



What if ...

WHAT IF... is a collaborative zine created during an online workshop of the same name mentored by Daria Tommasi and organized by DobraVaga/Kino Šiška.

Participants were asked to answer an imaginary situation and develop short narratives by drawing a cartoon and writing a sentence, describing what would happen in that scenario. Involved in the process of collective writing, every choice they made influenced the whole narrative.

After they sent their contributions to the game master, the participants received another "What if" sentence that another player had written. They had to continue the story with another cartoon, then scan it and send it back to the game master.

The cycle repeated several times. They were given 7 minutes for each task.

The workshop was held via Zoom and the contributions collected through e-mail.

What if one day you wake up, go to the bathroom to wash your face, and then realize that the mirror doesn't reflect your bathroom and your face, like everyday, but...

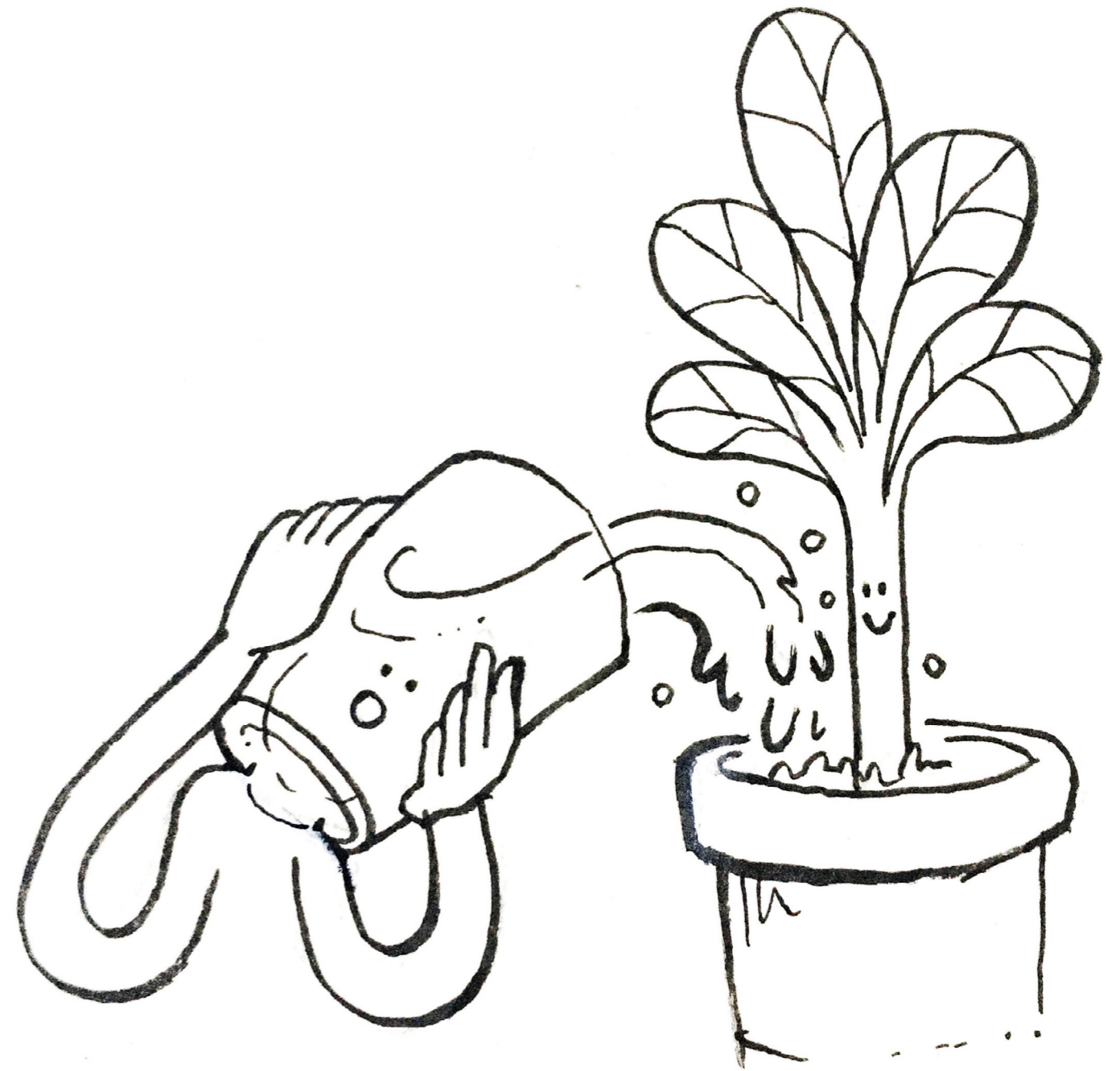


Story 1

My head turned into
a glass of water that
kept spilling all over
me.



I started watering
my favorite plant
with my head-water.
It tasted amazing
to my plant: it was
even more delicious
than regular water!



My head was like a swimming pool full of delicious water. Animals were able to drink it, little elves dove in it and beautiful water-plants grew in it.

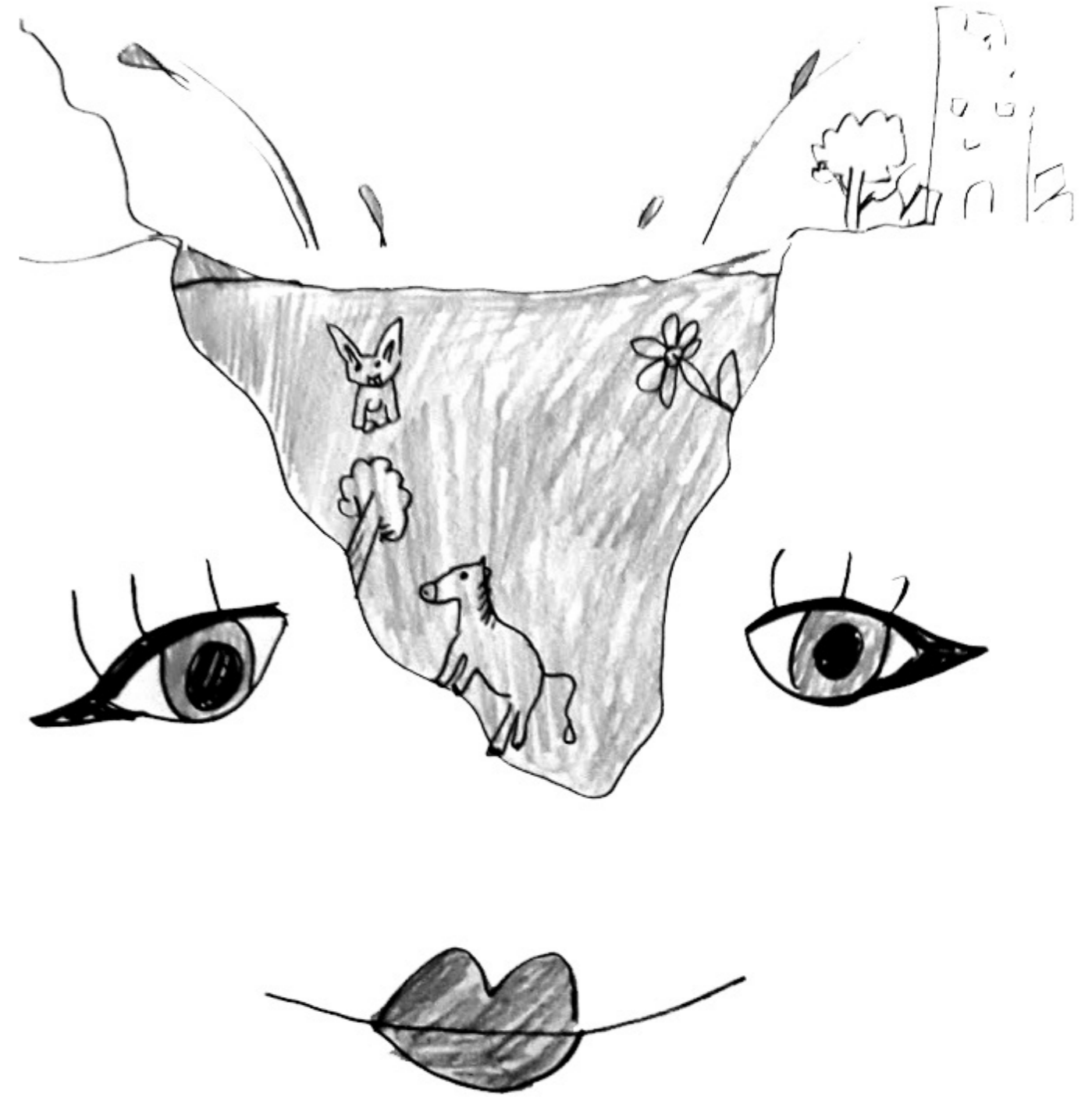
Everyone was well in the water of my head!



But then a very strong
earthquake destroyed
everything on earth
except me and my
microcosm!



“Maybe
if I jump out
of this hole
plants and trees
could regrow
on Earth?”

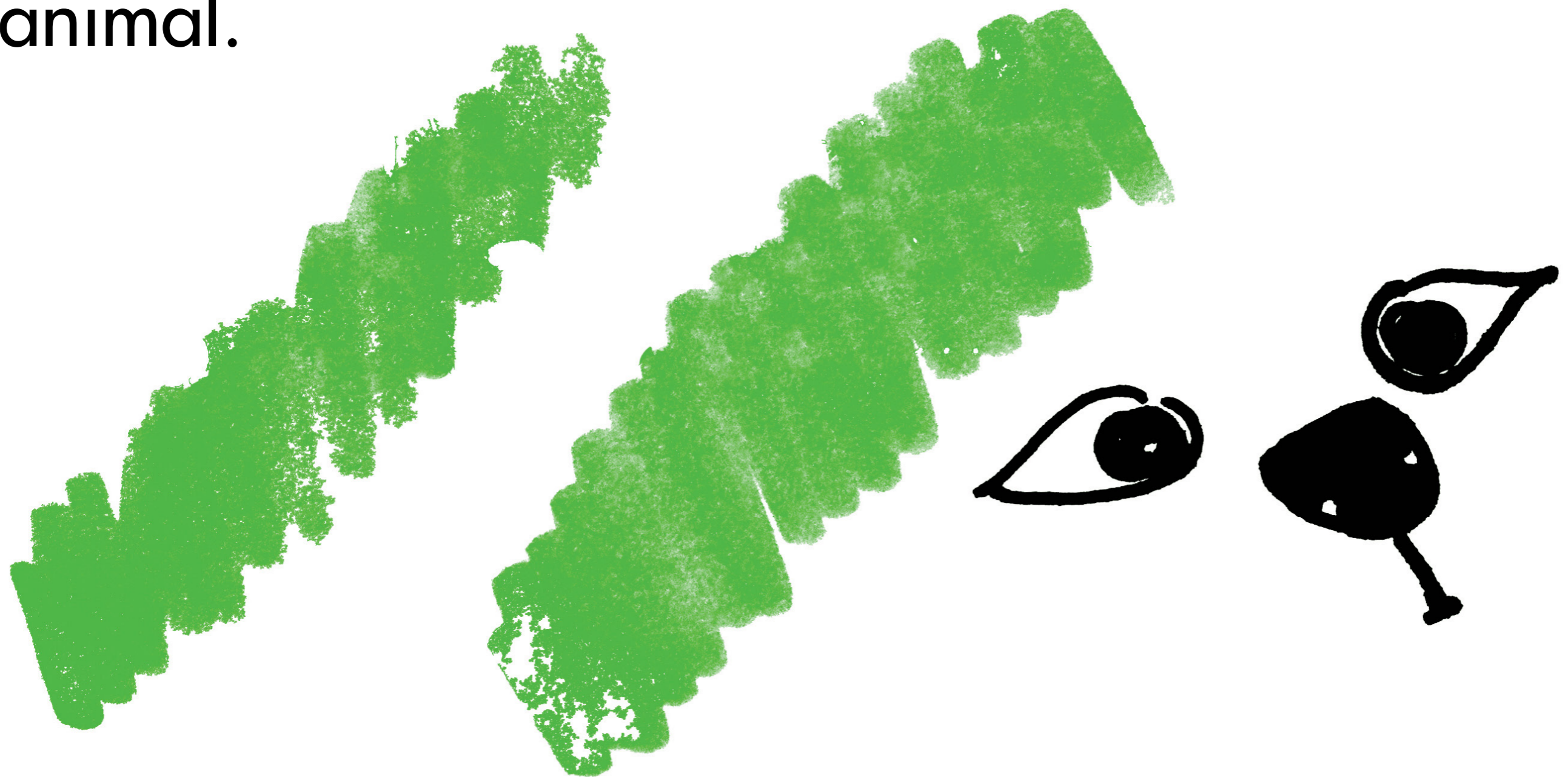


Story 2

I have become
a badger!



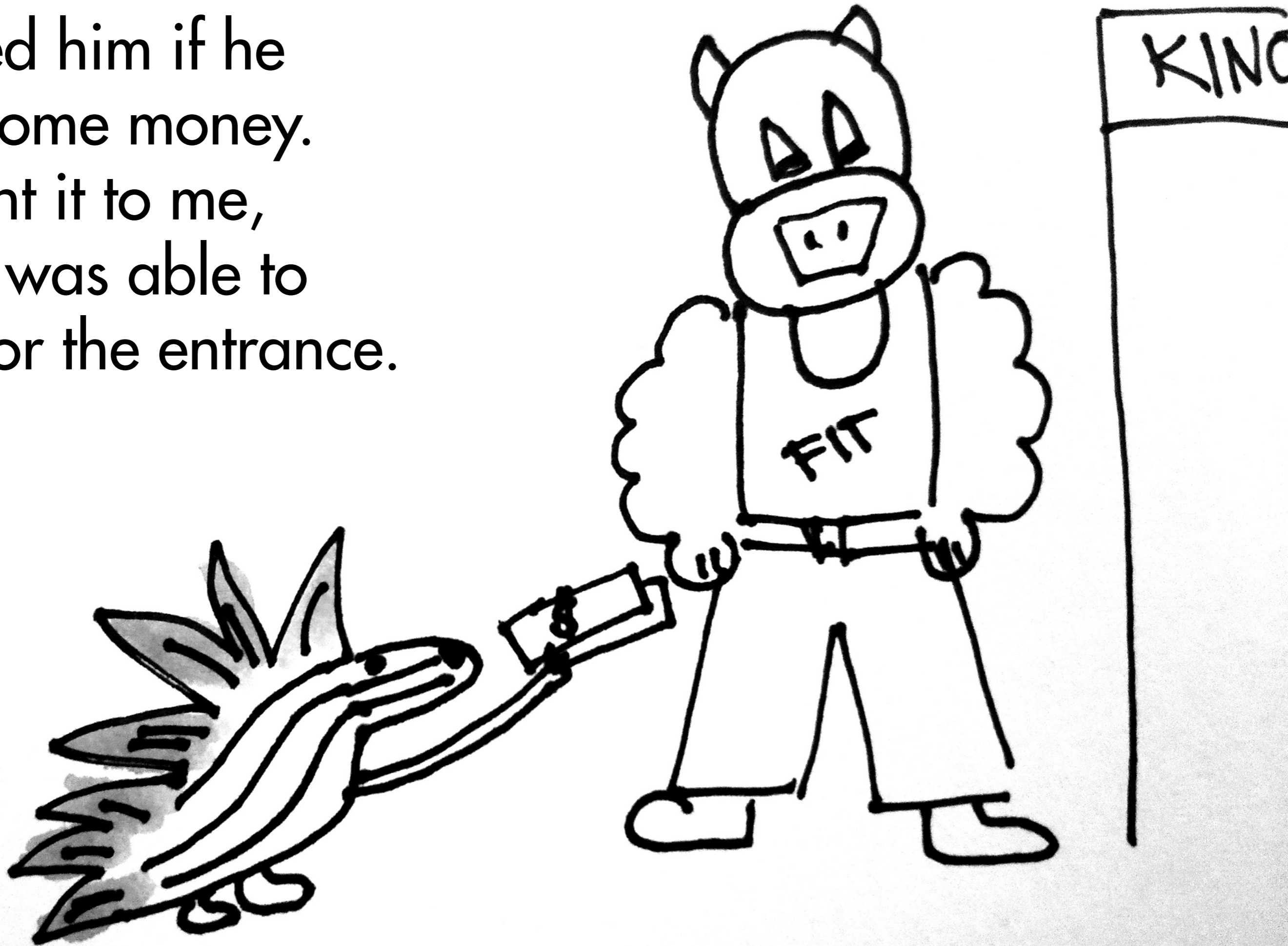
I didn't like my hair
grey, so I colored it
neon green because
I was a careful night
animal.



I went out to enjoy
the nightlife.
But I didn't have
money in my wallet,
and the bouncer
at the door of Kino
Šiška didn't allow me
to go inside.



I asked him if he
had some money.
He lent it to me,
and I was able to
pay for the entrance.



Inside everybody
was upside down,
but maybe I was
just drunk!

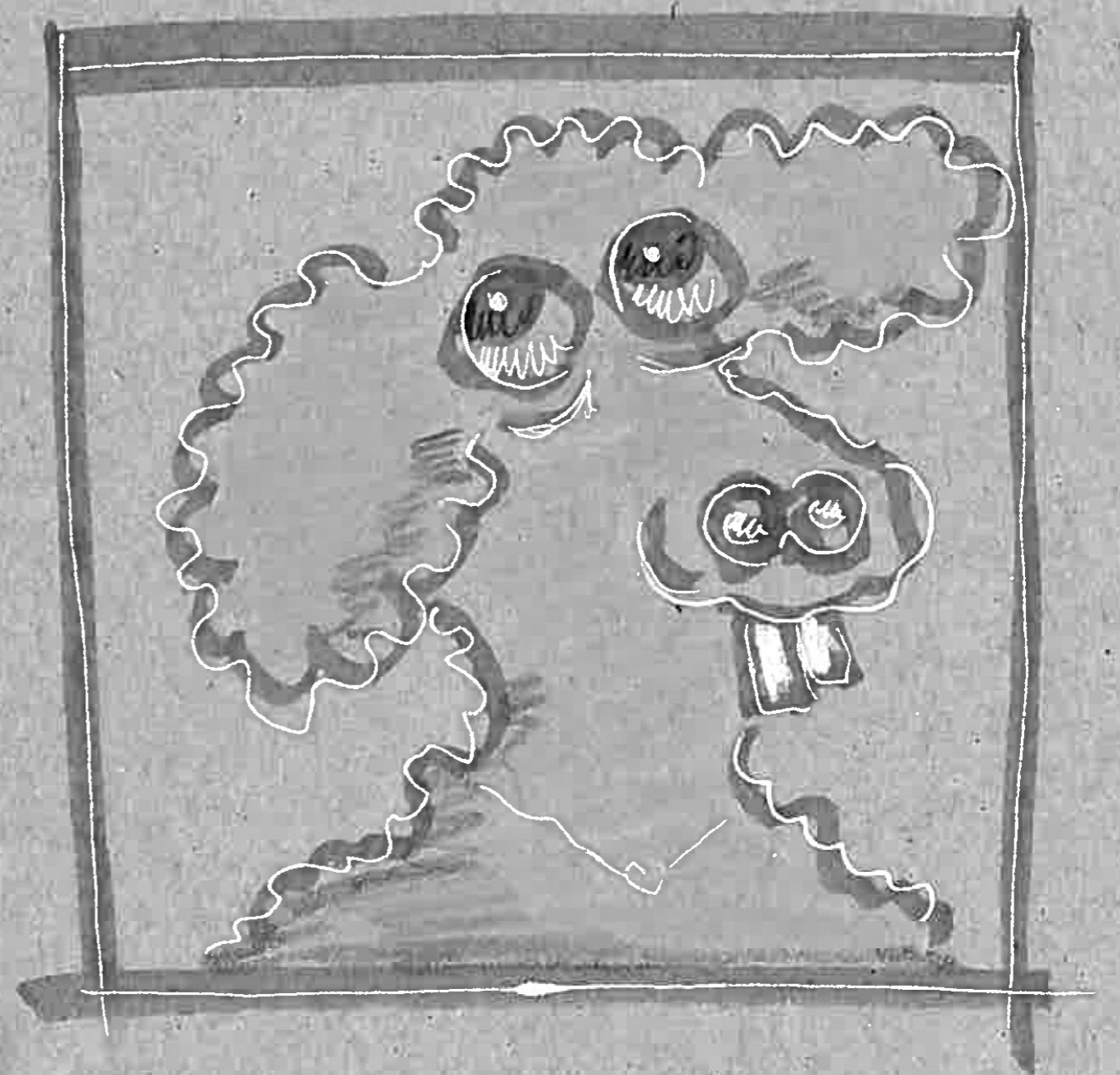


Story 3

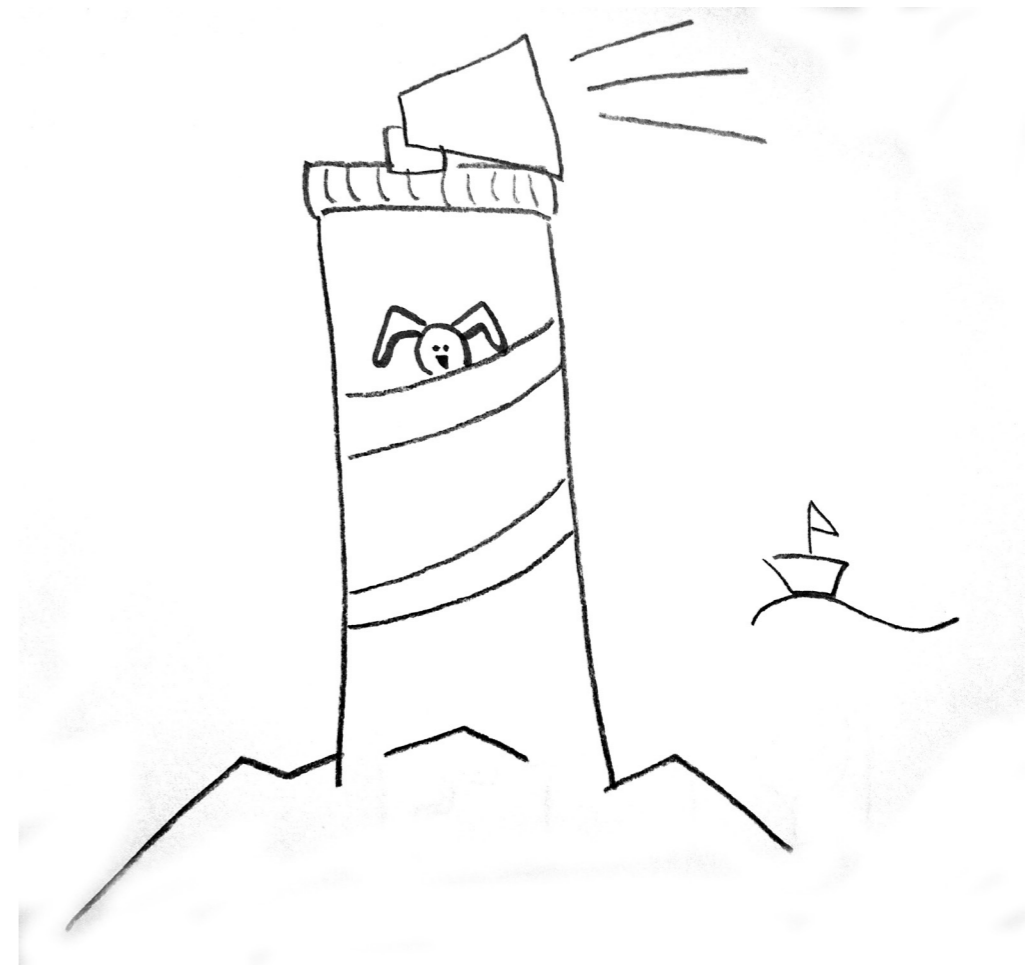
I saw a narrow path
in the mirror.
I dared to explore it
instead of going
to work.



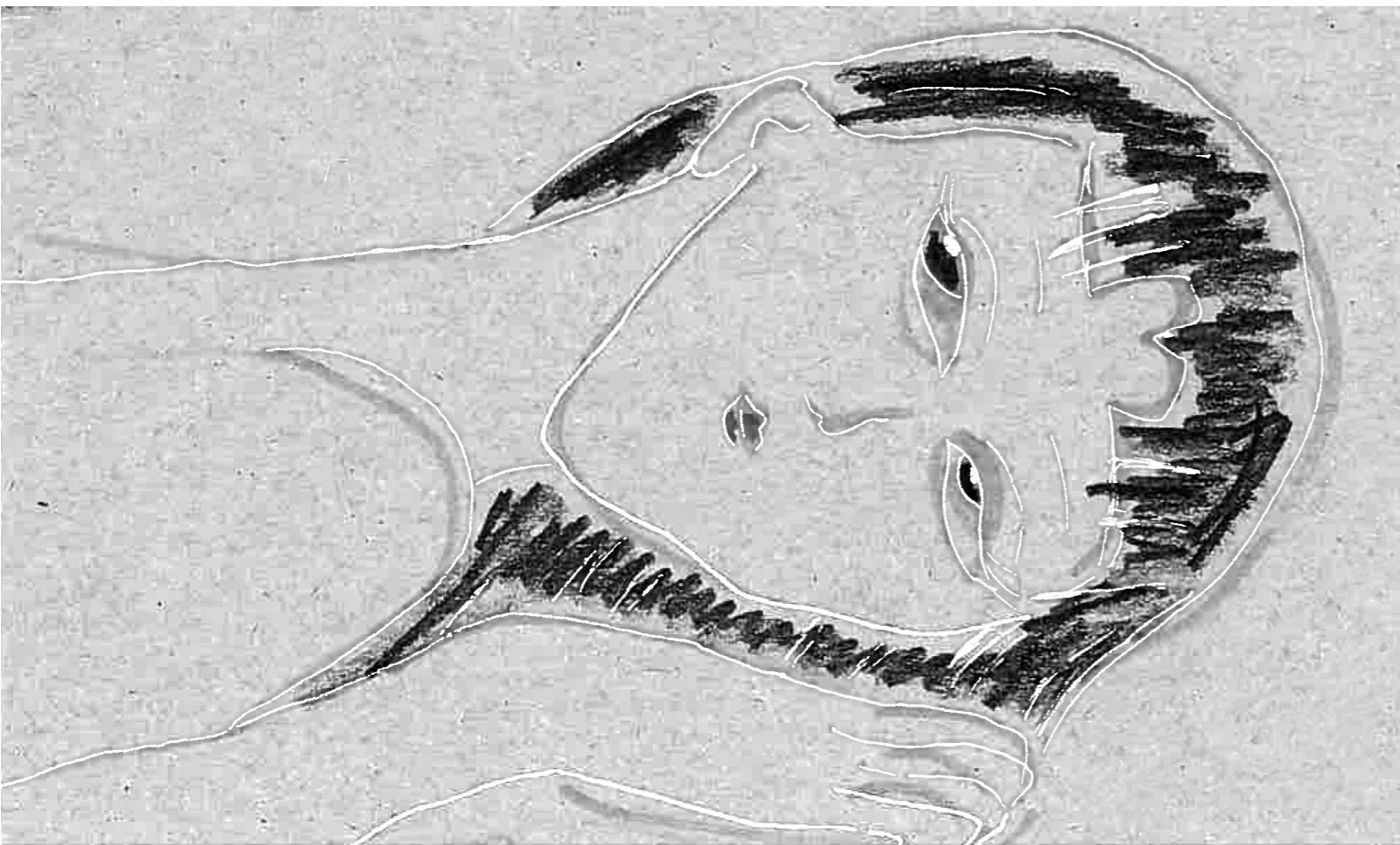
As soon
as I entered
the mirror,
I transformed into
a pink poodle.



The path led
to the top
of the lighthouse
where someone
was speaking
with a Finnish accent
to a Chinese ship
that had lost its
captain.



I teleported myself
to the ship to help.
As I was a dog,
I sniffed the captain.



She was laying on
the floor.
I licked her face
and the captain
woke up.
“Yay!! She can lead
us back home!
But wait, what is
this thing coming
toward us?”

Suddenly the Kraken
appeared from
the depths!



Story 4

I realized
I was dead inside
the mirror ...
and I had to face
myself from the
future.

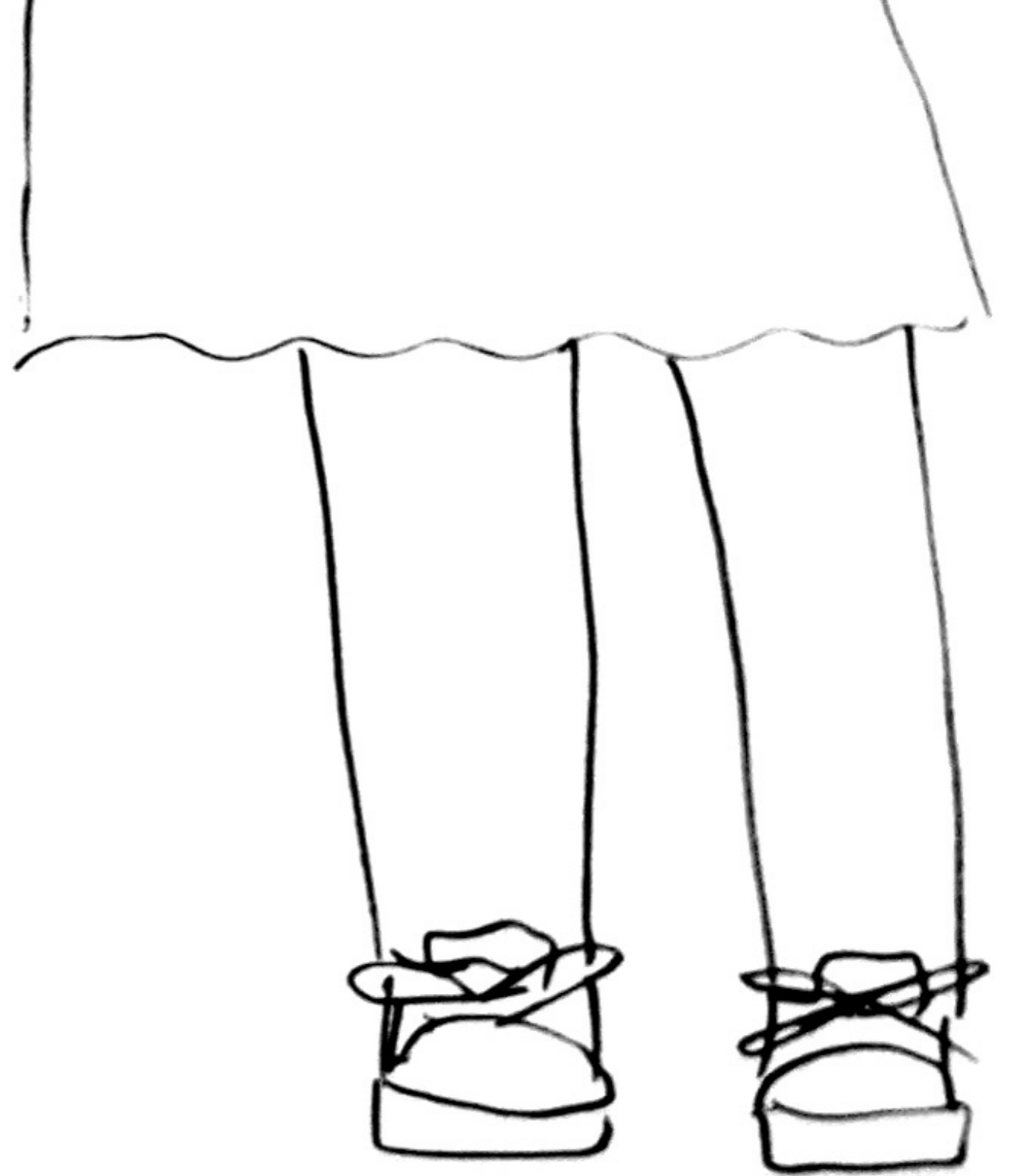


I was shocked
because I realized
that the future me
has become a giant.



I AM SHOCKED BECAUSE I HAVE BECOME A GIANT!

I became so tall that
my head touched
the sky and people
couldn't hear
the things I said.



But I could speak
to the stars!

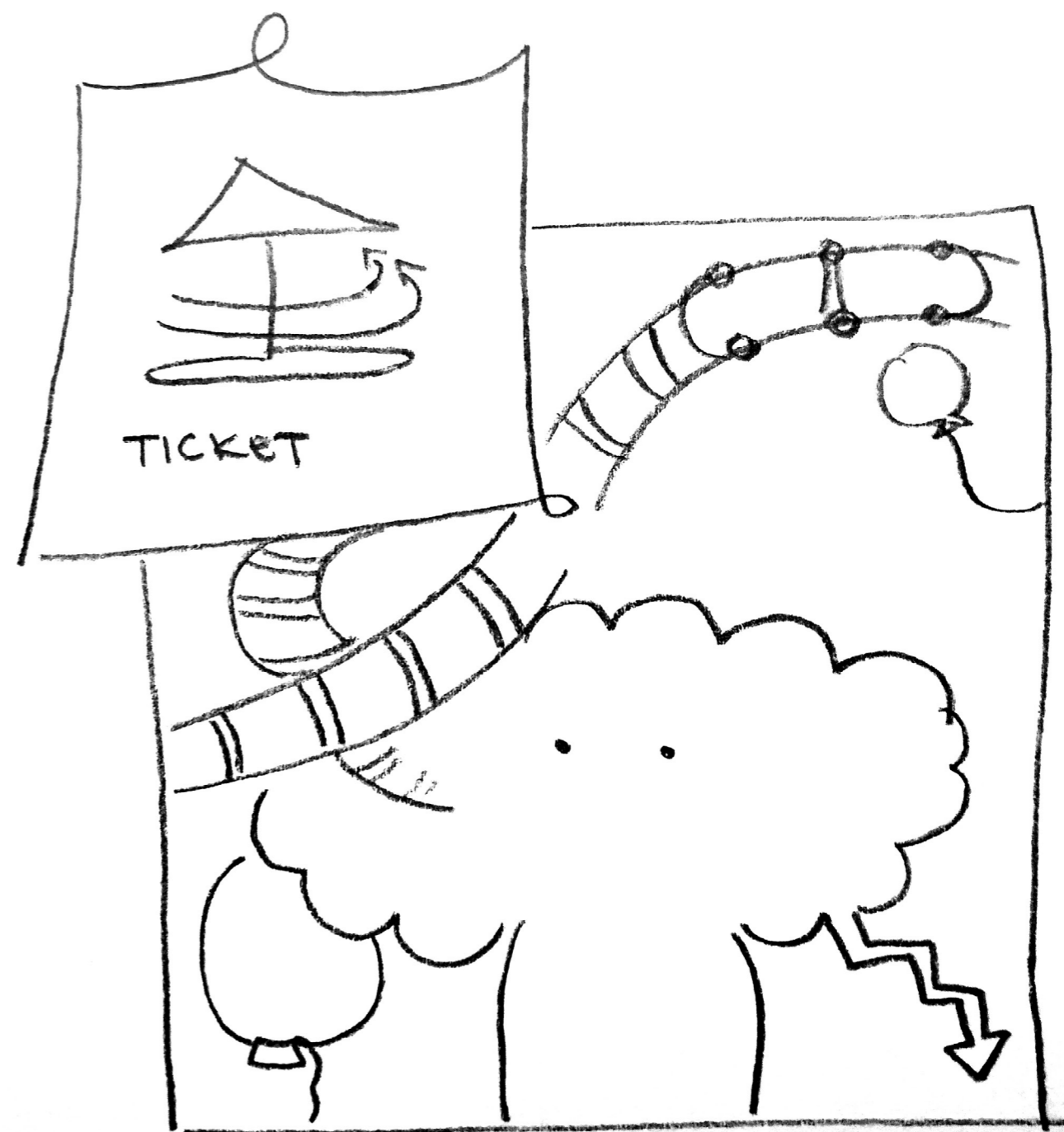


“Oh no, the stars
are angry. I should
not be here!”
They gave me
7 minutes to go
home or I would stay
in the mirror forever.



Story 5

I got a ticket
to a magic
Luna park.



When I arrived
at the magic
Luna park,
I tried to find
the right swing
to get to Mars.

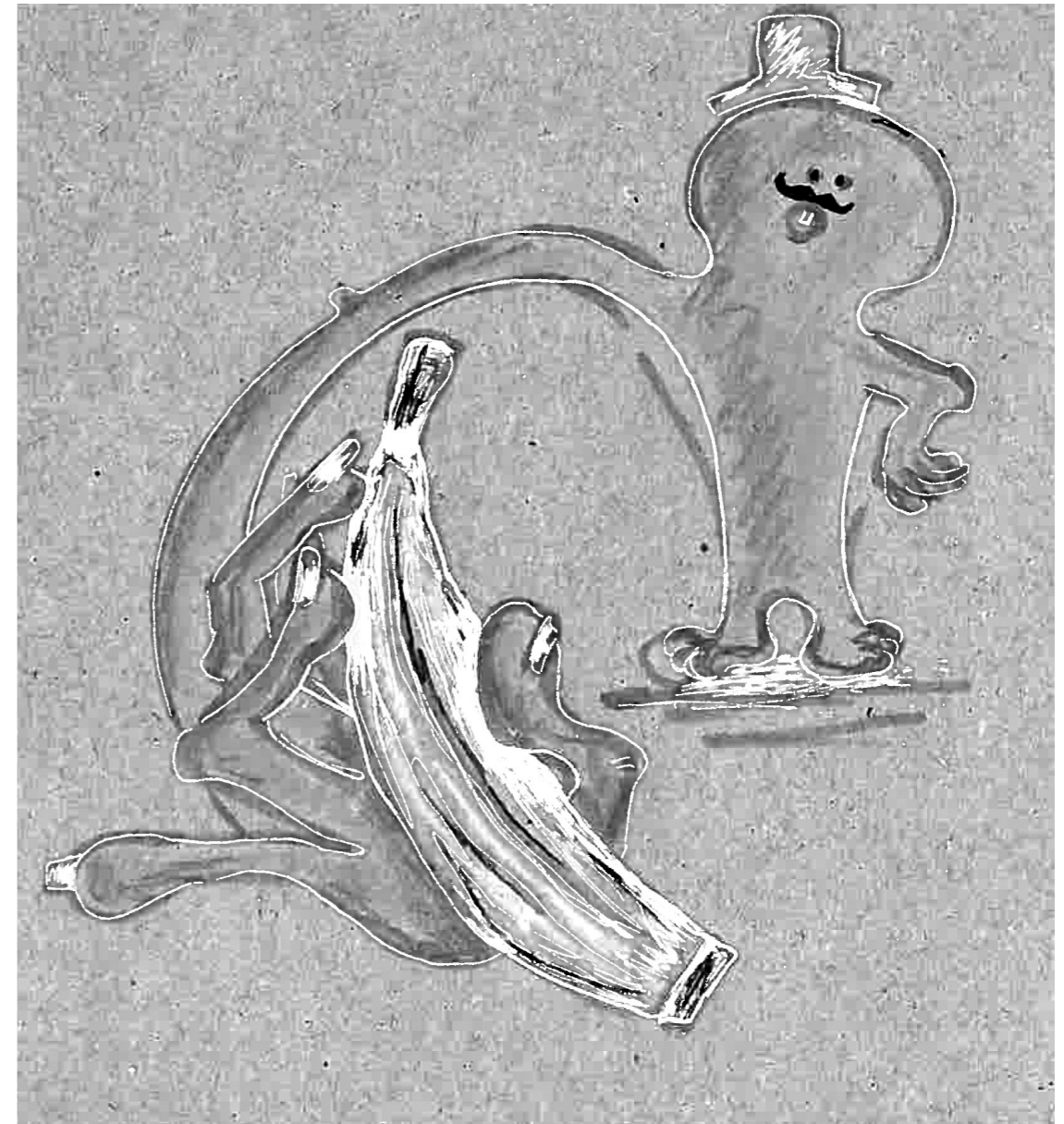


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"Congratulations!
You've reached
Mars."

A strange man
approached me.
His name was Javier.
He gave me
a banana so I
could get back
home safely.

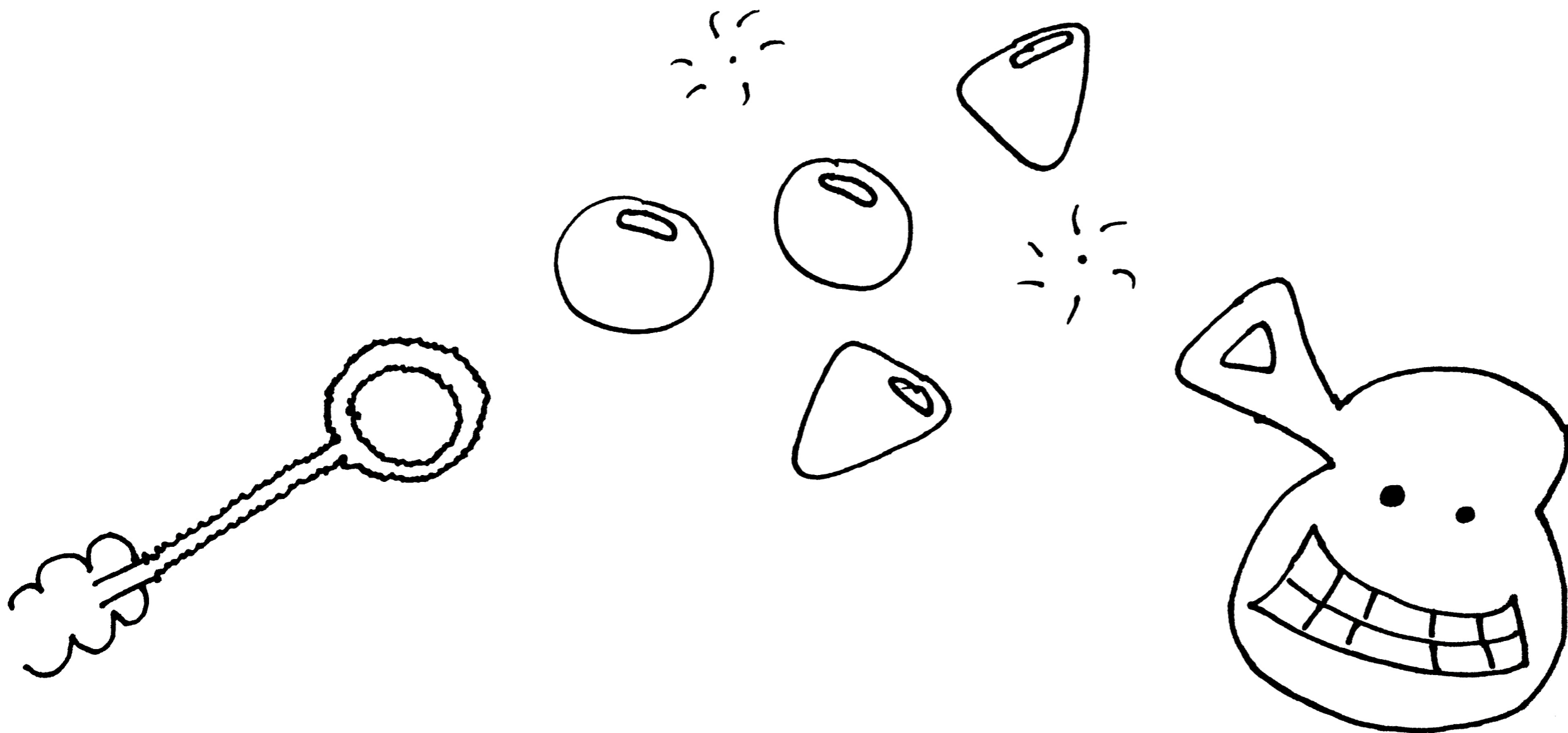


But the communication between us was not that easy and I didn't understand what he was saying to me. "He wants me to take off my shoes and go to Pluto? I will smile and pretend I didn't just hear that!"



"I have to find a way
to communicate with
them!" I thought.

But it was very hard
and I am still trying
to figure it all out
because they used
codes.



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