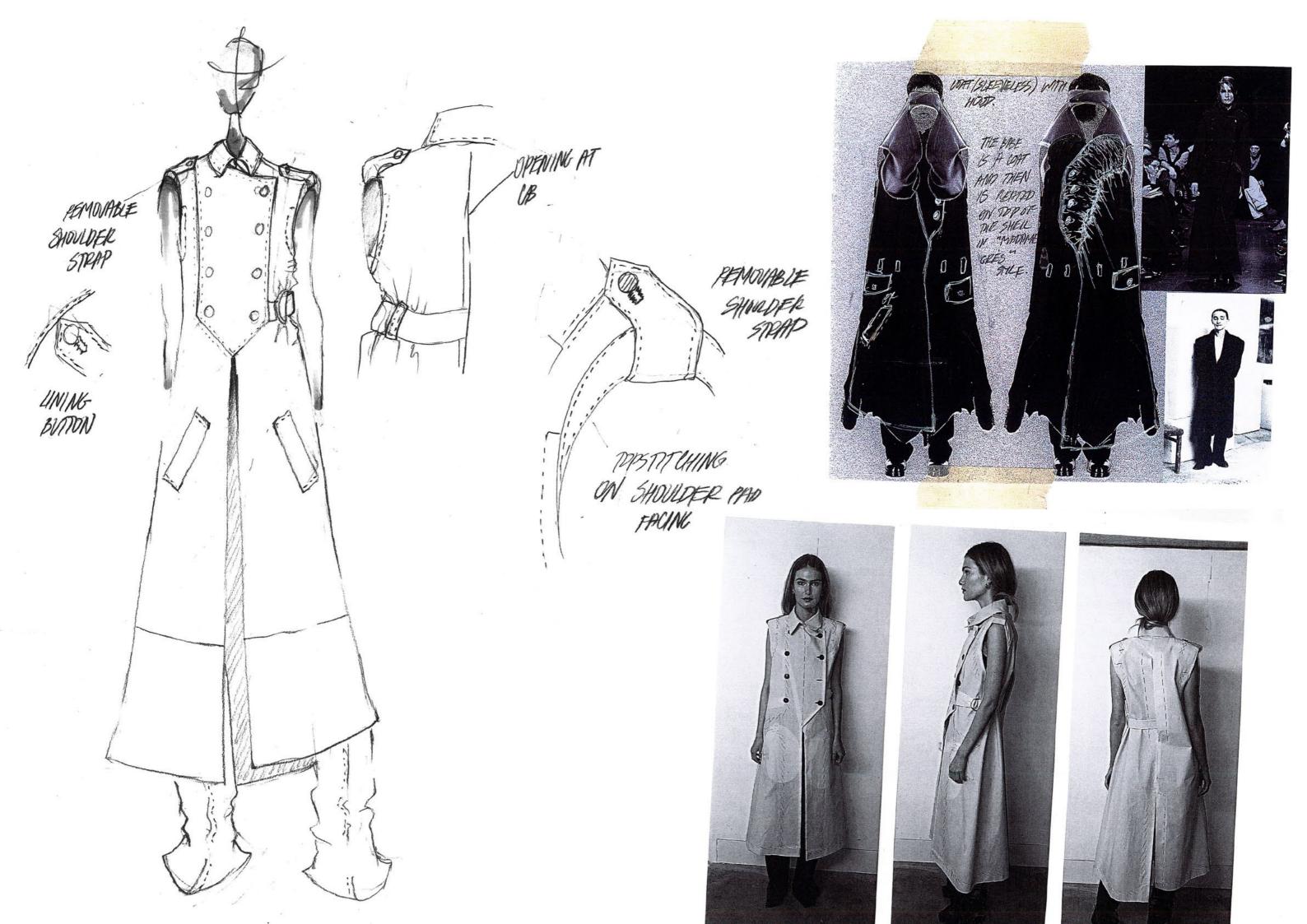
## THE ETERNAL AND THE HOLY

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Initially inspired by the life of Bulgarian poétesse Elisaveta Bagryana, "the Eternal and the Holy" follows the transformation of a woman, who, consumed by the agile principles of contemporary living, has lost her pure connection with serenity. Her world, endured within a shallow and wretched reality, is brimming with restlessness and the irrepressible desire for living life anew. The muse refuses to obtain the trivial existence of modern culture and as with all organic change, she emerges herself into the chaos of the unknown. Her world begins to shatter to then regenerate in its neoteric order. The further she flees from what she has known of life, the further her disharmony ceases. The muse is not escaping from reality. Rather, she is choosing to create her world the way she imagines it. To embrace the art form of simplifying life and rejuvenate one's connection with nature. Bagryana's poem 'to snap off each knot-so as to glimpse, free, separate- myself- my image, with no past, no rank, no age, no name' best embodies the climax of her transcendence. Surrendering the burden of the past towards peace. Liberation and self-sufficiency are emanating from her being as she finds her equilibrium within the realms of serene solitude.

The purpose of this collection is to offer a new perspective on the relationship between fashion and humanity. In the reality of modern society, fashion has emerged to serve as a material manifestation of the ego- as means for the individual to separate themselves from the collective and identify as 'unique'. Fashion is recognized as a form of 'armor' in its socio-cultural function, used to build a façade of one's preference on how others should perceive them. This collection attempts at reinventing fashion as an extension of the empathic and the vulnerable within the individual, and not as vehicle for estrangement.







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