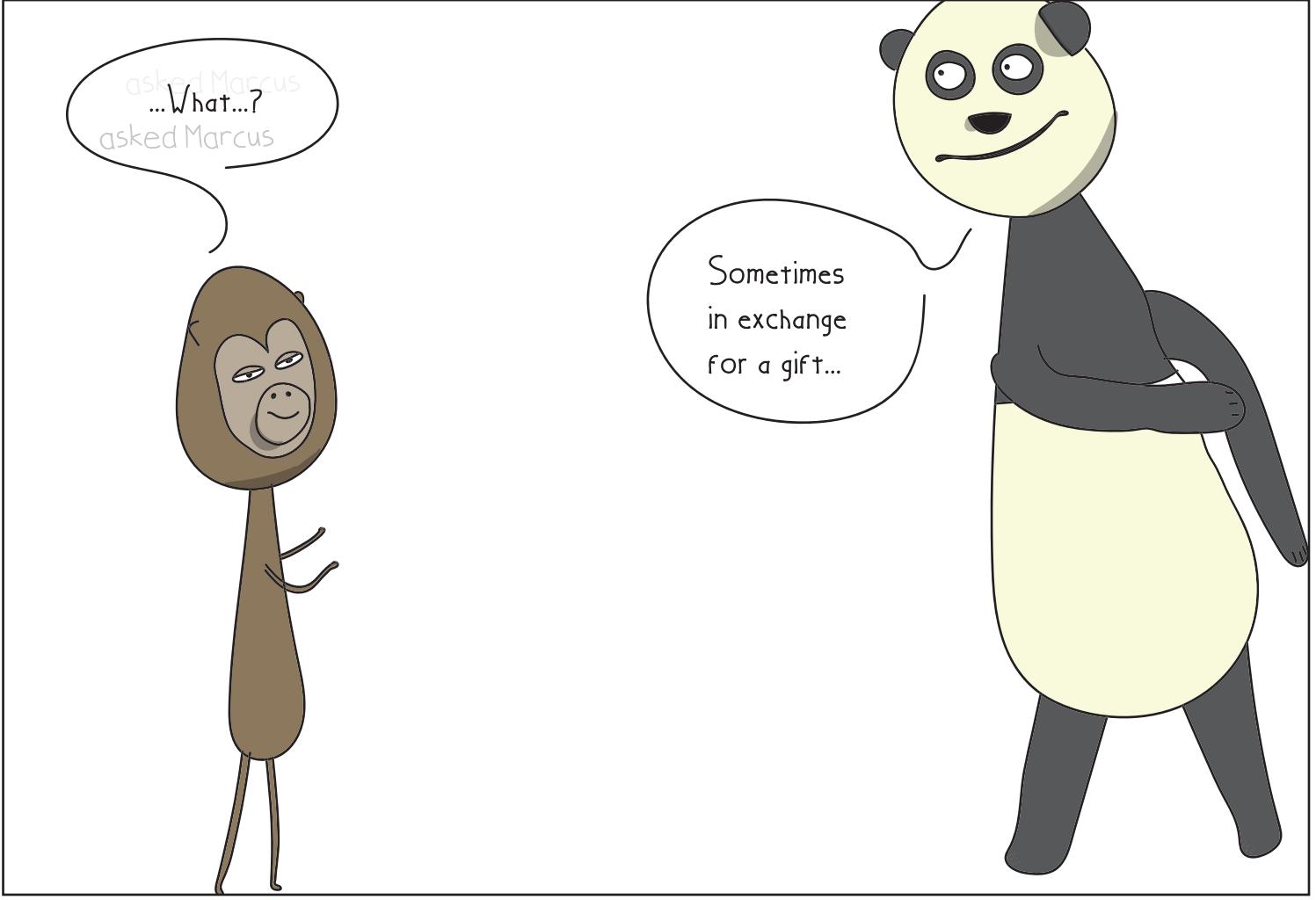
Why are you  
looking at me  
like that?



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

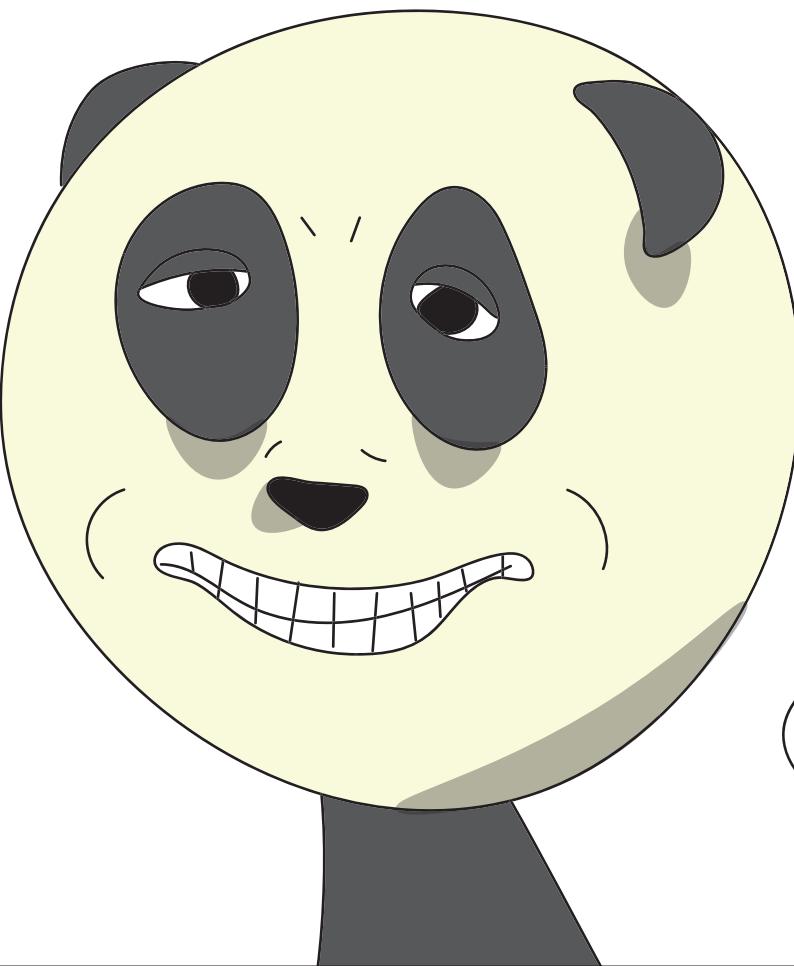




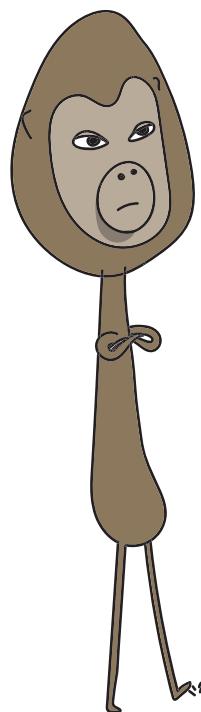


asked Marcus  
...What...?  
asked Marcus

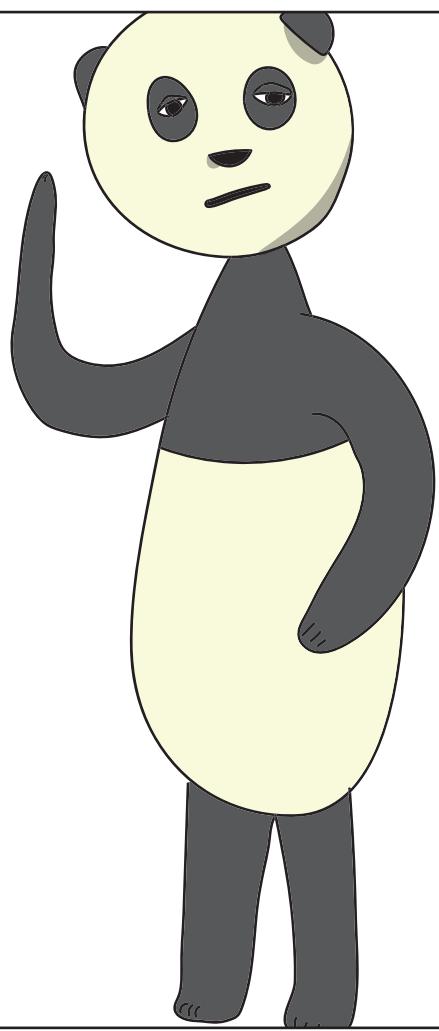
Sometimes  
in exchange  
for a gift...

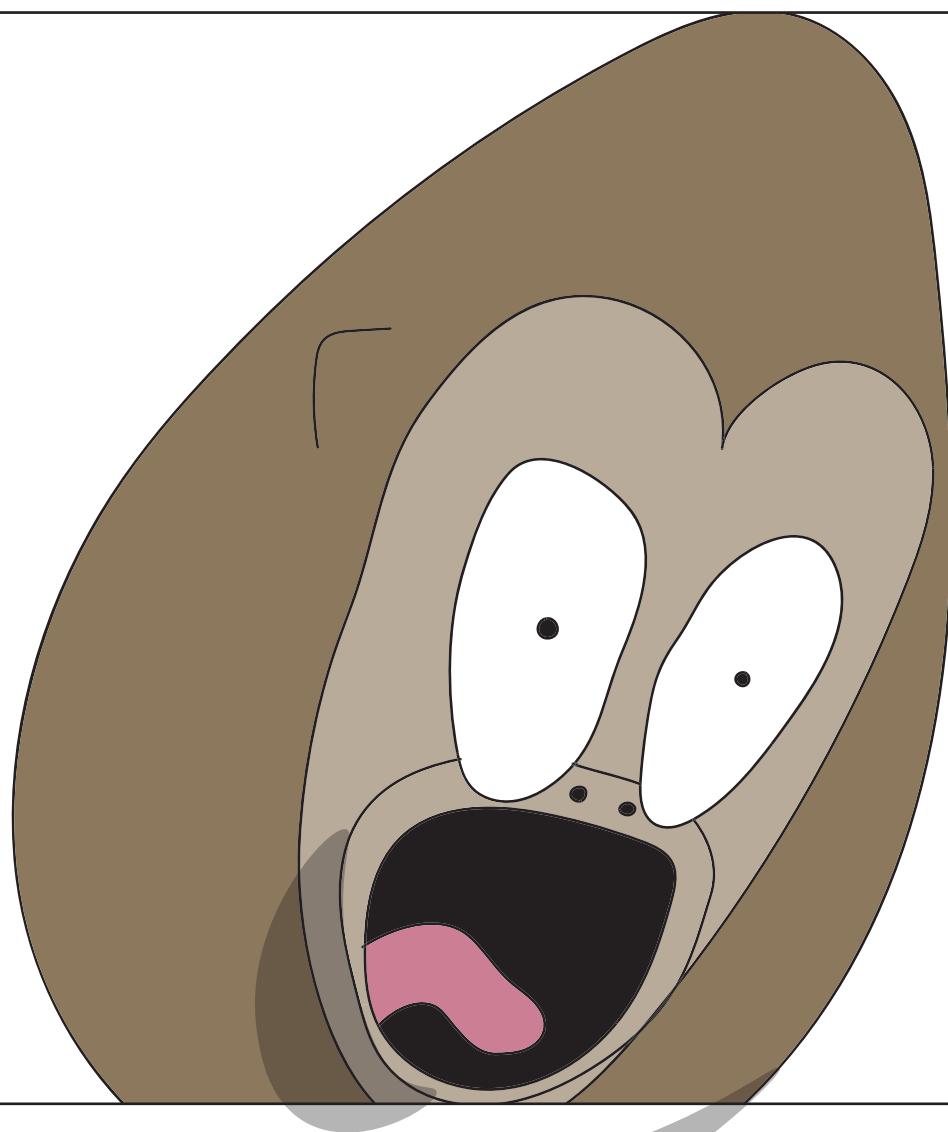
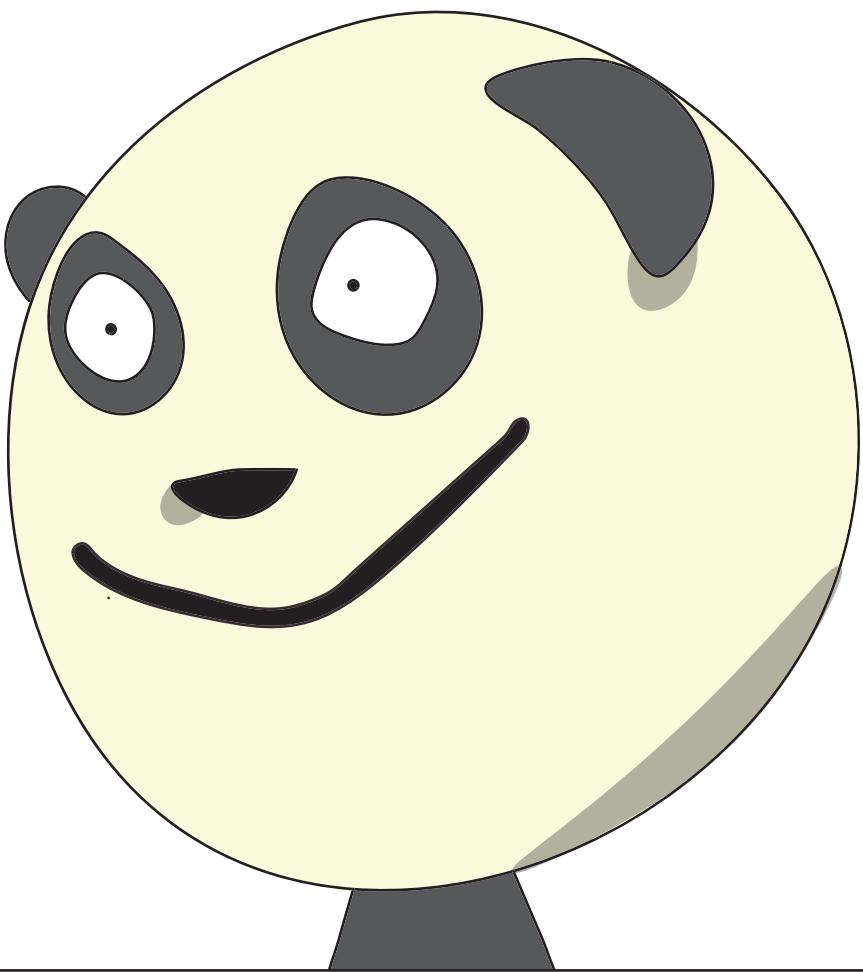


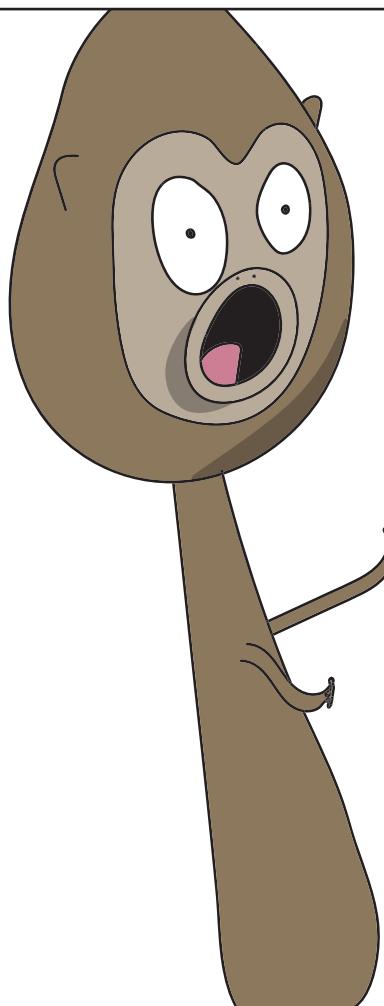
Parents send their  
children away...



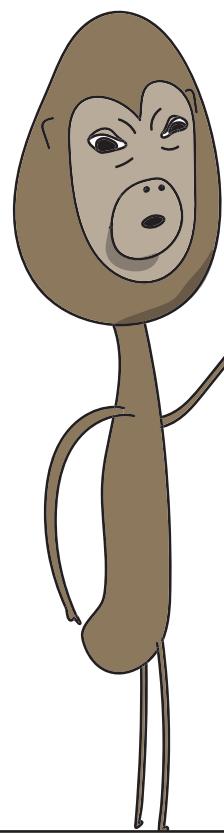
To live with  
another  
family...





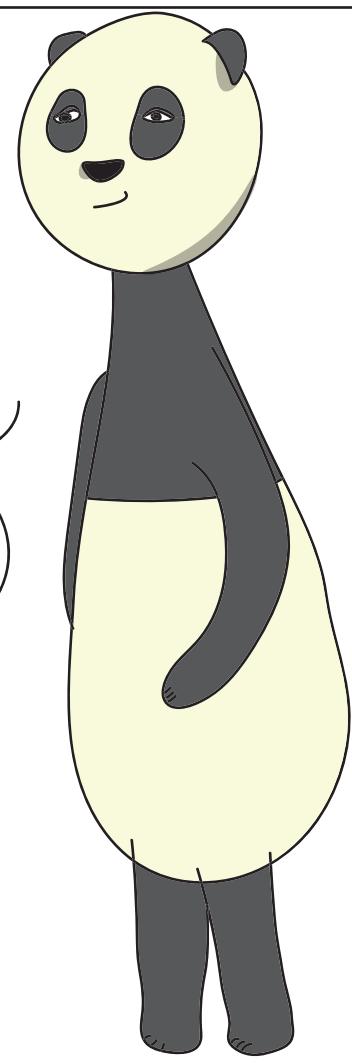


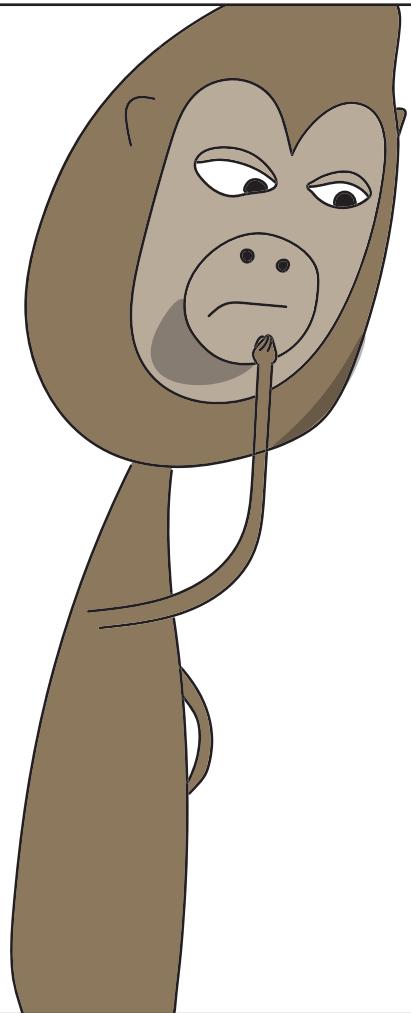
WHAT?!



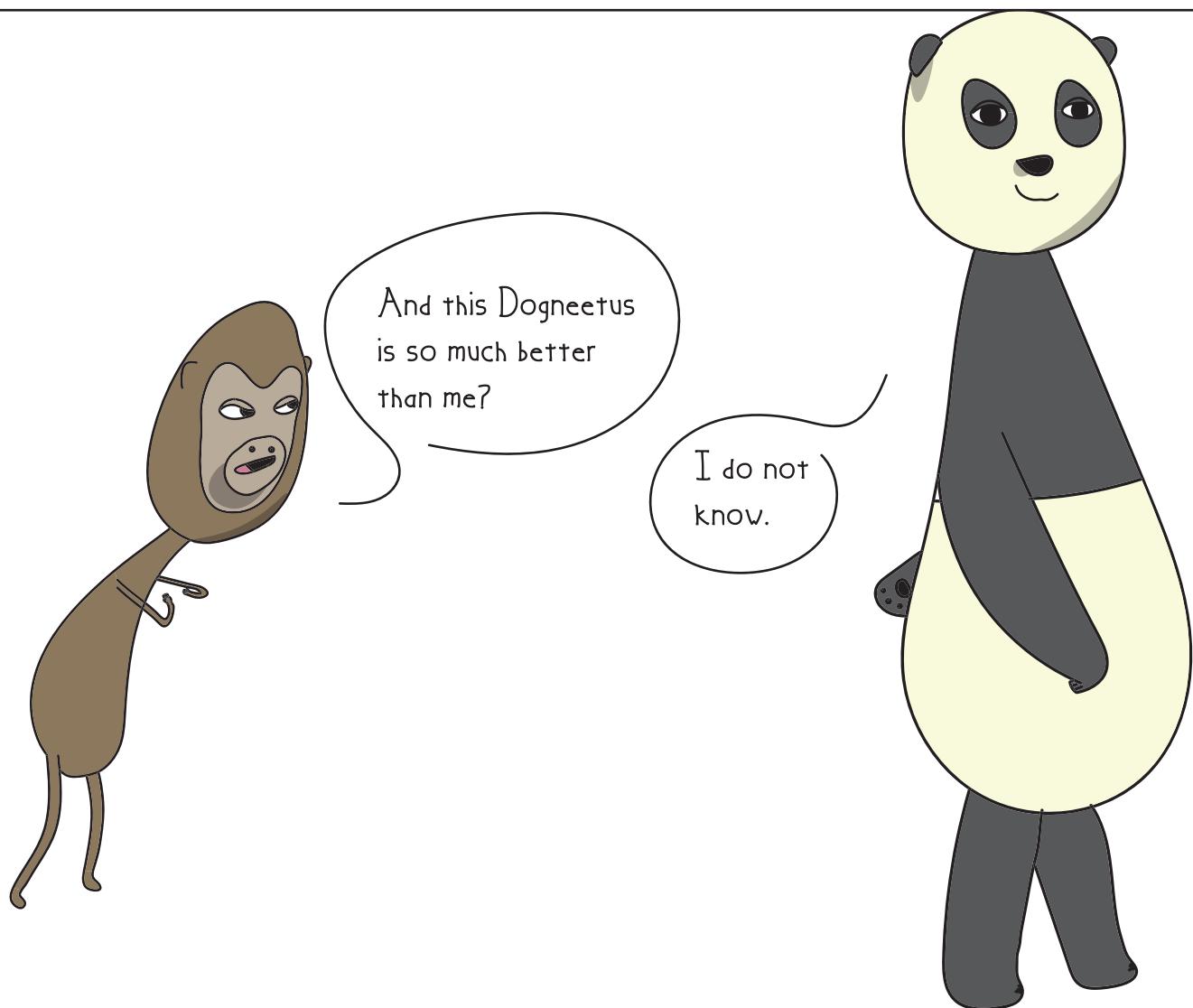
My parents are  
kicking me out!  
Why? Because I  
am always  
hurting myself?

I do not  
know.

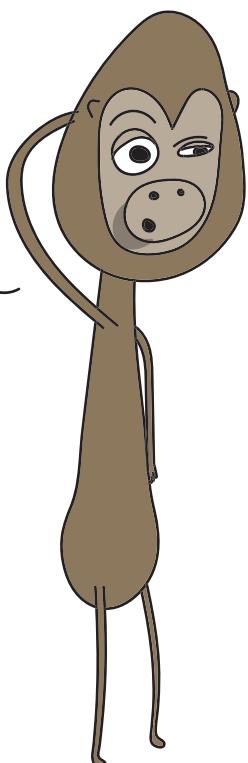




Said Marcus.  
Oh my gods.  
This is terrible.  
said Marcus



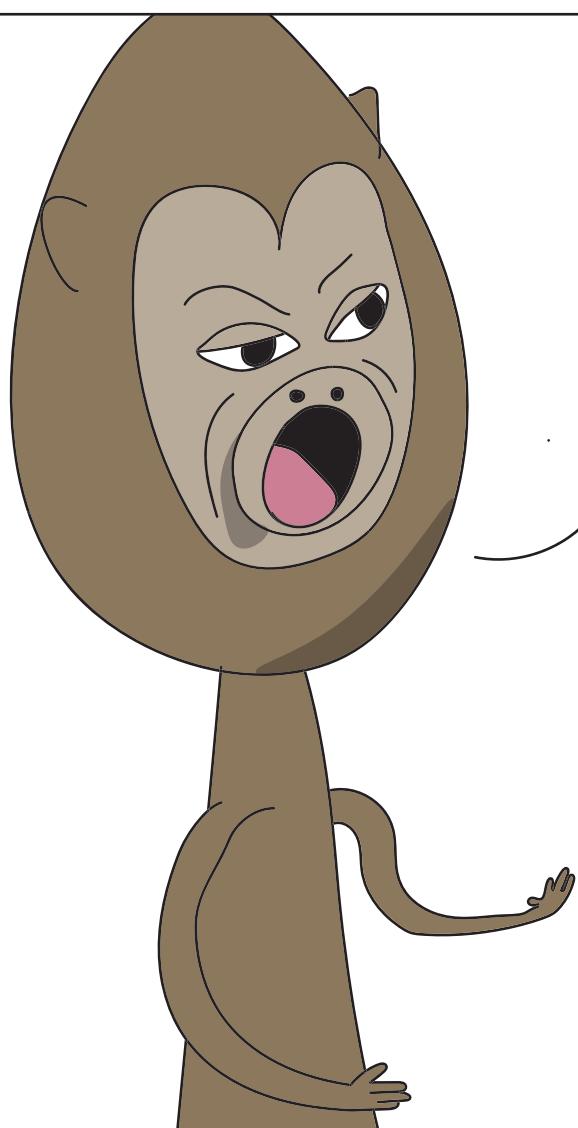
asked Marcus  
Where are  
you going? I  
asked Marcus



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



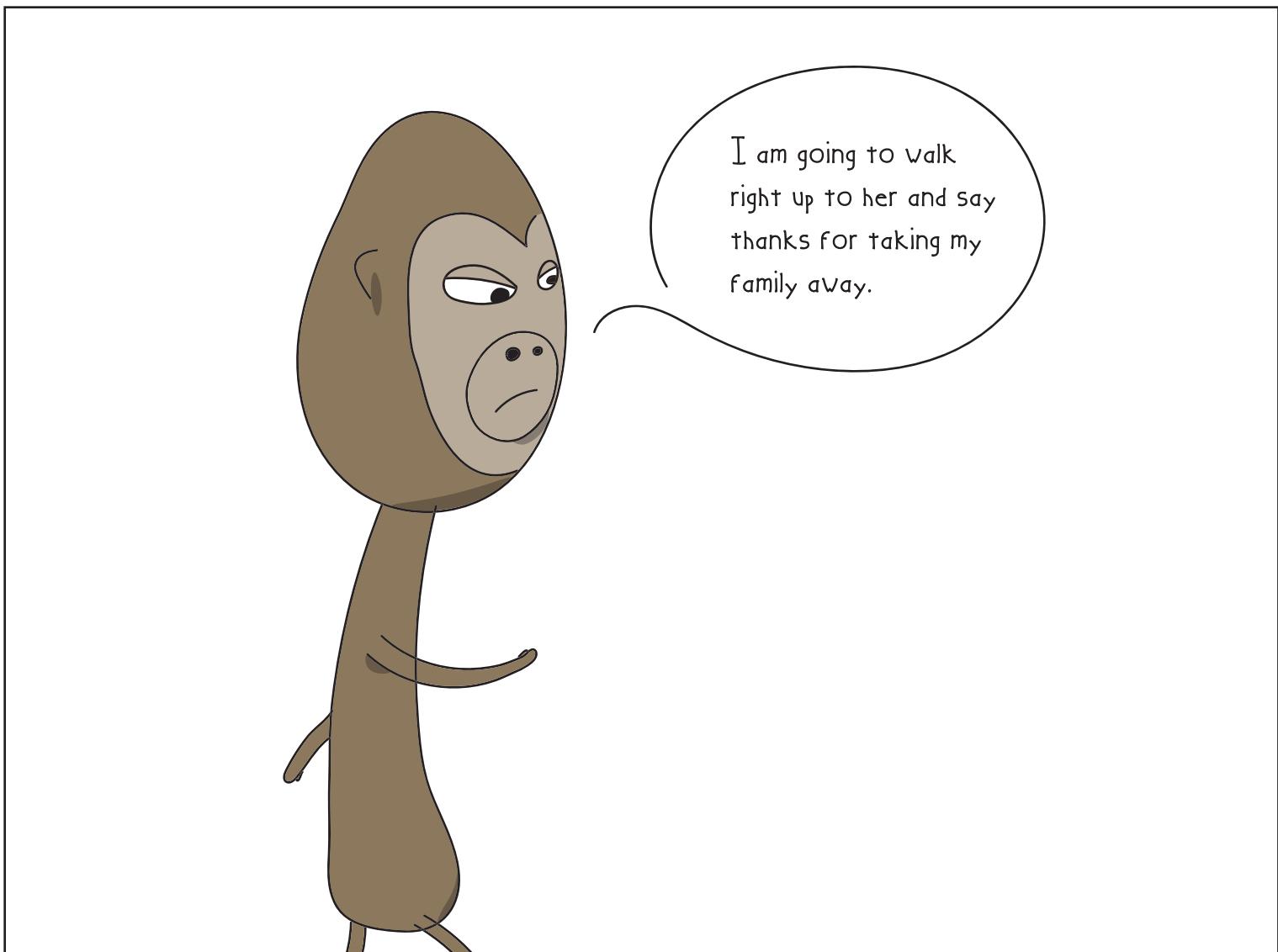
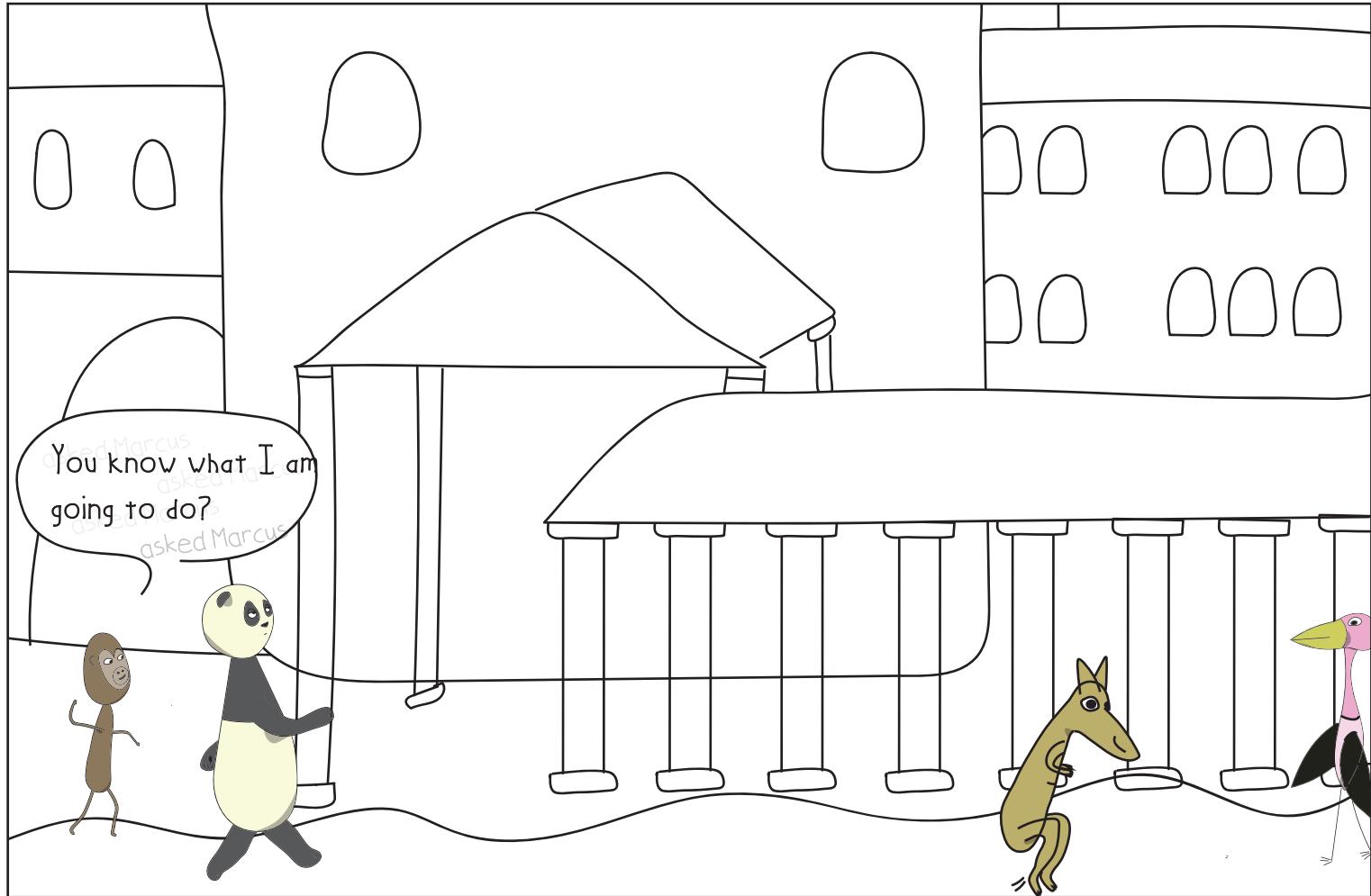
NOW?!

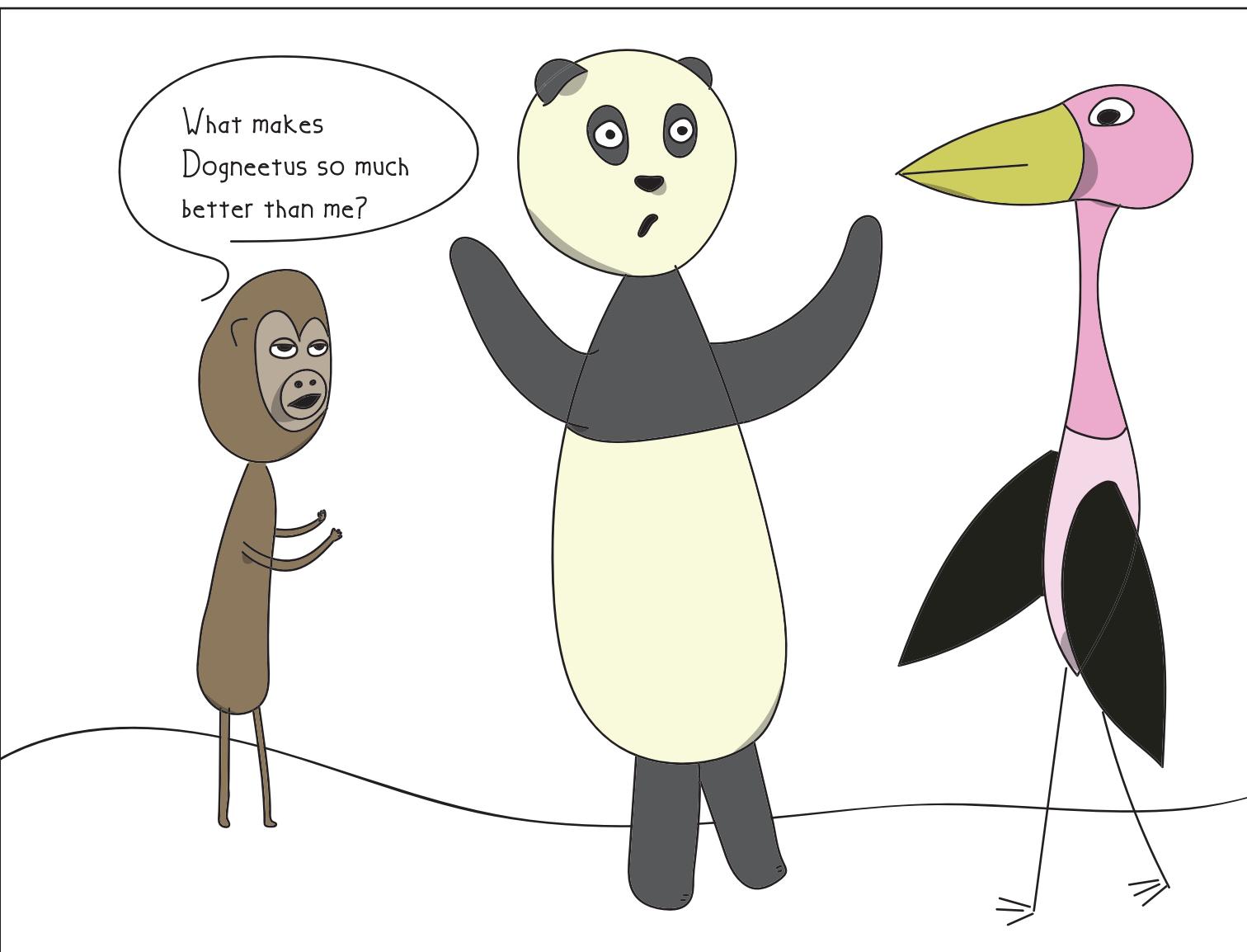
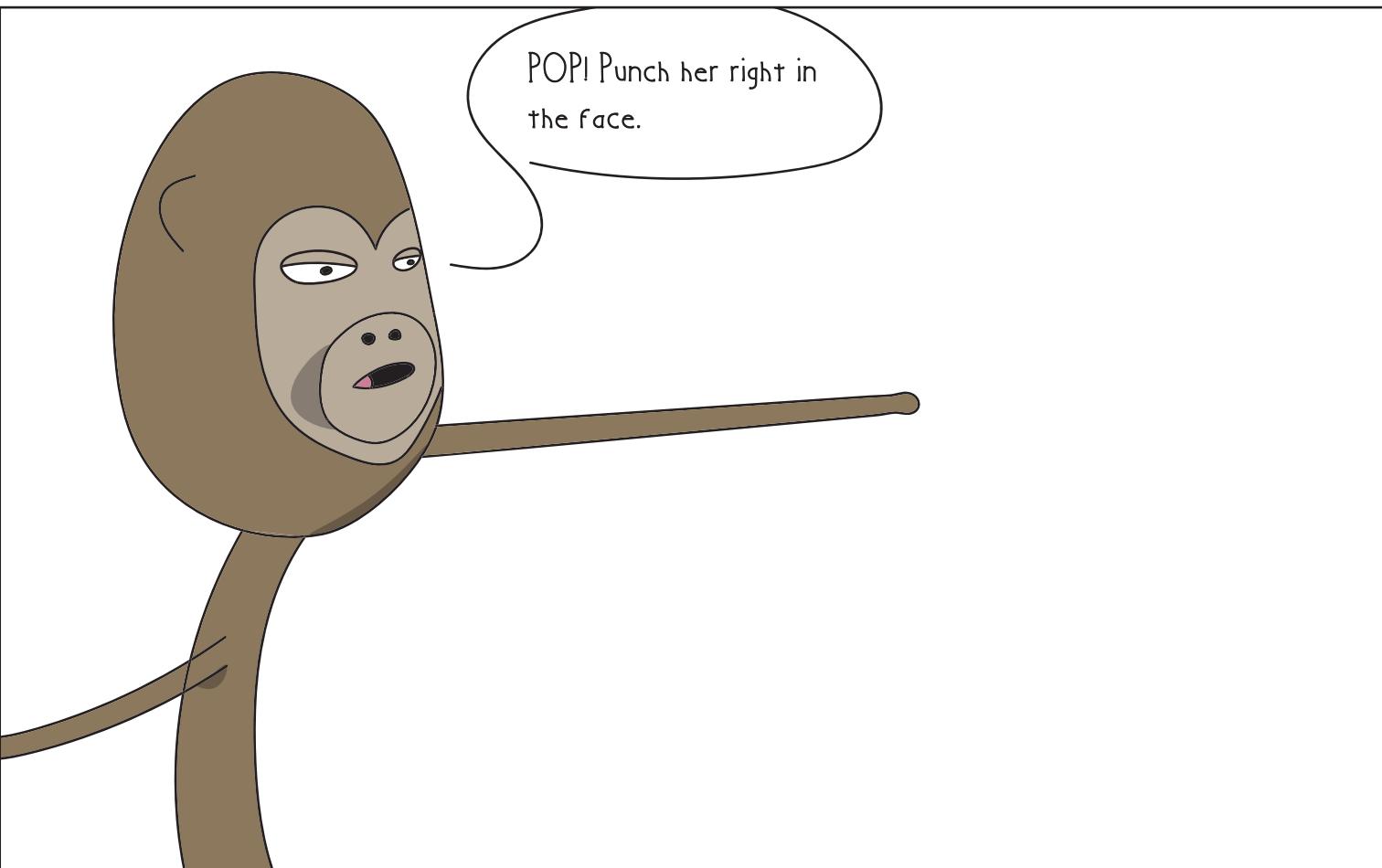


Can I come with  
you? I want to  
meet the person  
stealing my life.

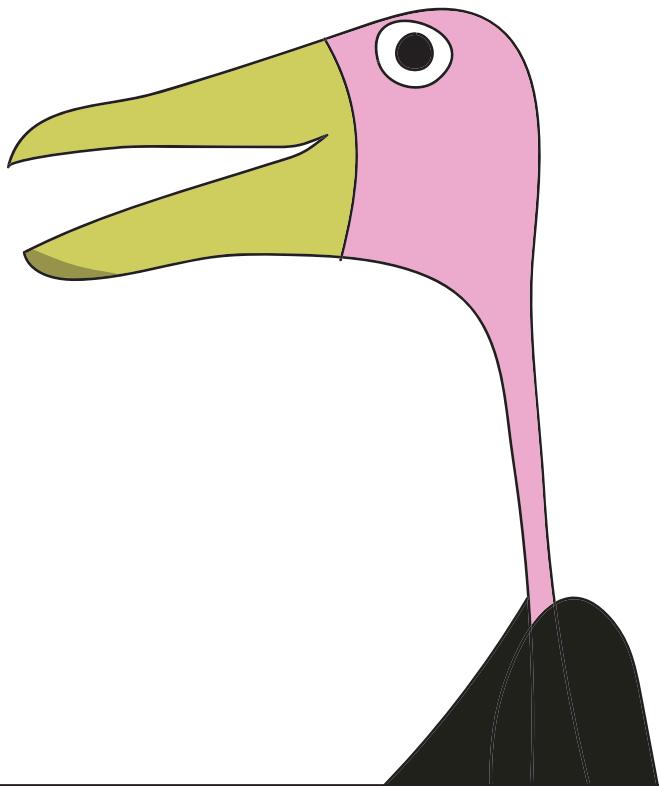
Fine.

## Chapter 2 – Hurt



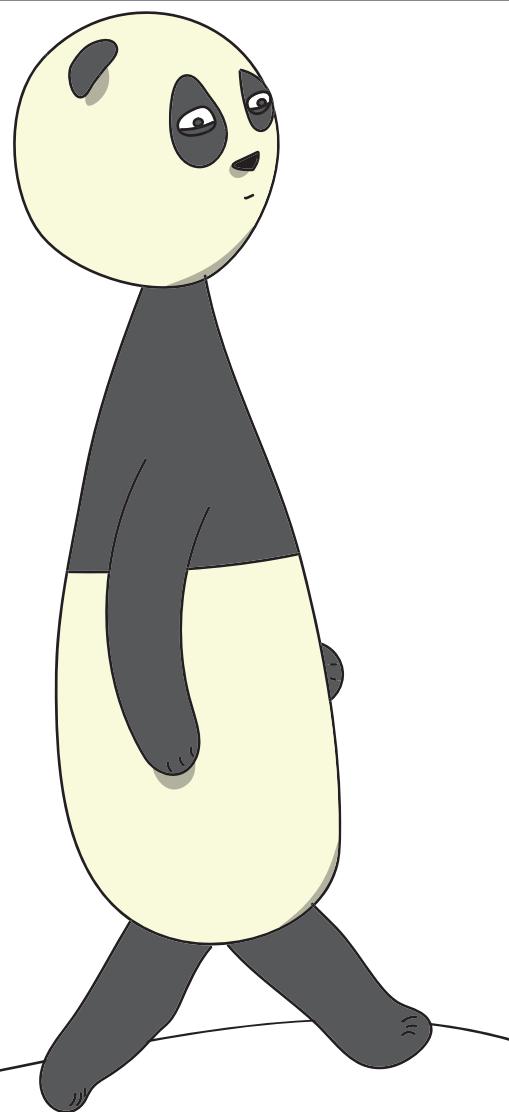
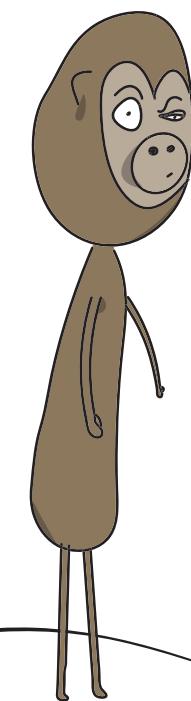


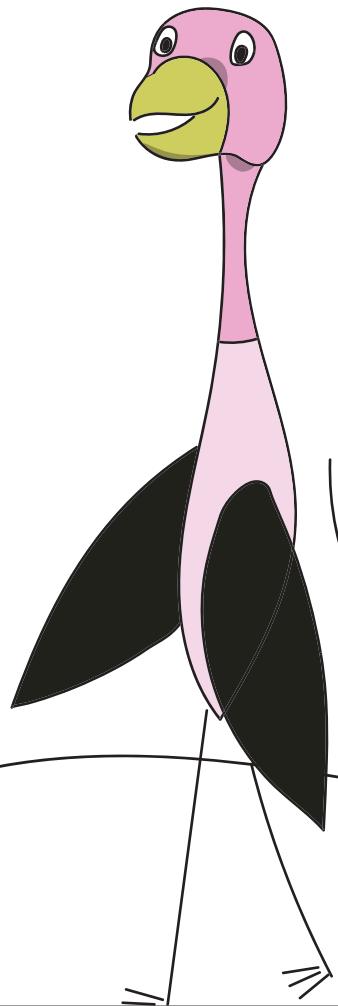
Did you say Dogneetus?  
Dogneetus from Greece?  
said Janus the Stork



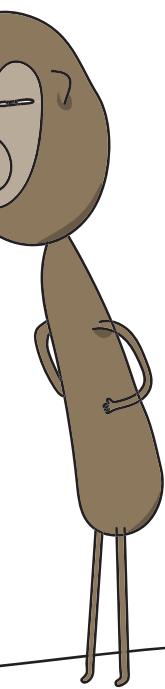
Yeah...

Oh, she is amazing.

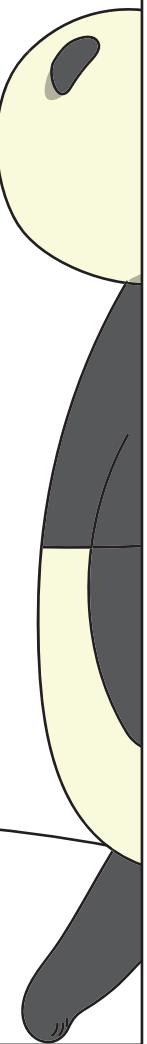




How do you know  
her? asked Marcus

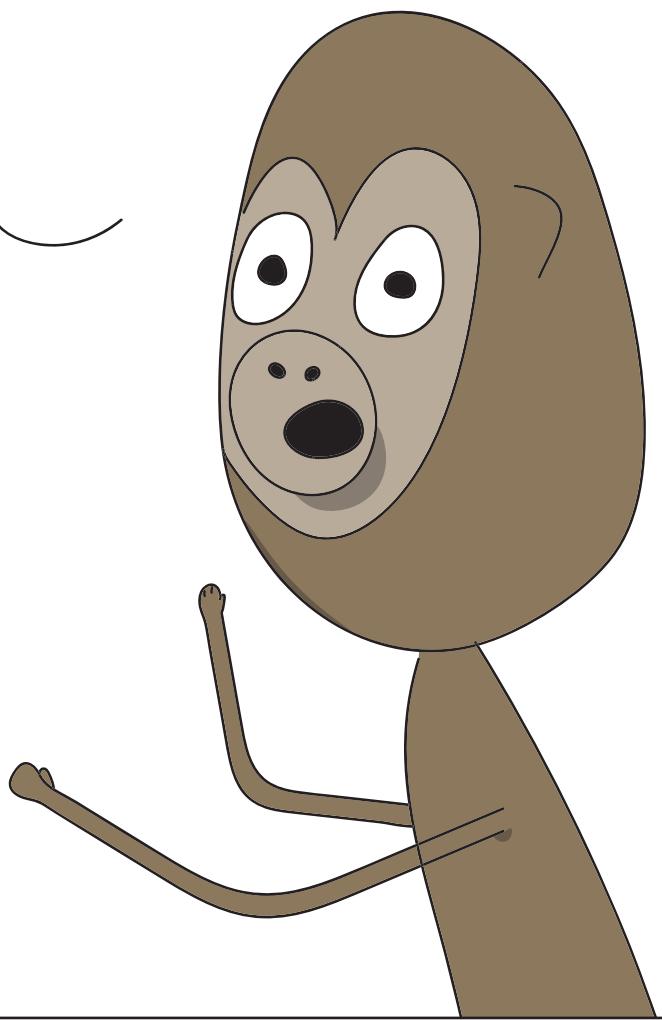


I have not met her,  
but everyone knows  
her. She is famous.

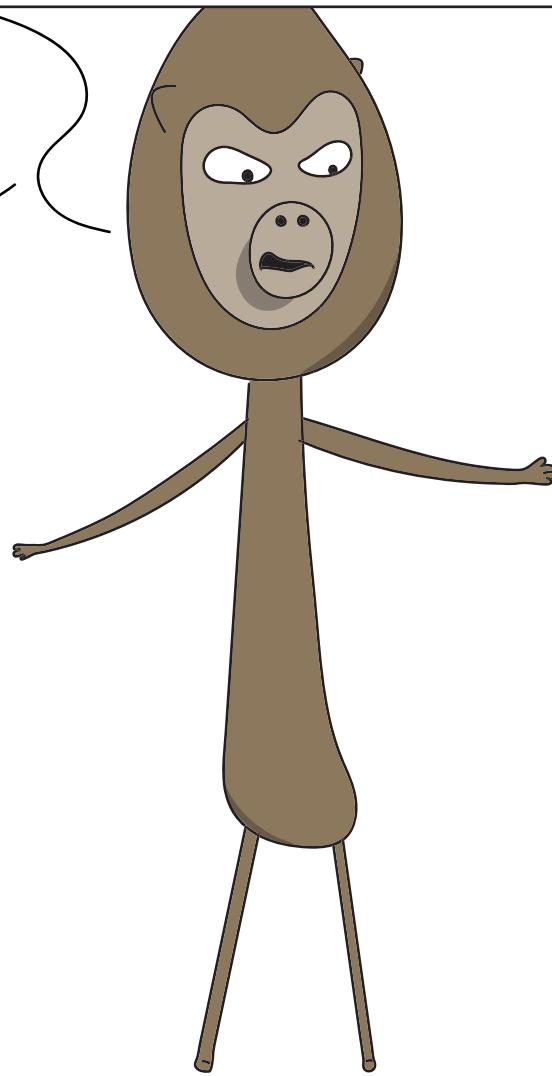


asked Marcus  
asked Marcus  
asked Marcus  
asked Marcus  
Famous for what?

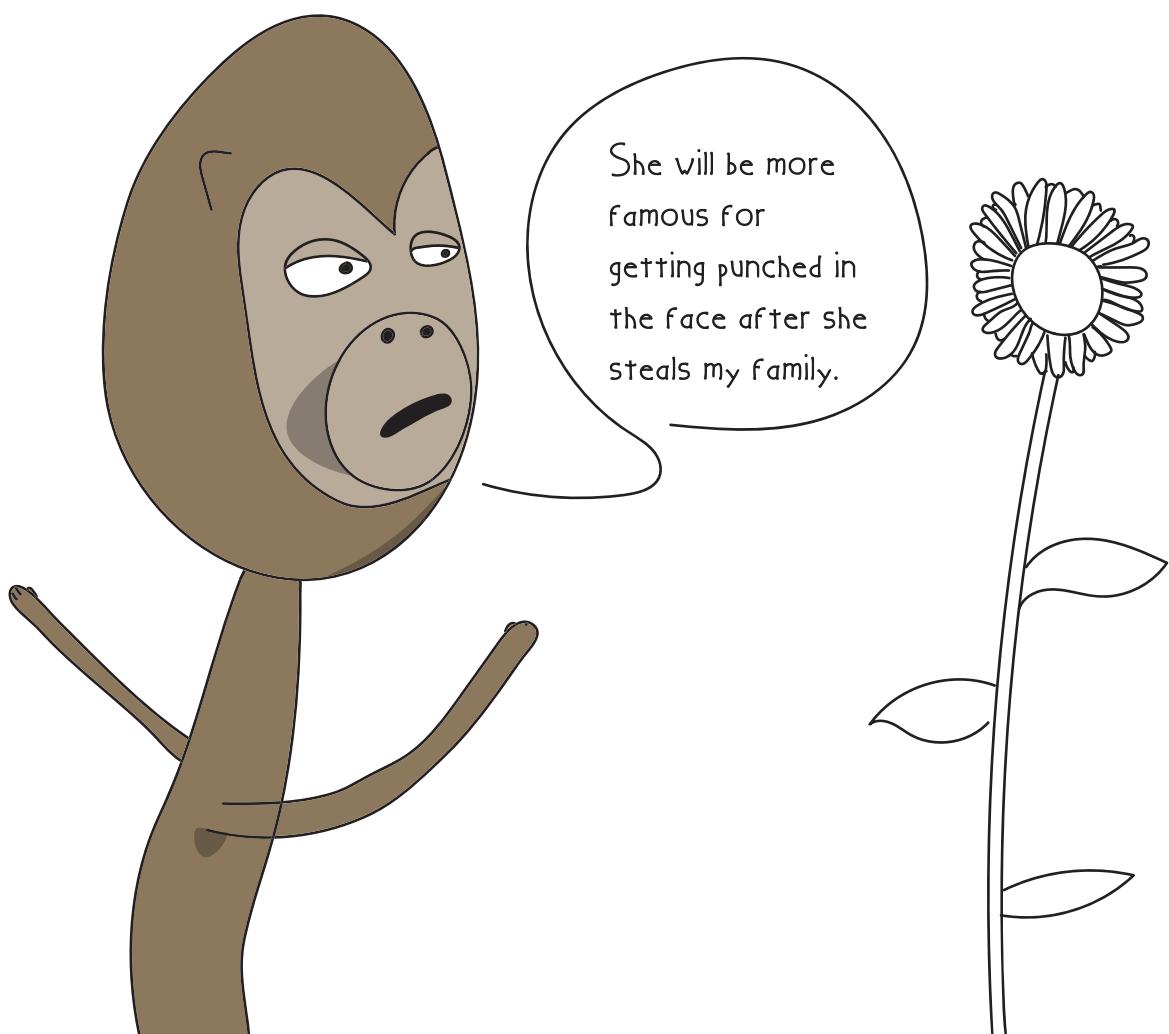
Frescoes. Beautiful  
wall paintings...

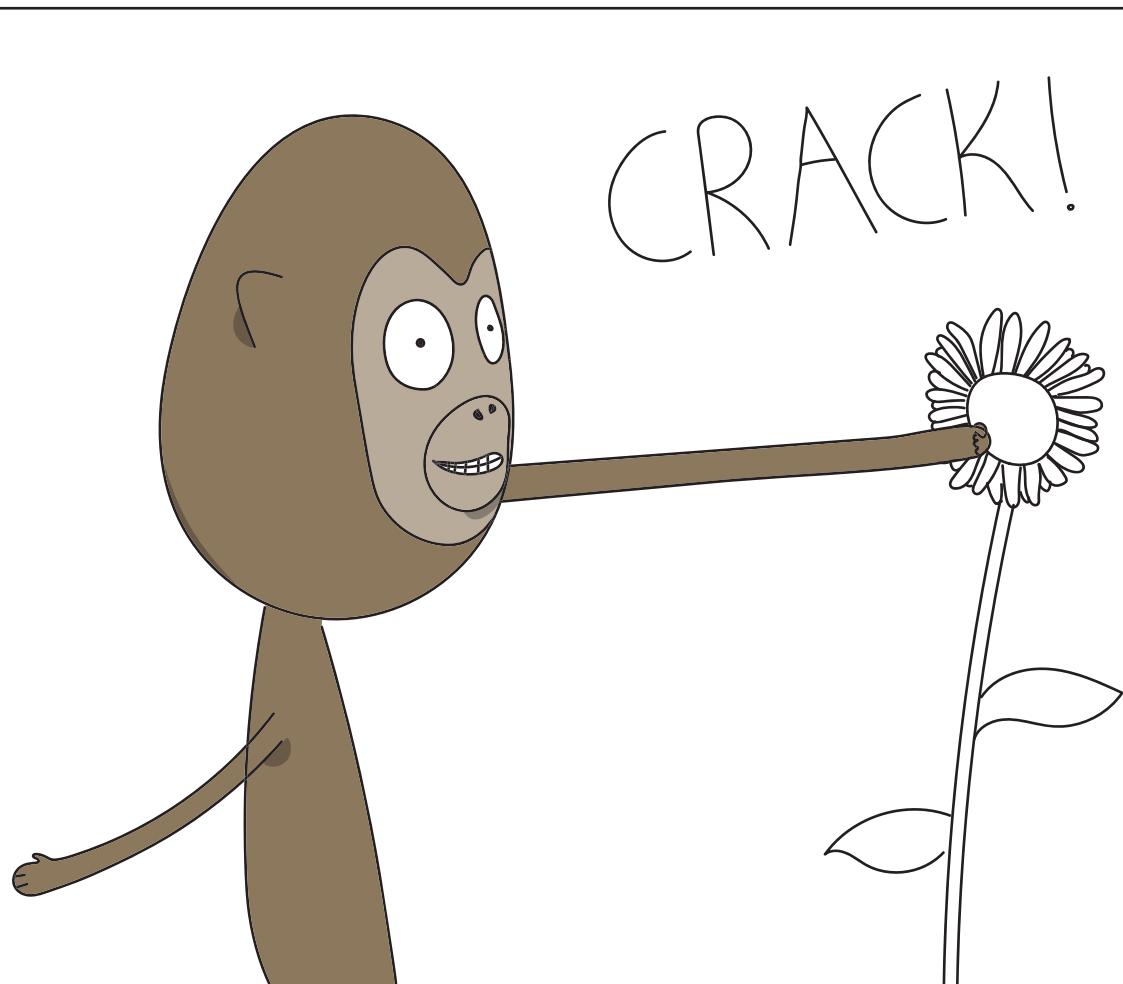
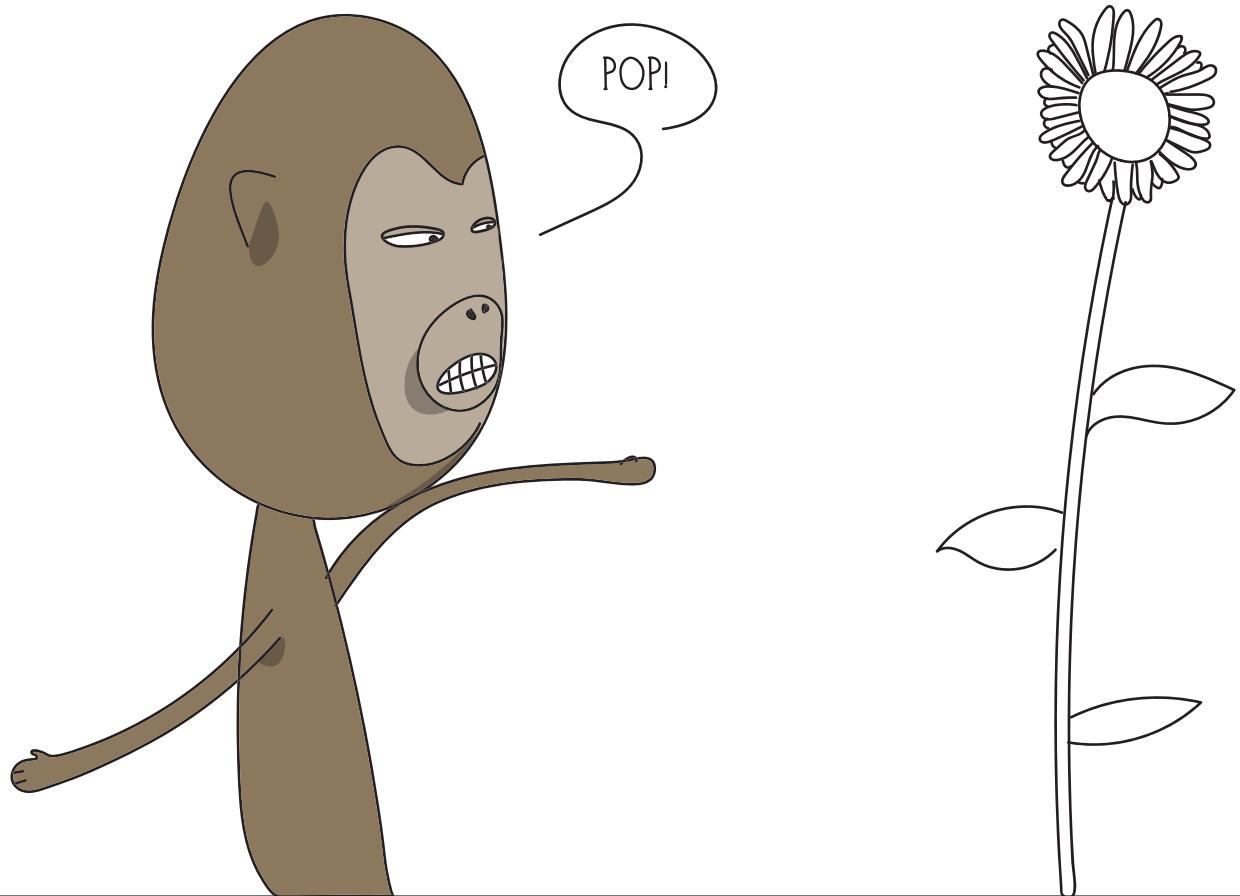


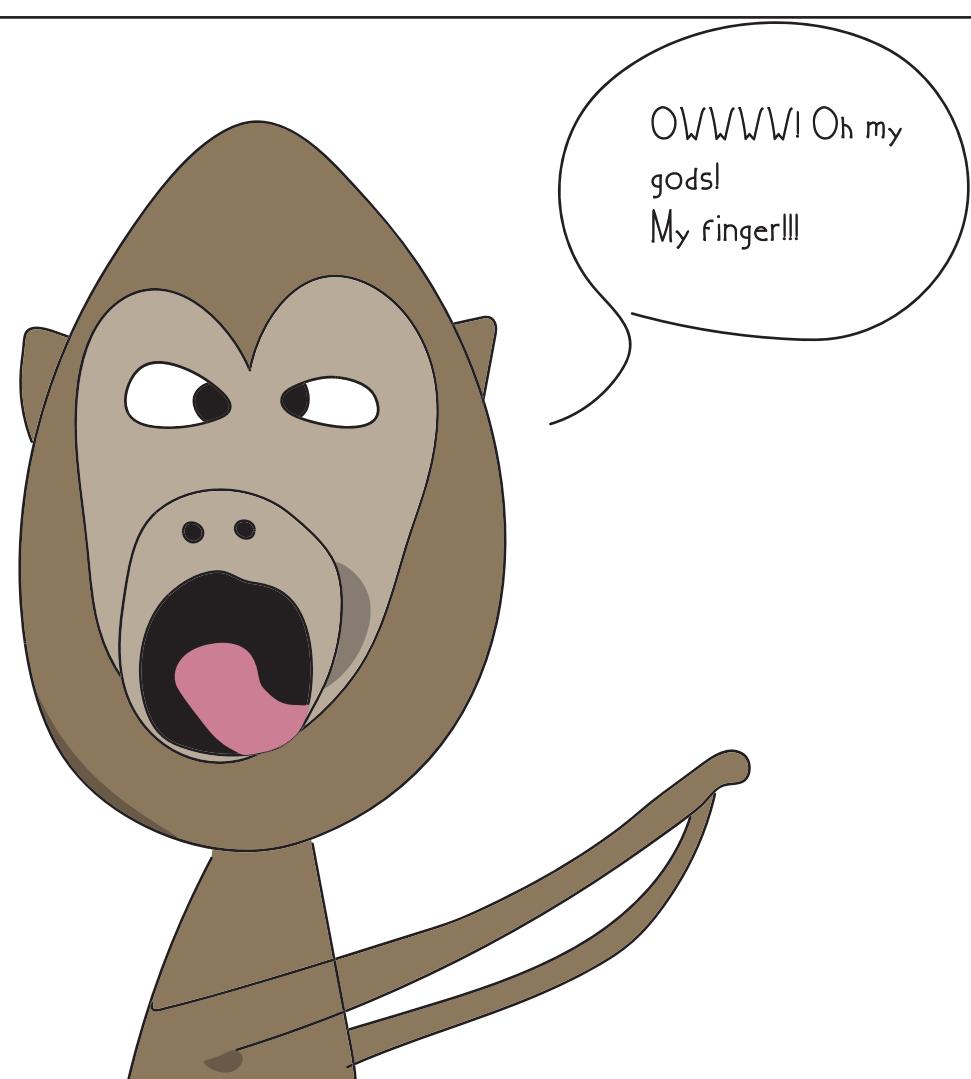
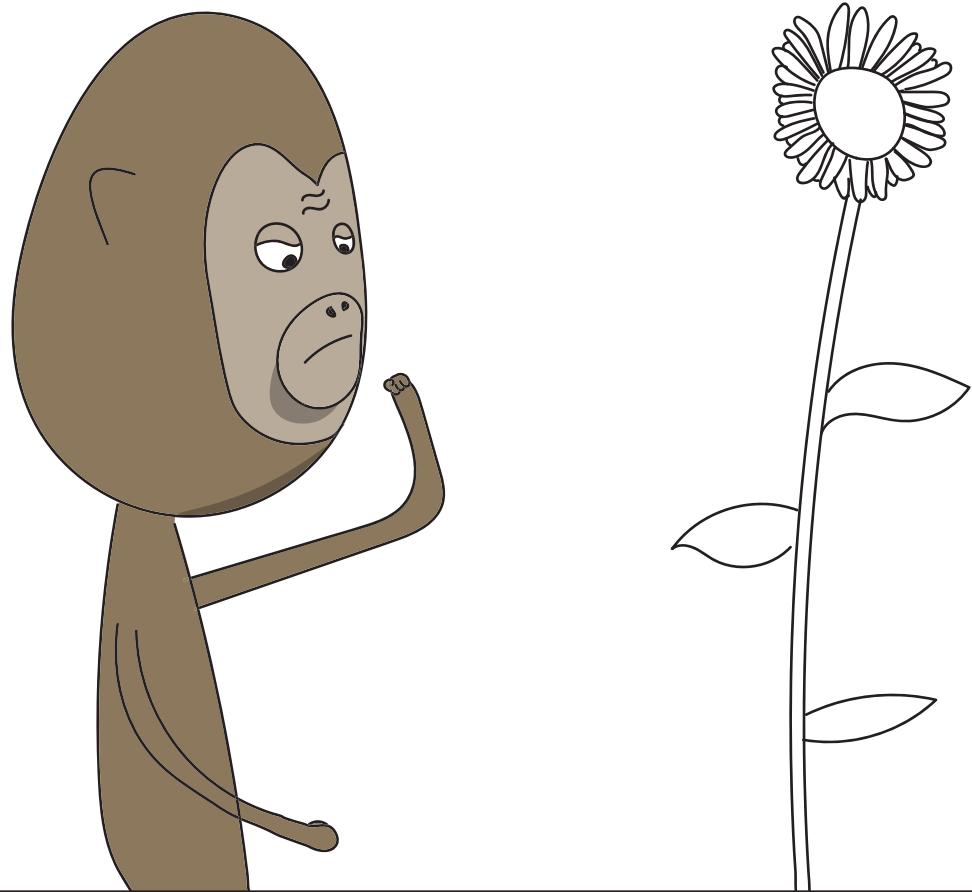
Great. She is famous.

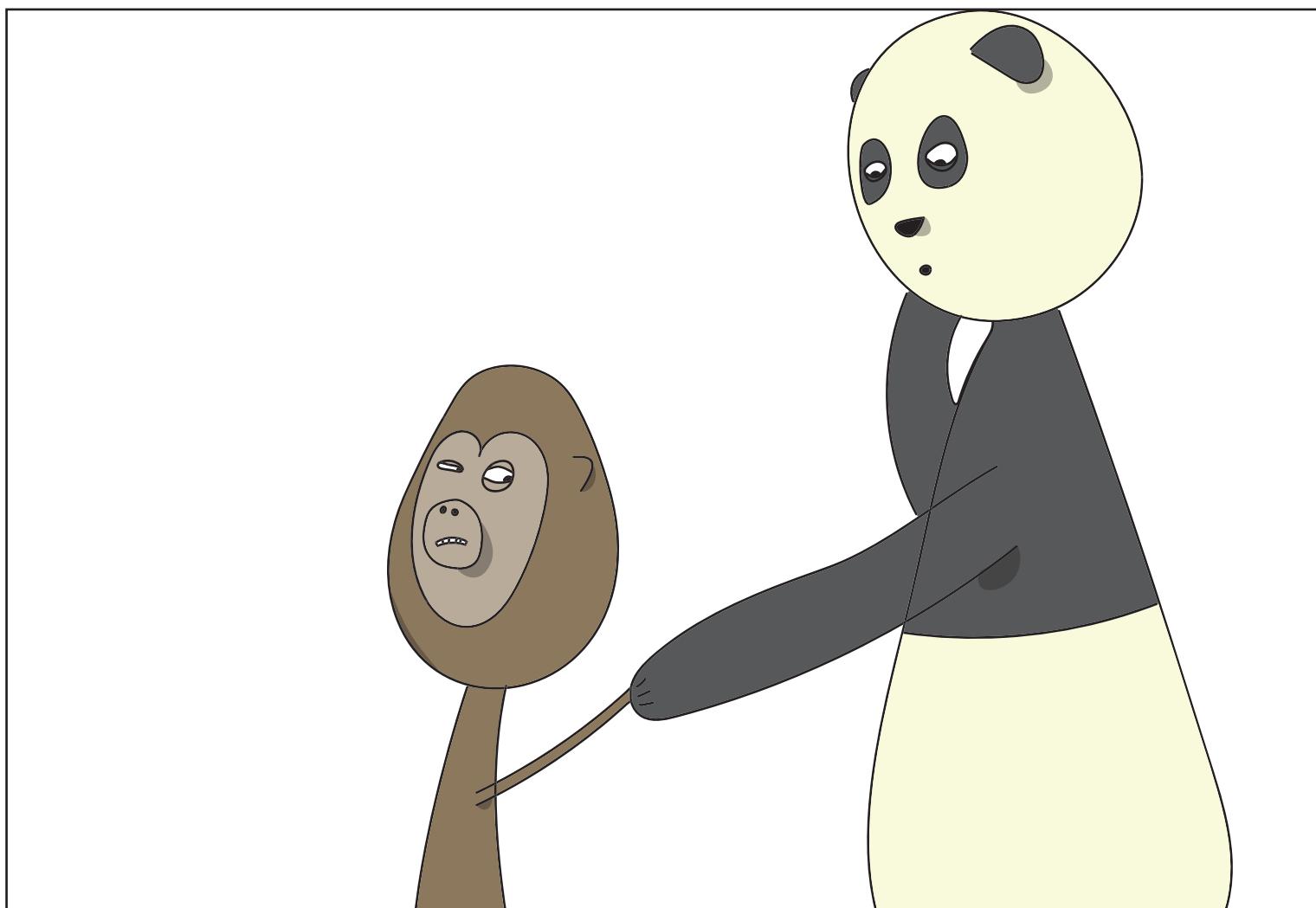
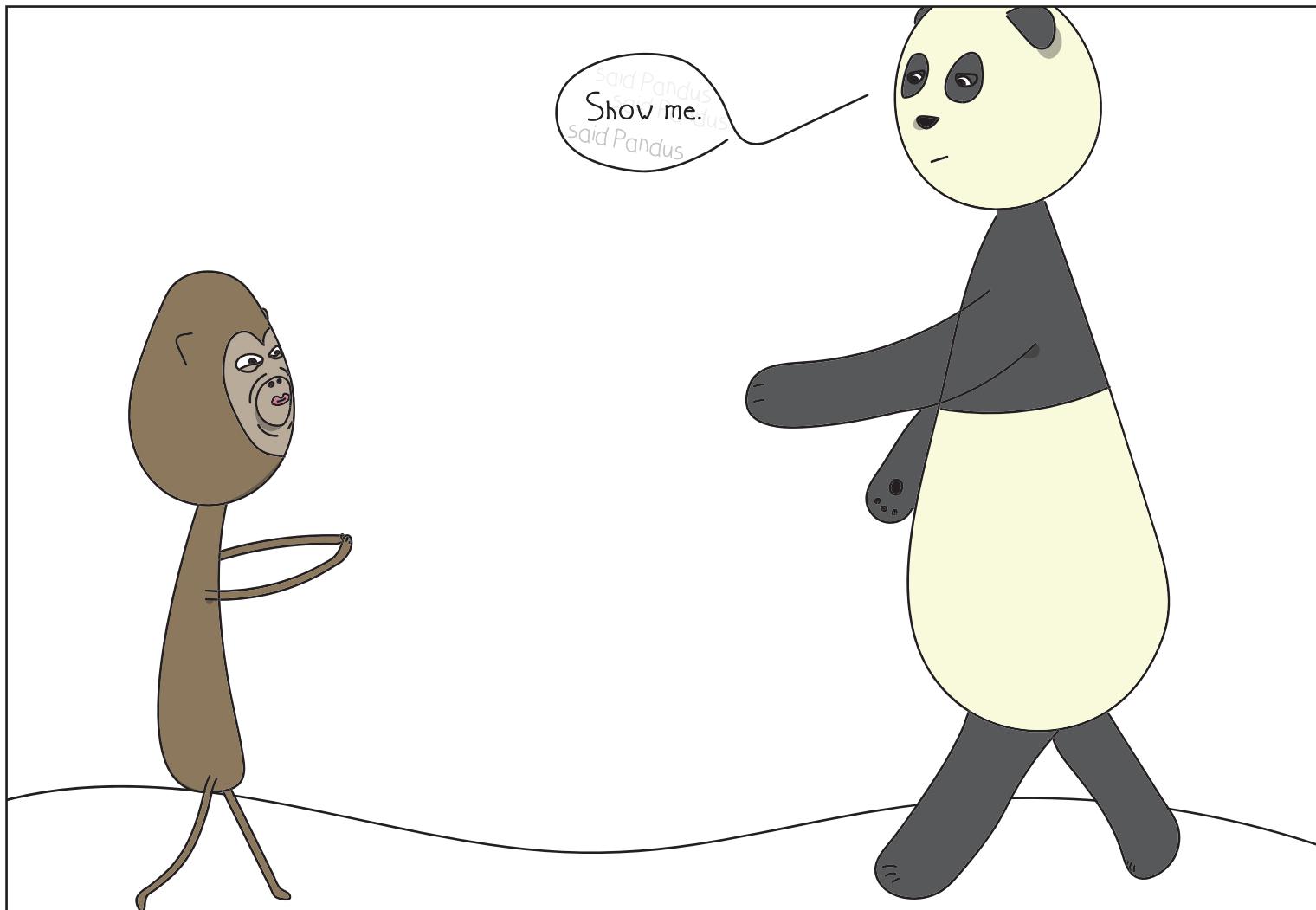


She will be more famous for getting punched in the face after she steals my family.



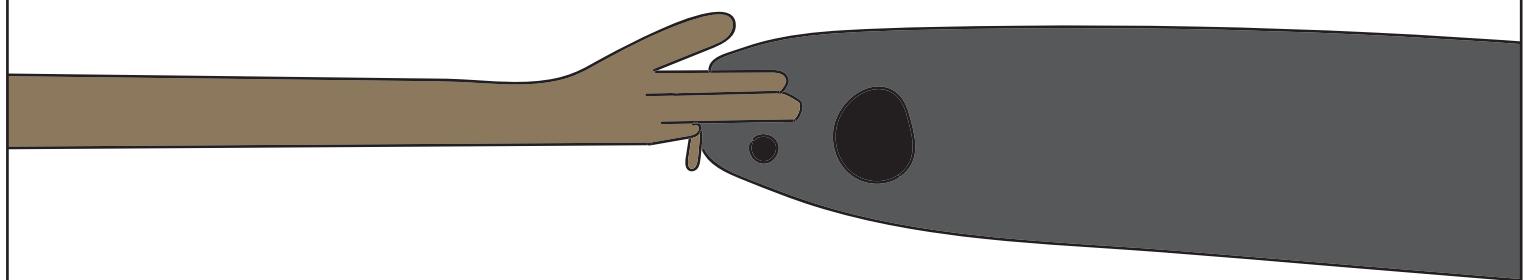






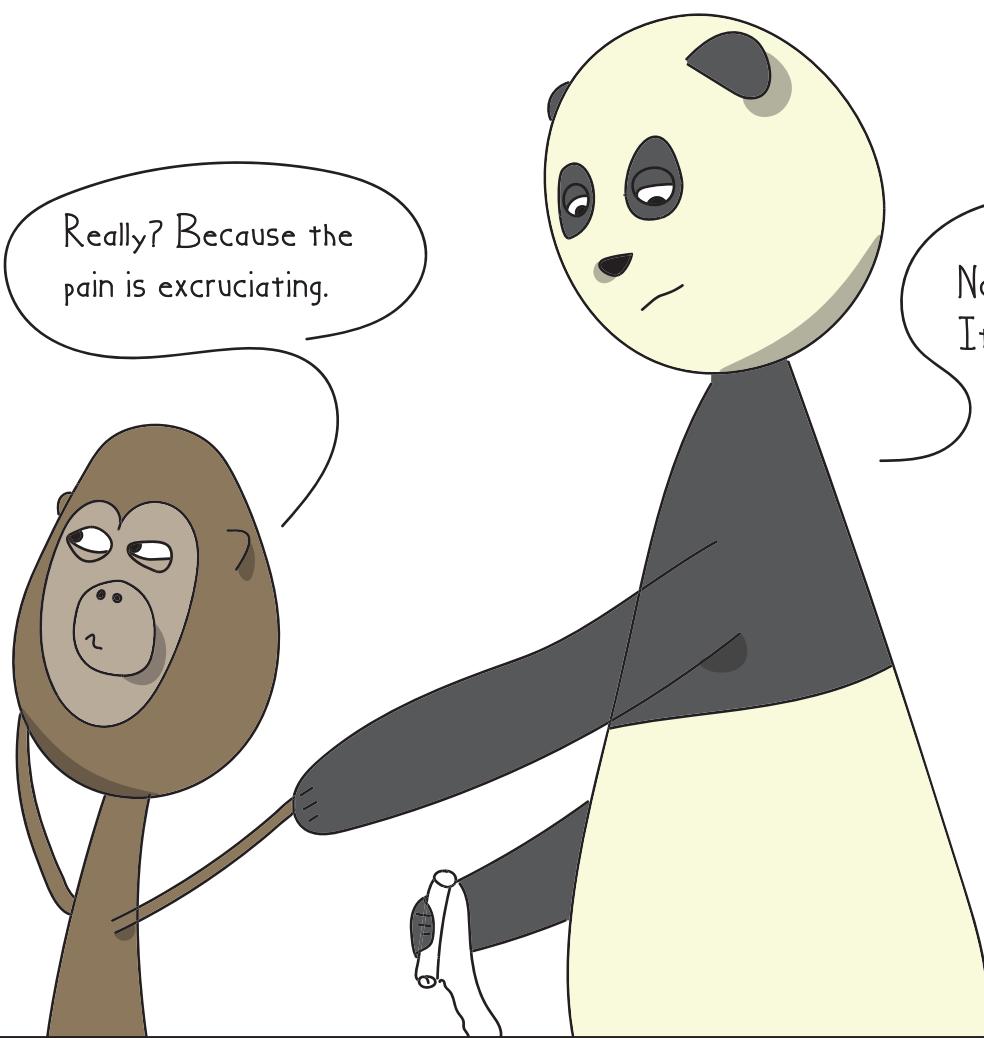
Is it bad?

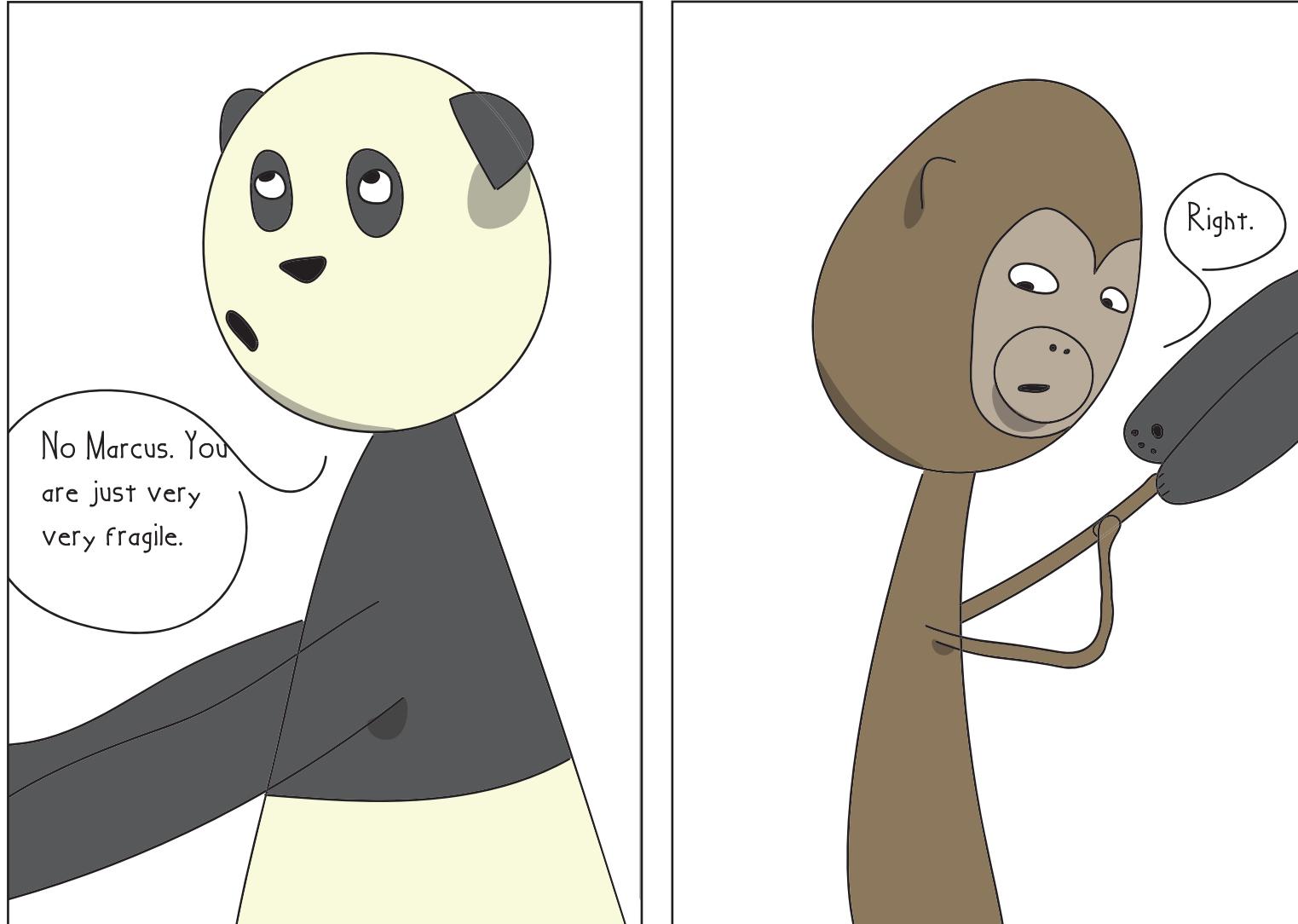
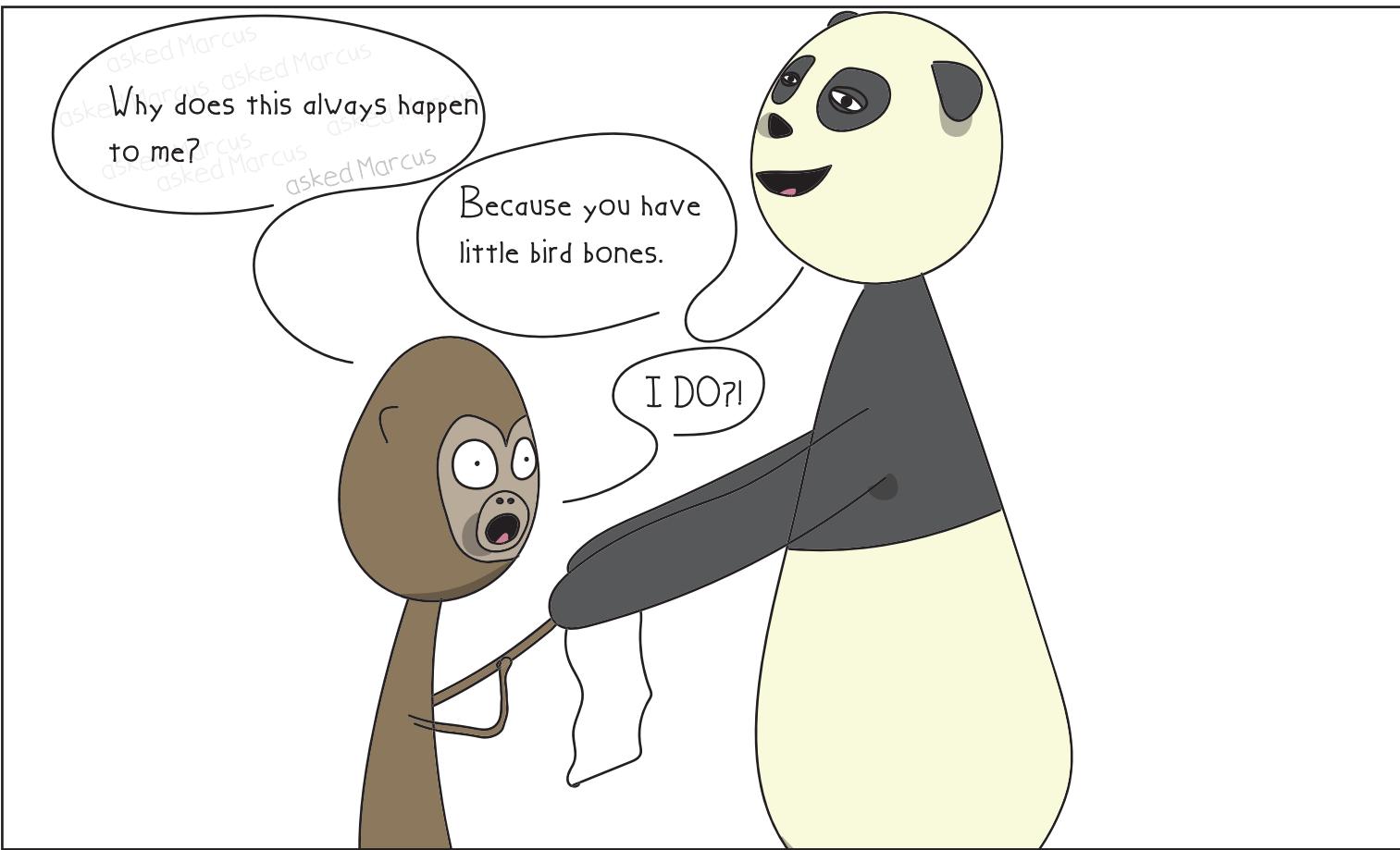
Said Pandus  
Just a  
scratch.  
Said Pandus



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.

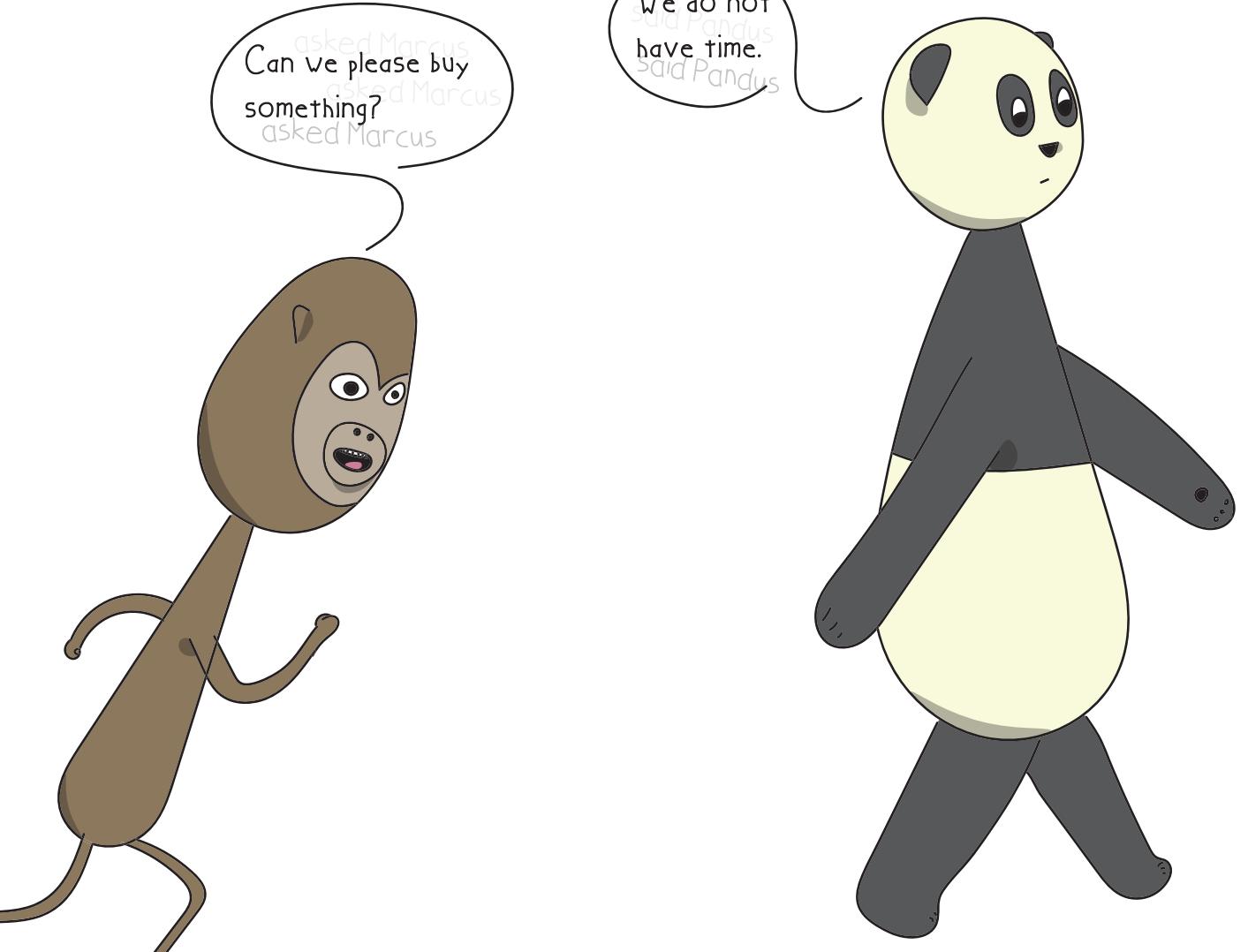
## Chapter 3 – Terry

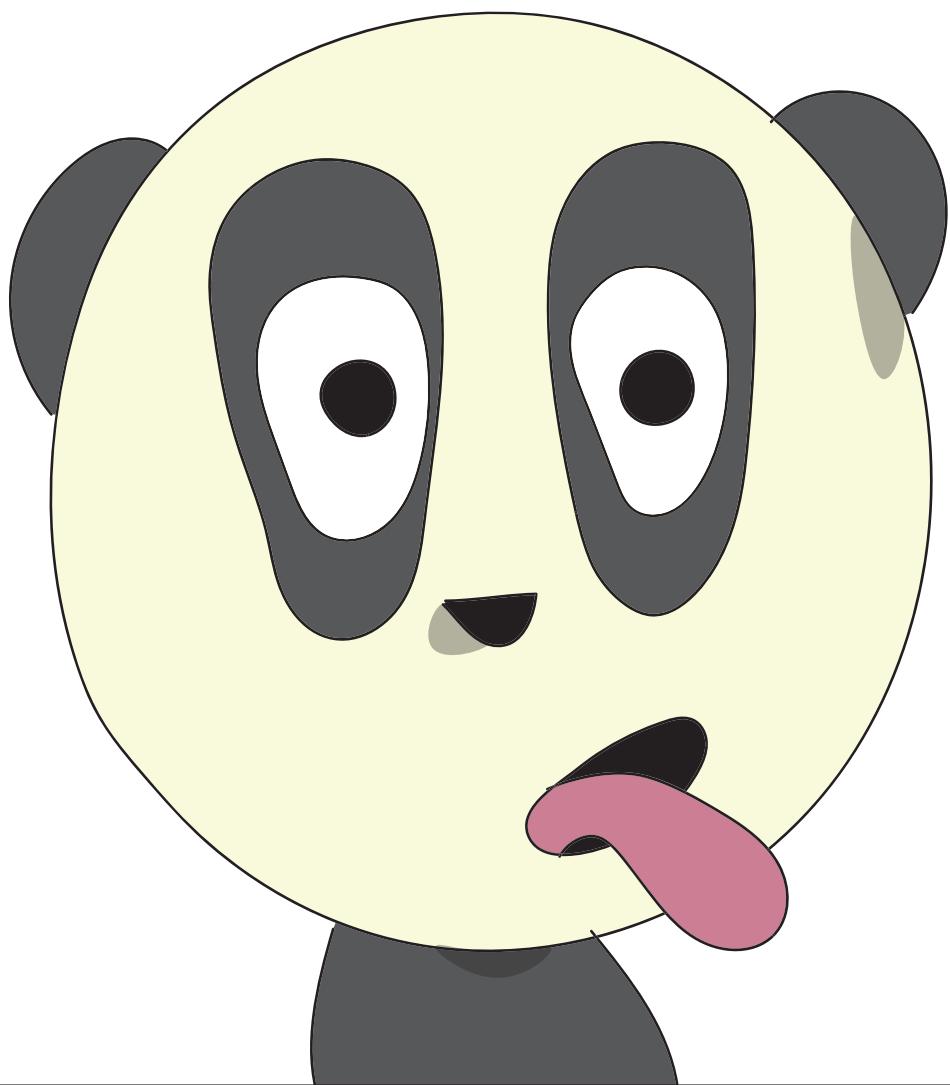
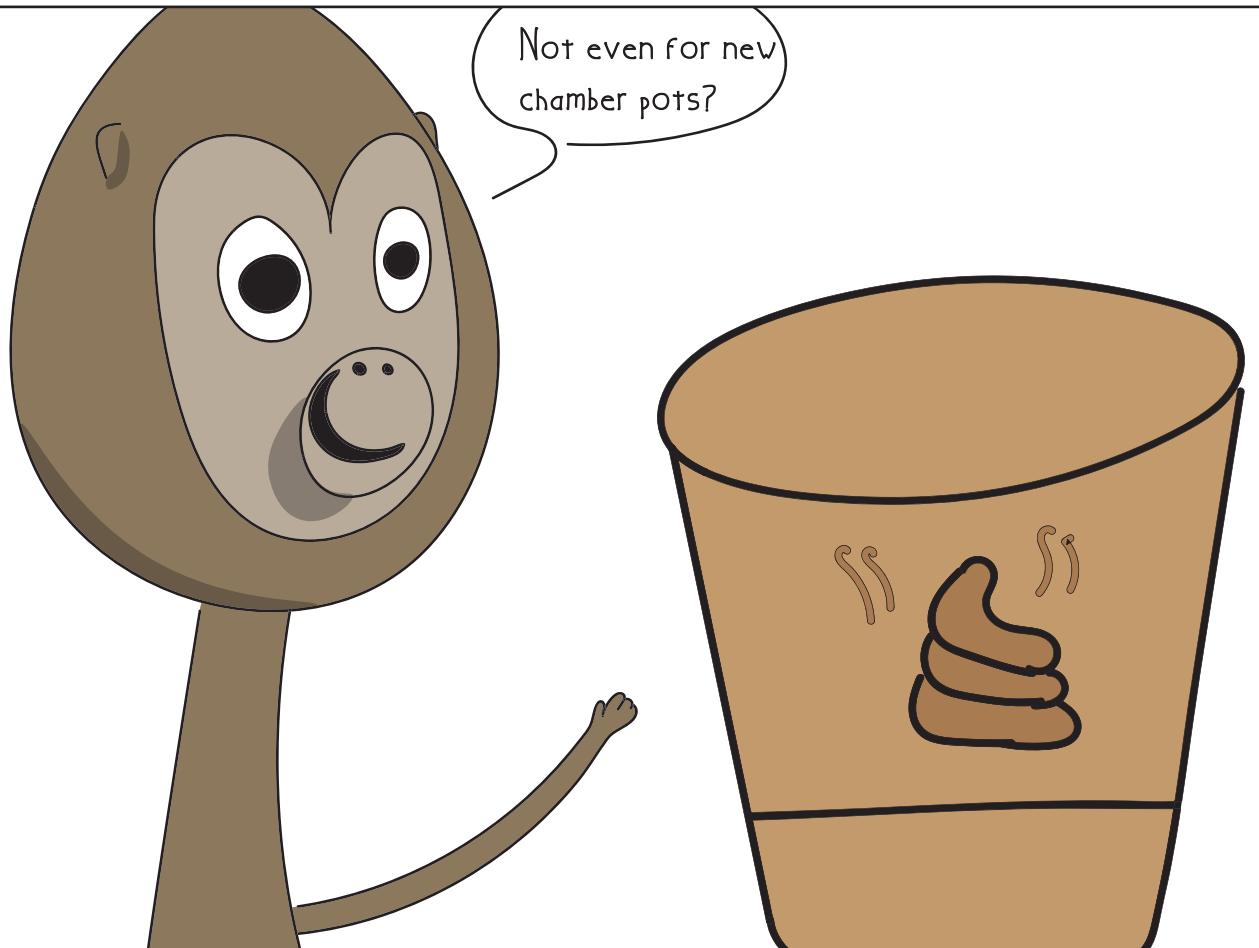
For sale today only! The extra  
extra light stoic pillow!  
Completely featherless! Terry  
will help you sleep like a baby!



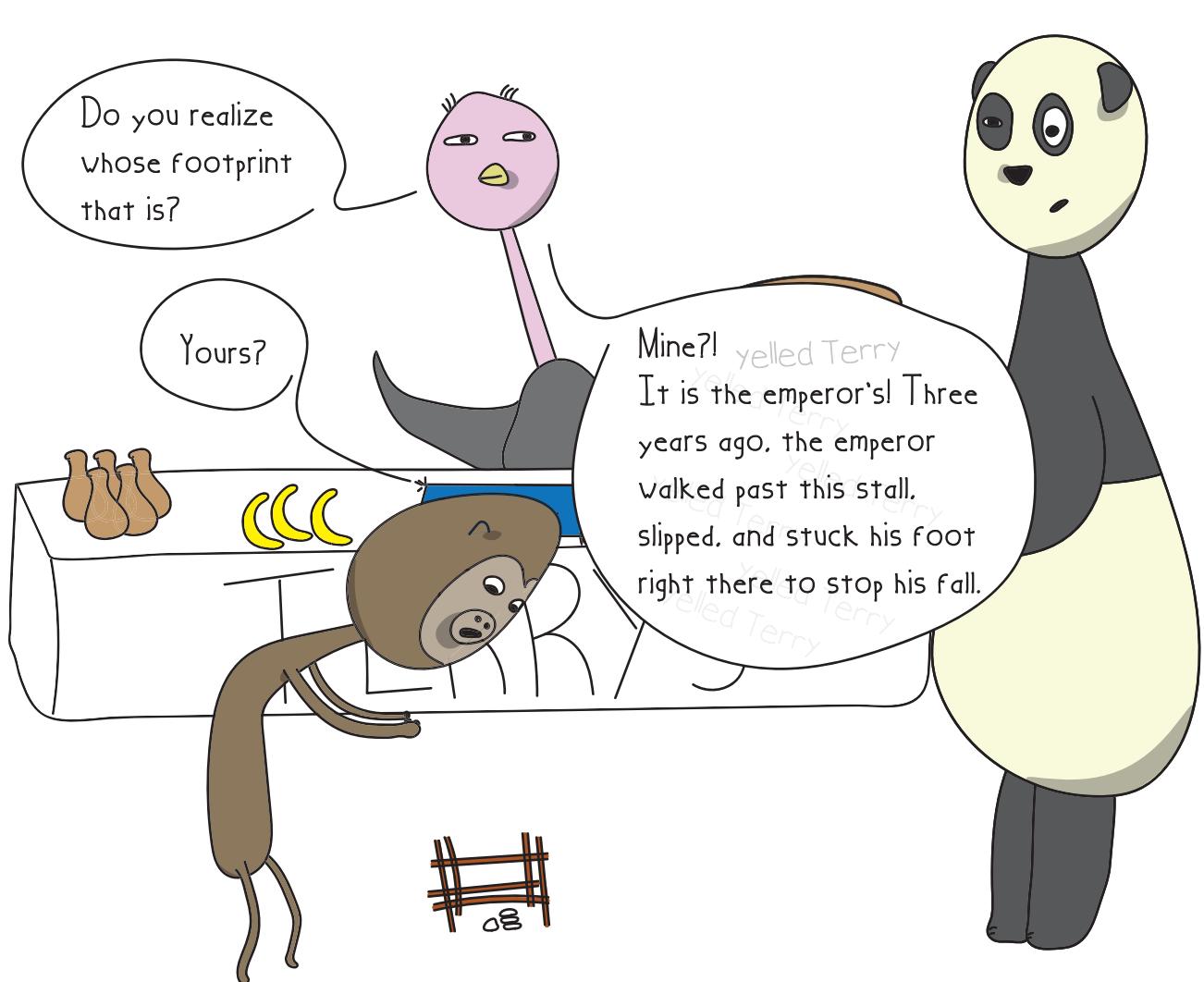
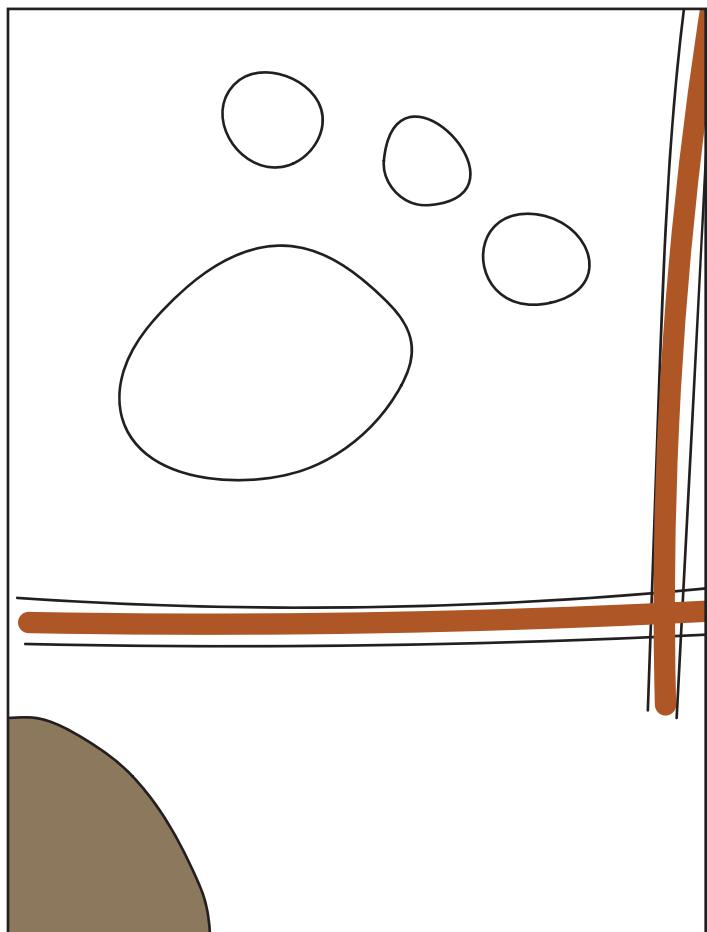
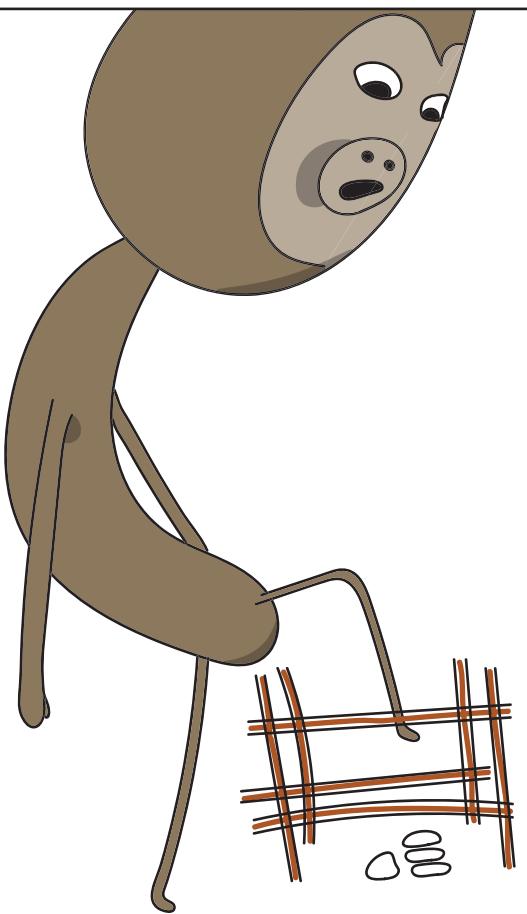
asked Marcus  
Can we please buy  
something?  
asked Marcus

We do not  
have time.  
Said Pandus



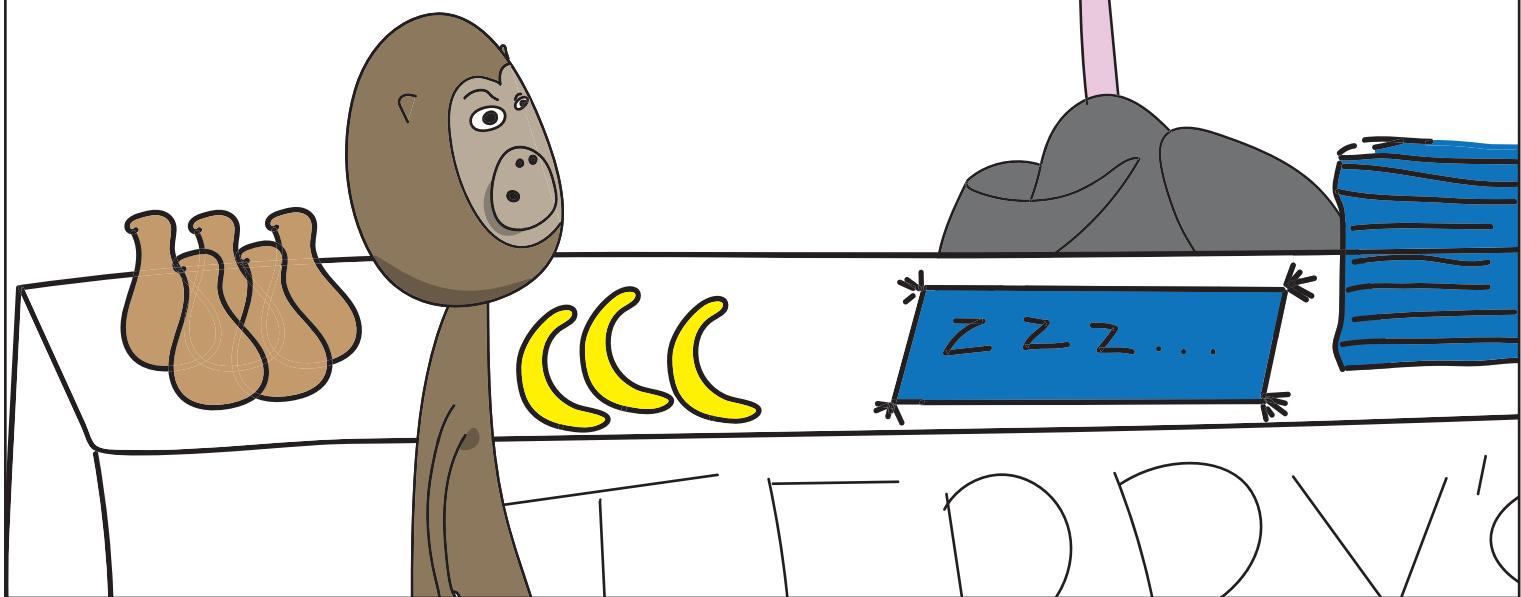




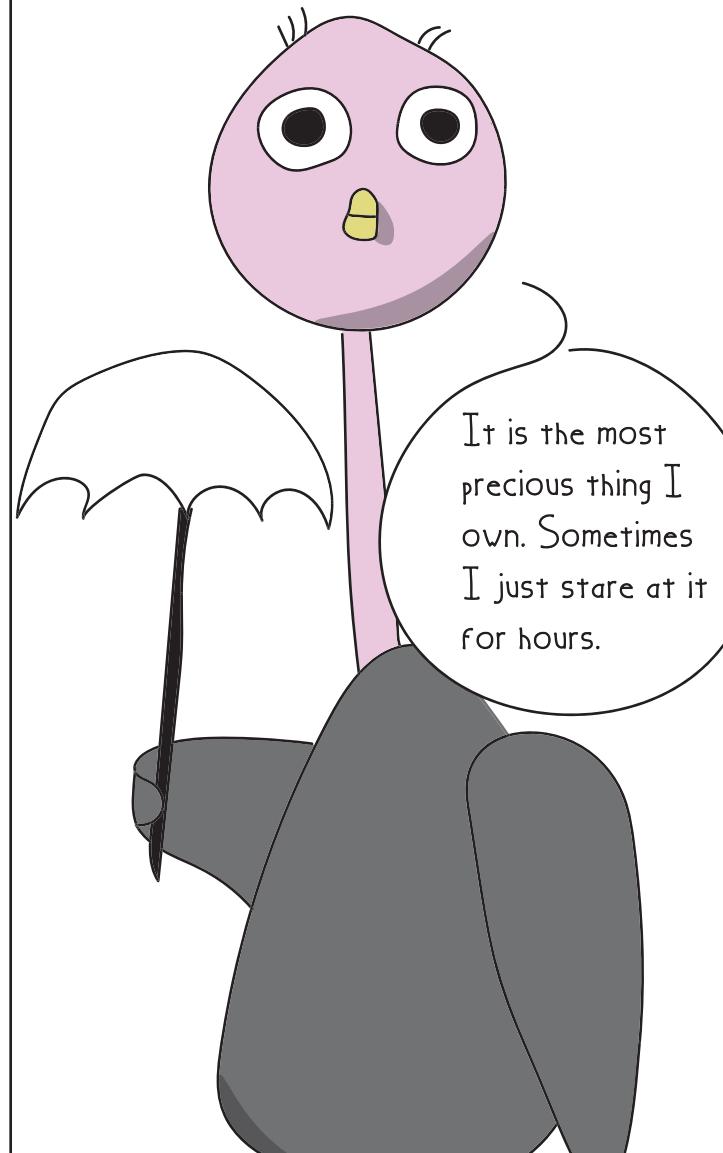
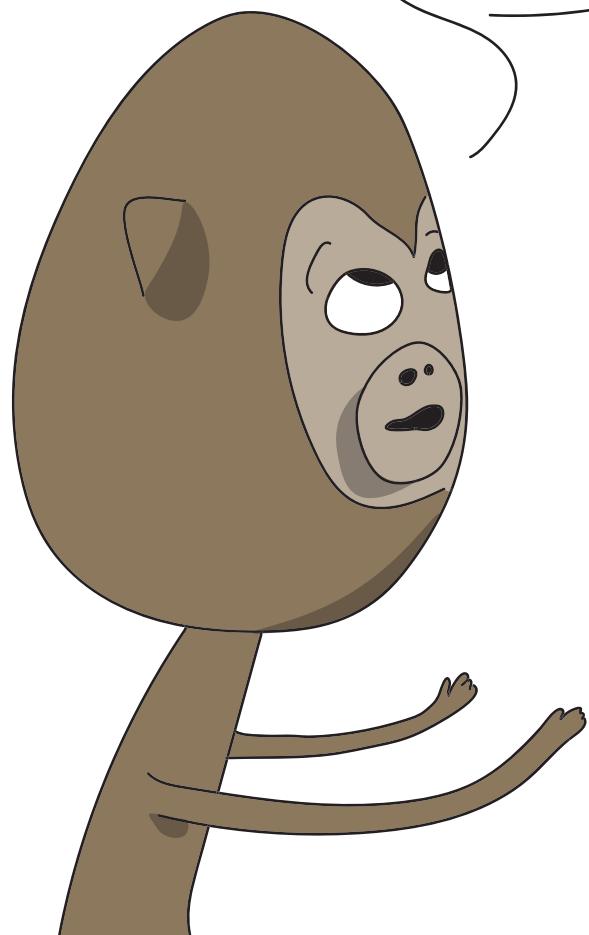


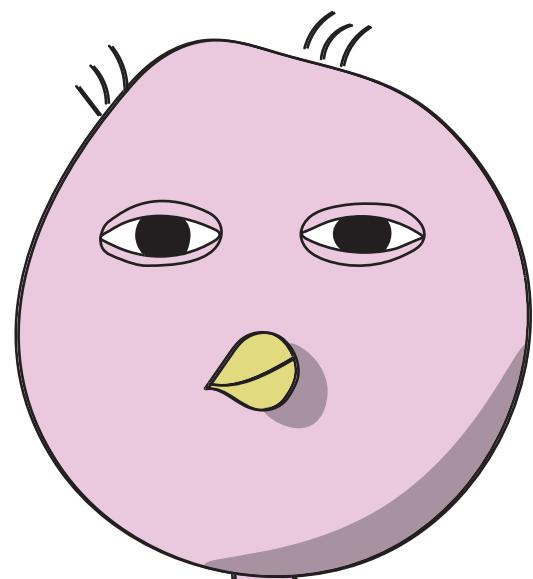
asked  
"And you put a fence  
around it?"  
asked Marcus

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

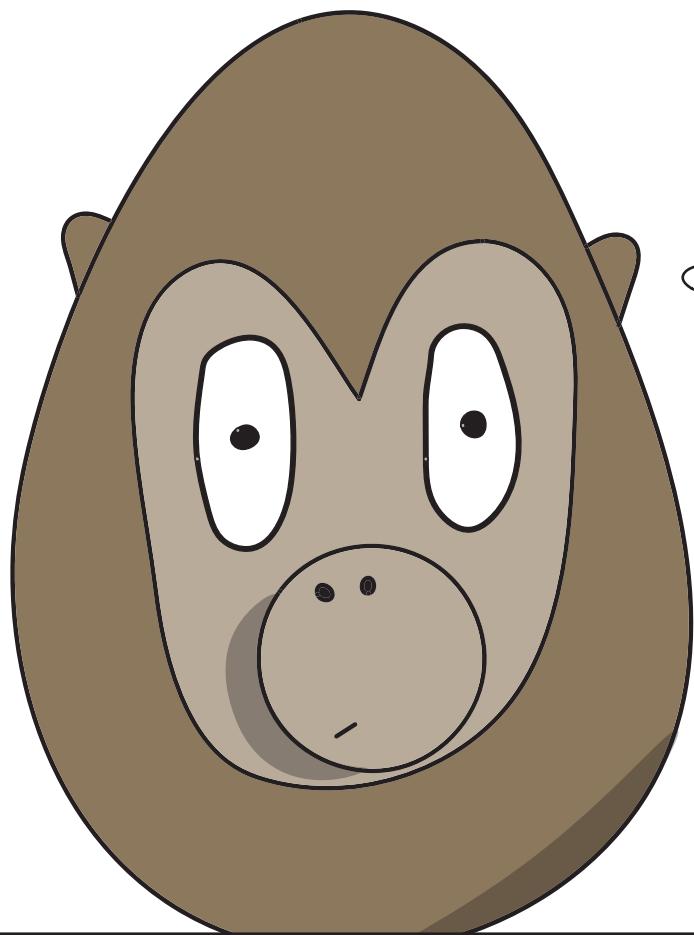


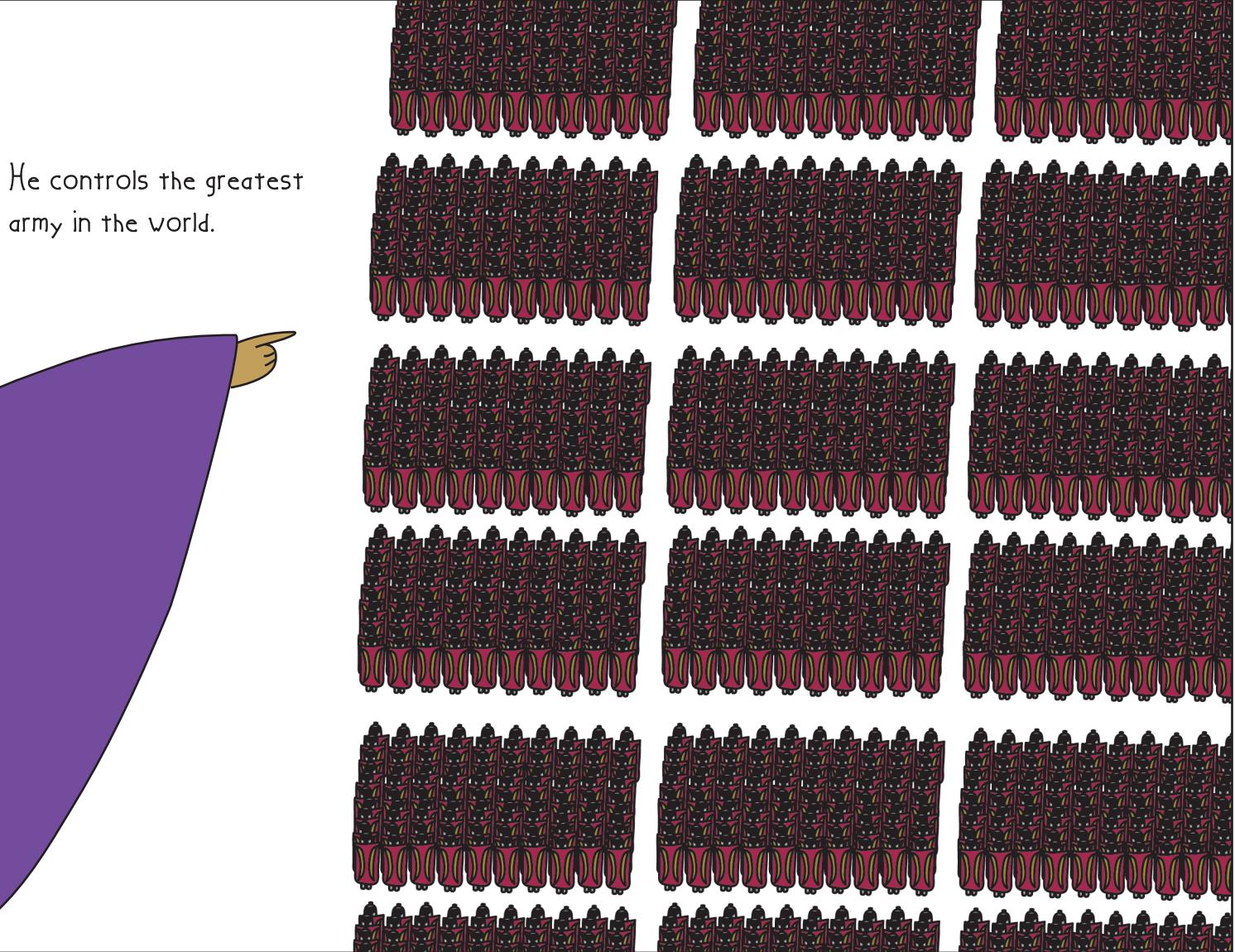
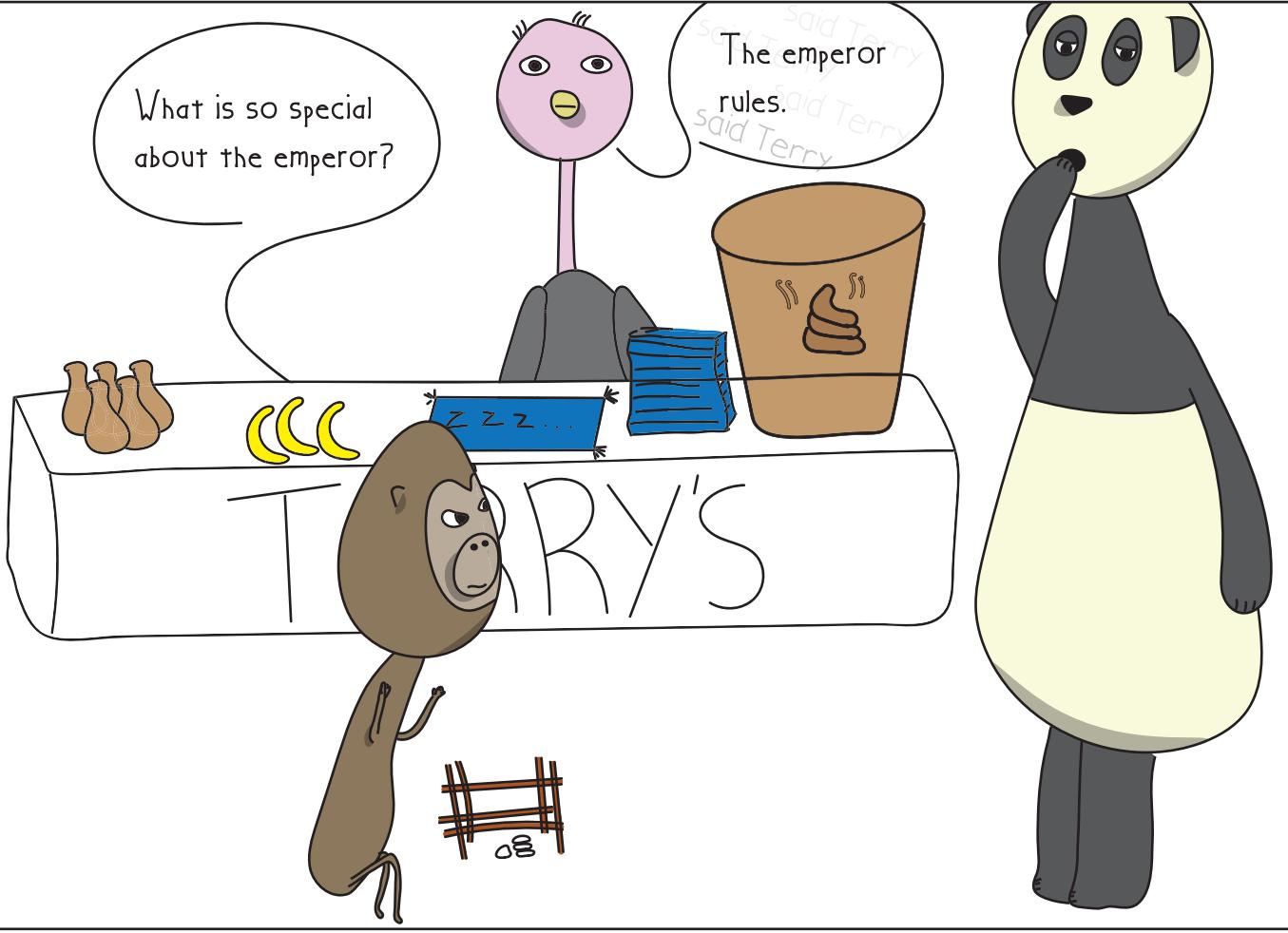
What do you do  
when it rains?



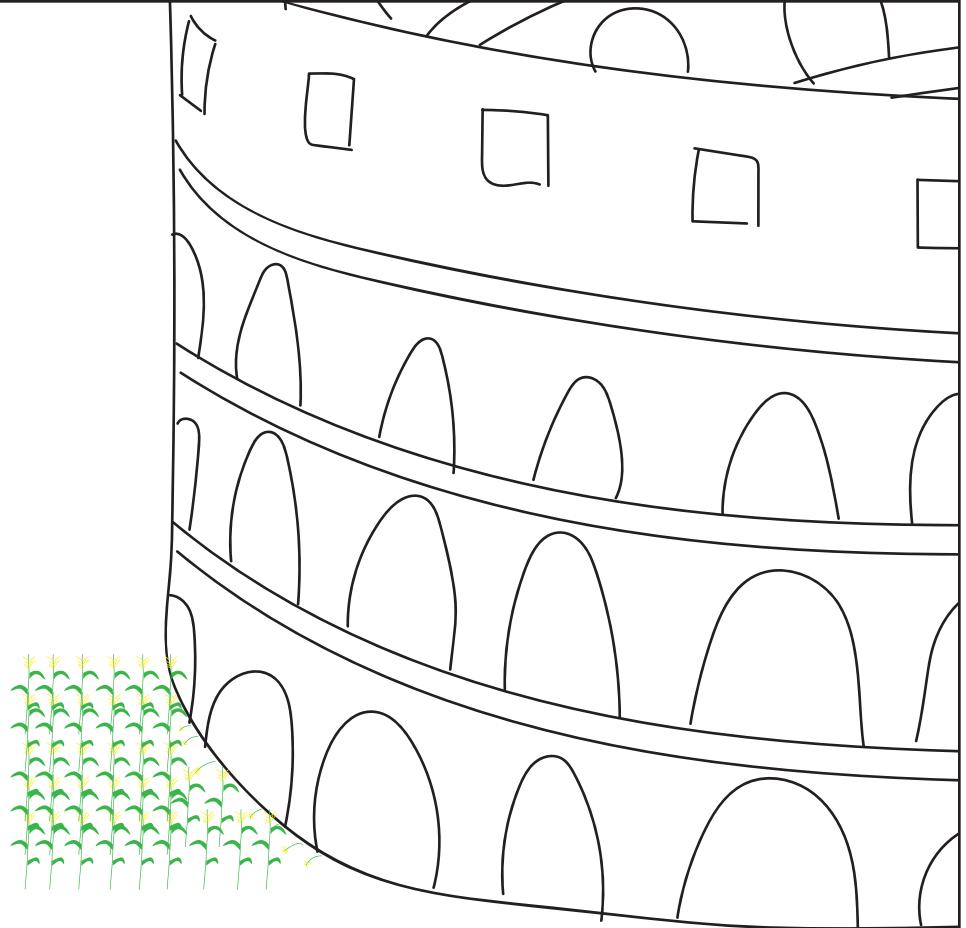
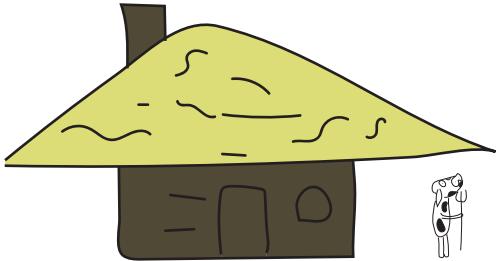


You think this is a chair I am sitting on?

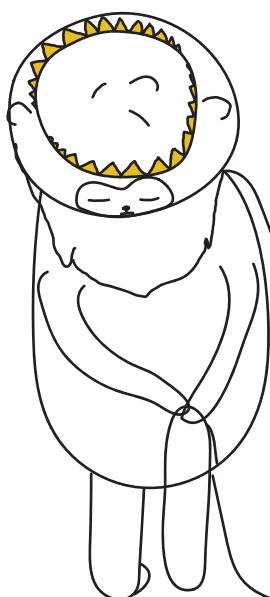
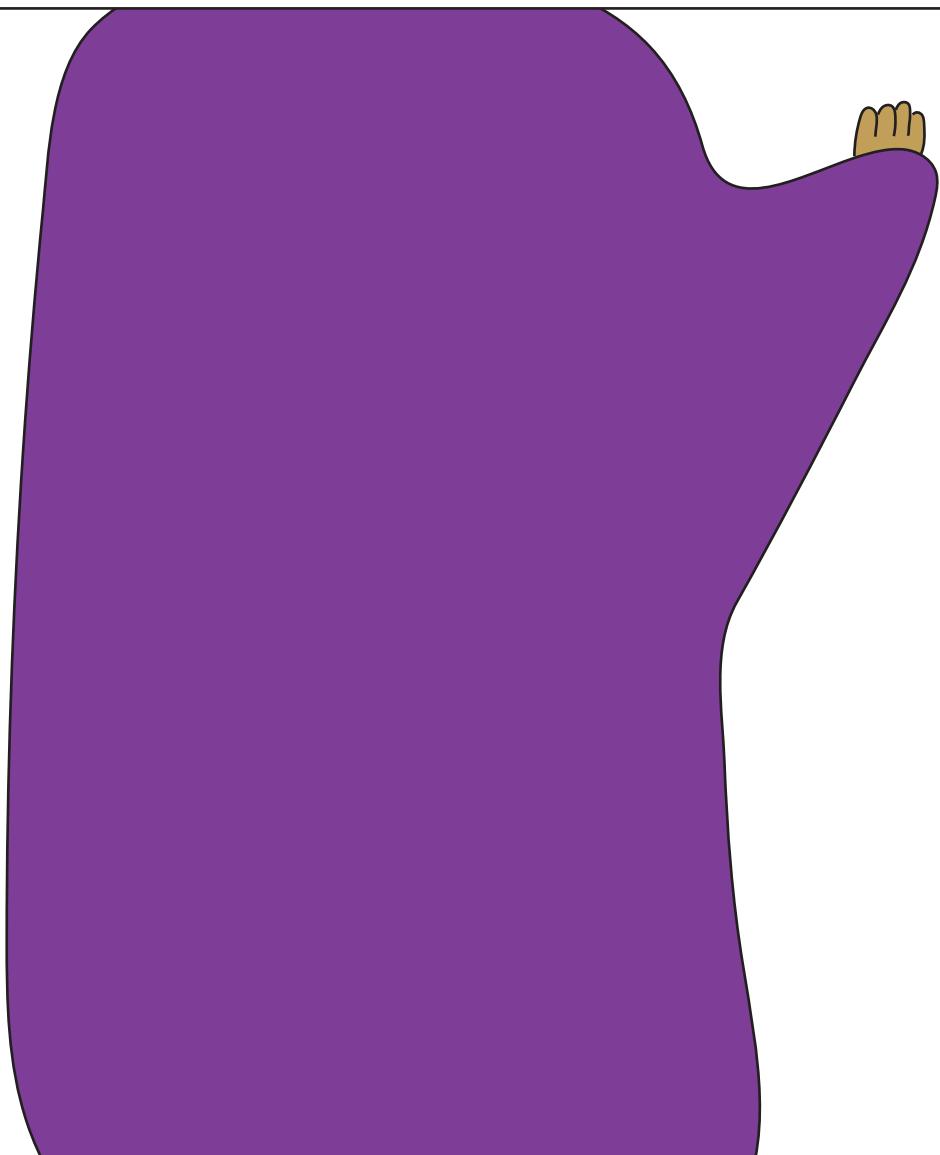




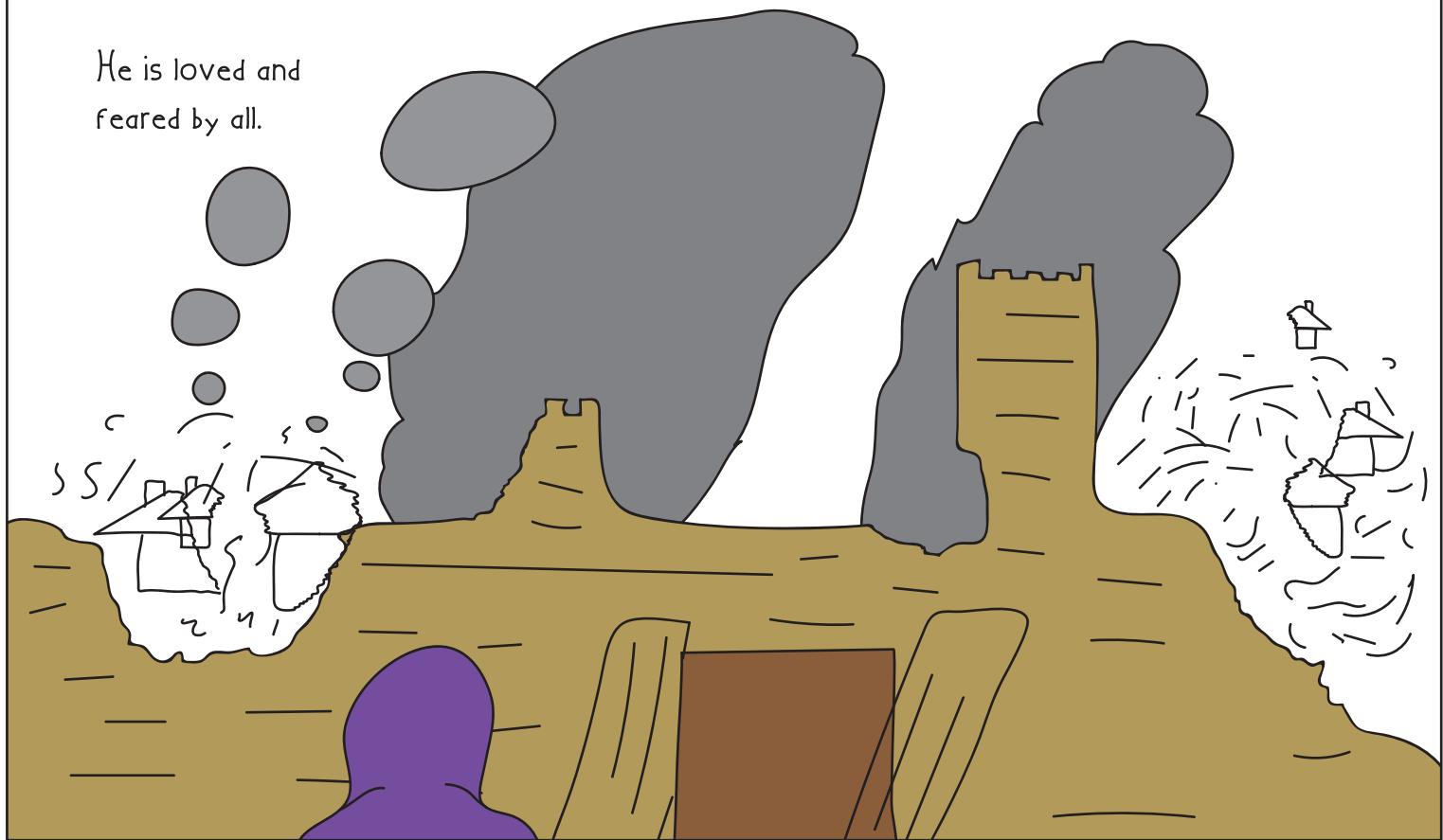
He builds whatever he  
wants, wherever he  
wants it.



Crowns kneel  
for him.

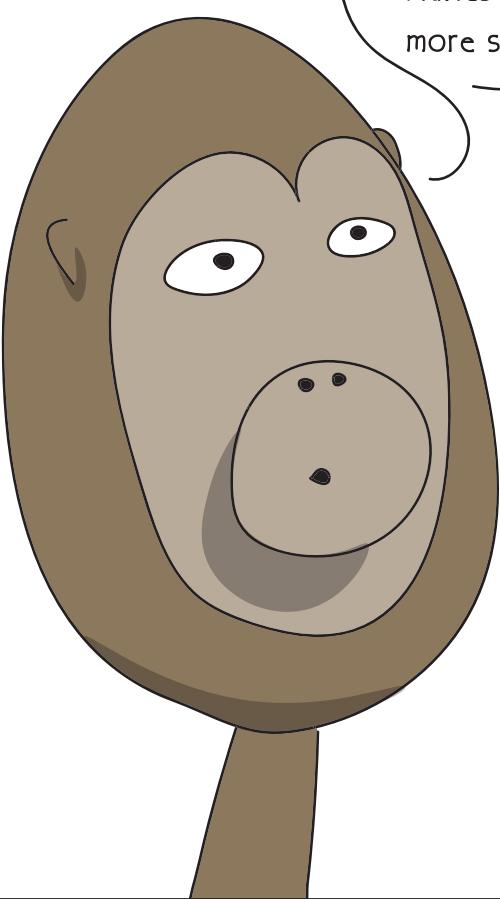


He is loved and  
feared by all.



And he  
stepped  
there.





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

