



# The Dividing Lines

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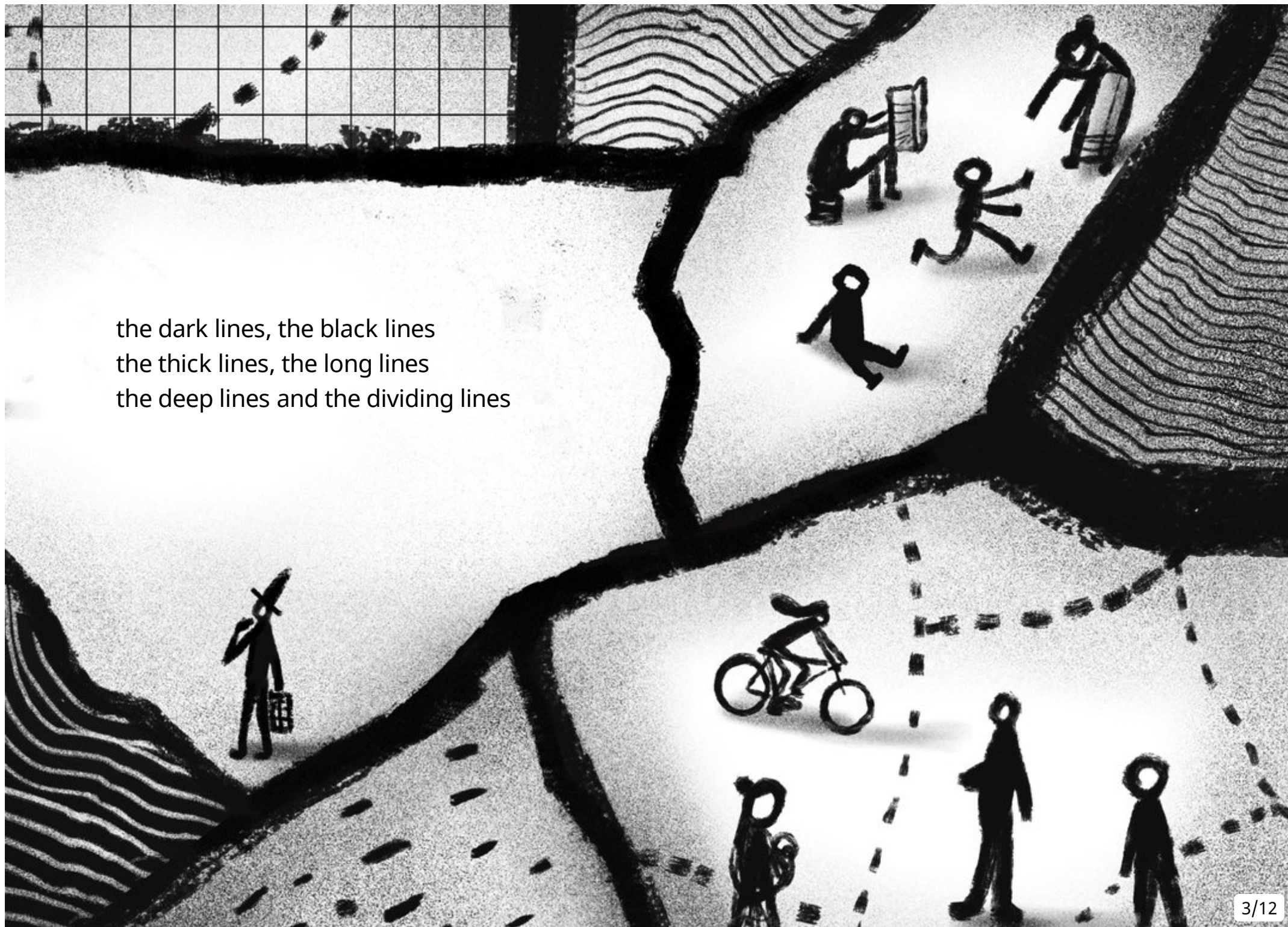
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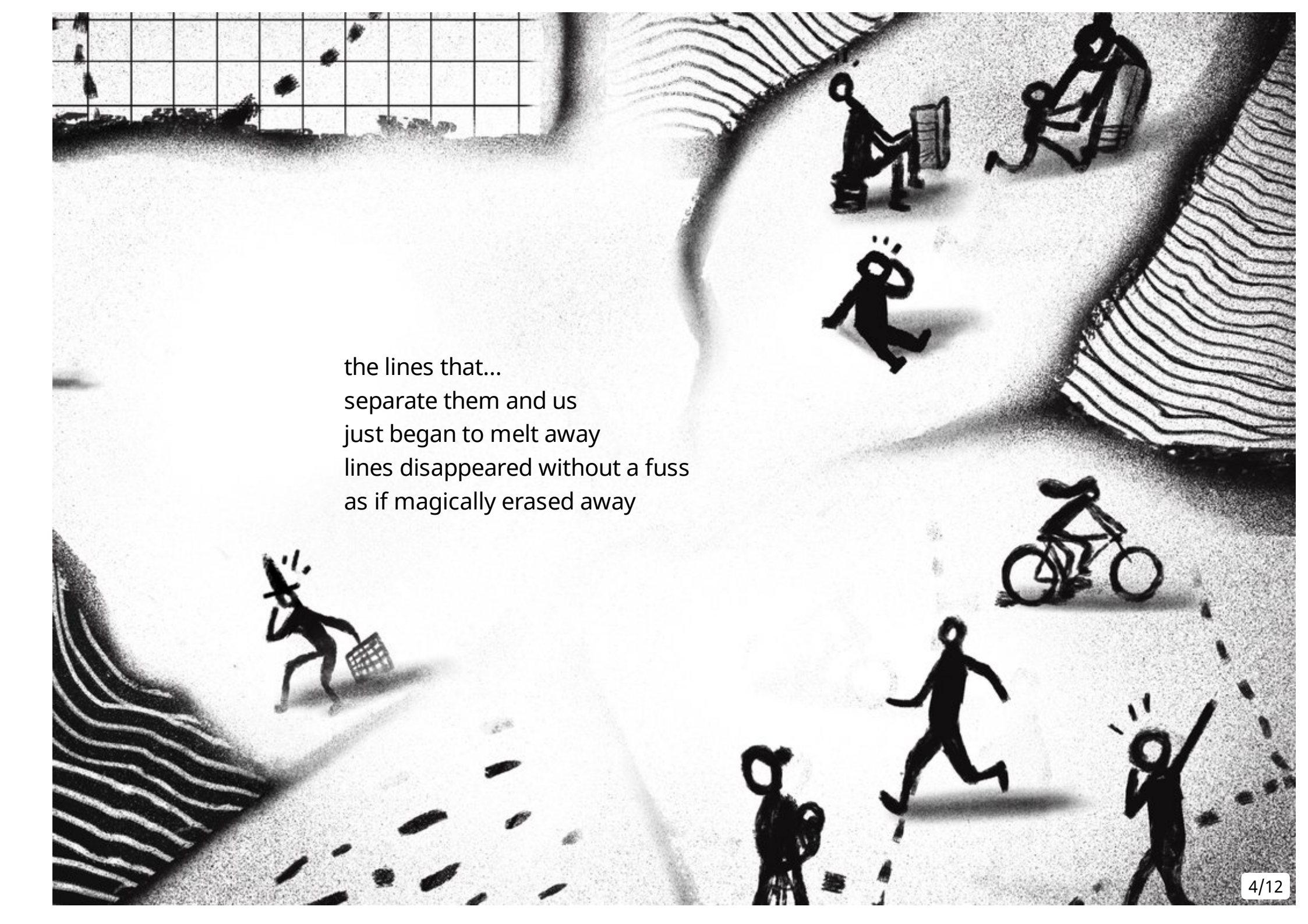
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Last night's dream was quite remarkable  
what I saw was beyond the thinkable  
all those lines on the globe...




the dark lines, the black lines  
the thick lines, the long lines  
the deep lines and the dividing lines






the lines that...  
separate them and us  
just began to melt away  
lines disappeared without a fuss  
as if magically erased away



The soldiers carrying guns and mace  
standing stern face to face  
were stunned like a peculiar case



they threw their guns off  
and burst into loud laughter  
suddenly there was no enemy race

People burst out with joy  
happiness swept across the lands  
the lines had given way...



to festive celebrations on every side  
where bombs had once been the routine  
laughter erupted in directions unseen

who belonged where was hard to decide  
'Kislaya Uncle' no longer understood the divide



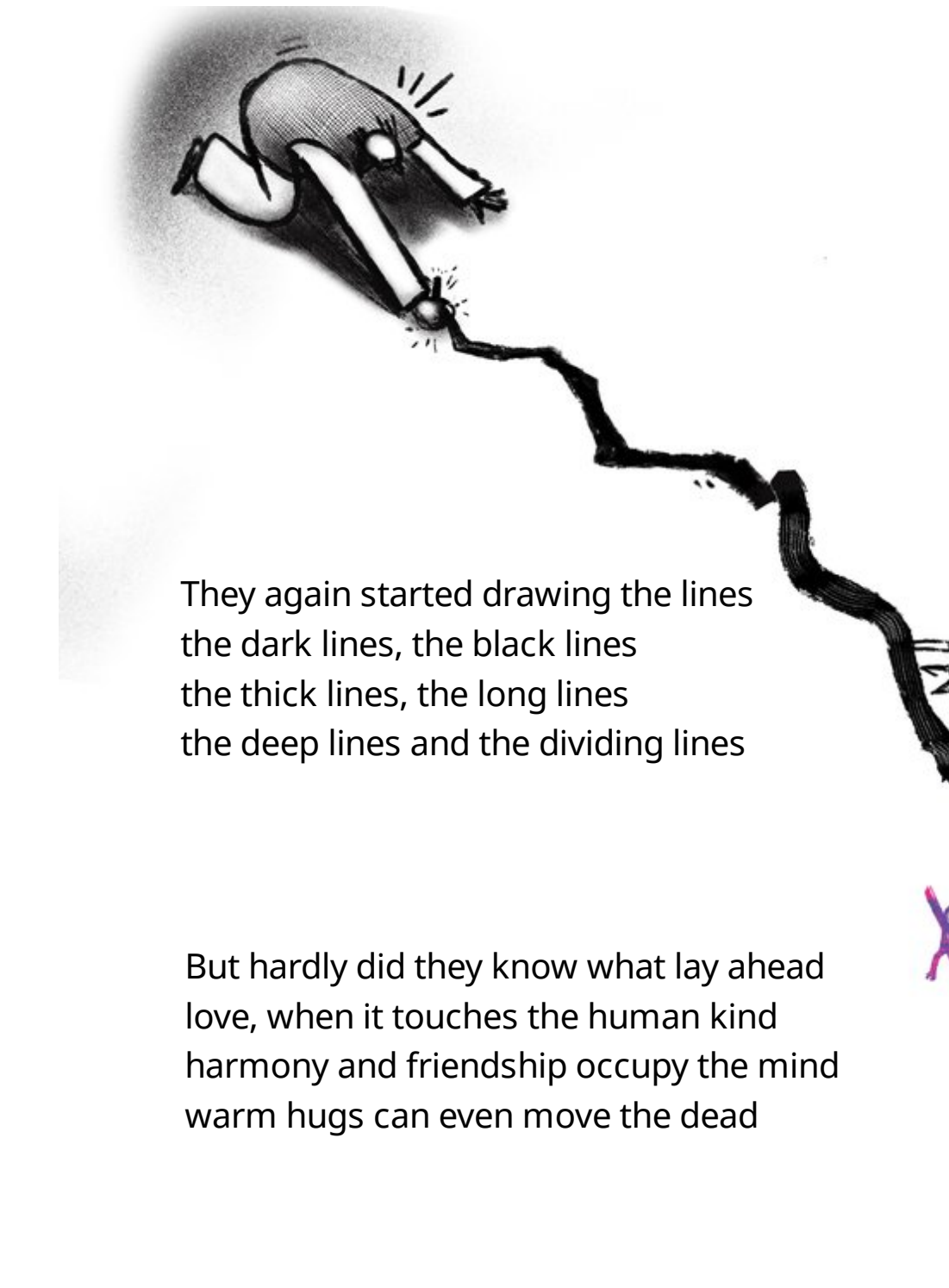


Some leaders were in a commotion  
others got going with agitation  
how wars could now be fought?  
how would they ever win an election?






In they brought a map again hastily  
and got a box of black ink quickly



They again started drawing the lines  
the dark lines, the black lines  
the thick lines, the long lines  
the deep lines and the dividing lines

But hardly did they know what lay ahead  
love, when it touches the human kind  
harmony and friendship occupy the mind  
warm hugs can even move the dead





Nobody can draw the lines anymore  
colours will fade the ink quickly away  
and it will not hold its place therefore!

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(English)

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