

The Cat's Journey



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Hi, my name is Scratch.



I want to tell you about an amazing journey I made.



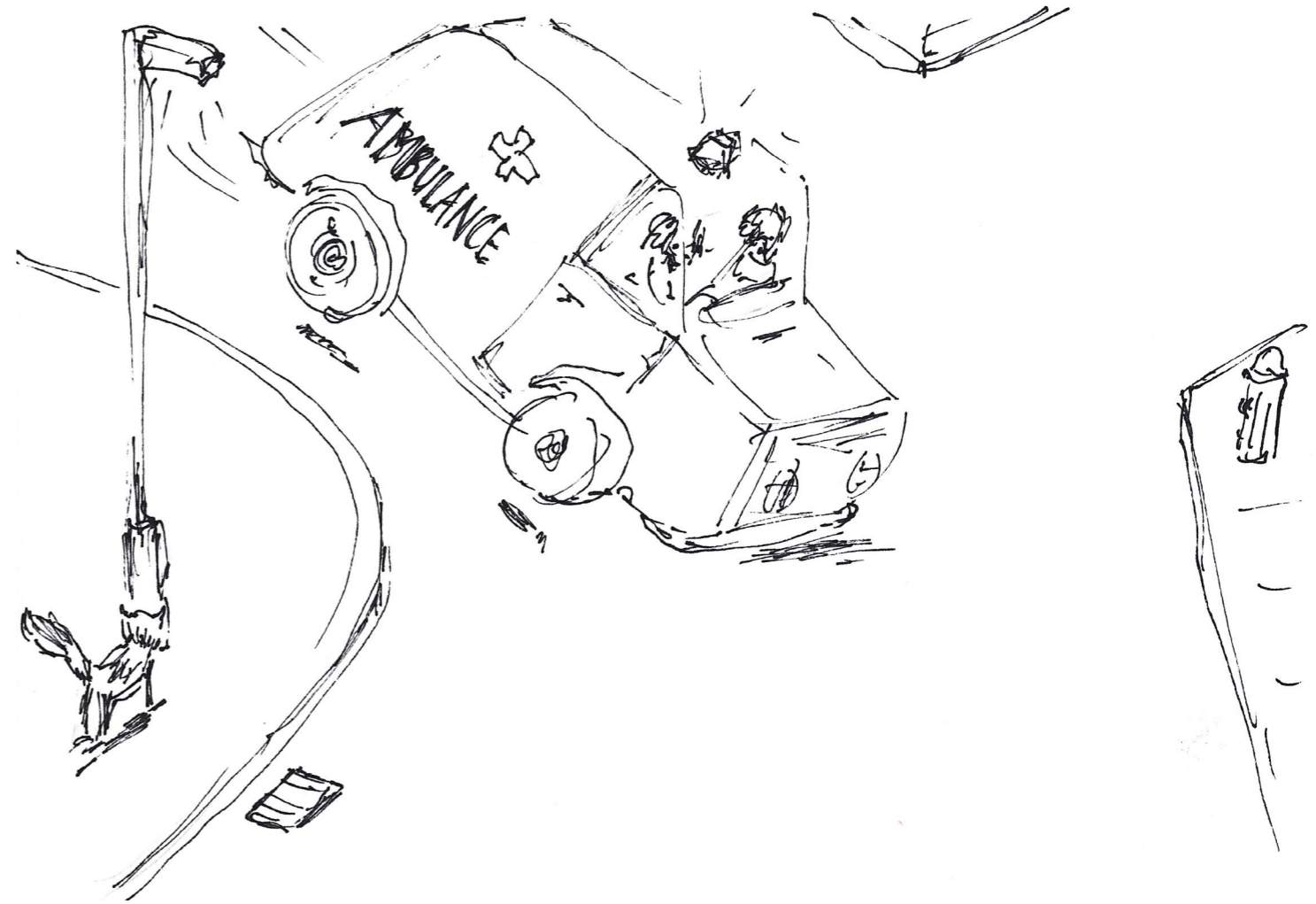
You see, I lived with an old lady called Annie. She really loved me and we were very happy.



But one day, she fell over.



They took her off to hospital.



After a time, they took her from the hospital to live in a place to be looked after.



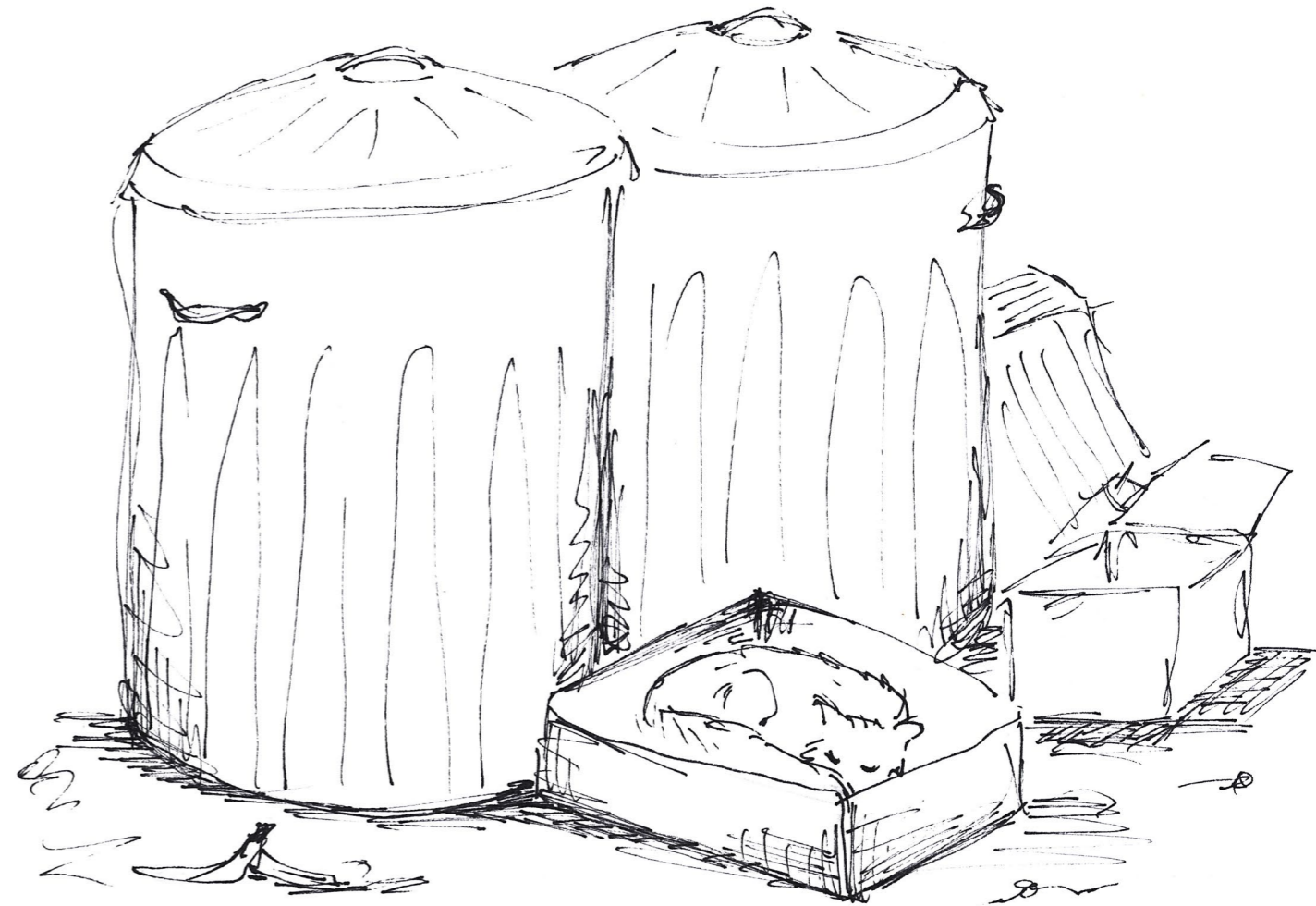
To start with, I was fed by the man who lived next door.



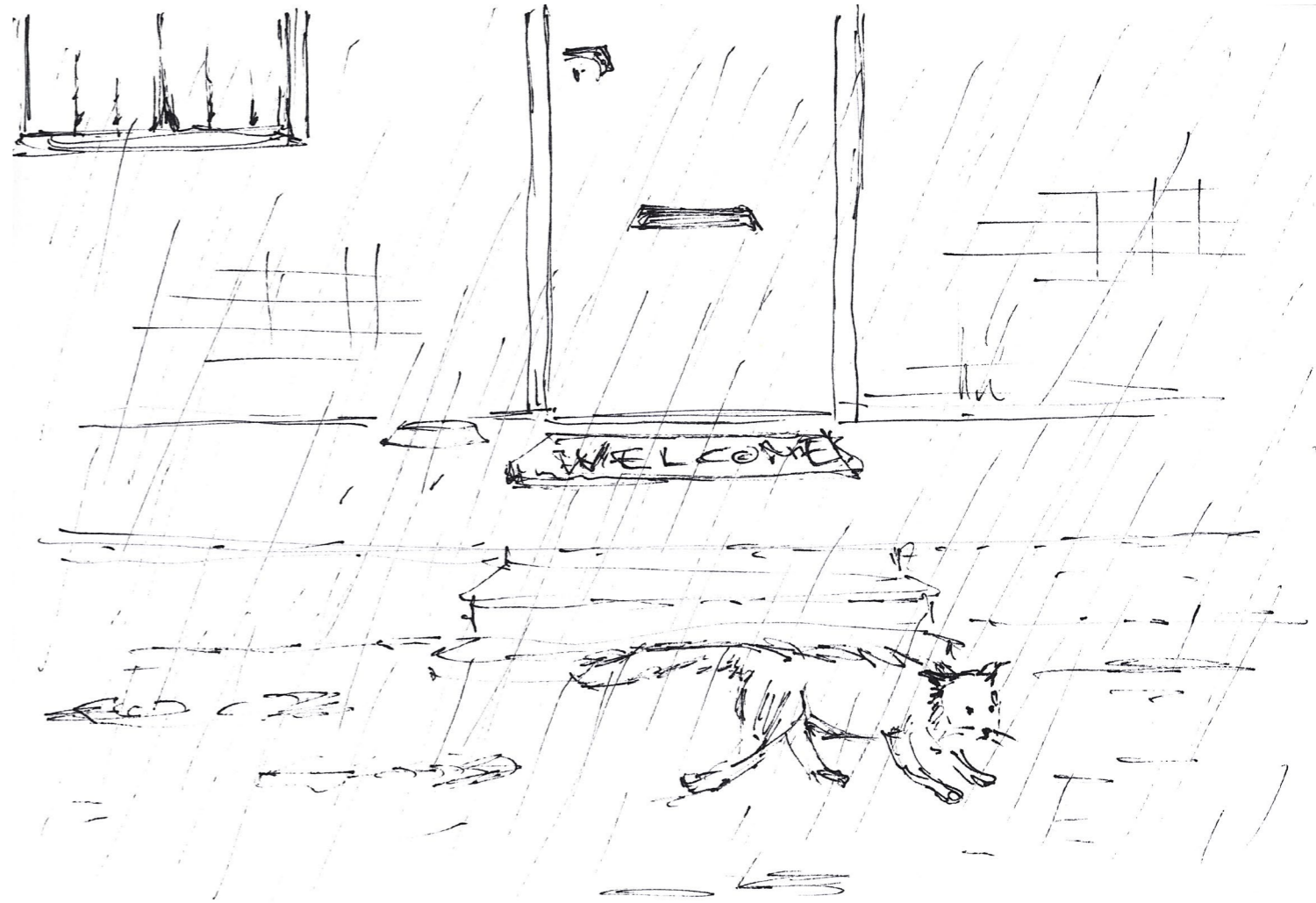
But I was lonely. I missed Annie.
And the man often forgot to feed me.



It was cold living outside.
I dreamed of finding Annie and
living with her again.



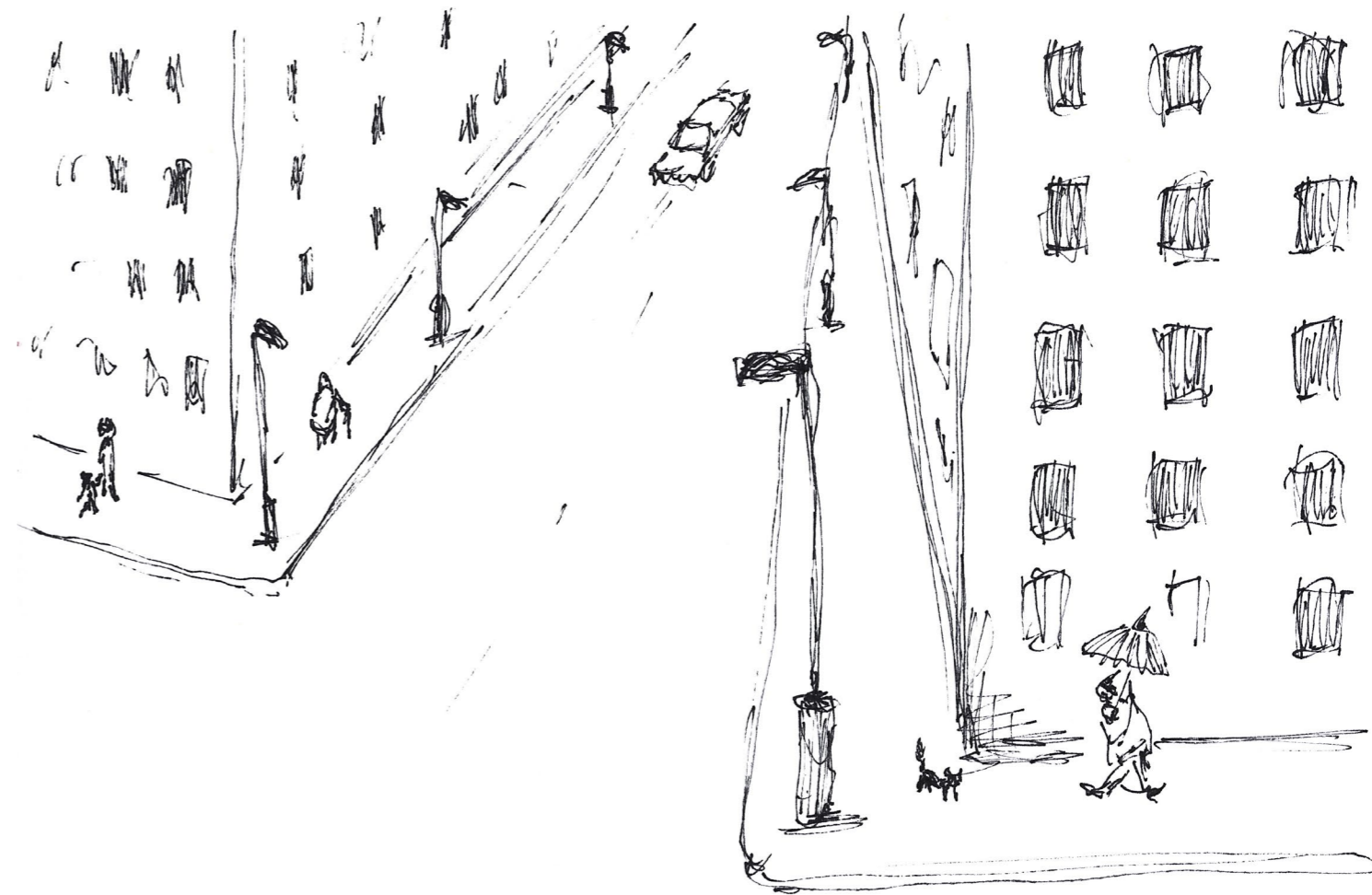
I set out that night.
It was raining when I left.



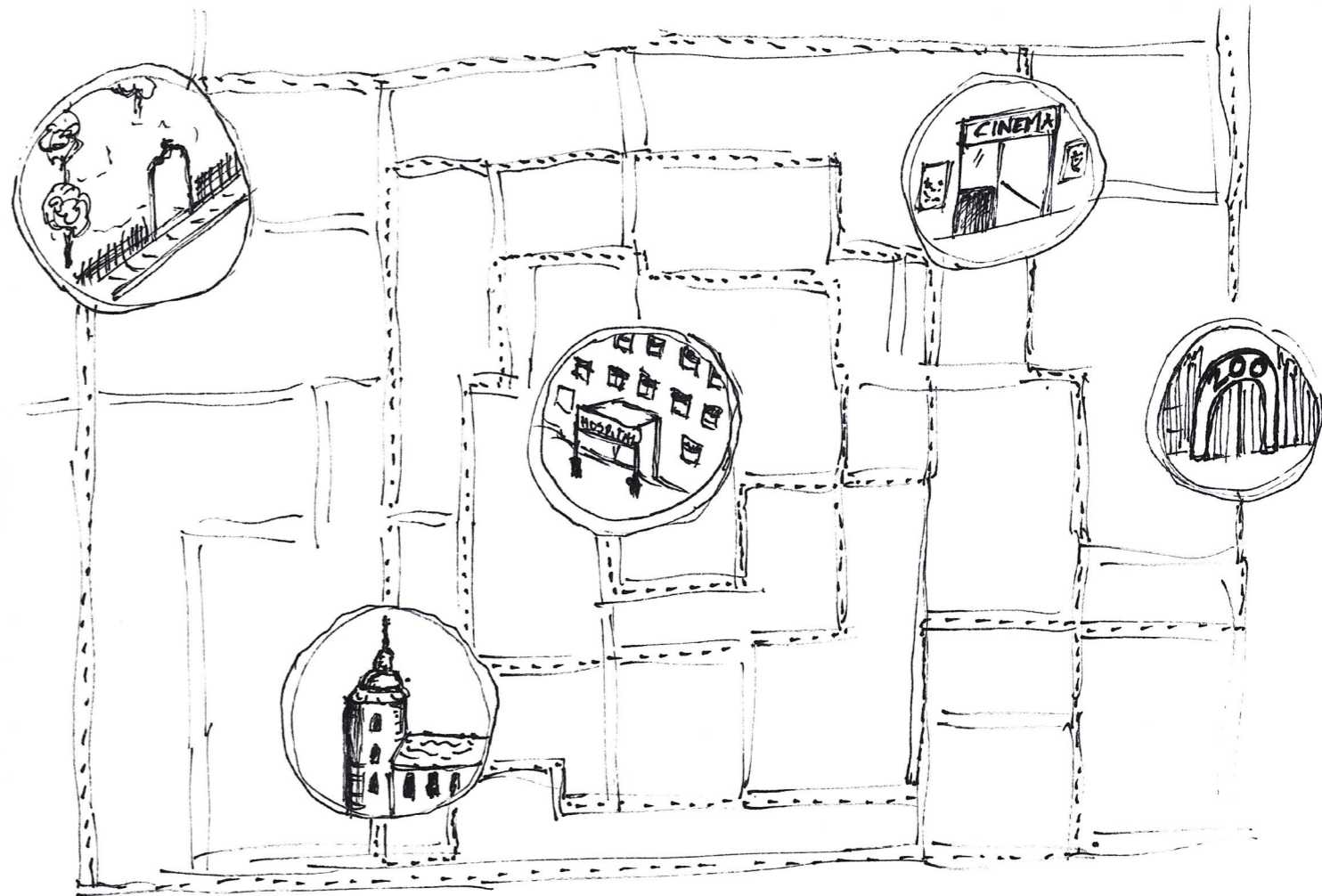
I knew Annie had been in the hospital.
So I started from there.



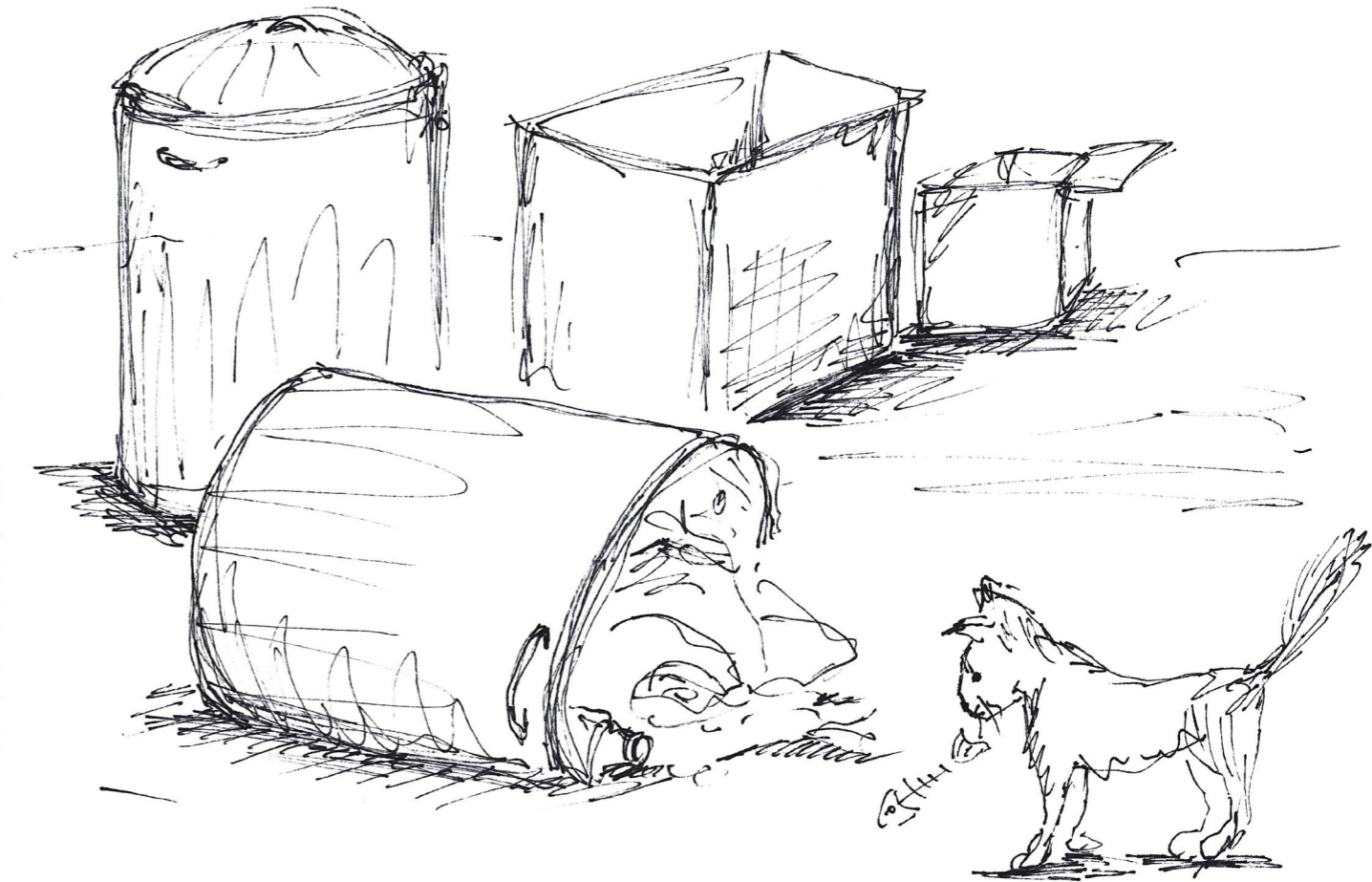
I did not know which way Annie had gone so I set off in a circle round the hospital. I looked in all the streets as I went.



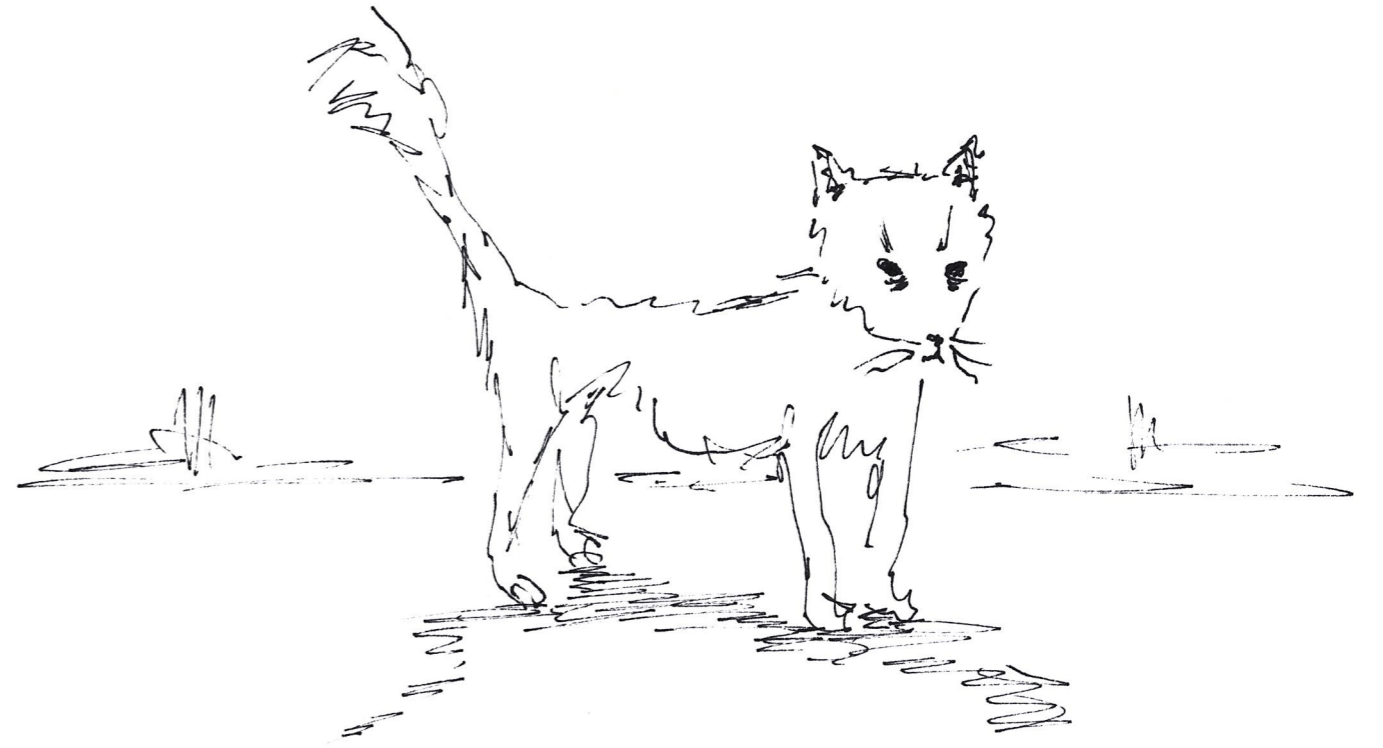
Then I found myself back at the start
so I searched in a wider circle.
In this way, I looked in all the streets,
going in bigger circles each time.



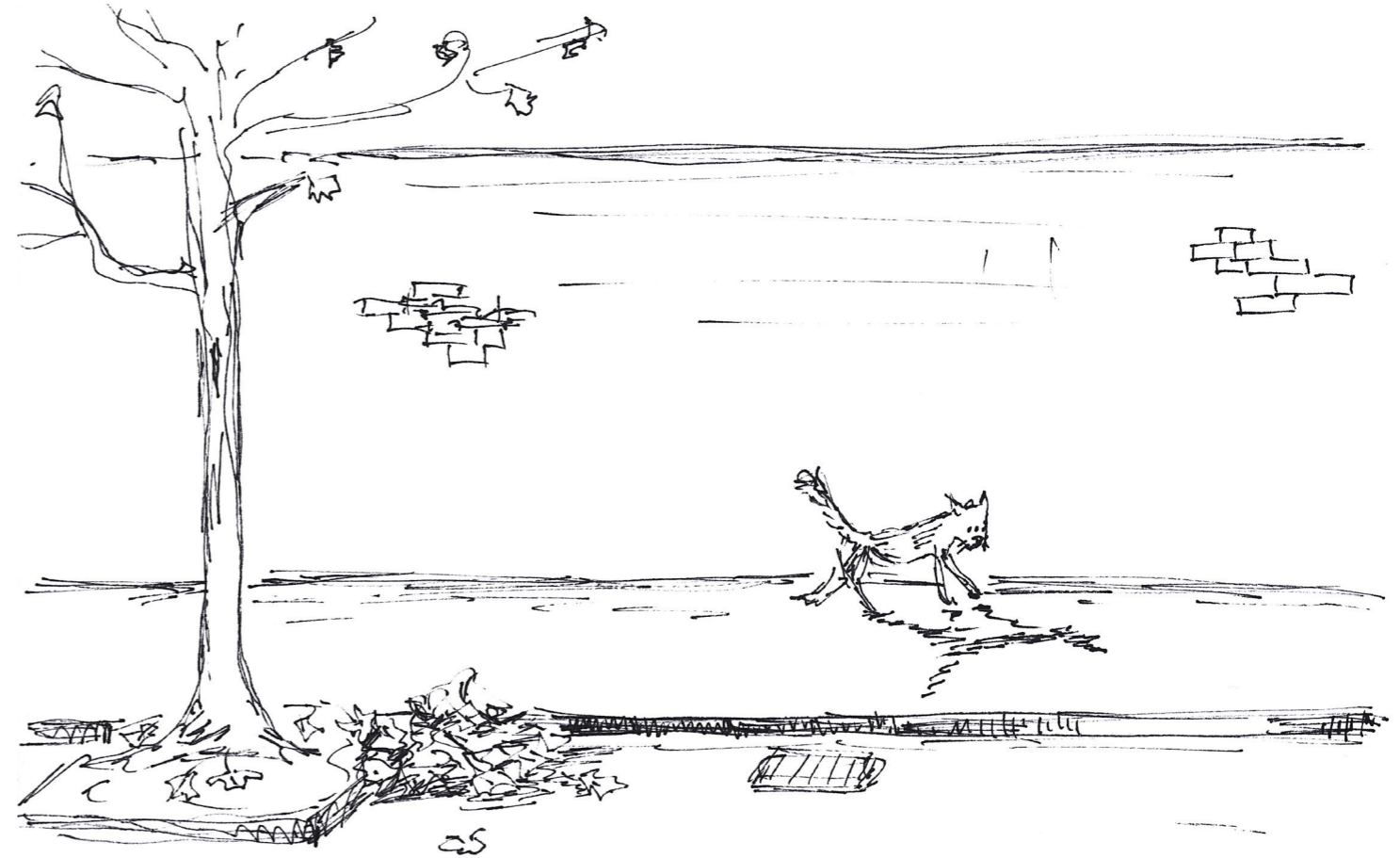
Each day, I had to hunt for some food.
I ate mice and small rats.
Often I took stuff from dustbins.



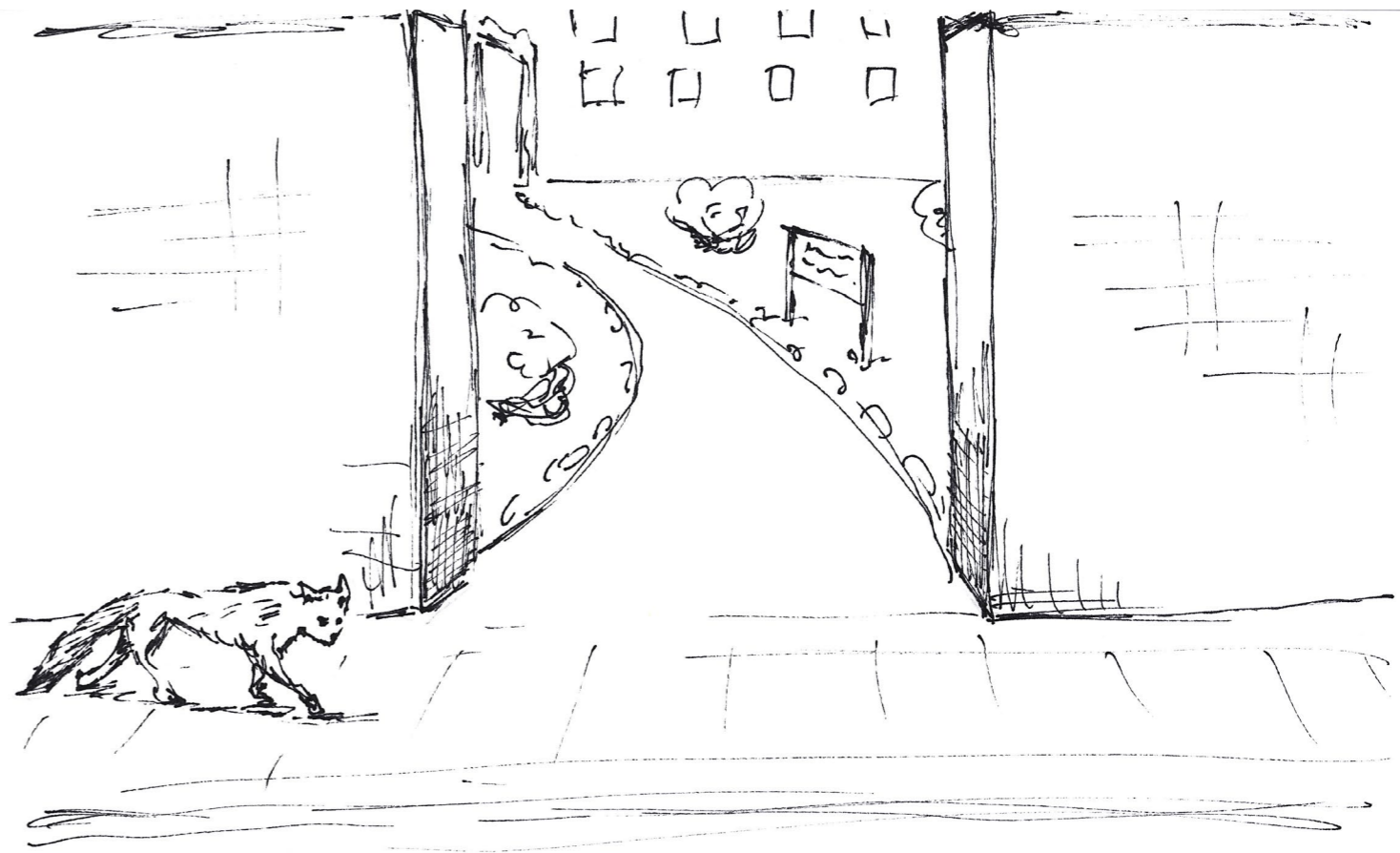
But most of the time I was very hungry. I got thinner and thinner.



Summer passed. Then it was autumn.
Now, I was very thin and very tired.
But I was going to find Annie!

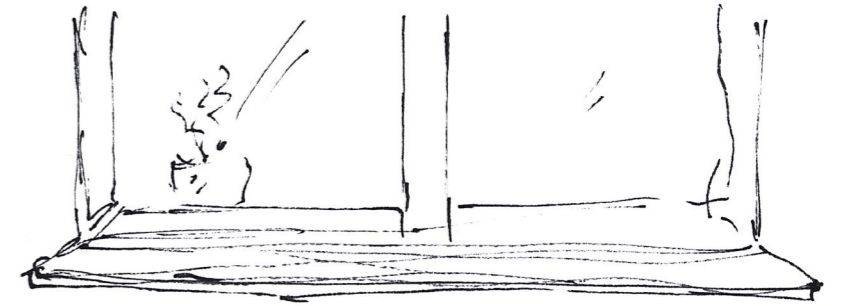


One day, I was slinking along next to a wall, when I heard something.

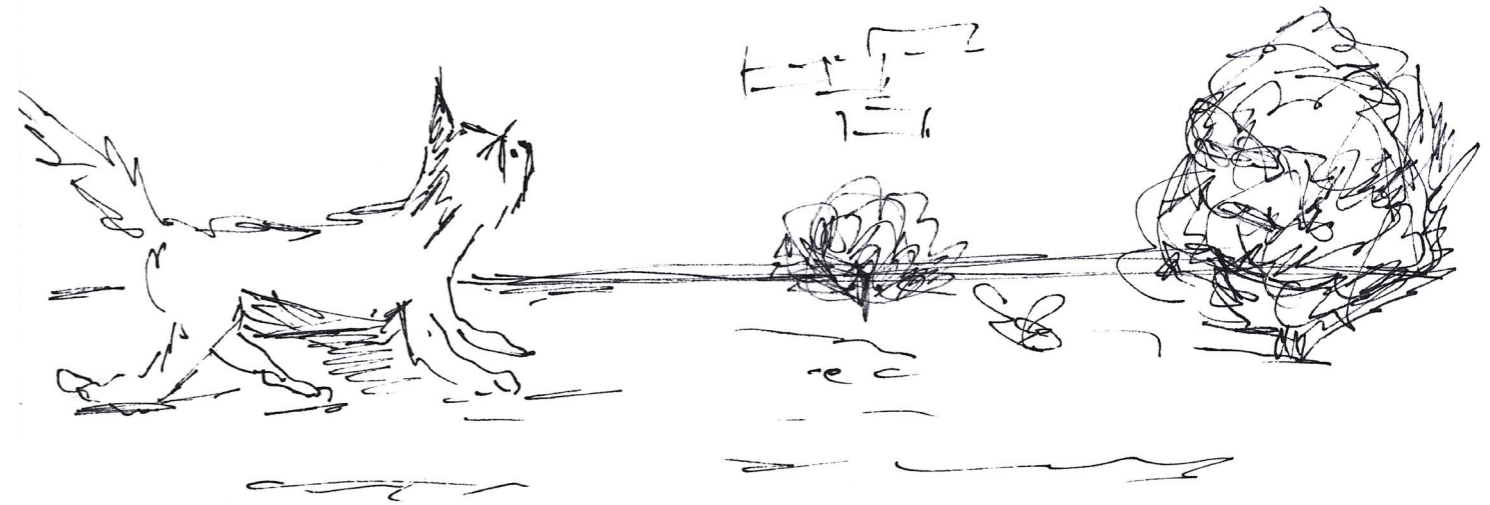


It was someone talking. I listened.
It was hard to hear...





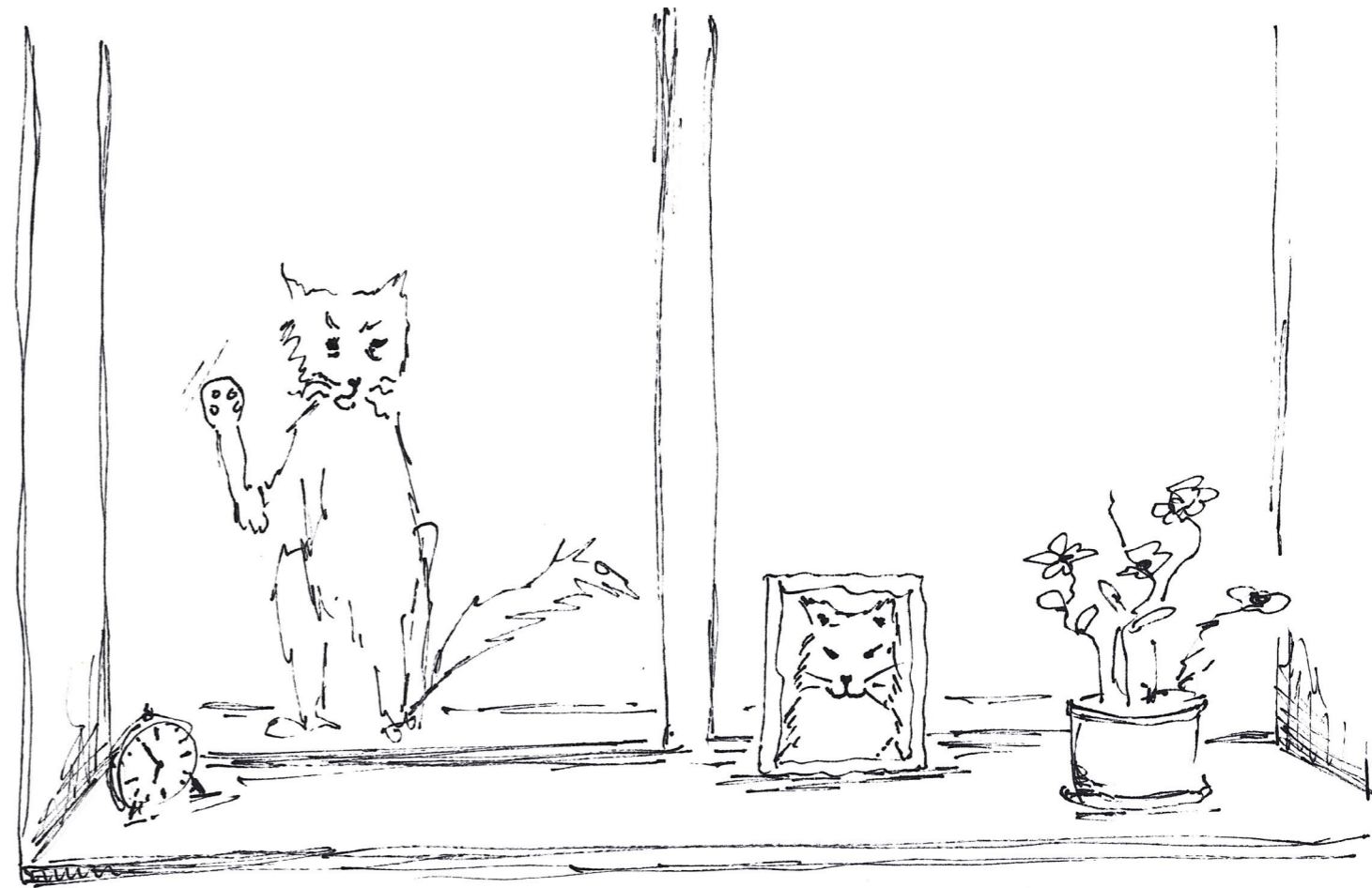
I ran along the wall into the garden.
I crept close to the window.



I jumped onto the sill.
Inside the room was Annie!



I miaowed very loudly!



Annie was SO happy to see me.



Now I live with Annie
and all her friends.



I get very well fed so I
am not thin any more!



PGCs	PGCs
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/h/ as <u>h</u> , /l/ as <u>l</u> and <u>ll</u>	/s/ as <u>c</u> , <u>se</u> and <u>ce</u>
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/ee/ as <u>ee</u> , <u>ea</u> , <u>e</u>	/ooh/ as <u>ue</u> , <u>u-e</u> , <u>ui</u> /c/ as <u>ch</u> , (/ooh/ as <u>ou</u>)
/w/ as <u>w</u> and <u>wh</u> *, /ch/ as <u>ch</u>	/air/ as <u>ear</u> , <u>air</u> , <u>are</u> , (<u>ere</u> , <u>eir</u>)
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