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# INVITING STANLEY STRAY

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**"I think this looks great!"**  
-Stan Lee, of Marvel Comics  
and co-creator of Spiderman,  
Iron Man, X-Men and more.

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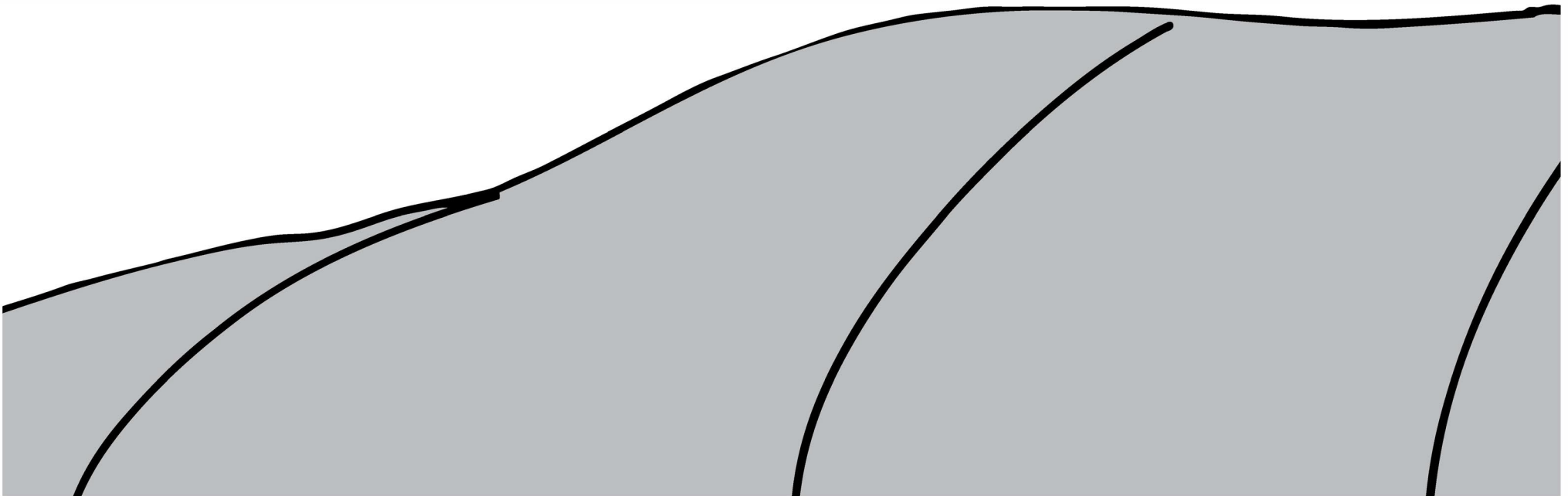
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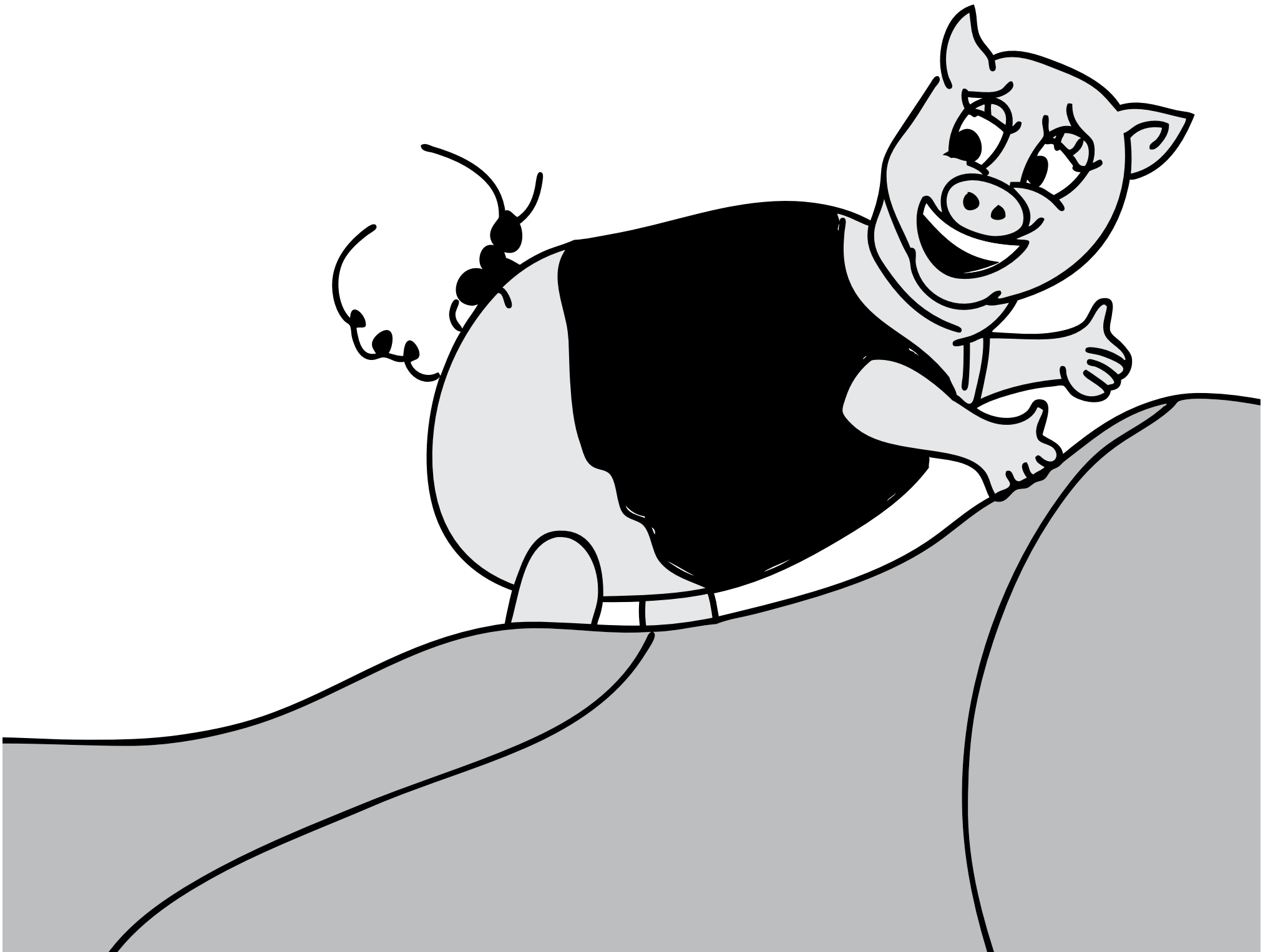
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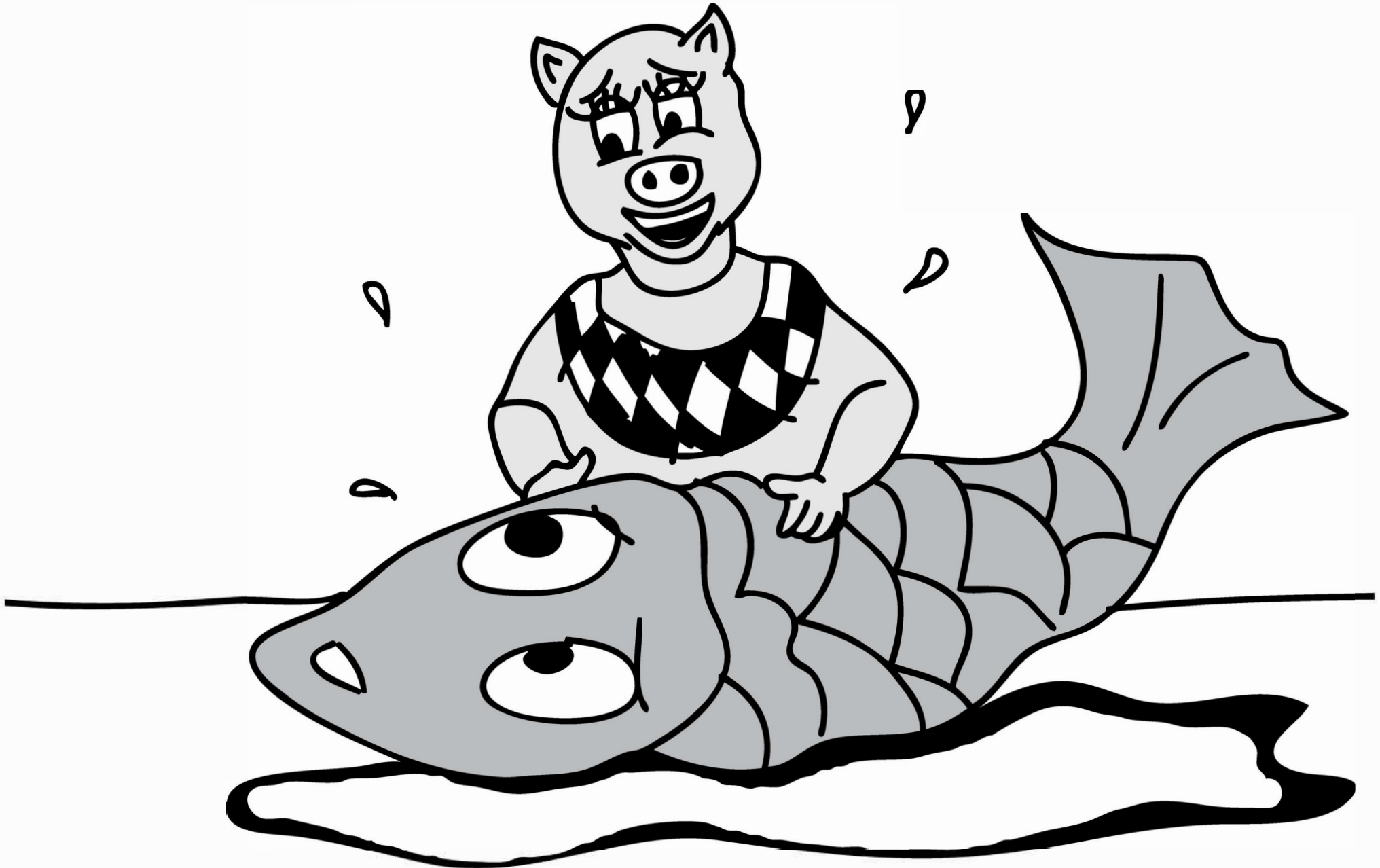
**Pernita the Pig is such a delight.  
She is so nice and polite.  
She helped a small ant up a hill.**







She helped the biggest fish by cleaning his gill.

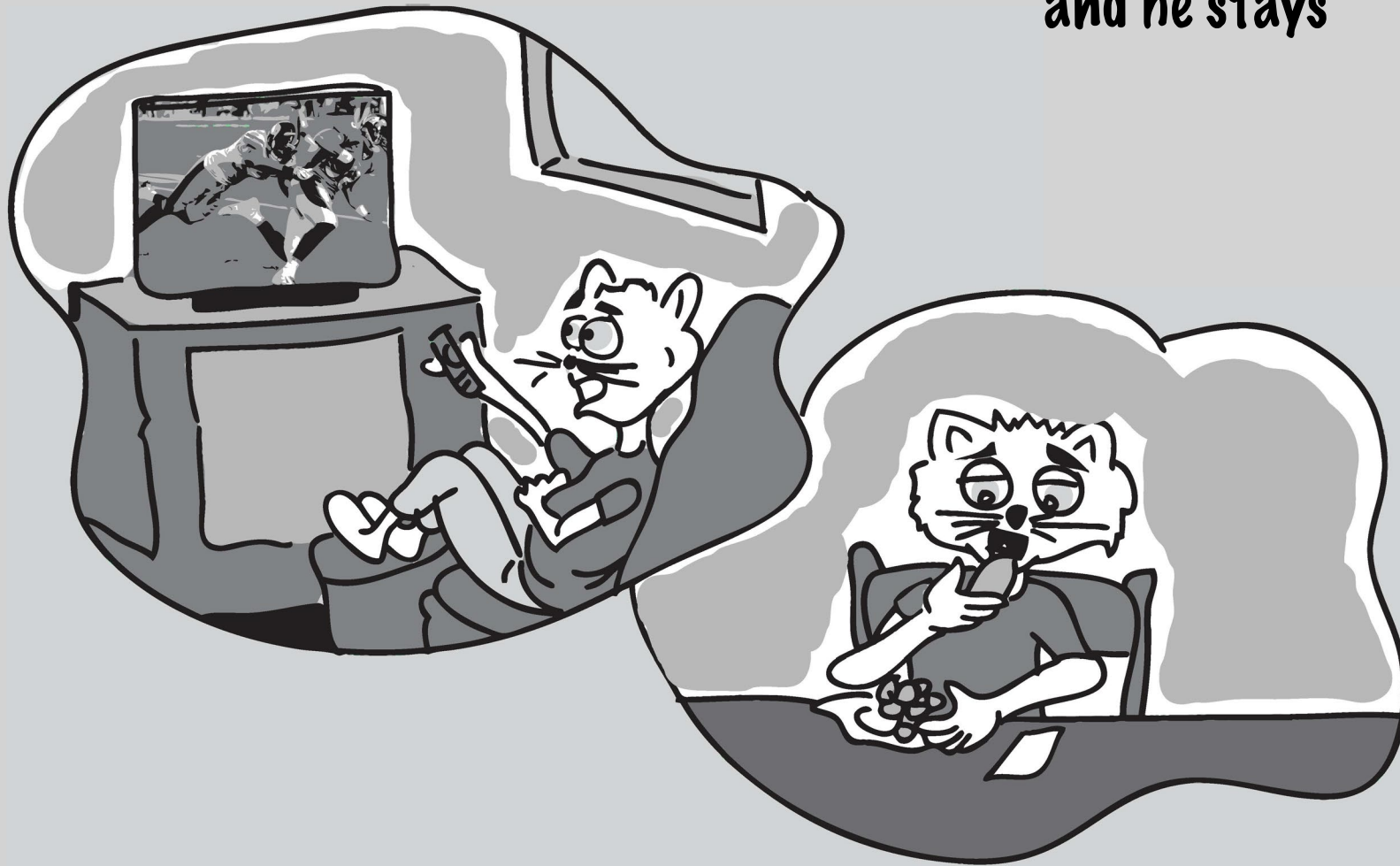


But, Pernita the Pig's biggest mistake,  
by far and far away, was when she invited Stanley Stray to stay for a day.



For when one invites Stanley to stay, it is very hard to get him to go away.  
He never stays for just one day.  
He stays,

and he stays

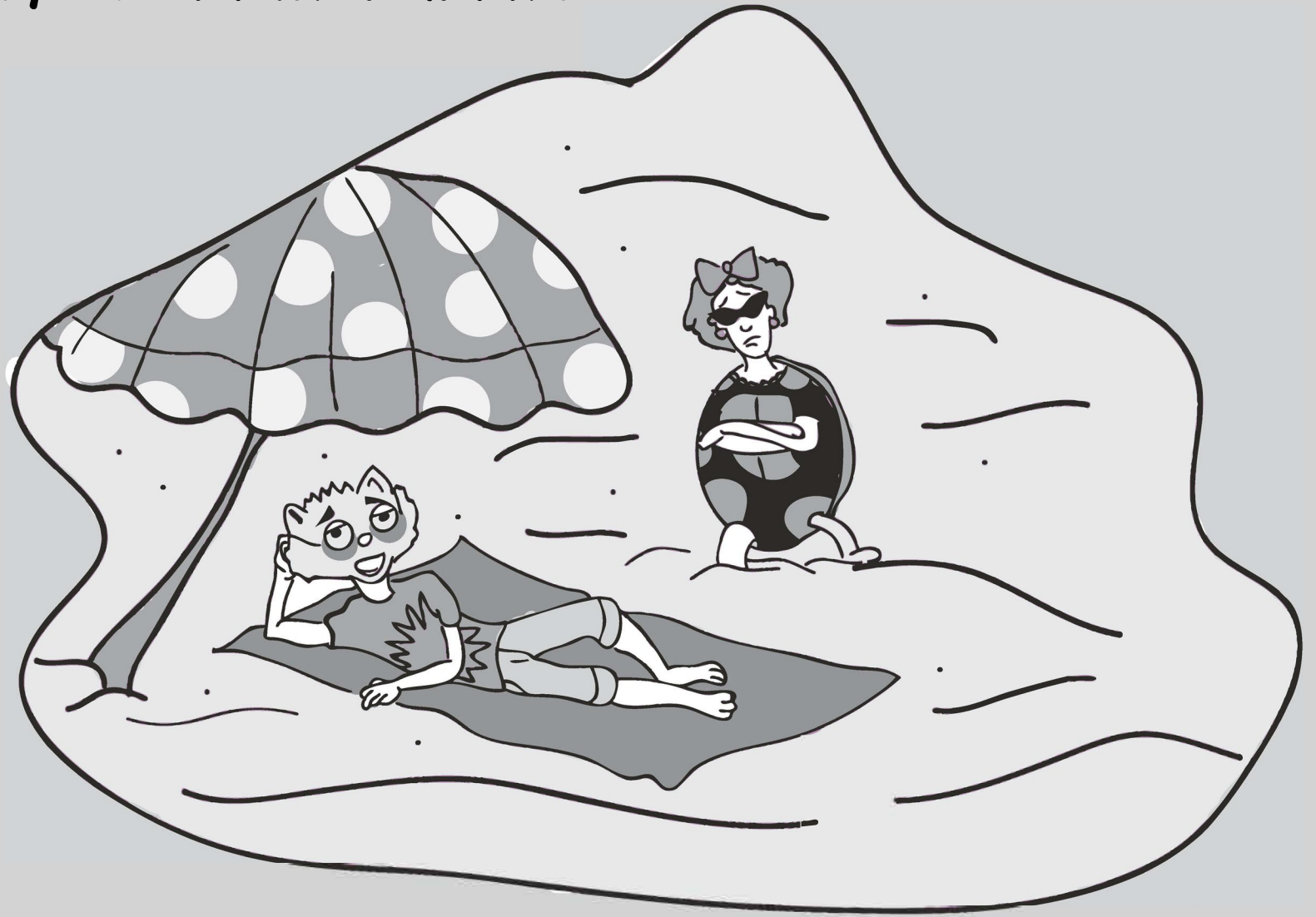


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**When Tammy the Turtle said, "Come to my beach in Myrtle."  
Stanley stayed for ten whole months.**





He only left when Hank of the Herd invited him to Pittsburgh.



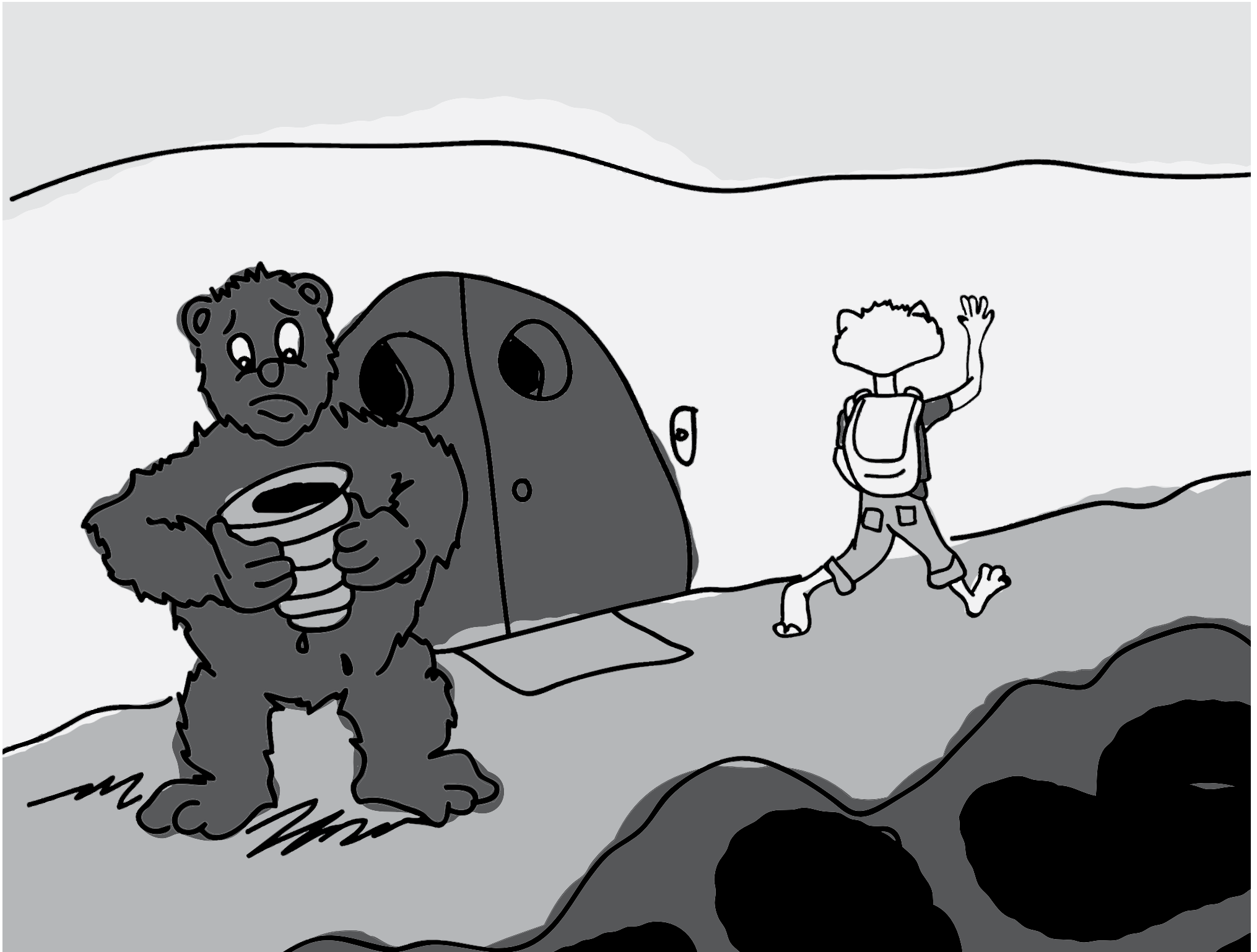
He stayed with Hank for twelve whole months, that's a year!



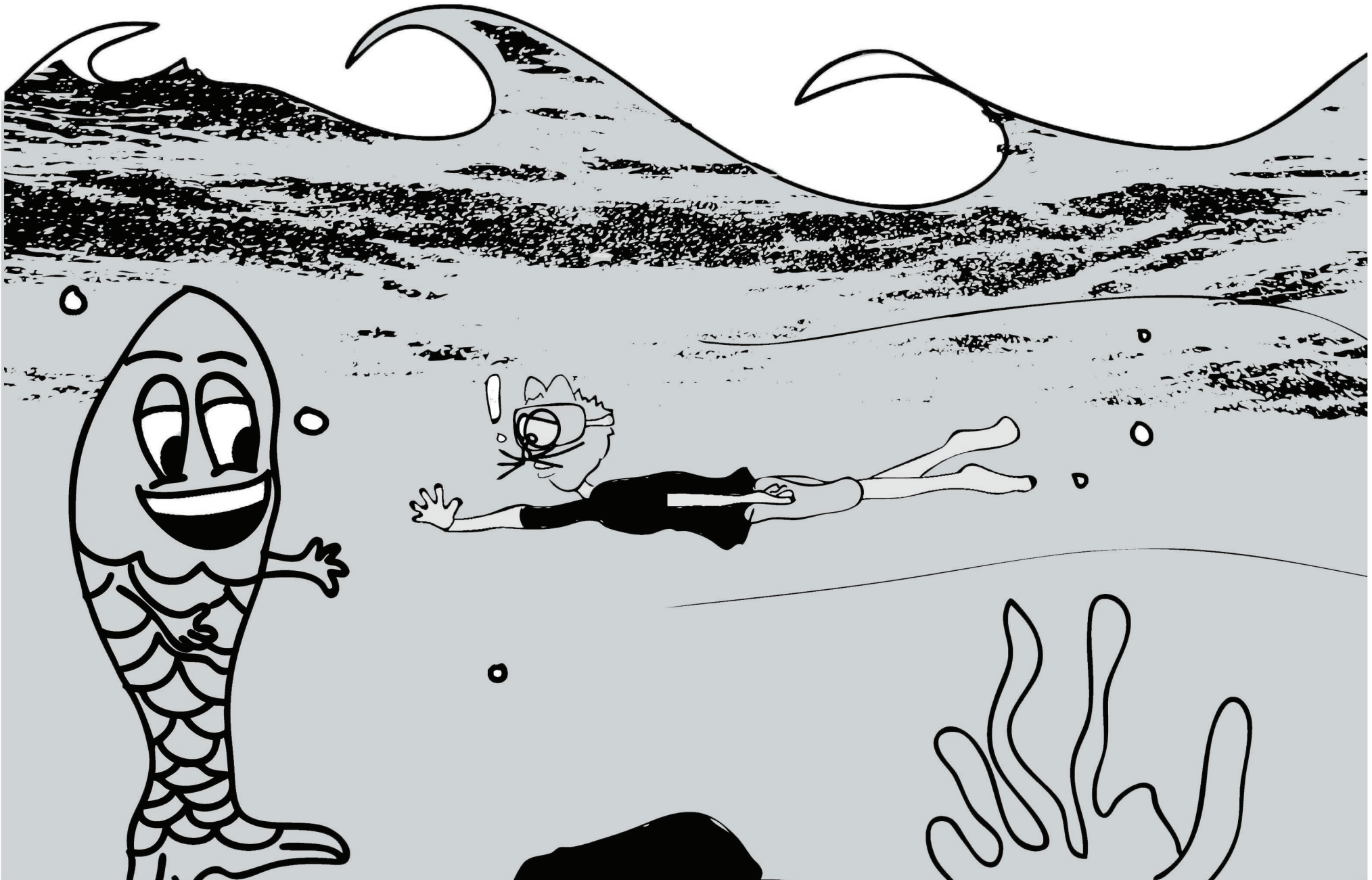


Then, Stanley was invited by Barnabe the Bear.  
He stayed with Barnabe until Barnabe's honey ran out.





Stanley was invited by Truman the Trout. Staying with Truman was hard because Truman lived in the water.

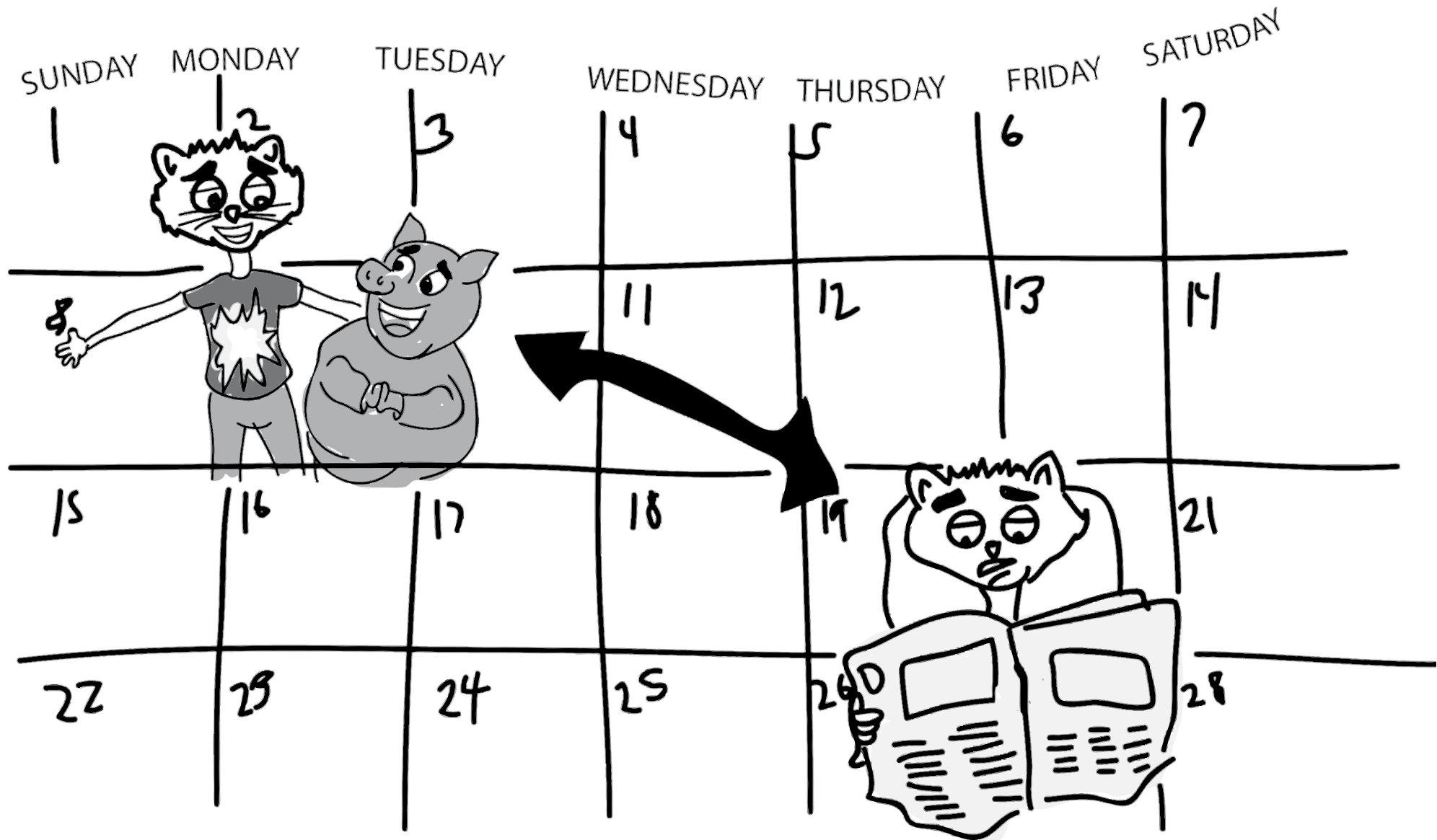




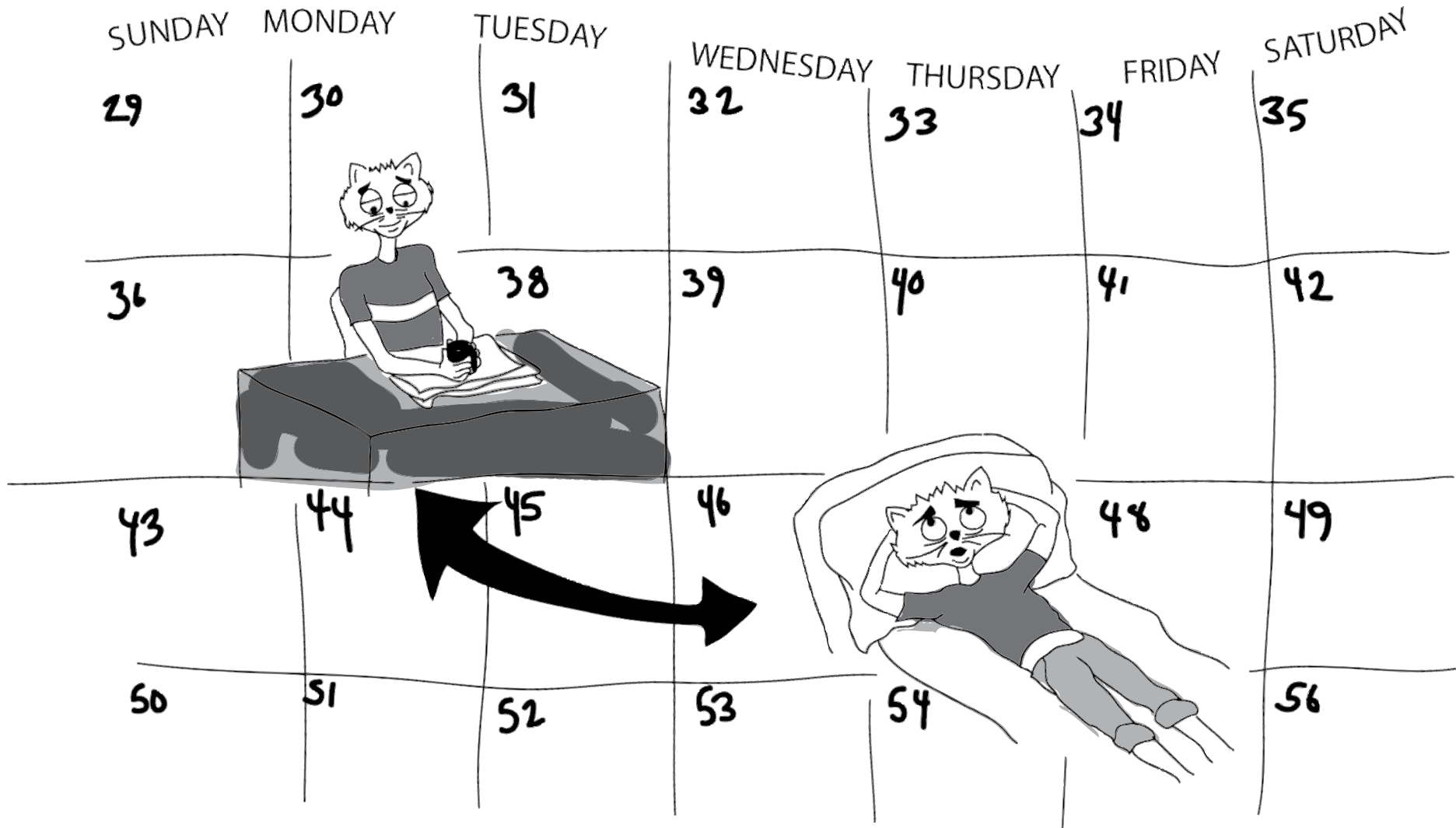
The waves made Stanley seasick,  
so when Pernita the Pig called Stanley to stay for a day, he  
jumped out the lake and ran right away.



Now, Stanley has been with Pernita the Pig for twenty-four months, that's two years! She wondered if his departure was coming near.



She would ask Stanley, how long he would stay, and he would say, oh so gently, "Just a few, just a few more days."

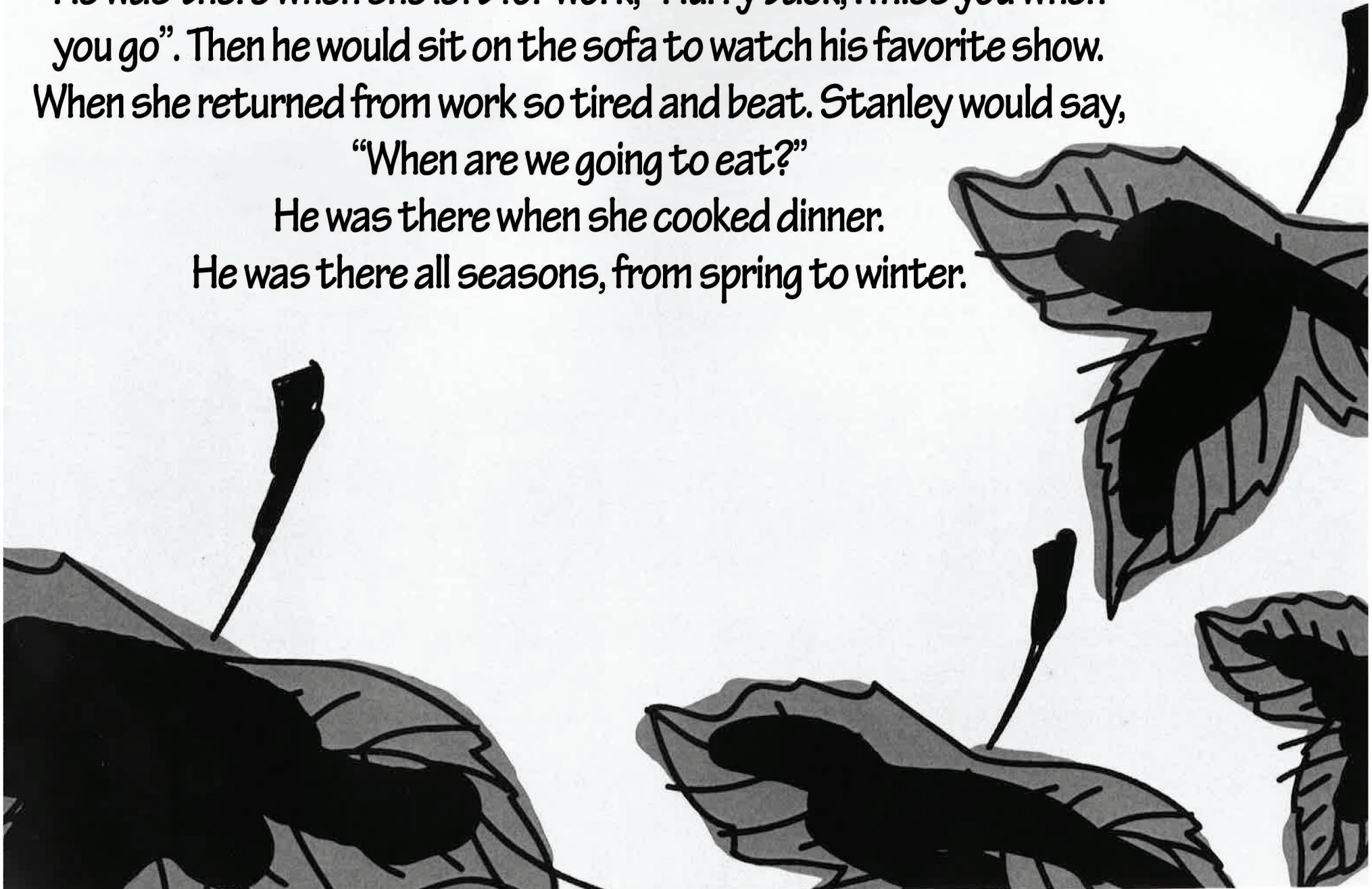


The days became weeks, the weeks became months, the months became years, and still Stanley was there. He was always there. He was there when Pernita the Pig woke up. He waited for eggs and coffee in his cup.





He was there when she left for work, "Hurry back, I miss you when you go". Then he would sit on the sofa to watch his favorite show. When she returned from work so tired and beat. Stanley would say,  
"When are we going to eat?"  
He was there when she cooked dinner.  
He was there all seasons, from spring to winter.

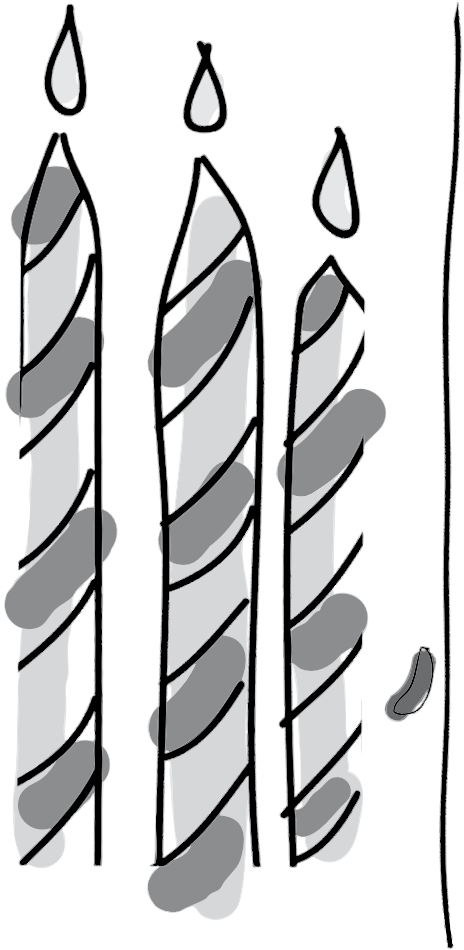






He was there for the holidays. He was there from Thanksgiving to Christmas, from Hanukkah to Kwanzaa. He celebrated with glee all festivals of every nationality.

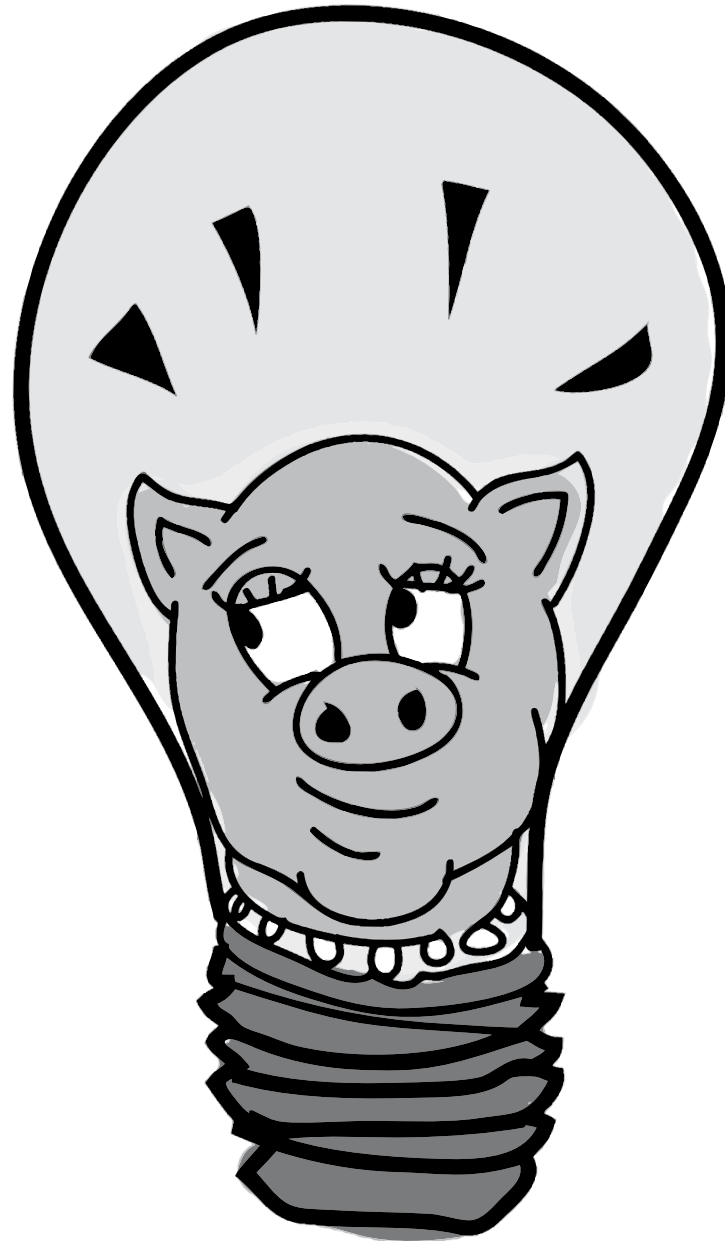




HAPPY  
NEW YEAR!



Pernita had a big idea.



She decided to call Stanley's friends, maybe they will invite him in.  
She called Tammy the Turtle and Tammy said, "You want Stanley to stay  
with me again? Oh my.....mmmmmm.....I can't, uhhhh.....  
I have to visit my cousin's uncle's sister's friend, all the way in Michigan."



She called Hank of the Herd. Hank declined, he had to visit his nephew's brother's mother's nana all the way in Alabama.

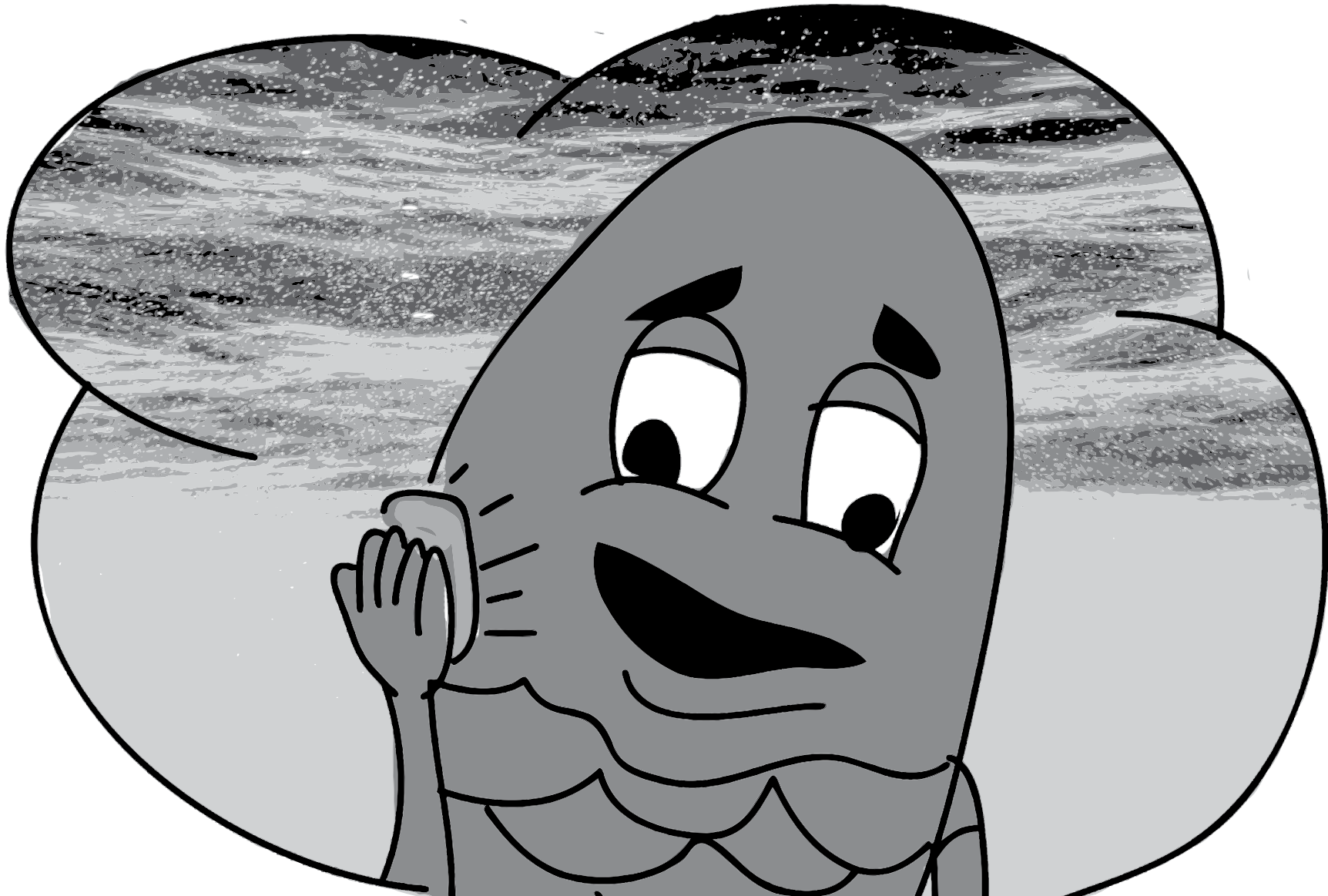




Barnabe the Bear also said, "No". He had to visit his aunt's niece's father's grandpa all the way in Utah.



**Truman the Trout said he too would not be home. He had to visit his cousin's, uncle's, sister's, friend's, nephew's, brother's, mother's, nana's, aunt's, niece's, father's, grandpa's school all the way in Timbuktu!**



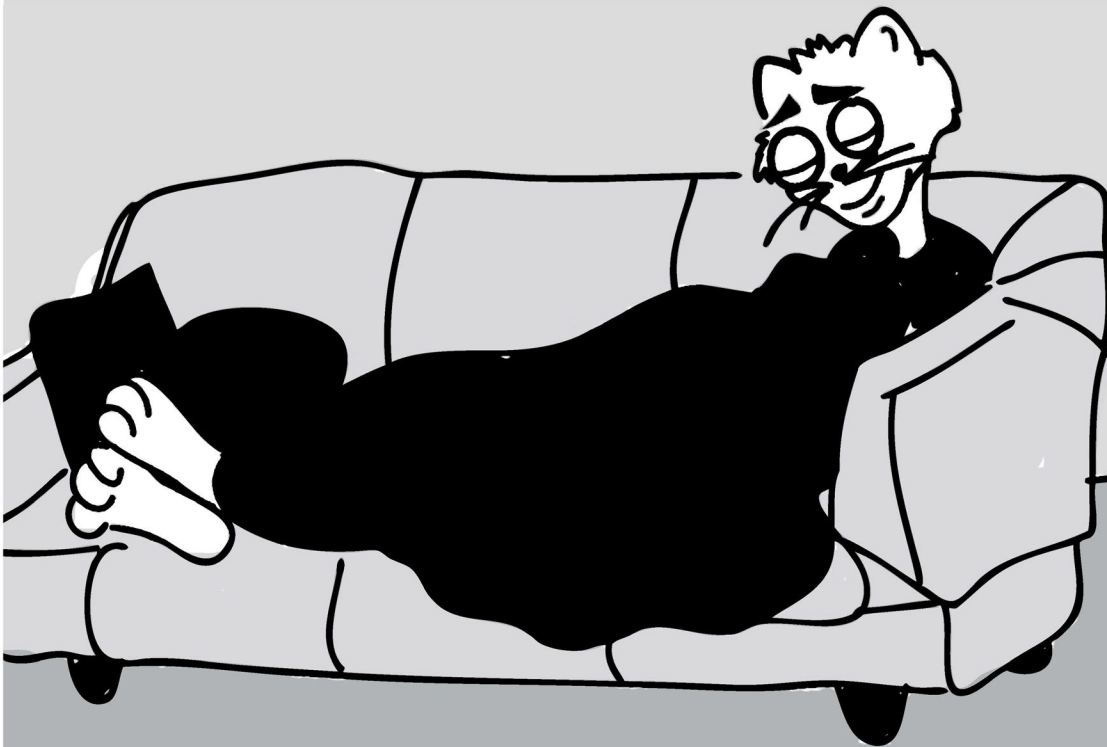
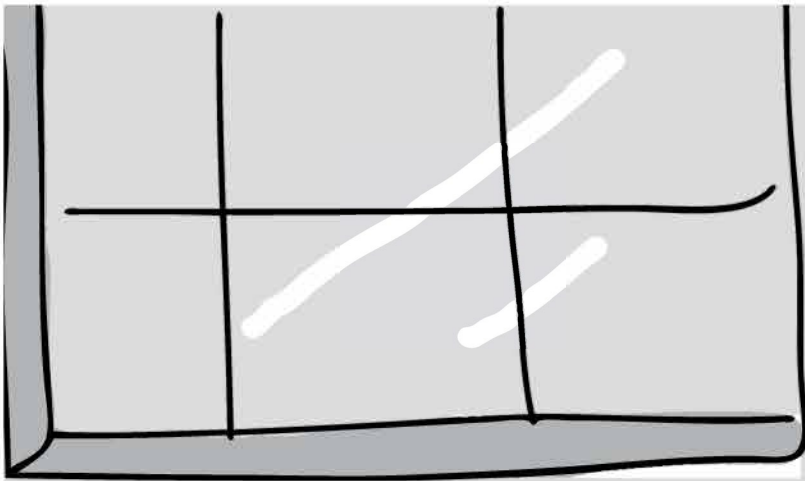


The next day Pernita the Pig tried to sweat him out. She turned the thermometer up really high! "The house will get so hot, he will not be able to stay anymore."  
Stanley just sat by the door, waiting for the cool breezes from the shore.

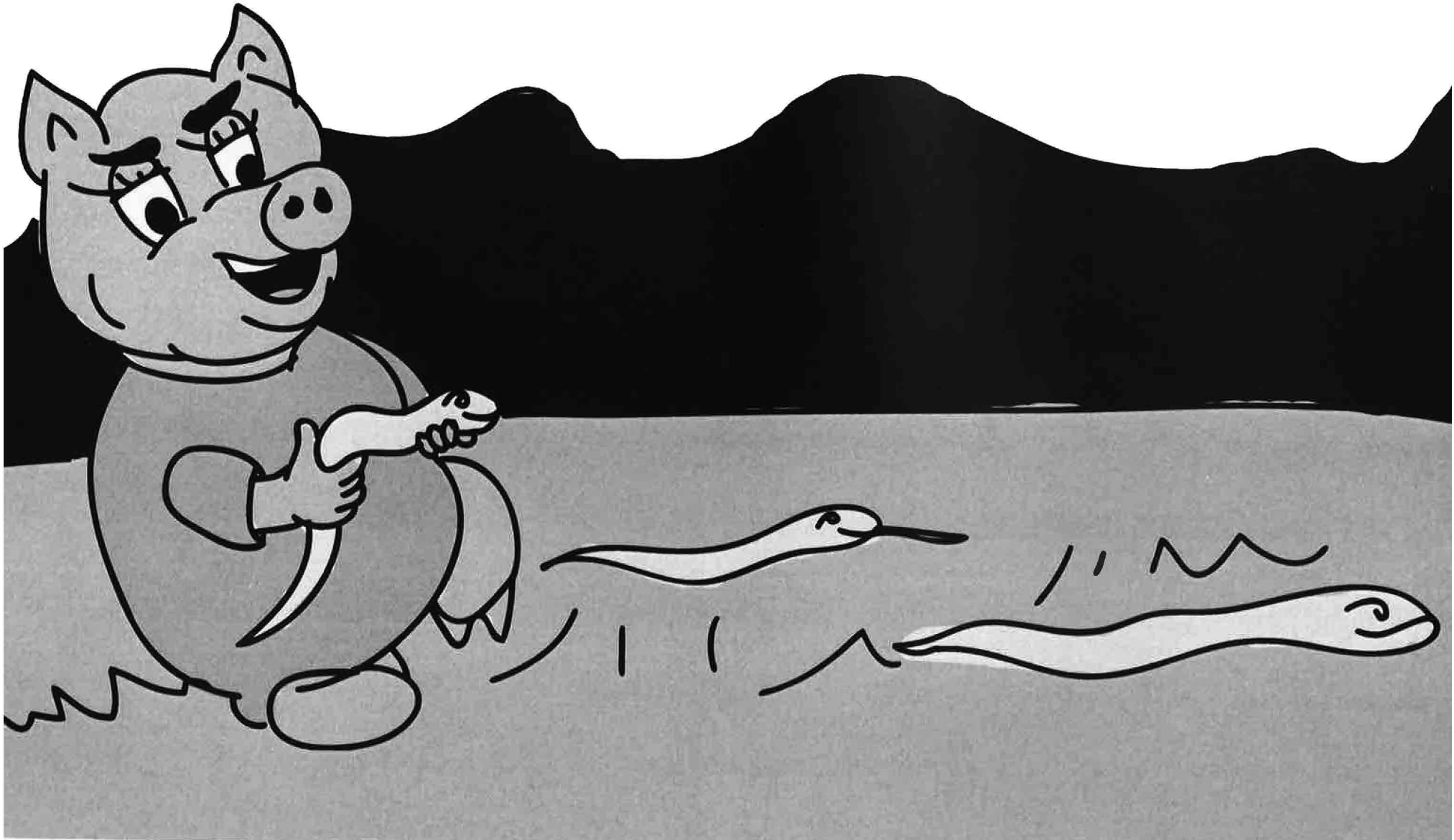


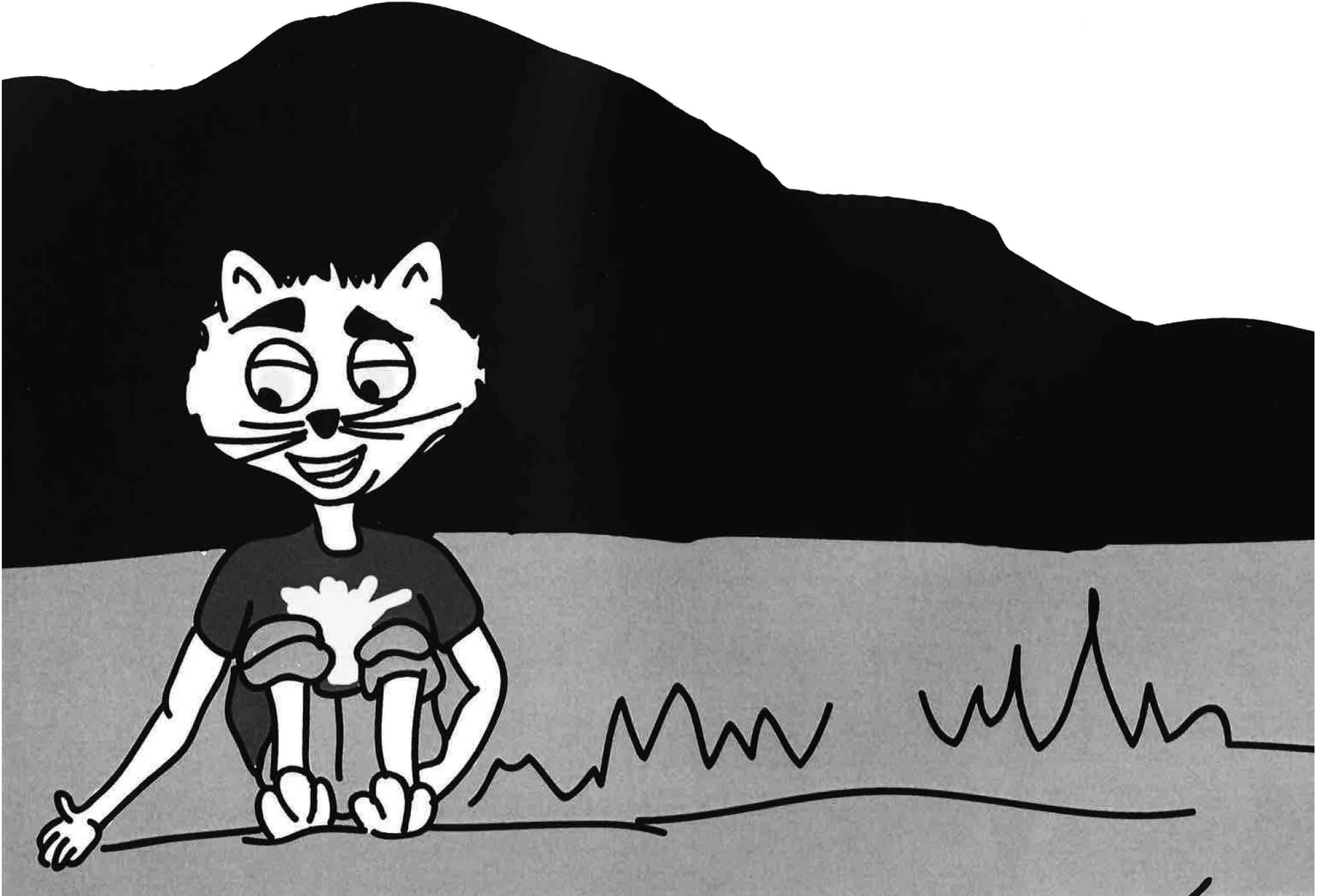
One day, Pernita the Pig tried to freeze him out.  
"If he's cold, he'll leave, no doubt!"

She turned up the air  
conditioner really high. "He will be gone at last!"  
Stanley curled up in his blanket.  
He liked that Arctic blast!

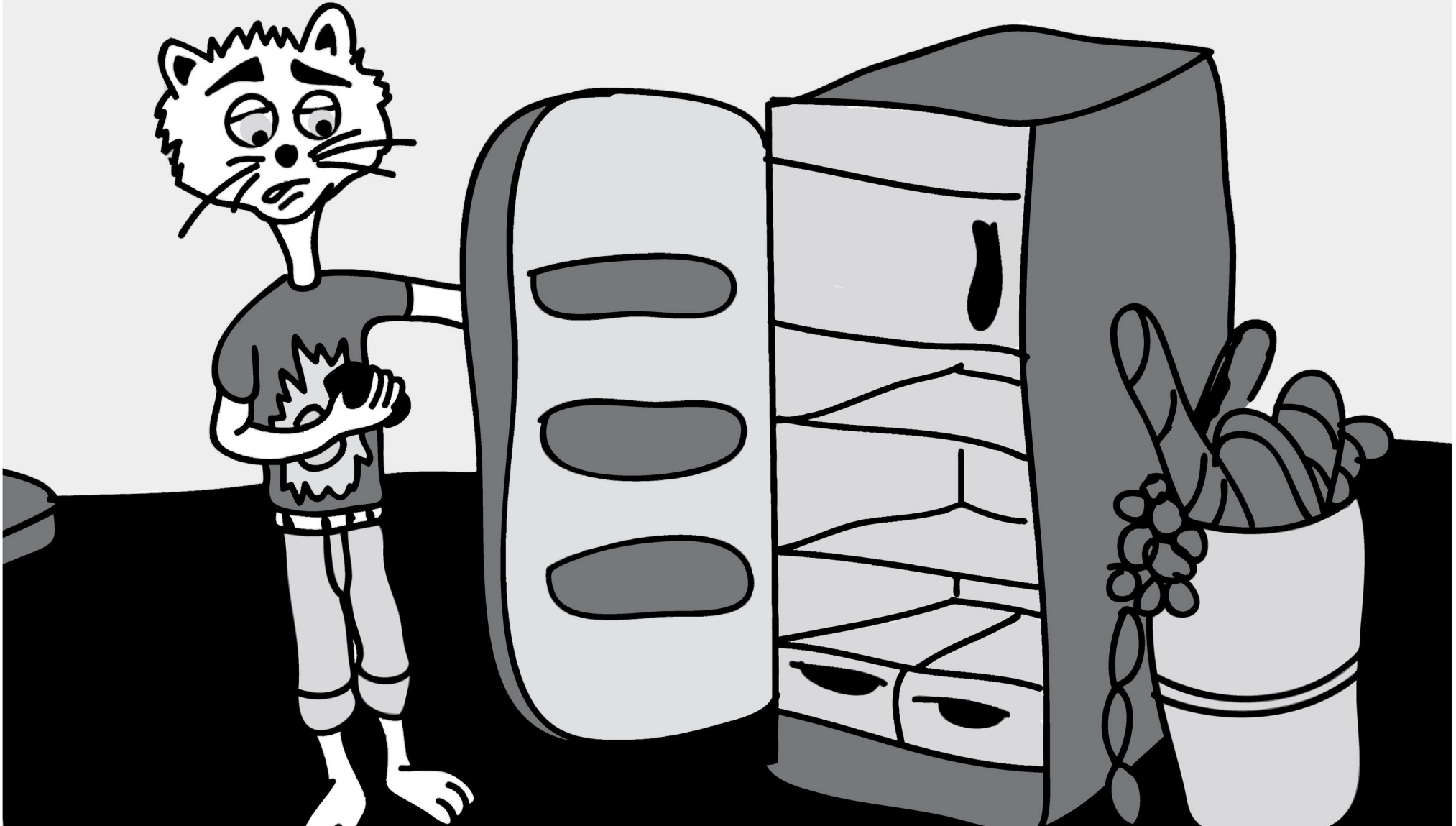


Pernita the Pig tried to scare him out. She put snakes on the floor from end to end. Stanley saw the snakes and said, "Snakes are our friends."





Pernita the Pig tried to starve him out. "If I get rid of all the meats, he will have nothing good to eat." She threw out the fish, steak, chicken and ham. She even rid the rack of lamb. Stanley discovered that all of the meats were gone. Pernita said, "Sorry Stanley, I guess you will not want to stay." Pernita the Pig waited for Stanley's packing to begin, but Stanley said, "Oh, didn't I tell you? I don't eat meat anymore. I'm a vegan."



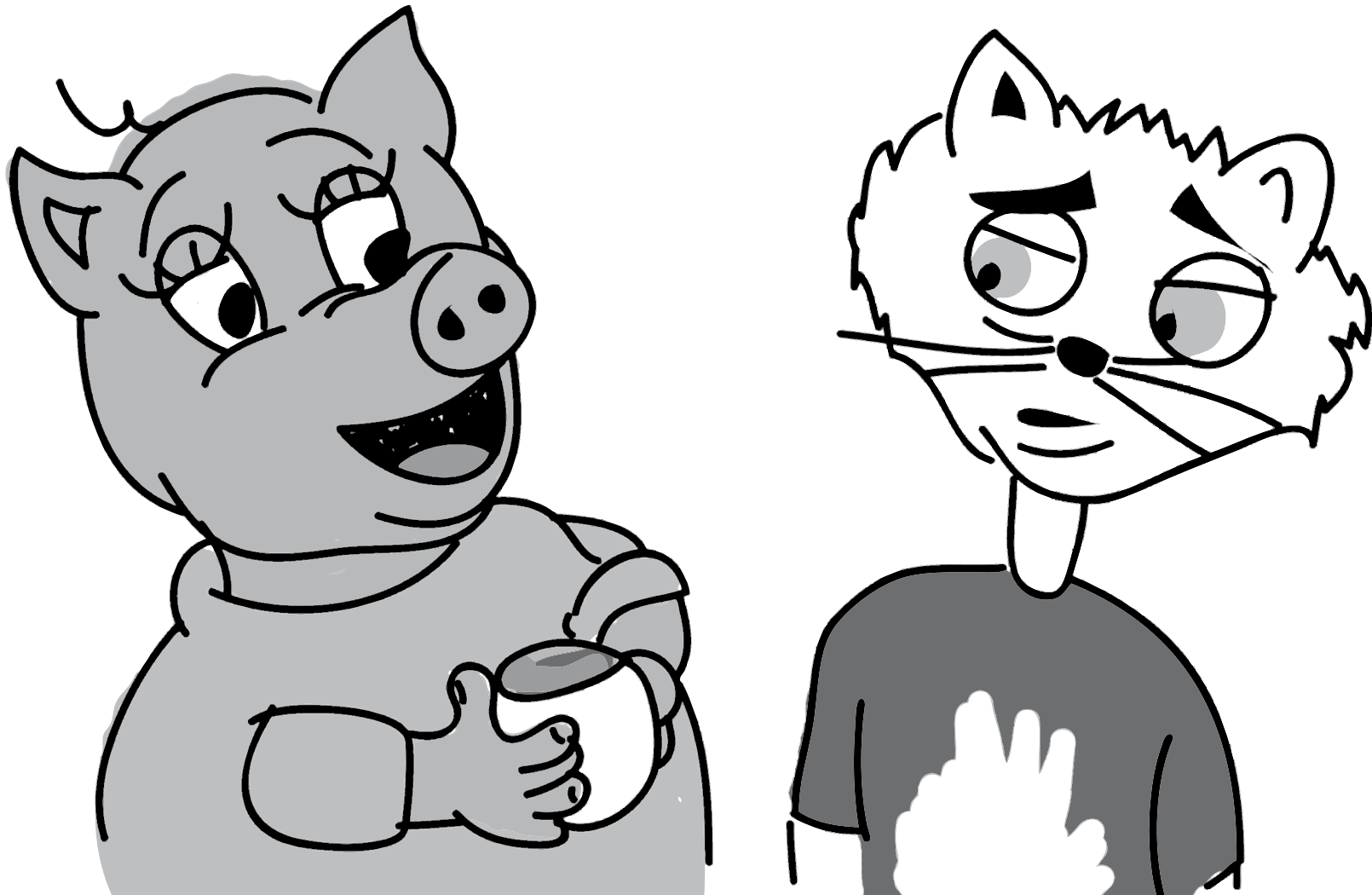


**Pernita the Pig wanted to scream: Get out! Be gone! Hit the road!  
Go and I'm not going to tell you twice!  
But she could not because she was too polite and nice.**

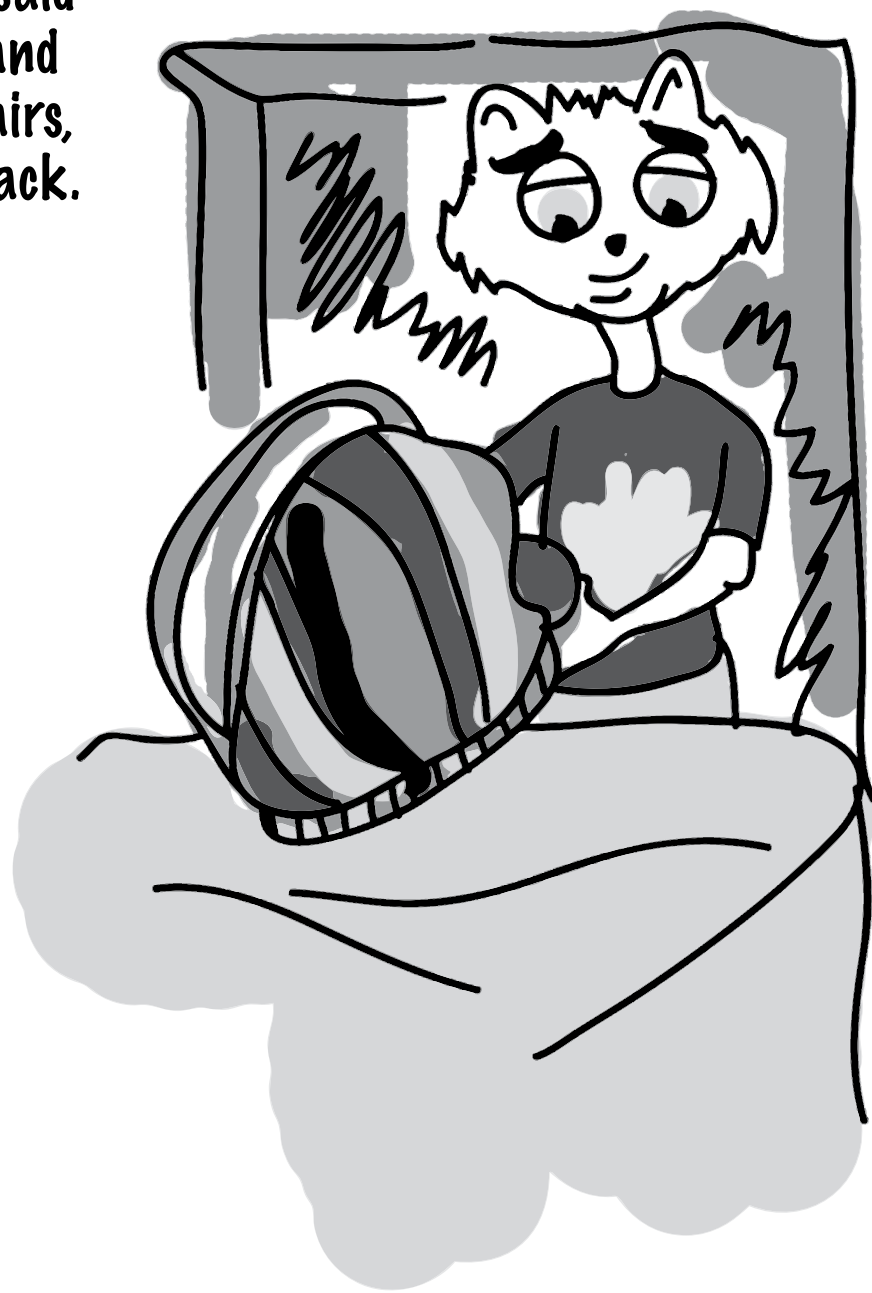


**Pernita said, "Oh woe is me, I will be stuck forever with Stanley." Pernita the Pig wondered: What if I told Stanley that he has worn out his welcome? What if I asked him to leave?**

**Pernita the Pig sat down with Stanley over cake and tea. She told him that he would always be her friend, but she would have to set him free. She needed her space and he was in the way, he would have to go, but he could visit any day.**



She waited for Stanley to be angry or sad. But he said nothing. Stanley stood up from his cake and tea and began to walk ever so slowly. He walked up the stairs, picked up his sac and began to pack and pack and pack.





He opened the door, Pernita watched. He turned around and looked into her eyes. When he smiled at her, she was surprised. Stanley said, "Thank you for telling me how you feel, you are a true friend that is real. You're right, I stayed too long-that shouldn't be, can you forgive me?" She forgave Stanley and he went away.



The next time a friend invited Stanley Stray,  
he stayed for one, and only one day.

**THE END.**





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Stanley Stray is a laid-back kind of stray that travels from friend to friend. He stays for days and it's hard to get him to go away. Stanley's friend, Pernita the Pig is too nice to ask him to leave. What will she do? She has many funny and clever ideas-but will they work?



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