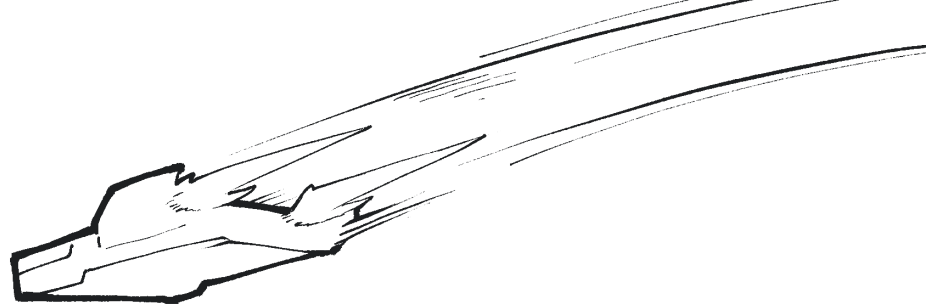
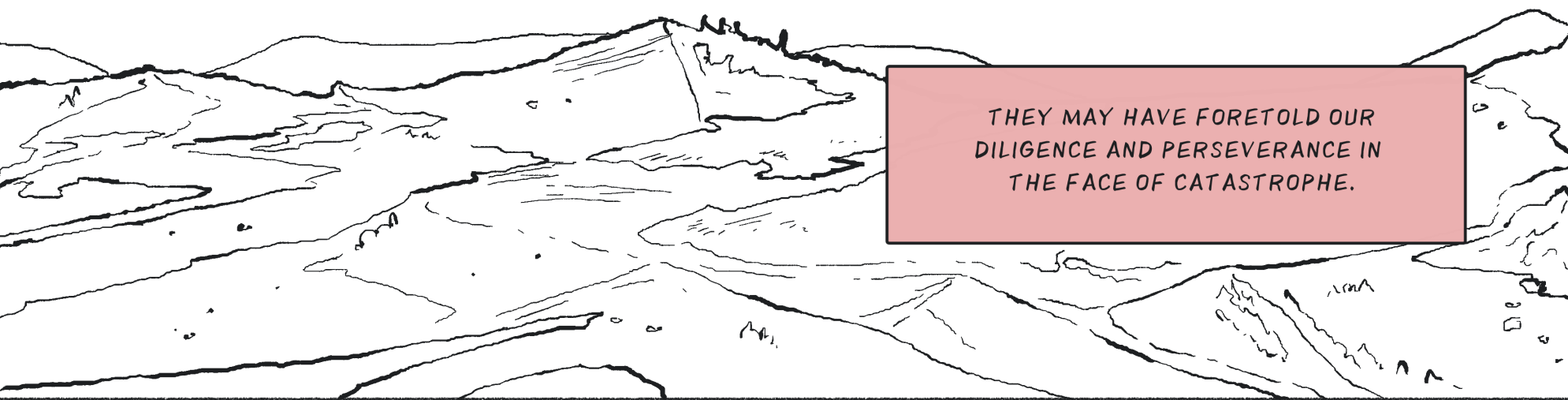


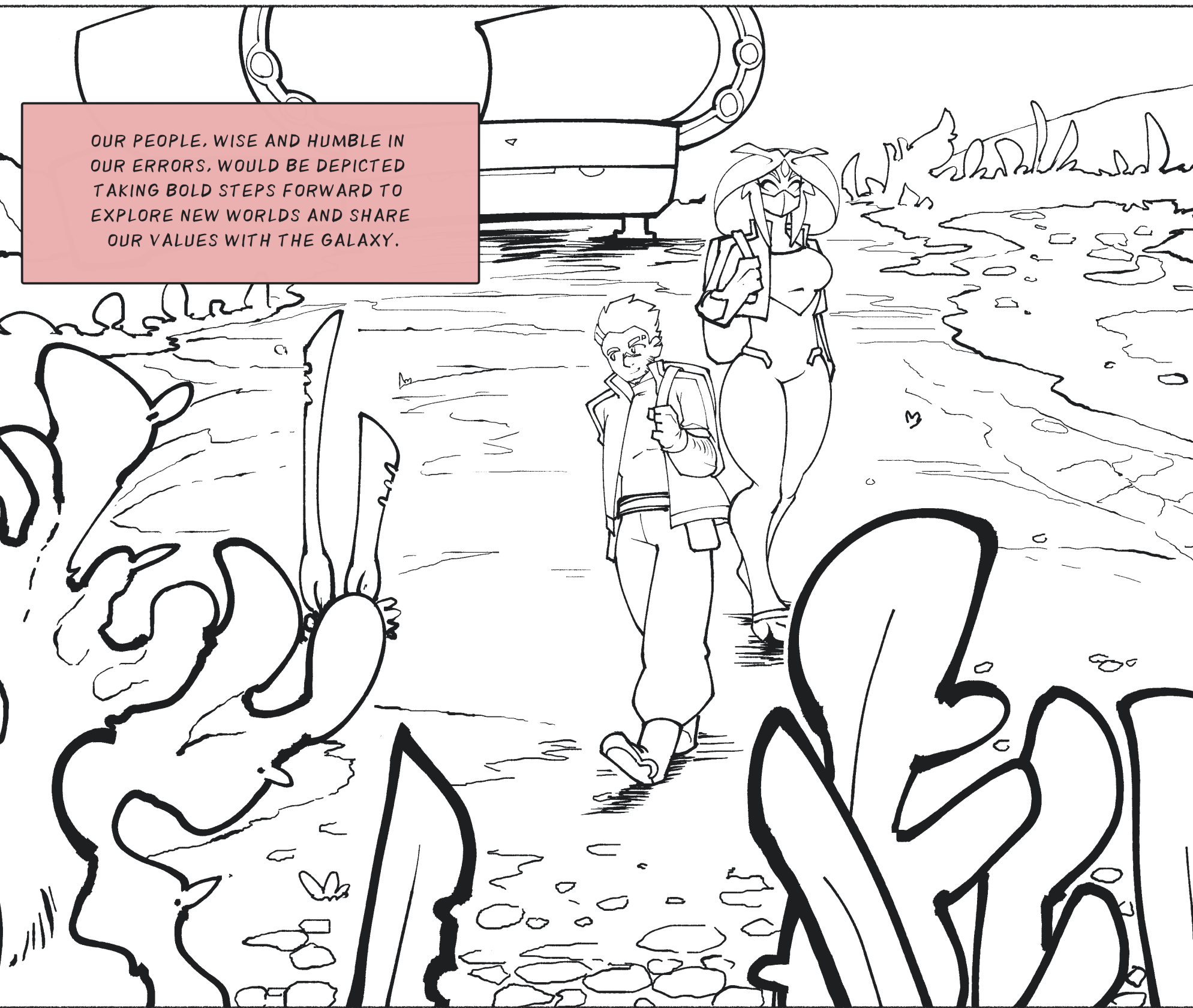
MANY OF HUMANITY'S PREDICTIONS FOR
THE DISTANT FUTURE SPOKE TO OUR
ADVANCEMENT IN TECHNOLOGY.

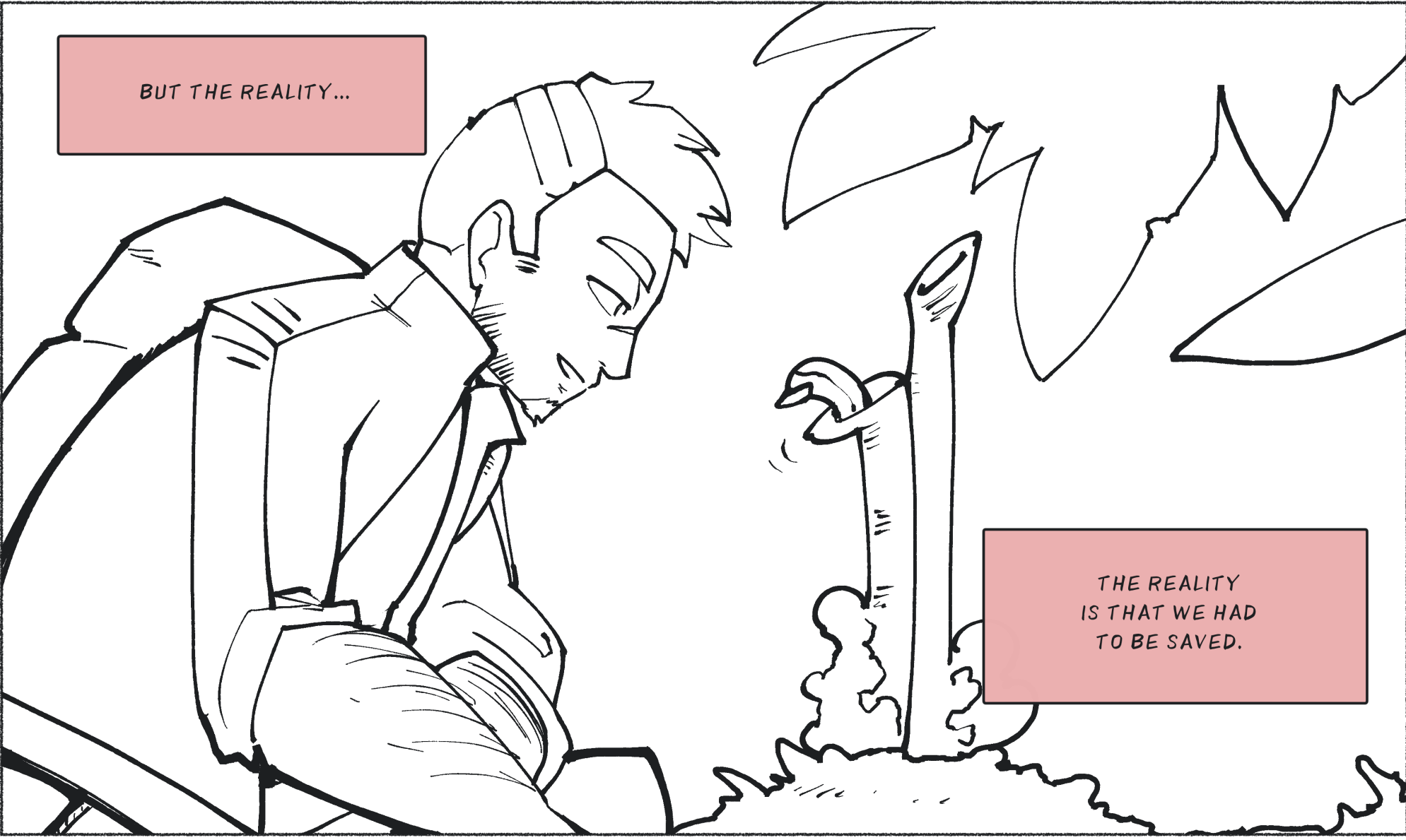


THEY MAY HAVE FORETOLD OUR
DILIGENCE AND PERSEVERANCE IN
THE FACE OF CATASTROPHE.



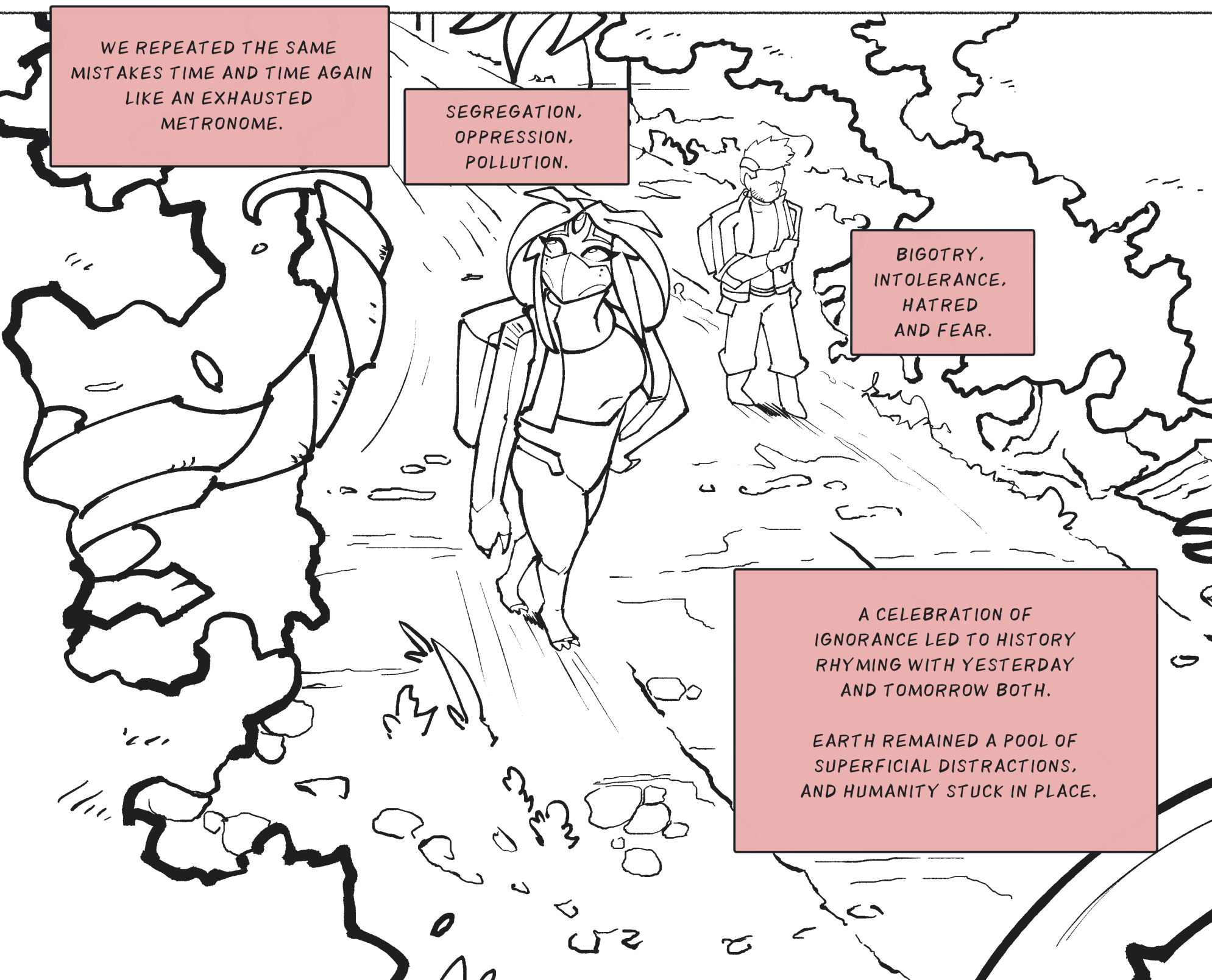
OUR PEOPLE, WISE AND HUMBLE IN
OUR ERRORS, WOULD BE DEPICTED
TAKING BOLD STEPS FORWARD TO
EXPLORE NEW WORLDS AND SHARE
OUR VALUES WITH THE GALAXY.



A black and white line drawing of a man in a suit, looking down with a somber expression. He is standing in a forest with large trees and a path leading into the distance.

BUT THE REALITY...

THE REALITY
IS THAT WE HAD
TO BE SAVED.

A black and white line drawing of a woman running through a forest. She is wearing a headscarf and a backpack, looking back over her shoulder with a determined expression. A man in a suit is following her from behind. The forest is dense with trees and a path.

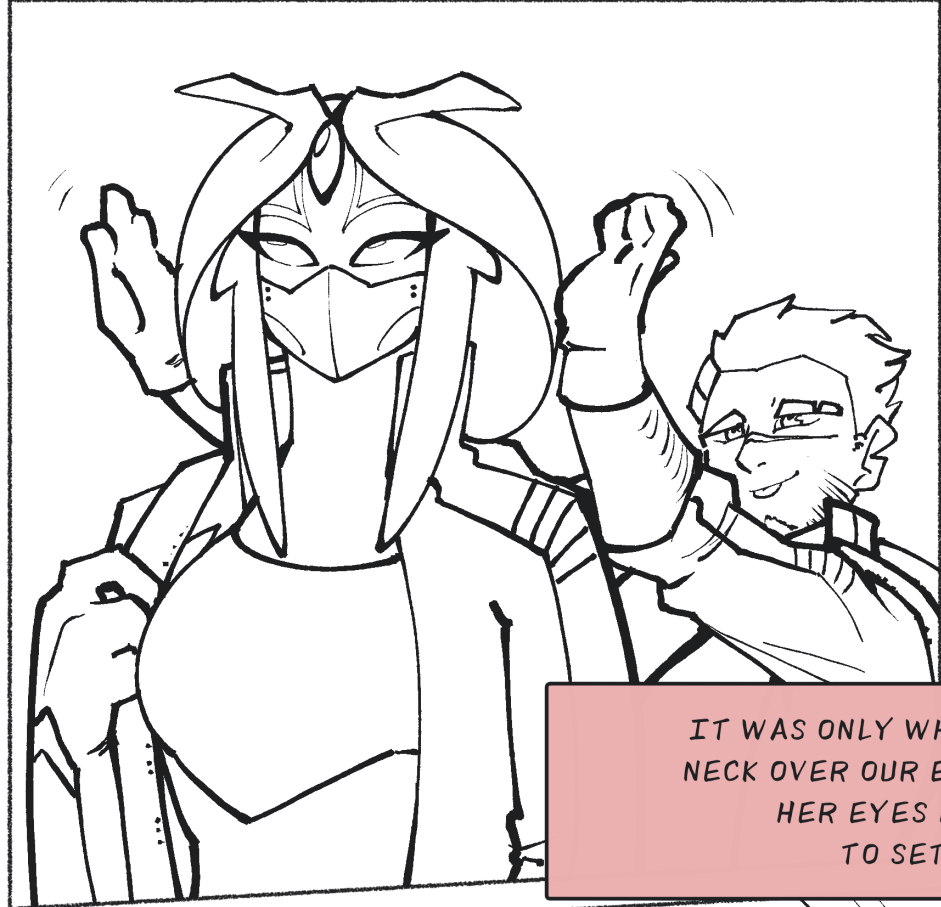
WE REPEATED THE SAME
MISTAKES TIME AND TIME AGAIN
LIKE AN EXHAUSTED
METRONOME.

SEGREGATION,
OPPRESSION,
POLLUTION.

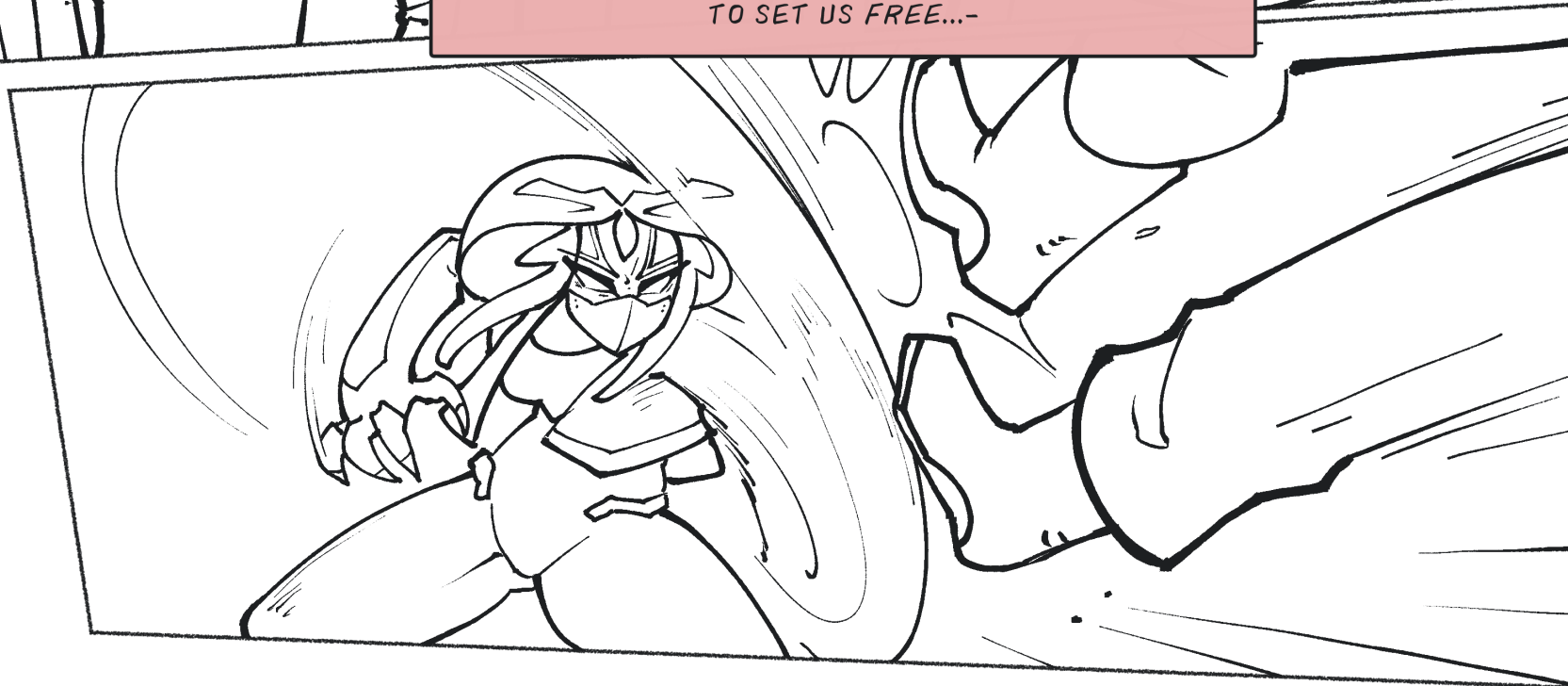
BIGOTRY,
INTOLERANCE,
HATRED
AND FEAR.

A CELEBRATION OF
IGNORANCE LED TO HISTORY
RHYMING WITH YESTERDAY
AND TOMORROW BOTH.

EARTH REMAINED A POOL OF
SUPERFICIAL DISTRACTIONS,
AND HUMANITY STUCK IN PLACE.



IT WAS ONLY WHEN GOD REARED HER
NECK OVER OUR EARTH WITH SHAME IN
HER EYES DID SHE CHOOSE
TO SET US FREE...-



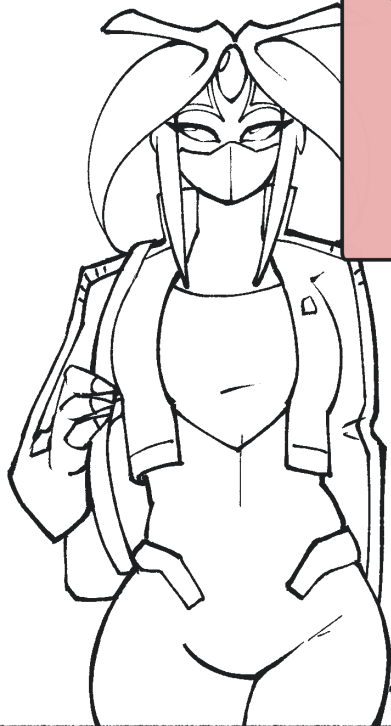
...-LIKE CHILDREN SHE'D GROWN
SO EXHAUSTED OF TRYING TO
DISCIPLINE.



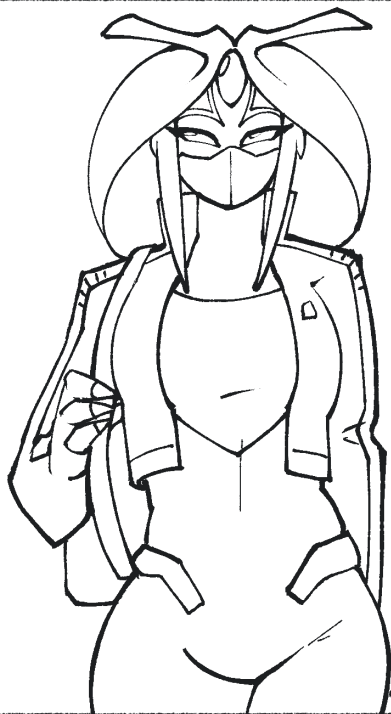
HER REGRET FLOWED WITH THE WIND AND
SORROW FILLED THE SEA.

MISERY IGNITED THE
FORESTS AND INDIGNITY
FROZE THE MOUNTAINS.

OUR EXPEDITION INTO THE STARS
WAS NOT FROM OUR OWN
CAPACITY TO BE THE BEST
HUMANITY CAN BE, OR EVEN A
CELEBRATION OF ANY
TECHNOLOGICAL PROWESS.

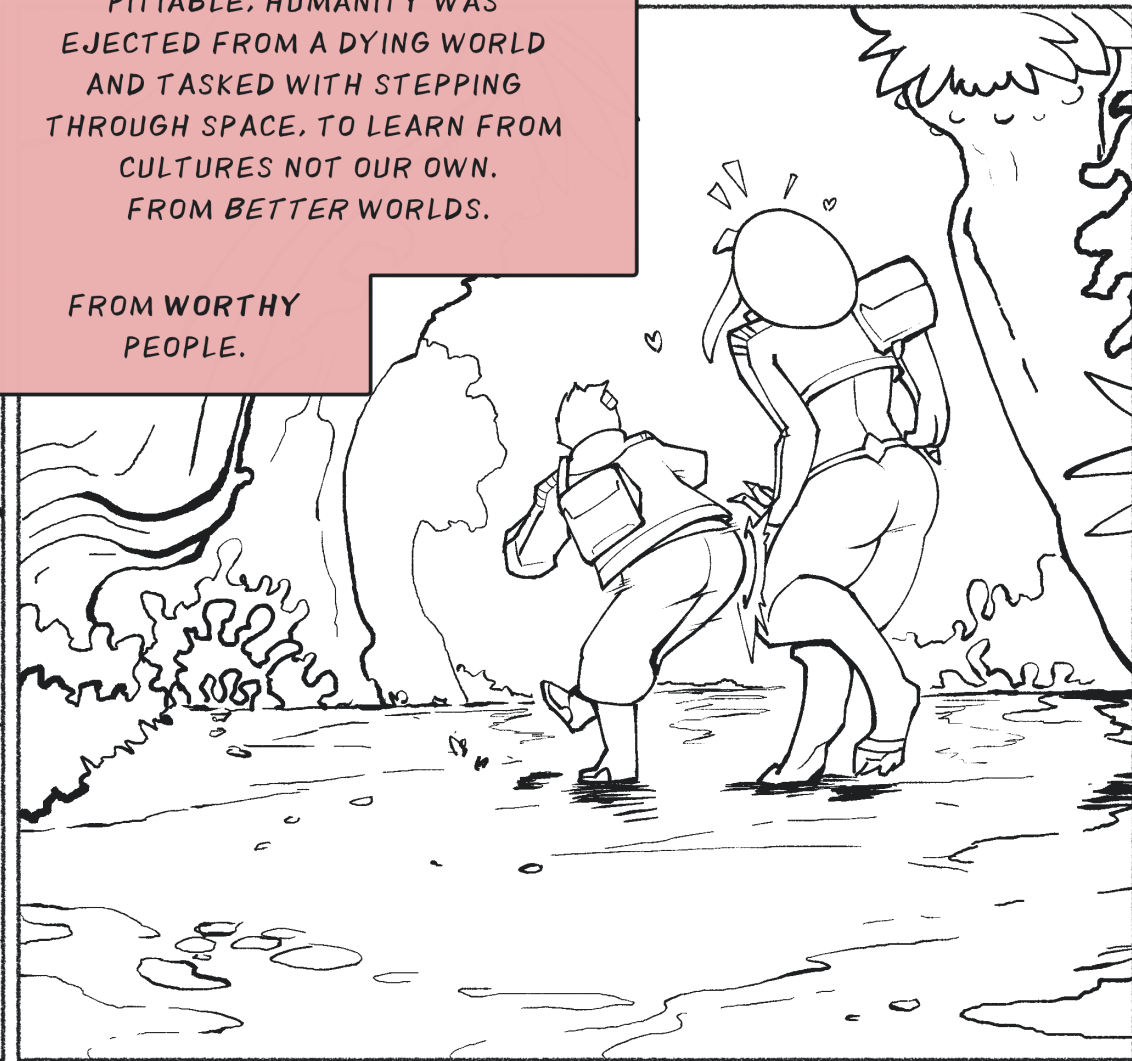
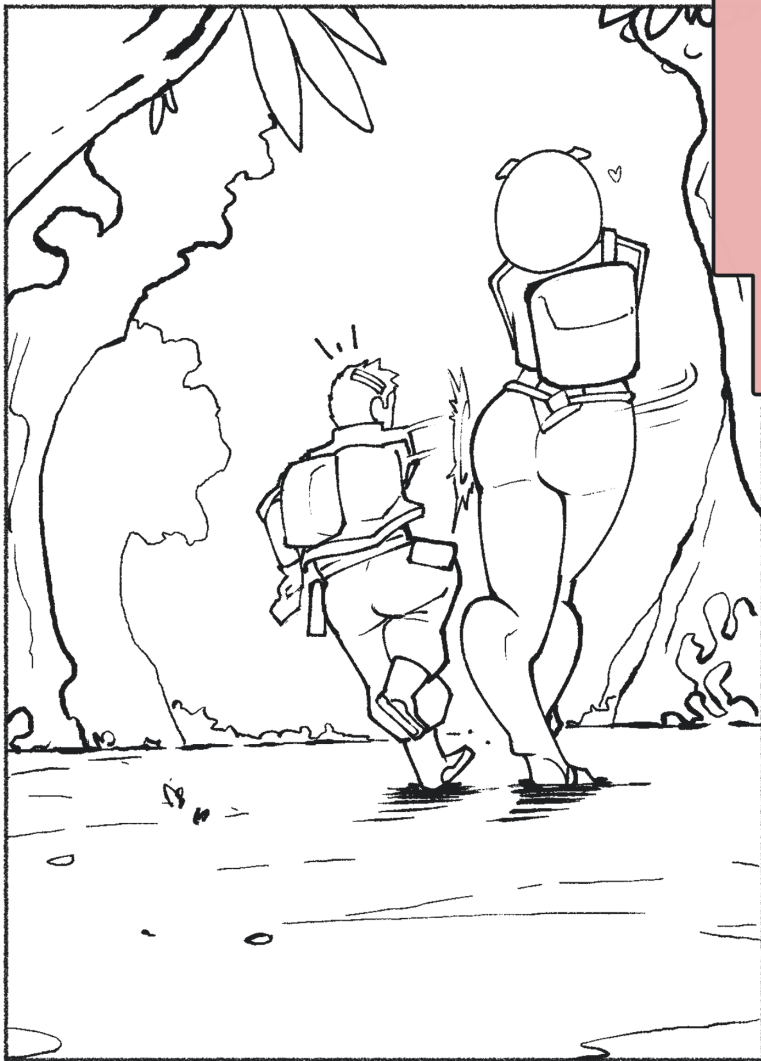


IT WAS CHARITY.



PITIABLE, HUMANITY WAS
EJECTED FROM A DYING WORLD
AND TASKED WITH STEPPING
THROUGH SPACE, TO LEARN FROM
CULTURES NOT OUR OWN.
FROM BETTER WORLDS.

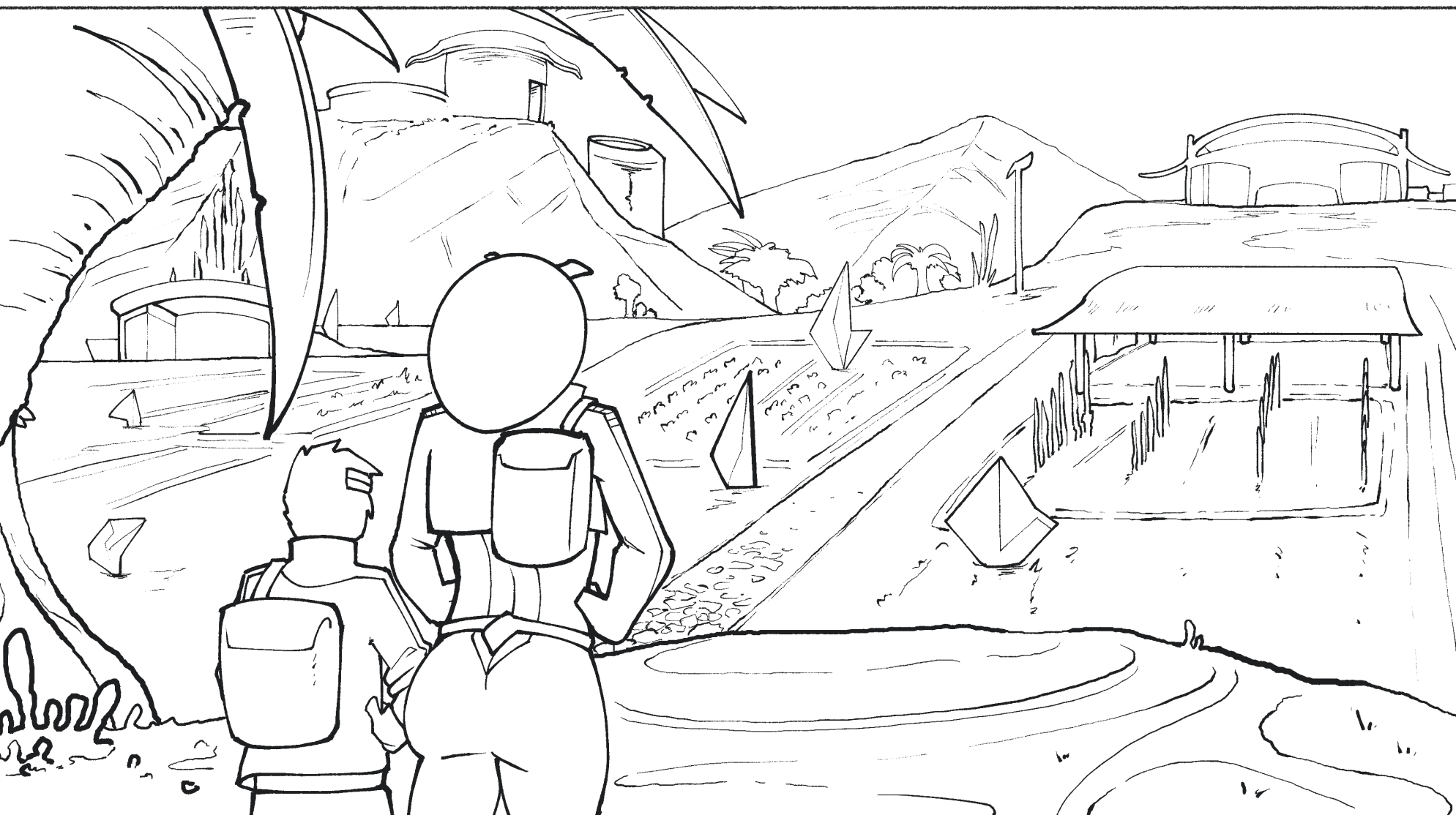
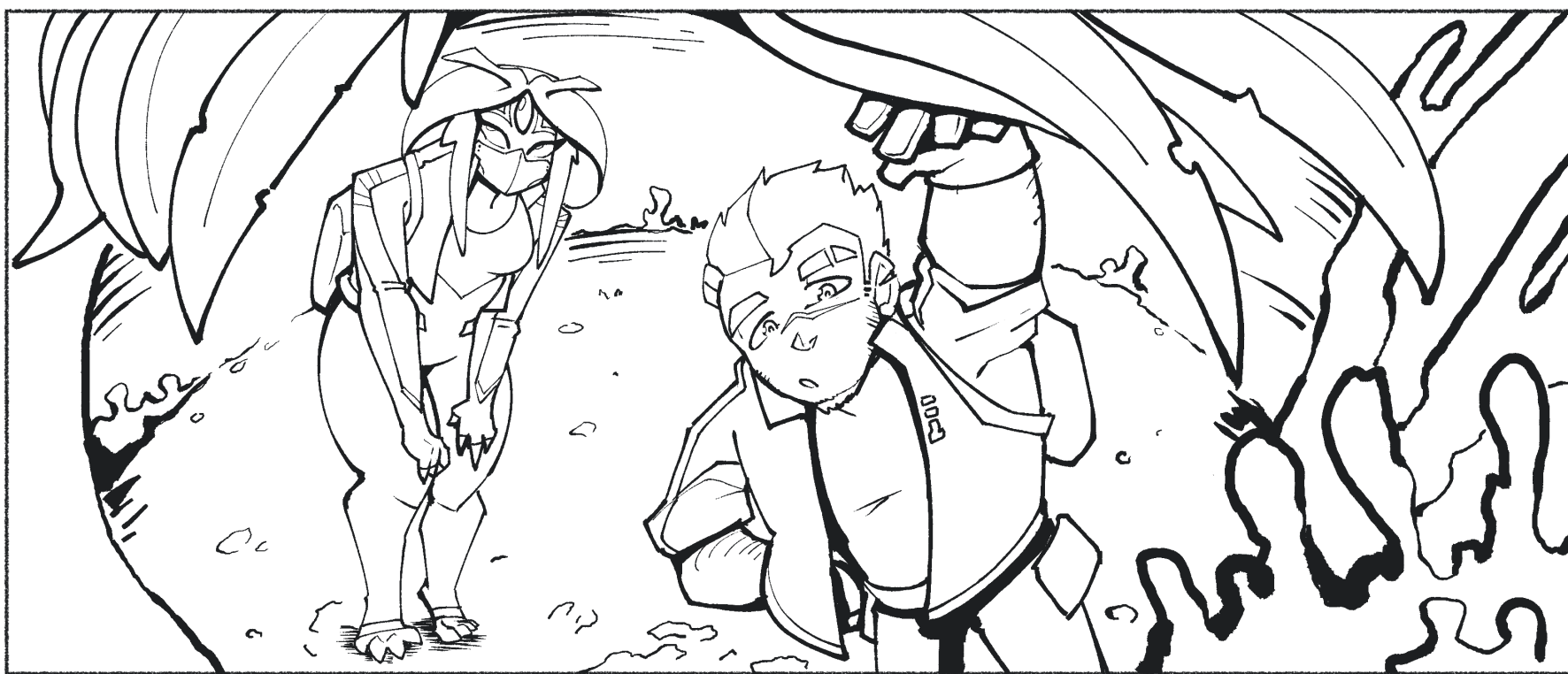
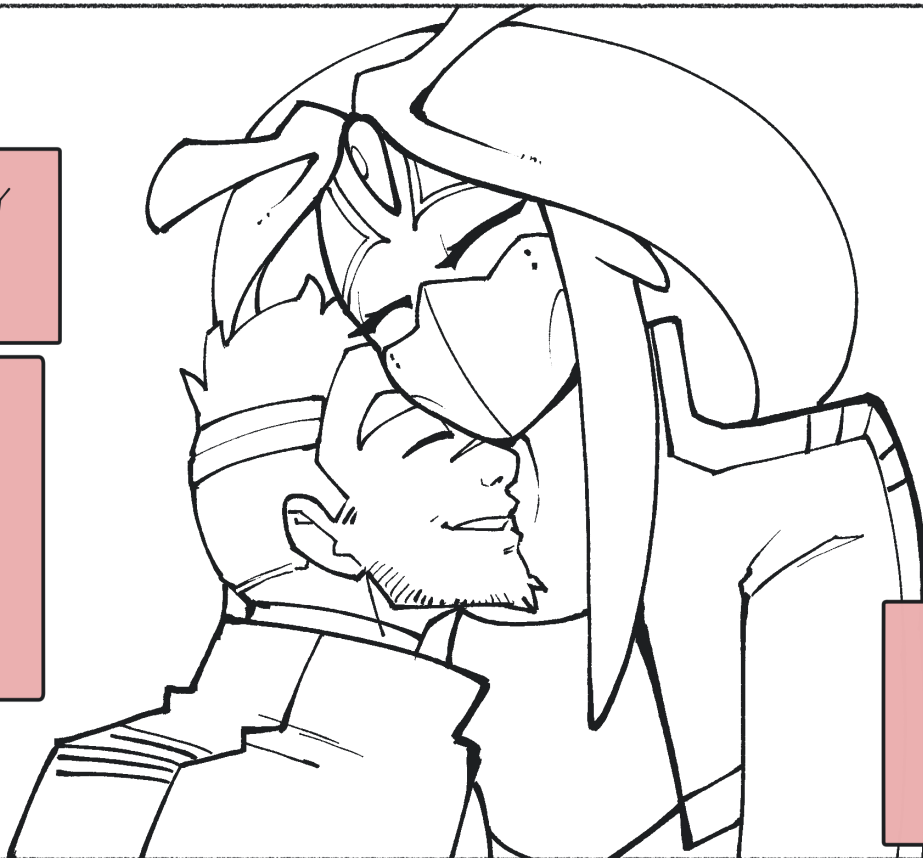
FROM WORTHY
PEOPLE.

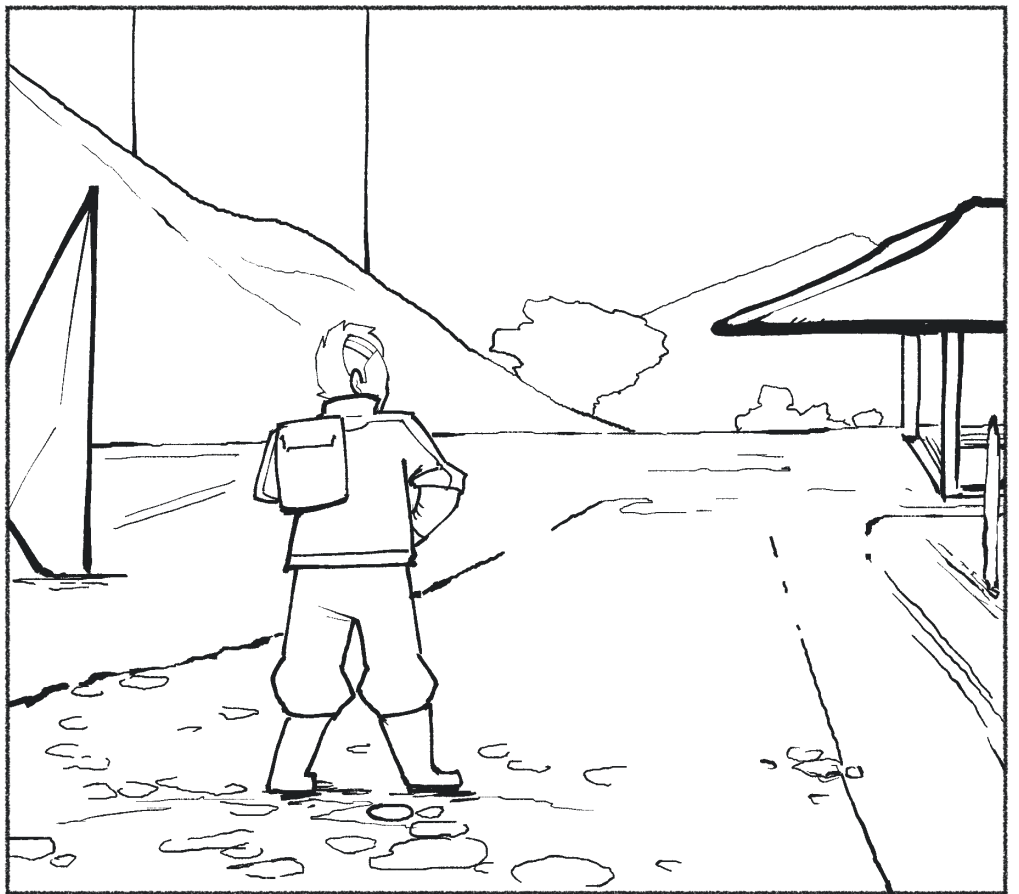


WE CAN NO LONGER PRAY
AS WE ONCE DID,
BUT WE HOPE.

HOPE THAT
THOSE WHO SURVIVED
EARTH'S END WERE
THE BEST OF US;
THAT CAN LEAD US
TO FORM THE BONDS
WE NEED TO SURVIVE...

...AND HOPE FOR
ONE MORE GIANT
LEAP FOR MANKIND.





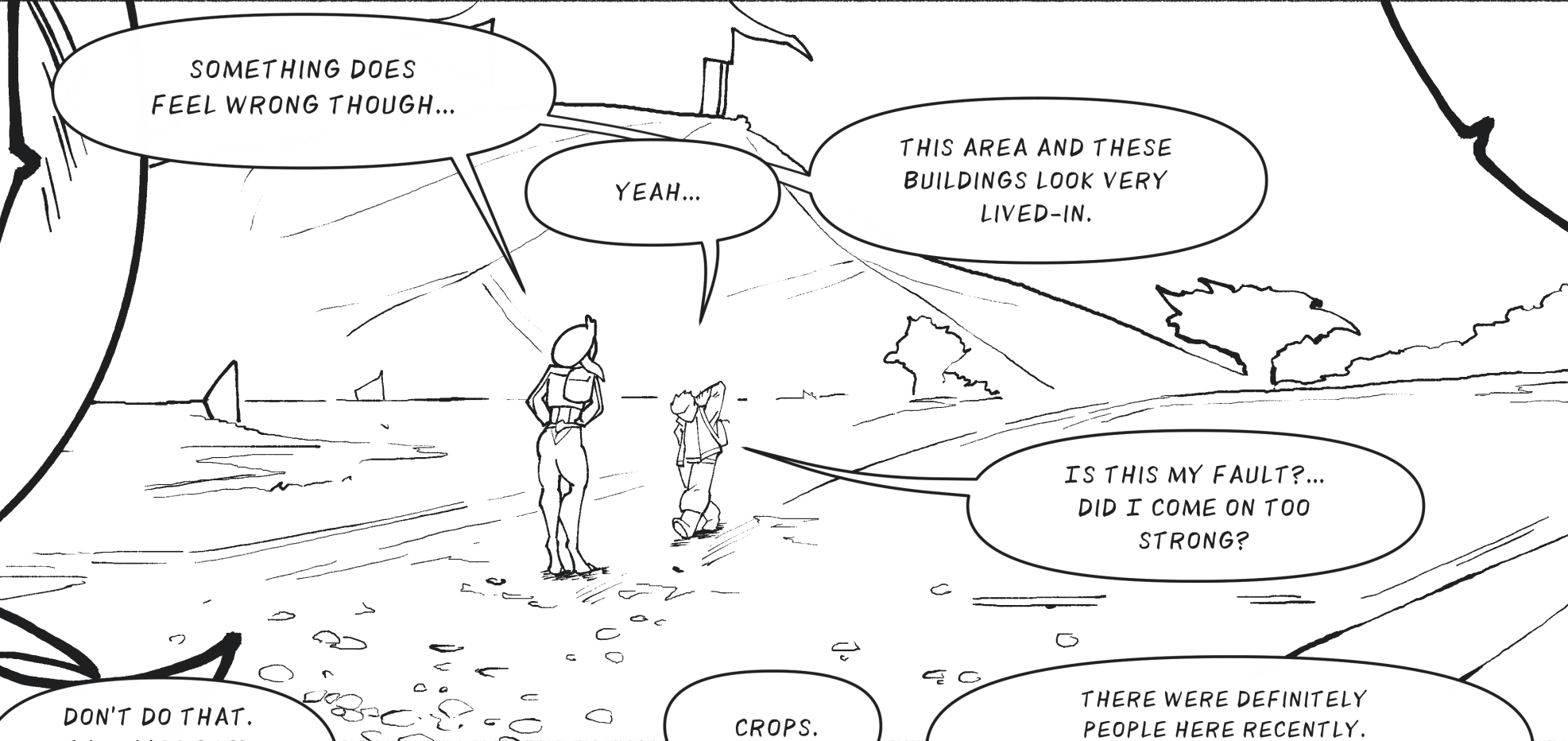
HELLOOO?!...

ANYONE AROUND?...
WE'RE FRIENDLY!

NIKOLA, THE TRANSLATOR
ISN'T GOING TO WORK.

YOU'RE JUST
SCREECHING FOREIGN NOISE TO
THEM RIGHT NOW.

YEAHHH
I KNOW...



SOMETHING DOES
FEEL WRONG THOUGH...

YEAH...

THIS AREA AND THESE
BUILDINGS LOOK VERY
LIVED-IN.

IS THIS MY FAULT?...
DID I COME ON TOO
STRONG?

DON'T DO THAT.
THIS HAPPENED
BEFORE WE
ARRIVED.

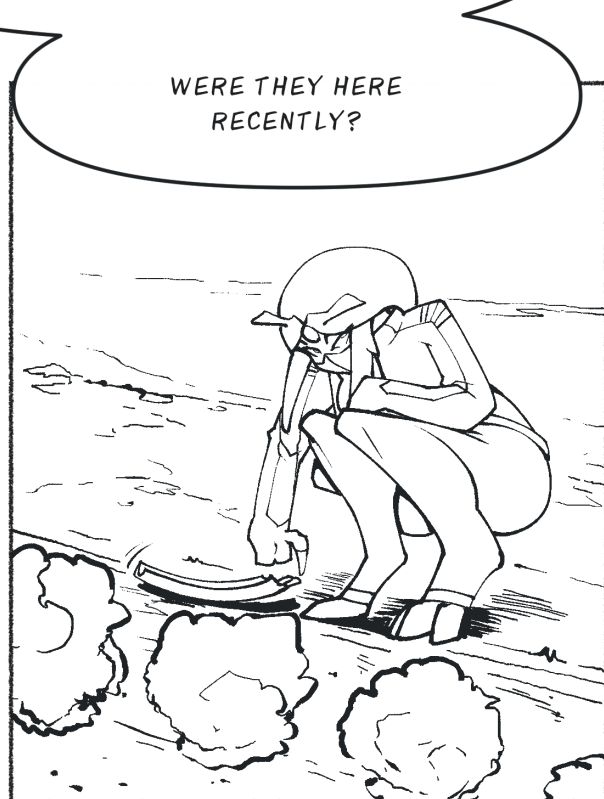
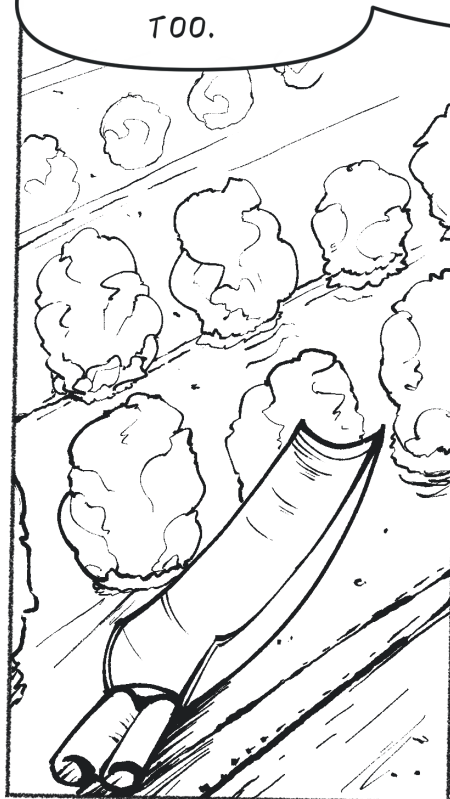
CROPS.

AND TOOLS
TOO.

THERE WERE DEFINITELY
PEOPLE HERE RECENTLY.
FARMING AND TOOLS SUGGESTS
THEY'RE INTELLIGENT.

WERE THEY HERE
RECENTLY?

HM?



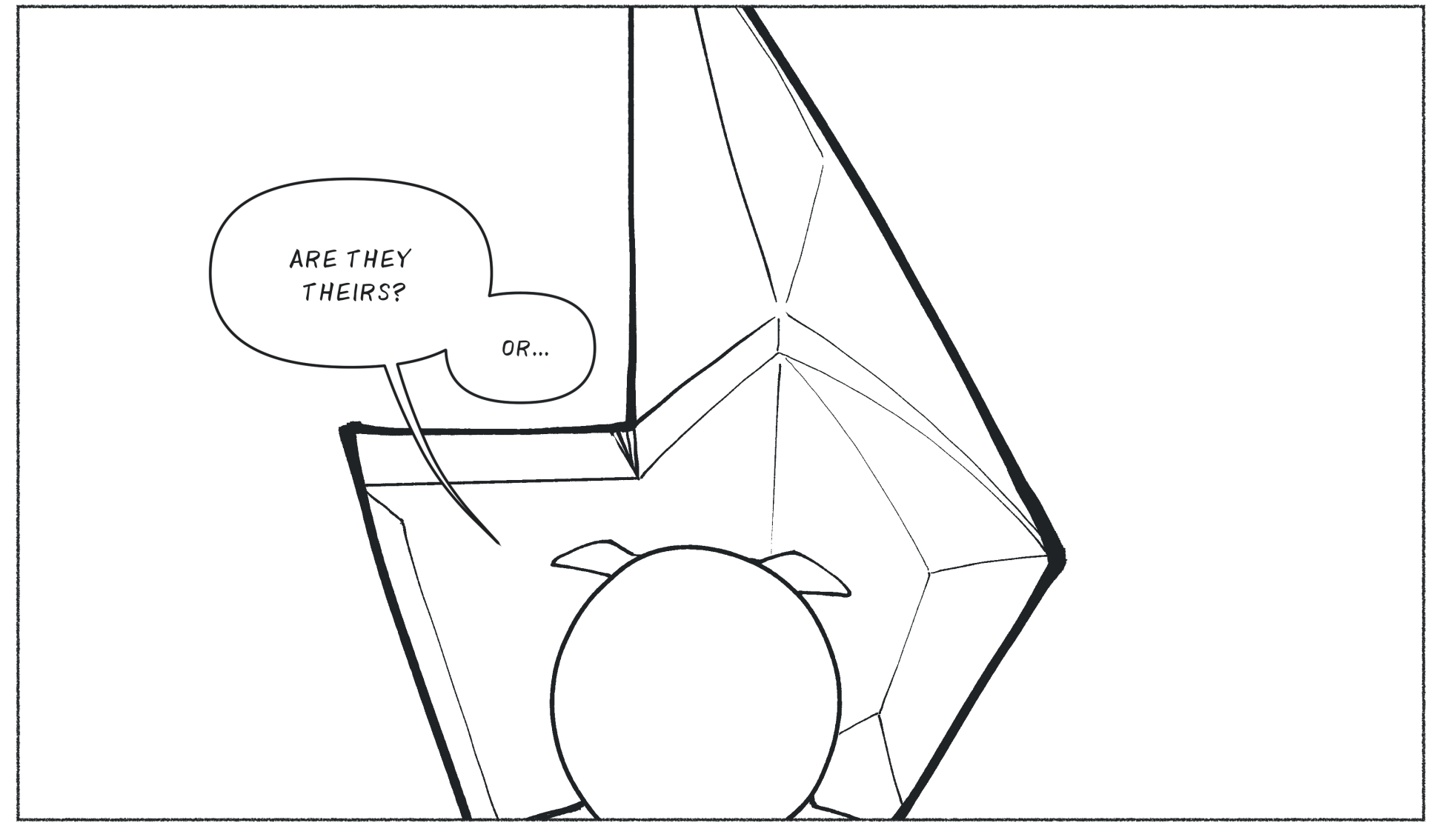
AW MAN..

I HOPE THEY'RE
OKAY.



I WISH WE AT LEAST KNEW
WHAT THEY LOOK LIKE.

THESE
STRUCTURES...



ARE THEY
THEIRS?

OR...

