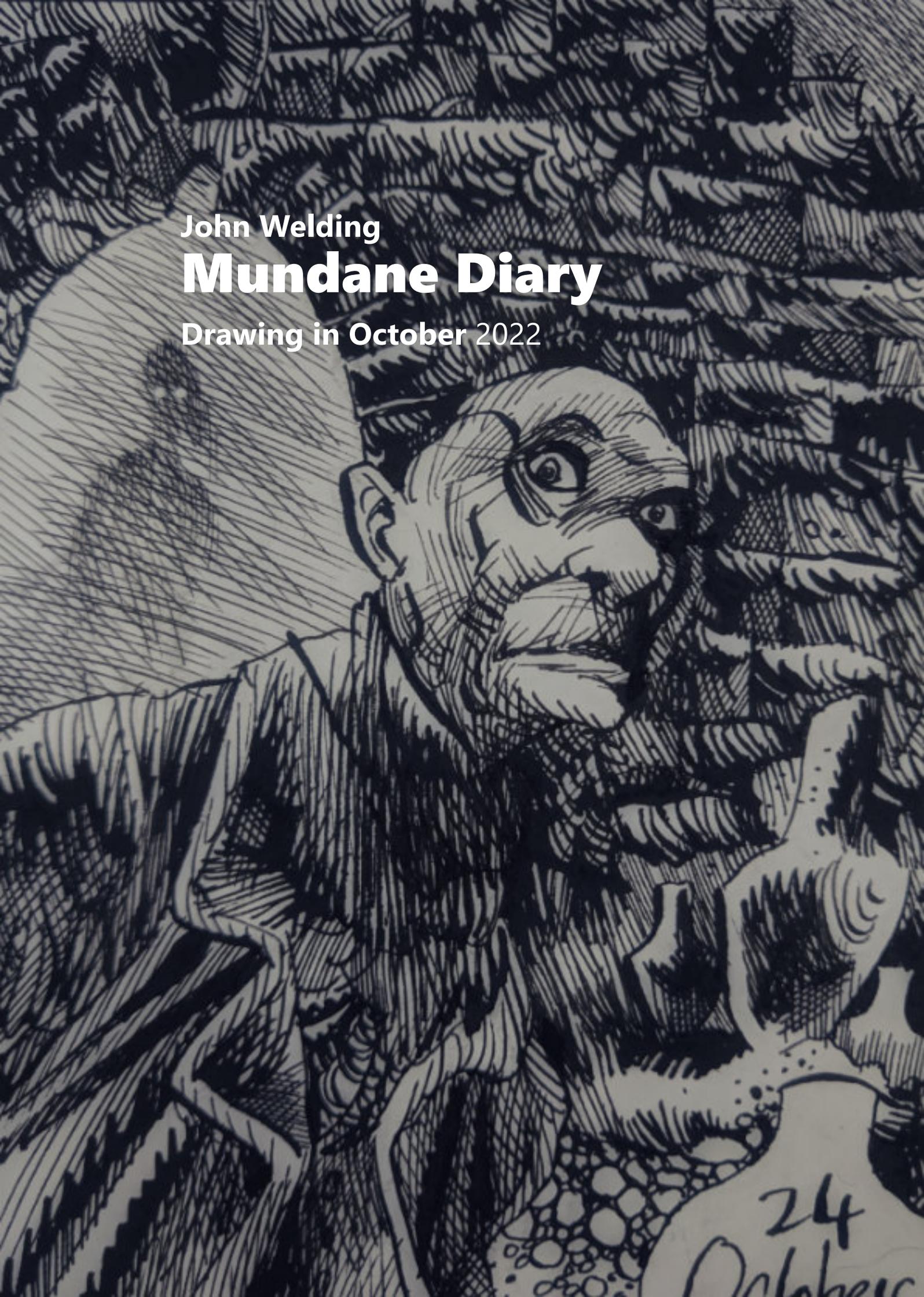


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Mundane Diary

Drawing in October 2022



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October has come around again so it's time to draw something every day - until it's time to not draw something everyday again. This year I am using my daily diary as the idea generator.

Creating a page can take anything from two to eight hours or more and the process goes something like this...

Thumbnails

Quick pencil doodles on cheap paper, working from my handwritten diary dictates what is going to go into the panel.

Pencil Drawing

Getting the proportions, composition and details down in the sketchbook more accurately so there is less chance of making a mistake when the inking starts.

Inking

Using a dip pen and ink to create the line work, crosshatching and mark making. The witty title comes last, riffing on the drawing and the diary entry. Mistakes do happen and that's where the 'white out' comes in. Although that creates a problem with applying watercolour over the top. That's where Photoshop comes in.

Colouring

Erase the pencil then apply watercolour to areas of the ink drawing that I think are important. I knew I would be scanning the sketchbook pages and didn't aim to colour in everything, just the focal points. Used Photoshop to tweak some of the colours and to drop in a colour overlay here and there.

It's all very mundane.

REPETITION IS WHAT MAKES IT FUNNY.



ASH got caught out in the RAIN and SANG me a SONG about WET FUR and DAMP PAWS. I let HIM in and TEN MINUTES later he's asking to be LET OUTSIDE again.



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The ADVENTURE



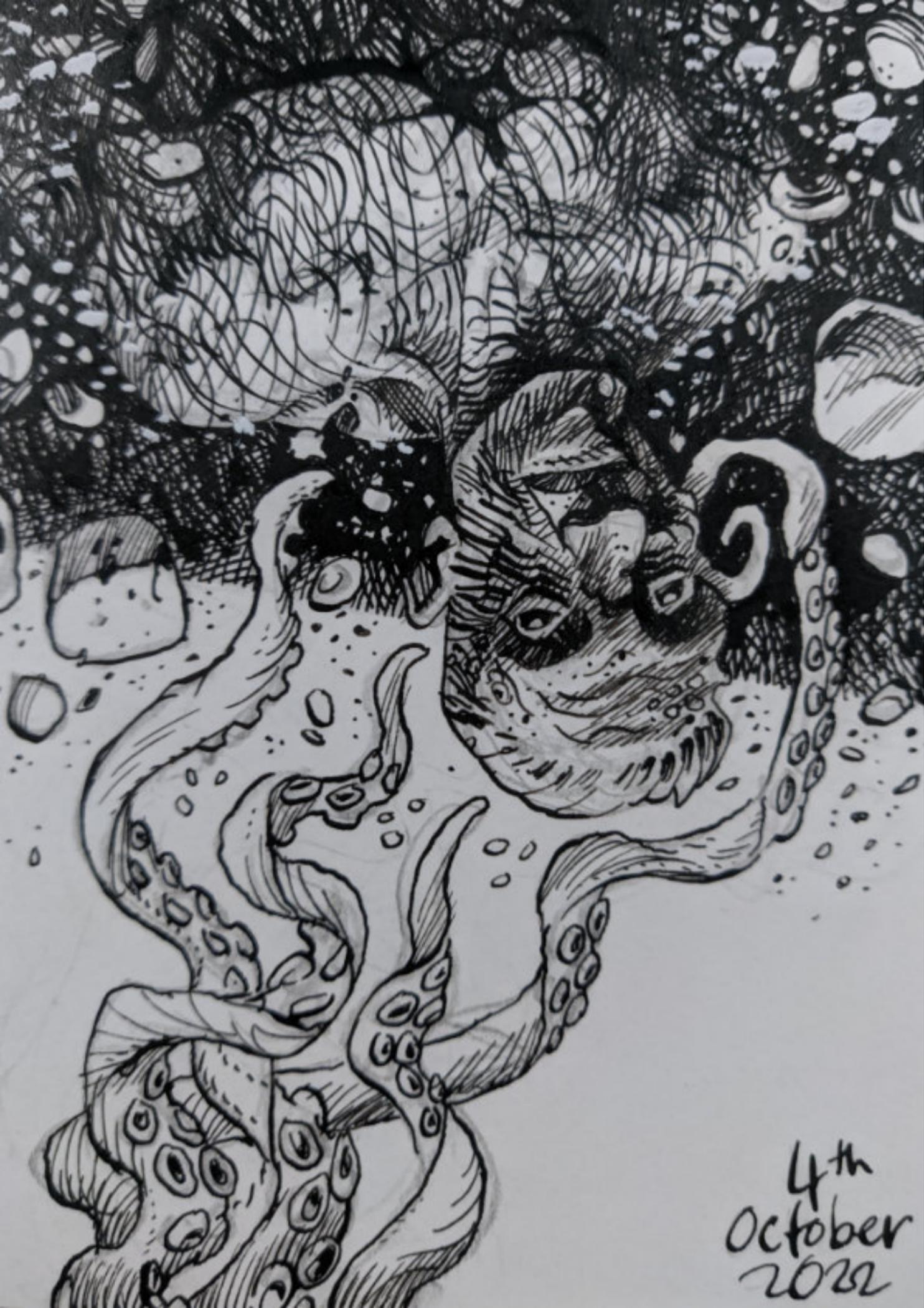
To the SUPERMARKET the HARD WAY. Town was very busy for a SUNDAY so got what I needed and headed HOME. No CHEAP bread today.



EVERYDAY **RITUALS**★



A BORING day interrupted by EXERCISE and SWEEPING UP autumnal leaves, so many leaves. It felt productive.



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ENCASED IN THE EARTH



To get to SLEEP I dream of being CRUSHED by ROCKS. Constrained and UNABLE to MOVE in the DARKNESS. In reality the ROCKS are a DUVET, two PILLOWS and a CAT.



LOST IN SPACE[★]



Sadness at HEARING that KIM GUNG GI had died at 47 yrs old from a HEART ATTACK. "A Light that BURNS twice as BRIGHT burns for HALF as long, and you KIM GUNG GI burned so very BRIGHT."



MY HUMAN **MASK** SLIPS



While unlocking my bike I found myself talking to a total STRANGER about how GREAT bicycles are and went on a RANT about HOW MUCH I HATE CARS. My new friend cycles off.



WHAT'S YOUR PLEASURE?



The ENTIRE day was spent preparing to WATCH the NEW HELLRAISER MOVIE in the evening. It did not disappoint!



LUNCH WITH A FRIEND



CAT fight in the garden caused a bit of a COMMO-TION. I chased off the trouble maker and talked ASH back down to his normal size.



WHAT **FRESH** SHELL IS THIS?



Sweeping up leaves that the WIND insists on bringing down I find a brightly coloured snail SWIRL. I think the occupant is LONG gone.



WEREWOLF

BY
9:30
PM



The last few nights have been CRAZY bright with the MOON-LIGHT. Ideal for CREATURES of the NIGHT on the HUNT for herbal remedies.



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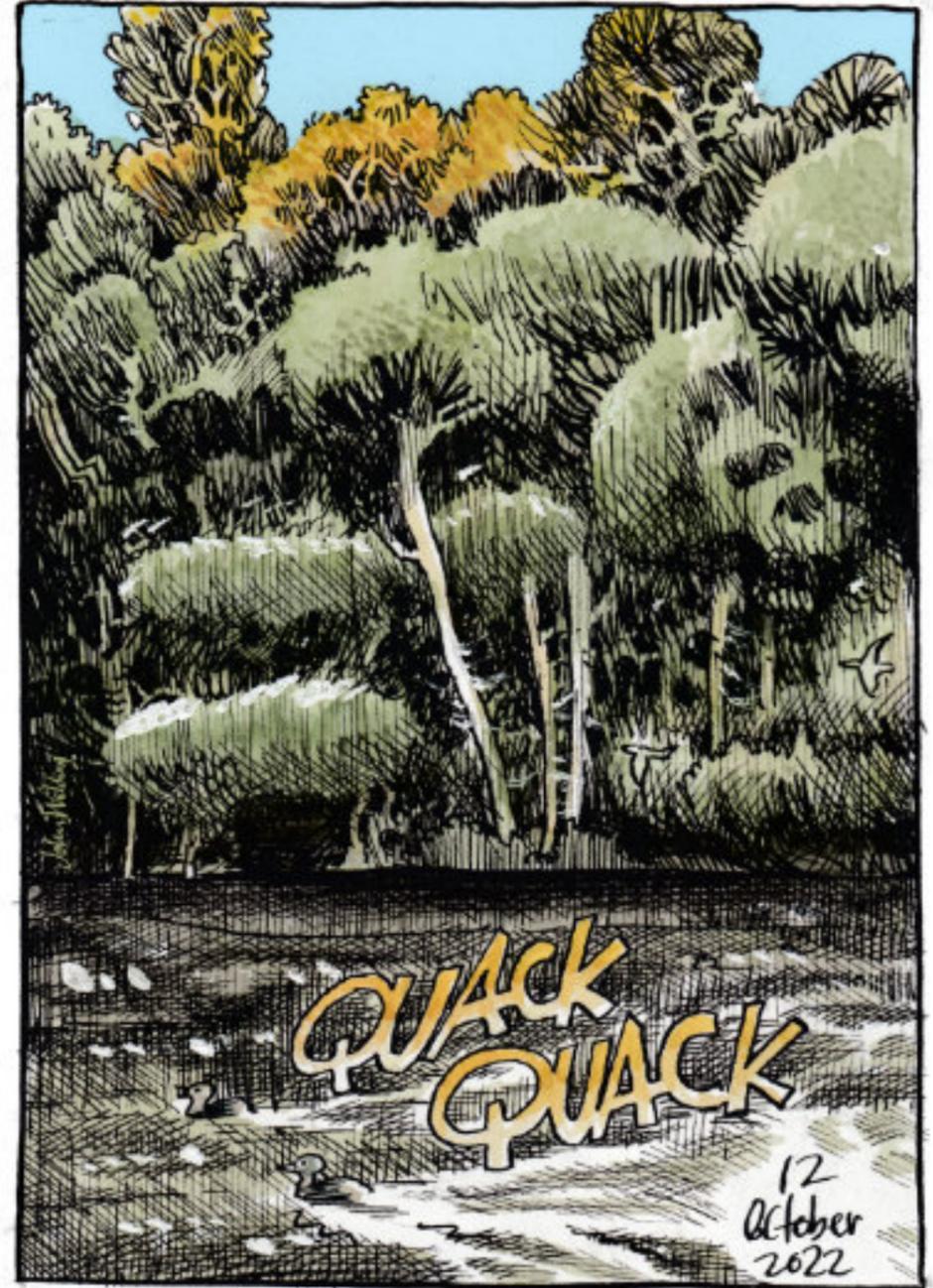
SECRET WORLD



The thing about drawing outside
in the UNDERGROWTH is people are
OBLIVIOUS to my PRESENCE.
Do I cough politely?



OVERHEARD



Spent a FEW minutes sat on a bench at NEWMILLERDAM, listening to the wildlife COMPLAIN about the PRIME MINISTER, HOUSE PRICES and the COST of LIVING CRISIS!



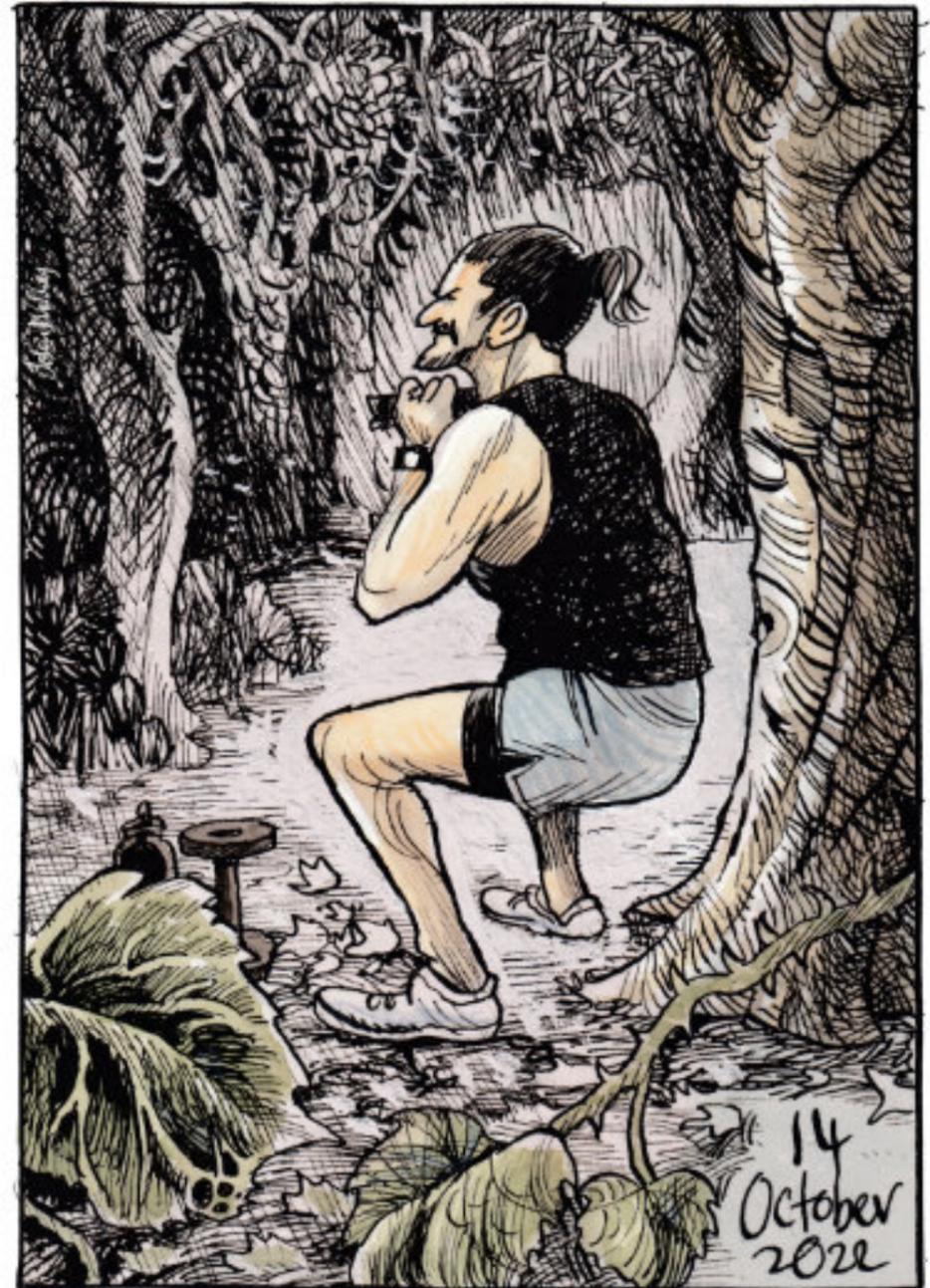
Nature MARKS



Ancient trees with names and symbols CARVED into the BARK. I squint and blame the GREY SQUIRRELS scampering around - they are the BAD boys of the WOODLANDS.



MAJESTIC BEAST



Walking around the PARK looking for an interesting SPOT, stumbled across a FREE-RANGE Joe Wicks doing GOBLET SQUATS. I silently retrace my steps and leave.



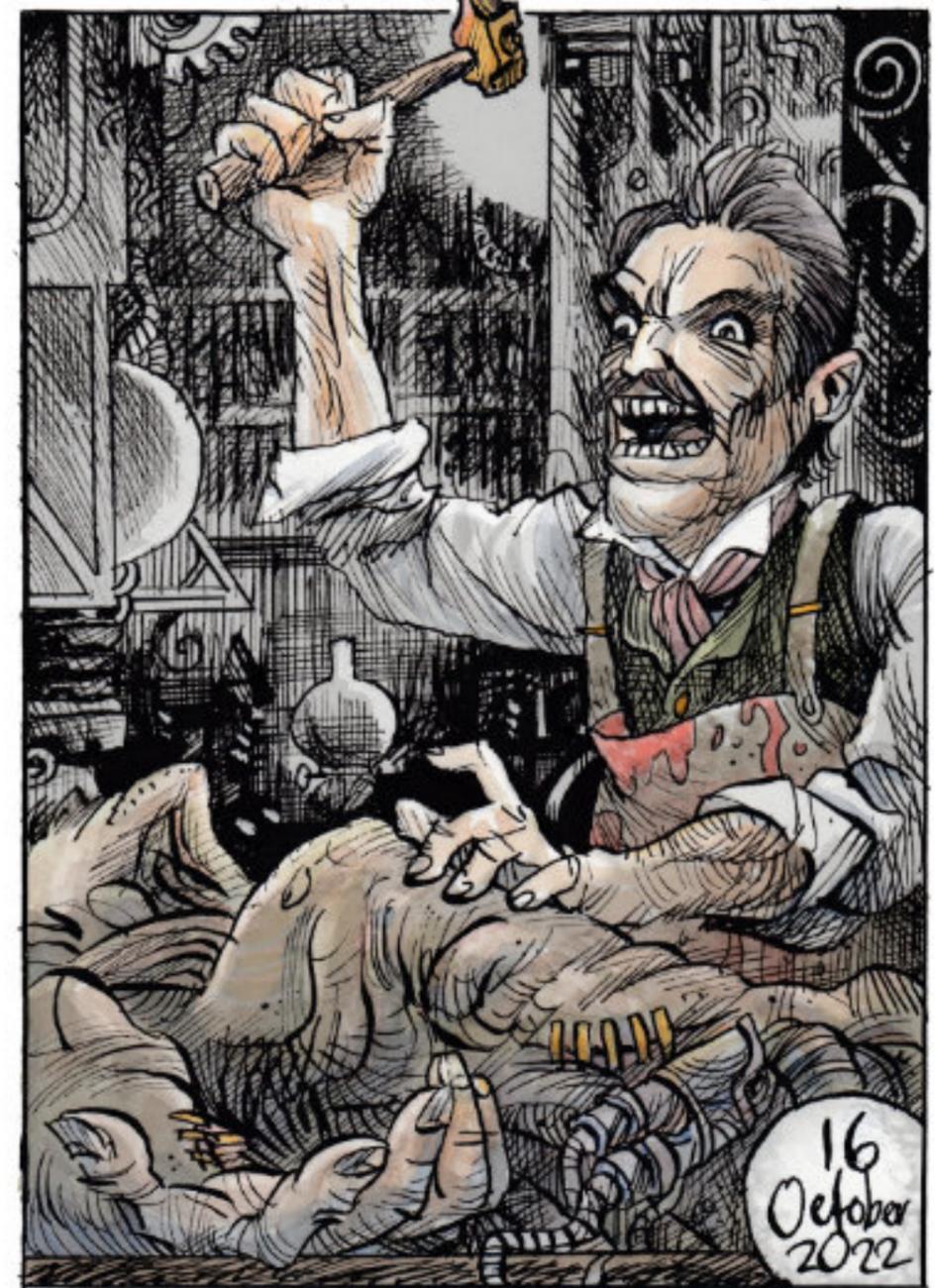
BRAINS IN VASES



First time mingling with OTHERS in a CINEMA for a LONG time. The film was about perceived REALITY and I wouldn't recommend it. It's DARK outside and feels LATER than it is.



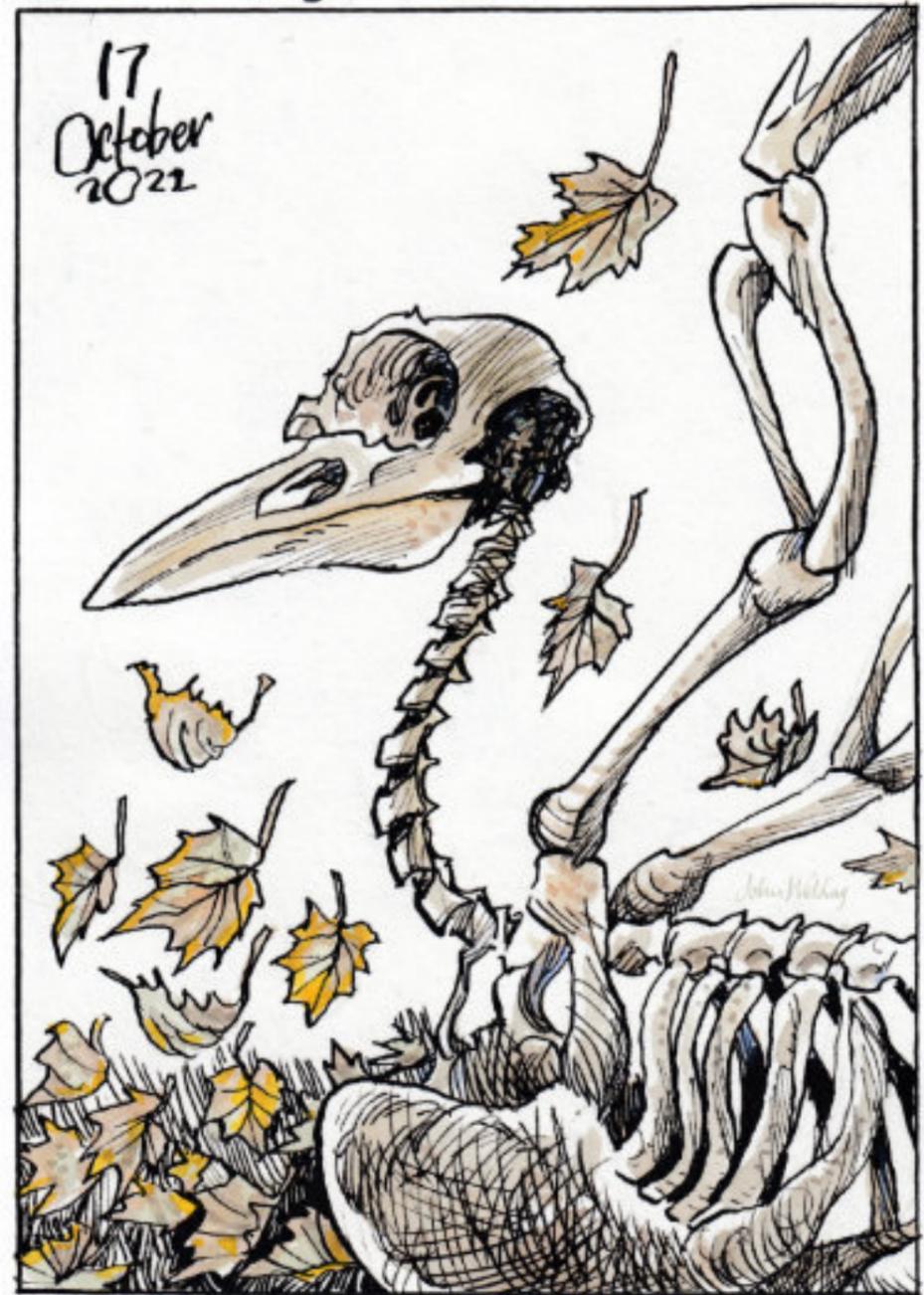
YOU CAN FIX ANYTHING WITH THE RIGHT **HAMMER**



Trying to FIGURE out how to FIT a NEW KICK STAND to MY BIKE. I end up cobbling something together that WORKS, sawn BOLTS and added WASHERS. It's NOT elegant.



SUMMER ghost



Tidied up the garden, sweeping up the REMAINS of summer. Filling the BIN ready for the last collection of the year. It's all a METAPHOR of course.



MIDNIGHT MAGIC



LATE into the night, had an epiphany about how the KICK STAND should be fitted correctly. It's gone Midnight but in TWO minutes I've FIXED the problem and all is RIGHT with the WORLD.



MIGRAINE LINGERS



My HEAD is a ROCK. My CHEST is a forested HILL. My ARMS are RIVERS flowing into LAKES and WATERFALLS. Another NIGHT laying AWAKE too tired to sleep.

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GRAVE EXPECTATIONS

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Headachy and UPSET stomach
MIGRAINE. Went food shopping in
the DARK and RAIN. Turns out I
was having a BETTER day than
the Prime Minister was enduring.



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PIRATE content



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Went shopping in the DARK and the RAIN. Bicycle working like a dream. Meanwhile, 'HOUSE of the DRAGON' Season FINALE leaked online causing a LOT of interest and INDIGNATION!



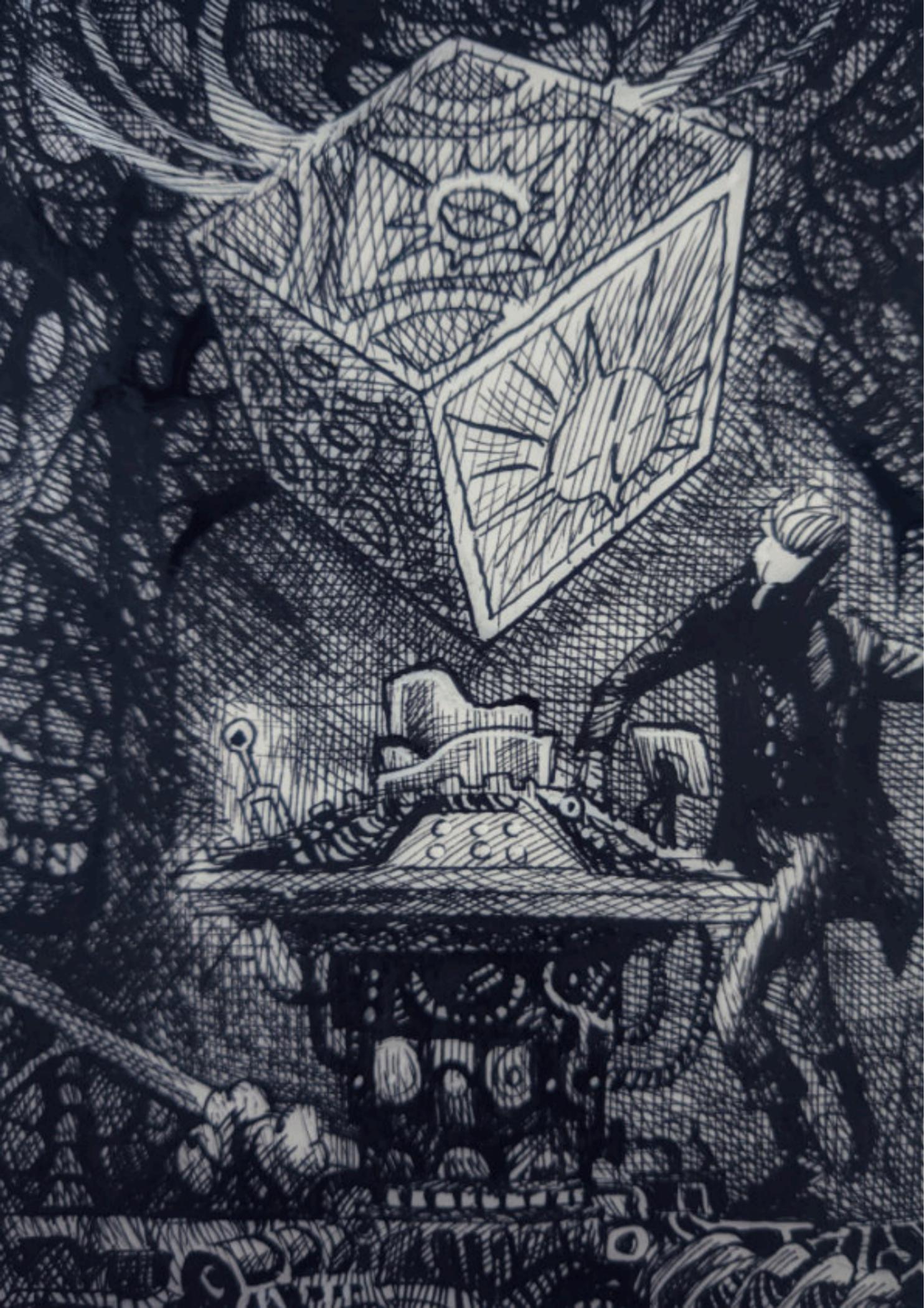
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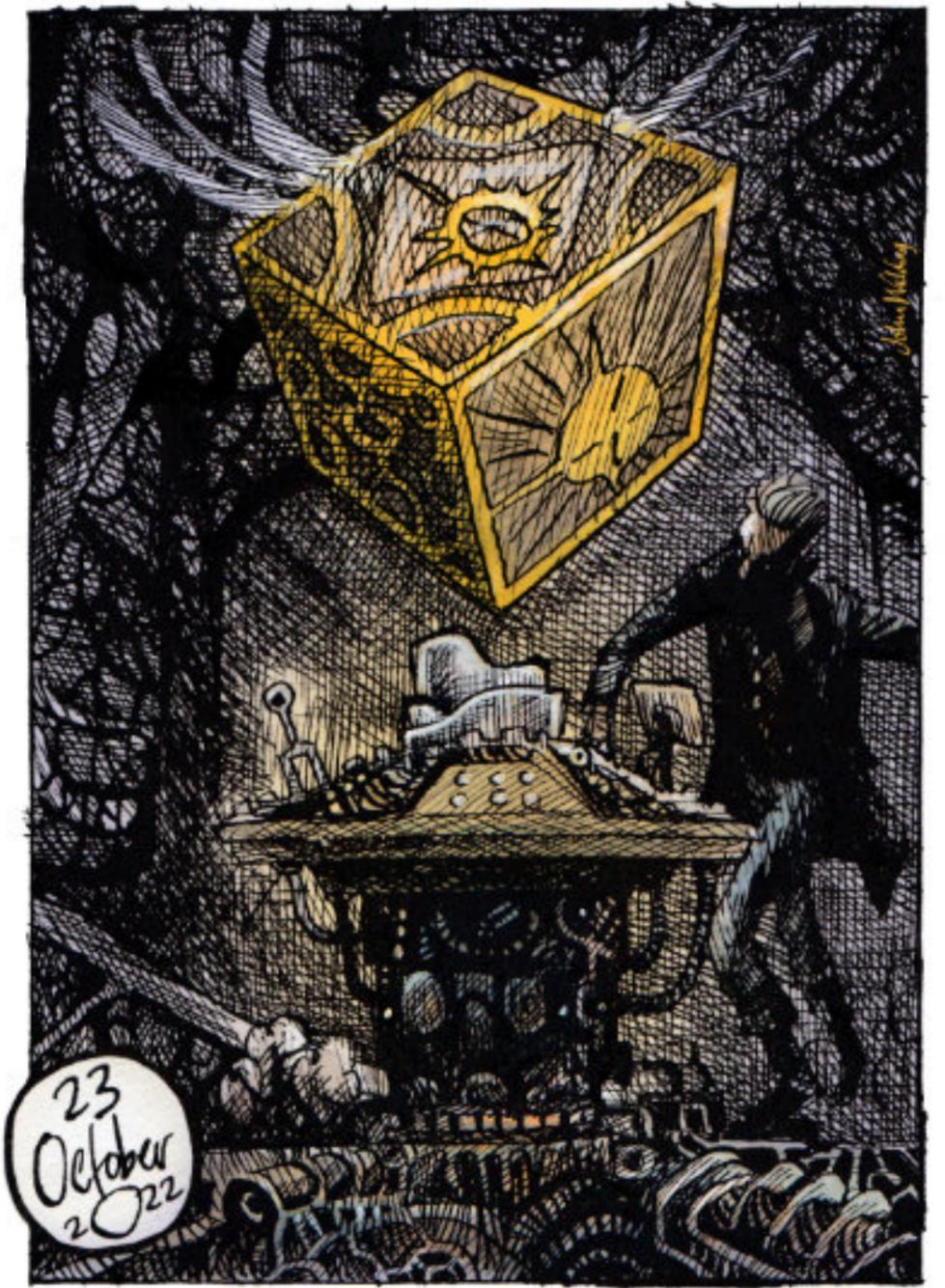


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So much RAIN drowning the PLANTS and WASHING GRIT and GRIME from the SLABS, it's almost BIBLICAL. The HOSEPIPE BAN is STILL in place.



the REGENERATION GAME



It's the END of DOCTOR Who again and I see something in the SET design that I can't UNSEE. A giant 'LAMENT CONFIGURATION' box hovering above the TARDIS console. Franchise X-OVER!

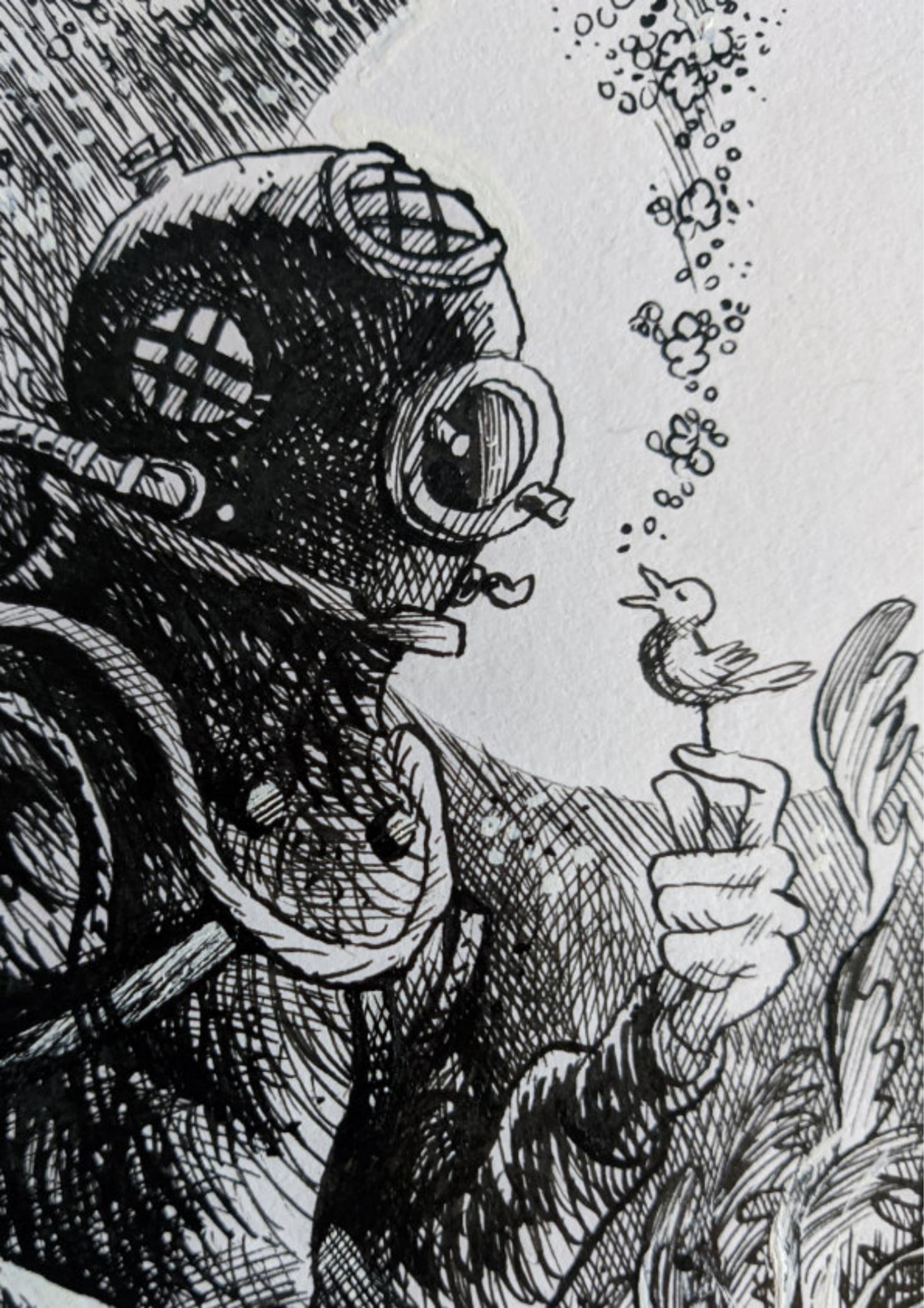


HAUNTED *dream*



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BORIS JOHNSON makes a comeback bid and then he doesn't, doing something different but the SAME. I have NO idea what is going on, and that's the way they like it.



DEEP DIVE

ENGINEERING



ELON MUSK buys TWITTER. The billionaire who is building a ROBOT slave workforce now OWNS one of the biggest THOUGHT collecting machines in the WORLD! End Tweet.

Materials used:

A5 Seawhite Sketchbook (140gsm, Hardcased)

The best sketchbooks I've used. The paper is sized and takes ink really well with very little to no bleed and the paper does not buckle too much either with adding watercolour.

Vintage Perry & Co No. 227 EF Nib

I was given a box of these a few years ago and feel it's my duty to use them all before I die. They are a good, flexible drawing nib.

Black Indian Ink Winsor & Newton

A reliable, strong ink that covers well and can be diluted to flow better with a nib. Waterproof when dry.

Cotman Watercolour Winsor & Newton

Transparent Cotman Watercolours, usually applied with a water brush.

Acrylic White Ink Winsor & Newton

Goes over most ink and watercolour in a solid opaque layer.

+ Tippex, coloured pencils, paper patches and glue.

+ Digital clean-up of scanned drawings and colour overlays applied in Photoshop.

+ Pdf created with Affinity Publisher

John Welding,

December 2022

mundane

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adjective

1. lacking interest or excitement; dull.

"his mundane, humdrum existence"

2. of this earthly world rather than a heavenly or spiritual one.

"according to the Shinto doctrine, spirits of the dead can act upon the mundane world"