

Henry Lee

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All Your Base Are Belong To Us, 2018

Pen on Paper

H 50 x 40 cm (Framed)

Of Trains and Dragons Series

Inspired by the daydreams Henry Lee often has while taking public transport, 'Of Trains and Dragons' takes a whimsical look at what happens if the familiar road and transport networks of Singapore were warped into an alternate dimension, a space called "The Every-Nowhere", where mythical creatures abound. What happens to trains and buses when they are retired? Would Singapore's road pricing system be effective in reducing otherworldly traffic congestion? Henry imagines improbable scenarios to such questions and encourages the viewer to rethink their experience when they take public transport. With a little bit of imagination, perhaps you might find yourself transported to "The Every- Nowhere" amidst your daily routine as well.

Henry plays many PC games and the title "All Your Base Are Belong To Us" references a cheat code to the popular PC game Warcraft III which he would use whenever to get past a particularly difficult level. This piece features one of the four Chinese mythical beasts, the Azure Dragon, emerging from the Fountain of Wealth located at Suntec City. It is often said that the Fountain is an auspicious landmark and in one of Henry's many flights of fancy, it becomes the gateway to summoning the king of all beasts, the Dragon.