

STATIONS AS CIVIC WORLDS & EMOTIONAL PORTALS

Visual Storytelling for Railway Spaces



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Railway stations are among the most important civic spaces in our cities.

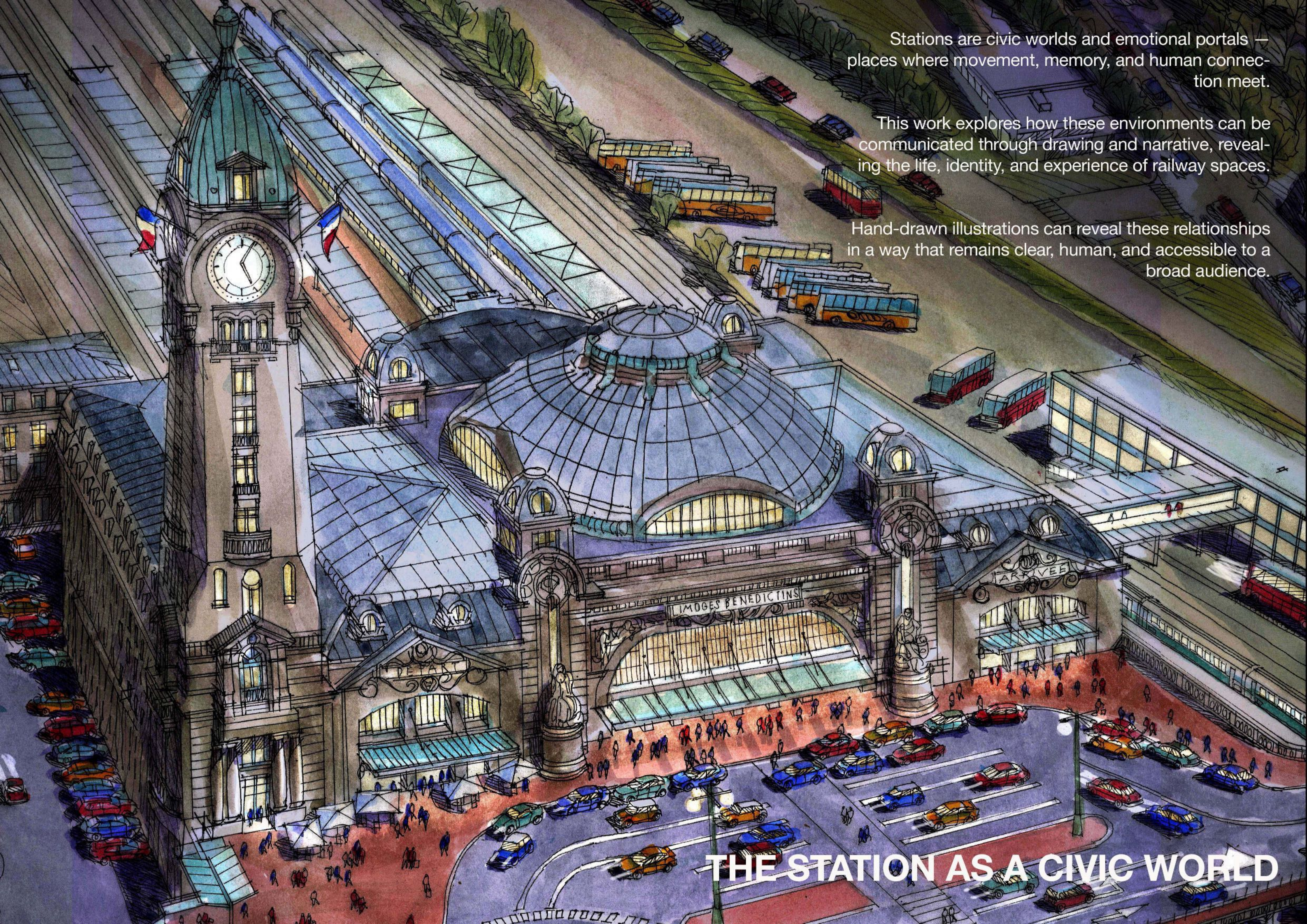
They are places of movement and exchange, but also places of memory and emotion — as places of departure and return— where everyday movement intersects with moments of emotion, from separation to reunion.

Stations are both infrastructure and lived experience: worlds within the city that connect daily routines with moments of significance.

This work explores how drawing and narrative reveal the full life of these environments — not only how they function, but how they are felt.



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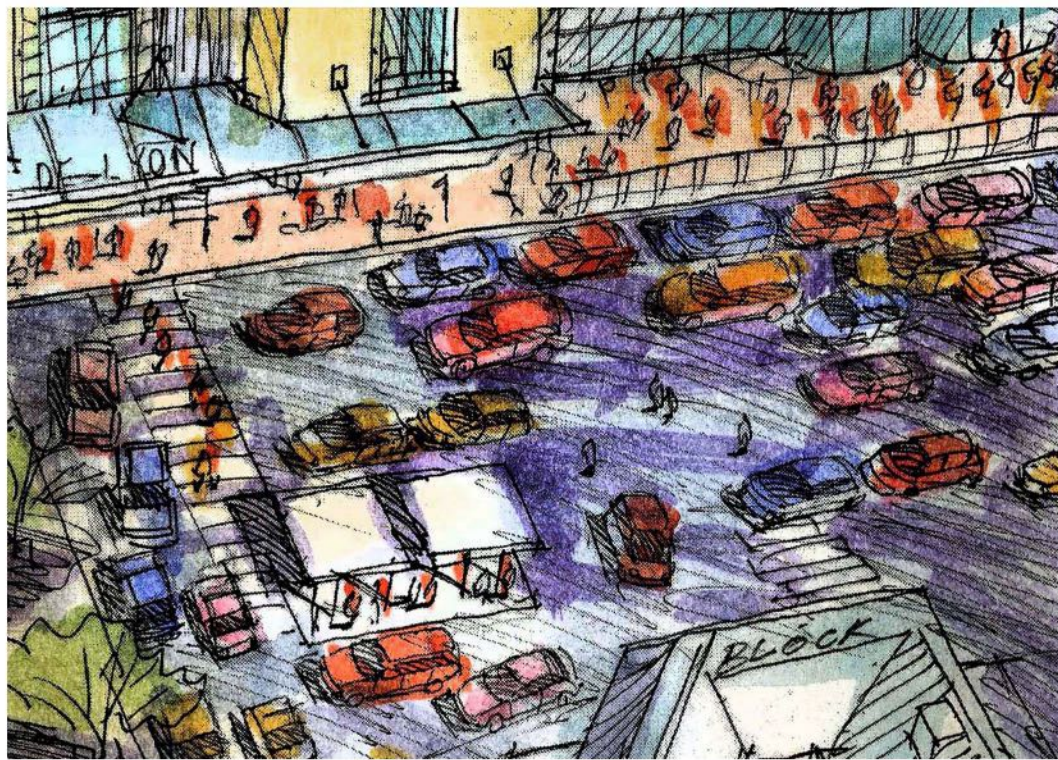


Stations are civic worlds and emotional portals — places where movement, memory, and human connection meet.

This work explores how these environments can be communicated through drawing and narrative, revealing the life, identity, and experience of railway spaces.

Hand-drawn illustrations can reveal these relationships in a way that remains clear, human, and accessible to a broad audience.

THE STATION AS A CIVIC WORLD

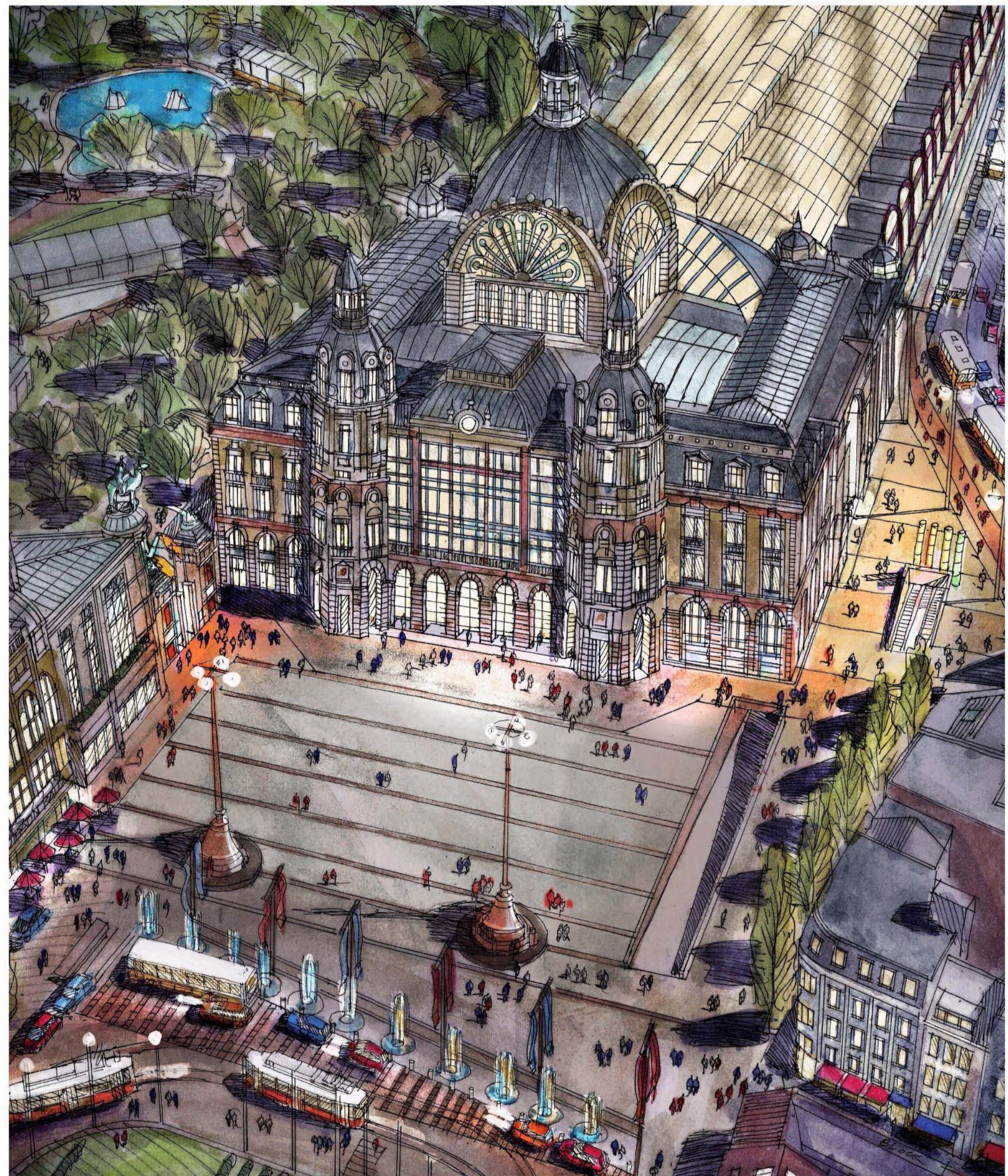


Beyond their technical function, stations can become places of urban life.

Visual storytelling helps communicate this transformation — showing how movement, space, and human activity come together to form meaningful civic environments.



Visual storytelling can help communicate how station environments evolve transforming infrastructure into places of social life, gathering, and urban identity.



FROM INFRASTRUCTURE TO PLACE



These drawings explore the human dimension of railway environments across time.



Stations are not only places of transit — they are social worlds shaped by people, routines, and encounters.

Stations are places of departure and return.

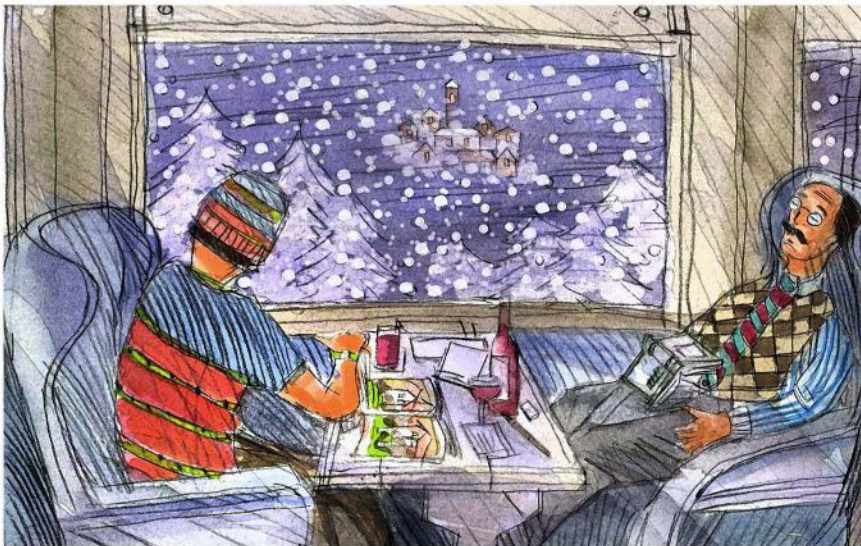
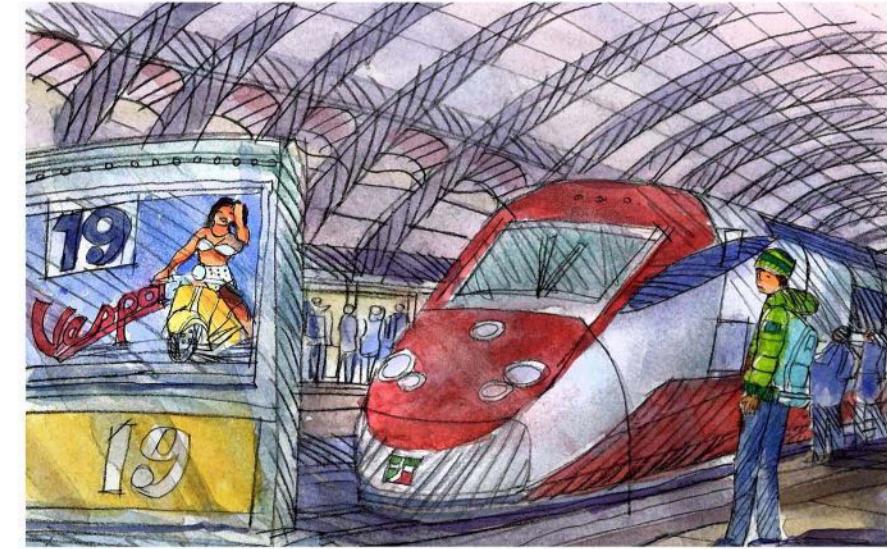
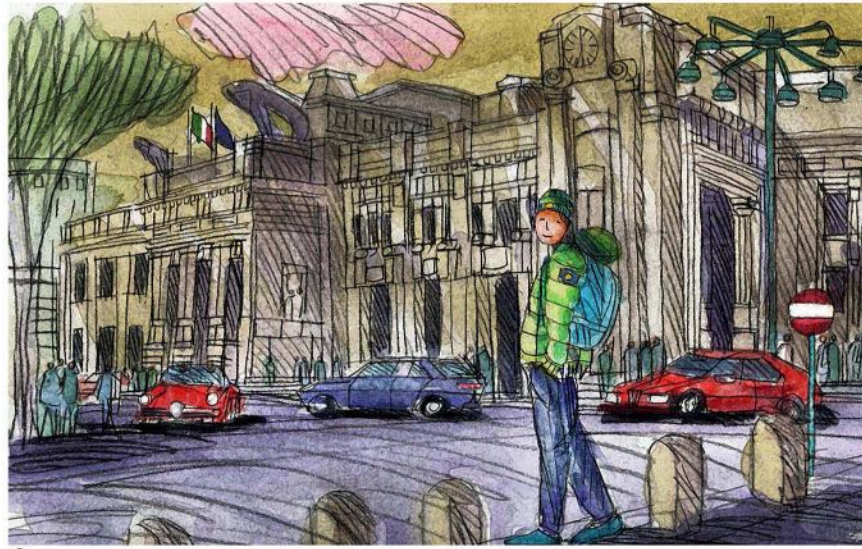
They hold moments of separation and reunion — where journeys begin, and where people come back together.



These emotional dimensions are central to how stations are experienced, and can be expressed through narrative drawing and visual storytelling.

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NARRATIVE & ANIMATION



Story-driven animation can connect stations through journeys — linking cities, people, and experiences. For example, a narrative following a traveler moving between European stations can be used for digital platforms, station displays, or public engagement campaigns. Stories that can be produced as animated films and as printed booklets.

Exploring how railway spaces can be seen, understood, and experienced differently



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