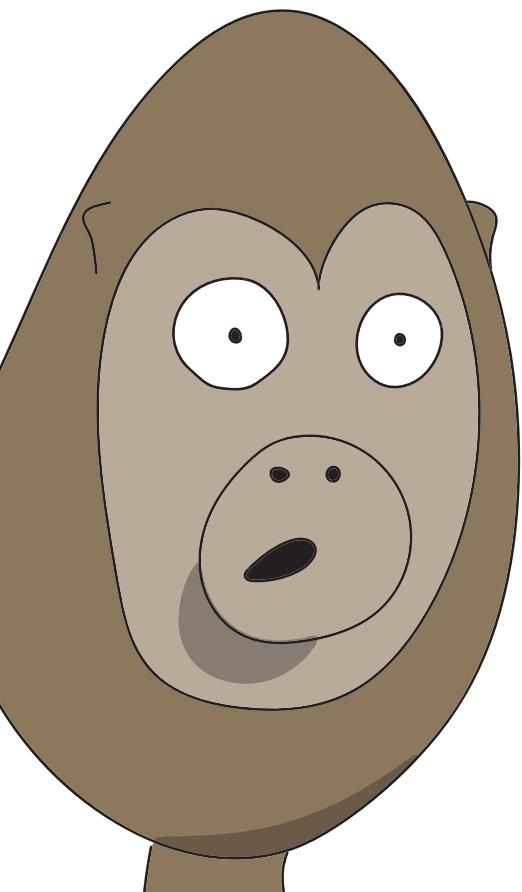
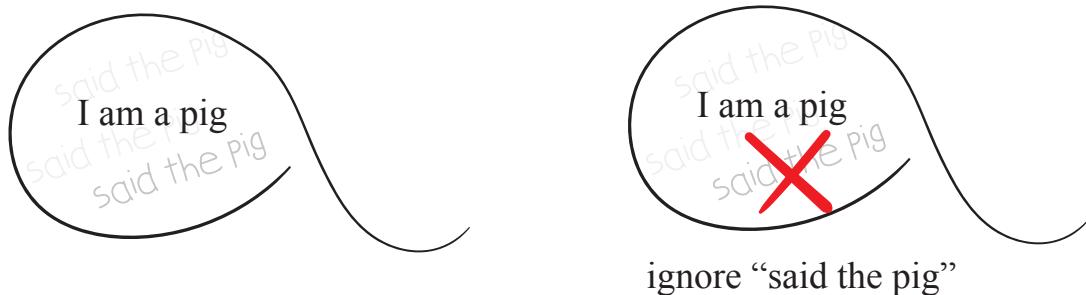


Marcus Gorileeus

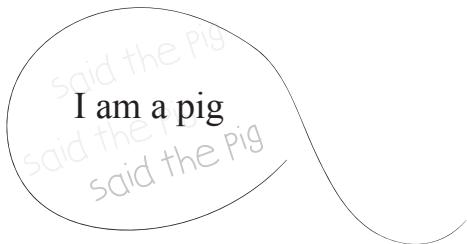


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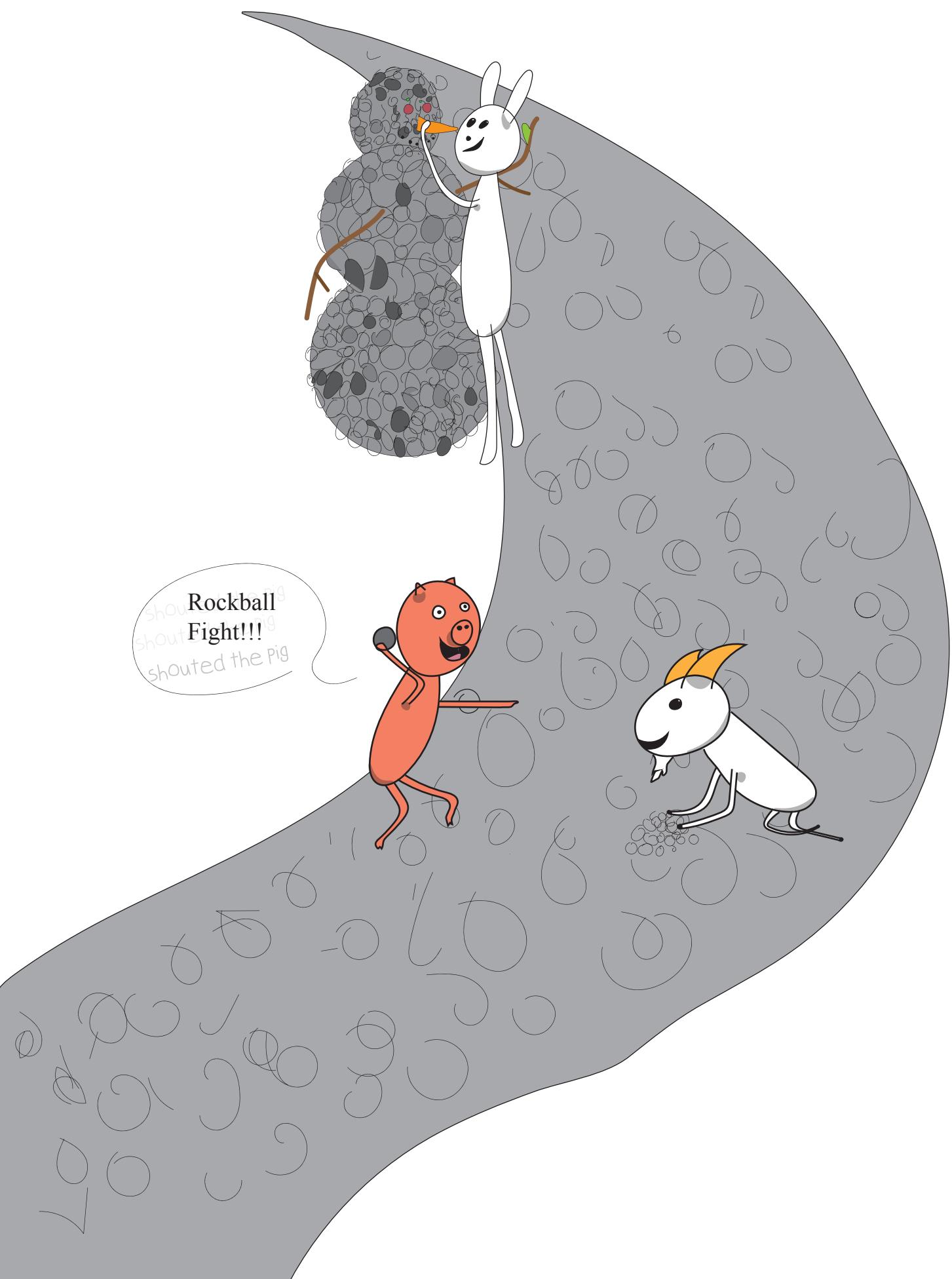
1. read “I am a pig”
2. read “said the pig”

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

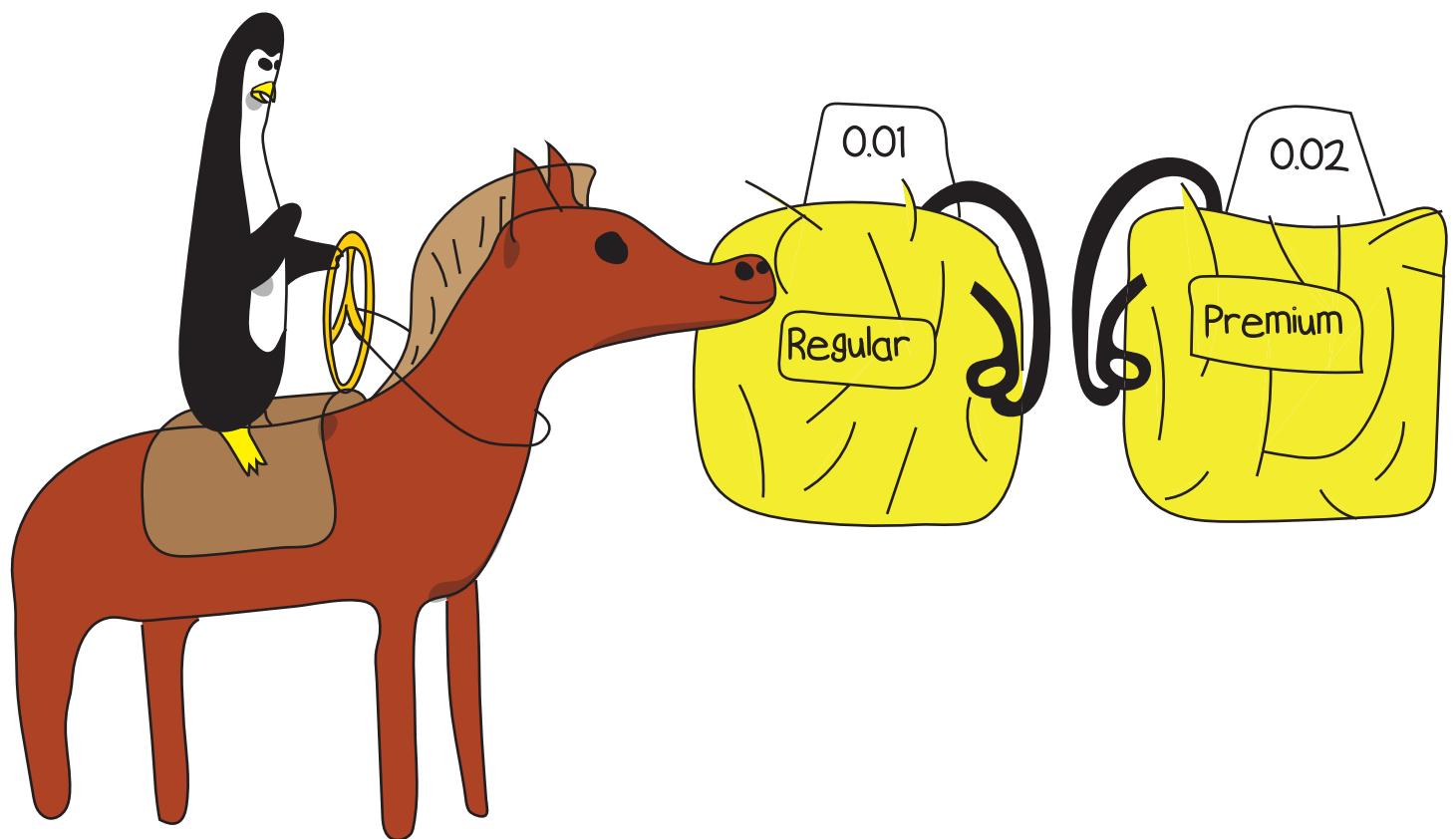
Marcus Aurelius (121-180 CE)
“Meditations”
Book 1
Section 6
(Translation by Meric Casaubon)

Chapter 1 - Pandus

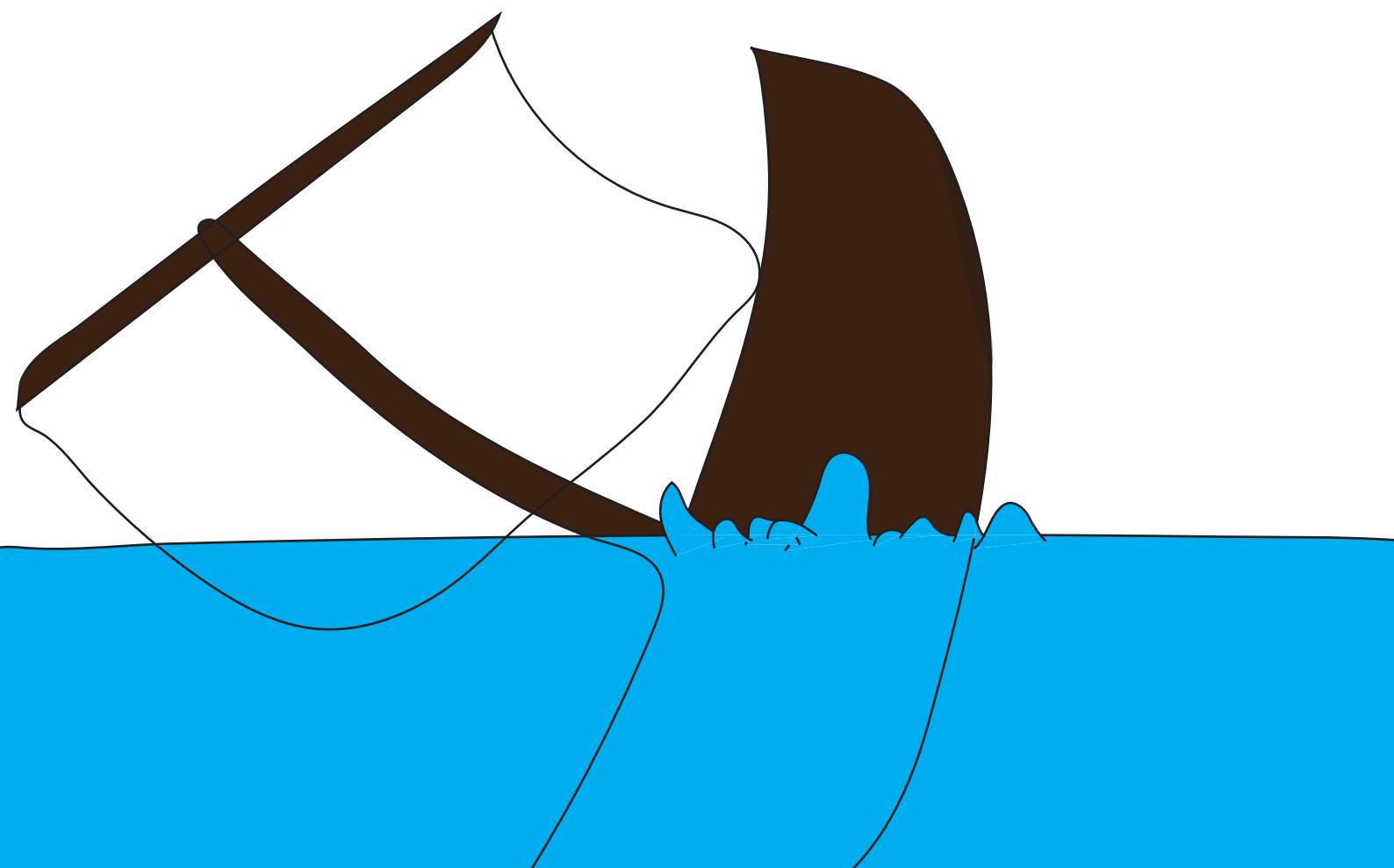
2000 years ago the world was very strange.



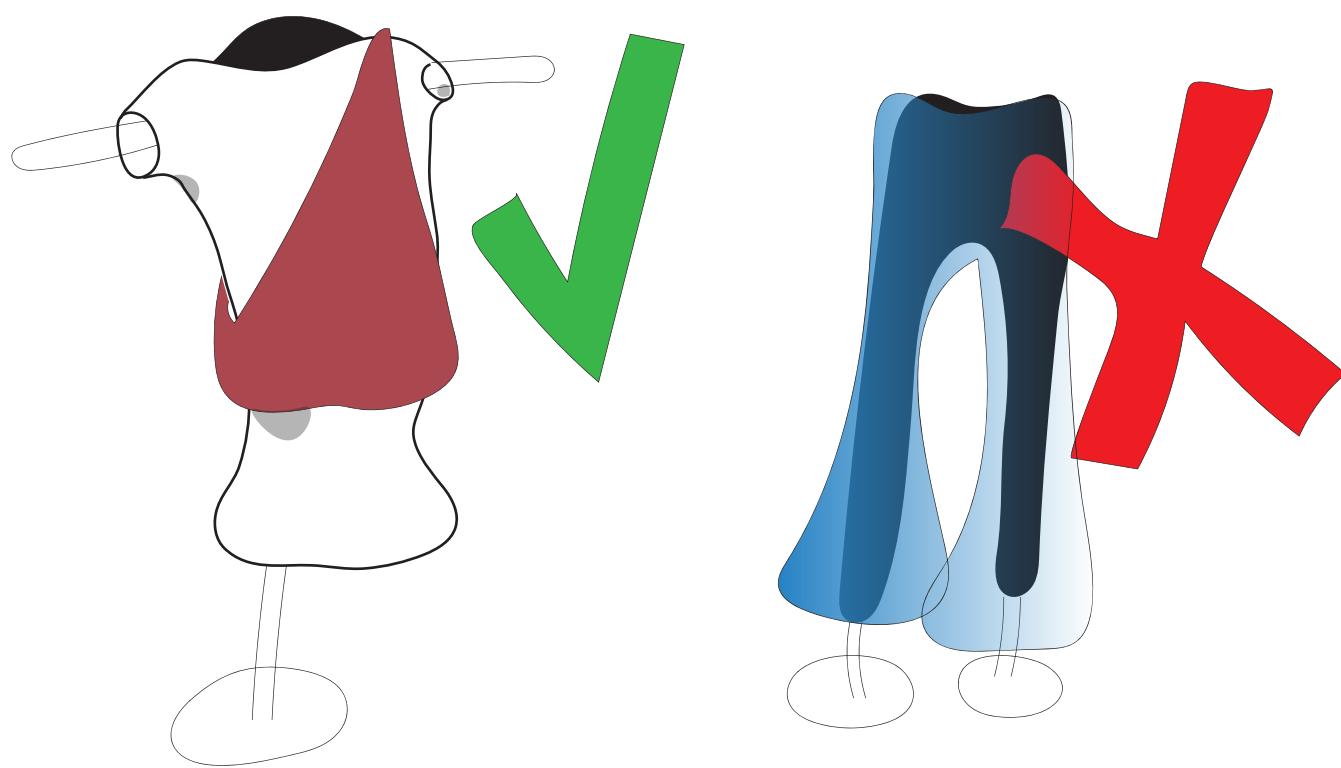
Everyone drove horses instead of cars.



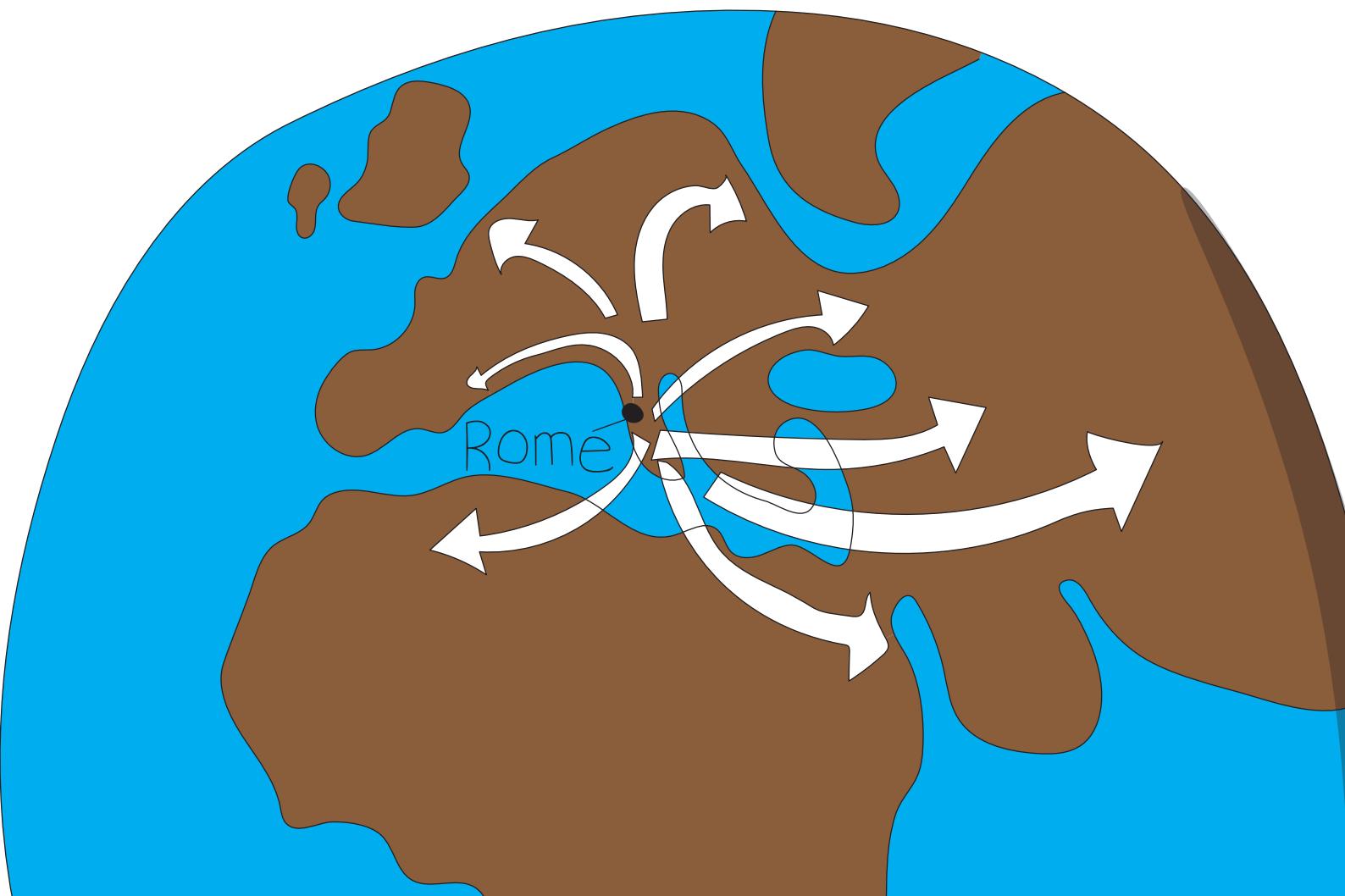
Wooden ships with sails were the best way to get somewhere far away.



Togas were in, pants were out.

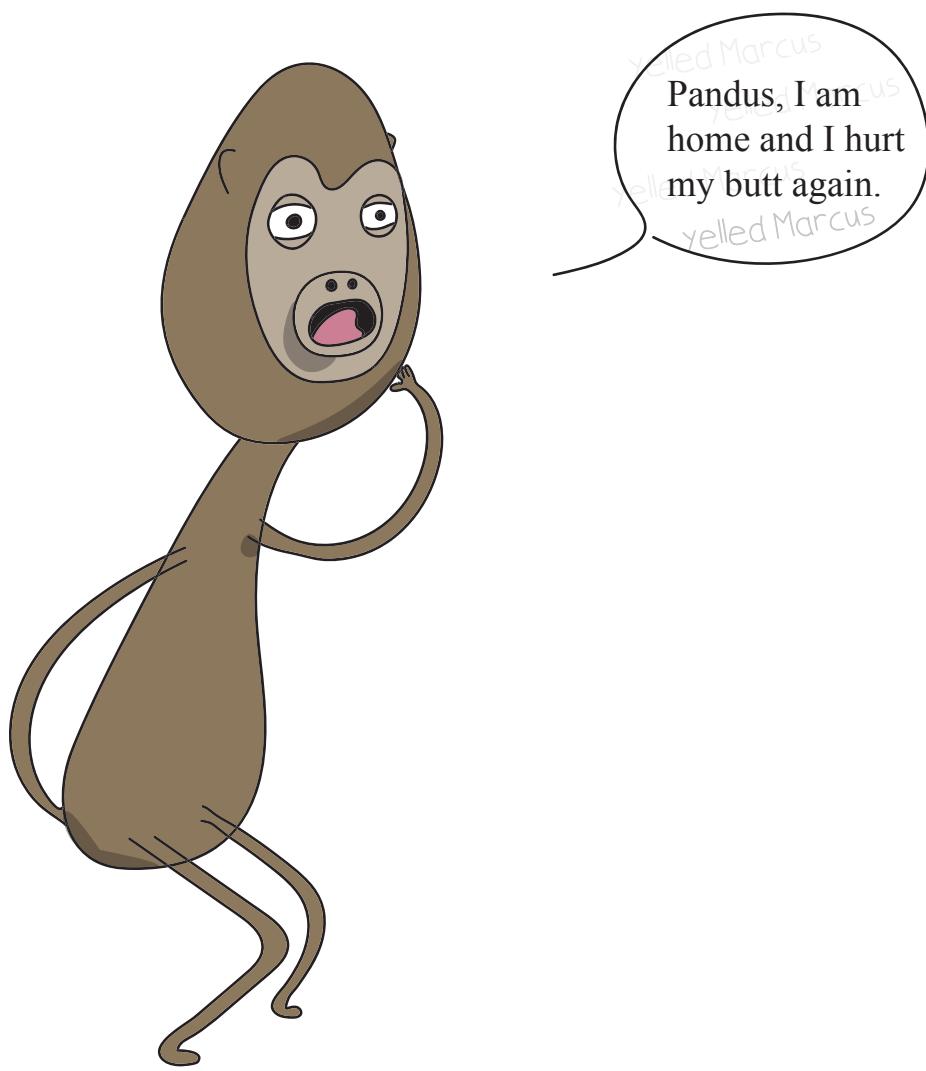


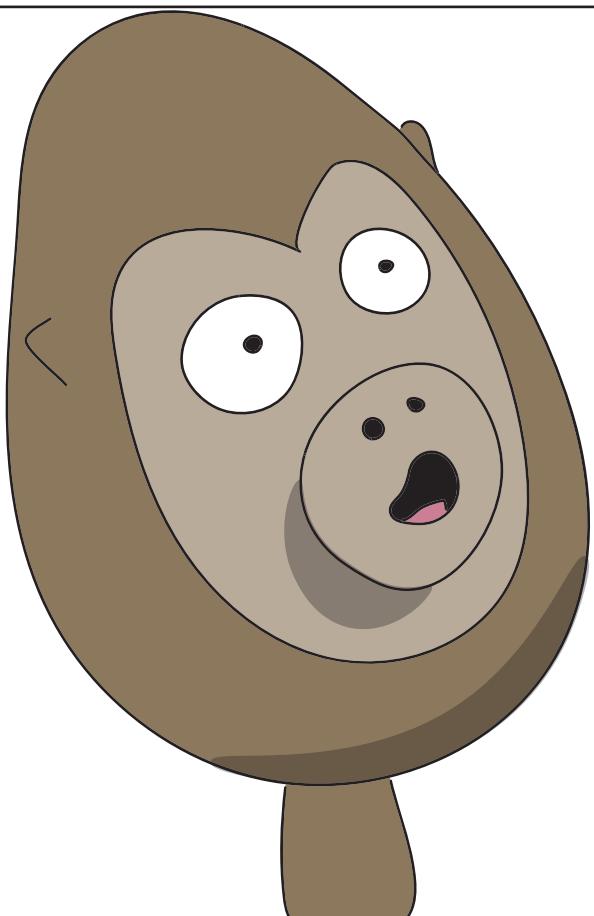
The ancient city of Rome controlled the world.



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

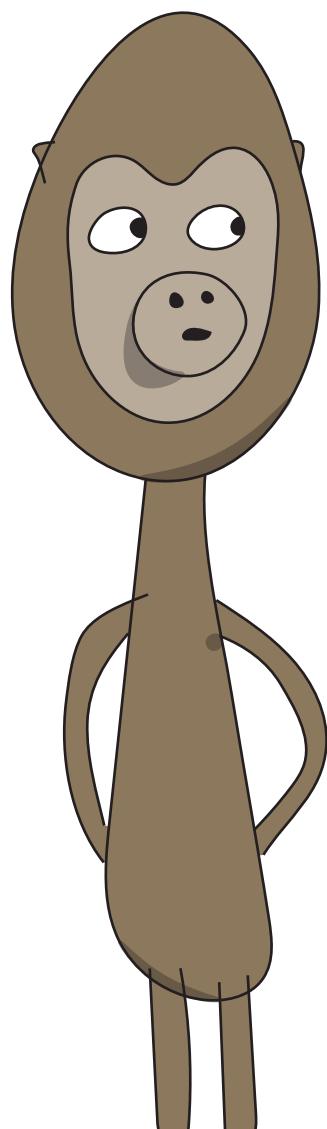
And an emperor.

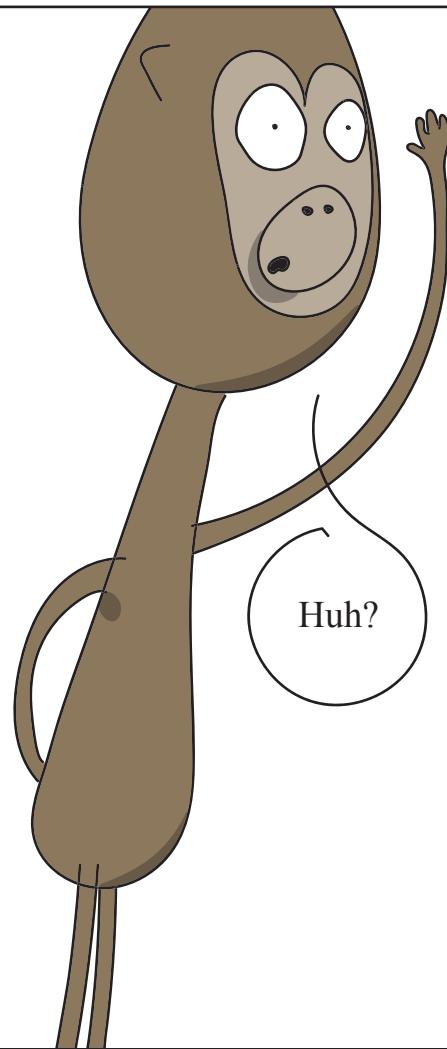
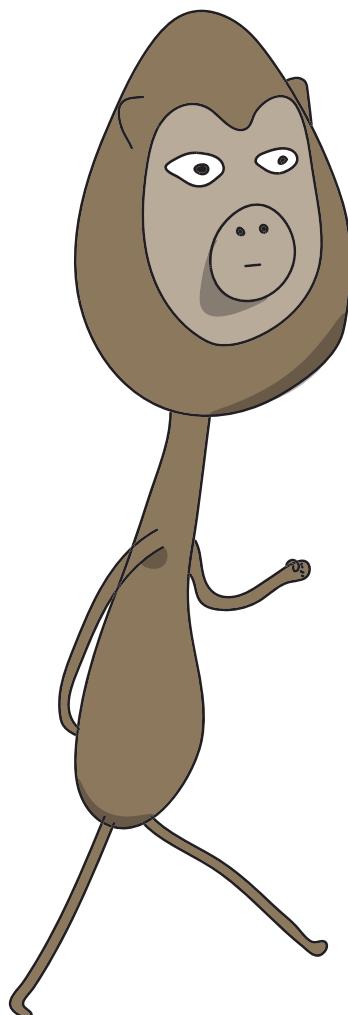


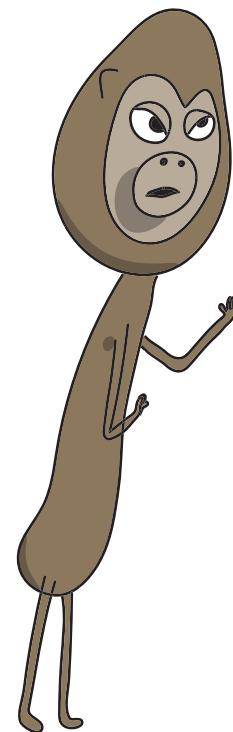


PANDUS?

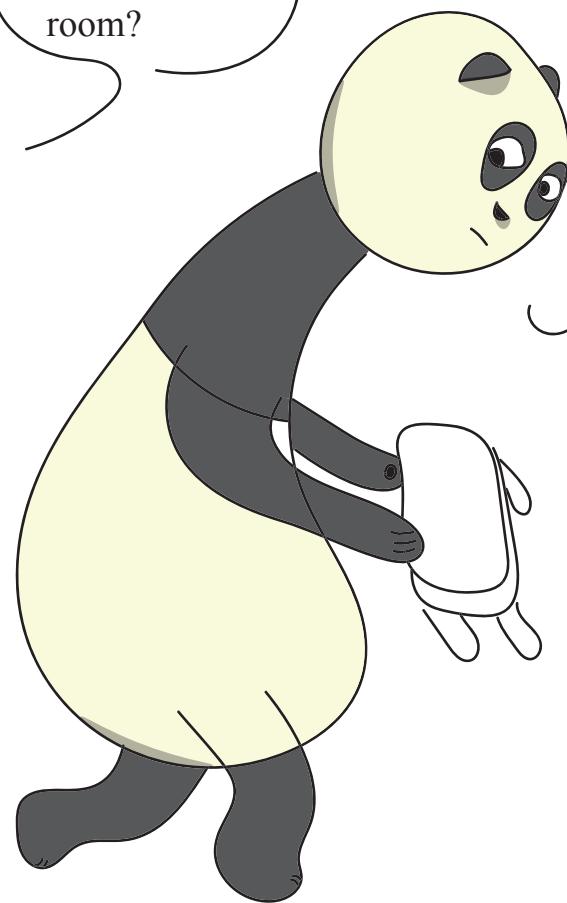
... she is probably
in the bathroom.



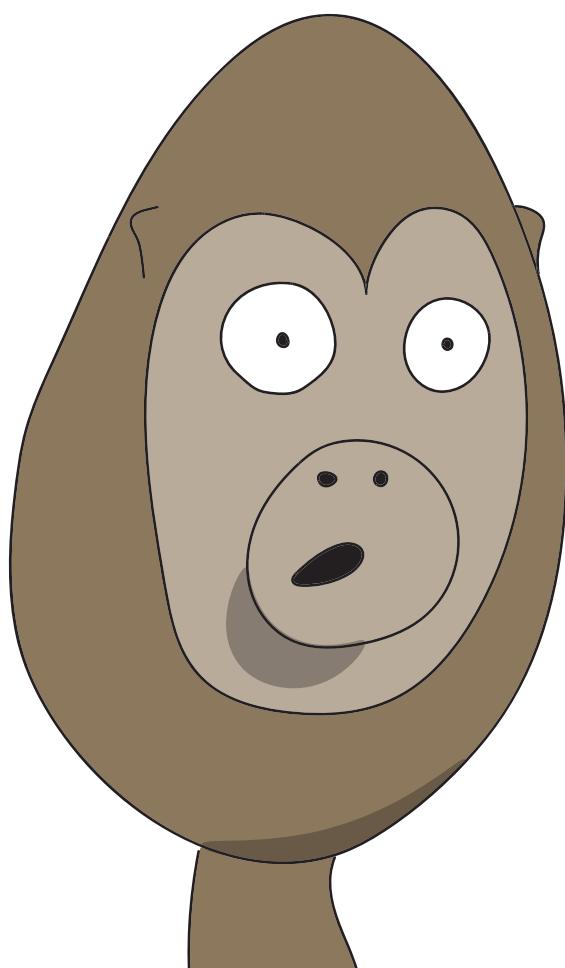




What are you
doing to my
room?



Sorry Marcus. This
is Dogneetus' room
now.

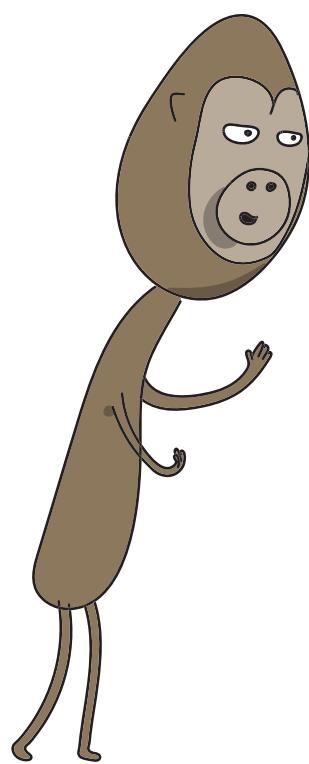


What?! Who is
Dogneetus?

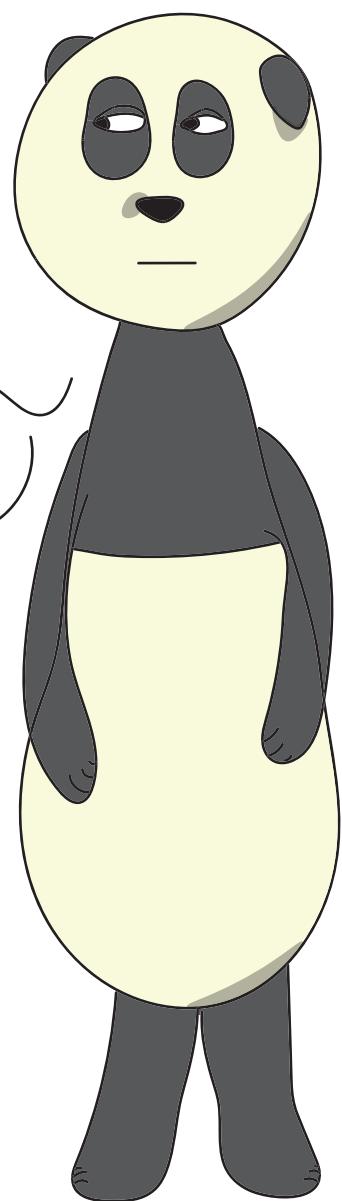


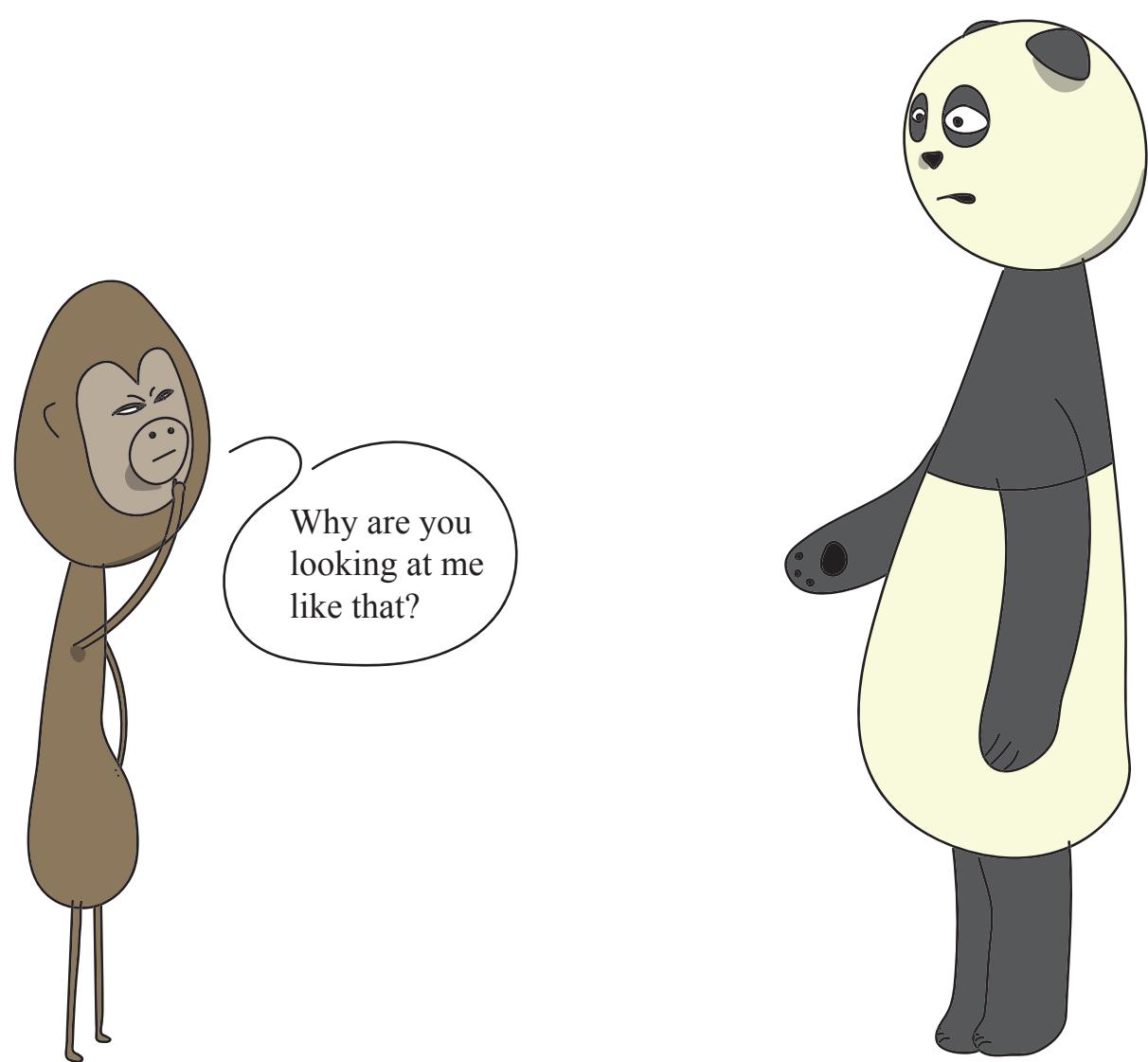
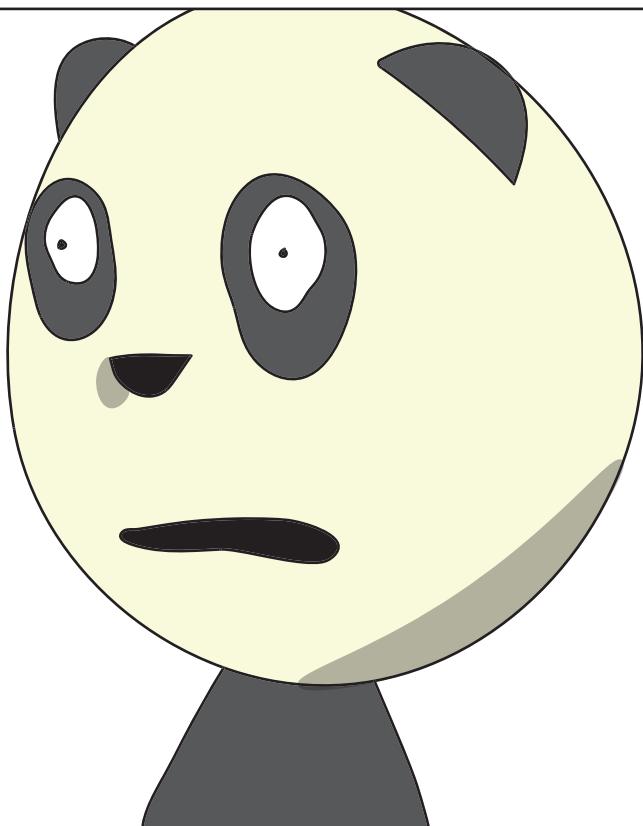
I do not know.
Your father just
told me to empty
the room for
Dogneetus.

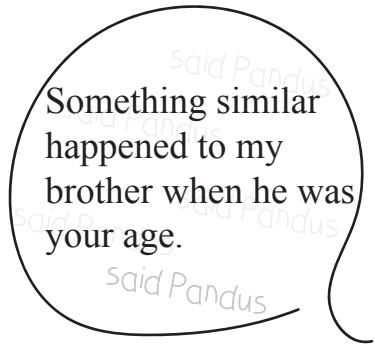
Where am I
supposed to
sleep then?
asked Marcus



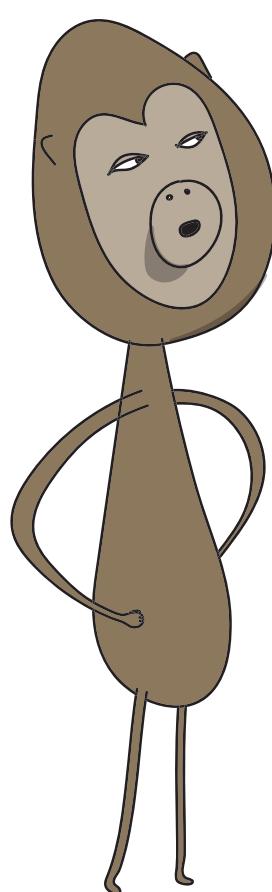
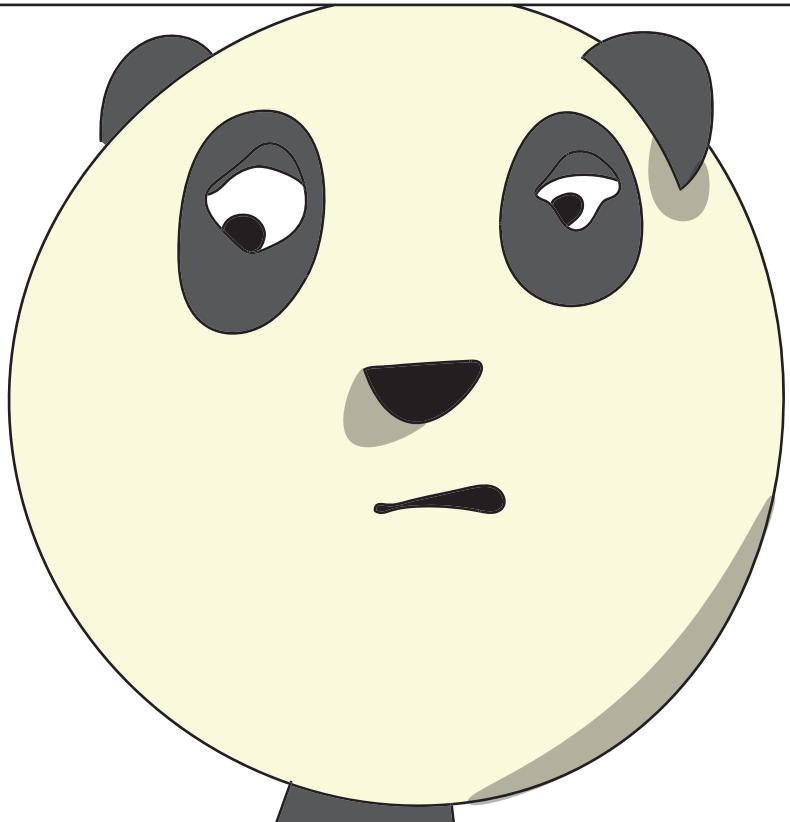
Your father
did not say.







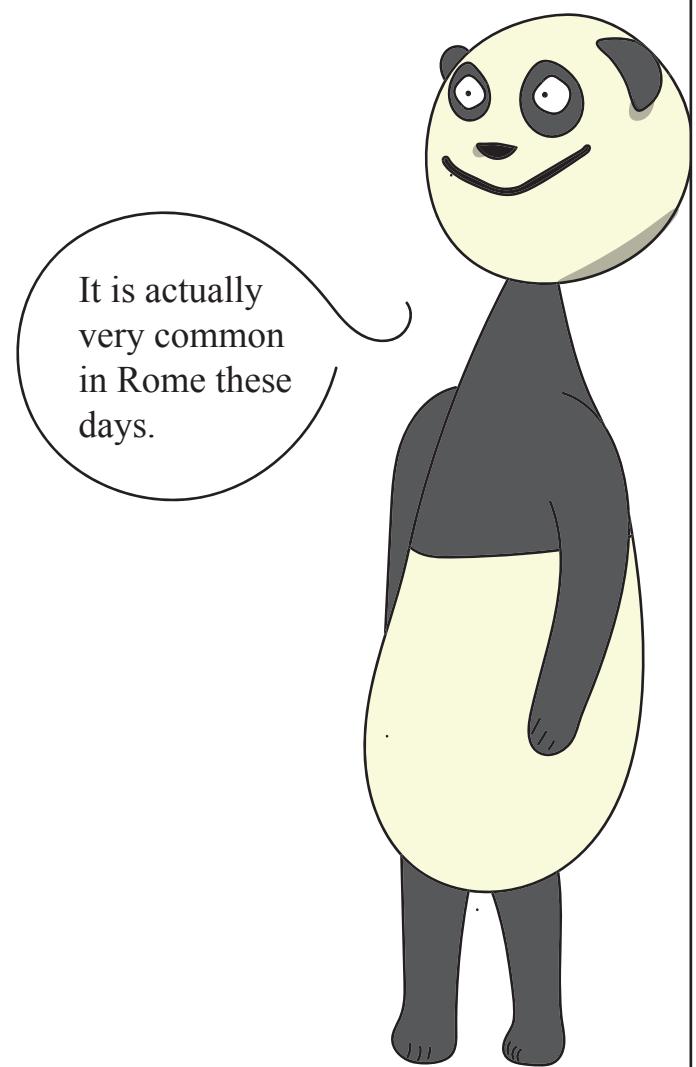
Something similar
happened to my
brother when he was
your age.
Said Pandus



What?



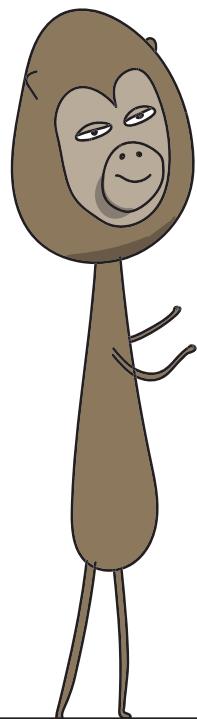
It is actually
very common
in Rome these
days.



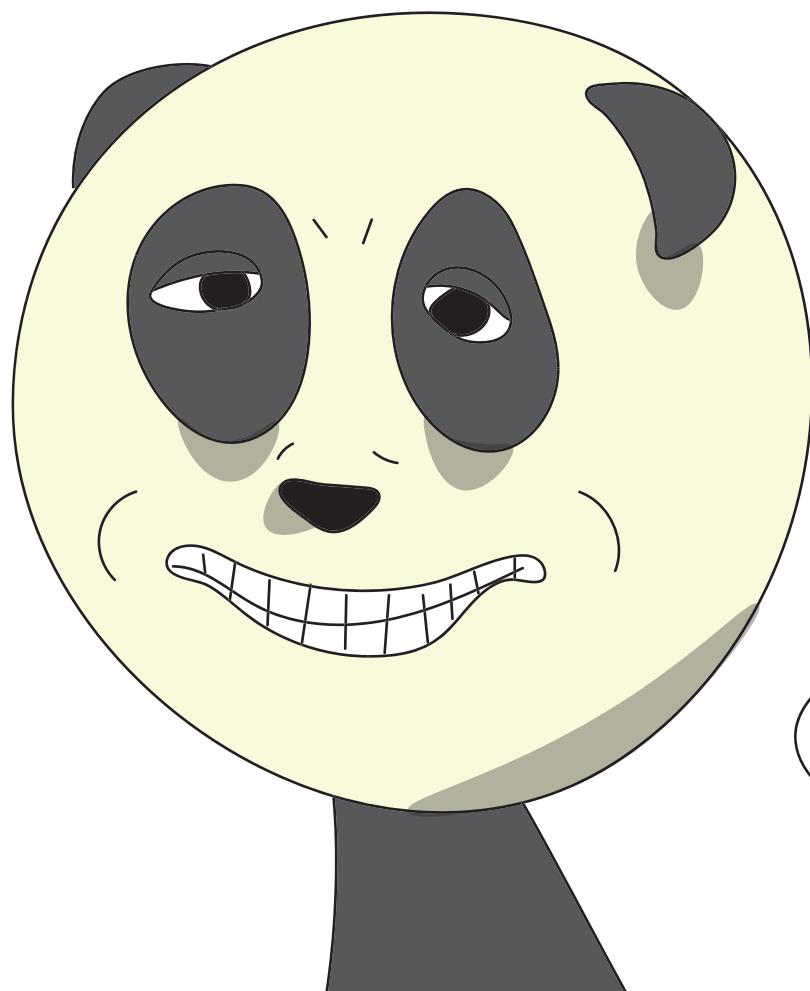
asked Marcus
...What....?

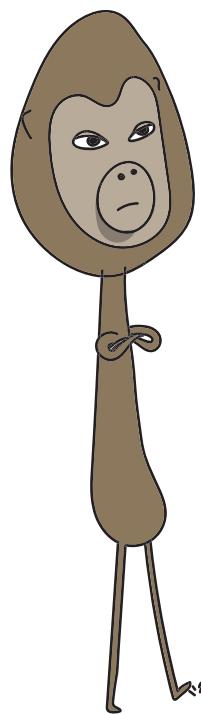
asked Marcus

Sometimes
in exchange
for a gift...

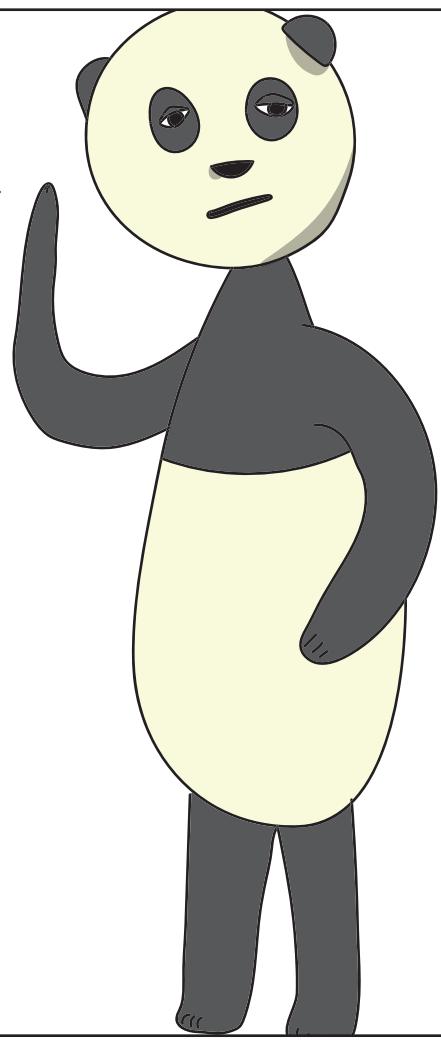


Parents send their
children away...

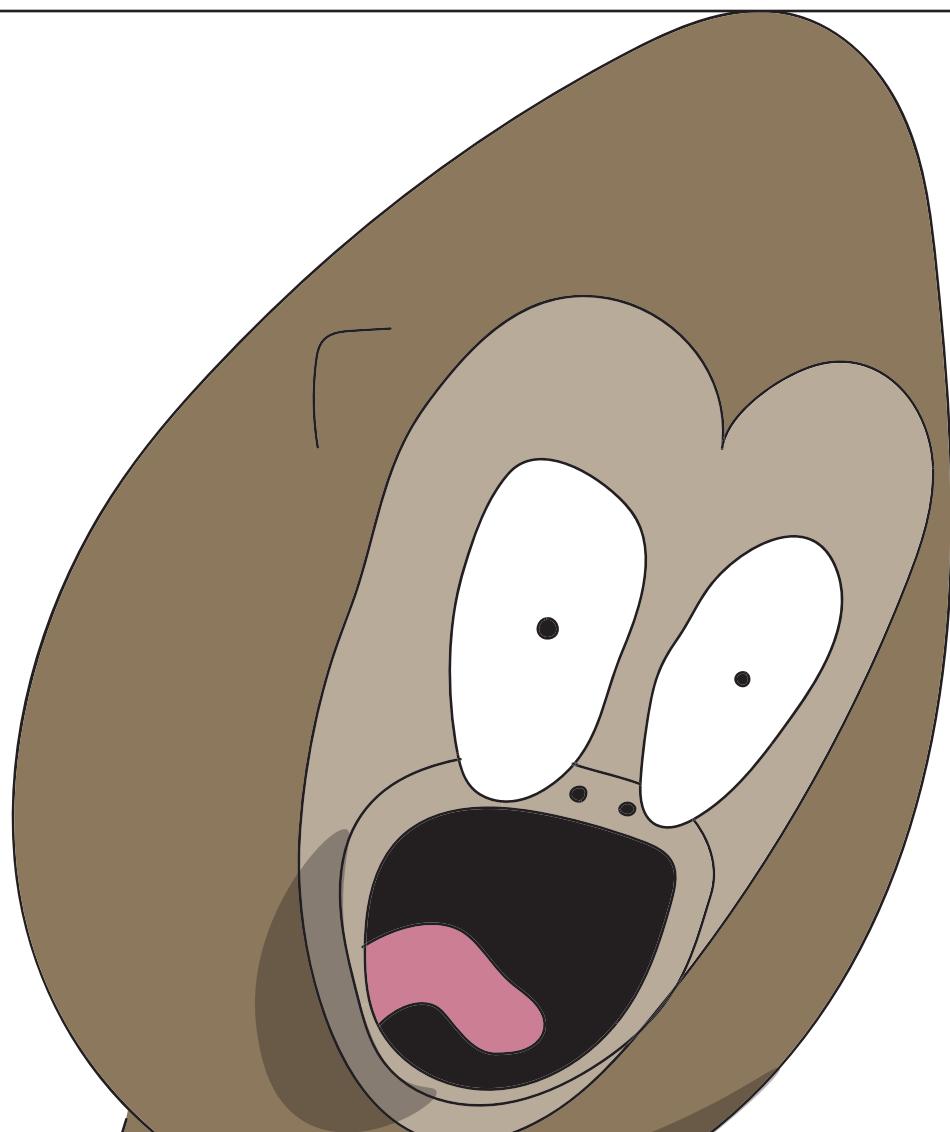
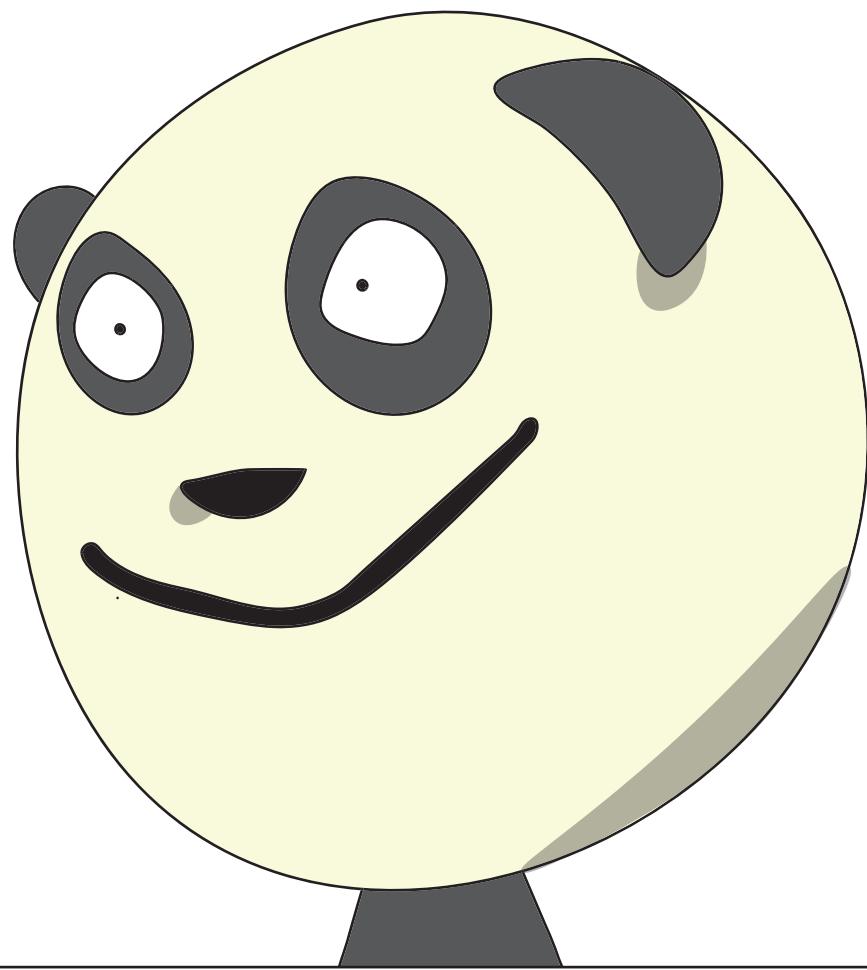


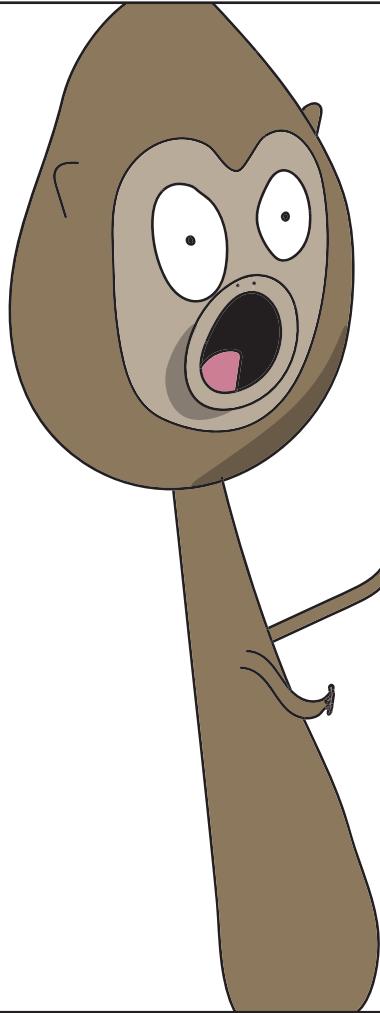


To live with
another
family...

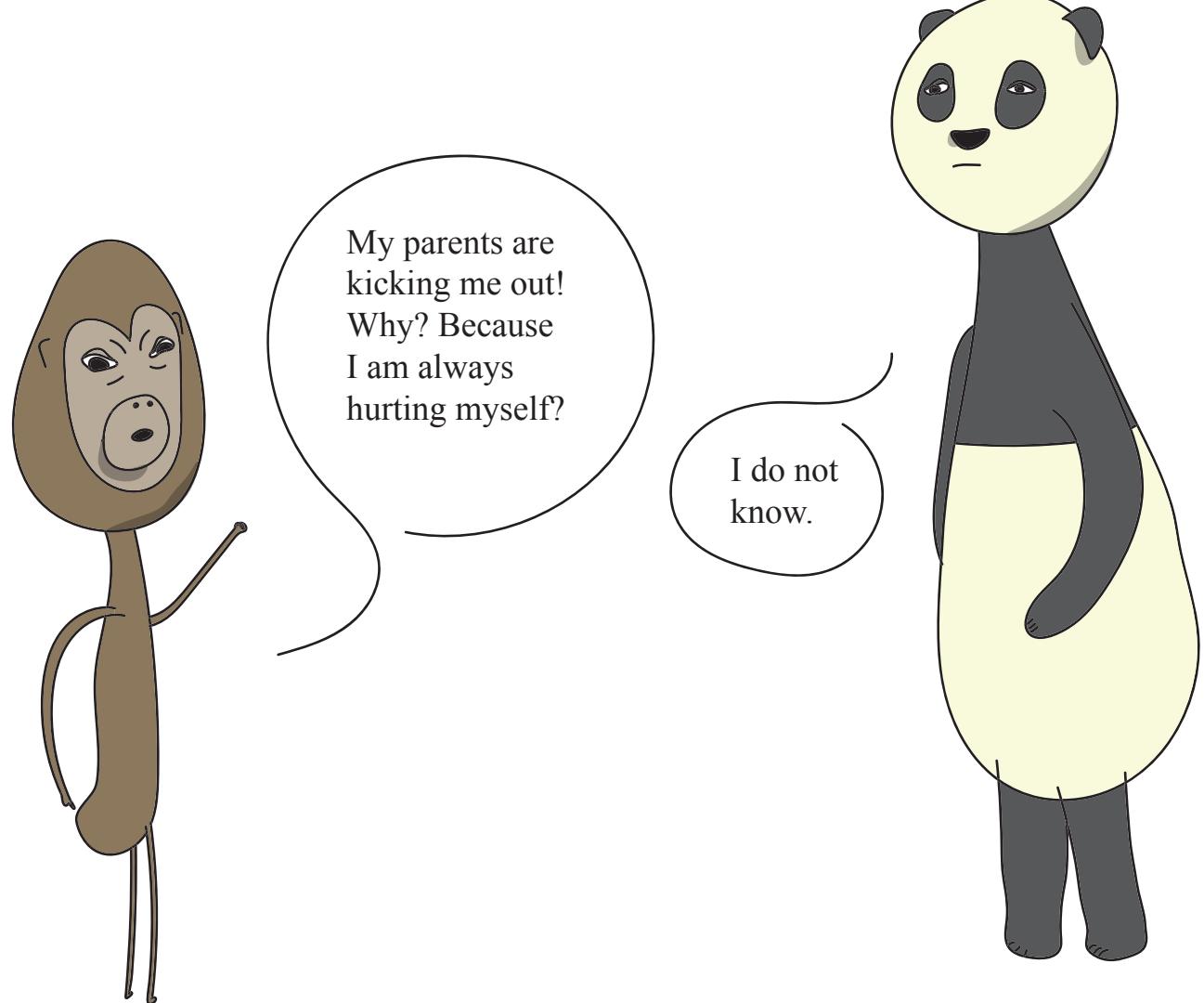


Forever.

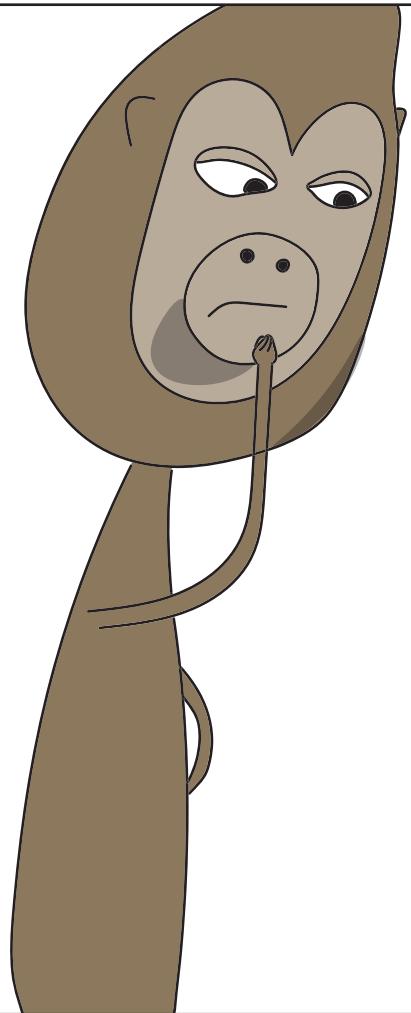




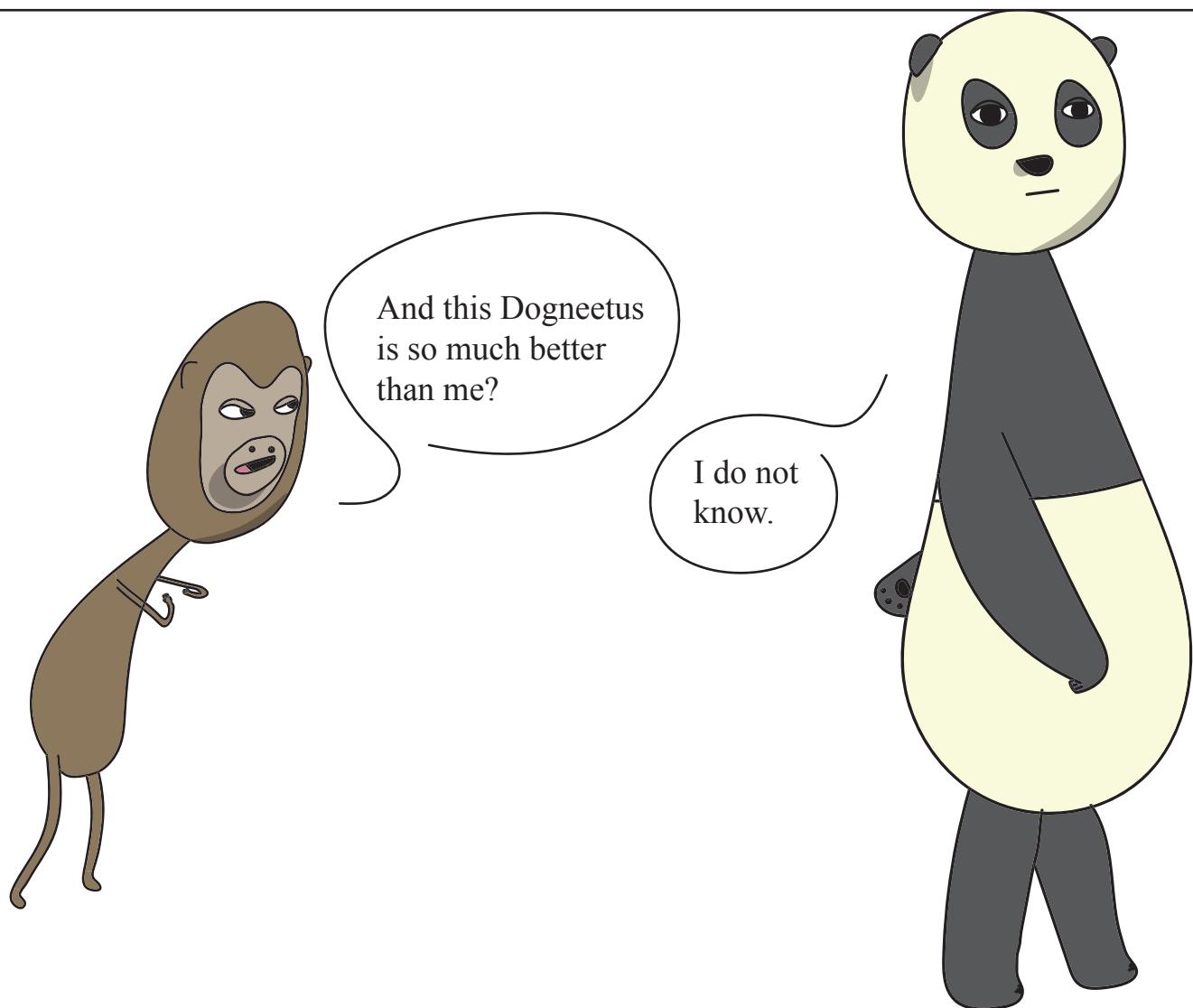
WHAT?!



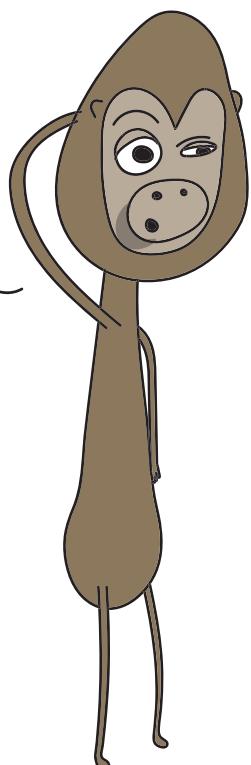
I do not
know.



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



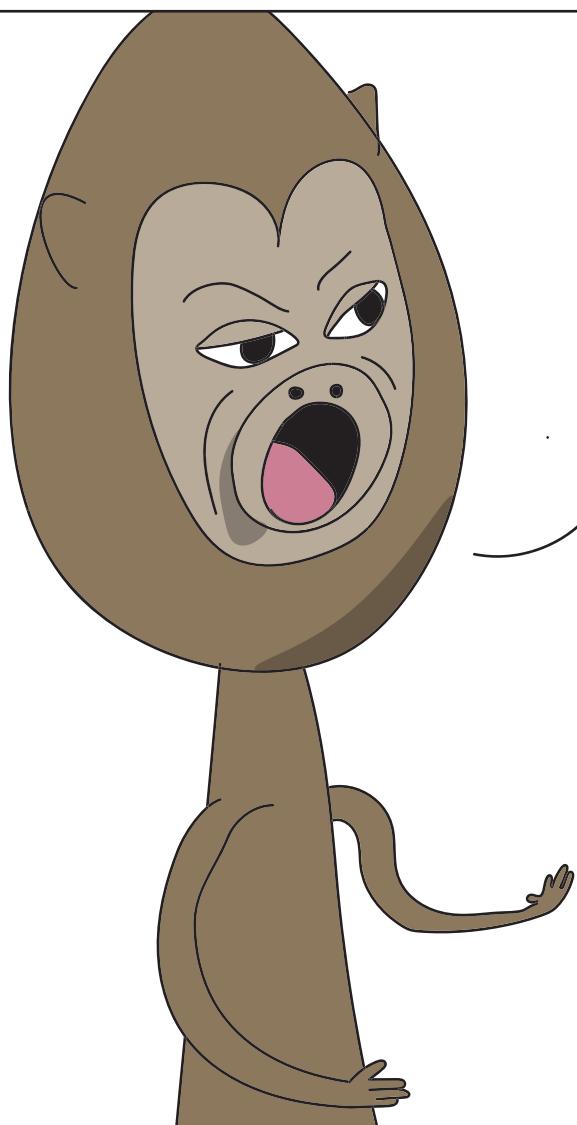
asked Marcus
Where are
you going?
asked Marcus

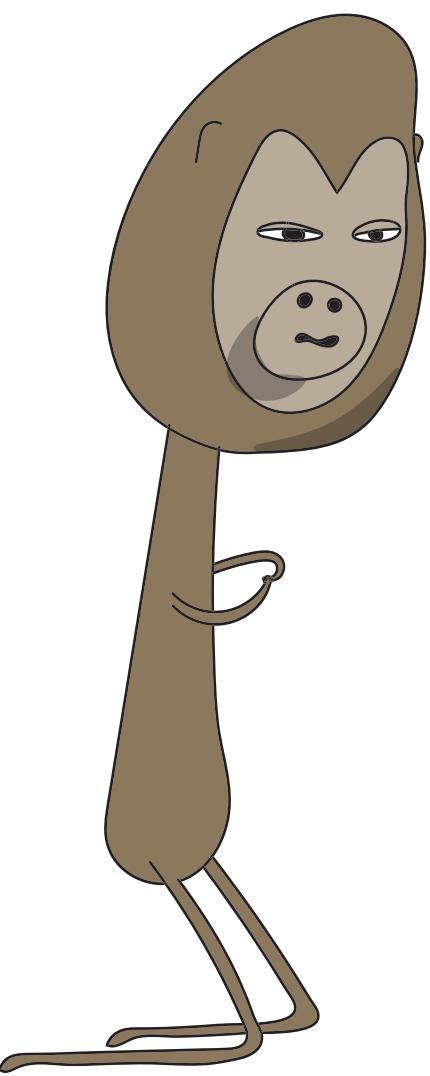


I have to pick
Dogeneetus up from the
shipping yard now. She
sailed from Greece.

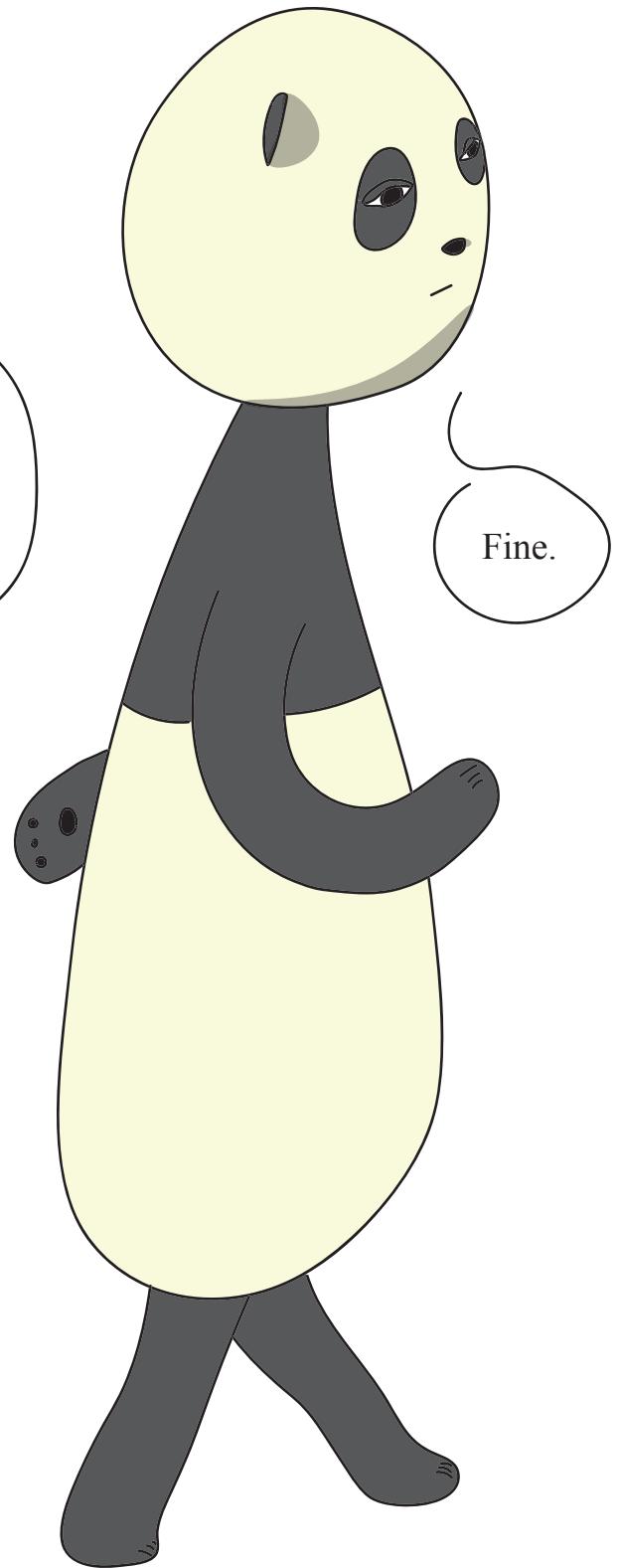


NOW?!





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



Fine.