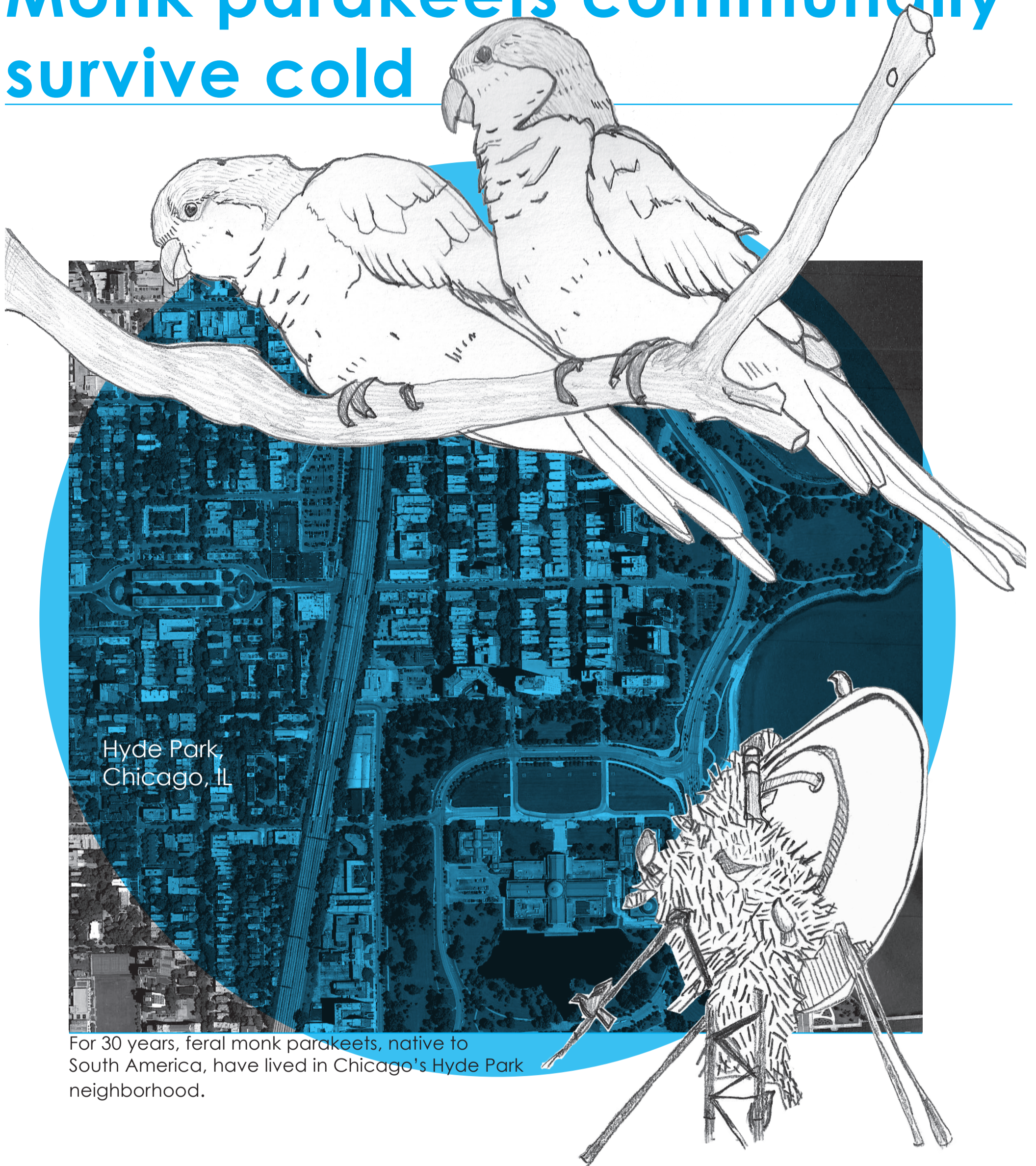


# Monk parakeets communally survive cold



Hyde Park,  
Chicago, IL

For 30 years, feral monk parakeets, native to South America, have lived in Chicago's Hyde Park neighborhood.

According to Millet, the birds' survive in colder urban climates by weaving free-standing nests made of twigs on electrical poles, especially around heat-generating transformers. The parakeets do not migrate and the communal nest keeps them warm and sheltered year-round.

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