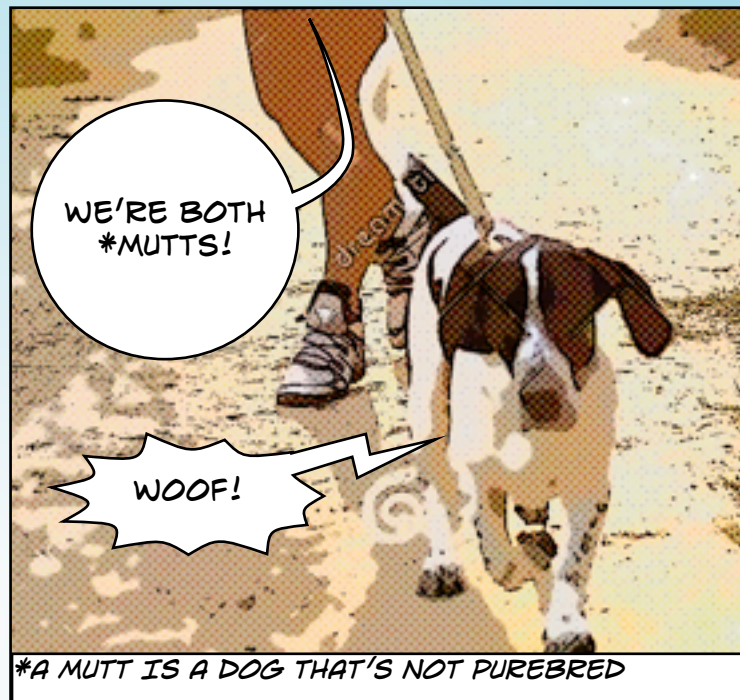


MONGREL ME



AS A TEEN, I'M TRYING TO
FIGURE OUT WHO I AM.
BUT IT'S HARD BECAUSE I DON'T FEEL
TOTALLY CONNECTED TO MY HERITAGE...
LIKE MY BELONGING ISN'T ABSOLUTE
BECAUSE OF MY MIXED BACKGROUND.
GOOD THING I HAVE YOU TO
RELATE TO!



MOST PEOPLE KNOW WHO THEY ARE BECAUSE THEY'RE PART OF DISTINCT GROUPS... EVEN ALL FAMOUS DOGS ARE OF DISTINCT BREEDS.

"FOR EXAMPLE, THERE'S RIN TIN TIN, THE FAMOUS GERMAN SHEPHERD.

RIN TIN TIN WAS NOTORIOUS FOR HIS OBEDIENCE, AN ARCHETYPAL GERMAN SHEPHERD TRAIT.

RIN TIN TIN WAS ALSO RESPONSIBLE FOR GREATLY INCREASING THE POPULARITY OF PUREBRED GERMAN SHEPHERD DOGS AS FAMILY PETS..."



"...THERE'S ALSO THE FAMOUS ROUGH COLLIE, LASSIE.

LASSIE'S CHARACTER IS FAMOUS FOR THE SAME TRAITS THAT ROUGH COLLIES ARE KNOWN FOR: HERDING AND PROTECTING ABILITIES, STRENGTH, LOYALTY, AFFECTION, AND BEING RESPONSIVE AND FAST..."

"...REALLY, ALL FAMOUS DOGS ARE PUREBREDS AND KNOWN FOR THEIR BREED'S TRAITS!"



SNOOPY THE BEAGLE



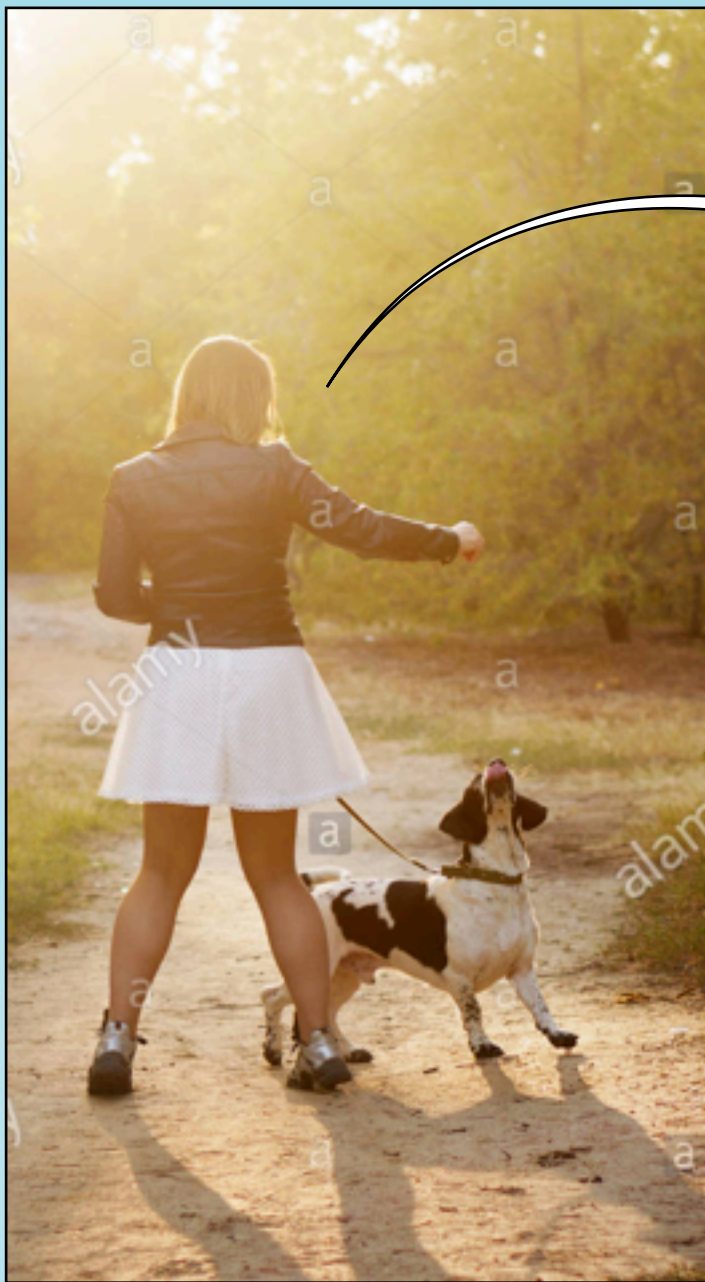
AIRBUD THE GOLDEN RETRIEVER



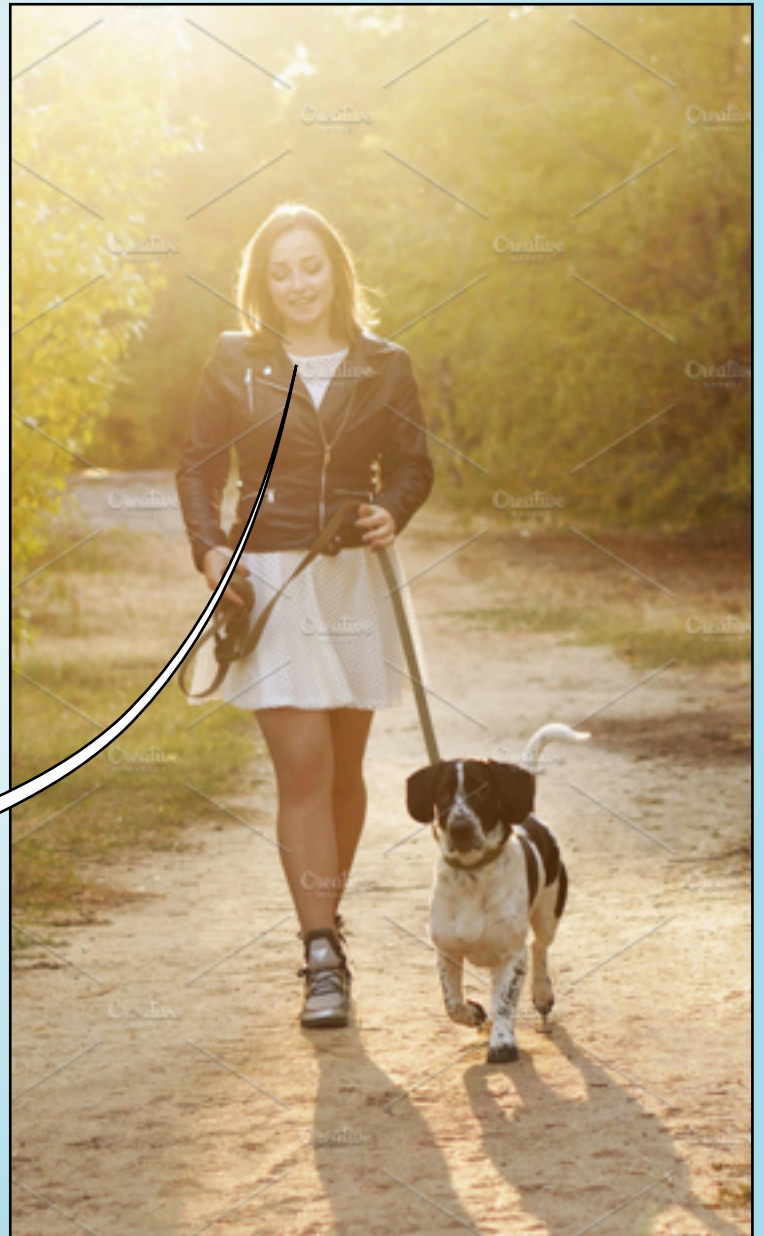
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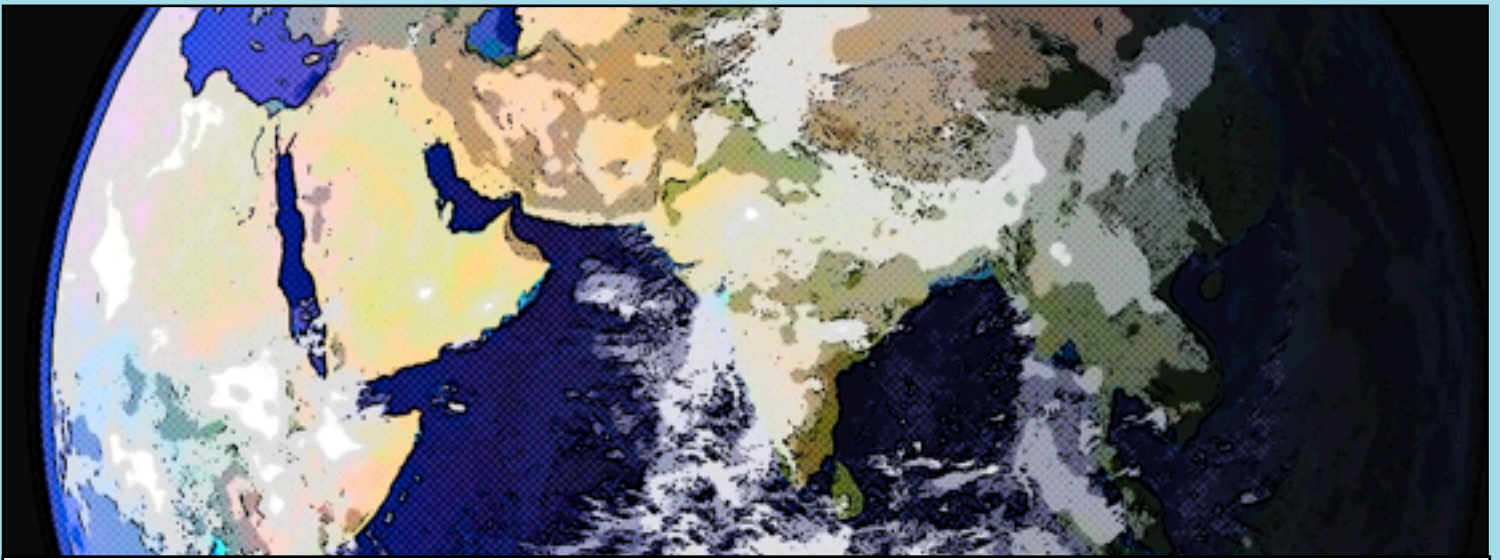
SCOOBY-DOO THE GREAT DANE



WHEN THE WORLD AROUND US
PROJECTS A REALITY THAT EVERYONE FITS
INTO NEAT CATEGORIES, IT CAN FEEL
TROUBLING WHEN YOU FEEL YOU DON'T
FIT INTO ONE YOURSELF.



BUT, AT THE END OF THE DAY,
AMERICA IS NOTORIOUSLY A MELTING
POT AND I KNOW THERE ARE LOTS OF
PEOPLE WHO ARE MUTTS LIKE ME -
DOGS TOO! AND THAT MAKES ME FEEL
A WHOLE LOT BETTER.



"WE LIVE IN A BIG WORLD THAT'S FULL OF COMPLEXITY..."



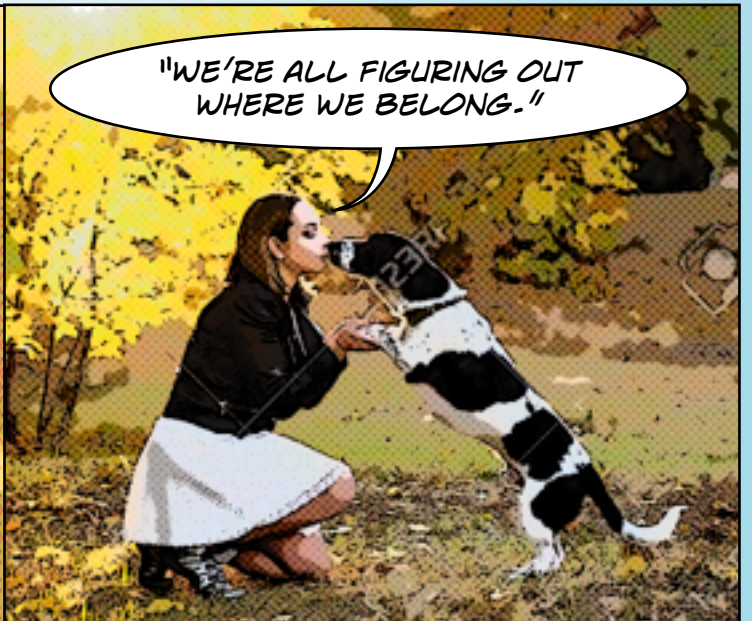
"BE IT STATES ON A MAP,"



"CATEGORIES WE PUT OUR DOGS IN,"



"OR OURSELVES IN"



"WE'RE ALL FIGURING OUT WHERE WE BELONG."