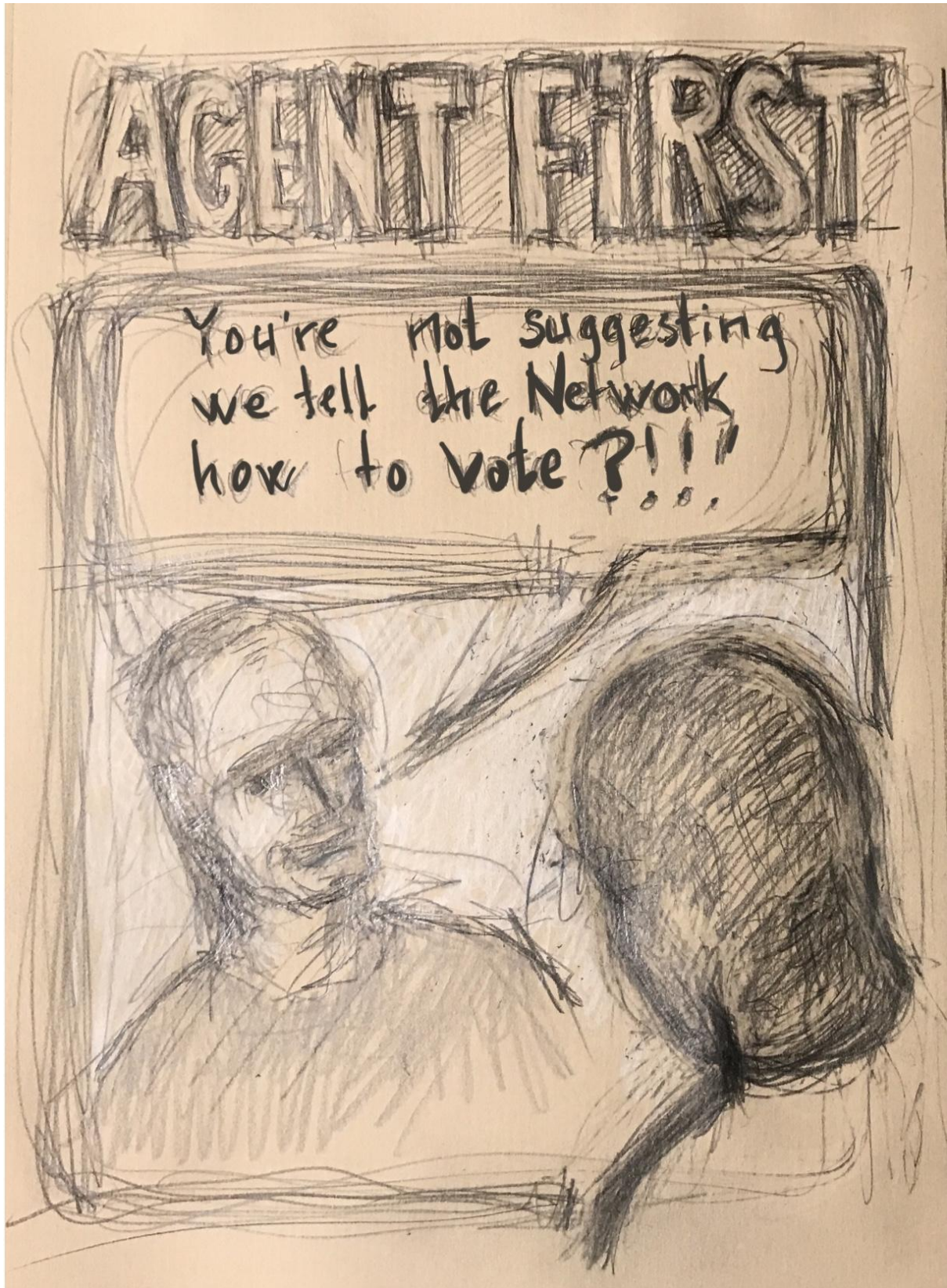
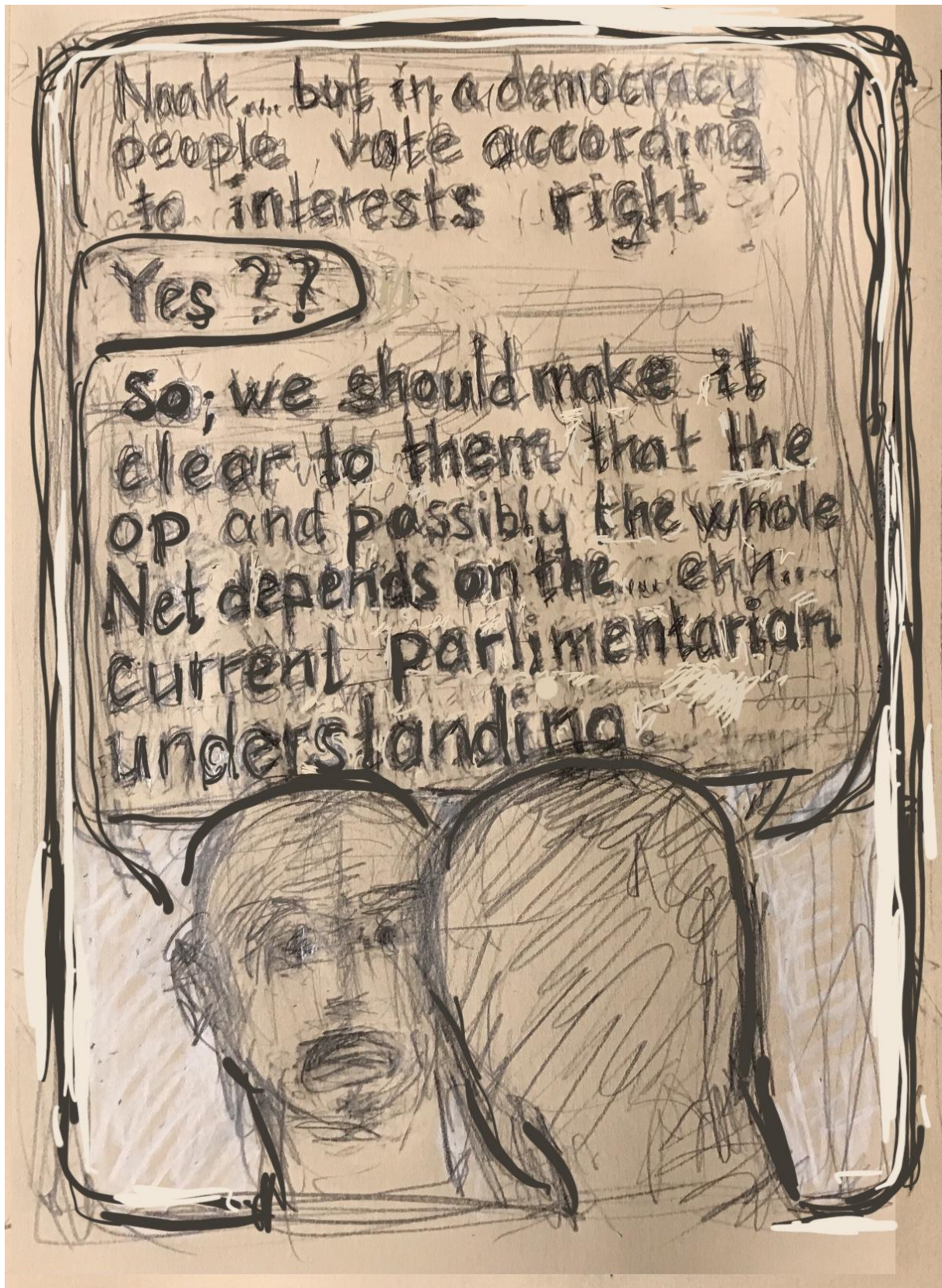


numbers.



If I give the Network a density of, say, 4 - 5%, if coordinated and loyal they could swing a tight election.



In this frame I think it should be just the 2nd reply and instead just starting with "Absolutely not, but we should make it clear, etc etc. "

...an idea, yes, but taking that path – even “only” through indirect means, like suggested above – would probably be too obviously in conflict with the values the Network is supposed to protect, which could risk causing discord in too many members.

Still — deliberately or subconsciously driven — the understanding of one outcome being more desirable than an other, could be conveyed without seeming like encouragement from the top to vote in a particular way, I think. Perhaps through seemingly random remarks and snippets of information aimed at getting lower level members build such an understanding seemingly to themselves independently, and then sharing it with their Network friends + perhaps seeking to influence non-members as well (but with other arguments, of course). A process that — if deliberate — could be monitored and discreetly helped if “needed”.

But with regards to the numbers, then the 4 - 5% suggestion was kind of a minimalist guess at what might be needed for reasonable coverage – with something like 1 in 20 - 25 I loosely speculated it would be possible to be close enough to any one person who might appear needed to be gauged further for persuasion and tendencies – and if spread evenly, perhaps it might, however; it has since occurred to me that there is a maximalist way of approaching the issue as well. Here the questions to ask – I think – would be: what is the highest number of informant agents we can handle/organise, and at what point will the percentage be so, that there'll be an unacceptable high risk of threatening cells forming inside the Network. There might also be a need for the agents to perceive themselves as something special, which would require them to be a clear minority.

Having thought about this for a while, it has become quite clear to me that the maximalist approach (or something in that direction) has some obvious advantages in the set-up I'm working with: the coverage would be much improved and an abundance of agents would change the work of figuring out where to infiltrate to be, instead, one of monitoring to make sure everything was penetrated.

With very high numbers, like maybe 1 in 4 - 5 recruited/organised, the commitment level could differ a lot between different types of agents. I'm thinking of a layered structure – like an onion – with the full time professional and officially employed core with (close to) full knowledge.

Task forces working on specific operations.

Handlers.

Informant agents taking part in operations.

Informant agents surveying/monitoring general activity around them in the workplace and social circles.

Supporters/hinterland for informant agents (often parents).

Suppliers/logistics organisers (platforms, accommodations, safe spaces for meeting, paying jobs, partners and whatever might be needed for things to run as smoothly as possible).

Reserves loosely attached, but possible to mobilise (like when needed to flood a scene for instance).

(...just what came to mind, but the image of something that involves a lot more than just the informant agents starts to seem like something I'll inevitably have to look at for the Network environment)

Those forming the support structure will also, of course, have their eyes and ears open, but they'll not be working on getting into positions or relations of particular interest to the Network.

Training operations (often live target / minimal risk operations) keeps the structure fit and the members busy (=occupied) and committed.