

THINGS TO
THINK

ABOUT

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hello and thank you for purchasing a copy of this comic/zine thing.

i hope you will enjoy it.

i originally made this back in 2018, as part of that inktober thing that people do. i always wanted to go back and polish it up with hand-lettered narration and extra art. that's what this is.

there is also a narrative playlist/mixtape to go along with it now. it might be fun to listen while you read. just saying.

find it at spotify: tinyurl.com/ttta-spotify

or mixcloud: mixcloud.com/simonwl/things-to-think-about

apologies to the flaming lips (#02).

apologies to jaden smith (#06).

thank you to everyone who was excited about this back in 2018.

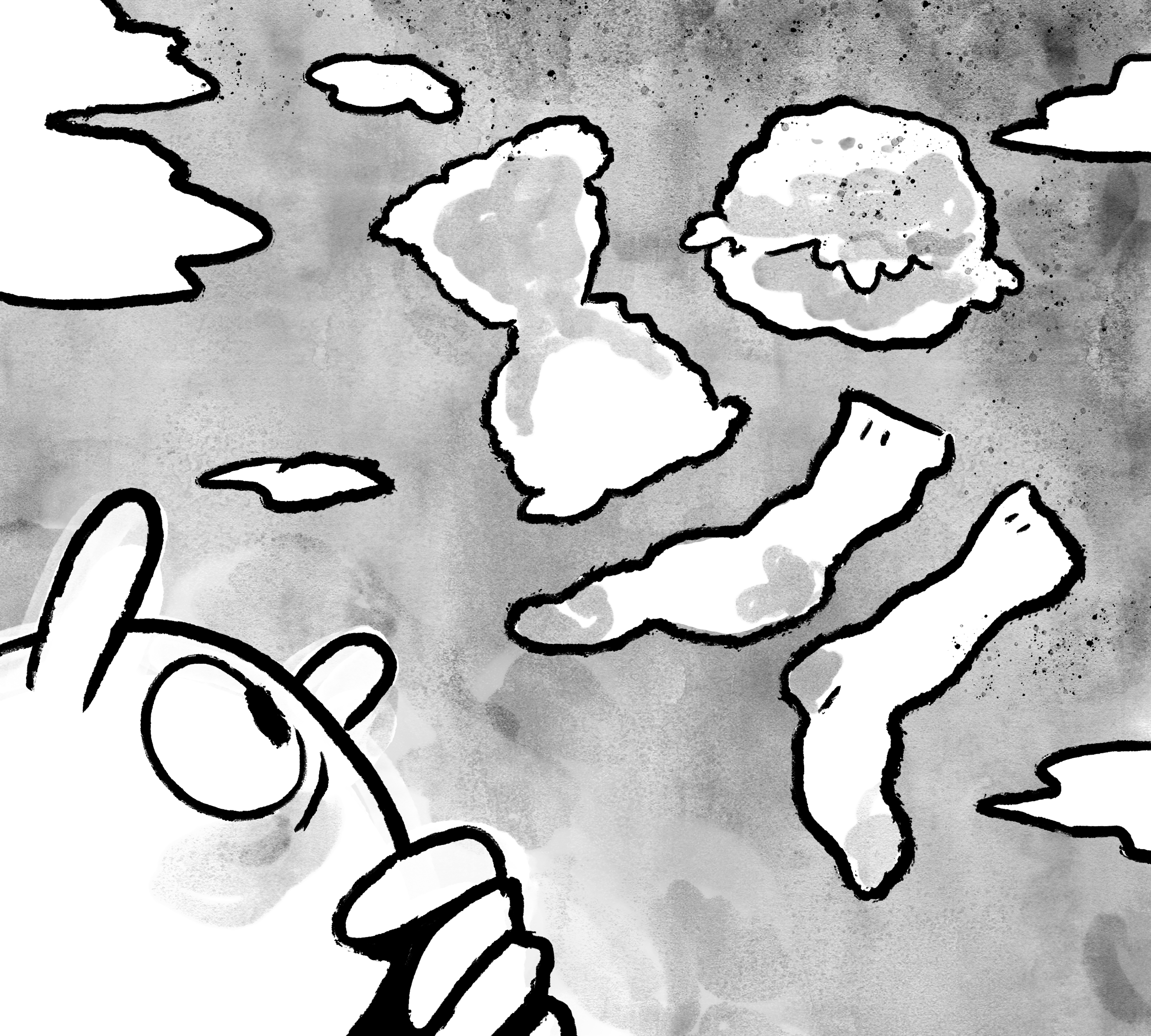
thank you to kyle + webster for his photoshop brushes.

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did you know...
that time doesn't
actually exist and
is just a concept,
Like burgers or socks??!

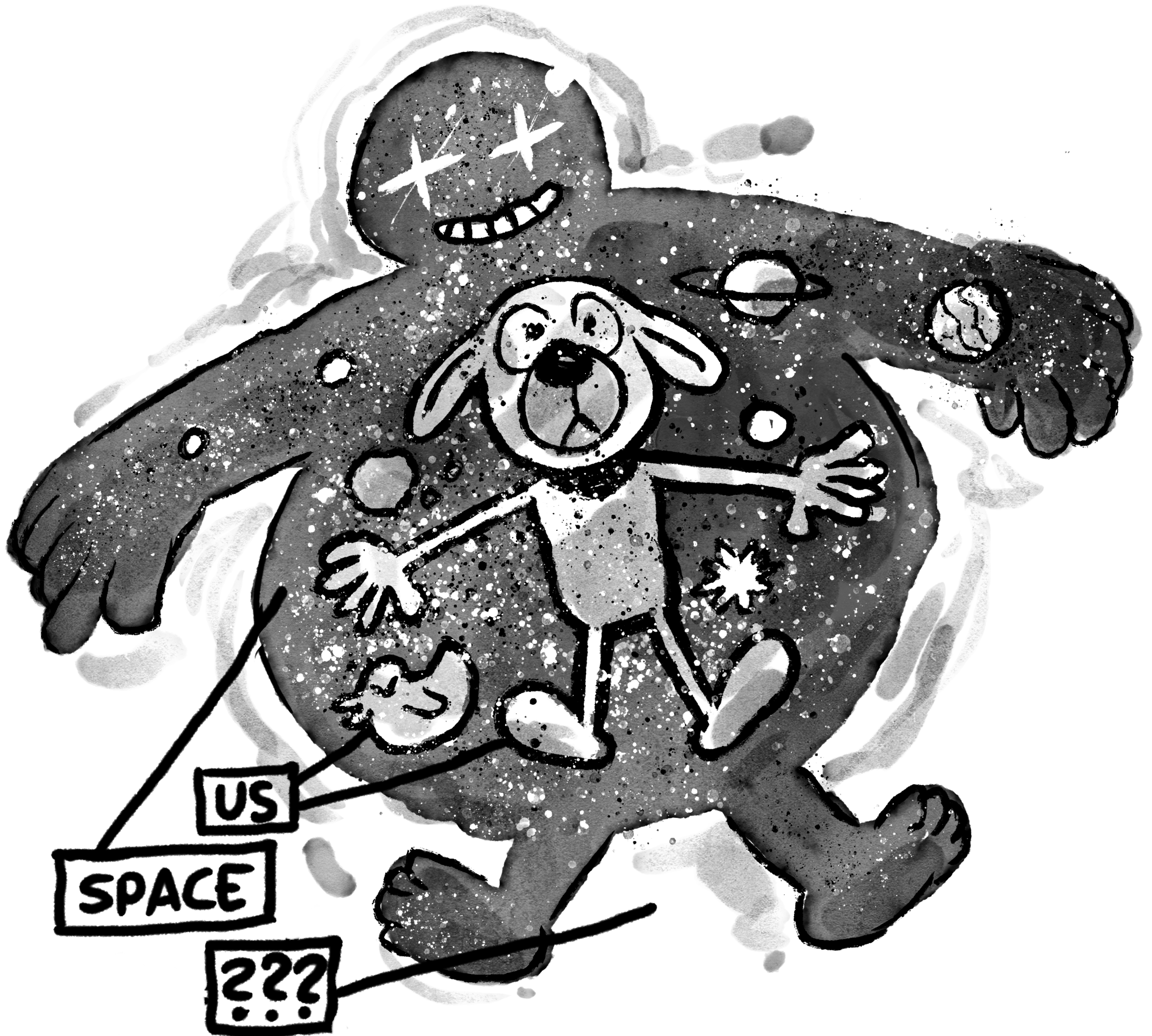
really makes you think...



do you realize that we are
floating in space??

BUT WHAT IF
space is **ALSO** floating
in something that we do
not know what it is!!! ??!

something to truly
THINK about...



US

SPACE

???

WHAT IF...
DUCKS

are actually the
smartest beings
in the universe
and it doesn't just
SOUND like they are
laughing at us,
they LITERALLY are???

something 2 really think
about.....



have you ever considered the possibility that telephones don't actually work and we are just communicating with ghosts pretending to be the people on the other line ??! ?

something scary
to think about ~~~~~



what if the Grim Reaper
was a

**HARDCORE
GAMER™**

and would never take
you so long as you
agreed to play
Call of Duty with him
for all eternity???

Think about that.



Los Angeles Is Not A Real Place.

It's simply something we
dreamed up in our collective
consciousness while

Lying Awake (LA!!!) on
sleepless nights.

Indeed, quite literally
something to think about!!!



We all know having your
picture taken drains
a little bit of your life energy
every time.....

BUT what does that
mean for selfies?

**SOMETHING TO
THINK ABOUT!! !!!**



what if you could

THINK

about whatever

~~you~~ wanted to?



What happened yesterday?

Oh, you silly goose.

No need to think about yesterday! It was rather forgetful. Instead, think about why frogs have sixty legs or less???

How weird is THAT



if we called
broccoli something
else do you think
it would taste
differently ???!?!?

organic...
healthy...
appealingly
named...

it's...TM

Cllogg!



so called „PICTURE books“
frequently contain not
just pictures, but ALSO
text. Think about this.

Think about the TERRIBLE
LIES we tell to even
our youngest !!!!!!



ZOOERT
Z DEFT
CRAFTIES
FRIENDS
HUNGRY
SUNNY
GOOD



if we had eyes
on our hands
instead of our heads,
how would we wear
glasses? Like gloves???
or like rings?

something very important to think about



try to

~~THINK~~

about how it

used to be. before

these nonsensical

~~distractions~~ held

our minds captive.

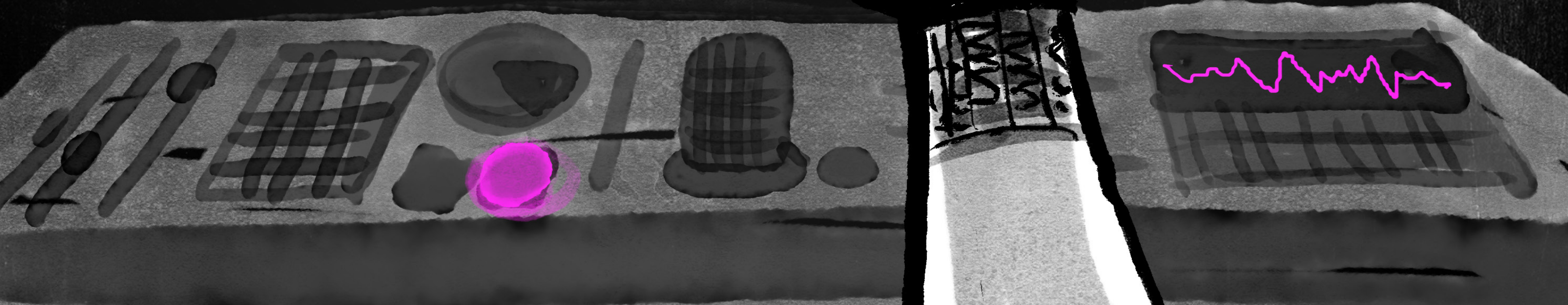


what if we took down the
Public Thoughtcast System,
and the THOUGHTLORD
along with it?

wouldn't you want
to THINK freely?

PUBLIC
THOUGHTCAST
SYSTEM

STATION V



waste no more thoughts
on the miscreant
that has been plaguing
our peace. the servants
of the thoughtlord are
taking care of it.

instead: think about
what kind of music
dogs would make if
they could make music

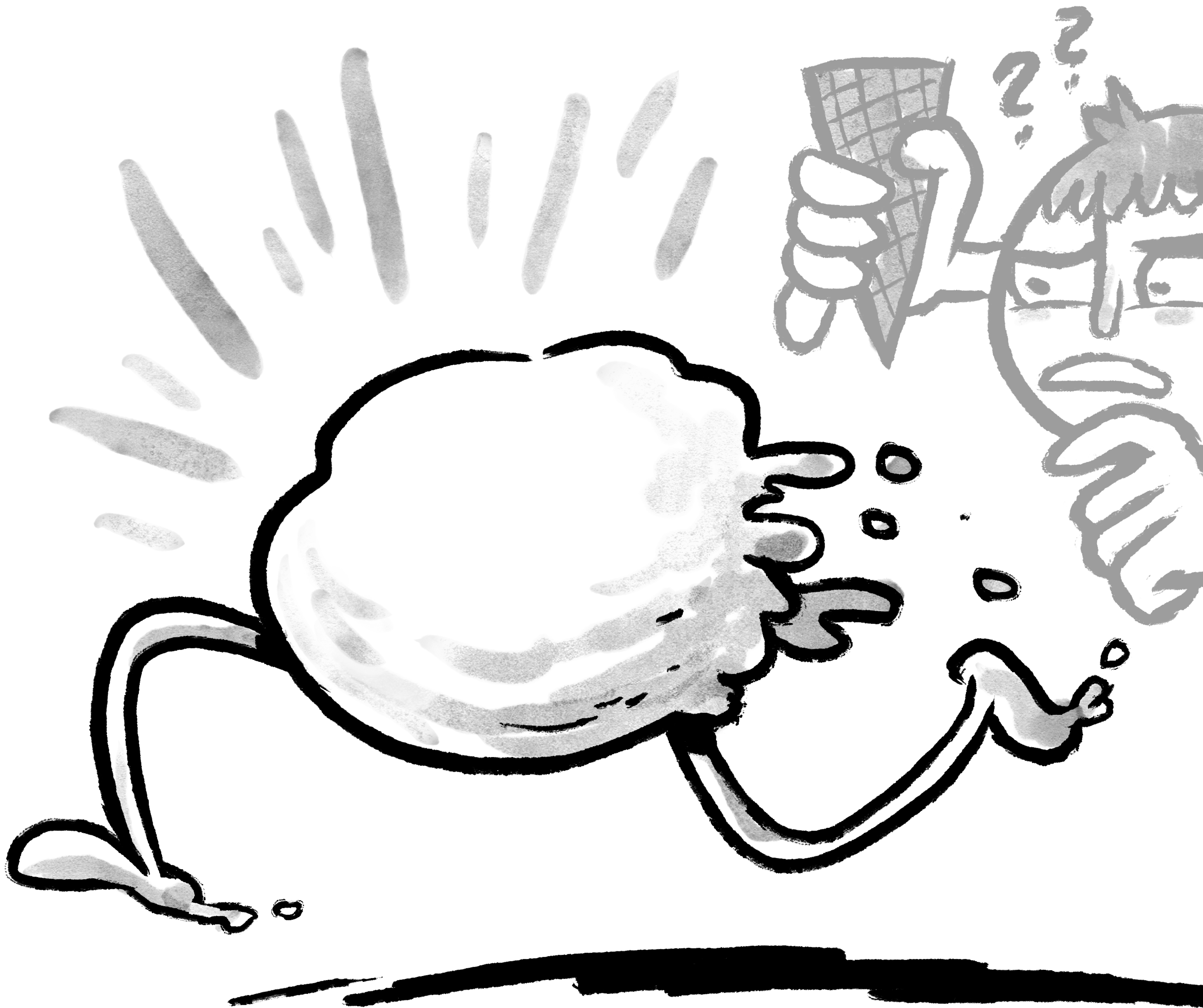


what if when you take
too long to eat ice cream
— instead of MELTING —
it would GROW LEGS
AND RUN AWAY?

?! ?!? ?!!?? ?!?

something to think about.....

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WHAT IF INSTEAD OF
BABY TEETH,
WE GREW
BABY EYES

((something 2 think about))))



if you are unsure of your path in life and need to use a (B)athroom, there is a 1 in 10282 β 30 chance you'll encounter a (P)athroom, which lays out all possible paths your life can take!

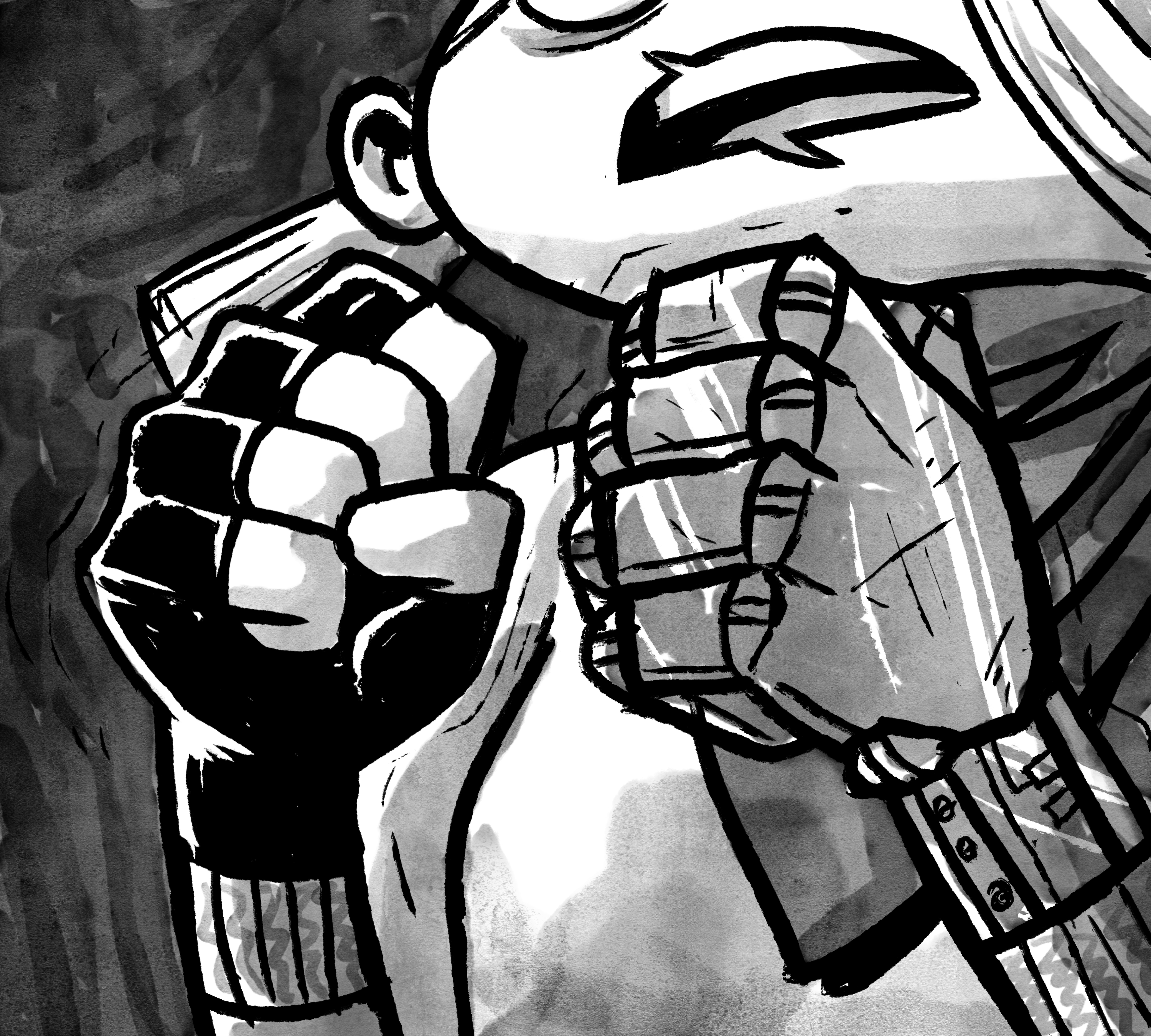
but beware & THINK about this: no one has ever returned from a pathroom...



THINK about what you
can do to rebel and take down
the Thoughtlord.

THINK about your nearest
Public Thoughtcast Station and

THINK about how you
could destroy it.

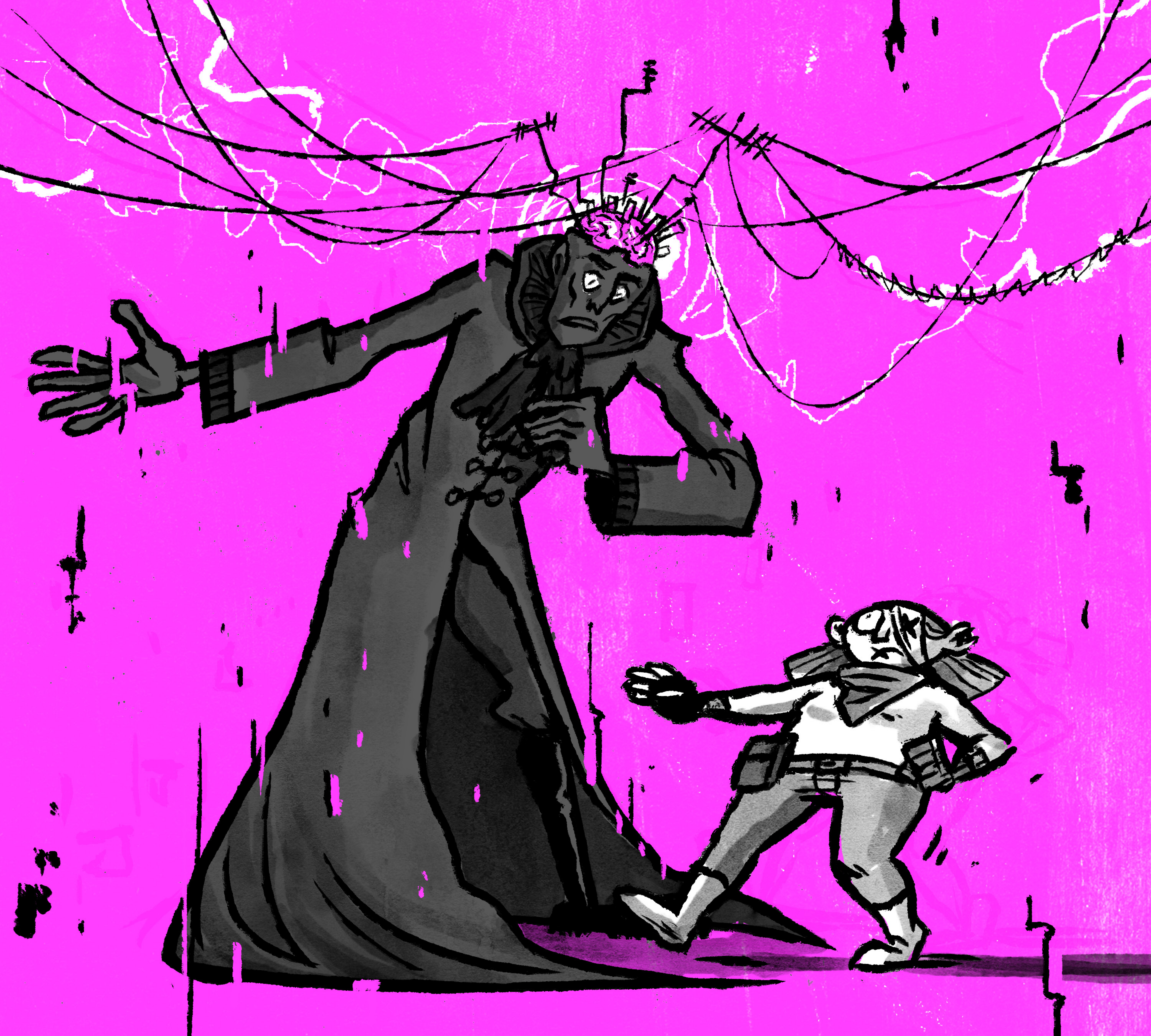


WHAT DO
YOU think YOU
ARE DOING



DO YOU ^{think} YOU ARE
DOING THIS CITY A FAVOR?

THIS IS WHAT THE PEOPLE
WANTED. THEY ELECTED
ME AS THEIR RIGHTFUL
LEADER AND THIS IS WHAT
I HAVE DEEMED BEST
FOR THEM.



you really THINK the best for
this city is to waste their
thoughts on what music dogs
make, or ice cream with legs
while it's plagued by poverty,
pollution and pain?

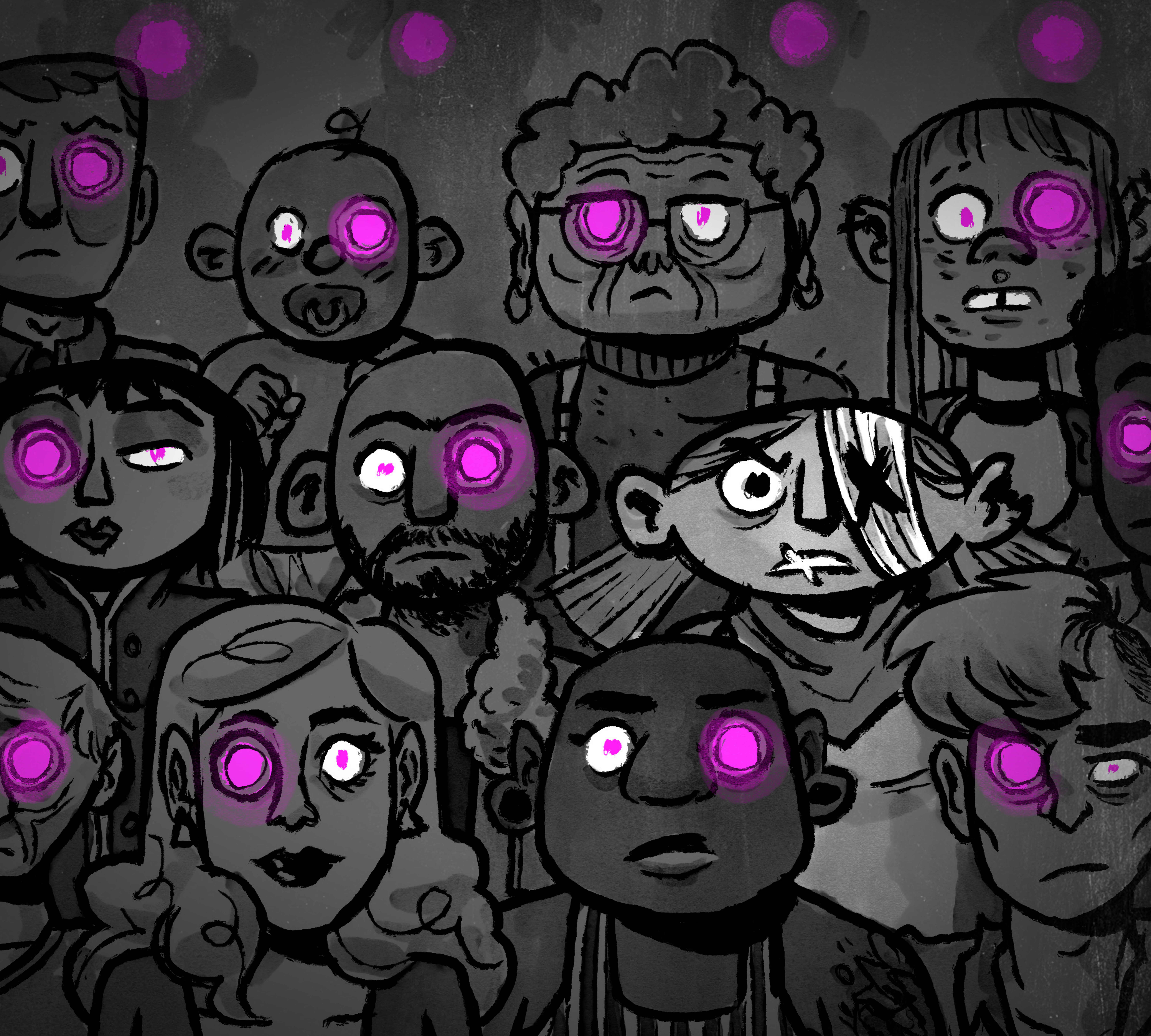


IT IS WHAT THEY DECIDED,
THEY RELAX AND ^{think} ONLY
OF SILLY THINGS. THEY ARE
HAPPY. I ^{think} OF SOLUTIONS.
NO ONE GETS IN MY WAY.
THE CITY STILL STANDS,
UNLIKE OTHERS. I ^{think} I HAVE
BEEN DOING A GOOD JOB
SO FAR.

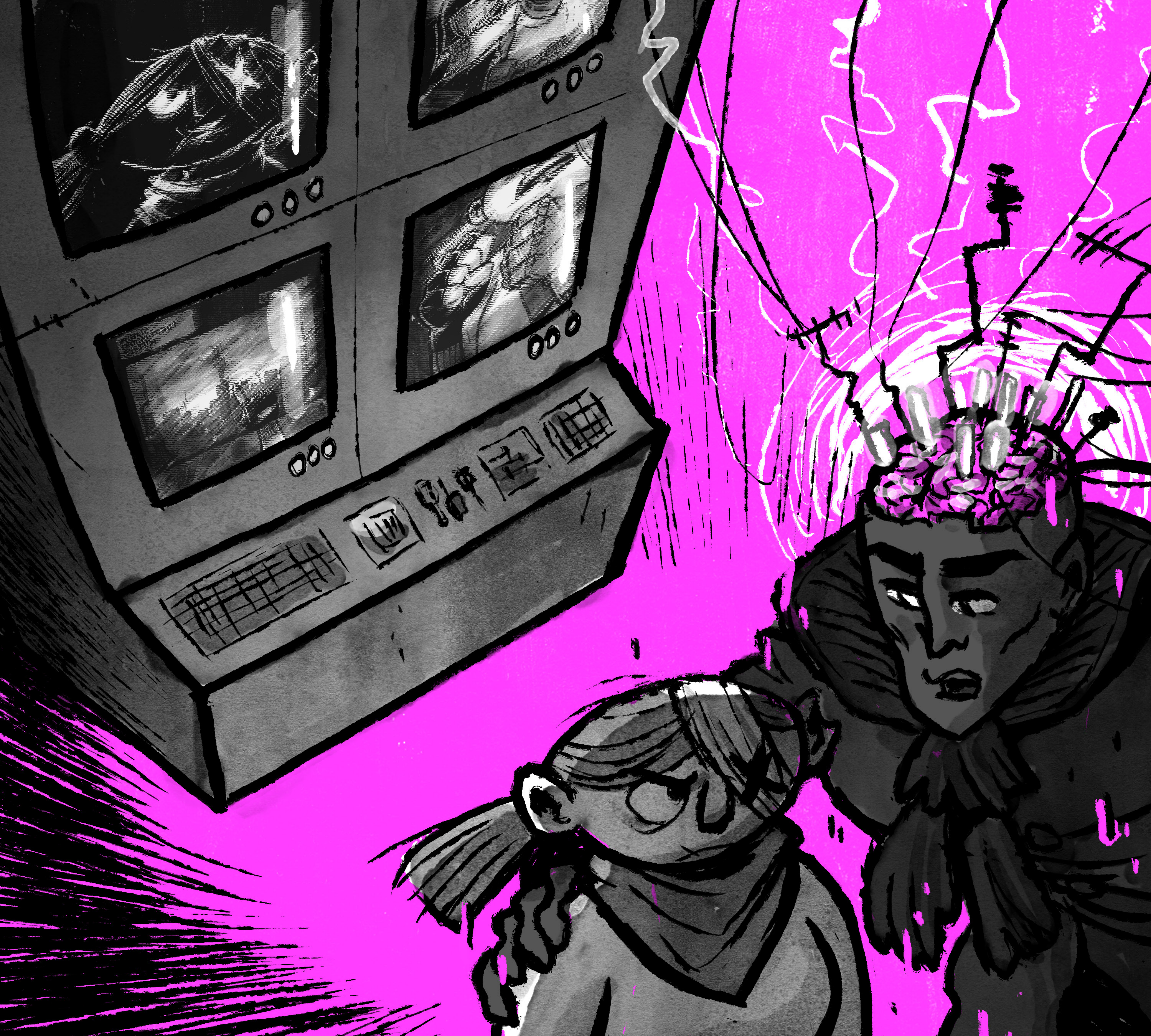


you may deem yourself
justified in your goals,

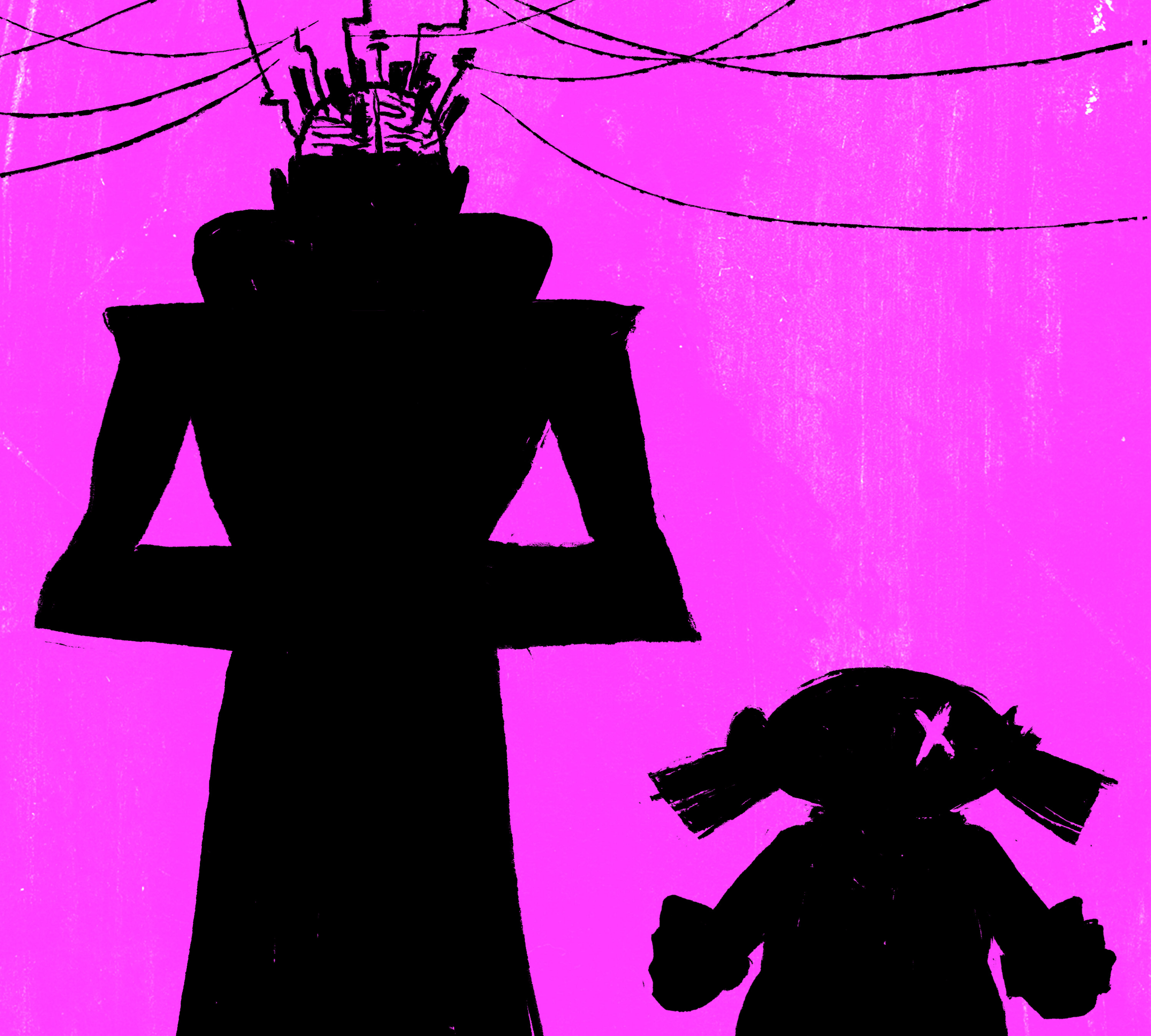
but I don't **THINK**
controlling people's minds
is a very ethical way
of going about achieving
them.



AND YOU, MY DEAR, WHAT HAVE
YOU BEEN DOING? HIJACKING
THE PUBLIC THOUGHTCAST
SYSTEM TO SEND THEM
CLAWING AT MY GATES?
DO YOU *think* YOUR USE OF IT IS
ANY MORE JUST THAN MINE?



TO PROVE MY GOOD INTENTIONS,
I PROPOSE A VOTE.
LET THE PUBLIC RECONSIDER
AND CHOOSE. LET THEM ^{think}
FREELY. WHO DO THEY ^{think}
IS TO BE TRUSTED HERE?
WHAT DO THEY ^{think} IS
THE RIGHT PATH FOR
OUR CITY?





Citizens, thank you.

The Thoughtlord has resigned,
and I have destroyed the
Public Thoughtcast System.

Together, we now have the
power to bring a new Life
to this city. Consider the
ways you can help.

A brighter future awaits.



Why are you all just rambling
about nonsense like smart ducks
or broccoli names? If we want
to SURVIVE, we need to figure
out solutions for this city's
issues. I was counting on you.
There are former doctors
among you; politicians,
scientists! I don't know
how to fix everything!

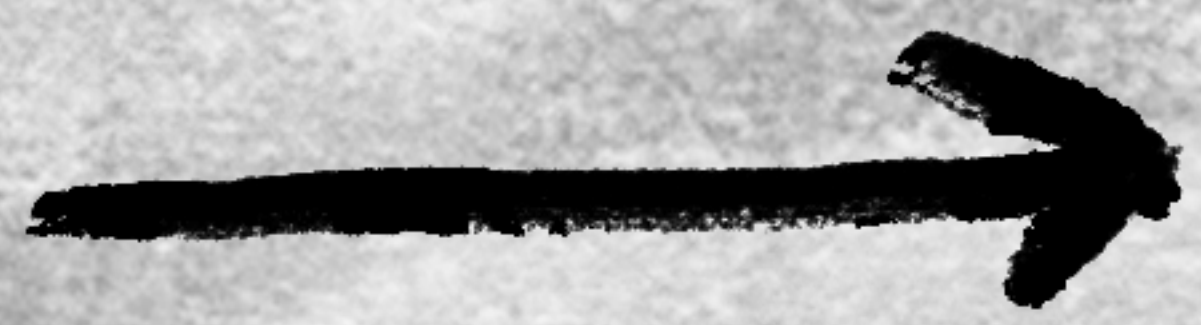


I searched the Archives.

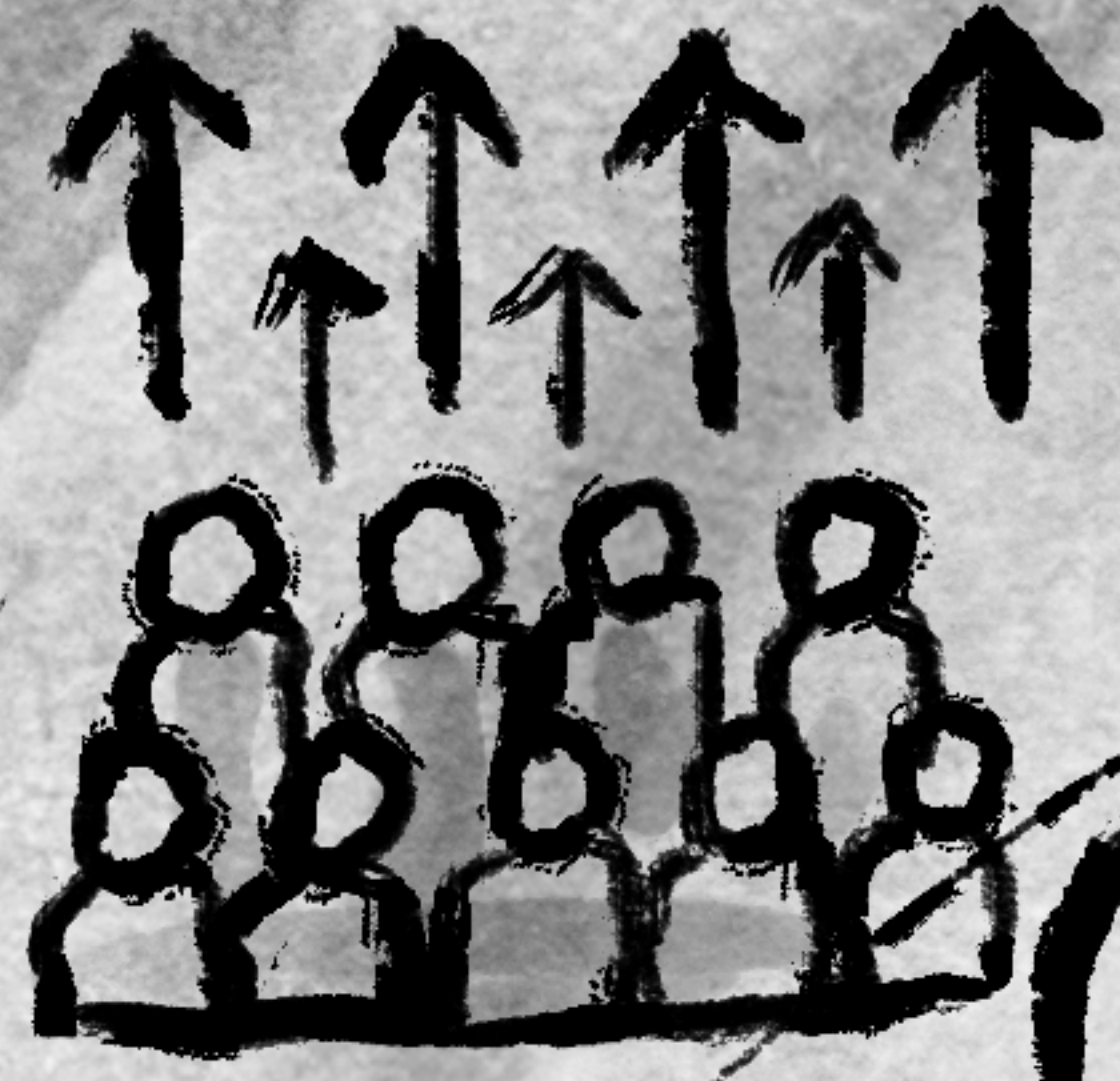
I found something. I wish I'd known sooner. You all sacrificed your knowledge and brainpower to the hivemind that became the Thoughtlord, hoping it would take care of the city while you'd get to relax and be entertained by silly thoughts.

How could you?!

PUBLIC THOUGHTCAST SYS



Information
that is gathered
and then filtered
into a... (faded)



... (faded)

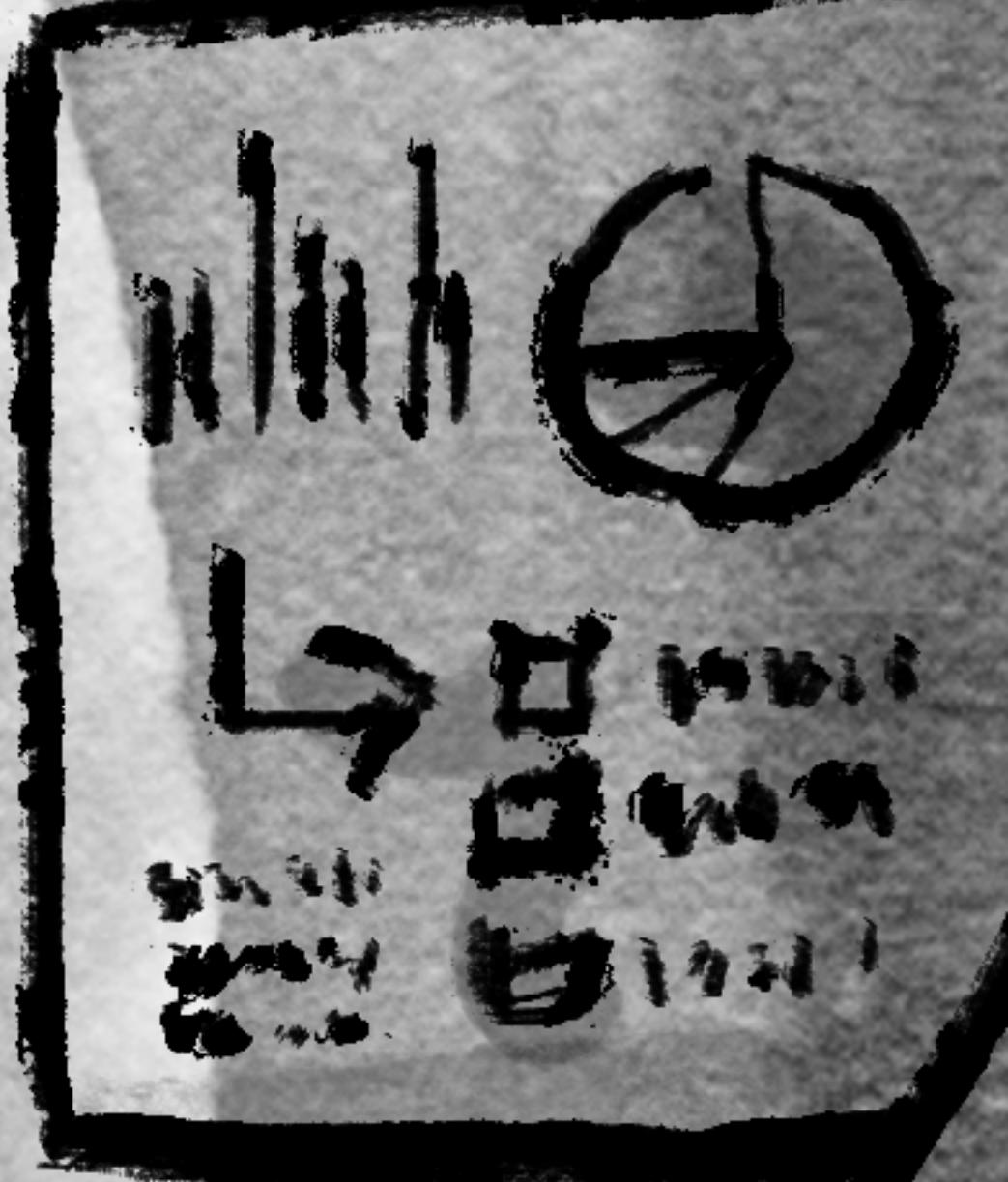


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... (faded)



...how could I?

What was I thinking?

You are all... too far gone.

The only thing you responded
to anymore WAS the Public

Thoughtcast System, and

I destroyed that.

Have I doomed

us all?



THINK about...

THINK about trees.

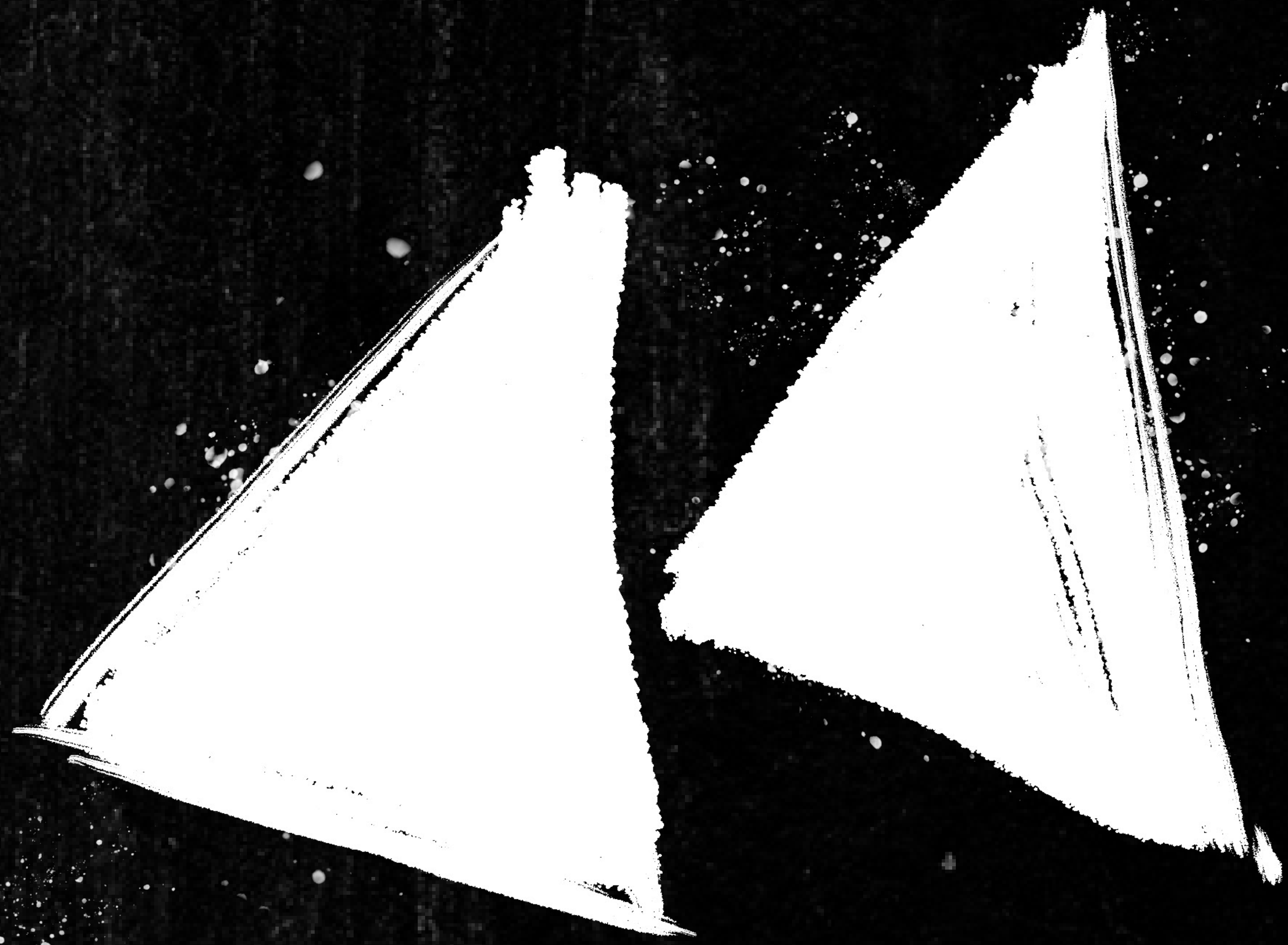
What if trees could dance?

Yes, ha ha. How silly.

Okay, now **THINK** about
planting trees.

(...I think that's a start... right?)





It has been a year since the city voted to trust the Thoughtlord.

I didn't understand then, but I do now.

I've since come to know that they sacrificed all their knowledge and brainpower to the hive mind that makes up the Thoughtlord, hoping it would solve all their problems while they could relax and think of silly things.



Things haven't gotten better.

Or, if they have, I didn't notice.

But at least this city still stands.

The last one on this godforsaken planet. I don't know why

I wasted my time
trying to fight it.

This is an apology.

I'm ready to be part
of you again.



What if the speed of cars
was controlled by
how loud you were

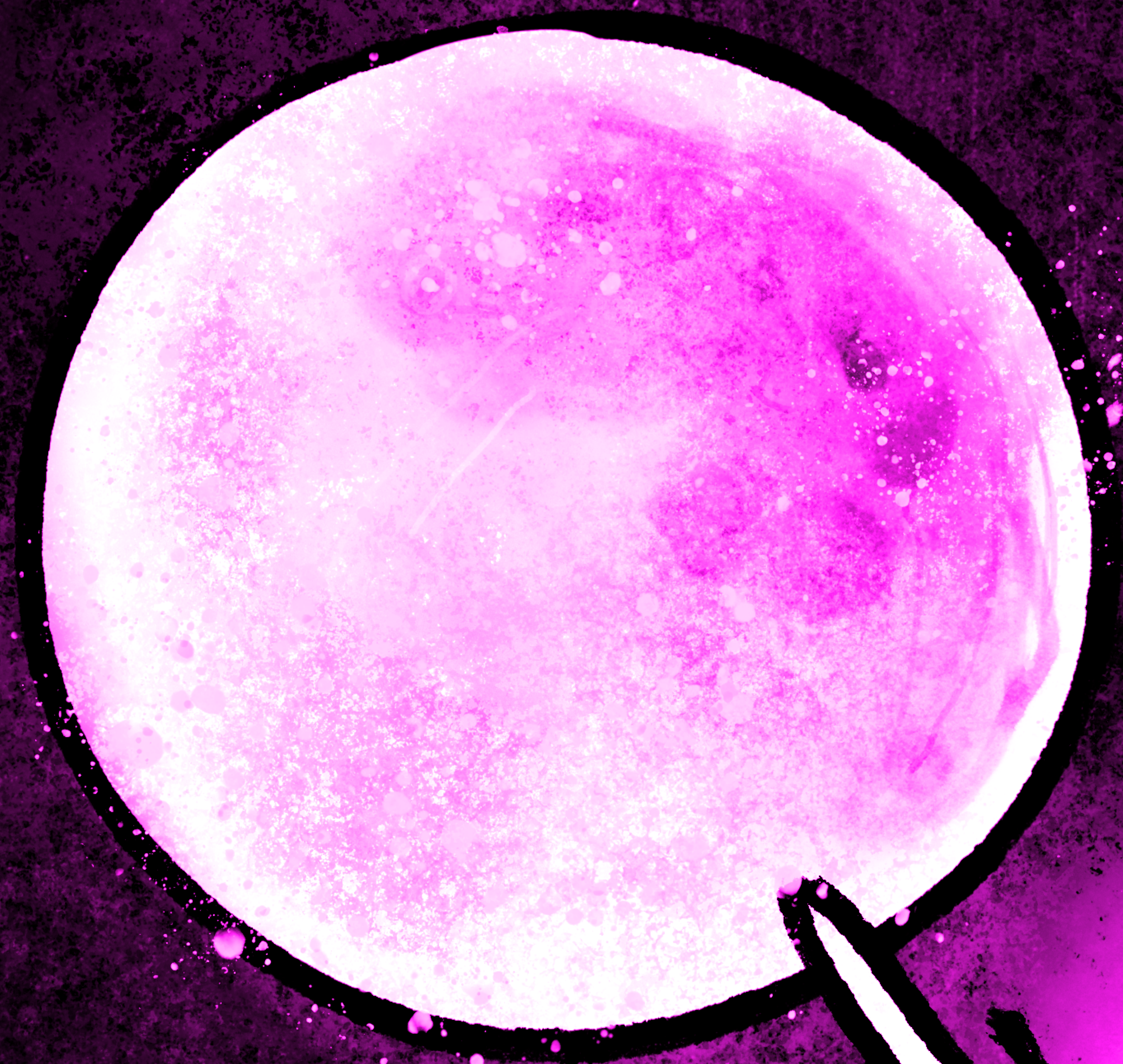
SCREAMING

Something to think about.



Did you know the moon is
only glowing because it is
where all the fireflies live
and come from?

Think about this the
next time you see
a firefly



Do you think
there is a future?

If there is, I like to think
we'll be pen pals with aliens.

They'll think about us,
and we'll think about them.

Now if that isn't something
to think about.



DEVELOPMENT
SKETCHES
AND ALTERNATE ART





