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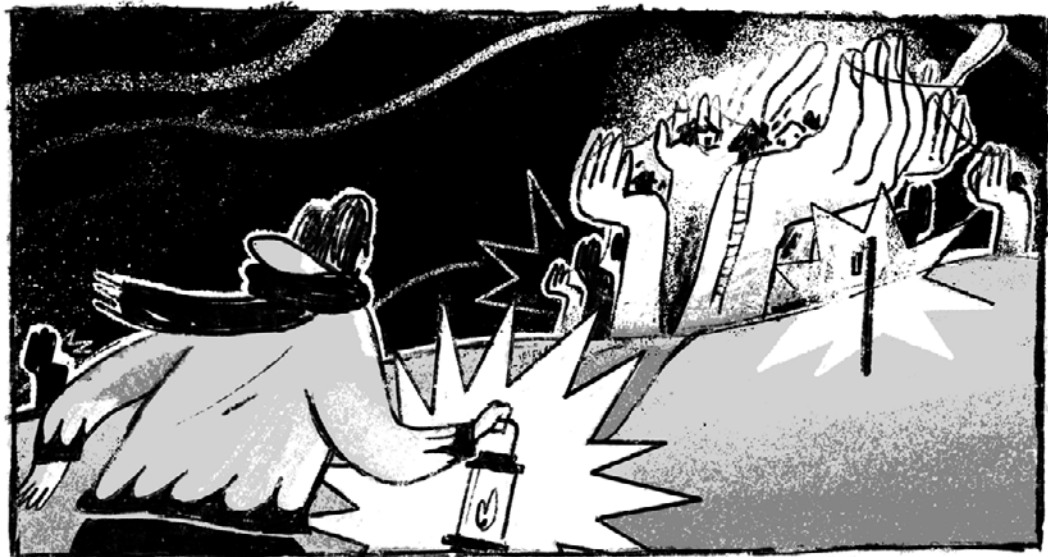
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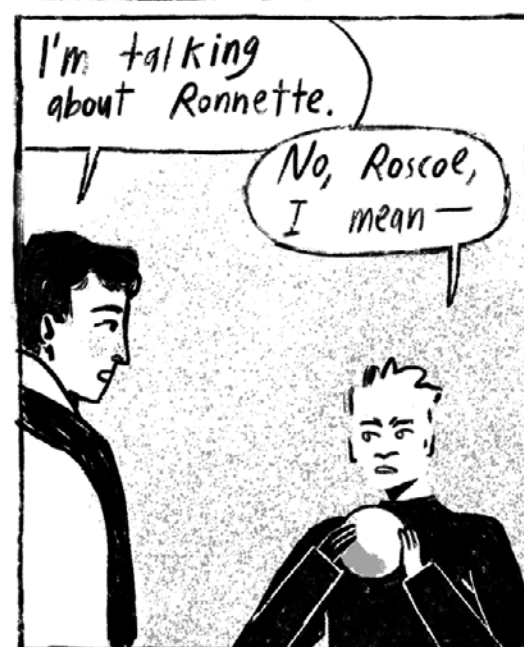
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Taking my great-great-great-grandmother's place is the only Reason I exist in the first place. So few people, especially in my family, get to live their potential like this.

If it's such an honor, why haven't you just done it already? It's getting bad out there.

Well—I didn't—

I needed to be ready. I am, now. Aren't you happy for me?



Why does it matter how happy I am about it?

Because you're my best friend.



We have such little time left together — why are you acting like this?



Because you're only thinking about Yourself, not what you've leaving behind!

What about your family?



What about me?



Wait — Roscoe!





HUFF



Why am I
so angry?



He's been
preparing
for so long,
but I still
feel like it's
too soon.

And...



Without B,
I'll be alone.

Sure, I have other
friends. I have a family.

There's no one else
like B. There's no one
else so kind.

I don't know what I'll do
with myself without that low voice
of his. There's no one else I
could talk to for days.

I want to be
with him, always.

I want to ^{be}
with him.

Oh, I want to be
with him!

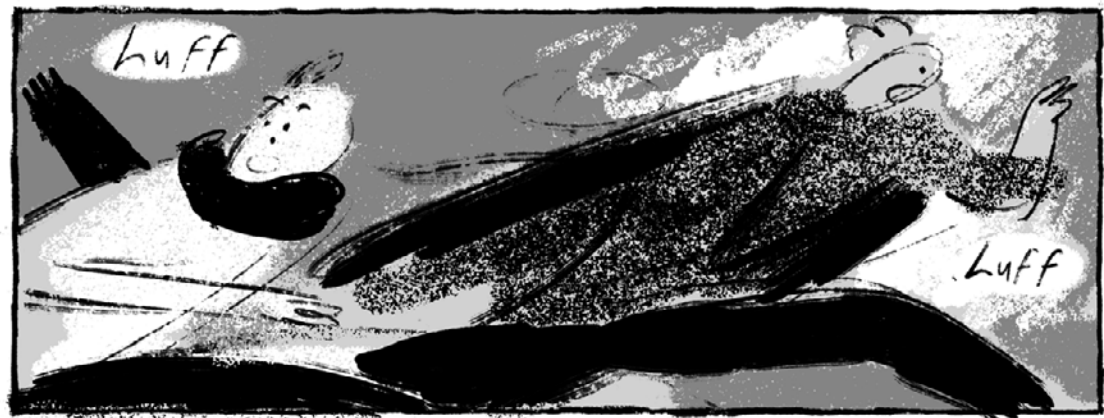
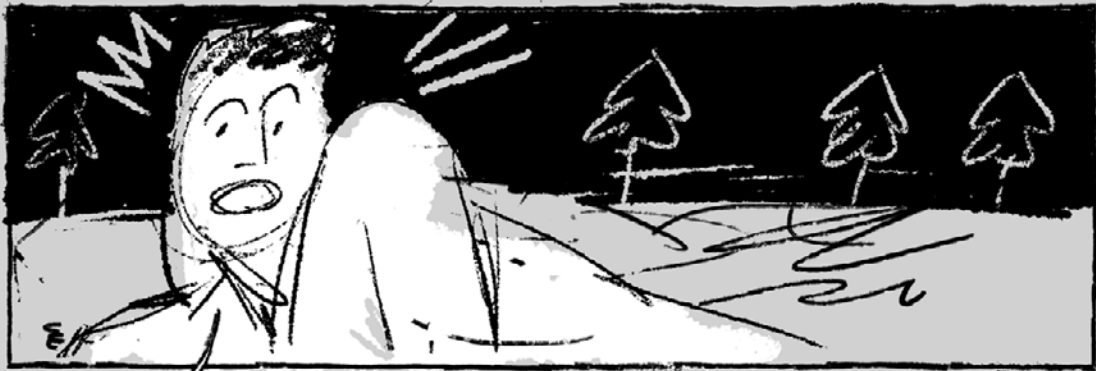
I'm so stupid.
I'm in love
with him.

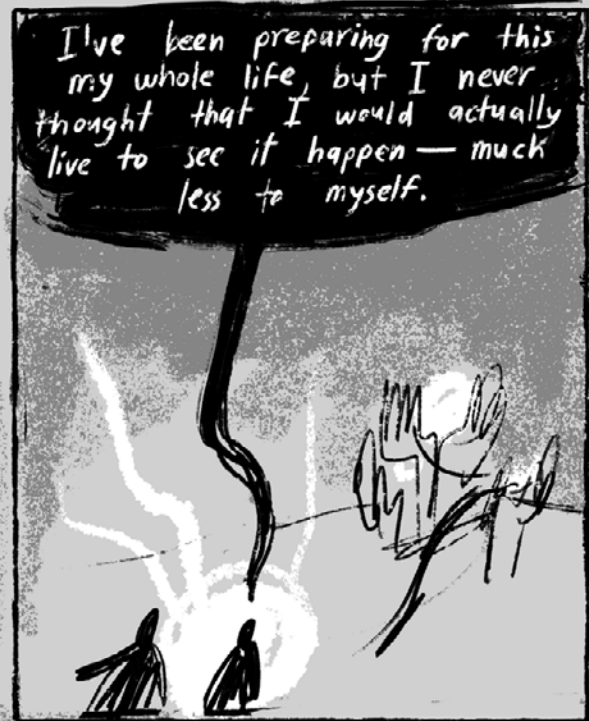
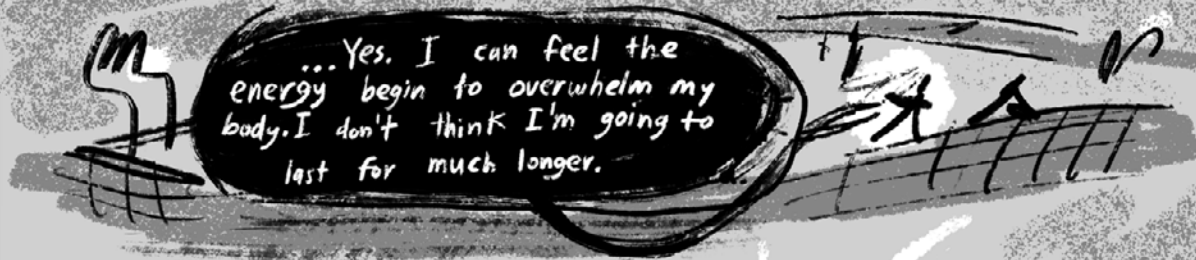
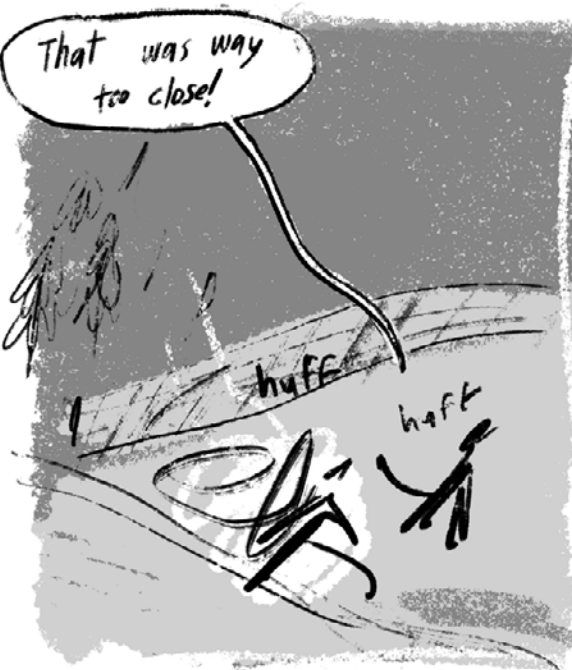
I hold B in the most
precious corners of my heart.



Should I tell him?









At your (house?) earlier,
I didn't mean what I said.

I'm sorry, B.

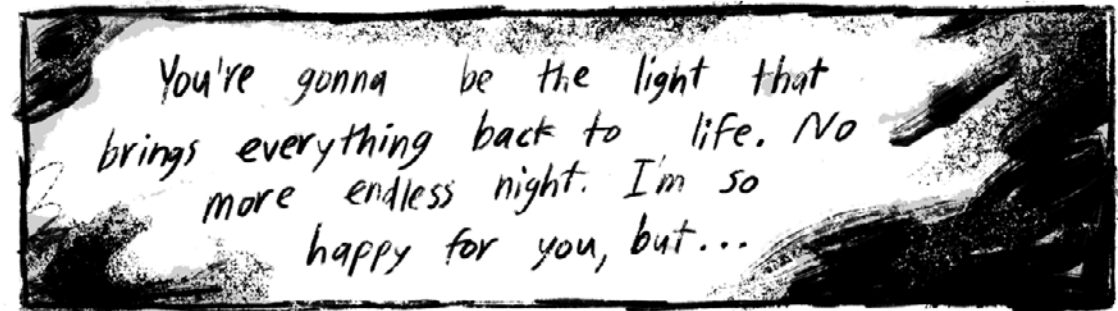
You're about to do something so brave
on, like, a cosmic level, but —

I'm about to lose my best friend.



I think I love you.

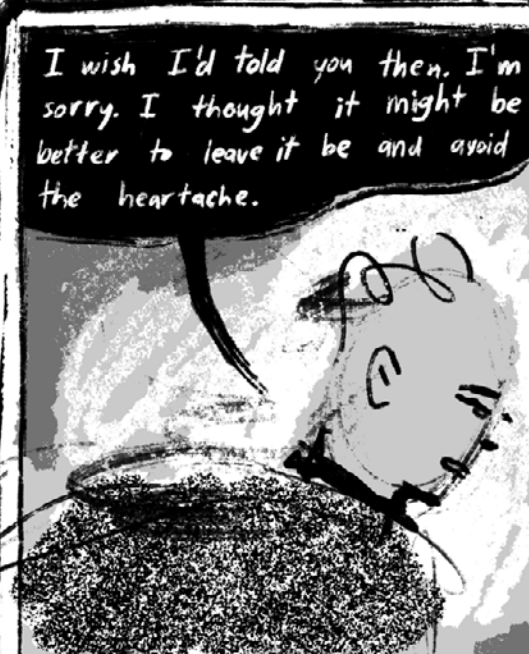
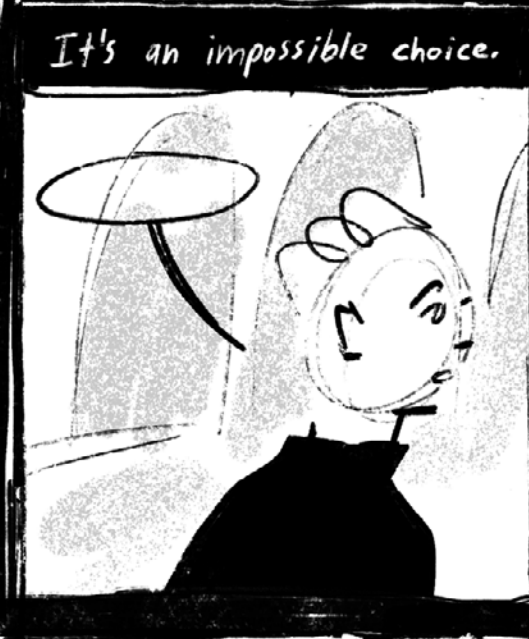
No — I'm sure of it.



You're gonna be the light that
brings everything back to life. No
more endless night. I'm so
happy for you, but...



I'm so scared of
what my life will look
like without you.





I always had a feeling that we would end up together in some capacity.

We're both just a small part of something larger and more beautiful than we can fathom.

Our futures are everything, endless. You'll feed all the people and I'll keep them warm.

Our lives have been intertwined from the beginning.



I really will miss
being human...



Even if just for the feeling
of standing next to you.



You don't exist only
to sacrifice yourself for
everyone else, y'know.



There's this, too.

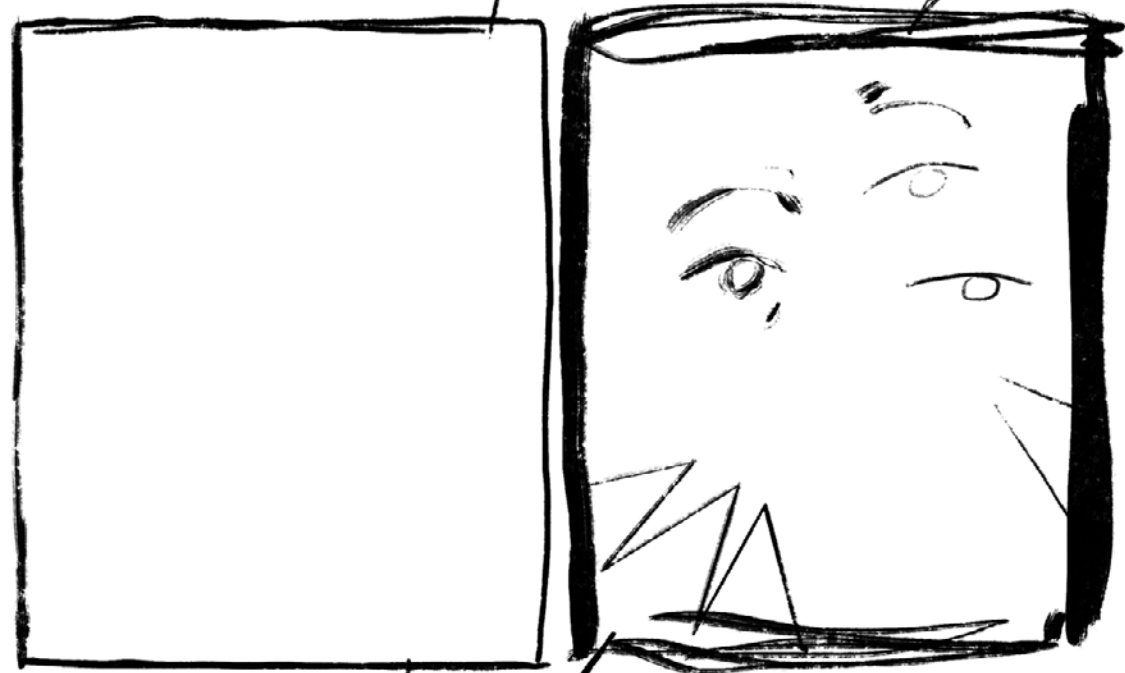


Yeah, you're
Right.

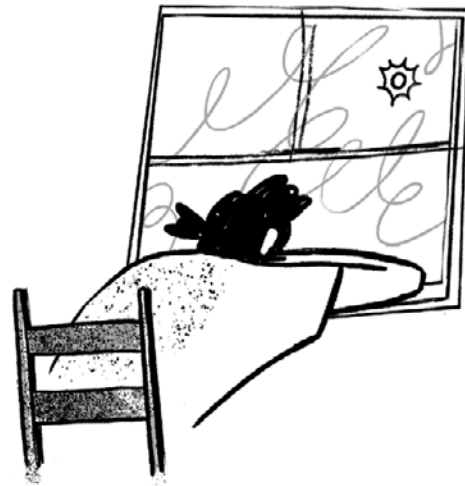


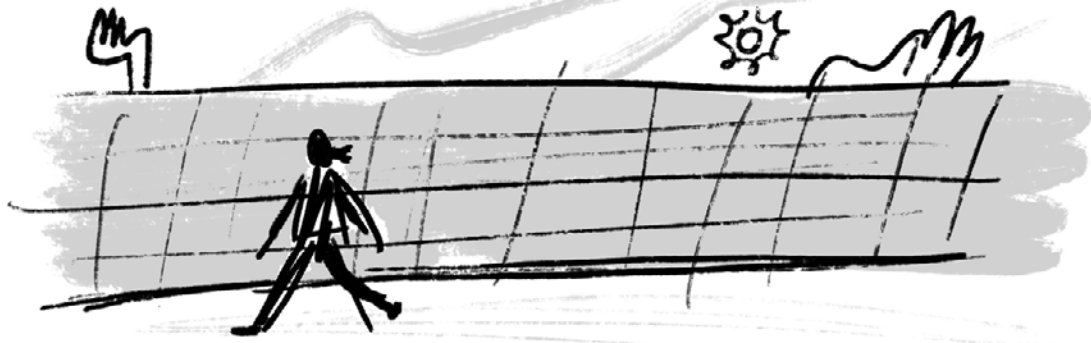
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B turns into Sun
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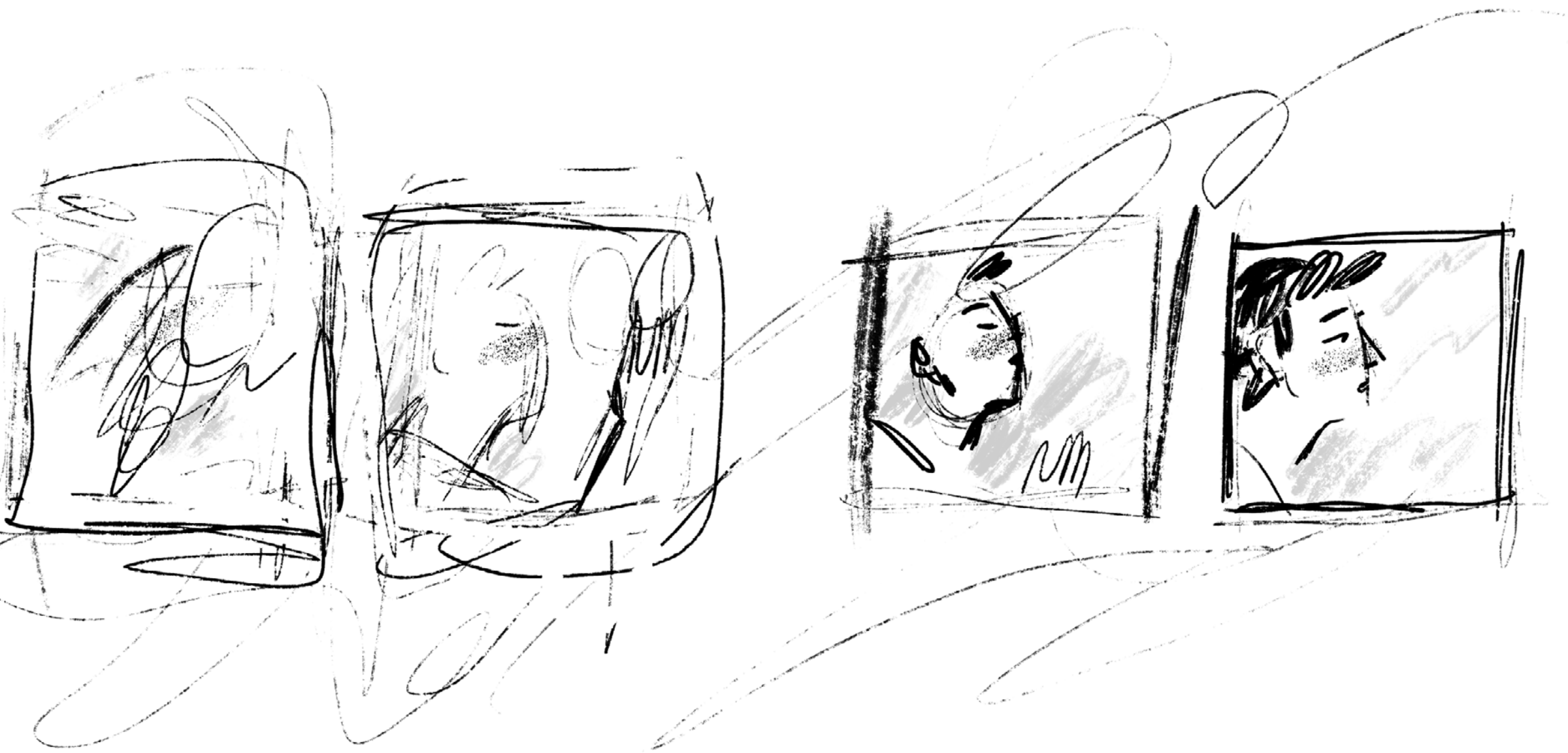








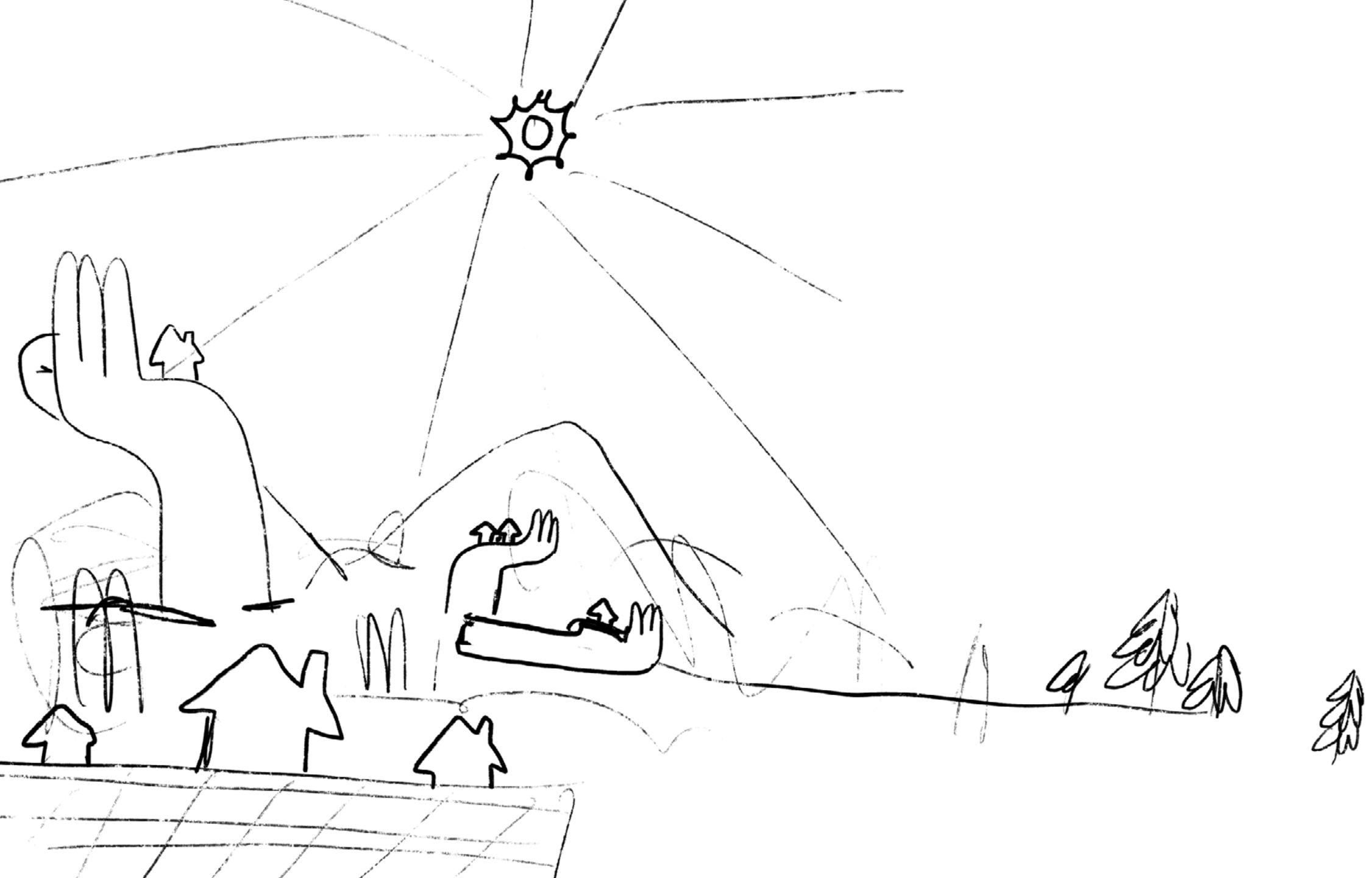






sun shining
down,
plants grown
a little more







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