



stop and go

- a sketch report -

The phone is ringing, it's an emergency.

Fionas father in Germany is very sick and needs her help.

The journey from Switzerland to Germany starts now.

In about half an hour she packs all her stuff together for the stay in Germany.

Besides the worries about her father, Fiona is afraid about the borders. While Corona Switzerland, Austria and Germany closed their borders to each other. You are only allowed to pass if you have a special authorisation.



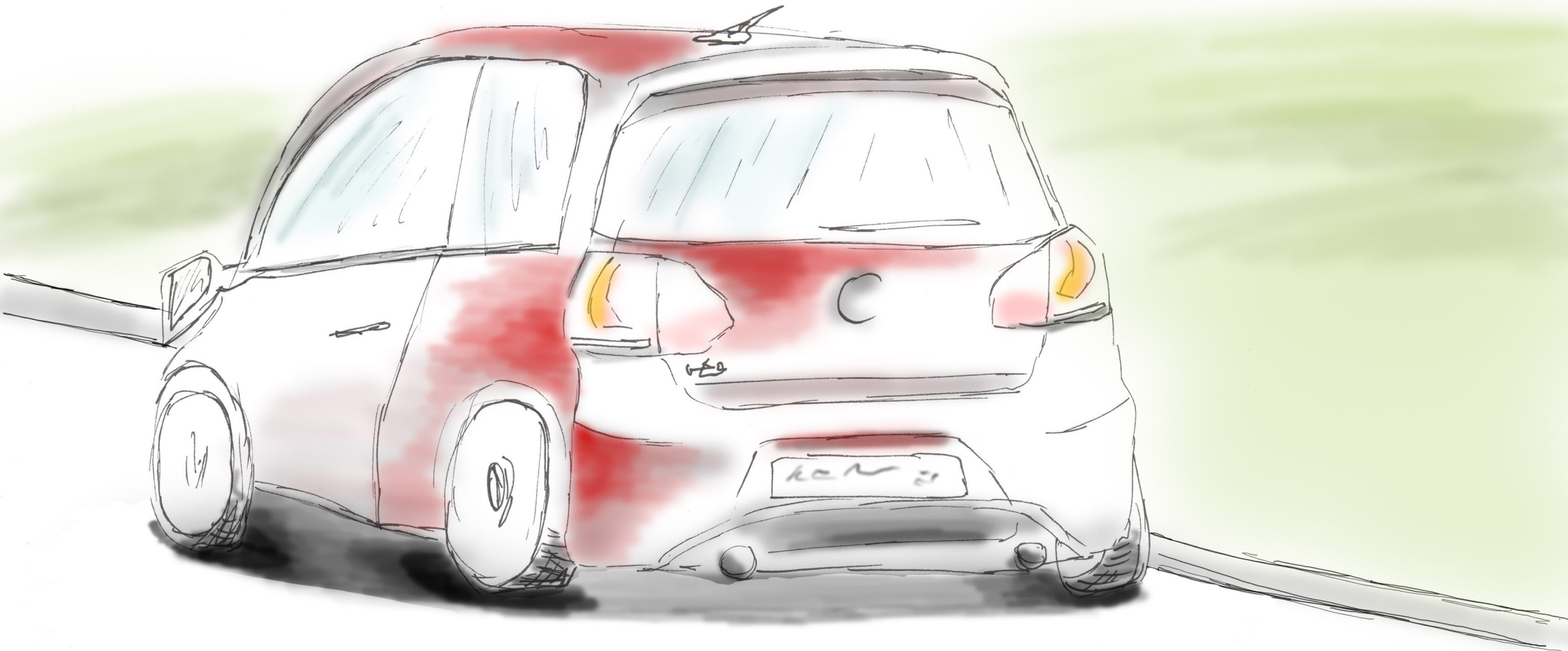
In Austria and Germany there is an obligation to wear masks. Therefore, Fiona is prepared with her own mask.



Fiona has no special paper or any clear evidence that her father is very sick. She only has her old German passport and her power to persuasiveness.



*On her way to the first stop at
the Swiss border.*

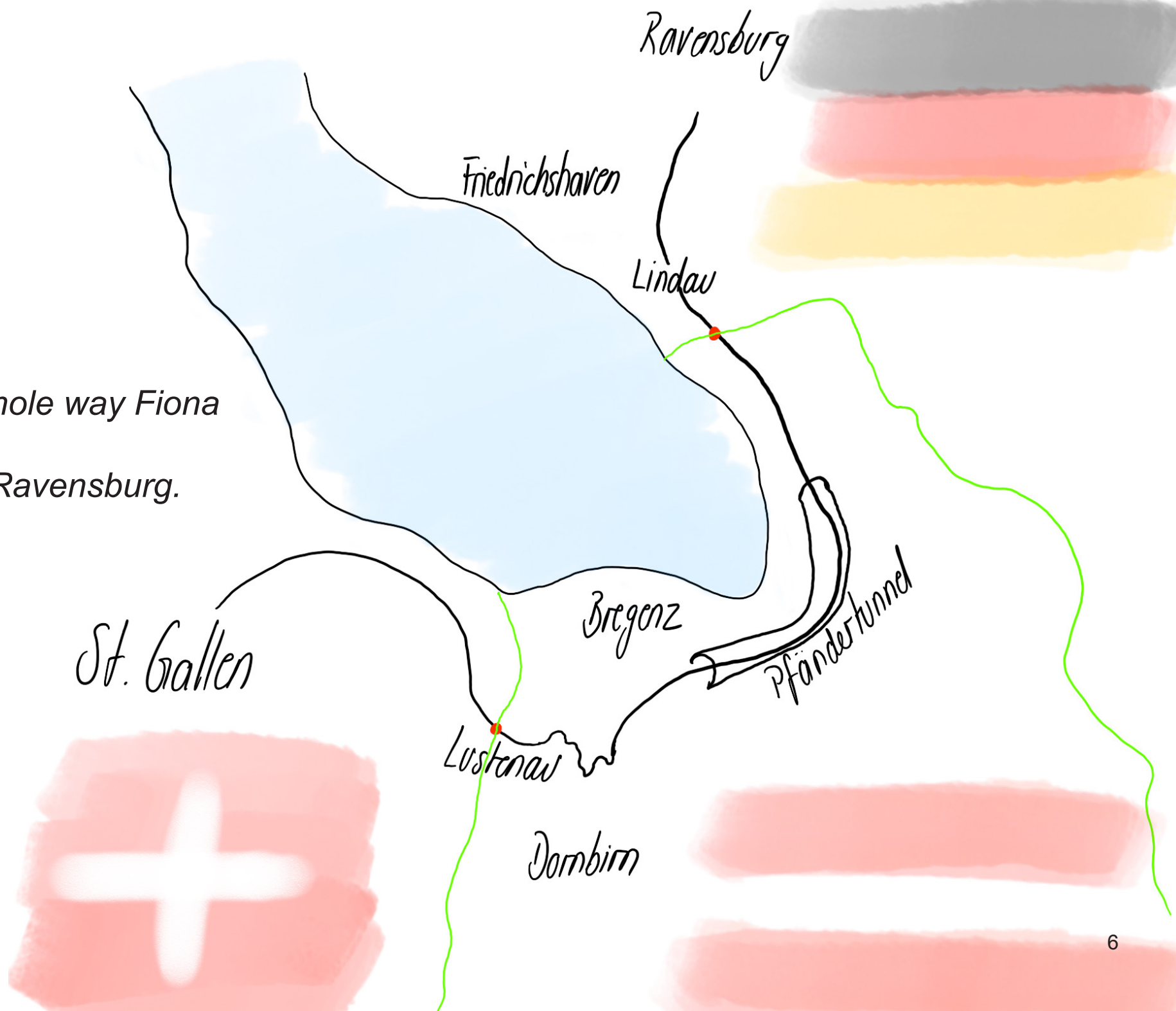


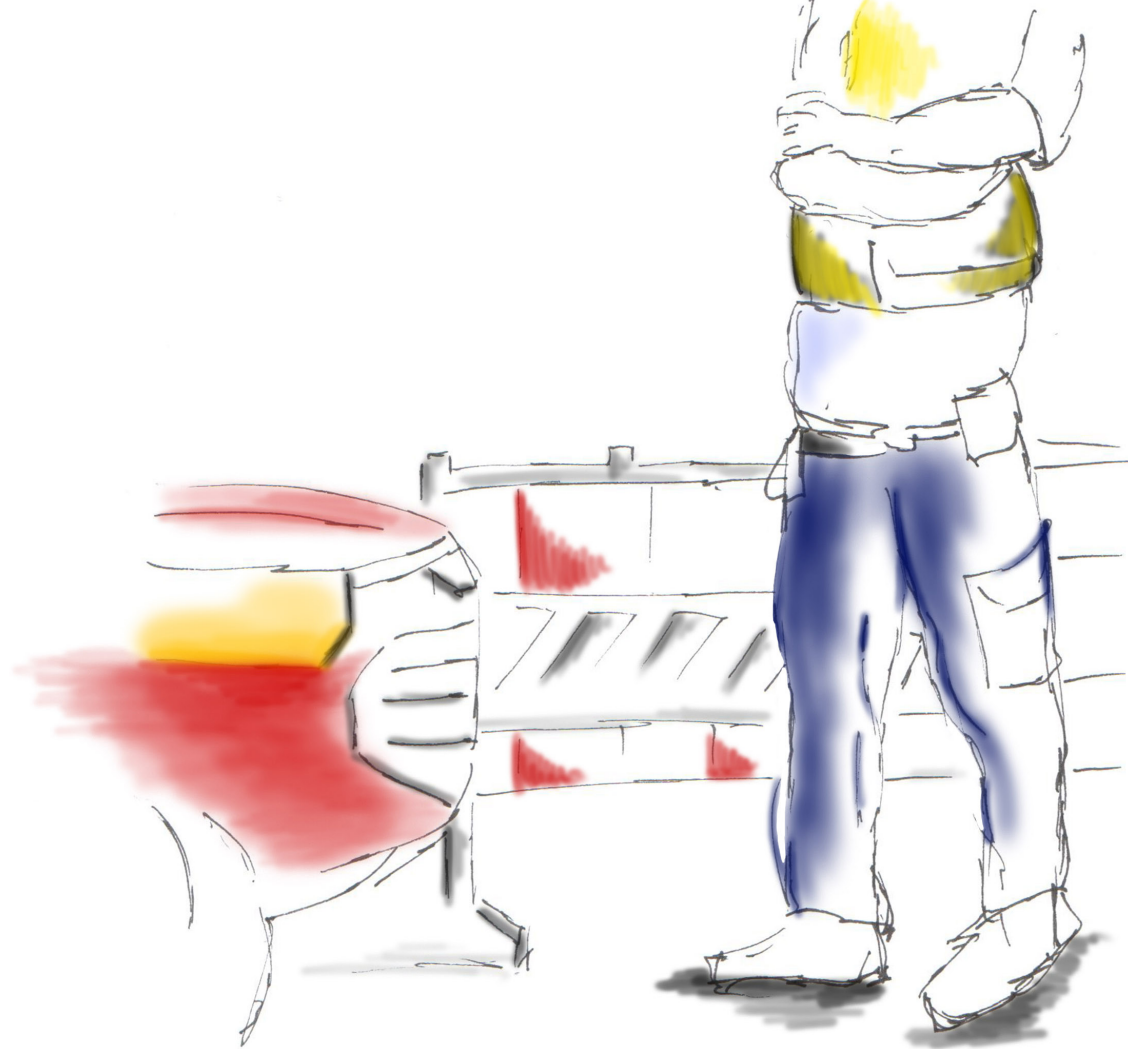


1. Stop

Swiss - Austria

*This is the whole way Fiona
drives from
St. Gallen to Ravensburg.*





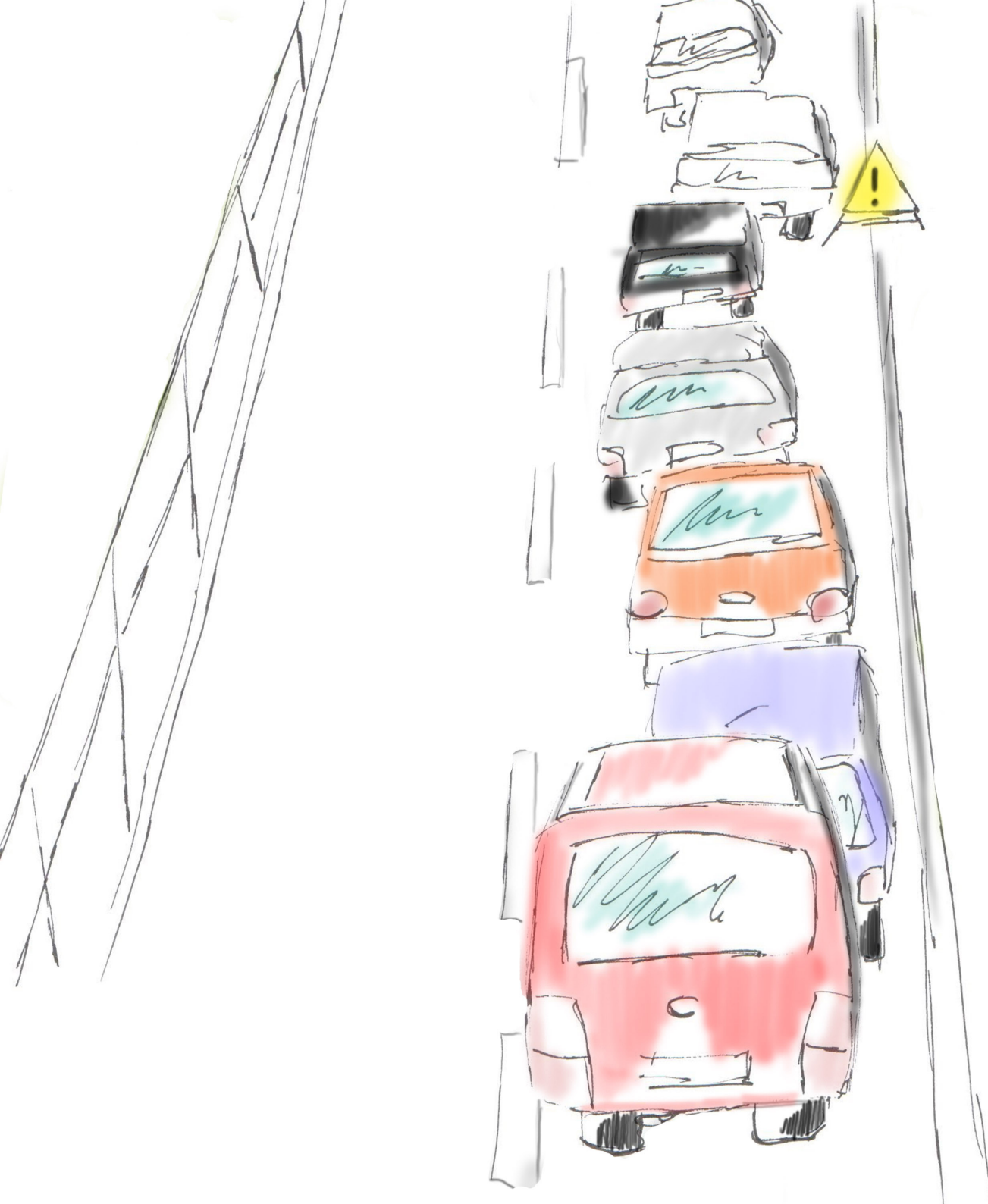
At the customs office in Austria she needs to sign a document that she'll just drive through the country. Fiona is not allowed to stop in Austria. But that's not a problem for her.



2.Stop

Austria - Germany





After a short drive through Austria, Fiona arrives at the border of Germany.

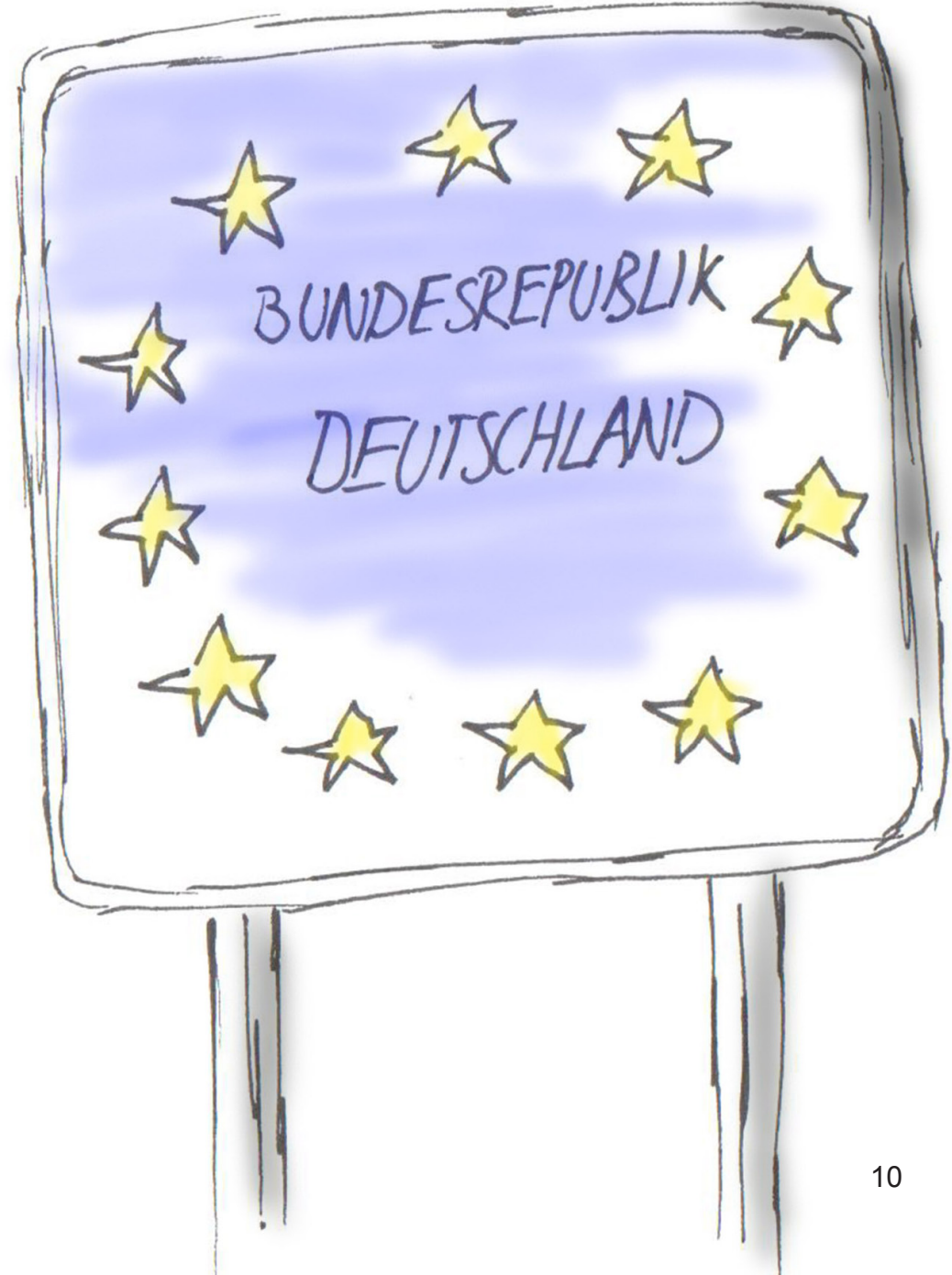
Before the Corona lockdown, you could drive from Austria to Germany without any stop at a customs office.

But now there is a big traffic jam because of the border controls.

The German customs officials are very friendly and showed Fiona a lot of empathy because of her sick father. They looked at her German and Swiss Passport, asked for her reason to visit Germany and let her drive away.

ARRIVED

Fiona's Journey is finished for the moment. She now is capable to nurse her father in Germany.



A few weeks later Fiona needs to drive back to Switzerland for work. Meanwhile, her sister takes care of their father.

your passport

Hello, I was in Germany

My father is very sick

Fiona takes the same route home, as she took to get there before. First stop: the Austria checkpoint, everything goes right. Fiona is relieved, the Swiss checkpoint should be the simplest one, because she has a Swiss passport and lives in Switzerland. But everything went different as she thought.

Is he dead by now?

no

Goodbye

First of all the Swiss customs official are very rude to Fiona. They didn't even greet her. The conversation between Fiona and the custom officer is shown in the bubbles.

The story is based on a true incident.

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