

Hæee's quest

for the greater prairie

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DEFINITION OF MIDLINGS

Middlings commonly have a comfortable standard of living, considerable economic security, moderate work + life autonomy and often rely on their own expertise to sustain themselves.

They place great emphasis on independence, value innovation, respect the non-conformist and have great concerns for the environment. They appear established and well rounded but often have insecurities locked within.

Middlings live among us but essentially feel apart from it all. They often ask themselves this: *“Are we not as happy as those who are much better off in this world?”*

This is a fictional book. If you find any similarities of yourself in this book, it is purely out of coincidence or a result of the author's daydreams.

Or you could just be one serious fellow middling.

PREFACE



There will always be road construction in life, and never a point when all the highways are fixed. Keep walking.

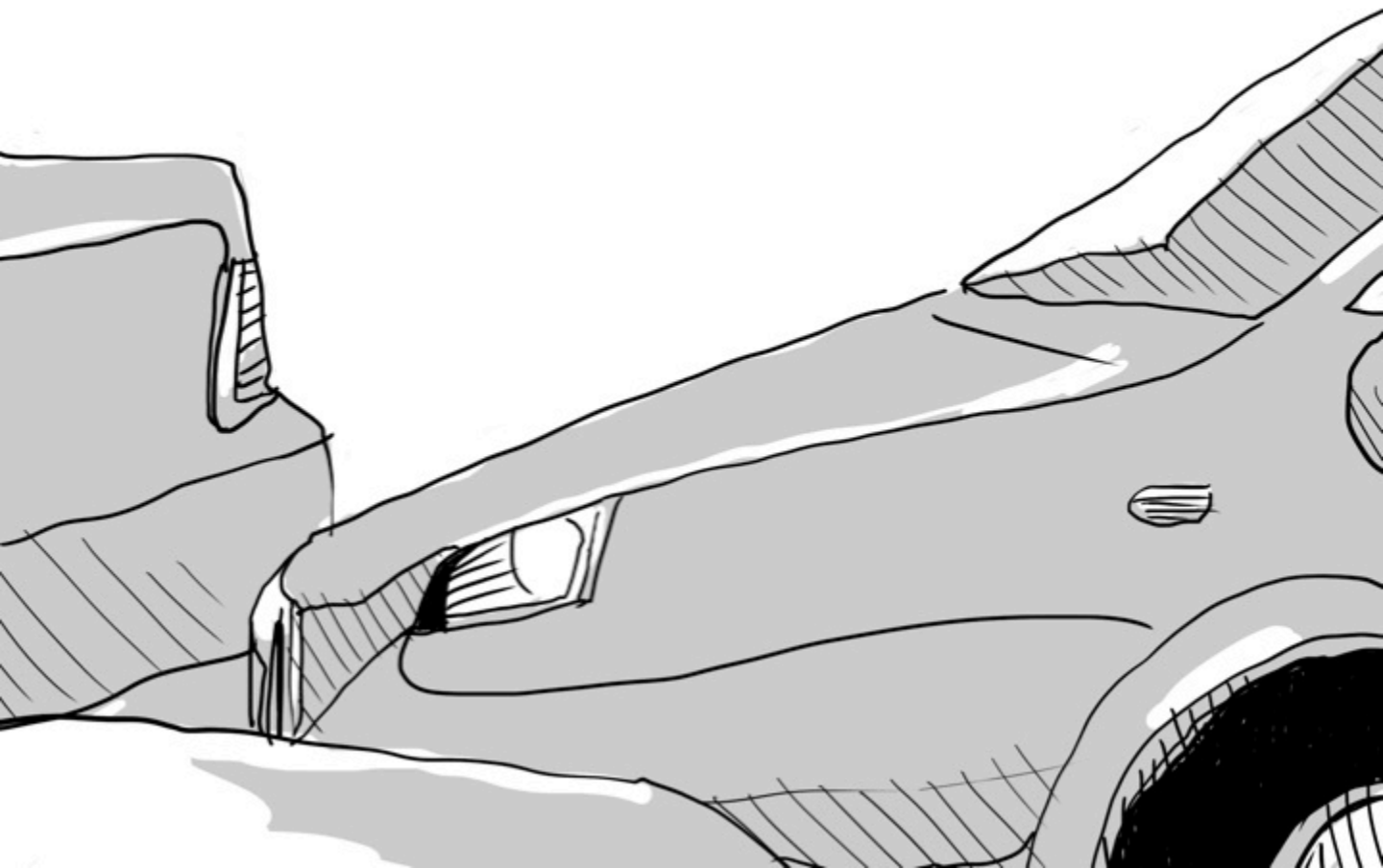


Lost and nowhere to go,
Haeë wanders around
aimlessly in Middling City.





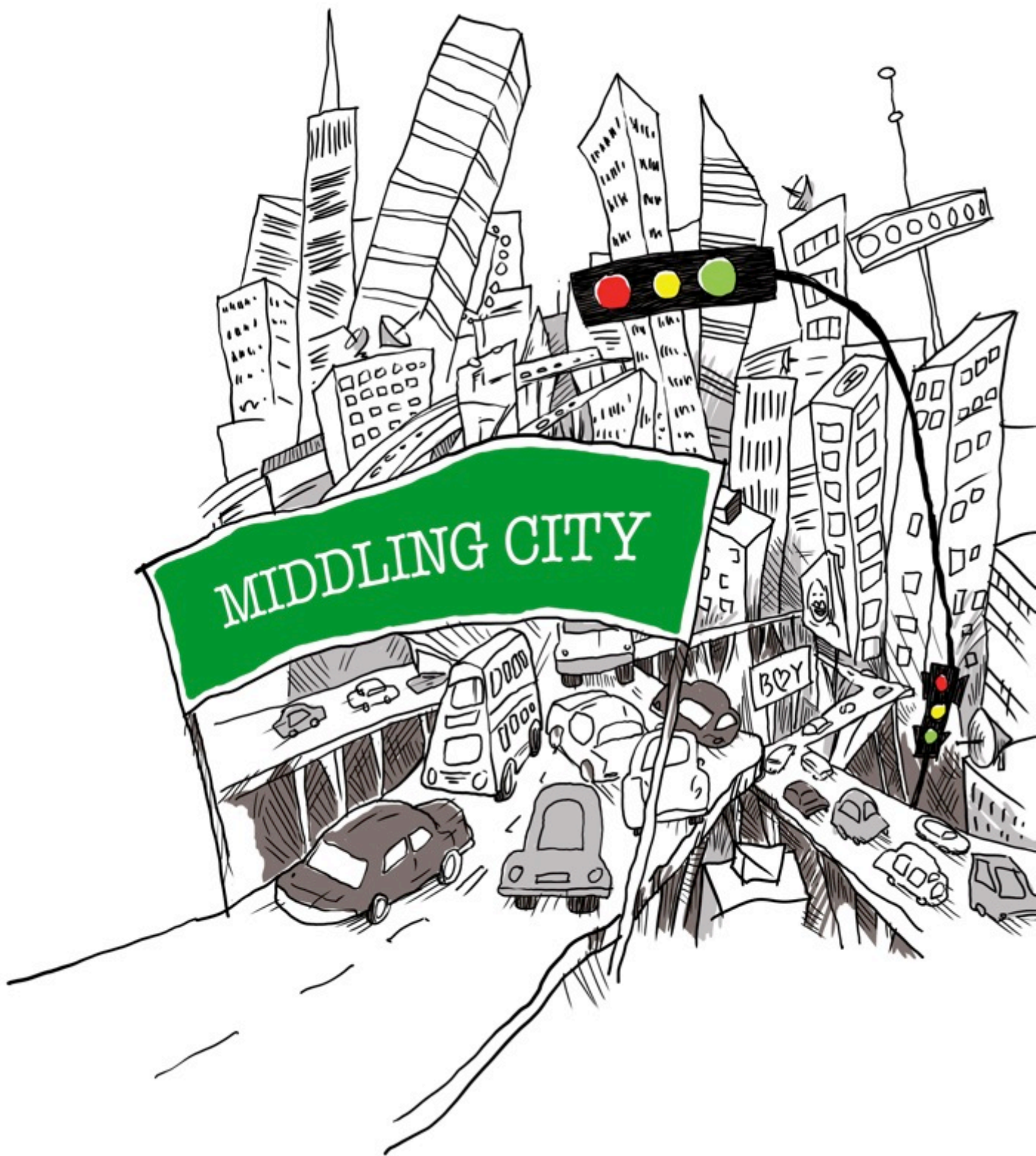
He walks among the crowd,
dodges the relentless traffic,



listens to the unending noise,



and chokes on
the city dust.



Middling City comes alive every morning.



People rush from
places to places.



By noon, restaurants and cafes are filled with people.



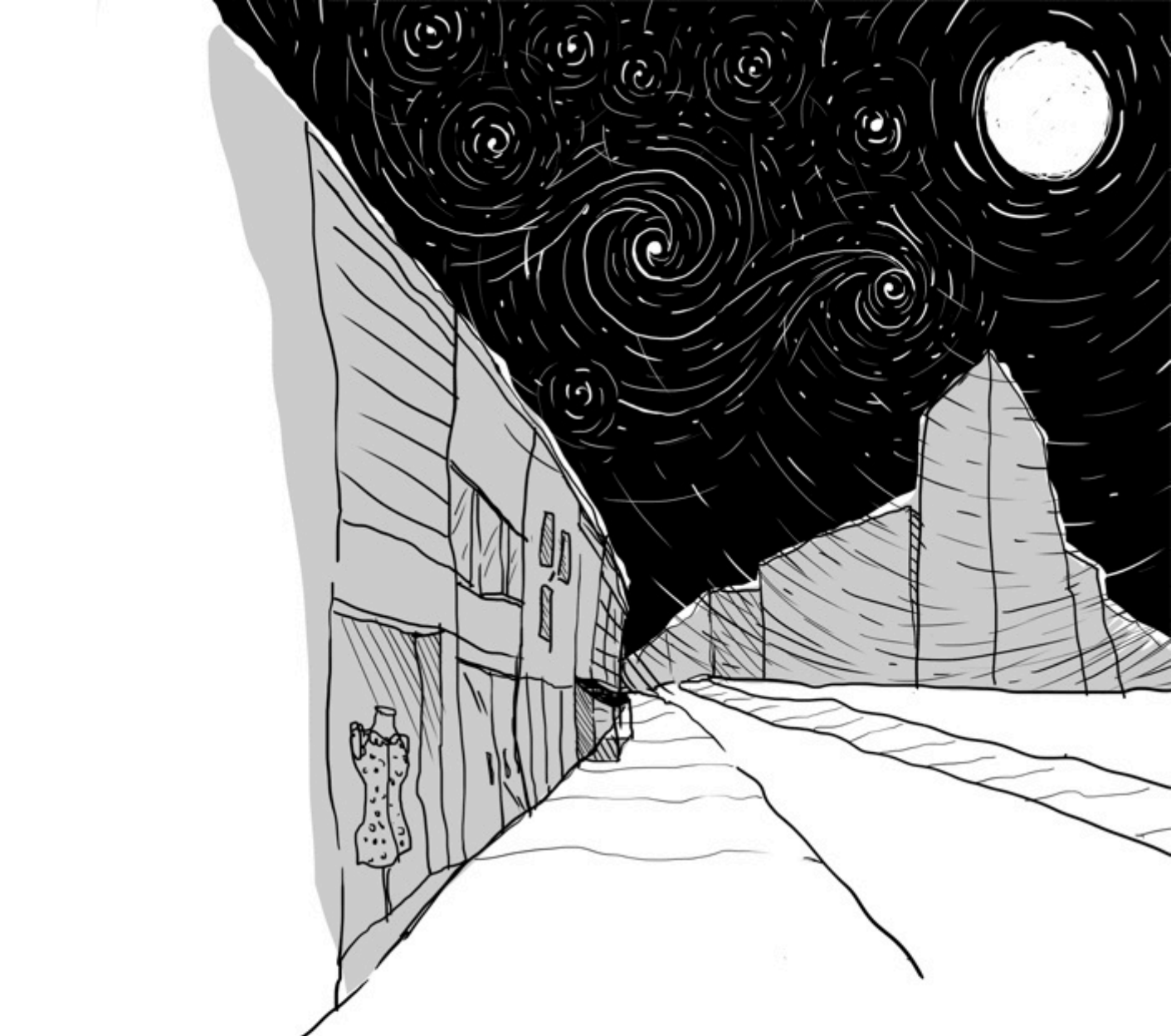
By mid afternoon,
everything comes to a
standstill.



The city tempo
starts to pick up again
in the evening.



By late evening,
the streets start to clear,
and the whole city goes
to sleep.



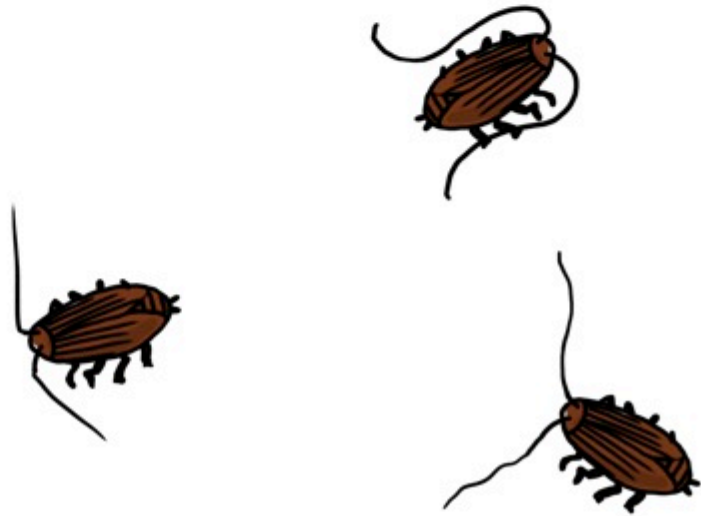
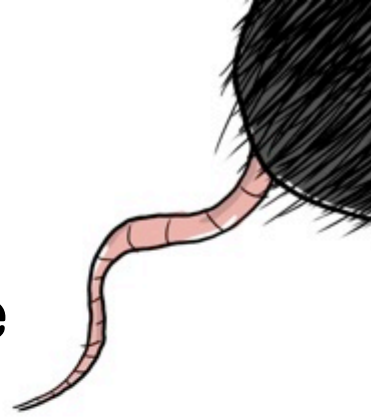
Hae is intrigued
by this phenomenon.
He tries to get into
this regular city tempo.



He goes to the sidewalk cafes
in the day.



He tries to make himself
useful by getting rid of the
cockroaches and mice.

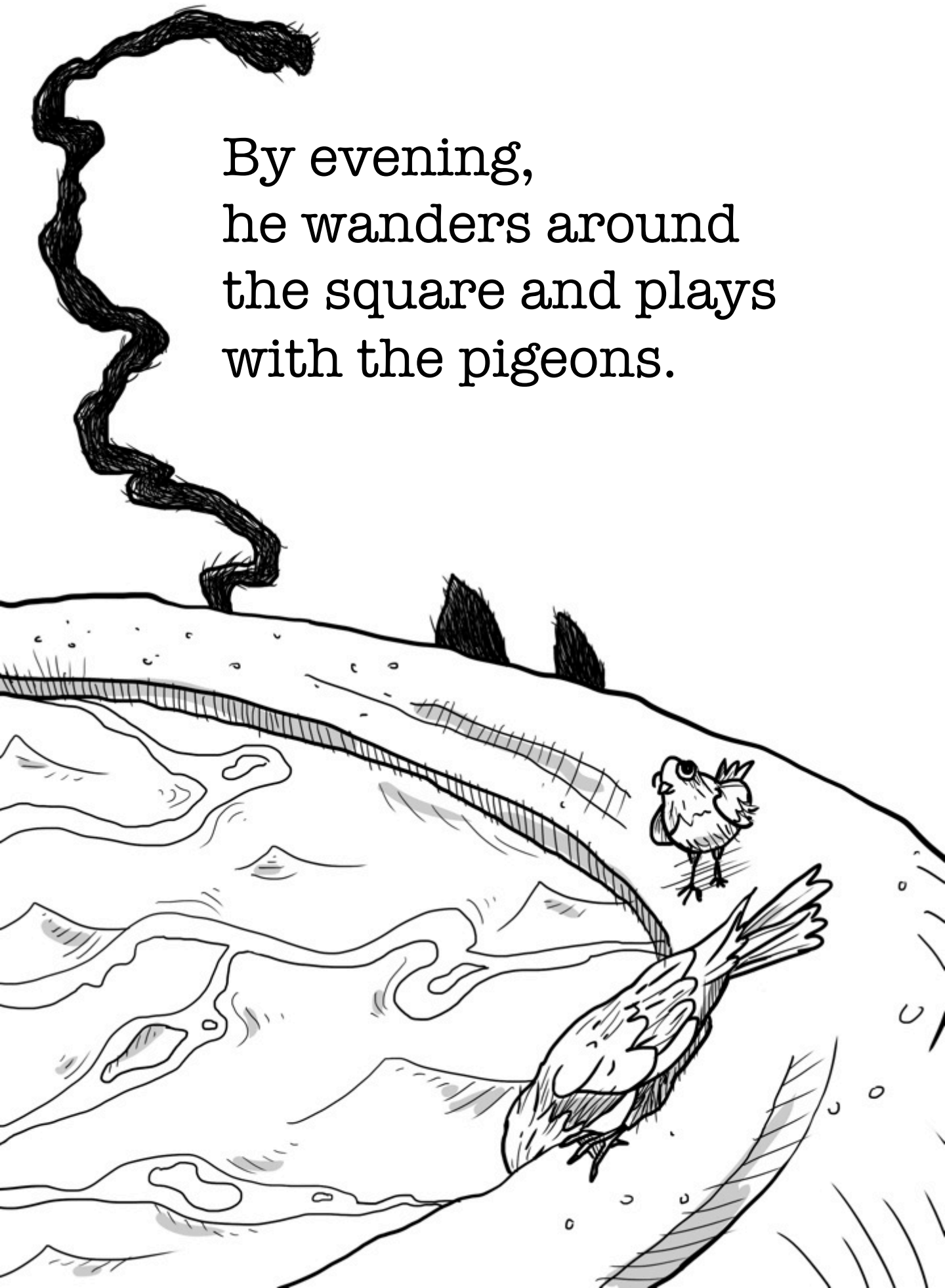


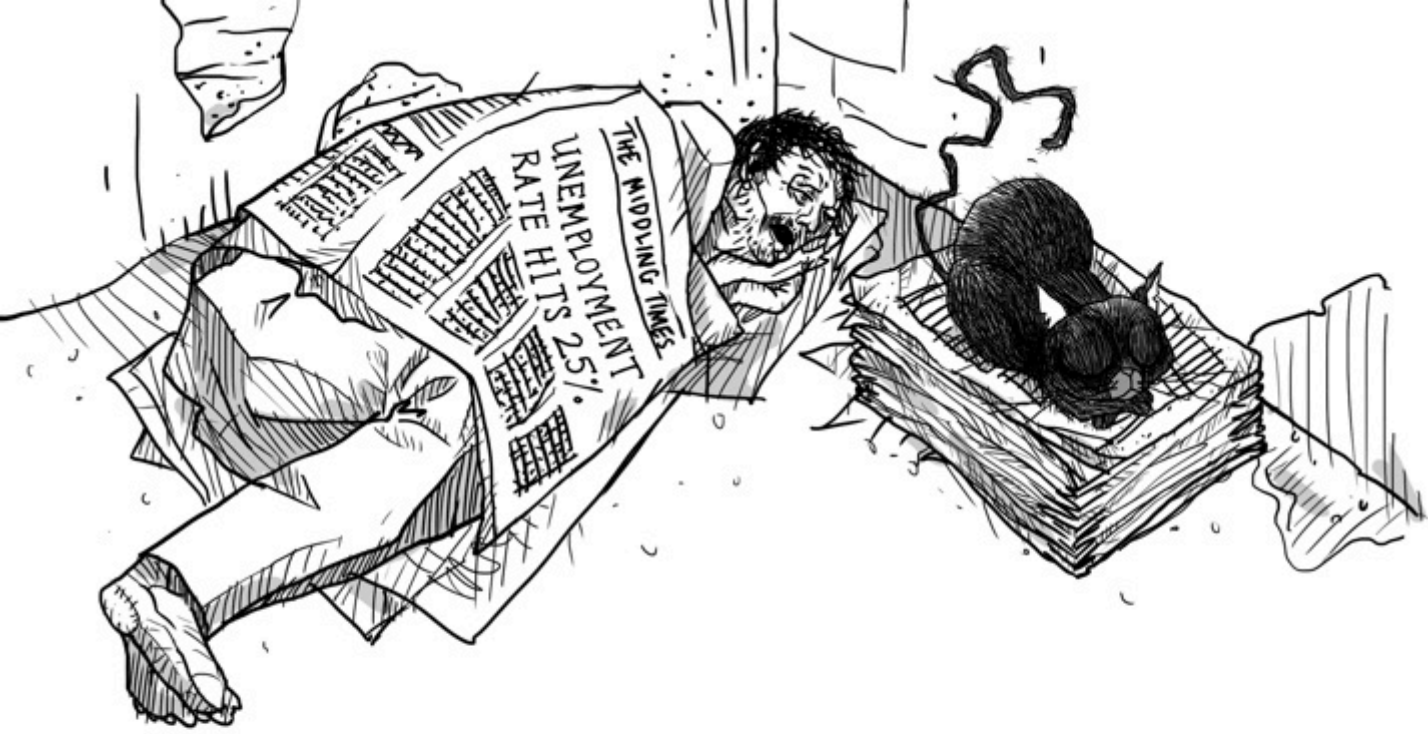
“Shoo...”



He gets rewarded
with leftovers.

By evening,
he wanders around
the square and plays
with the pigeons.





At night, Haeë sleeps on a stack of newspapers.



Occasionally,
he wonders about
his comfortable life
back at Tom and
Jane's house.



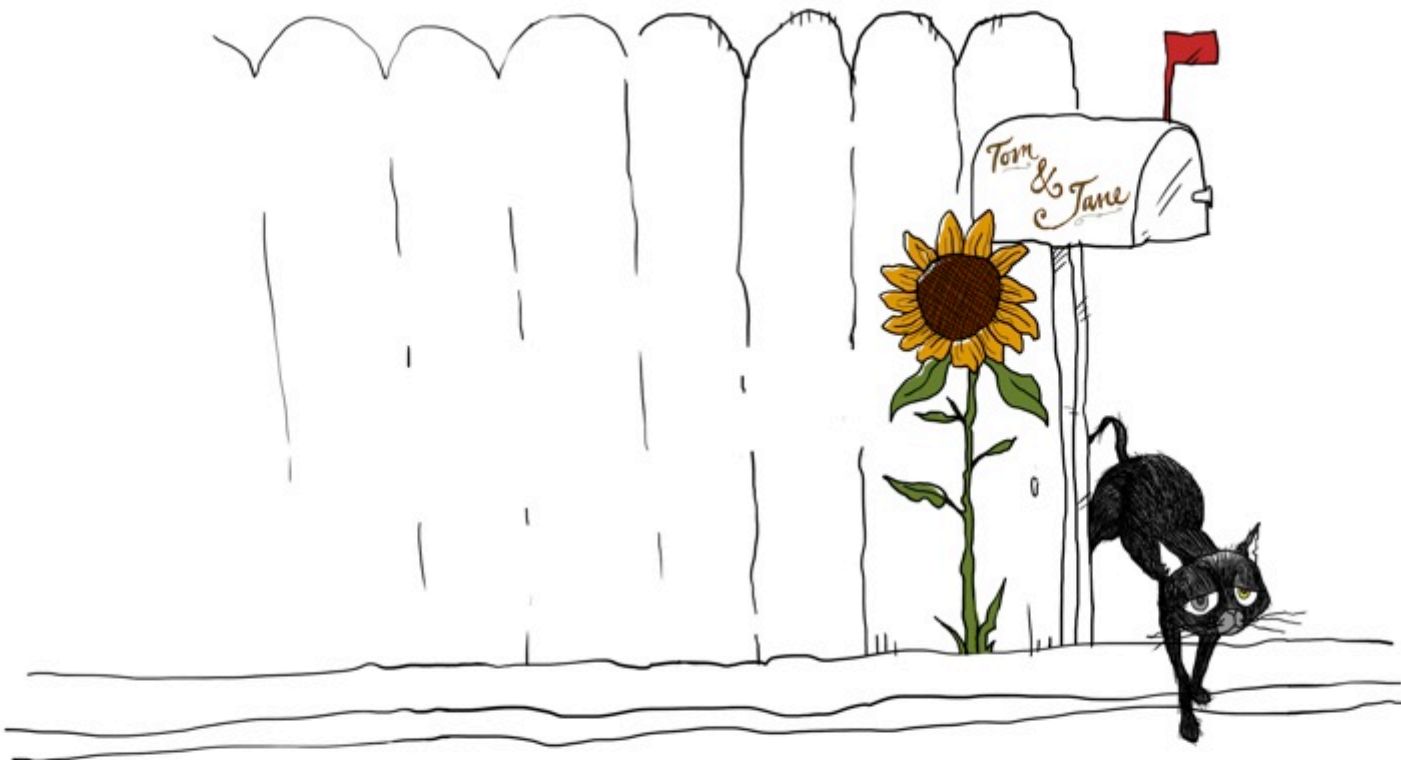
Whenever he followed the house rules set by Jane, he got rewarded with tuna biscuits.





Life was truly comfortable then and he didn't have much to worry about.

Yet, Hae left home
after sometime.
But he no longer
remembers why.



“Hi. I’m 4Legs.”



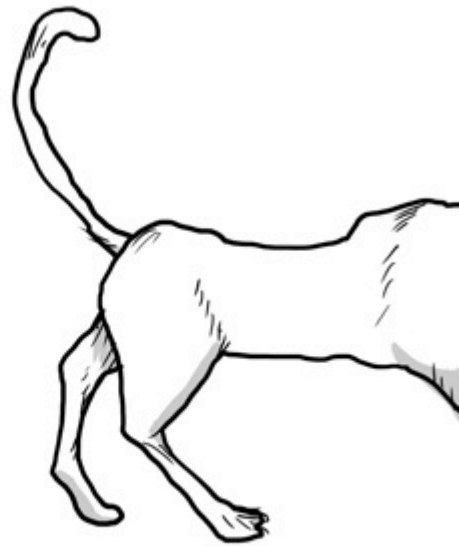
One day, a cat with
three legs hobbles by.



4Legs is a hunched cat who has lost one of his legs at an unfortunate car accident.



He is on his way to
Handicap Alley.
Curious, Haeae decides
to follow him.



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