

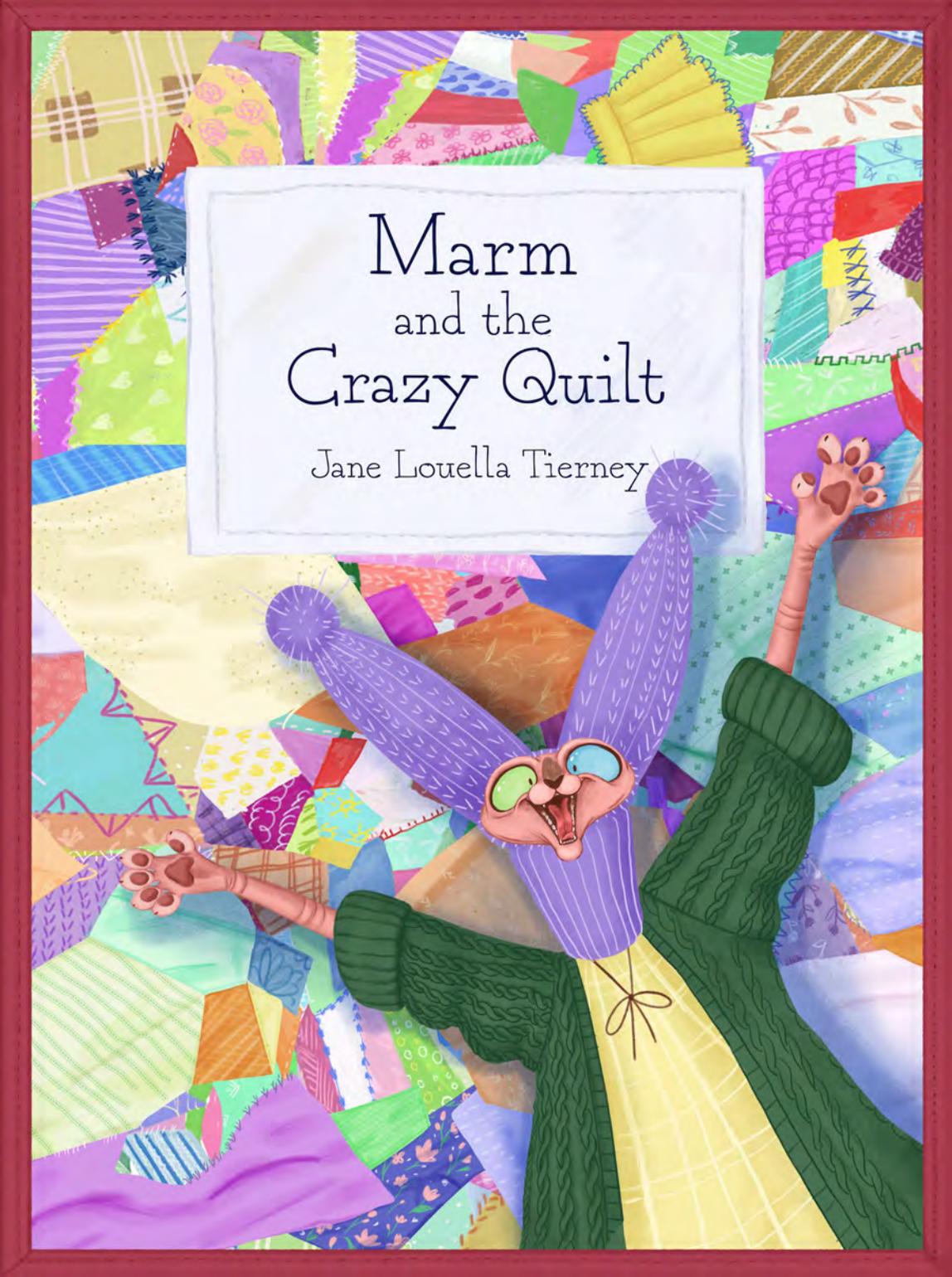
Artist Statement - Jane Tierney - Illustration

For my thesis project I created a fully illustrated picture book and two accompanying dummy books as a pitch for a children's book series. The first and fully illustrated book is *Marm and the Crazy Quilt* which follows Marm, a hairless cat who loves to craft. In this book she creates a quilt so big and beautiful that she doesn't know what to do with it, until she shares it with new friends.

The following book, *Marm and the Museum Trip*, Marm explores an art museum and feels compelled to fix her mistake when she accidentally breaks a work of art. The third book *Marm and the Garden Guests* has Marm learning the importance of bees. All of the books have Marm tackling new problems with creativity and fun.

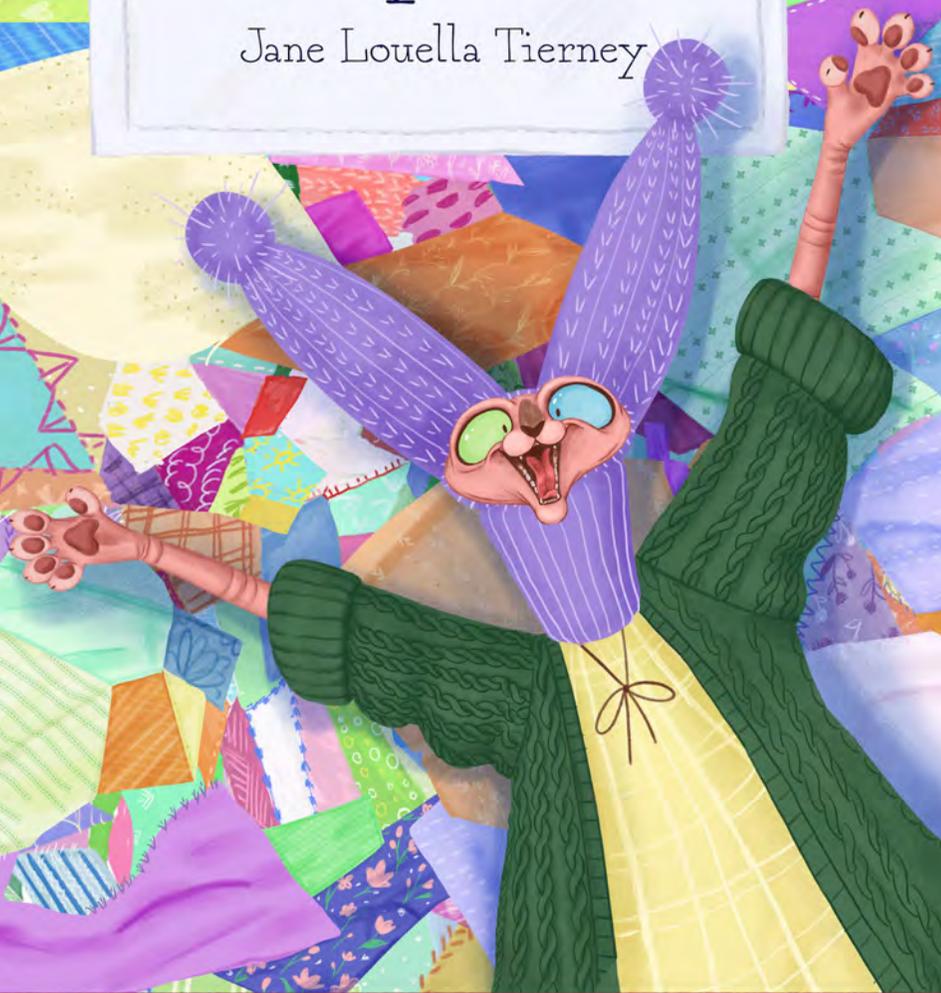
I chose to create picture books because, after falling in love with the medium here at CIA, I hope to pursue a career in children's book illustration and wanted a project I could pitch to publishers and continue working on happily. *Marm and the Crazy Quilt* is a finished book, and *Marm and the Museum Trip* and *Marm and the Garden Guests* are completed dummies but I feel the series has so much space to grow and I intend to pursue developing it.

I wanted my thesis work to include stories that featured an odd zany and unique protagonist that audiences can relate to and find comfort in. These stories highlight the fun in creative outlets, and how being yourself helps bring people together. I intended to encourage children to follow what inspires them and show the good that can come from fearless creative pursuits.

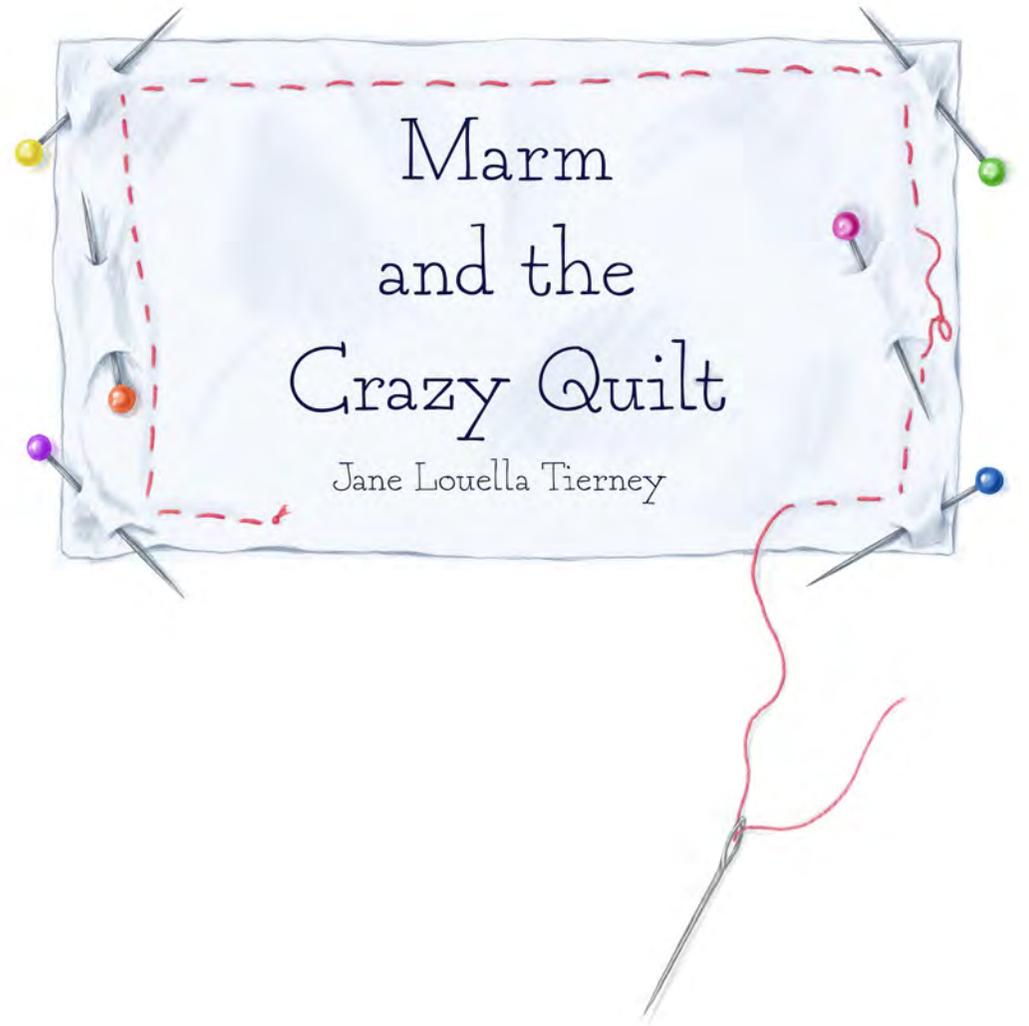


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This is Marm.
She's a hairless cat.



Marm is short for
Marmalade- "BUT
PLEASE JUST
CALL ME MARM!"



Marm is very creative.
She loves to knit.



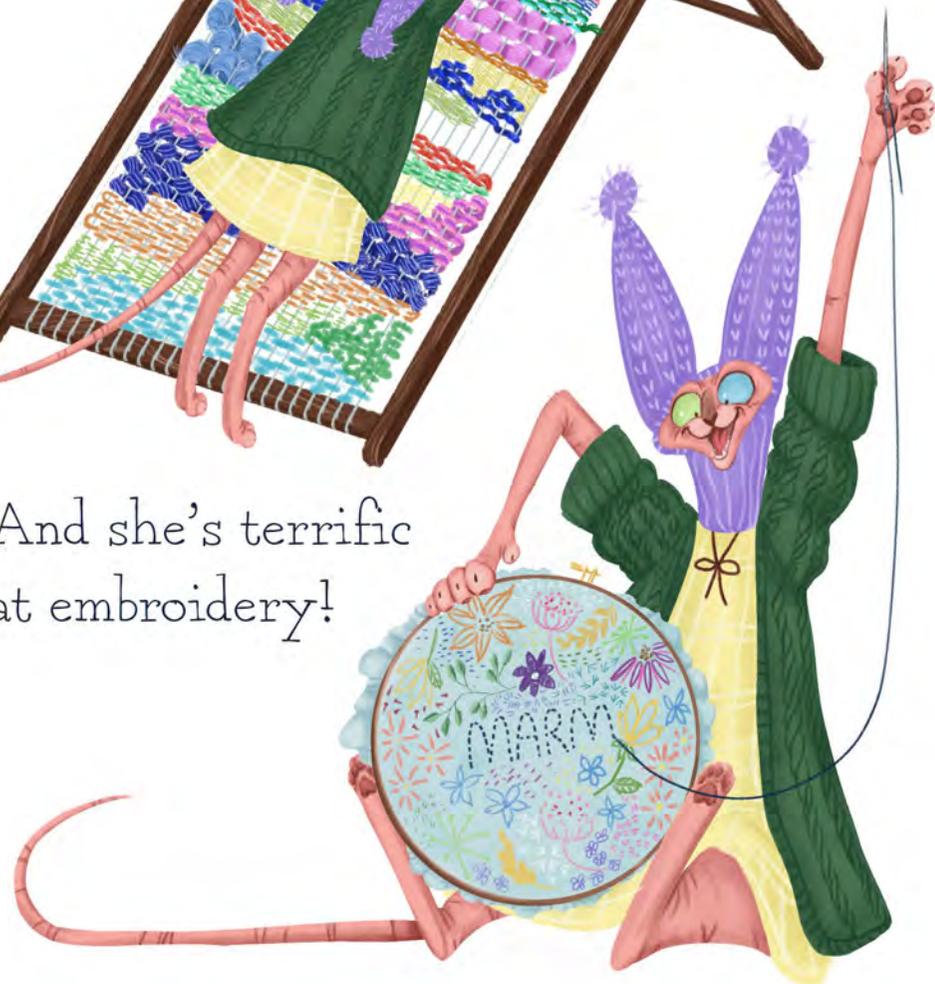
She's great at crochet.



She's an
excellent
weaver.



And she's terrific
at embroidery!



Marm even makes her own clothes!



She even made her very good hat.

“It’s the best hat!”

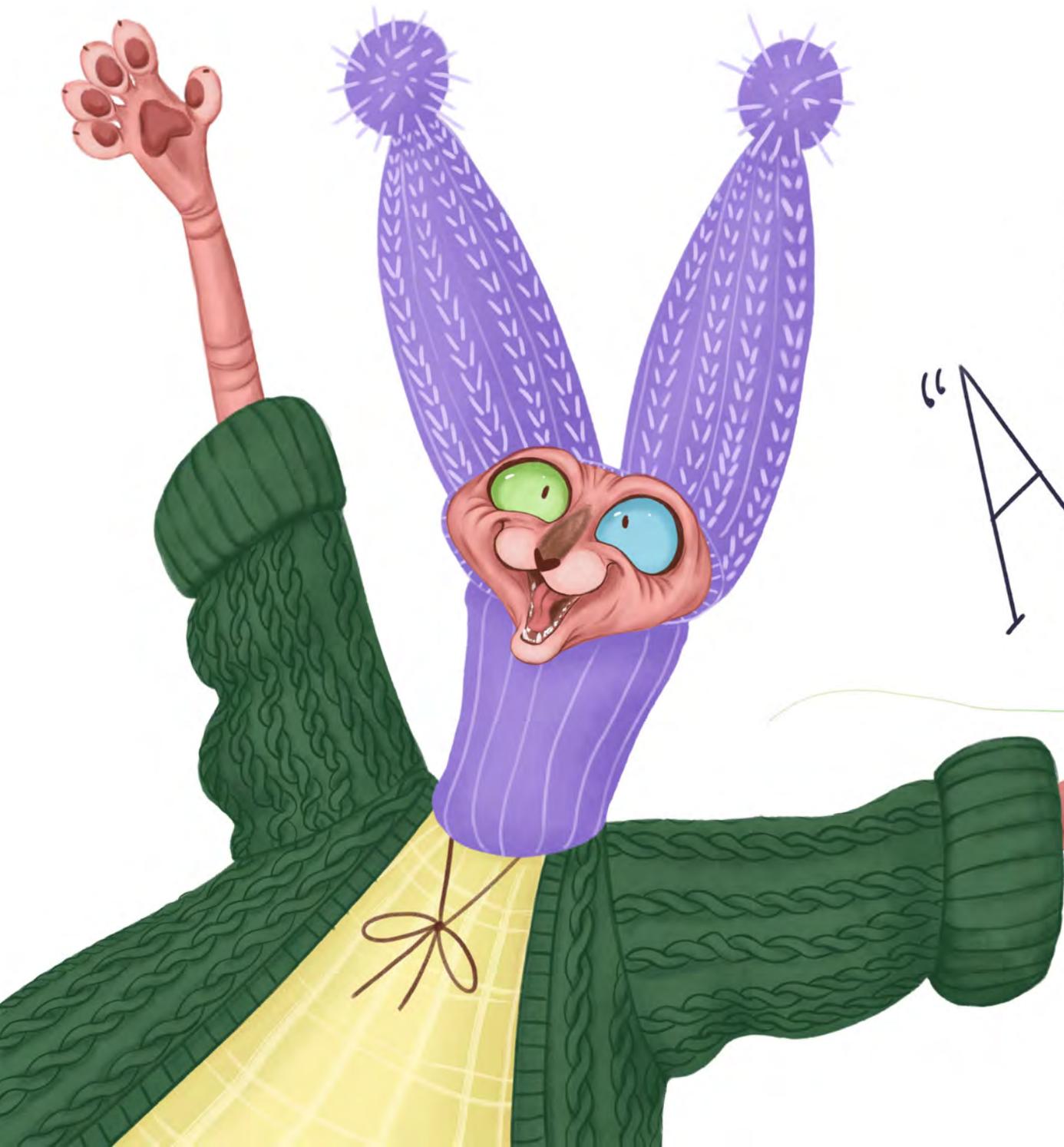


One day, Marm sat in her studio
and was overcome with creativity.
But for what?

“I must...”

CREATIVITY



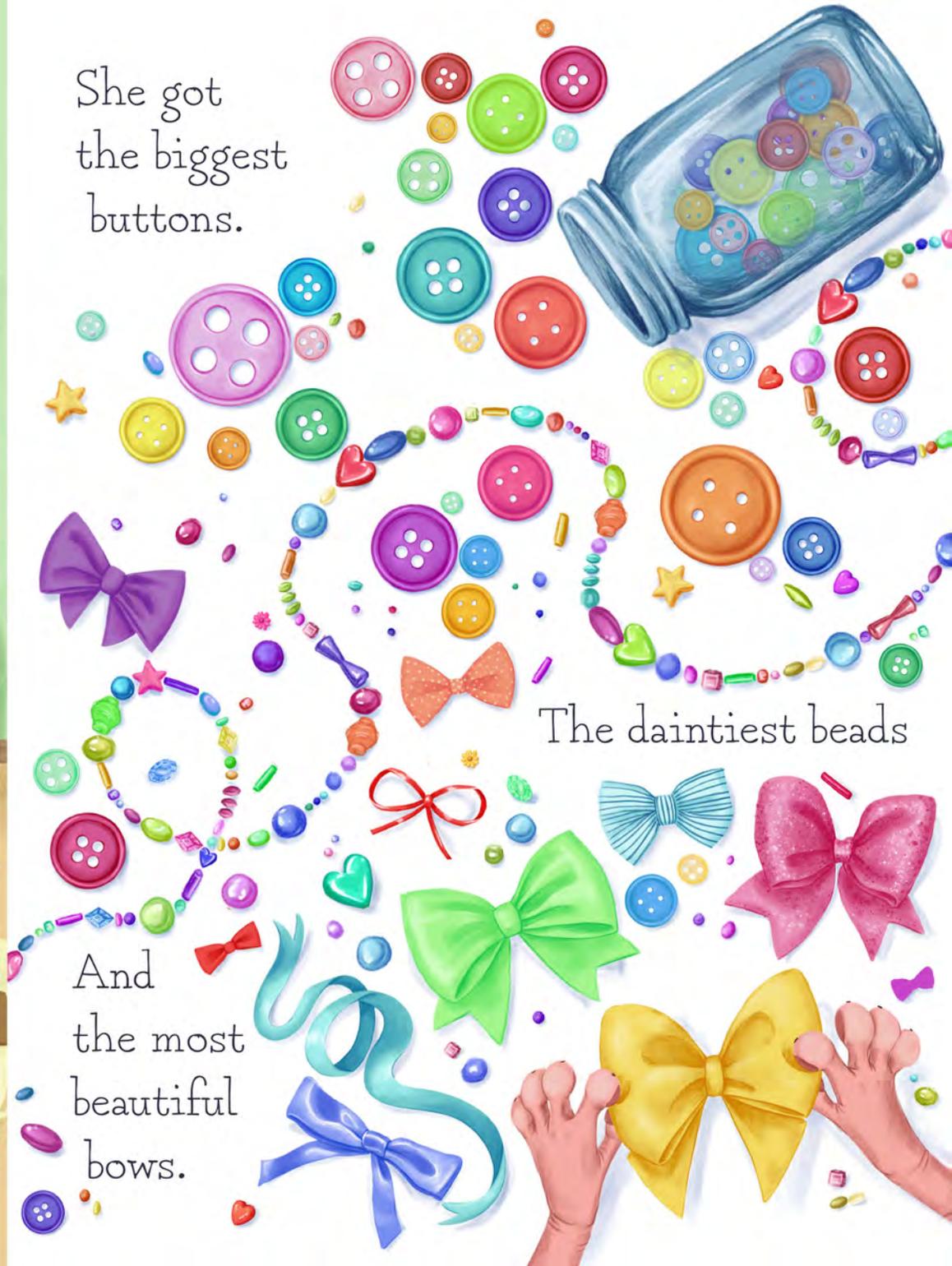


"A QUIL!"

And so Marm got to work.



She got
the biggest
buttons.



The daintiest beads

And
the most
beautiful
bows.

Marm was
caught up
in creativity.



Nothing
could stop
her.

Finally the quilt was done.

Now what?



It was too big for her bed.



Too heavy to hang up.

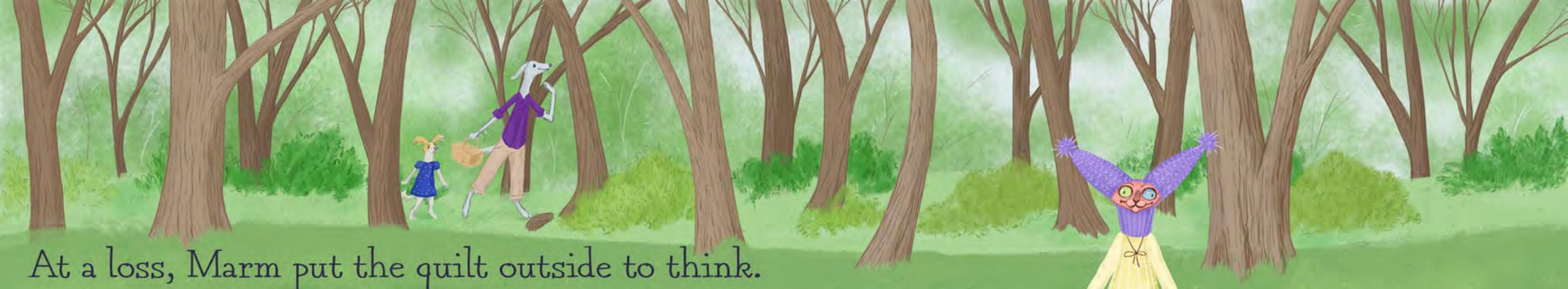


Far too beautiful to store away.



Marm wasn't sure what to do...





At a loss, Marm put the quilt outside to think.



“Excuse me, could we join you?
We were going to have a picnic,
but we forgot a blanket.”

“OF COURSE!”



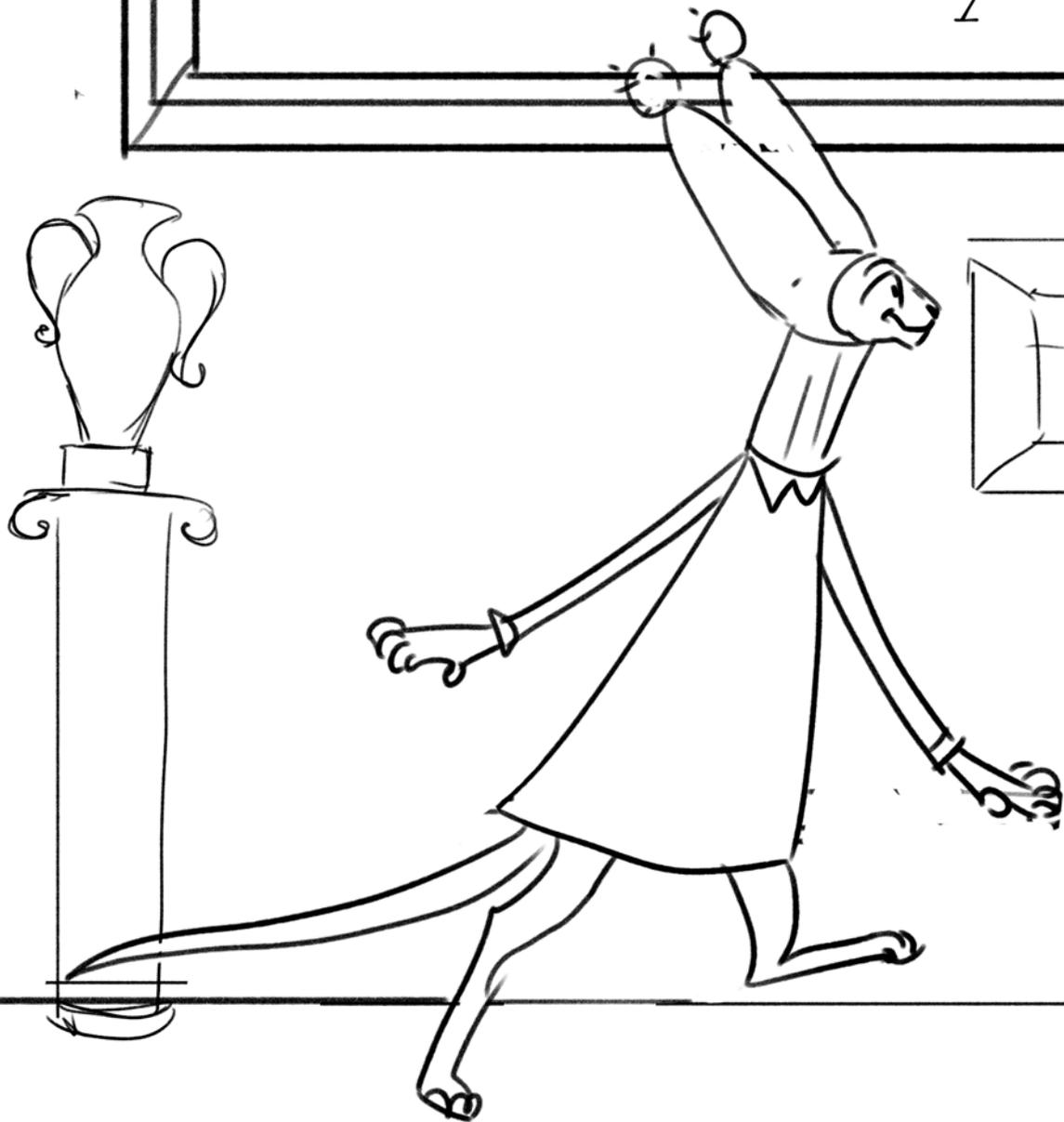


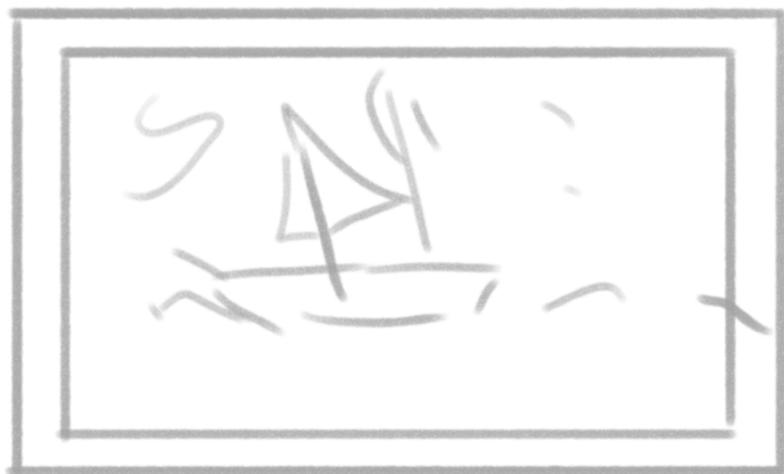
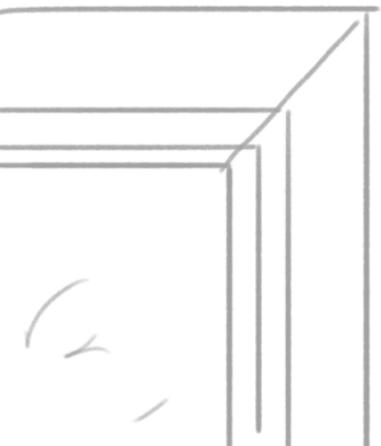
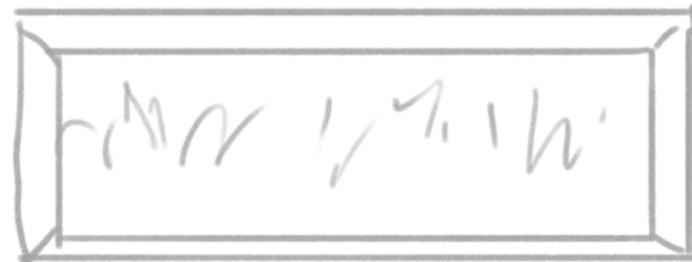
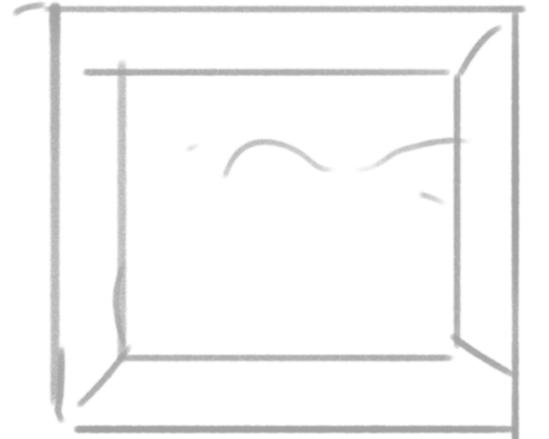
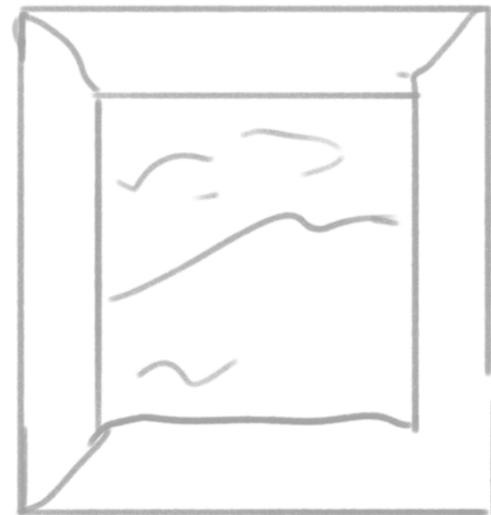
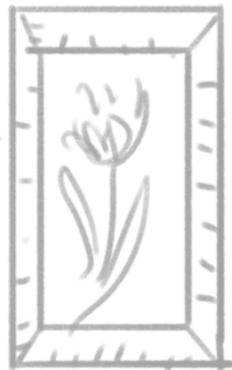
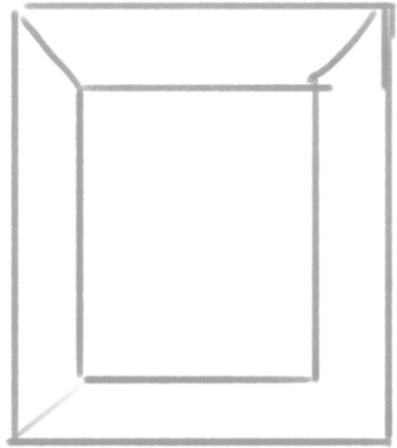
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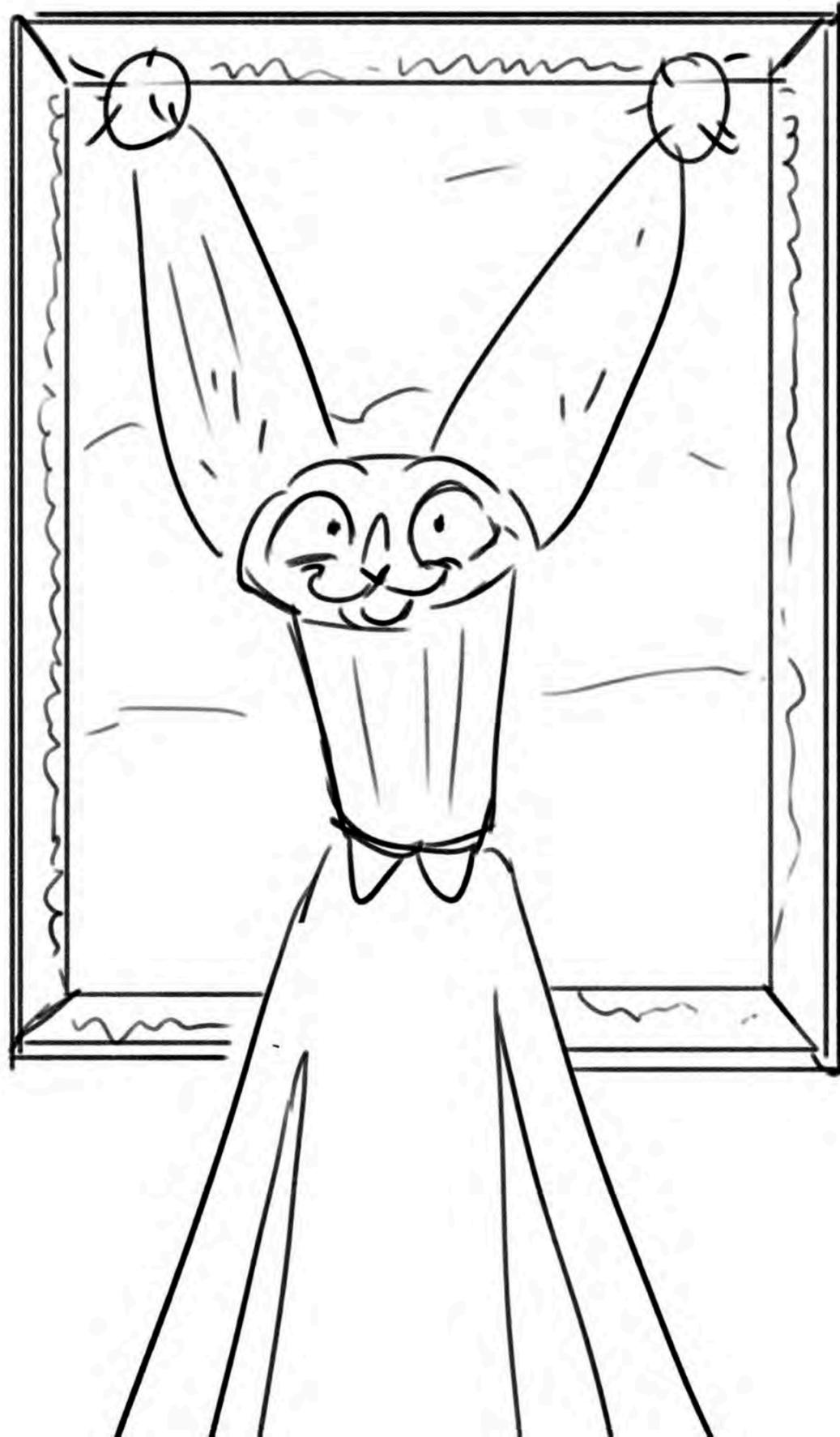
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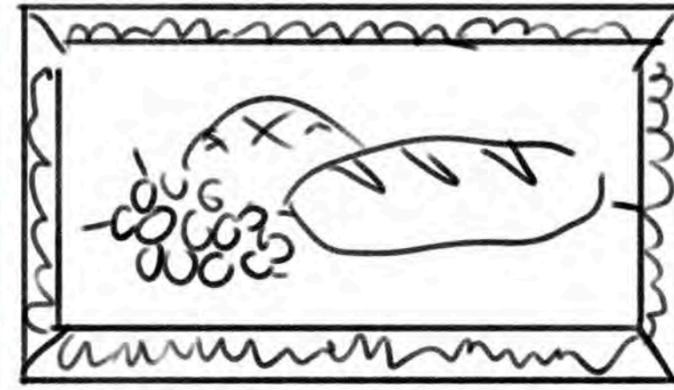
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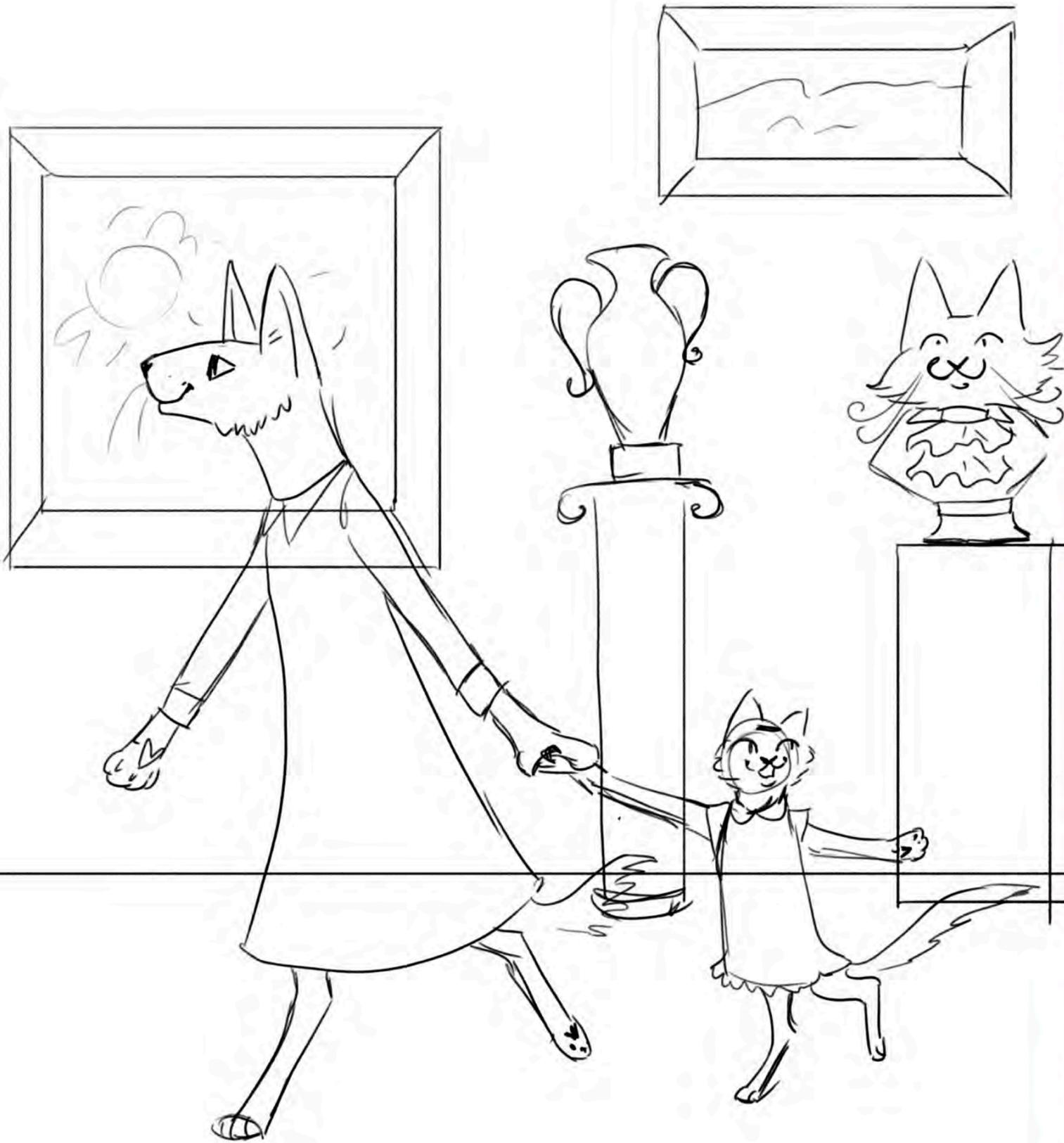
Marm is Short for Marmalade.

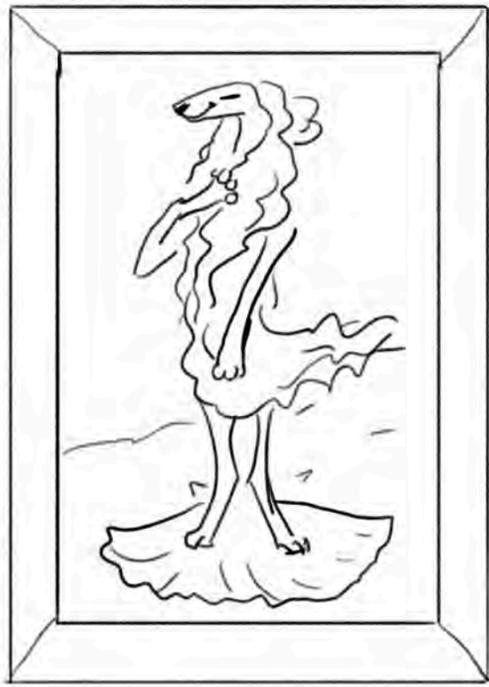


Today Marm visited her local art museam



She was so excited. There were so many cool things to do and see.

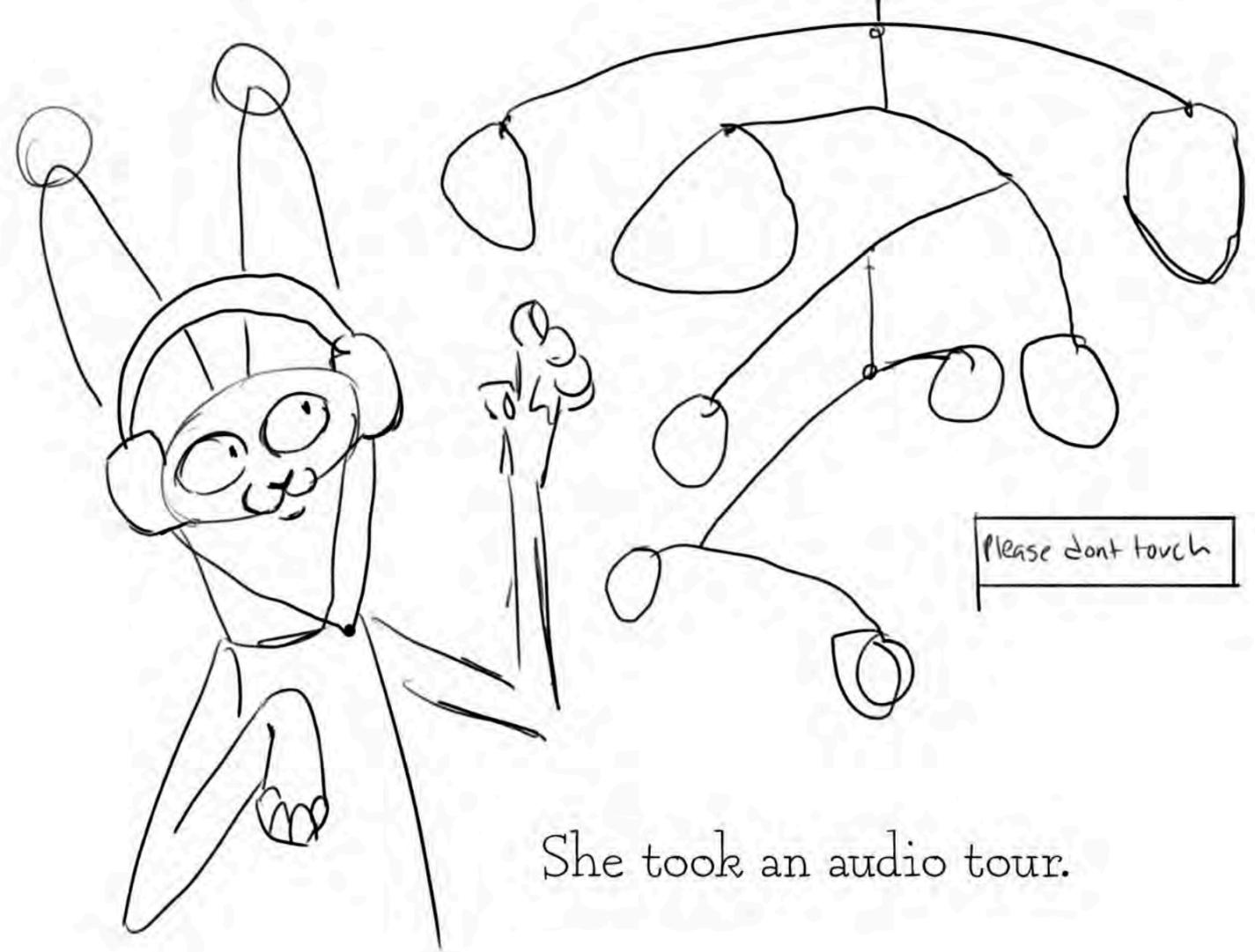




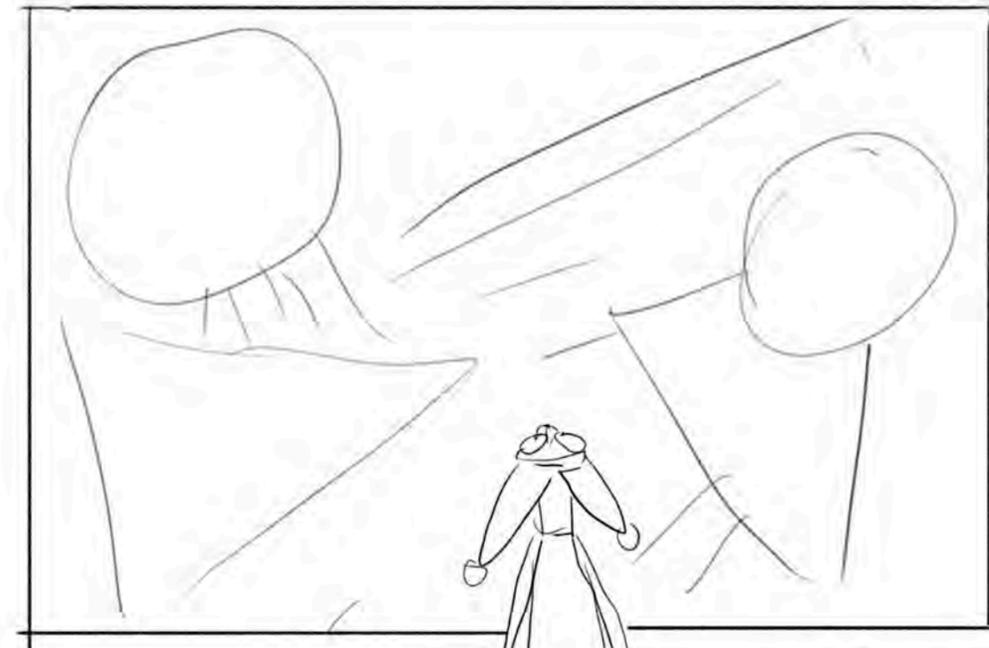
She did a masterstudy.
It was almost identical!



She did some posing.

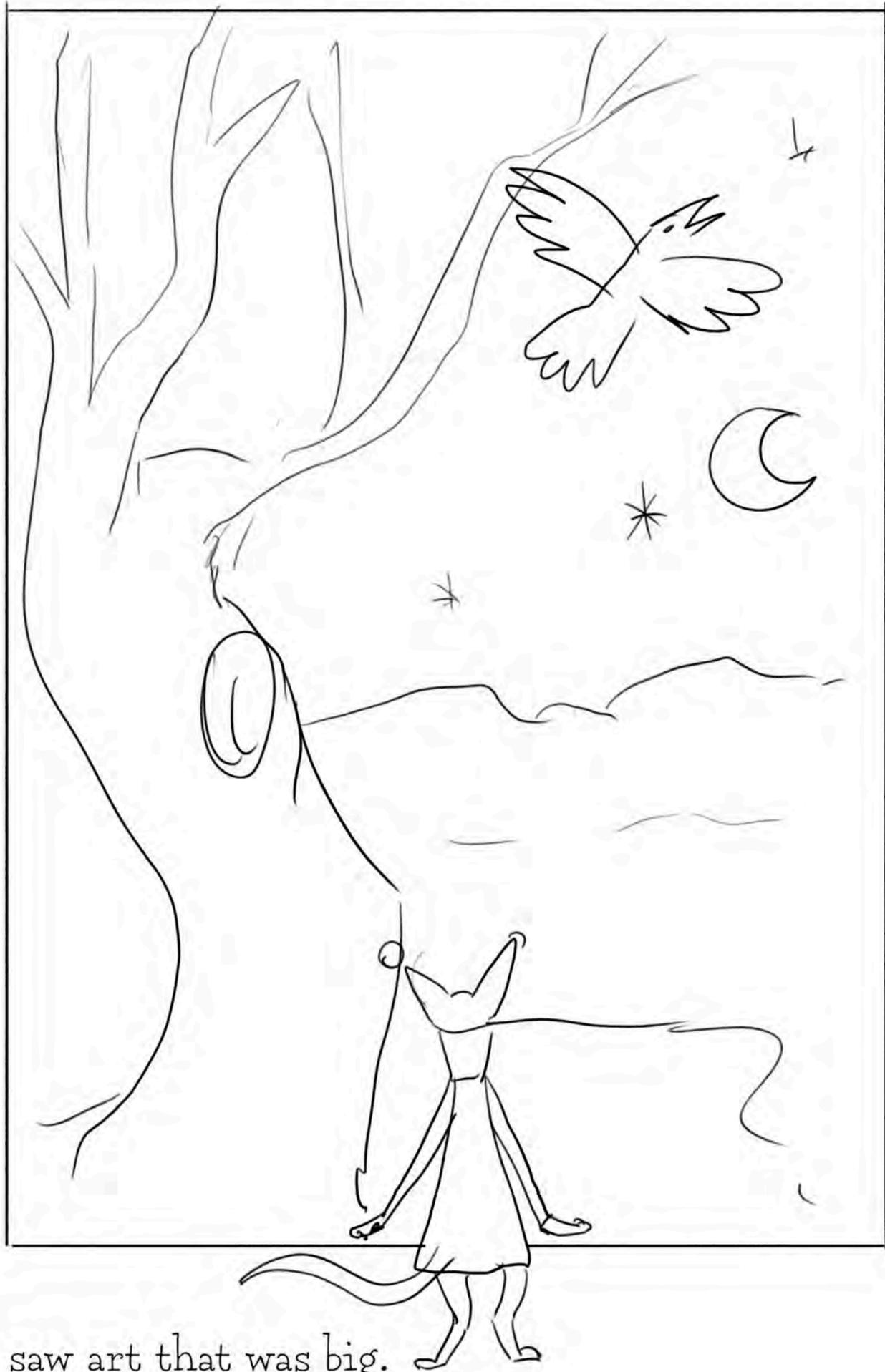


She took an audio tour.



She had an
extreme
emotional
response to
a contemporary
piece of
abstract art.

Whoa.

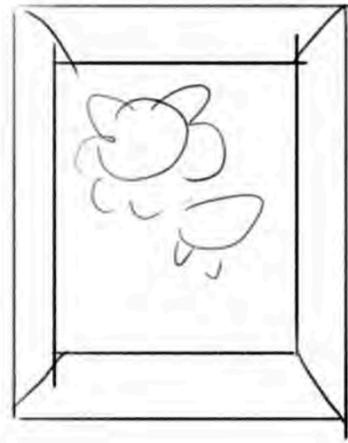
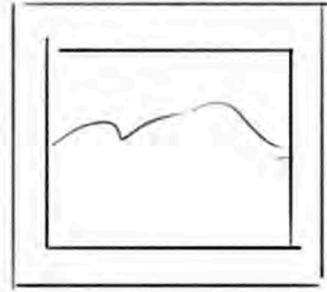
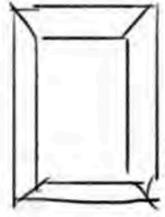


She saw art that was big.

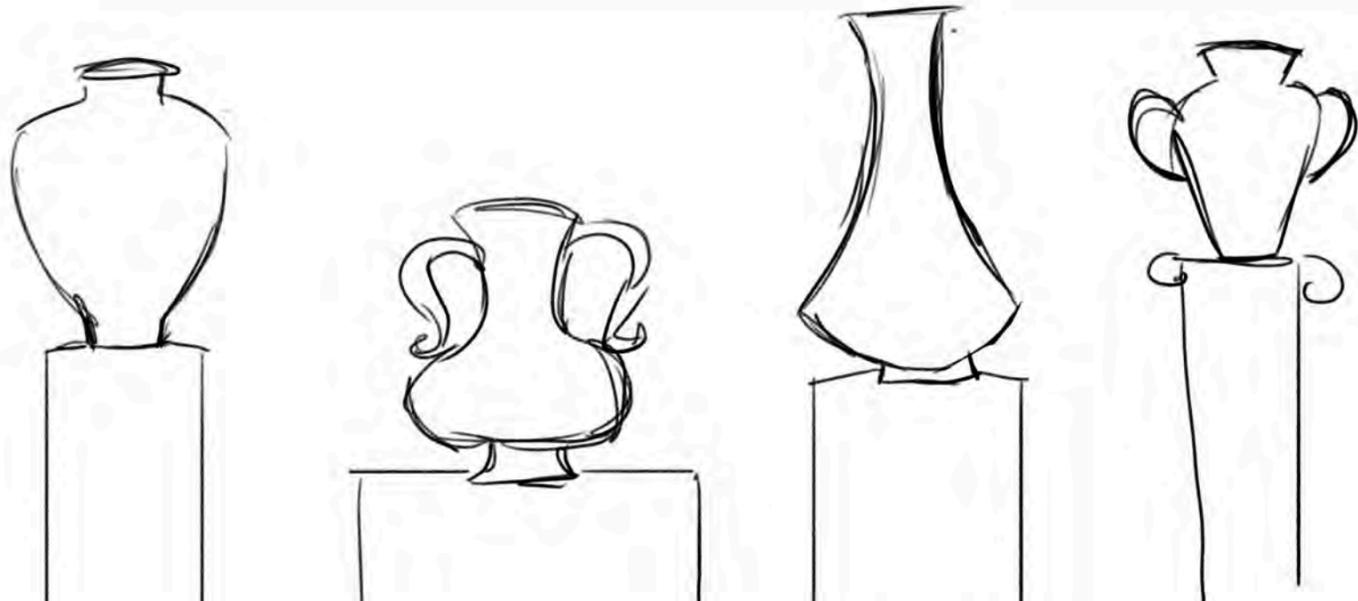
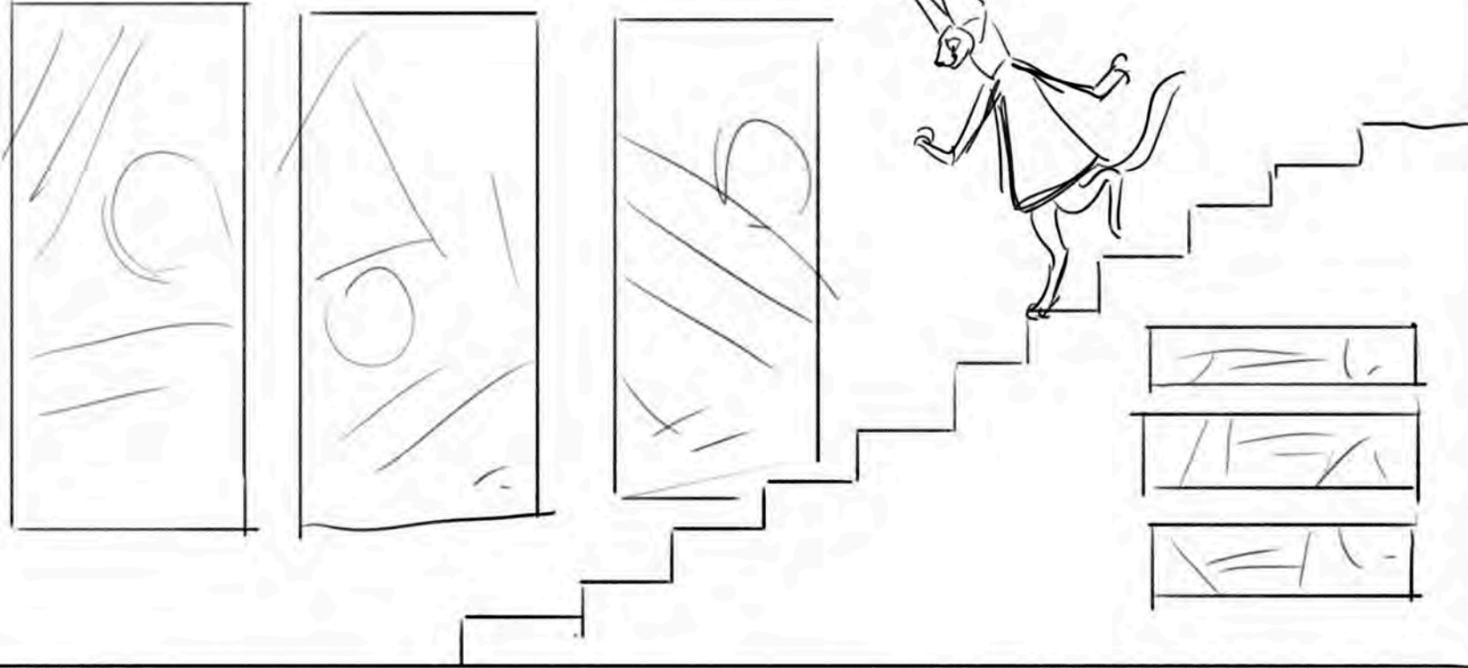
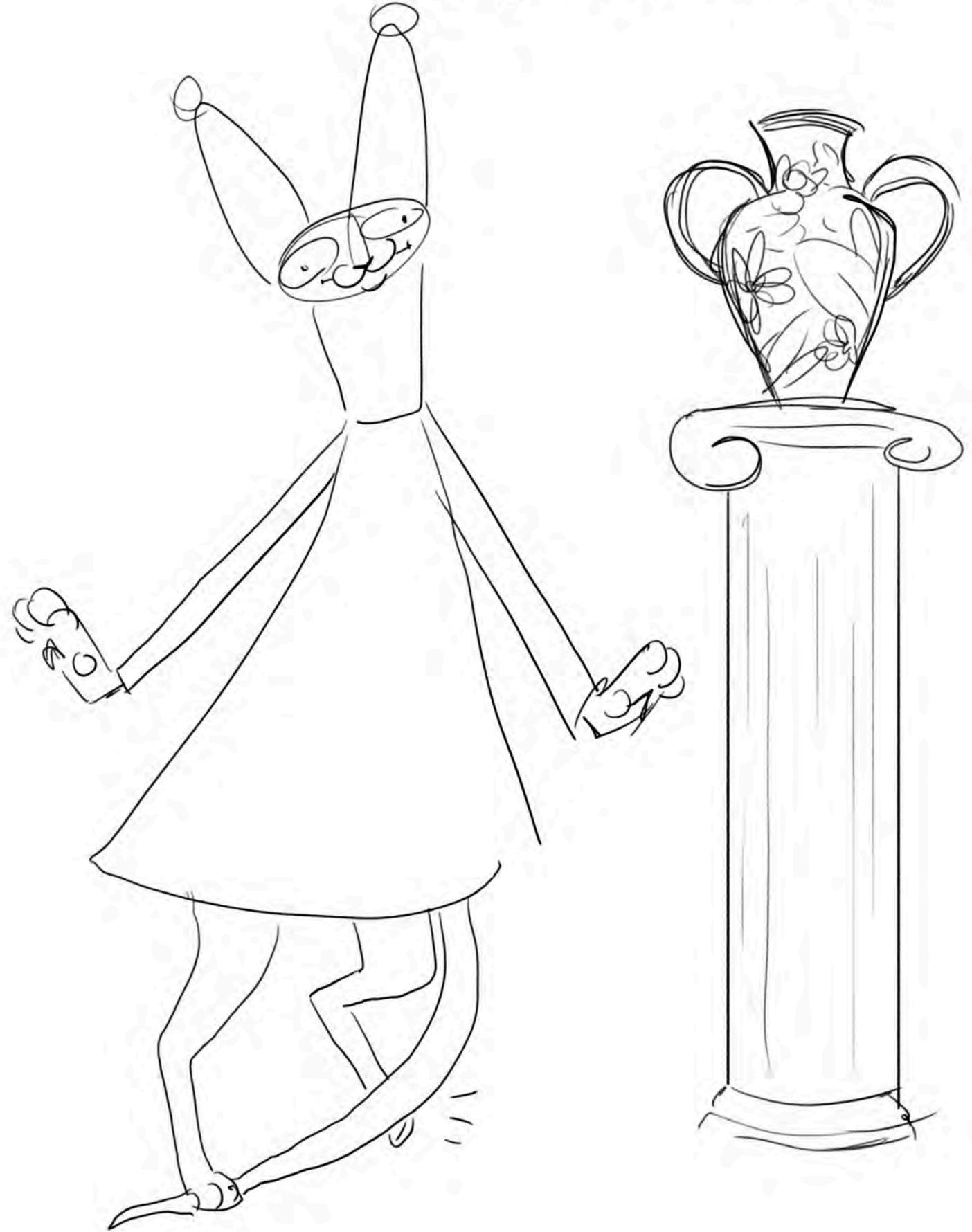


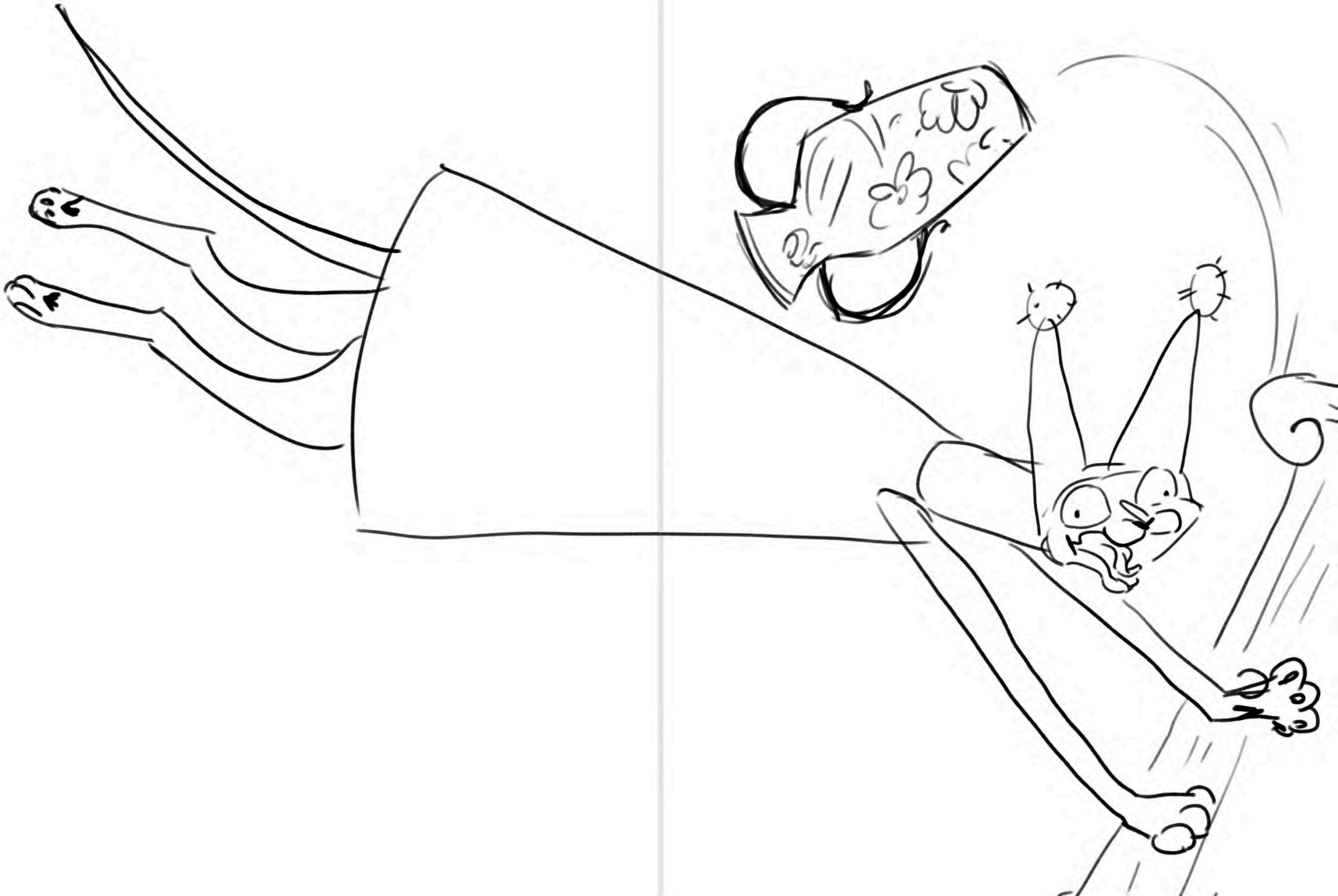
and small.

She was having so much fun...



She forgot to watch her step.





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A museum employee rushed over to her.
“Oh my goodness are you okay?” She said.
“We’re not worried about the vase,
we just want to make sure you’re not hurt.”



“Accidents happen!” reassured
the museum employee



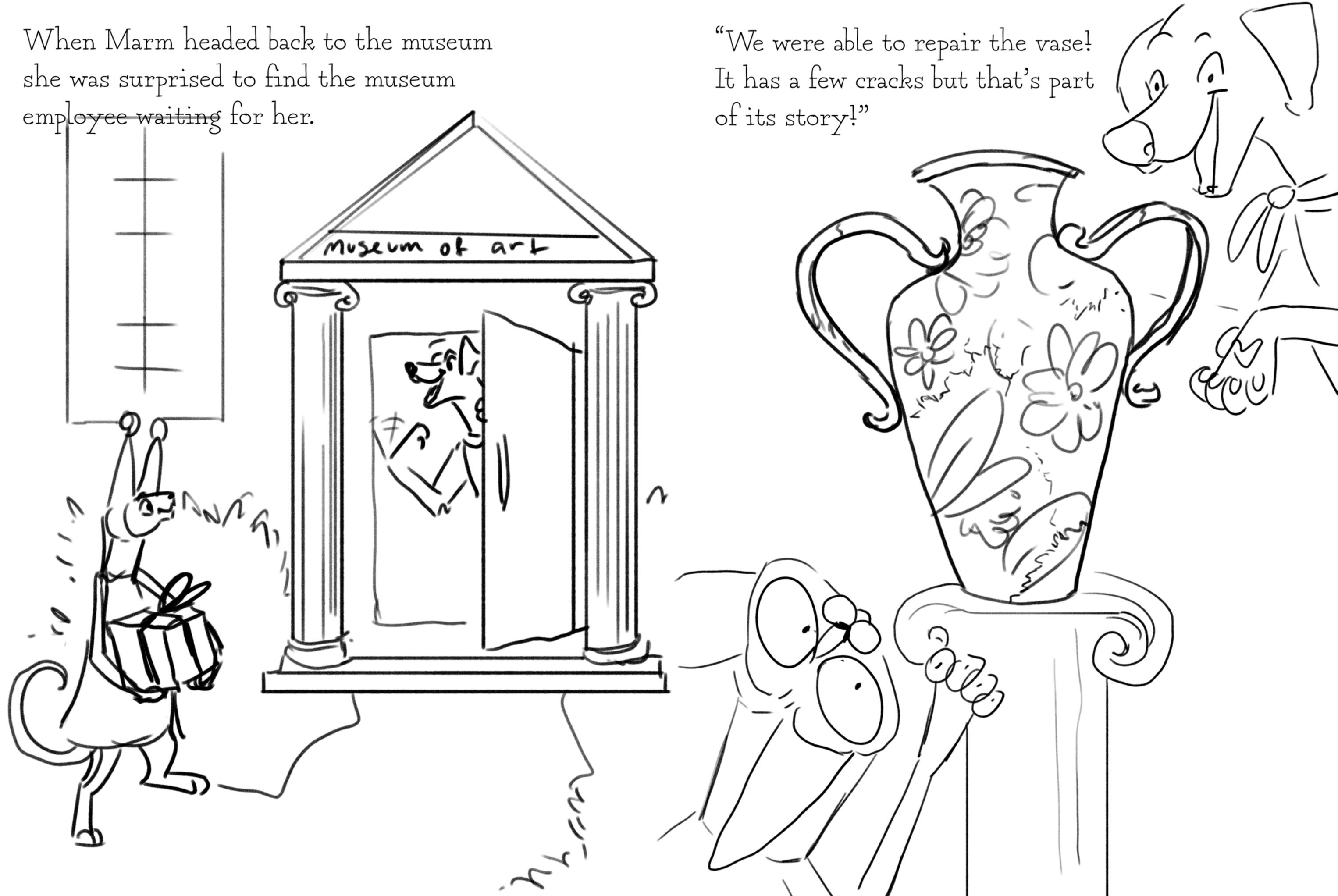
But as Marm left the museum
she felt like she had to do
something to fix her mistake

So Marm got to work.



When Marm headed back to the museum she was surprised to find the museum employee waiting for her.

“We were able to repair the vase! It has a few cracks but that’s part of its story!”

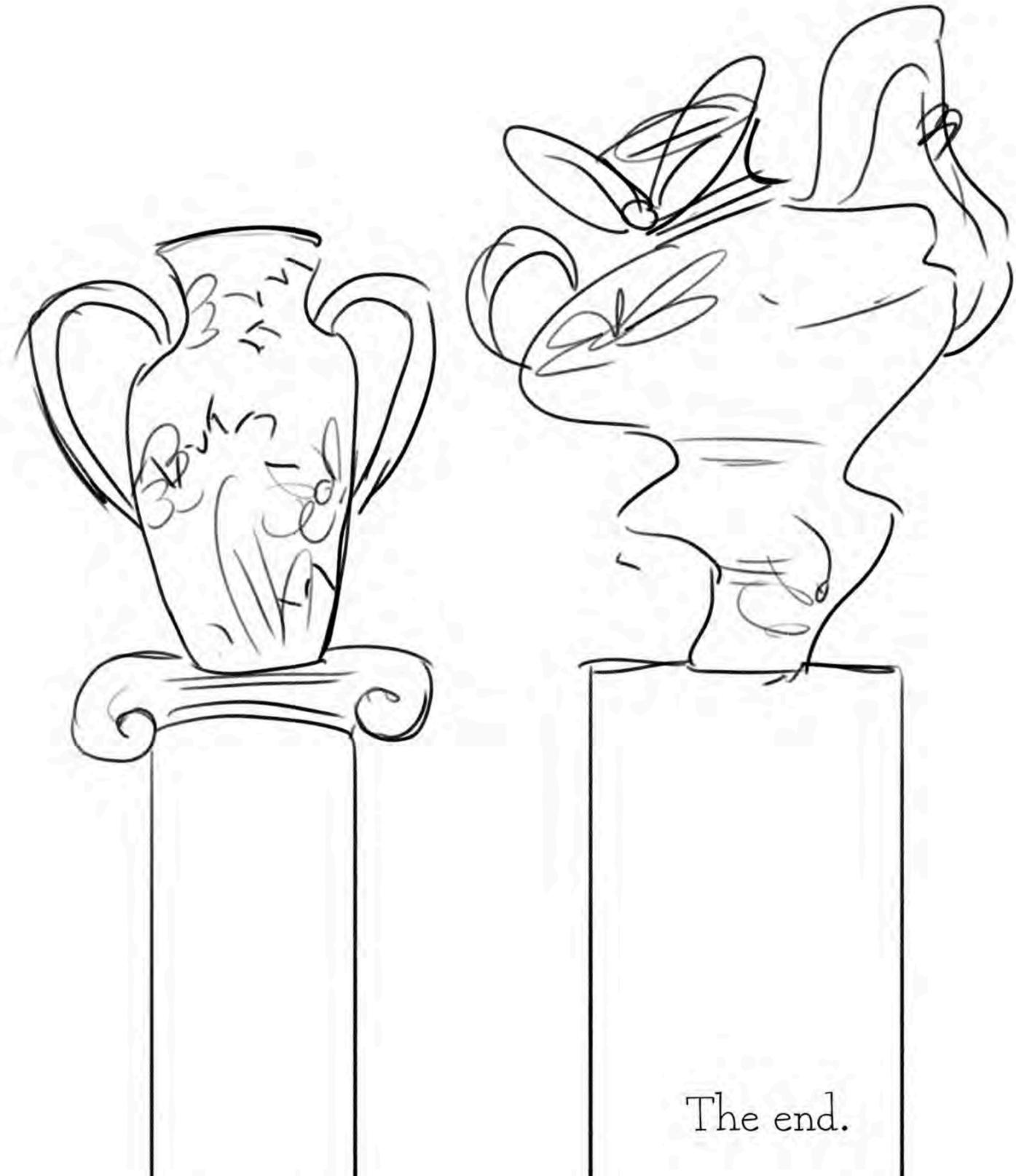


“Then I guess you don’t need this.”

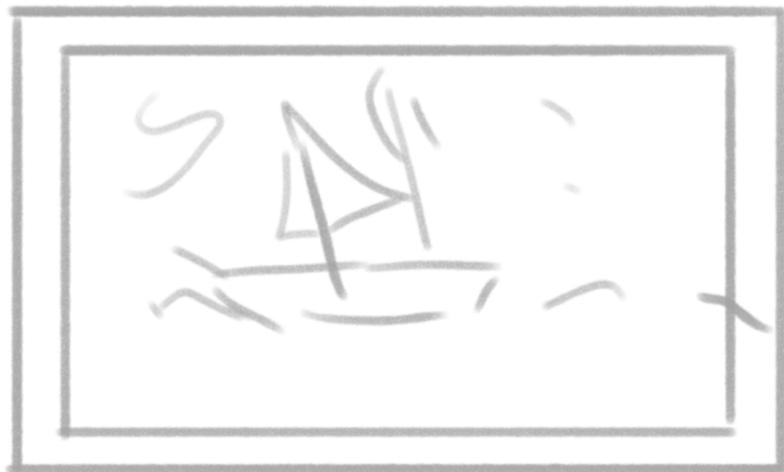
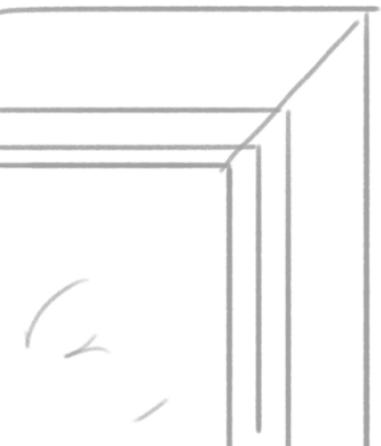
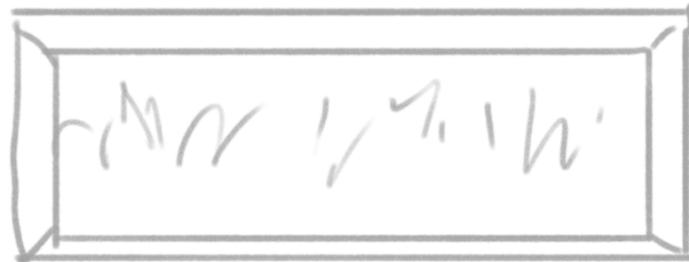
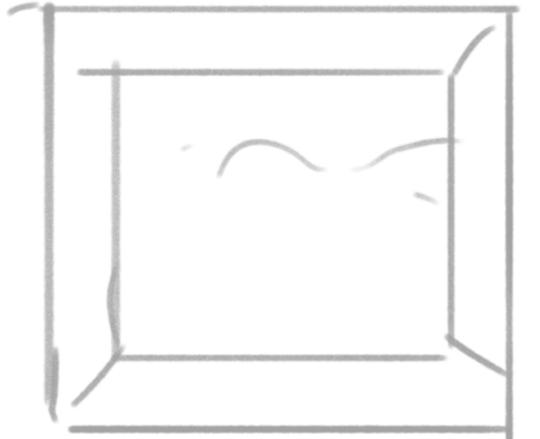
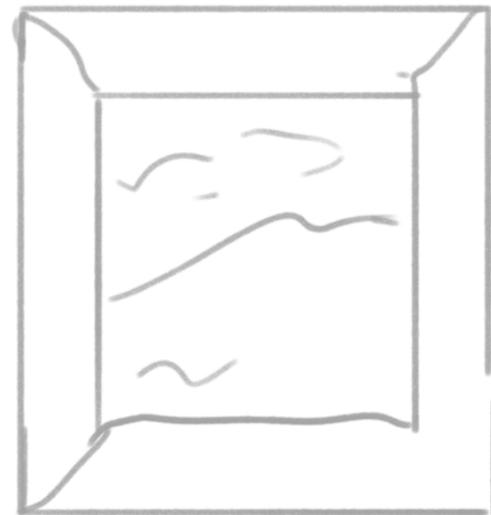
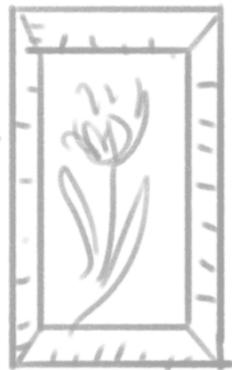
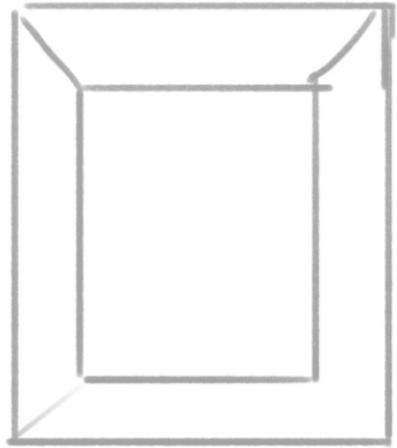
“Did you make that? It’s lovely!
Could we add it to the collection?”



“Of course!”

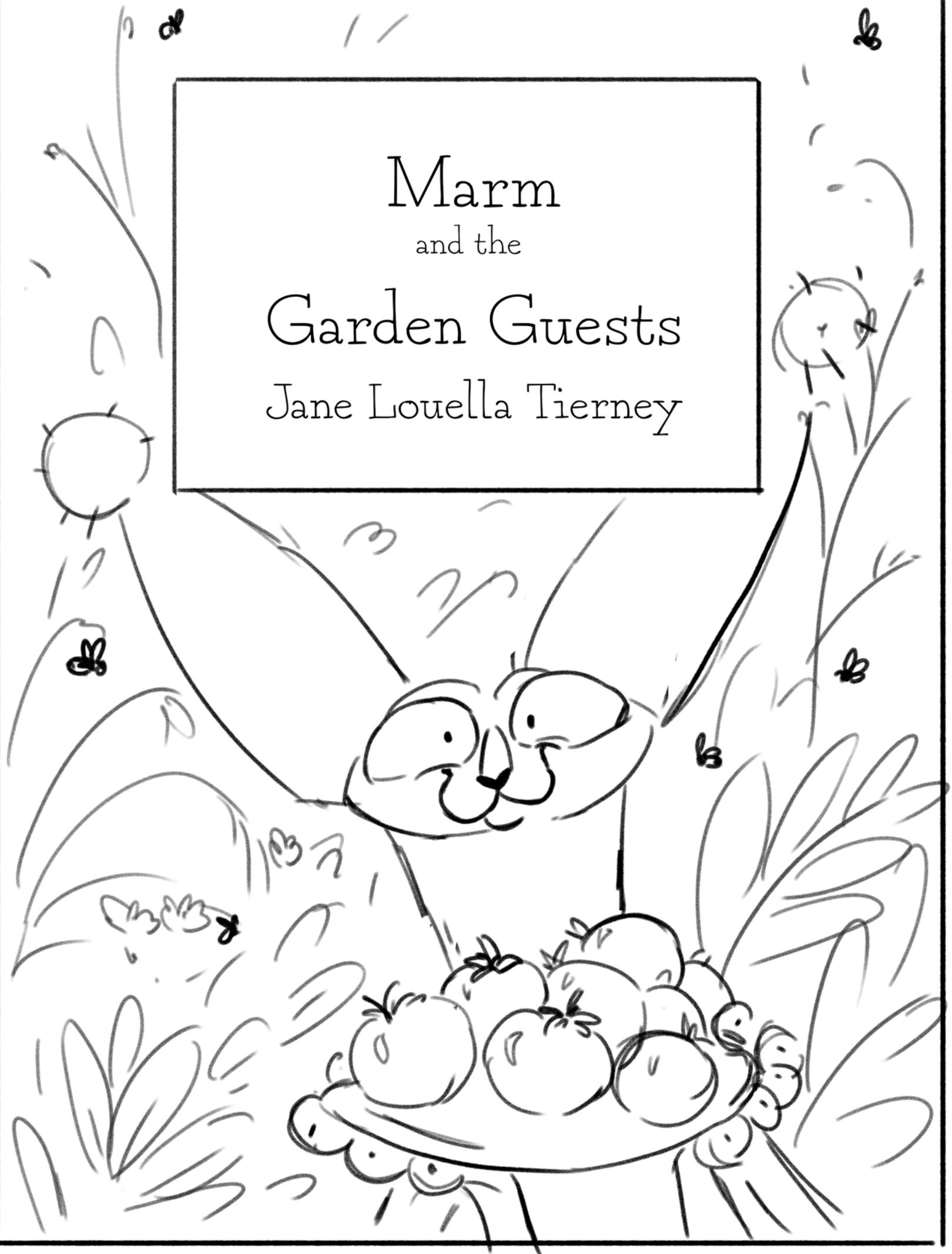


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Today Marm is working in her garden.

Marm loves her garden.

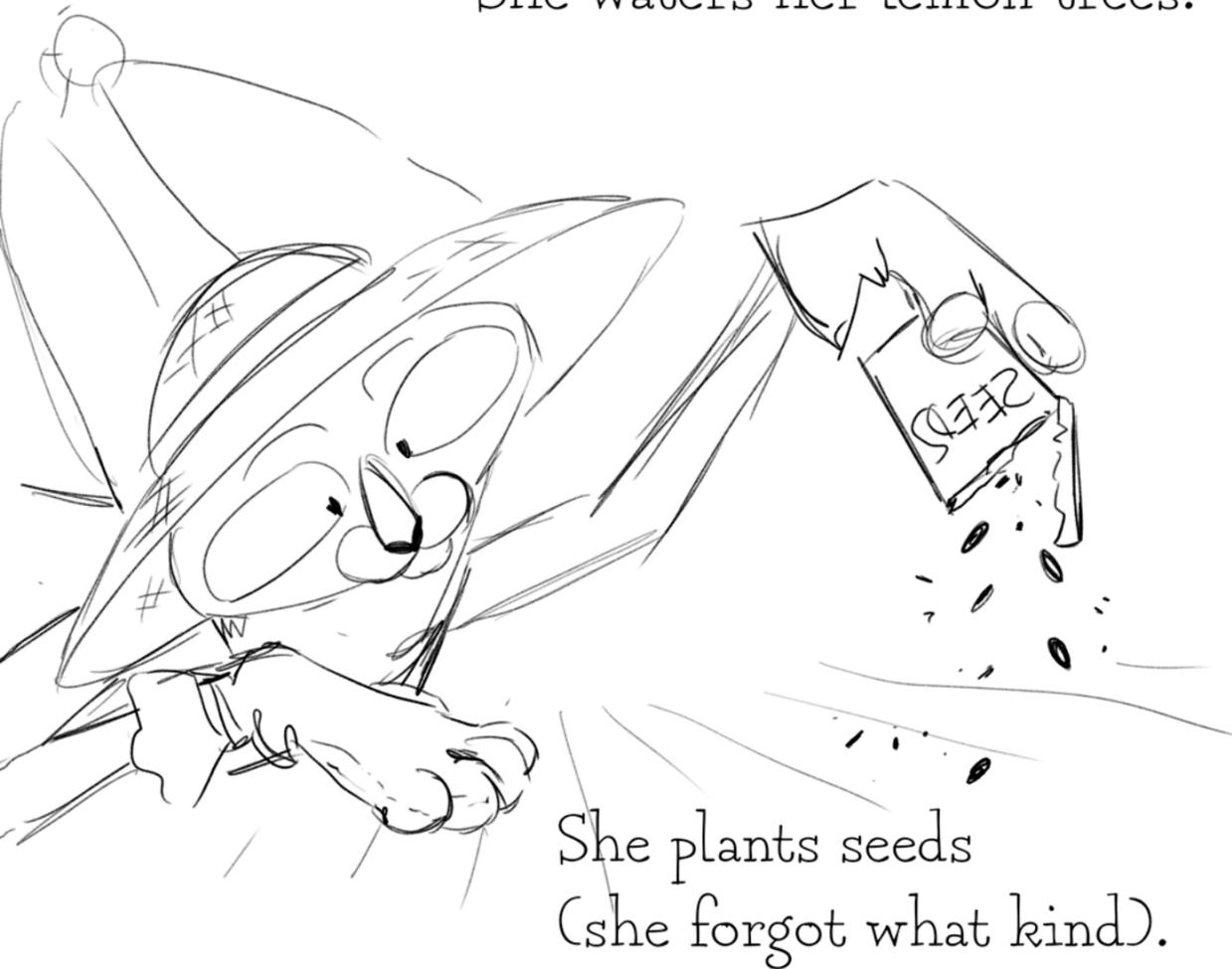


She waters her lemon trees.

She checks in on her prize winning dandelion.



And her snap pea arch.



She plants seeds
(she forgot what kind).



But most of all Marm loves her tomatoes!



She loves everything about them!

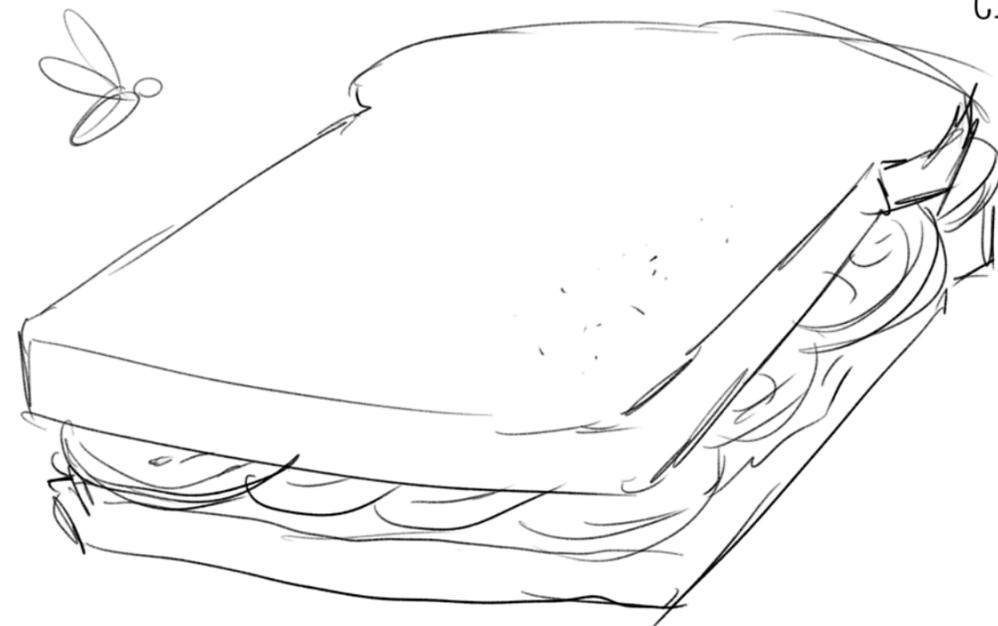


She loves how they look!

She loves the flowers on the plants!



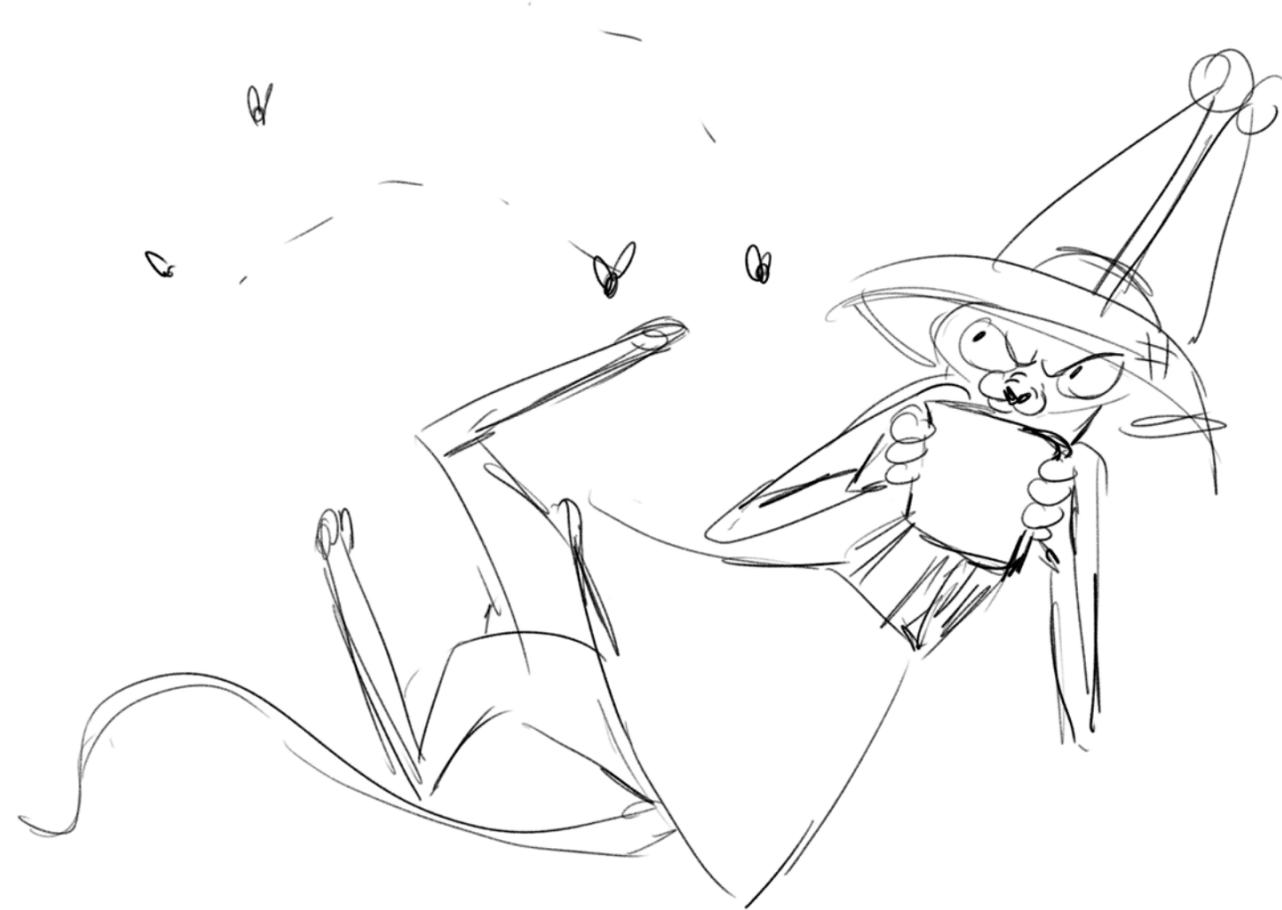
She loves how they taste!



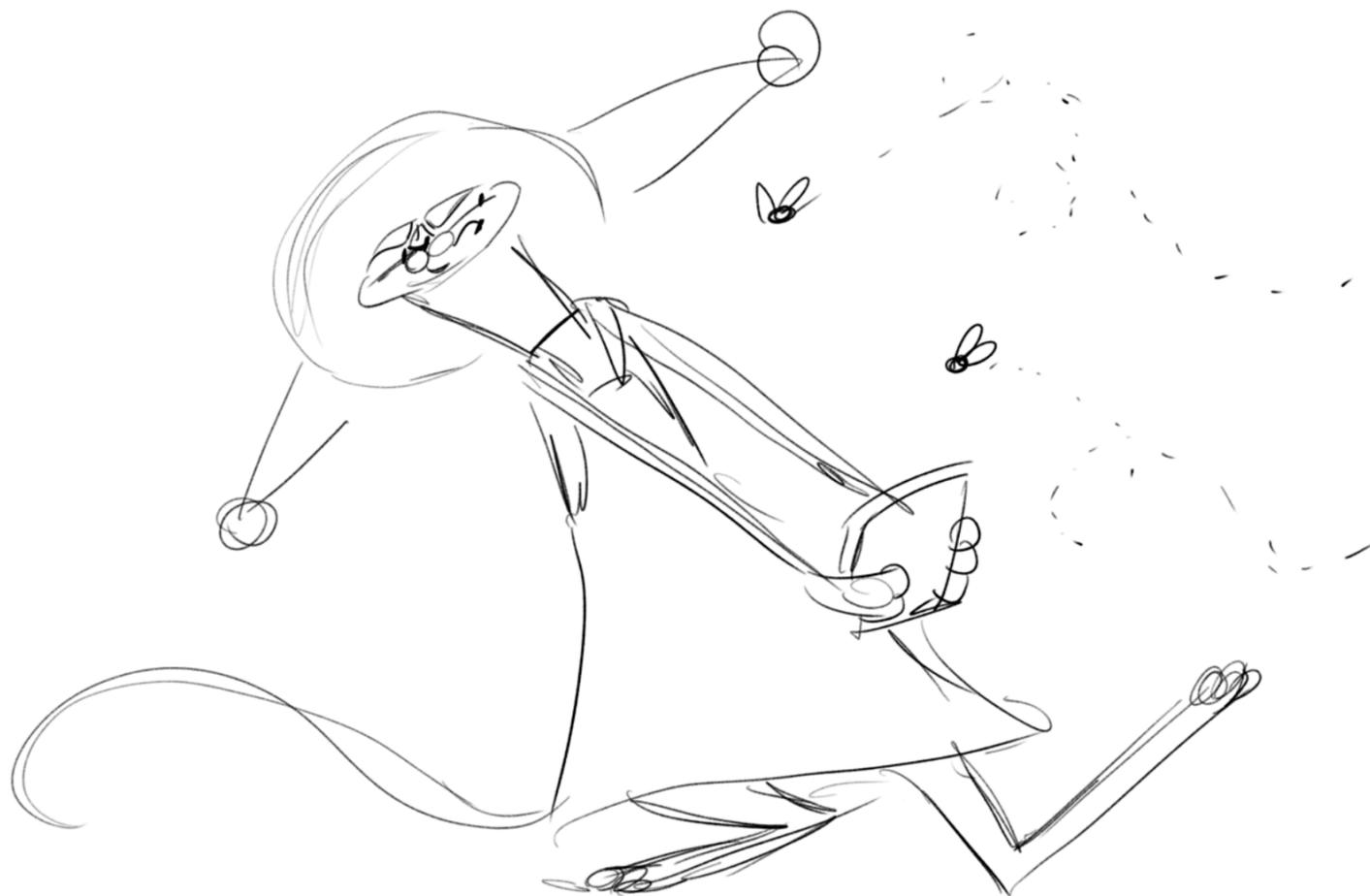
Her Favorite snack is a tomato, mayo and salt and pepper sandwich!



She settled in to enjoy her snack.



But someone wouldn't let her.





These bees had to go!



Stomped.



Marm sprayed.



And smoked the bees till they where all gone.



But soon her plants started to suffer.

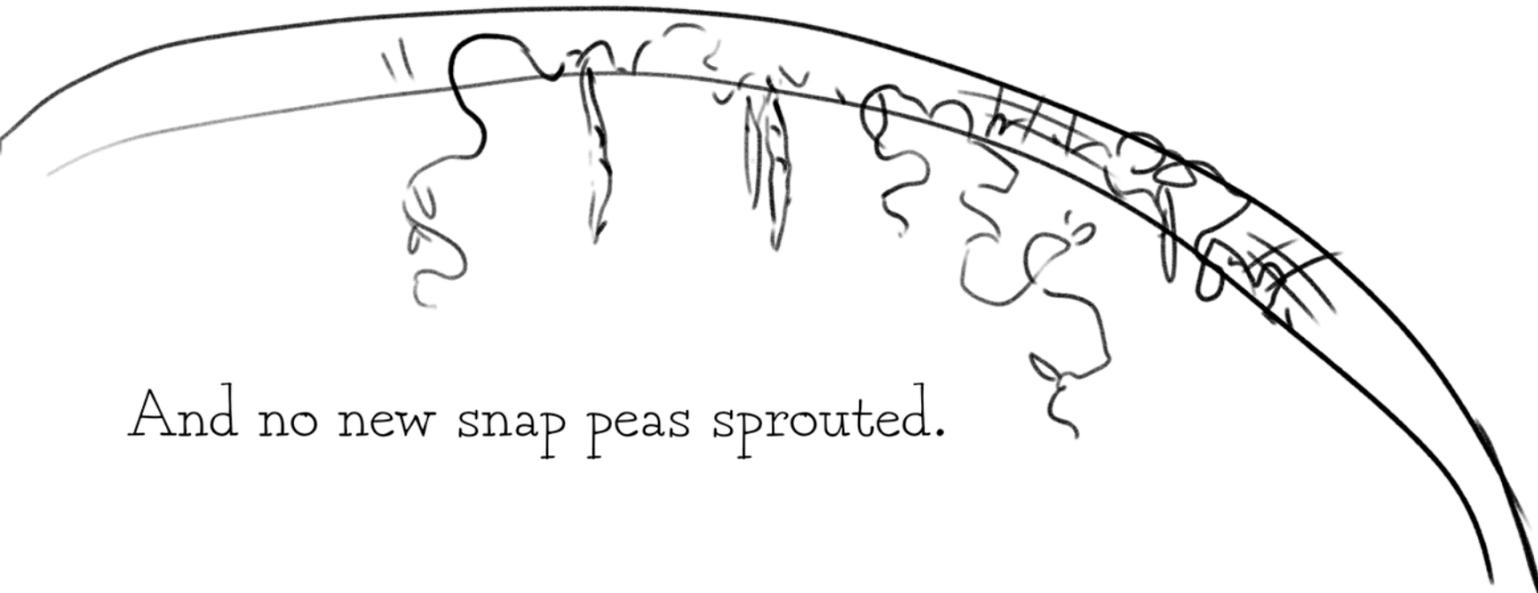


Her lemons wilted.



Her sun flowers tilted.

And no new snap peas sprouted.



And worst of all her tomatoes stopped growing.

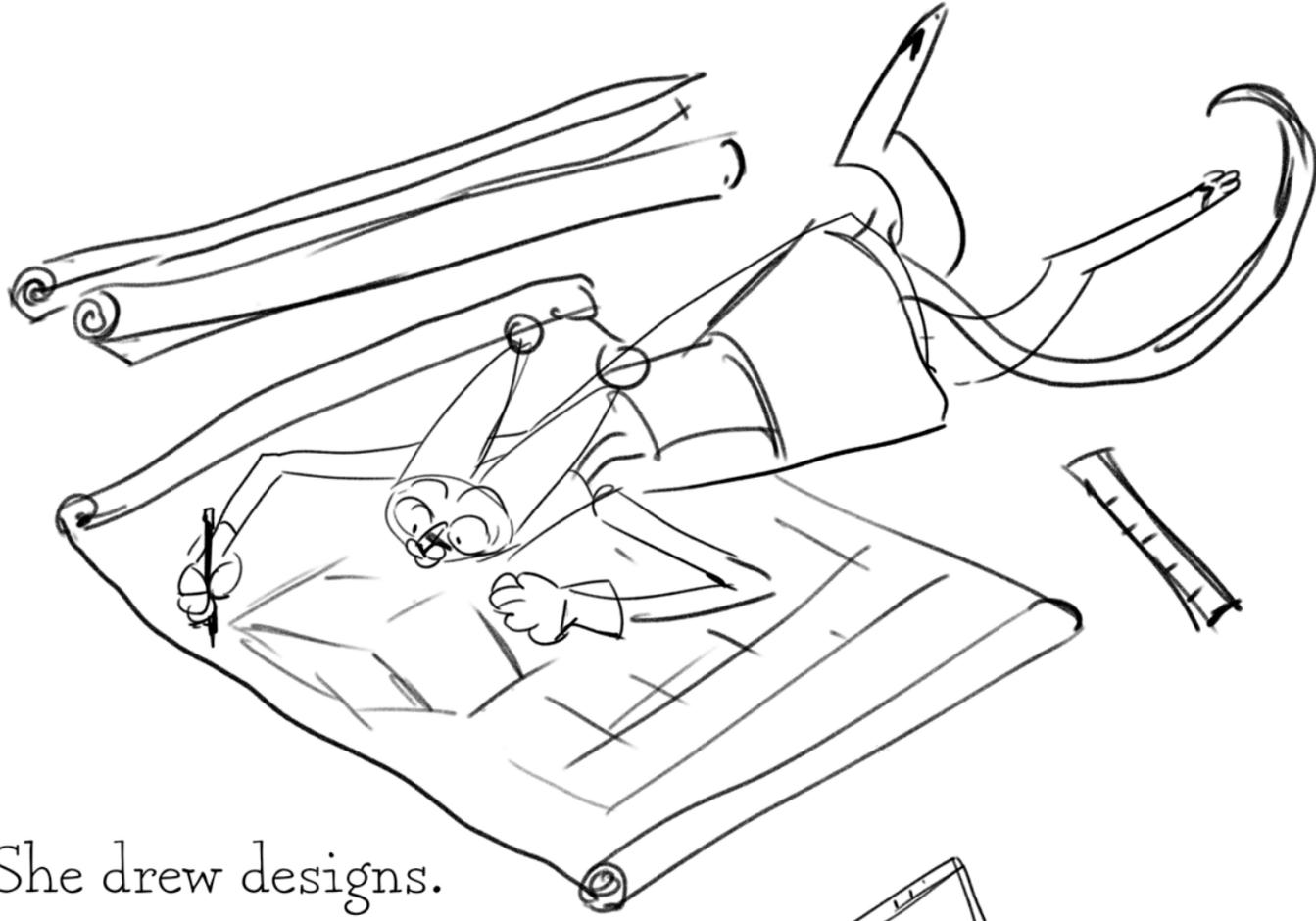


So she went to her library and got some gardening books to find out what went wrong.

The bees! It was the very bees she banished!
She needed the bees to pollinate her garden.



So Marm got to work.

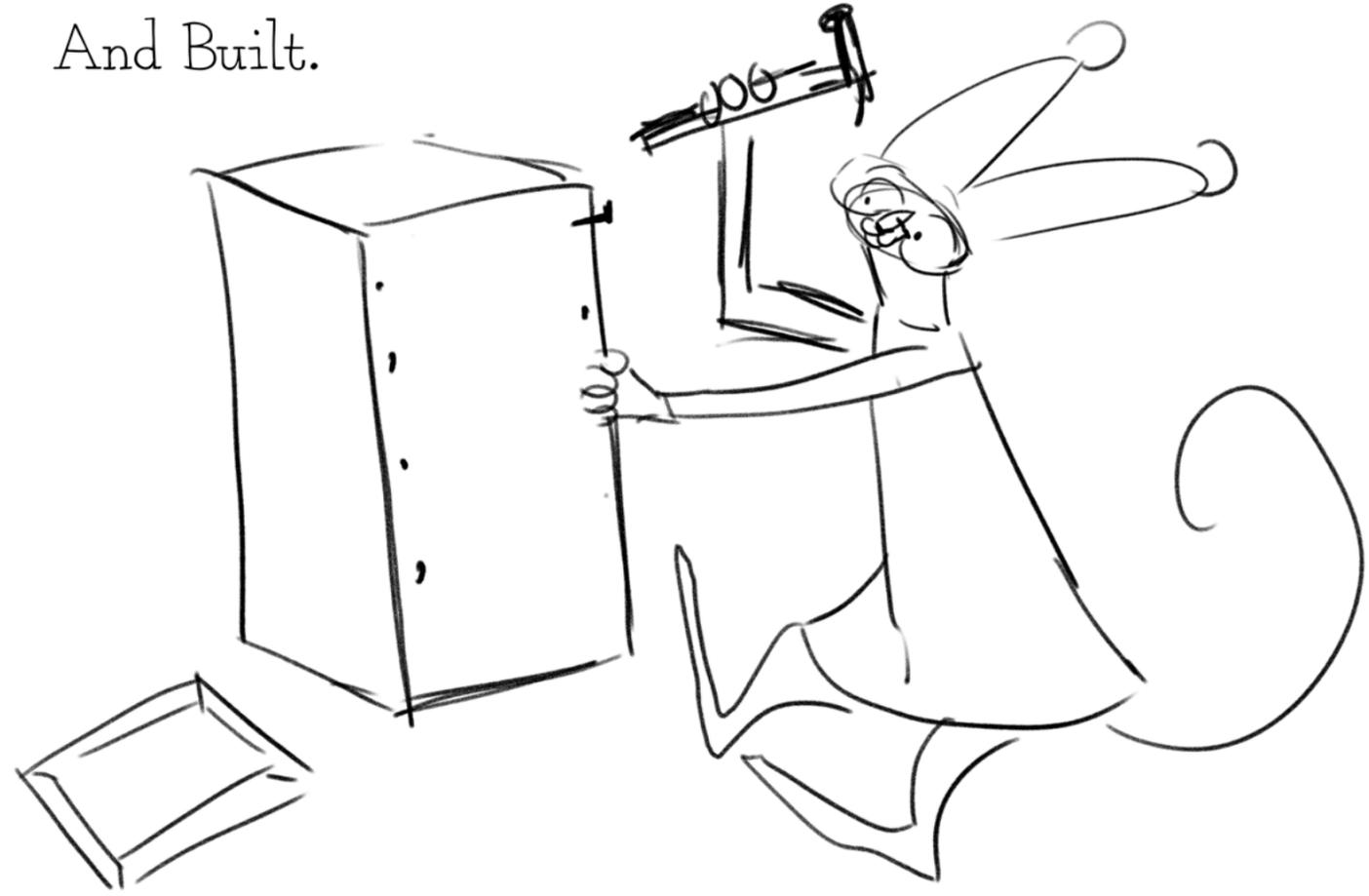


She drew designs.

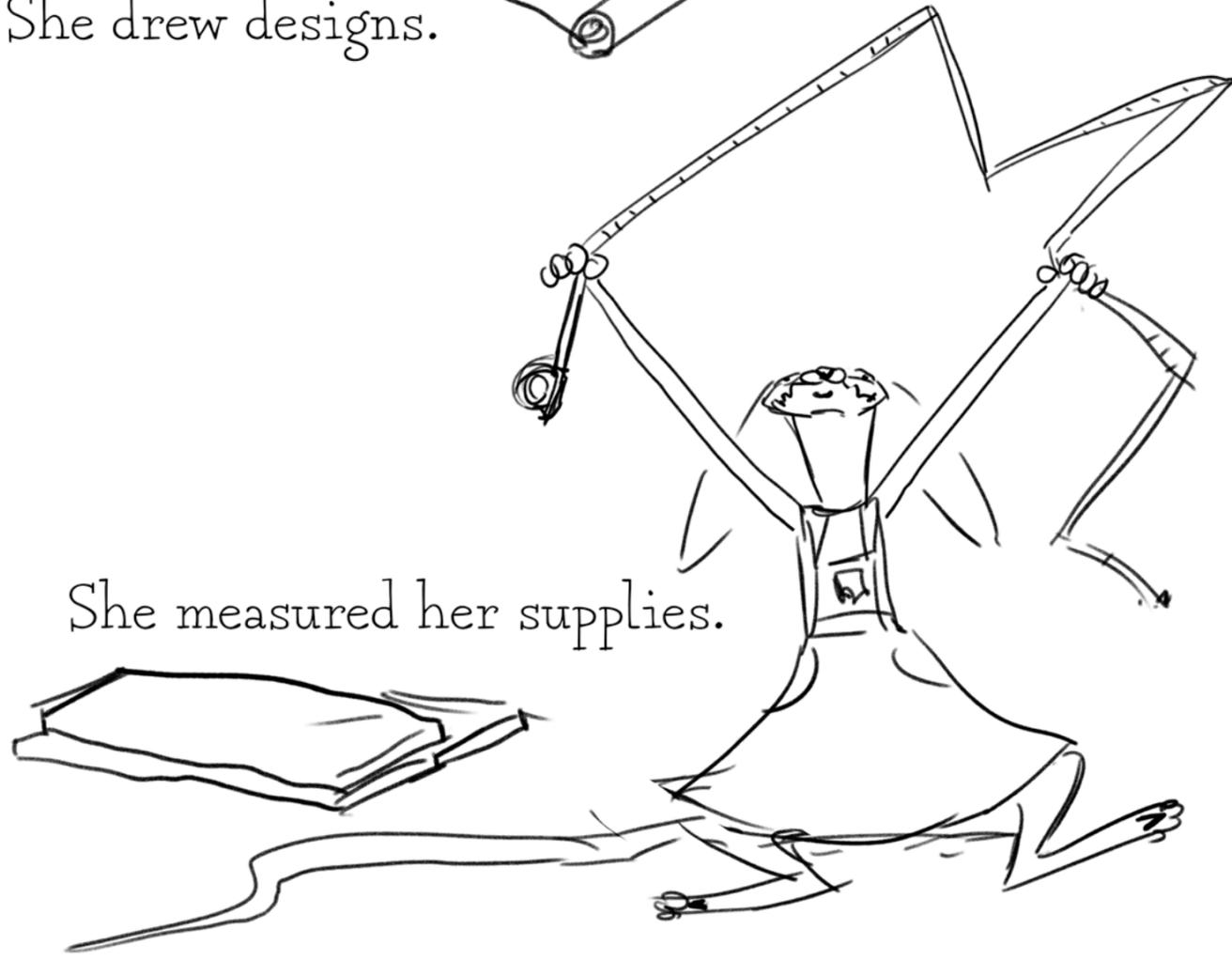
She safely sawed.



And Built.



She measured her supplies.



And soon the bees came back.



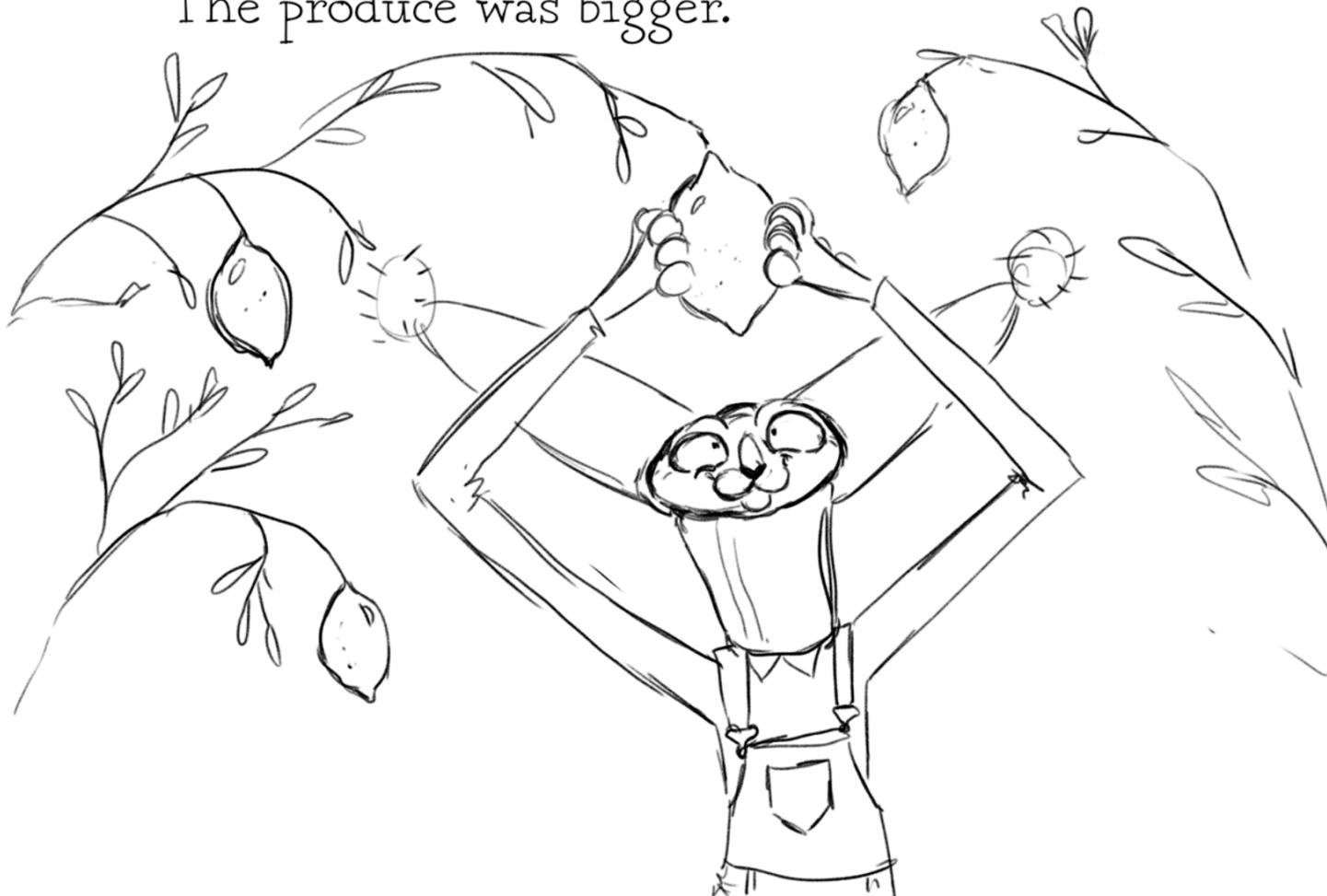
Her plants started blooming.



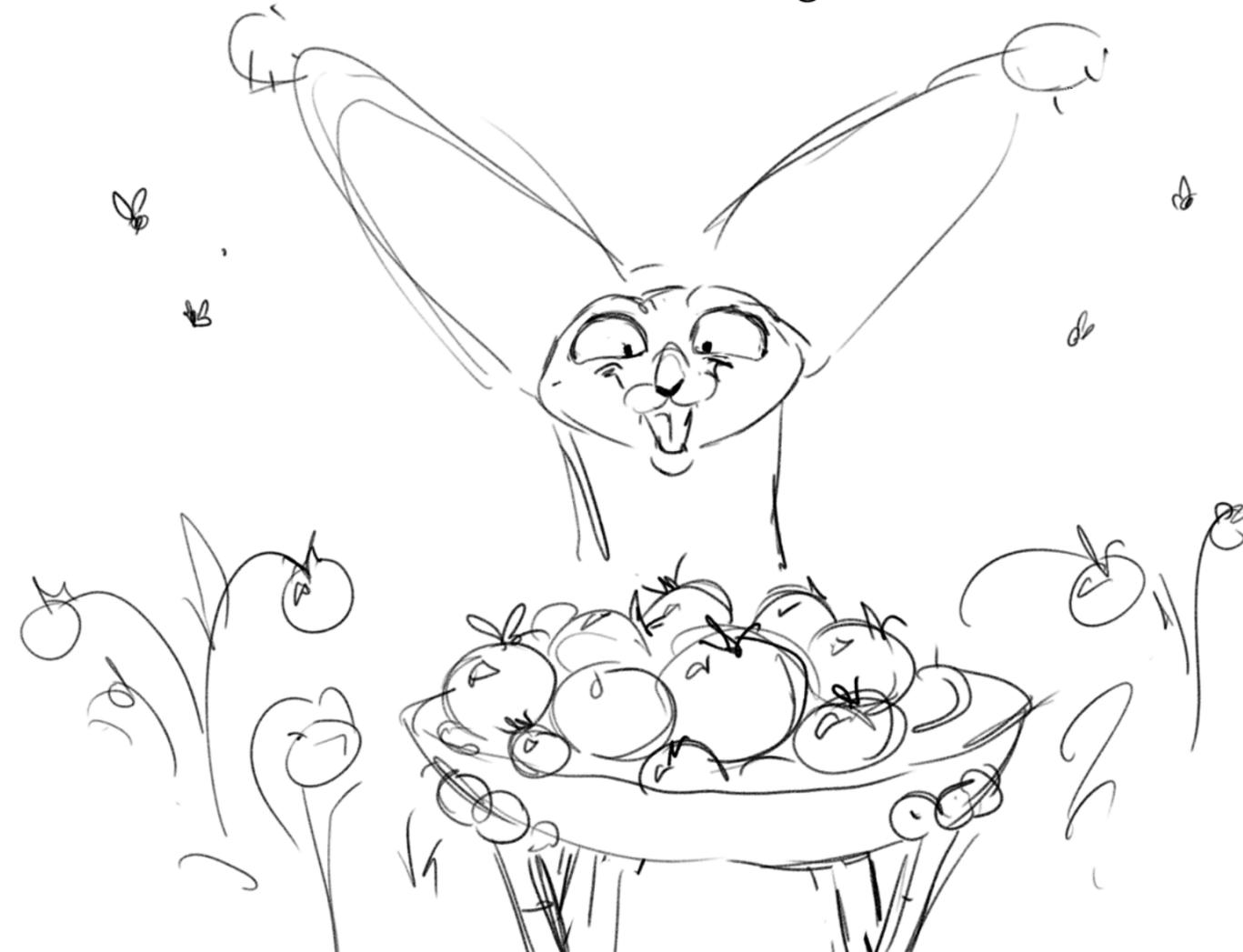
She got all the honey she could want.



The produce was bigger.



And best of all her tomatoes grew back!



So marm could finally enjoy her snack

and it tasted better with friends







