MONSTER TIDBITS 1.

They occupy their own field of study among monster enthusiasts, and have a large fanbase.

There are countless different species of Walking Mushroom.

Walking Mush-rooms

Their traits vary wildly, making them a fascinating creature to study.

Flavor.

Ability.

Size.

Shape.

I'M NEVER EATING WALKING MUSHROOMS AGAIN!!

MATANGO

Finding Fungus ~A year of Walking Mushrooms~

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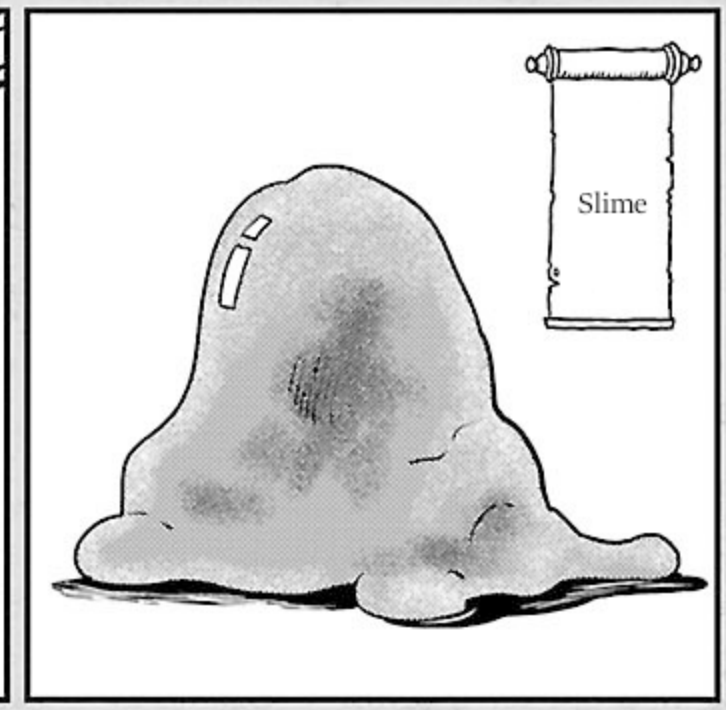
LOOK, YOU CAN EVEN BUY THE TRAVELOGUE OF A MAN WHO ATE WALKING MUSHROOMS EVERY DAY.

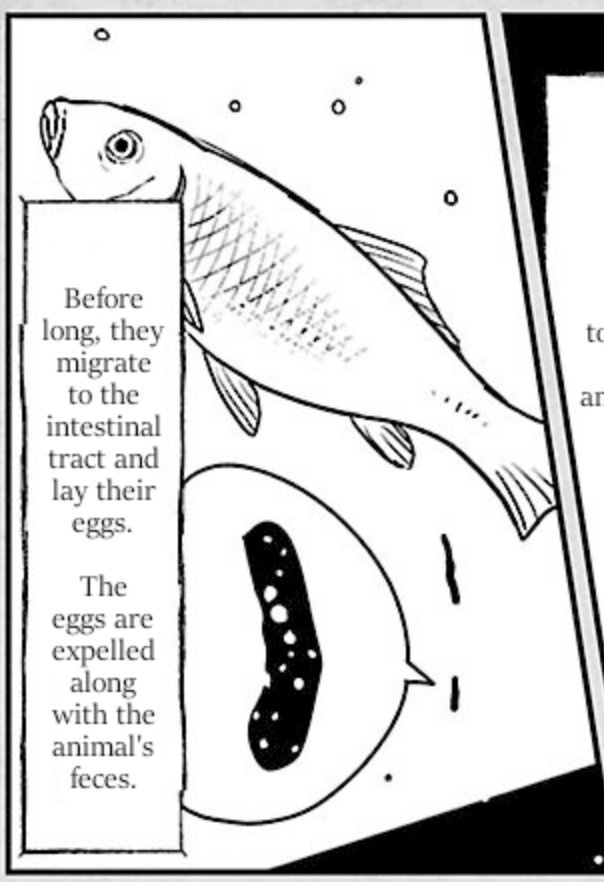
flip flip

THE FINAL ENTRY HAD BETTER NOT BE HIM EATING A POISONOUS ONE...

Only a few slime species will actually attack humans.
SPLAT
WAGH!

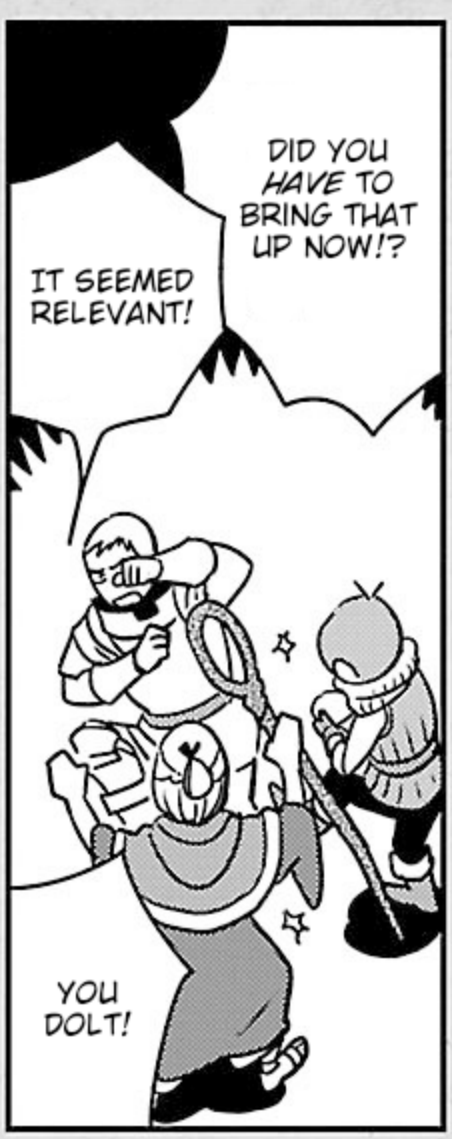
♪Hum de dum♫


Slime


Before long, they migrate to the intestinal tract and lay their eggs.
The eggs are expelled along with the animal's feces.

They cling to the stomach of the host and are treated as part of the body.

Most slimes conceal themselves by the water's edge and wait to be consumed by aquatic organisms.


DID YOU HAVE TO BRING THAT UP NOW!?
IT SEEMED RELEVANT!
YOU DOLT!

SQUIRM
WHEN HE CUT ONE OPEN, HE FOUND THE STOMACH PACKED FULL OF LITTLE SLIMES.
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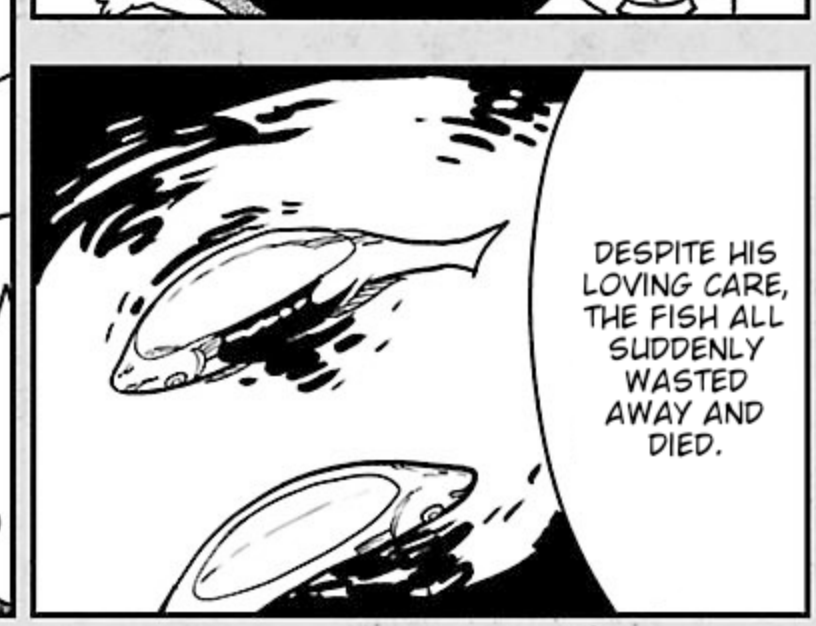
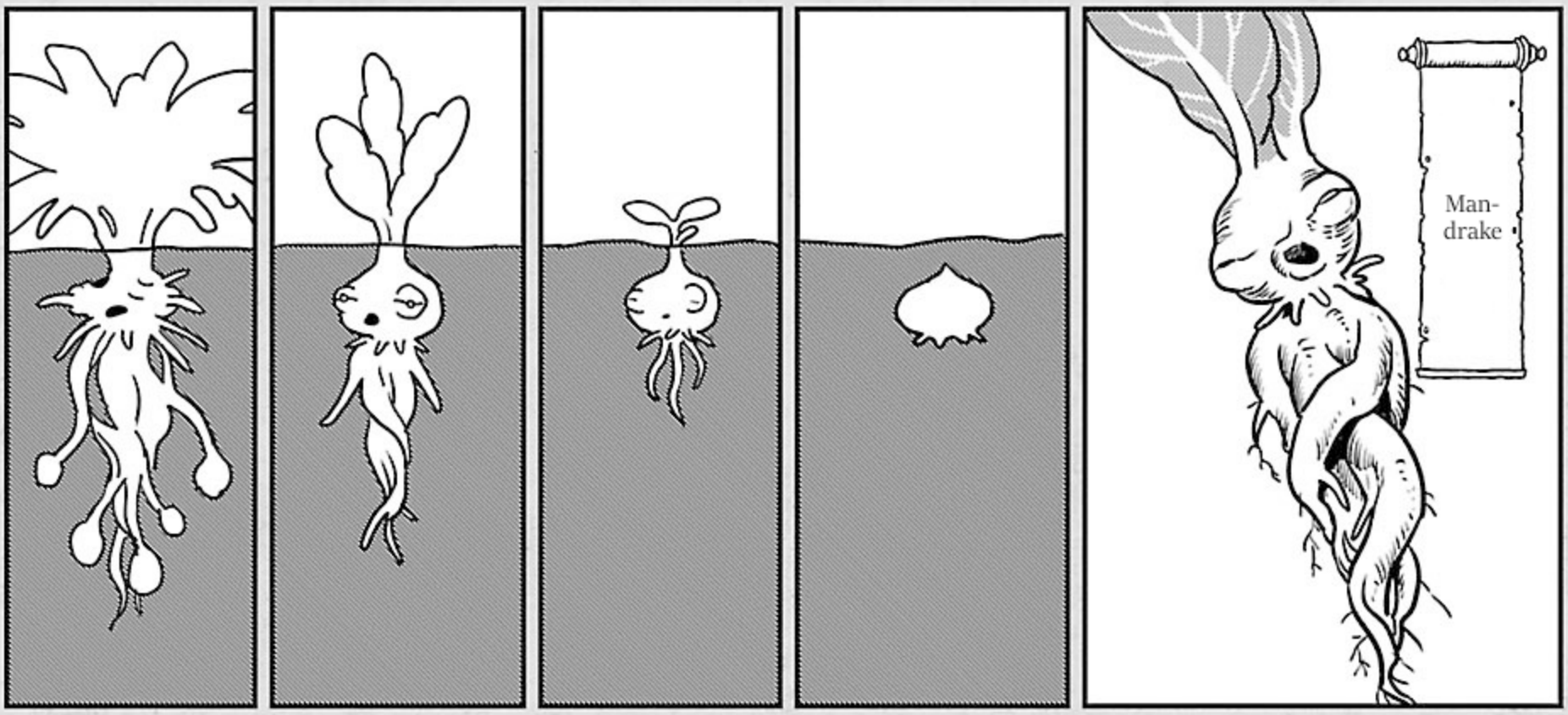
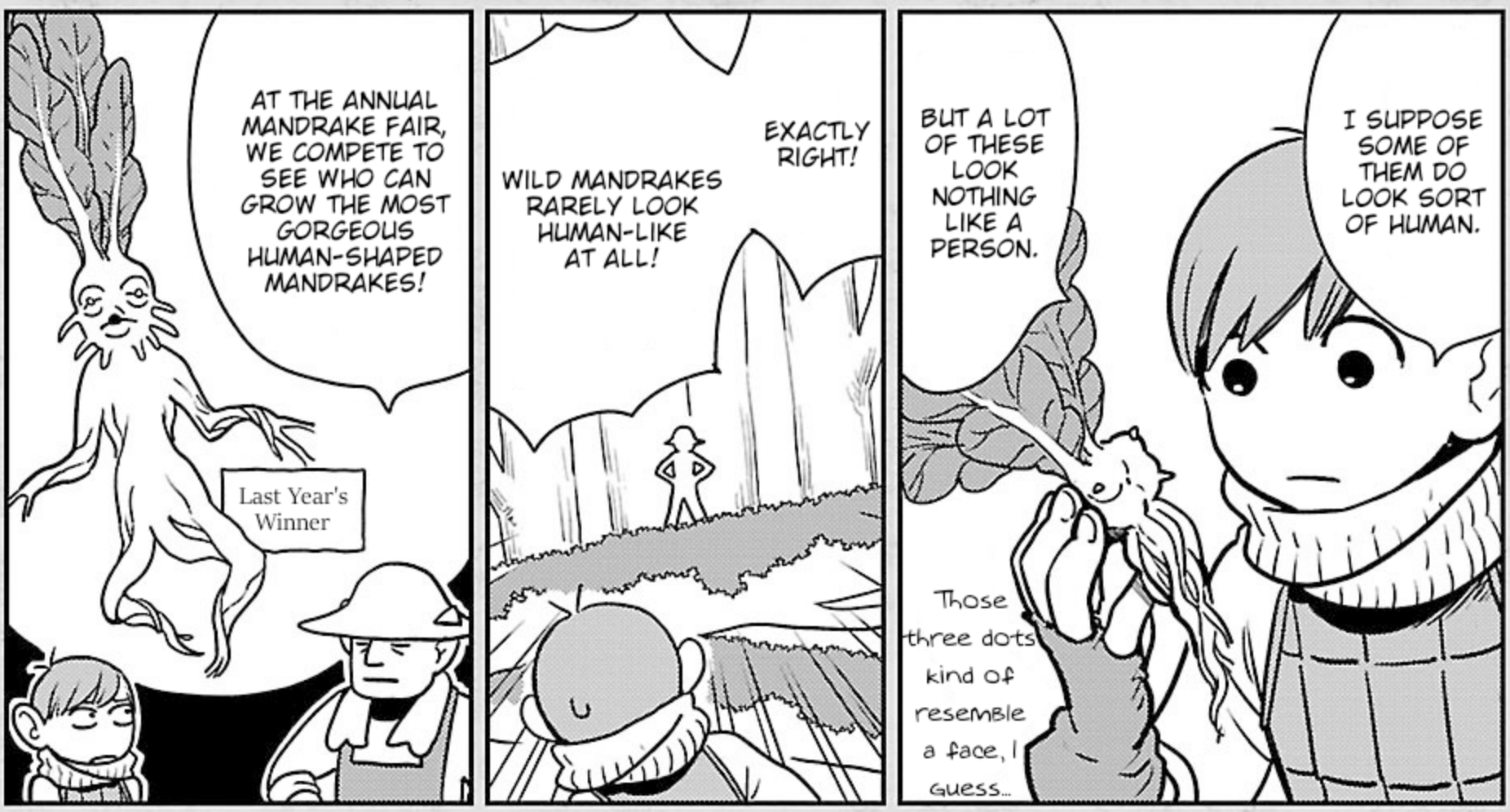
UGH

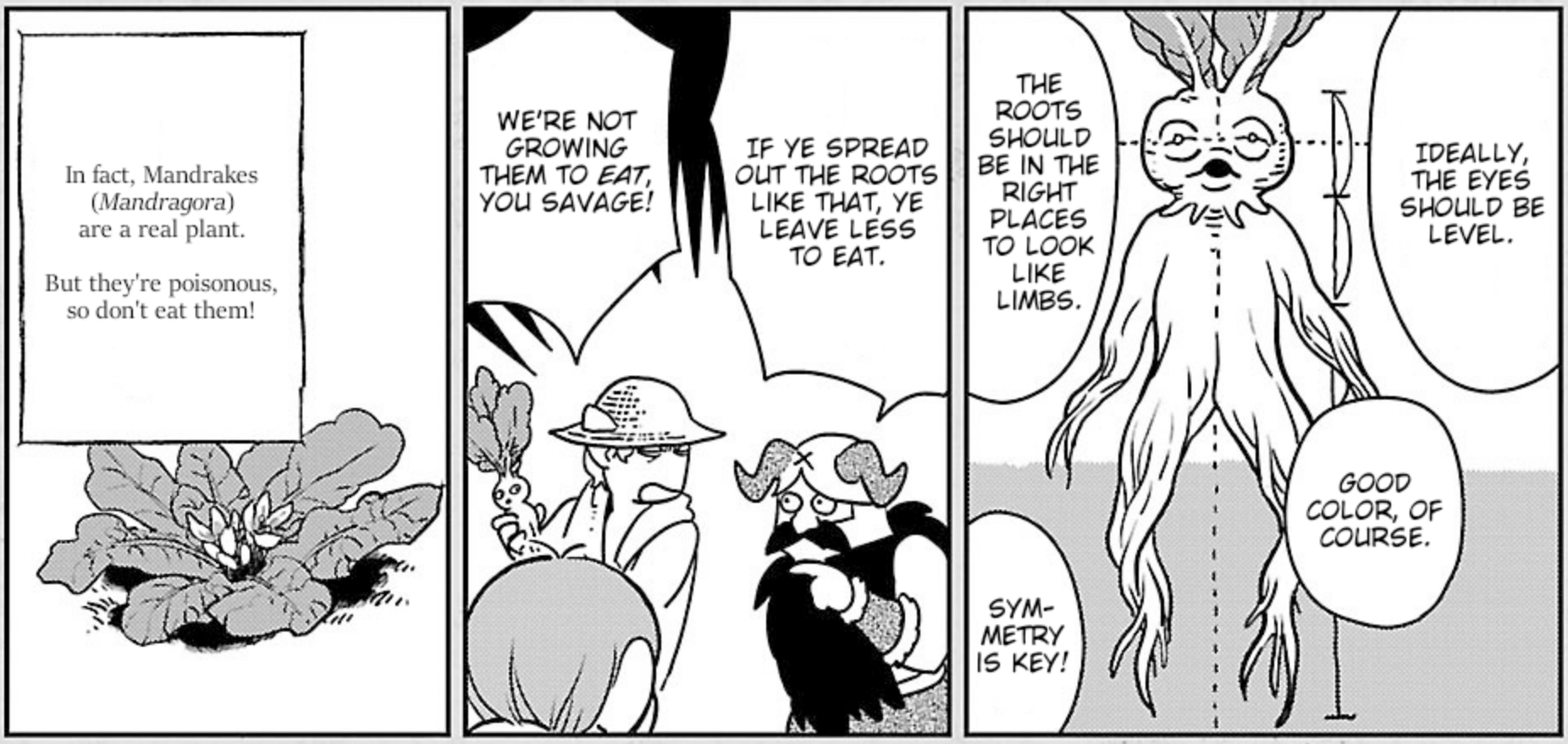
THERE WAS A MAN WHO RAISED FISH IN A SMALL LAKE.
I HEARD A STORY ONCE.


DESPITE HIS LOVING CARE, THE FISH ALL SUDDENLY WASTED AWAY AND DIED.

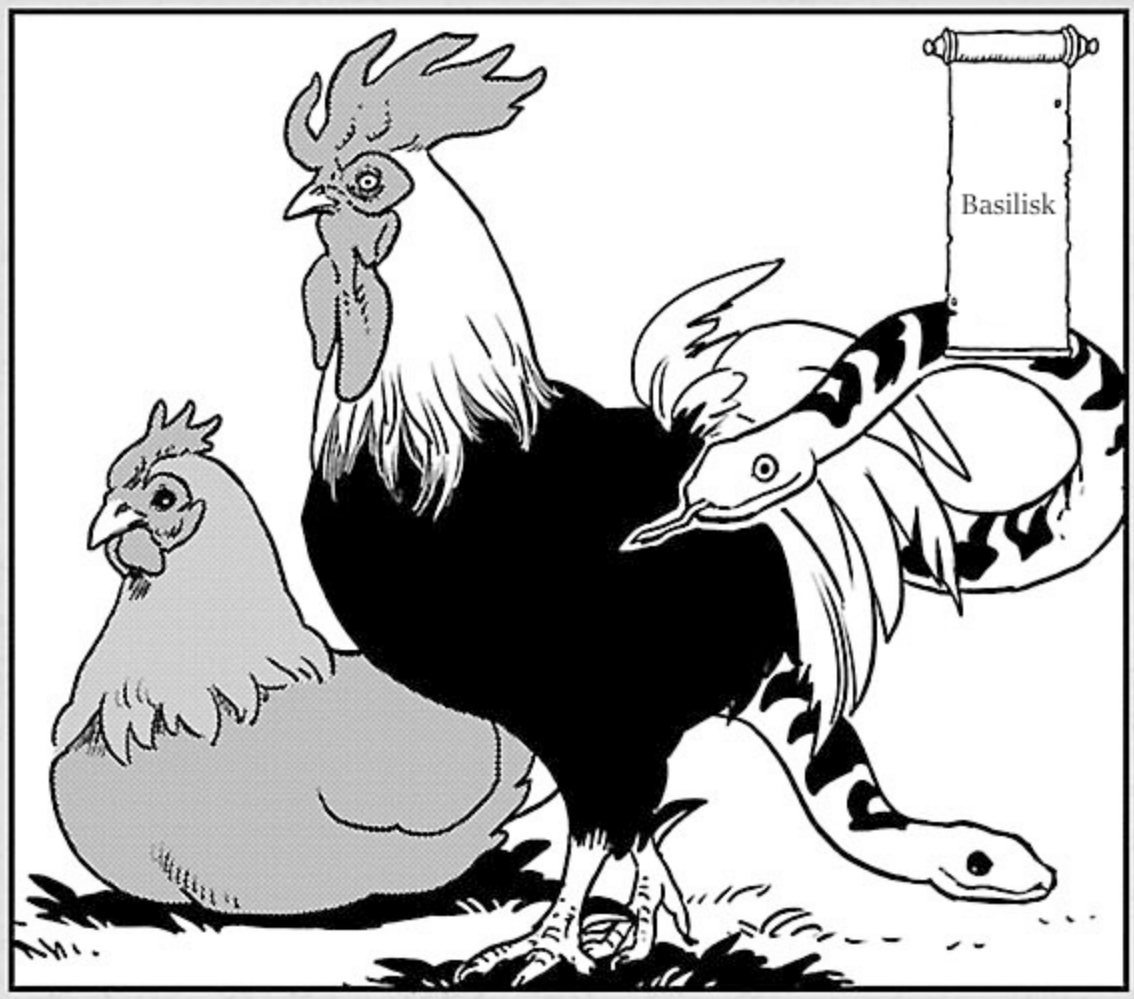
Catching prey using brute force is simple enough.
But when you have to catch something without injuring it, the situation becomes more delicate and complicated.
Asking how good it felt might have been a mistake.
But recently, these plants' methods of capturing prey has been the focus of much attention.
Man-Eating Plants
FOR A PLANT...
NO, EVEN FOR A HUMAN THAT'S FAR FROM EASY.
IN OTHER WORDS, IT NEEDS TO ADAPT TO HUGE DIFFERENCES IN SIZE AND AGILITY.
WHETHER IT'S A MAN, A MOUSE, OR A BEAR...
THE PLANT HAS TO BE ABLE TO DEAL WITH ALL OF THEM.
Fwoom!
I'M PICTURING THE USES PEOPLE COULD PUT THESE TO, AND I DON'T LIKE WHAT I SEE.
Nooo!
THERE ARE SOME PATRONS WHO ARE WILLING TO DONATE GENEROUSLY TOWARD RESEARCH ON MAN-EATING PLANTS.
Look! Isn't it fascinating?
USED PROPERLY, THESE PLANTS COULD PROVIDE COUNTLESS BENEFITS TO SOCIETY.
THEY COULD CATCH LARGE CREATURES WITHOUT HARMING THEM.

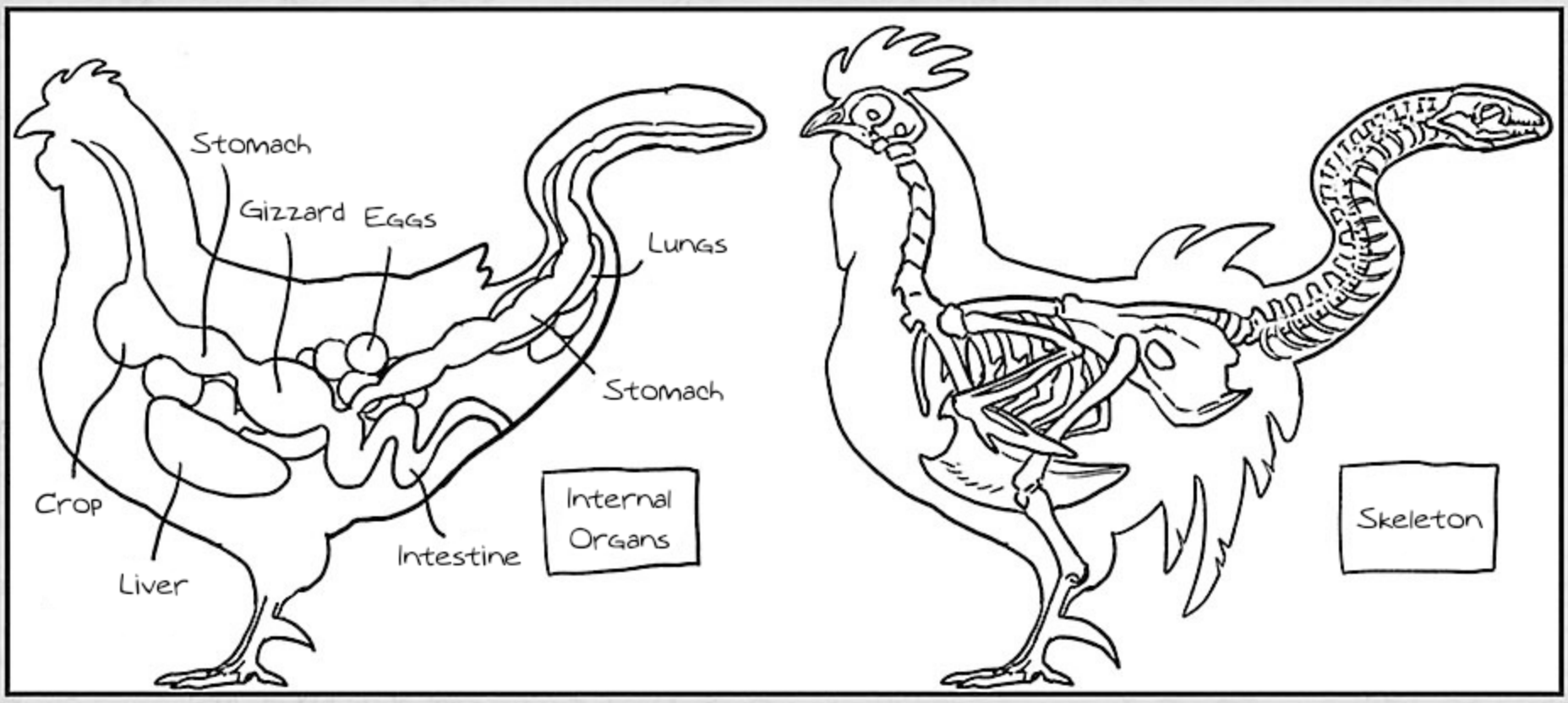

Man-
drake

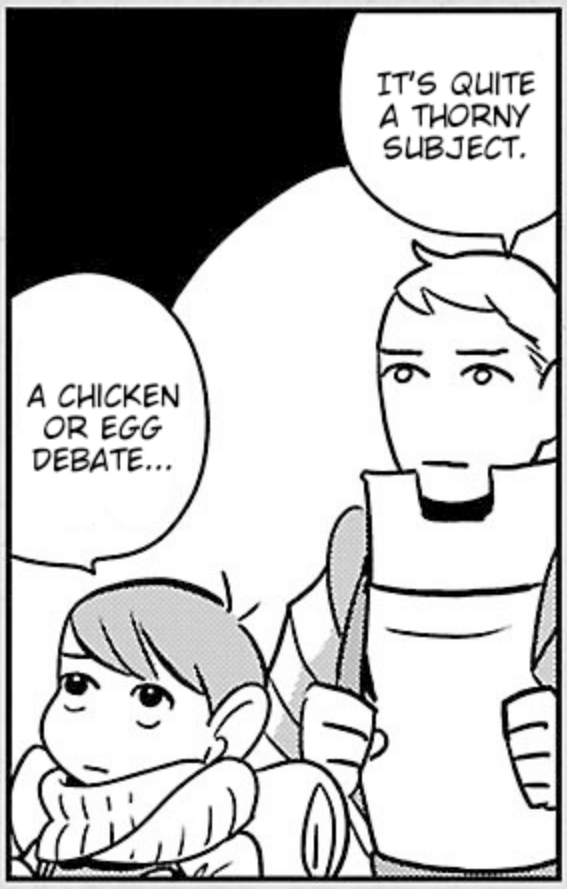

AT THE ANNUAL MANDRAKE FAIR, WE COMPETE TO SEE WHO CAN GROW THE MOST GORGEOUS HUMAN-SHAPED MANDRAKES!
Last Year's Winner
WILD MANDRAKES RARELY LOOK HUMAN-LIKE AT ALL!
EXACTLY RIGHT!
BUT A LOT OF THESE LOOK NOTHING LIKE A PERSON.
I SUPPOSE SOME OF THEM DO LOOK SORT OF HUMAN.
Those three dots kind of resemble a face, I guess...

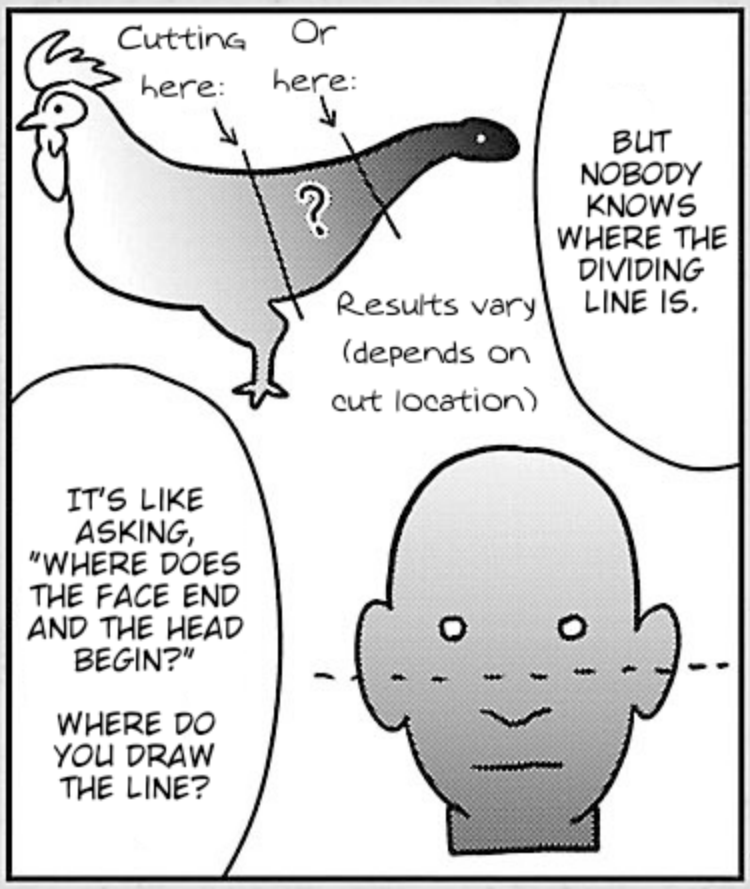

In fact, Mandrakes (*Mandragora*) are a real plant.
But they're poisonous, so don't eat them!
WE'RE NOT GROWING THEM TO *EAT*, YOU SAVAGE!
IF YE SPREAD OUT THE ROOTS LIKE THAT, YE LEAVE LESS TO EAT.
THE ROOTS SHOULD BE IN THE RIGHT PLACES TO LOOK LIKE LIMBS.
IDEALLY, THE EYES SHOULD BE LEVEL.
GOOD COLOR, OF COURSE.
SYM-METRY IS KEY!

Hatch-
ling


Basilisk

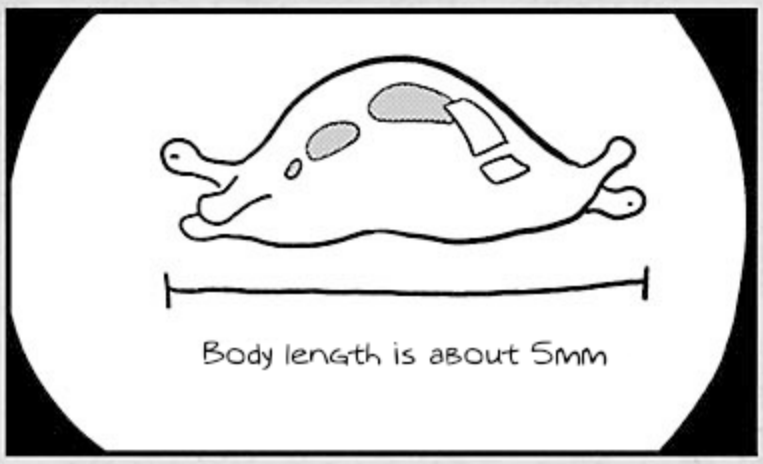

Stomach
Gizzard
Eggs
Lungs
Stomach
Crop
Liver
Intestine
Internal Organs
Skeleton

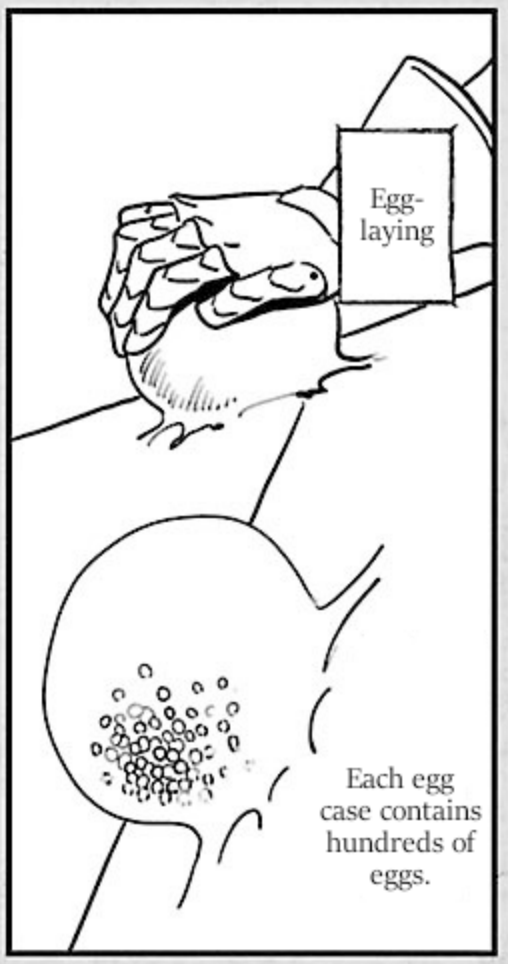

IT'S QUITE A THORNY SUBJECT.
A CHICKEN OR EGG DEBATE...

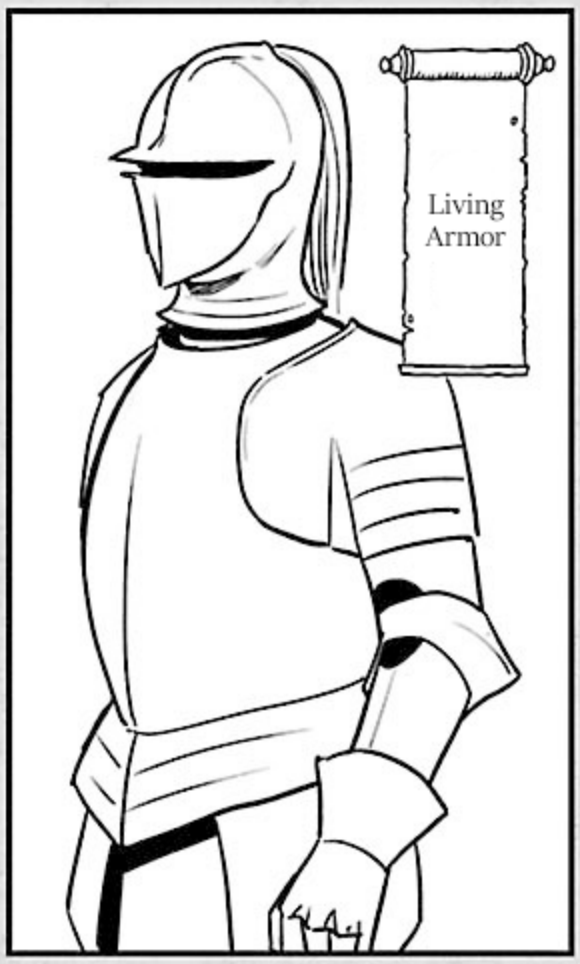

Cutting here:
Or here:
?
Results vary (depends on cut location)
BUT NOBODY KNOWS WHERE THE DIVIDING LINE IS.
IT'S LIKE ASKING, "WHERE DOES THE FACE END AND THE HEAD BEGIN?"
WHERE DO YOU DRAW THE LINE?

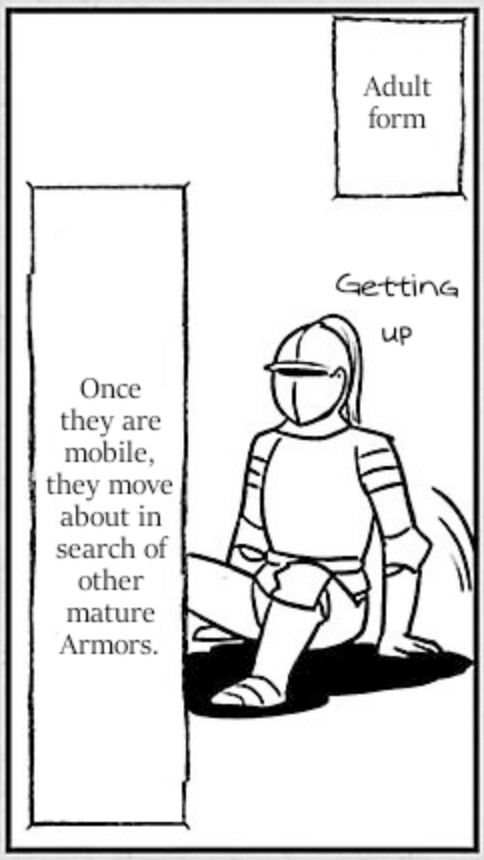
SINCE THE SNAKE HALF LIVES LONGER WHEN THE BASILISK IS CUT IN HALF, SCHOLARS BELIEVE THE SNAKE IS THE HEAD.

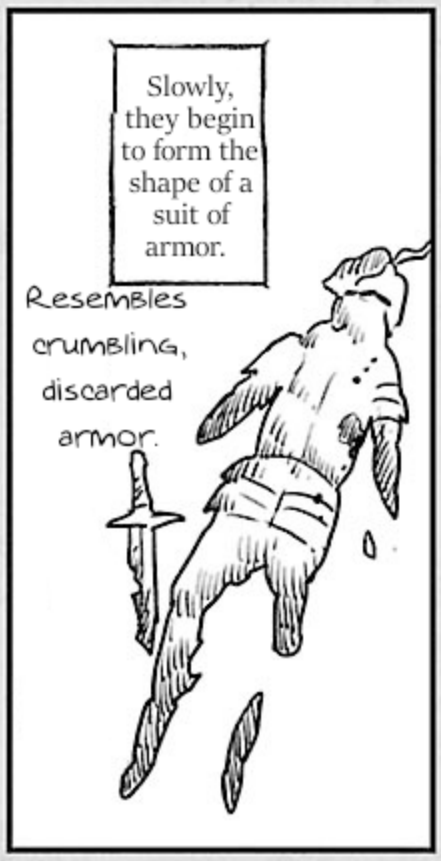
Hatch-
ing

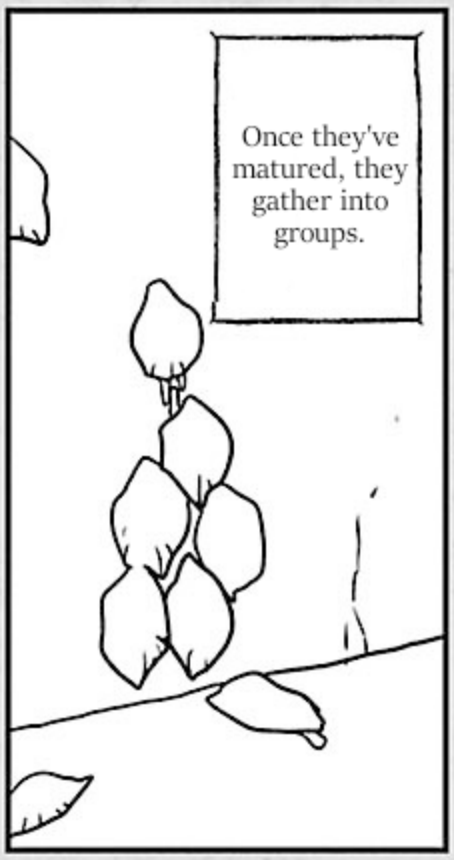

Body length is about 5mm

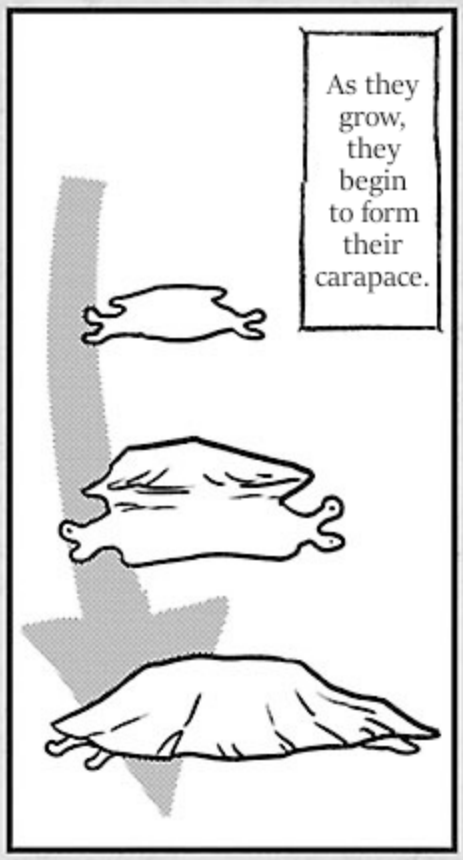

Egg-
laying
Each egg case contains hundreds of eggs.


Living
Armor

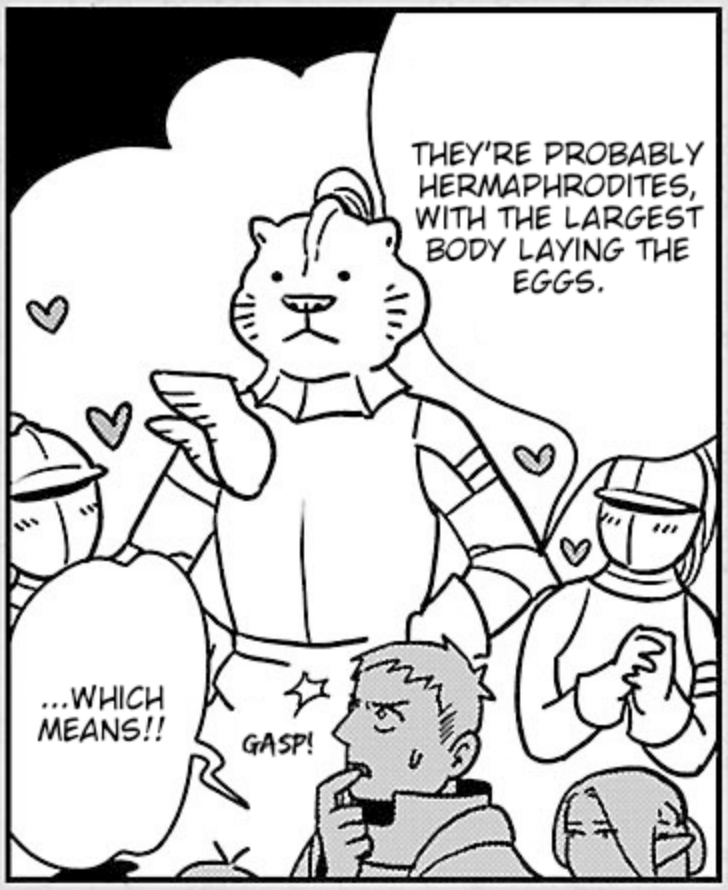

Adult
form
Once they are mobile, they move about in search of other mature Armors.
Getting up

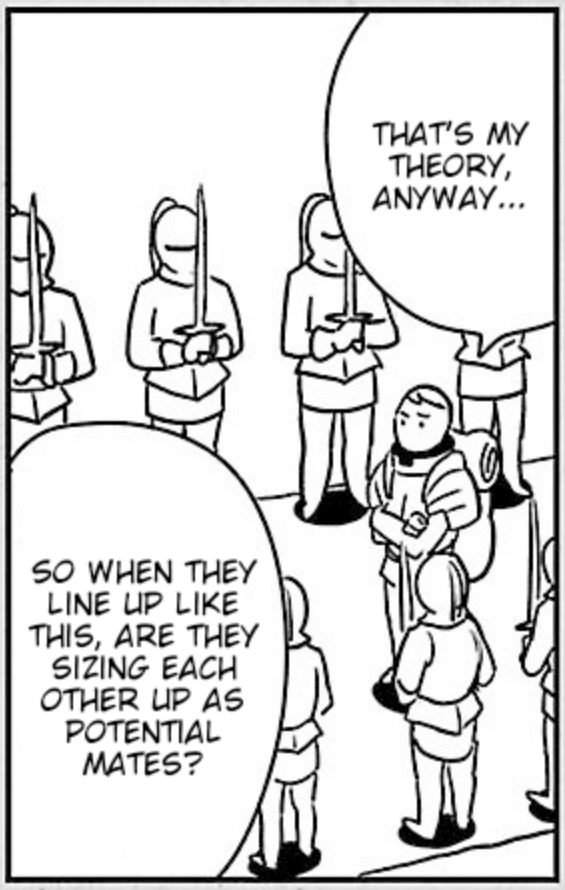

Slowly, they begin to form the shape of a suit of armor.
Resembles crumbling, discarded armor.


Once they've matured, they gather into groups.


As they grow, they begin to form their carapace.

What the heck is that?
WHEN I SEE ARMORS HOLDING HANDS, IT'S NOT A PRANK.
THEY'RE ACTUALLY MATING!
Walking faster


THEY'RE PROBABLY HERMAPHRODITES, WITH THE LARGEST BODY LAYING THE EGGS.
...WHICH MEANS!!
GASP!


THAT'S MY THEORY, ANYWAY...
SO WHEN THEY LINE UP LIKE THIS, ARE THEY SIZING EACH OTHER UP AS POTENTIAL MATES?