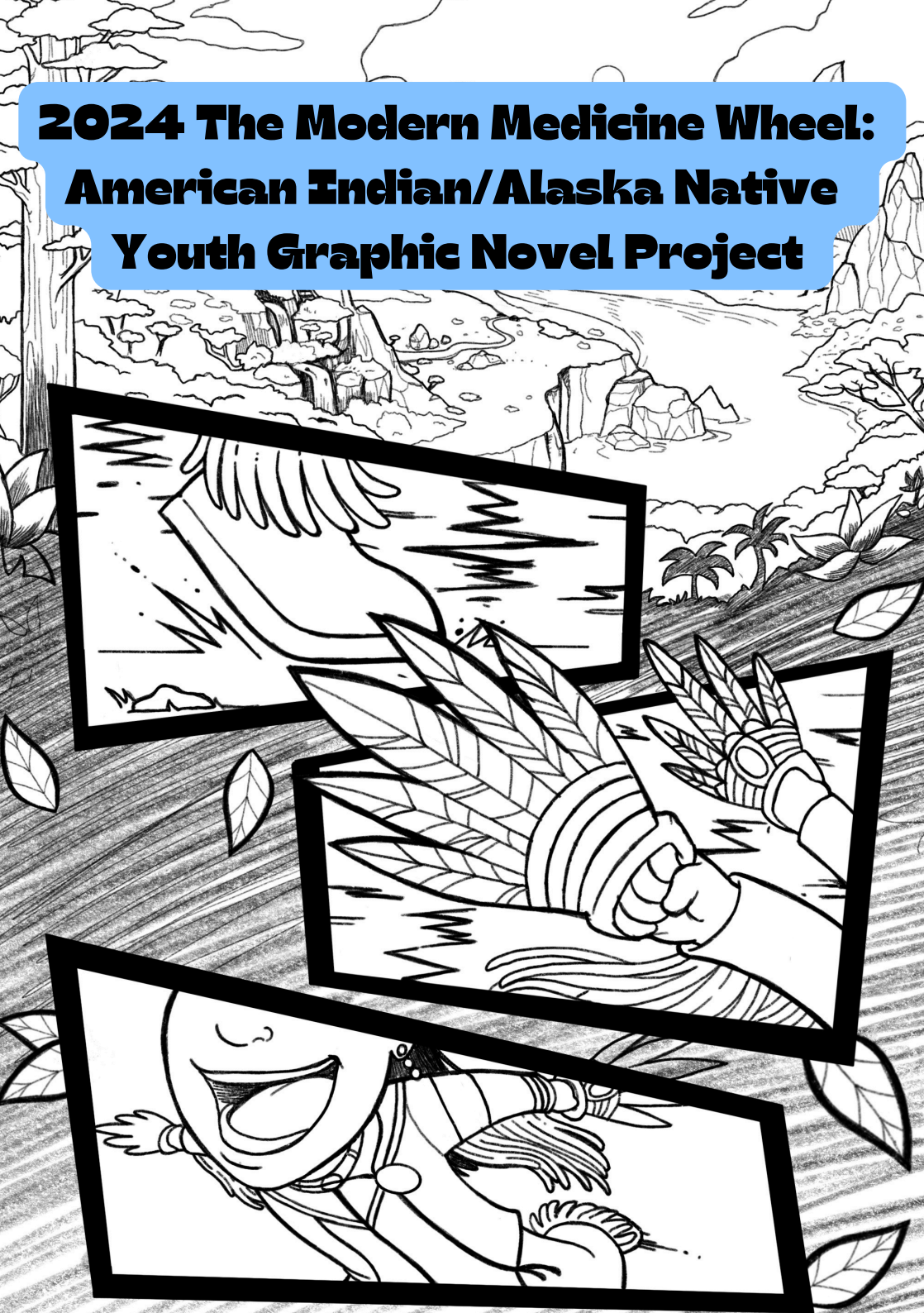
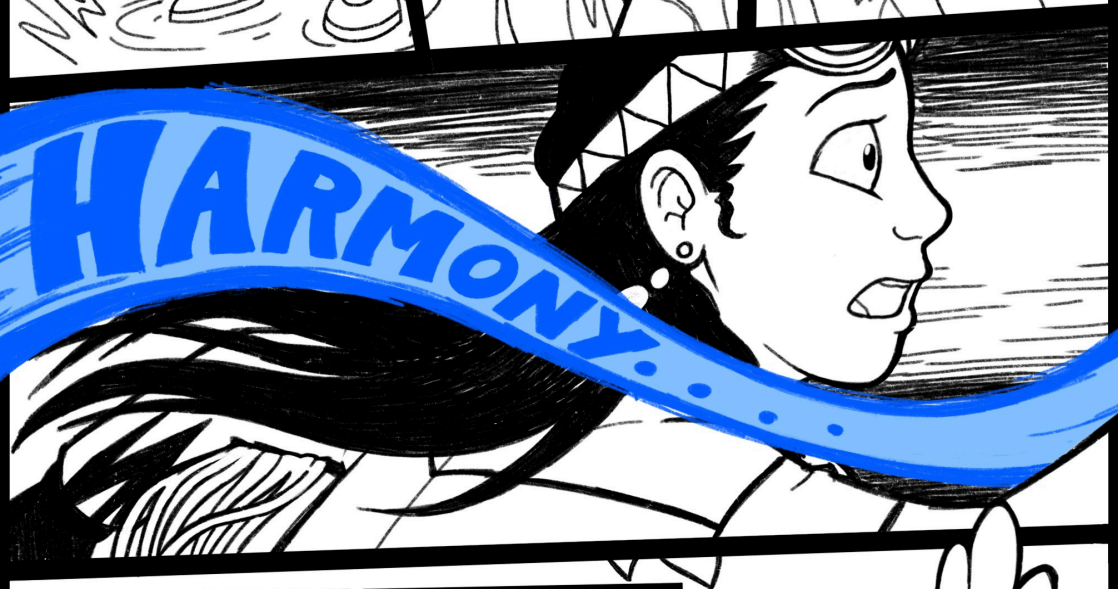
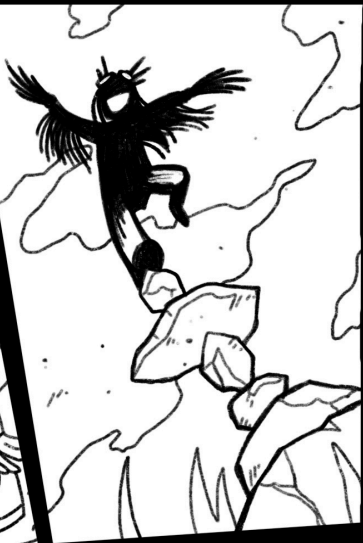
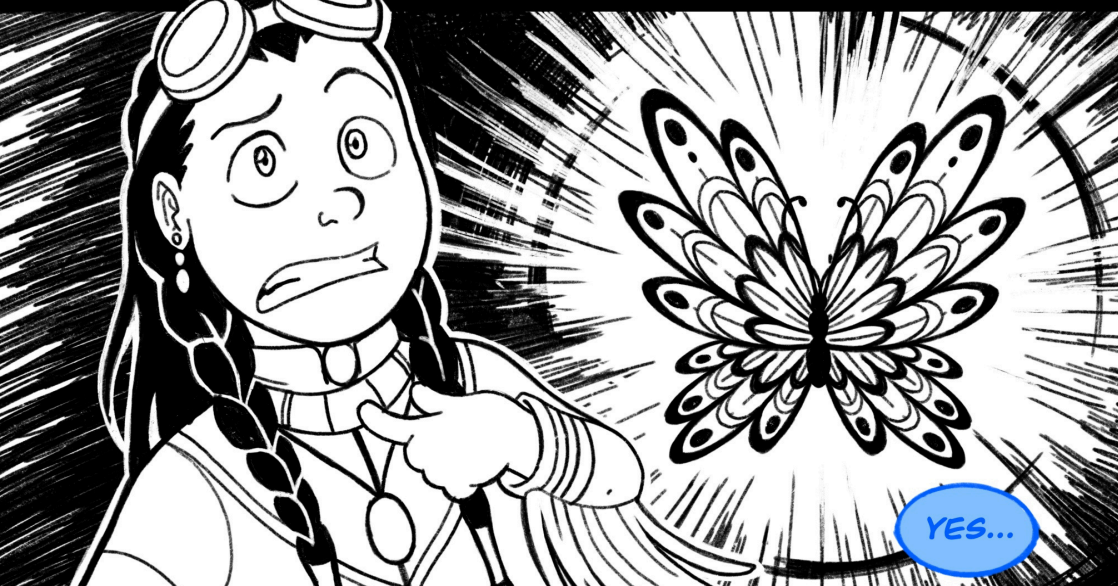
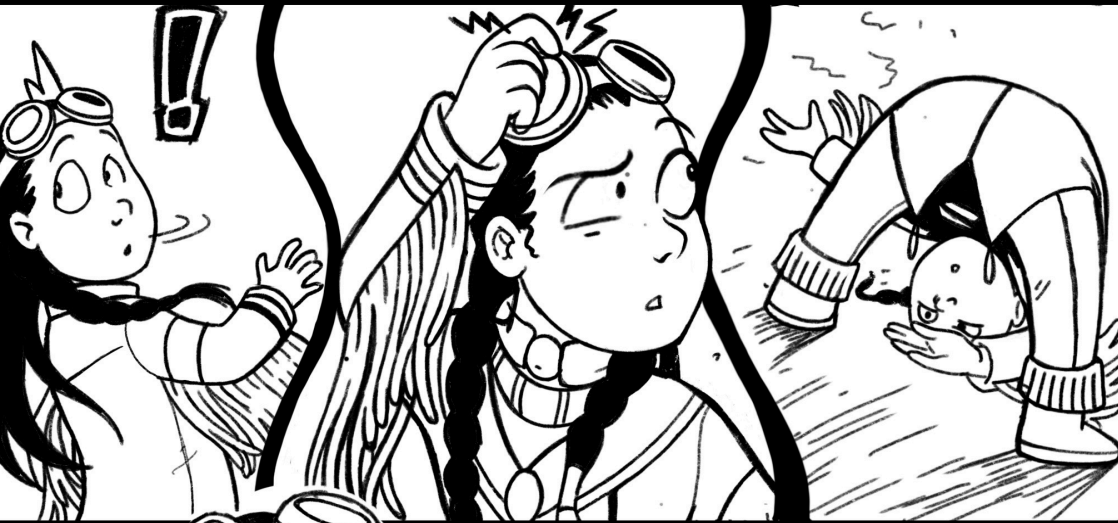


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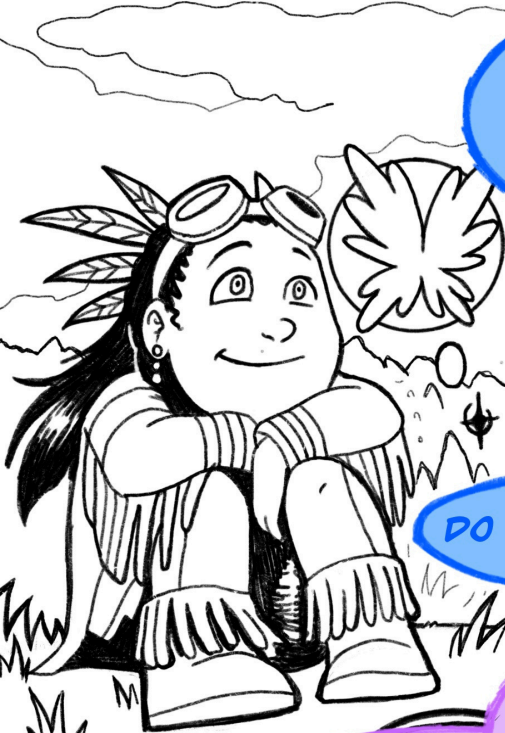
... YOU START LEARNING WHO YOU ARE.



...WHO
I AM?



LET'S
GO!!



HARMONY. I WILL BE YOUR
GUIDE IN ALL PARTS OF YOUR
LIFE AND WILL TEACH YOU HOW
TO DO THINGS IN A GOOD WAY;
BUT FIRST,

THERE ARE TWO
IMPORTANT QUESTIONS
THAT I MUST ASK YOU.

DO YOU TRUST ME?

YES! YOU ARE THE
MOST BEAUTIFUL-EST
BUTTERFLY I HAVE
EVER SEEN!

AND
YOU CAN
TALK TO
ME!

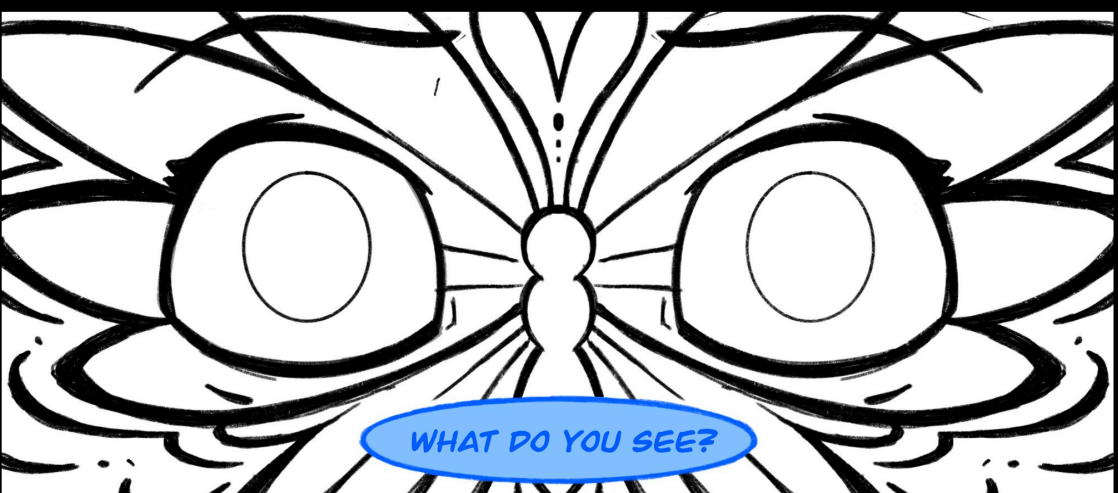
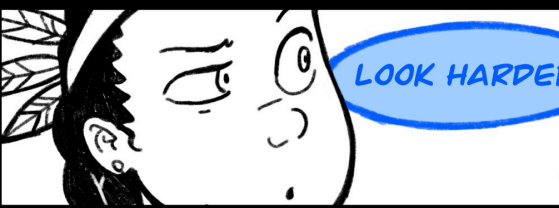
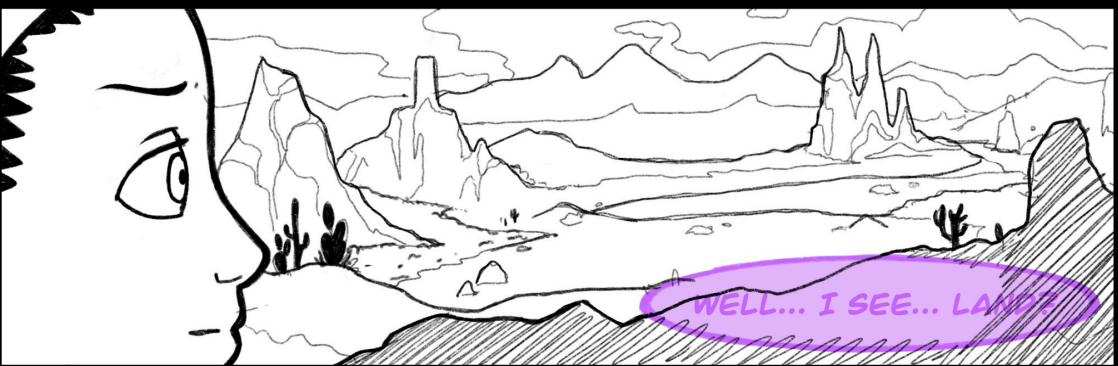
CAN YOU TELL ME YOUR
QUESTIONS?
PLEEEEEEASE??



IT MAKES ME HAPPY THAT YOU ARE
EXCITED. SO, LET ME ASK YOU...

WHAT DO YOU SEE
WHEN YOU LOOK AT
THE WORLD
AROUND YOU?

AND, HOW DO YOU HOPE TO BE A
PART OF THAT WORLD?







I THINK I SEE... SPIRITS!

RIGHT HERE!

DO YOU SEE THEM?!

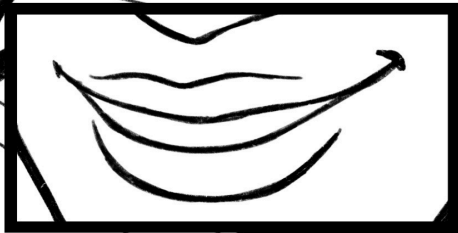
DO YOU FEEL IT?!

YES. I DO.

WE ARE IN THE
LAND OF AIR.

WATCH WHAT IT
DOES TO
THE TREES...

...AND HOW I CAN
MOVE WITH IT
TO FLY!



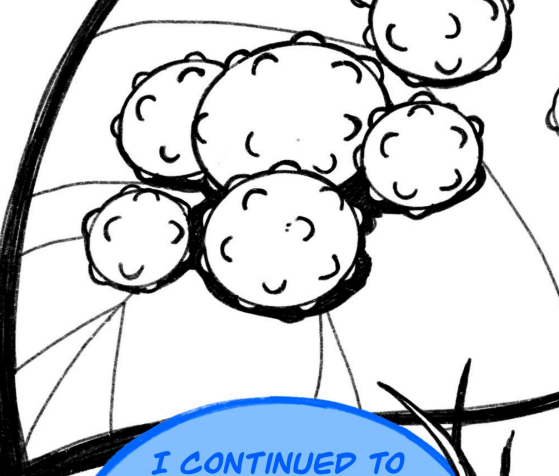
WOW!
I DID NOT KNOW
YOU COULD
CHANGE LIKE
THAT!

WAS THAT
EASY?!


IT WAS NOT ALWAYS SO
EASY.

I HAVE HAD TO EMBRACE
LOTS OF CHANGE IN LIFE
AND LEARN NOT TO FIGHT
THEM EVEN THOUGH I WAS
SCARED.

I WILL SHOW YOU




I WAS BORN, JUST LIKE YOU, INTO THIS WORLD FROM THE BODY OF MY MOTHER. I RELIED ON PLANT RELATIVES FOR FOOD AND THEN-




I CONTINUED TO GROW AND EAT, LEARNING ABOUT THE WORLD AND TOOK CARE OF MY BODY SO THAT WHEN I CHANGED AGAIN-



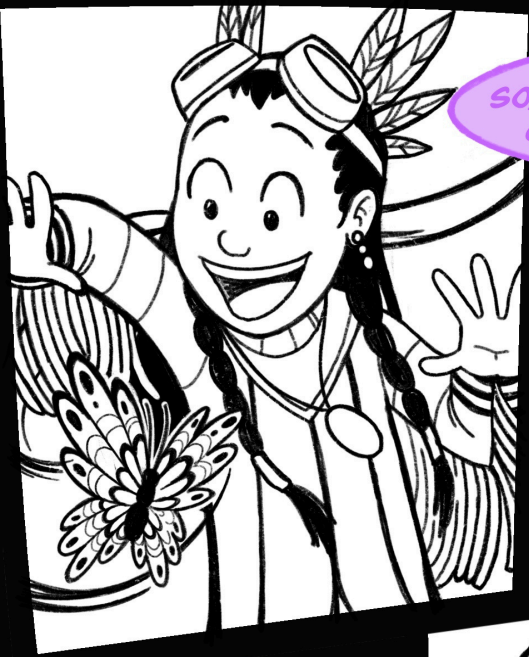
I COULD TAKE TIME TO SIT STILL AND LET BIG CHANGES HAPPEN INSIDE OF ME.



THIS PART TOO, A WHILE, AND WAS SOMETIMES UNCOMFORTABLE, BUT I DID NOT RUSH SO THAT -



-I COULD FINALLY BECOME THE BUTTERFLY I WAS MEANT TO BE!



SO, YOU ARE TELLING ME THAT I CAN BE A BUTTERFLY, TOO?!

WELL, THAT DEPENDS-

YOU HAVE A CHOICE TO BE WHOEVER YOU WANT TO BE.

NOW, TELL ME...

HOW DO YOU WANT TO BE PART OF THE WORLD?



I WANT TO FOLLOW YOU AND FIND THE TRUE PIECES OF MYSELF