taxi hand signs for the blind

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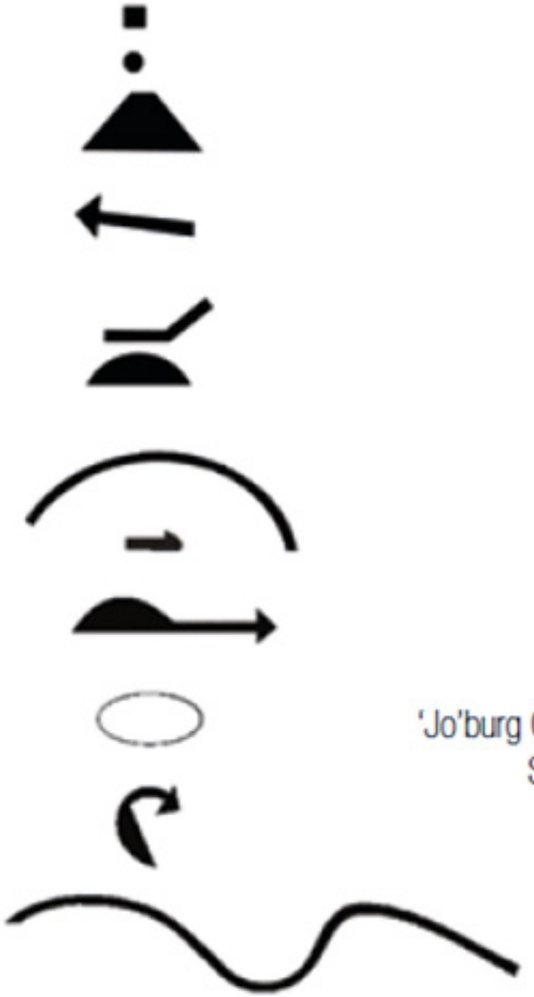

'Jo'burg CBD' refers to the taxi rank on Noord Street in town (central Johannesburg)

Ask at Taxi Rank

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Alberton to Baragwaneth 4

Alexandra to Cooperate Park via Midrand 9

Alexandra to Doornfontein 9

Alexandra to Fourways 1

Alexandra to Jo'burg CBD 1

Alexandra to Jo'burg CBD via Johannesburg General Hospital 1

Alexandra to Limbro Park via Eastbank (through 2nd Ave.) 6

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Alexandra to Limbro Park via Pan Africa 6

Alexandra to Local (within Alex):

- a. Pan Africa to East Bank Ave. 6
- b. Pan Africa to London Rd. 6
- c. Pan Africa to Cemetery Settlement 6
- d. Pan Africa to Selbourne 6

Alexandra to Marlboro 6

Foreword

South Africa has eleven official languages but in reality, there are twelve. The twelfth language is sign language, part of which has been developed by millions of South Africans across townships and cities - the language of commuters. As the taxi routes expand, the hand signs develop as a logical, visual language.

Susan Woolf has done South African taxi commuters a great service. She has catalogued the hand signals and linked them to the relevant taxi routes in a single user-friendly booklet. With this guide everyone, literate or illiterate, young or old, rural or urban, local or international, can now navigate to their destinations like seasoned professionals. All of us should welcome this empowering tool. This is a guide book whose time has come.

With 2010 around the corner, many of the tourists will now find their way to and from the games and in and out of the city and townships. This book is born out of a pride in what is so ingeniously, truly South African. I am proud to be part of the history that documents this expansion of our twelfth South African language.

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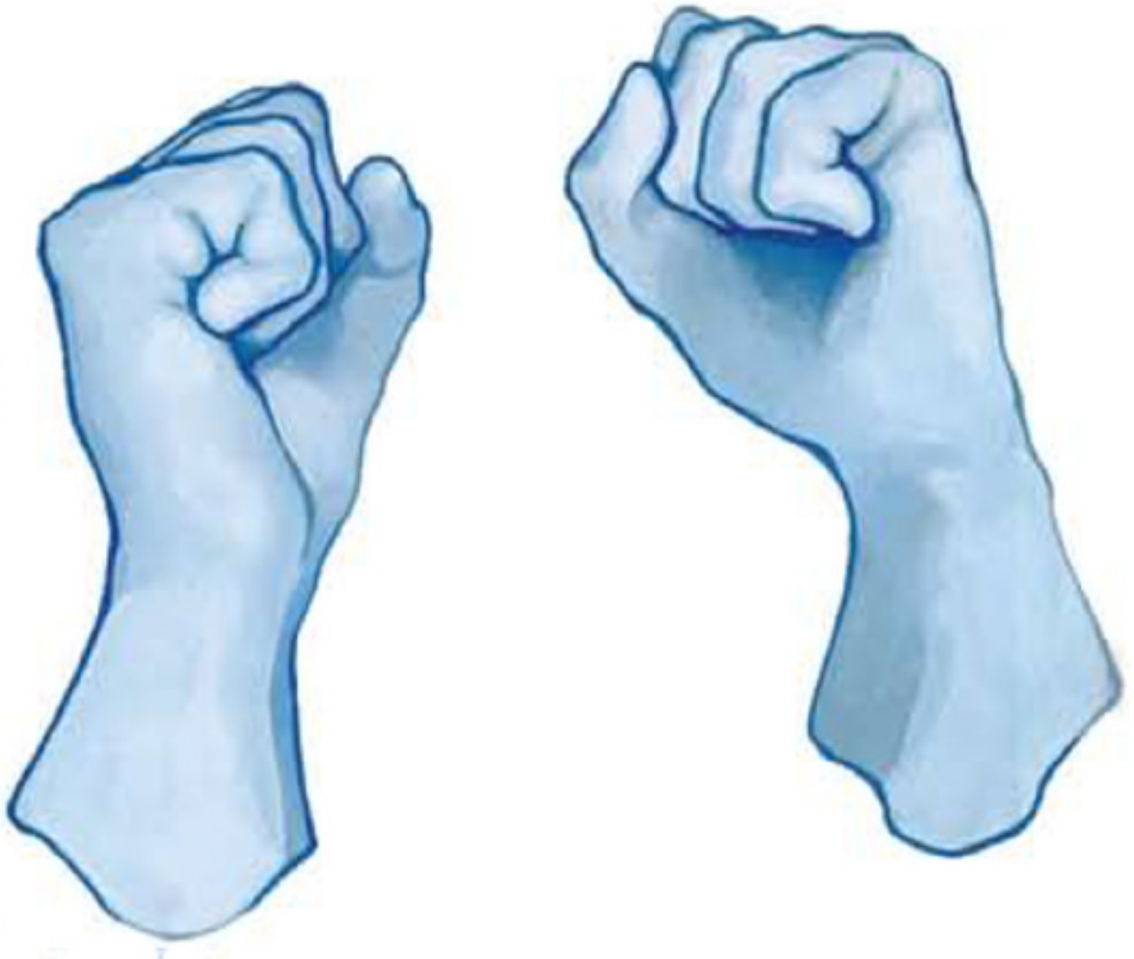

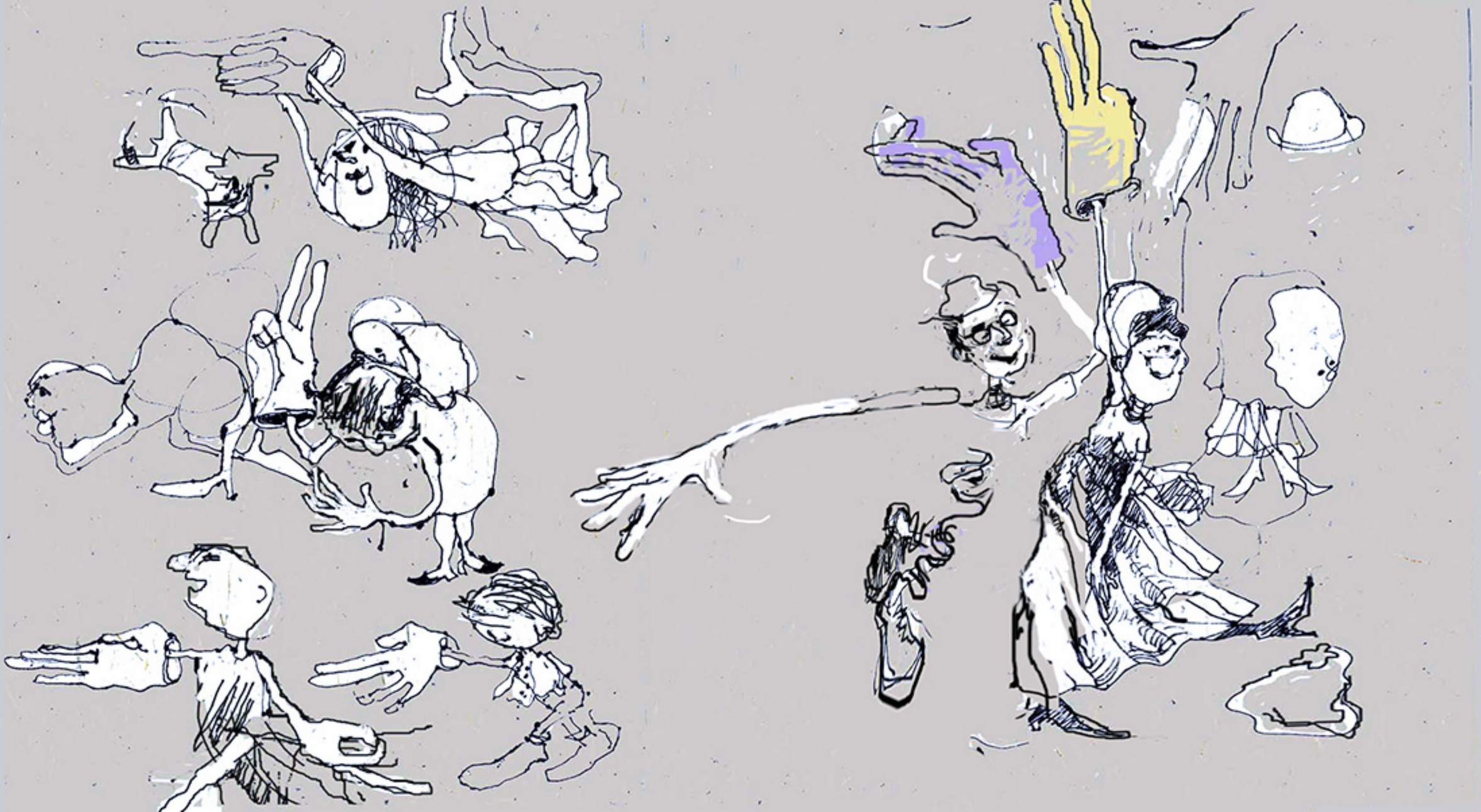

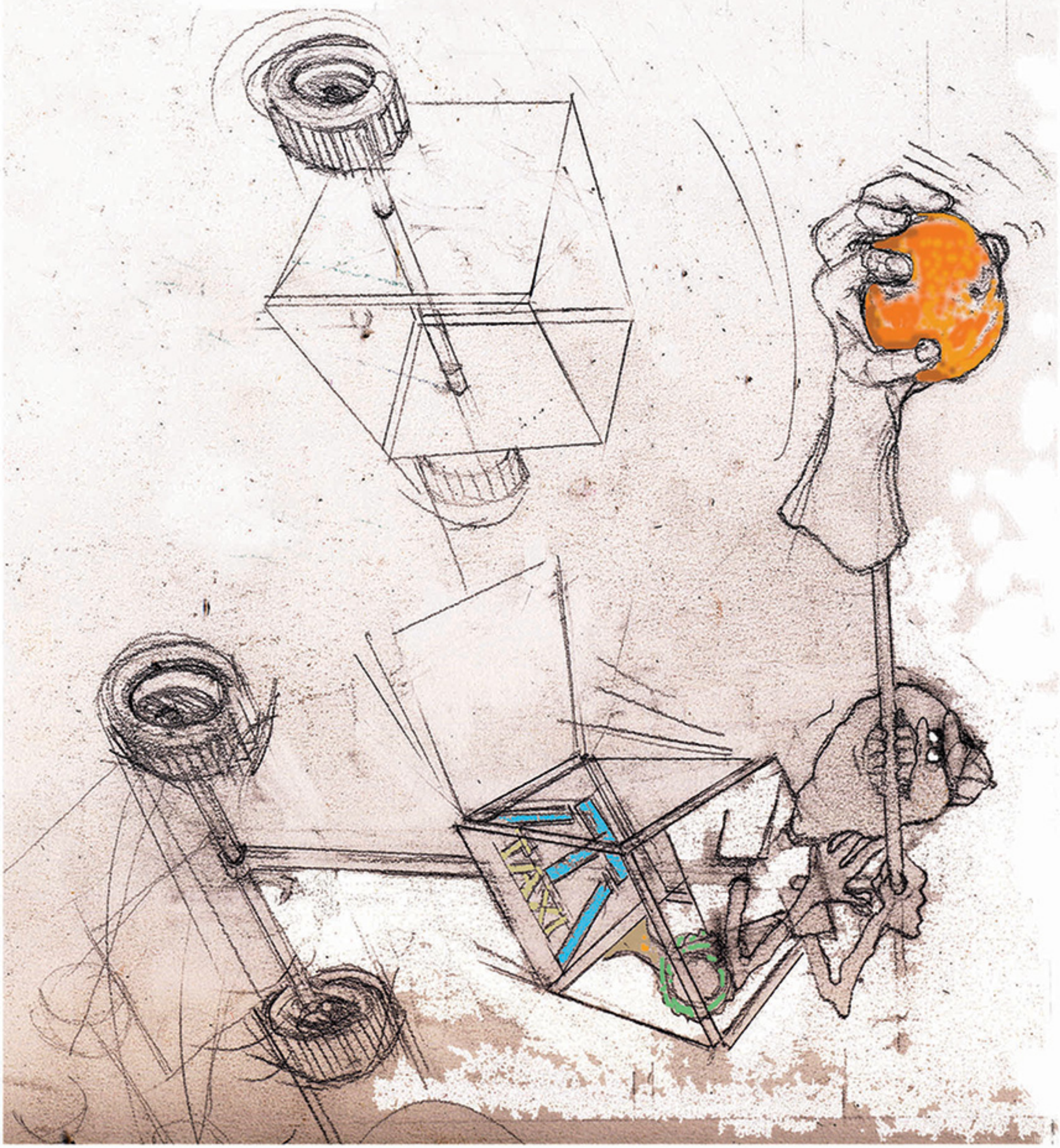
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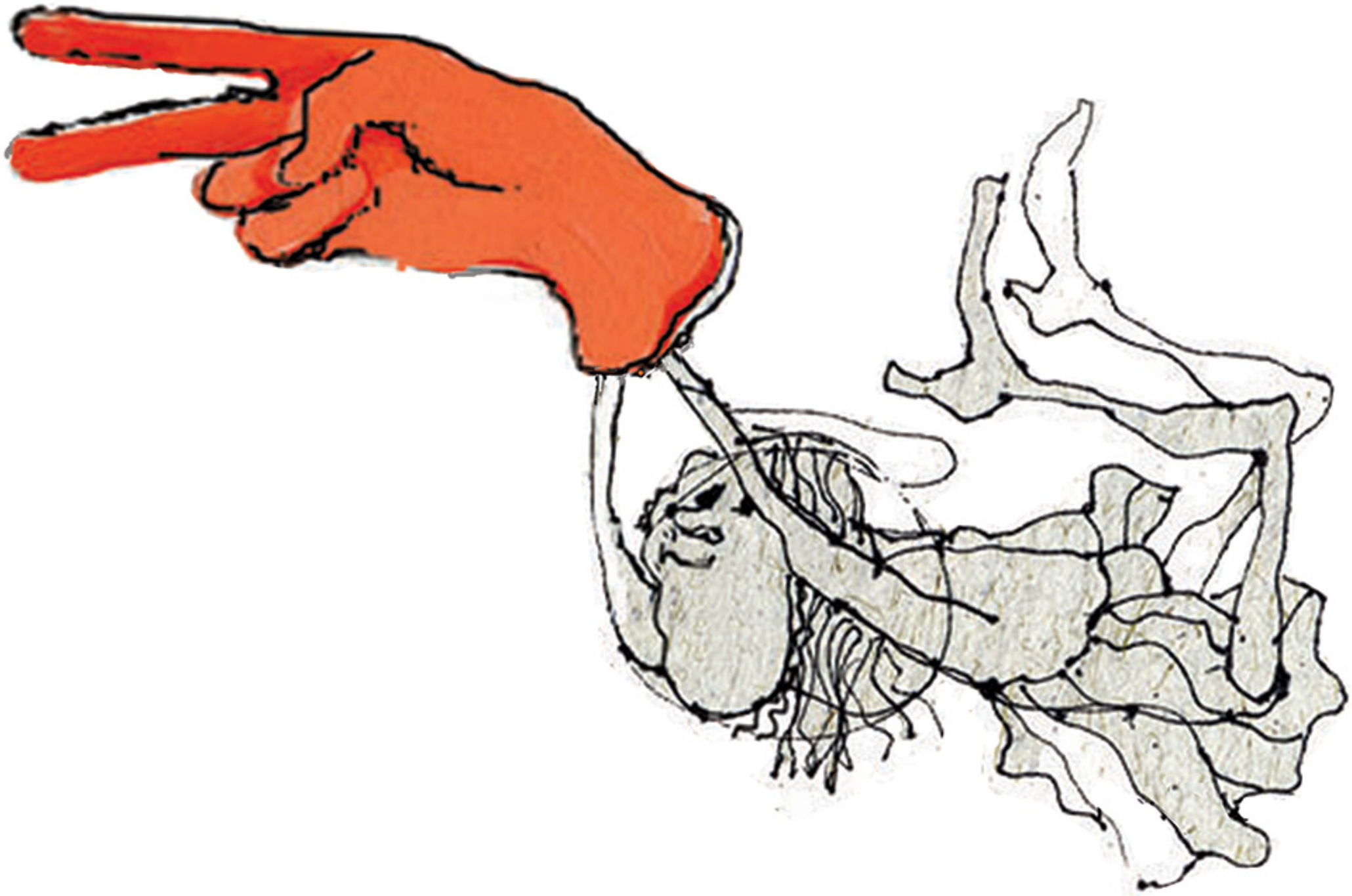

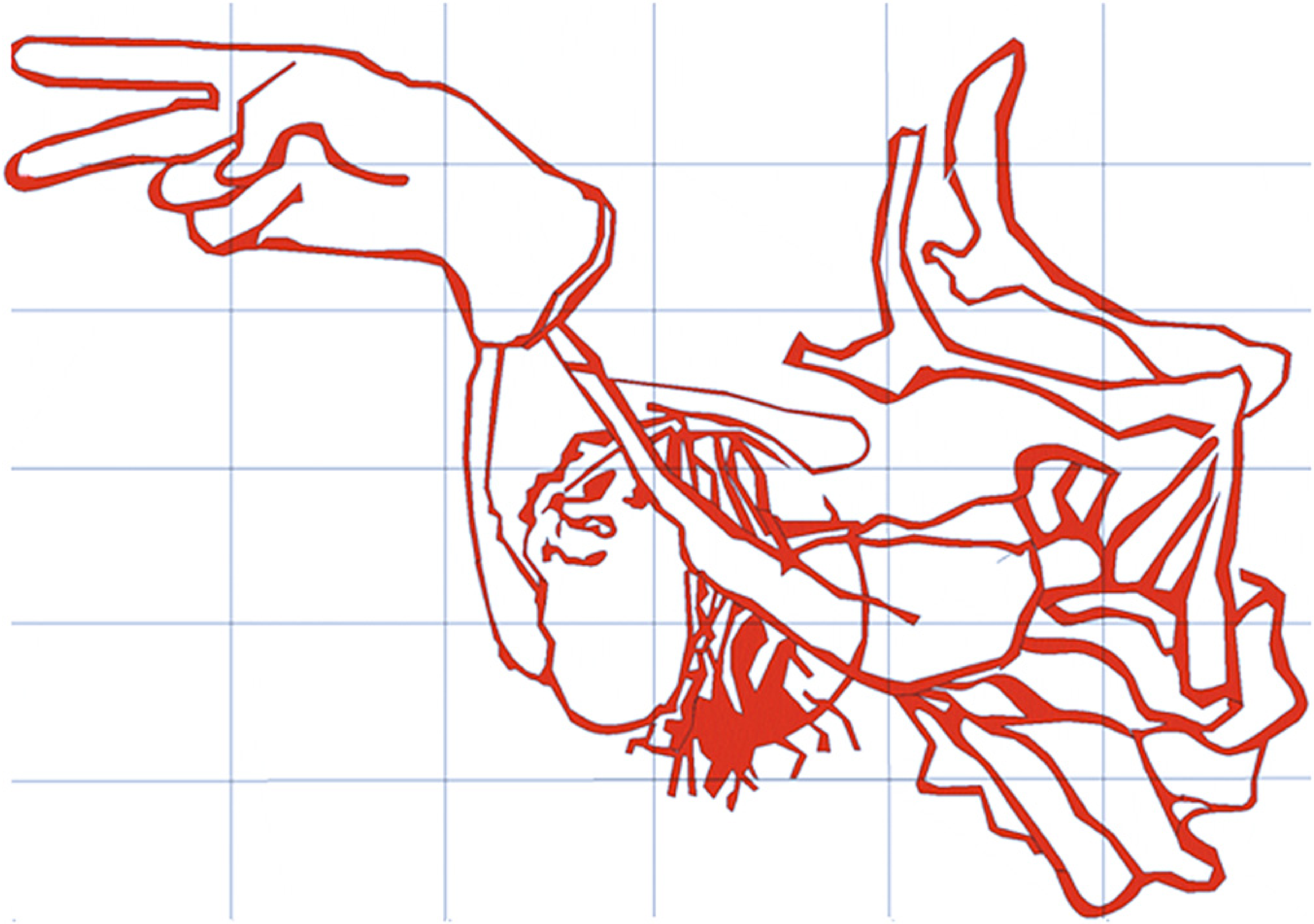

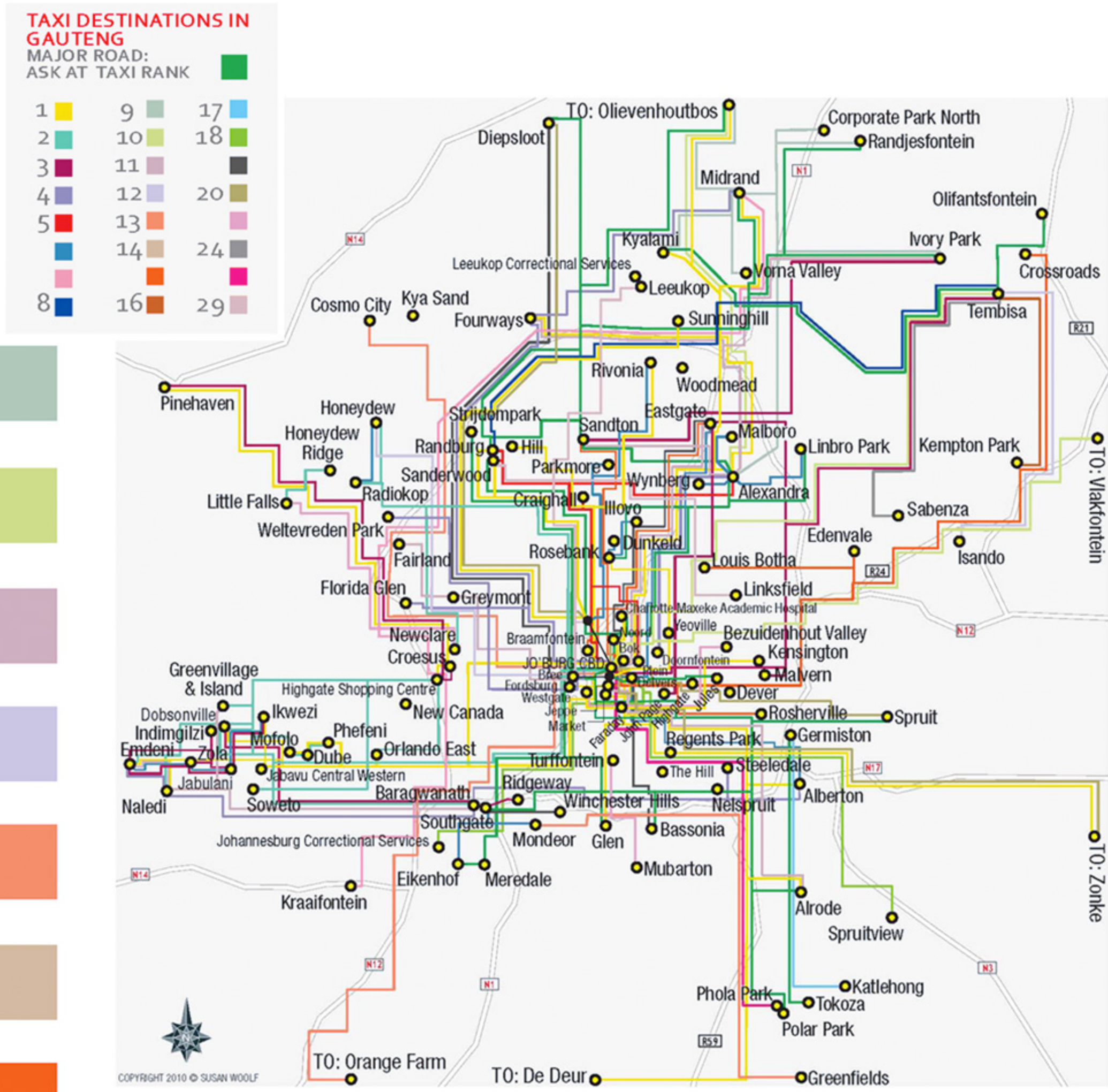

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