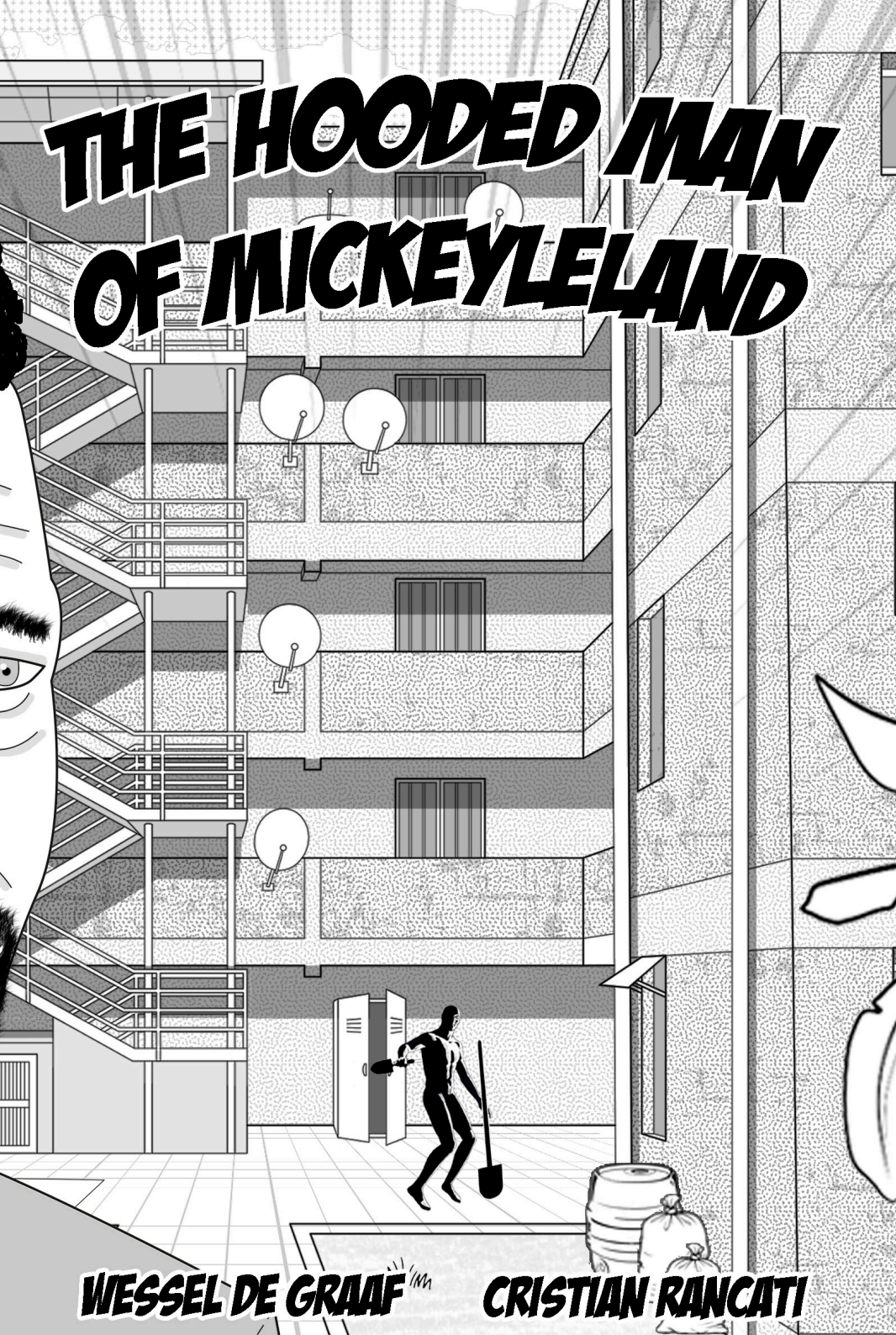


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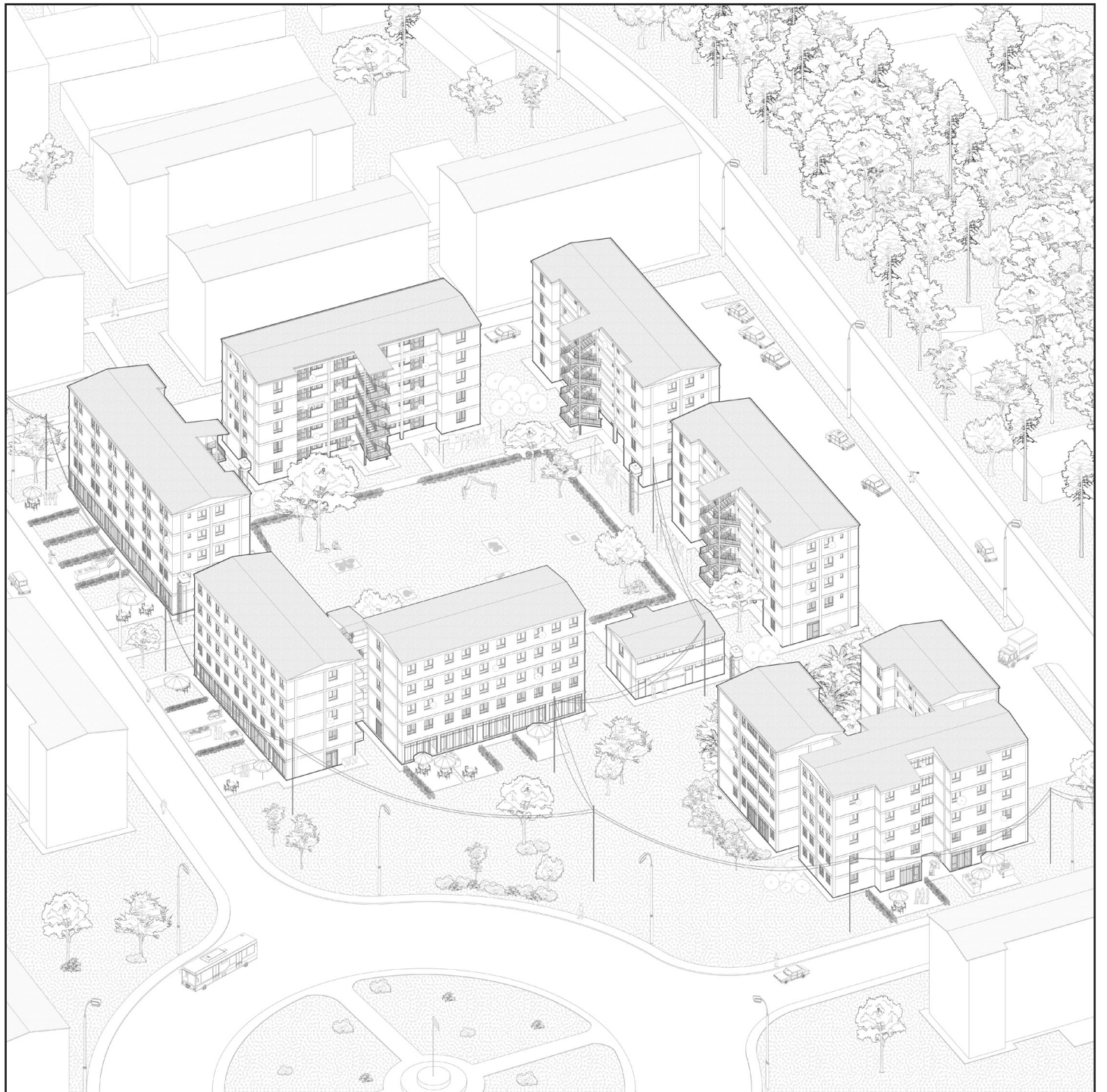
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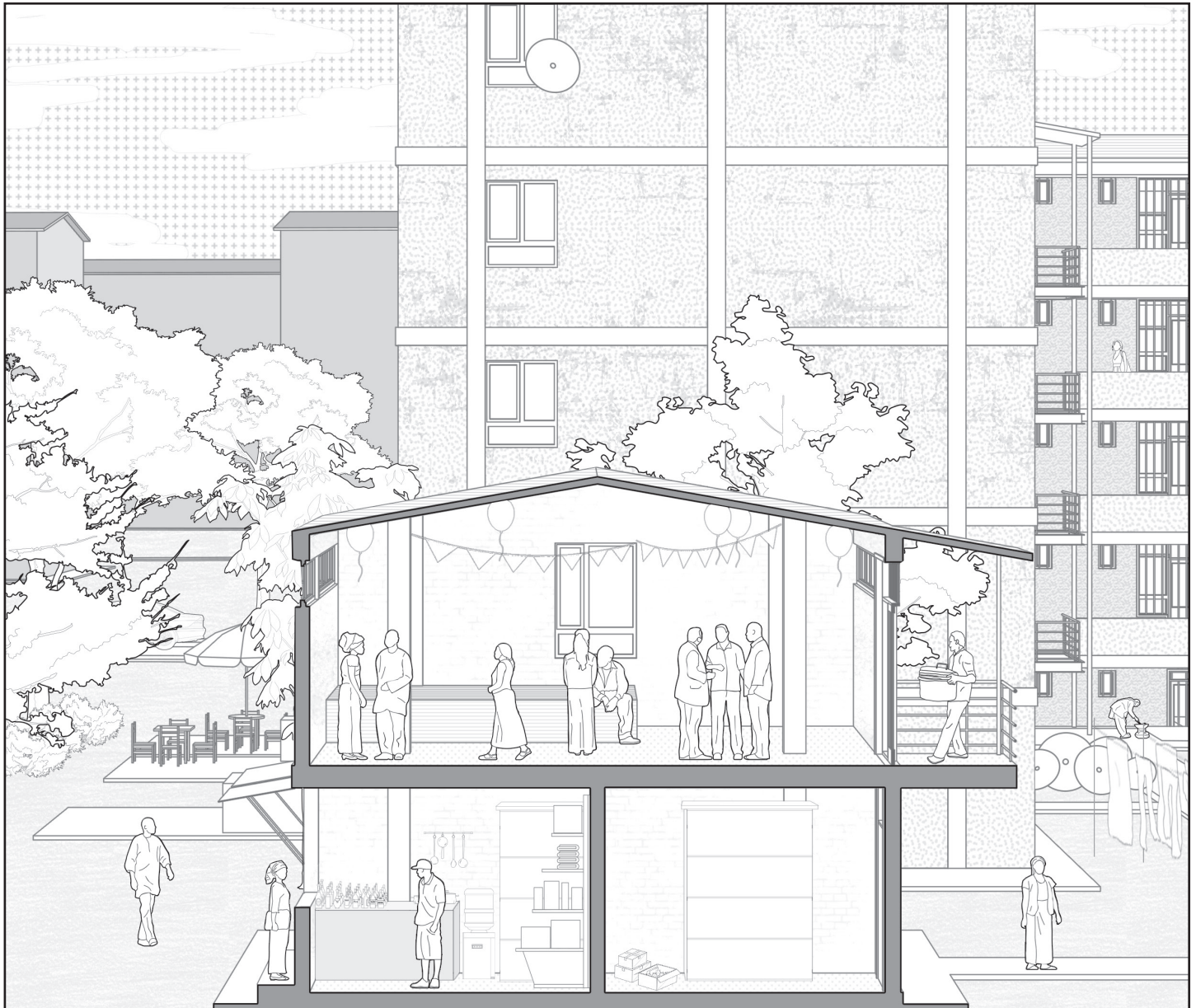
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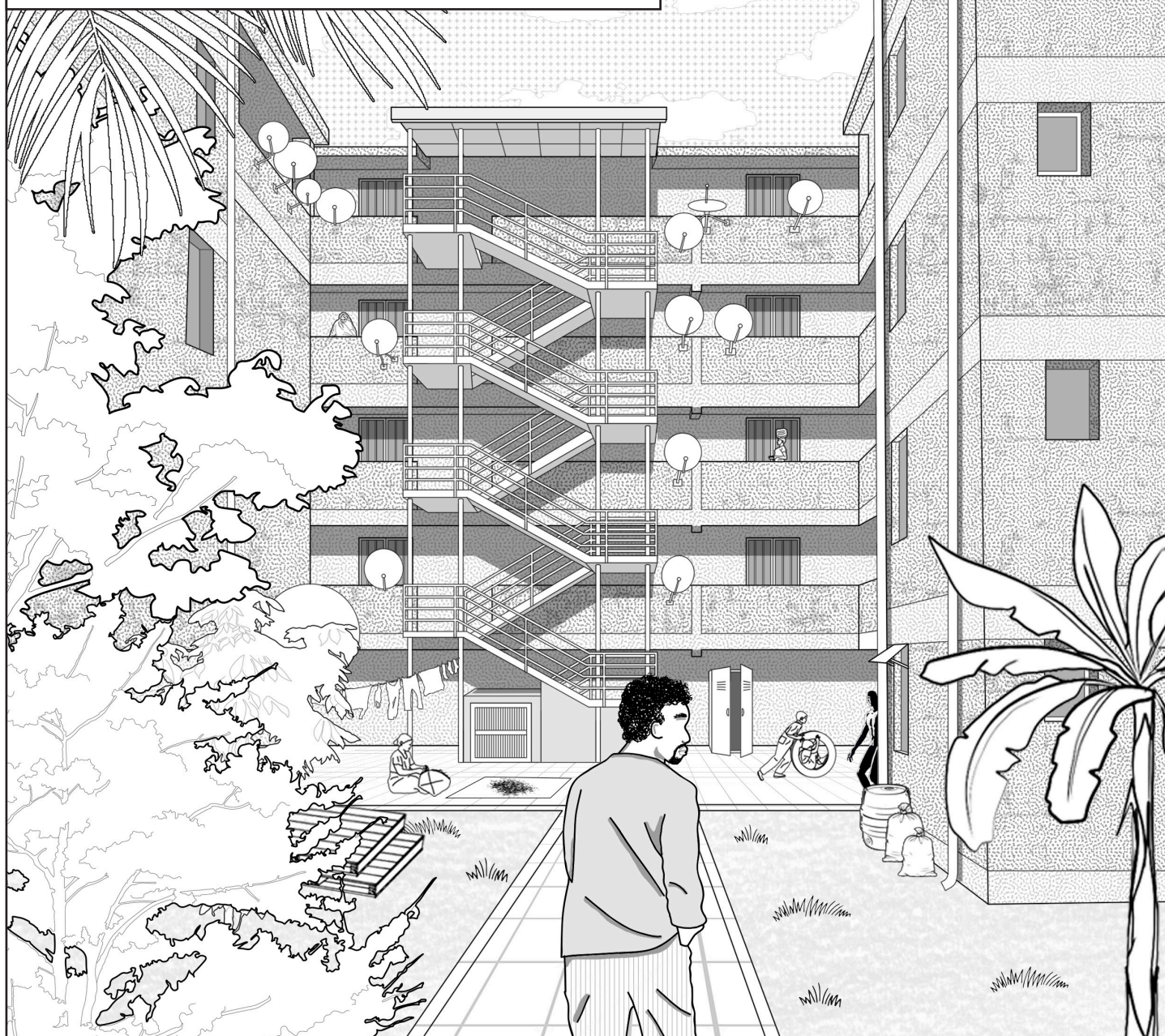
WELCOME TO MICKEYLELAND, THE MOST SUCCESSFUL EXAMPLE OF A CONDOMINIUM NEIGHBORHOOD IN ADDIS ABABA. THIS IS TSEHAI, A DWELLER THAT IS ALWAYS AVAILABLE TO HELP ANYONE IN NEED AROUND HIM. WHEN A NEIGHBOR CANNOT AFFORD TO BUY FOOD THAT WEEK, TSEHAI AND HIS WIFE INVITE HIM OR HER OVER TO SHARE A GOOD PORTION OF INJERA. HIS KINDNESS IS HONEST AND DISINTERESTED, WHICH IS WHY HE IS FRIENDS WITH ALMOST EVERYONE IN MICKEYLELAND. HE BOUGHT HIS STUDIO APARTMENT FOR 20,000 BIRR AND MOVED THERE WITH HIS WIFE AND FOUR CHILDREN. EVERY MORNING HE WAKES UP QUITE EARLY, DROPS OFF HIS KIDS AT SCHOOL WALKING, AND GOES TO WORK AS A TAILOR IN HIS HUT ON THE BACK OF THE CONDO! WHENEVER HE RETURNS HOME, HIS PASSION IS GARDENING, WHILE HIS WIFE CLEANS THE NEIGHBORING APARTMENTS FOR A COUPLE MORE BIRRS A MONTH.





IT WAS A REGULAR SPRING AFTERNOON IN MICKEYLELAND, AND THE COMMUNITY WAS CHEERFULLY CELEBRATING IN THE COMMUNAL HOUSE. WHETHER IT WAS FOR AN ENGAGEMENT, A GRADUATION, OR A RELIGIOUS FESTIVITY, THE NEIGHBORS WERE ALWAYS LOOKING FOR AN EXCUSE TO SPEND SOME TIME TOGETHER. TSEHAI HAD JUST FINISHED ENJOYING A FLAVORED CUP OF COFFEE WITH TENA' ADAM AND WAS READY TO GO BACK TO HIS FAVOURITE HOBBY: A SMALL BOTANICAL GARDEN ON THE BACK OF THE CONDO...

IT WAS A BEAUTIFUL DAY, BUT SINCE EVERYONE WAS BUSY HAVING FUN, MICKELELAND LOOKED LIKE A GHOST TOWN.

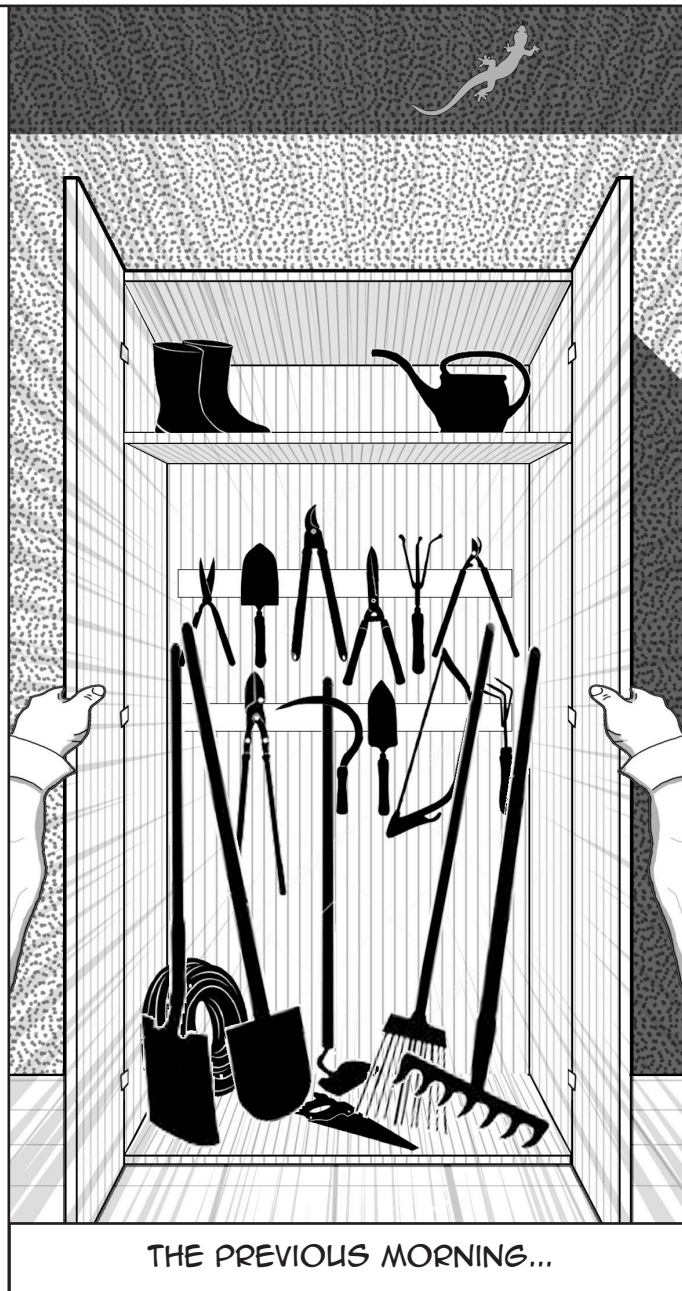
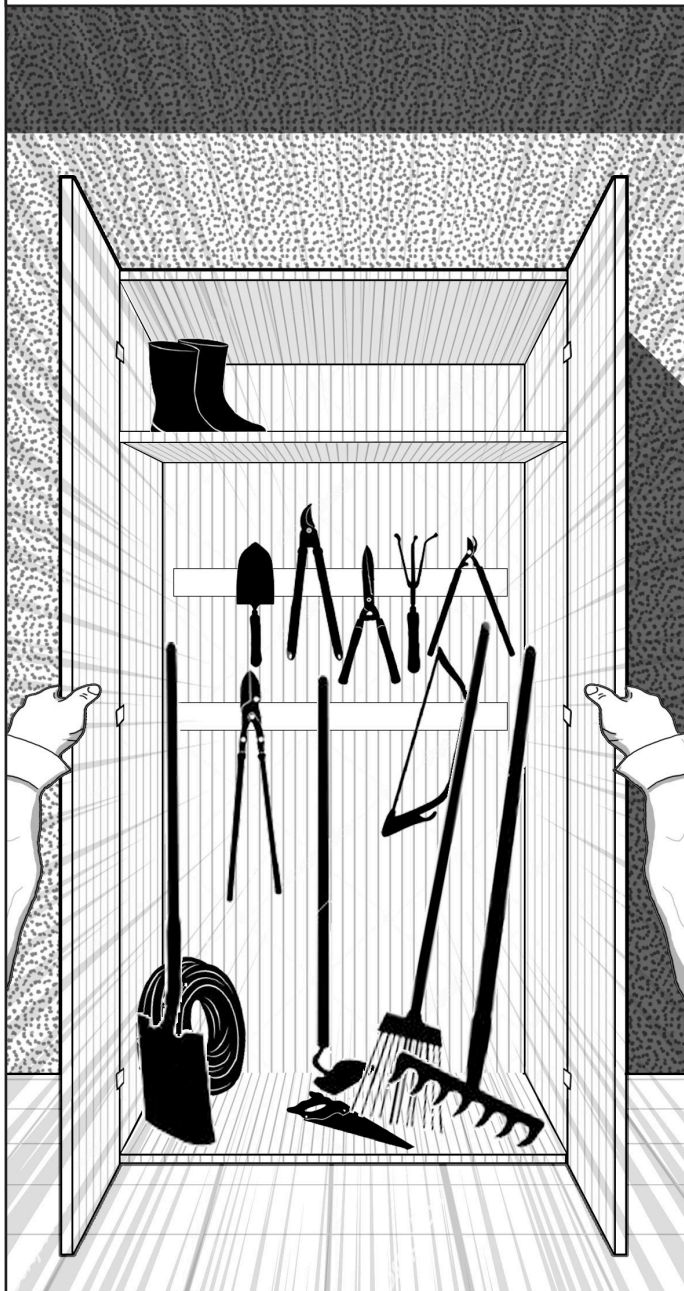


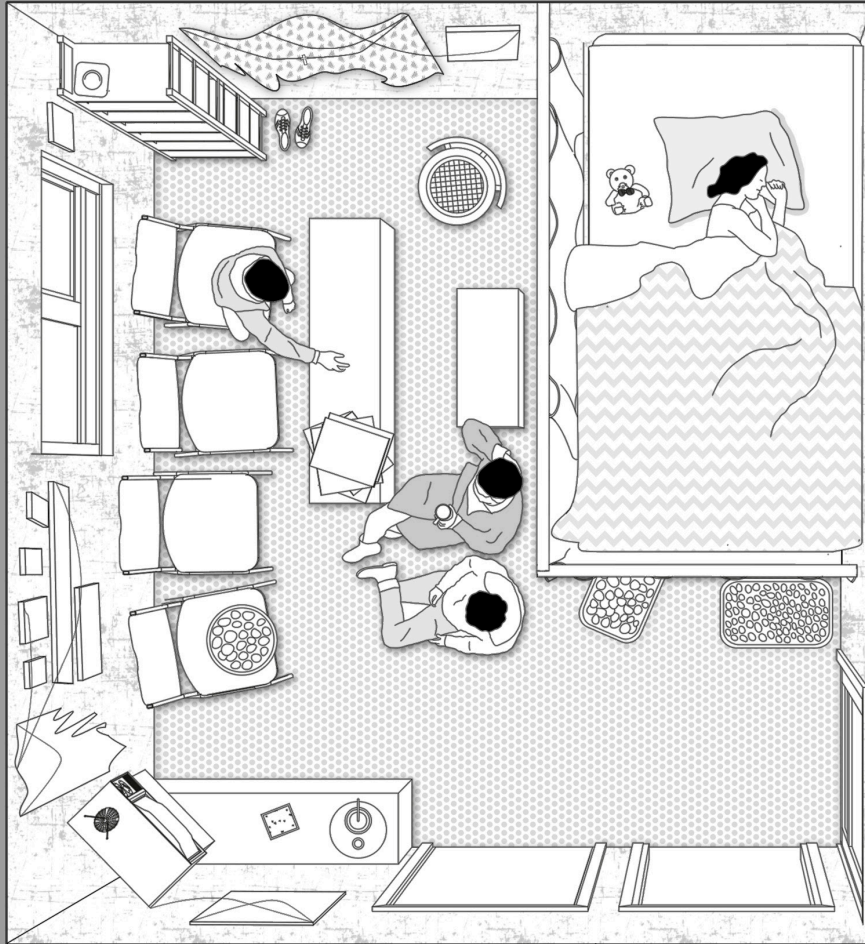
...AS TSEHAI APPROACHED HIS GARDENING TOOLS CABINET ON THE GROUND FLOOR HE NOTICED THAT SOMETHING WAS NOT RIGHT.

WHO'S THERE?

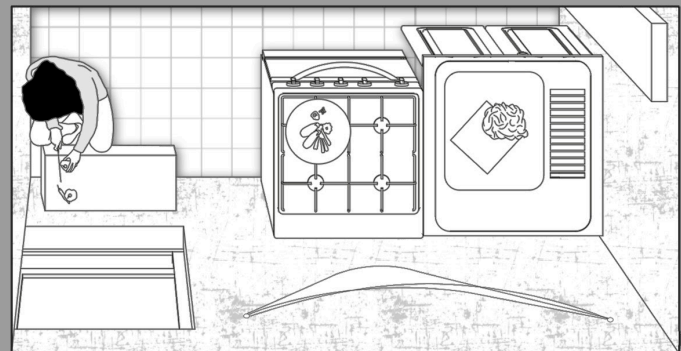
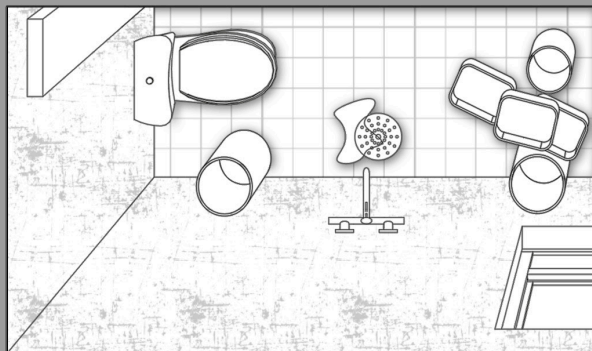
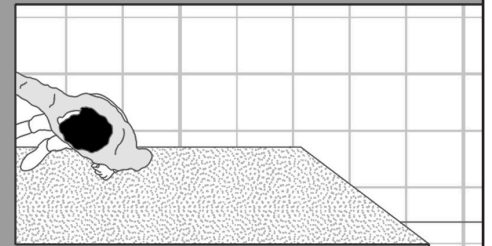


ALTHOUGH HE KNEW EVERYONE IN MICKEYLELAND LIKE THAT BACK OF HIS HANDS, HE WAS NOT ABLE TO RECOGNIZE THE ANONYMOUS PRESENCE, AND AS HE OPENED THE CABINET... SOME TOOLS WERE MISSING...



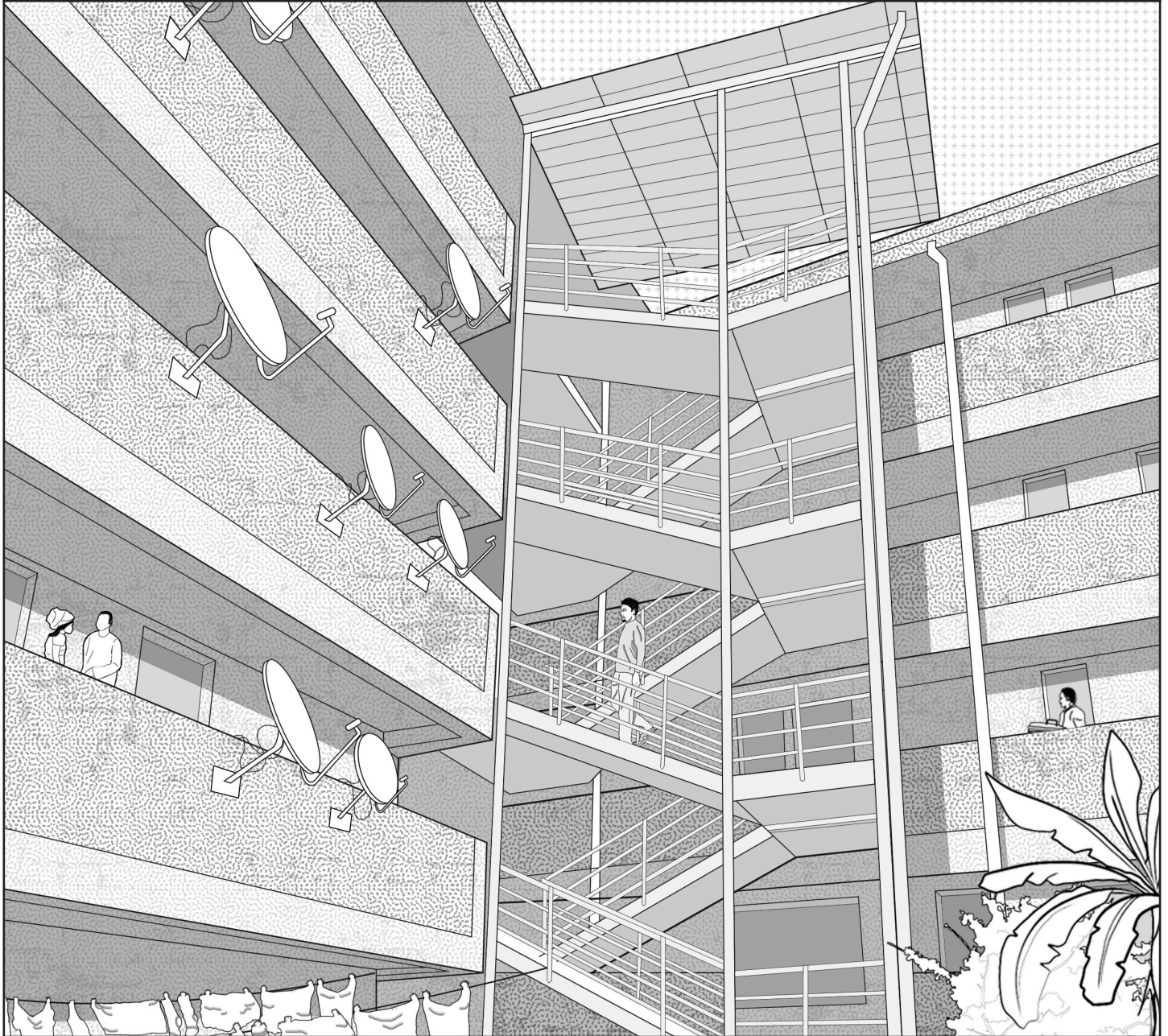


BEFORE BLAMING ONE OF HIS FRIENDS, HOWEVER, OUR PROTAGONIST WENT TO DOUBLE CHECK AT HIS STUDIO APARTMENT. HIS HOUSE WAS ONE OF THE SMALLEST TYPOLOGIES, WITH ONLY ONE ROOM THAT SERVED AS BOTH A LIVING ROOM AND BEDROOM FOR SIX PEOPLE: HIMSELF, HIS WIFE, AND THE KIDS. THE SPACE WAS QUITE TINY AND THE PRIVACY OFTEN LACKING, BUT ONE COULD NEVER BE BORED.

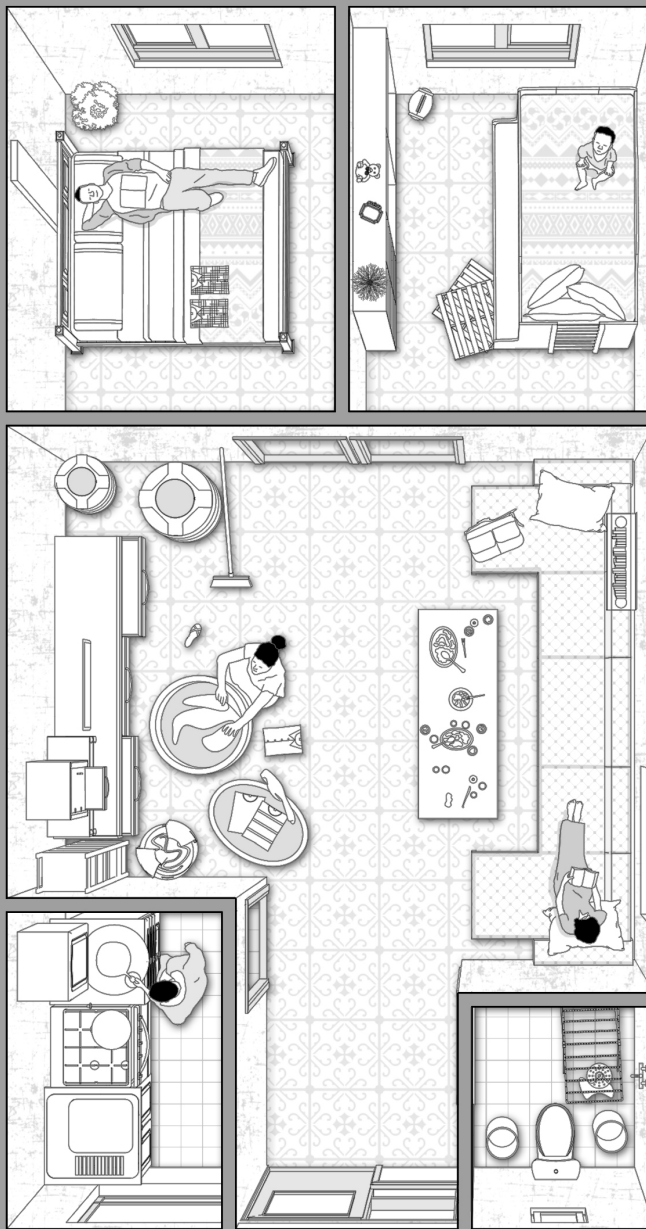





TSEHAI'S WIFE WAS SURE THEY WERE NOT IN THE HOUSE, AS SHE HAD CLEANED ALL OF THE ROOMS IN THE MORNING. HENCE, HE WENT TO KNOCK ON THE DOORS OF THE ONLY FEW NEIGHBORS WHOM HE HAD NOT SEEN AT THE PARTY THAT DAY.



THE FIRST OF THE LIST WAS THE CONDO'S SPOKESPERSON, ASHU. HIS HOUSE WAS ONE OF THE MOST BEAUTIFUL IN MICKEYLELAND, AND HE WAS A VERY WELL-RESPECTED MAN IN THE NEIGHBOR. HOWEVER, FOR ASHU'S WIFE THE APARTMENT WAS STILL TOO SMALL, AND SHE TRANSFORMED THE ACTIVITIES PERFORMED IN THE LIVING ROOM DEPENDING ON THE TIME OF THE DAY. AROUND 4 PM, WHICH IS THE TIME OUR PROTAGONIST WENT TO KNOCK



ON THEIR DOOR, SHE WAS DOING LAUNDRY FOR THE WHOLE FLOOR OF HER BUILDING. ON THE CONTRARY, HER HUSBAND WAS RELAXING ON HIS BED, WHILE THE ELDEST DAUGHTER WAS MAKING INJERA IN THE KITCHEN. IN CASE OF THE MALFUNCTIONING OF SINKS, WHICH IS PRETTY COMMON IN MICKEYLELAND, THE FAMILY HAD BOUGHT SOME BARRELS WHERE THEY STORED WATER IN CASE OF EMERGENCY, AND THEY WERE ALWAYS WILLING TO SHARE IT.



HI ASHU, HAVE YOU NOTICED ANYTHING STRANGE GOING ON LATELY? A COUPLE OF MY GARDENING TOOLS HAVE DISAPPEARED...

WHAT? THAT'S TERRIBLE! LET'S GO OUTSIDE, MAYBE WE'LL NOTICE SOMETHING.





IT COULD BE THAT ONE OF THE
SHOP-OWNERS HAS BORROWED
THEM, YOU SHOULD GO ASK THEM!





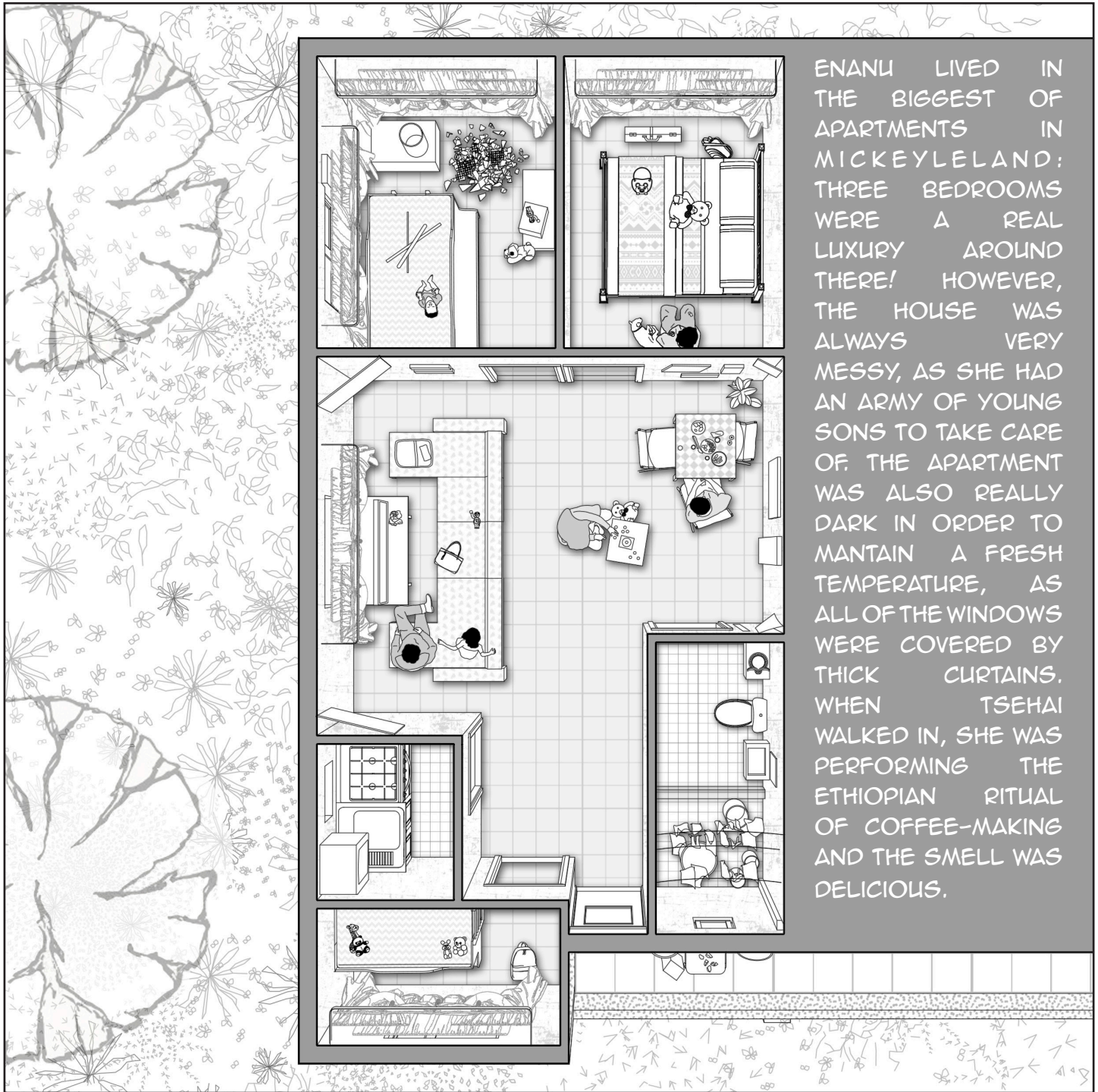
TSEHAI WENT IN ALL OF THE GROUND FLOOR SHOPS: THE CAFETERIA, THE MINIMARKET, AND THE PHARMACY, HOPING TO FIND SOME CLUES OF WHAT WAS GOING ON. UNFORTUNATELY, NO ONE HAD ANY IDEA WHO MIGHT HAVE TAKEN WHAT HE WAS LOOKING FOR...



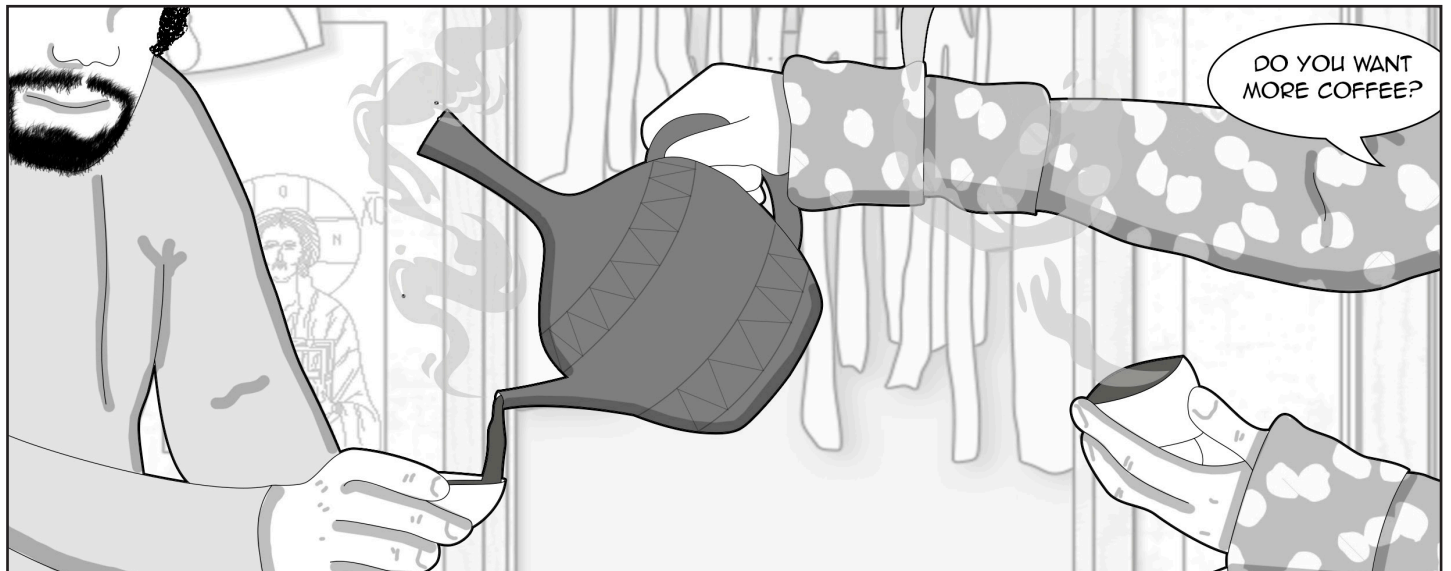
THEREFORE, HE WENT BACK TO THE HEART OF THE CONDOMINIUM BLOCKS: THE COURTYARD, SO VAST THAT NO DWELLER EVER FELT LIKE THEY COULD OCCUPY IT. IT WAS ONLY USED IN THE RARE OCCASIONS OF A BREEZY SUNNY DAY IN WHICH THE COMMUNITY WAS REUNITED



OUTDOORS. TSEHAI SAW TWO OF HIS NEIGHBORS DOING SOME CONSTRUCTION WORK, BUT THEY DID NOT HAVE ANY OF HIS TOOLS. GAZING TOWARDS THE SKY DISHEARTENED, HE SAW A LIGHT COMING FROM ENANLI'S UNIT, AND DECIDED TO GO KNOCK.



ENANLI LIVED IN THE BIGGEST OF APARTMENTS IN MICKEYLELAND: THREE BEDROOMS WERE A REAL LUXURY AROUND THERE! HOWEVER, THE HOUSE WAS ALWAYS VERY MESSY, AS SHE HAD AN ARMY OF YOUNG SONS TO TAKE CARE OF. THE APARTMENT WAS ALSO REALLY DARK IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN A FRESH TEMPERATURE, AS ALL OF THE WINDOWS WERE COVERED BY THICK CURTAINS. WHEN TSEHAI WALKED IN, SHE WAS PERFORMING THE ETHIOPIAN RITUAL OF COFFEE-MAKING AND THE SMELL WAS DELICIOUS.



OUR PROTAGONIST IS REALLY TIRED AND DISAPPOINTED AT THIS POINT, AND HE DECIDED TO WALK THROUGHOUT THE EMPTY PARKING LOTS, AS NOT MANY PEOPLE CAN REALLY AFFORD A CAR AROUND MICKEYLELAND, IN ORDER TO ARRIVE TO HIS BELOVED SEWING HUT ON THE BACK OF THE FURTHEST BUILDING. THERE, HE SPENT HOURS MAKING CLOTHES FOR HIS LOVED ONES. MOREOVER, THE HUT WAS LOCATED IN THE MIDDLE OF THE GARDEN TSEHAI WAS TAKING CARE OF WITH LOTS OF DEVOTION.

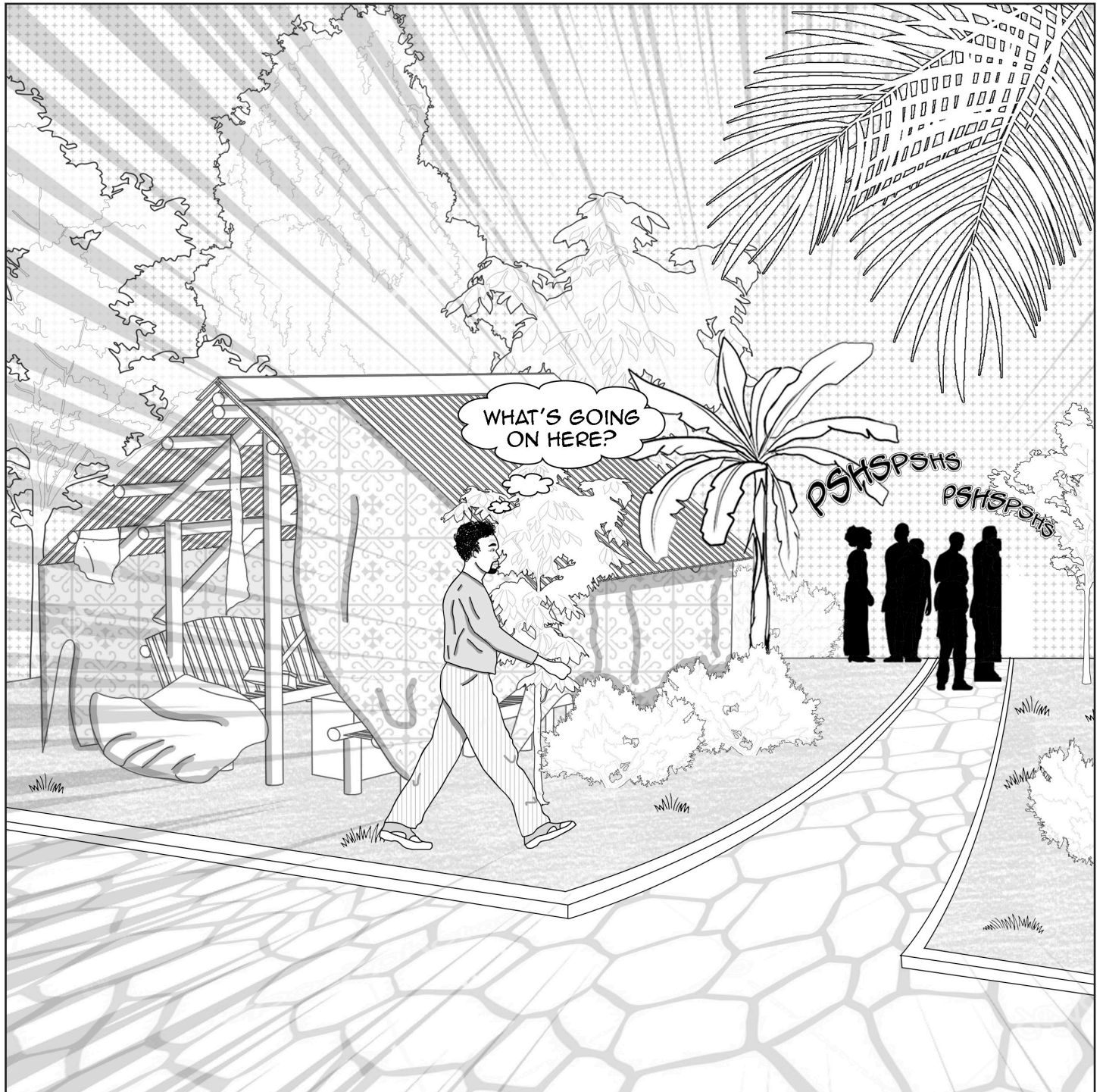


HE COULD NOT BELIEVE HIS EYES! THE TOOLS WERE RIGHT THERE, BUT HE WAS SURE HE HAD NOT BROUGHT THEM...



IN THAT PRECISE MOMENT, TSEHAI STARTED
HEARING NOISES FROM THE GARDEN...





WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?

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THE MICKEYLELAND COMMUNITY WAS SO GRATEFUL FOR TSEHAI'S KINDNESS THROUGHOUT THE YEARS, THAT IT DECIDED TO PLANT NEW TREES AND FLOWERS IN HIS GARDEN, WITH THE DESIRE TO CREATE A NEW BEAUTIFUL COMMUNAL SPACE IN NATURE. TSEHAI COULD NOT BE HAPPIER!



THE PARTY STARTED WITH LOADS OF
TEJ-WINE AND HAND-MADE INJERA

THANK YOU GUYS!
I'M REALLY TOUCHED...

YOU DESERVED IT
TSEHAI! LET'S GO
TO EAT SOMETHING ALL
TOGETHER!



ALL'S WELL THAT ENDS WELL!



