

BIG CATS

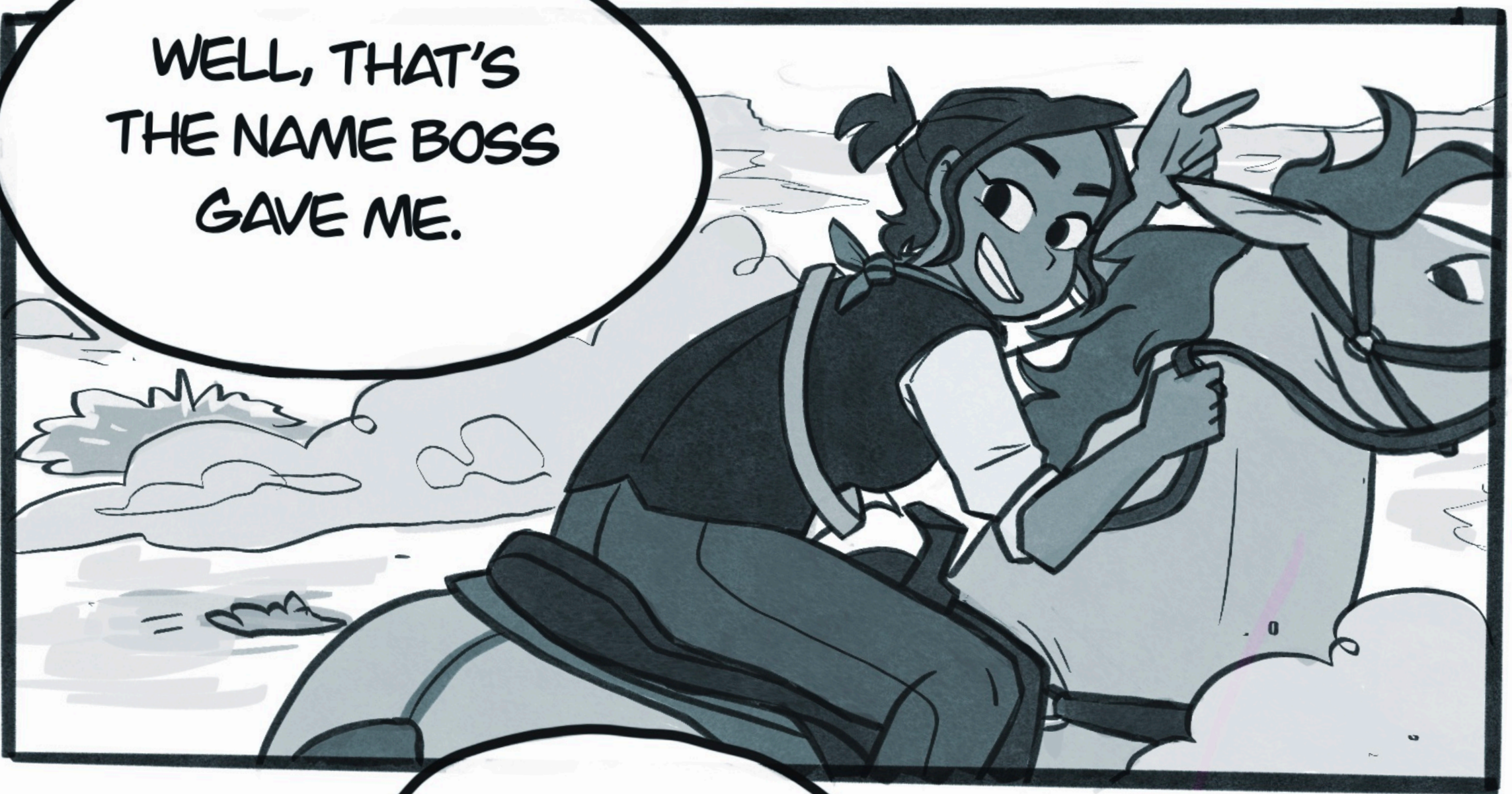




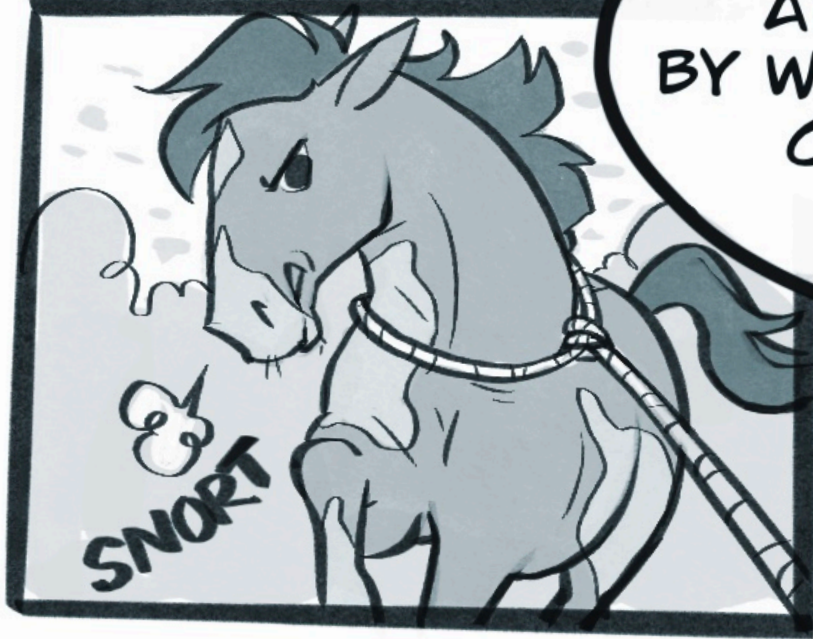
NAME'S *TIGER*,
TY FOR SHORT.

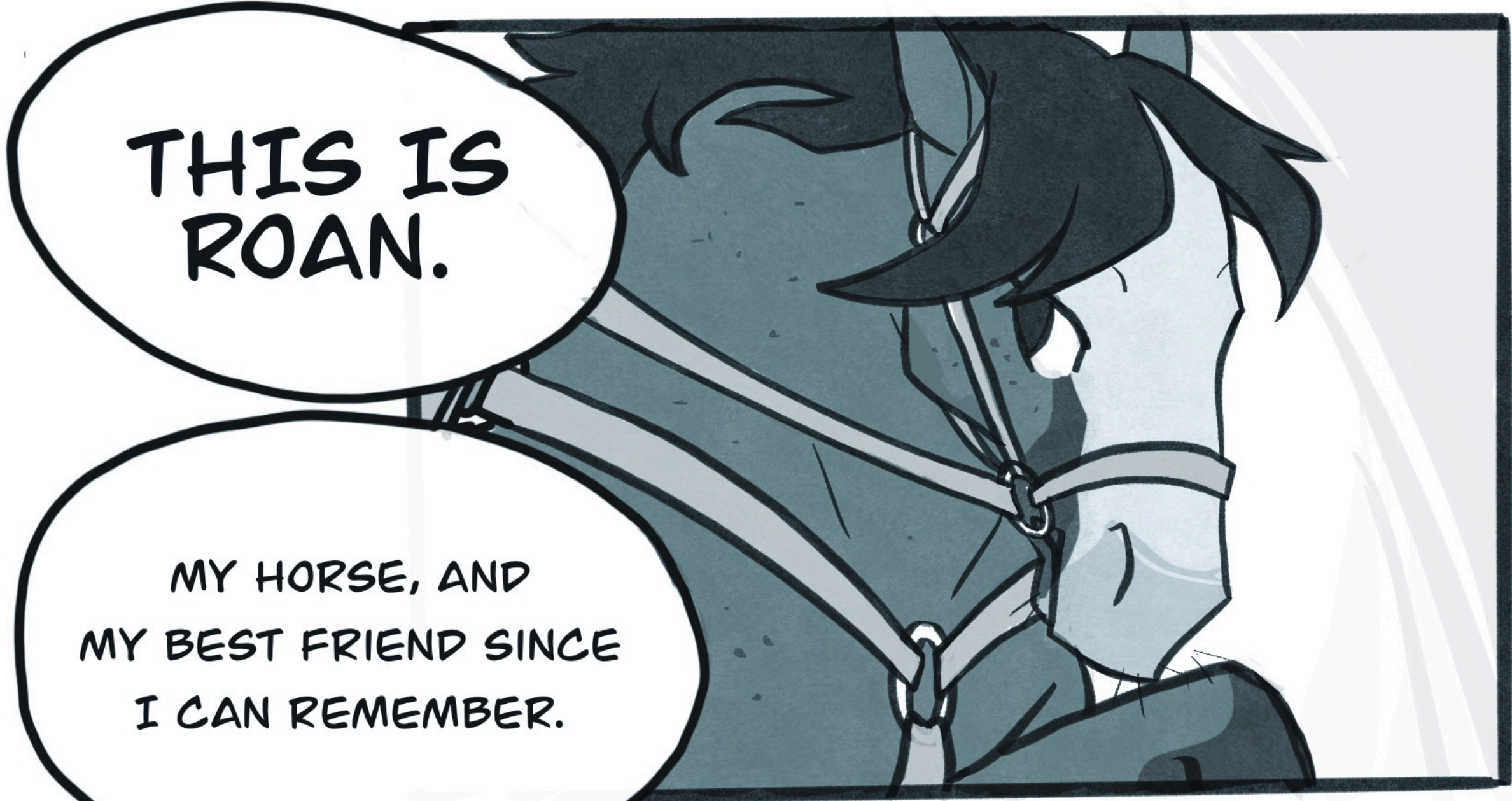


WELL, THAT'S
THE NAME BOSS
GAVE ME.



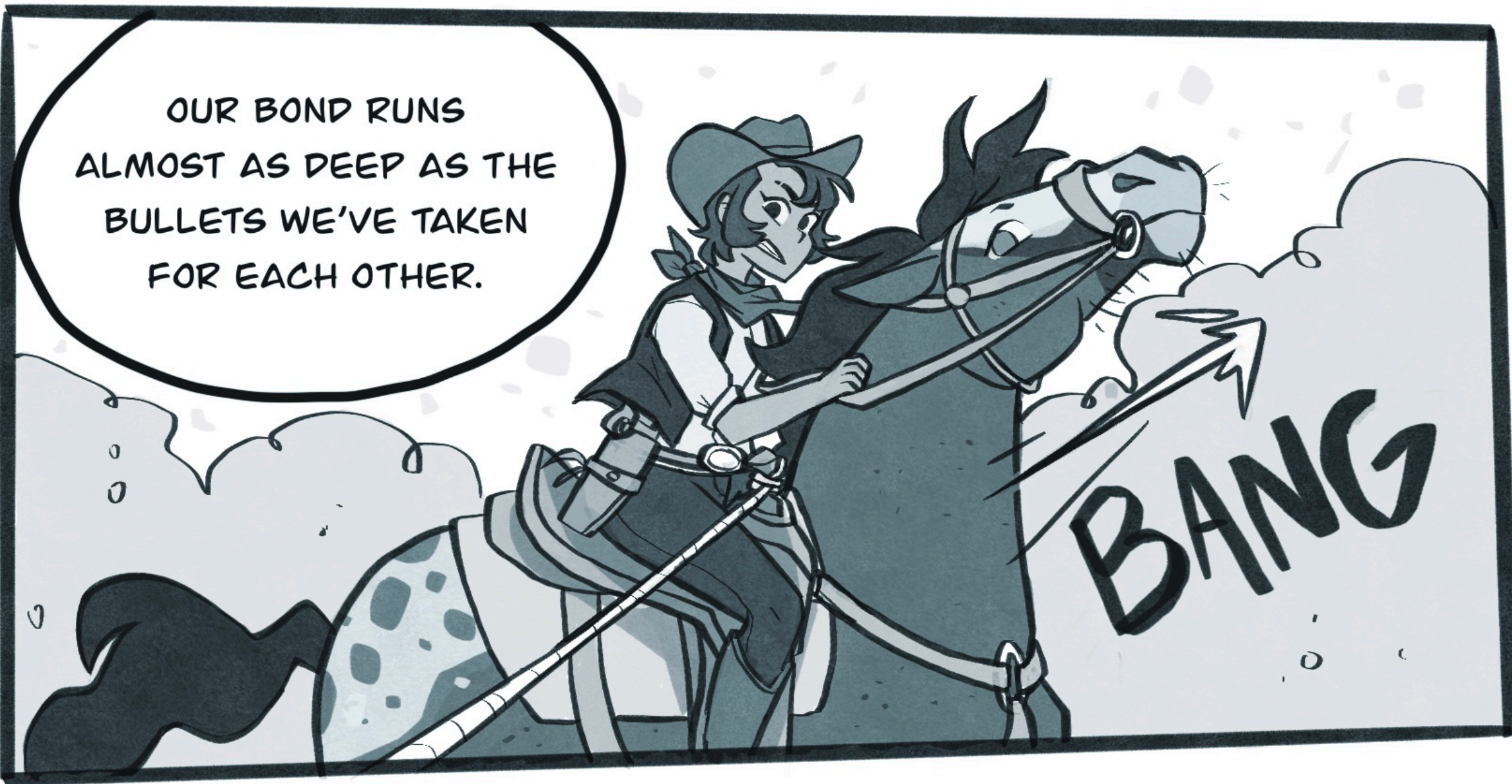
AND I'LL GO
BY WHATEVER SHE
CALLS ME.





THIS IS ROAN.

MY HORSE, AND MY BEST FRIEND SINCE I CAN REMEMBER.



OUR BOND RUNS ALMOST AS DEEP AS THE BULLETS WE'VE TAKEN FOR EACH OTHER.

BANG

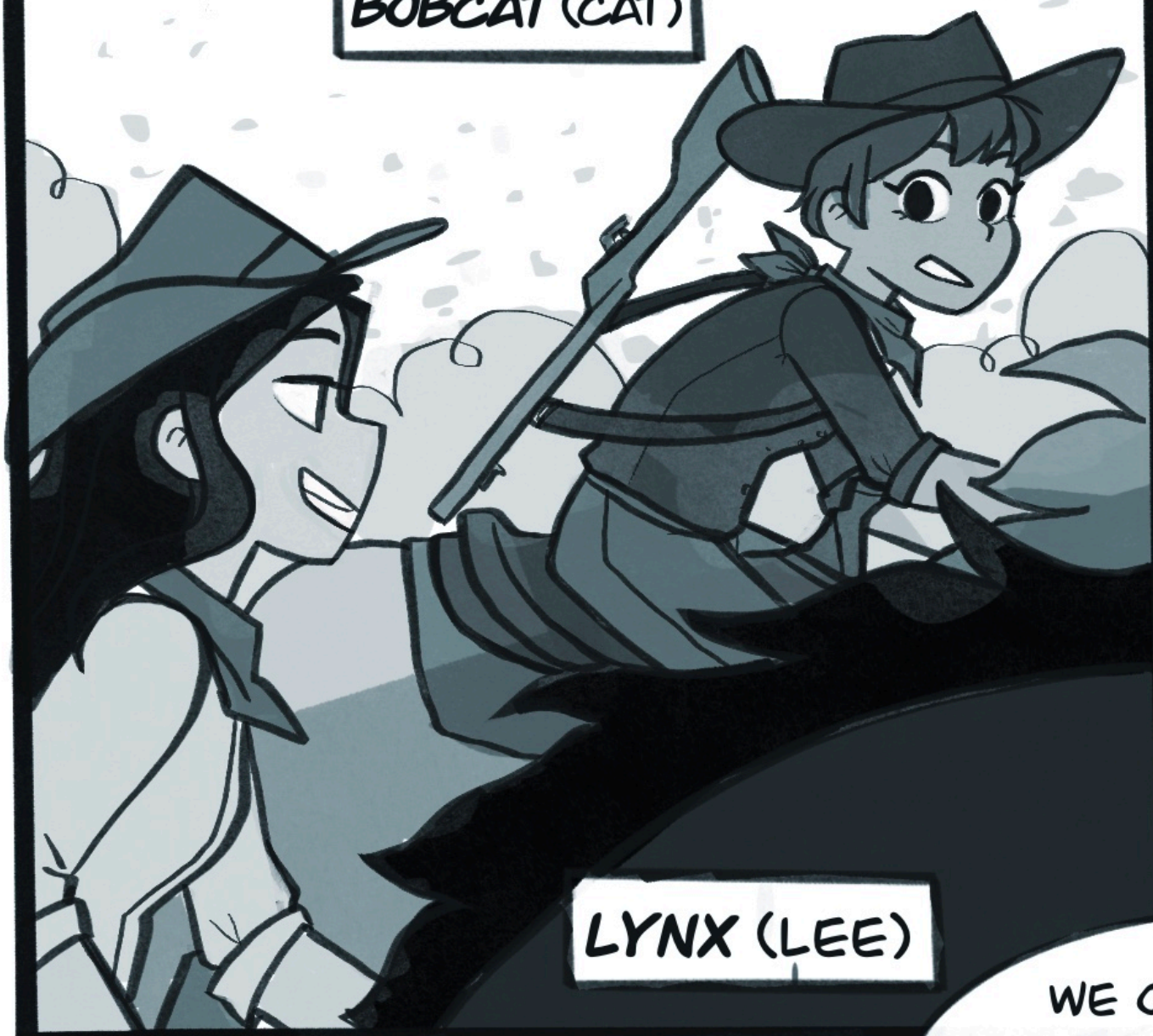
AND THIS

...

THIS IS THE
BIG CAT GANG,
MY FAMILY.



BOBCAT (CAT)



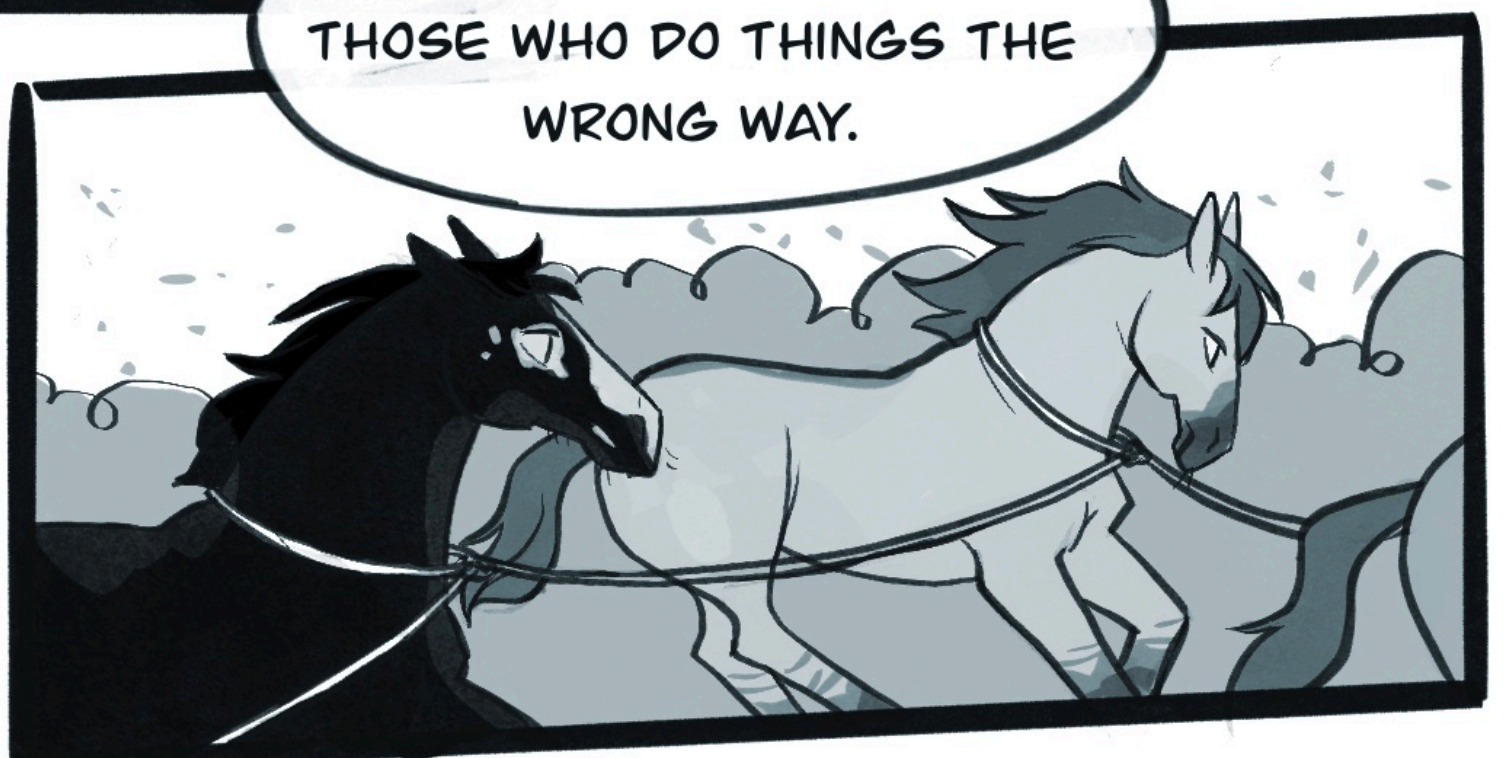
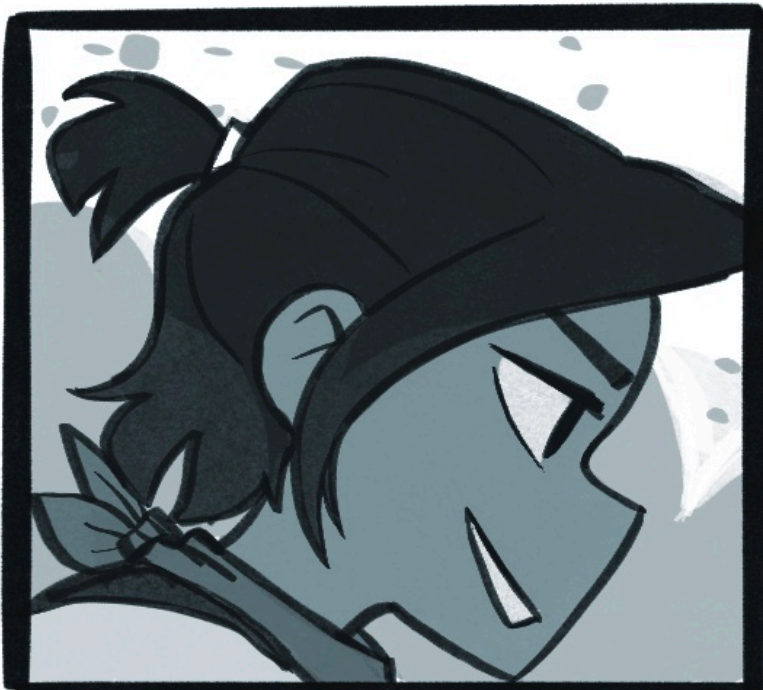
LYNX (LEE)

WE BREAK SOME
LAWS, KILL SOME MEN
BUT, WE'RE GOOD
PEOPLE.



PANTHER (FLORA)

WE ONLY TAKE FROM
THOSE WHO DO THINGS THE
WRONG WAY.



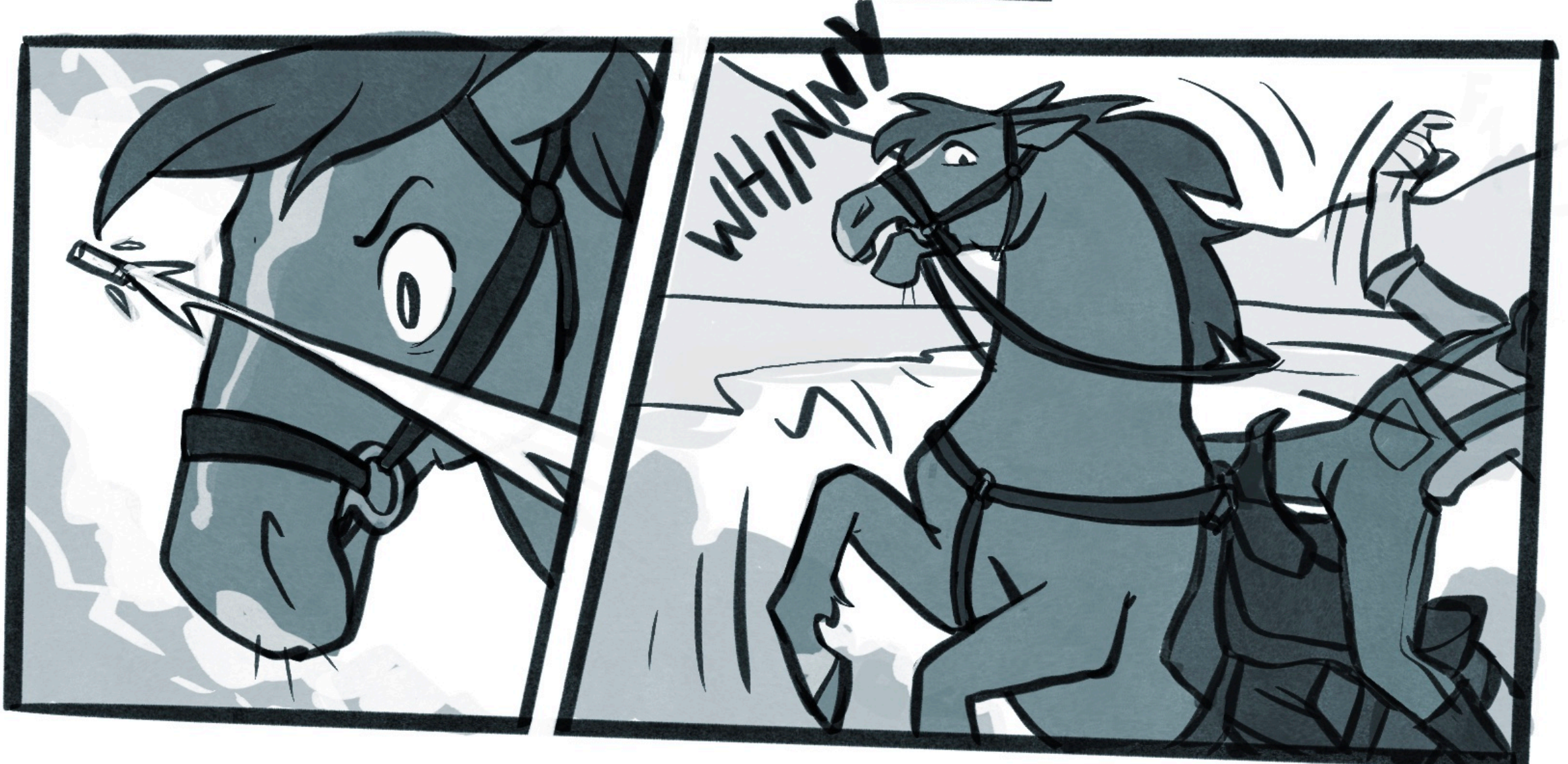
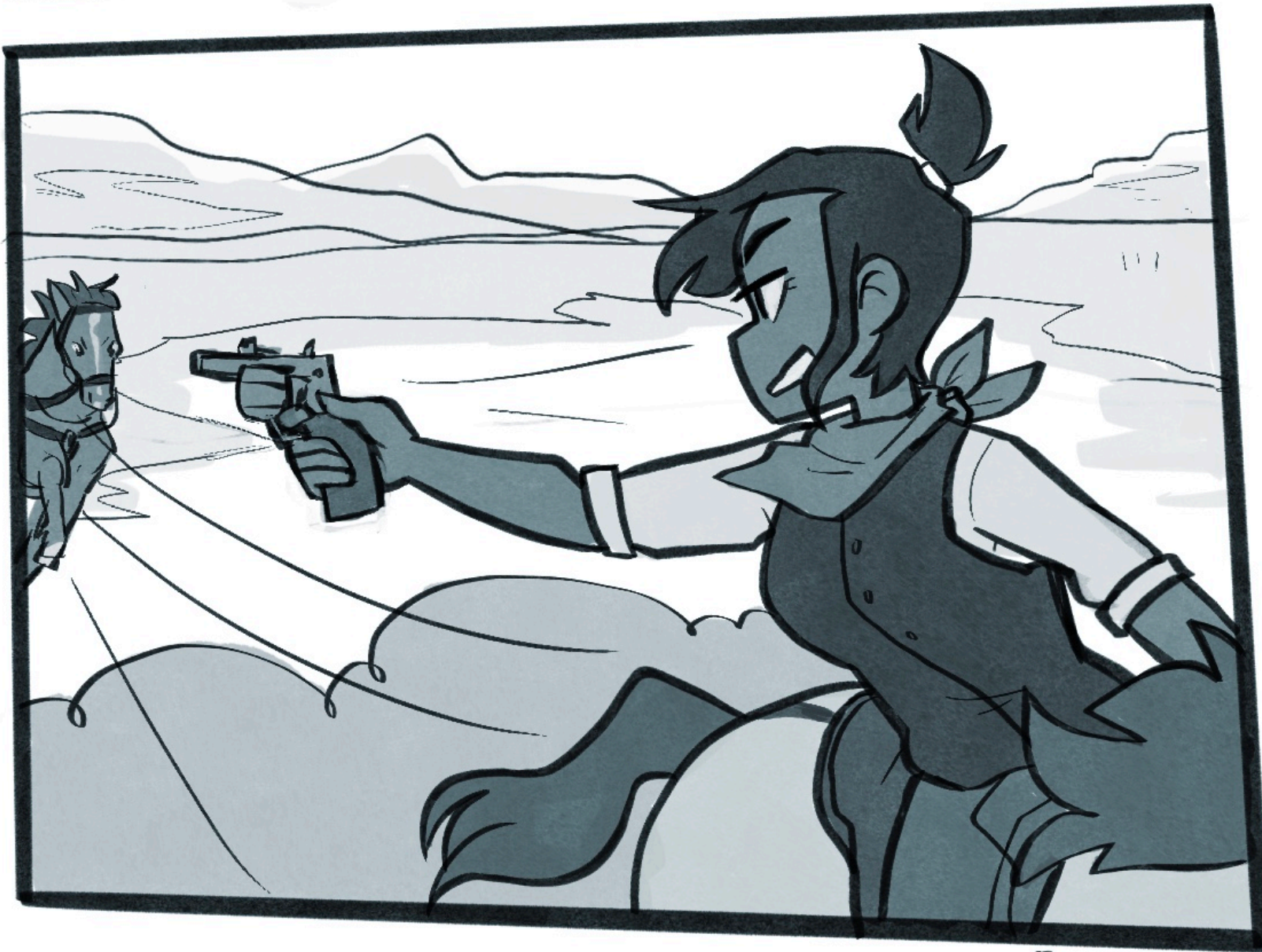
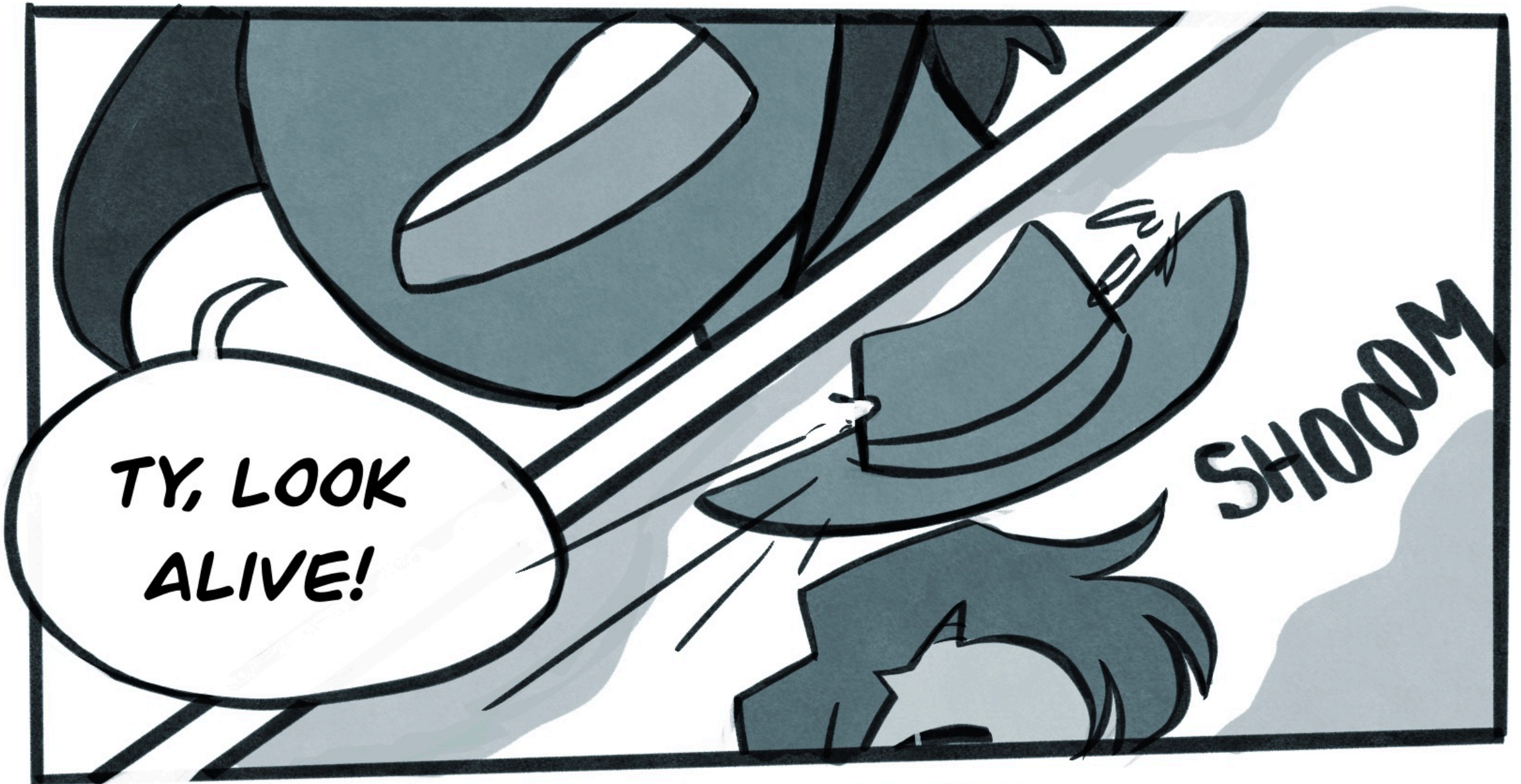
BOSS

WE'RE ALL JUSTA
BUNCHA GIRLS WHO WENT AND
GOT THEMSELVES FOUND
BY BOSS.

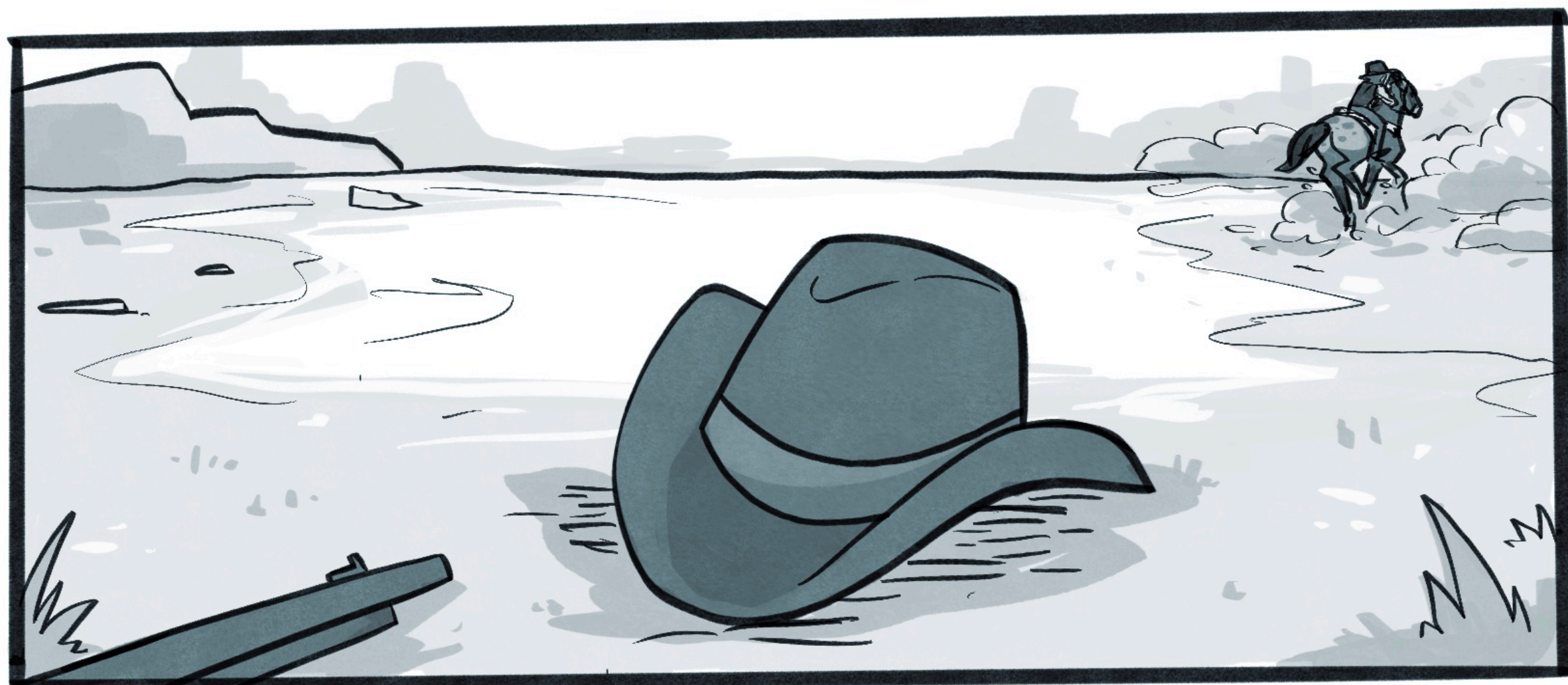
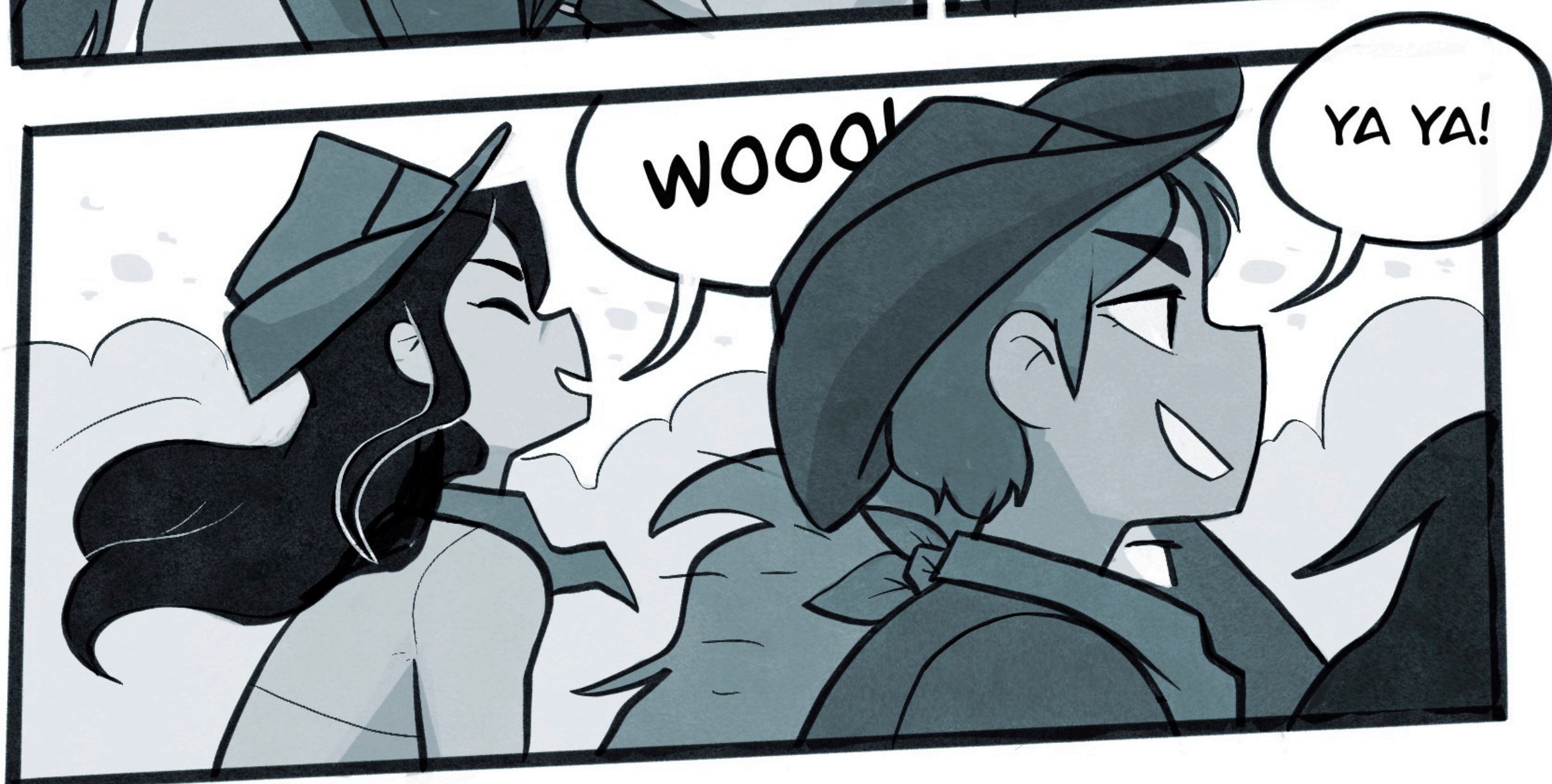
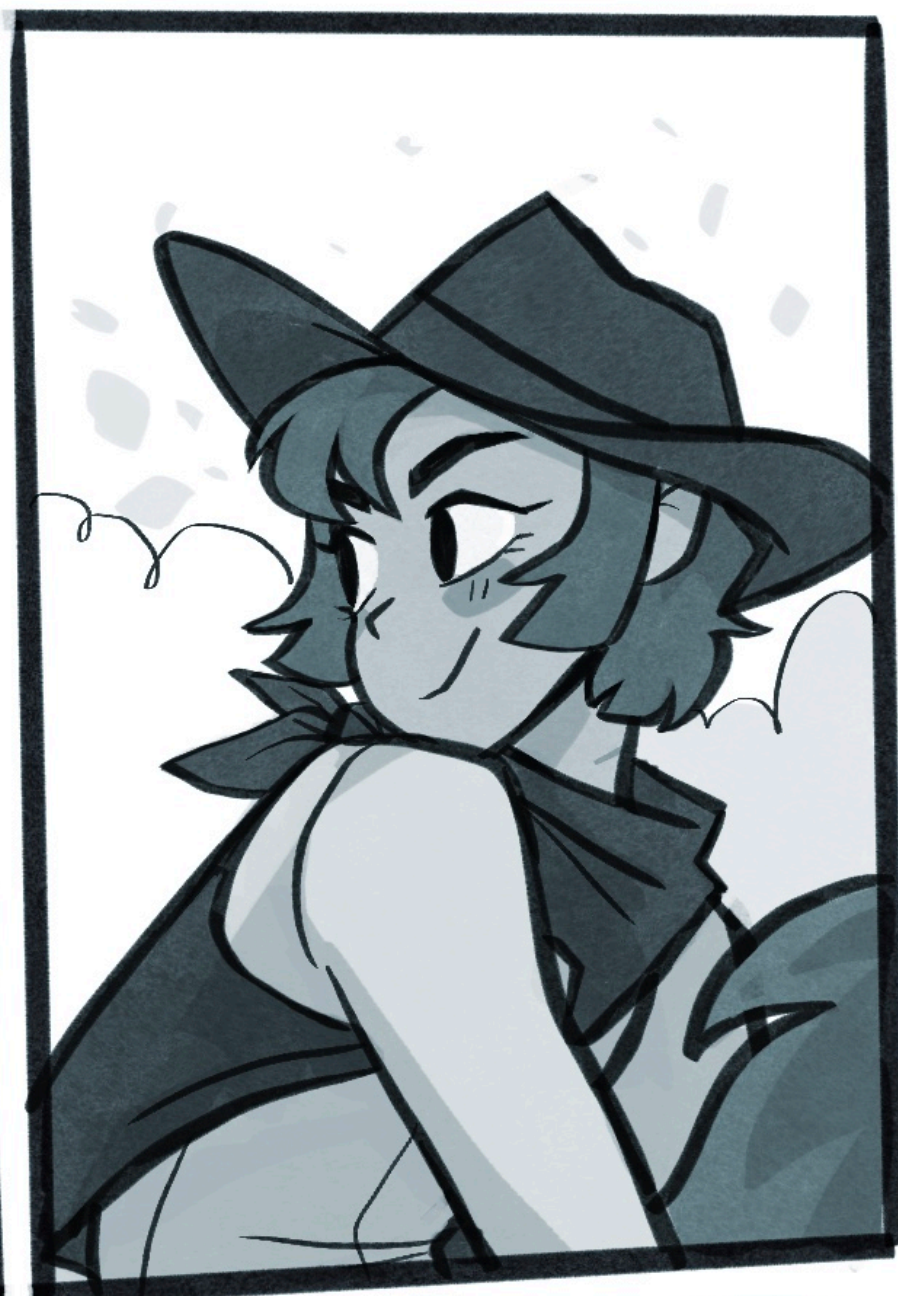
BOSS BROUGHT US
TOGETHER.

BROUGHT ME TO
REALIZING HOW
MUCH I FANCY
WOMEN.

ONLY ONE I
REALLY WANT IS
HER THOUGH.





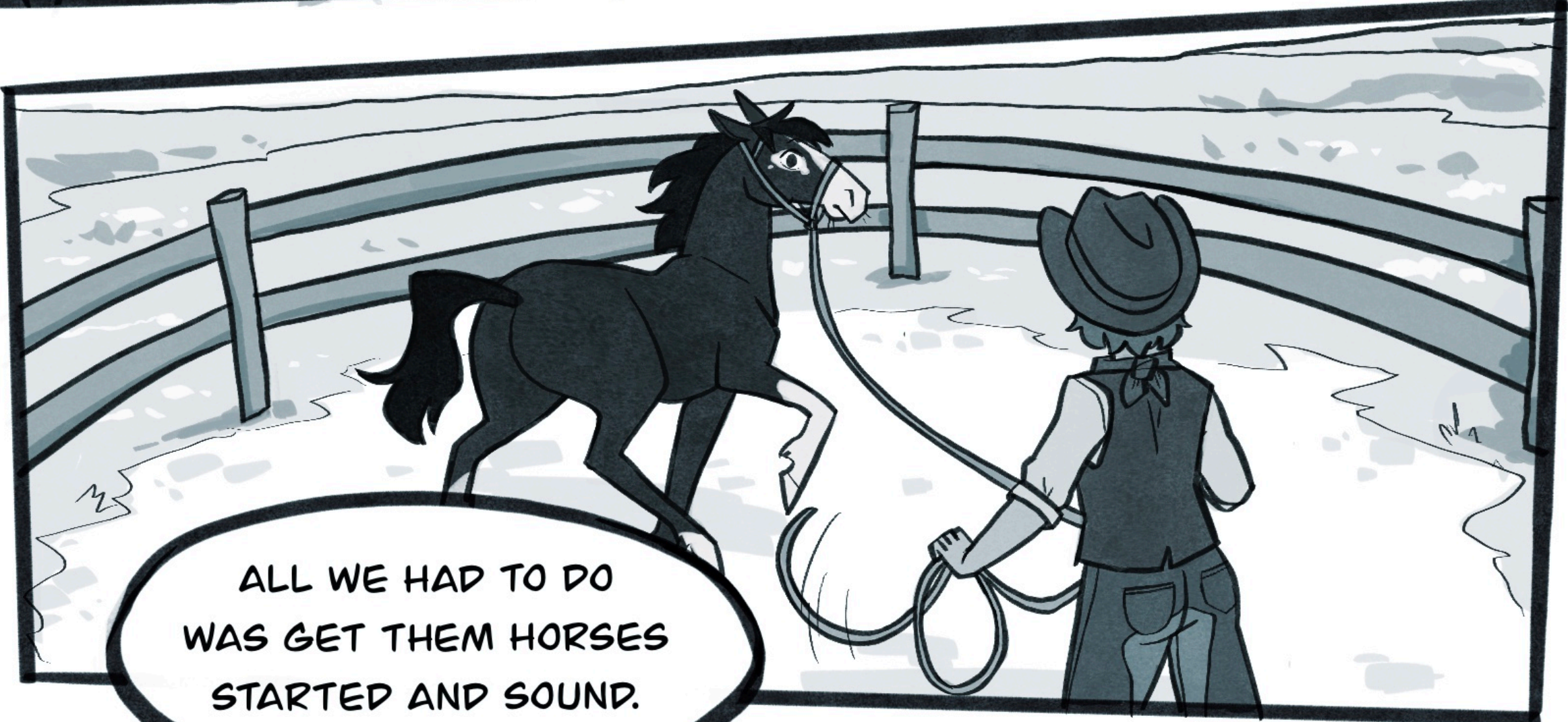




ANOTHER JOB
WELL DONE GIRLS.
AND AN EASY
SELL TOO.



NO QUESTIONS
ASKED!

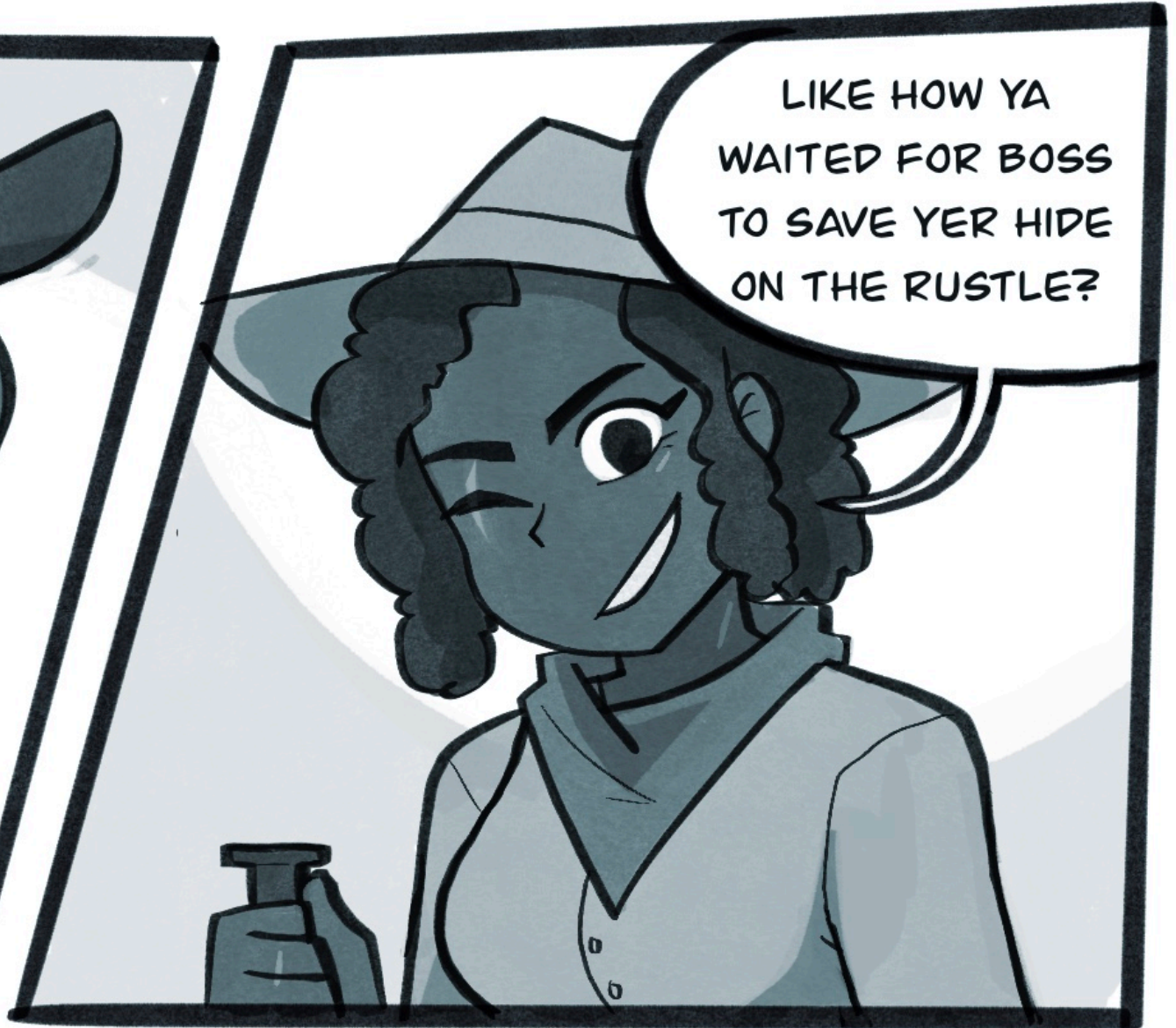


ALL WE HAD TO DO
WAS GET THEM HORSES
STARTED AND SOUND.





I'LL JUST
WAIT FER
BOSS.



LIKE HOW YA
WAITED FOR BOSS
TO SAVE YER HIDE
ON THE RUSTLE?



THAT WAS REAL
CUTE...



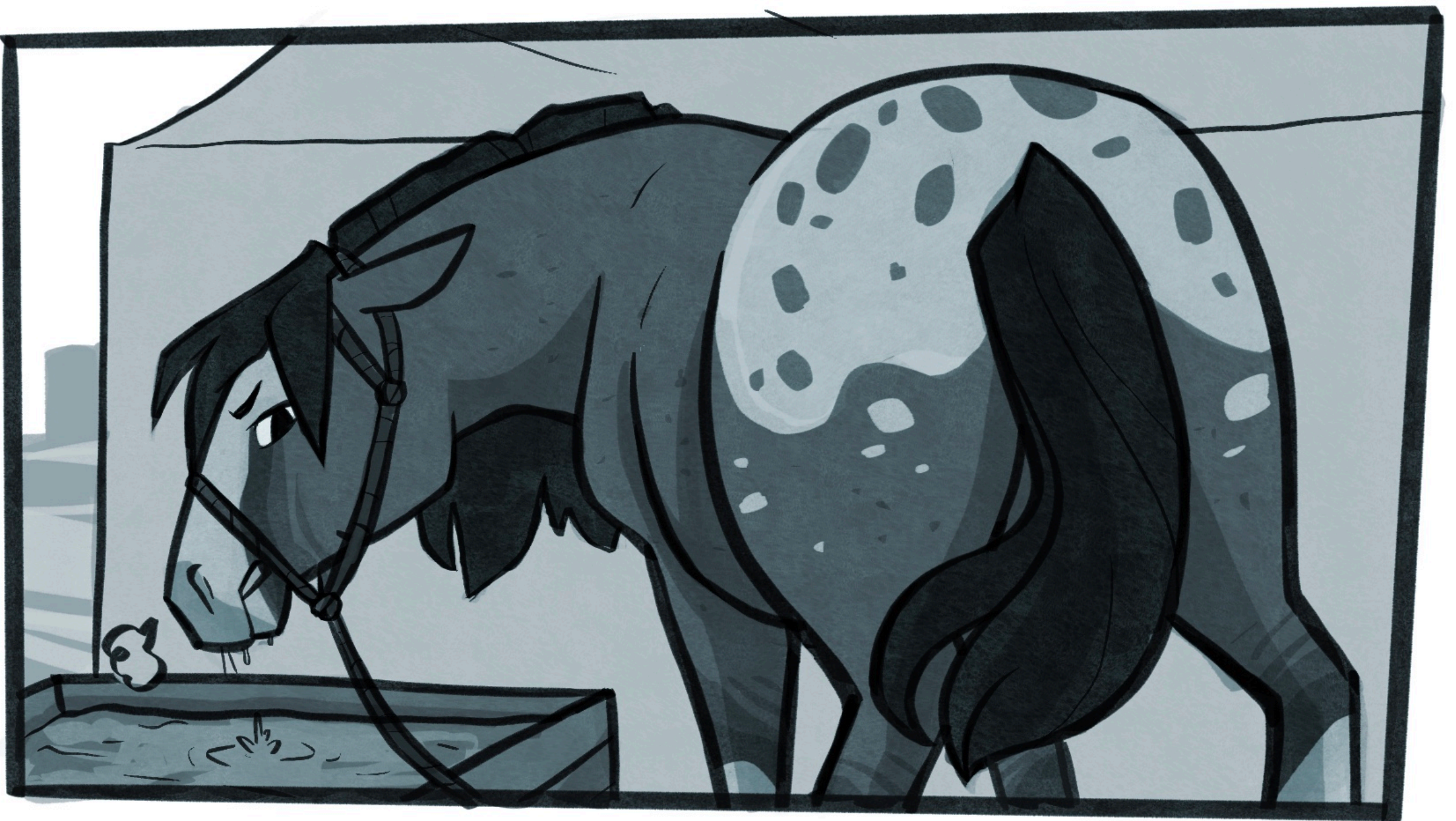
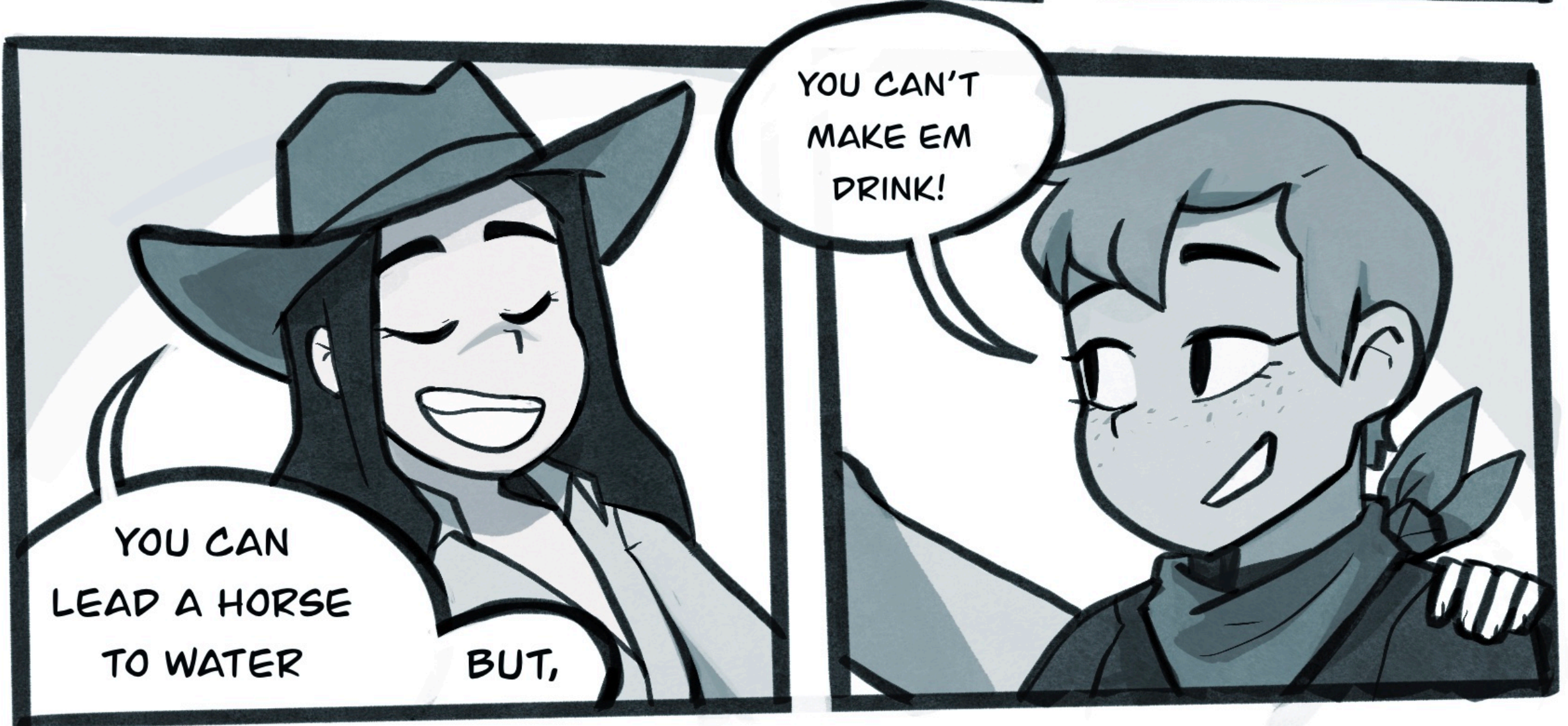
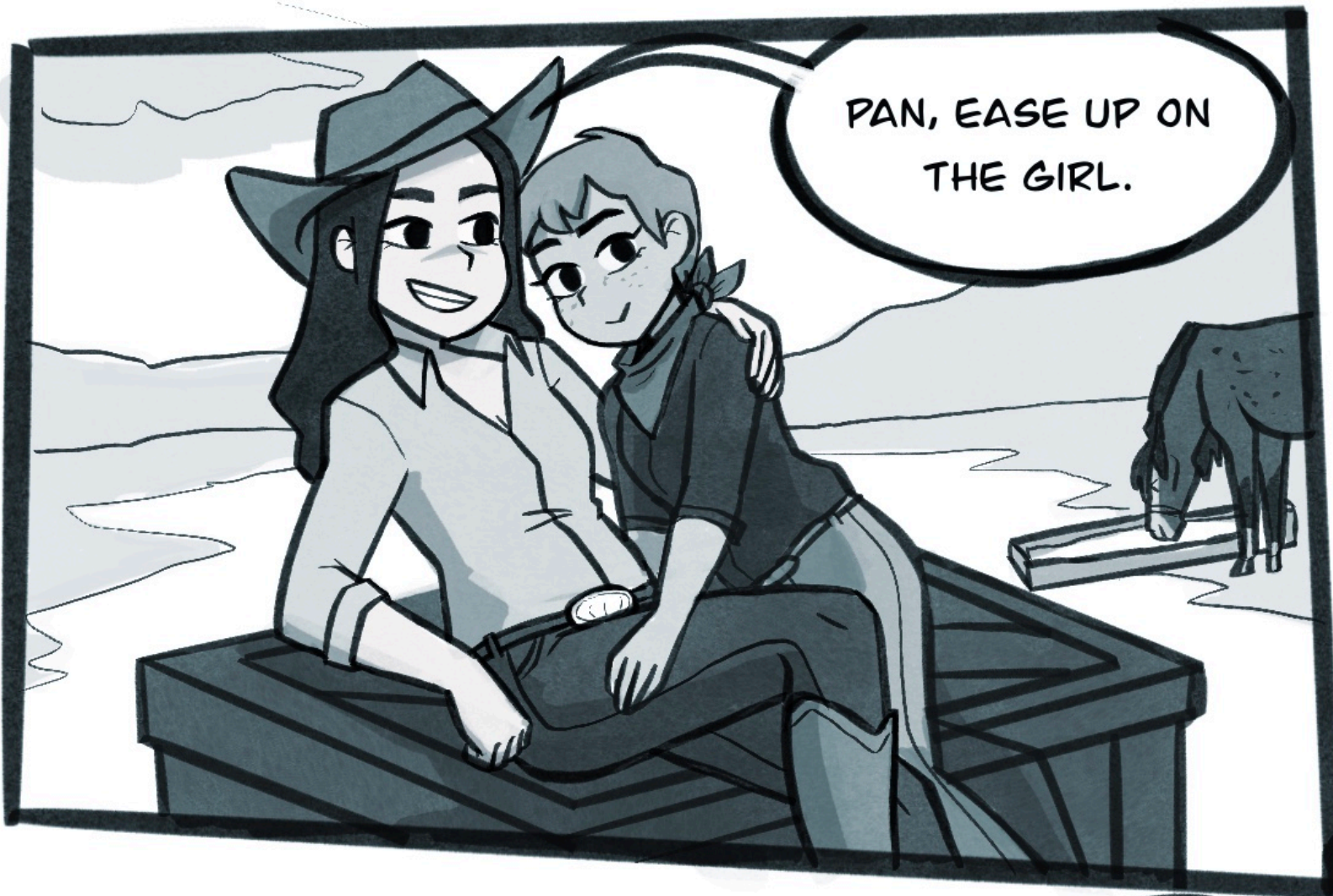
I DON'T
KNOW WHAT
YER TALKIN
BOUT!

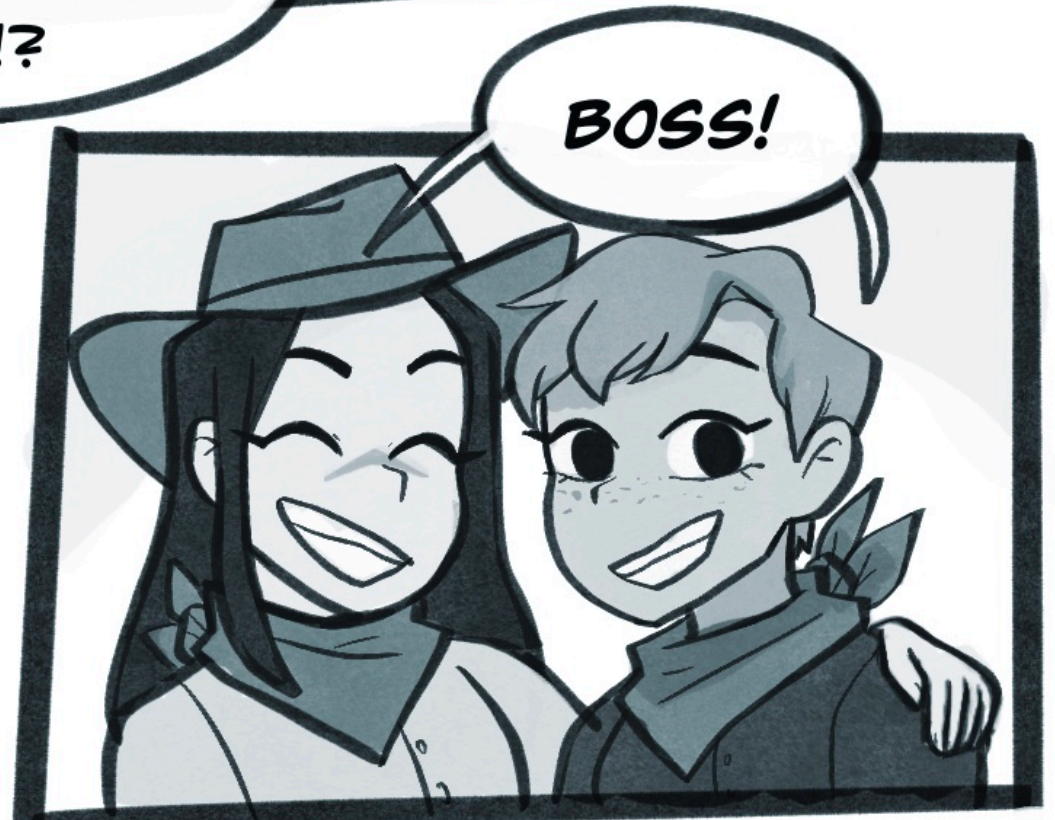
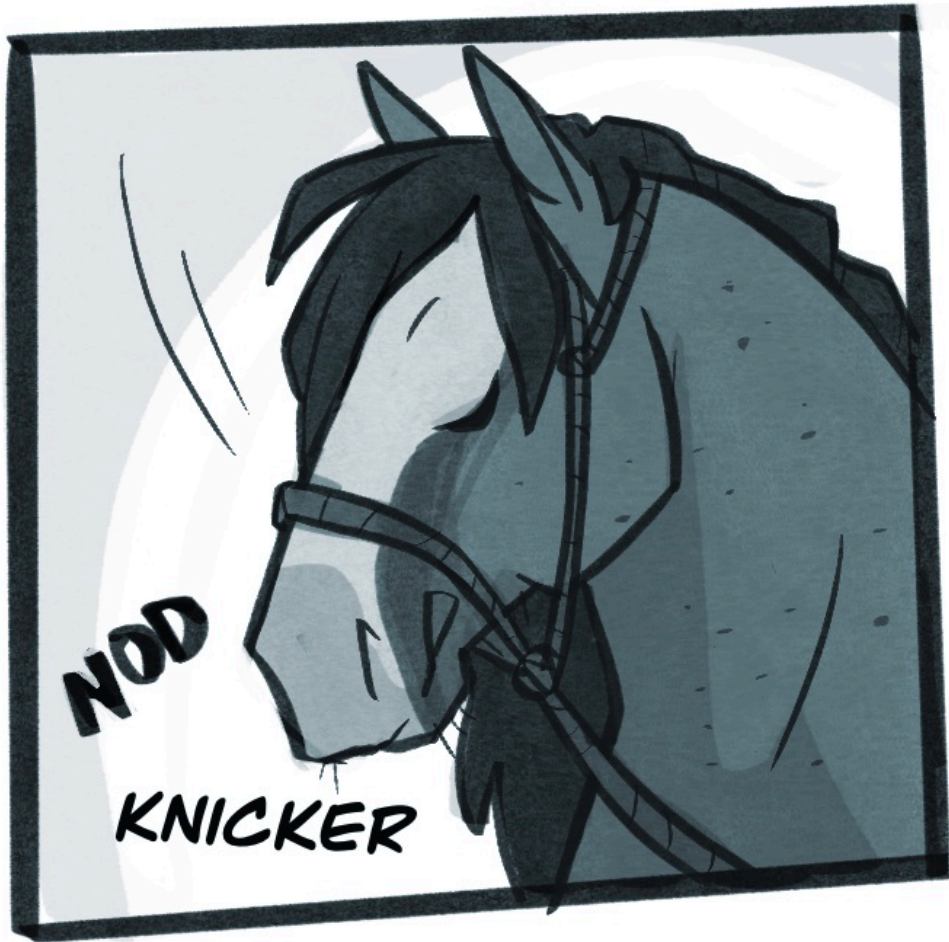


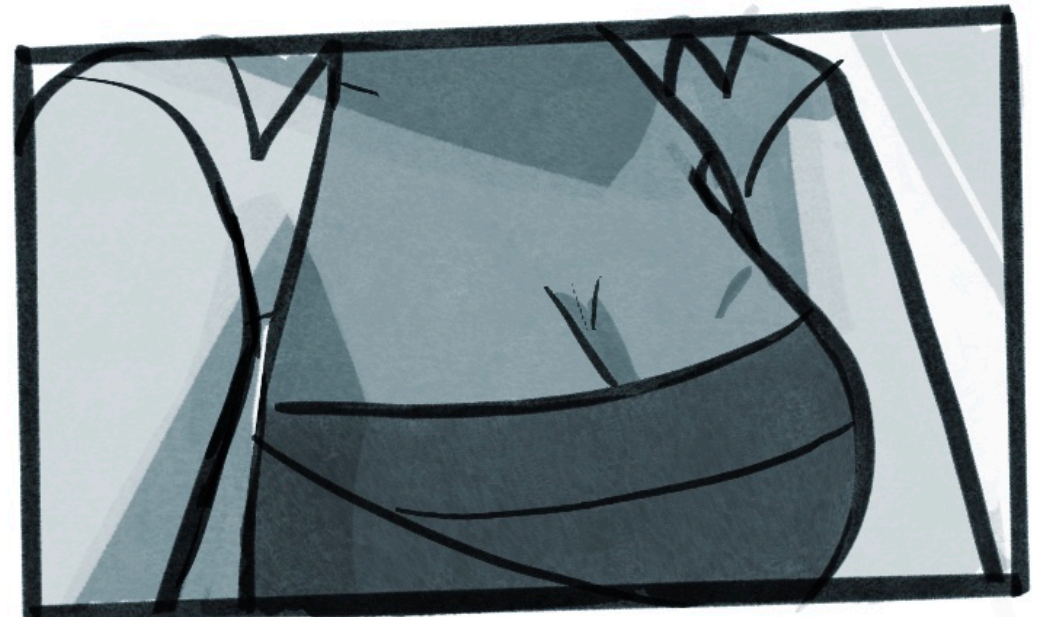
ONE OF THESE
DAYS YA GOTTA
ADMIT IT!

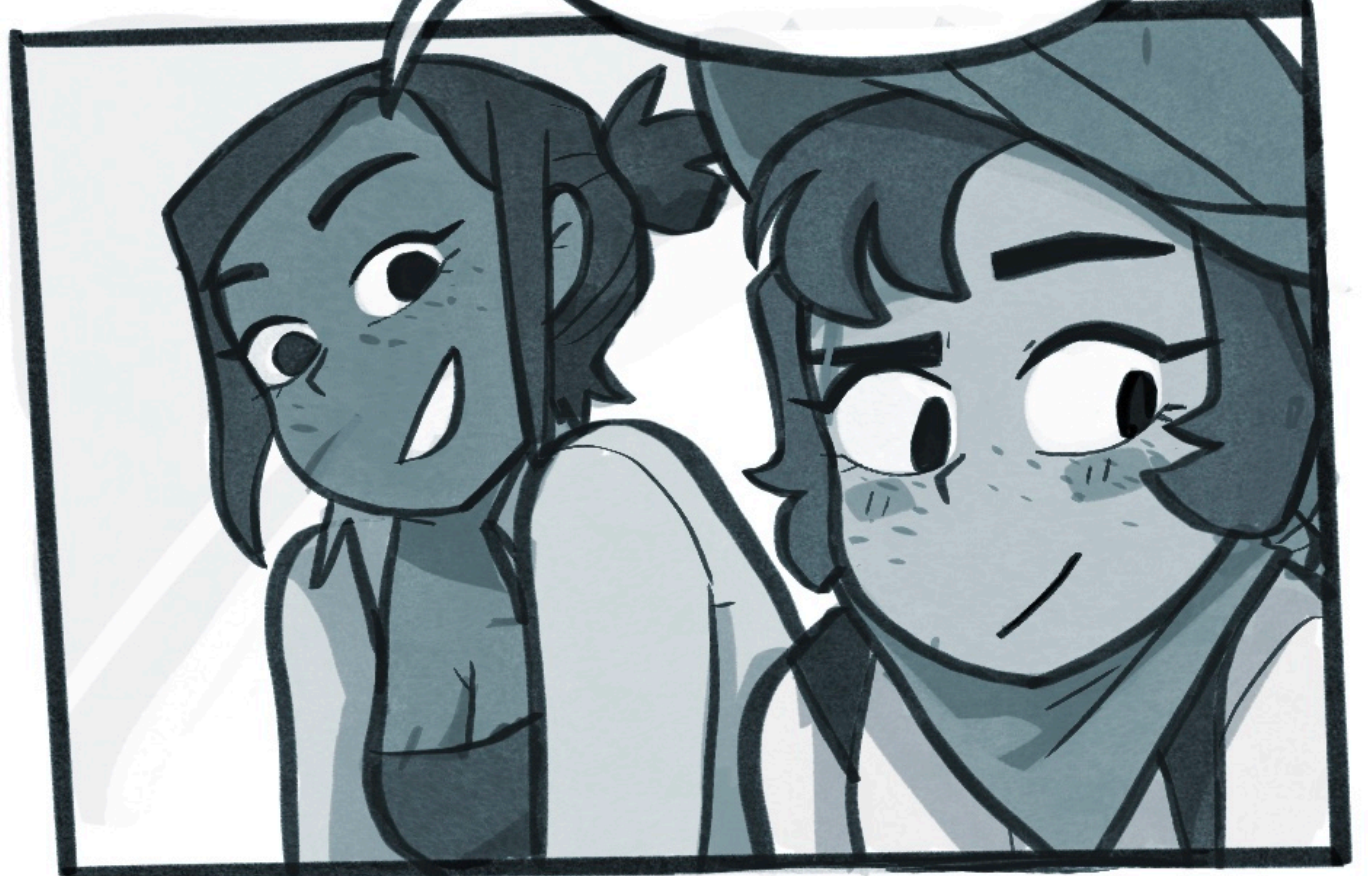
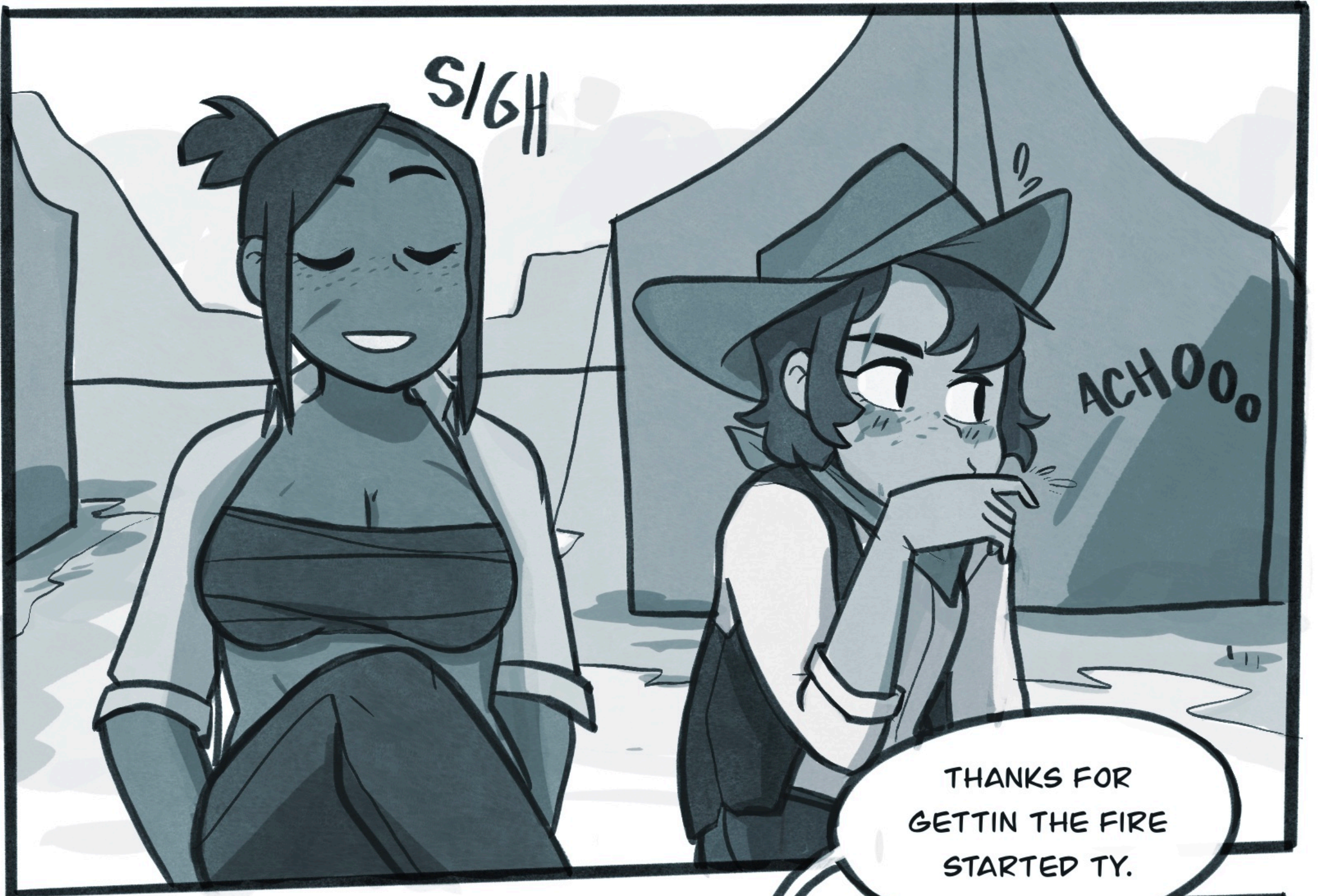
PAN YER MAKING
UP STORIES IN YER
HEAD!

POKE
POKE











YOU DO SO MUCH FOR
THIS GANG.



I REALLY
APPRECIATE IT.



WHICH IS WHY I
WANT YA AROUND A
LONG WHILE.



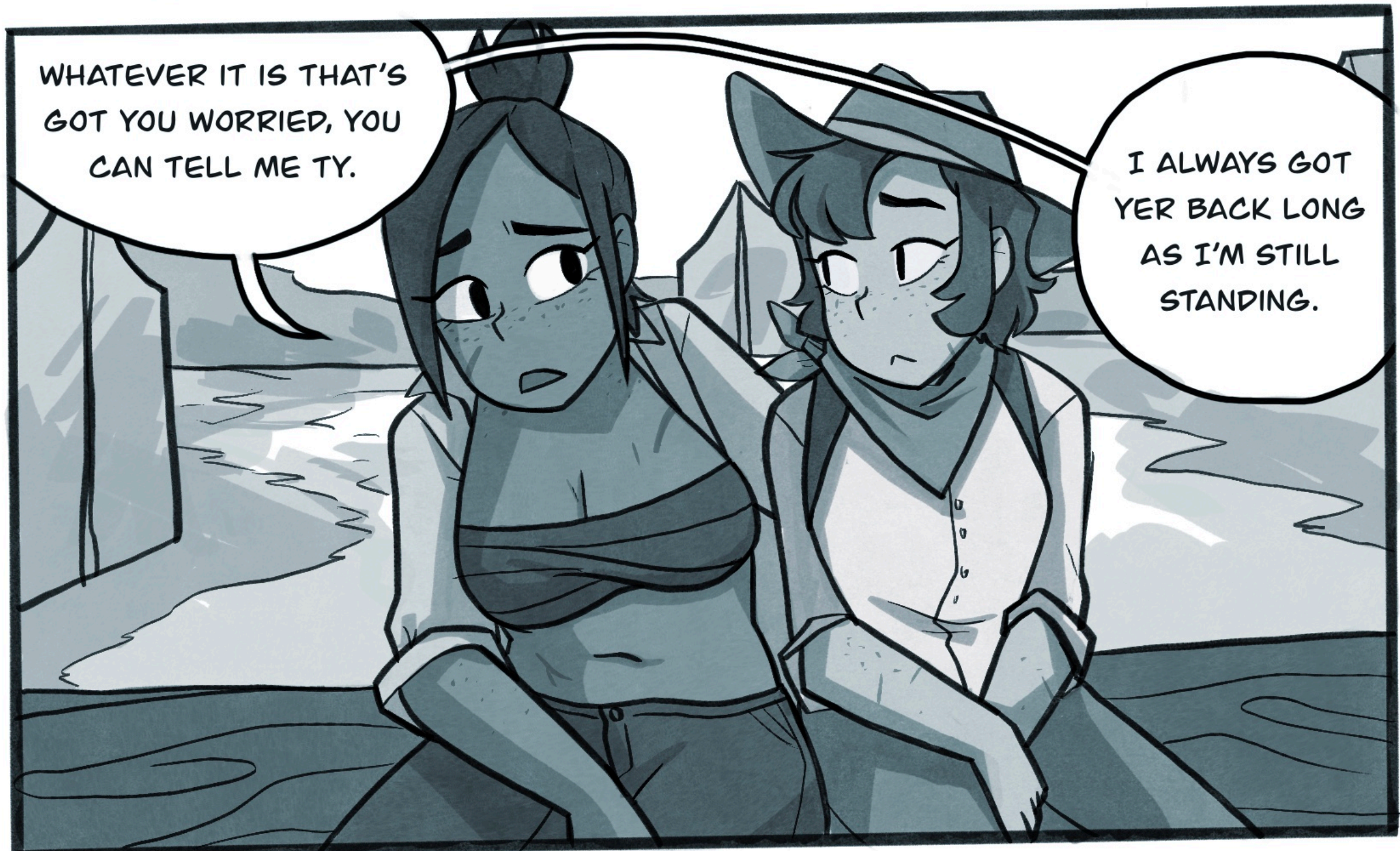
AWH,
BOSS.

YA DON'T
HAVE TO WORRY
BOUT ME.

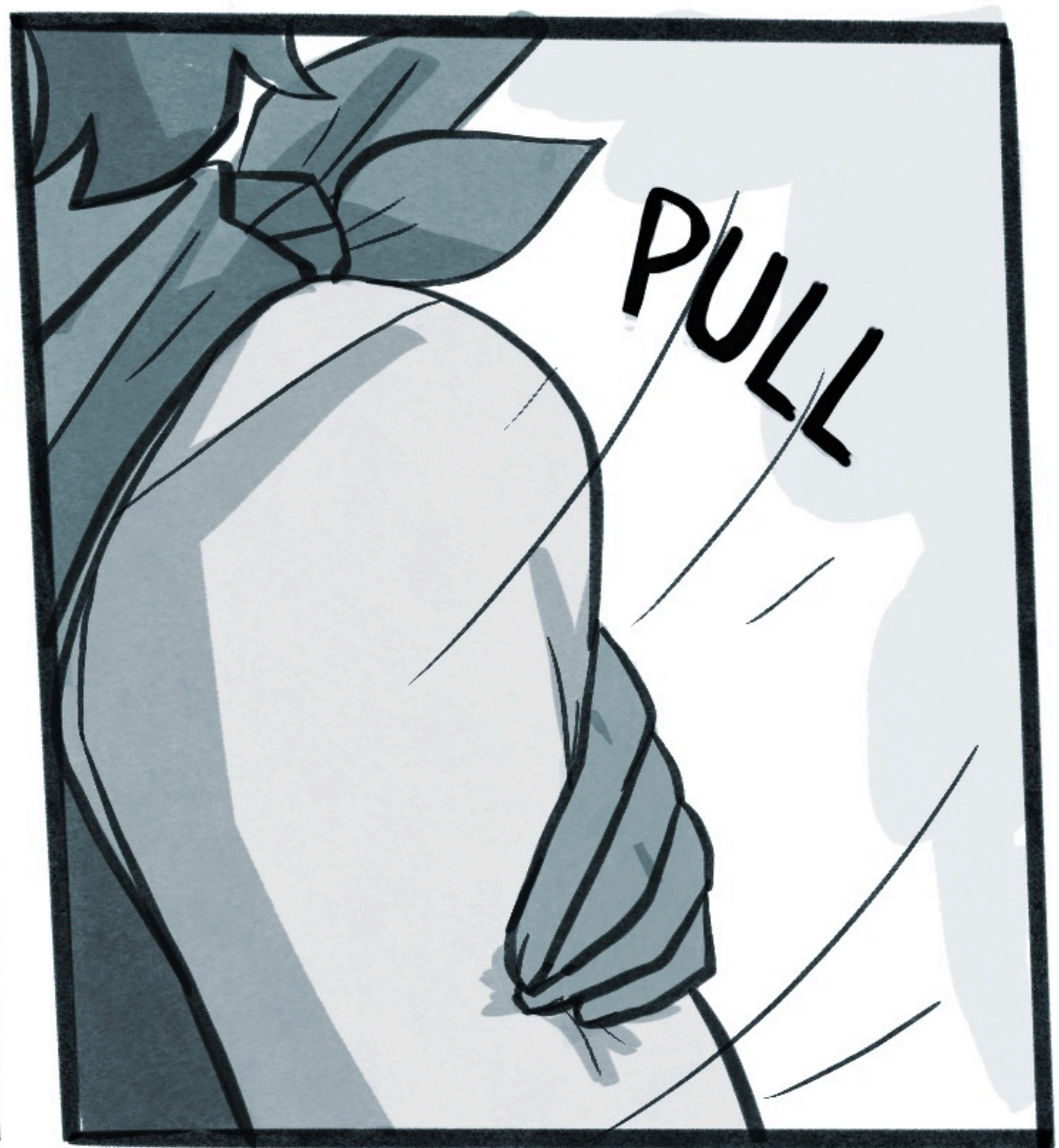


BUT I DO
WORRY.



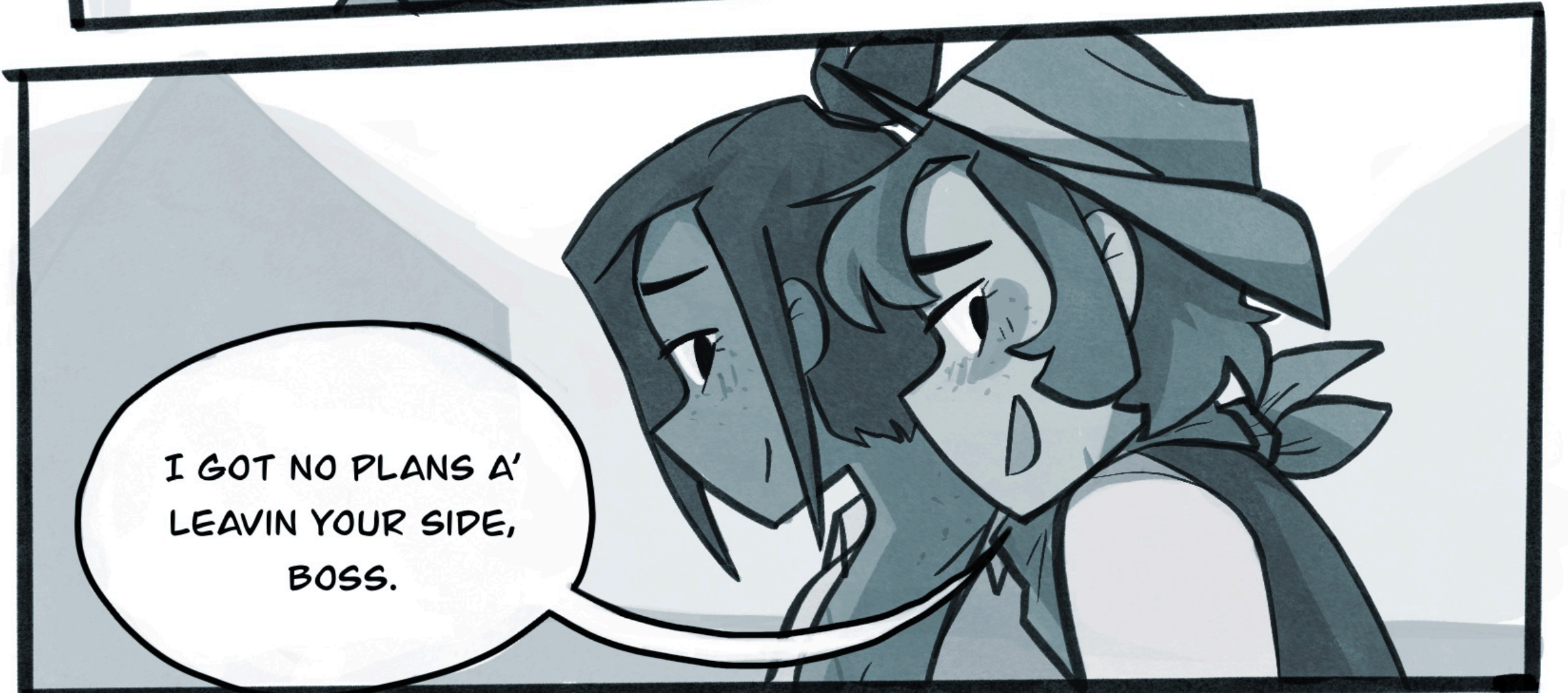




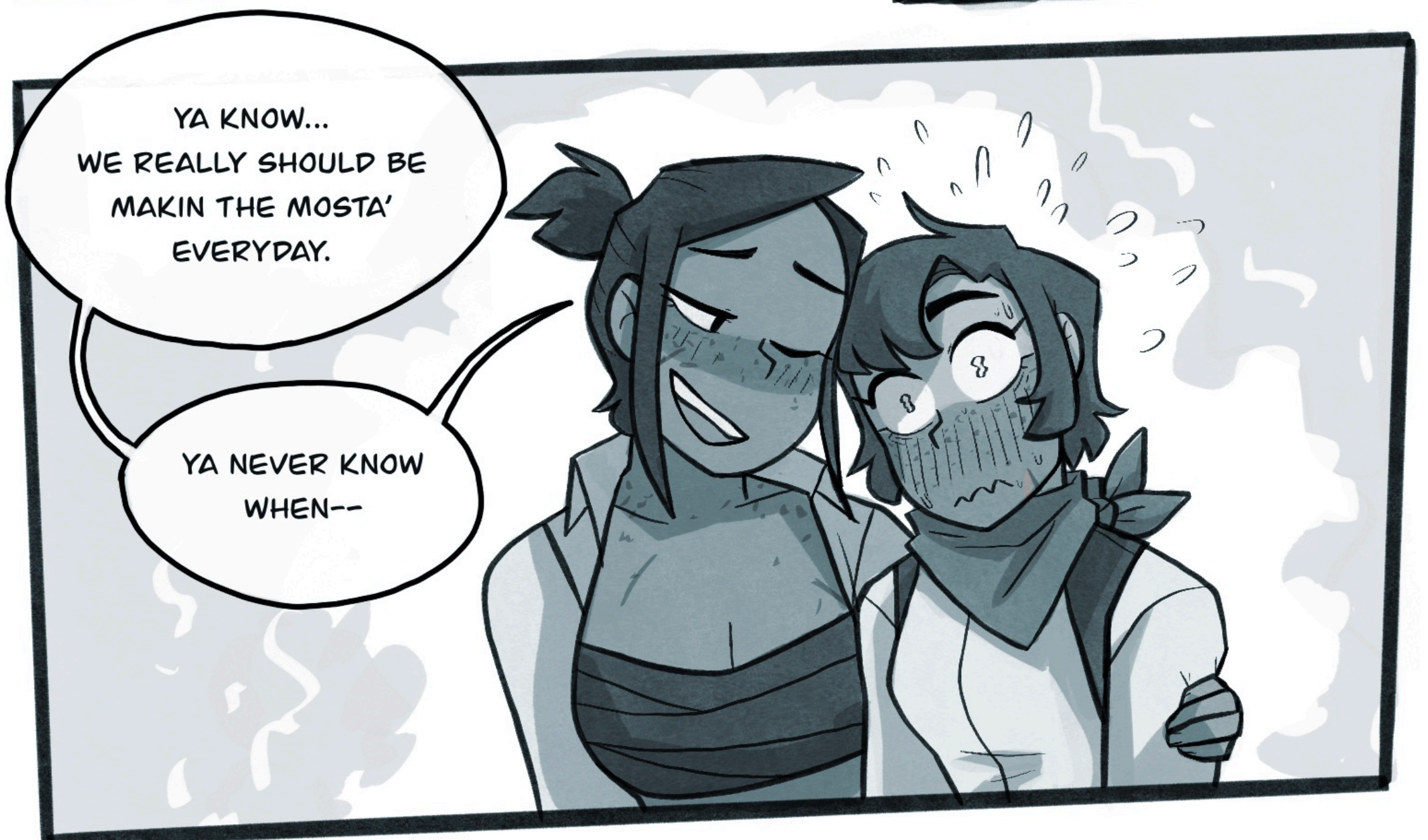


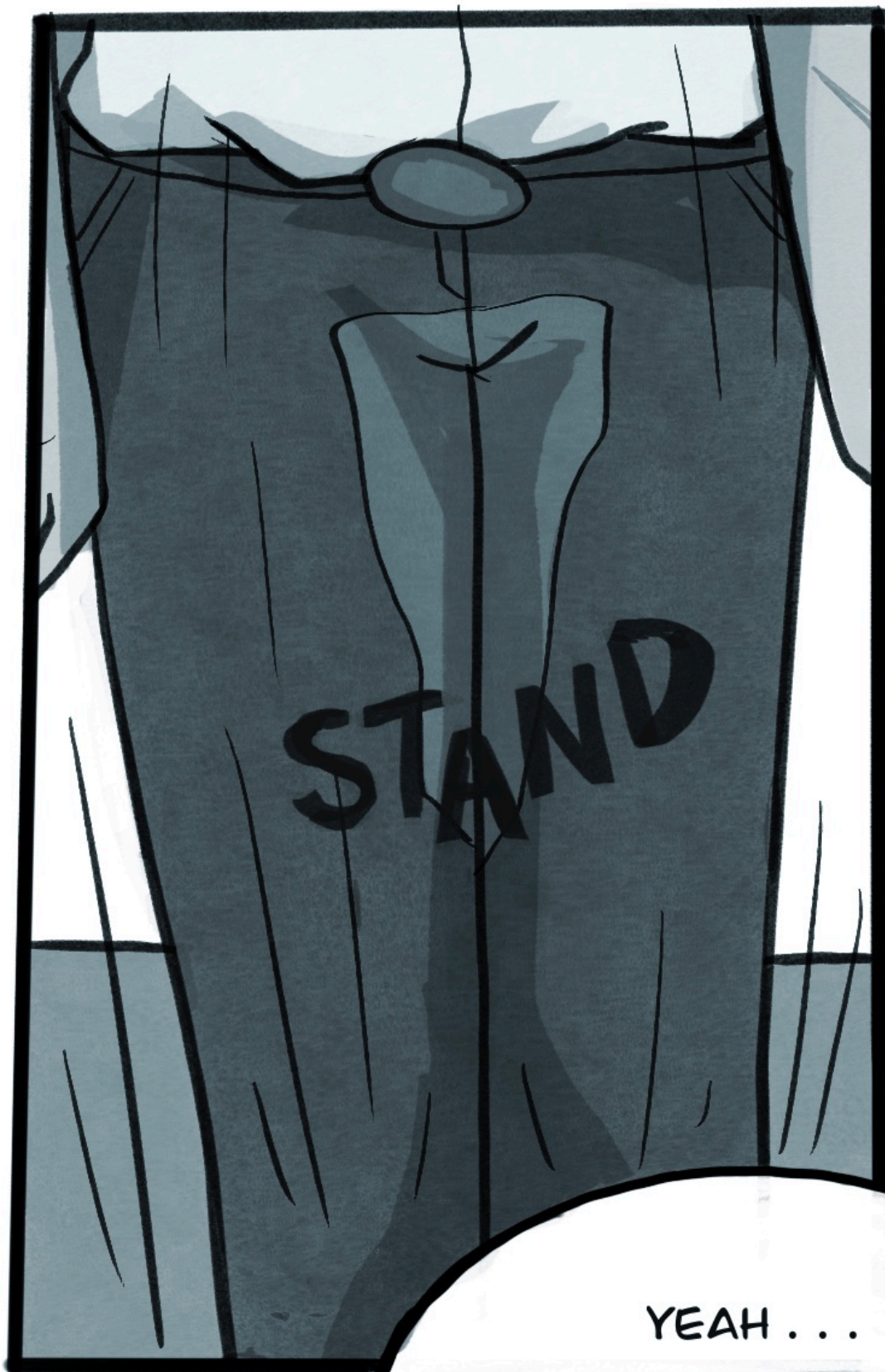
YA GO INTO TOWN SO OFTEN I THOUGHT A LADY MIGHT'A GOTTEN YOUR HEART.

GLAD TO HEAR IT'S STILL... AVAILABLE.



I GOT NO PLANS A' LEAVIN YOUR SIDE, BOSS.

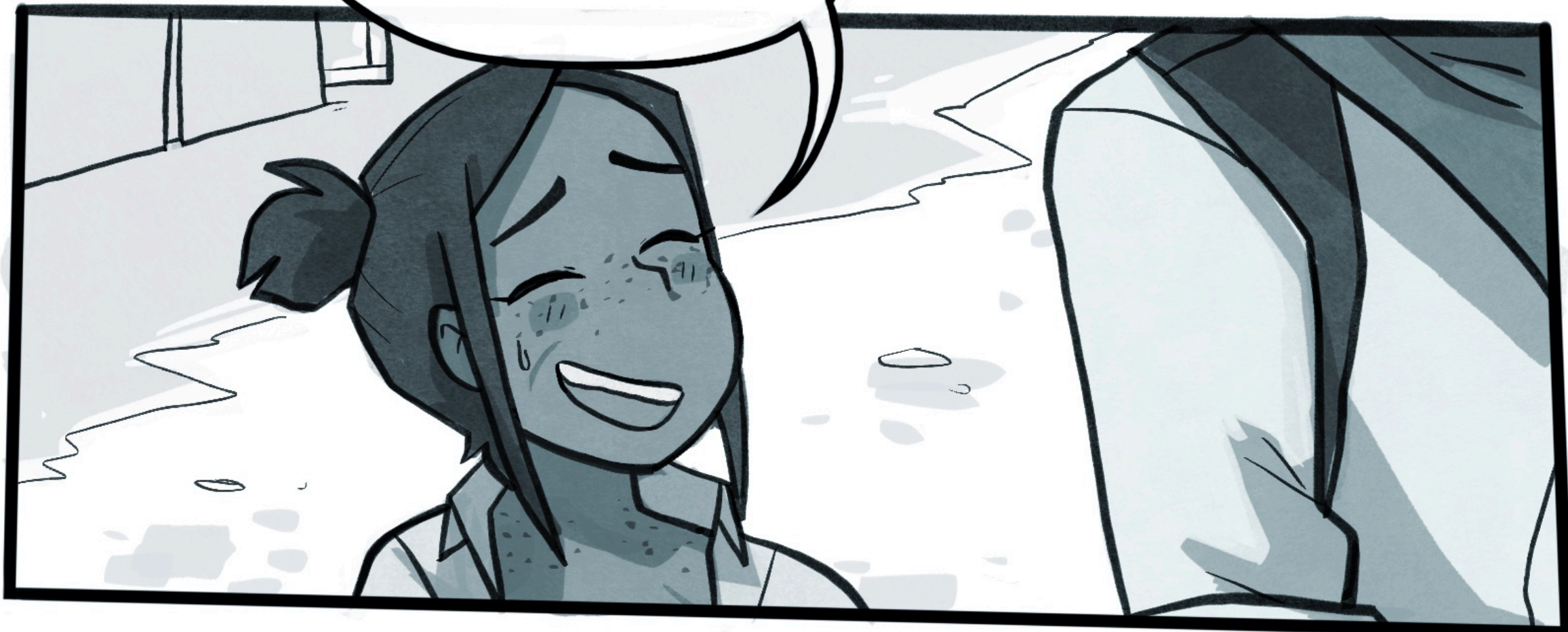


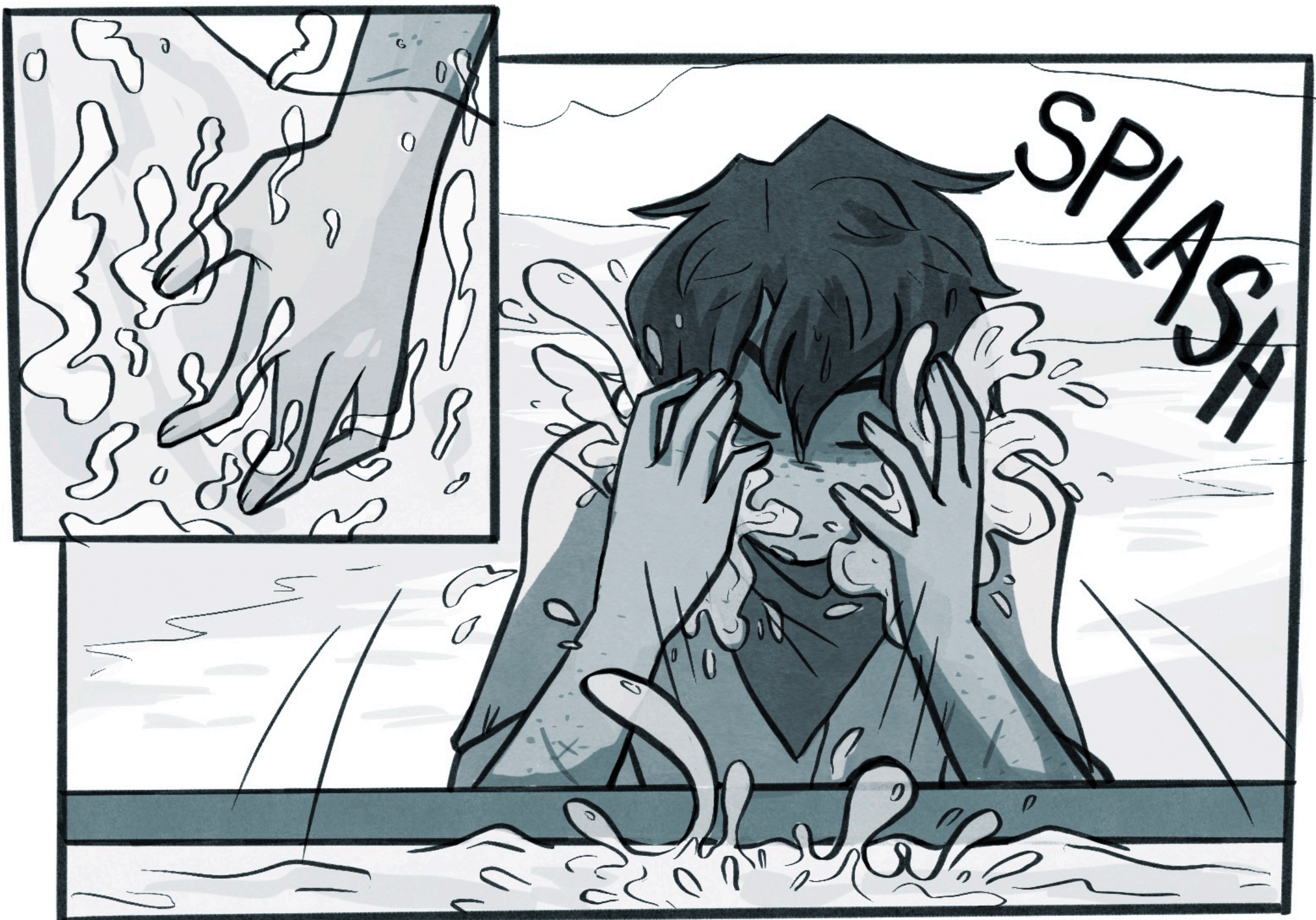


YER RIGHT.
I SHOULD PRACTICE
MY GUITAR SO I DON'T
DIE ONLY KNOWING HOW
TO PLAY A FEW
CHORDS.



YEAH ...
THAT'S WHAT I
MEANT.

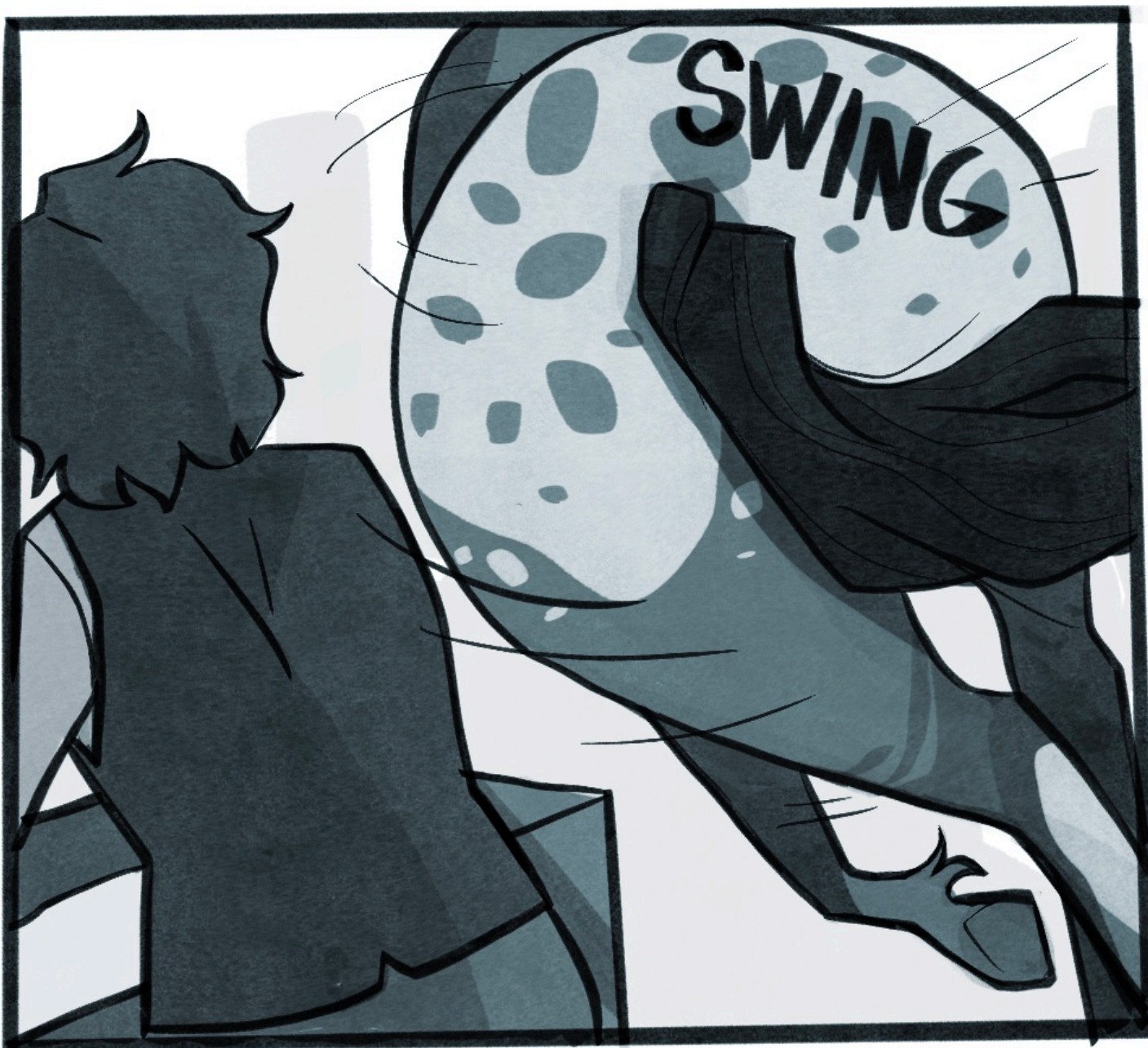


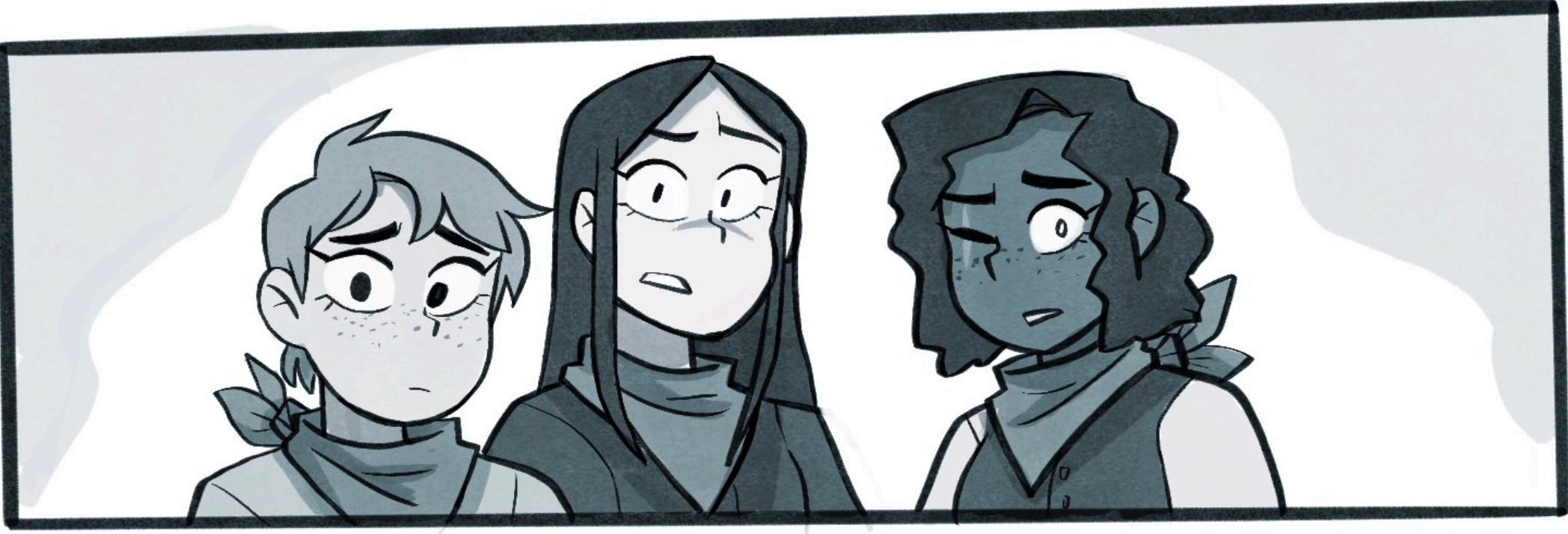


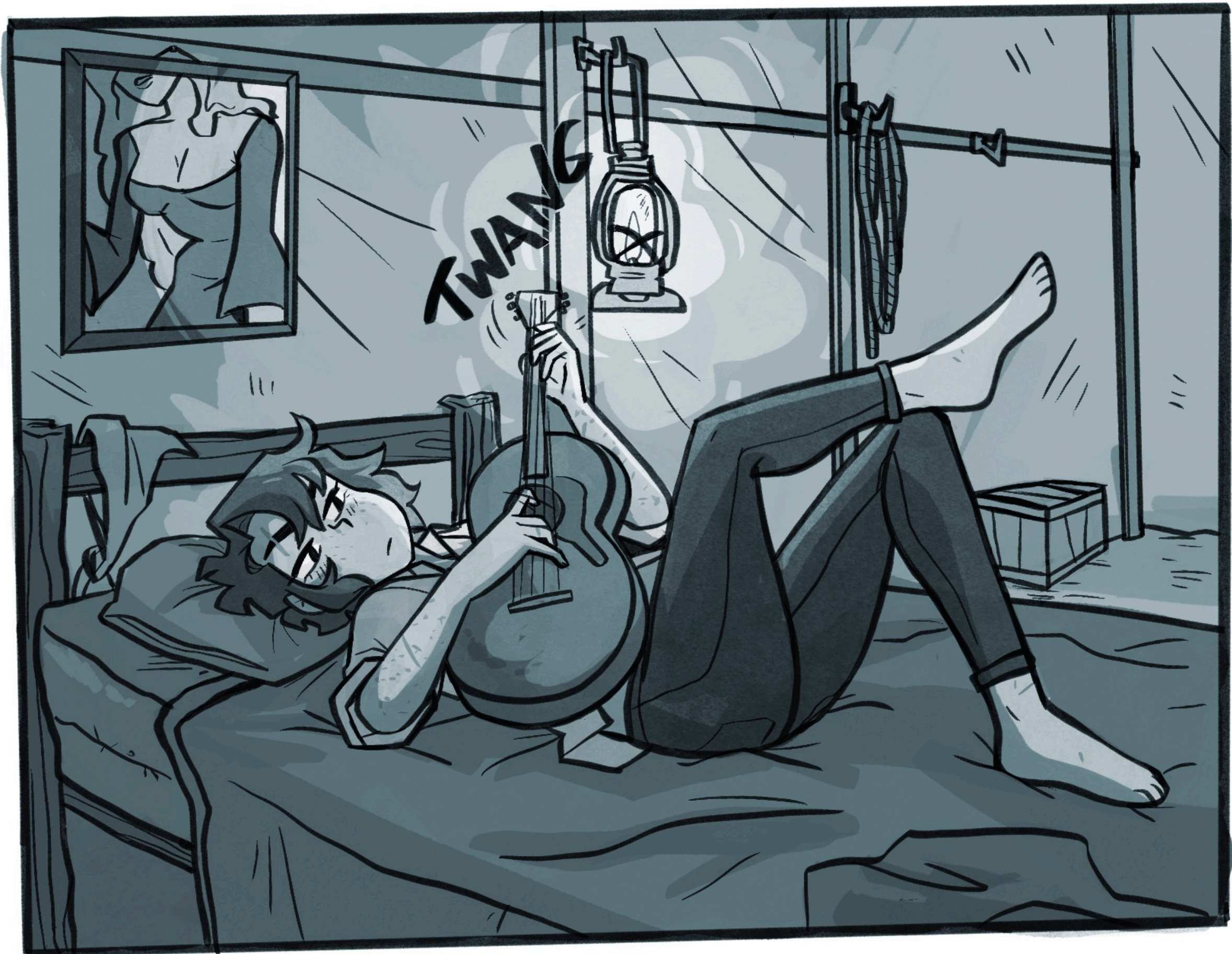
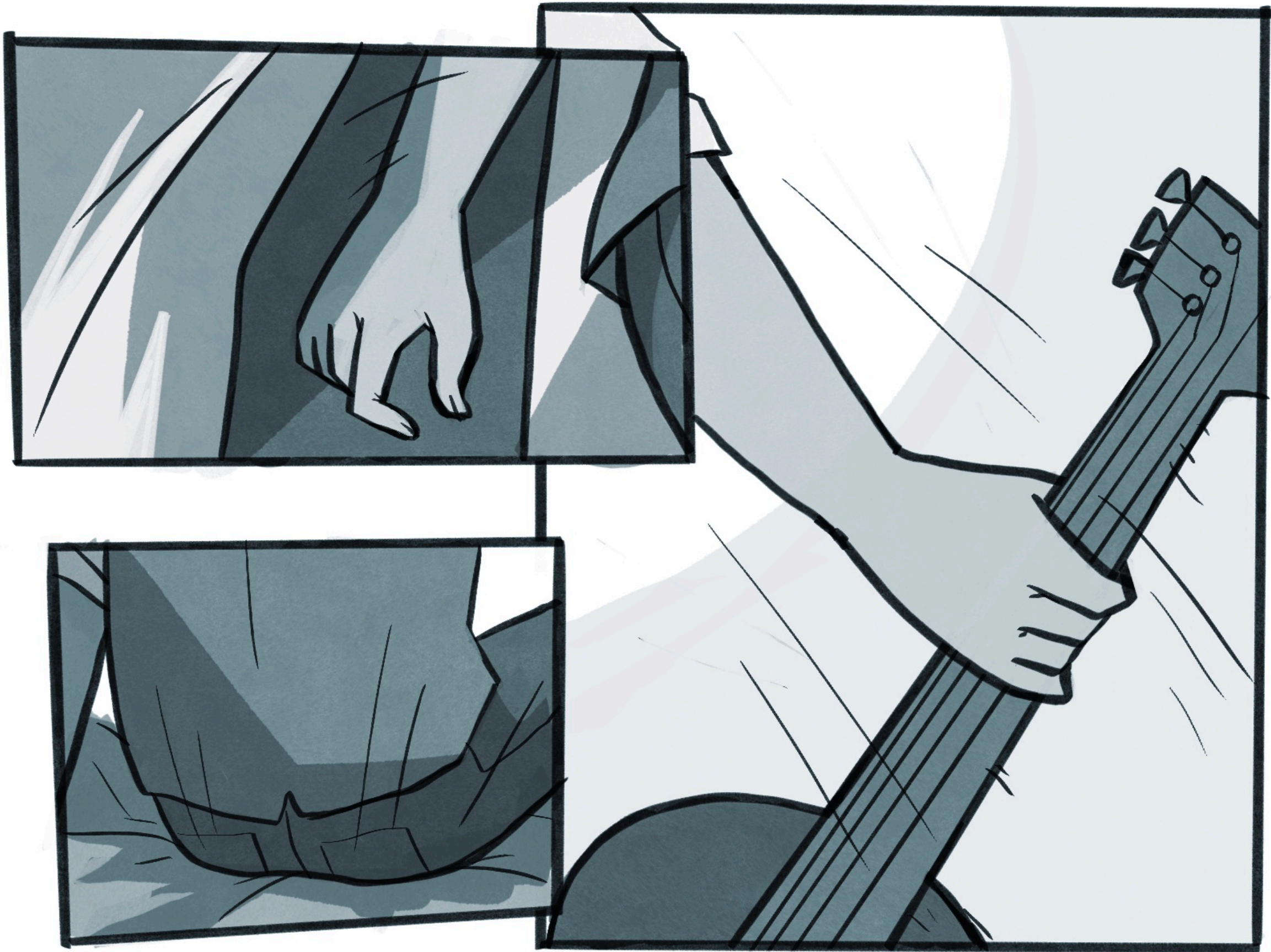
I JUST CAN'T THINK STRAIGHT ROUND HER, ROAN.

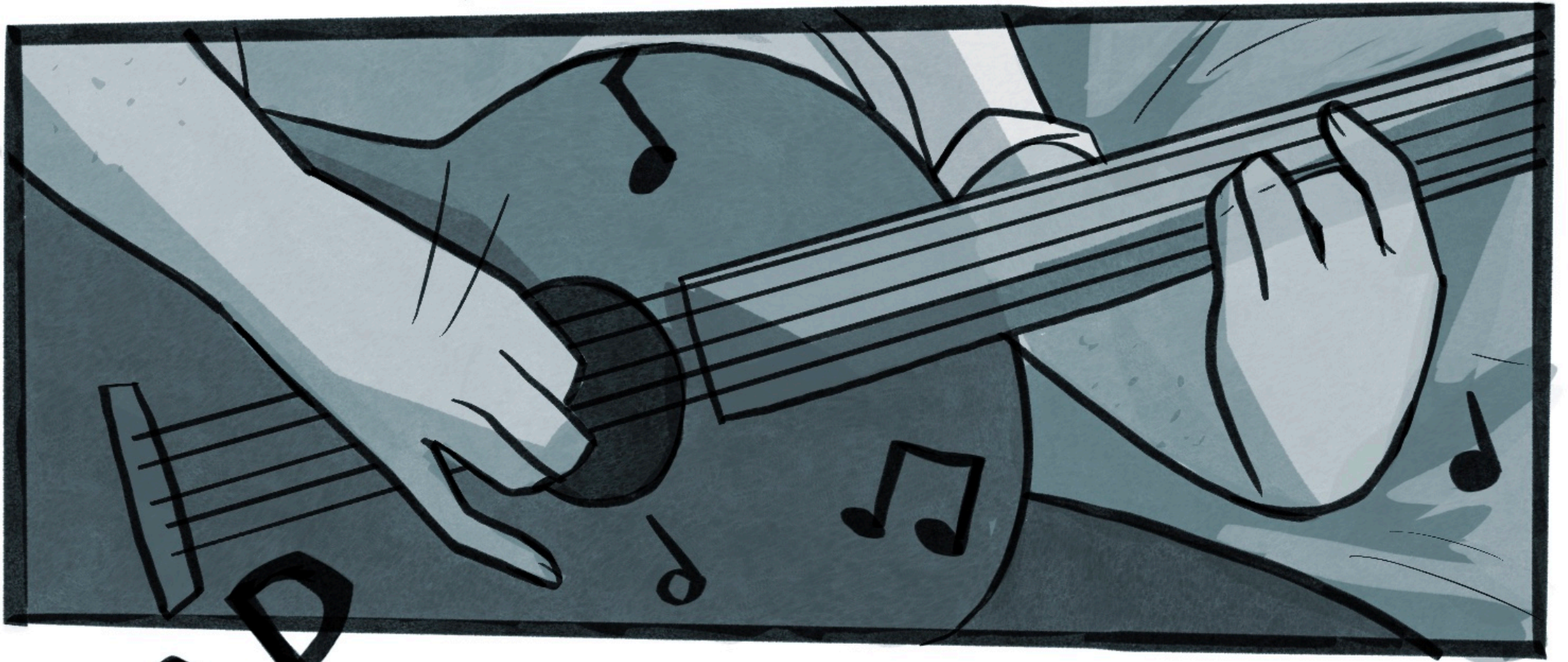


WHATDA' YA MEAN TELL HER THAT?





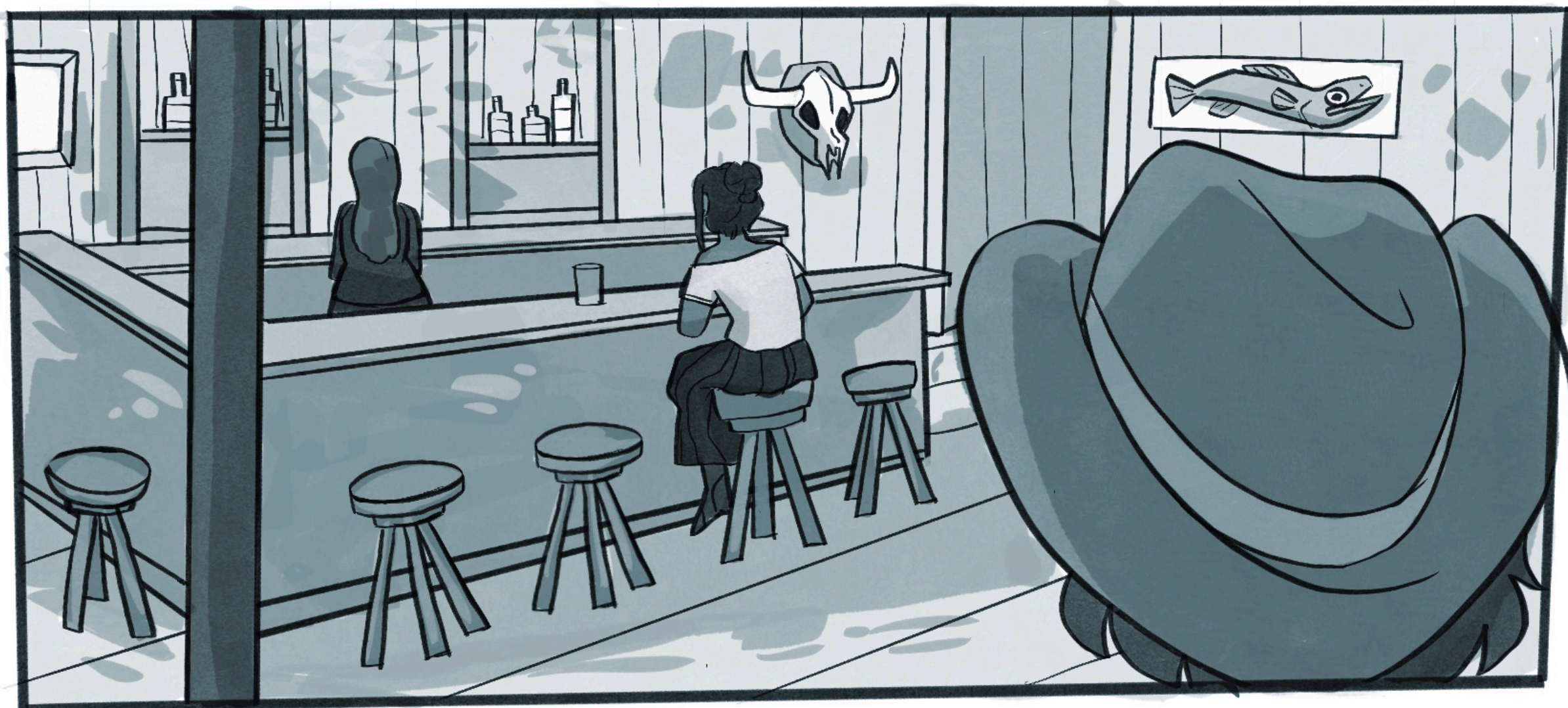




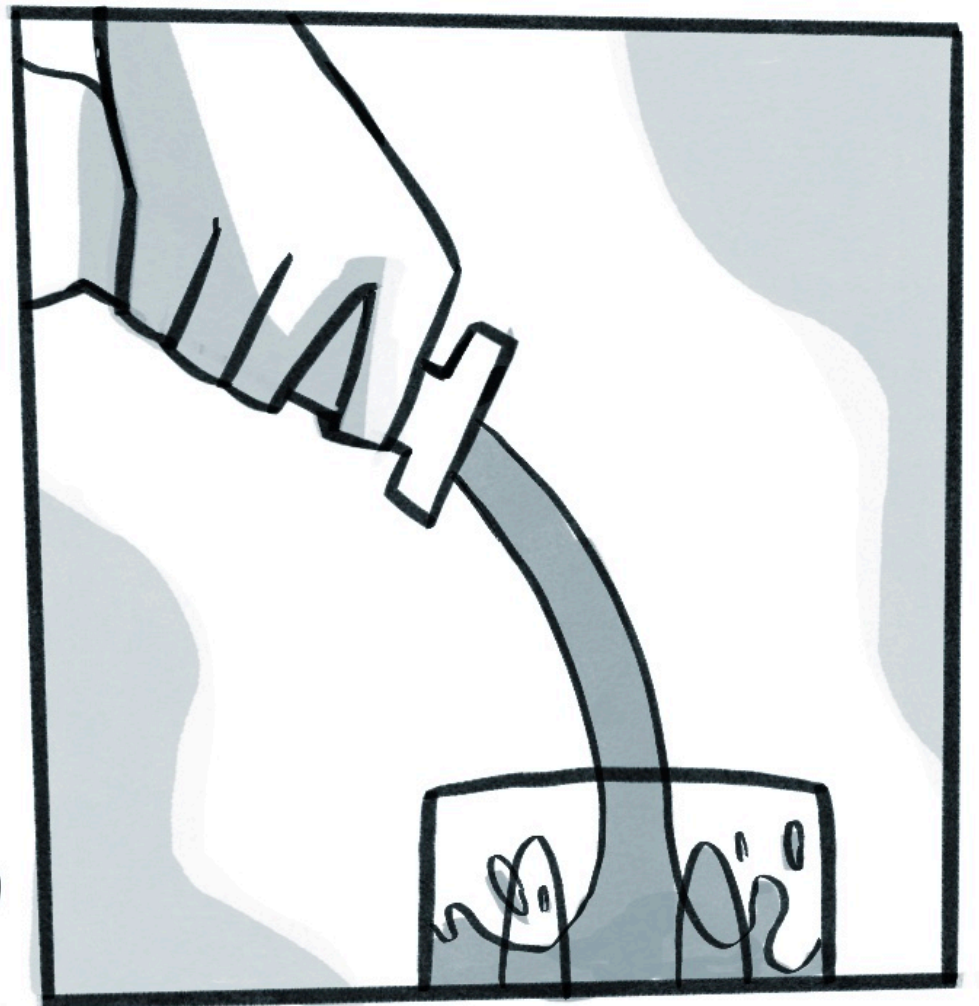
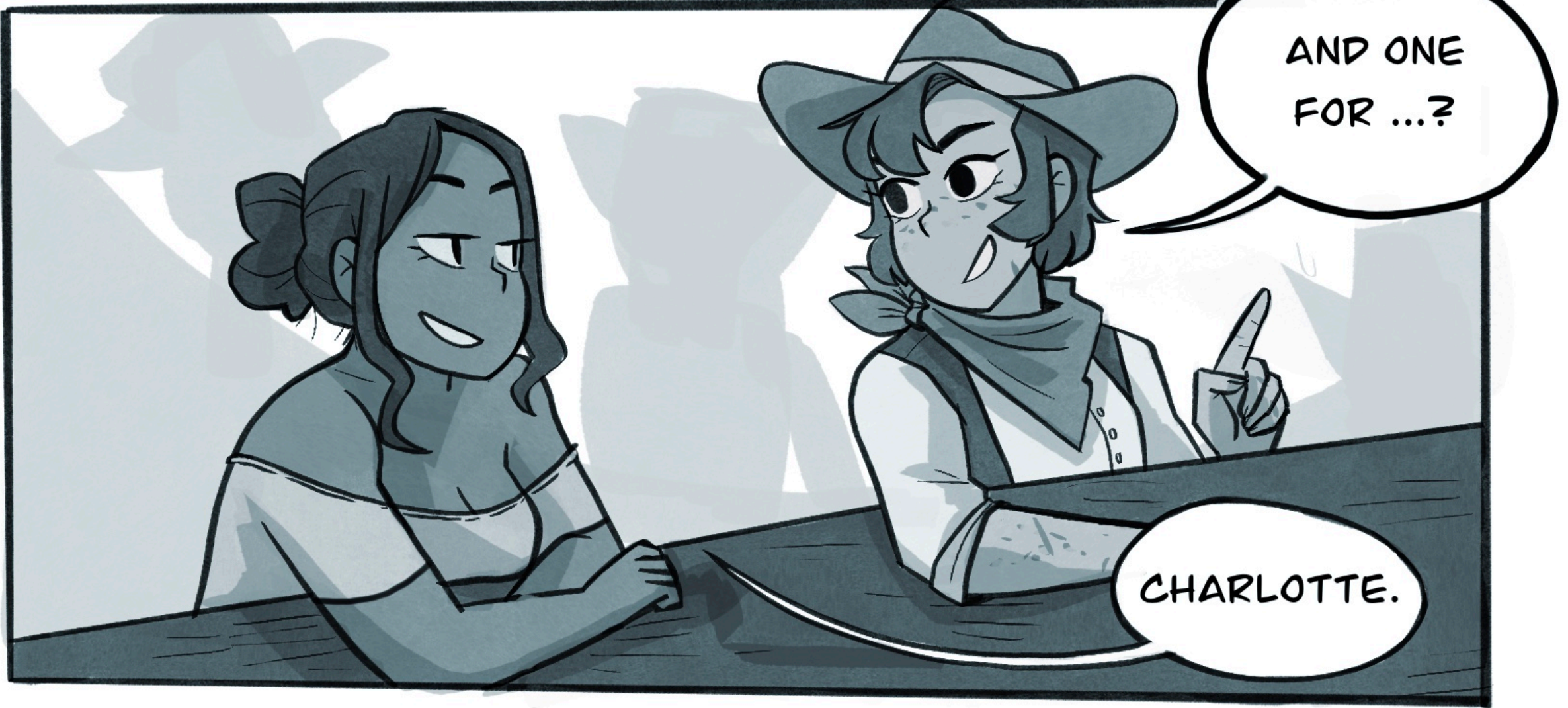
UGHH




I SHOULDA' KISSED HER!









MY HUSBANDS
OUT BACK PLAYING
HORSESHOES.

I RECKON
YOUR HUSBAND
WOULDN'T TAKE KINDLY
TO ME BUYING YOU
A DRINK.

I RECKON MY
HUSBAND DON'T
NEED TO KNOW.

CHARLOTTE...

YOU NORMALLY THIS
FORWARD WITH
STRANGERS?

OH,
BUT YOU AIN'T
A STRANGER TO
ME!

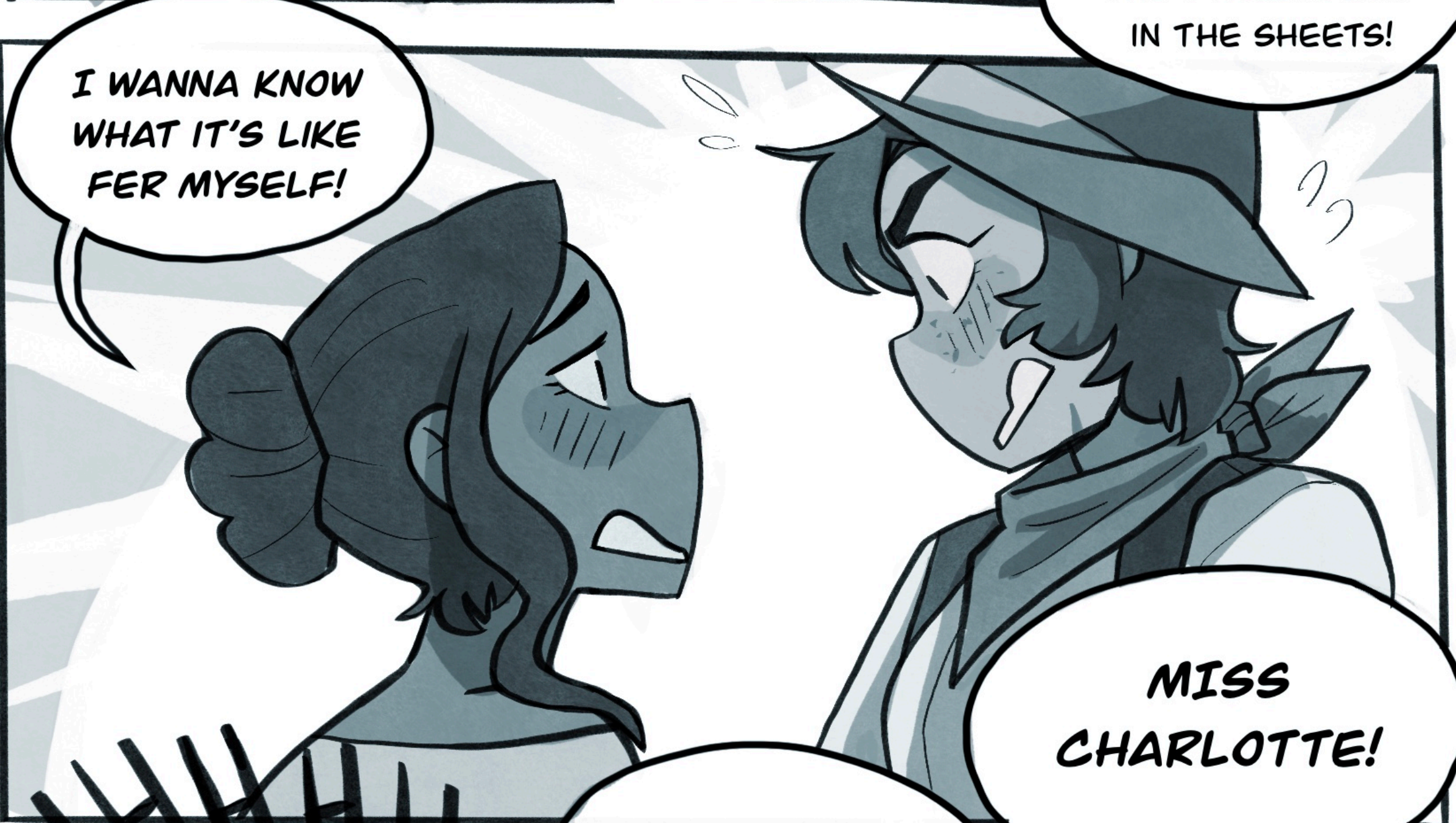
HOW'S
THAT?



WELL, THE LADIES IN TOWN ...

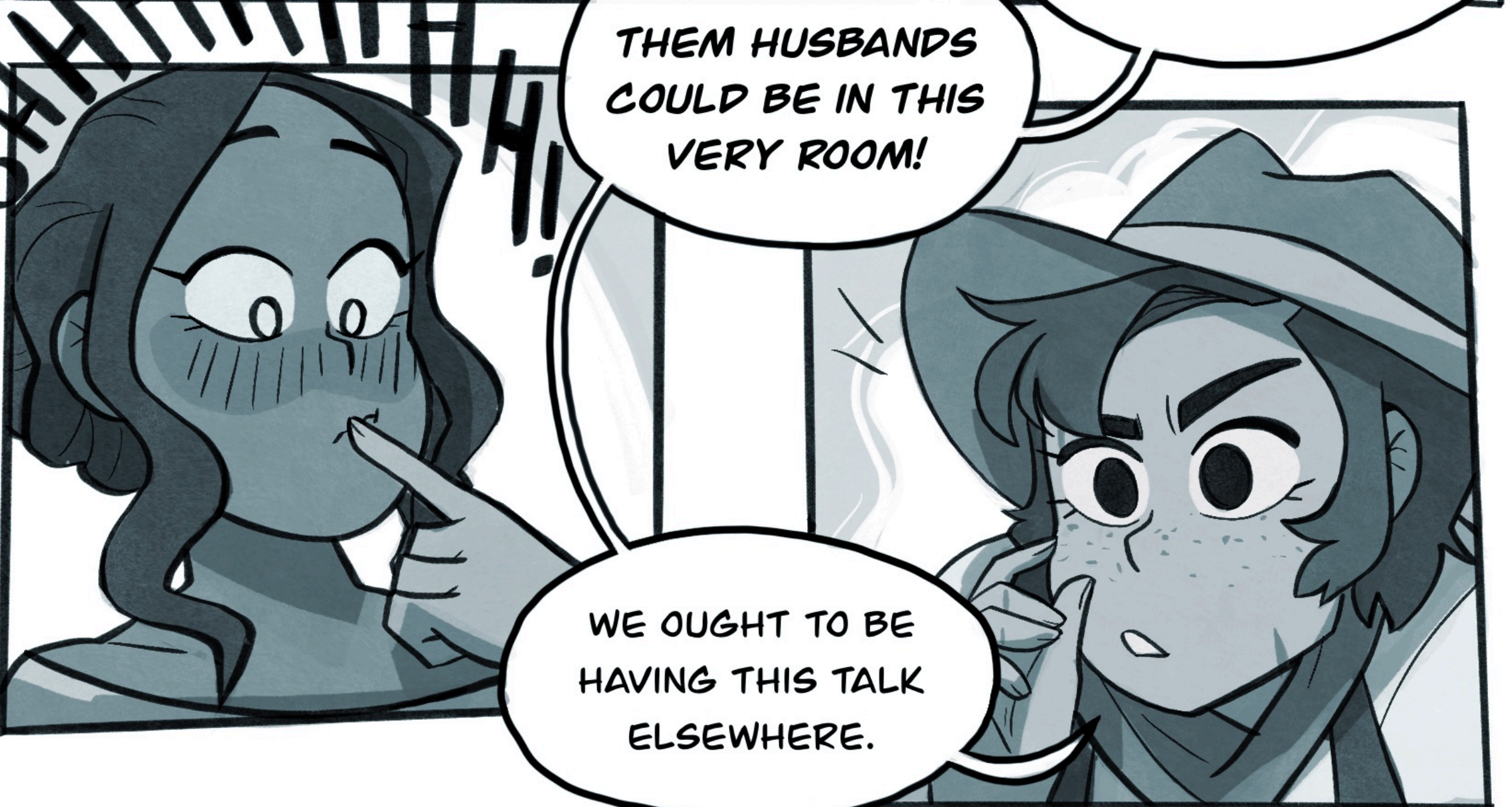
THEY TALK, AND THEY SAY YOU TREAT EM' BETTER IN BED THEN ANY OF THEIR HUSBANDS!

THEY SAY YOU'RE A TIGER IN THE STREETS AND IN THE SHEETS!



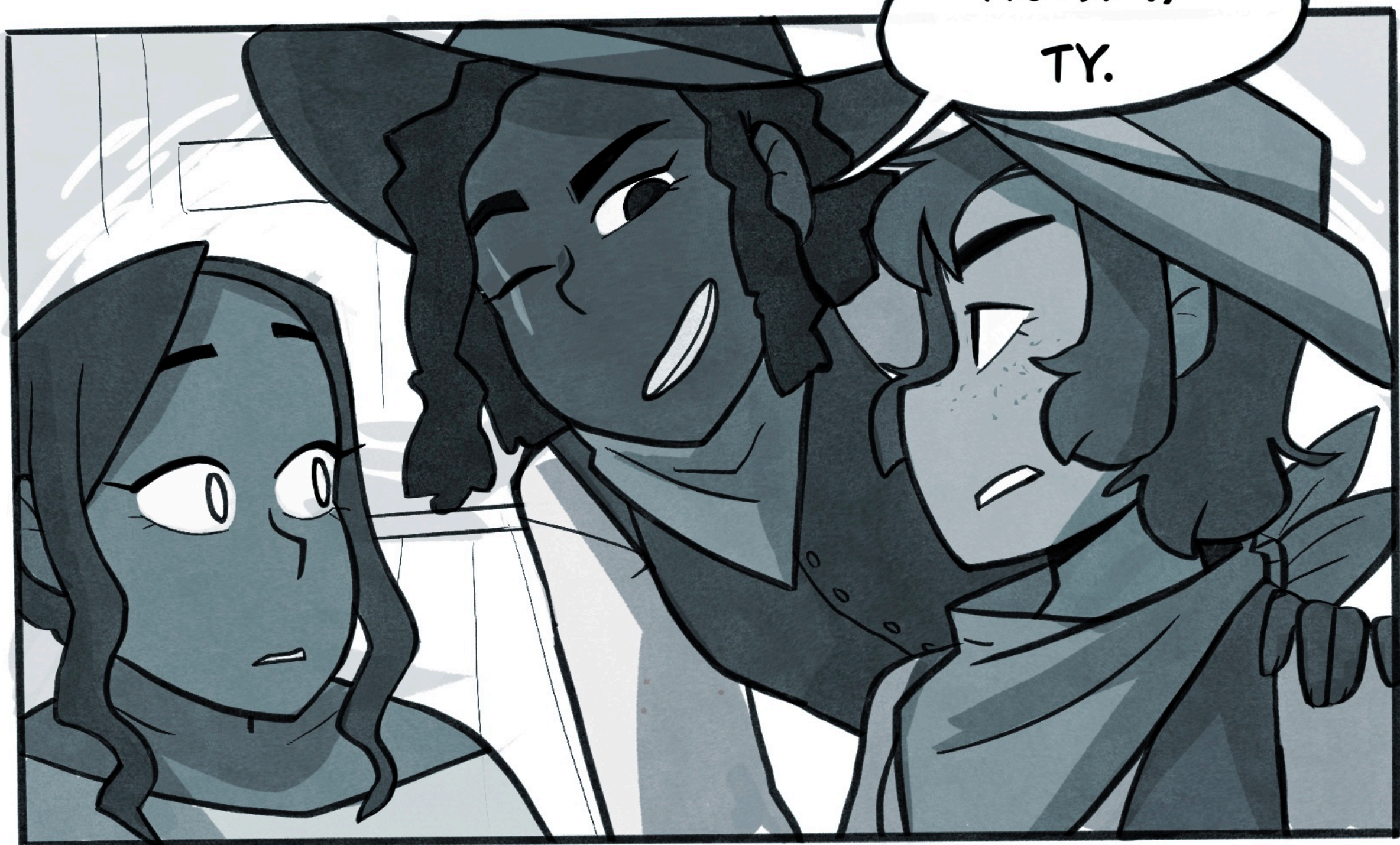
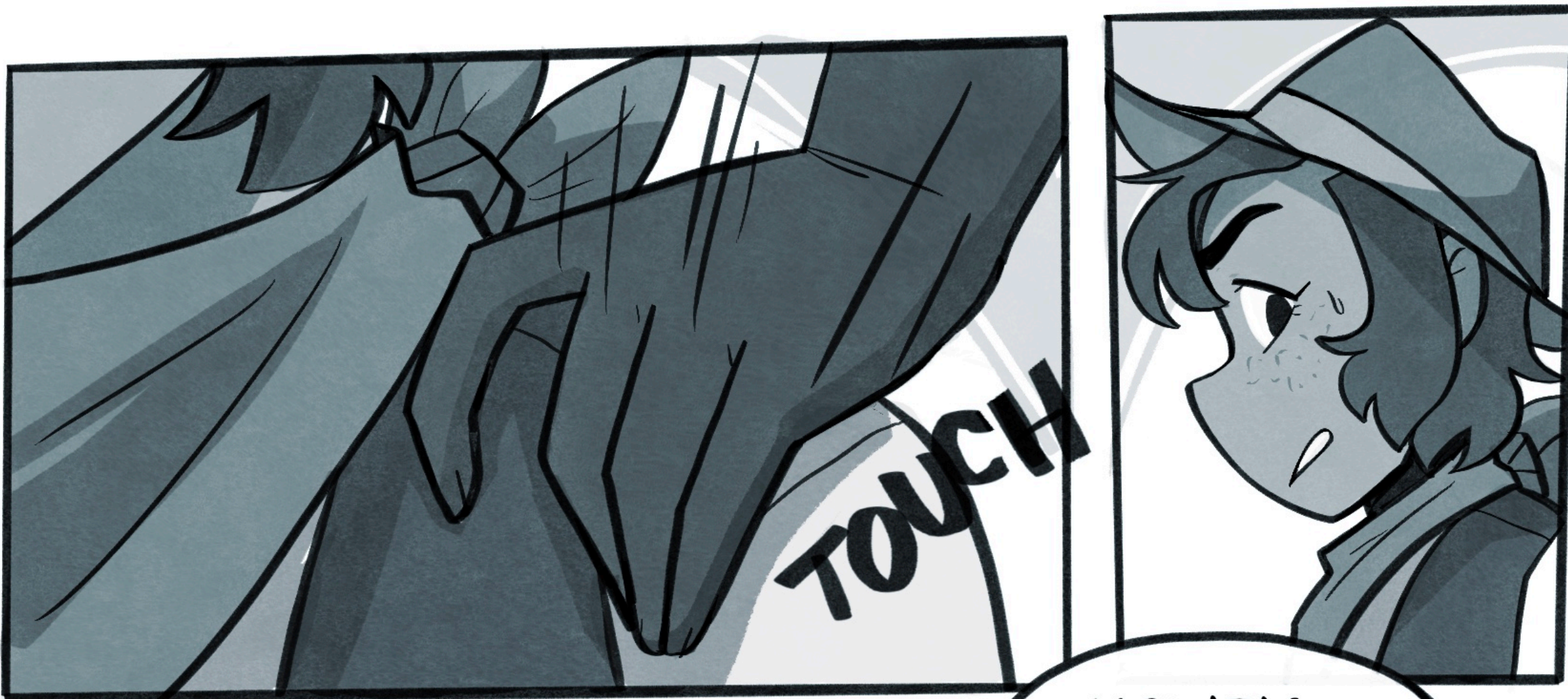
I WANNA KNOW WHAT IT'S LIKE FER MYSELF!

MISS CHARLOTTE!



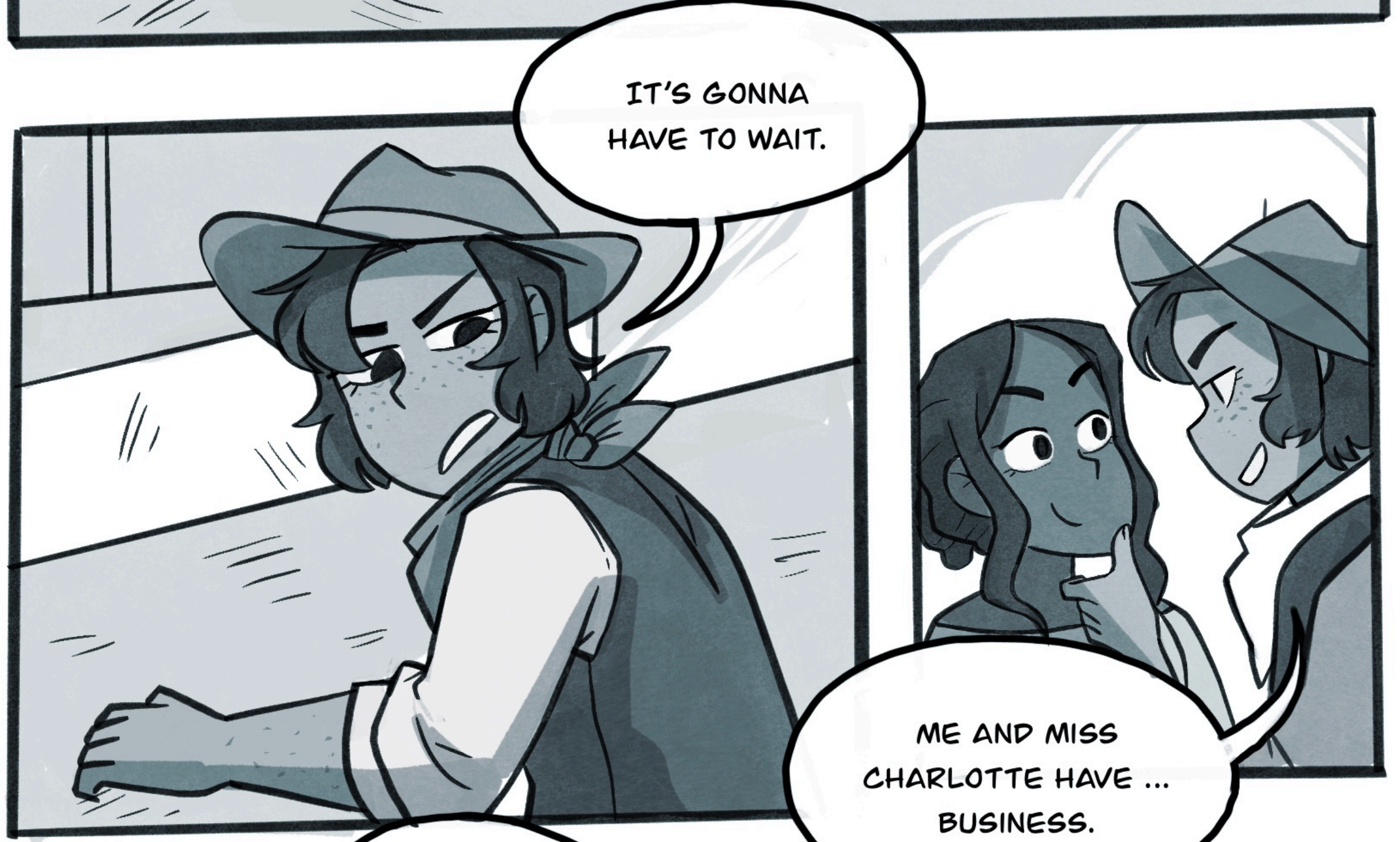
THEM HUSBANDS COULD BE IN THIS VERY ROOM!

WE OUGHT TO BE HAVING THIS TALK ELSEWHERE.





SORRY MISS BUT
I'M GONNA BE NEEDING
TIGER FOR YOURSELF.



IT'S GONNA
HAVE TO WAIT.

ME AND MISS
CHARLOTTE HAVE ...
BUSINESS.



BUSINESS?

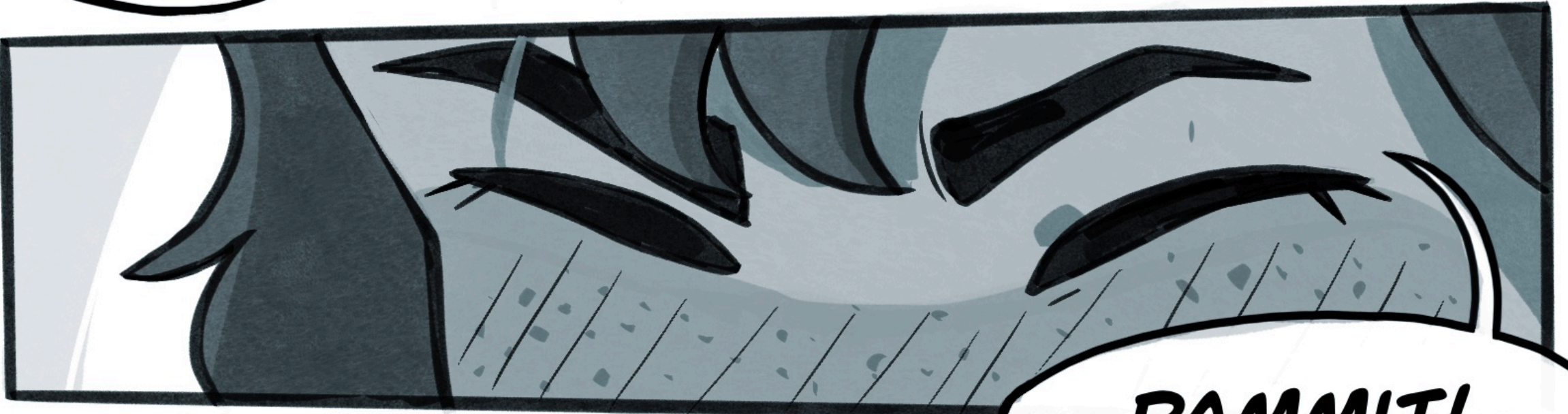
THIS "BUSINESS"
MORE IMPORTANT THAN A
DIRECT REQUEST FROM
BOSS?



FROM BOSS?



YES MA'AM



DAMMIT!



NOW I REALLY AM SORRY MISS CHARLOTTE, I HATE TO LEAVE YA HANGING.

STAND

BUT BOSS IS BOSS AND ... IMA HAVE TO MOVE OUR BUSINESS ARRANGEMENT.



HOW WILL I FIND YOU AGAIN?



OH I WOULDN'T WORRY BOUT THAT.

SHE ALWAYS COMES BACK.

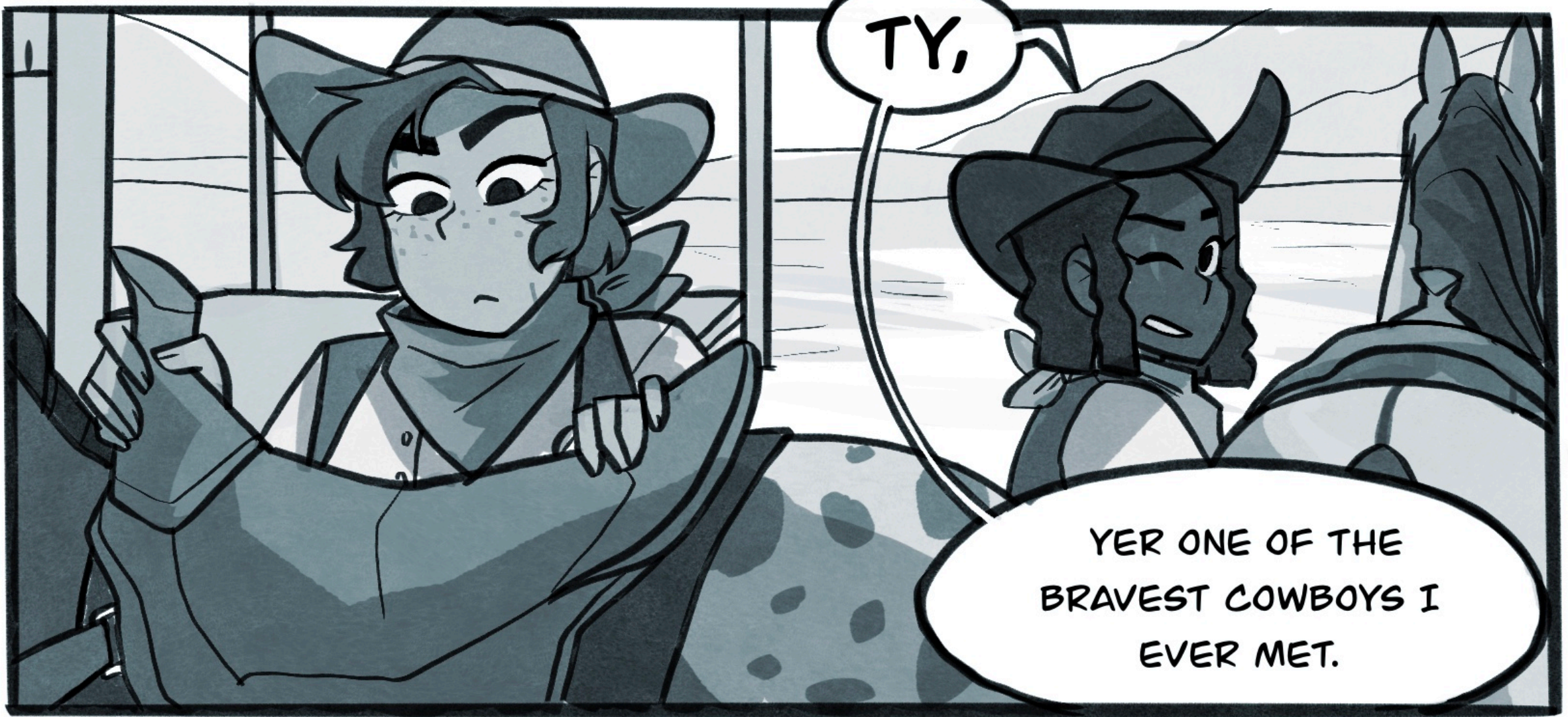


WHETHER SHE SHOULD ER' NOT.



FLAP





TY,

YER ONE OF THE BRAVEST COWBOYS I EVER MET.



WAS THAT A COMPLIMENT--

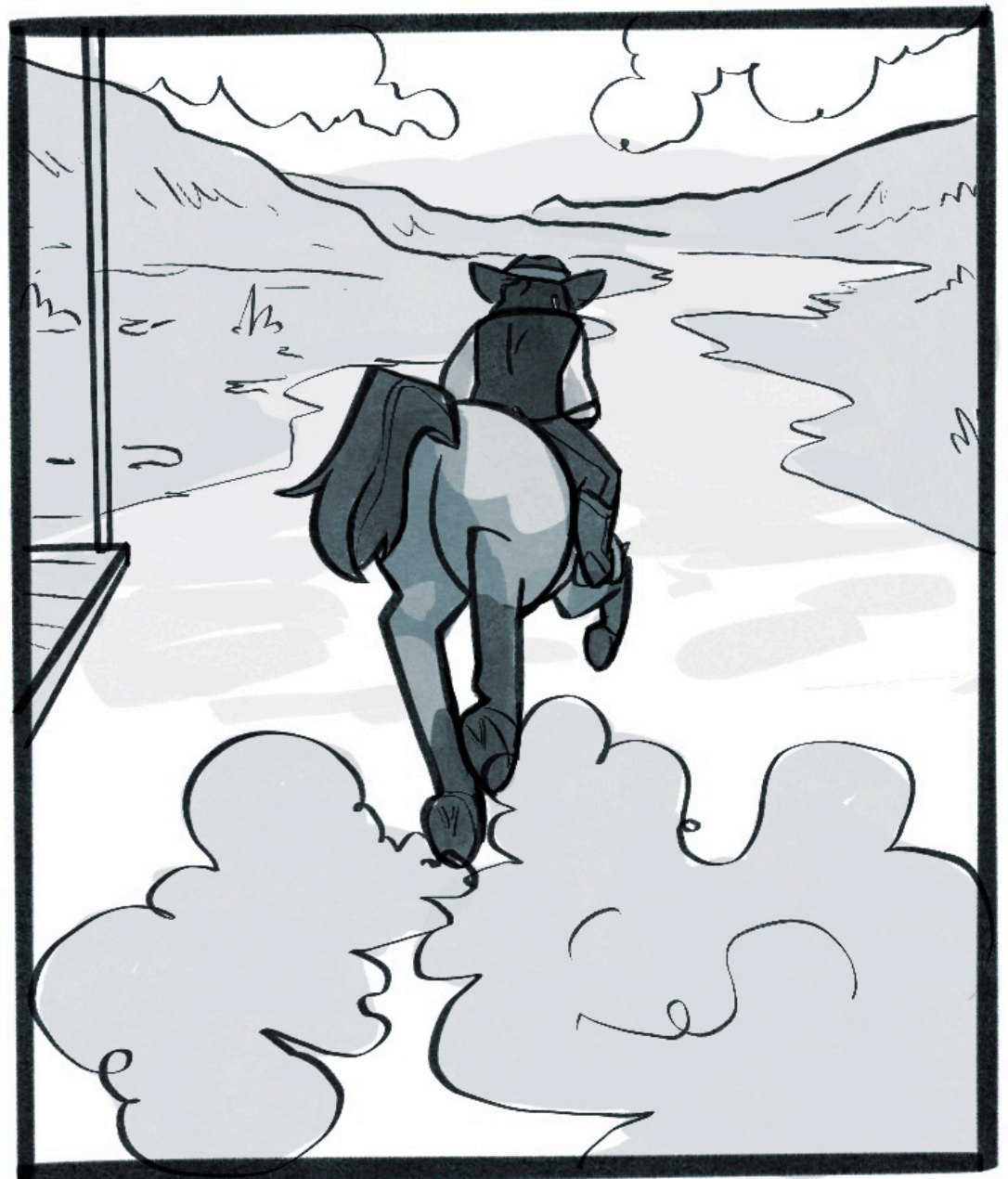
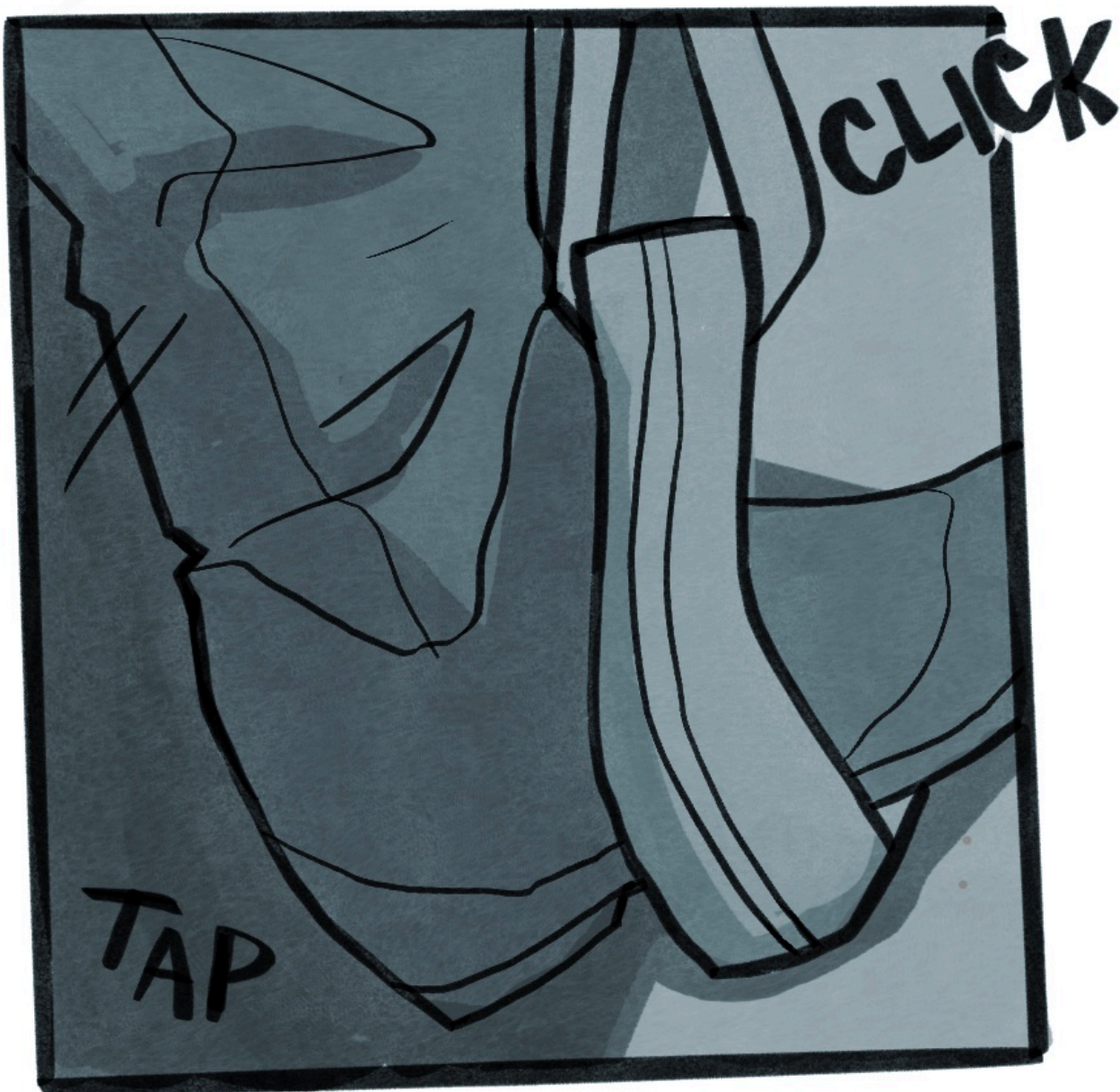


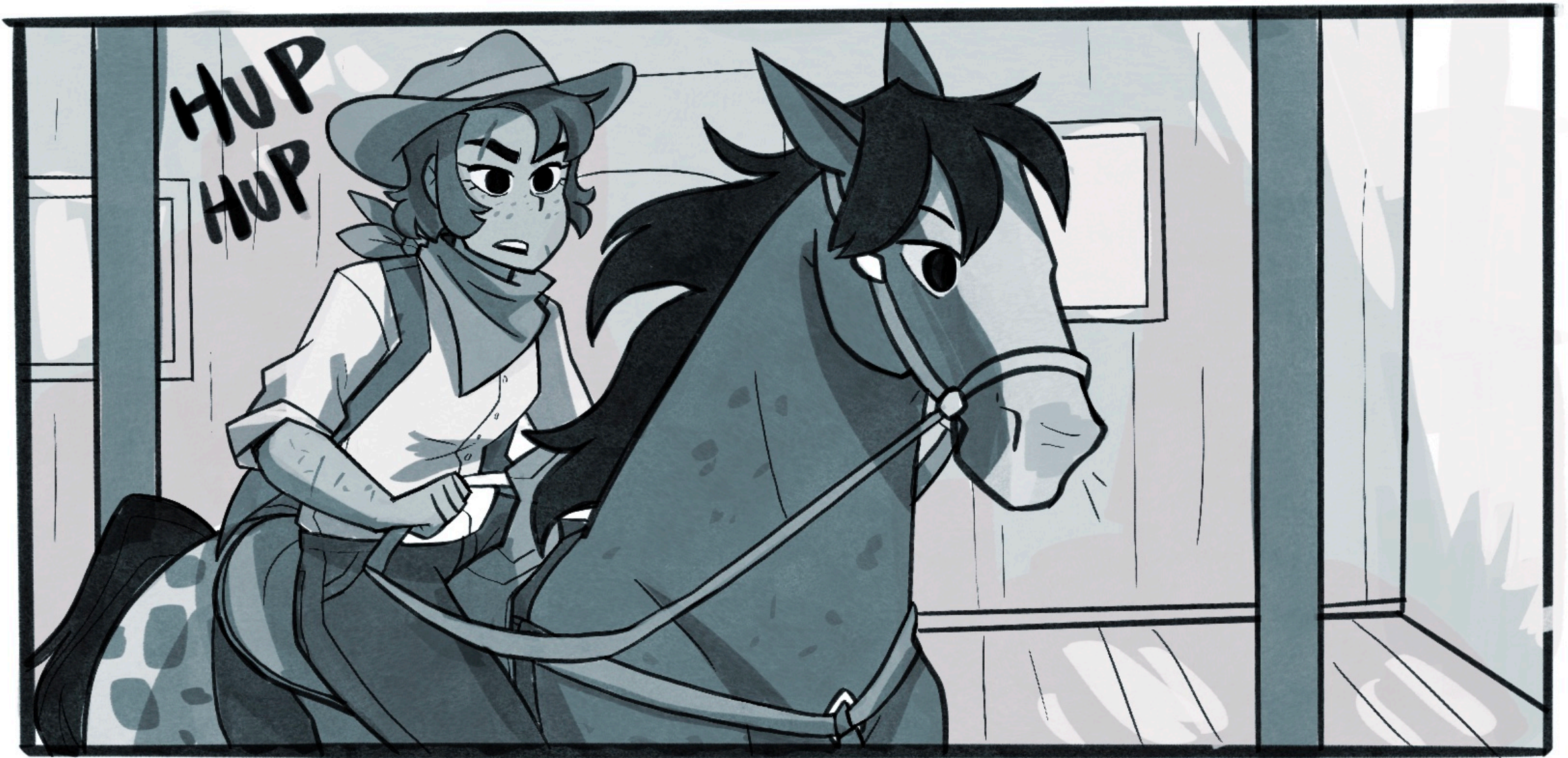
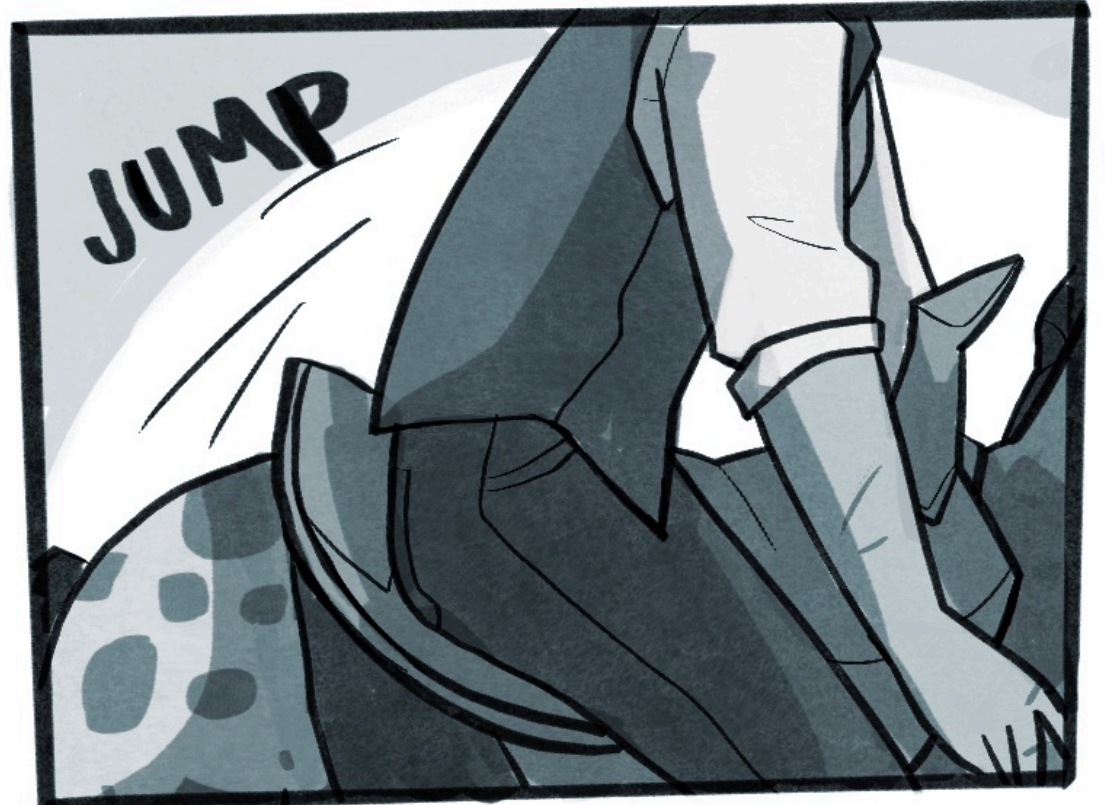
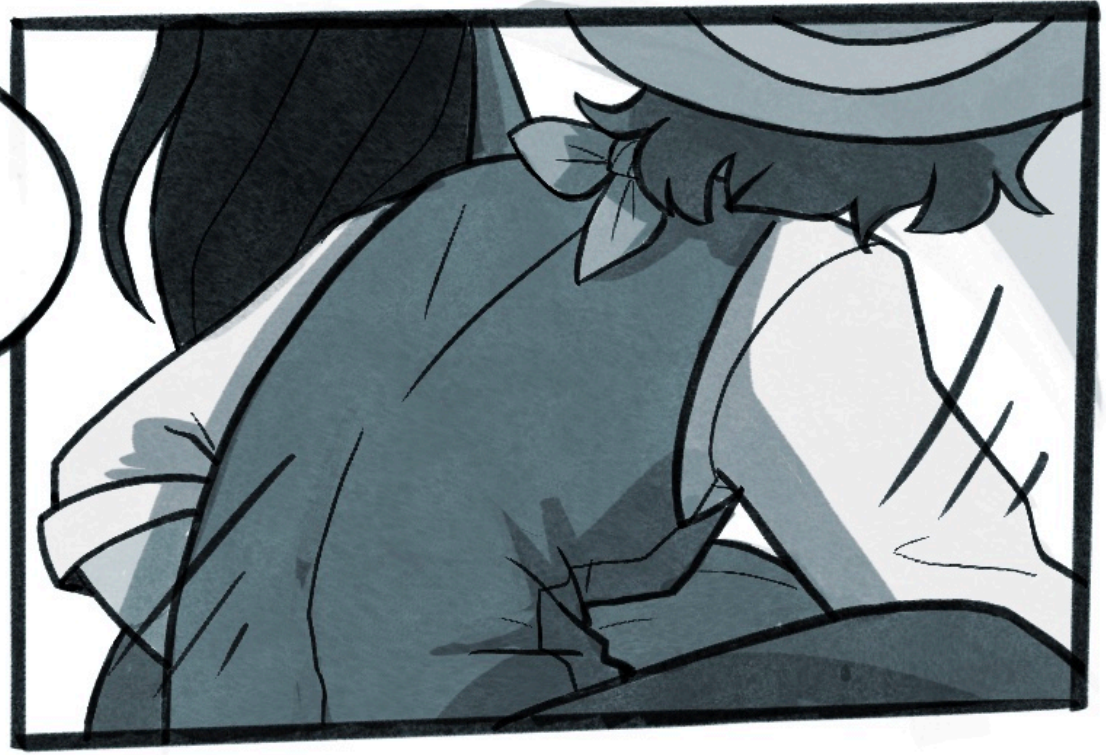
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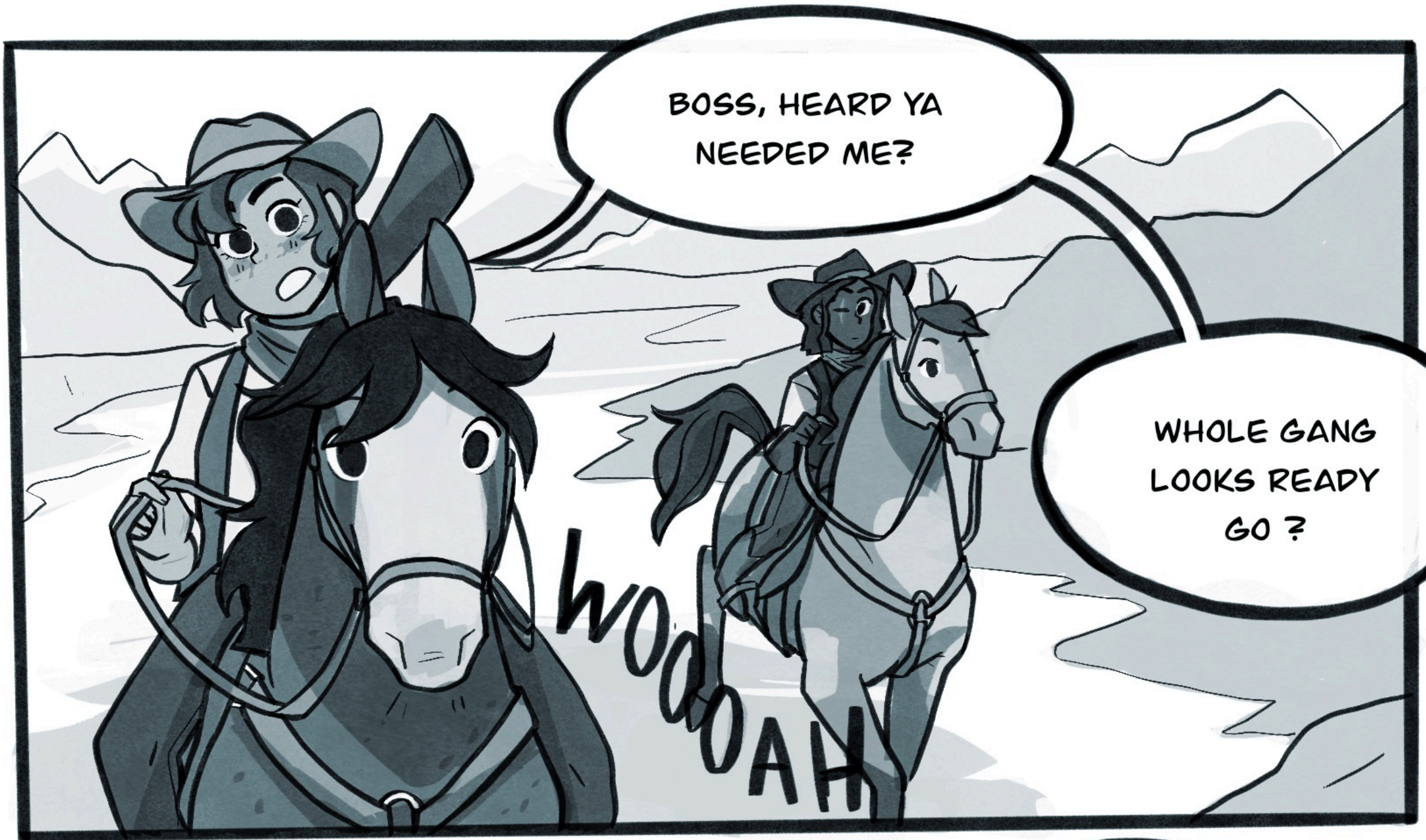
RIGHT NOW?



YER BEING A DOWNRIGHT COWARD WITH YER FEELINGS FOR BOSS.







BOSS, HEARD YA
NEEDED ME?

WHOLE GANG
LOOKS READY
GO ?



TY!

JUST THE COWBOY I WAS
LOOKING FOR!



C'MERE, I'LL TELL
YA THE PLAN.



GOT A TIP ON
A NEW JOB.

AND I WANT YOU
LEADING IT.



ME!?



DON'T ACT
SURPRISED!



YOU'VE BEEN
MAKIN BETTER CALLS
THAN MYSELF!

I RECKON YOU'LL BE
A BETTER BOSS THAN ME.







Y-YES,
MA'AM.



GOOD.

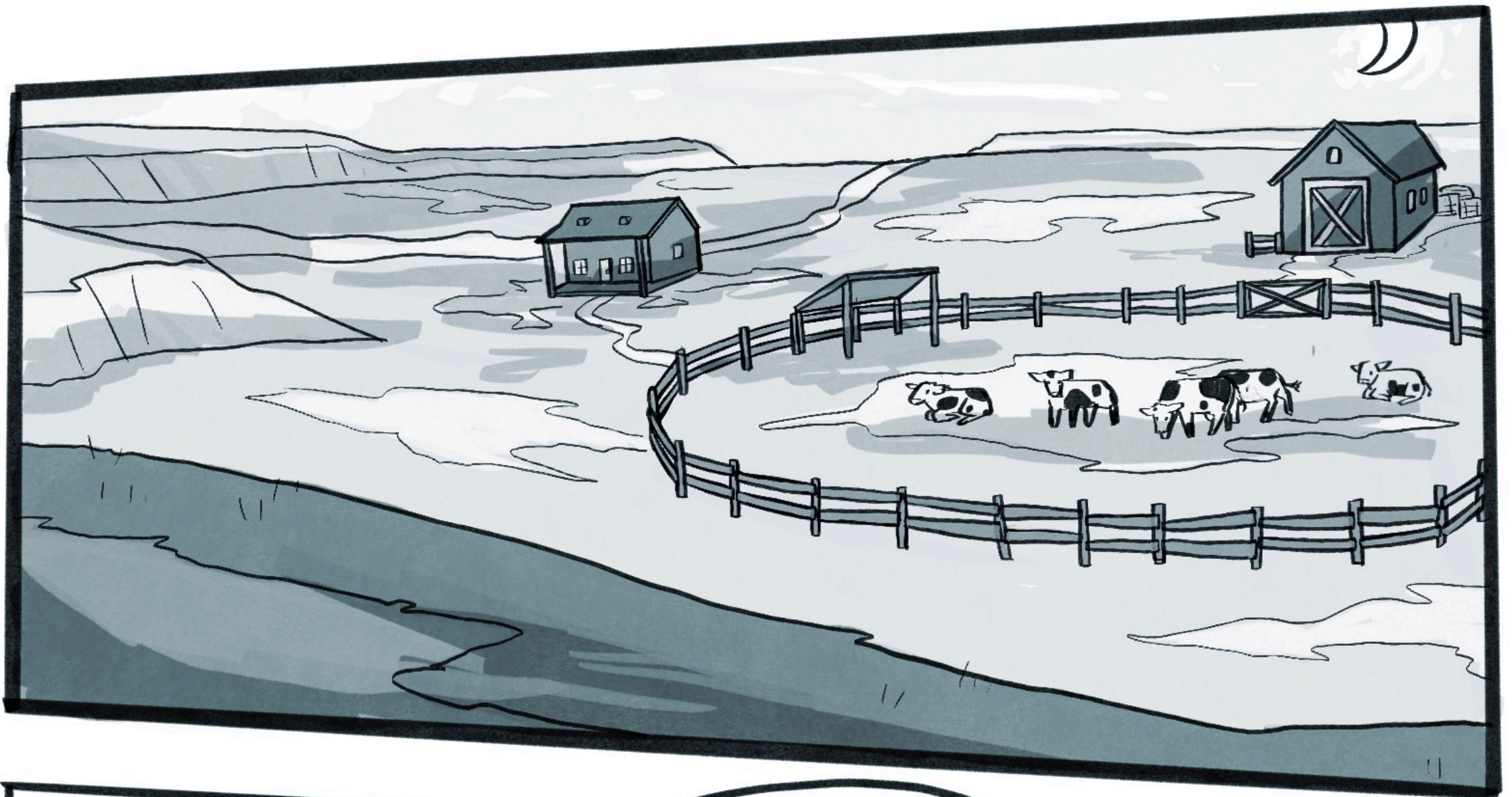


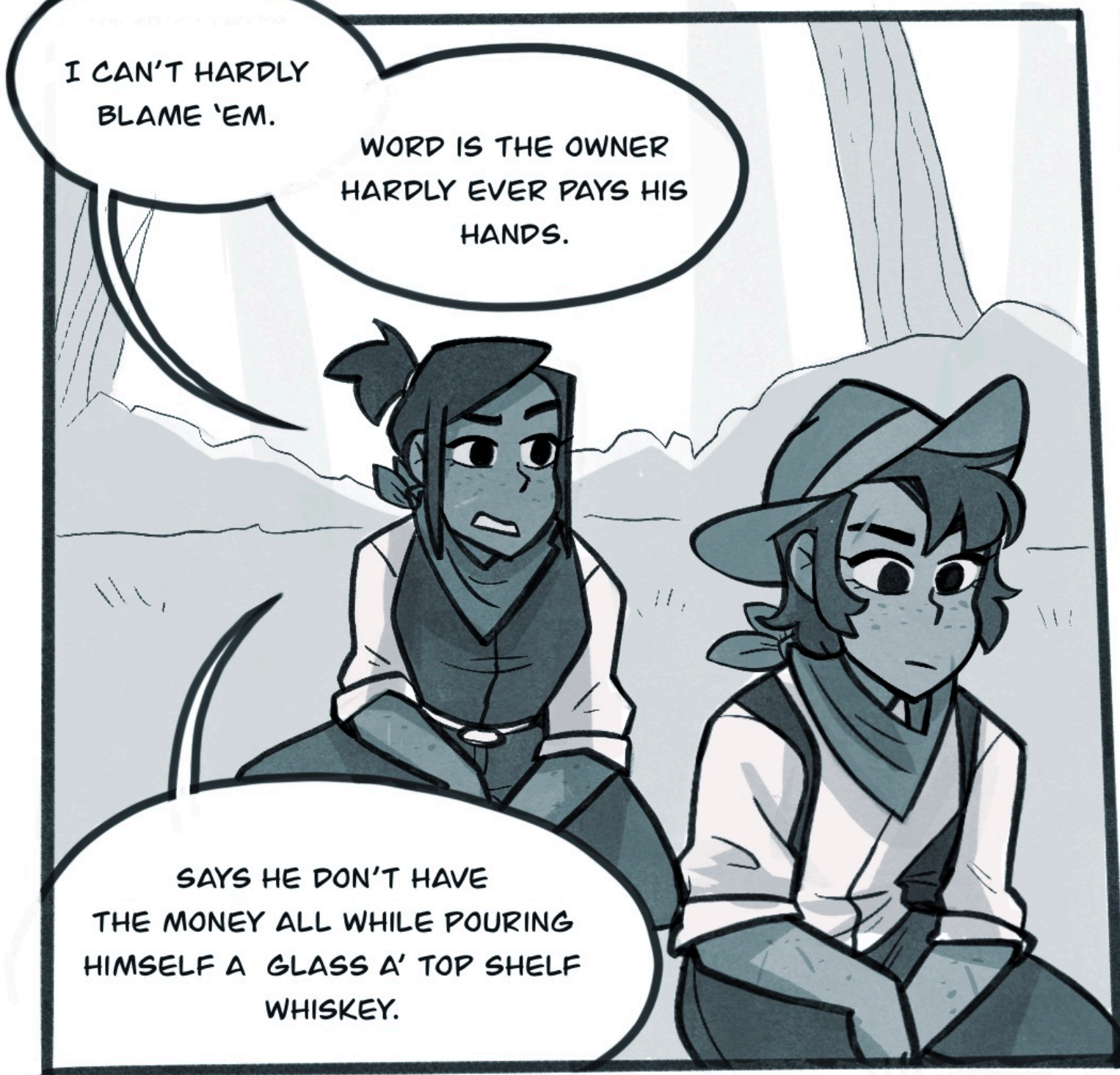
NOW, WHY
DON'T WE HEAD TO THE
NEW RANCH AND DO WHAT
WE DO BEST.

I'LL LEAD
THE WAY, THEN YOU
TAKE OVER.

IT'S A
SHORT RIDE.

LET'S
RIDE!





I CAN'T HARDLY
BLAME 'EM.

WORD IS THE OWNER
HARDLY EVER PAYS HIS
HANDS.

SAYS HE DON'T HAVE
THE MONEY ALL WHILE POURING
HIMSELF A GLASS A' TOP SHELF
WHISKEY.



THEN HE
SHOULDN'T MIND US
TAKING SOME MOUTHS
TO FEED OFF HIS
HANDS.



AN HOW'S WE DOING
THAT... 'BOSS'?

AHEM

WELL I WAS
THINKING T'WOULD BE BEST
TO LEAVE THE HORSES IN THE
TREES..

DON'T
WANT THE COWS
SPOOKING.

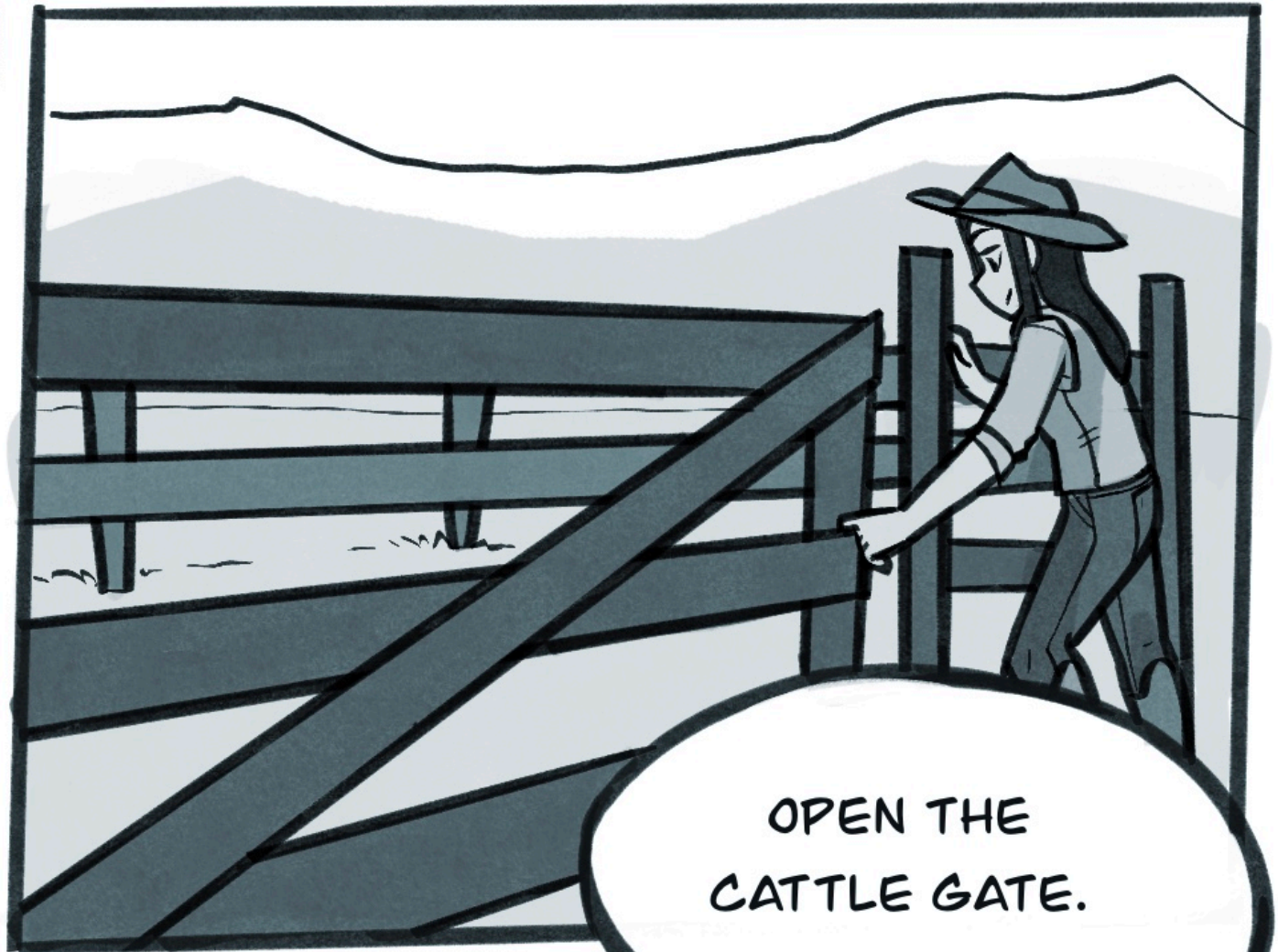


WE LEAVE THE REINS
TIED LOOSE.



WE COME DOWN
REAL SOFT.

CREEP



OPEN THE
CATTLE GATE.

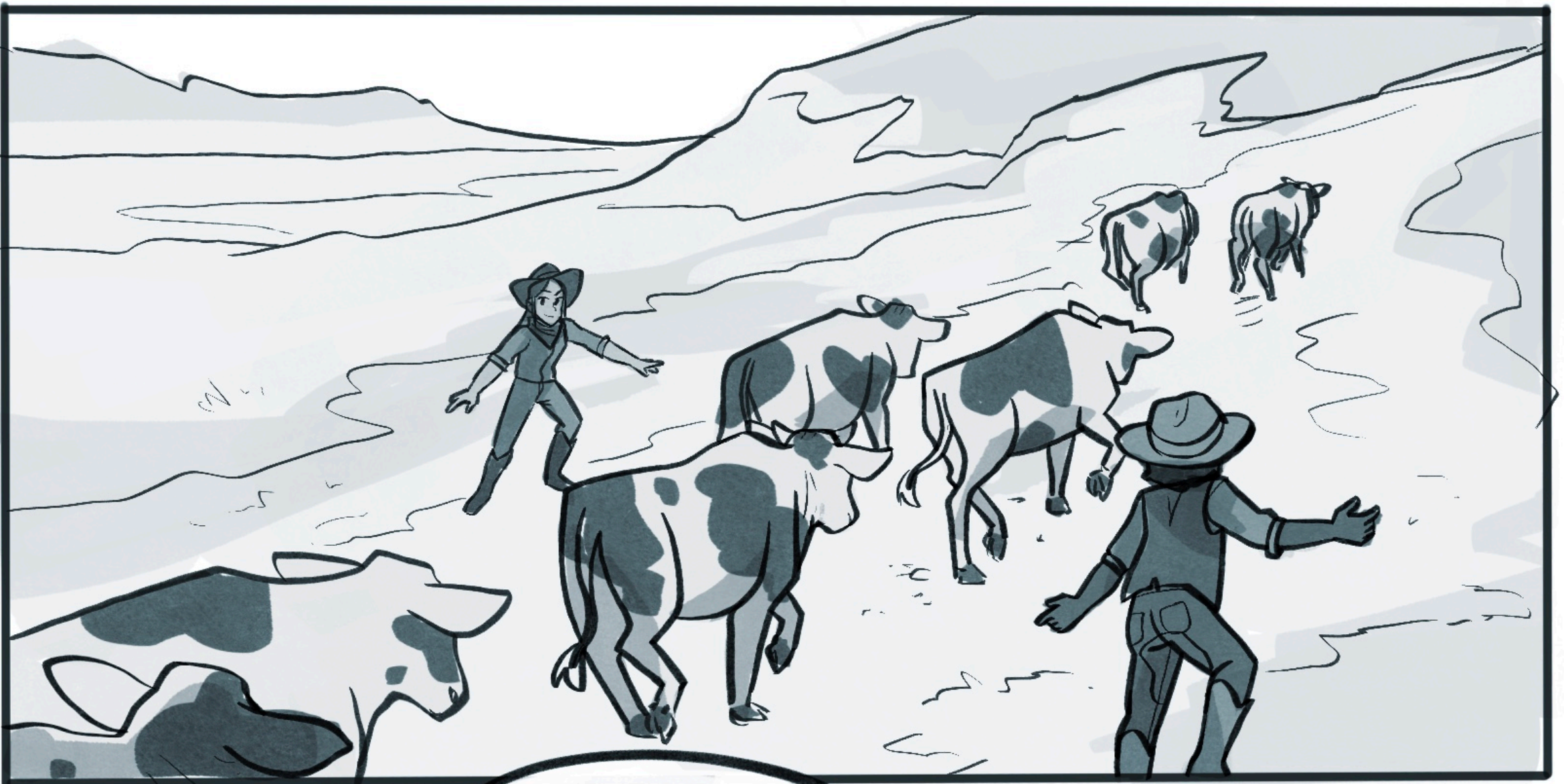


PAN YOU'LL
JUMP THE CORRAL
BEHIND EM.



WAVE

GET THEM
MOVING OUT AND UP THE
HILL TOWARDS OUR
HORSES.

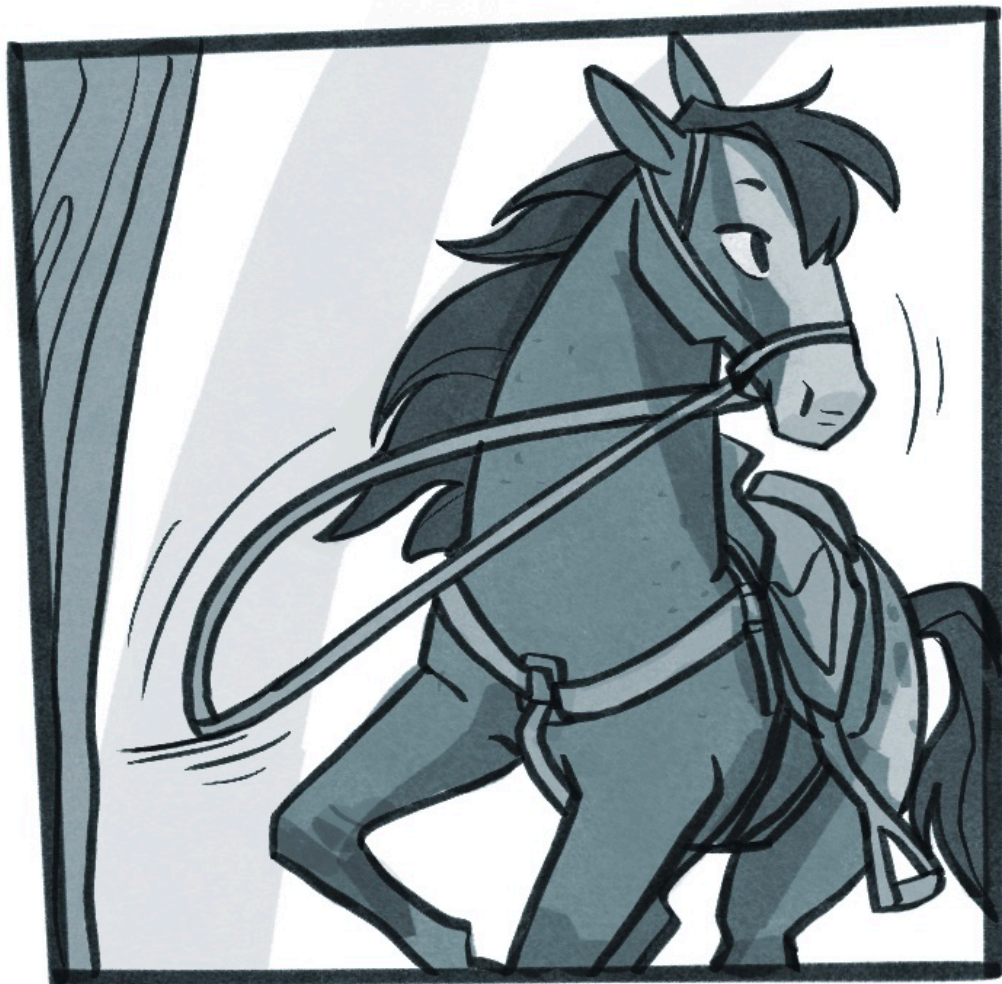


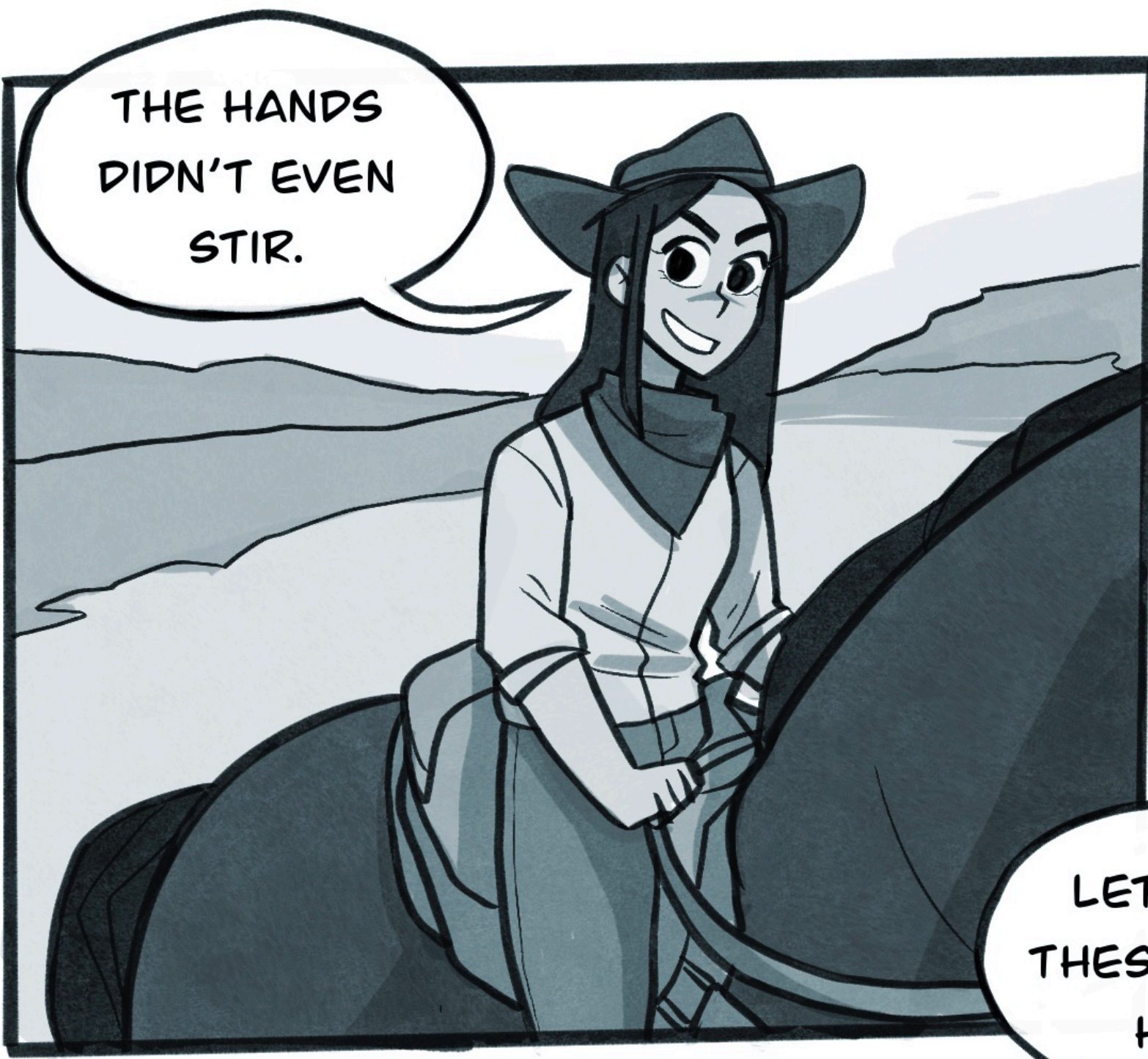
AND IF ALL GOES TO PLAN.



WE CAN TAKE SOME BOOZE TO GO.







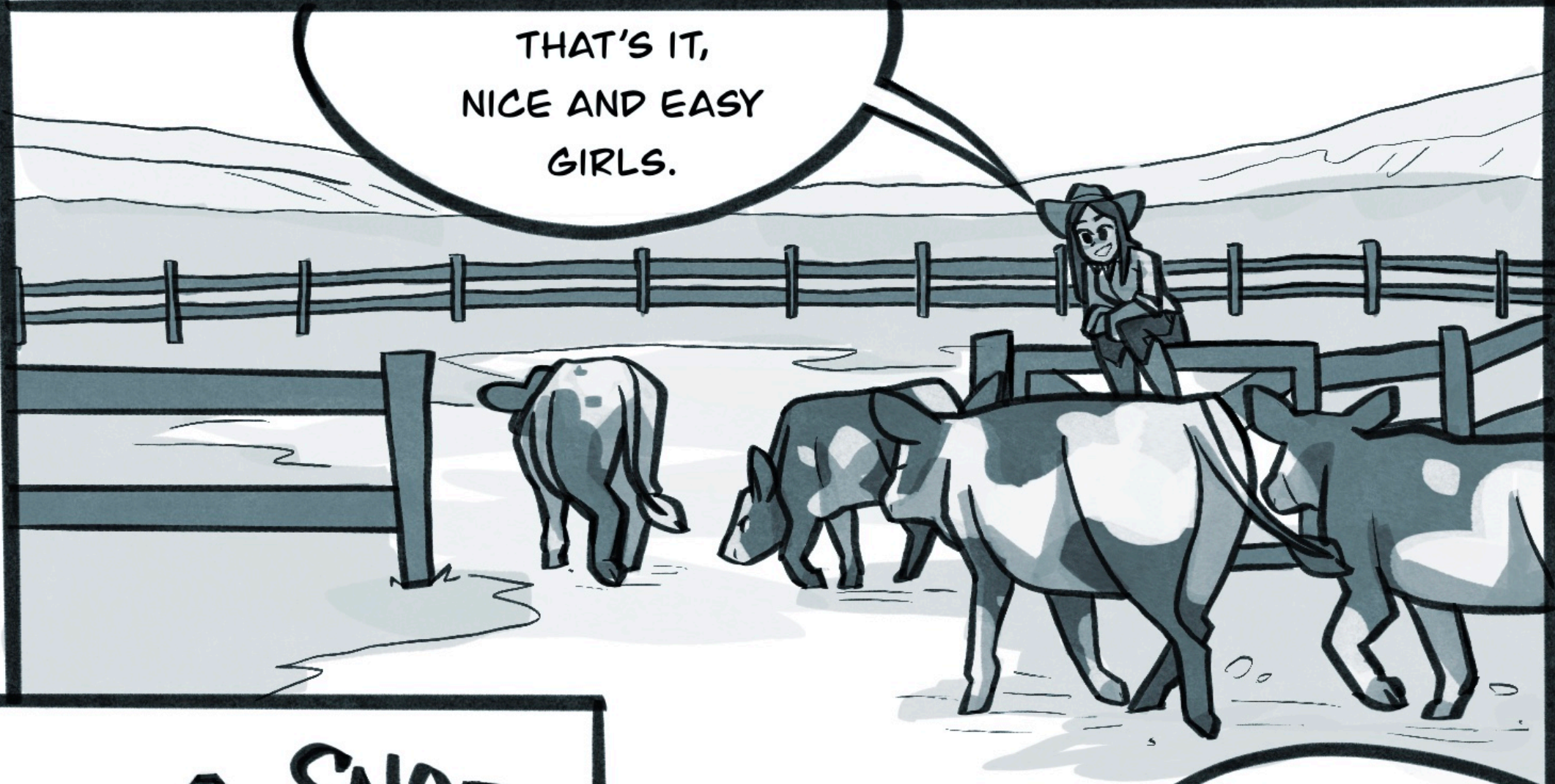
THE HANDS
DIDN'T EVEN
STIR.



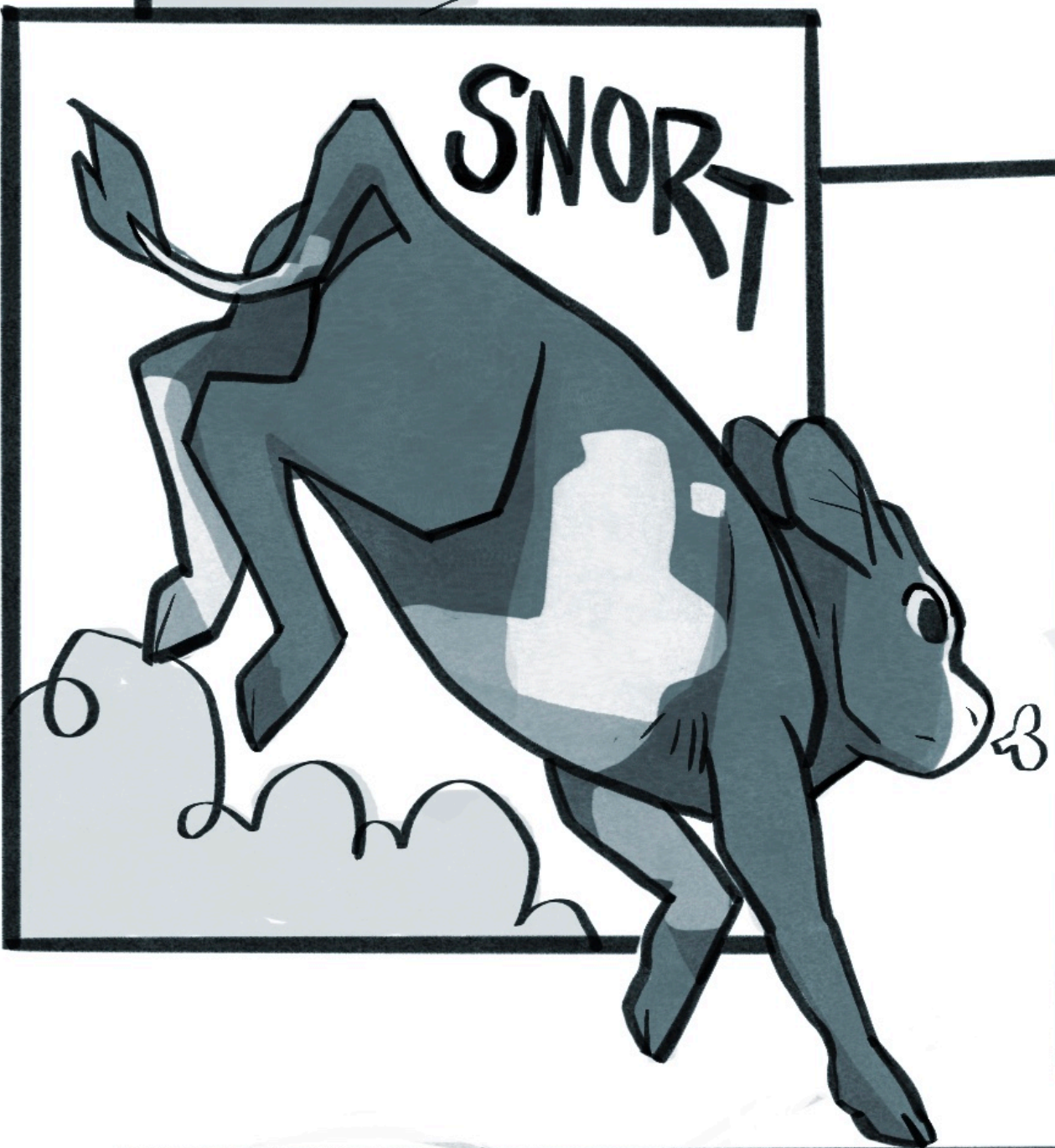
LETS DRIVE
THESE CATTLE
HOME!



THAT'S IT,
NICE AND EASY
GIRLS.



SNORT



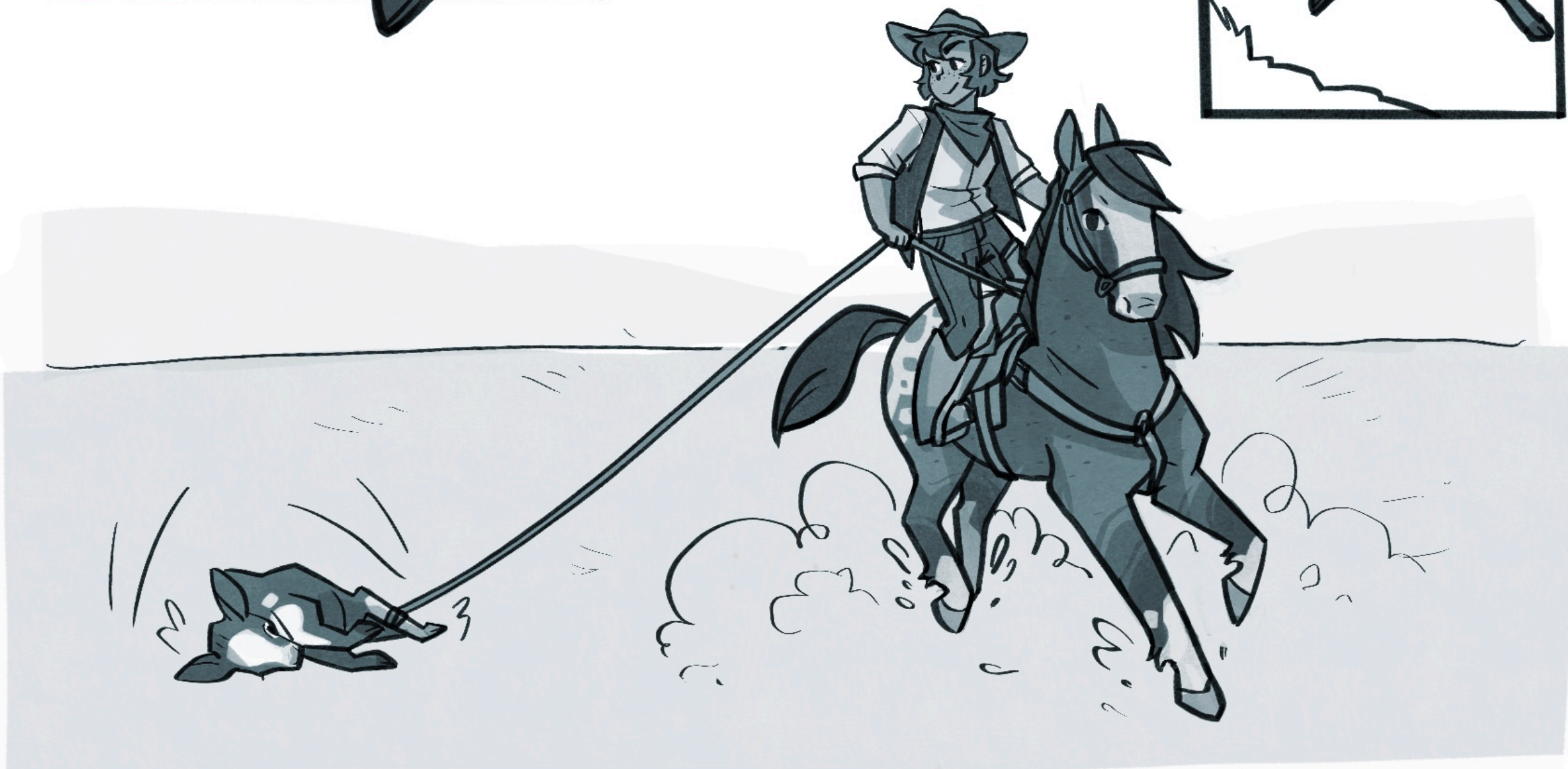
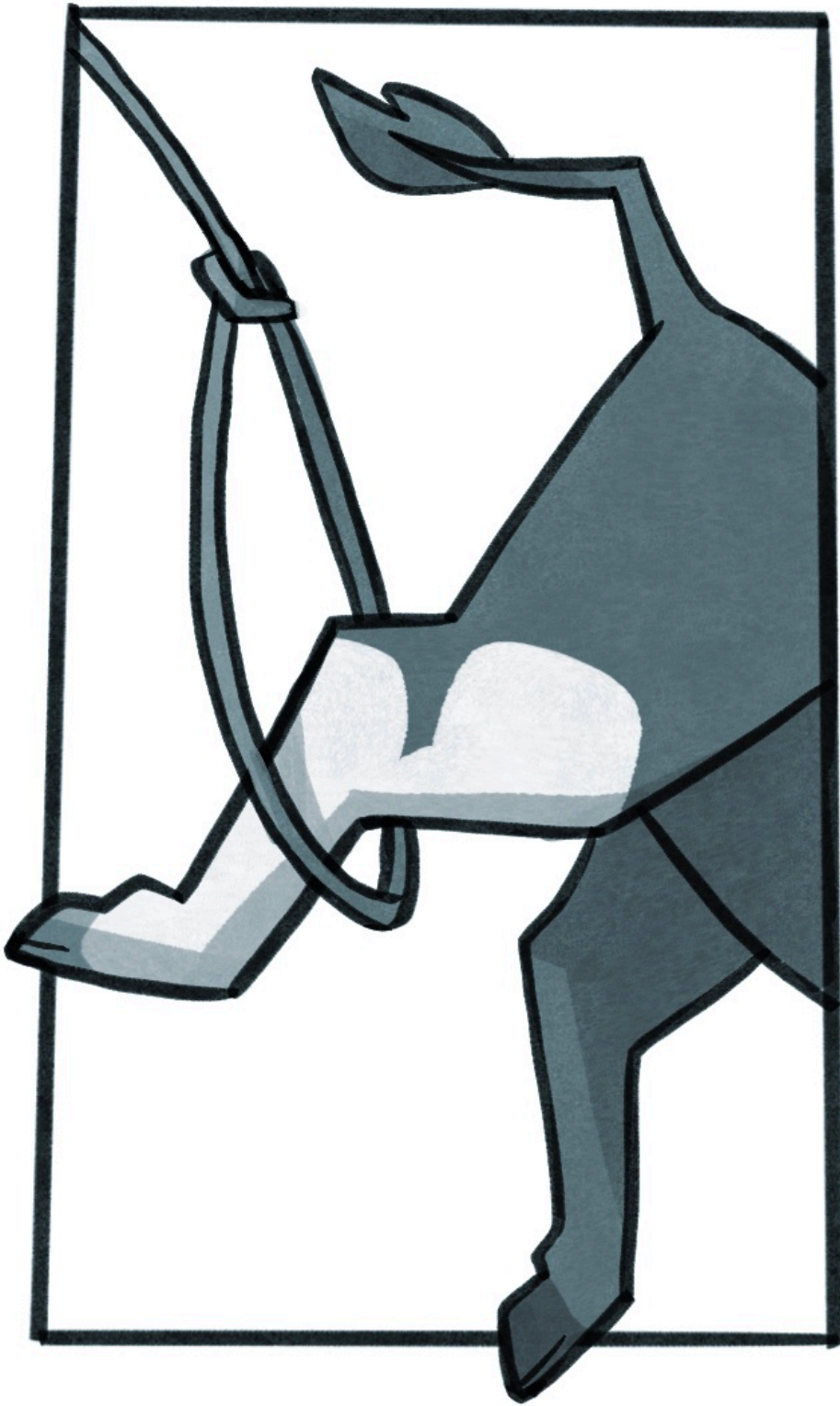
WE GOT A
RUNNER!

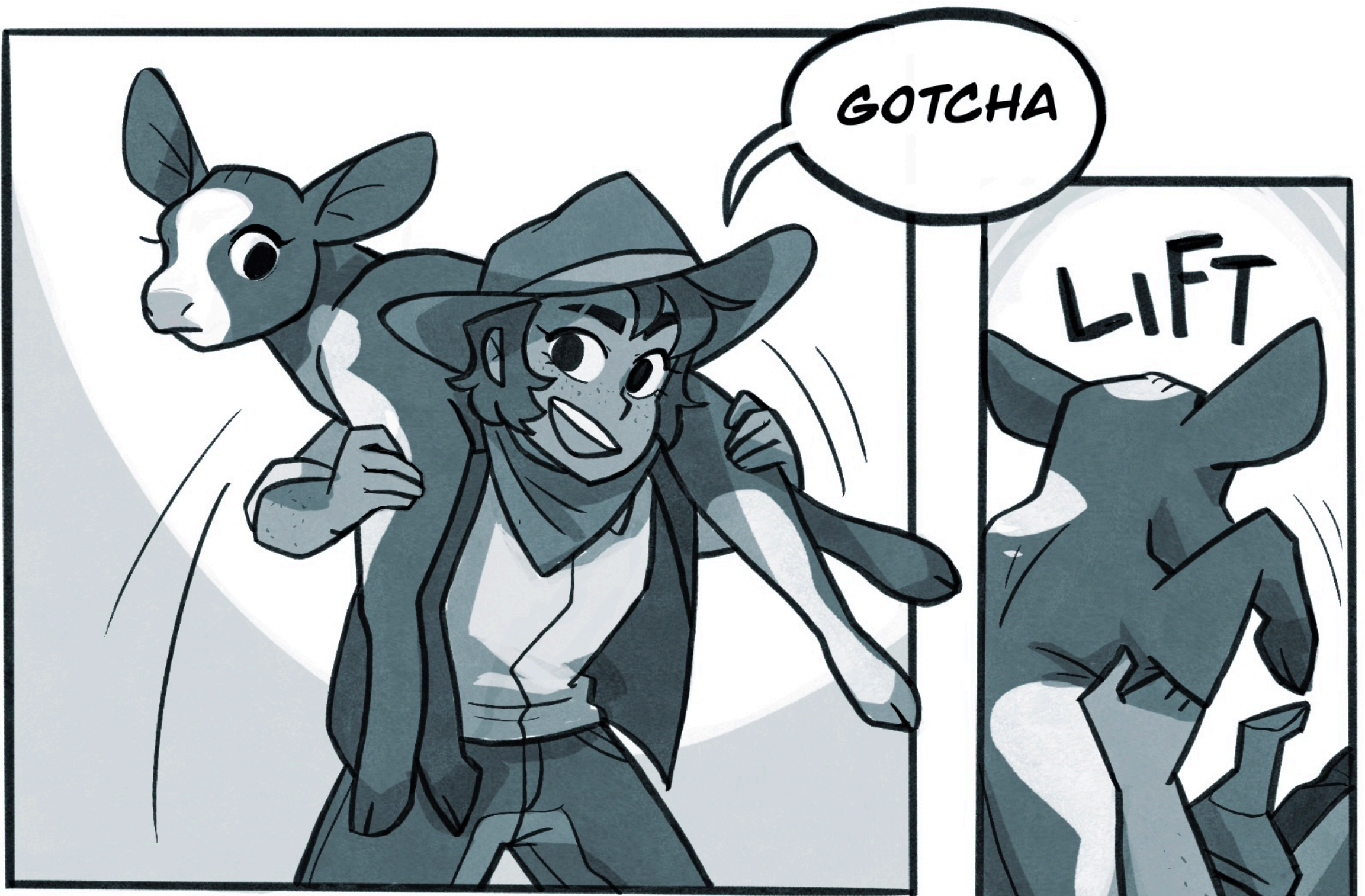


I'LL GET
HER!



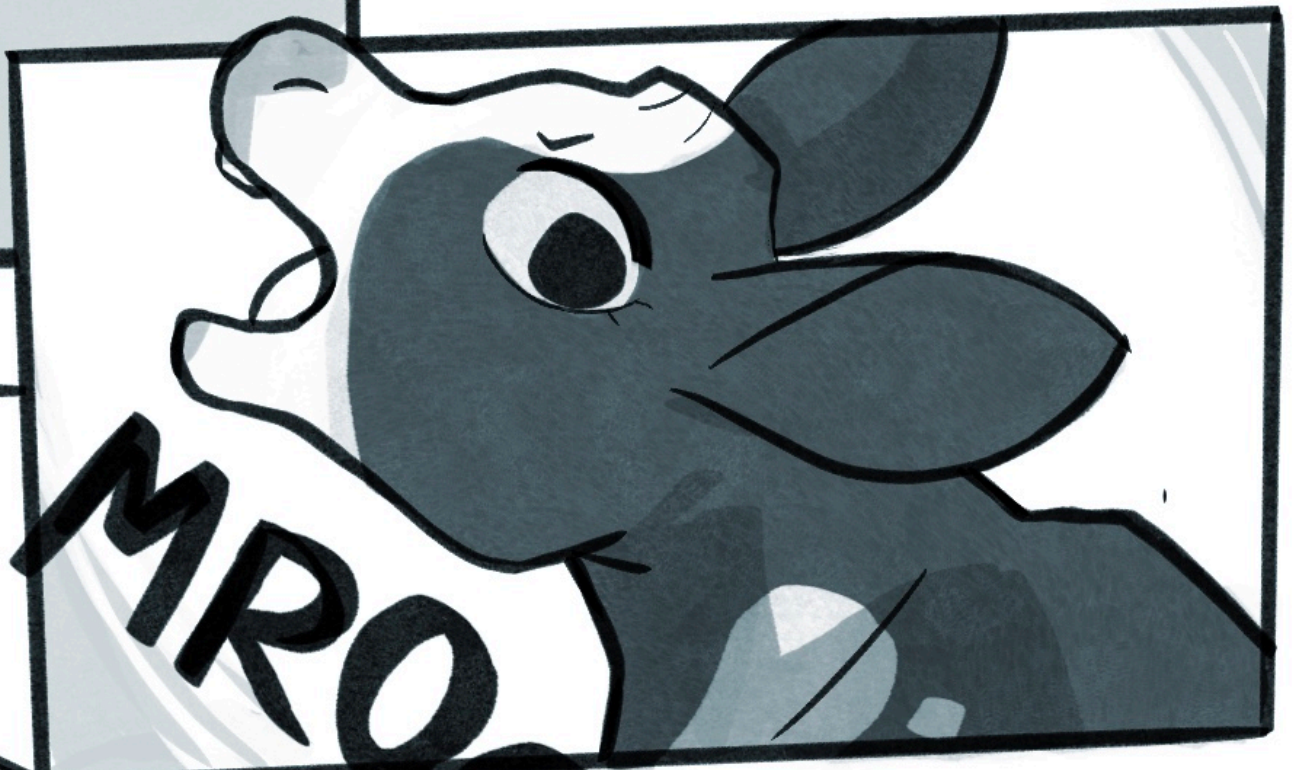
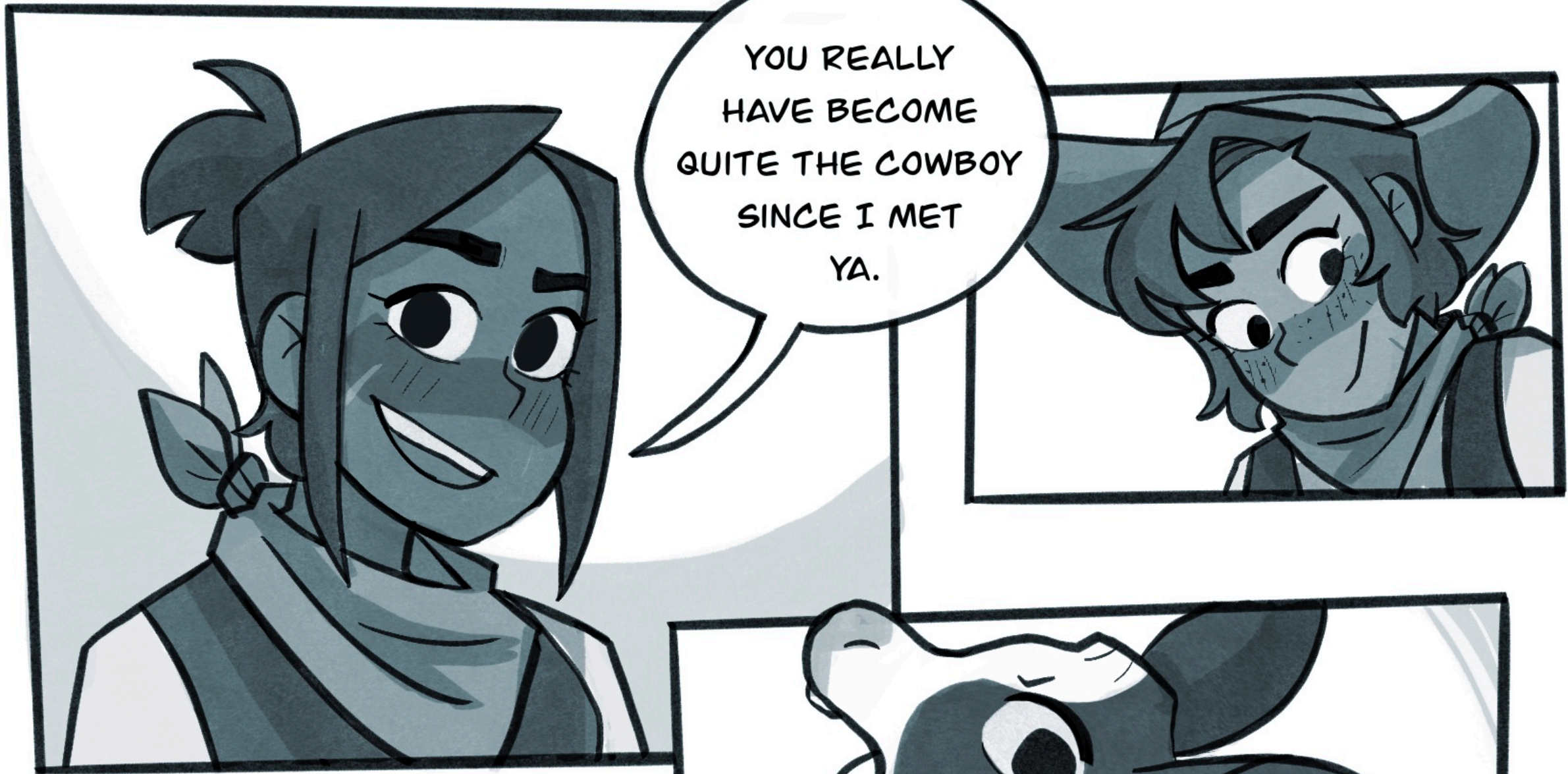




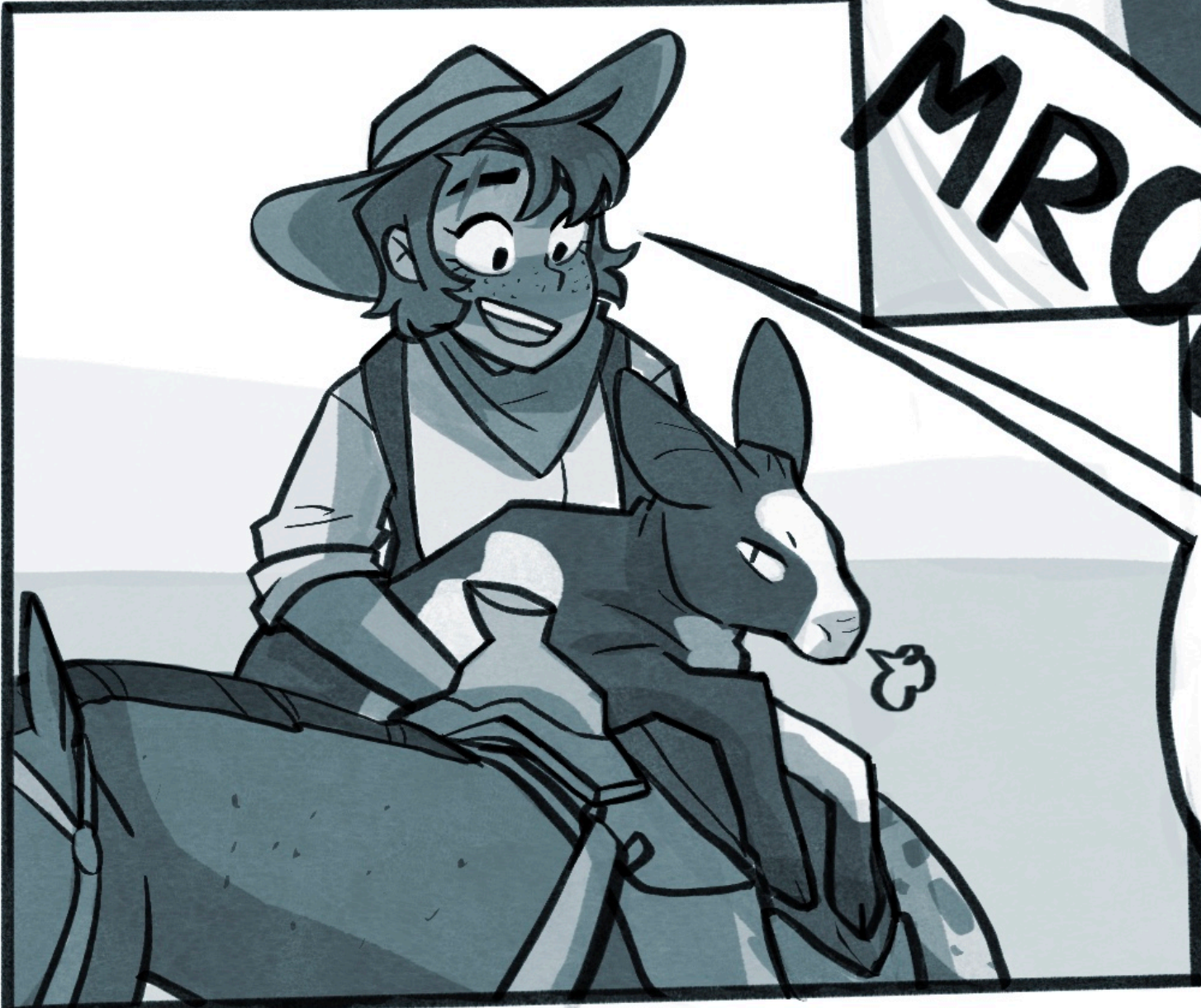


**FLAWLESS WORK
TY!**





MROO



SORRY GIRL, WE'LL GET YOU BACK WITH YER MOM.





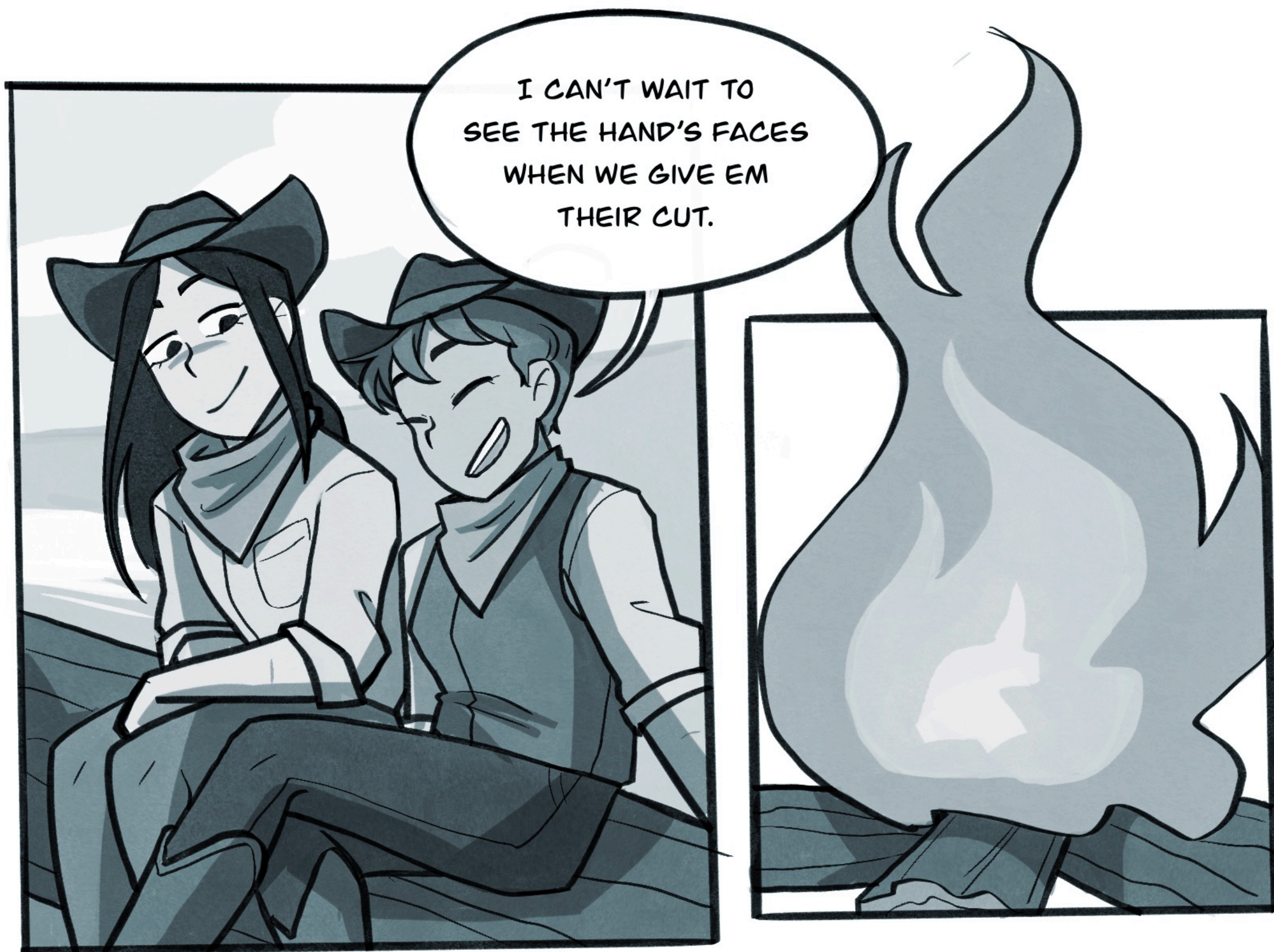
FOR HER FIRST
SUCCESSFUL LEAD
ON A RUSTLE!

TO TY,

THEY'LL BE
SEARCHING THE
VALLEY ALL WEEK FOR
THEIR "ESCAPED"
CATTLE.



IF ONLY WE COULD
SEE THE LOOK ON THE
RANCHER'S FACE WHEN
HIS STOCK IS GONE!



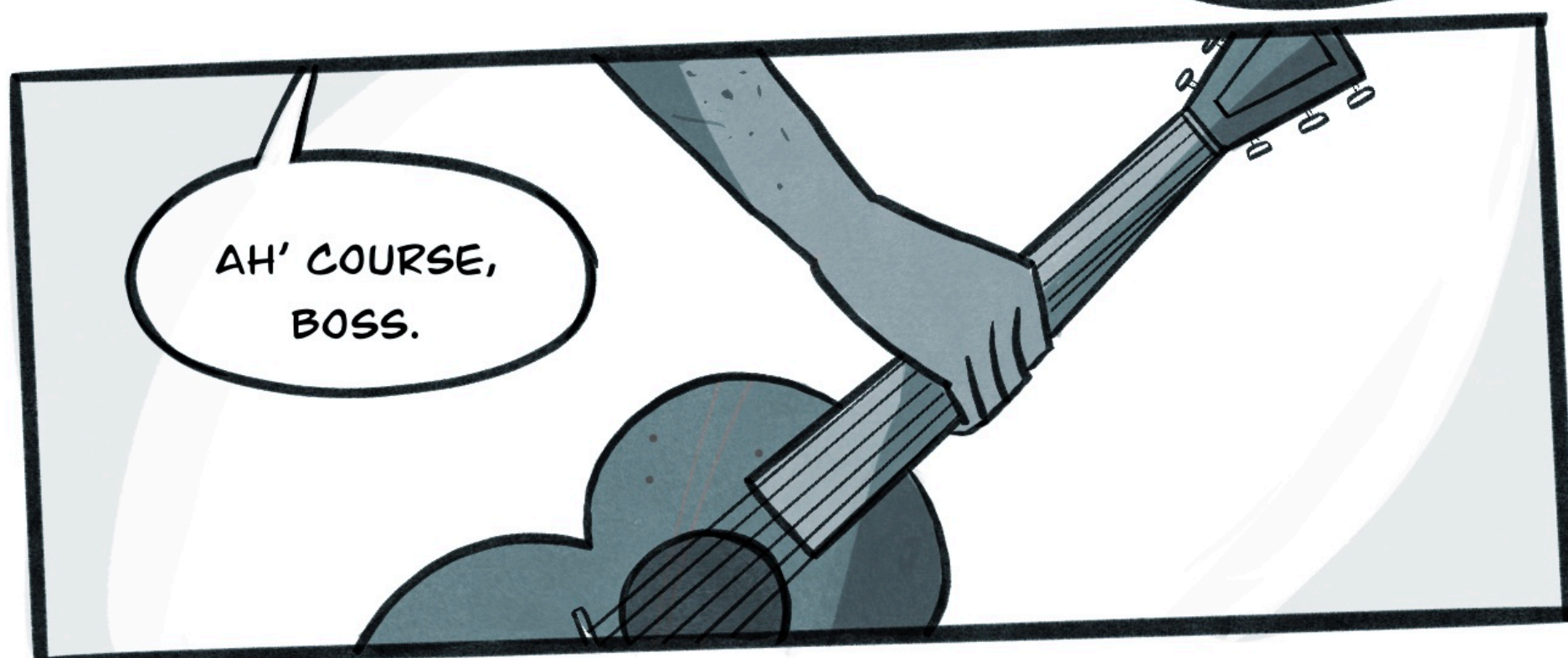
I CAN'T WAIT TO
SEE THE HAND'S FACES
WHEN WE GIVE EM
THEIR CUT.



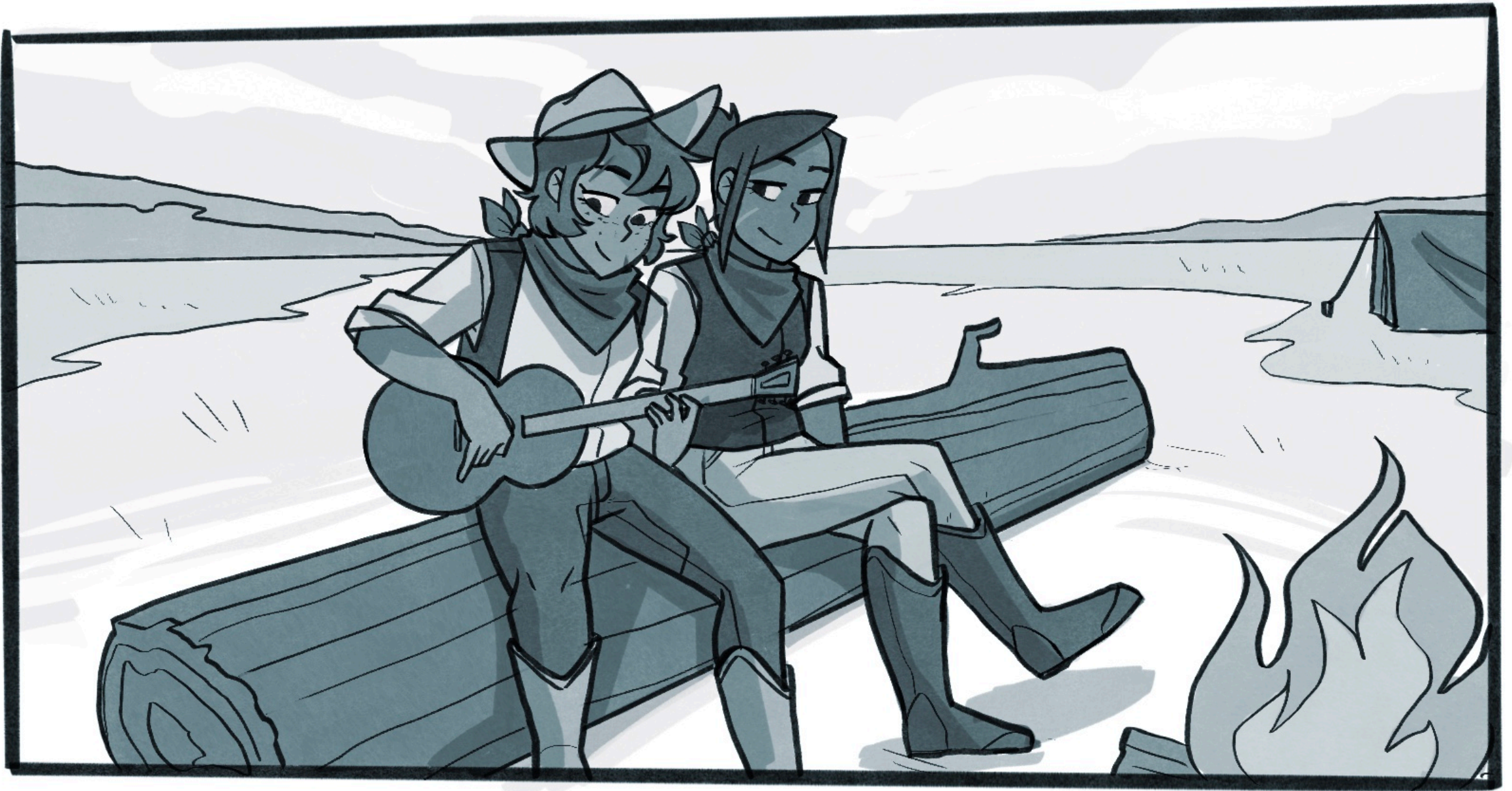
CHIRP

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TY, COULD YOU
PLAY US A SONG?



AH' COURSE,
BOSS.





BOSS!?



SHE'S IN
HER TENT.



SAID TO COME
SEE HER ONCE YA
FINISHED.



IN HER
TENT?



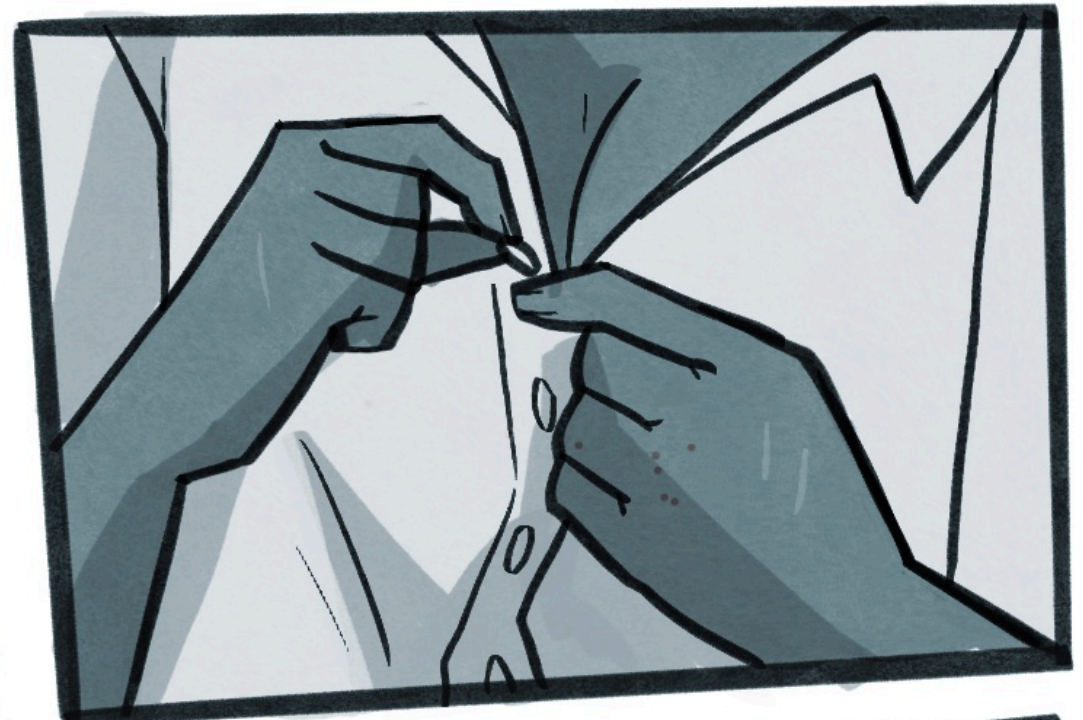
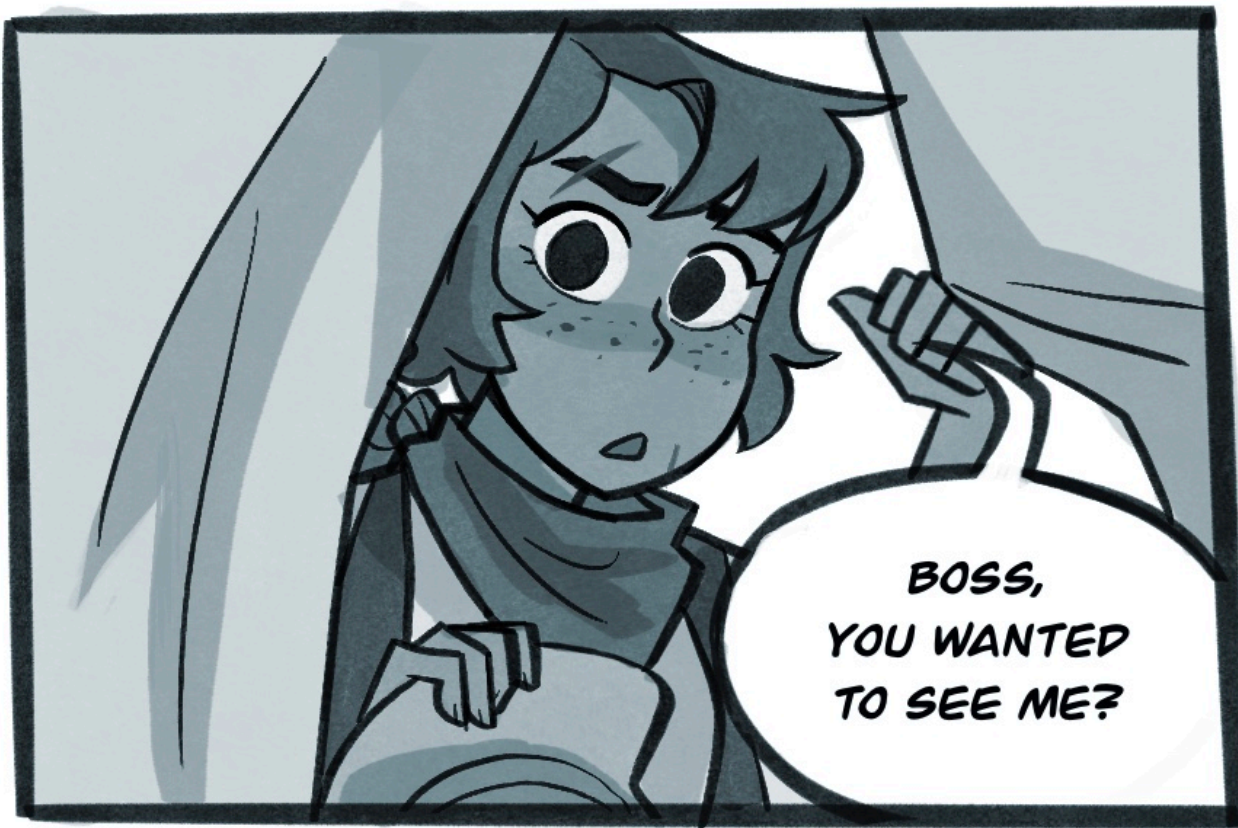
YES
MA'AM.

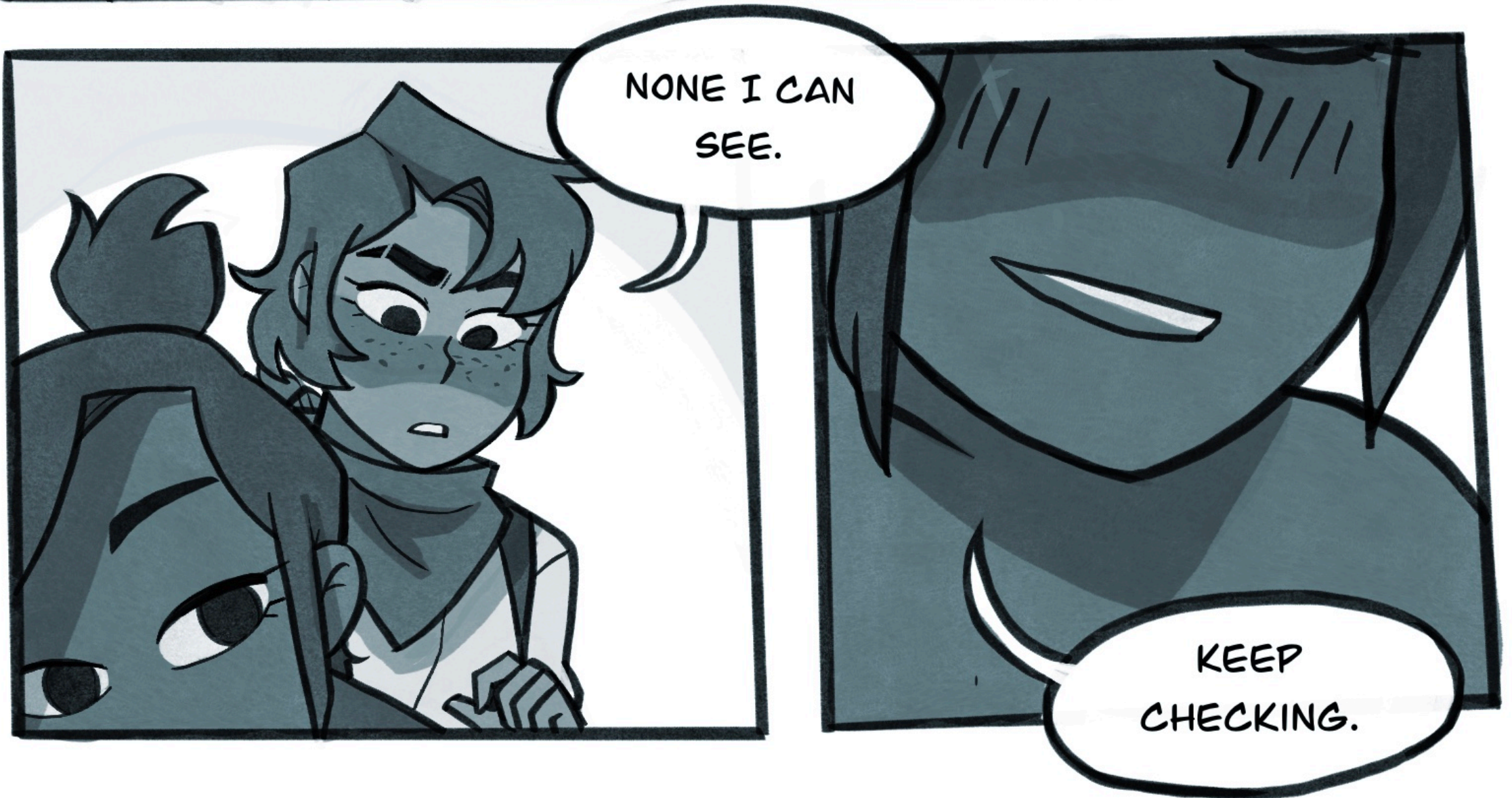


STAND



AND DON'T
YOU GO FORGETTING
WHAT I SAID.



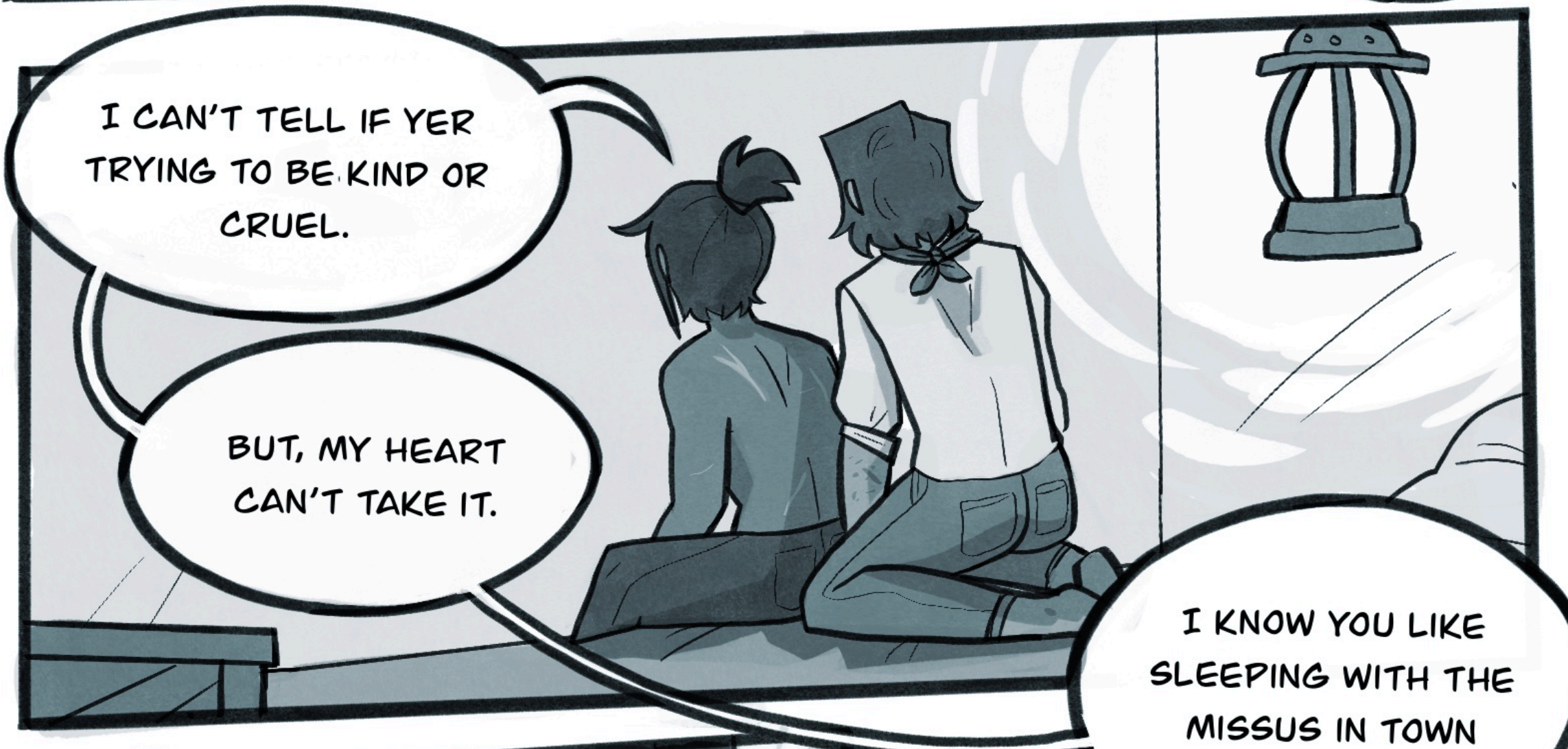




WHY I RECKON
YOU DON'T NEED HELP
CHECKING THERE.



TY,



I CAN'T TELL IF YER
TRYING TO BE KIND OR
CRUEL.

BUT, MY HEART
CAN'T TAKE IT.

I KNOW YOU LIKE
SLEEPING WITH THE
MISSUS IN TOWN
BUT ...

GULP



BITE

JUST TELL IT TO
ME STRAIGHT.

I AIN'T TO YER
FANCIES ...

TURN



FEELING AWFUL
FOOLISH FOR THINKIN
YOU FELT THE
SAME.



SORRY
FOR MAKING YA
SEE ME LIKE
THIS.

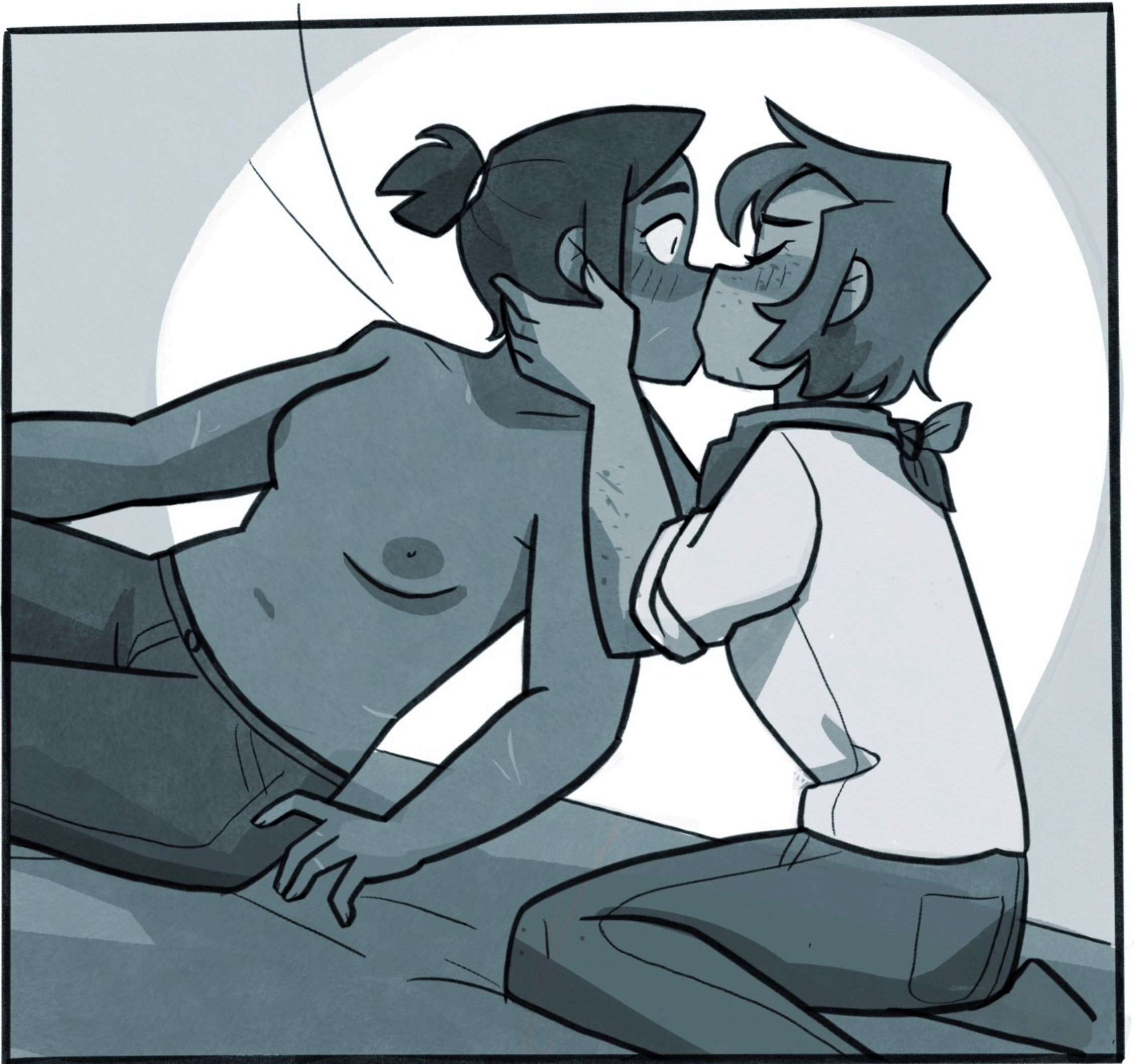


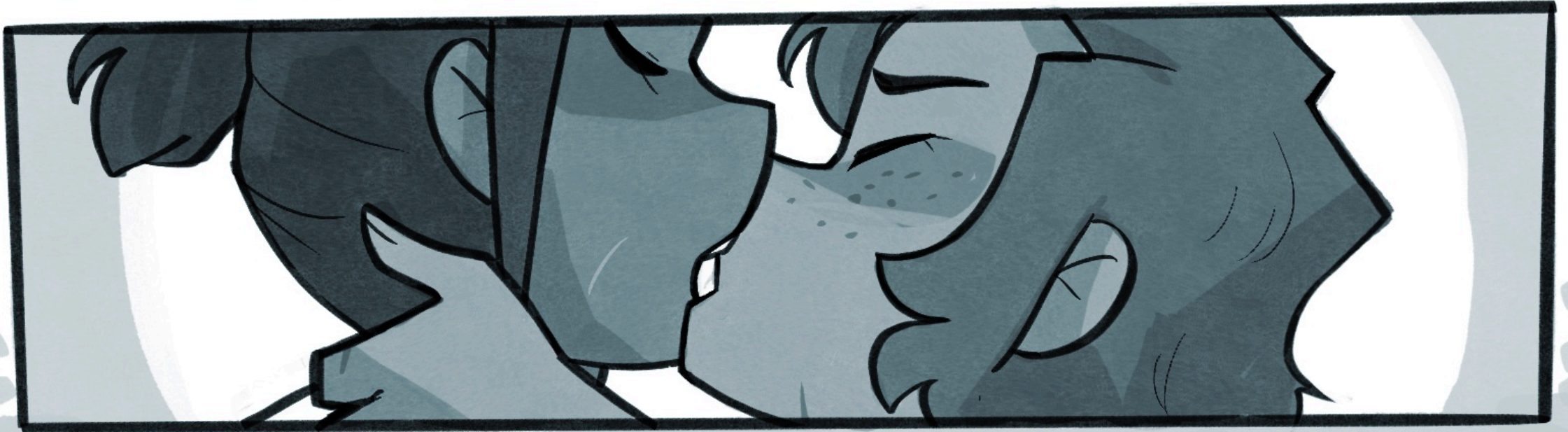
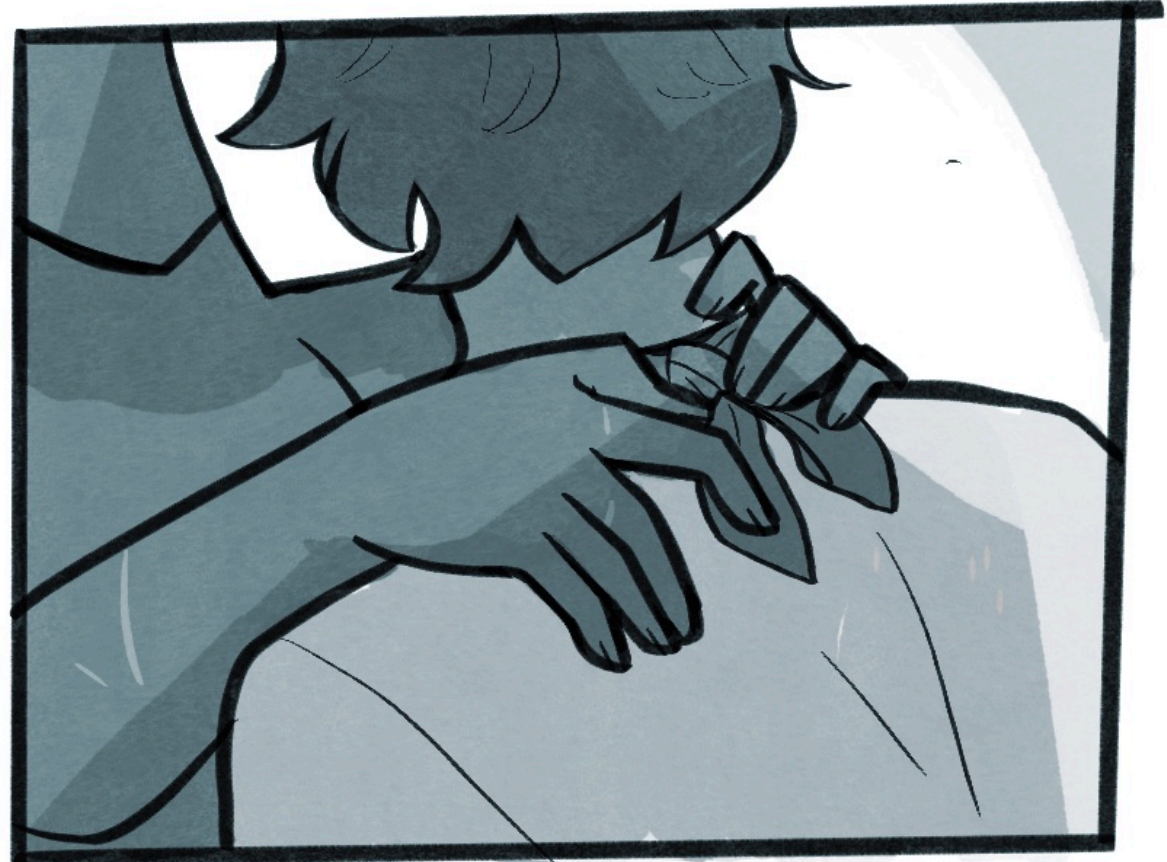
GRAB



PULL







BOSS ...



JUST
KISS?

YOU DON'T KNOW
HOW LONG I'VE BEEN
WAITING TO KISS
YOU.



I HEARD YOU
DO A LOT MORE THAN
KISSING THE LADIES
IN TOWN.

...

THERE'S THAT
BASHFUL TY
AGAIN.

ALWAYS SO
CONFIDENT WITH
EVERYONE ...
BUT ME.



FOR A
WHILE I THOUGHT
YOU RESENTED
ME.

I RESENTED
MYSELF.

WITH HOW
MUCH YOU'VE DONE
FOR ME ...HOW COULD I
EXPECT YA TO WANT
ME MORE.







I'M THE
SELFISH ONE ...
TAKING YOU TO BE ONE
OF THE GANG AND
THEN FALLIN
FOR YA.

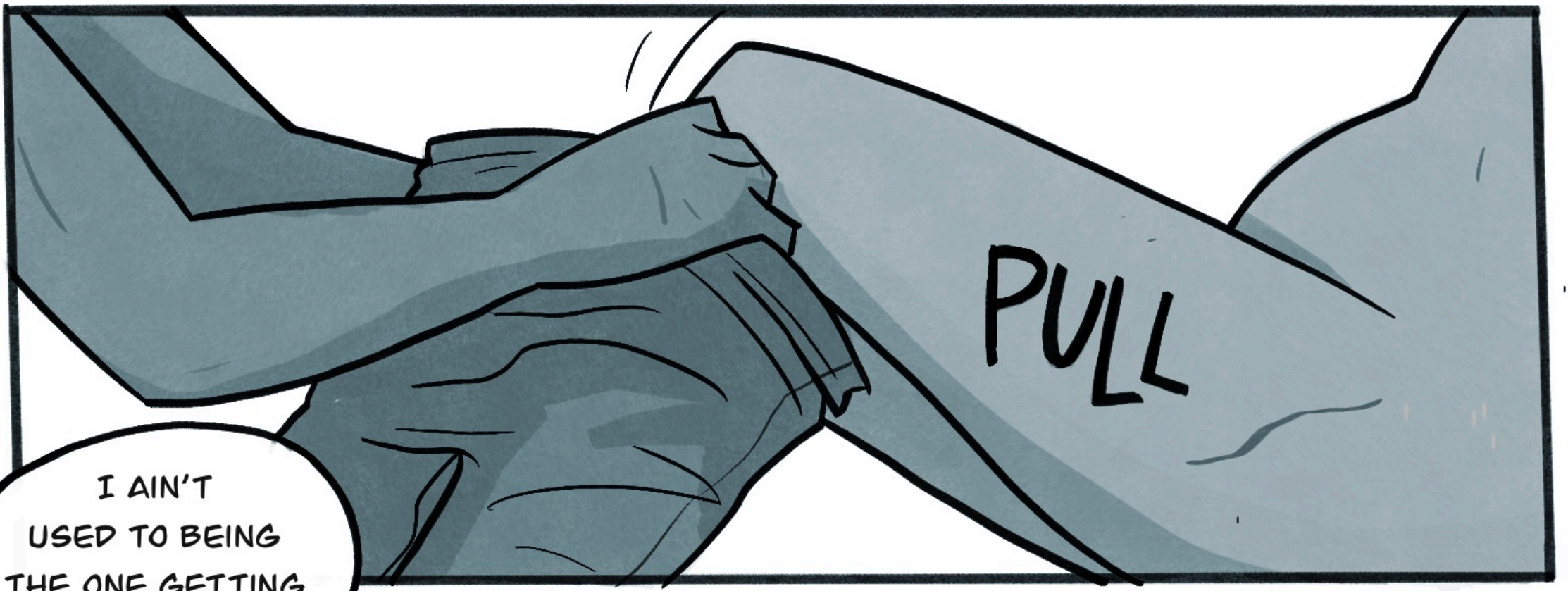
I'D TRIED NOT
TO SHOW IT FOR
SO LONG BUT,
I'M DONE.

I'M GONNA
KEEP ON BEING
SELFISH.

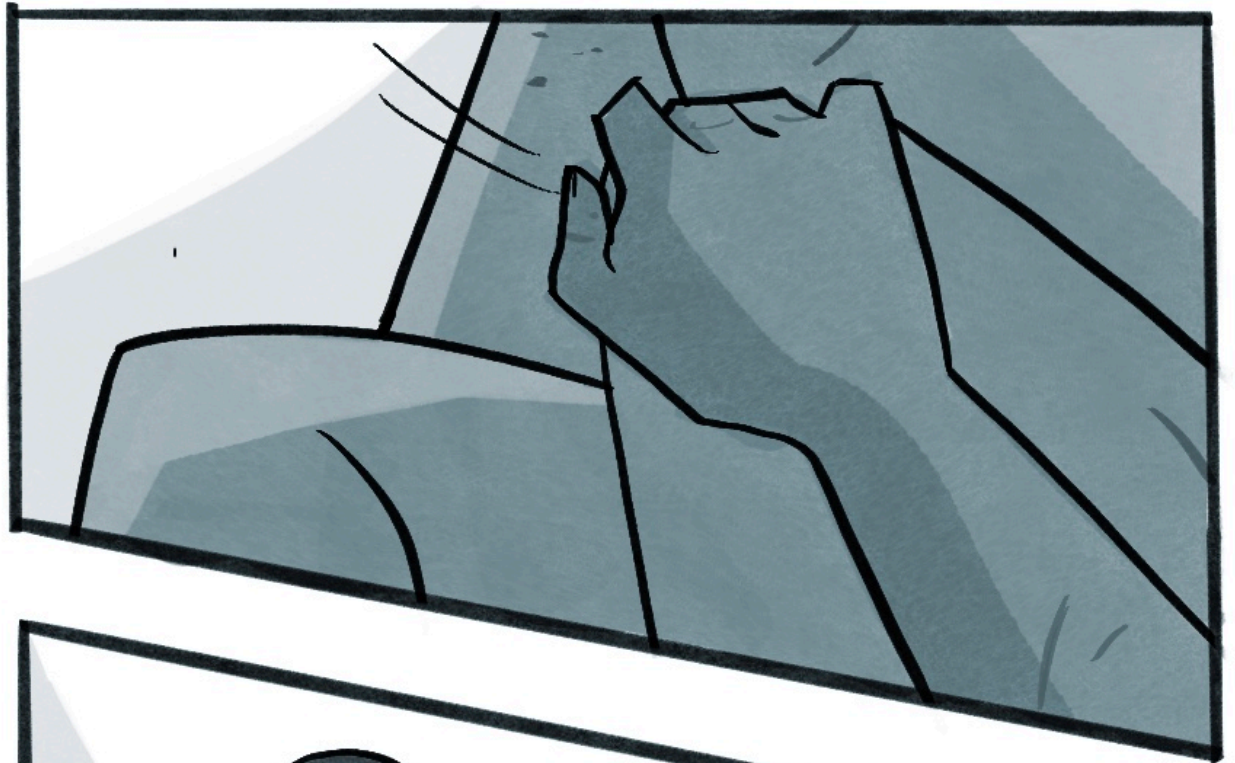


I WANT
YOU.

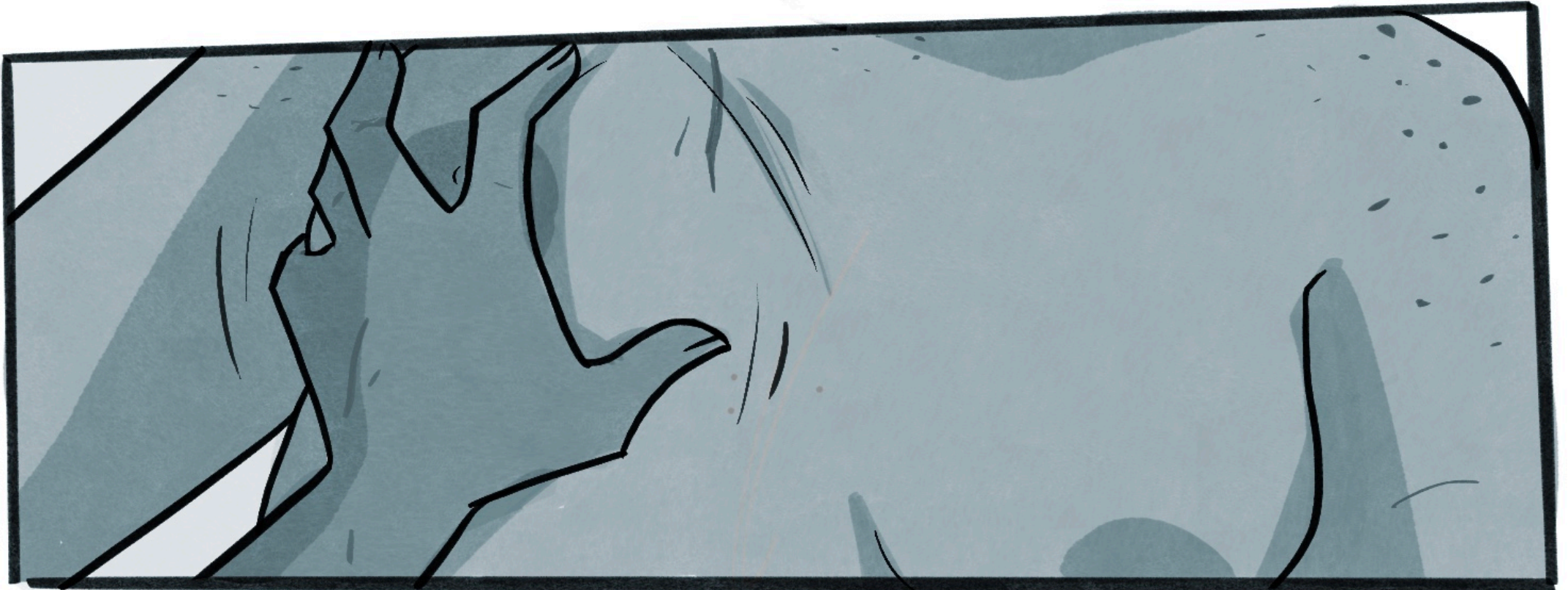


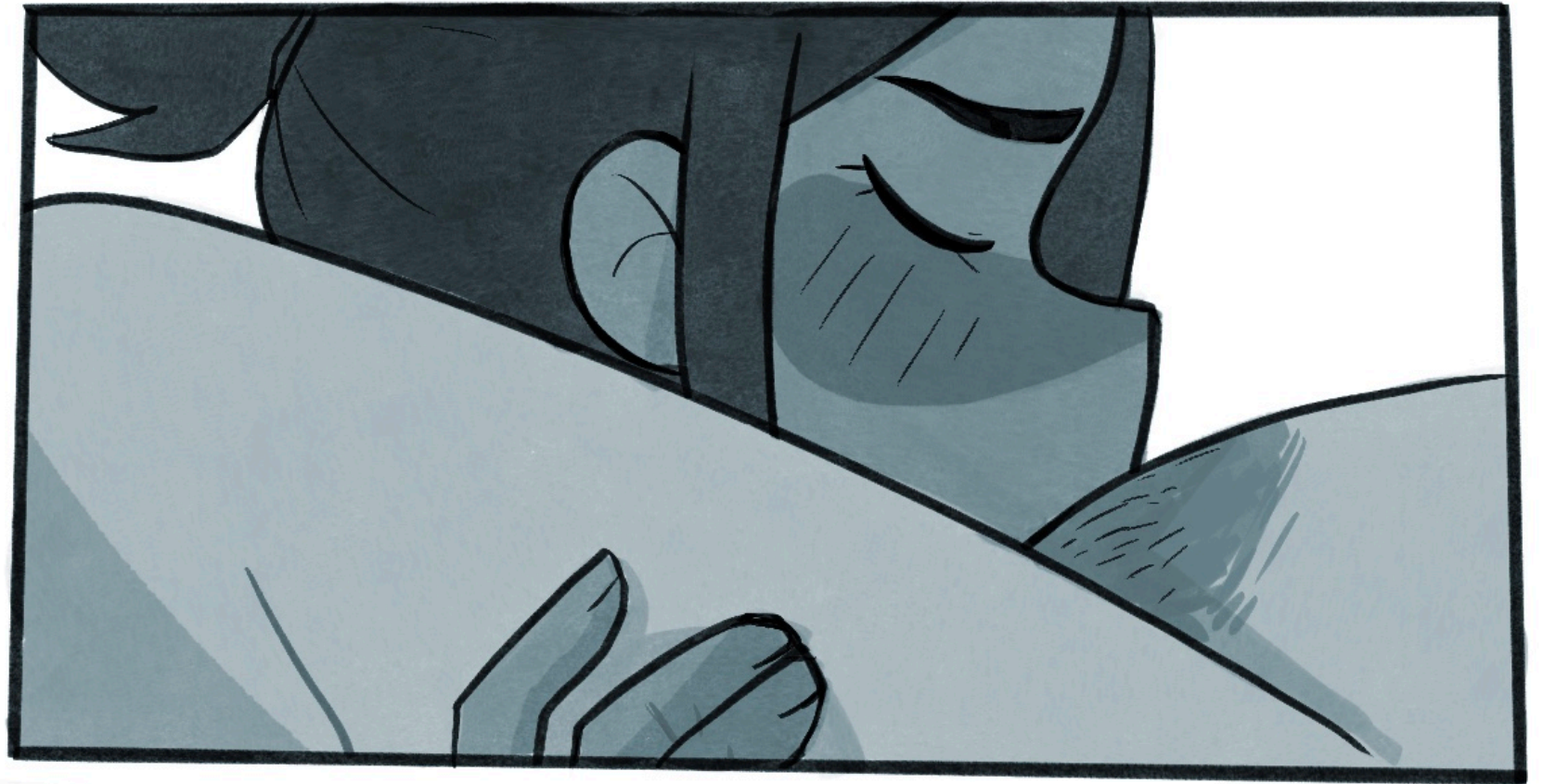


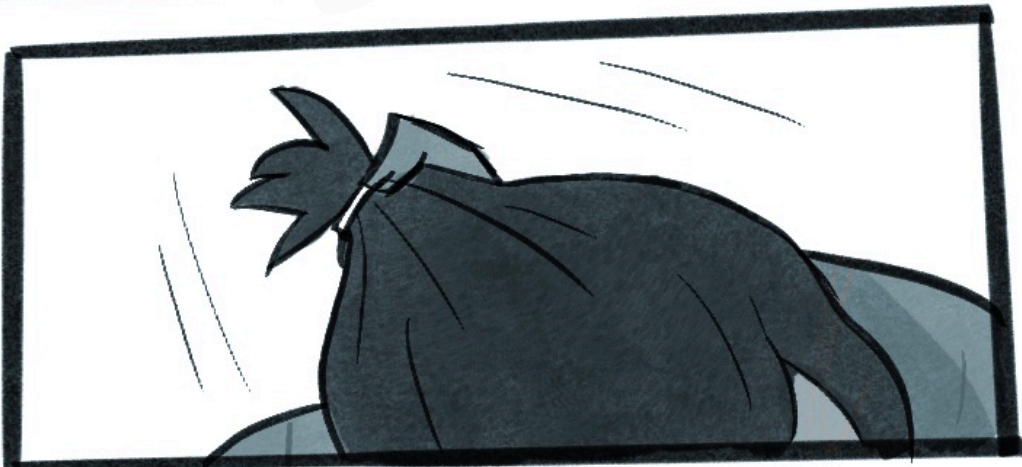
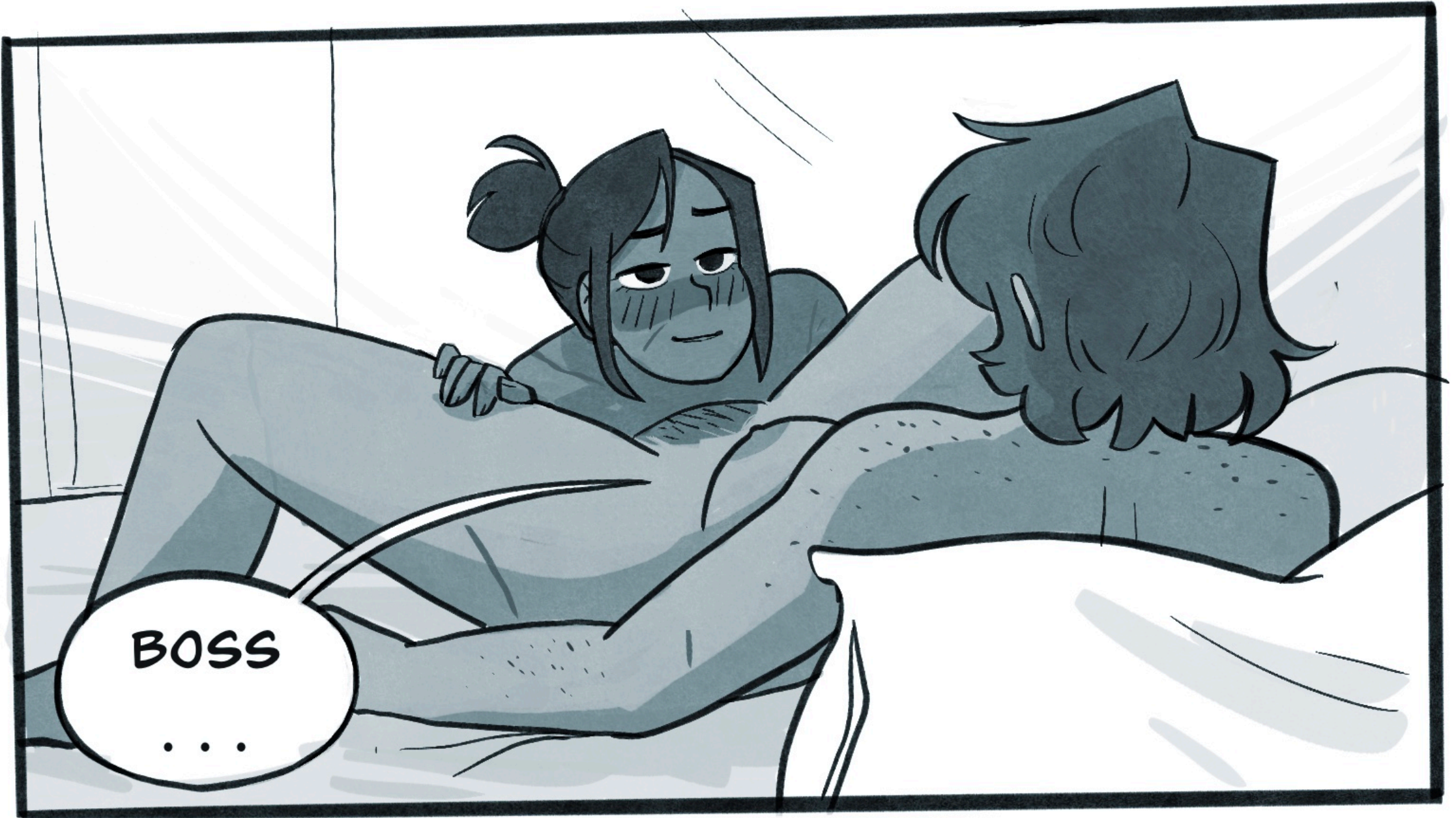
I AIN'T
USED TO BEING
THE ONE GETTING
UNDRESSED.

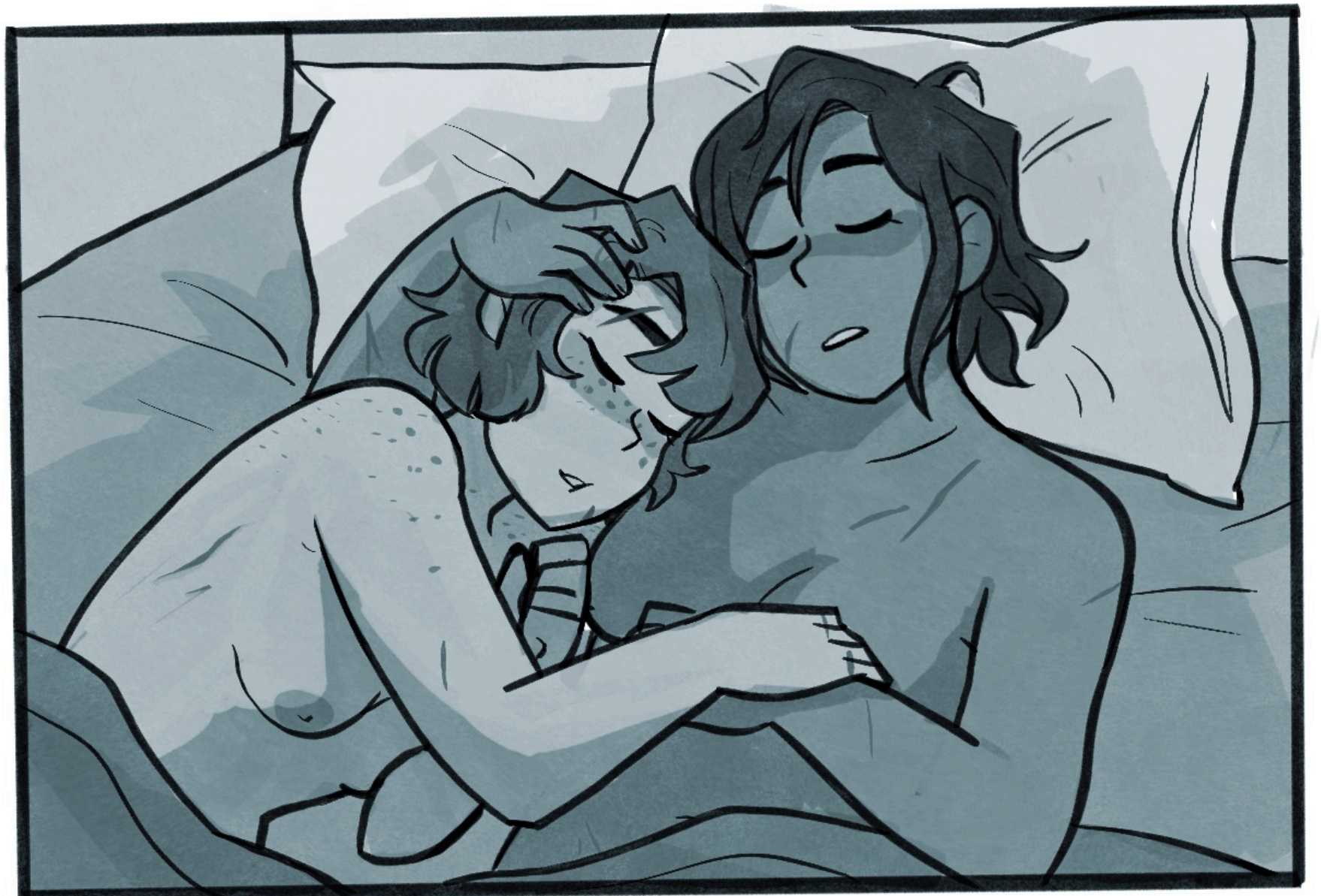
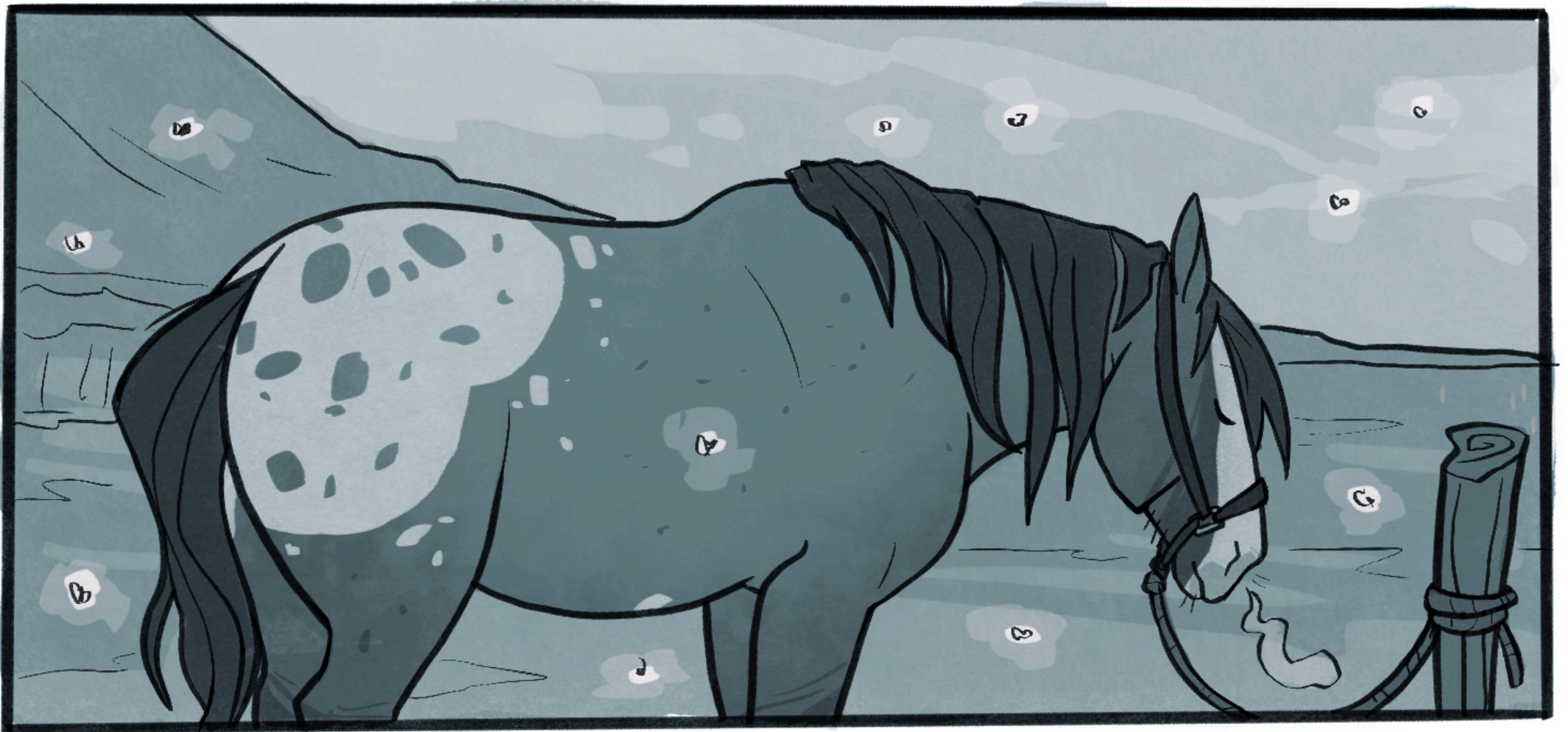


I'LL BE TAKING
CARE OF YOU
TONIGHT.





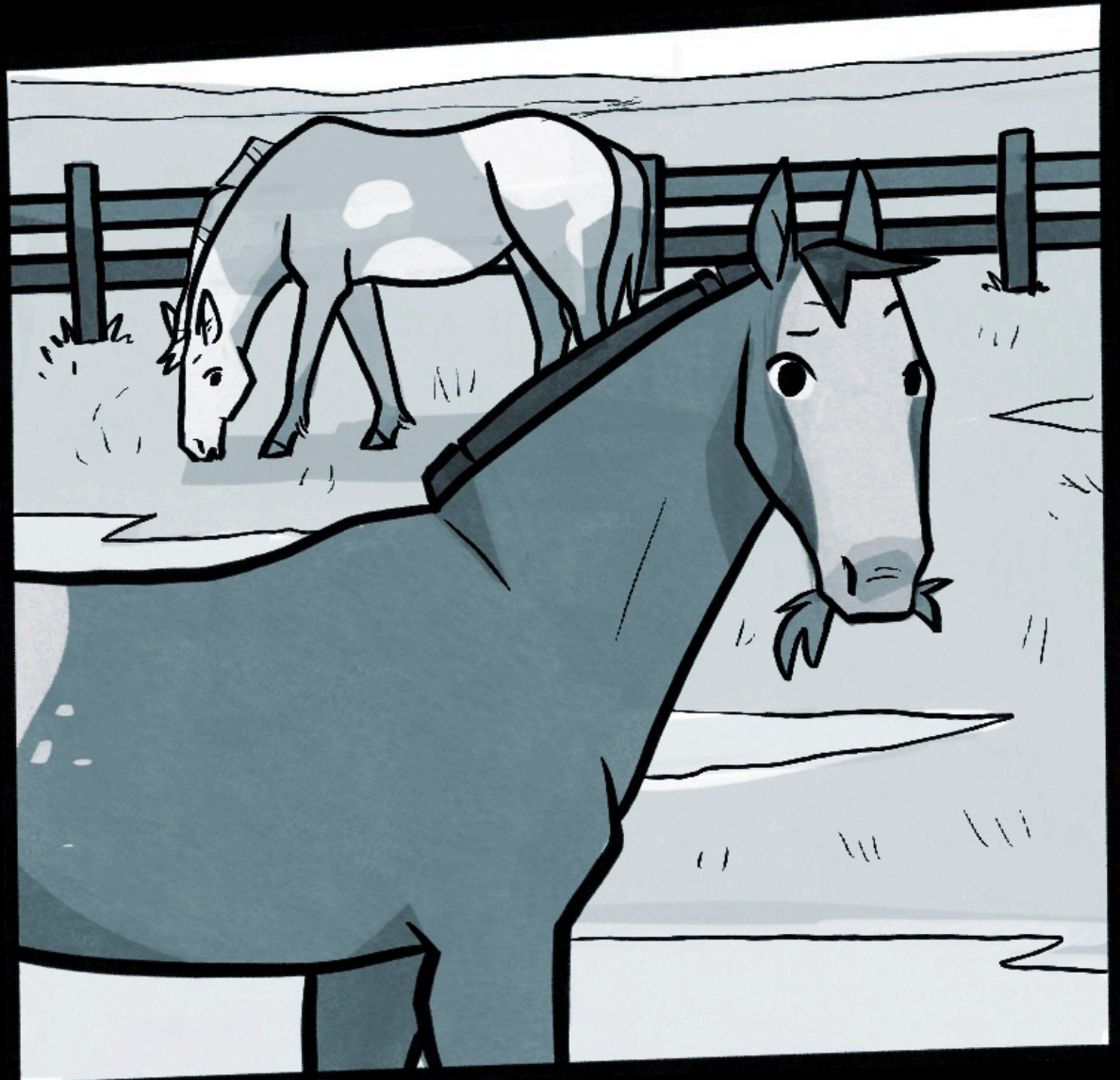
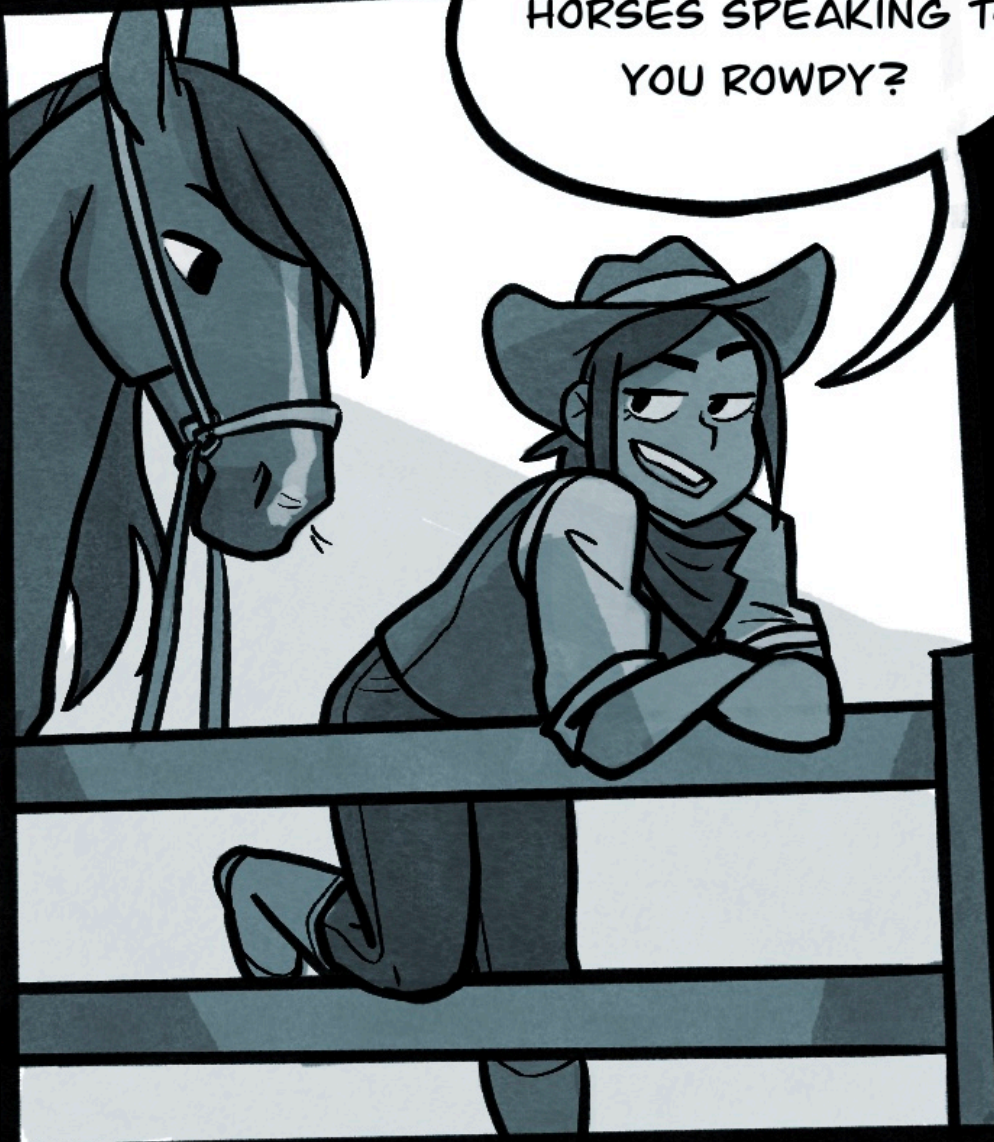




|| 2 YEARS AGO ||



SO,
ANY OF THESE
HORSES SPEAKING TO
YOU ROWDY?



**PUT ME
DOWN!**



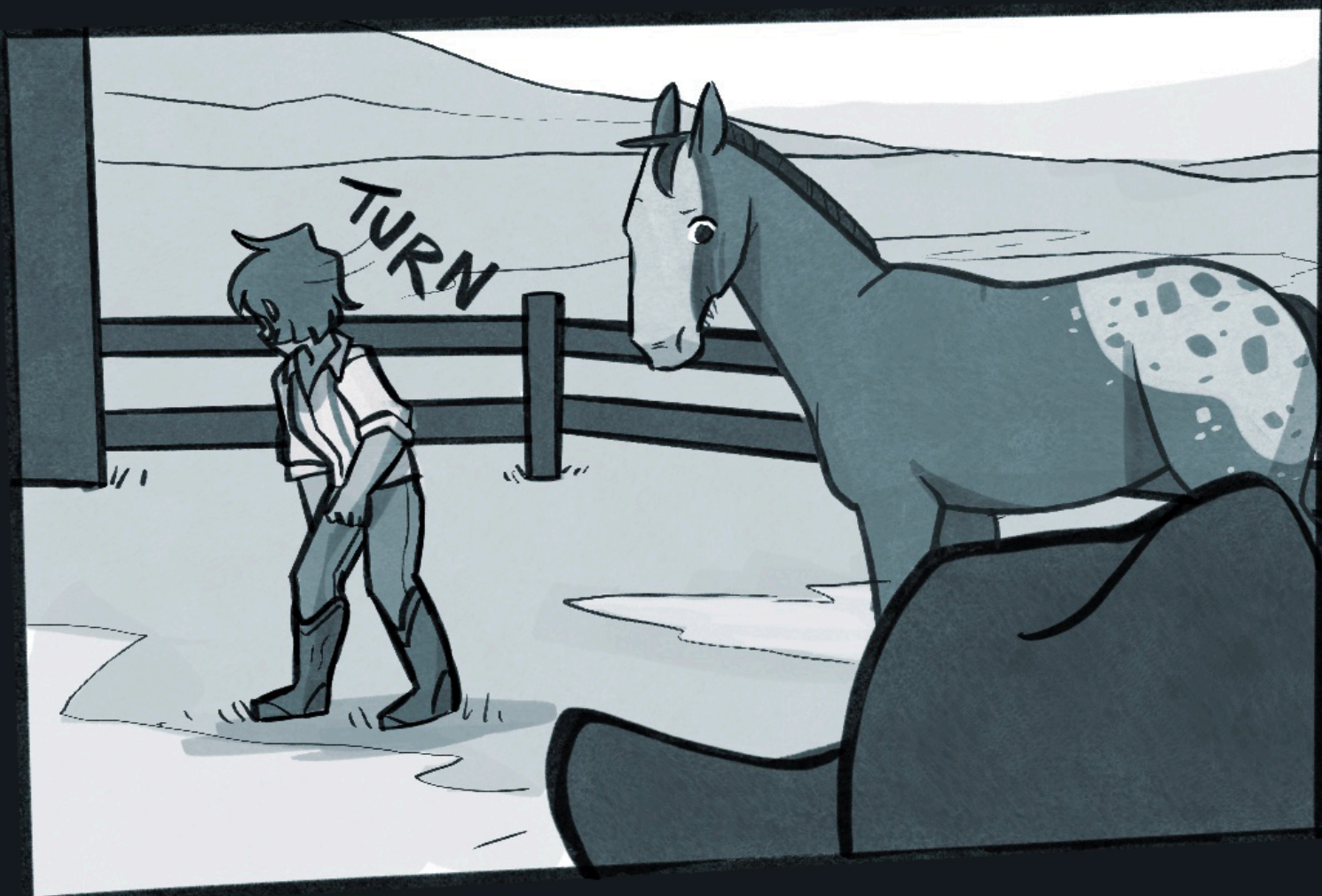






HOWDY!

WAVE

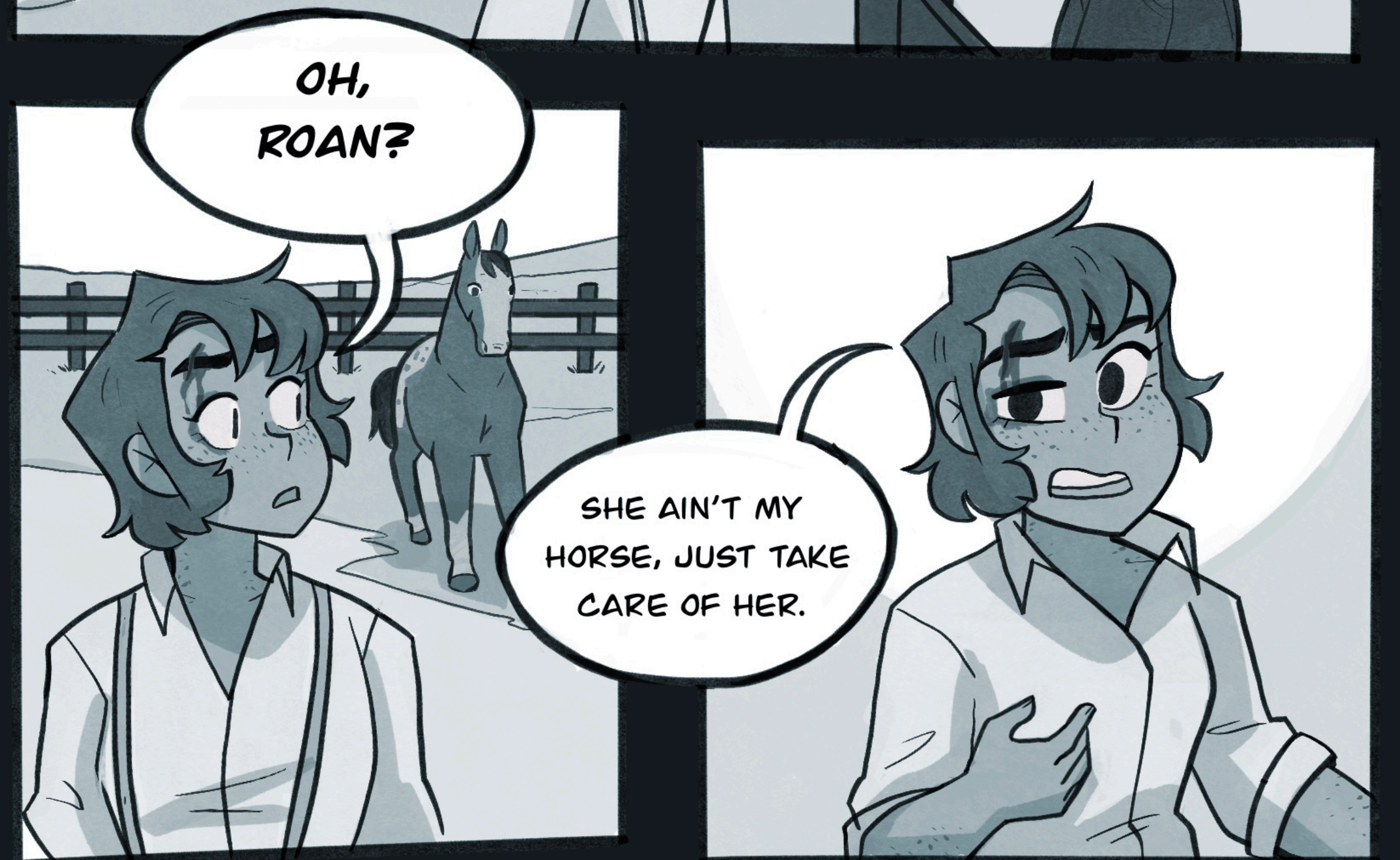



TURN



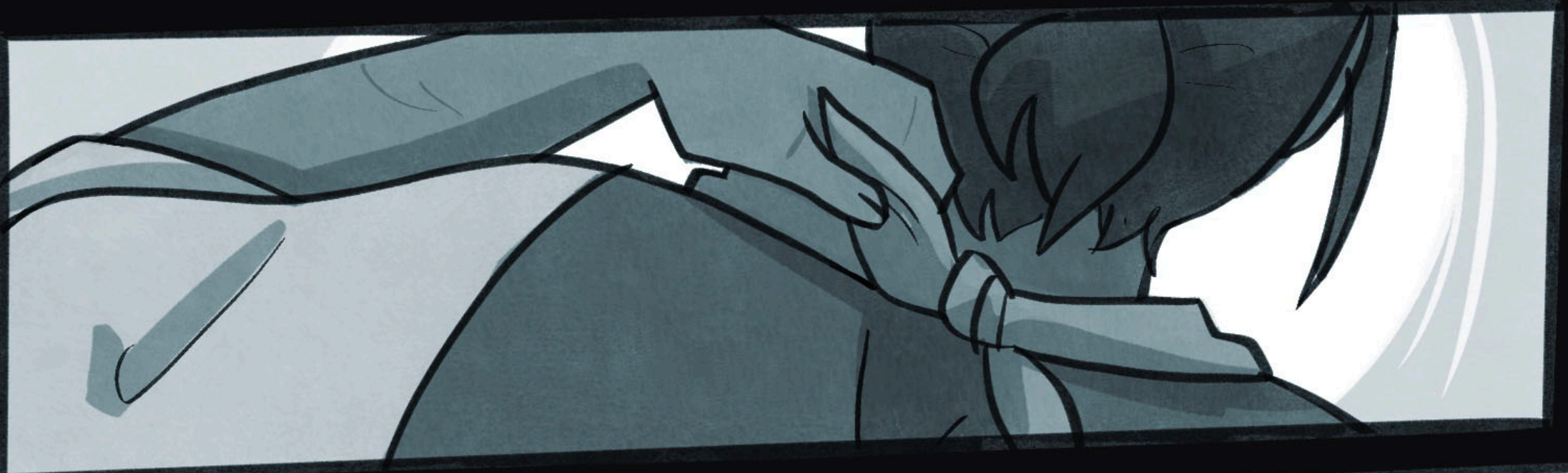
HEY
MISS.

YER SUPPOSED
TO SAY HOWDY
BACK!





IF YOU TAKE CARE OF HER, SHE'S YOURS?



HERE, LET ME HELP.

A woman in a cowboy hat is offering a cloth to another woman who has a bruise on her forehead. They are standing behind a wooden fence.



THERE, IT AIN'T TOO
BAD FACES JUST BLEED
LOTS MORE THAN THEY
OUGHT TO.

YER
AWFUL KIND FOR A
STRANGER.




AN AWFUL LOT
KINDER THAN
YOUR BOSS.



A woman with a cowboy hat and a man with long hair are shown in a conversation. The woman is on the right, wearing a cowboy hat, a light-colored shirt, and a dark vest. She has a slight smile and is gesturing with her right hand. The man is on the left, with long, dark, wavy hair. A speech bubble from him contains the text.

WHAT DO YA SAY TO
WORKING FOR ME
INSTEAD?

A close-up of the woman and man. The woman is on the right, looking towards the man with a serious expression. The man is on the left, looking back at her with wide, surprised eyes. Two speech bubbles are present: one from the woman and one from the man.

IT AIN'T EASY BUT
WELL TREAT YOU RIGHT
AND TEACH YOU ALL YA
NEED.

YOU
CAN LEAVE
ANYTIME--

The man is standing on a wooden fence, looking towards the right. He has a surprised expression. A speech bubble from him contains the text. The background shows a landscape with hills and a fence.

YES!

BUT,

I DON'T KNOW
HOW I CAN HELP YA. I
DON'T EVEN HAVE A
HORSE!

POINT

DIDNT I SAY THAT'S
YOUR HORSE RIGHT
THERE?

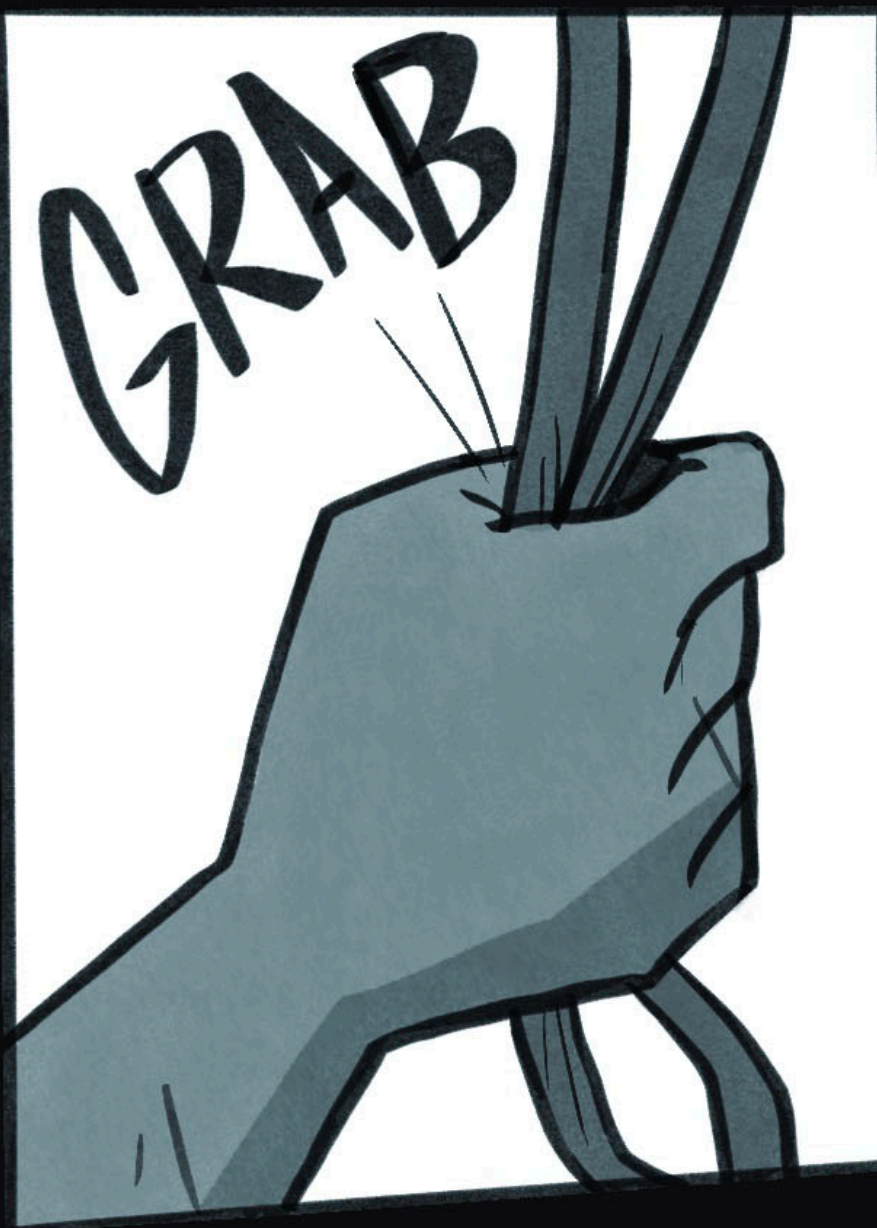
ISNT THIS
STEALING?

MISS, SHE'S
GENTLED BUT SHE
AIN'T SADDLEBROKE.

SHE AIN'T
STARTED YET?

WELL THAT
CERTAINLY MAKES
THE STEALING
HARDER.

SHE ADMITS
IT!?



NAME'S BOSS.

WELCOME TO THE BIG CATS GANG.



SHAKE



NOW WE JUST
GOTTA GET YOU LOOKIN
THE PART.

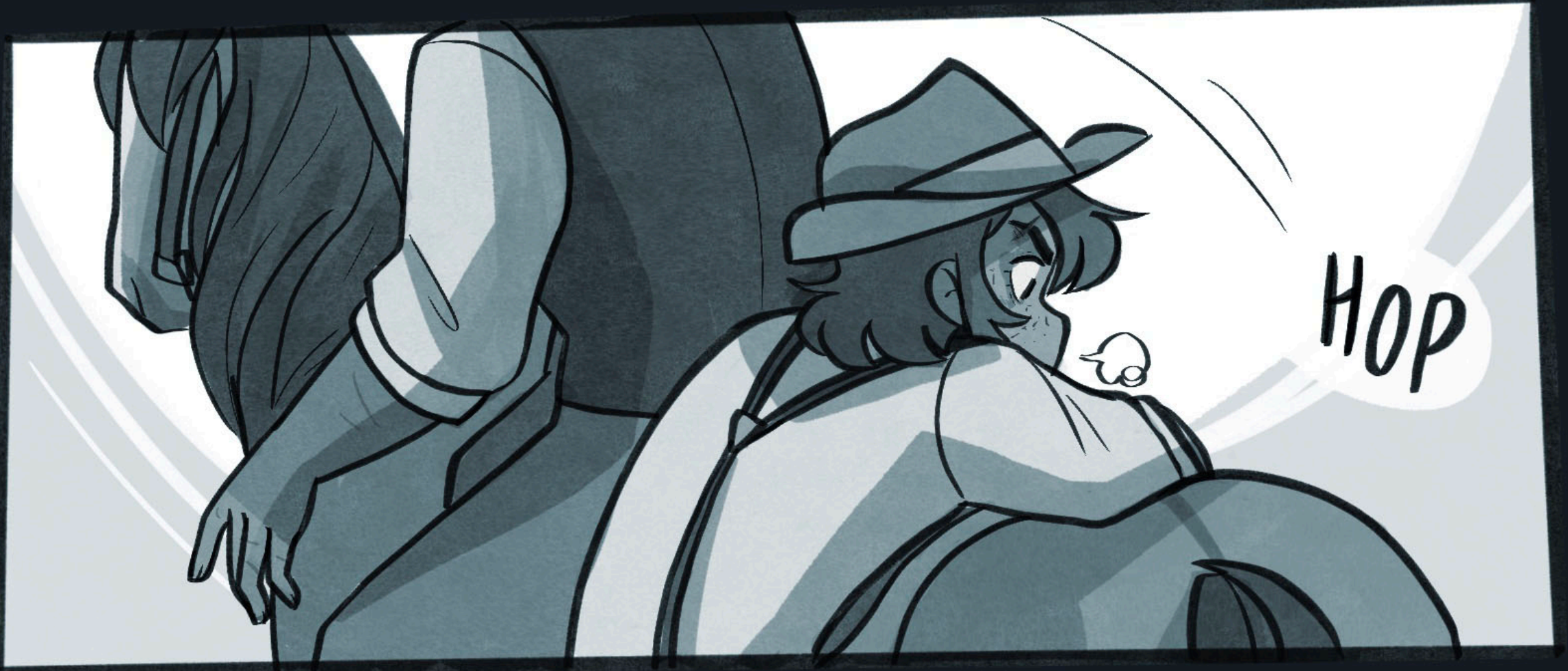


HOP ON!



HOW DO I
GET UP?

GRAB THE
SADDLE I'LL
HELP YA!



HOP



KICK



SWING YER
RIGHT LEG UP.

I GOTCHA.

Wobble

THAT'S IT YOU
GOT IT!

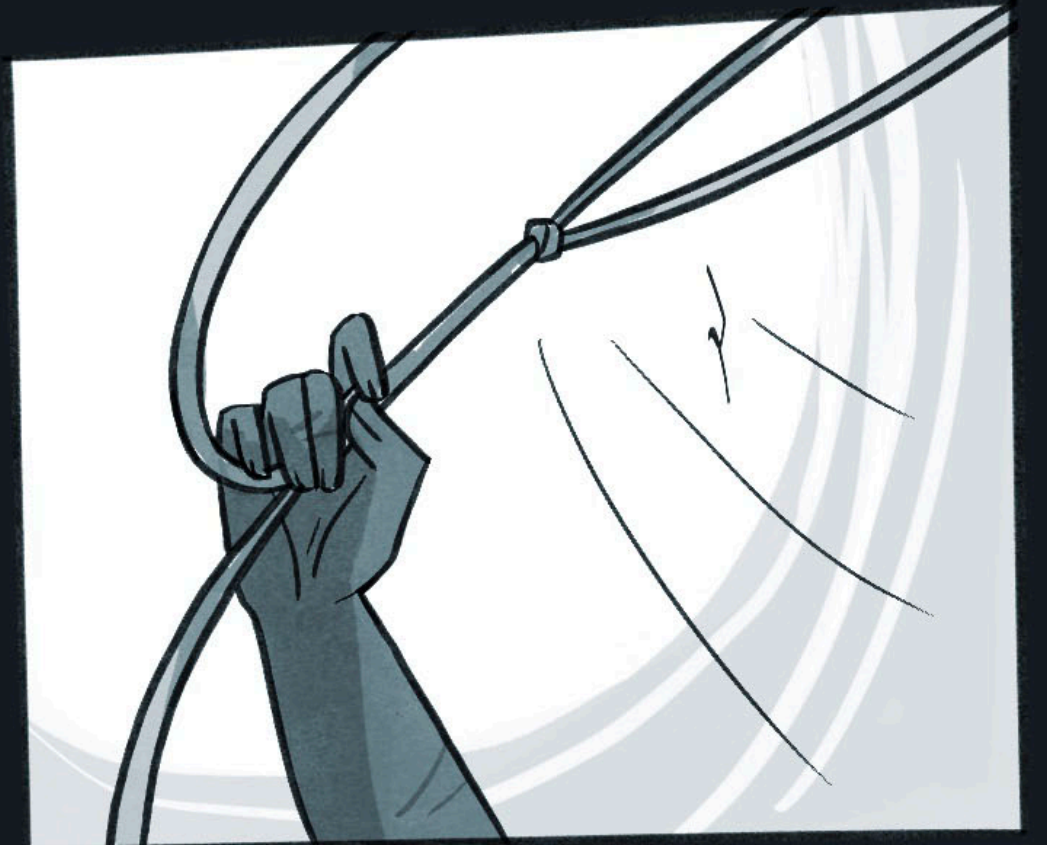


ALRIGHT.



YER GONNA
WANNA HOLD
ON.





WOAAAAHH,
EASY, EASY!

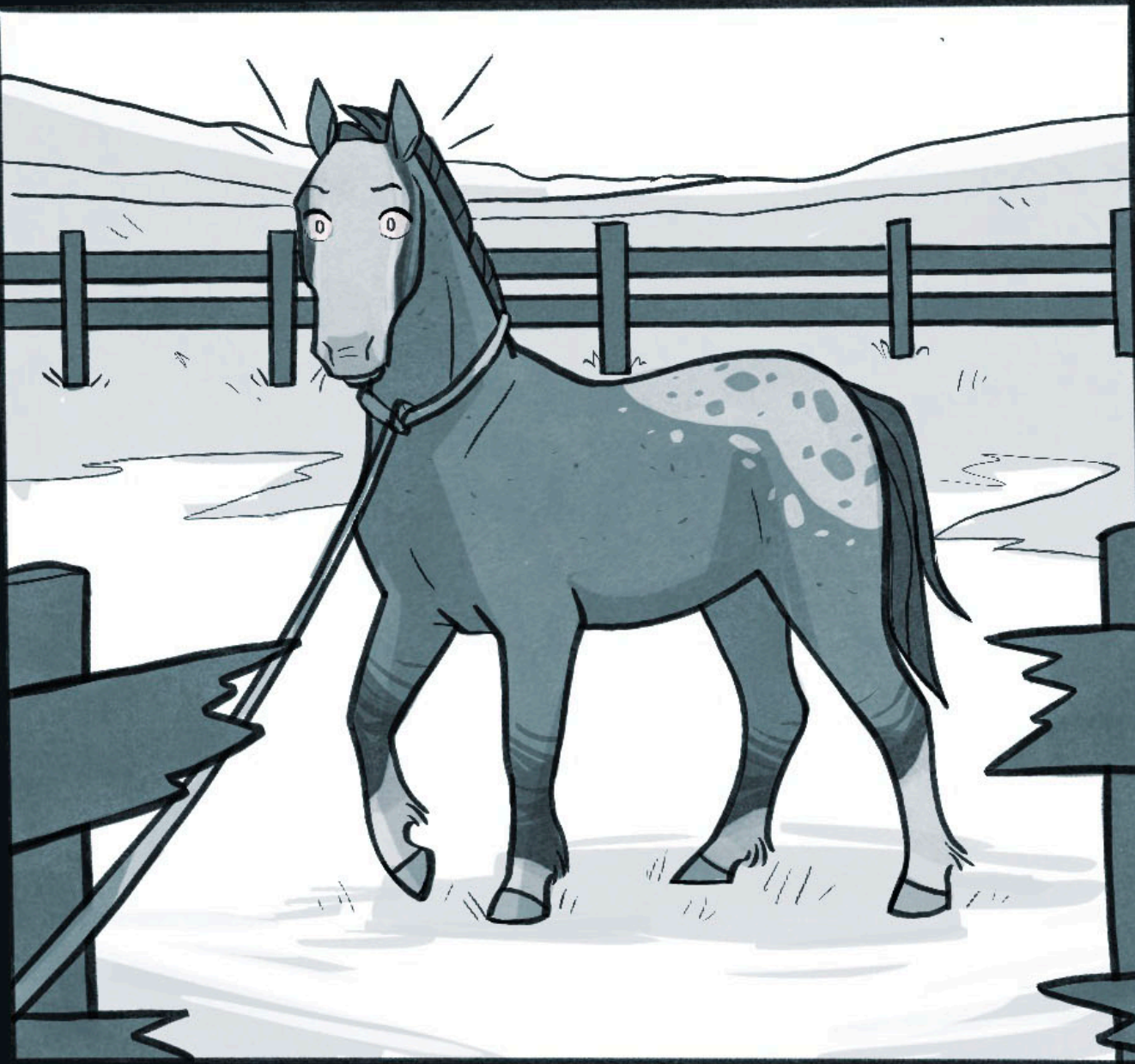
SHE TRUSTS
YOU, TALK HER
DOWN.

C'MON ROAN,
IT'S ALRIGHT!

SNORT

TAP
TAP

KICK

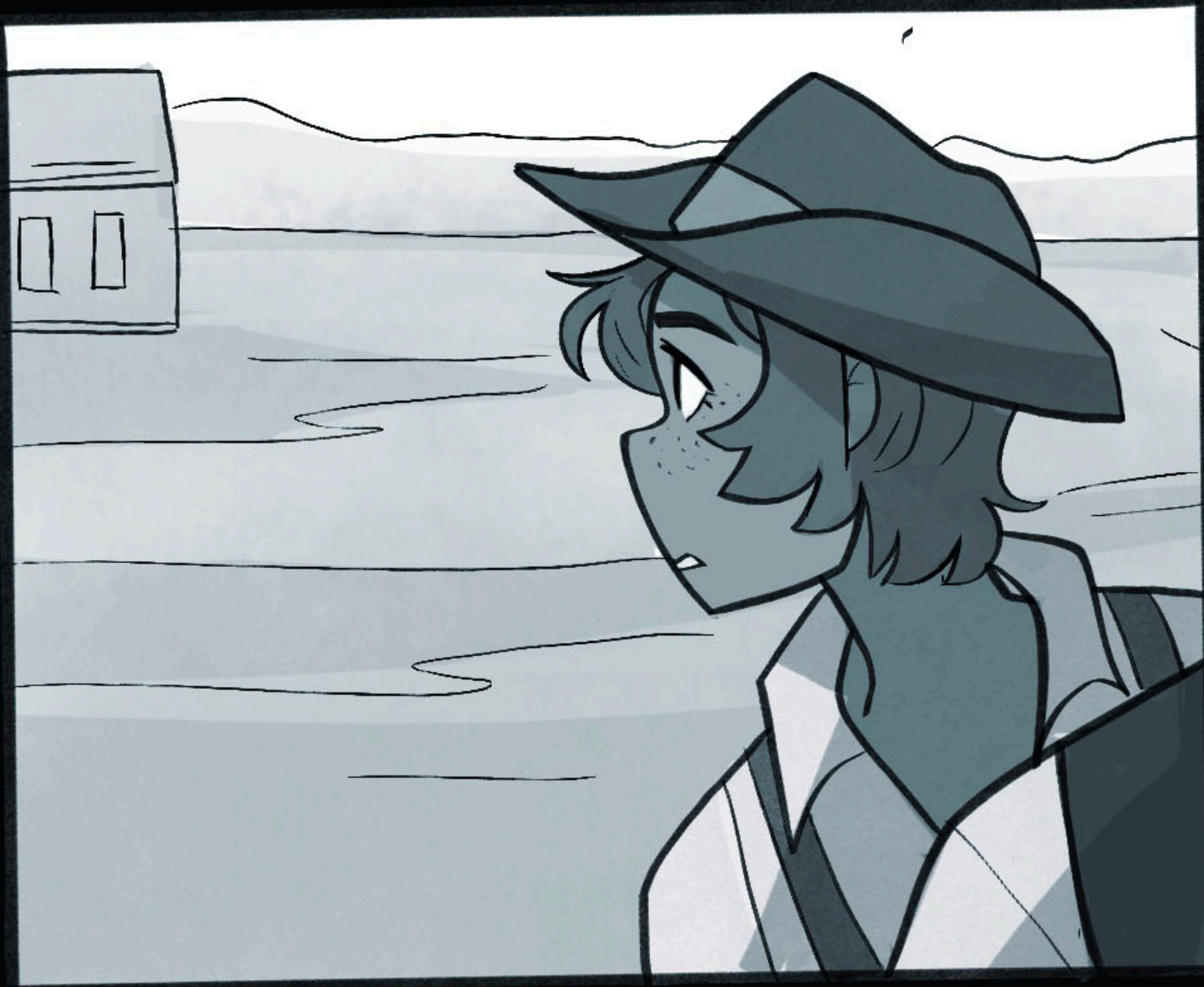






WELL

THAT TAKES CARE OF THAT.

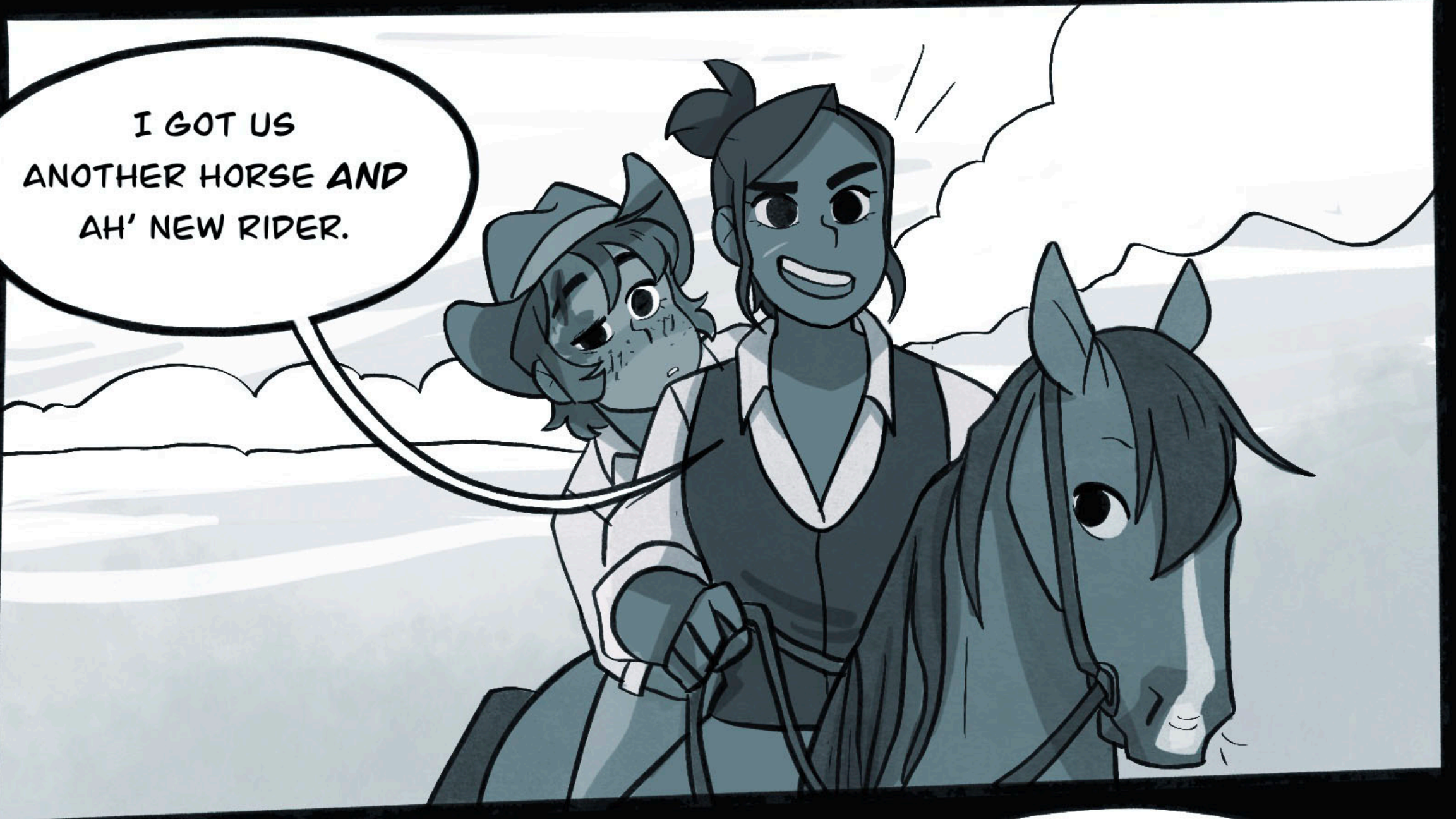




HOWDY!

HOWDY BOSS!

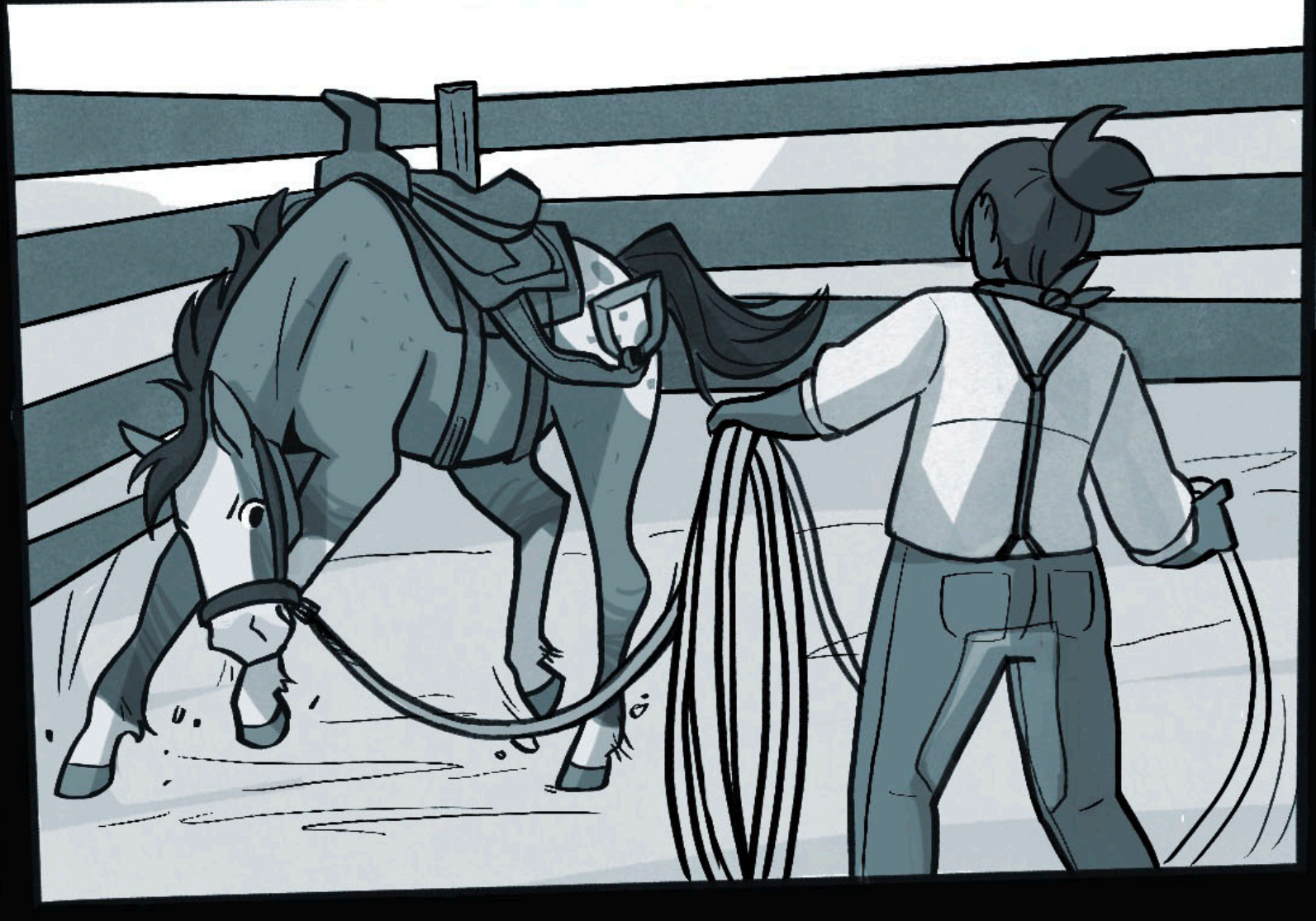
I THOUGHT YOU WAS GETTING US ANOTHER HORSE?

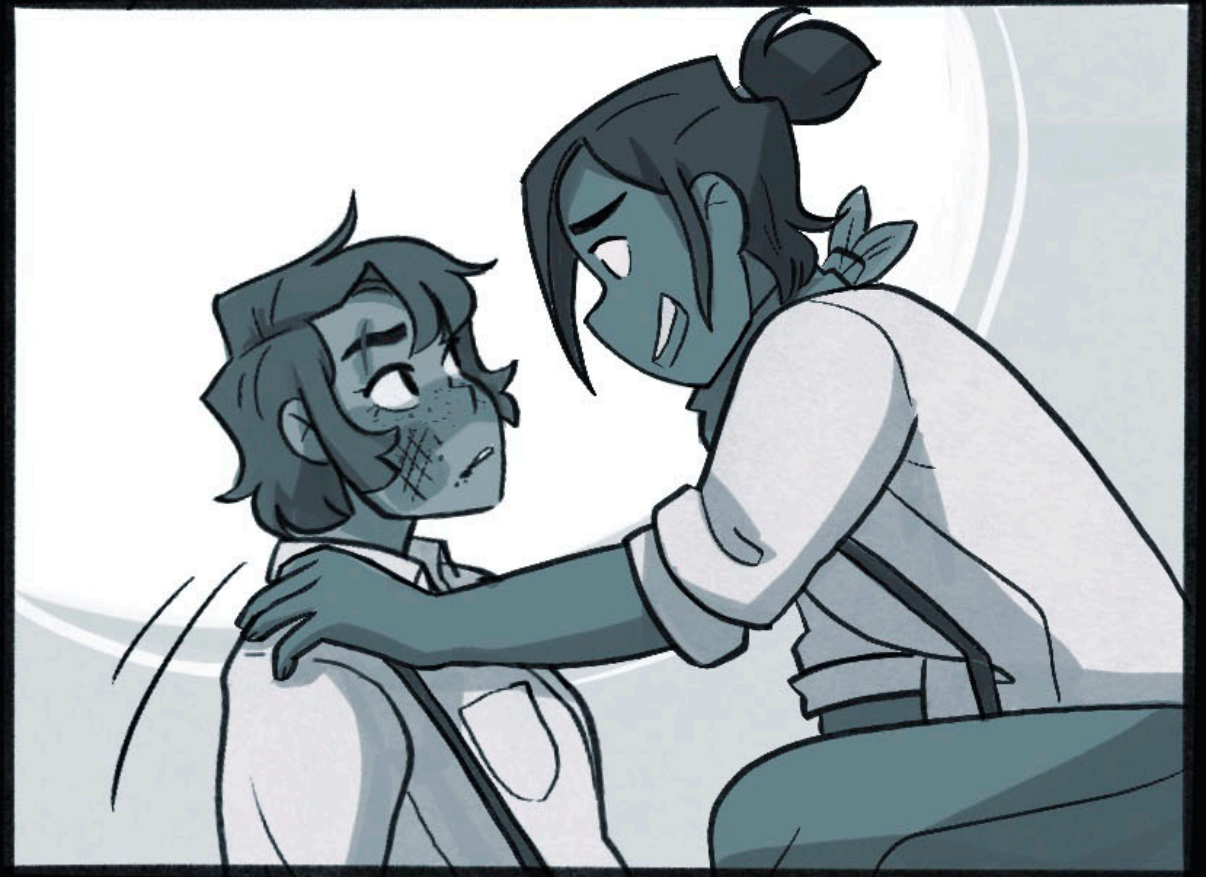
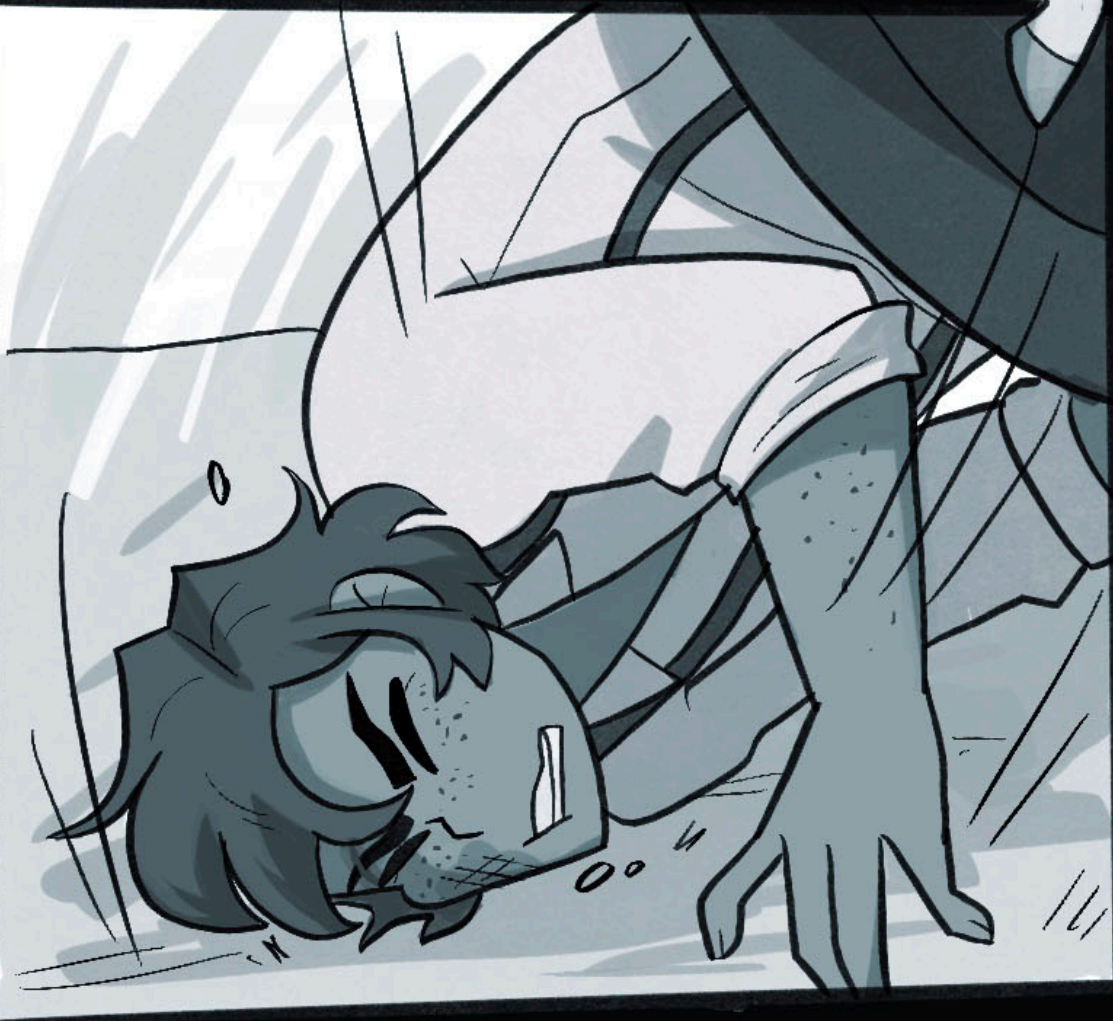
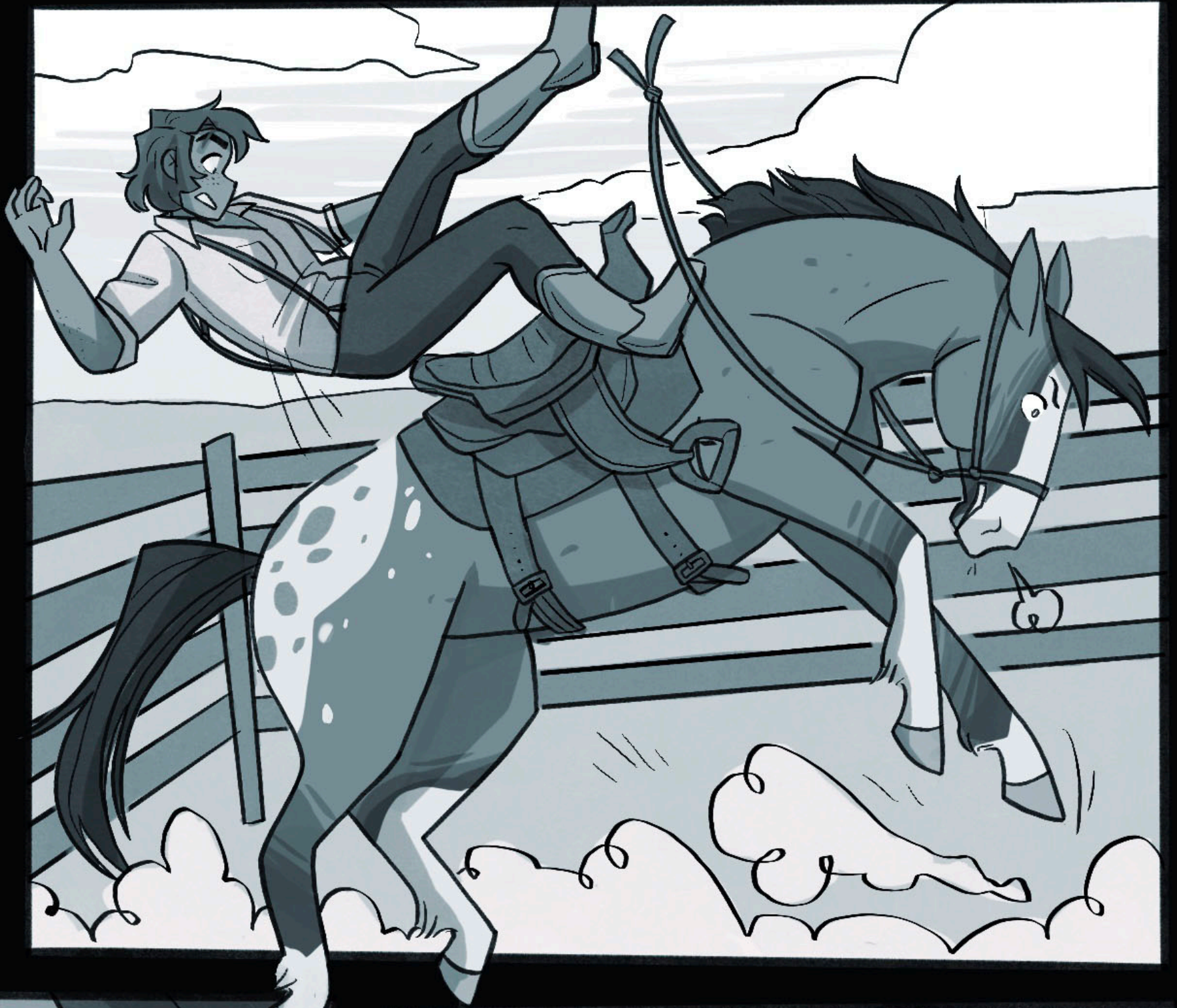
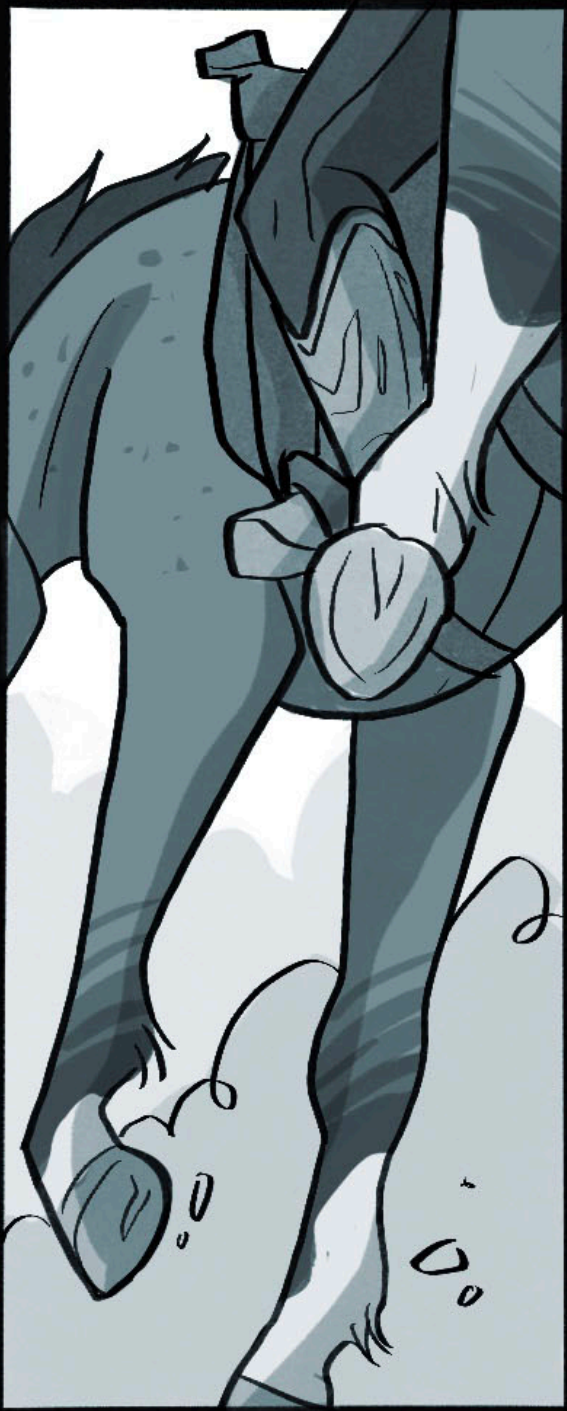


I GOT US ANOTHER HORSE AND AH' NEW RIDER.



SHE NEEDS SOME LEARNING BUT WE'LL MAKE A COWBOY OUTTA HER YET.



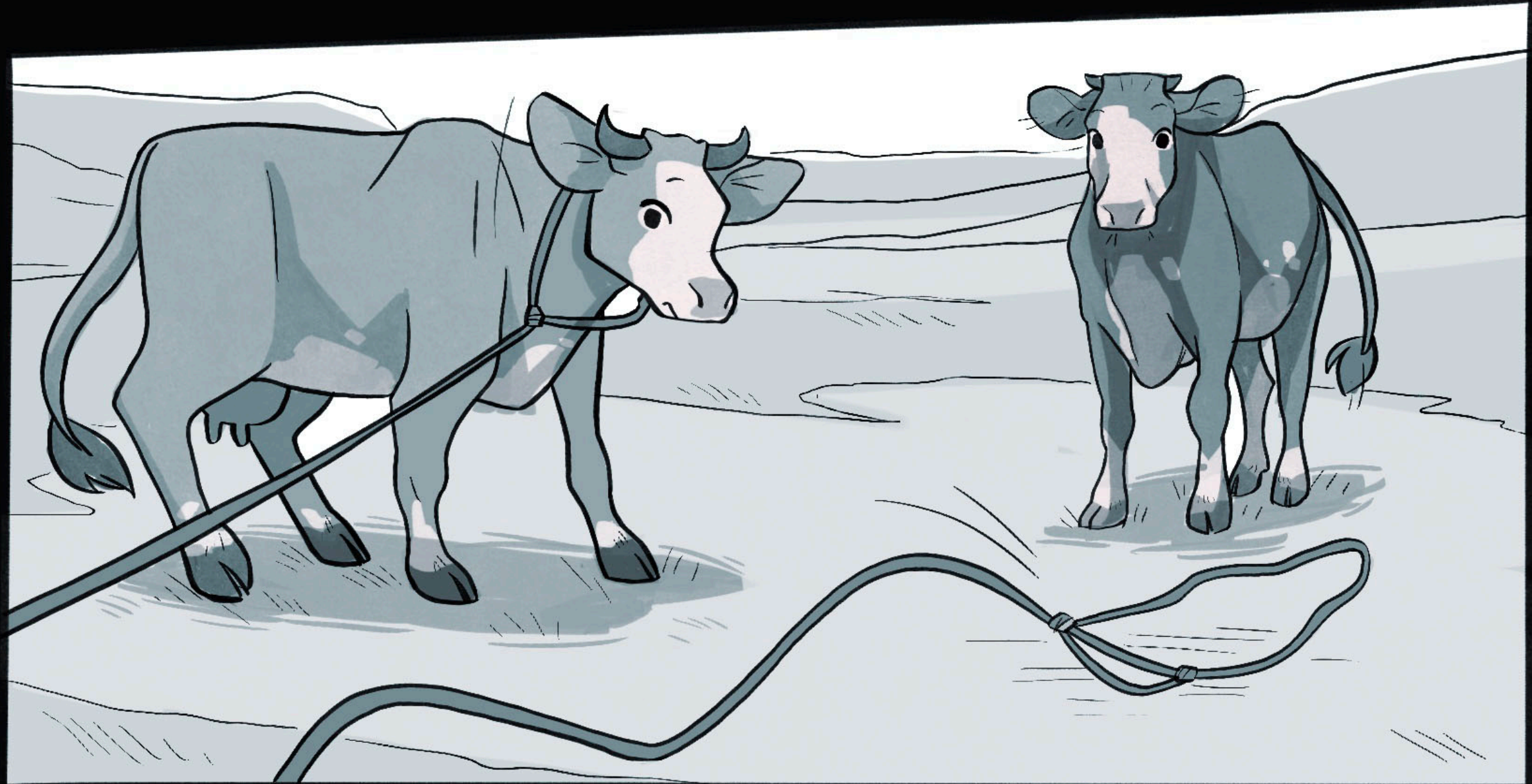
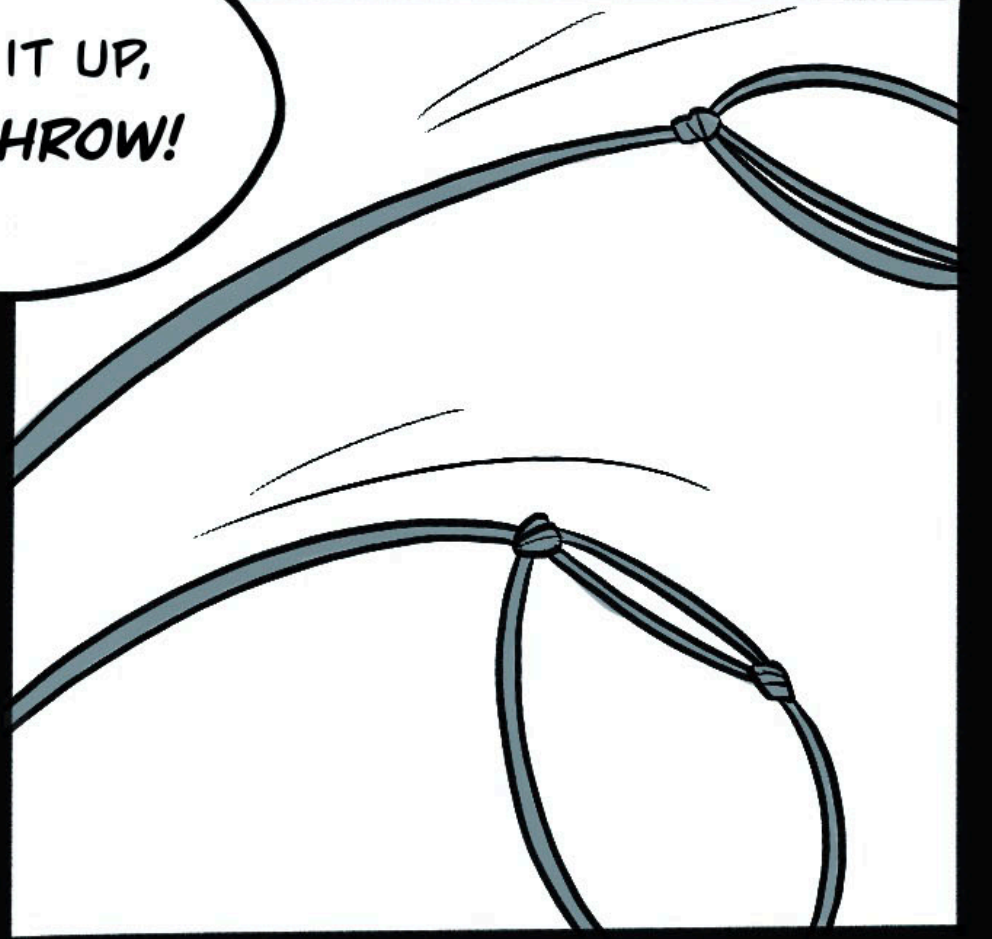




HOLD IT
LIKE THIS.



WIND IT UP,
AND THROW!





DAMMIT!

THIS IS IMPOSSIBLE!

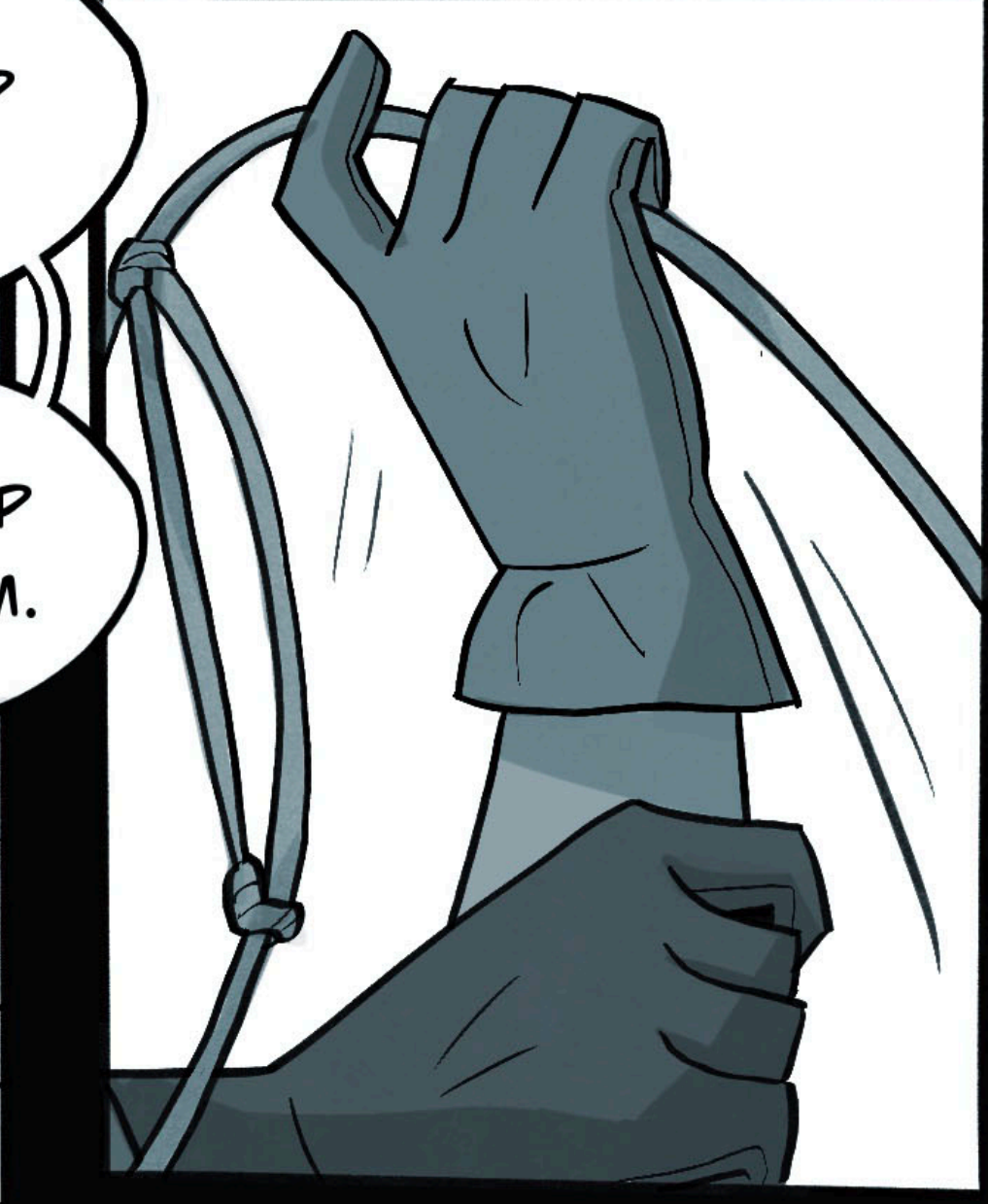
OH, IT'S POSSIBLE.

BUT IT AIN'T EASY.



TAKE A STEP BACK.

RAISE UP YER ARM.





GET IT
AIRBORNE USING
YER WRIST.

AND
THROW!



I GOT
IT!



SEE, IT'S NOT
SO BAD.

GRAB





SHH SHH
THERE!



THAT'S THE
SHOT.







'SCUSE ME FOR BARGING IN.

I JUST WANTED TO SAY I'M PROUD AH' HOW FAR YOU'VE COME.

AND I THINK IT'S BOUT TIME WE MAKE YA AN OFFICIAL BIG CAT.



BOSS,



HOW'S THAT?



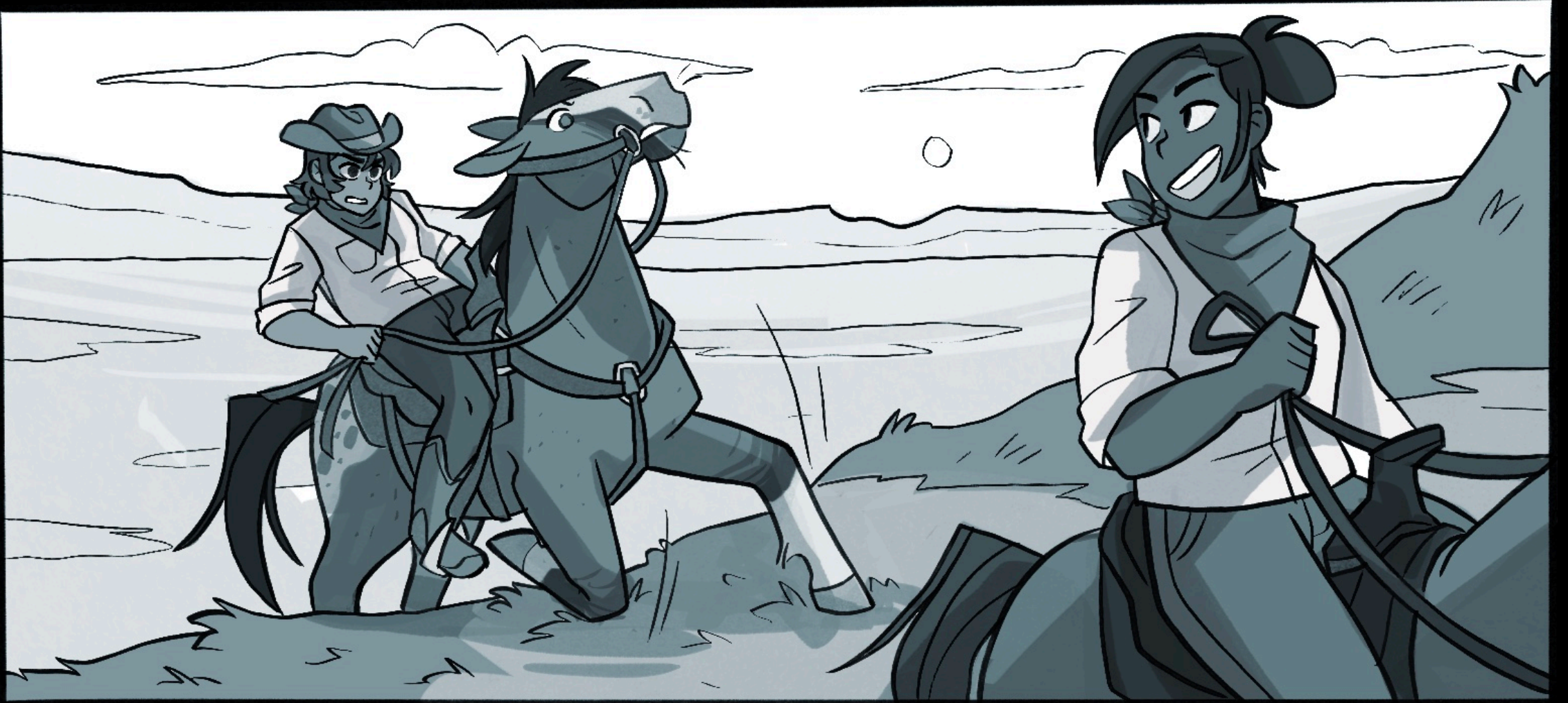


WHAT DO YA SAY TO A
CELEBRATORY TRAIL
RIDE?



COURSE'
BOSS.







IF YOU
COULD HAVE
ANYTHING WHAT
WOULD IT BE.

I'VE ALWAYS
WANTED A
GUITAR.



A
GUITAR!?

THAT'S
IT?



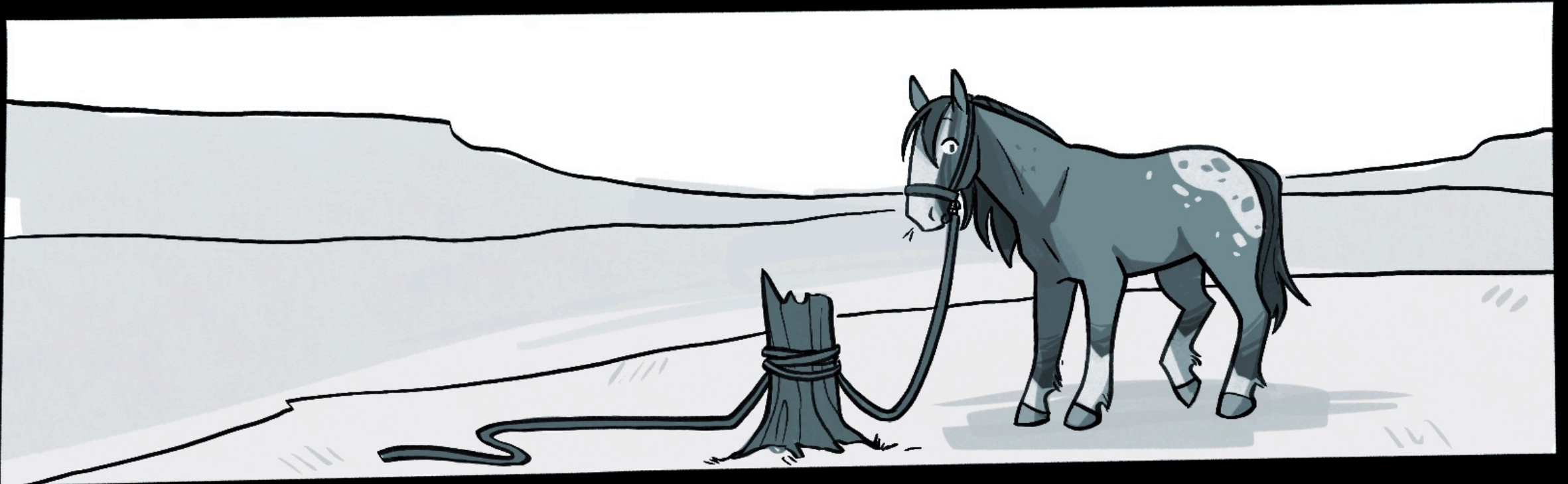
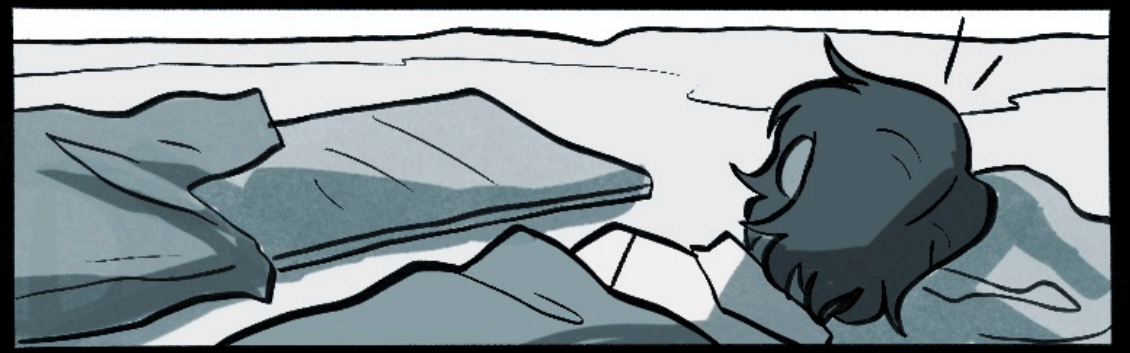
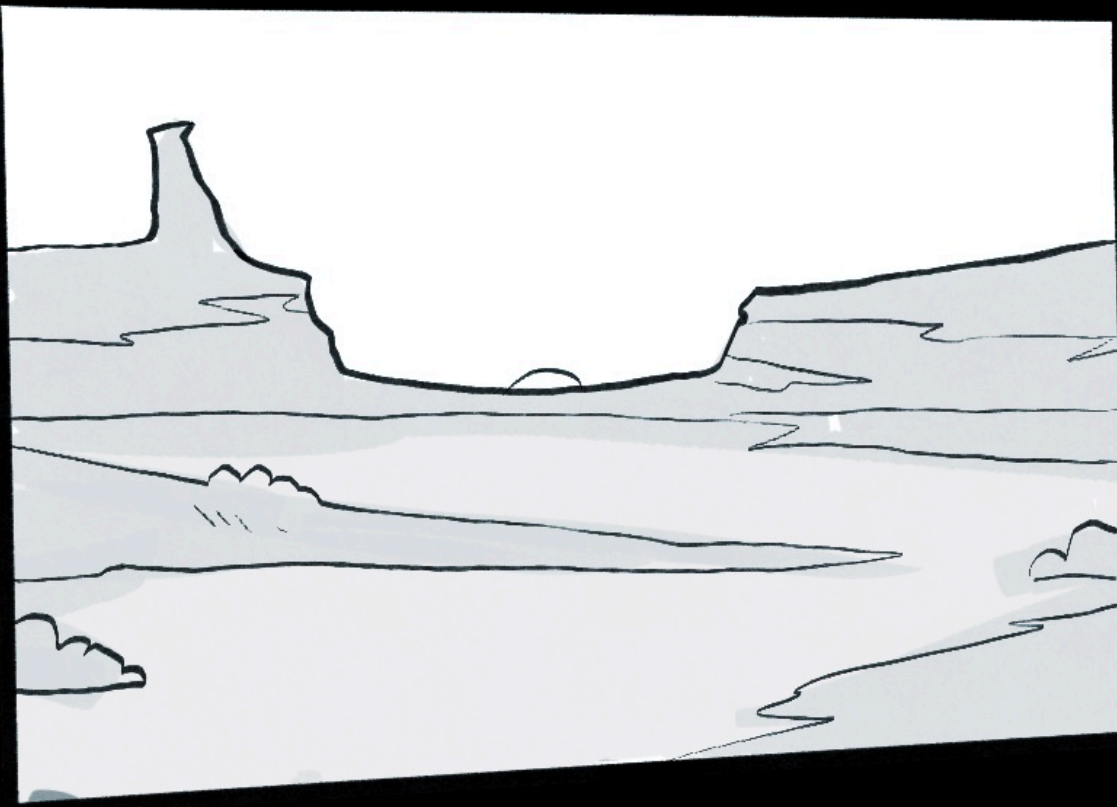
ROLL

I-I
WANNA PLAY
FOR THE GANG!

IS
THAT SO
STUPID?

NAH, IT
AIN'T STUPID AT
ALL.







WAVE

HOWDY!



HOPE I DIDN'T
GIVE YA TOO BAD A
FRIGHT!



BOSS!
WHERE'D YA
GO.

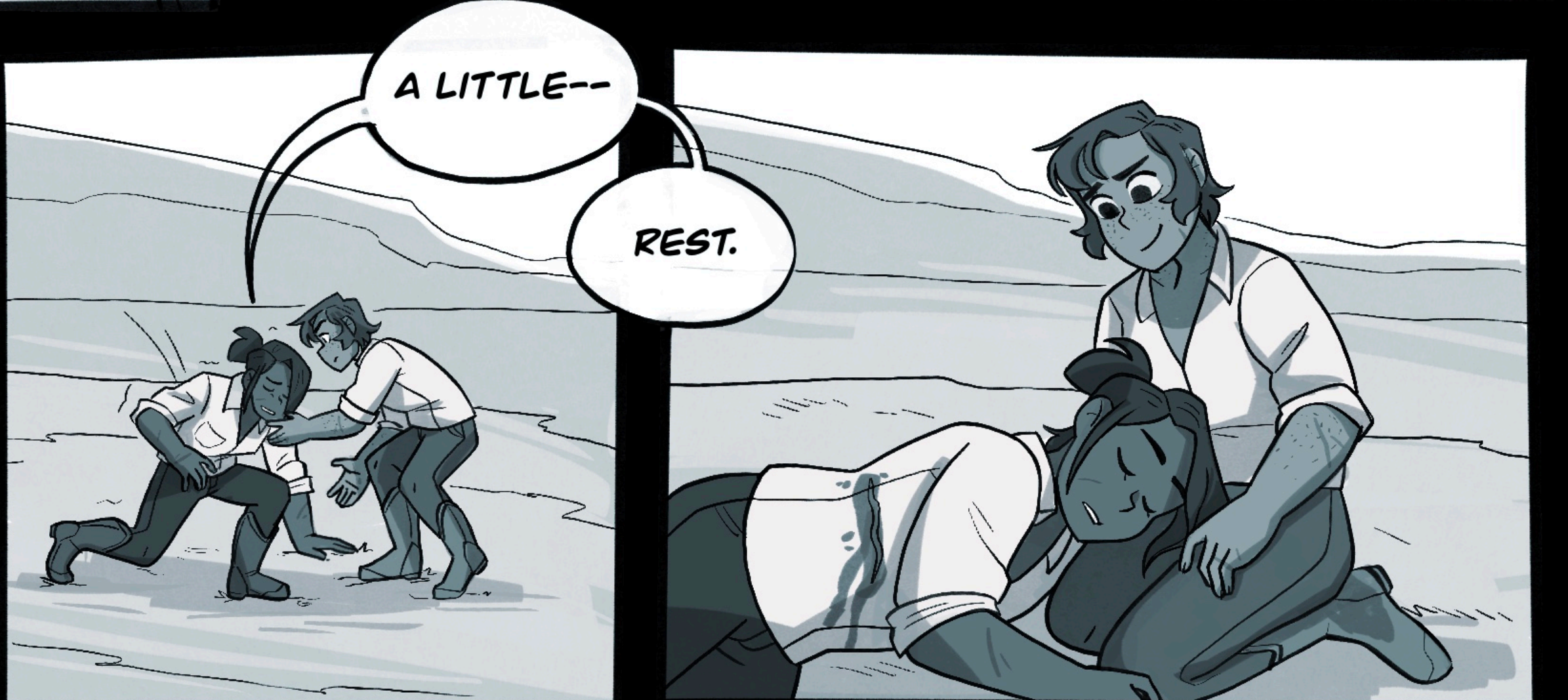
WENT FOR
A MORNING
RIDE.

THAT
AND ...

I PICKED THIS
UP FOR YA!



A GUITAR?
HOW'D YA FIND
ONE!?



~ PRESENT DAY ~





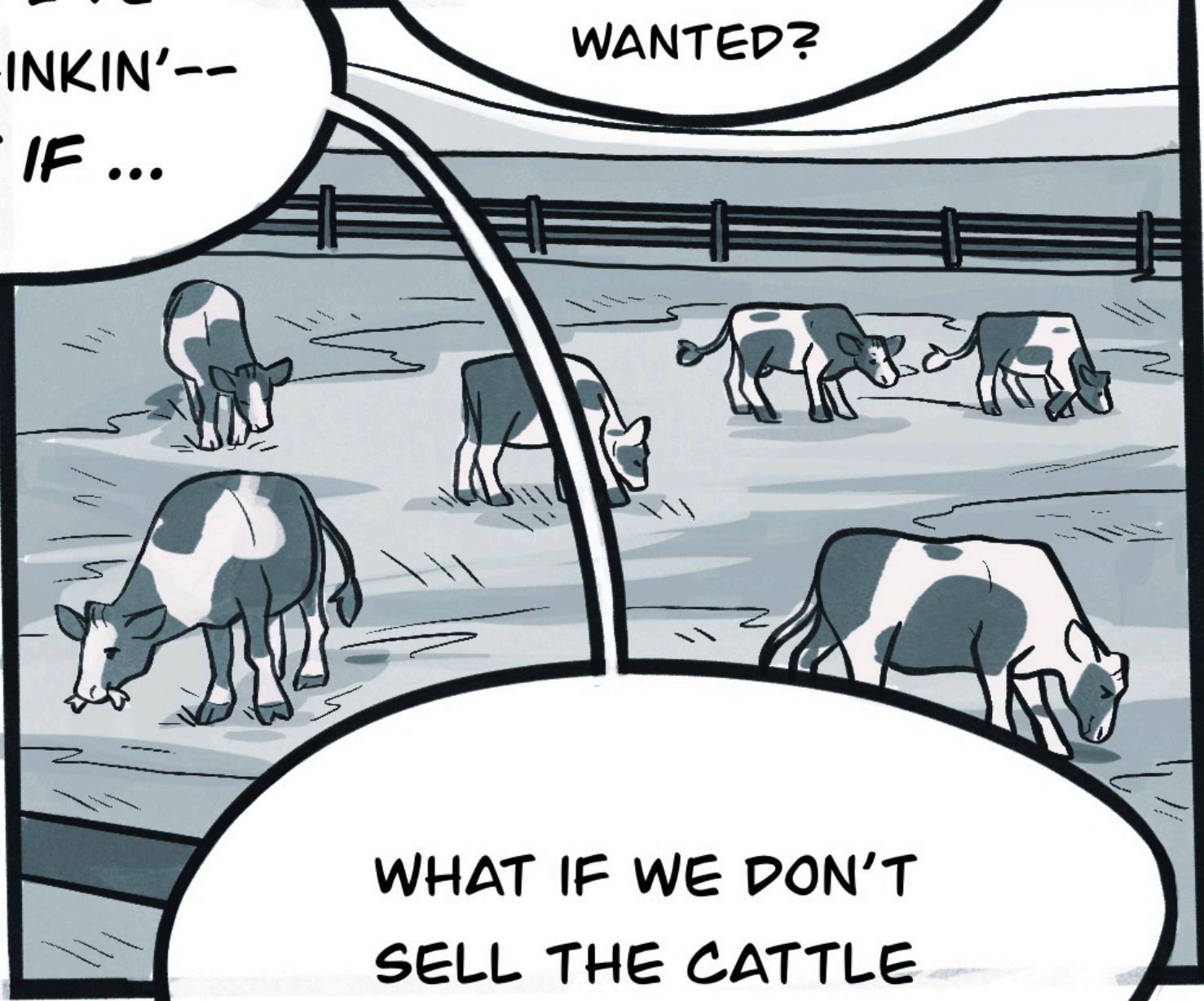
YES?



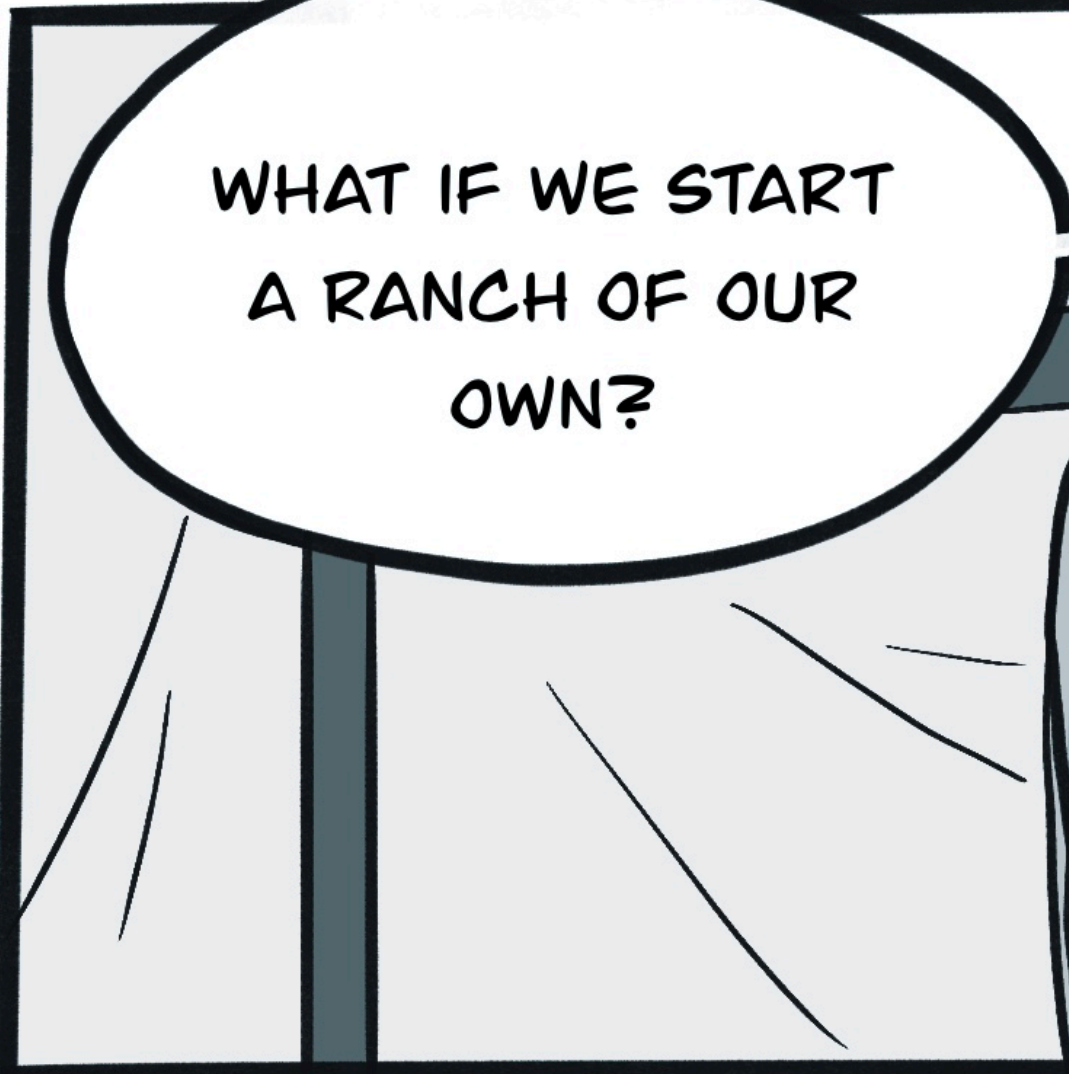
MEMBER' WHEN YA ASKED ME IF THERE WAS ANYTHING I WANTED?



WELL, I'VE BEEN THINKIN'-- WHAT IF ...



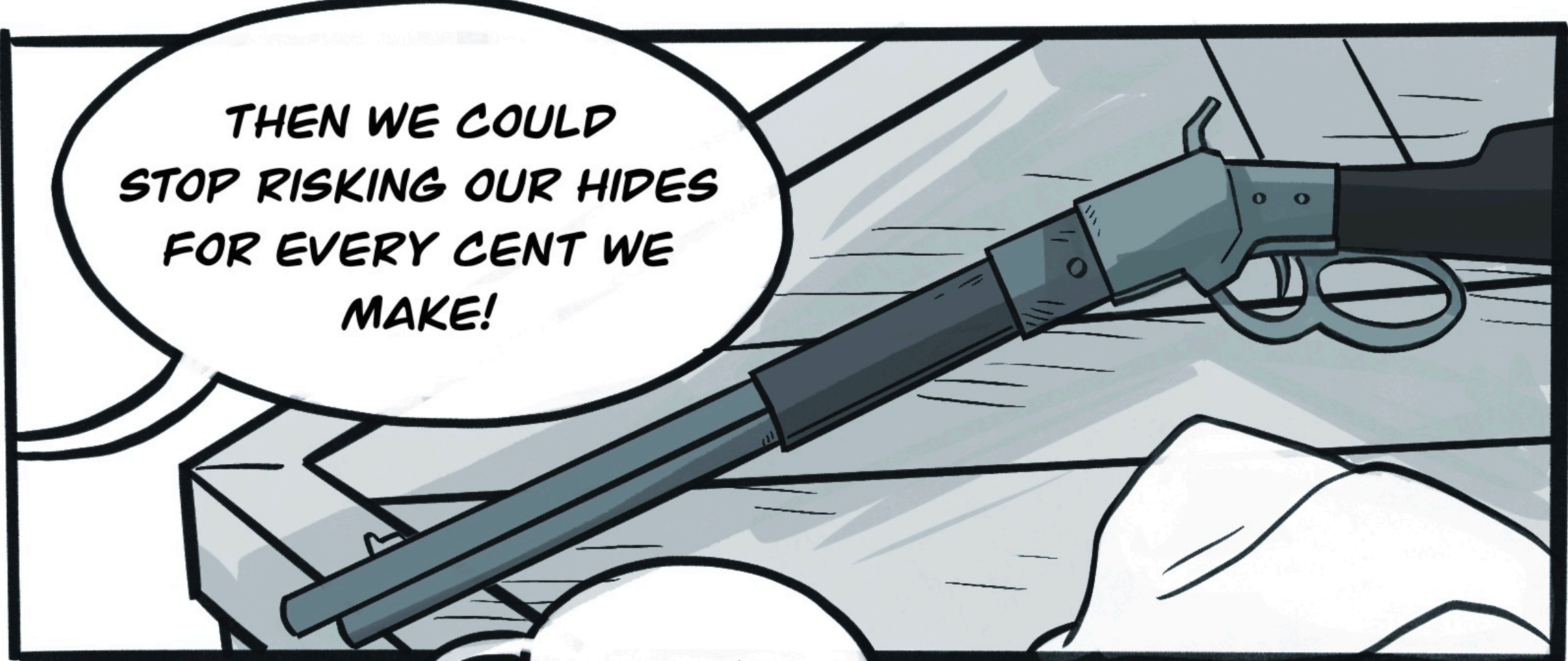
WHAT IF WE DON'T SELL THE CATTLE RIGHT AWAY.



WHAT IF WE START A RANCH OF OUR OWN?

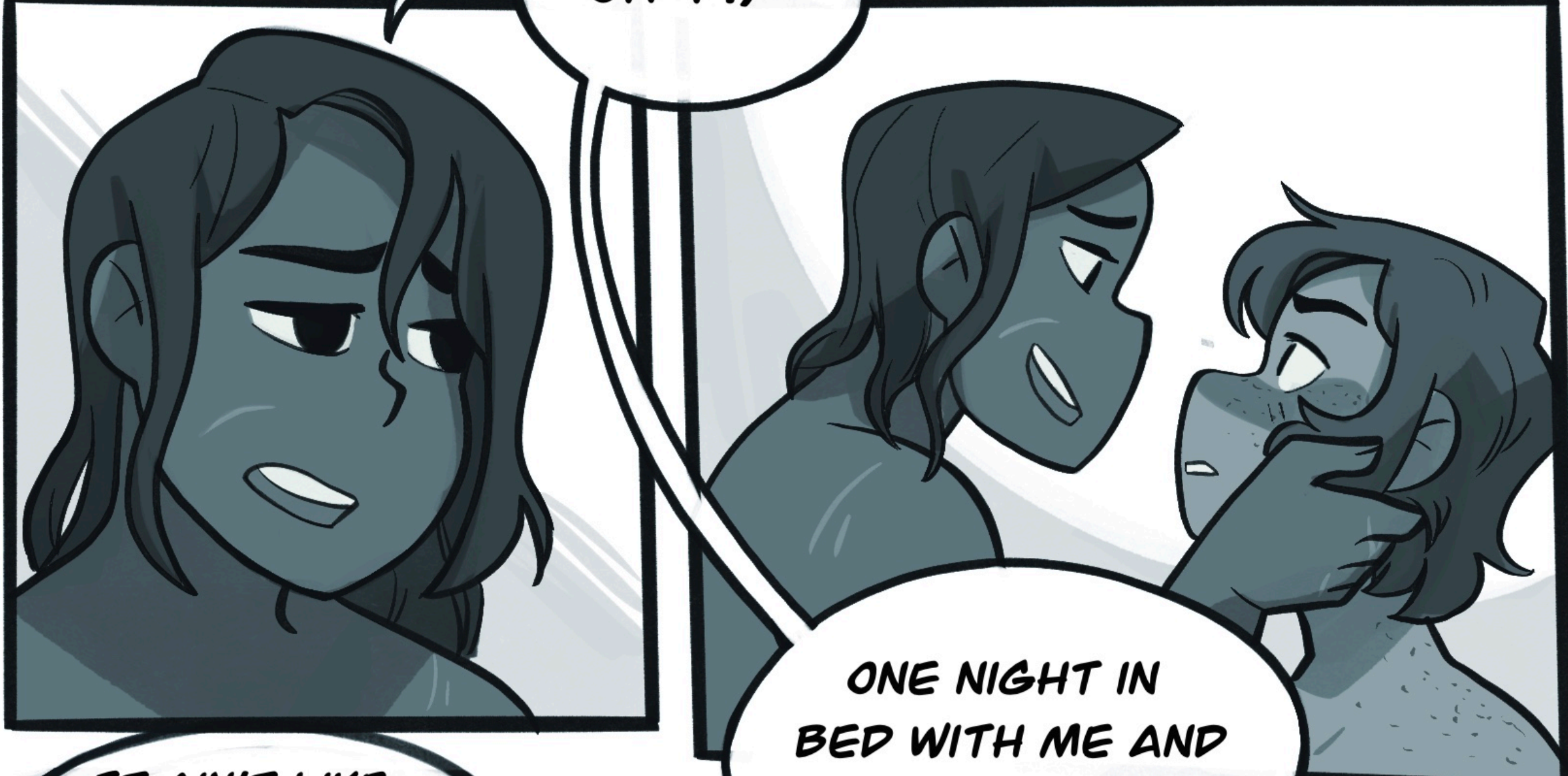


WHAT IF WE START A RANCH OF OUR OWN?



THEN WE COULD
STOP RISKING OUR HIDES
FOR EVERY CENT WE
MAKE!

OH TY,

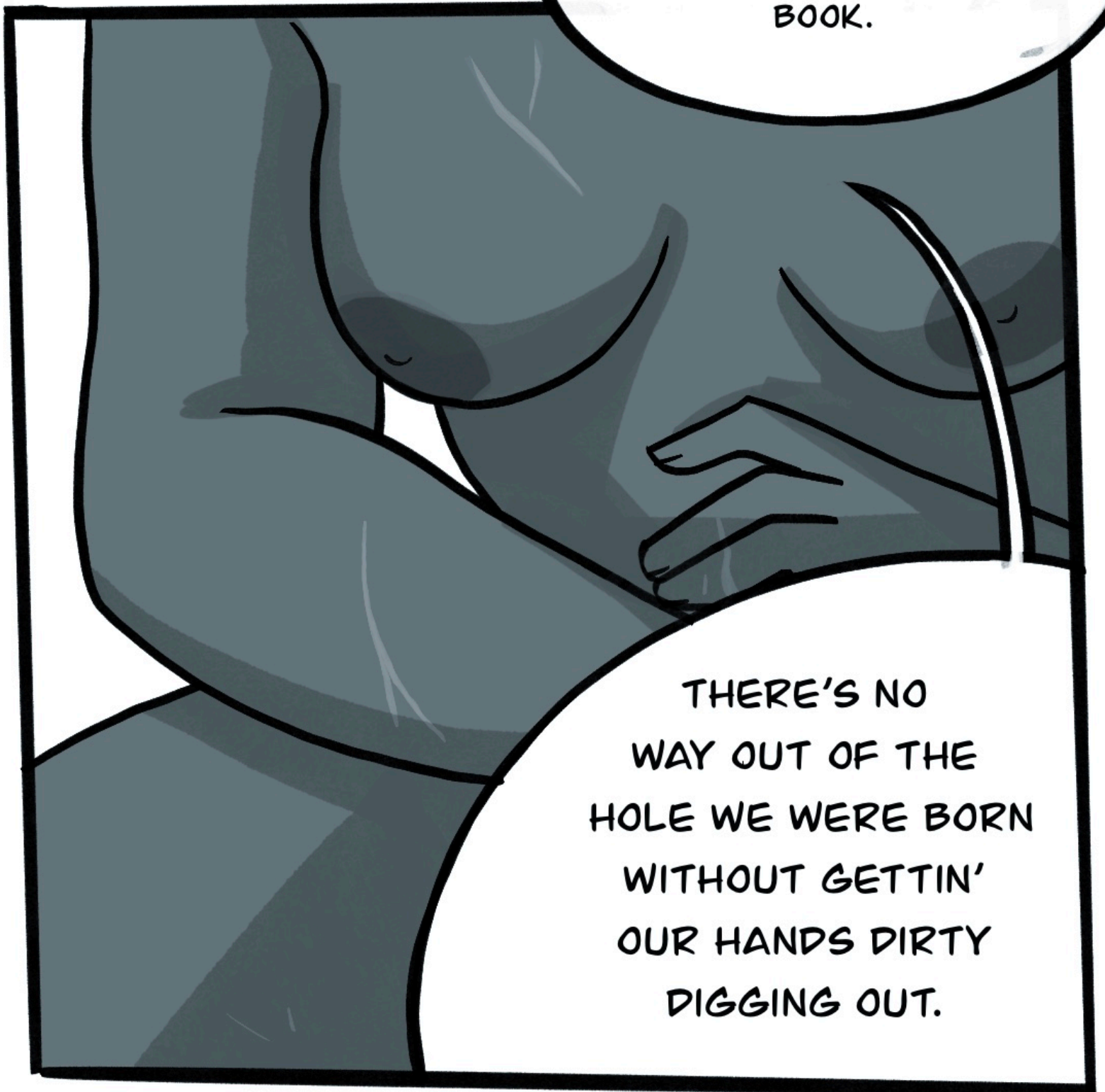
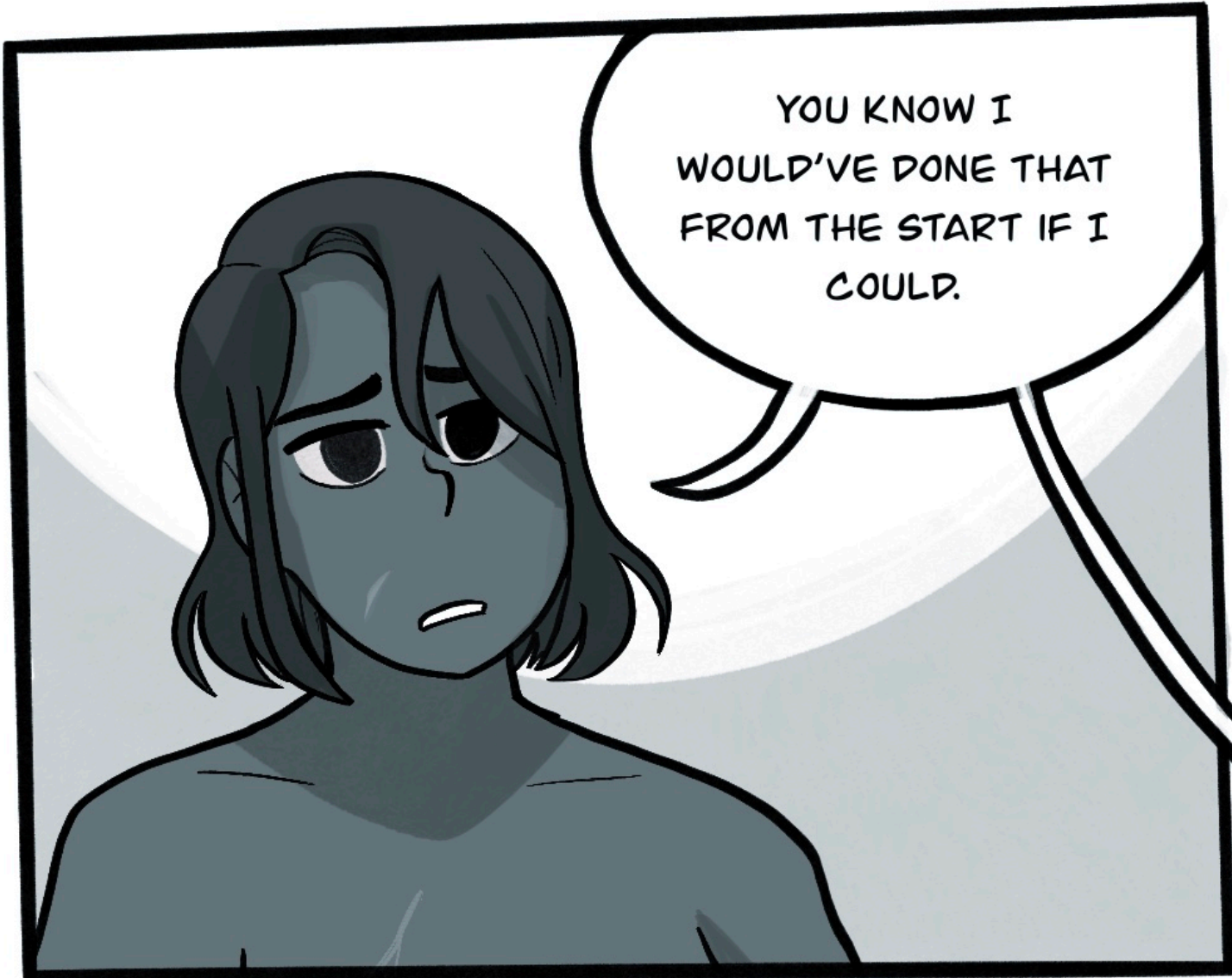


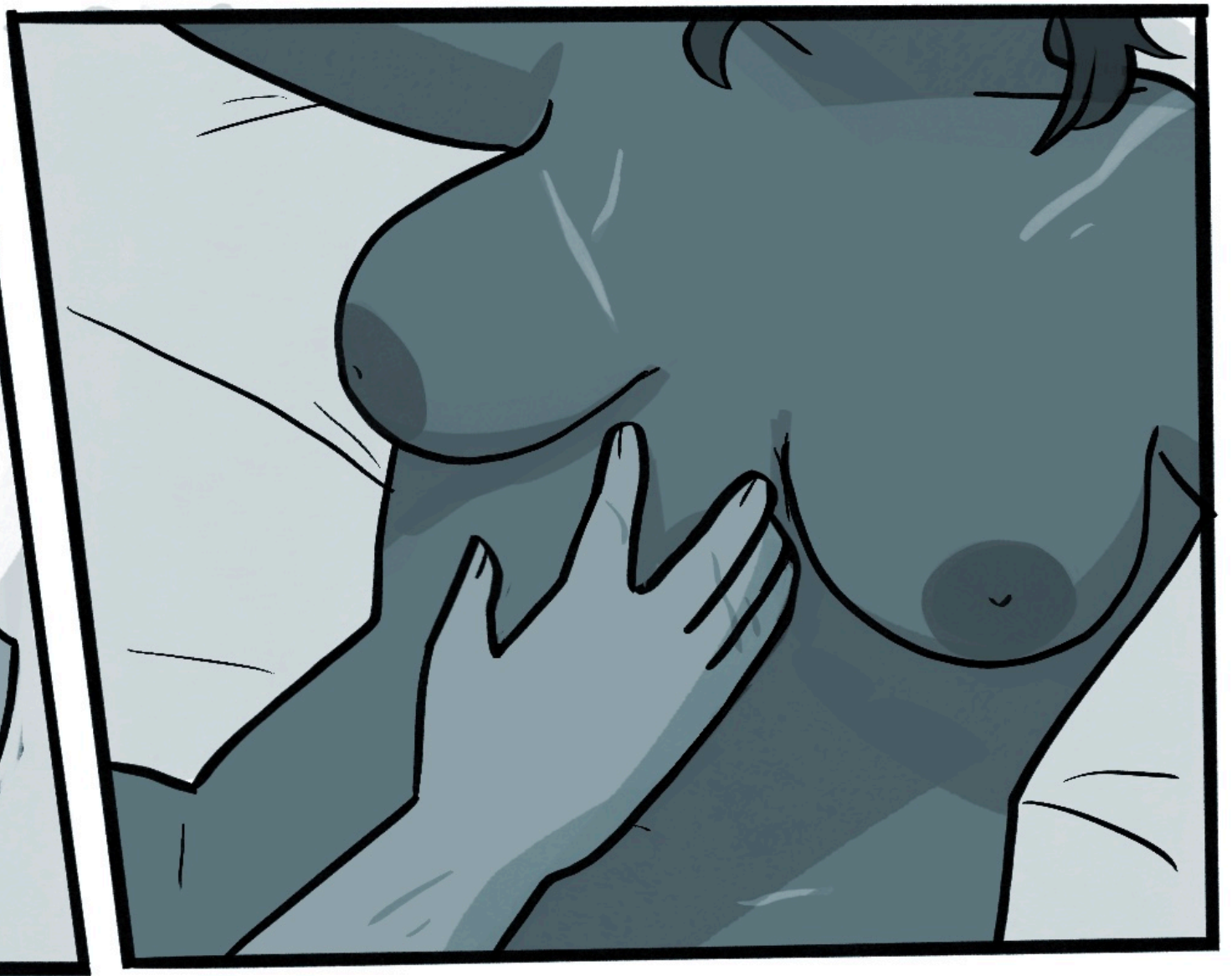
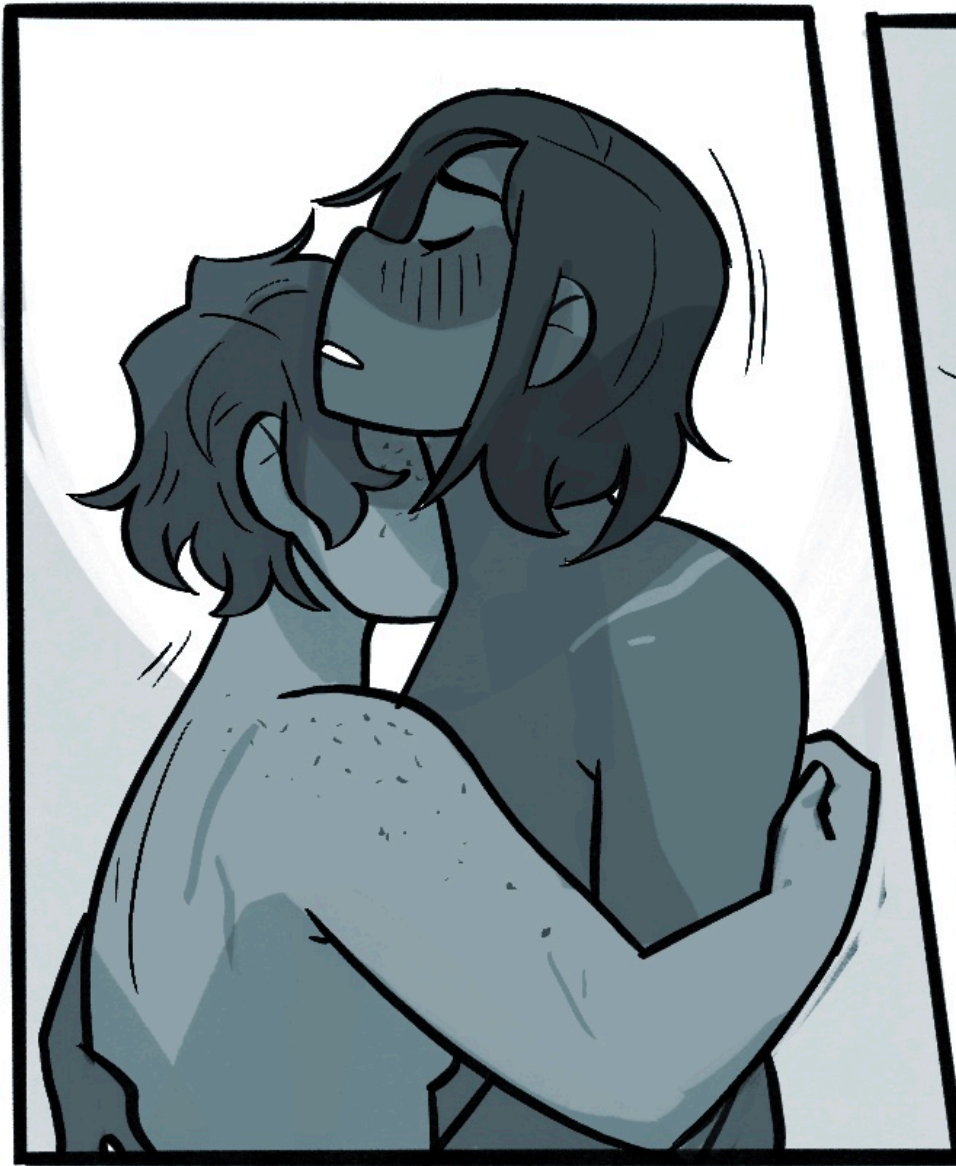
ONE NIGHT IN
BED WITH ME AND
YOU'VE GONE
DOMESTIC!

IT AIN'T LIKE
THAT!
IT'S SOMETHING
I'VE BEEN THINKING
A LONG WHILE.



I WANT A
PLACE WE CAN
DO THINGS
RIGHT!







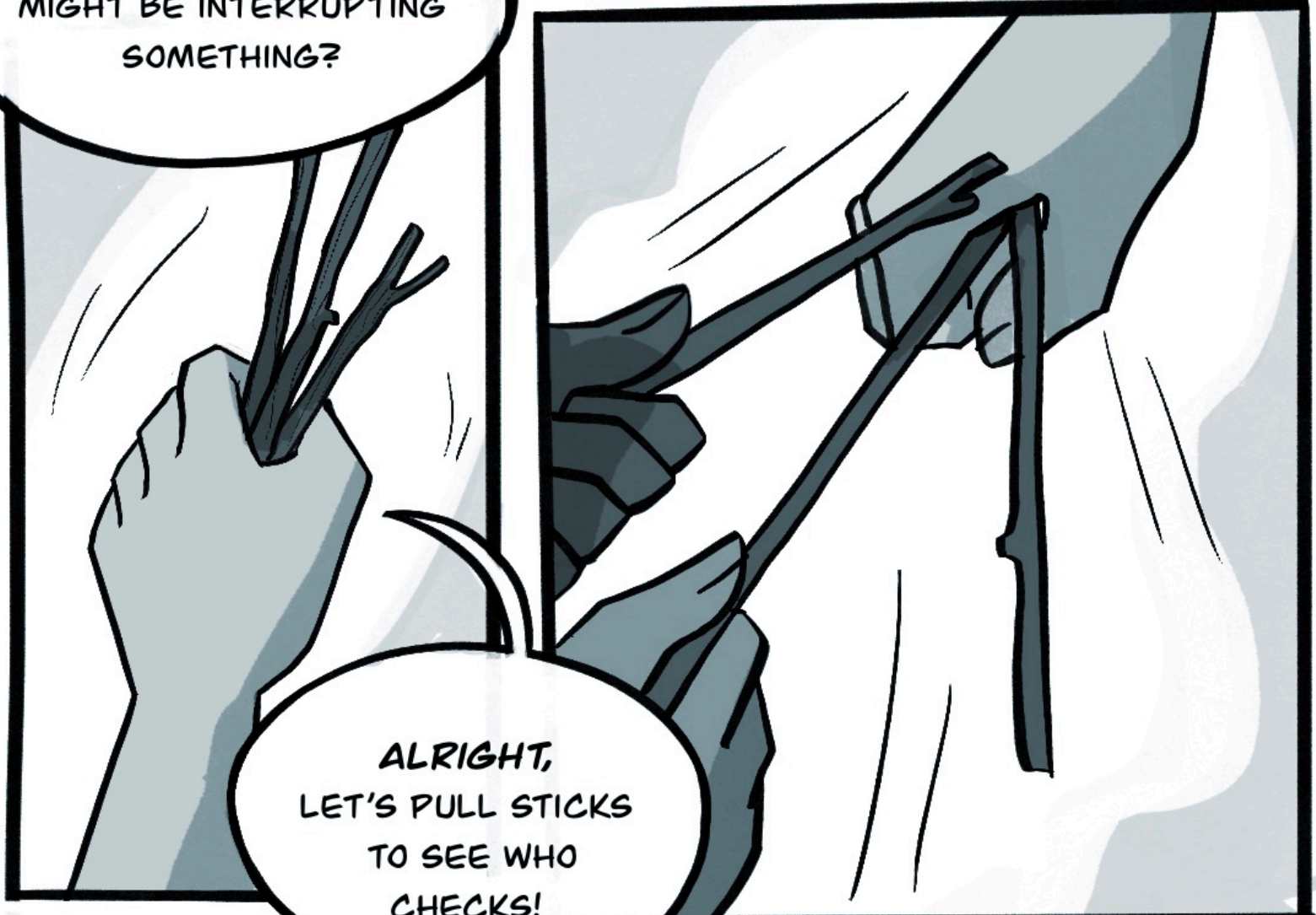
THEY'VE BEEN IN
THERE ALL MORNIN'!
BOSS HATES WHEN SHE
MISSES BREAKFAST!

SHOULD WE
CHECK ON THEM?

Y'ALL DON'T THINK WE
MIGHT BE INTERRUPTING
SOMETHING?



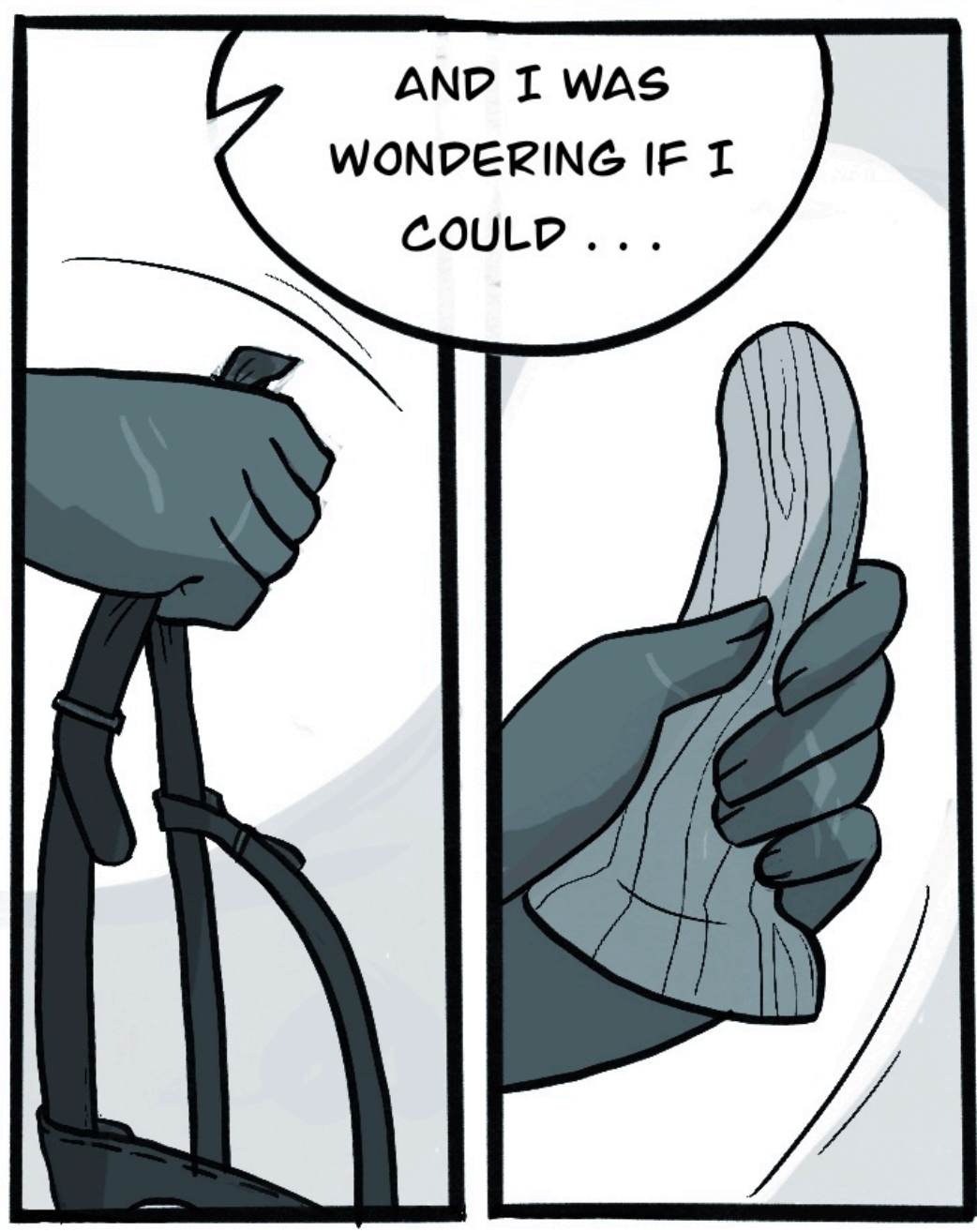
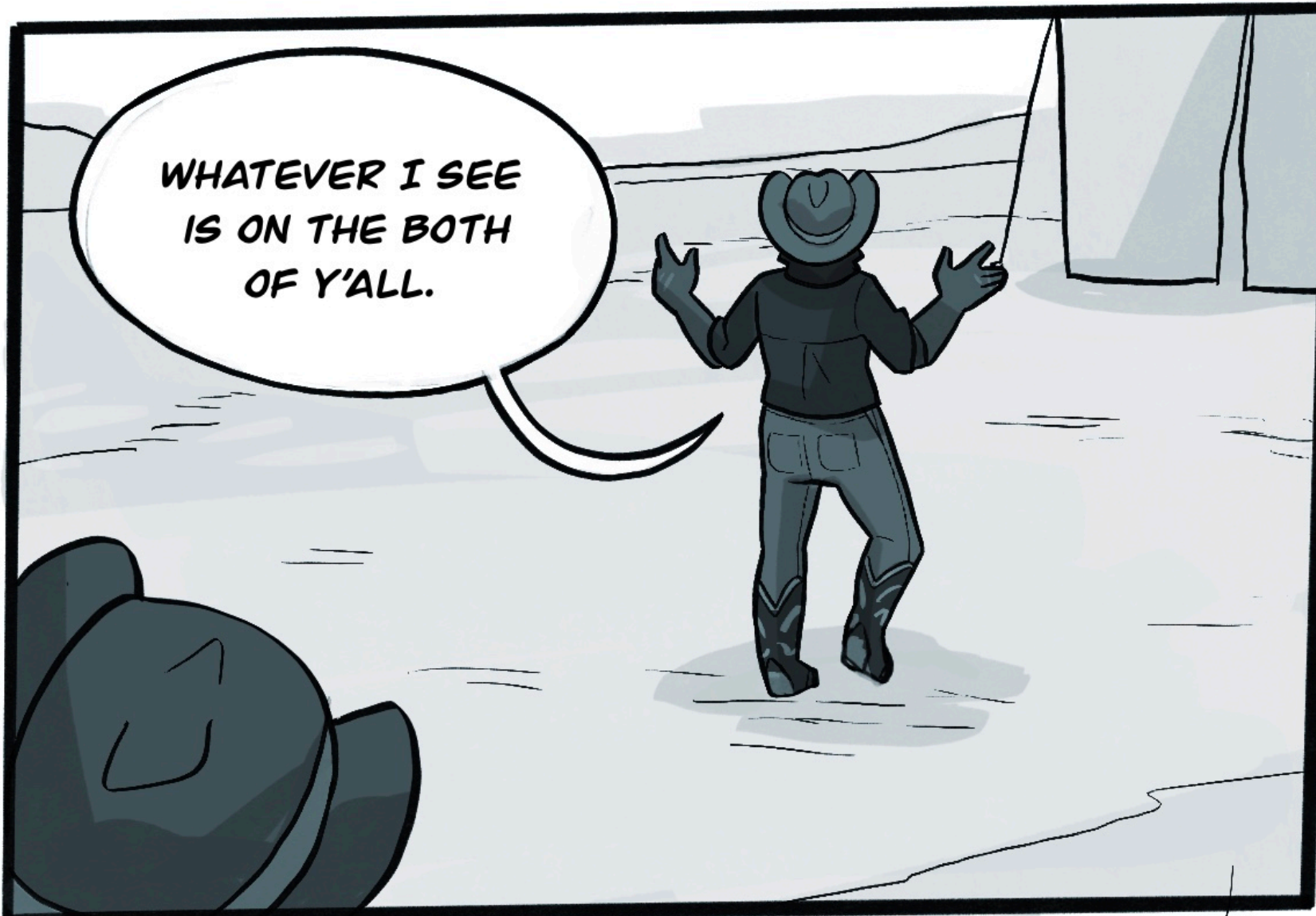
BOSS NEVER
SLEEPS IN, I'M
JUST WORRIED!



ALRIGHT,
LET'S PULL STICKS
TO SEE WHO
CHECKS!



YER KIDDIN'
ME...





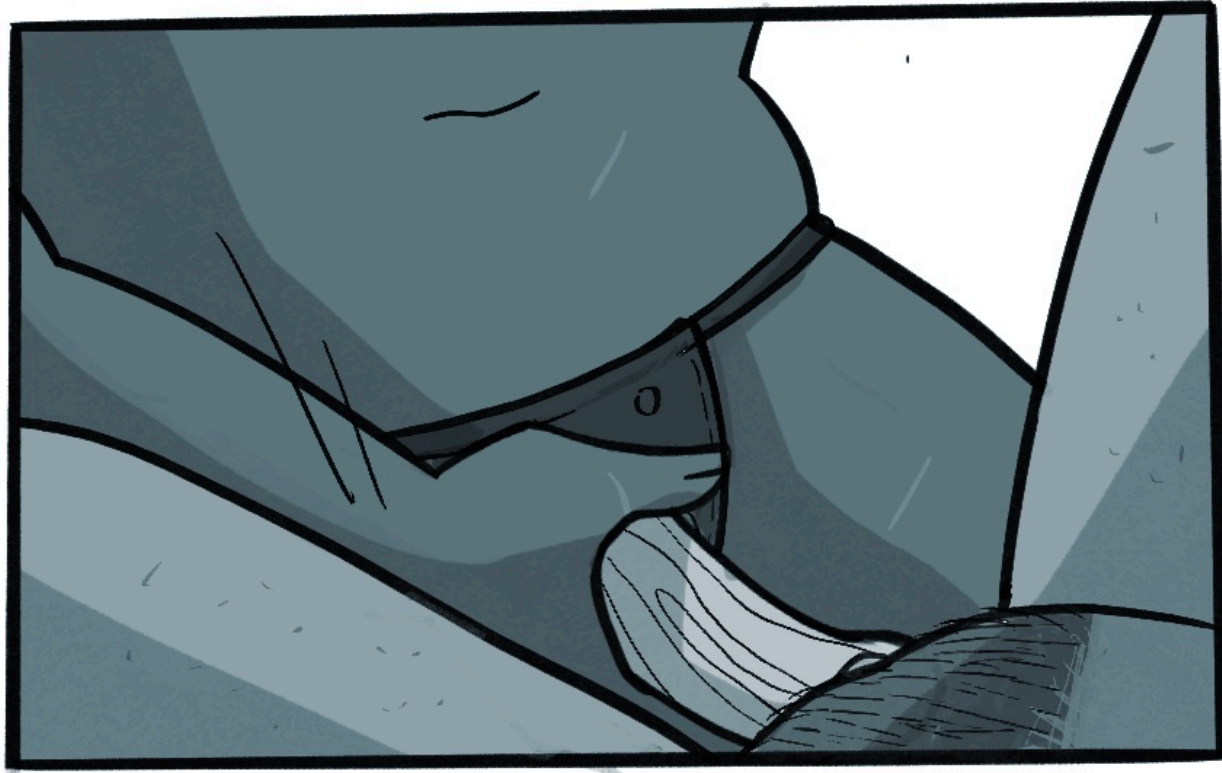
TRY IT WITH YOU?

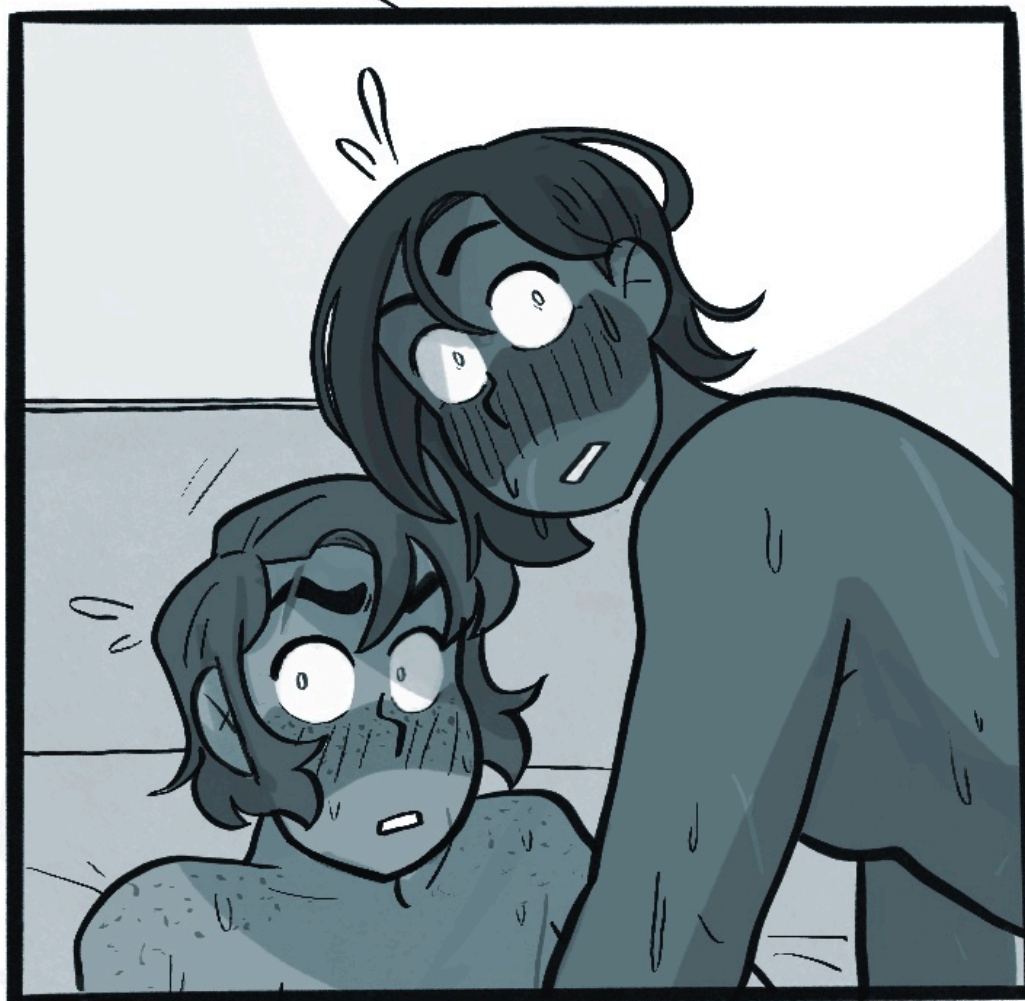
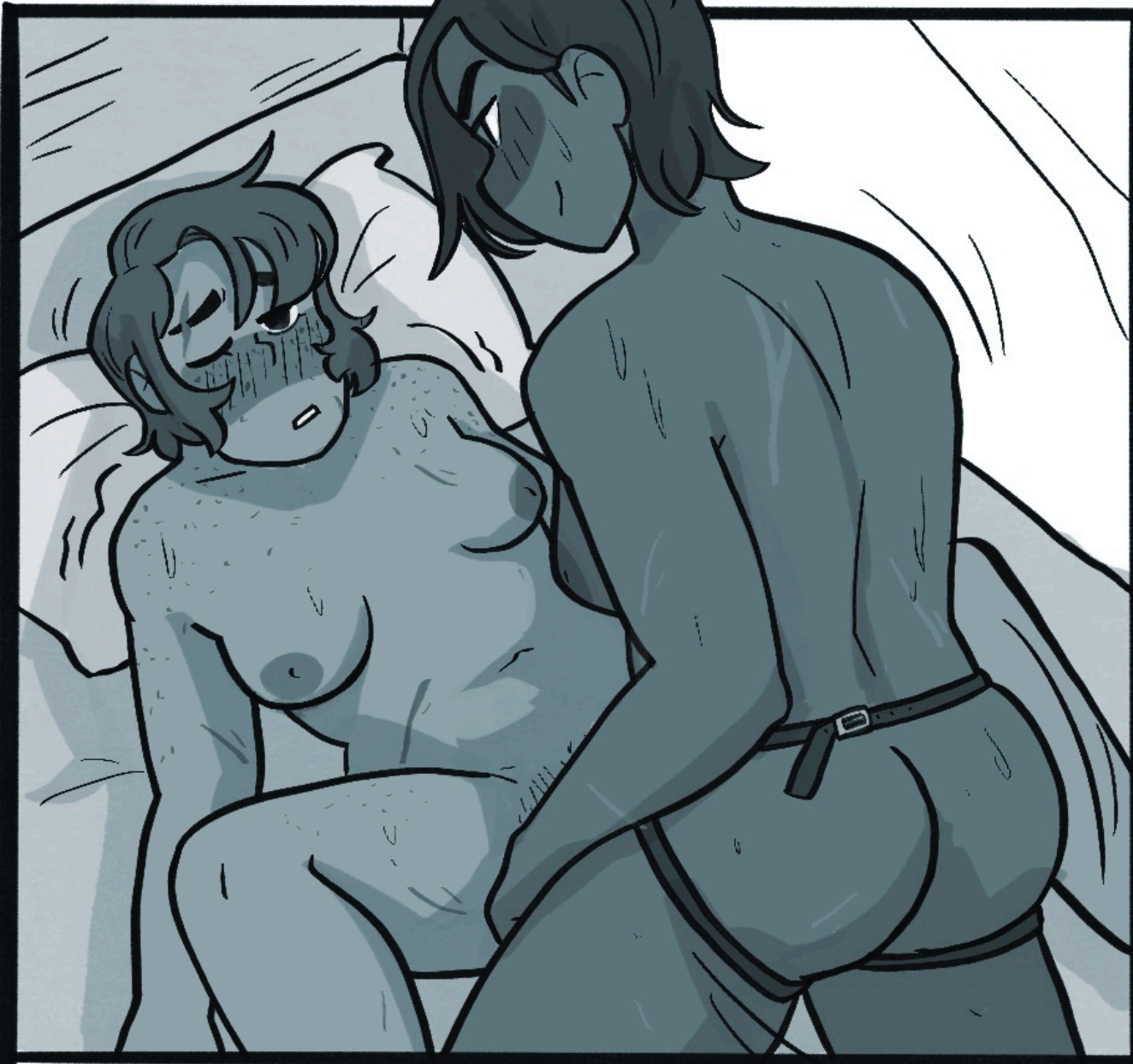
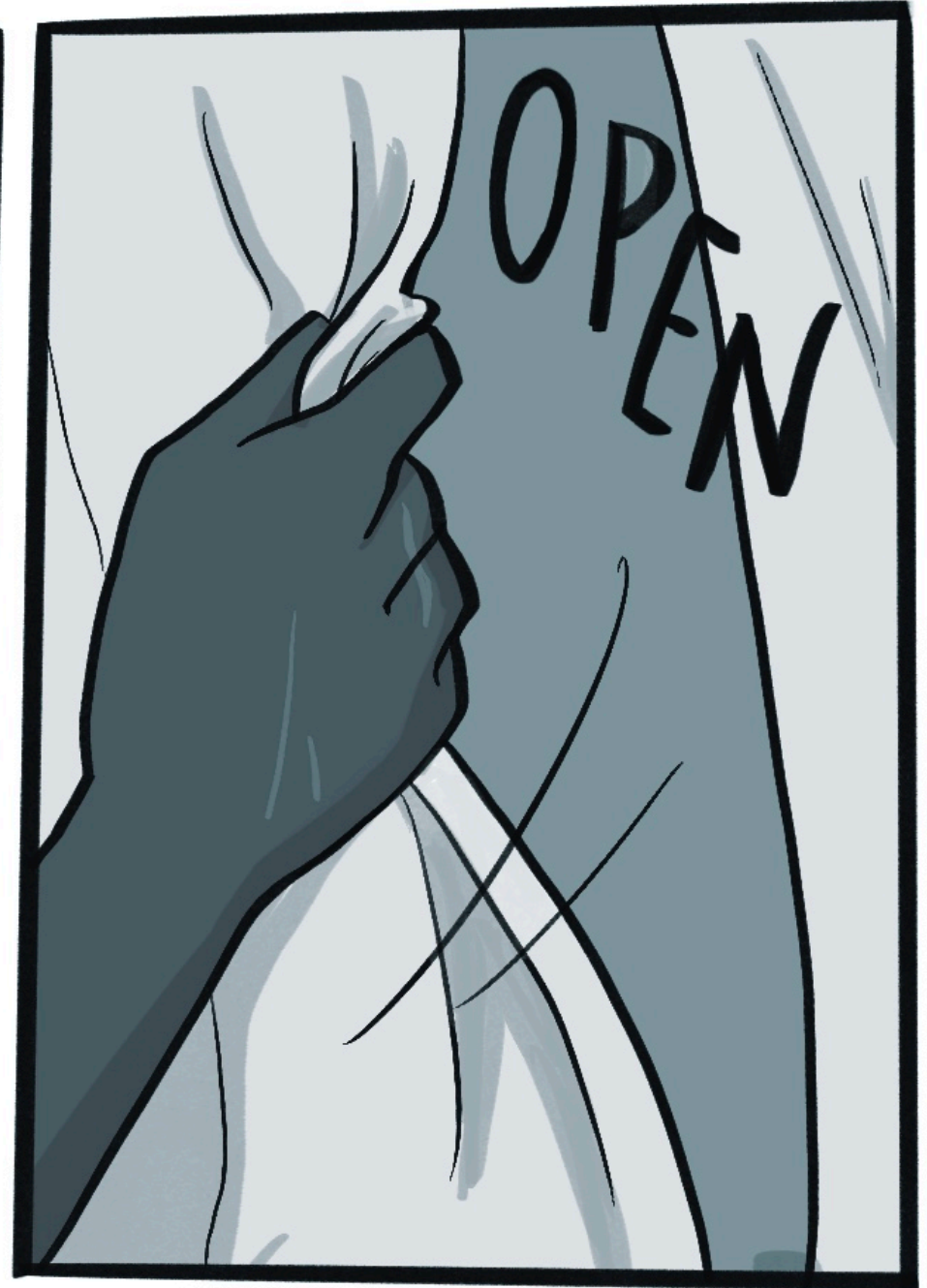


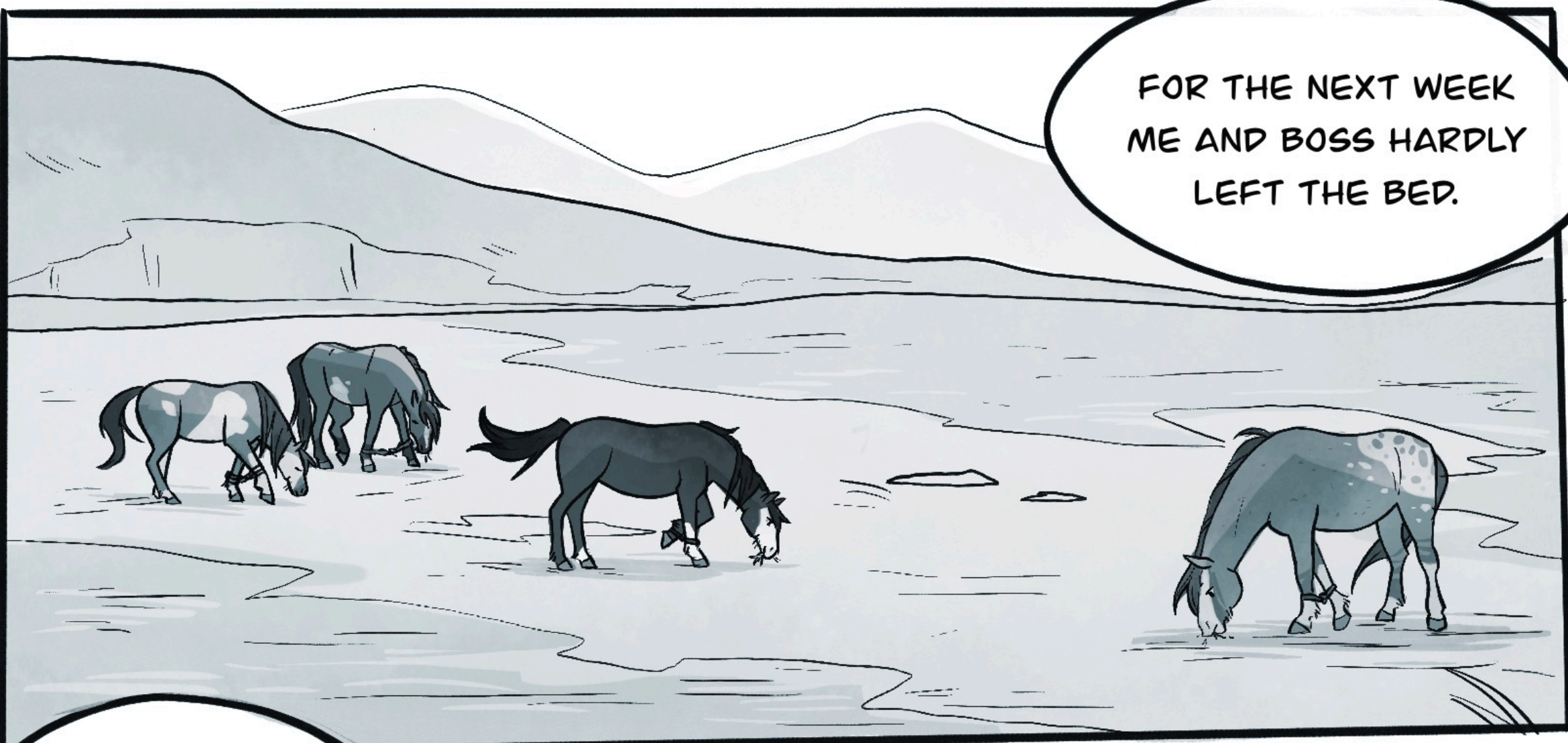
I NEVER ... HAD IT USED ON ME BEFORE.



BUT, I'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO TRY!







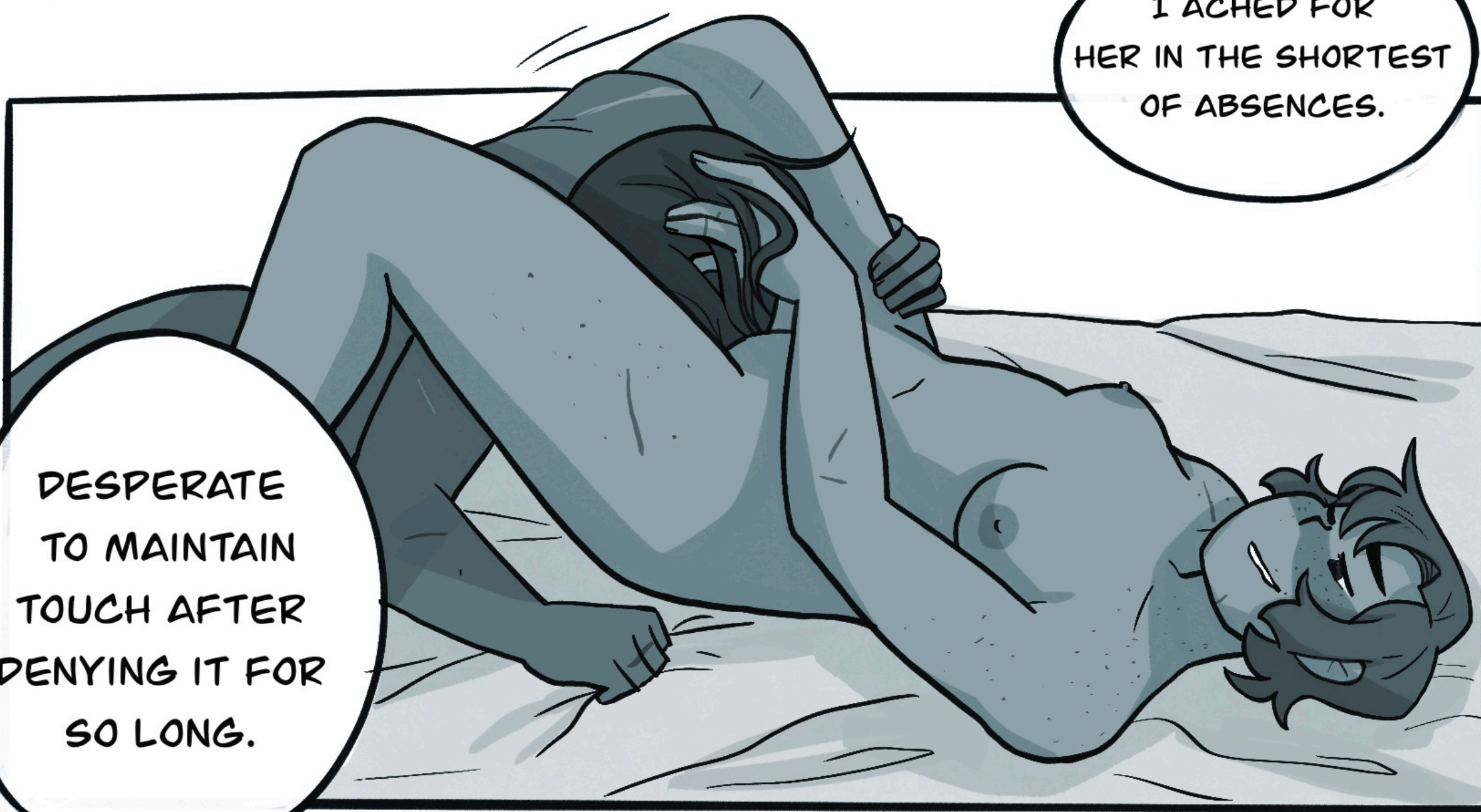
FOR THE NEXT WEEK
ME AND BOSS HARDLY
LEFT THE BED.



WHEN OUR
BARE SKIN TOUCHED
EVERYTHING FELT
RIGHT.

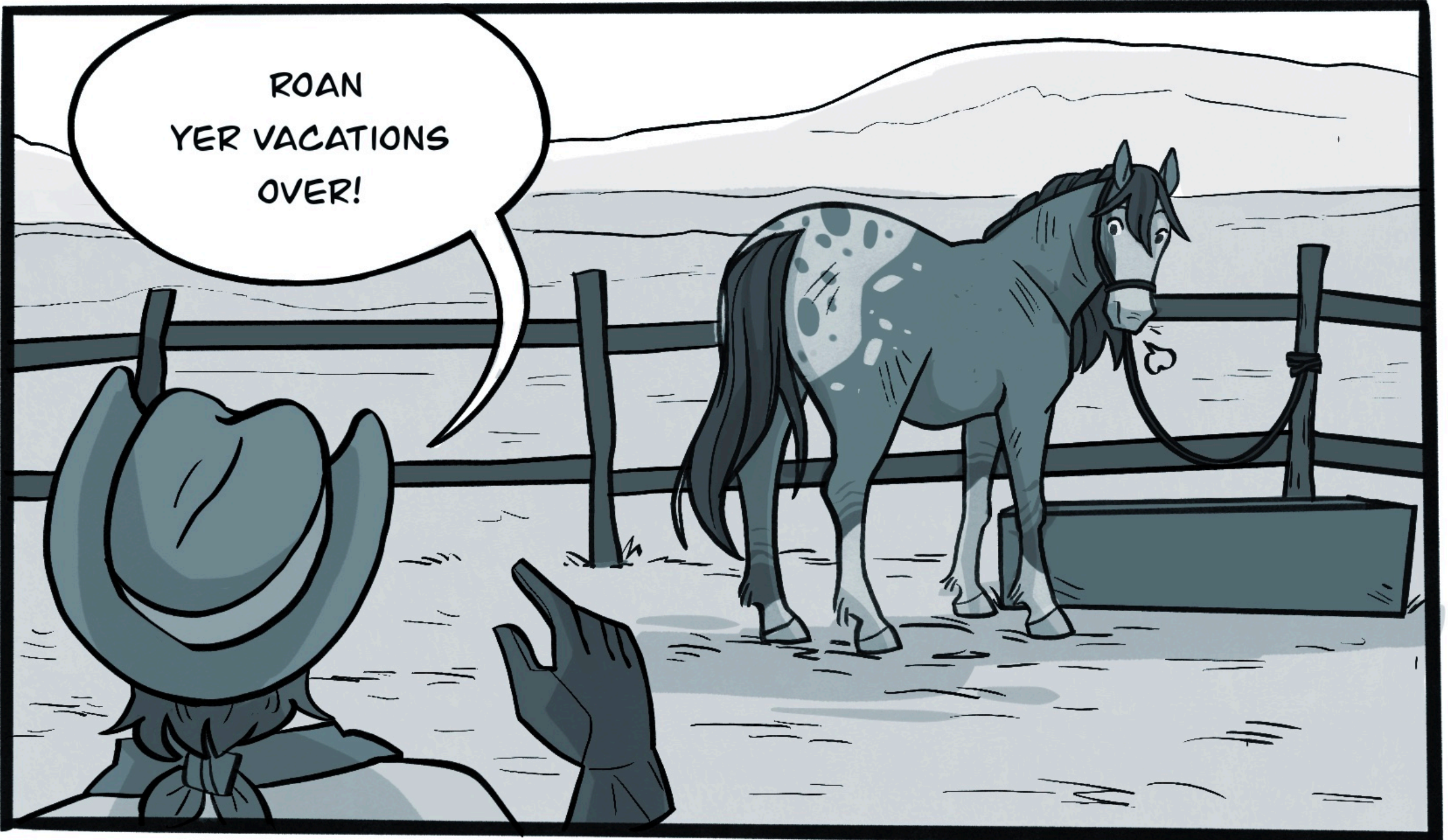
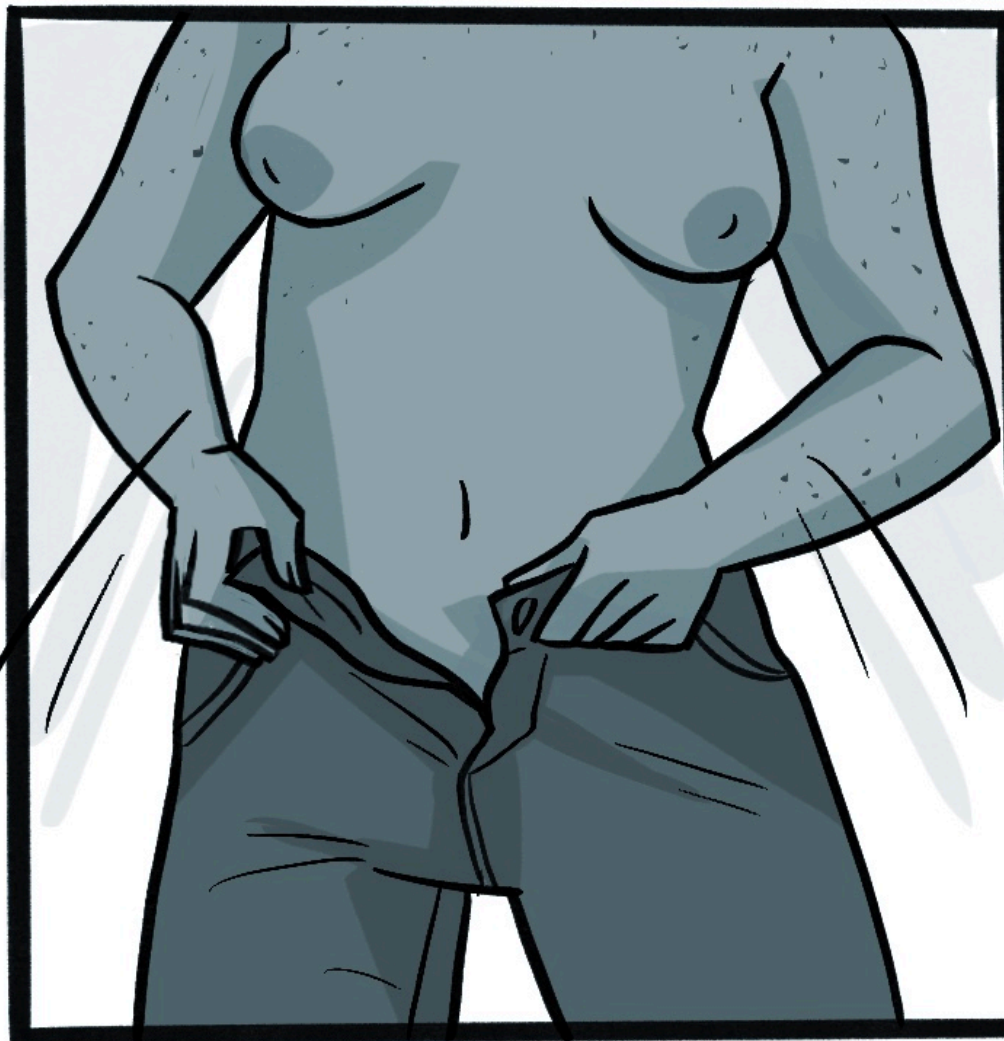


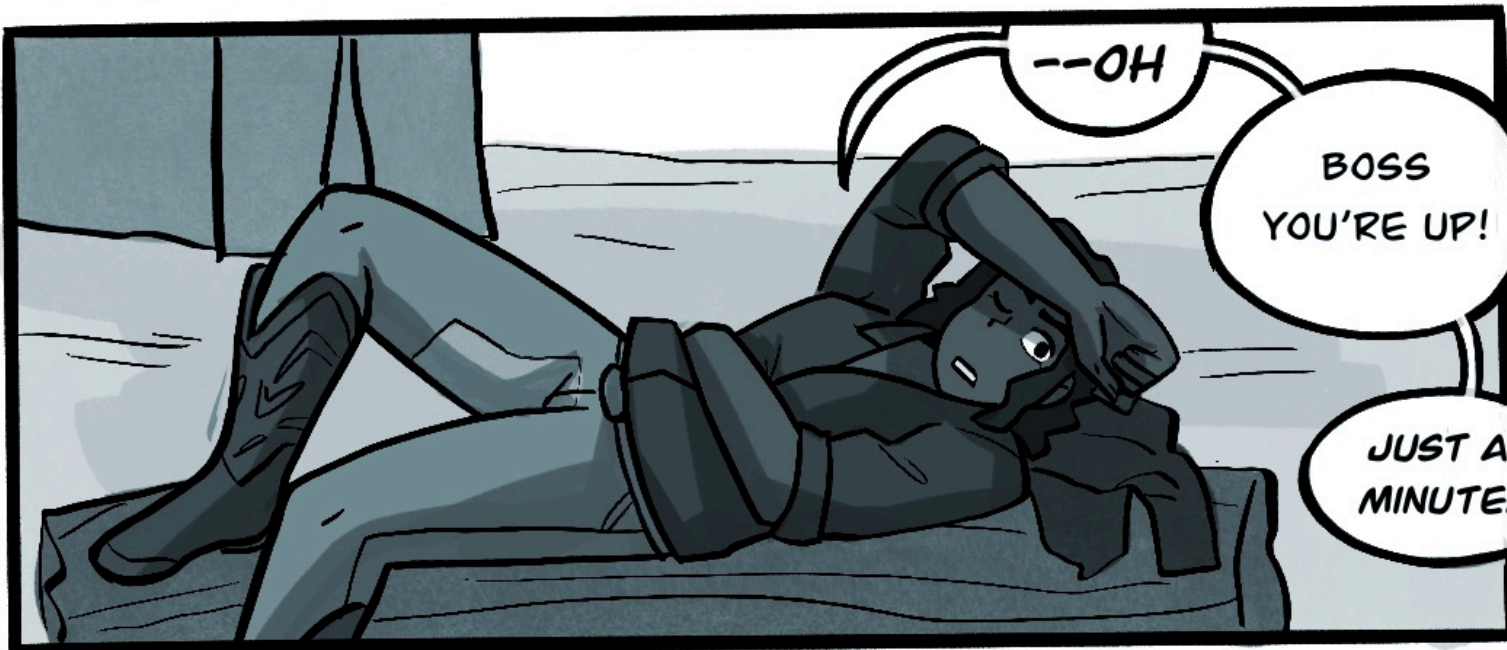
I ACHED FOR
HER IN THE SHORTEST
OF ABSENCES.

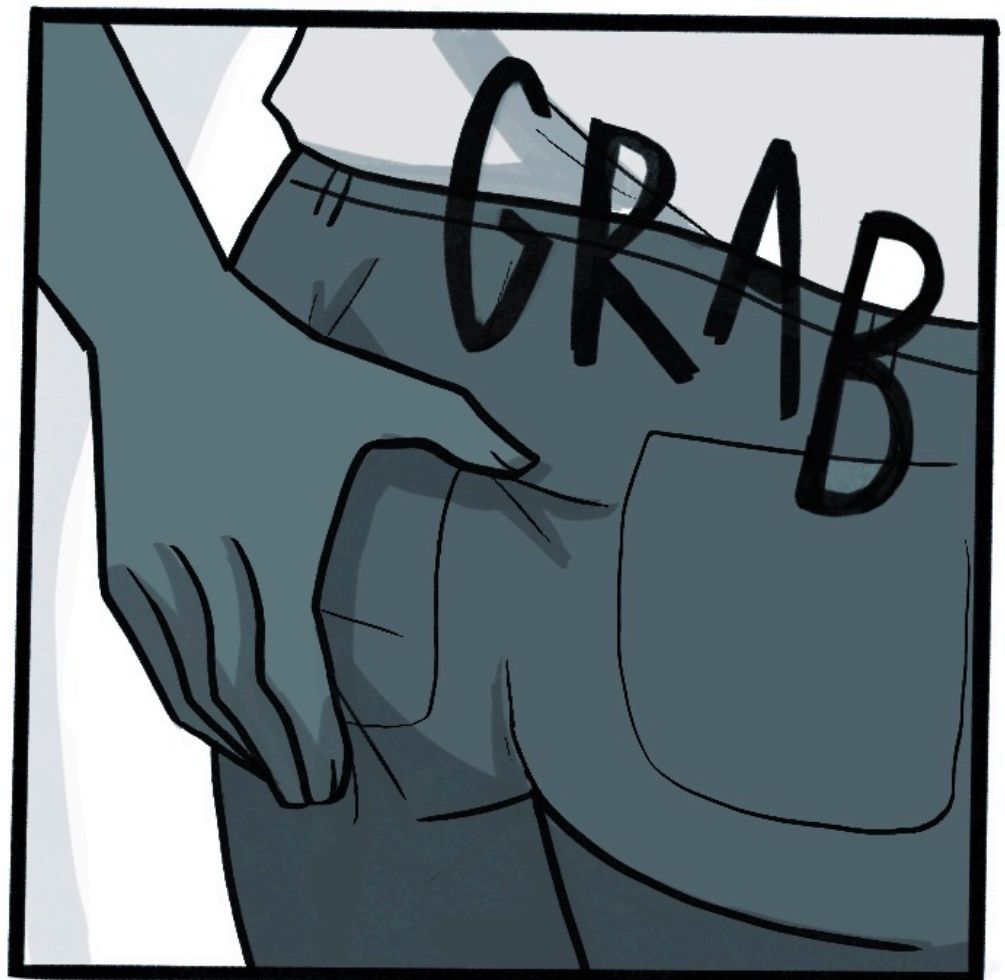


DESPERATE
TO MAINTAIN
TOUCH AFTER
DENYING IT FOR
SO LONG.











YER SADDLE!



PANTHER WHY DON'T YA WORK YER HORSE WITH US?

NAH, I'LL JUST GET OUTTA YALL'S HAIR--



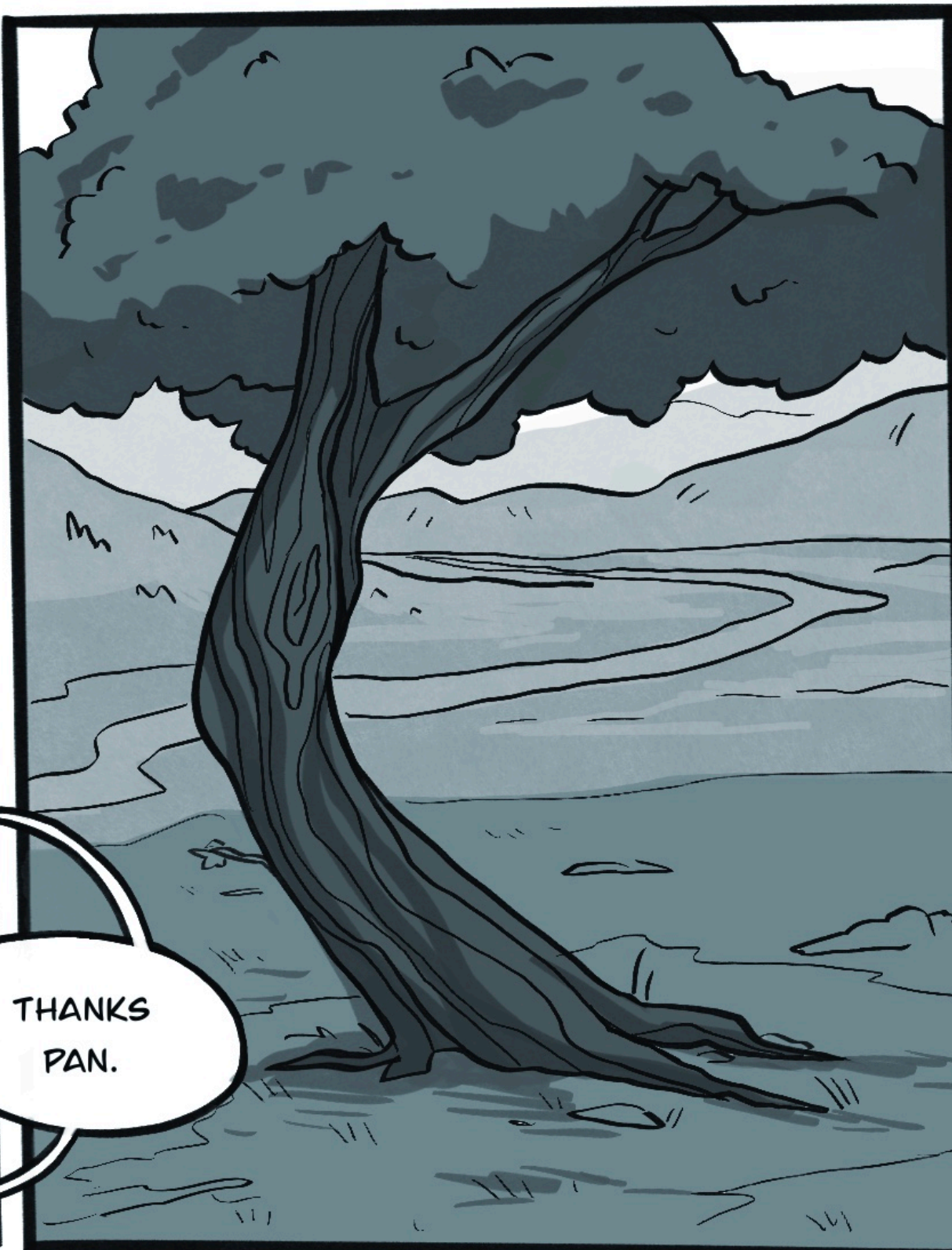
WELL HOLD ON JUST A MINUTE!



WE NEED SOMEONE TO CALL OUR RACE!



IF YOU INSIST!

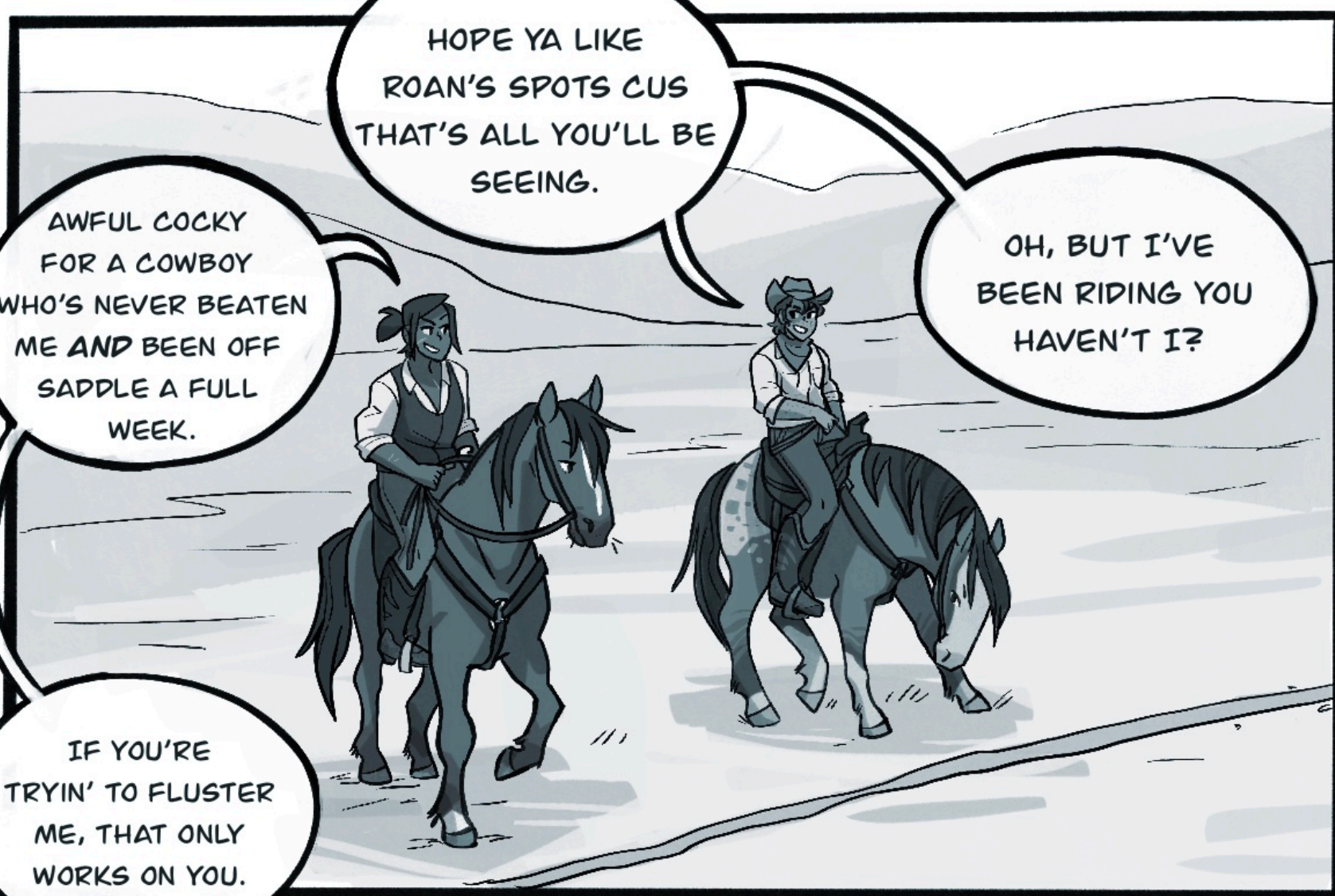
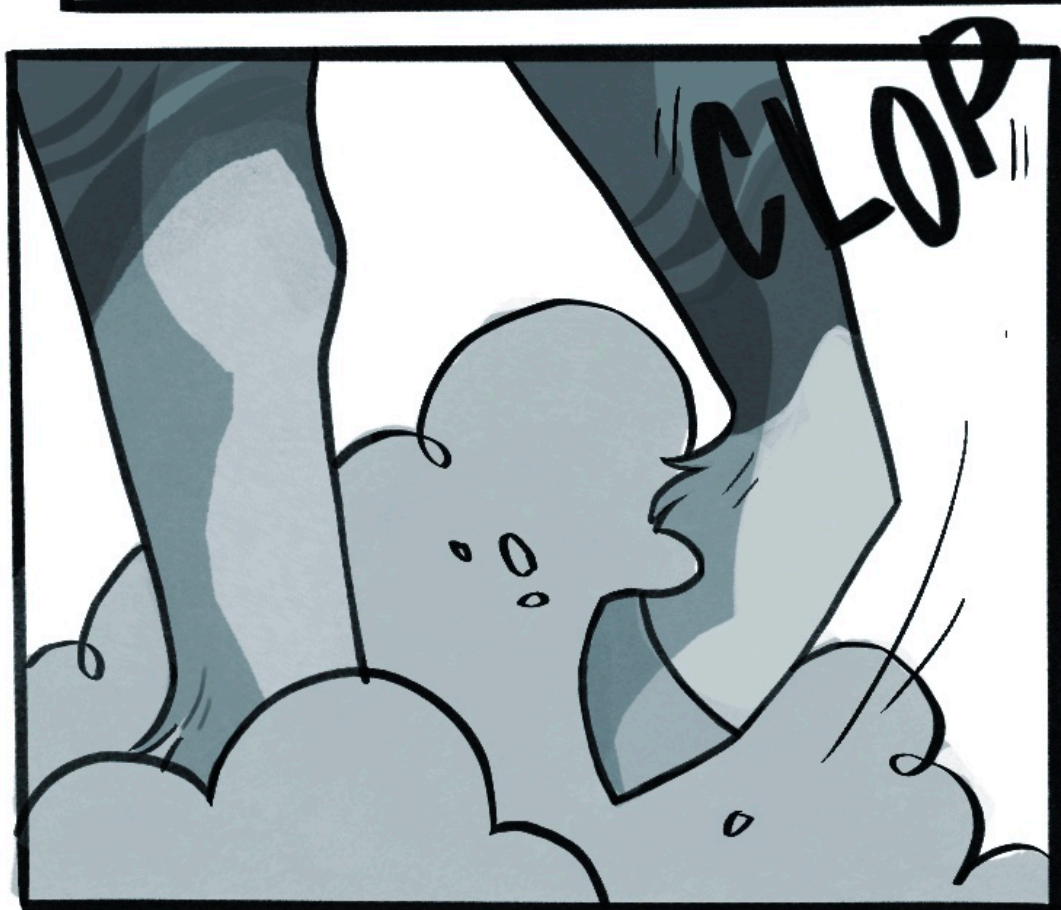


FOR EVERYTHING.

THANKS PAN.



THE RULES OF THE RACE ARE SIMPLE. FIRST TO MAKE IT ROUND THE TREE AND BACK WINS!



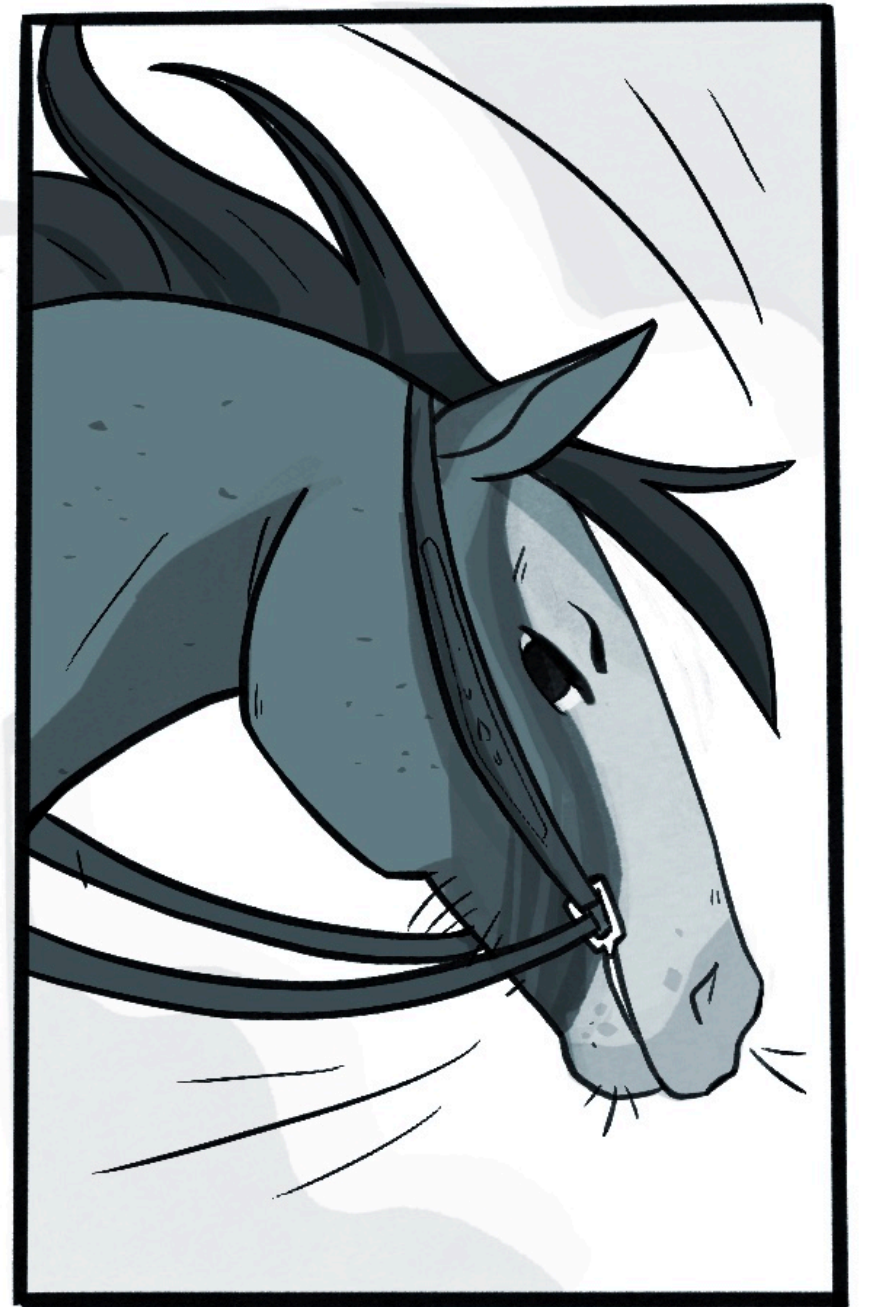
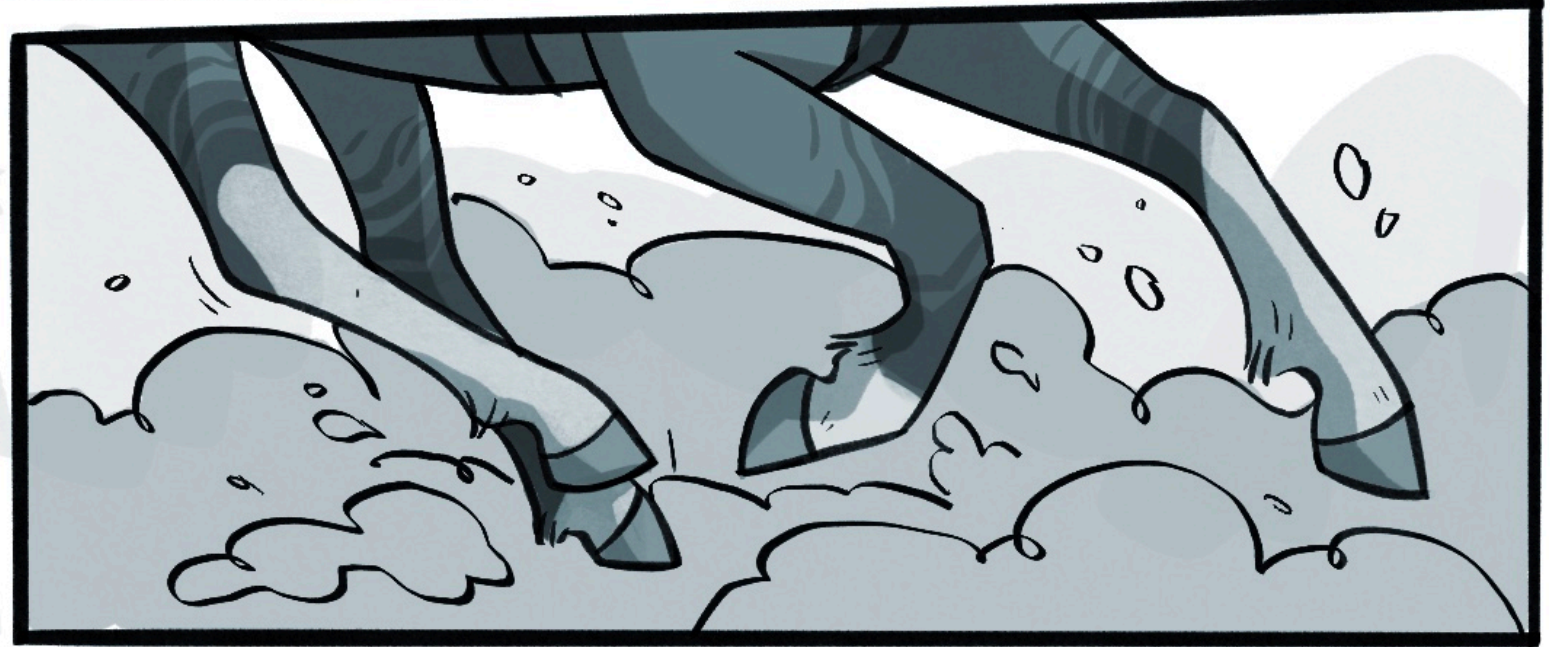
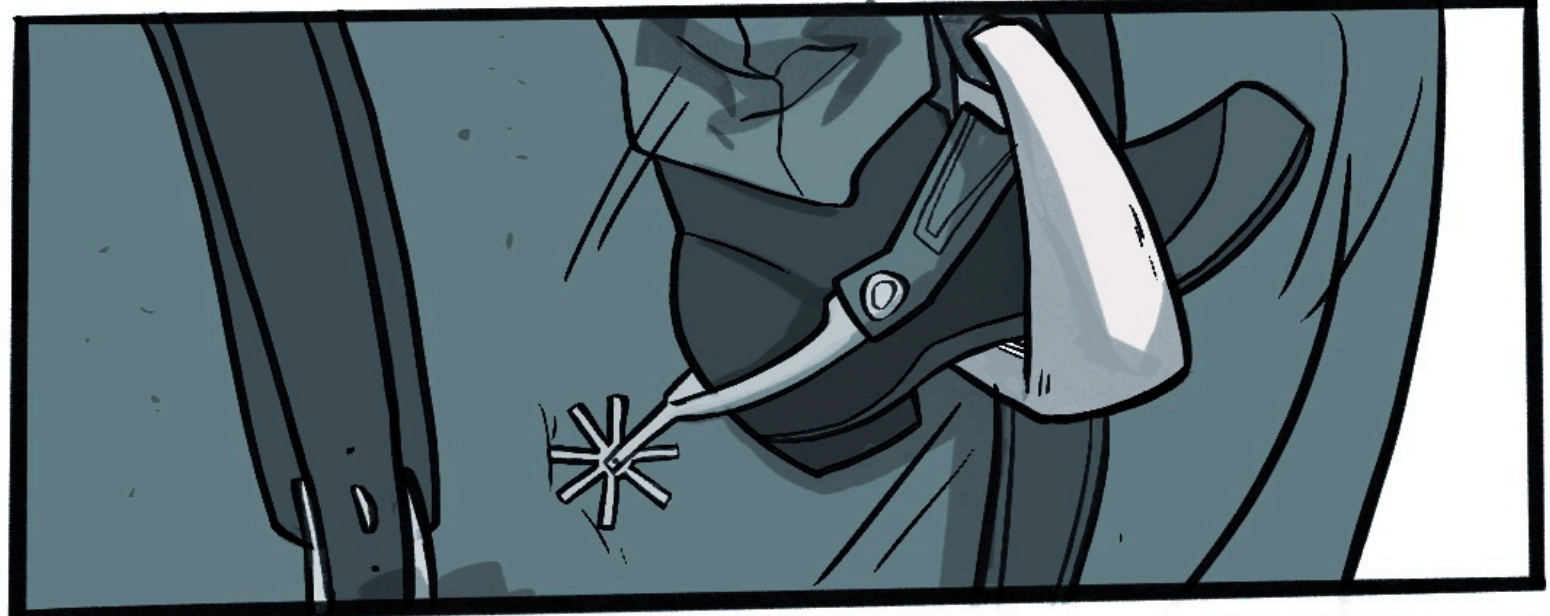
HOPE YA LIKE ROAN'S SPOTS CUS THAT'S ALL YOU'LL BE SEEING.

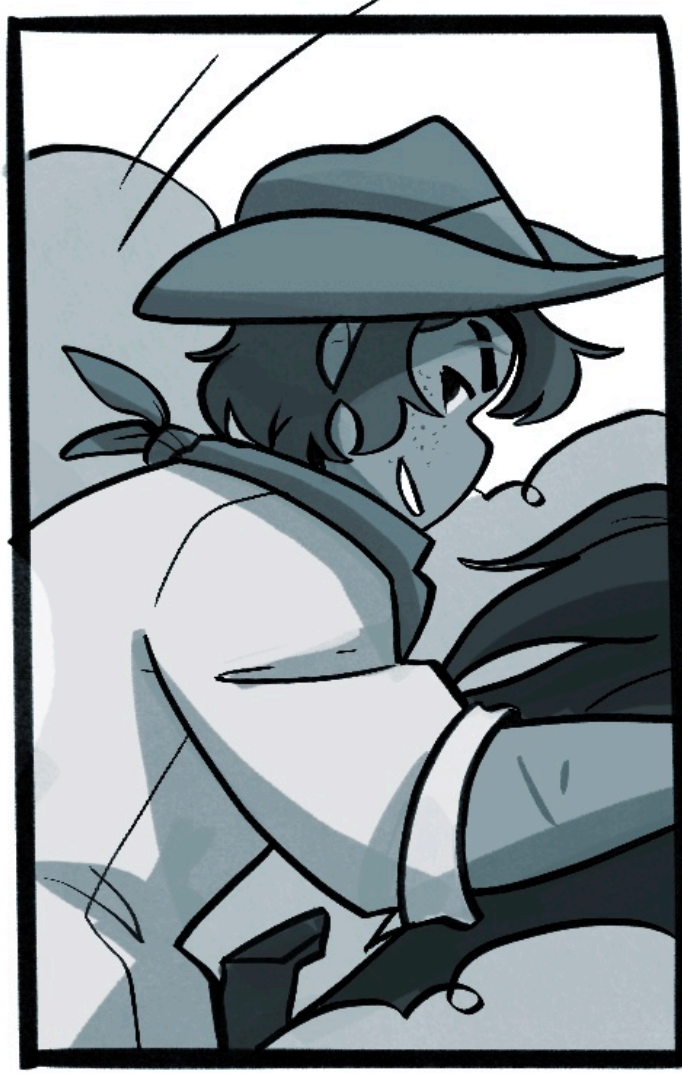
AWFUL COCKY FOR A COWBOY WHO'S NEVER BEATEN ME AND BEEN OFF SADDLE A FULL WEEK.

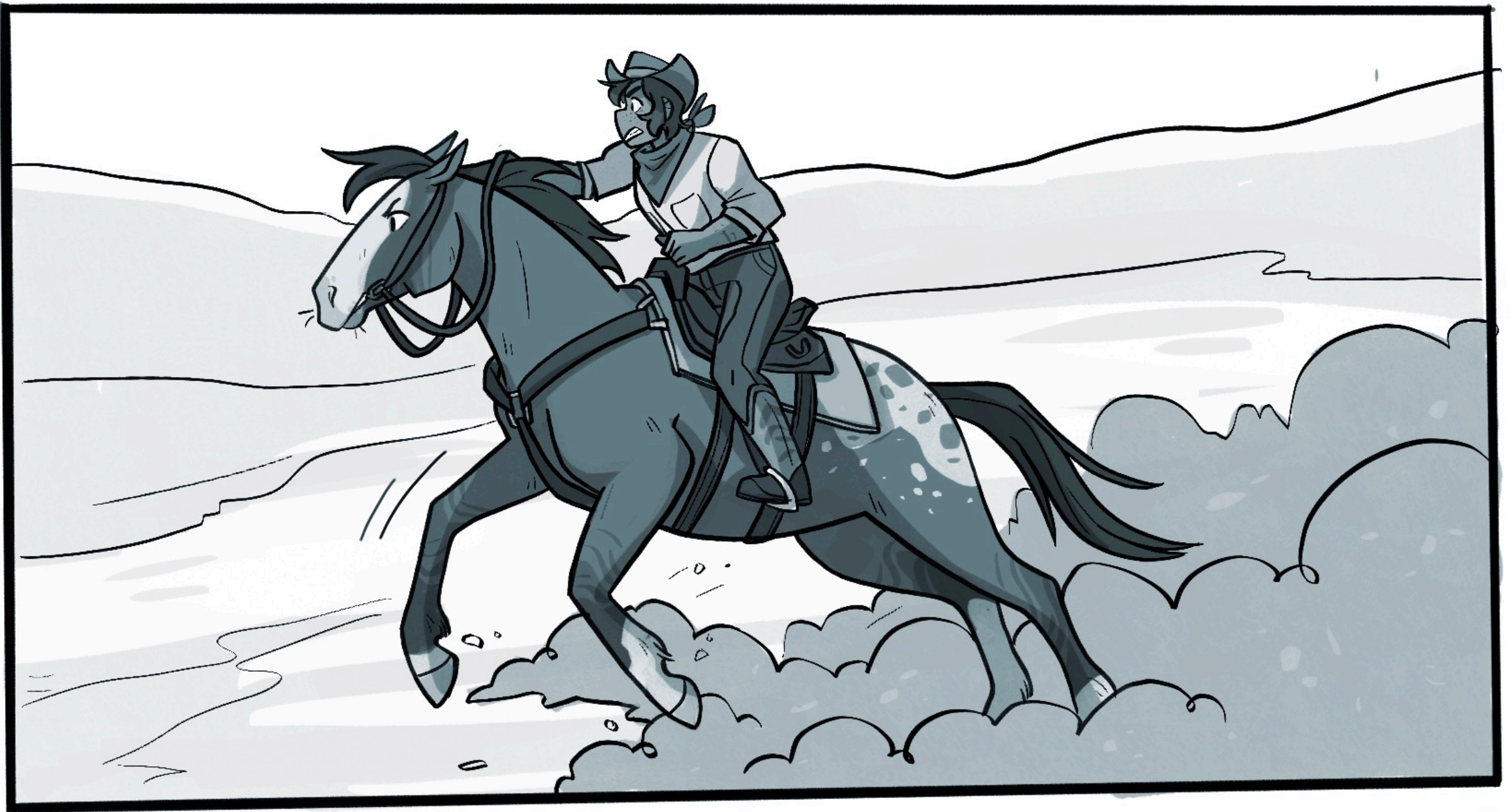
OH, BUT I'VE BEEN RIDING YOU HAVEN'T I?

IF YOU'RE TRYIN' TO FLUSTER ME, THAT ONLY WORKS ON YOU.









WE
WON!



THAT'S
MY GIRL!

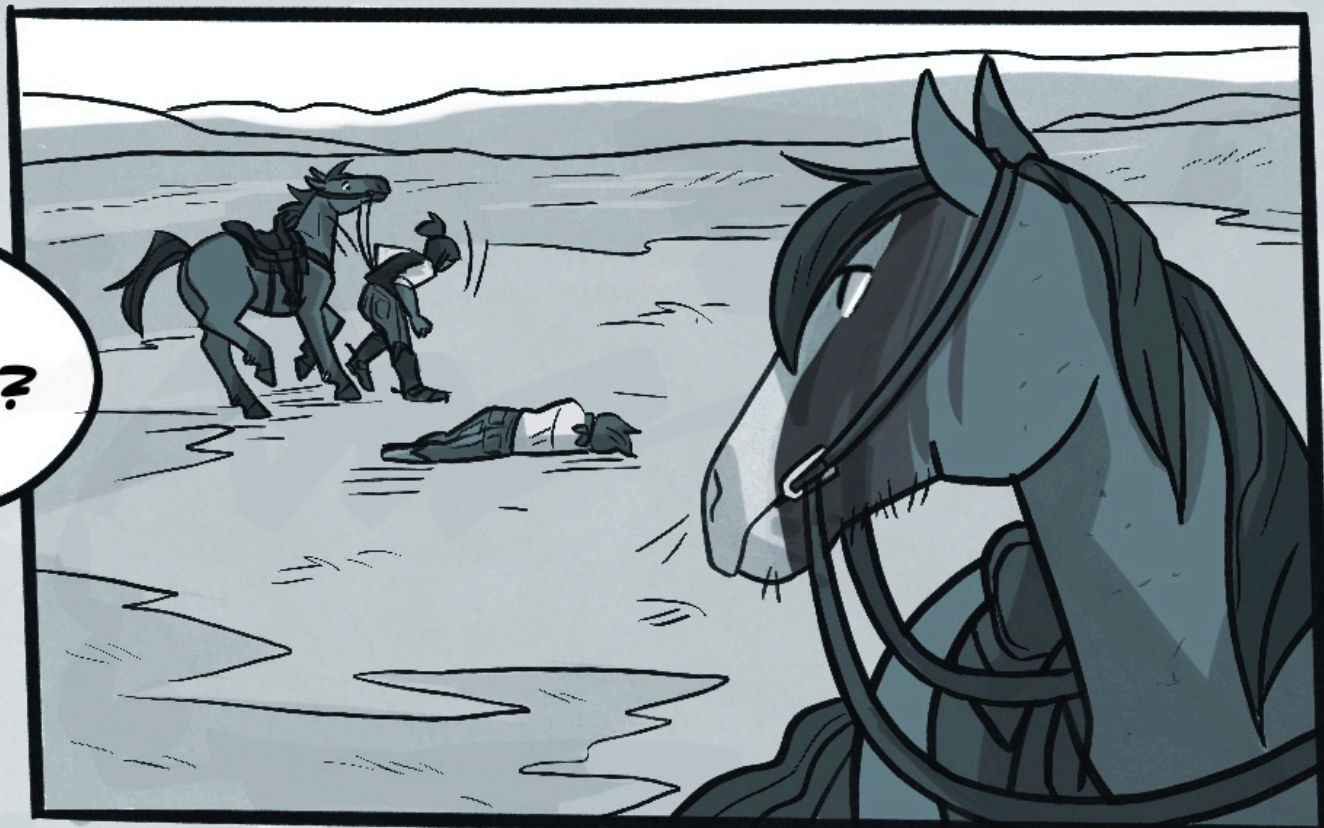
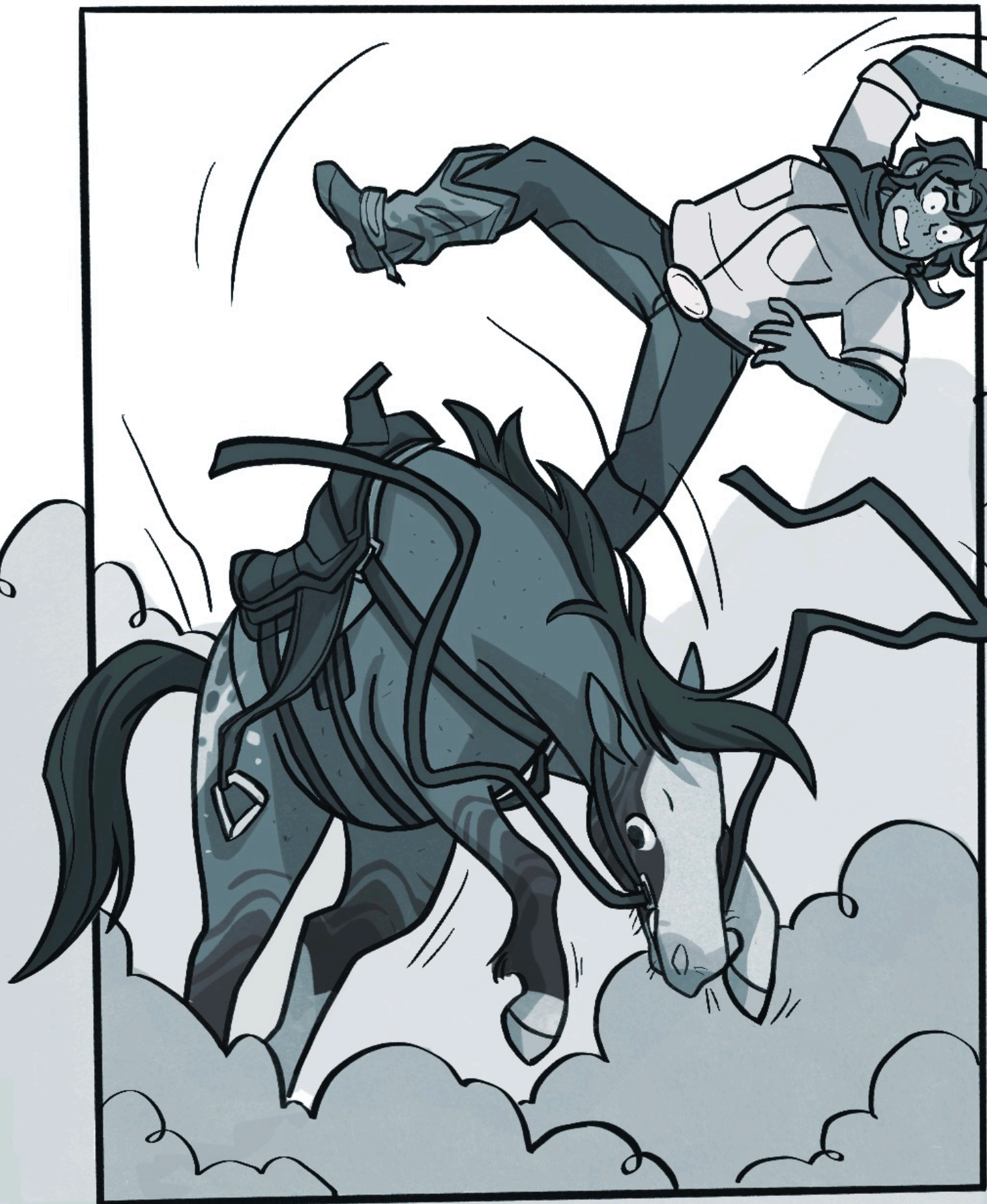


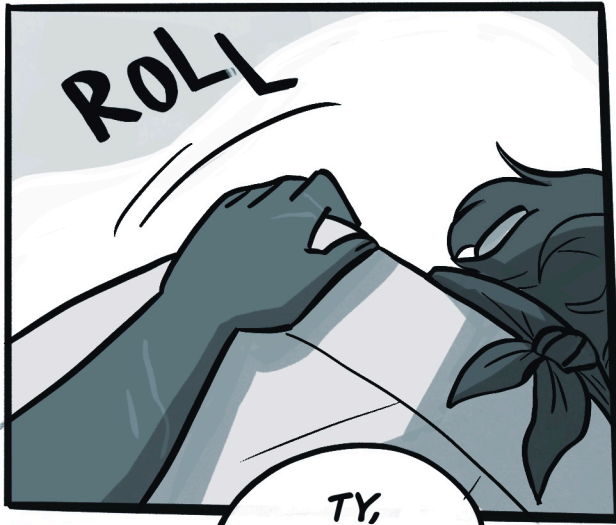
EASY
ROAN!

EASY!!

YER
GONNA-







TY,
SAY SOMETHIN'!

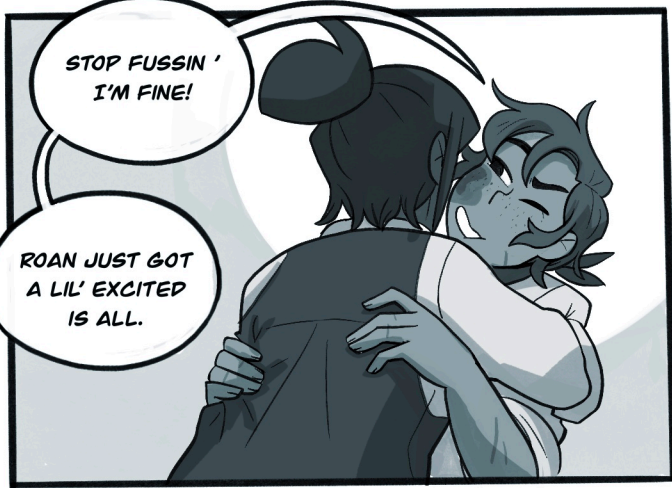


THAT'S BOSS
TO YOU.

I
WON.



OH,
THANK GOD



STOP FUSSIN' I'M FINE!

ROAN JUST GOT A LIL' EXCITED IS ALL.



SNORT



YOU ABSOLUTELY SMOKED ME AND ROWDY.



TOUCH

I'M SO PROUD.



BUT IF I'M CALLING YOU **BOSS** YER FINISHING THE JOB YOU STARTED!



THAT AIN'T PART OF THE DEAL!?



TOO BAD!

YOU MAY BE BOSS FOR THE WEEK, BUT I'M STILL BIG BOSS!



FINE, BUT IF YER NOT CAREFUL I MIGHT STEAL YER TITLE!



OVER MY DEAD BODY!



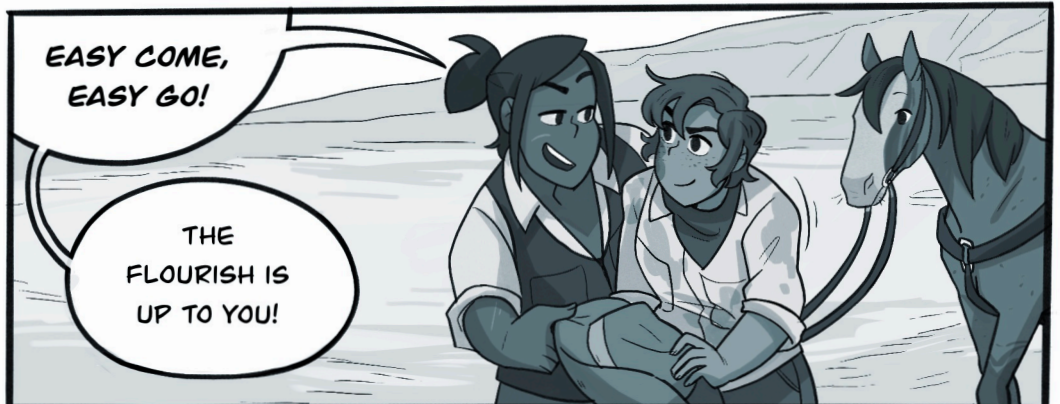
THIS JOBS NOTHIN' TO SWEAT OVER!



IF WE DON'T FUDGE THE BRANDS WE CAN PLAY IT LIKE WE'RE COTTONMOUTH RANCH HANDS.



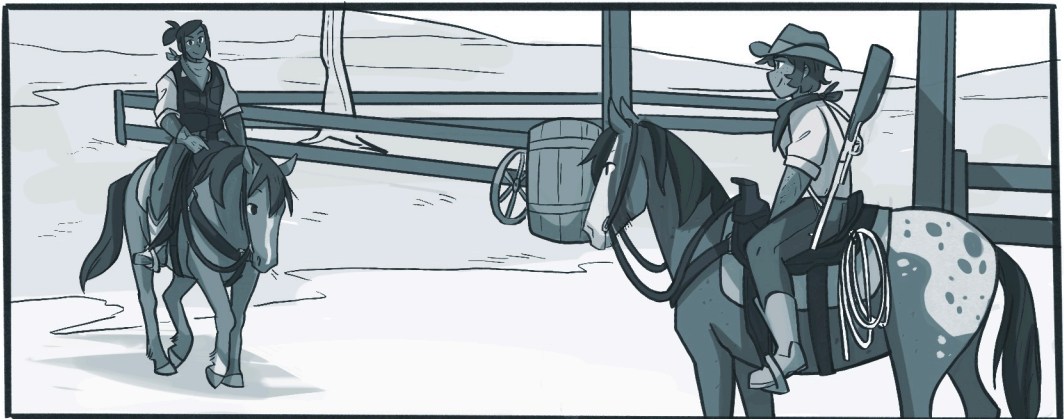
THEY'LL HAND THE MONEY OVER NO QUESTIONS ASKED.

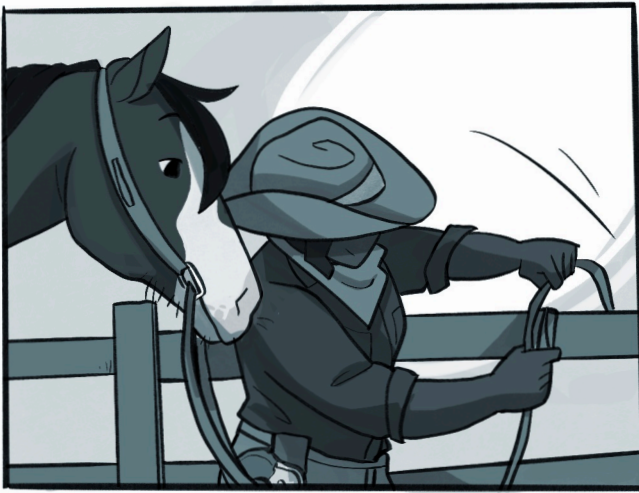


EASY COME, EASY GO!

THE FLOURISH IS UP TO YOU!







NOT TOO TIGHT!



WINK

JUST IN CASE.



I'LL BE WATCHIN' YER BACK!



READY?



YOU'VE GOT THIS! LIKE I SAID, EASY JOB.

I GUESS SO!