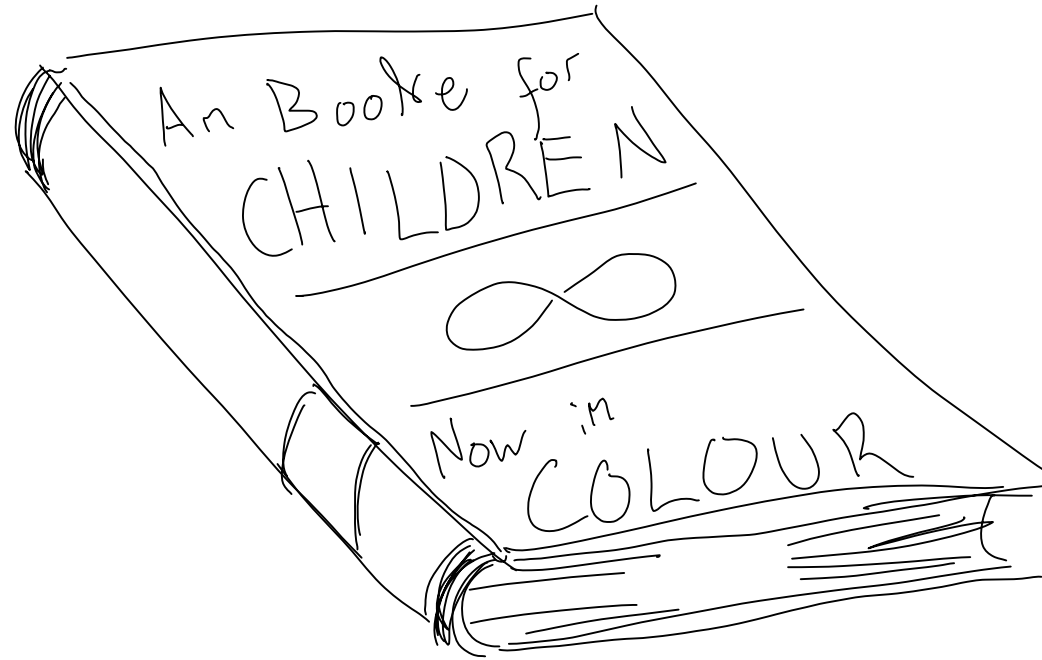


The Life of Luca

- An Children's' Book -

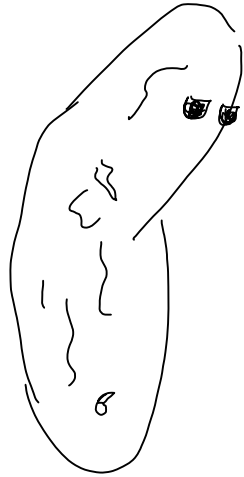
~ Paul A Hansen

Once upon an time ago,



back before childrens books
came in color...

... there lived a cell named



Luca

Now Luca was
no ordinary cell, because,



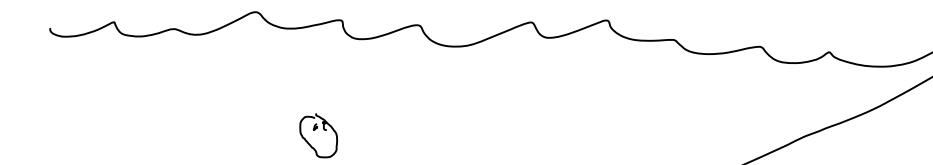
unlike her friends,
Luca was sad.



Then, one day, an Angel
(or, rather, an Ang-cell)

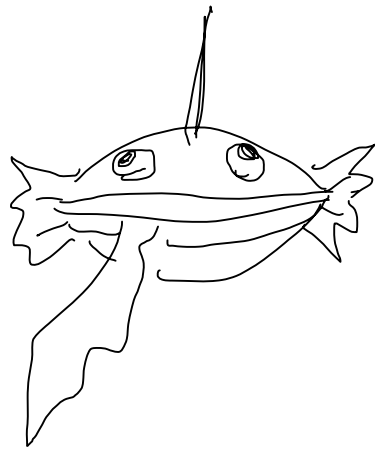


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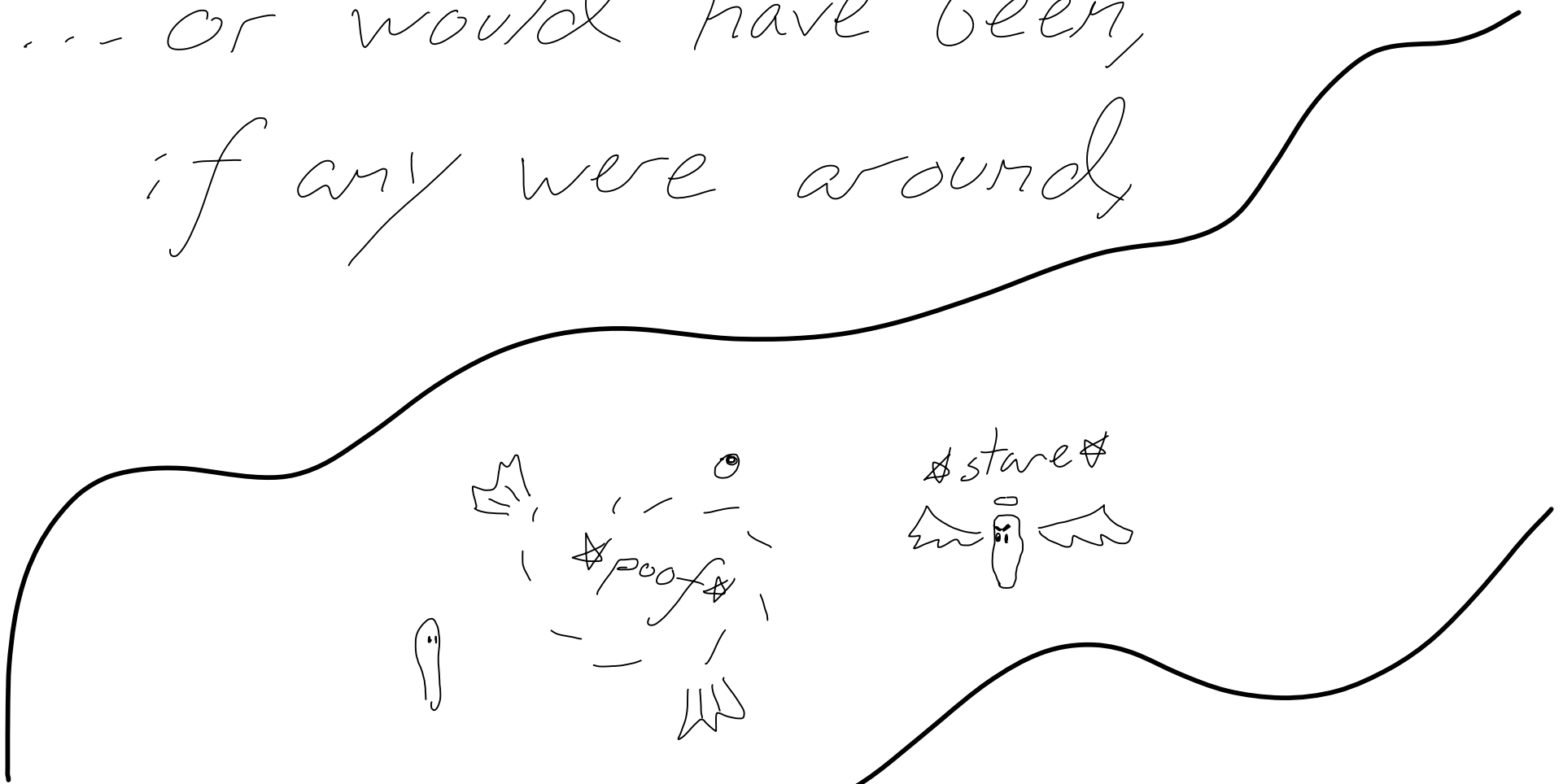
descended from the heavens
in Luca's general direction.

Where it was promptly eaten



by a fish...

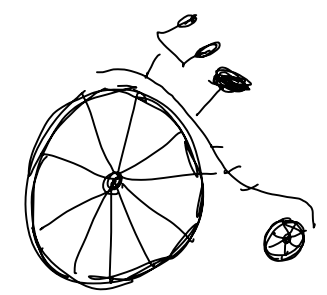
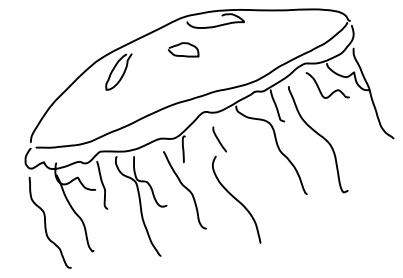
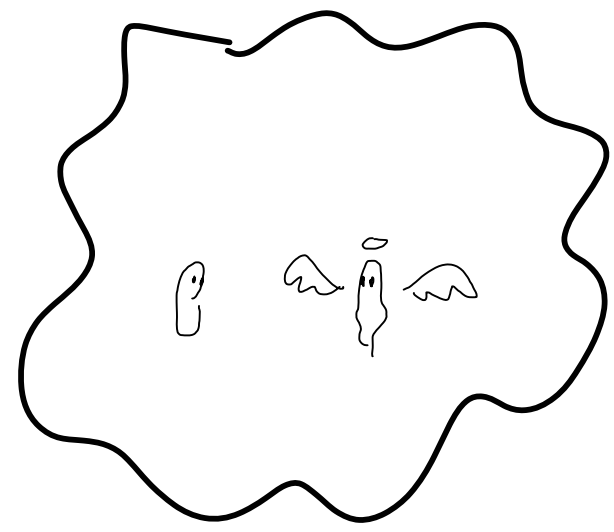
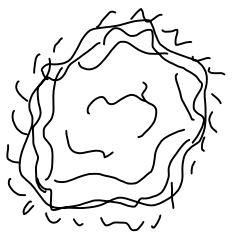
... or would have been,
if any were around



but that was exactly why
the Ang-cell was there!

"So anyway," it said, "what's the deal?"

You ought to be out dividing and multiplying!"

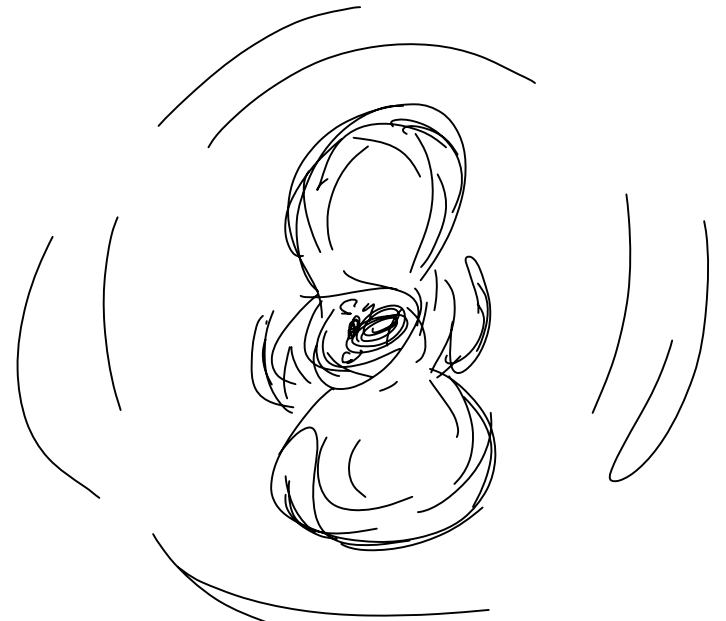


"Filling the oceans with your soon-to-be multi-cellular progeny!"

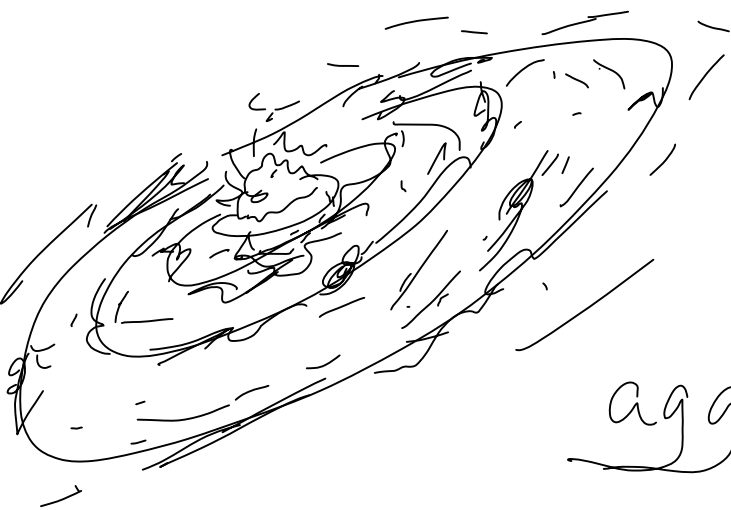
"Think of all the work it took
just to get you here!"



"Expanding universes,



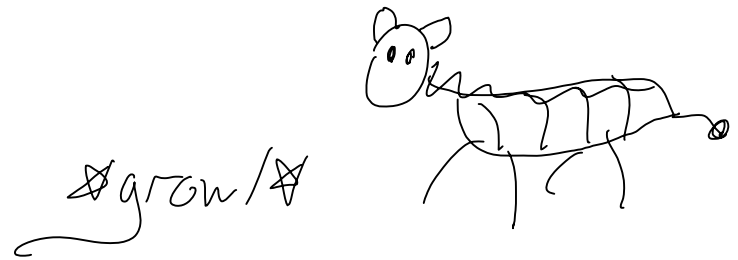
exploding stars,



agglomerating rocks."

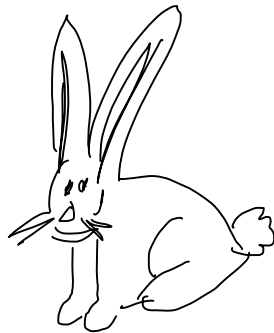


"And think of all the
amazing critters to come!"



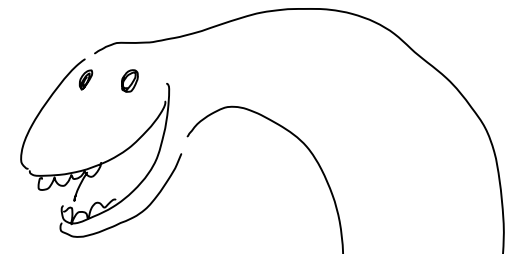
"Lions,

and Tigers,

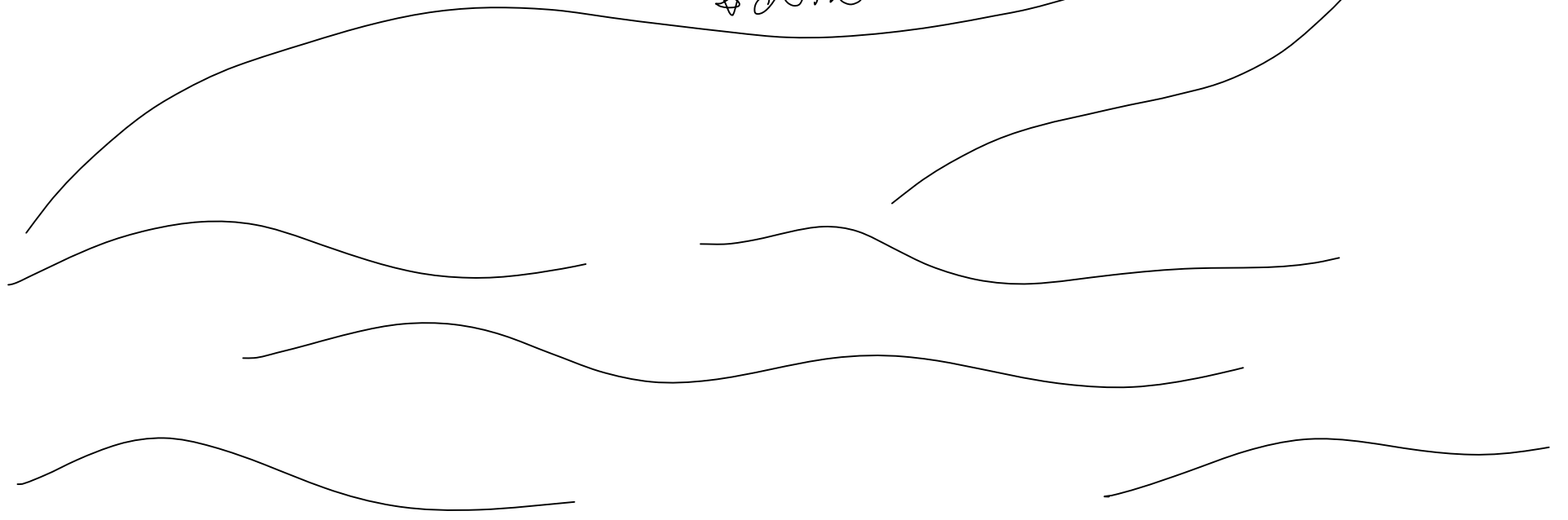


and hares!" (oh my!)

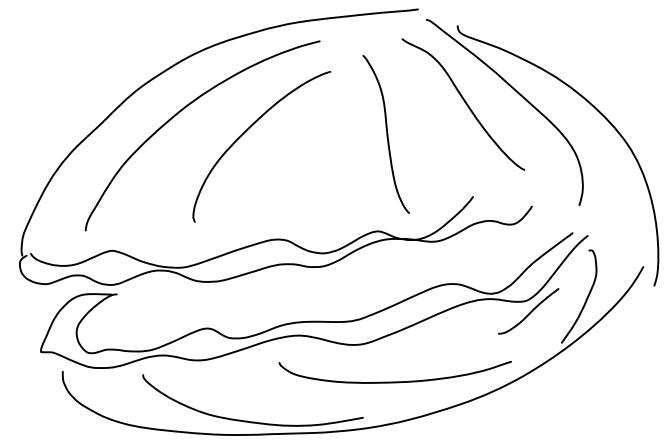
"Not to mention bugs, birds, dinosaurs..."



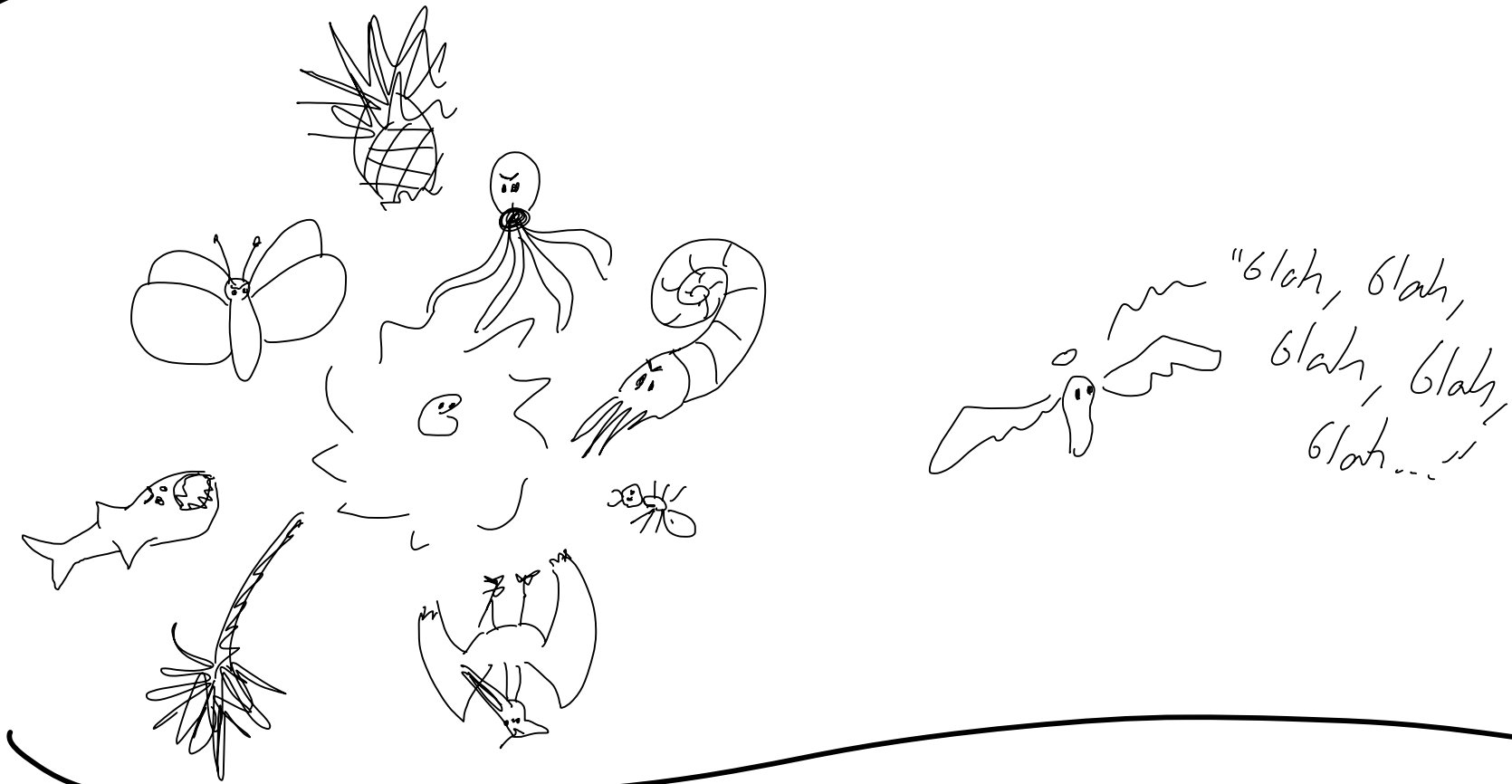
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"...dams, conifers, and crustaceans, ..."

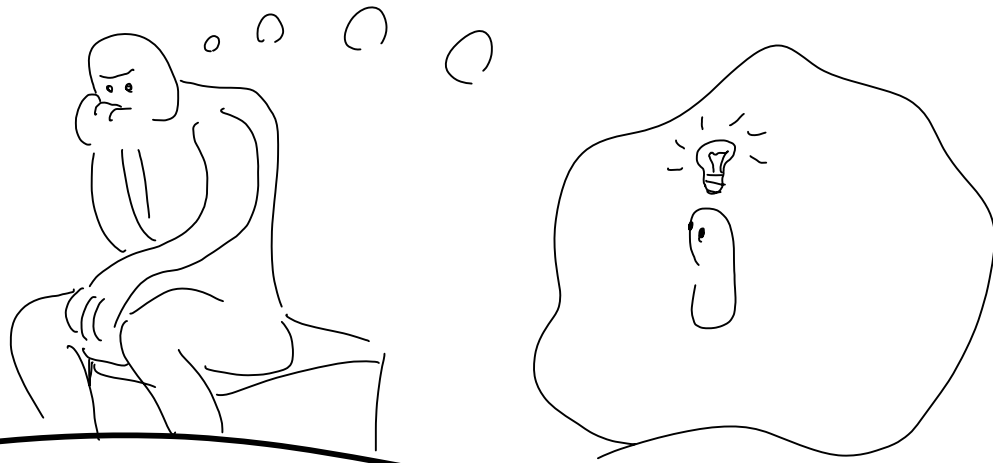


And just when Luca thought
that her poor un-nudeated body



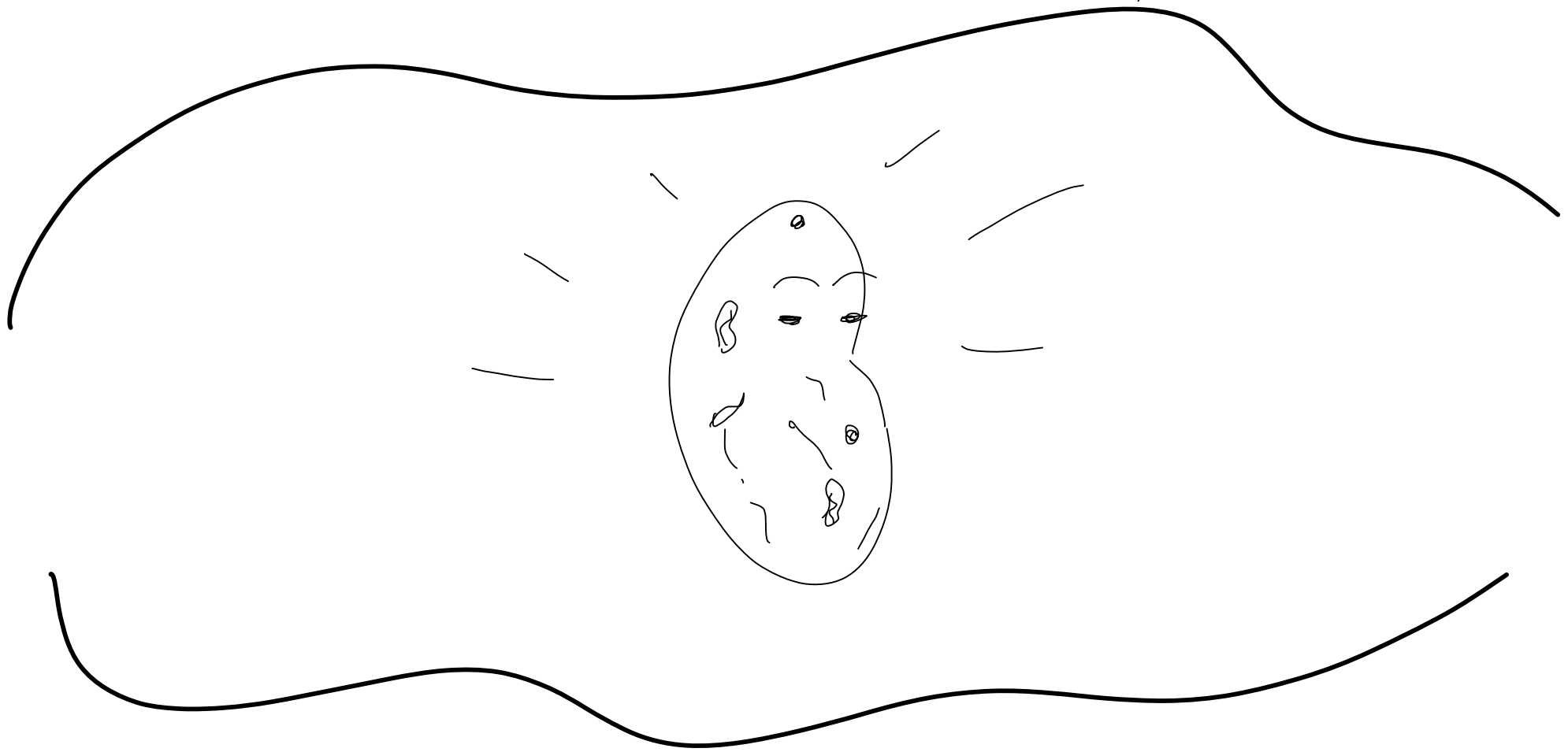
could take no more...

... she realized all of this fuss
was just a bunch of silly worrying



on the part of ugly, hairless
land apes from the future.

And all was right, once again,



in the proto world.

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