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HI, I'M DAN.

THIS IS MY FAMILY -



Mum



Dad



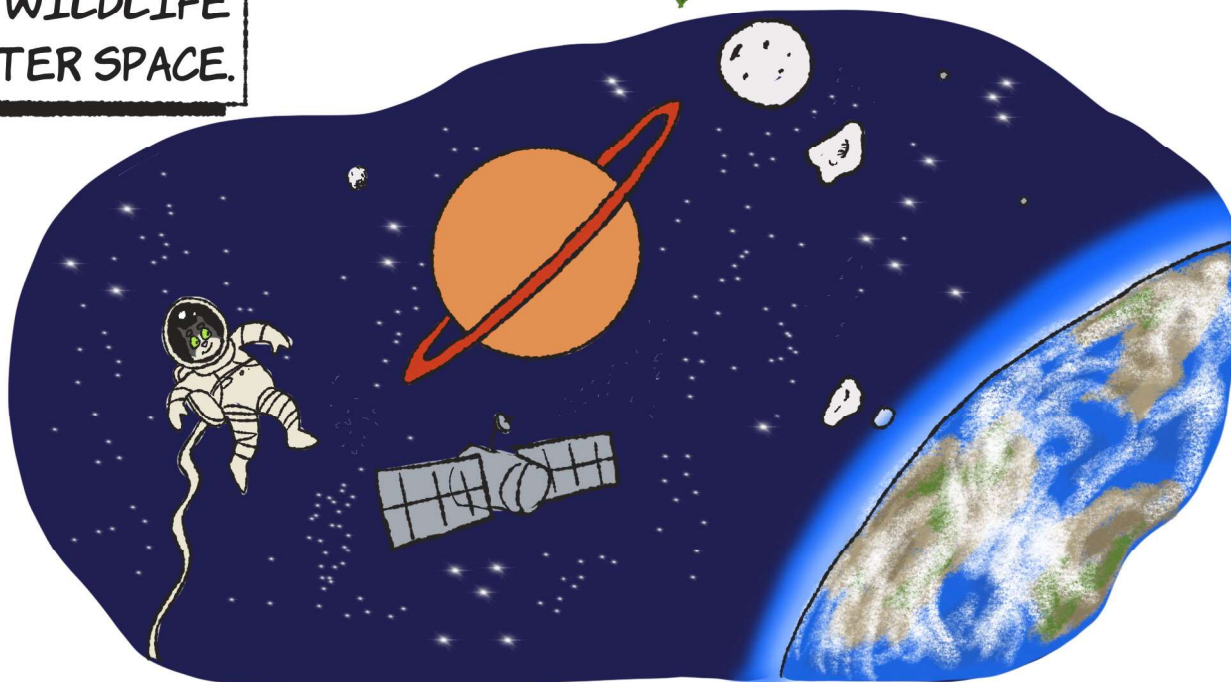
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Louis

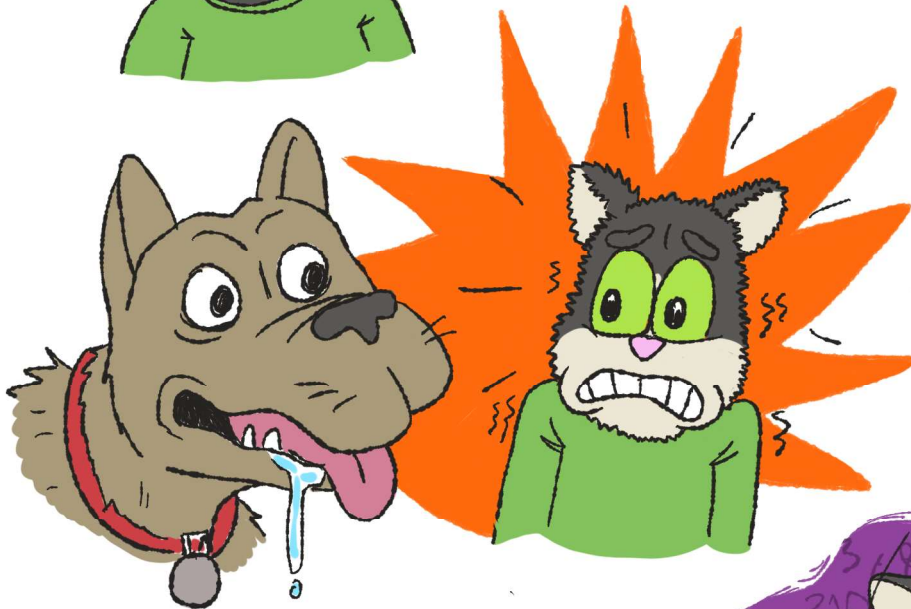


I ALSO REALLY ENJOY LEARNING ABOUT WILDLIFE AND OUTER SPACE.





THERE ARE A LOT OF THINGS I REALLY DON'T LIKE, THOUGH -



BIG DOGS...

MATHS TESTS...

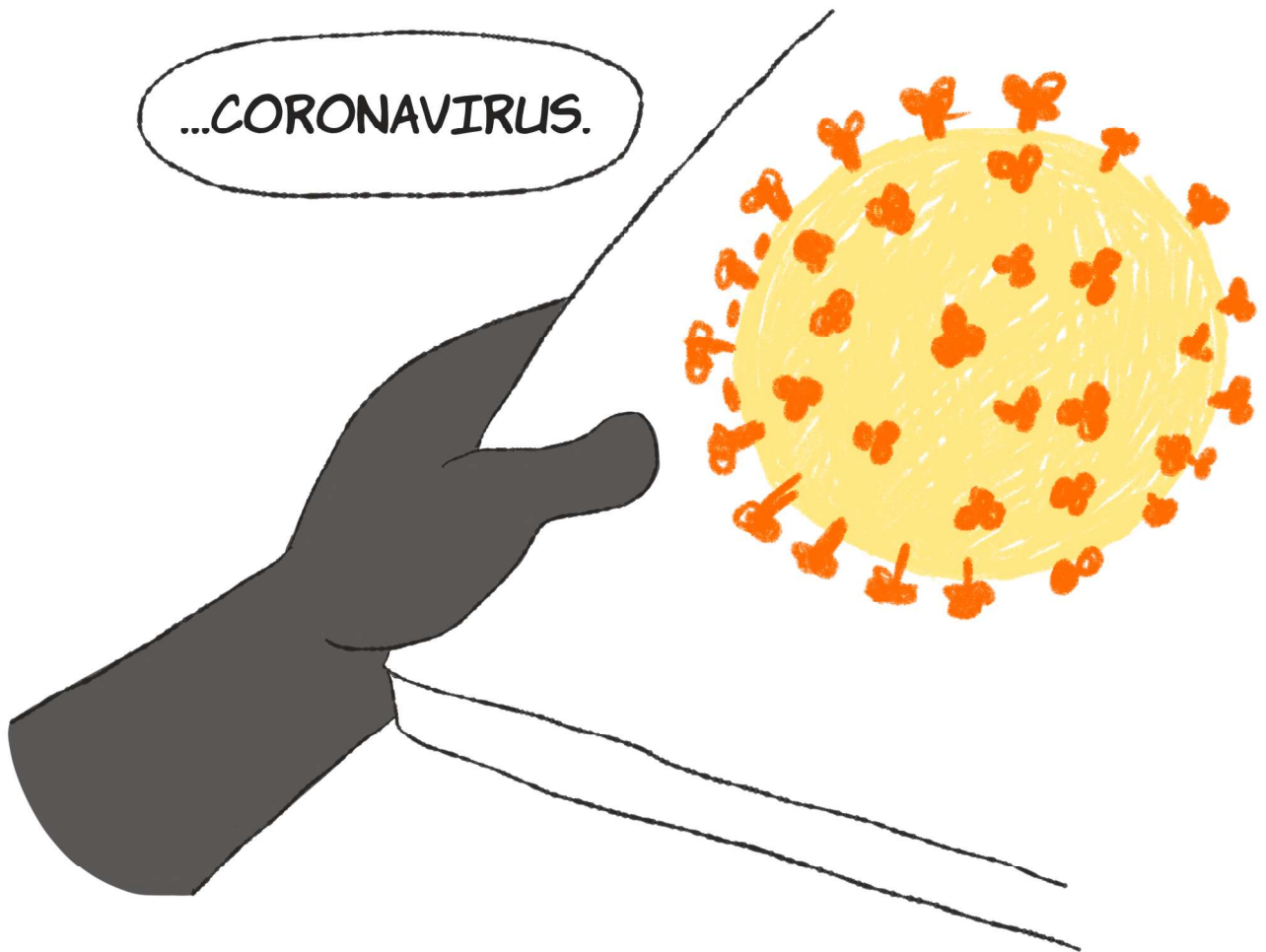


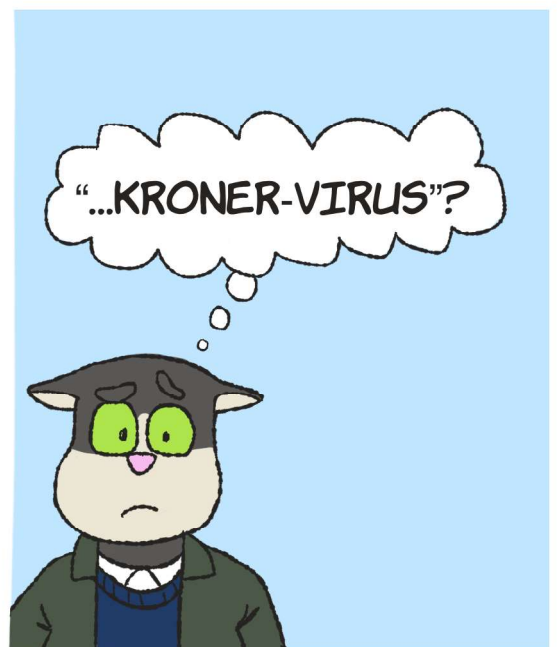
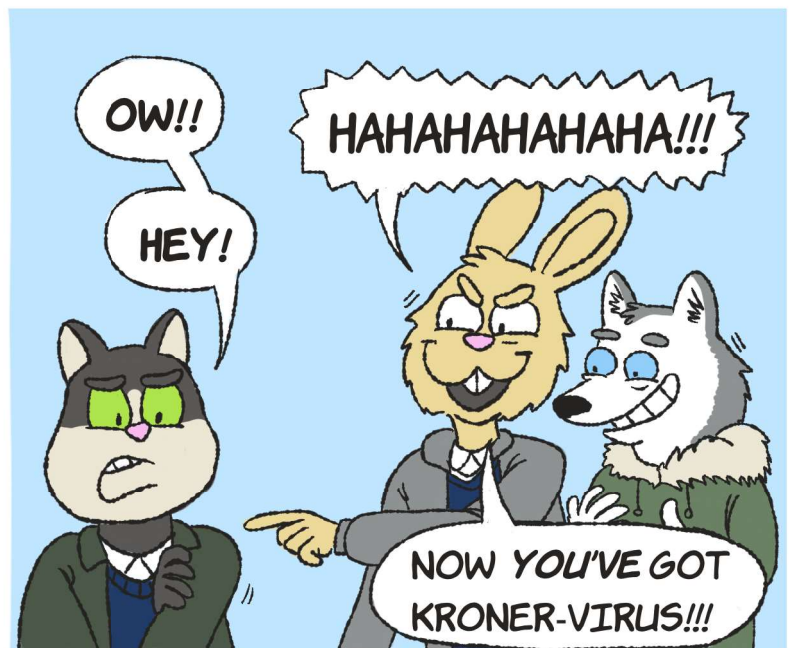
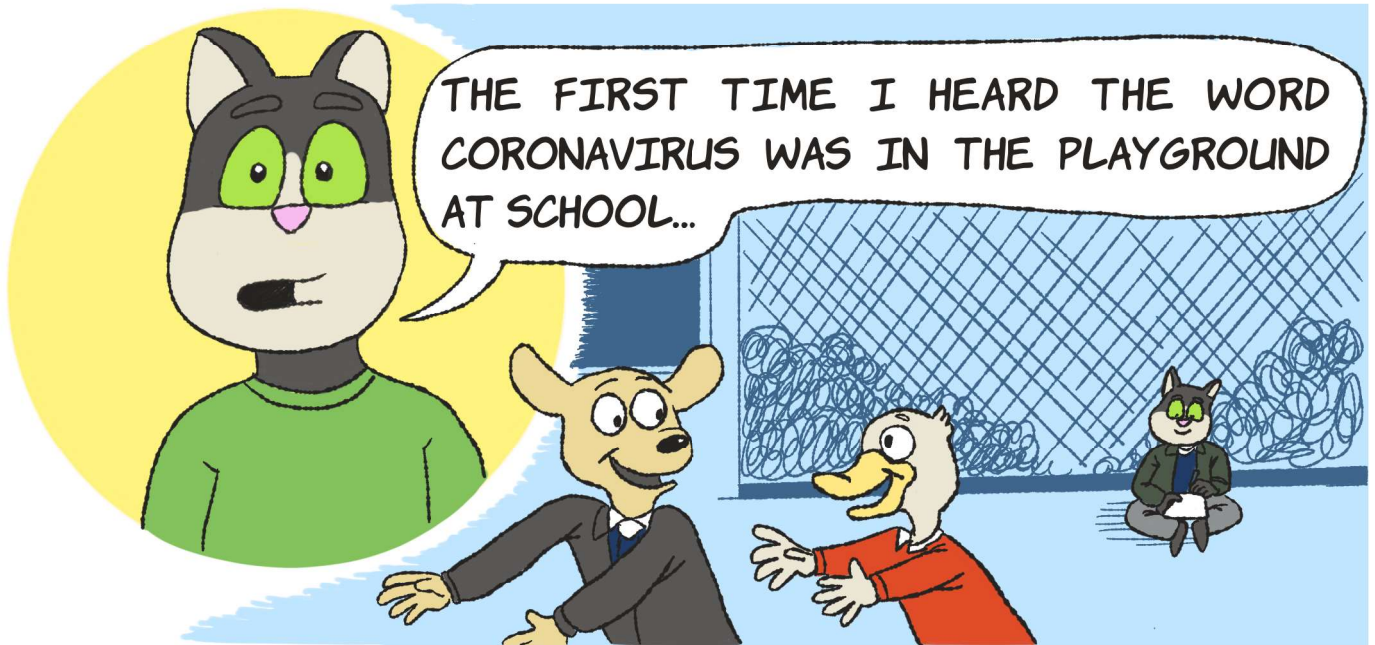
HEIGHTS...



ALL THESE THINGS MAKE ME FEEL WORRIED.







THAT WAS THE FIRST TIME I HEARD IT.

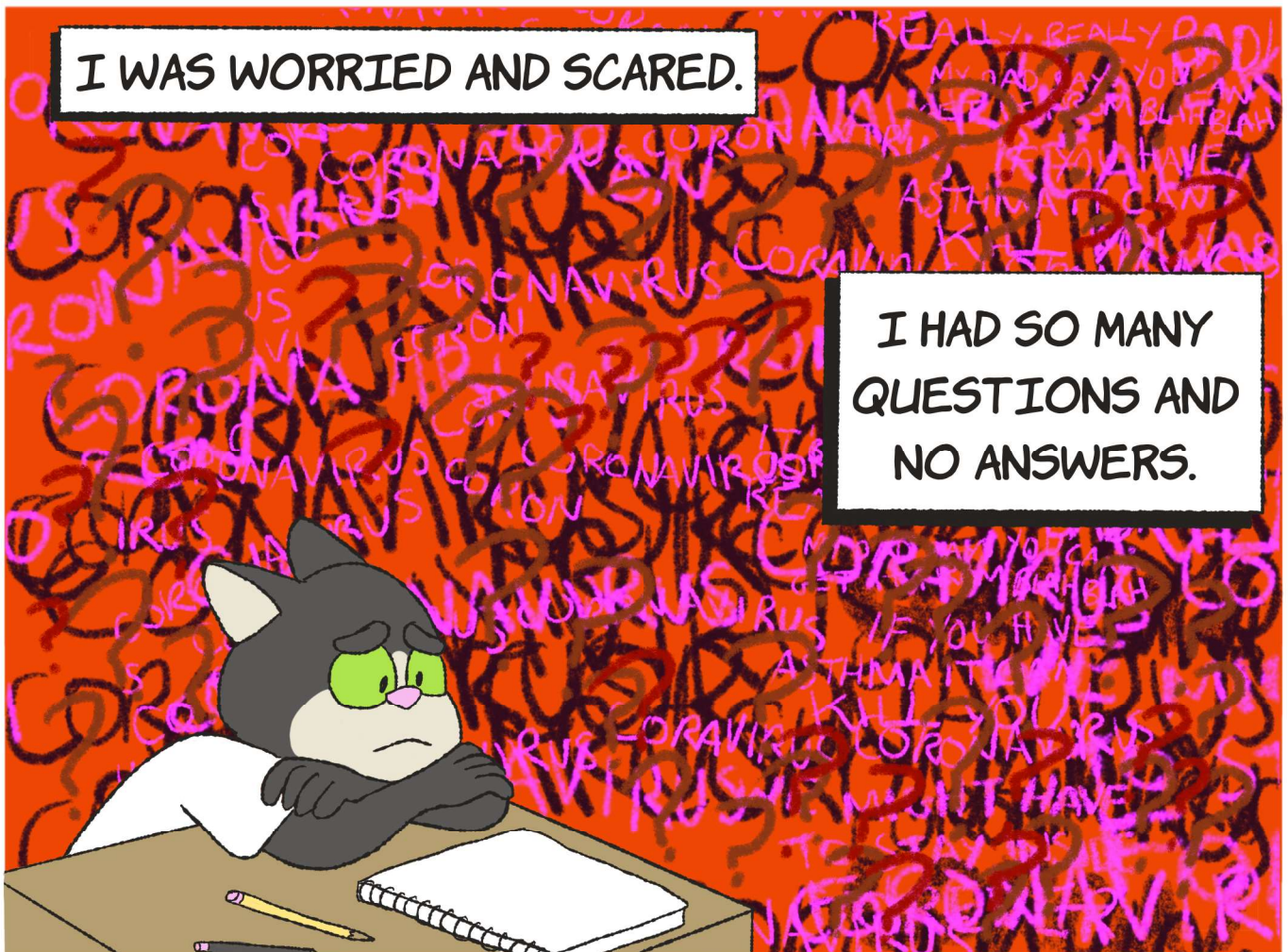
BUT THEN, I KEPT HEARING IT AGAIN AND AGAIN...

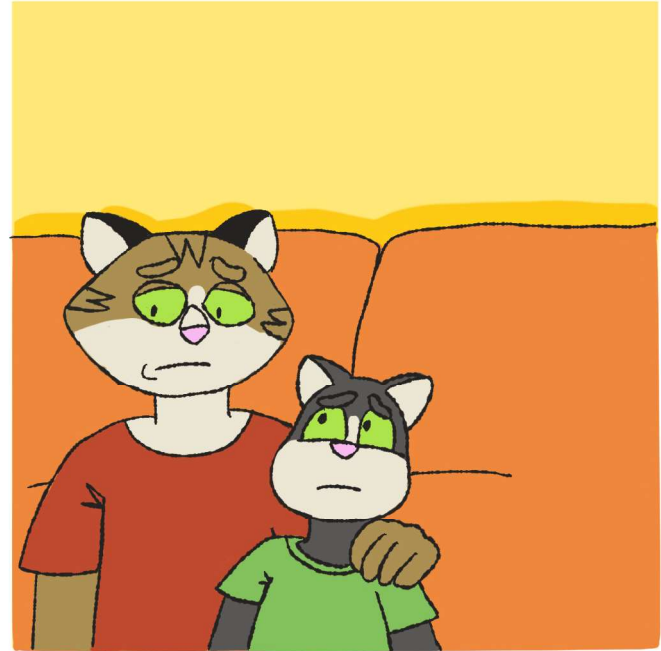
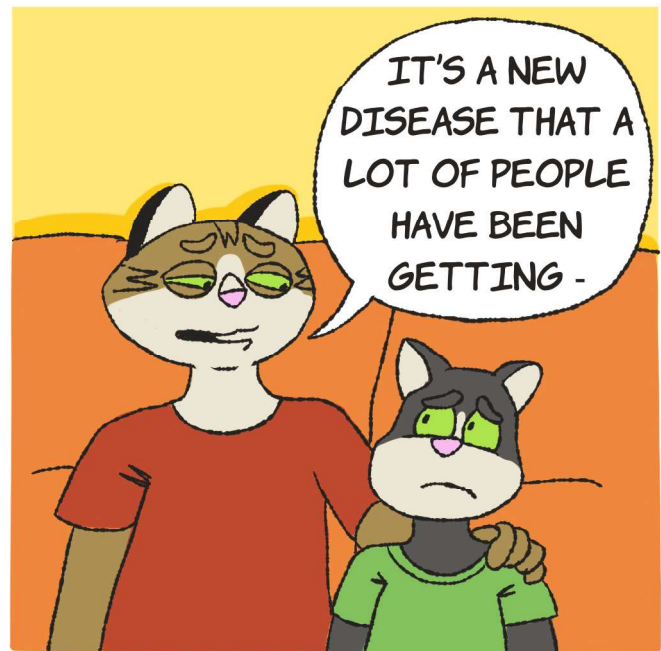
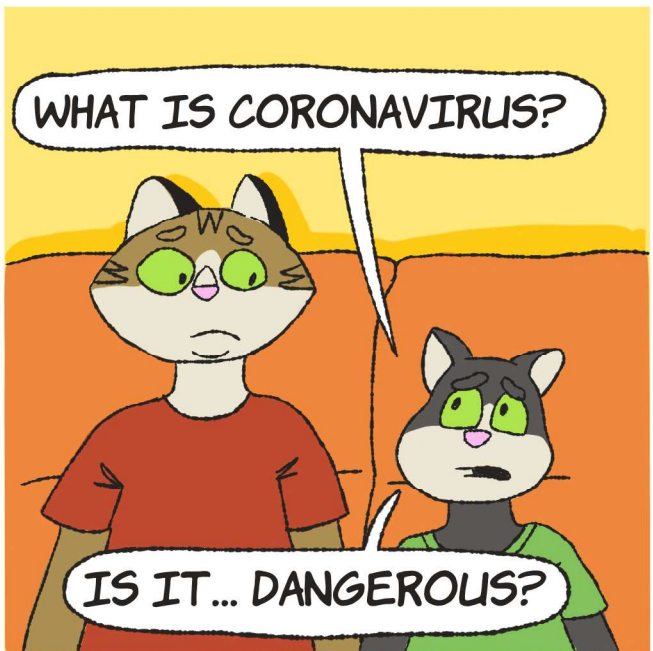
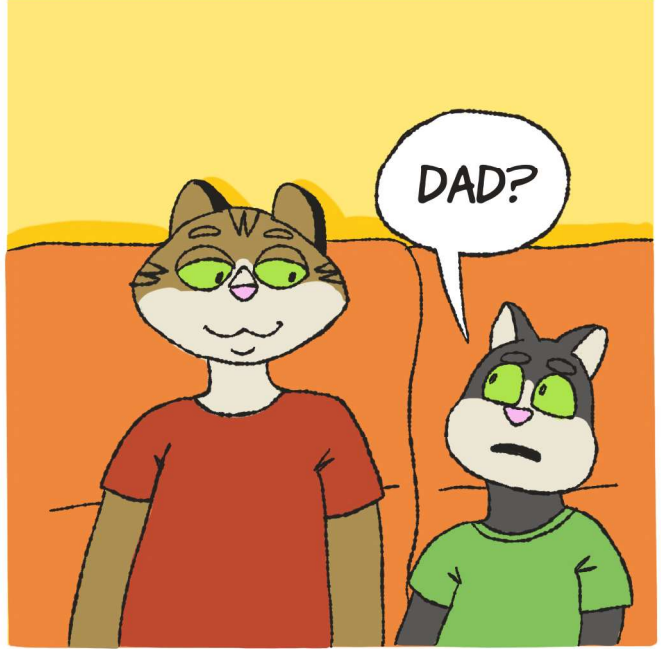
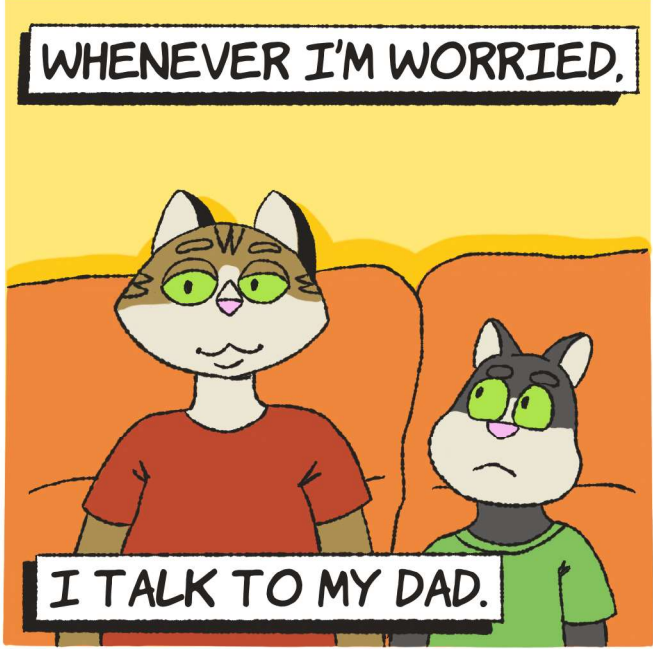
SOON, IT WAS ALL PEOPLE TALKED ABOUT.

SOME OF THE THINGS
PEOPLE SAID SOUNDED
STUPID, BUT THEN SOME
THINGS WERE REALLY,
REALLY SCARY!

I WAS WORRIED AND SCARED.

I HAD SO MANY
QUESTIONS AND
NO ANSWERS.



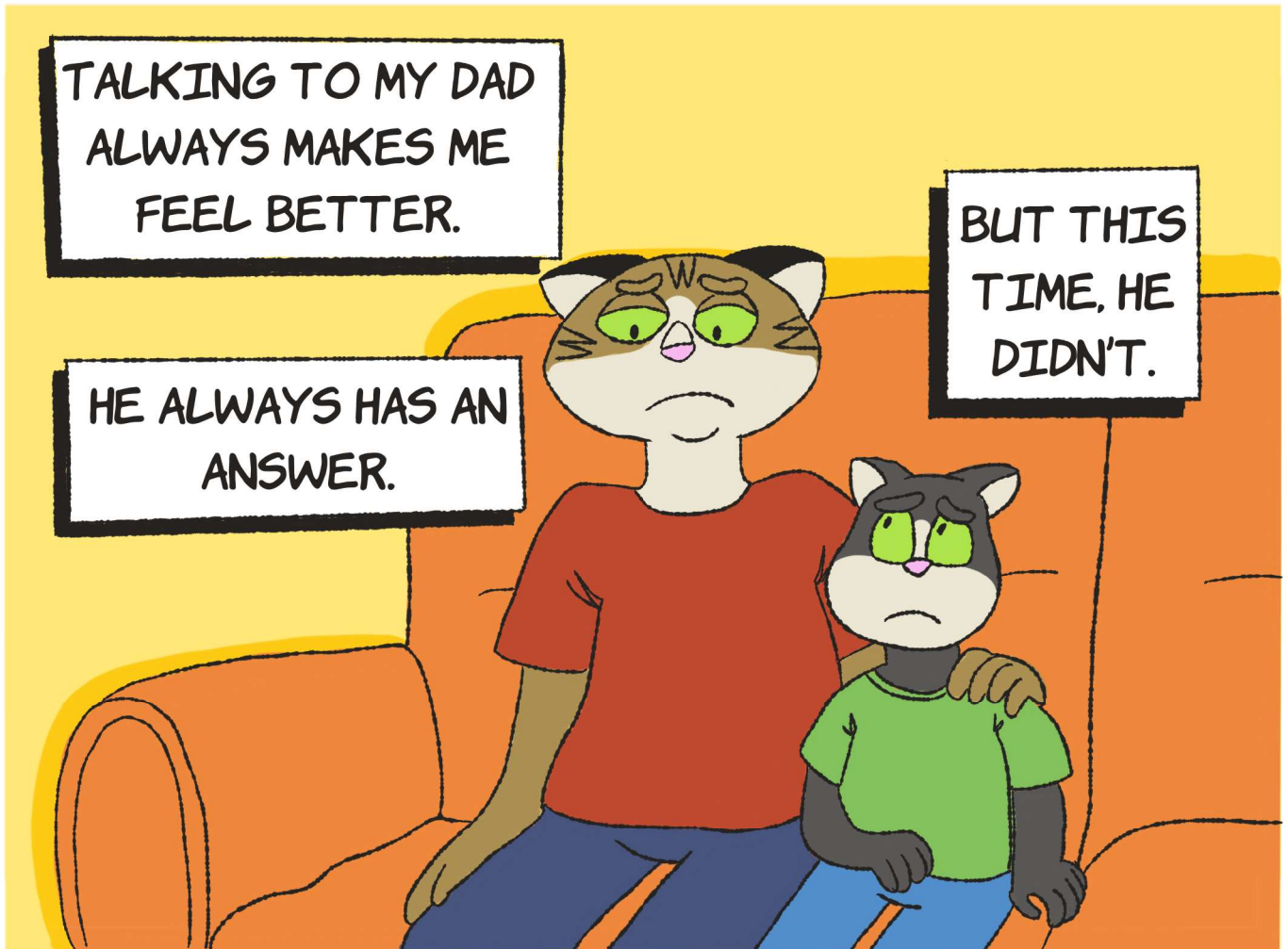




I...

REALLY DON'T KNOW.

I'M SORRY.

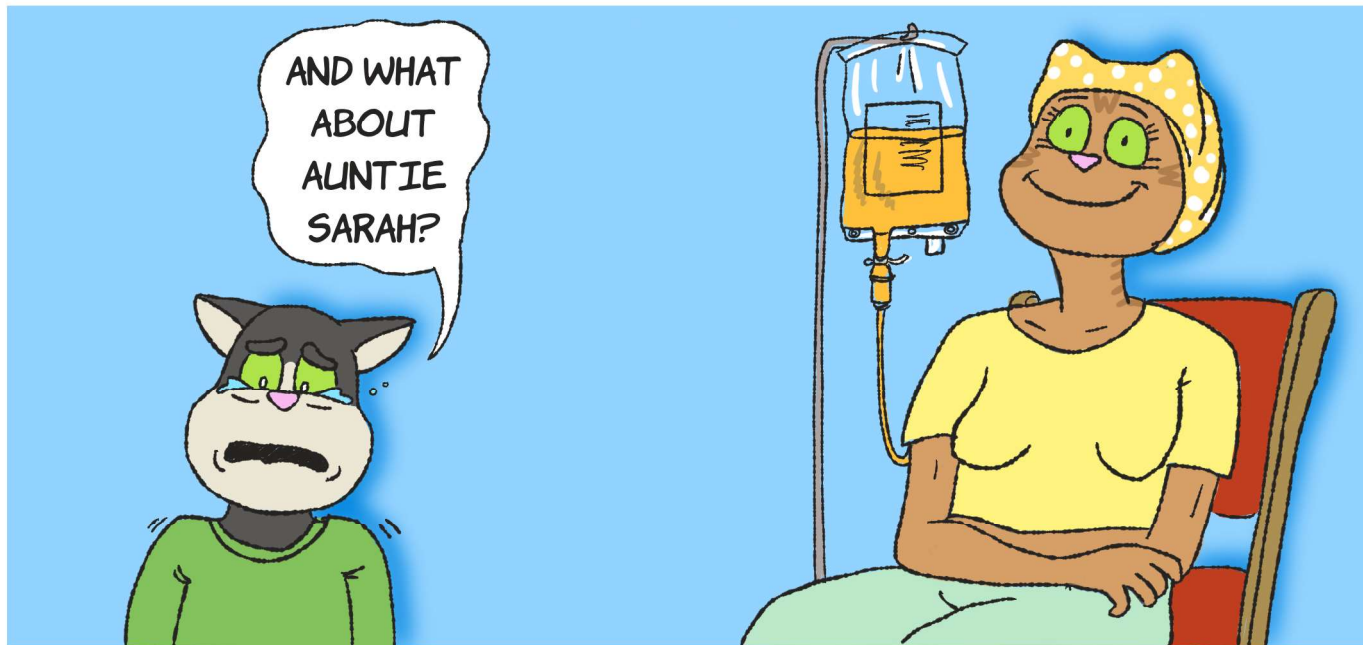
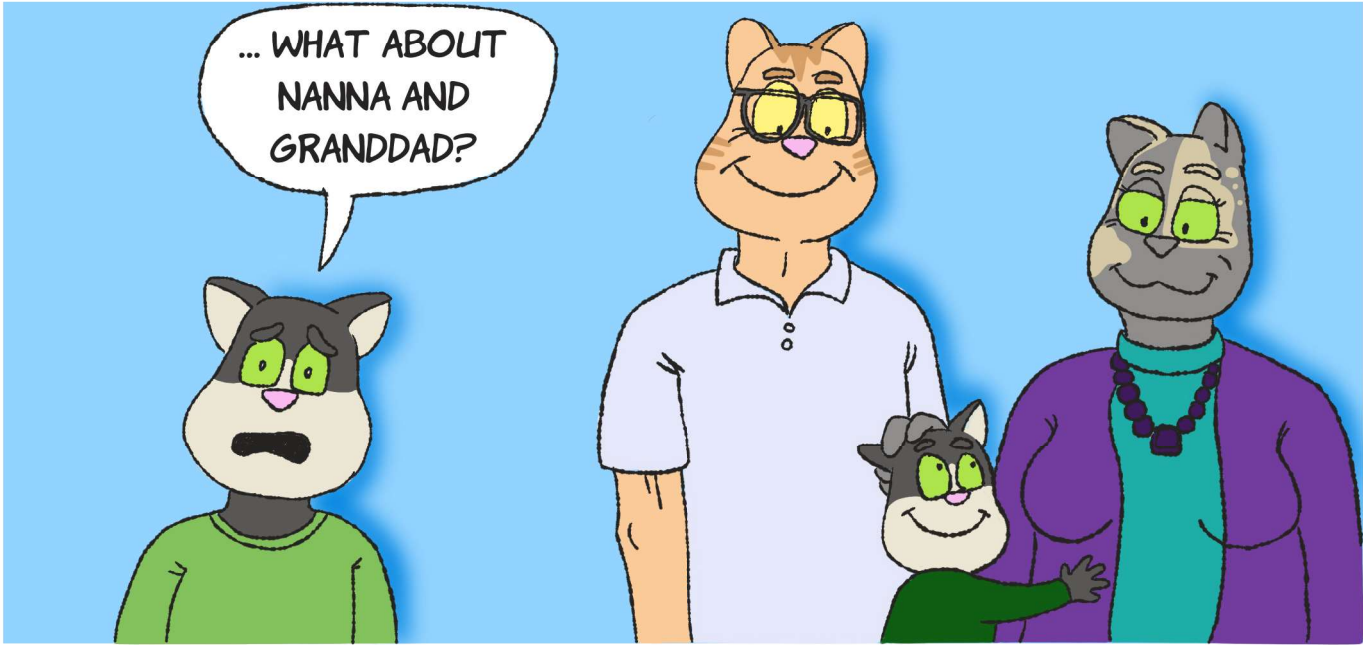


TALKING TO MY DAD ALWAYS MAKES ME FEEL BETTER.

HE ALWAYS HAS AN ANSWER.

BUT THIS TIME, HE DIDN'T.







EVERY DAY, THERE WAS
MORE AND MORE NEWS
ABOUT THE VIRUS.

NONE OF IT WAS GOOD.

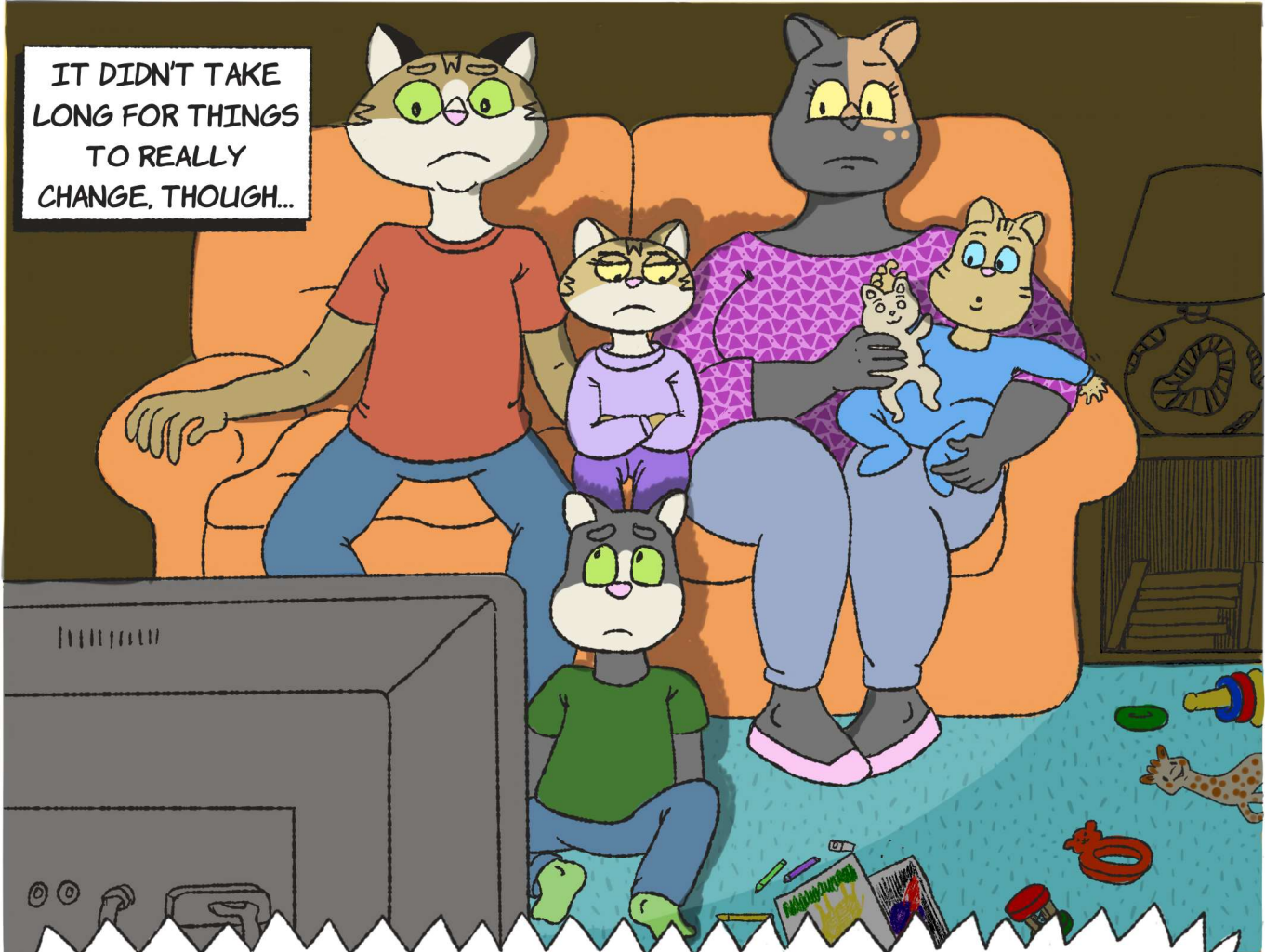
AND EVERY DAY, I FELT
MORE AND MORE WORRIED.

NOTHING MADE ME FEEL BETTER.

ALL I COULD THINK ABOUT WAS
CORONAVIRUS TAKING AWAY
EVERYONE I CARE ABOUT-

- BUT I FELT LIKE I COULDN'T TALK
TO ANYONE ABOUT IT, BECAUSE
EVERYONE ELSE WAS WORRIED, TOO.





IT DIDN'T TAKE LONG FOR THINGS TO REALLY CHANGE, THOUGH...

"...And therefore I urge you at this time of national emergency



To stay at home,



Protect our NHS,



And save lives".



UGH. CAN WE PUT SOMETHING GOOD ON, NOW?? I'M BORED!

I KNOW, LOVEY-IT'S IMPORTANT, THOUGH.



WHAT DID ALL THAT MEAN, DAD? I DIDN'T UNDERSTAND IT...



THREE WEEKS?!?

BUT THAT'S AGES!!

WELL - BASICALLY, WE ALL HAVE TO STAY AT HOME - FOR THREE WEEKS

I KNOW IT SOUNDS LONG -



- BUT IT WILL PROBABLY GO BY REALLY QUICK.



IT'S LIKE...

THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS - YOU ALWAYS SAY HOW FAST THEY FEEL!



... YEAH.

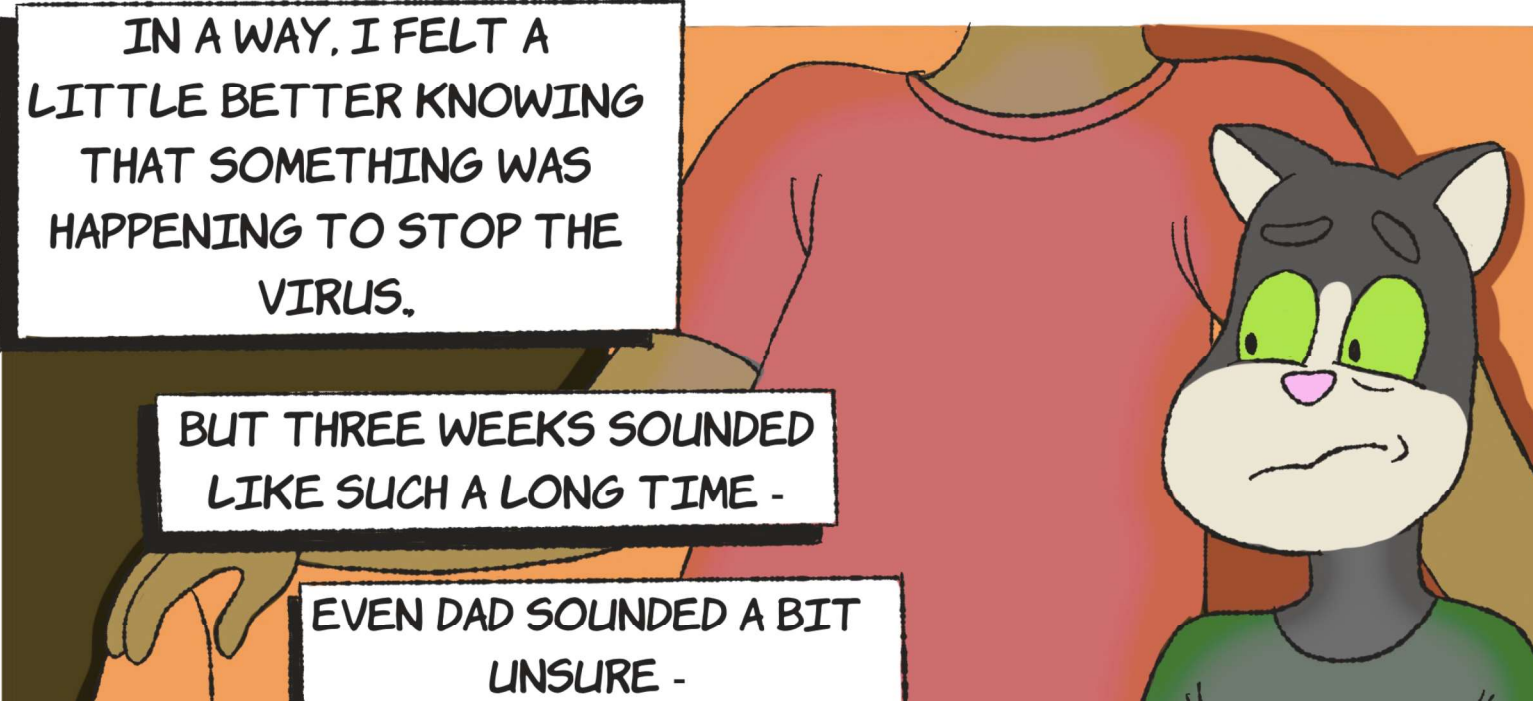
I THINK IT'LL BE OVER BEFORE YOU EVEN KNOW IT.



IN A WAY, I FELT A LITTLE BETTER KNOWING THAT SOMETHING WAS HAPPENING TO STOP THE VIRUS.

BUT THREE WEEKS SOUNDED LIKE SUCH A LONG TIME -

EVEN DAD SOUNDED A BIT UNSURE -



DID THEY REALLY MEAN
WE HAD TO STAY AT
HOME FOR ALL THAT
TIME?



END OF PART ONE.



SO - WHAT DO YOU THINK WILL HAPPEN NEXT?

WHAT ABOUT YOU? WHAT DID YOU AND YOUR FAMILY DO?

HOW DID YOU FEEL WHEN YOU FOUND OUT YOU ALL HAD TO STAY AT HOME?

WAS THERE ANYTHING YOU MISSED DOING? OR WERE THERE THINGS YOU WERE PLEASED TO BE MISSING?



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