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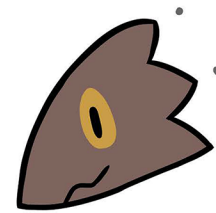
eye

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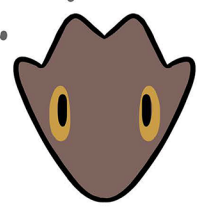
knee

feet

6 spikes total



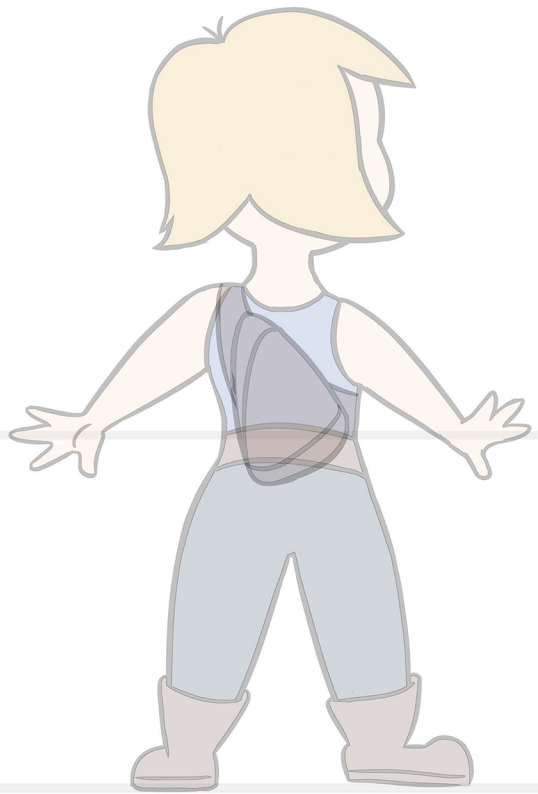
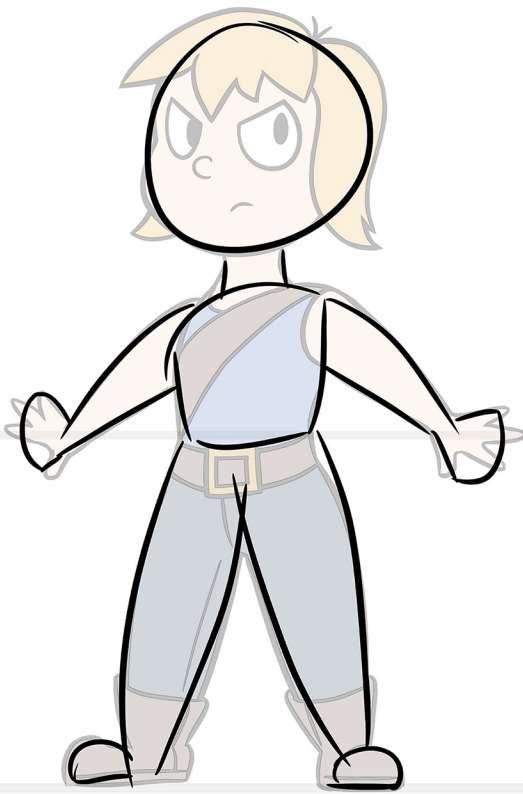
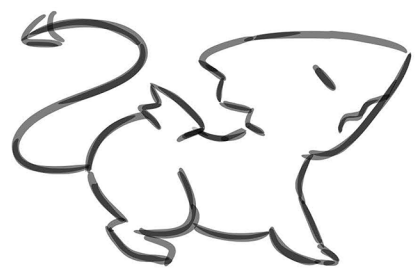
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3 spikes

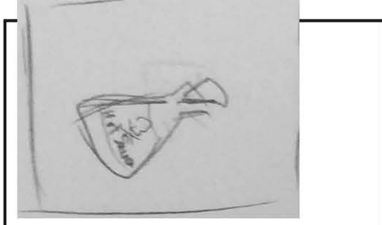
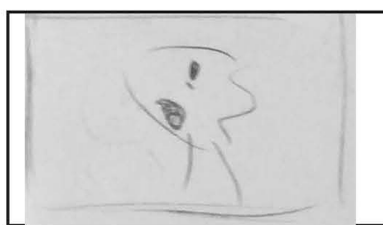
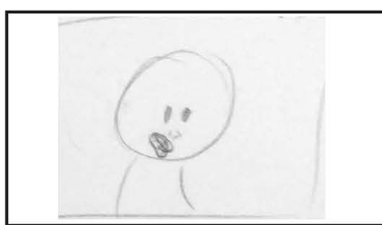
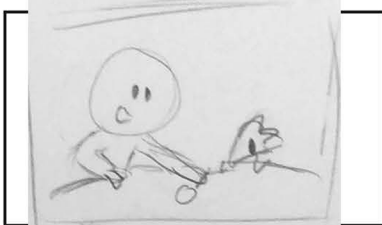
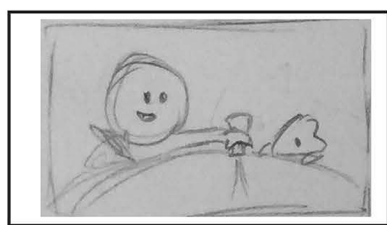
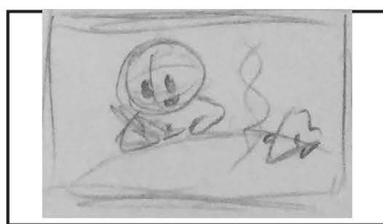
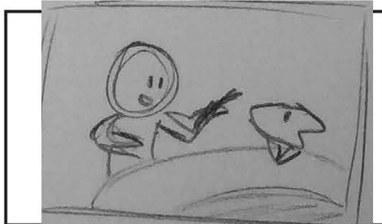
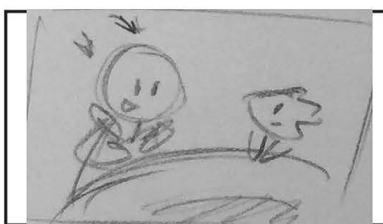
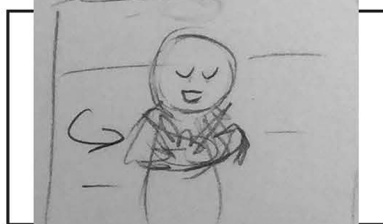
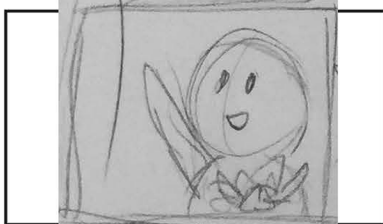
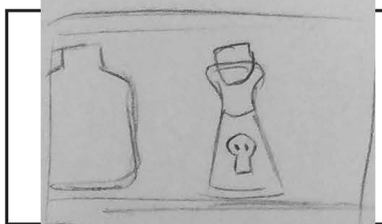
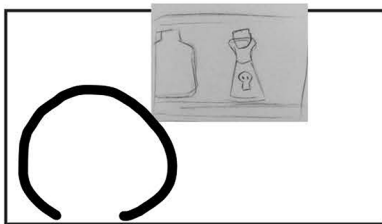
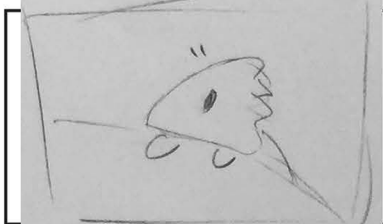
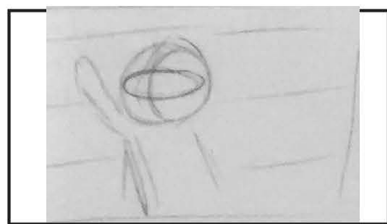
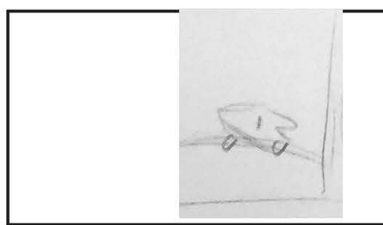
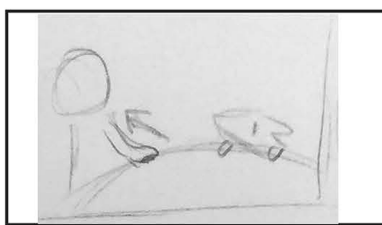
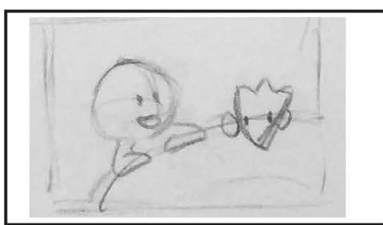
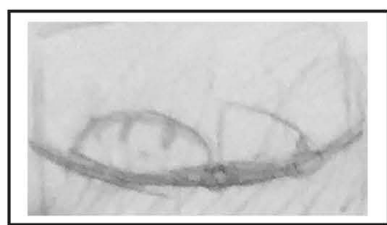


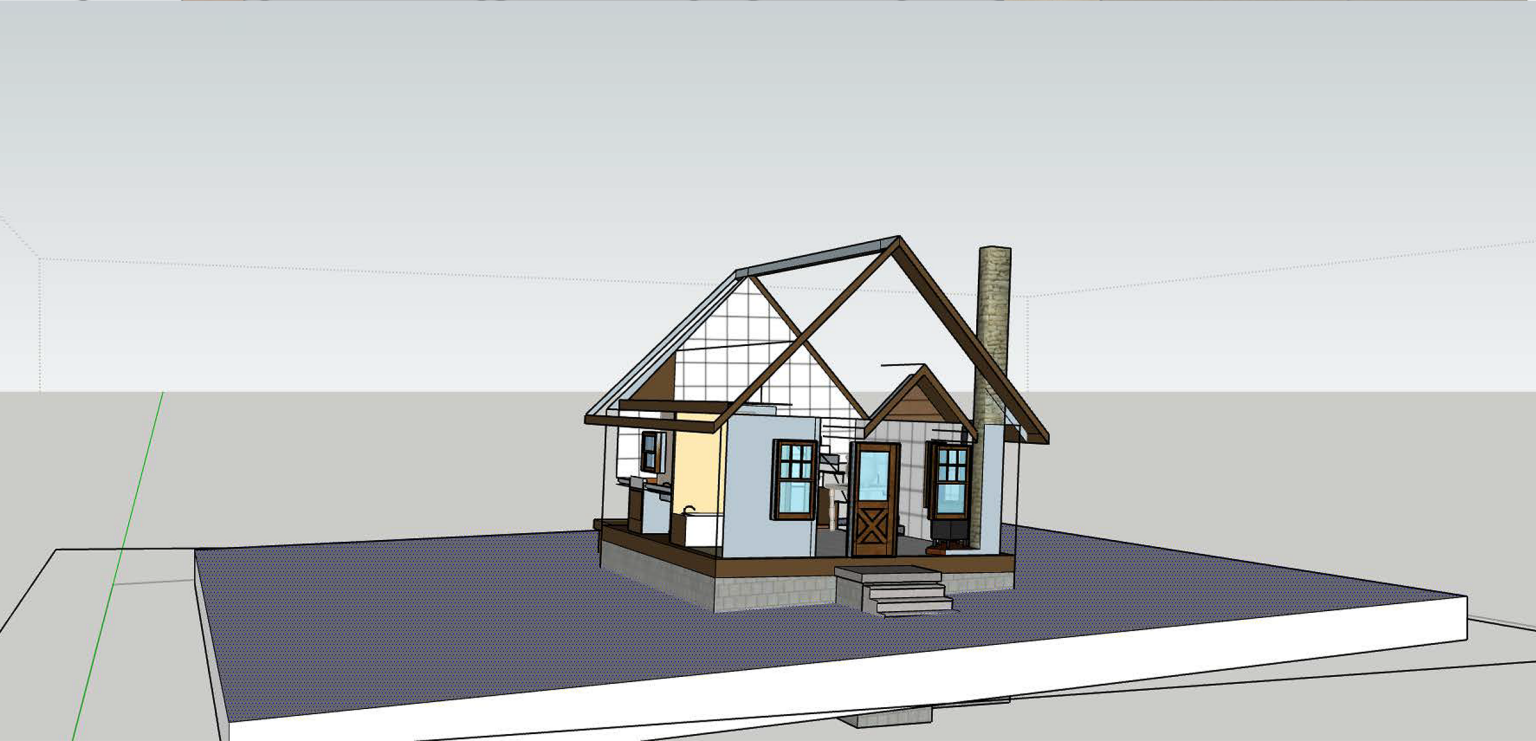
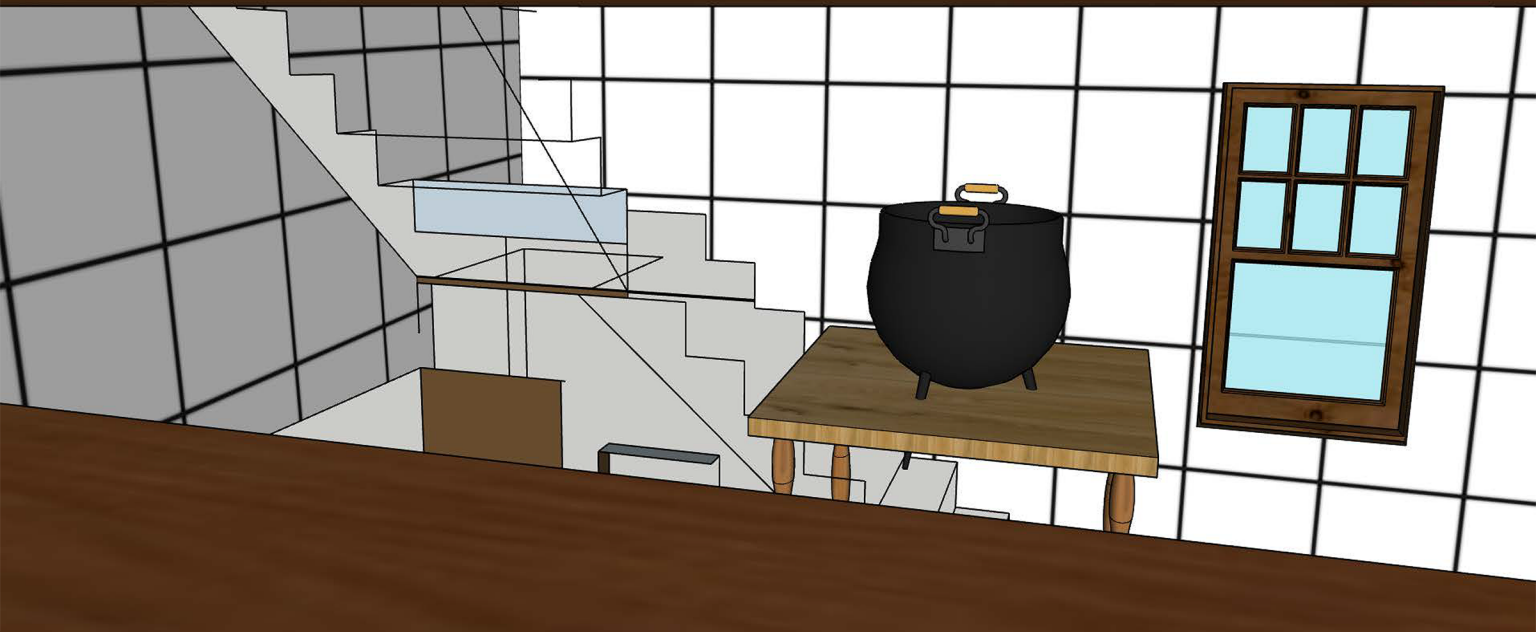
front
4 spikes



3/4
3 1/2 spikes



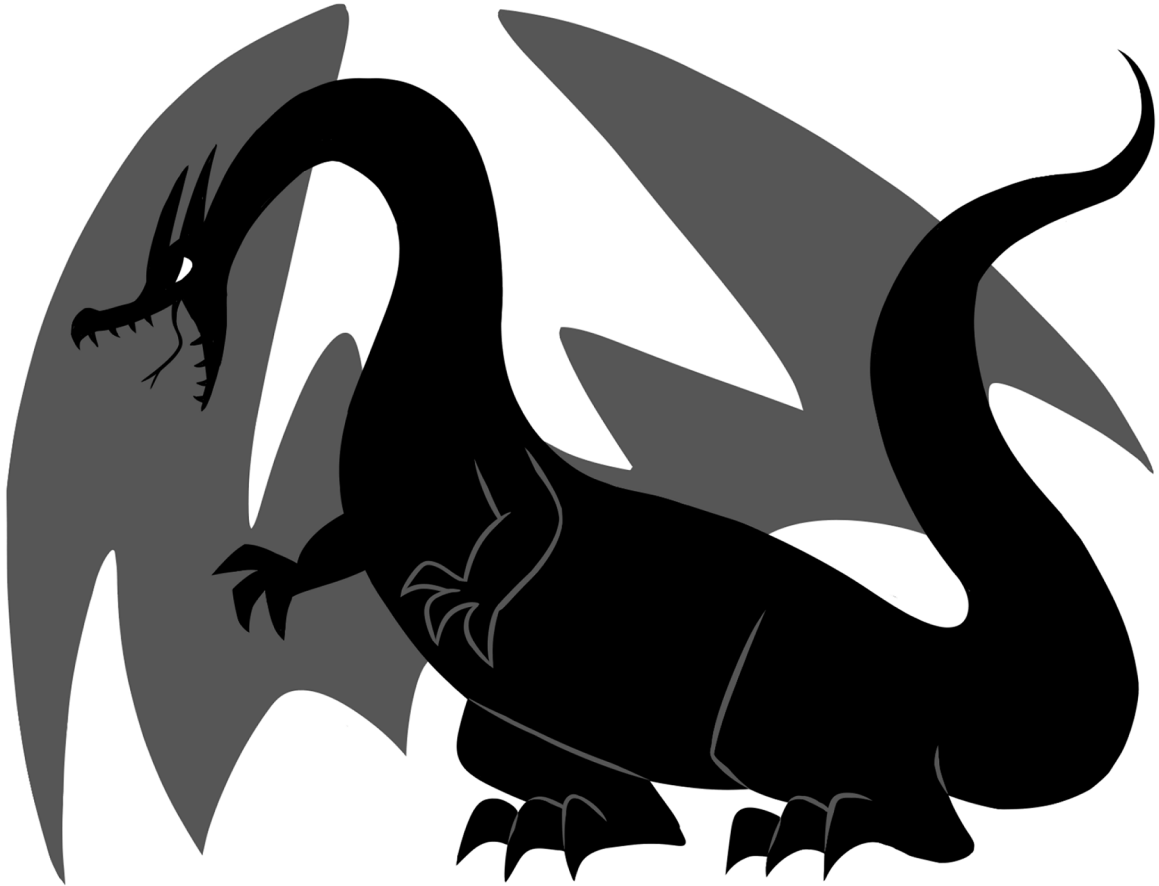




Snips & Scales

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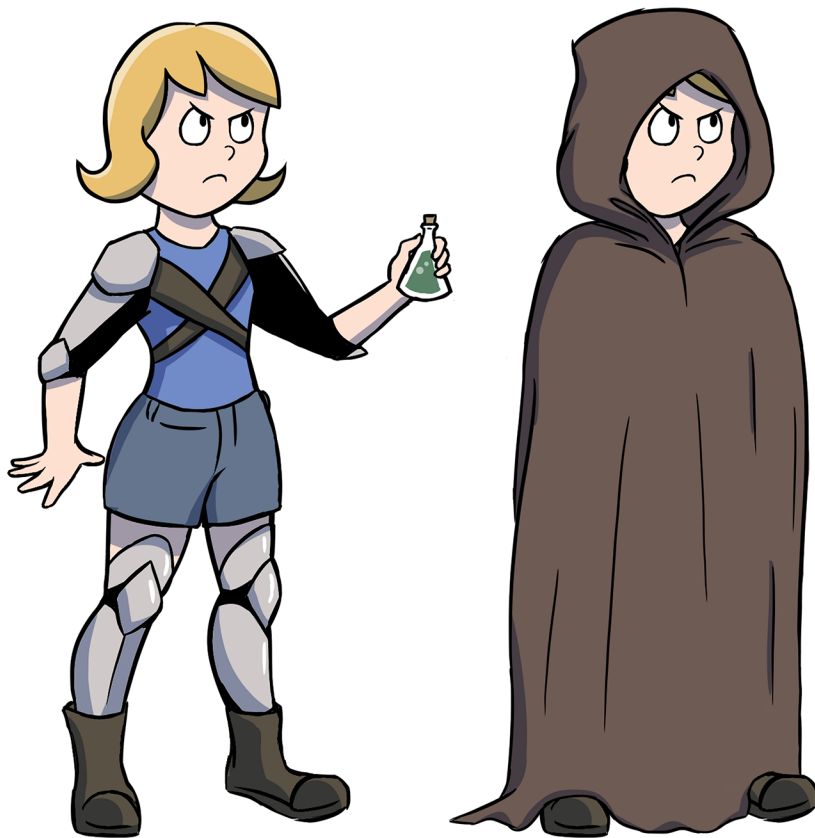
Excrucia



Said to be an amalgamation of shadows and hatred itself, Excrucia's very name strikes fear into the hearts of the townsfolk unfortunate enough to reside near her castle.

Having achieved her life's goal and successfully crushed all opposition to her will, she plans to raise her child to take up her mantle—but not after killing off a few hundred people for fun along the way.

Heather Gladdows



The brave hero of our story, Heather is a girl of no more than 15 years who is skilled in herbalism and plant based magic such as potions and powders. Although she carries a dagger, given the opportunity, she prefers to combat enemies using non-lethal methods.

She sacrificed much of her youth to protect the people of her village before journeying out to fight Excrucia, and thus has very limited experience with familial relationships.

Arbuscula "Arby"



A baby dragon whose entire worldview was shaped by his tyrannical mother, Arby is well on his way to becoming an even greater terror to mankind than the dragons before him.

Perhaps the intervention of a kind soul could turn him around before it's too late.

After Excrucia is defeated, Heather is left alone with the orphaned baby dragon whom she decides to take home with her and later nick-names Arby. Seeing the evil path his mother set him on, Heather attempts to turn him good using the only things she knows, teaching him about heroism and plant-based magic and medicine. However, Arby rejects her help and continuously sabotages her potions to spite her.



Heather finds it difficult to keep a positive outlook during the ordeal but nevertheless she persists. Eventually Arby grows somewhat fond of her due to her stubborn refusal to give up on him and occasionally puts some effort into learning from her lessons. However, he often grows frustrated when things do not go perfectly the first time.

One day Arby's frustration gets the best of him and he ends up endangering himself. Heather manages to save him but gets injured in the process. The event finally makes Arby realize how truly selfless Heather's intentions were and he begins to put greater effort into reforming himself.

Months later, Heather and Arby have grown to be an effective team, fending off anything that threatens the peace in their land. Until one day Excrucia unexpectedly returns and nearly convinces Arby to rejoin her side. In his hesitation, the she-dragon manages to overwhelm Heather due to her previous injury, leaving her badly wounded.



Driven by a mixture of anger and guilt, Arby overcomes his reluctance and fights Excrucia. At the end of an evenly matched fight, he manages to best his mother using what he learned from Heather. Arby then collects his friend in a scene reminiscent of when she took him in at the beginning of the story and heals her using the the knowledge she taught him once again.

After all is settled, Heather later makes a full recovery and the pair return to their adventures in protecting the land from evil.