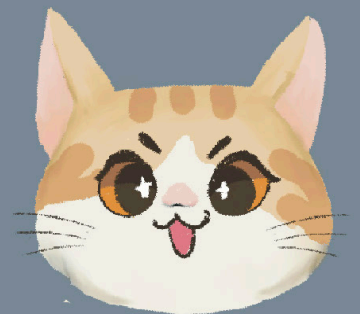
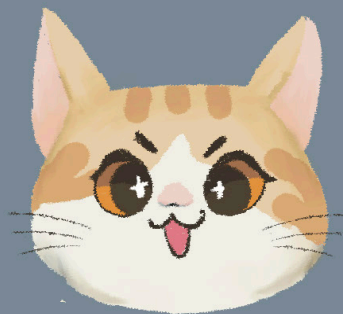


A white silhouette of a cat is centered in the image, set against a dark blue background. The scene is surrounded by various green leaves and plants, including a large white flower in the top right and a yellow star in the bottom left. The text "LOST BUT PURRRFECT" is written in a bold, orange, brush-stroke font across the middle of the cat's body.

LOST
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LOST BUT PURRFECT

" For everyone growing away
from hometown "



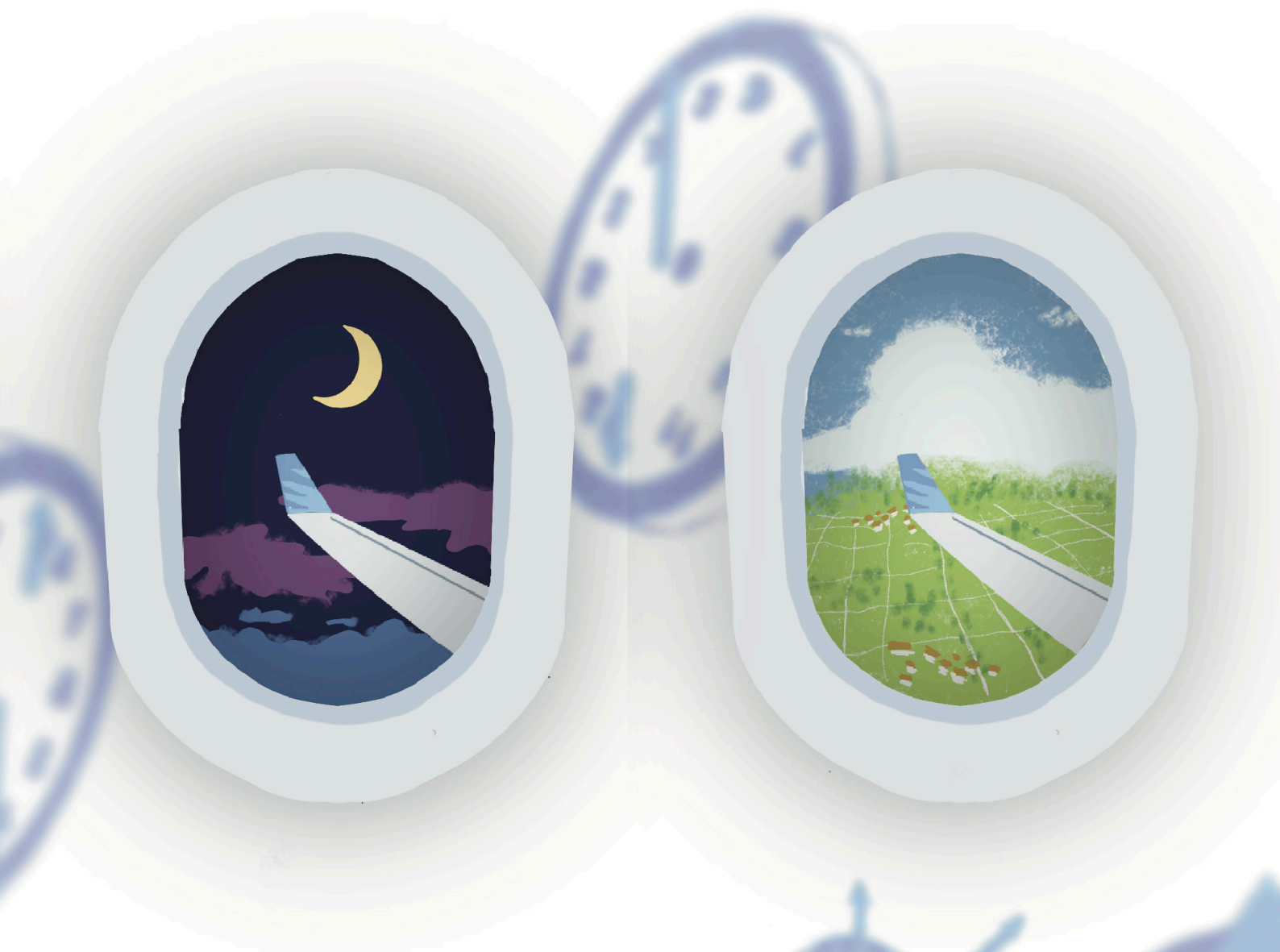


This is me, Crystal, an orange and white cat. One day, I left my hometown for a new life.





It was a long long trip



From day to night...

I felt
lost and lonely
in a strange town.









I heard cats talking around, but it was hard to understand.

Afraid of loneliness, I worked hard to
be part of them.



I learned their language
and disguised myself to
act like them.





Until one day...

When I looked through the mirror...

"Am I turning transparent?"







I am really disappearing!
Who am I in deed?



"Just follow the star."
The star lit up my phone screen.



MOM: Sweetiee ~

DAD: Take Care of yourself
We love you forever





I felt like wandering far away
from my hometown.

The star jumped out of the
window and lit up the grass.
I followed.







"Is that another me?"

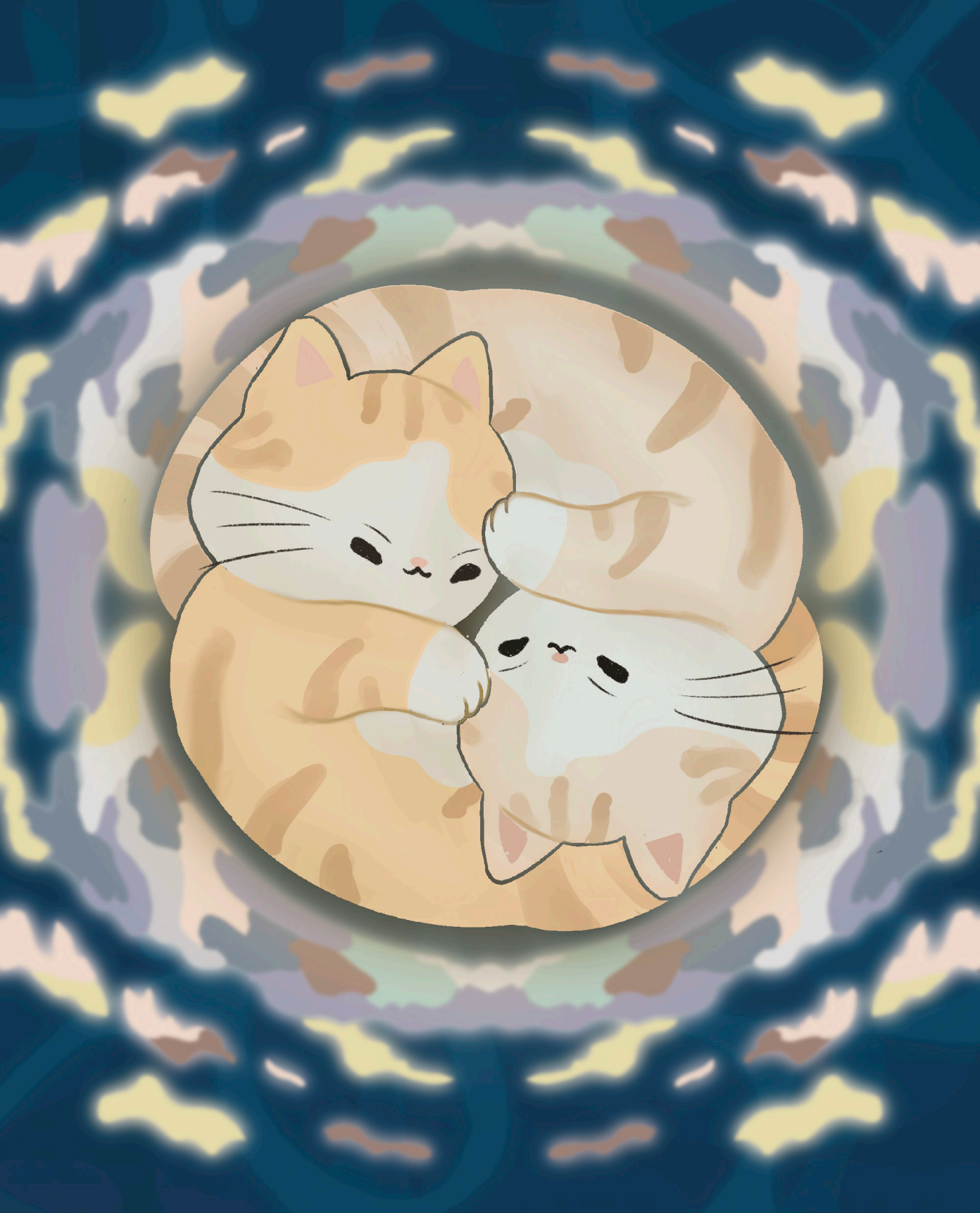


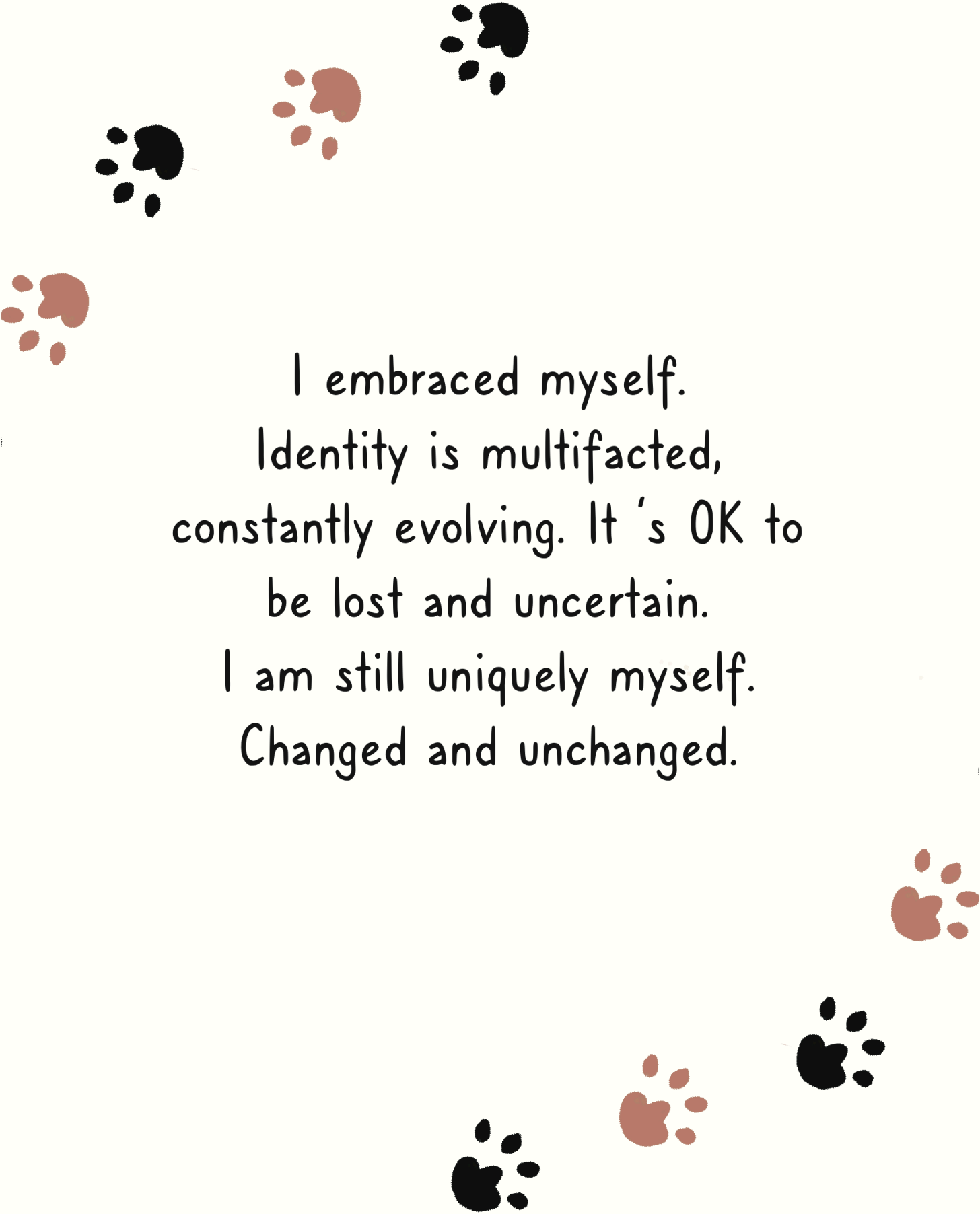




"Yes and no."

I felt the strong bond, but I
also felt the difference.





I embraced myself.
Identity is multifaceted,
constantly evolving. It 's OK to
be lost and uncertain.
I am still uniquely myself.
Changed and unchanged.

