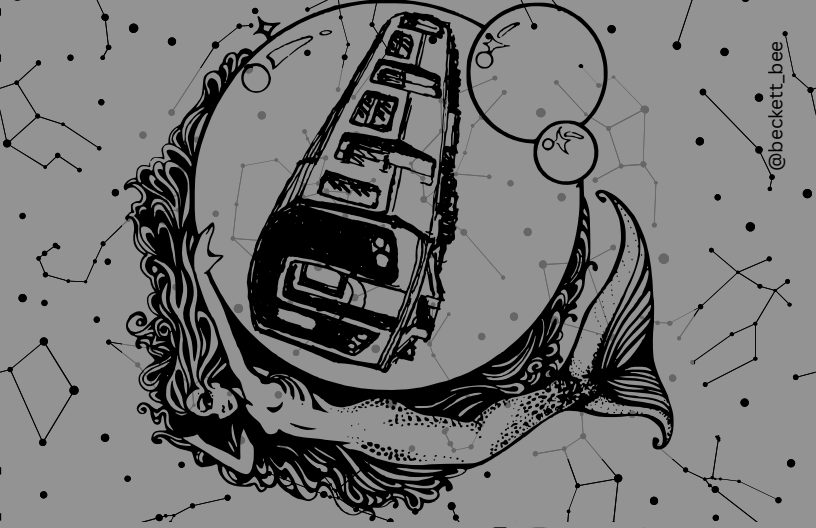
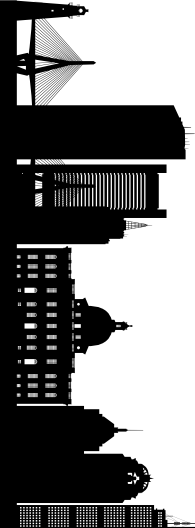


The Mermaid OF THE MBTA



The Legend

It is said that the Mermaid lives in the tunnels of the Blue Line between Aquarium and Maverick, but be warned! The whole system is the Lady's territory. When the first tunnel for the underground system began its big dig, the Mermaid was awoken early from her hundred year slumber.



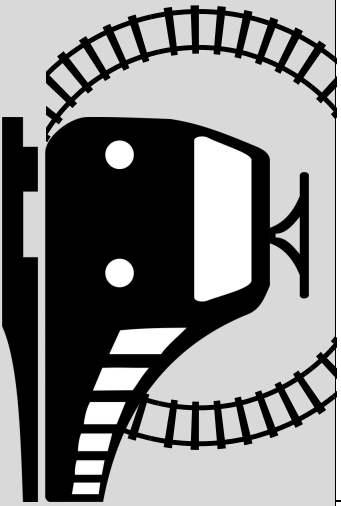
At first, despite her annoyance, the Mermaid did not mind the trains. However, as the systems became more crowded and the subways more full, she became tired of the incessant noise and the continuous running of the trains day in and day out.



Her siren song is in the screeching of the trains on sharp corners. She peers at you behind window glass reflections. She leaves watery trails through the Aquarium station. Most importantly, she yearns to sleep

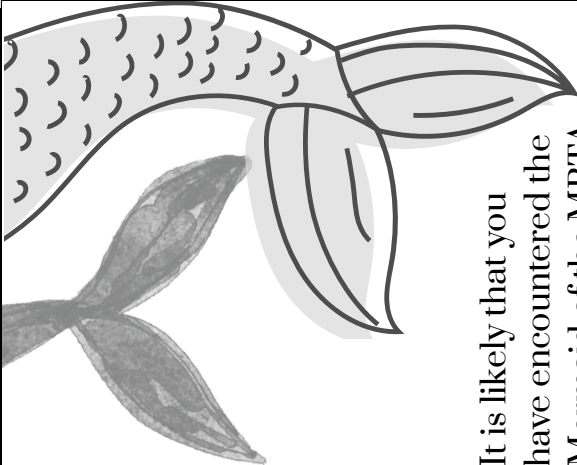


and will not stop haunting the rails until, at last, she finds silence in which to rest.



The Mermaid swore her vengeance upon the MBTA and the commuters who used its rails. The Lady is a trickster and often finds ways to shut down the trains. She is responsible for derailments and fires, shutting down the trains for months at a time.

It is likely that you have encountered the Mermaid of the MBTA in the tunnels of our city's great transportation system.



The Mermaid is also known for her smaller tricks. She often switches the conductor's schedules around. When this happens, a train "arriving now" may not come for 10 more long minutes while other trains never arrive at all.

