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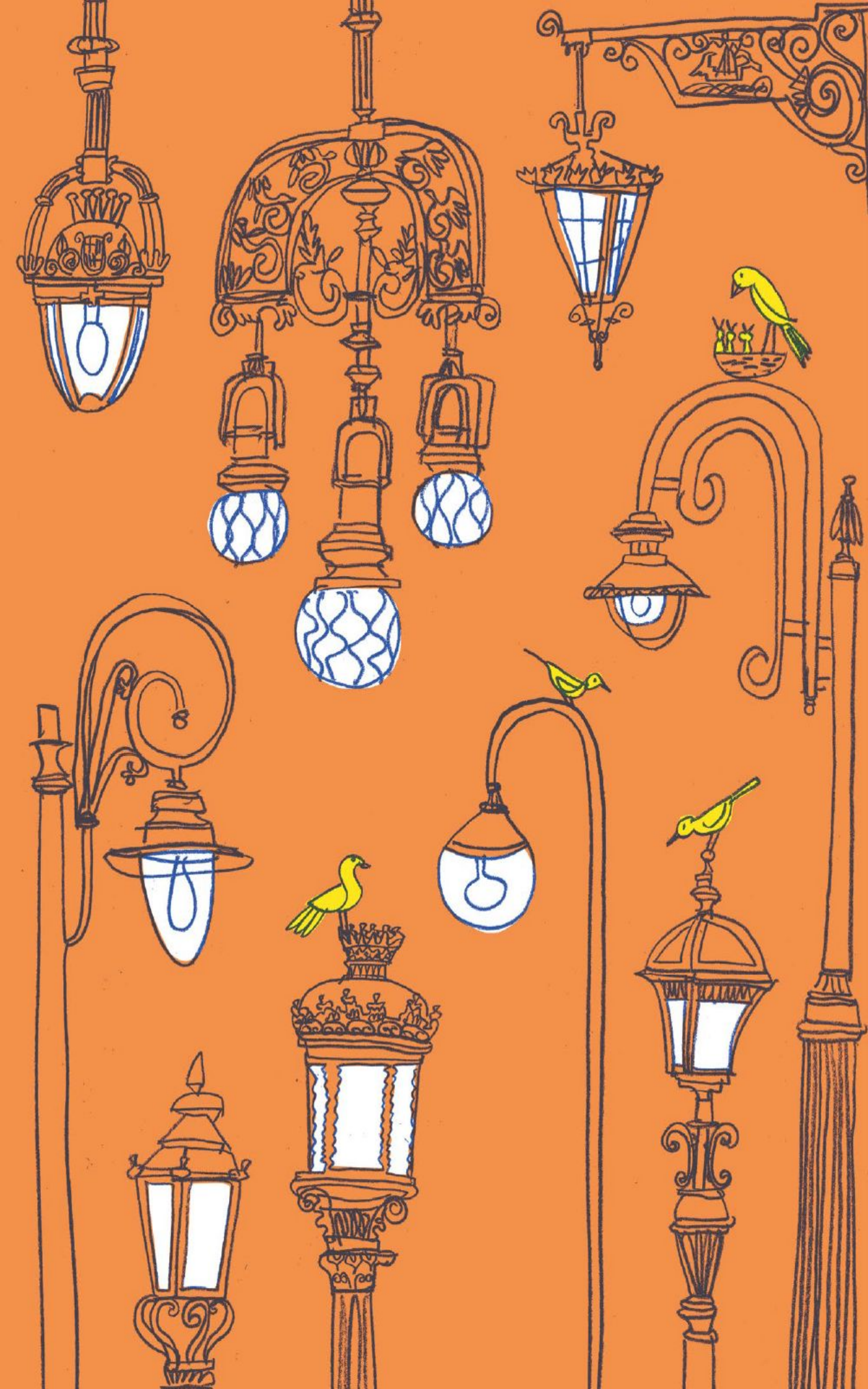


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Unter den Linden

BERLIN | GERMANY

In times gone by, the king of Prussia would ride west from his palace on Unter den Linden street to his royal hunting grounds. Berlin was just a small town in those days. Its zoo stood just outside the city walls. Today, Unter den Linden (which means “under the lindens”) is the main thoroughfare of Germany’s capital city, where over 4 million people live. Flocks of tourists stroll under more than one hundred linden trees that line the way towards the Brandenburg Gate and to the newly built palace.



Cafe

Brasserie

Restaurant

Café
au lait
Café
à la crème
Café
au sucre
Lait
frais
à la
vanille

BAR



Rue des Abbesses

PARIS | FRANCE

Oh là là—there is a luring fragrance in the air! Does it come from the freshly-baked croissants on the charming bistro tables, or from the flowers in the market stall? Montmartre is also a feast for the eyes, from the bright white church of Sacré Cœur to the elegant artworks that can be seen everywhere. Since the 19th century, this charming district in Paris has attracted painters from all over the world. Some of them became world famous, including Pablo Picasso and Vincent van Gogh. Today, artists place their easels right on the street, and tourists can even peer over their shoulders as they work. In the evenings, the view of Paris from Montmartre hill is breathtaking.



Grand Canal

VENICE | ITALY

This street may be the strangest one of all! And that's because it is not really a street, but a canal. The city of Venice is unique in the world. It was built on marshy ground in the middle of a lagoon.

Venice's beautiful buildings are supported by millions of tree trunks—or "piles"—that are sunk deep into the ground. Magnificent palaces, churches and houses would collapse into the water without this wooden foundation. The 118 islands that make up Venice are connected by more than 400 bridges. Instead of cars or buses, boats take people from one part of the city to another.

The most elegant of these boats, called gondolas, are very popular with tourists.



Calle 3

MEDELLÍN | COLOMBIA

The district of San Javier, where Calle 3 street is located, has witnessed something of a miracle. Ten years ago, its residents barely dared to go outside. There were constant clashes between the army and drug gangs. Today, however, residents and tourists alike feel safe to stroll through San Javier's pretty streets and well-maintained parks. A huge escalator can take you up effortlessly past colorful houses and into the loftier area of the district.









Rua da Bica

LISBON | PORTUGAL

There is no escalator in this street, but you can easily reach your destination with the “elevador,” or funicular. A funicular looks like a streetcar, but it is powered by a rope pulley system.

Of course, you can always try walking the 41 meters (135 feet) to the top. The route, which passes by beautiful houses with magnificent front doors and lush green balconies, is definitely worthwhile. And don't forget to take a photo! Rua da Bica is among the most famous sights in Lisbon.