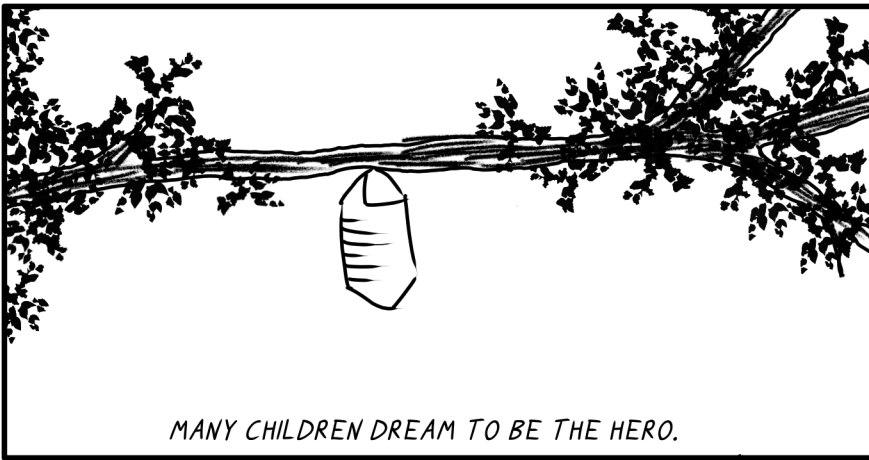
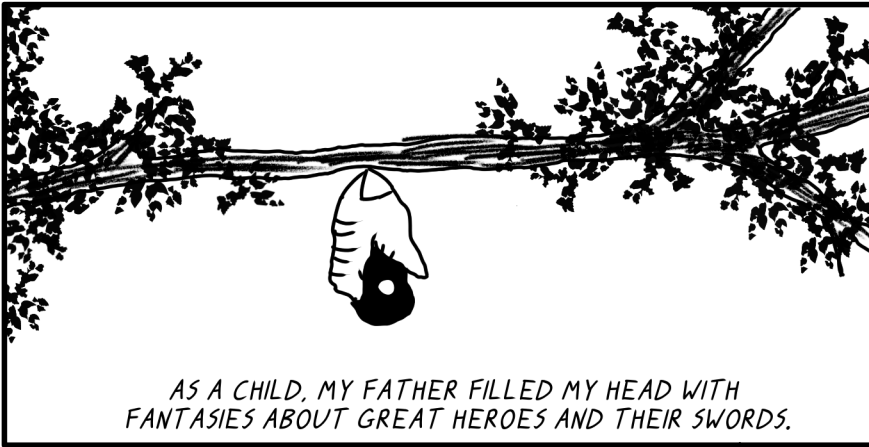


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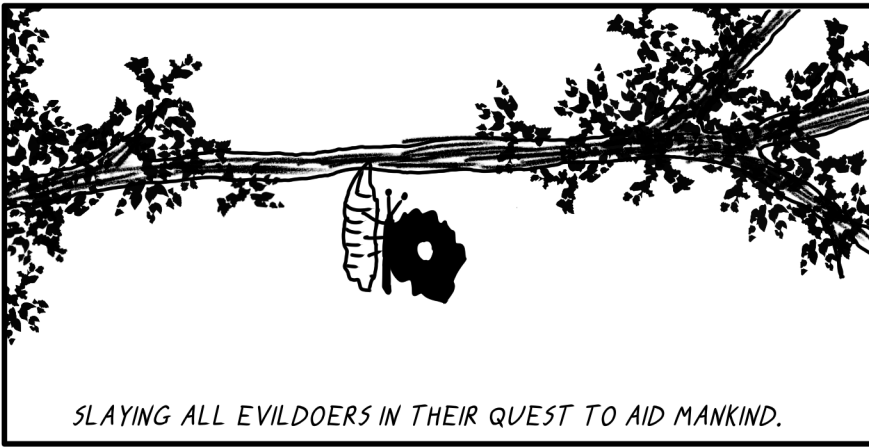
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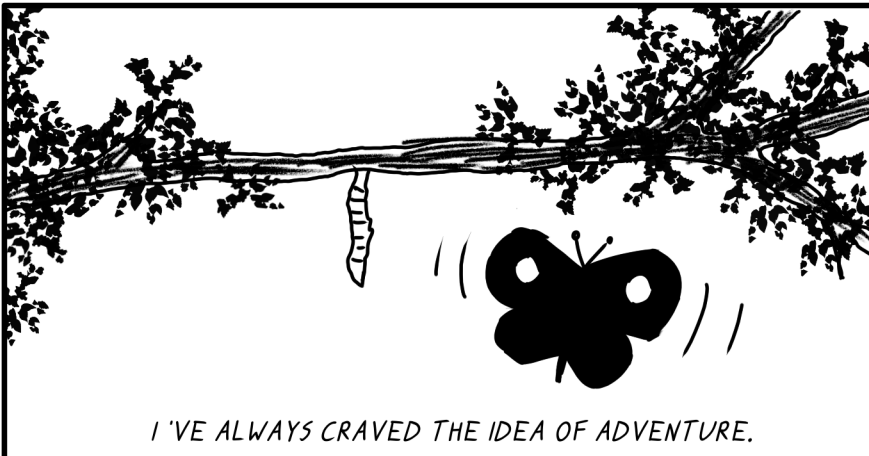
MANY CHILDREN DREAM TO BE THE HERO.



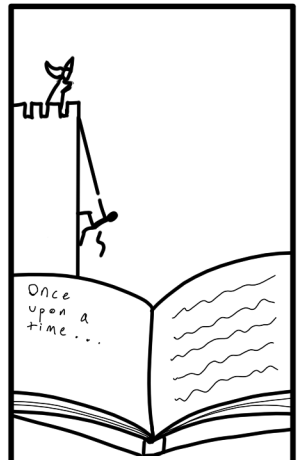
AS A CHILD, MY FATHER FILLED MY HEAD WITH FANTASIES ABOUT GREAT HEROES AND THEIR SWORDS.



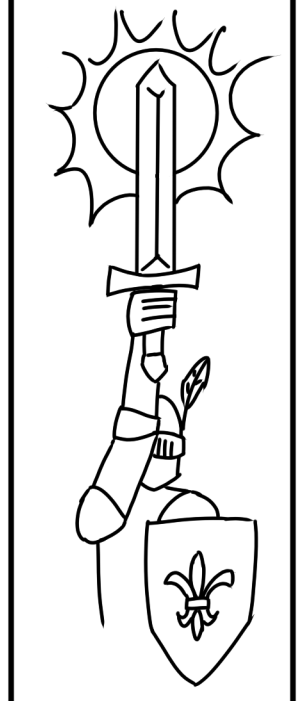
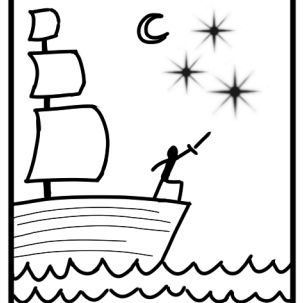
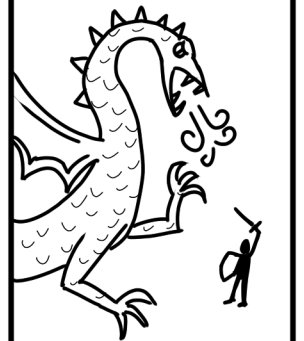
SLAYING ALL EVILDOERS IN THEIR QUEST TO AID MANKIND.



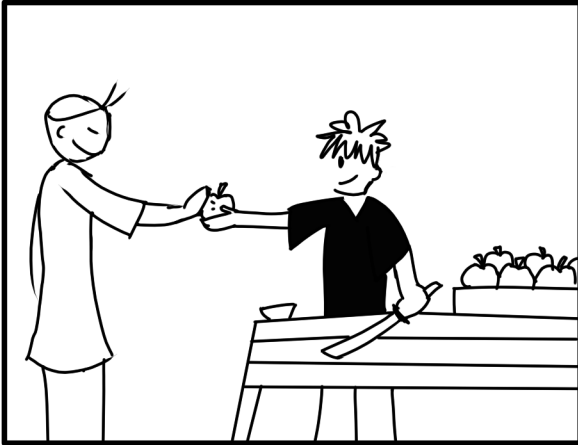
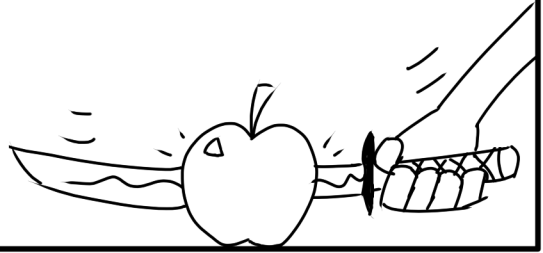
I'VE ALWAYS CRAVED THE IDEA OF ADVENTURE.

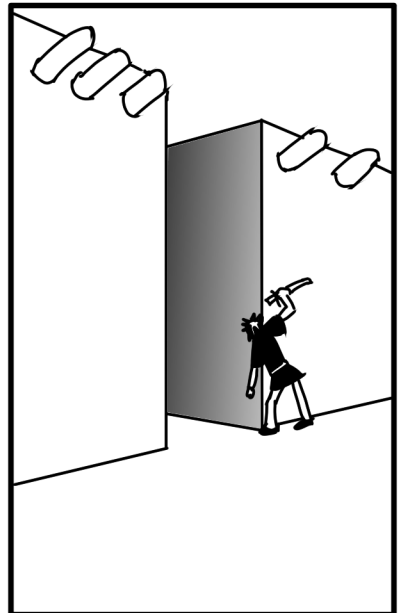
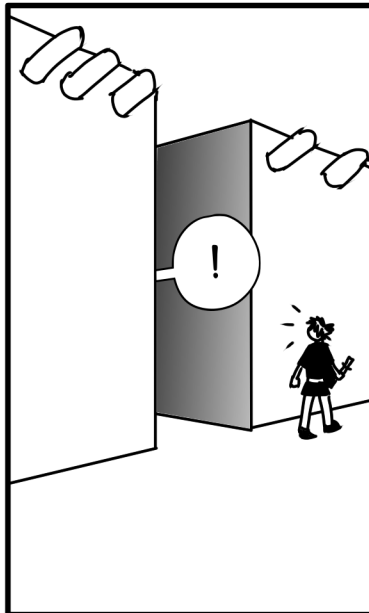
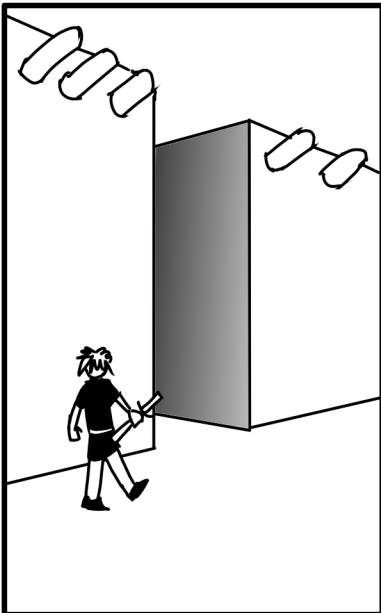
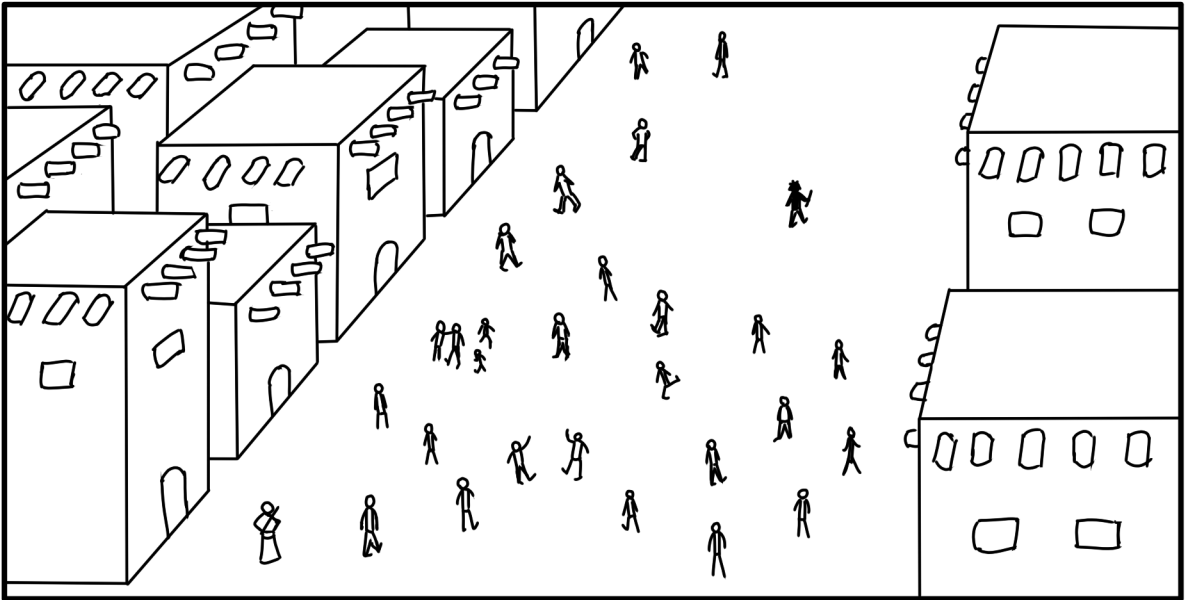
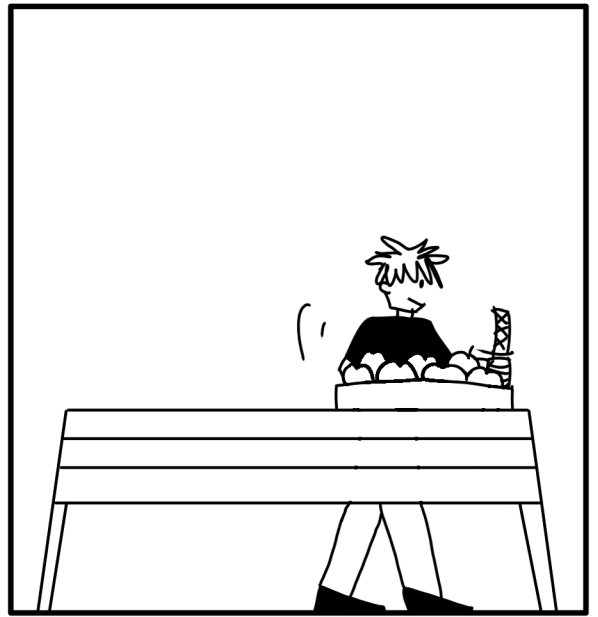


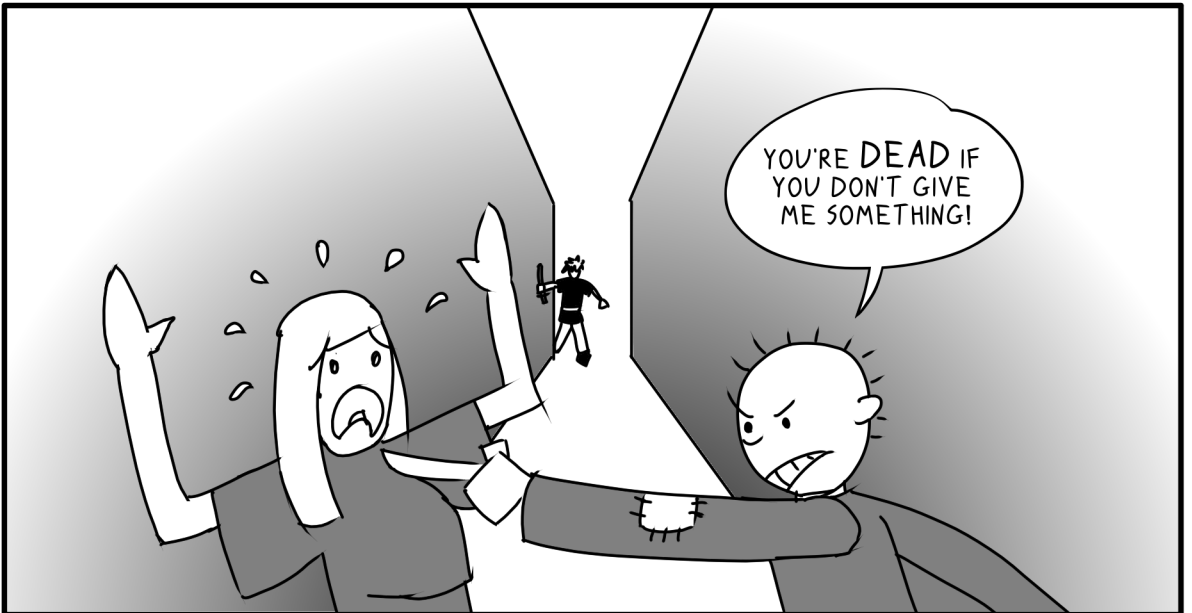
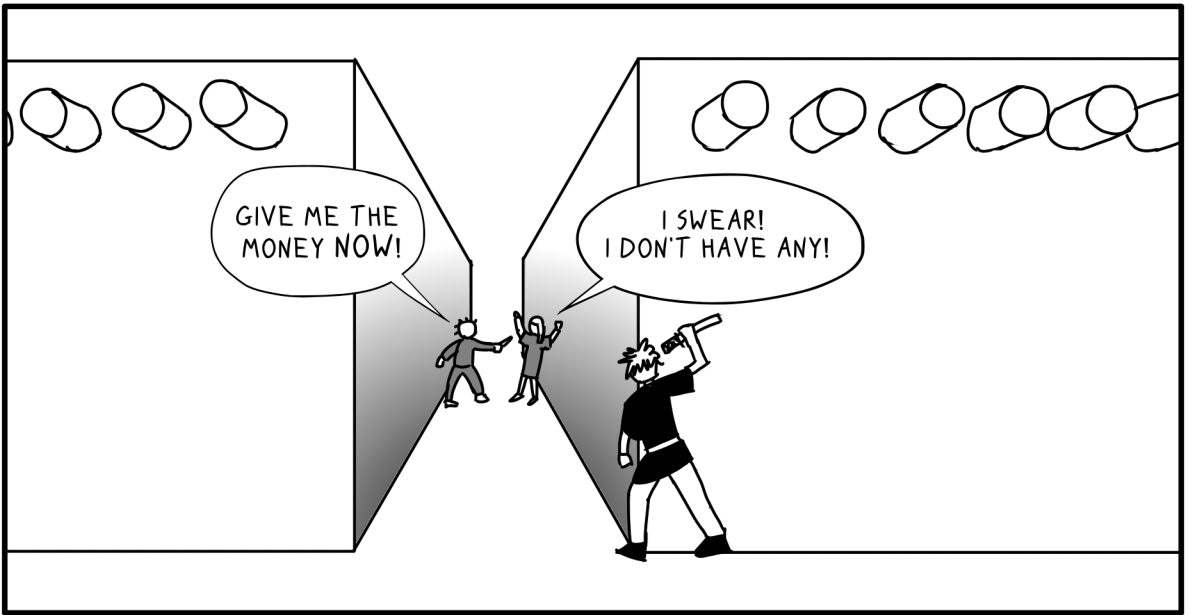
Once upon a time...

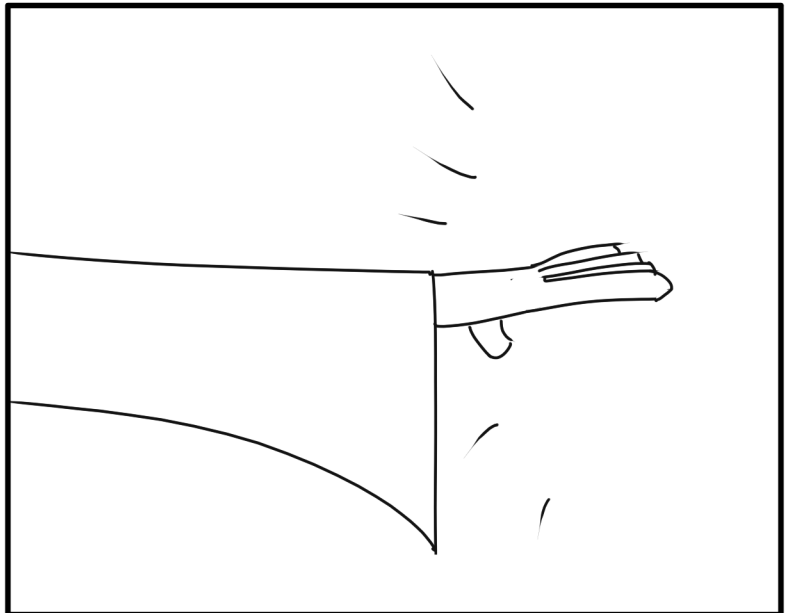
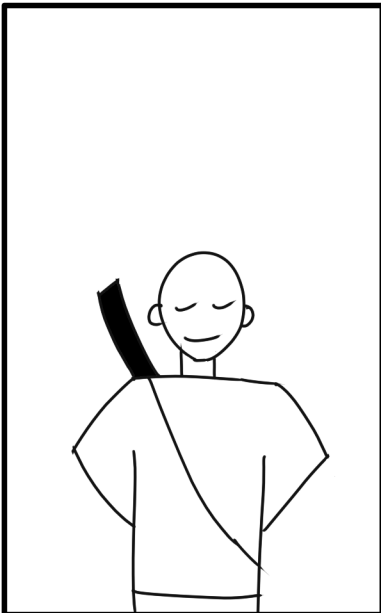
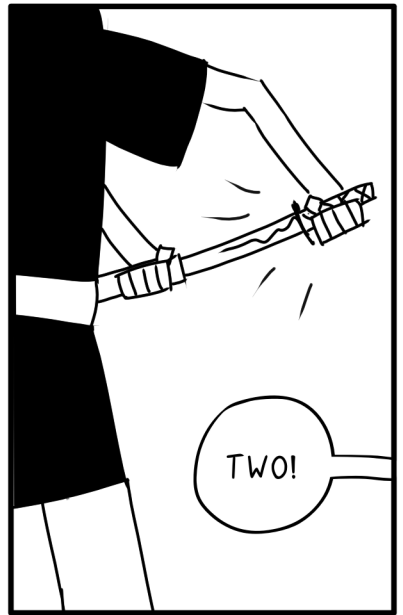
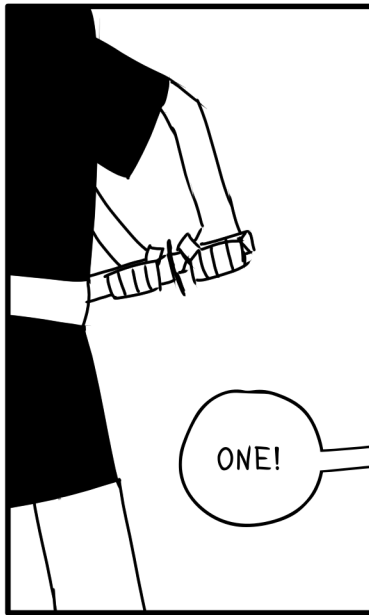


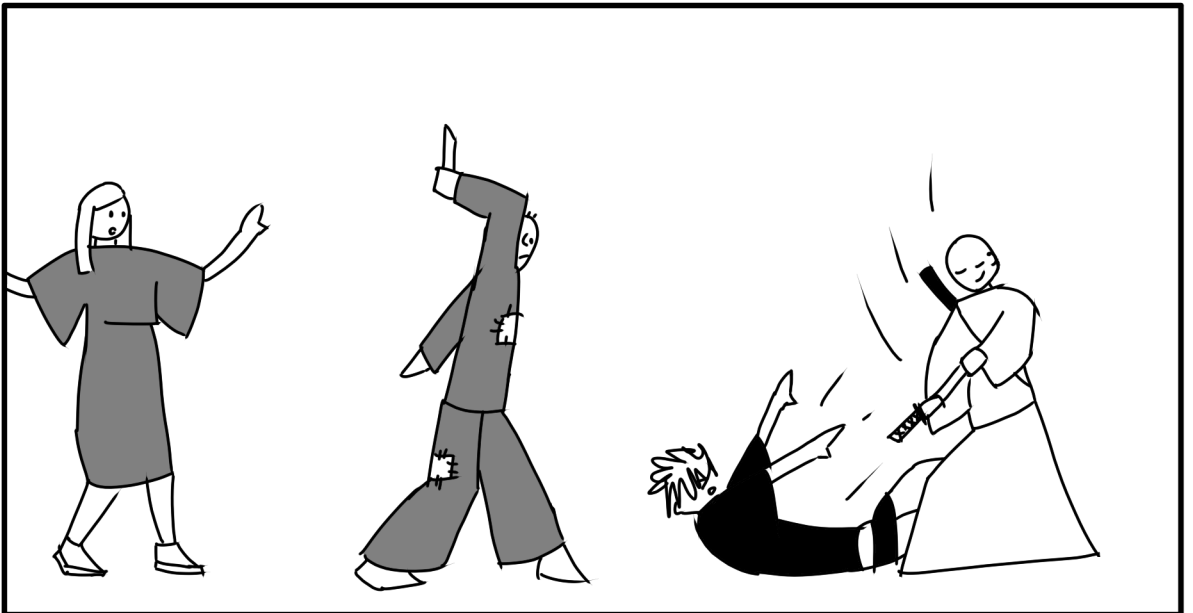
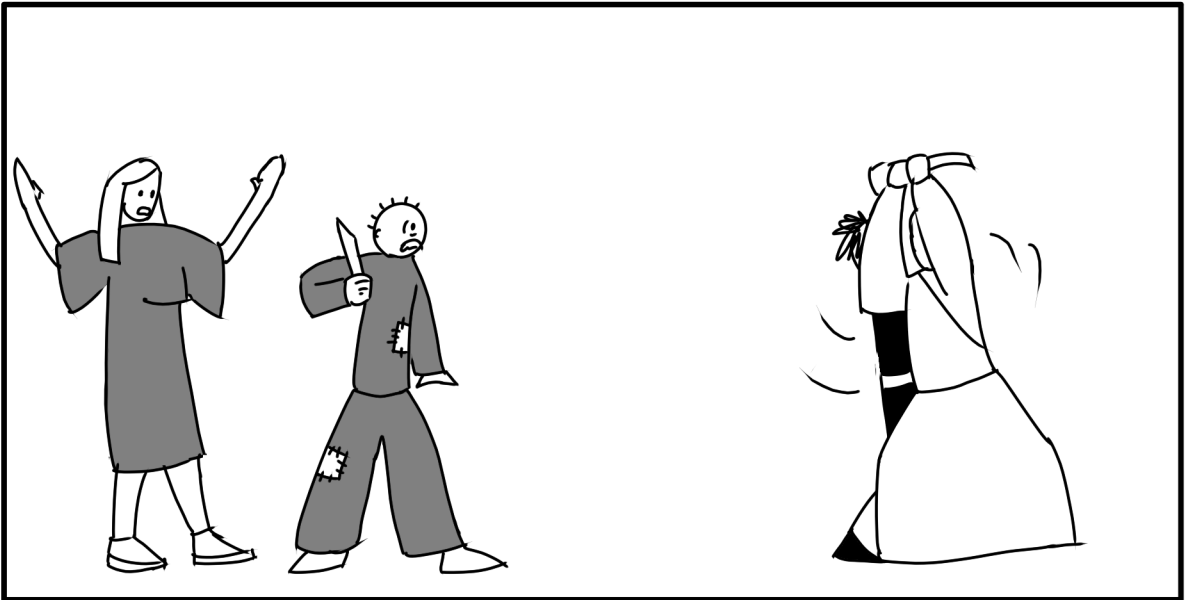
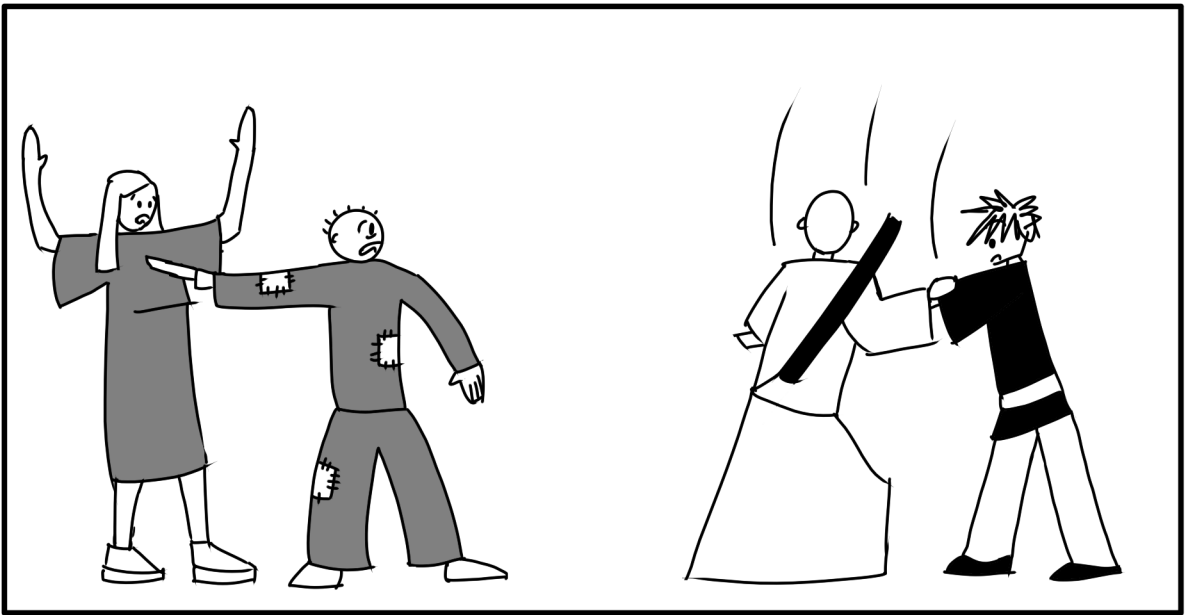
I WOULD SOON MEET THE MAN
WHO WOULD LEAD ME TO MINE.

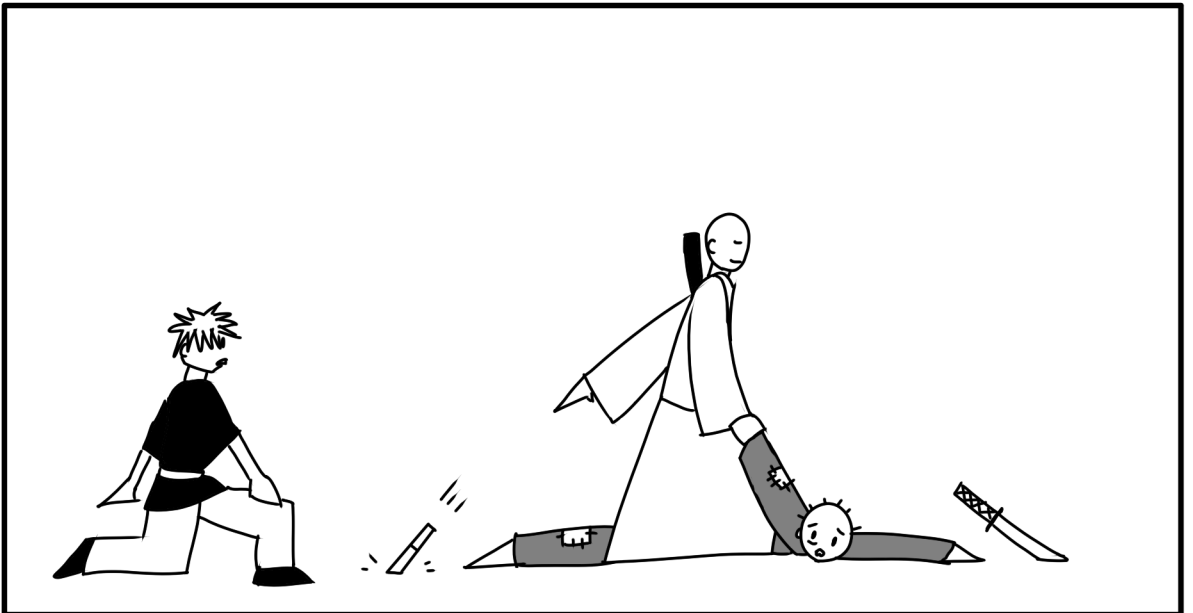
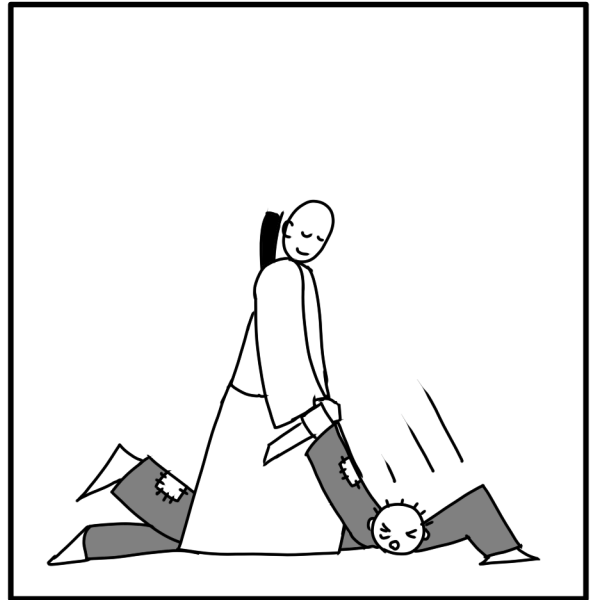


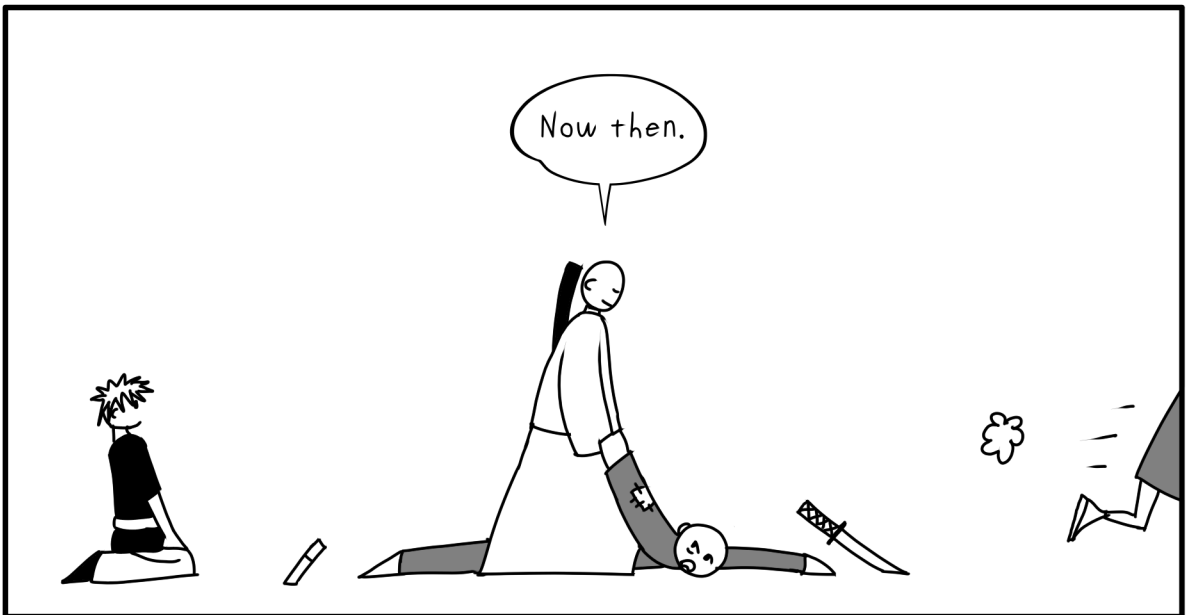
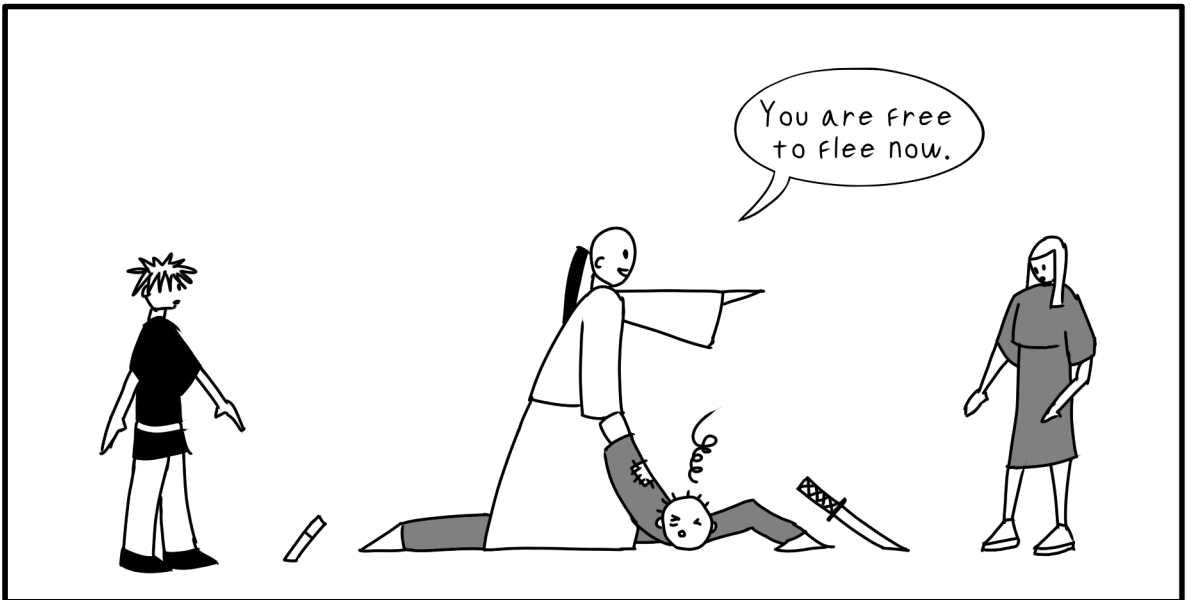


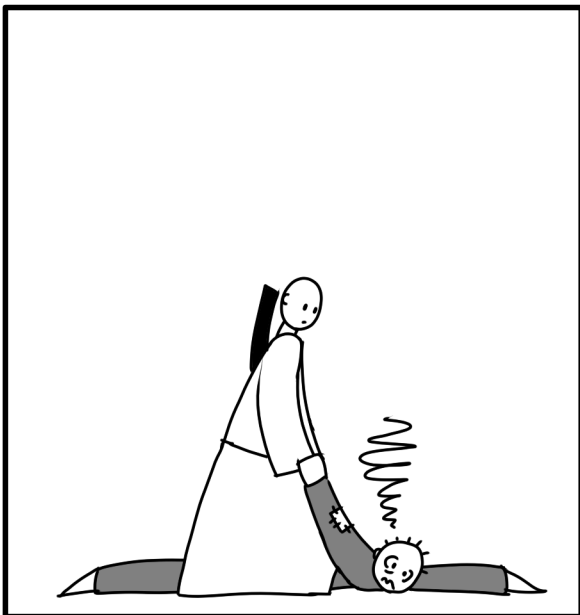














I know little about you, but I can guess.

You might be sick and cannot afford medicine.

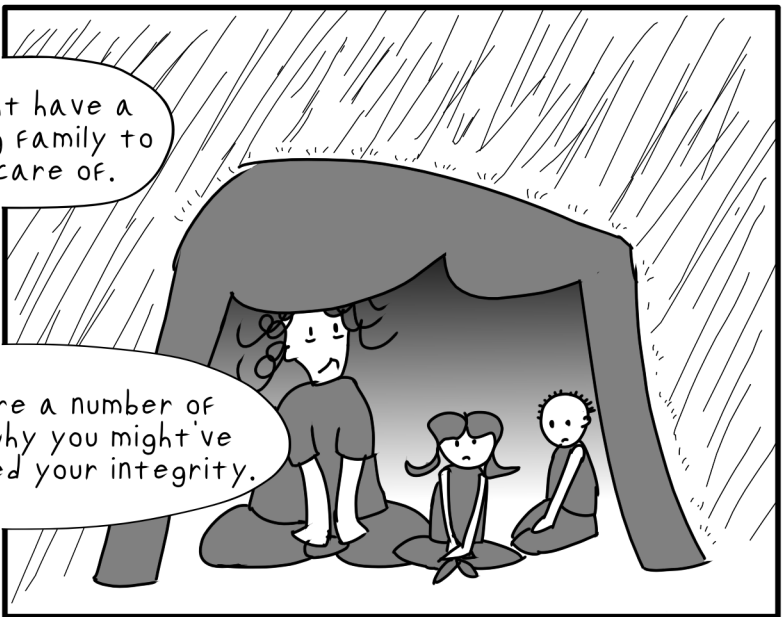


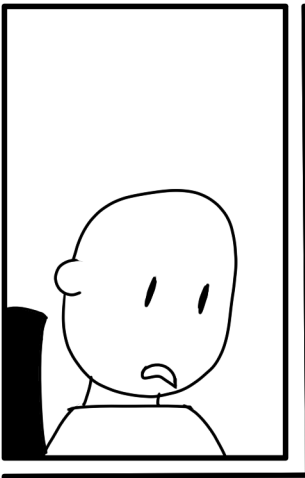
You might owe money to loan sharks and cannot pay them back.



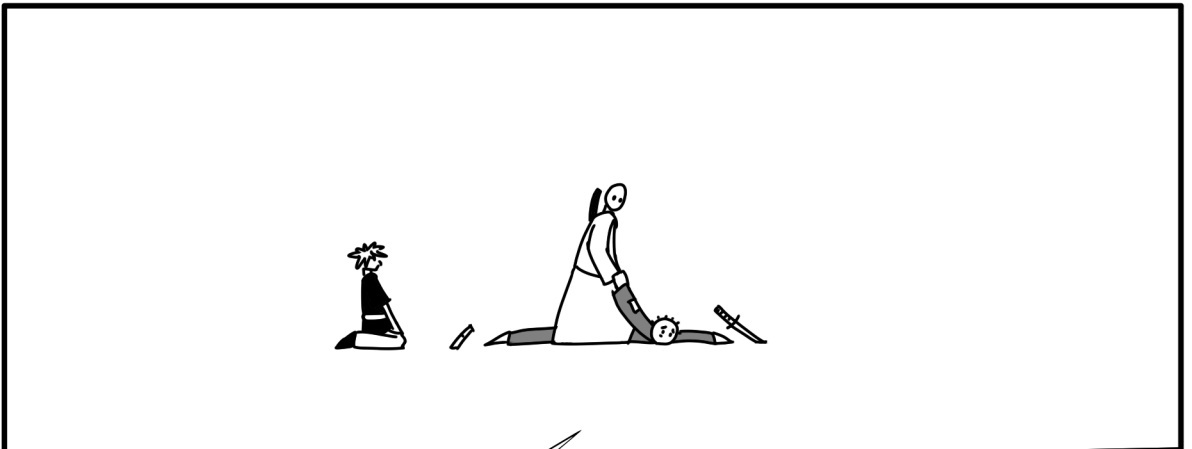
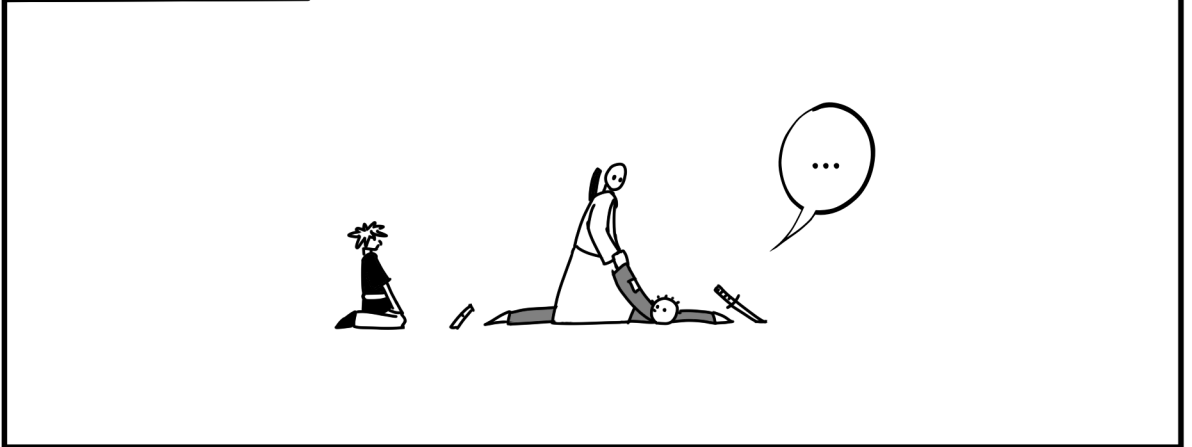
You might have a struggling family to take care of.

There are a number of reasons why you might've surrendered your integrity.





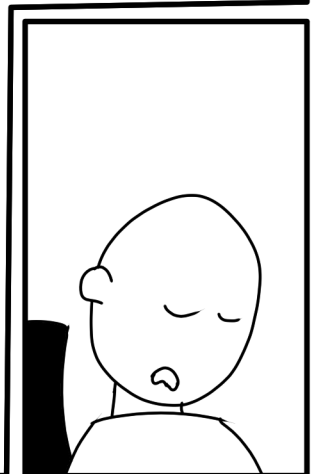
So what's the reason?
Why do you really
need the money?

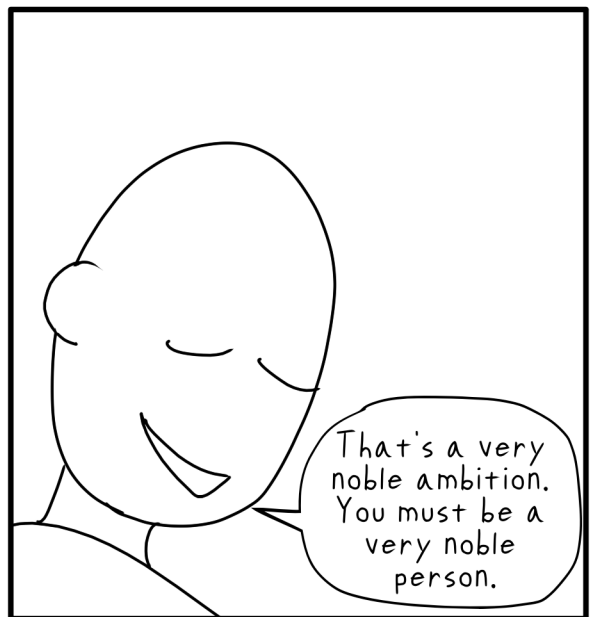
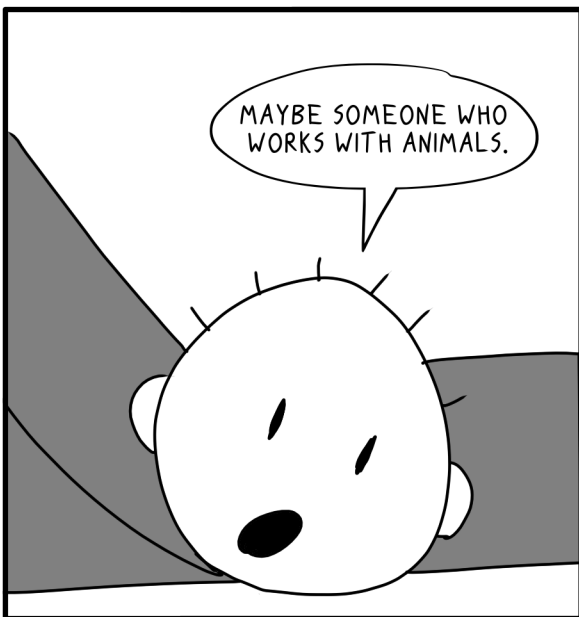
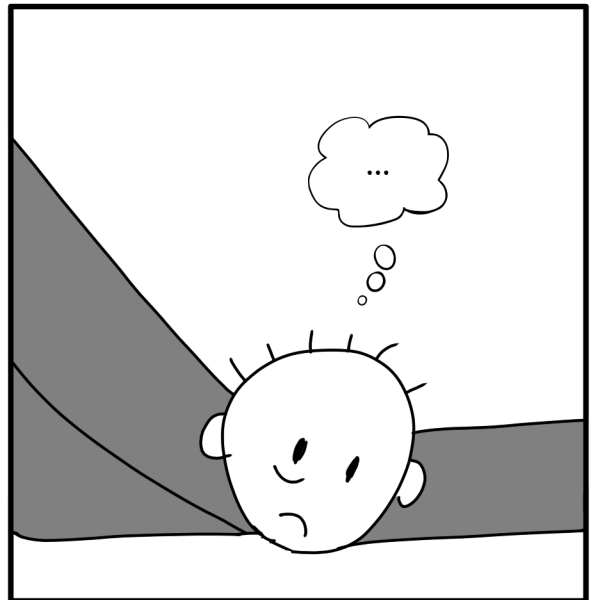
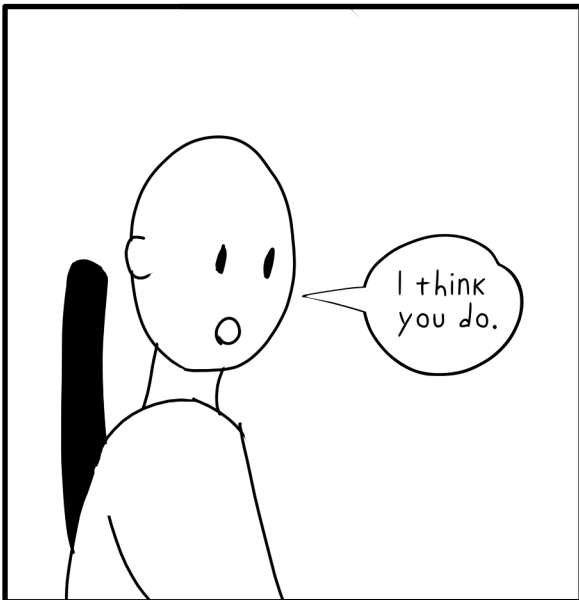
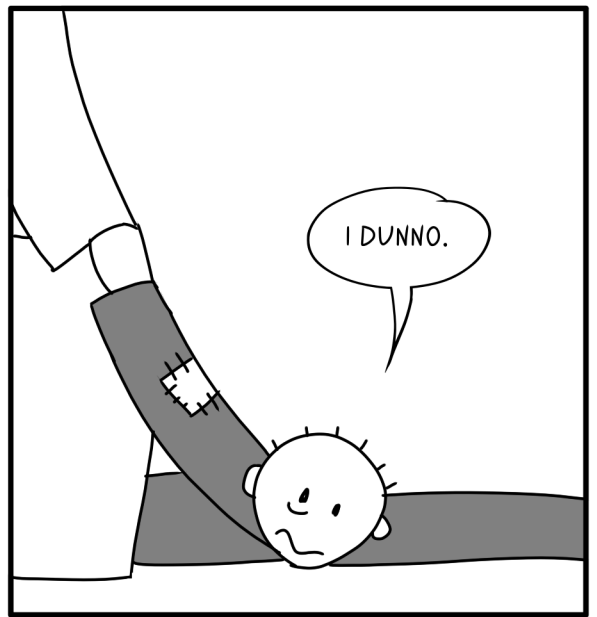
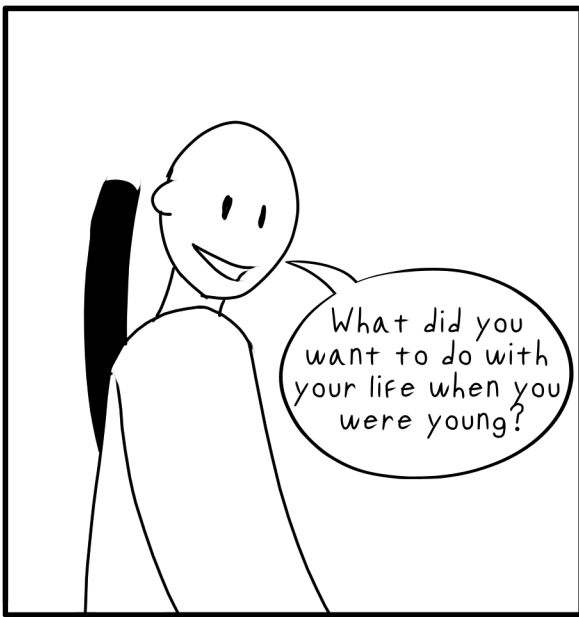


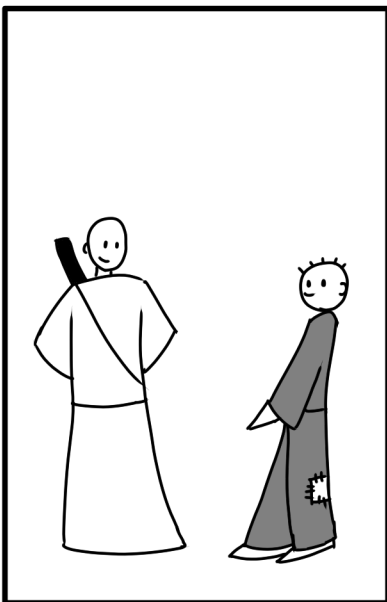
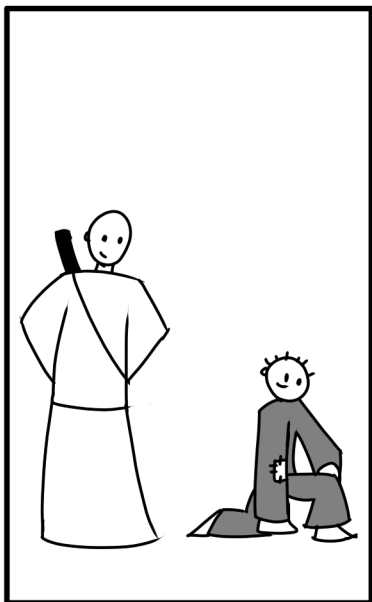
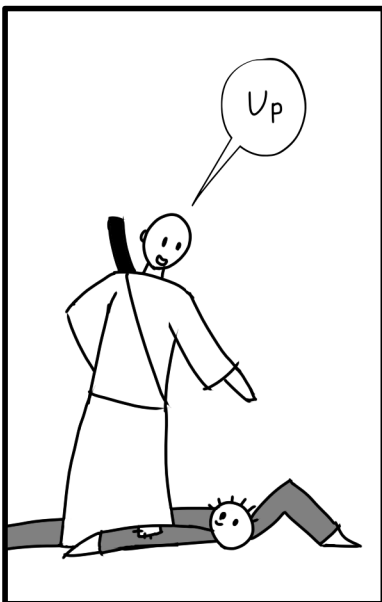
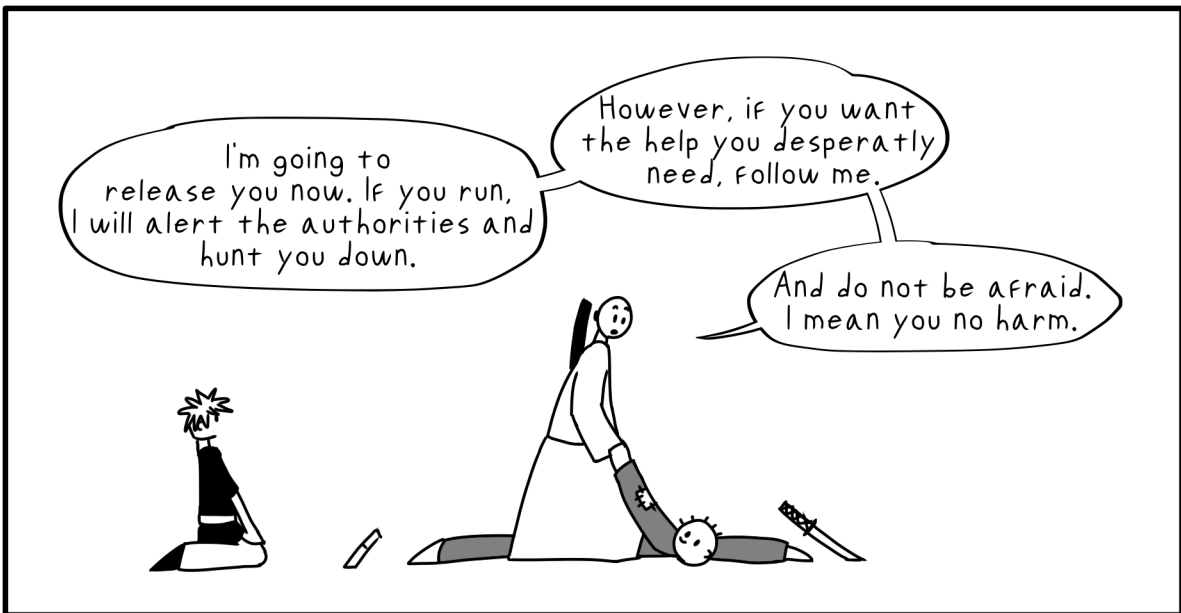
I'M HUNGRY.
SO HUNGRY.

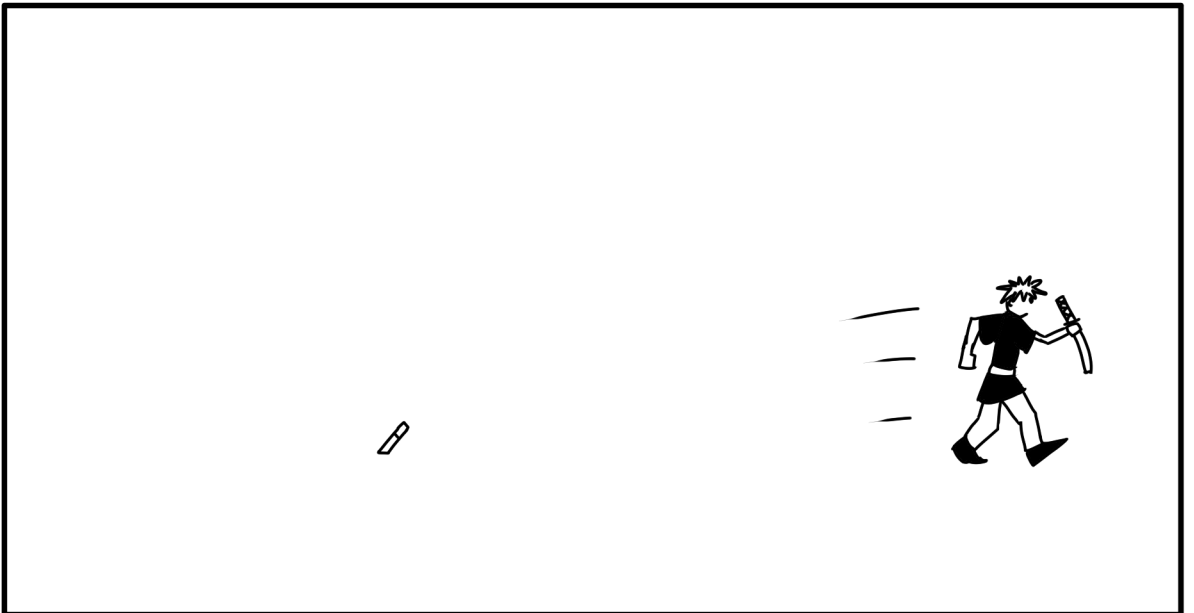
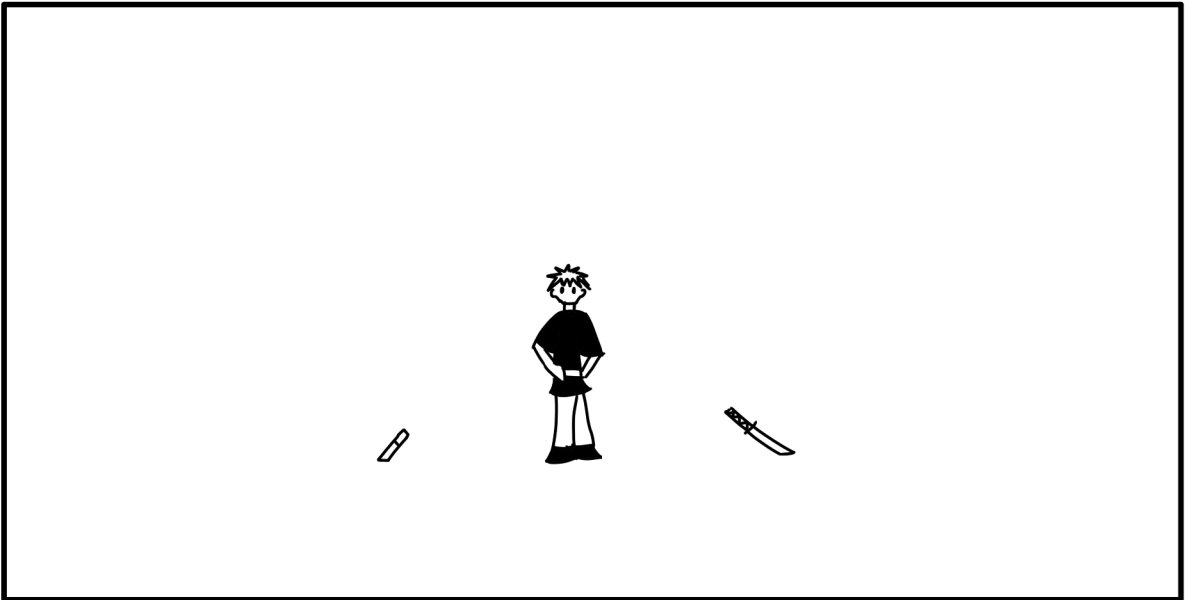
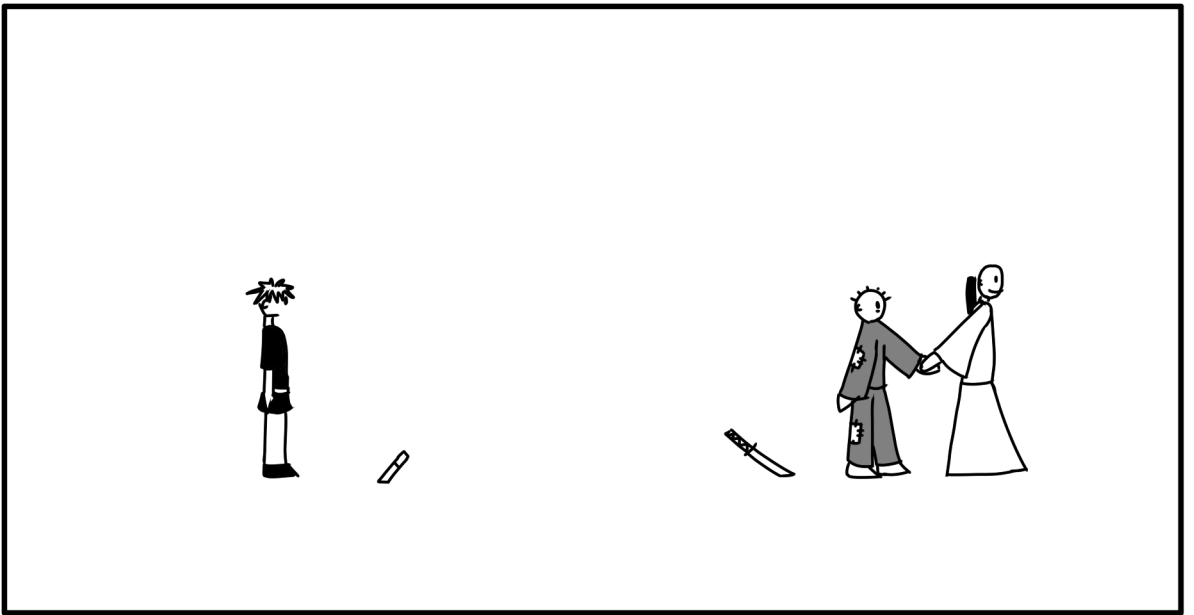
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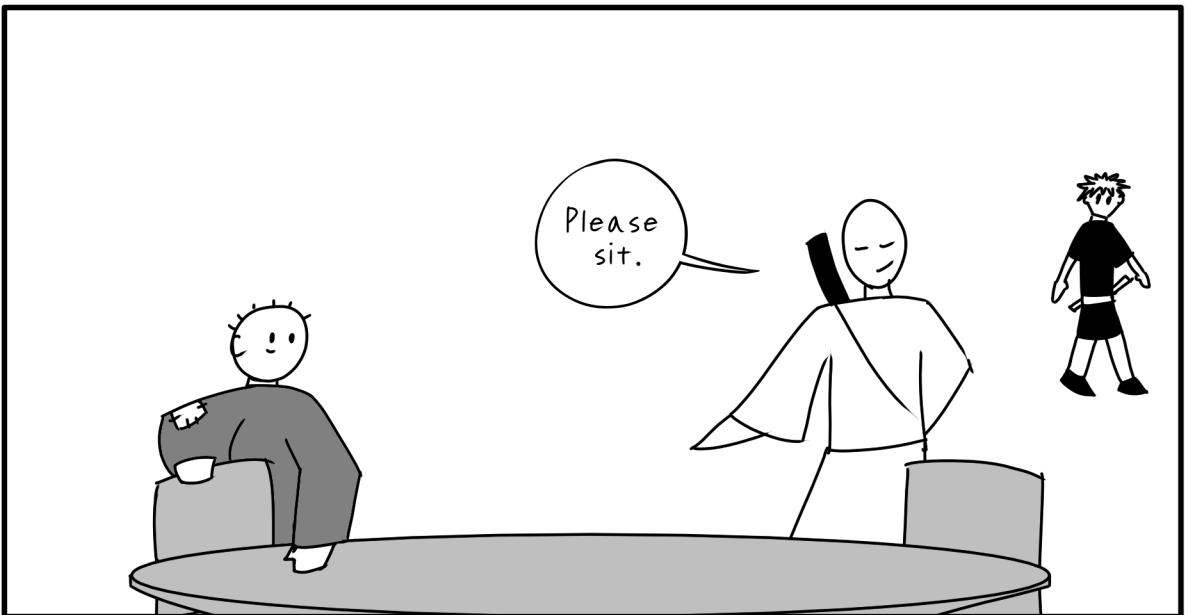
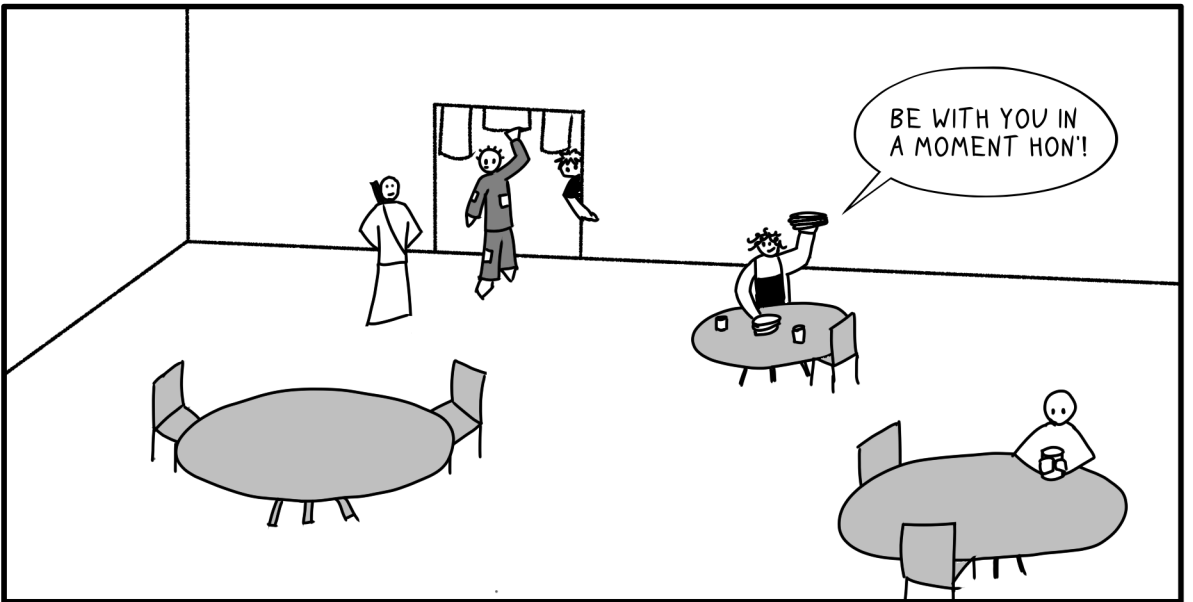
Hunger makes people
do reckless things.

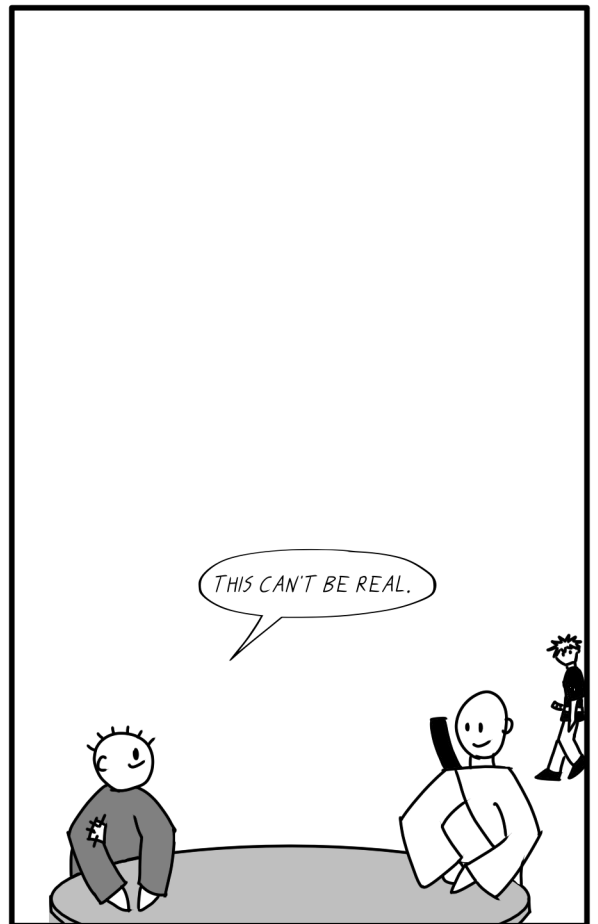
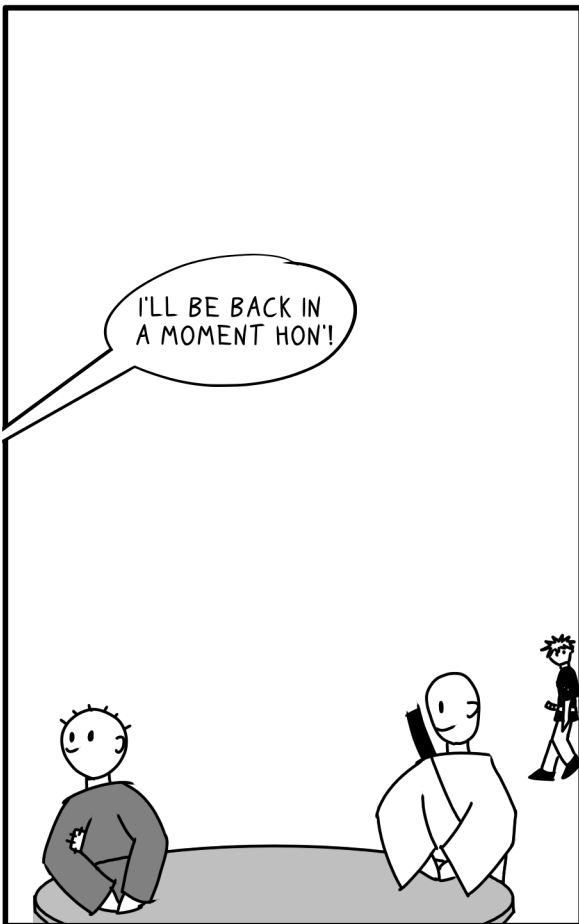
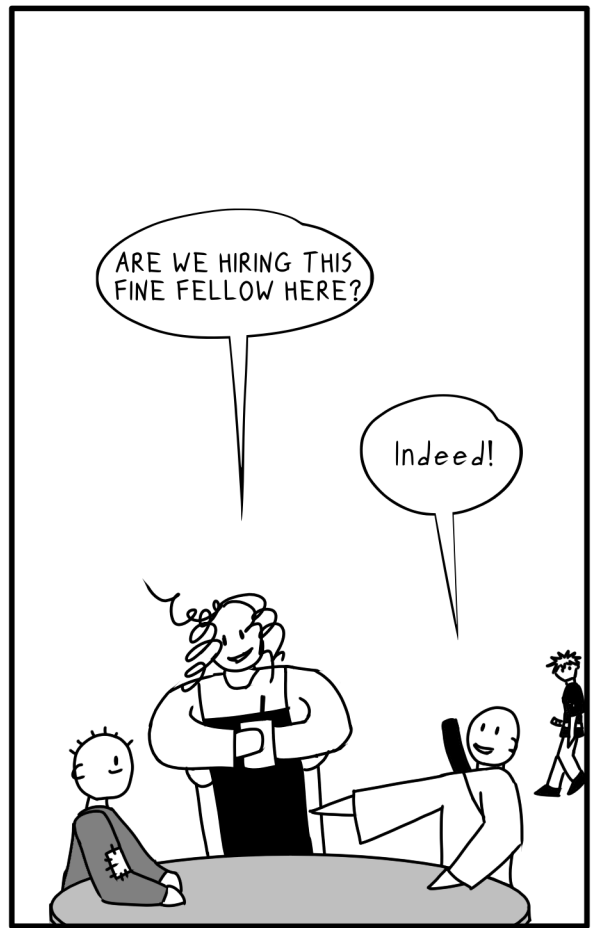


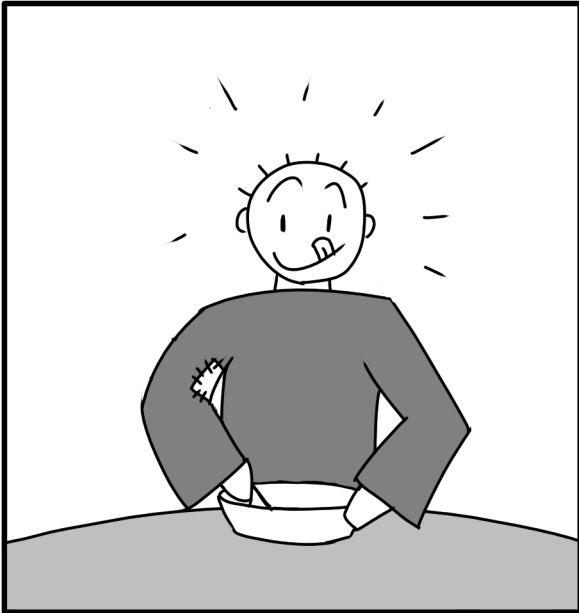
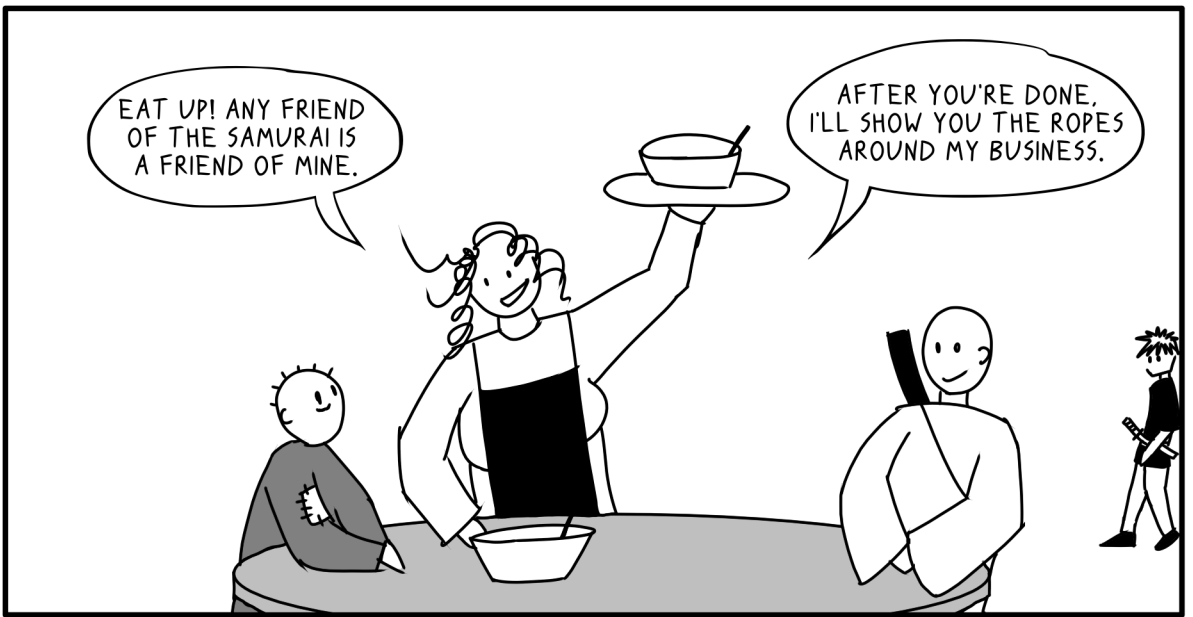


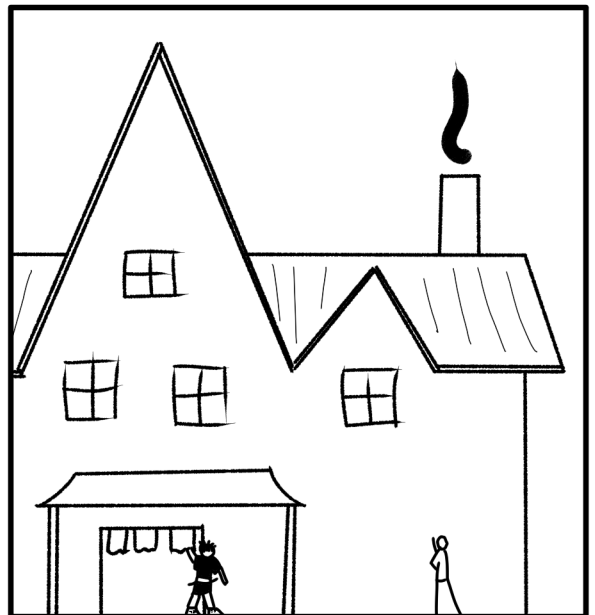
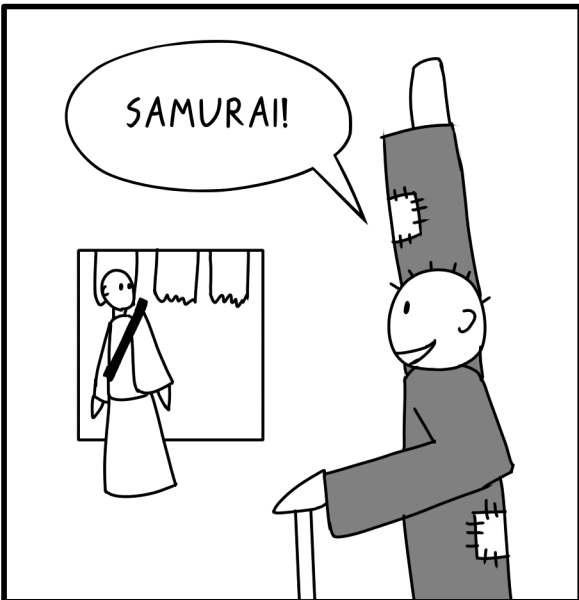
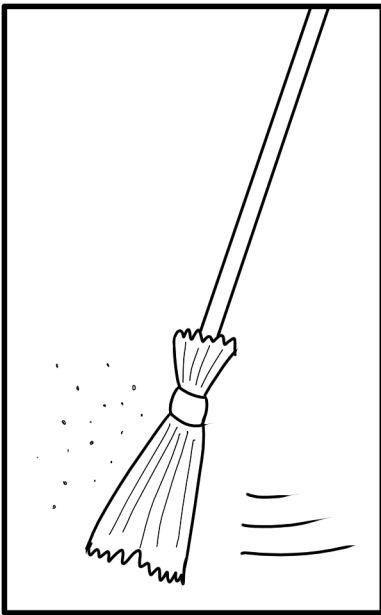




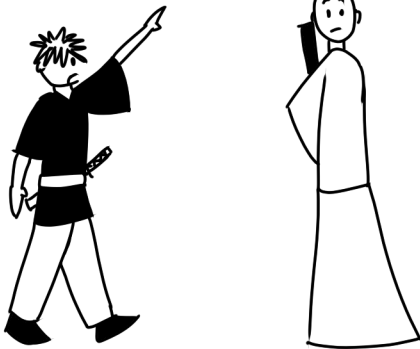








WHY DID YOU HELP THAT MAN?
HE WAS CLEARLY IN THE WRONG
FOR MUGGING THAT WOMAN.



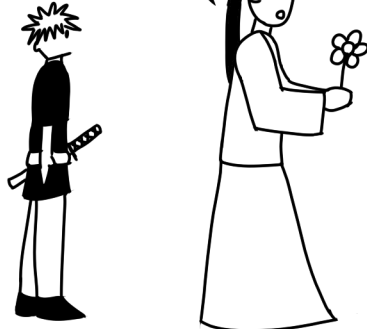
If I threatened him with
punishment or pain, he would be
forced to defend himself, and
injury would be inevitable.



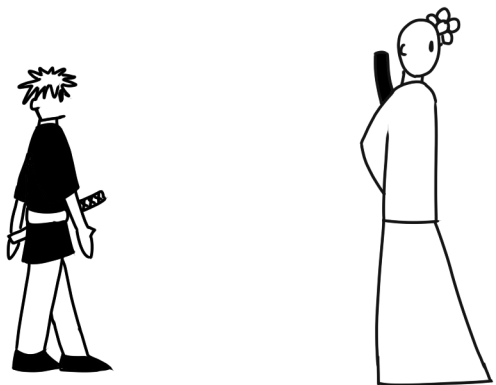
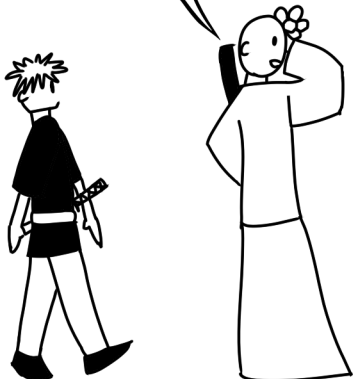
If I let him go, he might
have harmed or killed
someone in the future.

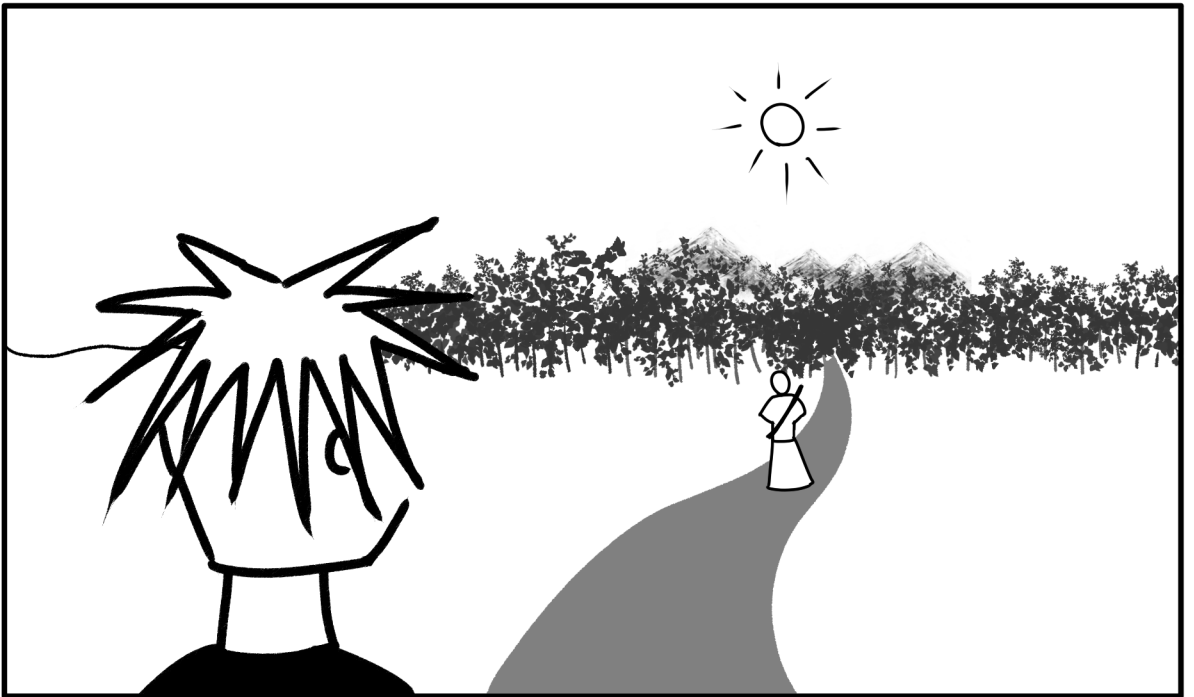
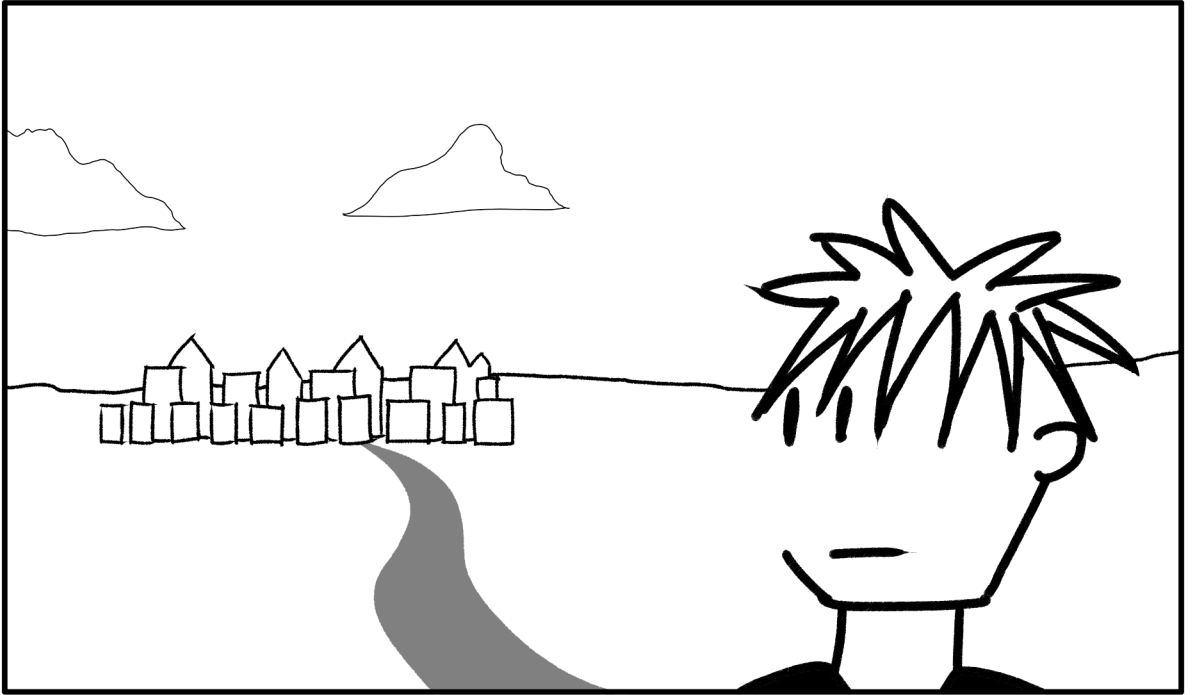


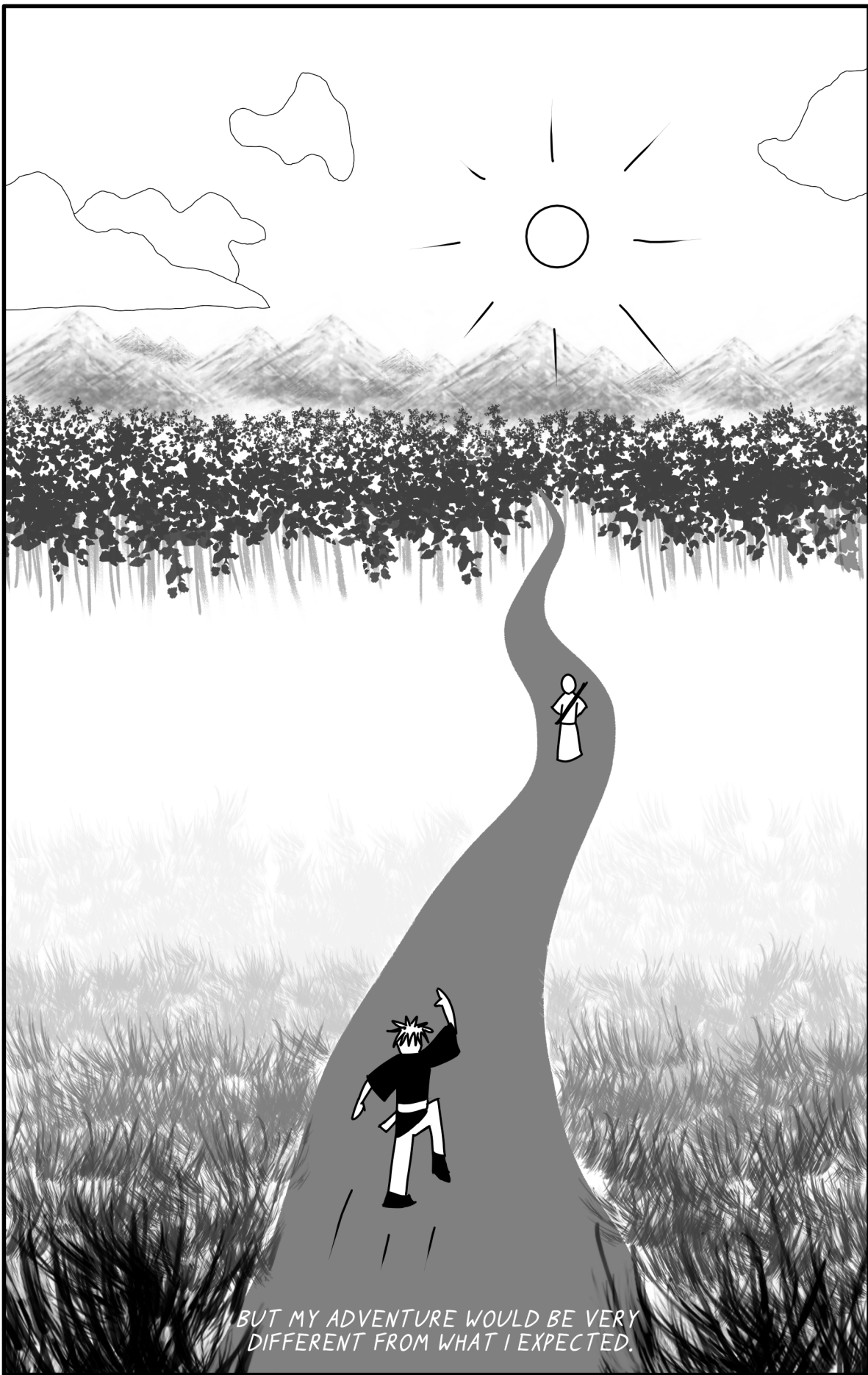
He is of much better use
in providing people with good
food and bedding.



He wanted
freedom. So I helped
him find it.







BUT MY ADVENTURE WOULD BE VERY DIFFERENT FROM WHAT I EXPECTED.

