



# PERCEPTION

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putting it all behind  
save it for another day  
when the wind's not blowing through the trees  
and the silence isn't so deafening  
don't ask  
what lies behind the never closing doors  
some things  
can never be known  
even to those who know all

—Vicki Poplin



Charlie Hart

Love, friendship, and respect do not unite people as  
much as a common hatred for something.

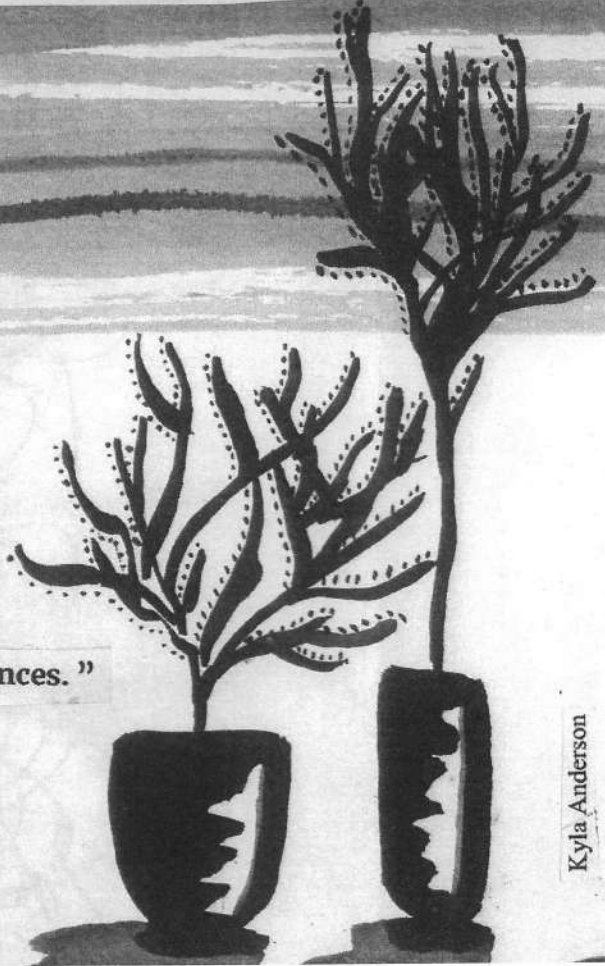
—Anton Chekhov



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“Everything in the universe has a rhythm, everything dances.”

— Maya Angelou



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Tarek Patton



"Forget not that the earth delights to feel your bare feet and the winds long to play with your hair."

— Khalil Gibran



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When I am not careful  
When I leave my mouth open for too long  
Branches grow into it  
And choke me until I learn  
To swallow shrubs and then trees  
I think that once the earth  
Can no longer use the Redwoods  
It is mountains that will force me  
To open my throat

—S. Bogus



Lauren Boyko



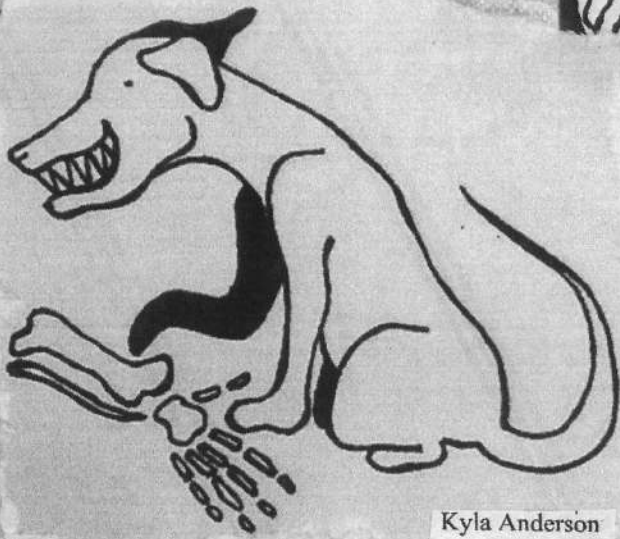
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**quagmire queers go to college to come home to sleep**

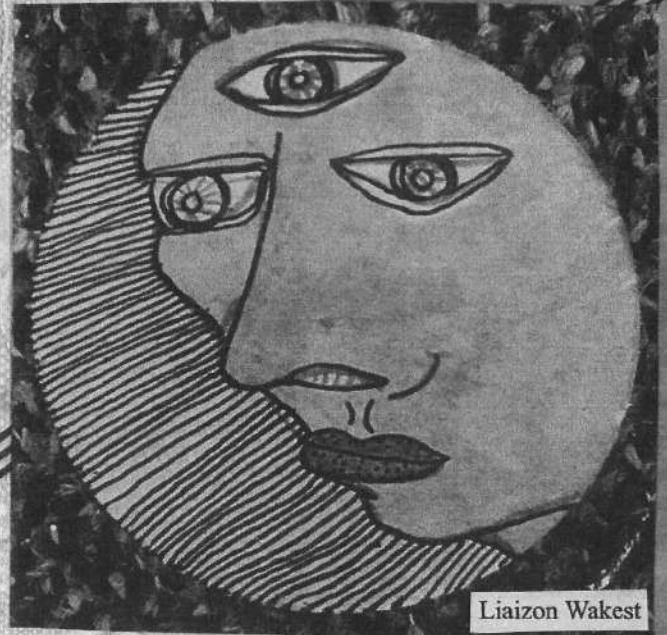
distant compost fire takes from our lungs, so  
on smolders the night, mornings grey or dun  
equal parts entombing our trailer park  
diurnal smoke, at noon still dark  
friends holding out tongues then  
for the tang, sandblaster  
glass n our airs

—Ulysses Tetu

Stephen Shrewsbury



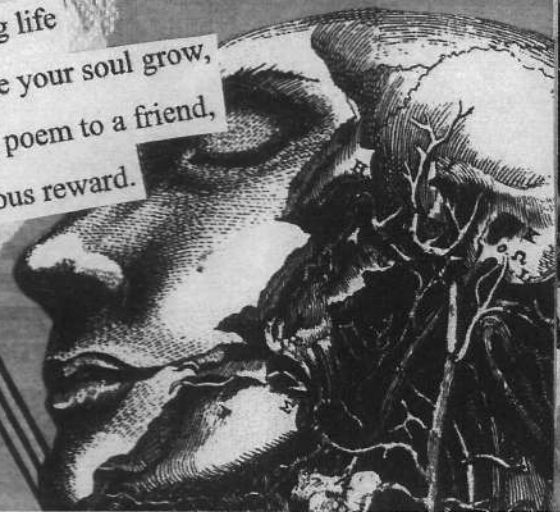
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“The arts are not a way to make a living. They are a very human way of making life  
more bearable. Practicing an art, no matter how well or badly, is a way to make your soul grow,  
for heaven's sake. Sing in the shower. Dance to the radio. Tell stories. Write a poem to a friend,  
even a lousy poem. Do it as well as you possibly can. You will get an enormous reward.  
You will have created something.”

— Kurt Vonnegut





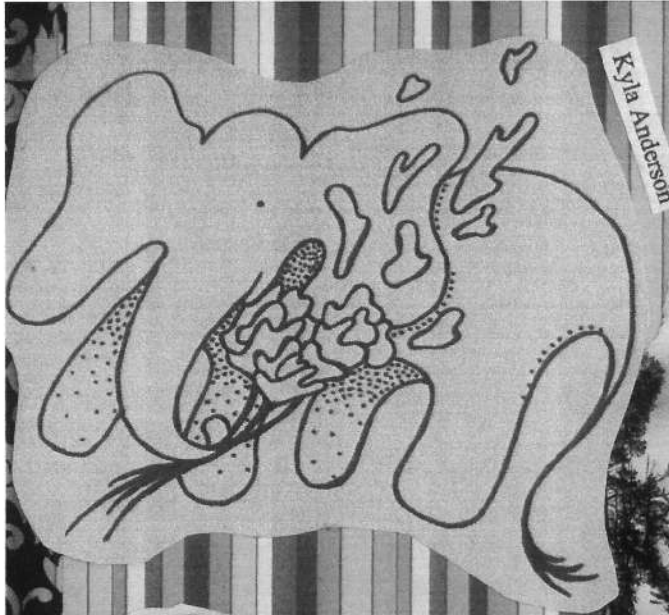


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Democracy is when the indigent, and not the men of property, are the rulers.  
—Aristotle

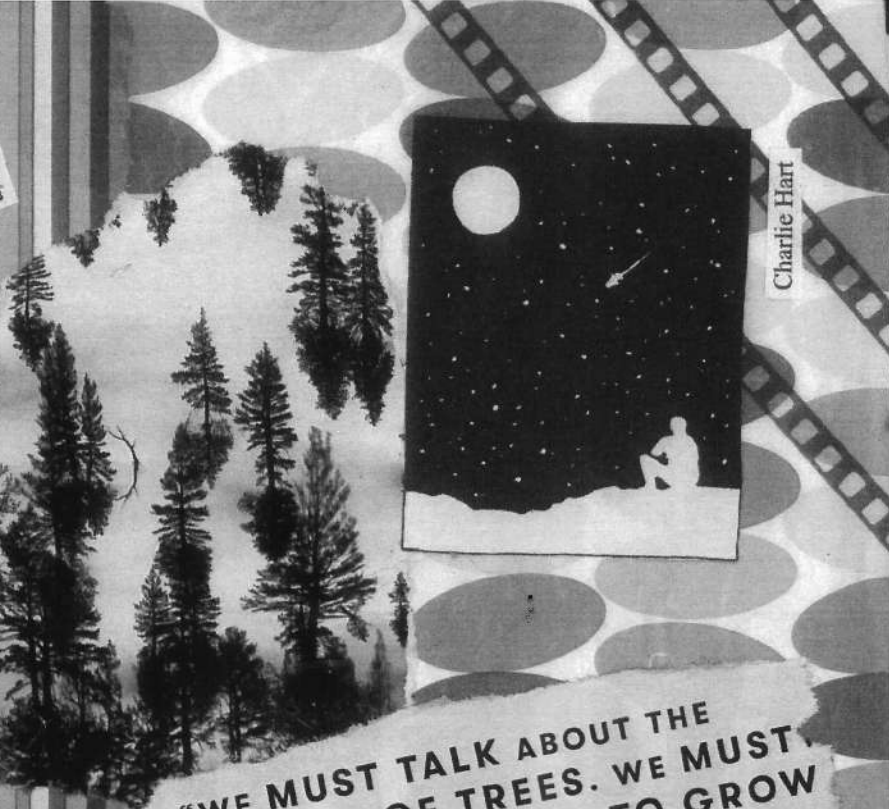
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"WE MUST TALK ABOUT THE RIGHTS OF TREES. WE MUST ALLOW SOME TREES TO GROW OLD WITH DIGNITY, AND DIE A NATURAL DEATH."

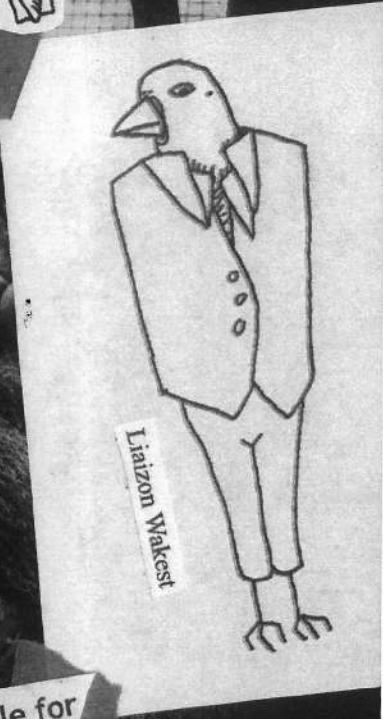
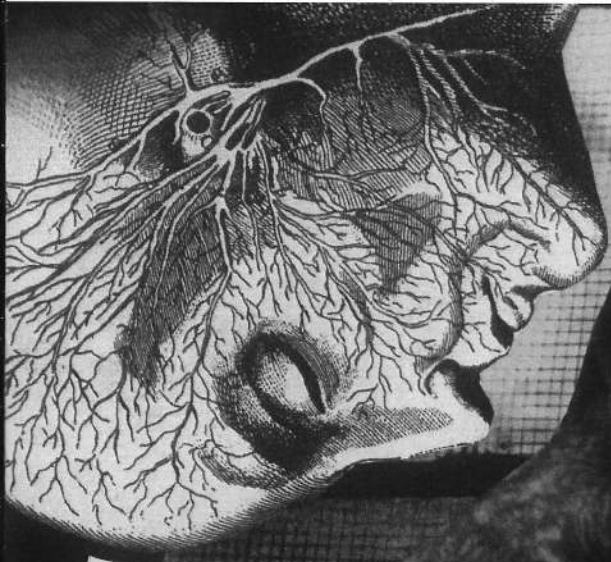


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ONCE AGAIN THEY BEGAN TO EAT THE PEOPLE'S GARBAGE...

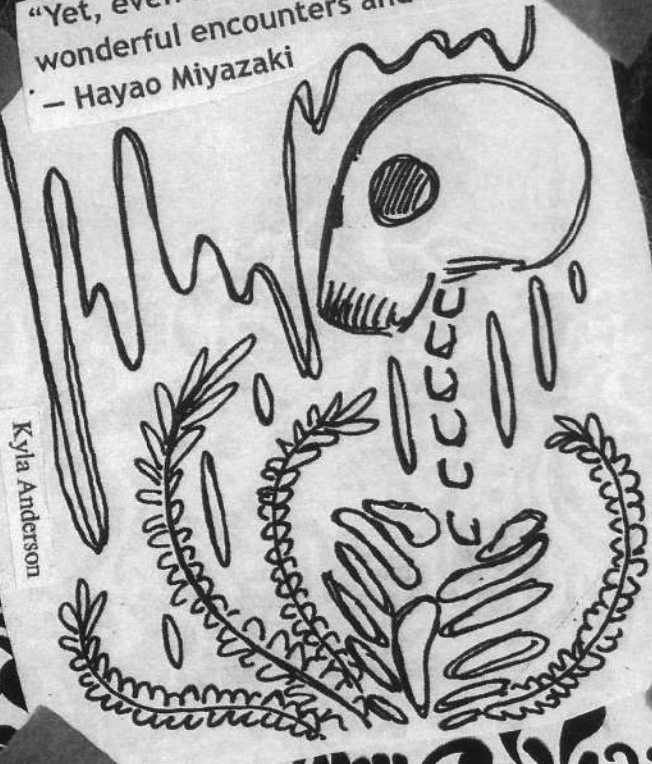




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“And by the way, everything in life is writable about if you have the outgoing guts to do it, and the imagination to improvise. The worst enemy to creativity is self-doubt.”  
— Sylvia Plath

“Yet, even amidst the hatred and carnage, life is still worth living. It is possible for wonderful encounters and beautiful things to exist.”  
— Hayao Miyazaki



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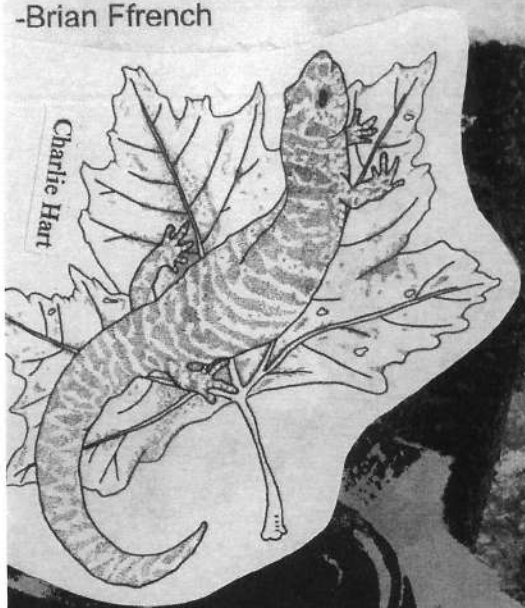
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# HEADACHE?

a soft imprint of machine:  
upfront confrontation of the  
facets of identity  
manhandled by many a mankind  
too poor to feel the blade —  
where'd it go? suffocated under  
folds of fresh flesh ripe  
for the machine to put to work

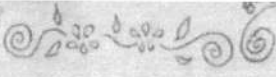
not now i need a break please.  
forgive me if i insulted harmed or bothered  
listen it's not you, it's ugly i know.  
now i need to satisfy the unrelenting presence — don't you?

-Brian Ffrench

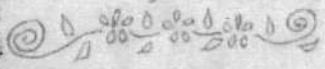


"Ask for work. If they dont give you work, ask for bread.  
If they do not give you work or bread, then take bread."  
— Emma Goldman





I used to write hate poems  
 and my life  
 was filled with hate.  
 Now I'm writing peaceful poems  
 in the hopes  
 that my life  
 will be filled with peace.



—Vicki Poplin

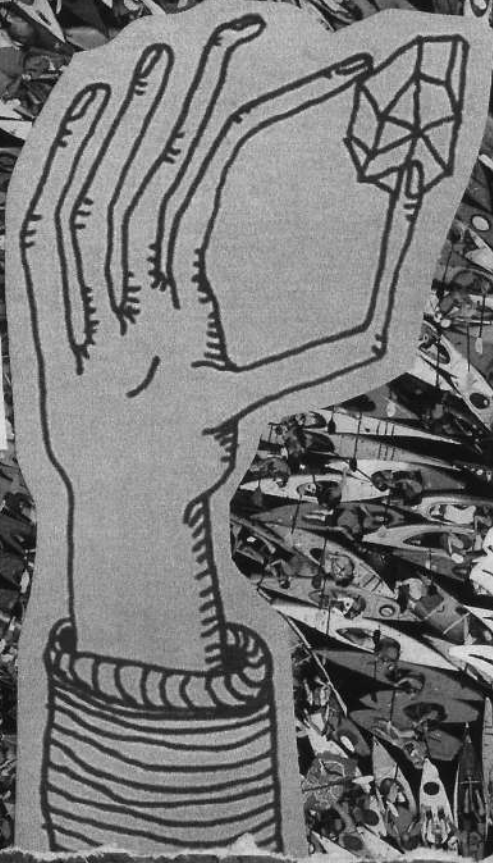


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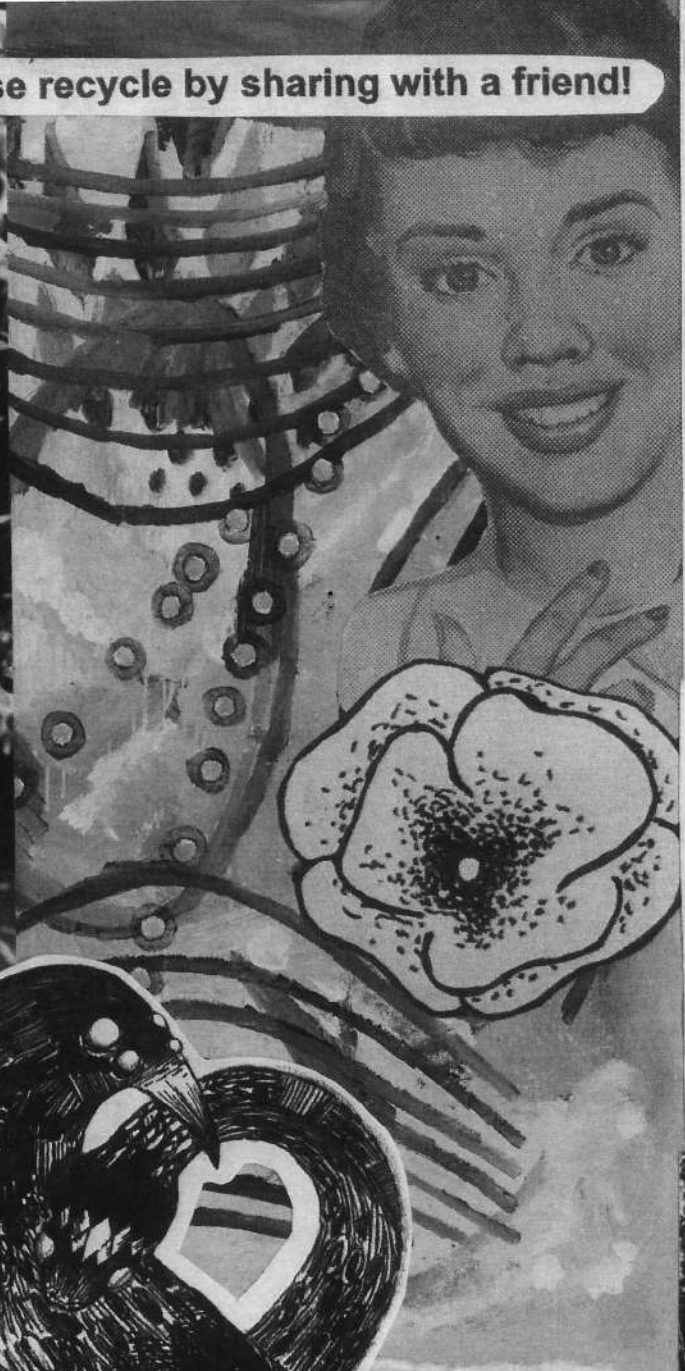
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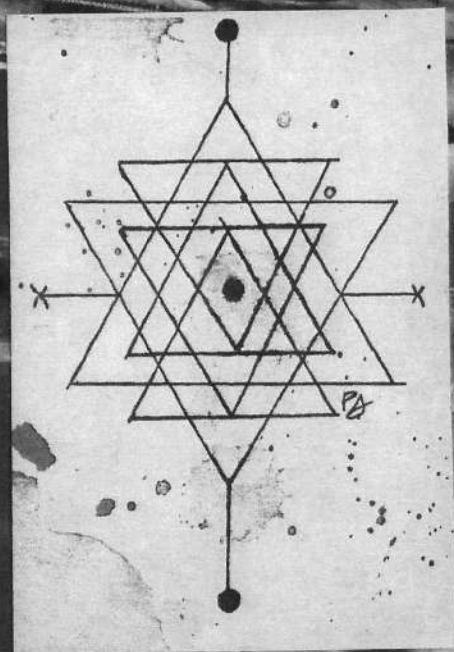
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Parker Atkinson

After silence, that which comes nearest to  
expressing the inexpressible is music.  
-Aldous Huxley



HE ACTED LIKE SOMEONE BURDENED BY A SECRET!

A SECRET?



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“Sometimes I can hear my bones straining under the weight of all the lives I’m not living.”  
— Jonathan Safran Foer



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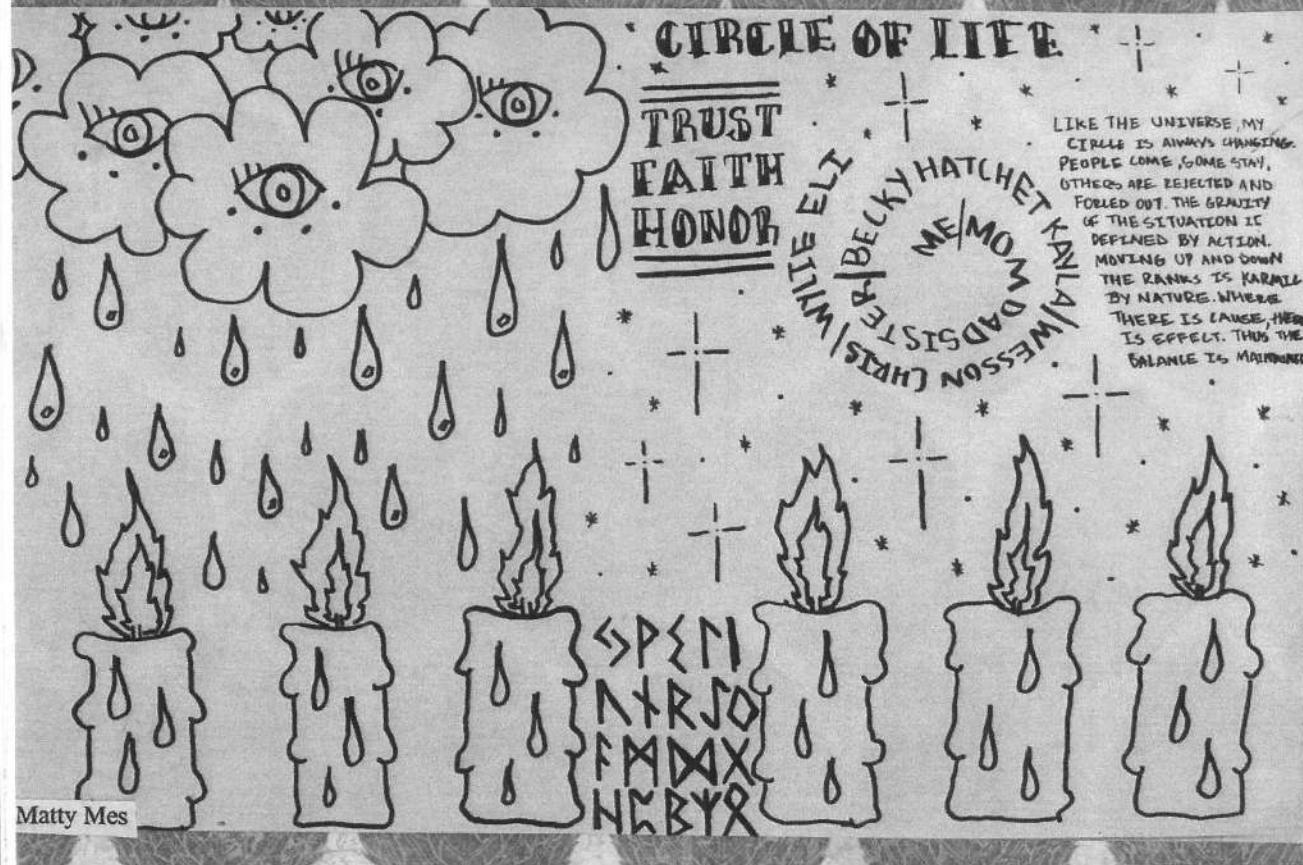


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