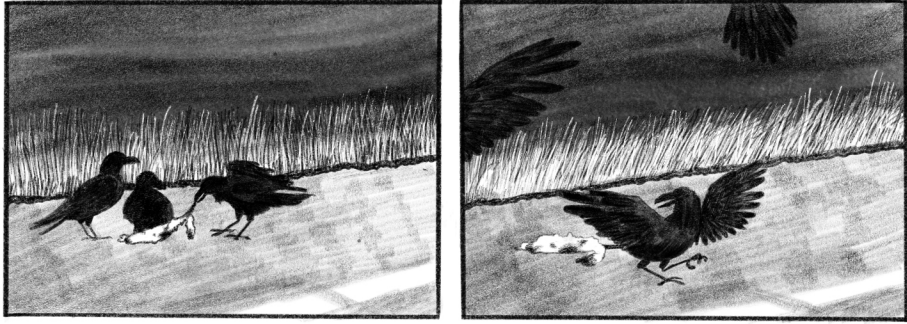


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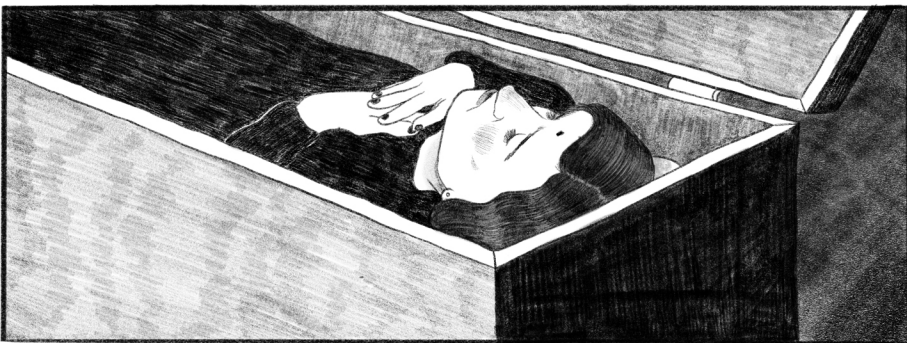
TOAD HEX *Right*



It's ubiquitous but it feels so other



I can grasp the concept, but my mind still wants to call out. As if they might respond somehow, even though their body is gone.



We aren't permanent, and it comes suddenly. Death feels no obligation to warn us, to prepare us.

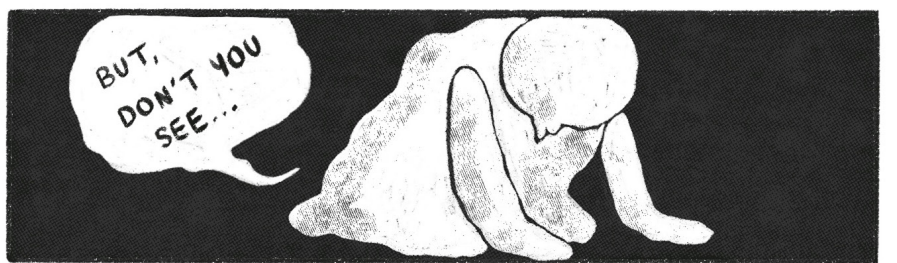
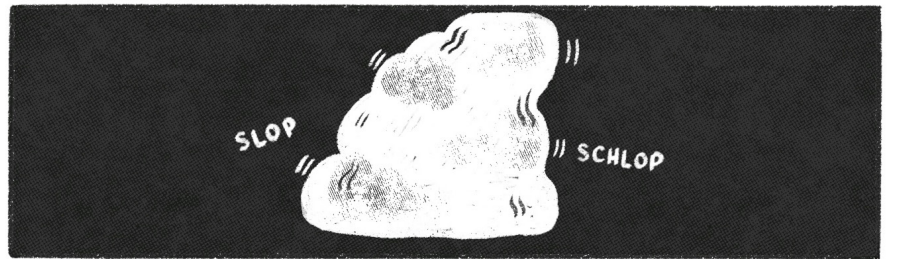
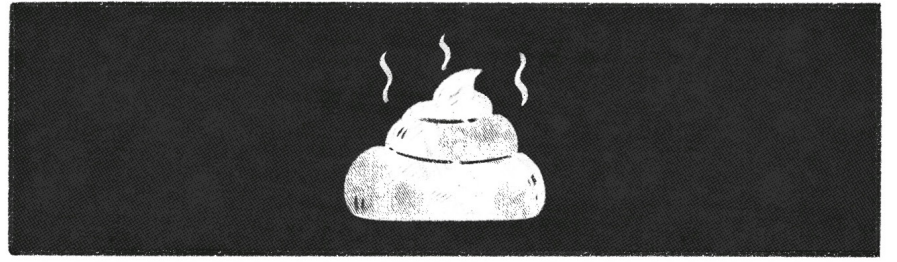


And though it is the most natural fact of life... when faced with death it feels so unnatural.

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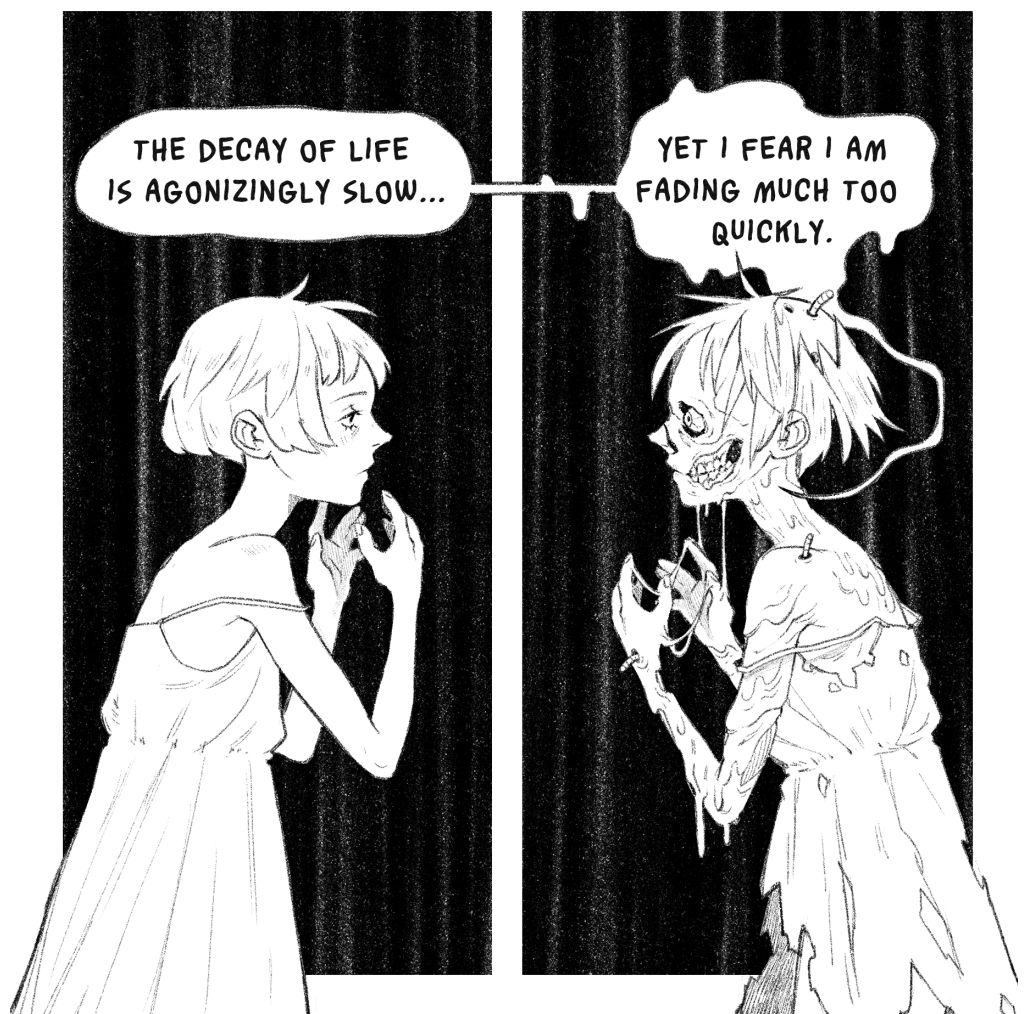
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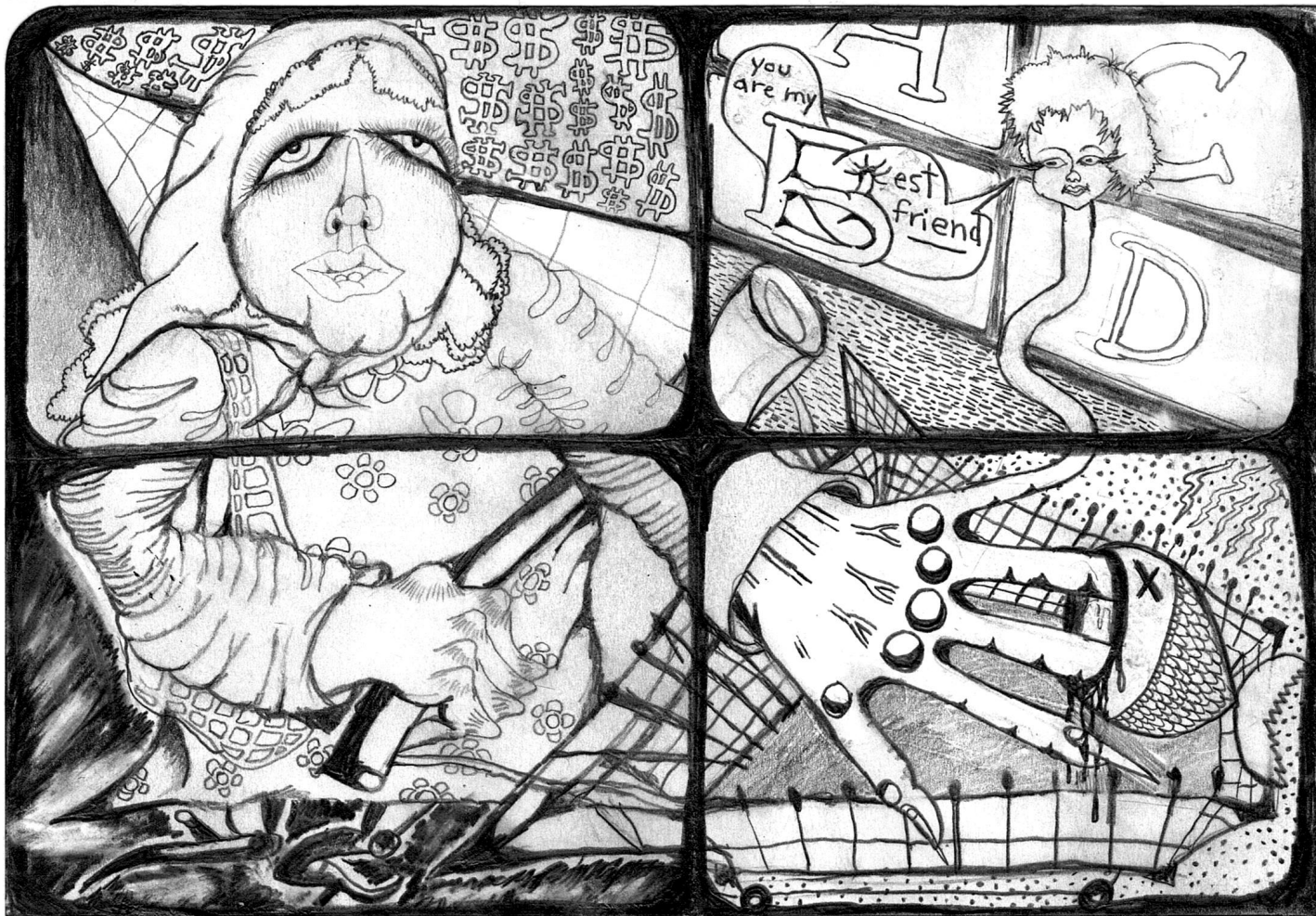
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SHANNON M. REEVES



Why, hello there! Long time no see! Oh, nonono, no hugs please, there's still a pandemic on. Allow me to introduce you to the long awaited Toad Hex #8. Having to delay until the spring was a real kick in the tuchus, but lemme tell you, it's been worth the wait for all these juicy comics. In other news, how about those local politics? That's right, **Calgary's municipal elections are on their way this October!** Do you know who your ward's candidates are? Have you looked up their position on public transit? Harm reduction? Low income housing? Smashing the carceral police state to little tiny bitty bits? I know it may seem early, but your candidate needs your help now. Join up with a campaign and volunteer, donate, or just ask for one of those handsome lil' lawn signs. **And if you're in Ward 8, maybe consider doing all this stuff for Courtney Walcott, formerly of the Defund2Fund campaign and Project Calgary. That's sure as heck our endorsement.**

-Archie Sarjeant, Editor in Chief

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