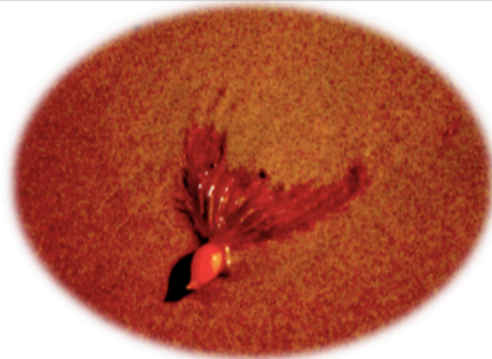




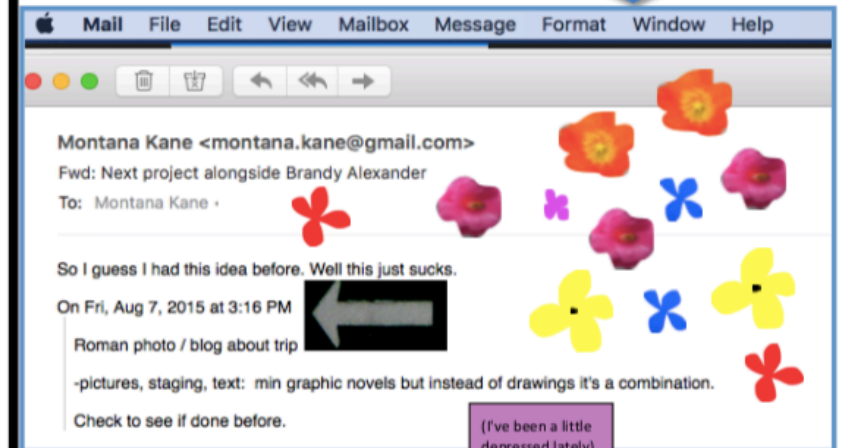
I'm feeling a lot of pressure to make this page a great one, on account of the absolutely exquisite, unique and adorable lama-themed border. Just FYI, this is the top of a spoon that Celia bought while in Bolivia. The bottom half of that same spoon can be found on the equally stunning page that follows.



In my moments of self-doubt, I often feel like a fraud when it comes to photography, pointing my little digital camera at something and then manipulating the image for five seconds on my computer. But then I think, there's the technical aspect of the craft, which is not my forte, as in I'm not spending hours in a dark room and thousands of dollars of different lenses and so on, and then there's the "eye," there's the things you notice in the world and find interesting enough to photograph, and I'm not one hundred percent sure that every other human being on this planet would have necessarily photographed these two images from a beach in southern California.



This just in: the other day I was going over my WRITING file on Gmail, and I was shattered to find out that this new idea I had (i.e. the book shaped object you're reading) was actually an old idea.



(I feel like I just wasted one of my all-time favorite page borders on a boring page)

(I've been a little depressed lately) (thus the random flowers) (I just this minute learned how to do cutouts)

Meanwhile, some positive news re. The Novel.

Needless to say, I was a little demoralized, but then I put a positive spin on the negative thought: maybe the good news is that ideas are never truly lost. Writers and other artists are frequently traumatized by the fear that if they forget to write down the idea they just had, it will be lost forever. This happens to me a lot, and it can make my day more painful if I thought of a great line, or a plot point or something but didn't write it down right away and forgot it minutes later, despite all manner of memory exercises I tried doing to get it back.

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