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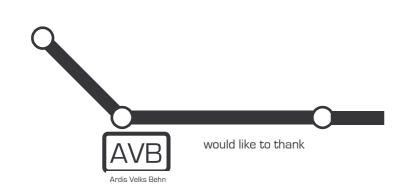
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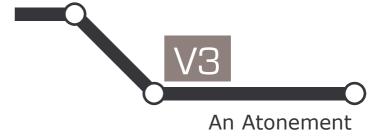
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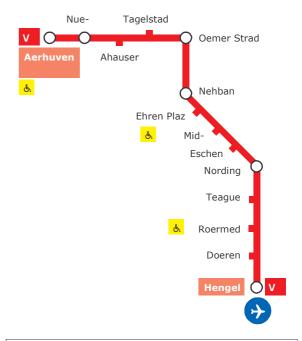




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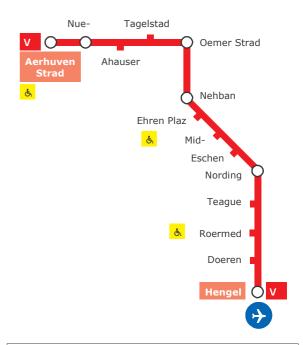
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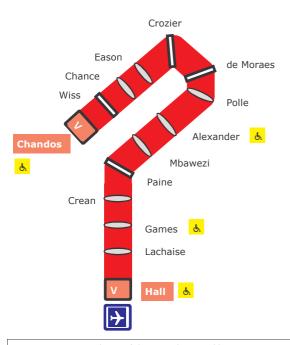
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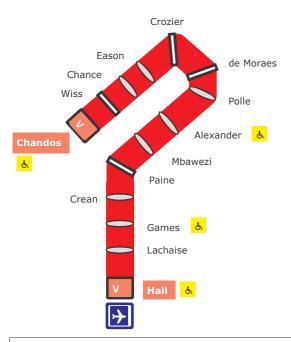
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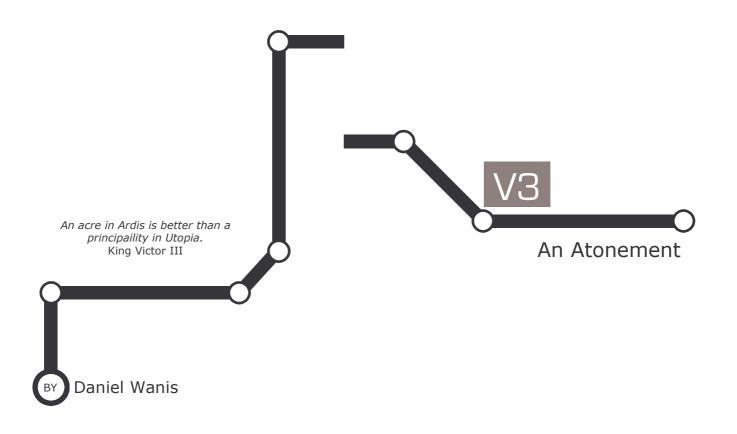
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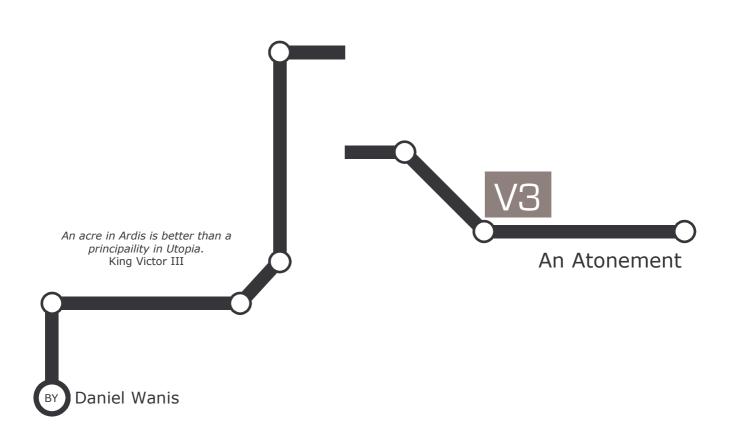
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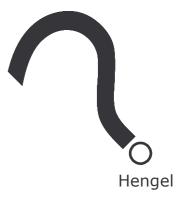
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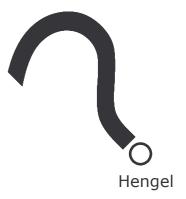






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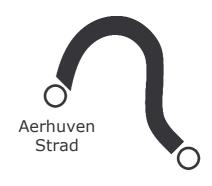
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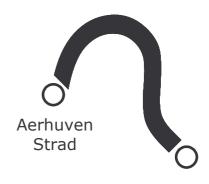
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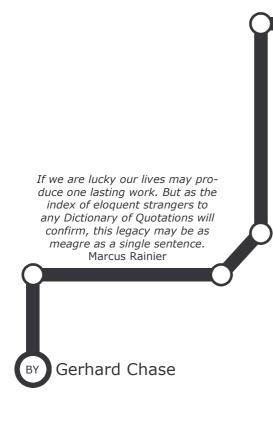
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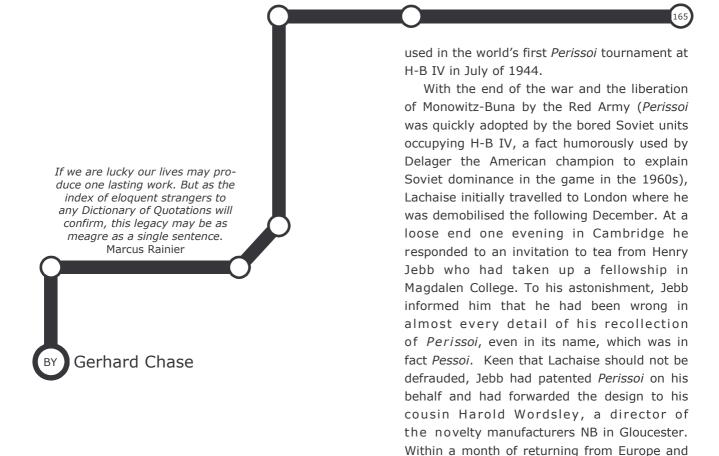
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With the end of the war and the liberation of Monowitz-Buna by the Red Army (Perissoi was quickly adopted by the bored Soviet units occupying H-B IV, a fact humorously used by Delager the American champion to explain Soviet dominance in the game in the 1960s), Lachaise initially travelled to London where he was demobilised the following December. At a loose end one evening in Cambridge he responded to an invitation to tea from Henry Jebb who had taken up a fellowship in Magdalen College. To his astonishment, Jebb informed him that he had been wrong in almost every detail of his recollection of Perissoi, even in its name, which was in fact Pessoi. Keen that Lachaise should not be defrauded, Jebb had patented Perissoi on his behalf and had forwarded the design to his cousin Harold Wordsley, a director of the novelty manufacturers NB in Gloucester. Within a month of returning from Europe and





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thankless search for a game of cards they had not already played innumerable times before. One evening, Lachaise found himself seated at his makeshift draughts board recalling a board-game he had heard of as a school boy. After several hours of trial-and-error he had reconstructed *Perissoi*, a complicated type of draughts played by Achilles and Patroclus in

the Iliad and, as he remembered his master at

Meritz College explaining, a game popular

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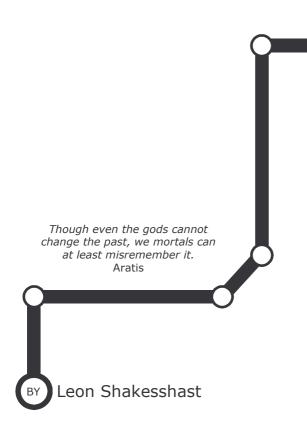
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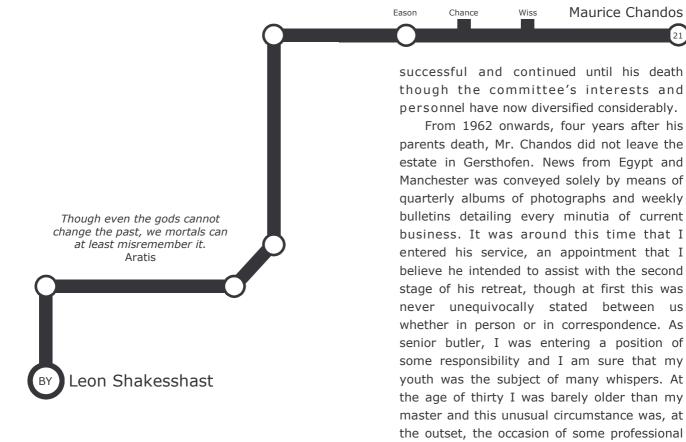
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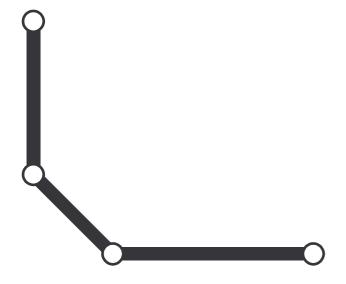
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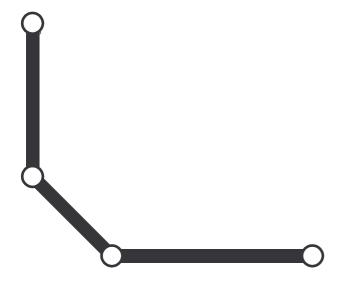
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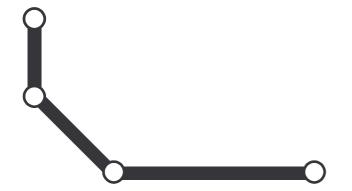
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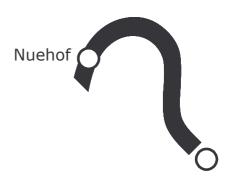
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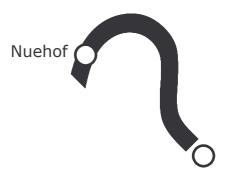


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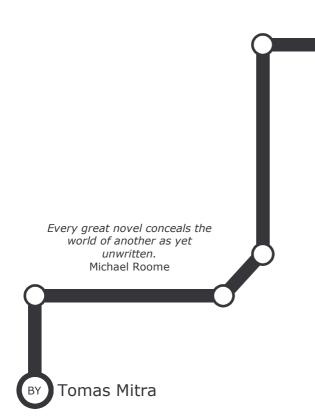
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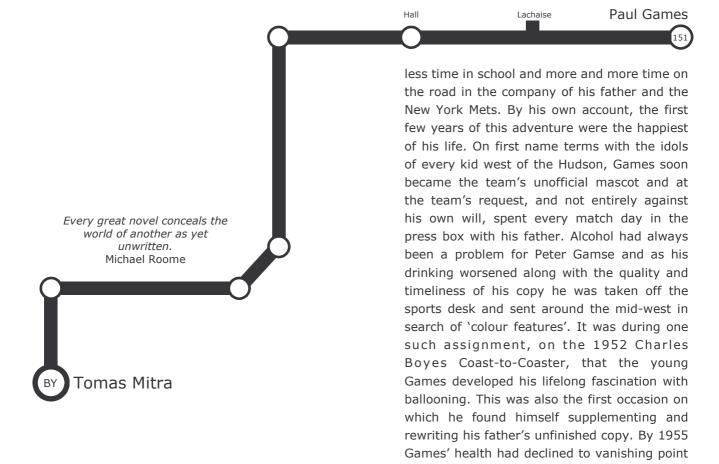
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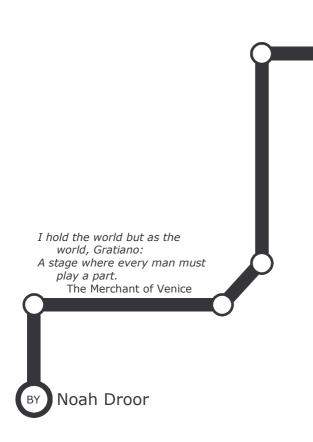
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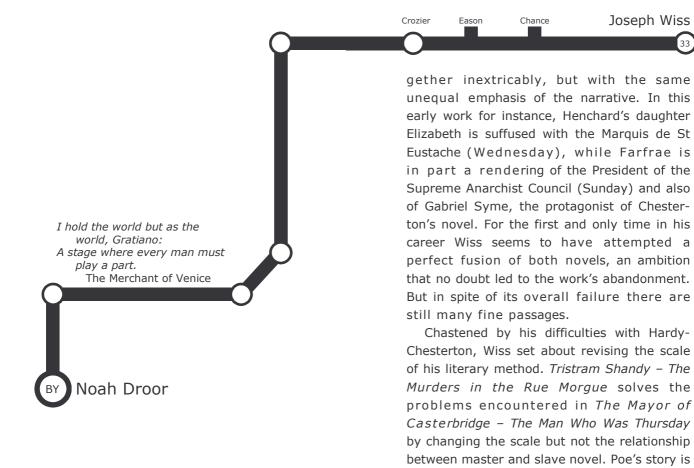
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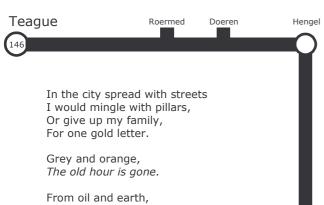
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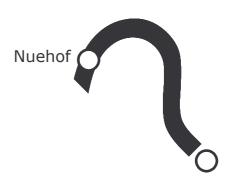
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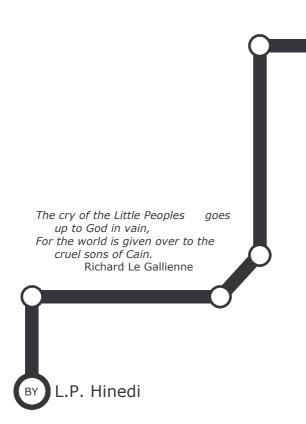
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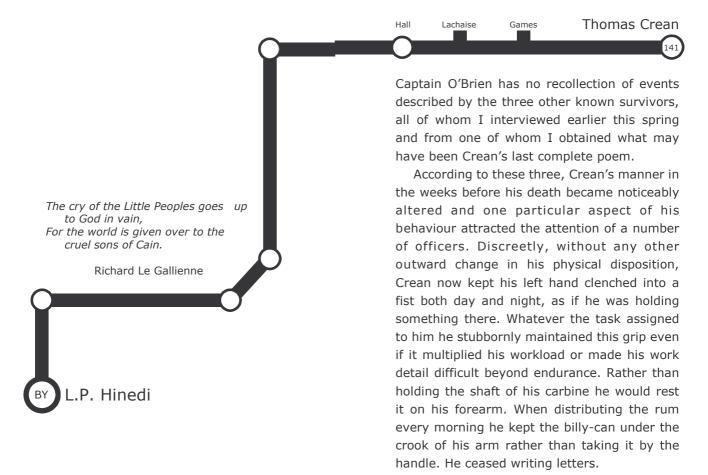
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According to these three, Crean's manner in the weeks before his death became noticeably altered and one particular aspect of his behaviour attracted the attention of a number of officers. Discreetly, without any other outward change in his physical disposition, Crean now kept his left hand clenched into a fist both day and night, as if he was holding something there. Whatever the task assigned to him he stubbornly maintained this grip even if it multiplied his workload or made his work detail difficult beyond endurance. Rather than holding the shaft of his carbine he would rest it on his forearm. When distributing the rum every morning he kept the billy-can under the crook of his arm rather than taking it by the handle. He ceased writing letters.

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Although the only source for this lost fragment (the scrapbook he mentions was lost in a fire at the Creans' cottage during the Civil War), The death in Los Angeles at the age of 74 of Keir Chance brings to a close the career of Hollywood's most colourful and most important proponent of what is now politely referred to as the 'secondary character'. Chance himself had little time for the euphemism and in 1982 pointedly titled his autobiography A Face in the Crowd-Scenes: Memoirs of a Film Extra.

Born in Lukow in 1914 as Konrad Smíczye, Chance emigrated from Poland when still a teenager and arrived in Hollywood in the heyday of the B-movie spectacular. By the mid-1930s a typical working day in the Global Artists lot would find him wearing a toga before lunch, spurs in the afternoon and touting a fedora and tommy gun as the sun set. In his first six months alone, Chance appeared in no less than thirty eight features, including Joseph H. Lewis' Shoot Down The Sun and Henry Leibmann's chain-gang classic Heels of Iron. Over the ten years that followed Lewis was to be his most frequent



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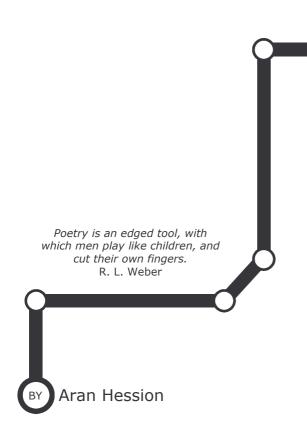
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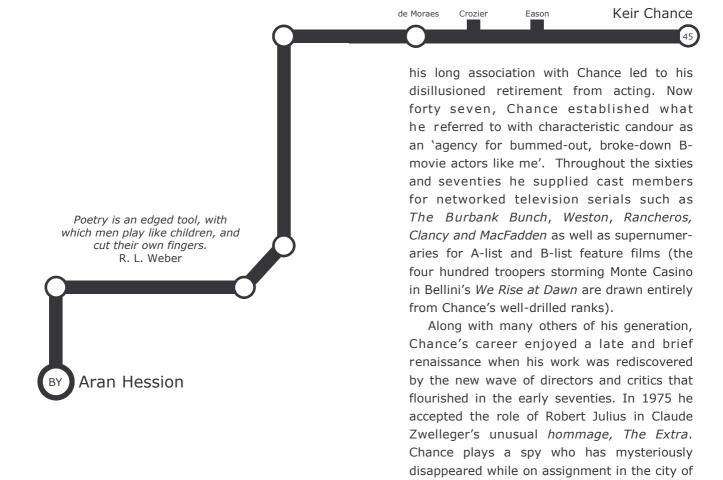
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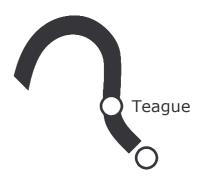


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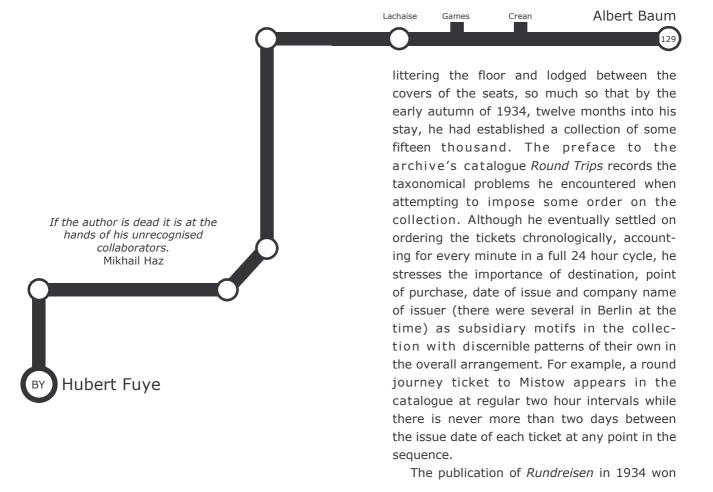
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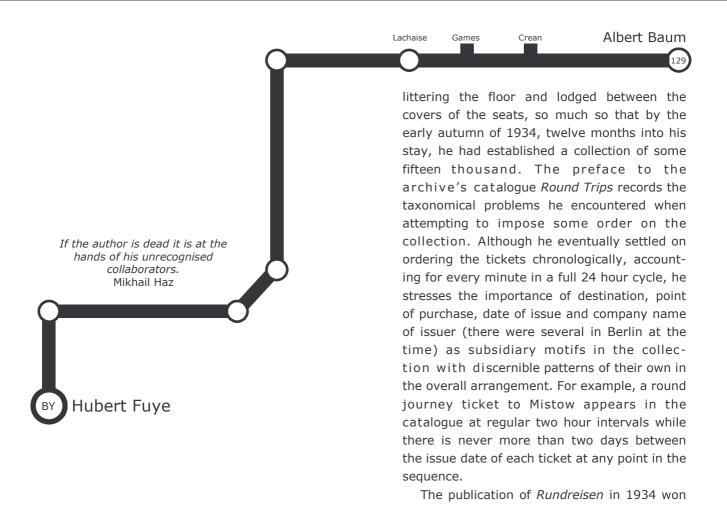
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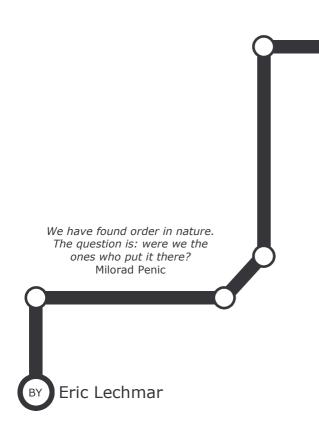
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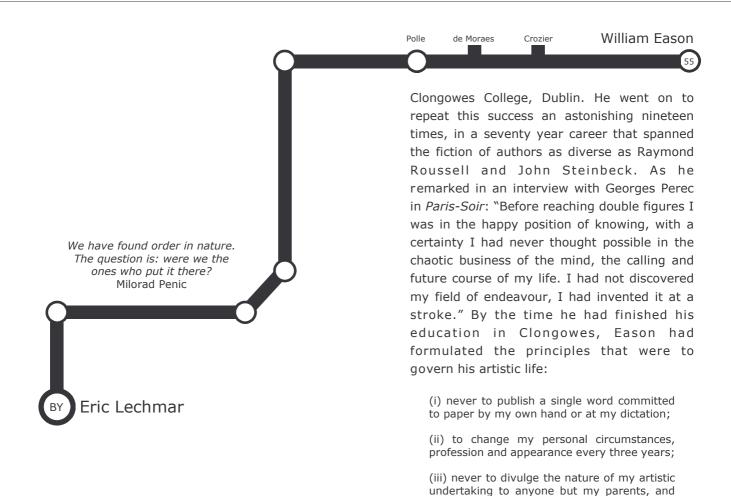
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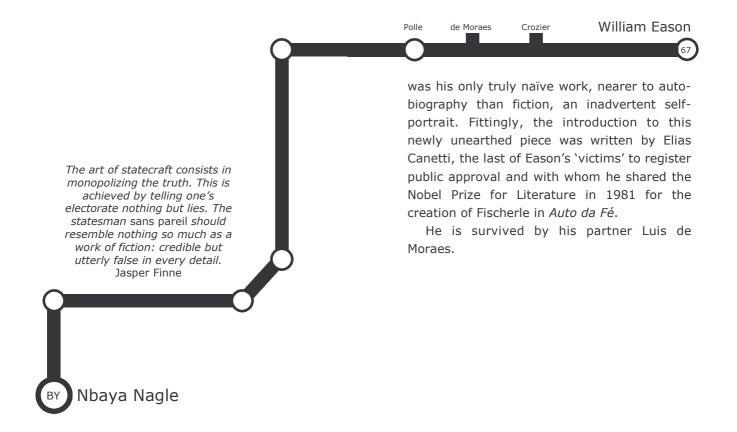


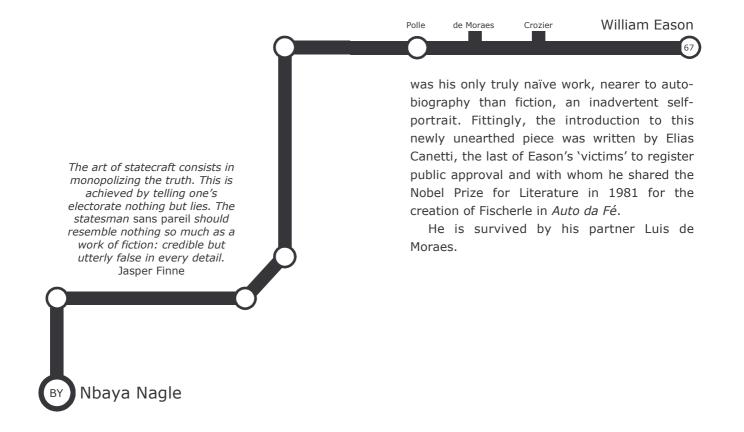
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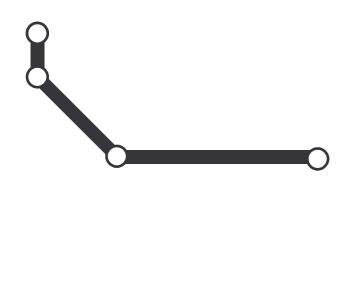
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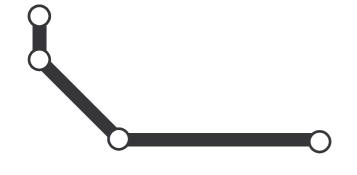






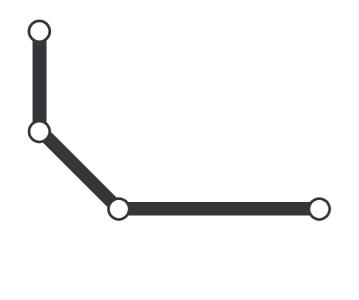


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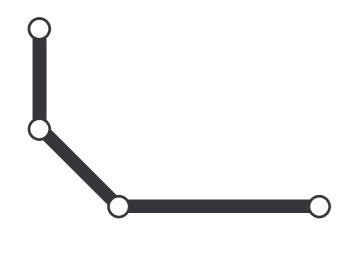


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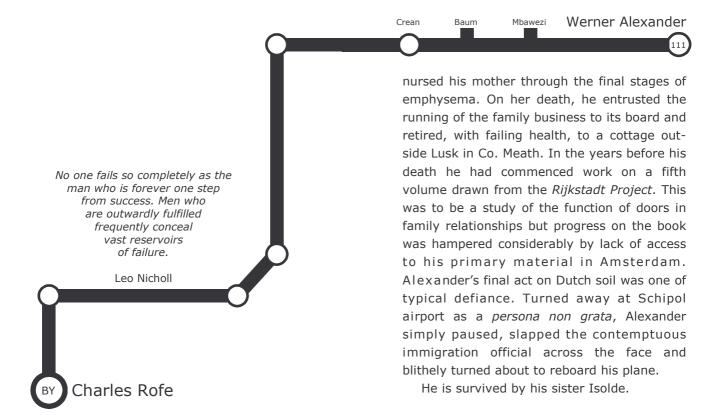


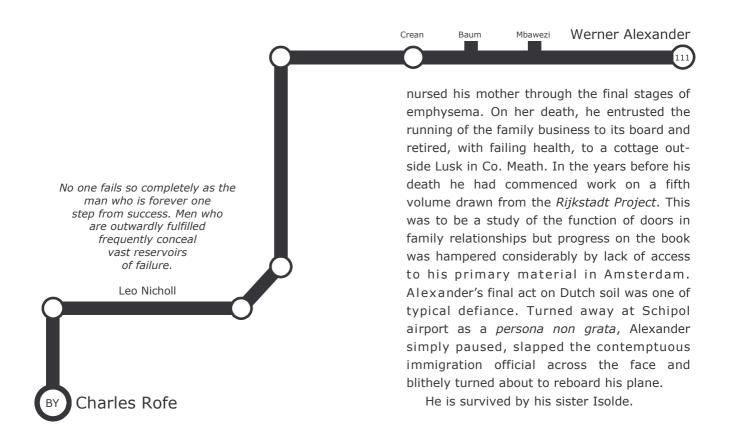
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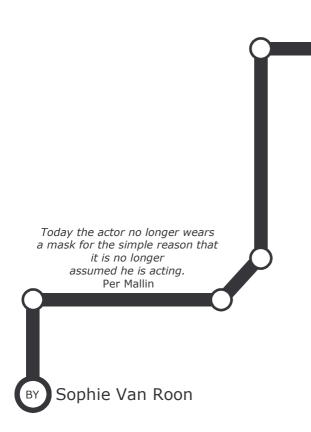


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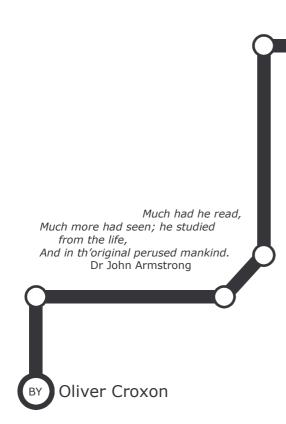
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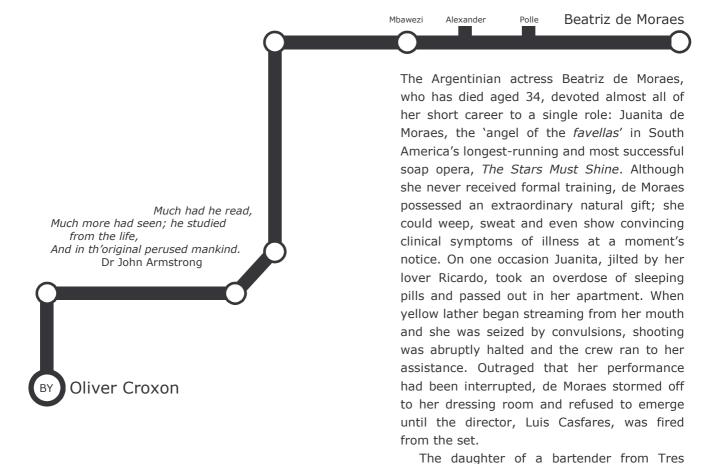
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Within fifty miles of the Luitpold Coast, and after four weeks of terrible pressure, the *Barner* began shipping water on its port side. In fifteen minute shifts the thirty man crew operated the pumps for two days and nights until finally, when the ice smashed through the starboard aft destroying the rudder and engine, Soresen reluctantly gave the order to abandon ship. Within a month, on the 24th of May 1914, the *Barner* sank beneath the melting ice pack and the expedition found itself seven hundred miles from the nearest human habitation and adrift on the perilous ice floes of the Weddell sea.

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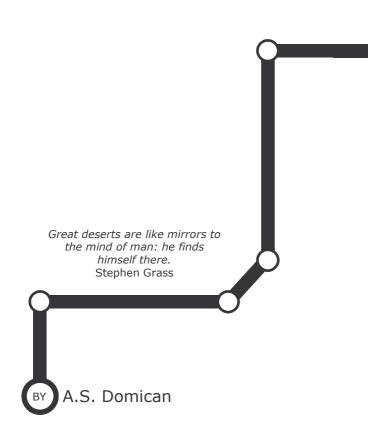
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Polle, who died aged 112, sailed from Malmo with the crew of the *Barner* in 1912 in his capacity as ship' surgeon. He had known Soresen since childhood and had required little persuasion to join his friend on the most ambitious polar expedition ever undertaken at the time. Soresen's plan was to traverse the Antarctic continent along the fifty fourth parallel, starting at the Luitpold Coast and meeting the *Barner* in Wuhsel bay three weeks later. An intrepid mountaineer and a veteran of the 1908 attempt on K2 in Nepal, Polle was eager to be part of the

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