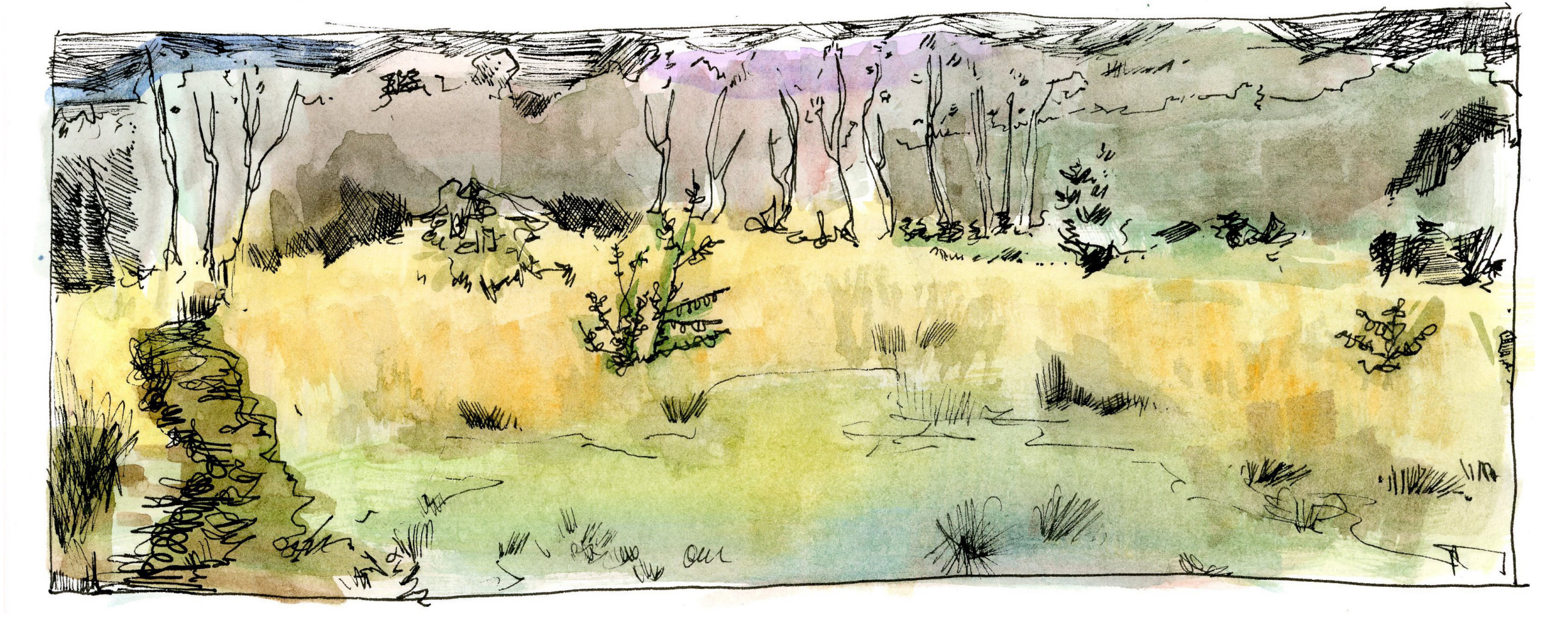

This one starts in a field somewhere in Wimbledon...

Chapter I

Falling in Love on public transport

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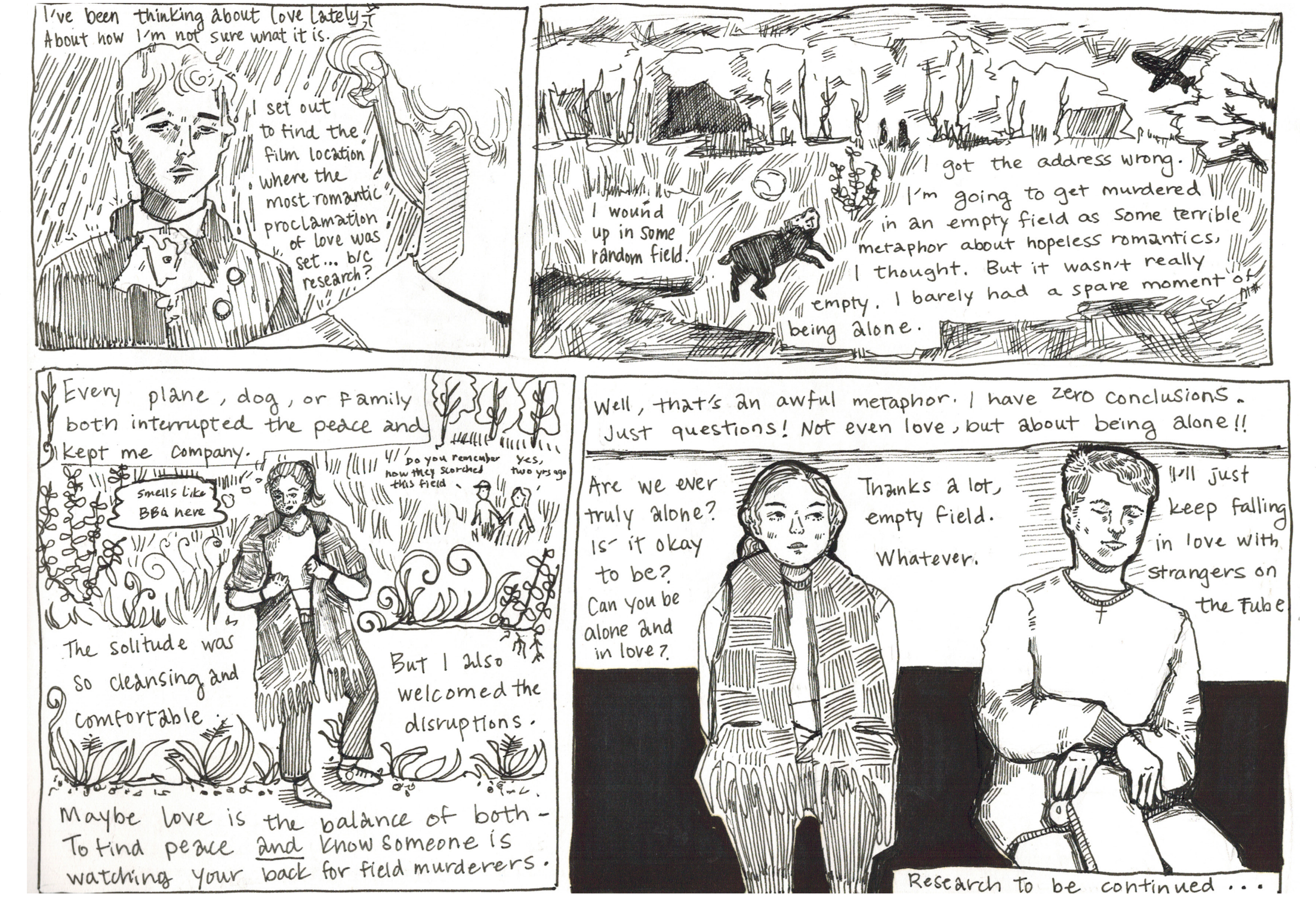
I've been thinking about love lately. About how I'm not sure what it is.
I set out to find the film location where the most romantic proclamation of love was set... b/c research?
I wound up in some random field.
I got the address wrong. I'm going to get murdered in an empty field as some terrible metaphor about hopeless romantics, I thought. But it wasn't really empty. I barely had a spare moment of being alone.
Every plane, dog, or family both interrupted the peace and kept me company.
Smells like BBQ here
Do you remember how they scorched this field
Yes, two yrs ago
The solitude was so cleansing and comfortable.
But I also welcomed the disruptions.
Maybe love is the balance of both - To find peace and know someone is watching your back for field murderers.
Well, that's an awful metaphor. I have zero conclusions. Just questions! Not even love, but about being alone!!
Are we ever truly alone? Is it okay to be? Can you be alone and in love?
Thanks a lot, empty field.
Whatever.
I'll just keep falling in love with strangers on the Tube
Research to be continued...

When I first arrived in London I had no understanding of the Tube system. It's no suprise I ended up in a burnt field instead of the set of *Pride and Prejudice* (2005).

In said field I was forced to confront some difficult questions about what brought me there besides the wrong train and subsequent wrong bus.

What was I so drawn to in Jane Austen's world of stolen glances, stolid expressions, and wordless sexual tension?

Bethnal Green
Shoreditch High Street
Liverpool Street
Aldgate East
Bow
Stepney
Whitechapel

Yeah. So I tend to fall in love with strangers on subways,

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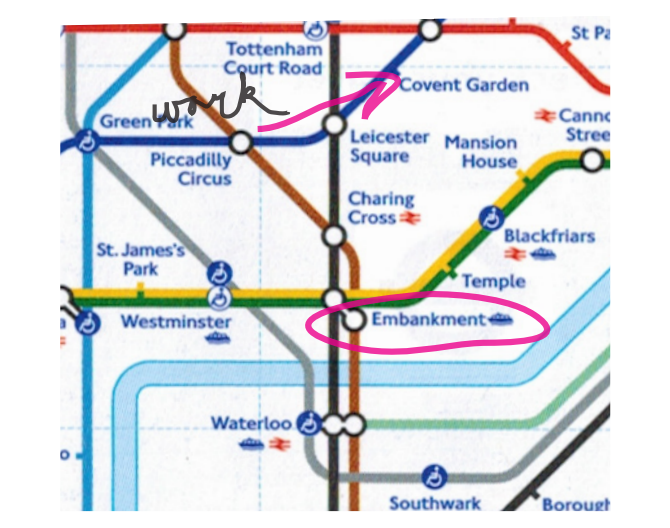
Brondesbury Park
Kensal Green
Queen's Park
Kilburn High Road
Paddington
Westbourne Park
Shepherd's Bush
Holland Park


Tottenham Court Road
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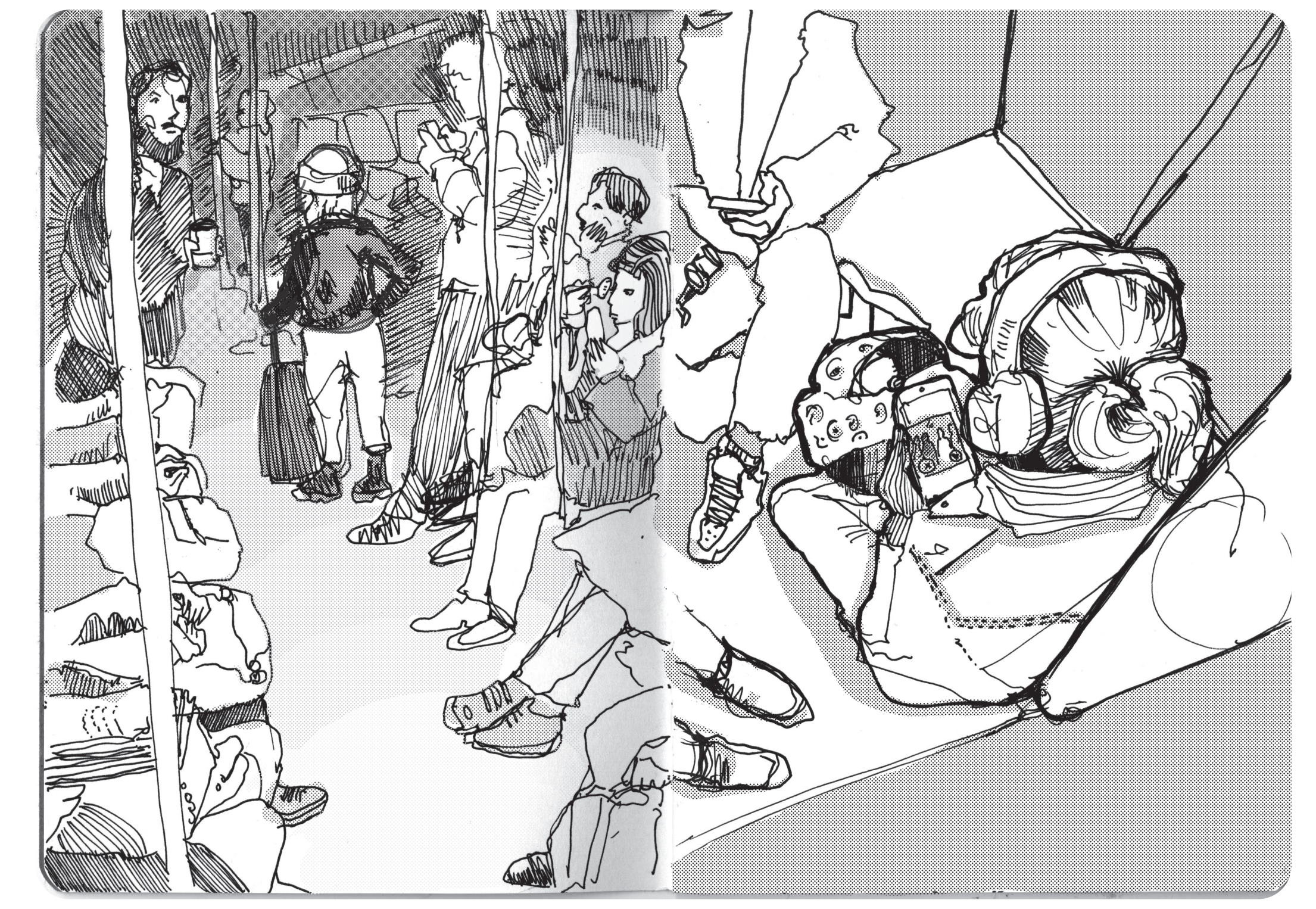
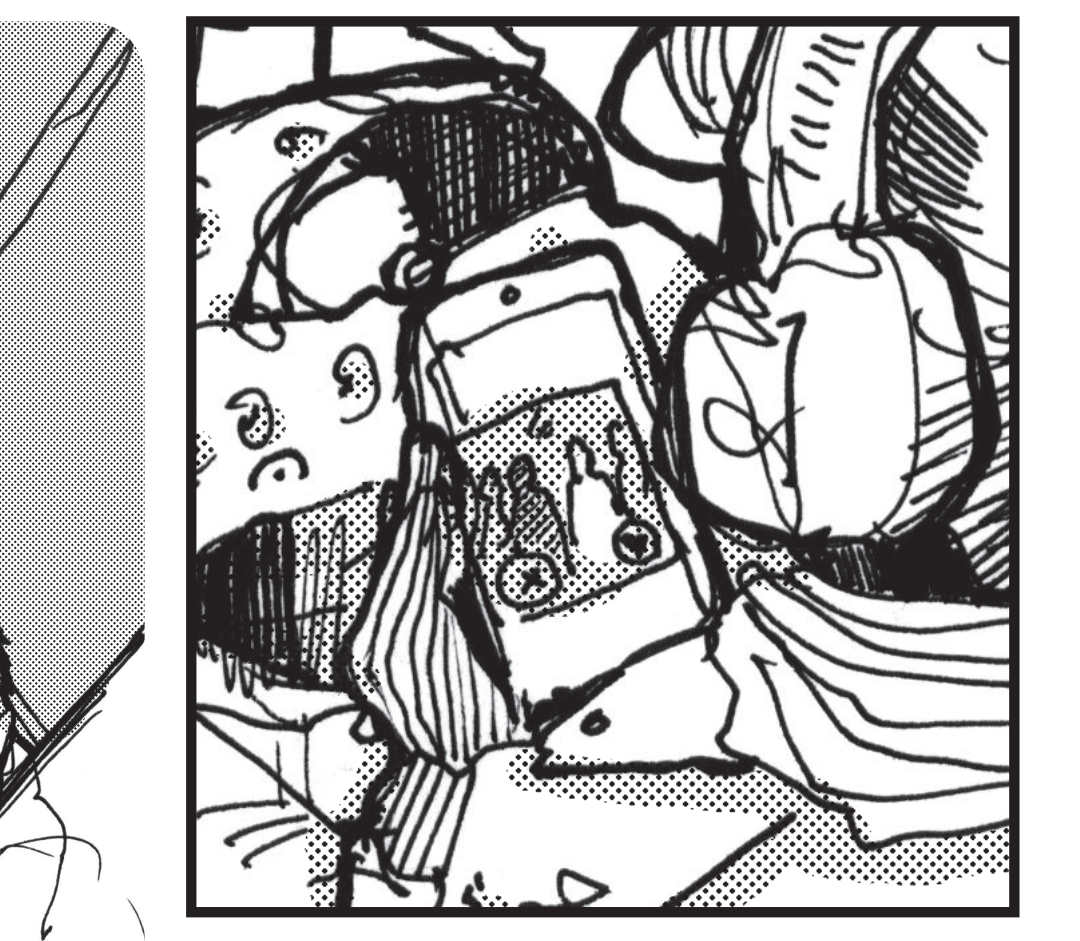
Southwark

on day trips, morning commutes, and rush hour.

Made and missed connections.





It's complete chance! No swiping or hungry, drunken pickup lines. Just two paths who happen to intersect.

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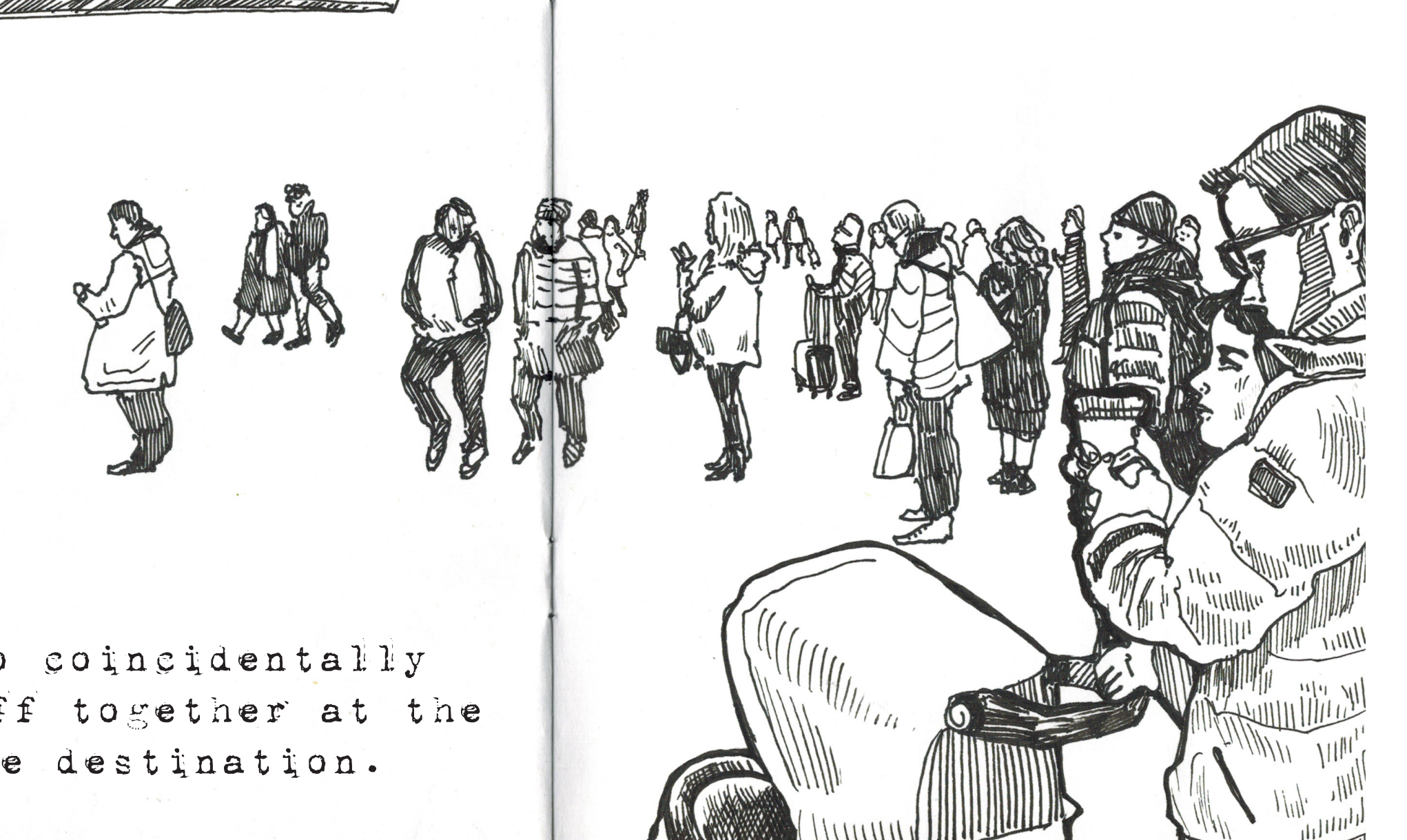
At least that's what I tell myself.

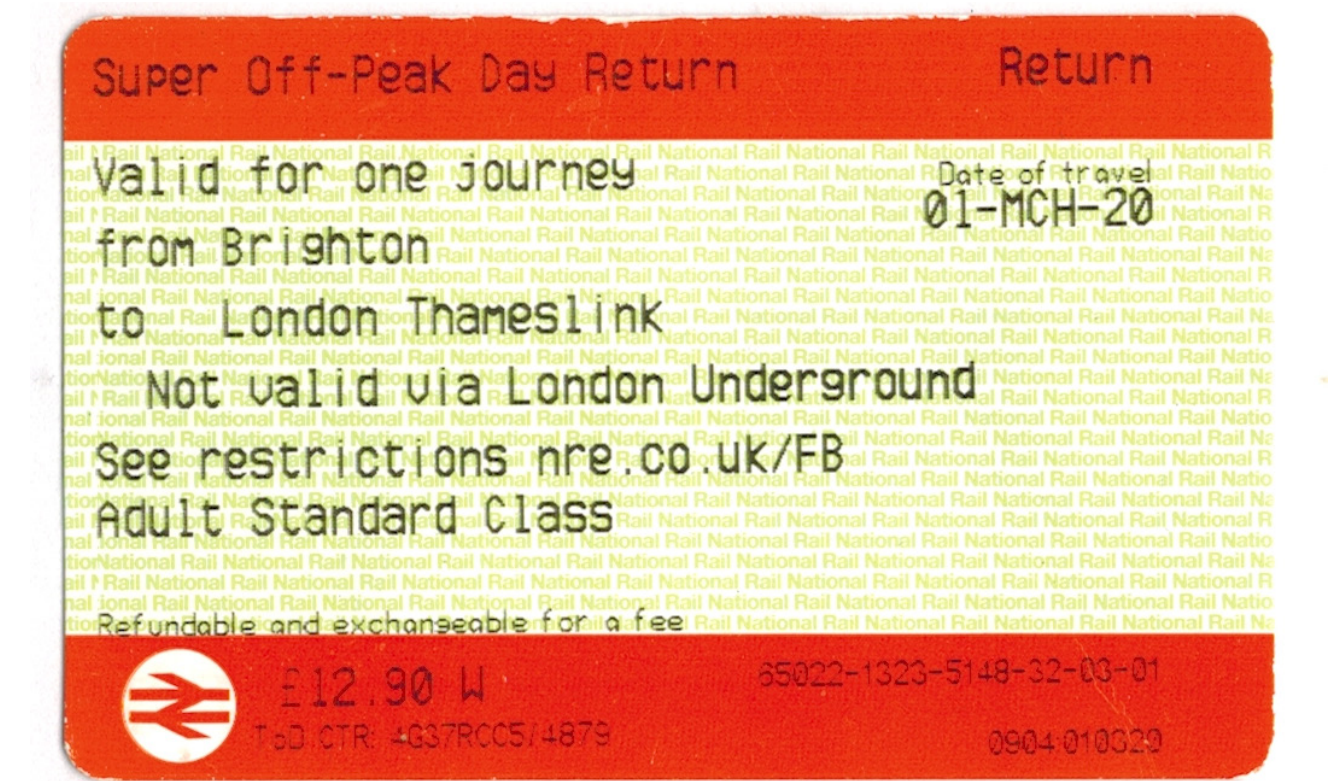
Because I still find myself waiting

for that moment of mutual recognition from a stranger, in a smile or a glance.

or to coincidentally step off together at the same destination.



The allure of the stranger is not a physical attraction, it's the odds that I shared a moment



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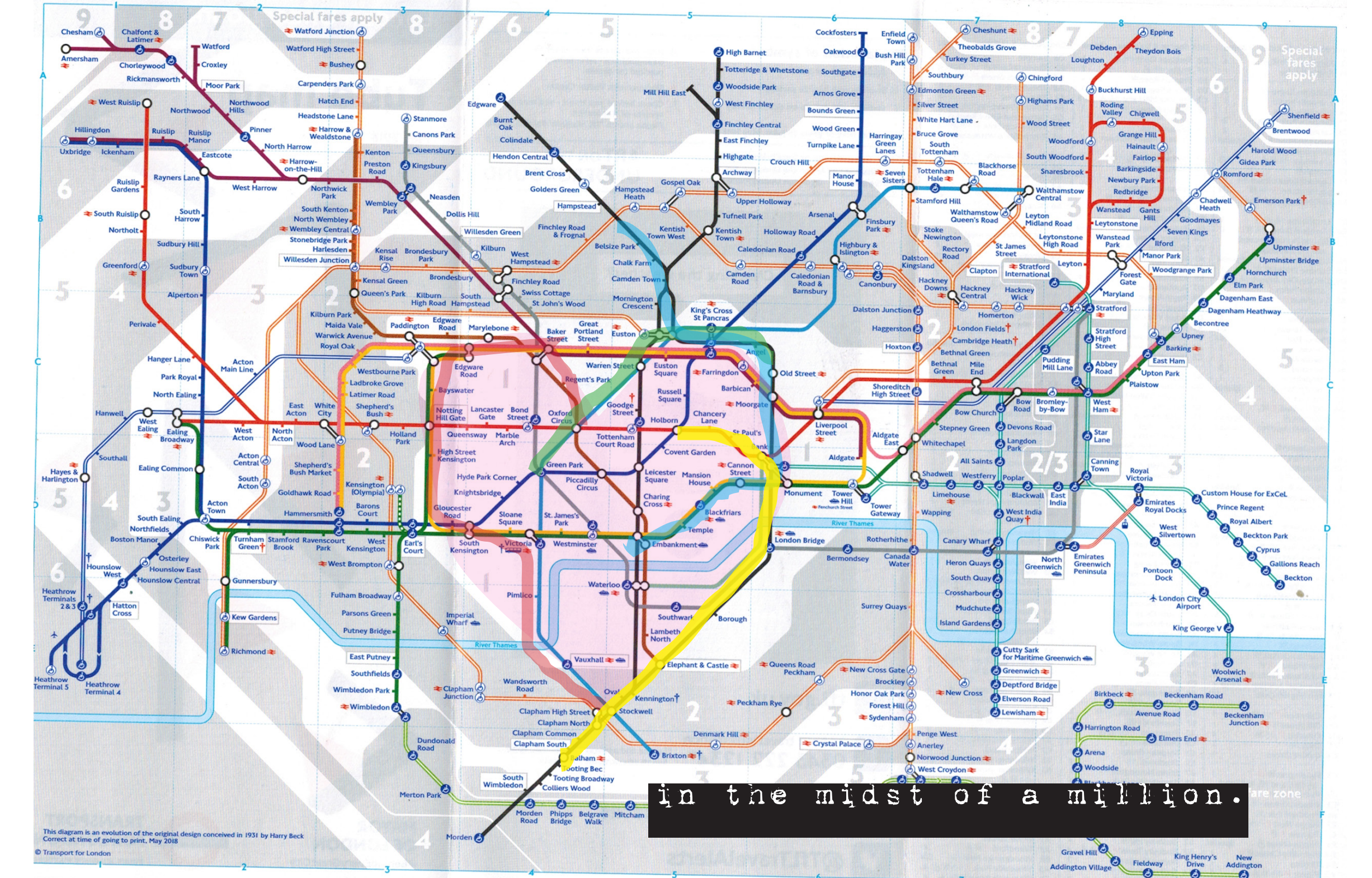
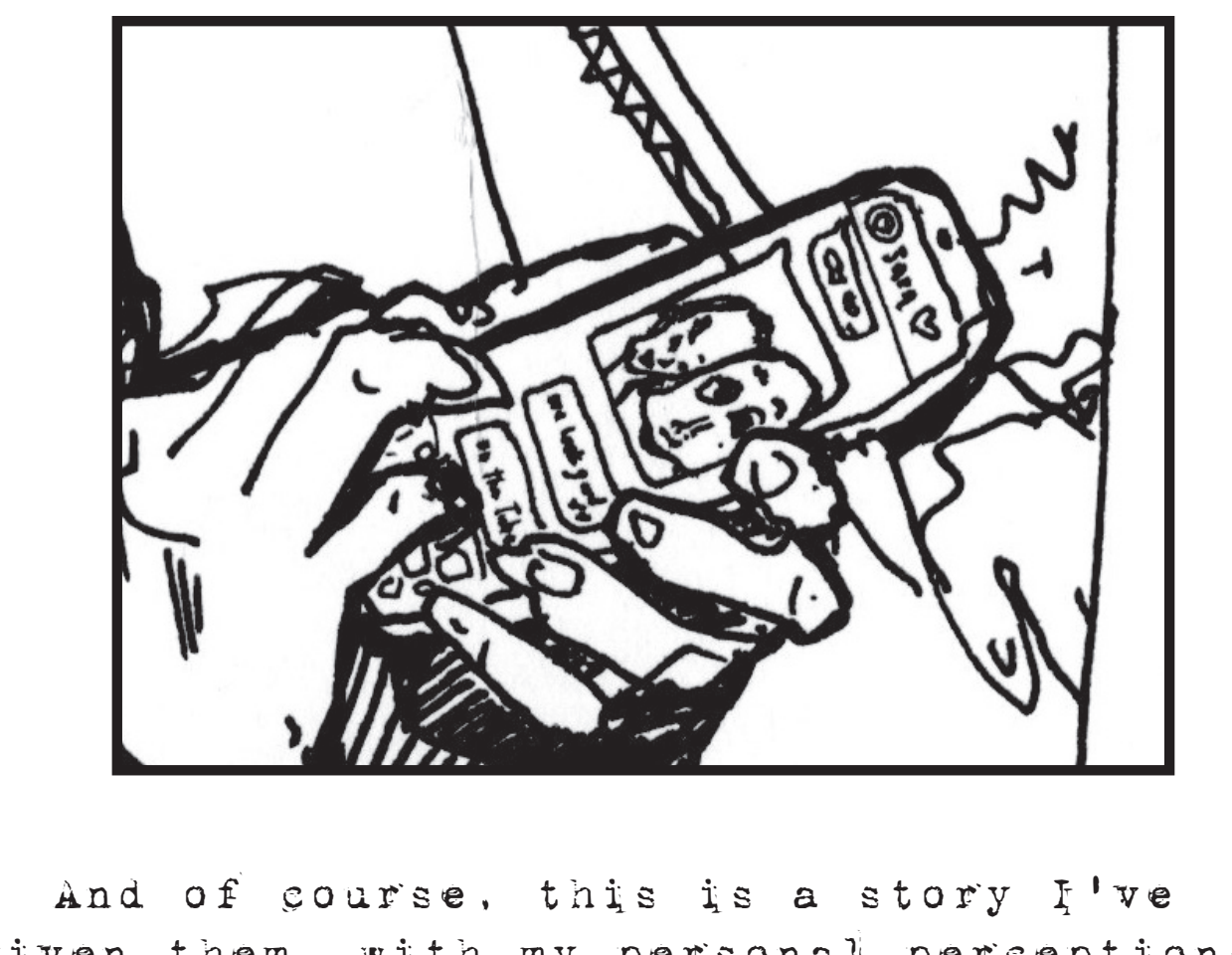
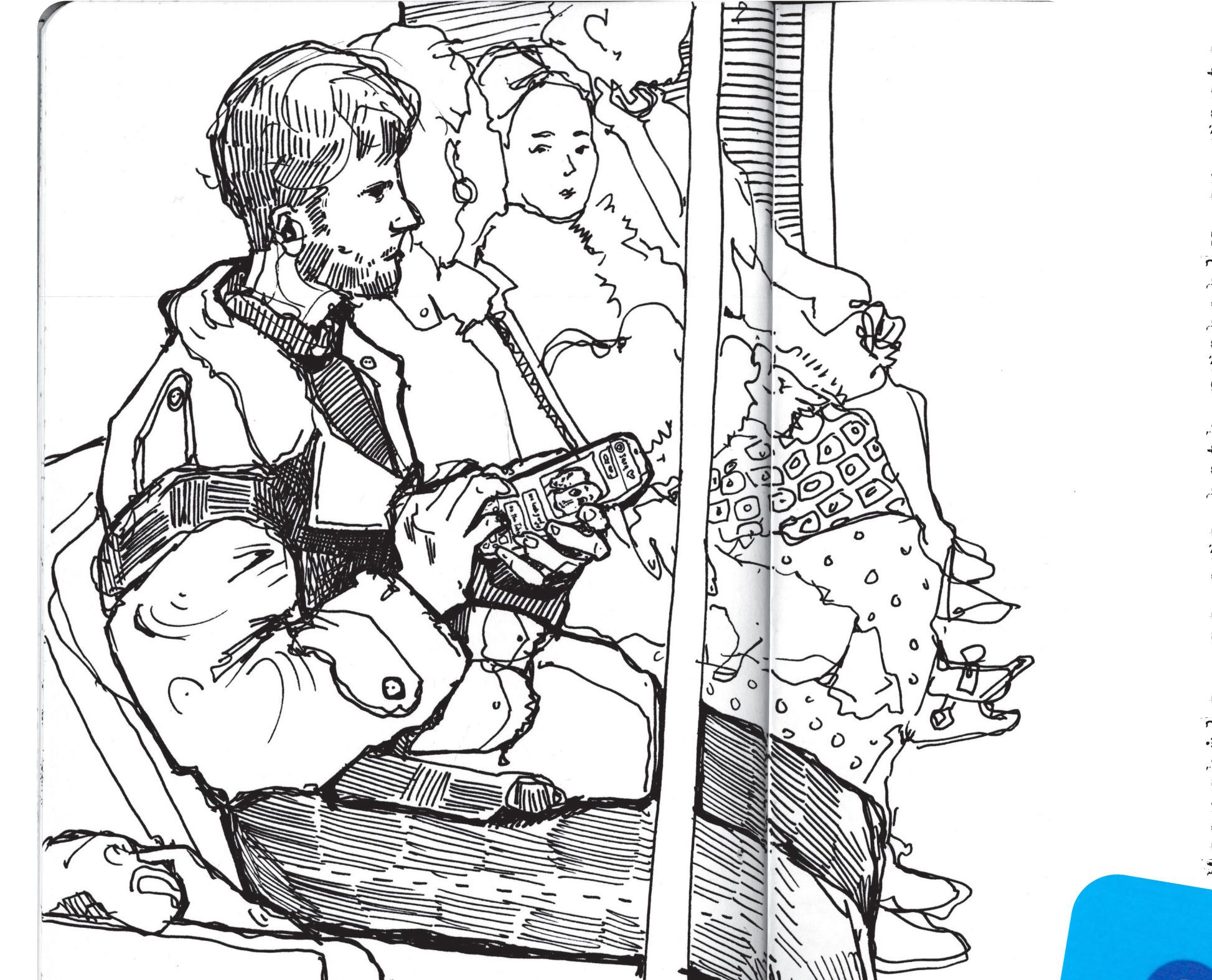


in the midst of a million.

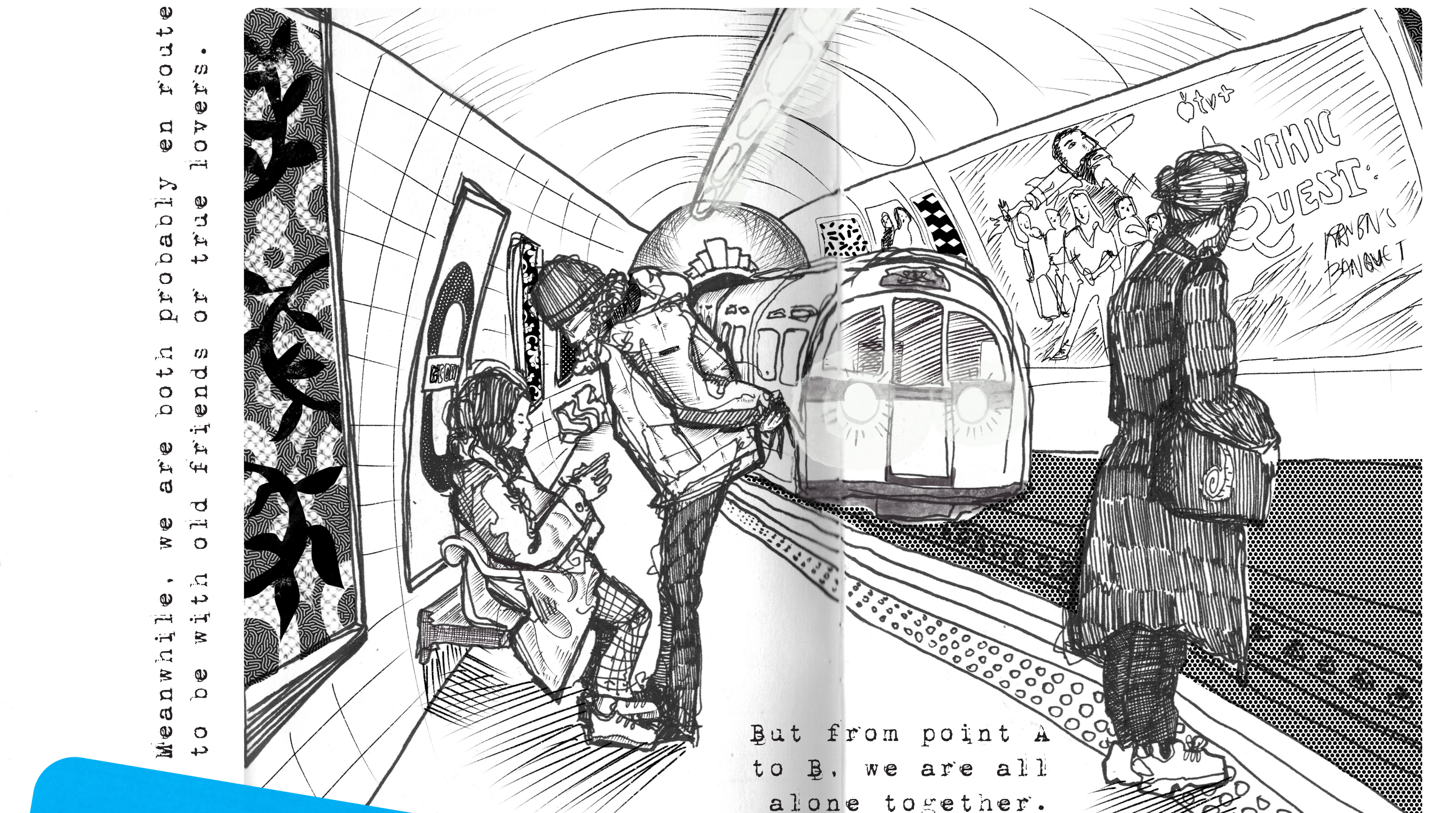
Therefore I am an active viewer, meaning I peer over shoulders at texts and admire the lapels on their jackets. I'm gathering the details of the stranger's story because falling in love is a process of understanding.



And of course, this is a story I've given them, with my personal perceptions of our shared space and time.



Meanwhile, we are both probably en route to be with old friends or true lovers.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But from point A to B, we are all alone together.

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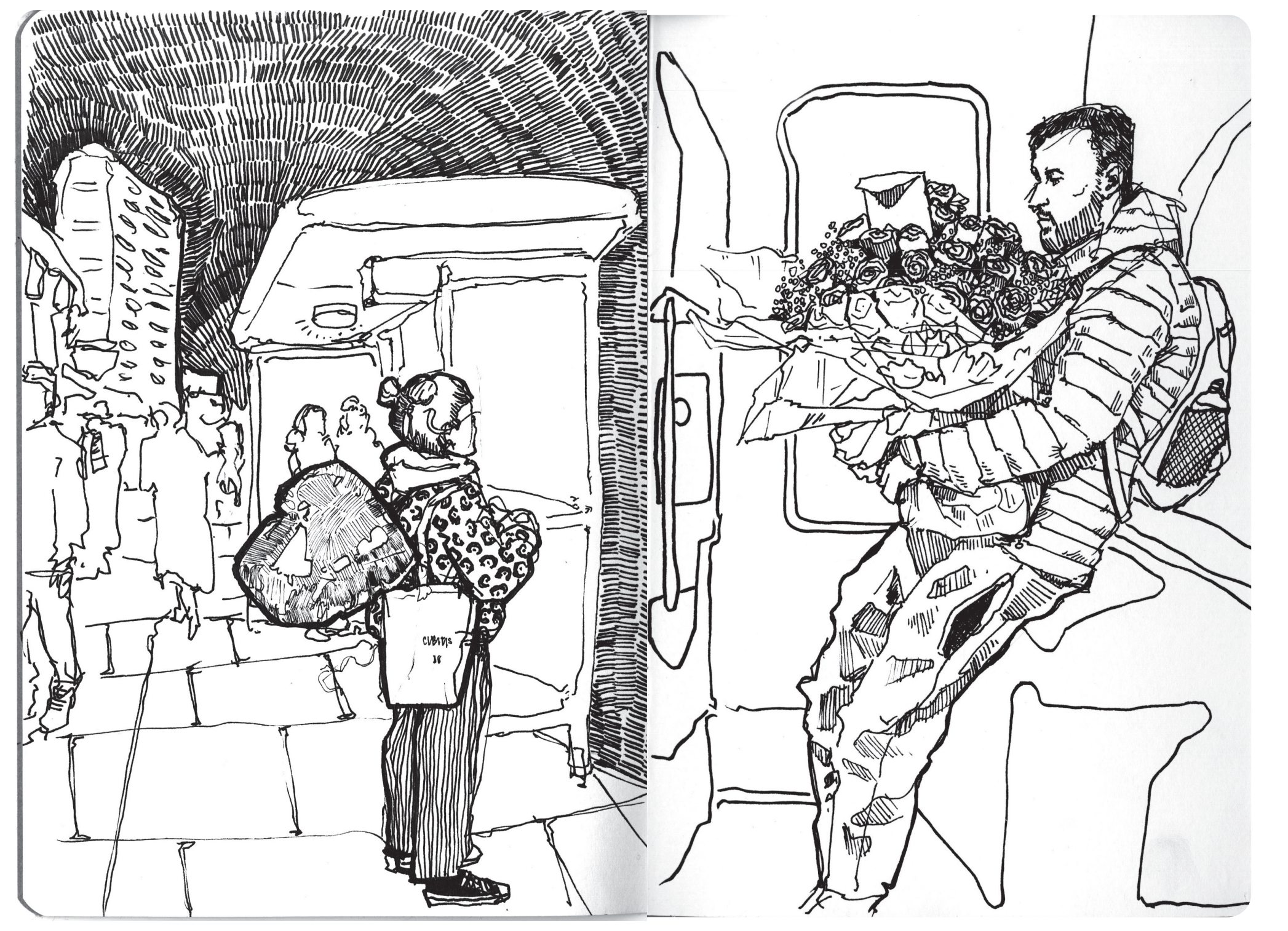

Perhaps the most powerful type of empathy allows us to fathom loving strangers before we even know them.

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