



Conversations
between
Neighbors



A Compilation of Short Stories by Vipasha Chauhan

“ All Eyes Are On You ”

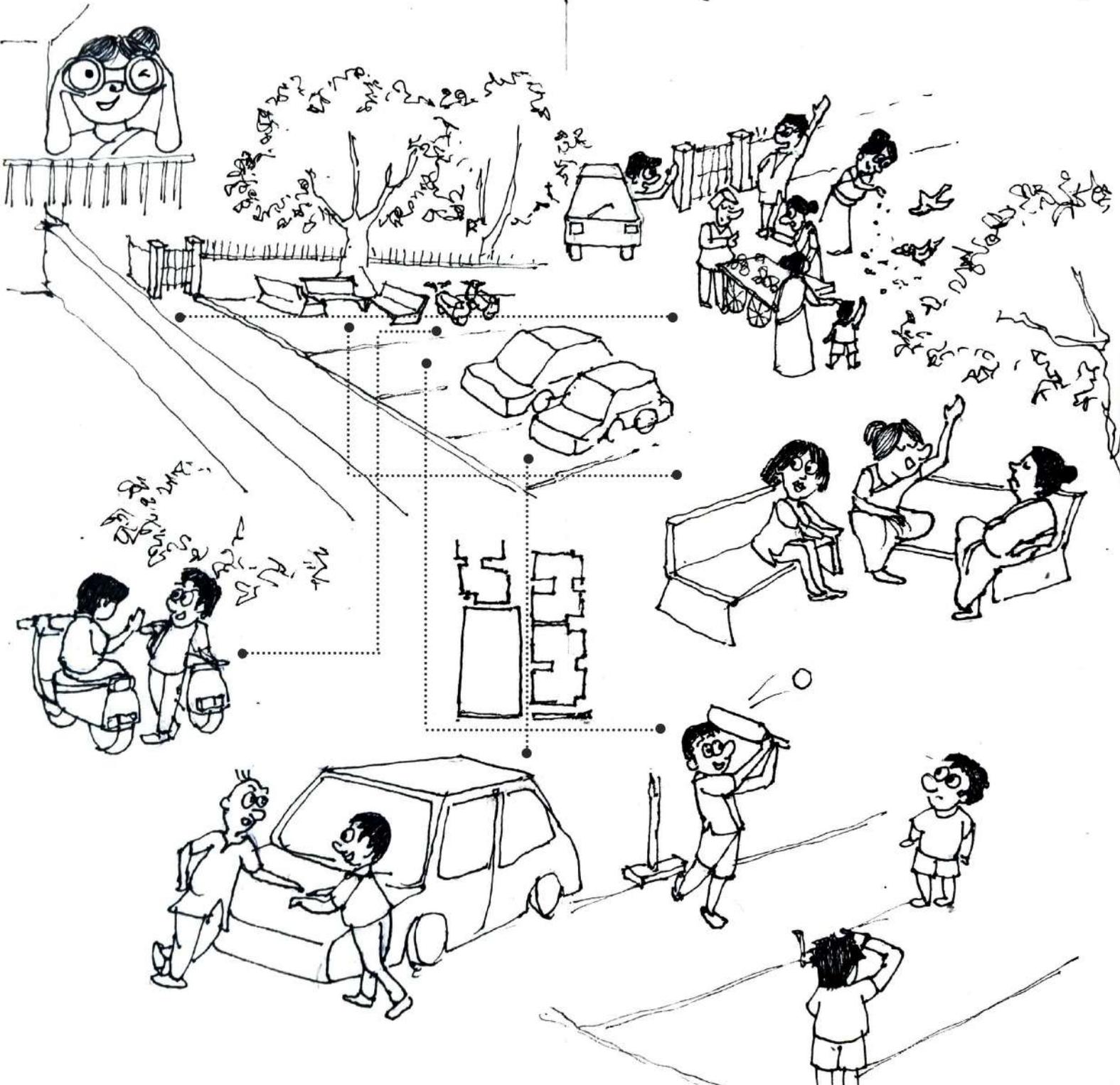
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Common plot,
Harimahadev Apartments, Ahmendabad

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All Eyes are on You



“ The Road Not Taken ”

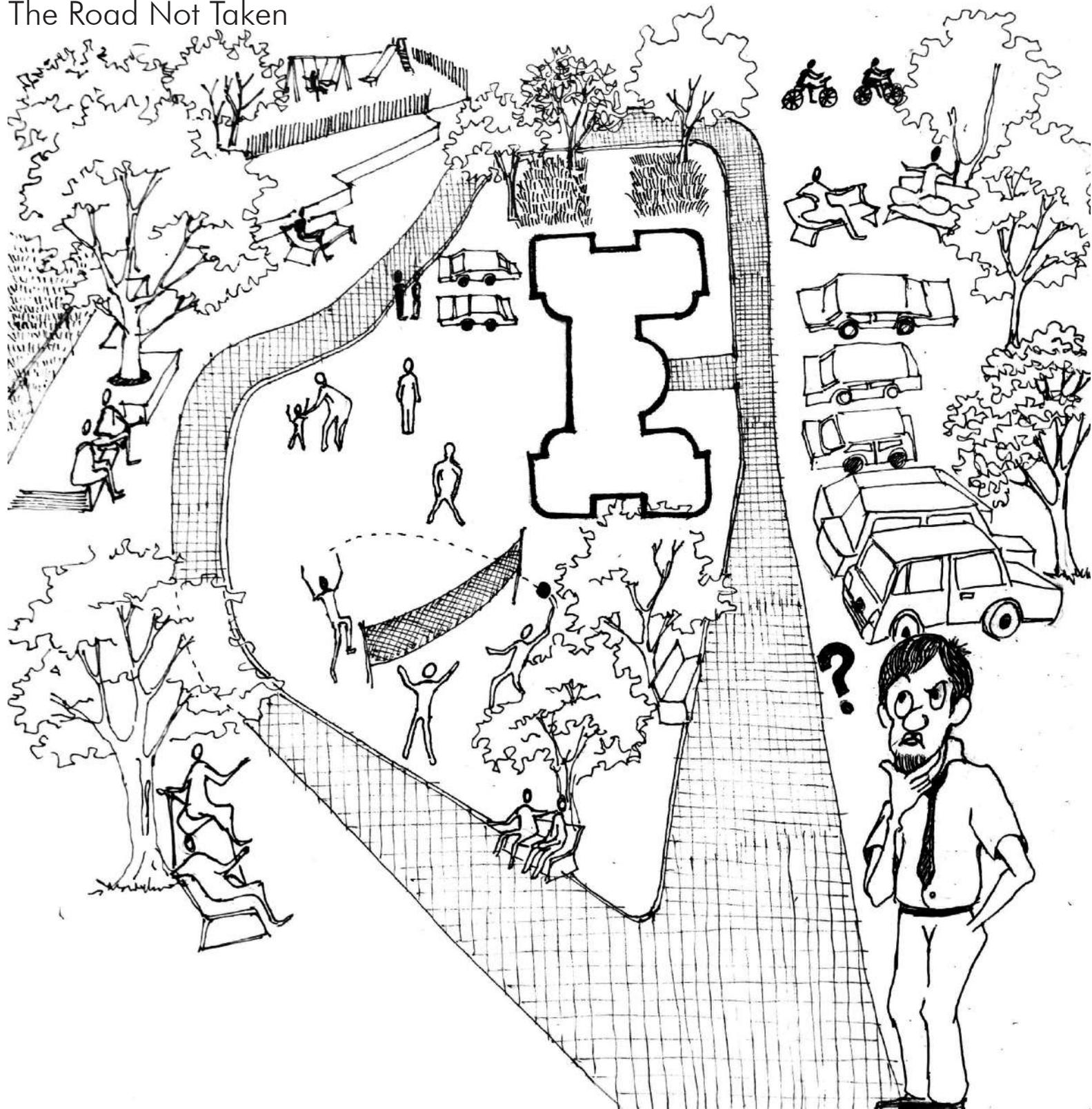
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The roads of Anmol Towers, Ahmendabad

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The Road Not Taken



“ Oh Front door,
what else can you be? ”

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The Floor lobby,
Ratnanabh Apartments, Surat

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Oh Front door, what else can you be?



“ From side to side ”

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Staircase landing,
Harimahadev Apartments, Ahmendabad

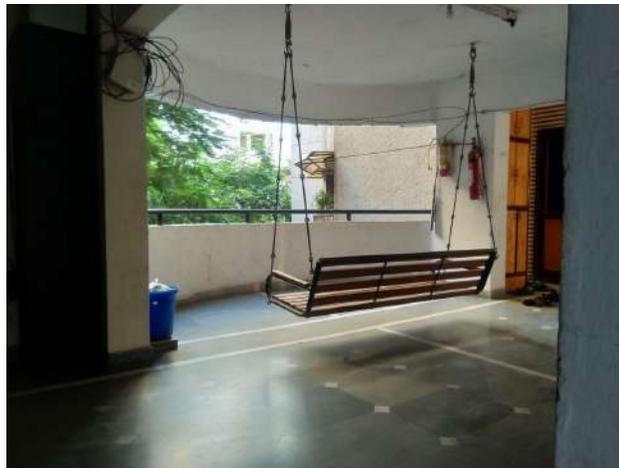
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From side to side



“ The Boring Lobby ”

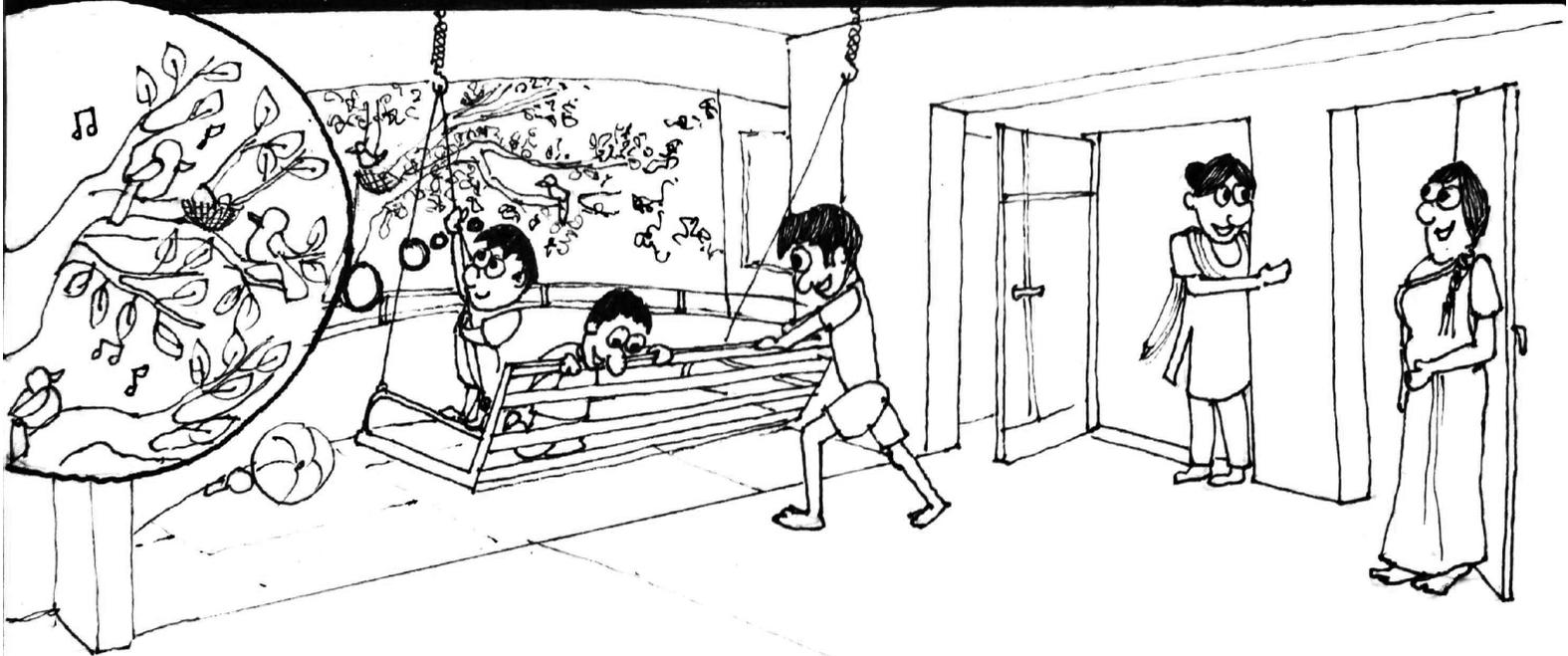
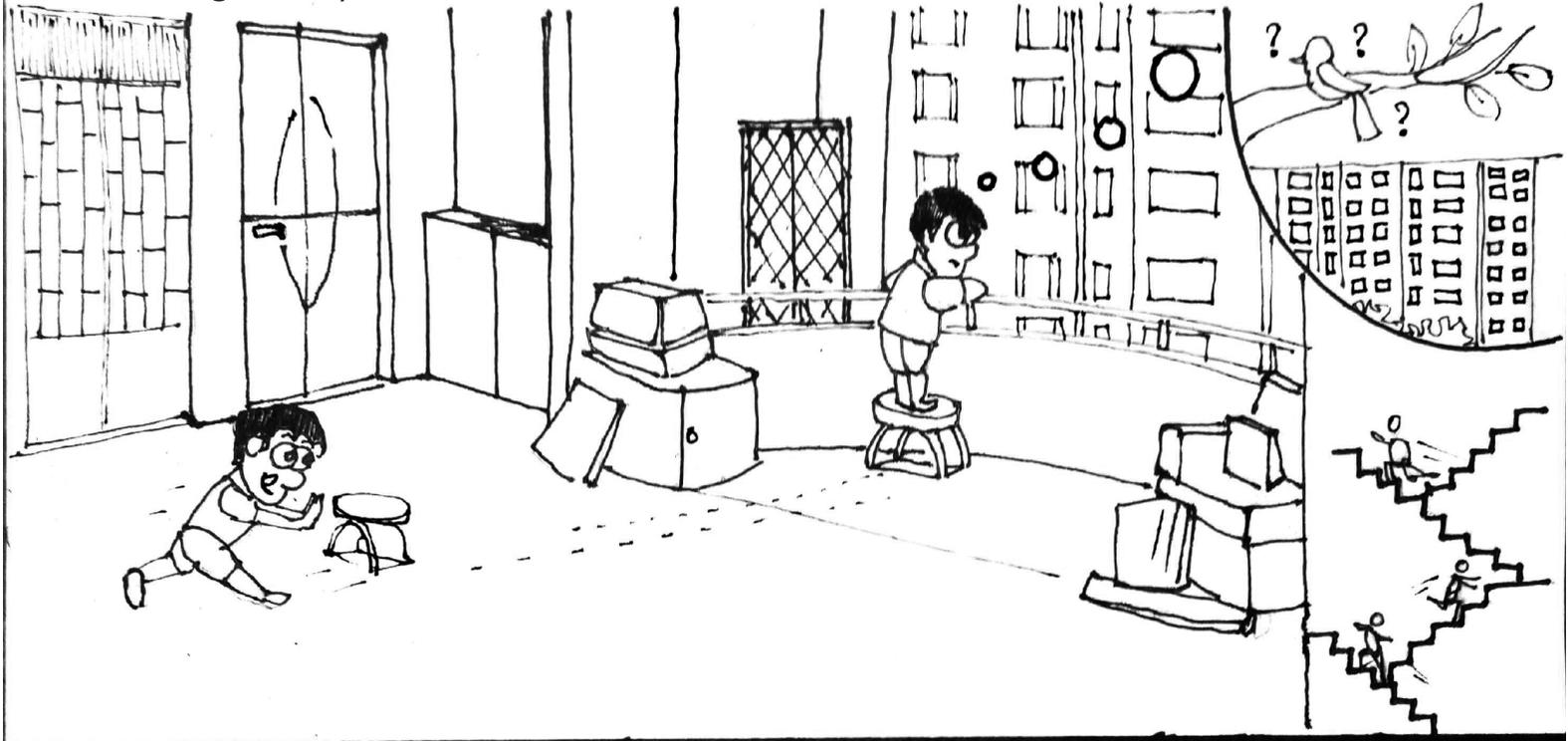
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3rd and 7th floor lobbies,
Anmol Towers, Ahmendabad

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The boring lobby



“ Balcony, are you open or closed? ”

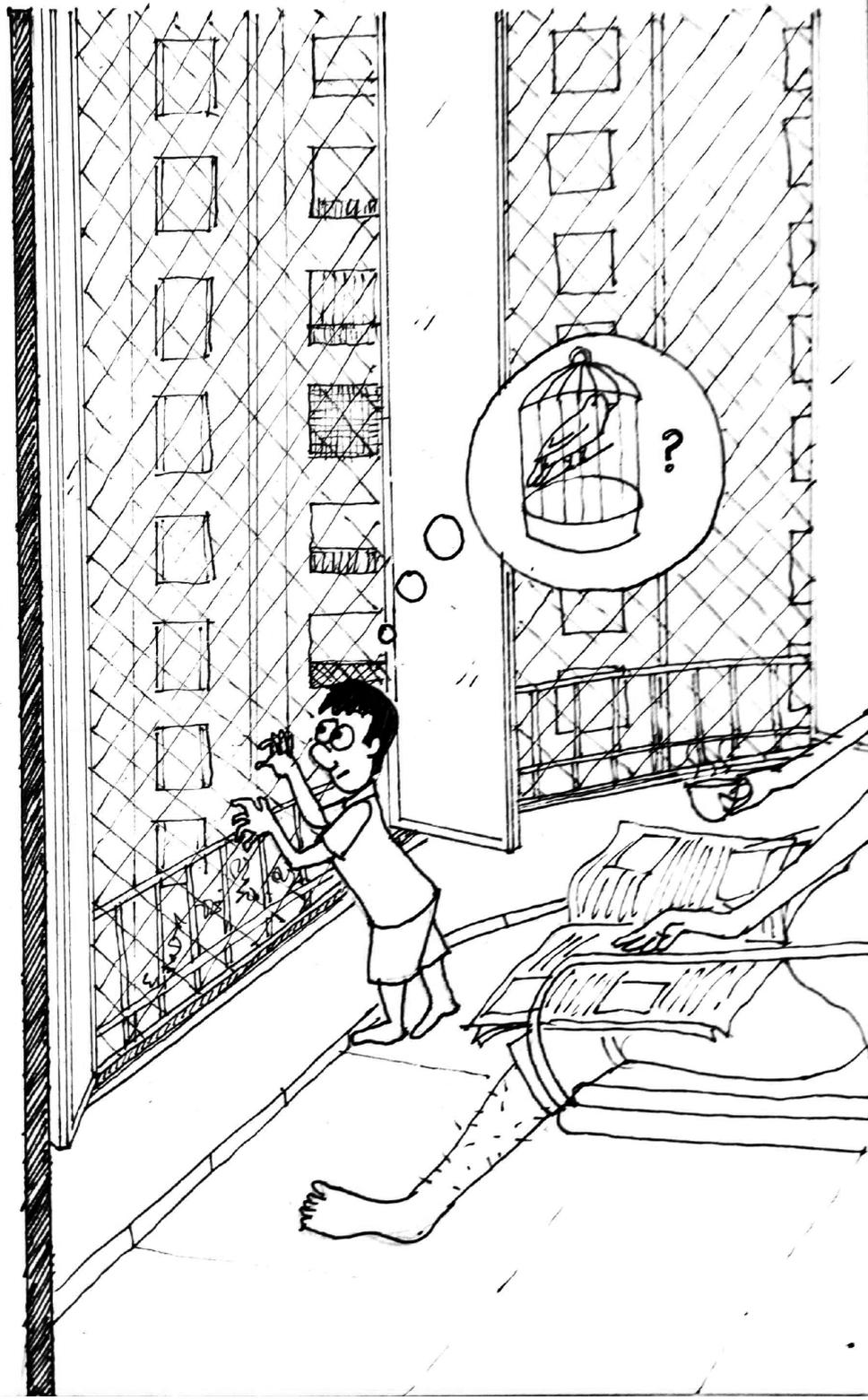
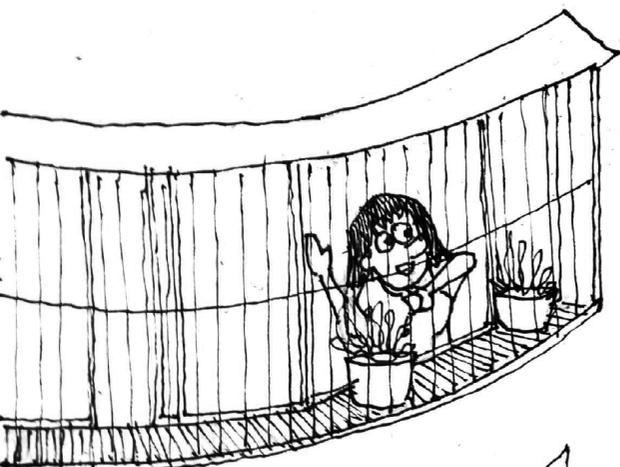
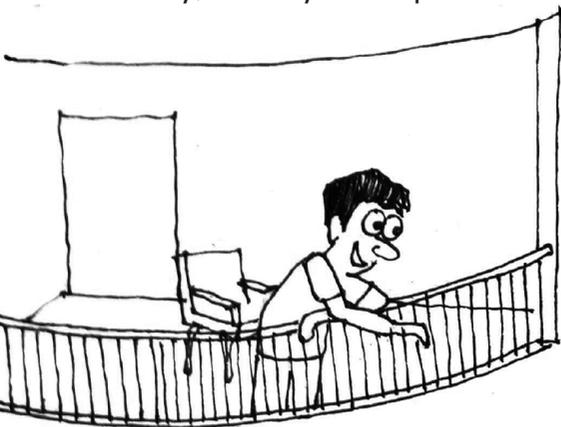
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Living room Balcony,
Anmol Towers, Ahmedabad

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Balcony, are you open or closed ?



“ Quarantine dance sessions ”

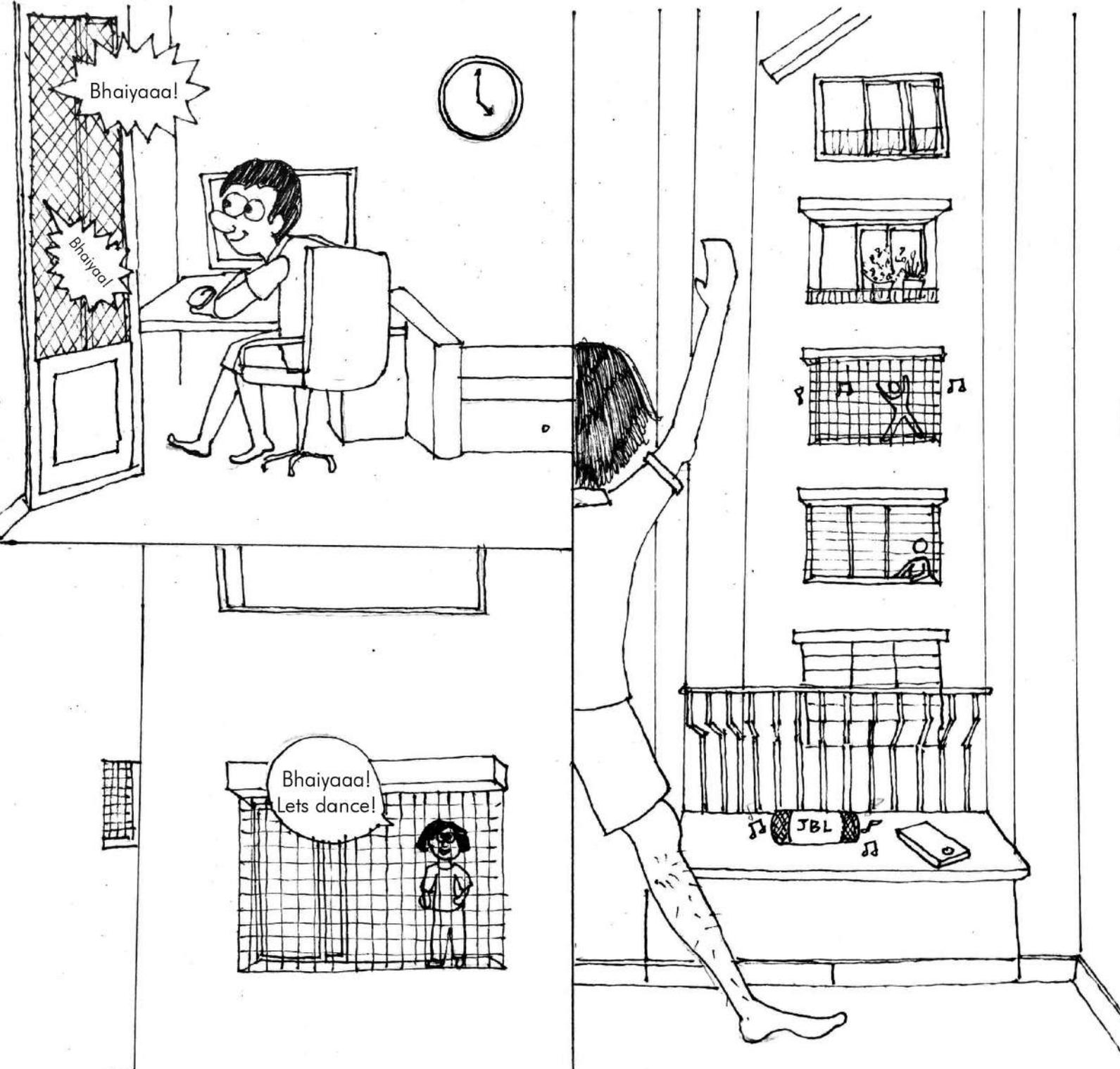
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Balcony,
Ratnanabh Apartments, Surat

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The Quarantine dance sessions



“ Parallel lines that
seldom meet ”

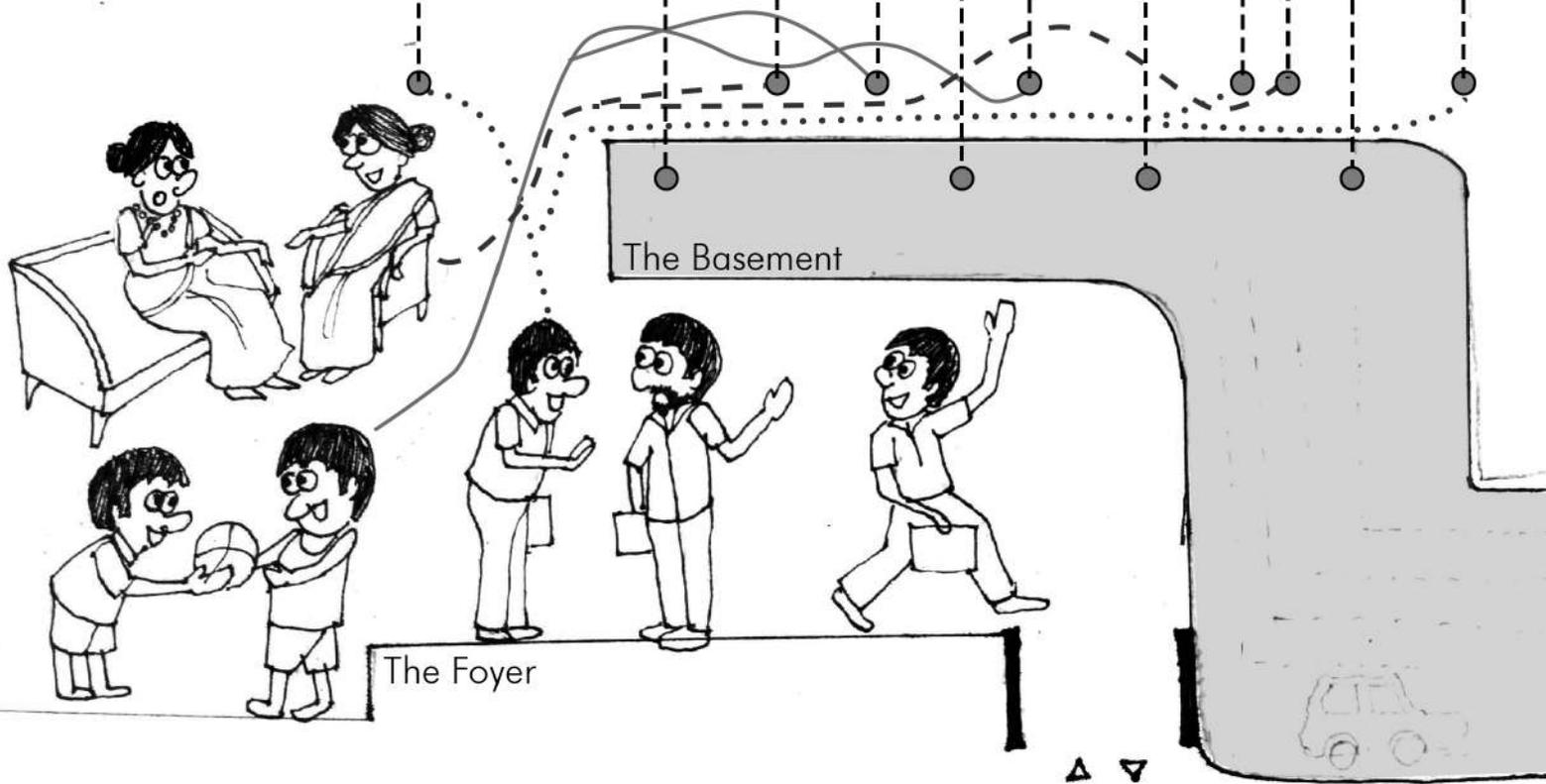
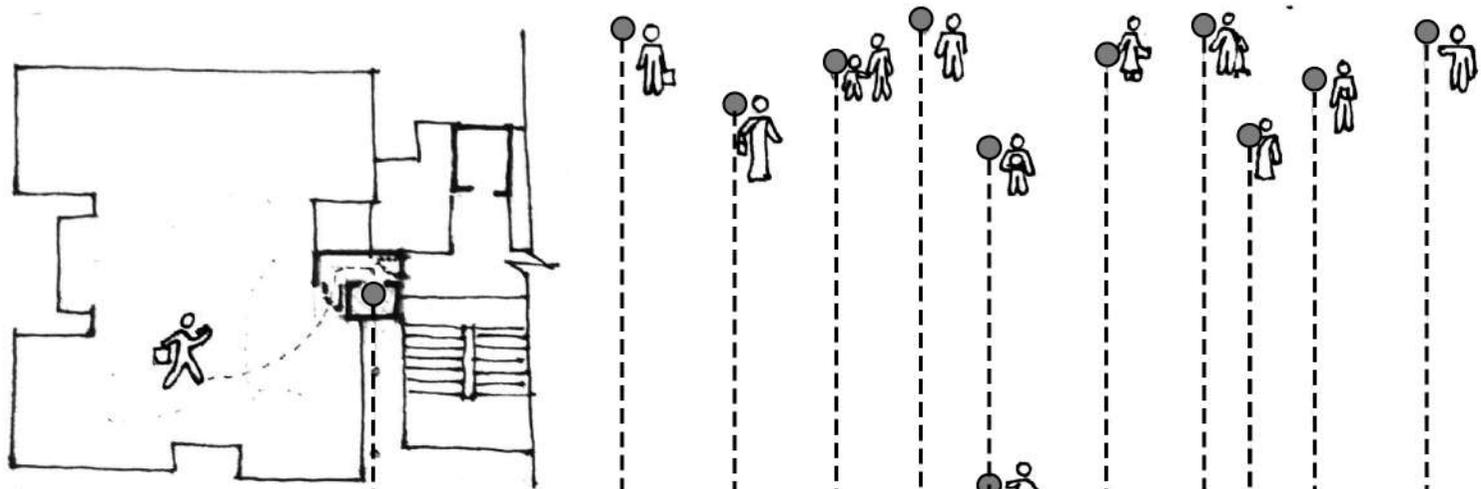
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Private lift + Entrance Foyer,
Capital Greens, Surat

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Parallel lines that seldom meet



“ The Intercom Dilemma ”

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The intercoms,
Capital Greens, Surat

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The Intercom Dilemma

- * AC Indoor game room
- * AC Gym with Latest Equipment
- * Yoga Hall
- * Meditation Room
- * Aerobic Hall
- * Steam Bath / Sauna Bath / Jacuzzi
- * Open Exercise
- * Lawn Equipments
- * Swimming Pool
- * Jogging Track
- * Cycling Track
- * Basketball Court
- * Volleyball Court
- * Badminton Court
- * Net Cricket Pitch
- * Lawn Tennis
- * AC Banquet Hall
- * Open Air Theatre
- * Coffee Bar
- * Fast Food Hut
- * Canteen
- * Kid's Play area
- * Kid's Game Zone covered
- * Open Children Park
- * Splash Pool

The Club House

The Basketball Court !

Hey Neighbor!

Let's Meet!

But, how will I recognize them ?

“ The welcoming Foyer ”

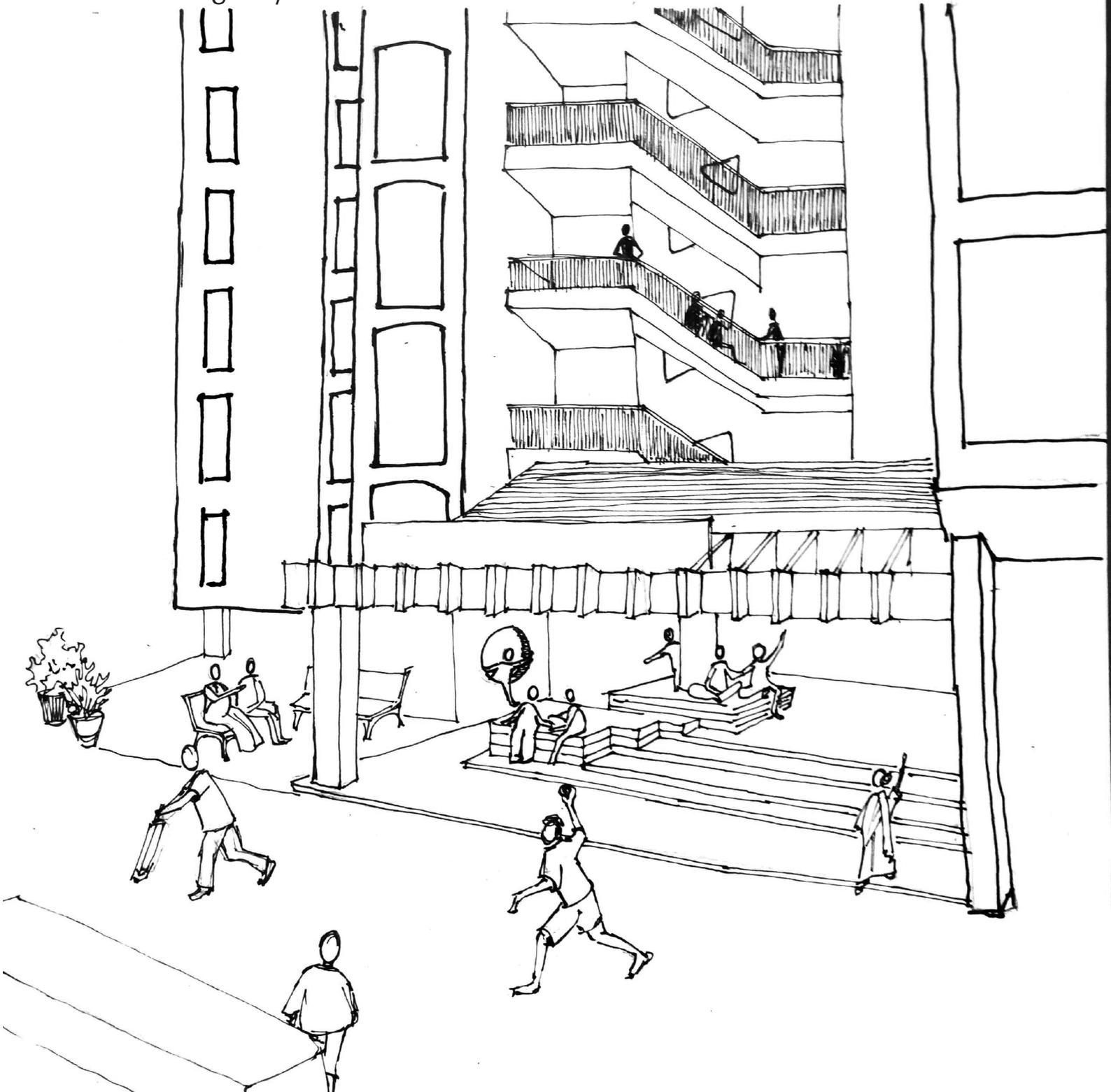
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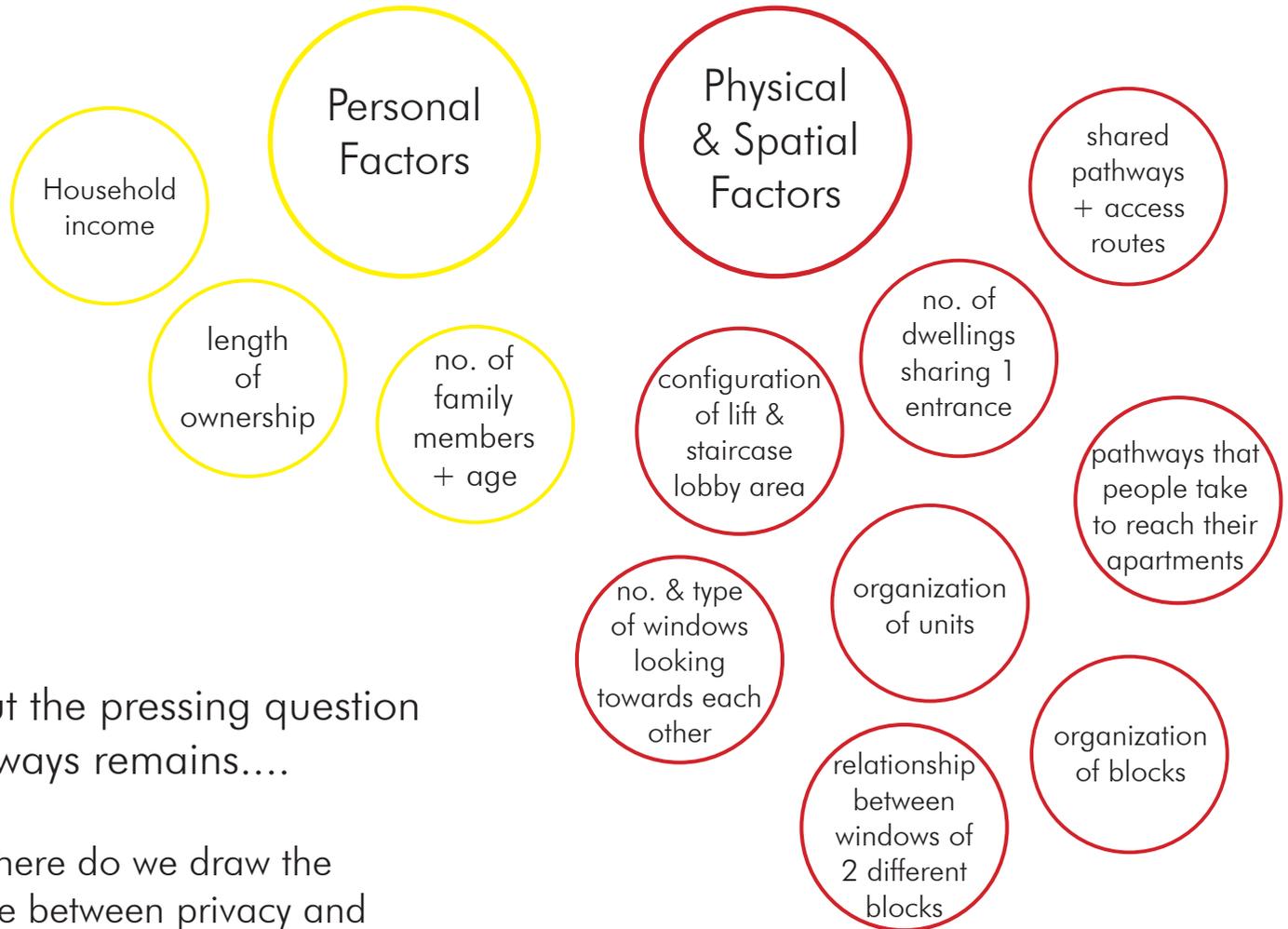
Entrance Foyer,
Ratnanabh Apartments, Surat

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The welcoming Foyer



What are the factors that affect interactions between Neighbors ?



But the pressing question always remains....

Where do we draw the line between privacy and socializing ?

Why do you think Social interactions are important in a neighborhood ?

creates a sense of a community

helps dealing with society issues

dealing with food and health issues

business talks help in personal business

in a way improves the quality of life

Then why not?

Why are apartment units being designed to restrict life in the four walls of the unit?

- What all spaces can the neighbor enter or look into? is it the living room/dining area/kitchen maybe? even the bedroom?
- Are people willing to share some space/storage with their neighbor? maybe a common study/library/music room maybe? common play area between 2 units?

When & Where do we draw the line of privacy ?



Questions at site level:

- how many residents are connected visually to which common areas ?
- How does the usual pedestrian path cross the outdoor common areas and building entrances?
- how much visual connectivity is there between 2 blocks? and what does one look into?

Questions at floor level:

- how much natural light enters the lobby area? is there space to pause ? What common areas does it look into?
- what is the relationship between house openings and the lobby area?
- how much affordance does it allow ? can it act like the extension of the living somehow?

Questions at unit level:

- what does one see when the front door is opened? Can it encourage people to keep their front doors open?
- What other activities can the front door area be used for?
- What does the balcony / window look into? what is the distance between balconies/windows and what kind of conversations does it hence offer?

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The pressing question hence is:

Why is it such that as we move higher in the income group, the need for privacy starts over-weighting the need for opportunities of conversations with neighbors ?

