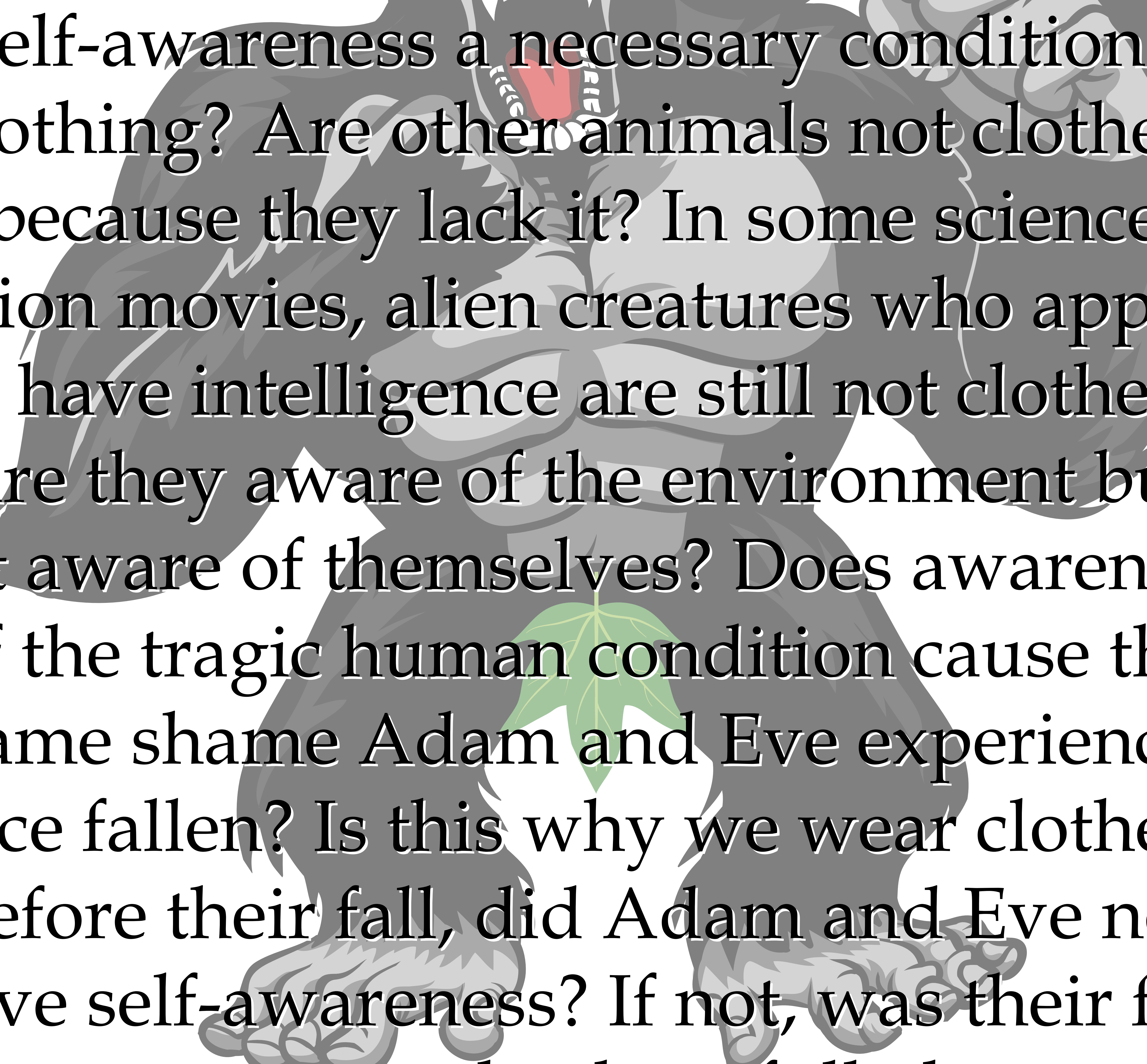


Clothing

“And the eyes of [Adam and Eve] were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves things to gird about.”

Genesis 3:7



Is self-awareness a necessary condition for clothing? Are other animals not clothed because they lack it? In some science fiction movies, alien creatures who appear to have intelligence are still not clothed. Are they aware of the environment but not aware of themselves? Does awareness of the tragic human condition cause the same shame Adam and Eve experience once fallen? Is this why we wear clothes? Before their fall, did Adam and Eve not have self-awareness? If not, was their fall necessary to make them fully human?