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No Hieronymus,
I aint cryin'.

PEOPLE OFTEN FORGET
UNHAPPY ENDINGS ARE WORTHWHILE TOO.



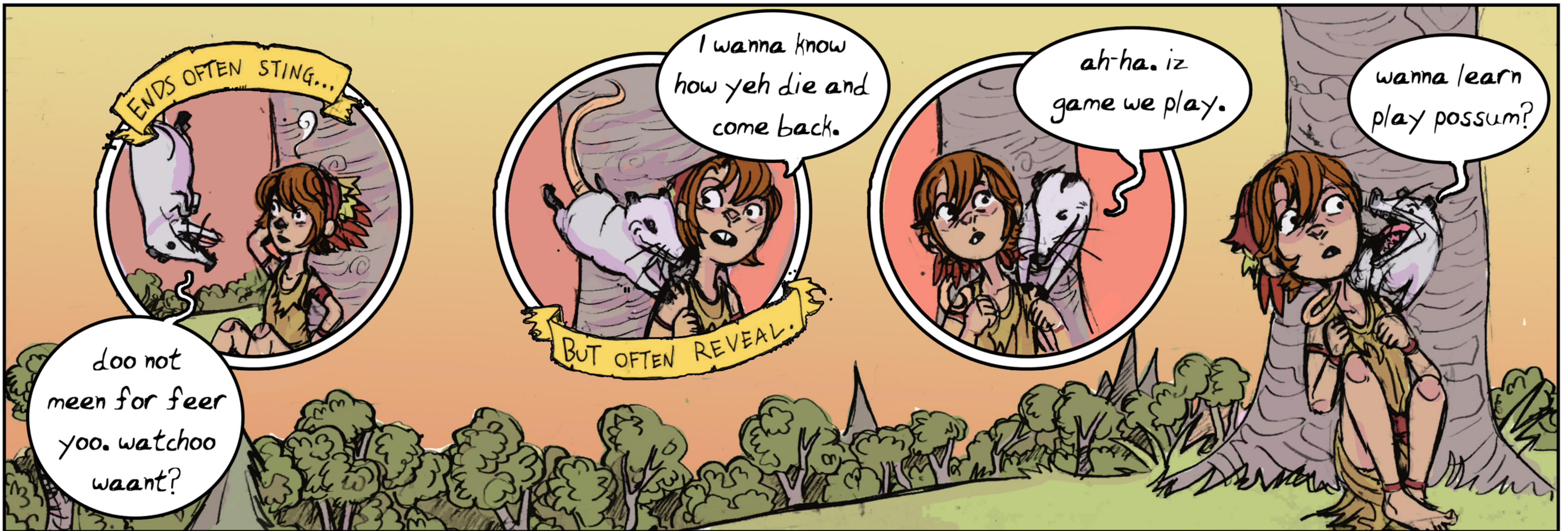
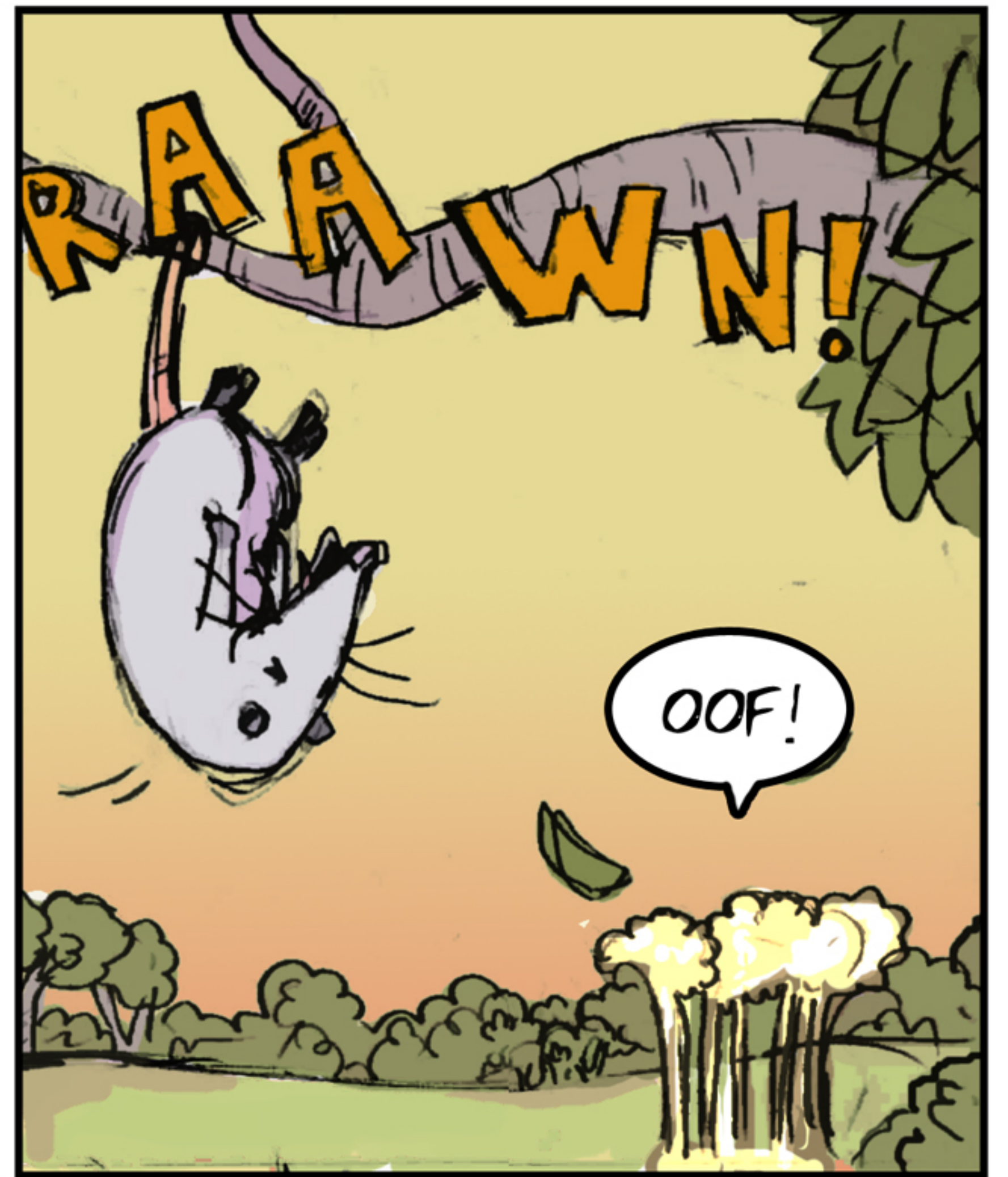
I jes' dont
get why things
gotta die?



And why
they can't come
back after
that.



Wait-a-tic!
Possums die
and come back!







Are we dead?

no. we trick crow to take us to this side.



What about them bubbles?

they iz lives lost to our side. so yes.



If'n I wanna go home how do I do that?

iz eezee!



open you eyez on other side.

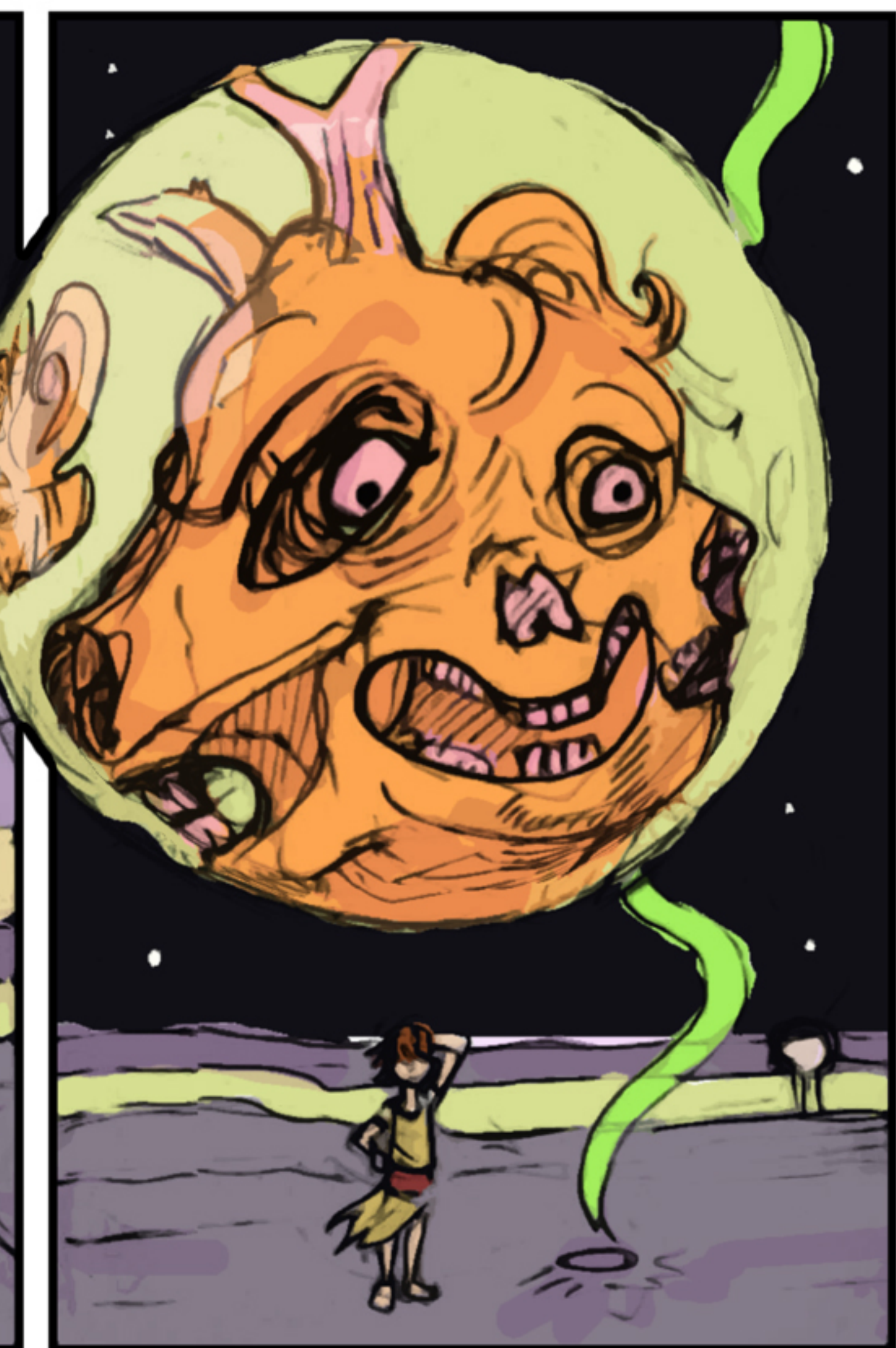
like this!



POOF!



Possum! Where'd yeh go?!





SEE!
eezee as
that!



hrm.
why not wake
up girl child?



well then
hang out in other
side, long as you
please. you know
what do.



Never dined
on girl child. Reckon
we try it Brother
Buzzards?



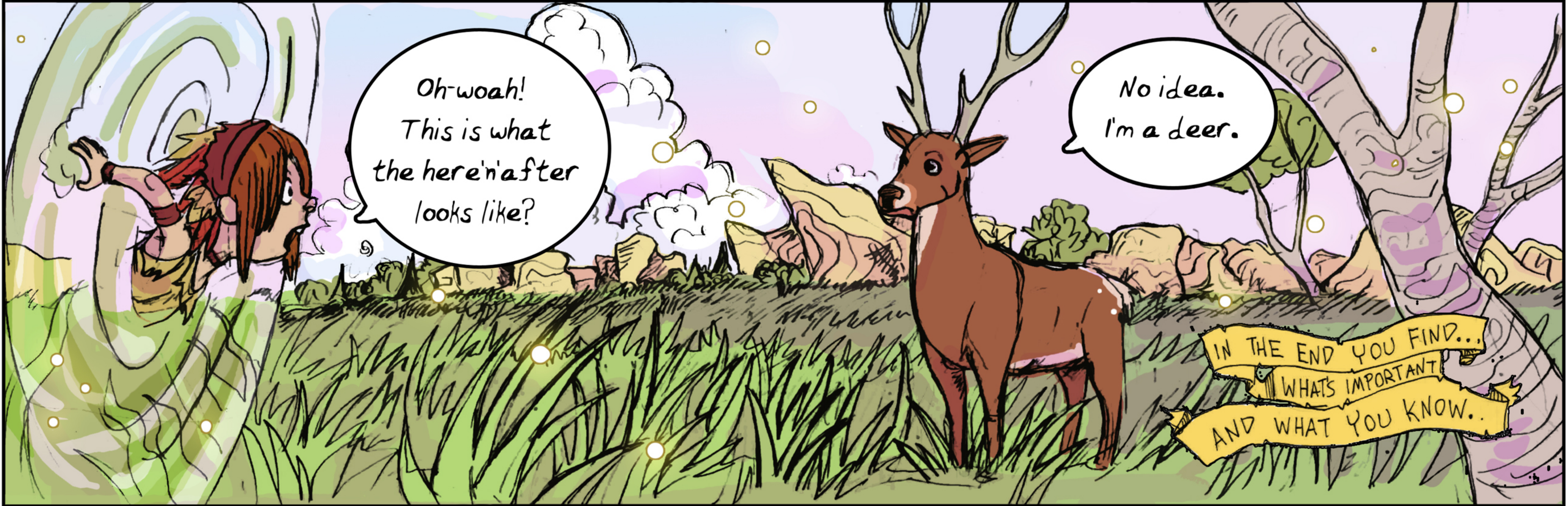
Hmm. So
is'n these
are spirits...



...I jes'
gotta find
that deer.



AH-HA!
There's the
deer Paw
done shot!



Oh-woah!
This is what
the here'n'after
looks like?

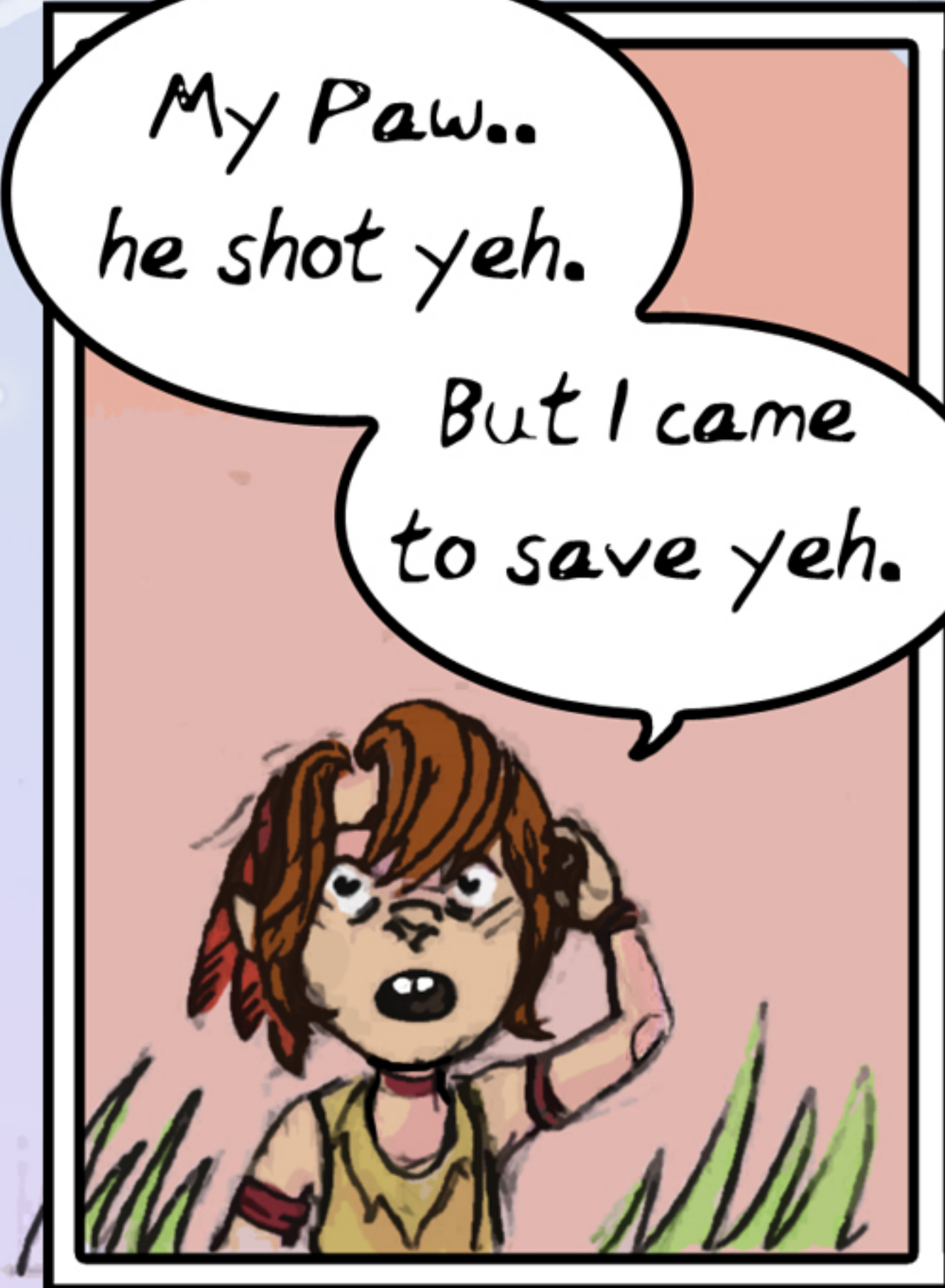
No idea.
I'm a deer.

IN THE END YOU FIND...
WHAT'S IMPORTANT
AND WHAT YOU KNOW..





If this the here'n'after does that mean I'm... ya'know?



My Paw.. he shot yeh. But I came to save yeh.



No, I think I'll stay.



As I can tell, there ain't no predators here.



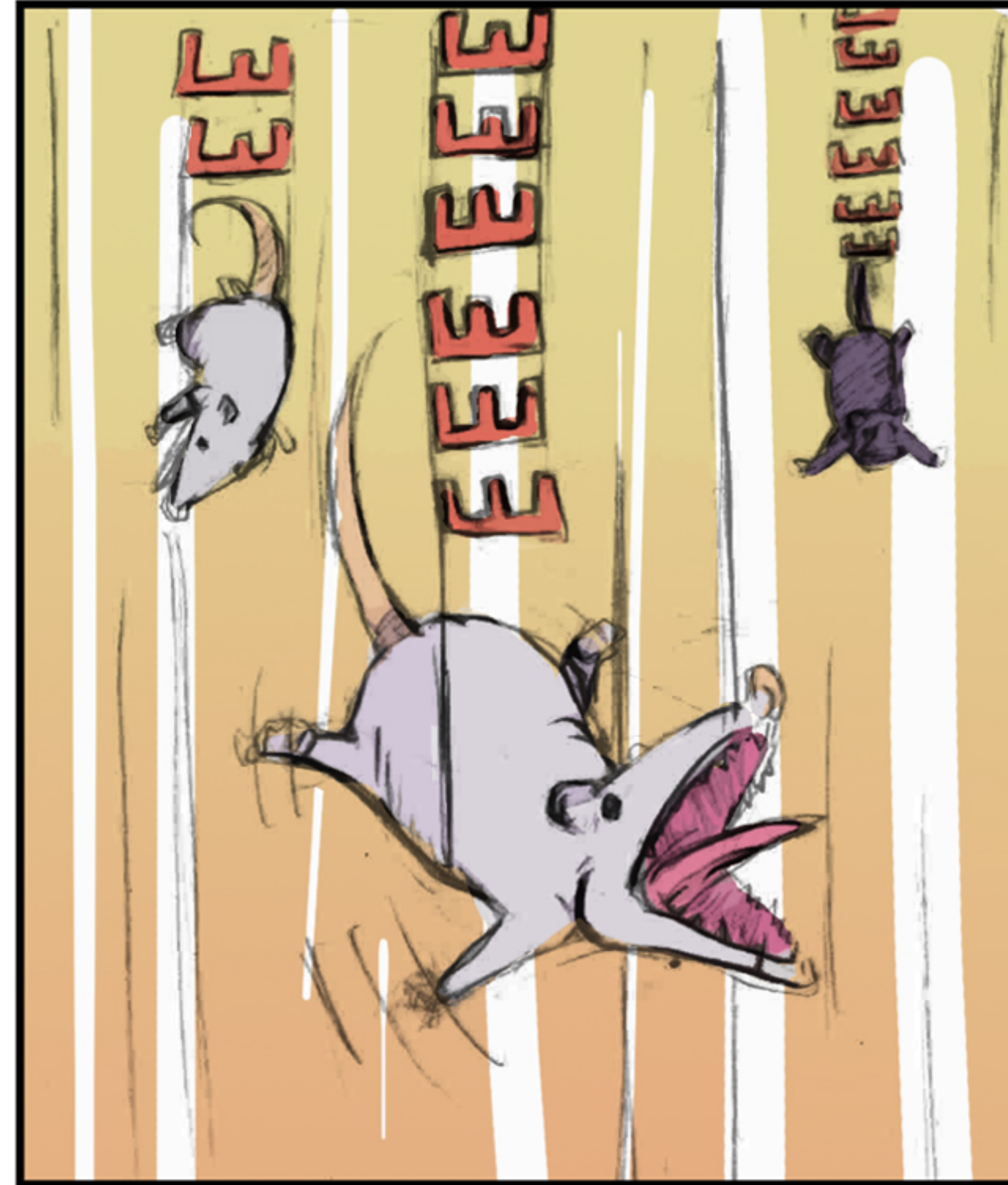
And'spose the whole herd will join me in these fields.

Some day anyways.



I'm so sorry. So so sorry.

UNHAPPY ENDINGS BRING OUT THOSE TUCKED AWAY EMOTIONS.

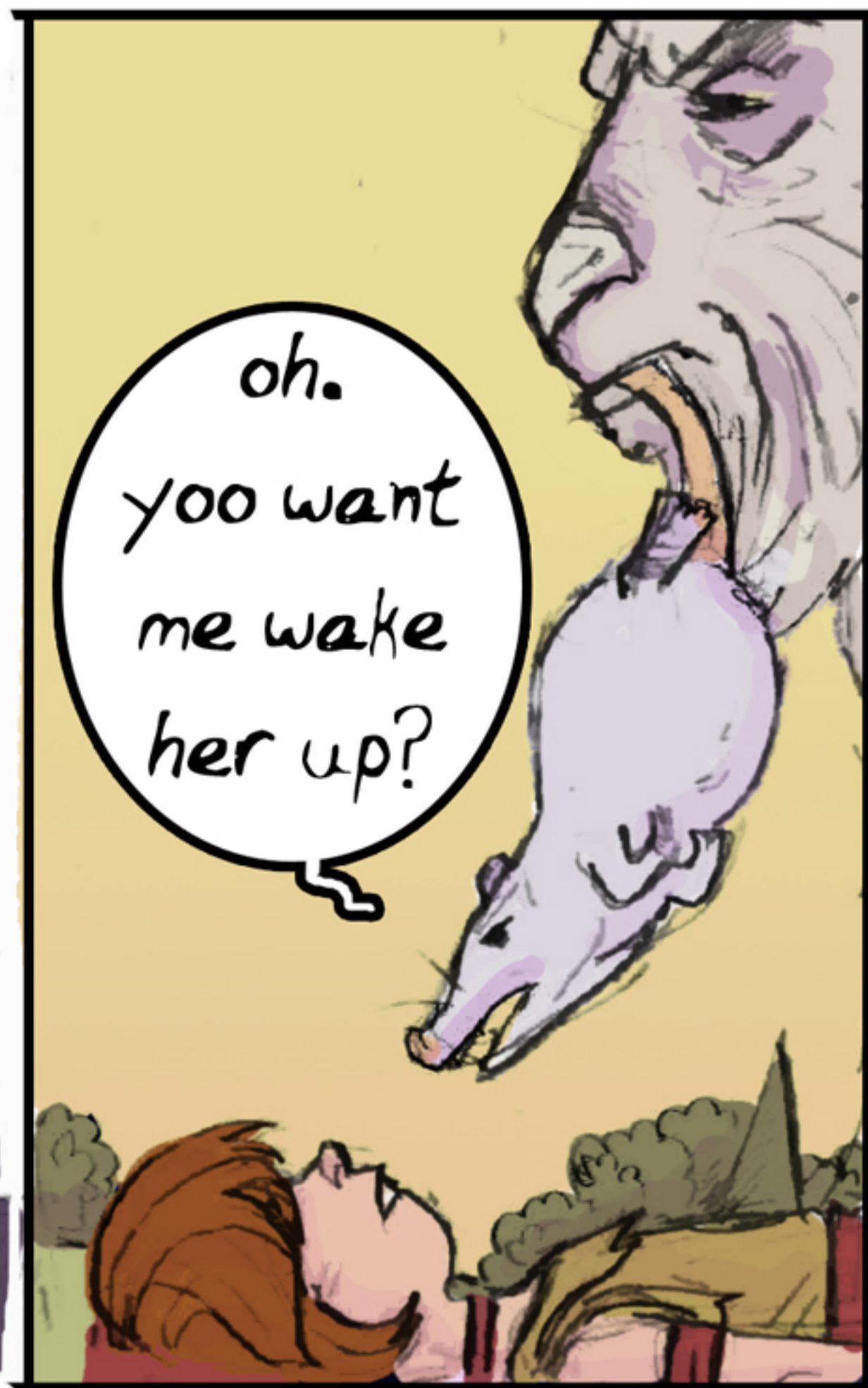




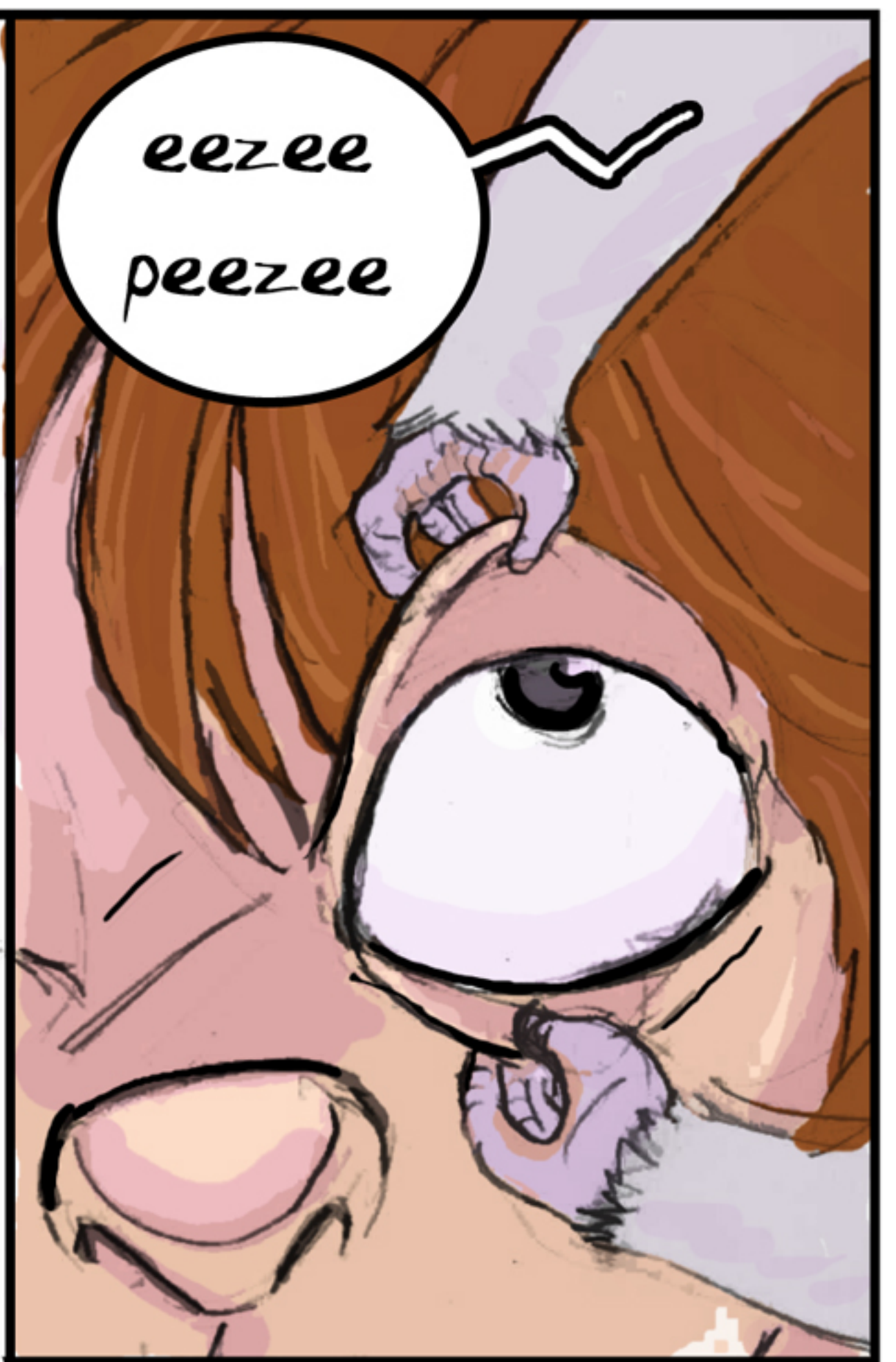
poot me
down yoo
big dumb
caprine!



wot do
yoo want
from me?!



oh.
yoo want
me wake
her up?



eezee
peezee

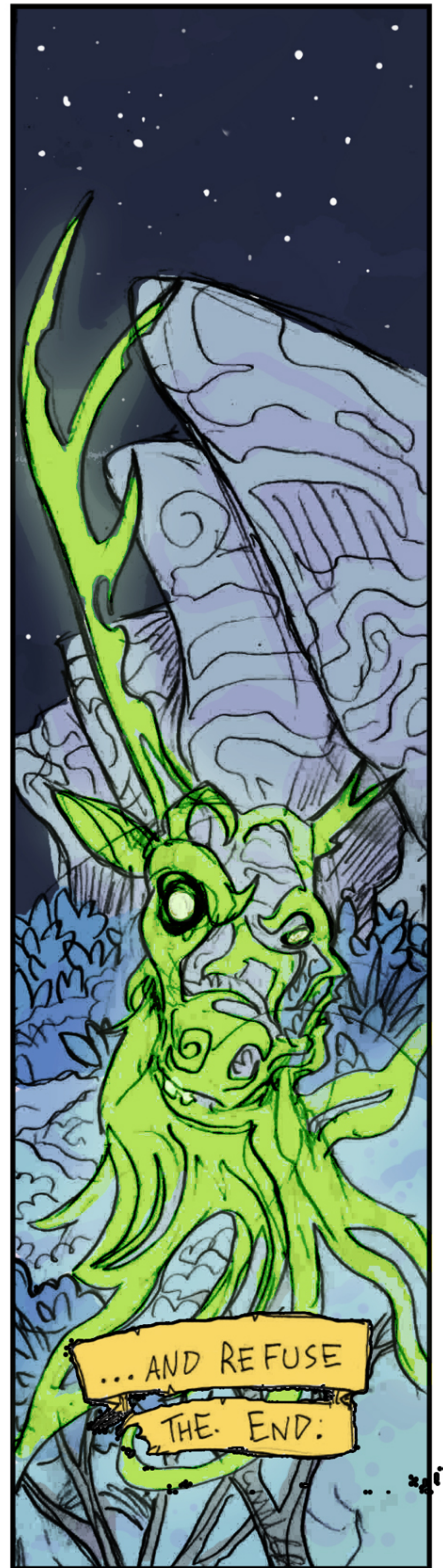
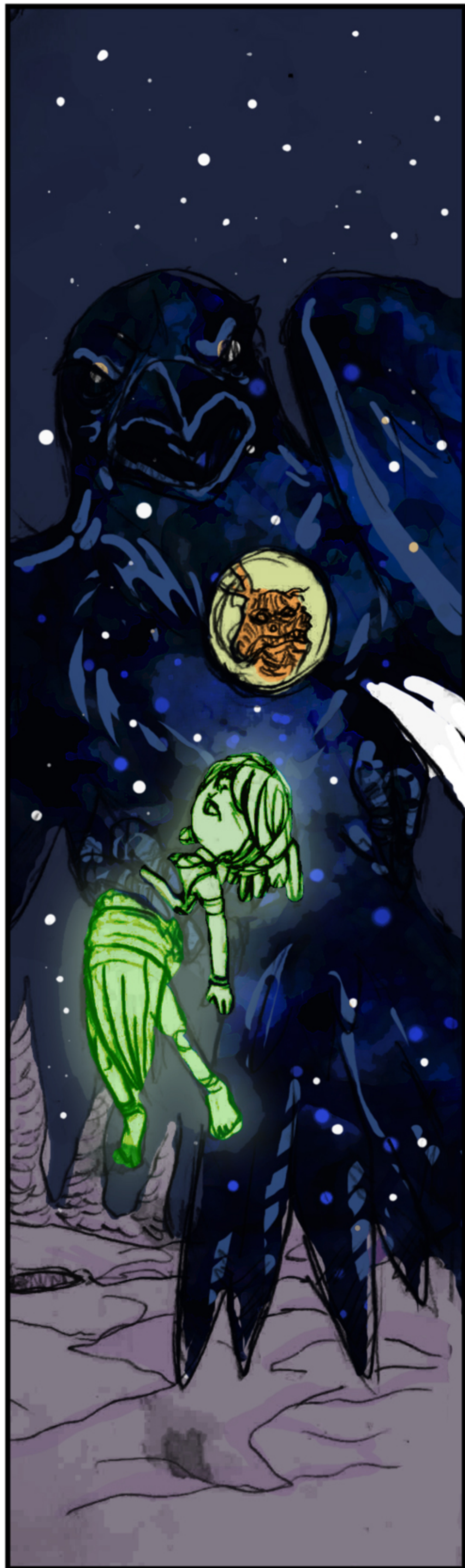


SO WHEN YOU SIT AND SOB...

YOU MIGHT FIND PERSPECTIVE NOT OF SMILES

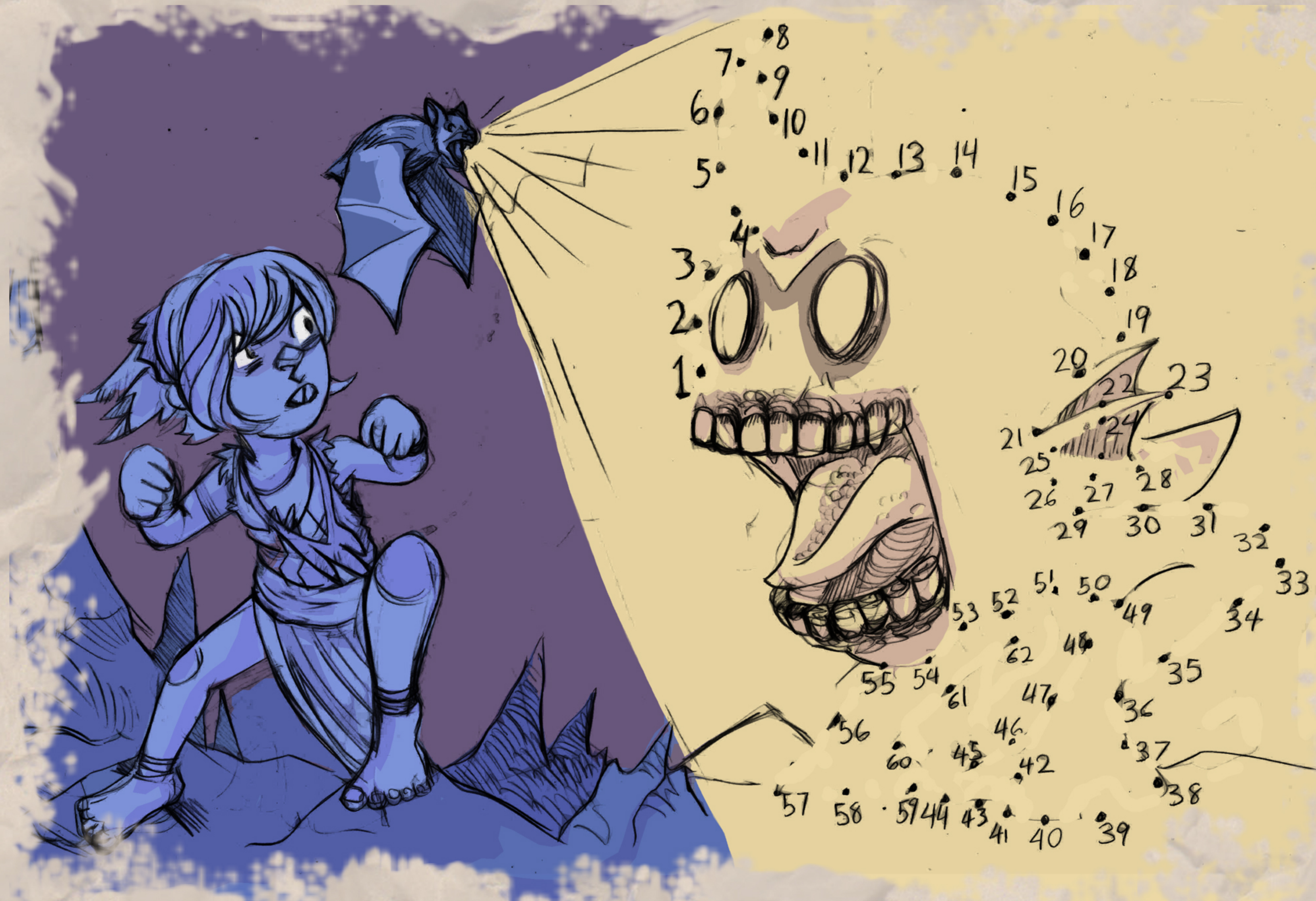






EVE is under attack by an enormous WALLEYE,
but she can't see it! Help the bat use it's echo
location to make out the beast!

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Her name was Eve



and she loved the Trees