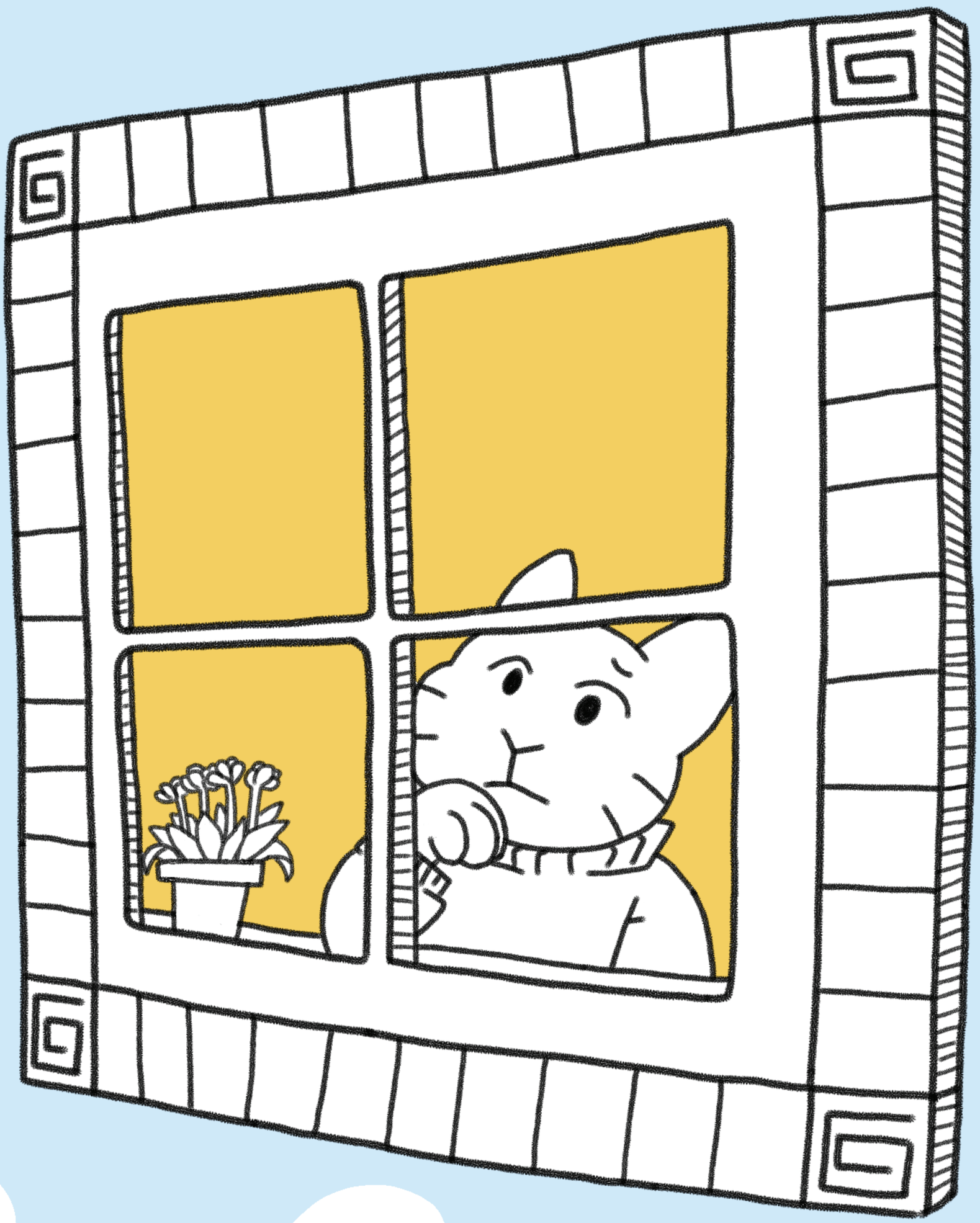
Postcards from Quarantine



(A Spring 2020 Diary Comic by Samantha Xiao)

During my four years at UChicago, I spent a lot of time thinking about the things I wanted to do.

Go see the Chicago River dyeing!

Play games at the MADD Center!

Play hide and seek in the Reg stacks!...

...I really wanted to do this one.

...in reality, I spent a lot of time trying not to fail Econometrics. And a lot of other classes.

(Apologies to my professors, if they're reading this.)

Usually I put off my homework, but this time I figured it was only fair if I put off the fun.

I CAN'T GO
I'M BUSY

I put it all off, in fact, until my last quarter: Spring 2020

UNFORTUNATELY

We all know what happened in the quarter of Spring 2020.

I even kept a diary about it.

A lot of it is intensely incoherent.

(present-day me)

...was I okay?

a veiled cry for human contact

The rest of it is in this comic.

April 13: I read an article today that talked about how important pandemic diaries are gonna be for future historical studies.

So for the sake of future historians...

I'm going to start writing stuff down!!

...even if all I've been doing is staying in my dorm room.

this is fine

April 14: It's mid-April, but it's snowing.

I was gonna go for a walk.

But COVID isn't the only thing I'm afraid of.

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