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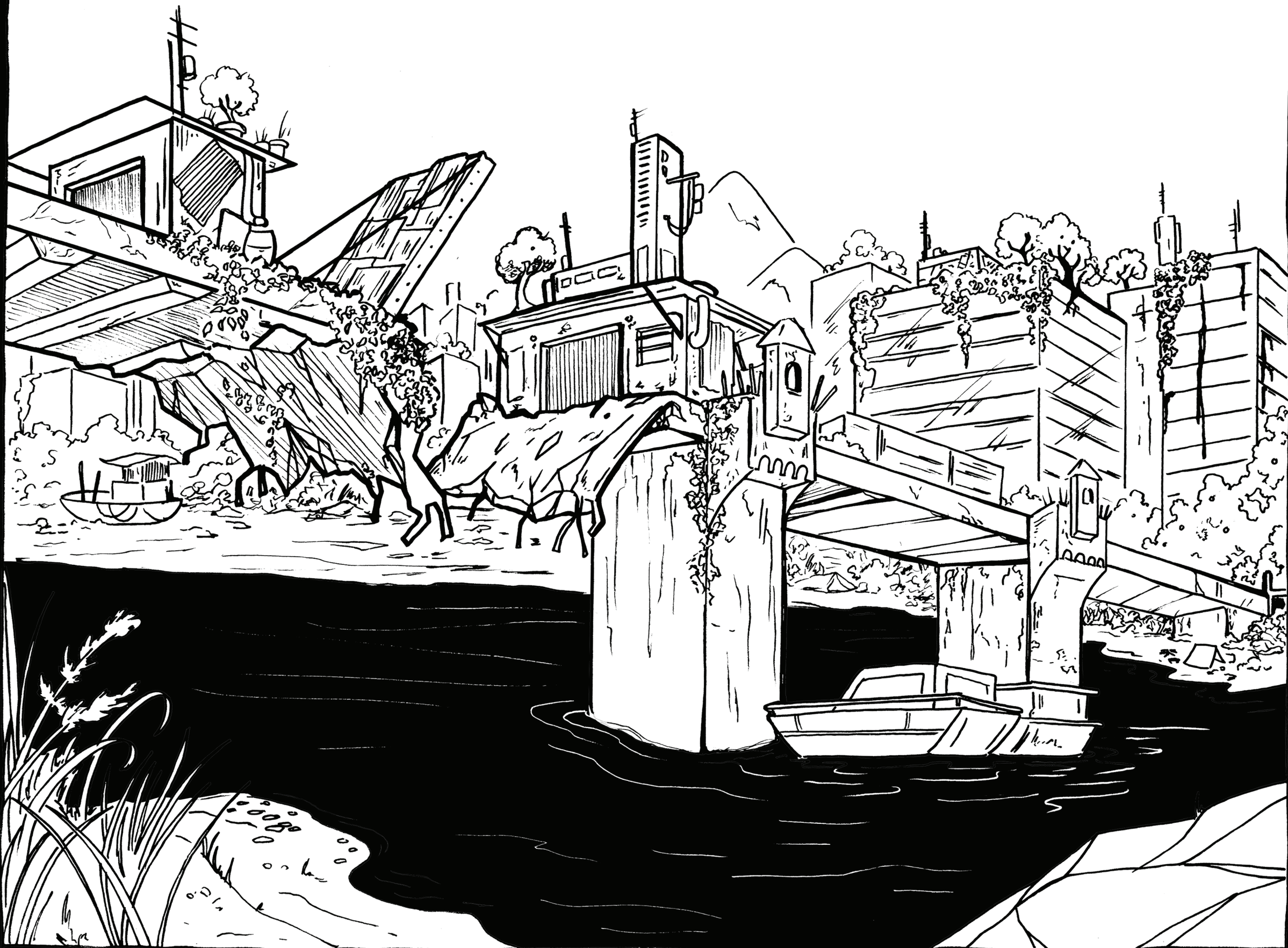
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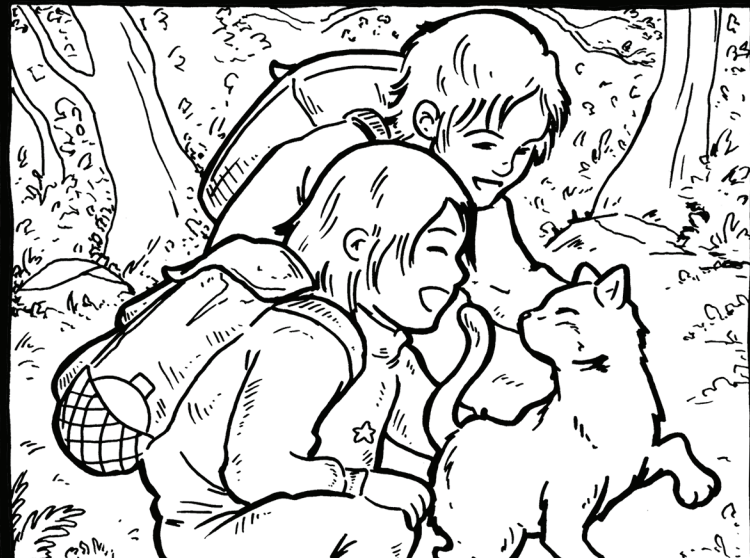
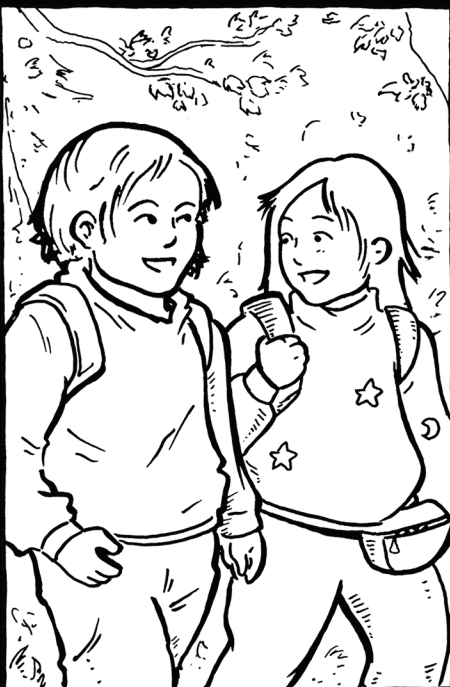
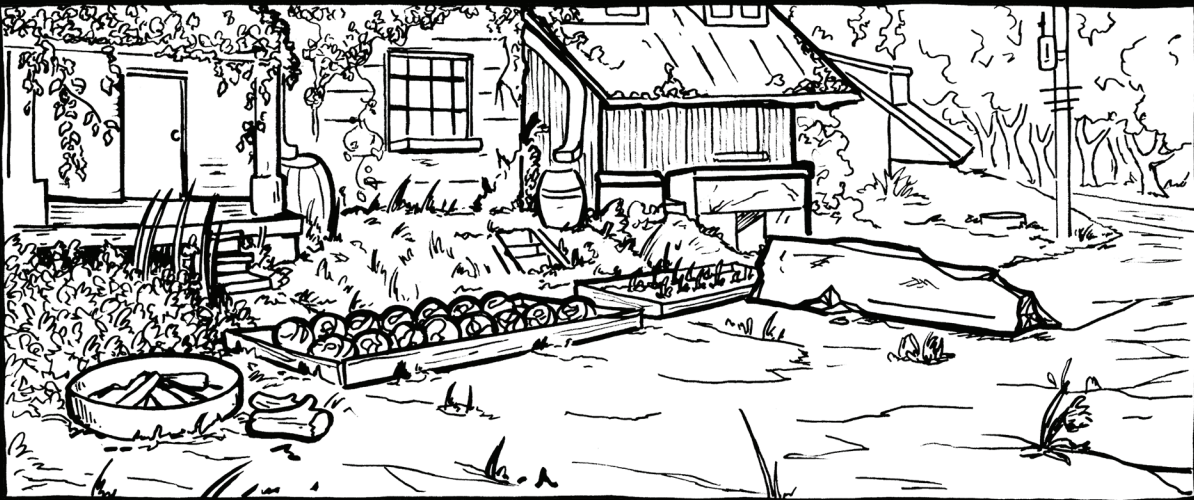


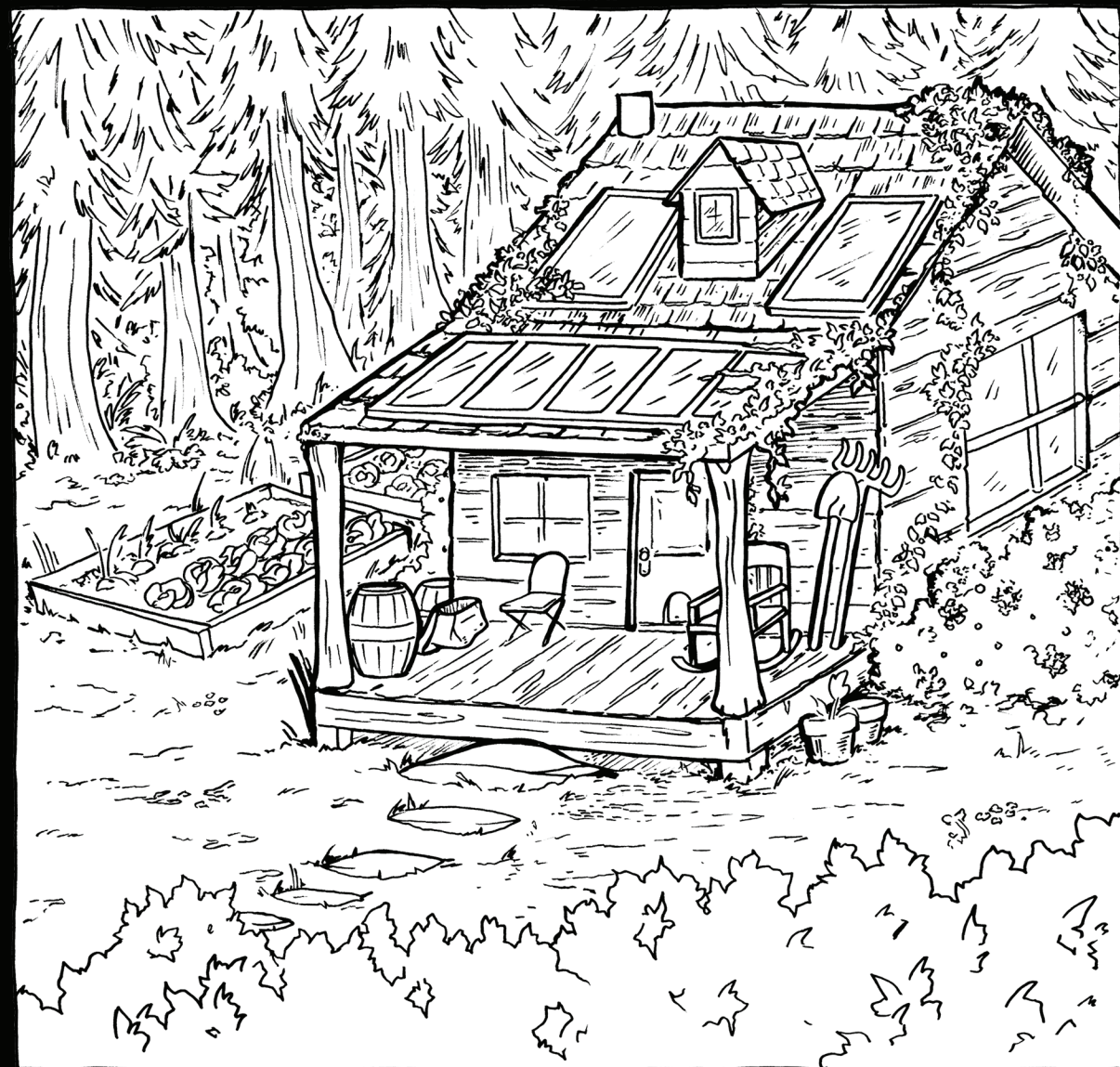
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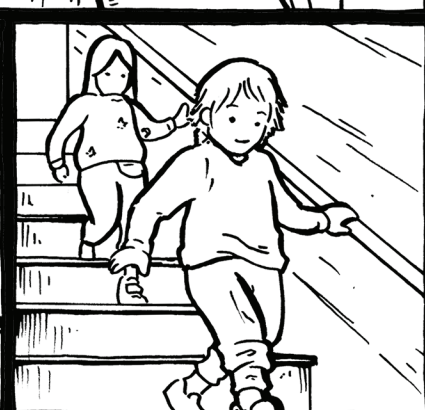
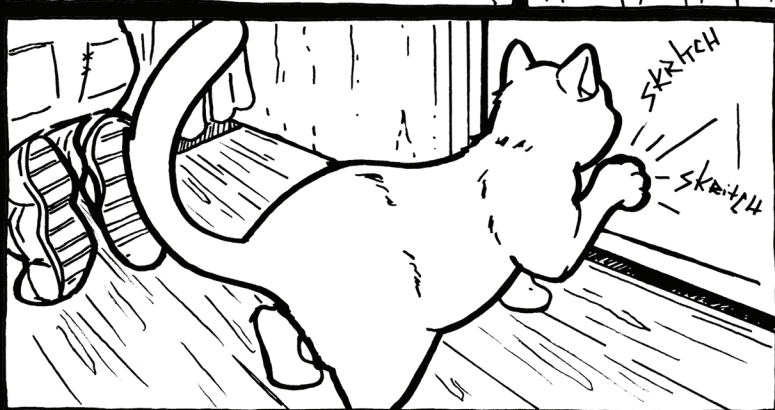
**TO THOSE WHO STAYED AND FOUGHT
AND LEFT A MEMORY IN OTHERS**

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THOUSANDS OF US DESCENDED ON SEATTLE. A REPORTER STRUGGLED TO DESCRIBE IT "THERE ARE SOME PEOPLE HERE ROAMING ABOUT...WELL...NOT EXACTLY ROAMING. THEY SEEM ORGANIZED.. I DON'T KNOW WHO THEY ARE.THEY'RE ALL DRESSED IN BLACK.THEY HAVE BLACK HOODS AND BLACK FLAGS. A FLAG WITH NOTHING ON IT."



"A FLAG WITH NOTHING ON IT?!" WE WANT ANARCHY WHICH IS A SOCIETY BASED ON FREE AND VOLUNTARY ACCORD--A SOCIETY IN WHICH NO ONE CAN FORCE THEIR WISHES ON ANOTHER--AND IN WHICH EVERYONE CAN DO AS THEY PLEASE AND TOGETHER ALL WILL VOLUNTARILY CONTRIBUTE TO THE WELL BEING OF OTHERS BUT BECAUSE OF THIS ANARCHY WILL NOT HAVE DEFINITELY TRIUMPHED UNTIL ALL WILL NOT ONLY NOT WANT TO BE COMMANDED BUT WILL NOT WANT TO COMMAND



THE ANARCHISTS MUST SIMULTANEOUSLY BE THOSE WHO ARE BLAMED FOR STARTLING ACTS OF INDECIENCY, INAPPROPRIATE EXTREMISM IN ALL THE RIGHT CAUSES ("THEY BURNED FOUR POLICE CARS AT OUR PEACEFUL MARCH!") AND THOSE WHO ARE AROUND TOWN COOKING AND SHARING, HOLDING STREET PARTIES, PROJECTING PIRATED MOVIES, RUNNING LIBRARIES, AND APPEARING AT PROTESTS ("OH LOOK! IT'S THOSE LOVELY ANARCHISTS AGAIN")



WE WILL BE SAFEST FROM REPRESSION AND RECUPERATION WHEN EVERYONE IS THOROUGHLY CONFUSED AS TO WETHER WE ARE FRIGHTENING OR LOVELY!



ANARCHY CANNOT COME BUT LITTLE BY LITTLE--SLOWLY BUT SURELY GROWING IN INTENSITY AND EXTENSION.

THE SUBJECT IS NOT WETHER WE ACCOMPLISH ANARCHY TODAY, TOMORROW, OR WITHIN TEN CENTURIES, BUT THAT WE WALK TOWARD ANARCHY TODAY, TOMORROW AND ALWAYS.

IN THE DARK TIMES WILL WE BE SINGING? YES WE'LL BE SINGING OF THE DARK TIMES

EVERY NEW DAY'S DAWN BRINGS A SONG OF IT'S OWN WAITING TO BE SONG

LOST IN THE MIDDLE OF A DEMONSTRATION EVERYONE SANG

ALL POWER TO THE IMAGINATION EVERYONE SANG - YOUR SONG IT SOUNDS A WHOLE LOT BETTER EVERYONE SANG - WHEN EVERYONE SINGS THAT SONG TOGETHER EVERYONE SANG - SOMEBODY STRUCK UP A SONG, WE DIDN'T KNOW THE WORDS BUT STILL WE SANG ALONG JUST OUR VOICES THATS ALL EVERYWHERE A CONCERT HALL VOICES THATS ALL LULLABY AND CALL

PERHAPS WE HAVE NO FUTURE. THAT MAY BE TRUE,

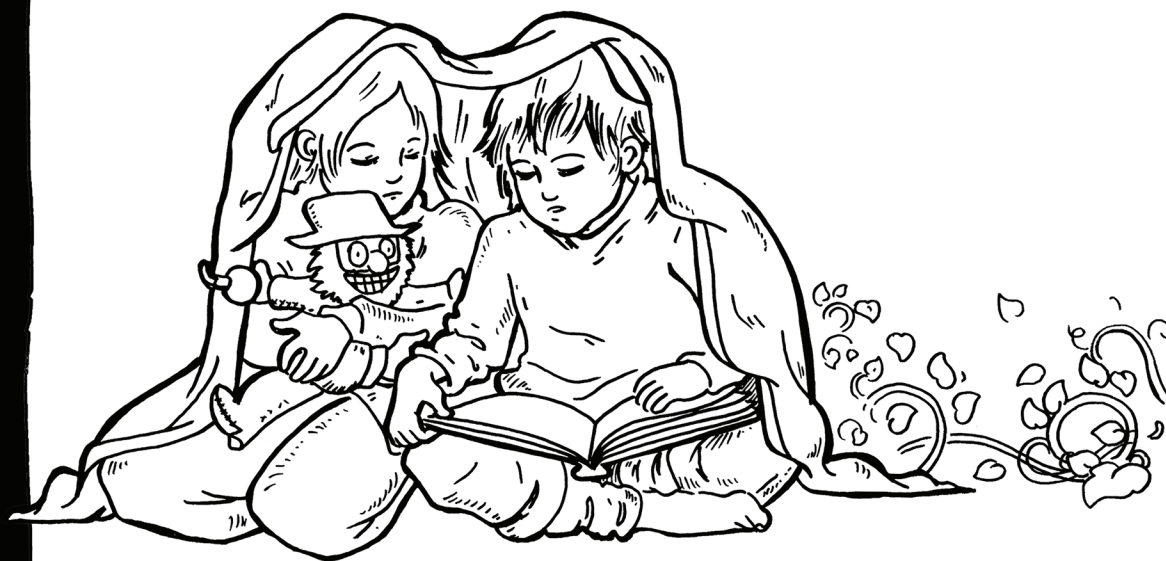
ON A LONG ENOUGH TIMEFRAME, WE'LL ALL BE DEAD AND
THE EARTH WILL BE EATEN BY THE SUN - THAT MUCH
SEEMS CERTAIN. GLOBAL CLIMATE CHANGE MAY KILL US OFF
ALONG WITH ALL THE OTHER SPECIES THAT ARE BEING DESTROYED
YET THAT DOESN'T MAKE IT ANY LESS BEAUTIFUL TO TAKE
ACTION IN THE PRESENT.

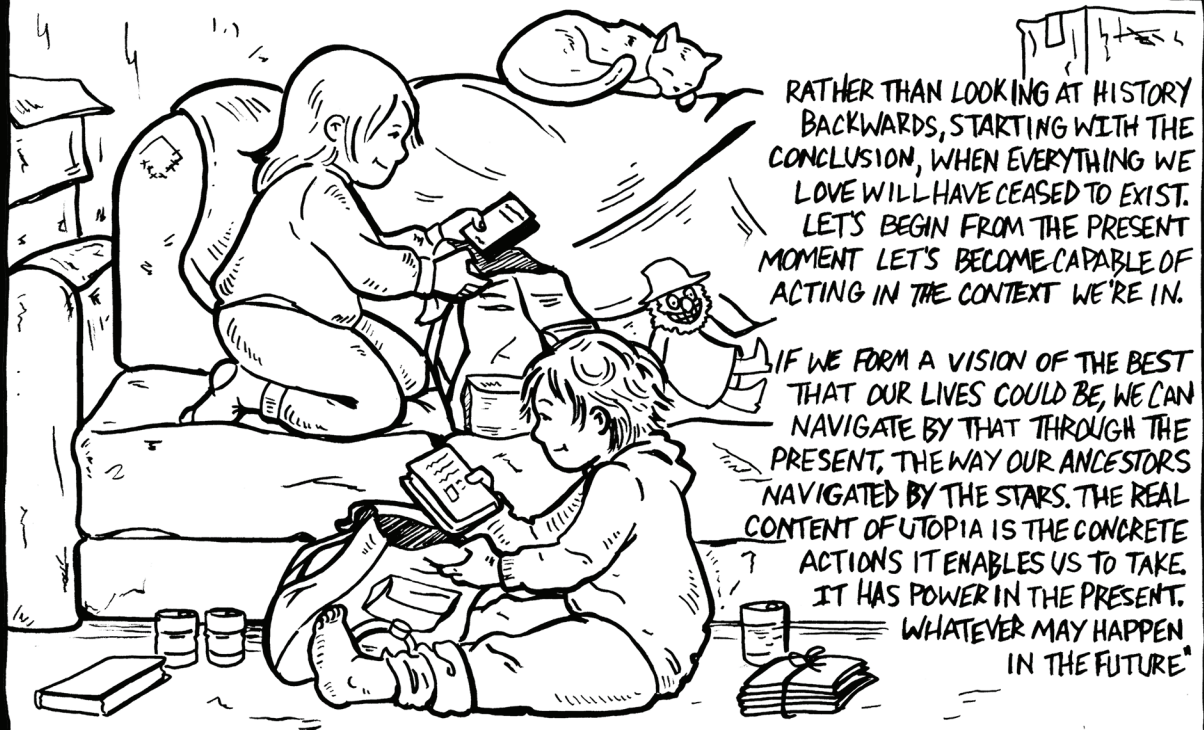
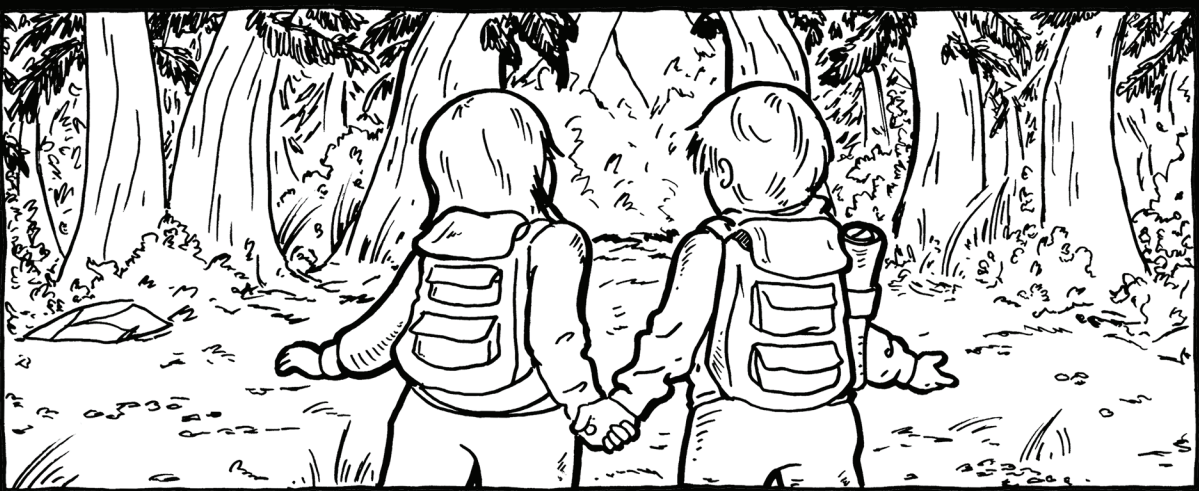
IT DOESN'T MAKE ANYTHING LESS
MEANINGFUL TO.

THE PRESENT IS REAL, NO MATTER WHAT MAY HAPPEN IN THE FUTURE.

IF WE DON'T ACT IN PURSUIT OF THE THINGS THAT WE CONSIDER
MEANINGFUL IN THE PRESENT, THAT COMPOUNDS THE TRAGEDY THAT IS
UNDERWAY, IT MAKES IT A TRAVESTY. IF WE DON'T TRY TO DEFEND WHAT
WE LOVE, THAT SUGGESTS THAT WE ARE NOT LOSING ANYTHING ANYWAY.
IF WE IMPOSE THAT TRAGEDY ON OURSELVES, RENOUNCING OUR ABILITY
TO DREAM, IT IS AS IF WE DESERVE IT.

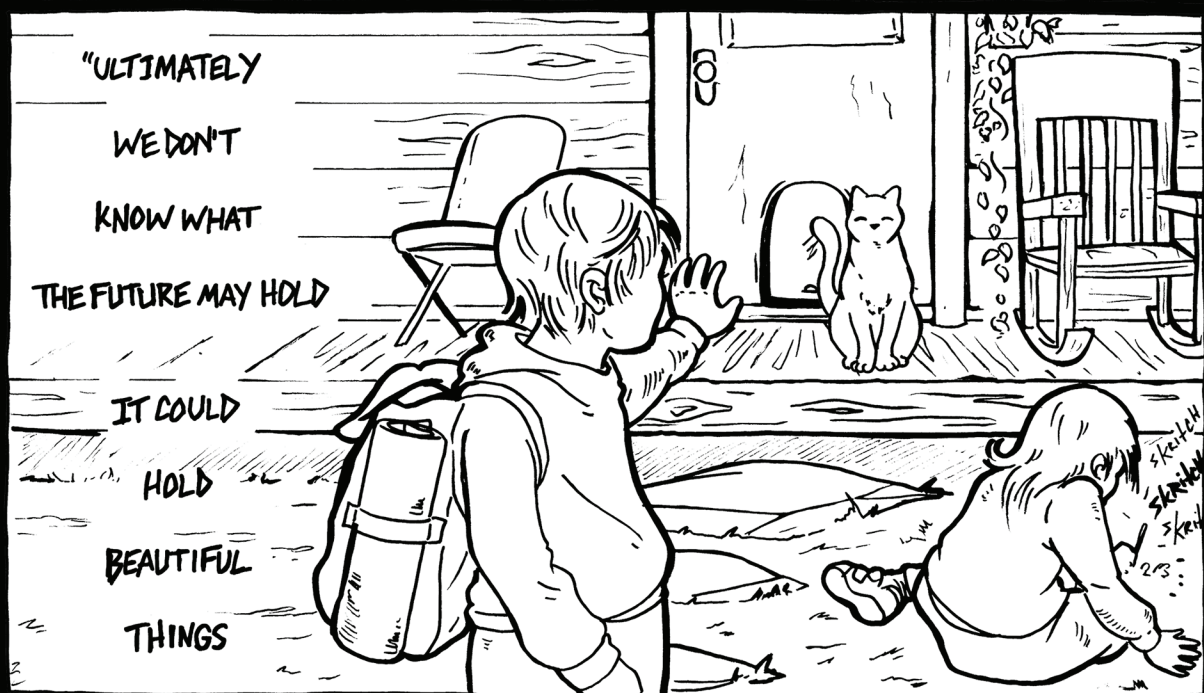
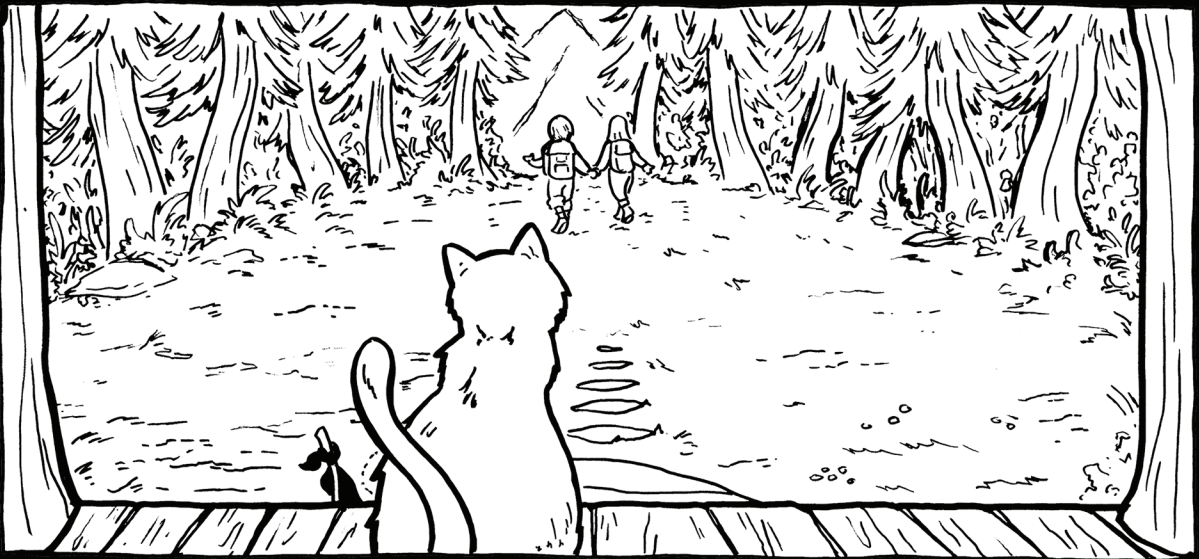
BUT IF WE ACT IN A WAY THAT SHOWS THAT THE WORLD COULD BE
DIFFERENT, THAT WILL GIVE THE TRAGEDY THAT WE'RE EXPERIENCING WEIGHT.
THEN THERE WILL HAVE BEEN SOMETHING BEAUTIFUL IN THE WORLD WHEN
IT COMES TO AN END, IF ONLY OUR DESIRE FOR SOMETHING ELSE. THE FACT OF
ITS HAVING BEEN WILL HANG IN ETERNITY, SOMETHING THAT CANNOT BE
ERASED FROM HISTORY. EVEN IF OUR DREAMS CANNOT COME TRUE
WE CAN HONOR THEM THUS.





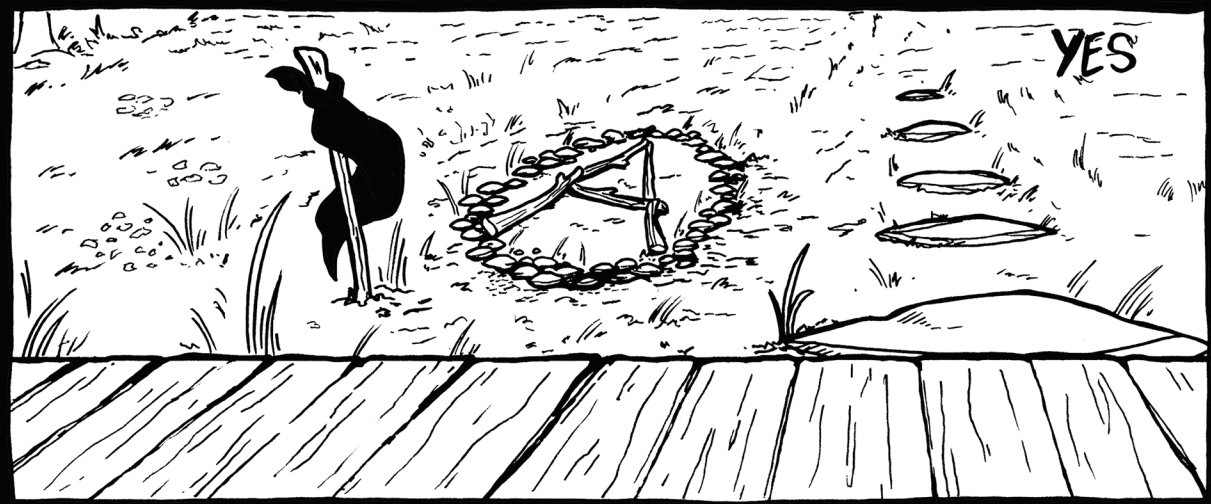
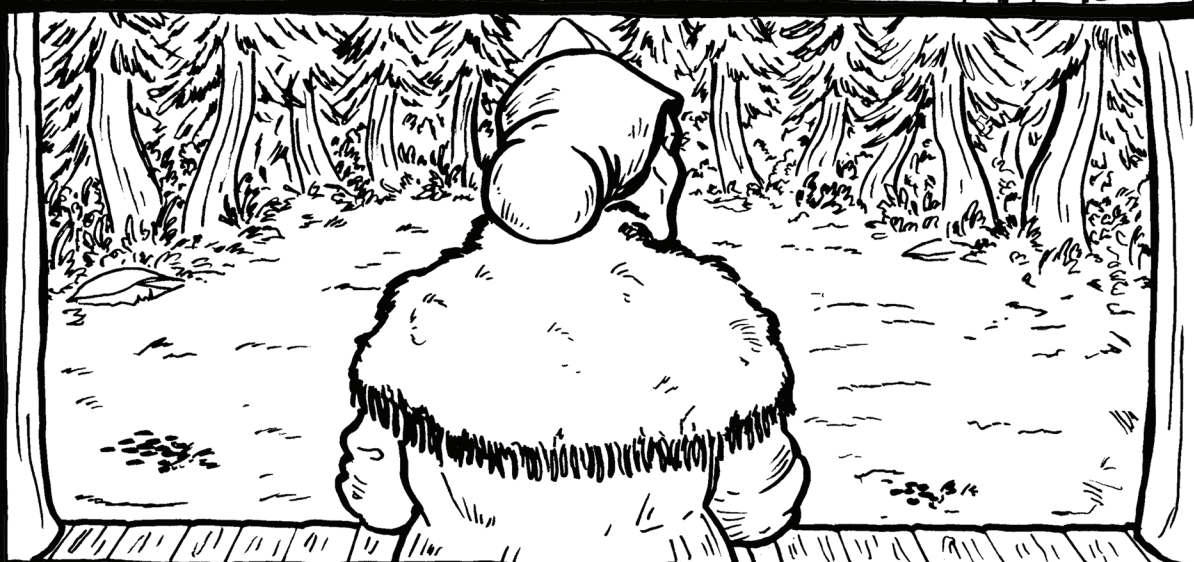
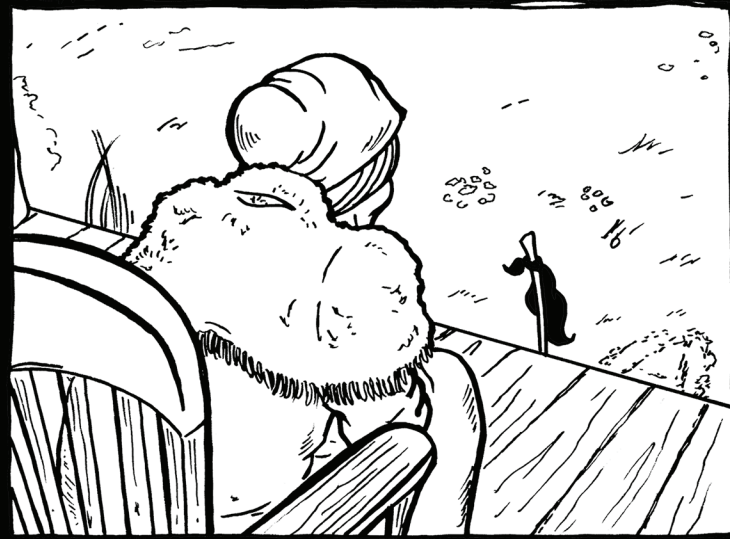
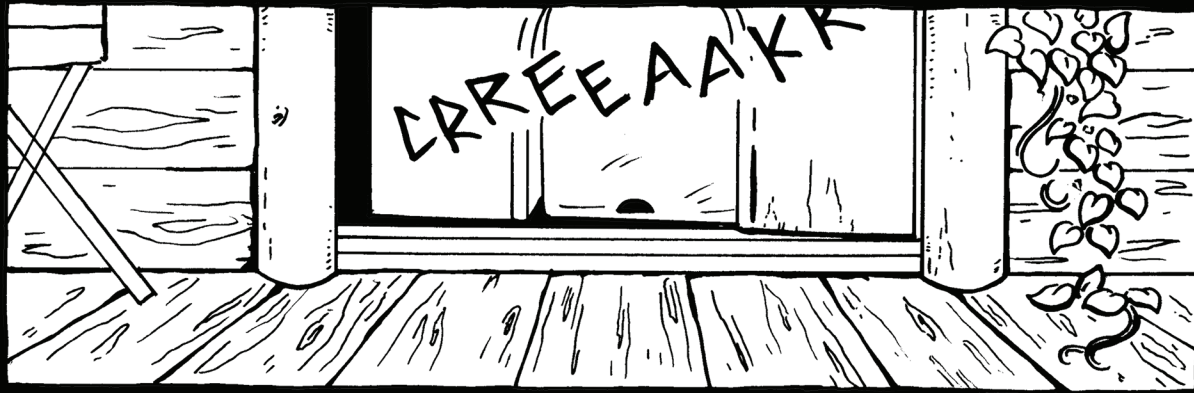
RATHER THAN LOOKING AT HISTORY BACKWARDS, STARTING WITH THE CONCLUSION, WHEN EVERYTHING WE LOVE WILL HAVE CEASED TO EXIST. LET'S BEGIN FROM THE PRESENT MOMENT LET'S BECOME CAPABLE OF ACTING IN THE CONTEXT WE'RE IN.

IF WE FORM A VISION OF THE BEST THAT OUR LIVES COULD BE, WE CAN NAVIGATE BY THAT THROUGH THE PRESENT, THE WAY OUR ANCESTORS NAVIGATED BY THE STARS. THE REAL CONTENT OF UTOPIA IS THE CONCRETE ACTIONS IT ENABLES US TO TAKE. IT HAS POWER IN THE PRESENT. WHATEVER MAY HAPPEN IN THE FUTURE.



"ULTIMATELY WE DON'T KNOW WHAT THE FUTURE MAY HOLD IT COULD HOLD BEAUTIFUL THINGS"





YES

THERE WILL ALWAYS BE SOMETHING BEAUTIFUL.

THE IDEA WILL ALWAYS LIVE.

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