LES GARDIENNES DU GRENIER

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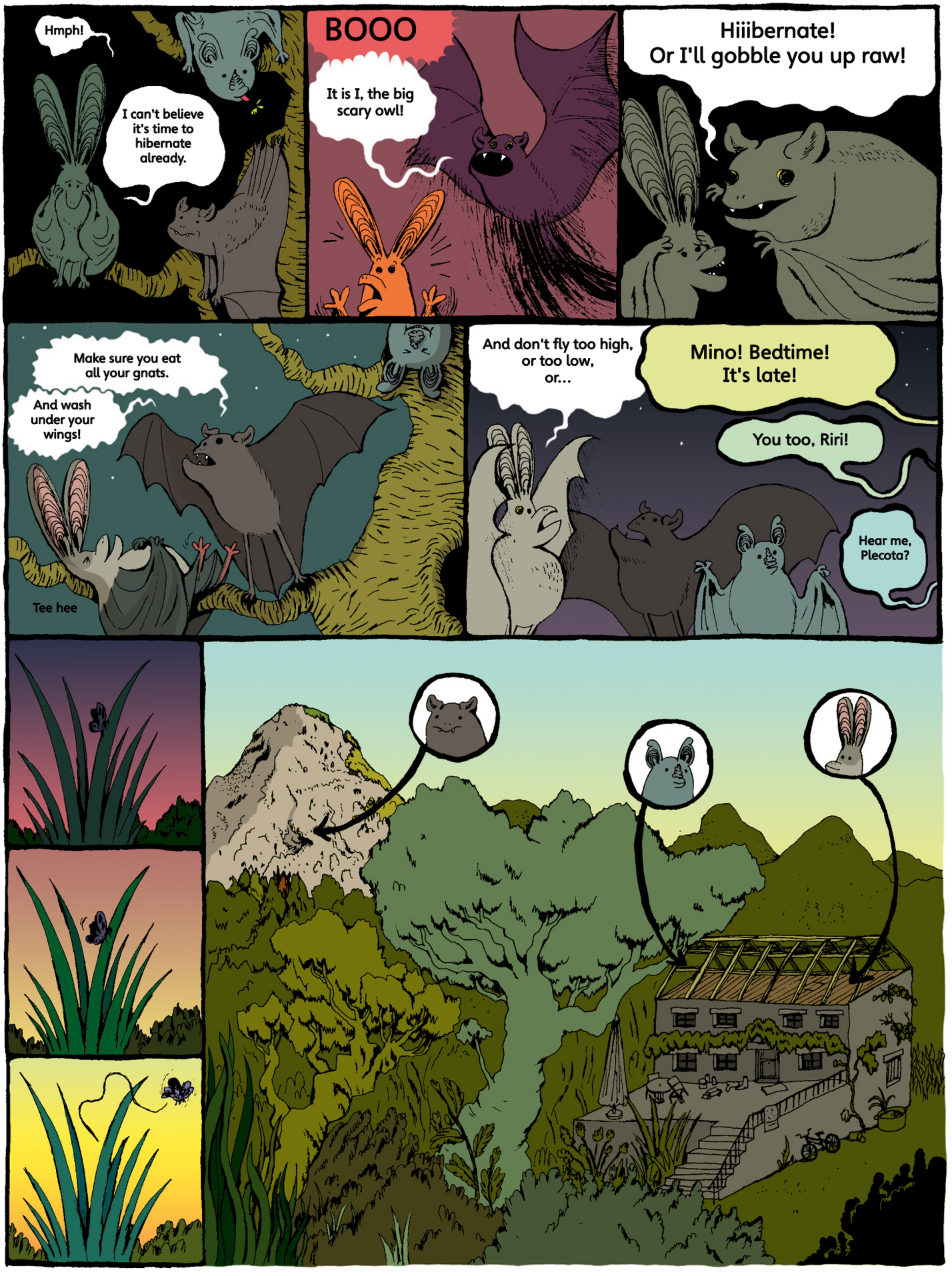
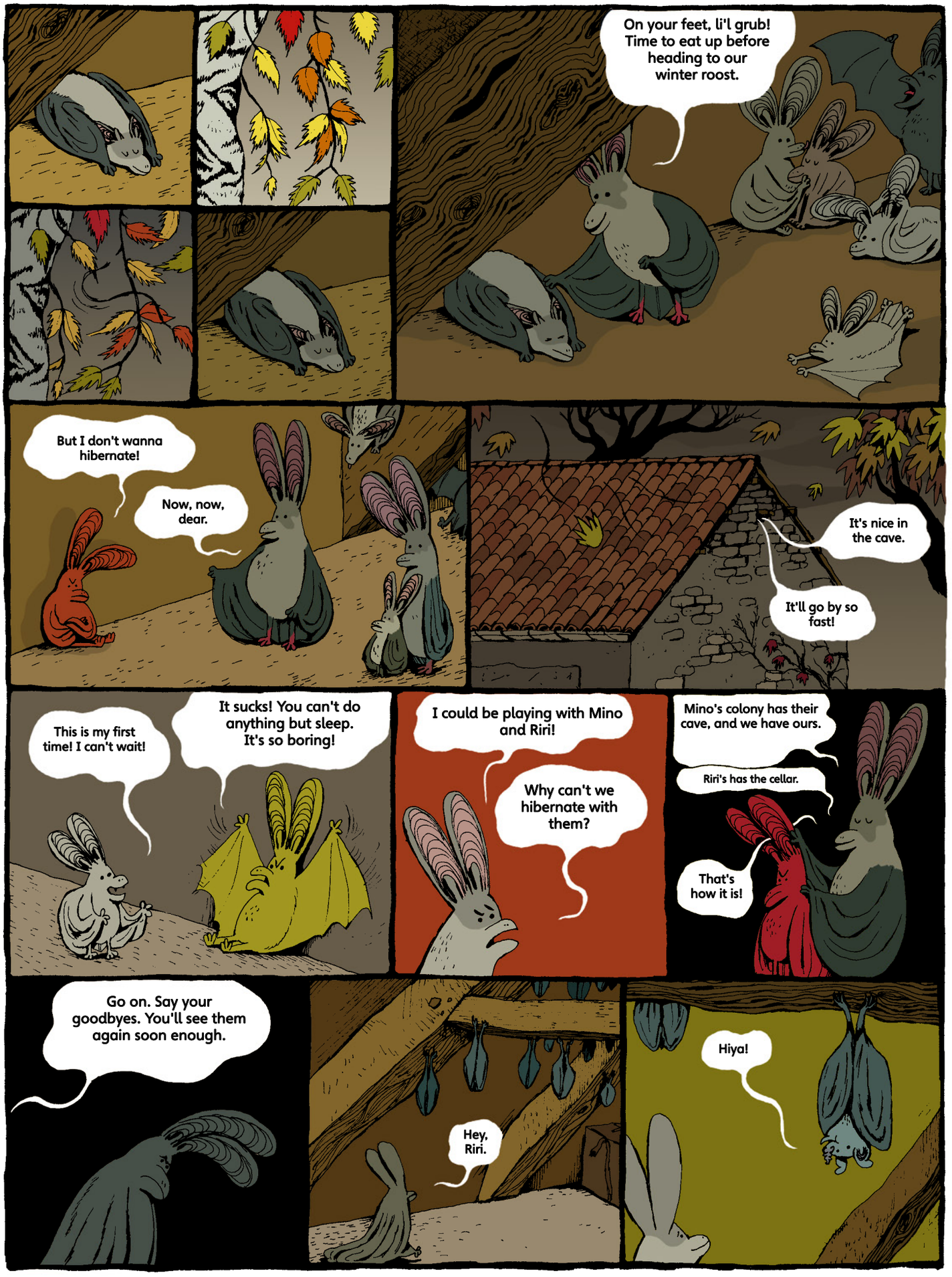
Biscoto

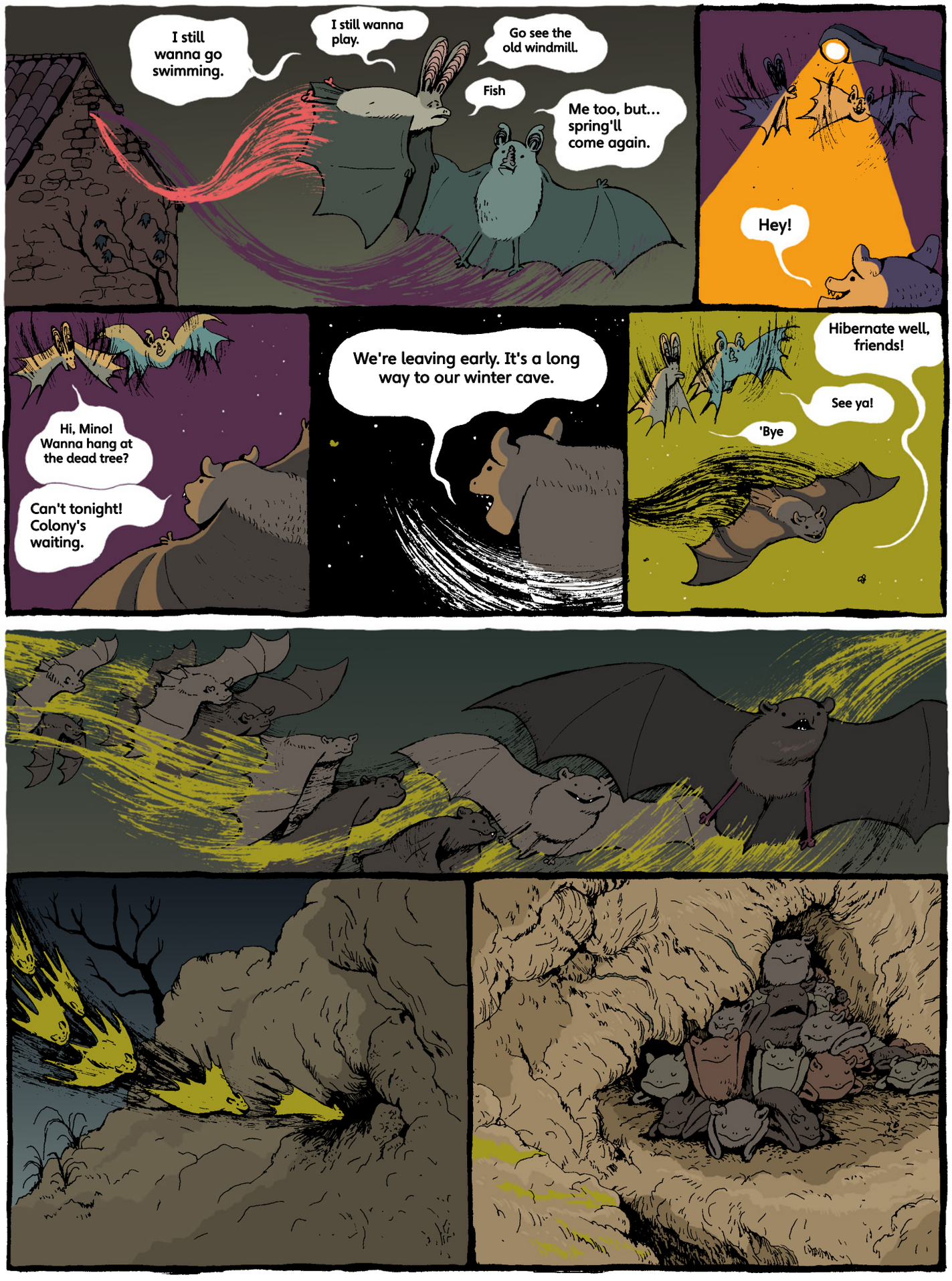
DINNER!

Last one to the streetlight's a rotten gnat!
Ha ha!
Ahh!
Feels good!
How 'bout a dip?
Or a game of catch?
Or gathering funny-looking leaves?
Hey, let's go peek through the window!
Yeah!
Heh
Buuut... it's scaaary in there!
Go on!
Hee hee

AAAAH!! MOMMY, ANOTHER BAT GOT INSIDE THE HOUSE!
Oops!
Hee hee! Did you see their faces? Works every time!
Your turn!
Not me, no way! Never!
Why not?
What if they catch me?
With their claws?
And...and eat me up! Or, uh...
Oh, stop it! They won't hurt you.
I promise.
Uh... Plec?
C'mon, Mino! You gotta try it out. It's so much fun!
Behind you.
What? Quit freaking out!
Plecota! I thought I told you to cut that out!
I...
Do you know what happens to bad little bats?
The big scary owl gets'em!
BRRR
That" right! So cease your nonsense, or I swear I'll go wake him myself!
But first, maybe I'll tell your parents. Riri? Mino?
Nooo!
Please, ma'am! We'll stop!
All right! Now go eat! You need to stock up to hibernate!


Hmph!
I can't believe it's time to hibernate already.
BOOO
It is I, the big scary owl!
Hiiibernate!
Or I'll gobble you up raw!
Make sure you eat all your gnats.
And wash under your wings!
Tee hee
And don't fly too high, or too low, or...
Mino! Bedtime! It's late!
You too, Riri!
Hear me, Plecota?


On your feet, li'l grub! Time to eat up before heading to our winter roost.
But I don't wanna hibernate!
Now, now, dear.
It's nice in the cave.
It'll go by so fast!
This is my first time! I can't wait!
It sucks! You can't do anything but sleep. It's so boring!
I could be playing with Mino and Riri!
Why can't we hibernate with them?
Mino's colony has their cave, and we have ours.
Riri's has the cellar.
That's how it is!
Go on. Say your goodbyes. You'll see them again soon enough.
Hey, Riri.
Hiya!


I still wanna go swimming.
I still wanna play.
Go see the old windmill.
Fish
Me too, but... spring'll come again.
Hey!
Hi, Mino! Wanna hang at the dead tree?
Can't tonight! Colony's waiting.
We're leaving early. It's a long way to our winter cave.
Hibernate well, friends!
See ya!
'Bye

Riri! We're leaaaving!!
OK, time to go.
See ya!
Come on, Plecota. It's time.

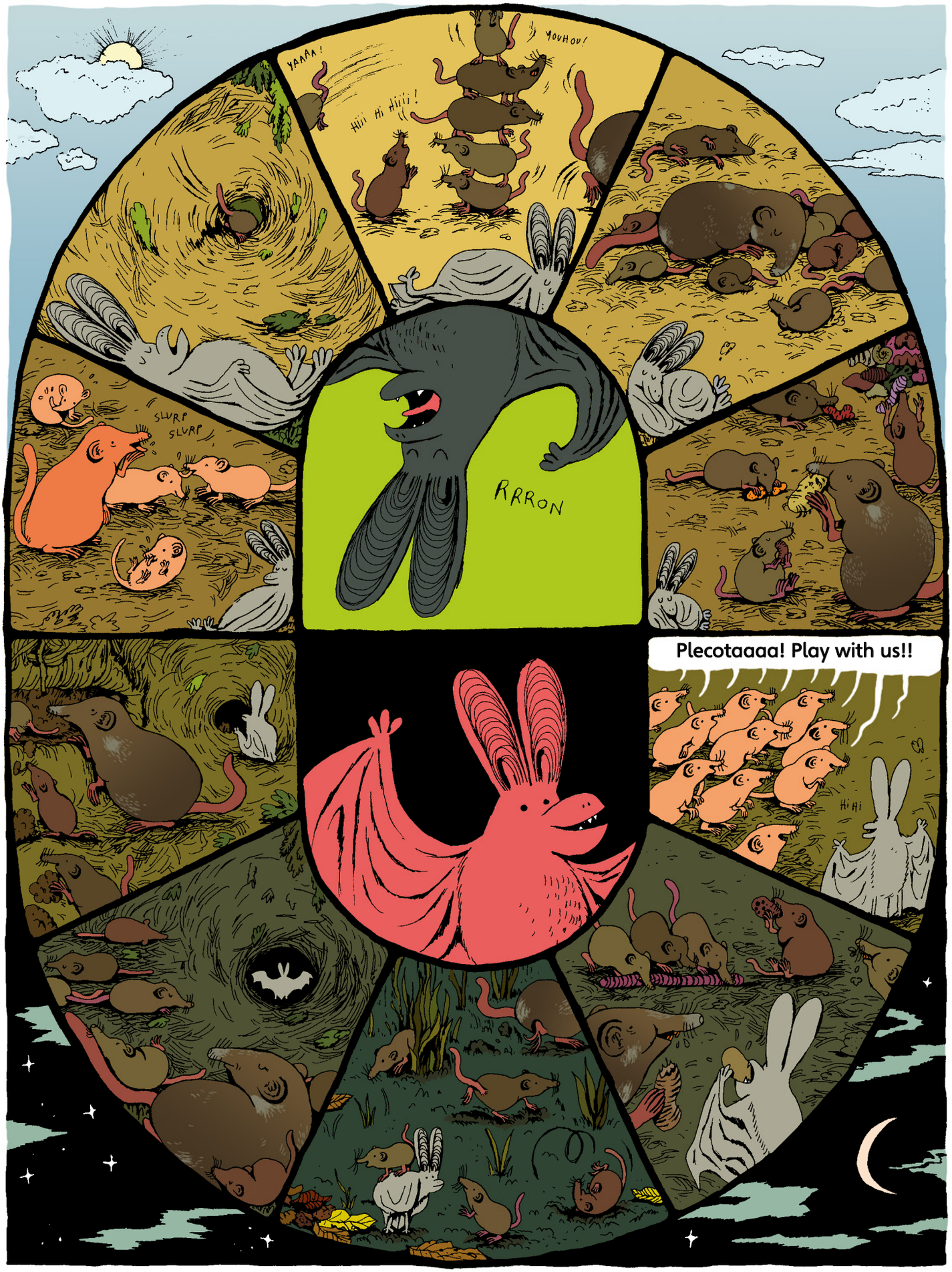
BLAM
ROAD TRUCKS
CONSTRUCTION
COMING SOON
A NEW
ROAD TRUCKS
CONSTRUCTION
FFROUFF

Step aside! Give her some room!
Mama! Mama!
It just twitched!
How do you feel?
Urghh... My head is ringing.
Pull yourself together! Here! Eat!
CRUNCH
CRUNCH GULP CRUNCH
Mmm! Delicious!
You like? Try this!
This!
This!
So what's your name?
Mmm! I love these!
CHOMP CHM... PCH... Plecot... MUNCH...
I'm Mu, and this is my little family.
BU
MUK
GRU
DIDU
SU
MUG
LUM
TUT
PU
DUM

Stay as long as you'd like.
MUNCH
Thanks
Settle in!
Have some more!
Thanks, but I'm stuffed!
You must be tired. Do you need anything?
No. I'm great!
Settle down, children!
Plecota!
Yoohoo!
Huh?
The sun's up!
So soon?
Of course! We're headed out. Lots of things to do!
You mean... daytime?
Yes. Y'know... The sun?
Oh, right! I sleep during the day.
Oh, OK! Suit yourself! Be back soon.
ZZZ
Look what I found!
An awesome twig!
Yoohoo!
We found some stuff!
Mine's better!
No, two!
Wish I could eat'em!
Hee
Assemble your findings!

POUF
SCRITCH
FROUTCH FROUTCH
FRR
CHOMP CHOMP
MIOUMCH
CROUNCH
MIOM MIOM MIOM
CH
GRARR
RON RRRR
RON PSCHH
RON
RON PSCH!
RON RON
RRR RON
WAAAAA
Hey, Plecota!
How'd you fall?
Well, uh... when I fly, I yell but not loud.
Huh?
I send out sound.
Like this...
If I throw something and it hits an obstacle, it bounces back.
Toward me.
Sound's kinda like that.
When my yell bounces back, I know what's around me!
But this time, it didn't bounce back. I dunno why...
WHAM!
Wow! We yell to find our way home, too!
Eeeee
Eeeee
Eeeee
Eeeee
Plecota! Fly for us!
Yeah!
Eeee
Uh... I don't feel like it now.
Please ?

Naptime, children!
Does your head still hurt?
It's better.
But, uh...
I'm kinda scared.
What if I can't find my way now?
And run into something again?
You can do it! Take time to recover.
POUF
Inhale...
Exhale...
Inhale...
Sigh...
Plecotaaaaa!
Yoohoo!
Oh! You're up already!
Look! A hole!
Laala loooo
Found some food!
OK, I'm gonna sleep.
Mmmf mff! Mmff mm!
Hee


YAAAA !
YOUHOU !
Hiii Hi Hiii !
SLURP SLURP
RRRON
Plecotaaaa! Play with us!!
Hi Hi

YAAAWWN
Ooof, what a day!
Guess you guys don't hibernate?
Oh, no! But with the cold setting in, we are moving a bit slower these days.
You? Slower? Ha ha!
Crunch scrunch
YEEEHaaaAAAH! A RAAAACE!
They're growing up so fast!
That's for sure!
You...you've changed too.
You've got gray fur all over.
You know, Plecota, you might live fifteen springs, but not us.
I age faster!
So time must not go by at the same pace for us.
Oh
But... that means you'll never meet Riri and Mino and... my whole colony when they're back?
I might be very, very old... but if I'm gone by then, it doesn't matter. My children will meet them, and my children's children.

The shrews will never forget you! And through them, I'll always be with you.
Snif
I'll miss you...
I miss my colony, too...
You'll find them again soon.
zzz
zzzzz
Hee hee
Hush
Let her rest.
C'mon! Chin up! You got up there, you can get down!
YAY!
BRAVO!
Thanks, Plecota!
No way!
I flew!
I did it!

I can do it!
I can find my colony now!
Don't fly off on an empty stomach!
Let's eat up.
And get some sleep, too. You can set out tomorrow night.
Hey, Plecota! I wanna fly too!
Me tooo!!
No, me!
Hey! Wait your turn!
Yoohoo!
Shhhh
Thanks a ton, Mu
G'bye, Plecota!
Don't forget us, OK?
Come back and visit our den!
Ee eeee
SNiF