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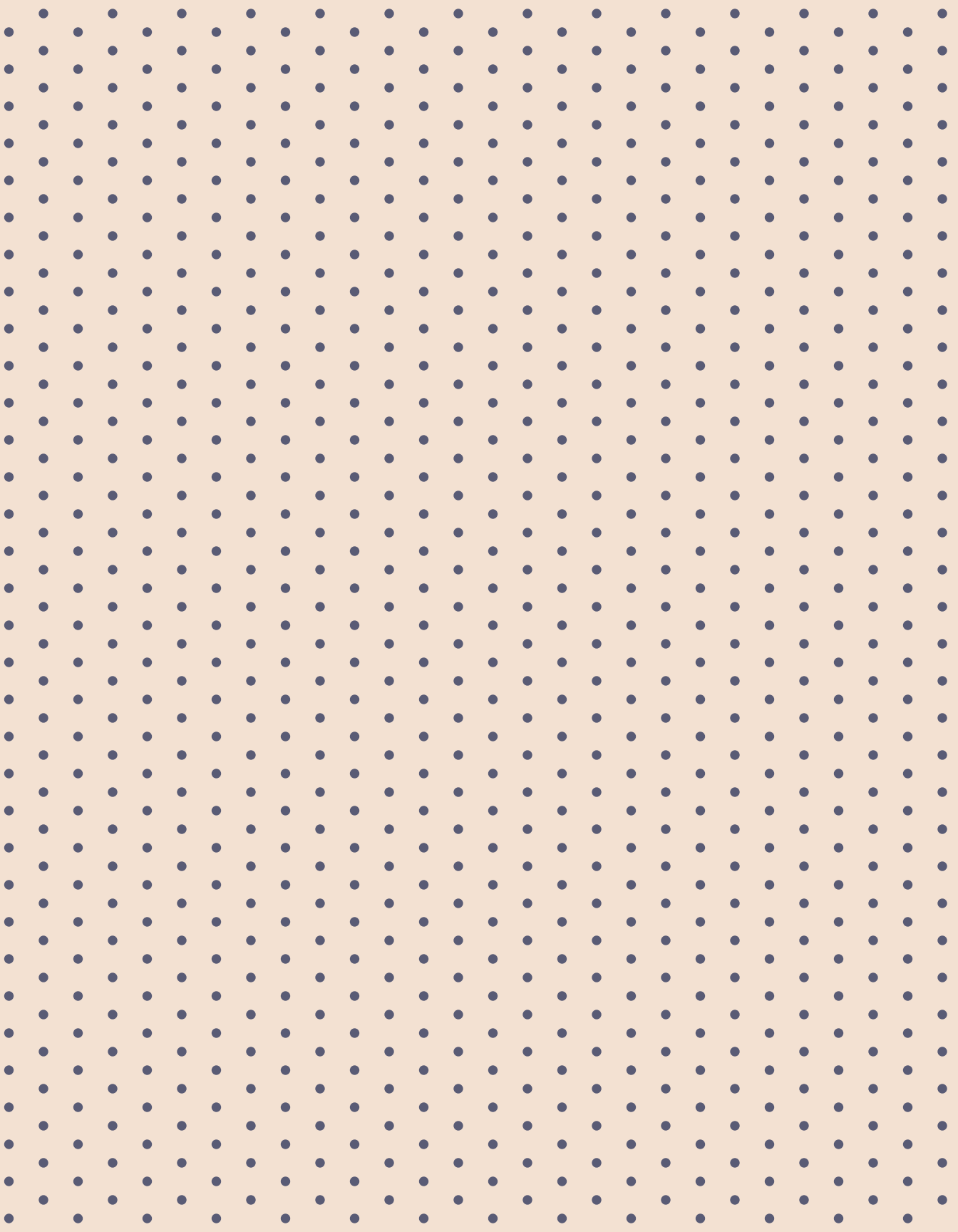
FANTASTICAL TALES AND WHIMSICAL WARDROBES



Dress-up Paper Crafts



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FANTASY CHARACTER ZINE

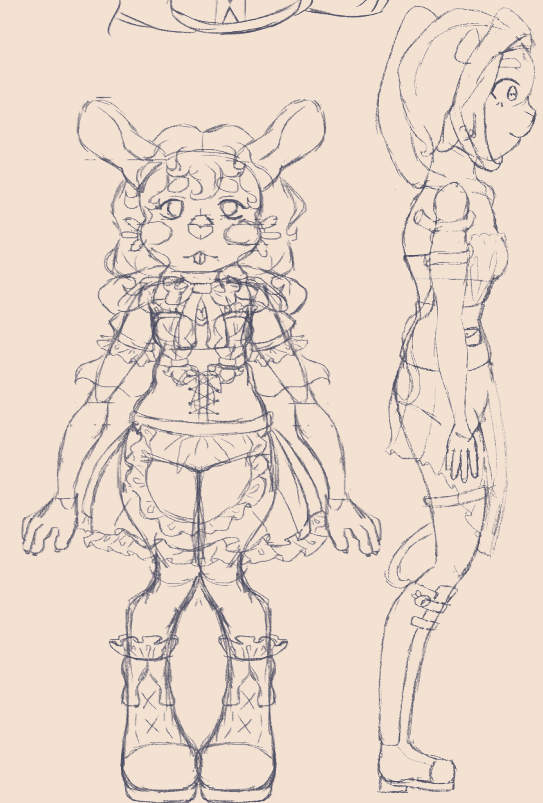
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INTRODUCTION

Storytelling and character design go hand in hand, bringing fictional characters to life as fully realized beings. These depictions often explore the human psyche and common themes people experience in real life. Due to the very personal emotions of these combined art forms, people often find themselves relating to characters or being sucked into the themes that their arcs explore. Those stories with the most impactful characters tend to stick with someone long after they have finished the story. My goal is the same. I want to create varied characterizations dealing with mental health issues and a sense of identity. People who engage with these characters' stories and designs may take away a message that challenges how they view the world.

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DELILAH

Delilah is a hermit who never strays too far from her cabin in the woods. She sticks to her beloved gardening, cooking, and baking that sustain her isolated lifestyle. She lives in a world of humans, animal-human hybrids, and fantasy creatures who do not always get along well. Due to her shy nature and fear of being ostracized, Delilah finds it hard to step out of her comfort zone. Nor does she have any family to support her as an orphan growing up in the foster system. Her only companion is the ever-silent nature surrounding her. She picks up painting to pass the time and depict the beauty she finds in plants and landscapes. Whenever she is sick, she creates home remedies from ingredients

gathered in both her garden and the lonely acres around her cottage. However, on one of these trips to collect herbs and whatnot, Delilah discovers what she thinks is a corpse overgrown with mushrooms. When the person moves, she realizes it is very much alive and not a dead body. The mushroom creature explains that she is lost and no longer remembers who she is. Despite her adversity with having company, Delilah decides to shelter and care for the mushroom girl. Delilah confronts her social anxiety so that she can finally fulfill her wish of making a friend. She is forced to reenter society while aiding in the strange girl's search for her past.



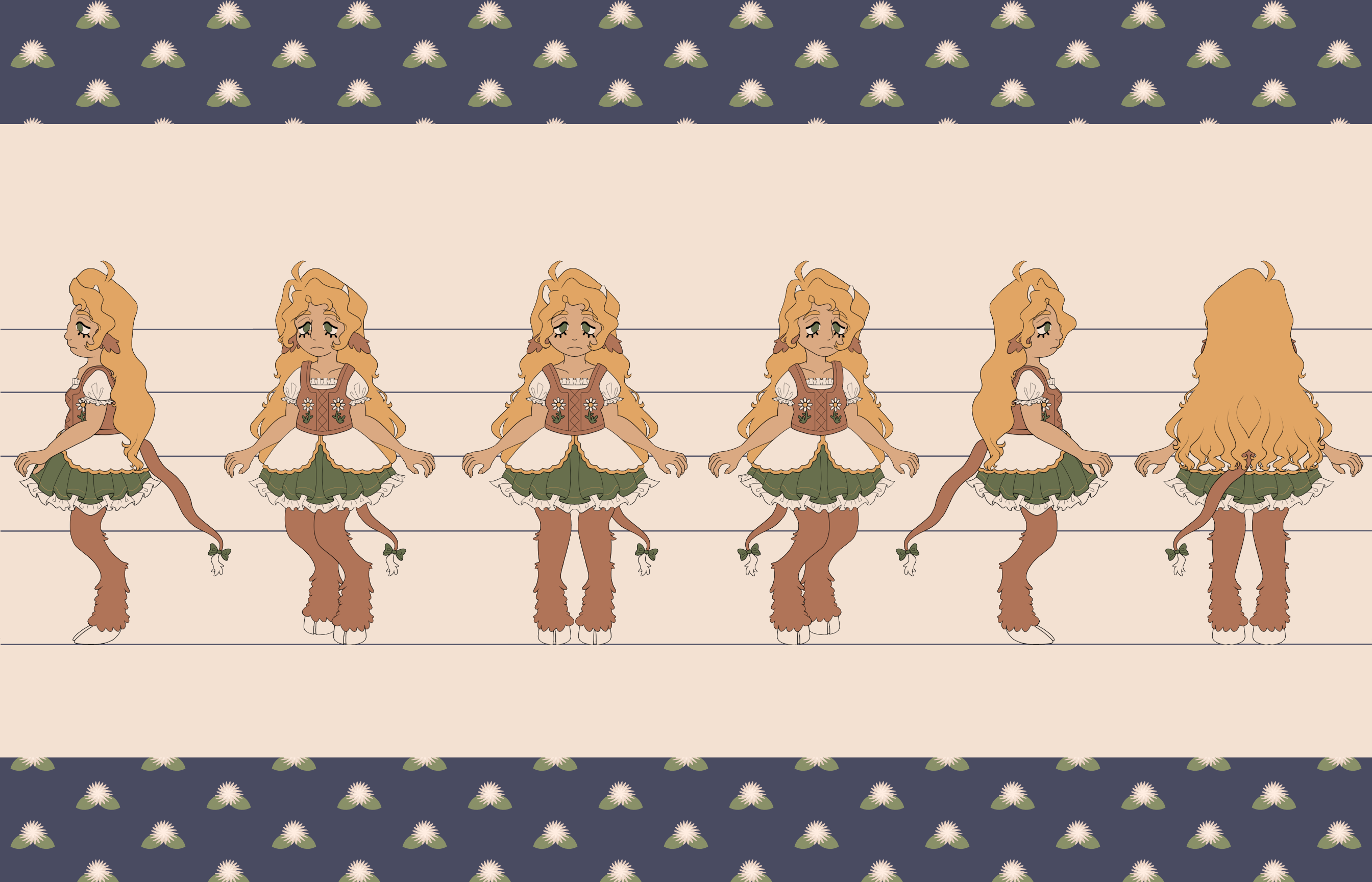
Personality

- * shy
- * sympathetic
- * anxious
- * diligent

Expertise

- * gardening
- * baking
- * painting
- * making herbal remedies





Alessia Denzel

Alessia lived in Elkie Village for her whole life, which is associated with the Vincula Clan. She has led a bit of a sheltered life due to being in one place since her birth but seeks knowledge of the outer world through books. Aside from gardening, one of her major comforts and favorite pastimes are reading and learning. She feels overshadowed by her studious brother Emery who receives most of their parents' praise and attention. Over the years of being overlooked, she developed an inferiority complex and the desire to prove herself to her clan. While attempting to become more appealing in

the eyes of her clan, Alessia pursued different areas of knowledge and became more intellectual. At the age of 23, her village is pillaged by greedy elites who only want their land for the abundance of crops and wealth they will gain from it. Alessia is forced to flee and ends up embarking on a journey in search of the Tree of Life in hopes it will allow her clan to reclaim their village and prosper during the upcoming Horticulture Contest. Through these actions, she aims to earn Vincula's acceptance and adoration as well as learn more about the world.



“A FORK, YOU SAY? NO, NO. THIS IS MY SILLY HUMAN HAIRBRUSH, OF COURSE!”

Personality

- * open-minded
- * amiable
- * curious
- * immature
- * reckless

Expertise

- * gardening
- * farming
- * navigation
- * cartography
- * vine control









LULETTE PERIWINKLE



Lulette lives in a cottage in the woods, running a toy-making shop. She uses her passion and skills in fashion and sewing to create whimsical dolls and stuffed animals. However, Lulette finds it difficult to advertise her services since she rarely visits the nearby village. After a particularly terrifying experience with a fox as a child, she developed a fear of any person with predator traits, typically aligning with species like foxes, wolves, and sometimes even cats. This paranoia of the incident repeating

makes it difficult to maintain her career as a seamstress and toy maker. One day, she designs and creates a doll as the first step out of her comfort zone. The doll resembles the many fox folk she avoids in her nearby village. However, bizarrely enough, the doll comes to life. She is faced with a fox-like creature living in her house and playing childish tricks on her. For a while, her house feels like a waking nightmare haunted by that trickster dubbed Wylie. Eventually, the two bond and help Lulette overcome her fear of predator animal folks. She grows to consider Wylie as her little brother. Together, they make more toys and finally boost her business's publicity.



“MY SECRET TO A GOOD PLUSHIE?
WHY, STITCHING IT WITH LOVE OF COURSE!”

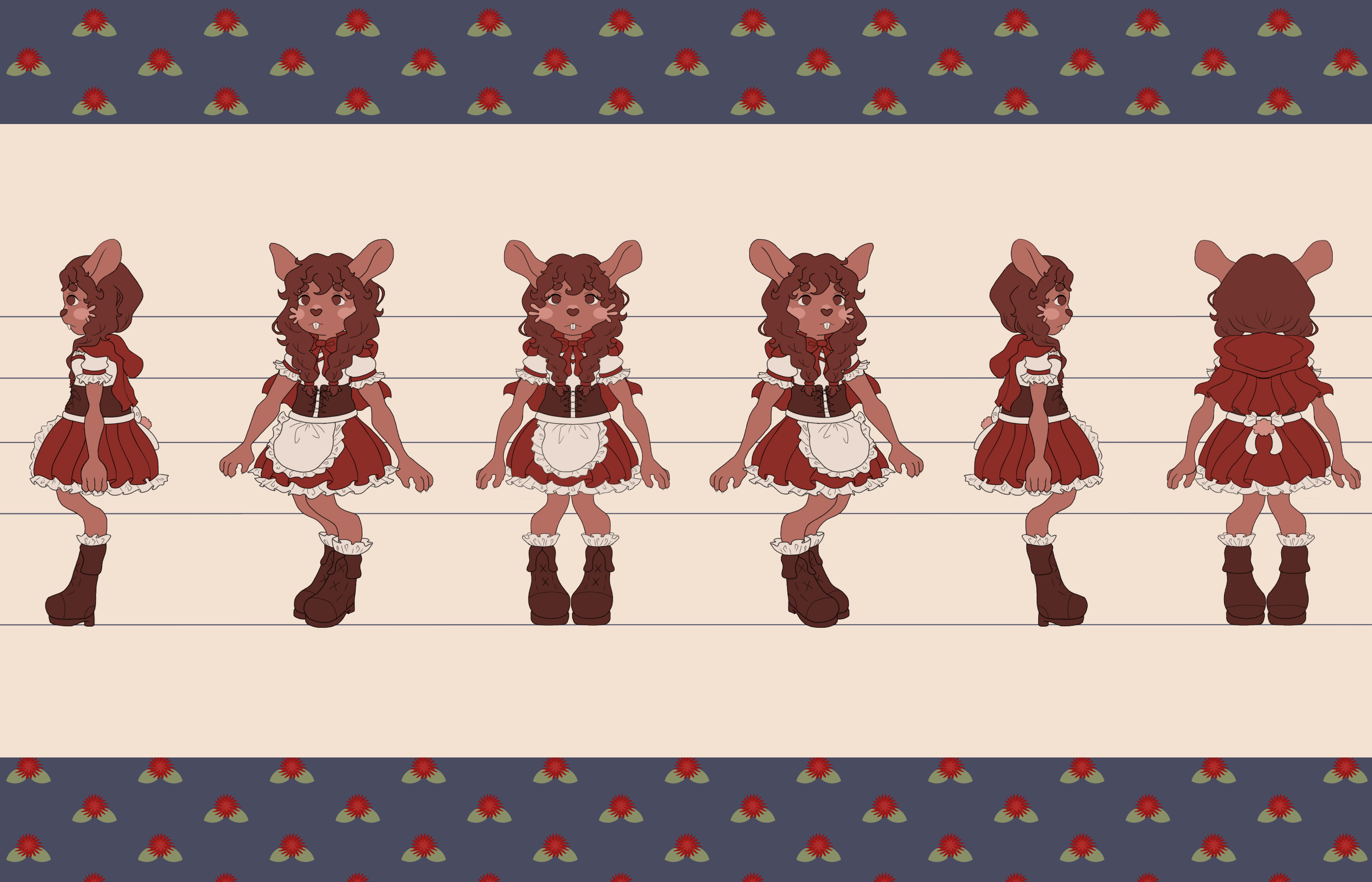
Personality

- * messy
- * perfectionist
- * hardworking
- * high-strung

Expertise

- * sewing
- * fashion design
- * toy design
- * math







WYLIE PERIWINKLE



Wylie was a plushie designed and sewn by Lulette to overcome her fear of foxes. Her wish is so powerful and poignant that the animal spirits take notice. They grant her homemade fox plushie the ability to come to life, hoping the next level of realism and interactiveness will be the perfect exposure therapy for her. Wylie embodies the personality of a fox child, as he was designed to mimic one. Despite his mischievous tricks, Wylie makes it his duty to help Lulette overcome

her fear. However, since he has the intelligence and personality of a child, his methods are unconventional. Wylie is not without his own issues though, as he realizes he is not like other boys made of flesh and blood. Slowly, while bonding with Lulette, he learns to accept himself as he is, differences and all. Eventually, he becomes her apprentice and considers her to be his older sister.



“MY FAVORITE PASTIME IS PRANKING LULETTE! SHE MAKES THE FUNNIEST FACES WHEN SPOOKED.”

Personality

- * rambunctious
- * playful
- * mischievous
- * curious

Expertise

- * acting
- * math
- * advertising
- * quick learner





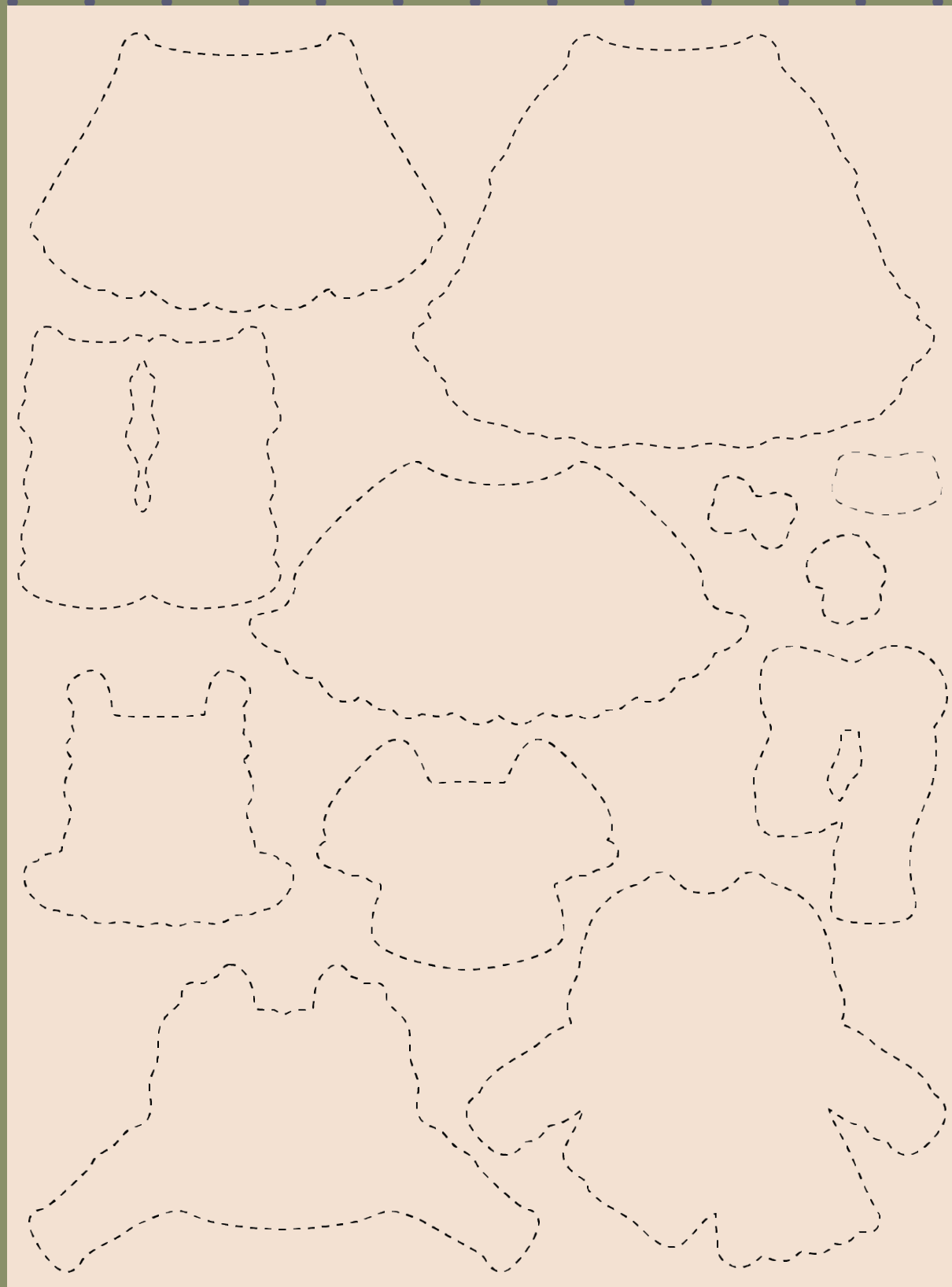
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PERFECT OUTFIT FOR DELILAH!”





THANK YOU

to all my loved ones for making me who I am
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STEP INTO A FANTASY WORLD OF FUN!

This zine contains original characters' stories to explore and fun paper crafts to dress them up. Let out your inner fashionista after learning about who these fantasy characters are and their sense of style. Dandelion Delights: Fantastical Tales and Whimsical Wardrobes introduces you to four unique characters, Delilah, Alessia, Lulette, and Wylie. Prepare Delilah for a stroll in the woods, help Alessia get ready to garden, get Lulette ready for a day of sewing, and more. Mix up clothing options for your vision while dressing them up!

Have yourself a merry time dressing up:

- * Delilah
- * Alessia
- * Lulette
- * Wylie



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