

SPACE EXPLORERS FROM CAPYHABARA



BY HONOUR HARRY

CAPYHABARA: HOME PLANET
OF THE CAPYBARA



*CAPYHABARA: CAH-PEE-HA-BA-RA

THEY LIVE IN A HUGE CITY WITH FLYING SHIPS,
WATERSLIDES, AND EXCELLENT FASHION.
THROUGH TECHNOLOGY, THEY CAN SOLVE
ALL OF THEIR PROBLEMS...**EXCEPT...**



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WHAT FOODS THEY
EAT...

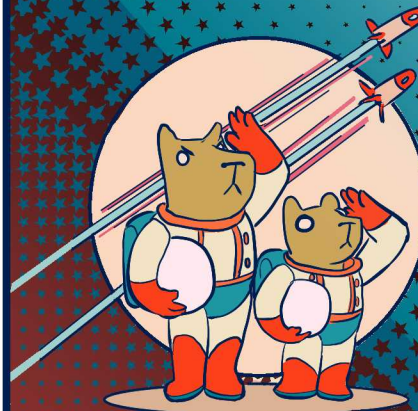


...THEY MUST TAKE
STINKY VITAMINS
TO STAY HEALTHY...

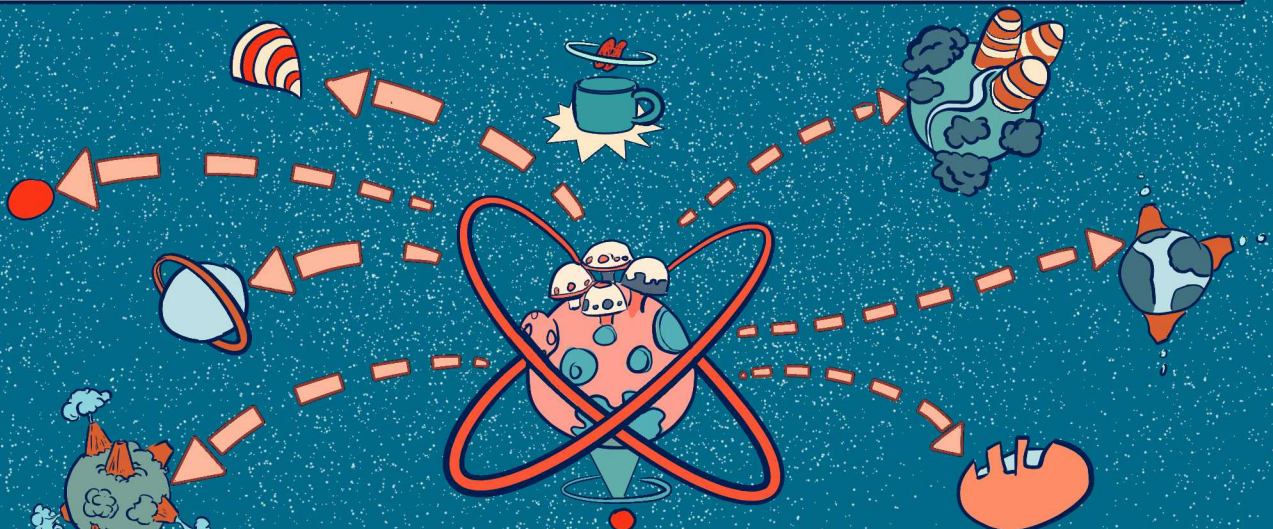
THE CAPYBARAS LOVE
EATING DELICIOUS MEALS,
BUT THEIR PLANET CAN
NO LONGER PRODUCE
THE NUTRIENTS THEY
NEED TO LIVE.



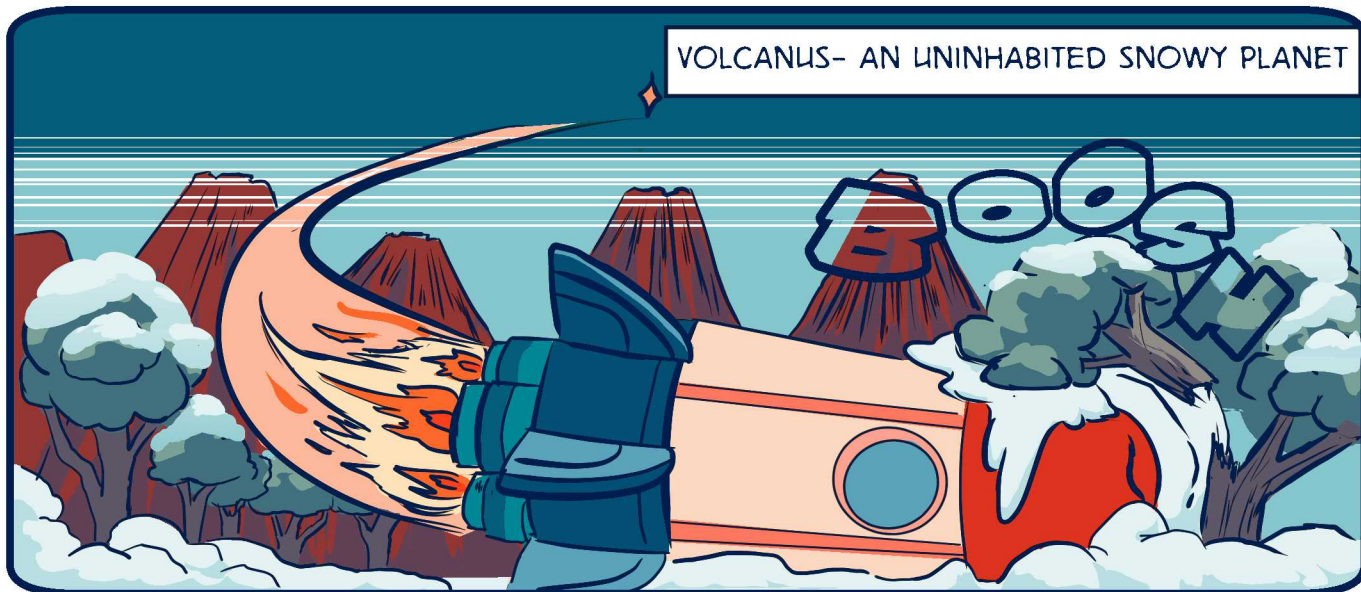
THE LEADERS OF CAPYHABARA
DECIDED TO SEND THEIR BEST
SCIENTISTS AND PILOTS INTO
SPACE TO FIND THESE SPECIAL
VITAMINS, WHICH THEY CALL **JAVA!**



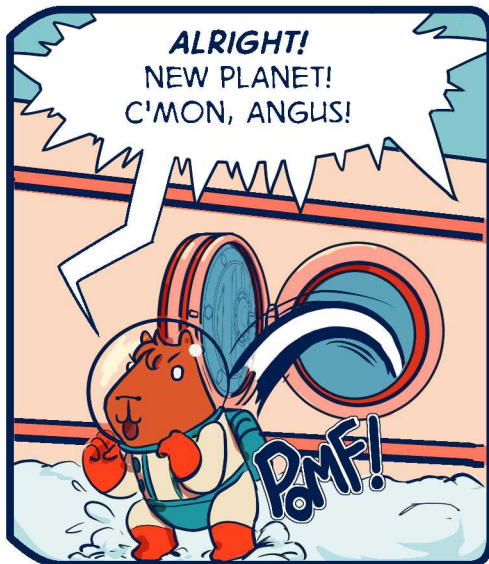
AFTER MANY JOURNEYS, A TEAM FROM **AERONAUTIC EXTRACTION INVESTIGATORS OF OUTER UNIVERSES**
(**A.E.I.O.U.** FOR SHORT) BELIEVE THEY HAVE FINALLY FOUND A PLANET THAT HOLDS THEIR SPECIAL VITAMIN!
THE JAVA BEAN!



VOLCANUS- AN UNINHABITED SNOWY PLANET



ALRIGHT!
NEW PLANET!
C'MON, ANGUS!



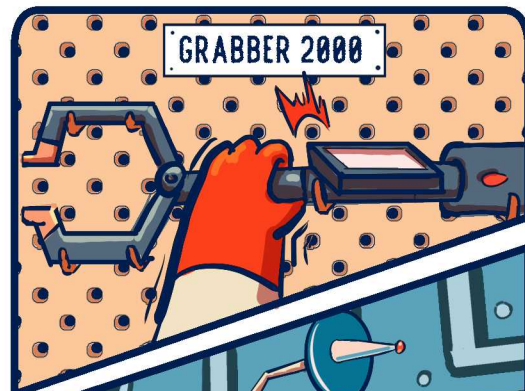
U-UHM...
AMY, MAYBE I
SHOULD STAY
HERE...



IT MIGHT
BE DANGEROUS...
ANYWAY, THE
SHIP NEEDS
TO REFILL---



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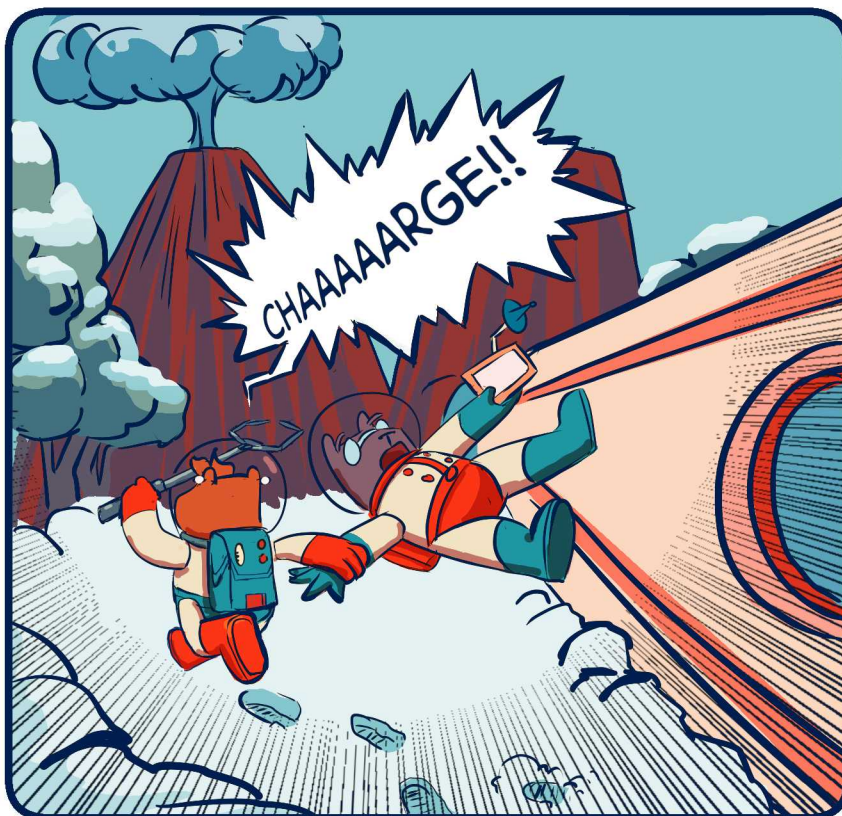
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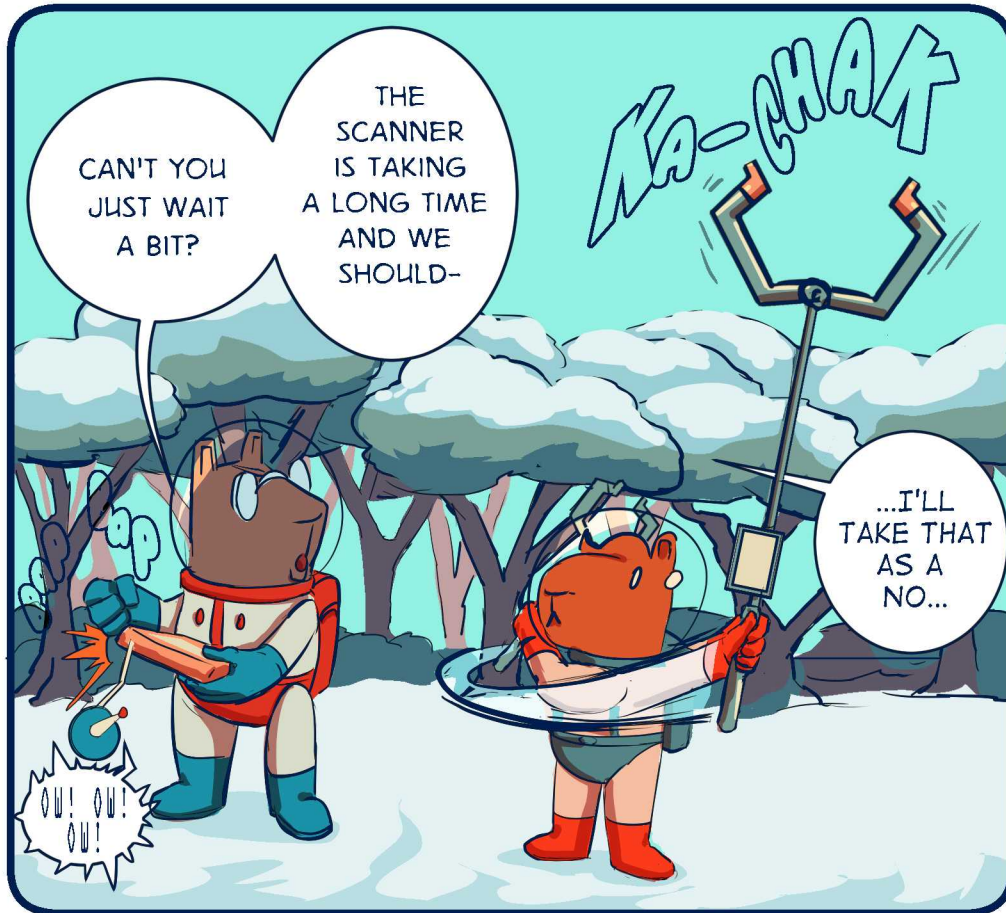
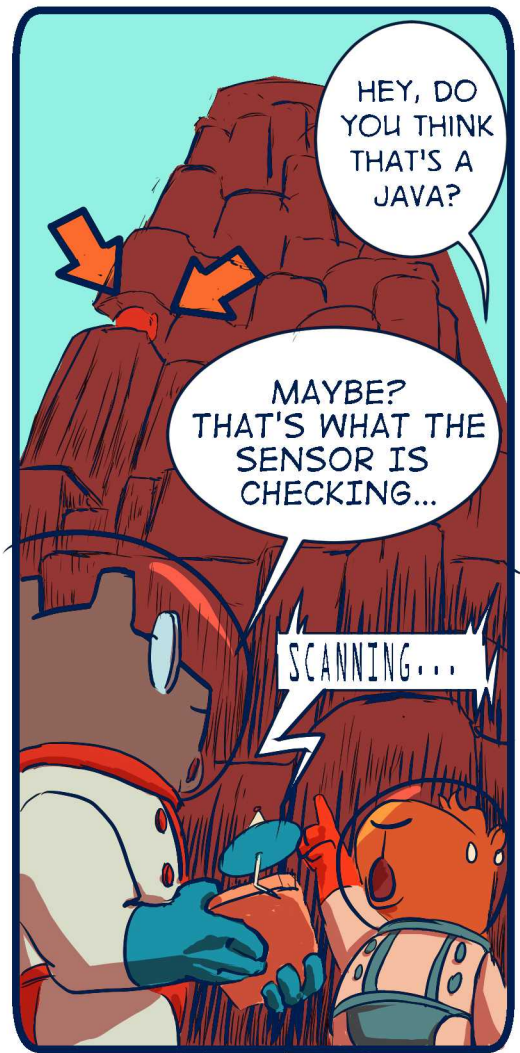


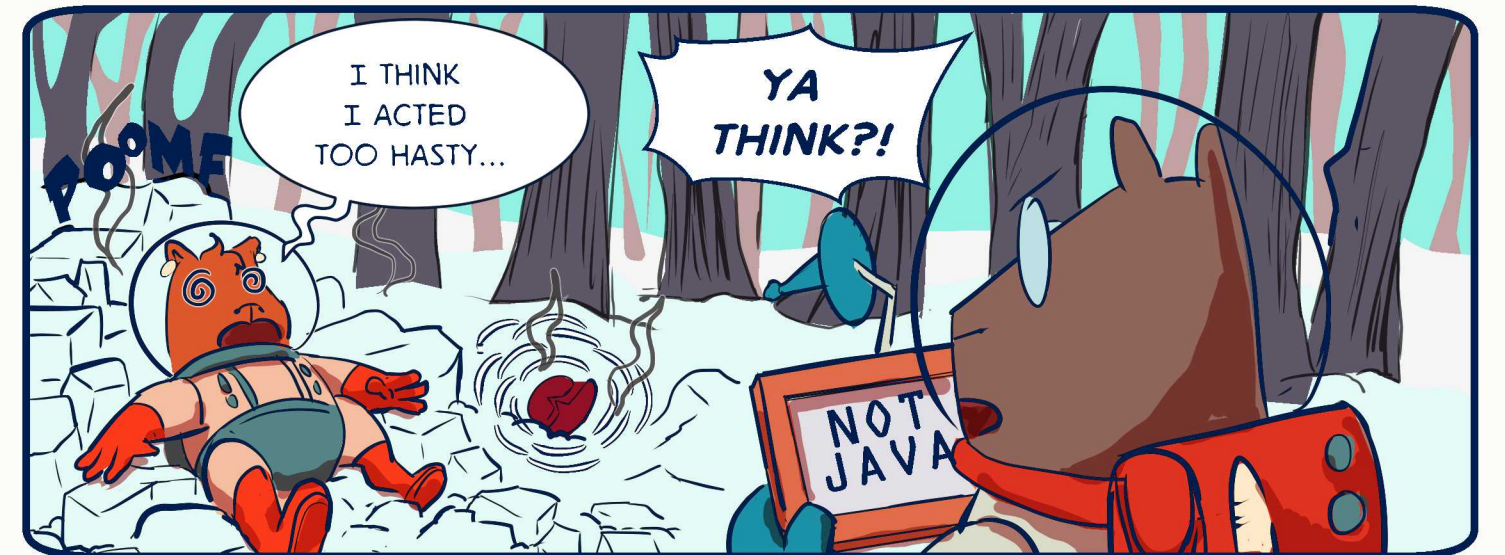
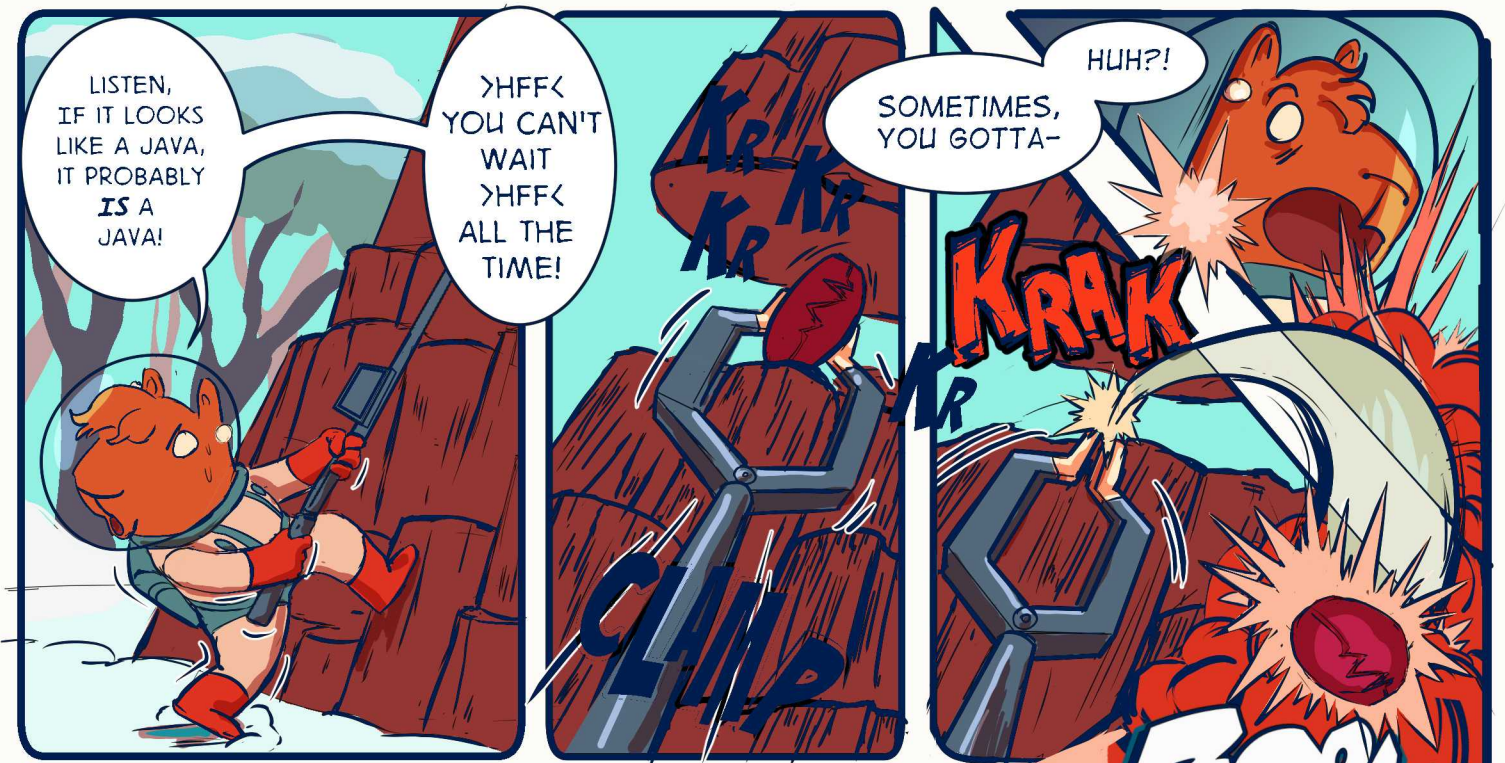
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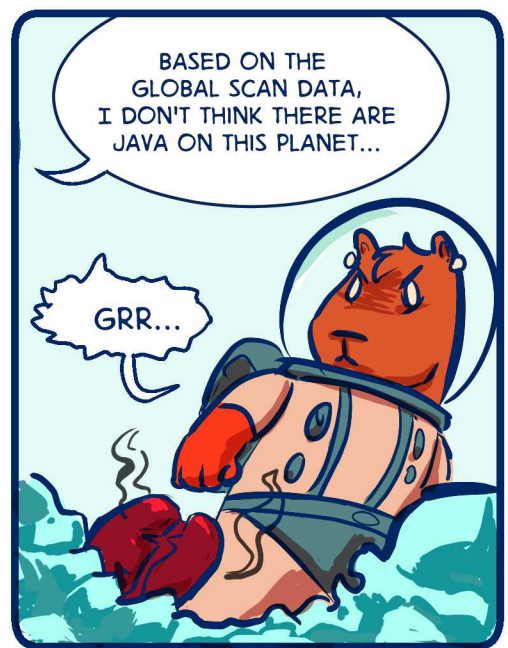
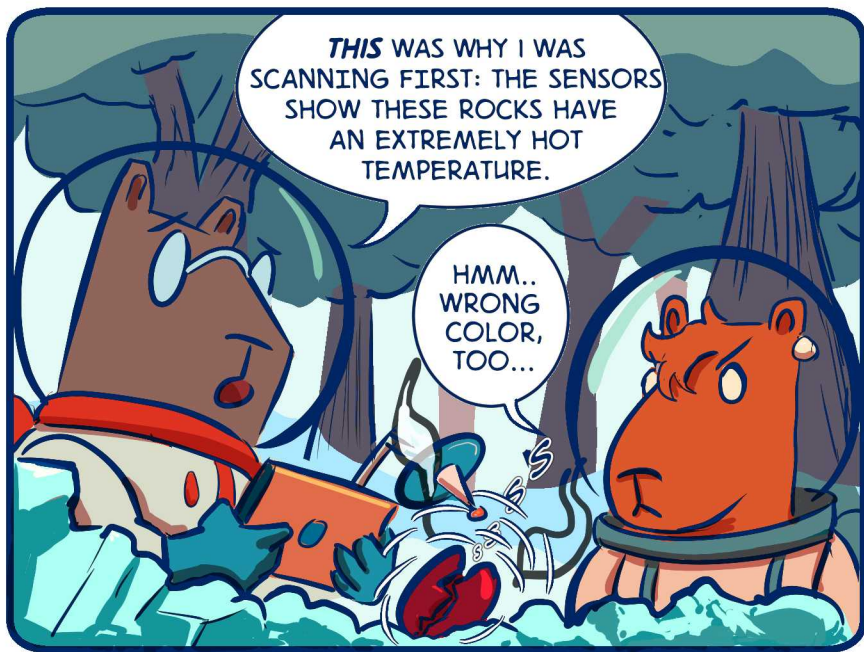


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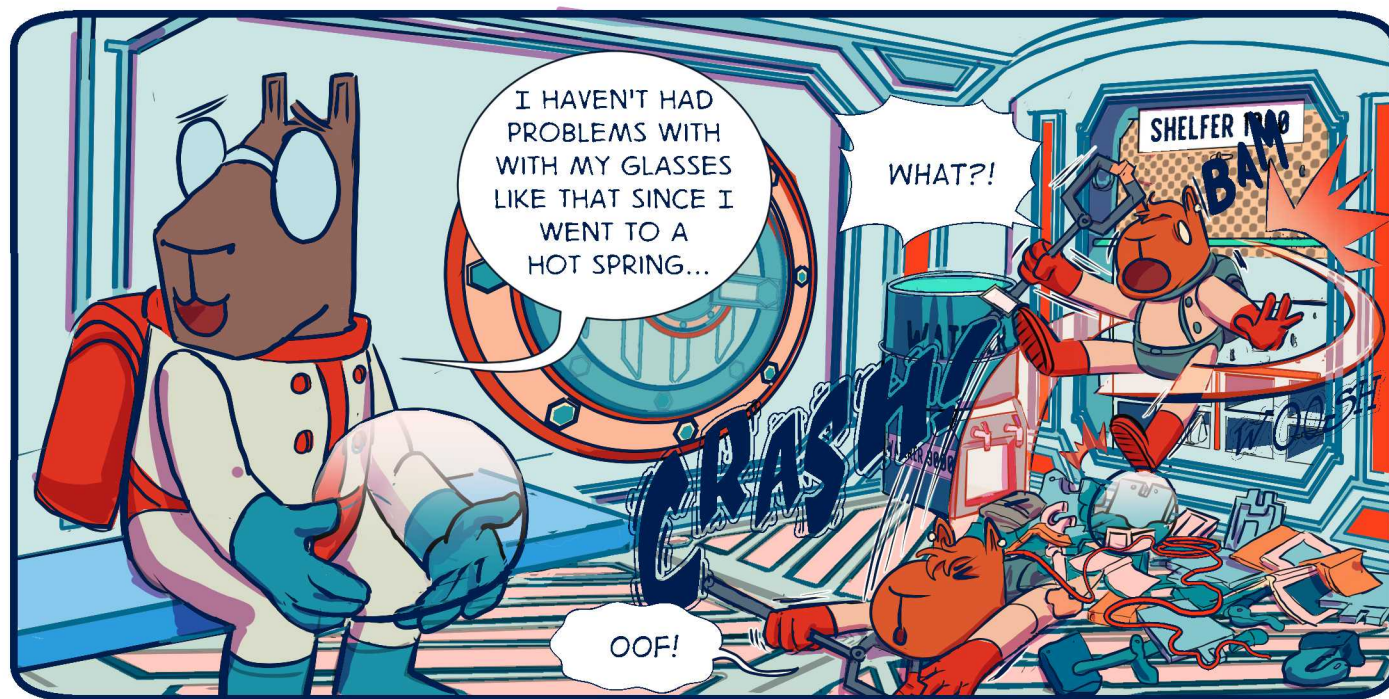
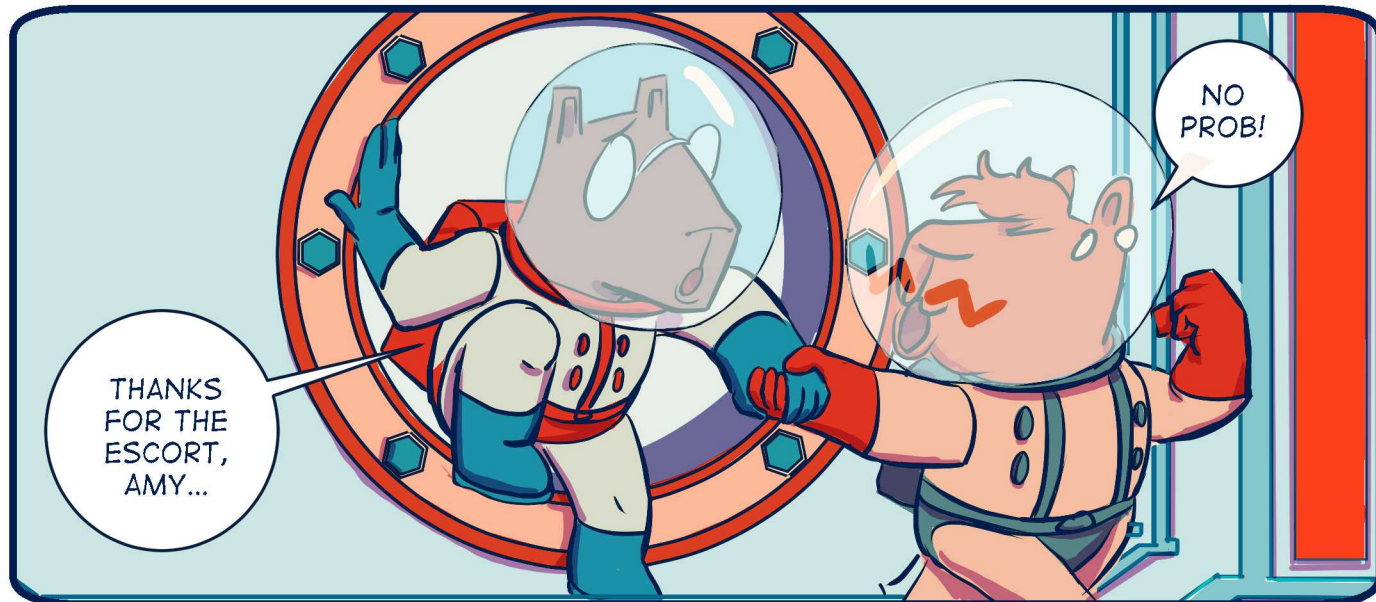


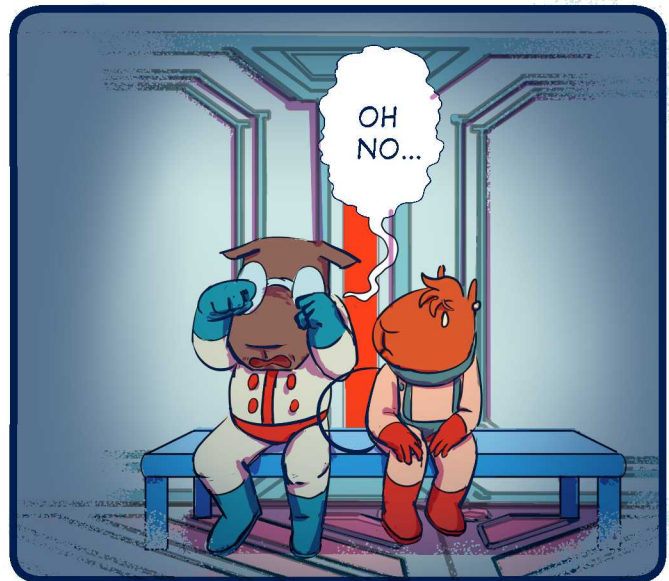
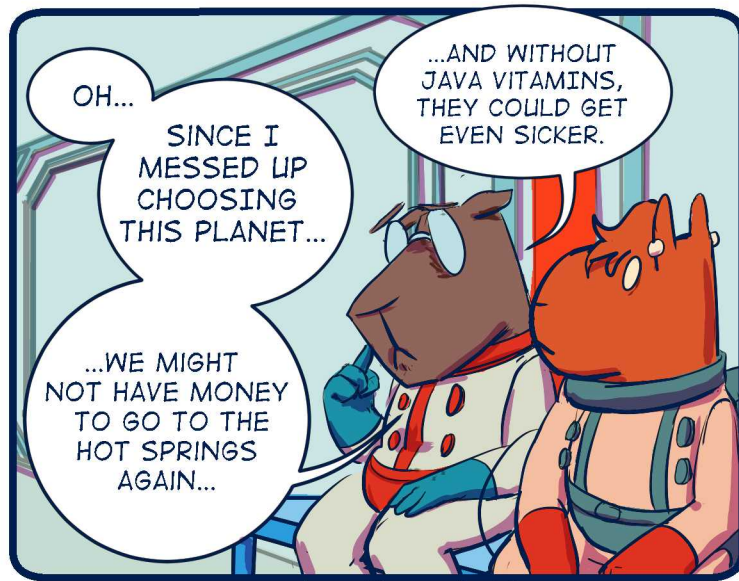
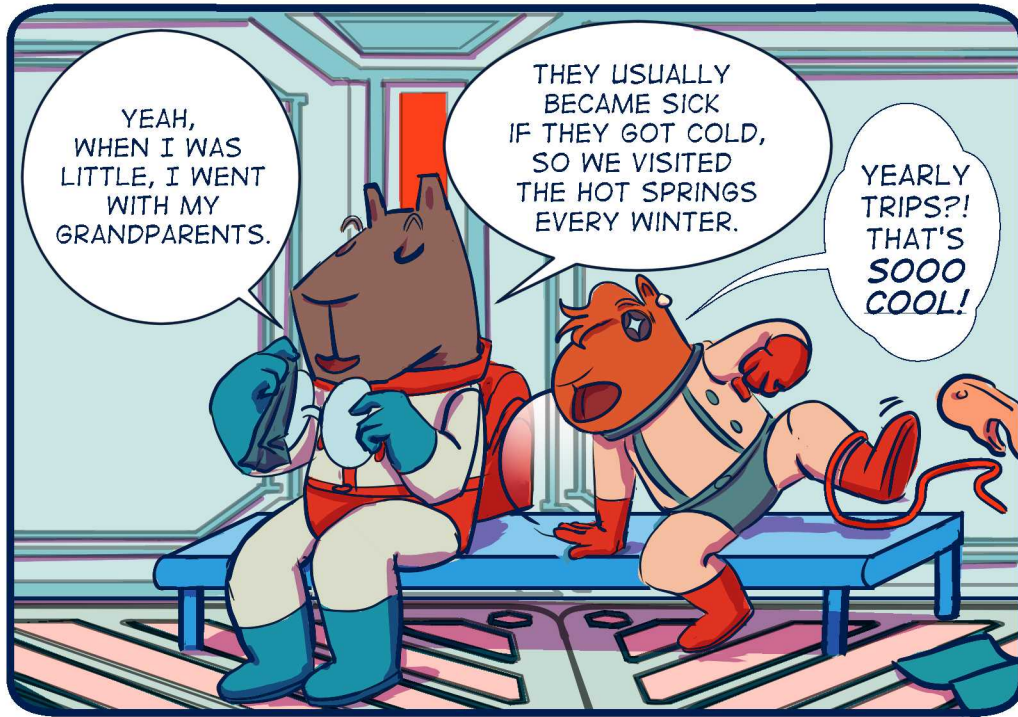
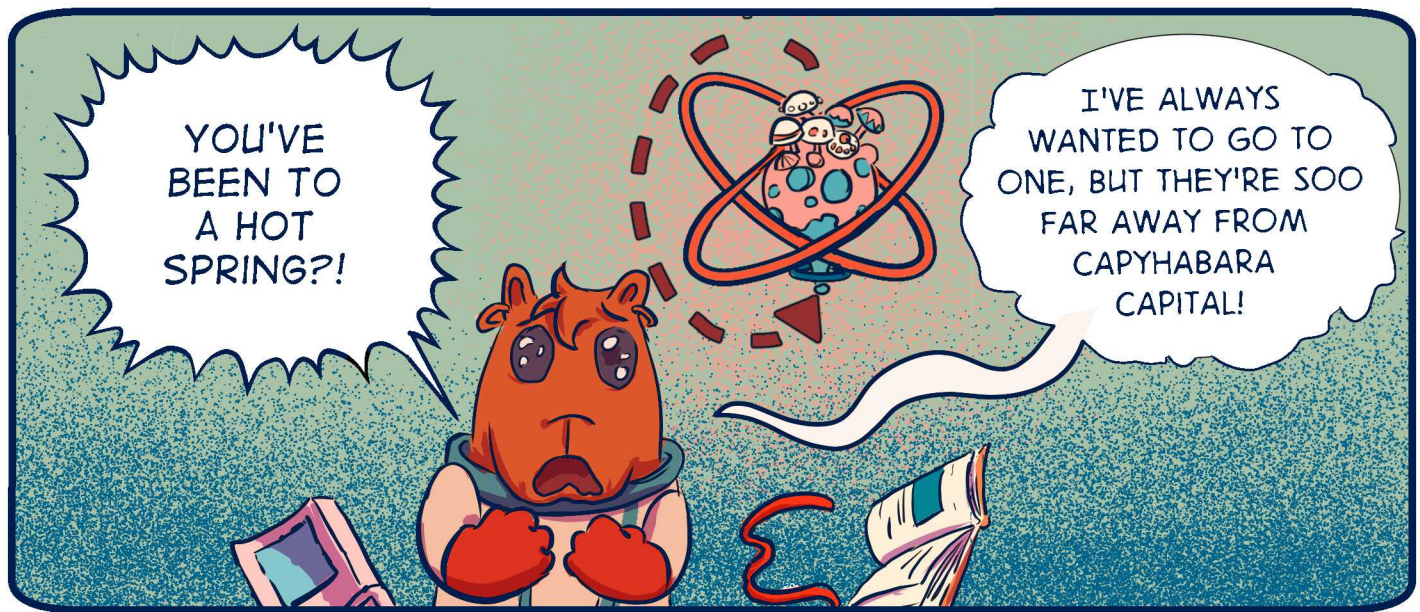


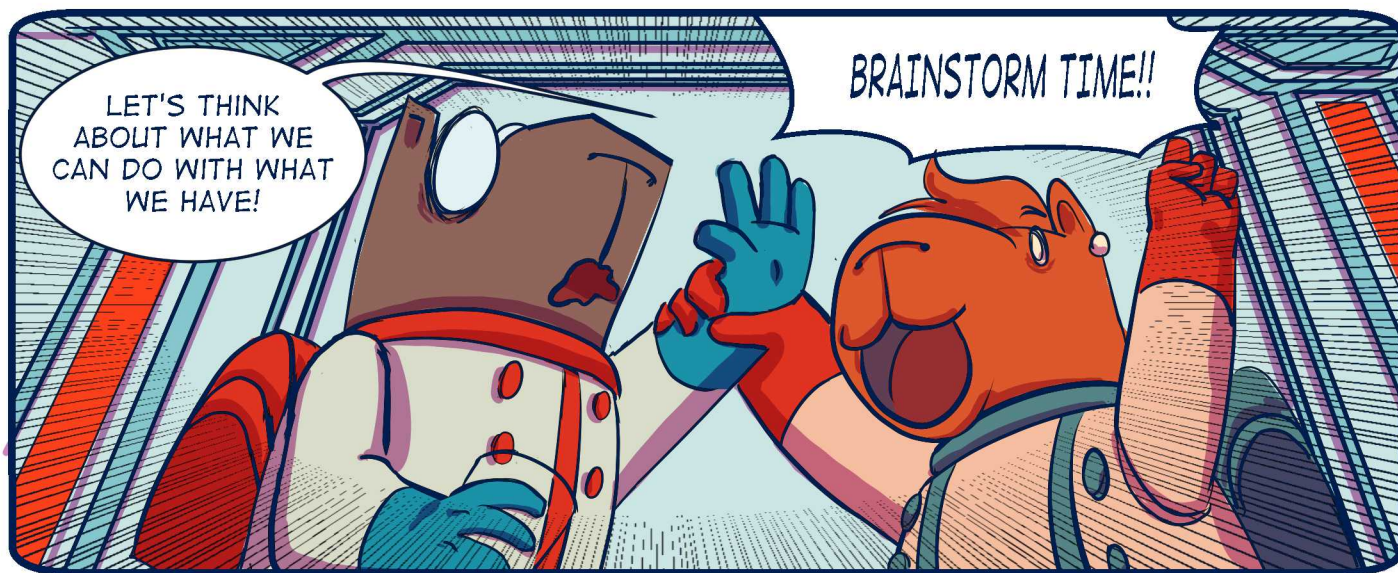
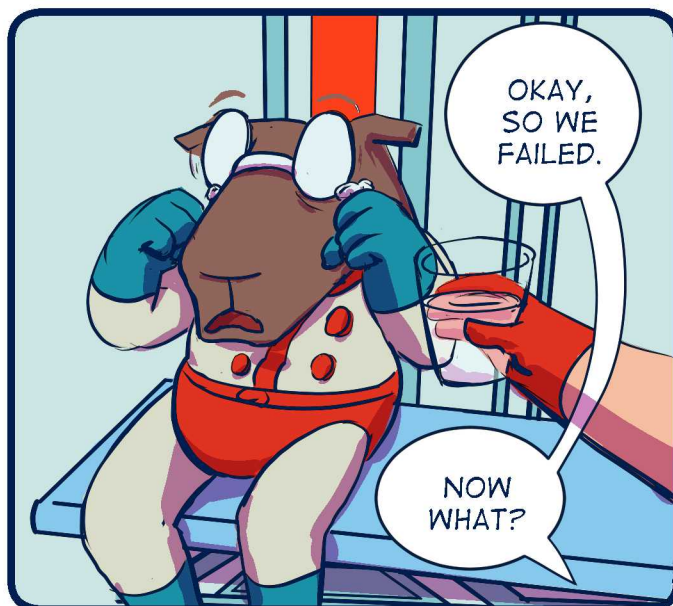




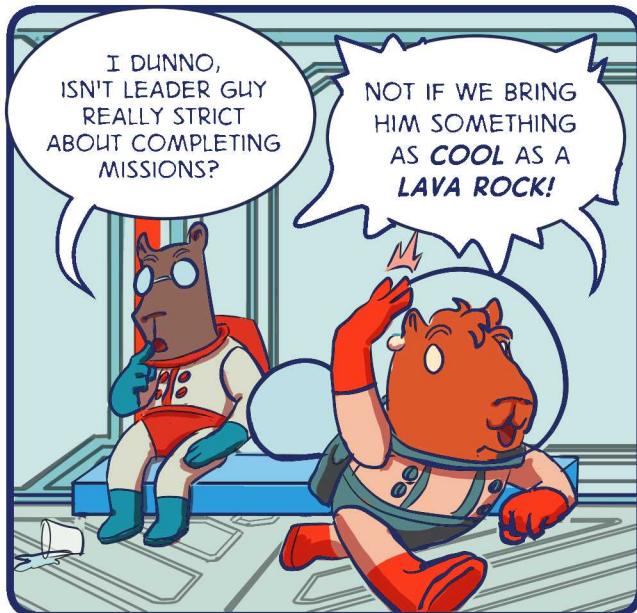
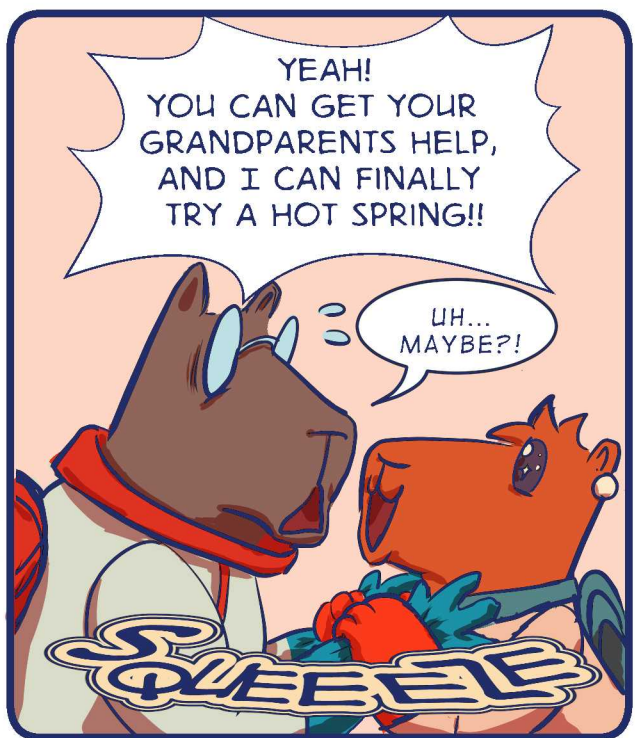


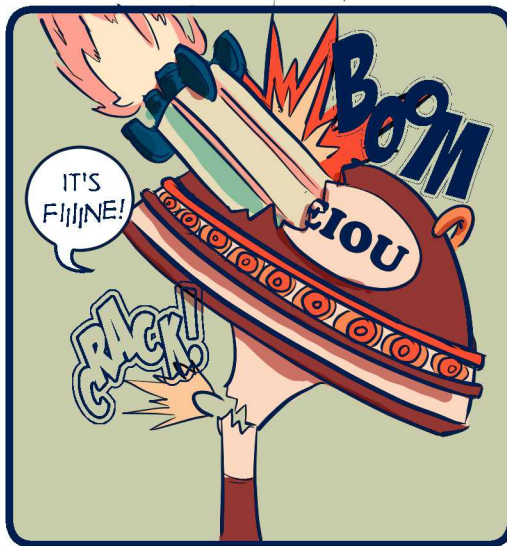
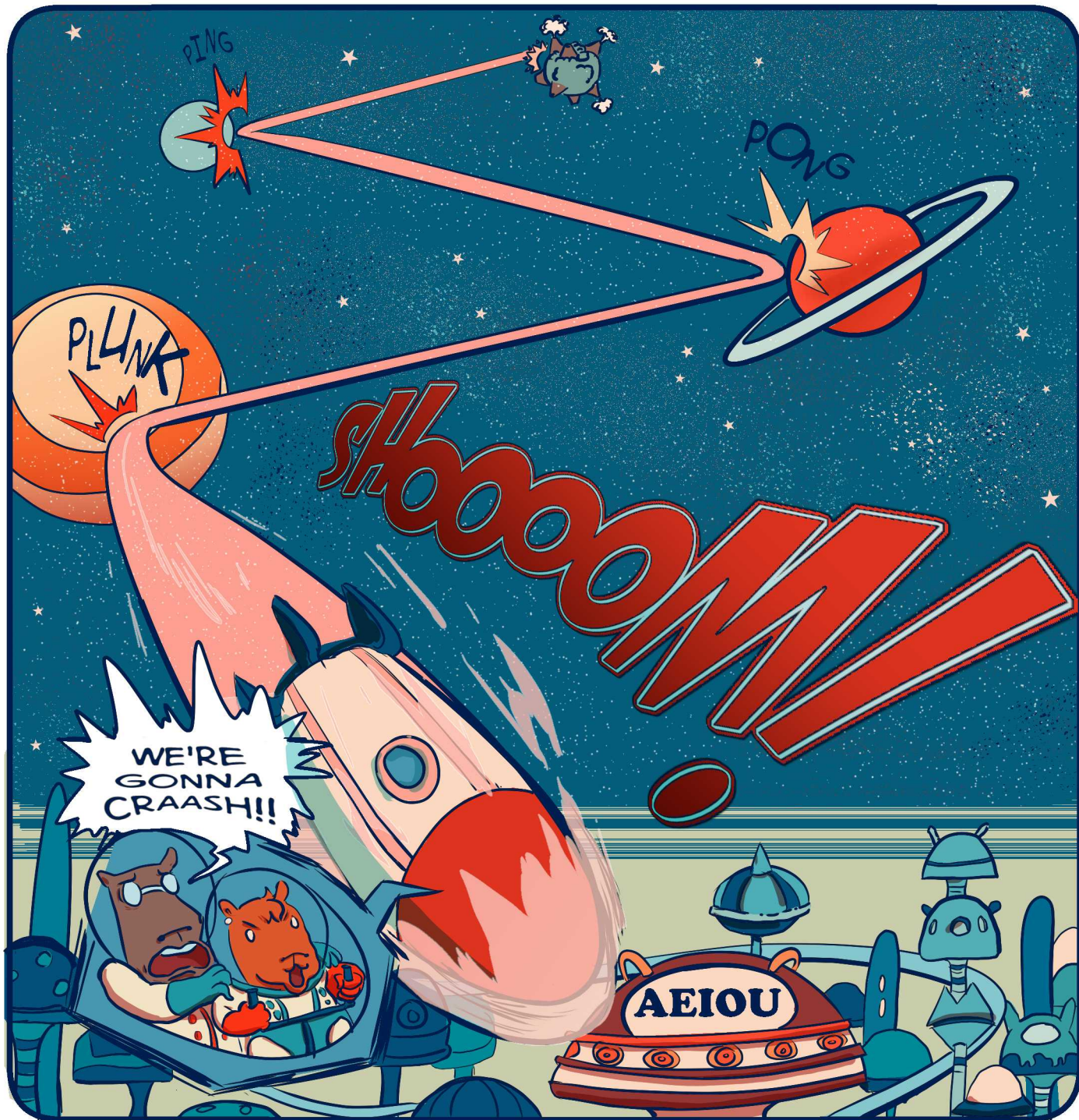


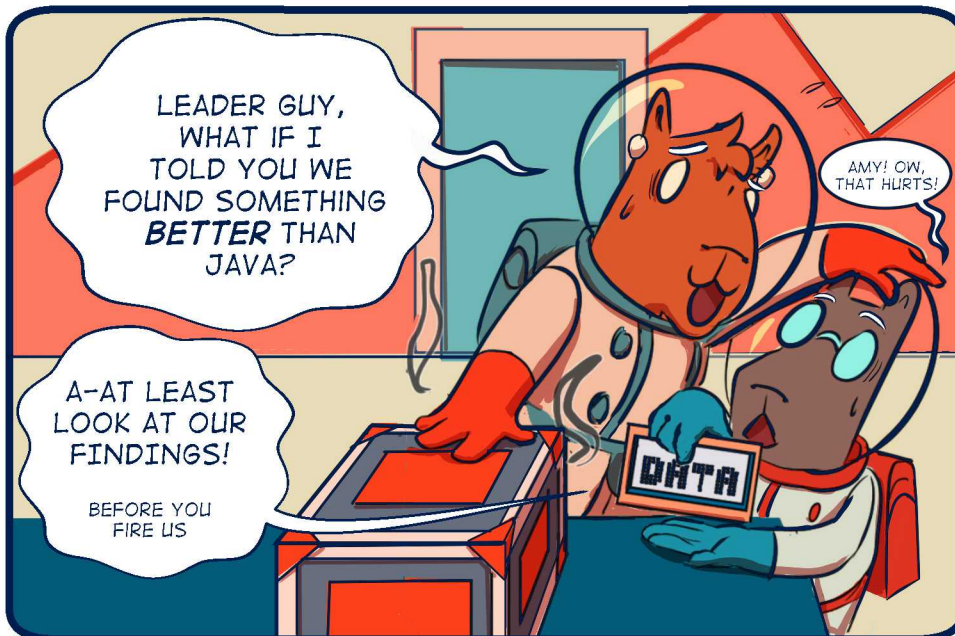
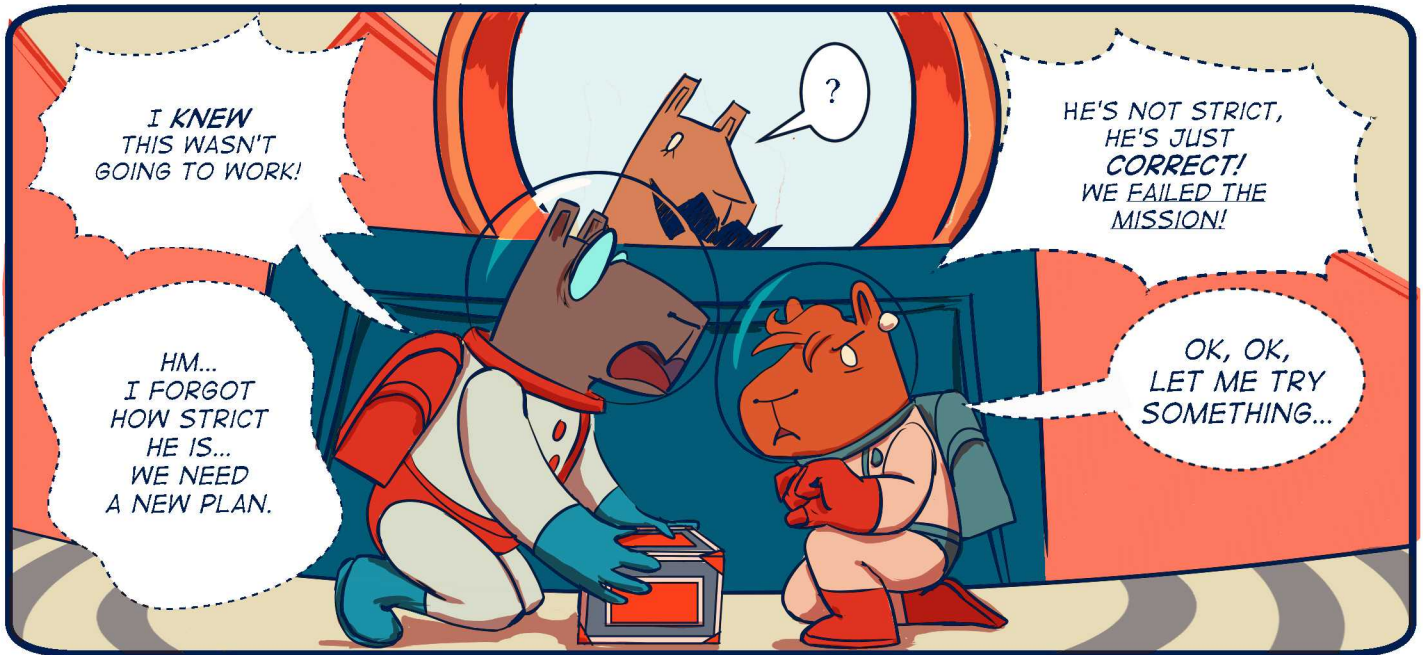


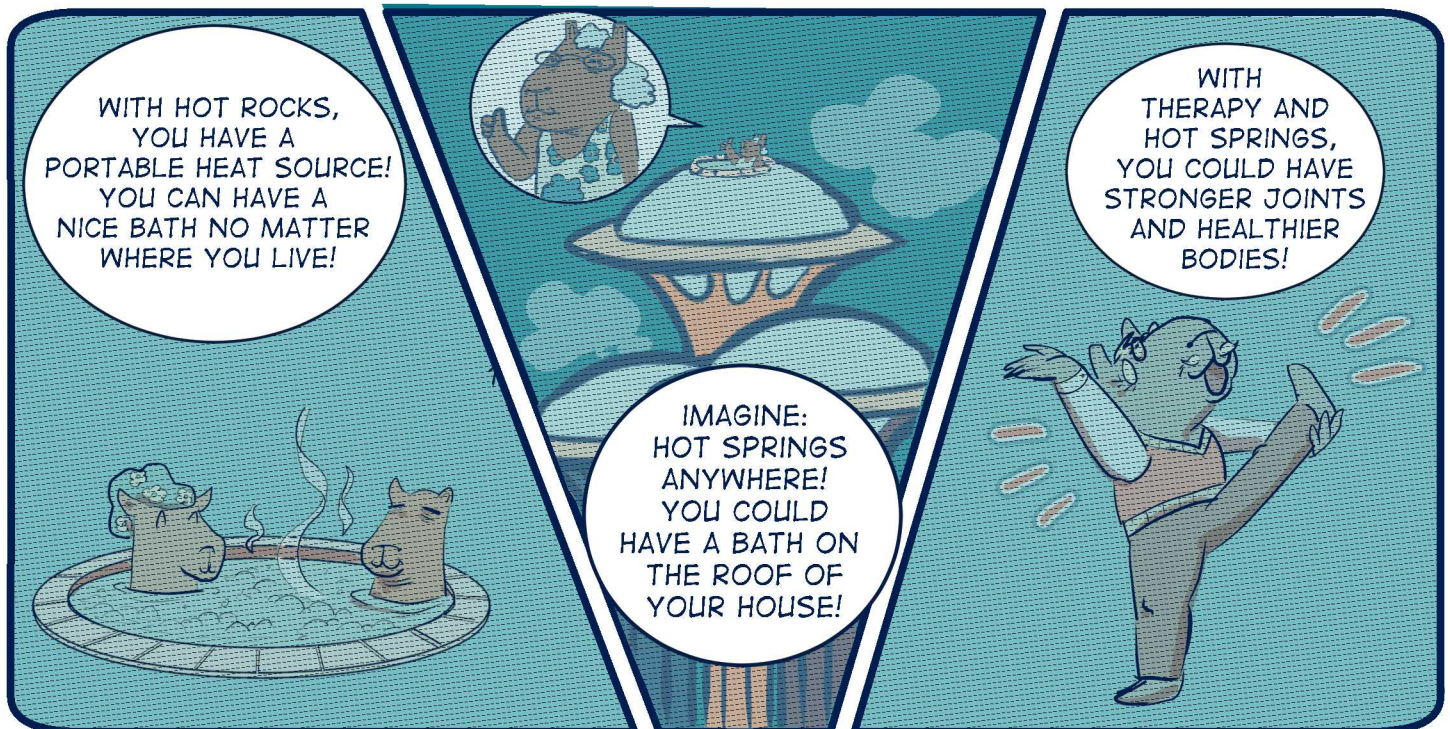
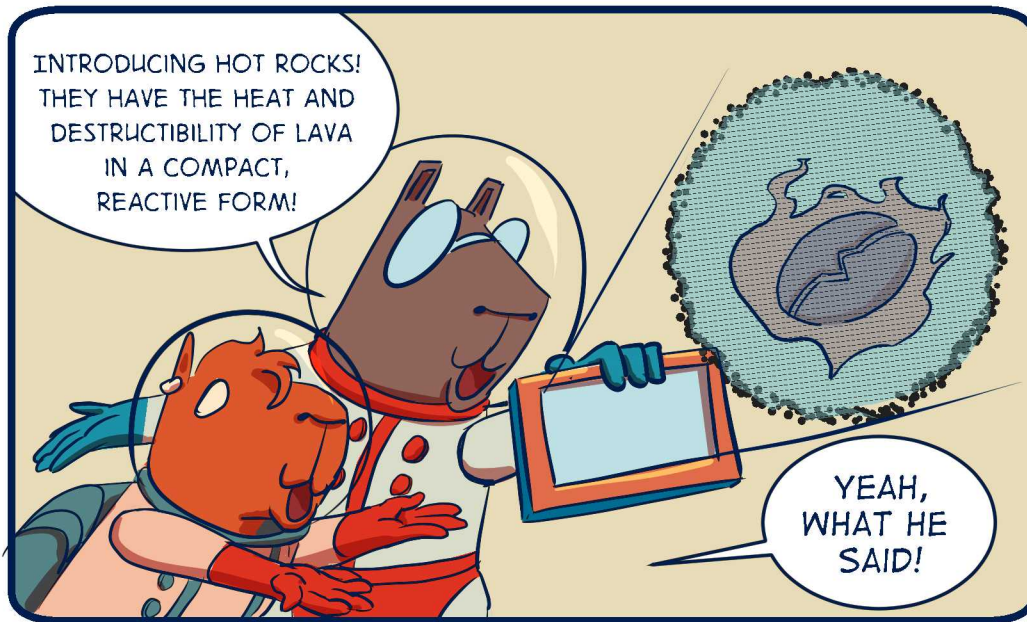


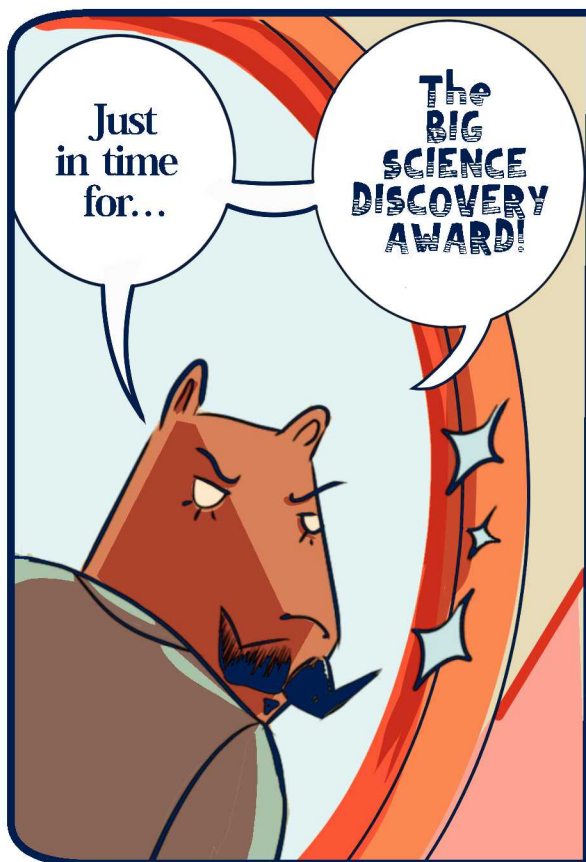


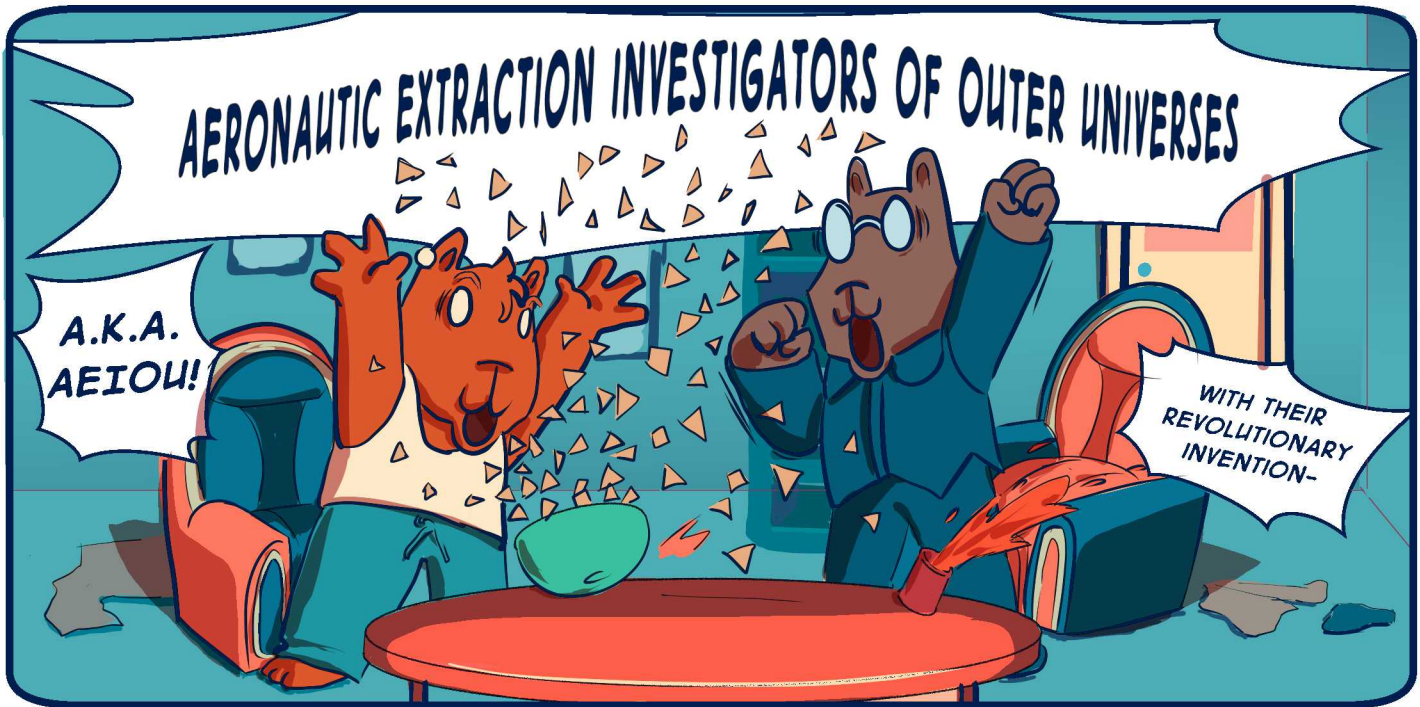
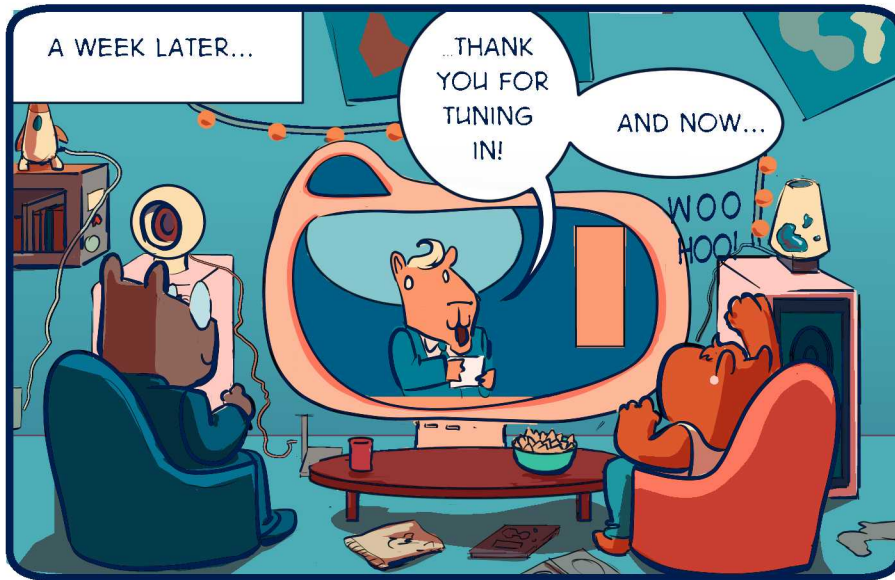
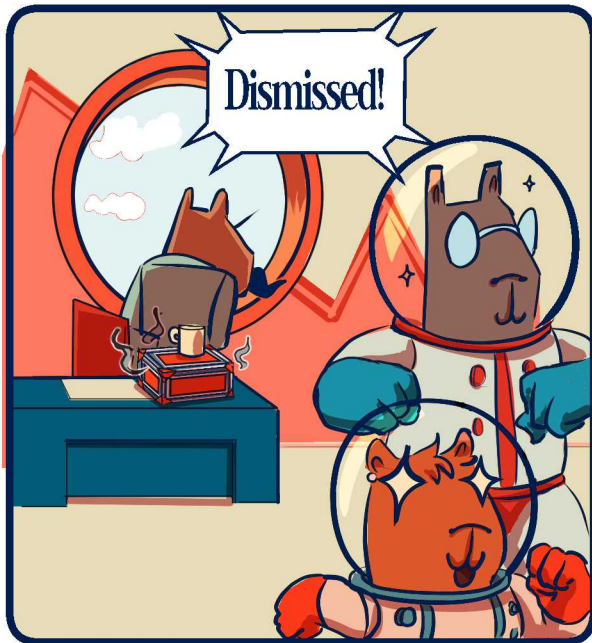


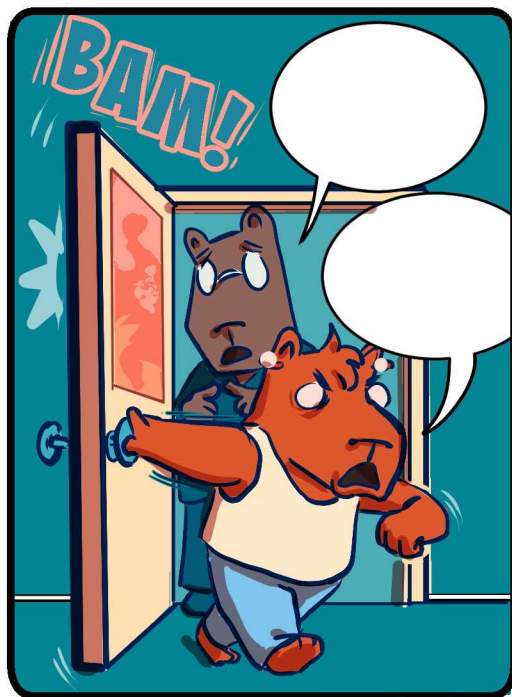
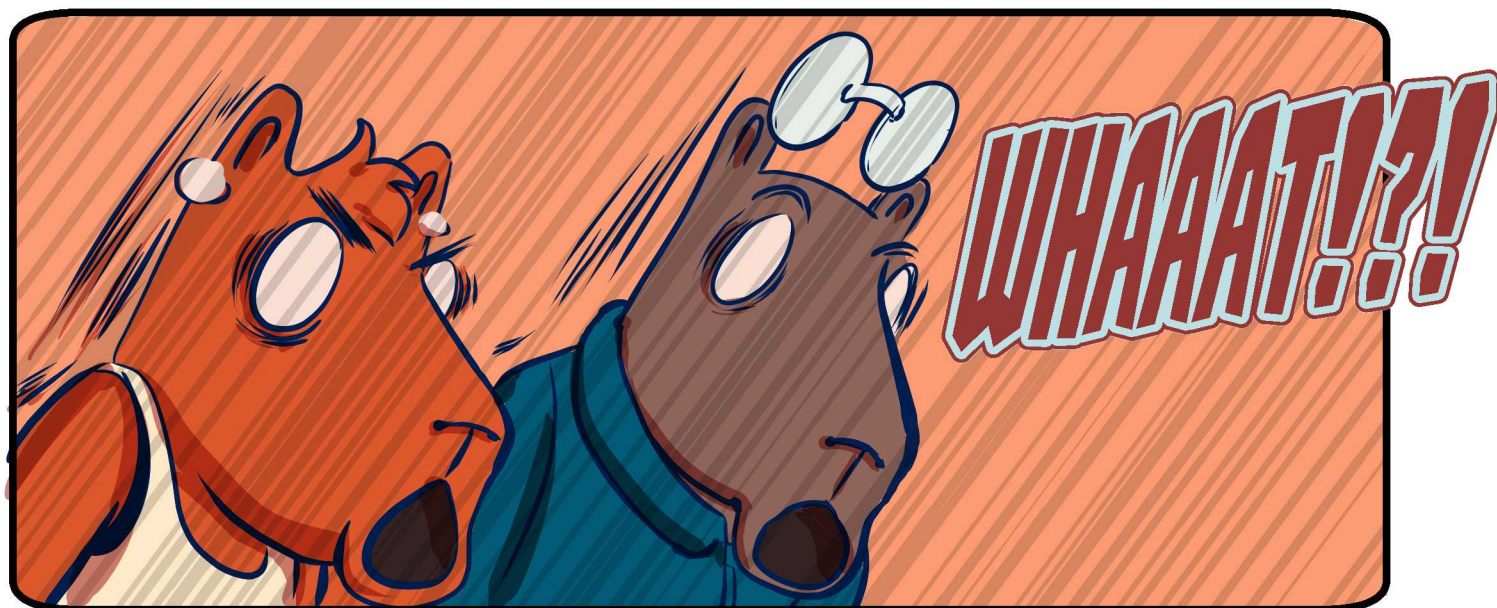
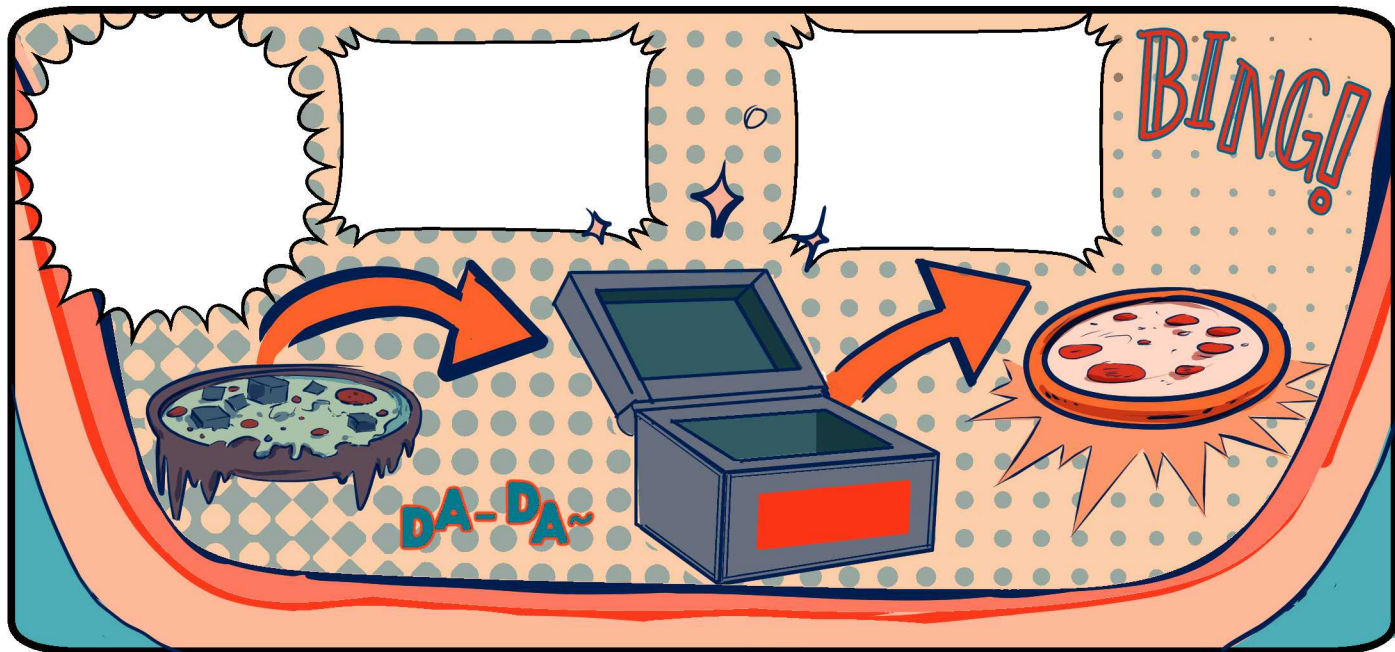


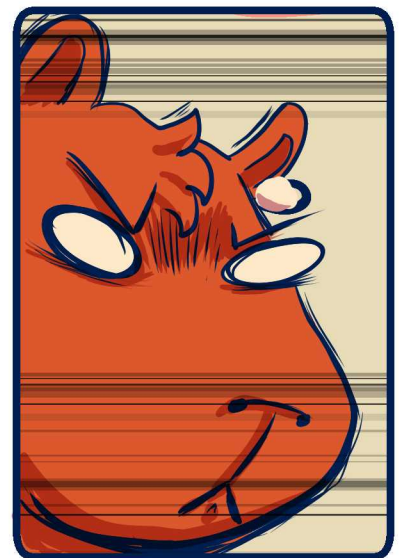
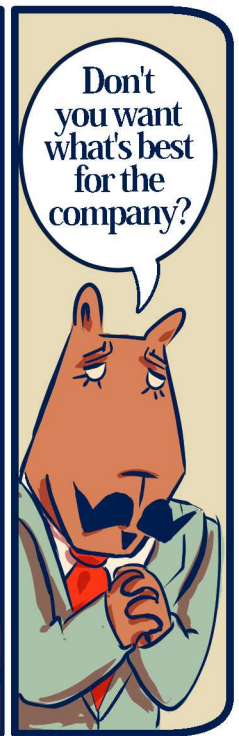
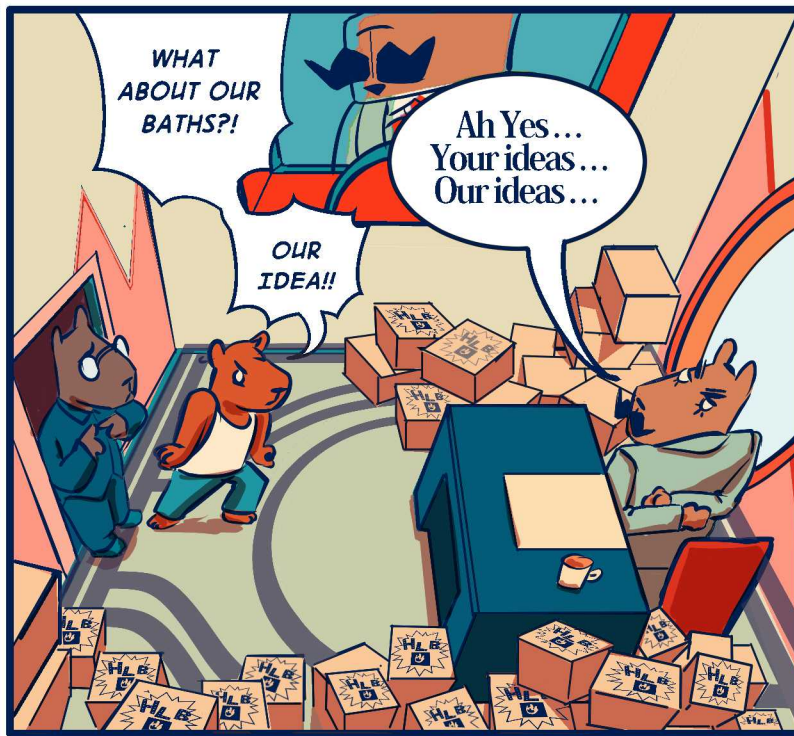


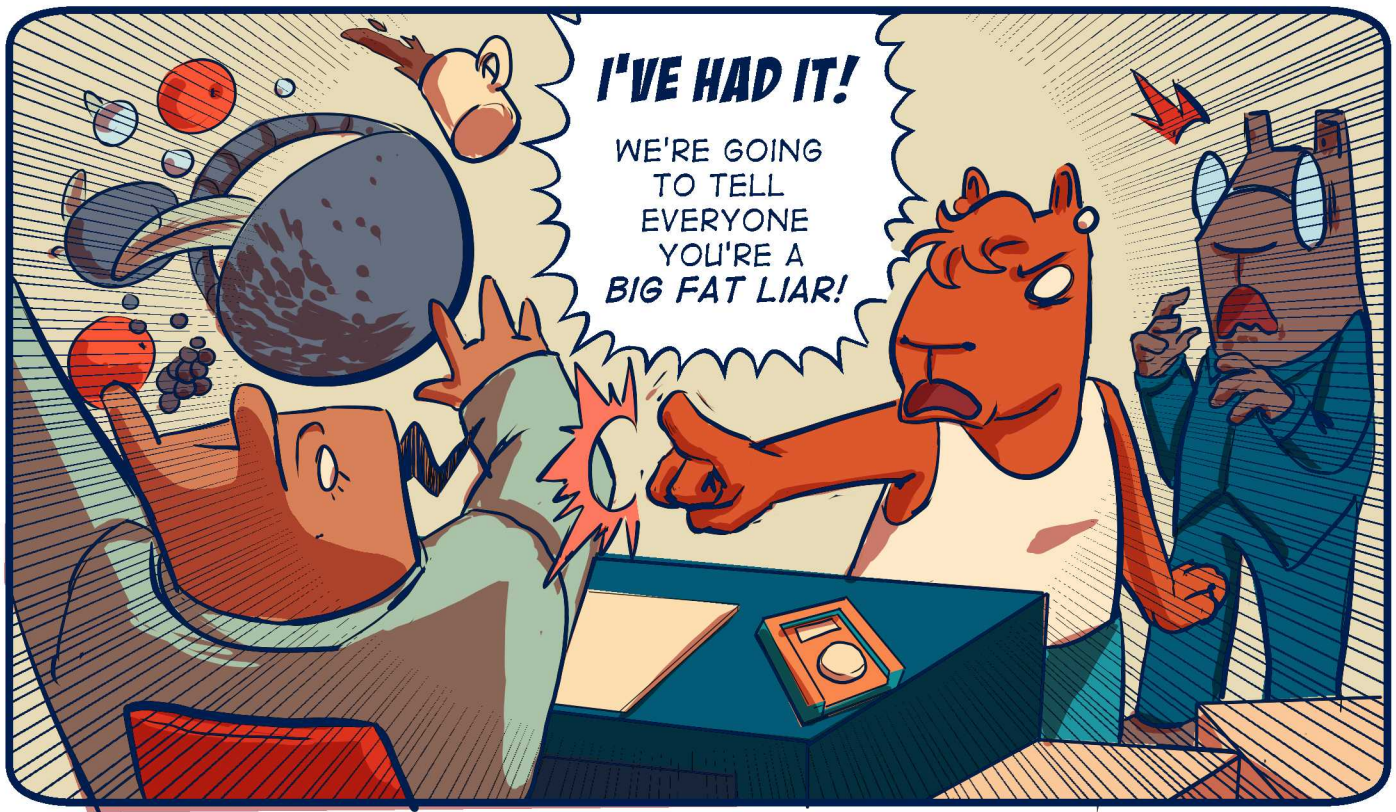












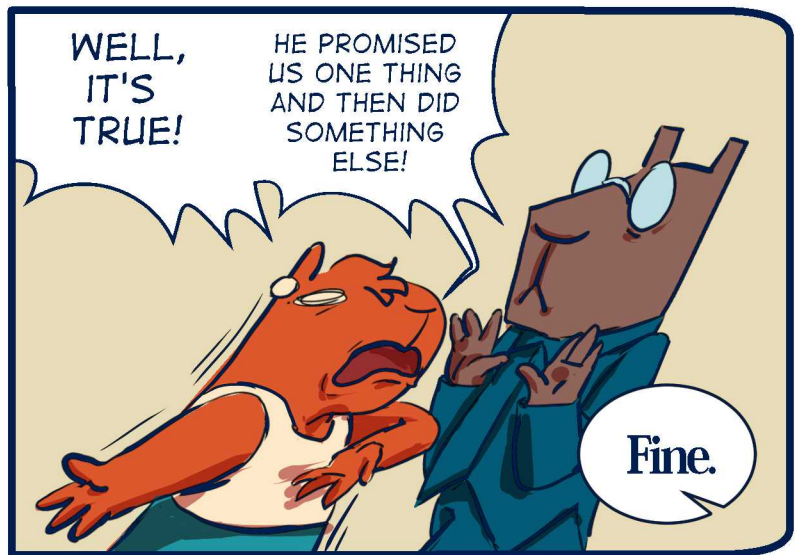
I'VE HAD IT!

WE'RE GOING
TO TELL
EVERYONE
YOU'RE A
BIG FAT LIAR!



AMY!

YOU CAN'T
DO THAT!



WELL,
IT'S
TRUE!

HE PROMISED
US ONE THING
AND THEN DID
SOMETHING
ELSE!

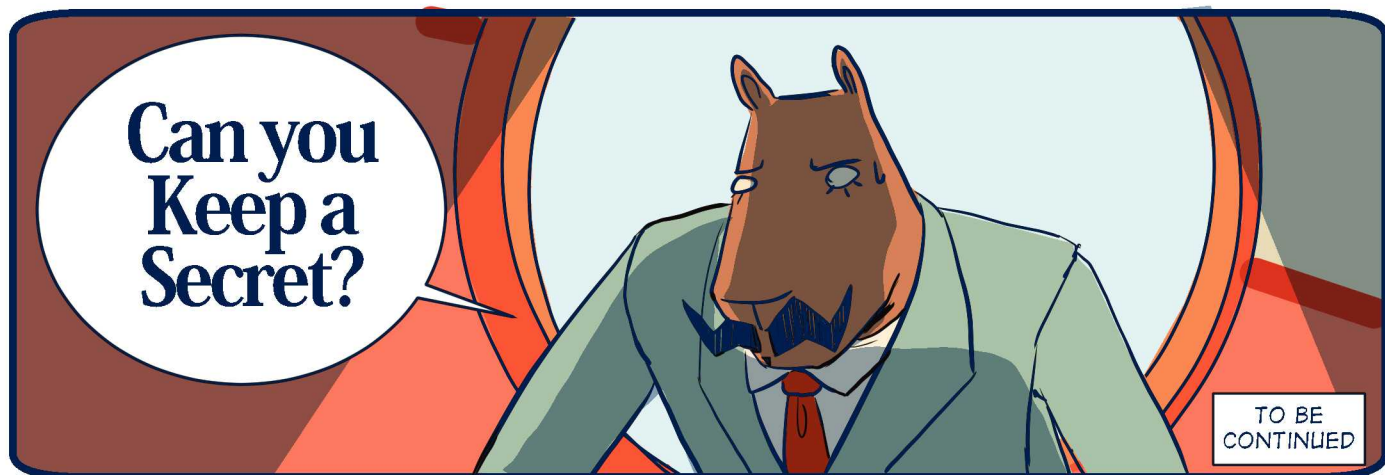
Fine.



Go
Ahead.
Tell
Everyone.

But if
you leave now,
consider
yourselves
Fired.

FINE!



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OVERVIEW

A goofy sci-fi adventure about two capybara astronauts whose unlikely discovery leads to saving their futuristic society from destroying their own planet!

Will their discovery be stolen by a greedy corporation? Can they convince their community to put aside their differences and unite to stop a global crisis?

Tune in to find out!

AMY



SYNOPSIS

Space Explorer's from Capyhabara follows **Amy** and **Angus**, two capybara astronauts from the **Aeronautic Extraction Investigators Of Outer Universes (A.E.I.O.U.** for short), a space exploration company tasked with finding nutritional vitamins they call **Java**.

Though they work as partners, **Angus** and **Amy** have different personalities. **Amy** is quick to jump into action, which sometimes lands her in awkward situations, whereas **Angus** tends to be very thoughtful and cautious until it's too late to react.

While on a **Java** expedition to an unknown planet, the pair stumbles upon an incredible discovery! When they bring their discovery to headquarters, they learn about an emergency more dire than lack of vitamins.

With the help of two unlikely astronauts, the society from the planet of Capyhabara (Rhymes with Akihabara) will learn that building a community is the greatest nutrition.



FORMAT

Length: 8-10 chapters, ~200 pages

Style: full color graphic novel, 5.5in x 8in.

May need Letterer assistance.

Audience: Middle Grade, interest in space, science, resource management

Genre: Sci-Fi Adventure, Enviromental Education

Tone: Wall-E but with Capybaras

Aesthetic: Retro-Futurism, Jetsons-esque

Comparisons:

CatStronauts: Mission Moon, investegators

ANGUS



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CHAPTER 1

Welcome to Capyhabara: a futuristic city full of Capybara! Their spectacular technology provides them with all they require EXCEPT the vitamins they need to live. The food they eat no longer provides them nutrients to be healthy. For this reason, a specialized space exploration company, the AEIOU, must journey to different planets and find the specific minerals and vitamins they need, called Java.

Amy and Angus begin a mission to Volcanis, a snowy planet with volcanoes. (Think Iceland). Gung-ho pilot Amy and vigilant scientist Angus land and begin searching for Java! They have a friendly relationship, but they sometimes misunderstand each other, which results in hilarious misadventures. After a long search, they discover what they think is the Java they need. However, due to Amy's impatience, they learn that these are highly explosive lava rocks that look like the Java. The two narrowly escape back to their ship and wonder what to do.

CHAPTER 2

Back on the ship, Angus panics. They've expended ship fuel and resources on a trip that did not provide results, he is worried that he will be fired from AEIOU, meaning he may be unable to take care of his family. Amy comforts Angus, saying they have nothing to lose and should consider what options they have. This leads to an epiphany that the Lava rocks could be used to provide personal hot springs to everyone at Capyhabara. Instead of traveling to the other end of their planet, everyone could have access to the fun and healthy benefits of hot springs! Angus agrees it's worth trying and they zoom to headquarters with the Lava Rock. They present it to the company boss—AKA Leader Guy. He is unimpressed and fires them immediately, but after they pitch all of their ideas for the Lava Rock, he changes his mind, wondering if it may win The Big Science Award, an annual award show for the most impressive scientific discoveries. Amy and Angus are excited about their potential new fame and agree to submit their findings. However, Leader Guy has an epiphany of his own...

CHAPTER 3

A week later, Amy and Angus tune in to watch the award show. Hooray! AEIOU has won the science award for their discovery! BUT! Instead of a portable hot spring, the winner is portable microwaves. Amy and Angus feel betrayed! Not only are there no hot springs (Something Amy has always wanted), but neither Amy or Angus are being recognized for their discovery. Amy and Angus confront Leader Guy in his office. He tells them that when they joined AEIOU, they signed a contract stating all of their findings belong to the company now. He tries to console them with a fruit basket, but Amy refuses. She vows to tell everyone that he and the company are liars. He challenges her to go ahead, but leaving the office will mean they are fired. She storms out of the office bitterly crying with Angus in tow. Right before they leave, Leader Guy calls them back. He says they are the first people to stand up to him and he asks if they can keep a secret.

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CHAPTER 4

Leader guy takes them into a secret room with monitors and confesses that there is a problem much much bigger than the vitamins.

The planet has become weak, the factories are struggling to make food from the planet and Java resources.

He tells them they only have enough food for one more year, after that they'll be forced to evacuate their planet to look for more food. Amy is disturbed, "What will happen to our home town?" Angus is worried, too.

"My grandparents are too old to move!" Leader Guy admits that he feels responsible. Once he became the company director, he only did whatever made the most money. He had no idea things could get this bad and he is worried what everyone will say.

Angus and Amy realize evacuating isn't a real solution because the cycle will repeat. How will they get the food and resources? Hope to find another civilization that will sell them snacks? Leader Guy begins to despair about what he's done. Amy comforts him. We can work together and solve this.

Angus says, "When I'm stuck, I go see..."

CHAPTER 5

"...Grandma!"

Smash-cut to the front of Angus' grandmother's house, a small, homey cottage.

Grandma Mayble is delighted to see Angus and is happy to meet Amy but her mood completely changes when she sees Leader Guy. "Aren't you that dreadful man on TV who yaps? You're not welcome here." Angus explains how their planet is at risk and her rage grows. She knows it's all Leader Guy's fault, that he and his company made her community move into a cramped neighborhood. They used to produce all of their food on their farms, but now they live in such a small space they're forced to buy additional foods. Angus and Amy agree that Leader Guy has messed up, but if they don't work together, they'll all have to leave the planet and the cycle may repeat. Grandma Mayble sighs and agrees to help.

"Never underestimate a Grandmother's love for her grandchildren. I'll help you, but good luck getting everyone else involved. And believe me, we can't do this alone."

HALFWAY POINT

CHAPTER 6

Grandma Mayble begins to teach them about farming (Including Leader Guy). The group learns sustainable processes for farming and nurturing the earth. Grandma Mayble refuses to use the more advanced technology that AEIOU and Capyhabara have, she wants them to learn the traditional ways because 'it worked for generations before all of this stuff.' Leader Guy becomes frustrated, not only is the process very difficult, it's also clear that they can't grow enough because they don't have access to seeds or space. Many of the foods they had in the past are extinct or have been so genetically modified or cloned, they can no longer reproduce. The group begins to despair until Angus looks at his grandmother's decor. There are pressed flowers sealed inside glass frames, most of them from the extinct fruit. He has an idea to try to extract seeds from the flowers to grow the seeds. Meanwhile, the group contacts the community for help. They are also angry and reluctant to participate until Leader Guy announces on TV the situation. The whole planet needs to step up and take action.

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CHAPTER 7

Amy, Angus, and co. have the support of the community to farm the land. The old folks in the neighborhood provide more seeds. Angus has help from AEIOU scientists. Their research to revitalize the extinct plants is working, but the plants are growing slowly. They only have 6 more months of food at this point, but the soil of Capyhabara has been overworked and is no longer fertile. The community begins fighting with each other, blaming each others for their poor results. Grandma Mayble is reminded of the people from her grand-parents stories. Long before all of the terraforming, Capyhabara used to have active volcanoes around the planet. Occasionally, the volcanoes would erupt and force everyone to abandon their homes and farms, forcing them to start over. It was scary, but no one perished because the always communities worked together. People used to argue because they thought the eruption happened due to someone's actions: either overfarming or being ungrateful to the planet. After the eruption, the crops would grow again, showing that the planet forgave them. Angus has an idea.

CHAPTER 8

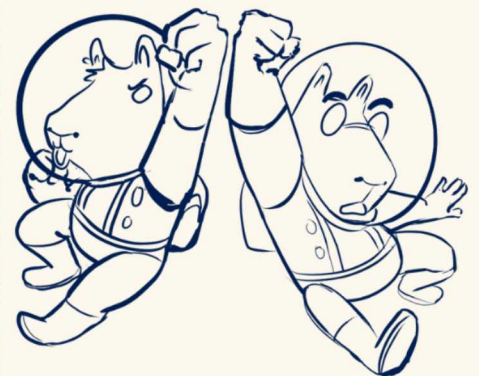
Angus tells Amy that they need to return to Volcanis and pick up as many Lava Rocks as possible. Amy hesitates, "Are you trying to recreate those eruptions? Won't that make all the fighting worse?!" No, Angus realizes that the Lava rocks DO have nutrients in them, that's why his scanner had reacted to them so long ago. But they are in a form that Capybara's can't process via eating. If they grind up the Lava Rocks into a fine, hot powder, it can be spread on the soil and re-invigorate the soil. Inspired, they work together to make a plan to work with everyone. AEIOU pilots can fly to Volcanis to retrieve lava rocks, other workers can build machines to grind the Lava Rocks up, the community can fly low planes to airdrop the vitamins onto the soil, and the old folks neighborhood can use farming machines to till the land and help the crops grow. A few months more pass as everyone tries to care for the crops. They eventually move some of the crops to a nearby moon (At Amy's suggestion) It takes longer than initially anticipated, but the crops do begin to bear fruit. The Capybaras have enough food to feed everyone.

CHAPTER 9 Epilogue

Capyhabara looks different now. After all the scrambling to grow crops and re-engineer their machines, much of their advanced technological buildings and devices are unusable now. Everyone feels a little bored and restless, but they are happy to have food again and everyone feels closer than before.

Leader Guy retires from being..well.. the Leader Guy. He continues to assist with farming, feeling a great sense of fulfillment. Knowing their home planet is safe, Amy and Angus grab a spaceship to look for other planets and find more adventures!

The End



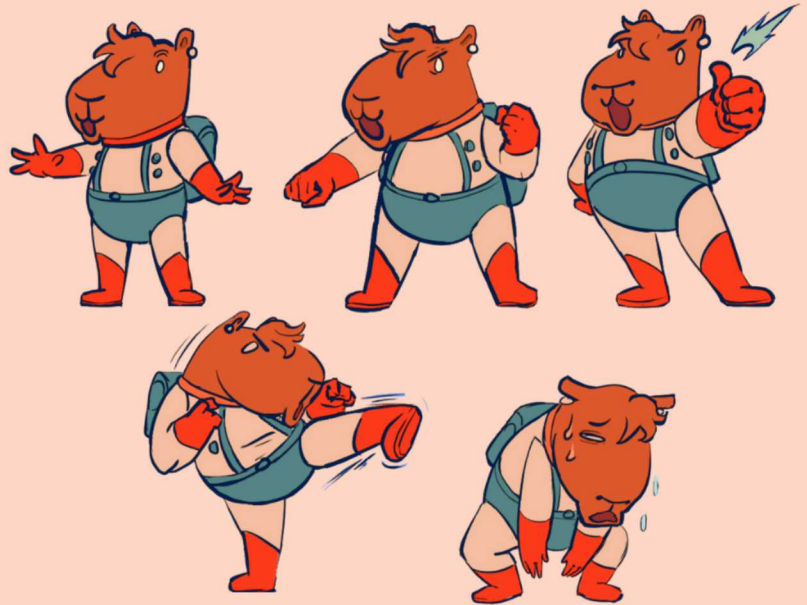
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AMY

PROFILE: A new space Pilot for **Aeronautic Extraction Investigators Of Outer Universes (A.E.I.O.U. for short)**, Amy is eager to go on adventures, and prove her worth.. This is her first time working with Angus.
She has boundless optimism, but if she sees injustice, she will be vocal about it.

FLAWS: Her first instinct is to leap into action, which can cause her to jump headlong into problems and get stuck in a situation or say the first thing on her mind without thinking of the consequences.

SPECIAL SECRETS: She is the 3rd youngest of 5 brothers. This is why she's a bit of a tomboy, but also helped her become surprisingly good at conflict resolution. She believes and accepts that Angus is smarter than her. However, she worries that he looks down on her and is afraid to find out.



ANGUS

PROFILE: A new scientist for **A.E.I.O.U.** Angus is a little anxious about leaving homeworld, but he's also excited to uncover new discoveries! This is his first time working with Amy. He is quiet, analytical, and careful with his words.

FLAWS: He tends to be very careful with his actions and speech, which may cause him to hesitate until it's too late. He also wants to do a good job on his first mission abroad, so he is a little anxious and sometimes prone to worry.

SPECIAL SECRETS: His parents travel for work around the planet, so Angus lives with his grandparents. Their love of nature is what inspired him to become a scientist. He really admires Amy and believes that she's actually wiser than him. He believes she already knows these thoughts, so he never tells her.

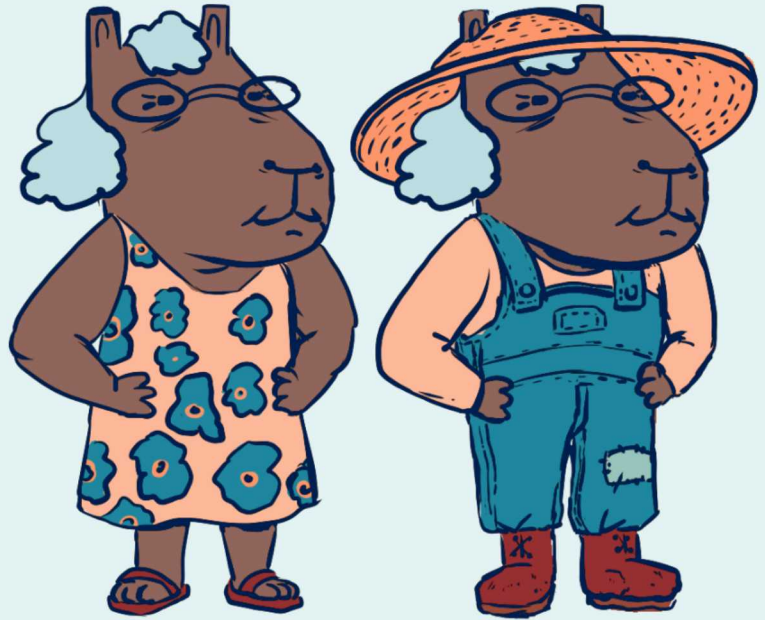
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GRANDMA

PROFILE: Grandma Mayble is a retired teacher and seamstress. She lives on the outskirts of the major Capyhabara metropolis in a cramped neighborhood with her husband and grandson, Angus. She spends her time helping her neighborhood, cooking, and creating arts and crafts.

FLAWS: She acts calm and collected, but deep down she's very angry at how things have changed in Capyhabara and has a lot of unresolved rage.

SPECIAL SECRETS: She comes from a long line matriarch leaders of Capyhabara society who specialized in farming and cooking. In her youth, she was a lot like Amy. She used to be a bit of a flirt and loved exploring the wilderness but has since settled down.



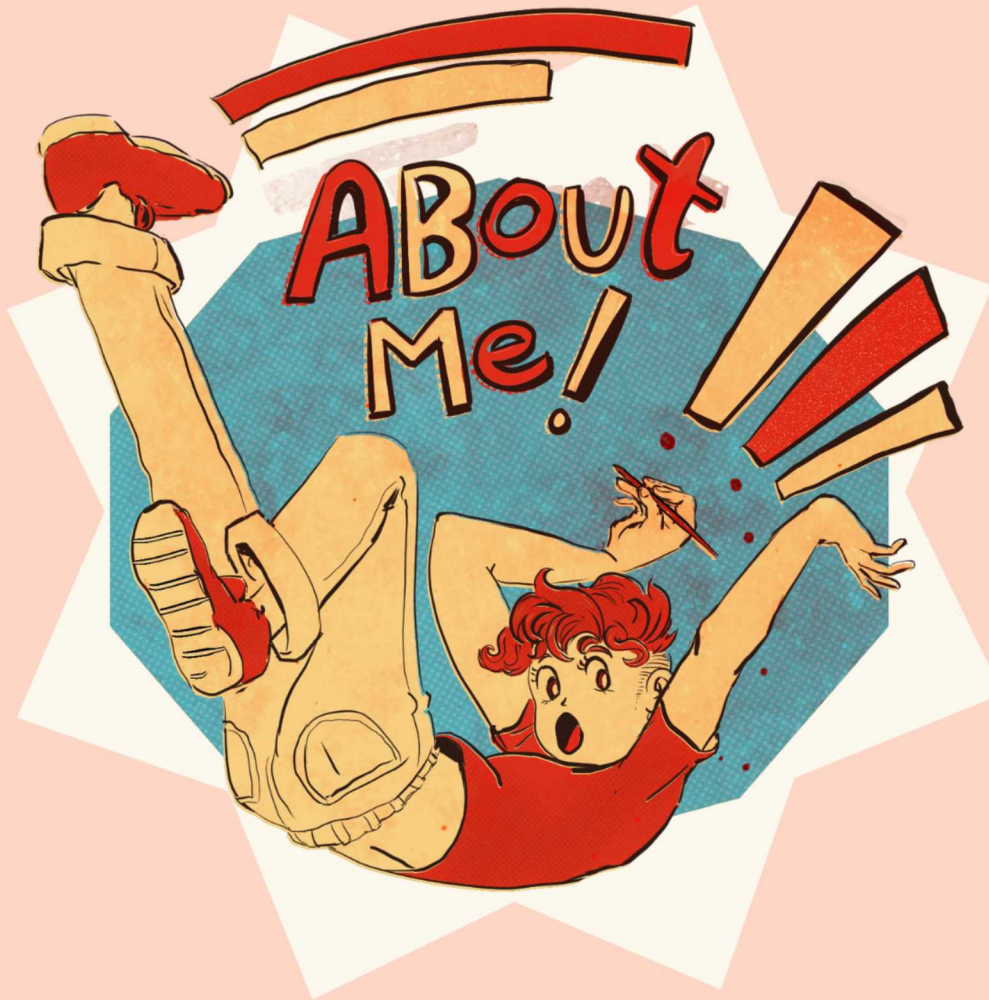
LEADER GUY

PROFILE: Leader Guy is the current director of **A.E.I.O.U.** and is the reason for the company's success. His good looks and unique voice evoke a lot of charisma and has given him celebrity status to Capyhabara citizens. Some consider him the 'unofficial' leader of Capyhabara, hence the title.

FLAWS: He is actually a bit of a pushover and people -pleaser, doing whatever he can to maintain his popularity and good standing – especially with the stockholders of the company. He's been aware of the growing food crisis of the planet for quite a while, but has no idea how to fix it.

SPECIAL SECRETS: He actually wanted to be an actor when he grew up, but his parents set him on a life of business. He's actually pretty frugal with money despite appearances.

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Honour Amaris Nicole Tuttle-Harry

PROFILE: Honour is a nonbinary illustrator and educator living in California and Texas. They've created cover art and illustrations for the middle grade series **Halley Harper: Science Girl Extraordinaire** as well as successful Kickstarter projects like **The Batter's Almanac**. They also won the **Orange County Public Library Card Design Contest**, which printed their artwork on limited edition library cards!

In addition, Honour works as an art teacher for residents in nursing homes and assisted living for over 6 years. They also develop curriculum and teach art for elementary school students at their local church. Honour wanted to create a story that featured youth and adults working together to solve a major problem. Through this story, Honour hopes to encourage readers that, through collaboration, major change is possible!

