

# TIDBITS

*Bite-Sized Comics  
for your Heart!*



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This comic was collectively made by a bunch of artists from around the globe, who met online at CXC 2020, created a community through the Discord Server "Comics! Comics! Comics!" and couldn't stop talking about comics or food.

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# COOKIE FUELED

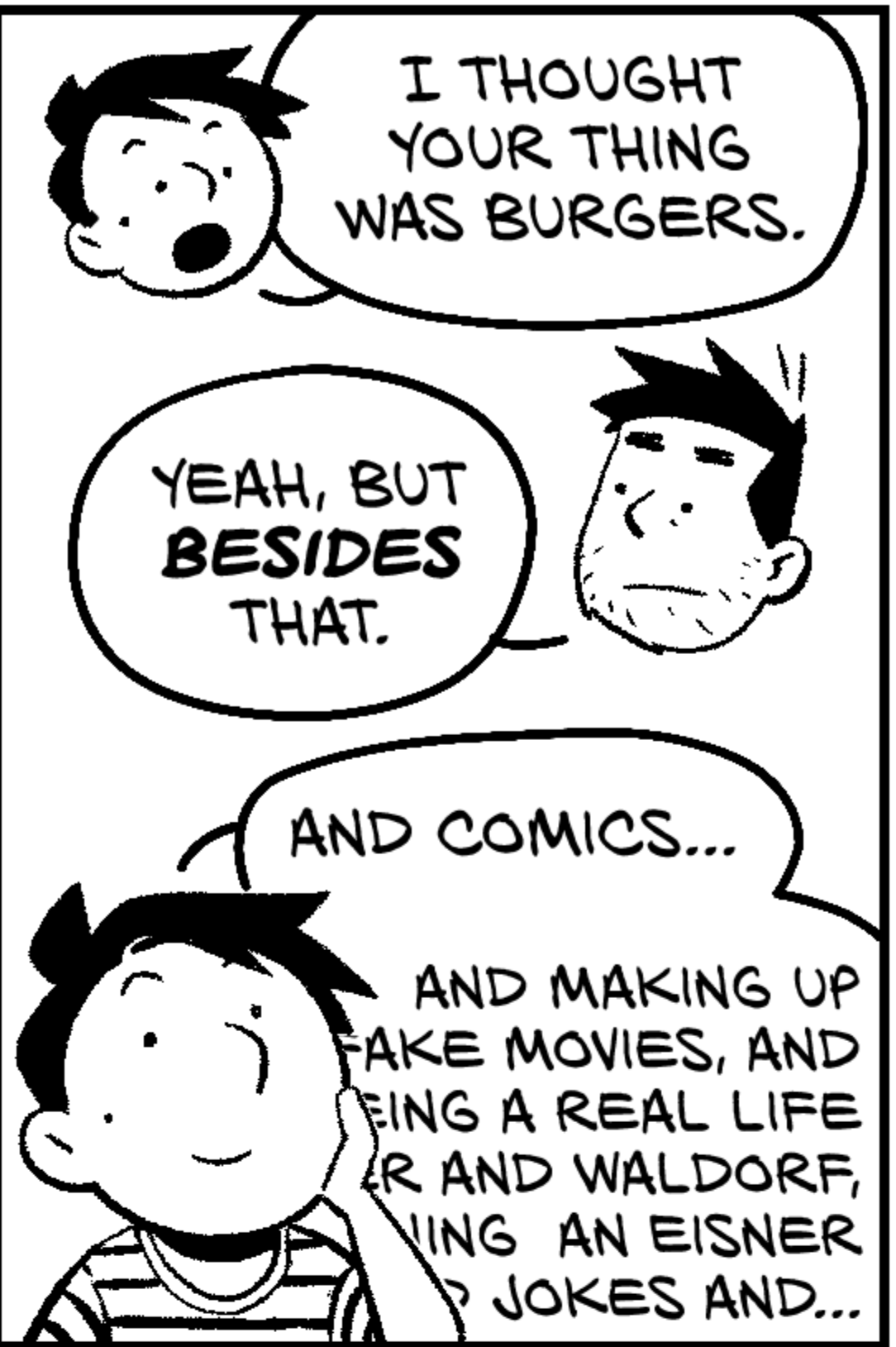
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OKAY, BUT I **LOVE** COOKIES...

THAT'S MY THING!

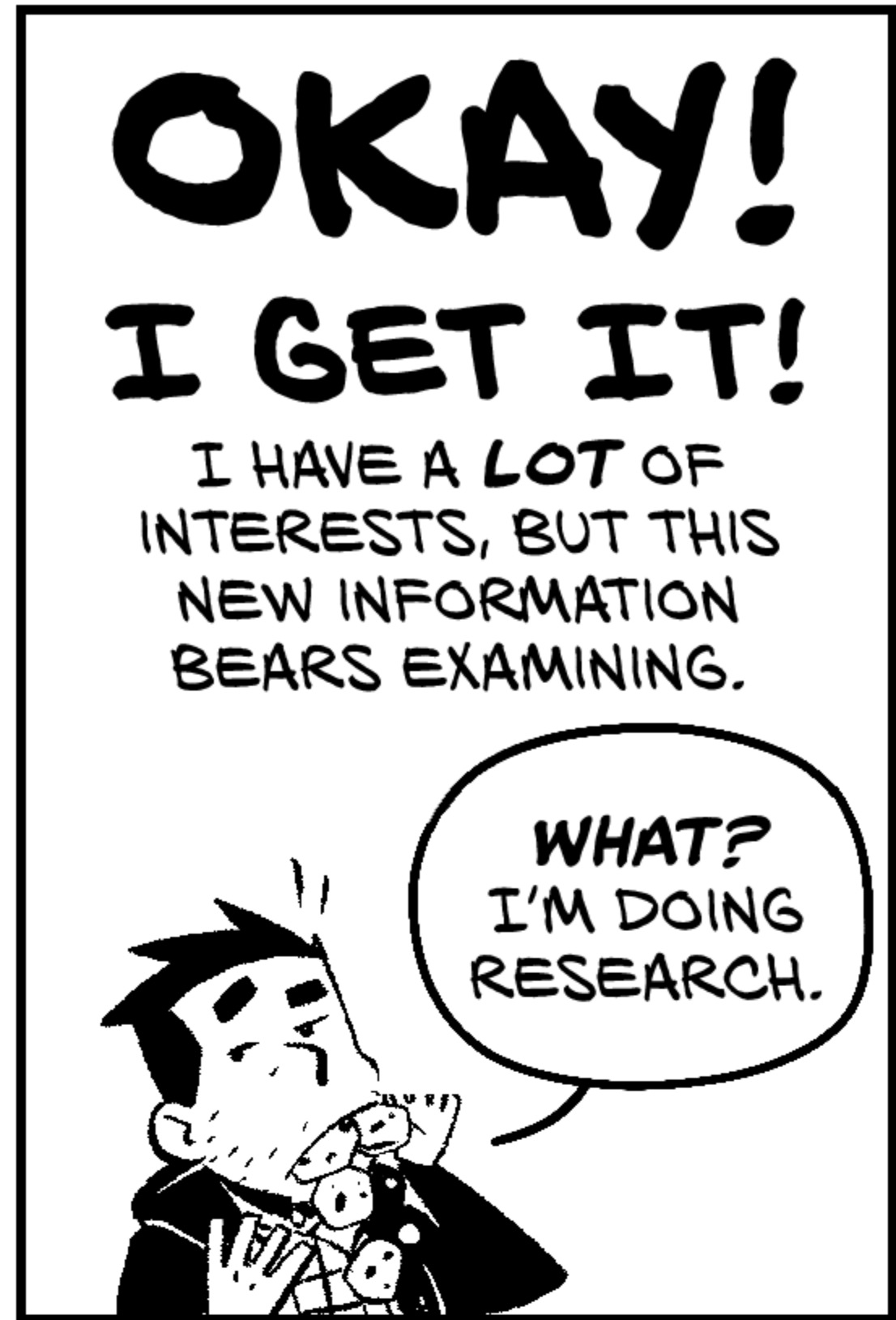


I THOUGHT YOUR THING WAS BURGERS.

YEAH, BUT **BESIDES** THAT.

AND COMICS...

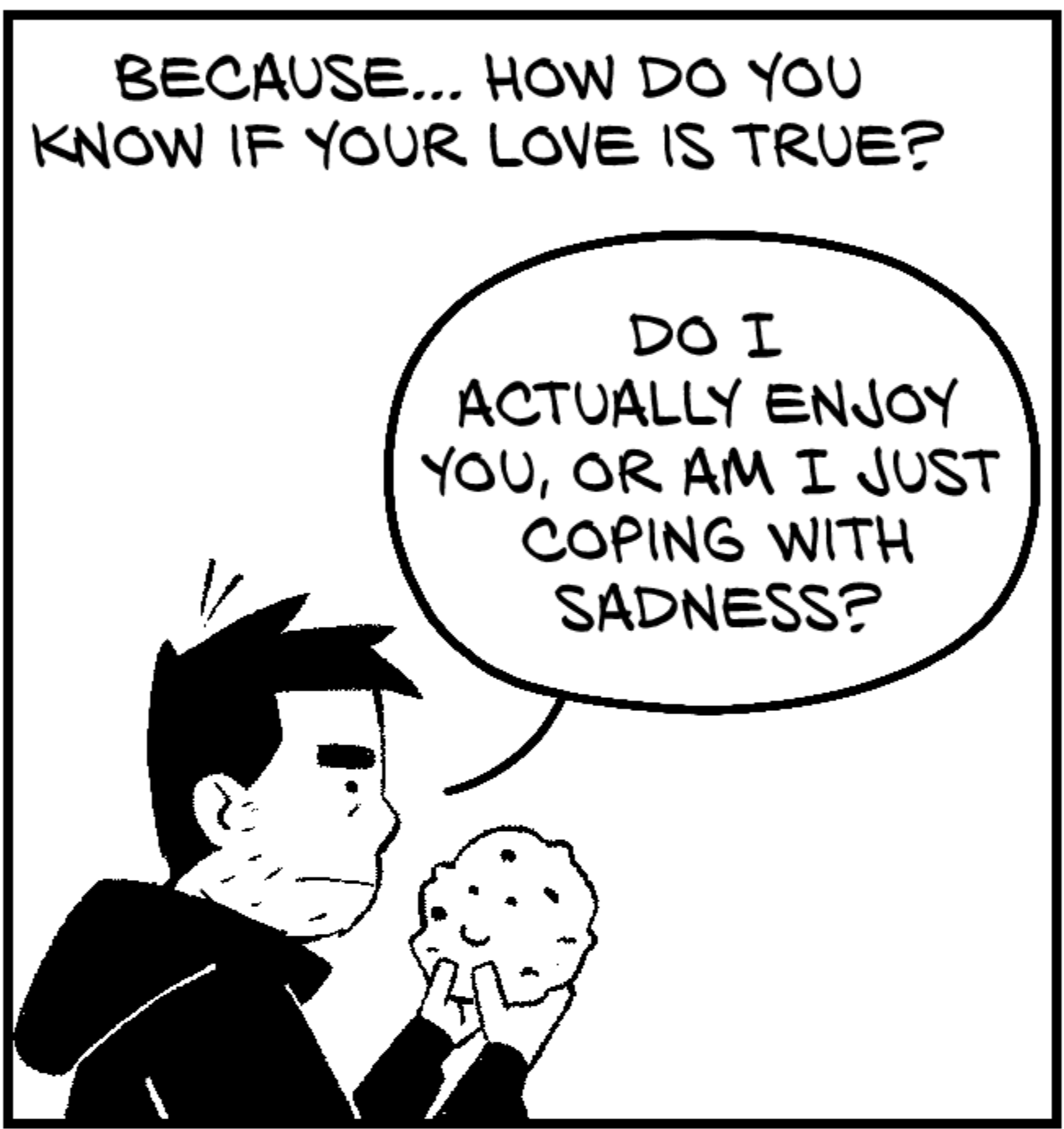
AND MAKING UP FAKE MOVIES, AND BEING A REAL LIFE R AND WALDORF, WINNING AN EISNER AWARD FOR JOKES AND...



**OKAY!**  
**I GET IT!**

I HAVE A **LOT** OF INTERESTS, BUT THIS NEW INFORMATION BEARS EXAMINING.

**WHAT?**  
I'M DOING RESEARCH.

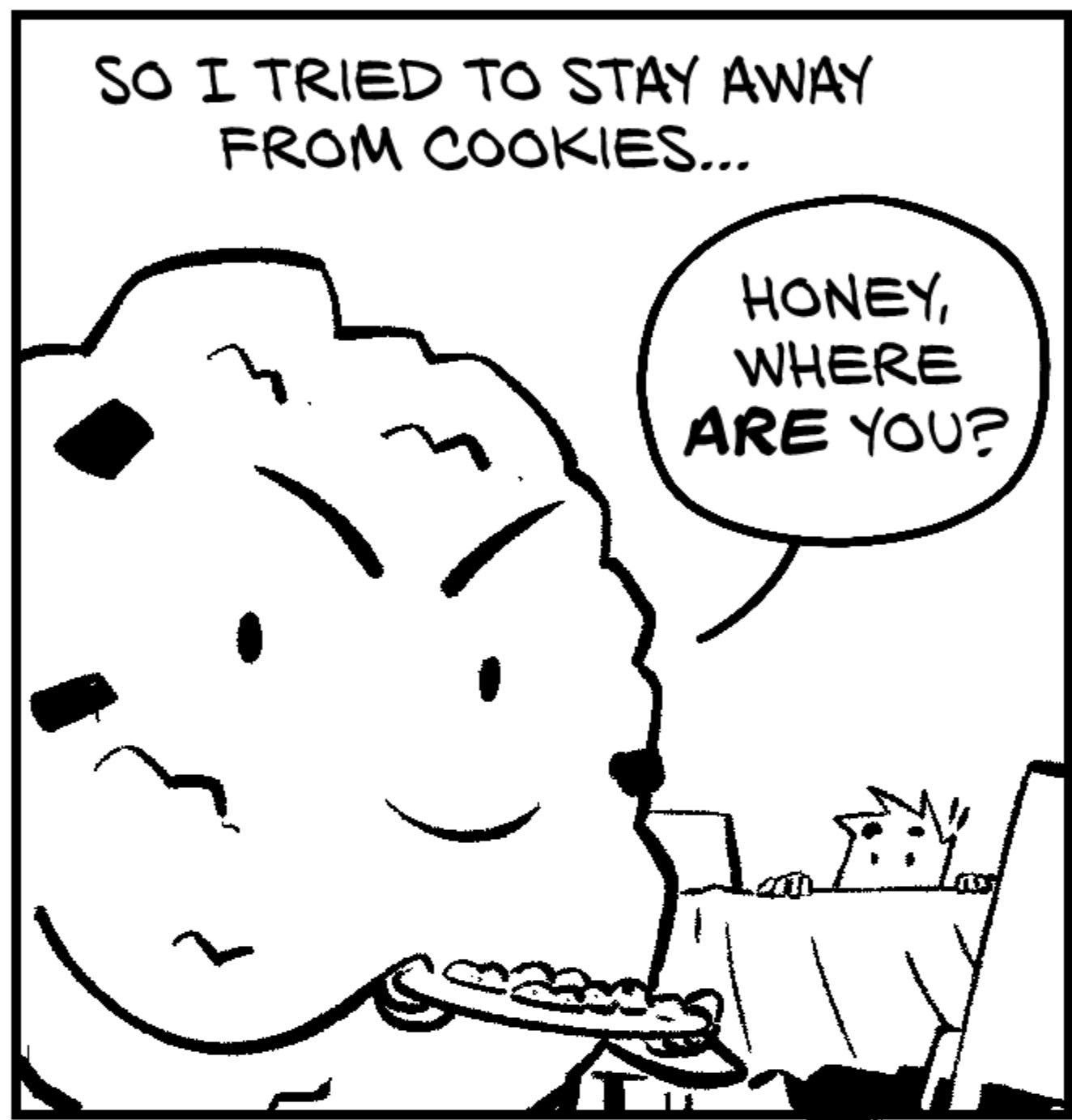


BECAUSE... HOW DO YOU KNOW IF YOUR LOVE IS TRUE?

DO I ACTUALLY ENJOY YOU, OR AM I JUST COPING WITH SADNESS?



IT'S COMPLICATED.



SO I TRIED TO STAY AWAY FROM COOKIES...

HONEY, WHERE ARE YOU?



AND HOW DID THAT GO?

WELL...



THEY FOUND ME...



I LOVE COOKIES, AND I KNOW THEY DON'T LOVE ME BACK.

BUT IT'S GOOD TO KNOW I CAN HAVE ONE WHEN STUFF GETS ROUGH.

AND THAT'S GOOD ENOUGH FOR ME TODAY.



GREAT STORY! NOW EAT ME!

NOT TODAY!

OKAAAY.

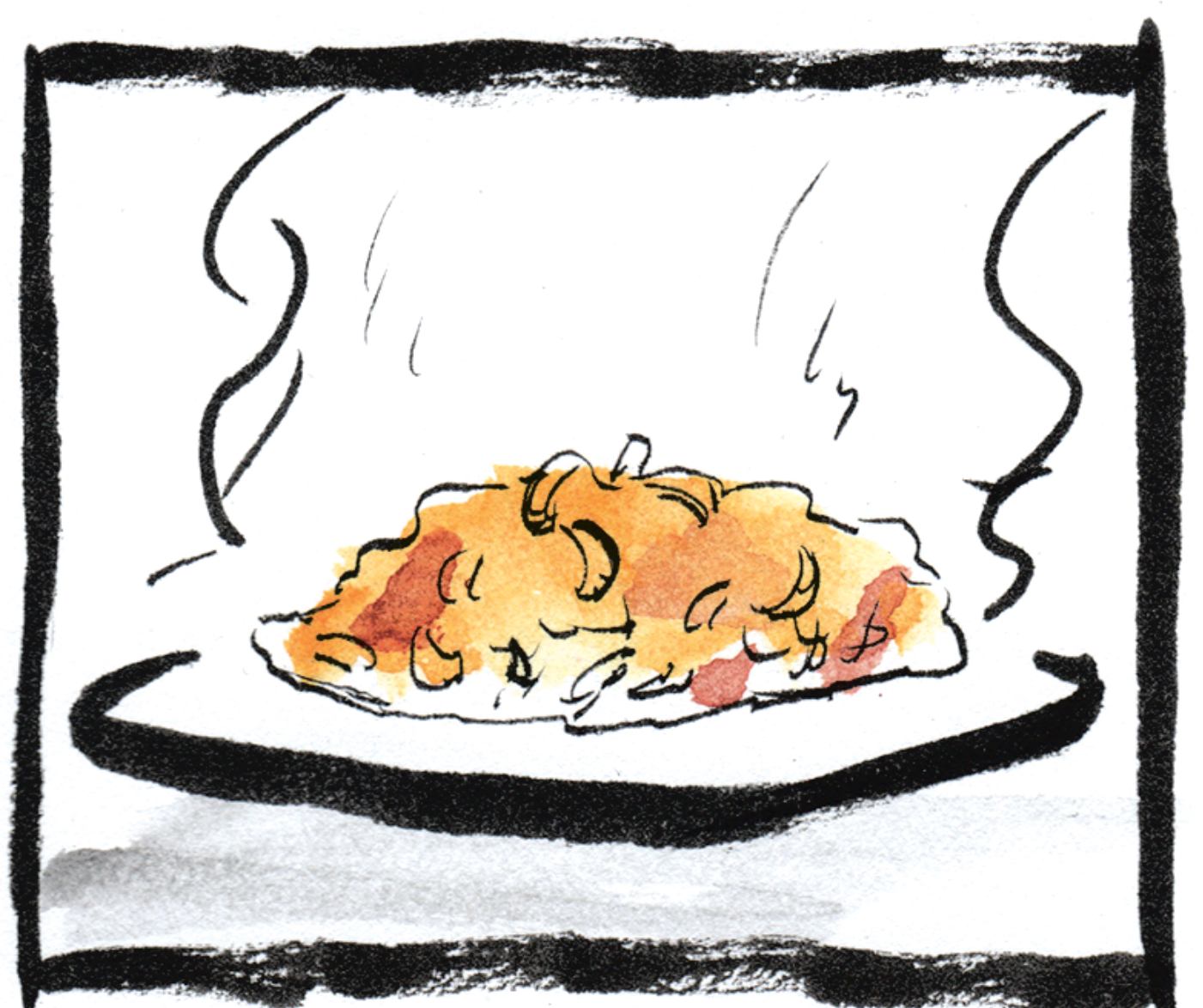
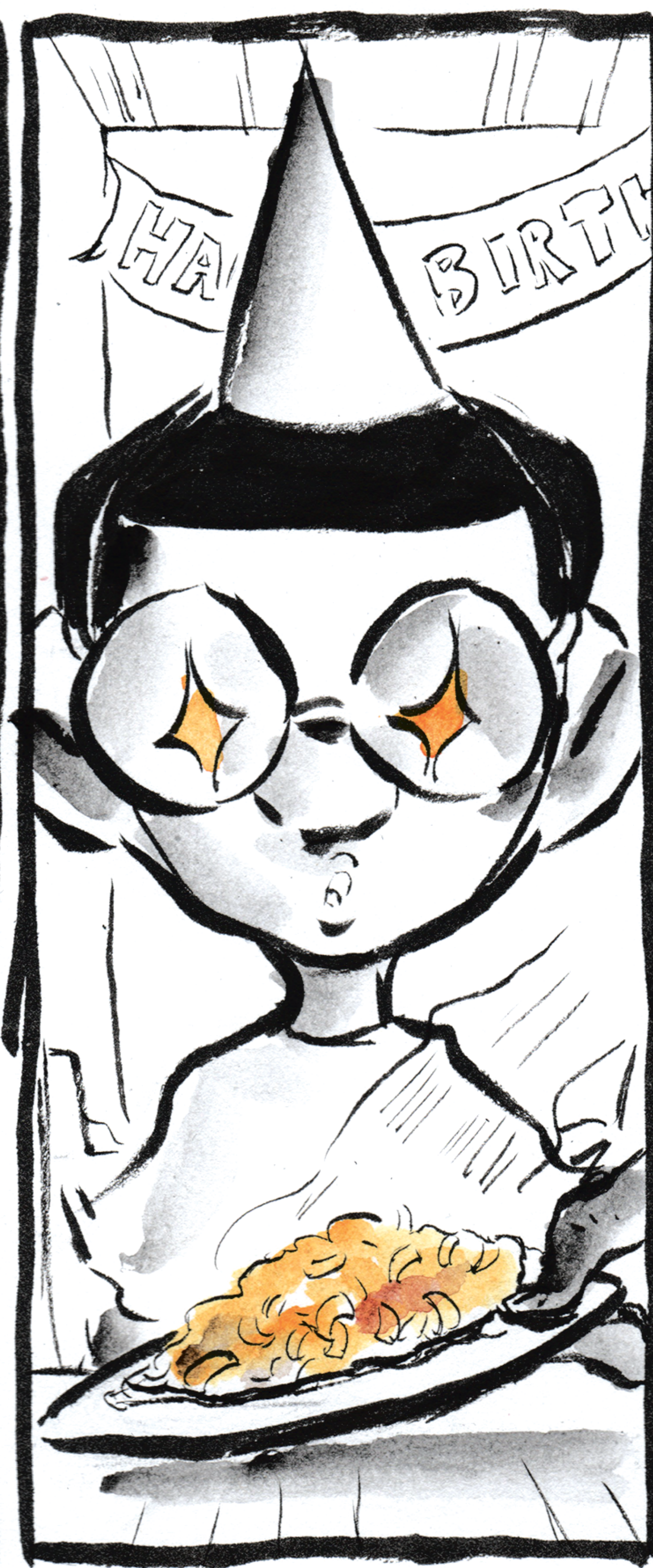
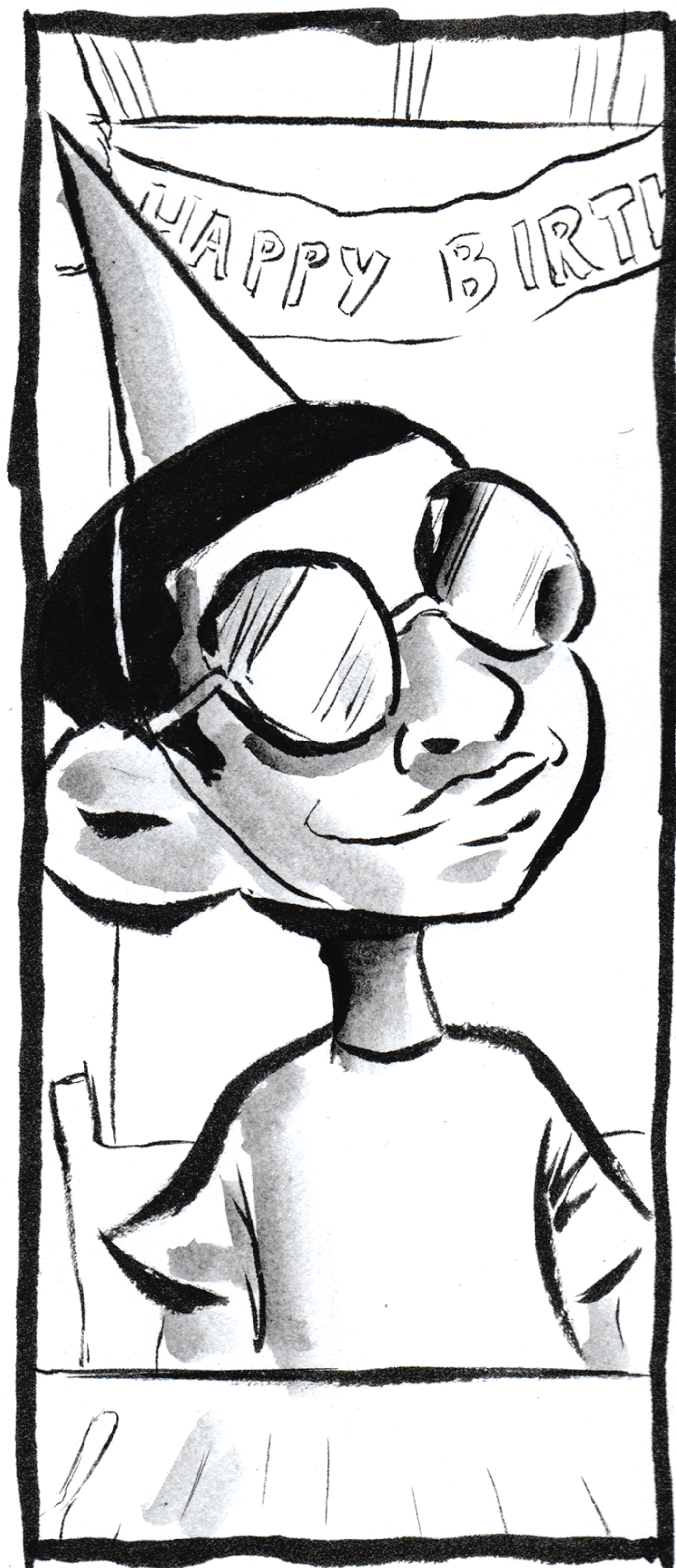
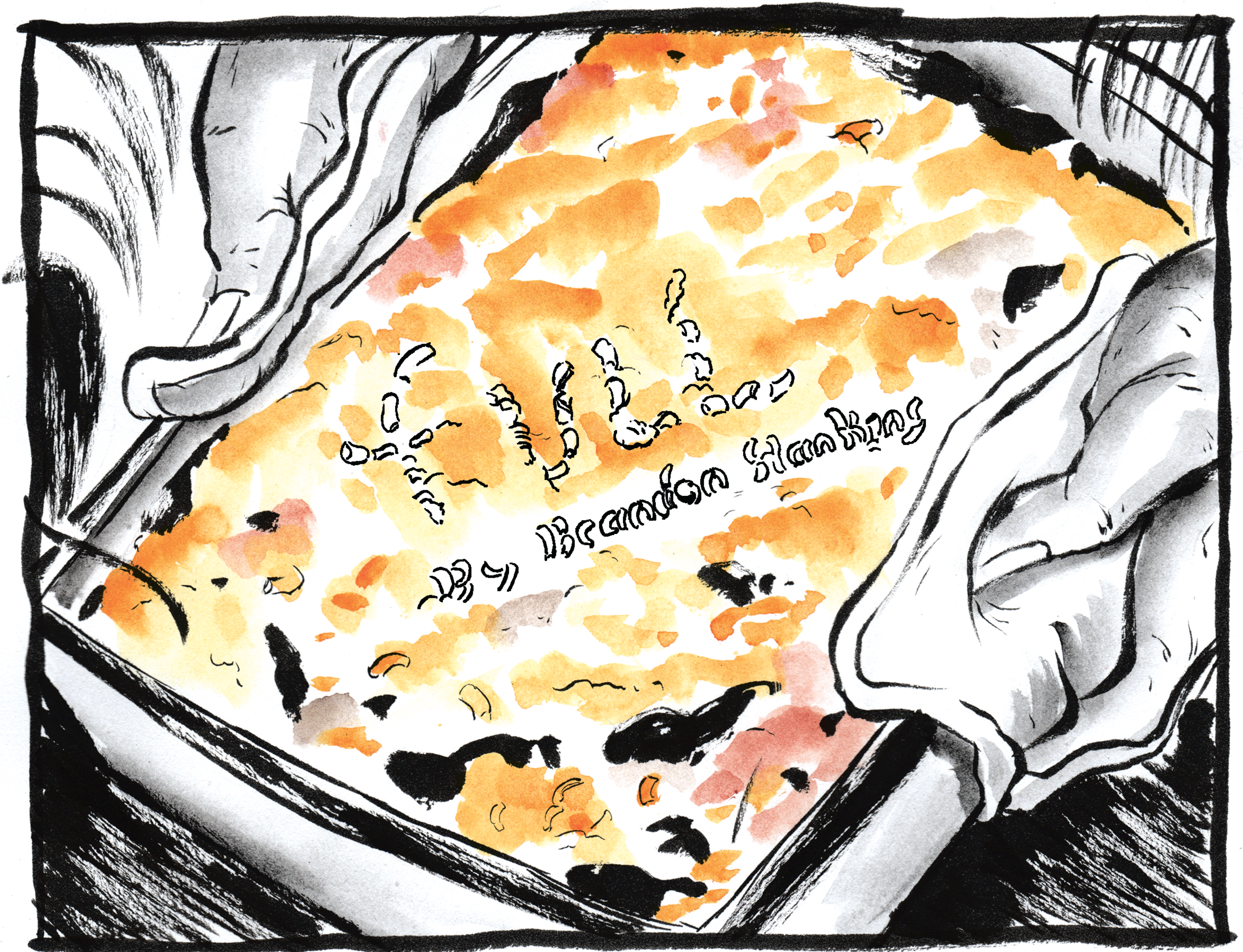
REALLY?!

NOPE.

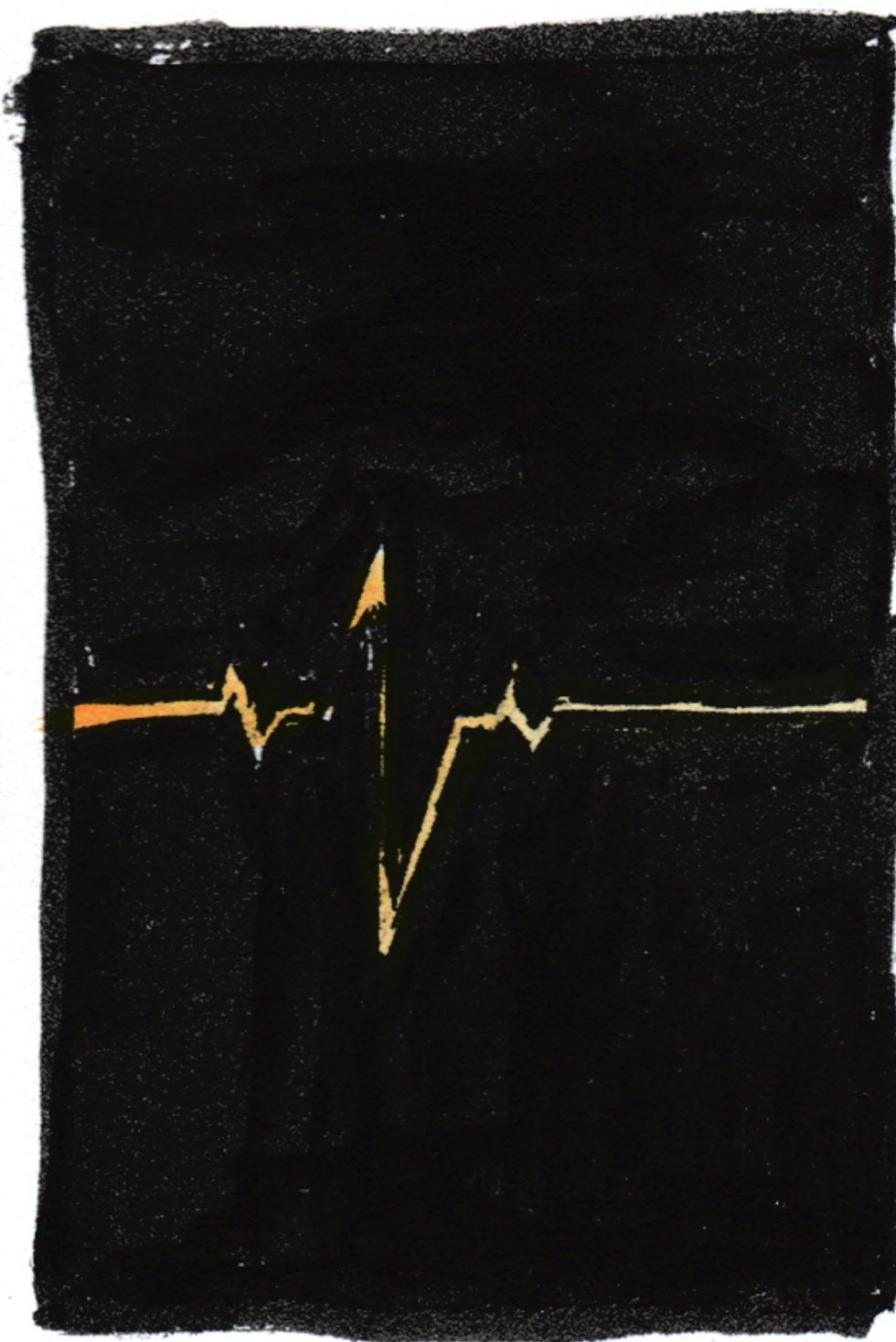
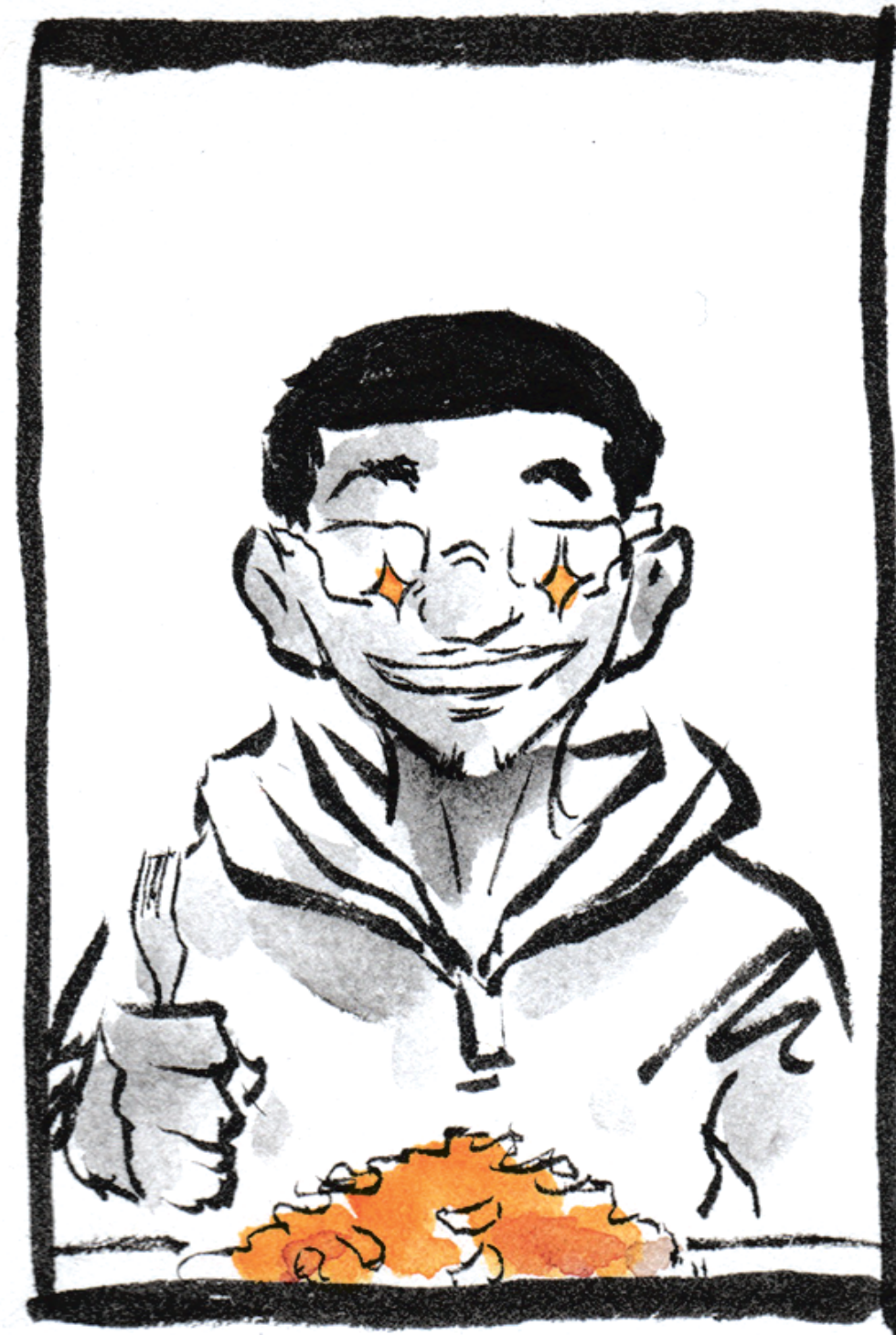
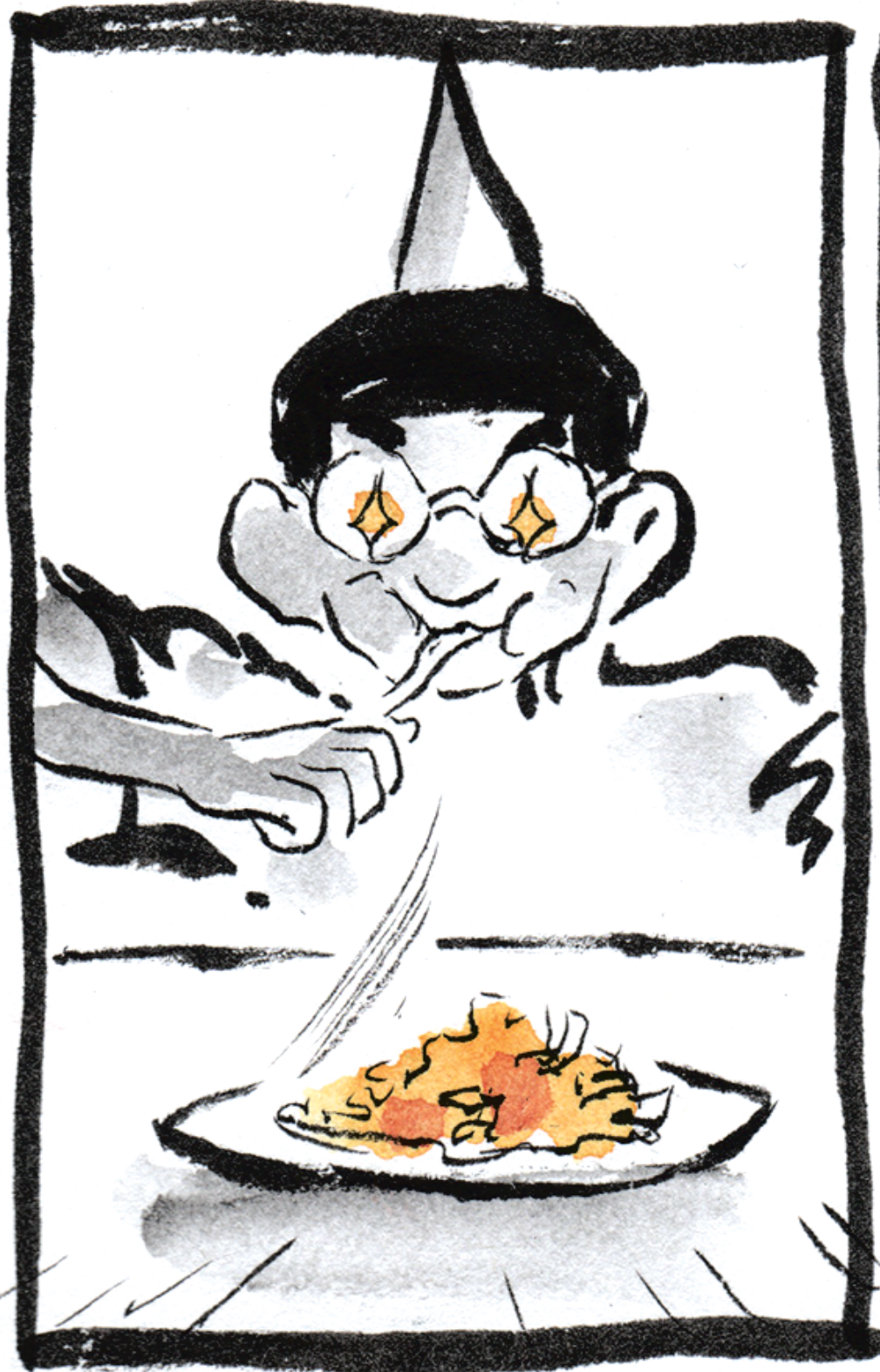
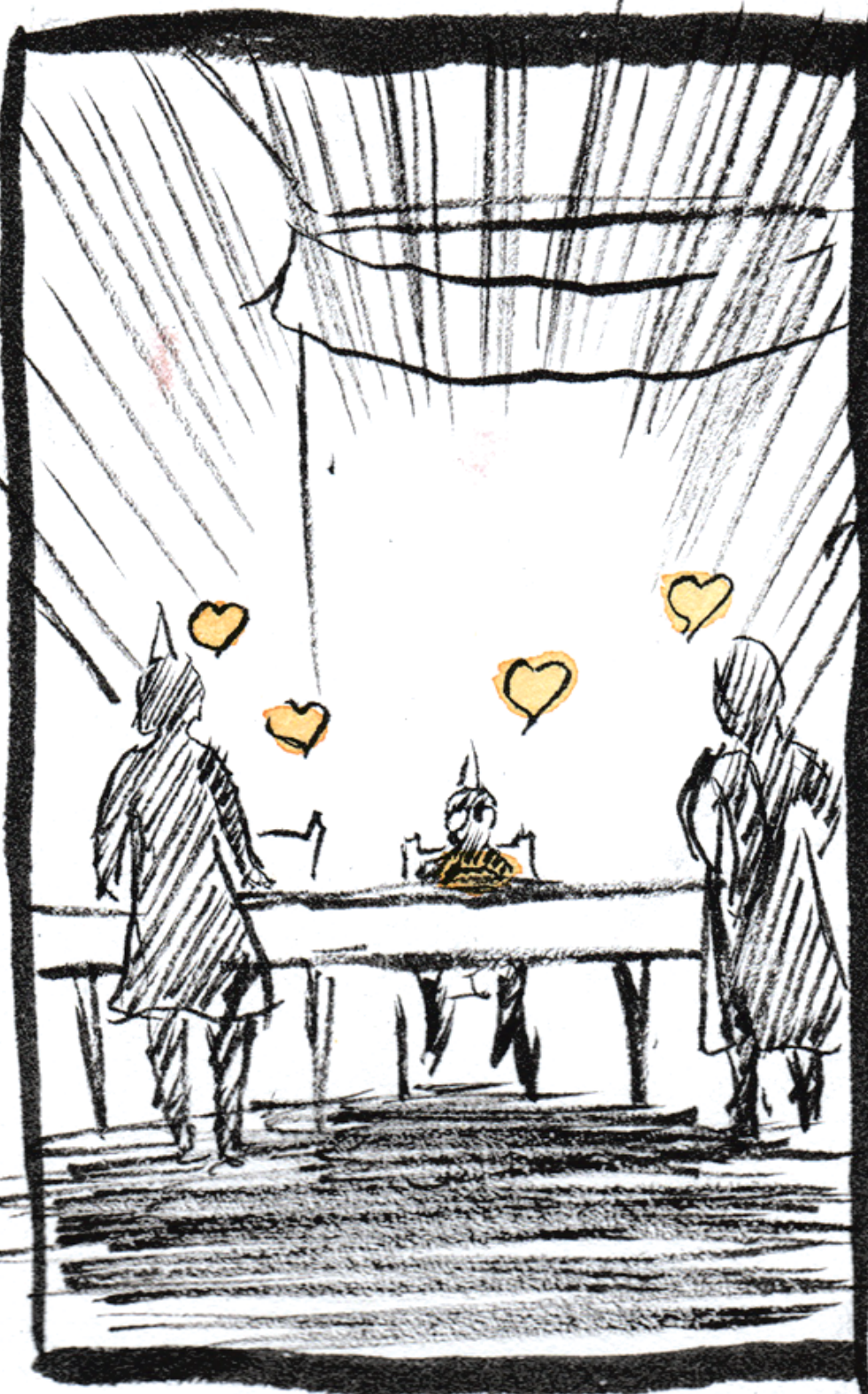
MAYBE WHEN I'M ON A DEADLINE.

C'MON! EAT ME!

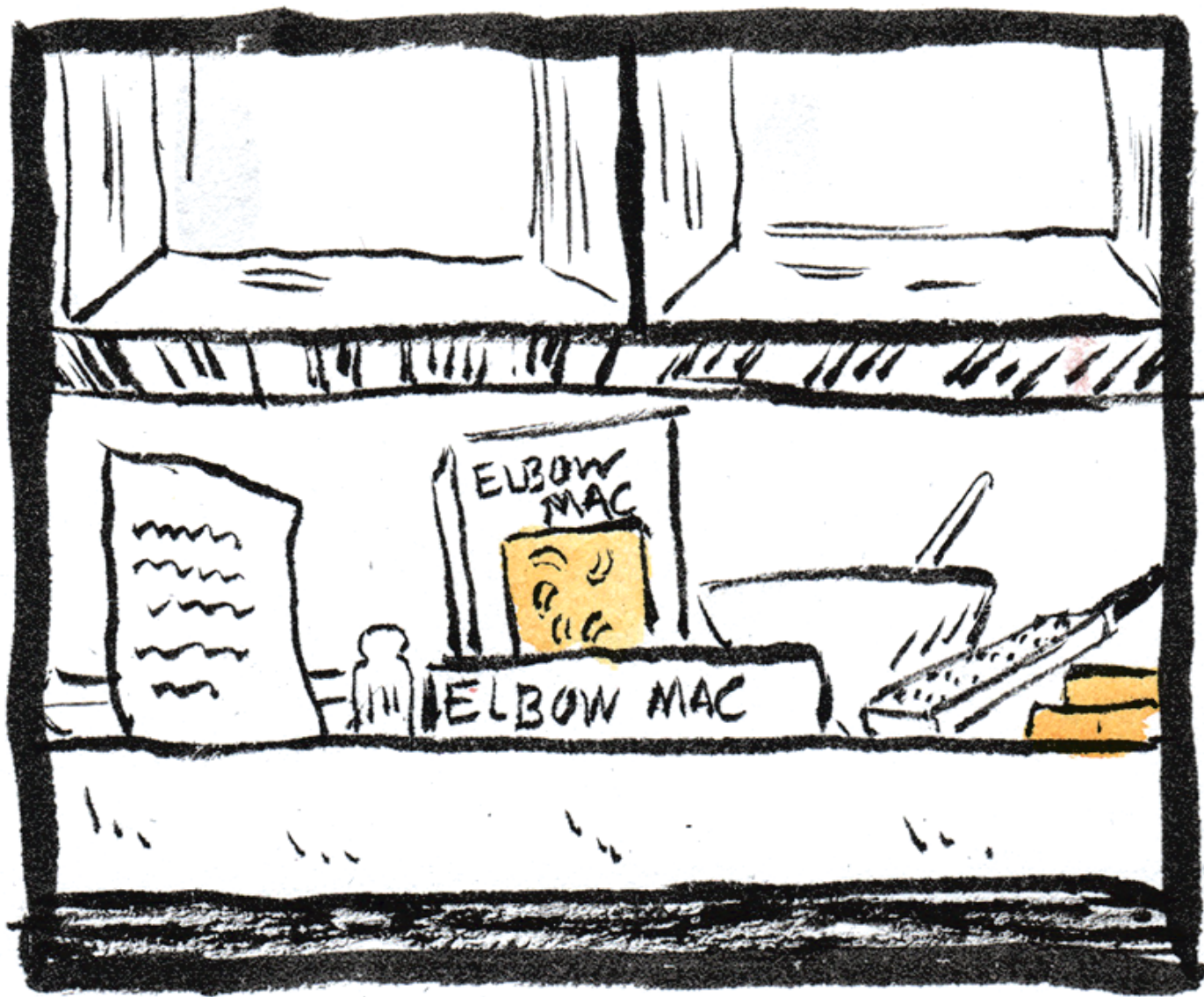




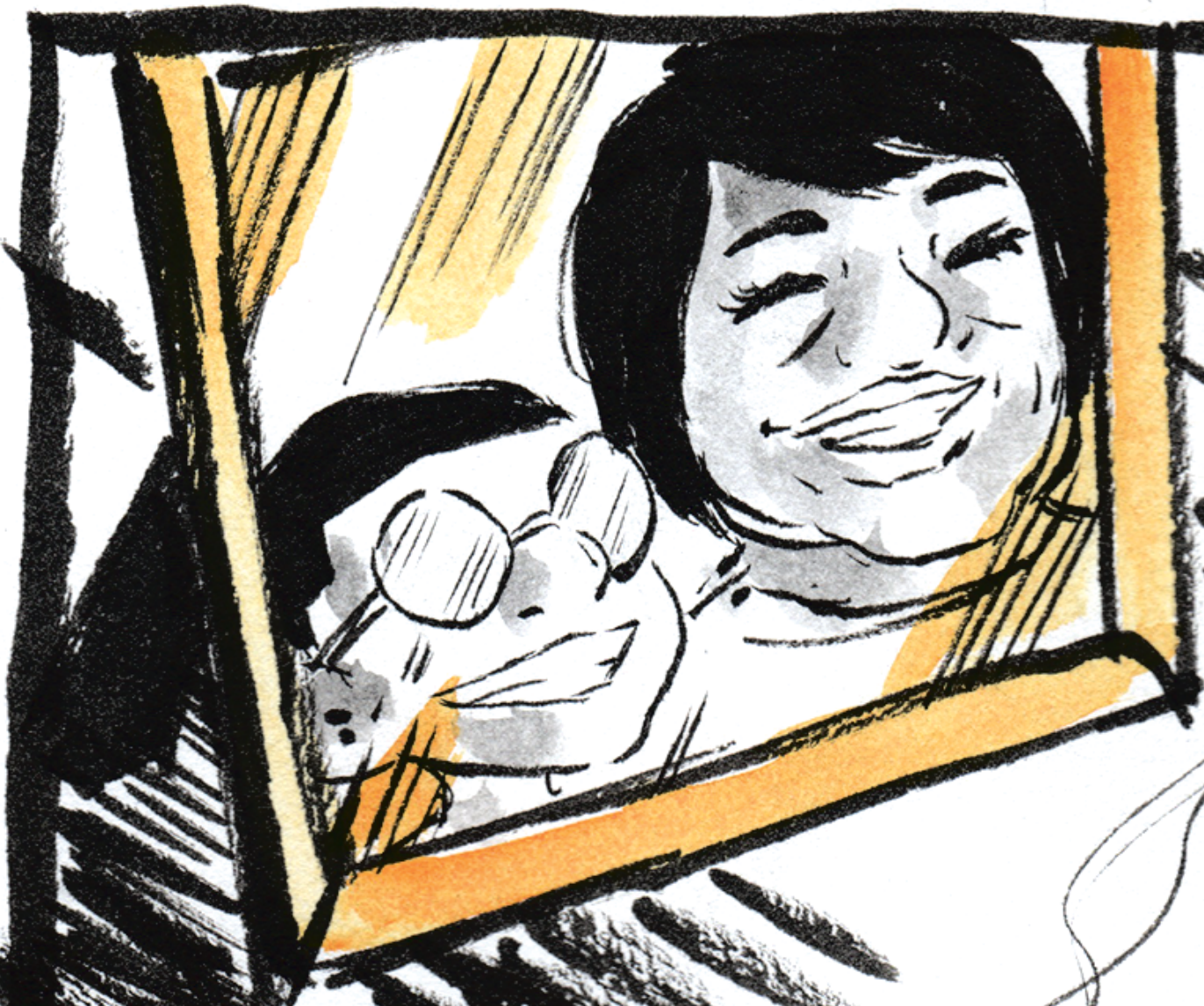




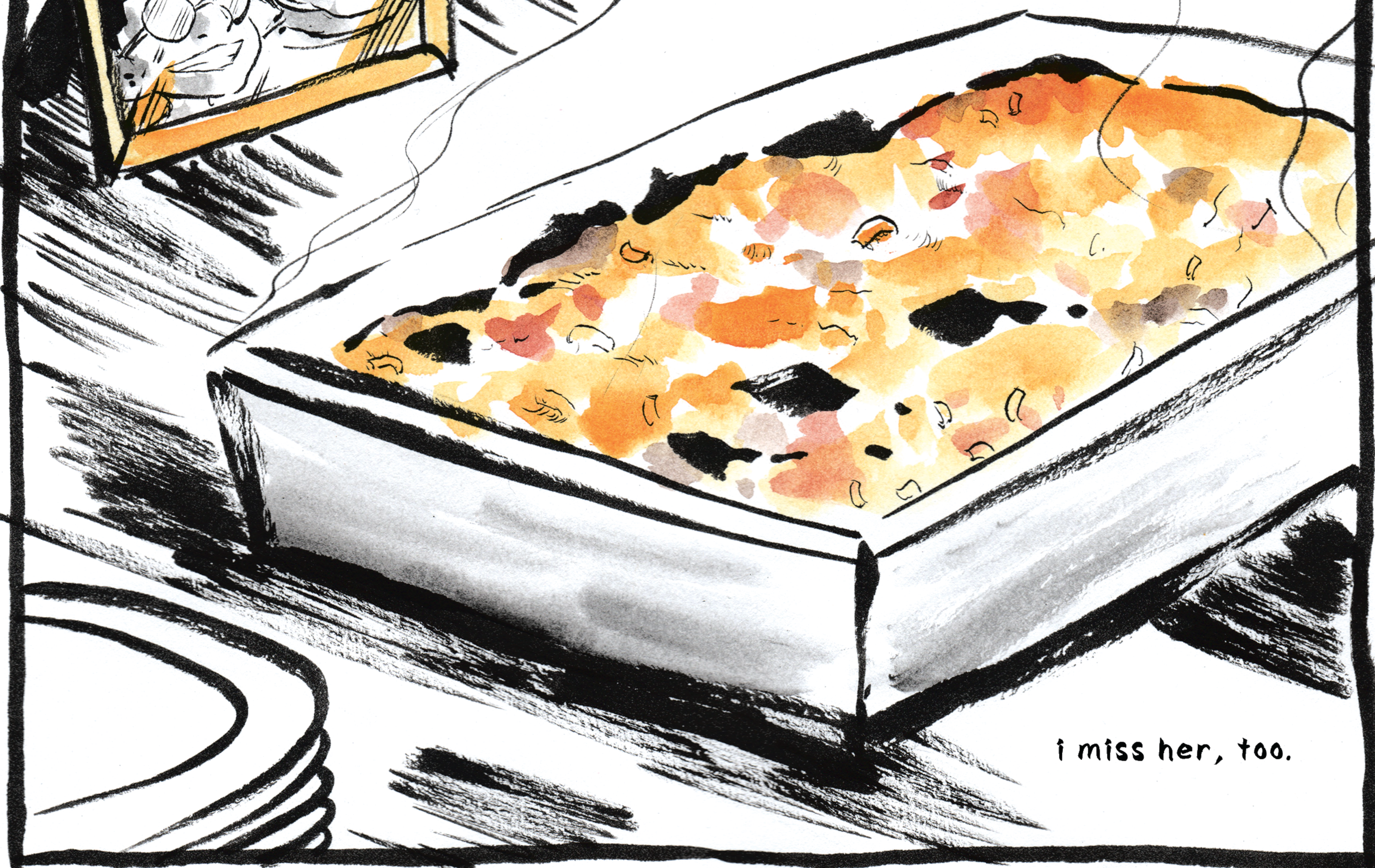




HEY, MOM. YEAH, GOT IT.  
WROTE IT ALL DOWN. YEAH  
YOU WERE RIGHT, IT'S NOT  
AS COMPLICATED AS I HAD  
EXPECTED. IT'S JUST...  
IT'S GRANDMA'S, Y'KNOW?  
I WORRY IT WON'T BE THE  
SAME...YEAH YOU'RE RIGHT,  
MAYBE THAT'S OK.



YEAH MOM.  
I...I KNOW.

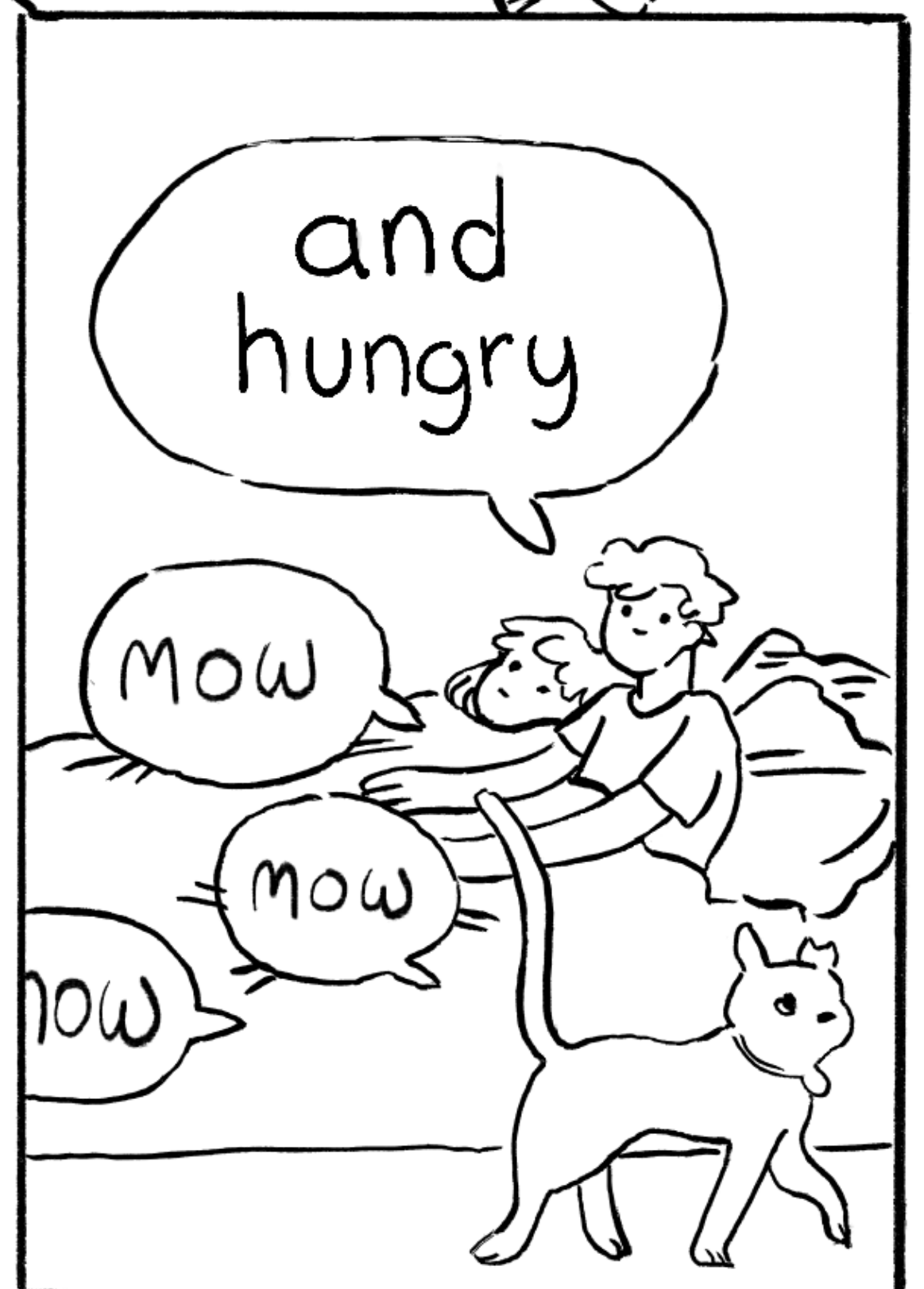
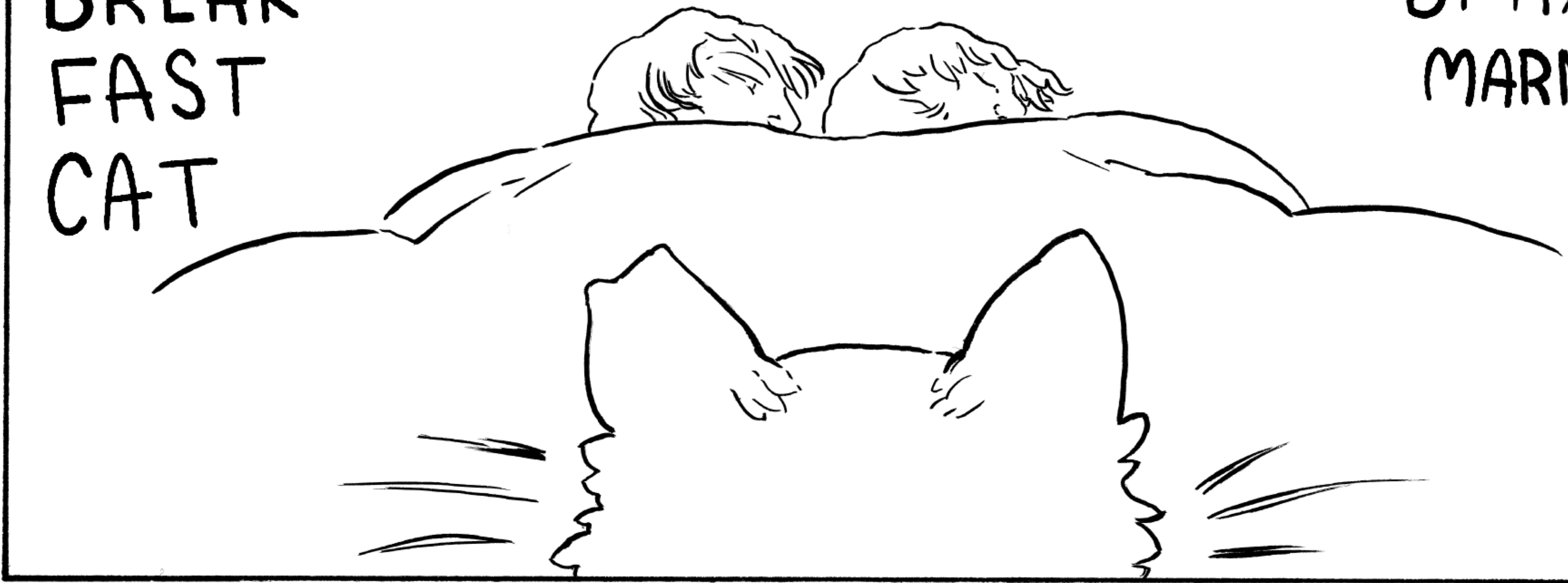


i miss her, too.

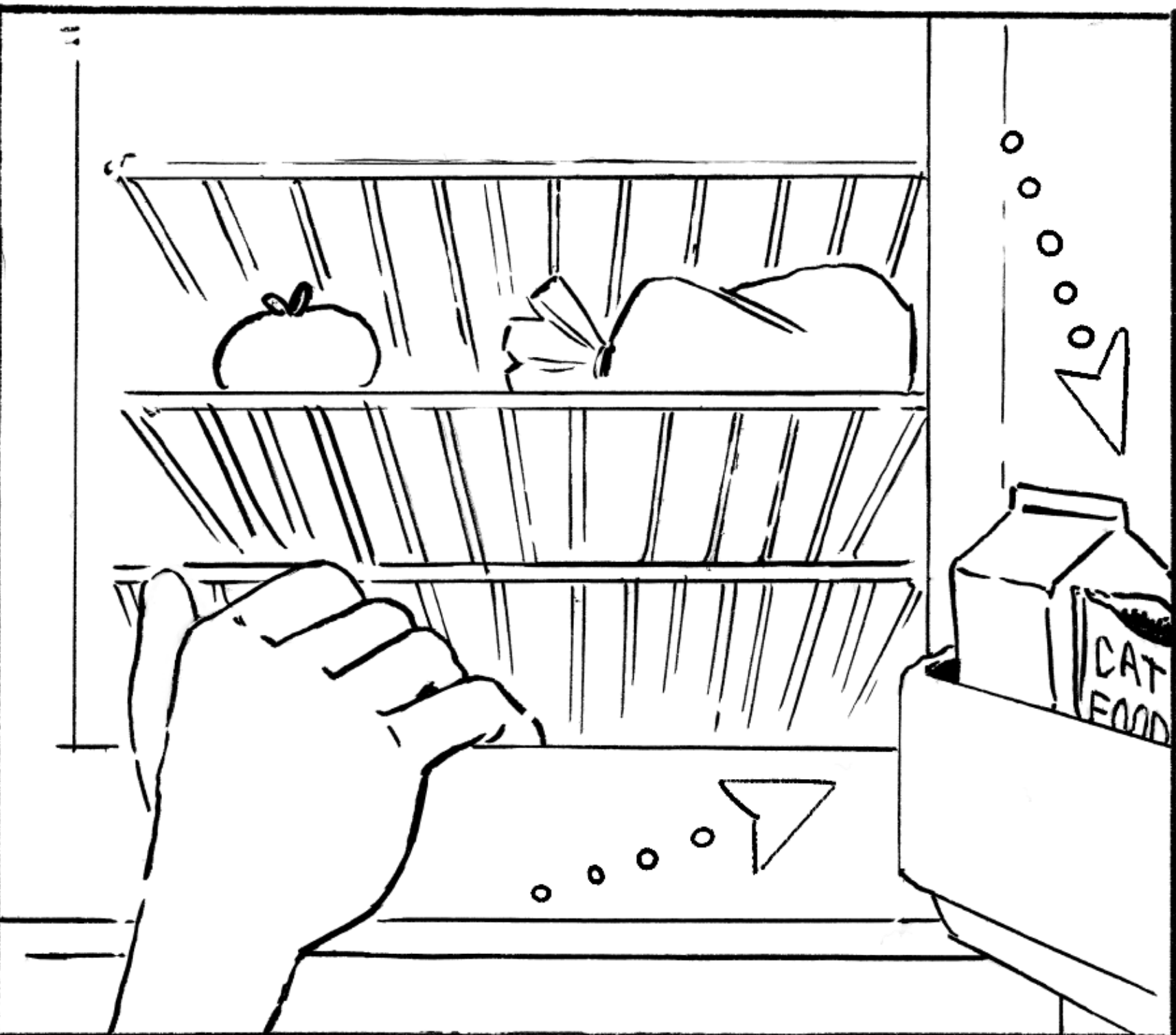
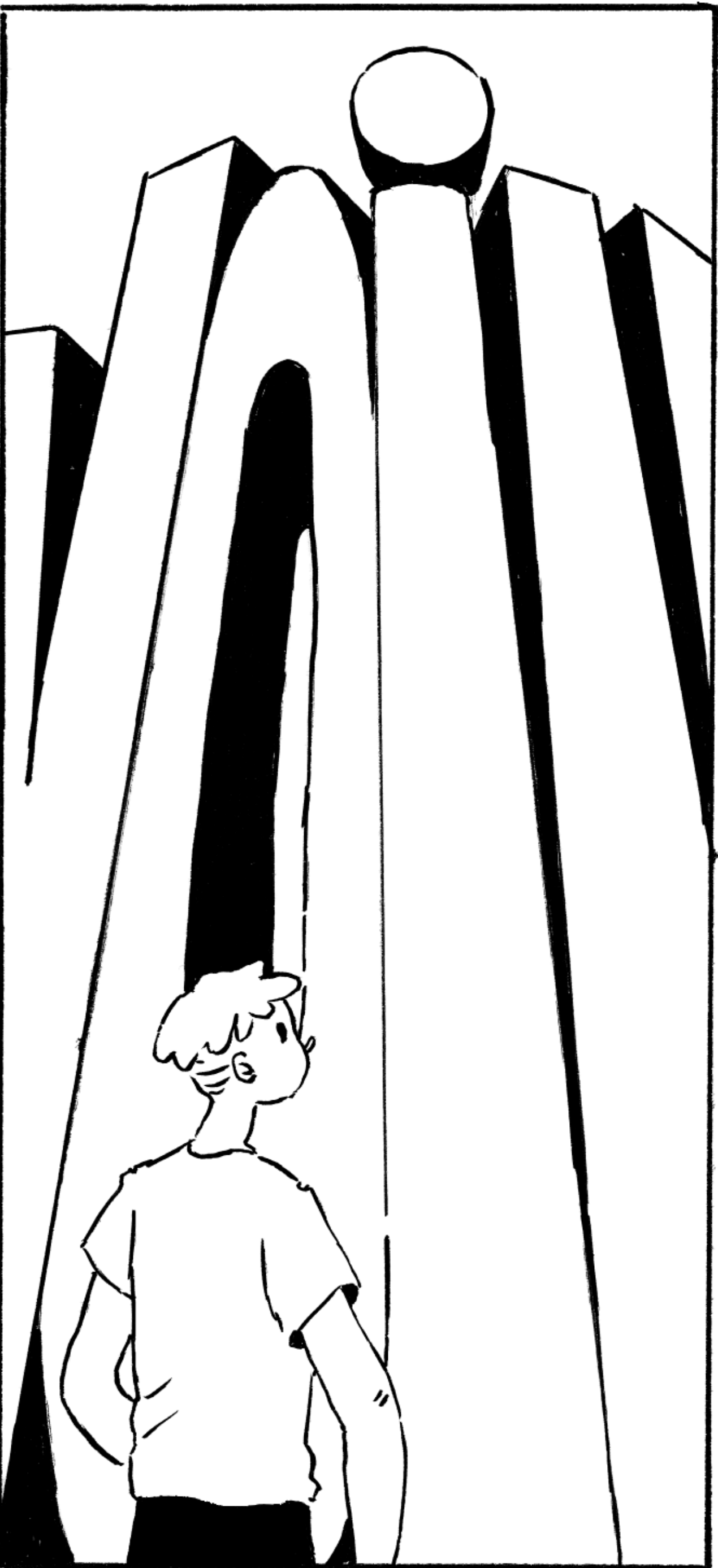
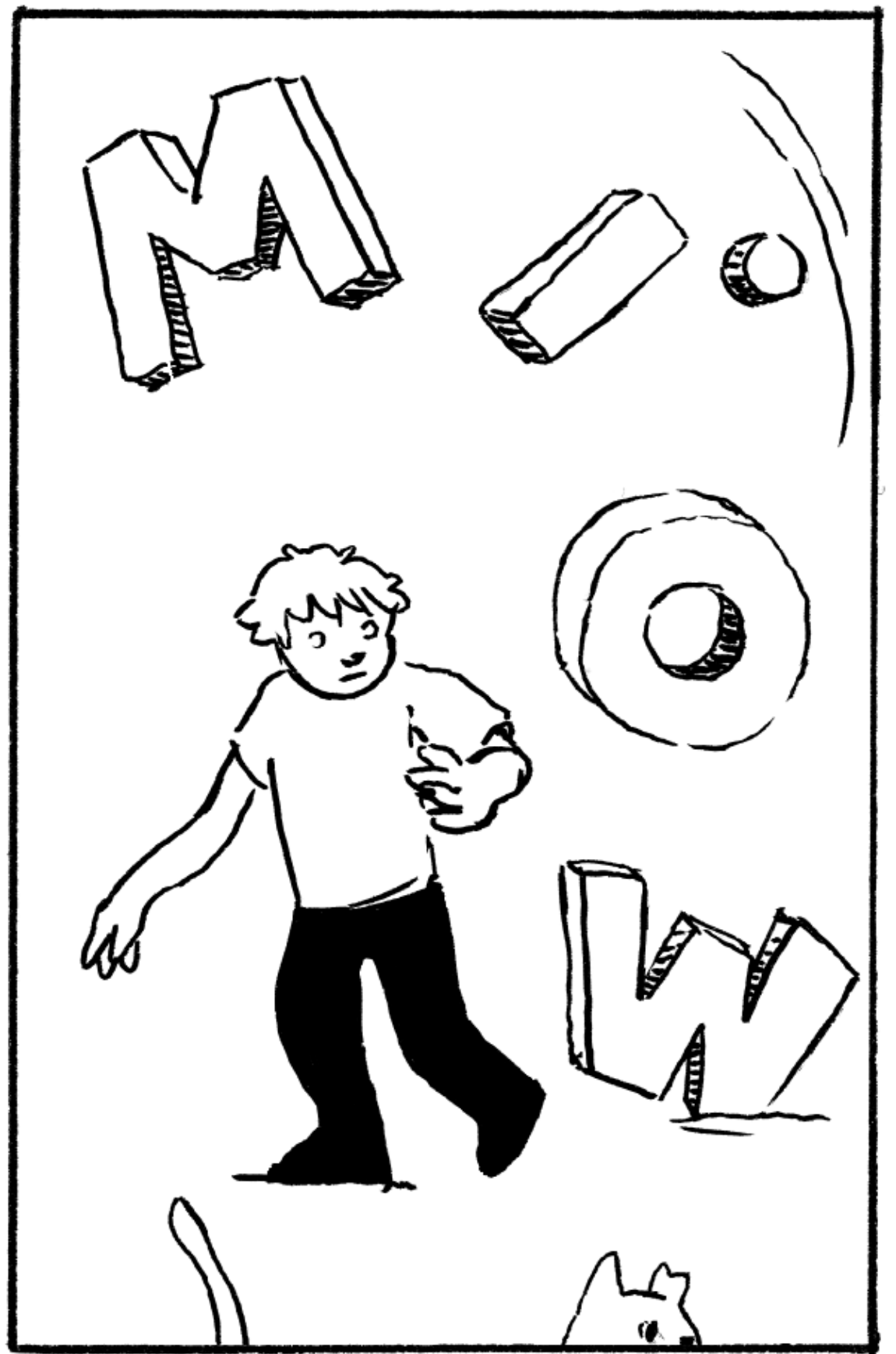
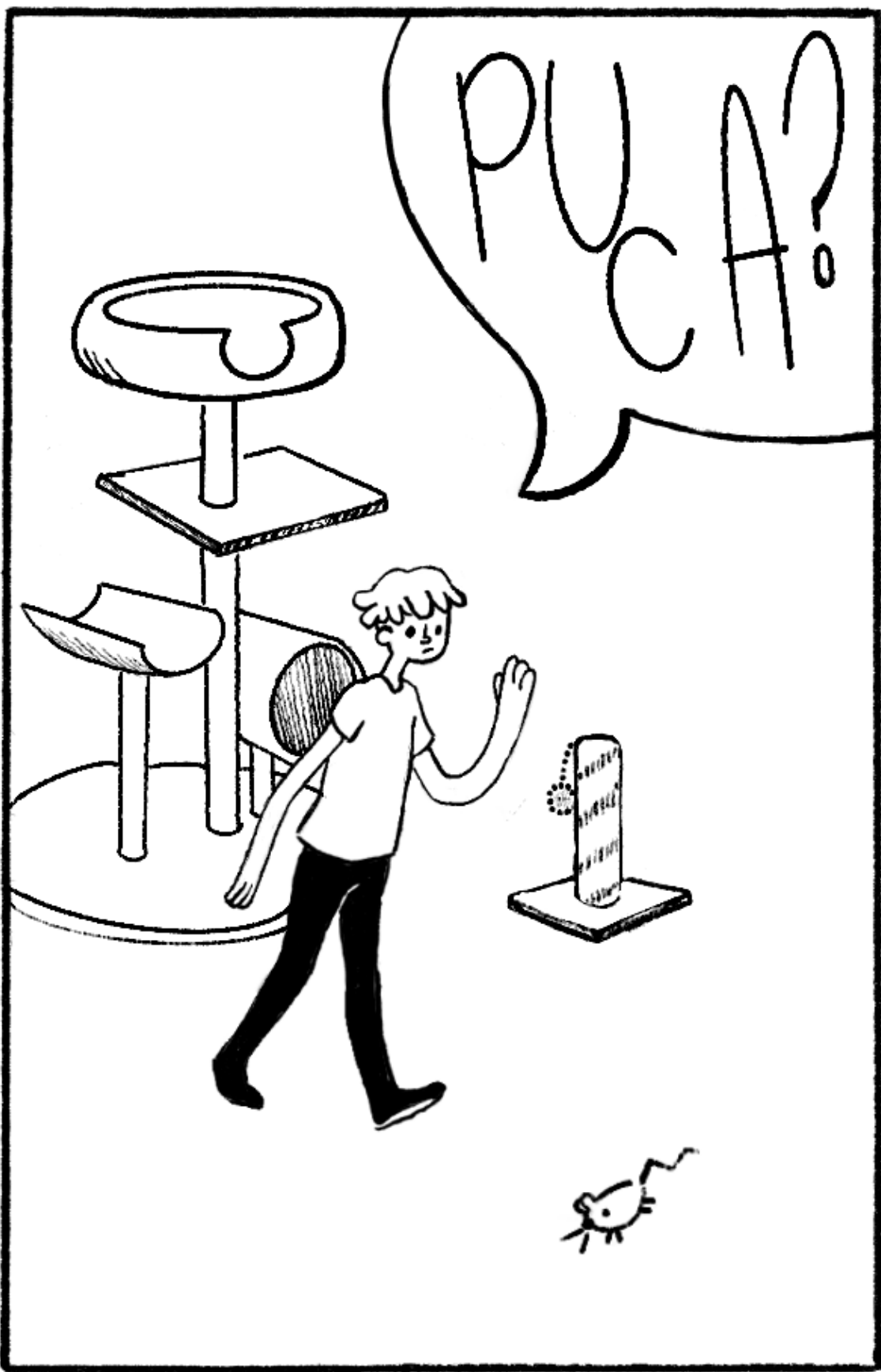


BREAK-FAST  
CAT

BY AXE  
MARNIE

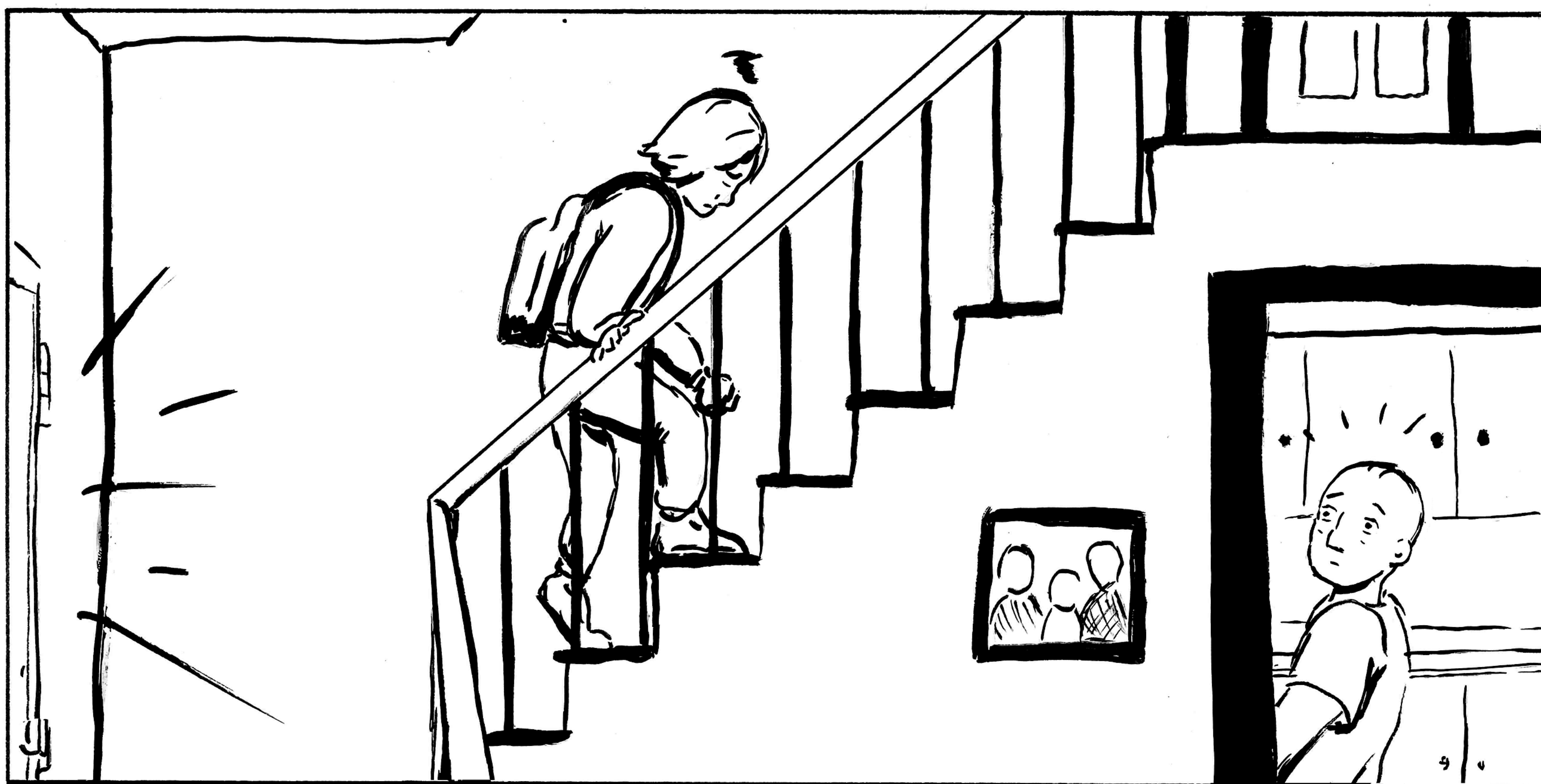




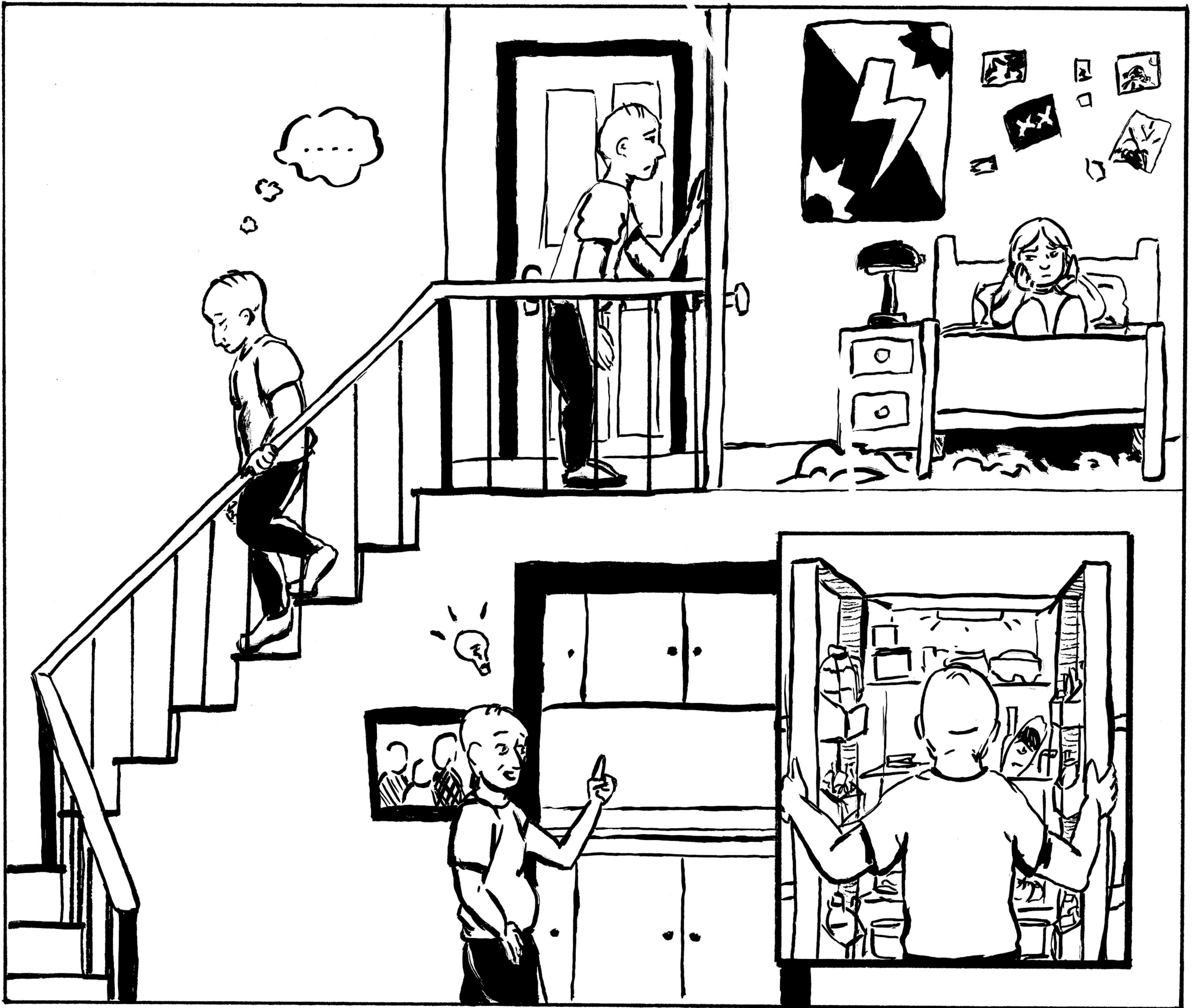




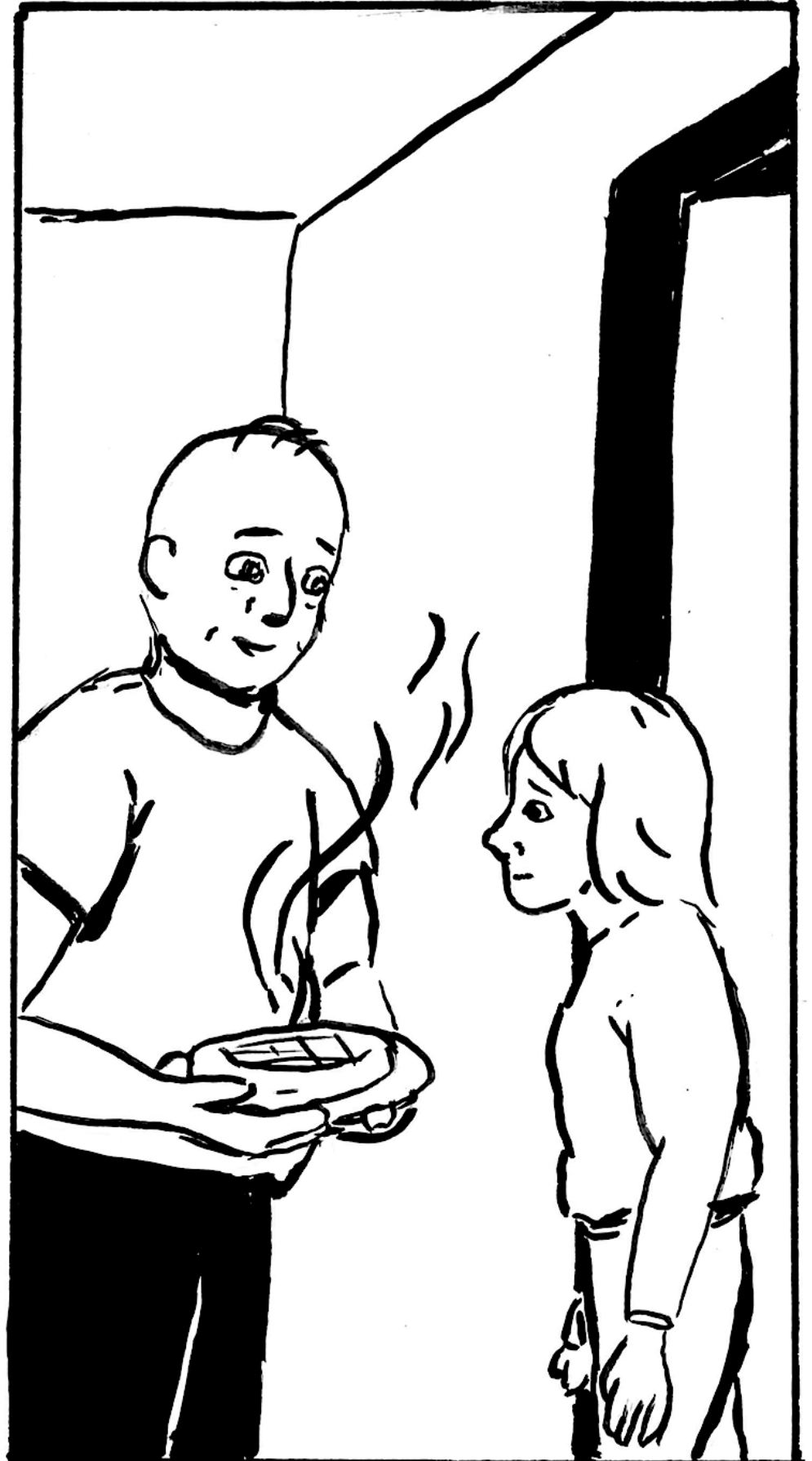
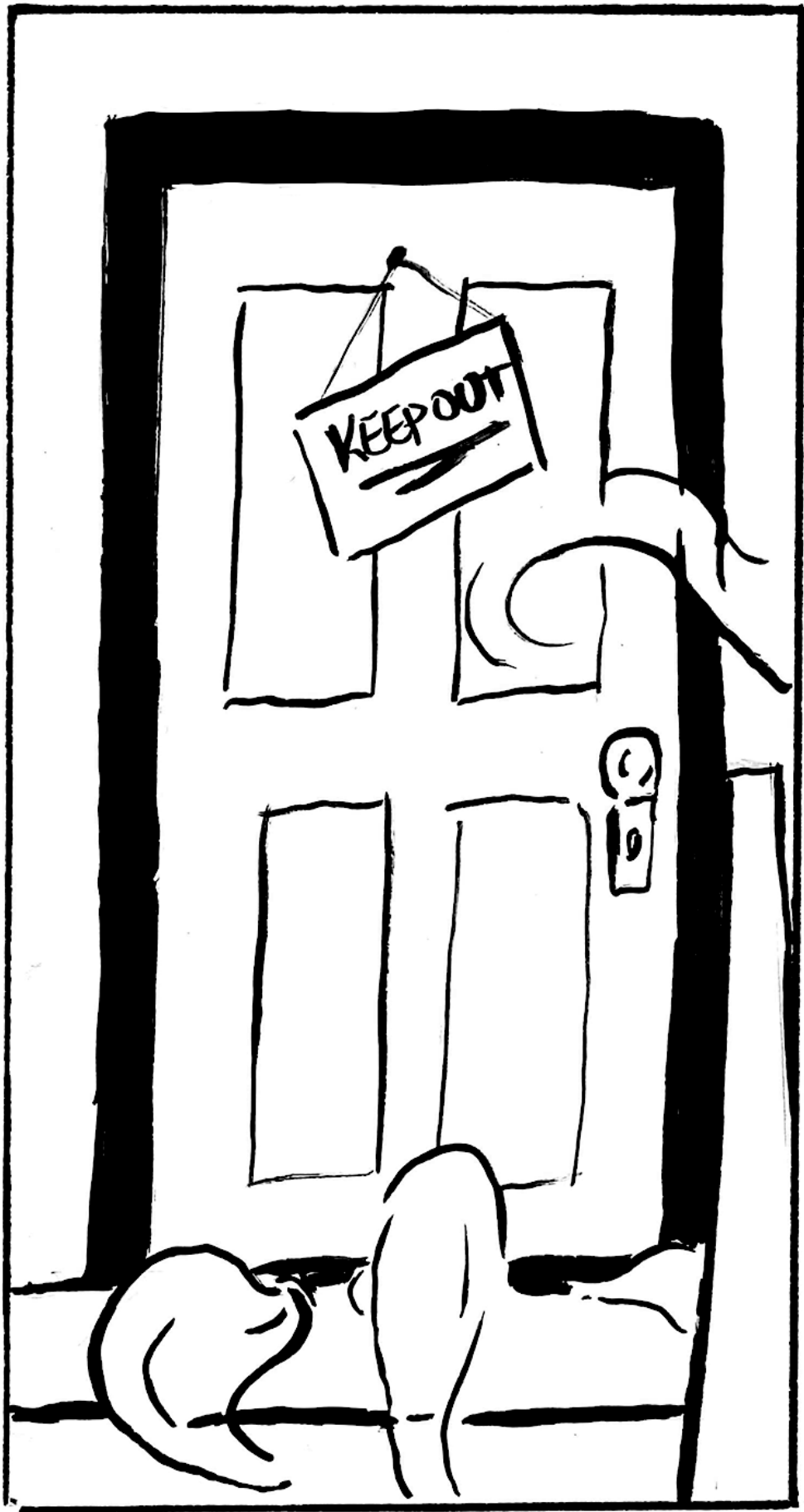
# WAFI SUZANNE RHEE















I'VE LOVED TEA MY WHOLE LIFE.

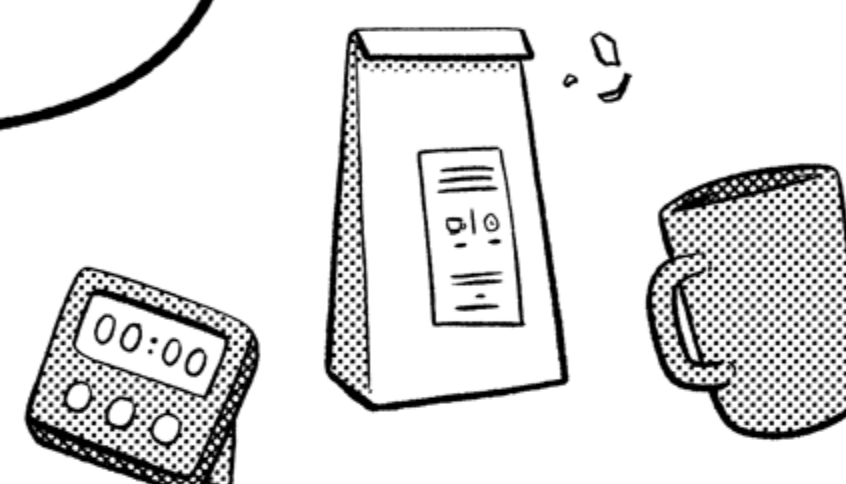
TOY CUP  
REAL  
TEA



FOR YEARS I HAD WANTED TO LEARN  
MORE ABOUT IT, BUT IT ALL SEEMED  
SO COMPLEX...



AND HONESTLY,  
WHO HAS THE  
TIME?!



I'M A BUSY PERSON,  
I DON'T HAVE THE  
TIME FOR ALL THAT  
FANCY STUFF!

THIS IS  
EFFICIENT!



AFTER ALL, WHY  
FIX WHAT ISN'T  
BROKEN?



BUT THEN 2020 CAME ALONG...



AND I HAD  
ALL THE TIME  
IN THE WORLD.

WELL, IT'LL GIVE ME  
SOMETHING TO DO,  
I GUESS...





SO I WENT ALL IN.



I'D SPEND ALL DAY JUST THINKING ABOUT TEAS. IT WAS TAKING OVER MY LIFE.



BUT HEY!  
THE FUTURE WAS  
UNCERTAIN, AND  
EVERY DAY FELT  
THE SAME...



...I NEEDED  
SOMETHING TO  
LOOK FORWARD TO.



WOW...

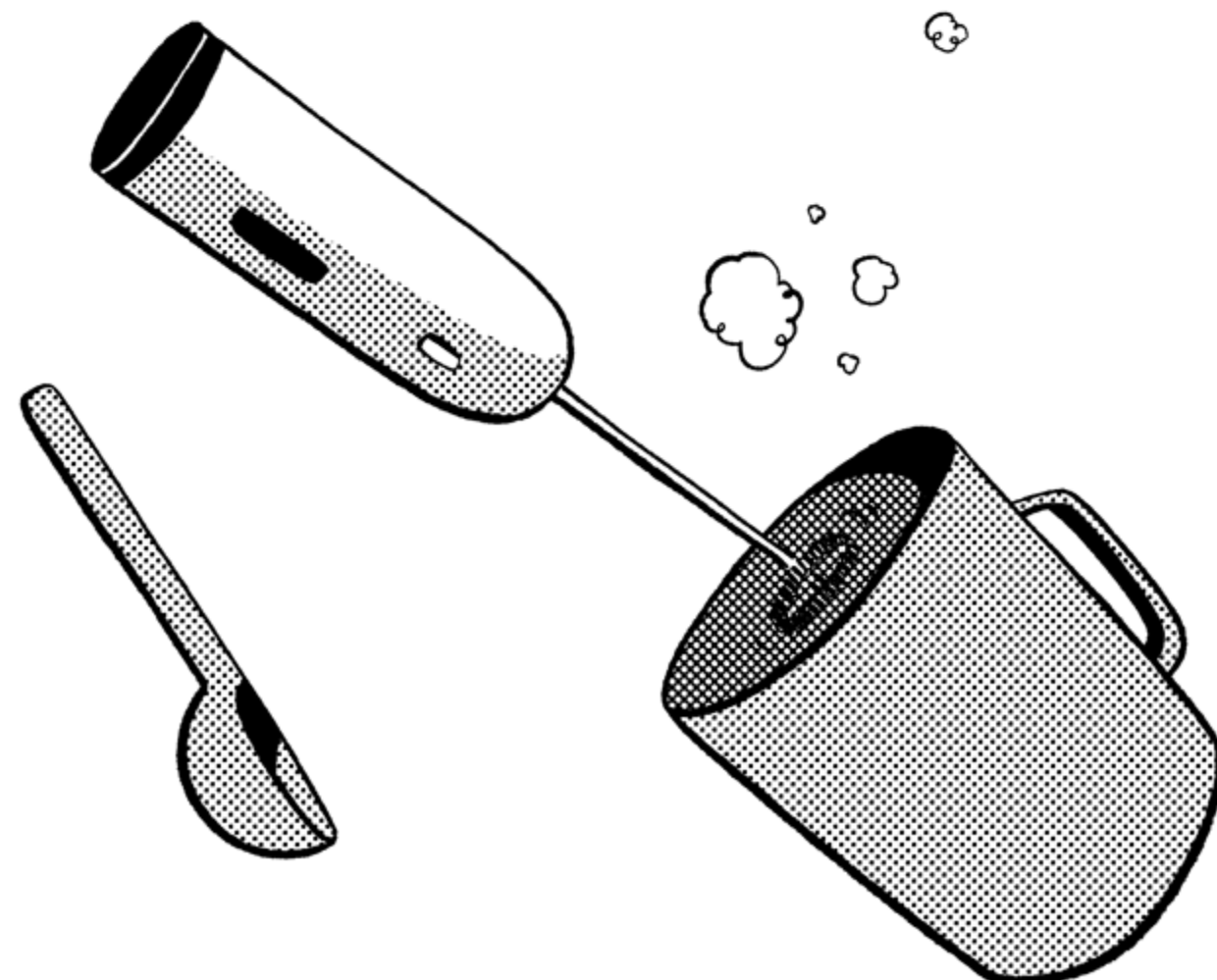
LOOK AT  
THAT COLOR...\*



IT TURNS OUT  
MAKING TEA  
IS NOT THAT  
COMPLICATED,

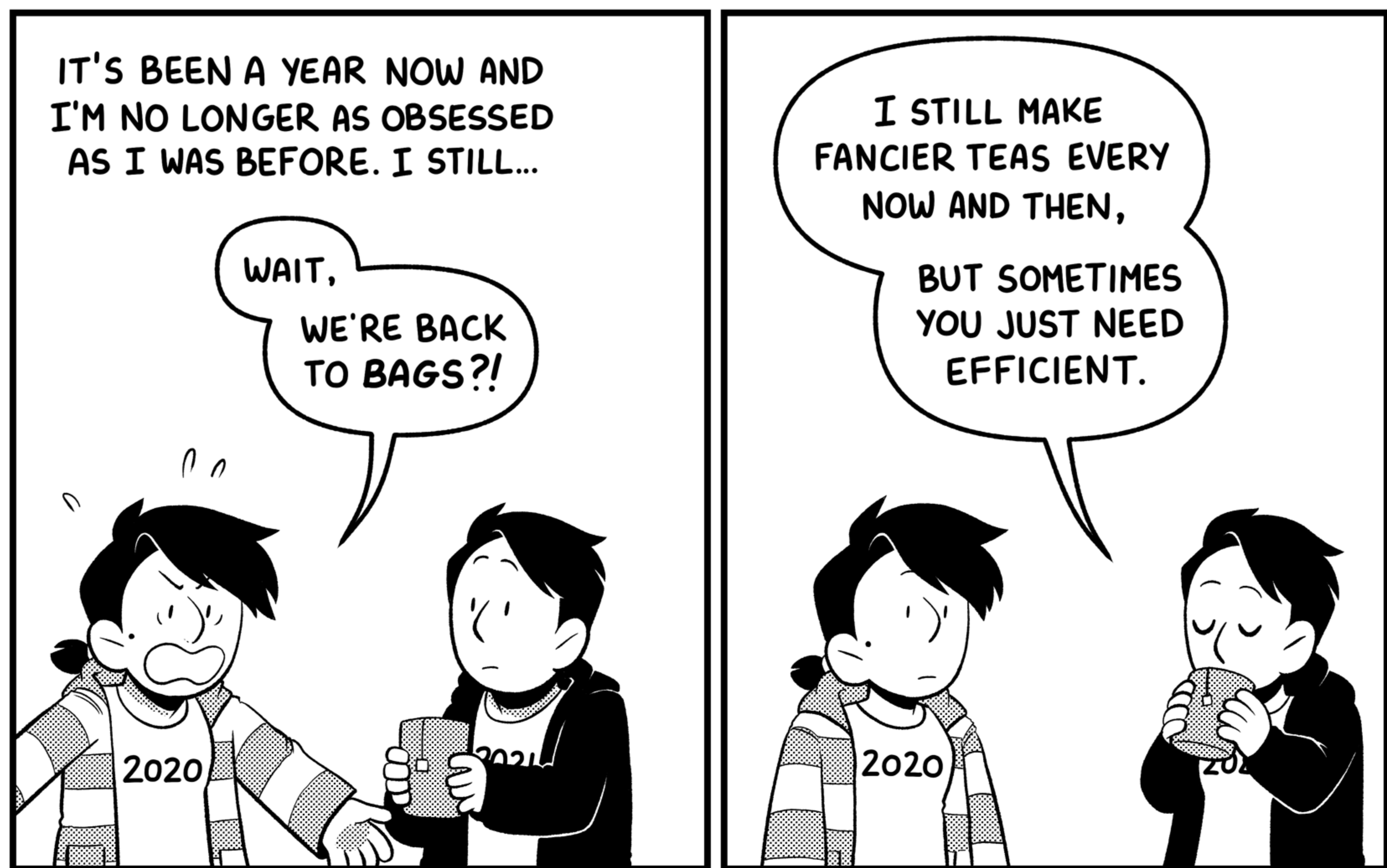


AND THE  
PROCESS  
ITSELF IS VERY  
SOOTHING.



LIKE AN ANCHOR  
THAT KEEPS YOU  
IN THE PRESENT.



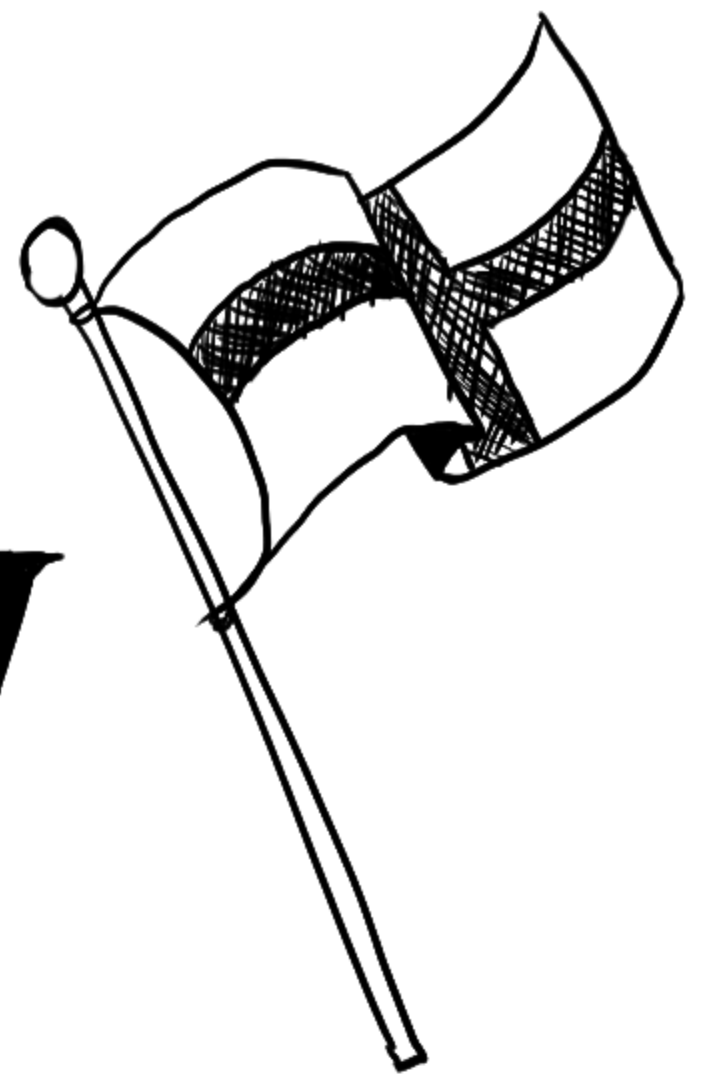






# Cornish Pasty

[PASS-tea]



THE CORNISH PASTY IS A MEAT PIE FROM A REGION OF ENGLAND CALLED CORNWALL. MY GREAT-GRANDFATHER USED TO HAVE THEM FOR LUNCH IN THE COPPER MINES OF UPPER MICHIGAN, AND THIS RECIPE IS NO DOUBT MUCH OLDER THAN THAT.

THERE'S NO CONTEST. THIS IS BY FAR OUR FAMILY'S FAVORITE DISH, ASKED FOR ON EVERYONE'S BIRTHDAY AND ENJOYED AT ANY TIME. THE RECIPE WAS PASSED ON TO MY GRANDMA FROM HER MOM, WHO GOT IT FROM HER DAD'S MOM, ETC. THERE IS NO STANDARD RECIPE AS IT'S JUST PASSED DOWN FROM ONE GENERATION TO ANOTHER, AND THIS IS THE CLOSEST WE CAN GET TO GET IT DOWN IN WRITING.

## DOUGH

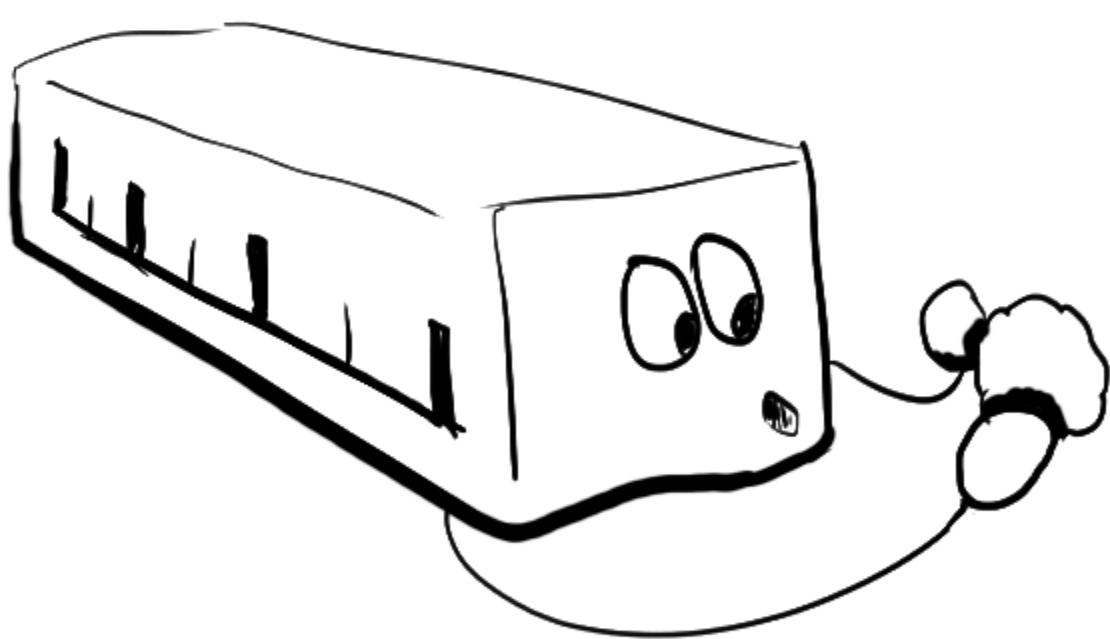
2 CUPS FLOUR\*  
1 TSP SALT  
2/3 CUPS SHORTENING  
6 TBS WATER

\* GLUTEN FREE FLOUR  
WORKS TOO!

IN A LARGE BOWL, COMBINE  
FLOUR AND SALT.



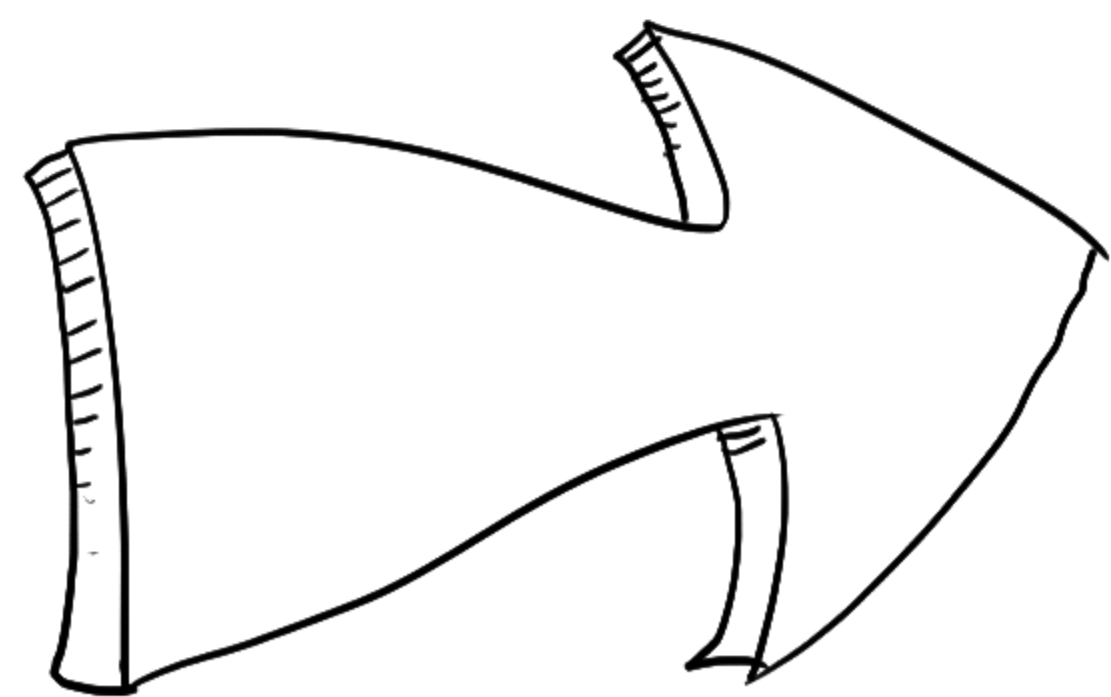
ADD SHORTENING AND MIX UNTIL  
SMALL SPHERES HAVE FORMED.



SPRINKLE WITH WATER, A LITTLE AT A TIME,  
UNTIL FLOUR IS MOISTENED.



PRESS FIRMLY INTO BALL.

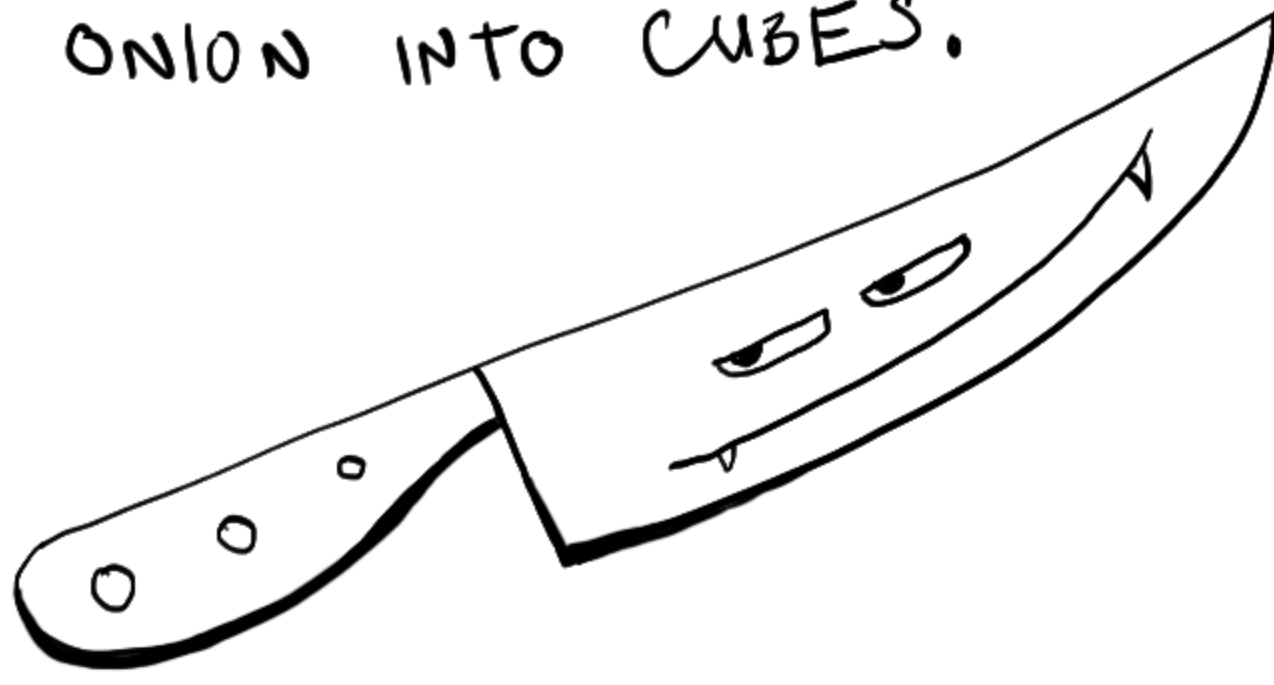




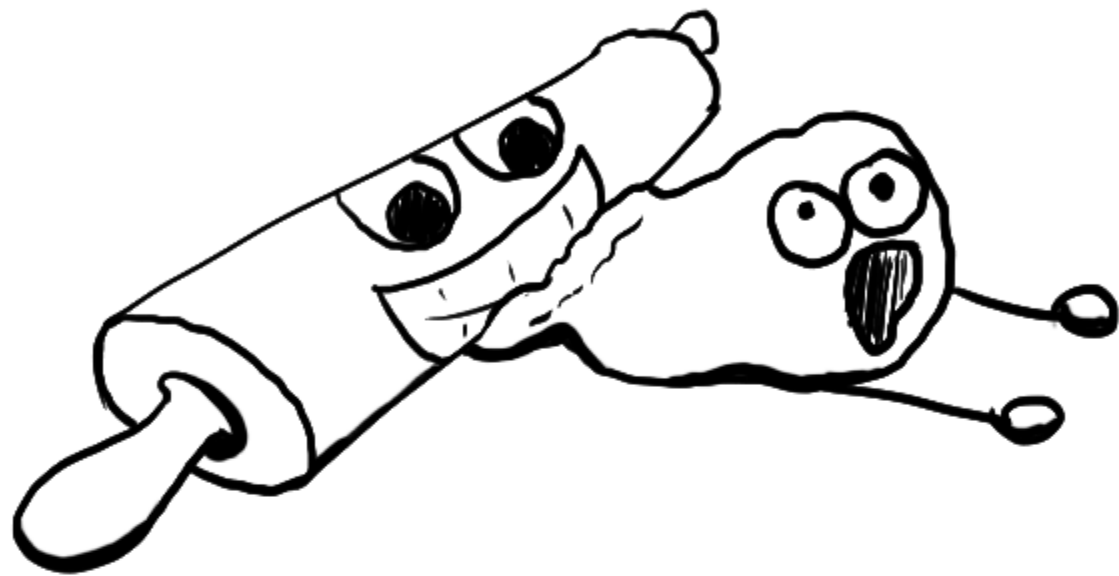
## FILLING

1 LB FLANK  
1 SMALL STEAK  
8 MED POTATOES  
1 MED ONION  
SALT & PEPPER

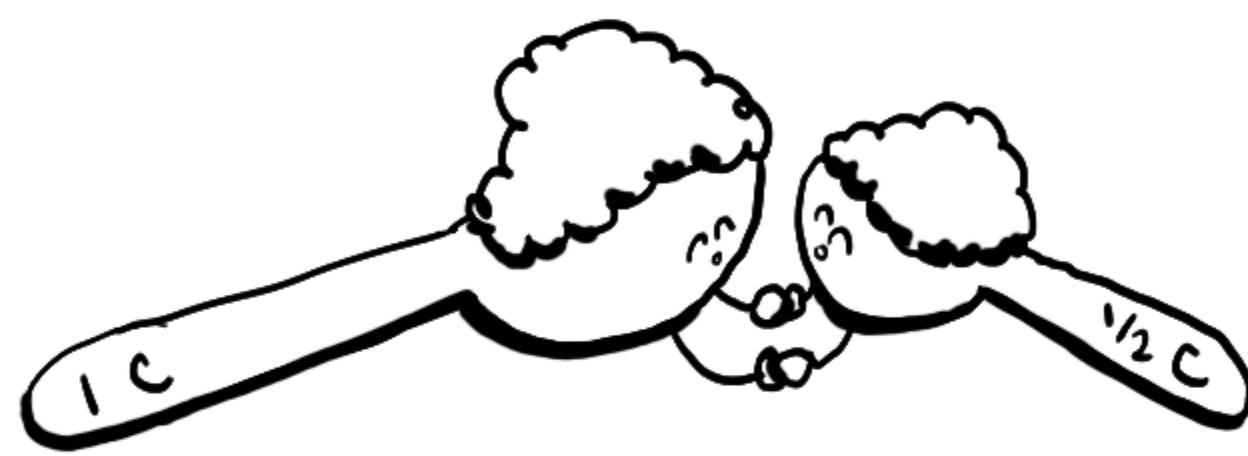
DICE MEAT, POTATOES, AND  
ONION INTO CUBES.



DIVIDE PASTRY DOUGH INTO  
SIX BALLS AND ROLL OUT.



DISH 1 1/2 CUPS OF FILLING MIXED  
W/ SALT & PEPPER ON ROLLED DOUGH.



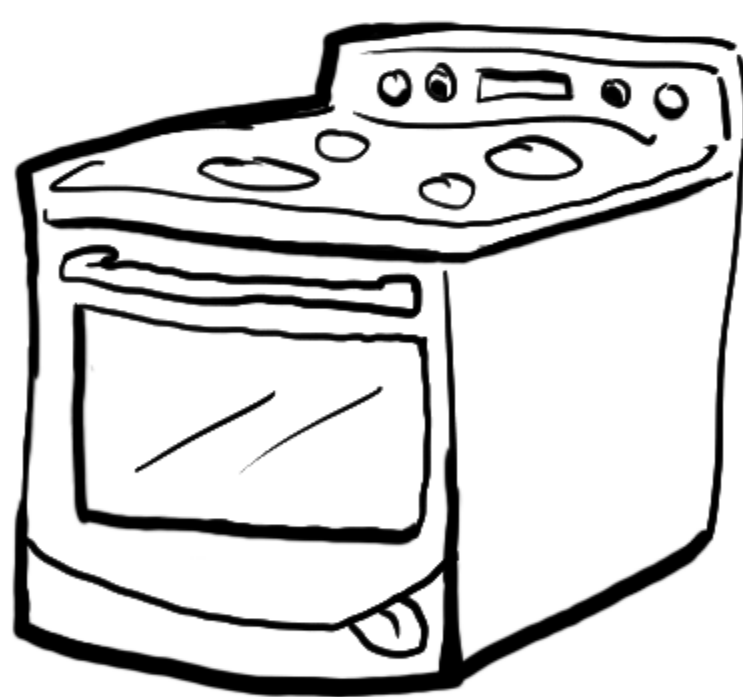
FOLD DOUGH IN HALF OVER FILLING  
AND CRIMP EDGES.



CUT SLITS IN TOP OF PASTY.



BAKE PASTIES AT 350°F/177°C  
FOR 1 HOUR.



REMOVE FROM OVEN AND  
LET COOL DOWN  
ENOUGH TO EAT.

# Cheers!



Charlie Nuckala



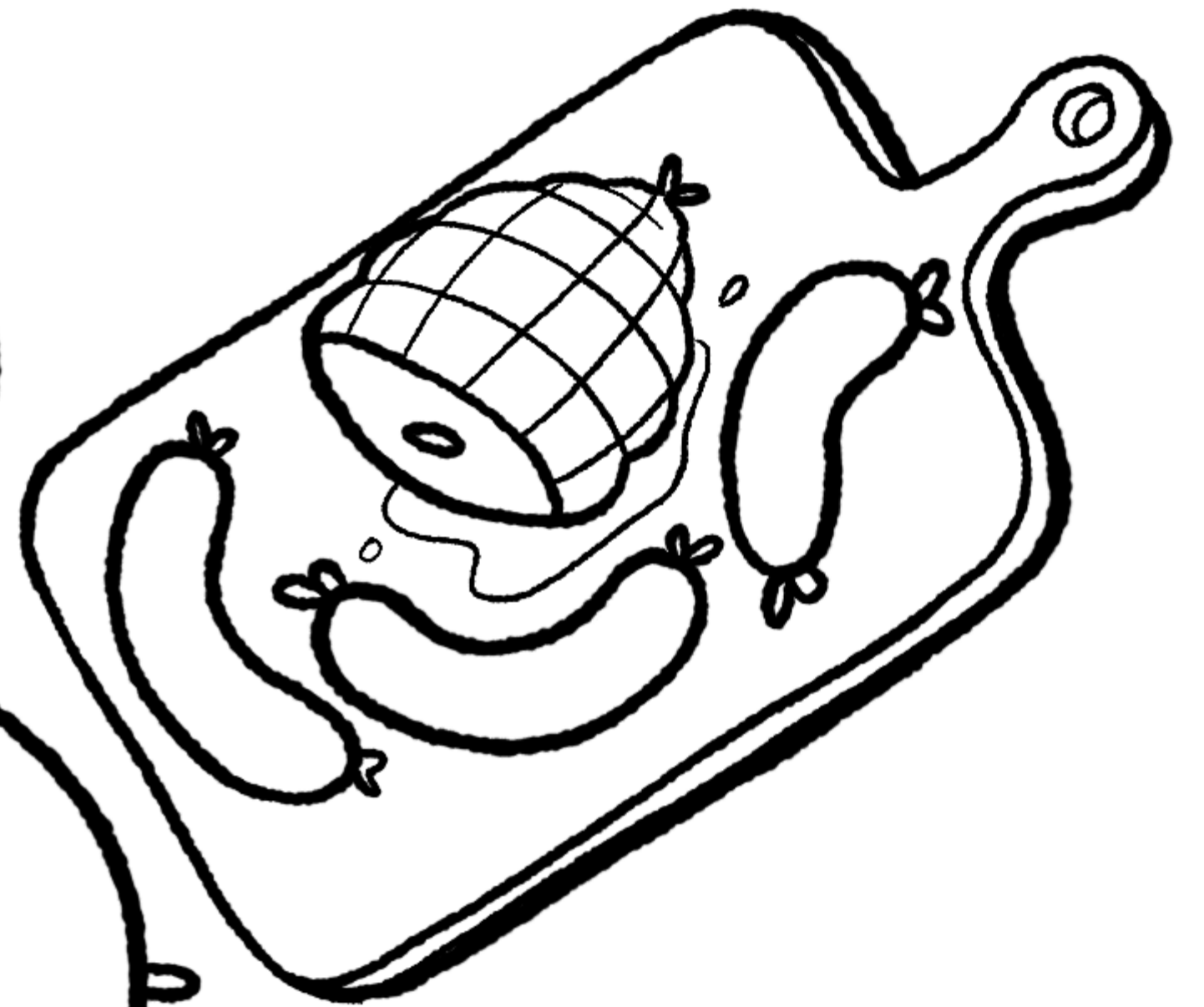
# Peasants' Stew

IT'S VEGAN! OR NOT. WHATEVER YOU WANT.

A RECIPE BY AARON POLK

LET'S SKIP THE WEIRDLY EMOTIONAL BACKSTORY ABOUT MY FATHER'S MOTHER'S NEIGHBOR'S COUSIN.

HERE'S HOW YOU MAKE A PEASANTS STEW.



THIS STEW IS VEGAN, BUT IF YOU ARE CARNIVOROUS YOU CAN ADD BRATS OR SAUSAGES,

OR IF YOU CAN FIND THEM FRESH, LOCALLY SOURCED GOBLIN HAMS.

NNNNNN

## Ingredients

- ONE BUNCH KALE
- 3-4 MEDIUM TURNIPS
- 3 MEDIUM ONIONS
- GARLIC AS YOUR HEART DESIRES
- BAG AND A HALF OF MINI CARROTS
- HALF BUNCH CELERY
- 2-3 PARSNIPS IF YOU LIKE
- KNORR VEGGY STOCK BASE  
(A SLIGHTLY IRRESPONSIBLE AMOUNT)
- THYME, OREGANO, AND TARRAGON  
(BUNCHED AND TIED TOGETHER)
- A BAG AND A HALF OF PEARLED BARLEY.

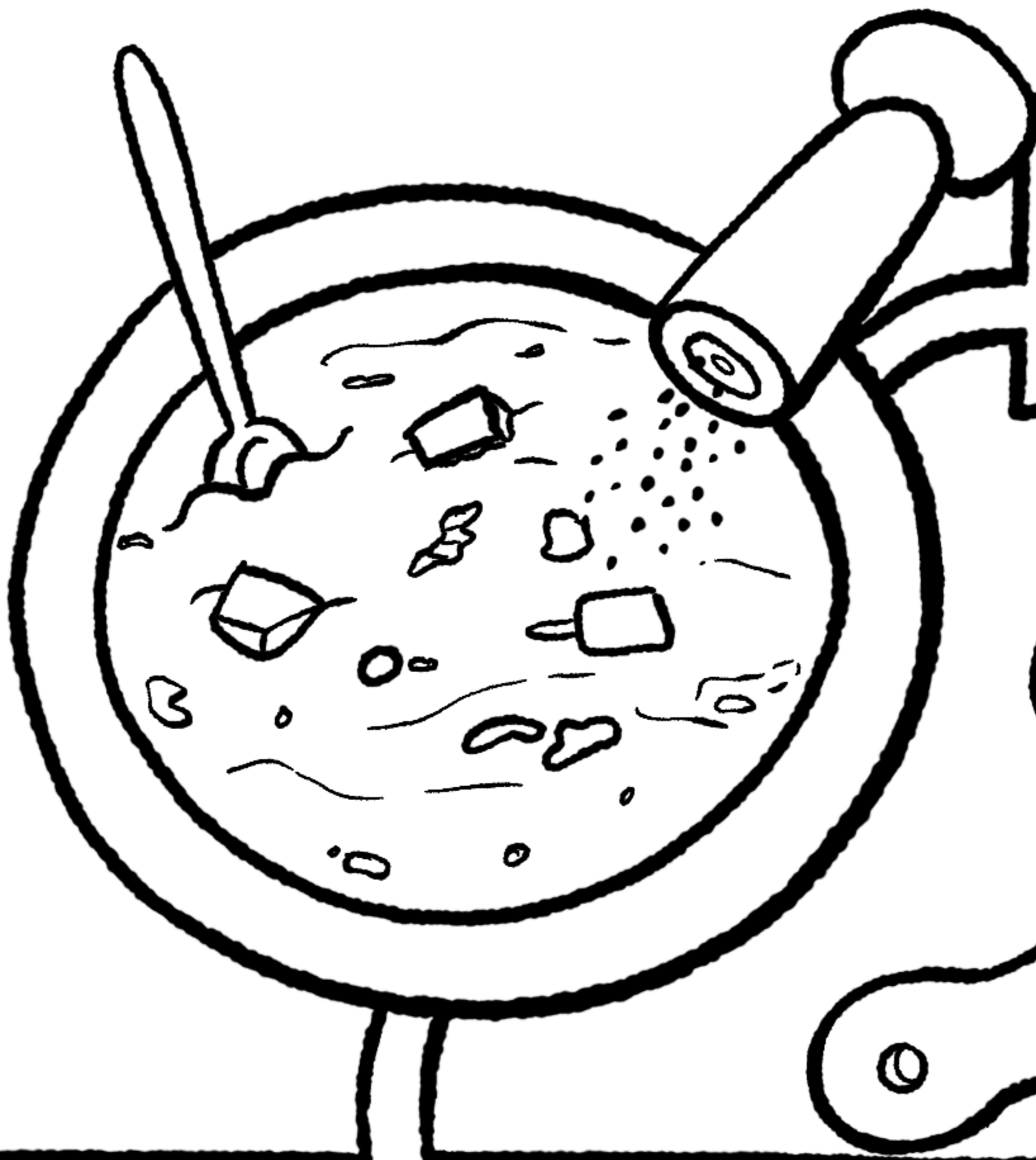
HERE'S WHAT YOU'LL NEED. YOU CAN ADD WHATEVER IS TASTY!



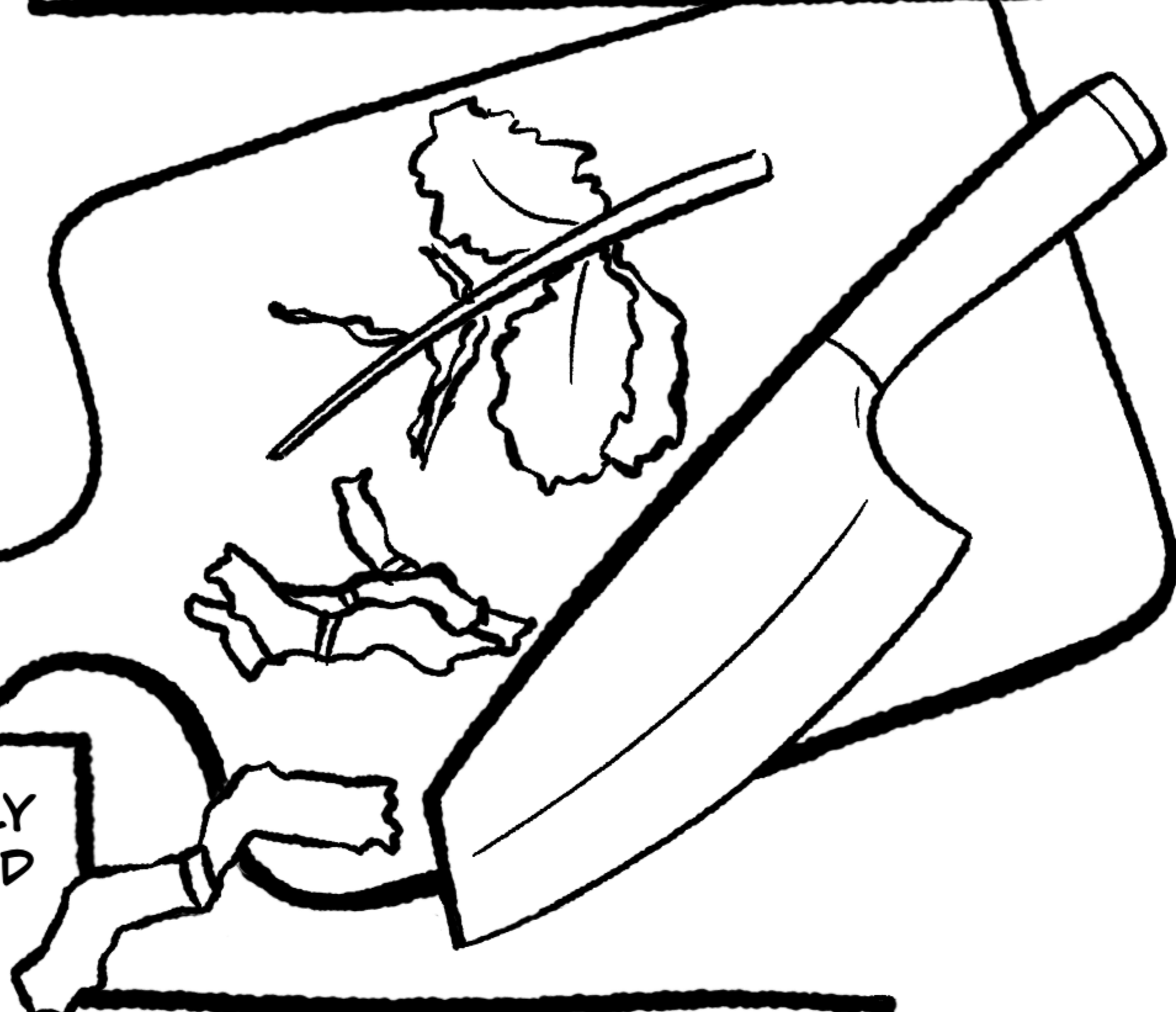






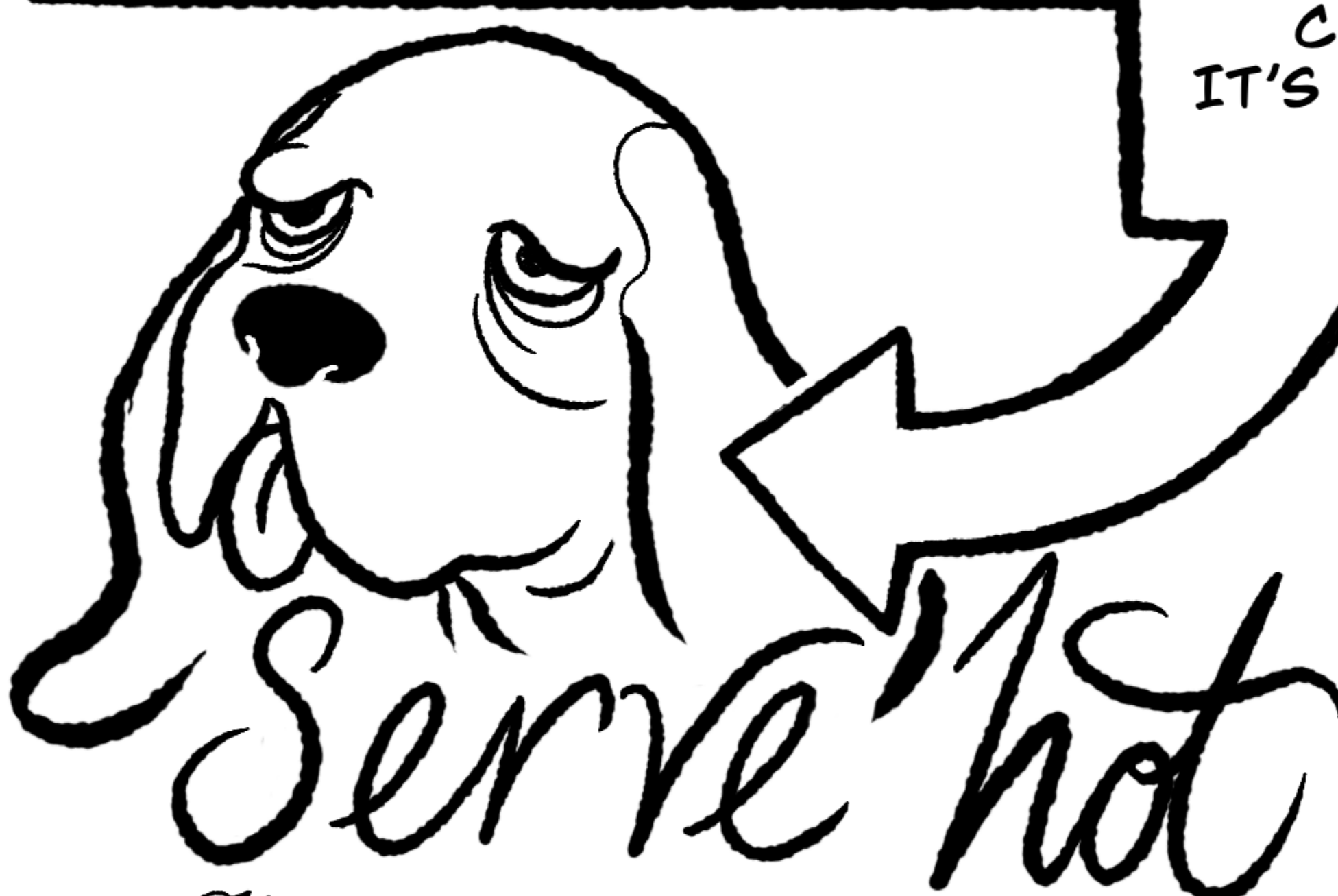


ADD SALT AND PEPPER TO TASTE, THEN LEAVE IT TO BOIL UNTIL THE VEGETABLES AND BARLEY ARE SOFT.



ONCE THE CONTENTS ARE BASICALLY DONE, ADD YOUR CHOPPED KALE AND ANY EXTRA COOKED INGREDIENTS (LIKE THOSE GOBLIN HAMS).

COOK THE KALE UNTIL IT'S WILTED, AND LOOKS LIKE A BASSET HOUND!



Serve 'hot

IN YOUR FINEST GARMENTS TO YOUR LOCAL NOBLEMAN.



OKAY BUT CAN I HAVE SOME STEW?

NO STEW FOR PEASANTS!



CAN I AT LEAST TELL MY STORY NOW?

I SAID THE END.



# ALLERGIC BOND

MY SISTER AND I USED TO ENJOY EATING SHRIMP TOGETHER.

IT STARTED WITH POPCORN SHRIMP.

SHRIMP ALFREDO

SHRIMP GUMBO

SHRIMP AND GRITS

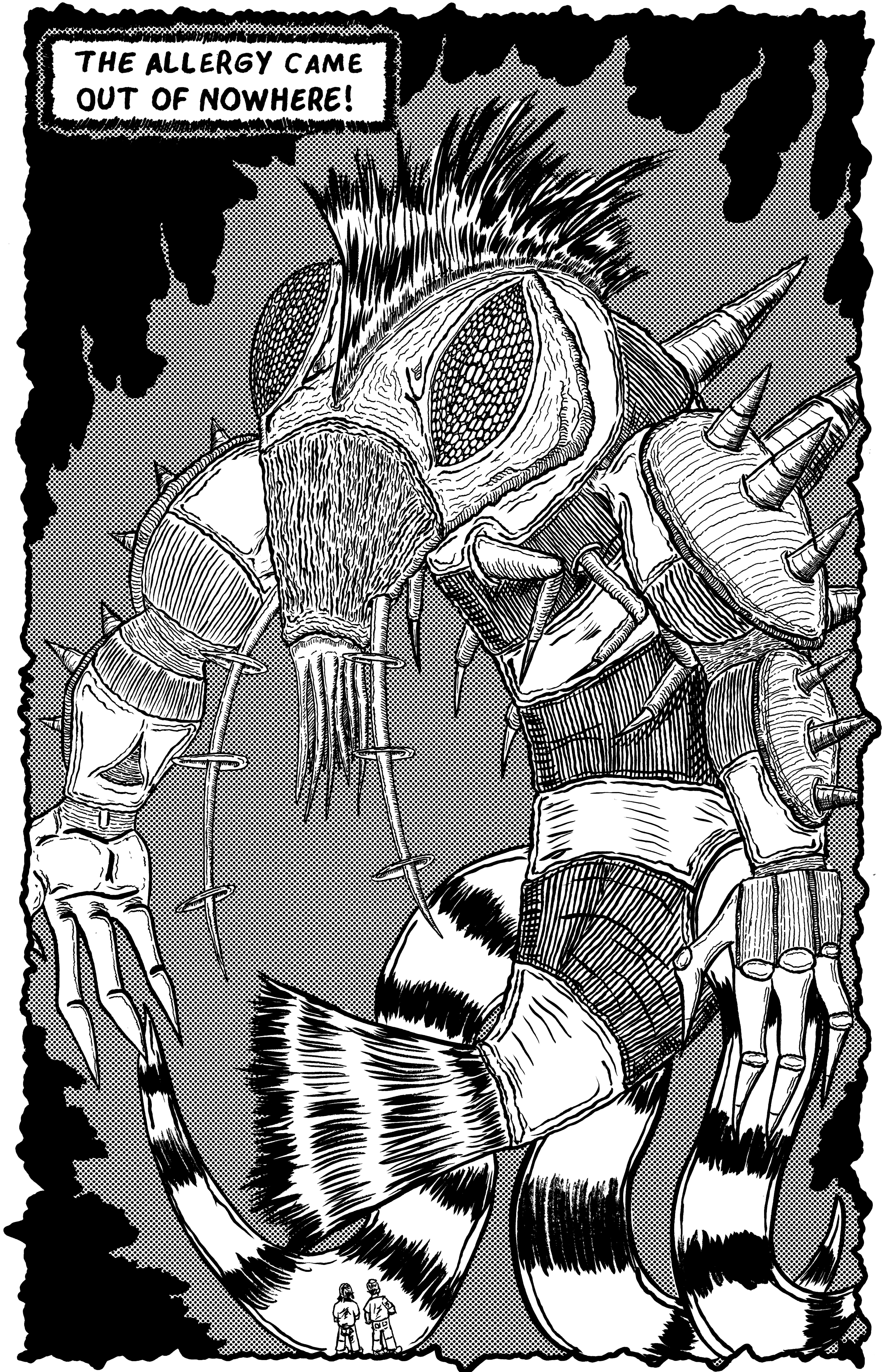
SHRIMP TEMPURA ROLL

BUT THAT CHANGED ONCE WE GOT TO SUSHI.

by: David G Caldwell

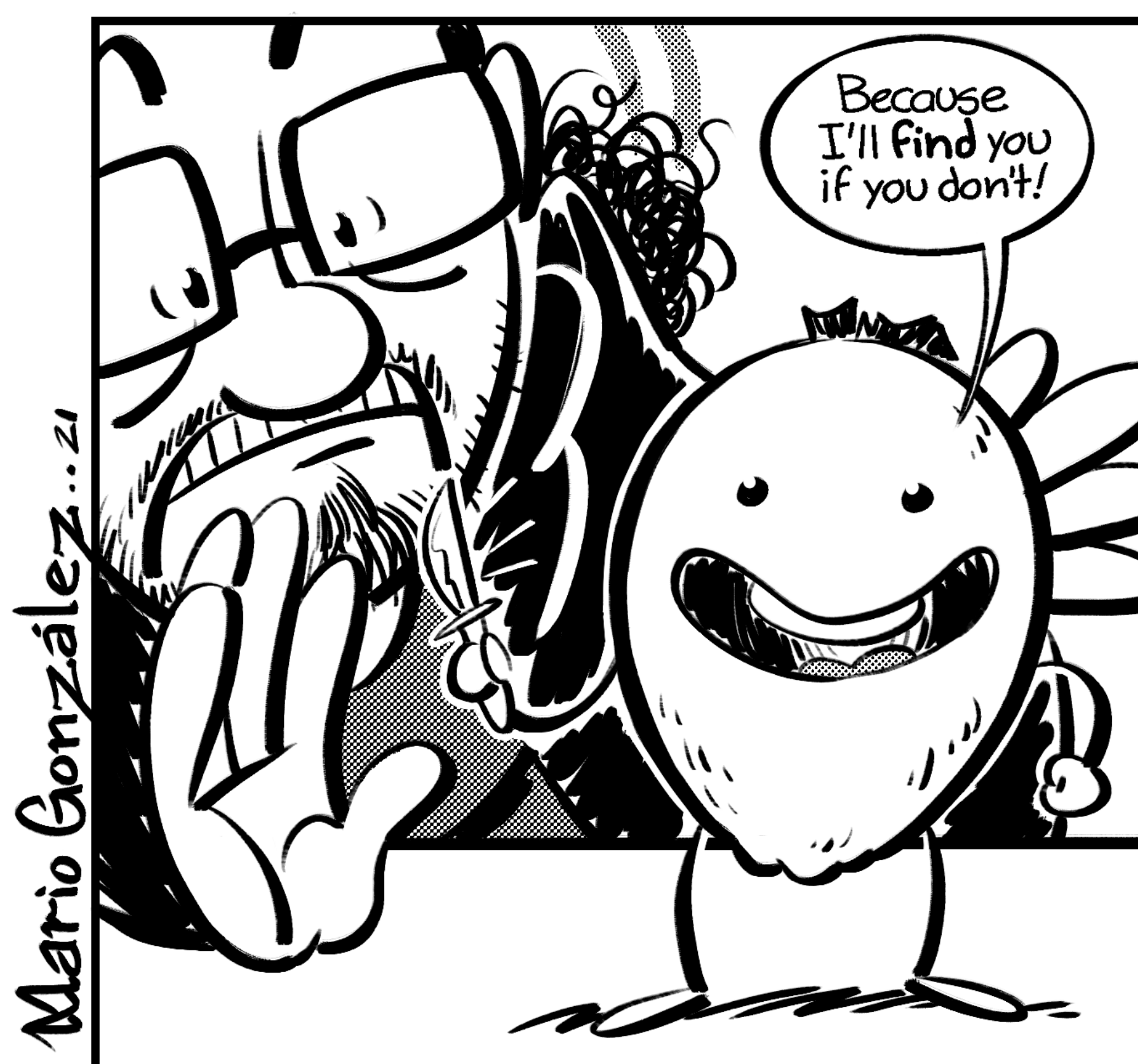


THE ALLERGY CAME  
OUT OF NOWHERE!





# GUAVAS ARE GREAT!





# Artists



**Rodrigo** is a comic writer and artist based in Chile, where he hides most of his cookies.

He is currently wondering why bios are written in third person, but never in fourth person.

One would be wise to follow him on twitter @rodrigomakesart and insta @eternadinociencia.



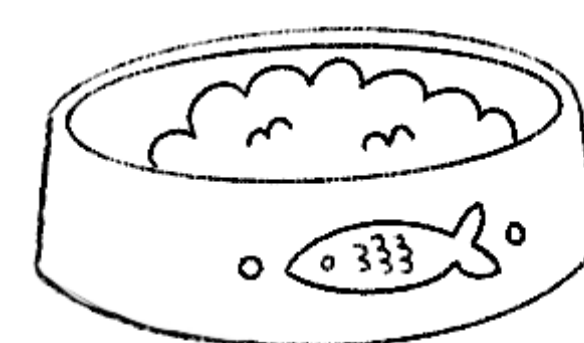
**Brandon Hankins** is a cartoonist and ink painter from Michigan. He loves all kinds of mac n cheese, and will love you forever if you share some with him. You can check out more of his work on IG @brandonlionhearted, or check out:

<https://linktr.ee/brandonlionhearted>.

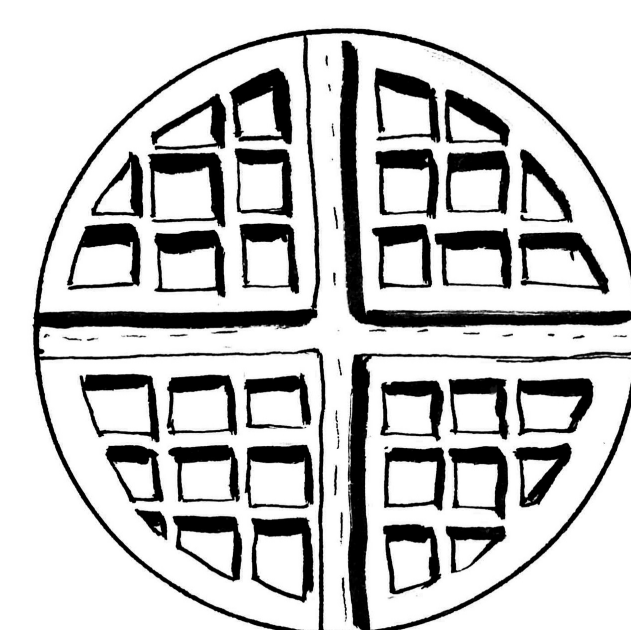


**Axe Marnie** is a nonbinary comic artist based in Scotland. They make a lot of comics on cats, ghosts and being queer as hell.

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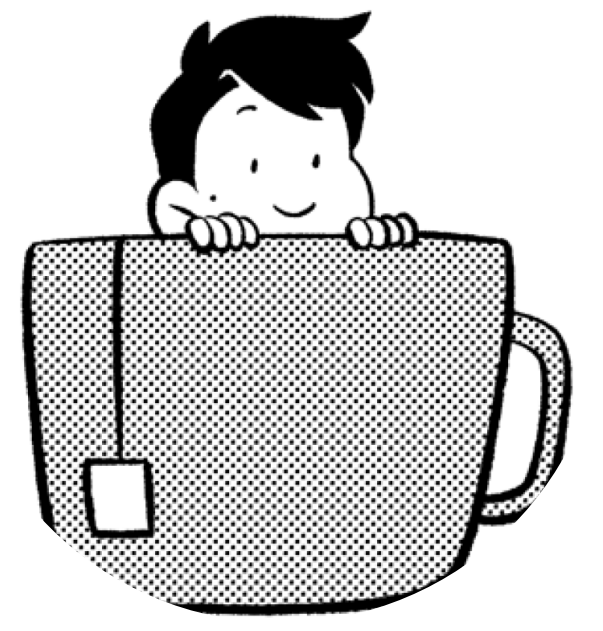
**Suzanne Rhee** is a writer and artist from Indiana. When she's not making comics, you can find her painting public walls, walking her dog, power-lifting, and/or eating chocolate. She shares her artwork on instagram as @rhee.in.ink.







**Coni Yovaniniz** is a comic artist and science communicator based in Chile. She has tried many teas, but her all-time favorite is still Earl Grey. You can find Coni's work at [kurisquare.com](http://kurisquare.com) or on twitter/insta at [@kurisquare](https://twitter.com/kurisquare).



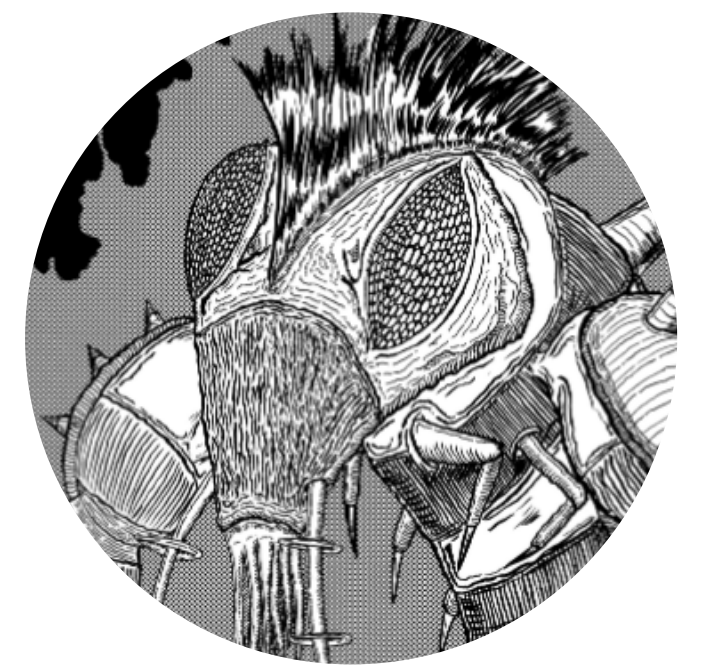
**Charlie Nurkkala** is an new-to-comics artist earning a Masters in information science. Her paternal grandmother's father ate pasties in the copper mines of Upper Michigan. The English recipe is old, having followed her Finnish ancestors west to Michigan, and remains a family favorite. See more of her work at [@vulcharlie.art](https://www.instagram.com/vulcharlie) on Instagram.



**Aaron Polk** is a cartoonist from Michigan; his work includes Dog Man by Dav Pilkey, and Hawking by Jim Ottaviani. In addition to making comics he also works as an EMT and teaches comics creation classes to young people. You can find Aaron everywhere on the internet at [@AaronPolkArt](https://www.instagram.com/AaronPolkArt)



**David G Caldwell** is a cartoonist and illustrator who lives and works in Tennessee. He's been making comics for the past 6 years and has no plans on stopping anytime soon. He's last work, Yankee Doodle Strangler, is available now. He still loves shrimp. Website: [davidgcaldwell.com](http://davidgcaldwell.com) Instagram: [@theprophetdc](https://www.instagram.com/theprophetdc) Patreon: [patreon.com/davidgcaldwell](https://patreon.com/davidgcaldwell)



**Mario A. Gonzalez.** I'm a Mexico City (mod. '85) Frequent submitter to awards I never win, I've been working professionally in comics since 2006. A bit of the everything, as I've collaborated as an artist, inker, writer and letterer to various projects. I enjoy video games and doing nothing. Insta: [@ergocomix](https://www.instagram.com/ergocomix)







Hi! It's **Candy** here, the **editor**. The process of making this Zine was a great adventure and a blessing through these rough pandemic times. I wanna thank the Cartoon Crossroads Columbus team for not giving up on 2020's celebration and creating a great space for people to hang out online, talk, and share their love and knowledge for comics and now a perfect opportunity for us to share our Tidbits! This little bitesize comics really came from the heart.

This was made possible thanks to the work, advice and companionship of all the artists.

Thanks for all the chat about comics, different kinds of cheese, bread, chocolate, candy brands around the world, and all the good times we had to wrap up because everyone was getting hungry or the time zones mismatched. May more Zines and fun times await us!

This Zine was edited and organized by Candy.

Candy it's a biologist and teacher based in Brazil, who loves comics and loves bringing people together.

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MEANWHILE, IN ANOTHER DIMENSION:

LOOK!  
I BOUGHT A  
COMIC ABOUT  
HUMANS!

PFFFT...  
COMICS  
ARE DUMB.



Novice V.14

BRRR! CHILLING!



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