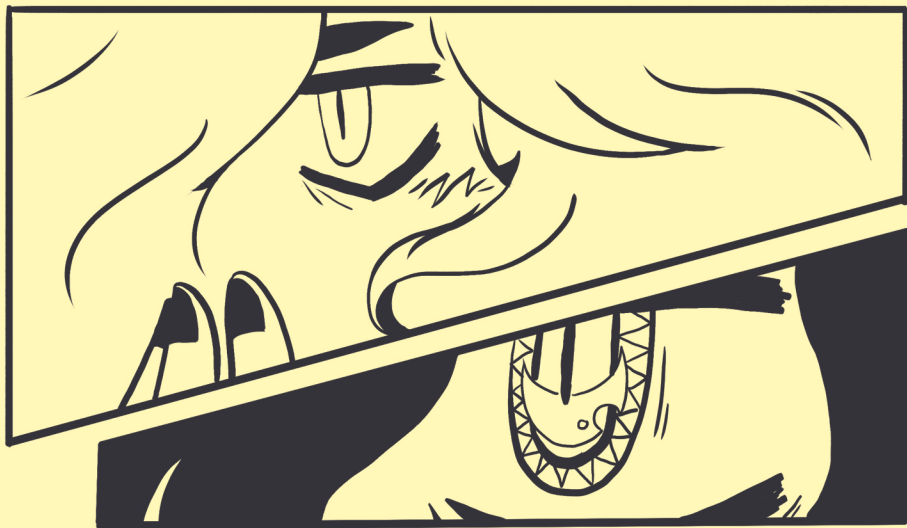
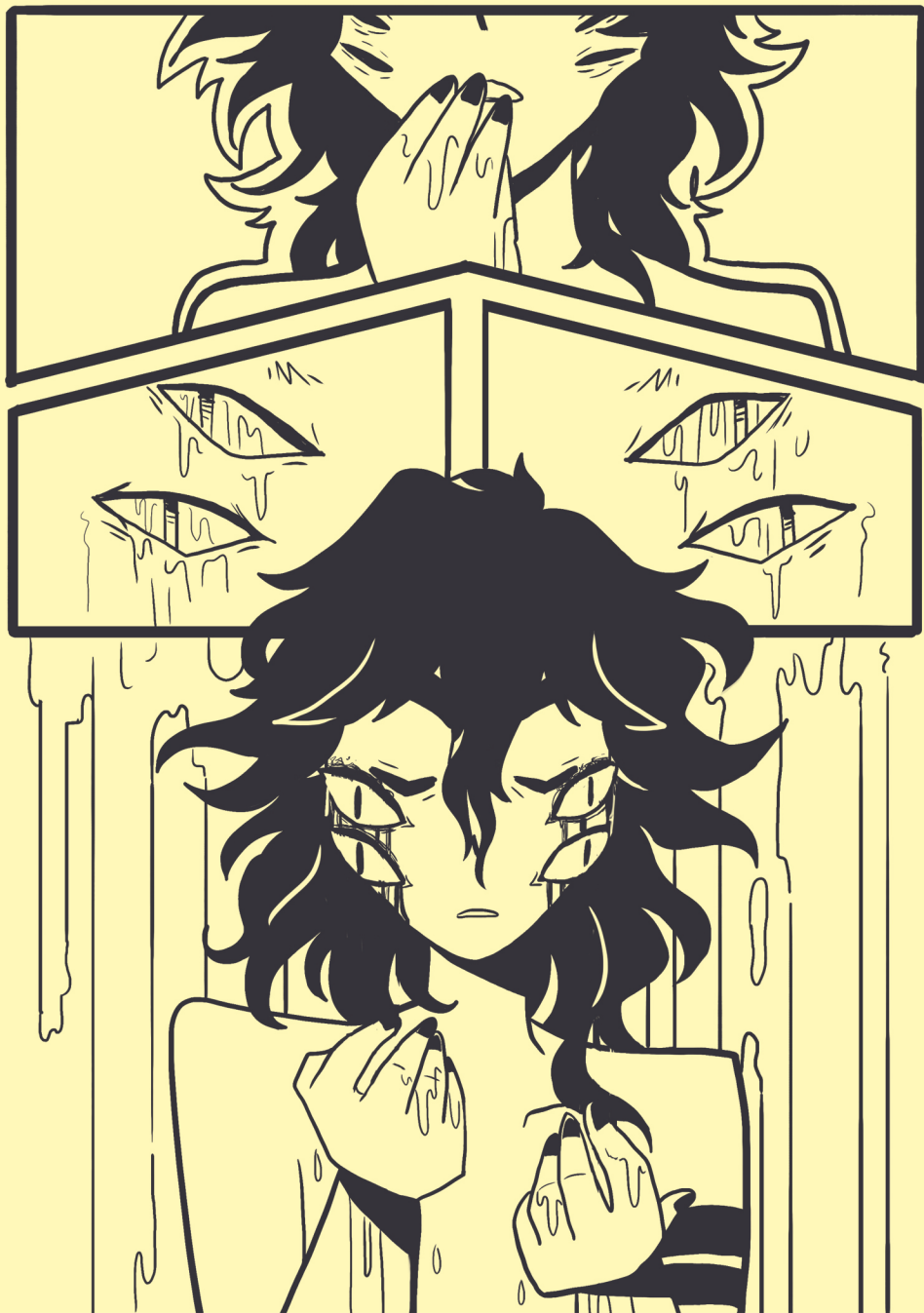
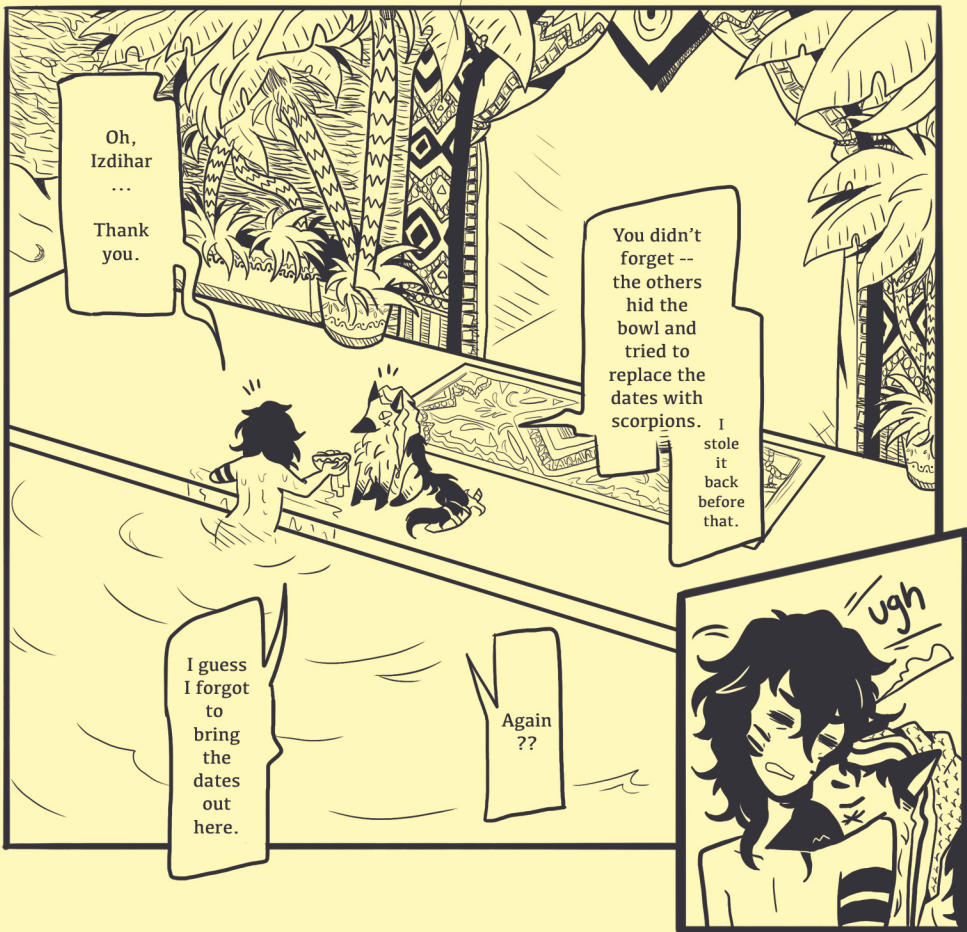
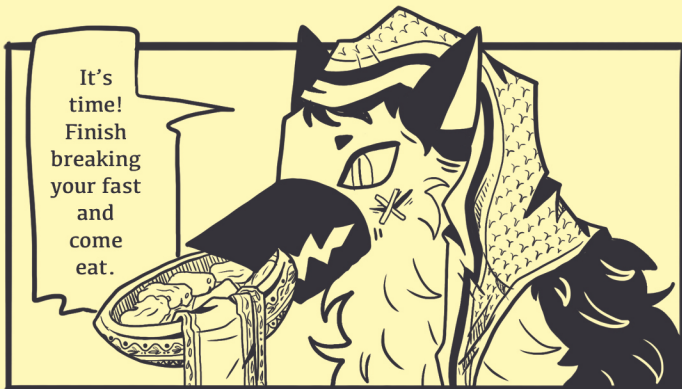


zenith
iasmin omar ata







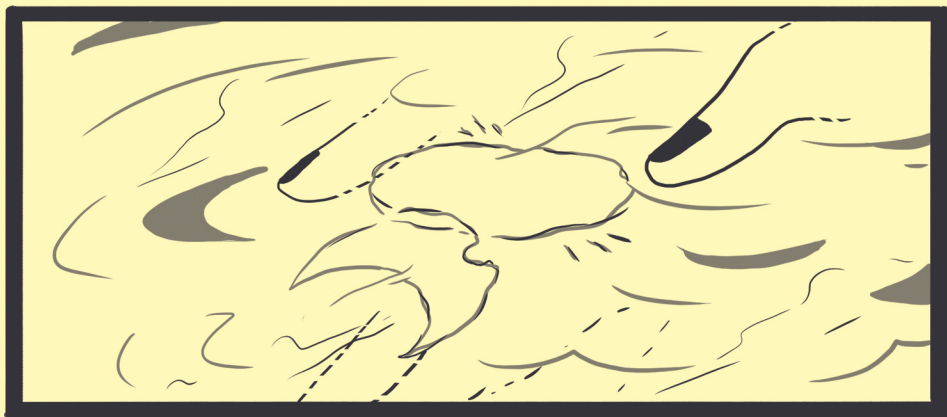
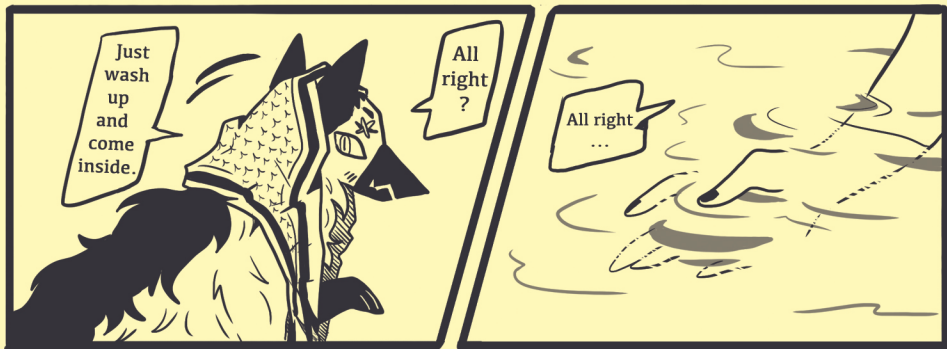
You didn't forget --
the others hid the bowl and tried to replace the dates with scorpions.

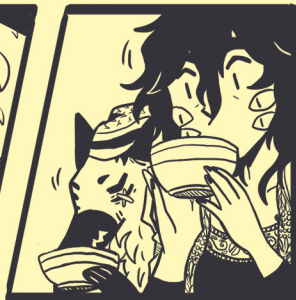
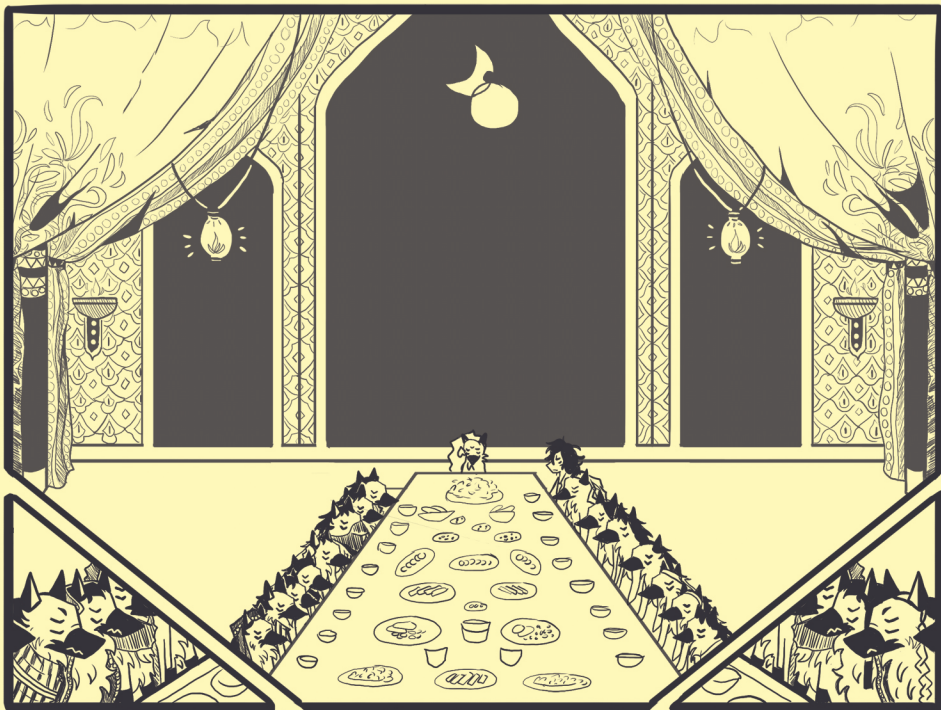
I stole it back before that.

I guess I forgot to bring the dates out here.

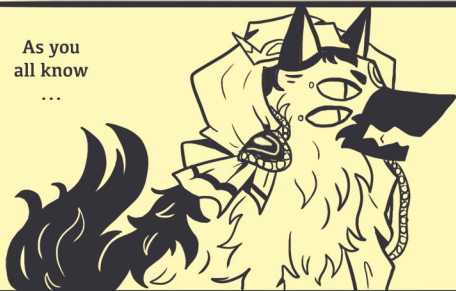
Again ??







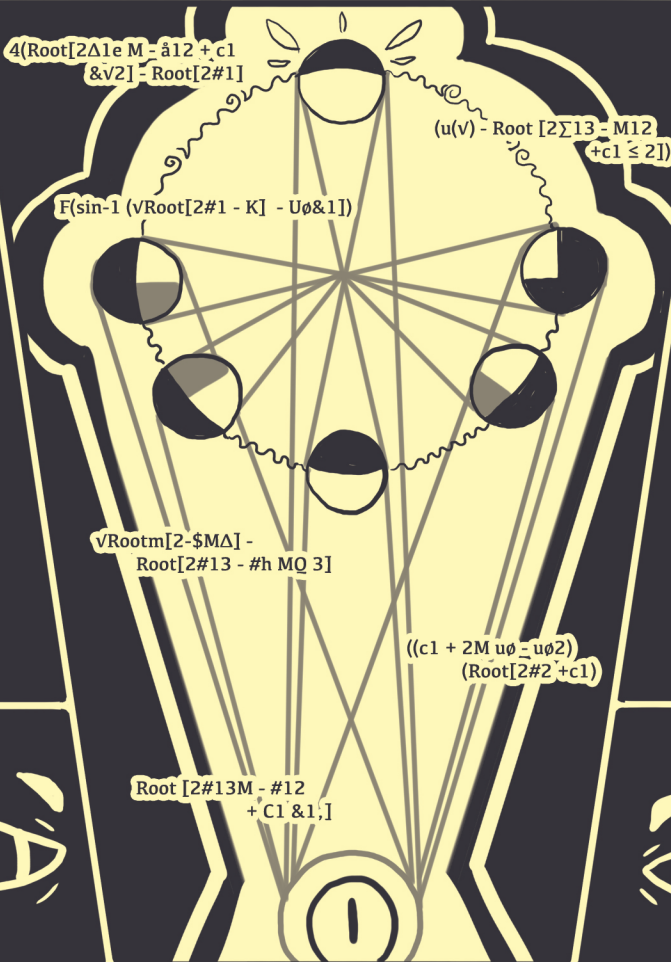
As you
all know
...



Our culture prophesizes
that an eclipse will
one day bring about
the destruction
of our world.

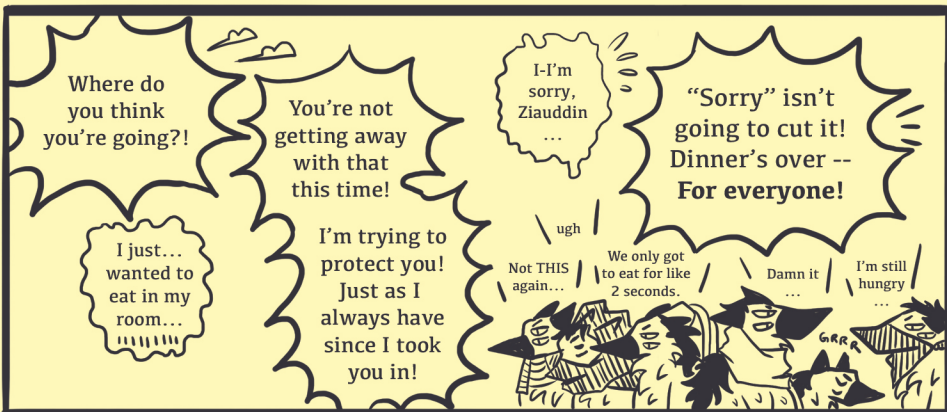
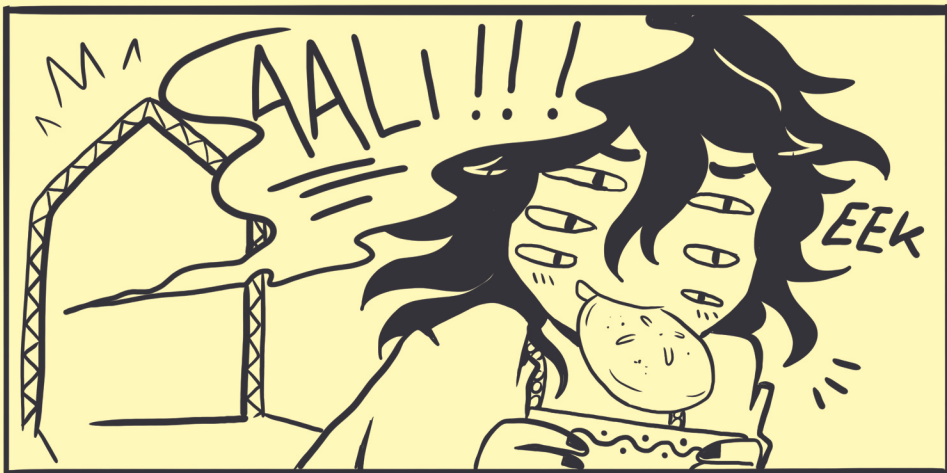
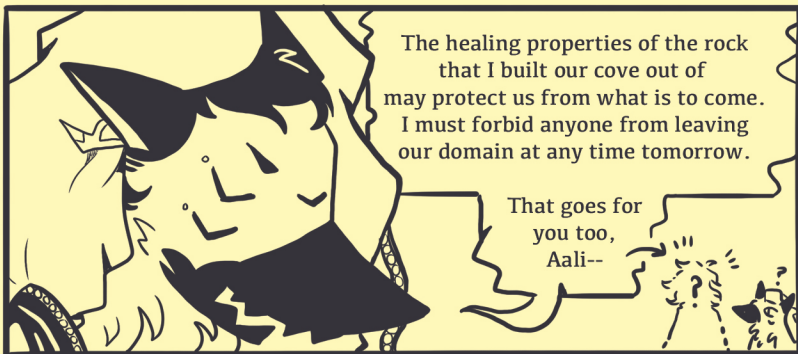
Unfortunately,
that hour is
upon us.

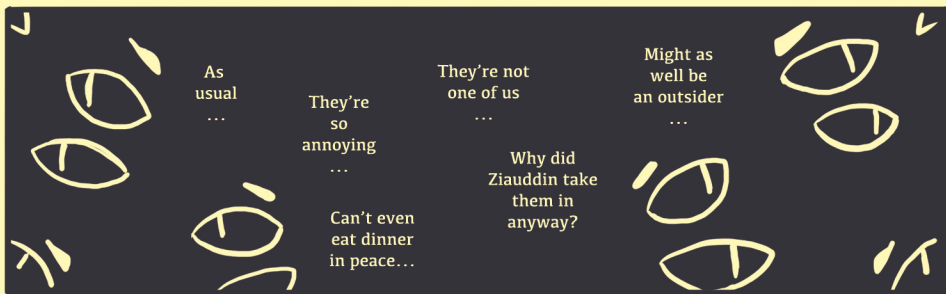
We
have
calculated
that
the
eclipse
will
occur
tomorrow
afternoon.

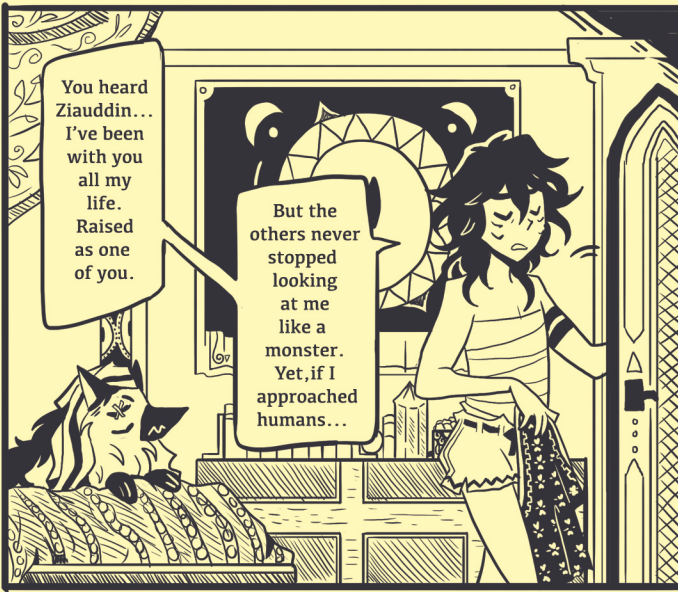


The
world
will
burn
...
but there
is a
chance
that we
will
survive.







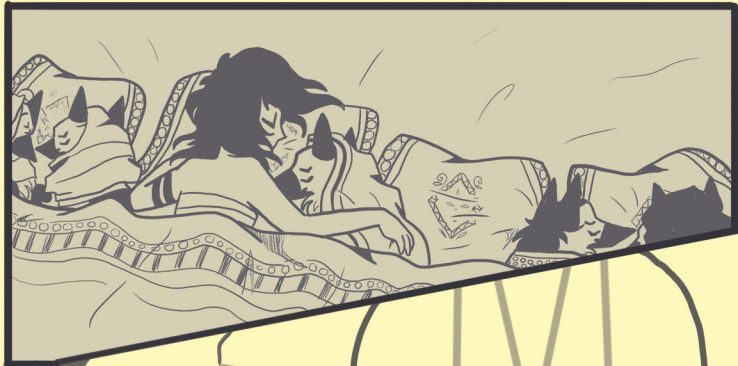


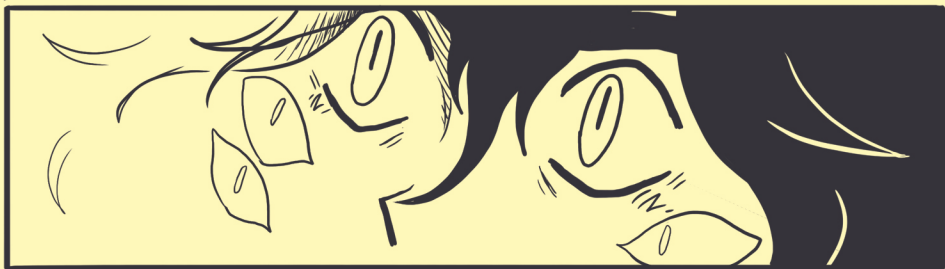
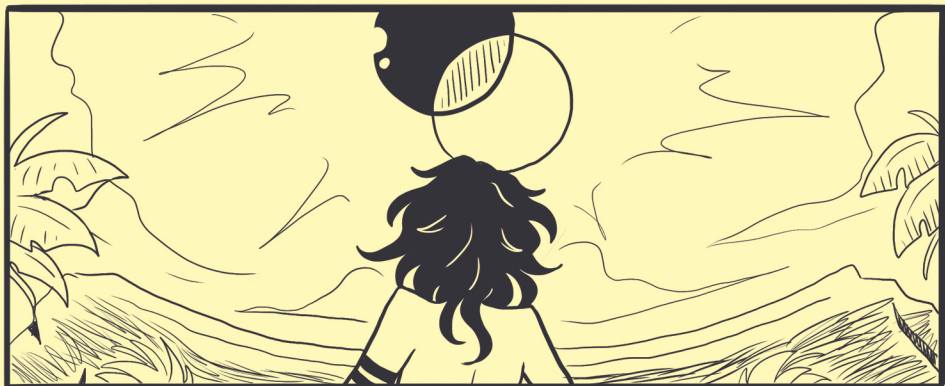
Which
one
am I
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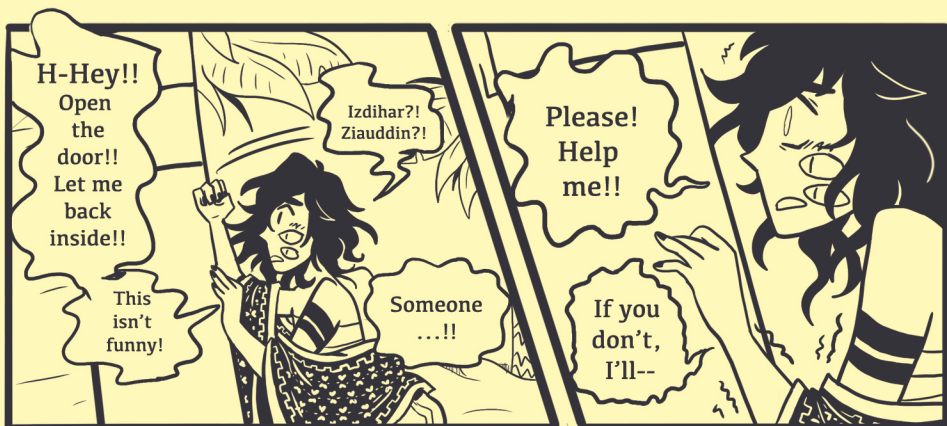
Am I
both
?
Am I
neither
?

I want
to know,
but no
one has
an
answer
for me
...









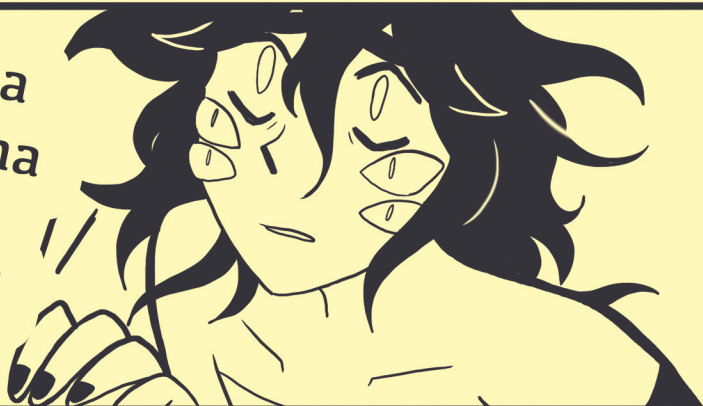
If they
can even
stand to
look at
you,
that is!

Hey,
if that
happens,
the
humans
might
kill 'em
...

That's
a
win-win
for
us!

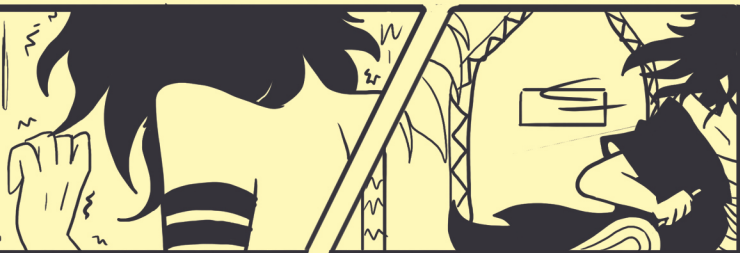


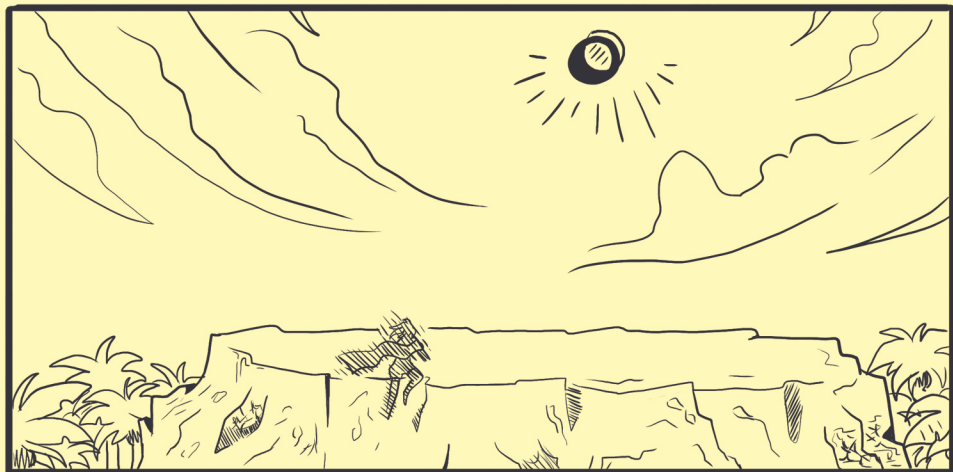
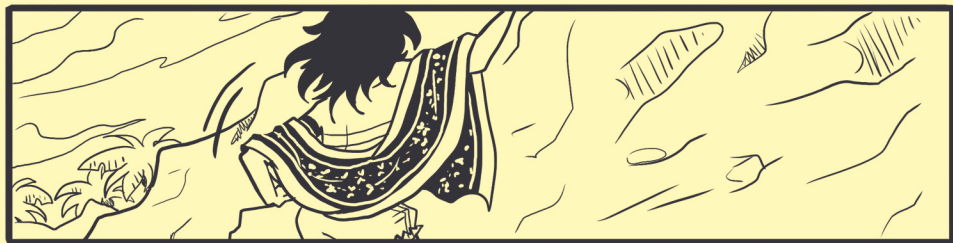
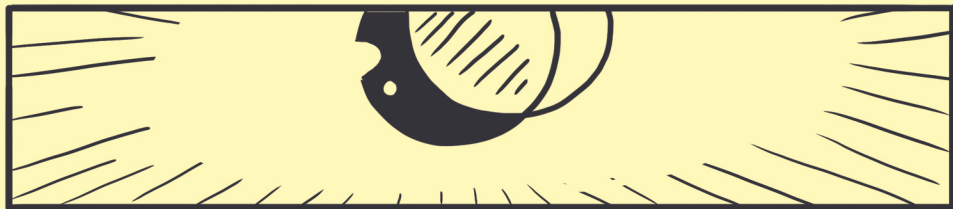
Haha
hahaha
haha
haha!!

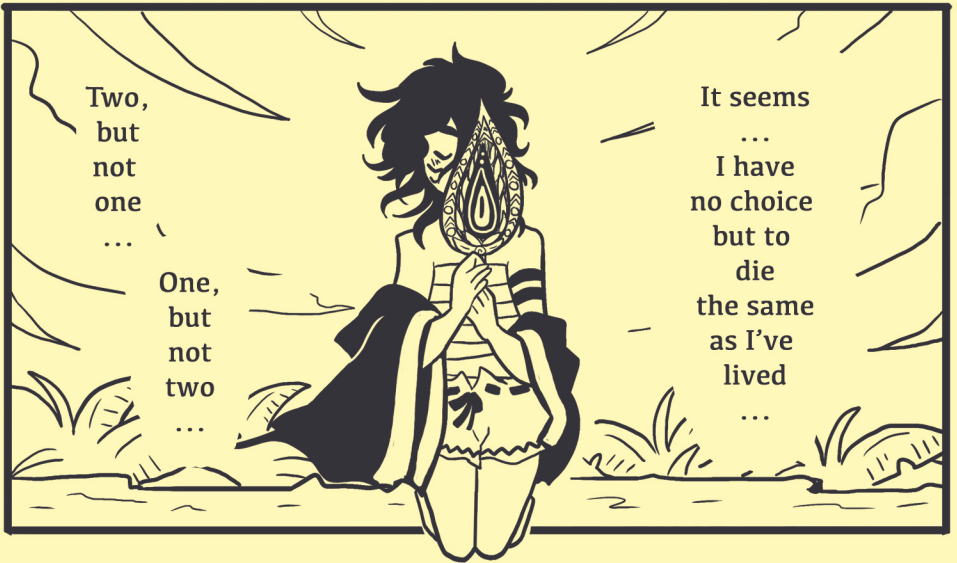


Hee hee
hee hee

Ahahahaha
hahahaha









The
ocular trine
arises...

A 300-year-
storm rages
quietly inside

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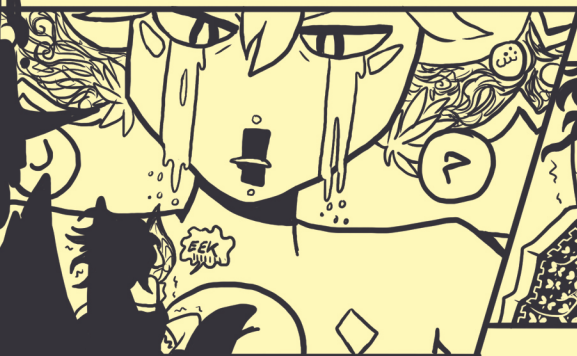
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Why
must you
hide your
face?

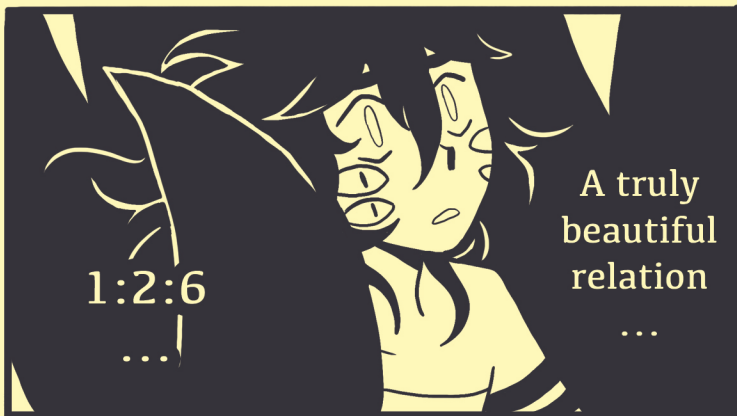


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SU-
SHAKO
MANKO?



It
is
seen
now.



1:2:6

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A truly
beautiful
relation

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Do
you
stand
before
us
as
a
human
?



...
No
...

Do
you
stand
before
us
as
a
jackal
?



No!

I am
both!
And
I am
neither!

I am
myself!
And no one
can tell
me who
I am!



An
auspicious
star
...

The existence
has withstood blood,
malicious and
well-meaning
alike
...

But those
six eyes...
Proof of a
chance at
unity.

You are a
grand cross.

Be
proud.

Because
of you,
we have
seen
...

The
approaching
hypersurface
of the
morning moon
...

It will
breathe...
for now.



Be
spared,

and
go forth

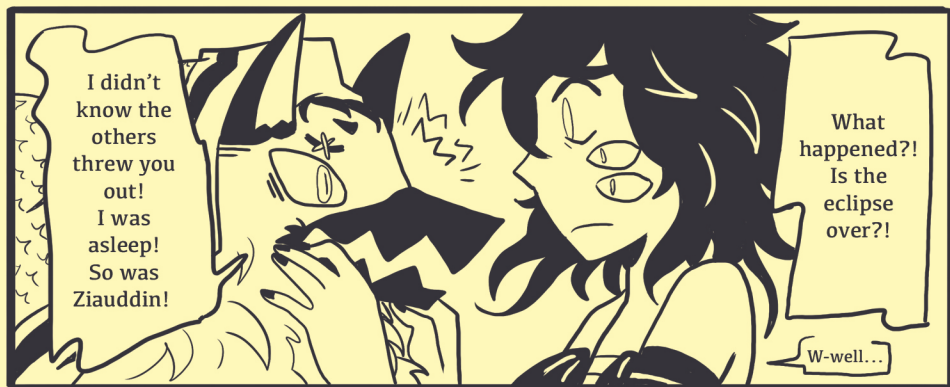
with a
storm of dreams.

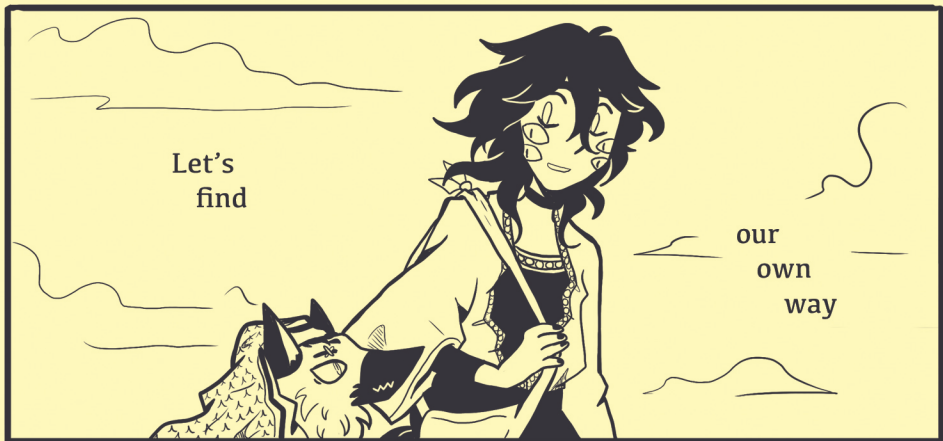
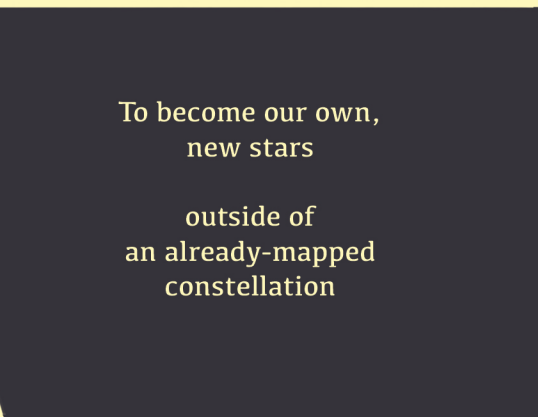
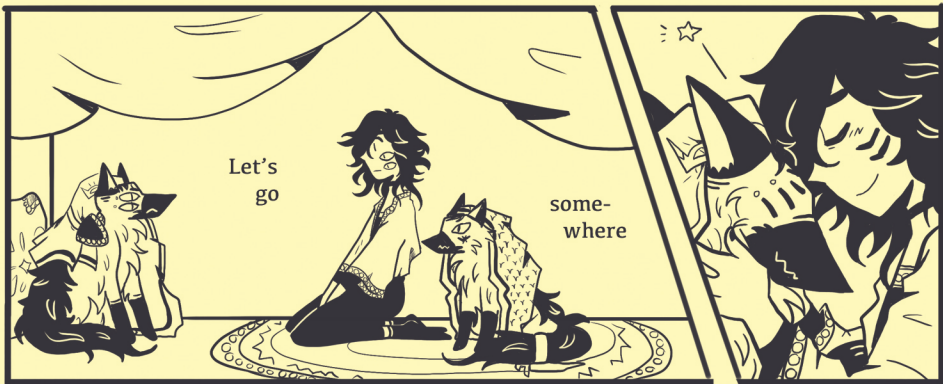


Thank
you
...

Aali!

Aali!!







= Cultural notes =

Zenith is an exploration of thoughts on being mixed-race, and of classic folklore and historic sciences from the Muslim world and the Middle/Near Eastern, Arabian, and South Asian regions.

The word “zenith” comes from the Arabic “samt ar-ra’s,” meaning “path over the head.”

Jackals have a large place in folklore from these spheres; a popular example of this is **Kalila wa Dimna**, also known as the **Panchatantra**, a famous compilation of stories-within-stories about two jackal brothers and their different approaches to society, morals, and relationships. (Certain parts of *Kalila wa Dimna* are sometimes subtitled as **How To Lose Friends**.) A lot of *Zenith* was inspired by these stories, as well as others that feature jackals and wolves.

Much of our current understanding of eclipses is founded on the discoveries made by Al-Biruni, a great Muslim scholar of the past. The diagrams of the in-story eclipse in *Zenith* are based off his original hand-drawn diagrams. (The equations shown are modern-day math.)

The deity of the eclipse in Zenith
is orbited by orbs with an Arabic letter on them;
these letters correspond to the first letter of
each word for The Six Pleasures of Medieval Islam
-- drink, clothing, intercourse, scent, sound, and food
-- with food being at the top, as it was considered the
greatest of them all. Food is an important asset of
history from the Muslim and Arabian world, and
dishes that were eaten hundreds of years ago
are still enjoyed relatively the same today.
Among those foods are dates, soups, jams, grape leaves,
olives, bread, and others. (Grape leaves are a
personal favorite of mine!!)

The deity of the eclipse is also riding
on a dark storm cloud, which is often
associated with the myth of the djinn.

I think that's all!
Hope y'all enjoyed the story ~

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