

BLACKBIRD

AGGELIKI IOAKEIMIDOU


KA!


AH-
...
?


HERE
A BIT ROTTEN, IT'S PERFECT
IT'S SMALL SO YOU CAN TRAIN MAGIC WITH THIS
IT'S NECTAR IS SWEET
YOU CAN GIVE IT TO MOTHER THEN
AH
I SEE
NO WAY
I'LL GIVE IT TO OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS


AH!
LET'S HURRY
Ok.



ONE DAY, I RUN AWAY FROM MY VILLAGE AND I HID IN THE WOODS.


HAH


I THINK I COULD STAY HERE FOR A WHILE...


I'M HUNGRY...
IT KINDA LOOKS A BIT ROTTEN, BUT MAYBE I STILL-
UM


SNIFF
AH!!! IT EVEN SMELLS ROTTEN!
OOPS
OOPS
MMM
FLING


WHY IT FEELS LIKE THERE'S MORE


AH-
EH?
A H-HAND?!
LETS GO


AHHHHHH!!!!
FALLS BACK
AOUTS
WHAT IS THAT


MOVES




-WHAH- WHO
WHO ARE YOU!!!
WHAT WHERE YOU DOING IN THERE
HIDING!?
HEY
UM-


ARE YOU HURT ANYWHERE?
??


AH!
YOUR HAND IS WOUNDED
WHO ARE YOU REALLY
ARE THE VILLAGERS AFTER YOU TOO. SO YOU HID IN THERE ??


UM


THIS IS SO STRANGE.... THIS PERSON FEELS SO
FAMILIAR
I'M SORRY BUT,
DO WE KNOW EACHOTHER?




BA
SIL
BA SIL? THAT'S MY NAMEE BASIL IS MY NAME- YOU FORMED MY NAME !!
POINTS
PAT
PAT


YOUR NAME?
I KNOW IT?
NODS
NODS
NODS
NODS
...


I DON'T... REMEMBER
THE LAST WEEKS I THINK, I'VE BEEN TRAVELING AROUND THE KINGDOM. WITHOUT RECOLLECTION OF MUCH BESIDES MY NAME
I DON'T REMEMBER A FAMILY OR A FRIEND. DON'T KNOW WHY OR HOW. I JUST STEAL AND TRY TO SURVIVE, EVERYTHING ELSE FEELS FOGGY


I'M
SORRY


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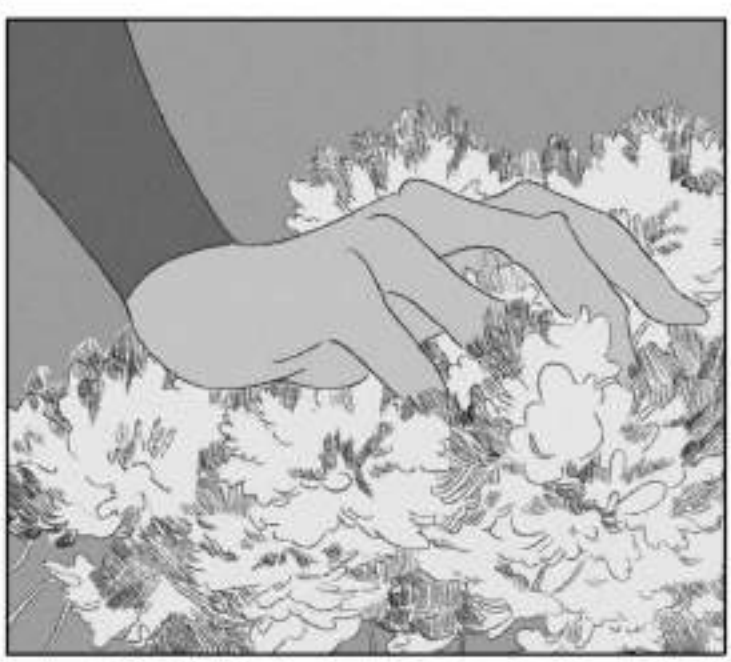

OR IS IT CHIKI
OR NIKI ?
NO?
THE SECOND ONE?
CHIKI?
I SEE! IT'S CHIKI THEN
HEE HEE
YOU... YOU DON'T HAVE A VOICE... RIGHT?


NODS
M
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MO-THER?
YOU'RE
LOOKING FOR
HER?
CHIKI


IF YOU KNOW MY NAME, YOU KNOW ME AND I KNOW YOU, THEN THAT MEANS YOU KNOW PART OF MY PAST
PLEASE/ IF I HAVE A FAMILY LOOKING FOR ME AH
WHY ARE YOU HERE NOW?


ARE YOU LOOKING FOR SOMETHING IN THE WOODS
NODS
NODS
I RUN FROM MY VILLAGE, CAUSE I STOLE FROM THEM TO LIVE. NOW THEY HATE ME
I'M HIDING HERE. BUT YOU, WHY ?






WHAT IS IT


WAIT! THESE ARE ROTTEN


IF YOU ARE HUNGRY WE CAN LOOK FOR SOMETHING ELSE!
SNIFF
CHIKI WAIT!!!


FUU

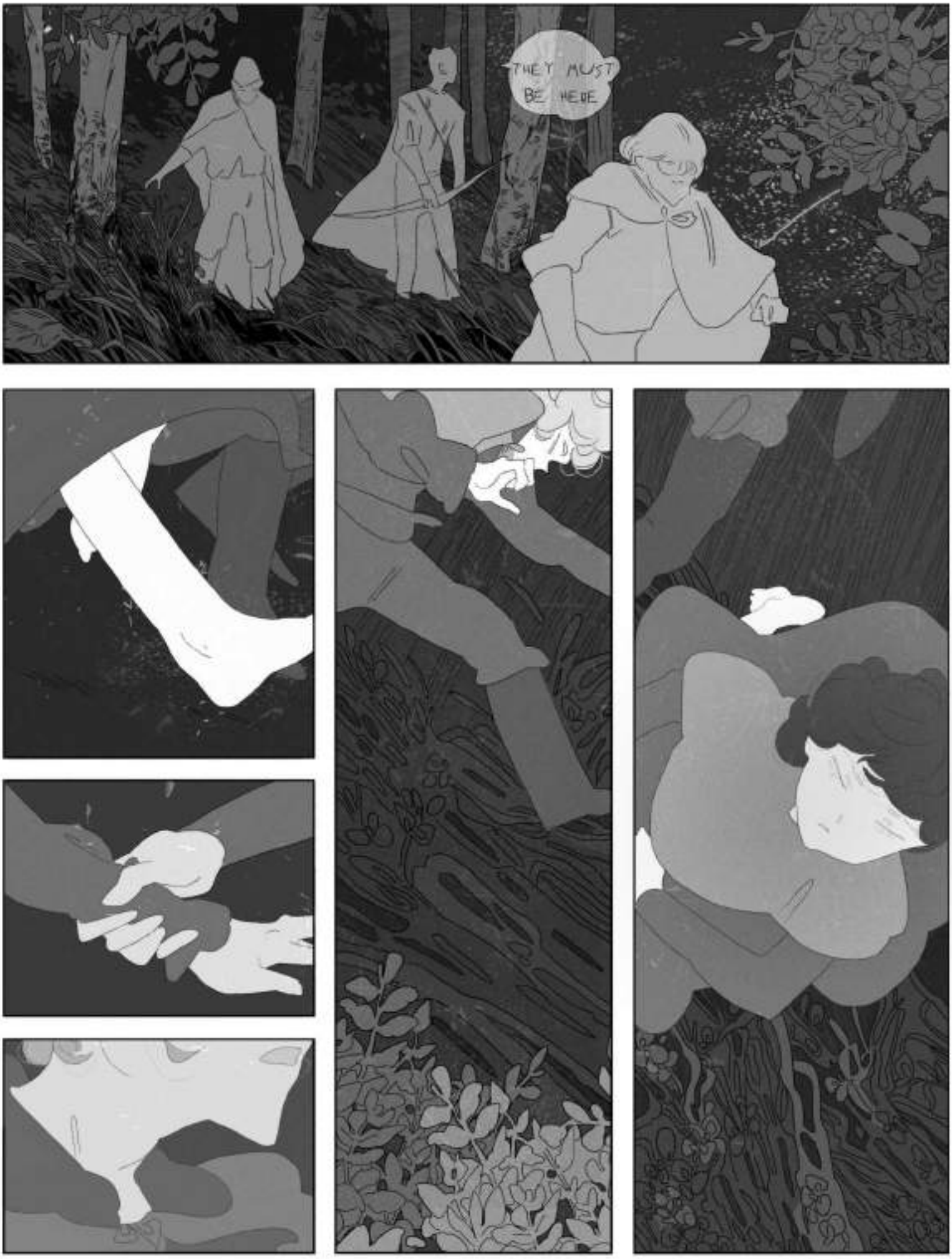





A WITCH!
YOU ARE A WITCH
ARE YOU THE ONE WHO TOOK MY MEMORIES ?!
TELL ME


kqATS
HE WENT THAT WAY!!
QUICK
THE VILLAGERS
THEY FOUND ME!


GASPS
F O L L O W
F O L L O W
COME
HIC
HIC


THEY MUST BE HERE


HAH
WAIT!




YOU KNOW THESE WOODS

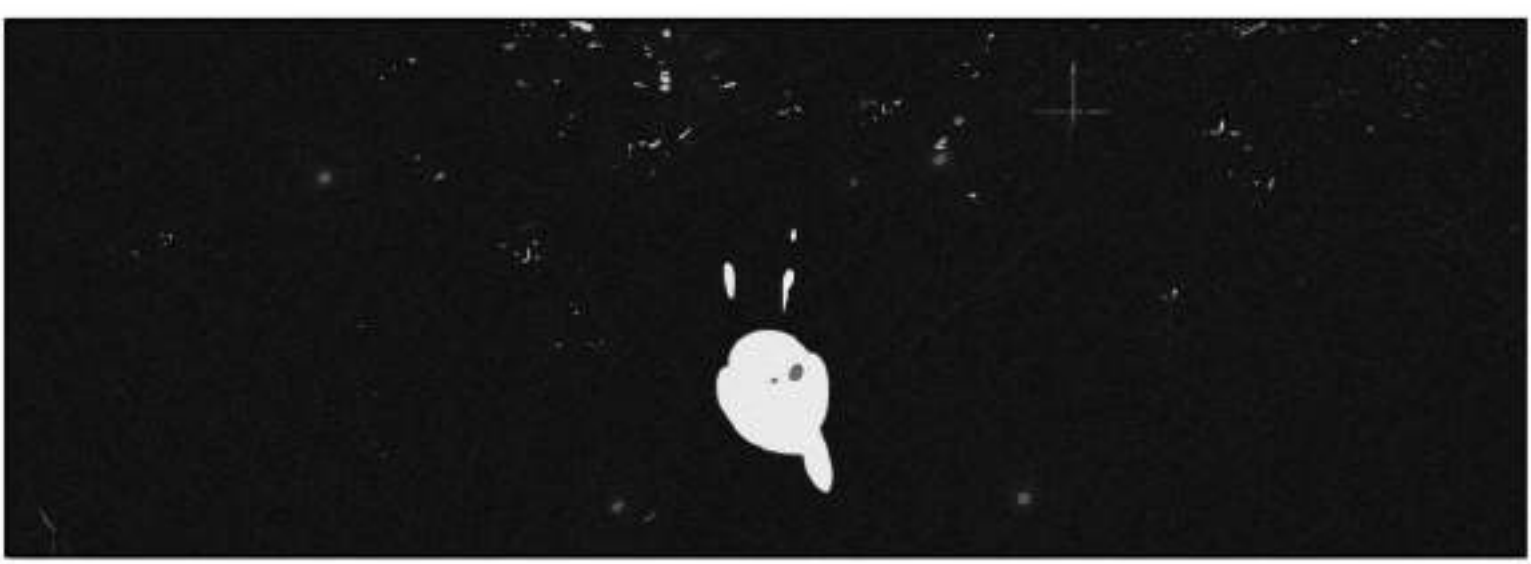

GULP
WHAT-


WHAT IS THIS
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YOU WILL SHOW ME WHAT HAPPENED
PAST
MY MEMORIES?
OKAY
YES
YOU
MINE
HERE








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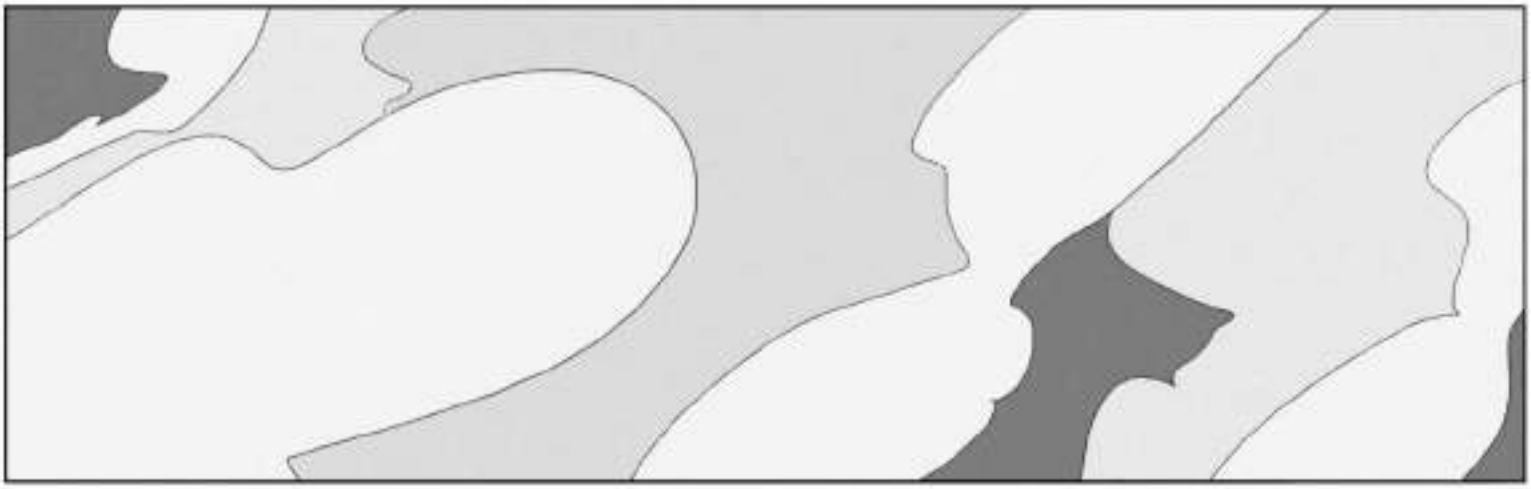

LOOK
HUHH
THESE STARS ARE SO PRETTY !!!
ALL SHINY AND SPIKY !

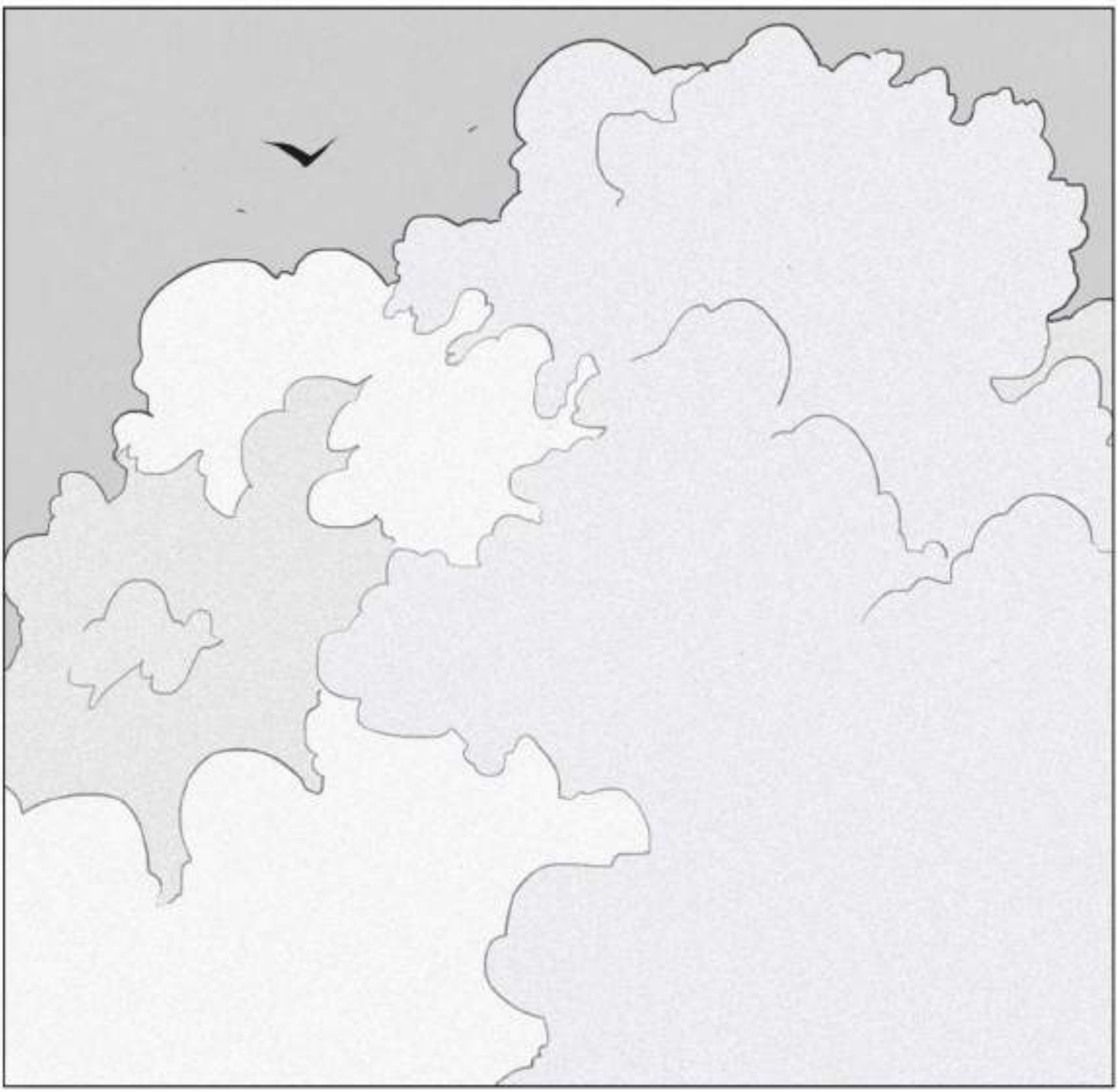

JUST LIKE YOUR MAGIC!
UNLIKE MOTHER'S
YOUR'S IS BRIGHT AND STINGS LIKE A NEEDLE
IT'S SO SIMILAR WITH THESE


WHAT ?


IT'S OK
YOU SAVED THEM CHIKI
YOU DID YOUR BEST
HERE, SHOW ME AGAIN HOW YOU MAKE THE FLOWER GO BACK

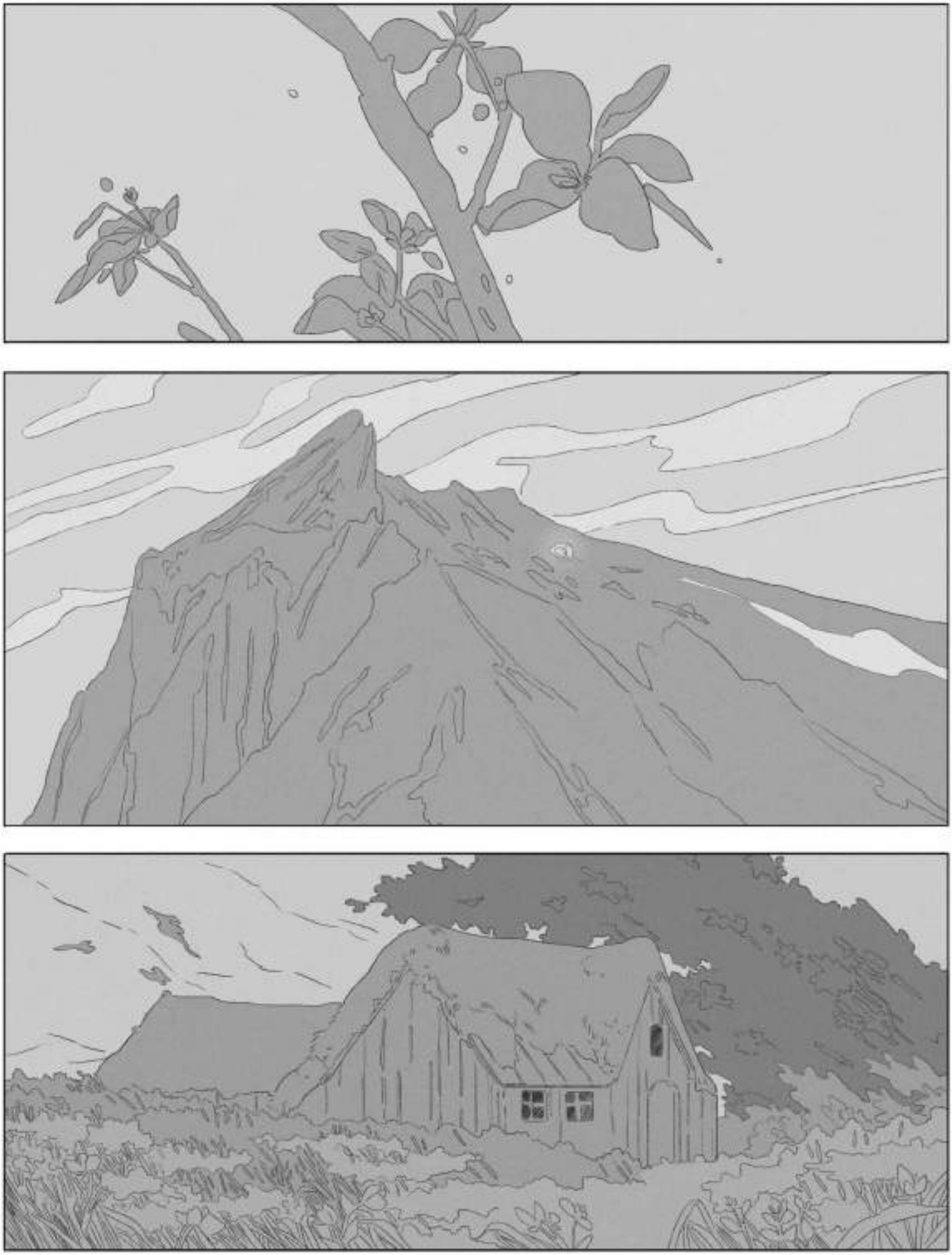







MY FAMILY WAS GONE
AND I WAS LEFT WITHOUT ANYONE


UNTIL SHE FOUND ME




KAI!
I TOLD YOU NOT TO TOUCH ANYTHING FROM MY POTIONS


GET OUT
WHAT ARE YOU DOING


I THOUGHT YOU WERE MOTHER'S PRESENT
A NEW SIBLING ...




WHO ARE YOU ?
YOU DON'T LOOK LIKE THE OTHER ONES


I'M SO SORRY
PLEASE FORGIVE ME LITTLE LADY, I WASN'T ALLOWED TO COME CLOSE
MY APOLOGIES, I WILL LEAVE AT ONCE
IT'S OKAY
DID YOU FALL
YOU SHOULD BE CAREFUL
YOU ARE A NEW BROTHER
SO DIFFERENT FROM THE OTHERS MOM BROUGHT


ARE YOU OKAY
LET'S GO CLEAN IT UP
I HAVE MANY HERBS THAT CAN HELP
COME BROTHER!
BLINK
BLINK
I MISS MY FAMILY




SOMETIMES I CAN'T HELP BUT CRY


WHEN I THINK ABOUT THEM


HE


AND SOMETIMES
Ok.
IT MAKES ME SAD
THAT IT DOESN'T HURT AS MUCH AS IT USED TO


Fsss
Fsss


Fsss
Fsss




TSAP








I SHOULD GO
CHECK ON THEM


HAHH


MOTHER'S GIFTS


HAH
HAH
HAH
HAH
HAH


HEY
MY SWEET BROTHERS AND SISTERS
POP
I BROUGHT YOU ALL FLOWERS WITH SWEET NECTAR THAT YOU LOVE


HERE- AND DON'T TELL MOTHER HIHI
I PLAN TO GO OUT TODAY, AND TRY FIND YOUR MISSING BROTHER
DAUGHTER
WHAT ARE YOU DOING


THERE'S NO WAY YOU ARE GOING ANYWHERE


EVEN MORE FOR JUST AN ANIMAL THAT RUN AWAY


DID YOU PRACTISE TODAY?


YES


AH! YOU TRIED TO CURSE A FLOWER
GOOD
MAGIC STILL TAKES A TOLL ON YOU HUH
YOU NEED MORE PRACTISE
I UNDERSTAND... BUT I WANT TO FIND MY MISSING BROTHER FIRST. PLEASE MOTHER, I HAD FOUR PRESENTS AND THE LAST DAYS ONE IS NOT HERE


WHAT IF HE IS LOST?
I SHOULD BE MORE RESPONSIBLE FOR -
ENOUGH!
WE ARE NOT KNOWN TO THE KINGDOM AS CARETAKERS
IF YOU WANT TO KEEP YOUR NAME AFTER I'M GONE YOU NEED TO FOCUS ON BEING MY EQUAL
I MAY NOT LOVE YOU DAUGHTER BUT I'VE GIVEN YOU LOVE. SINCE YOU CARE THIS MUCH, STAY INSIDE AND I WILL SEND KAI TO FIND THE LOST PEST


HUUUU


CHIKI?


AAHH


!!!


AH...KAI


WHAT'S THE MATTER?
NOTHING, I'M JUST A BIT TIRED
KLAK
I HAVE TO WORK
PF
MOTHER TOLD ME TO GATHER SOME VILLAGERS AND LOOK FOR YOUR LOST FOX IN THE AREA


SO I'LL BE GOING SOON
AH!!! YOUR HANDS ARE WOUNDED AGAIN
AH NO- IT'S NOTHING. USING MAGIC AND CURSES CAN BE DRAINING
I CAN FIX IT SEE?


I SEE... JUST DON'T PUSH YOURSELF
KAI!


CAN I COME TOO
I WOULD LIKE TO HELP FIND HIM
MOTHER DOESN'T NEED TO KNOW
THERE'S NO WAY WE CAN HIDE ANYTHING FROM HER NOW IS IT


JUST STAY HERE AND I'LL FIND HIM I PROMISE
HAHA YOU DON'T HAVE TO PRACTISE
REST
BUT
I'LL BE BACK SOON

KLAK







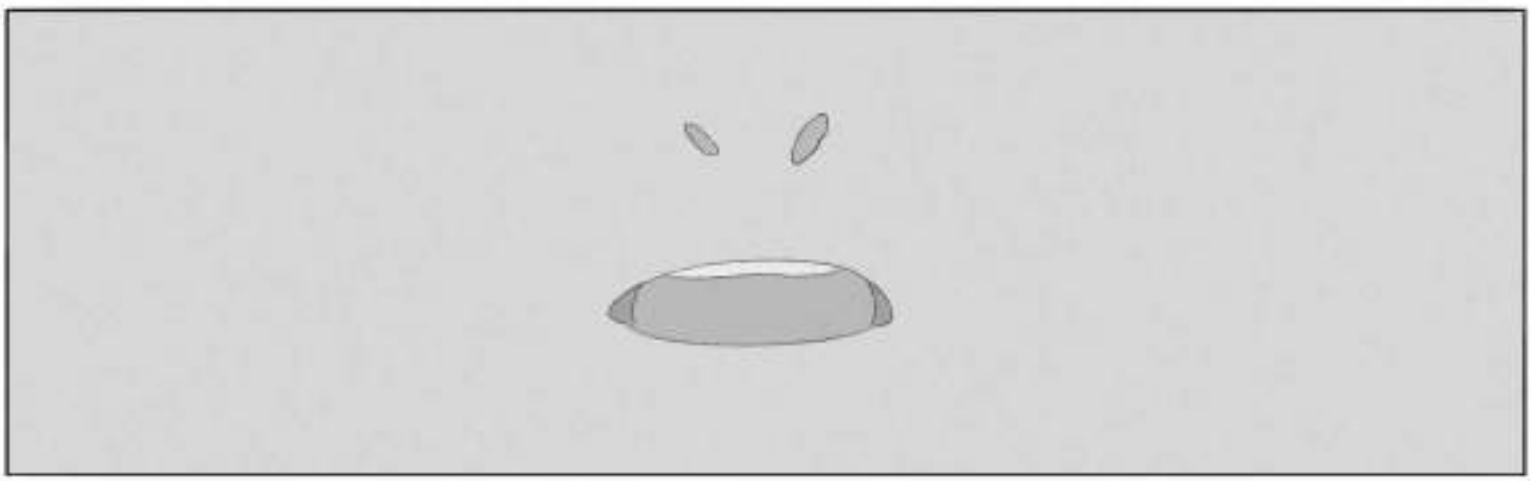



HA
BLINK
EH?


GET HIM
STOP


GRAB HIM
QUICKLY
WHAT


THAT'S A KID- WHY ARE THEY ATTACKING HIM




KRATS


WAIT!


STOP


LEAVE HIM ALONE
?
I AM THE WITCH'S DAUGHTER AND I DEMAND YOU ALL STOP HITTING HIM


!!!
YOU MEAN THIS MUTE CHILD


WE ARE ACTING ACCORDING TO YOUR MOTHER'S ORDER
YOUR BROTHER TOO


KAI ?


THE BOY IS MUTE TOO? WHY WOULD KAI
ASK HIM, HE'S CLOSE
FIRST LEAVE THE BOY TO ME! YOUR DUTY IS DONE


WE DON'T TAKE ORDERS FROM YOU
ONLY THE WITCH

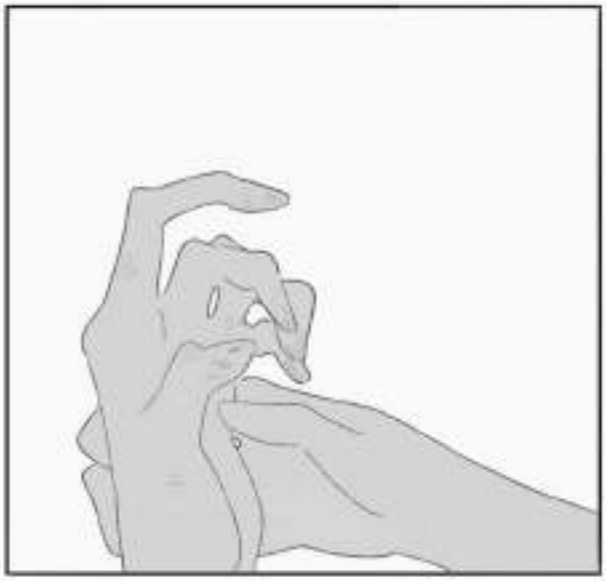

CHIKI
STOP!












CHIKI


WHAT DID YOU DO ARE YOU OKAY


SLAMS OFF








I HURT HIM


YOU
DISOBEYED
ME


YOU DIDN'T PRACTISE
YOU WONDERED OUTSIDE OF OUR HOUSE

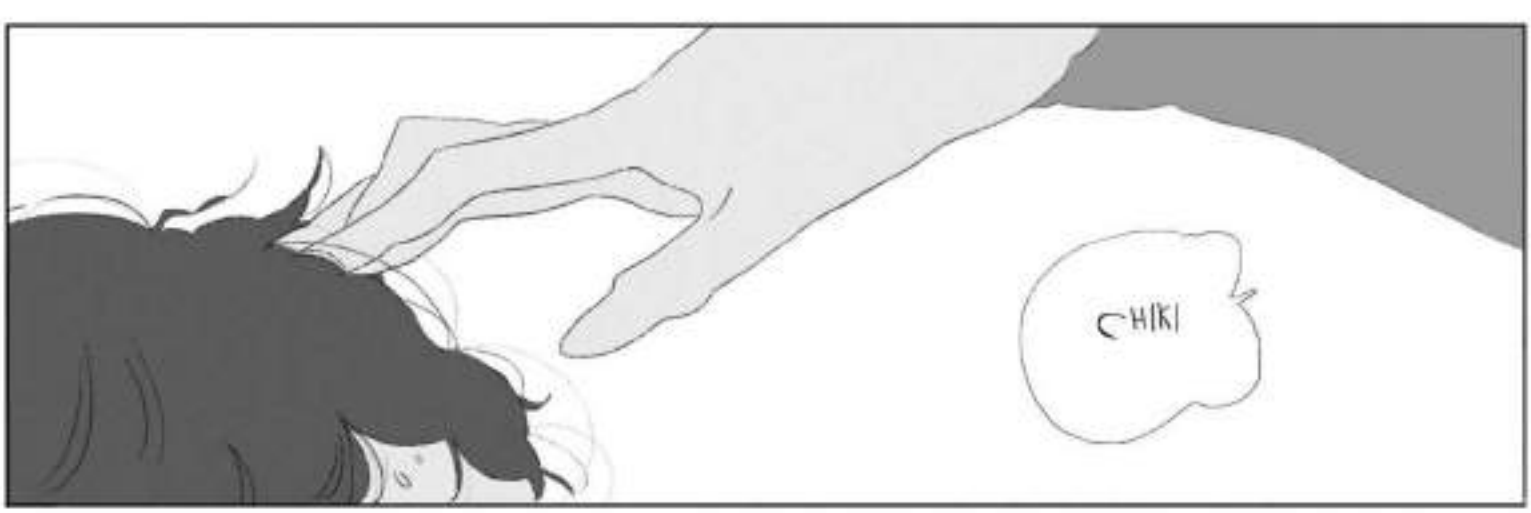

AND YOU ATTACKED MY MEN WITH MAGIC


EVEN WOUNDED THAT MUTE CHILD


I'M SO PROUD OF YOU
I DIDN'T KNOW YOU HAD BECOME THIS STRONG
WHAT ABOUT THE BOY
HE'S FINE
I SENT HIM BACK TO HIS VILLAGE


I'LL FORGIVE YOU THIS TIME! I WILL EVEN REWARD YOU


BUT WHY DID YOU ORDER THEM TO GO AFTER THE BOY


CHIKI


I GRANTED YOUR WISH
I FOUND YOUR LOST FOX. HE IS YOUR REWARD
KAI HAS HIM IN OUR CABIN, WITH THE OTHERS


Fsss


KAI


WHERE
IS HE

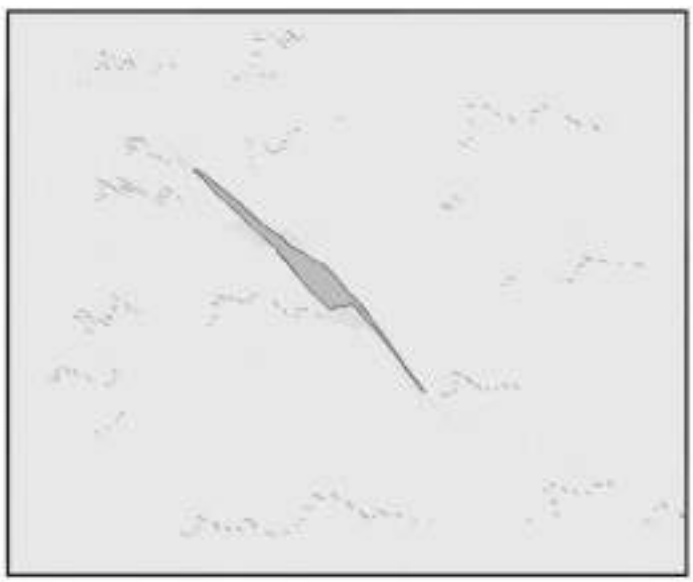

HERE


FLINCHES


MY LITTLE
BROTHER


AH






WHY DOES BASIL HAVE
THIS SCAR


JUST LIKE THE ONE I GAVE TO THAT CHILD
YEAH


KAI, TELL ME WHAT'S GOING ON ALREADY
WHY WAS BASIL MISSING? WHY YOU AND MOTHER'S MEN WERE AFTER THAT POOR BOY TODAY
WHY WAS THAT BOY MUTE
DID MOTHER DO SOMETHING


I WAS GOING TO BE ONE OF THEM TOO. BUT YOU FOUND ME FIRST


WITH EVERY PRESENT, SHE GAVE YOU A SIBLING.
CHILDREN LOST OR ABANDONED


ANIMALS ARE TOO UNPREDICTABLE AND HUMANS NEED MORE RESOURCES
SHE TOOK THEIR VOICE
AND THEN
THEIR MEMORIES
AND TURNED THEM INTO FOXES
FOR YOU


SO THAT YOU WOULD HAVE A FAMILY HERE. AND I, SINCE YOU FOUND ME THAT DAY, WAS SPARED AND TASKED TO ALWAYS PROTECT YOU

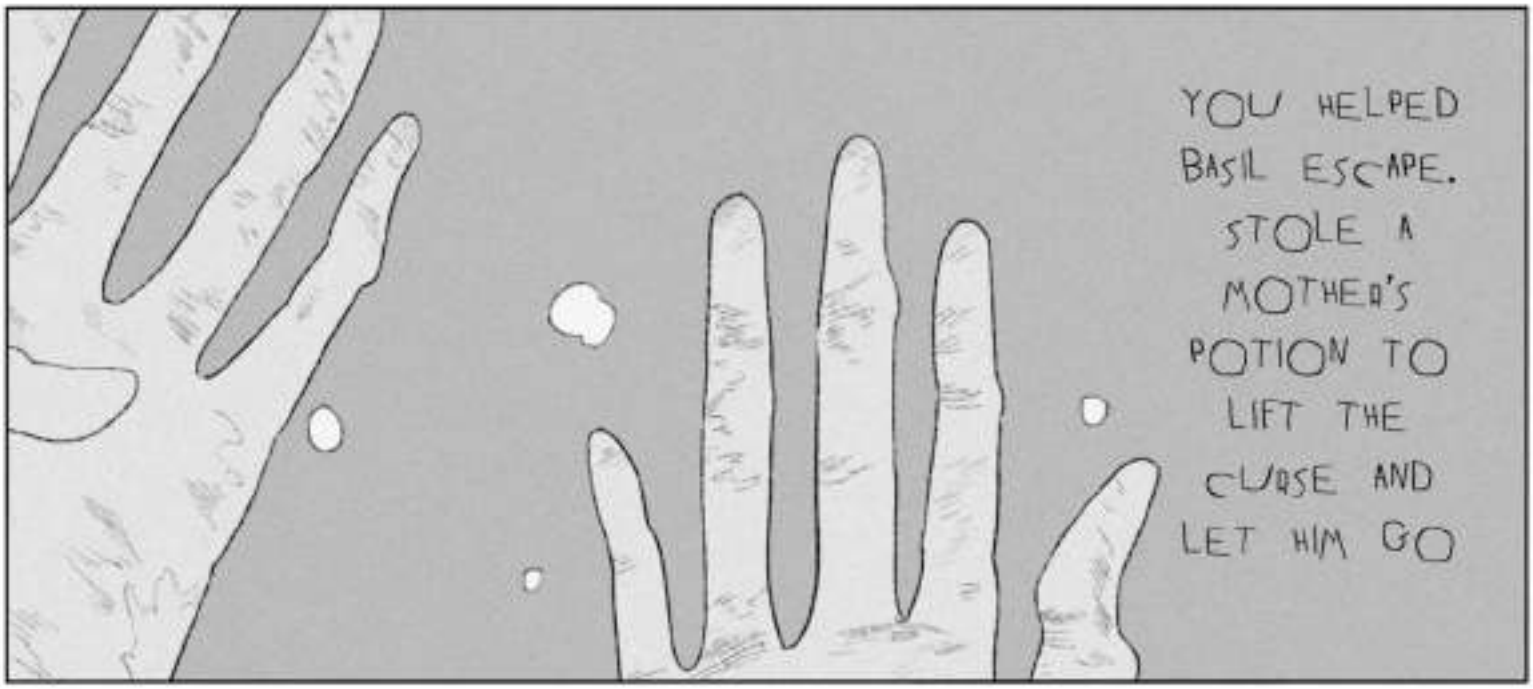



AND I DID



FAMILY




YOU HELPED BASIL ESCAPE. STOLE A MOTHER'S POTION TO LIFT THE CURSE AND LET HIM GO

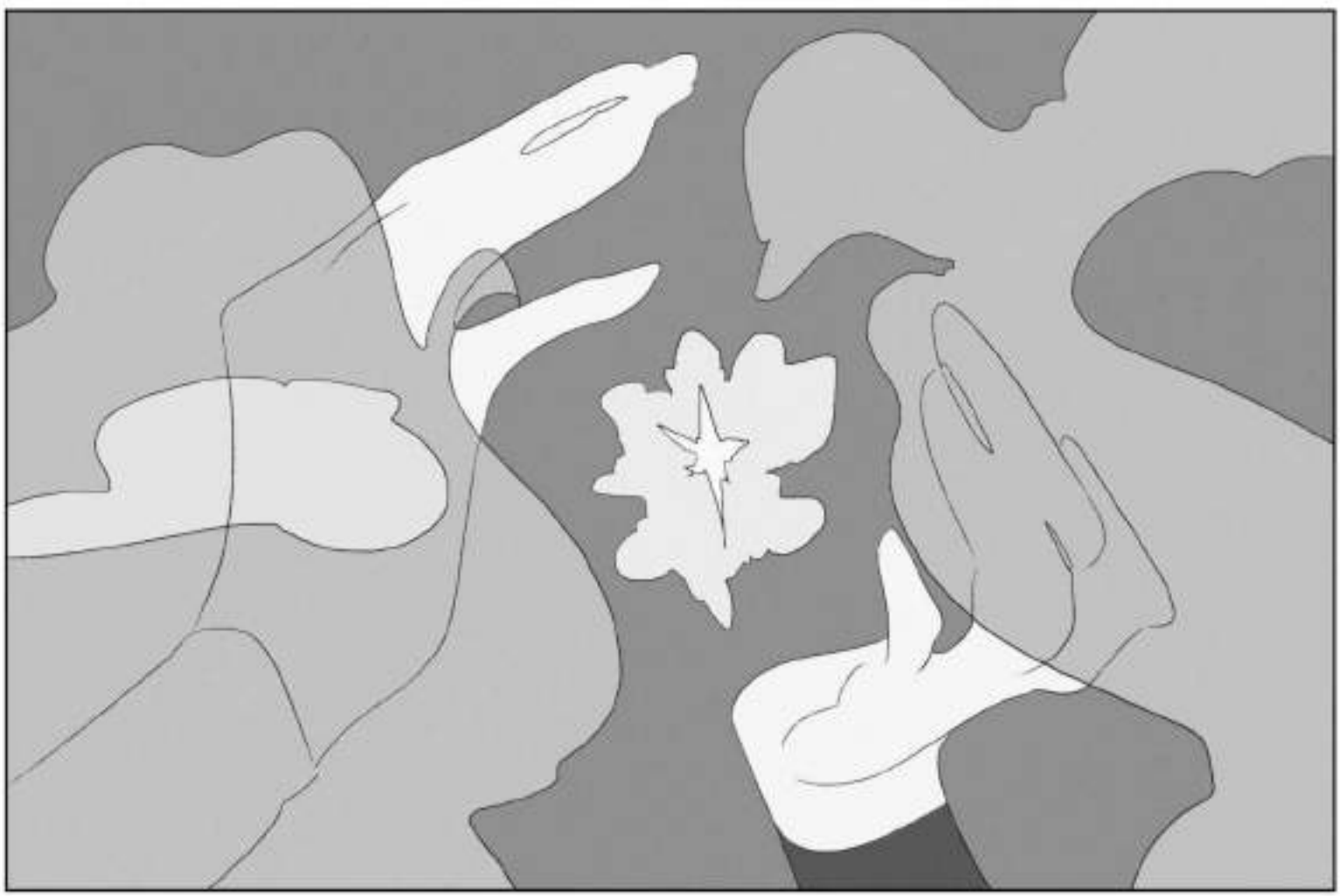



I TRIED


BUT HE STILL HAD NO VOICE AND NO MEMORIES. HE WONDERED TOO CLOSE AND WE FOUND HIM QUICKLY


THANK YOU
BROTHER

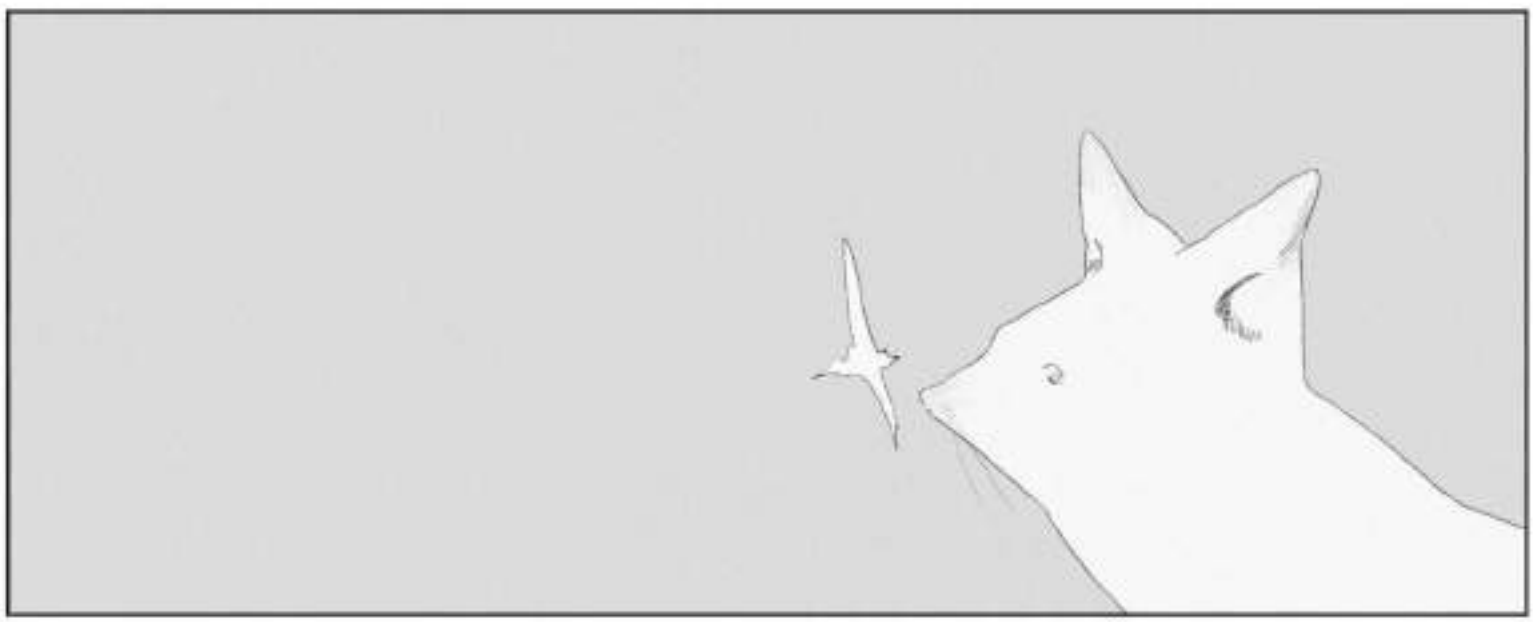

I CAN'T GIVE THEM THEIR
MEMORIES, BUT I CAN GIVE
THEM A VOICE














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COUGHS


COUGHS


WHAT
WH
AH
PRESSES






CHIKI


THESE WERE YOUR MEMORIES, THANK YOU
THE MEN AFTER ME, WERE FROM HER, NOT RUST VILLAGERS
I FOL
LO
WED


WE ALL RUN, BUT WE LOST EACH OTHER IN THE PROCESS
CONFUSED AND WITHOUT ANY MEMORIES
THAT'S WHY YOU FOLLOWED US: TO FIND US AND PROTECT US FROM BEING FOUND BY HER

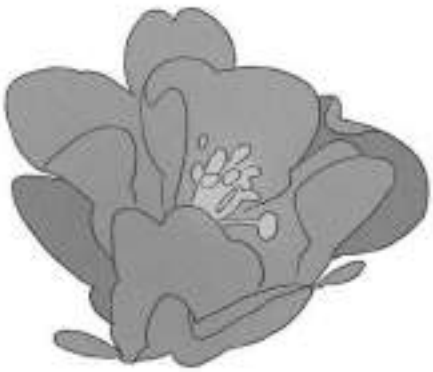

SHE MUST BE VERY ANGRY THAT SHE LOST YOU


KAI STAYED WITH HER?
NODS


L E S T
F I E VE
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YOU ARE RIGHT
TOGETHER
MOTHER
EVEN FOR
YOU

MAGIC HAD IT'S COST




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