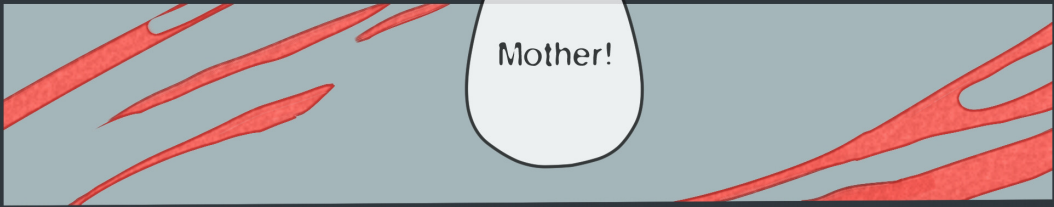
A surreal landscape with a red and black ground, a light blue sky, and a small creature in the distance. The ground is a mix of vibrant red and dark grey/black, with wavy, organic shapes. The sky is a pale, uniform light blue. In the center, a small, dark, four-legged creature with a glowing red chest and a small horn-like protrusion on its head stands on the black ground. The overall style is minimalist and evocative, with a focus on color and form.

She
led me to
somewhere
far away.

And
without
another
word.

she
left.



Mother!



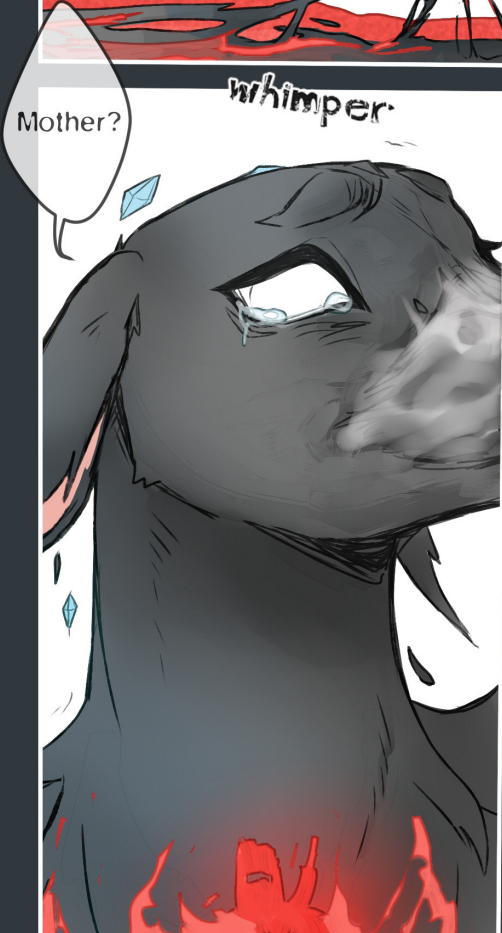
No...

It hurts?!

Please.

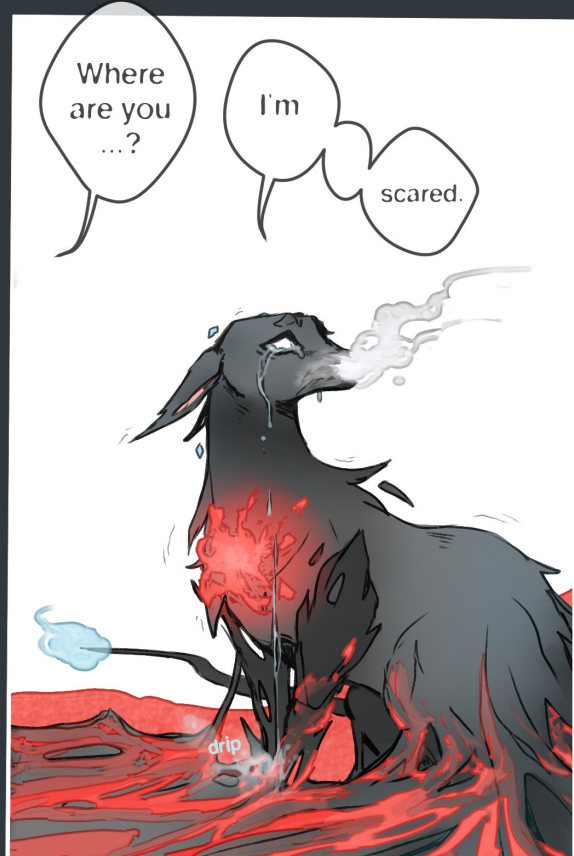
help me!

puff



Mother?

whimper



Where are you ...?

I'm

scared.

drip

But she
wouldn't
answer
anymore.

And for a
very
long time

the
smoke.

and
embers.



and
a few moths
that seemed
to have
gotten lost
while
wandering.

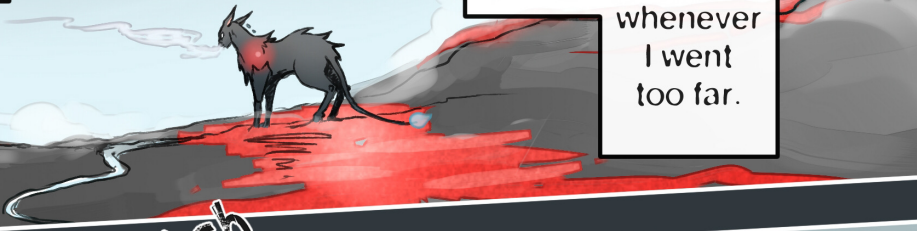
were my
only
companions.



I tried to
leave

but I
was met
with pain

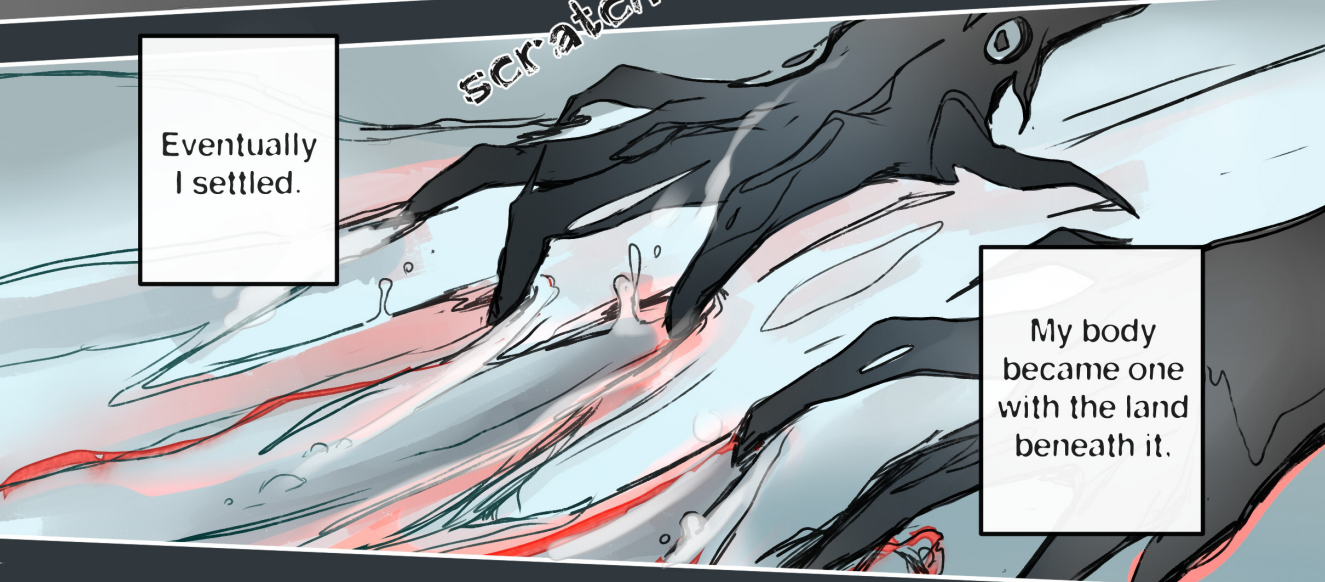
whenever
I went
too far.



Eventually
I settled.

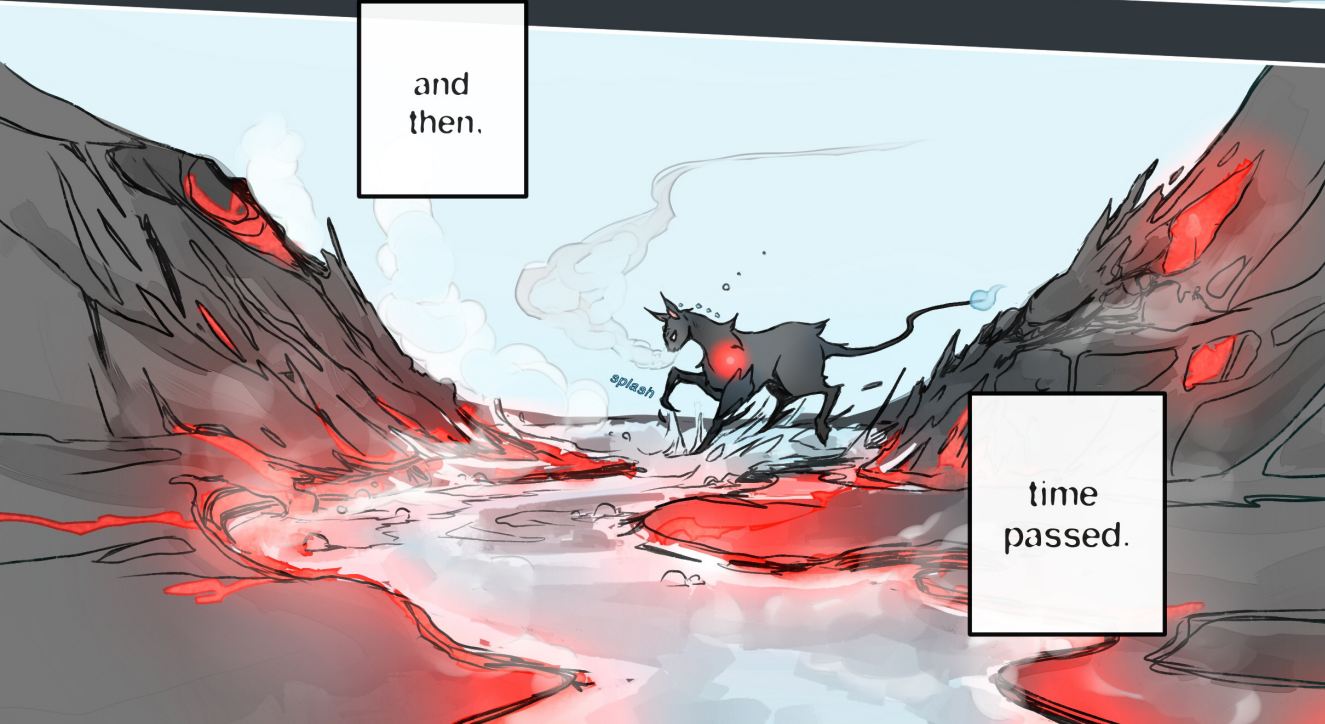
scratch

My body
became one
with the land
beneath it.



and
then.

time
passed.



After
months,
or
years.

or
decades.

I'm not
sure
anymore.
really.

a small
spirit
visited.



The
first
of many.

