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HEAVY.

Please, read the story first. It's important.

Now that you're back...

We try hard to not be preachy; our story needs to be presented from a "neutral" point of view. No one likes to have a message crammed down their throats, no matter how agreeable that message might be.

There is a point we would like to make, though. Allies and support can sometimes come from unexpected places, especially when you least expect it. There also can be surprises... people not following preconceived notions about whose "side" they are expected to be on. The actions of a notorious few cannot be allowed to define a group. If it is unfair for homophobes to hold up the example of Jeffrey Dahmer and say "He was gay, he killed, so all gays are closet murderers", then it is equally unfair for the gay population to cite the hate-mongering self-styled "holy men" minority, and generalize that all Christians are looking for an excuse to delight in gaybashing in the name of God.

It just isn't so.

SPECIAL THANKS

We especially want to thank Scott and Genesis Whitmore for their help and support. Their advice on the workings of the clergy was invaluable in making this issue happen.

Congratulations go to Scott for his upcoming ordination – wish him well!

THE FUTURE?

Don't you hate cliffhangers?

Issue seven will have a continuation of the story started in this issue. In the "backup" department, Terrie Smith will be returning, as will Chuck Davies. We'll have a special treat from a special guest, and a shocker (Ricky! How COULD you!). Our covers will be done by the San Diego Dynamic Duo, Terrie Smith and Michelle Light.

NO MATTER WHERE YOU GO, THERE WE ARE

We have a web site chock full of good stuff. Come see us at:

<http://www.arclight.net/asb>

And while you're there, check out a little added bonus:

<http://www.arclight.net/asb/issue-six>

See you in 90!

Lance Rund
Chris McKinley

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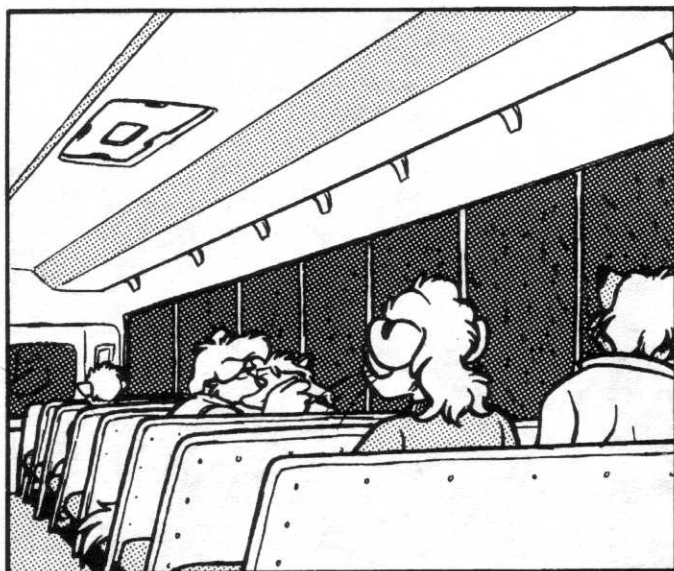
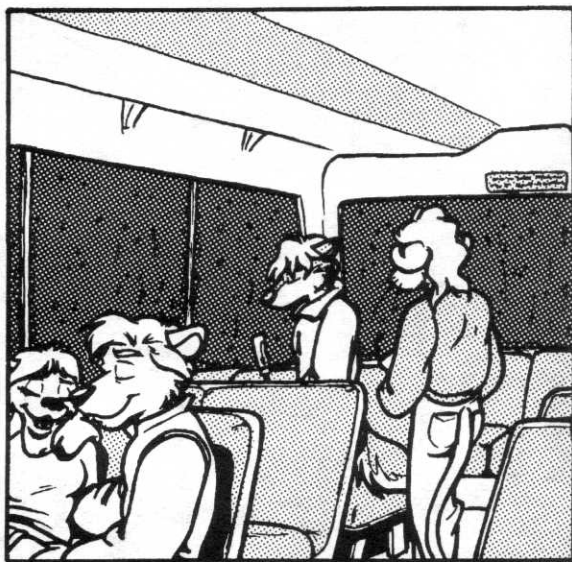
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ASSOCIATED STUDENT BODIES "DIES IRÆ"

WRITTEN BY LANGERUND
ART BY CHRIS MCKINLEY







THE MAIL-ORDER BRIDE I GOT FOR YOU SHOULD BE GETTING HERE ANY DAY.



THEY'RE GOING TO BE IN THE AREA THIS WEEKEND.



SATURDAY MORNING...





DANIEL APPARENTLY DOESN'T WANT TO OFFEND MY SENSIBILITIES, BUT I NEED TO KNOW. THERE SEEMS TO BE QUITE A FEW HOMOSEXUALS HERE. THEY HAVEN'T BEEN BOTHERING DANIEL, HAVE THEY?



THAT DOG IN THE LOUNGE, FOR INSTANCE...



THE ONLY ONE? INCLUDING YOU?



SOMEHOW, I DON'T THINK WE'RE GOING TO BE FRIENDS.



I WON'T HAVE MY SON LIVING AMONG SODOMITES.



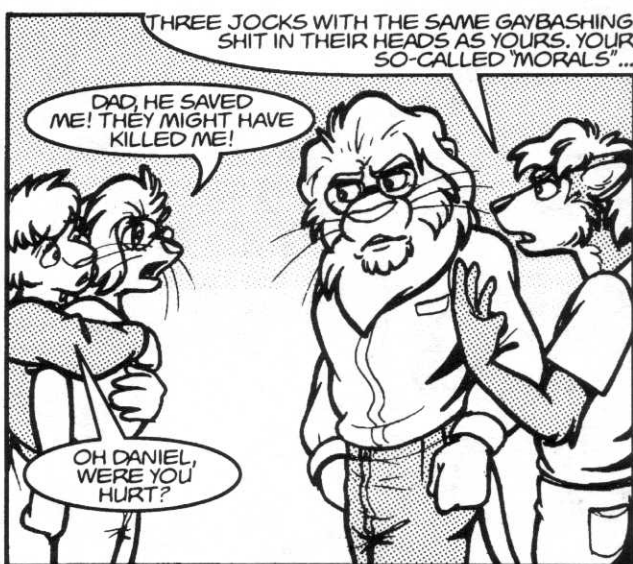
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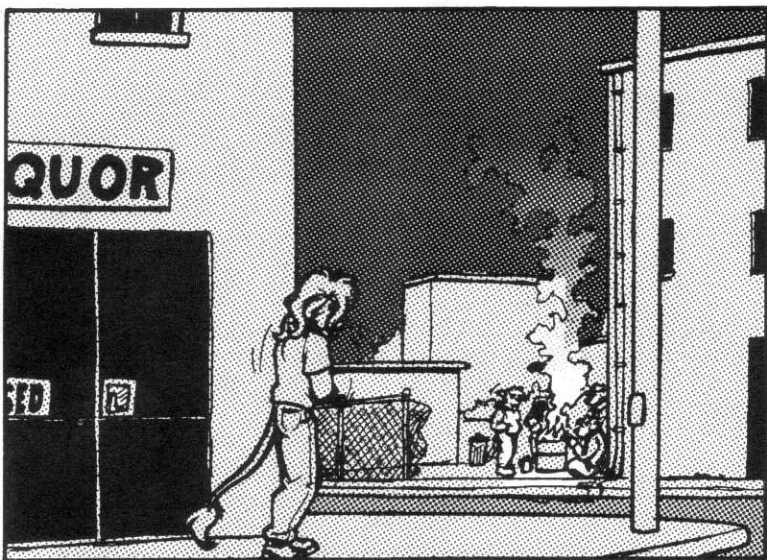
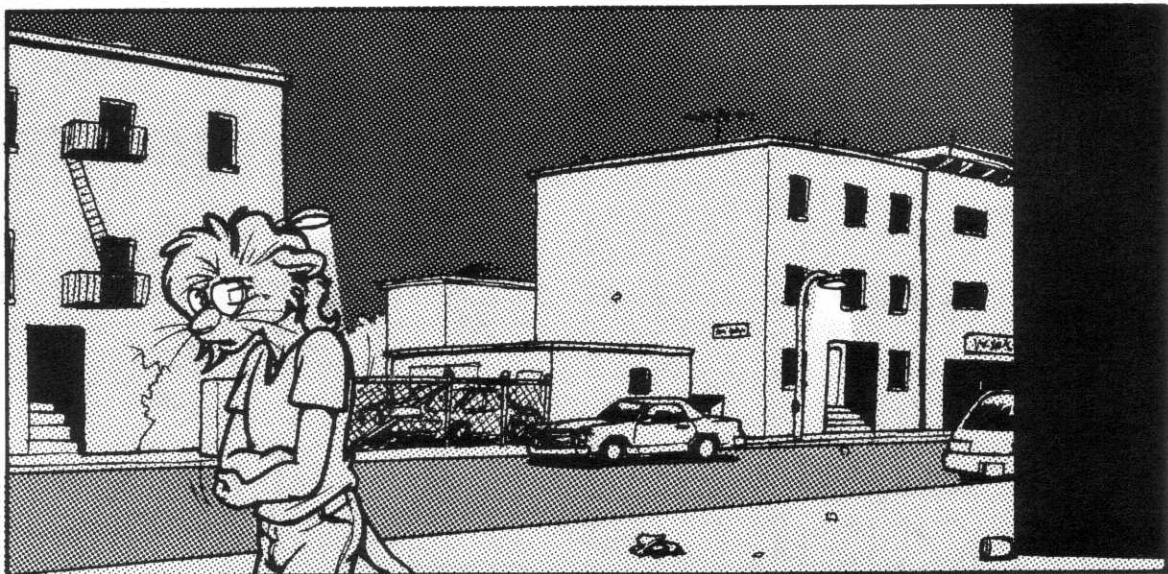


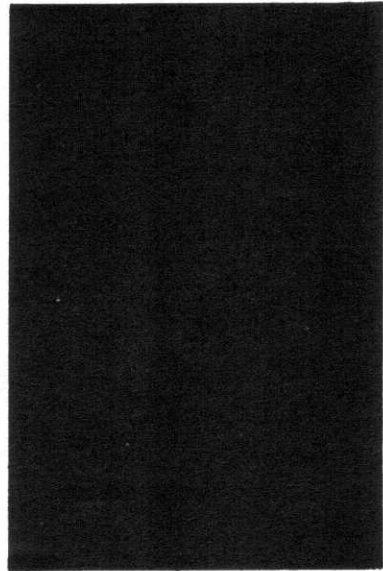
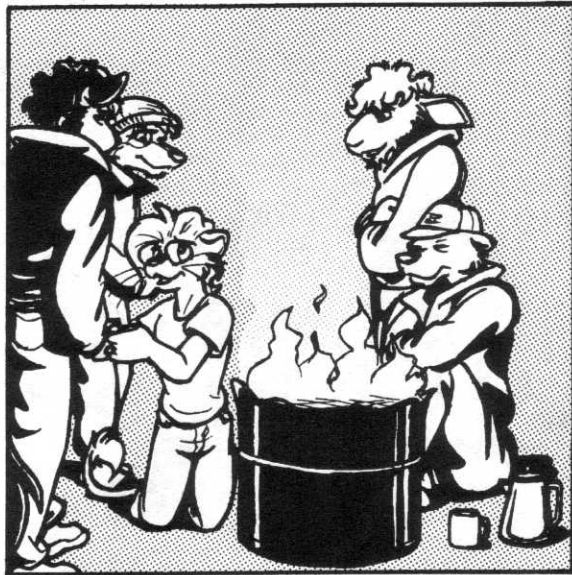


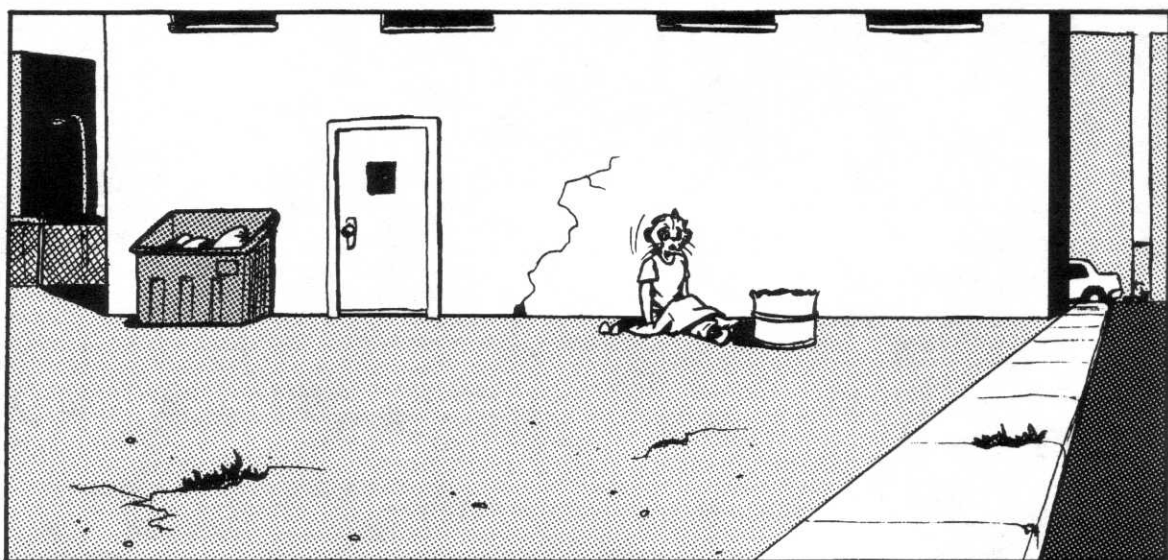


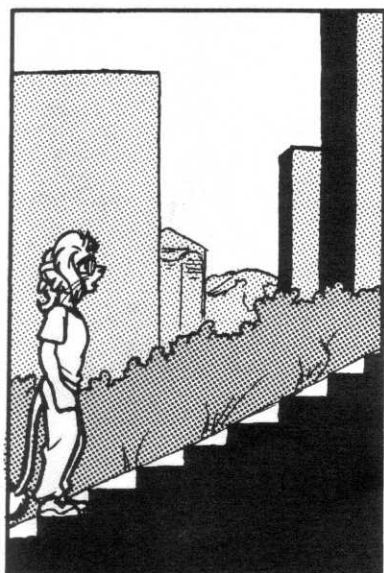


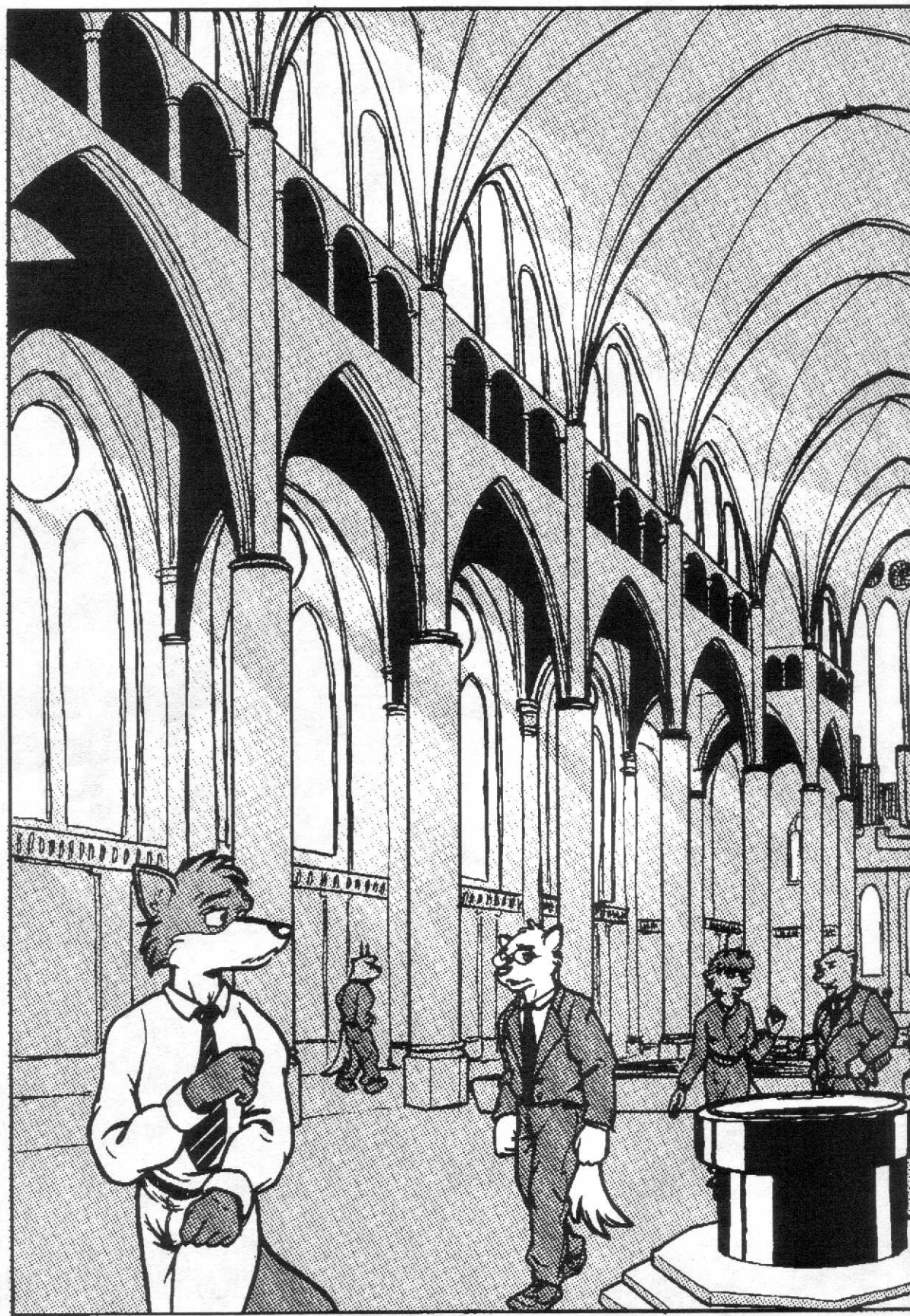




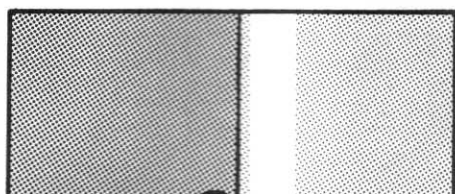


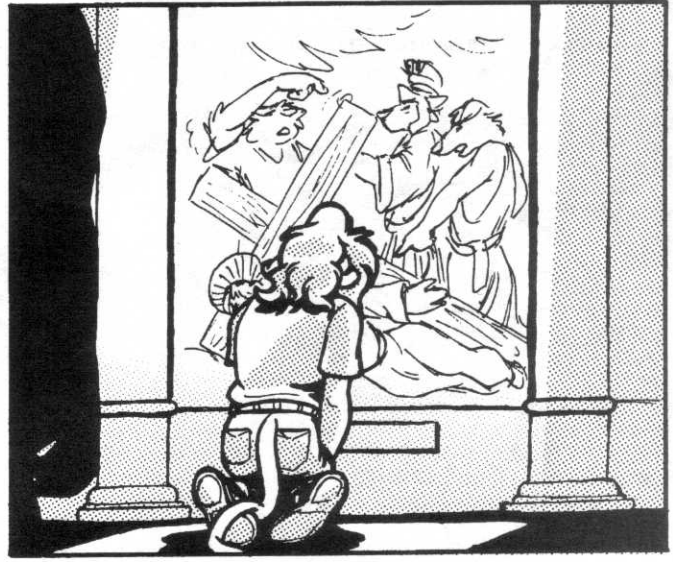




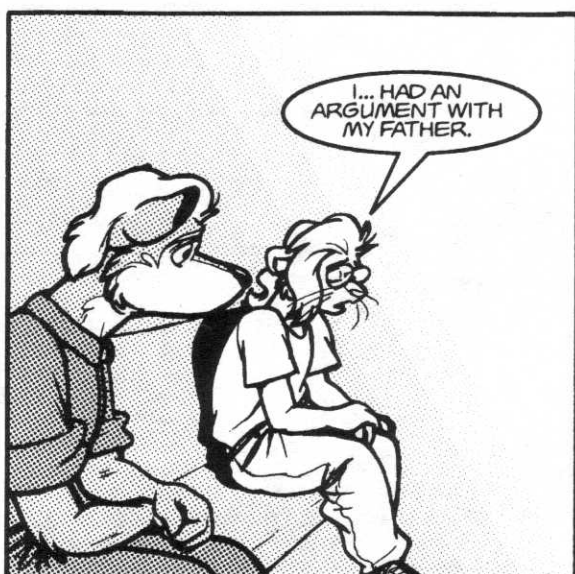


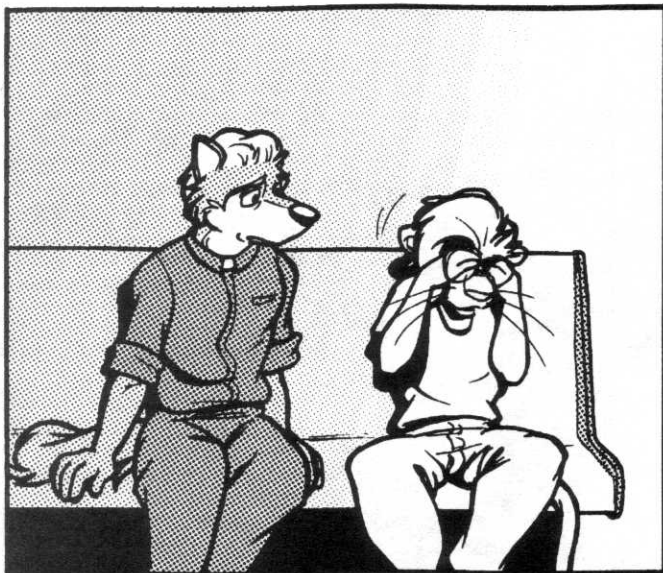


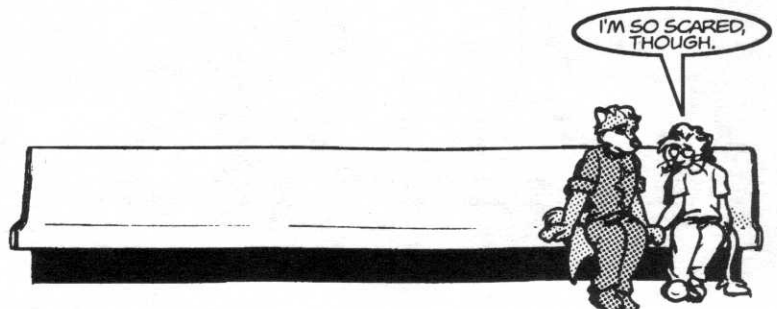


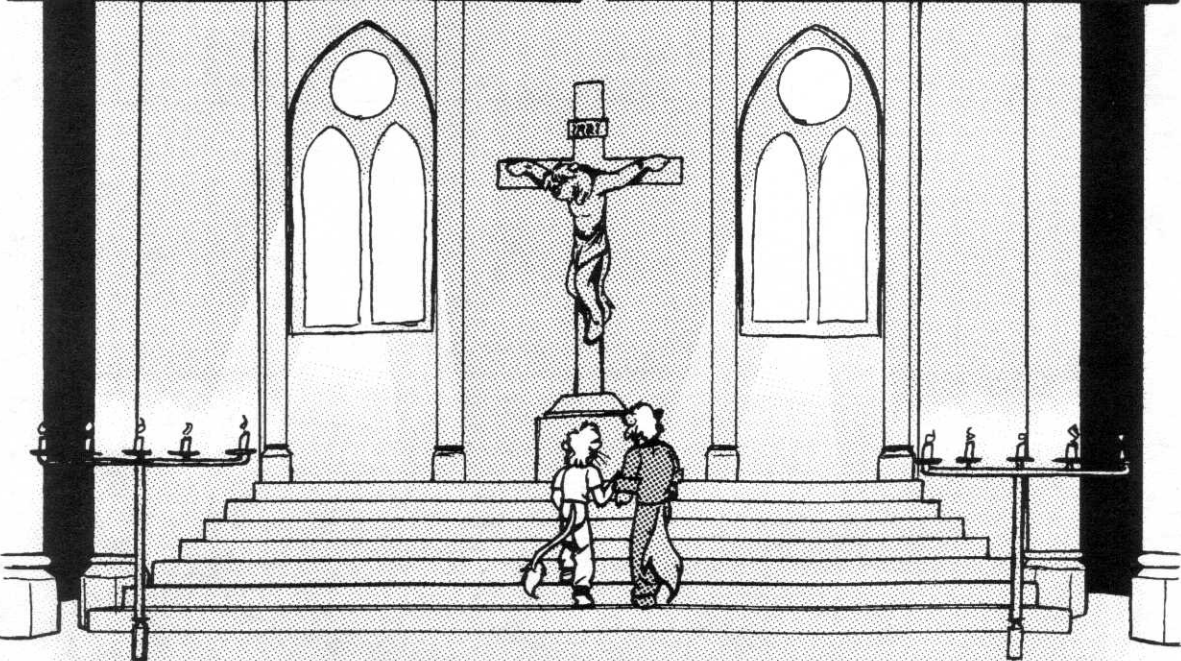
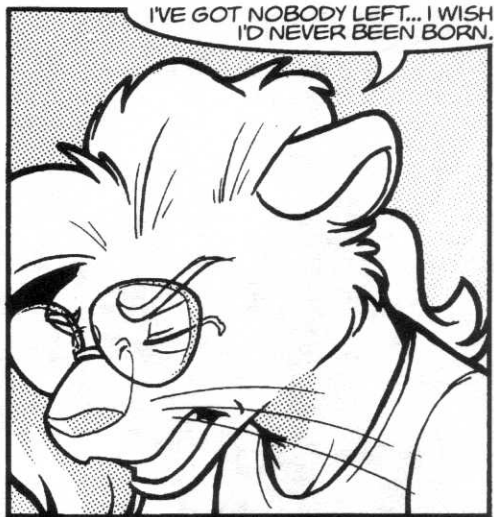


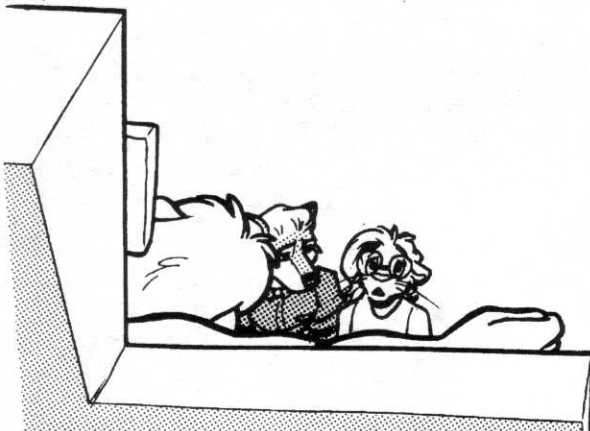


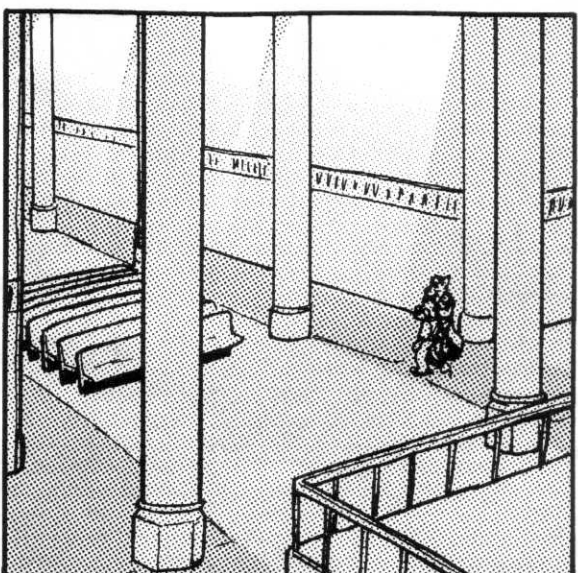
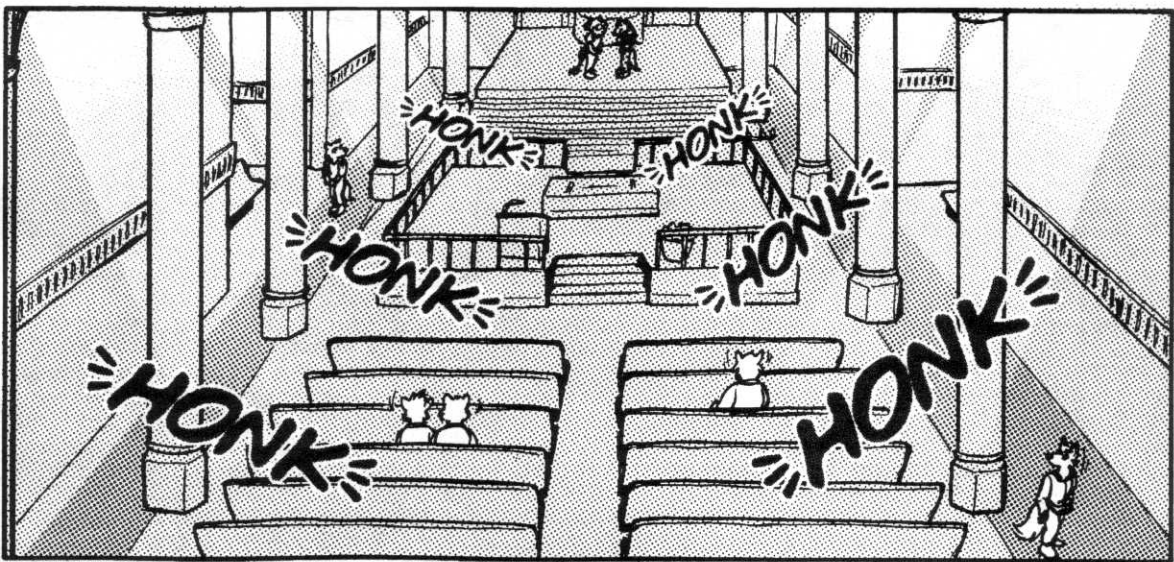


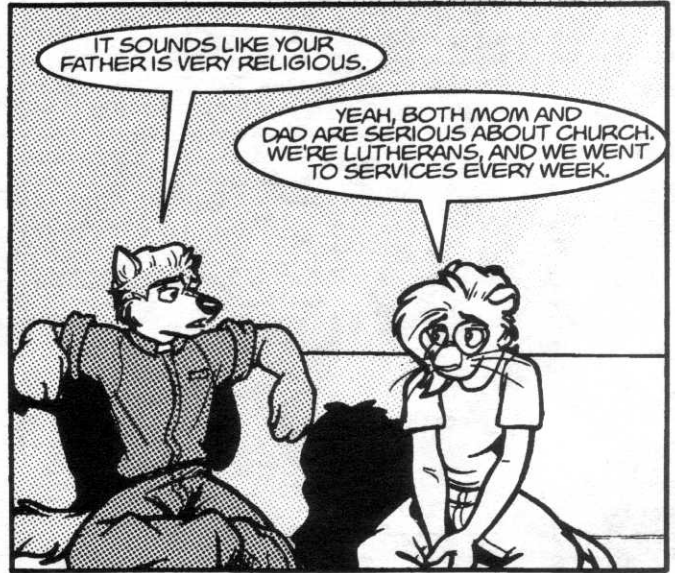




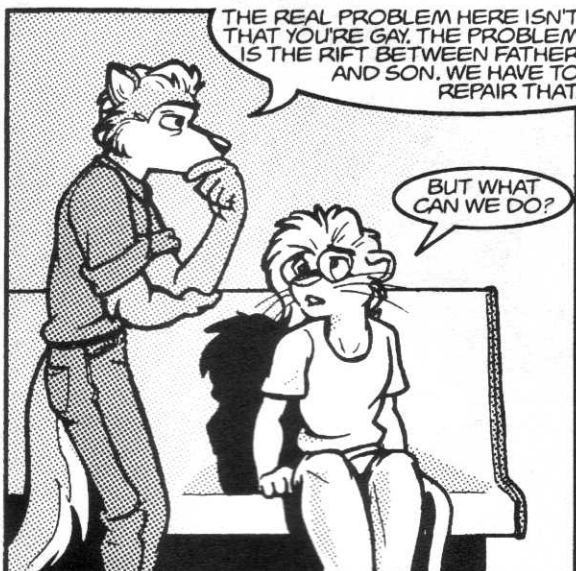


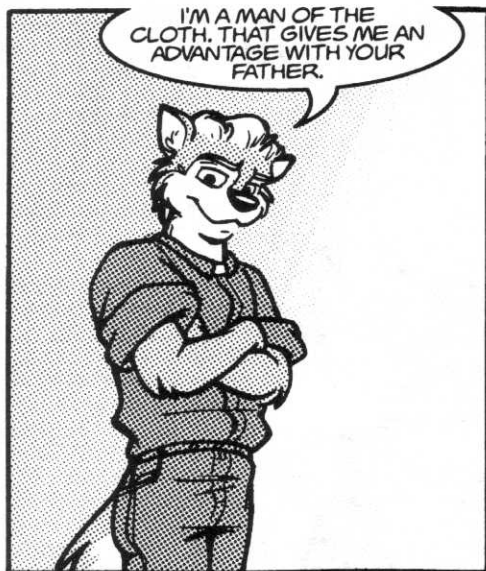


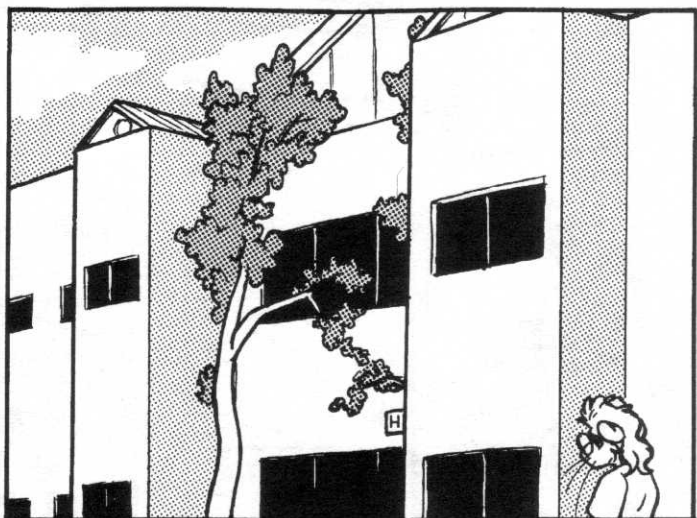
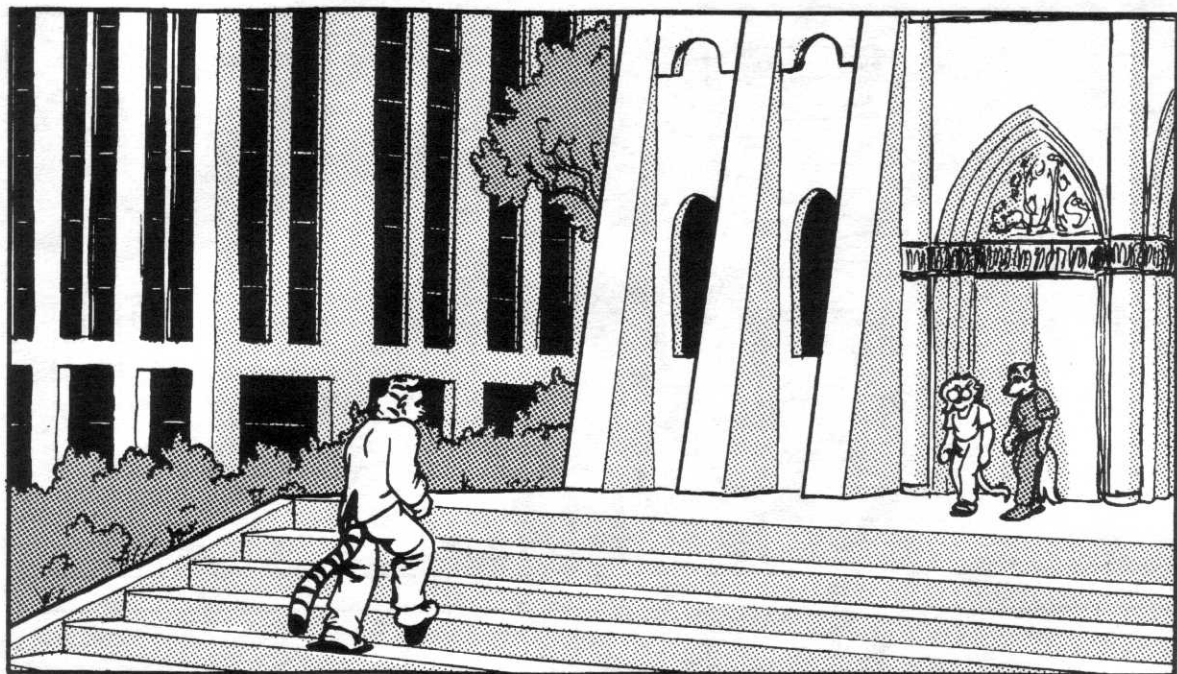


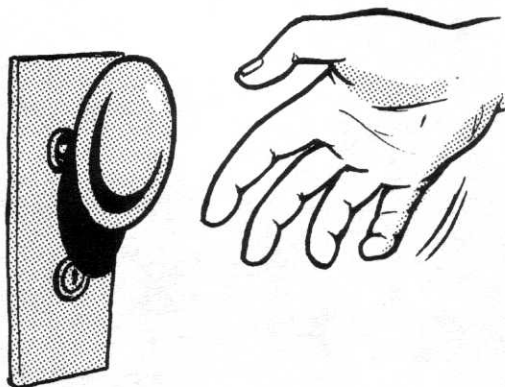












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LETTERS FROM HOME

Dear Mom,

How are you doing? I know things have been rough lately for you, and I am sorry that this whole situation came up. I can only imagine what you are going through, but I know it can't be easy.

I'm doing okay. The hurt doesn't go away or get any easier, but I am living with it, and will survive it. My friends are wonderful, and have been very supportive. I don't think I could have endured the pain without them.

Please tell Stephanie I'm all right. I'm sure that word has gotten around, and I'm also sure Michael isn't exactly on my side. I wish it were different, but he and I never got along.

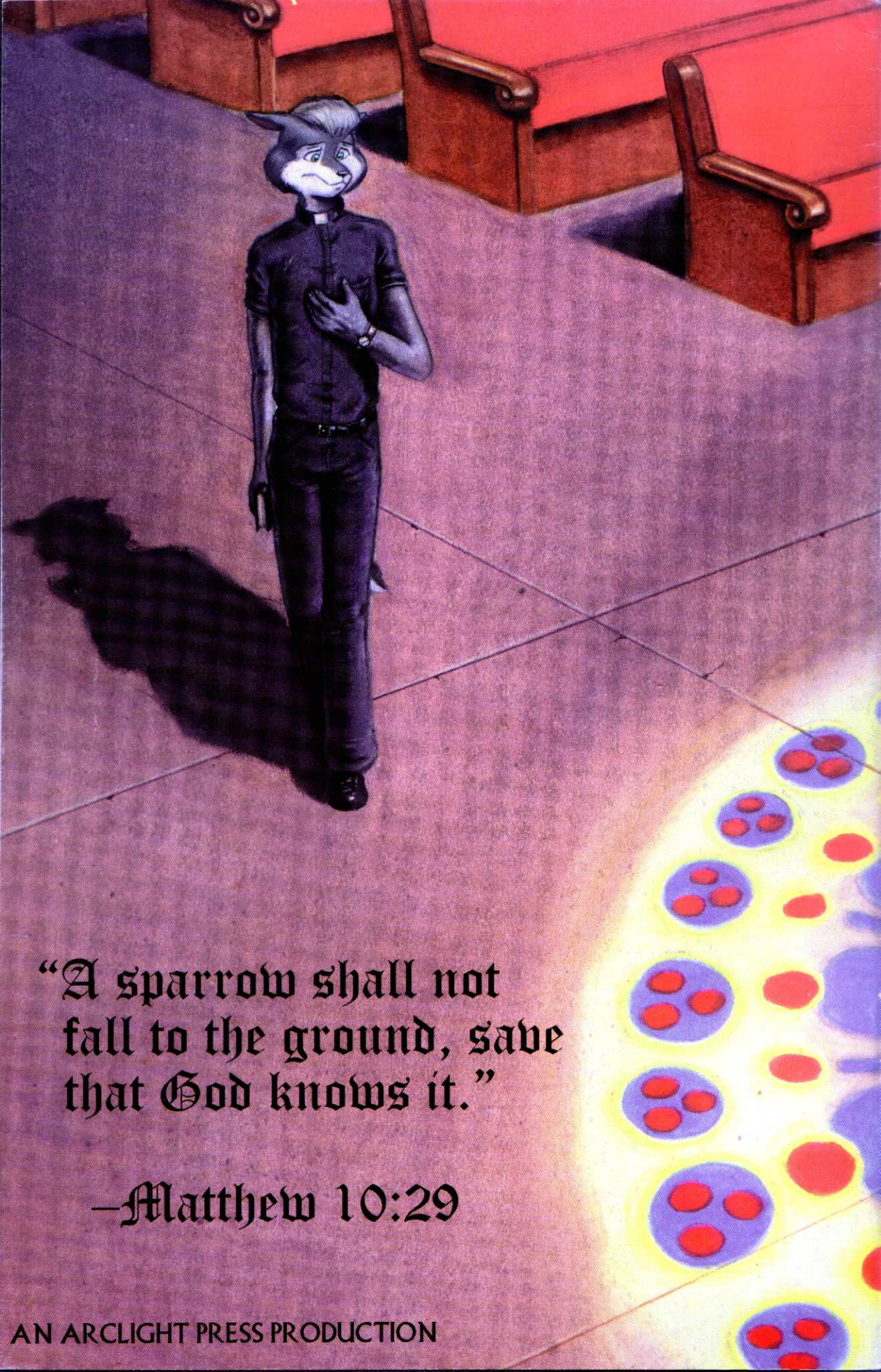
If Dad will listen, please let him know I still love him, though I am not sure how he feels about me. I wish I knew what it was like to know he was proud of me.

I love you, Mom. No matter what happens, that will never change.



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“A sparrow shall not
fall to the ground, save
that God knows it.”

—Matthew 10:29