

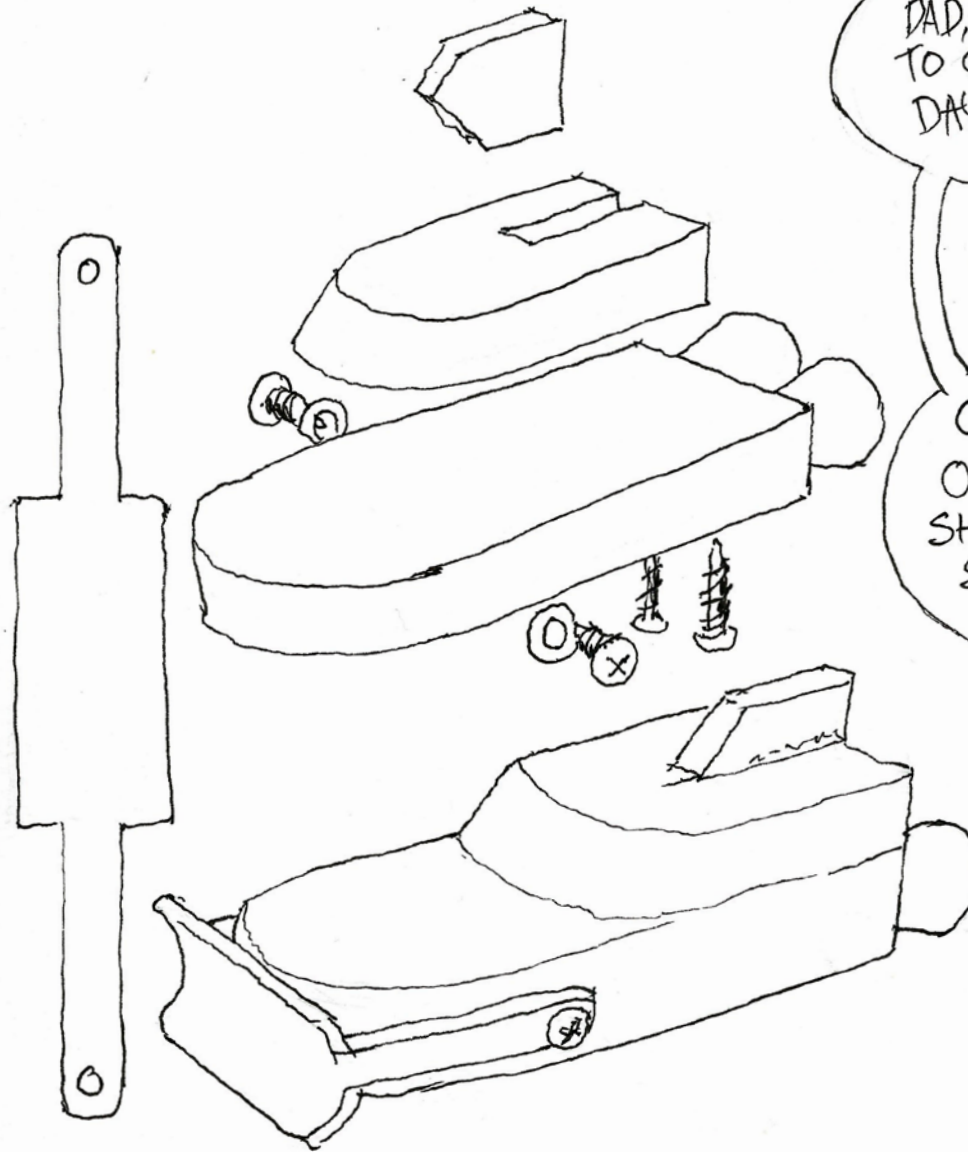


# THE 100 DAYS

AN ALLOGRAFT JOURNAL

TOMY THORNE

# DAY MINUS 9



DAD, ARE YOU GOING TO COME TO PANCAKE DAY AT SCHOOL?

SORRY HARVEY, I'LL BE AWAY IN MELBOURNE.

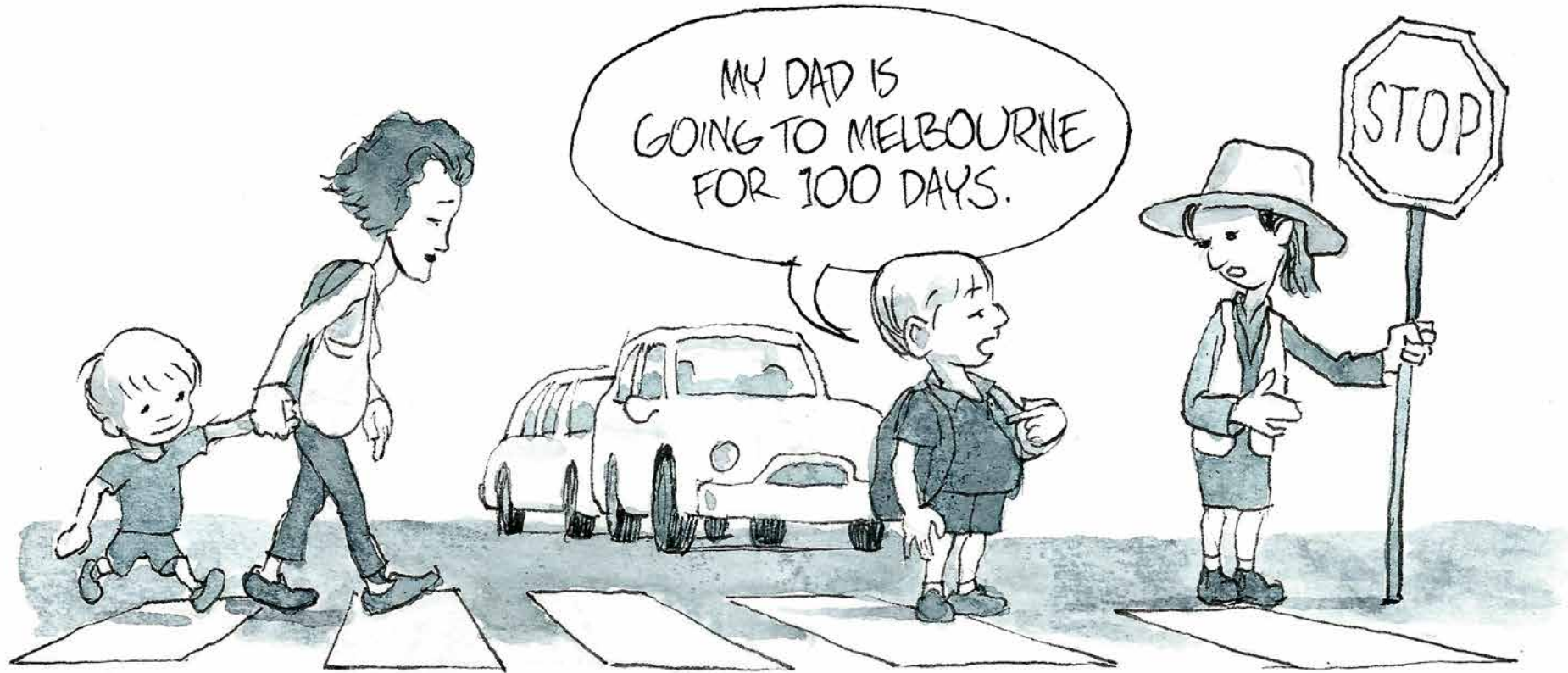
CAN WE GO OUT TO THE SHED AND MAKE SOMETHING?

I WANT THUNDERBIRD FOUR.



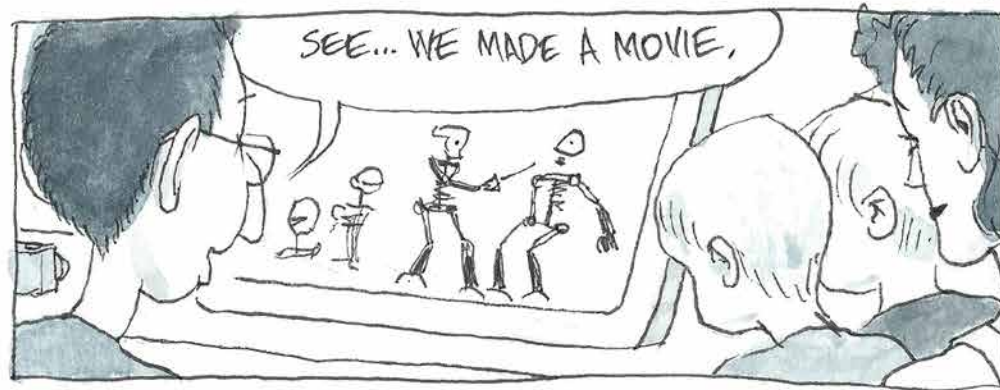
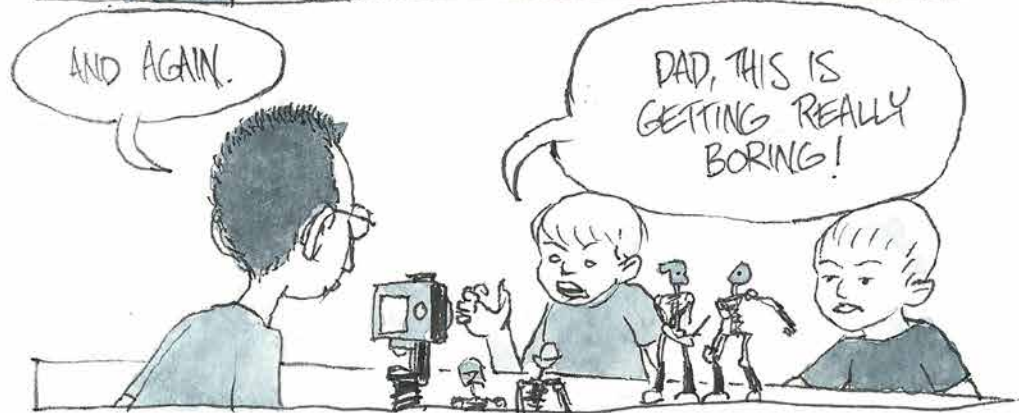
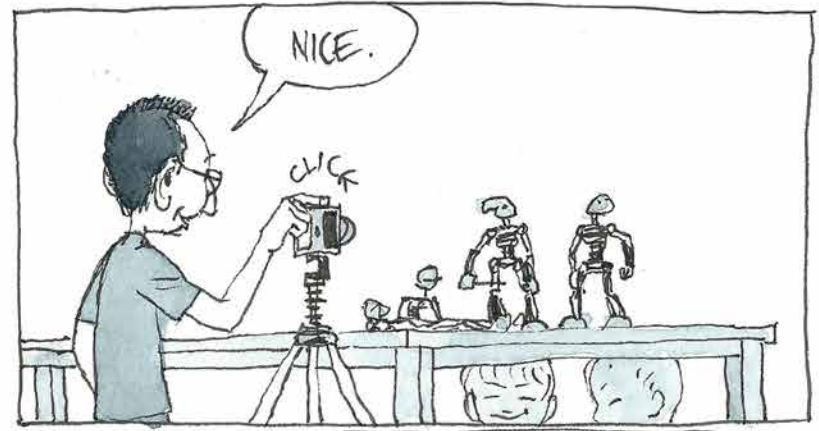


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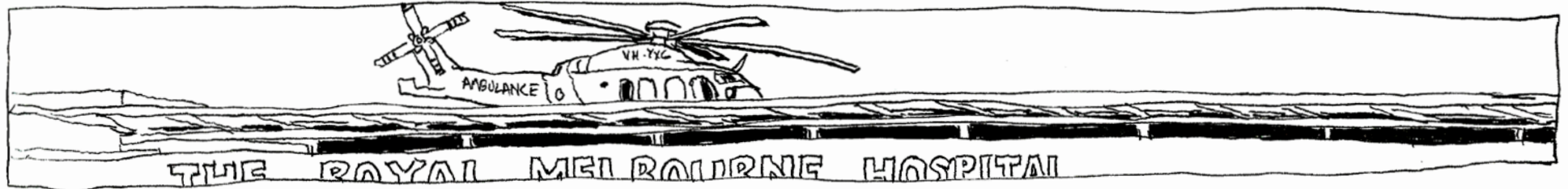
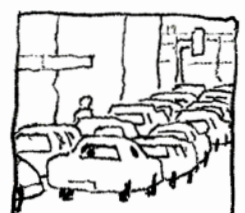




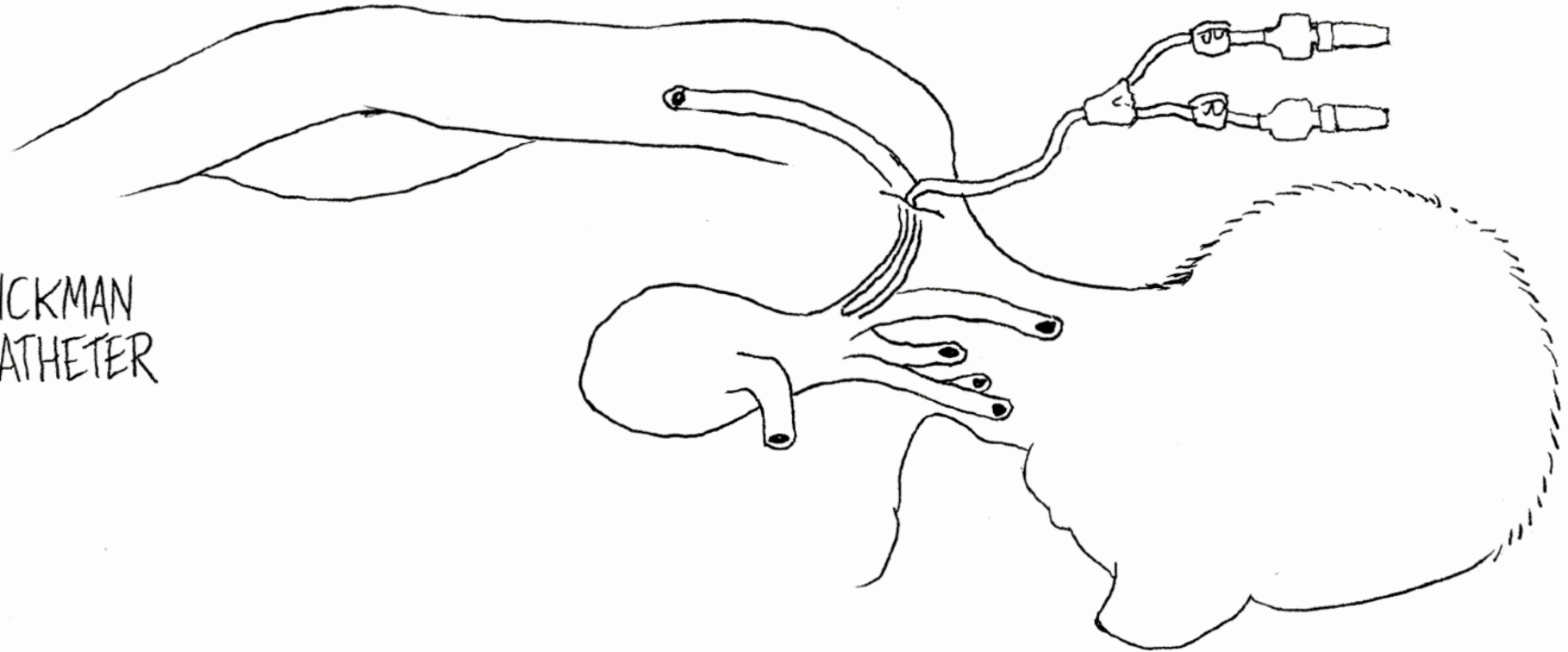
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# DAY MINUS 6



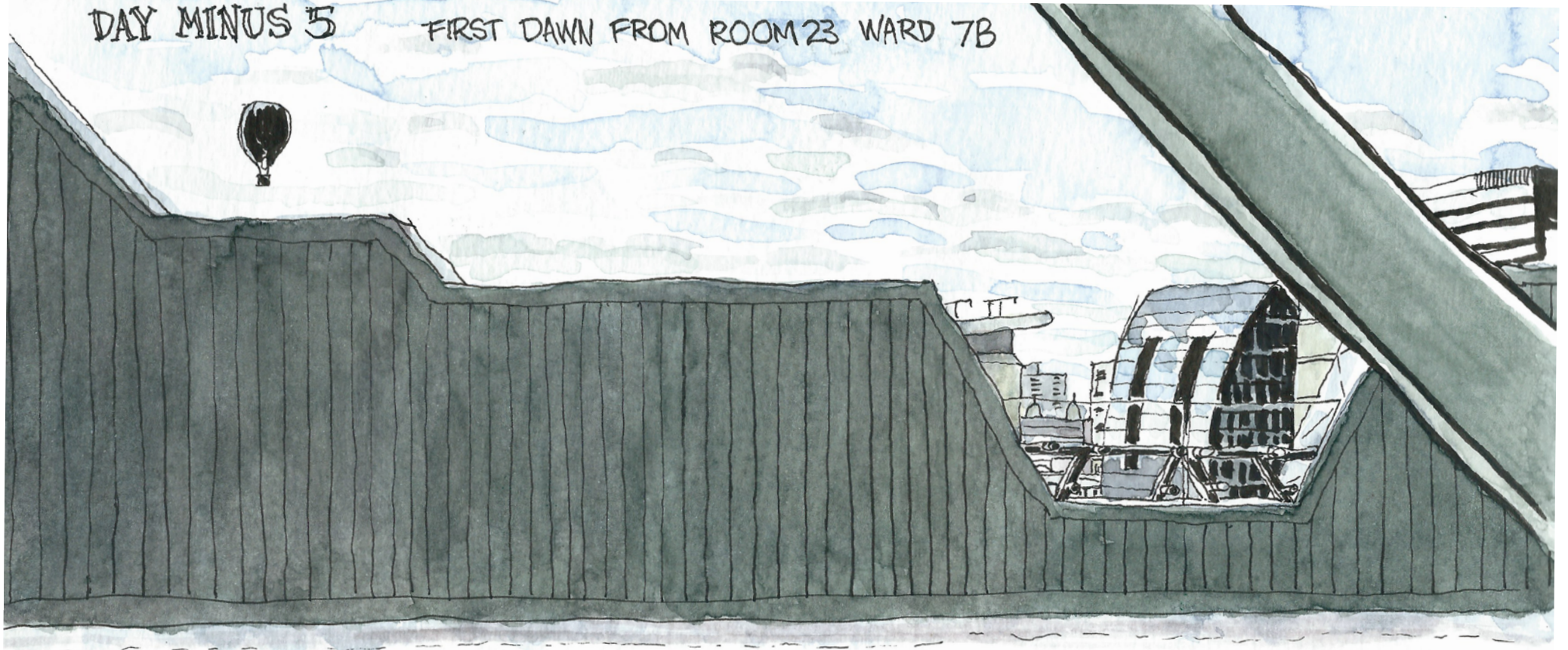
HICKMAN  
CATHETER





DAY MINUS 5

FIRST DAWN FROM ROOM 23 WARD 7B



CHEMO:

FLUDARABINE

CYCLOPHOSPHAMIDE

THESE DRUGS PREP' ME FOR  
KELLY'S STEM CELLS

DOCTOR JAMIE 1PM

OPHTHAMOLOGIST 2PM



♪ AS TIME GOES BY ♪

MUSIC THERAPY

COFFEE WITH  
JENNY, PETER  
MAC CAFE 3:30

RAMEN WITH  
STUART 7PM  
IN THE CITY



# DAY MINUS 4 MORE CHEMO



TONY,  
YOUR ELECTROLITES  
ARE LOW. WE'RE  
GOING TO TOP  
YOU UP WITH  
SOME  
POTASSIUM.

AND YOU  
HAD AN ISSUE  
WITH YOUR EYES,  
YOU JUST  
HAD ITCHY  
EYES RIGHT?

STUART:  
BROTHER,  
CARER,  
HE VISITS  
EVERY DAY.

THERE IS  
NOTHING DECENT  
ON AT THE NOVA.  
LET'S GO  
EAT.

WE EAT WITH  
GRACE AT  
RICE COOKER.

NO.  
ACCORDING TO THE  
OPHTHALMOLOGIST I  
HAVE PATTERN  
DYSTROPHY.



IT'S PERMANENT  
BUT I SHOULDN'T  
GO BLIND.  
I'LL NEED  
CHECKS ANNUALLY.  
IT'S POSSIBLE  
I'VE PASSED THE  
GENE TO MY  
BOYS.

7.30 PM DR DAVID R. VISITS,  
HEAD OF THE TRANSPLANT CENTRE.

THERE ARE  
JUST SO MANY  
UNKNOWNNS WITH AN  
ALLOGRAFT.

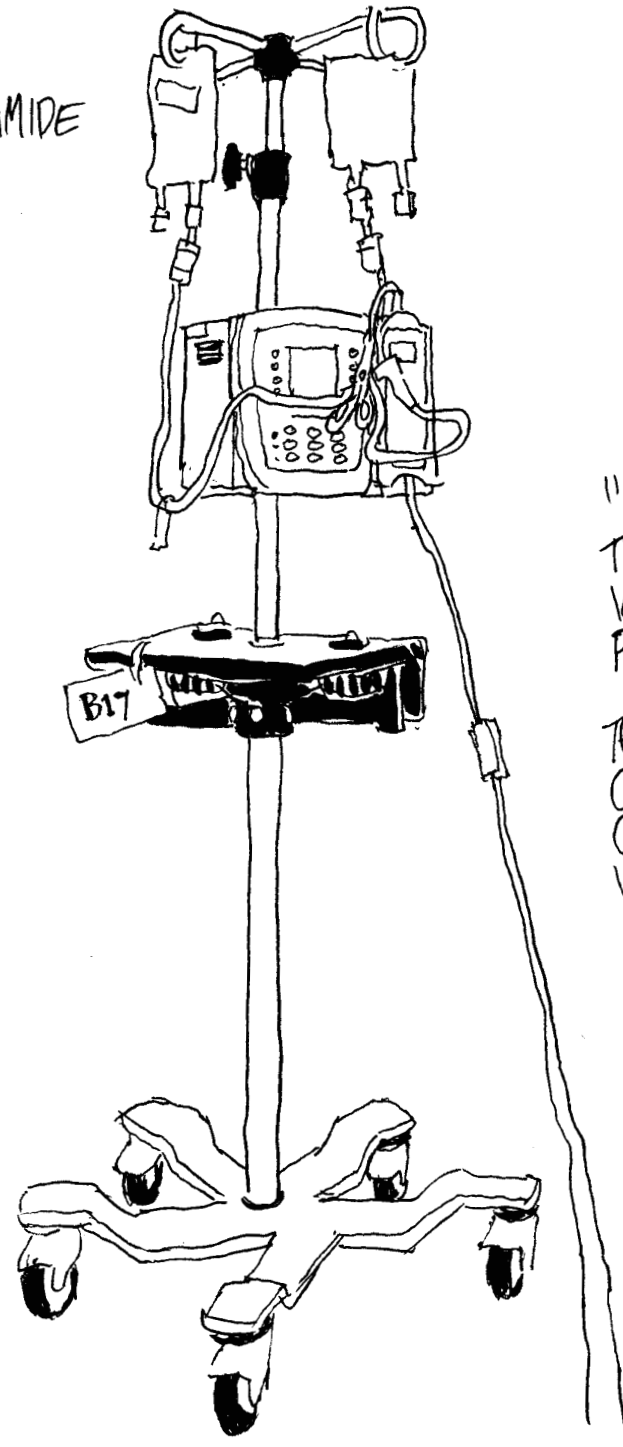
TRUE,  
BUT YOU  
ARE IN THE  
BEST POSSIBLE  
POSITION TO  
GET THROUGH  
THIS.



# DAY MINUS 3

LAST DAY OF FLUDARABINE AND CYCLOPHOSPHAMIDE  
PLUS POTASSIUM

OFF THE DRIP POLE BY 2 PM.



"THE POLE"  
THE PUMP THROUGH  
WHICH ALL DRIP INFUSIONS  
PASS.

THIS WILL BECOME MY  
CONSTANT COMPANION  
OVER THE COMING  
WEEKS.

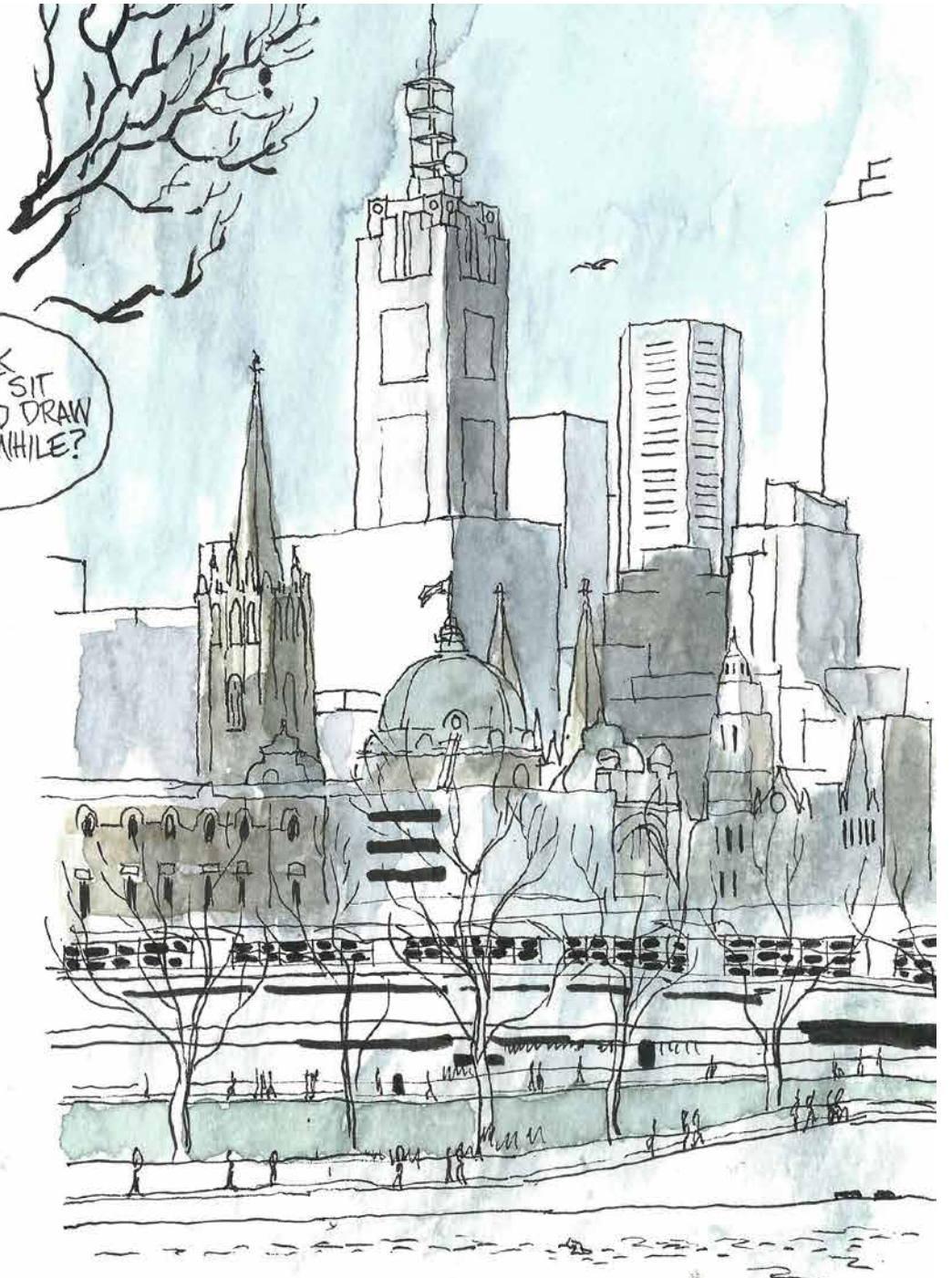
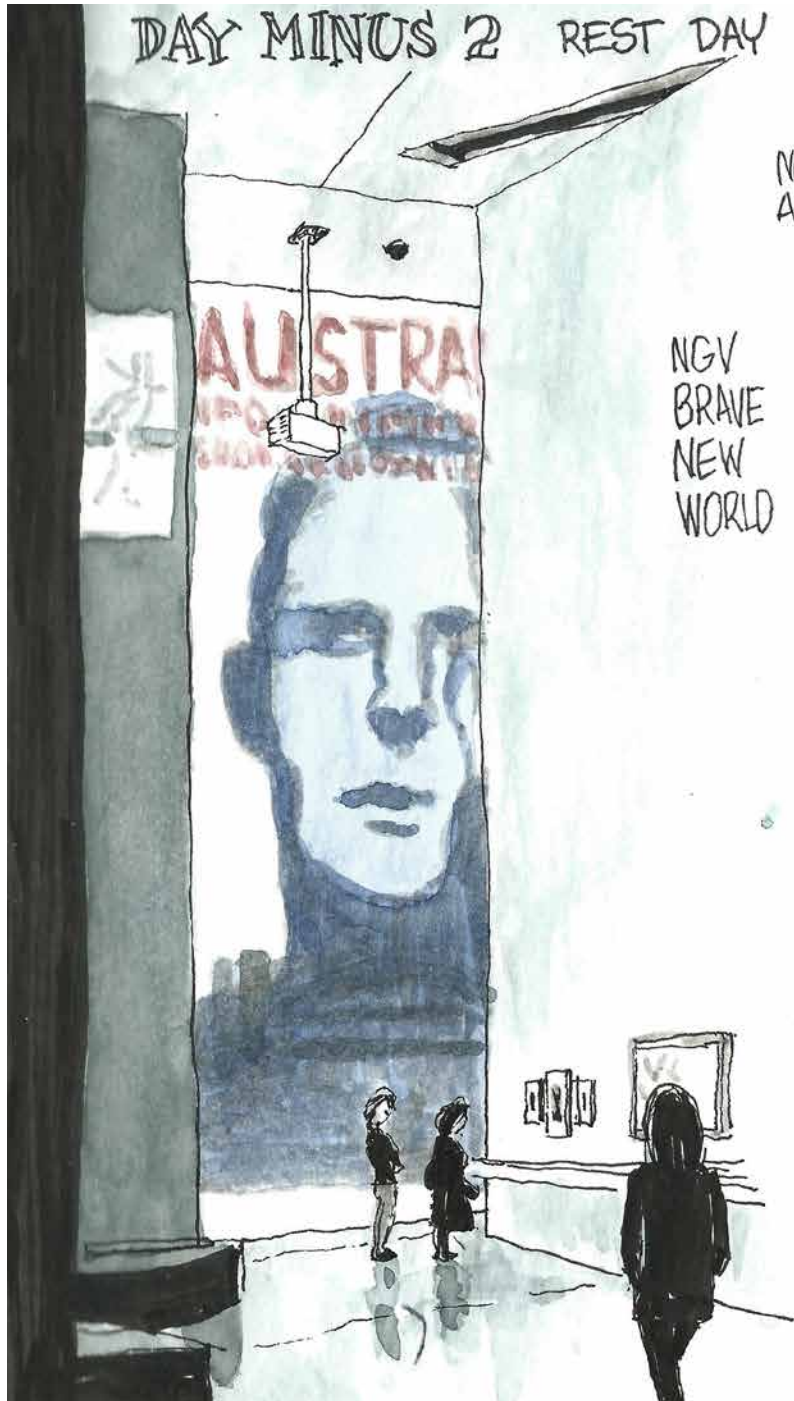


DAY MINUS 2 REST DAY

NO DRIP, SO OUT  
AND ABOUT.

NGV  
BRAVE  
NEW  
WORLD

IS IT OK  
IF I JUST SIT  
HERE AND DRAW  
FOR A WHILE?



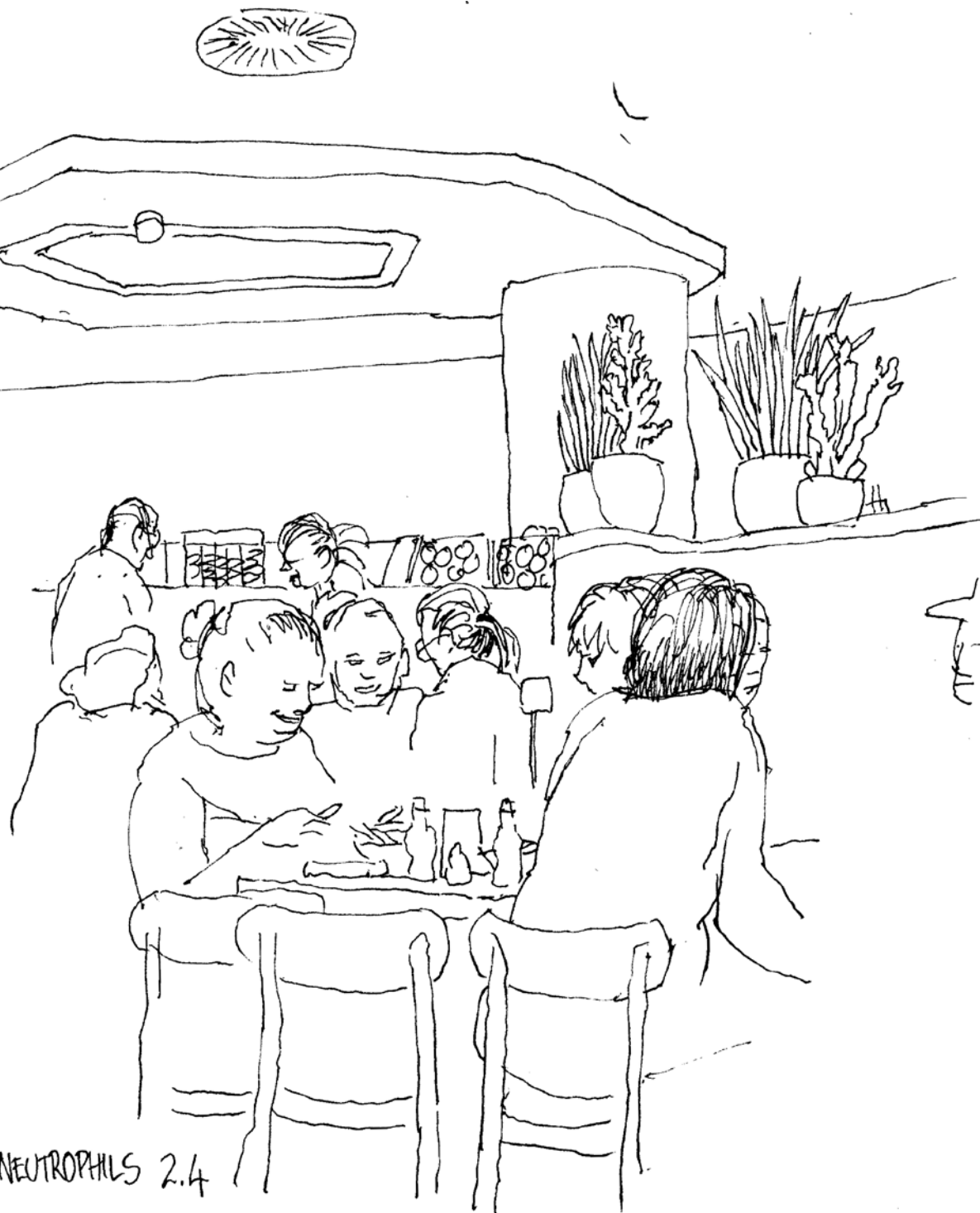
DAY MINUS 1

POTASSIUM DRIP FROM 6AM

A QUICK COFFEE  
WITH JENNY BEFORE  
20 HOUR CYCLOSPORIN DRIP,  
(IMMUNOSUPPRESSANT),  
BEGINS AT NOON.

STUART VISITS AT 5

KELLY AND MARTIN  
ARRIVE FROM HOBART 8 PM.



BLOOD COUNTS 28/8, Hb 116, WCC 2.6, PLATELETES 104, NEUTROPHILS 2.4



DAY 0 TRANSPLANT

CYCLOSPORIN FINISHED 7AM

MY  
SISTER KELLY'S  
STEM CELLS BEING  
COLLECTED BY 2PM  
AT PETER MAC.



I WISH I  
COULD DRAW.  
YOU CAN'T REALLY  
MAKE A LIVING  
FROM IT  
THOUGH.

CENTRIFUGE

STEM CELLS DELIVERED  
FROM THE LAB AT 5PM.  
TRANSPLANT COMPLETE  
BY 6PM.

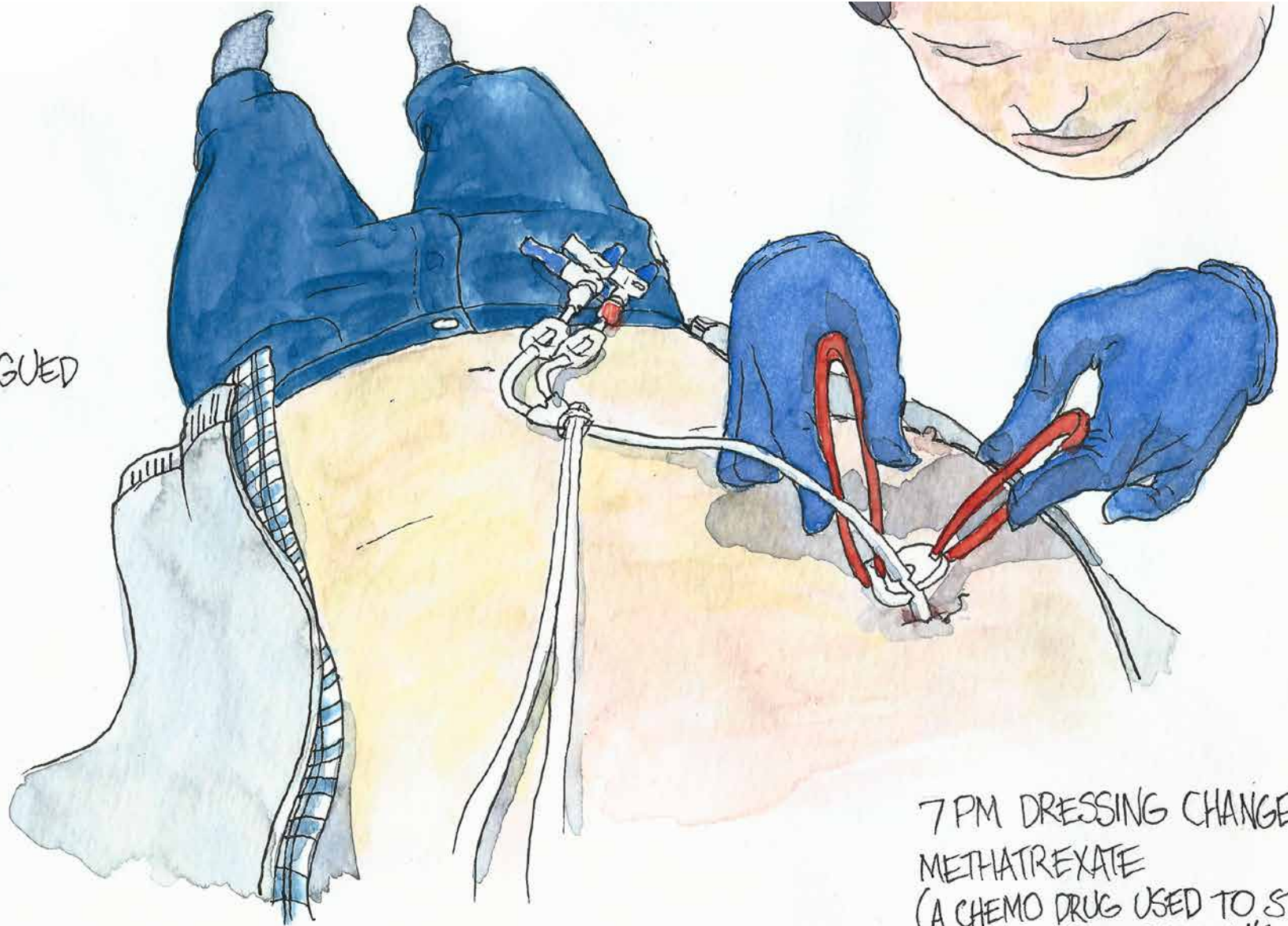
7PM, START CYCLOSPORIN  
AGAIN, IT WILL CONTINUE  
FOR TWO WEEKS.

DAY 1

CYCLOSPORIN  
DAILY PILL

JEN BRINGS  
ME A COFFEE

SLIGHTLY FATIGUED



7 PM DRESSING CHANGED  
METHATREXATE  
(A CHEMO DRUG USED TO STOP  
THE GROWTH OF KELLY'S  
T CELLS WHICH CAN LEAD  
TO G.V.H.)

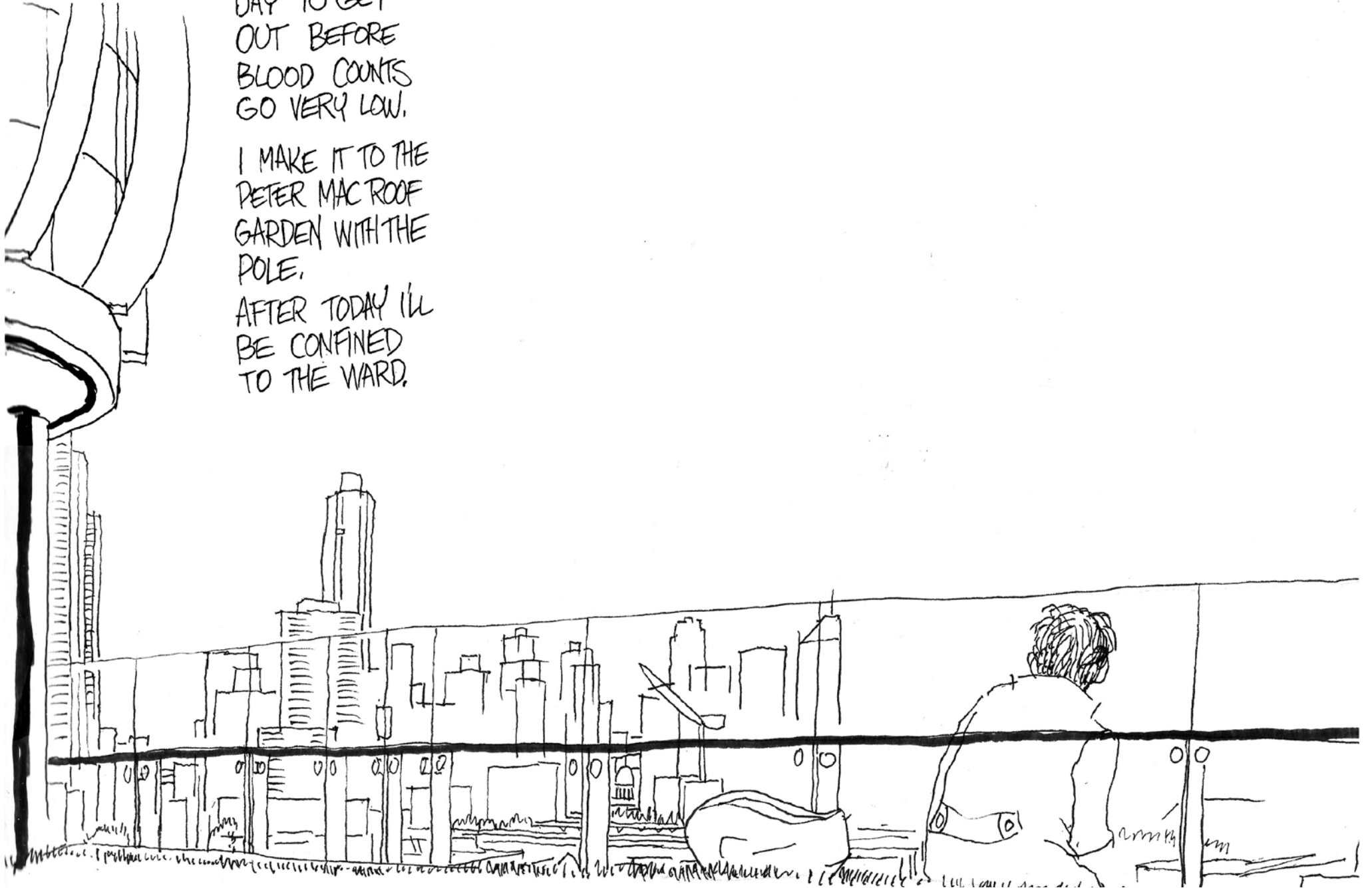
DAY 2

THE LAST  
DAY TO GET  
OUT BEFORE  
BLOOD COUNTS  
GO VERY LOW.

I MAKE IT TO THE  
PETER MAC ROOF  
GARDEN WITH THE  
POLE.

AFTER TODAY I'LL  
BE CONFINED  
TO THE WARD.

Hb 114, WCC 1.2, PLATELETS 72, NEUTROPHILS 0.9





DAY 3

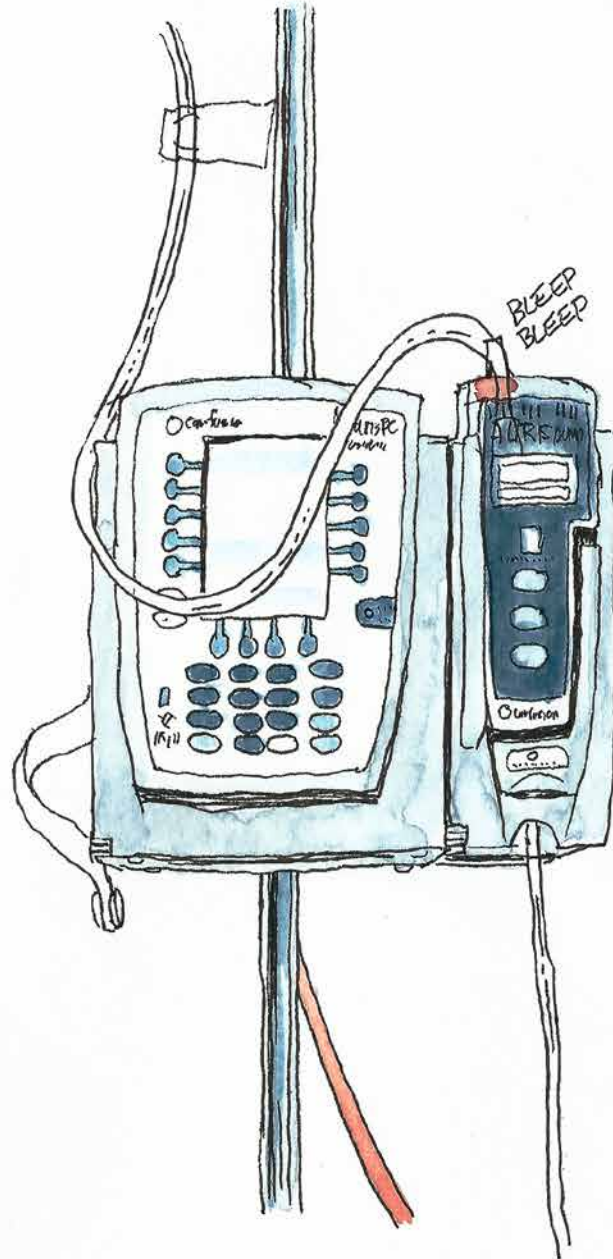
Hb 109, WCC 1.3, PLATELETS 67, NEUTROPHILS 1.0



LOOKING DOWN  
FROM 7b

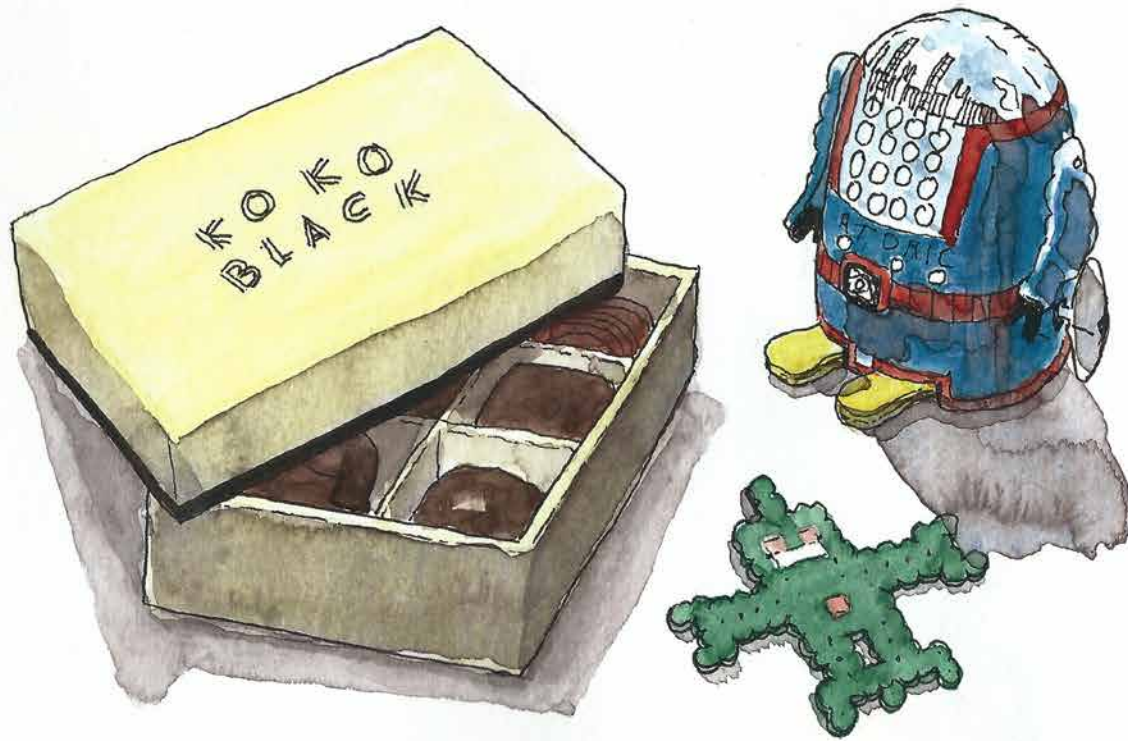
DAY 4

Hb 110, WCC 0.6, PLATELETS 55, NEUTROPHILS 0.3  
(NEUTROPENIC)



THE PUMP ON  
"THE POLE"  
WITH CYCLOSPORIN  
THE ALARM GOES  
OFF CONSTANTLY,  
WHEN I SNEEZE  
OR WHEN THERE  
IS AIR IN THE  
LINE.

DAY 5



GIFTS ON  
FATHERS' DAY

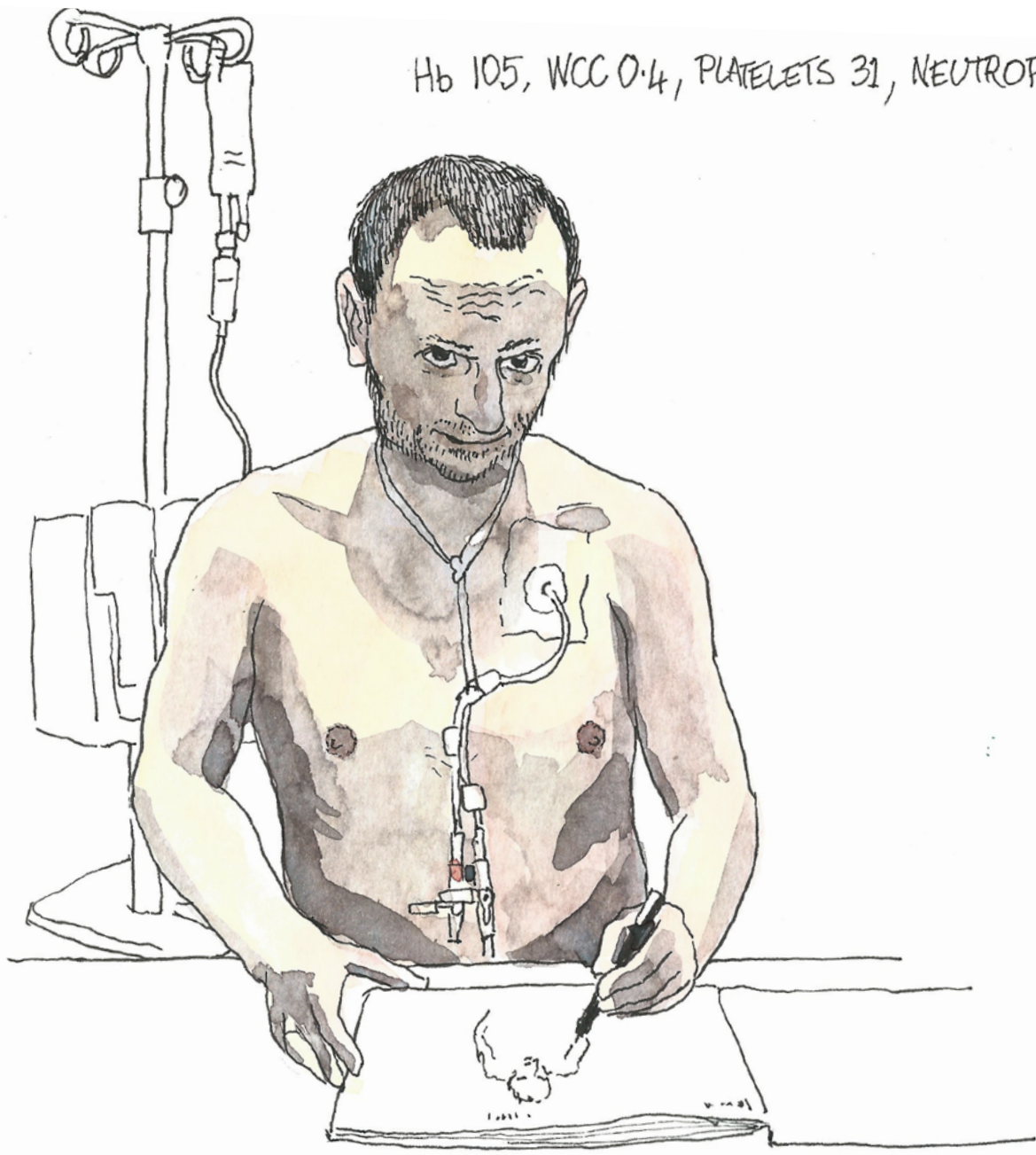
DAY 6

Hb 107, WCC 0.4, PLATELETS 40, NEUTROPHILS 0.1



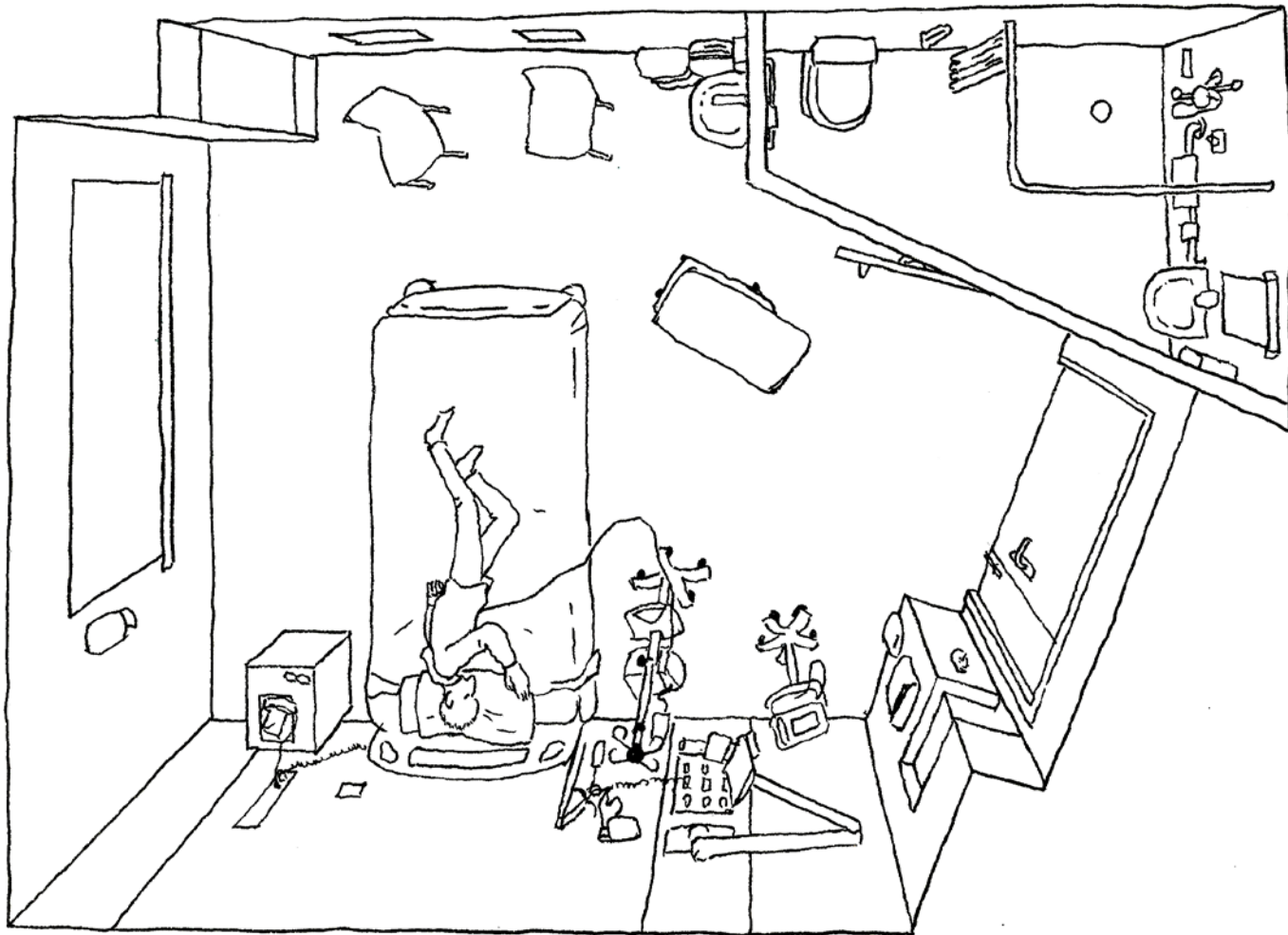
DAY 7

Hb 105, WCC 0.4, PLATELETS 31, NEUTROPHILS 0.1



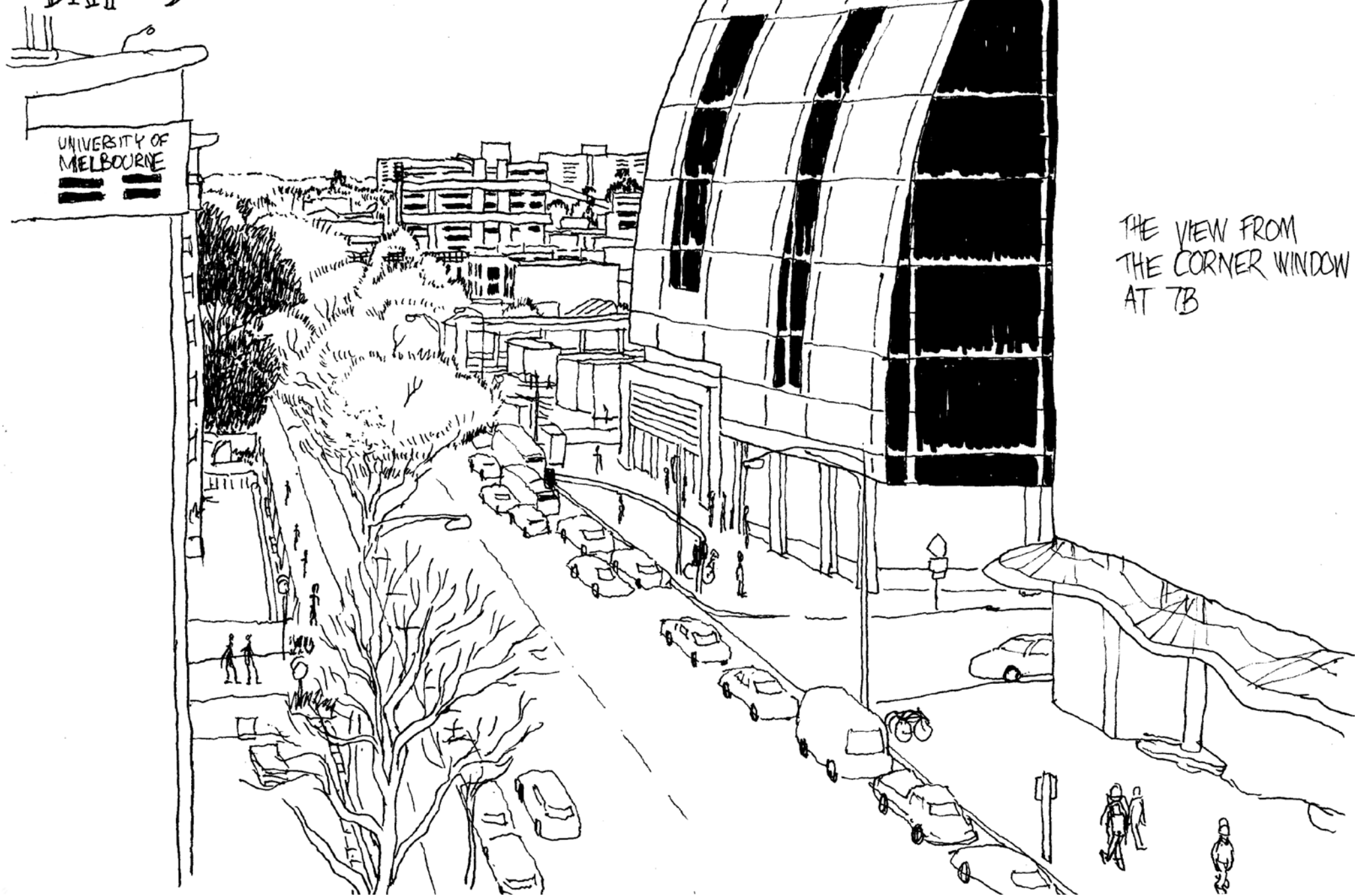


DAY 8



DAY 9

Hb 103, WCC. 0.5, PLATELETS 19, NEUTROPHILS 0.2



THE VIEW FROM  
THE CORNER WINDOW  
AT 7B

DAY 10

Hb 104, WCC 0.6, PLATELETS 29, NEUTROPHILS 0.2



BECAUSE YOU ARE  
DOING SO WELL, AND  
YOUR BLOOD COUNTS ARE  
STARTING TO COME BACK  
UP, WE THINK WE CAN  
DISCHARGE YOU  
ON MONDAY?

A WEEK EARLY!  
WHERE WILL I STAY?



DAY II

Hb 106, WCC 0.7, PLATELETS 25, NEUTROPHILS 0.2



LUCY MAKES IT TO MELBOURNE FOR THE WEEKEND.

METHATREXATE 11 AM

DAY 12

Hb 100, WCC 0.7, PLATELETS 19, NEUTROPHILS 0.2



AFTER THE METHATREXATE THERE WILL BE NOTHING HOLDING THE NEW CELLS BACK.

OVER THE NEXT FIFTY DAYS, CYCLOSPORIN WILL BE YOUR NEW BEST FRIEND. IT WILL ALLOW THE NEW CELLS TO FLOURISH.

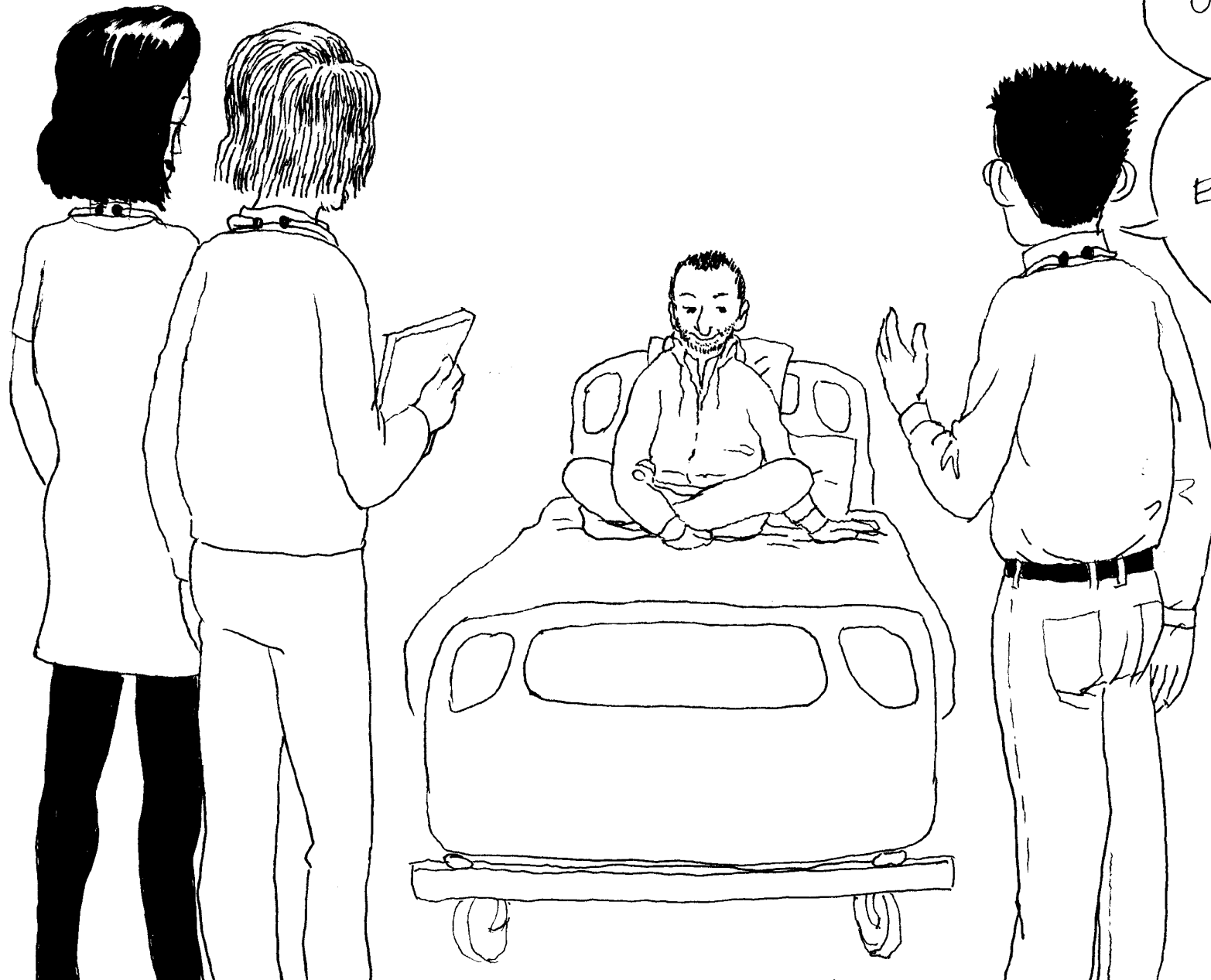
THE RAISED BLOOD PRESSURE IS A COMMON SIDE EFFECT. WE WILL GIVE YOU SOME PILLS FOR THAT.

DO **NOT** GOOGLE CYCLOSPORIN OR YOU WILL NEVER TAKE IT.



DAY 13

Hb 103, WCC .9, PLATELETS 25, NEUTROPHILS .4

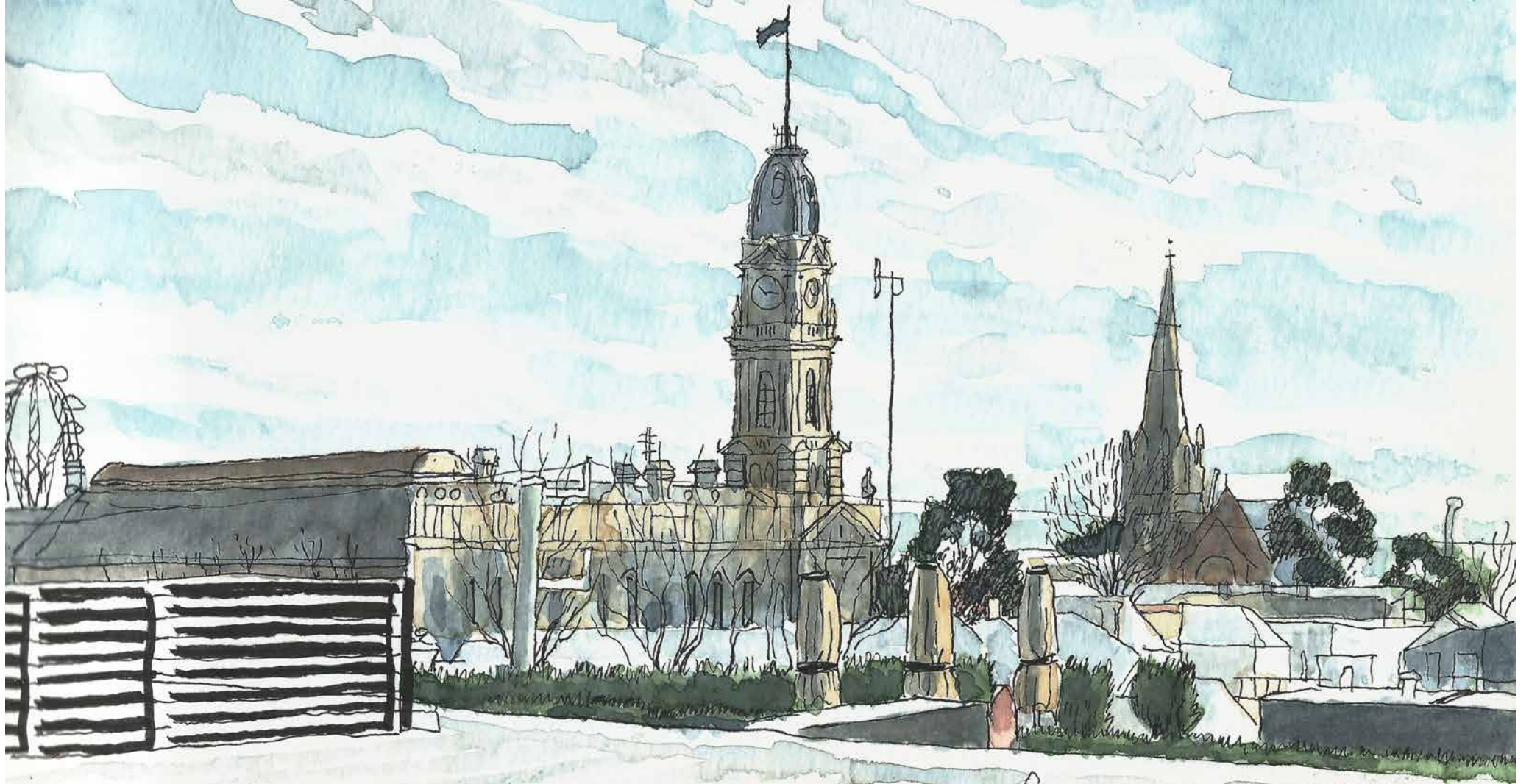


OK, SO DISCHARGE TOMORROW.

YOU HAVE BEEN THE EASIEST TRANSPLANT PATIENT WE'VE HAD ALL YEAR.

DAY 14

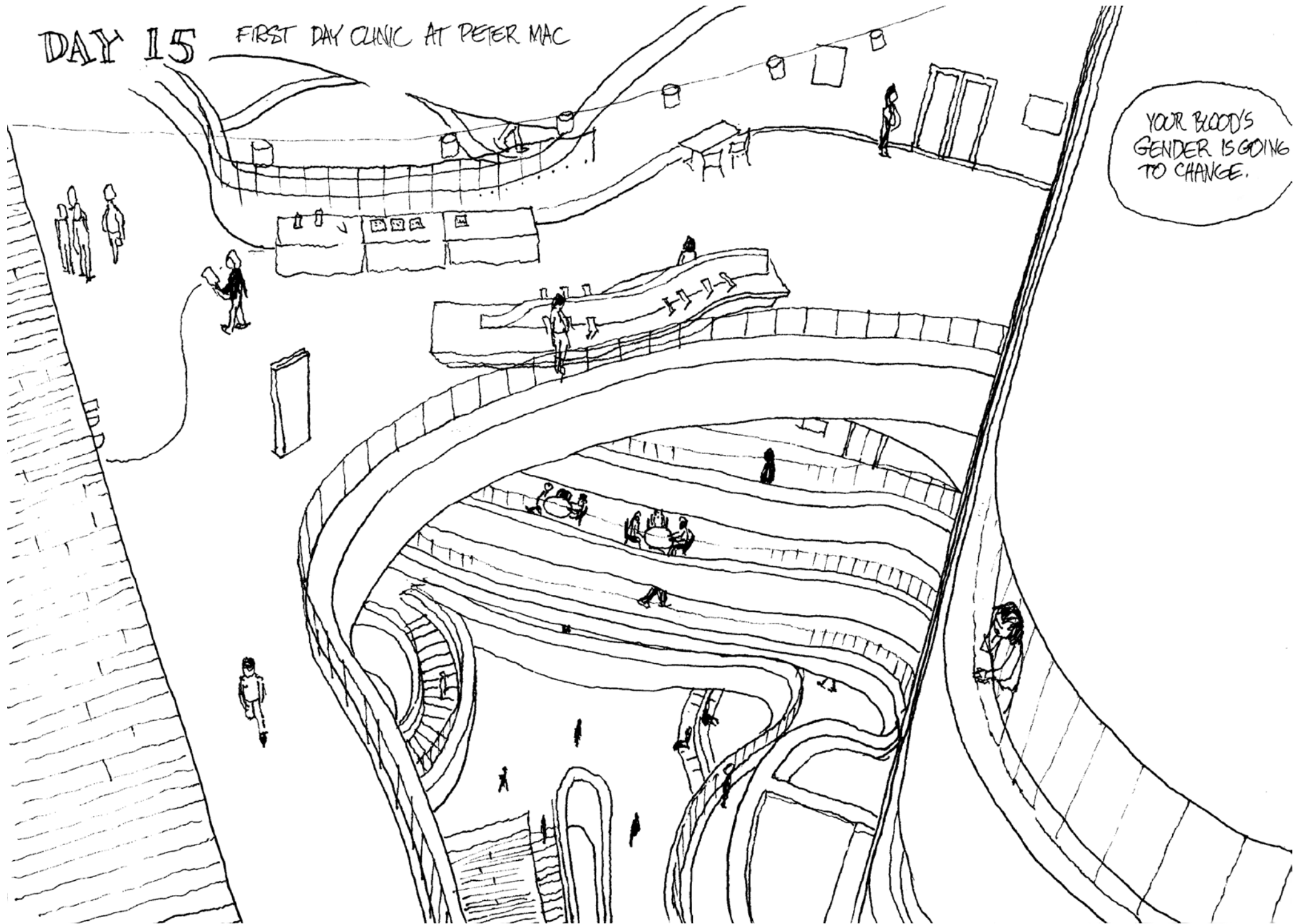
Hb 107, WCC 14, PLATELETS 39, NEUTROPHILS 0.7  
(NOT NEUTROPENIC)



THE NEW VIEW  
CHETWYND ST.

DAY 15

FIRST DAY CLINIC AT PETER MAC



YOUR BLOOD'S  
GENDER IS GOING  
TO CHANGE.



DAY 16

NO DOCTORS  
NO NURSES  
NO HOSPITALS  
FOR THE FIRST  
TIME IN A  
MONTH.





DAY 17

TRYING TO  
AVOID THE HICKMAN  
DRESSING IN THE  
NEW SHOWER.





DAY 18

THE FIRST HAIRCUT  
SINCE MY HAIR FELL  
OUT SIX MONTHS  
AGO.



DAY 19

LUCY ARRIVES  
TO BE MY CARER  
FOR THE NEXT  
FOUR WEEKS.

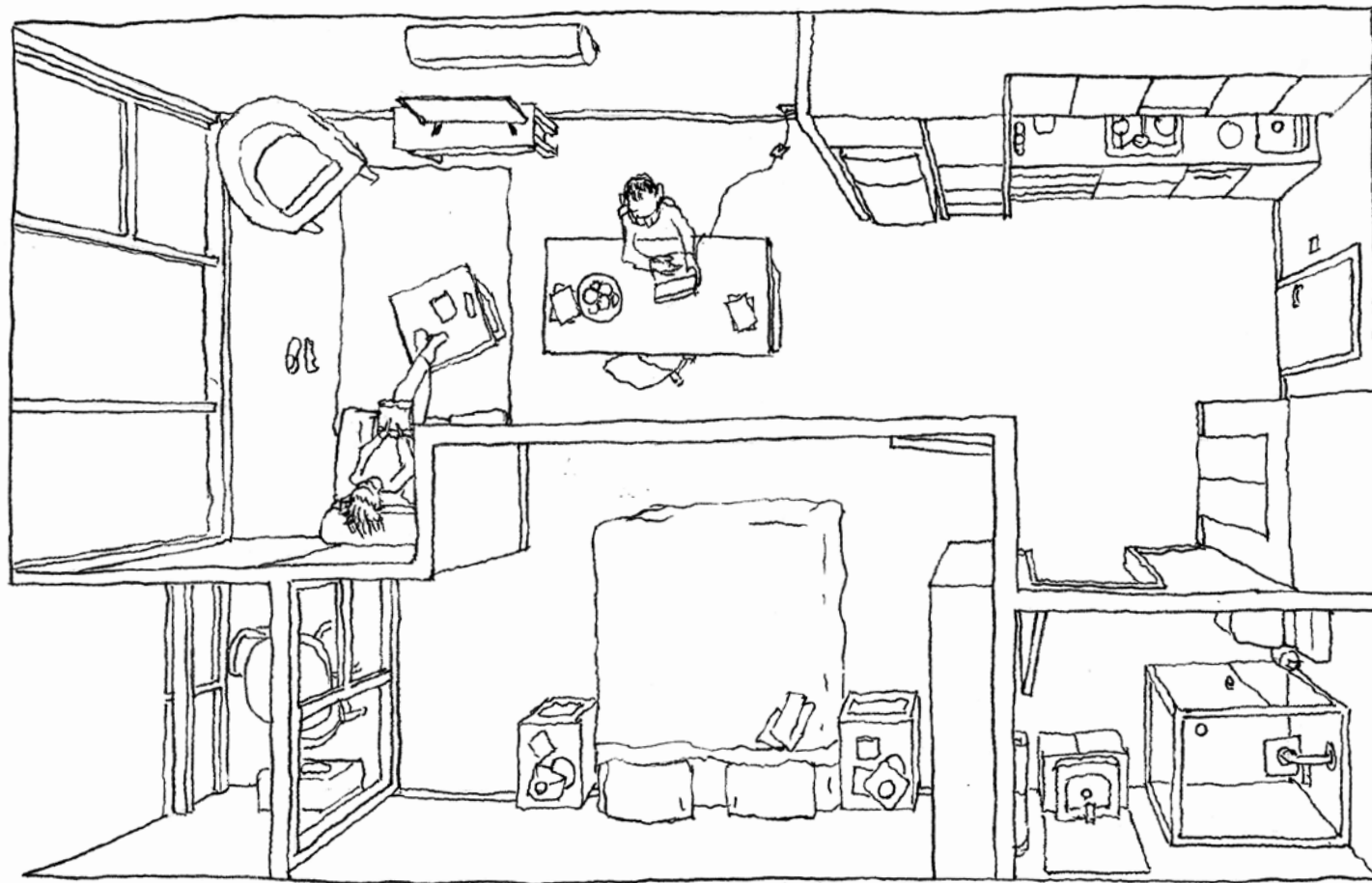


DAY 20



WAITING FOR BLOOD TESTS AND A DRESSING CHANGE 2B PETER MAC

DAY 21



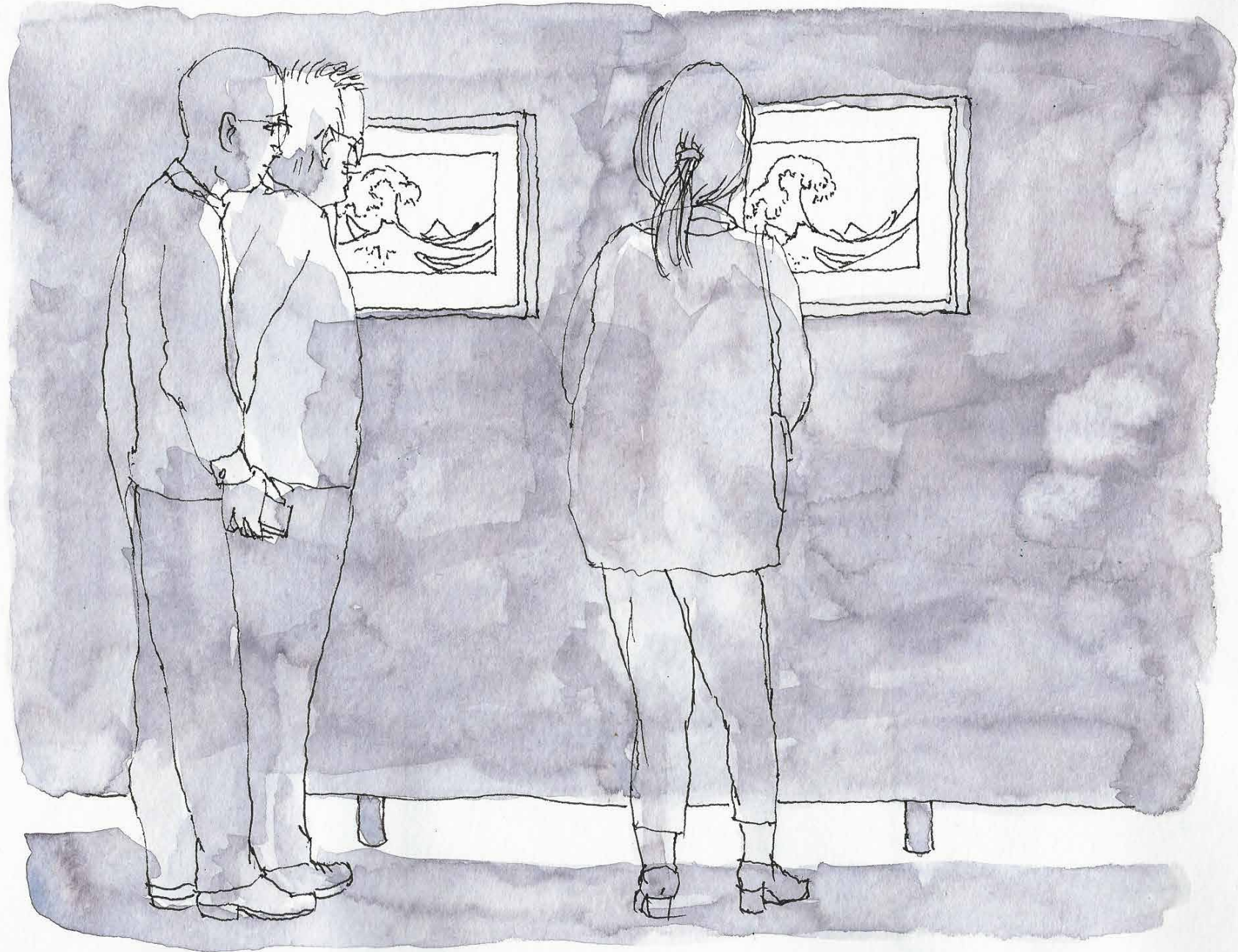
CHETWYND ST. APARTMENT. GENEROUSLY  
PAID FOR BY PATIENT TRANSPORT TASMANIA



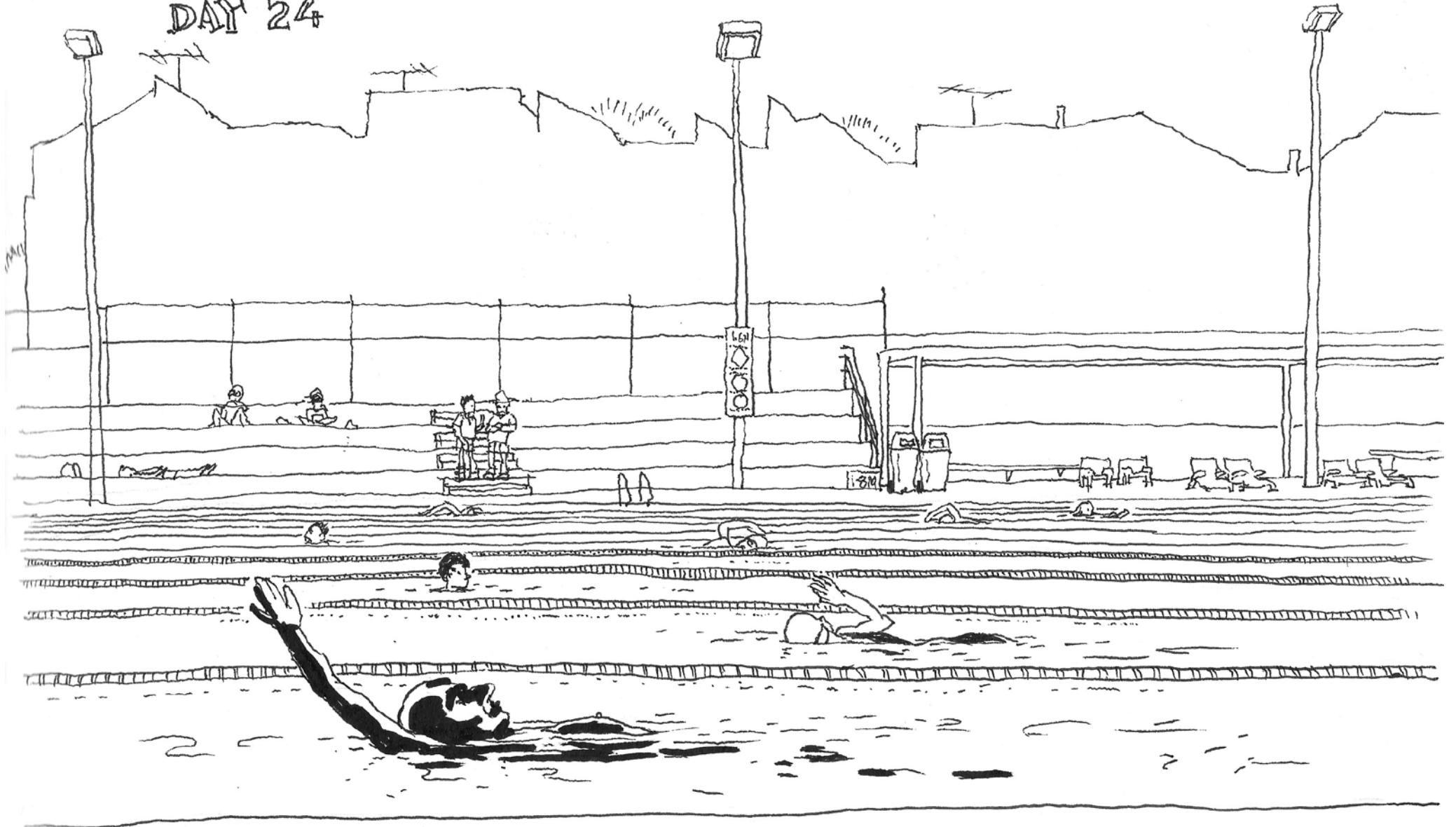


DAY 23

HOKUSAI NGV



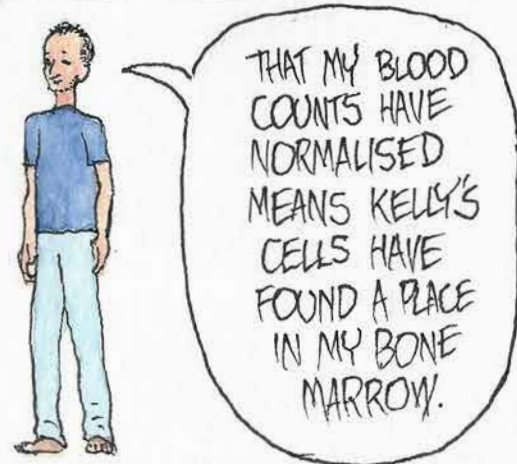
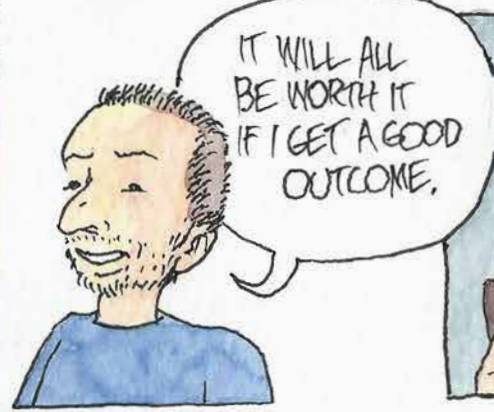
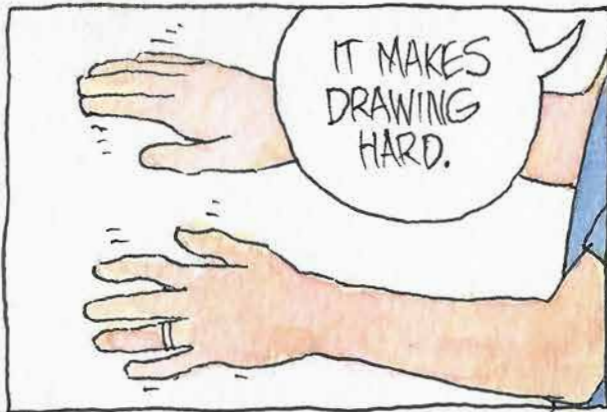
DAY 24



LUCY SWIMMING AT FITZROY POOL



DAY 25



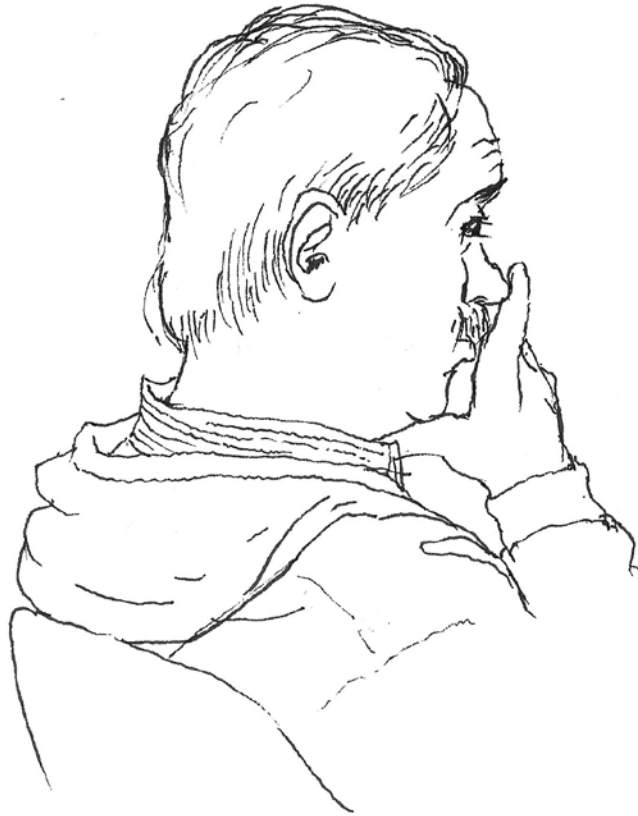
DAY 26



THE VIEW WESTWARD FROM CHETWYND ST.



DAY 27



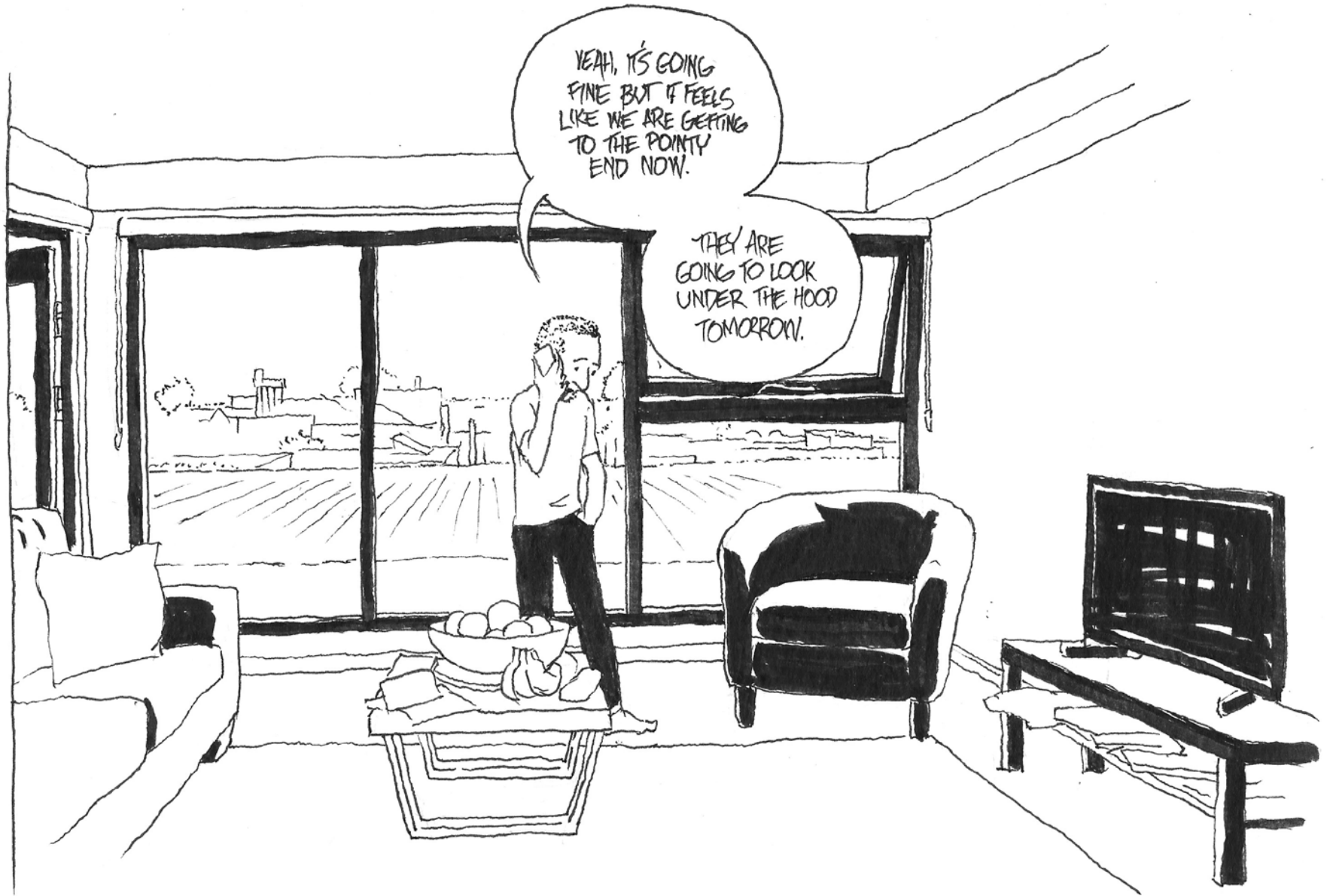
SHORT WAIT FOR BLOODS AND DRESSING CHANGE

DAY 28



LUCY

DAY 29

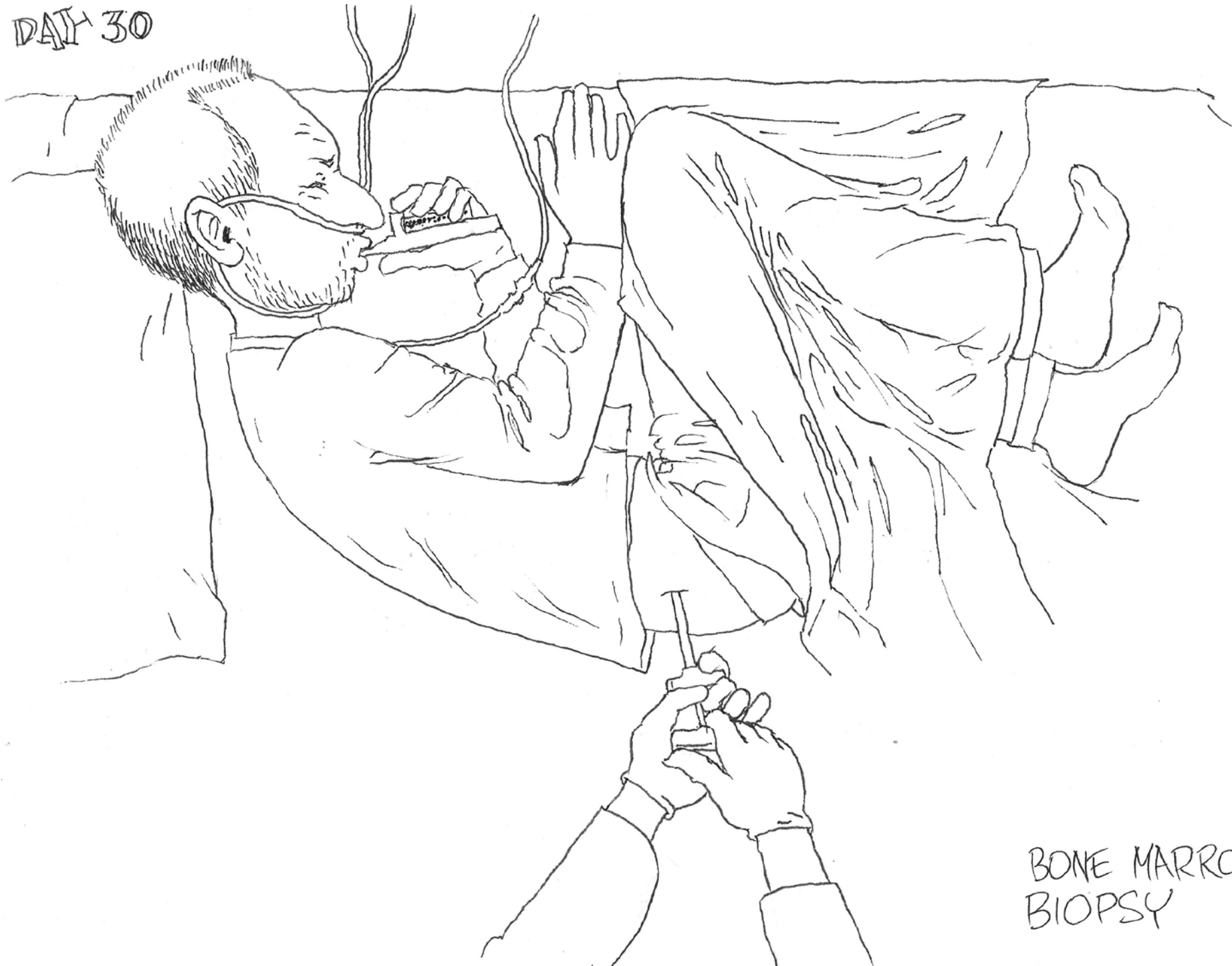


YEAH, IT'S GOING FINE BUT IT FEELS LIKE WE ARE GETTING TO THE POINTY END NOW.

THEY ARE GOING TO LOOK UNDER THE HOOD TOMORROW.

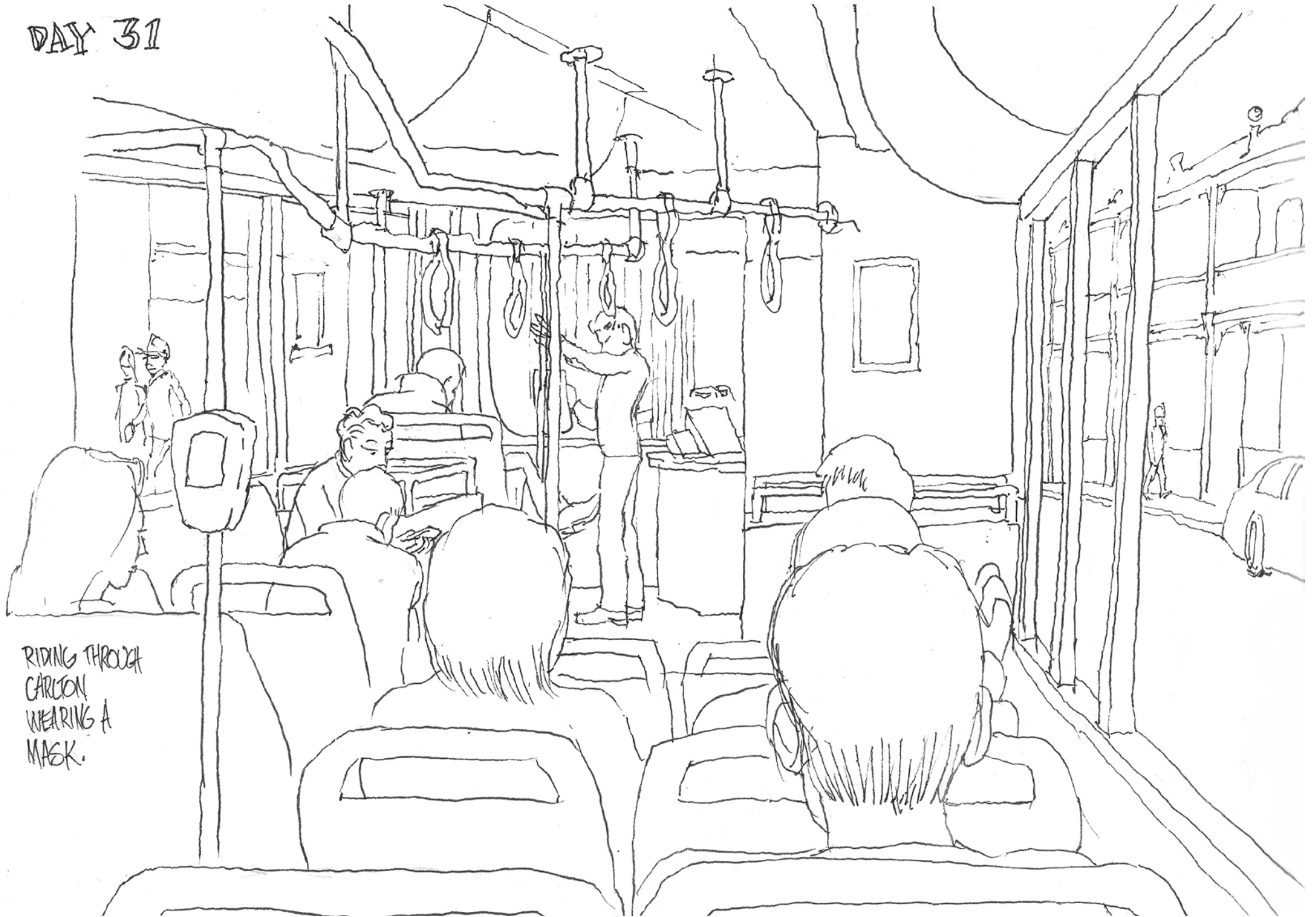


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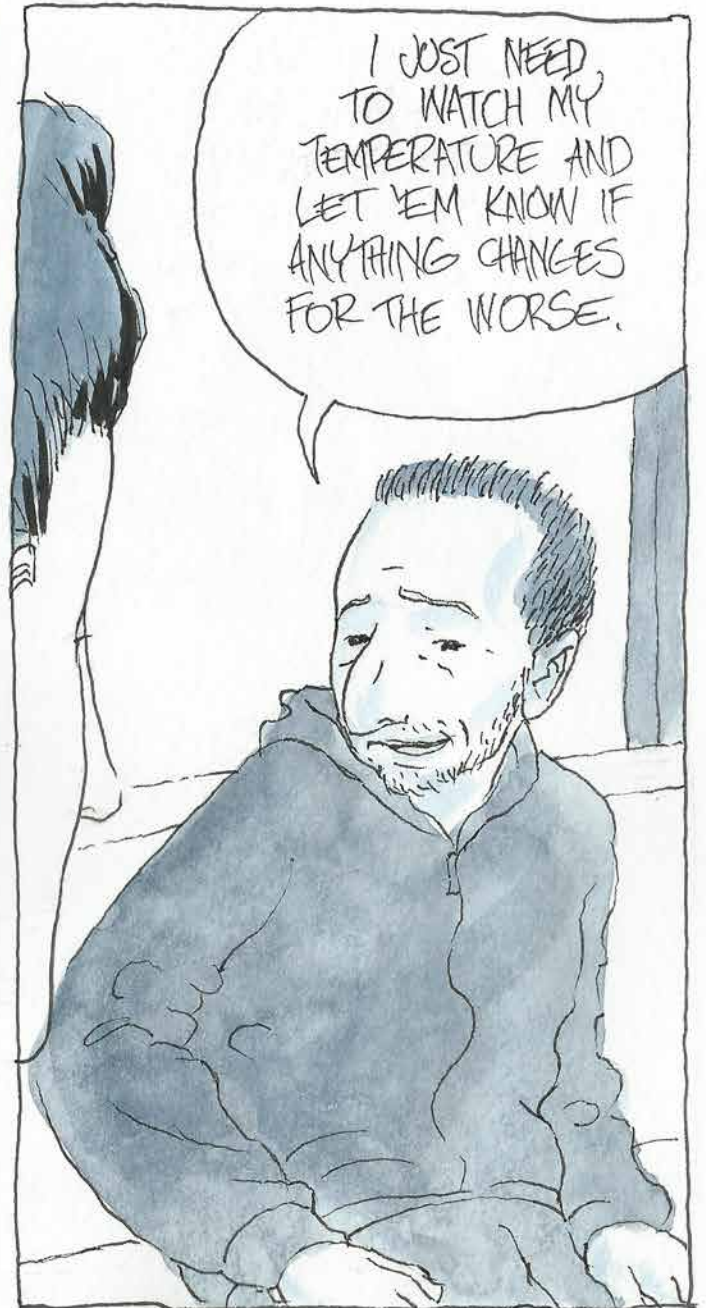
BONE MARROW  
BIOPSY

DAY 31

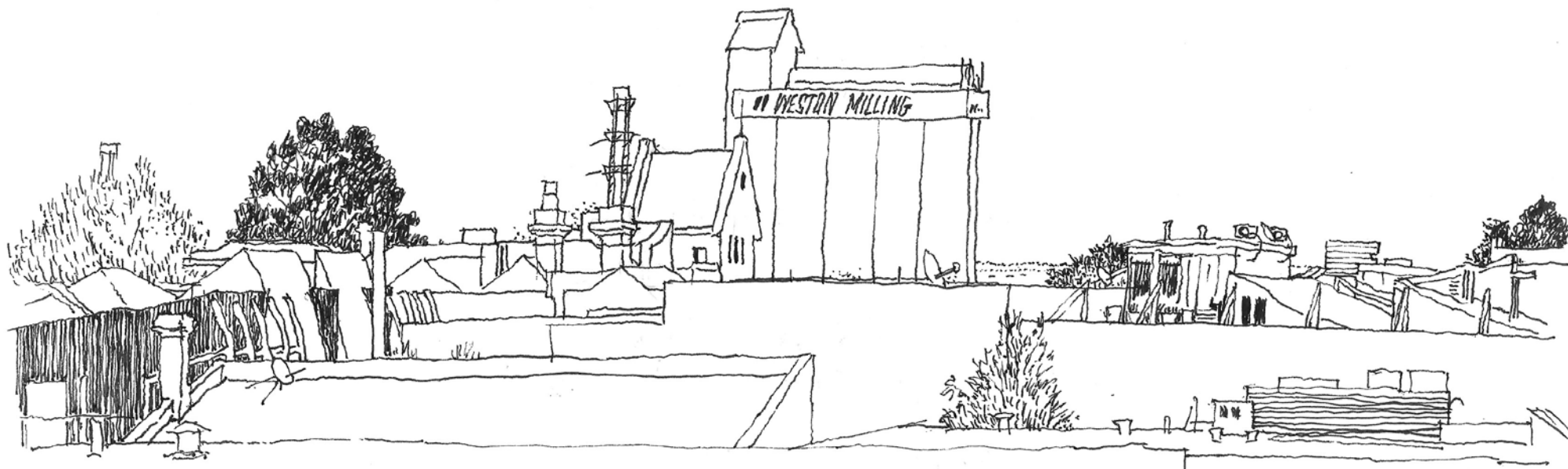


RIDING THROUGH  
CANYON  
WEARING A  
MASK.

DAY 32



DAY 33



THE VIEW TOWARDS NORTH MELBOURNE STATION FROM CHETWYND ST.

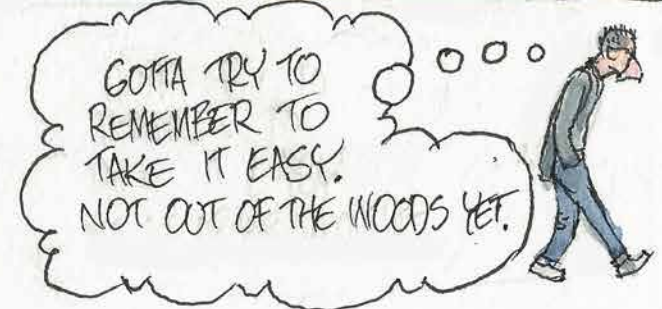
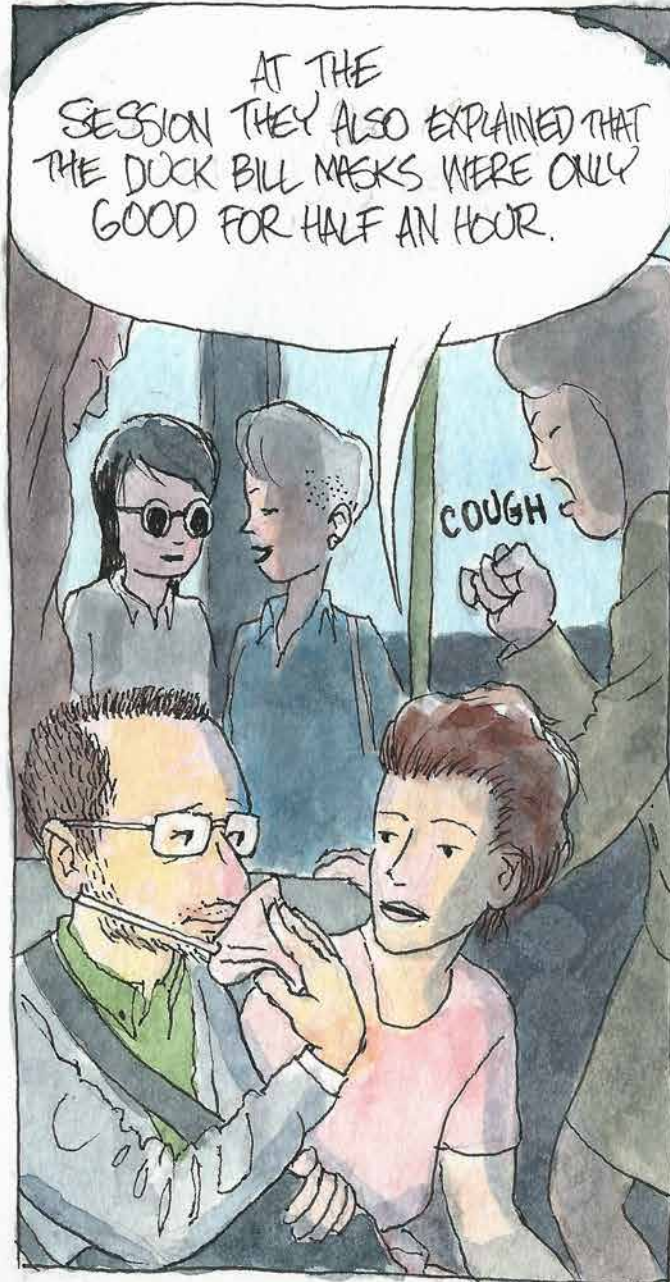
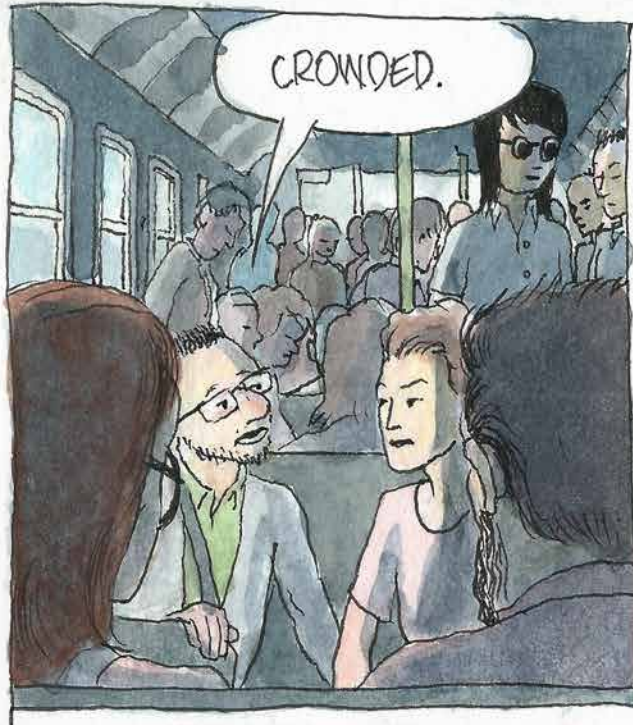
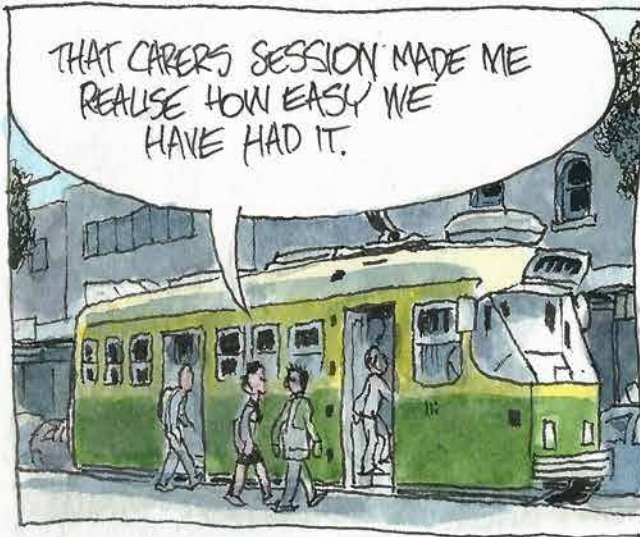


DAY 34



WAITING FOR  
BLOODS AND DRESSING CHANGE

# DAY 35





DAY 36



IT'S BEEN FIVE WEEKS SINCE I GOT THIS.



ROLAND WILL HAVE CHANGED SO MUCH IN THAT TIME.

DAY 37

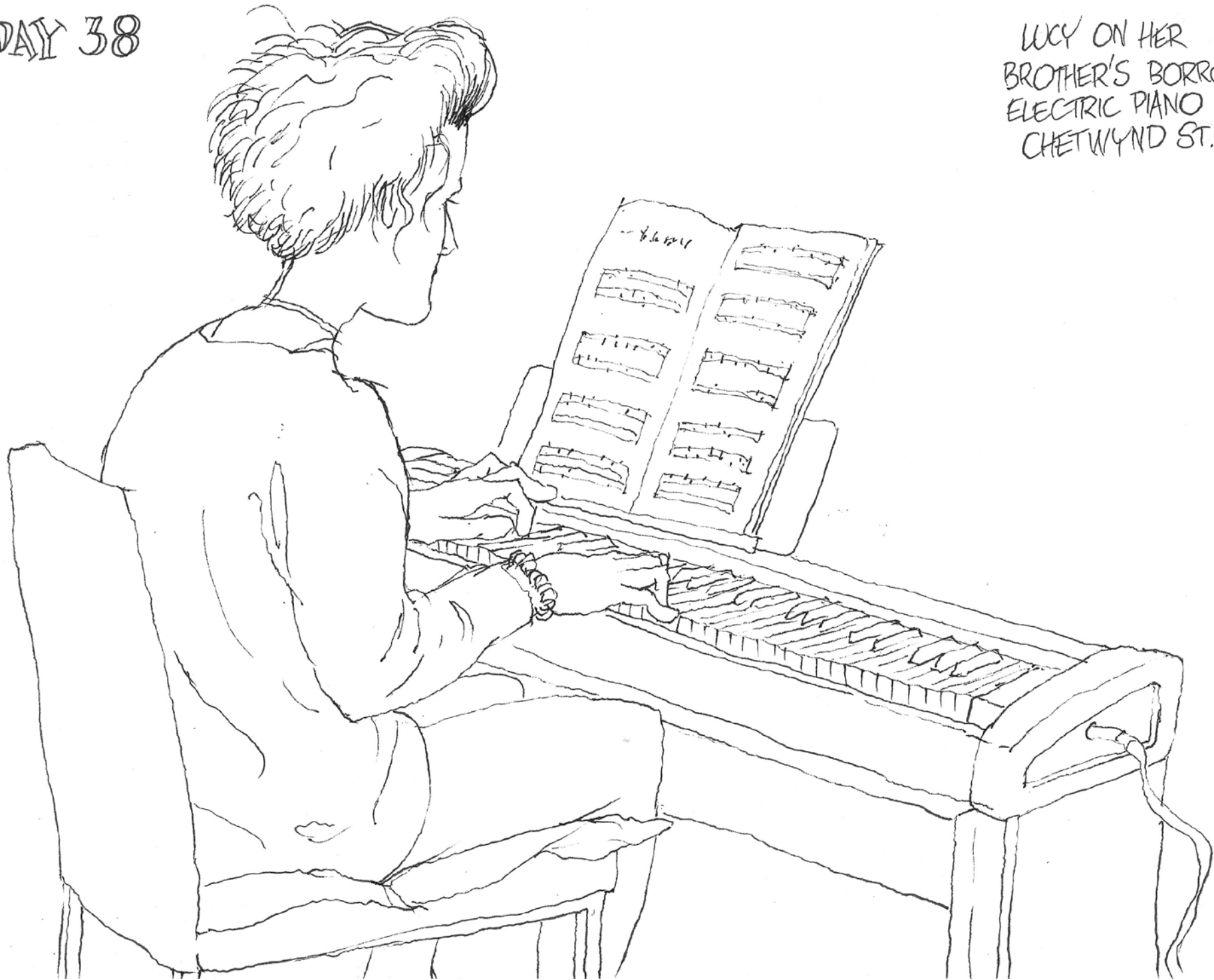
STUART VISITS  
CHETWYND ST.

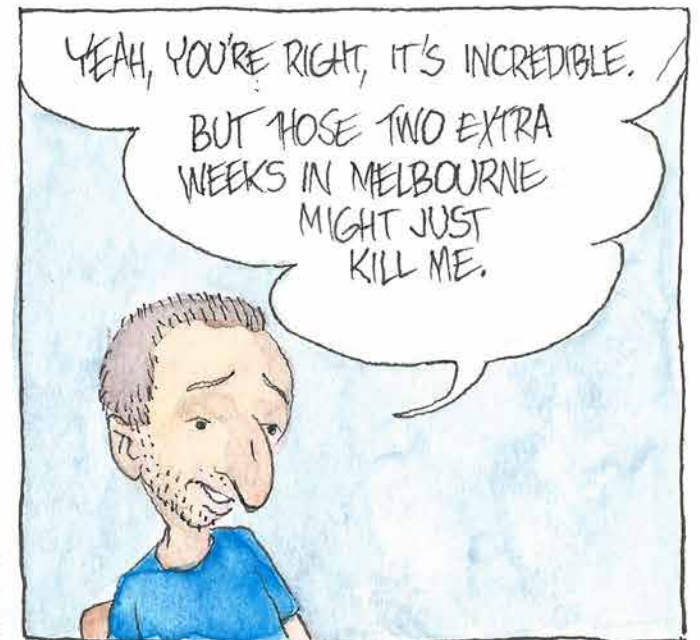
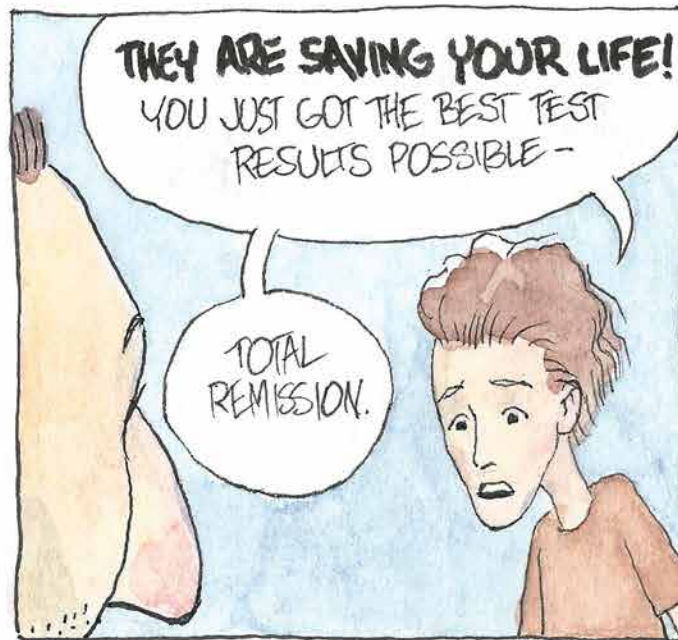




DAY 38

LUCY ON HER  
BROTHER'S BORROWED  
ELECTRIC PIANO  
CHETWYND ST.





DAY 40

GIVE ME A LOOK  
AT THOSE SPOTS ON YOUR  
BACK.

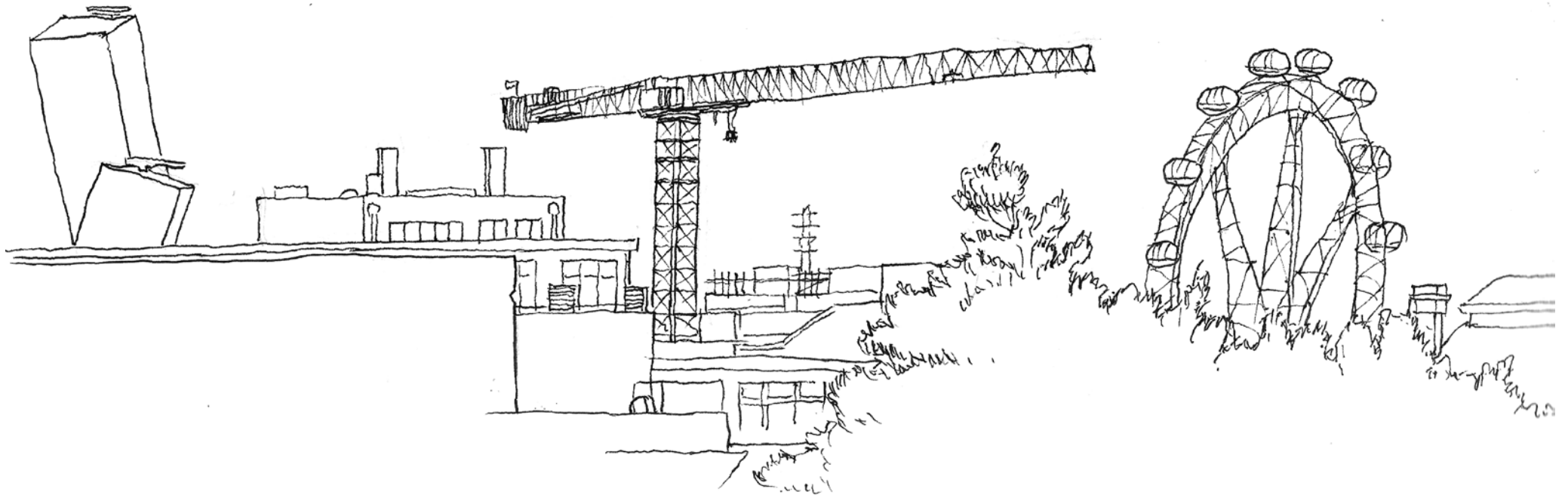
THEY AREN'T ITCHY. COULD BE THE FIRST  
SIGNS OF GRAFT VERSUS HOST DISEASE.

NAH, JUST DRY  
SKIN. YOU CAN HARDLY  
SEE IT.





DAY 41



VIEW TOWARDS THE CITY FROM CHETWYND ST.

# DAY 42



THAT WAS ANOTHER POSITIVE MEETING WITH THE DOCTOR.



YEAH IT'S ALMOST GETTING BORING.

HA!



OH COME ON TONE IT'S EXCITING!

YEAH- I KNOW

I WANT TO GET EXCITED.

I FEEL LIKE I'M WINNING THE LOTTERY...

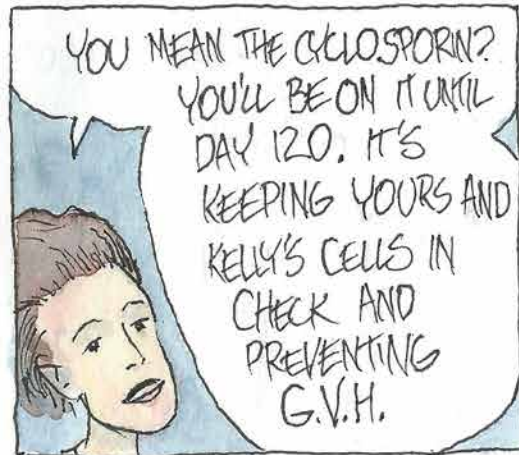


...BUT THERE ARE STILL TWO WHOLE MONTHS TO GO, THAT'S TWO MONTHS OF TAKING CYCLOSPORIN AND WAITING.

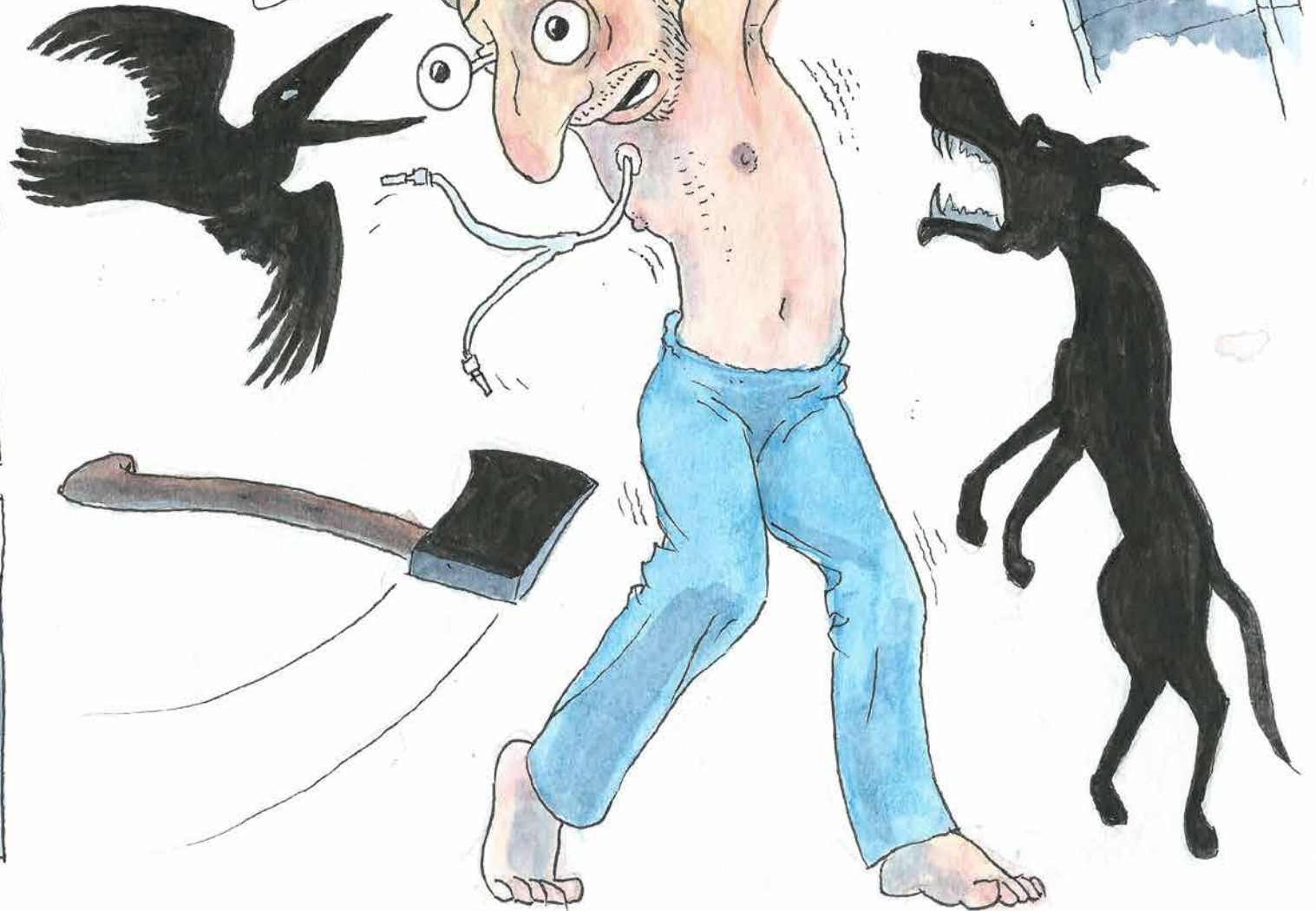
THERE IS STILL PLENTY OF TIME FOR THINGS TO GO WRONG.



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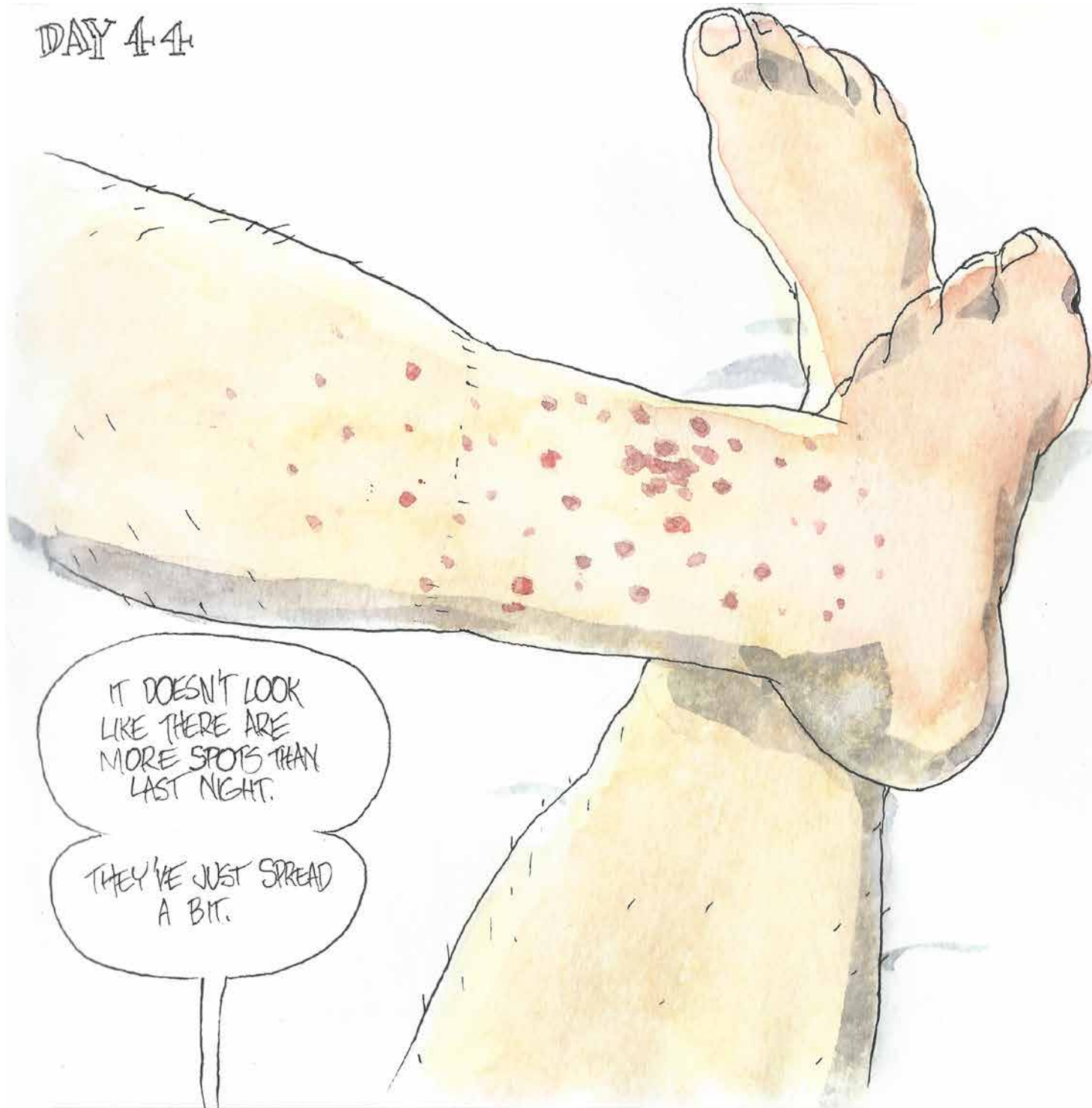


...BUT IT SURE DOESN'T FEEL LIKE IT SOMETIMES.





DAY 44



DO YOU THINK IT'S GRAFT VERSUS HOST?

IT'S A SYMPTOM THEY EXPECT.

THE DOCTOR I SPOKE TO ON THE PHONE SAID IT'S PROBABLY RELATED TO THE REDUCTION IN STEROIDS.

THE SWOLLEN FEET ARE A PAIN TOO.

IT DOESN'T LOOK LIKE THERE ARE MORE SPOTS THAN LAST NIGHT.

THEY'VE JUST SPREAD A BIT.

DAY 45



NOT RAISED,  
NO BROKEN SKIN...

AND IT SEEMS TO  
BE FADING.

DOES IT LOOK LIKE  
GRAFT VERSUS HOST?

G.V.H. CAN PRESENT IN A LOT  
OF DIFFERENT WAYS, AND THERE  
IS NO TEST FOR IT. WE WATCH  
FOR MULTIPLE SYMPTOMS  
AND TREAT THEM AS NEEDED,  
BUT I HAVE NO CONCERNS ABOUT  
THIS RASH, SO LETS CONTINUE  
TO REDUCE THE STEROIDS.



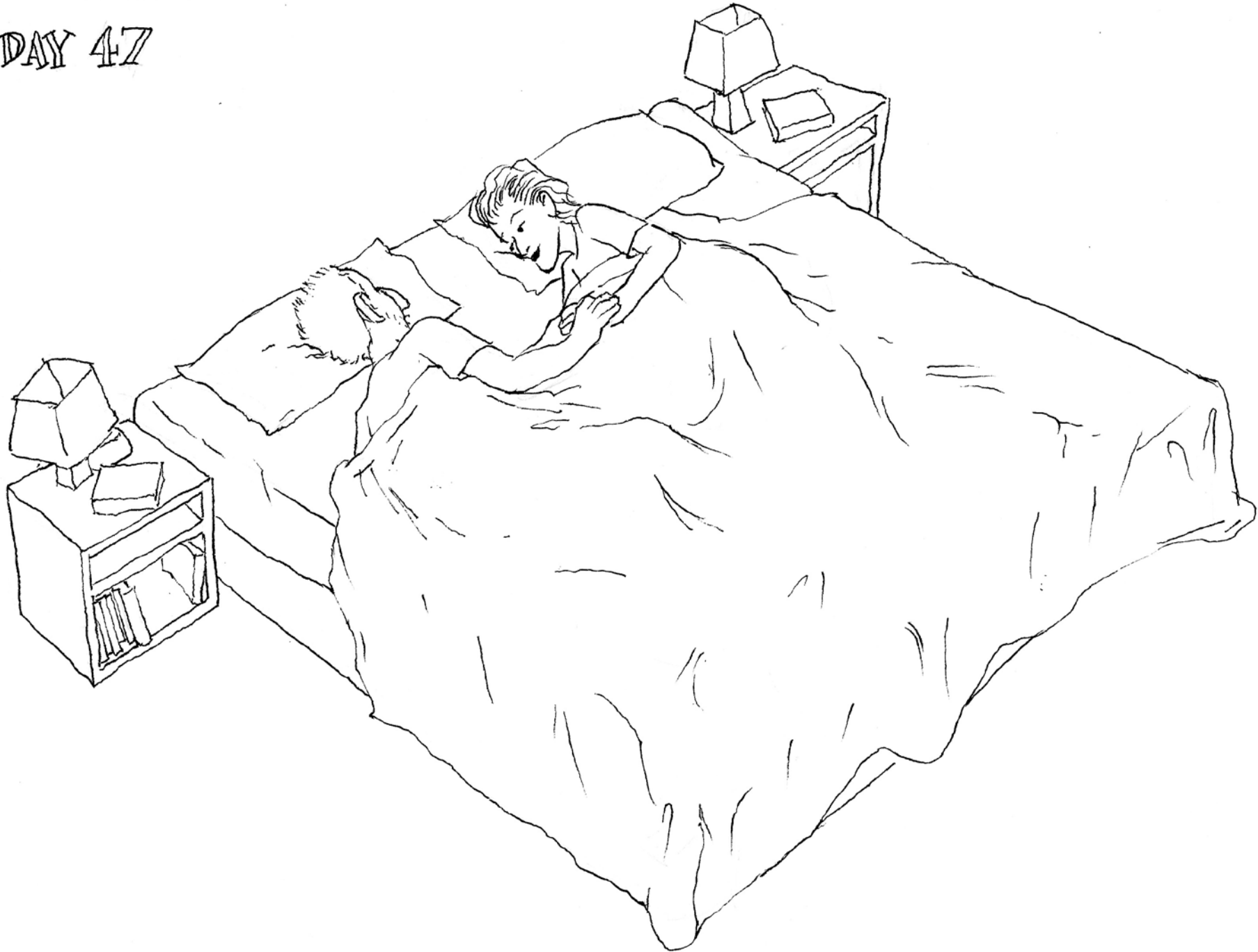


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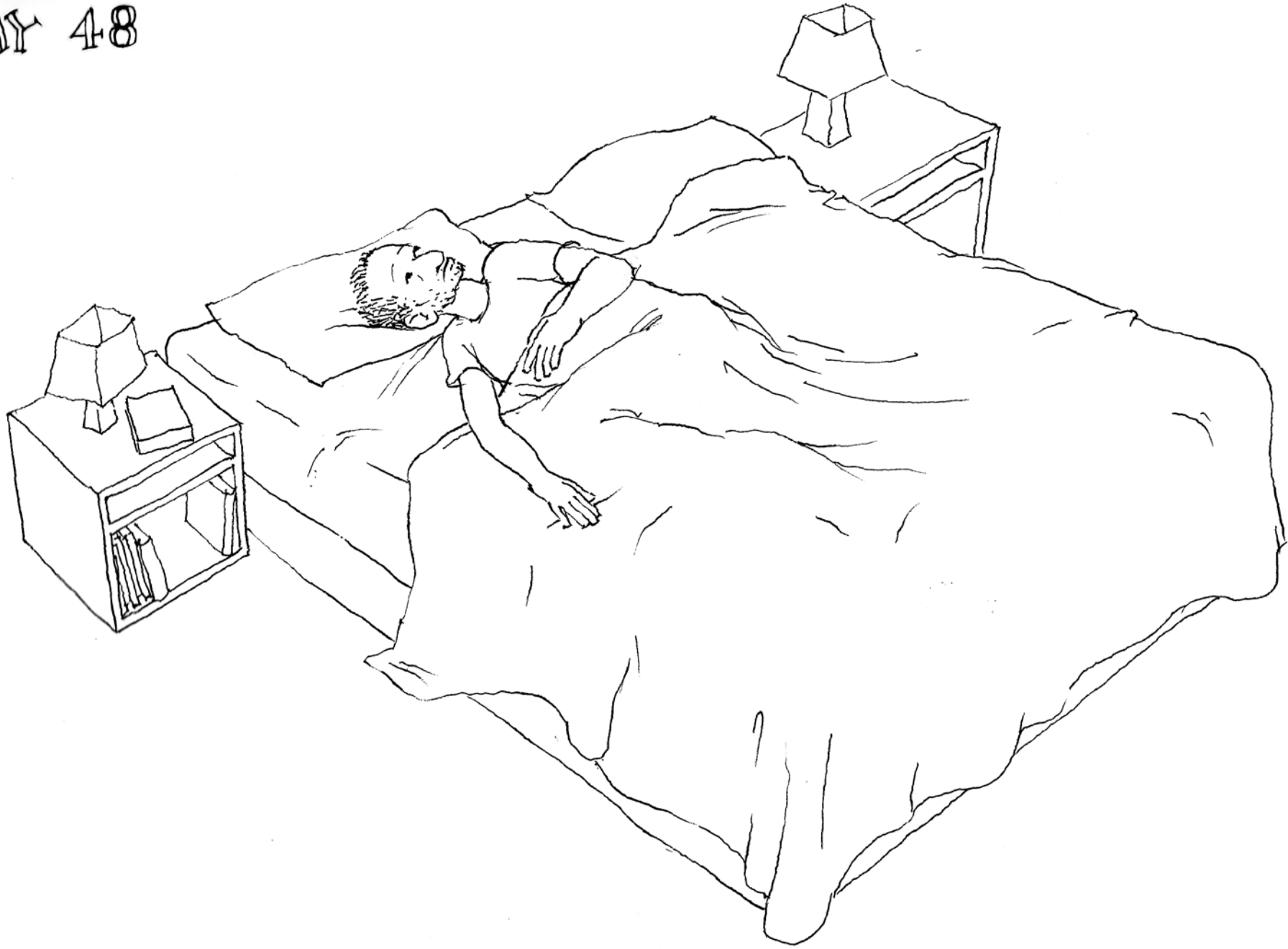




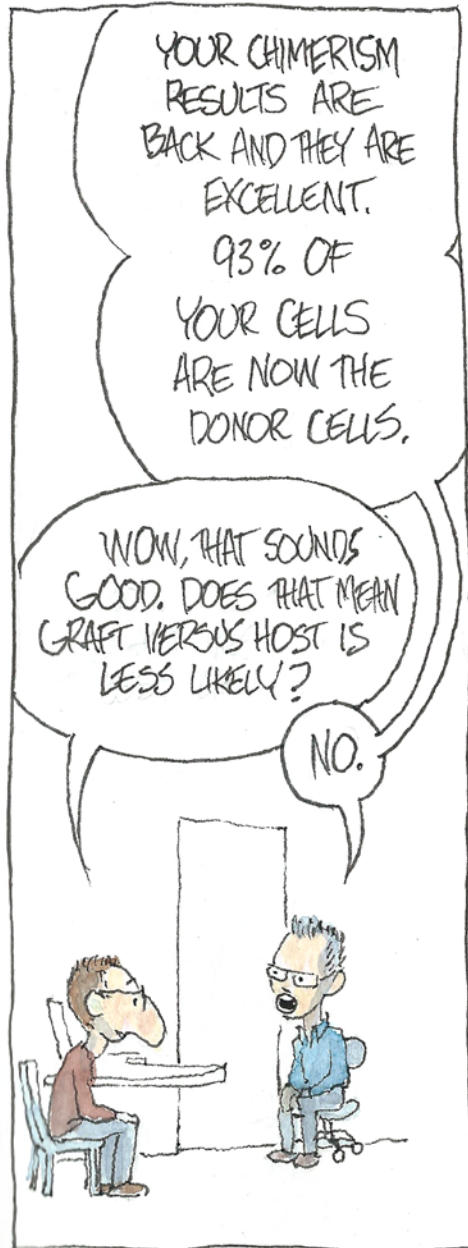
DAY 47



DAY 48



DAY 49

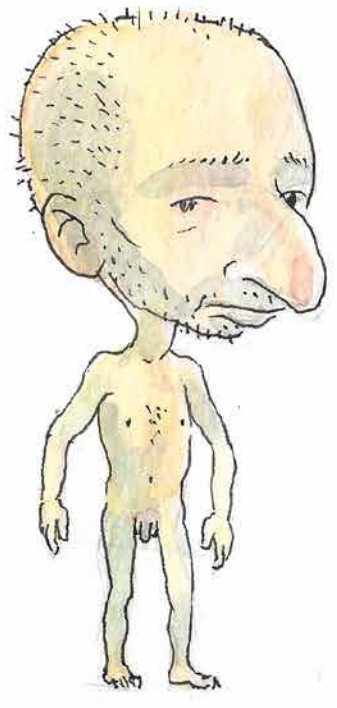
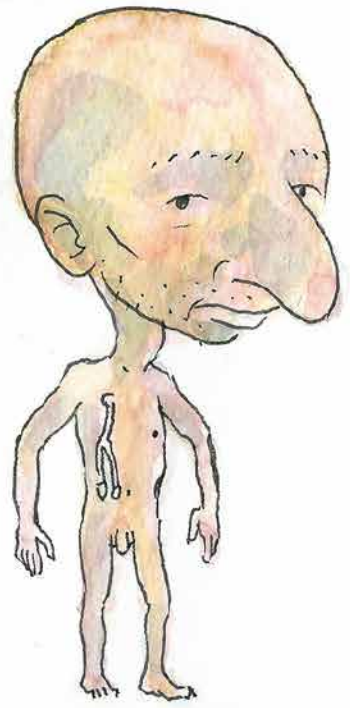
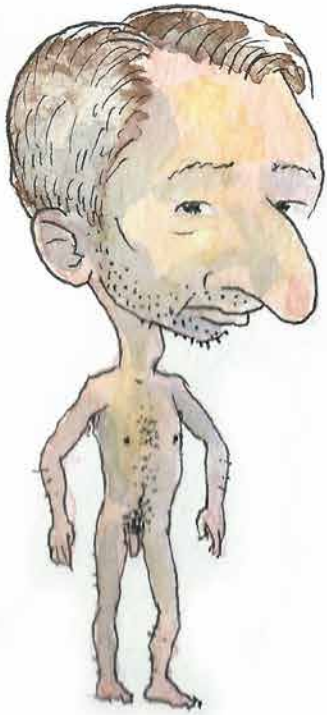
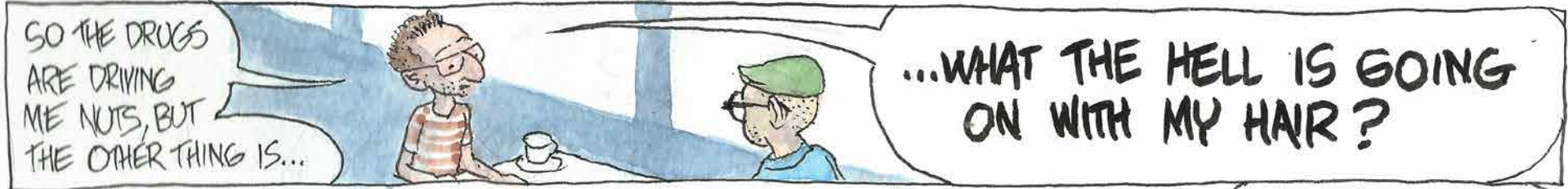


## CHIMERA

- ANY MYTHICAL ANIMAL FORMED FROM PARTS OF VARIOUS ANIMALS.
- A THING WHICH IS HOPED FOR BUT ILLUSORY OR IMPOSSIBLE TO ACHIEVE.
- AN ORGANISM CONTAINING A MIXTURE OF GENETICALLY DIFFERENT TISSUES FORMED BY PROCESSES SUCH AS FUSION OF EARLY EMBRYOS, GRAFTING OR MUTATION.



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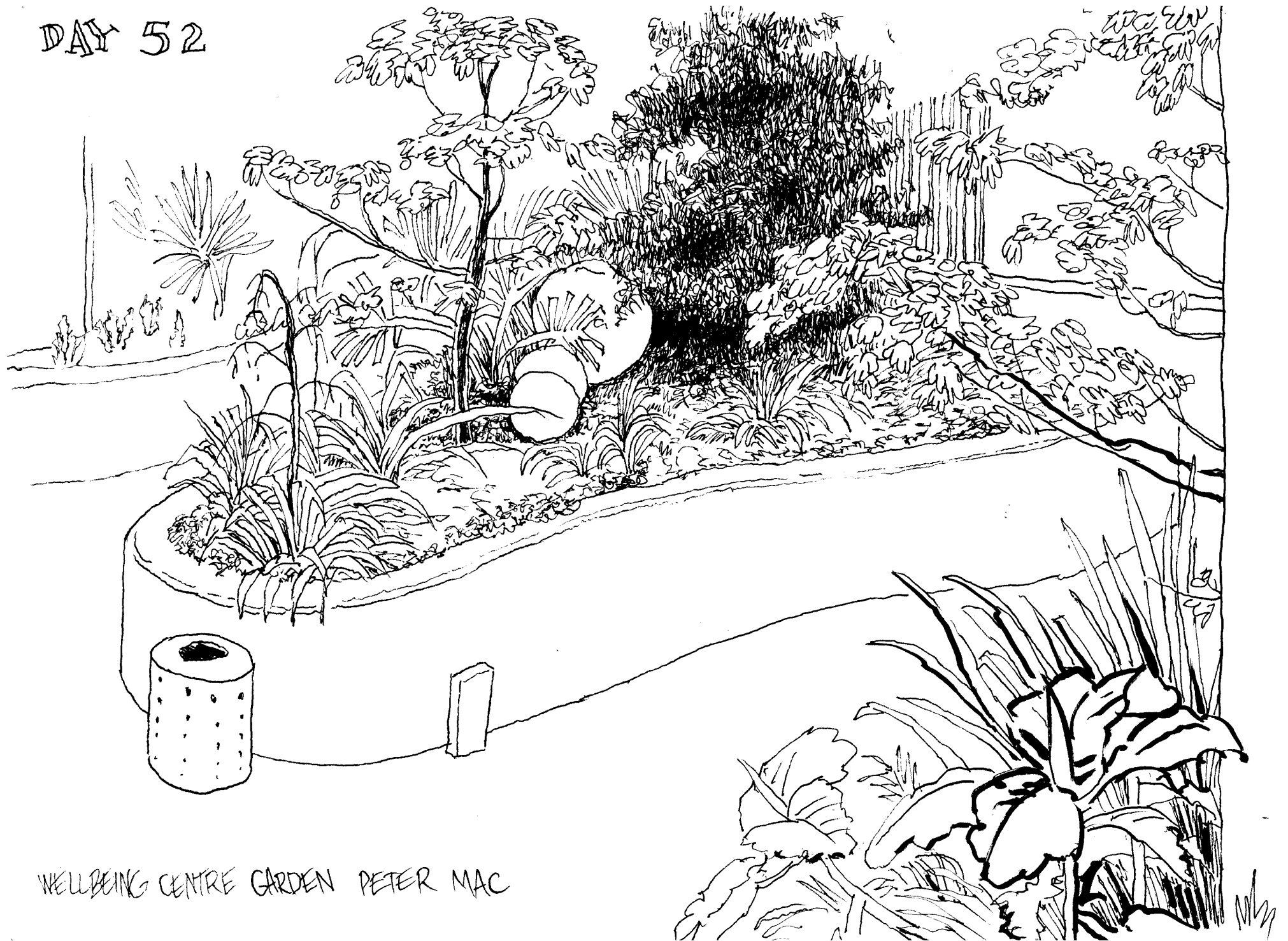


DAY 51

HAVING A GO AT MEDITATION  
WELLBEING CENTRE  
PETER MAC.



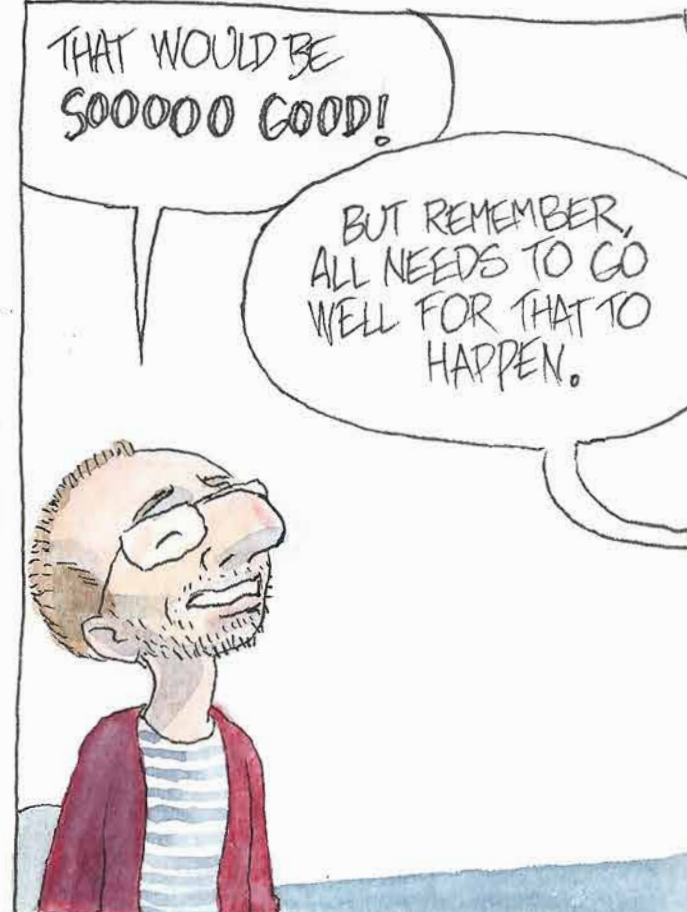
DAY 52



WELLBEING CENTRE GARDEN PETER MAC



# DAY 53



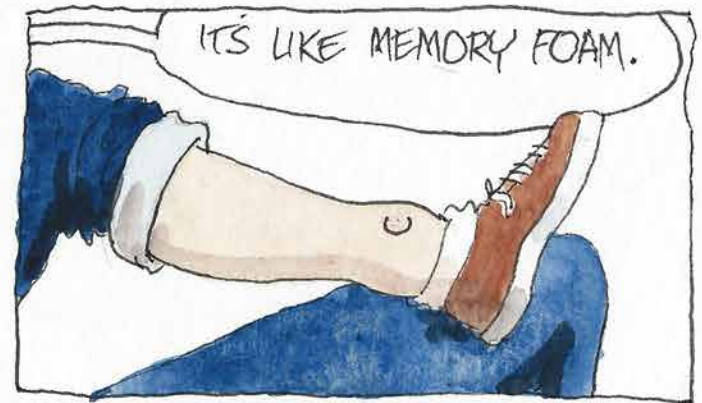
DAY 54



A NORTH MELBOURNE  
STREET FROM  
THE APARTMENT



# DAY 55

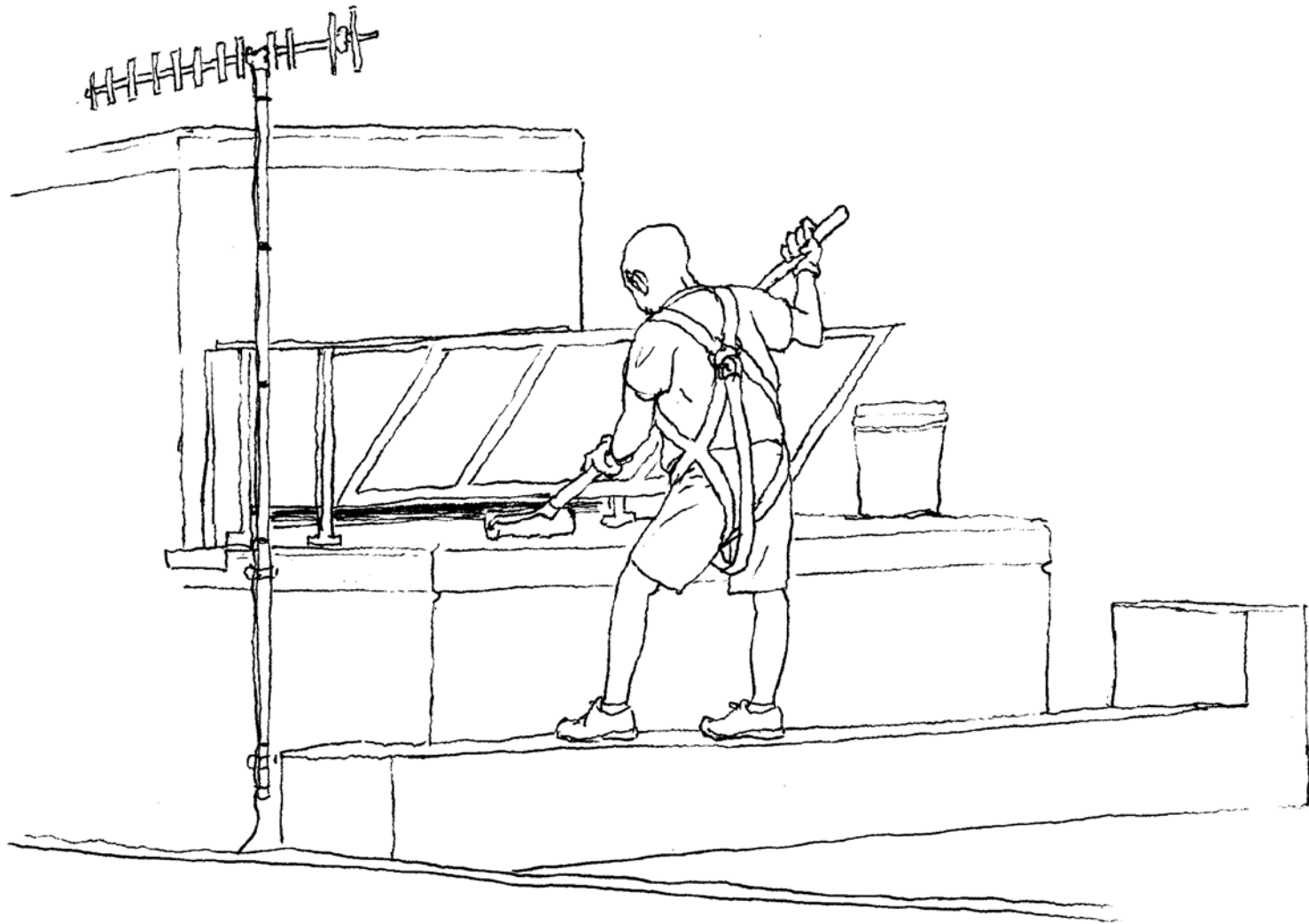


...I HAD PRETTY TIGHT SOCKS ON SO FLUID BUILT UP ABOVE THEM AND ABOVE MY SHOES, AND THAT RASH-NOW MORE LIKE BRUISING-FORMED AT THE PRESSURE POINTS. THANKFULLY THE BRUISING DIDN'T LAST LONG, BUT I'LL STAY AWAY FROM THOSE SOCKS





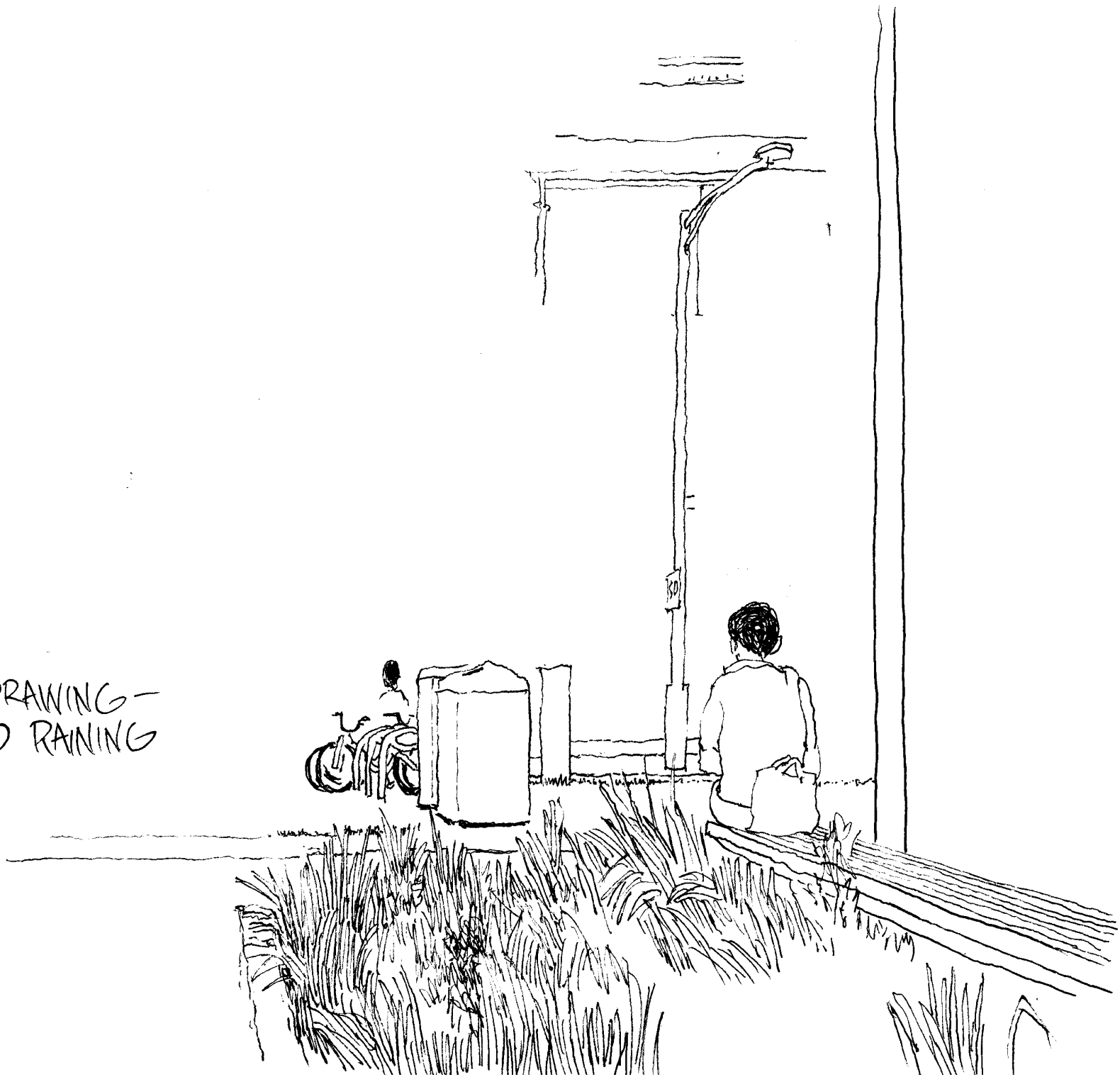
DAY 56



PAINTING THE ROOF NEXT DOOR TO THE APARTMENT

DAY 57

STARTED DRAWING -  
IT STARTED RAINING



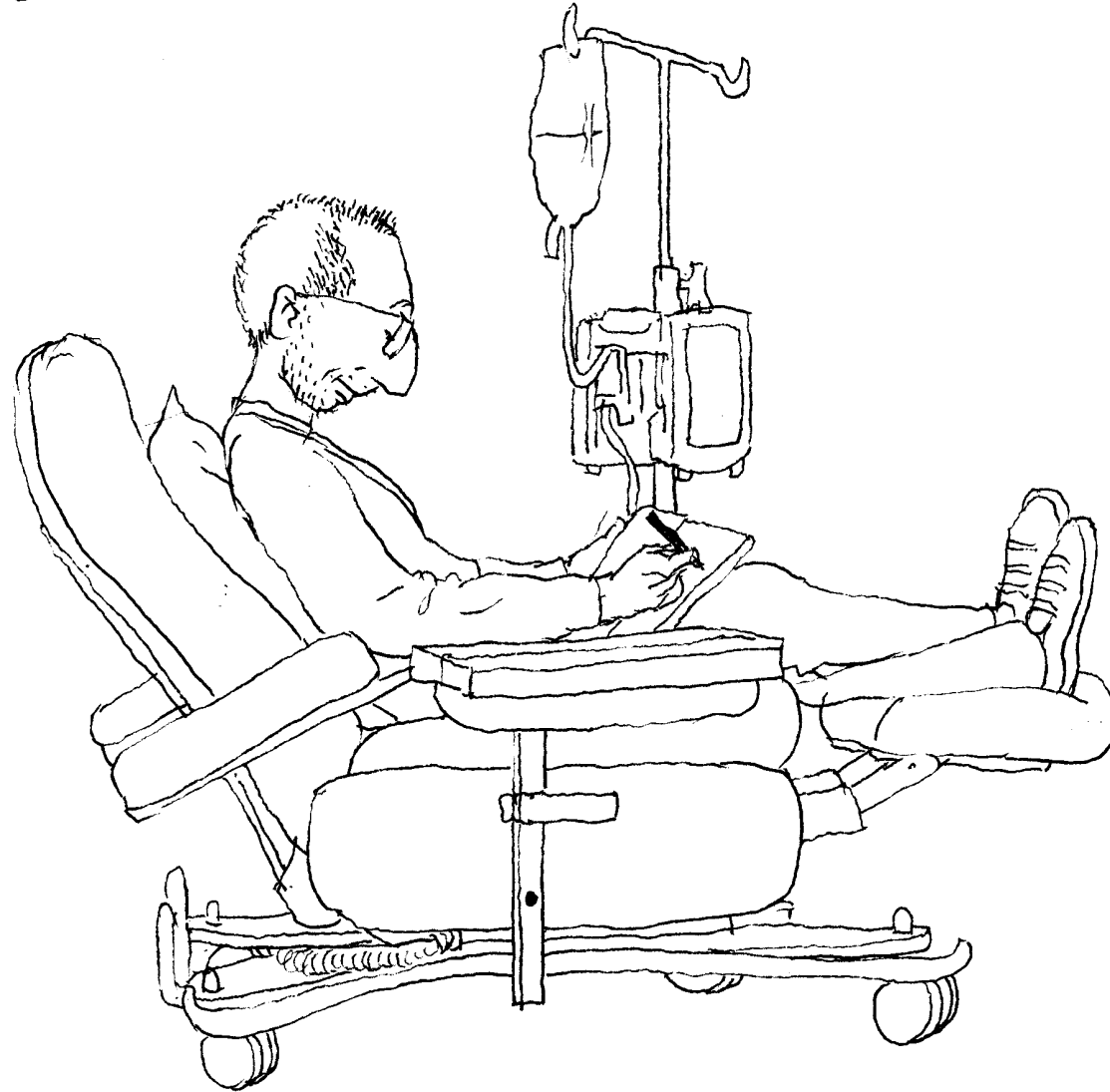
# DAY 58





DAY 59

REHYDRATION



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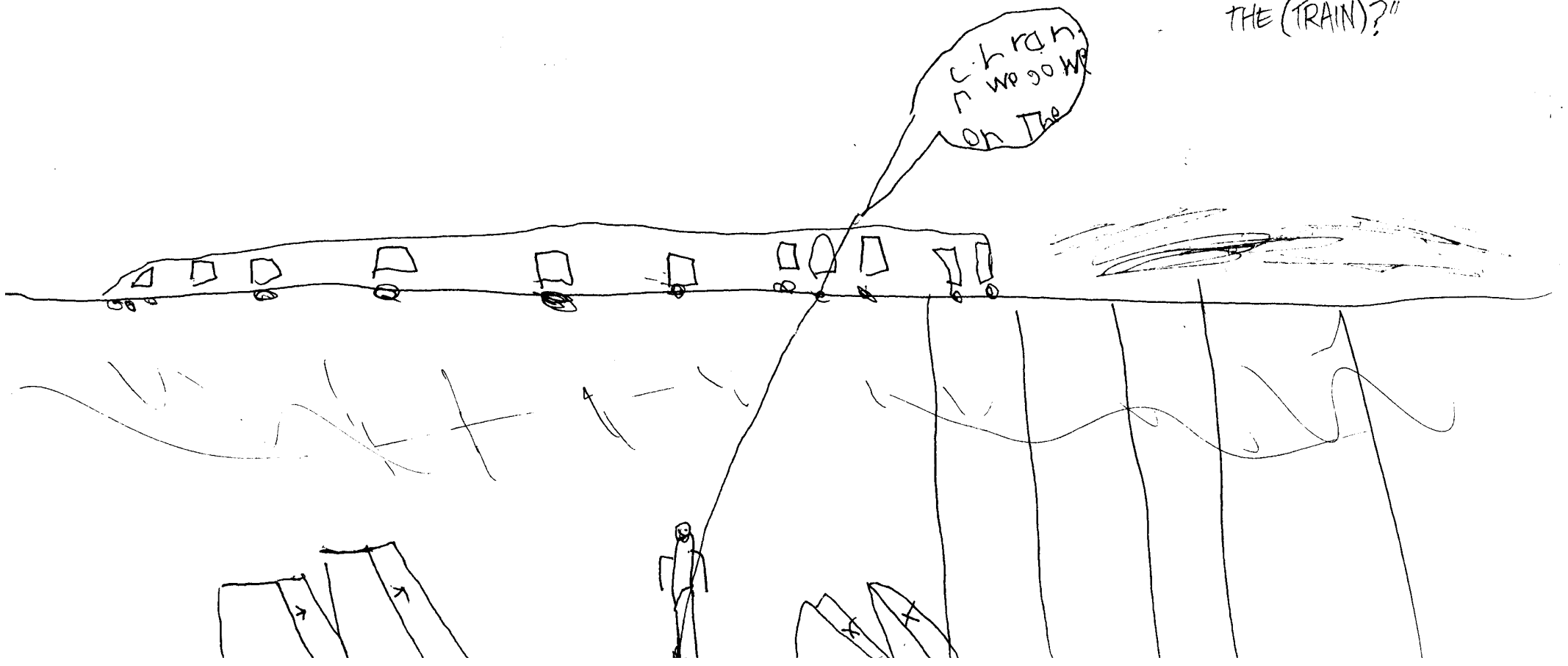
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DAY 60

HARVEY'S DRAWING  
OF THE DAY:  
I WENT TO A TRAM AND I  
WENT IN AN UNDERGROUND  
TUNNEL.  
"TRAIN, ARE WE GOING ON  
THE (TRAIN)?"



DAY 61

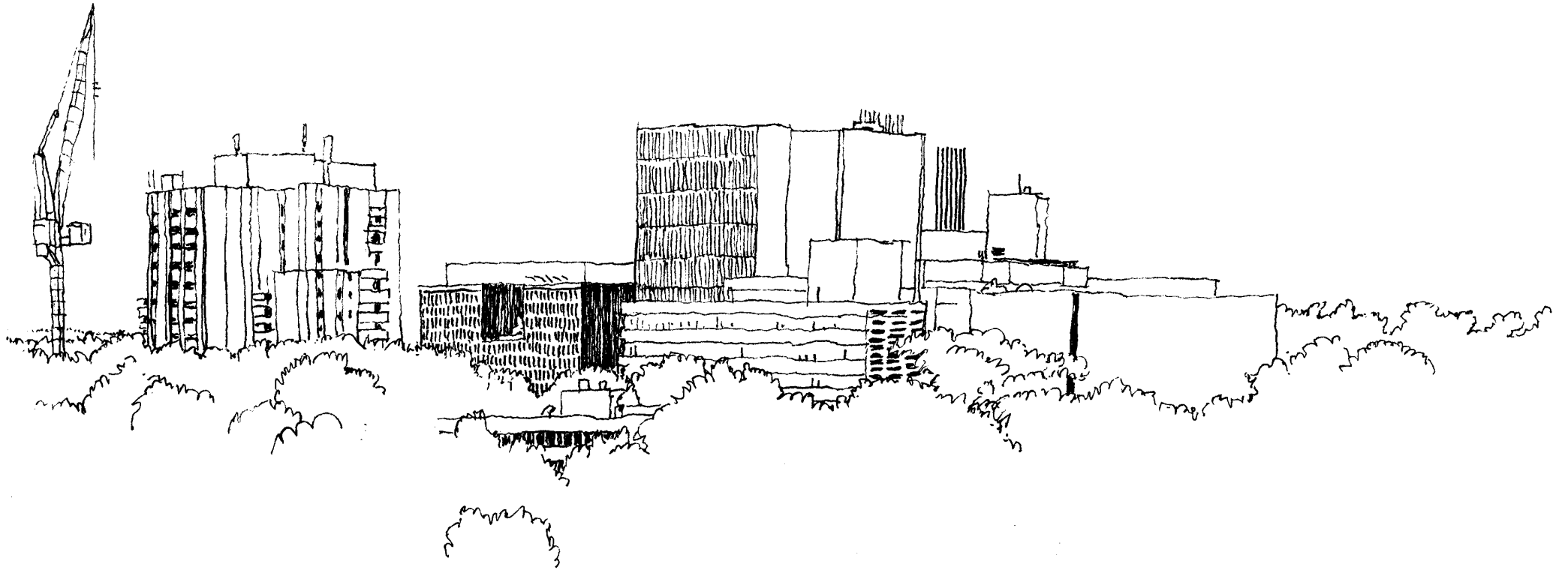


ROLAND, HARVEY AND WYCK'S LAST DAY





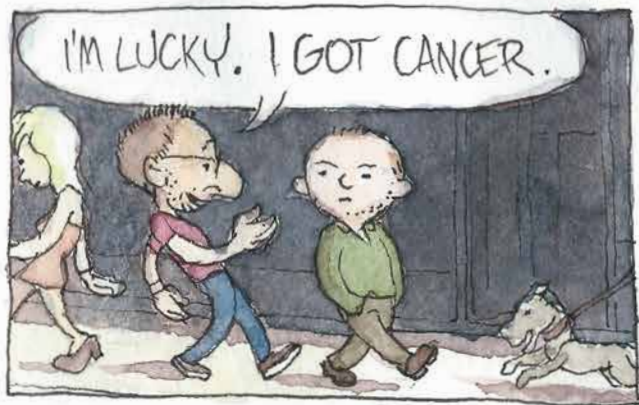
DAY 63



VIEW TOWARDS THE ROYAL CHILDRENS HOSPITAL FROM THE APARTMENT



# DAY 64

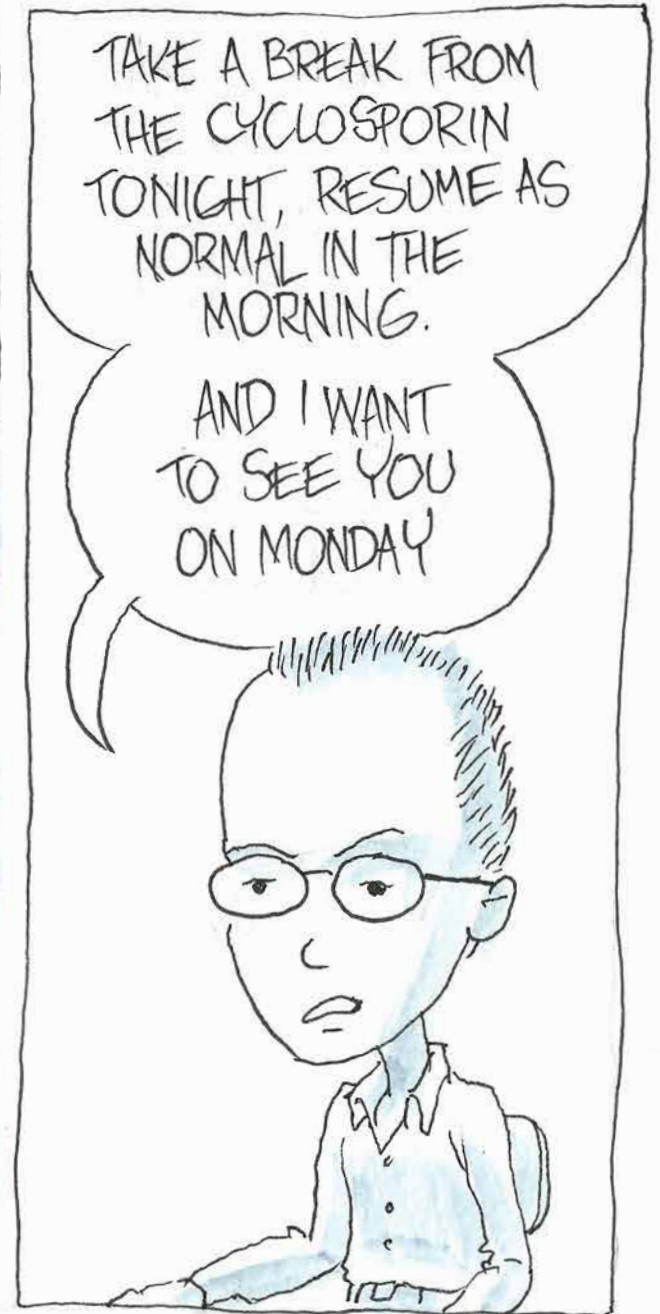




DAY 65



NORTH  
MELBOURNE



DAY 67



POINT LONSDALE MY FIRST TRIP OUT OF THE CITY IN TWO MONTHS.



DAY 68



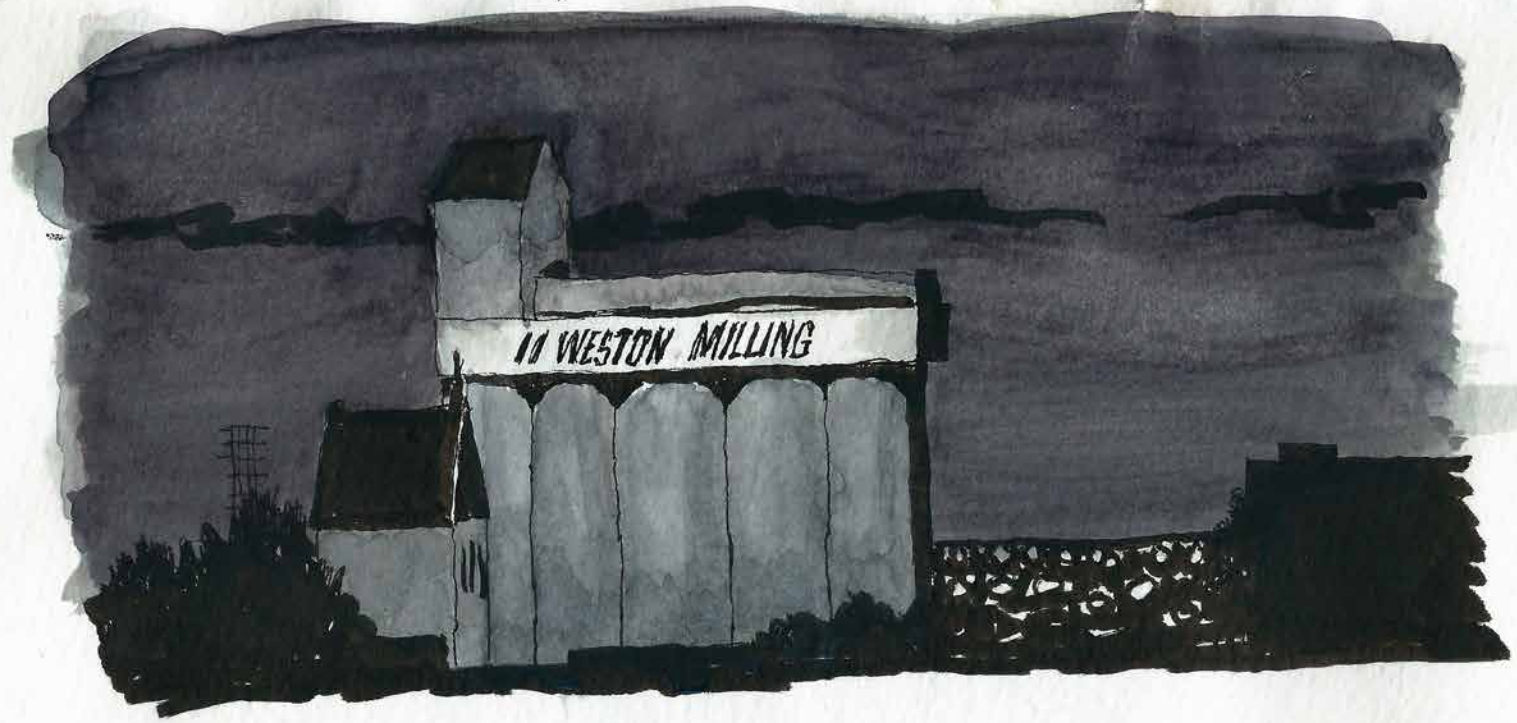
STUART

DAY 69

THE TEST  
RESULTS WERE  
ALL GOOD TODAY,  
AND THE DOC' EVEN  
MENTIONED GOING  
HOME NEXT WEEK  
AS LONG AS THE  
TESTS WERE  
GOOD ON  
FRIDAY.



DAY 70



NORTH MELBOURNE



DAY 71

WITH YOUR RENAL  
FUNCTION AND VIRAL  
LOAD STILL A CONCERN,  
YOU WON'T BE ABLE  
TO GO HOME  
AT DAY 75.



OK

THANKS



DAY 72



FIVE DOCTORS HAVE NOW LOOKED AT MY RENAL FUNCTION AND VIRAL LOAD AND SAID THE SAME THING: THIS IS BEING CAUSED BY THE CYCLOSPORIN, WE SHOULD LOOK AT REDUCING YOUR DOSE.

THEN, WHEN IT COMES TO IT THEY BALK, LEAVING ME ON THE SAME DOSE.



THIS IS SO FRUSTRATING AND CONFUSING.

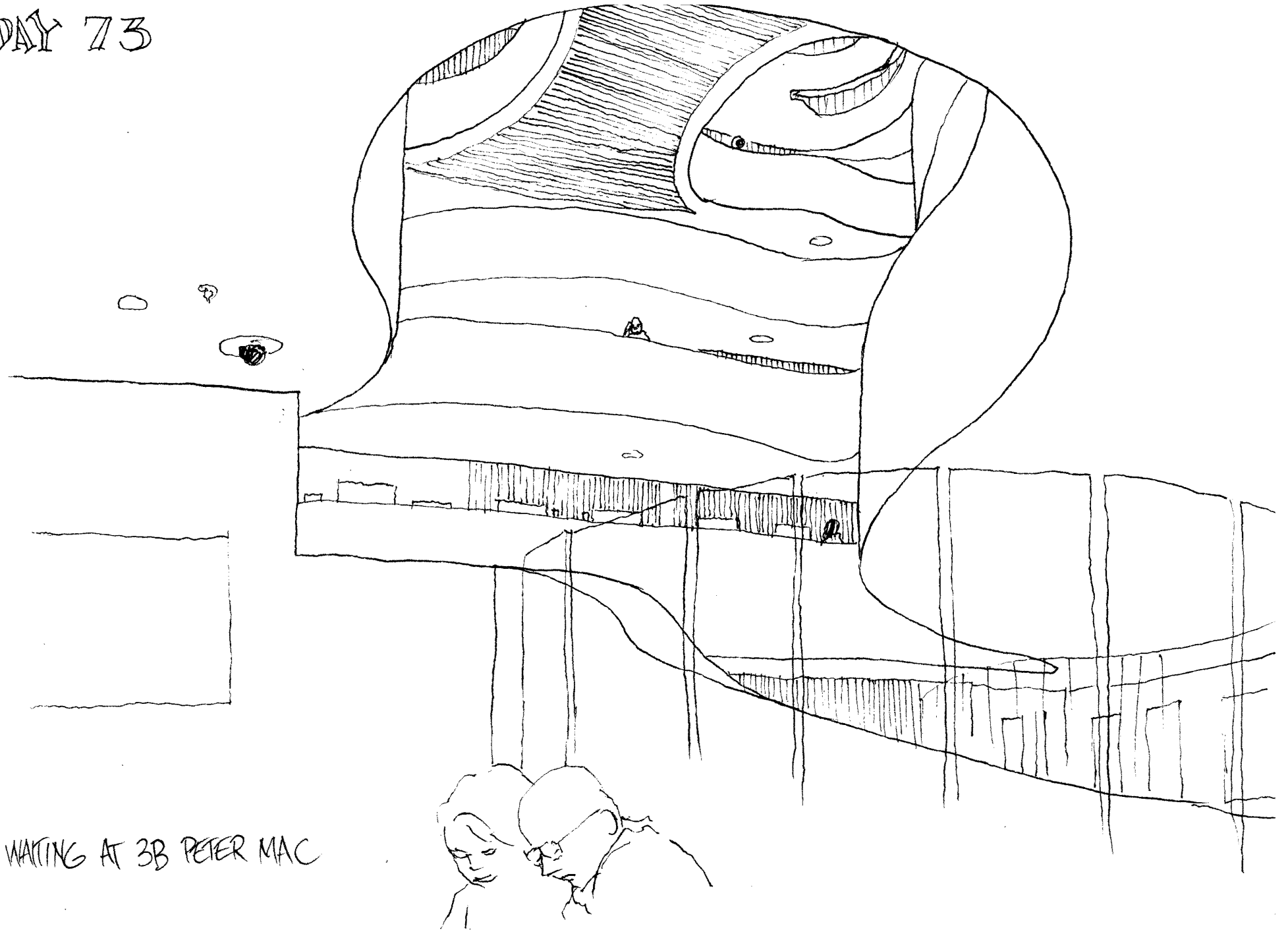
I'VE HAD NEAR PERFECT TESTS UNTIL NOW. FOR A DAY MY CYCLOSPORIN WAS HALVED AND NOTHING BAD HAPPENED, SO I CAN'T SEE HOW A SMALL REDUCTION WOULD HURT.

BUT HEY, I'M JUST THE PATIENT, WHAT DO I KNOW?

I KNOW I DON'T WANT TO WRECK MY KIDNEYS, AND I DON'T WANT THESE BAD RESULTS TO STOP ME COMING HOME TO YOU AND THE BOYS

YEAH, BUT YOU DON'T WANT GRAFT VERSUS HOST DISEASE EITHER

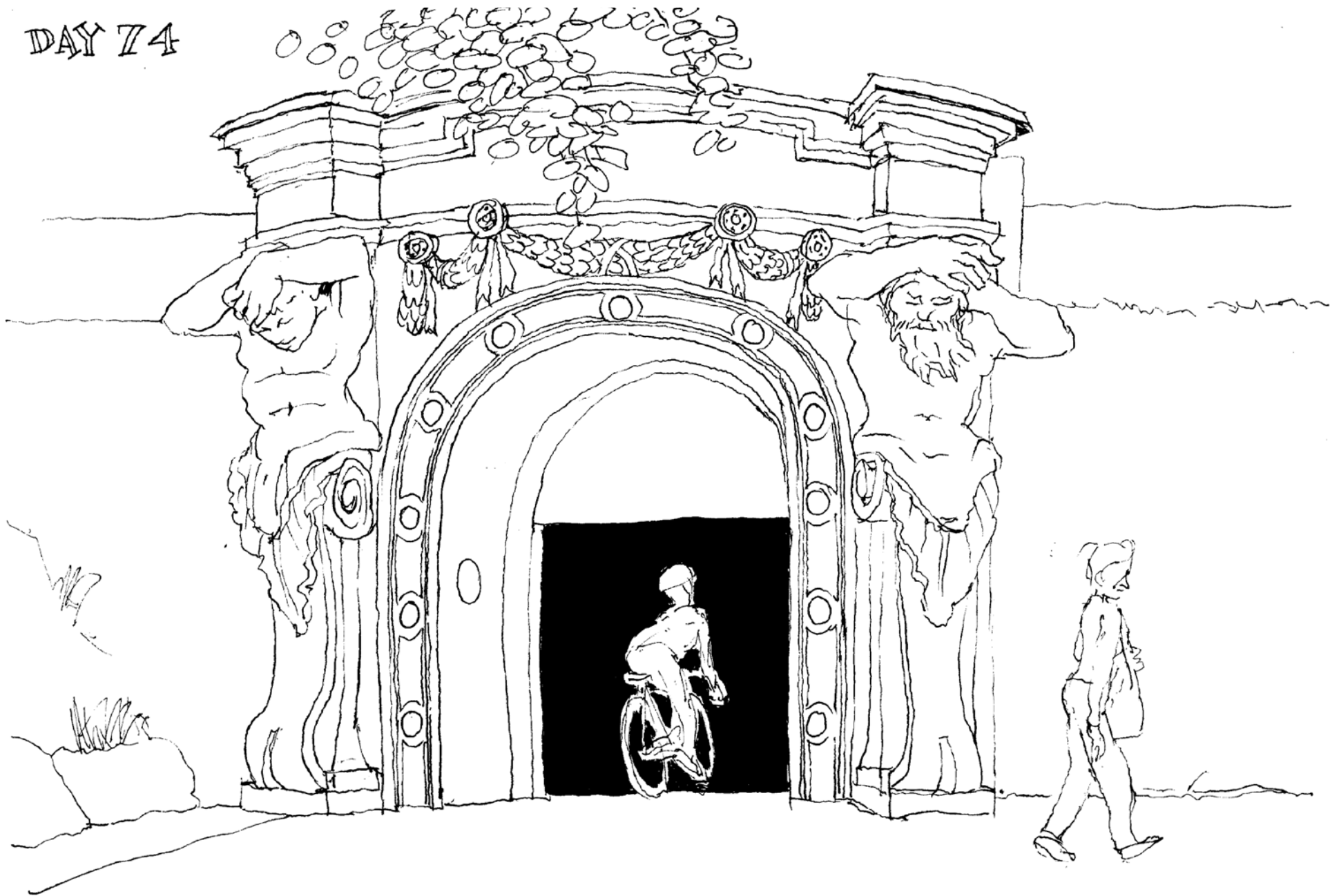
DAY 73



WAITING AT 3B PETER MAC



DAY 74



UNI' OF MELBOURNE

DAY 75



DAD

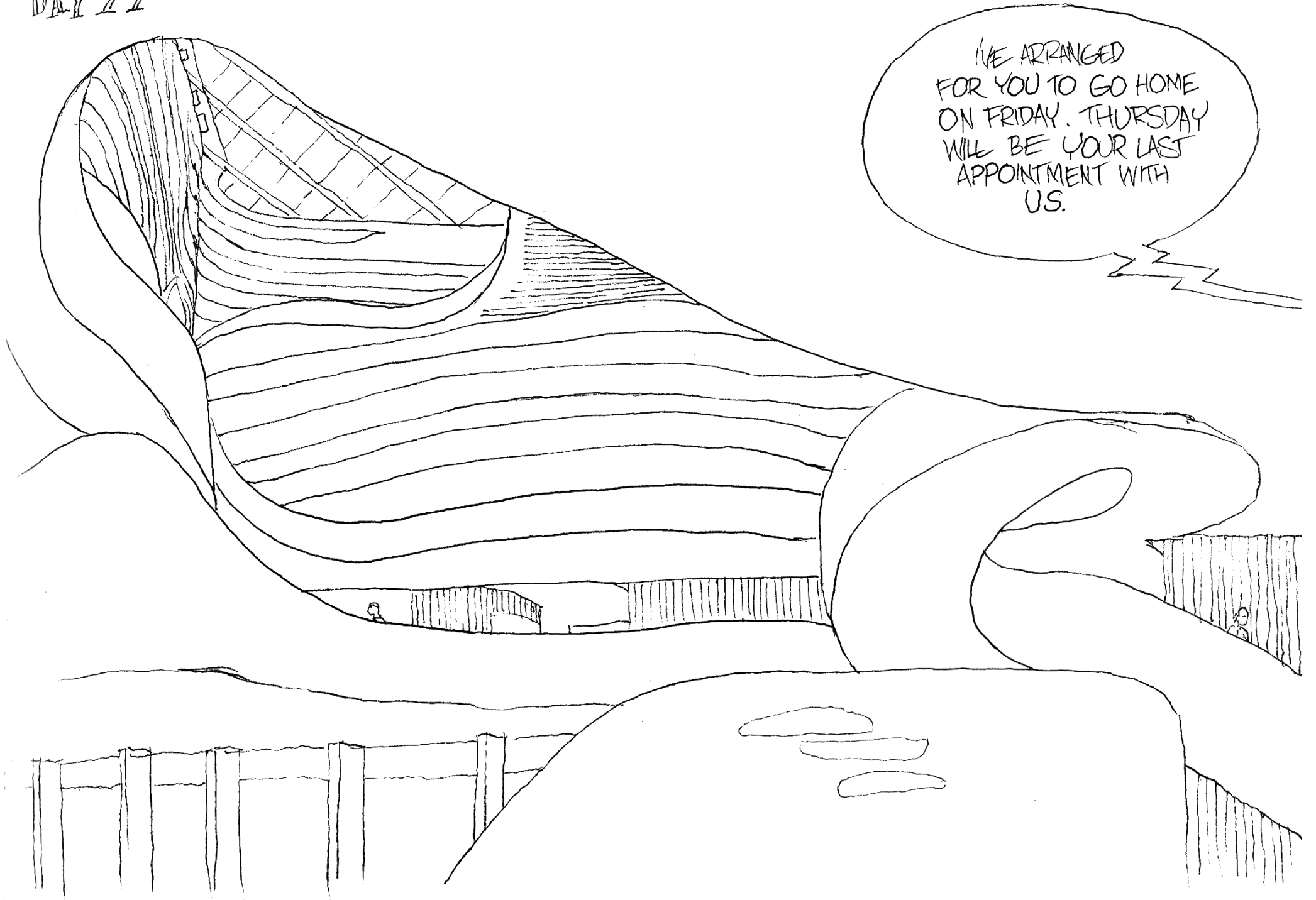
DAY 76



UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE  
TRYING TO STAY IN THE SHADE

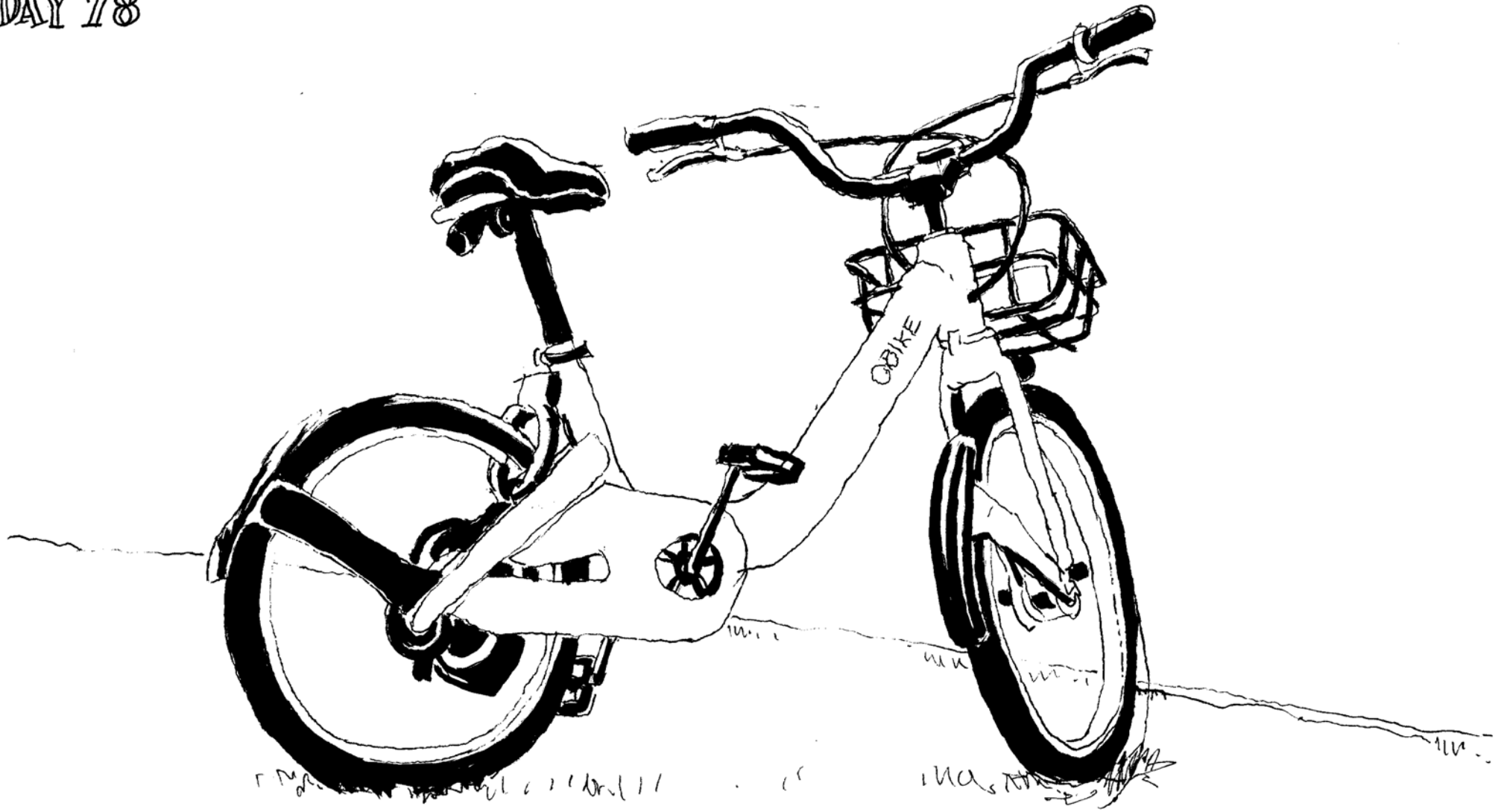


DAY 77



I'VE ARRANGED  
FOR YOU TO GO HOME  
ON FRIDAY. THURSDAY  
WILL BE YOUR LAST  
APPOINTMENT WITH  
US.

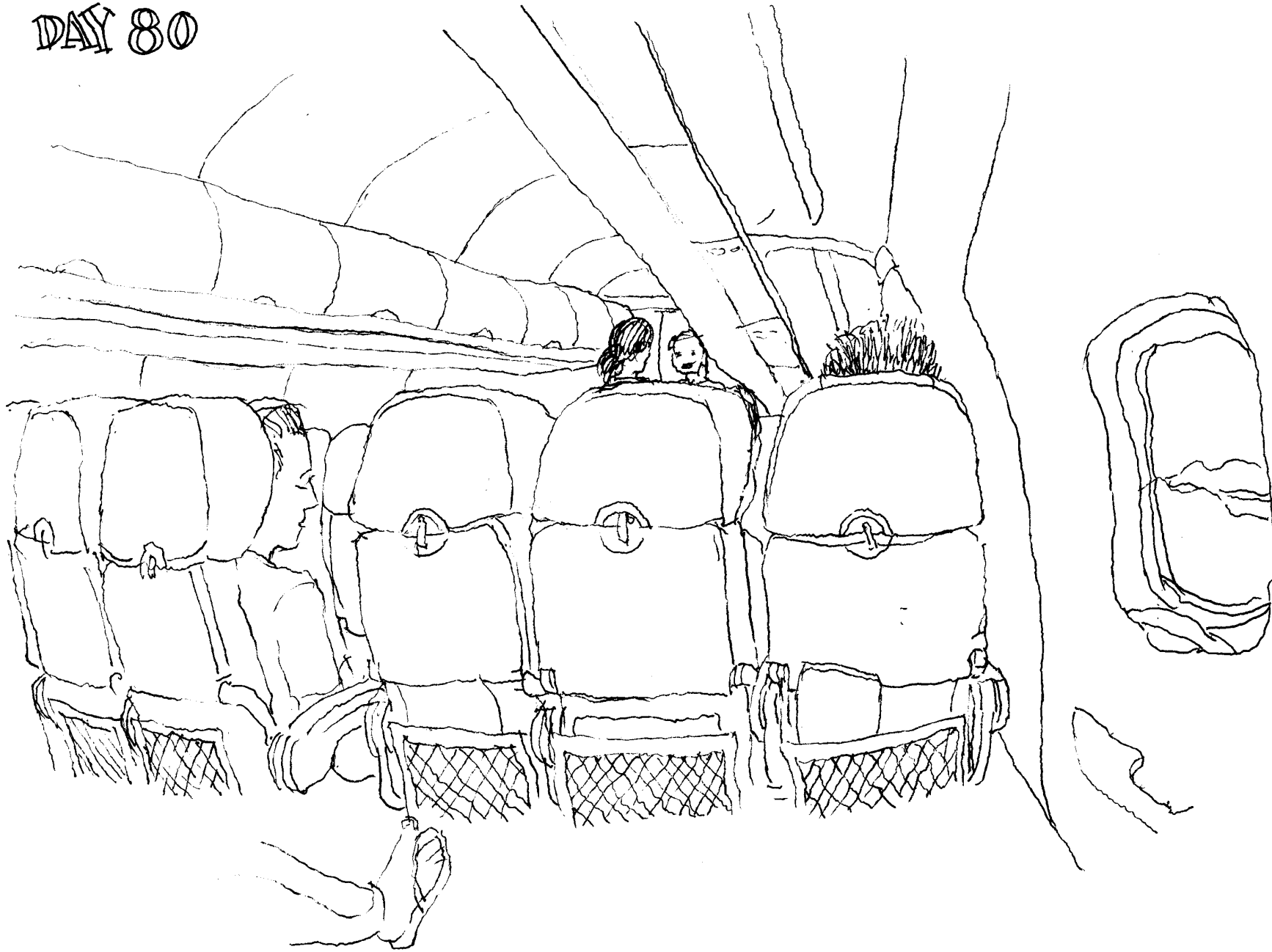
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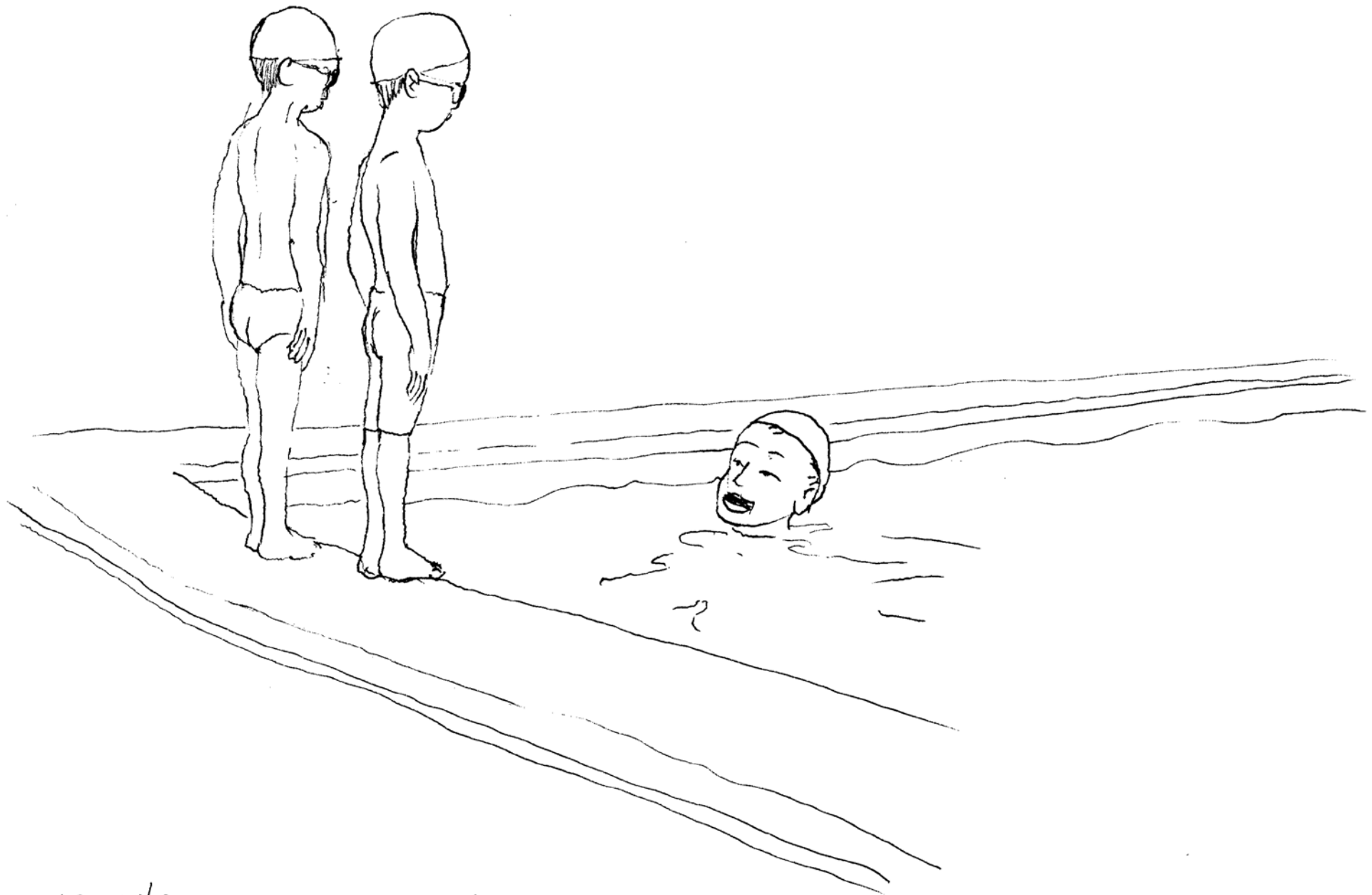


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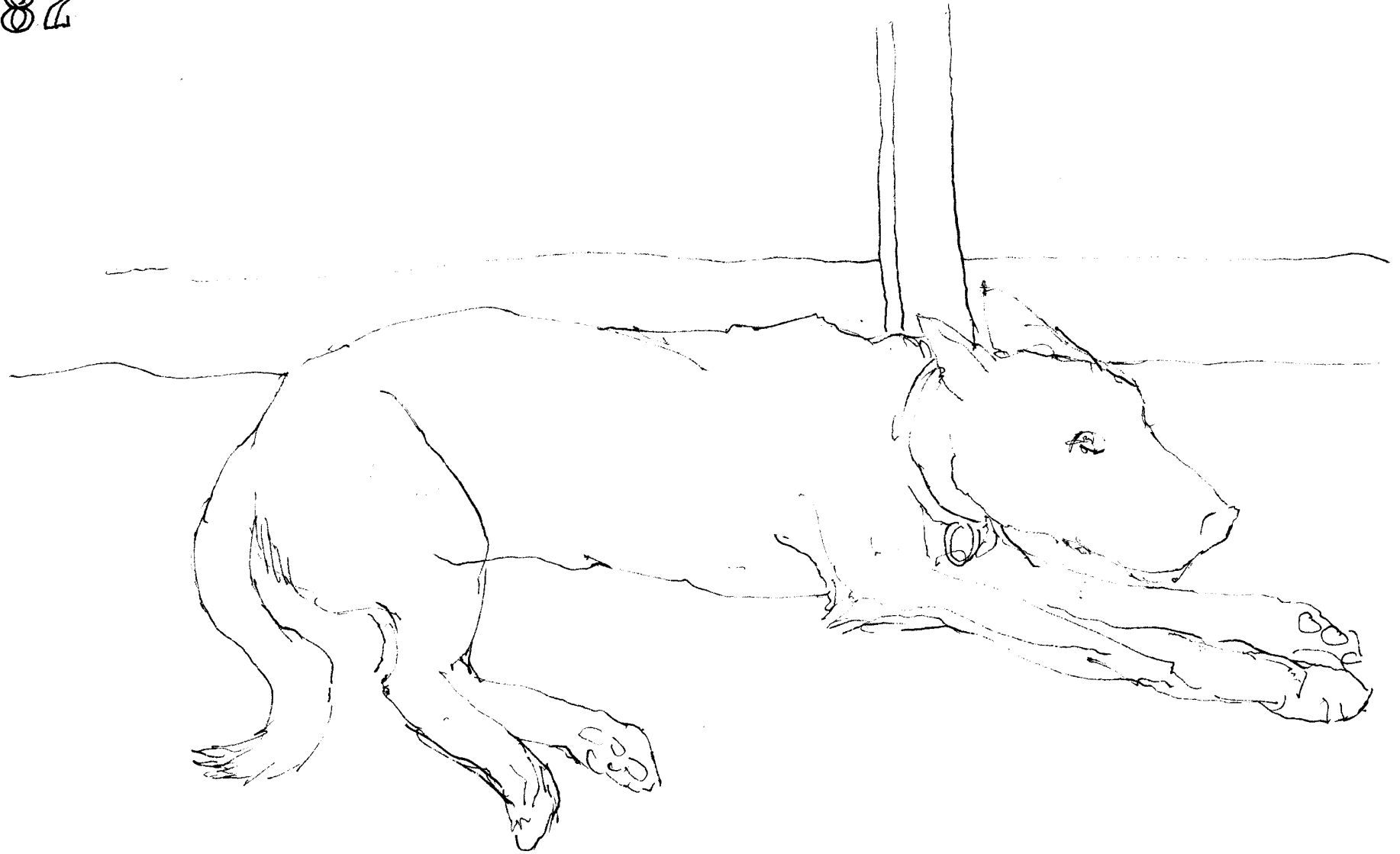
GOING HOME

DAY 81



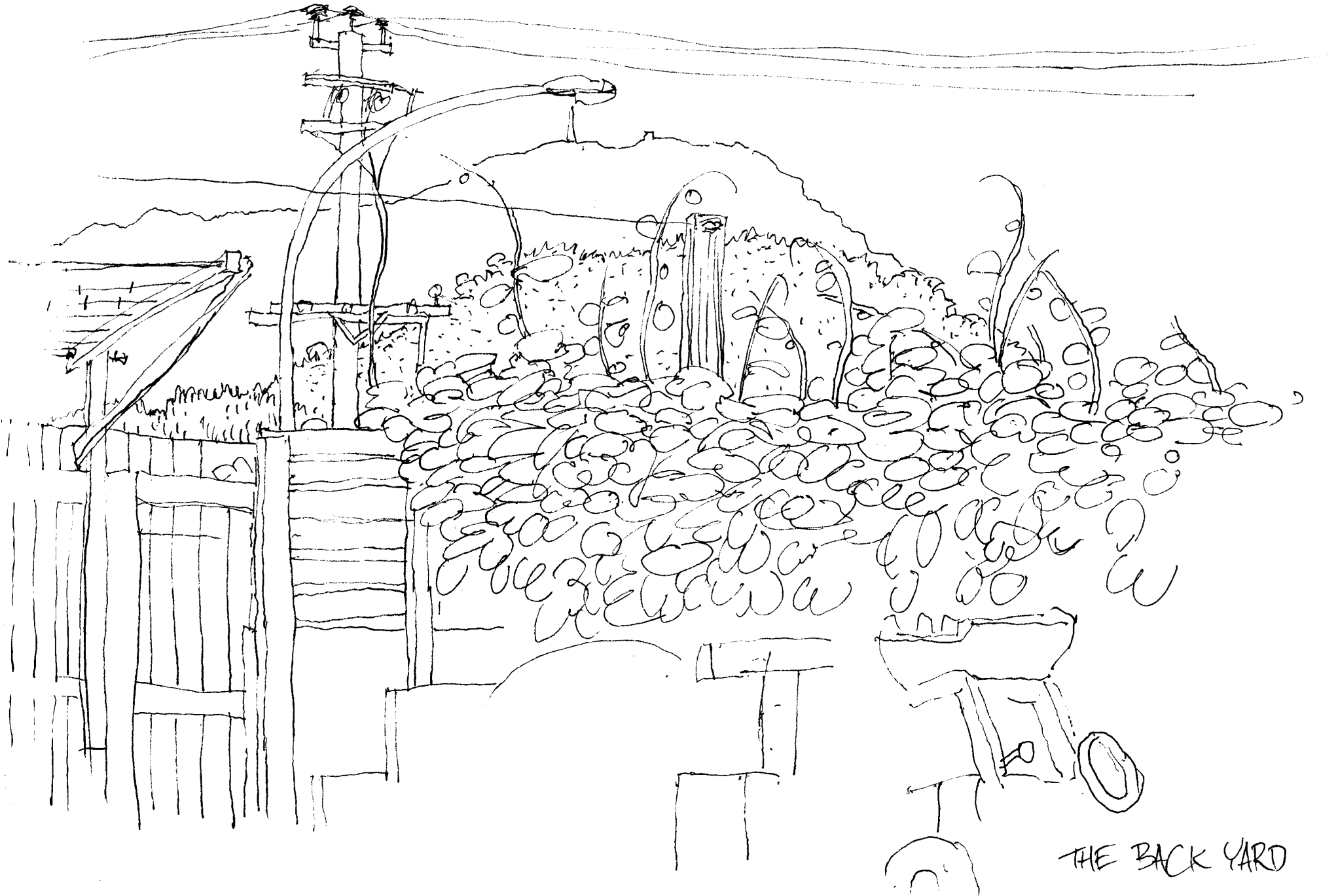
HARVEY'S SWIMMING LESSON

DAY 82



MABEL

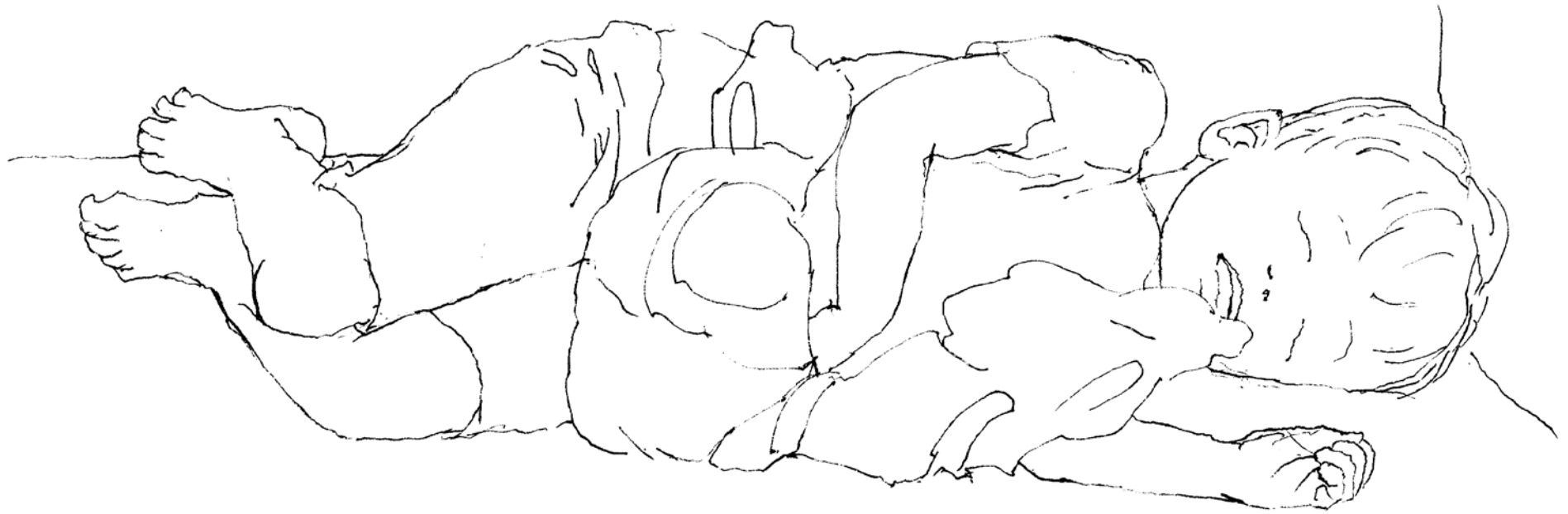
DAY 83



THE BACK YARD

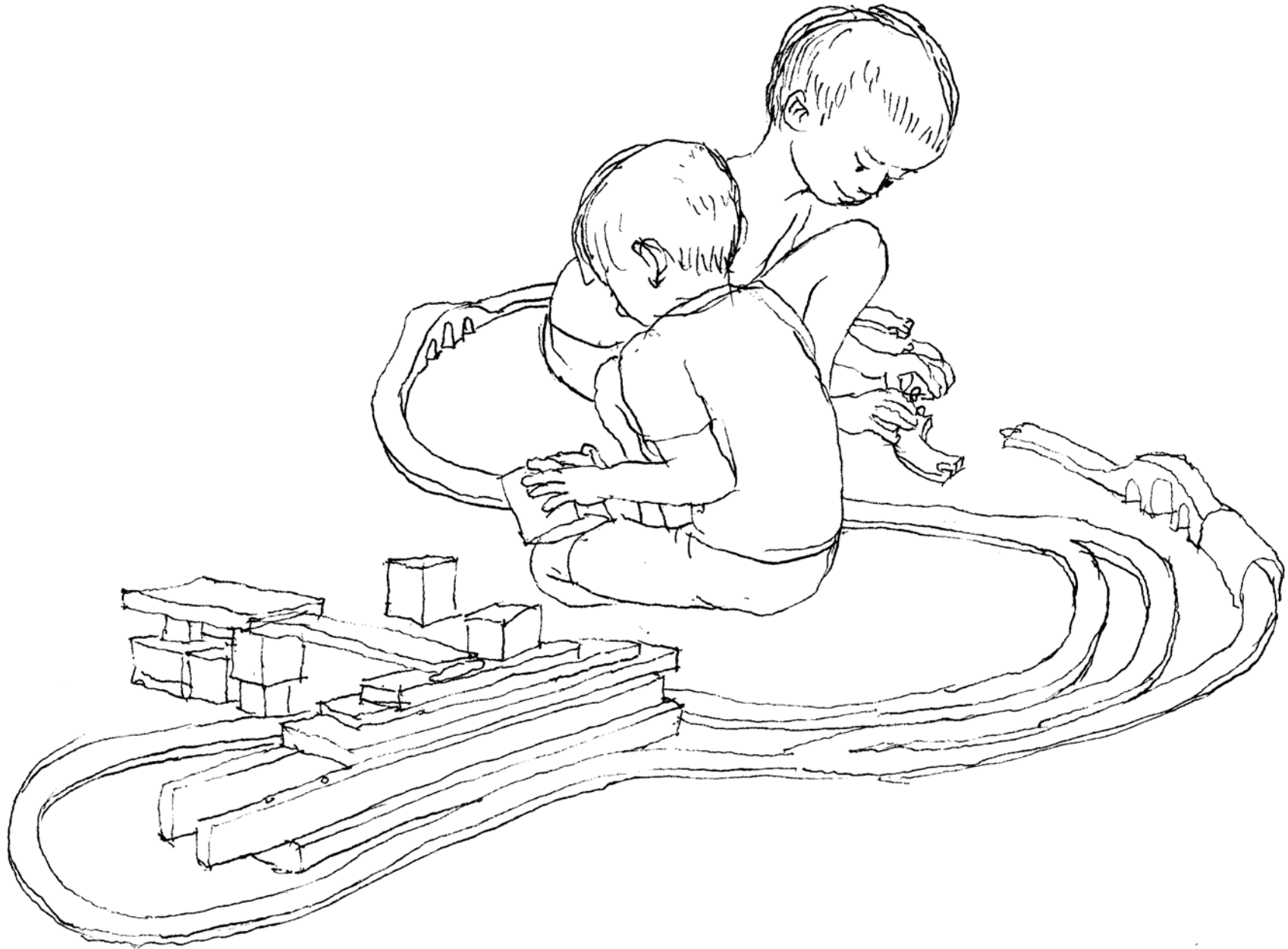


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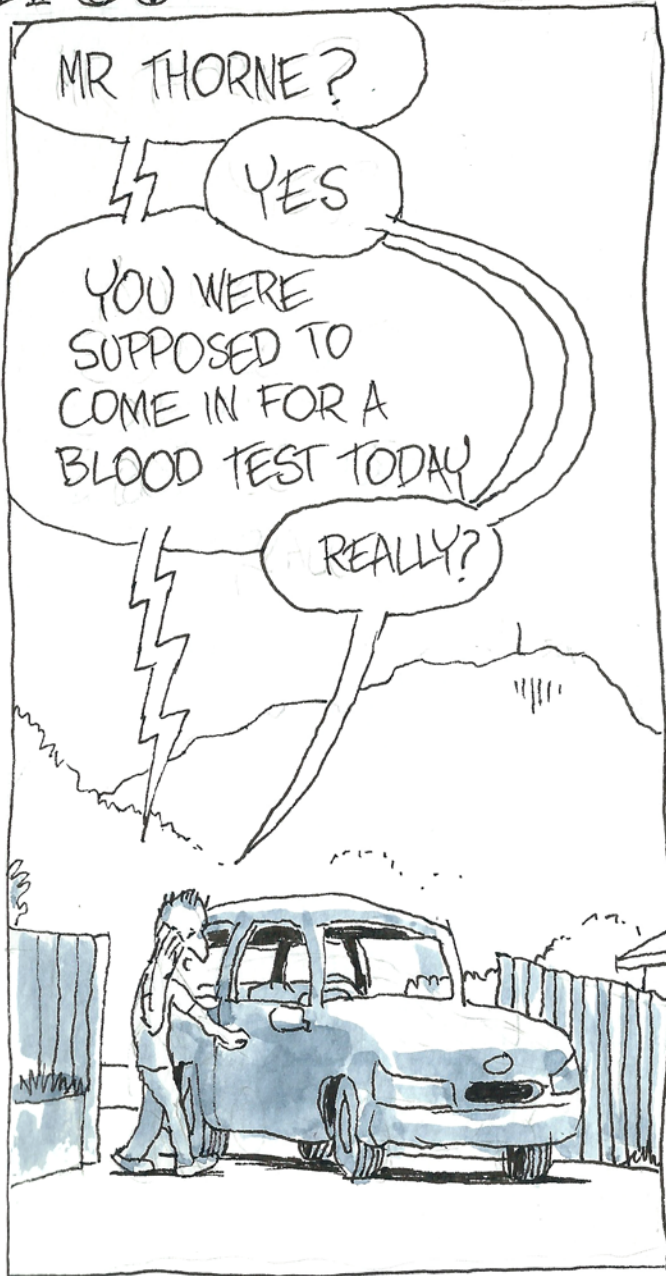


ROLAND

DAY 85



DAY 86



DAY 87



TRUMAN



DAY 88



STORY TIME

DAY 89



DAY 90



DAY 91



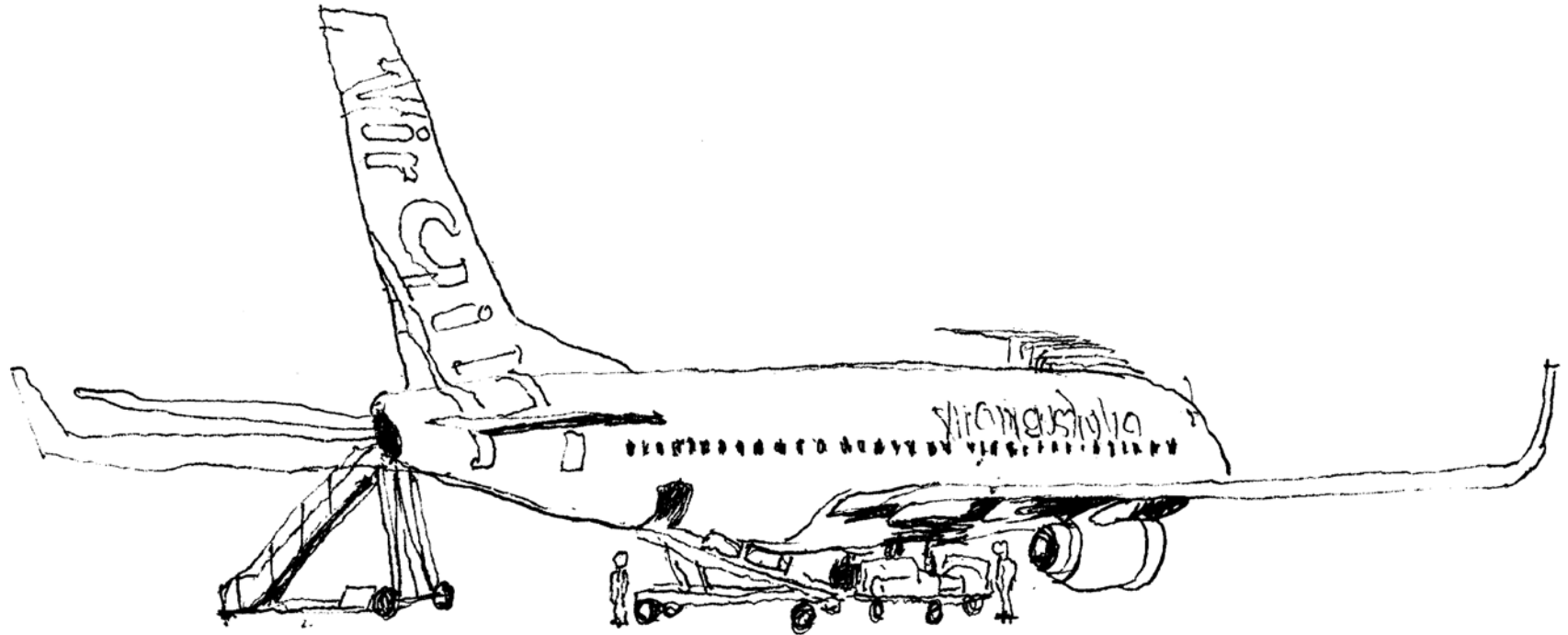


DAY 92



BACK TO MELBOURNE  
FOR THE ATOM AWARDS

DAY 93



HOME AGAIN

DAY 94



HARVEY, ROLAND & ANGUS, SCREEN TIME

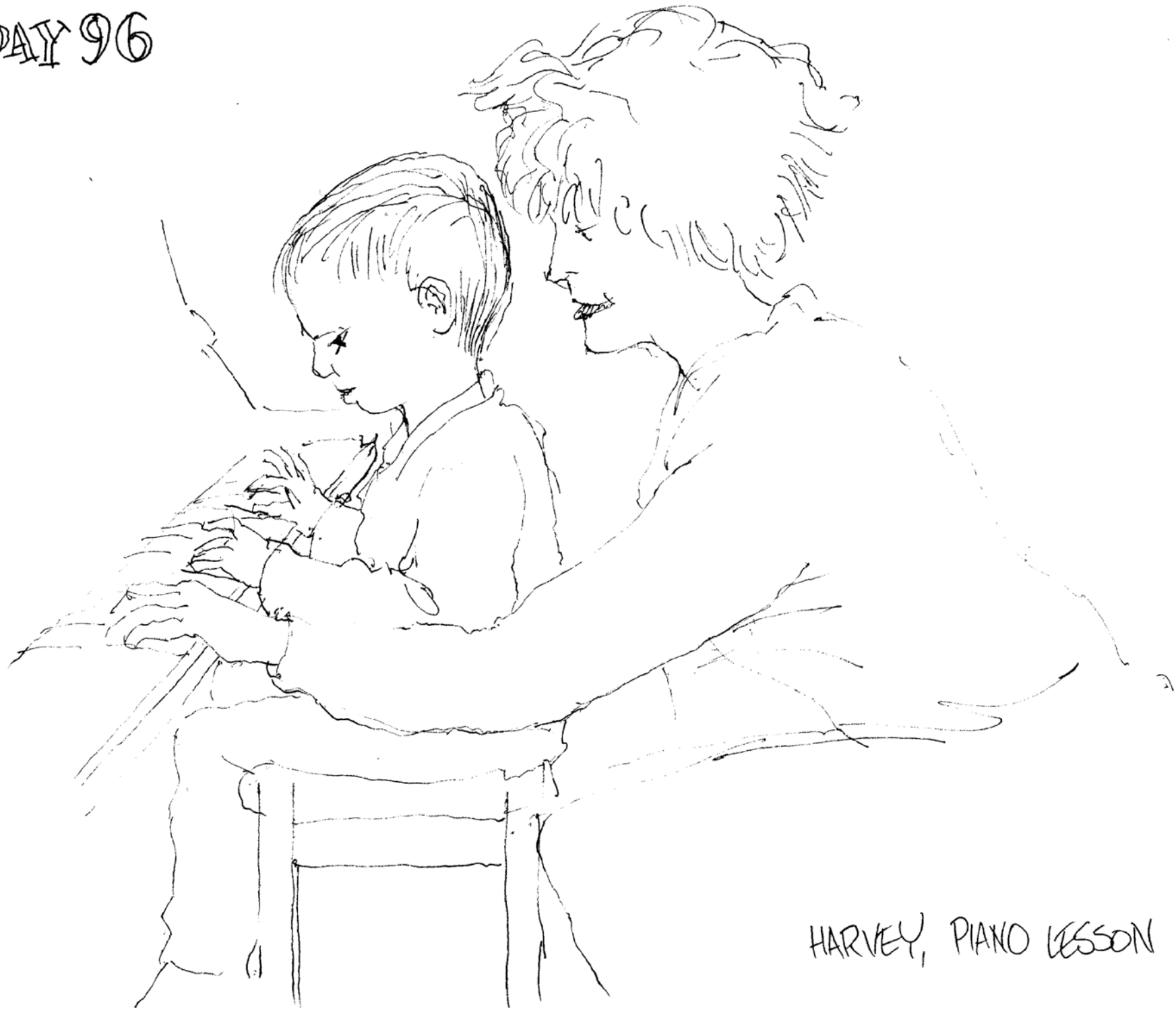
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LUCY, SCREEN TIME



DAY 96



HARVEY, PIANO LESSON

DAY 97

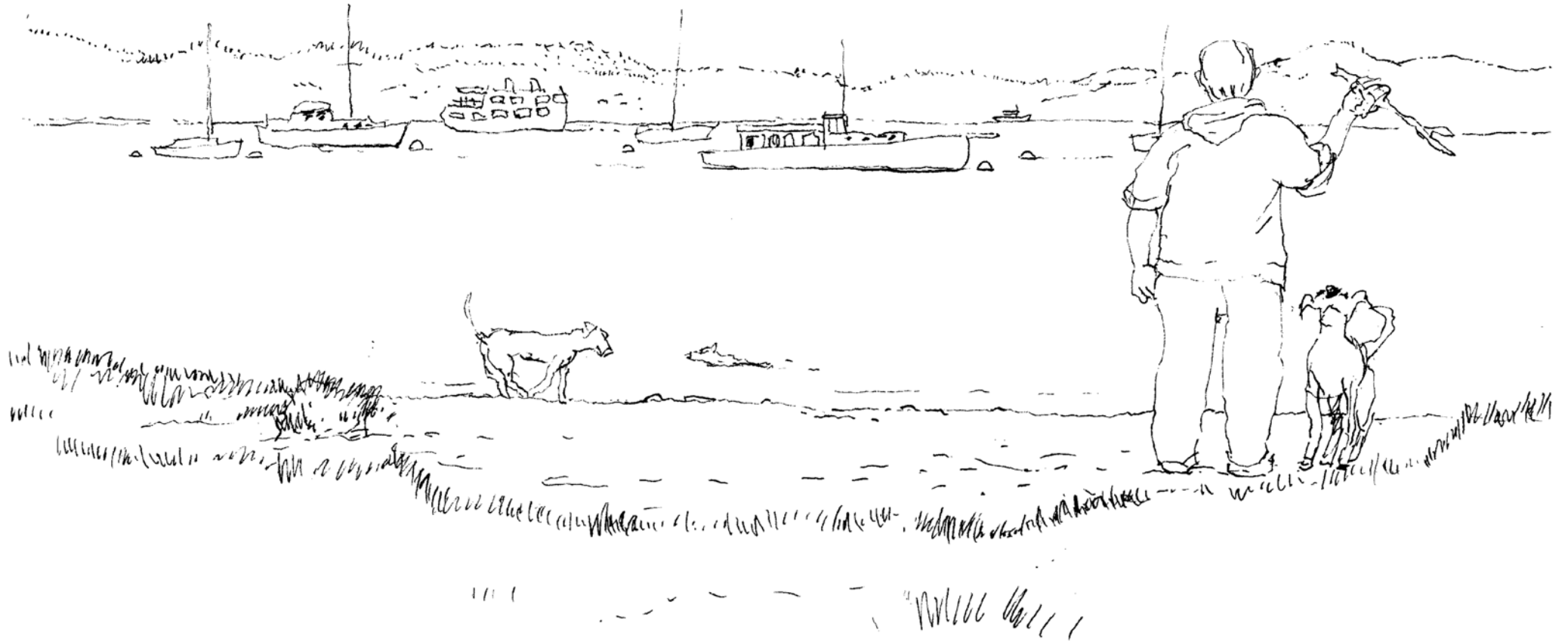


BATH TIME

DAY 98



DAY 99

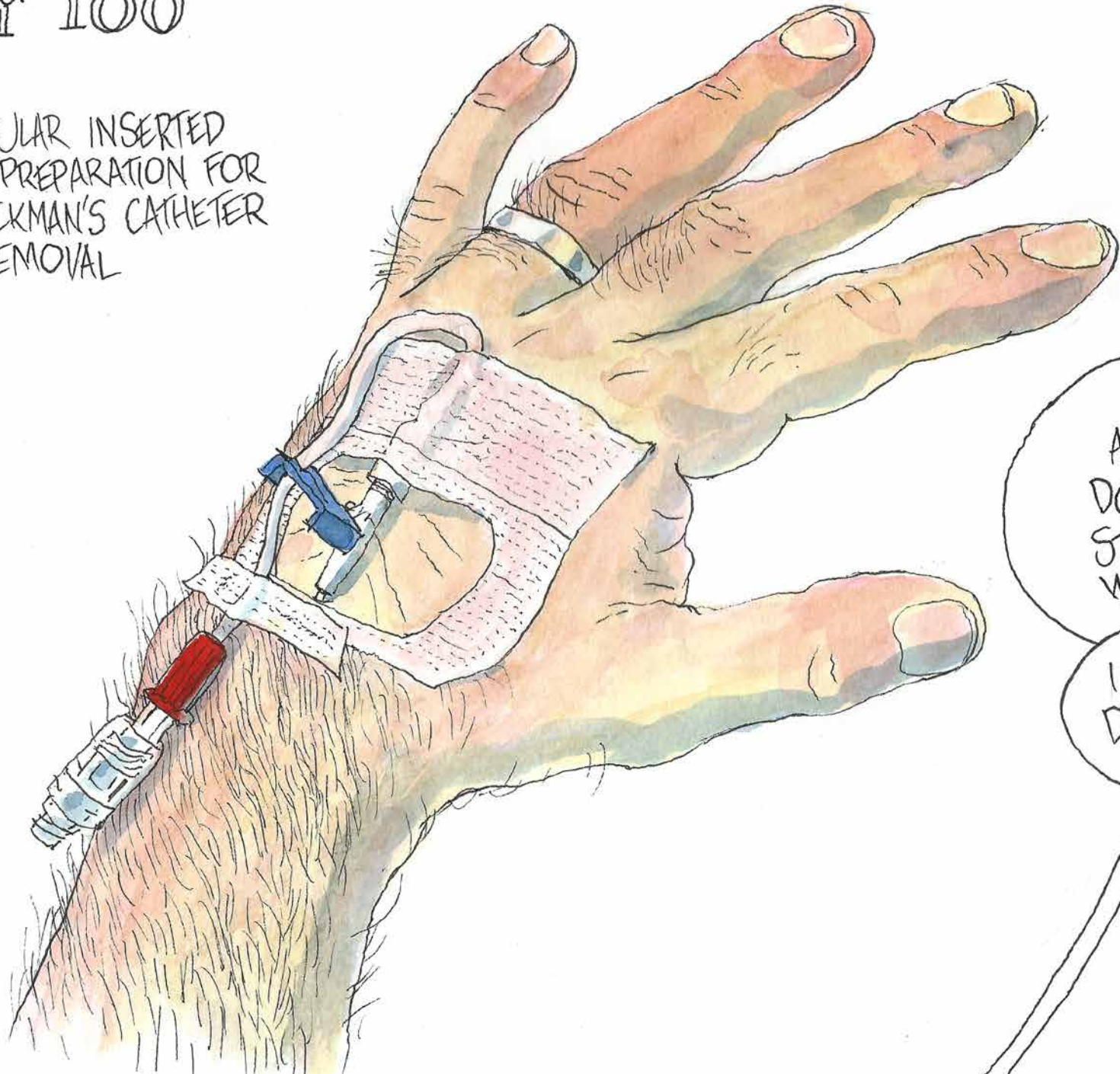


THE DERWENT



DAY 100

CANULAR INSERTED  
IN PREPARATION FOR  
HICKMAN'S CATHETER  
REMOVAL



ARE WE  
DOING THIS  
STRAIGHT OR  
WITH DRUGS?

I WANT  
DRUGS.

...AND RIGHT AFTER THAT I WENT TO MELBOURNE FOR AN ALLOGENEIC TRANSPLANT.

DAD

JEEZ! DID IT GO OK?

I THINK SO...

DAD!



YOU DON'T HAVE TO DIE YET DAD.

ROLAND - THE DAY BEFORE HE STARTS KINDER.