

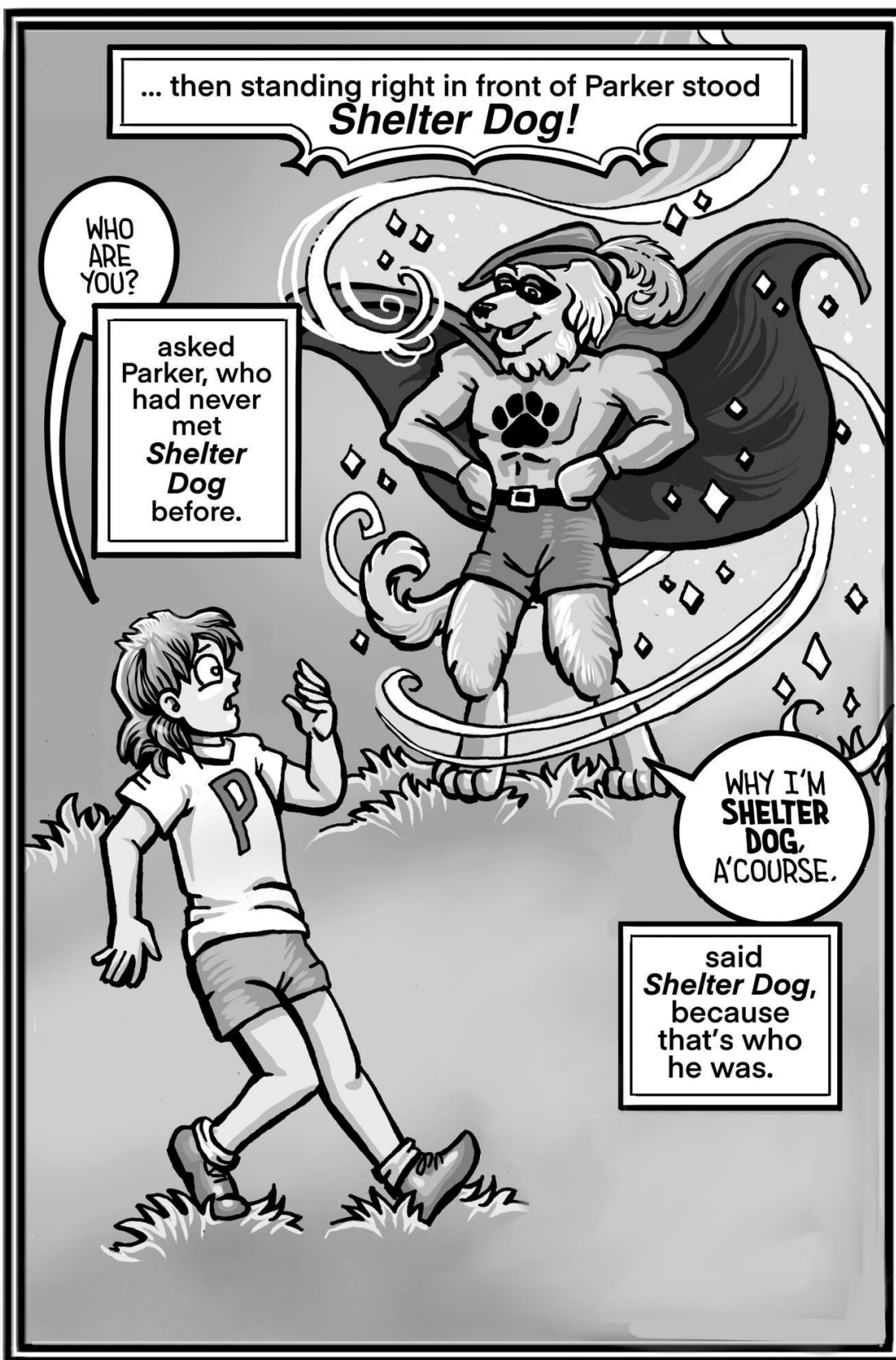
... then standing right in front of Parker stood
Shelter Dog!

WHO
ARE
YOU?

asked
Parker, who
had never
met
**Shelter
Dog**
before.

WHY I'M
**SHELTER
DOG,**
A'OURSE.

said
Shelter Dog,
because
that's who
he was.





I HEAR YOU WANT A PUPPY.

Shelter Dog grinned at Parker, wagging his tail.

I DO!

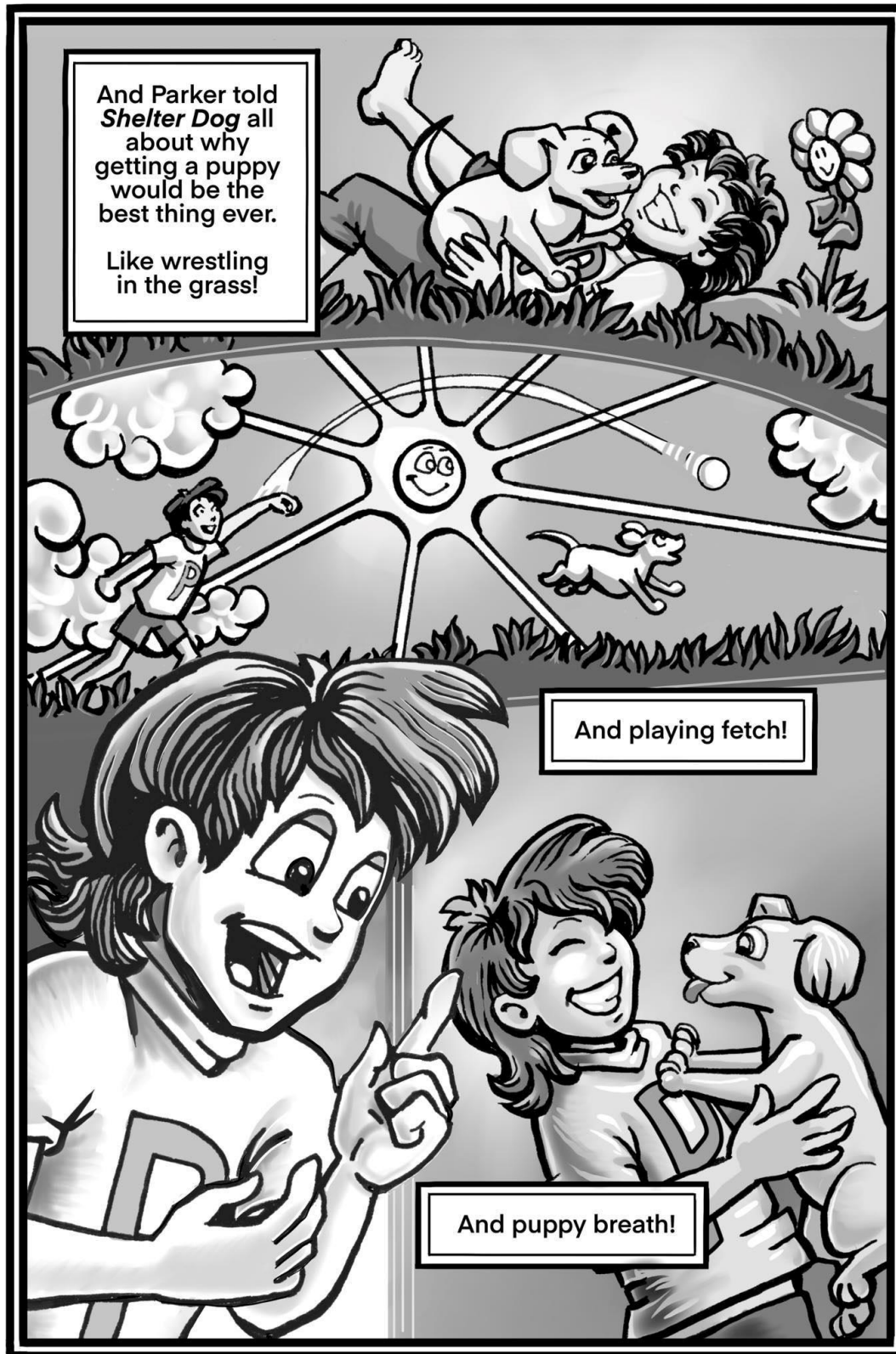
I
REALLY
WANT
A PUPPY!

Parker shouted.
Loudly.

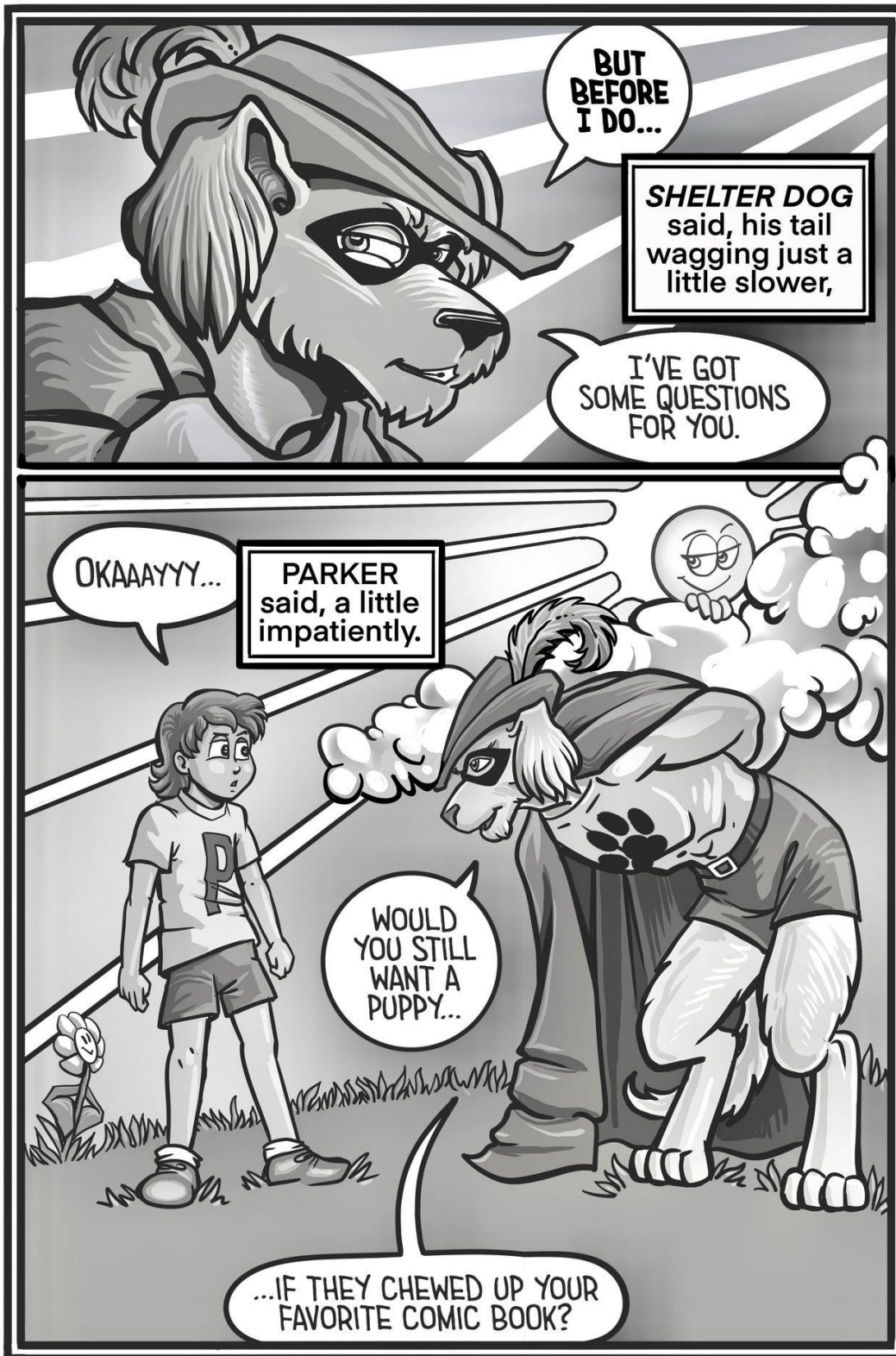
AND
WHY DO
YOU WANT A
PUPPY?

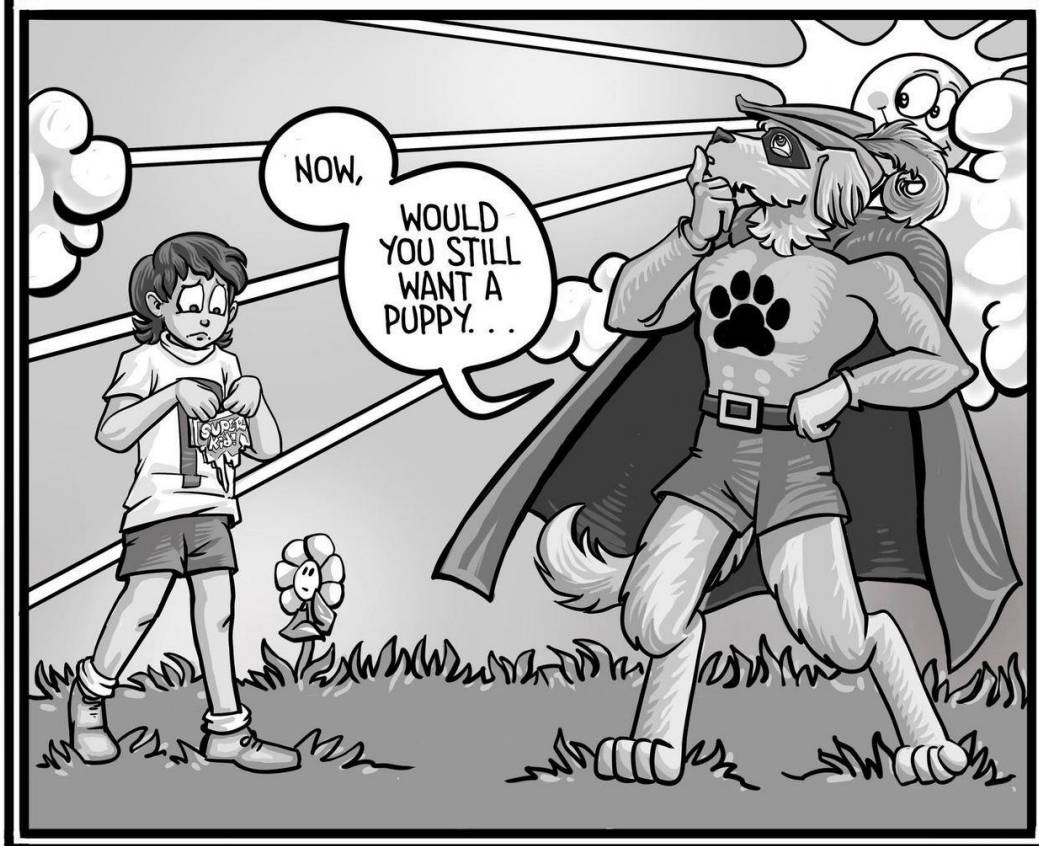
Shelter Dog
asked,
cocking his
head to
the side.

AND MAYBE ANSWER A
LITTLE QUIETER THIS TIME ON
ACCOUNT A MY SENSITIVE EARS.



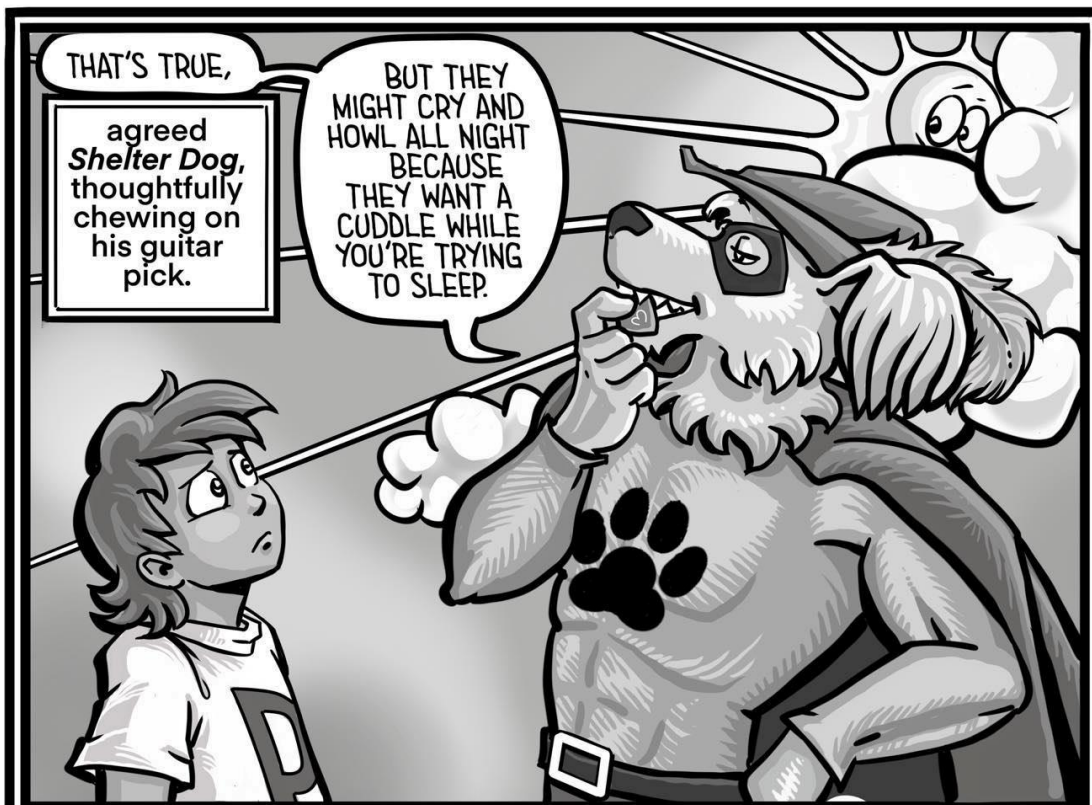


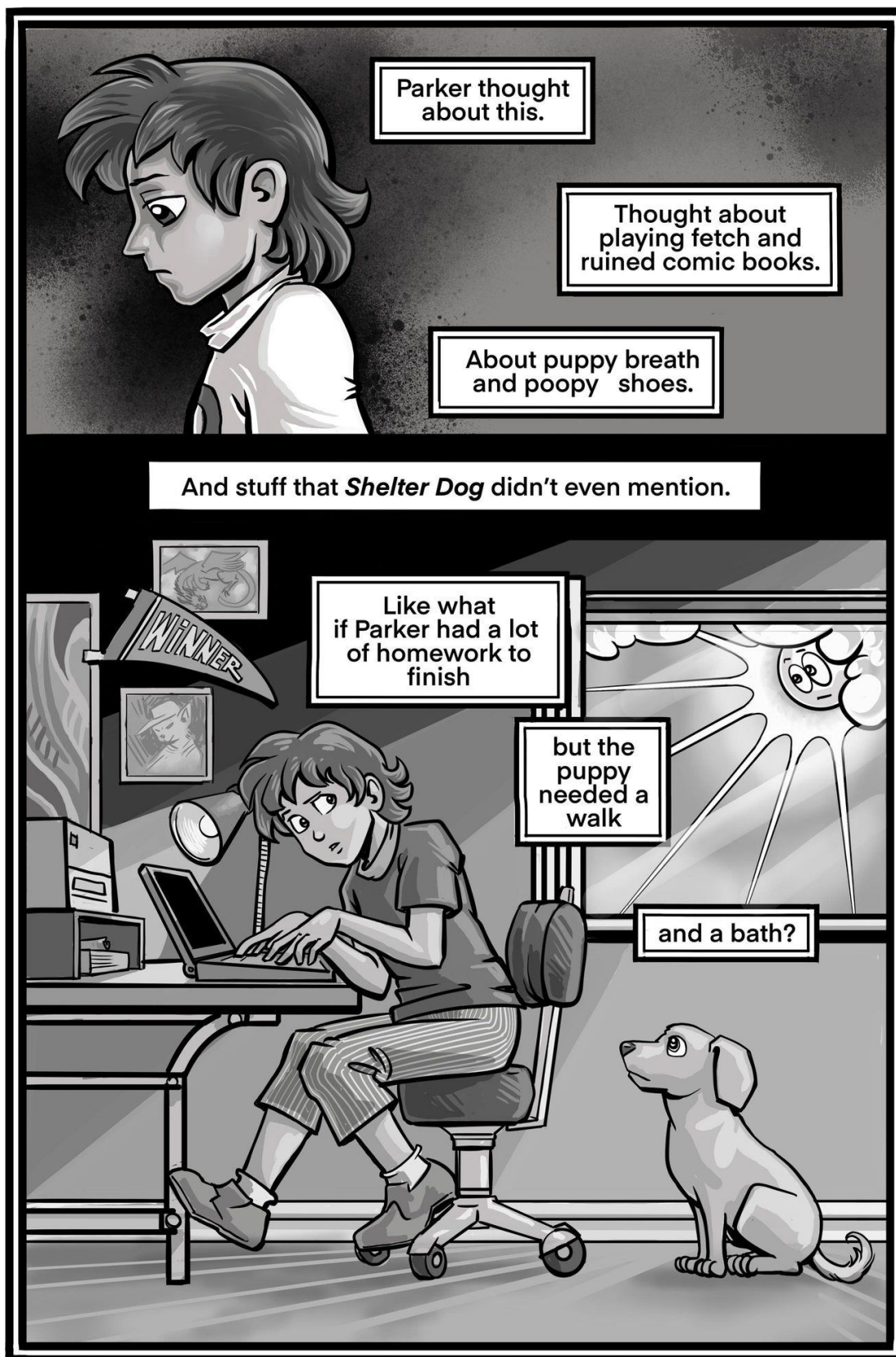












Or what if the puppy needed to go to the vet and so Parker couldn't buy that amazing video game that just came out that everyone had been going crazy over?

And what about...



CAN I SLEEP ON IT?

Parker asked.



Shelter Dog winked.

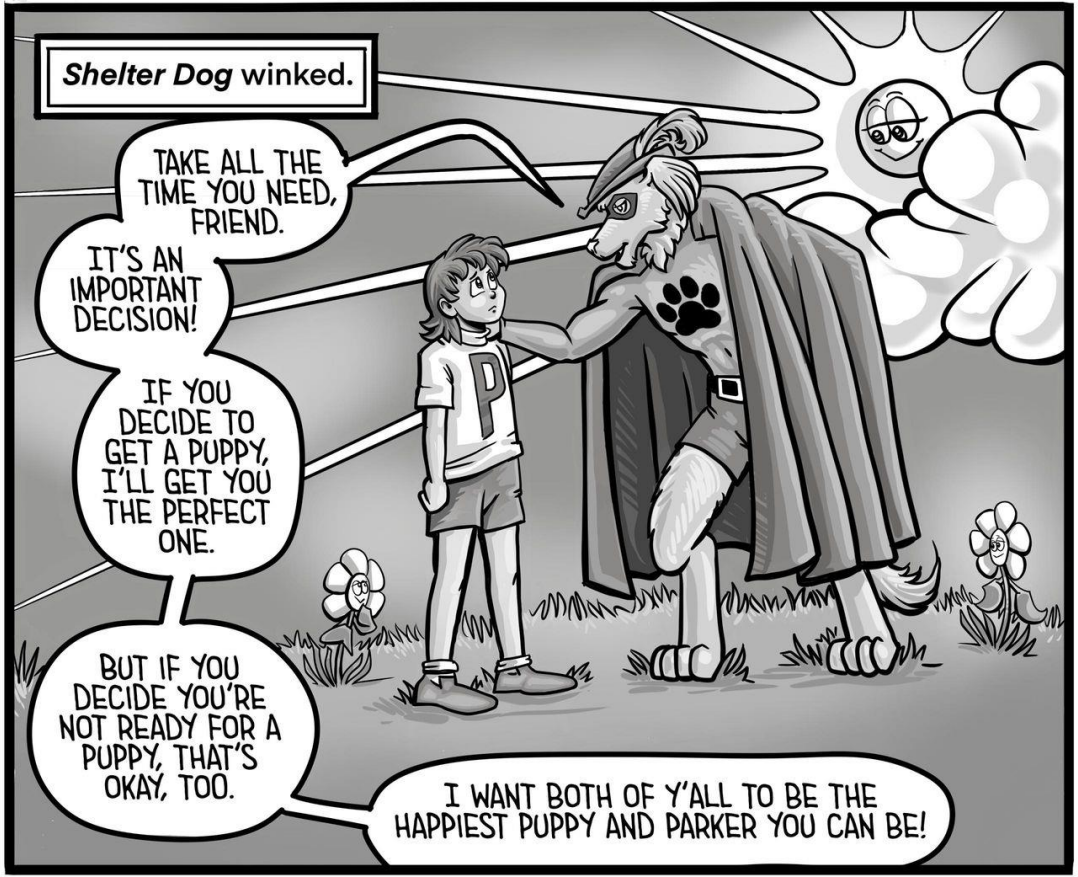
TAKE ALL THE TIME YOU NEED, FRIEND.

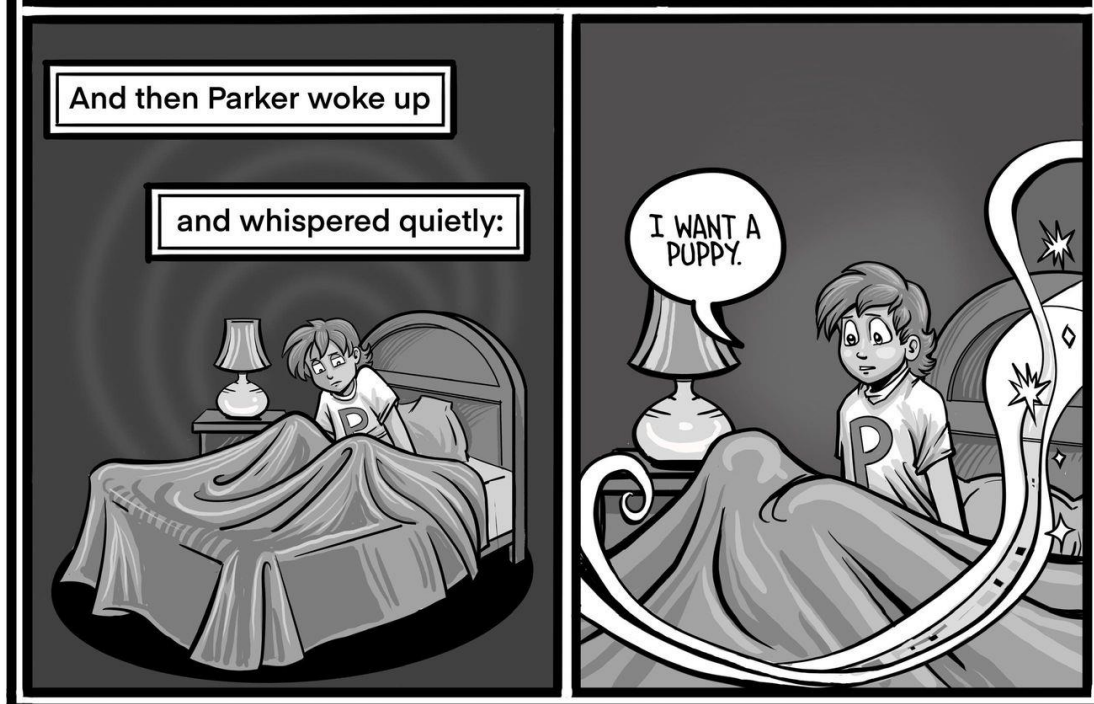
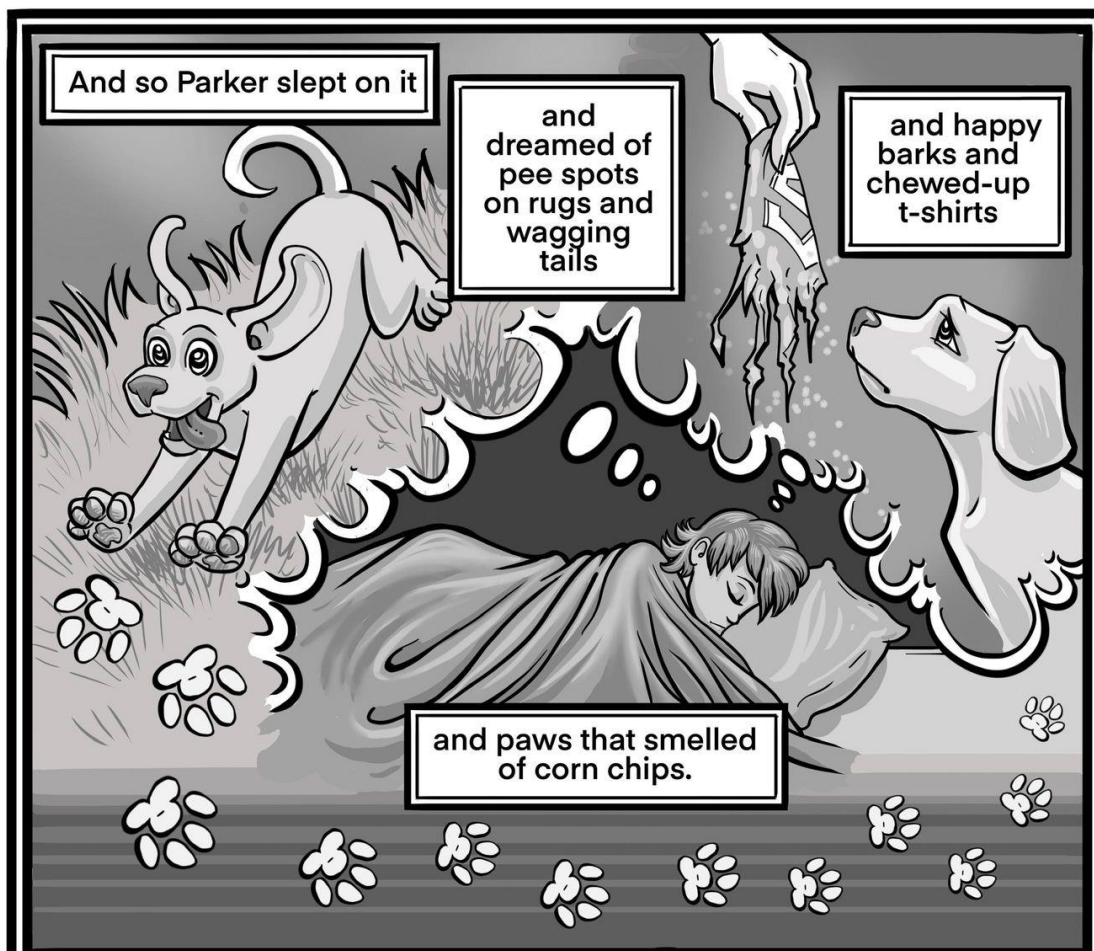
IT'S AN IMPORTANT DECISION!

IF YOU DECIDE TO GET A PUPPY, I'LL GET YOU THE PERFECT ONE.

BUT IF YOU DECIDE YOU'RE NOT READY FOR A PUPPY, THAT'S OKAY, TOO.

I WANT BOTH OF Y'ALL TO BE THE HAPPIEST PUPPY AND PARKER YOU CAN BE!







And there was a
WHOOSHING sound

and
there
was
*Shelter
Dog*

holding the perfect puppy for Parker!

And as Parker and the puppy snuggled excitedly,

Shelter Dog smiled and patted them both on their heads.



