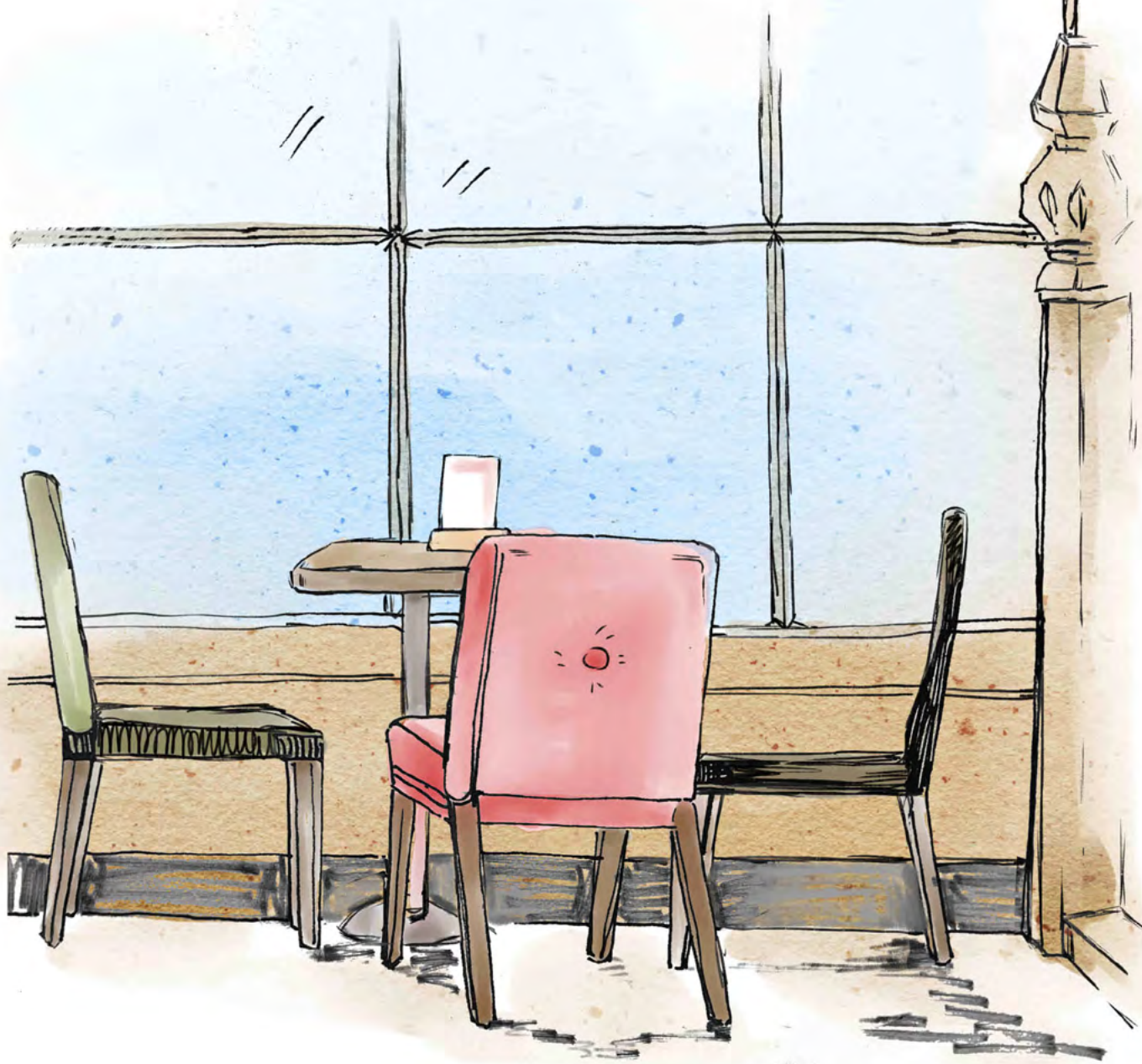


*Pull up a chair
and join us!*



This book is an exploration of how I adapt to a new country and culture by talking to the local people living in Canterbury at the coffee shop 'Pret', where I go every day for coffee.

I would like to bring my experiences and memories to my audience, showing how this is important to me.



Character Introduction

Chris

Chris
He used to be a history teacher and worked at lots of schools in UK.

He always wears the same jumper with black or white shorts.

He also has a gym membership but rarely go there.

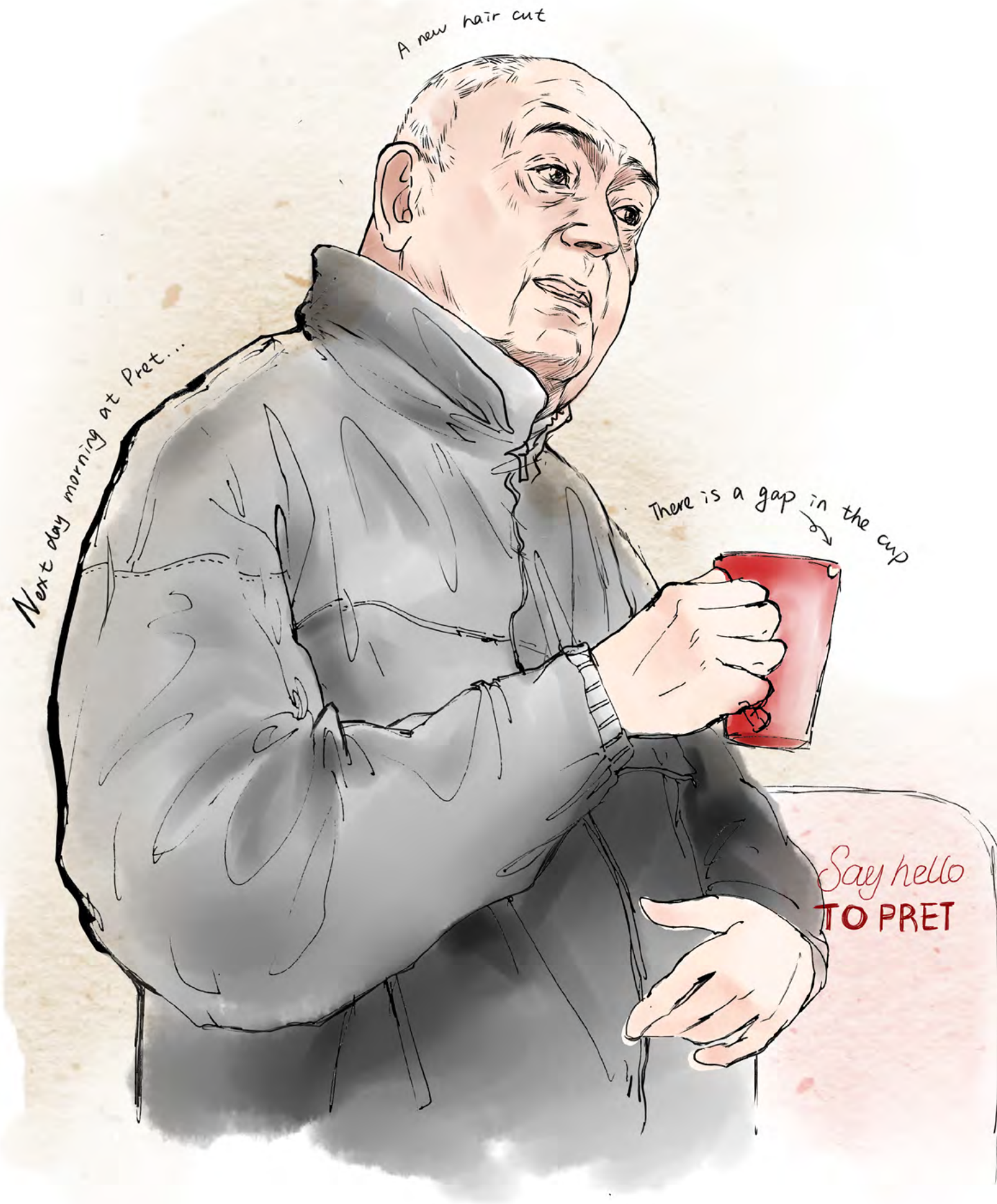


"You know, everytime I went to London, I went to Chinatown. Such a cliché."

"You should go to somewhere else. Have you ever been to V&A Museum?" "No, I haven't..."

"You should! They have loads crafts and paintings. I'm sure you'll enjoy it."





"Morning! How are you?"

"Very Well! You?"

"Good!"

"I went to London yesterday and my first stop was V & A Museum!"

"Did you enjoy it?"

"Yeah! I spent two hours in the museum, so I think you know the answer."

"I mean I saw lots of crafts and sculptures, paintings..."

"I had a wonderful time!"

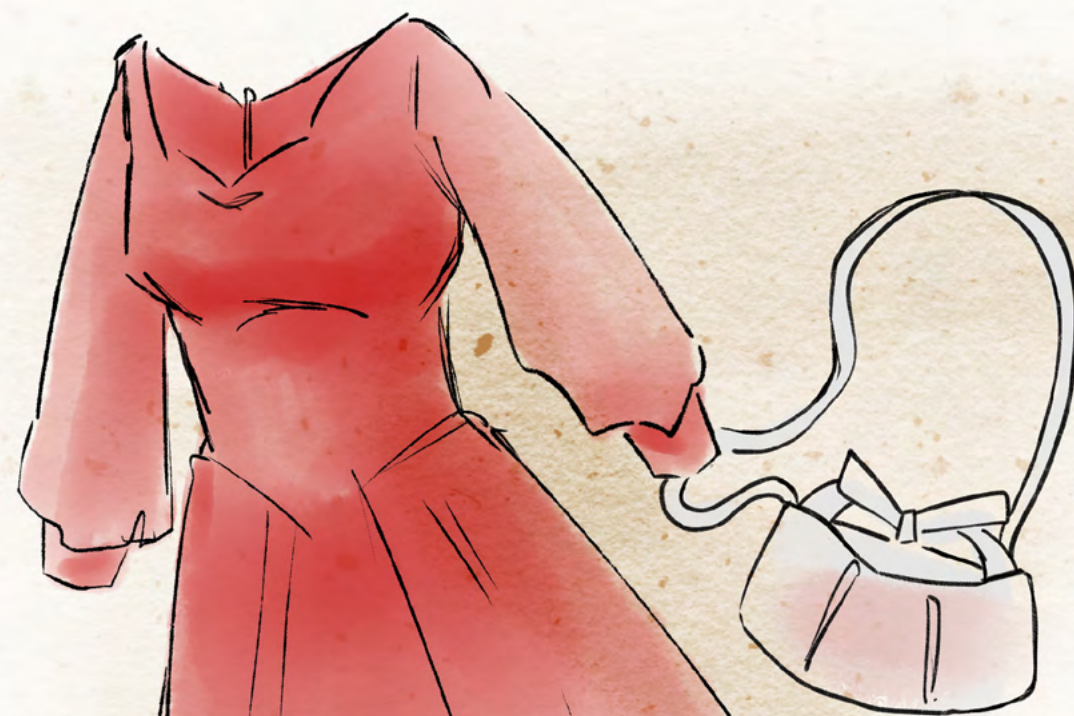
I never think about dressing up means going to somewhere for special occasion.

But it seems like people in UK like more casual clothing.

Most people only dress up for job interviews or school's ceremony.



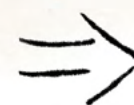
my normal sports suit. ↗



So when I take a day off, don't jog in the morning...

And also, I wear my red dress like usual, not my black jogging suit.

This is the conversation will happen everytime.



" Look at you all dressed up! "

" Are you going to somewhere? "

"Morning! Amanda!"

"Look at you, all dressed up!"

"Are you going to somewhere?"

"No, not really."

"It looks very nice. That's a beautiful dress."

"Thank you."

When Chris weaved his hand and tried to explain a book he found in Waterstone about Eindrugh.

He accidentally hit his cup on the table, and the cup mashed on the floor!



"Wooooo...!"

"Oh my Godness!" "I mashed it. Are you ok? Is there any coffee split on your dress?"

"No. I'm ok!" "You ok?"

"Yeah. sorry I made a mess on the floor."

"Well, you know. There were three of these cups. I mashed one on the street a couple of months ago. And today is the second one."

"I'm really good at mashing them!"

"I only have one now. better be careful next time."

Character Introduction

Bridge.

A lovely bag from Cotswold.



Bridge

she lives in Fordwich.
and she only comes to
Canterbury on Monday,
Wednesday and Friday.

She used to teach
at Canterbury college

She quite likes
changing the color
of her nails and
which could be
perfect match with
her lipstick.



"My husband and I will have these
passion fruit swiss roll at 10 am.
when we have tea in our garden."

"I bring you two pieces. So you and
your husband don't need to share one."

"I'll tell you how
it tastes like next
time I see you."



"Hi, Amanda!
Btw, my husband said that the
swiss roll you gave last time
is the best he ever had!"

"It's really soft and not
too sweet."

"Thank you! I am glad you like
it! It's a chinese style cake,
and that's why it's softer, we
make it in a different way."

"You know, my husband and I used to serve dinner for some Italian students once."

"And I made cottage pie. I feel it's easy to make and enough for all the students."

"So after I separated the pie on plates and gave to everyone."



"They used fork to poke it and tried to find out what is it."

"And they only ate a bit and stopped said they are full."

"Anyway, I never serve that again."

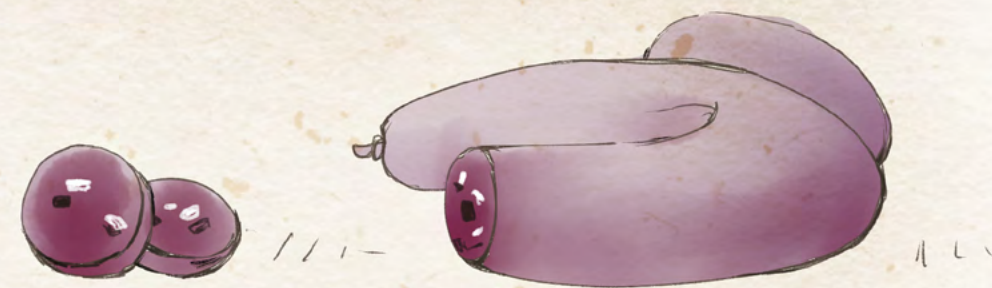
"So how do you feel about British food, Amanda?"

"Some people think it's simple."

"Well, to be honest. I feel British food it's something in Pie or something in stew... And also "Black pudding" just too... strange."

"Ahaha.. It has blood in it. You don't like it?"

"It's just... I don't brave enough to try it.. and I'm not curious at all."

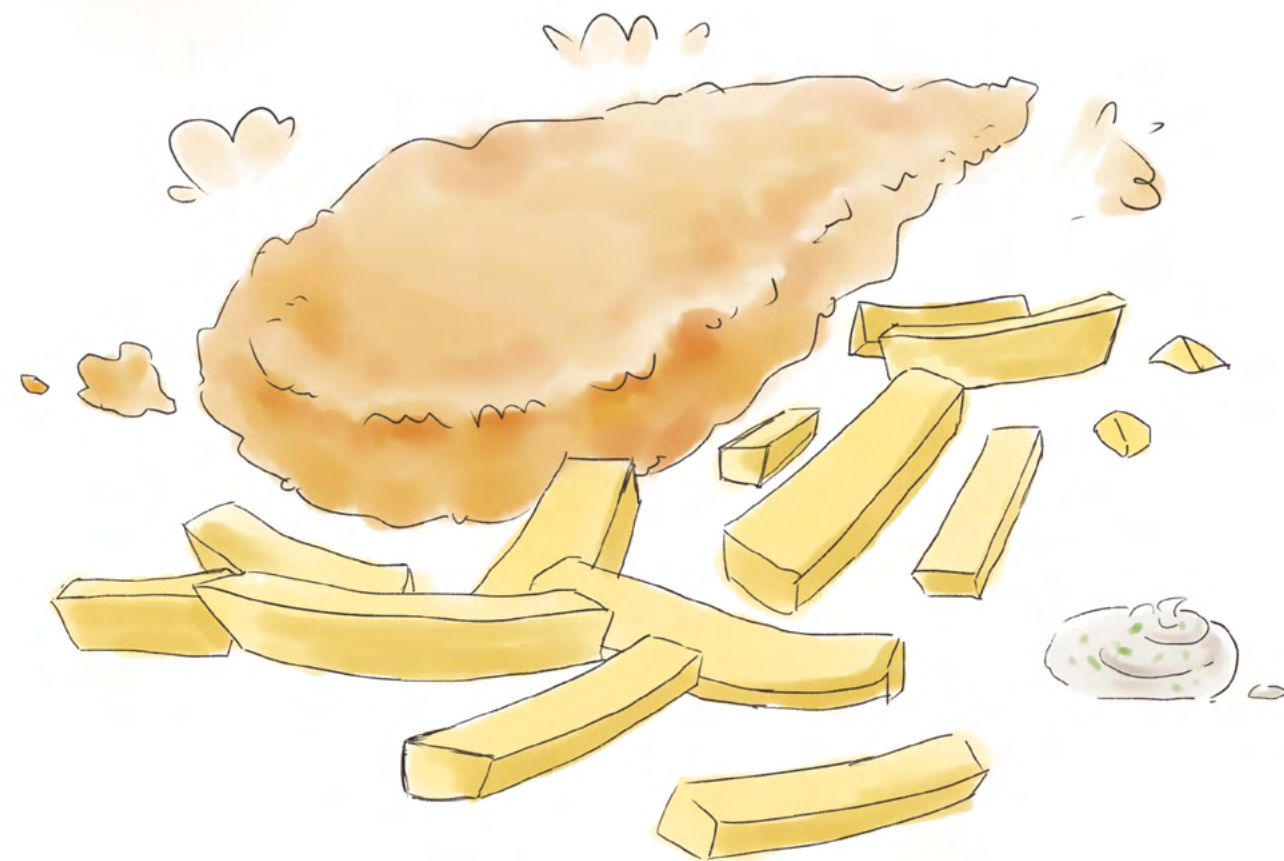


"So what's your favourite British food, Amanda?"

"Aa... Well... emmm..."

"Let me think..."

"OK." "I think I know your answer here. You don't like British food."



"I mean, it's quite different from Chinese food, so... Well, I think fish cakes are OK. I like those from M & S."

"How about fish and chips? You don't like it?"

"It's just ... too British ..."

"Morning, Amanda!"

"Morning, how are you?"

"Good. How are you?" "Not Bad."

"By the way, I will go to Edinburgh next week, but it's not like a holiday. And guess the reason."

"I don't know... school trip?"

"No." "Do you remember the Austrian school trip on July I mentioned before?"

"Yeah, keep going."

"Well, I will go to Edinburgh Visa Center and apply a visa for the trip."

"Because there is no slot in London or Manchester now."

"You can't be serious!"

"Well, it's true... But I will stay for three days, just explore the city."

"It's like getting a driving license and you need to go Edinburgh!"

"Well, I hope it all goes well. Edinburgh is such a lovely and beautiful city, you'll love it."

"Yeah. Anyway, I won't be here from Wednesday till Friday... so see you next week and I'll tell you everything about my trip."

Character Introduction

Petry

Petry

He works at coffee shop Pret,
and he is a funny and friendly
person.

As a barista, he makes really
good coffee and takes
the orders quickly
at the same time.



"You sure?"

"Yeah! As usual."

"You work today?"

"No. I'm a student now."

"What are you studying?"

"Visual communication."

"It contain lots of things."

— like graphic design,
advertising, illustrations---

"Hi! How can I help?"

"Hi, Can I have one black
Americano?"





"Well, illustration I think.
I hope I can be a
illustrator someday."

"So what's your interest?"

"Do you have any pictures that I
can have a look?"

"I do. Here are some on my phone."



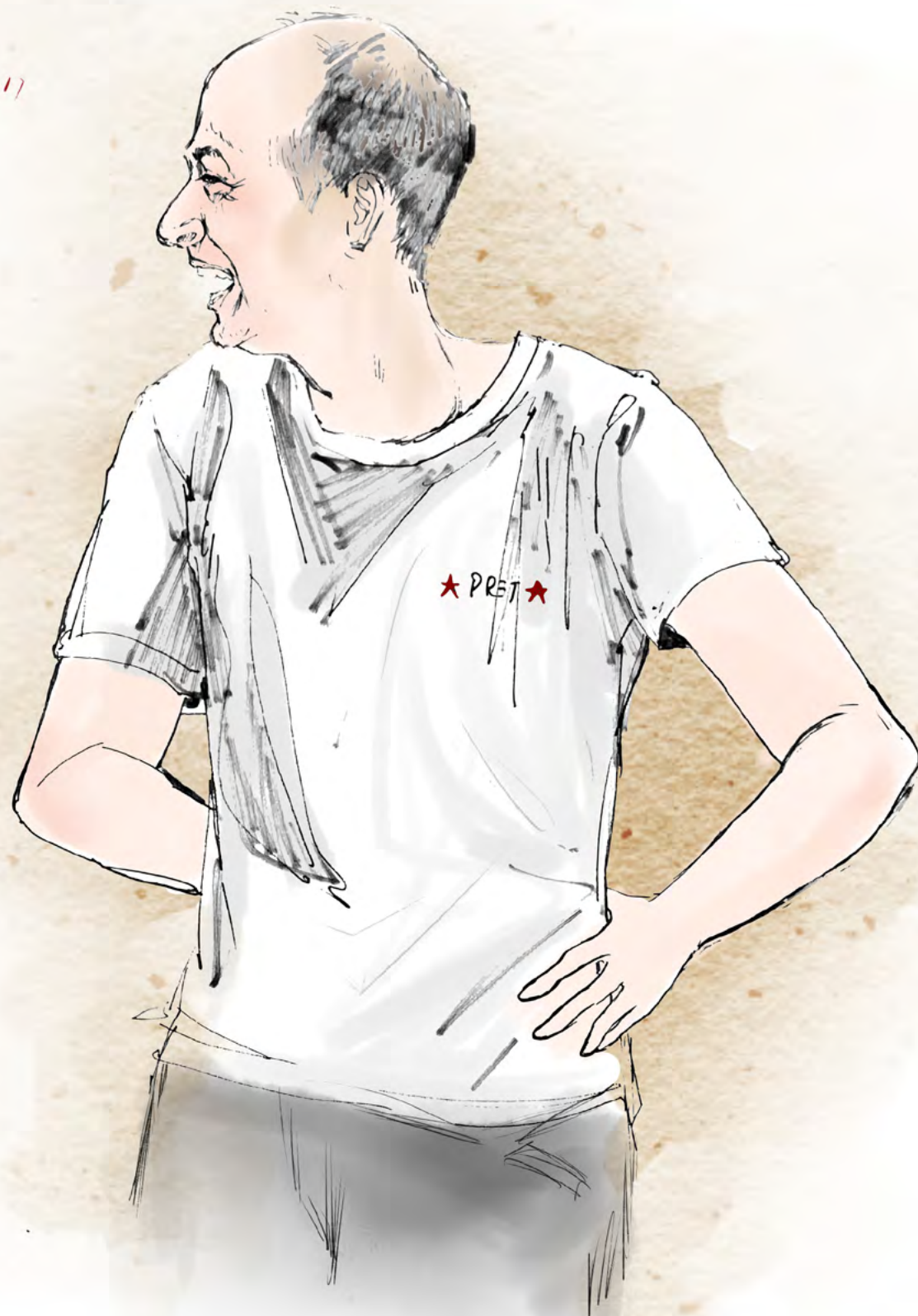
"Yeah, I have. I'll bring my
sketch book next time."

"No. No. I mean on paper."

"What's this?"



The drink I had
that day.



Character Introduction

Geoff

Geoff

He works at "The Gourmet Sausage & Burger Co." in Canterbury High Street.

He's really good at his job and people always write good comments on website about the delicious food they had



The hot dog I have every time.

A small hotdog with three slices of cheese, diced onion and ketchup and mustard sauce.

And there was a report about him and hot dogs he made on local newspaper.





"Good afternoon! Geoff."
Hi, what would you like?"

"Well, I want to try a
hot dog, what will you
recommend?"

"Are you starving? want a
footlong one or a small one?"

"I think a small one will be
enough, thank you."

And I also met other interesting
and nice people at coffee shop.



Aaron

He is a plumber,
who with a great
sense of humour.

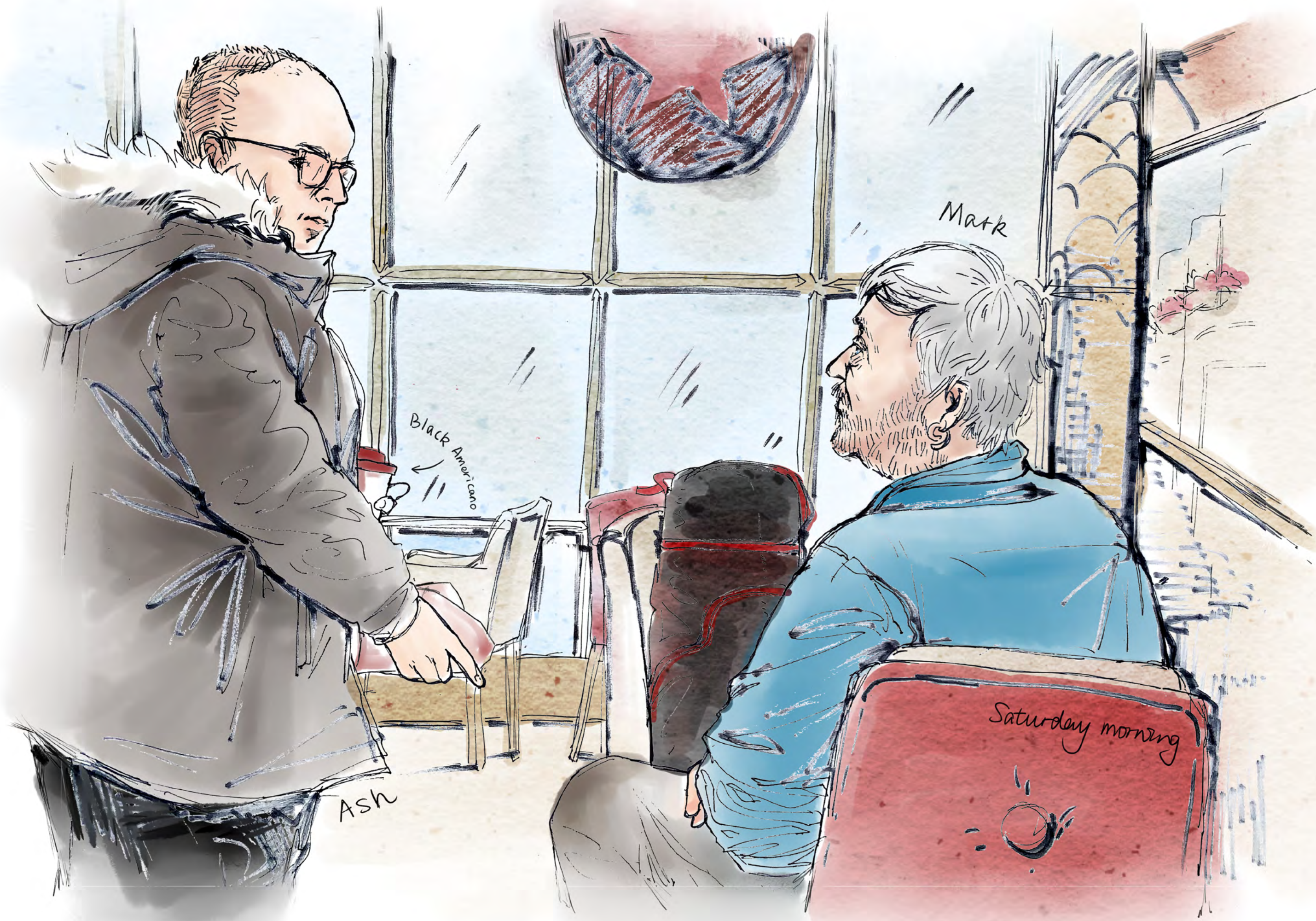
He is also good
at his job, and
that's why he is
always busy and
checking messages
on his phone.

Mark

He sleeps on the street.
So he always carries two
large bags. I guess one
of two bags is his tent.

He looks like a tough guy,
but he has beautiful
blue eyes and a nice
and warm smile.





Ash

Mark

Black Americano

Saturday morning

Good morning, Amanda.
Morning, Aaron.

Look at the lady in **Red**!
Are you going to somewhere?

No. nothing special.

You didn't go jogging today?

Well, I can't run in this dress
just want to take a day off.





"Hi, Good morning. How are you?"

"Good! How are you?"

"Not bad."

"What would you like?"

"Black Americano, please."

"No problem."

"You already made the drink!
before I order!"

"Aaaa.. You bring your coffee cup..."

"Would you look at that!"

"Ahaa. my bad. my bad.
Anyway, thank you."

"No worries!"



A normal morning at Pret.

Before I met these people, I sometimes felt lonely because I was often by myself. But after I met them, I felt much better. It is nice to talk to people and share my everyday life with them, even the small, trivial things.

In the end, I just want to say thank you to everyone I have met at Pret. They have made my life more interesting, and they are all nice and warm people.

Thank you.



"pull up this one."

