

DIDN'T THINK
I'D BE SEEING
YOU FOR THE
THIRD TIME
THIS WEEK.



WHAT'S UP, RAY?

YOU KNOW THAT THE
FACT THAT YOU HAVEN'T
ARRESTED ME YET
MAKES ME THINK

THAT YOU'RE
WORSE AT BEING
A SUPERHERO THAN
YOU LET ON.



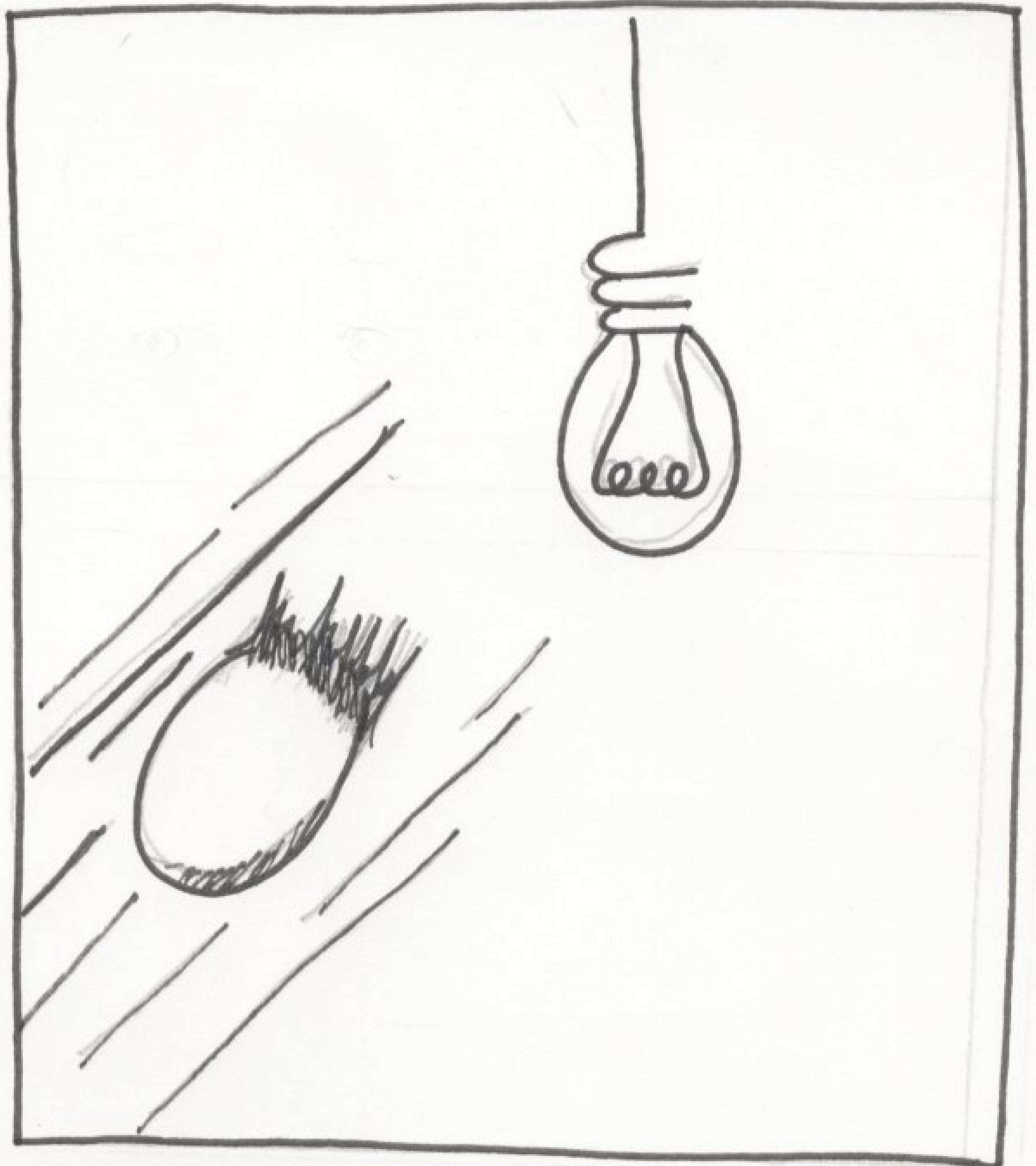
C'MON! YOU
CAN'T KEEP
PRETENDING
FOREVER.

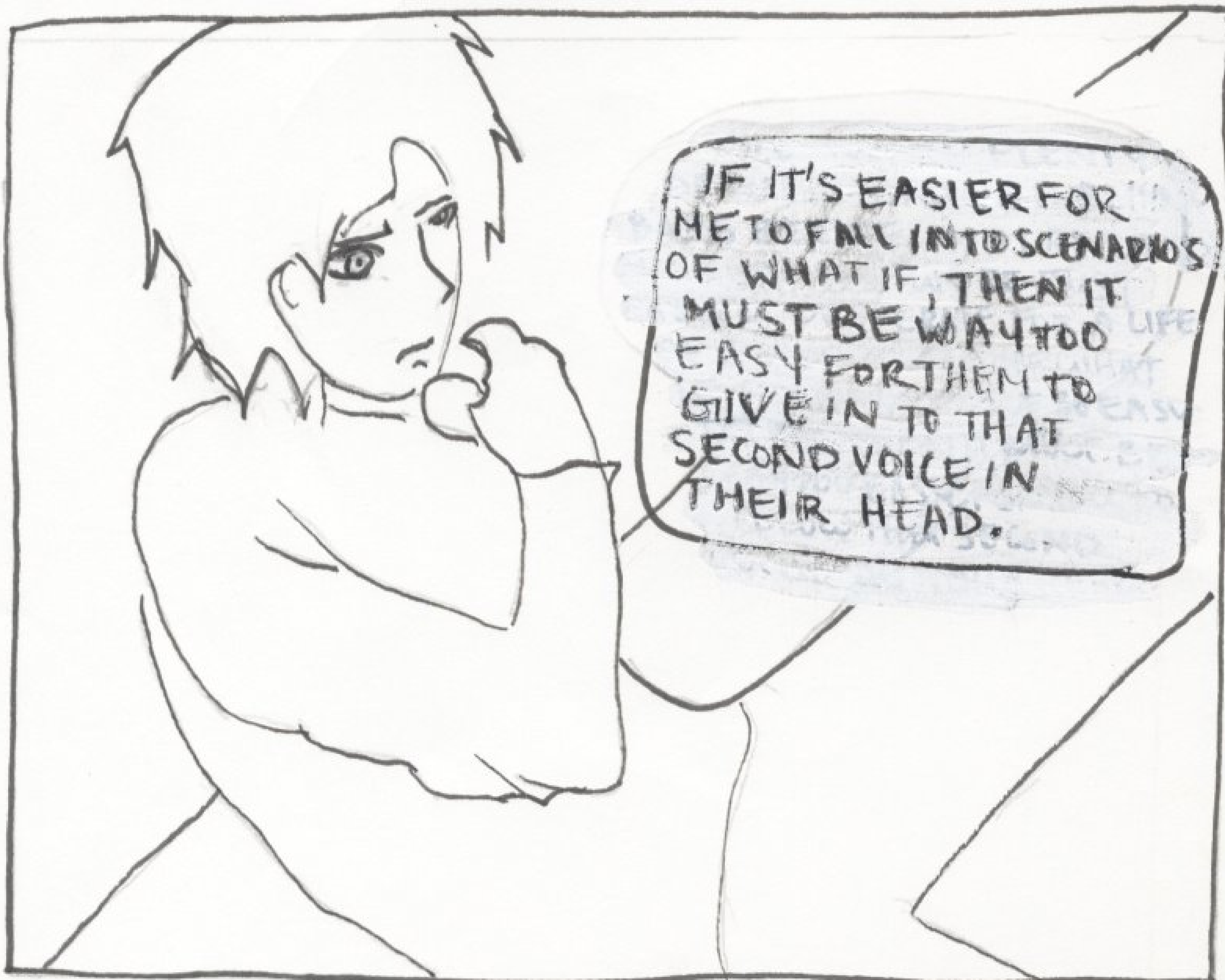
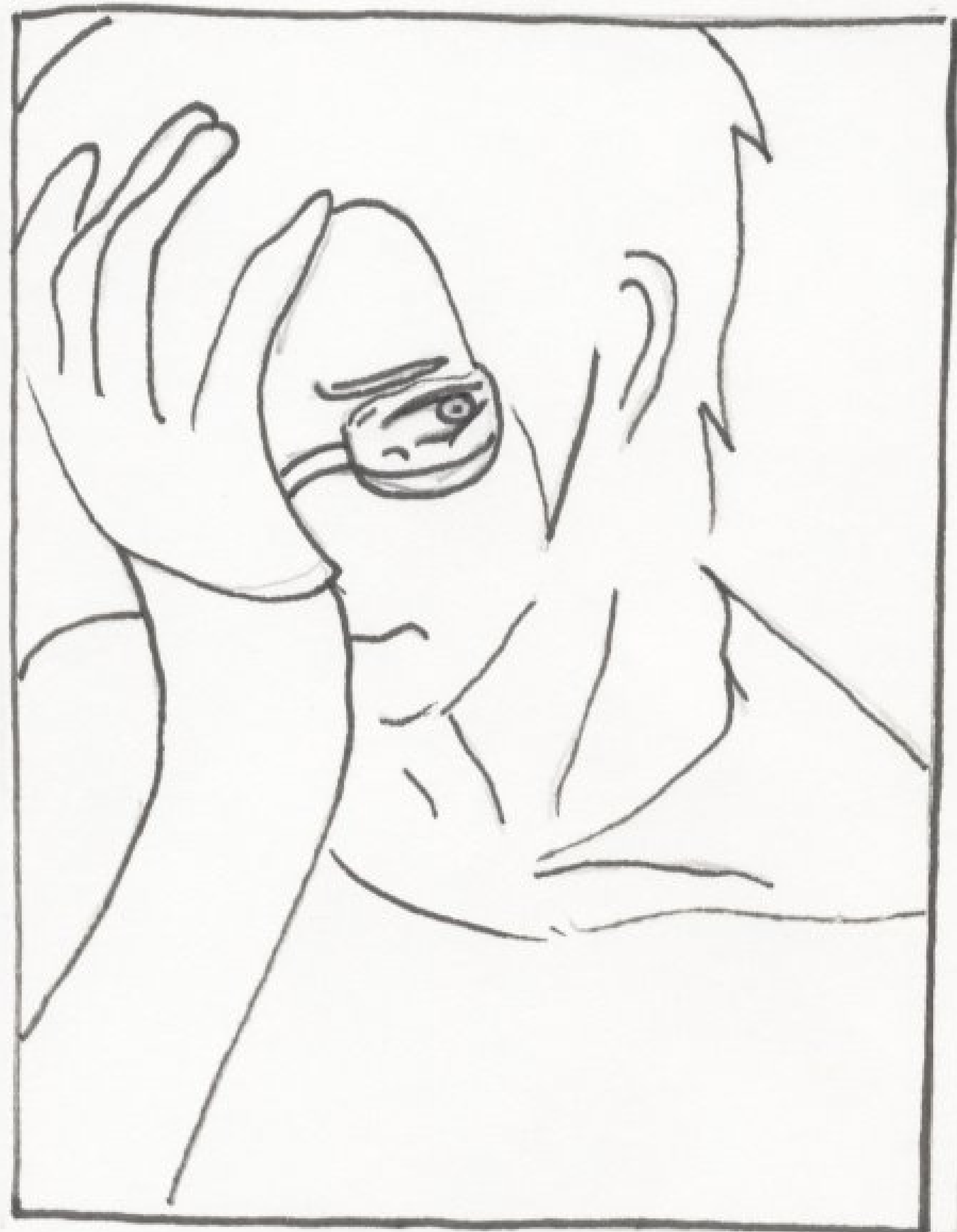
PRETENDING
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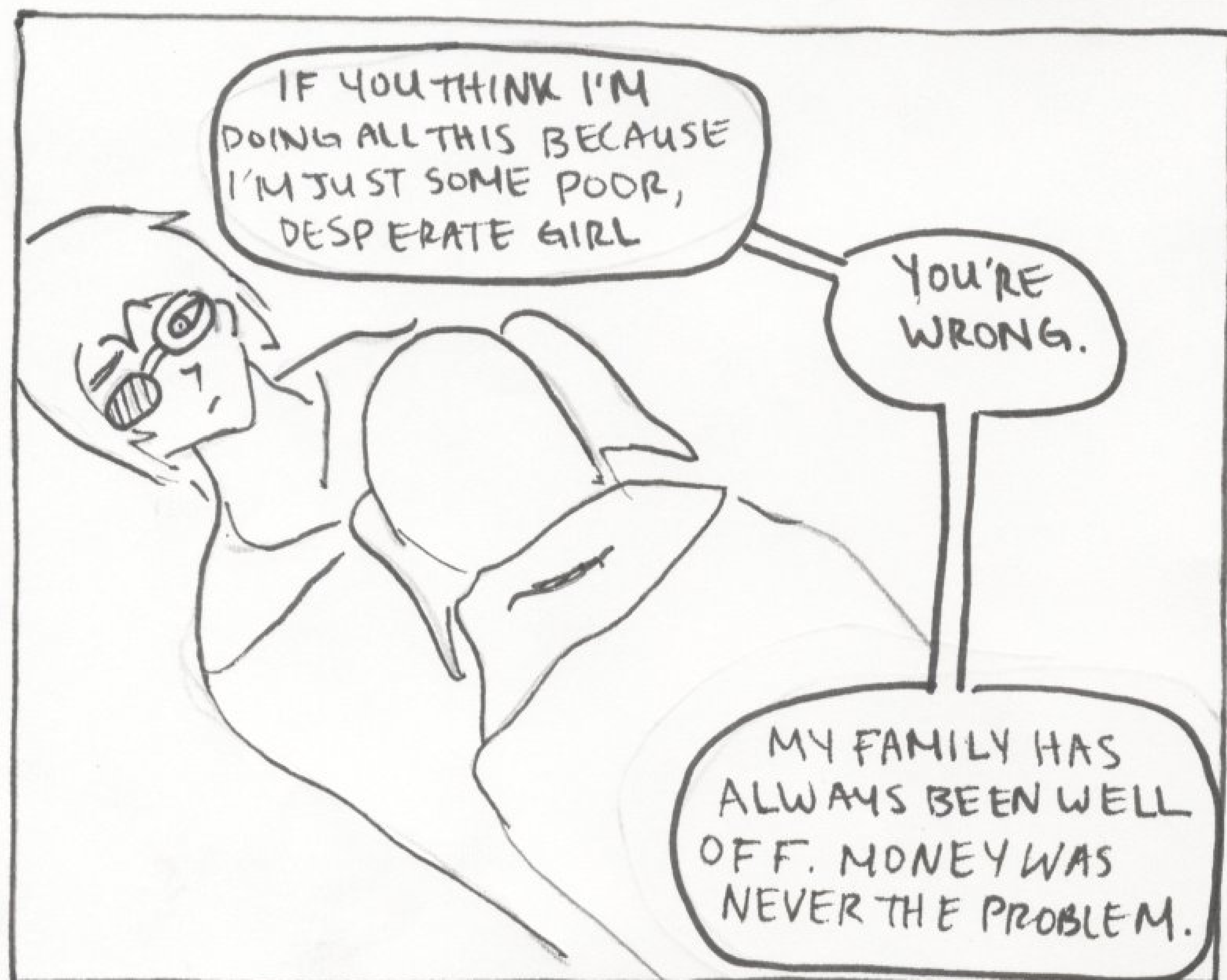


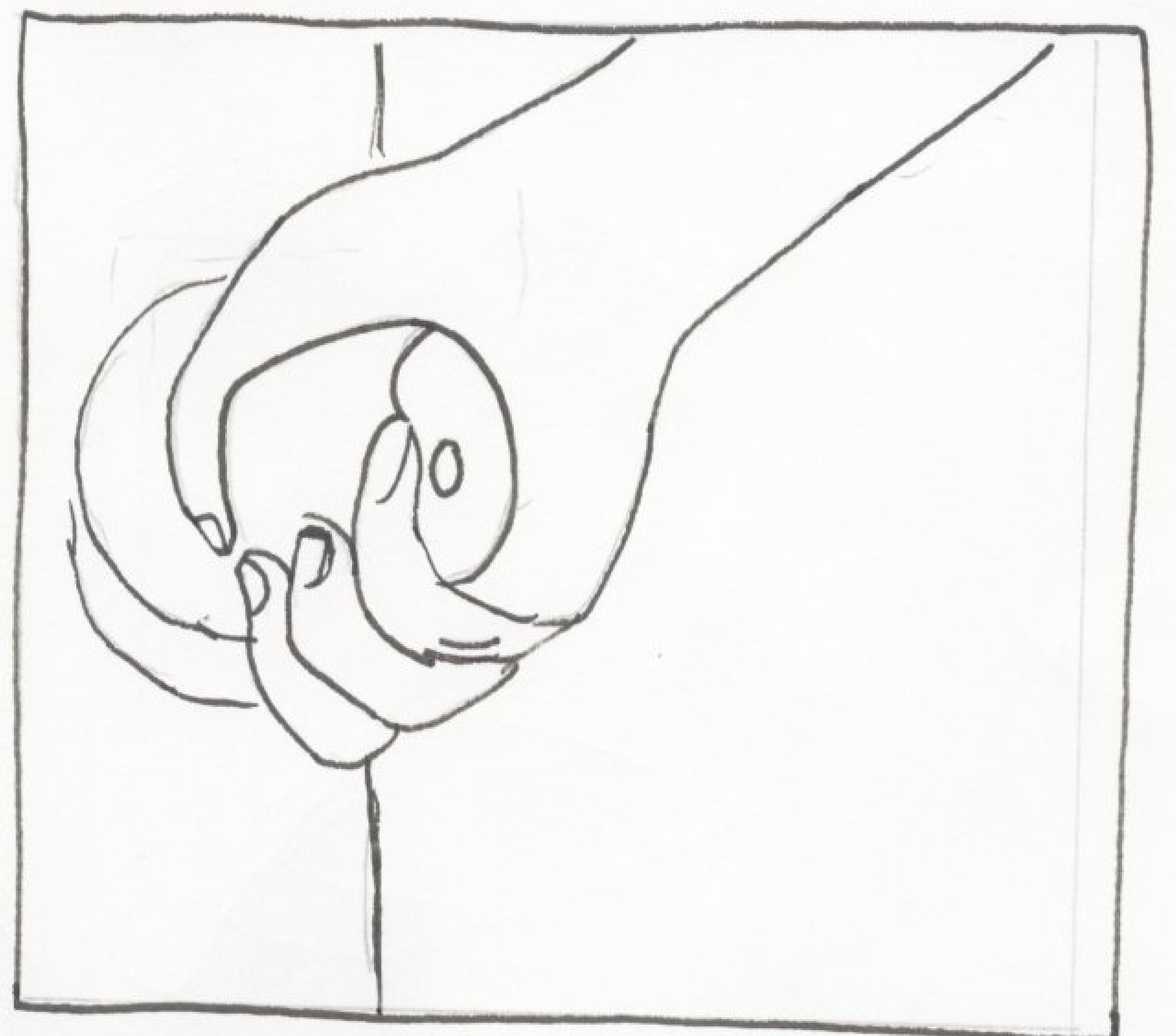




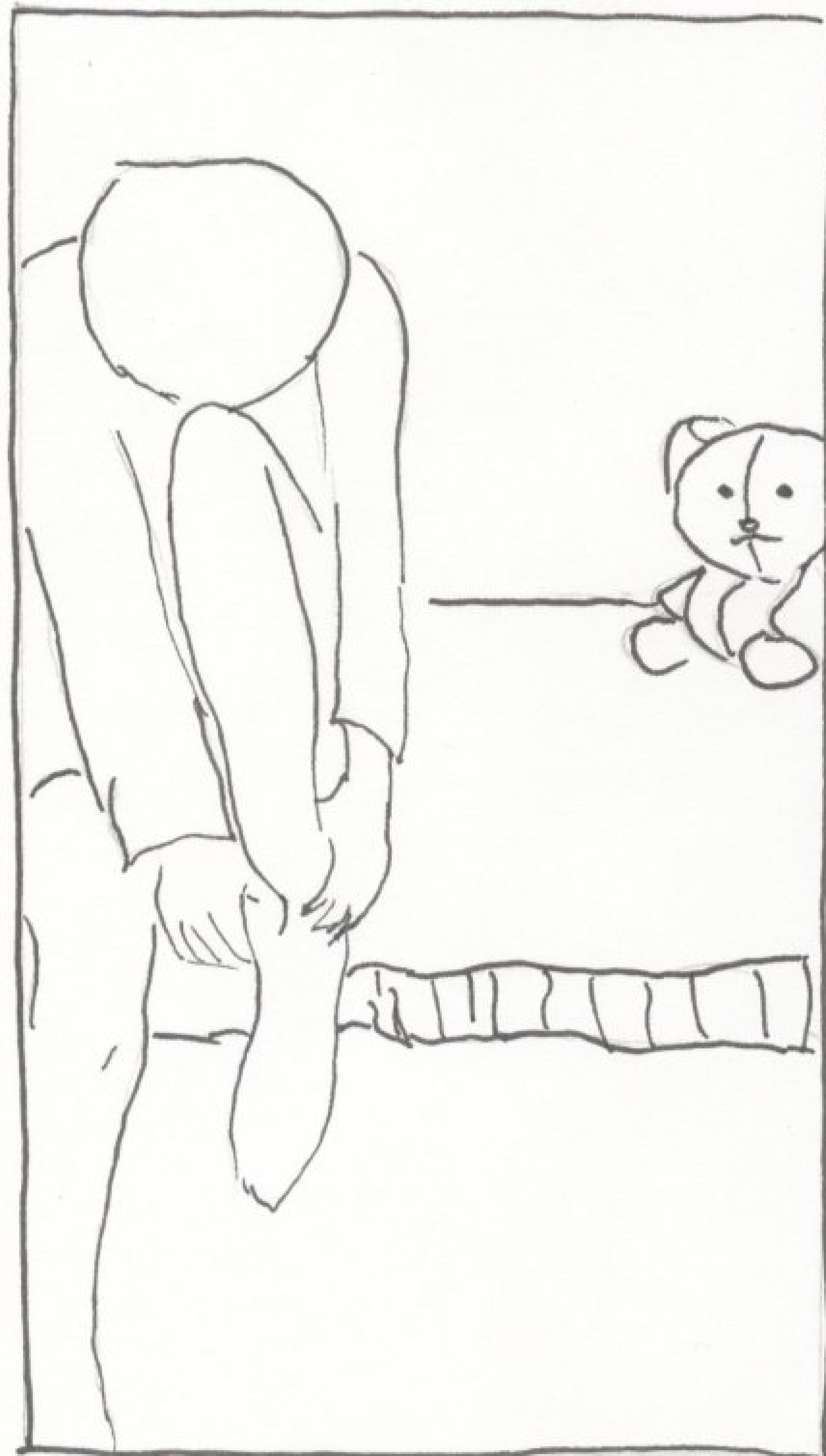


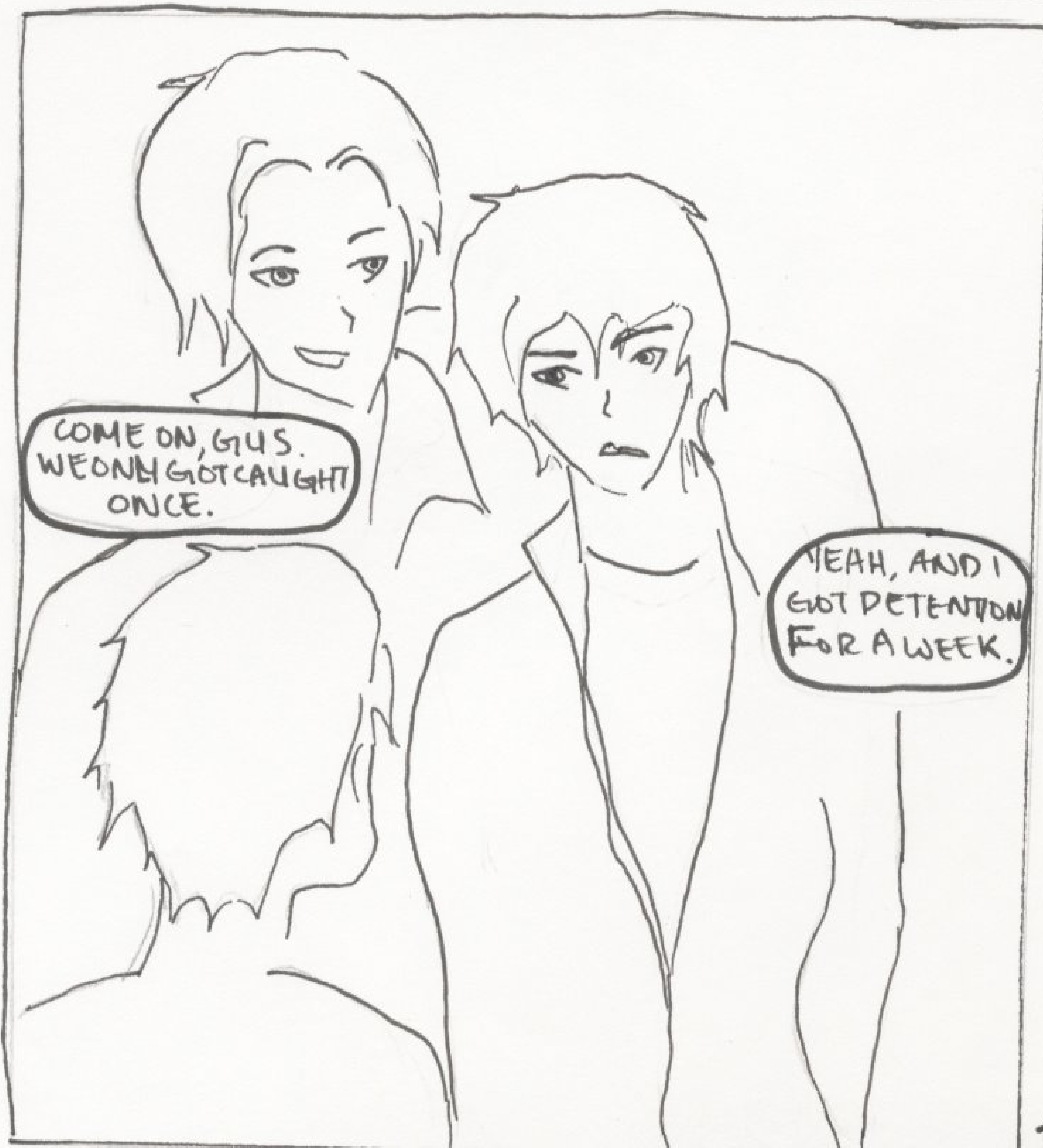
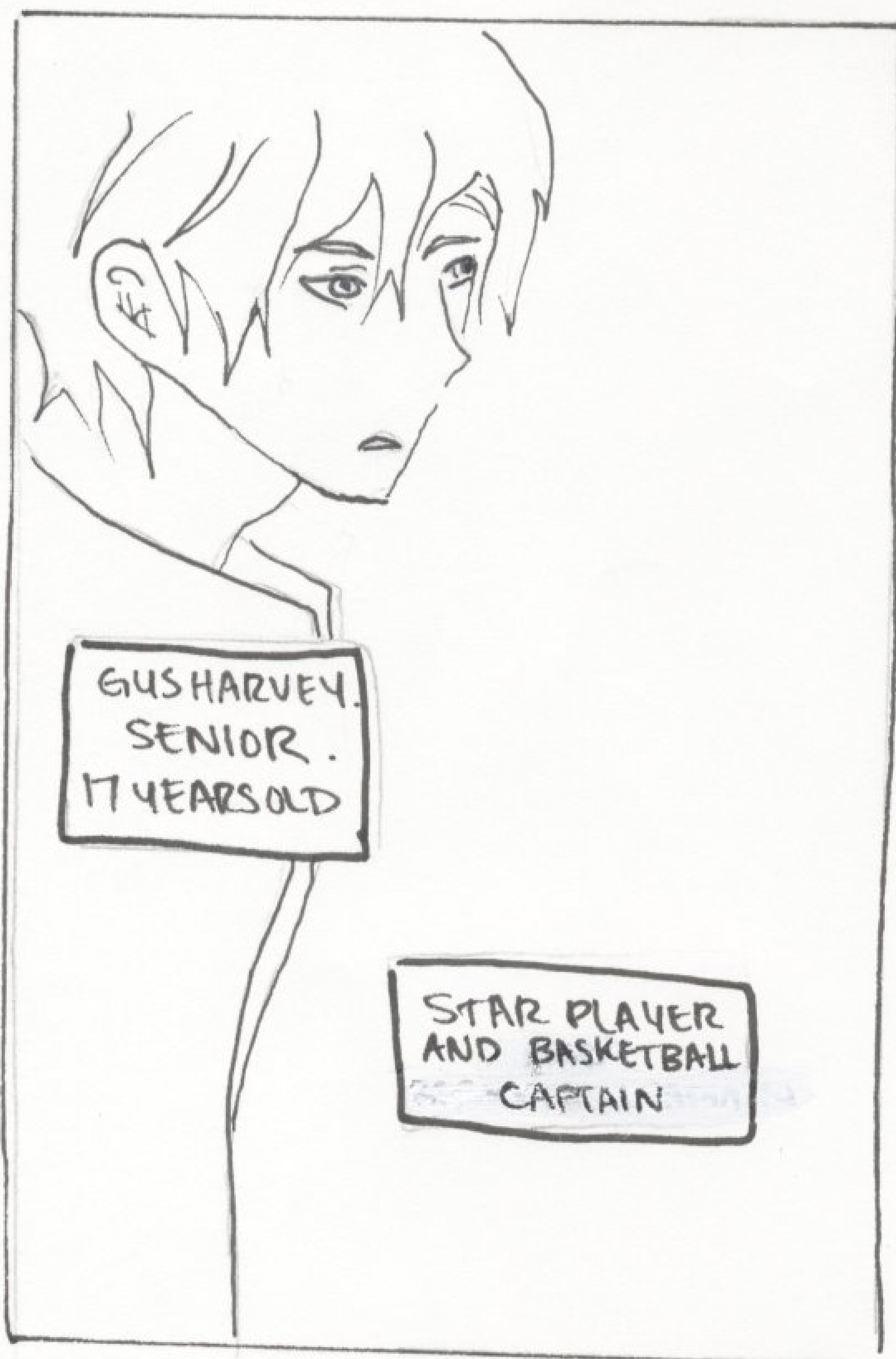
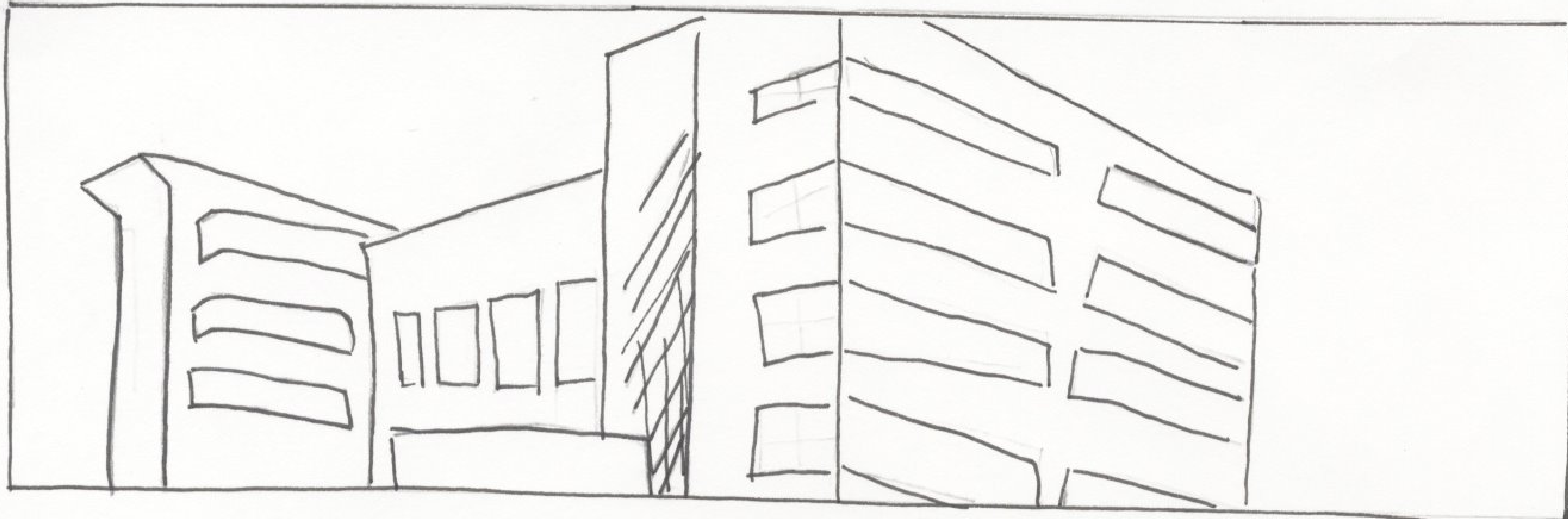


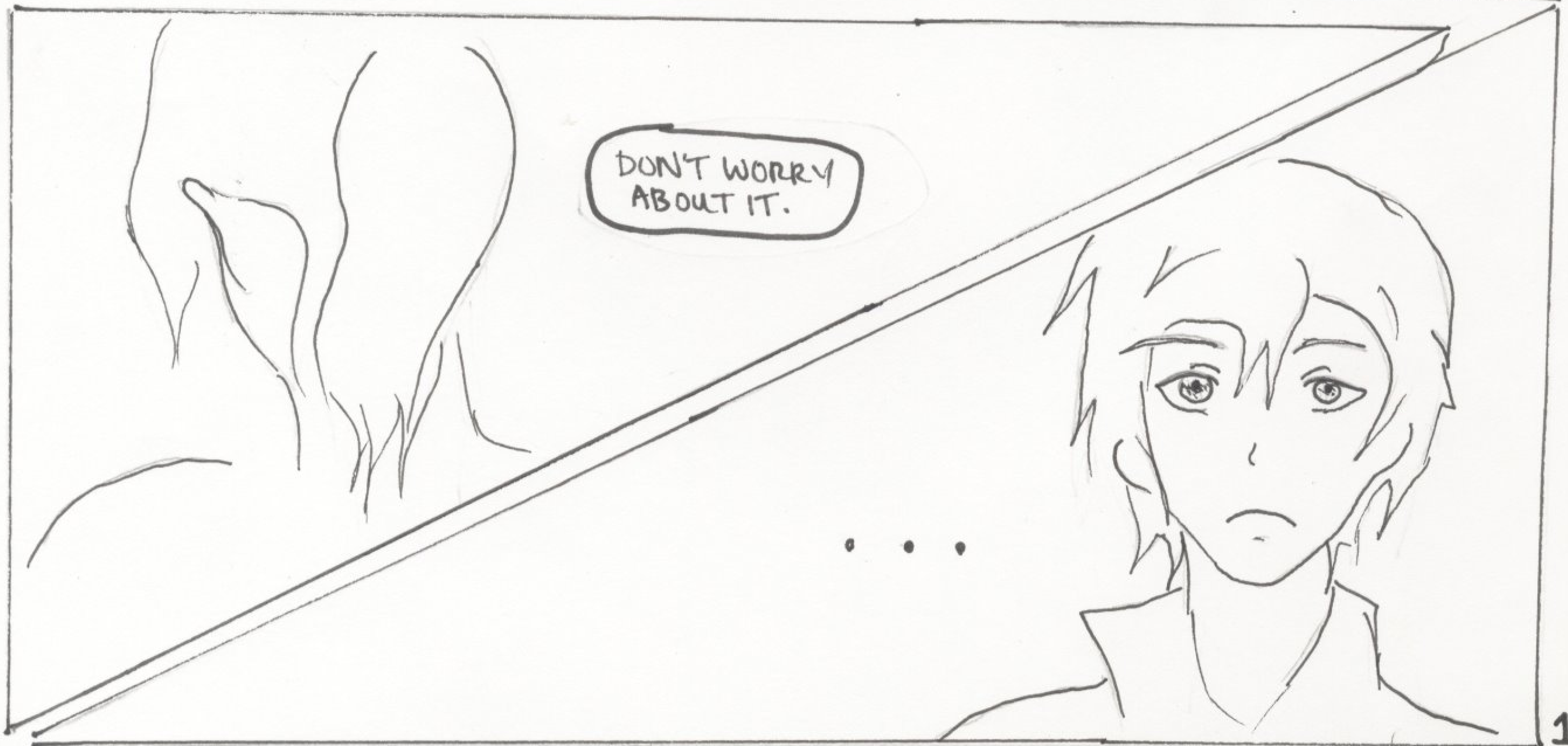
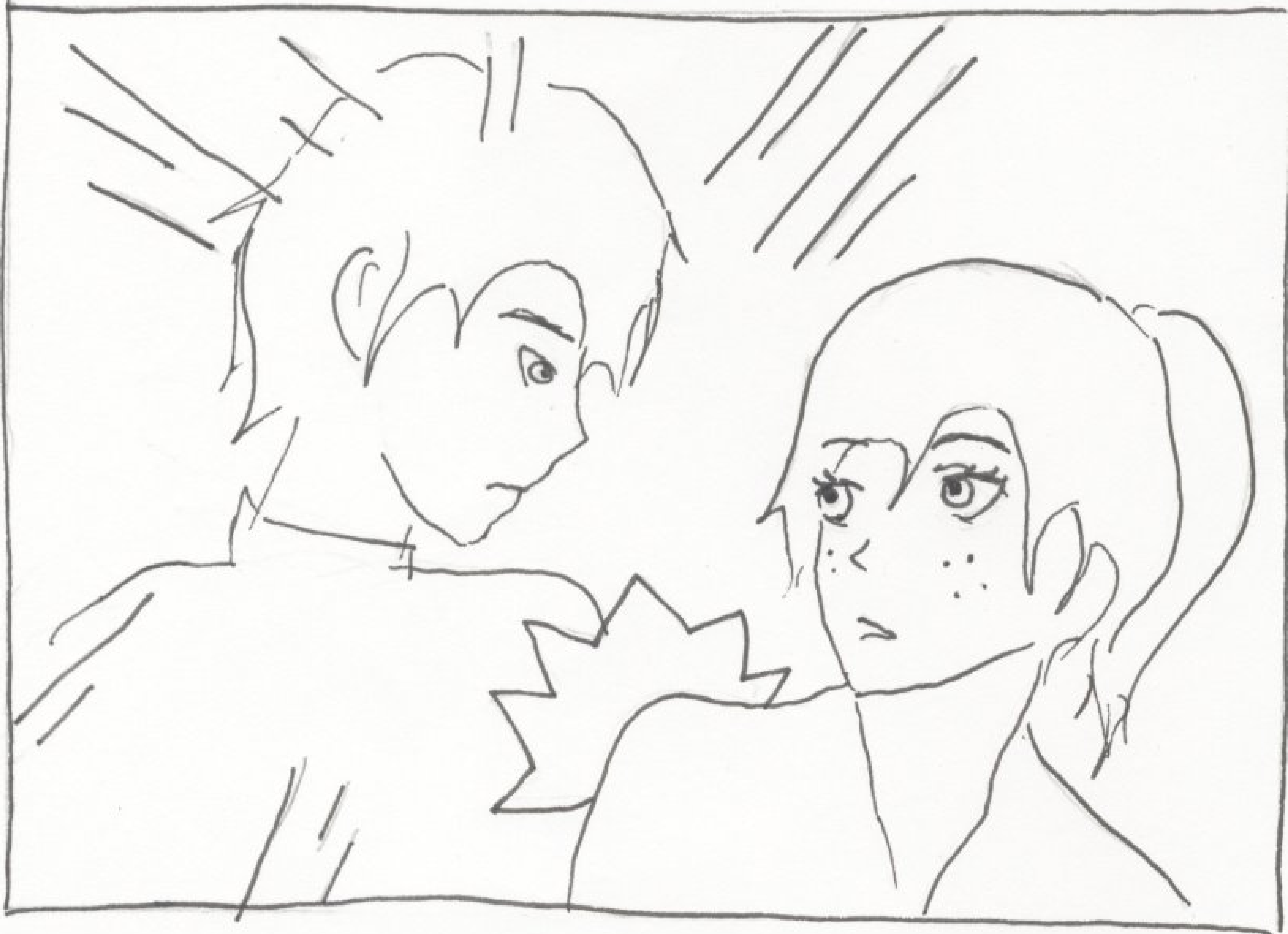




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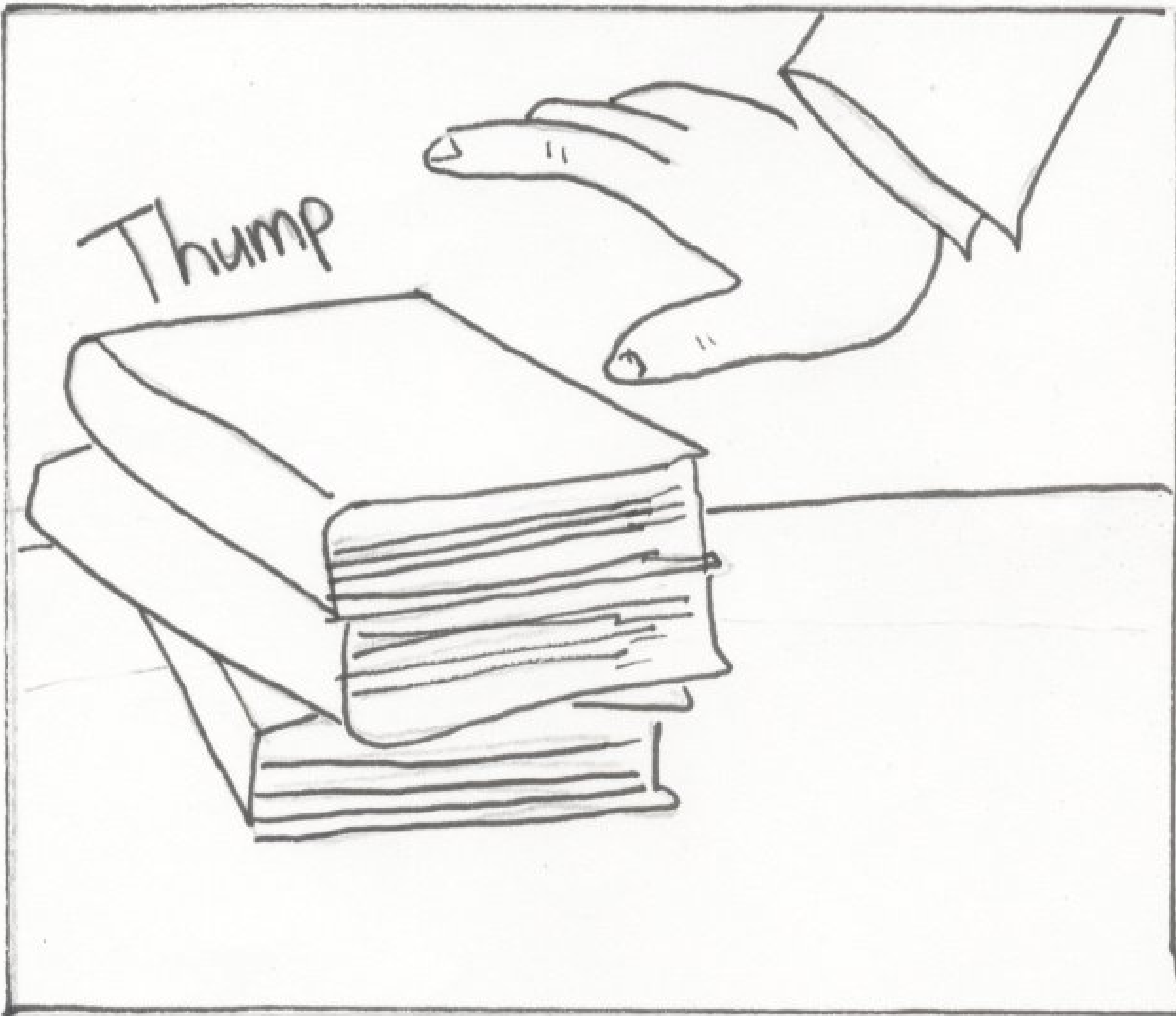






LUCY JOHNSON.
17 YEARS OLD.
STRAIGHT-A
STUDENT.

STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT.
DOESN'T HAVE MANY FRIENDS.



MR. DAVIS.
SENIOR CLASS
SOCIAL STUDIES
TEACHER.



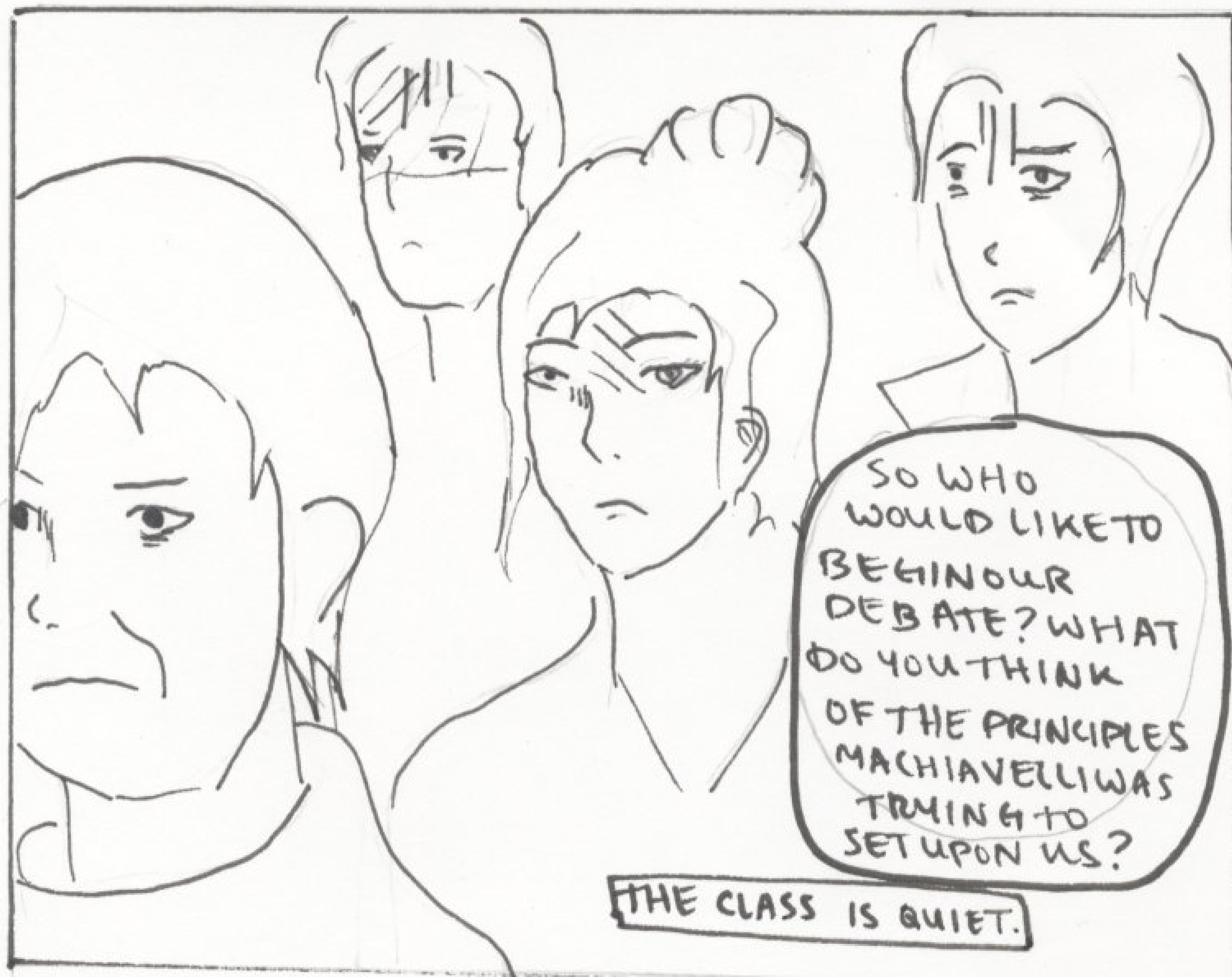
RUMORED EX-VETERAN.
ALTHOUGH ECCENTRIC,
HE IS WELL-KNOWN
AND RESPECTED BY
THE SENIOR CLASS FOR
HIS LIVELY DEBATES
AND TENDENCY TO
BANTER WITH HIS
STUDENTS.



MORNING CLASS.
IF ALL OF YOU ARE
TO BE COMPLETELY
HONEST WITH ME,
I EXPECT THAT YOU
ALL FINISHED
"THE PRINCE."

THE CLASS GROANS.

OH, C'MON! IT'S STILL EARLY IN THE DAY, NOT TO MENTION YOUR YOUTH. I'M HOPING THE MAJORITY OF YOU HAVE YET TO FALL TO THE MECHANICAL QUALITIES OF OUR EVERYDAY MEDIA.



SO WHO WOULD LIKE TO BEGIN OUR DEBATE? WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THE PRINCIPLES MACHIAVELLI WAS TRYING TO SET UPON US?

THE CLASS IS QUIET.

WELL, I SUPPOSE IT ONLY SEEMS RIGHT THAT THE TEACHER STARTS THIS CLASS DISCUSSION.

I MYSELF BELIEVE THAT MACHIAVELLI WAS



AN INCREDIBLY CUNNING AND STRAIGHT-FORWARD MAN.

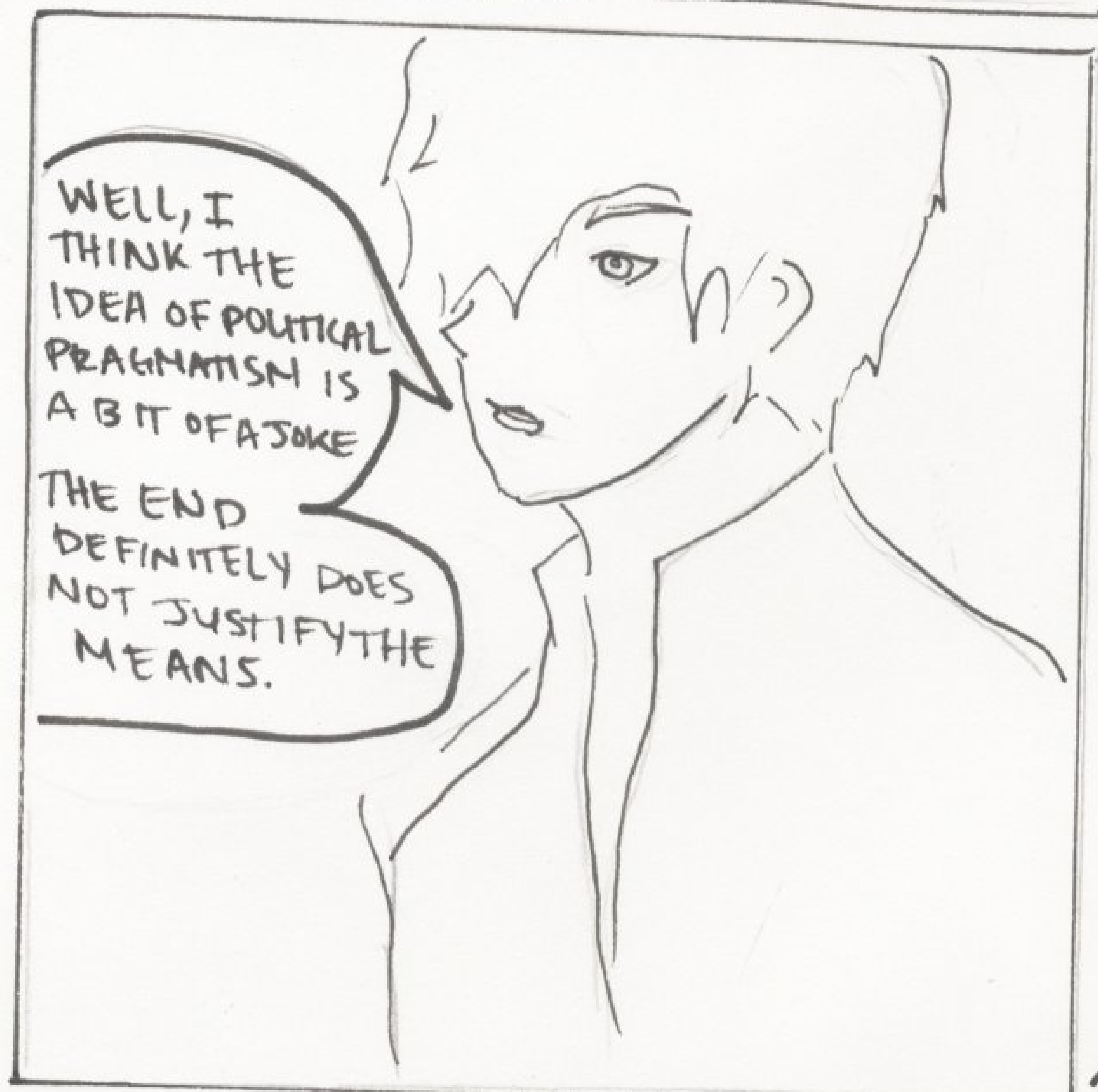


ALTHOUGH HE WROTE "THE PRINCE" MORE SO AS AN APPEAL TO LORENZO, THE ADVICE THAT HE GIVES ABOUT MAINTAINING POWER

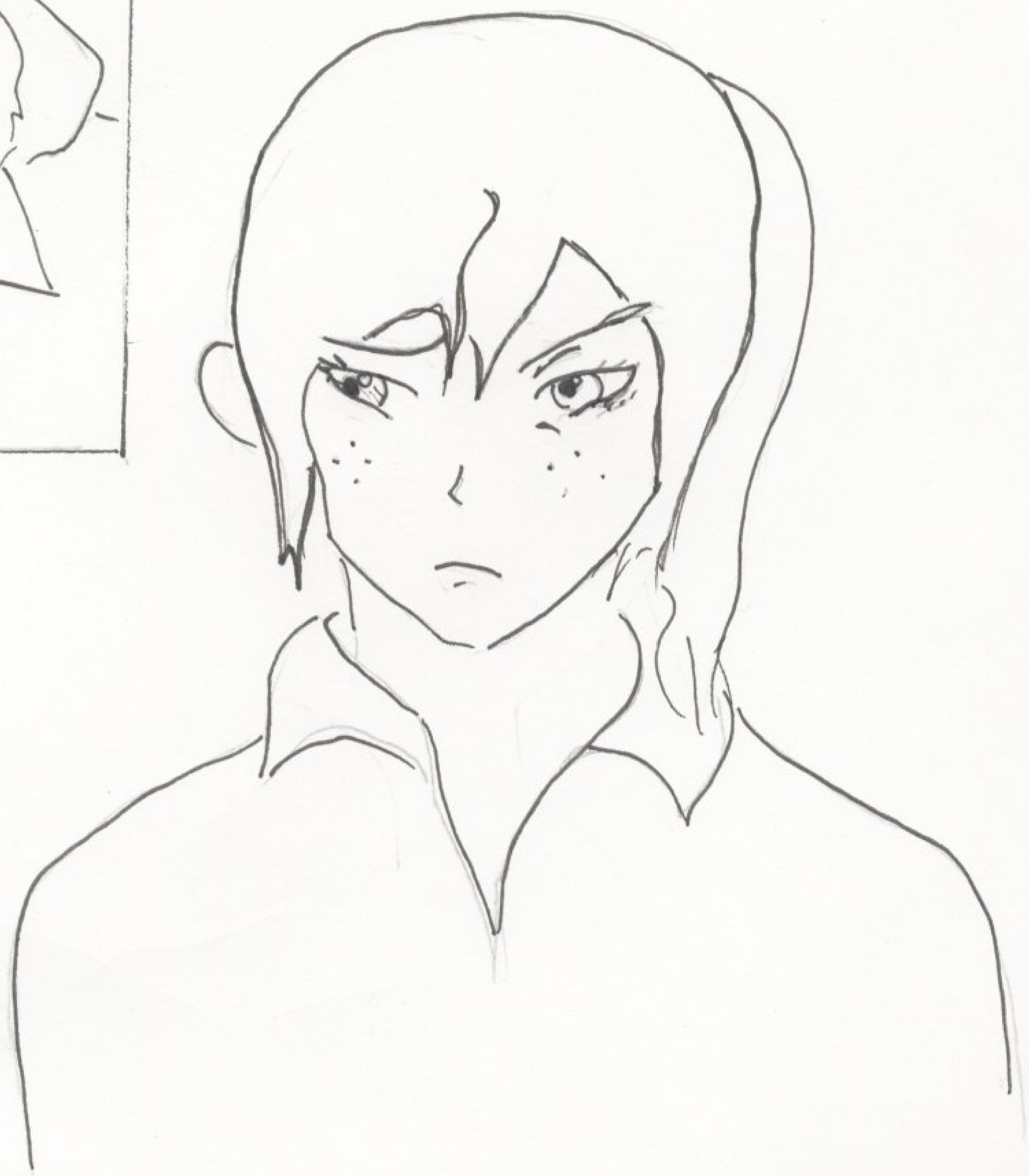
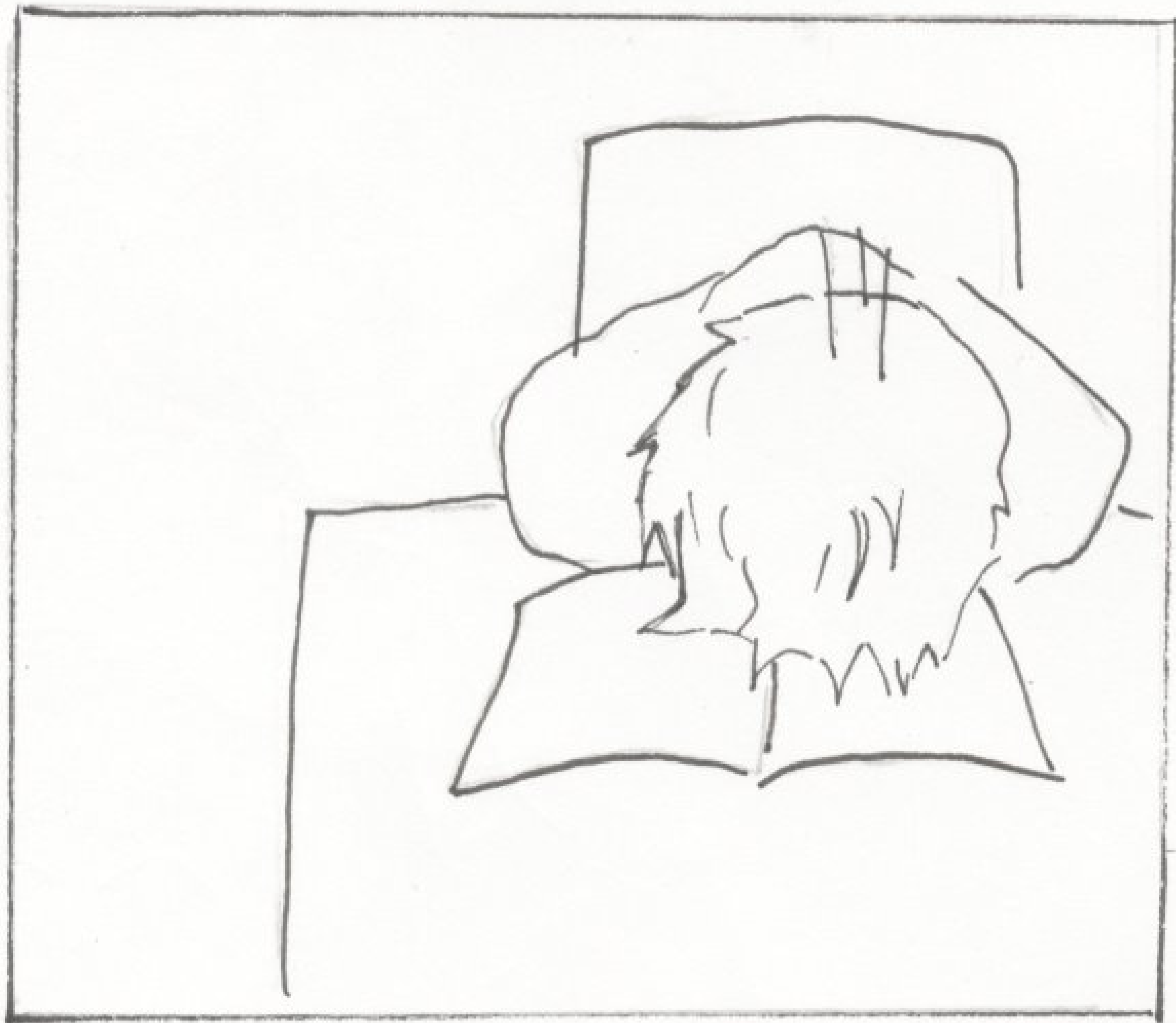


IS ALMOST IDENTICAL TO THAT OF OUR WESTERN GOVERNMENT TODAY.

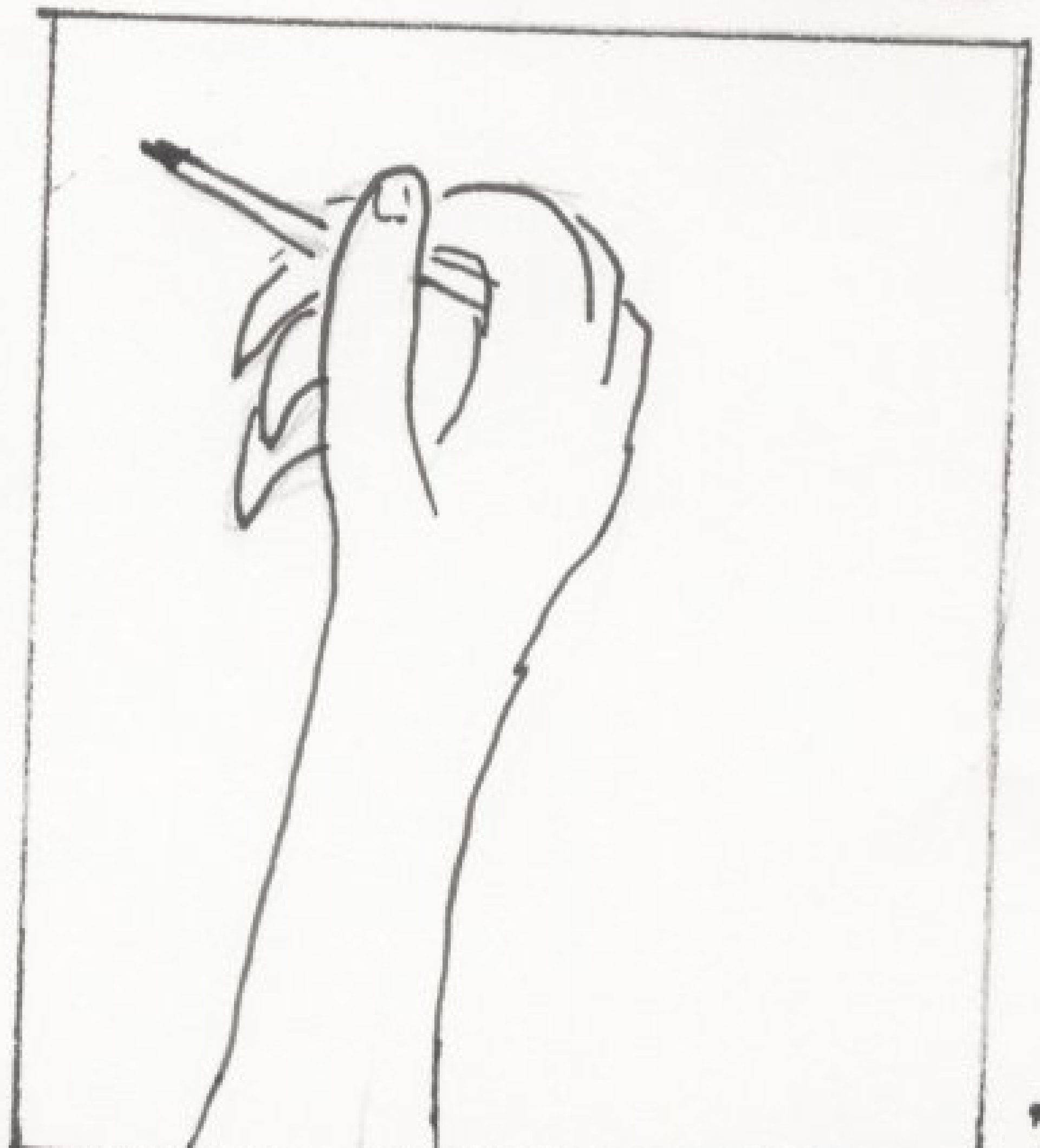
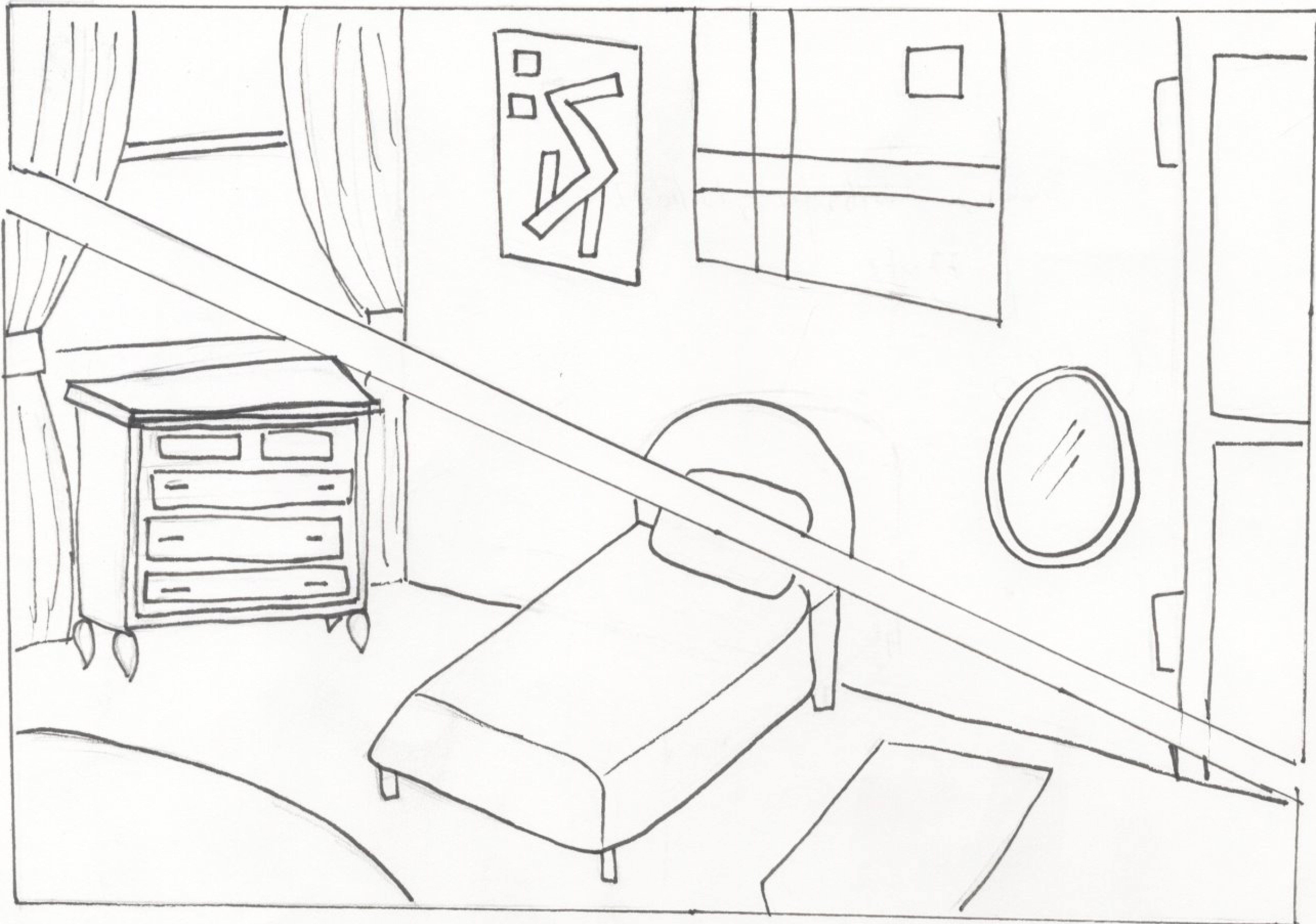


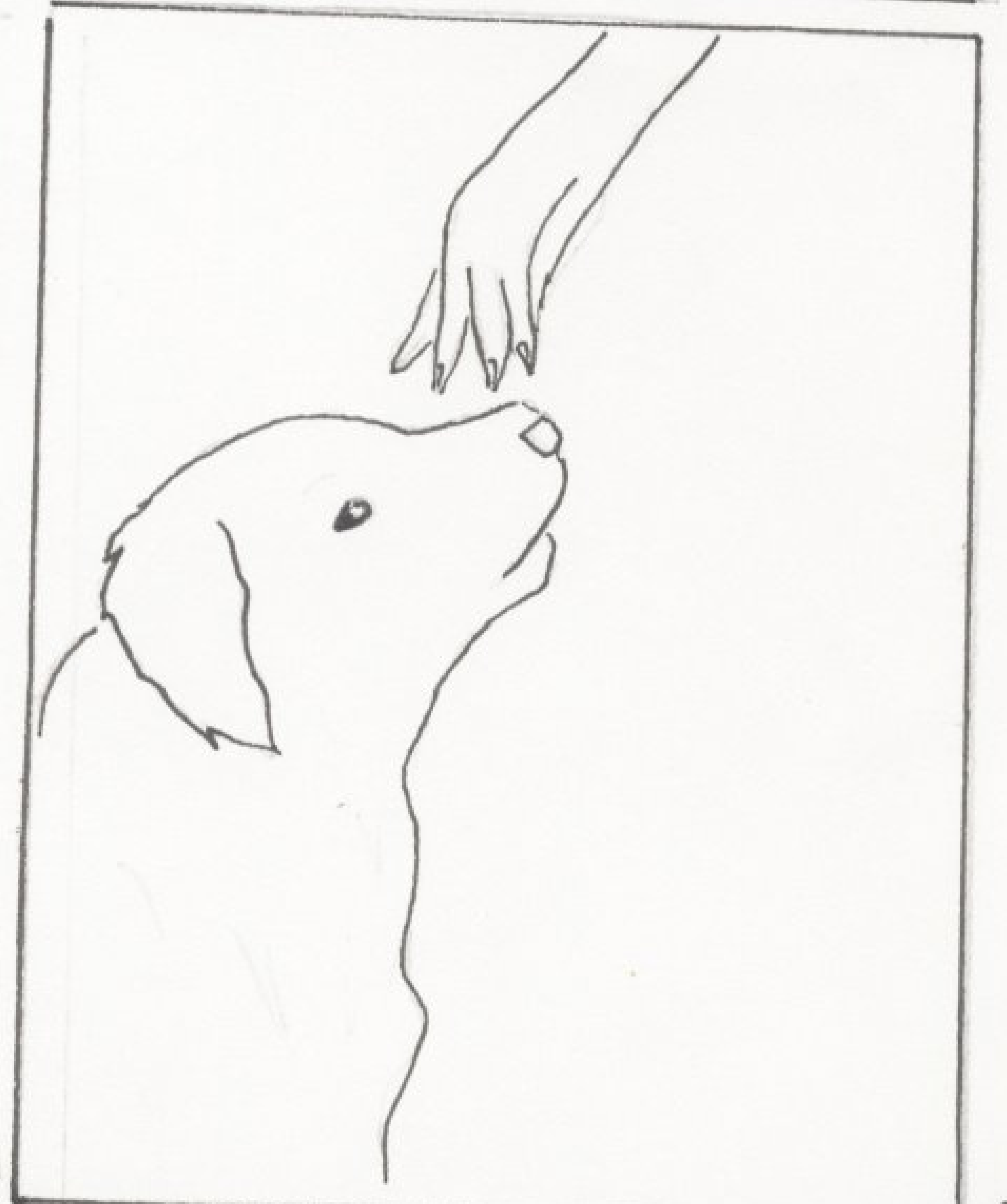
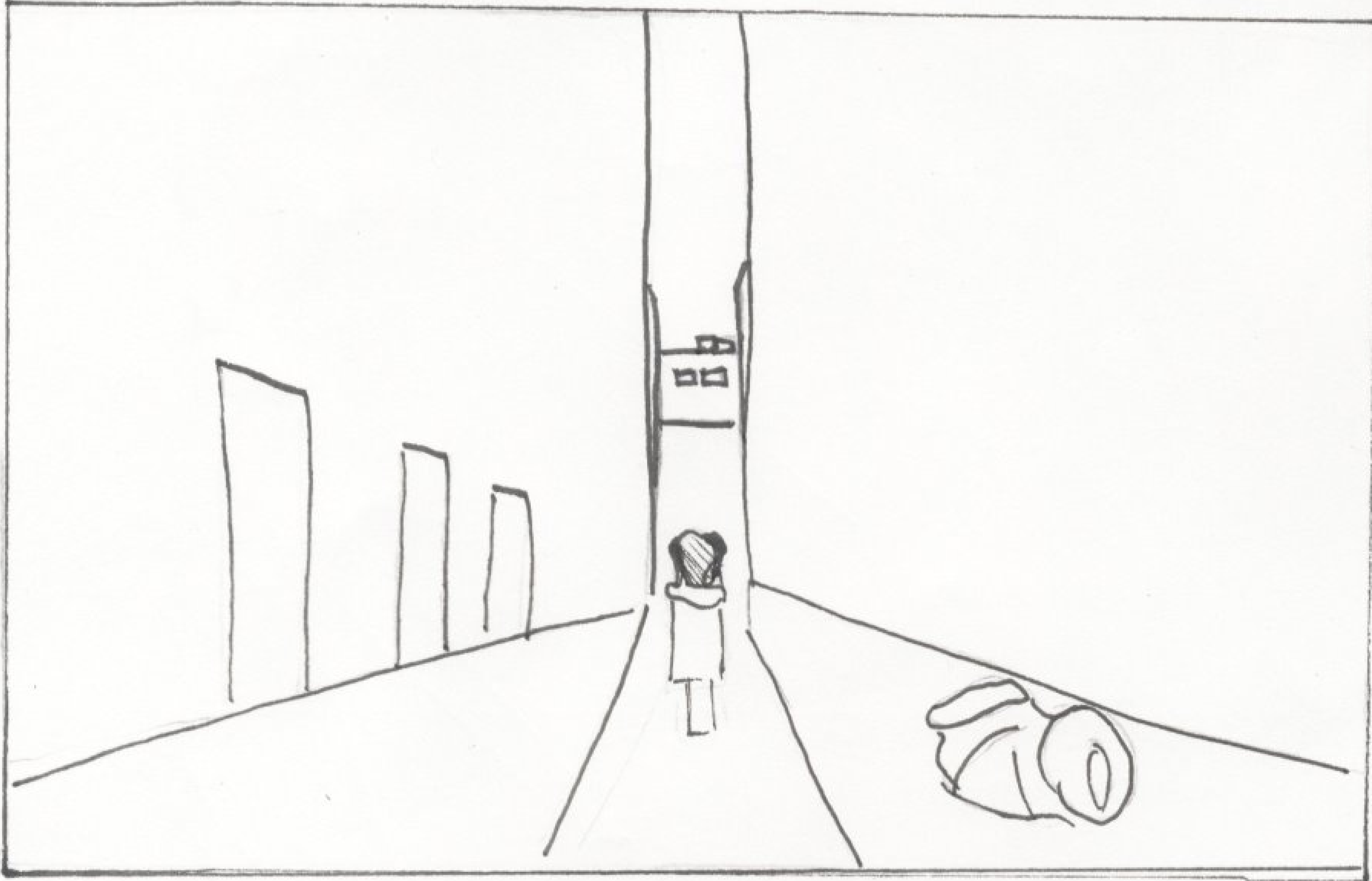
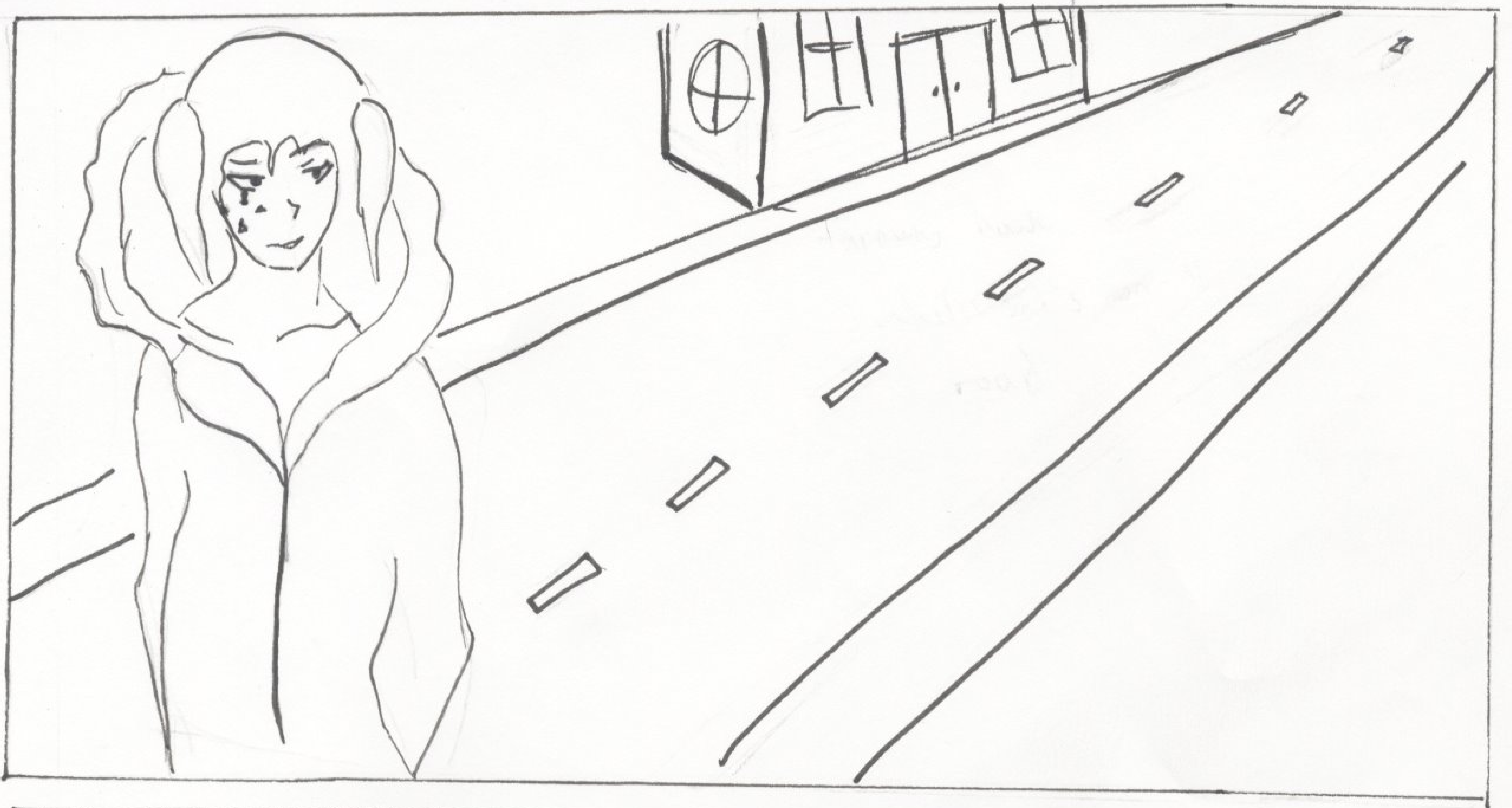


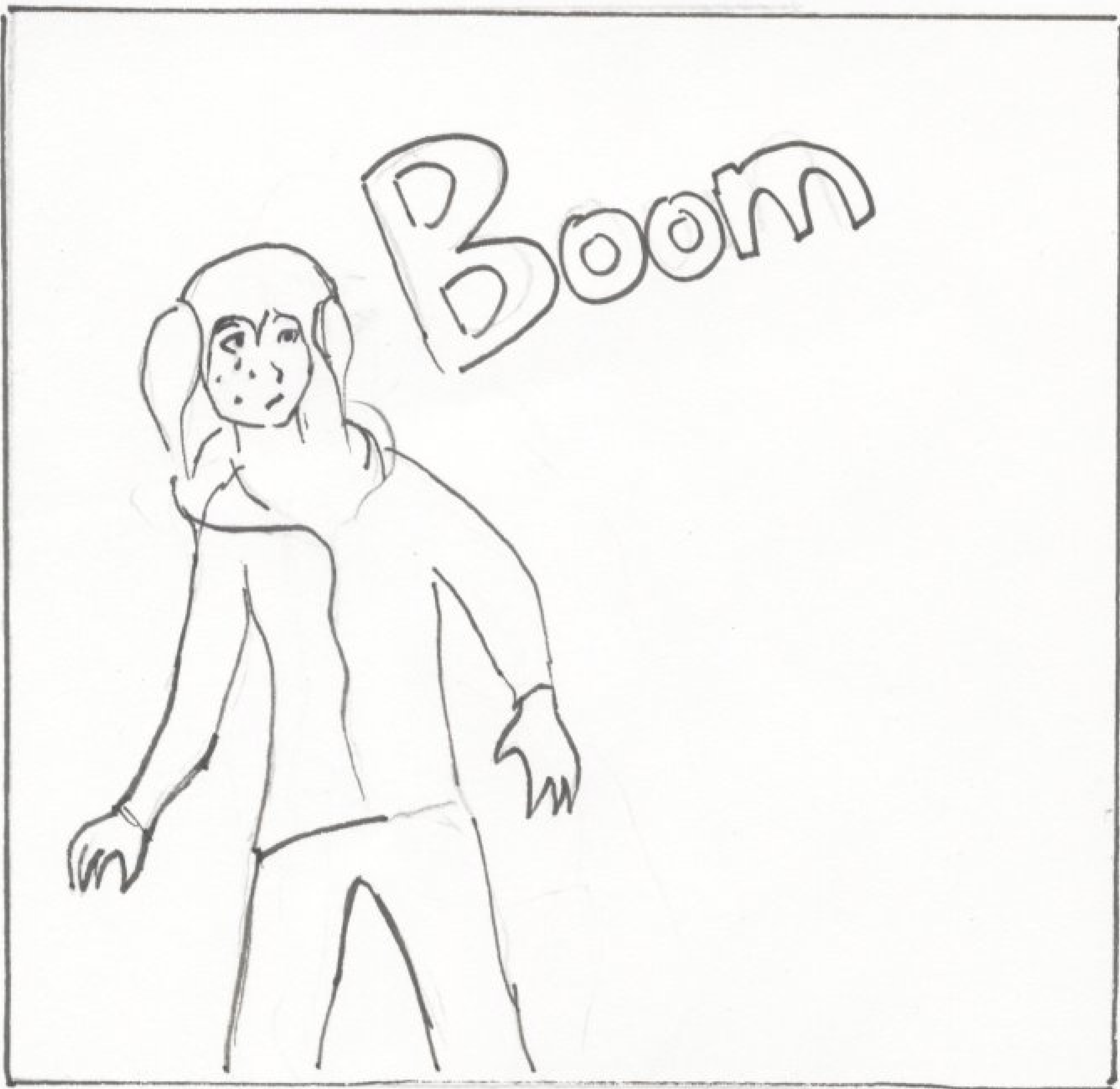




SHORTCUT









WHOOOPS!
THAT'S
STRIKE
ONE!



STOP
FUCKING
AROUND AND
STAND
STILL!



SORRY, BUT

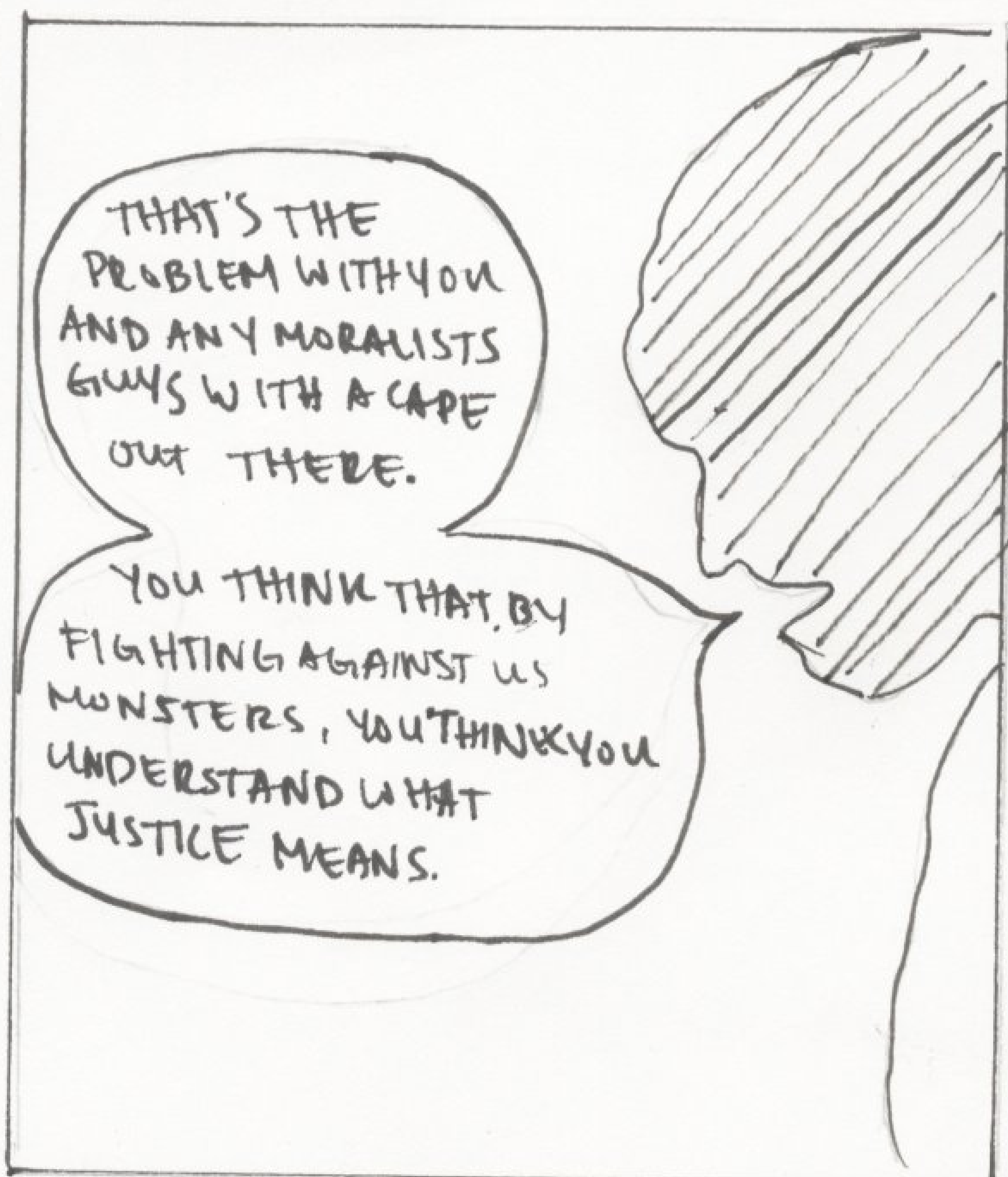
I'M NOT REALLY
INTO SPENDING
MY THURSDAY
NIGHTS GETTING
KNOCKED
OUT.



THEN
WHAT ARE YOU
INTO? BESIDES
'ROUGHING UP
BAD GUYS'?



... HUH?

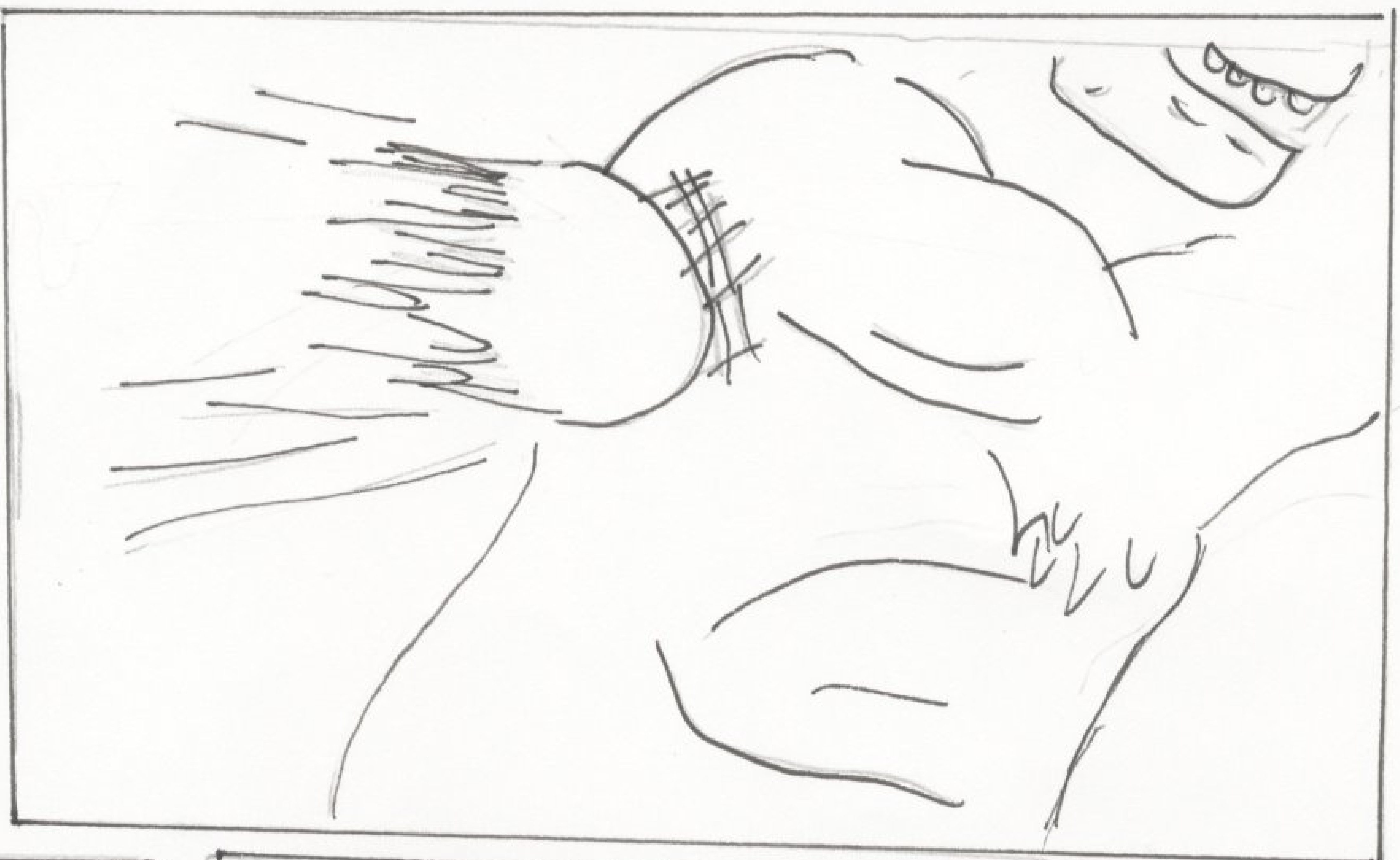
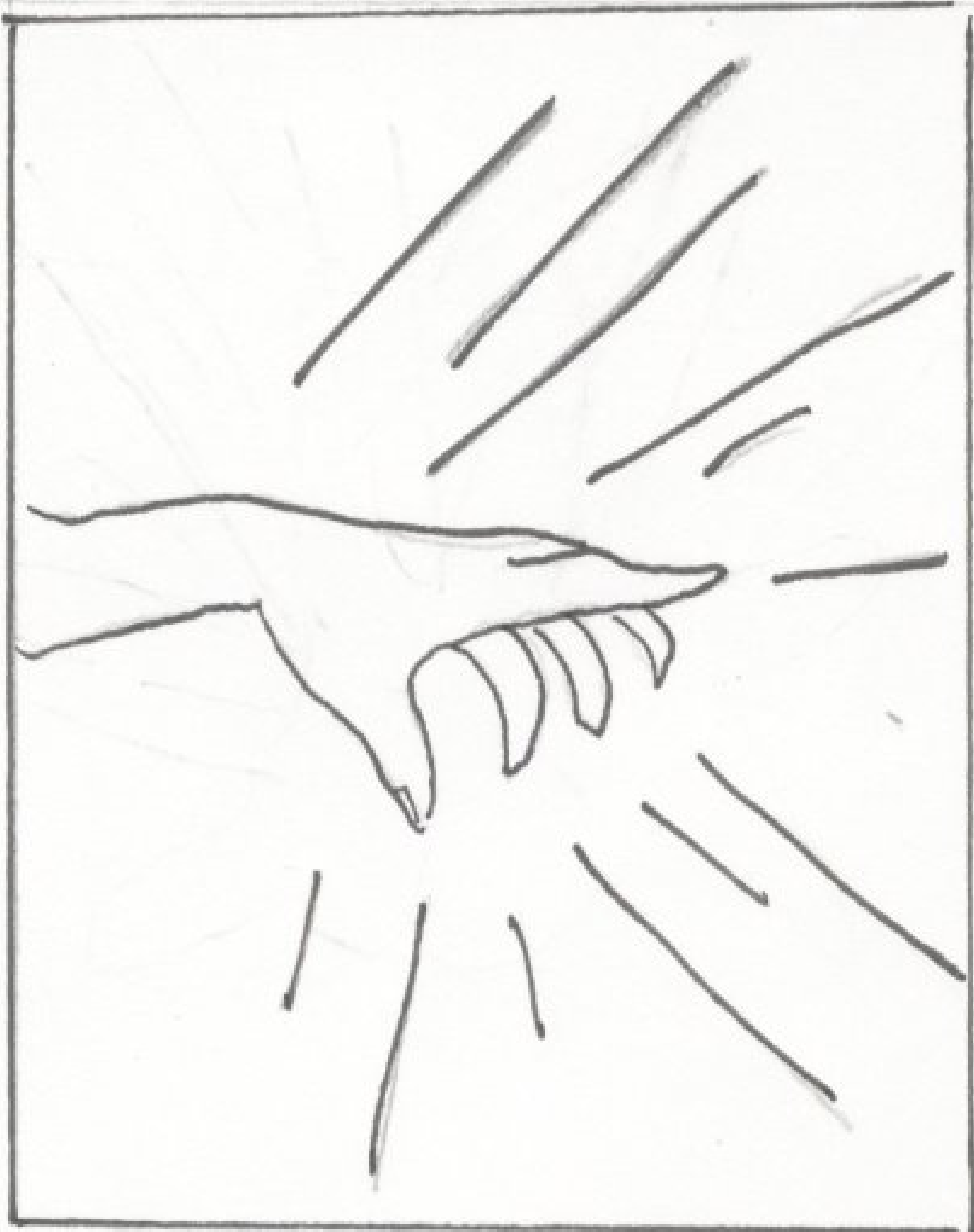


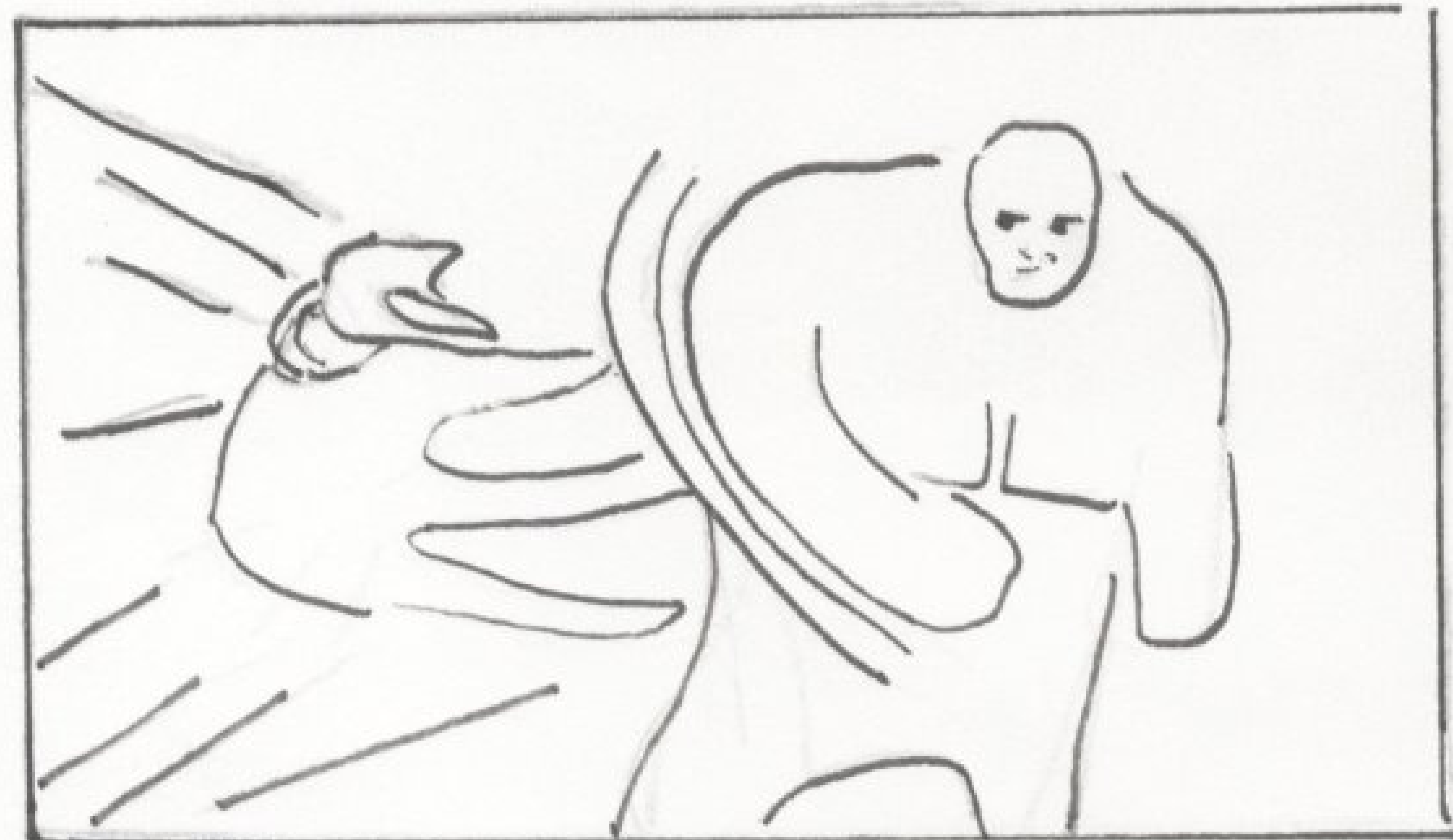
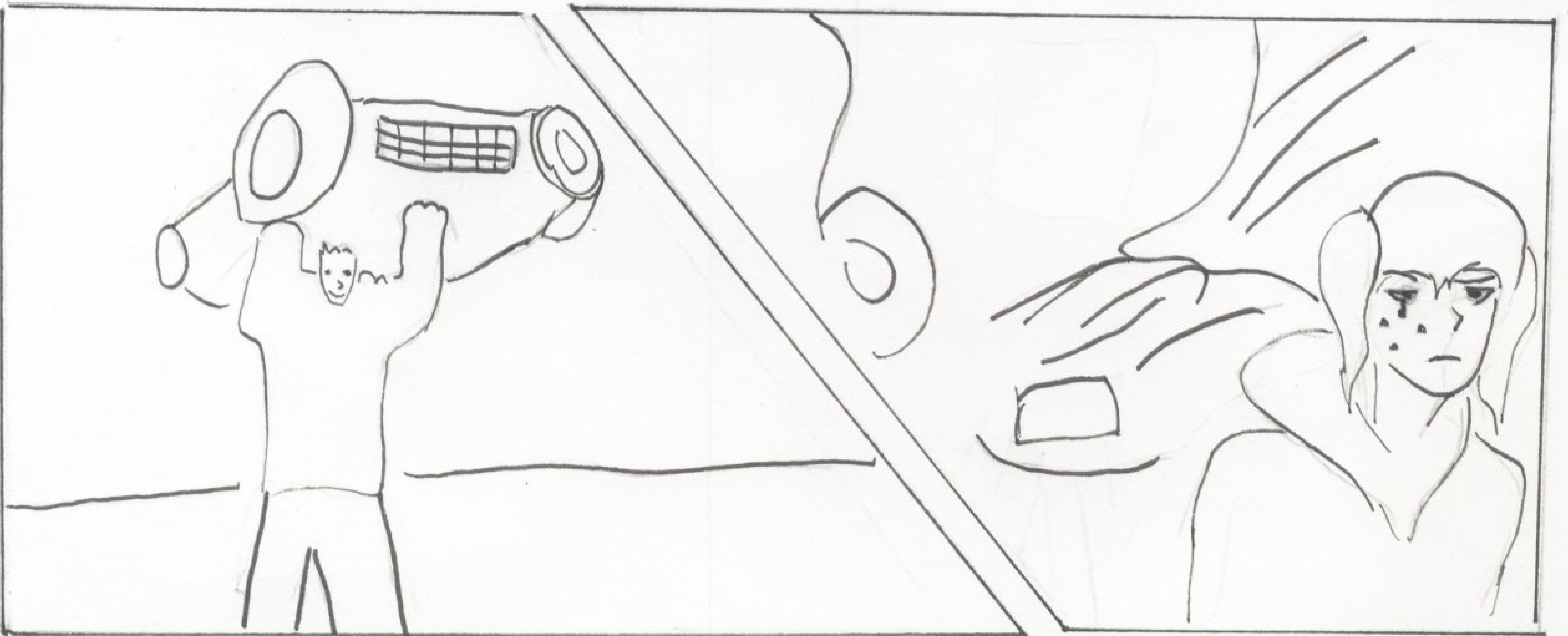
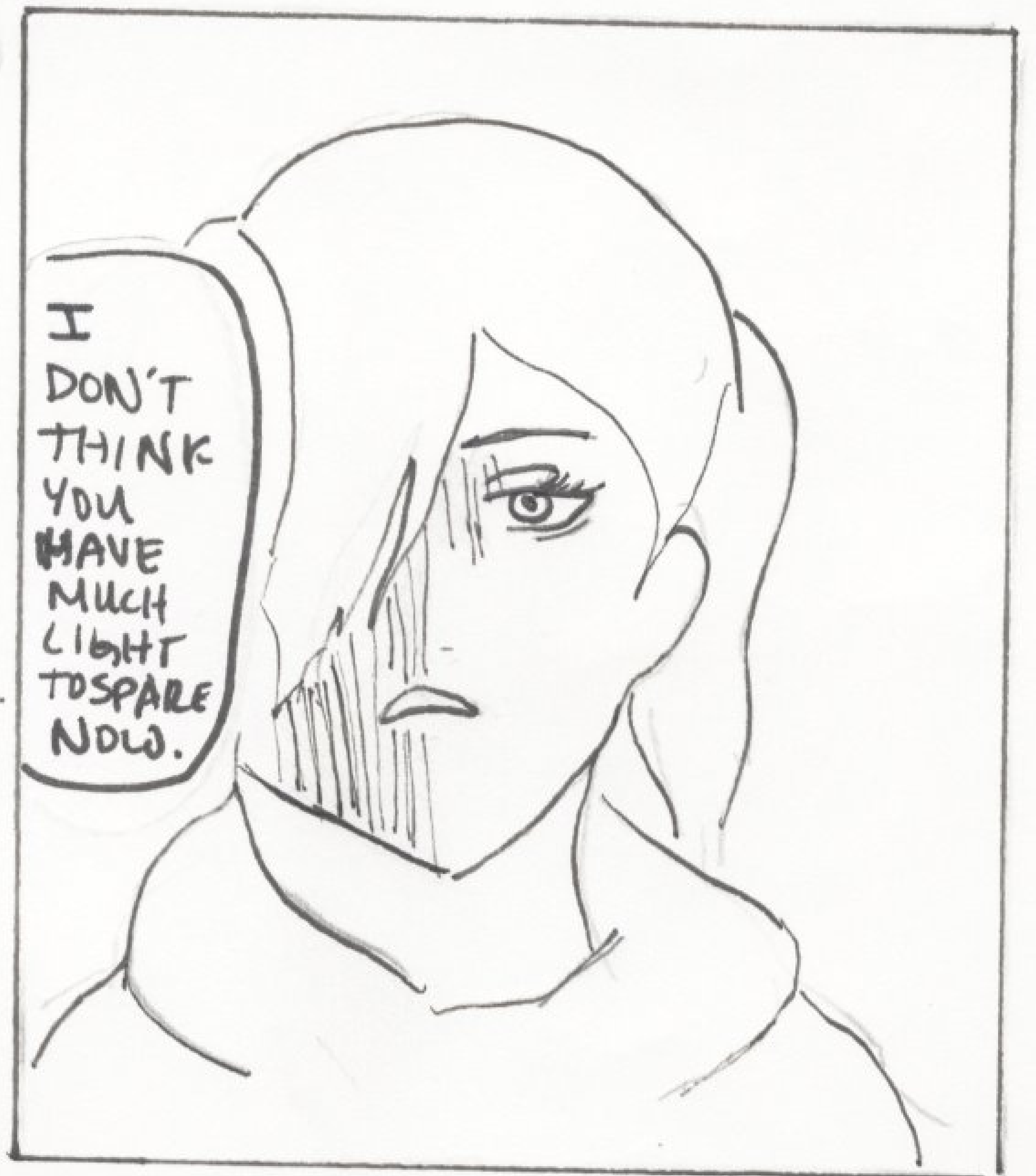
THAT'S THE
PROBLEM WITH YOU
AND ANY MORALISTS
GUYS WITH A CAPE
OUT THERE.

YOU THINK THAT, BY
FIGHTING AGAINST US
MONSTERS, YOU THINK YOU
UNDERSTAND WHAT
JUSTICE MEANS.

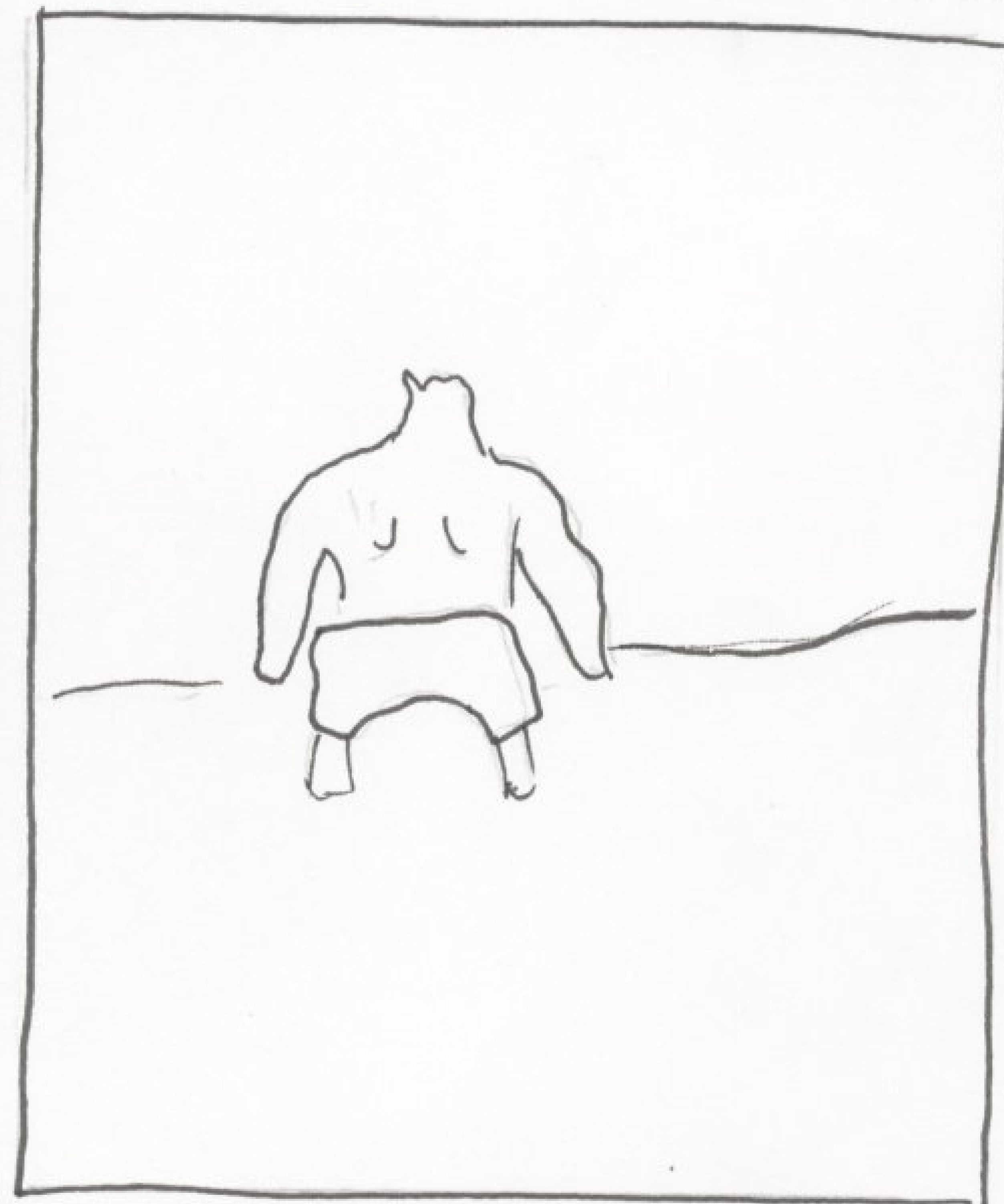
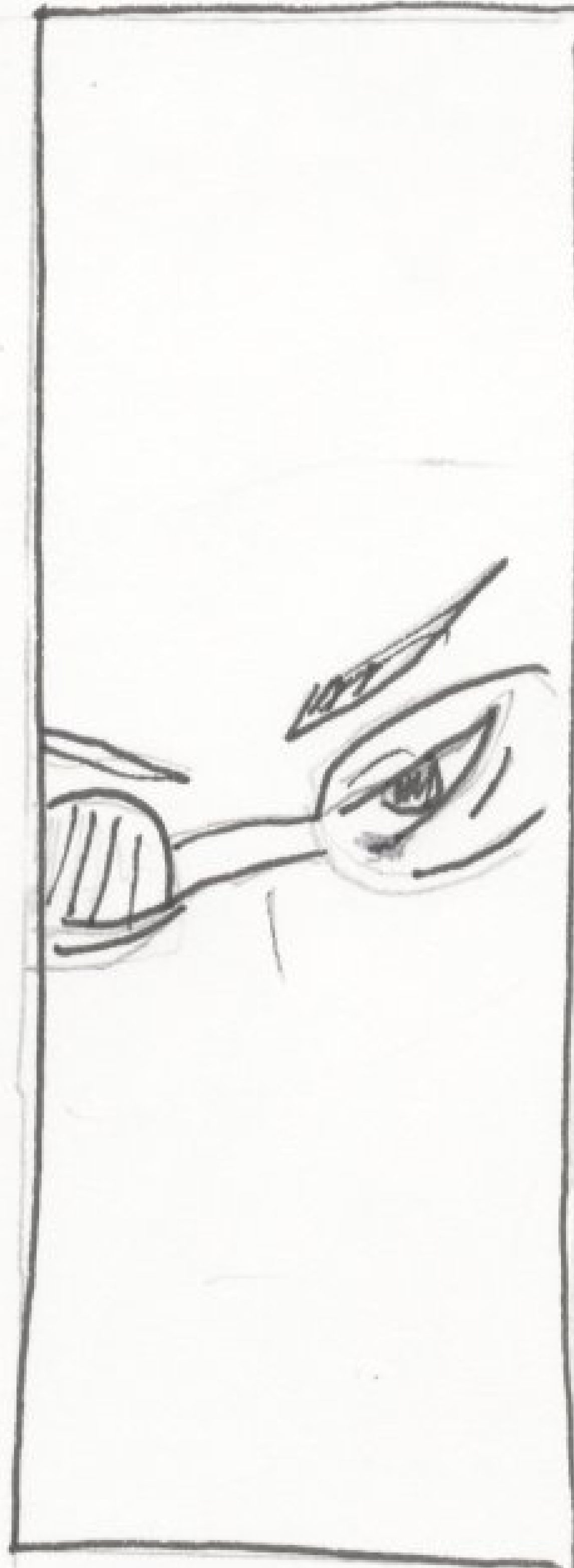


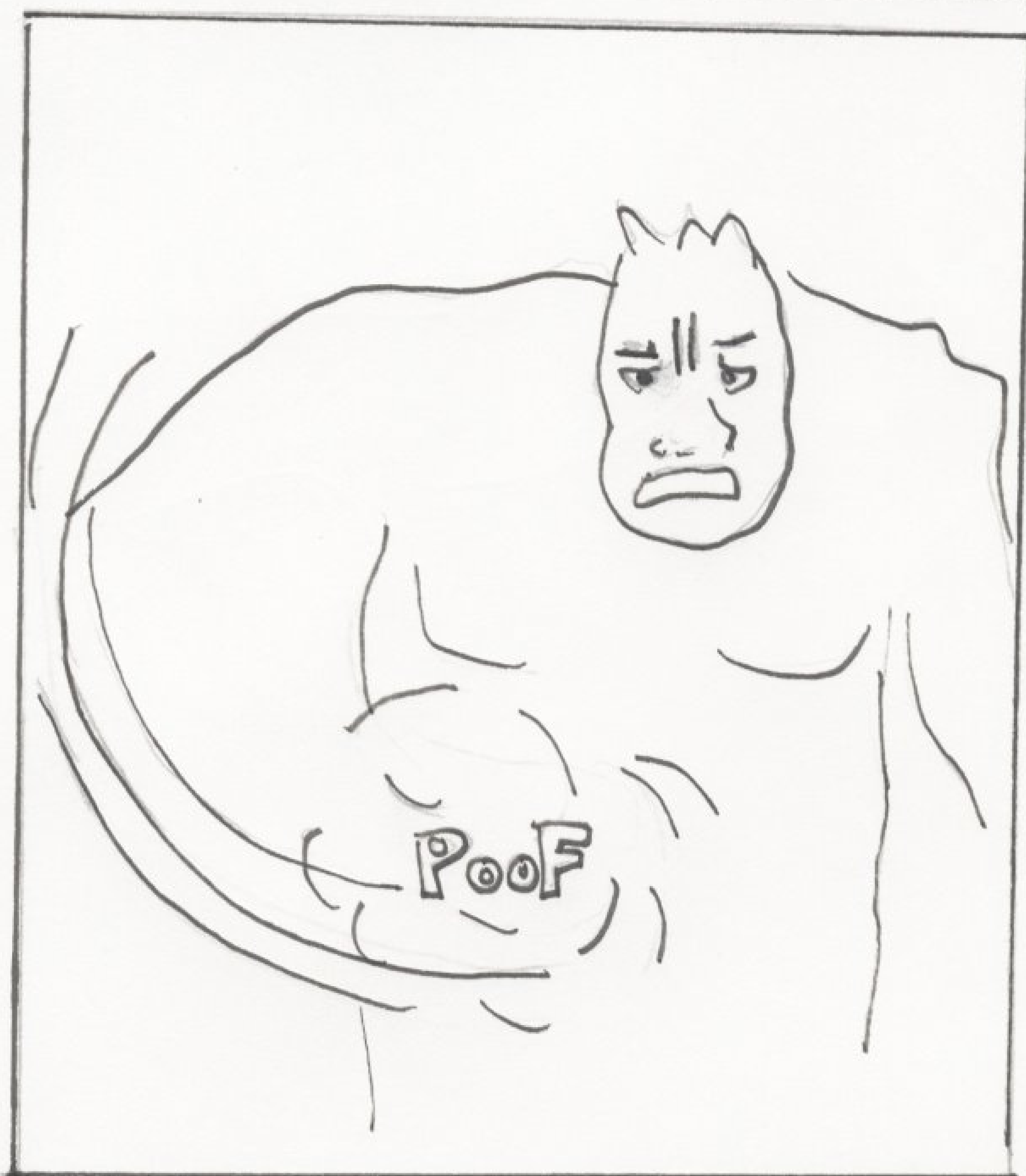
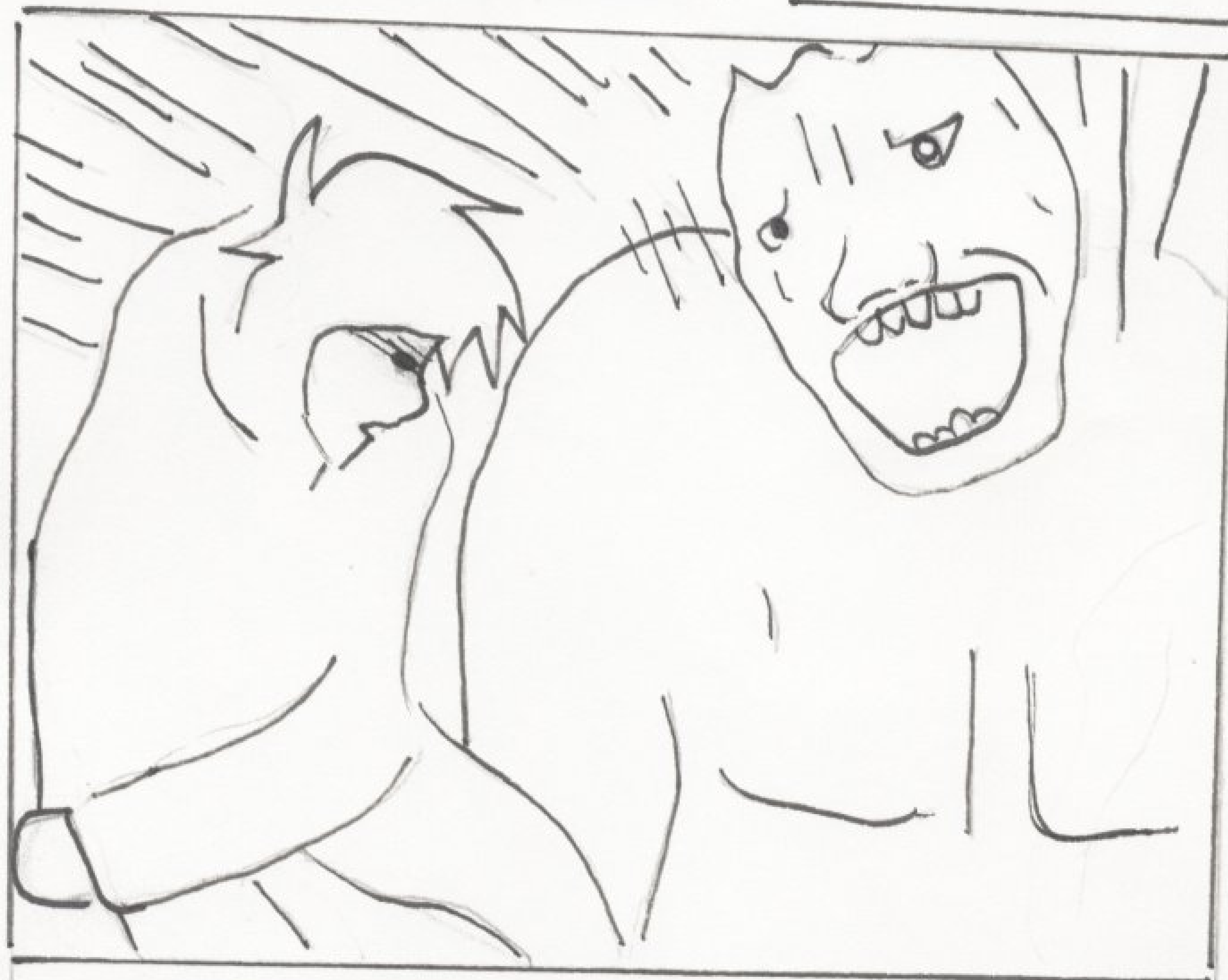
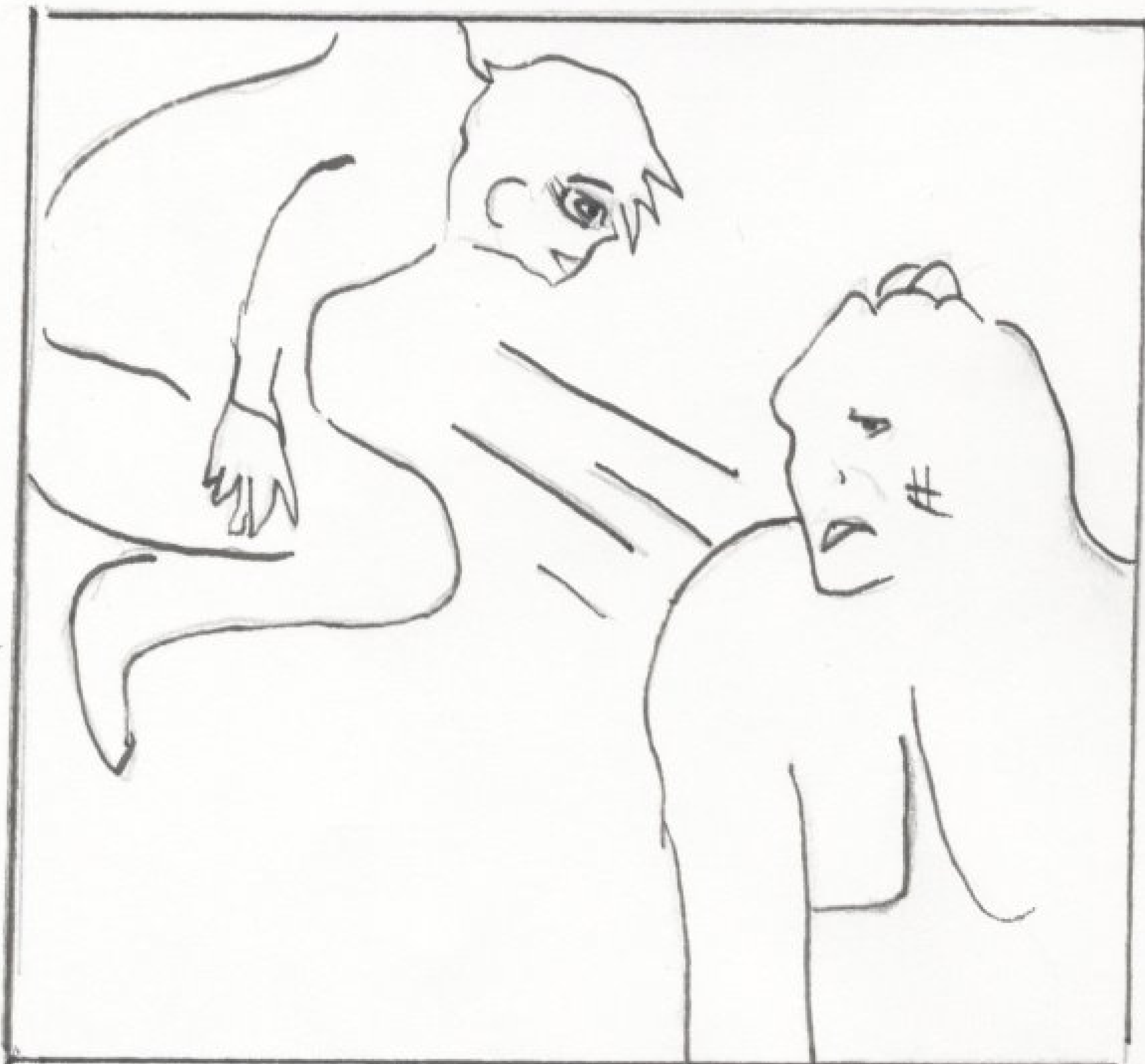
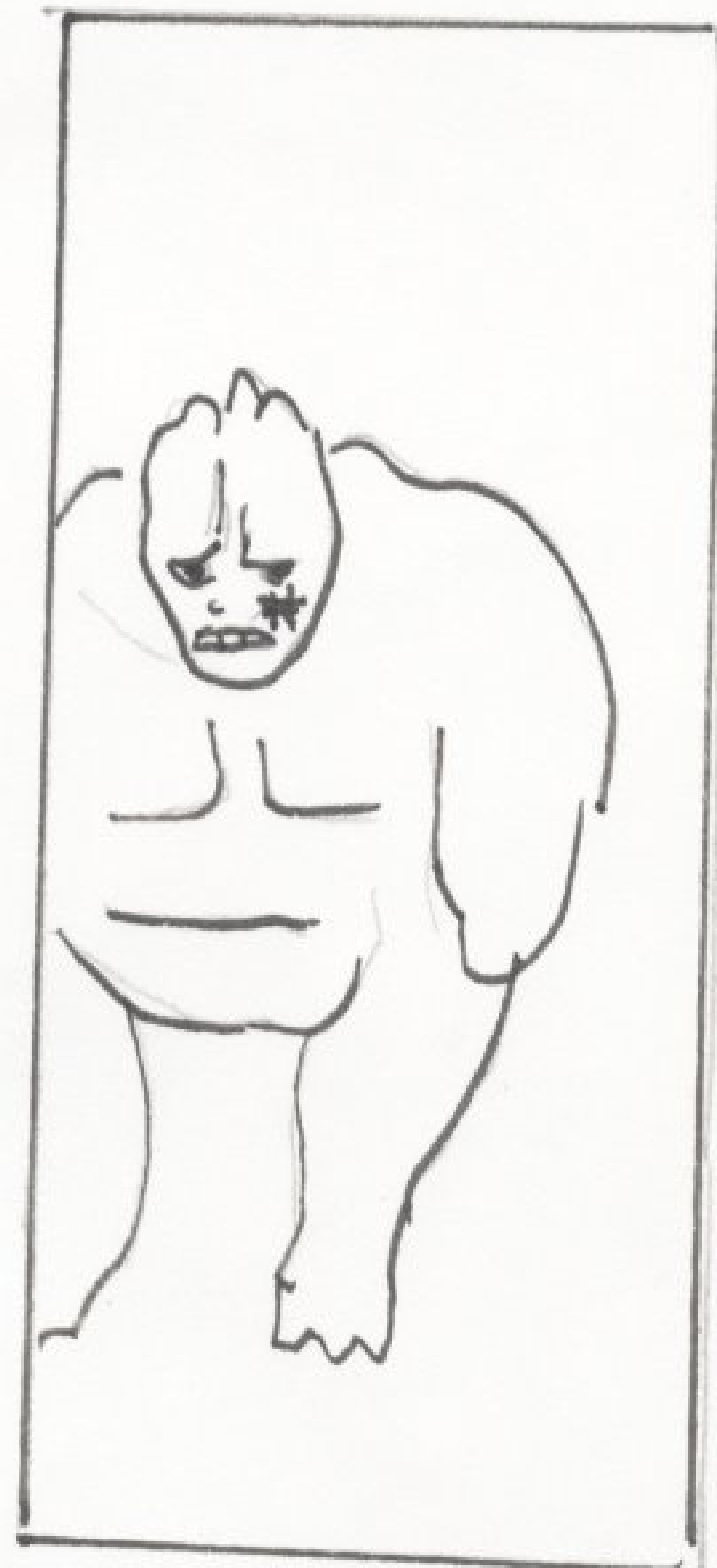
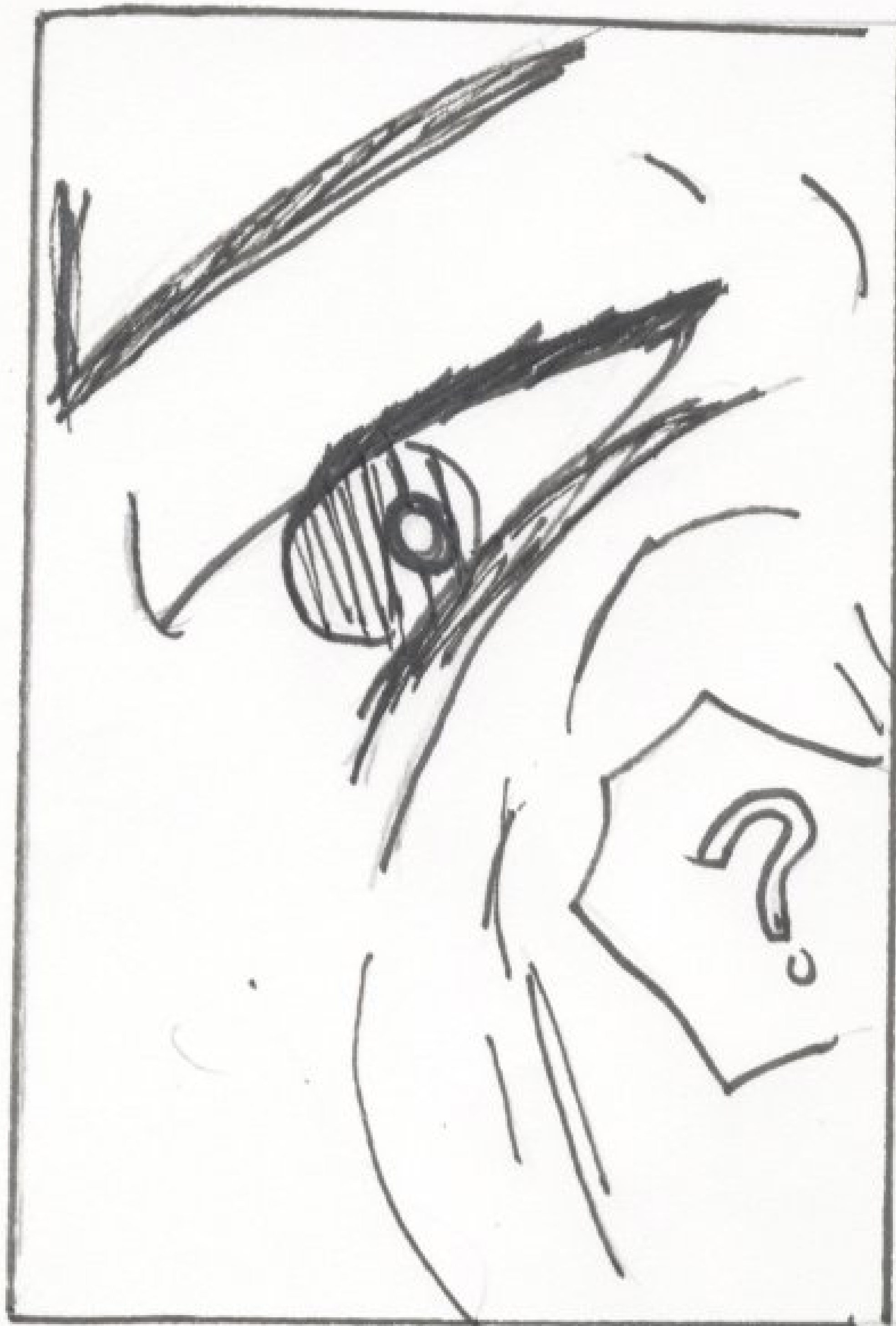


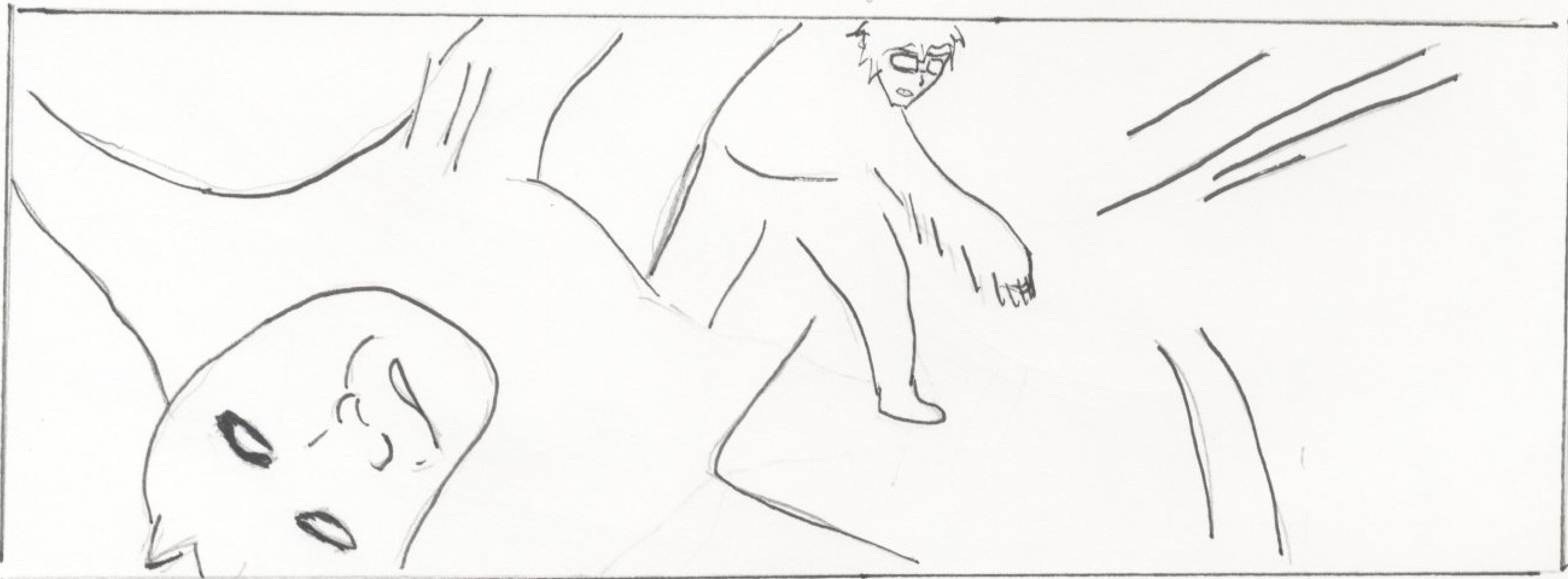
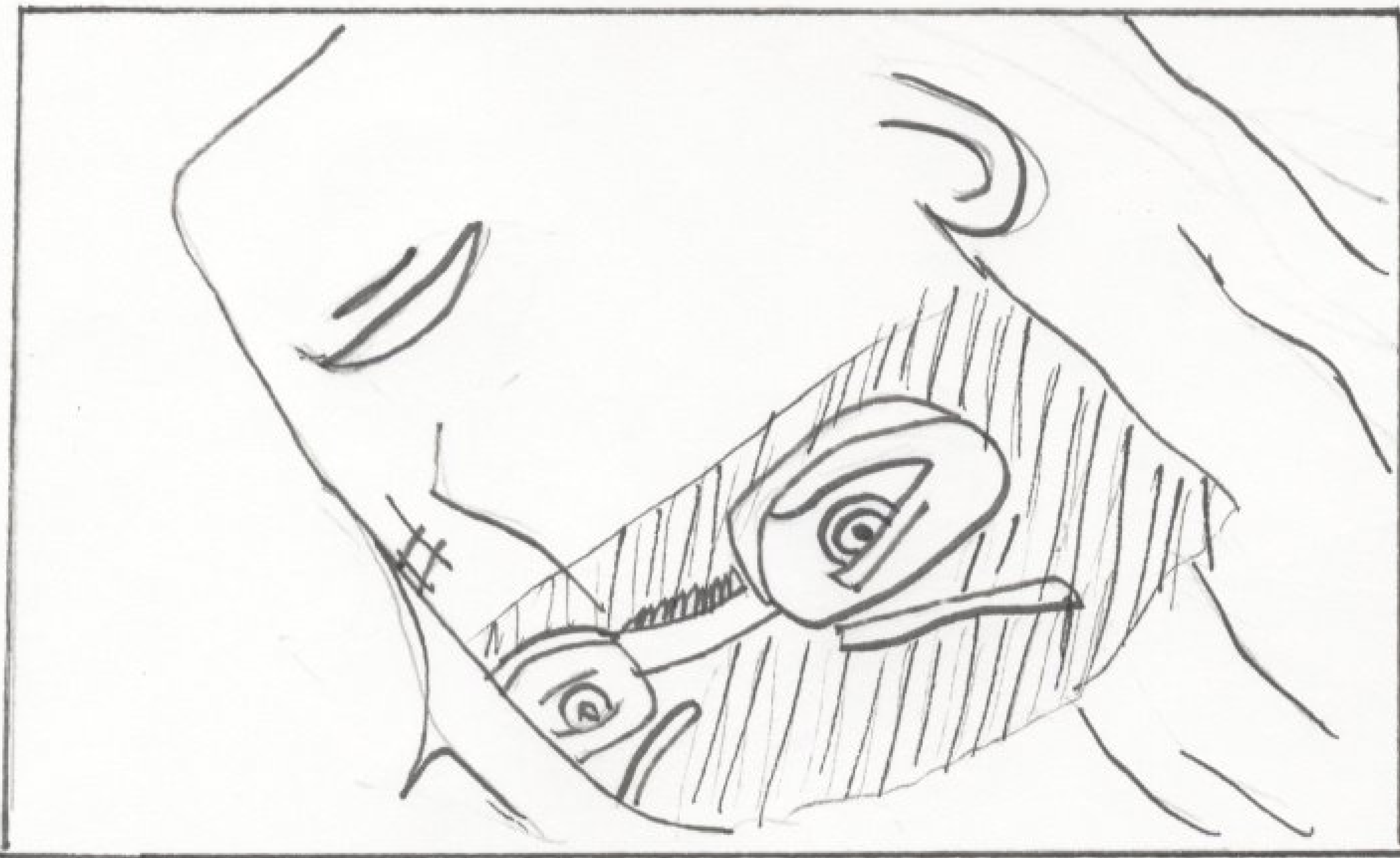


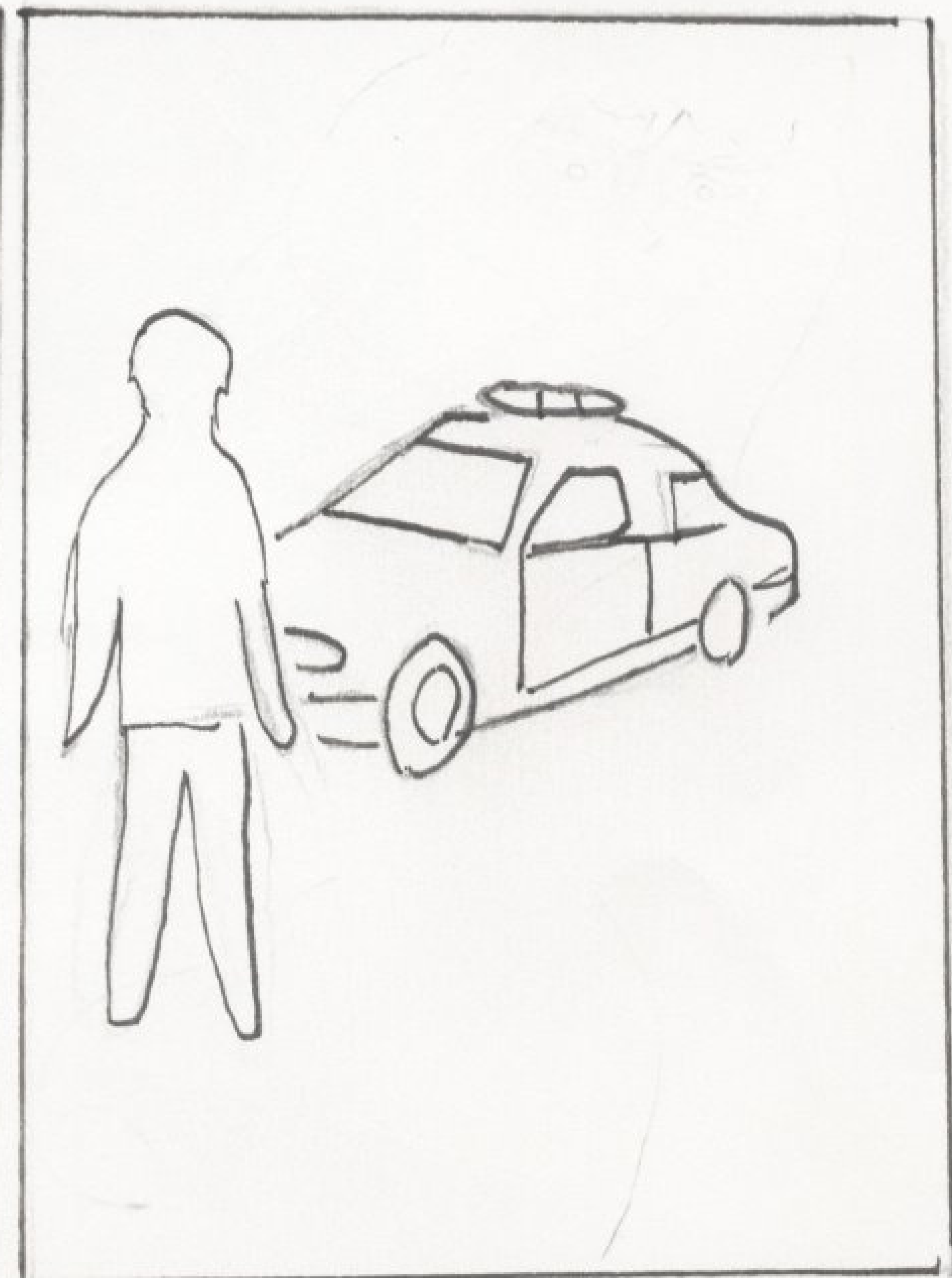
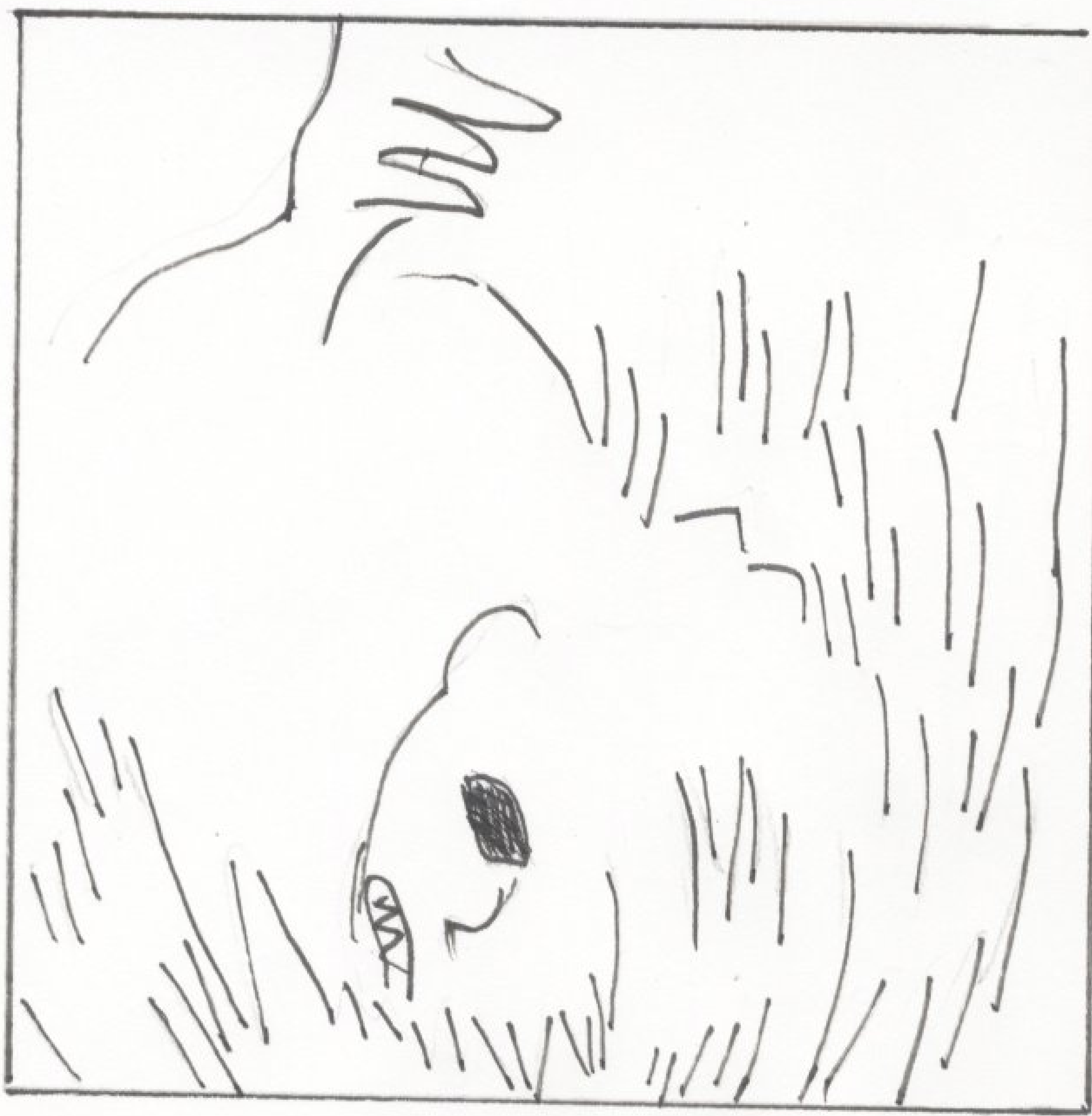


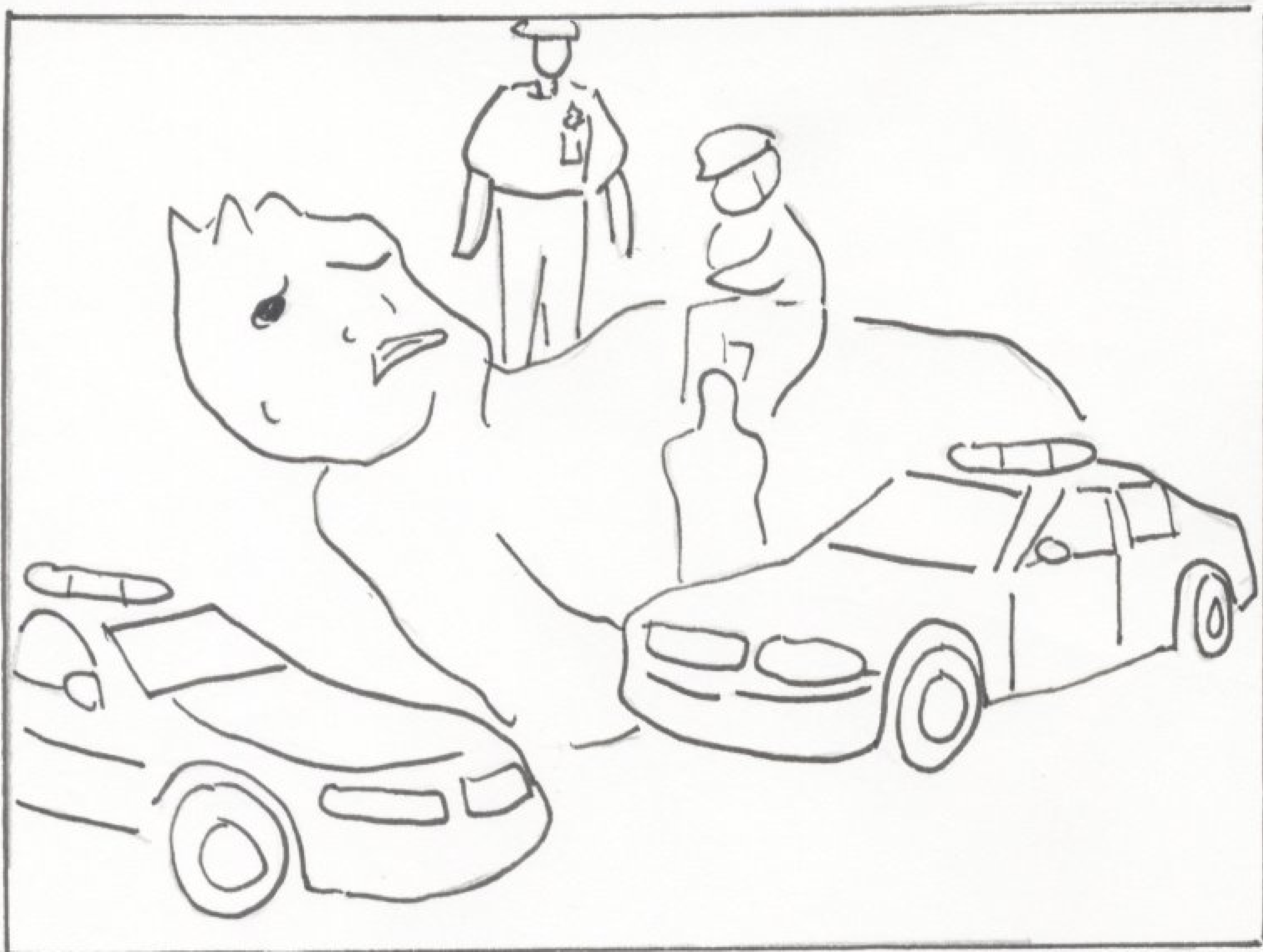














RIGHT.

YOU'RE 'MR. HERO.'
YOU COULDN'T POSSIBLY
THINK OF KILLING
SOMEONE.



ARE YOU
KIDDING?



I THINK ABOUT KILLING
PEOPLE ALL THE TIME.



DO YOU REALIZE HOW
EASY IT'D BE WITH
MY POWERS?

ALL I WOULD HAVE TO DO IS
TELEPORT THE BODY AND THROW
IT OFF A CLIFF FOR SOMETHING.
IT DOESN'T MATTER IF THE
POLICE ALREADY REGISTERED
ME AS A SUPERHERO.

THERE ARE STILL
PEOPLE WHO THINK I'M
A FUCKING MONSTER.



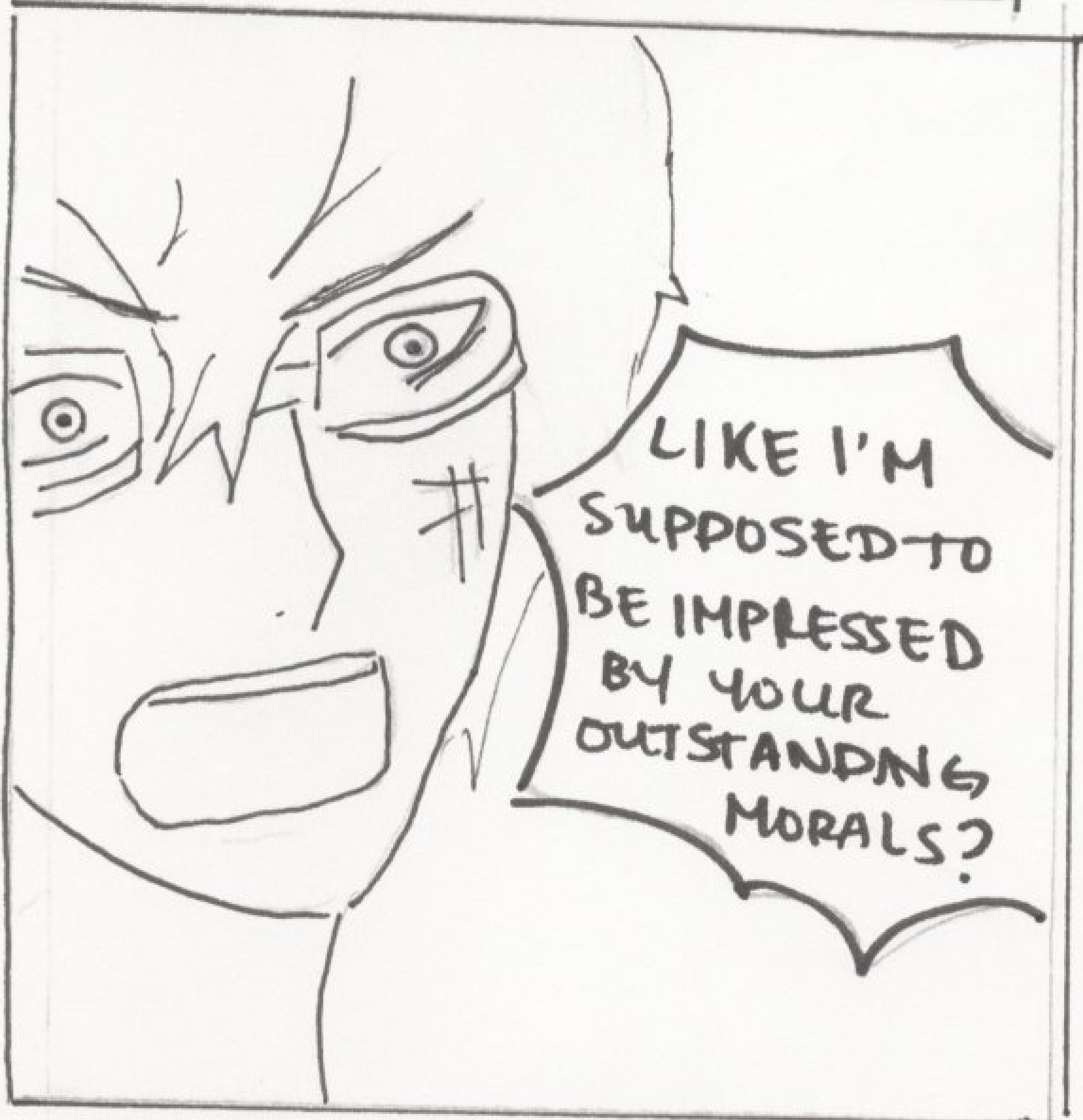
IN FACT, IT'S
NOT EVEN
PEOPLE WHO
HATE ME
EITHER.



I THINK
ABOUT HAULING
MY ASS TO DC
EVERYDAY AND
THROWING ALL THE
SENATORS OUT A
WINDOW SO THEY'LL
PASS A BILL
HAVING TAXES
PAID BY PERCENTAGE
INCOME.



IT'S LIKE I ONLY
HAVE TO LISTEN TO
THE OPINIONS OF THE
IDIOTS WHO NEVER
EVEN HAD THE
OPTION OF MURDER
'CUZ THEY'RE
TERRIFIED.



LIKE I'M
SUPPOSED TO
BE IMPRESSED
BY YOUR
OUTSTANDING
MORALS?



SORRY,
RAY. TODAY'S
JUST BEEN
BAD. CAN WE
TALK ANOTHER
TIME?

I'M ACTUALLY
GLAD YOU DIDN'T
CHOOSE MY SIDE.



BEING THE BAD GUY
ISN'T REALLY YOU.



I'LL
SEE YOU
LATER,
SHORT-
LUT.

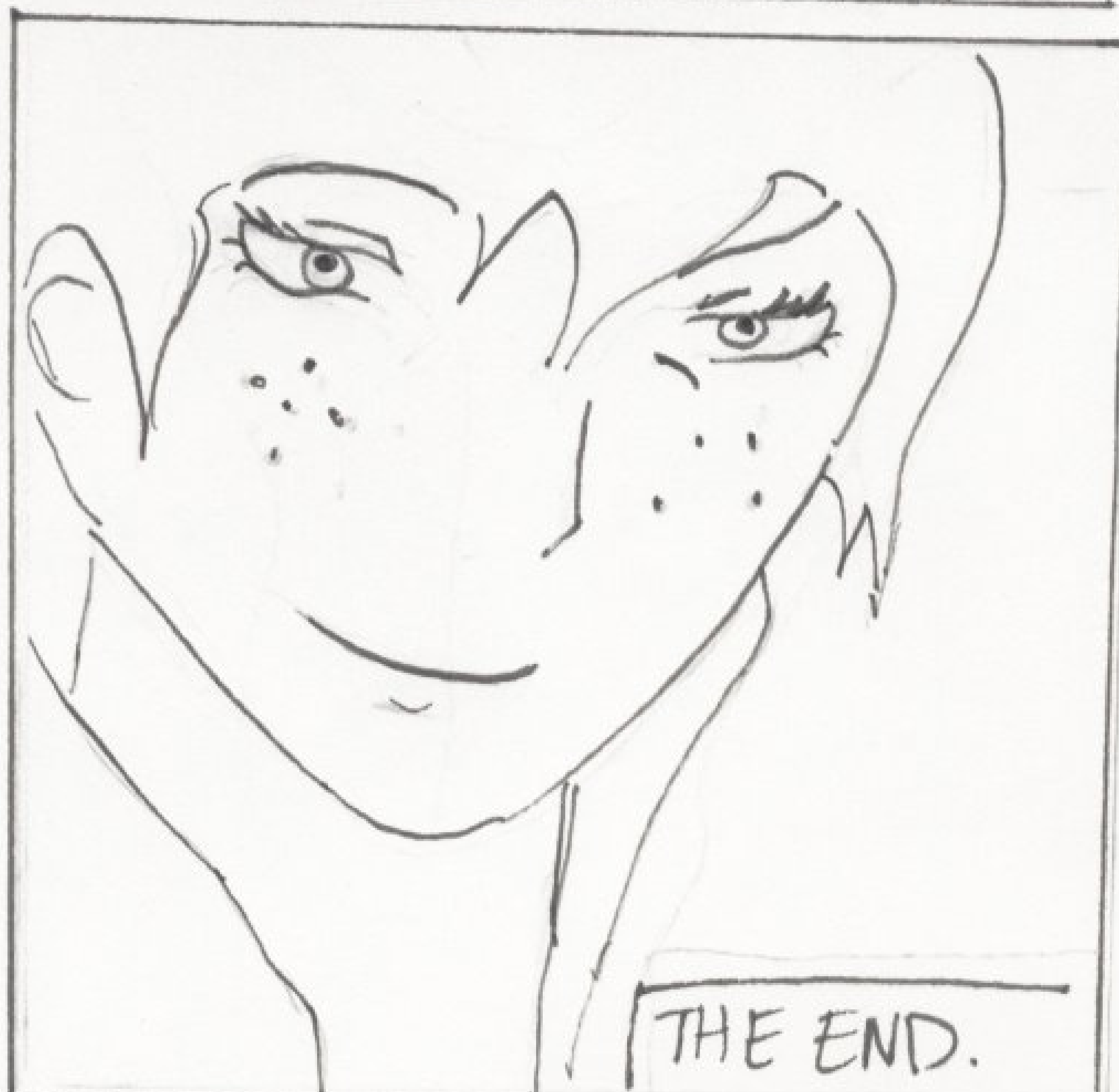
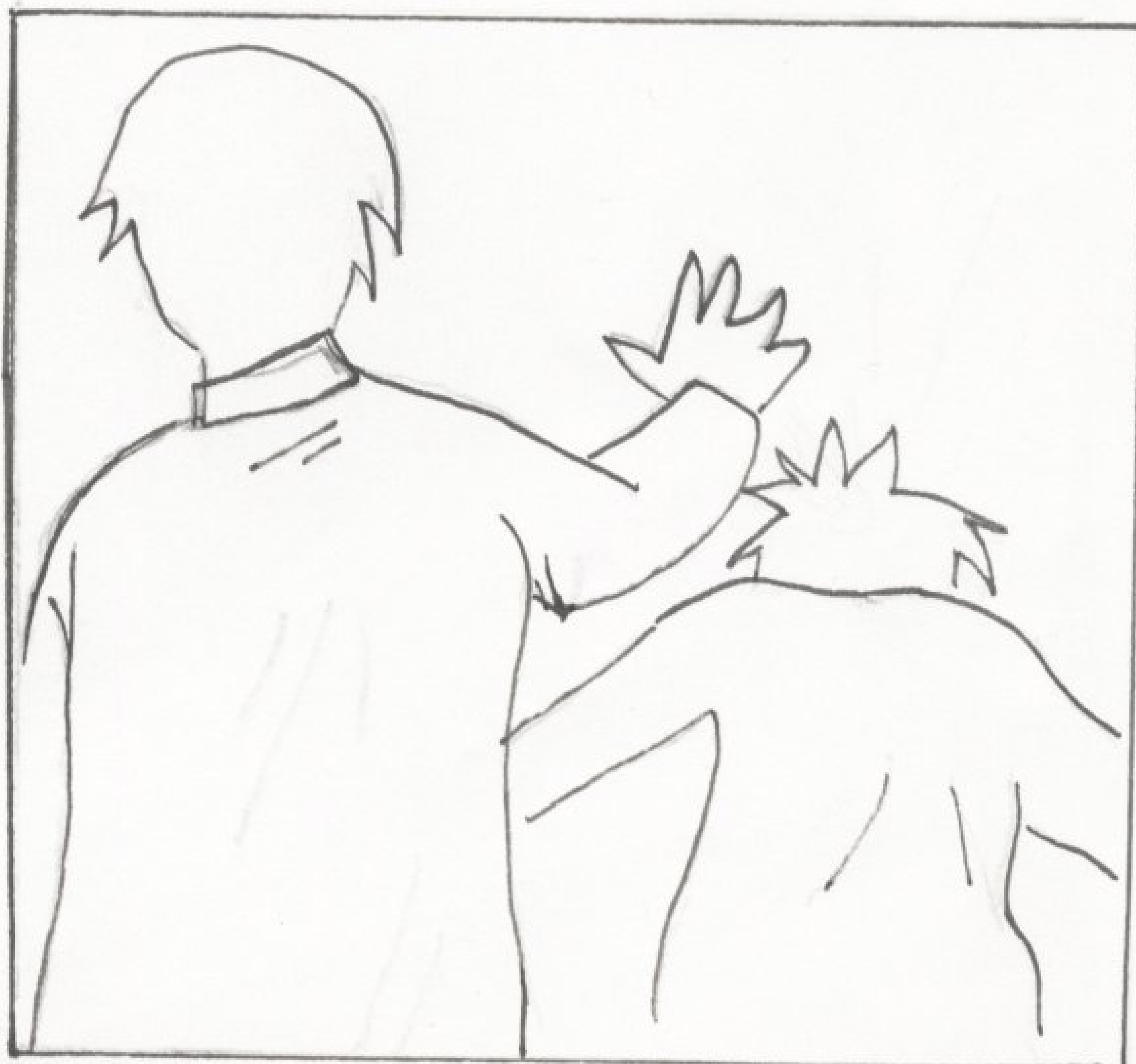
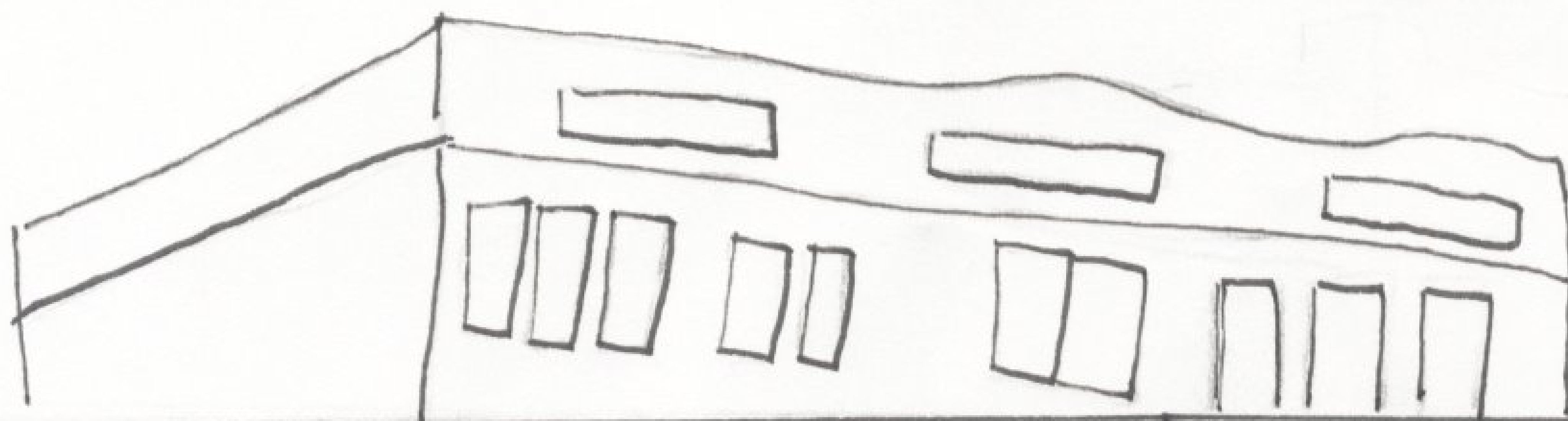


MY NAME IS GUS.
GUS HARVEY.



RIGHT. I'LL
SEE YOU
LATER, GUS.

THE NEXT DAY



THE END.