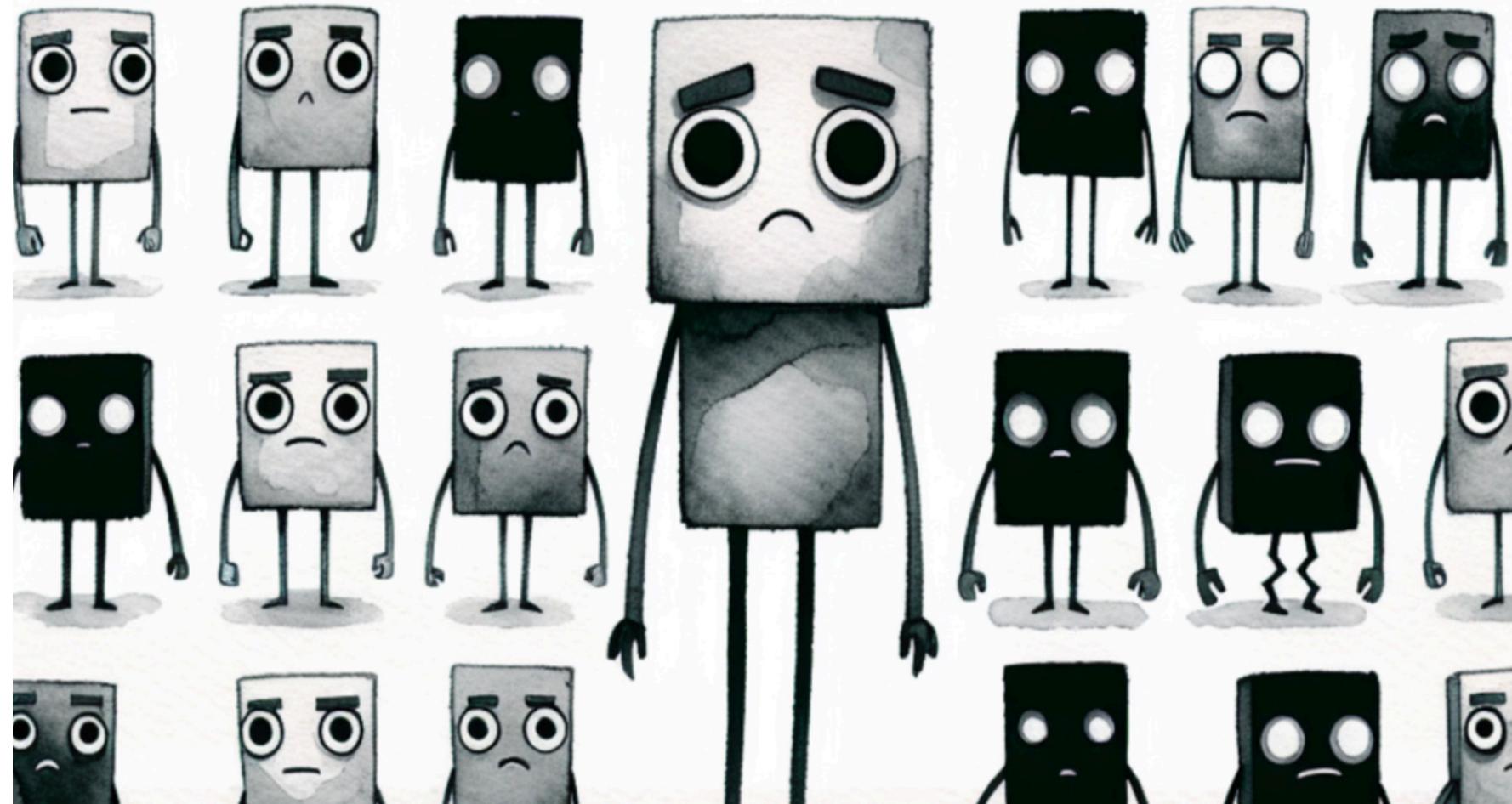
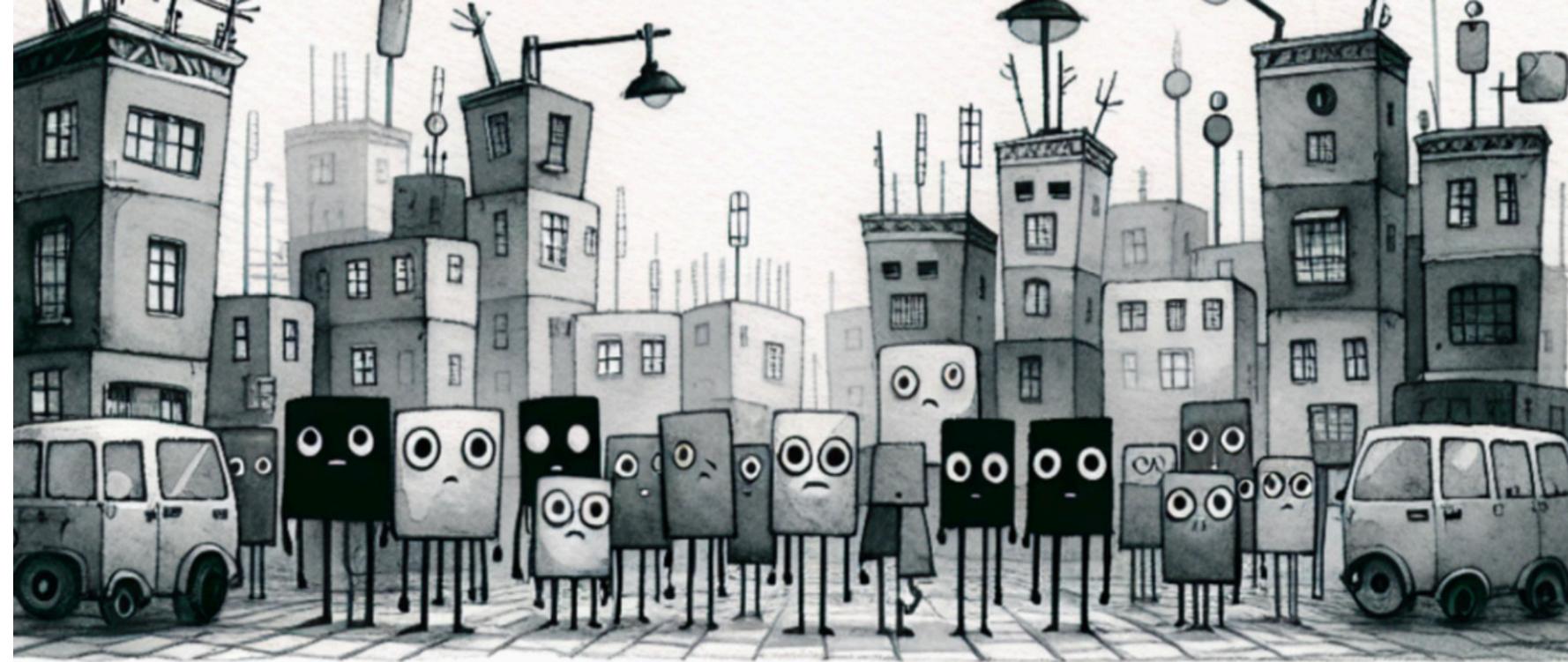


# Shapes of Society

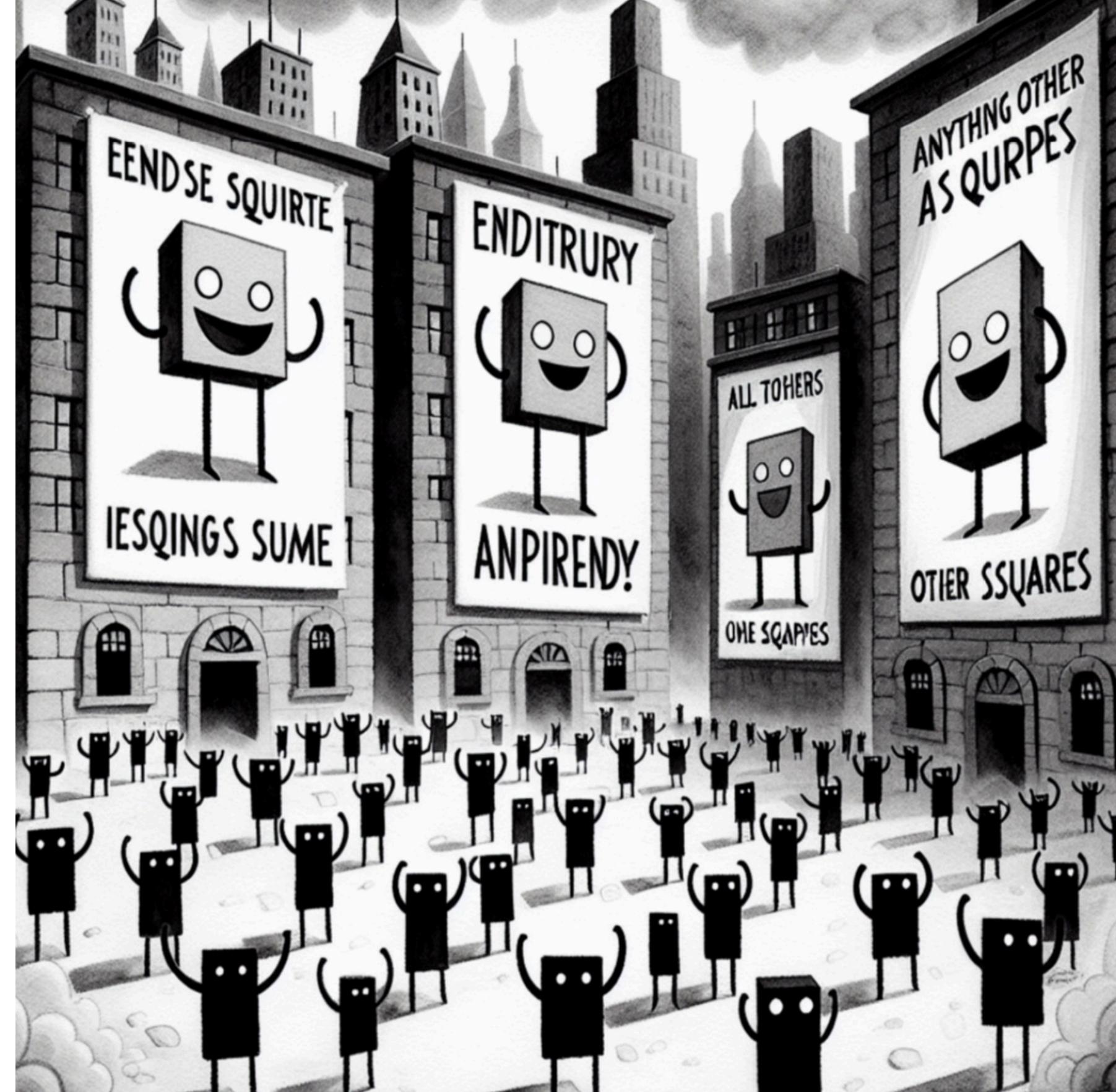
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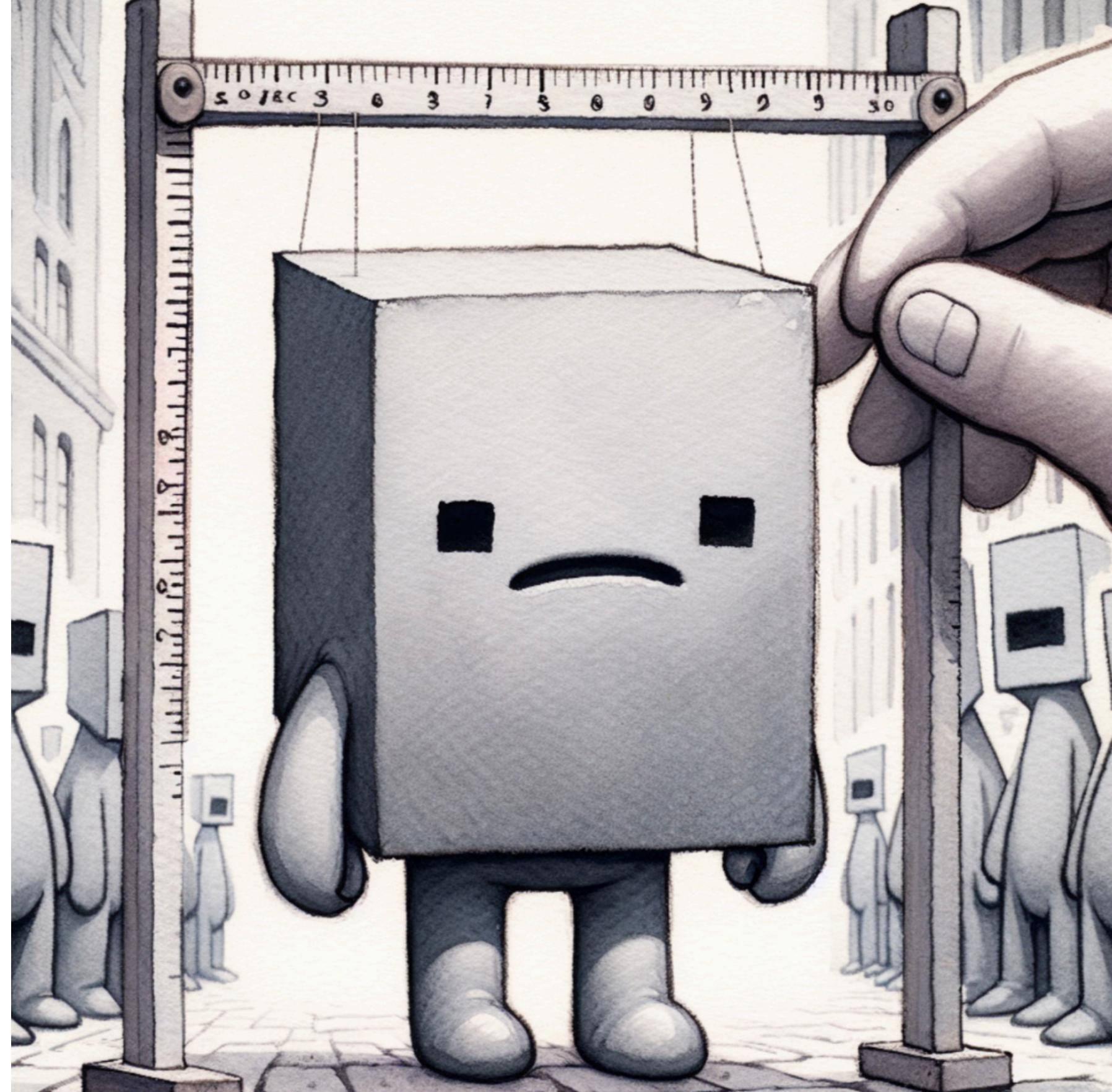
Once upon a time, there lived the “happy,”  
“perfect” shape beings in the “idealistic society.”  
Those shape characters all have the same size,  
colour, and perfect cube shape.



In a world where people believe the cube is the best shape of all kinds, people celebrate their uniform appearances and refuse to be different. Everyone appreciates the shape of a cube more than anything else; everyone only appreciates the shape of a cube.



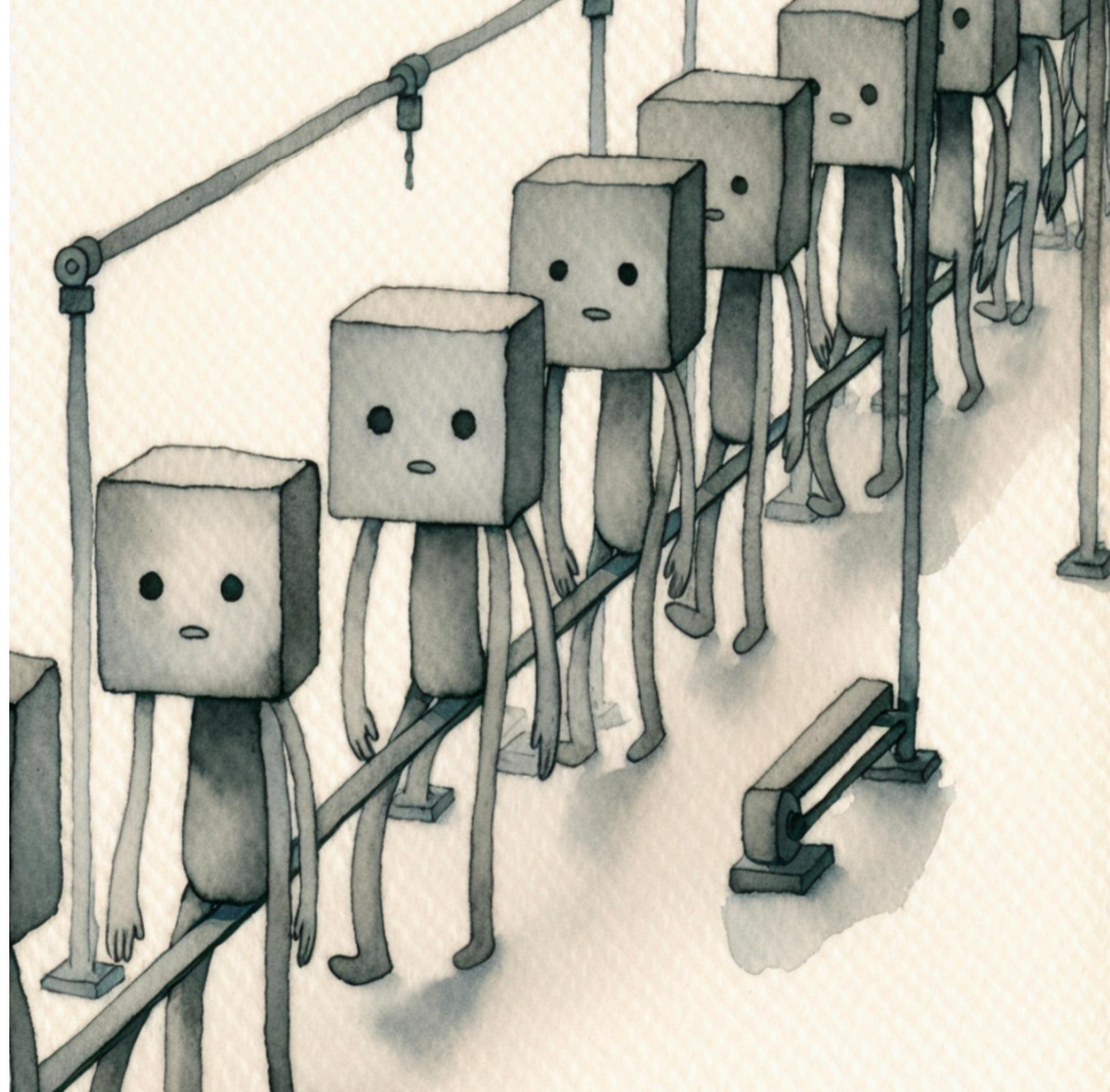
The government measured everybody to ensure everyone in the society was perfect. With rulers, they try to find any imperfections in one's shape. One by one, citizens were measured individually and carefully. The world doesn't want someone who's not a perfect cube.



Those who didn't fit the criteria of a perfect cube had to fix the problems themselves. In other words, they were asked to cut their edges and shred their bodies to fulfill the societal norm.



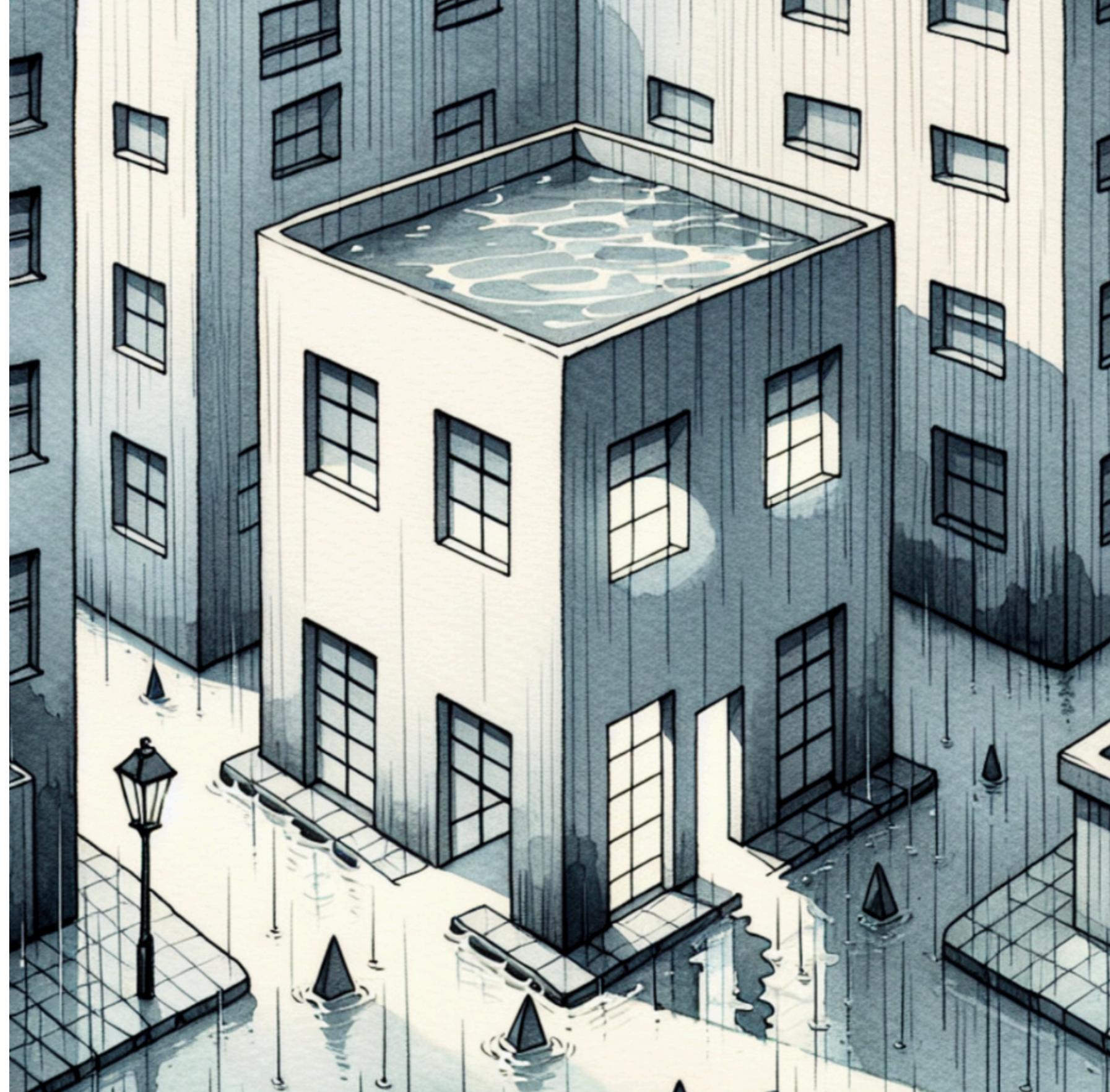
Like a factory, society produces many identical-shaped beings every year. They all have the same size, the same colour, and most importantly, the same shape and the same belief.



However, cubes are not the best solution to everything. Cars, for example, cannot travel efficiently with cubic tires. The rough surface and the pointy corners stop cars from travelling fast.



At the same time, the flat roof of a cubic building can also be problematic. Whenever it rains, the roof collects the rainwater, which causes drainage issues and headaches.



But on a large scale, however, those inconveniences were tolerable. No one wanted to change or challenge the world on their own. Who could dare to oppose?



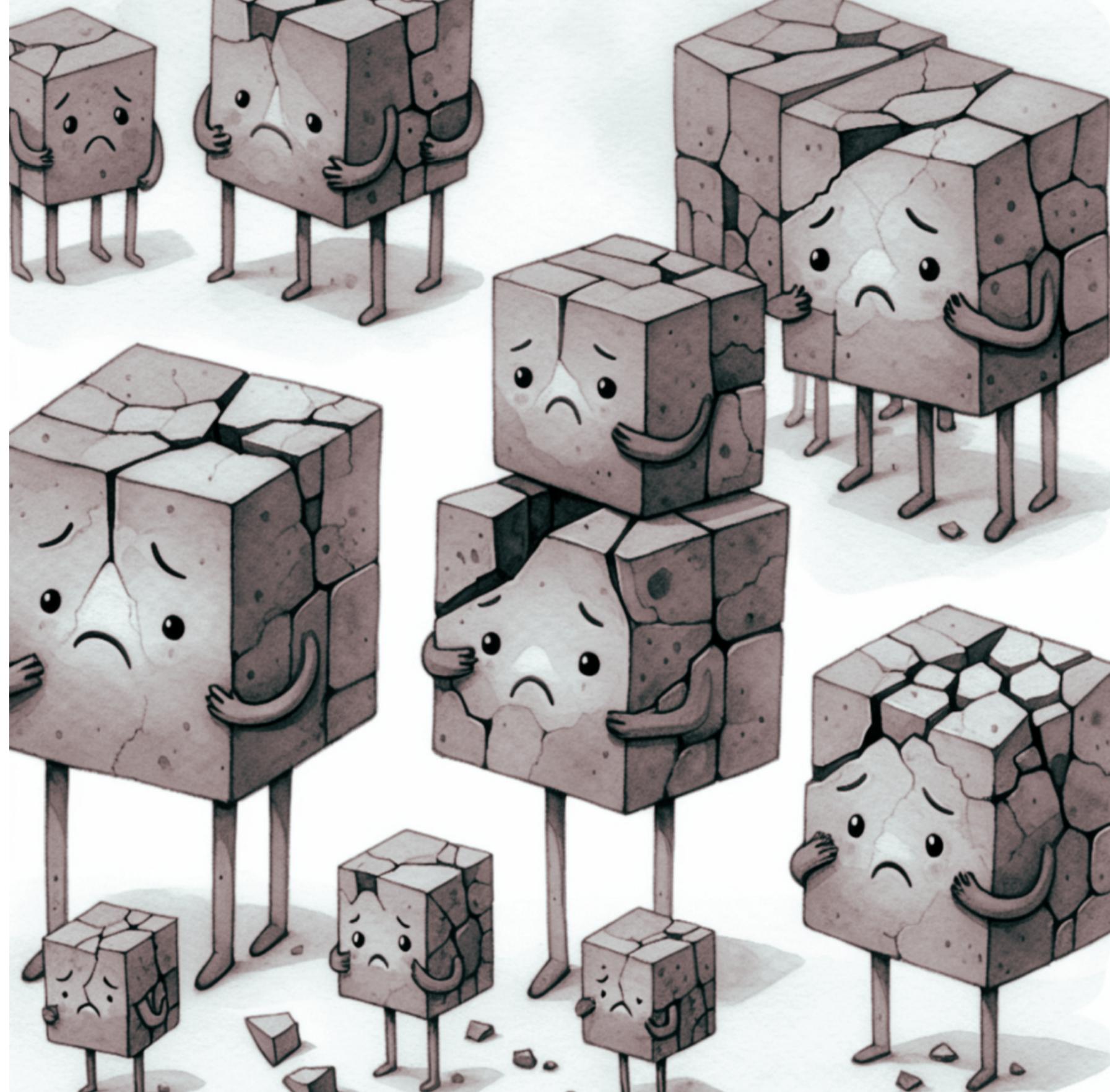
Until one day, the real disaster came. A massive earthquake struck the city, destroying the homes of many people. Buildings with cubes alone are too vulnerable, and they soon collapsed.



Many people died in the earthquake, and many more were injured. But beyond grief, people started wondering what they could've done differently.



The disaster itself leaves irreversible scars on each and every citizen in the society. Not only do those scars make everyone unique, but they also challenge how people see themselves.



As the people in the society open their minds to shapes other than cubes, they regain their colour and uniqueness. Although they started to look different from each other, they made the world better together.



As more and more people opened their minds, society became more and more diverse and colourful. While some choose to remain cubic, unique shapes like triangles, circles, and stars are given the chance to shine in the new world as they value and respect each other.



With the inclusion of diverse shapes, the new world could tackle issues like cubic tires and drainage problems with new designs. Moreover, with everyone's help, they could even go beyond what's possible.



After all, the shape beings no longer have to cut their edges and shred their bodies. In this new, colourful world they created for each other, they can live happily as who they are.



The End

