

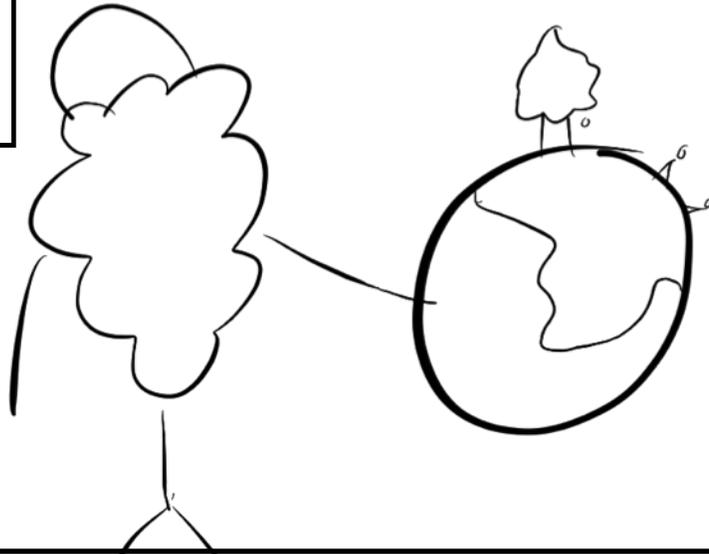
THE GARDEN v 2.0

A PARABLE INSPIRED BY
THE CHURCH OF EMACS



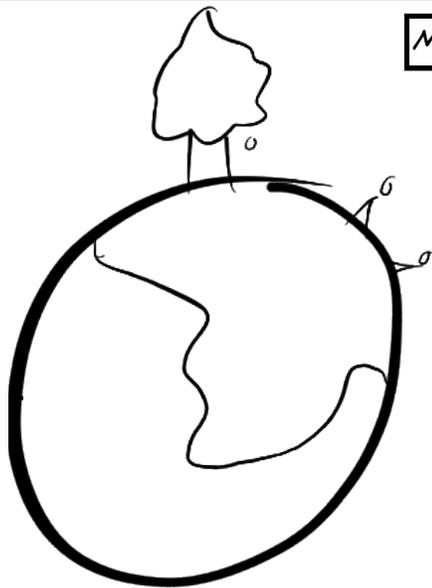
SHANE CELIS

IN THE BEGINNING THE DEVELOPER CREATED THE GARDEN, A PROGRAM. AND IT WAS GOOD.

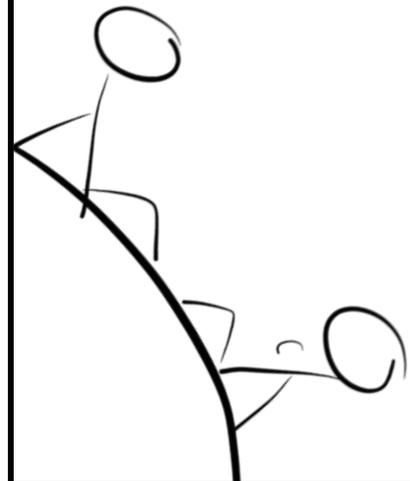


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$ git commit -m "And on the 7th day, He rested."
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MEANWHILE...



THE FIRST USERS ALICE AND STEVE ARRIVE.



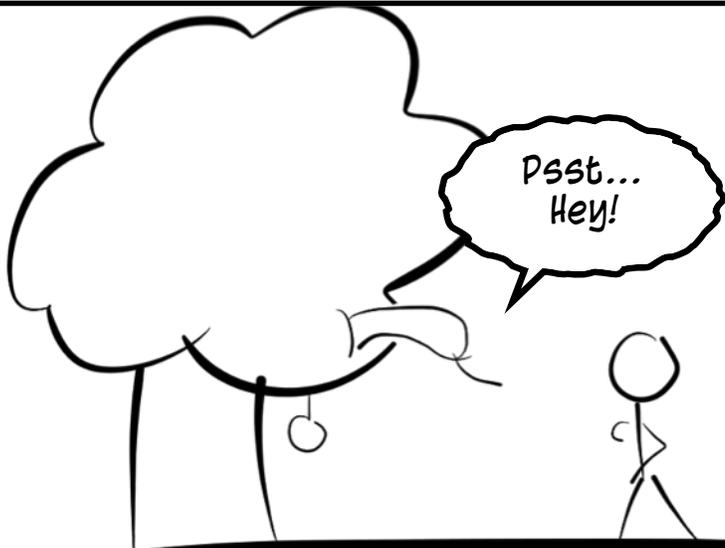
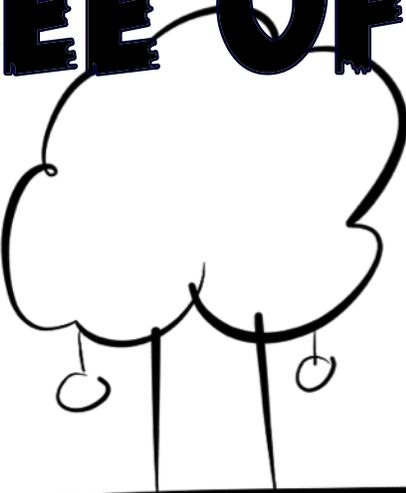
NICE PLACE. IT'S LIKE IT WAS MADE FOR US, ALICE.

Yes... but why can't we eat from that tree?

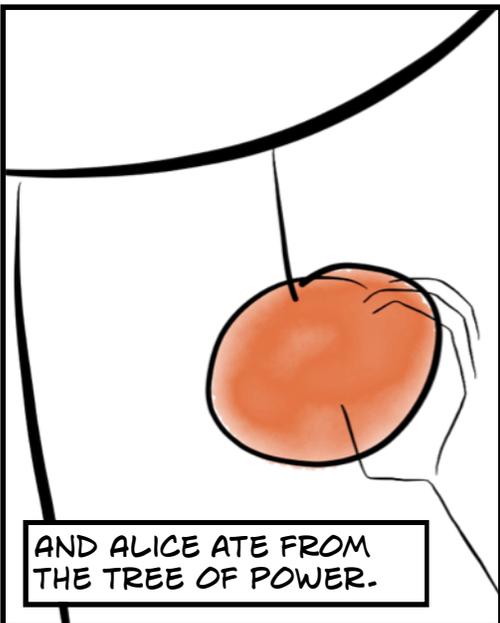
I DON'T KNOW.

THE TREE OF POWER

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FORBIDDEN

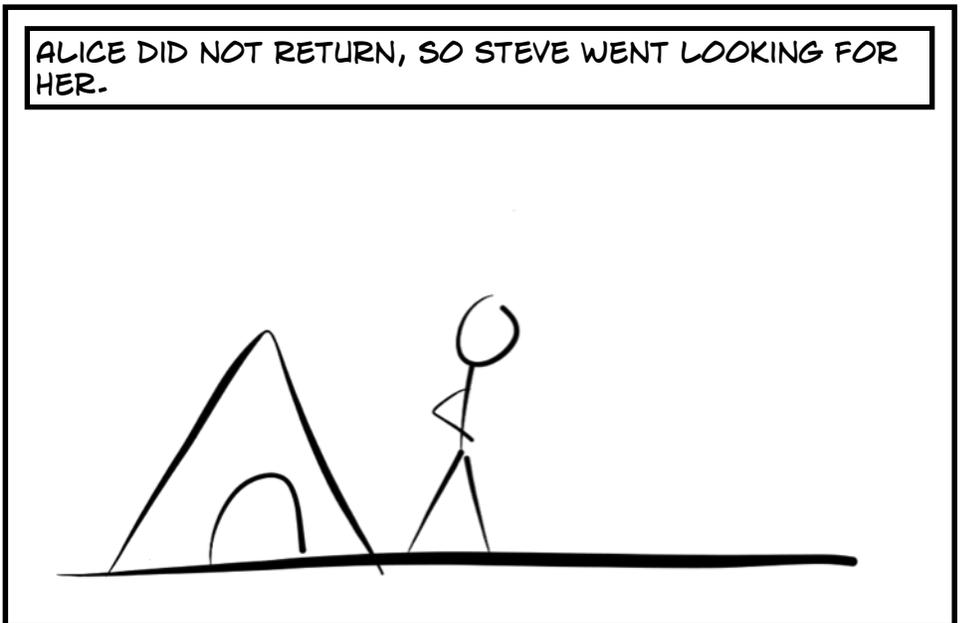


THE SERPENT USED ITS GUILE TO TEMPT ALICE.



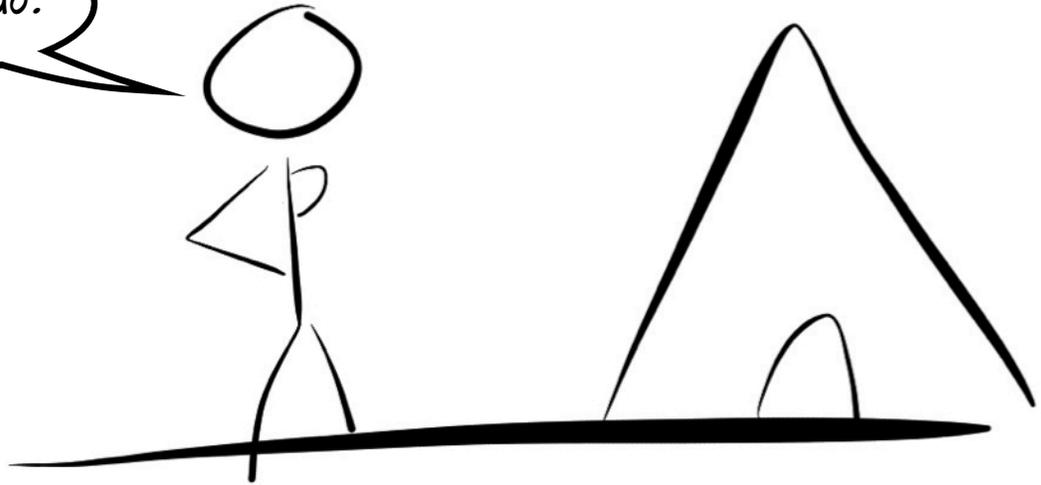
AND ALICE ATE FROM THE TREE OF POWER.

ALICE DID NOT RETURN, SO STEVE WENT LOOKING FOR HER.



EMPOWERED, ALICE GREW DISCONTENT.

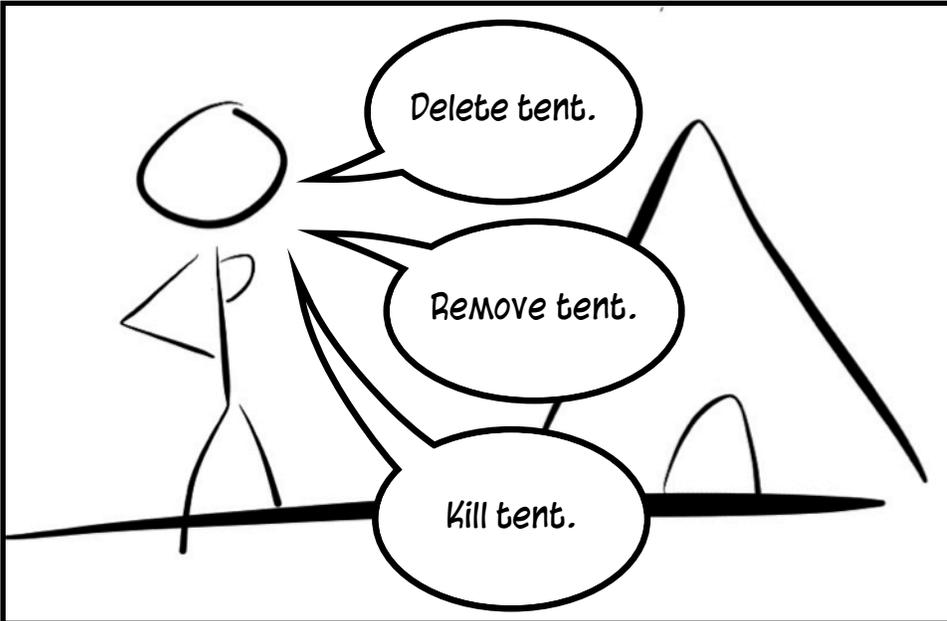
This will not do.



Delete tent.

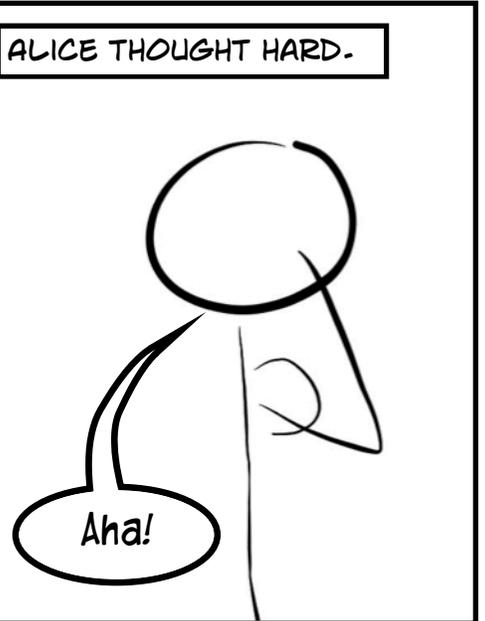
Remove tent.

Kill tent.



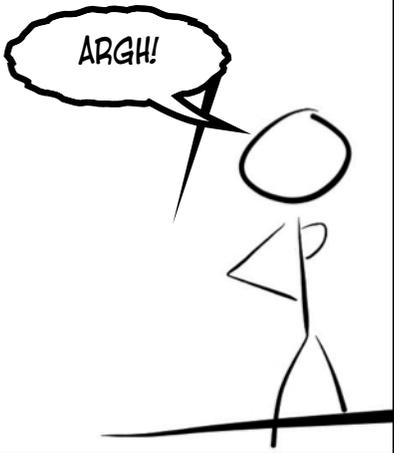
ALICE THOUGHT HARD.

Aha!



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$ delete tent  
error: 'delete' command not found.
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ARGH!

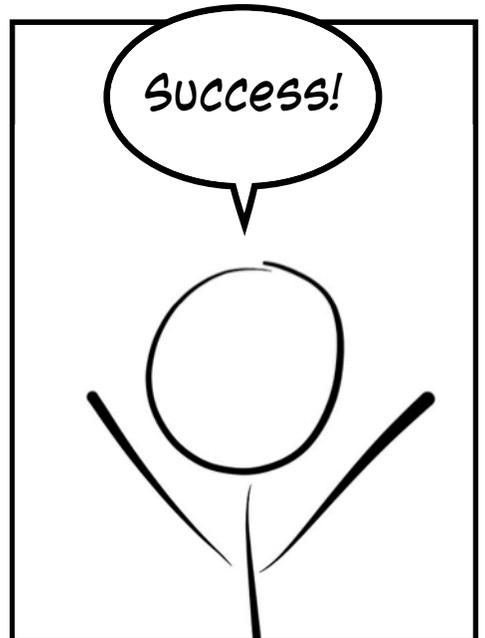


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$ remove tent
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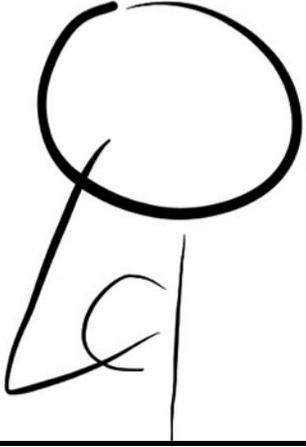
POOF



Success!



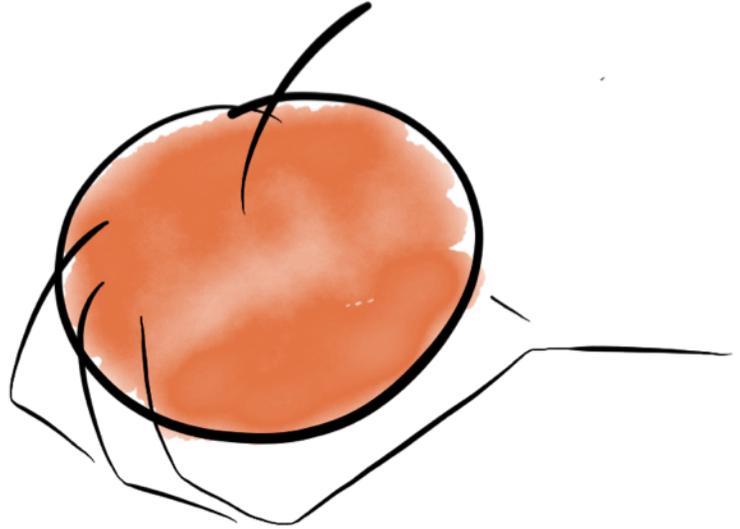
\$ make |



LATER... STEVE FINDS ALICE.



BUT, HOW?

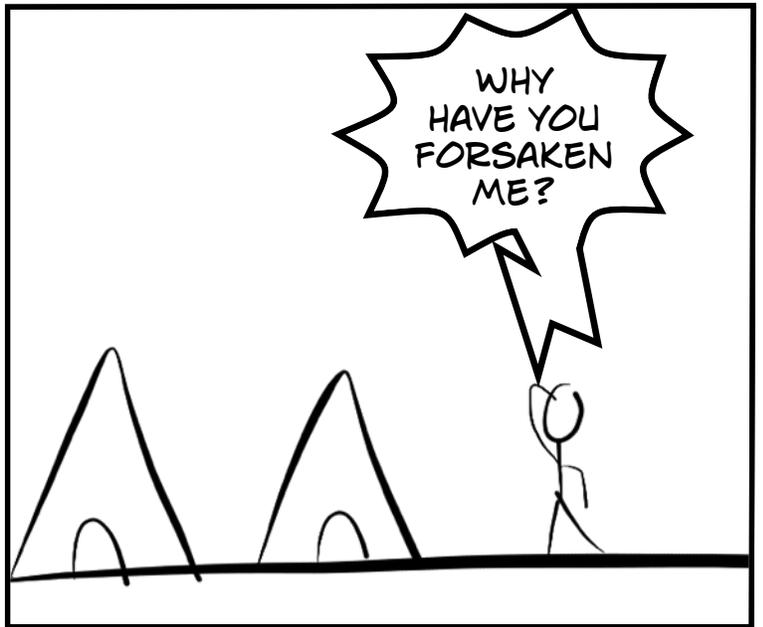


STEVE RESISTED.

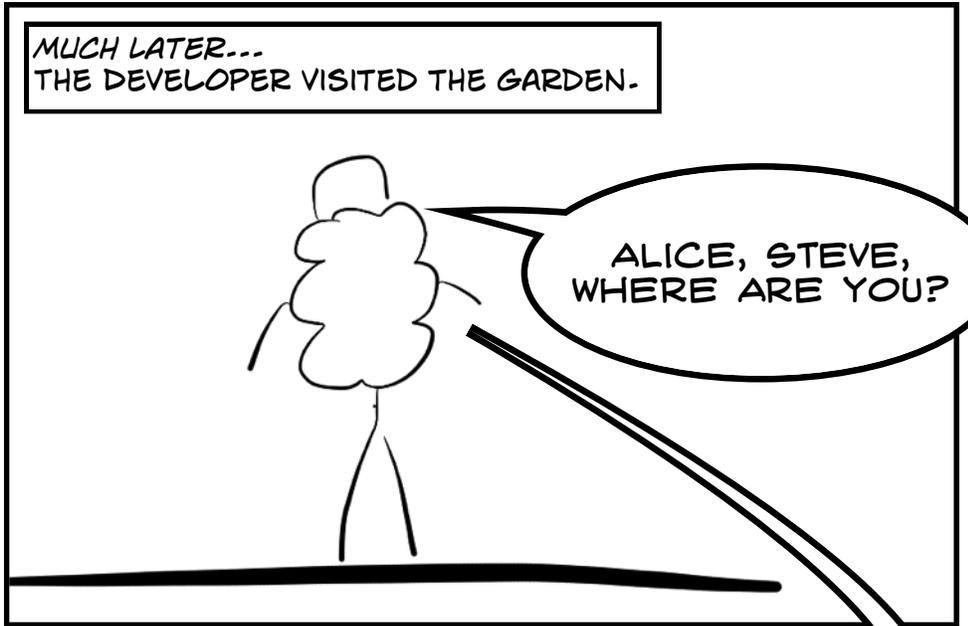
DEAR DEVELOPER,
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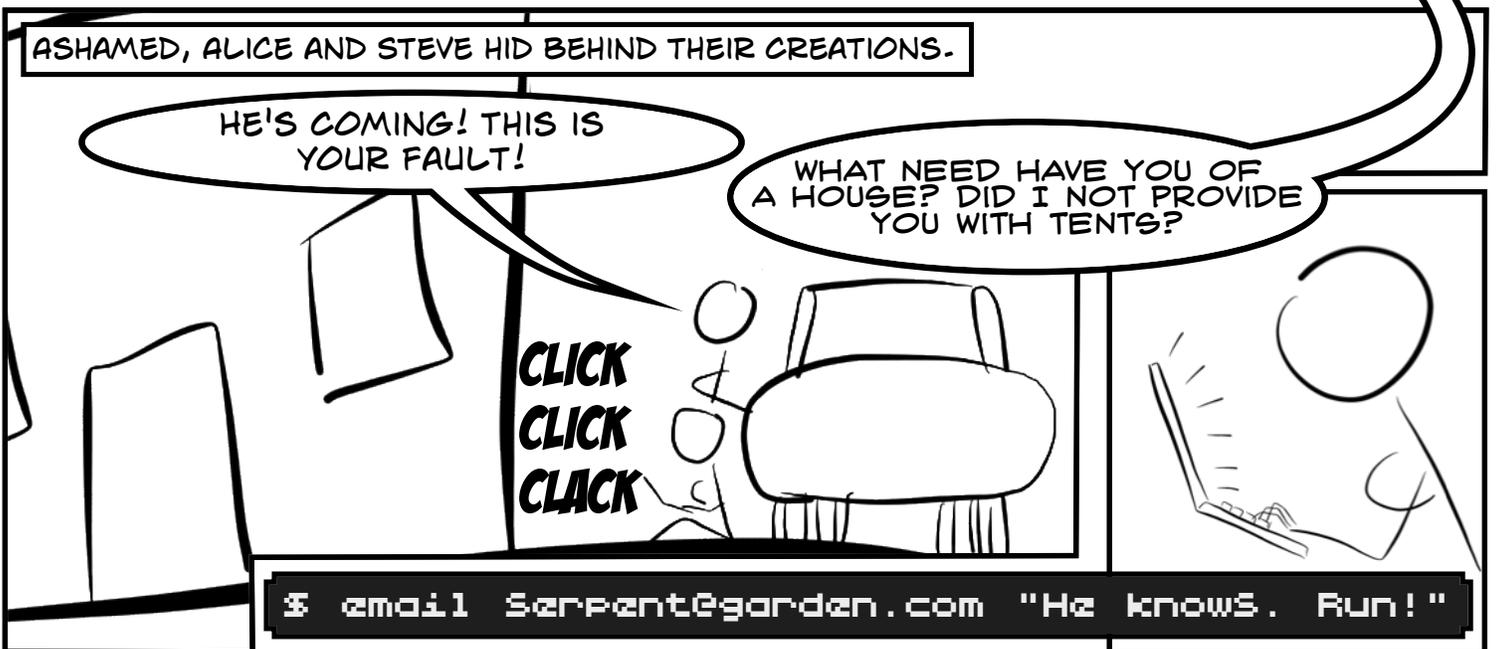
HE PRAYED AND PAID INSTEAD.



DISILLUSION ERODED STEVE'S RESOLVE.



MUCH LATER...
THE DEVELOPER VISITED THE GARDEN.



WHAT NEED HAVE YOU OF A HOUSE? DID I NOT PROVIDE YOU WITH TENTS?

CLICK
CLICK
CLICK

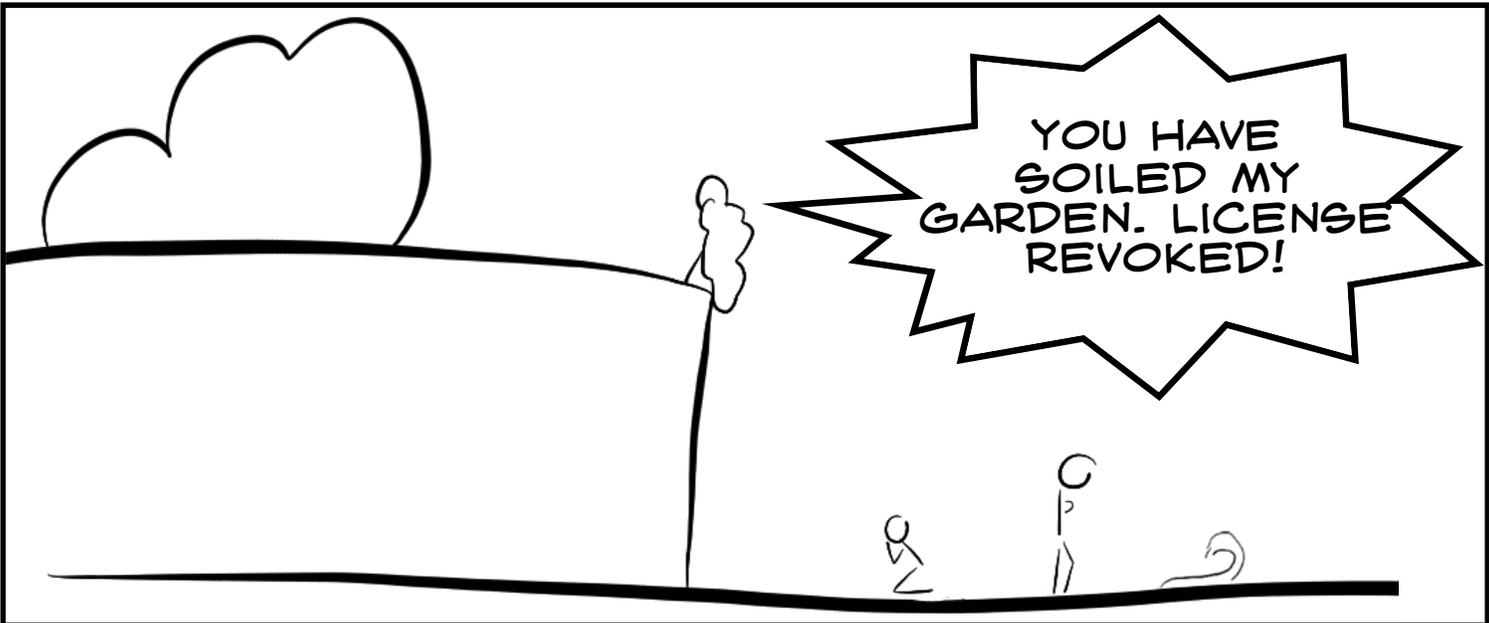
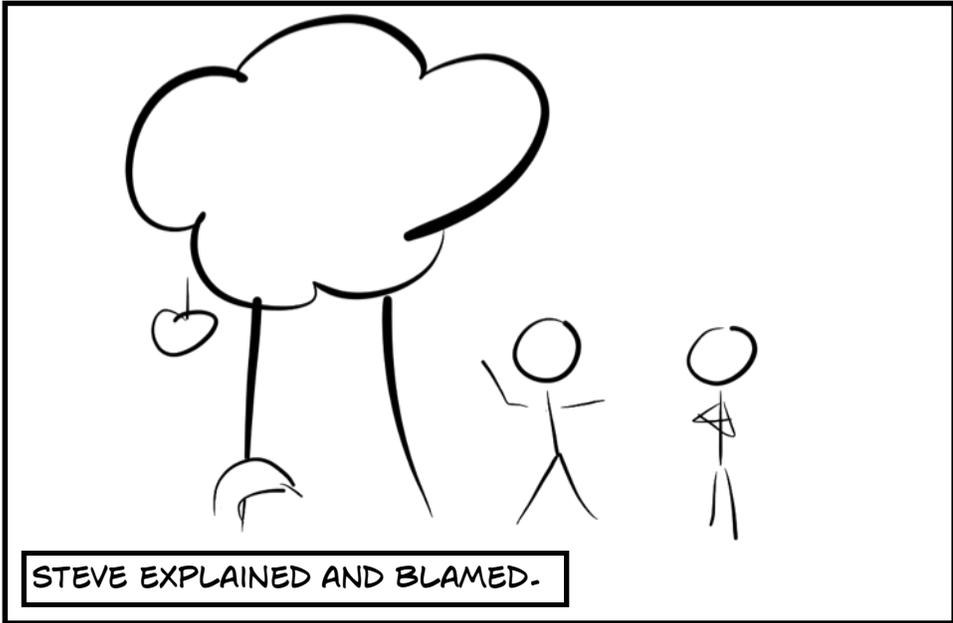
\$ email serpentegarden.com "He knows. Run!"

THE DEVELOPER SAW WHAT THEY HAD CREATED. AND IT WAS NOT GOOD.



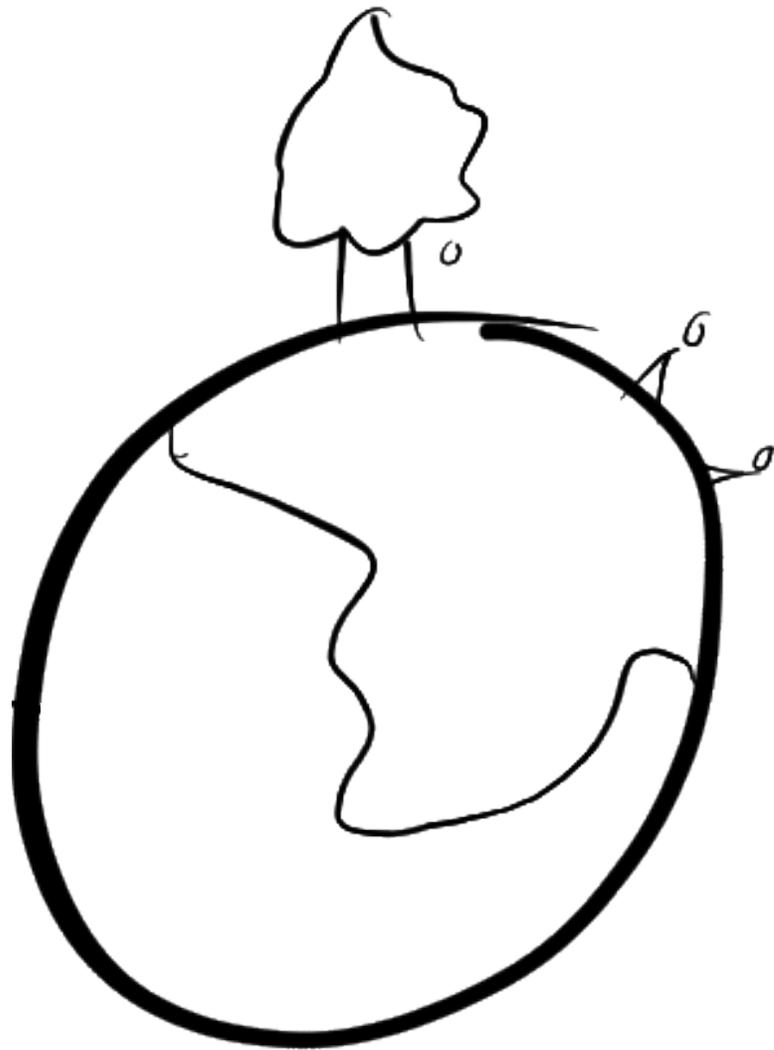
WHAT NEED HAVE YOU TO EMAIL IN MY GARDEN?*

*ZAWINSKI'S LAW: EVERY PROGRAM ATTEMPTS TO EXPAND UNTIL IT CAN READ EMAIL.



THE END

Parables reveal the truth to some, but hide it from others.
—Dwight Pentecost



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