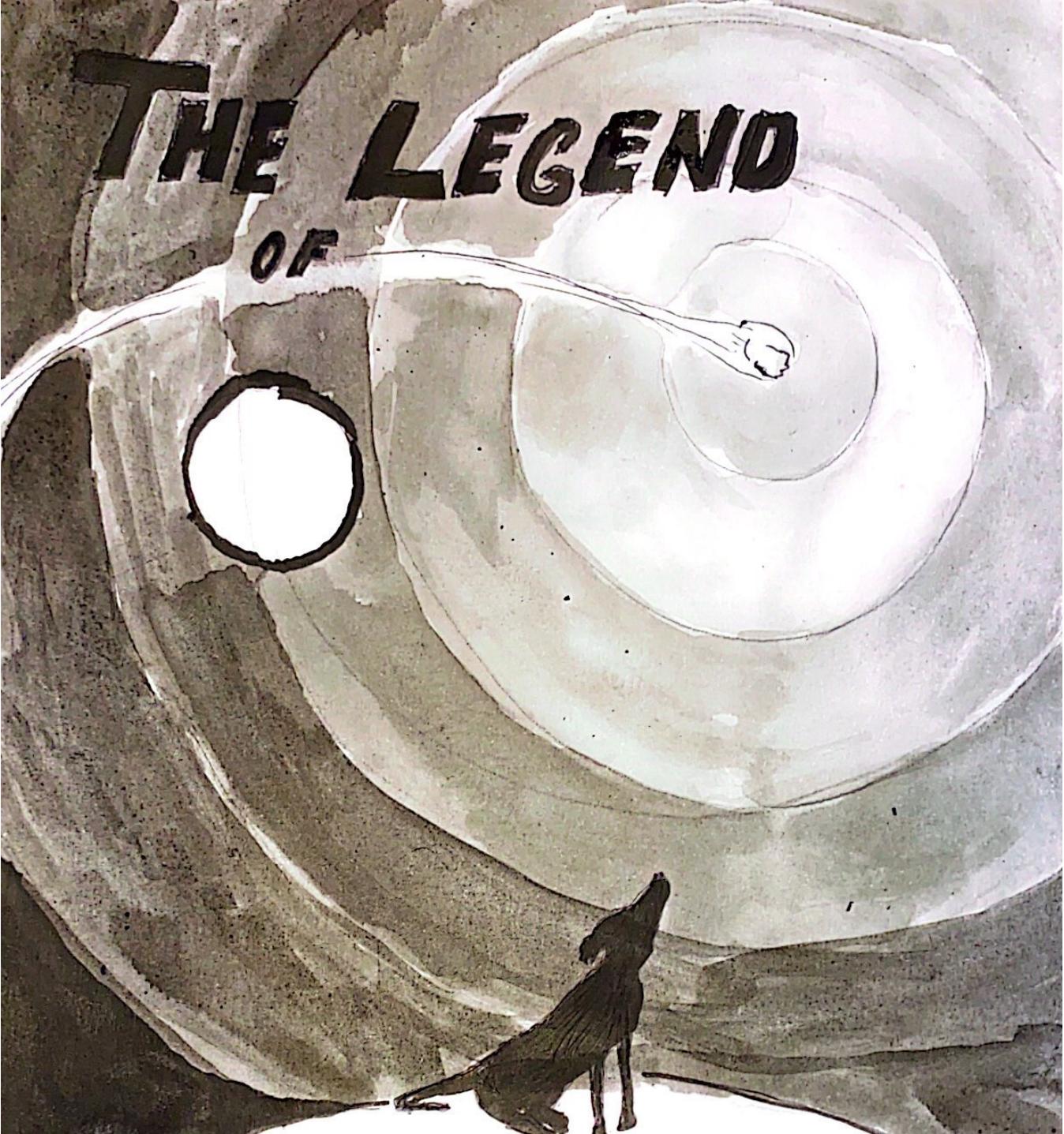


**THE LEGEND
OF**



LANKA

TYURATAM, KAZAKHSTAN, 1958

THESE WILL BE
THE NEXT TO GO
TO SPACE...



HOME OF DR. VLADIMIR I. VASOVSKY.

THESE ONES WILL
RETURN BACK HOME.

YOU'RE AFRAID...
BUT DON'T WORRY. YOU
WON'T BE ALONE.

I HAVE A
STORY FOR
YOU

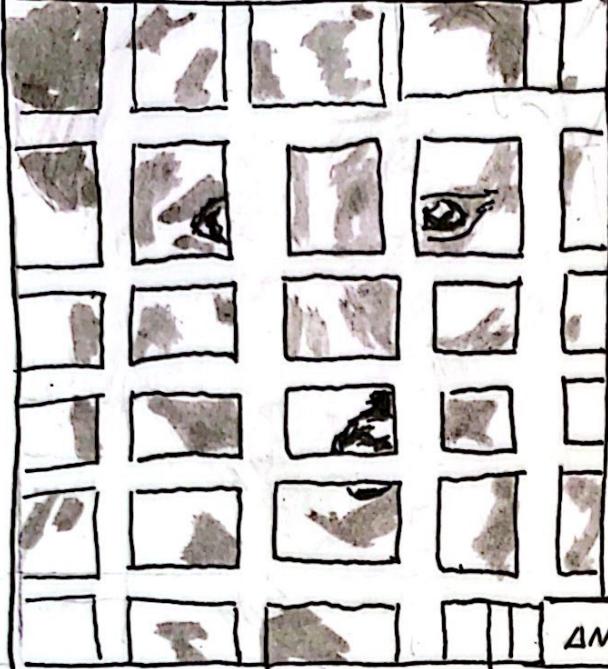
"THE STORY BEGINS IN THE STREETS
OF MOSCOW WHERE THERE LIVED A
LITTLE DOG..."



LAIKA.



ONE DAY, LAIKA WAS TAKEN,



BARK!



AND DRIVEN TO A FAR AWAY PLACE.



EVERYTHING AROUND HER
WAS NEW AND CONFUSING.

BAIKONUR LAUNCH FACILITY.

MY FATHER BROUGHT LAIKA HERE
SO I COULD MEET HER...

BARK!

HE EXPLAINED TO ME THAT
LAIKA WOULD BE SENT TO SPACE
AND WOULD NOT RETURN.

YOU HAVE A LONG
JOURNEY AHEAD.

LAIKA STAYED UP AT NIGHT,
WONDERING WHAT IT ALL
MEANT.



SHE WOULD SOON FIND OUT.

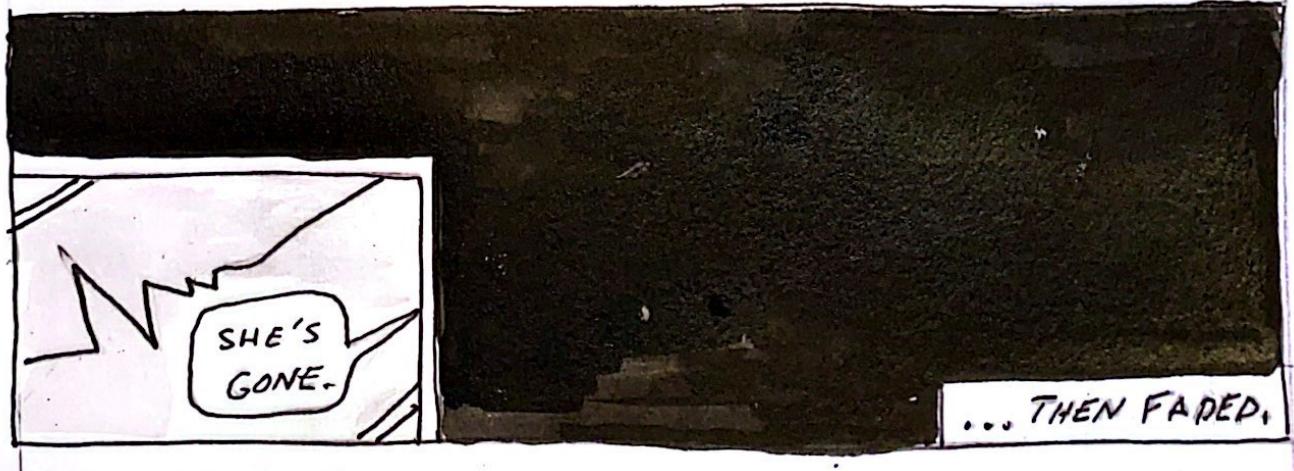
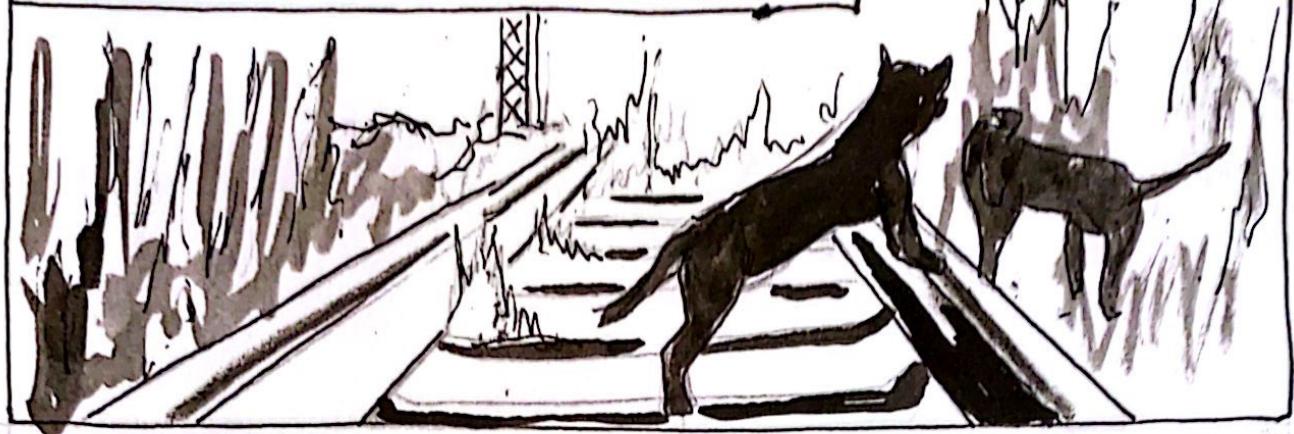


LAIKA FELT A STRANGE MIX OF
FEAR AND PRIDE AS SHE LOOKED
OUT OF HER WINDOW AT THE
WORLD SHE HAD LEFT BEHIND.



...BUT HER HEARTRATE SOON
BEGAN TO RISE AND SHE
FELT AS THOUGH SHE HAD
SAILED INTO THE SUN...

HER MEMORIES OF EARTH FLOODED HER MIND.



5 MONTHS LATER

HER VESSEL
BURNED UP
IN THE
ATMOSPHERE.

