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To my mother  
for always loving me.  
There wasn't a scientist in the world  
that could have become a scientist  
without doing experiments.  
I'm sorry for killing your favourite cactus plant  
by injecting a lot of water into its body with my toy syringe.  
Yes, it was me.

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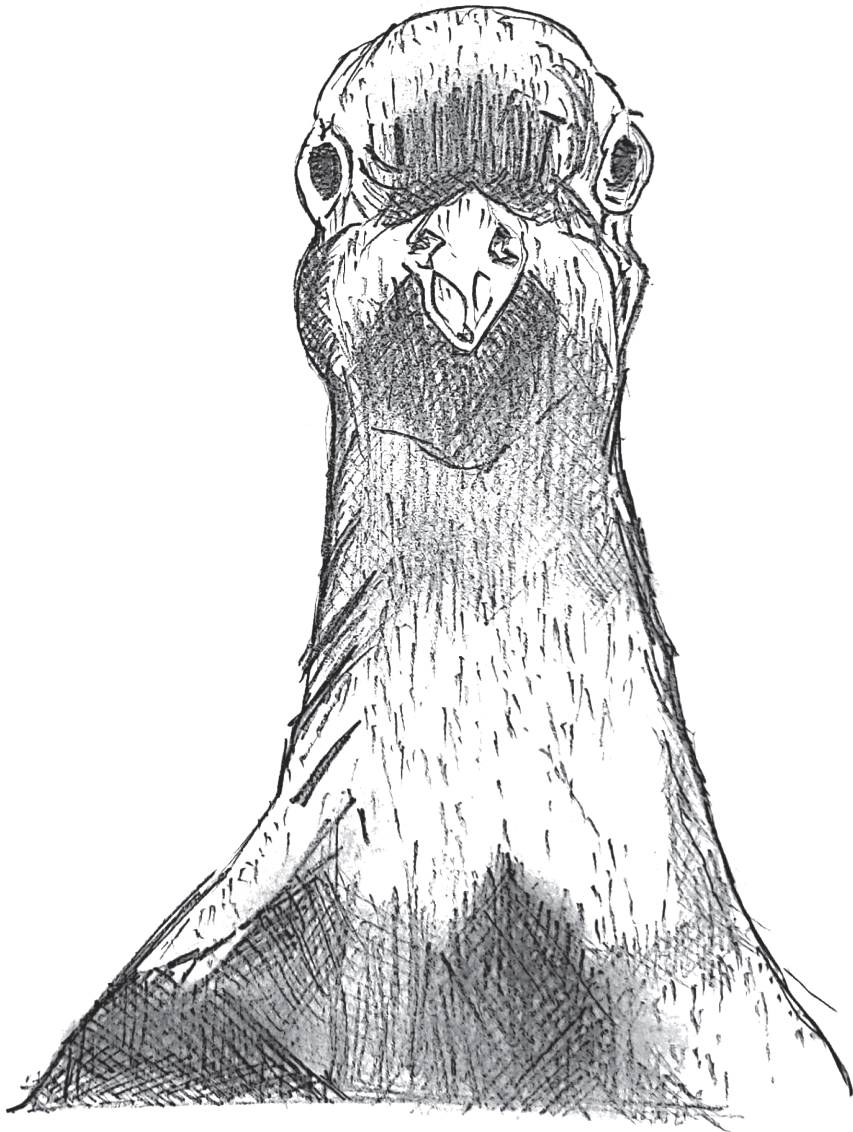
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