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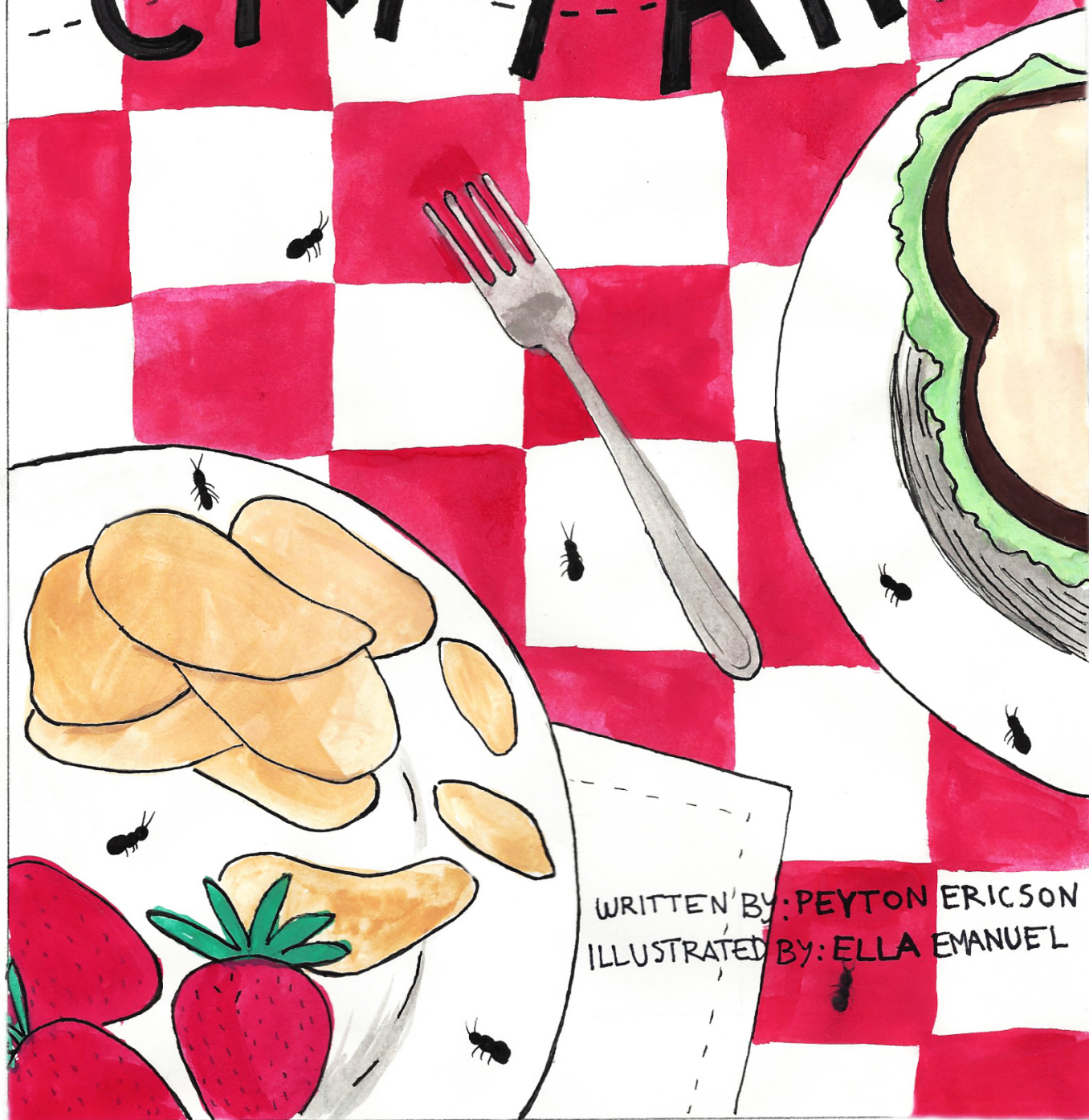
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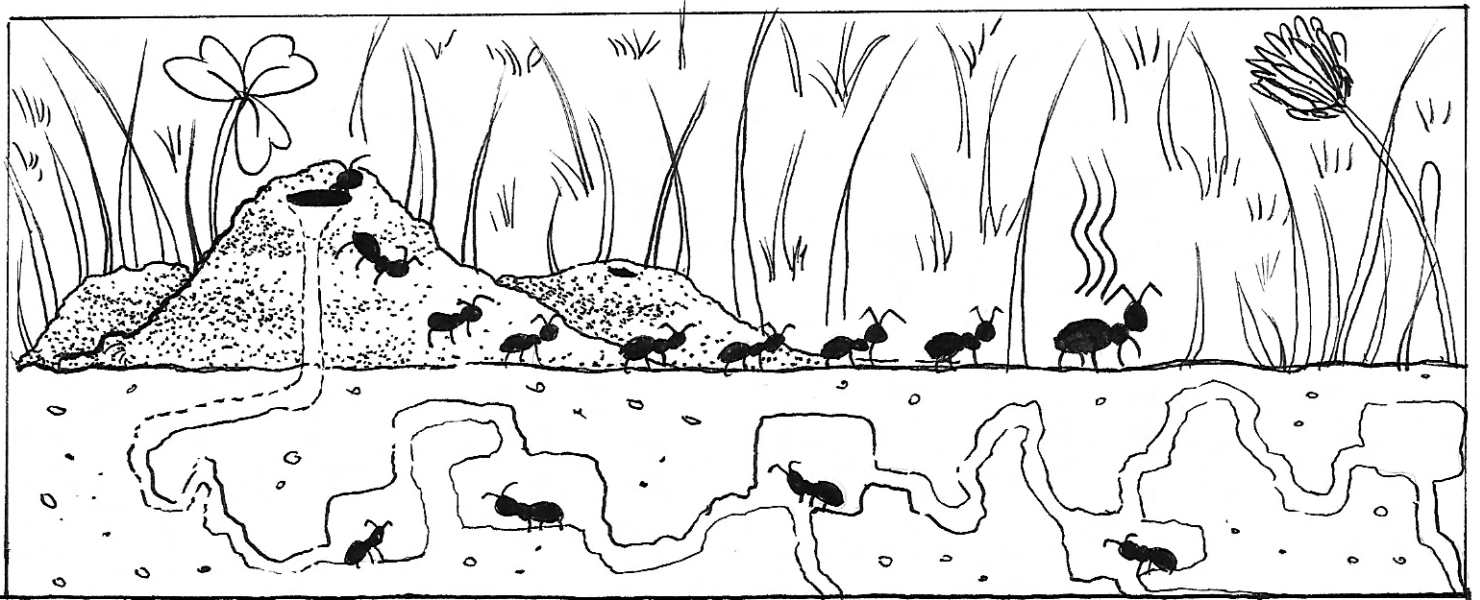


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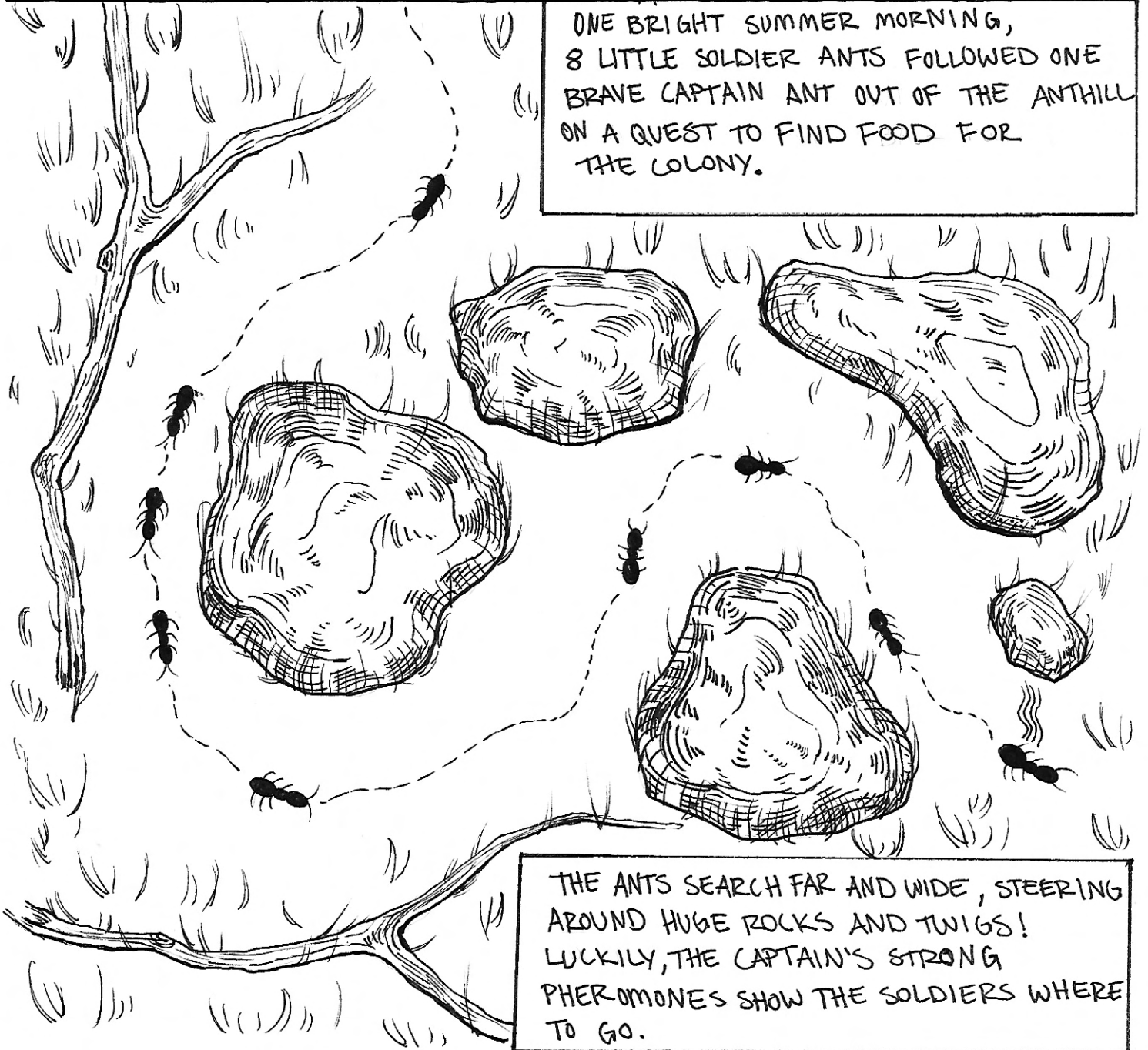


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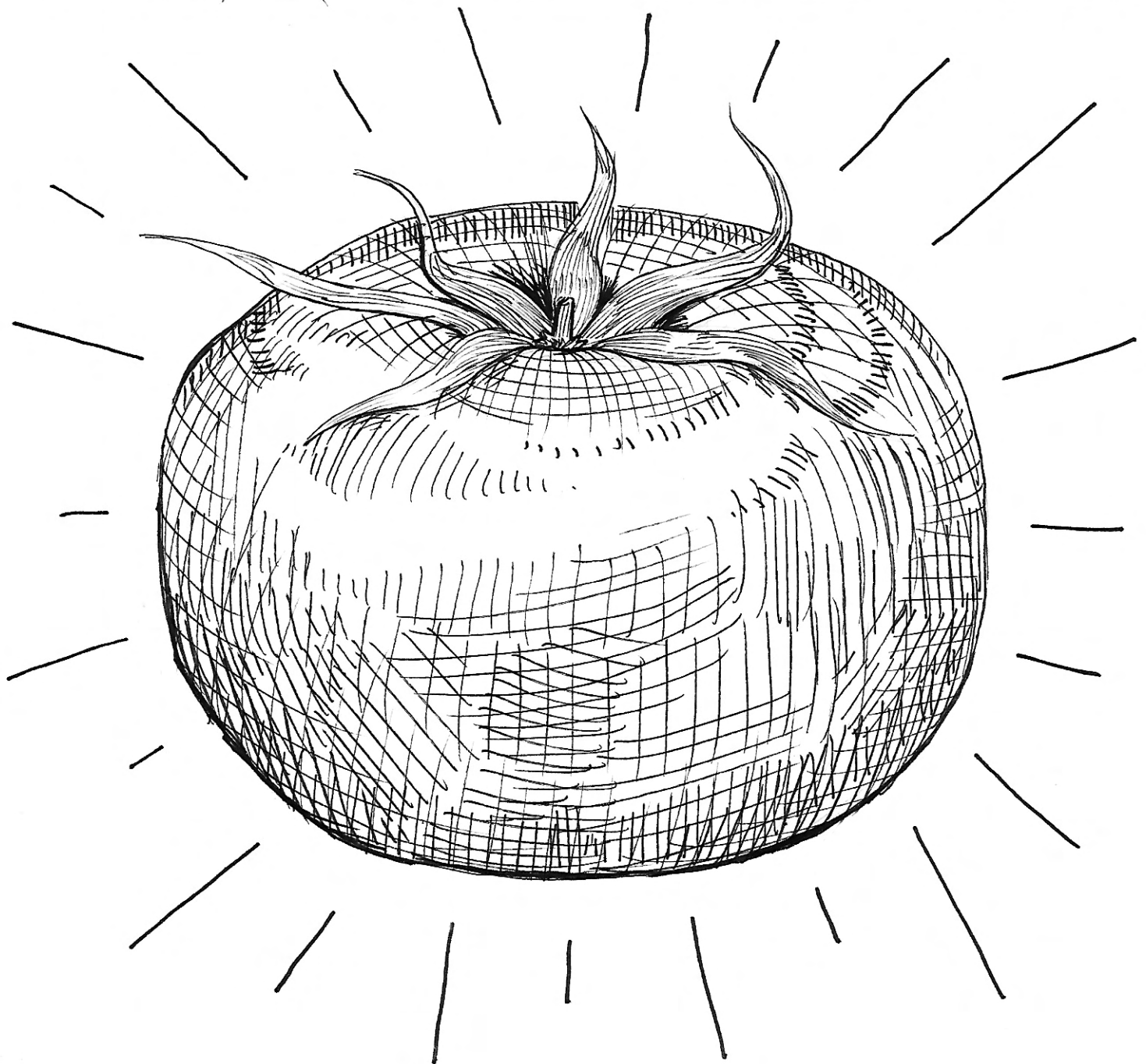
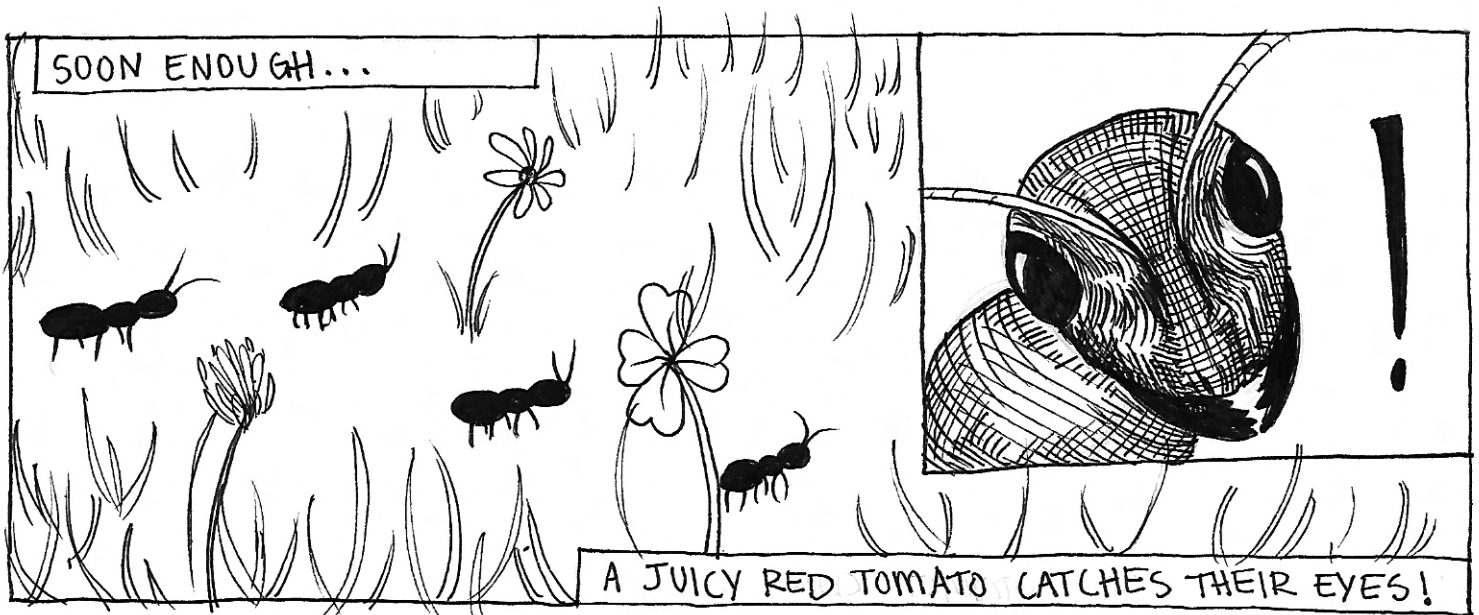


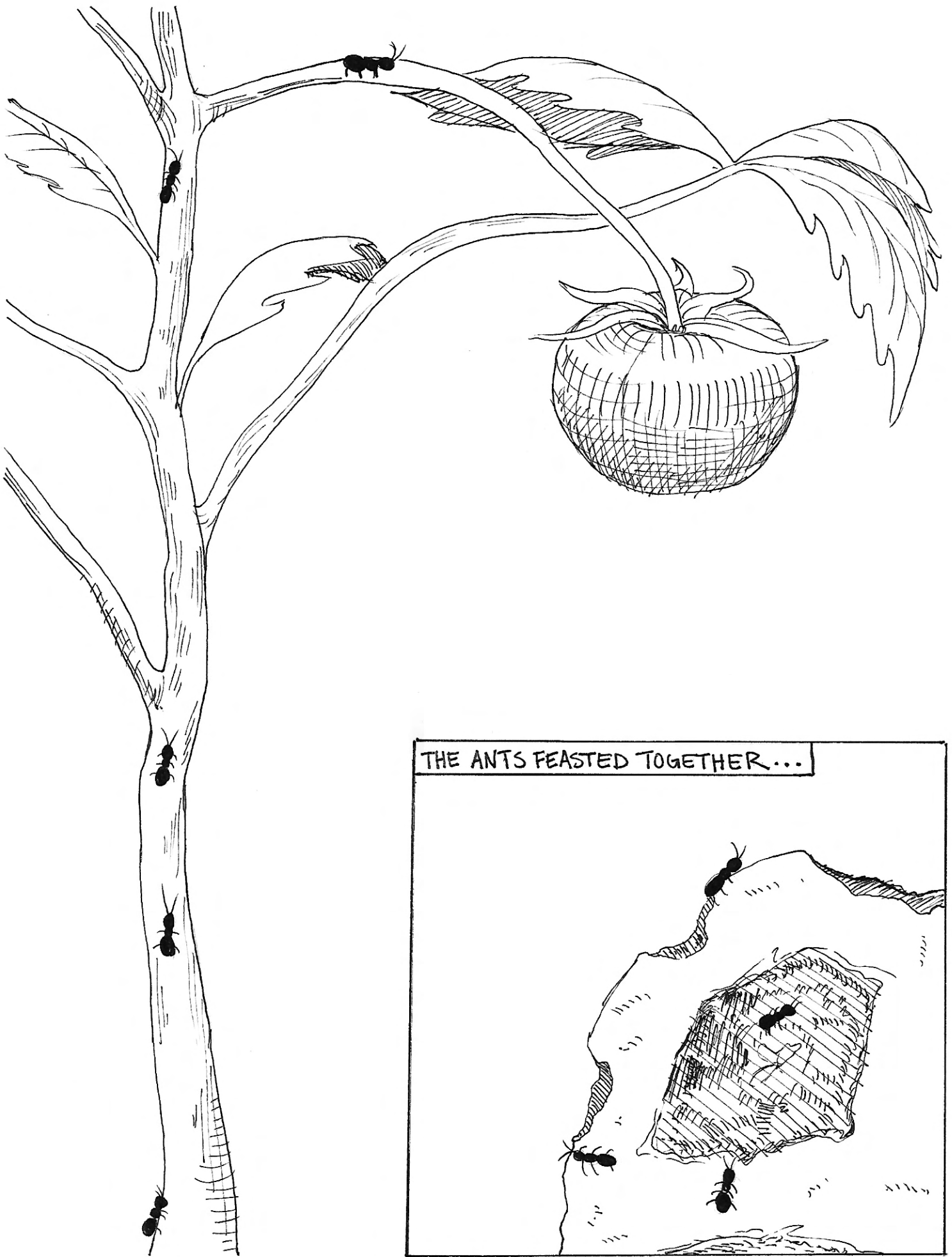
ONE BRIGHT SUMMER MORNING,  
8 LITTLE SOLDIER ANTS FOLLOWED ONE  
BRAVE CAPTAIN ANT OUT OF THE ANTHILL  
ON A QUEST TO FIND FOOD FOR  
THE COLONY.



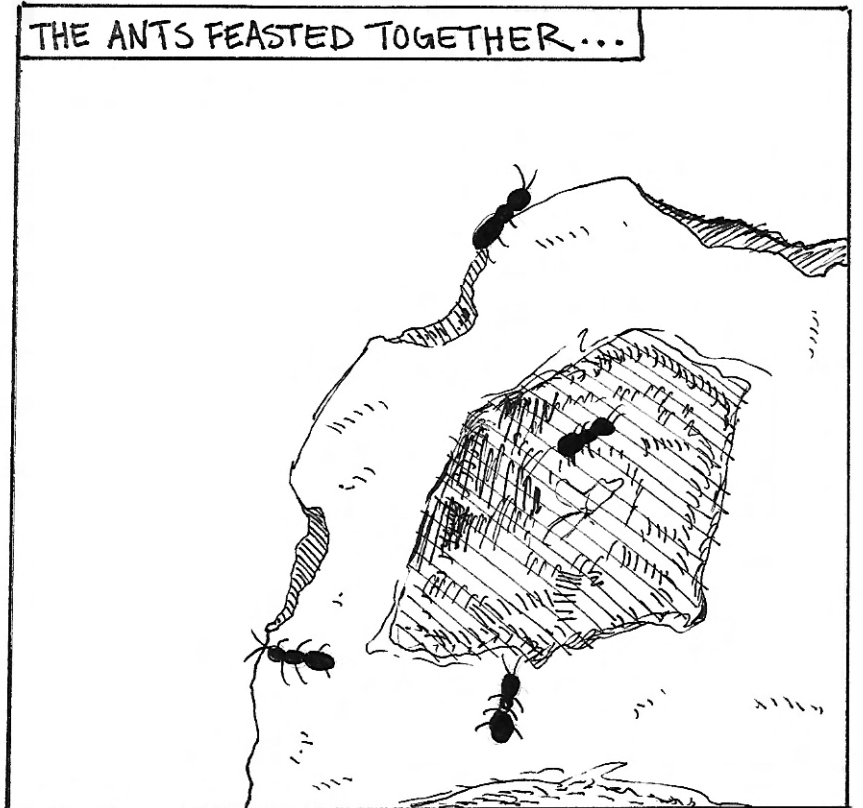
THE ANTS SEARCH FAR AND WIDE, STEERING  
AROUND HUGE ROCKS AND TWIGS!  
LUCKILY, THE CAPTAIN'S STRONG  
PHEROMONES SHOW THE SOLDIERS WHERE  
TO GO.



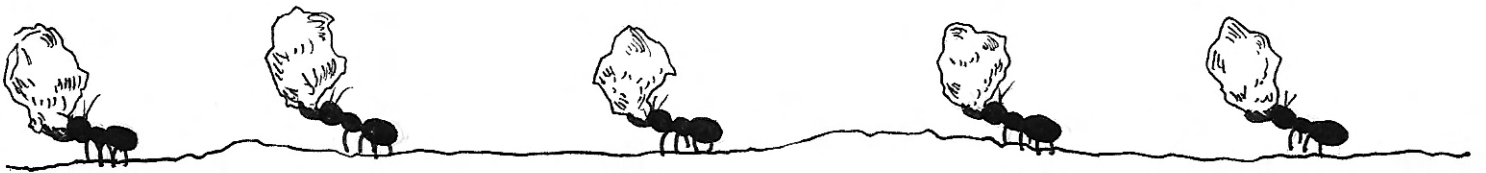




THE ANTS FEASTED TOGETHER...

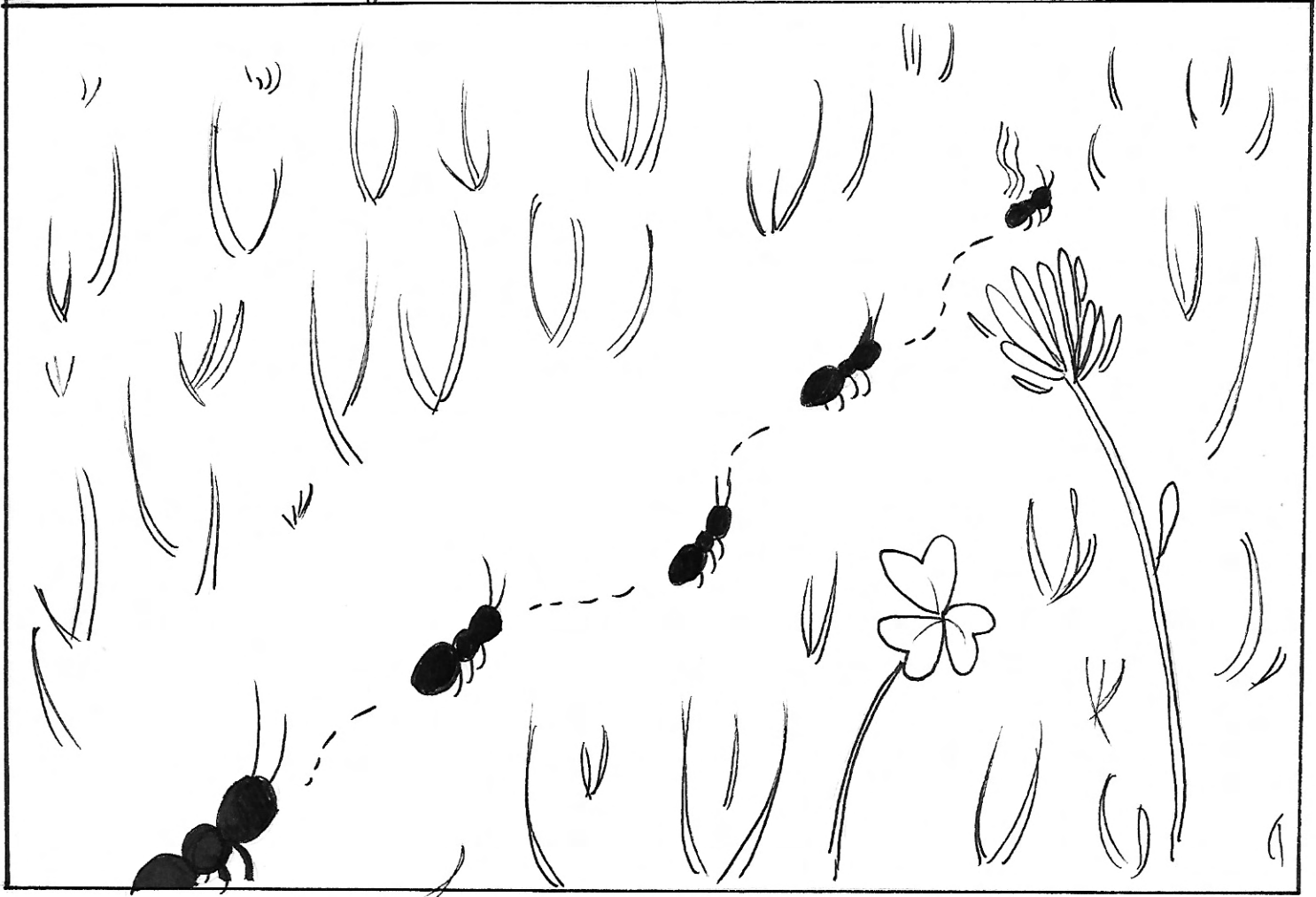
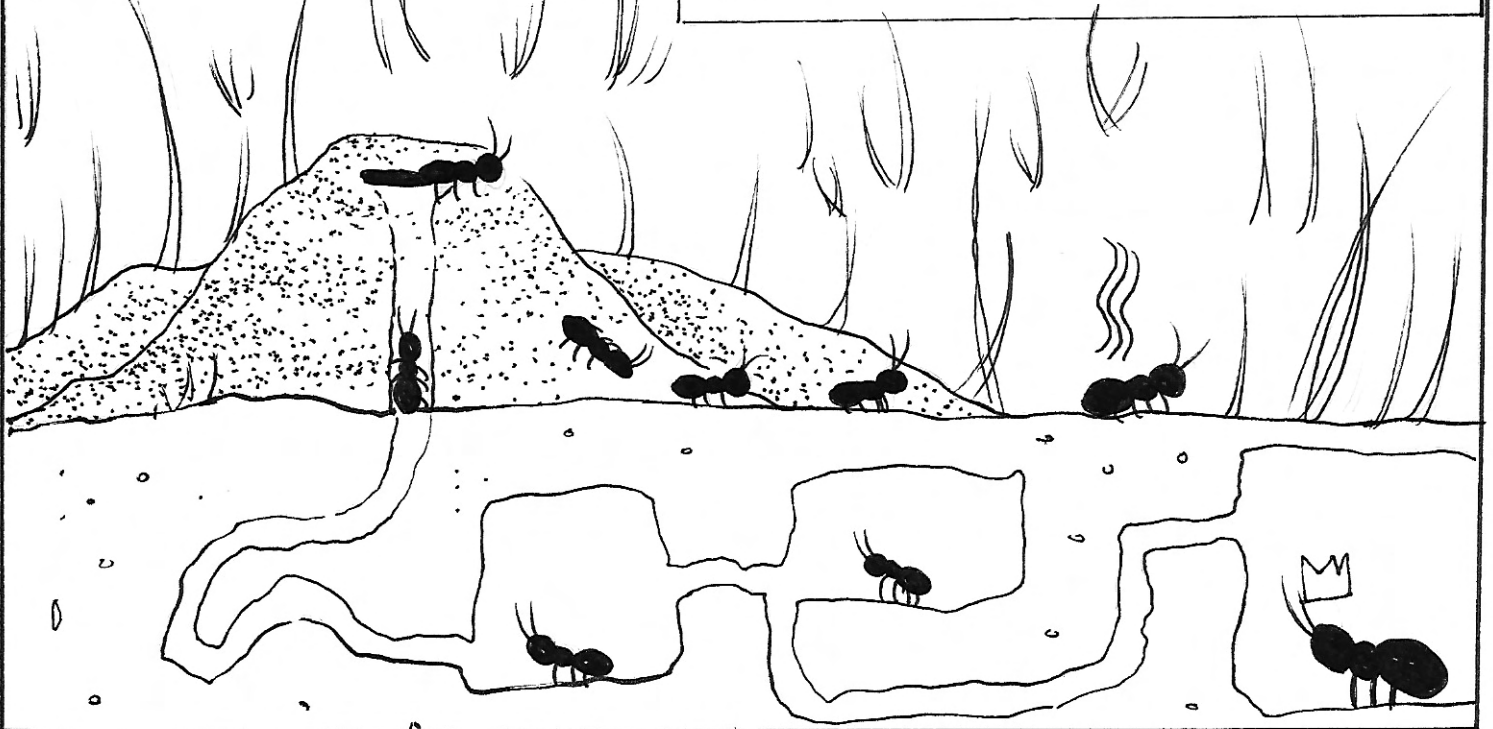


AND THE COLONY ATE FOR A WEEK.





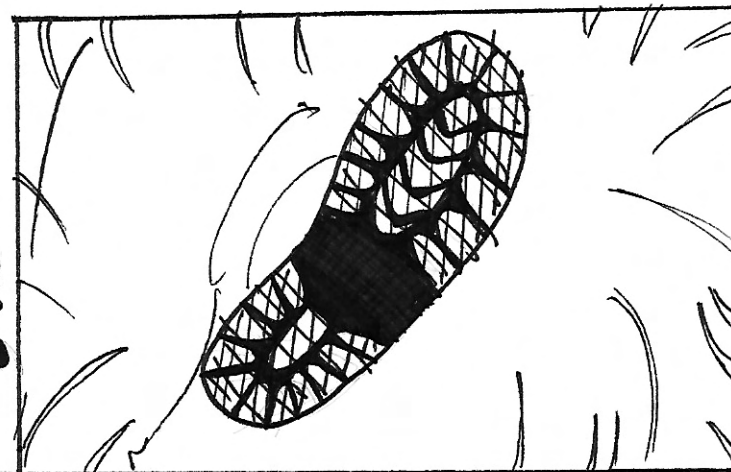
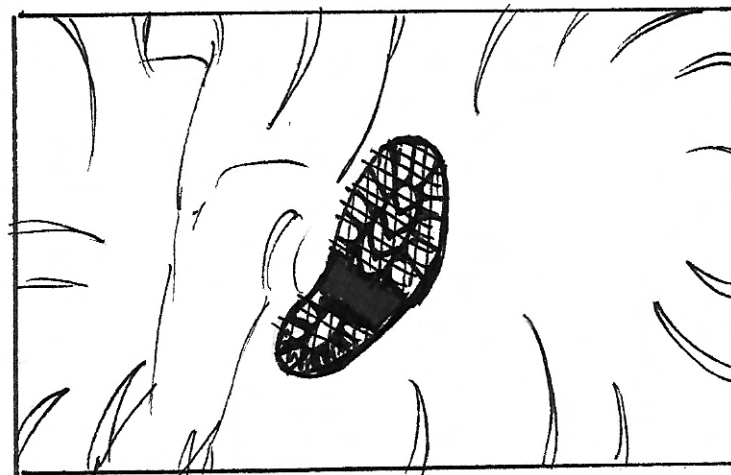
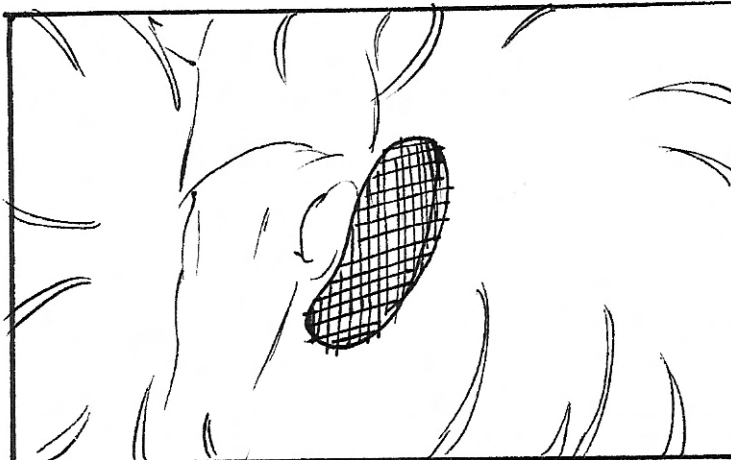
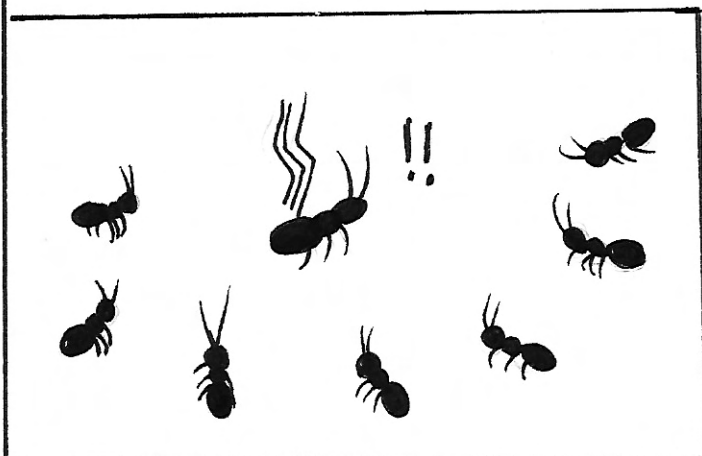
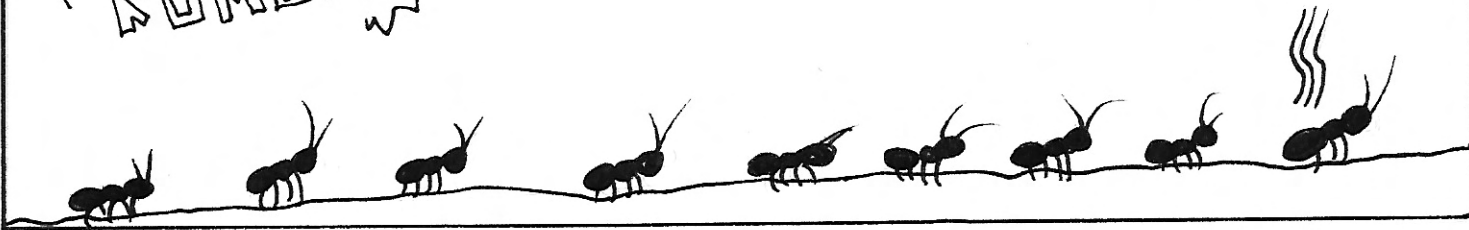
ON THEIR NEXT EXPEDITION, LIKE  
USUAL, THE CAPTAIN ANT BRAVELY  
LED THE SOLDIER ANTS INTO THE  
WILD.



SUDDENLY...

RUMBLE

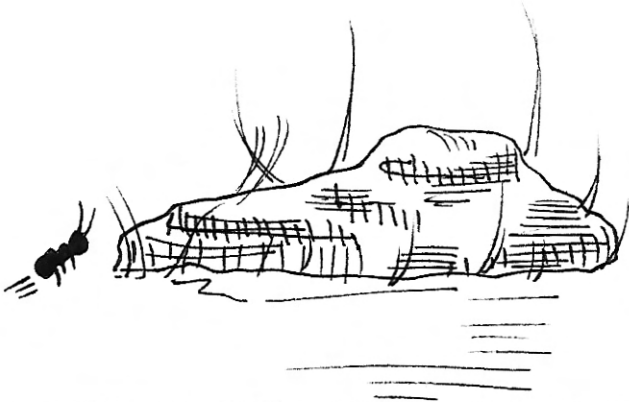
RUMBLE



TERRIFIED, THE SOLDIER  
ANTS SCATTER AND HIDE



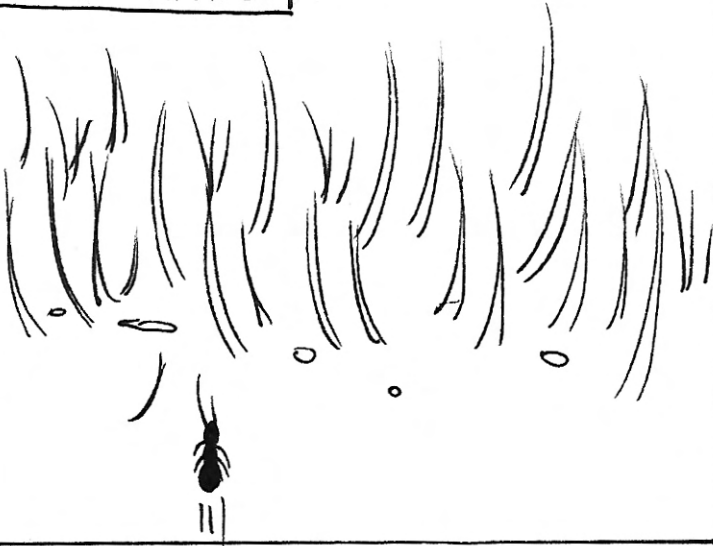
BEHIND A ROCK.



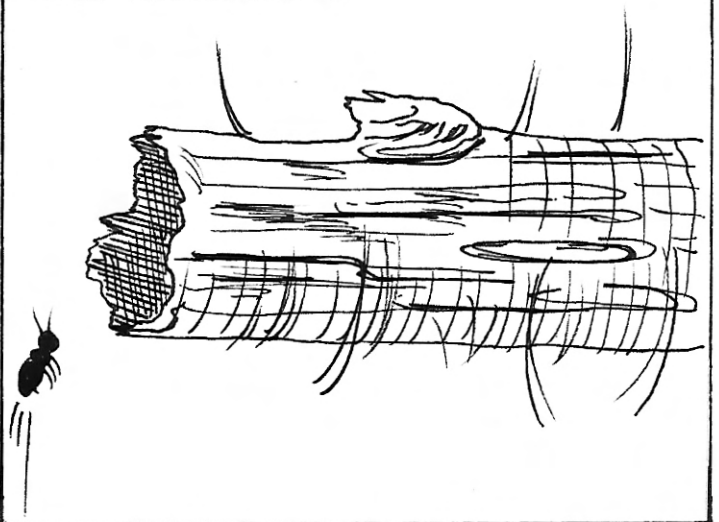
UNDER A LEAF.



IN THE GRASS.

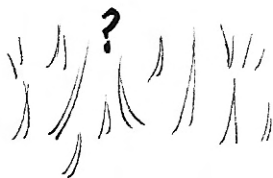


BEHIND A LOG.





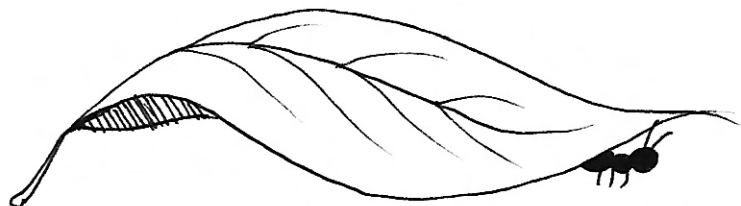
DISORIENTED AND ALONE,  
EACH ANT WAS LOST



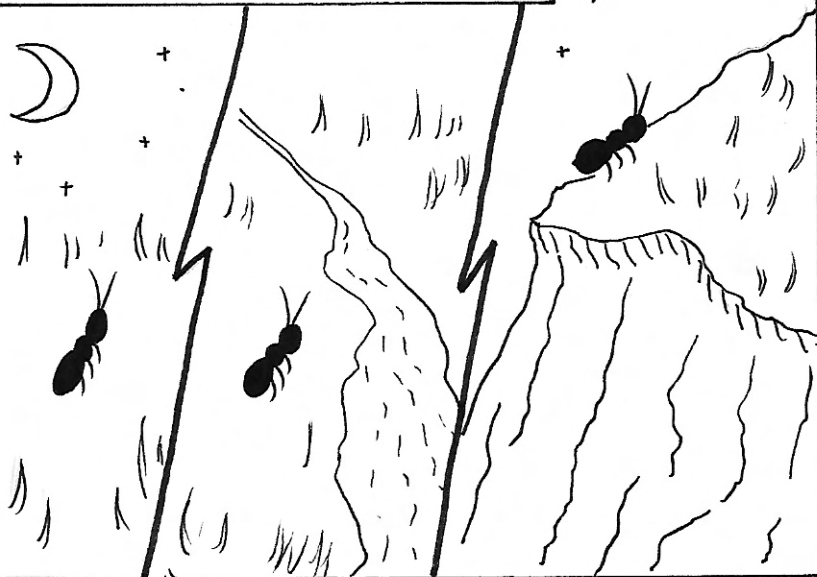
AND THE CAPTAIN'S TRAIL HOME  
WAS QUICKLY FADING



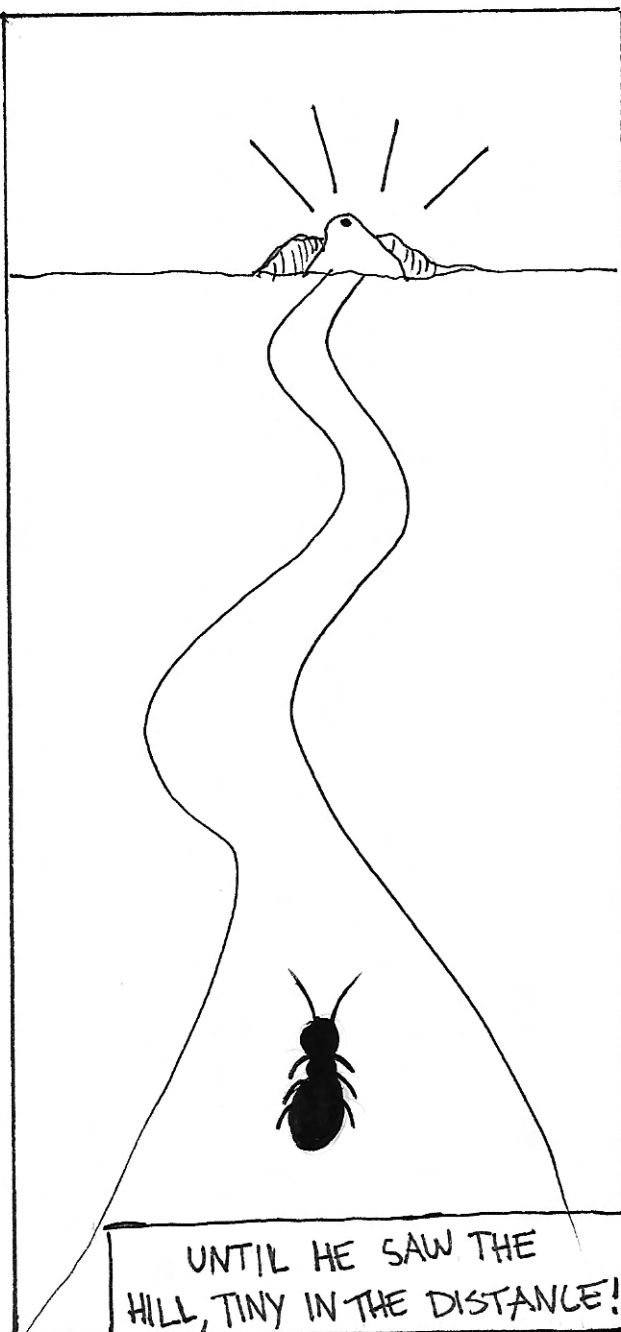
AS NIGHT FELL, ONE OF THE  
SOLDIERS EMERGED FROM HIS  
HIDING SPOT.



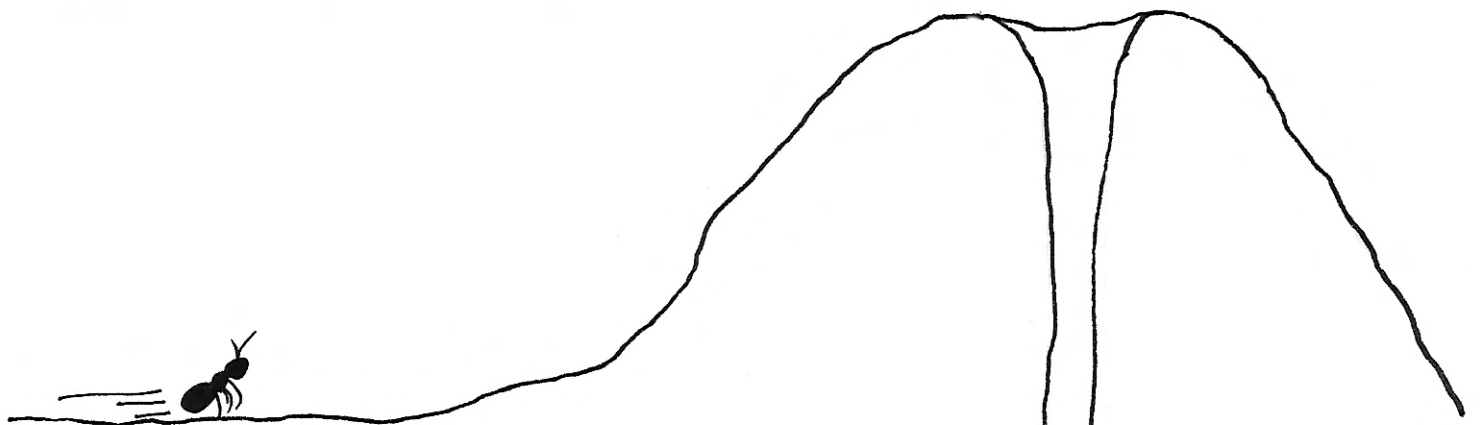
DETERMINED TO FIND HOME,  
HE WANDERED THROUGH THE  
NIGHT.



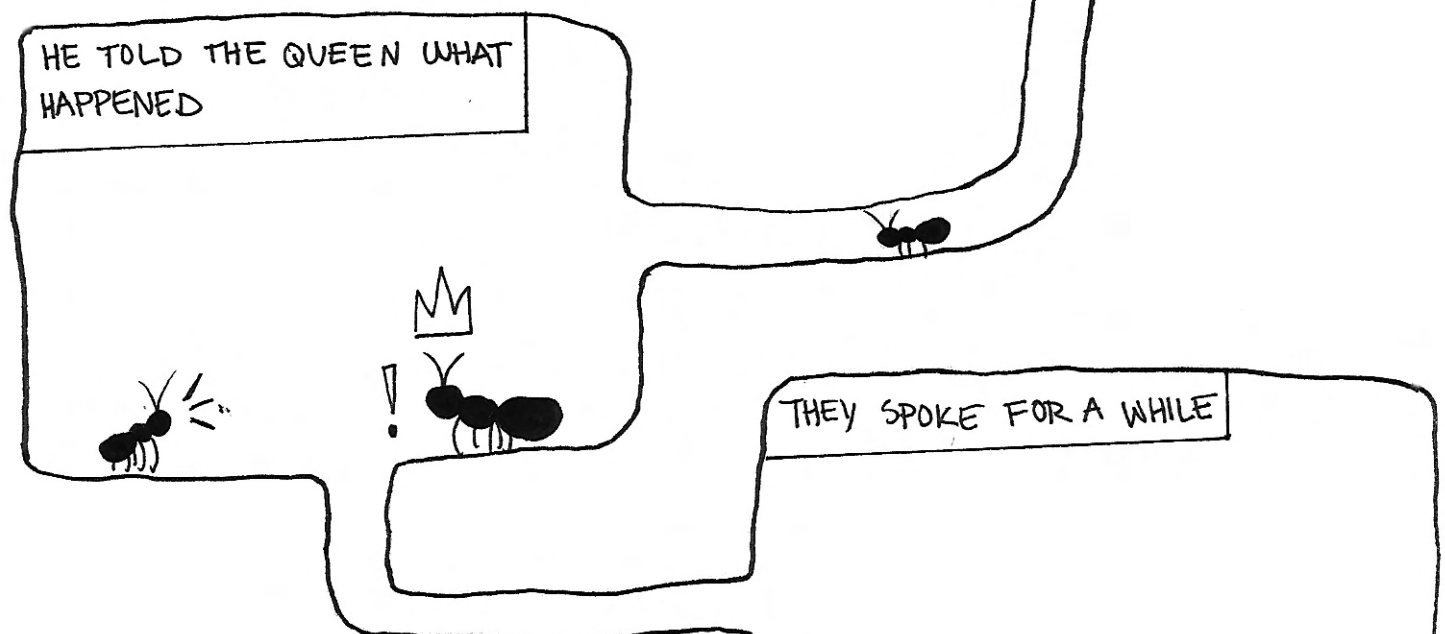
UNTIL HE SAW THE  
HILL, TINY IN THE DISTANCE!



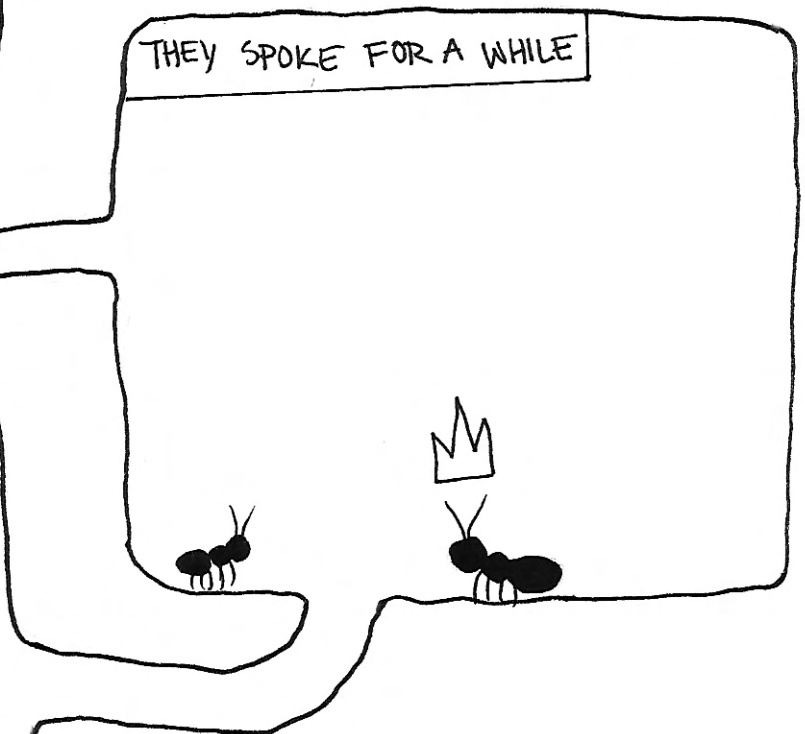
HOME AT LAST, THE ANT HURRIED  
INSIDE.



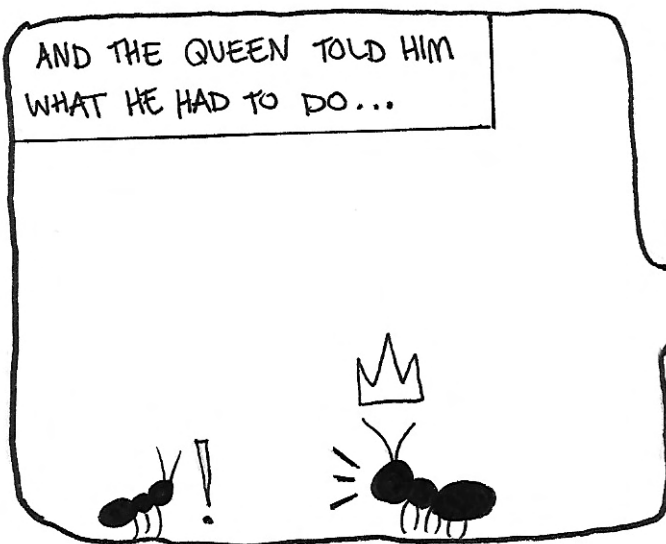
HE TOLD THE QUEEN WHAT  
HAPPENED



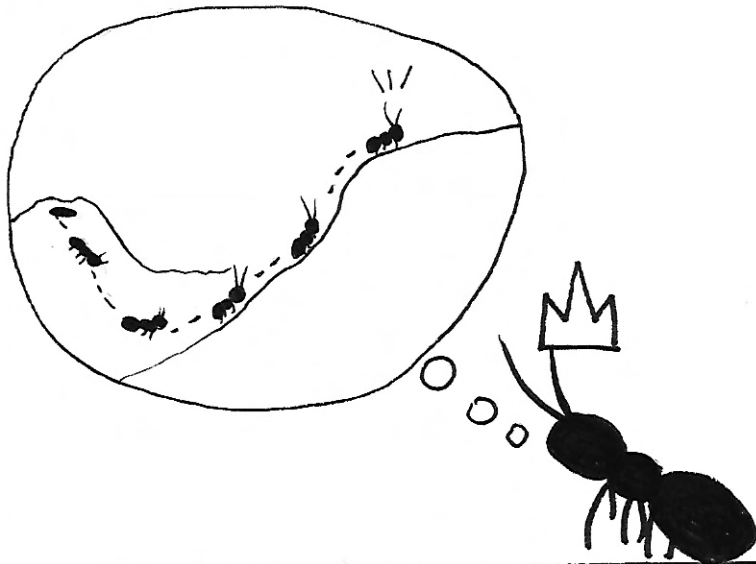
THEY SPOKE FOR A WHILE



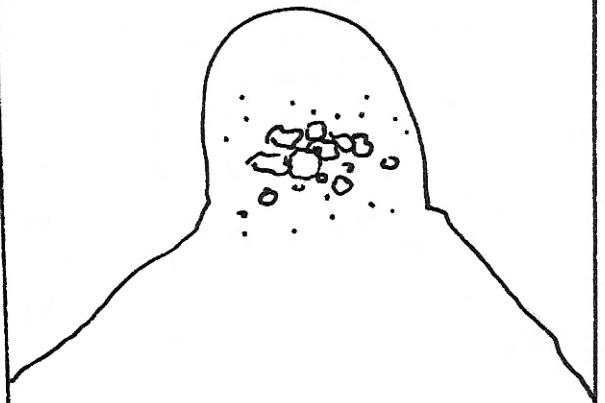
AND THE QUEEN TOLD HIM  
WHAT HE HAD TO DO...



SHE SAID THAT HE HAD TO LEAD THE  
NEXT EXPEDITION OUT OF THE COLONY  
AND FIND THE OTHER SOLDIER ANTS.

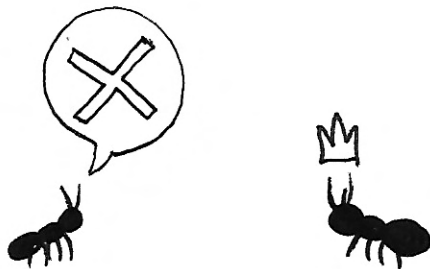


FOOD

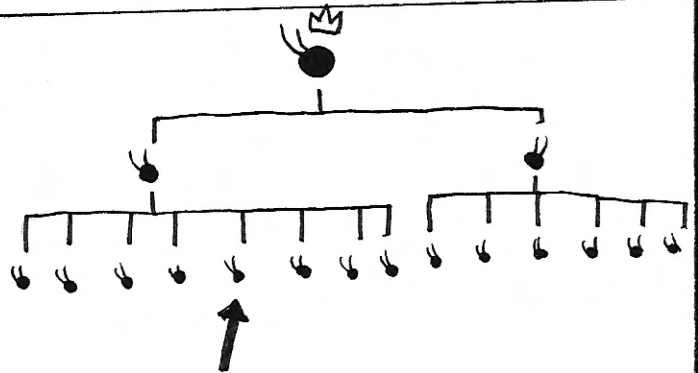


OR THE COLONY WOULD STARVE.

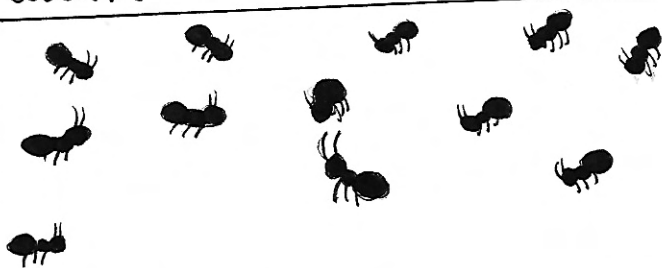
IMMEDIATELY, THE ANT REFUSED.



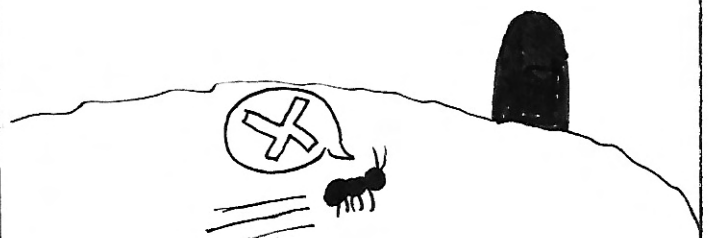
AFTER ALL, HE WAS JUST A LOWLY  
SOLDIER ANT. HE HAD NO BUSINESS  
LEADING THE GROUP!



BUT, THE QUEEN INSISTED. HE WAS THE  
ONLY ANT WHO SAW WHAT HAPPENED,  
AND THE ONLY SOLDIER ANT LEFT IN THE  
COLONY.



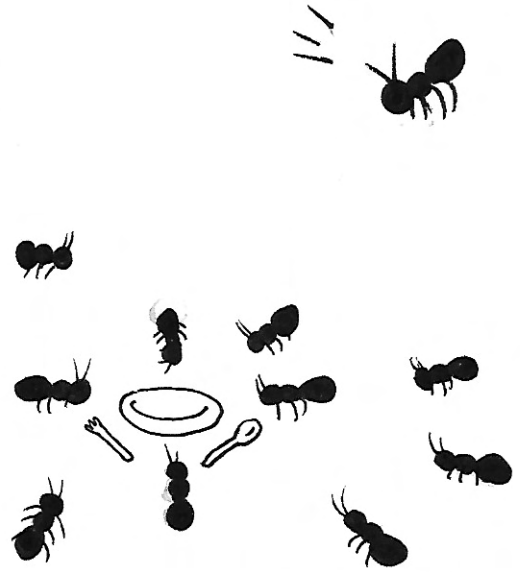
STILL, THE ANT WAS AFRAID,  
AND SAID NO.





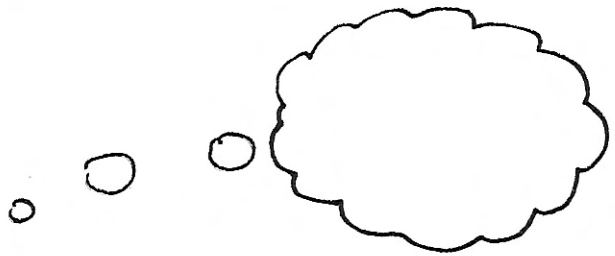
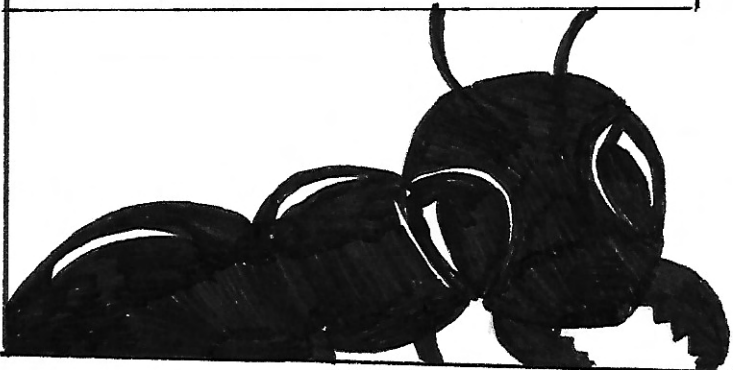
BY THE NEXT DAY, ALL THE  
FOOD WAS GONE.

FOOD



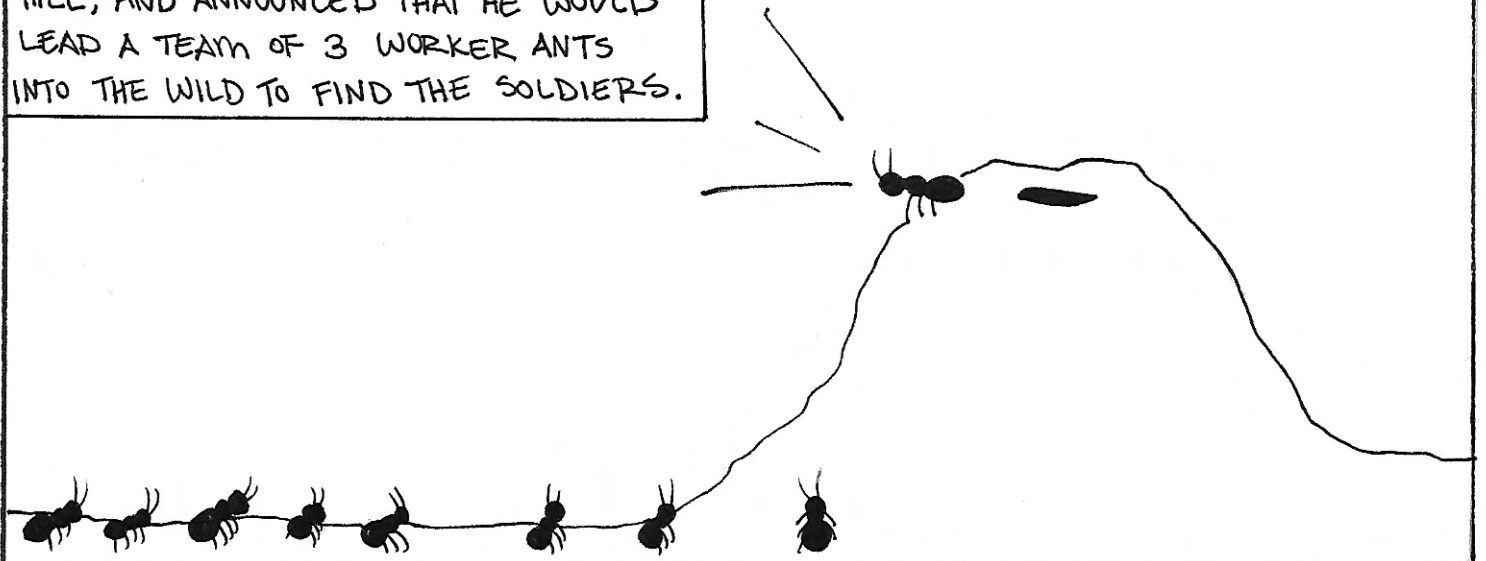
AND THE ANT SAW HIS FAMILY  
AND FRIENDS STRUGGLE.

WHEN HE SAW WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF  
HE DID NOTHING,

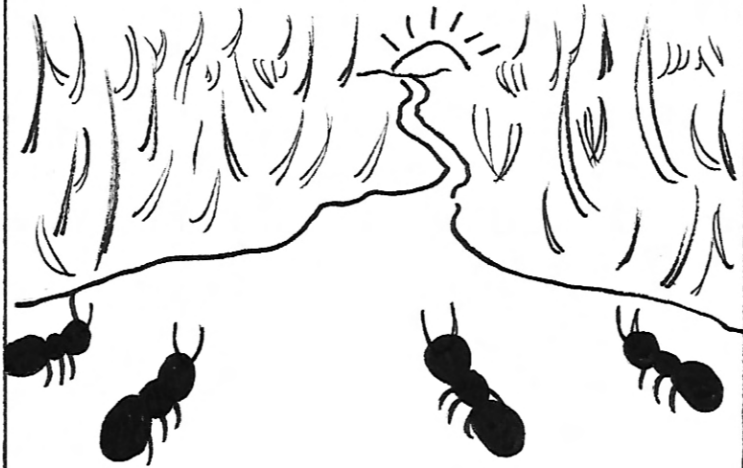


HE KNEW WHAT HE HAD TO DO.

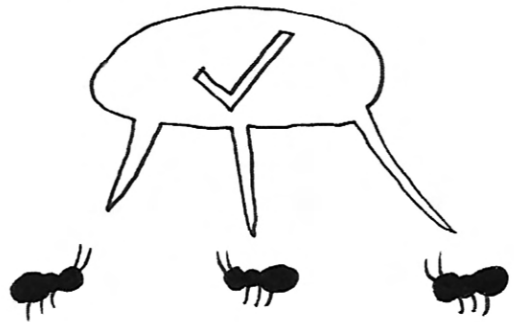
THE ANT CLIMBED TO THE TOP OF THE  
HILL, AND ANNOUNCED THAT HE WOULD  
LEAD A TEAM OF 3 WORKER ANTS  
INTO THE WILD TO FIND THE SOLDIERS.



THE WORKERS, HAVING NEVER LEFT THE HILL, WERE SCARED TOO.

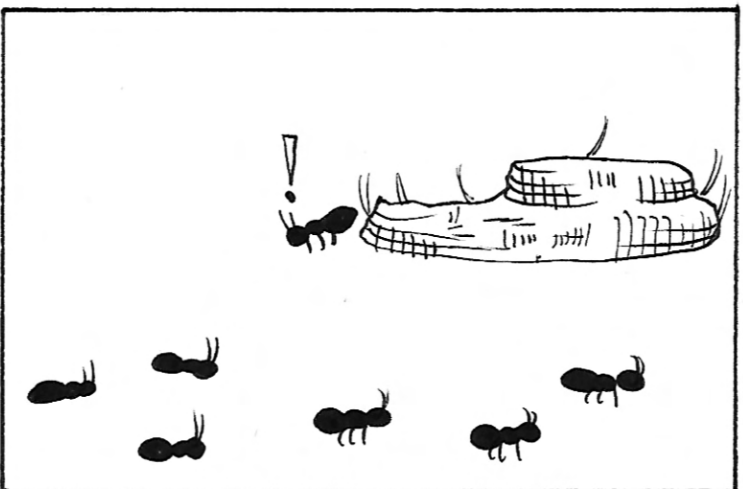
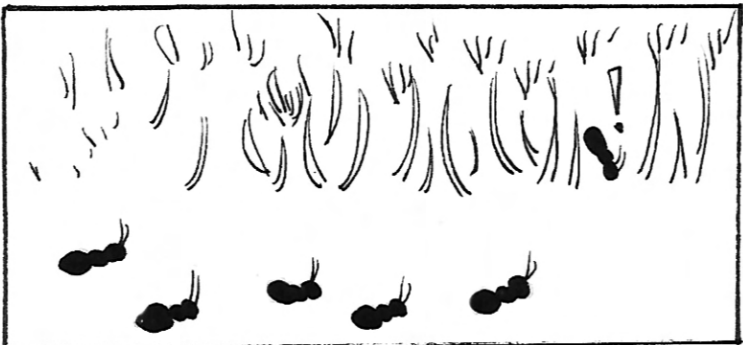
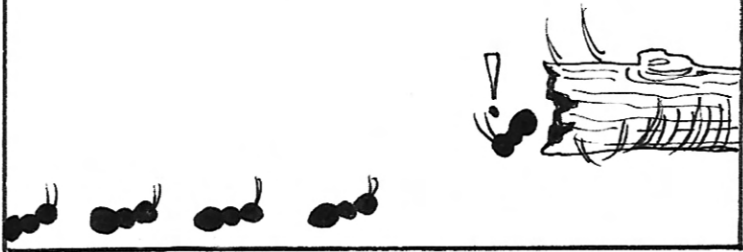


BUT, INSPIRED BY THE SOLDIER'S BRAVERY, 3 AGREED TO GO.

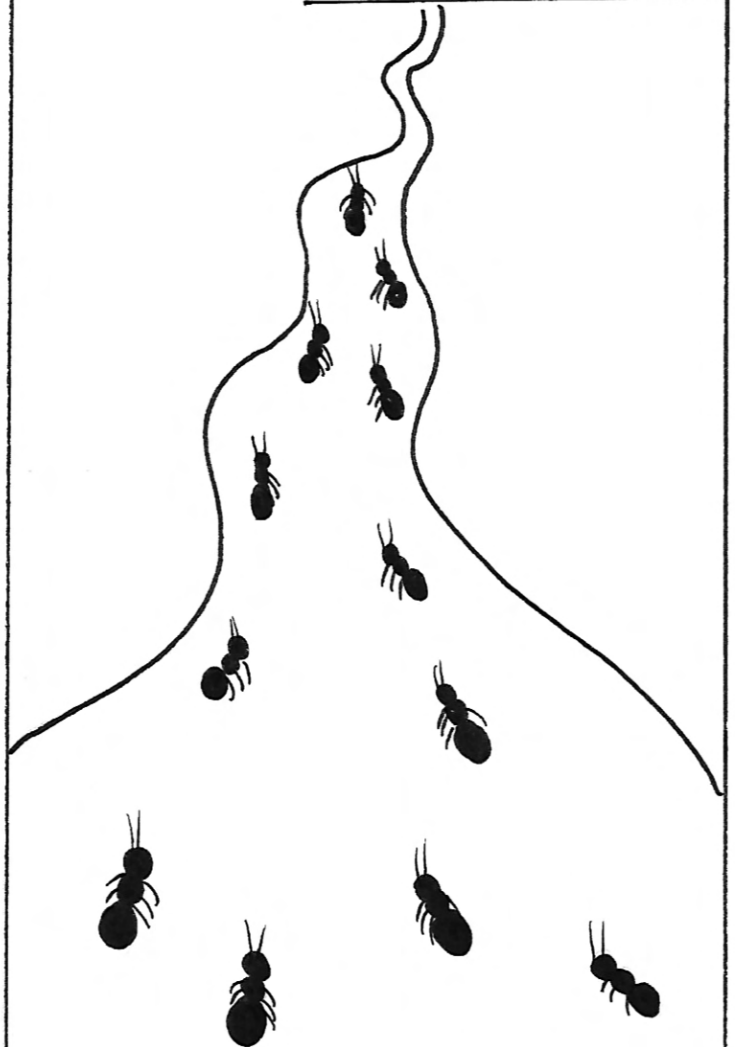


AND OFF THEY WENT.

SOON ENOUGH...

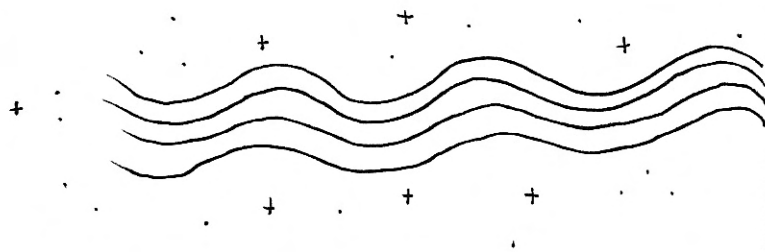


THE MISSING SOLDIERS APPEARED ONE BY ONE.

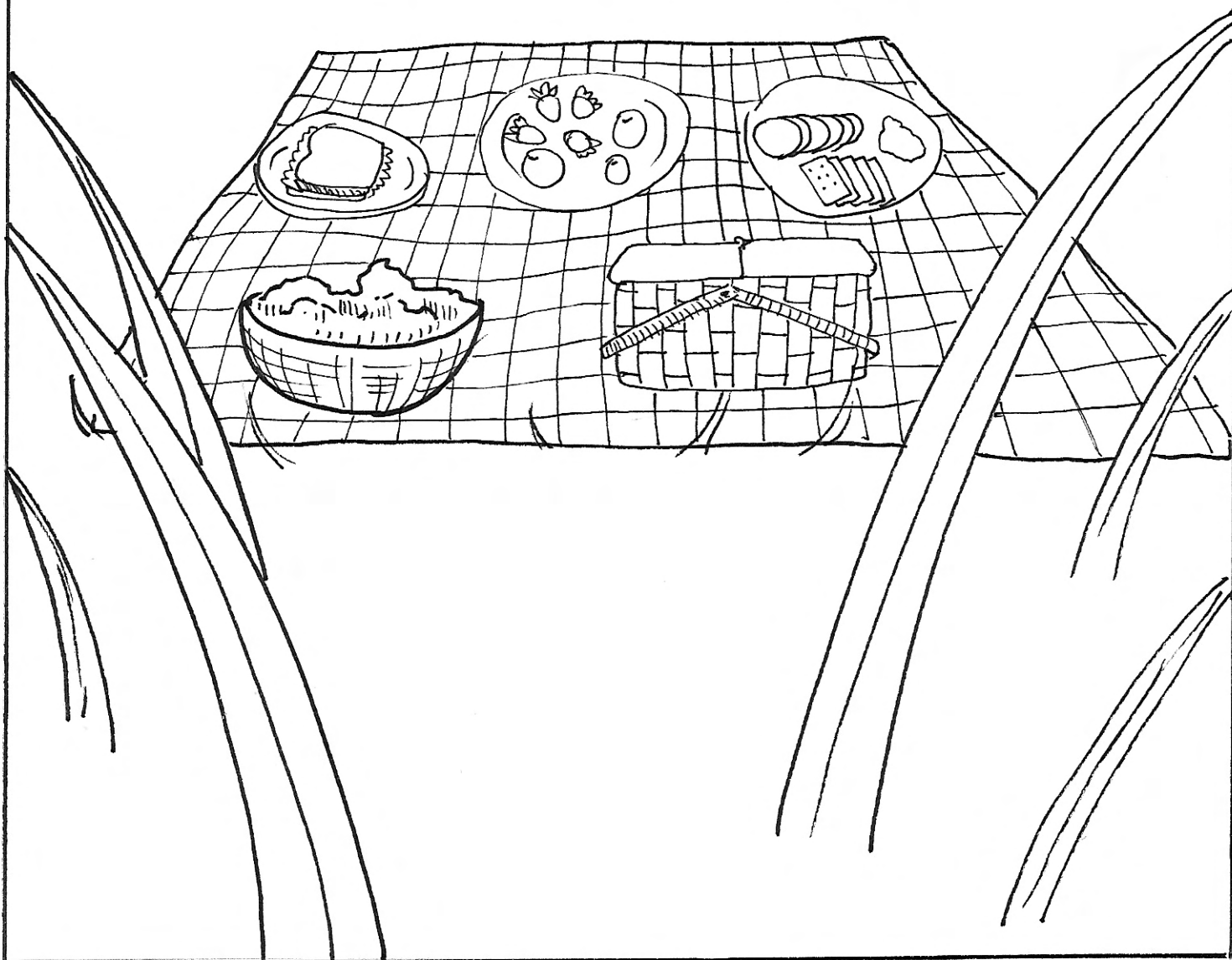


UNTIL THEY ALL WERE FOUND.

REUNITED AGAIN, THE ANTS SUDDENLY  
NOTICE A SCENT IN THE DISTANCE...

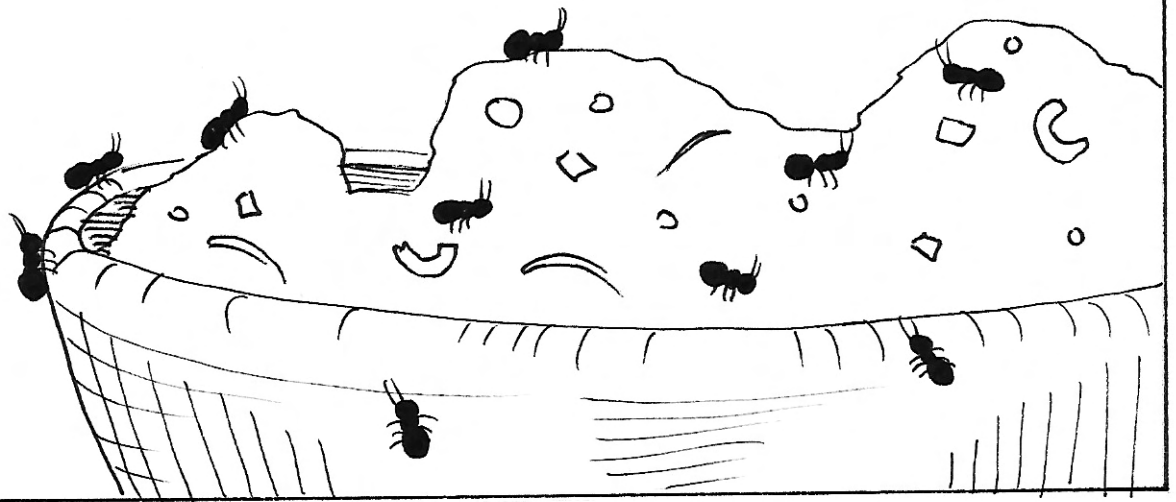


A HUGE PICNIC!

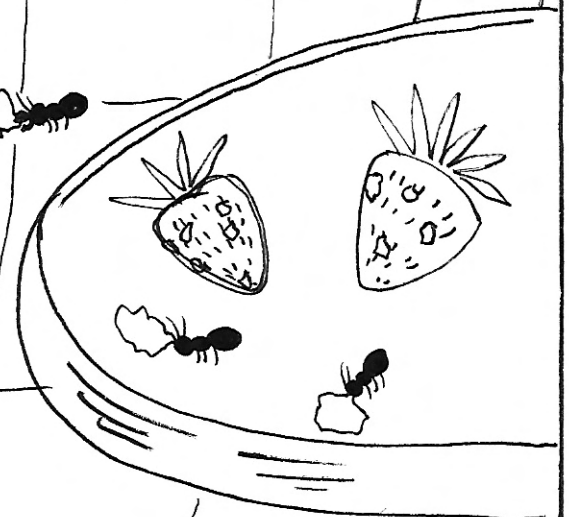
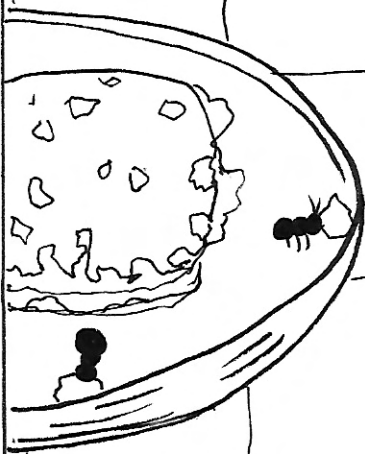




THE ANTS EXCITEDLY SWARMED THE FOOD.



AND GATHERED IT UP.

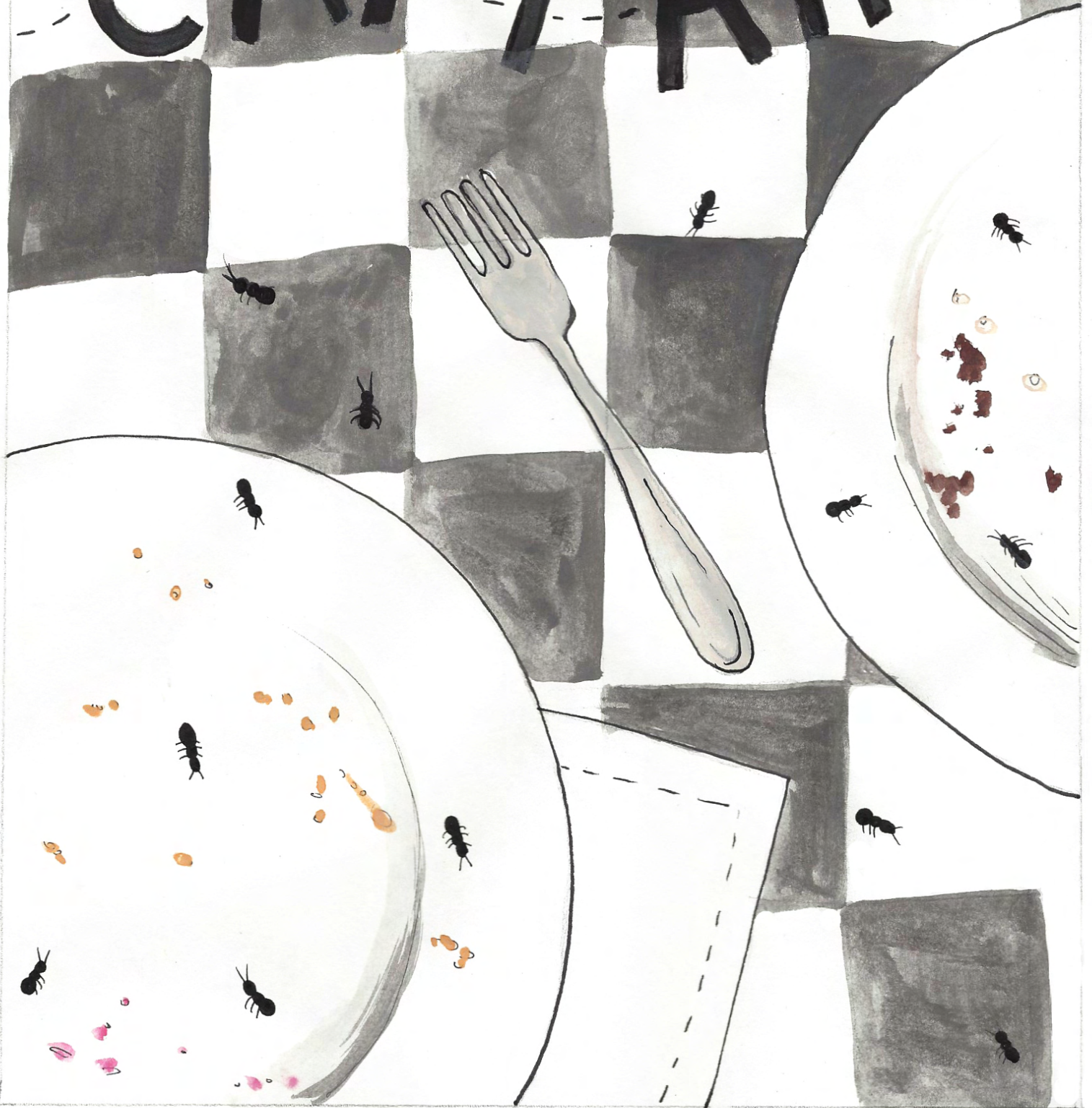


THEN, THE NEW CAPTAIN ANT LED THE WAY HOME.





# THE ANT CAPTAIN







ELLA EMANUEL IS A 20 YEAR OLD ARTIST FROM CINCINNATI, OHIO. SHE LOVES KNITTING, GETTING FOOD WITH FRIENDS, GOING TO MUSEUMS, THRIFTING, TAKING WALKS, AND OF COURSE, ART! ELLA USES HER PASSIONS FOR DRAWING, OIL PAINTING, AND TEXTILE CRAFTS TO CREATE DIMENSIONAL PAINTINGS AND ART OBJECTS. SHE GREW UP WITH A LOVE FOR MAKING ART, AND HOPES TO INSPIRE THE CREATIVITY OF GENERATIONS TO COME.

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# THE LETTERS

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# ALVARKINKS<sup>\*1</sup>

(THE LAST DAY OF SCHOOL!!!)



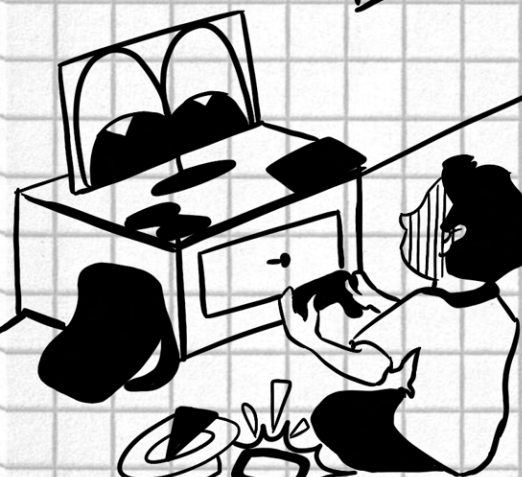
\*1=Friday \*2= How lucky

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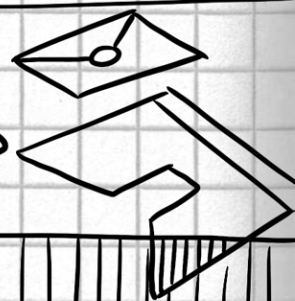
Juan  
Audio call

"Hey Miguel! My parents  
are out for the night,  
How about we have a  
sleep over? Come,  
let's watch movies  
& play video  
games!  
thoughts?"

"Cool,  
I'm  
on my  
way!"



PLOOM



# SABADO POR LA MANANANA\*



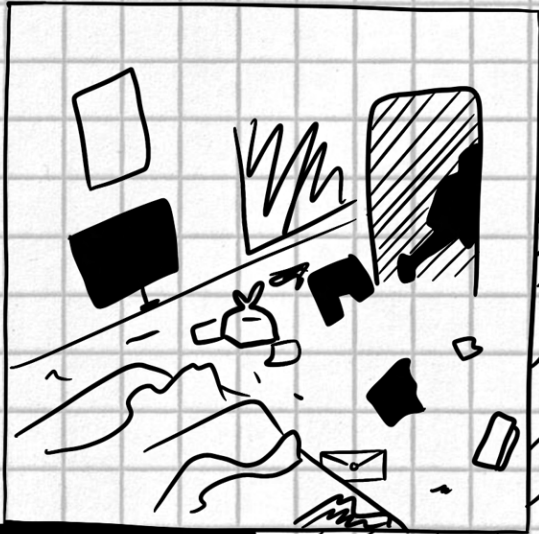
\* Saturday morning

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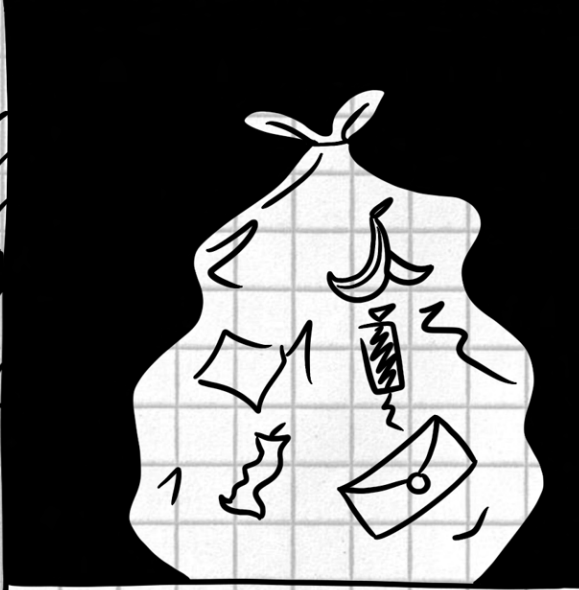
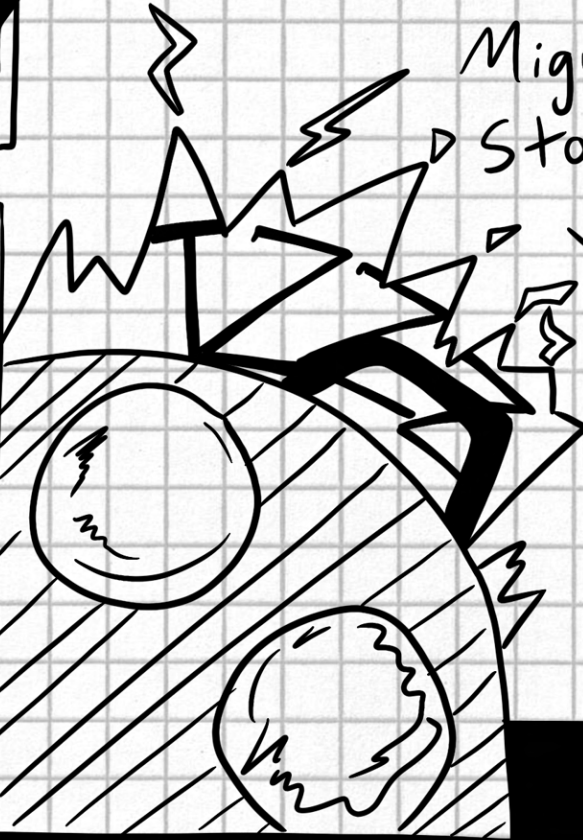


# AL DOMINGO\*

**WAKEY**  
WAKEY



Miguel, I Just  
Stopped by  
your room.  
It's a real  
mess;  
you need  
to tidy it  
up.



OK OK will  
do mom

I took  
care of the  
trash for  
you...

The rest is your  
responsibility

Time for  
Breakfast

\*Arepas?!

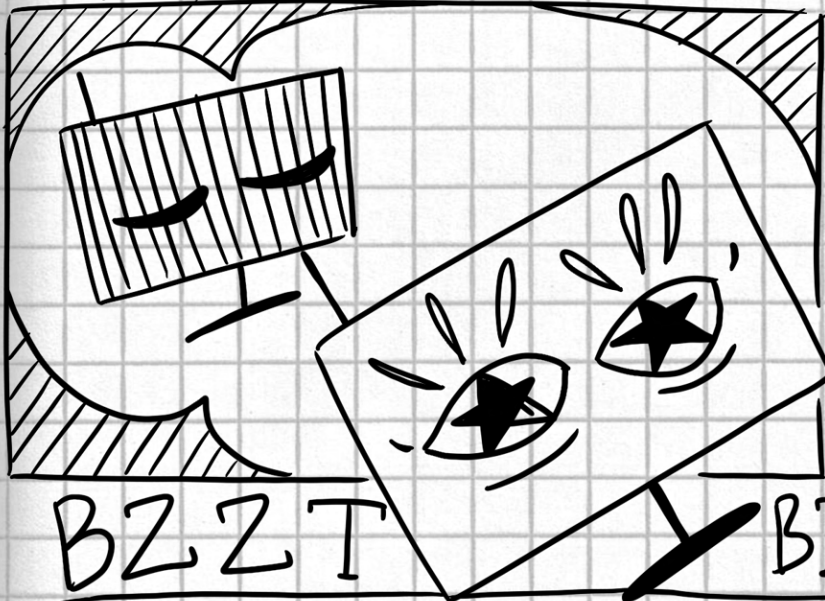
so  
goodie

\*Sunday

\*Arepas: Cornmeal dough (staple in Venezuela)

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(After Breakfast)

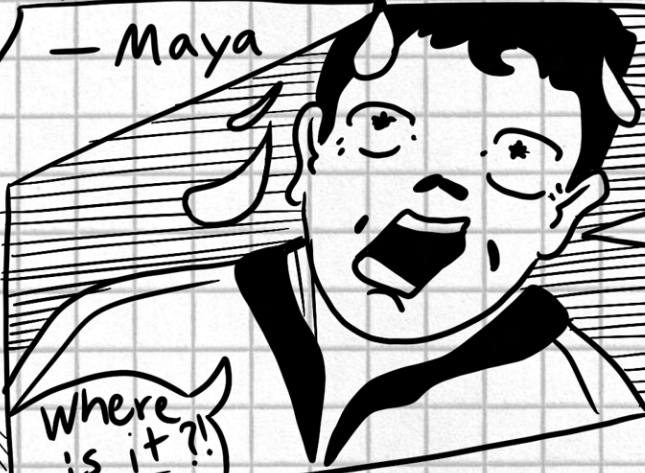


CLICK  
CLICK



We are having such a good time at the beach. Thanks again for helping me deliver Grandma's gifts tomorrow on her bday; you are a wonderful friend!

- Maya



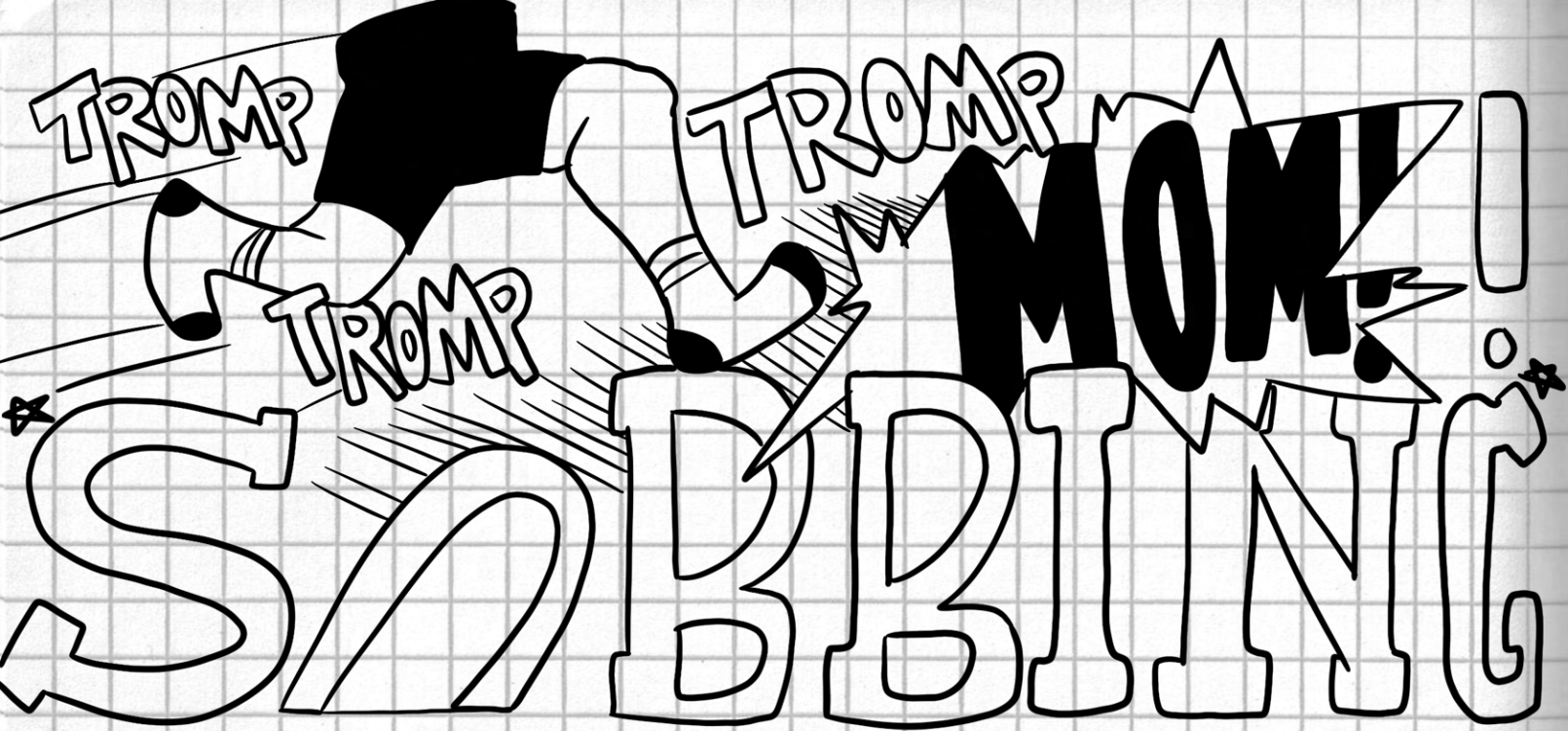
Where is it?!

THE  
LETTER!

KRAASH



What will I DO NOW?



Calm  
down  
Mijo,  
I will  
help  
you  
look



THEY  
SEARCH 3.  
CLEAN THE  
ROOM...

MOM! I  
lost the  
card  
Maya  
Trusted  
me  
with  
to  
give  
to  
her  
Grandma  
for her  
Birthday.

... With no luck...



# Wah!

calmate  
mi amor\*



there is another place  
we can look...

Earlier, I picked up  
trash from your room  
and took it outside.

Maybe it is  
in there...

I am so  
irresponsible...  
How could I  
lose the card



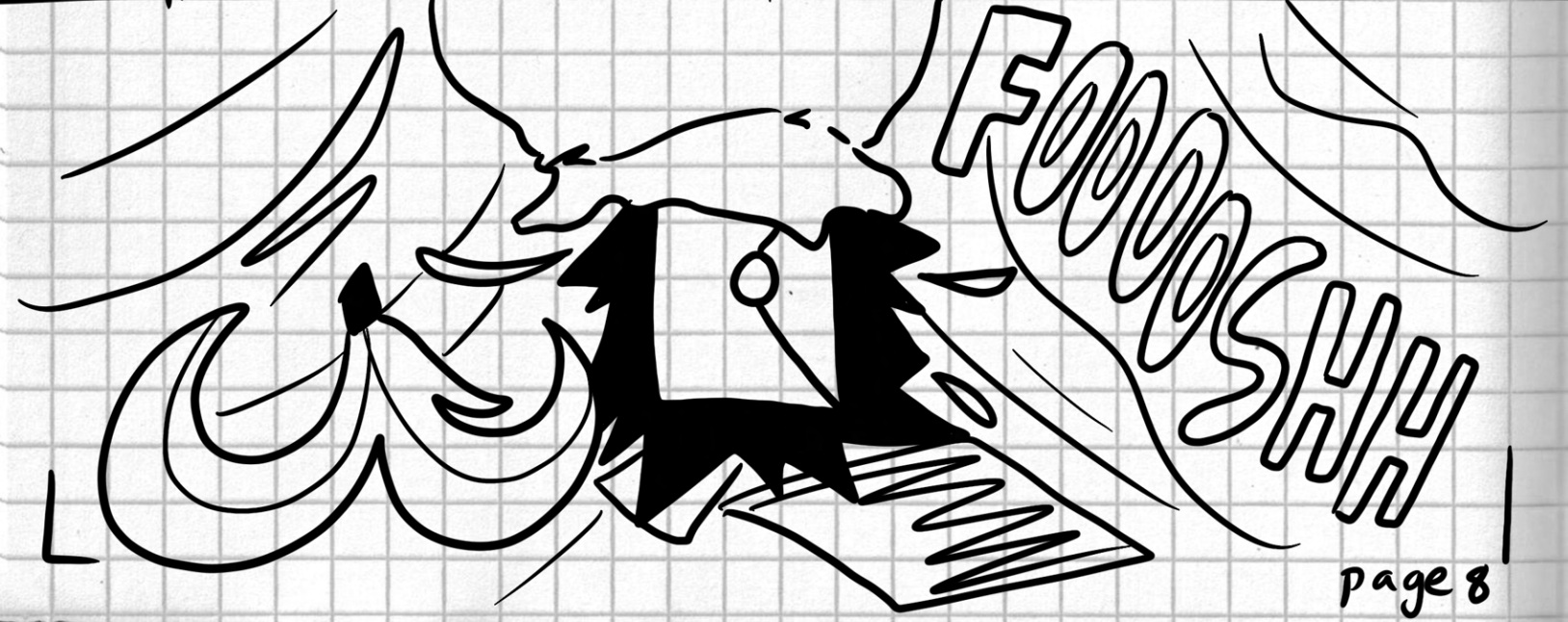
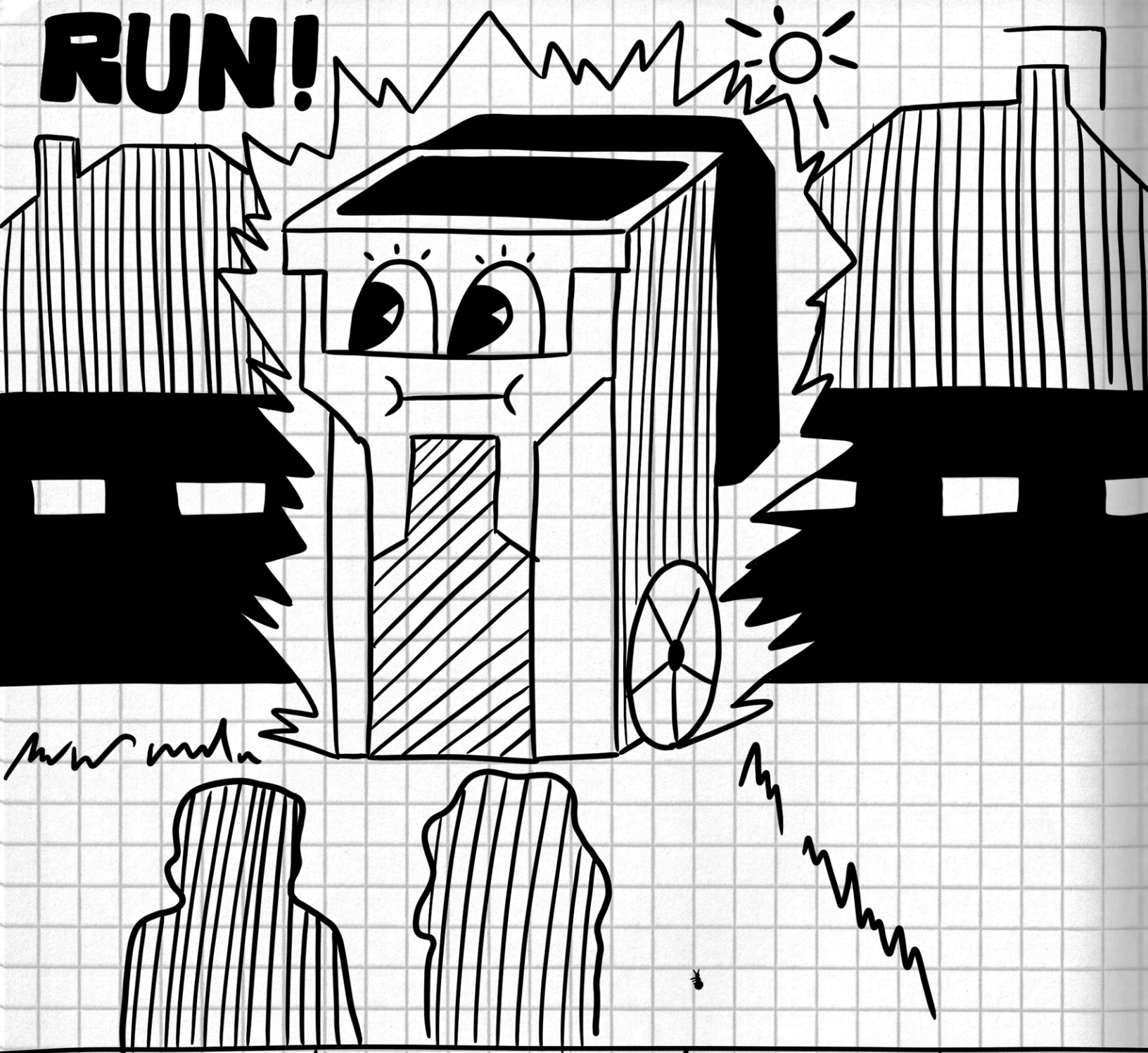
I made  
a promise,  
Where do  
we stand  
now?



# Wah!

\*calm down my love

**RUN!**



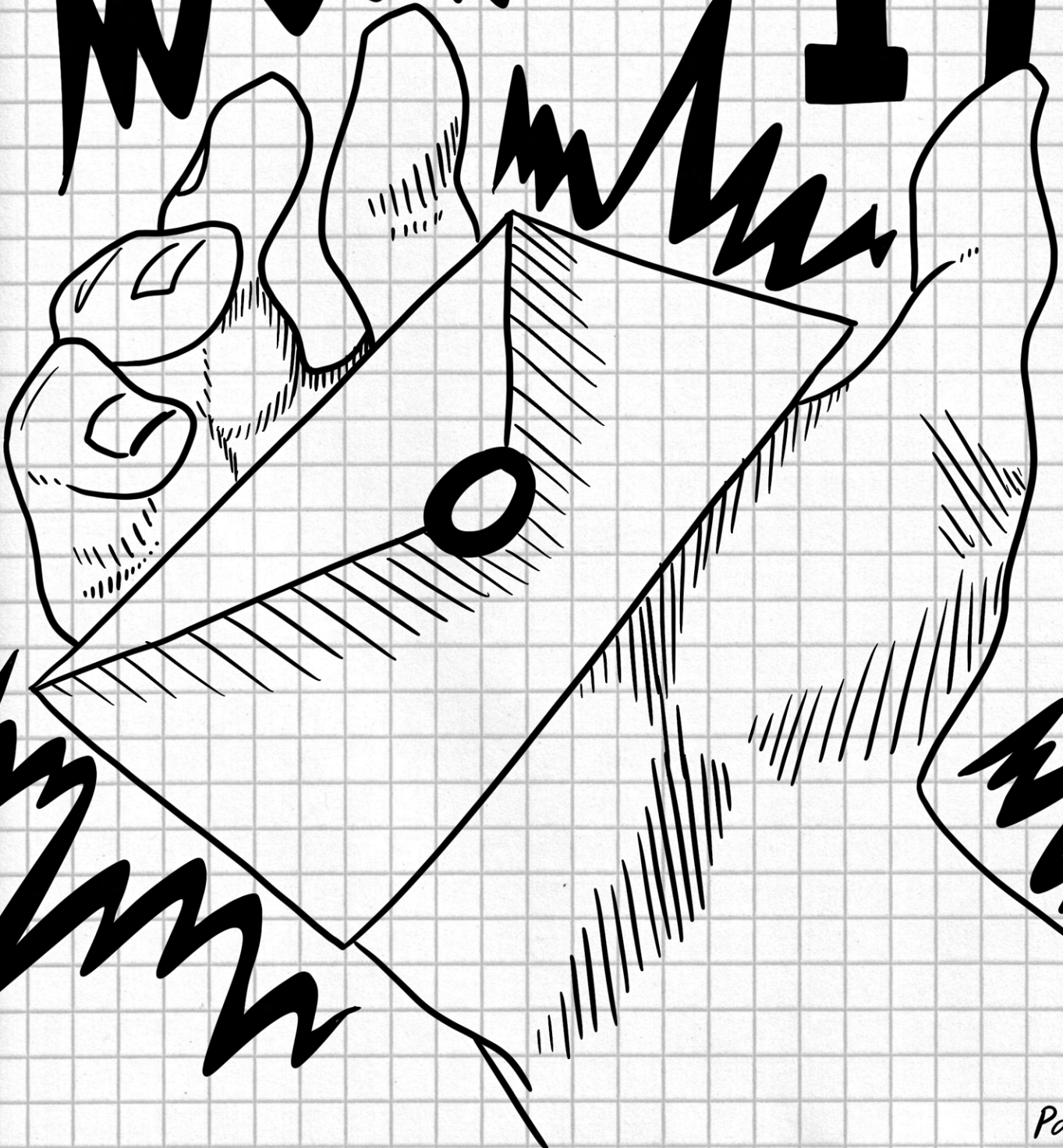


**WE FOUND**

**WWW**

**IT**

**WWW**



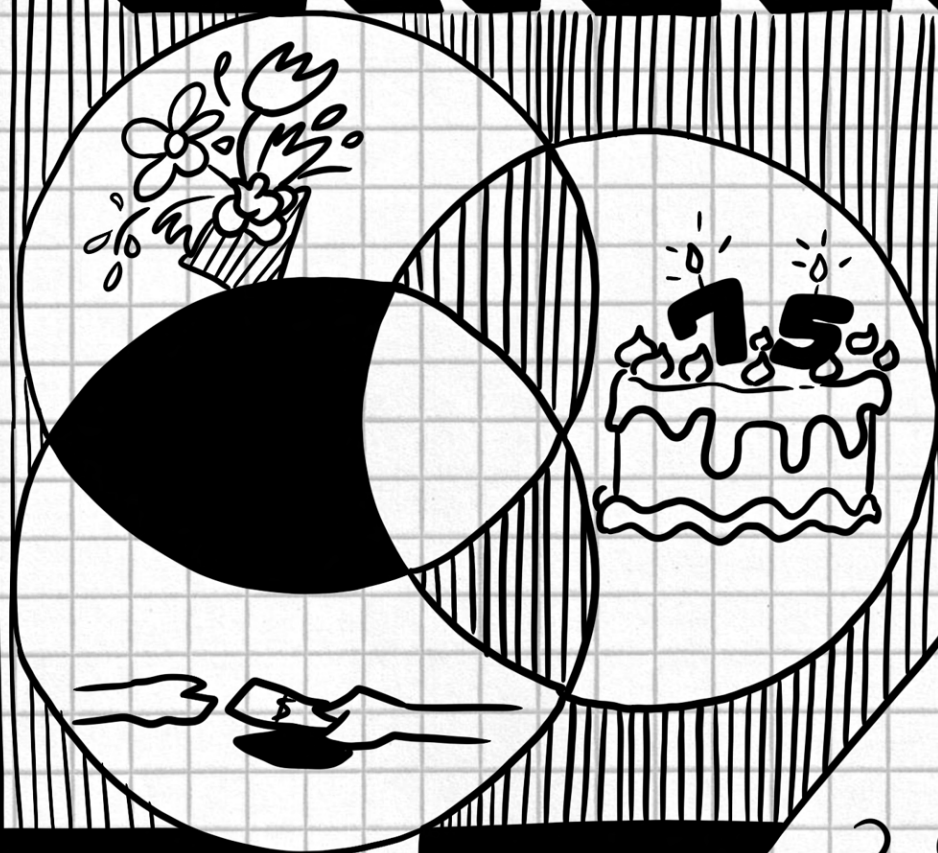
**!!**



"This should be a lesson not to neglect your commitments, also to keep your room tidy—so you don't lose things."

"Yes, from now on I promise to be more responsible, and also keep my space clean"

# LINKS POP LA MANIA



- TO DO!
1. Visit Maya's
  2. Give her the birthday card
  3. Buy flowers



HAPPY BIRTHDAY,  
Grandma!

from Maya  
and me...



What a surprise  
Miguel! Thank you  
for making my  
day so special



Let me  
send a pic  
to Maya!  
She'll be so  
excited

# SEMINARS

# Debates\*

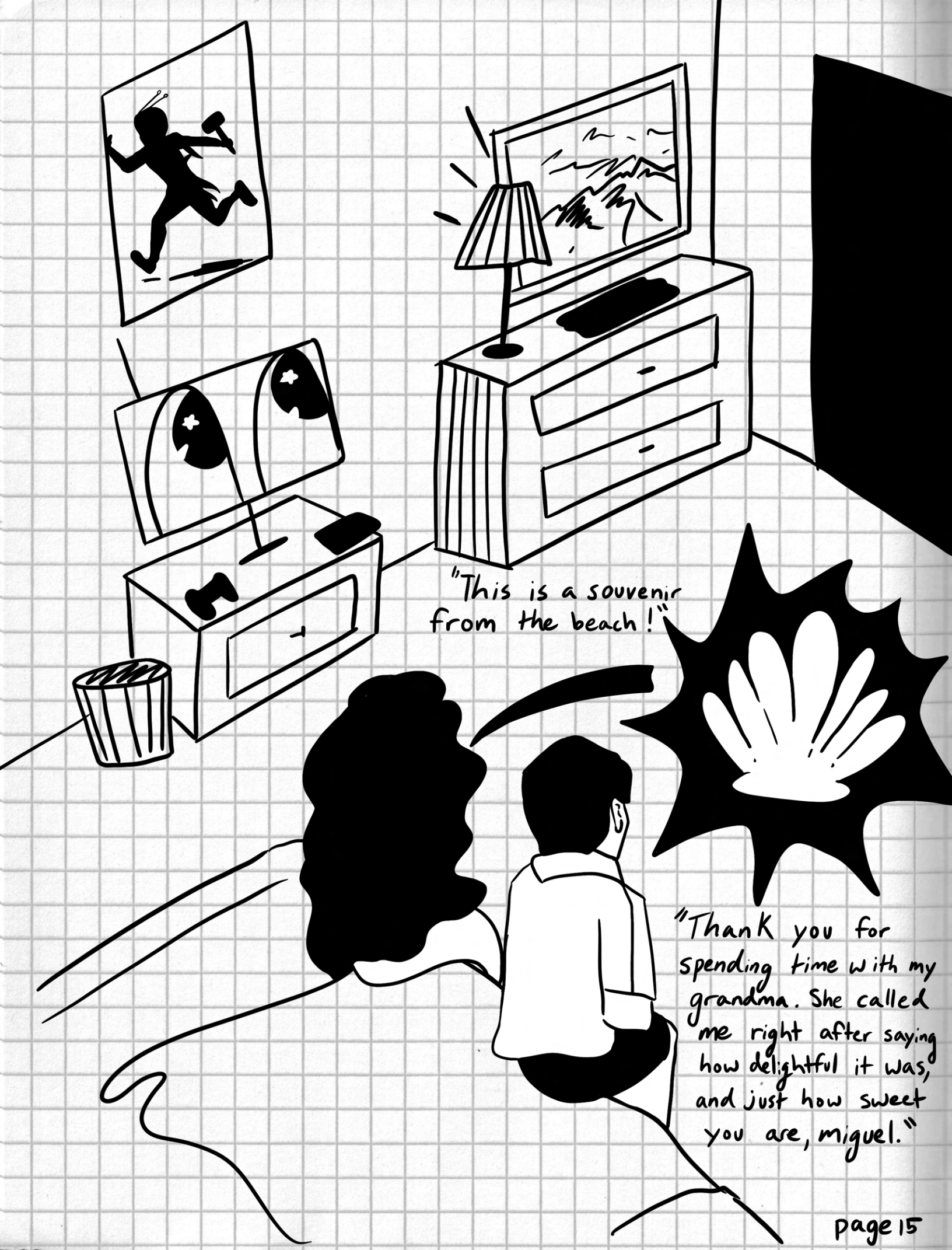
(Maya Returns)

\* Two Weeks After

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"This is a souvenir  
from the beach!"

"Thank you for  
spending time with my  
grandma. She called  
me right after saying  
how delightful it was,  
and just how sweet  
you are, Miguel."

# (MIGUEL EXPLAINS WHAT HAPPENED...)



"Wow! so,  
a lesson  
learned  
huh  
!?"



"I acted  
irresponsibly,  
but I learned  
from this..."

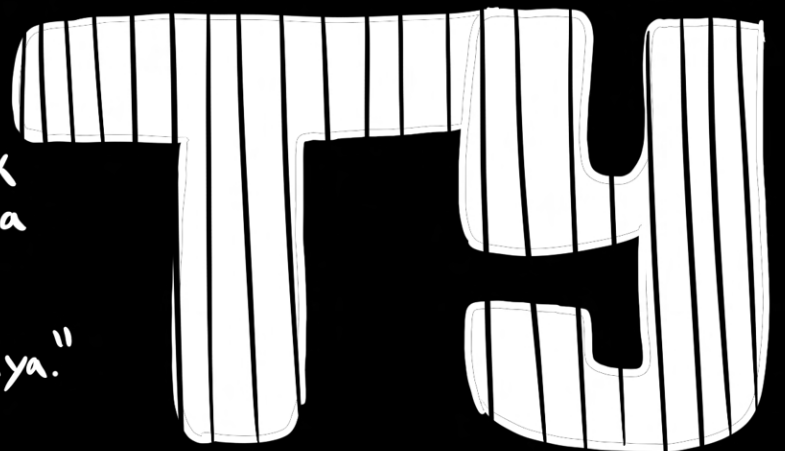
"I promise from now on I will make  
sure to always be responsible towards  
both things, spaces and people I have commitments  
to.

And do whatever it takes to  
remain trustworthy. Fullfilling every promise."

"Miguel, we can have grace for others  
and learn from our mistakes, I forgive  
you :)

I still owe you a huge Thank  
you... I'm so spoiled to have such a  
wonderful friend."

"You can ALWAYS count on me, Maya."





**THKND.**

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*• Sat One • Zbiok • Zetka • Carlos Cruz Diez  
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My name is Wesley Ericson, I am a draftsman, painter & muralist. My time is usually spent engaging a variety of diverse communities through art. With that, I hope to encourage people to view life from multiple lenses. Cultivating a sense of togetherness & empathy.

Thank you for reading these comics!

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¡Nos vemos!

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