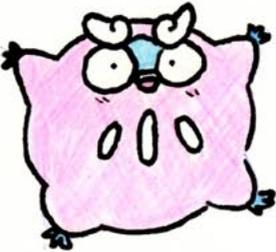


HAPPY PRIDE EVERYONE!

PROTECT
TRANS
KIDS



TRANSCENDENT!



Might
cleanup,
might
not! ->



Max restarted
Scarlet

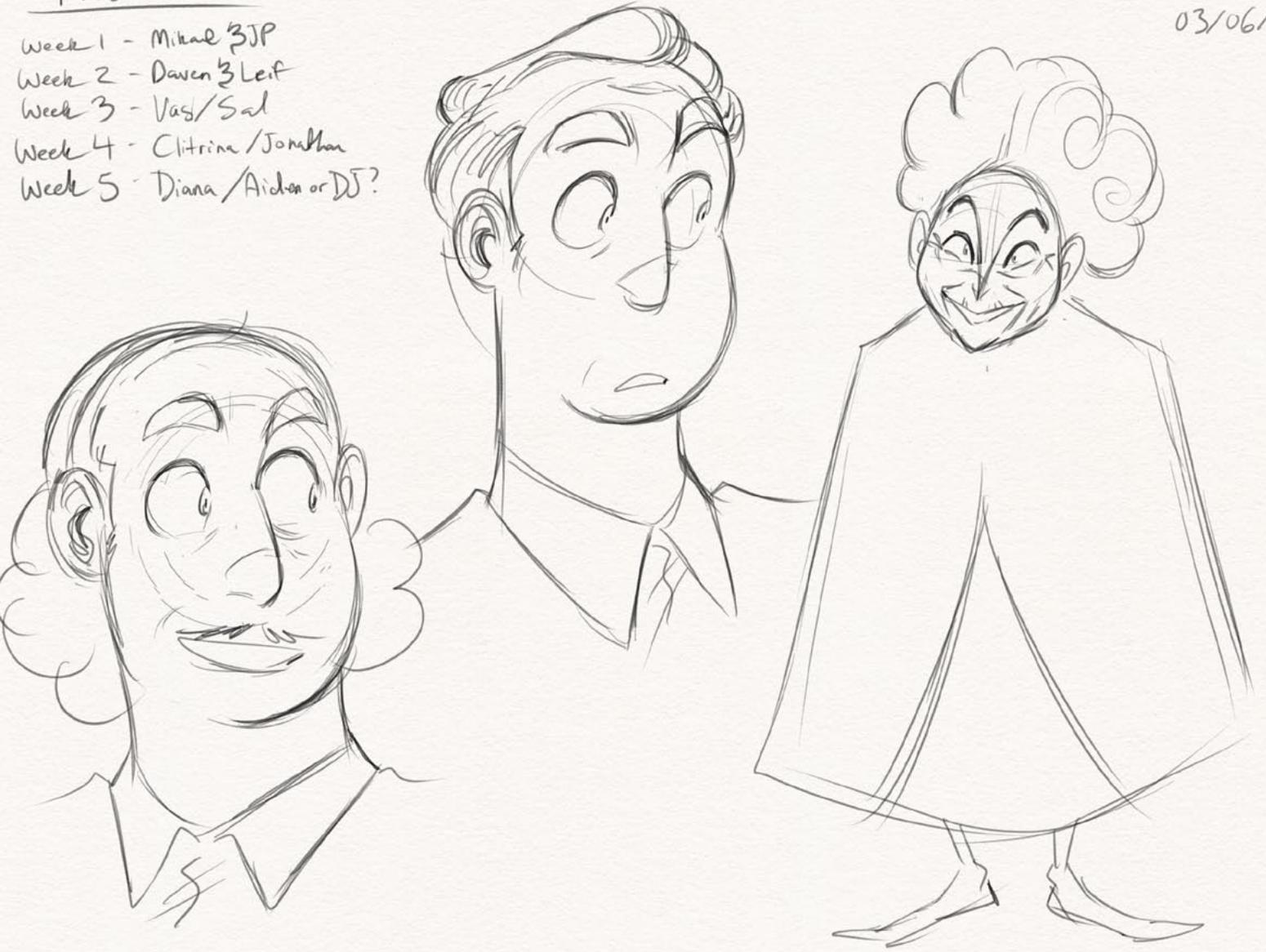


3. ISO CHARACTER DESIGNING
4. DOODLES ON THE BUS, FF1 ZINE NOTES, WATCH OUT FOR LUPIN, ANNIVERSARY♡
5. WORD BALLOON ACADEMY NOTES: GETTING THE GRANT
6. WORD BALLOON ACADEMY NOTES: GRANTS & NETWORKING FOR INTROVERTS
7. WORD BALLOON ACADEMY NOTES: HOW TO PITCH A PUBLISHER
8. WORD BALLOON ACADEMY NOTES: CREATIVE LAW 101
9. WORD BALLOON ACADEMY NOTES: POST-SECONDARY TO PROFESSIONAL
10. GARF DOODLES AND PHOTOS, FRIEND'S CAT, MARX BROTHERS SKETCHES
11. END OF TCAF DOODLE, ISO KEY CONCEPT SKETCHES
12. FF1 ZINE PLANNING & PAGES 2 & 3
13. ISO KEY & DIANA DOODLES, FF1 ZINE PAGES 4 & 5
14. GIANT GORG SKETCHES AND DOODLES
15. HUMANA 2 MIN STUDIES
16. ISO THEO REDESIGN CONCEPTS
17. COMMISSION SKETCH FOR HEATHER
18. ISO (UNNAMED) REDESIGN CONCEPTS
19. MAKE A TERRIBLE COMIC DAY 2025
20. PRIDE CARD COMMISSION SKETCHES FOR HULL COFFEE
21. ISO THEO & (UNNAMED) SKETCHES, PROFILE STUDIES
22. SHOUTOUTS FOR RETT, TLC, RIDDLER76, AND MAX!
23. SHOUTOUTS FOR PEGGY AND AMIEL, MAKAS AND KLAWF, MAKAS AND IGGLYBUFF
24. MAKAS SAYS HAPPY PRIDE! POKEMON SCARLET COMIC, SOME MAKAS

PRIDE OCS

03/06/25

- Week 1 - Mikael & J.P.
- Week 2 - Daven & Leif
- Week 3 - Vas & Sal
- Week 4 - Clitrima / Jonathan
- Week 5 - Diana / Aiden or DJ?



ON MY WAY TO PICK UP THE CURTAIN FALLS BOOKS!!

AND IT'S MINE & MAX'S 2nd WEDDING ANNIVERSARY!



THE BUS IS SO JIBGLY!!



HEADPHONES OVER HAIR?!



WIRED HEADPHONES AND THOSE EARBONE WIRELESS HEADPHONES?!

WATCH OUT FOR LUPIN!



DRAWING STRAIGHT TO PEN IS TOUGH!

FF1 ZINE IDEAS

- MY BOYS
- LIZARD IN A CAPE
- MONSTERS SQUISHED INTO A CHEST
- LIZARD IN A CHEST ON TOP OF COINS
- MY FAVOURITE MONSTERS
- "(ROWN FOR SALE!"
- THE DWARVES NOT TAKING MY LEVISTONE
- 3 MAGIC USERS & 1 NINJA
- SEB'S BIG SHOES, HE THINKS HE'S SO COOL
- BIG BUFF RICKET
- CHAOS TALKING PHILOSOPHY TO HIS KNEES
- TANNY STOP DYING!!
- LOLO'S GLOW UP, HE'S A REAL GUY!



WORD BALLOON ACADEMYGETTING THE GRANT 9:30AM

SUE CARTER - LITERATURE OFFICER OAC SCARTER@ARTS.ON.CA

- ARTS.ON.CA FOR ELIGIBILITY

FUNDING STREAMS: CREATING & PRESENTING, BUSINESS & MARKETING

LITERARY CREATION PROGRAM: SEPTEMBER 10, 1PM !! * \$12,000

APPS OPEN IN JULY, TO BE USED ON A WIP BOOK (NOT A FINISHED BOOK)

- IS IT INTERESTING? HAVE YOU DONE WORK LIKE THIS BEFORE?
- IS THIS YOUR STORY TO TELL?

THE RECOMMENDER PROGRAM: SEPT 2, 2025 - JAN 15, 2026 1PM

- PUBLISHERS & ORGANIZATIONS GET TO REVIEW YOUR WORK
- MIN \$1500 to \$5000
- CAN APPLY UP TO 10 RECOMMENDER, COUNTS AS 1 GRANT
- CAN APPLY TO 3 GRANTS @ OAC PER YEAR
- READ EDITOR CREDITS
- SITE WILL HAVE LIST OF RECOMMENDERS & WHAT/WHO THEY ARE

OTHER GRANTS

- MARKET DEVELOPMENT TRAVEL
- CHALMERS ARTS

PREPARING APPLICATION

- FIND THE RIGHT PROGRAM
- READ THE PROGRAM WEB PAGE / INFO
- THEY MAY ASK THE SAME THING, BUT TRY NOT TO REPEAT YOURSELF
- BE EXCITED! SHOW ENTHUSIASM
- PANEL NEEDS AS MUCH INFO & BROAD ABOUT YOUR PROJECT
- TALK ABOUT YOUR BACKGROUND AND A LOT ABOUT YOUR PROJECT
- TRY & GET YOUR APP IN AS EARLY AS YOU'RE ABLE
- 4.5 MONTHS TO BE NOTIFIED ABOUT APPLICATION
- PICK THE BEST ARTISTIC REPRESENTATION FOR YOUR APPLICATION

GRANTS ARE A TAXABLE INCOME! ADVOCATE/EMAIL MY MPP ABOUT EXPERIENCE!

LITERARY GRANTS TORONTO ARTS COUNCIL

06/06/25

WRITERS PROGRAM: JUNE 16 \$5000 - \$10000

- NEW LITERARY WORK 3 WIPS • WHY PROJECT IS IMPORTANT
- NEEDS 15 PAGES OF SAMPLES • PUBLISHED: "SOMEONE SELECTED YOUR WORK"
- CAN ONLY APPLY TO THIS GRANT EVERY 2 YEARS

LITERARY PROJECTS: AUGUST 5

- NETWORKING, MARKETING, 2 OR MORE ARTISTS OPERATING ON A NON-PROFIT
- SAMPLES DON'T NEED TO BE FINISHED PAGES (CONCEPT ART, SKETCHES, ETC.)
- JUDGED BLIND, DON'T HAVE YOUR NAME ON SAMPLES!
- MAKE THE JUDGES WANT TO READ MORE!
- CAN BE JUST A GROUP OF PEOPLE WHO MOSTLY RESIDE IN TO
- PAYING PROFESSIONALS TO DO TALKS, WORKSHOPS
- NEEDS SOME OTHER FORM OF REVENUE (TICKETS, DONATIONS, ETC.)
- CONFIRM PARTICIPANTS
- EVENT CAN HAPPEN AFTER NOVEMBER, BUT HAVE A PLAN

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ACCOUNTS FOR INDIVIDUALS $\frac{2}{1}$ ACCOUNTS FOR GROUPS

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SLIDES AVAILABLE ON TORONTO COMICS .COM

NETWORKING FOR INTROVERTS - ALLISON OTOOLE woo!

- NETWORKING IS A SUPPORT SYSTEM / MAKE FRIENDS!
- GET TO KNOW JOURNALISTS, PRINTERS, BOOKSELLERS
- I SHOULD WATCH MY BANDWIDTH WHEN OFFERING ADVICE
- HOW WOULD I DESCRIBE MY UPCOMING PROJECTS IN AS FEW WORDS AS POSSIBLE
- "ISO IS AN URBAN TORONTO-BASED MAGICAL QUEER COMIC ABOUT A TRANS WOMAN WHO MEETS HER YOUNGER SELF THROUGH PHOTOGRAPHY."
- YOU CAN WALK AWAY!! YOU DON'T OWE ANYONE YOUR TIME
- GIVE THEM A FIRM "OHAY, I'M GOING NOW" $\frac{1}{2}$ A WELL WISH
- IF SOMEONE WANTS TO SHOW ME THEIR PORTFOLIO, ASK THEM TO EMAIL ME!

HOW TO PITCH A PUBLISHER - IRENE VELENTZAS (who did the grants talk last year) 06/06/25

PITCH PACKAGE: A QUERY LETTER, CV, PORTFOLIO/SAMPLE

- WHY THEY SHOULD PICK YOUR WORK
- THAT YOU CAN FINISH

PUBLISHERS.CA / OUR-MEMBERS

QUERY LETTER (COVER LETTER FOR STORY) ★ TOOK LOTS OF PHOTOS!!

• INTRODUCES STORY, YOU $\frac{3}{}$ WHY YOU ARE QUALIFIED

1. MAIN STORY INFO: HOOK, ^{LOG LINE /} SUMMARY, AUDIENCE, PROTAG, ^{CONFLICT /} GENRE, MAIN THEME, KEYWORDS, BOOK LENGTH

2. STORY SUMMARY: LIKE A BACK OF BOOK BLURB! + ending $\frac{3}{}$ not a ...? hook

3. CREATOR BIO: WHY YOU WILL BE SUCCESSFUL $\frac{3}{}$ QUALIFIED, BIO CAN CHANGE PER PROJECT

200 WORDS PER PARAGRAPH MAX! 1 PAGE!

↑ EVEN IF I DON'T PITCH, THESE ARE GOOD THINGS TO WORK ON / THINK ABOUT

CV / RESUME

RESUME: SUMMARY OF WORK / CV: FULL LIST OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS

(TOOK PHOTOS OF FORMATS!!)

PORTFOLIO / SAMPLES

PORTFOLIO: BROAD $\frac{3}{}$ NON-PROJECT SPECIFIC / SAMPLE: PROJECT SPECIFIC

• MOST PUBLISHERS REQUIRE A FULL SCRIPT

• HOW CLEARLY DEFINED YOUR CONCEPT IS: WHO, WHAT, WHEN, WHERE, WHY

"WRITING IS LIKE BEING ON A BLIND DATE"

- REGISTRATIONS DOES NOT CREATE COPYRIGHT §63 FOR REGISTRATION, §81 FOR TRANSFER
- COPYRIGHT ENDS 70 YEARS AFTER DEATH OF THE AUTHOR
- CONSUMER CONFUSION OVER HAVING TRADEMARKED STORES & LOGOS (ie. Tim Hortons)
- PUBLIC BUILDINGS ARE FINE BUT COMMERCIALY OWNED WORKS ARE QUESTIONABLE

CONTRACTING

1. PARTY DUE DILIGENCE - RESEARCH CLIENT, TRUST THEY ARE LEGIT
 2. DISCUSS KEY TERMS AND EXPECTATIONS - MAKE SURE YOU'RE ON THE SAME PAGE
 3. RECORD THE AGREEMENT - PAPER TRAIL!
 4. TAKE YOUR TIME - DON'T RUSH ON SIGNING IF YOU'RE FEELING PRESSURED
 5. IF NEEDED, CONSULT LAWYER
- ONLY GIVE THE RIGHTS THAT THE PUBLISHER NEEDS NOT EVERYTHING THEY ASK
 - WITHOUT AN ADVANCE, THE PUB. IS LESS LIKELY TO PROMOTE THE BOOK
 - ROYALTIES ARE PULLED FROM NET REVENUE, BUT BE CLEAR ON THE DEFINITION OF NET REVENUE
 - YOU CAN REQUEST AN AUDIT

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MJ LYON*, ROSENA FUNG*, MIRIAM!!! SARA SARHANGPOUR

"STAY TRUE TO THE WORK YOU LOVE, EVEN DURING DRY SPELLS" - MIRIAM

~~90%~~ 90% IS EXECUTION ONLY 10% IS TALENT

* YOU WERE ON THE COMICS IN T.O. PANEL W/ HER LAST YEAR!

- NEGOTIATE DEADLINES, YOU HAVE A VOICE
- LEVEL OF POLISH CAN BE 80% INSTEAD OF 100%
- FOLLOW ART DIRECTORS ONLINE } ^{WATCH} ~~SEE~~ WHEN THEY PUT OUT OPEN CALLS
- EMAIL TWICE, NOT THRICE
- MAKE STICKERS! put your name on them

"IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO LIVE LIFE WITHOUT FAILURE."



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TCAF WAS GOOD
BUT BUSH!!

THEN I HAD SOMETHING
SCHEDULED EVERY DAY
FOR A WEEK AFTER.

I'M SO
TIRED!

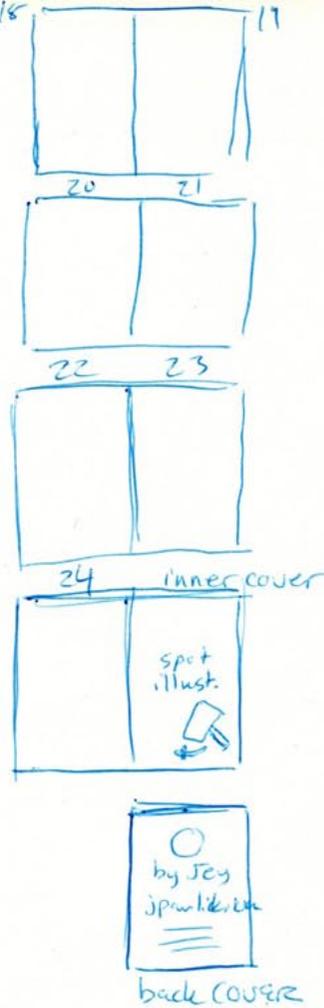
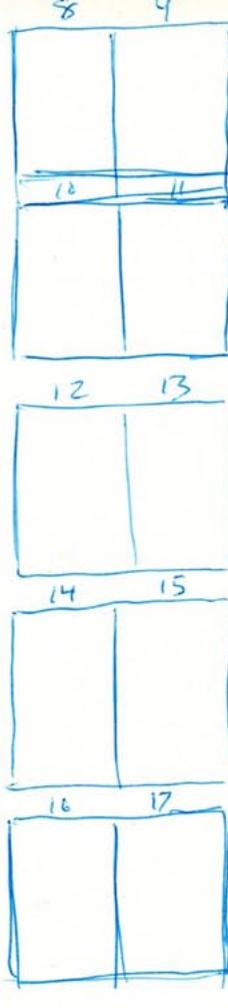
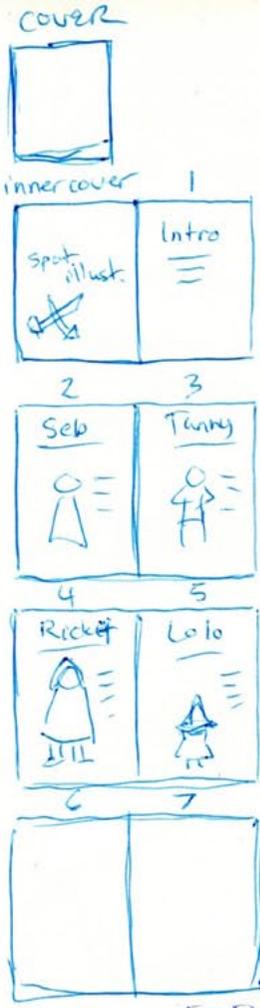
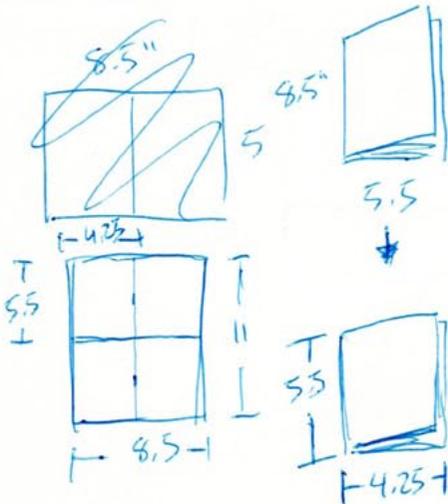
I LOVE COMICS!....



key?
ki?
kee?



ZINE PLANNING



contents in Obsidian →

- Sketch & Ink traditionally
- Halftone digitally

FOLD

back cover

RED/MAGE

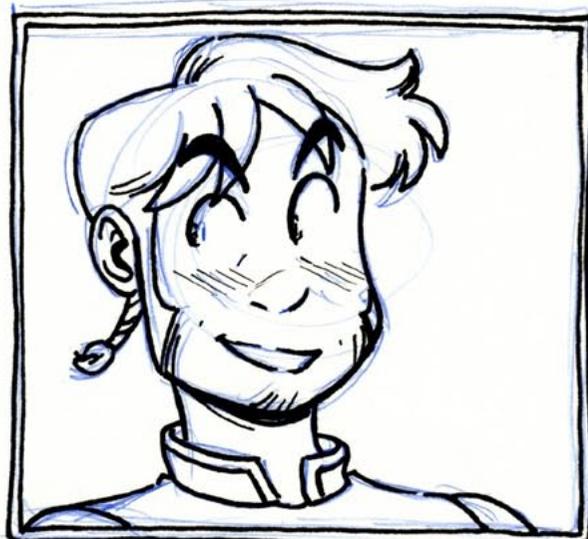
SEB

HE/HIM

THIEF (M)

TANNY

HE/HIM



SEB (SEBASTIAN) IS A TRAGIC PROTAGONIST (NOT REALLY). HE'S BEEN THROUGH SO MUCH ALL ON HIS OWN (HE'S LITERALLY TRAVELLING WITH HIS FRIENDS). HE LOOKS COOL (TRUE).

TANNY GREW UP WITH SEB AND SUPPORTS SEB'S TRAGIC PERSONA, WHILE HIDING HIS TRUE FEELINGS. TANNY IS THE MUSCLE OF THE GROUP AND DOESN'T ACTUALLY DO MUCH THIEVING.



BLACK MAGE **LOLO** HE/THEY

WHITE MAGE **RICKET** HE/HE



AT ALL

HE'S LITTLE, VERY SHY, AND NOT VERY CONFIDENT IN HIS MAGIC YET. DESPITE TRAVELLING WITH SEB AND CO. FOR A WHILE, NO ONE HAS SEEN THEIR FACE.

BIG AND INTIMIDATING, RICKET IS ALSO QUIET AND RESERVED. HE'S QUITE CONFIDENT AND IS USUALLY THE LAST ONE STANDING AFTER A BATTLE. VERY PROTECTIVE!

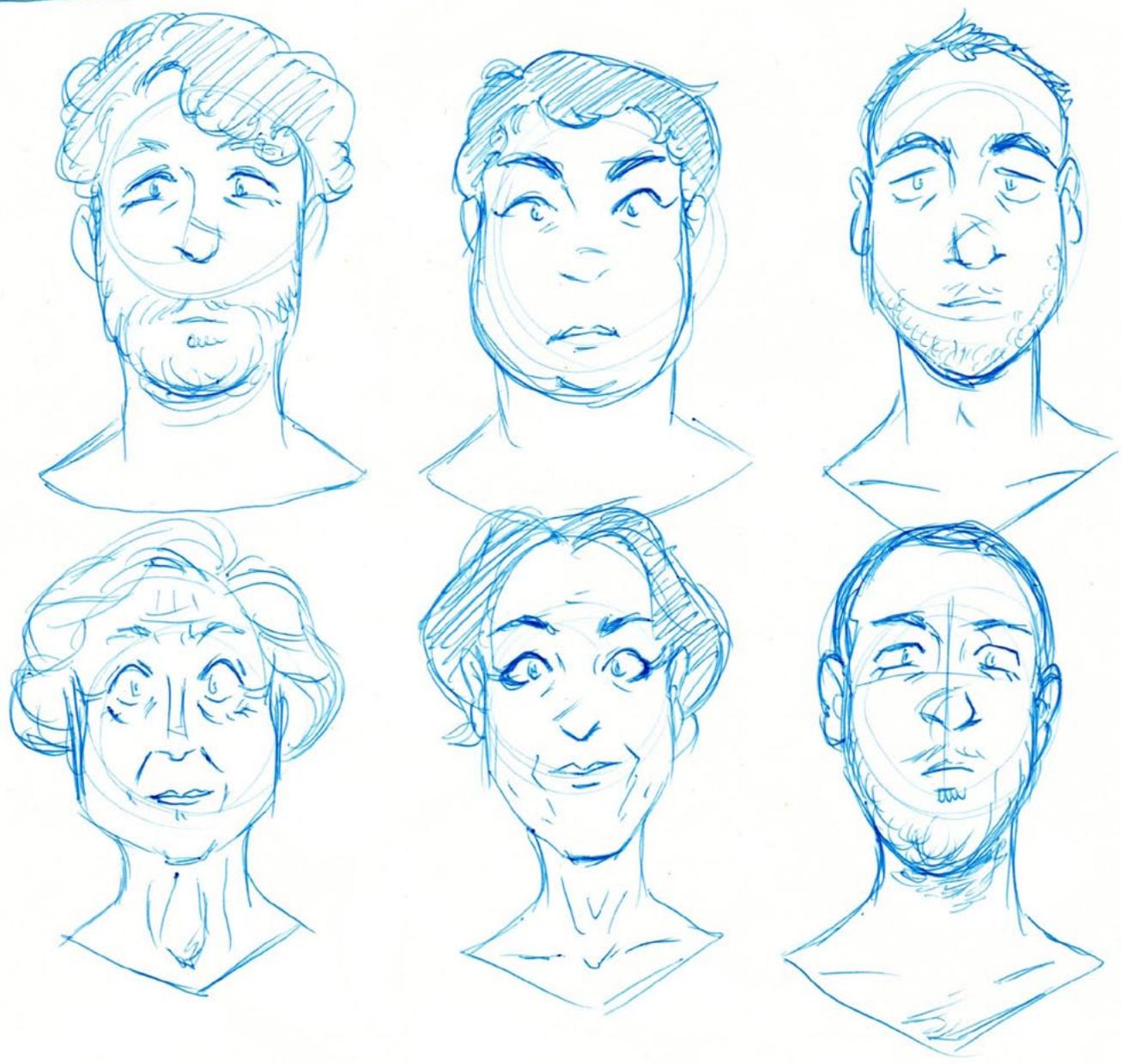
WE FINISHED
GIANT GORG

you should watch
Giant Gorg!

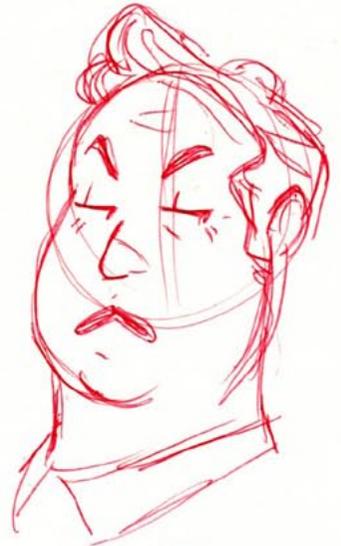


IN 2019 A BELOVED BLOG I FOLLOWED DEACTIVATED. 'HUMANAE' IS A PHOTOGRAPHY PROJECT BY ANGÉLICA DASS, WITH 4000 PHOTOS OF REGULAR PEOPLE. IT WAS SUCH A BOON TO CHARACTER DESIGN. THIS WEEK I'D FOUND SOMEONE WHO SAVED ALL THE IMAGE URLS FROM THE TUMBLR & THEY STILL WORK! USING AN AUTO-DOWNLOADER I MANAGED TO DOWNLOAD THE PHOTOS & NOW I HAVE MY BELOVED RESOURCE BACK! SO STUDY TIME HERE I COME.

2 min STUDIES



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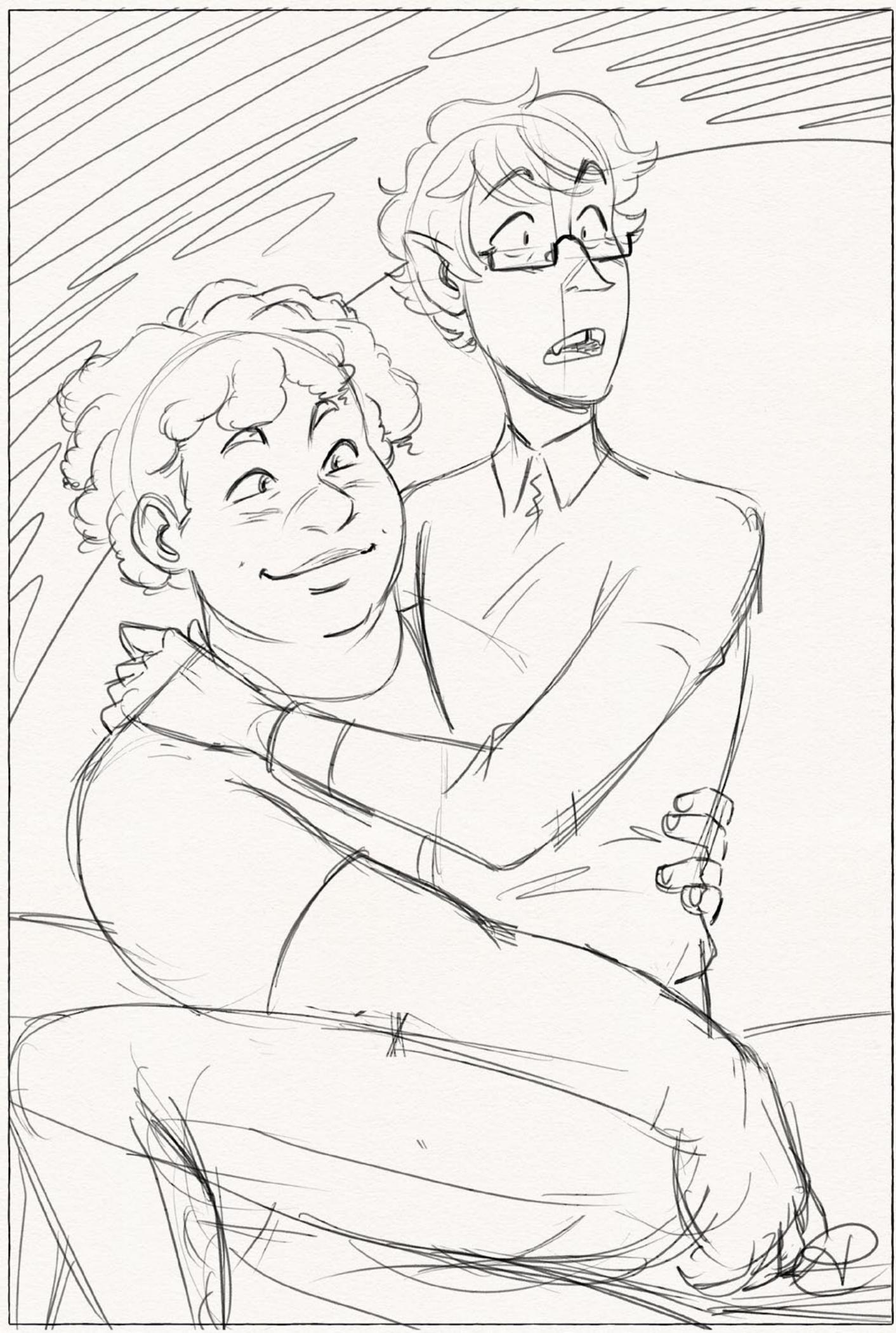
THEO

I'M SO DETERMINED
TO MAKE HIM
FUN & INTERESTING



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Comm for
Heather



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blue hair is pronouns



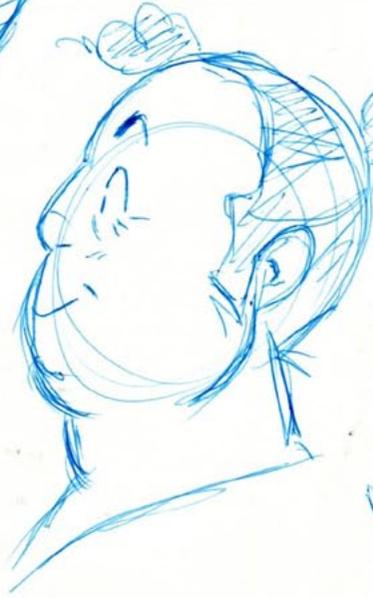
FEELING WAY BETTER ABOUT THIS DESIGN!



POTENTIAL NEW NAMES?

PUCK	BASIL	ZEAL
AXE	ANCHOR	CIEL
TEAL	LAKE	TIDE
SODA	NOTE	CASTOR

ALL THESE CHARACTERS ARE FROM WHEN I WAS 12 BUT THEY'RE ALL GETTING REDESIGNS. THIS ONE IS GETTING A NEW NAME TOO BECAUSE THEY'RE NONBINARY NOW!*



*OLD DESIGNS FOR THESE CHARACTERS ARE IN MY OLD SKETCH BOOKS



WHILE OUT DOING
GROCERIES
A TRUE
STORY

CHOCOLATINES?

OR CROISSANTS?



CROISSANTS
TODAY!



I WANTED
THOSE!



AH!
PLEASE TAKE
THEM THEN!



OH NO,
I WAS
JOKING!

OH.
OKAY.



AN 8AM, 40°C DAY FUMBLE.

24/06/25

Pride cards
commission
for Hull Coffee



TOM DALEY
Title



ALAN TURING
Title



Fun Fact _____

Fact here. Here's text for a fact. Text test.

MARSHA P. JOHNSON
Advocate for Trans Rights



SUE PERKINS
LGBTQ+ Comedian & Actress

REALLY PLEASED WITH THEIR REDSIGNS!

THEO



PUCK
CASTOR
TIDE
ANCHOR
SODA

} GONNA MAKE
A PATREON POLL
FOR IT!



THANK YOU FATPHOTOREF!





SHOUTOUT FOR RETT



SHOUTOUT FOR TLC

TIRED J16/ZENI



SHOUTOUT FOR RIDDLER76

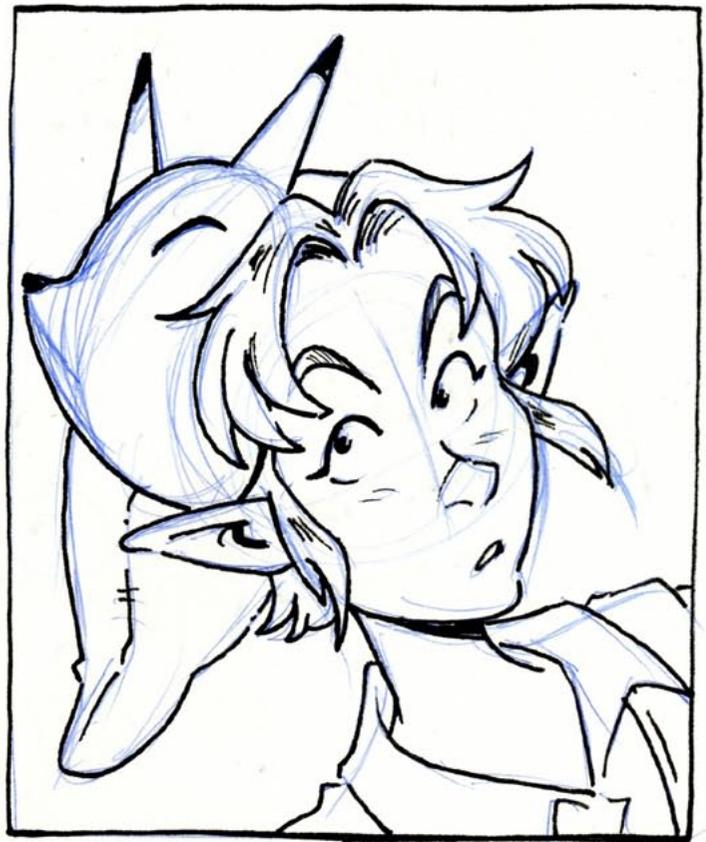
MY FAV FF1 HERO



SHOUTOUT FOR MAX!

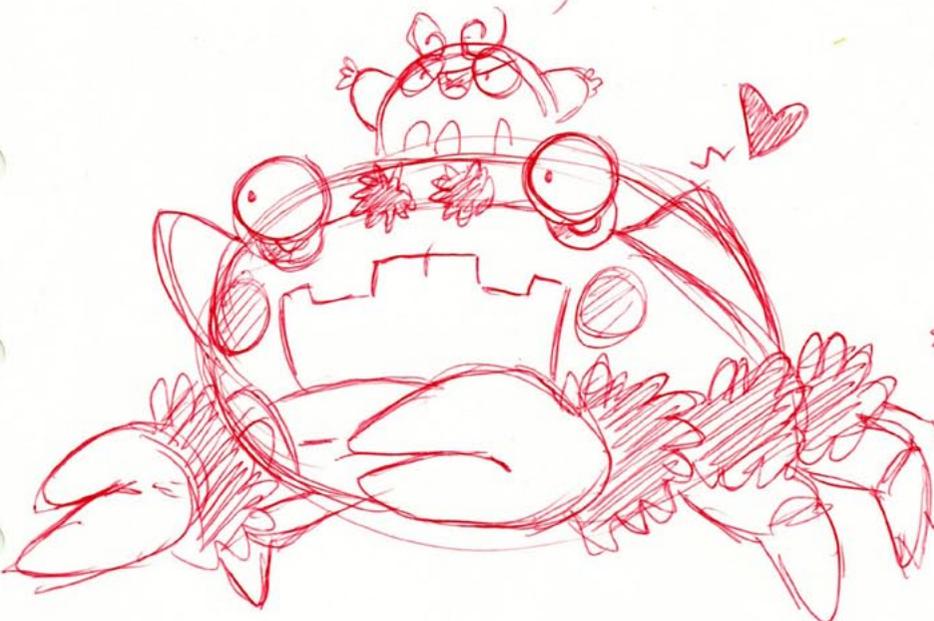


SHOUTOUT FOR PEGGY



SHOUTOUT FOR AMIEL

ONWARD!



Let's go to the park, okay?

Yay!



Maka babysitting service

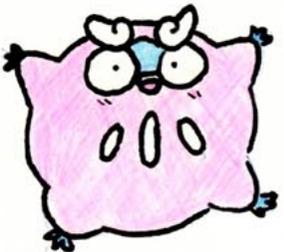
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LET US
BATTLE!

I CHOOSE-

WAH