



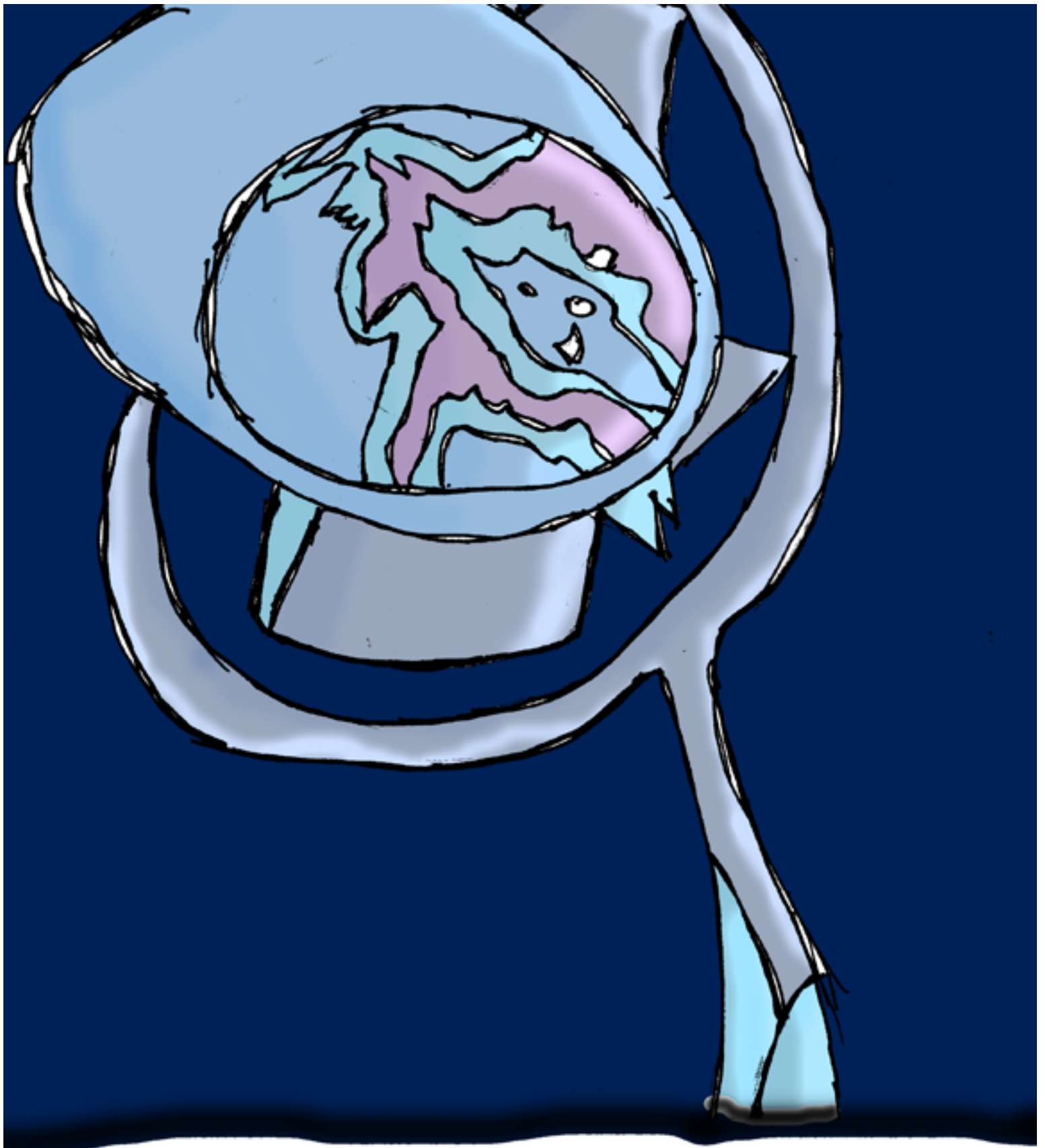
**GLORIA
AND THE
VORTEX**

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Gloria Smith was about to leave her house to go to the mall. She had left her laptop and phone in her room. They were plugged in, even though the laptop and the phone was fully charged. She had decided to do this because, well, she was in a rush to go meet her friends.





She heard a noise behind her. It was the sound of something big tearing, like the fabric of time itself ripping open. She turned around to face this great ripping noise. She saw a vortex and in the vortex was a man

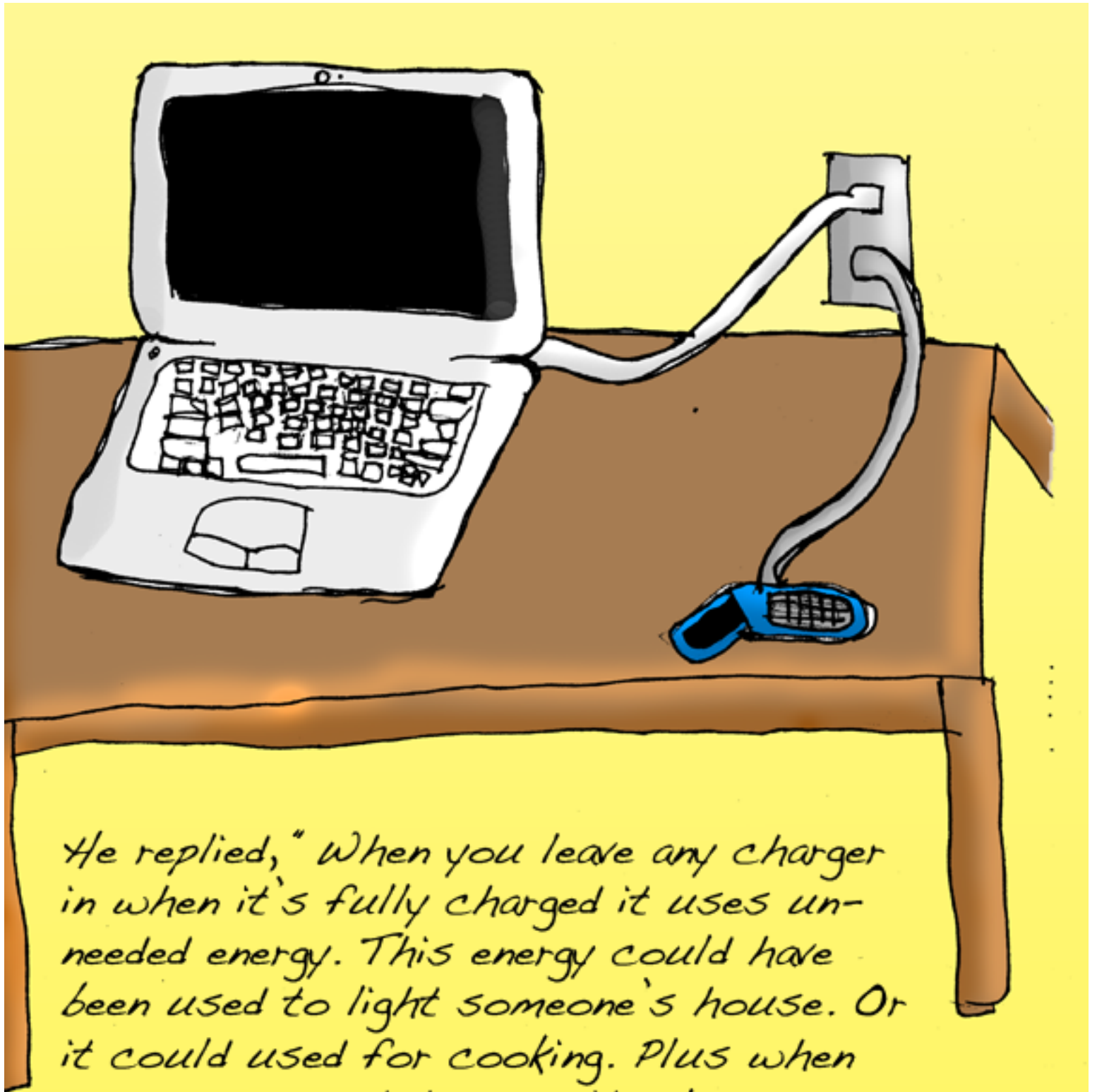
"Hello Gloria," he said.

"Who are you?" she asked.

"My name is John Smith and I've come to talk to you about your charges."

"What about them?" she asked.





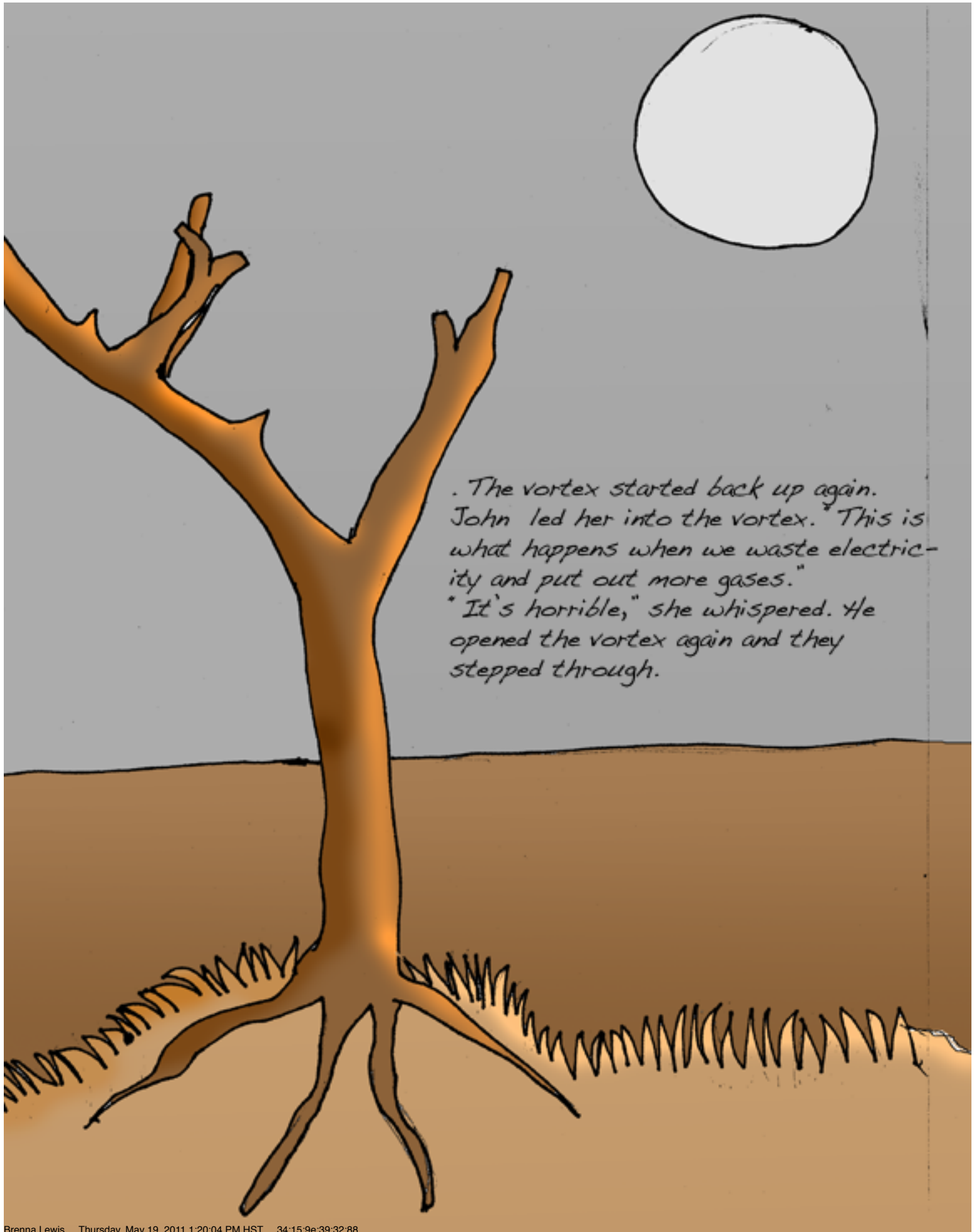
He replied, "When you leave any charger in when it's fully charged it uses unneeded energy. This energy could have been used to light someone's house. Or it could used for cooking. Plus when you use unneeded energy it releases a gas into the air that harms the environment. This is called global warming."

"So?" she asked. "Why should I care?"

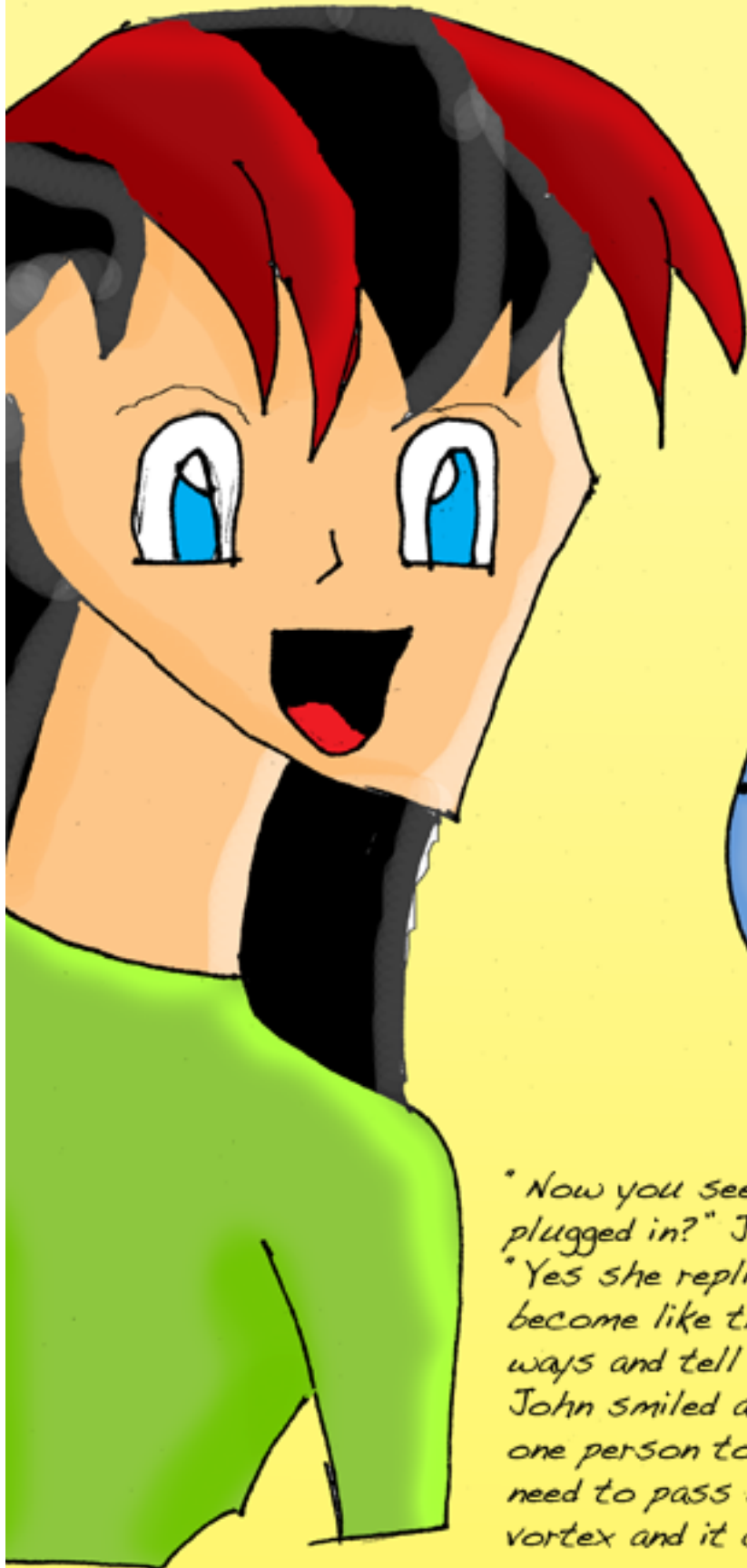


"We'll if we continue this, in a couple hundred years this planet will be covered with gas and it will choke people to death," he said.

"The polar ice caps will melt and many small islands will be flooded. It could get to a point where the planet will burn up and life as we know it will change for the worse! Come, I'll show you."



. The vortex started back up again. John led her into the vortex. "This is what happens when we waste electricity and put out more gases." "It's horrible," she whispered. He opened the vortex again and they stepped through.



"Now you see why you shouldn't keep chargers plugged in?" John said.

"Yes she replied." I don't want our Earth to become like that. I think that I will change my ways and tell all my friends."

John smiled and said, "Thank you. It only takes one person to change the world, Gloria. You just need to pass it on" He disappeared into the vortex and it closed up for the final time.



Gloria decided from that day on to be more helpful to the environment. She told all her friends and persuaded them to act too. She started to recycle waste products and spend more time cleaning up community parks. She did her own little part to help save the environment.