

THE SHIP WE BUILT

ACTIVITY BOOK BY THE AUTHOR! LEXIE
BEAN!



Hi.

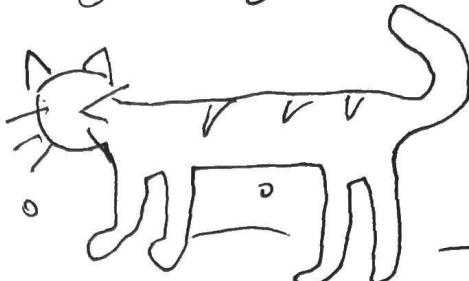
I made this as a reminder
that there are lots of ways
to connect! Connect to
YOURSELF, connect to **OTHERS**.
And even connect to **BOOKS**, pieces
of **PAPER**, and big feelings - **JOY**
and **SADNESS** too. While the
insides of this are inspired by
The Ship we Built, I also hope it
helps anybody experiencing isolation
in old and new ways.

If you want to share any pages you
filled out with me or others, it would
make me very happy. You can find me
at @oklexiebean on Instagram, or
lexiebean.com, which I truthfully
forget exists sometimes,

I hope today has what you need.

Love, Lexie Bean

for when
you're lonely,
when things
feel big.



Write down
your emergency
contacts.

NAME: [it's okay to have
just one!]

HOW TO REACH: [it's okay to try more
than once!]

NAME:

HOW TO REACH:

NAME:

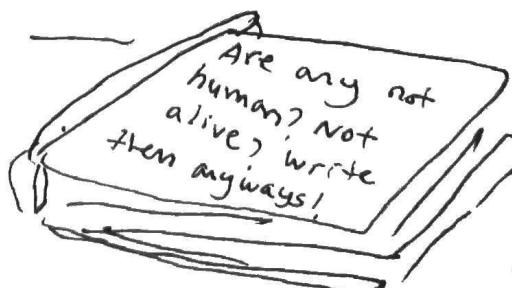
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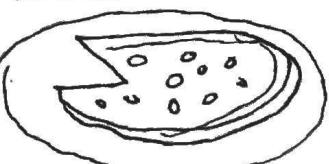
HOW TO REACH:



WHO/WHAT:



HOW TO REACH:



WHO/WHAT:

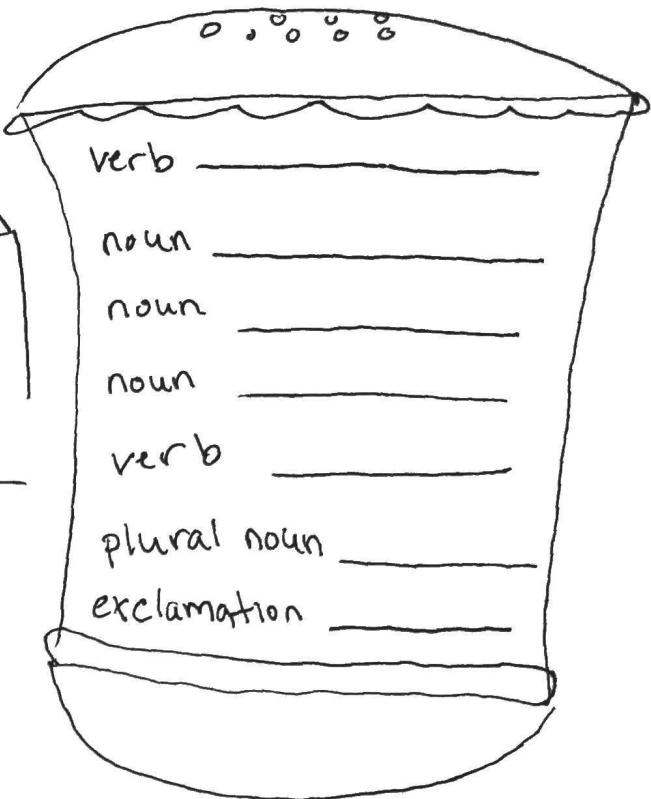
HOW TO REACH:

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HI! DRAW 4 ROCKS

lumpy, swirly, sparkly,
yours, lost, found...

what do they mean to you? what are they like to hold?
HOW ARE YOU? Tell the rock. Tell a friend in as many words
as you want.



Shake, Shake,

— (verb) !

I'm a —

(noun) !

He's a —

(noun) !

She's a —

(noun) !

Shake, Shake,

— (verb) !

Because We're ALL

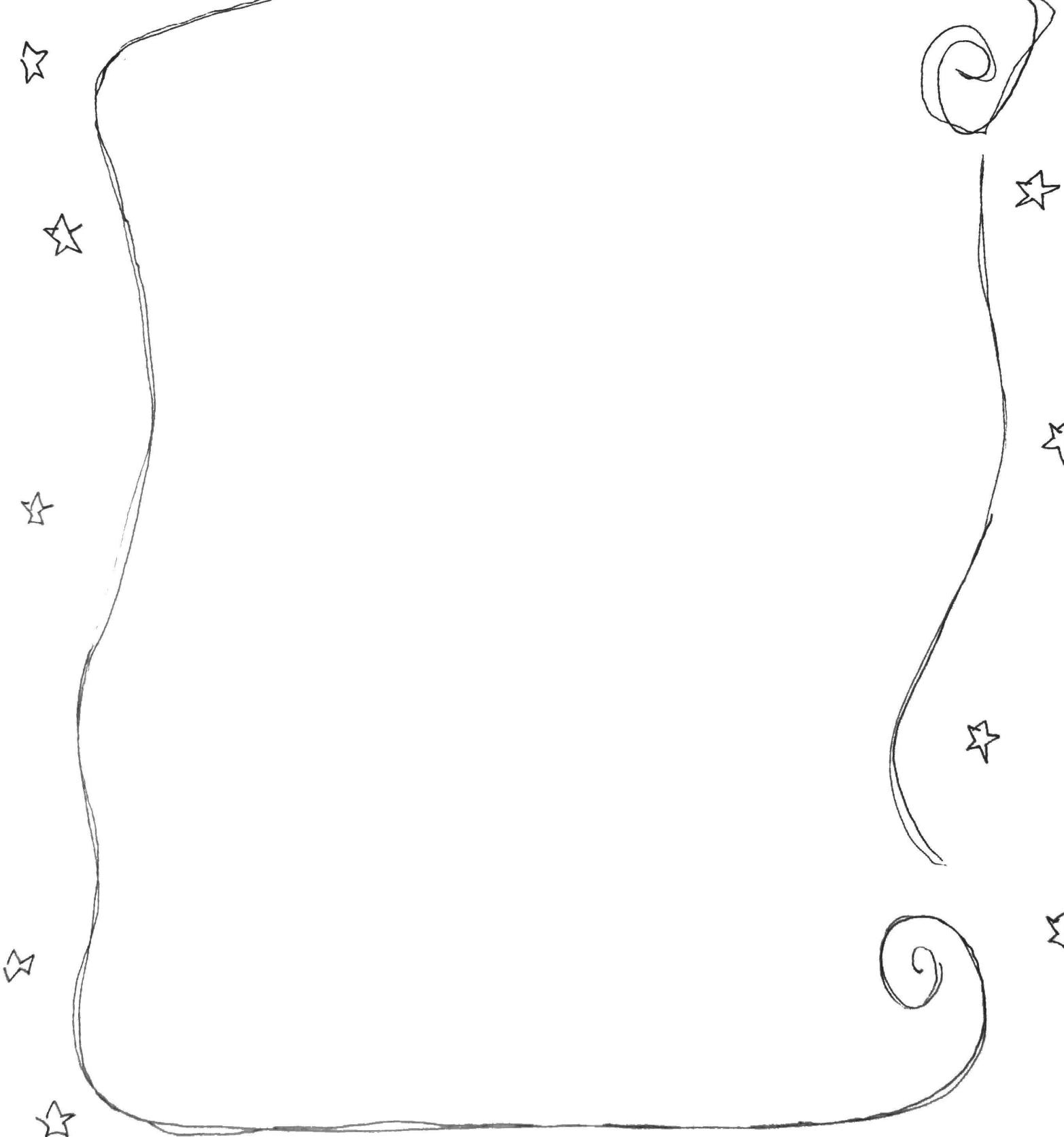
— (plural noun) !

— (exclamation) !

≈ And Repeat ≈

MAKE A MAP TO A FAVORITE PLACE

HOW DO YOU GET SOMEWHERE
GOOD EVEN WHEN IT FEELS FAR AWAY? *



Lake Superior



THIS MAP SHOWS SOME OF THE PLACES REFERENCED IN
THE SHIP WE BUILT. COLOR IN MICHIGAN AND ADD ANY OTHER CITIES
YOU KNOW.

WHAT MAKES YOU STRONG

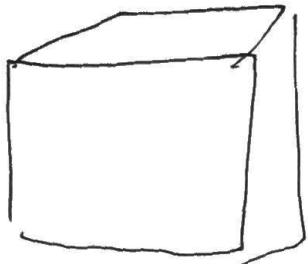
THAT NOBODY
ELSE CAN SEE ?

★ EVERY BODY HAS LOTS
OF SUPER POWERS

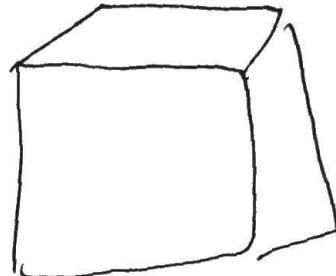
DON'T FORGET TO
TIE-DYE!
MAKE ROWAN'S SHIRT



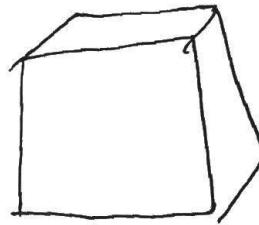
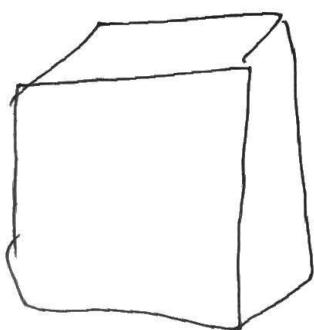
3. Cut the paper along the fold for 2 strips.
5. Fold that strip's top corner to the edge for a triangle.
7. Fold the other top corner of that strip to the right edge of the paper. For a triangle!
9. Repeat 5 to 7 until at the strip's end.
11. Make a second paperfootball with second strip.
1. Find a paper this size / 8.5 x 11in
2. Fold paper in half as a skinny rectangle (hot-dog style)
4. To Fold one strip again hotdog style.
6. Fold the top of that triangle down the edge again. For a triangle again!
8. Fold the top of the triangle down across to the edge of the paper. Should still have a triangle!
10. Tuck extra paper in the pocket you made.
12. BOOYAH!
FOR ALL GENDERS



something that flies

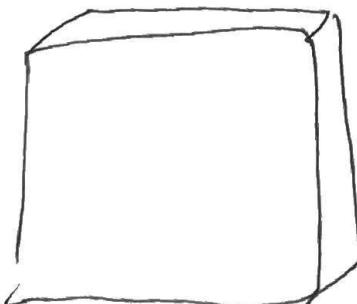


something that talks



something like a hat

something you've never seen before



THESE BOXES
INTO SOMETHING
ENTIRELY
NEW

something you'd see at a concert



The Shape of
the Body Pill

1.

2.

3.

4.

5.

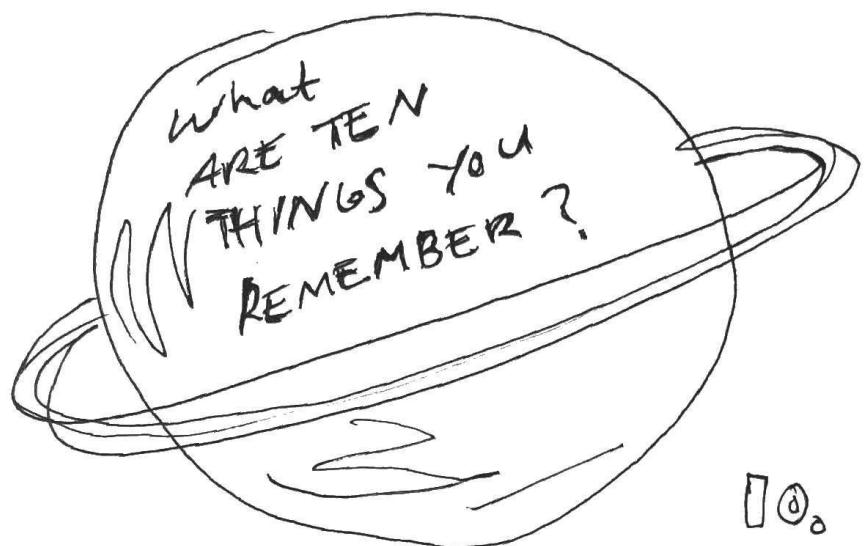
6.

7.

8.

9.

10.



1.

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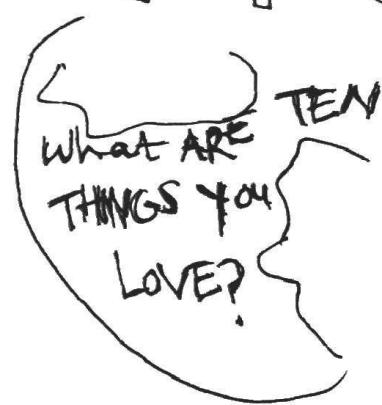
3.

5.

Sometimes
the things we love
are scary

4.

6.



7.

8.

9.

10.



we all have
lots of kinds
of smiles.
try some
of yours.

TYPE: eyes
like crescent
moons!!!

TYPE: 6
teeth showing!

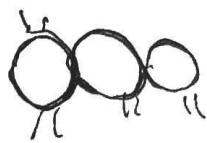
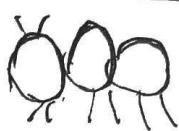
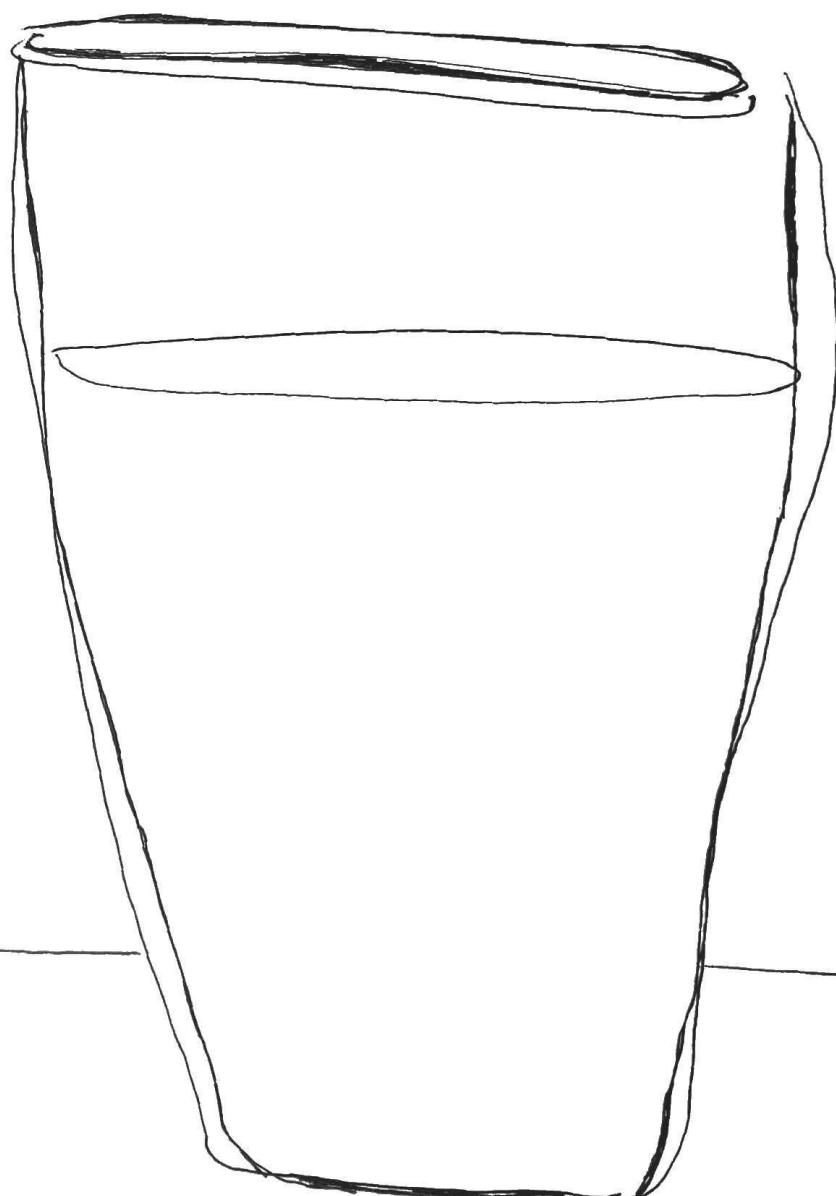
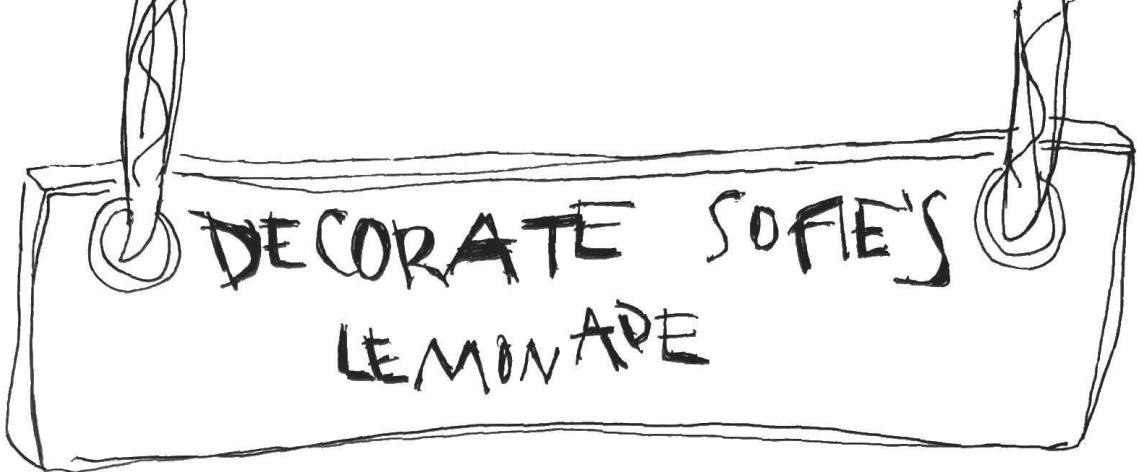
TYPE: a
smile for the
sky!!

TYPE: when
you laughs
just fallout!!

TYPE: 12
teeth
showing!!

Take a
picture of
your favorite

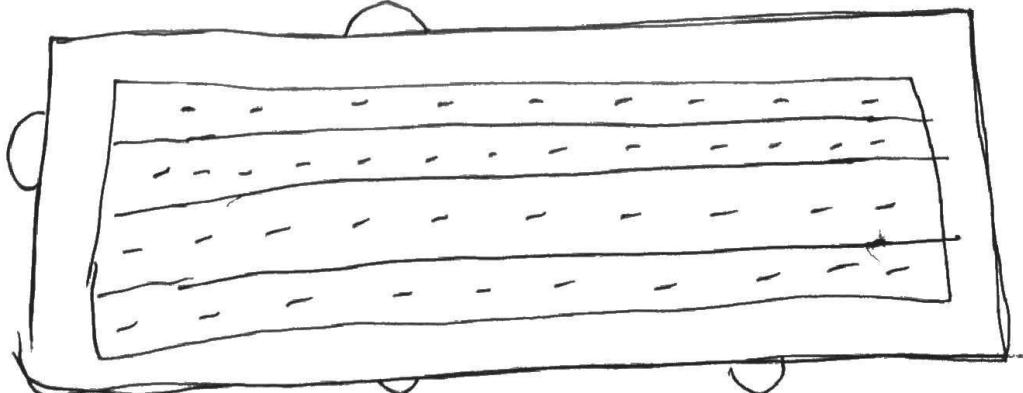


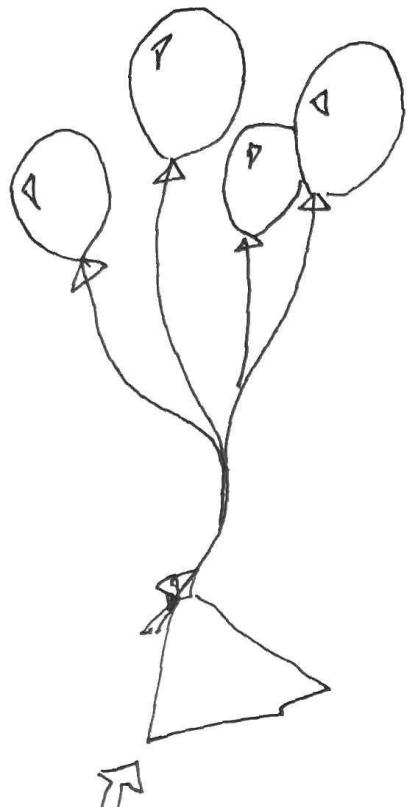


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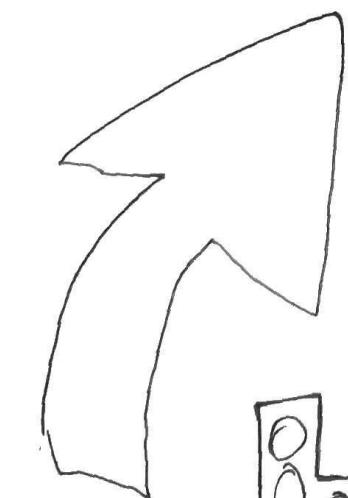
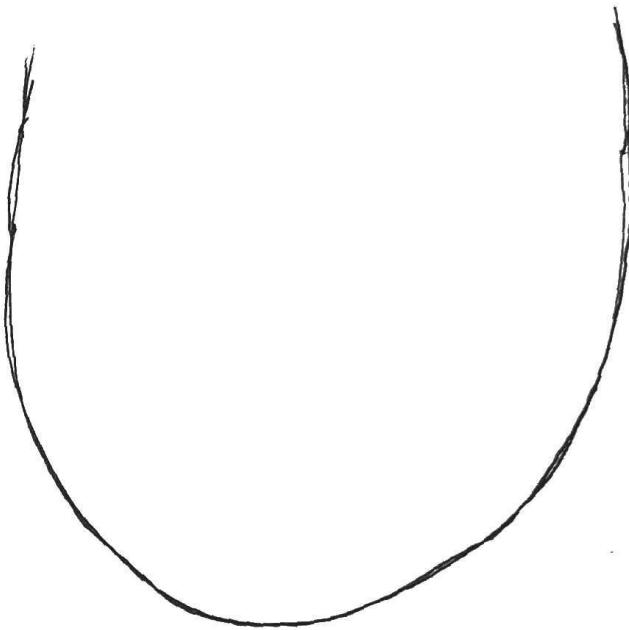


help Sofie send letters to Richard.
let him know he is cared for.





don't forget to
draw the hair
you cut off!
here inside the
bag!



DRAW THE
HAIRCUT
YOU WANT.

DRAW THE
HAIRCUT

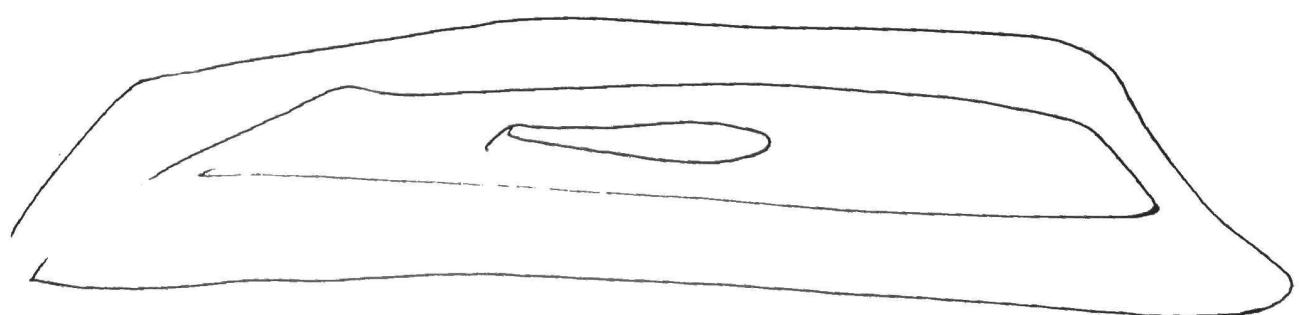
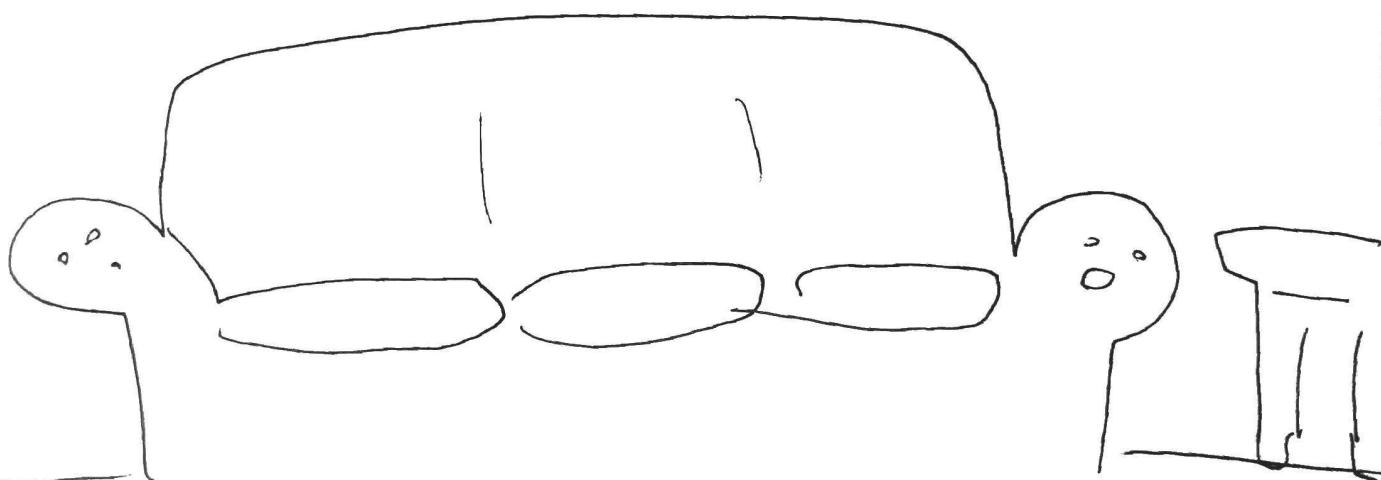
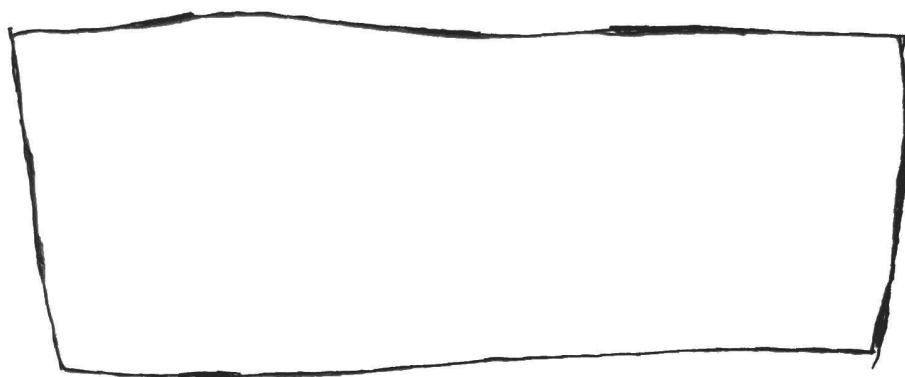
HAIRCUT

HAIRCUT



WHAT SHOULD THE "INSPIRATIONAL QUOTE"
ABOVE ROWAN'S COUCH SAY?

WHAT ELSE WOULD YOU
ADD TO MAKE HIM FEEL
MORE AT HOME?



Put this poster next to a water fountain, inside the bathroom stall, or other places people go to be by themselves, or wait til you're a teacher and can pick posters.

— — — — — — — —

your leg hairs
are like a forest, but
not the kind of
forest to hide
in.



— Rowan, The ship we Built



TELLING
CAN
WISH
EVEN
YOU

SOMEONE
HELP
COME
HAVE
ARE
WANTING,

MEANS
YOU
TRUE.
THE
NOT
NEEDING,

THAT
MAKE
MAYBE
SAME
SILLY
OR

SOMEONE
THAT
YOU
WISH.
FOR
PRAYING.

CUT OUT + SHARE

RICHARD'S
KIT KAT BAR
WITH SOMEONE
YOU LOVE



• SPELLING TEST

NAME: _____

- spaghetti
- dust
- pneumonoultramicroscopicsilicovolcanoconiosis

• NAME:

$$2+2=4$$

$$8\times 2=16$$

$$20\times 10=200$$

• QUIZ

NAME: _____

How many bones
are humans born
with?

• POP QUIZ

NAME: _____

How far
does a whale's
song travel in
the ocean?

• try new
names. See
how they
feel to you
today.

(A++)

• POP QUIZ

What's your
name?

NAME: _____

DEAR
SOFIE,
I STILL
~~think about~~
LOVE:

DEAR WHOEVER
IS LISTENING,
DEAR YOU,
DEAR FRIEND,
SINCERELY,

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built page 23

3.

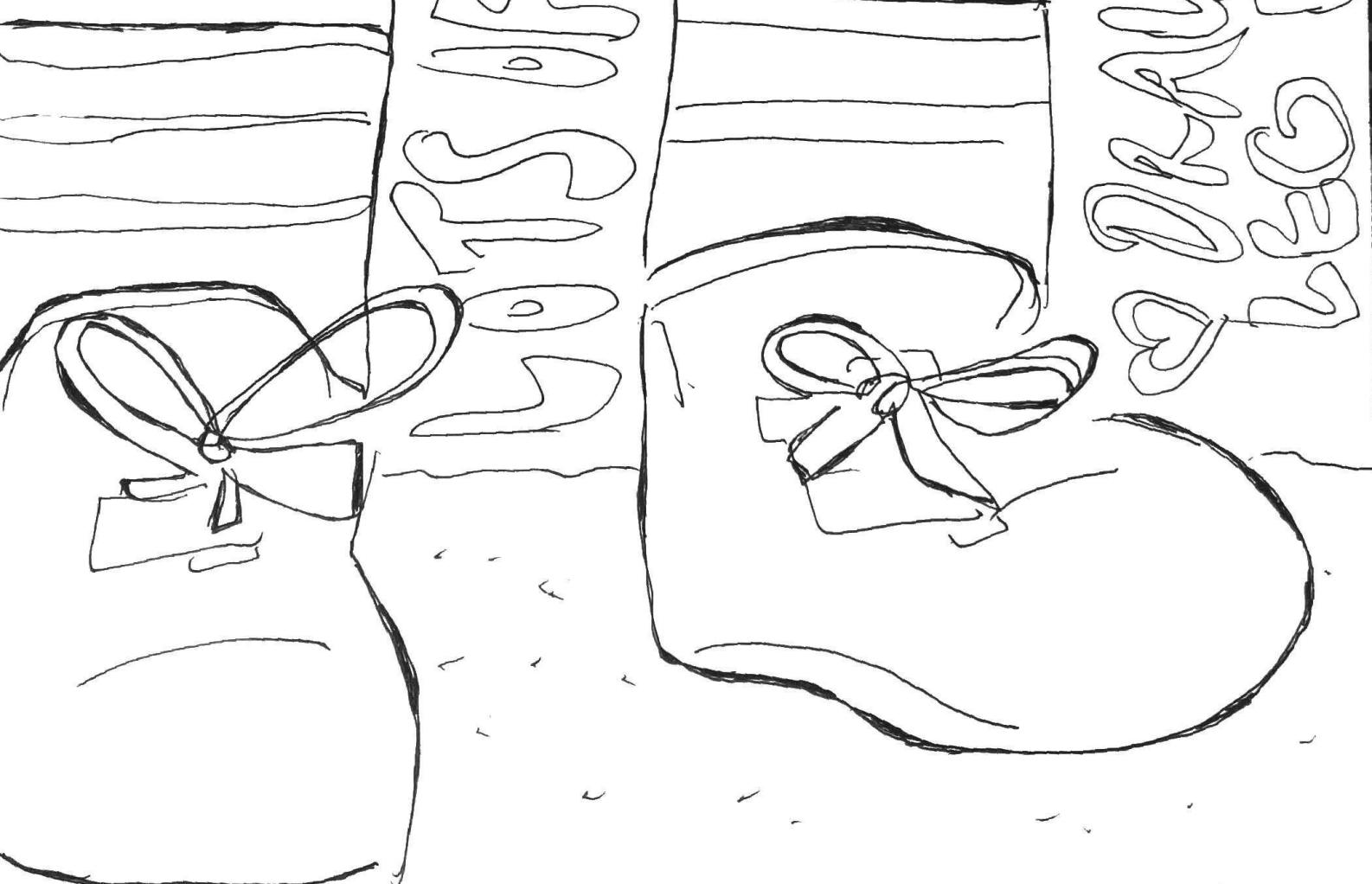
2.

1.

WHAT ARE
3 HANDHOLDS
YOU WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER?

NO
BACK ON
ROW
KID
OKAY
LOVE

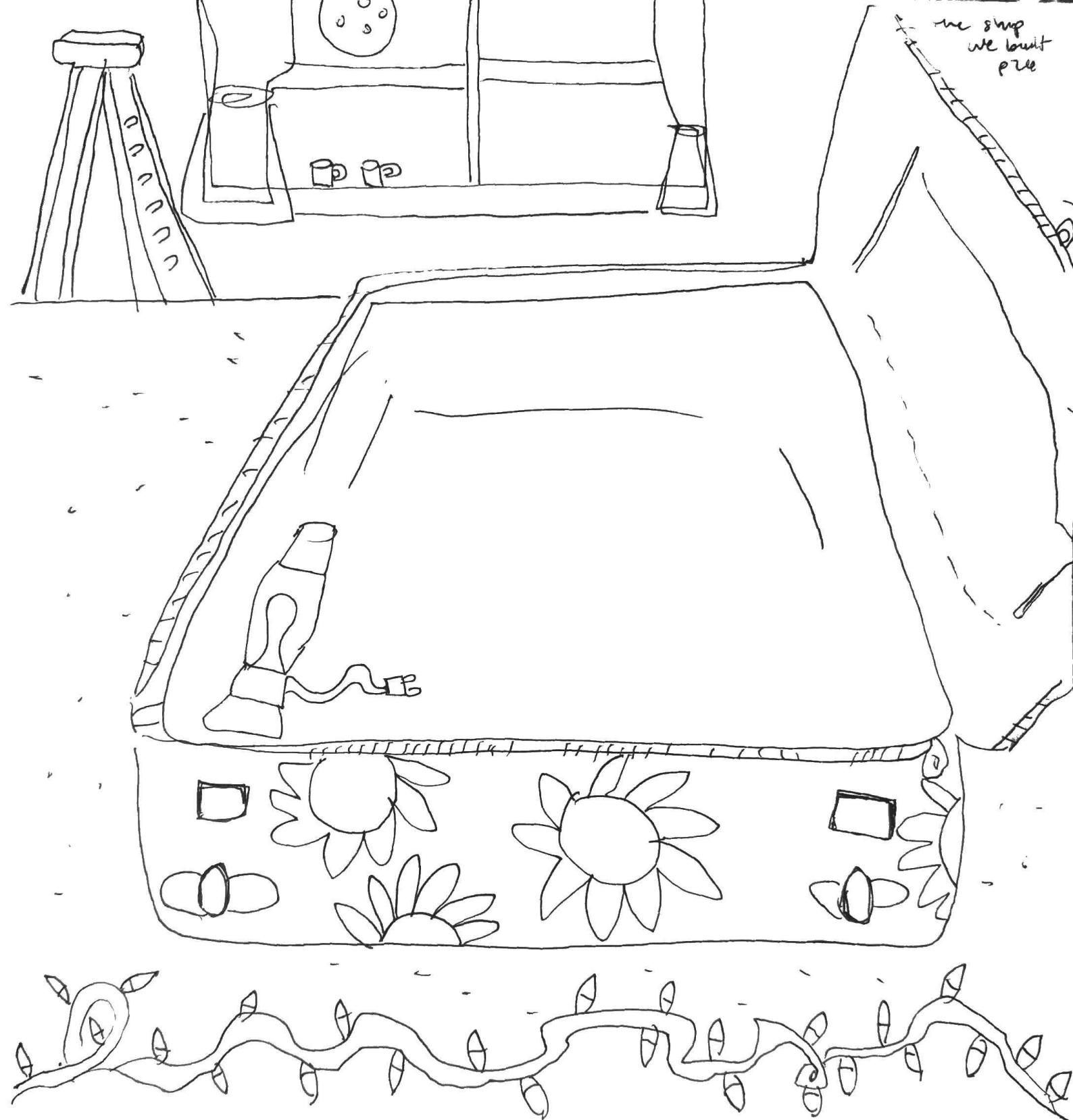
WE HAVE
HAIR
OF PEOPLE



WRITE A LETTER
FOR
SOMEONE YOU MISS.



we sleep
we built
etc

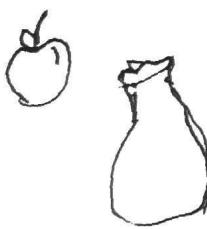


HELP SOFIE + ROWAN !
PACK FOR THE MOON !

15 2
14 3
13 4
12 5
11 6
10 7
9 8
8 9
7 10
6 11
5 12
4 13
3 14
2 15
1 16
0 17
36 18
35 19
30 20
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25 24
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33 28
32 29

CONNECT THE
DOTS: CHEESE OR
JELLYFISH?

NOW DRAW YOUR
OWN



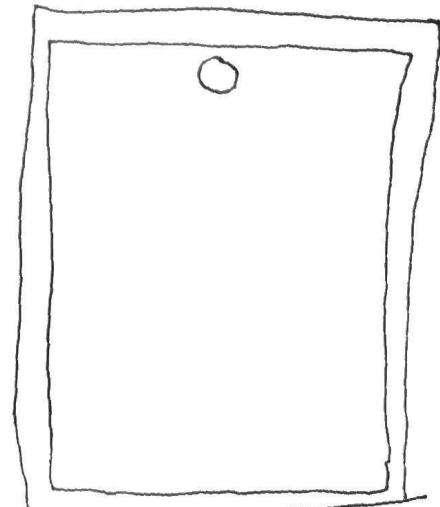
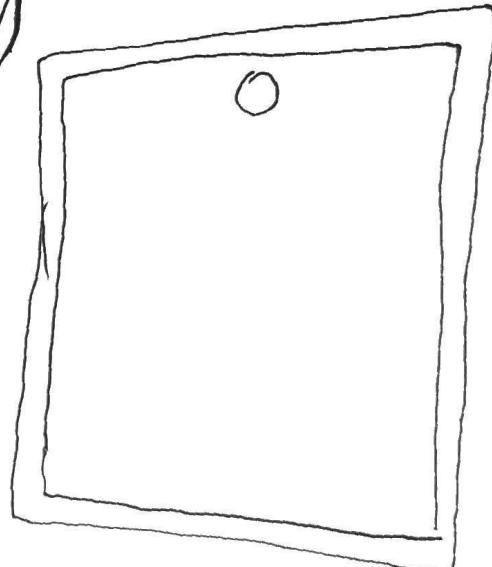
Directions:

- ① draw or glue in a picture of you.
- ② draw or glue in a picture of someone dear to you.
- ③ cut out both, use a pen to punch a hole! or scissors!
- ④ lace yarn, string, etc
- ⑤ ta! dah!

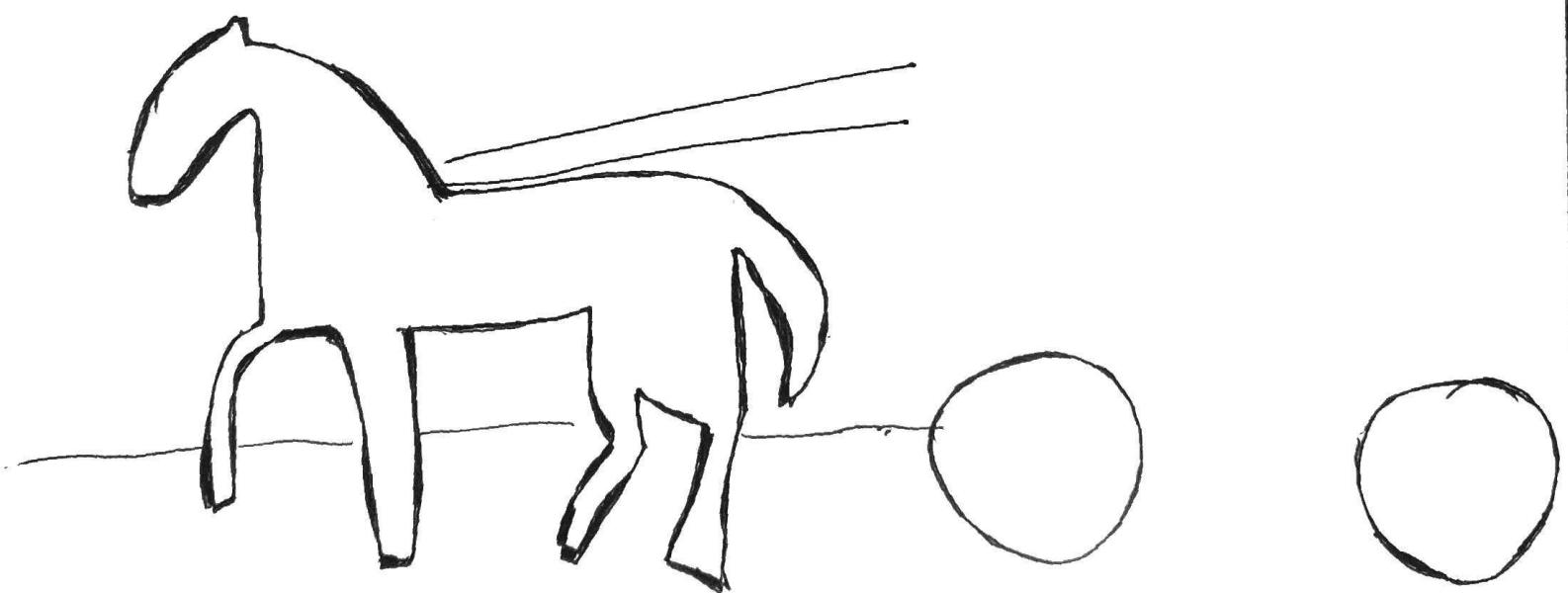
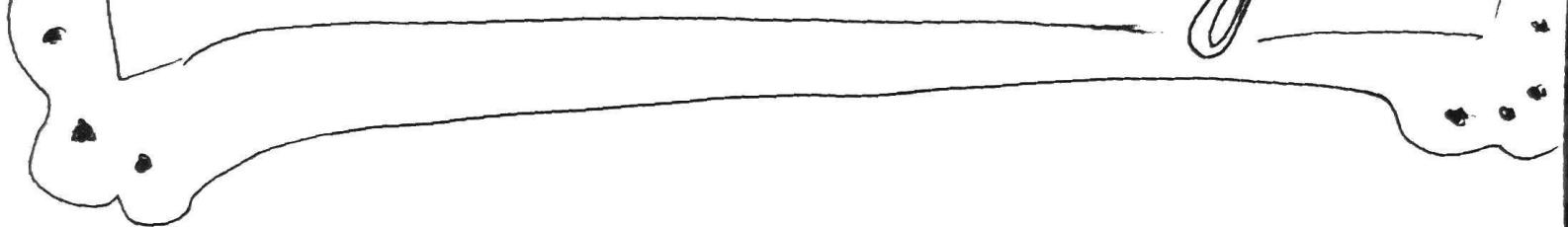
Home Made
friendship
necklaces

You.
With hair you like or don't like.
A smile you like or don't like.
A version of you that you know is
lovable, even as you grow and change.

Someone dear.
Maybe a friend. Maybe
someone special in a way
you don't have a word for.
A friendship, a relationship,
a ship you've made
together. This necklace
is for you to
keep.



Design your Own Carriage.



BONUS: Listen to "Selena Live - The Last Concert"
when you do.

Did you find one
of Rowan's letters

? ? ? ? ? ? ? ?

what
would
you say
in
return?

Share your response with the author at @oktexiebean on Instagram.

* FOLD THIS PAPER

* INTO A *

* HALF, FOLD IT INTO

* ANOTHER HALF. *

* CUT IT WITH ANY SHAPES

* YOU WANT WHILE KEEPING
FOLDED. UNFOLD WHEN DONE.

* YOU HAVE A SNOWFLAKE. *

* WRITE A STORY ABOUT WHERE IT

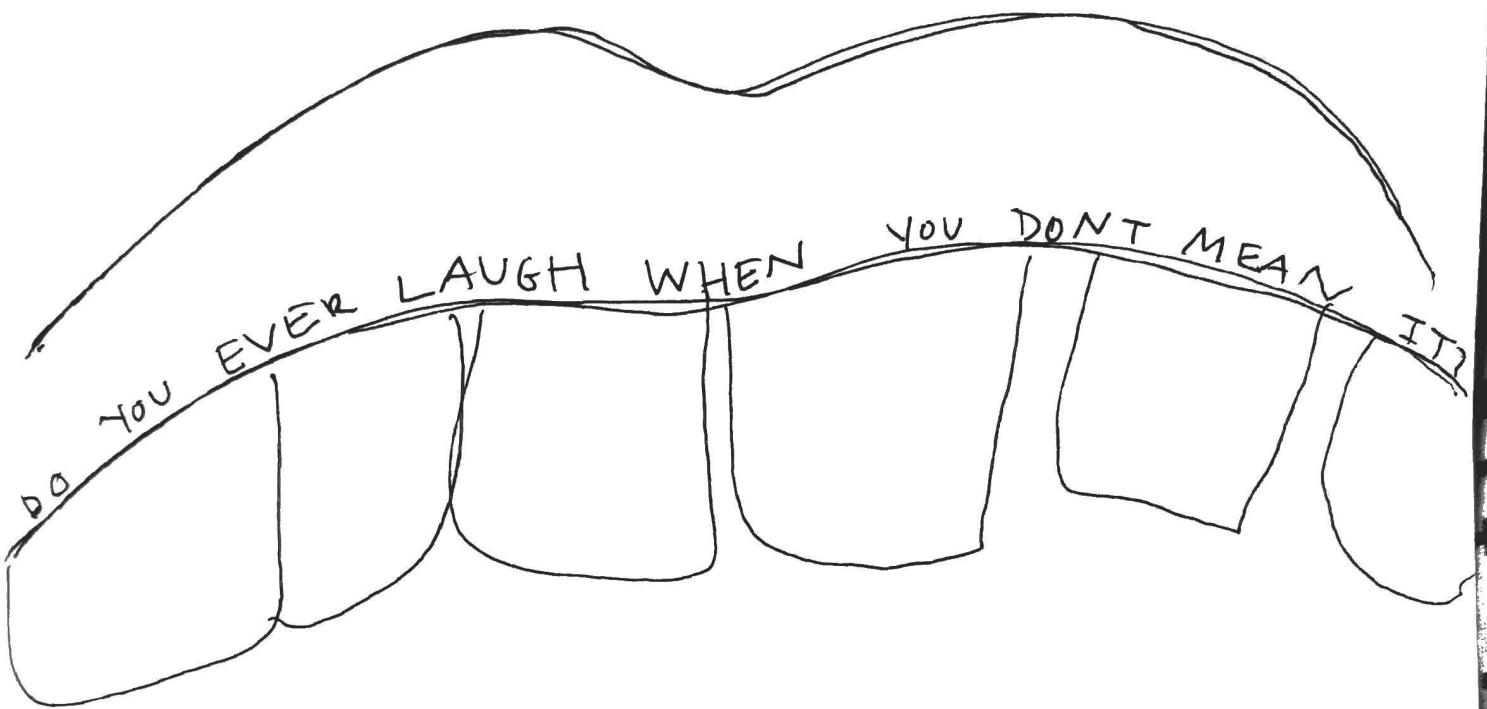
* FALLS. WRITE A STORY ABOUT THE

* WORLD ON IT, WRITE ABOUT A TIME

* YOU FELT LIKE YOU WERE

* MELTING. *

*



A YOU, WRITE
DEAR
SECRET.
WHEN YOU'RE READY
SHARE IT WITH
SOMEONE ELSE. I
LOVE YOU.

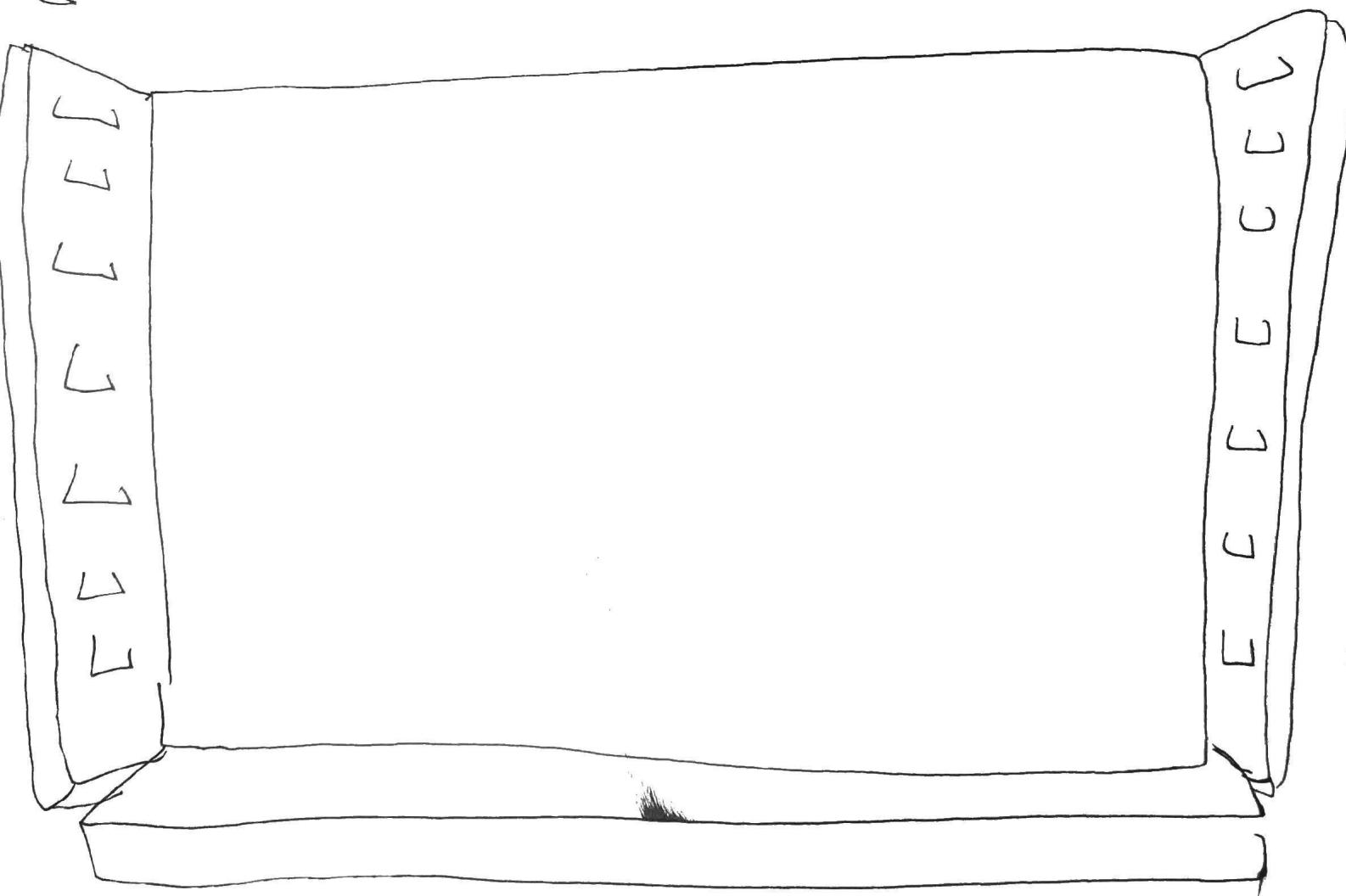


Will you decorate Rowan's moth wings?
Thank you.



DRAW YOUR
OWN MOON

for when it feels far away



WHAT ARE THINGS
YOU'VE LOST YOU STILL
THINK ABOUT



?

SOMETIMES LOSING THINGS
IS SCARY BECAUSE

AUSE

IT MEANS CHANGE. IT'S OKAY TO GRIEVE; IT KEEPS YOUR MEMORY ALIVE.

TO KNOW THAT

I REMEMBER
YOU!

I REMEMBER
YOU!

I REMEMBER
YOU;

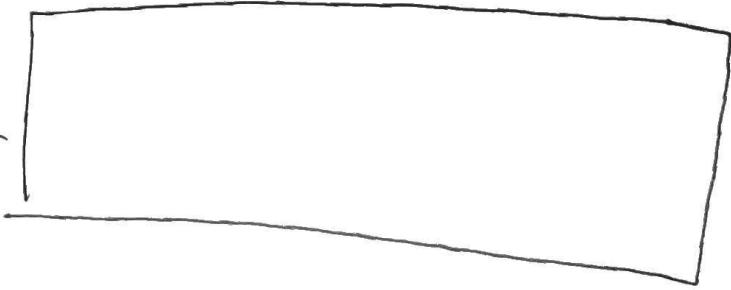
I REMEMBER YOU!

I REMEMBER
YOU!

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what does the ice cream truck driver get
for his birthday?



what about this
caterpillar?



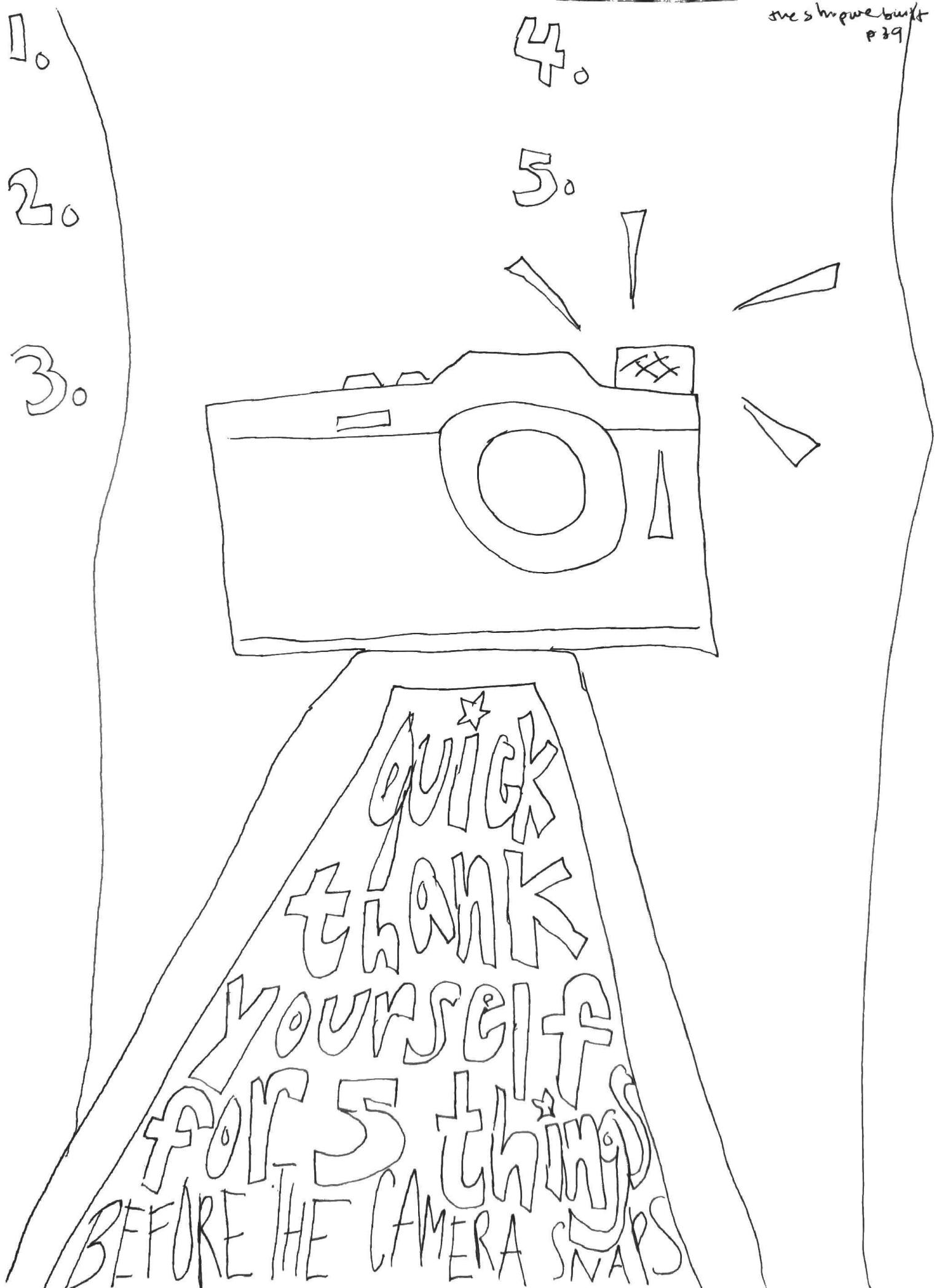
Something SCARY

Something NEW

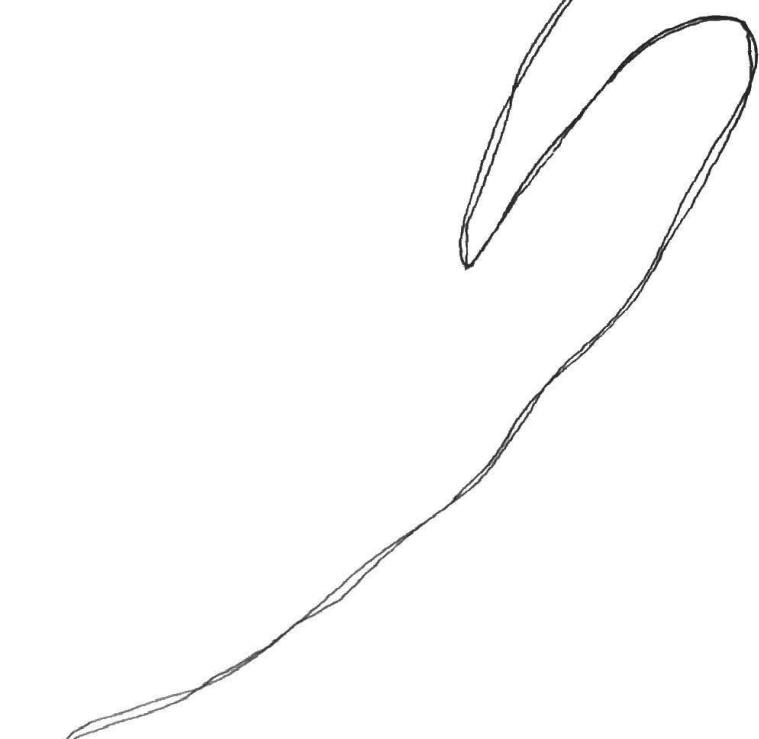
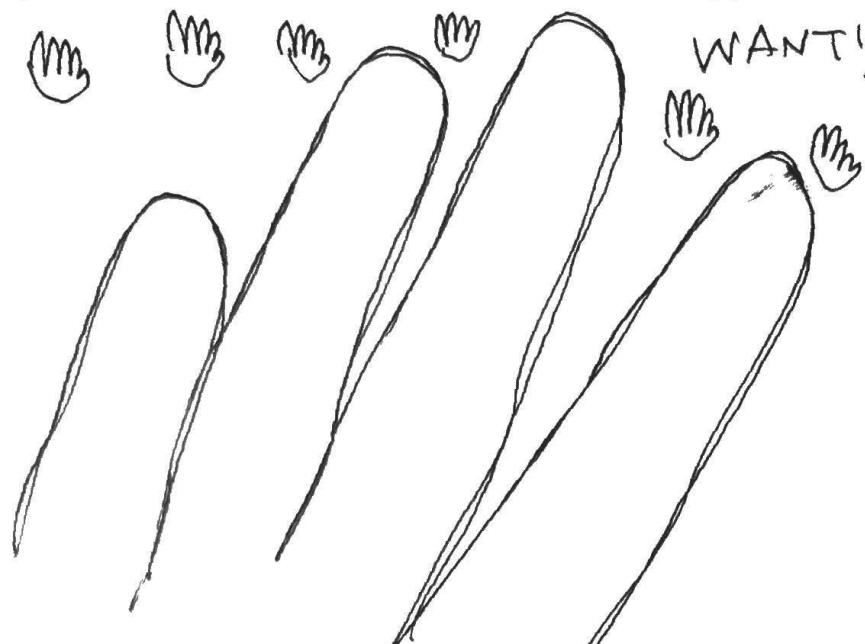
DRAW THINGS
YOU REMEMBER
BUT DON'T HAVE
WORDS FOR

Something from a DREAM

Something BEAUTIFUL

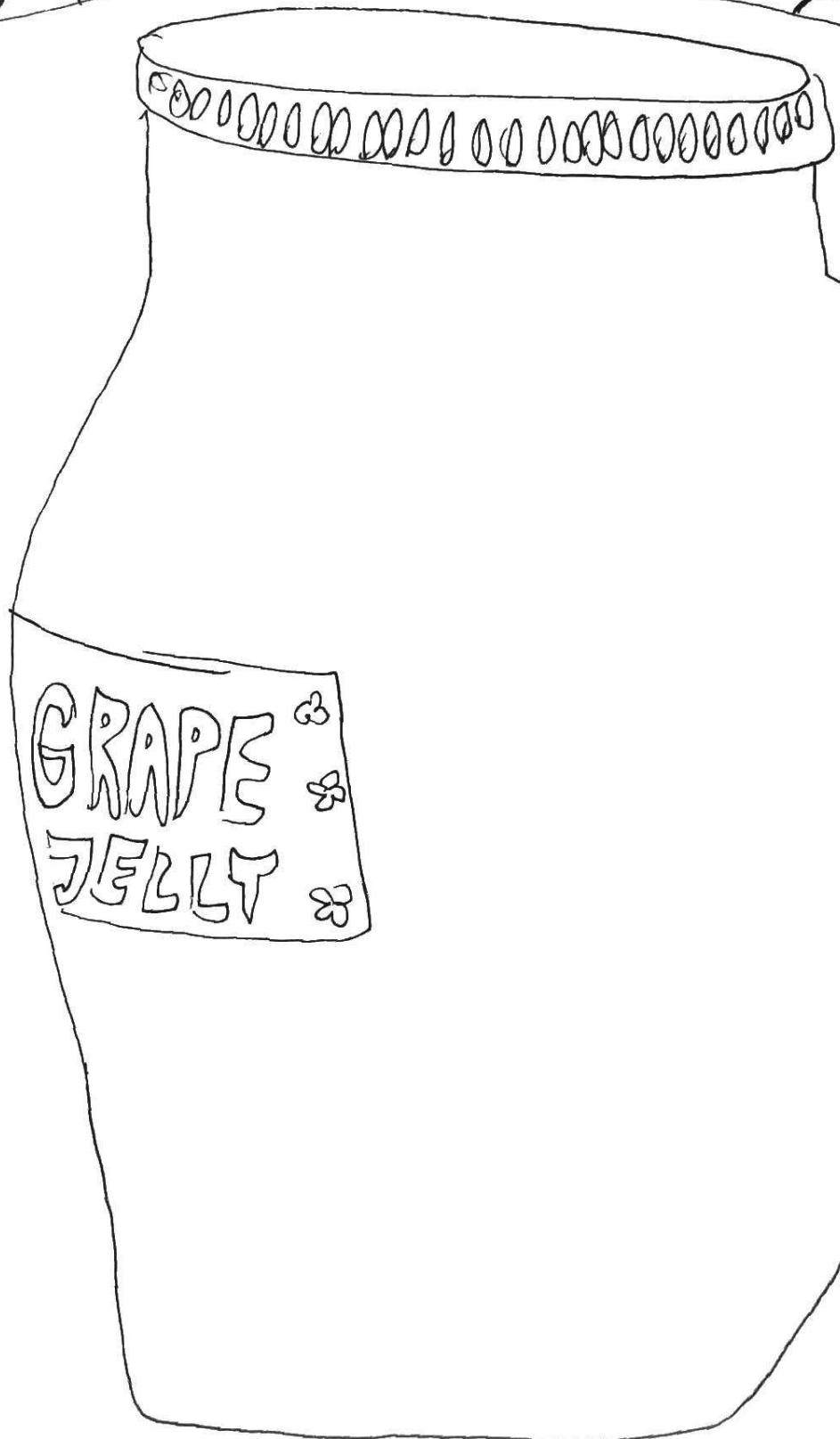


TRACE YOUR HAND NEXT TO LEXIE'S HAND.
IF YOU LIVE WITH SOMEONE YOU TRUST, ASK THEM TO
SIT DOWN AND TRACE THEIR HAND TOO. IF YOU
WANT! MAIL YOUR HAND TO
SOMEONE WHO MAY NEED
ONE.



NOTE: SOME HANDS ARE
DIFFERENT FROM OTHERS! MY
PAPA ONLY HAD 4 FINGERS ON HIS.
SOME HANDS ARE ALSO PAWS. SOME
ARE COLD OR WON'T FEEL THE PEN
TICKLE.

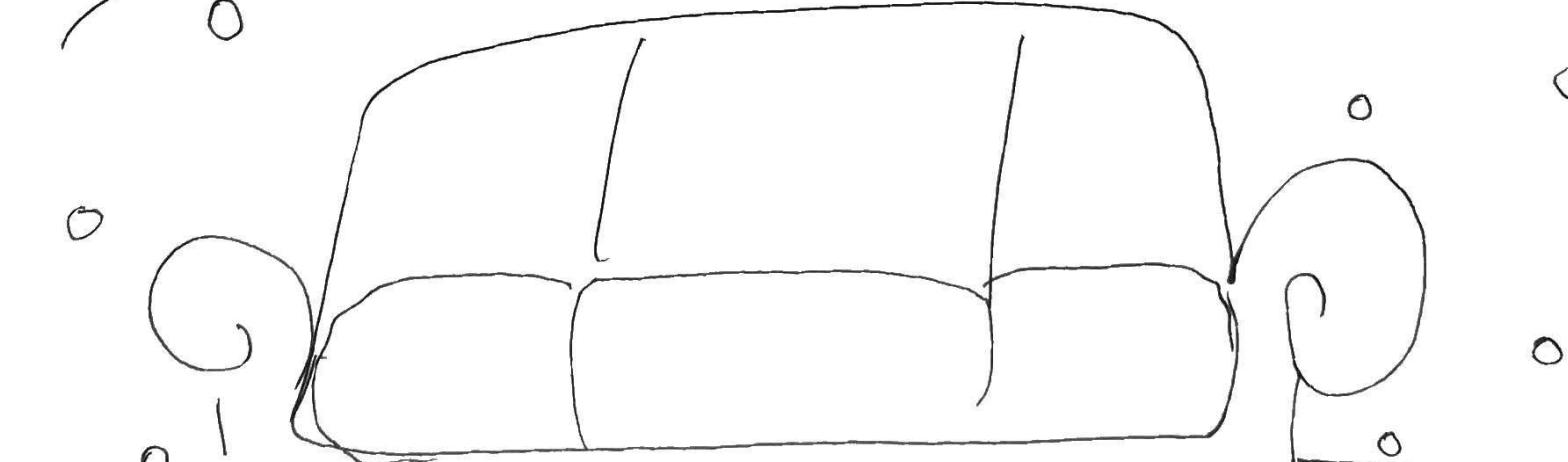
MAKE A SNOWGLOBE
FOR SOFIE



WHAT WOULD
YOU GROW IF YOU
HAD SEEDS FOR ANY
THING IN THE
WORLD?

IF YOU COULD FILL YOUR
BODY WITH ANYTHING OTHER
THAN BLOOD, WHAT WOULD
IT BE?

WHAT DO YOU
THINK OF THE
NEIGHBOR'S NEW
FENCE?



C.B.

RB
+
SG

HAVE YOU EVER SAID SOMETHING
ABOUT YOURSELF AND IT'S LIKE YOU CAN
FEEL YOUR HEART BEATING FOR THE FIRST
TIME IN YOUR LIFE?

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we built



TRY IT
WHEN
YOU'RE ALONE

TRY IT
WITH
ARMS
AROUND YOUR
KNEES TOO

TRY
IT
WHEN
YOU'RE
SAD

STEP
PULL
IN. WRAP
DO
YOURSELF

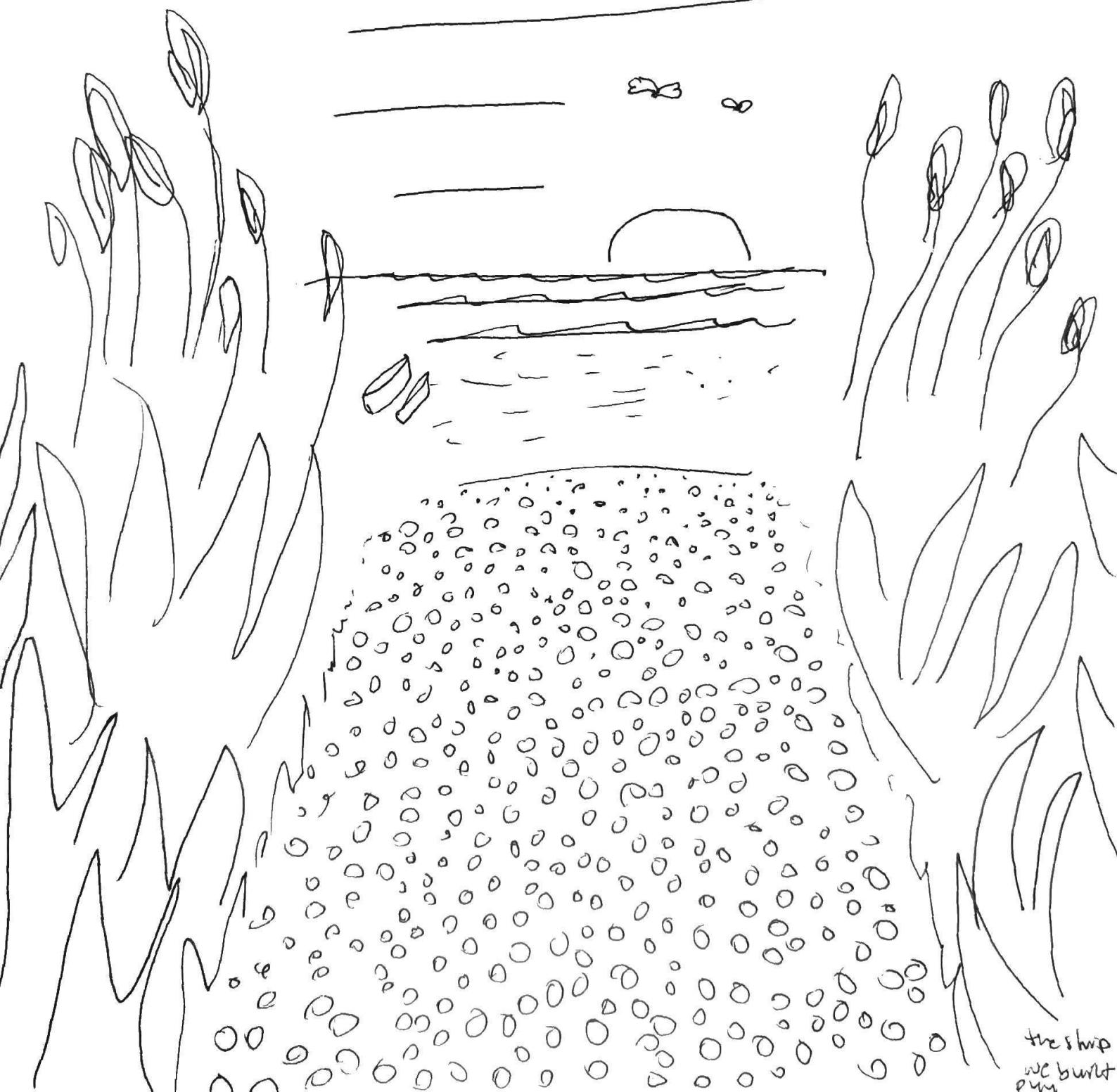
TRY IT
WHEN
YOU'RE
ON SPEAKER
PHONE

TRY
IT
WHEN
YOU'RE
BORED

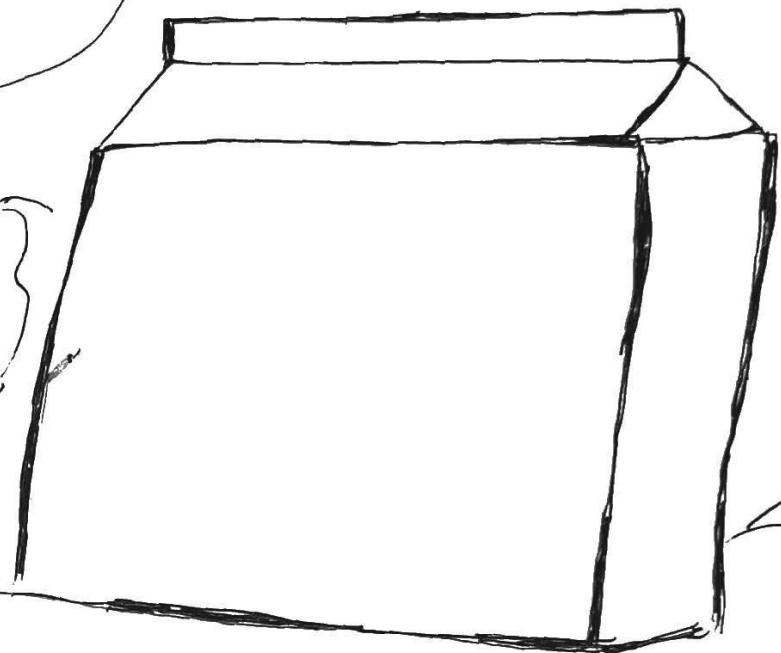
the ship we built
out

TRY
LATER

is there anything in this world
that helps you imagine again?
ever when everything else makes it
feel just impossible?



decorate this
milk cap for
home.



Do you
live here
too?

can you
wave to anyone
below?

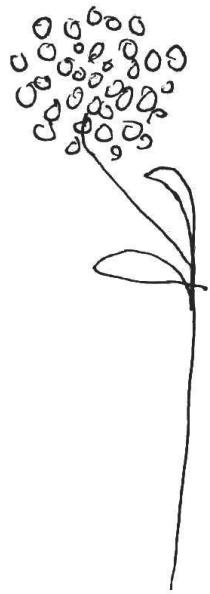
Does it
have stained glass?

Does it have
a movie theater?

Is there a
playroom?

Does it
have electricity?

Is there
room for
everyone?



Special thanks to!

David H

Gabs

Fabian P

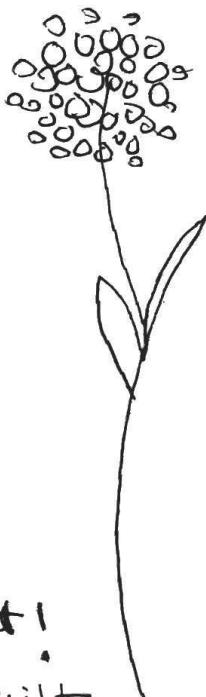
for looking at these

Kelsey K

Nancy M

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for being a team



more on the book at!

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