Something not Grey



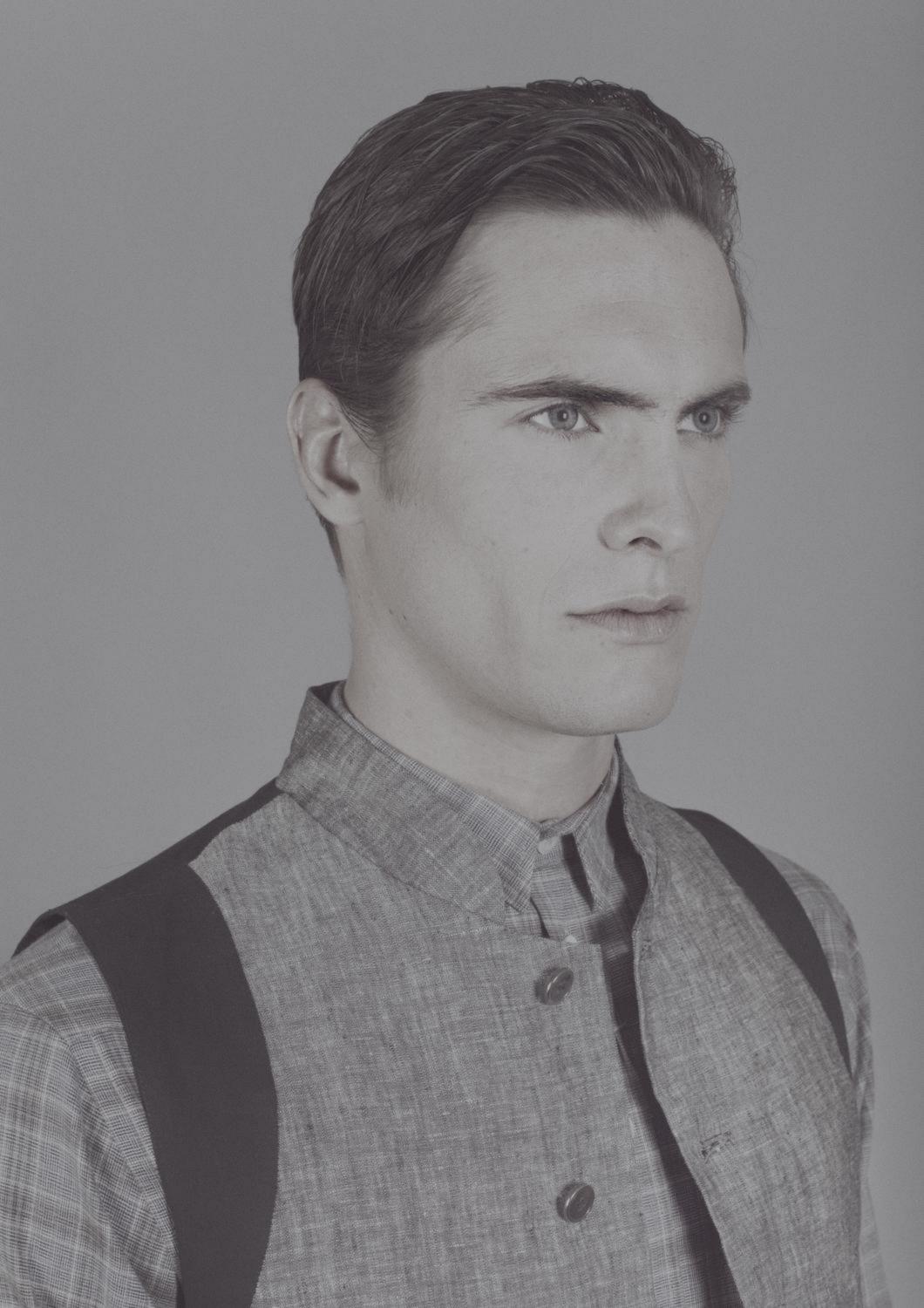
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Checked.

Erect and slowly slouching down into a huddled silhouette.

Nothing was worth examination; it would inevitably be grey, so slumped over, he sank into that painful space between rest and distraction. He had not slept in days so he was now getting used to the

feeling.

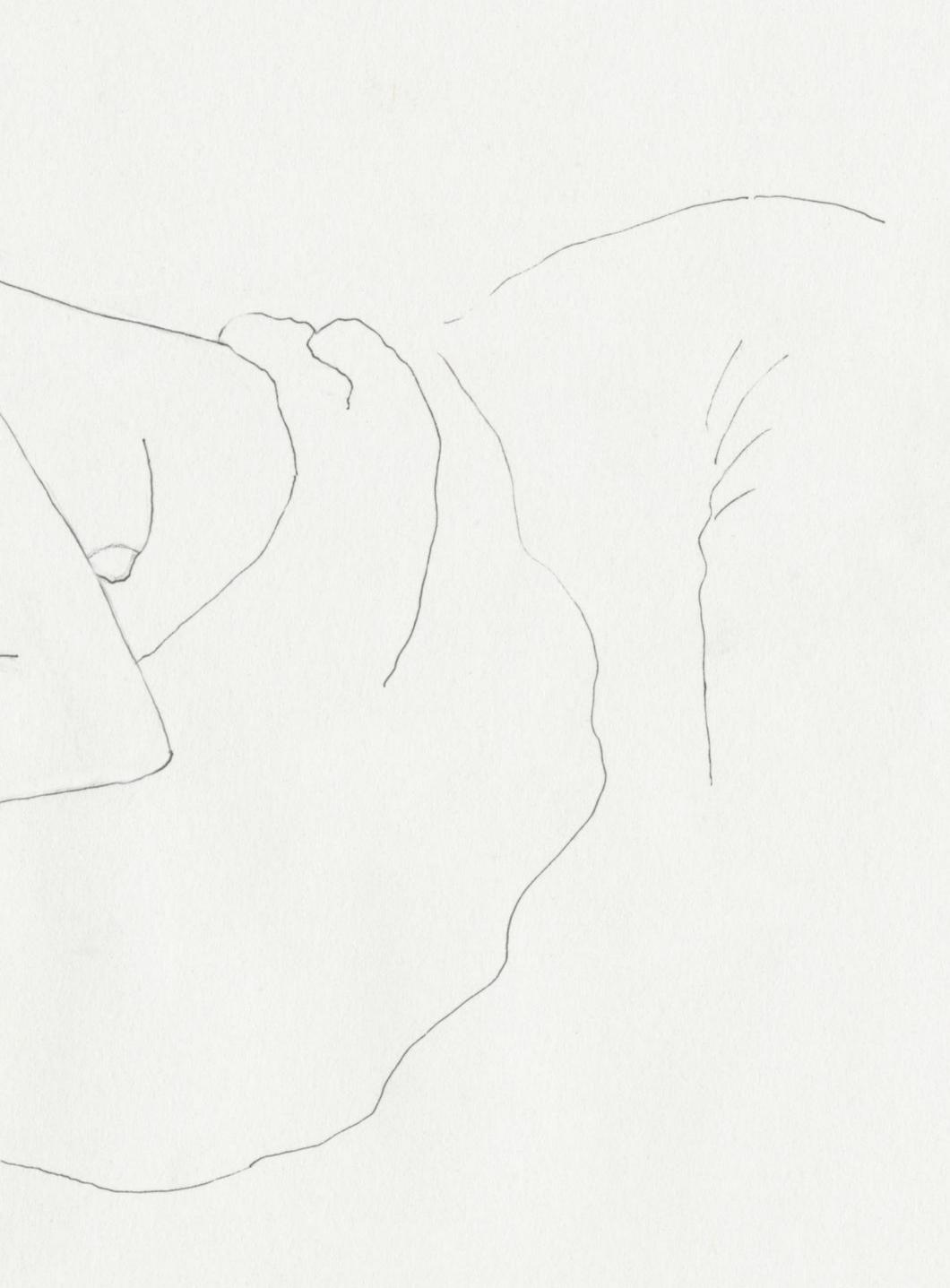


When one wakes up and discovers that everything had been created by someone other than oneself, what does one do?

Can it be undone?







...mindlessly meandering, stopping at neglected city benches.

A rustling behind him again, so

wearily he gazed to the side, only a flick of the eyes...





...this could be something new, for once,

Something that was not grey.









He put his eyes close enough to where he could breathe into the pores of her back. Perhaps his breath could darken it? After a half hour of breathing heavily over her right shoulder blade without results he knew what had to be done.

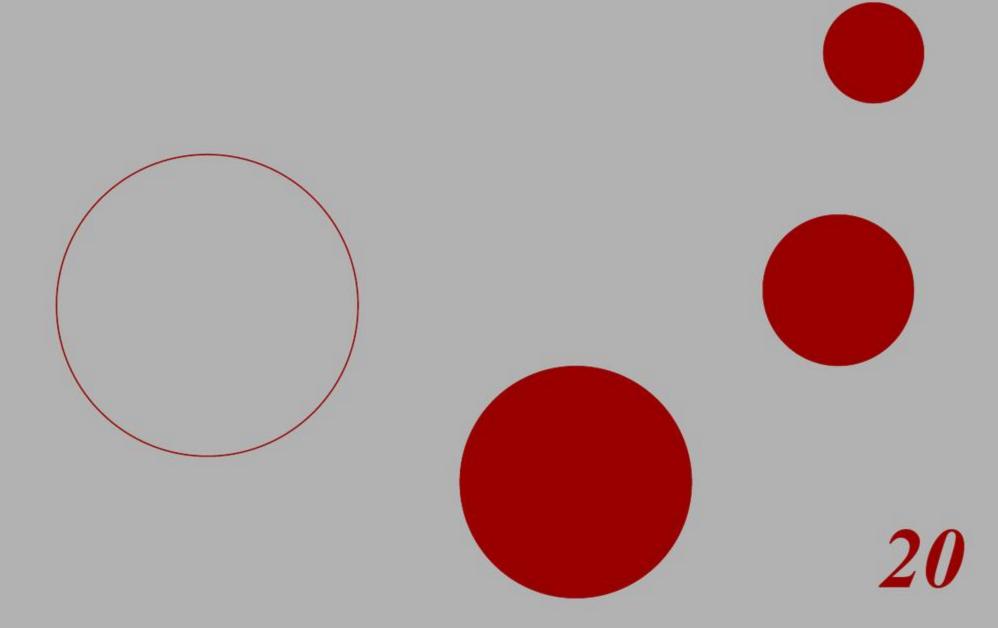
Slowly he took out a fire red ant – one that he knew would be enraged enough to bite...





... creating undulating spirals of

red, swollen angry bumps.



... each one filled with exactly the same puss and venom that was certainly running through his veins...

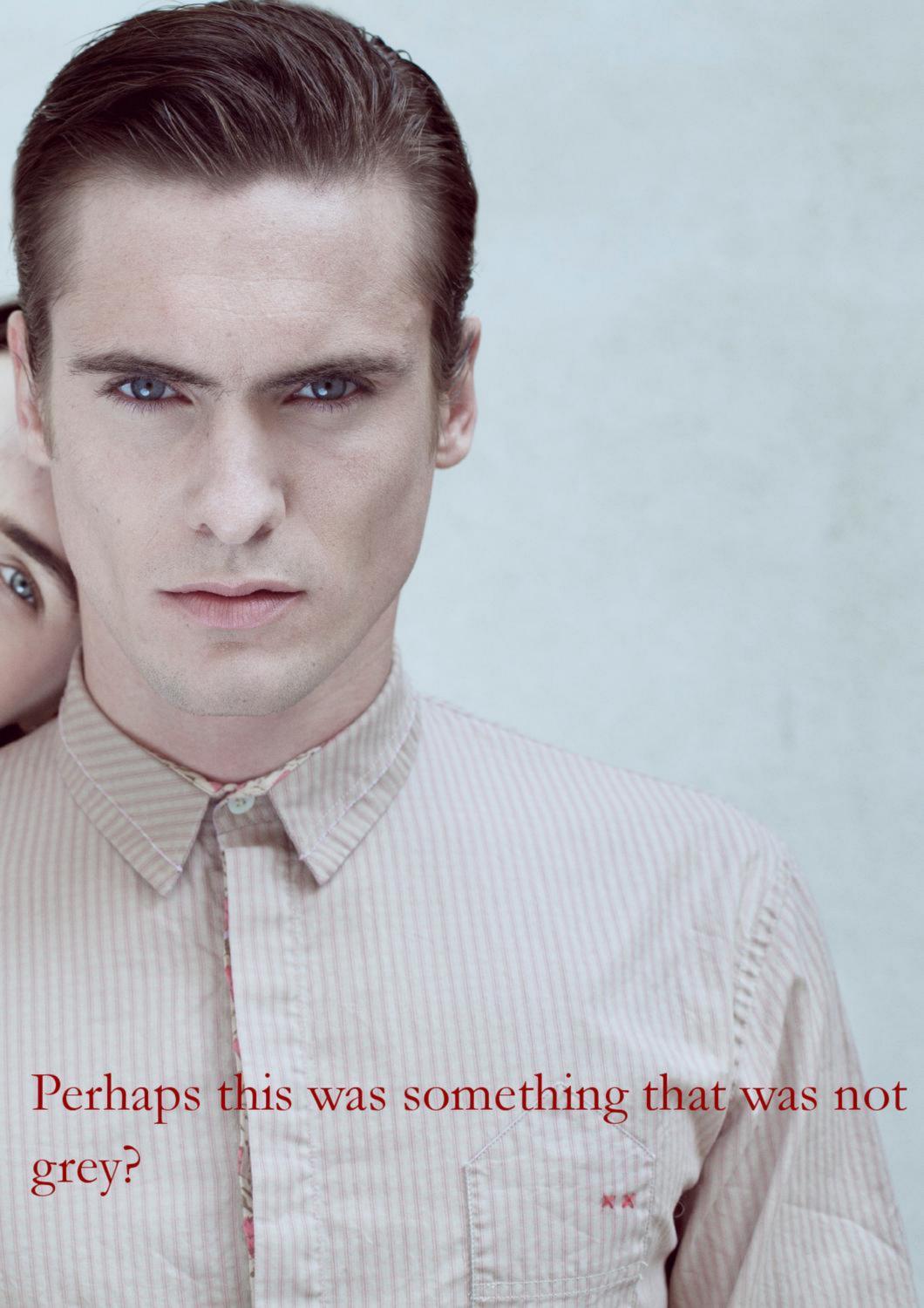






Her wince was the first change in expression and perhaps the first time she permitted herself to blink.





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