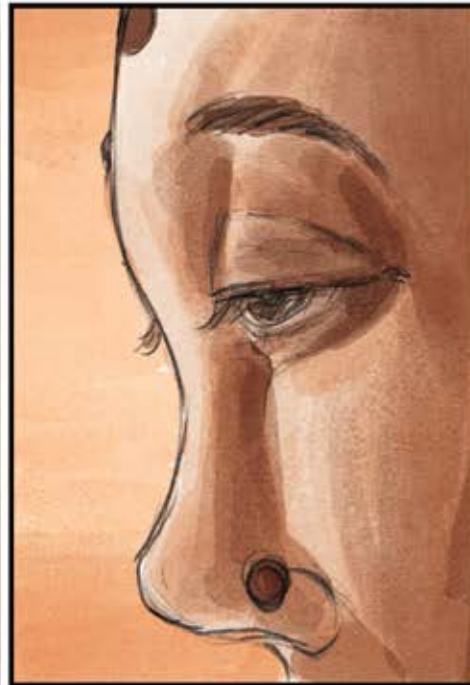
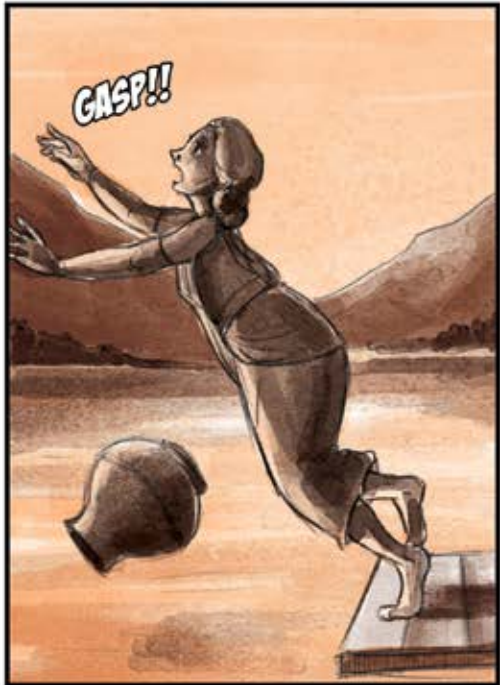


The cover features a large, stylized illustration of a woman's face in profile, looking down with a somber expression. She has dark hair in a bun, a bindi, and a nose ring. Below her, two children in traditional Assamese attire are dancing. The background is a deep red with golden tree branches and floral motifs. The title is written in a large, elegant script, and the subtitle is in a smaller, simpler font.

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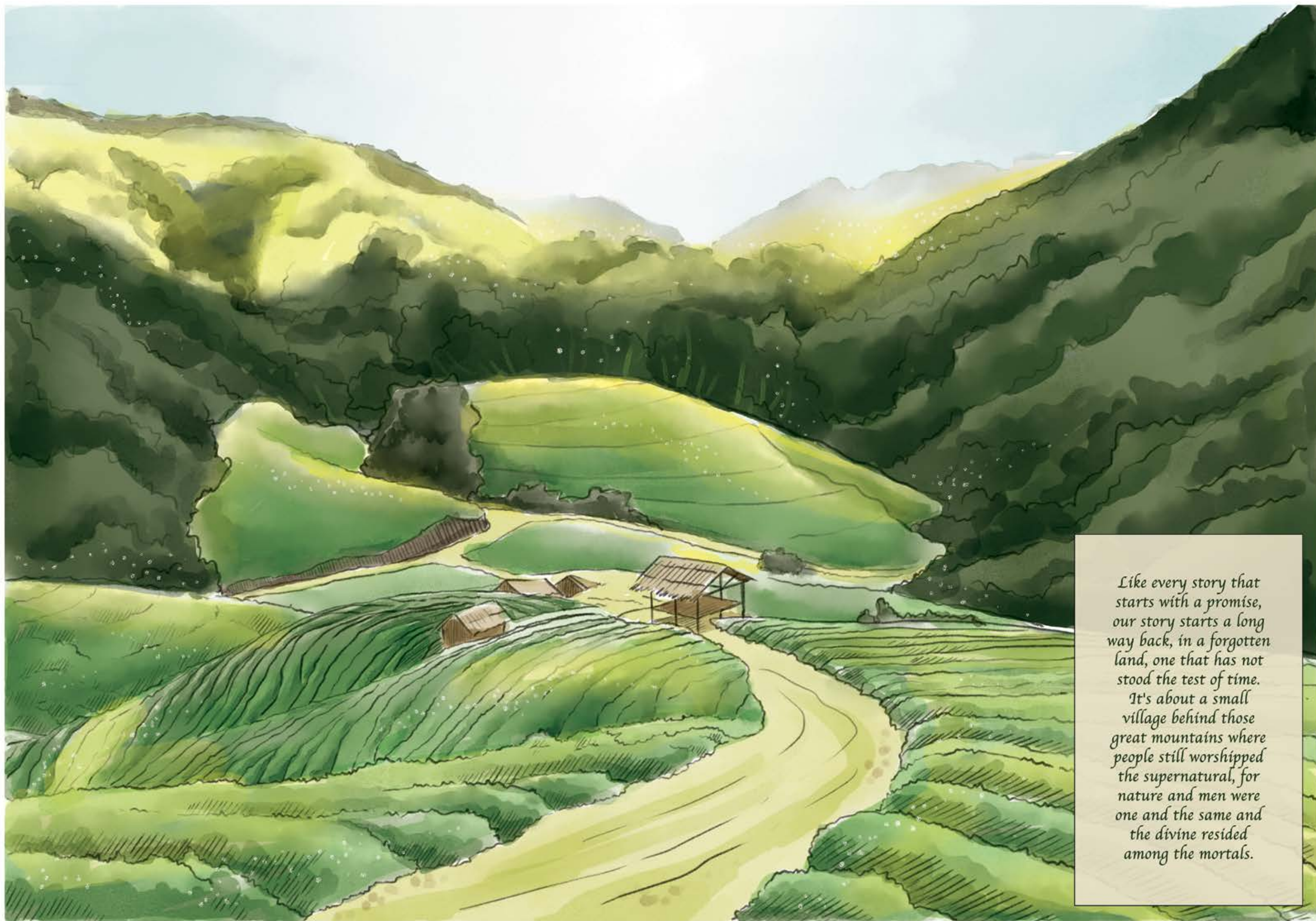
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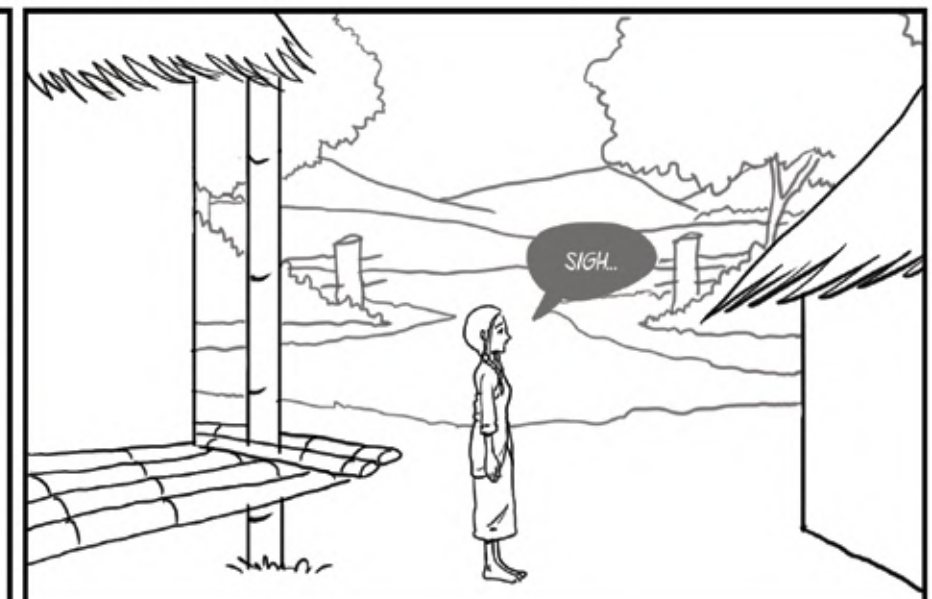
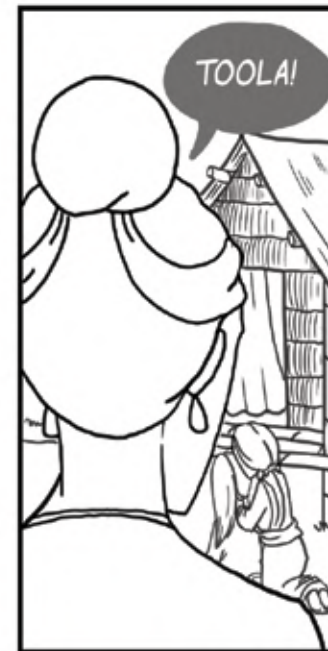
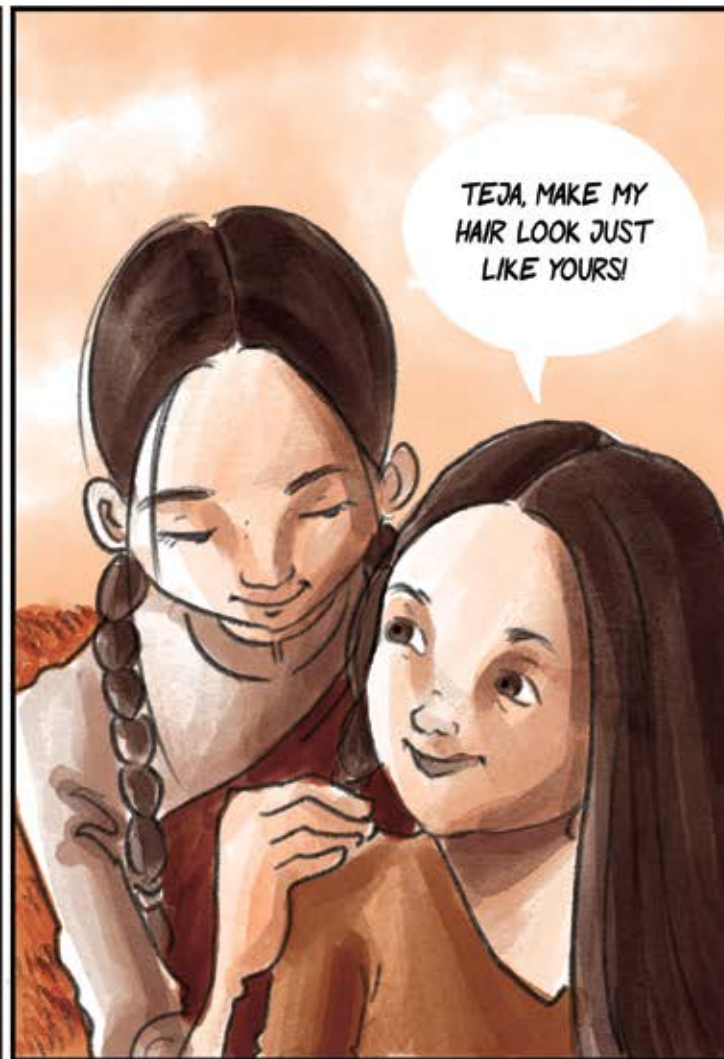
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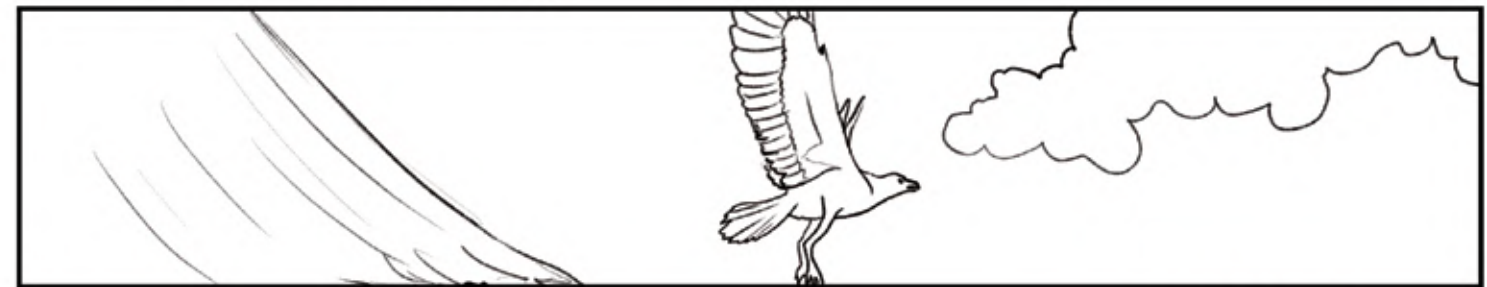
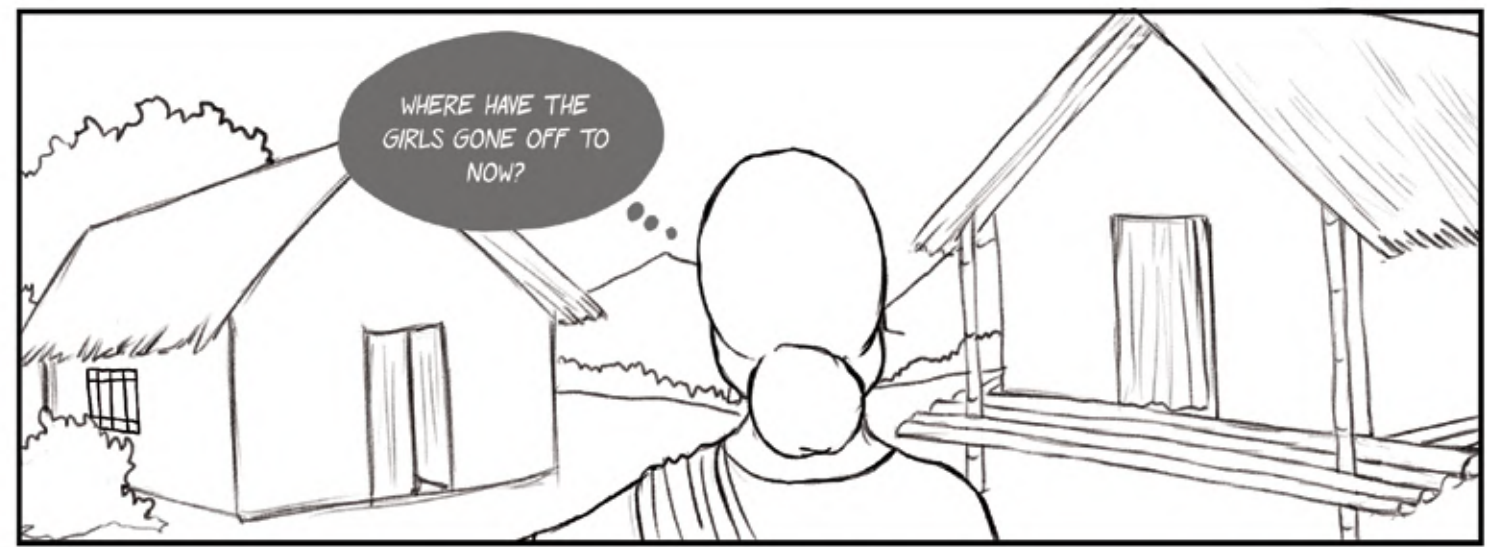
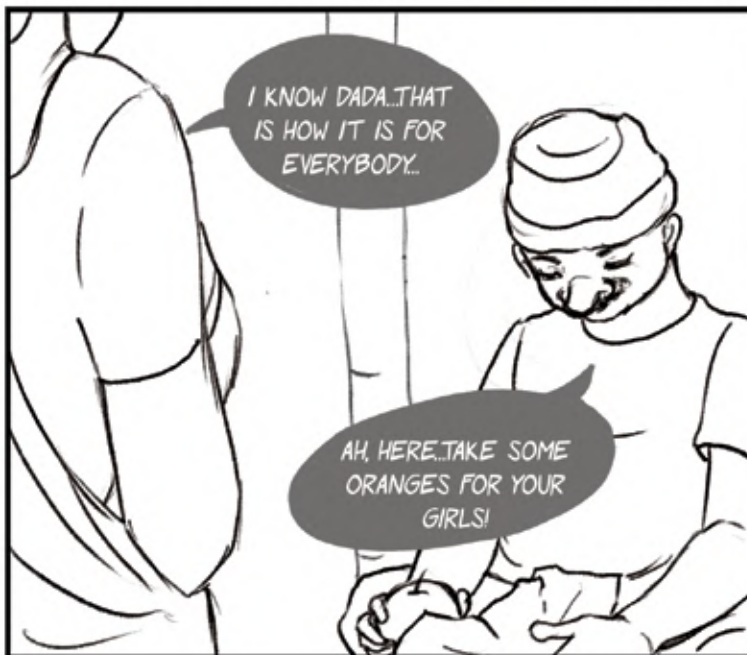
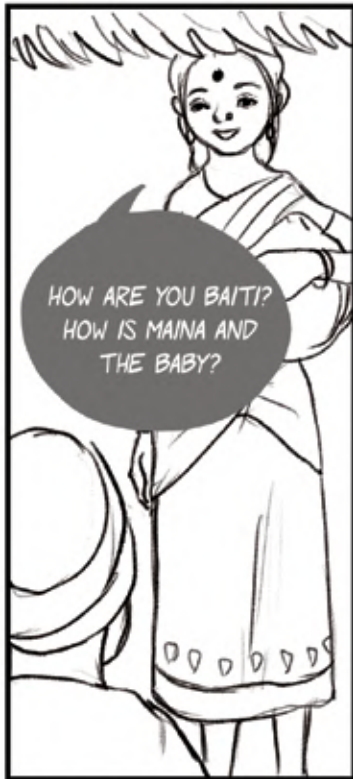
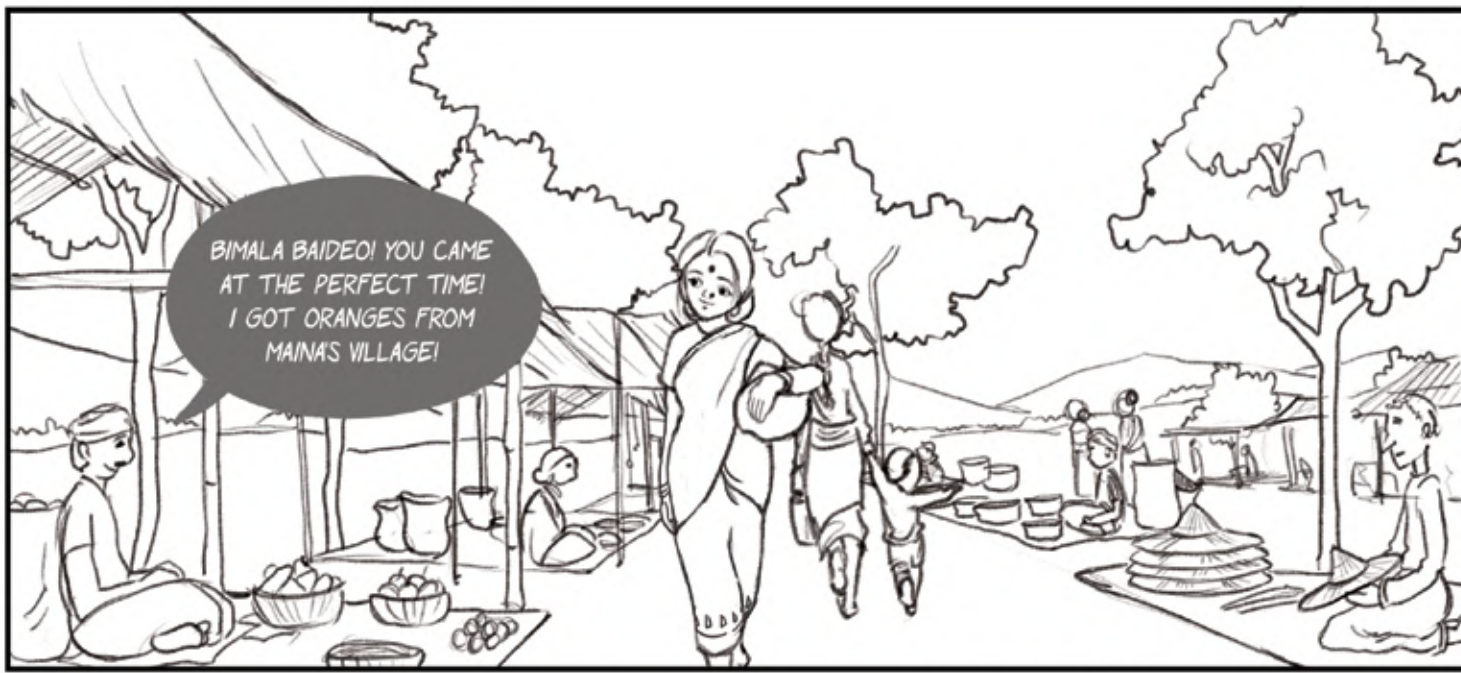


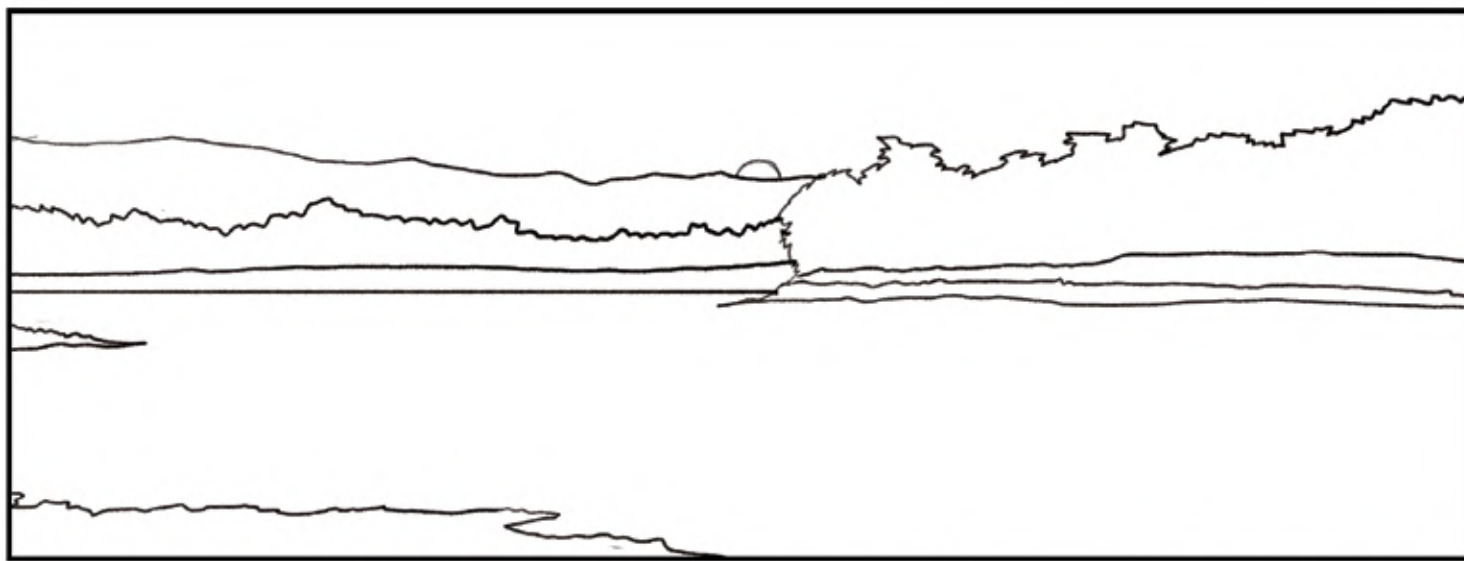


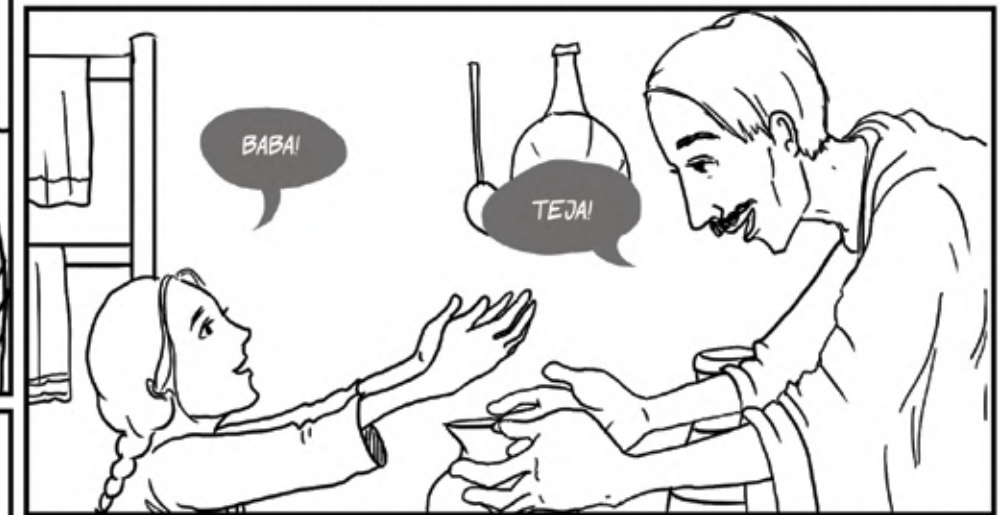
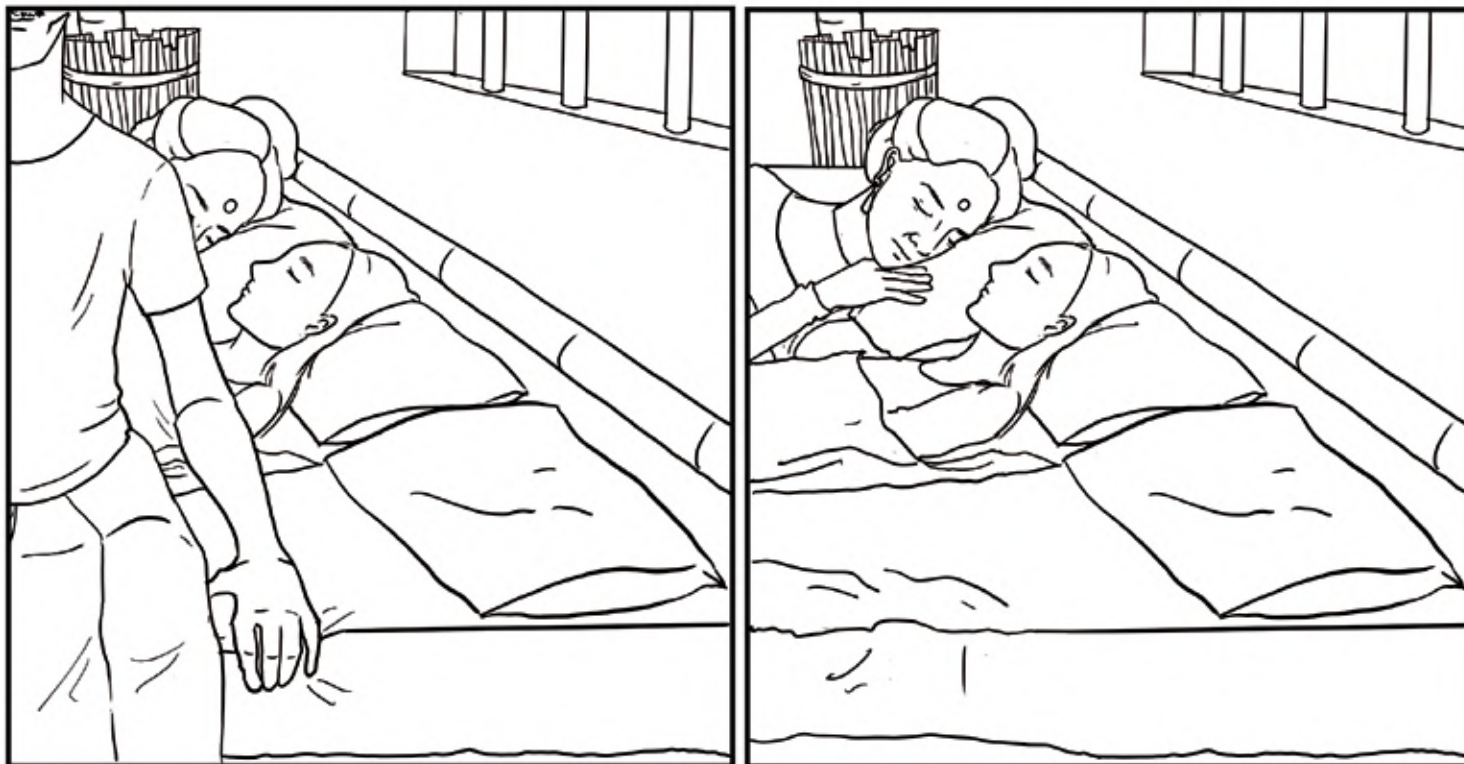
Like every story that starts with a promise, our story starts a long way back, in a forgotten land, one that has not stood the test of time.

It's about a small village behind those great mountains where people still worshipped the supernatural, for nature and men were one and the same and the divine resided among the mortals.











ONE NIGHT HE'S HERE AND HE STILL GOES TO HER!



THAT WRETCHED WOMAN!



SHE HAS MADE MY LIFE MISERABLE! WHAT DO I HAVE TO DO TO GET RID OF HER!



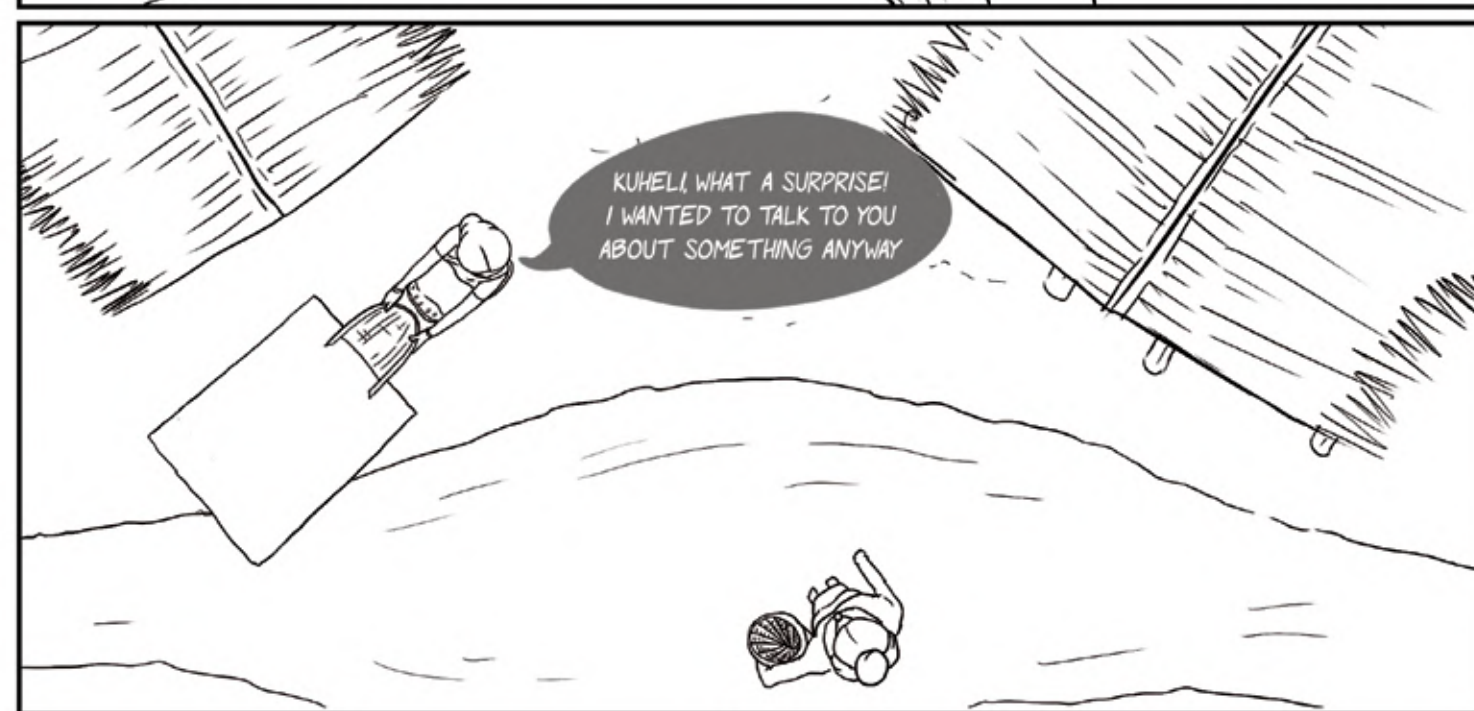
THUD!



OH! I KNOW WHAT I HAVE TO DO...



BAIDEO, COME WITH ME TO THE POND! LET'S FETCH WATER.



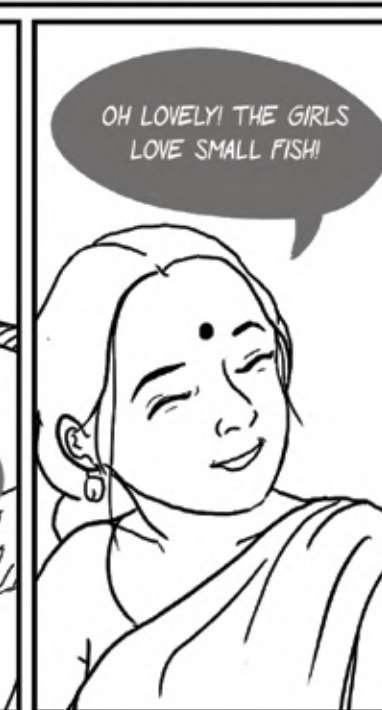
KUHELI, WHAT A SURPRISE! I WANTED TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT SOMETHING ANYWAY



LET ME FETCH MY PITCHER...



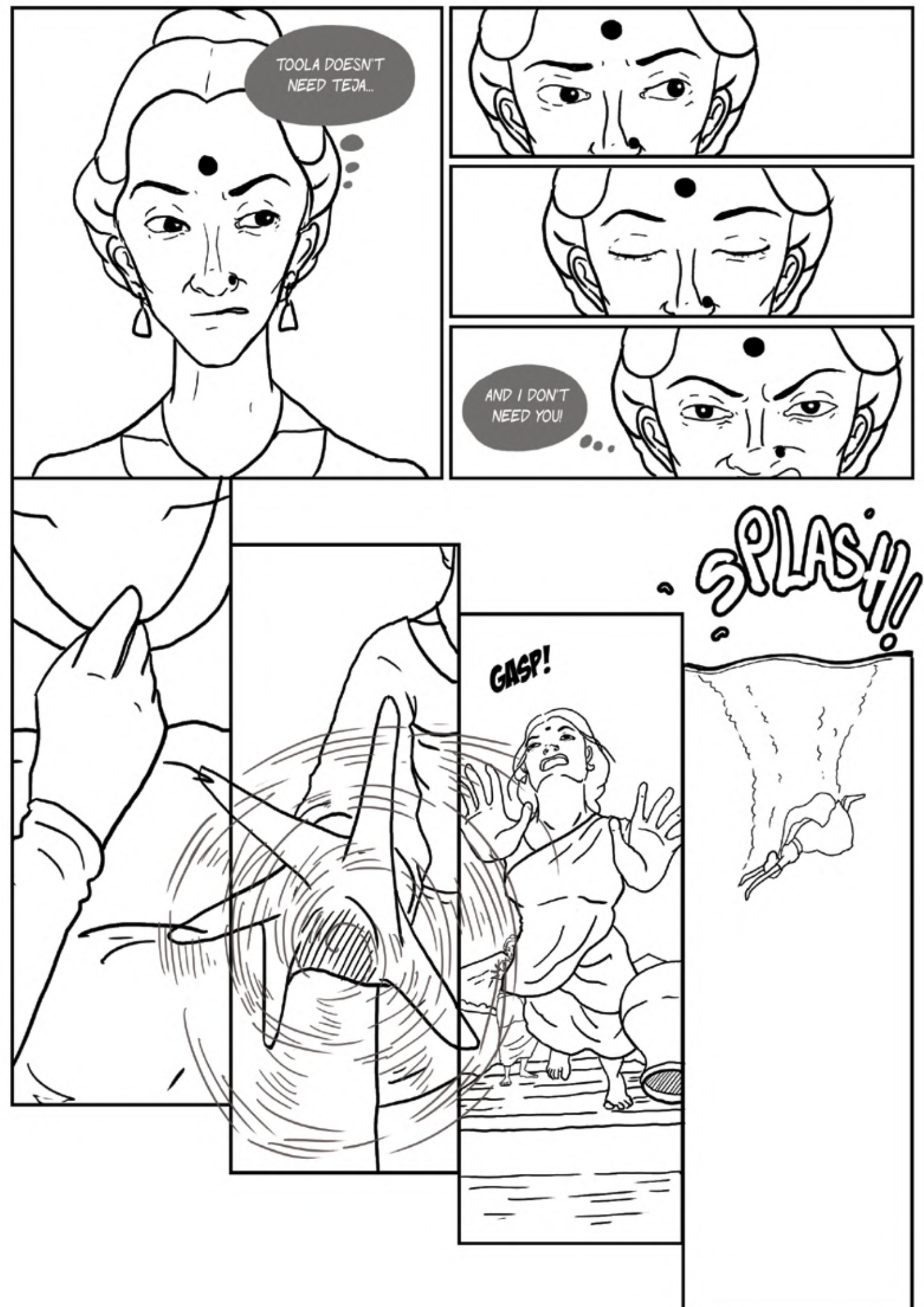
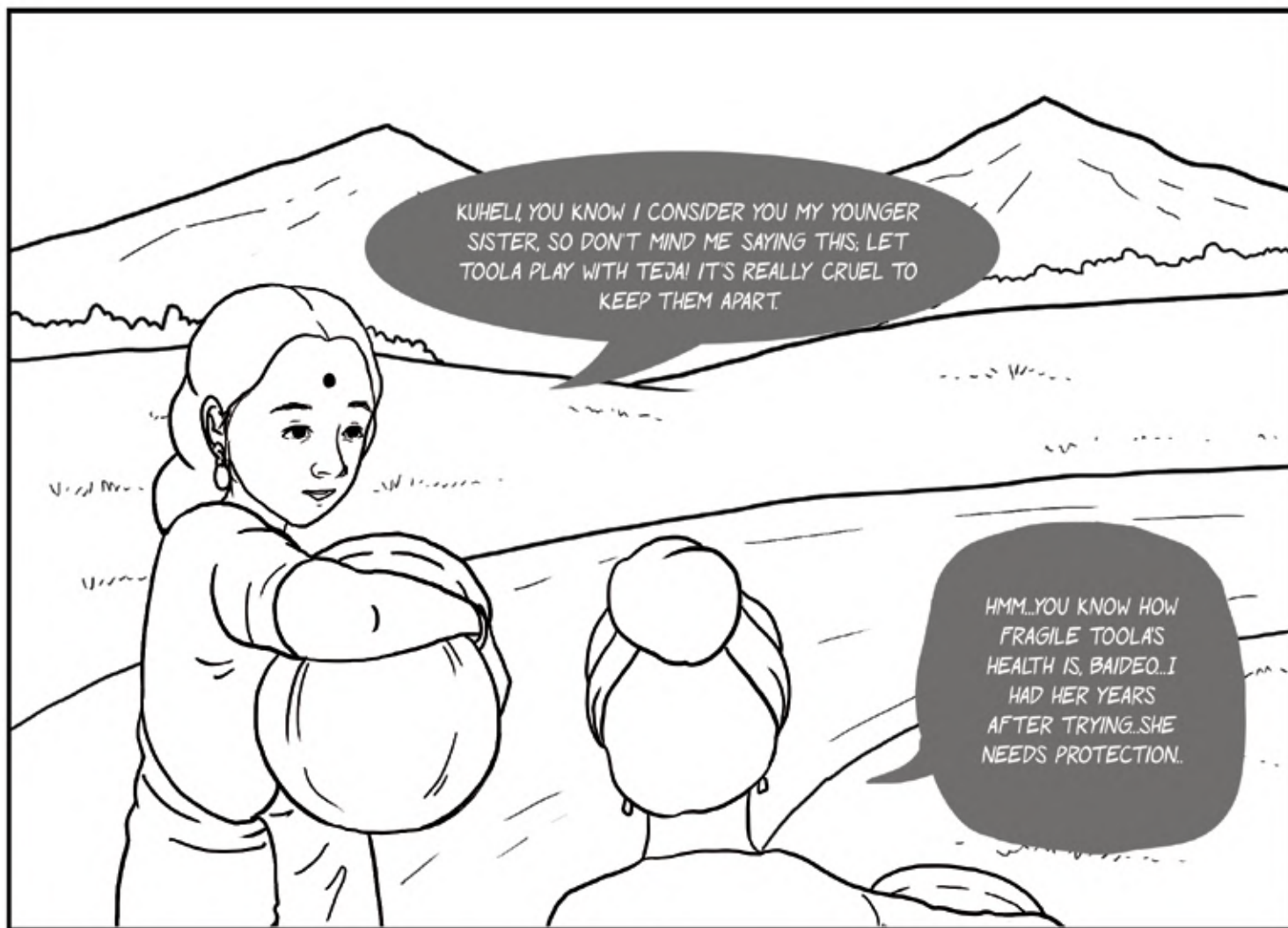
GET THE BASKET TOO..WE CAN GET SOME FISH FOR DINNER...

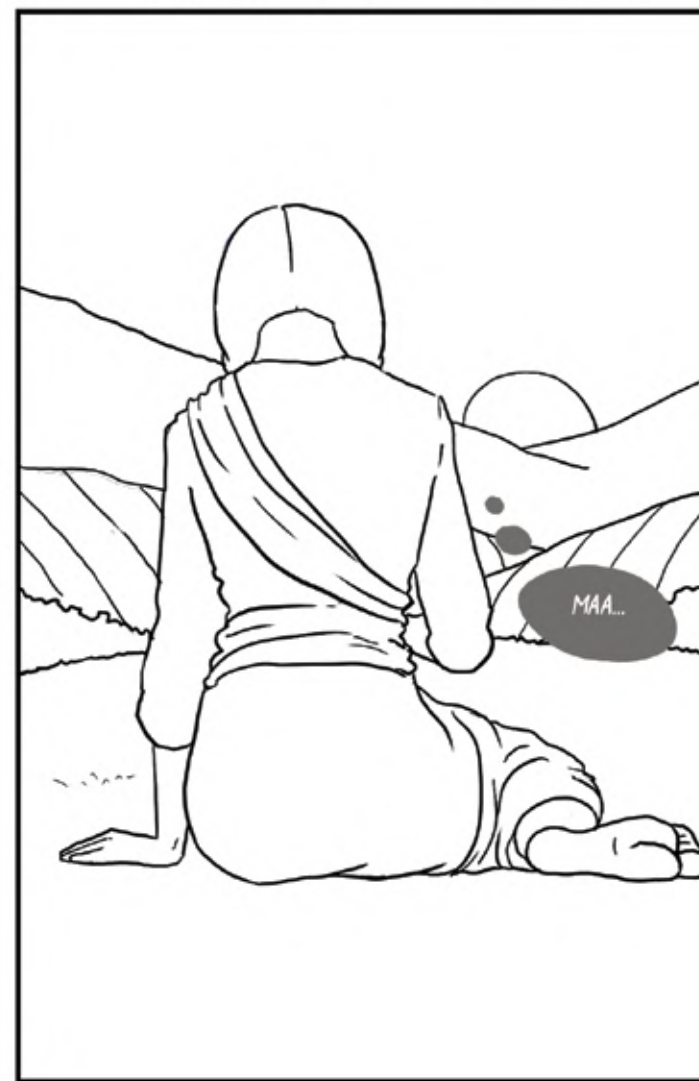
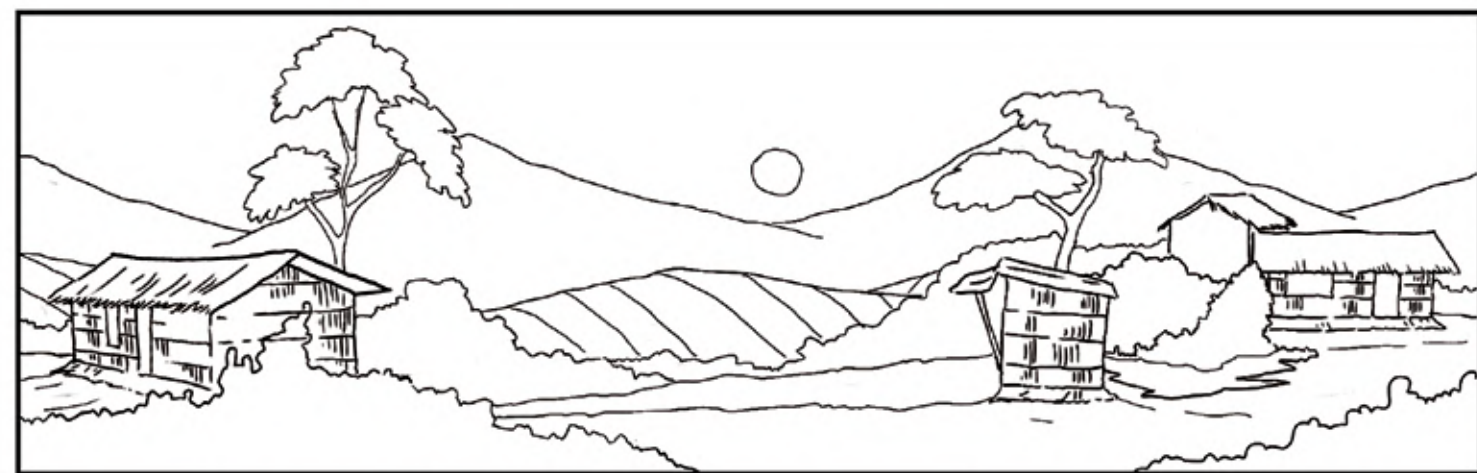


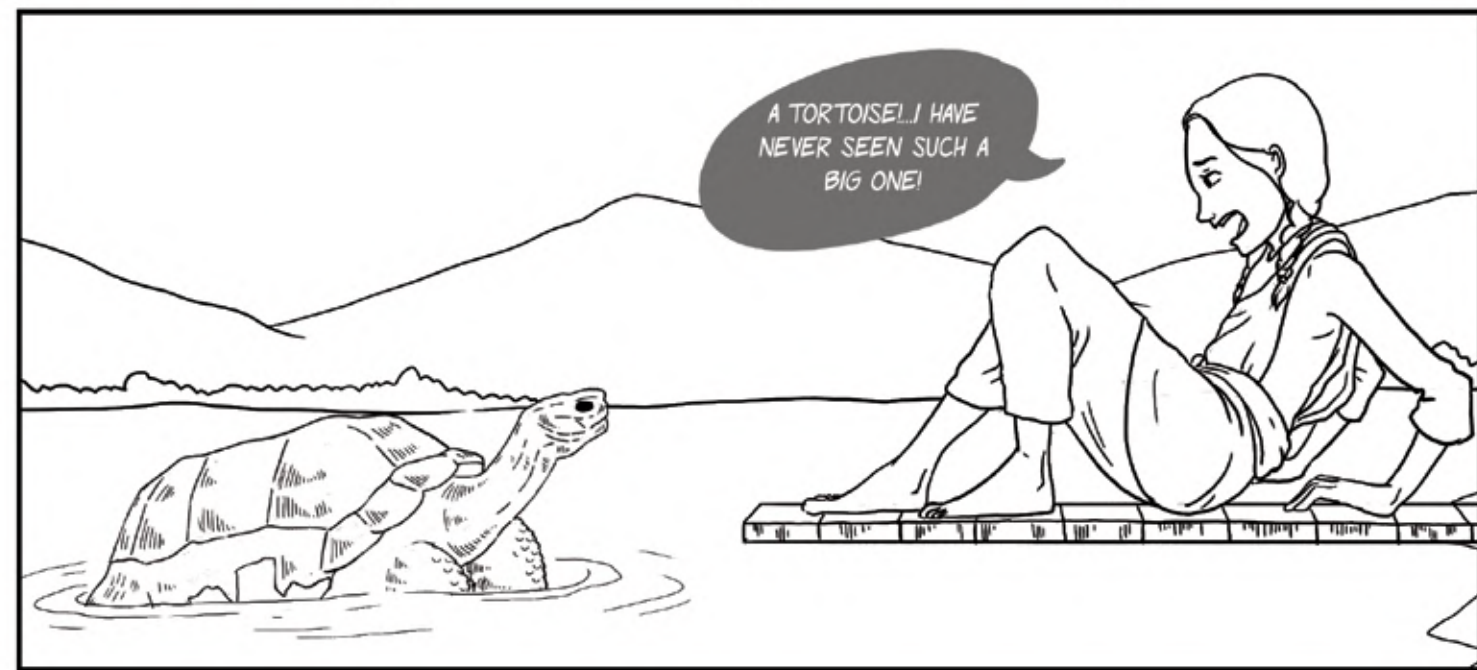
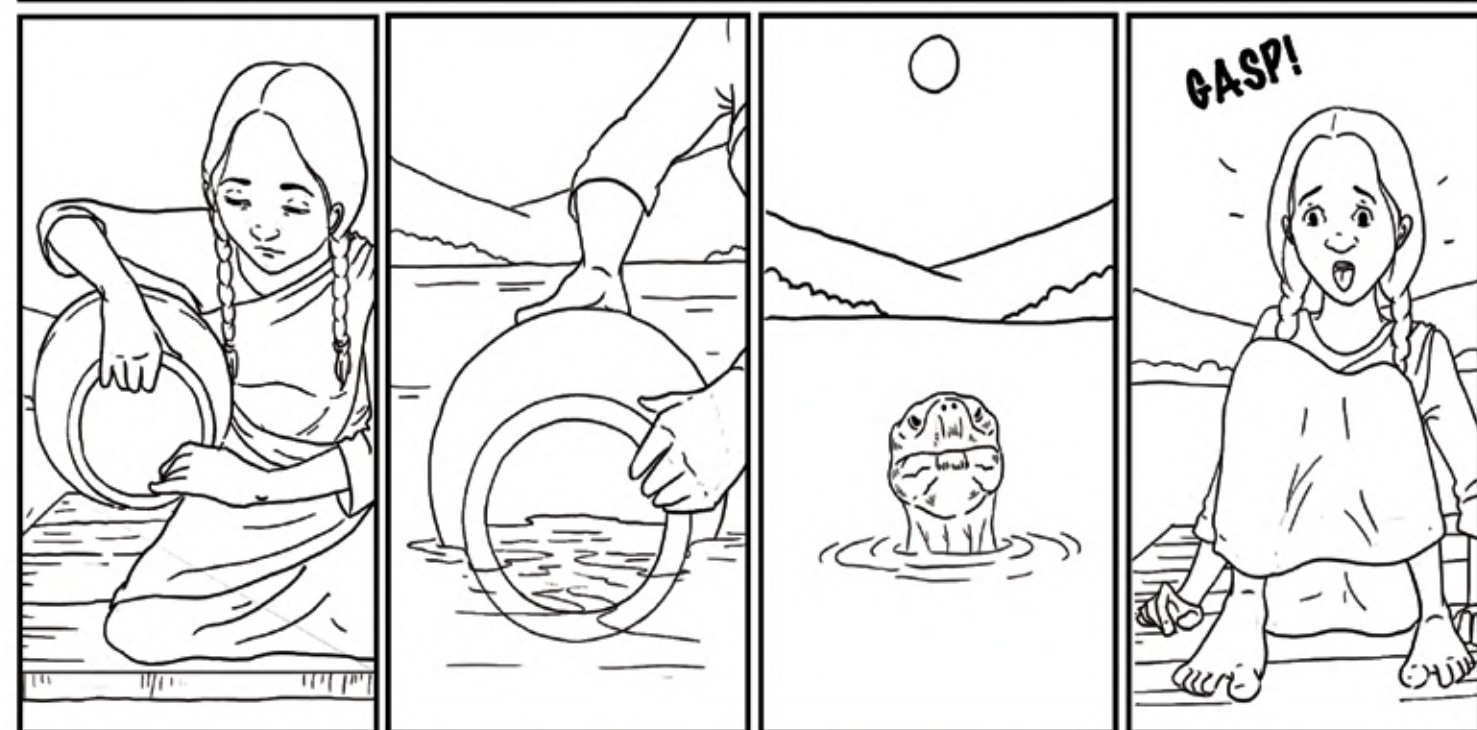
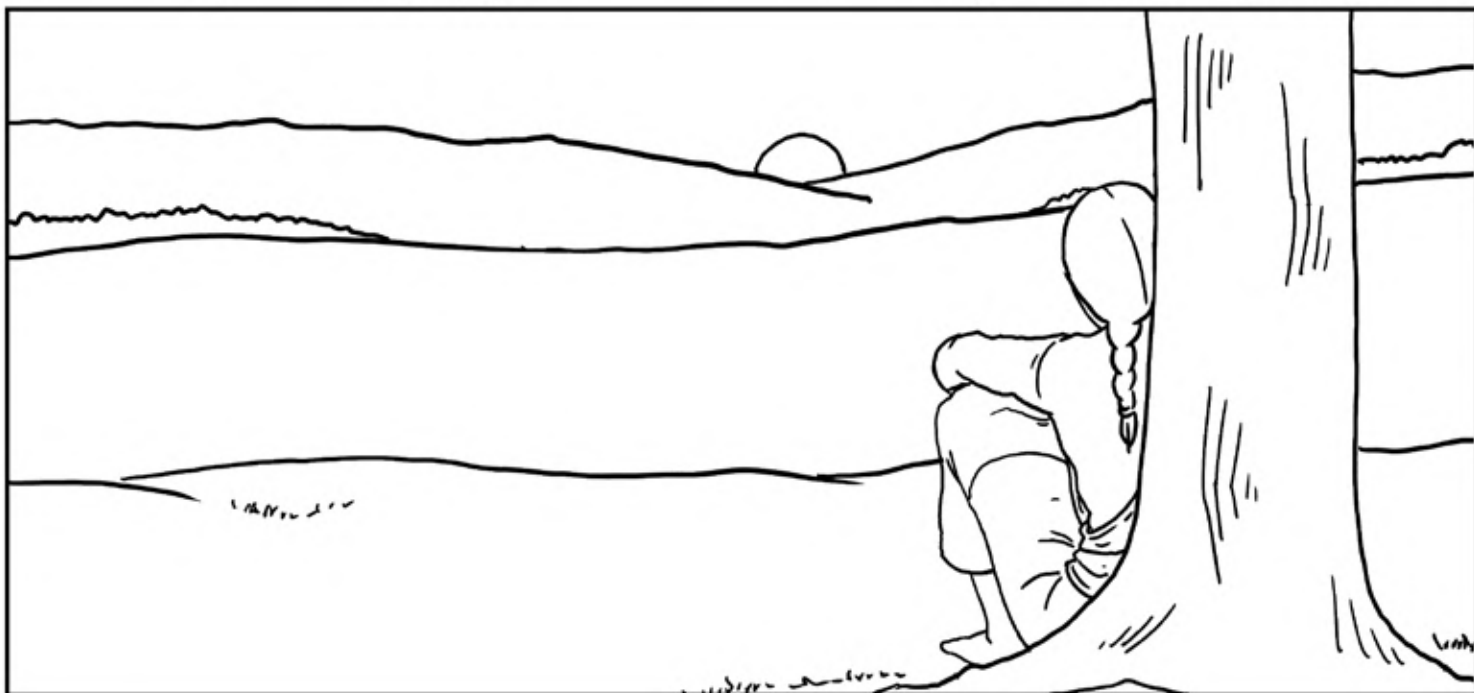
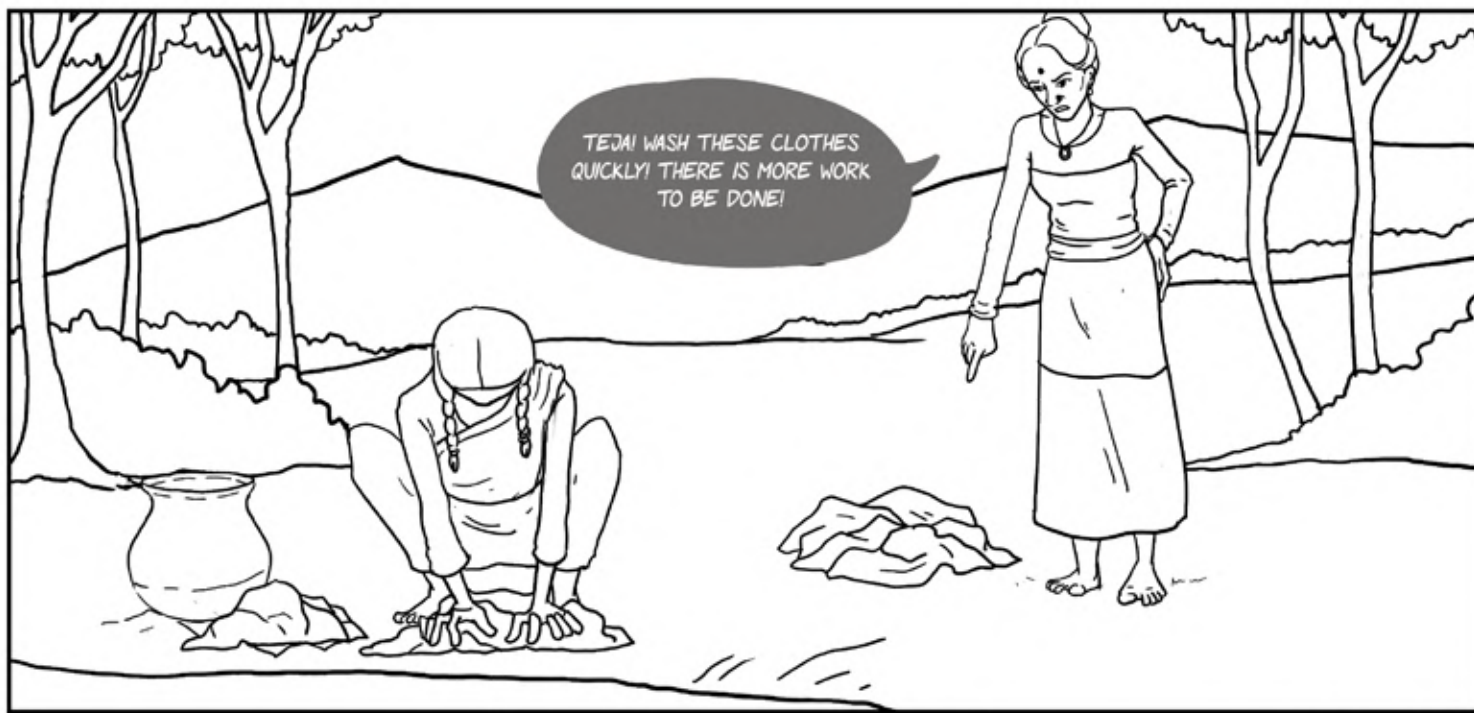
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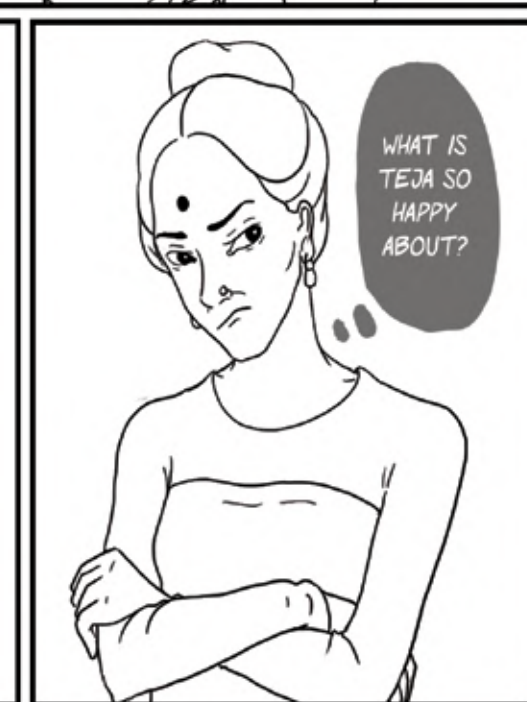
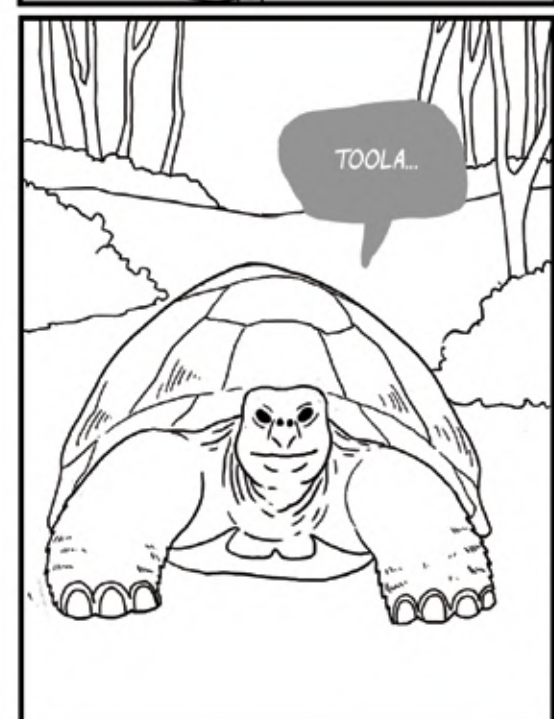
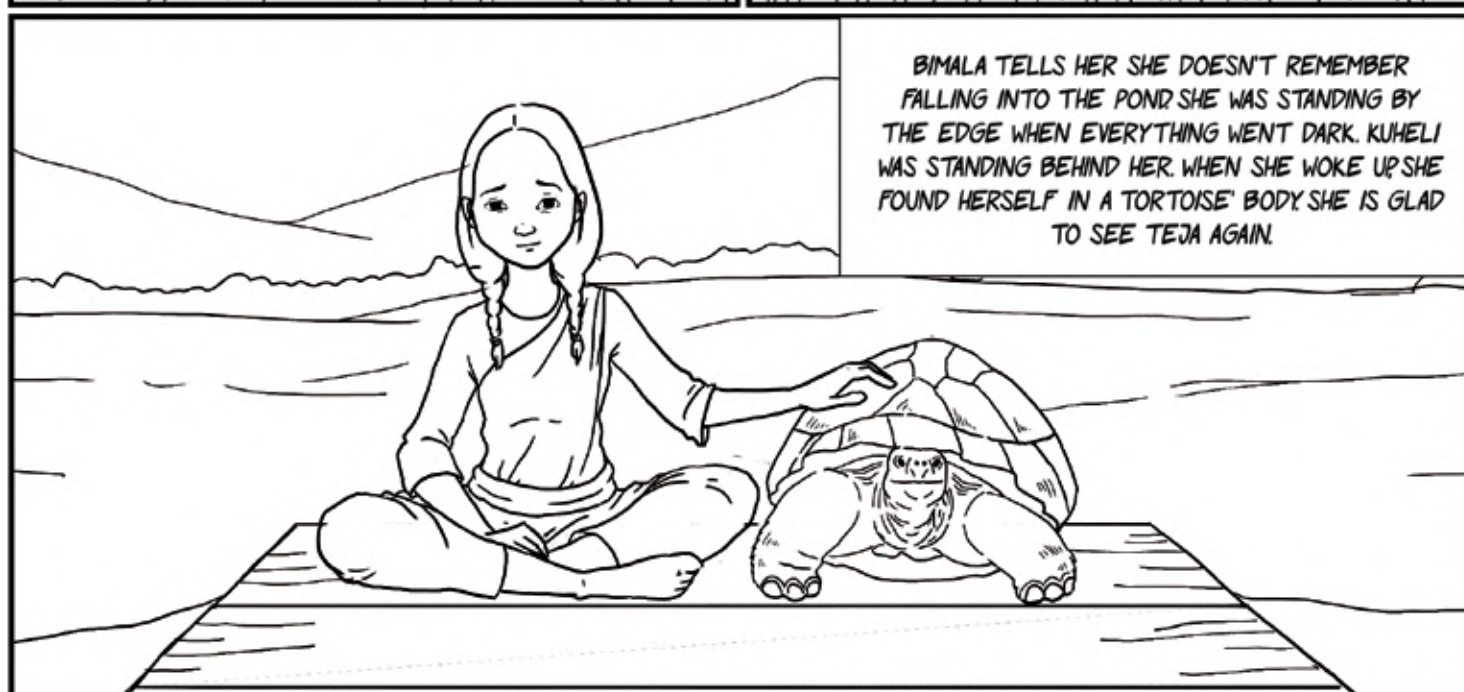
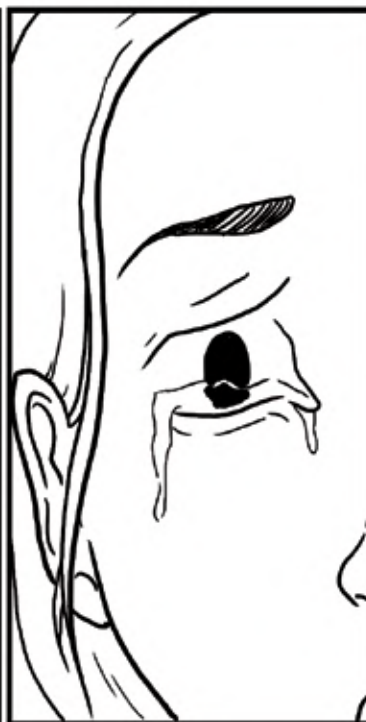
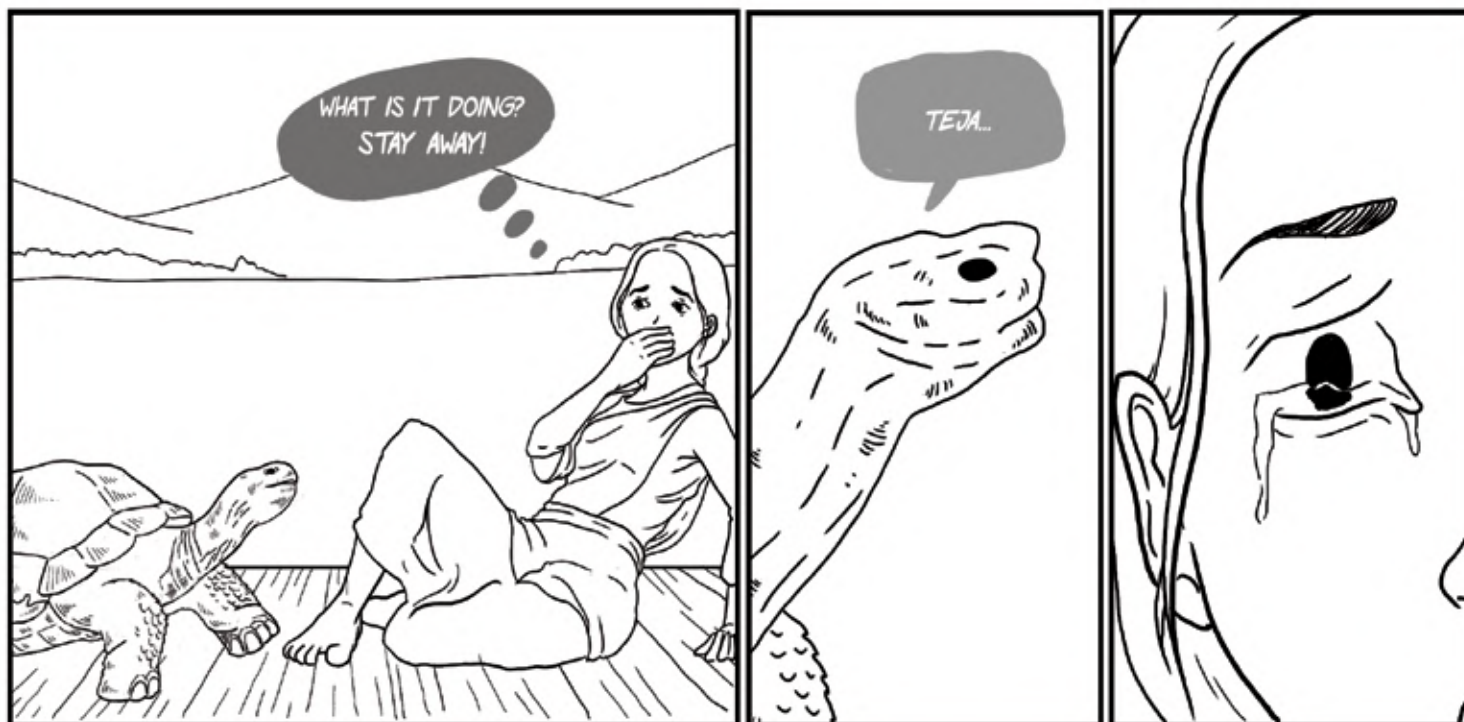


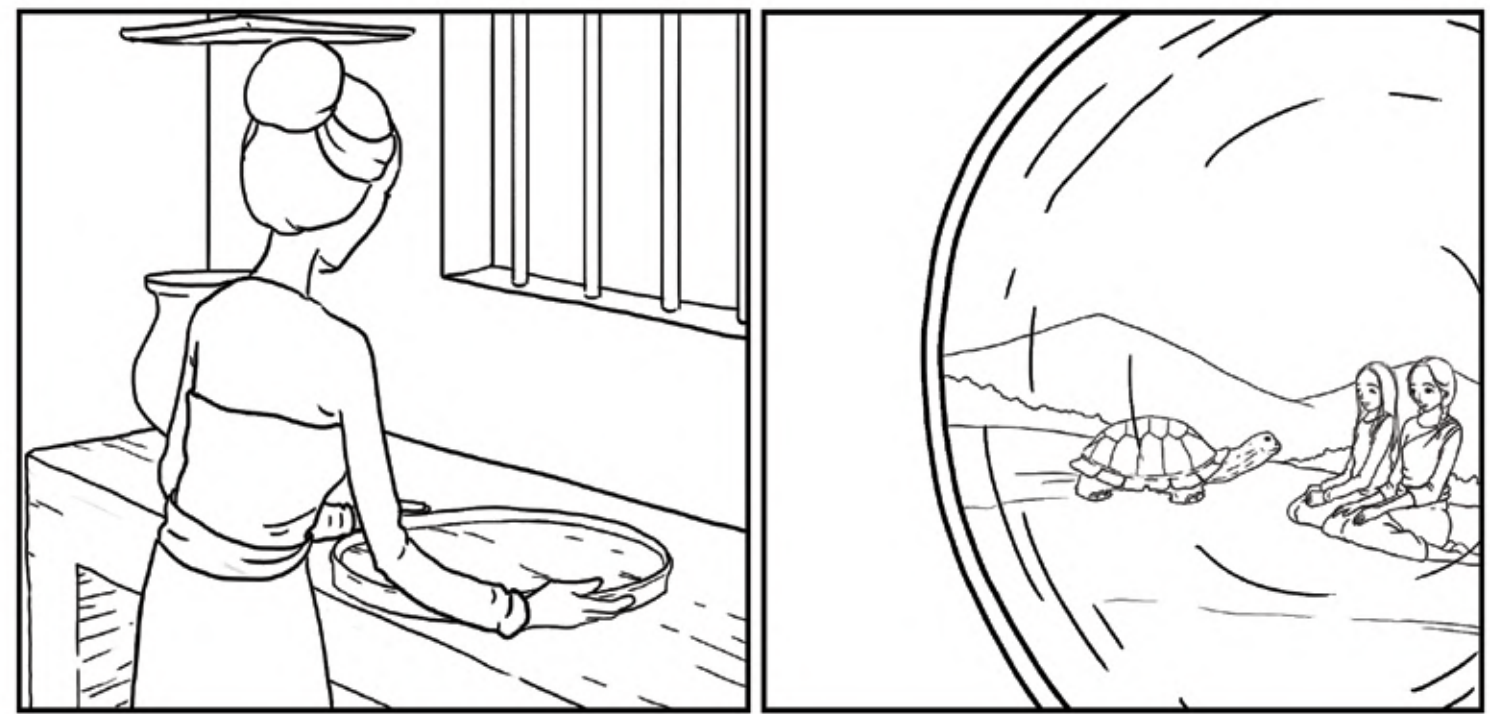
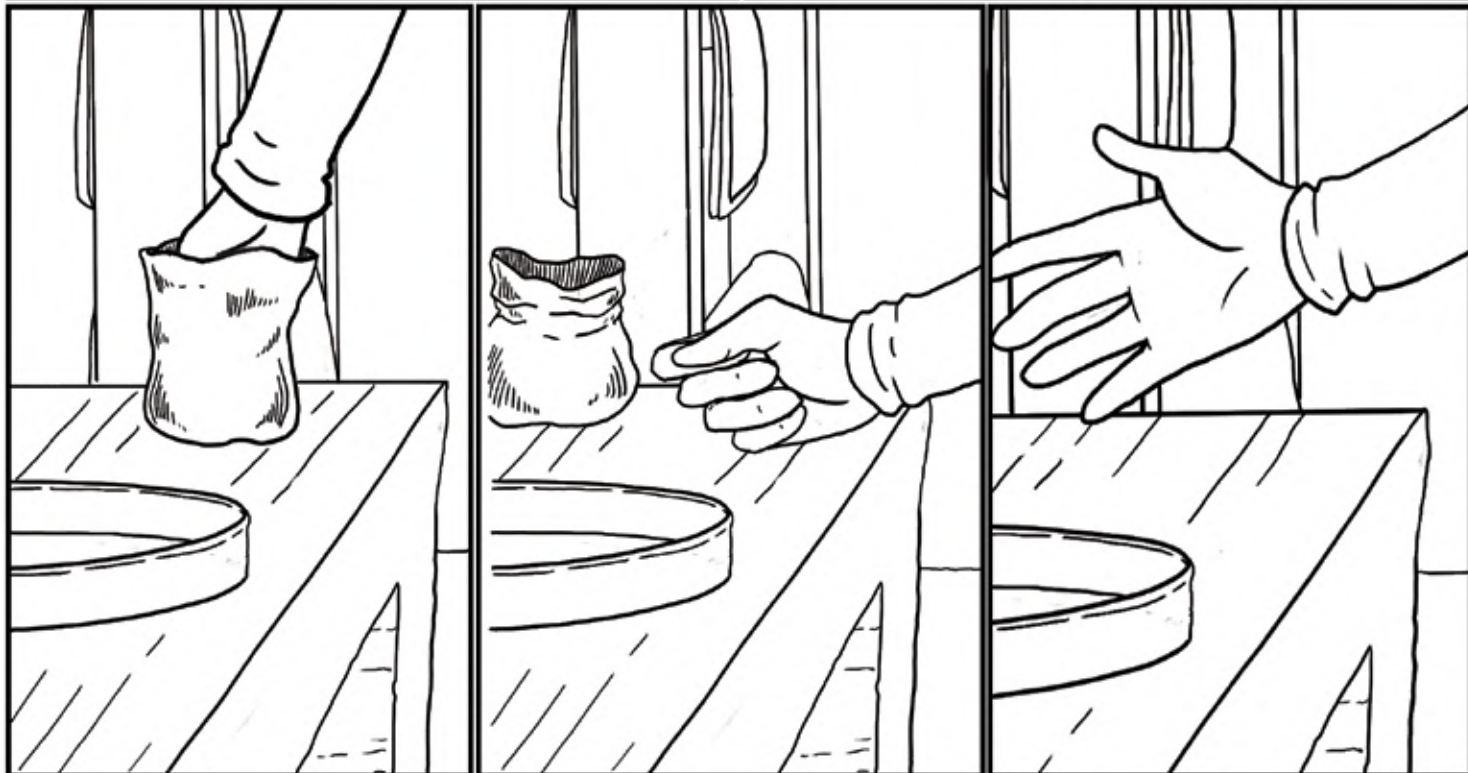
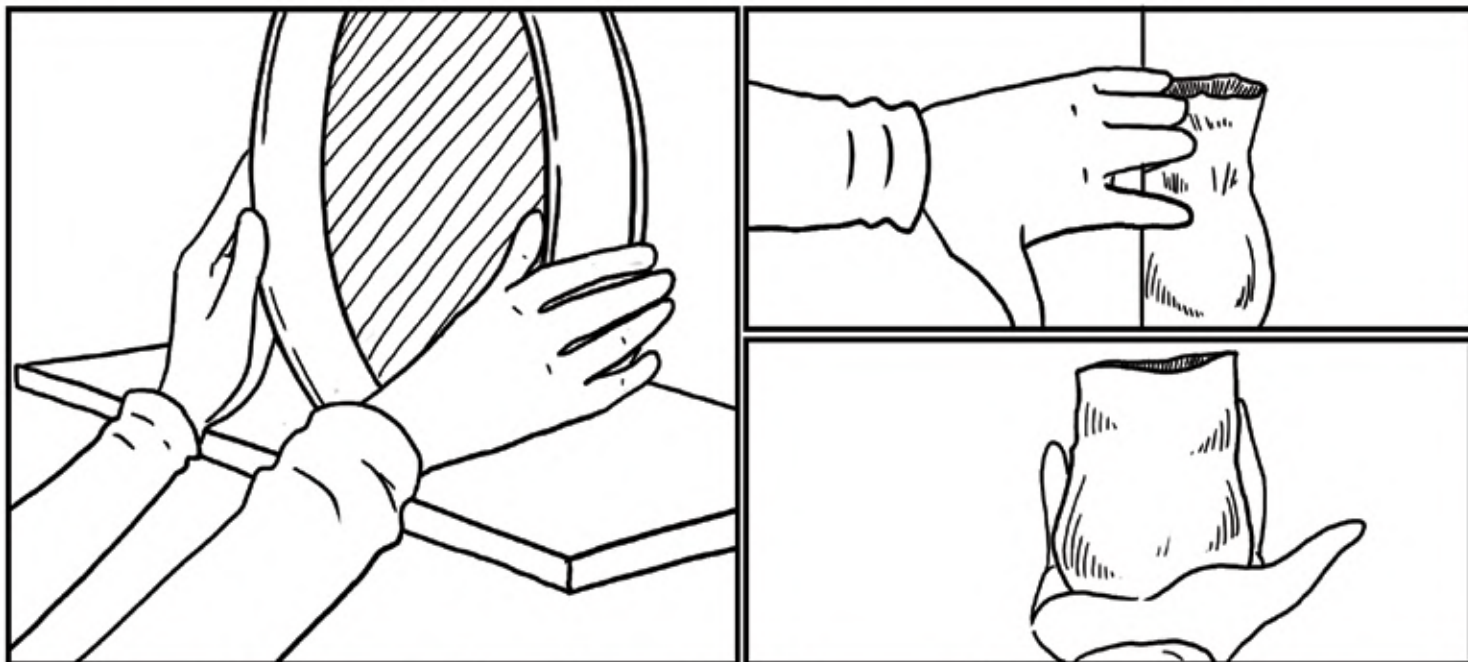
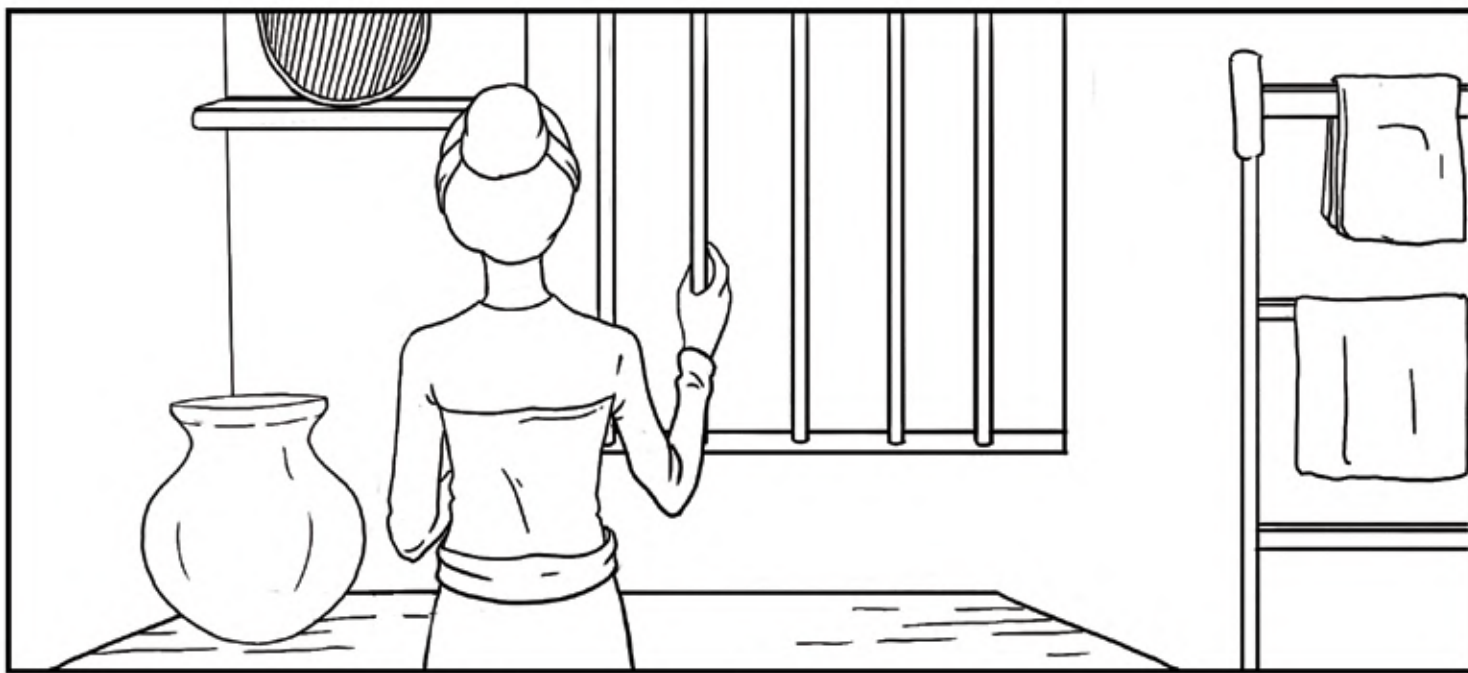
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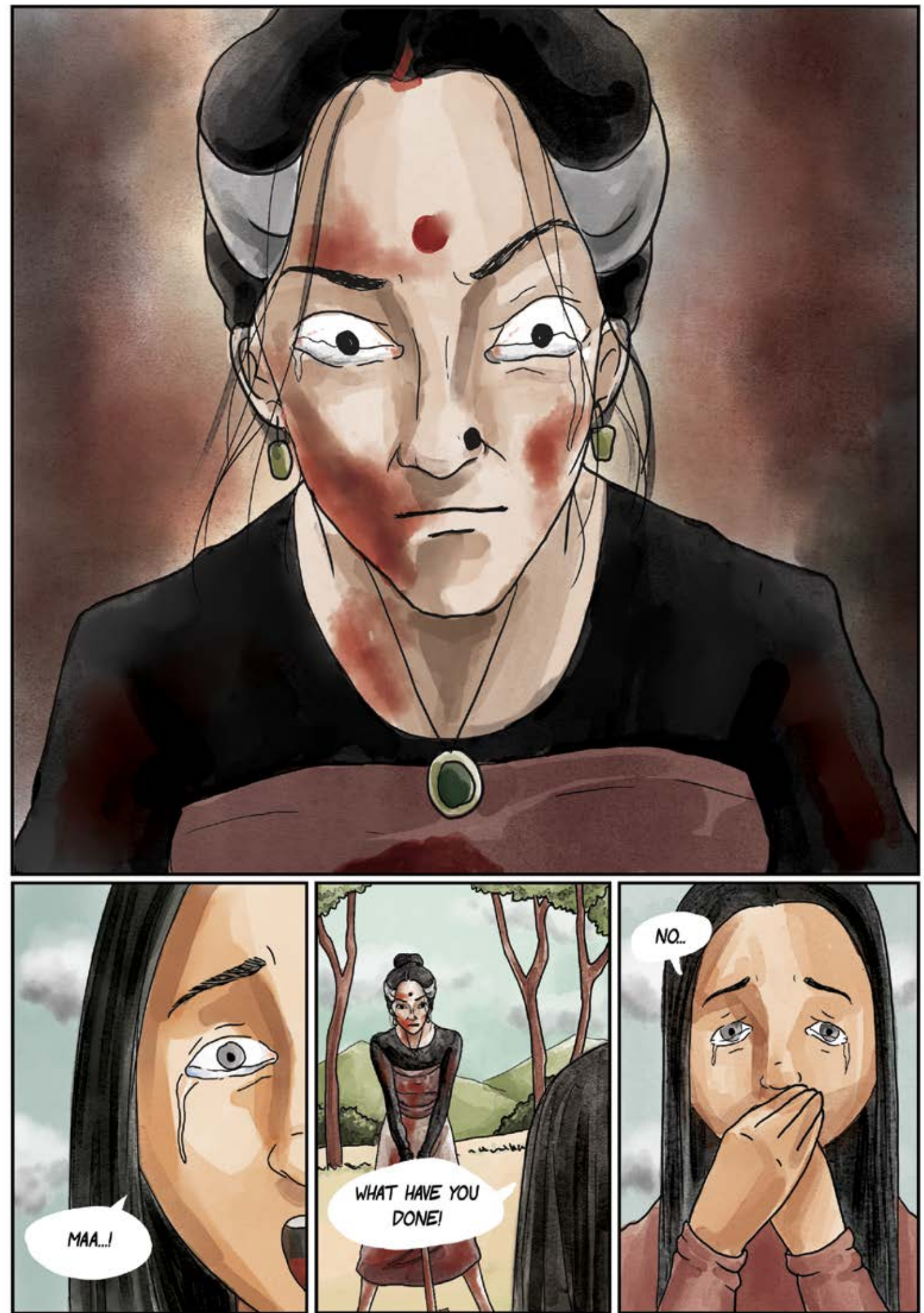
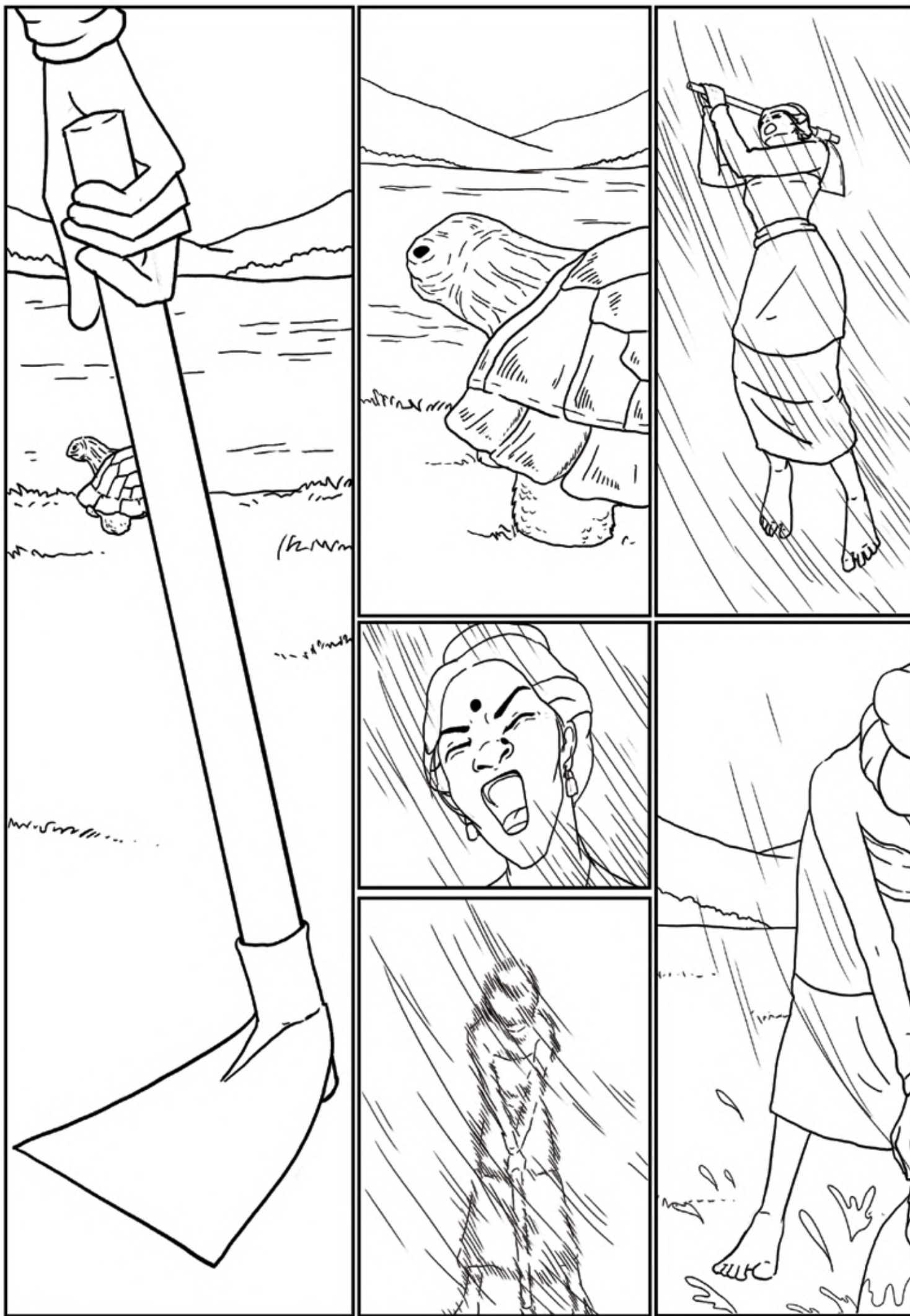


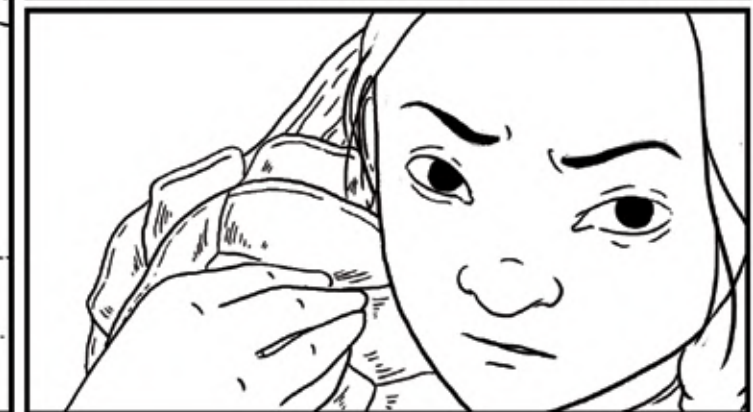
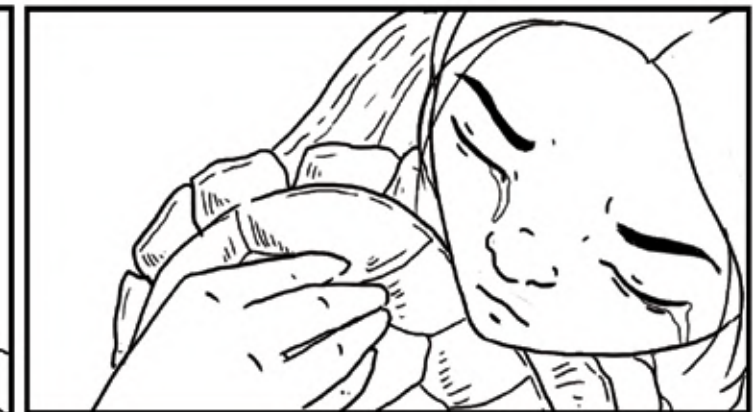
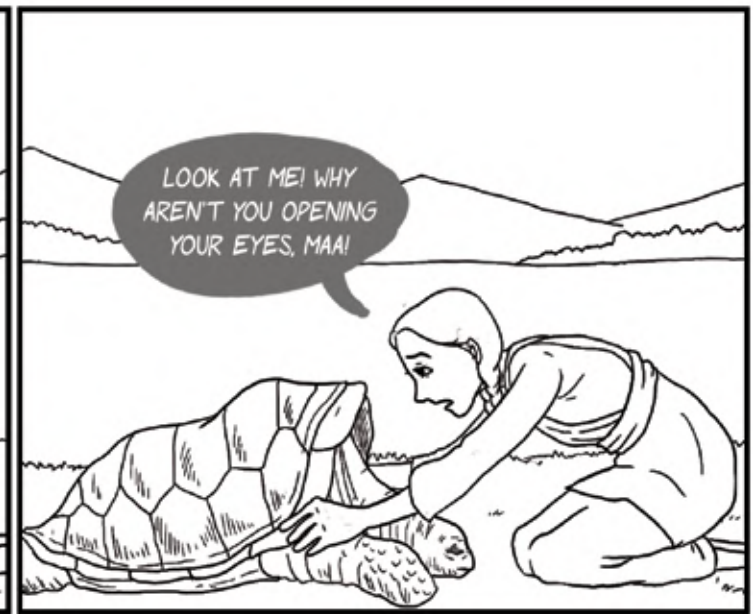
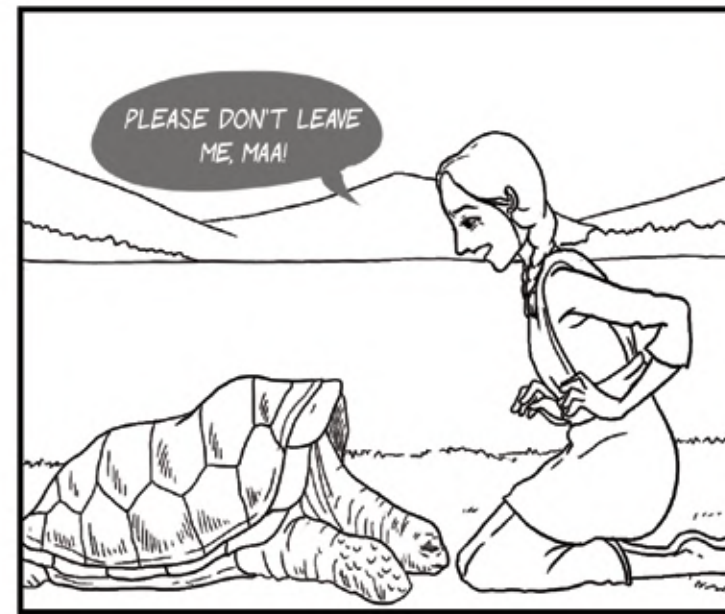
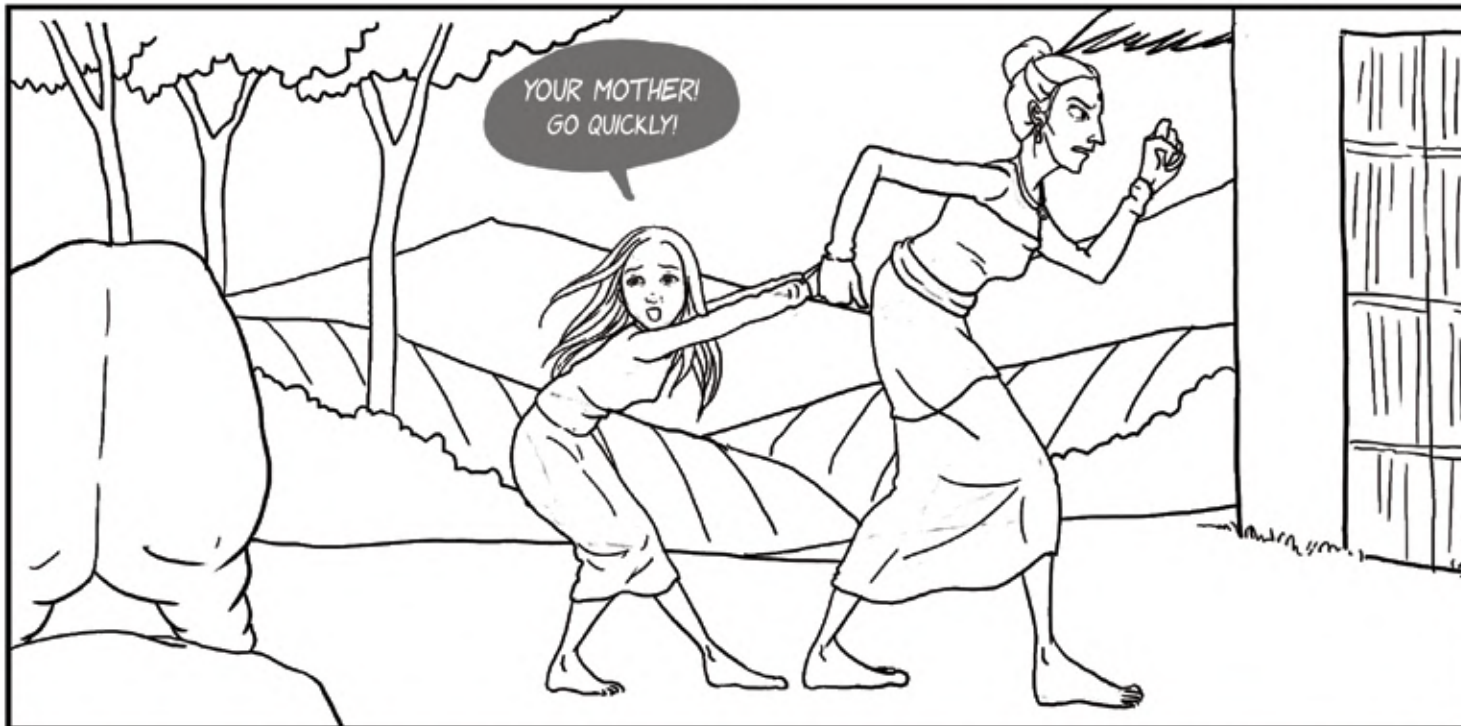
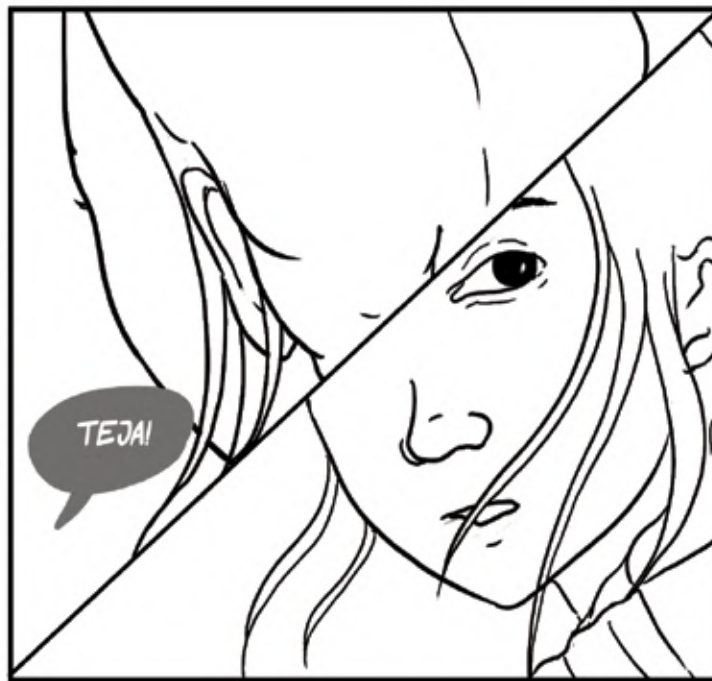


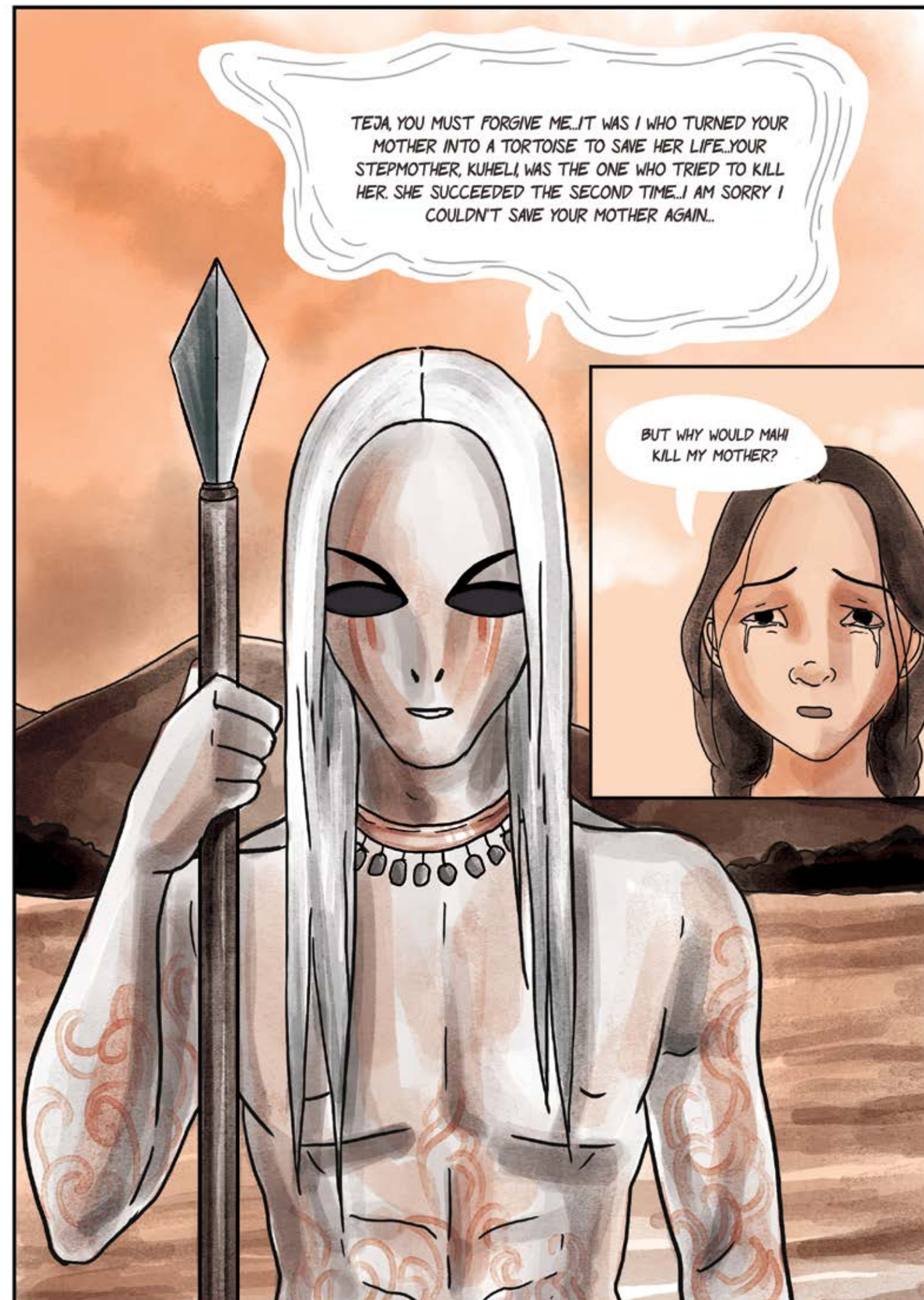
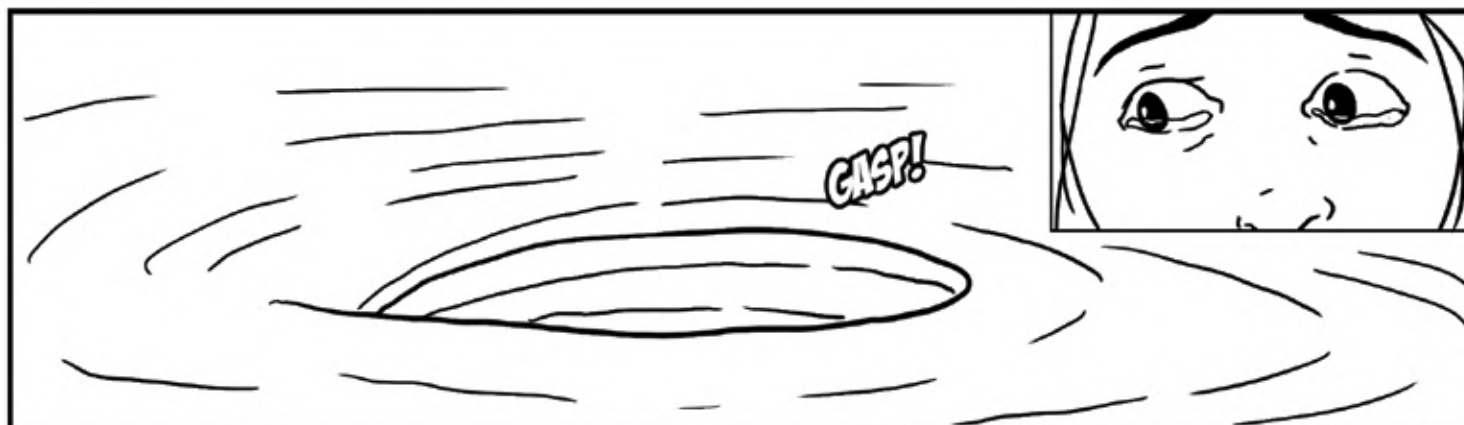
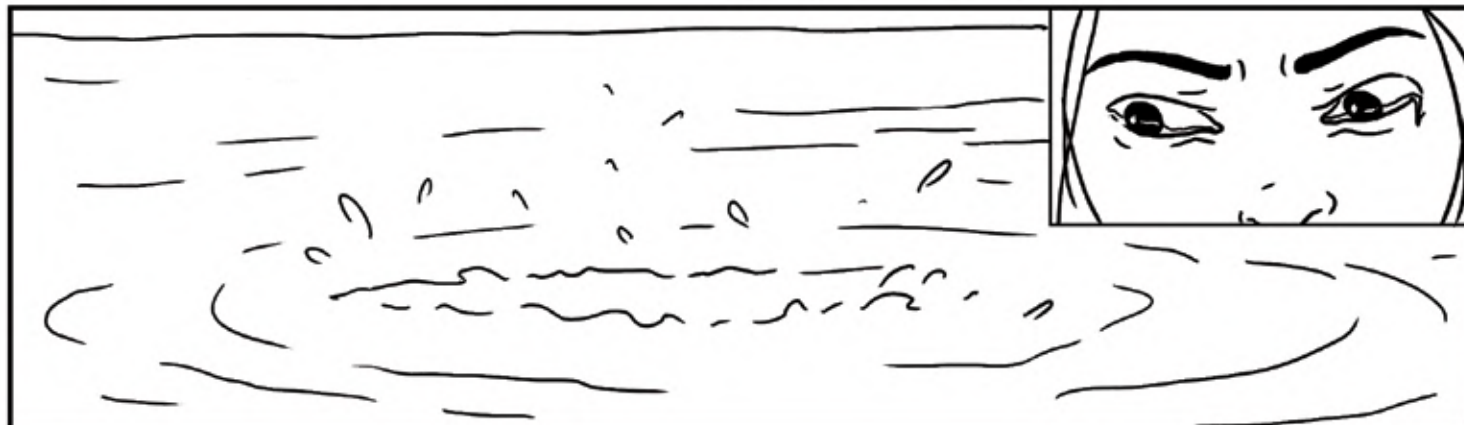
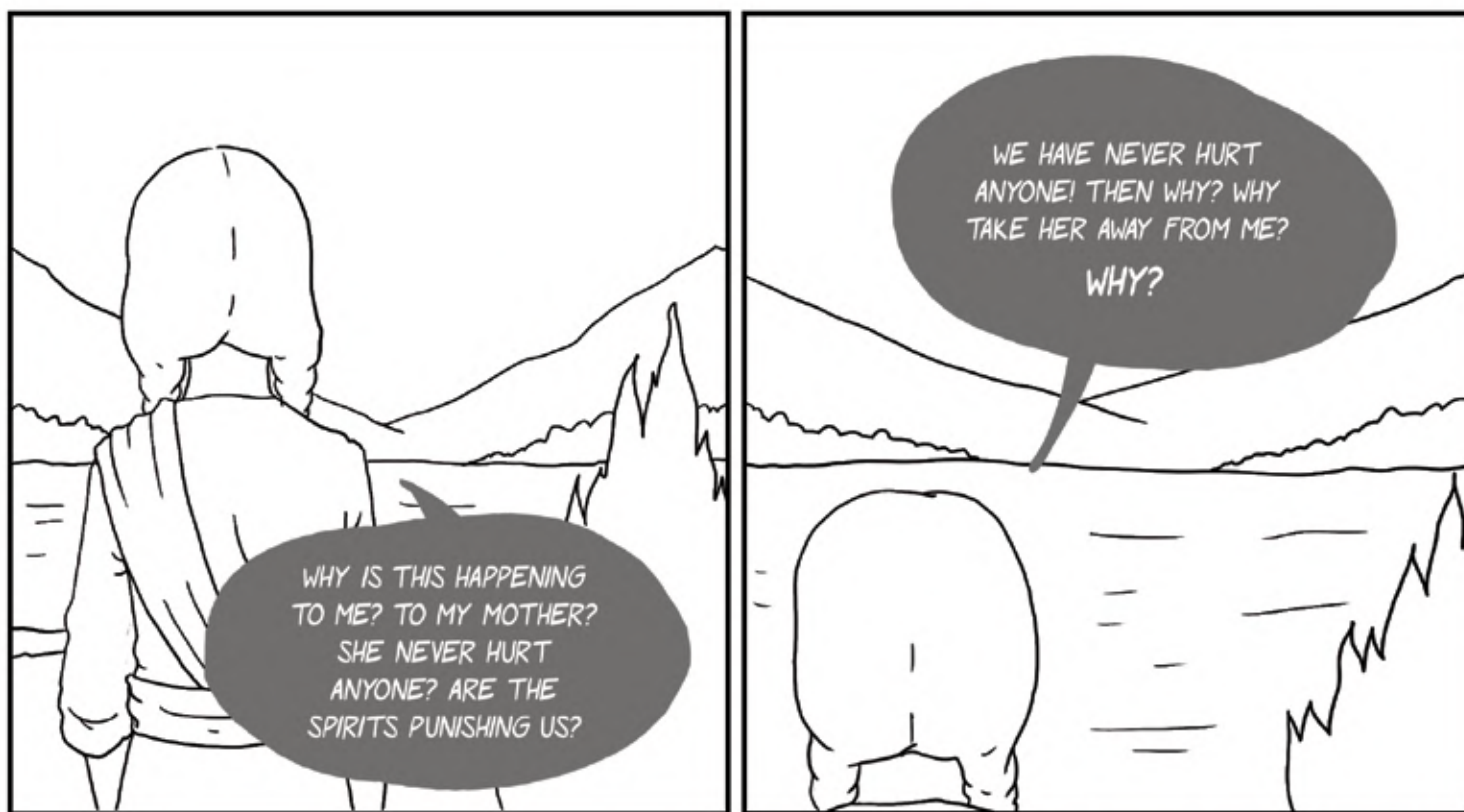


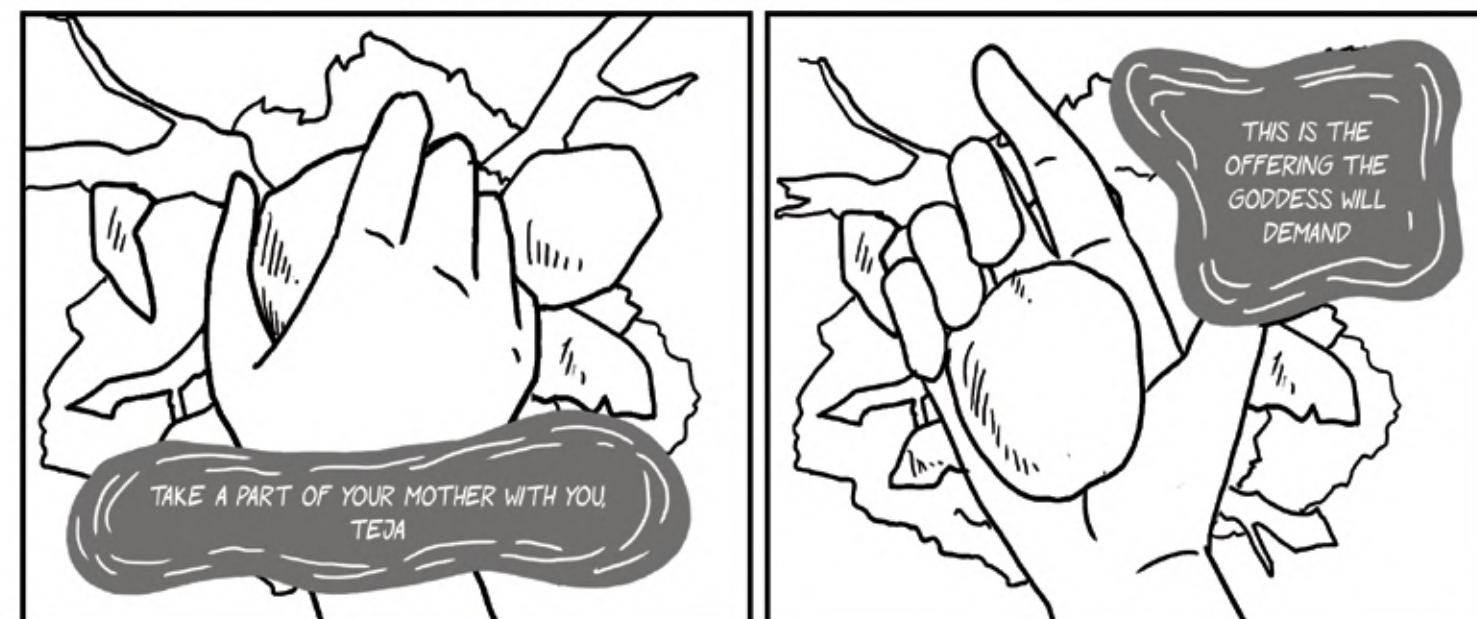
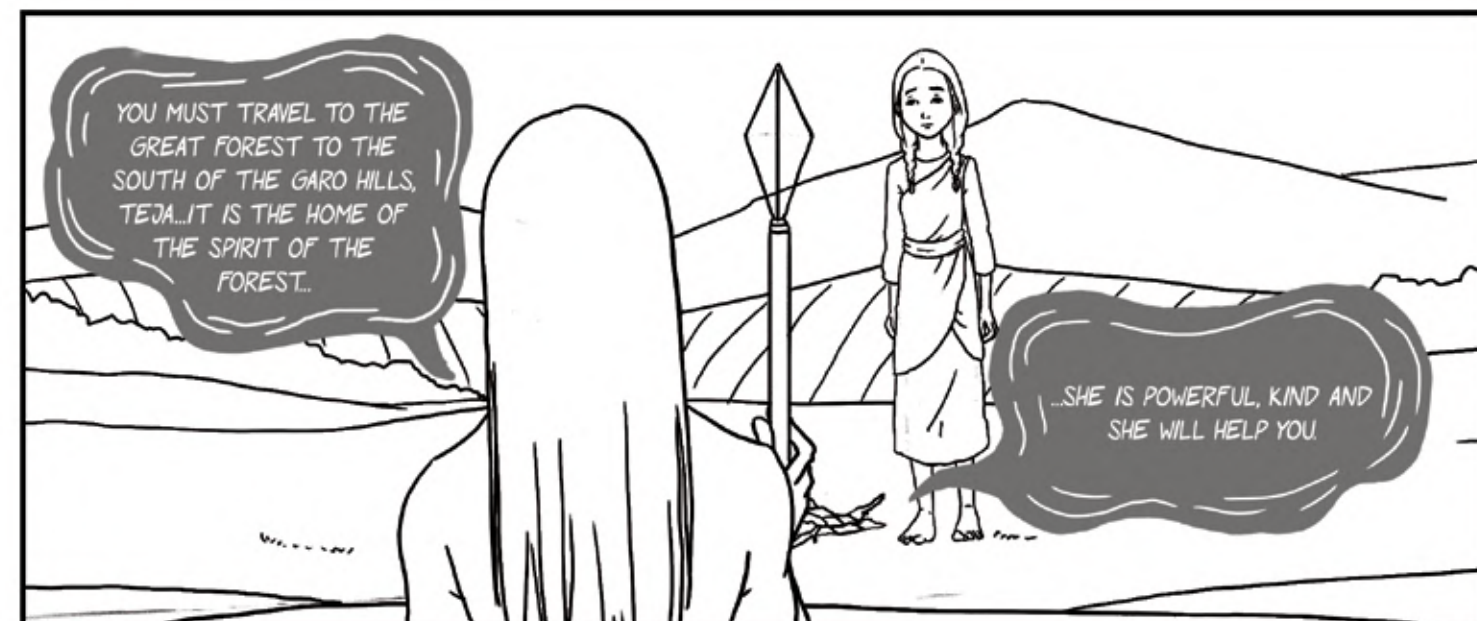
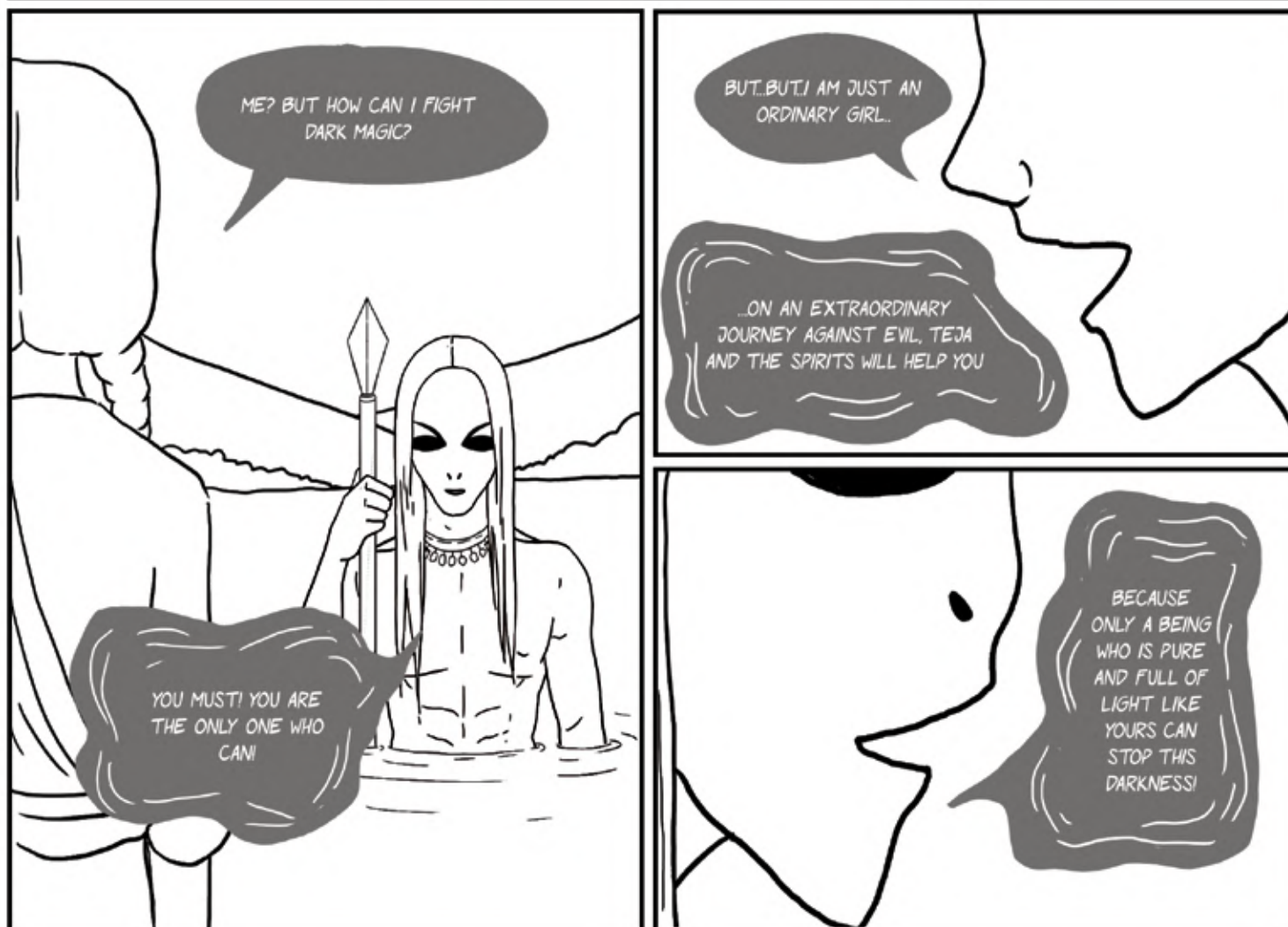
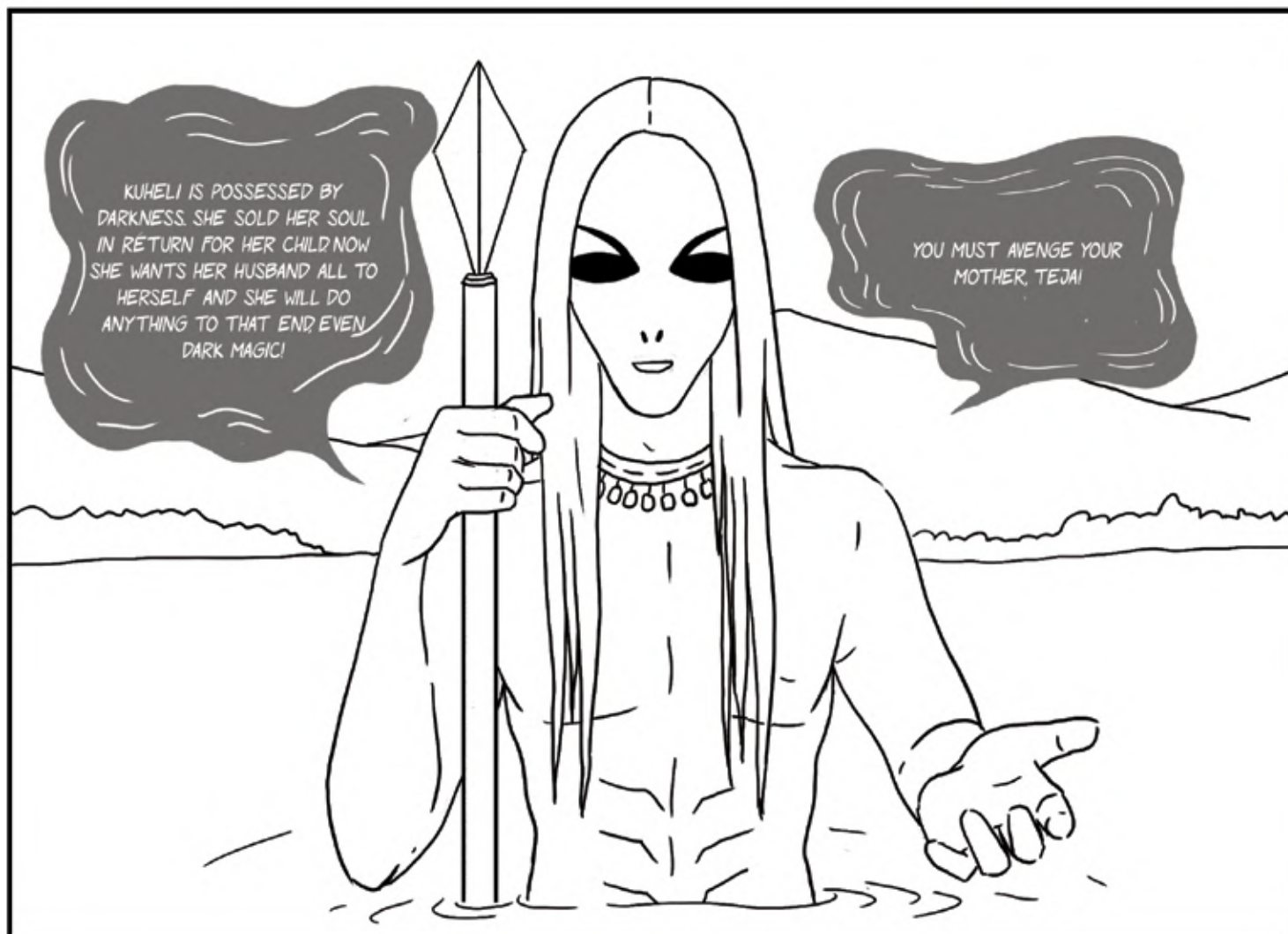


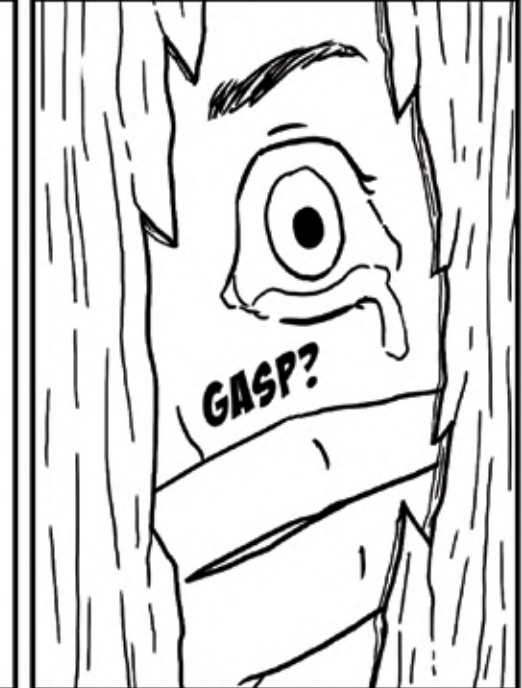
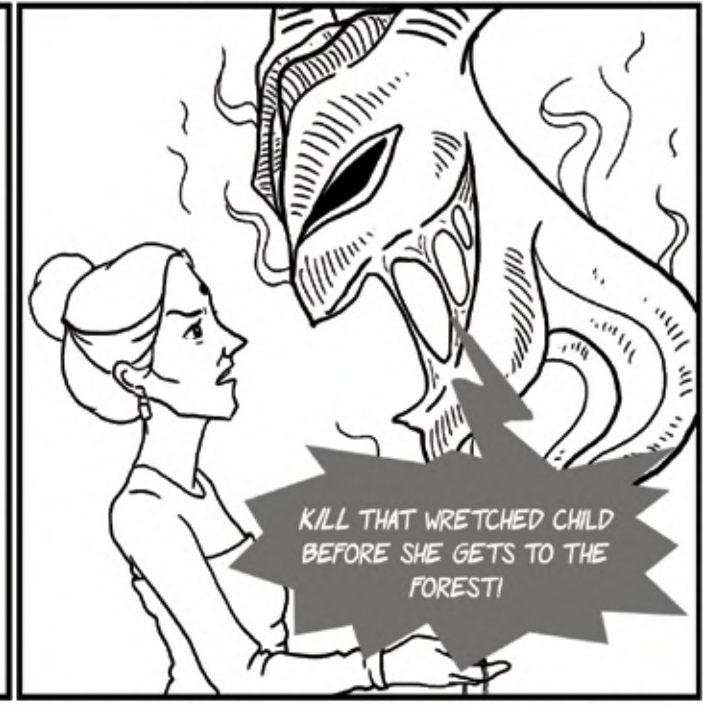
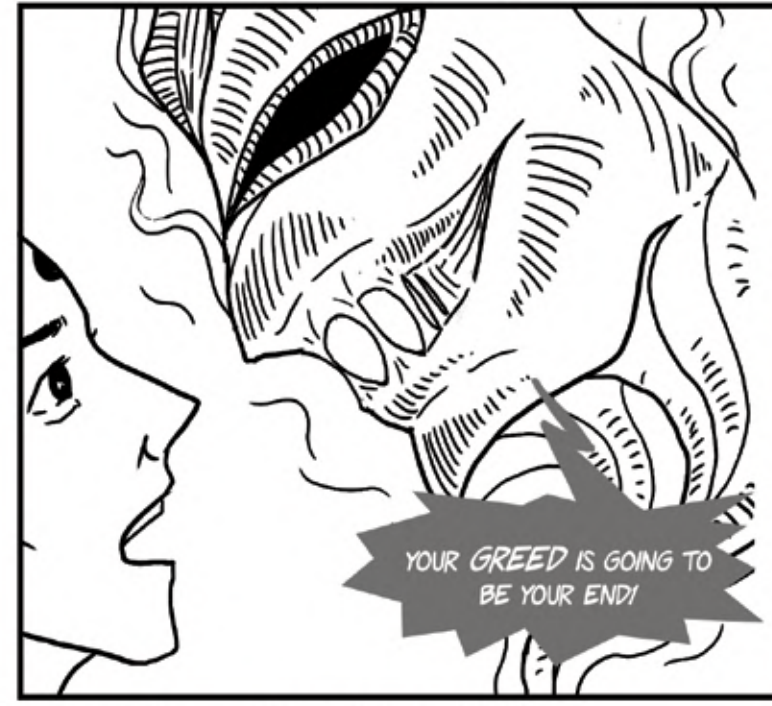
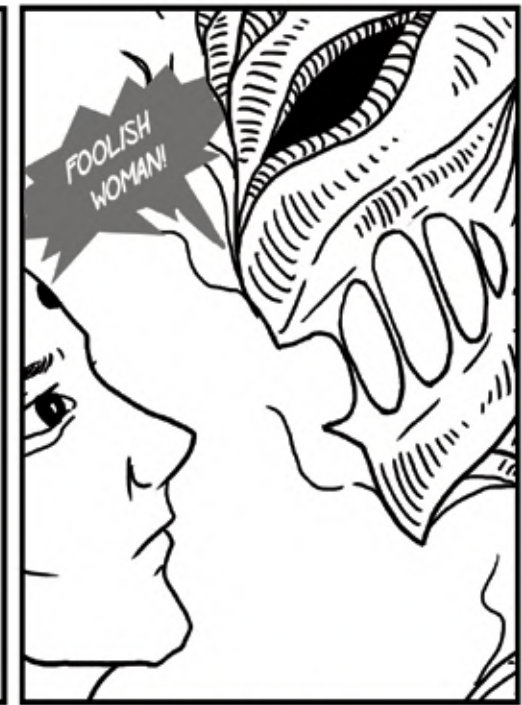
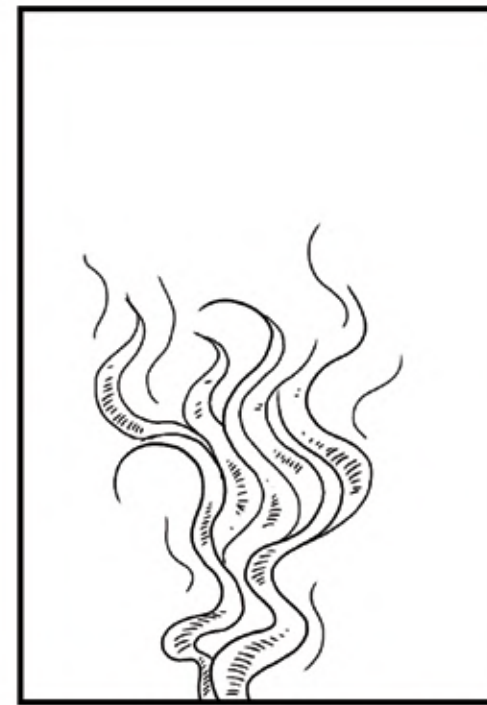
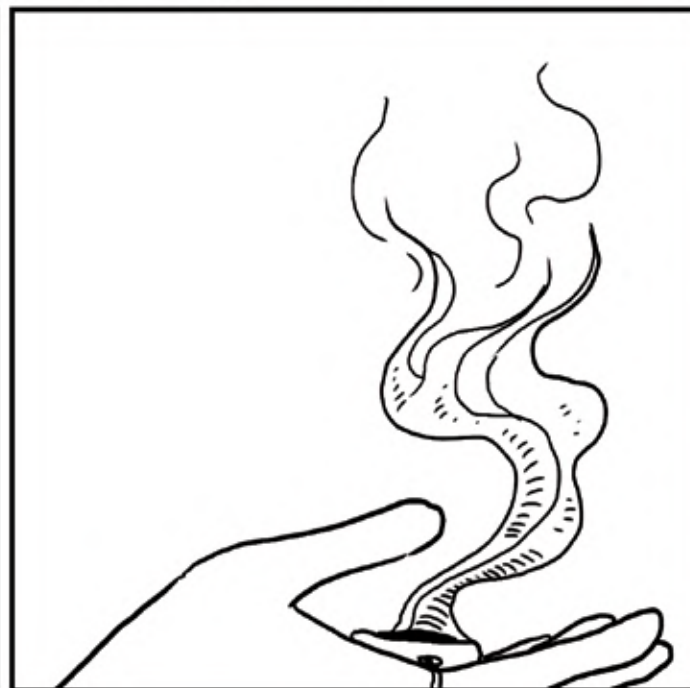
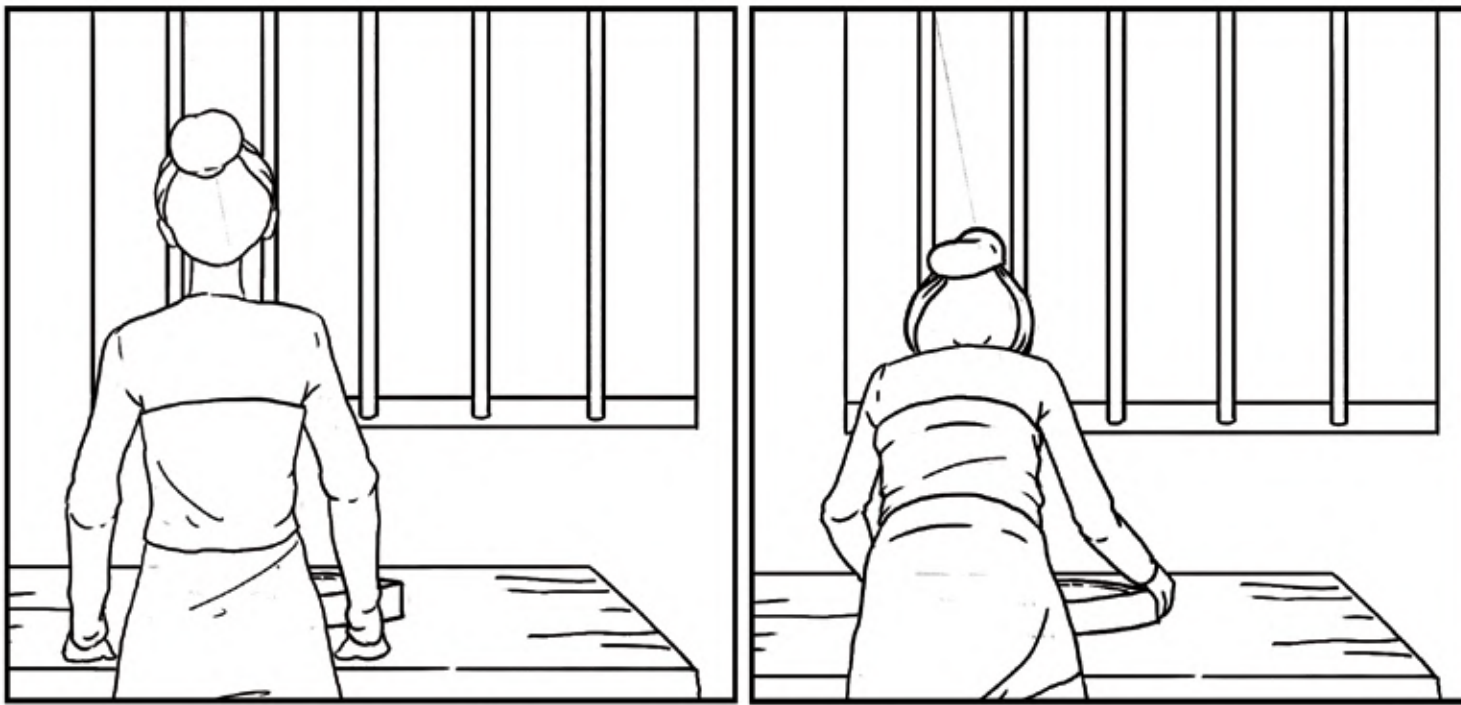


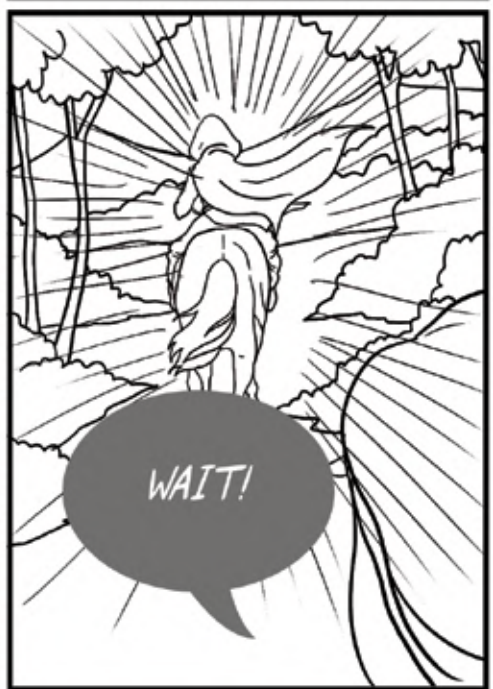
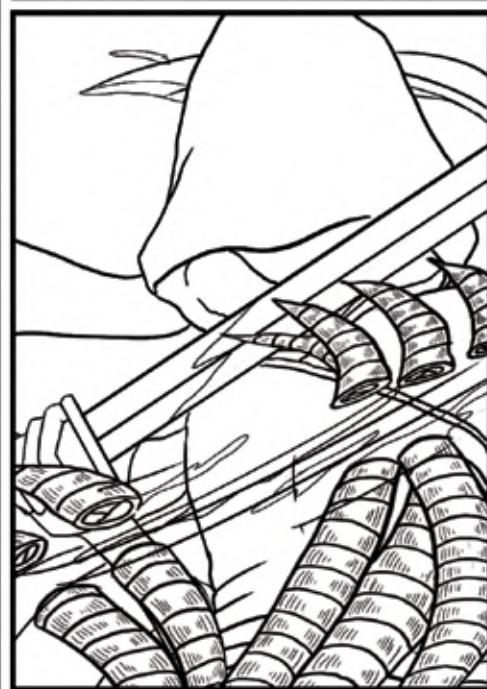
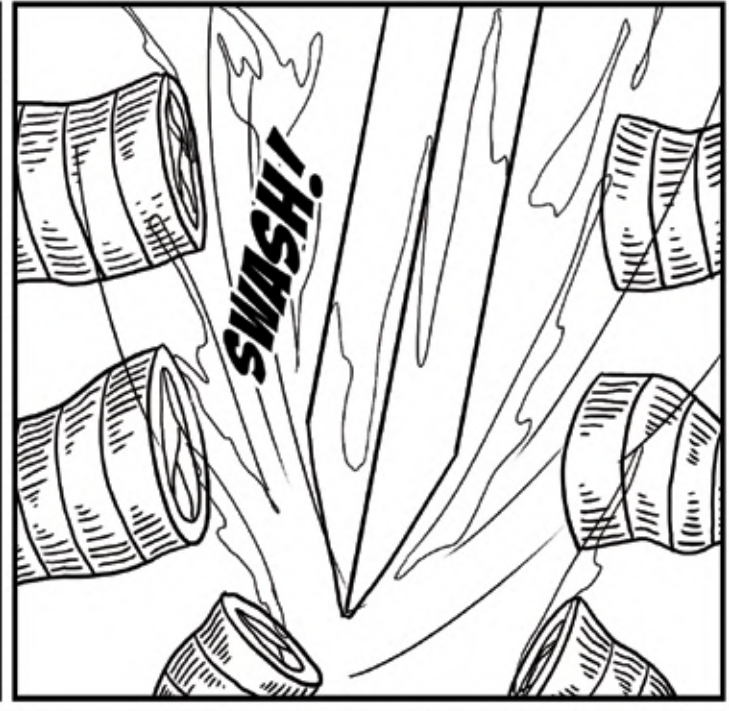
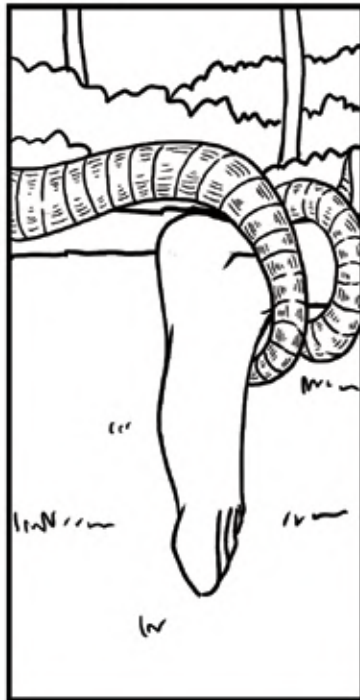
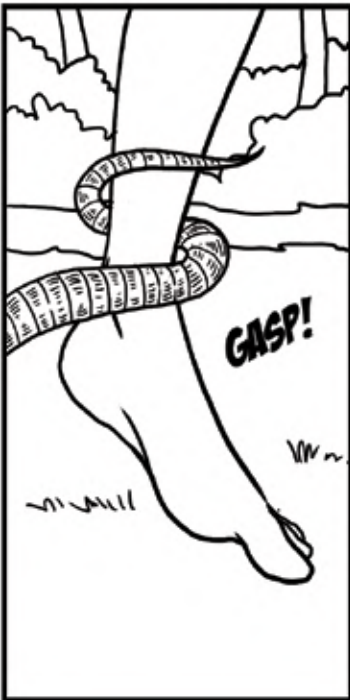
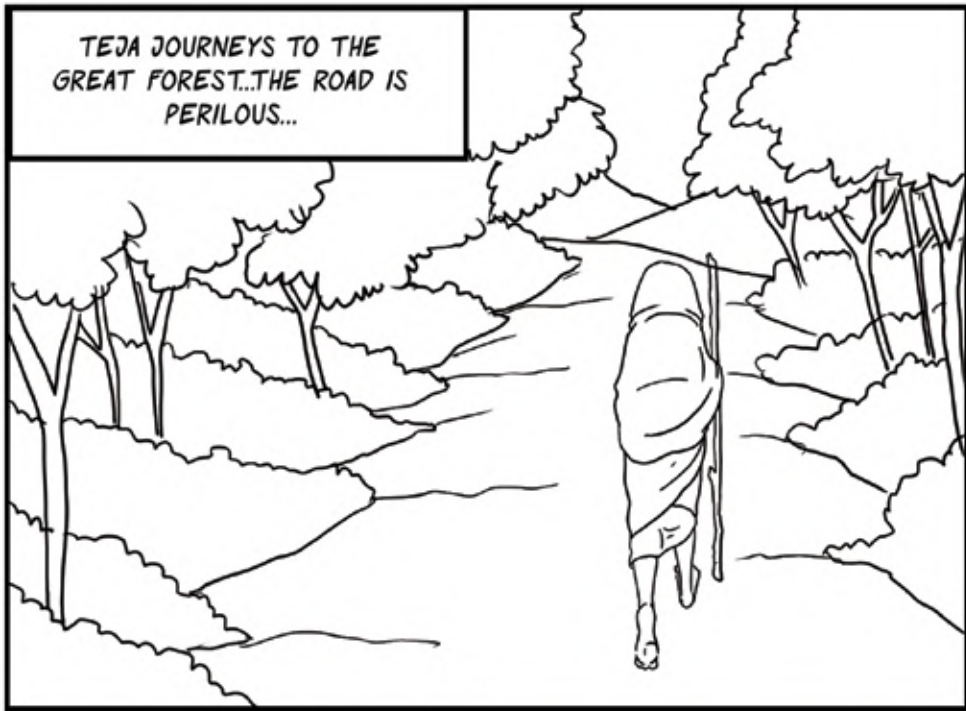






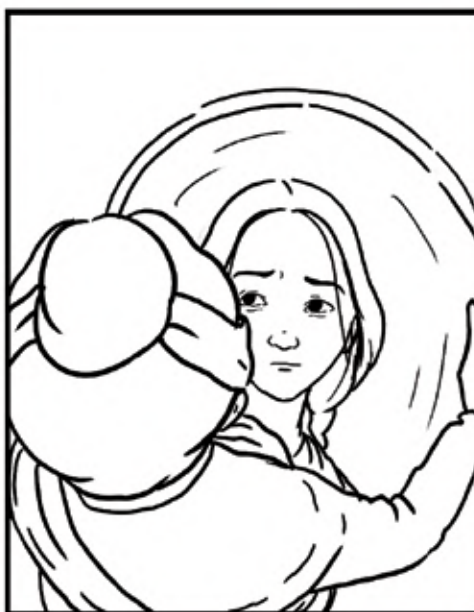








WHO WAS THAT?
WHY DID HE HELP ME?



HOW IS THIS
POSSIBLE?



HELLO? IS THERE
ANYONE HERE?



SPIRIT
MOTHER?



PLEASE, I
NEED YOU..

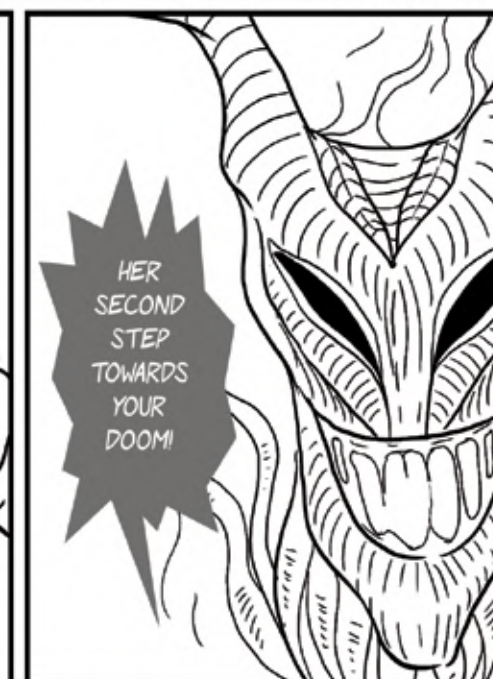
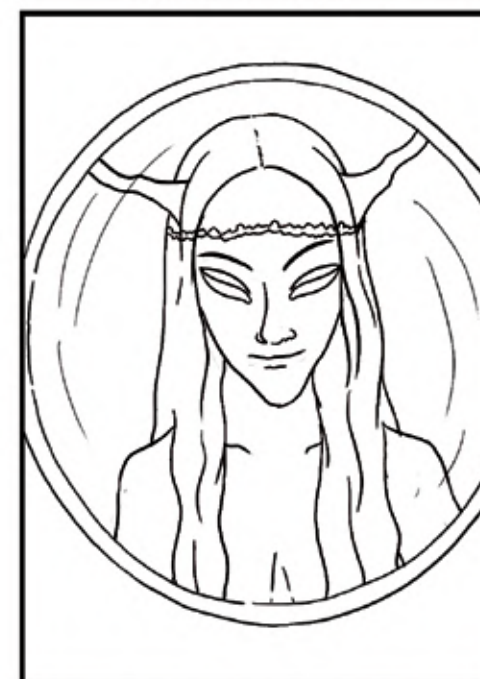


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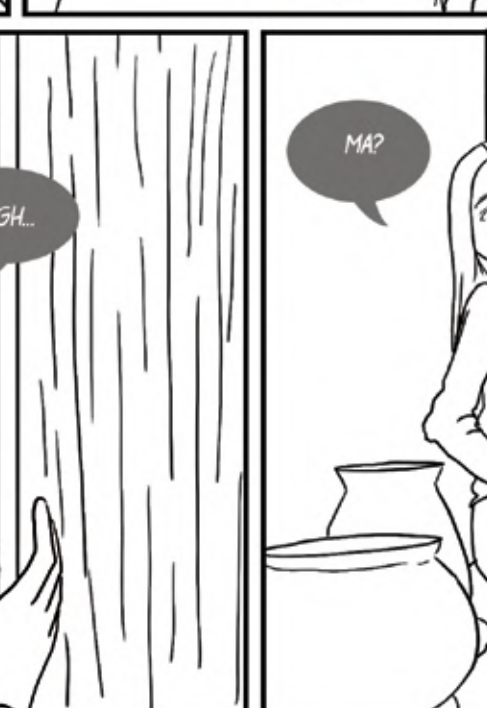
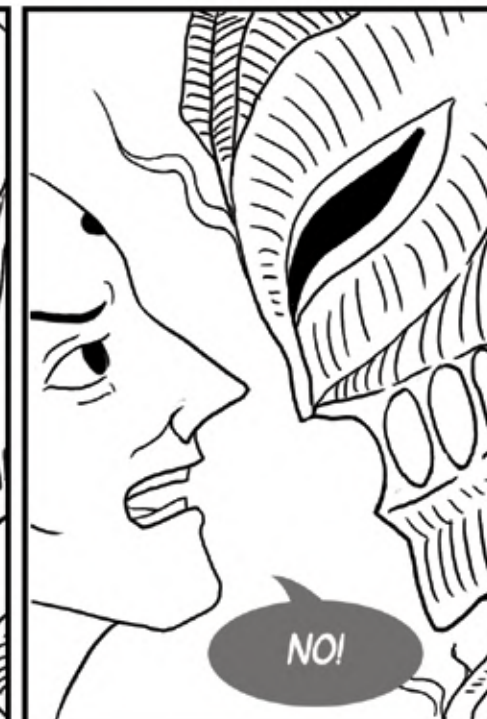
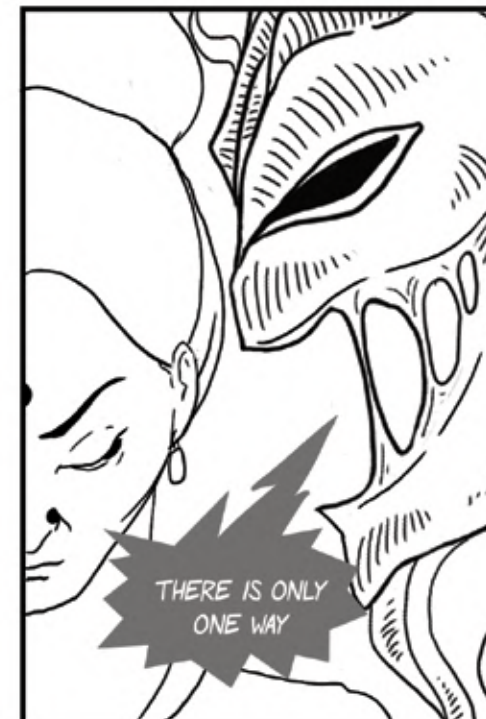


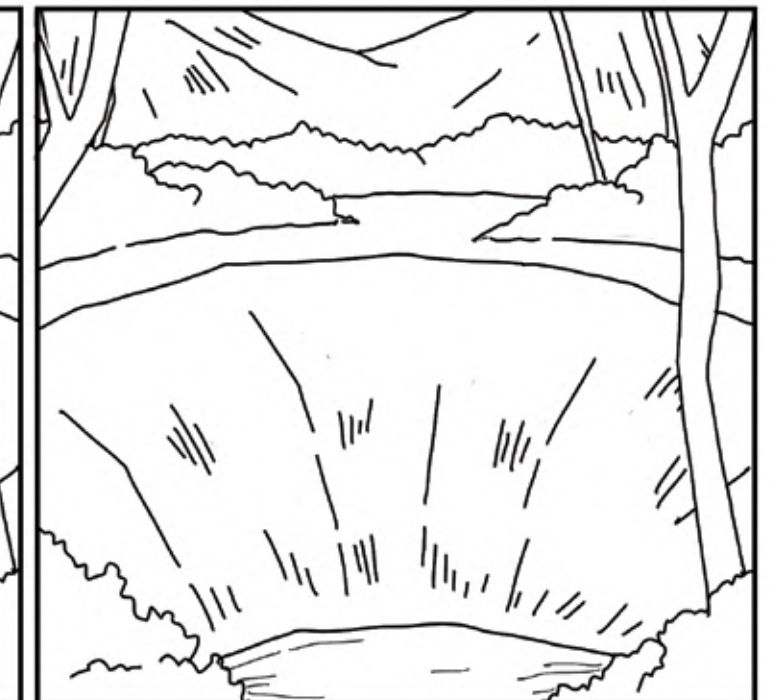
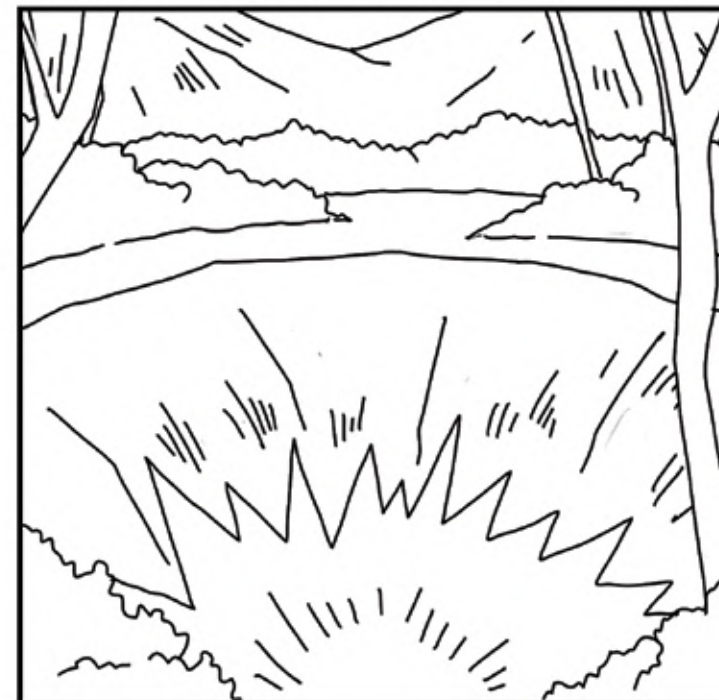
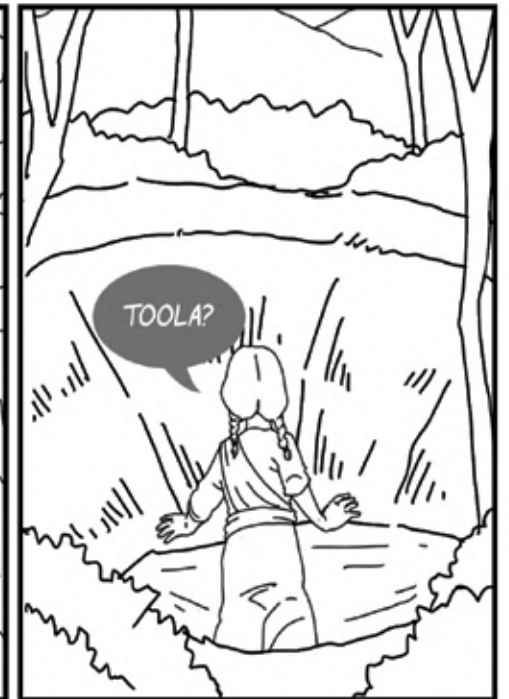
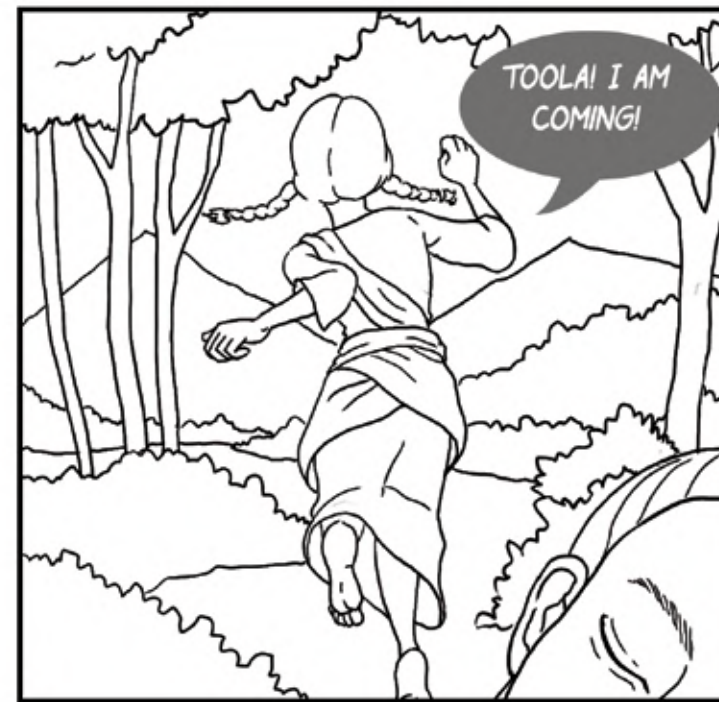
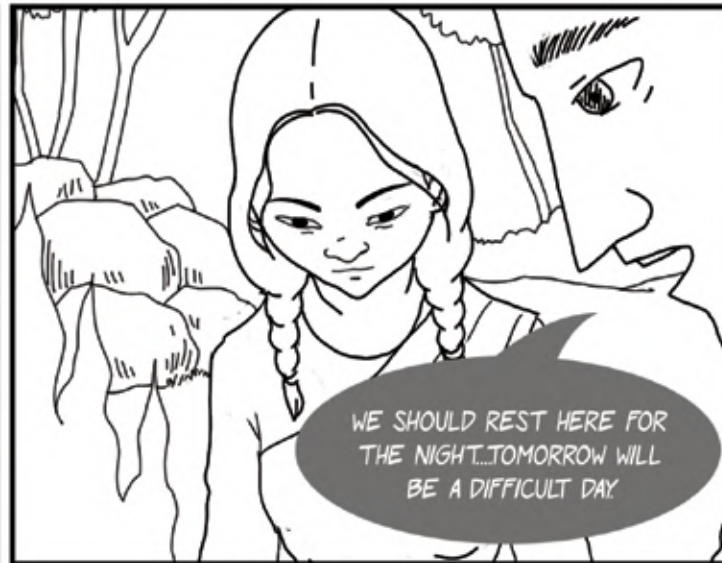
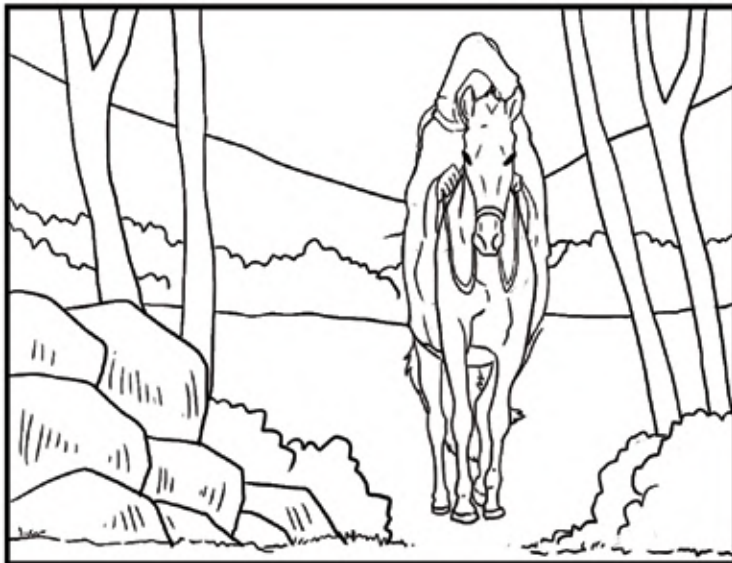
OH! SPIRIT MOTHER,
PLEASE HELP ME!

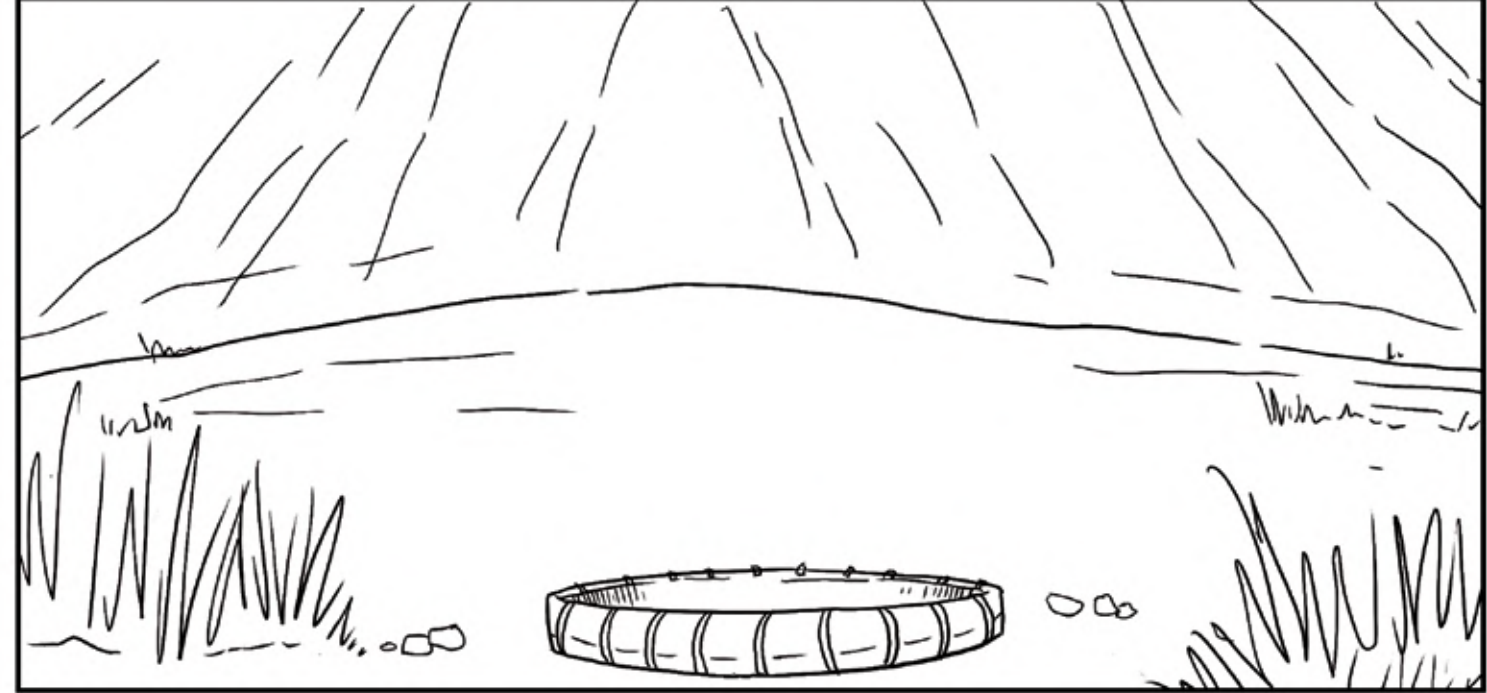
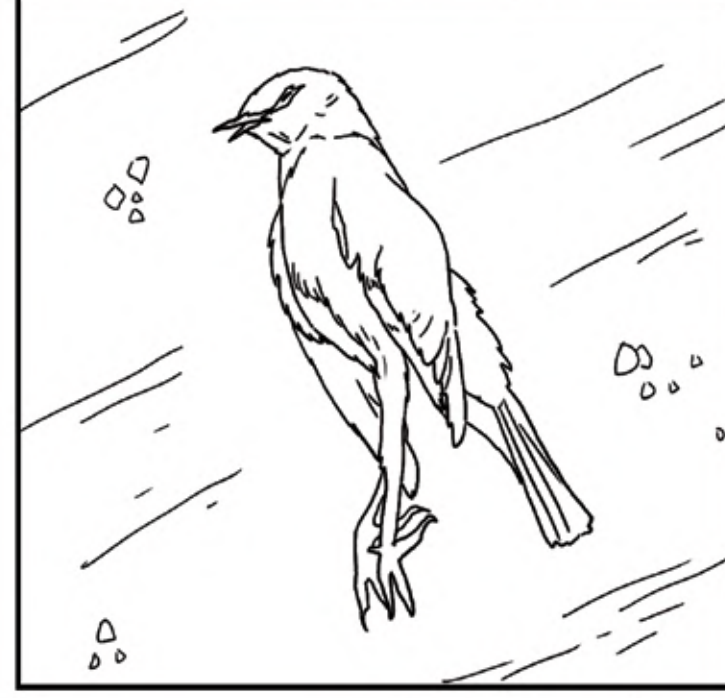
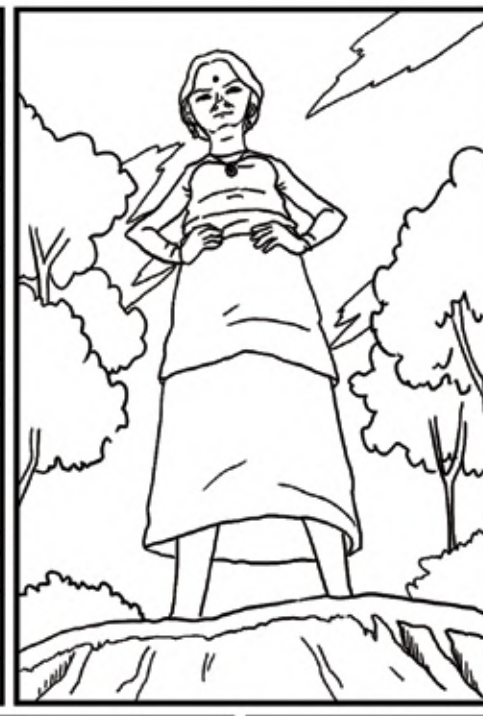
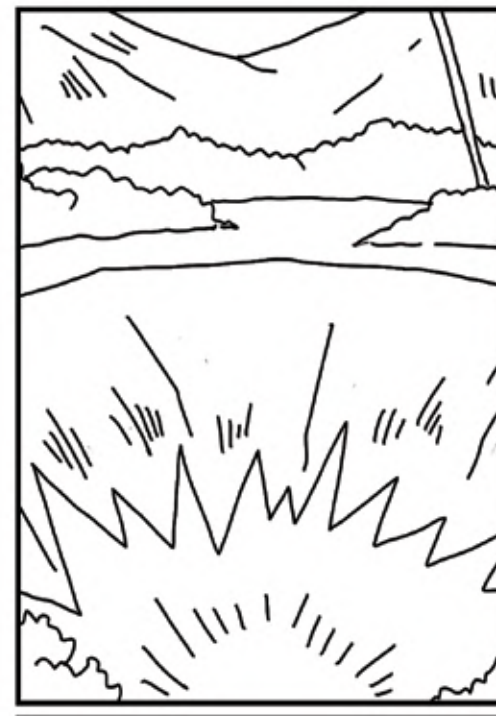
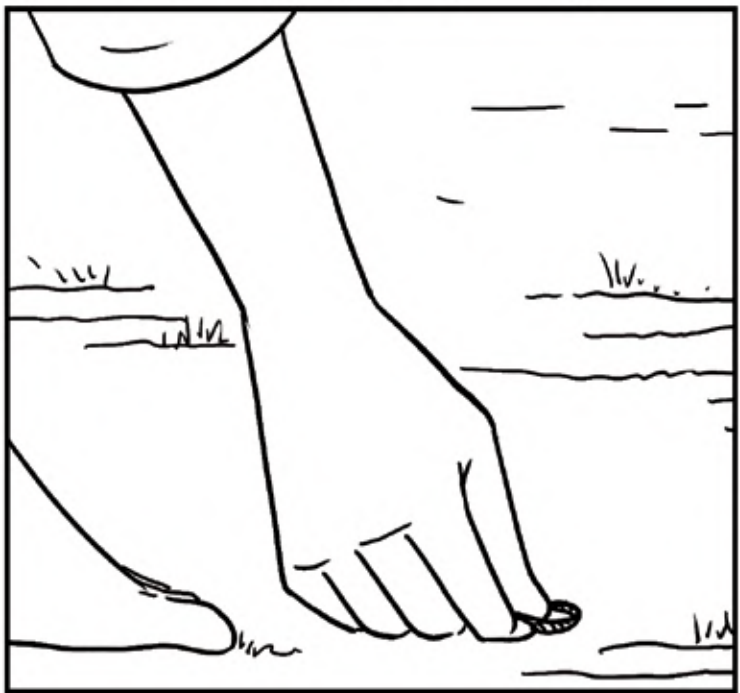
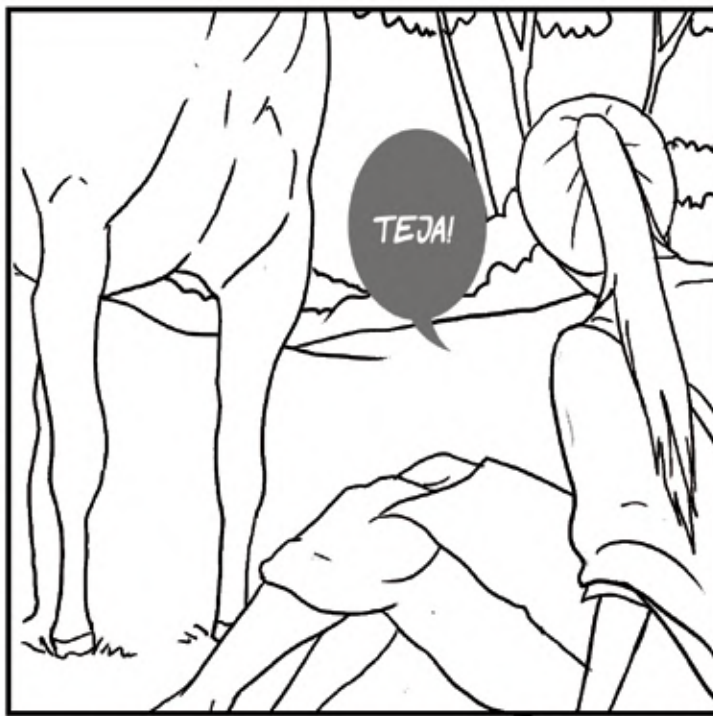
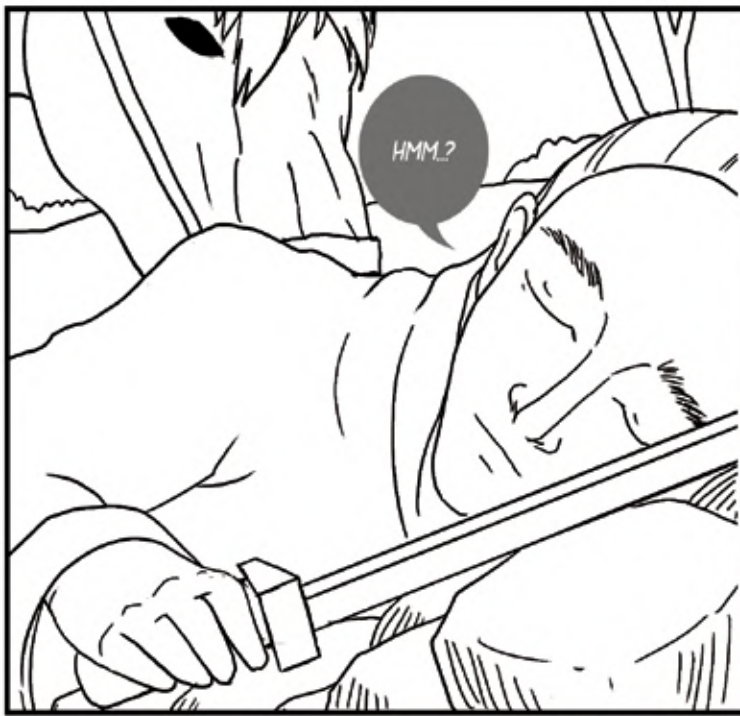
TEJA, I WAS
EXPECTING YOU..

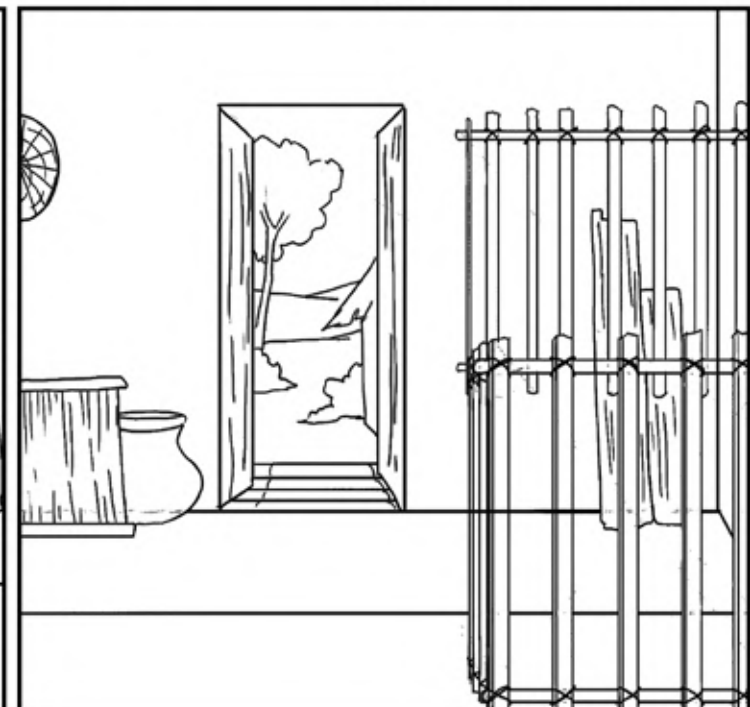
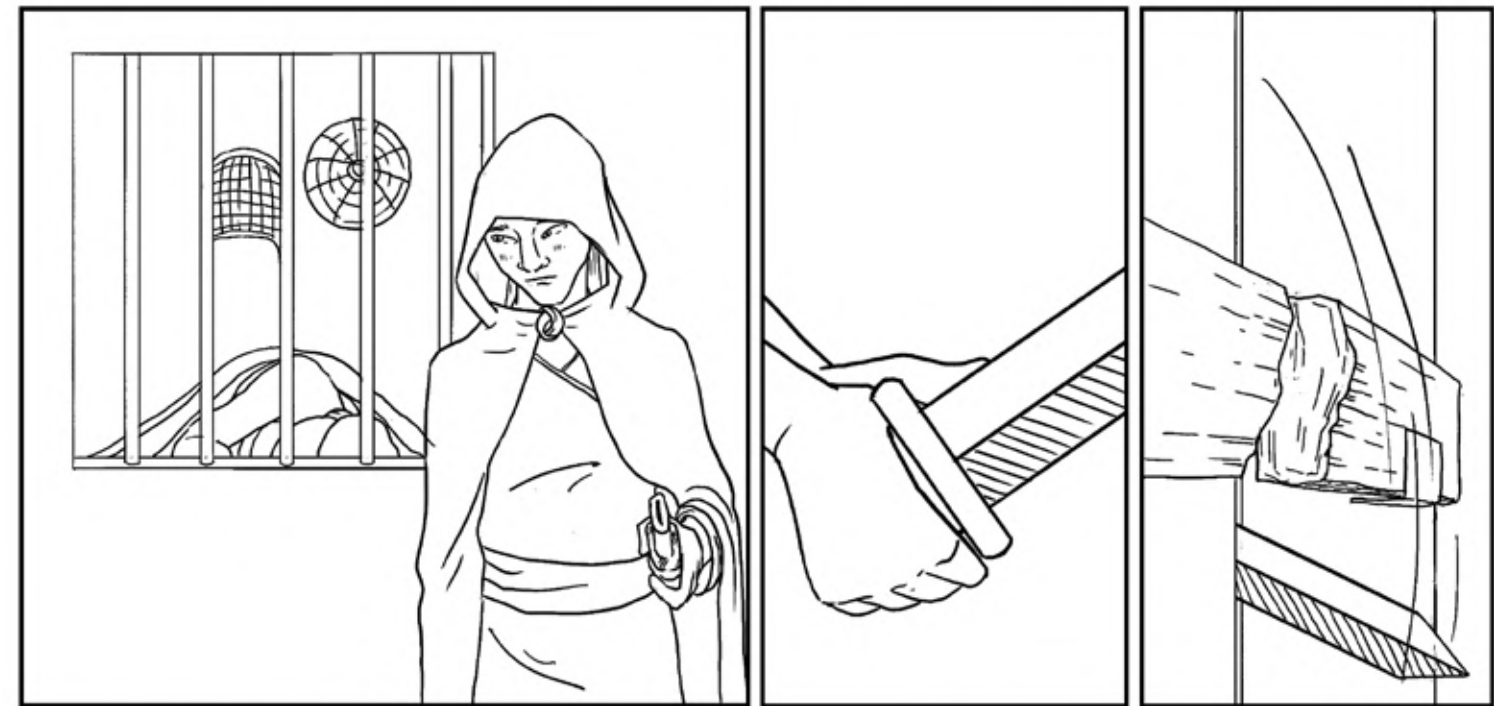
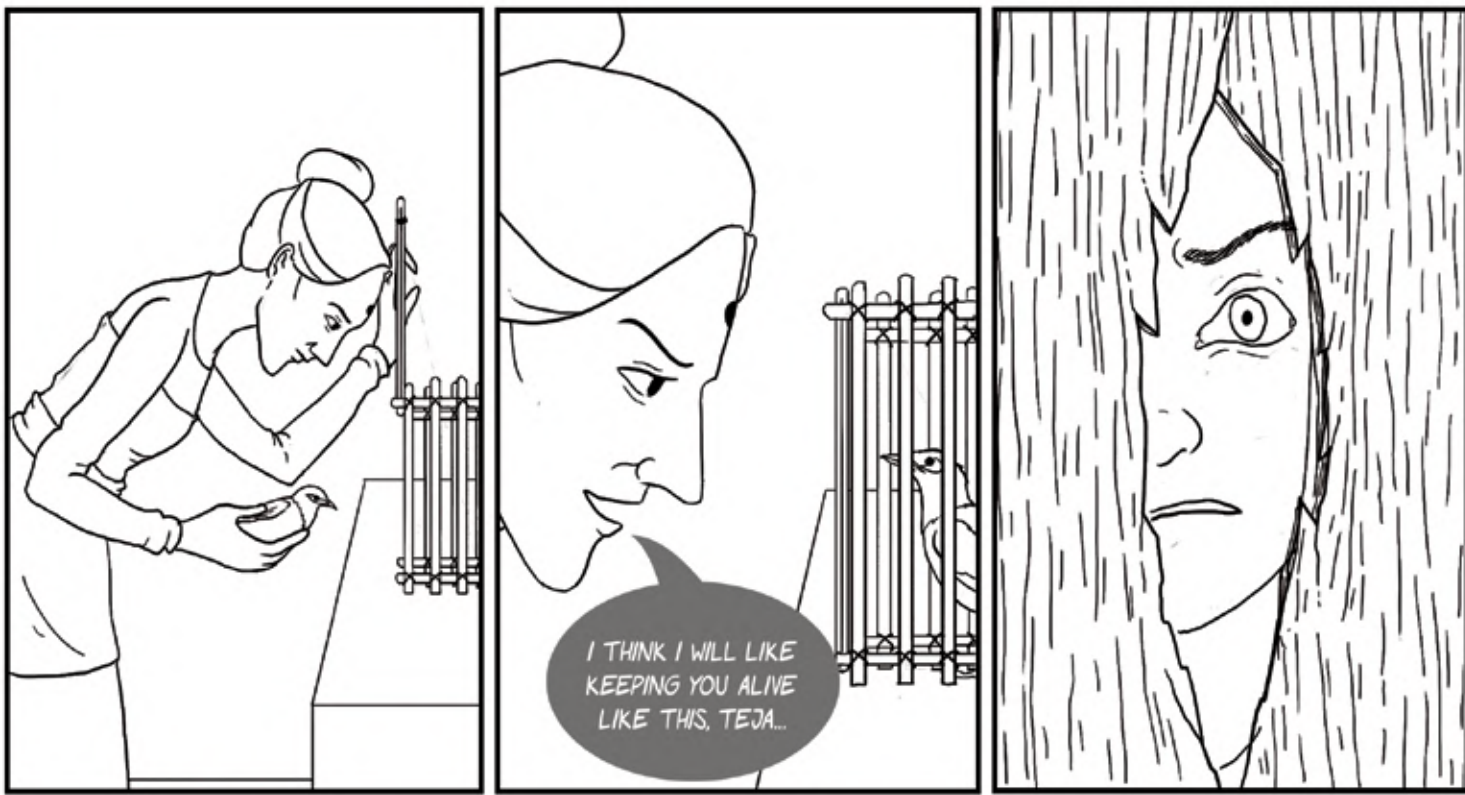


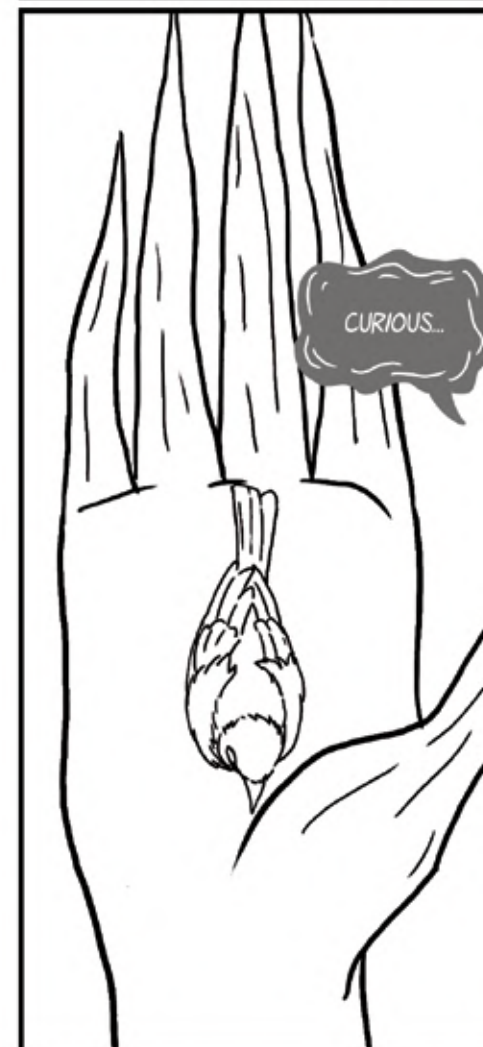
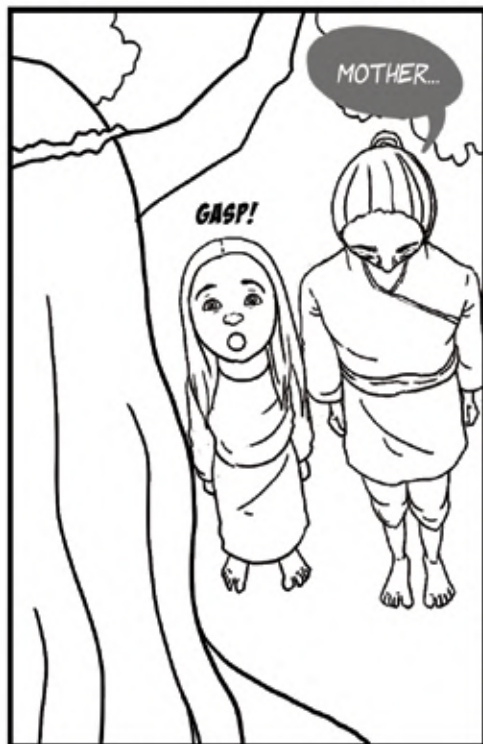


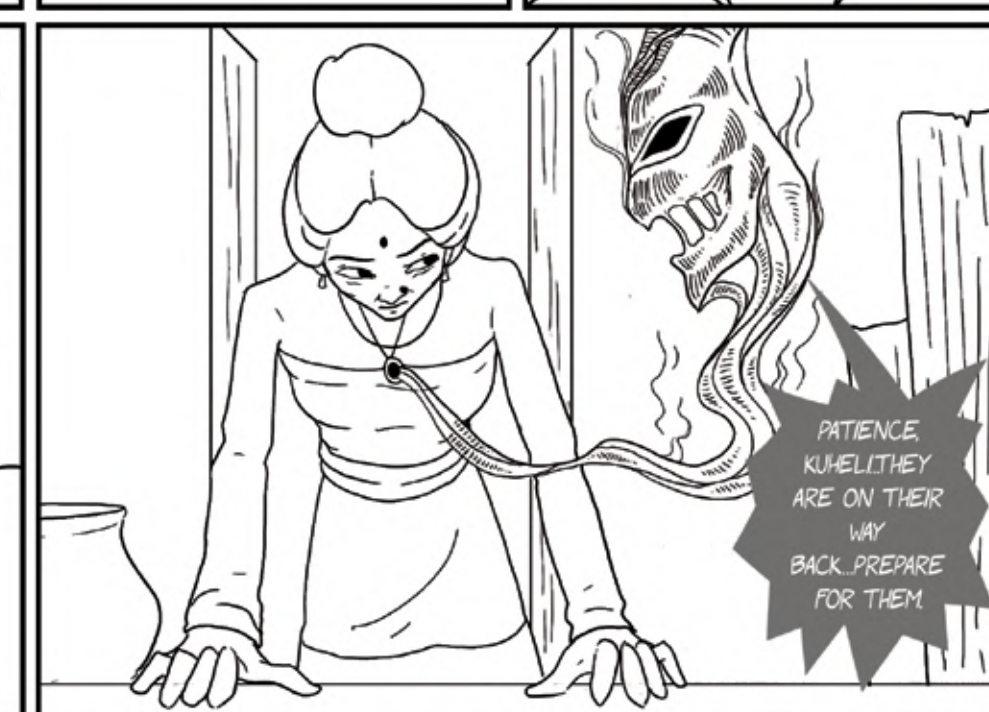
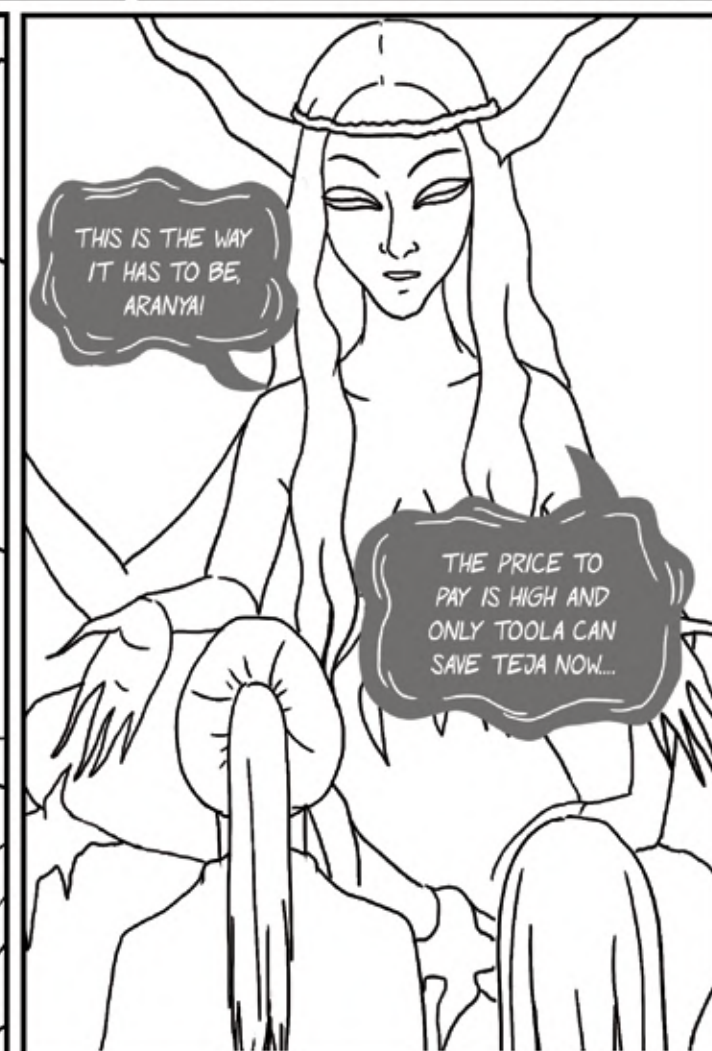
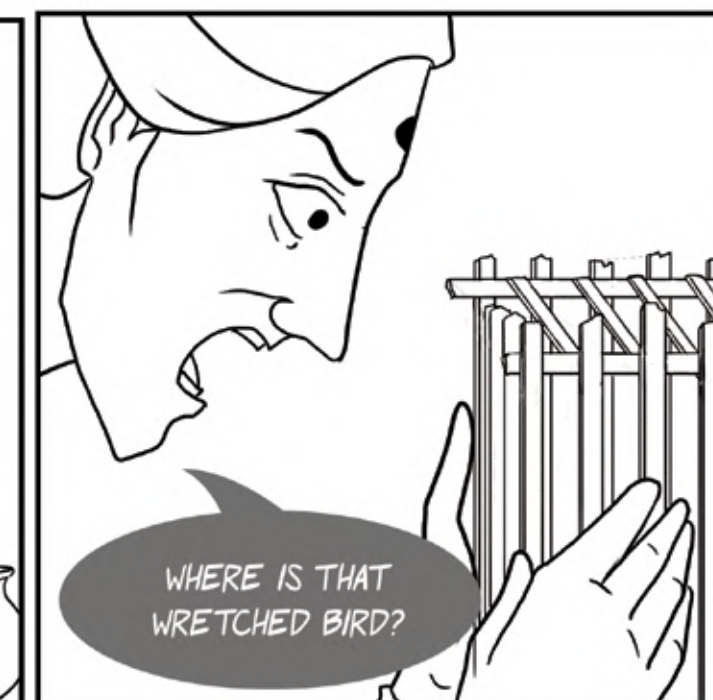
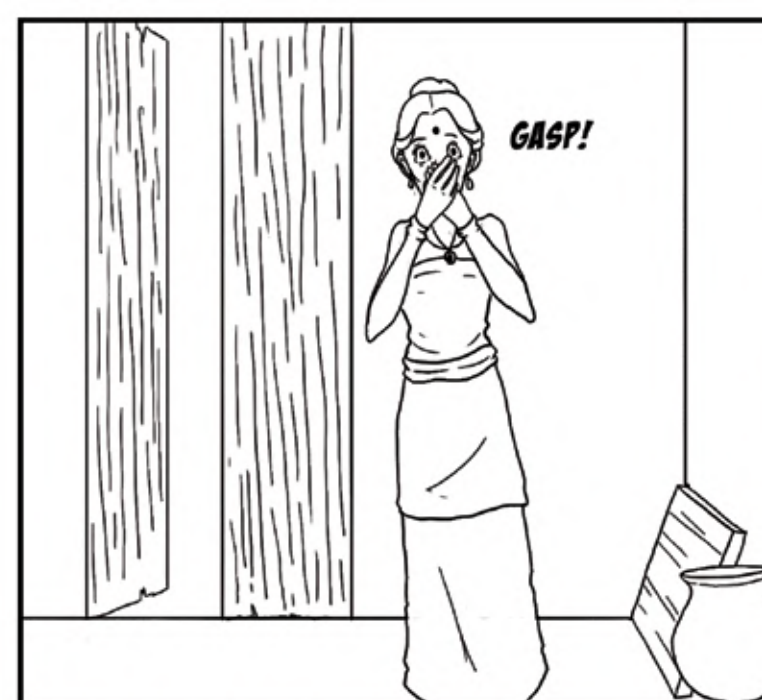


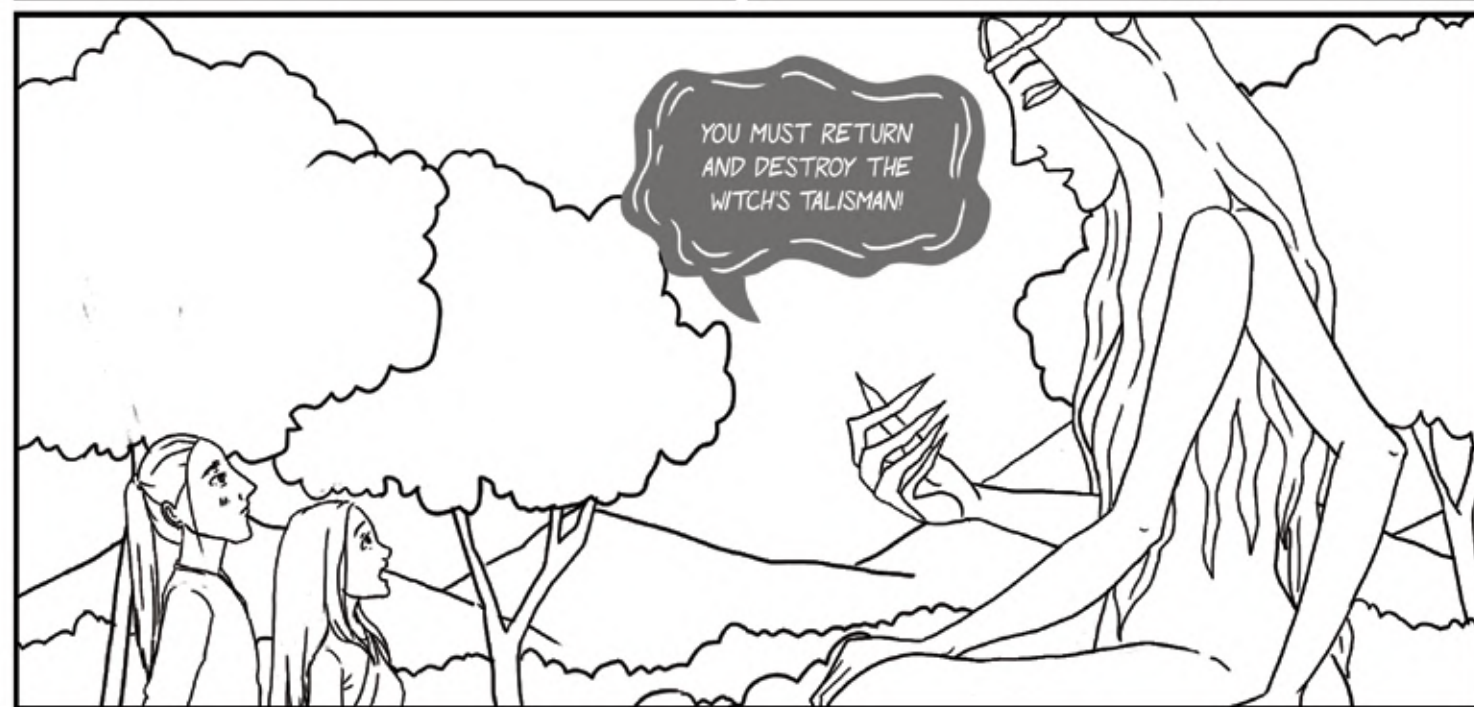
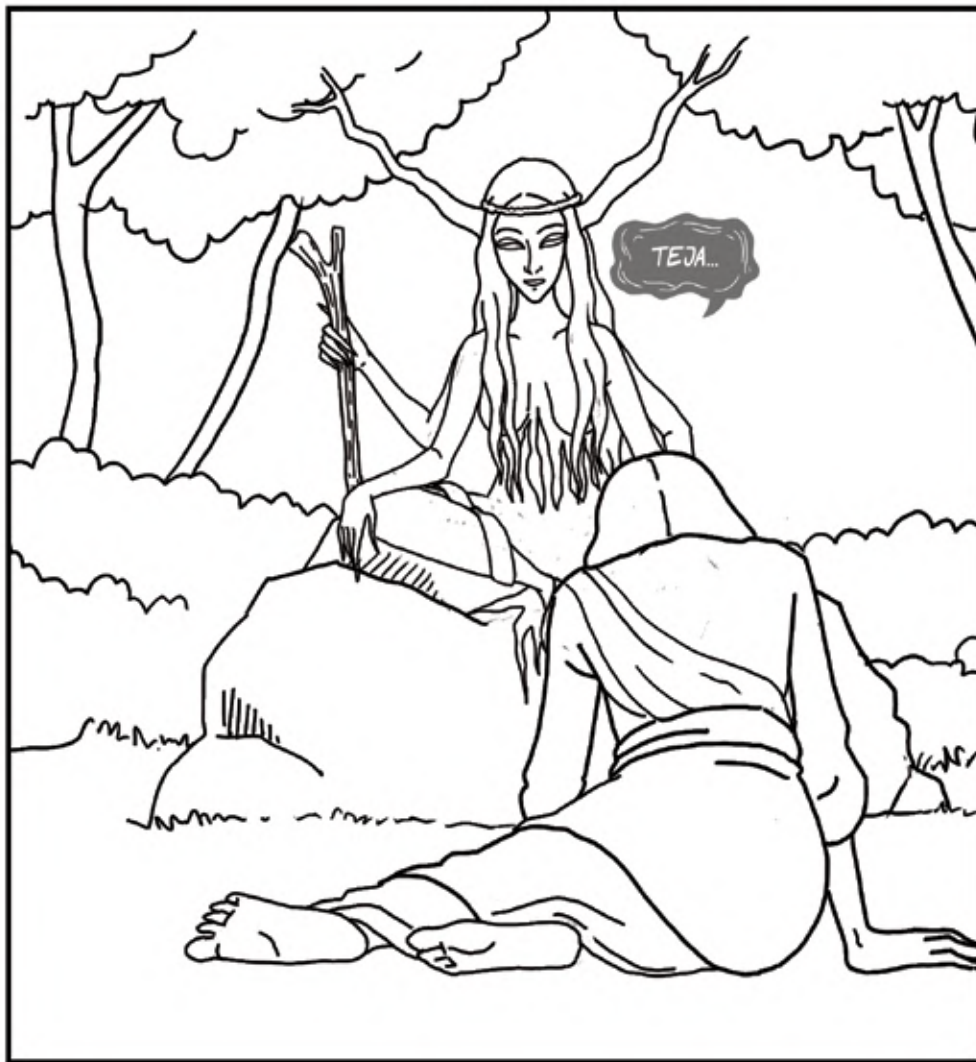
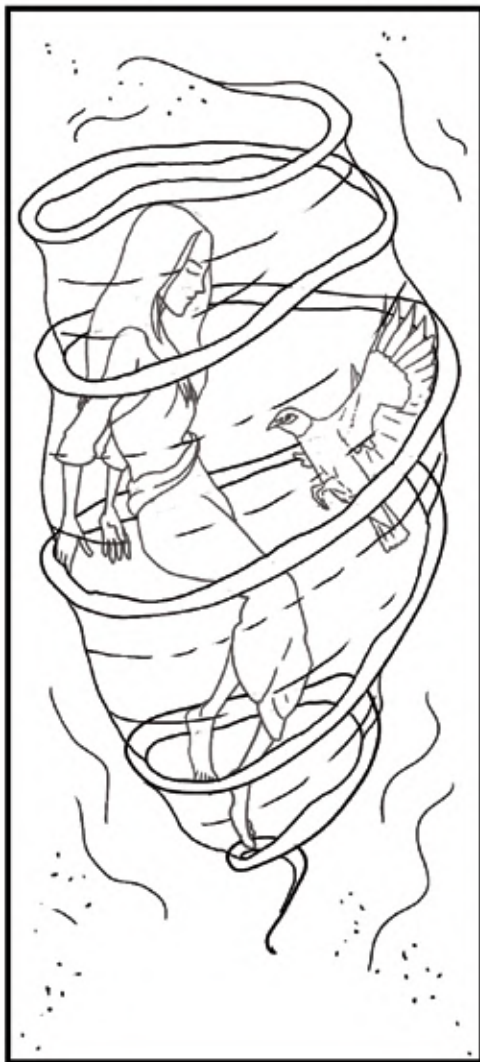
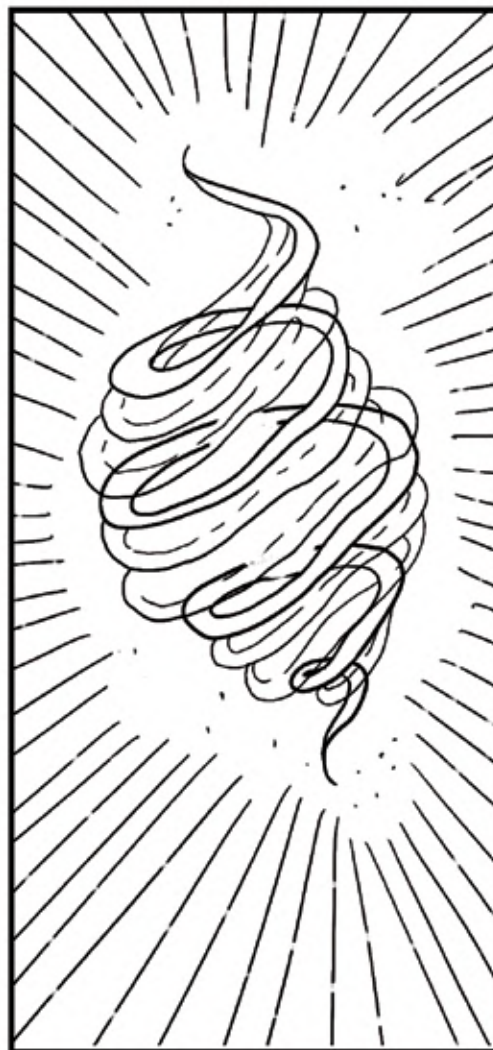
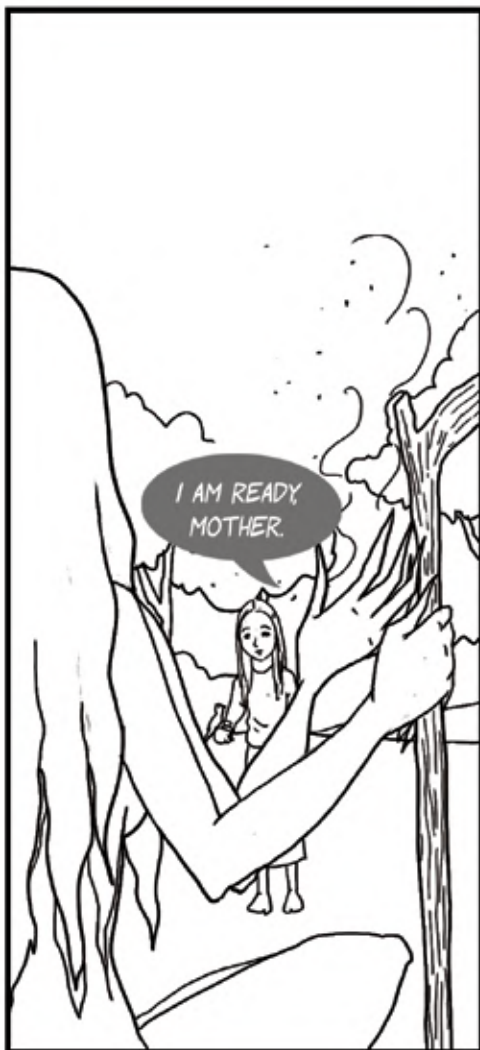


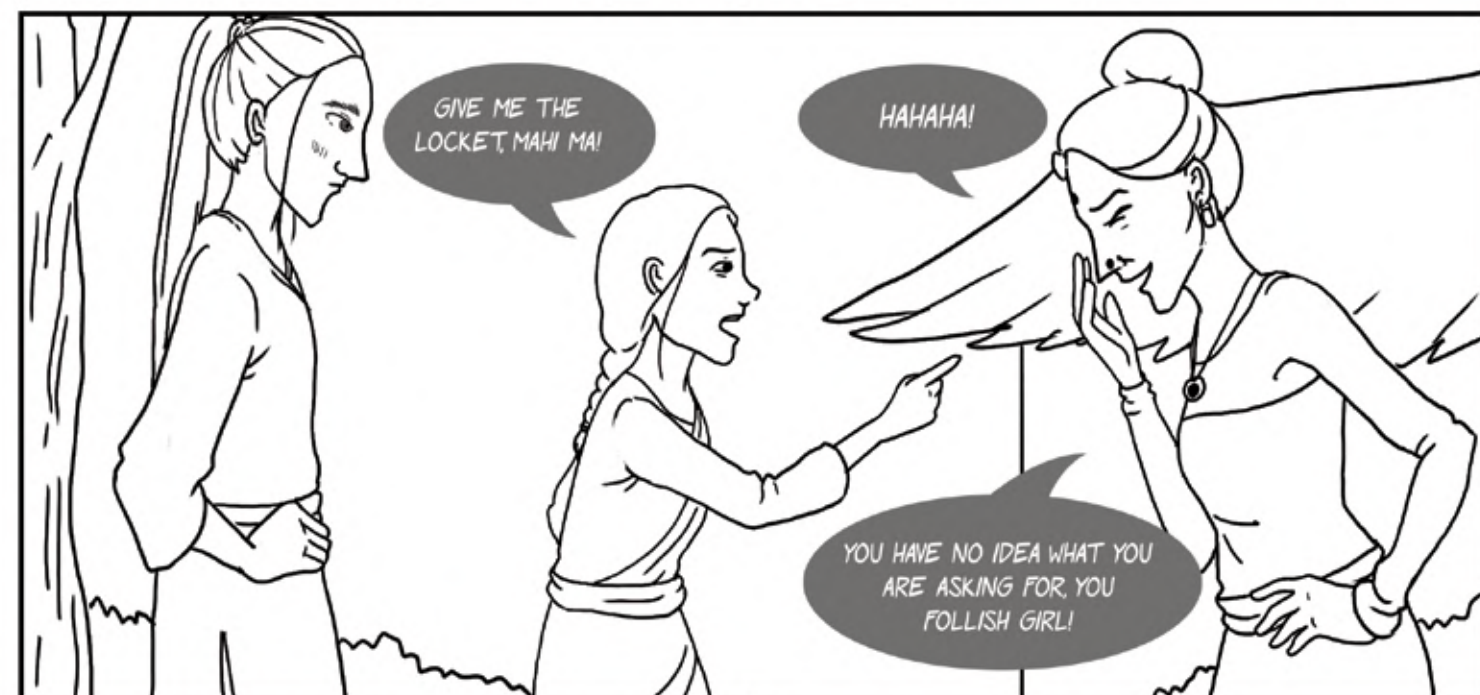
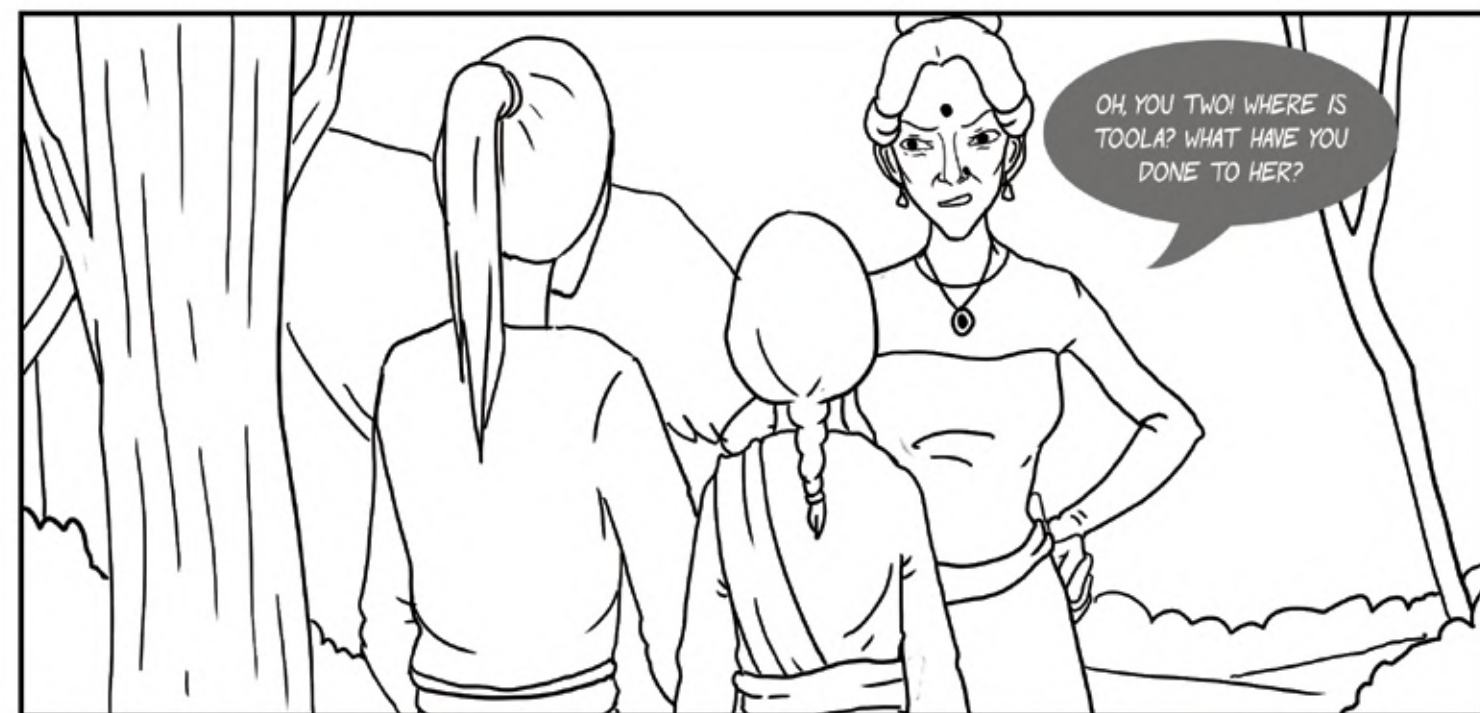


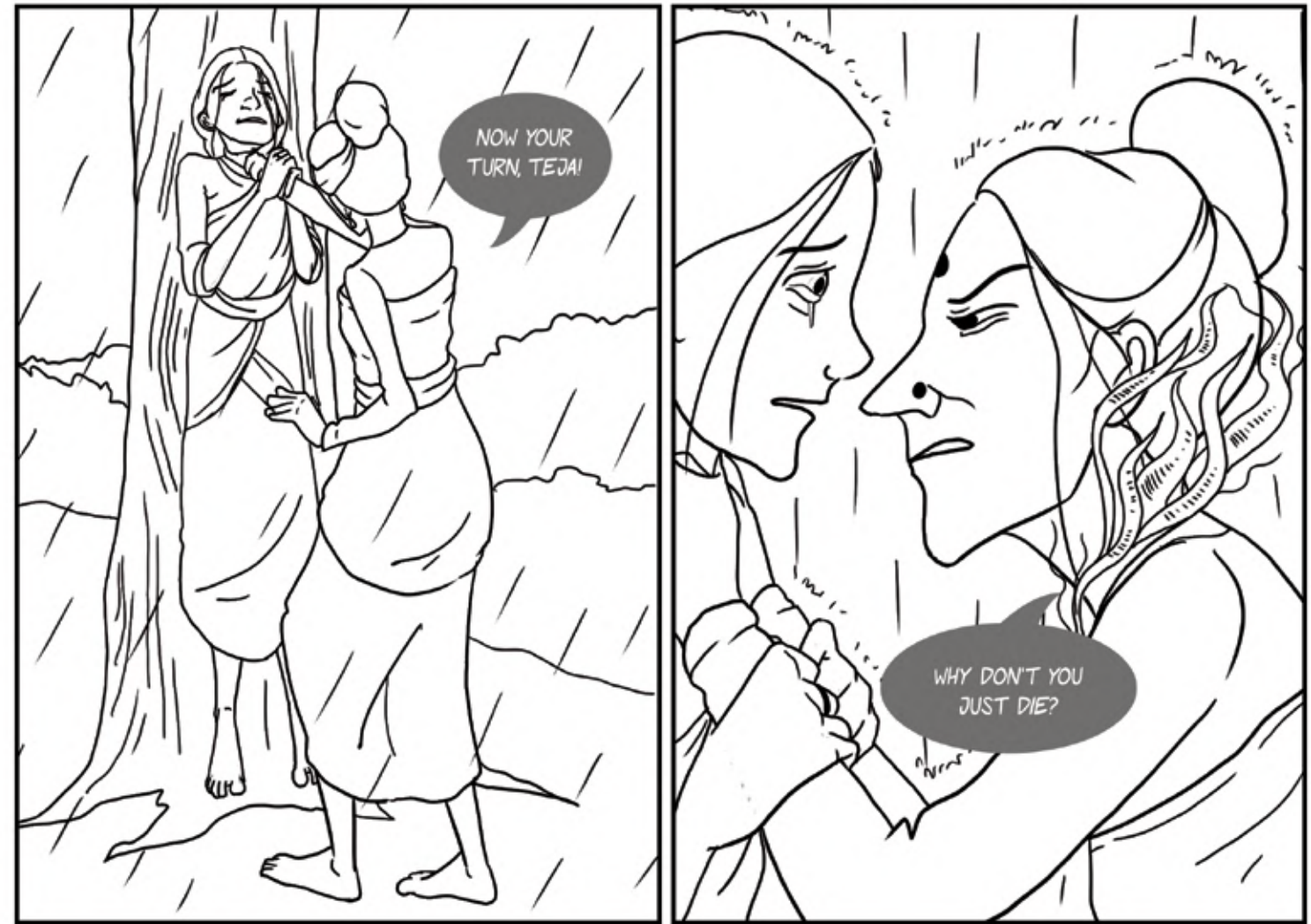
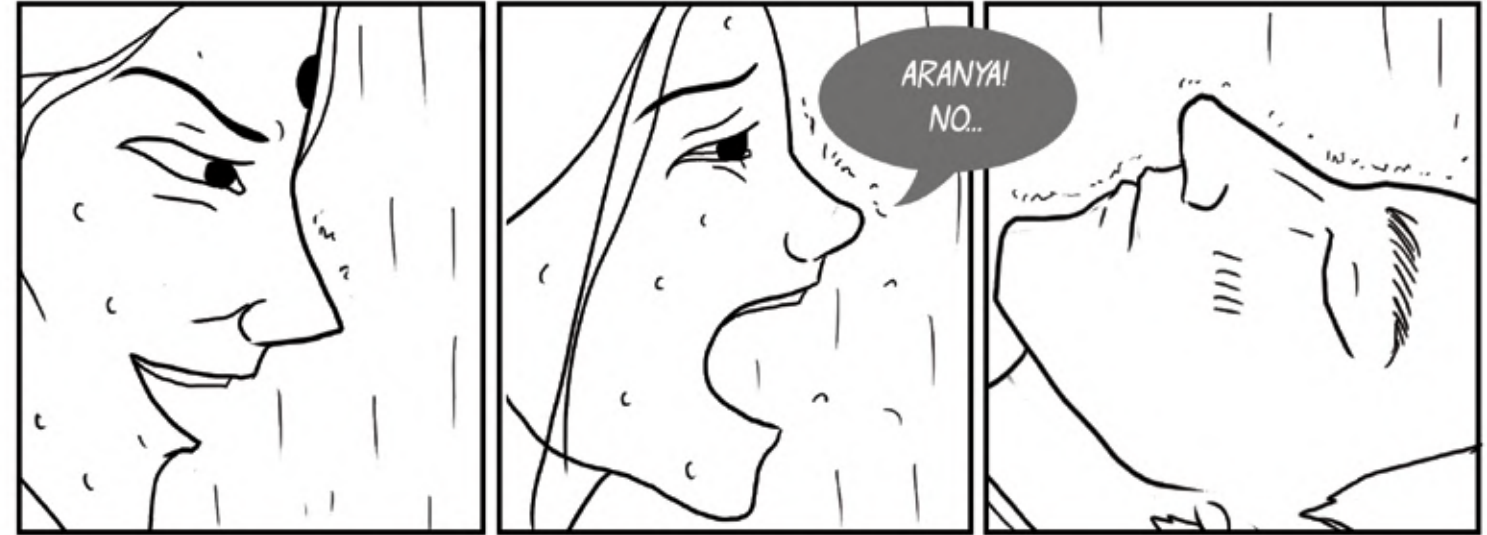
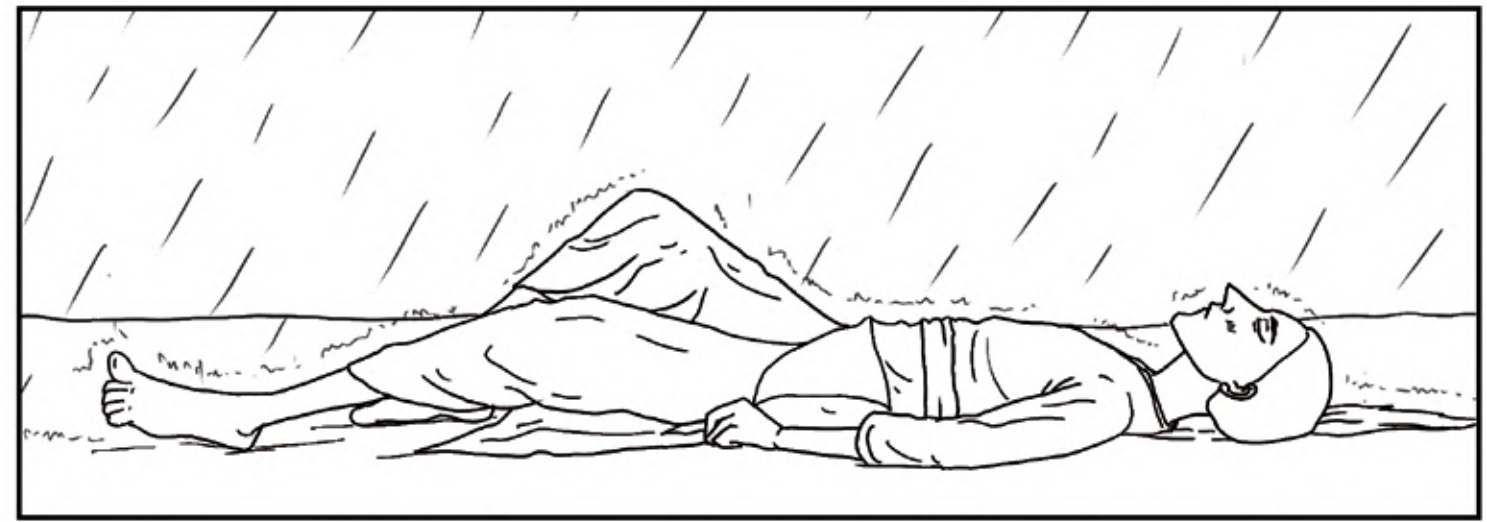
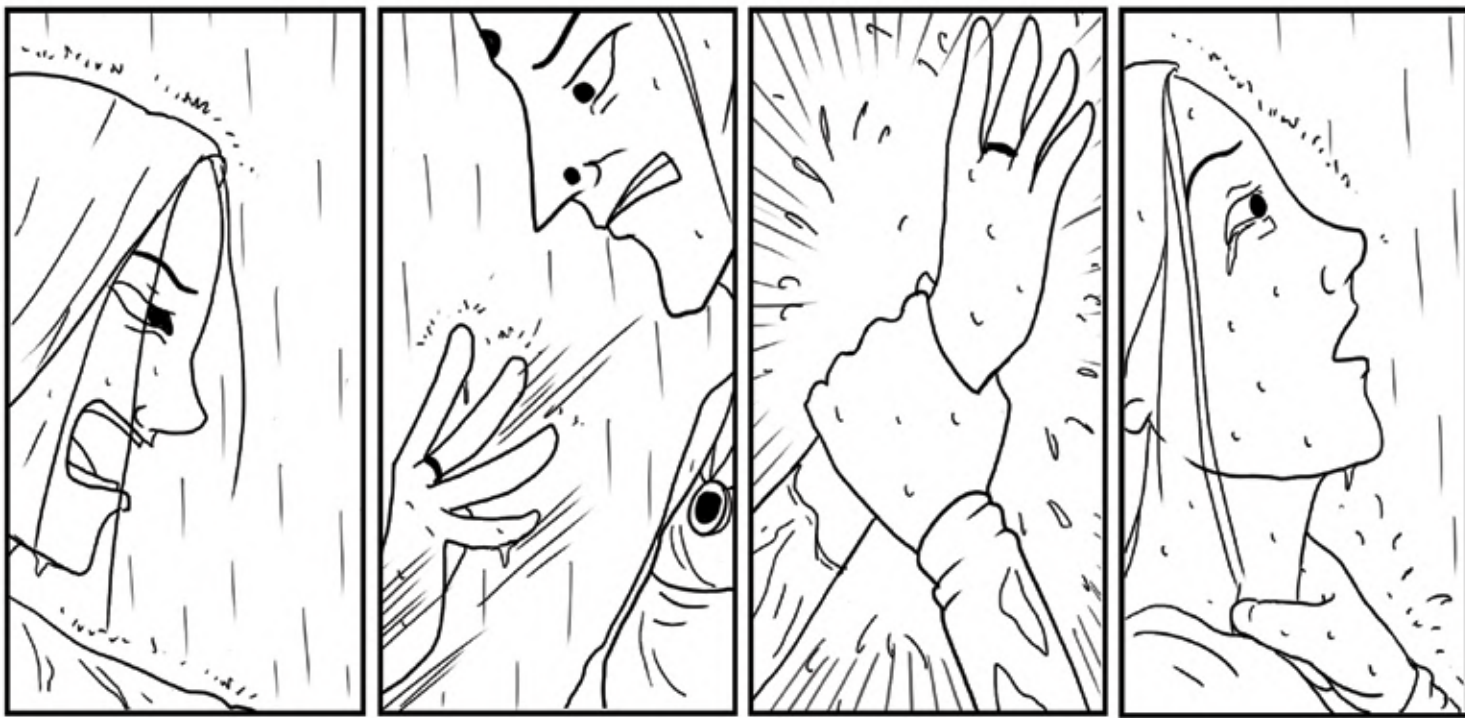


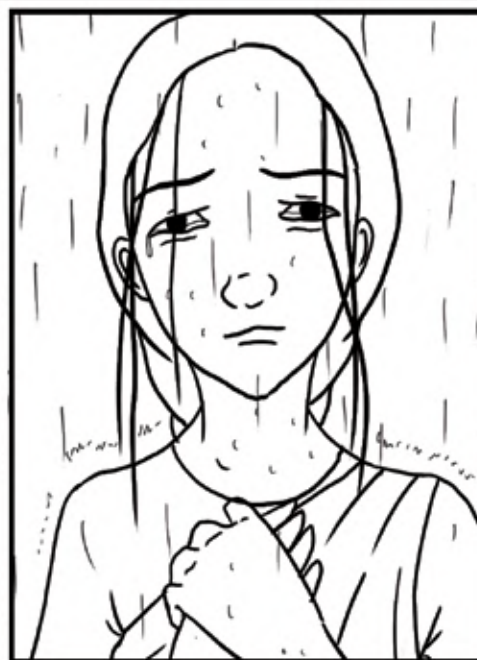
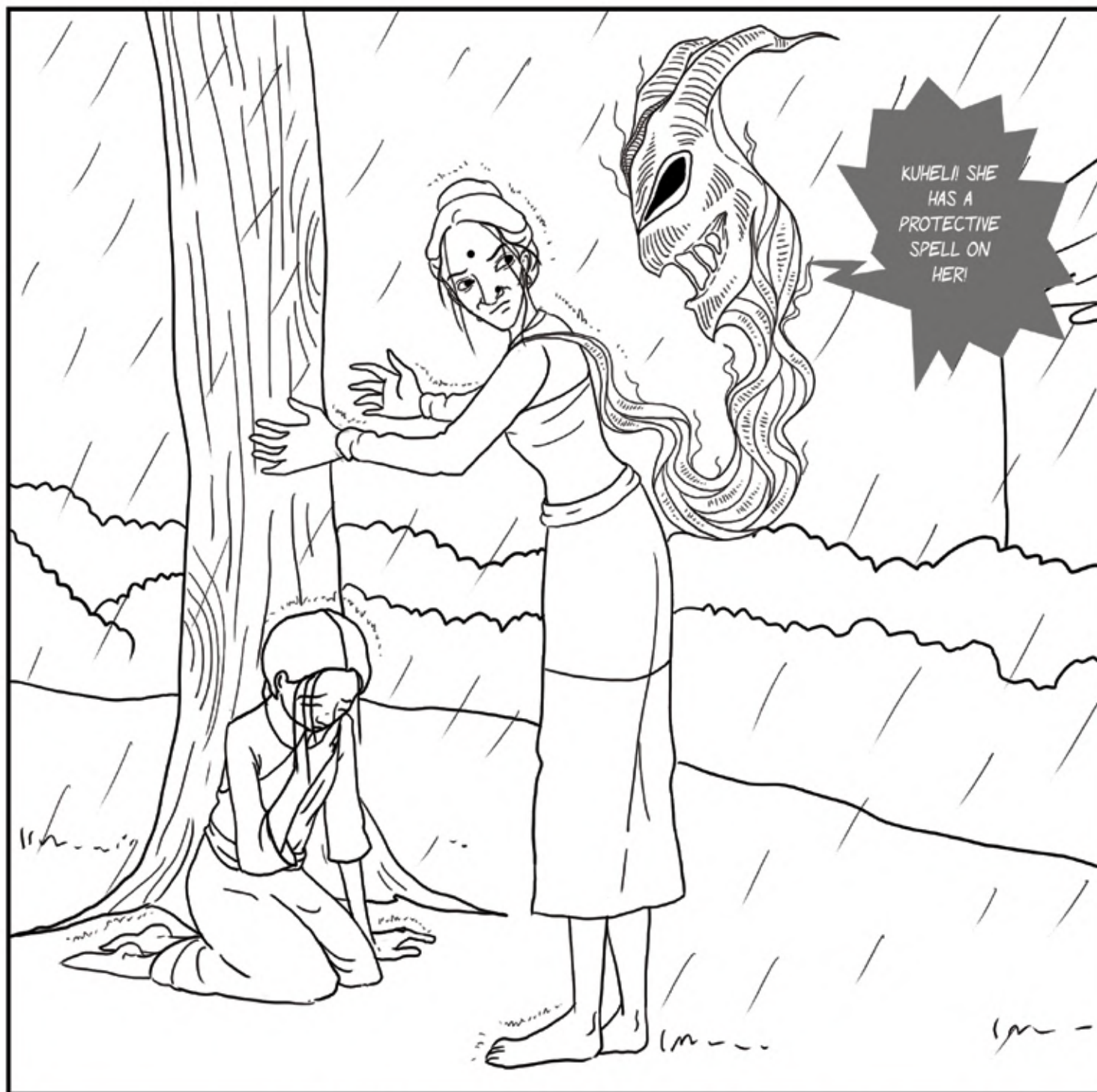


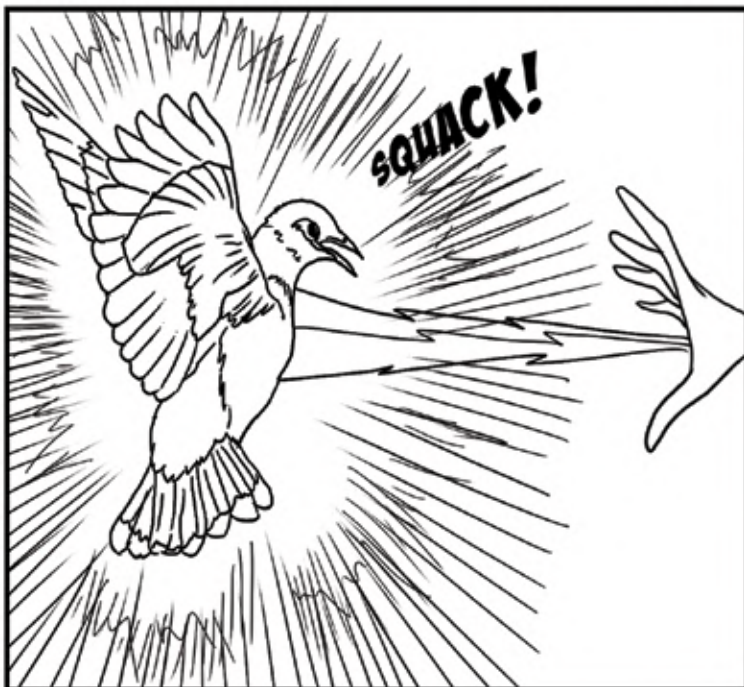
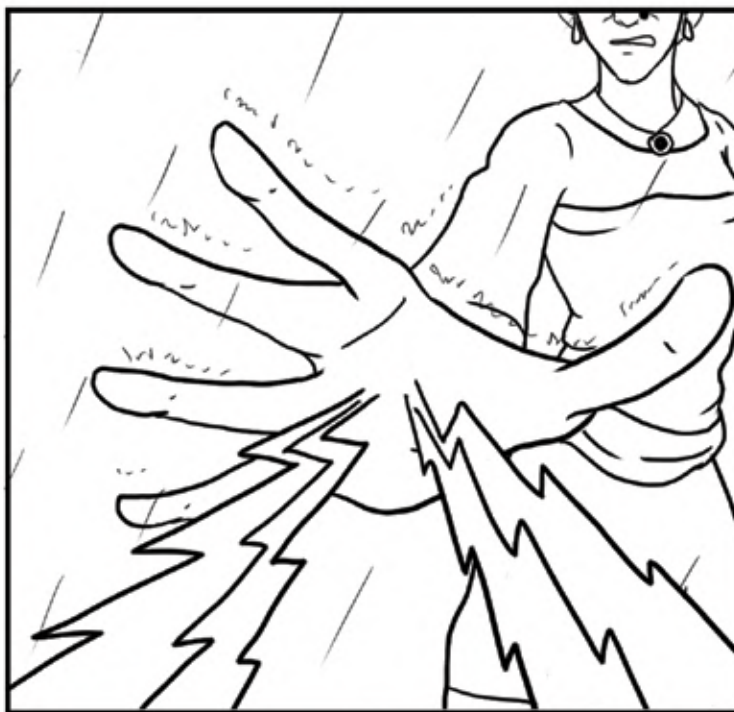


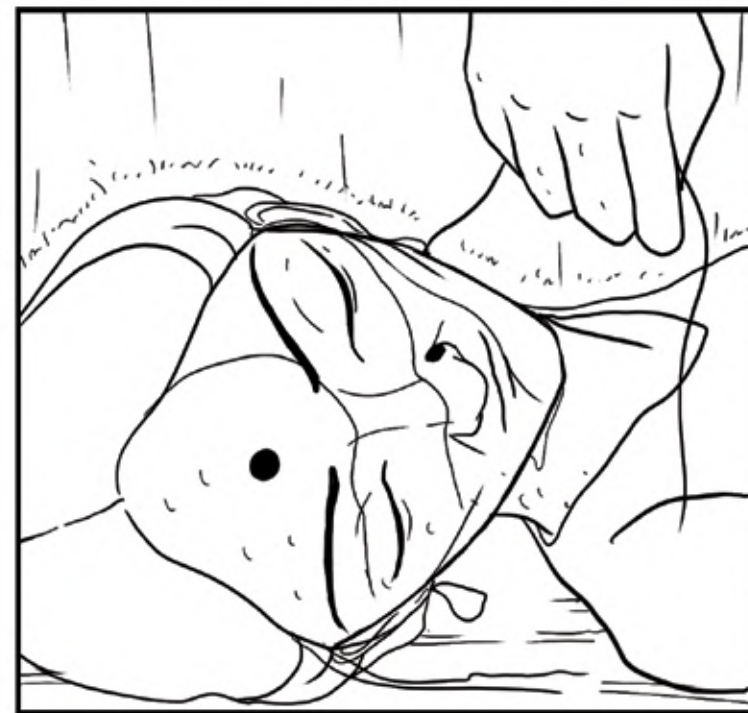
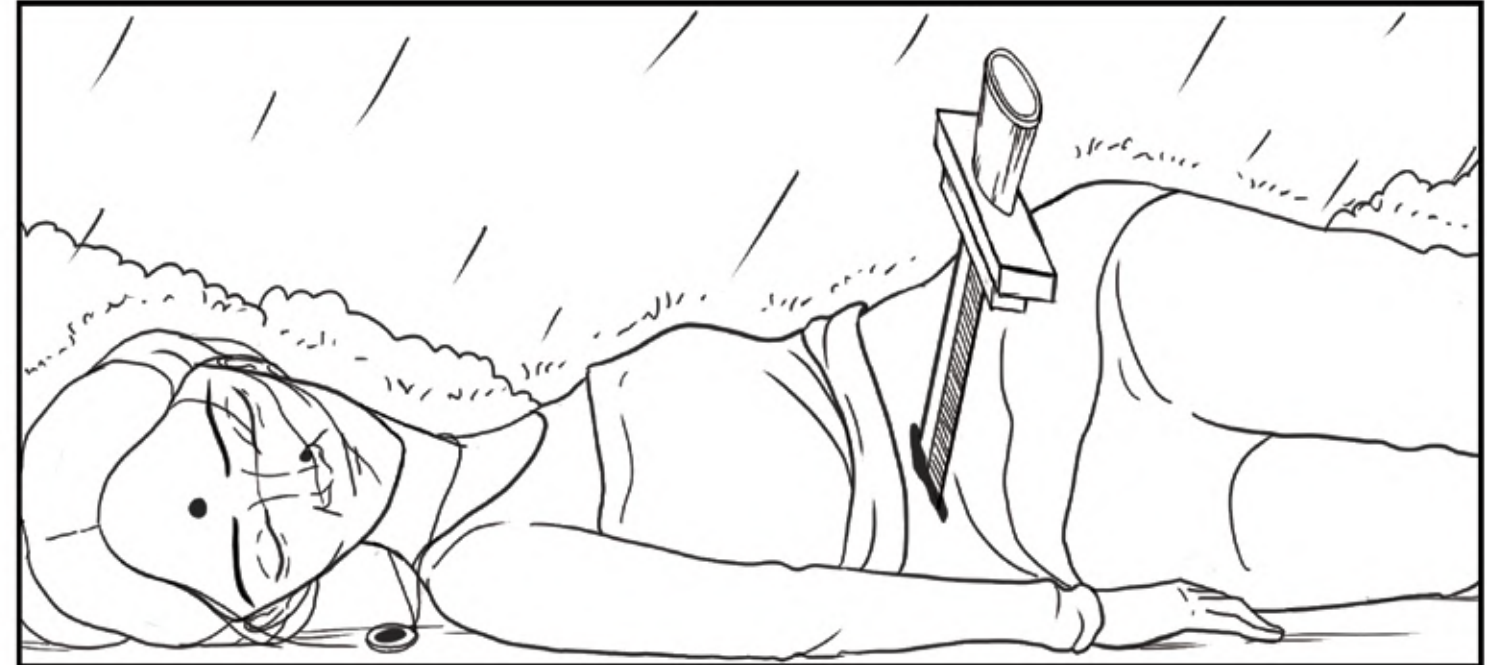
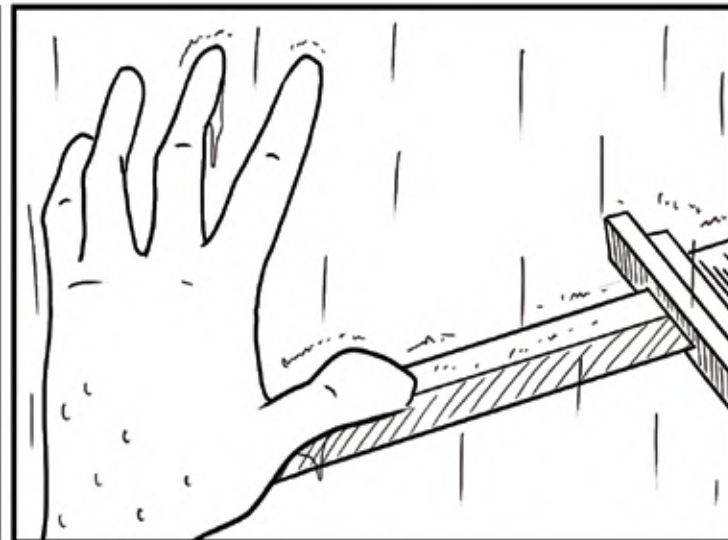
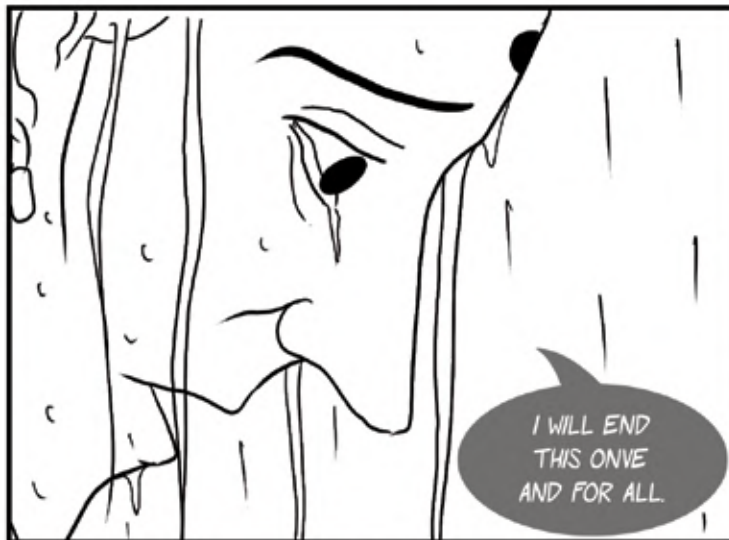


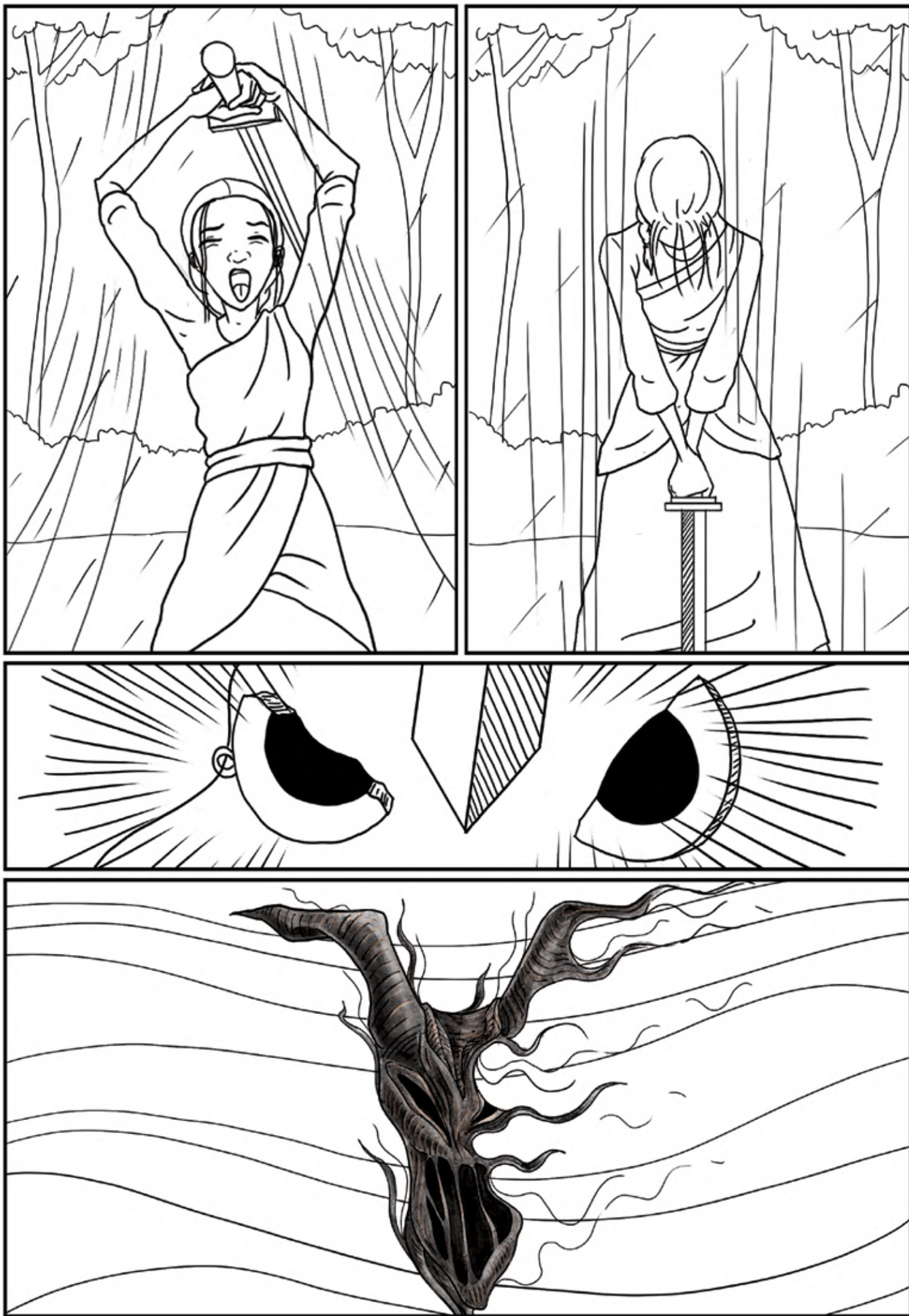














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