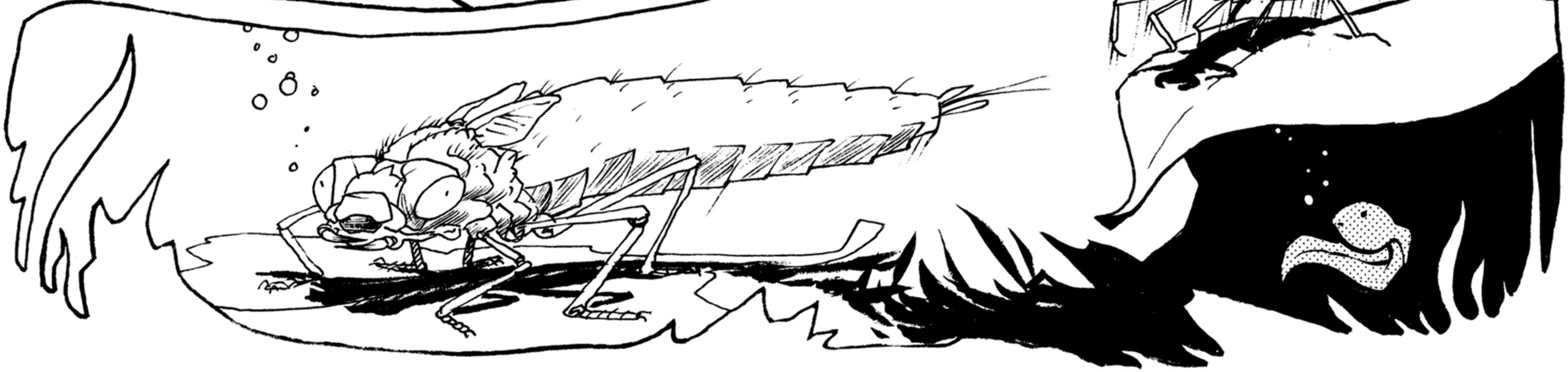
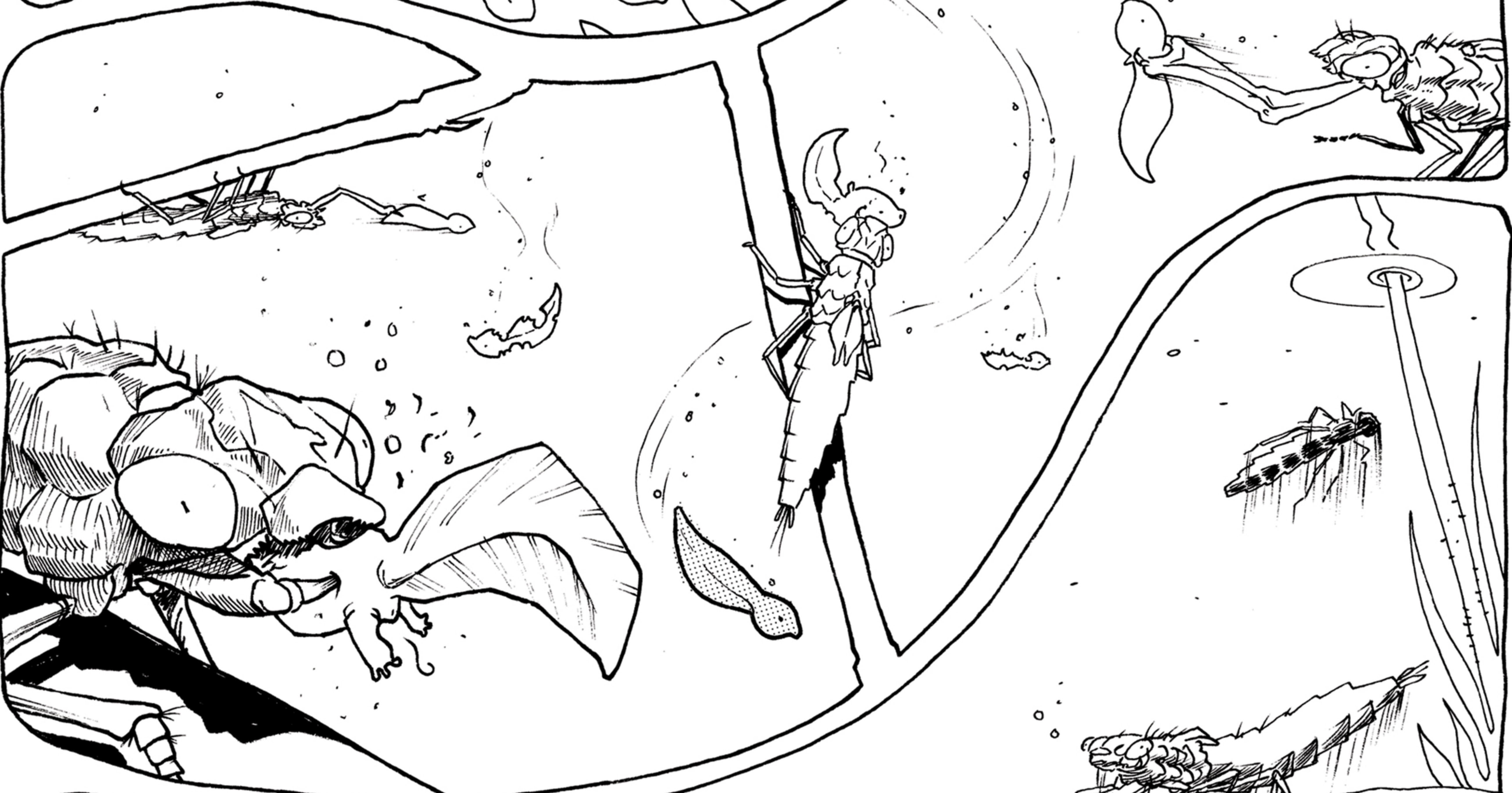
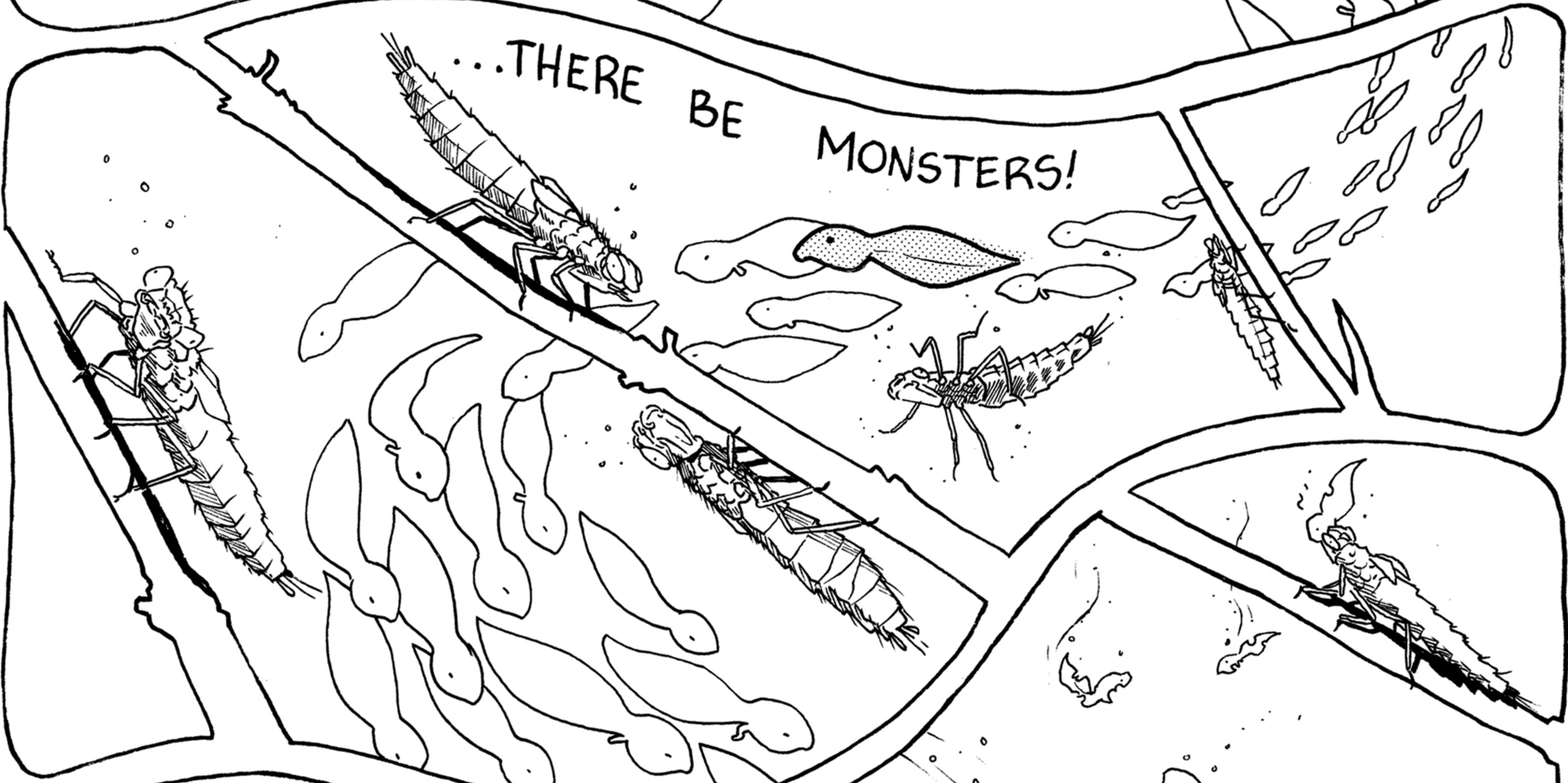
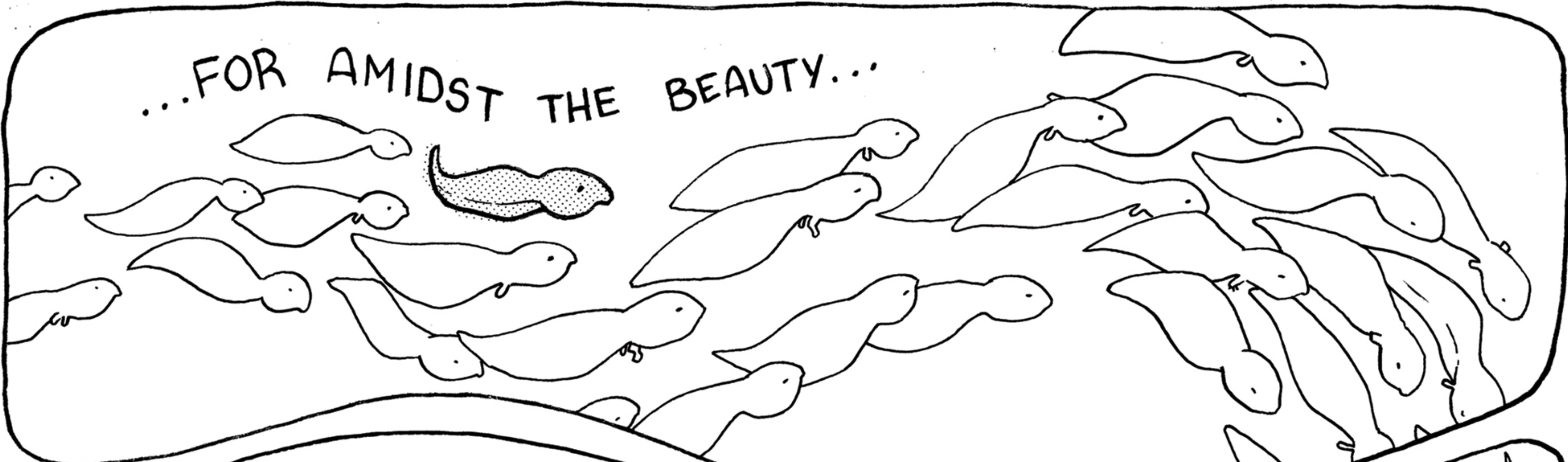




METAMORPHOSIS

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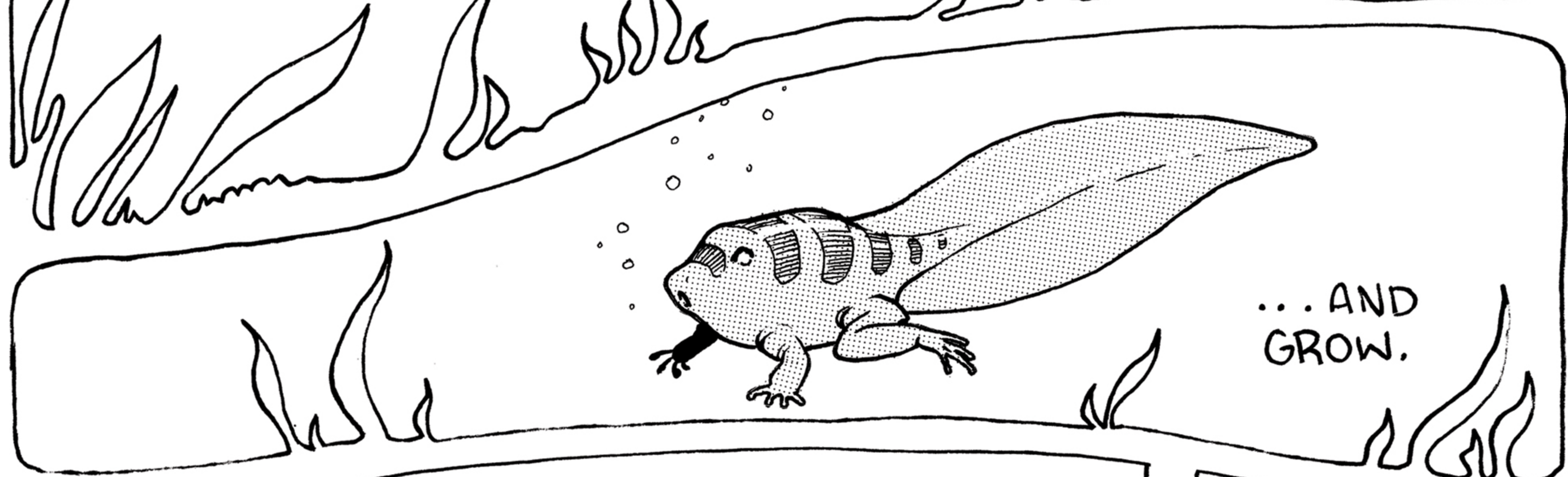




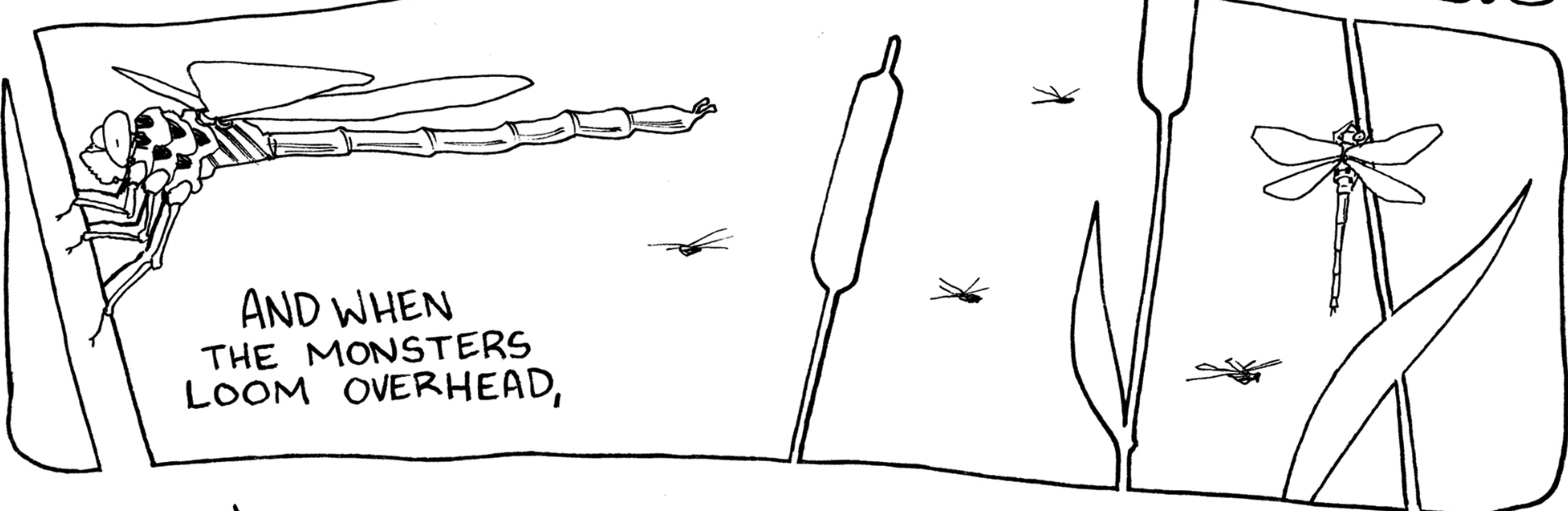
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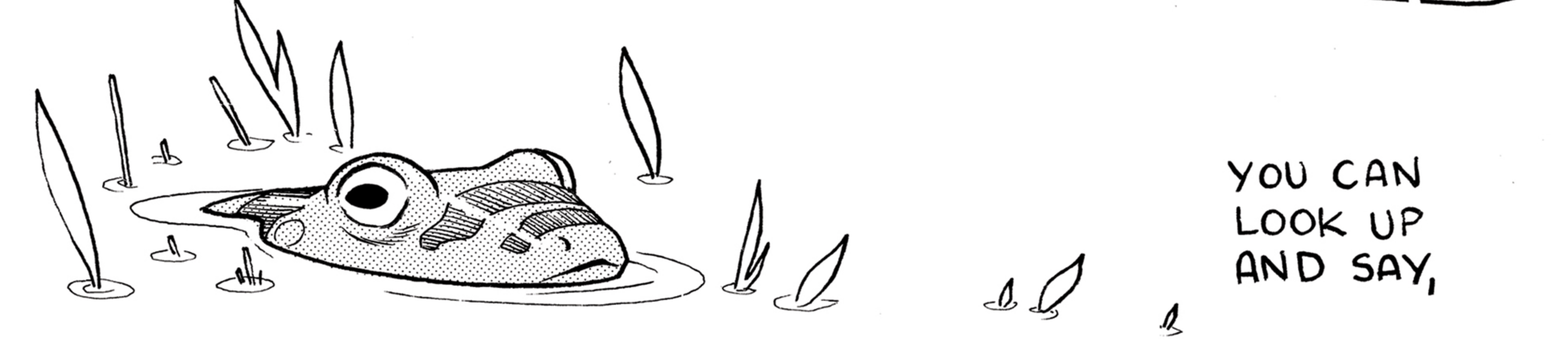
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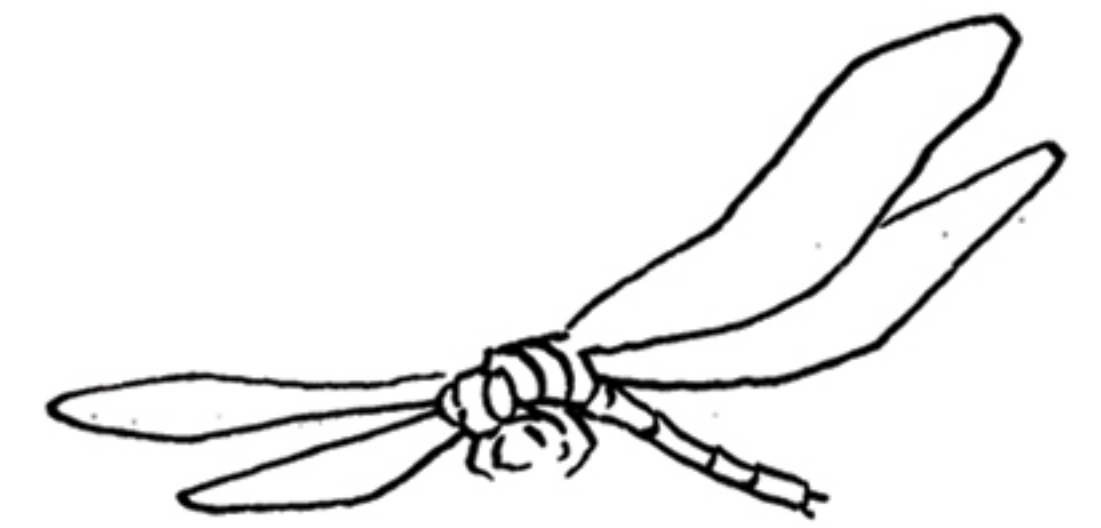
AND WHEN
THE MONSTERS
LOOM OVERHEAD,



YOU CAN
LOOK UP
AND SAY,



BITE



Metamorphosis

METAMORPHOSIS is (in an insect or amphibian) the process of transformation from an immature form to an adult form in two or more distinct stages.

Both the frog and the dragonfly go through the process of metamorphosis as they grow into mature adults.

This comic portrays the seesaw-like food chain that occurs during these creatures' life cycle.

Frogs have two distinct stages of metamorphosis with several in-between phases. First the **TADPOLES** hatch out of their eggs, after a few weeks of feeding they sprout rear legs and soon after that they also sprout front legs. They are sometimes referred to as **FROGLETS** at this stage. Soon after this they absorb their tail before leaving their life below water to hop about as an adult **FROG**.

Frogs are tadpoles for 6 - 9 weeks. There are some extreme exceptions. Whistling Tree Frogs are tadpoles for less than a month and the Bullfrog is a tadpole for 3 years!

After maturing, adult frogs live 7-15 years depending on the species.

Dragonflies have two stages of metamorphosis. They hatch from their eggs as **NYMPHS** and live underwater, breathing with gills. They molt 8 - 17 times before emerging as mature **DRAGONFLIES**.

Dragonflies live the longest portion of their lives as nymphs, up to 4 years! When they molt for the last time and emerge above the water as dragonflies they will only live for a few months to breed before they die.

Dragonfly nymphs do indeed have that scary lower jaw that shoots out on a hinge to snatch prey from the water. It is referred to as a 'mask' by biologists.

