



Connections Redrawn

Reforging relationships through stories

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How might we reconnect the incarcerated to their loved ones through creative cooperation?



Collaborative Creation

Preliminary research and similar projects

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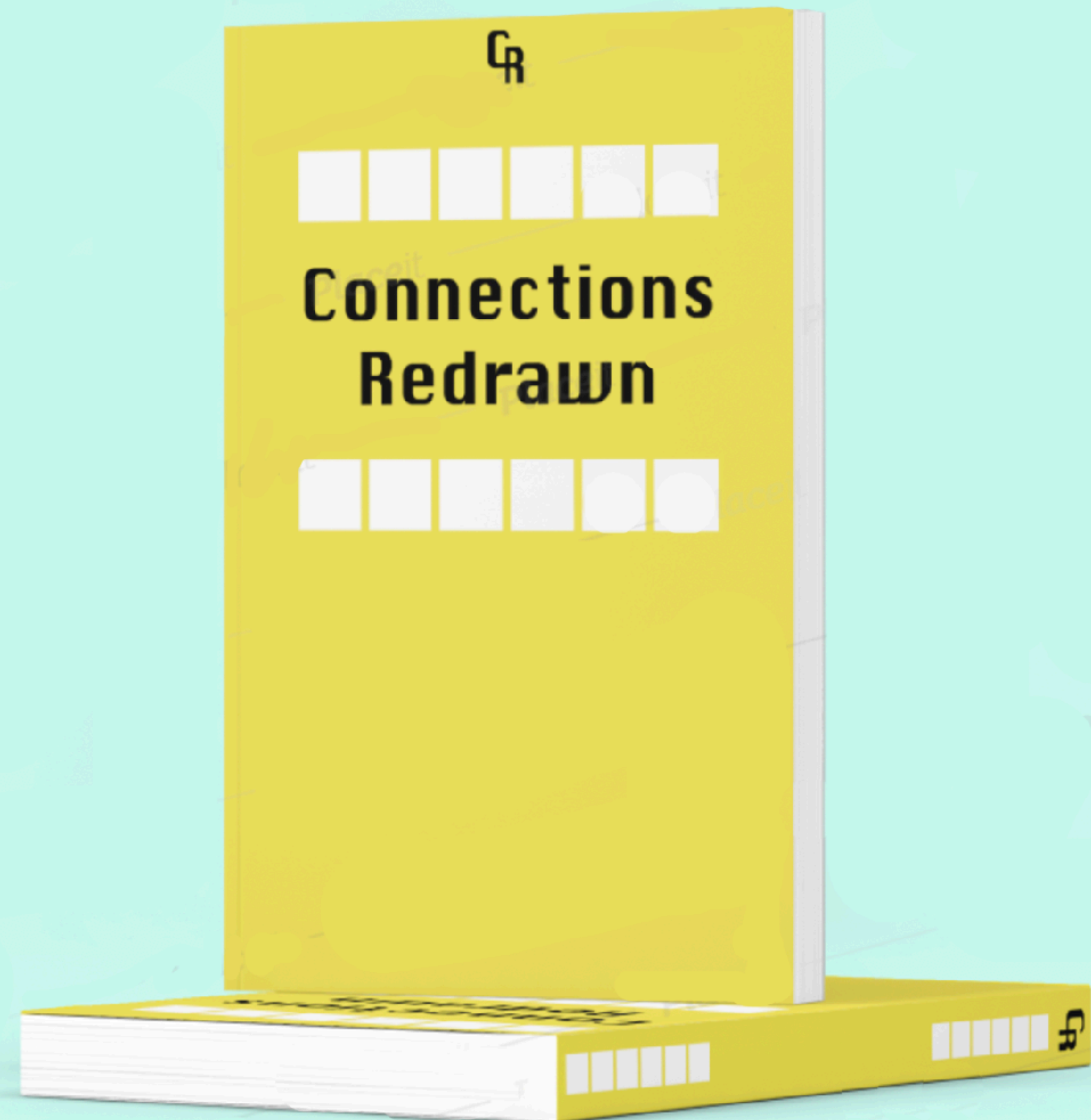
Reincarceration can be prevented by creating safer environments and mindspaces



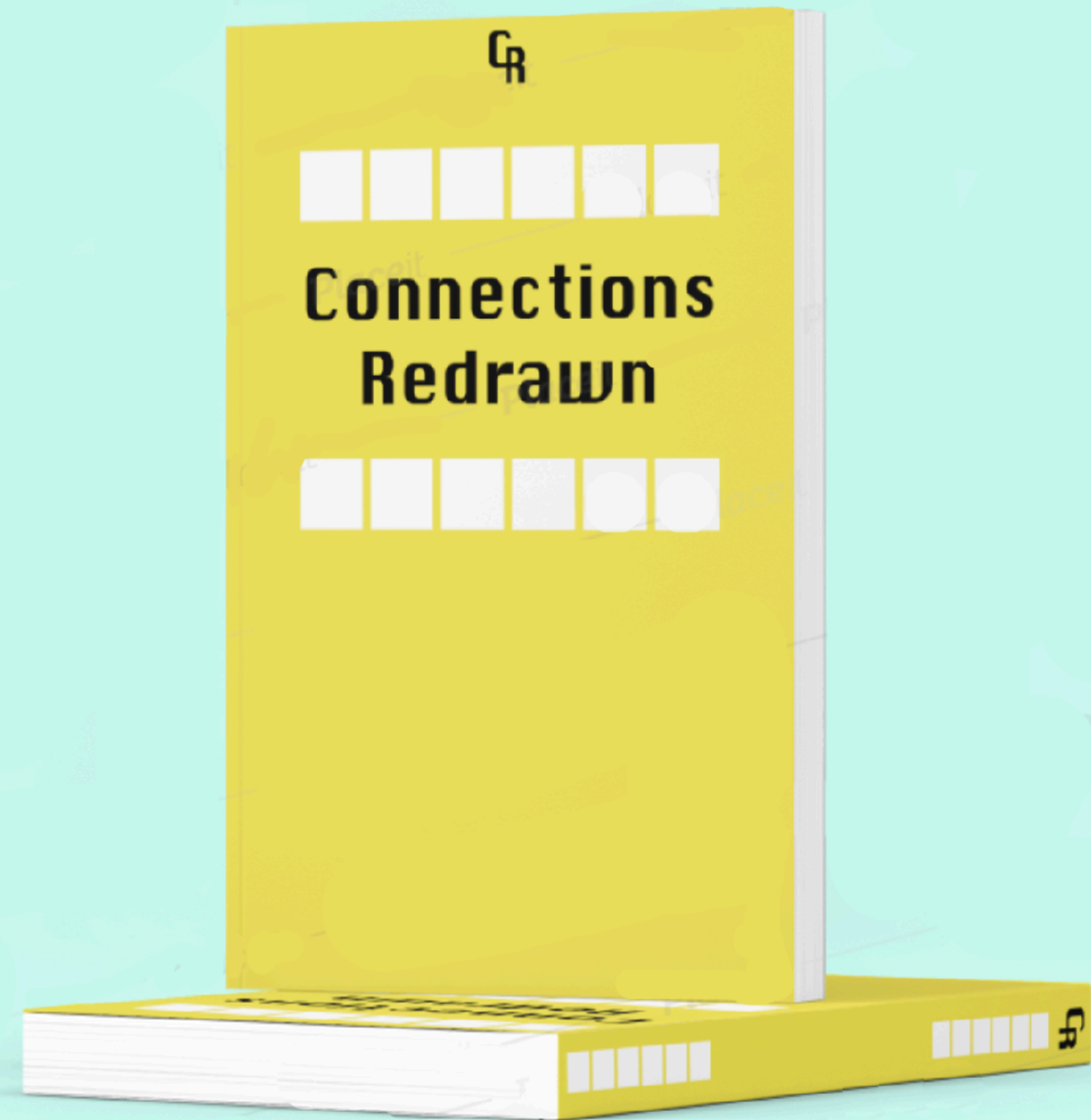
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Design Process and Interaction

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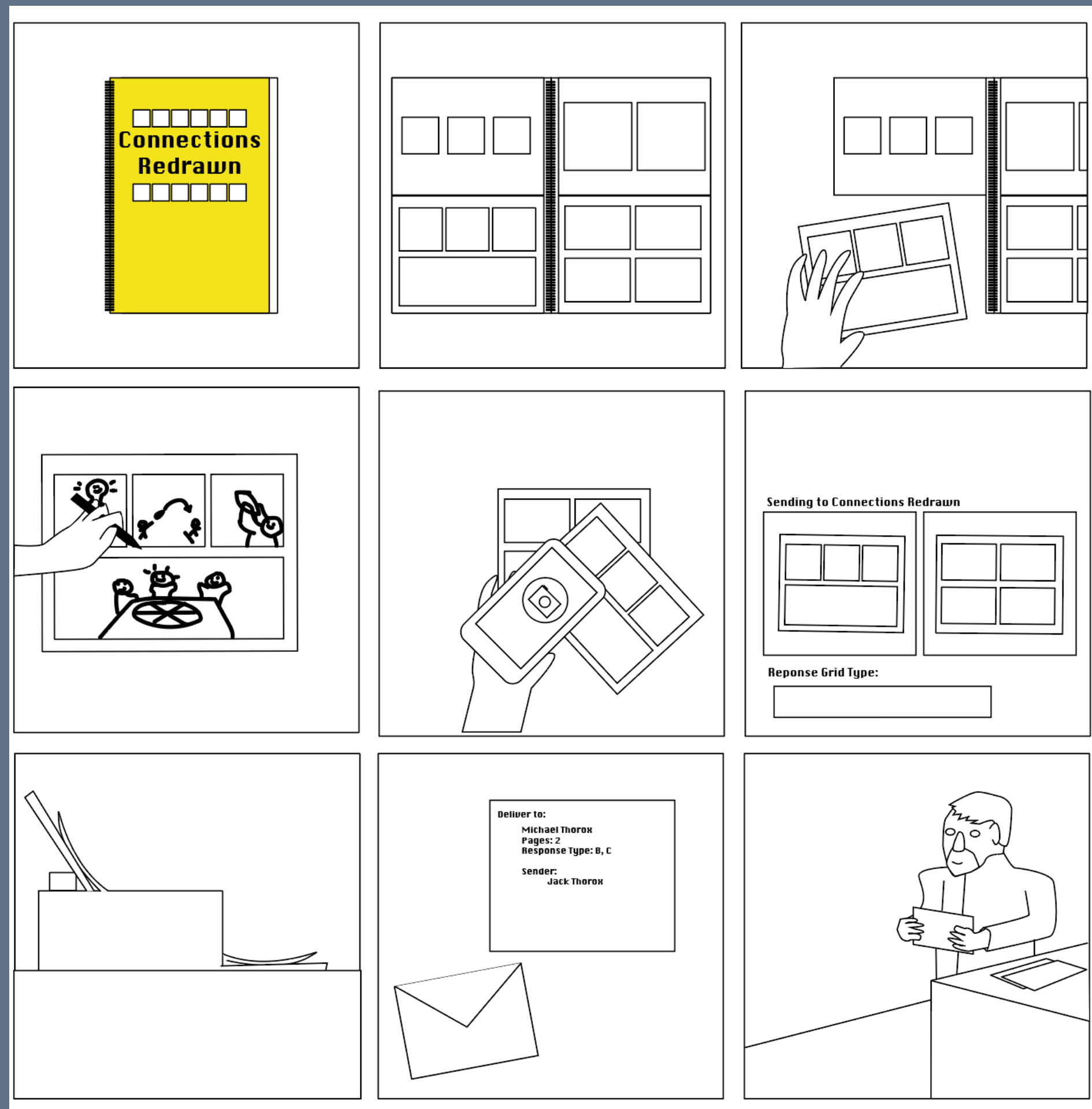


One copy for an incarcerated parent, one for their child.

**Coupled with an app/
website companion for
easy viewing and setup.**

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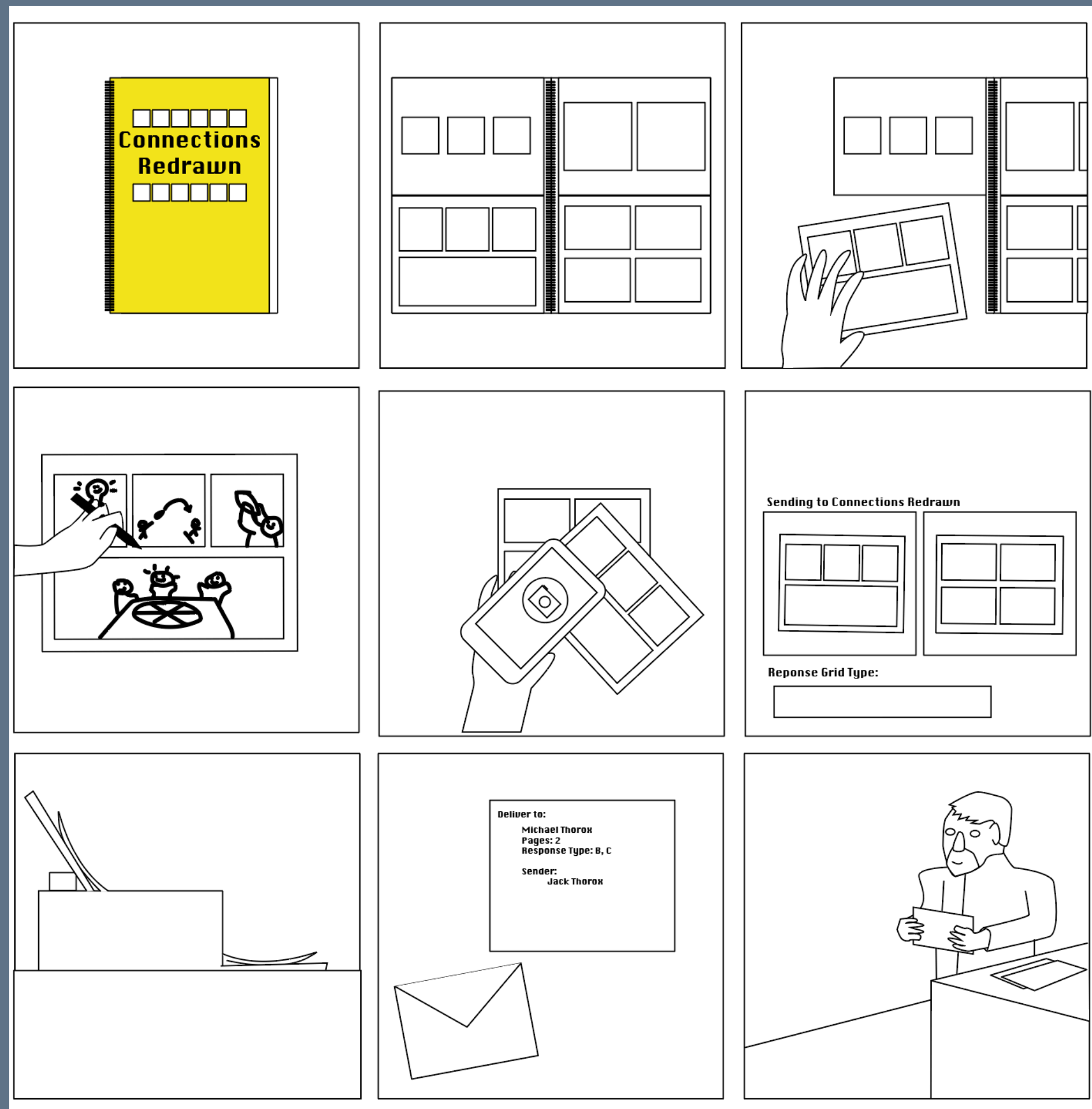
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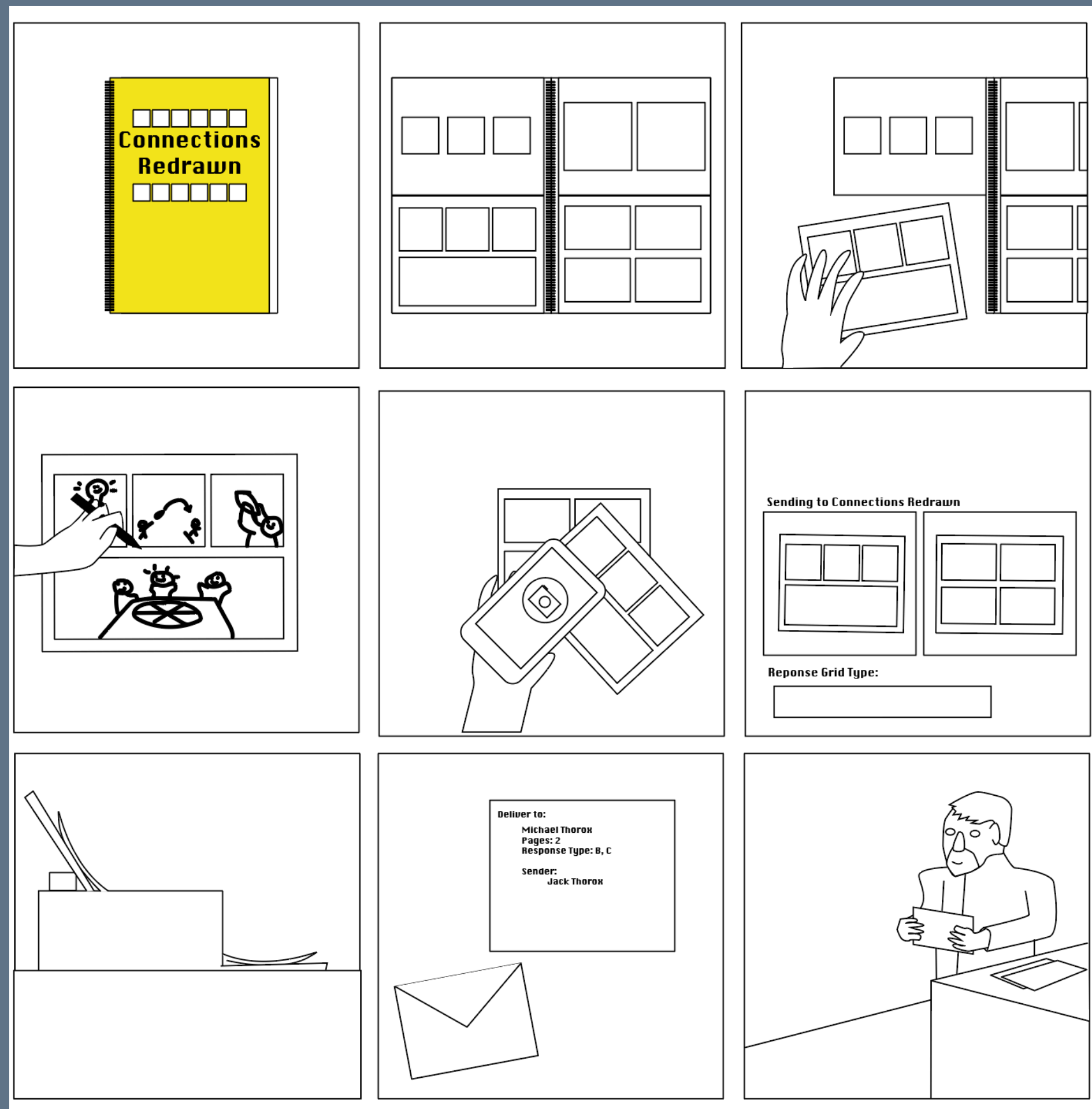


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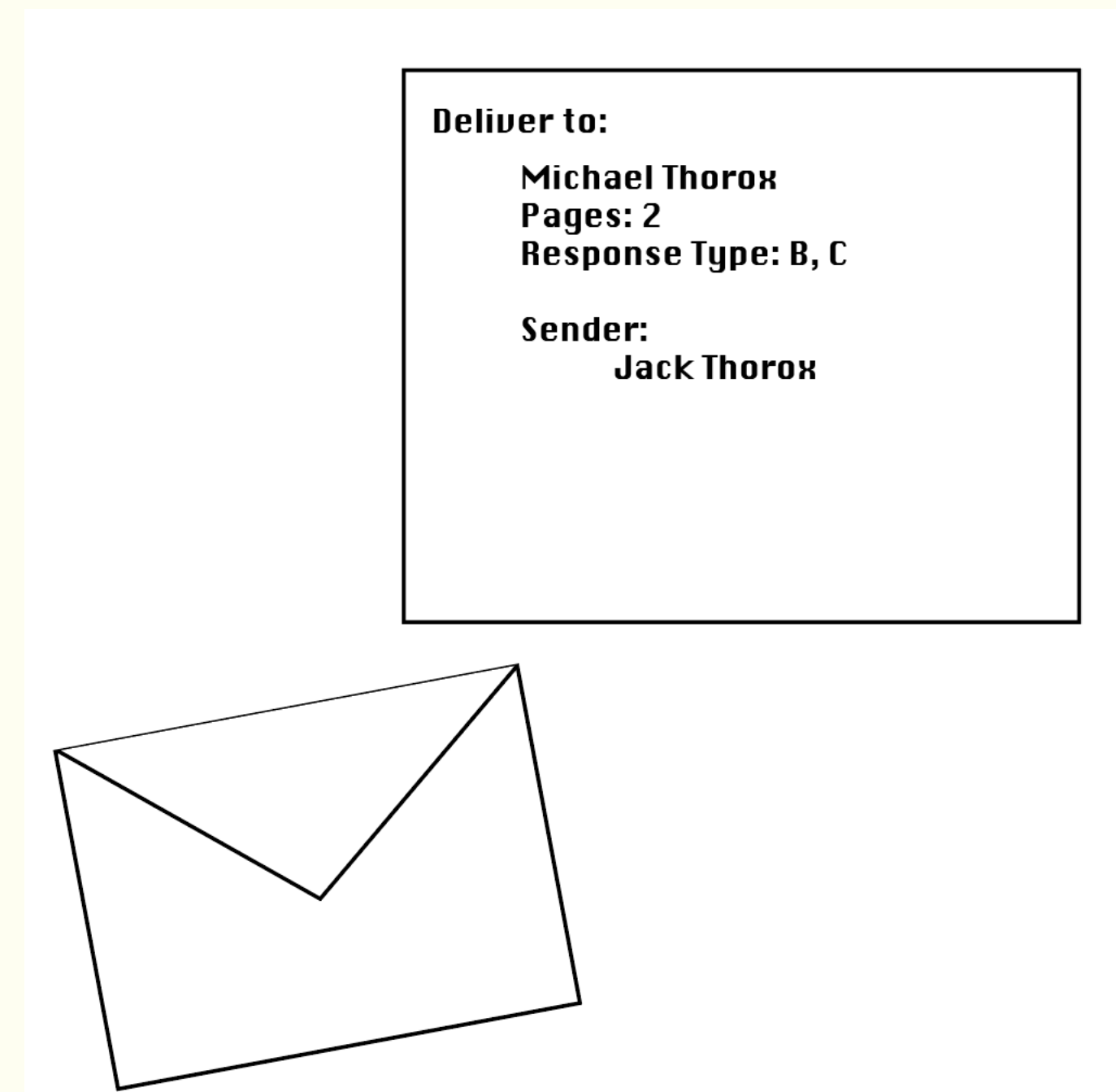
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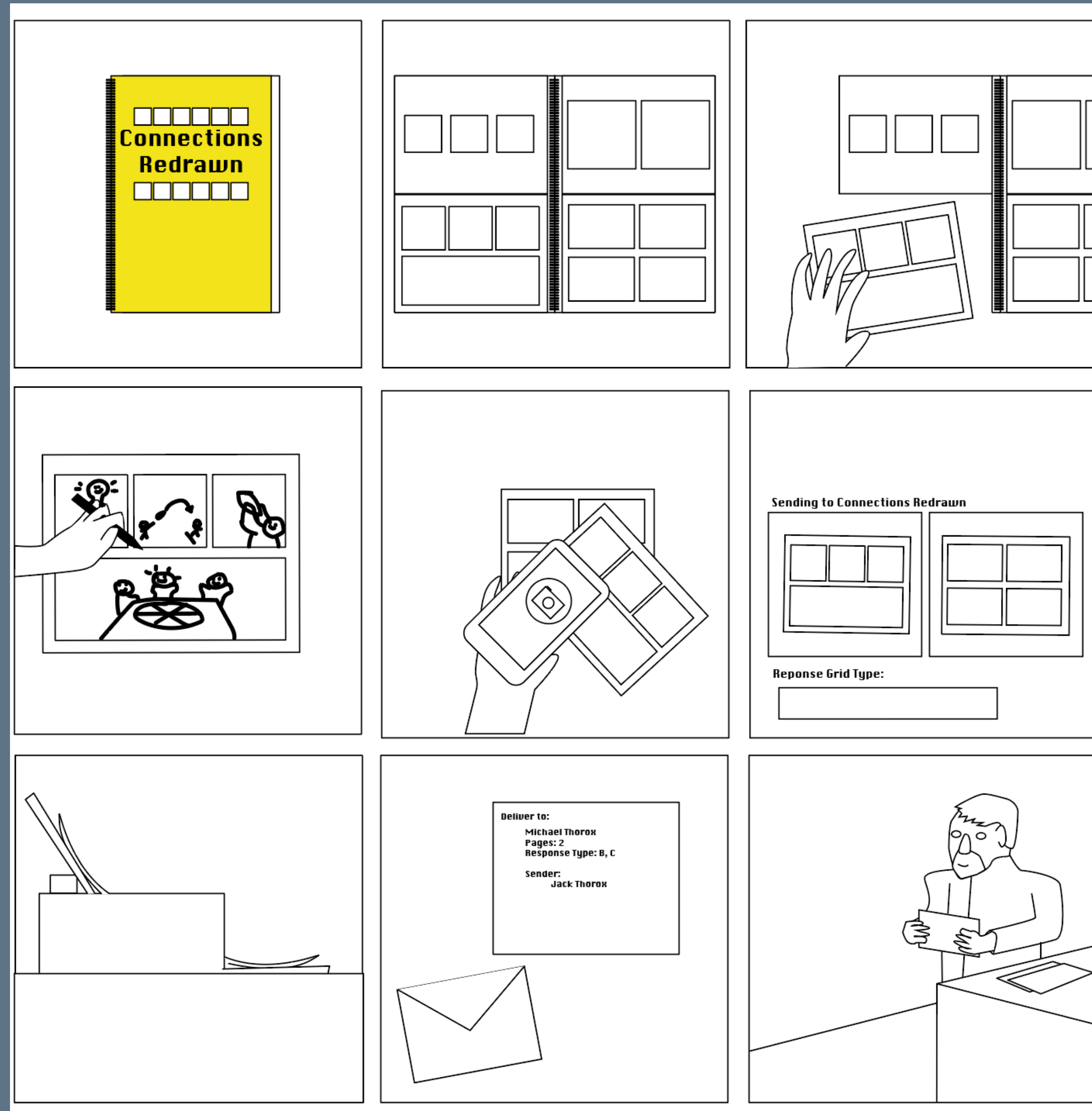


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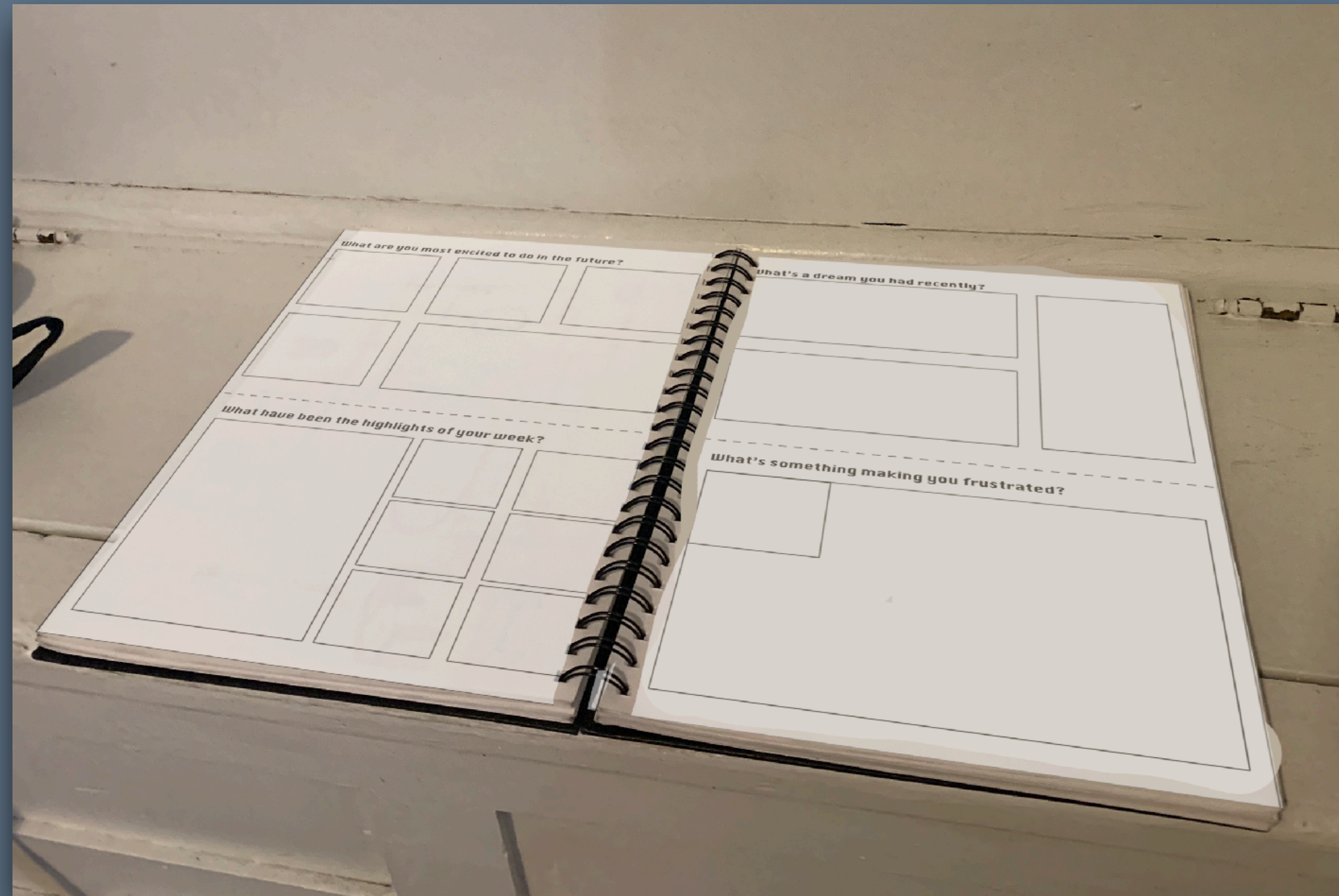


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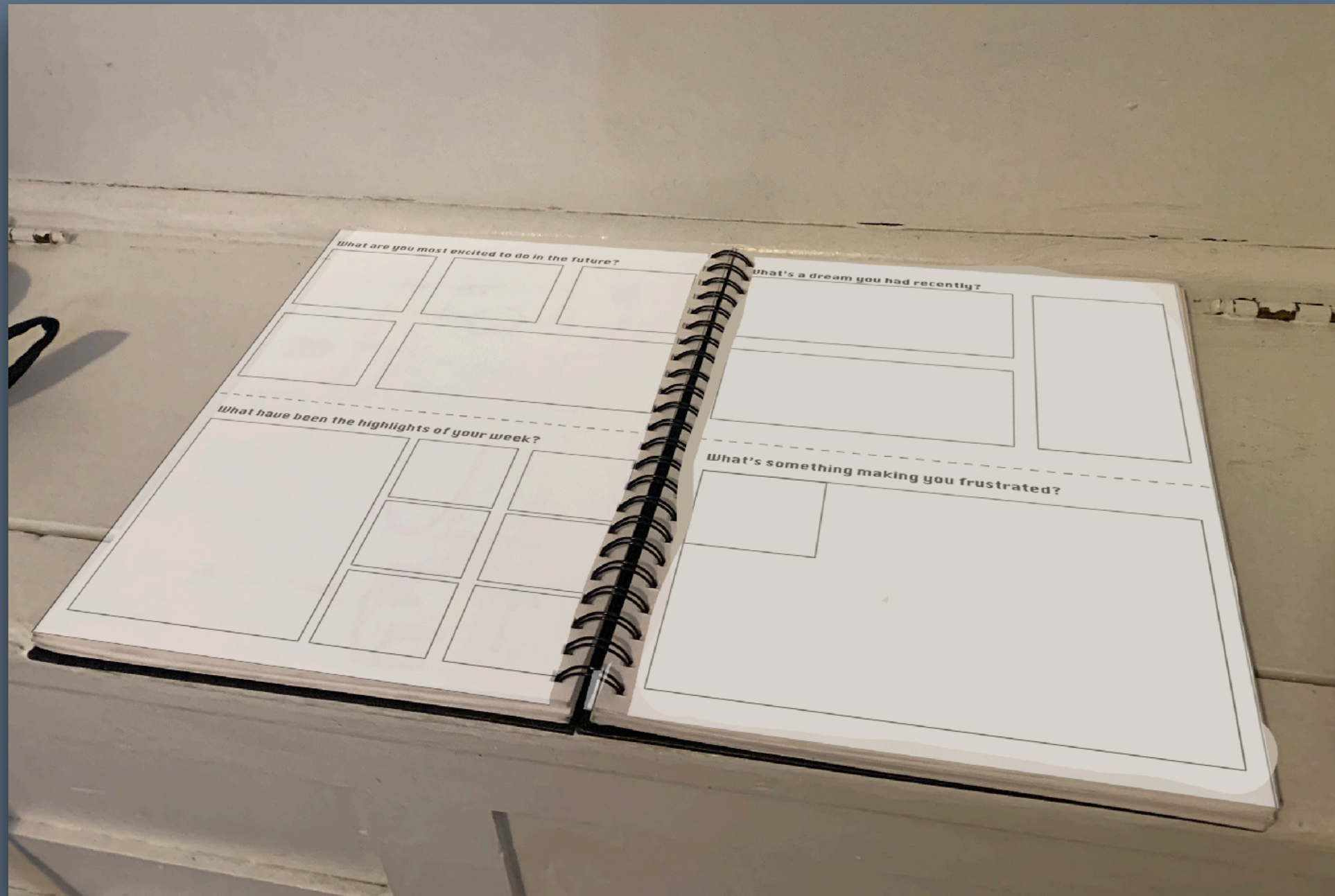
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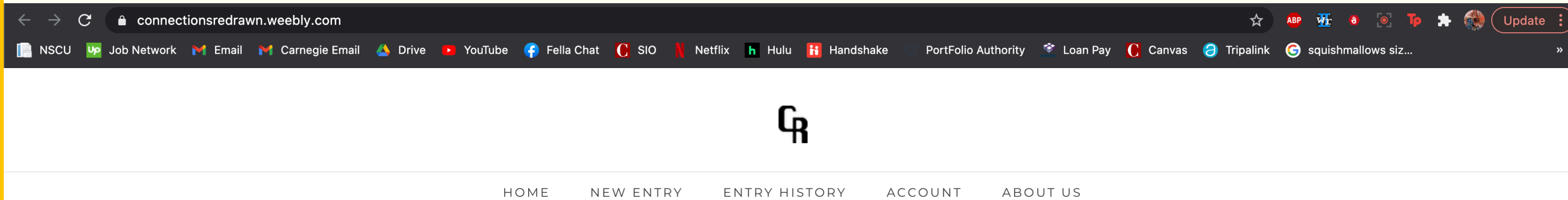
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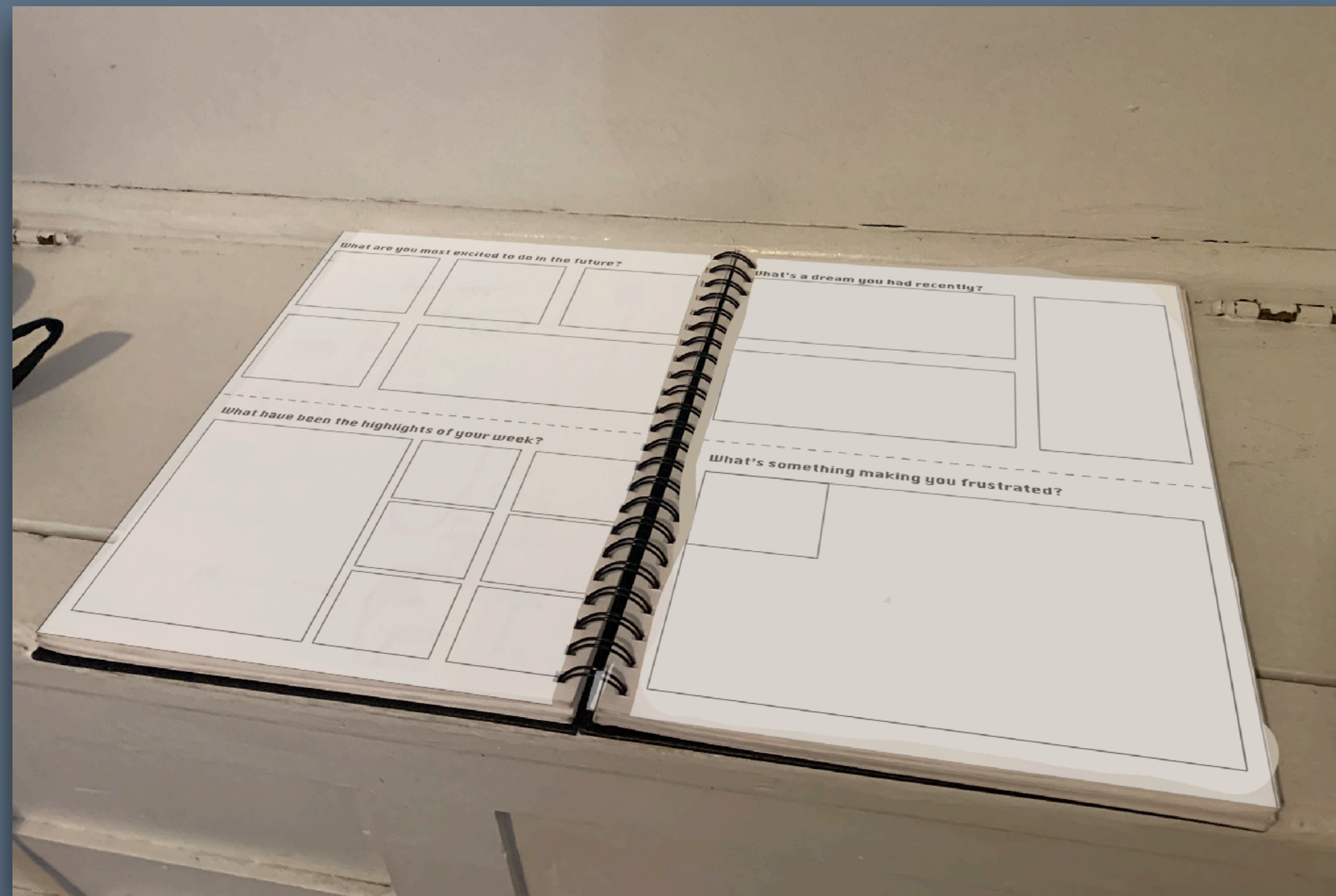
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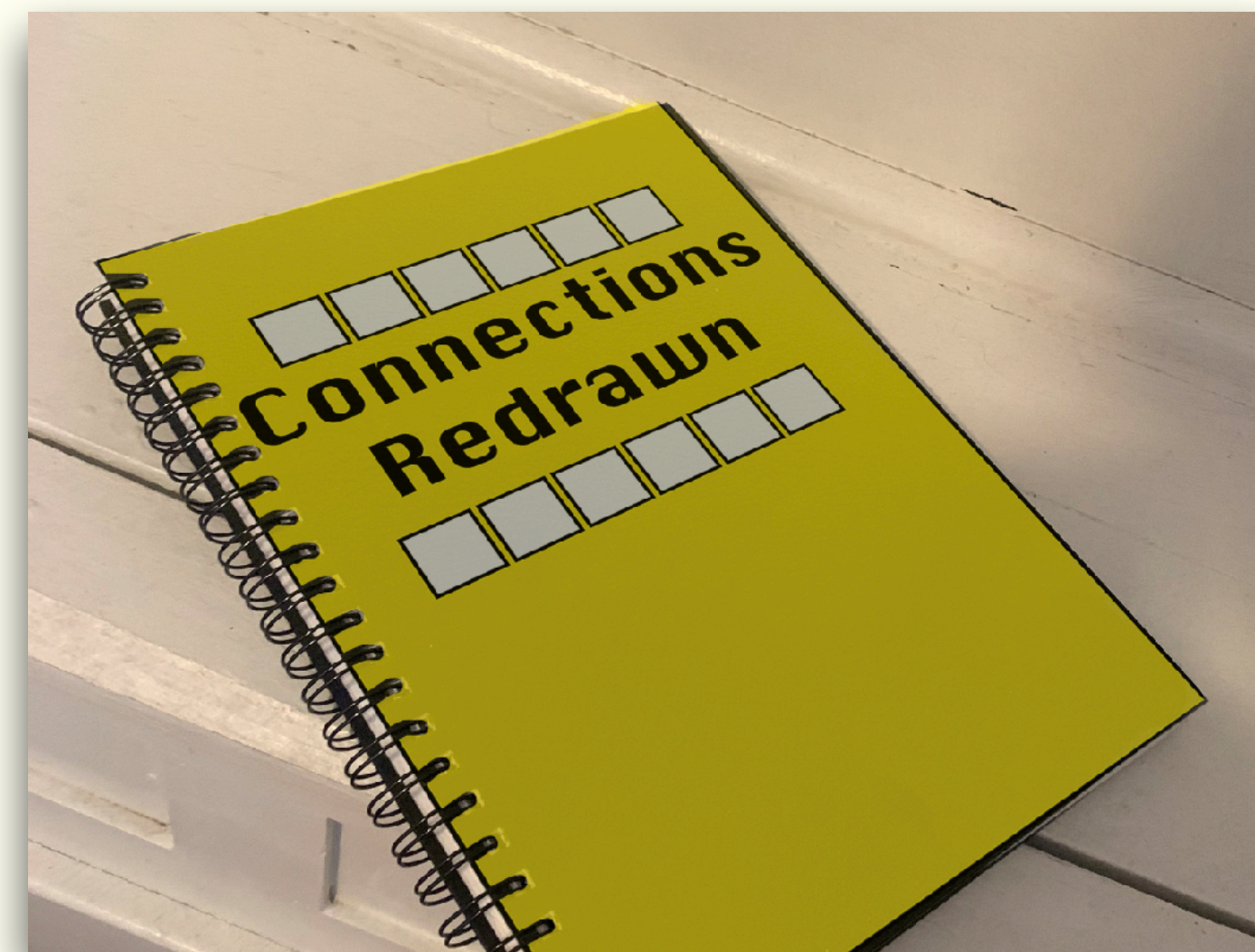
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- Very simple interaction mainly handled remotely



Final Iteration



Final iteration was made
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designed with prisons in
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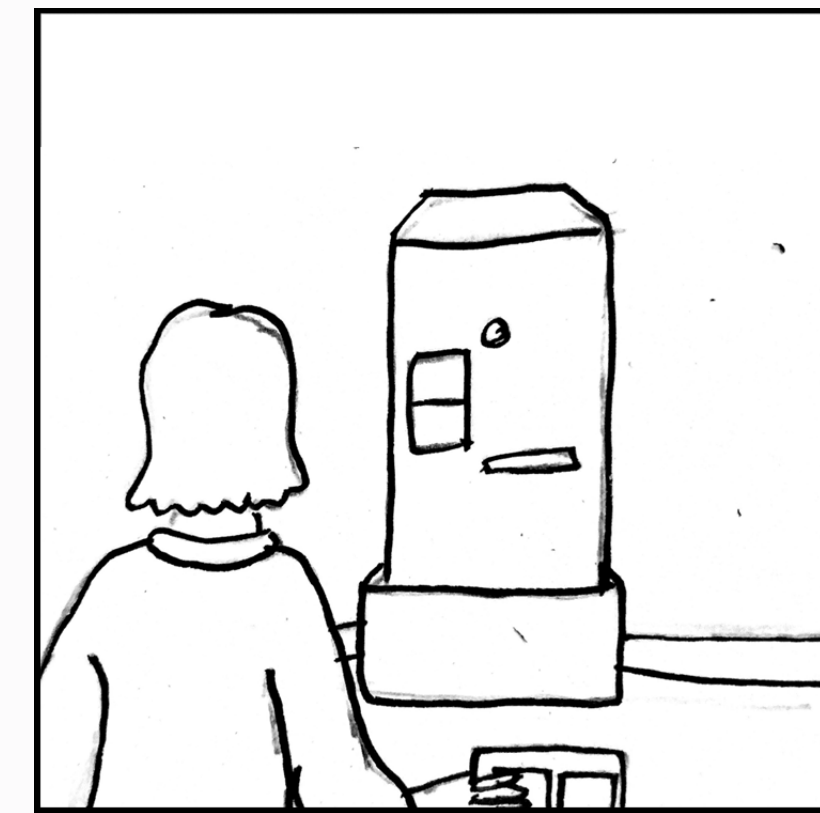
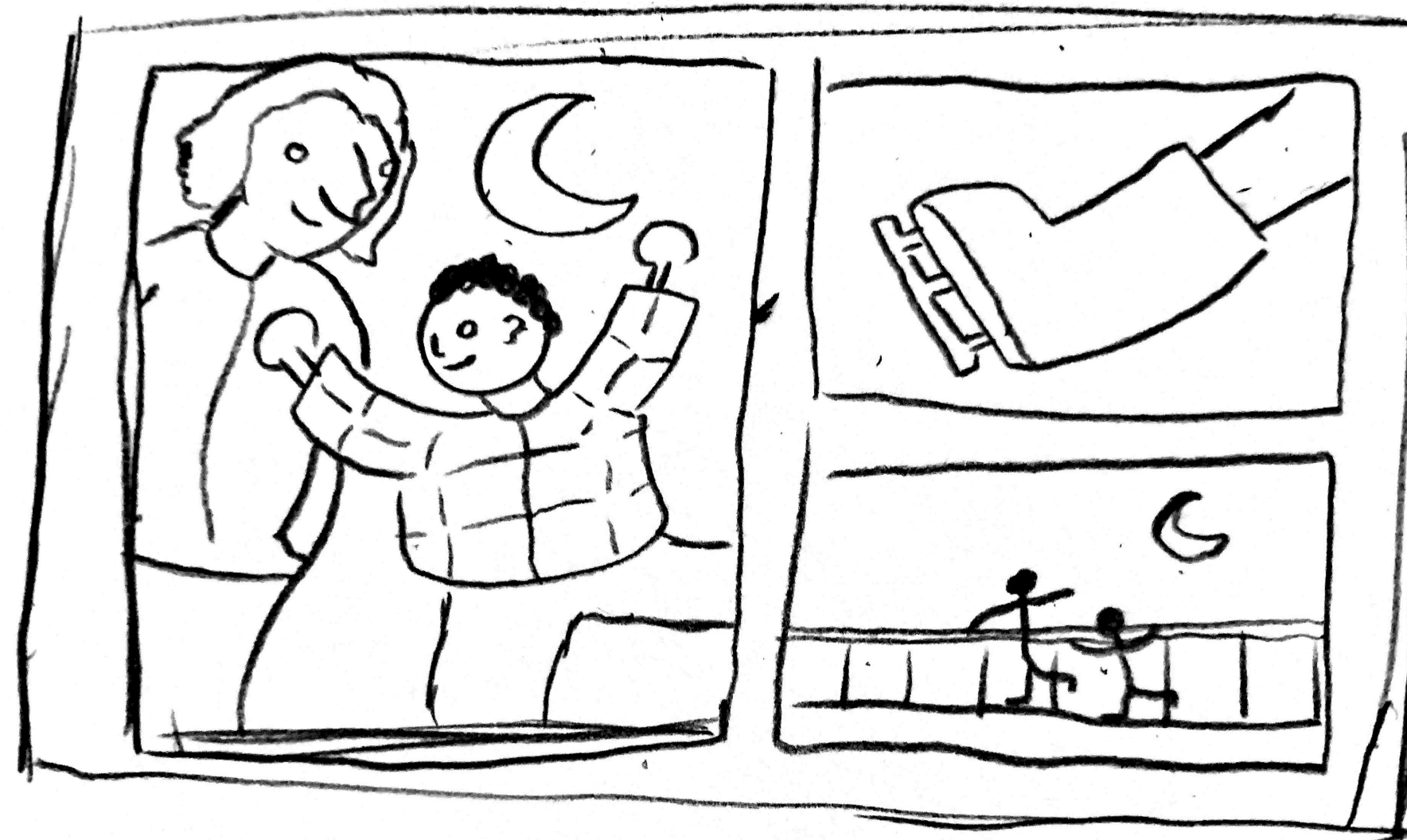
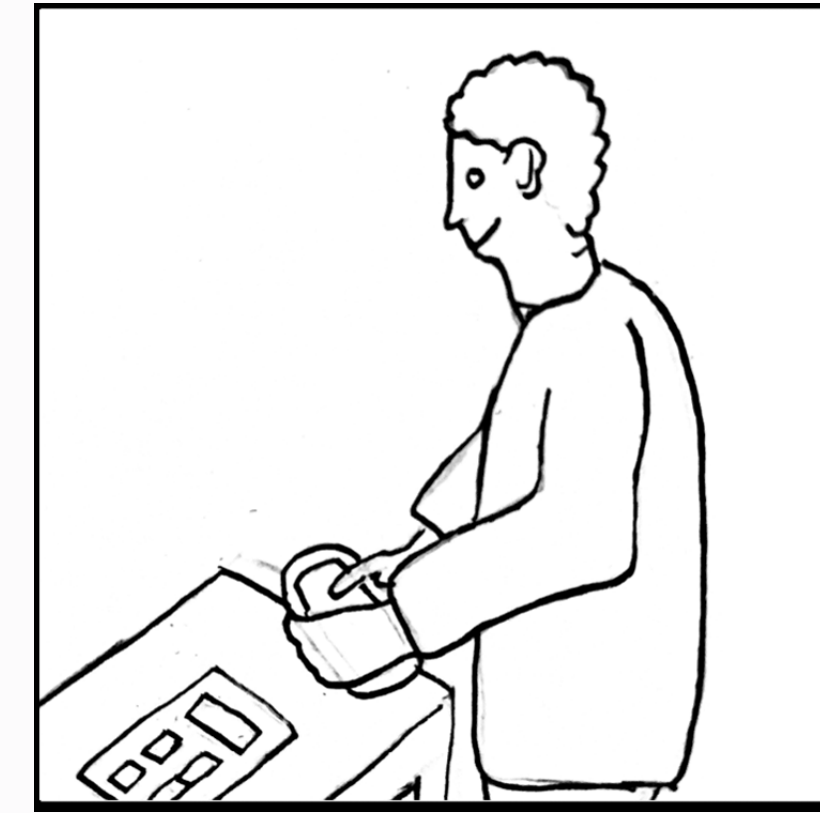
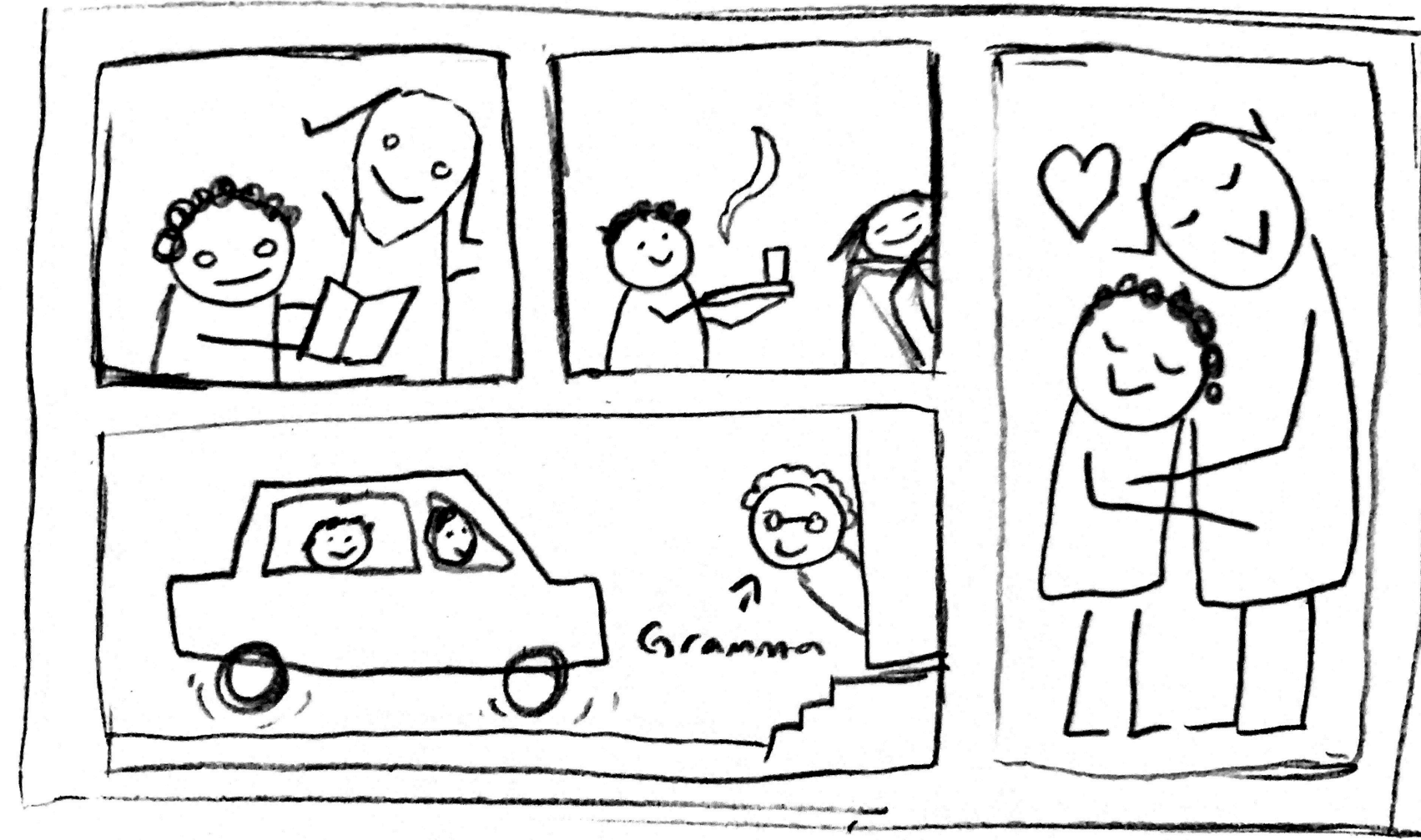
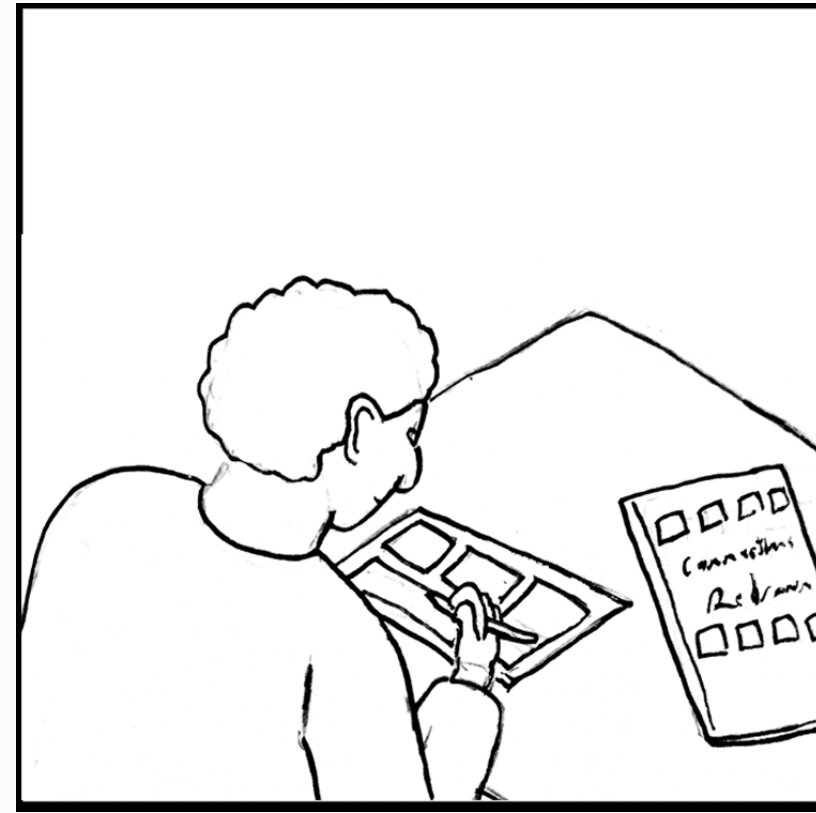
App interaction became less
important and more physical



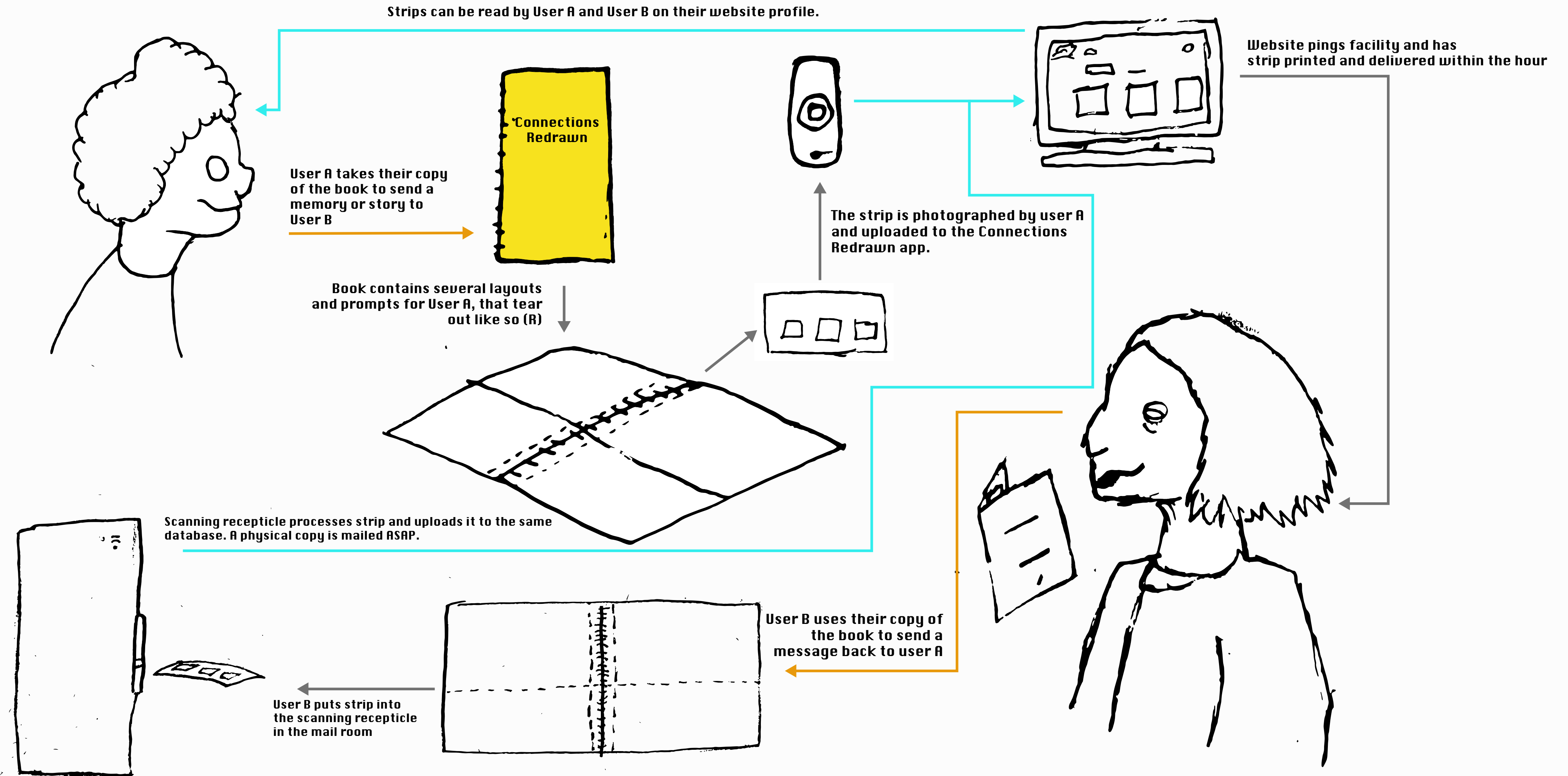
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Interaction Walkthrough

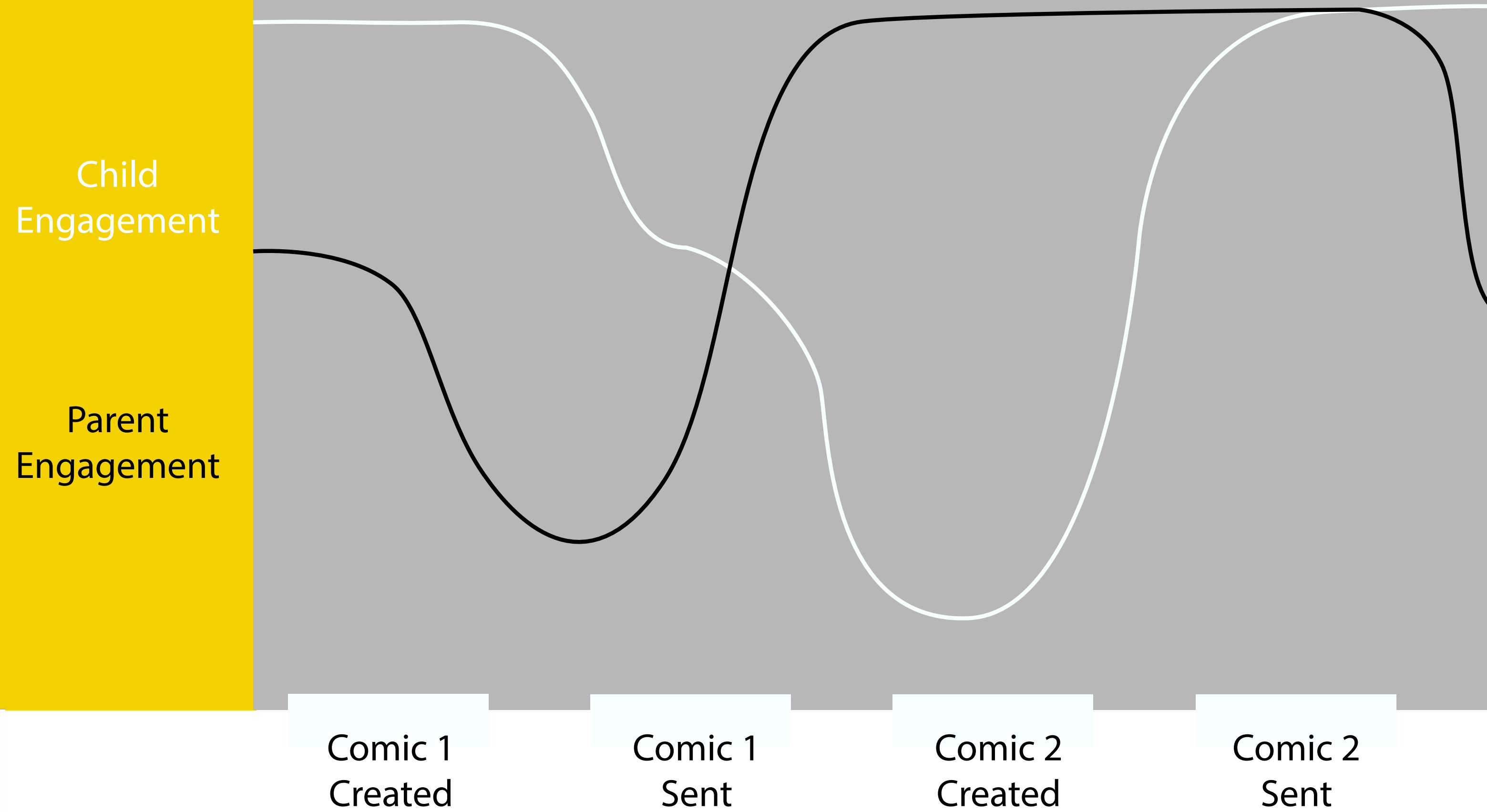
Storyboard



System Map



Journey Map



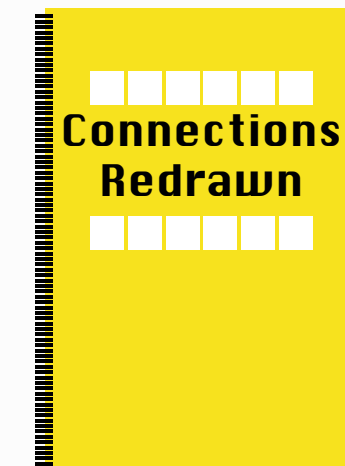
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Venting through
Creativity

Introspection
via role play

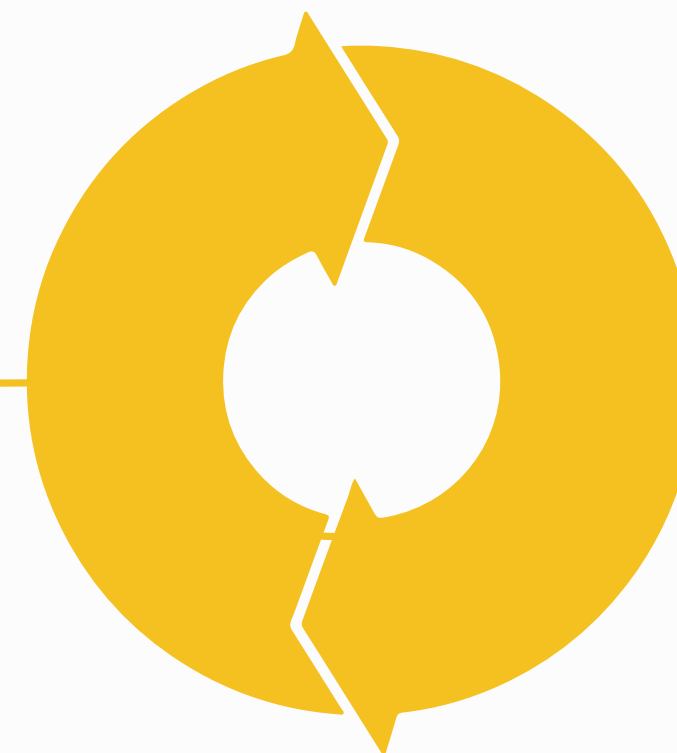
Artifacts:



For User Group B
For User Group A



Comic Creation



Sending Process

Goals:

Streamlined and
quick connection

Adding relevance to
communication

Artifacts:



Templates

What are you most excited to do in the future?

What's a dream you had recently?

What have been the highlights of your week?

What's something making you frustrated?

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Draw something you would love to do together

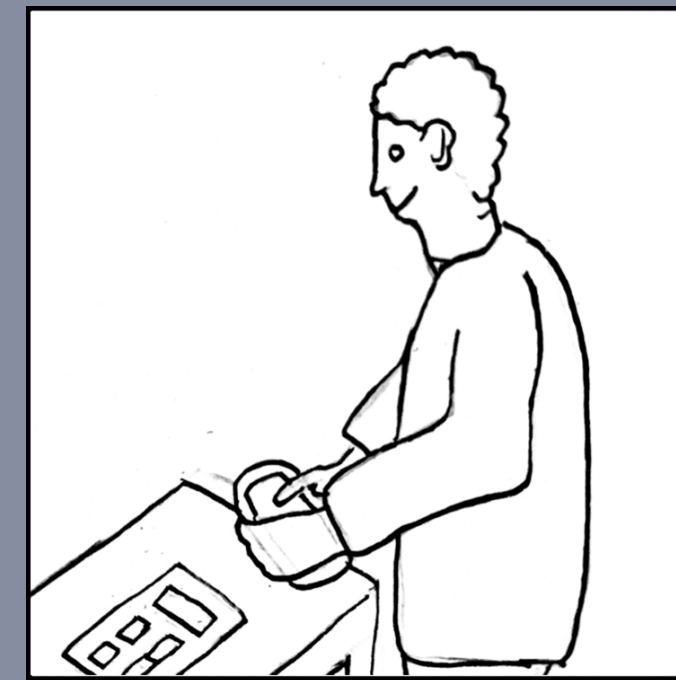
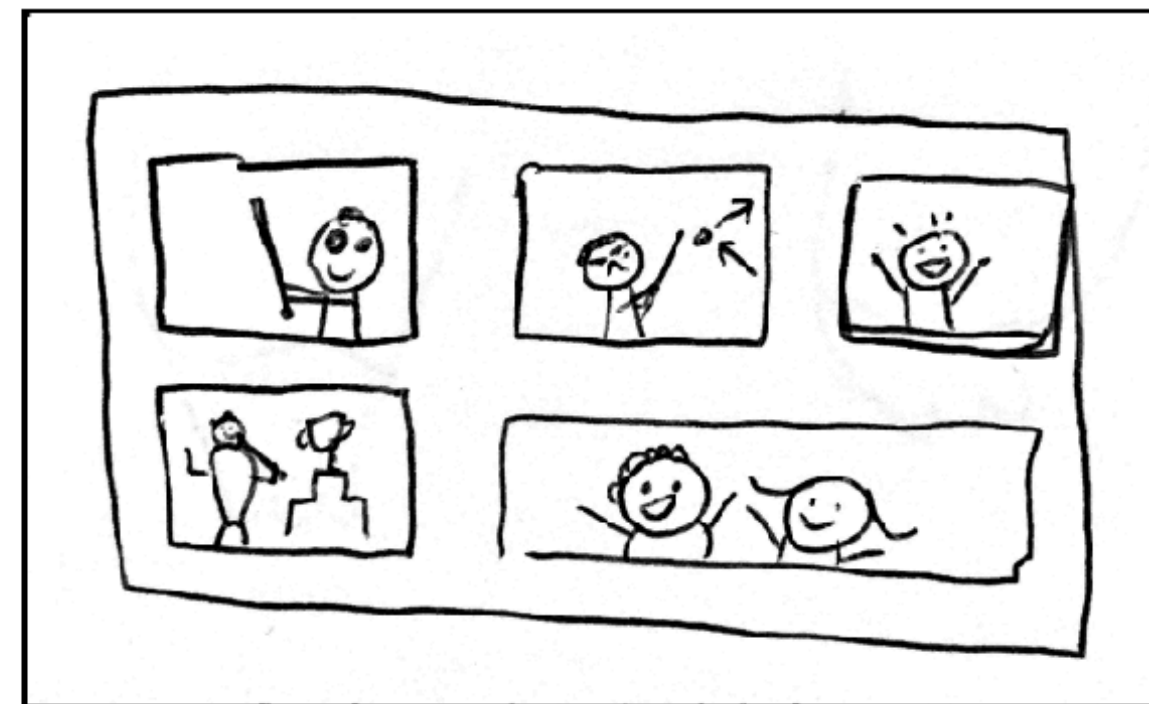
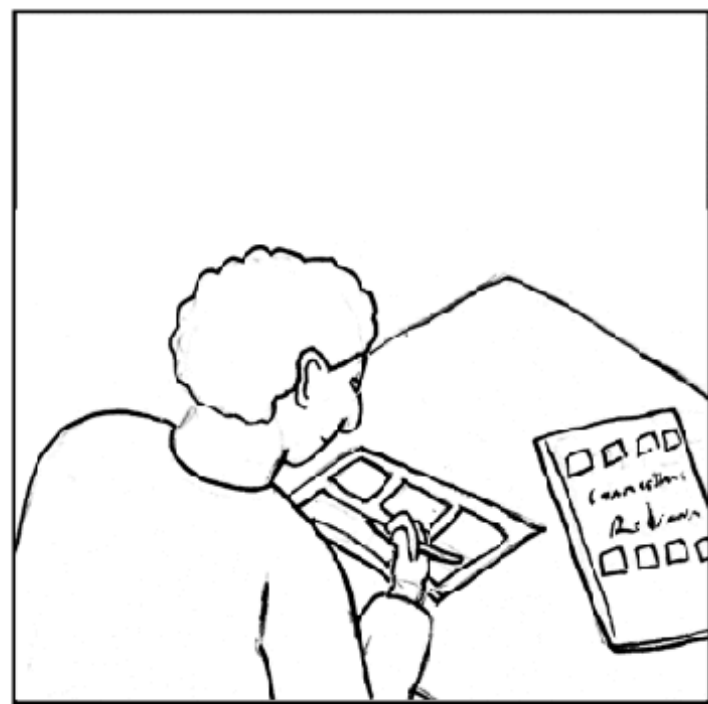
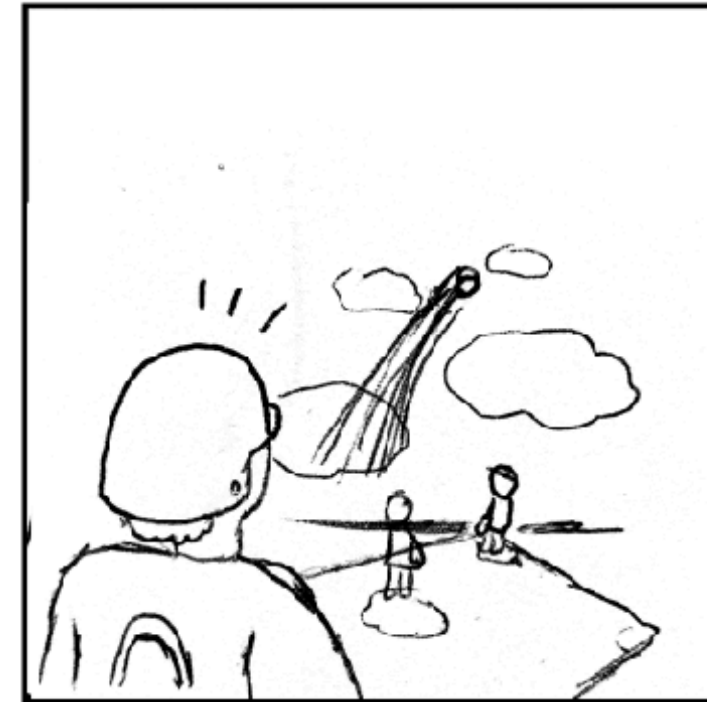
What do you want to be in the future?

What's a story that means a lot to you?

What's something you miss doing together?

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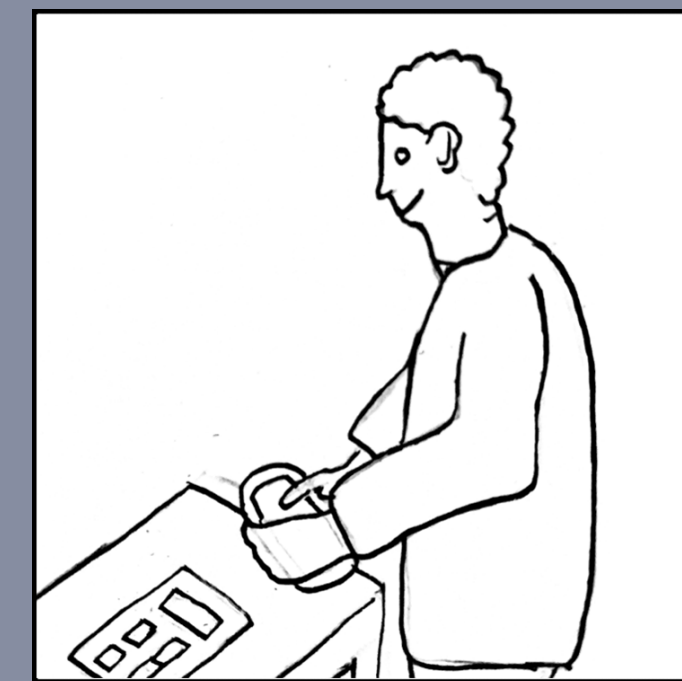
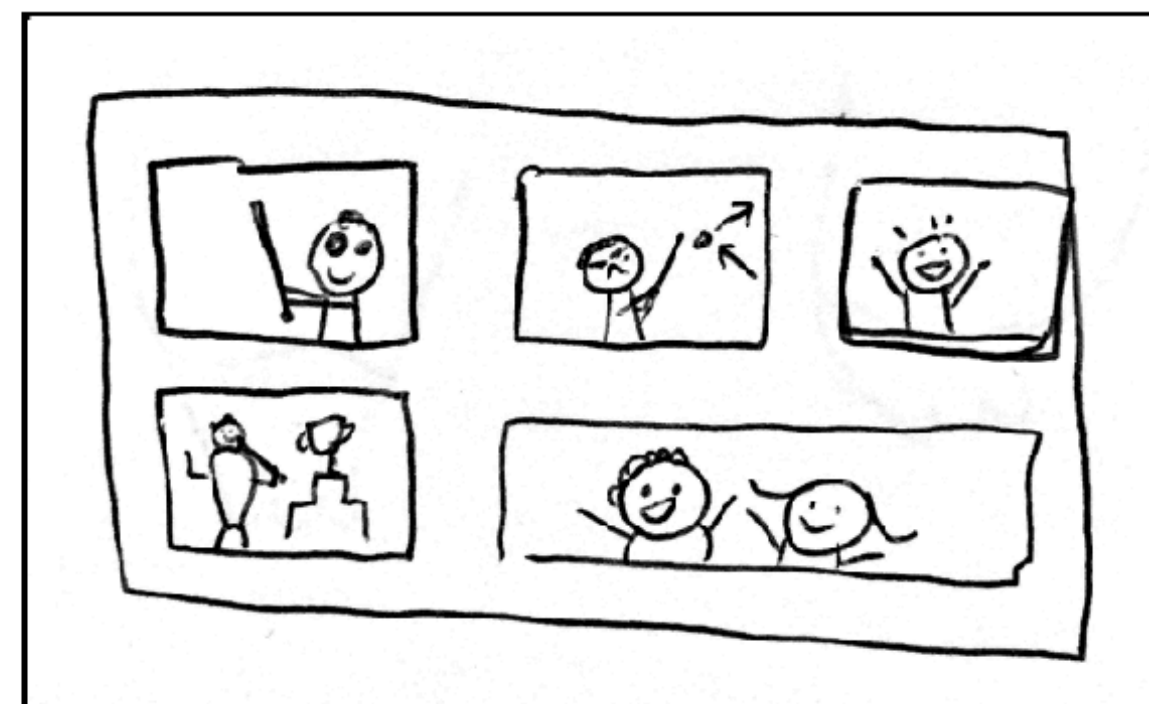
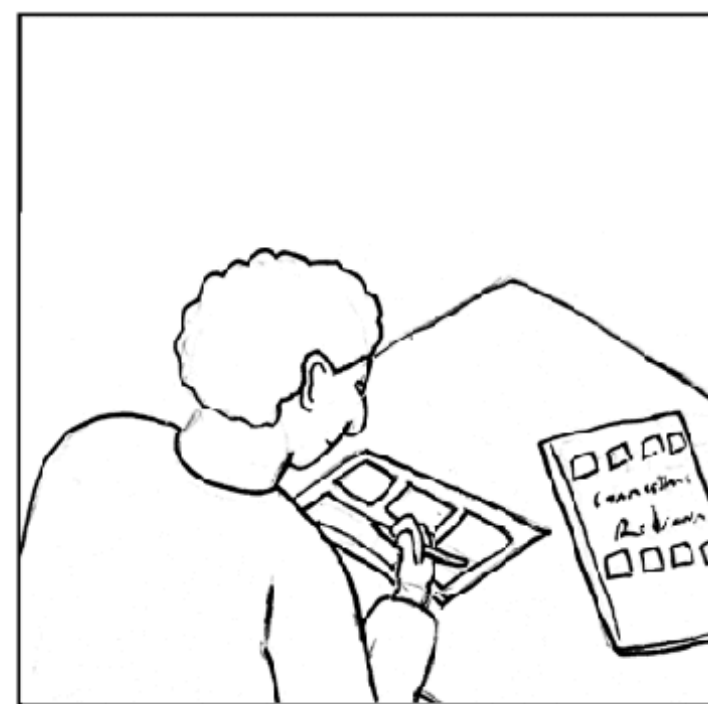
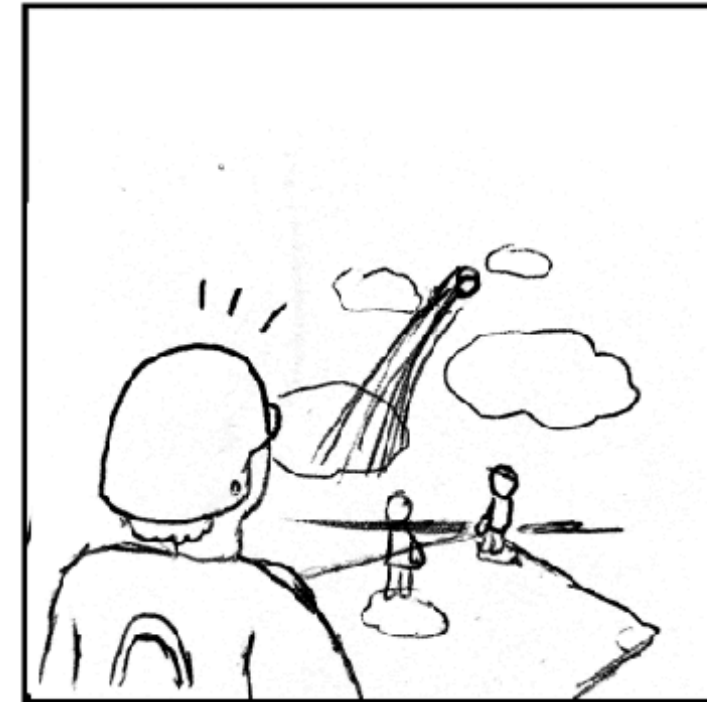
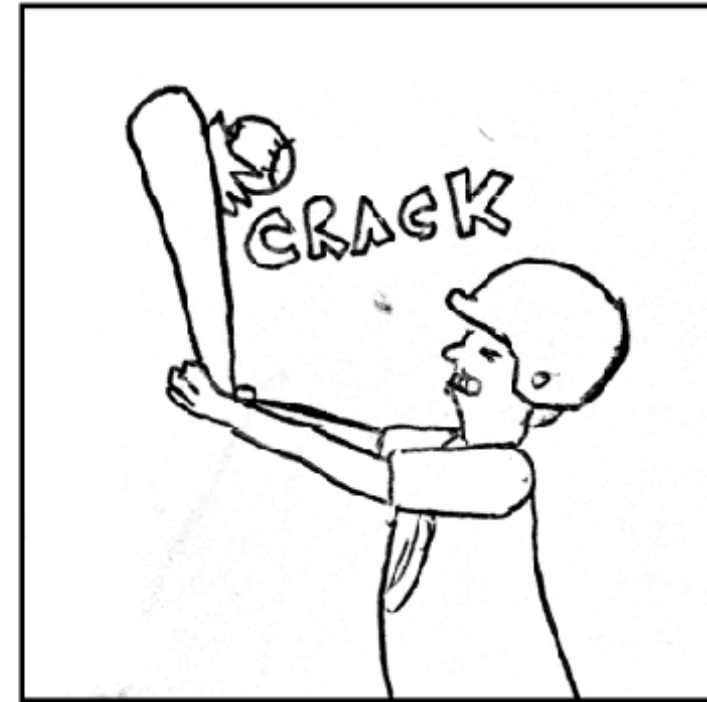
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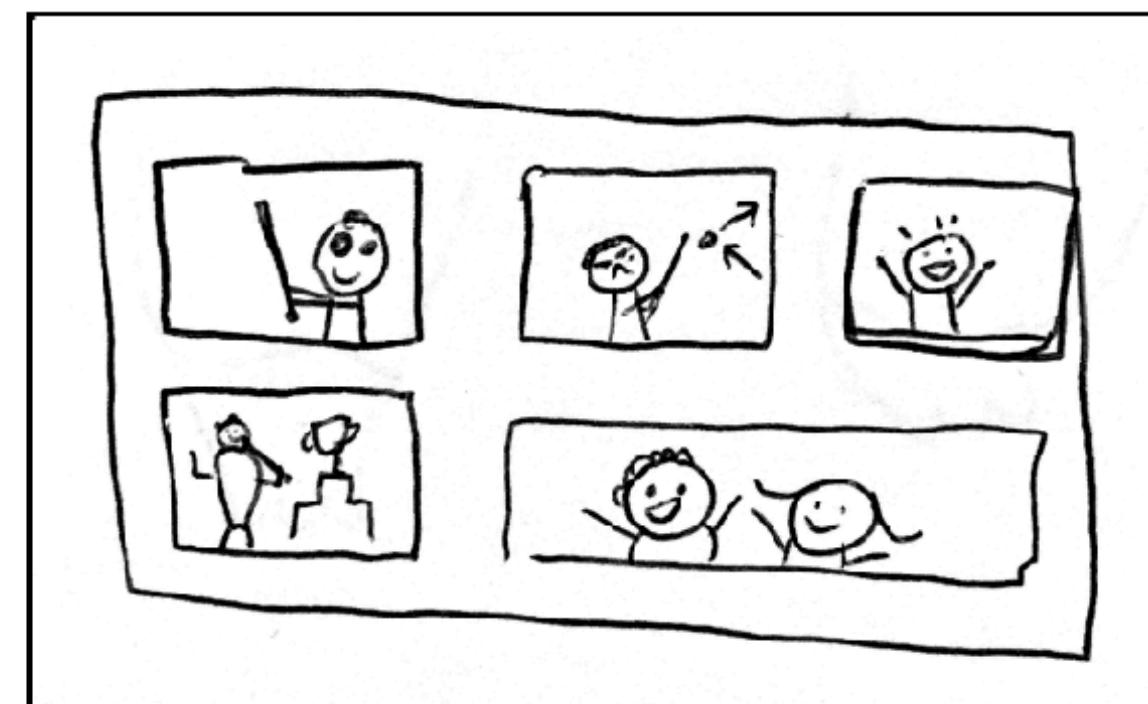
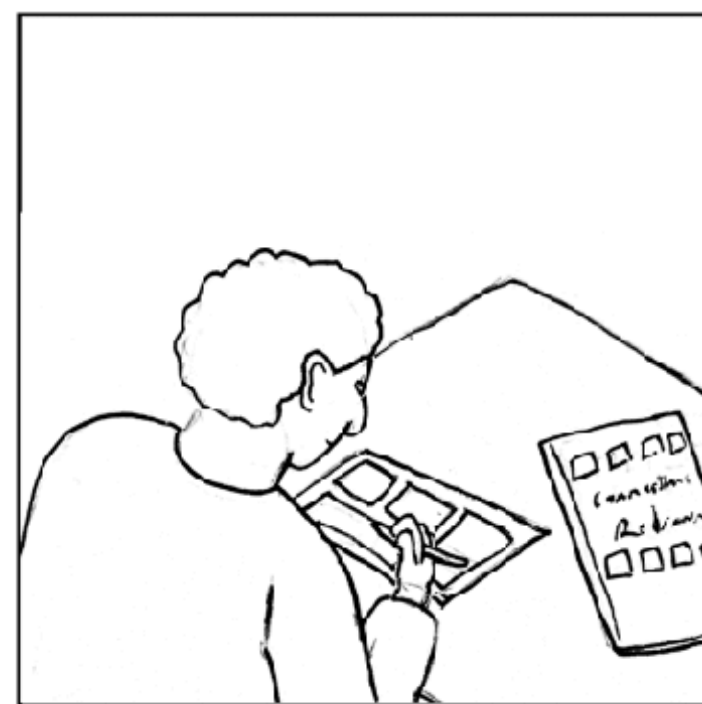
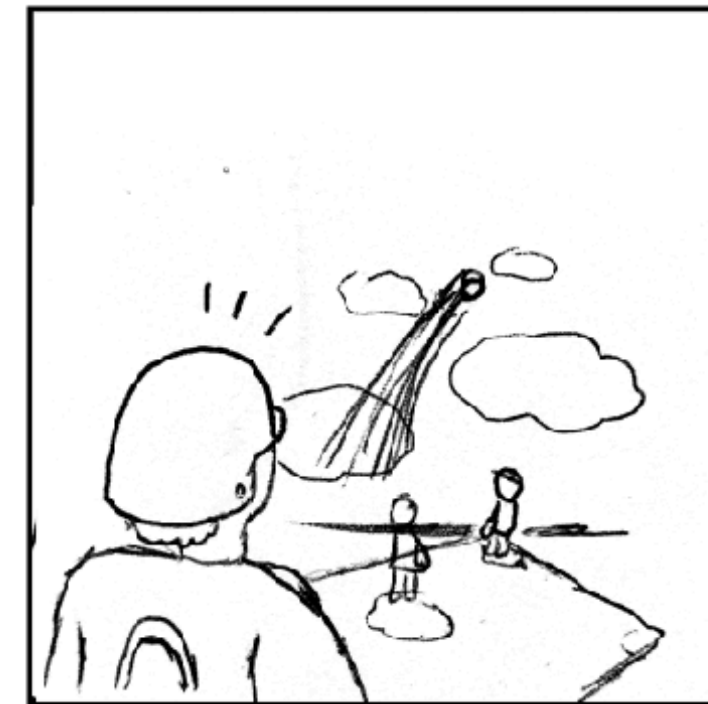
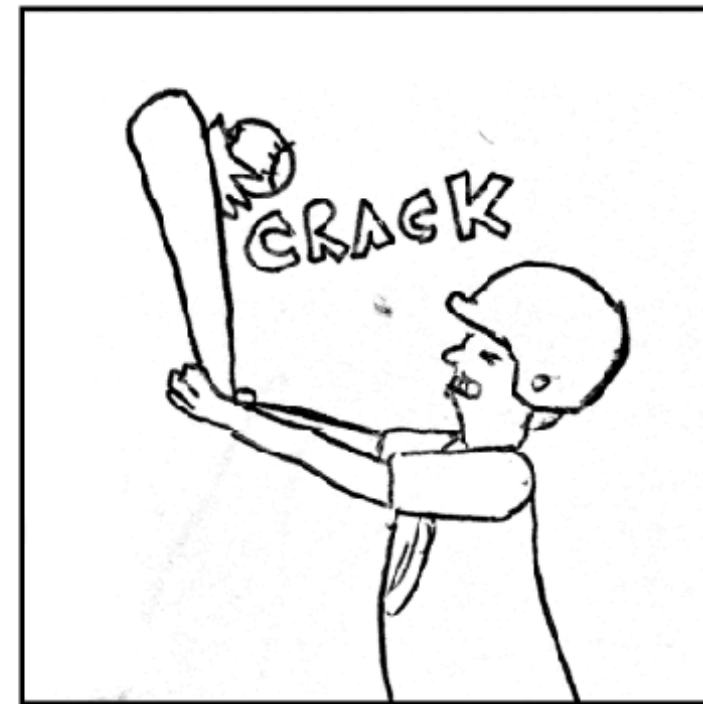


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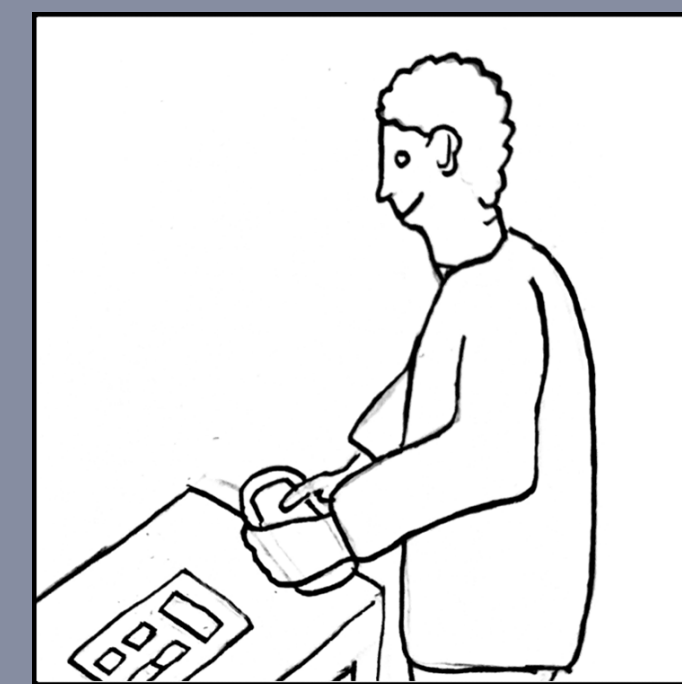
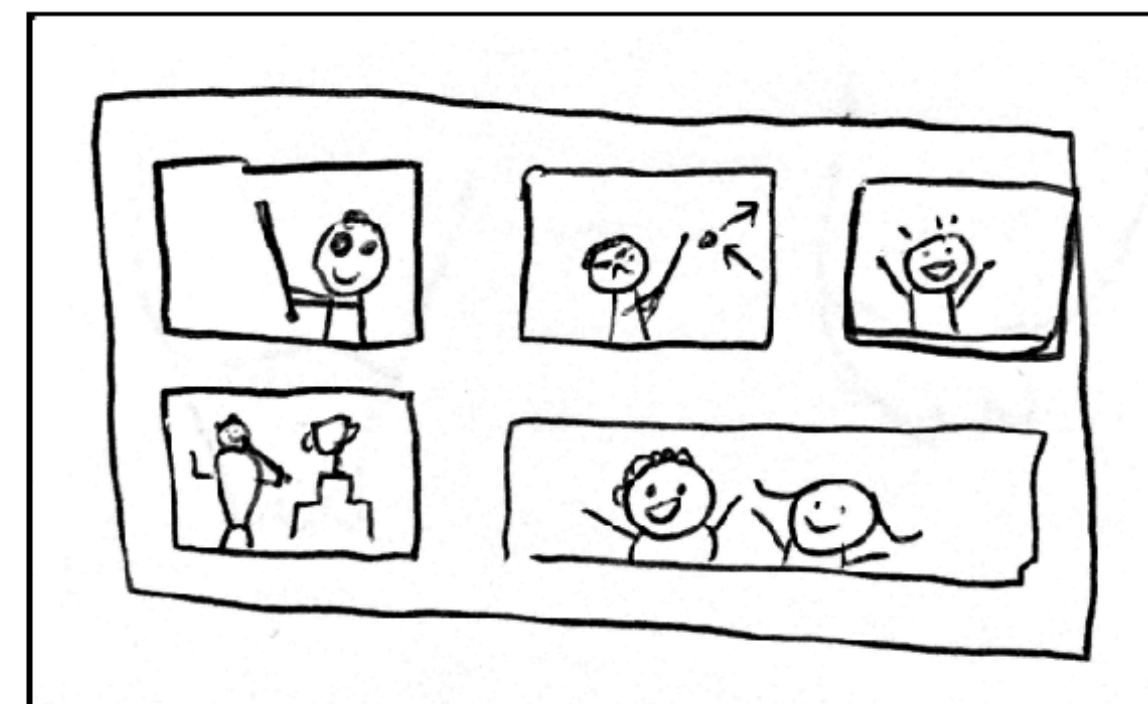
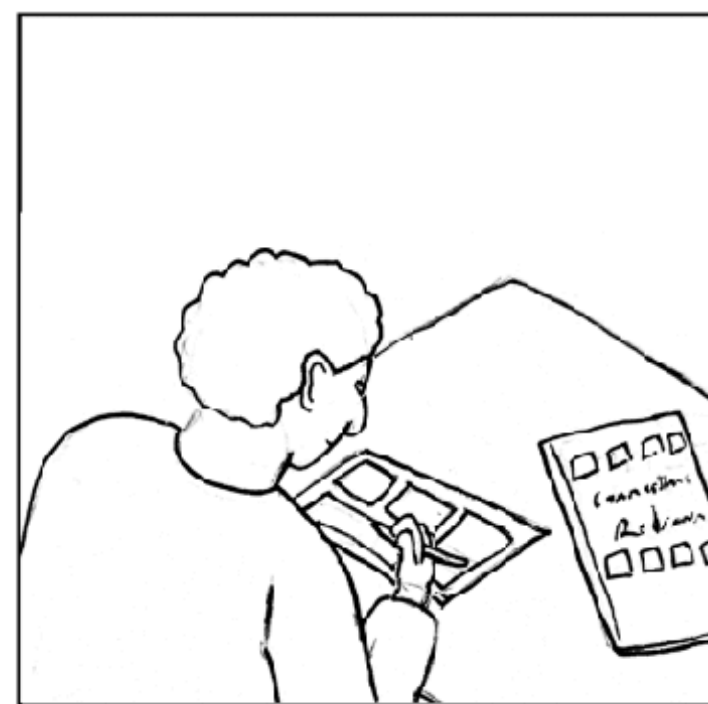
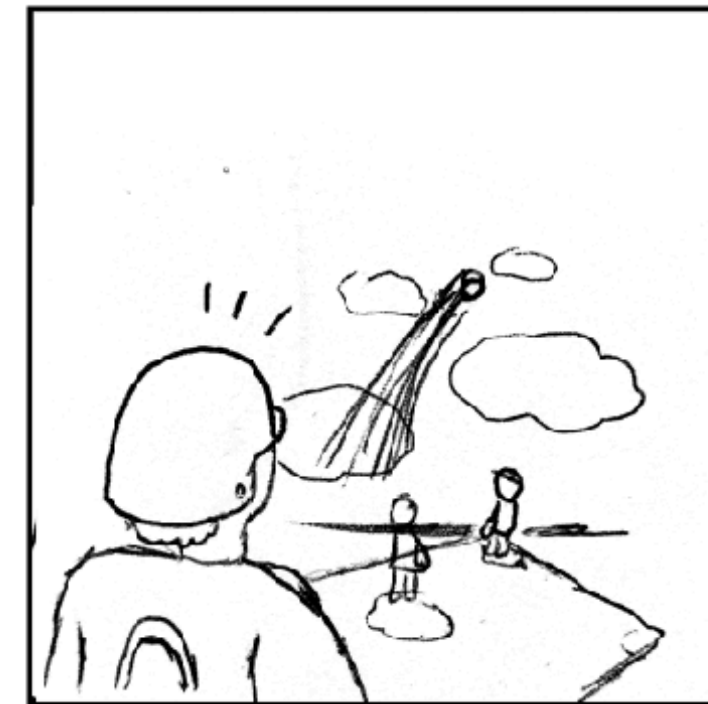
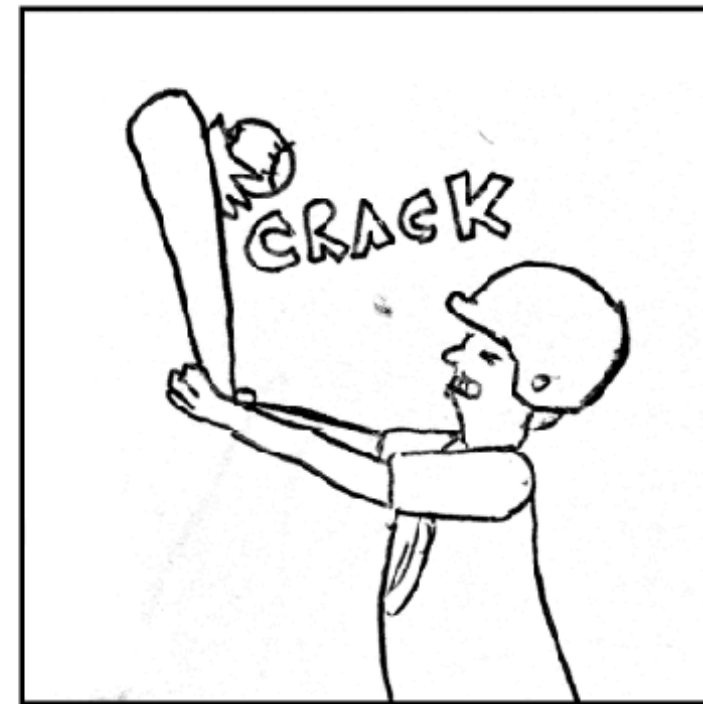
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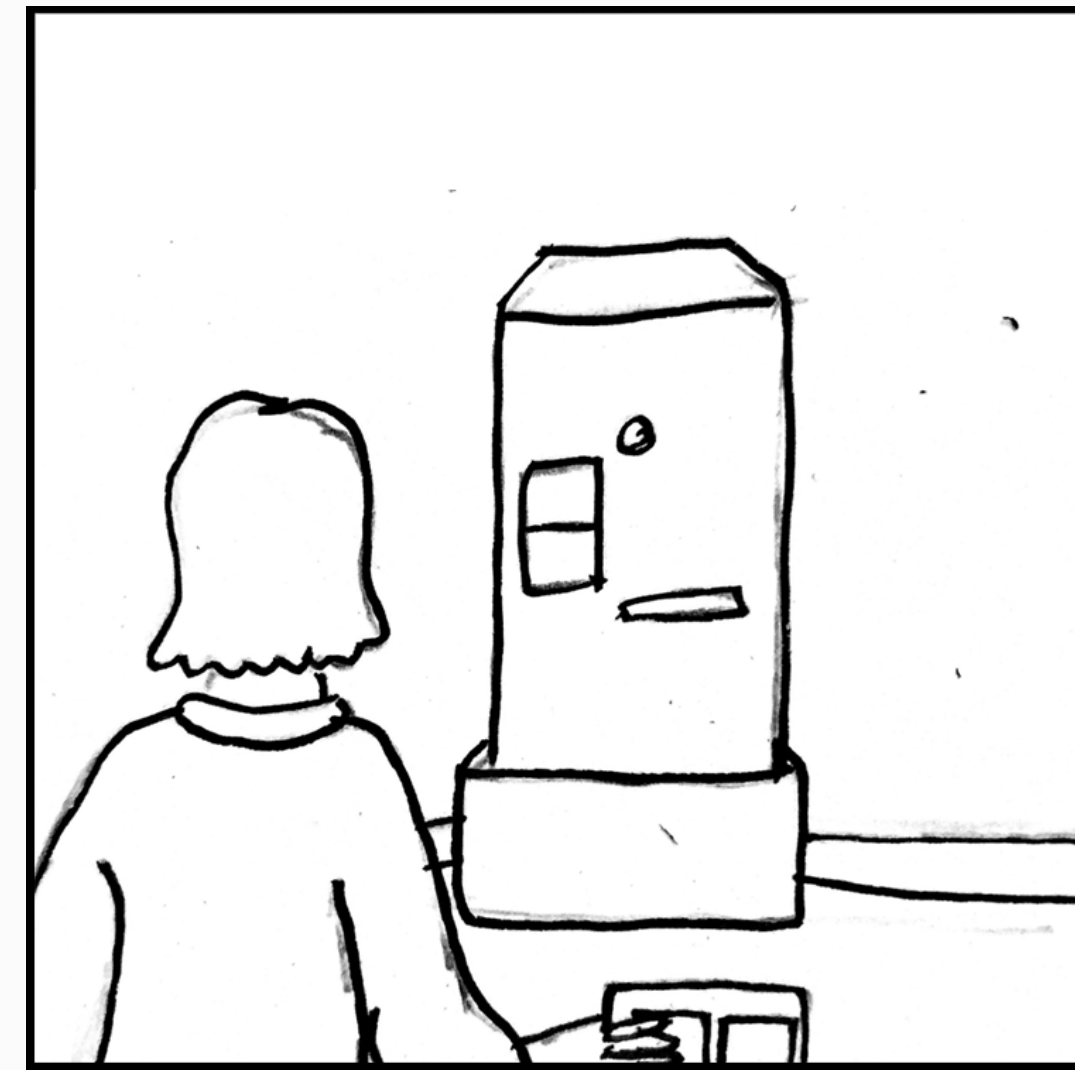
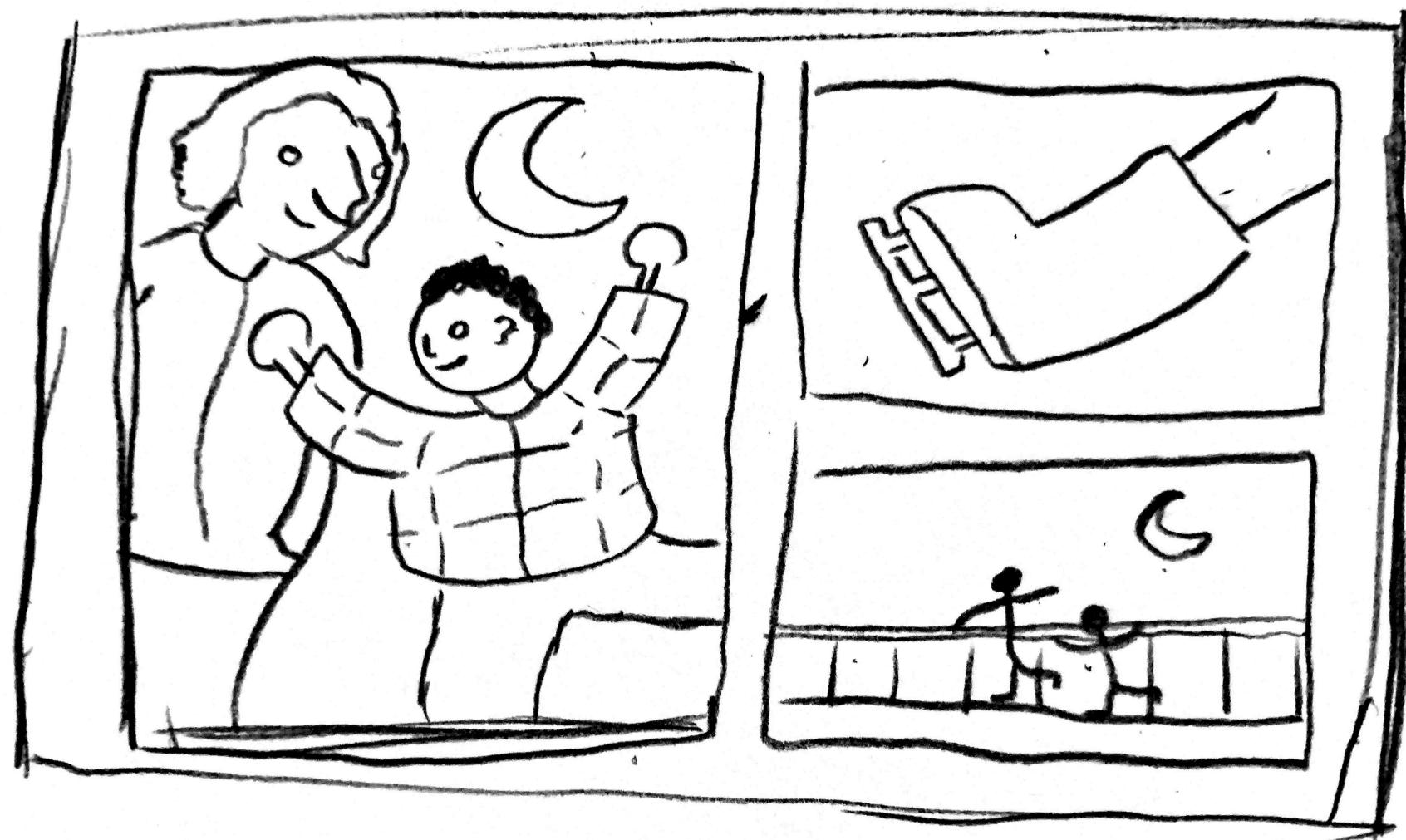
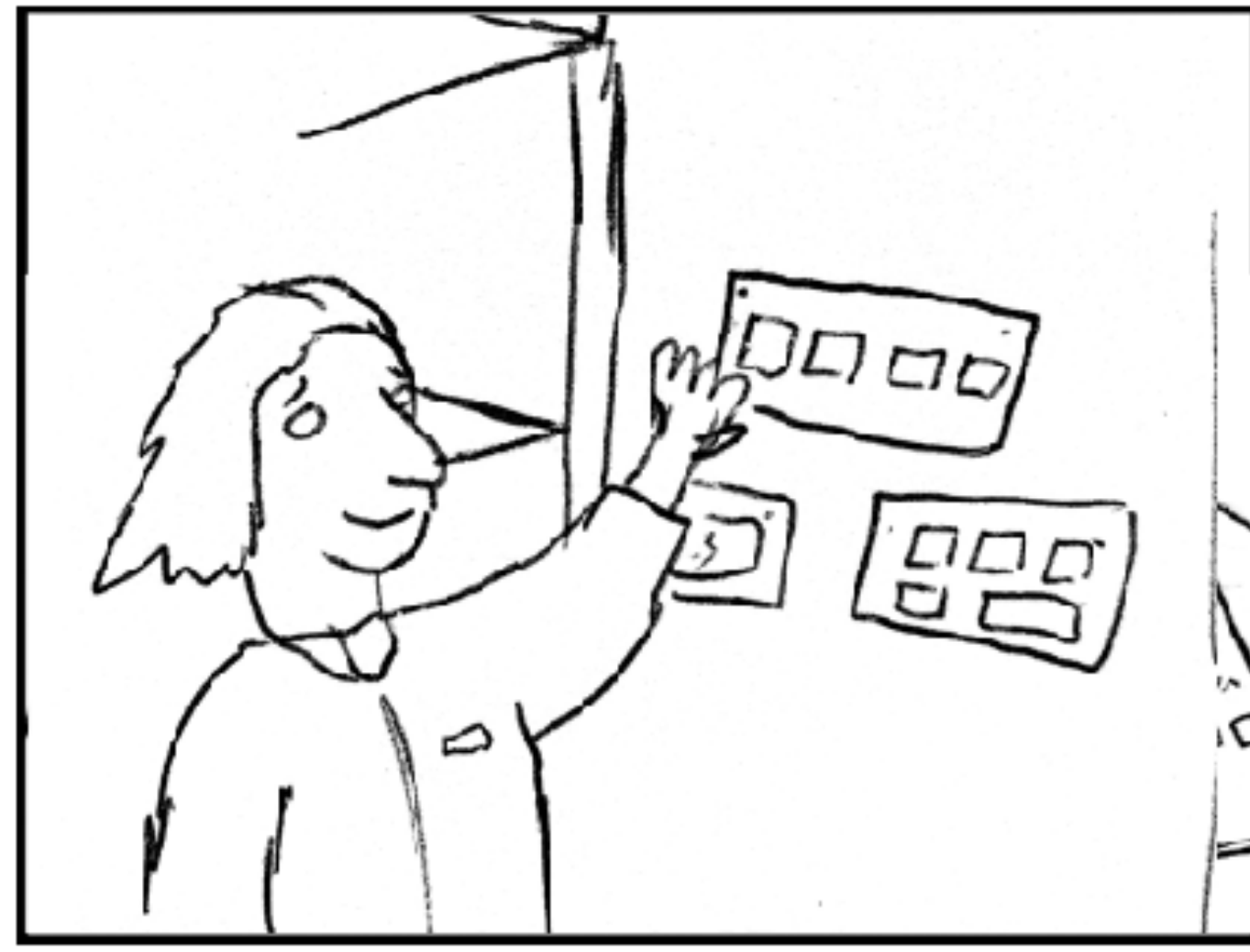
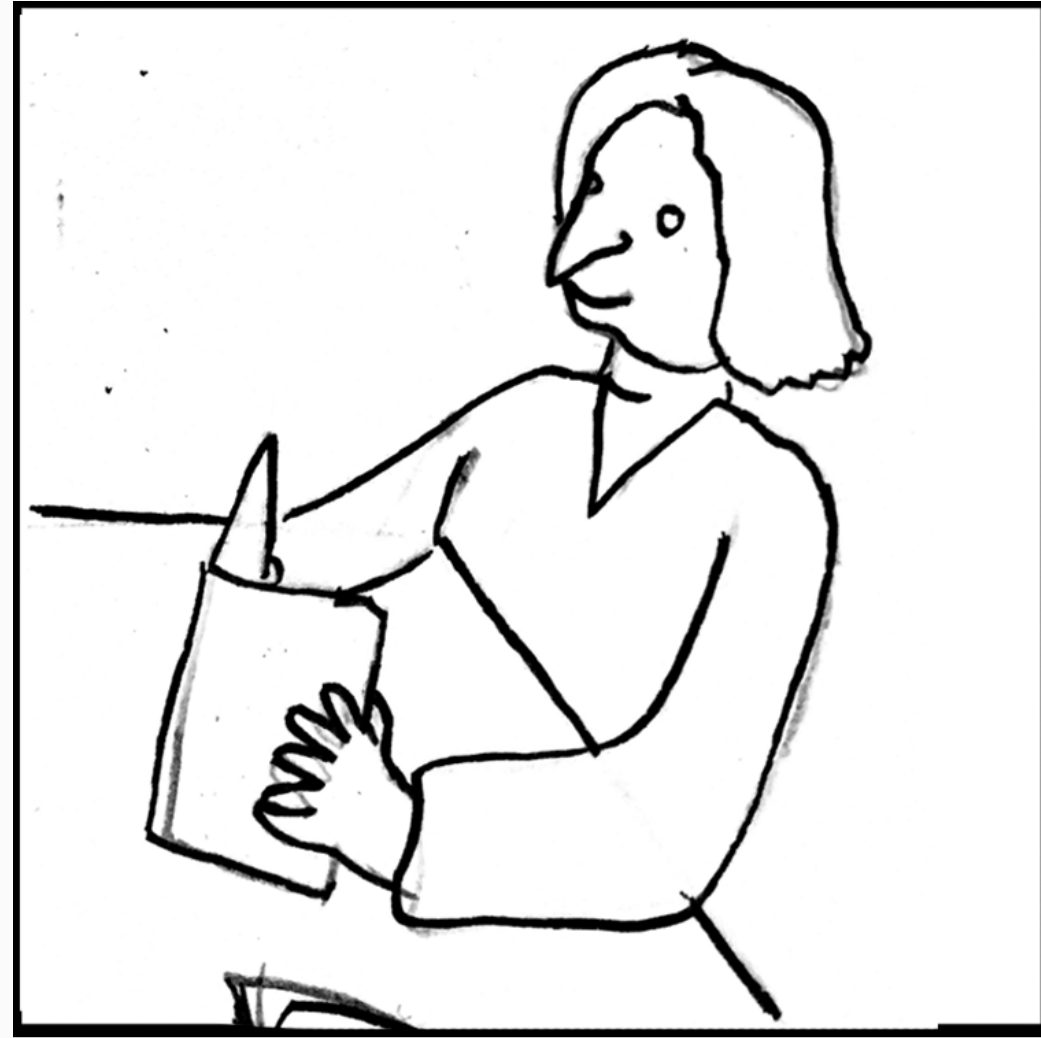
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