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— Isaac Newton

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February 21

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"We must all work together to end youth homelessness in America."
— Barack Obama

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"I thought it was respectful to speak loudly in sign in their language."
— Nate Workman

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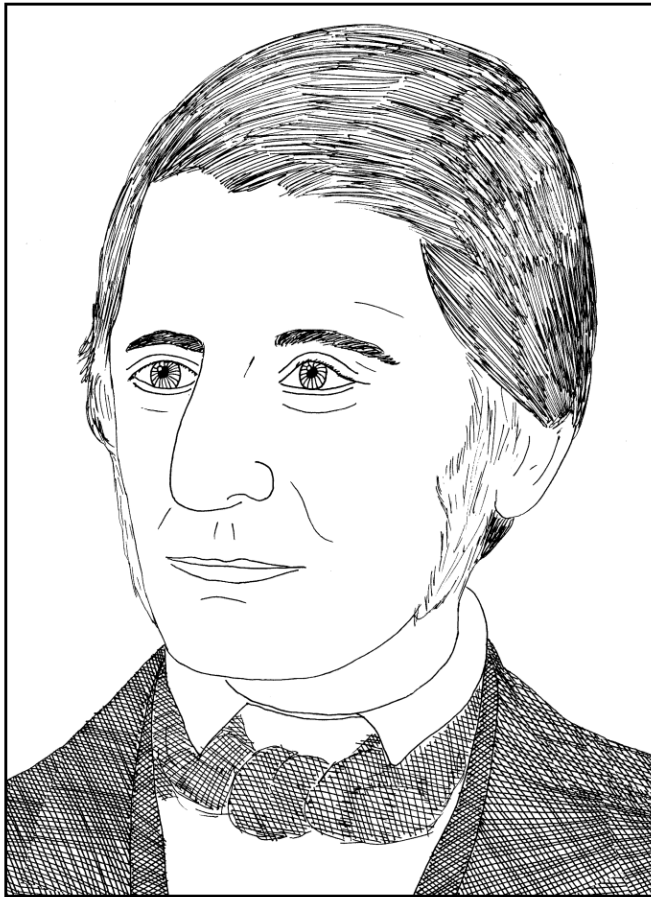


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"A mind enclosed in language is its prison."
— Simone Weil

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"Language is the archives of history"

**"Thought is the blossom; language the bud;
action the fruit behind it."**

-- Ralph Waldo Emerson

You probably know that many of the world's plants and animals are in danger of extinction, but did you know that many human languages are in danger of becoming extinct, too?

Globalization has helped to make the world a smaller place. But it has also contributed to the loss of many languages around the world. Now only 10 languages make up over half the world population's mother languages. Once there were about 8000 different languages spoken on our planet. Now there are only about 6500, and half of them are endangered. In fact, every two weeks another language disappears forever!

Languages are important. They do much more than help people communicate. A language helps define a culture, history and ancestry of a group of people. Once a language is lost, humanity loses a part of our rich culture and heritage. Preserving endangered languages is important to keep traditions alive.

UNESCO promotes events and activities on **International Mother Language Day** on February 21 to help encourage the recognition and celebration of the diverse heritage of humanity's mother tongues, especially minority ones, and to raise awareness about the need to preserve endangered languages. The Day provides a wonderful opportunity to discover and celebrate the rich diversity of languages spoken in our own communities.

"Language is a city to the building of which every human being brought a stone."

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1. Find out more about saving languages
2. Learn about another language and culture
3. Find out how many languages are spoken in your community
4. Support organizations preserving language and culture

Mother Language Links

- Ethnologue (ethnologue.org)
- Foundation for Endangered Languages (ogmios.org)
- Modern Language Association (mla.or)
- Rosetta Project (rosettaproject.org)
- Terralingua (terralingua.org)
- UNESCO International Mother Language Day (tinyurl.com/pchfr)

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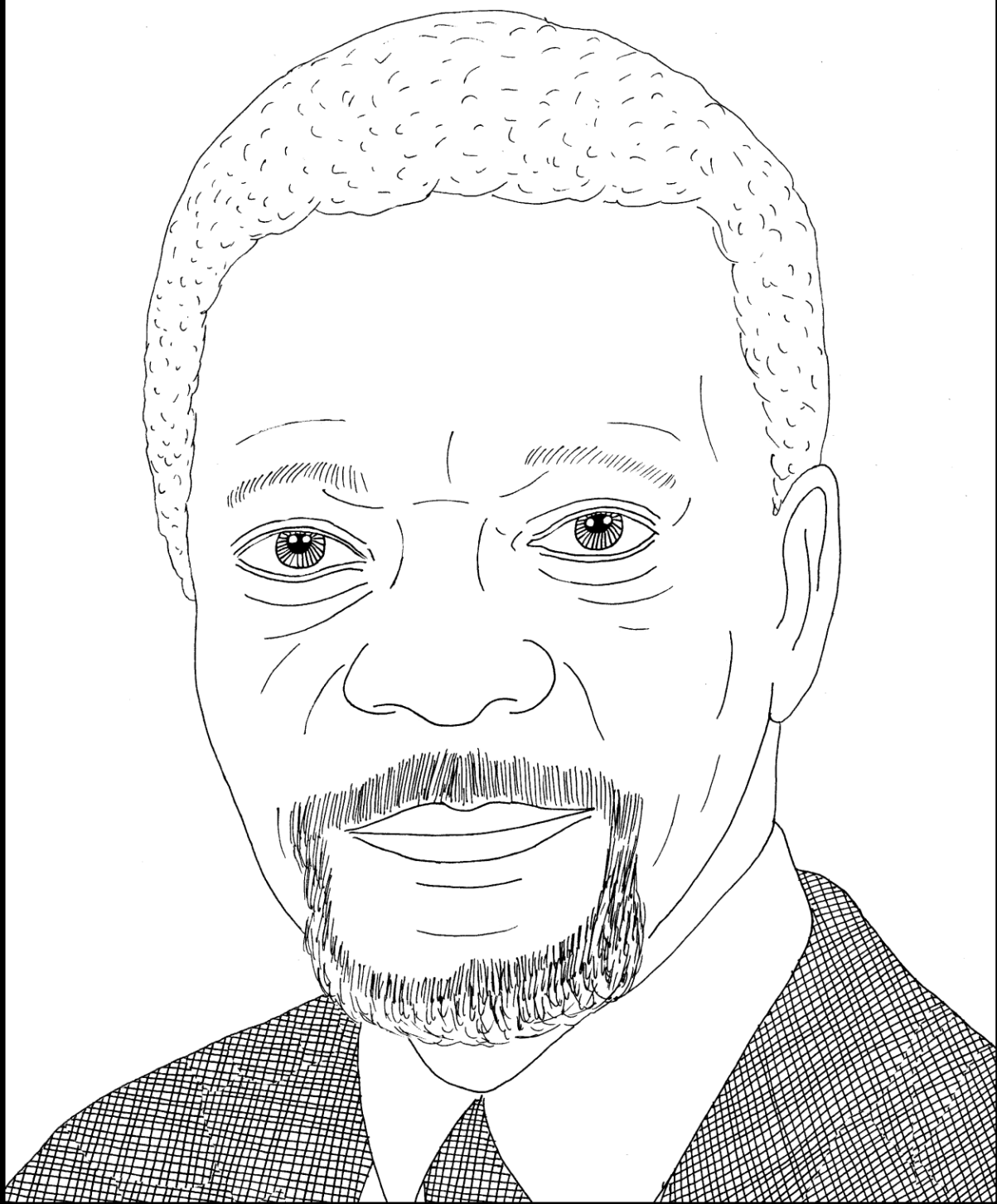
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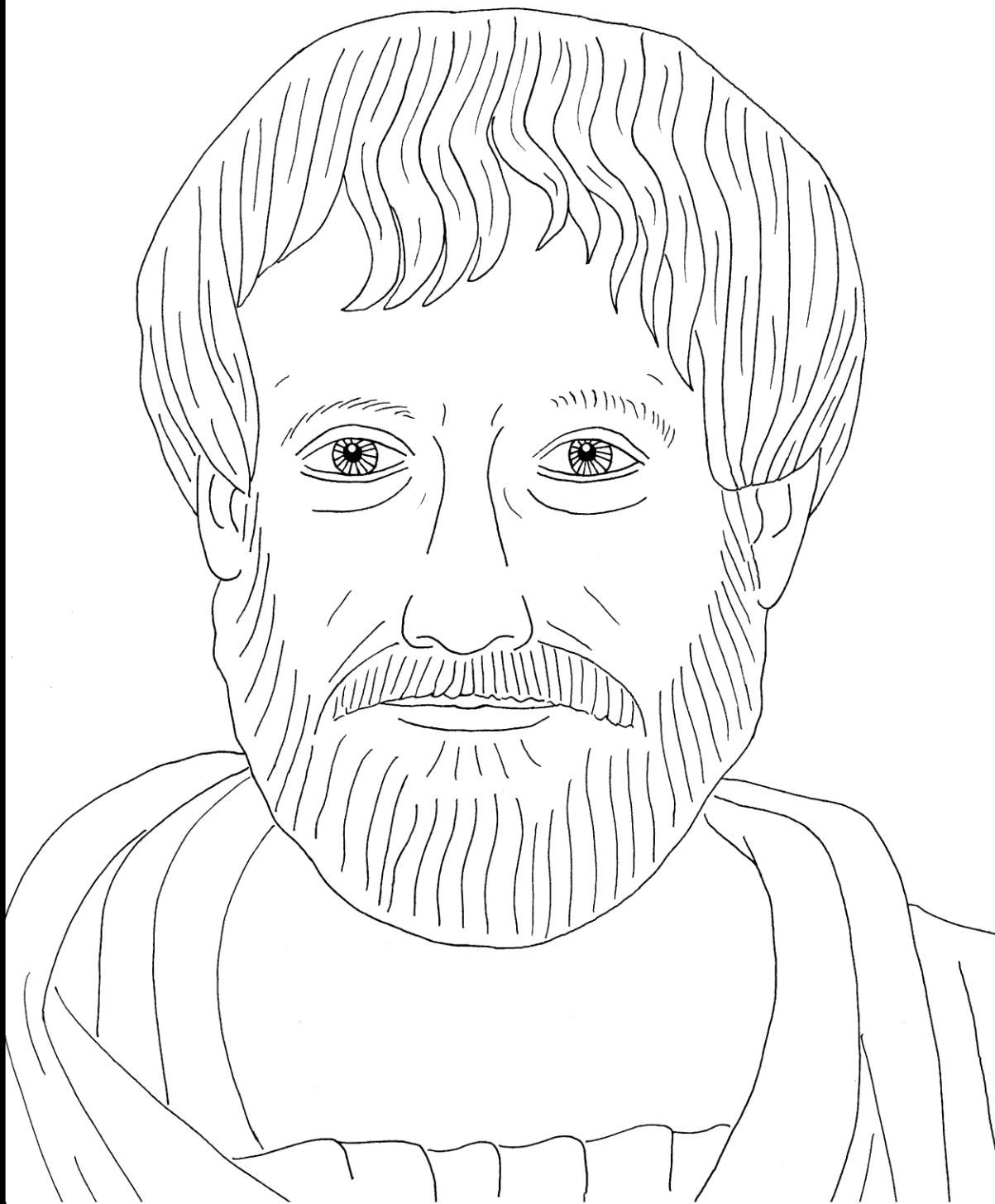
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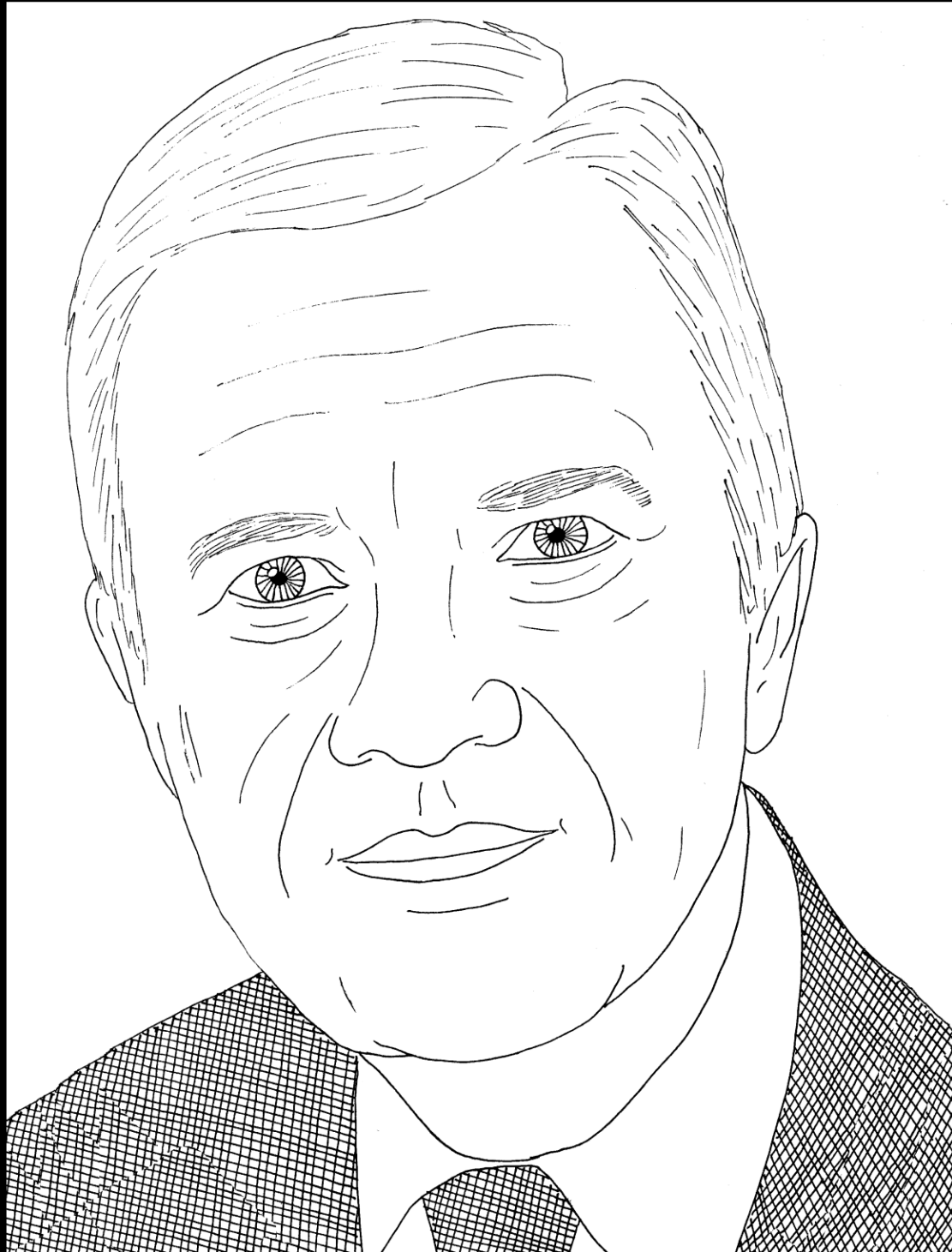
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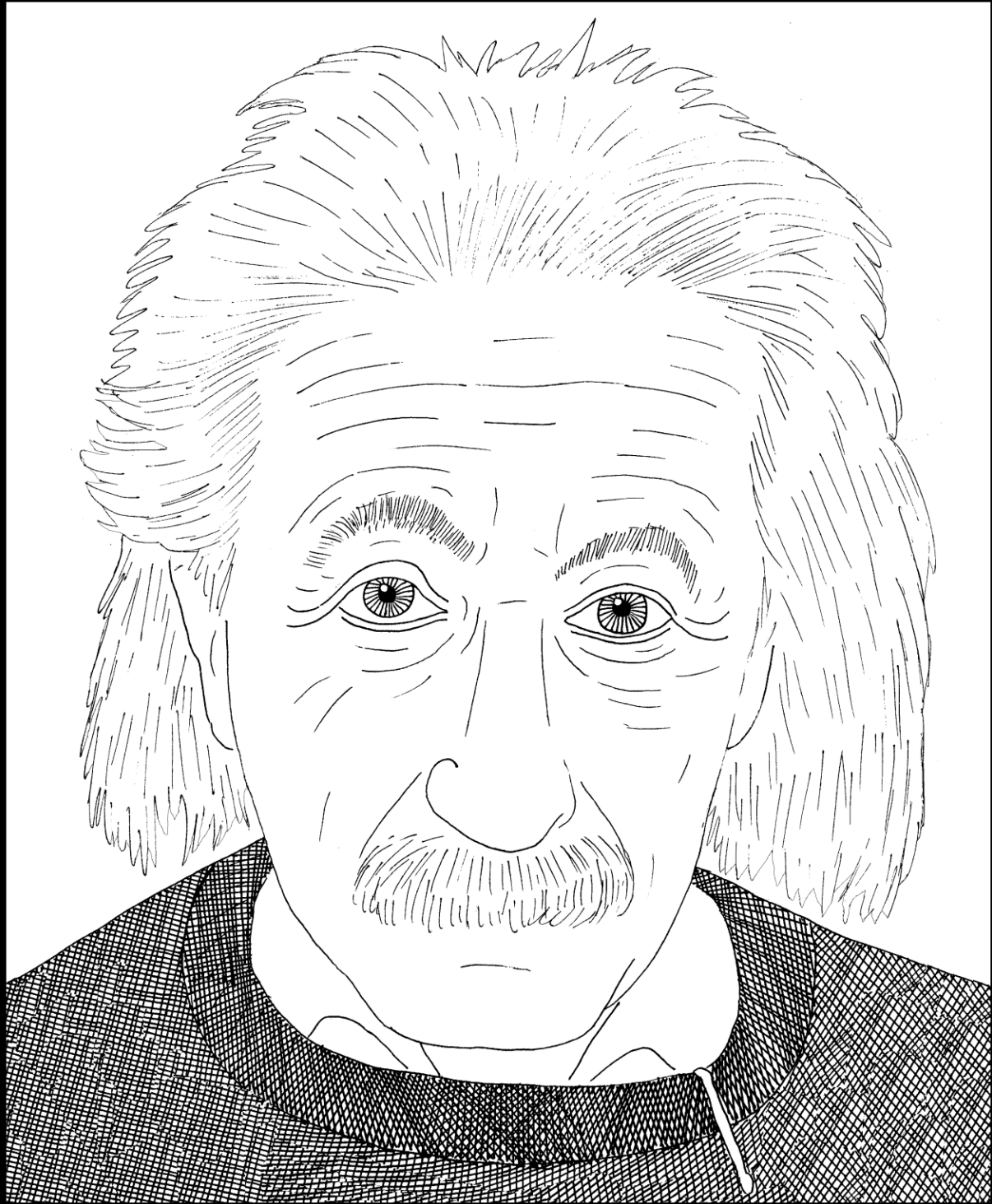
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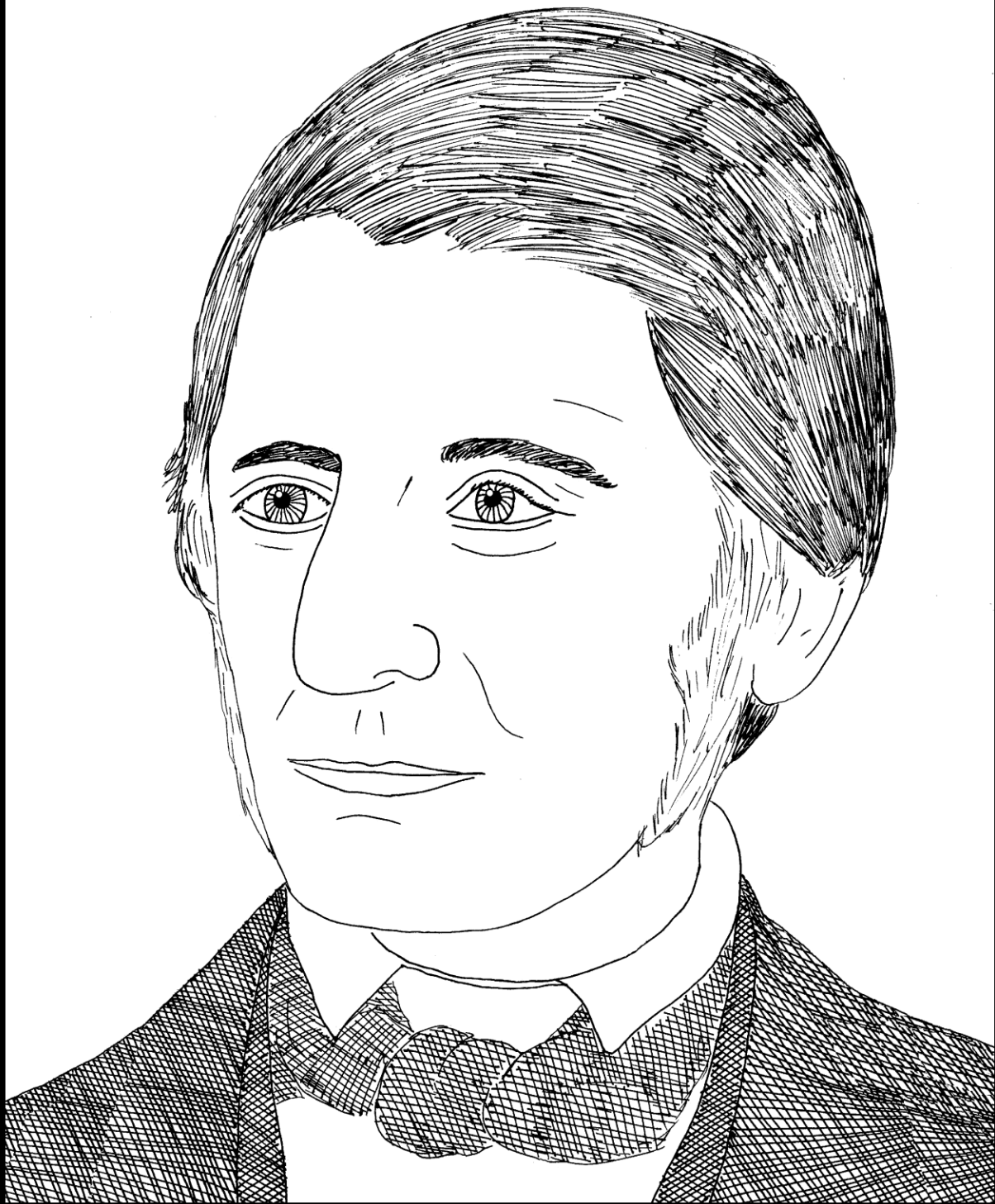
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"Every individual is at once the beneficiary and the victim of the linguistic tradition into which he has been born..."

~ Aldous Huxley

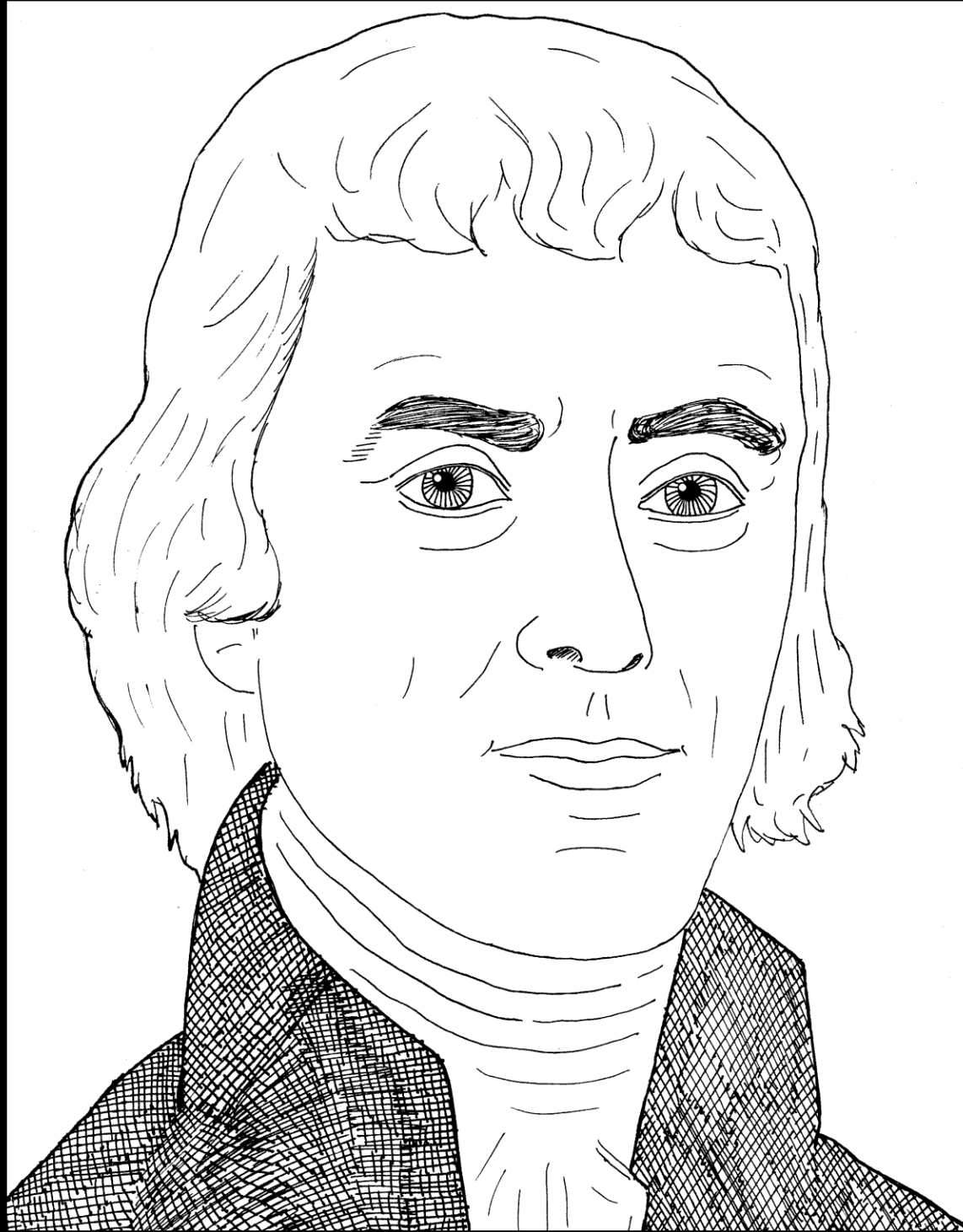
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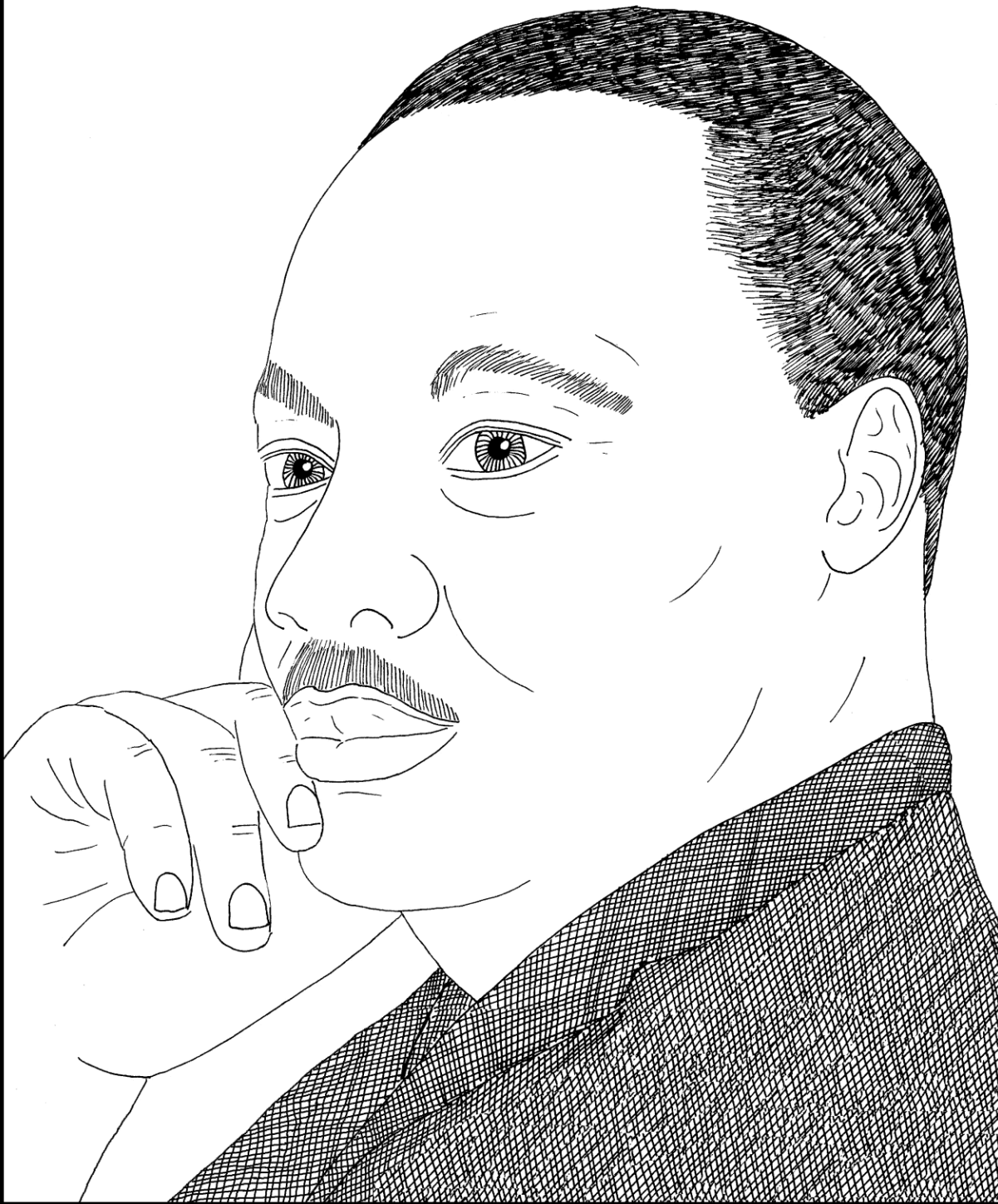
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“Occasionally in life there are those moments of unutterable fulfillment which cannot be completely explained by those symbols called words. Their meanings can only be articulated by the inaudible language of the heart.”

-- Martin Luther King, Jr

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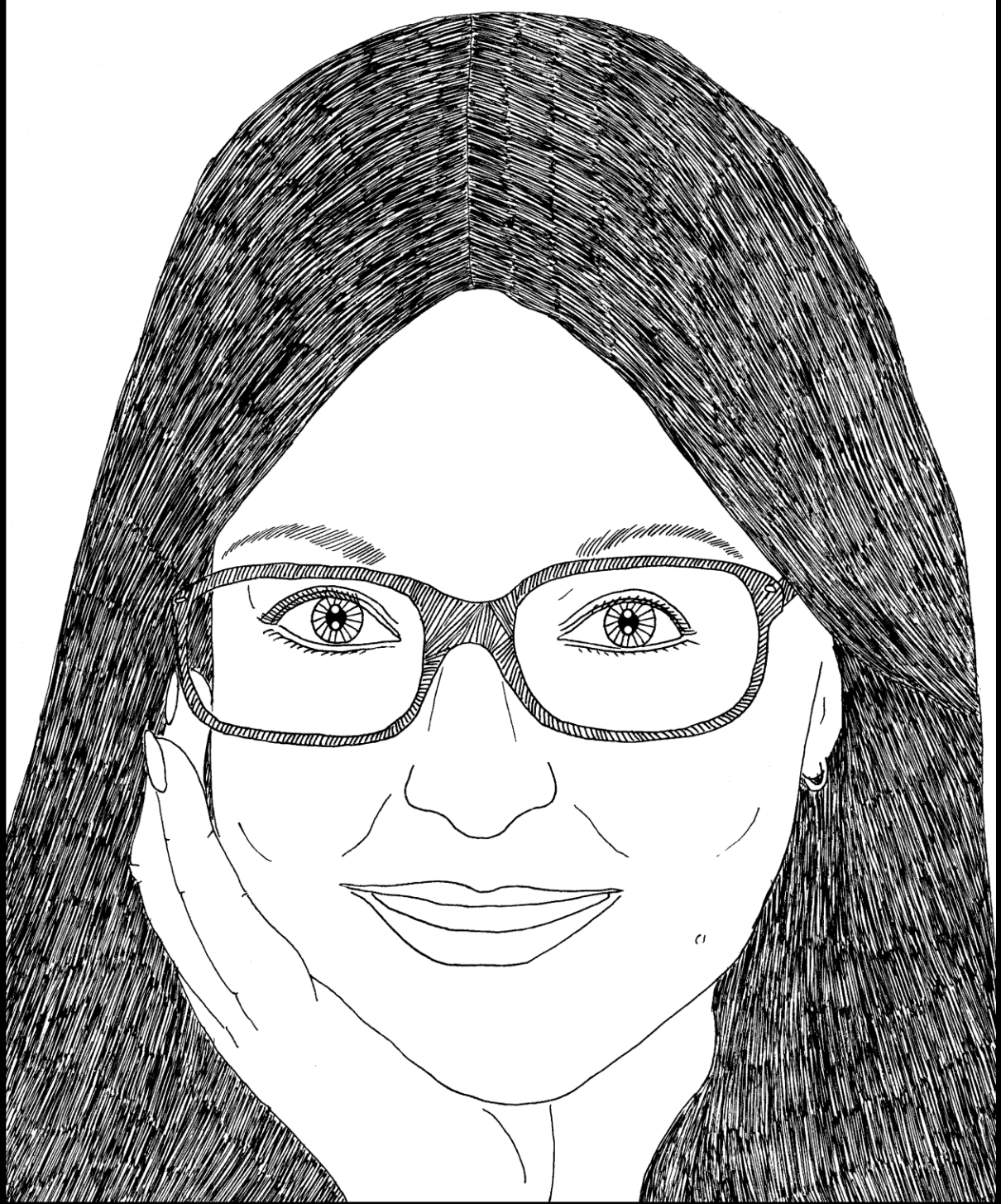
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**"I thought it was respectful to each country to sing in their language."
-- Nana Mouskouri**

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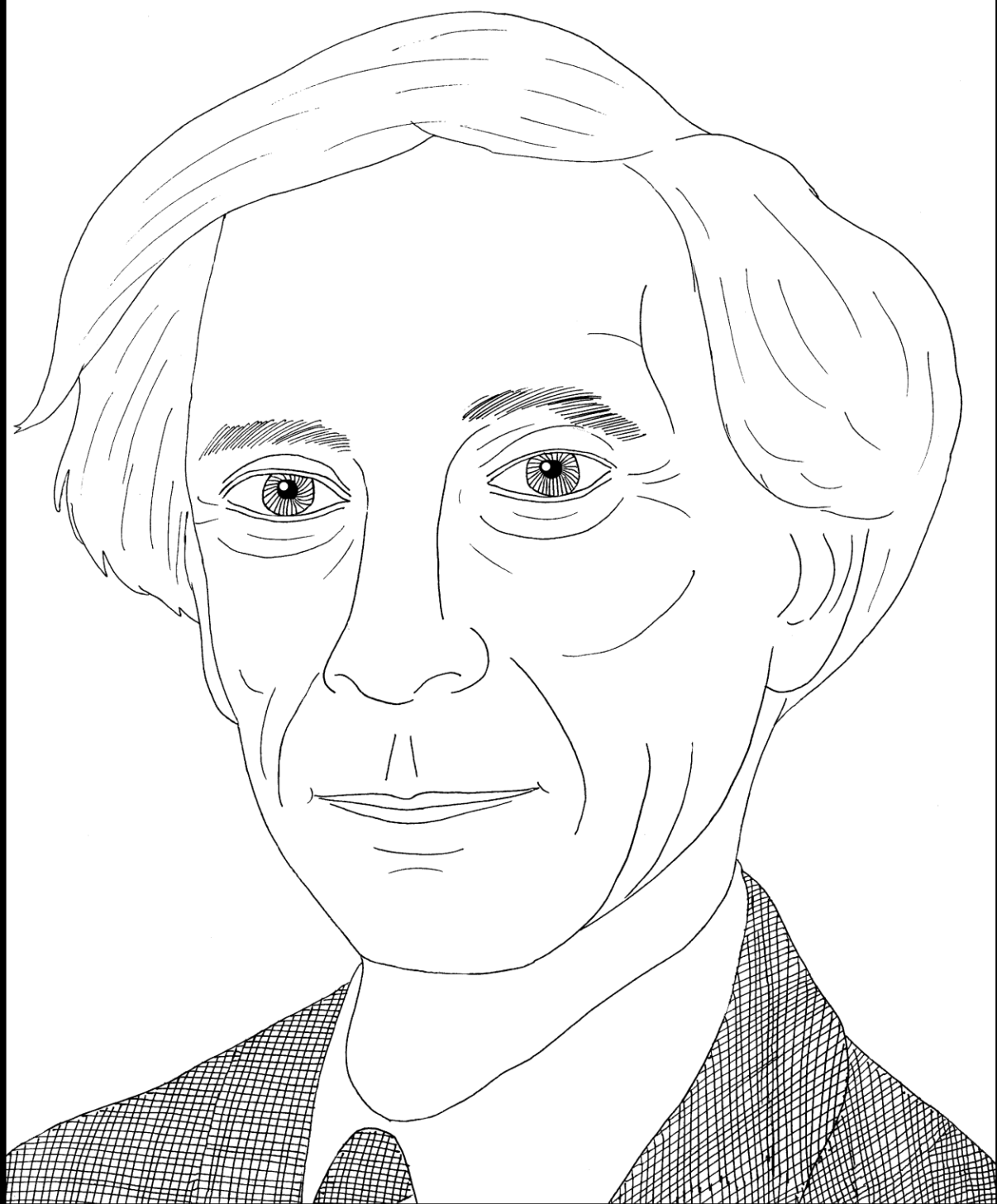
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-- Bertrand Russell**

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"Any classification according to a singular identity polarizes people in a particular way, but if we take note of the fact that we have many different identities - related not just to religion but also to language, occupation and business, politics, class and poverty, and many others - we can see that the polarization of one can be resisted by a fuller picture. So knowledge and understanding are extremely important to fight against singular polarization."

-- Amartya Sen

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-- Robert Alan Silverstein

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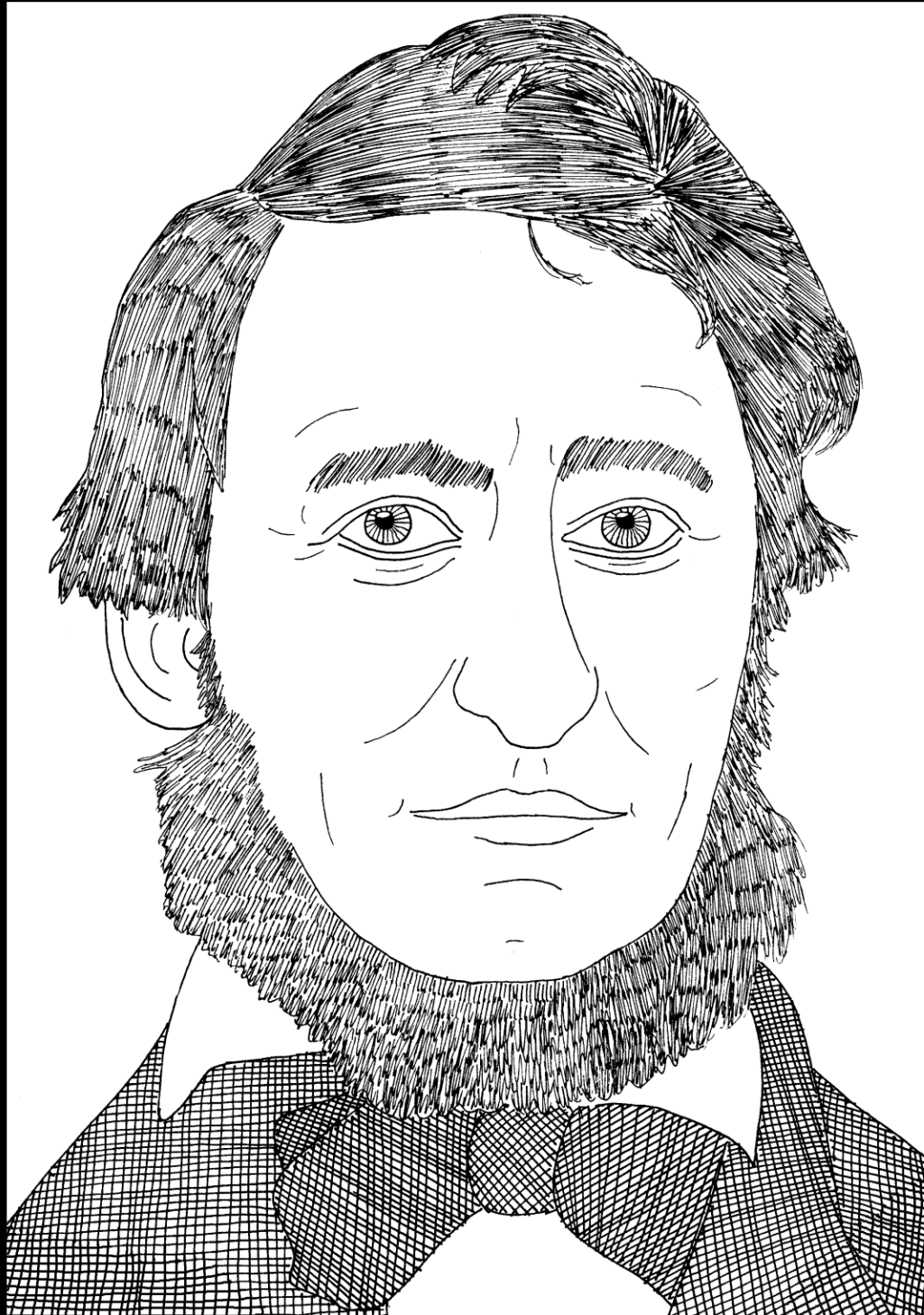
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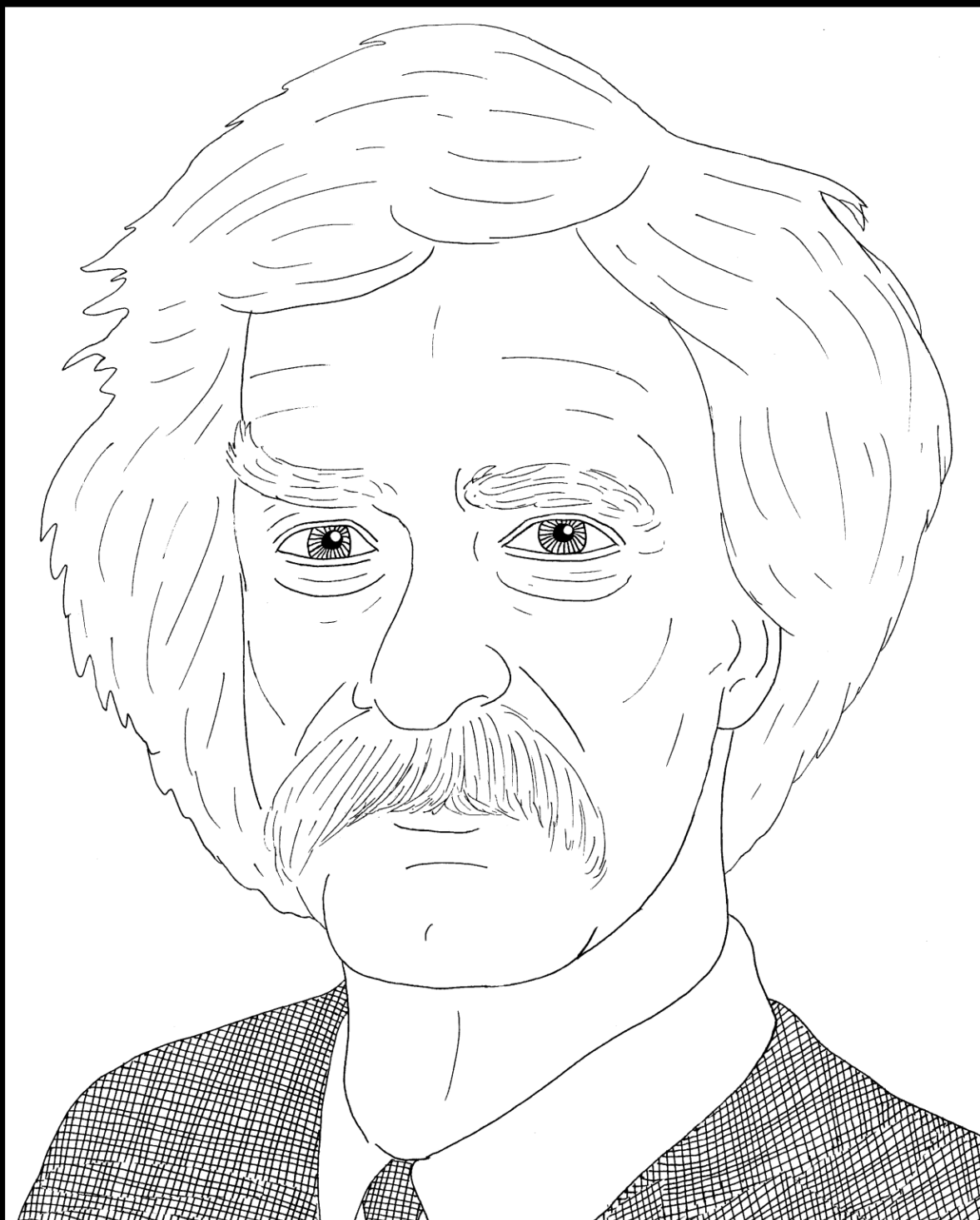
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