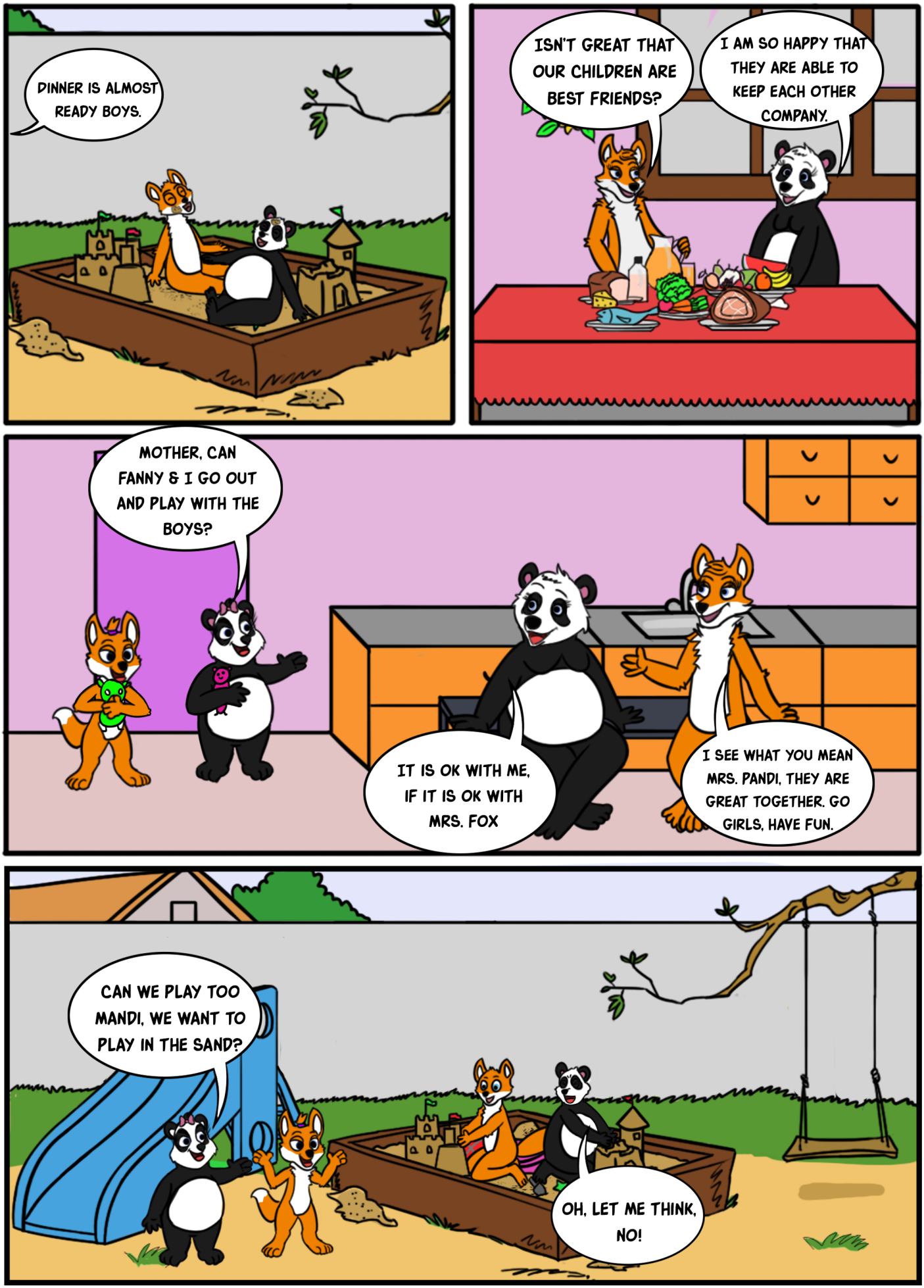
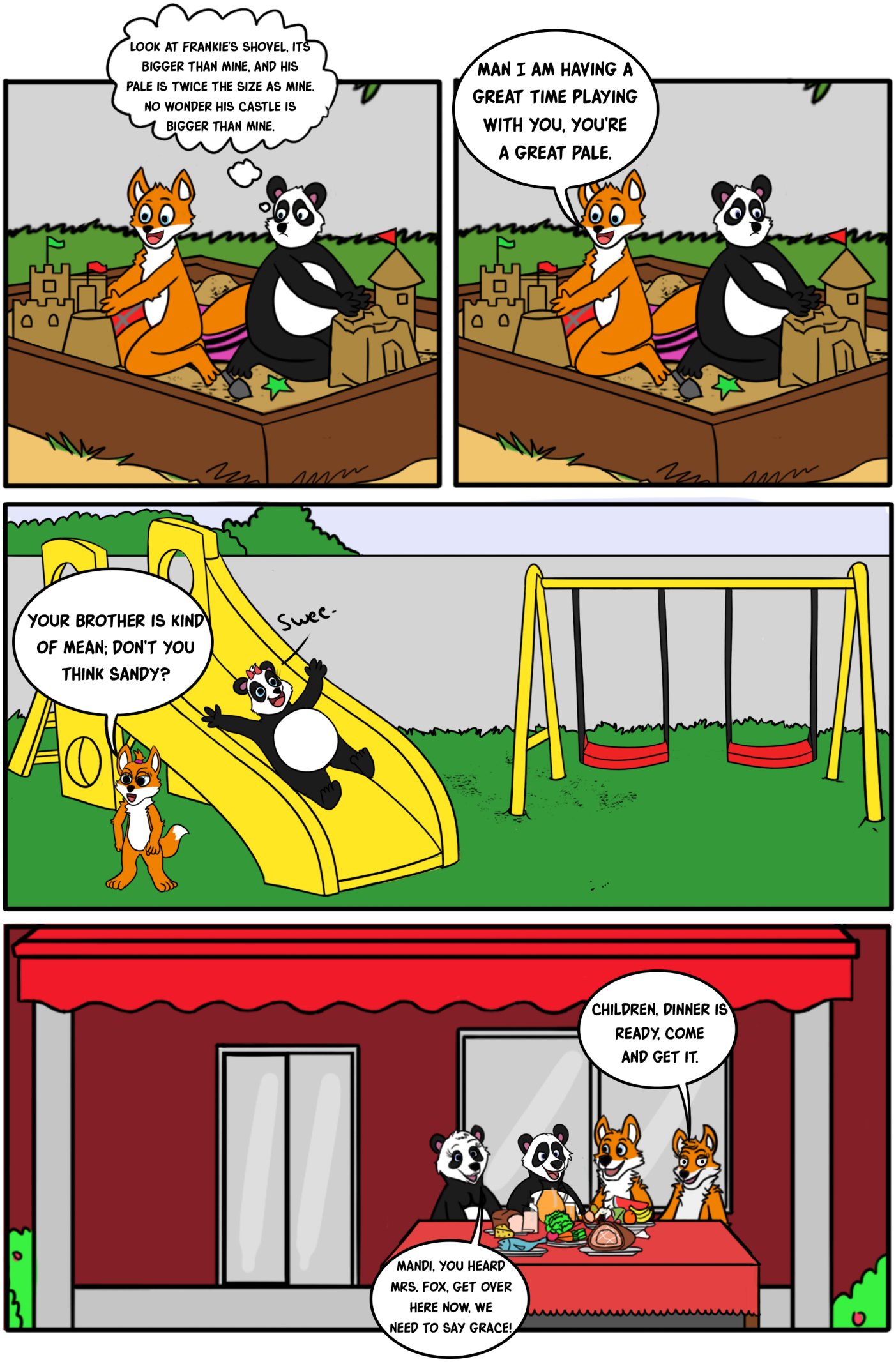
MANDI, SANDY, DID YOU FINISH YOUR HOMEWORK?
YES MOMMA, WE ARE DONE! CAN WE GO OUT AND PLAY? FRANKIE FOX IS WAITING FOR ME. PLEASE!
BIBLE
SINCE YOU FINISHED YOUR CHORES, AND YOUR WORK.....
BIBLE
I GUESS HE KNEW WHAT YOU WERE GOING TO SAY, HUH MOMMA?
BIBLE

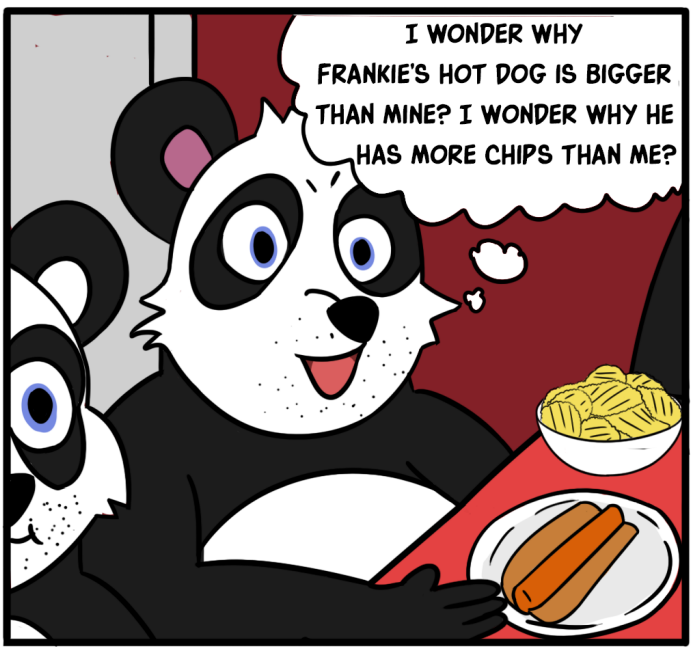
HOW DID YOU FINISH YOUR HOMEWORK SO QUICKLY MANDI?
IT WAS SO EASY. FRANKIE, WE ARE GOING TO HAVE A GREAT TIME. YOU ARE MY BEST FRIEND.
MANDI, I AM HAVING LOTS OF FUN BUILDING THESE CASTLES WITH YOU. YOU ARE MY BEST FRIEND.
I AM SO GLAD THAT THE BOYS ARE SUCH GOOD FRIENDS. WE SHOULD SIGN THEM UP FOR BASEBALL TOGETHER.
WHAT ABOUT BASKETBALL. FRANKIE IS SO GOOD HE COULD BECOME THE NEXT BEAVER BRYANT.


DINNER IS ALMOST READY BOYS.
ISN'T GREAT THAT OUR CHILDREN ARE BEST FRIENDS?
I AM SO HAPPY THAT THEY ARE ABLE TO KEEP EACH OTHER COMPANY.
MOTHER, CAN FANNY & I GO OUT AND PLAY WITH THE BOYS?
IT IS OK WITH ME, IF IT IS OK WITH MRS. FOX
I SEE WHAT YOU MEAN MRS. PANDI, THEY ARE GREAT TOGETHER. GO GIRLS, HAVE FUN.
CAN WE PLAY TOO MANDI, WE WANT TO PLAY IN THE SAND?
OH, LET ME THINK, NO!

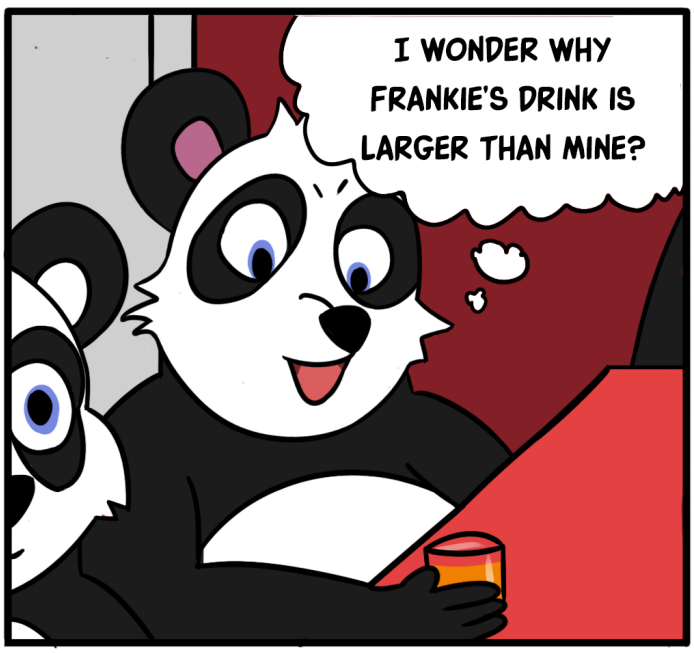
MY BROTHER'S CASTLE IS BETTER THAN YOURS.
WHAT DID SHE MEAN BY THAT?
I DID NOT SEE THAT BEFORE. HIS CASTLE LOOKS MUCH BETTER THAN MINE.
LOOK AT THE BOYS, HAVING SUCH A GREAT TIME TOGETHER, I BET THEY WILL BE FRIENDS FOREVER. WHAT DO YOU THINK?
I CERTAINLY HOPE SO, LOOK HOW HAPPY THEY ARE PLAYING TOGETHER. I THINK THEY MAKE A COUPLE OF GREAT PALS.


LOOK AT FRANKIE'S SHOVEL, ITS BIGGER THAN MINE, AND HIS PALE IS TWICE THE SIZE AS MINE. NO WONDER HIS CASTLE IS BIGGER THAN MINE.
MAN I AM HAVING A GREAT TIME PLAYING WITH YOU, YOU'RE A GREAT PALE.
YOUR BROTHER IS KIND OF MEAN; DON'T YOU THINK SANDY?
Swee-
CHILDREN, DINNER IS READY, COME AND GET IT.
MANDI, YOU HEARD MRS. FOX, GET OVER HERE NOW, WE NEED TO SAY GRACE!

THANK YOU LORD FOR THIS FOOD, LET US BE MINDFUL OF OTHERS, AND LOVE ONE ANOTHER. IN JESUS NAME, AMEN.

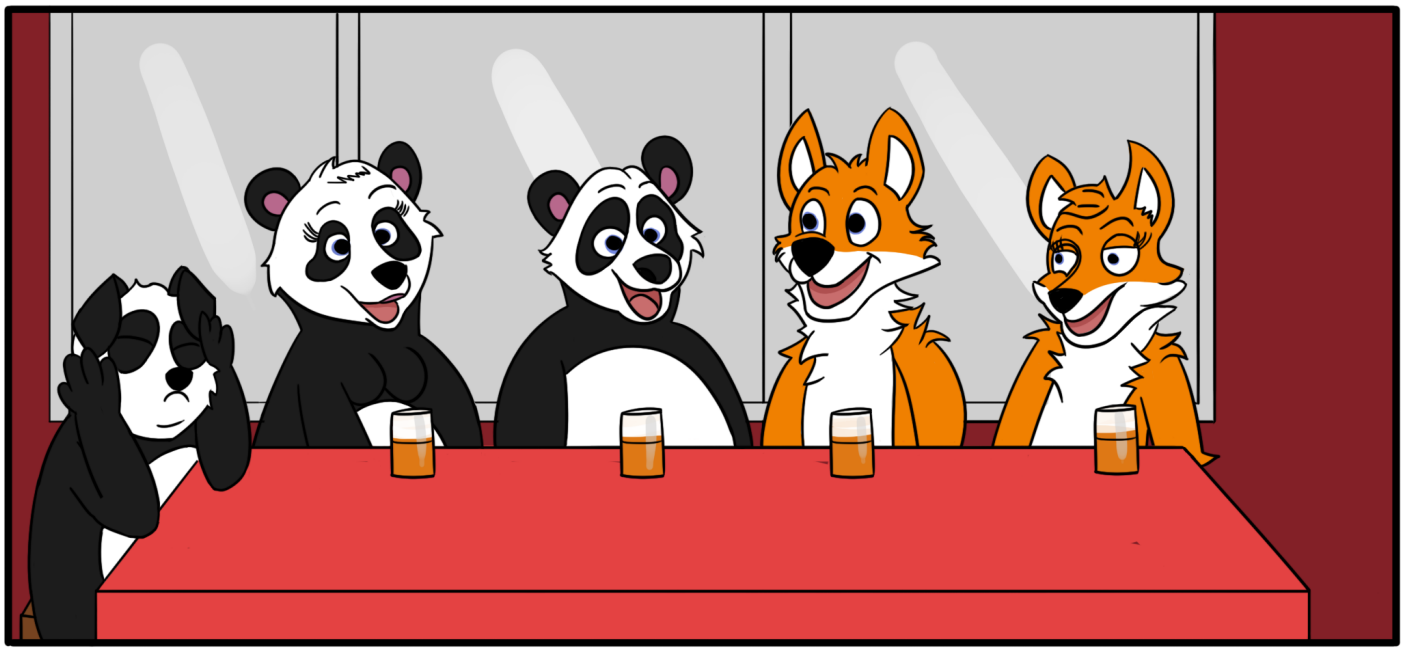

I WONDER WHY FRANKIE'S HOT DOG IS BIGGER THAN MINE? I WONDER WHY HE HAS MORE CHIPS THAN ME?

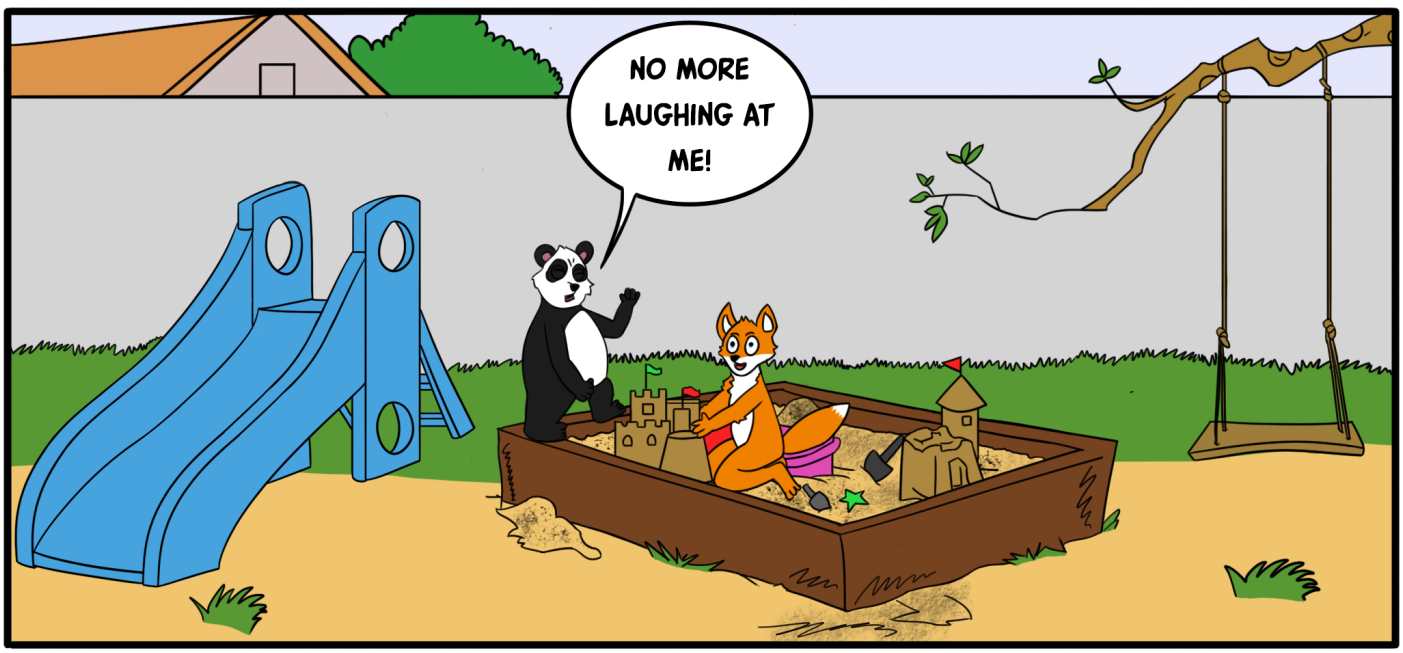
I HOPE MANDI LIKES COMING OVER, I WANT HIM TO VISIT EVERY DAY. HE IS MY BEST FRIEND.

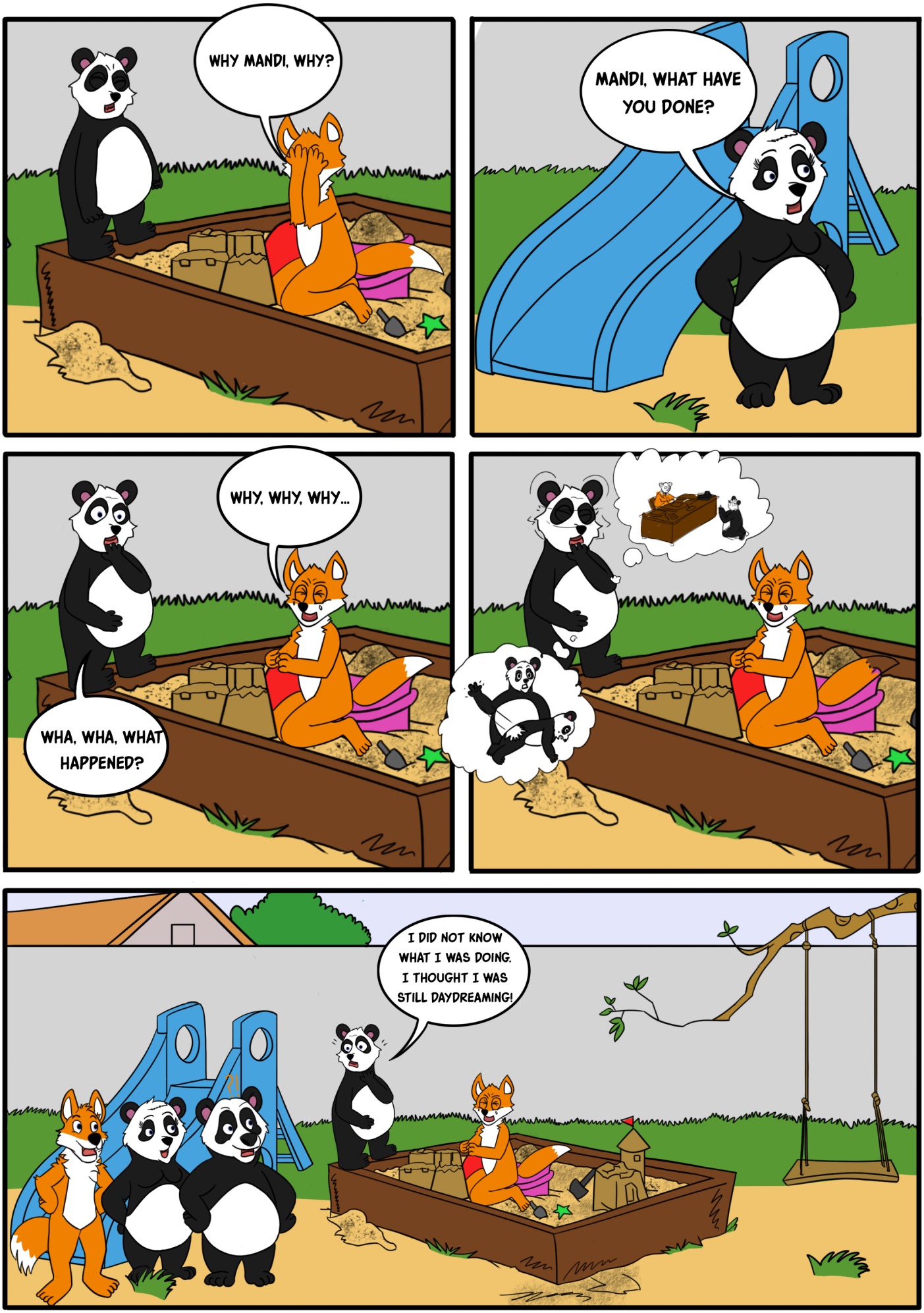

I WONDER WHY FRANKIE'S DRINK IS LARGER THAN MINE?

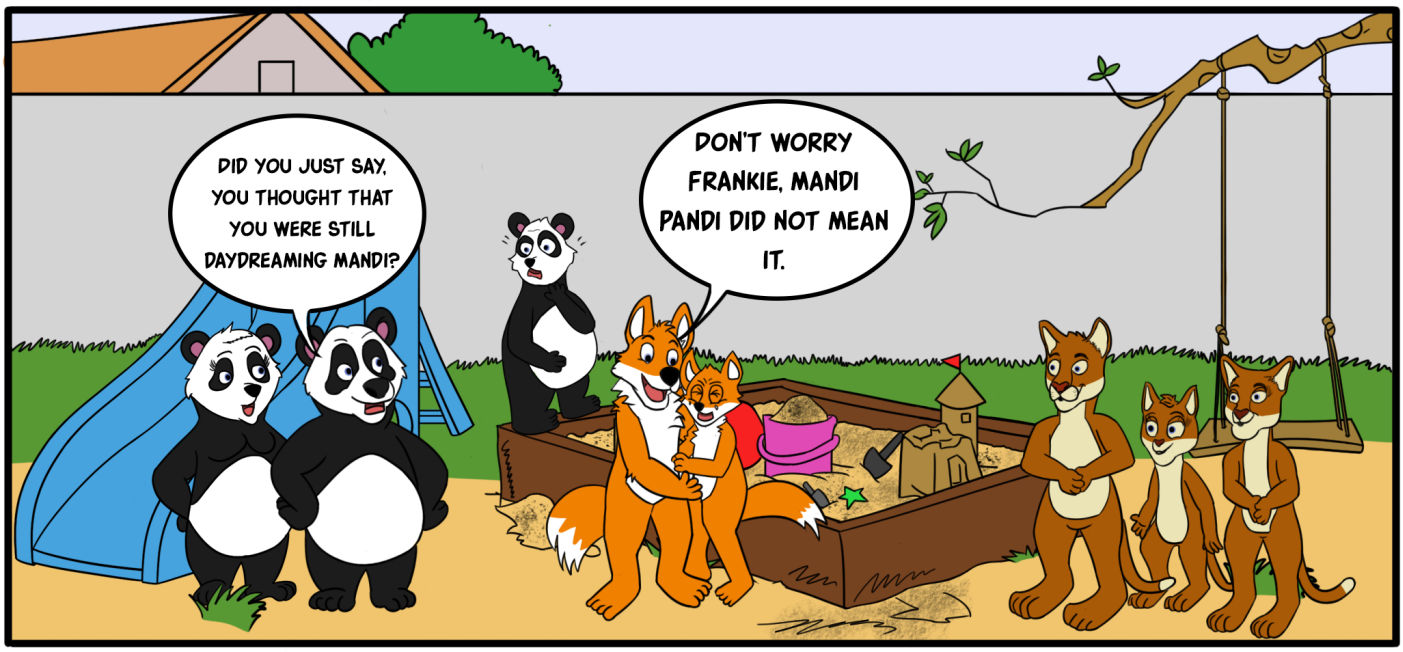
OK EVERYBODY, IT IS TIME TO HONOR OUR SPECIAL LITTLE GUEST.
icecream
HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO MY LITTLE PRECIOUS ANGEL, FRANKIE!

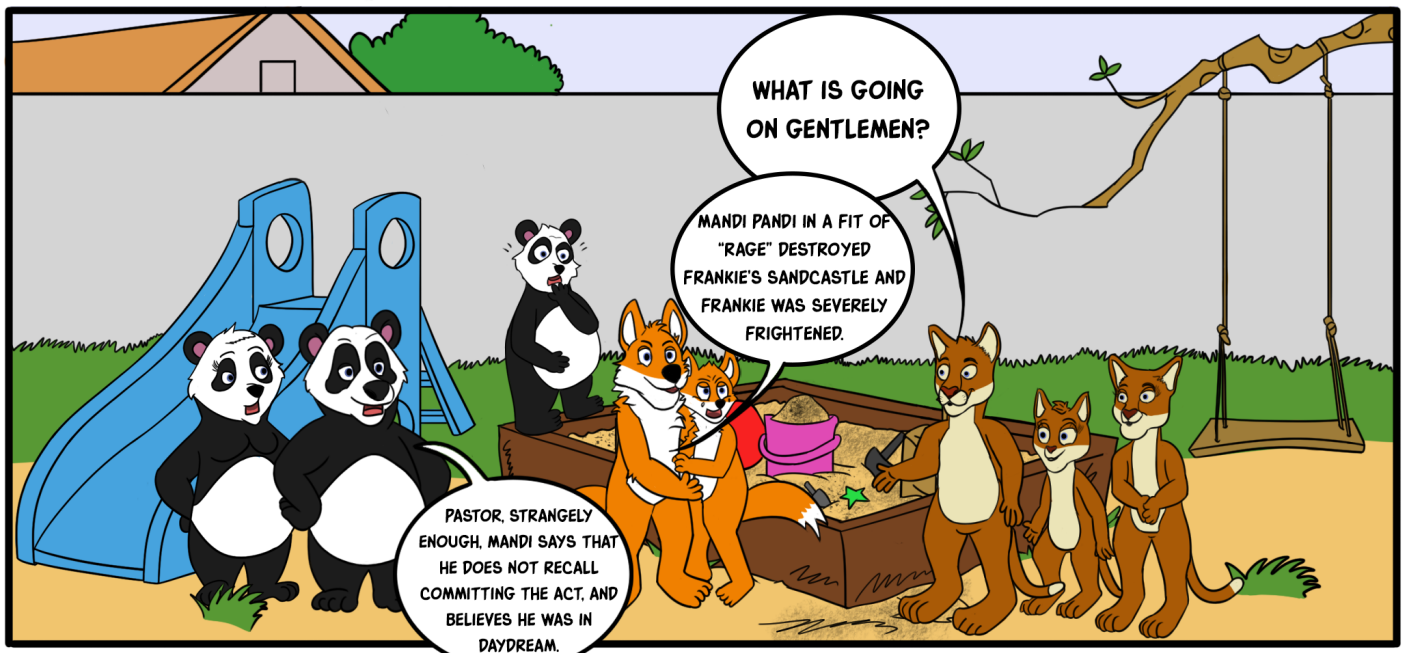
REALLY, MY OWN MOTHER IS FAVORING THIS FOX, OVER ME!
THIS CAKE ISN'T SO GOOD! IN FACT, IT IS HORRIBLE
WHAT SO GREAT ABOUT A SANDCASTLE ANYWAY? IT IS NOT LIKE HE INVENTED THE INTERNET. THAT WAS AL GORE.
HEY MANDI, THANK YOU FOR BEING MY BEST FRIEND. YOU REALLY MADE THIS DAY SPECIAL FOR ME.
YEAH! WHATEVER KID!
Hugh!
I HAVE HAD ENOUGH

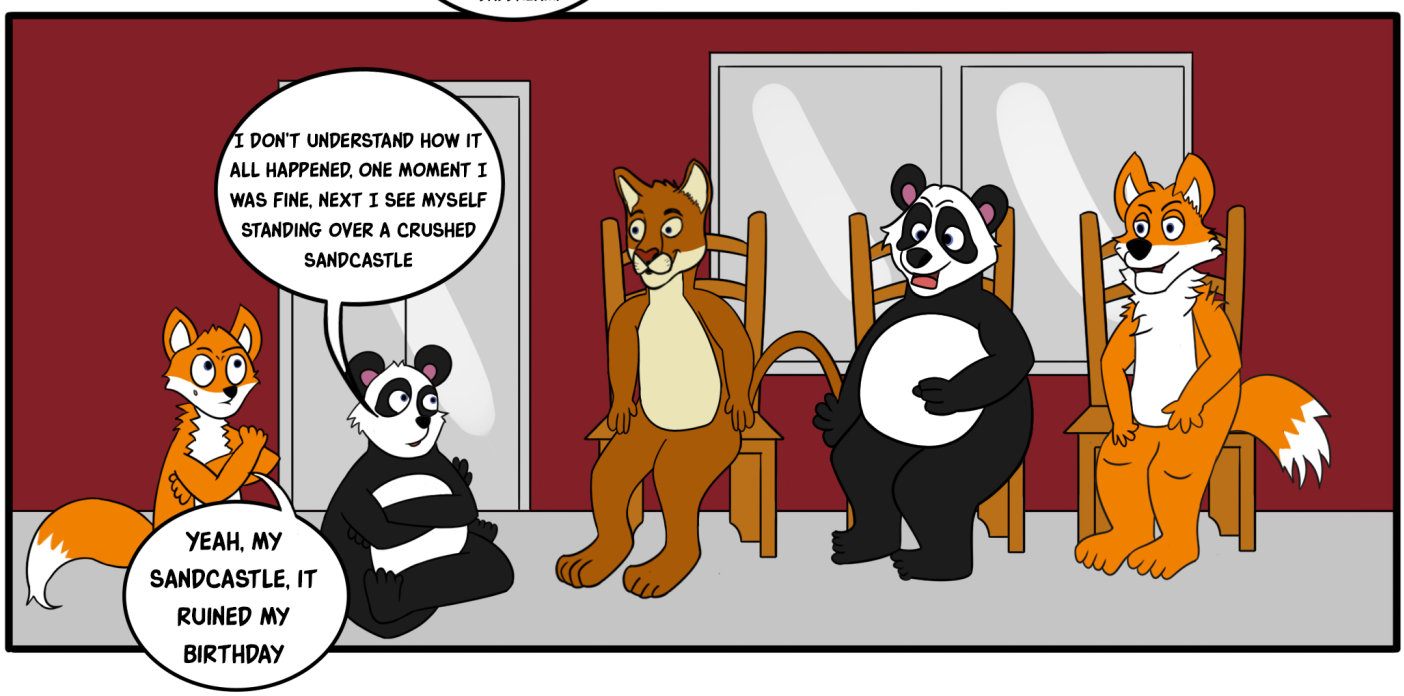


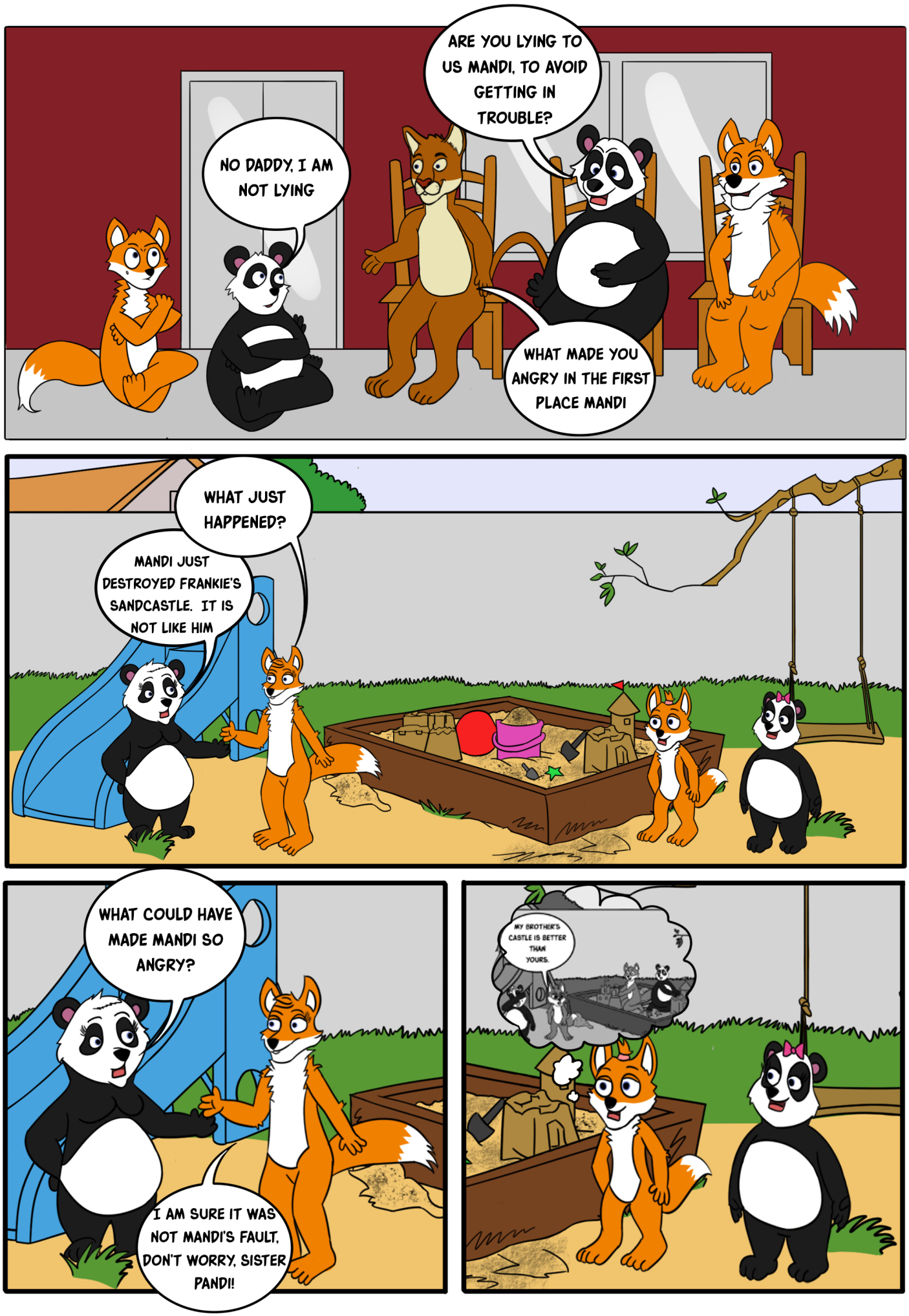

NO MORE LAUGHING AT ME!

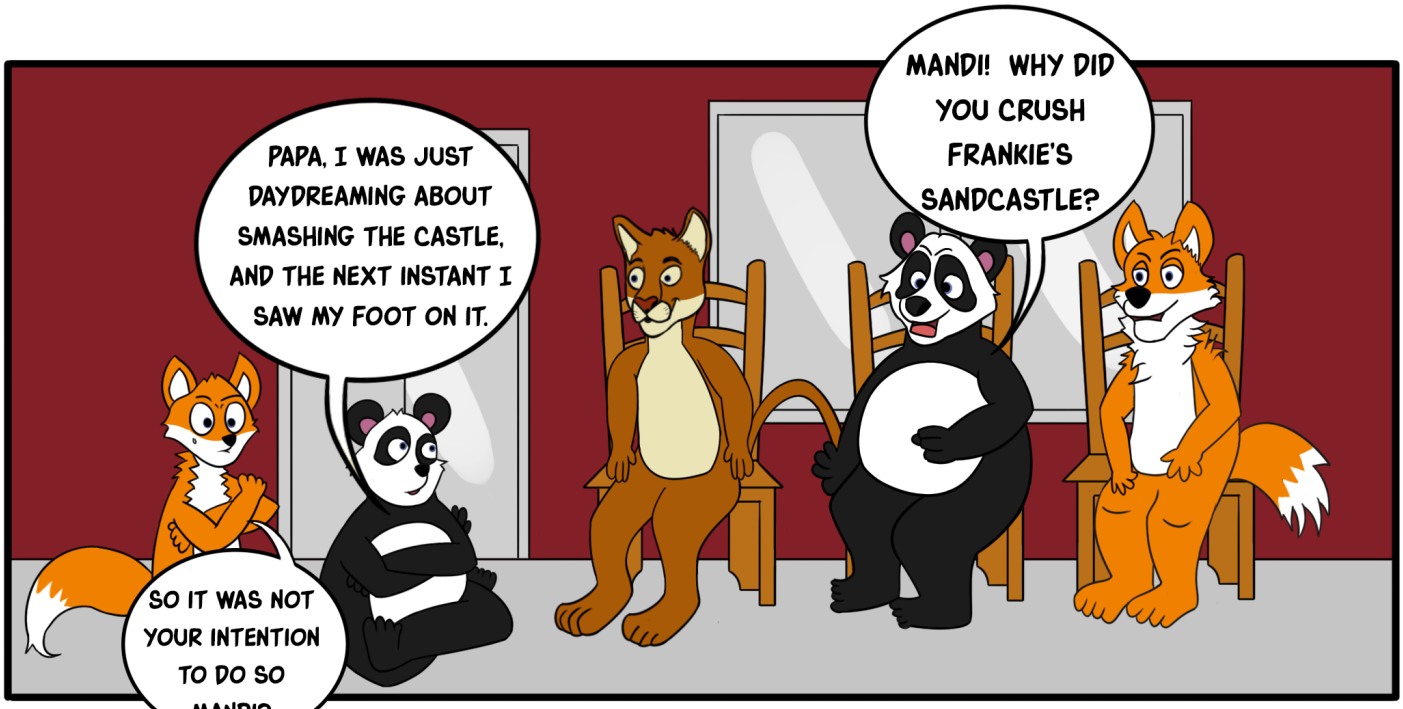

WHY MANDI, WHY?
MANDI, WHAT HAVE YOU DONE?
WHY, WHY, WHY...
WHA, WHA, WHAT HAPPENED?
I DID NOT KNOW WHAT I WAS DOING. I THOUGHT I WAS STILL DAYDREAMING!


DID YOU JUST SAY, YOU THOUGHT THAT YOU WERE STILL DAYDREAMING MANDI?
DON'T WORRY FRANKIE, MANDI PANDI DID NOT MEAN IT.


WHAT IS GOING ON GENTLEMEN?
MANDI PANDI IN A FIT OF "RAGE" DESTROYED FRANKIE'S SANDCASTLE AND FRANKIE WAS SEVERELY FRIGHTENED.
PASTOR, STRANGELY ENOUGH, MANDI SAYS THAT HE DOES NOT RECALL COMMITTING THE ACT, AND BELIEVES HE WAS IN DAYDREAM.


I DON'T UNDERSTAND HOW IT ALL HAPPENED, ONE MOMENT I WAS FINE, NEXT I SEE MYSELF STANDING OVER A CRUSHED SANDCASTLE
YEAH, MY SANDCASTLE, IT RUINED MY BIRTHDAY


ARE YOU LYING TO US MANDI, TO AVOID GETTING IN TROUBLE?
NO DADDY, I AM NOT LYING
WHAT MADE YOU ANGRY IN THE FIRST PLACE MANDI
WHAT JUST HAPPENED?
MANDI JUST DESTROYED FRANKIE'S SANDCASTLE. IT IS NOT LIKE HIM
WHAT COULD HAVE MADE MANDI SO ANGRY?
I AM SURE IT WAS NOT MANDI'S FAULT, DON'T WORRY, SISTER PANDI!
MY BROTHER'S CASTLE IS BETTER THAN YOURS.


MANDI! WHY DID YOU CRUSH FRANKIE'S SANDCASTLE?
PAPA, I WAS JUST DAYDREAMING ABOUT SMASHING THE CASTLE, AND THE NEXT INSTANT I SAW MY FOOT ON IT.
SO IT WAS NOT YOUR INTENTION TO DO SO MANDI?

CAN WE ALL GO INSIDE SO THAT WE CAN DISCUSS THIS?

LET'S REVIEW THE DAYS EVENTS. WHEN DID YOU START FEELING ANGRY MANDI?
I BELIEVE IT WAS WHEN FANNIE TOLD ME THAT FRANKIE'S SANDCASTLE WAS BETTER THAN MINE

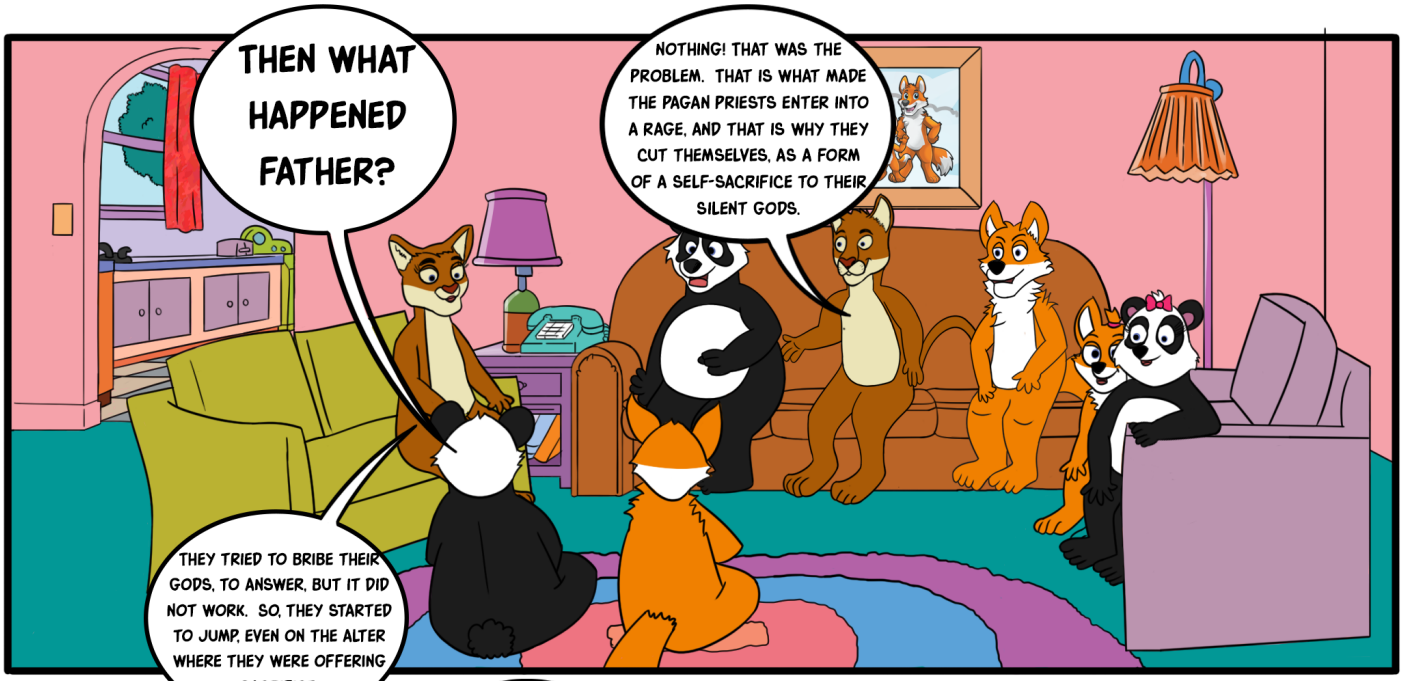
I ONLY SAID IT BECAUSE MANDI WOULD NOT LET US PLAY WITH HIM, AND HE WAS MEAN TO SANDY.
LATER I REALIZED THAT FRANKIE'S HOTDOG WAS BIGGER, HE HAD MORE CHIPS, AND HIS DRINK WAS BETTER.
WHILE IN A STATE OF RAGE, HE NO LONGER WAS ABLE TO TELL THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN HIS DAYDREAMS, OR REALITY.
SO MANDI GOT ANGRY, HE GOT JEALOUS, AND WOUND UP IN A RAGE.
SATAN TOOK THIS OPPORTUNITY TO TAKE CONTROL OF MANDI'S MIND, WE SOMETIMES CALL THIS POSSESSION.
WHEN MANDI WAS UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE ENEMY, HE WAS NO LONGER IN CONTROL OF HIMSELF.
MANDI'S ANGER BECAME JEALOUSY; THEN, HE BEGAN TO COVET.
LET US NOT FORGET THAT THE DEVIL ALSO USED FANNY'S WORDS TO START THE WHOLE THING.

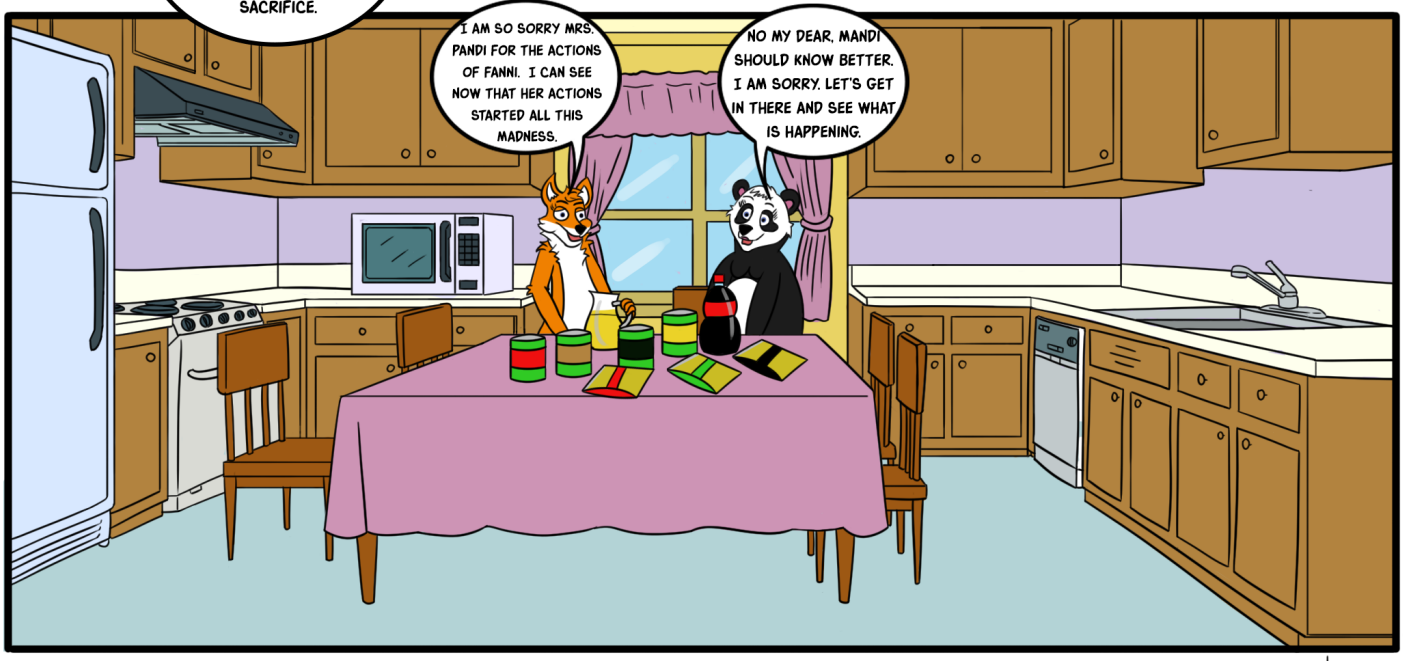
AS WE CAN SEE, THE ENEMY OF THE LORD, HAS THE ABILITY TO CREATE PROBLEMS BETWEEN GOD'S CHILDREN
FANNY, DO YOU SEE WHY WE HAVE TO BE CAREFUL ABOUT HOW AND WHAT WE SAY?

PASTOR, ARE YOU SAYING THAT I WAS CONTROLLED BY THE DEVIL? THAT TERRIFIES ME.
WELL, MAYBE NOT TO THE POINT OF BEING POSSESSED, BUT HE DOES KNOW HOW TO INFLUENCE YOU.

PASTOR, WHAT GIVE SATAN THE RIGHT TO INFLUENCE OR POSSESS US?
WELL SON, SATAN CAN ENTER OUR MIND BY THE THINGS WE SAY, WATCH, LISTEN OR DO.
WHAT DO YOU MEAN PASTOR, WHAT DID I DO, WATCH, HEAR OR DO?

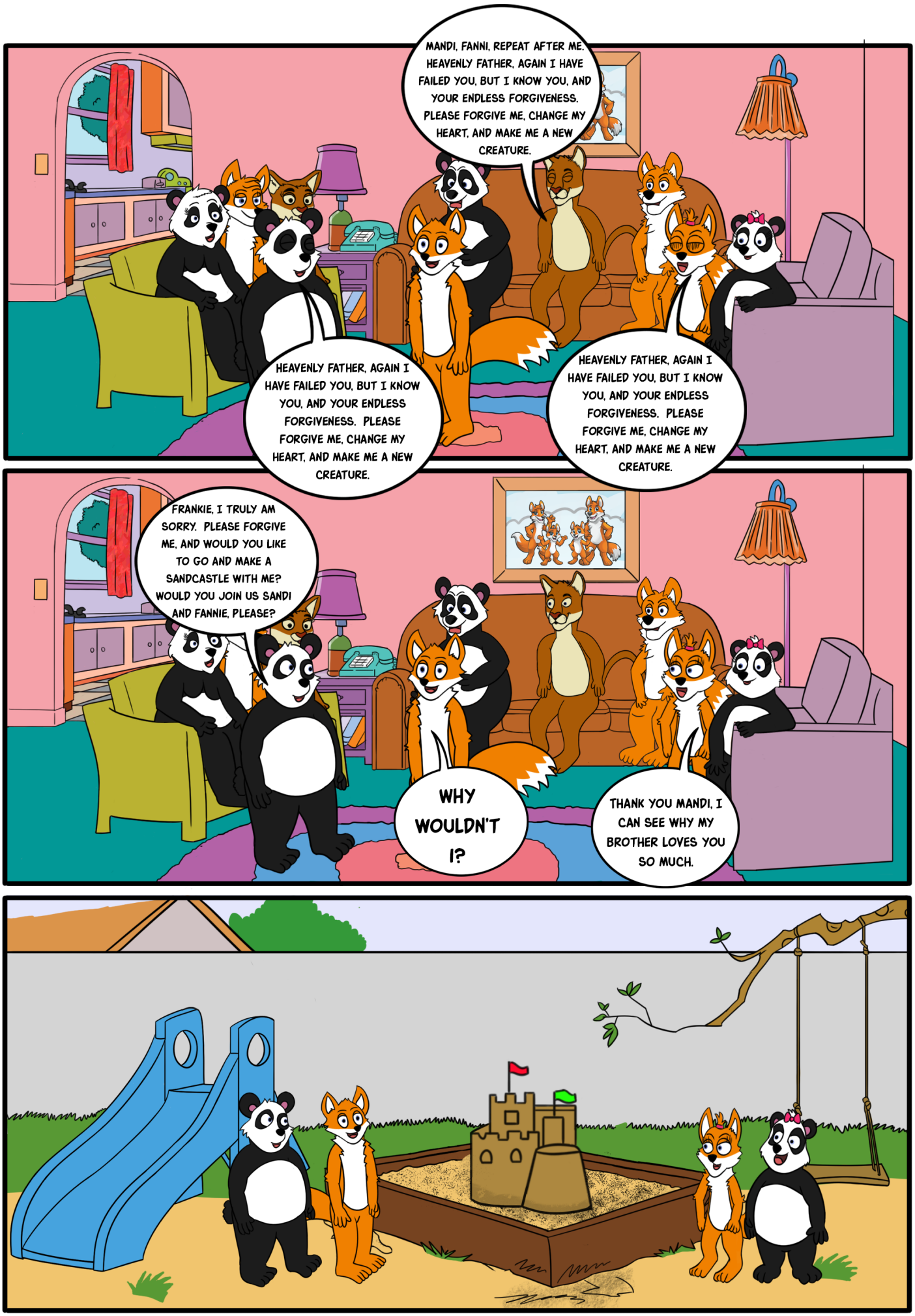
YOU SEE MANDI, WHEN FANNY, IN ANGER, TOLD YOU THAT FRANKIE'S CASTLE WAS BETTER, IT MADE YOU ANGRY. YOUR ANGER WAS INCREASED BY JEALOUSY, AND LATER TURNED TO RAGE.
YEAH MANDI, WHEN YOU REACHED THE STATE OF RAGE, YOU WERE NO LONGER IN CONTROL OF YOUR MIND. I SEE THIS AT WORK EVERY DAY. THERE ARE LOTS OF PEOPLE IN JAIL FOR LOSING CONTROL FOR JUST AN INSTANCE.
I SEE PATIENTS IN MY PRACTICE, THEY COME IN HEARING VOICES, CUTTING THEMSELVES, SCREAMING, AND MEDS OFTEN DON'T HELP.
KIND OF REMIND ME OF THE STORY OF ELIJAH AT MT. CARMEL, WHERE THE PRIESTS OF BAAL WERE SCREAMING, CUTTING THEMSELVES, JUMPING ON THE ALTER.
WHY DID THEY DO THAT?
WELL YOU SEE SANDI, THE PROPHET ELIJAH HAD CHALLENGED THE KING, AND THE PRIEST OF A PAGAN GODS, TO SEE WHOSE GOD WAS GREATEST.
BUT! THE FIRE NEVER CAME SANDI.
SO THEY SCREAMED LOUDER AND LOUDER, AND LOUDER.


THEN WHAT HAPPENED FATHER?
NOTHING! THAT WAS THE PROBLEM. THAT IS WHAT MADE THE PAGAN PRIESTS ENTER INTO A RAGE, AND THAT IS WHY THEY CUT THEMSELVES, AS A FORM OF A SELF-SACRIFICE TO THEIR SILENT GODS.
THEY TRIED TO BRIBE THEIR GODS, TO ANSWER, BUT IT DID NOT WORK. SO, THEY STARTED TO JUMP, EVEN ON THE ALTER WHERE THEY WERE OFFERING SACRIFICE.


I AM SO SORRY MRS. PANDI FOR THE ACTIONS OF FANNI. I CAN SEE NOW THAT HER ACTIONS STARTED ALL THIS MADNESS.
NO MY DEAR, MANDI SHOULD KNOW BETTER. I AM SORRY. LET'S GET IN THERE AND SEE WHAT IS HAPPENING.

SNACKS ANYONE?
SO WHAT WAS THE PURPOSE OF THE CHALLENGE IF THE GODS DID NOT ANSWER, ISN'T THAT A WASTE OF TIME, PASTOR?
WELL, WE HAVEN'T TALKED ABOUT THE PROPHET ELIJAH YET, FANNY. YOU SEE THE PAGAN OFFERING STARTED IN THE MORNING, AND LASTED TILL THE AFTERNOON, AND NOTHING HAPPENED.

REMEMBER PASTOR, I LOST CONTROL OF MY MIND, I MIGHT HAVE BEEN POSSESSED. HOW DOES THIS APPLY TO MY SITUATION?
WELL, THE ENEMY ATTACKED YOU MANDI, AND YOU FAILED TO BEAT HIM. YOU ARE JUST TOO SPIRITUALLY WEAK TO OVERCOME HIM.
YES THE DEVIL IS STRONG, BUT, JUST AS THE PAGAN PRIEST FAILED, WHEN SATAN TAKES ON JESUS CHRIST, LUCIFER FAILS.
PASTOR, I AM SO SORRY. I AM SORRY TO FRANKIE, THE FOX FAMILY, MY FAMILY, AND ESPECIALLY, I AM SORRY TO GOD.
IT IS OK MANDI, I FORGIVE YOU, AND I AM SURE THAT MY FAMILY, YOUR FAMILY, AND GOD DOES TOO.
MANDI, DO YOU WANT ASK JESUS CHRIST TO FORGIVE YOU FOR WHAT YOU'VE DONE? AND FANNY, DO YOU WANT TO ASK FOR FORGIVENESS FROM MANDI, AND JESUS?
OH PLEASE MOMMA, I FEEL HORRIBLE!
YES MRS. PANDI, I DON'T WANT TO HURT MY KING JESUS CHRIST, OR MANDI. SORRY MANDI


MANDI, FANNI, REPEAT AFTER ME. HEAVENLY FATHER, AGAIN I HAVE FAILED YOU, BUT I KNOW YOU, AND YOUR ENDLESS FORGIVENESS. PLEASE FORGIVE ME, CHANGE MY HEART, AND MAKE ME A NEW CREATURE.
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FRANKIE, I TRULY AM SORRY. PLEASE FORGIVE ME, AND WOULD YOU LIKE TO GO AND MAKE A SANDCASTLE WITH ME? WOULD YOU JOIN US SANDI AND FANNIE, PLEASE?
WHY WOULDN'T I?
THANK YOU MANDI, I CAN SEE WHY MY BROTHER LOVES YOU SO MUCH.