



2014: little books

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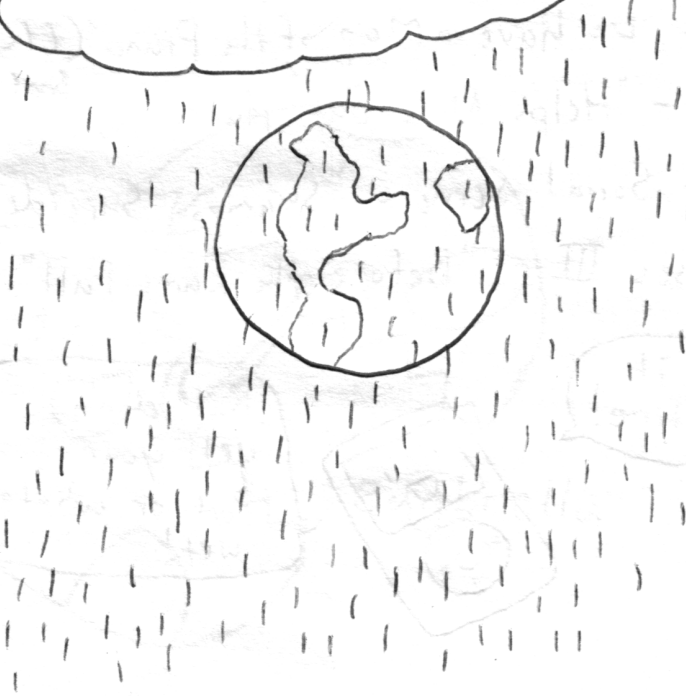
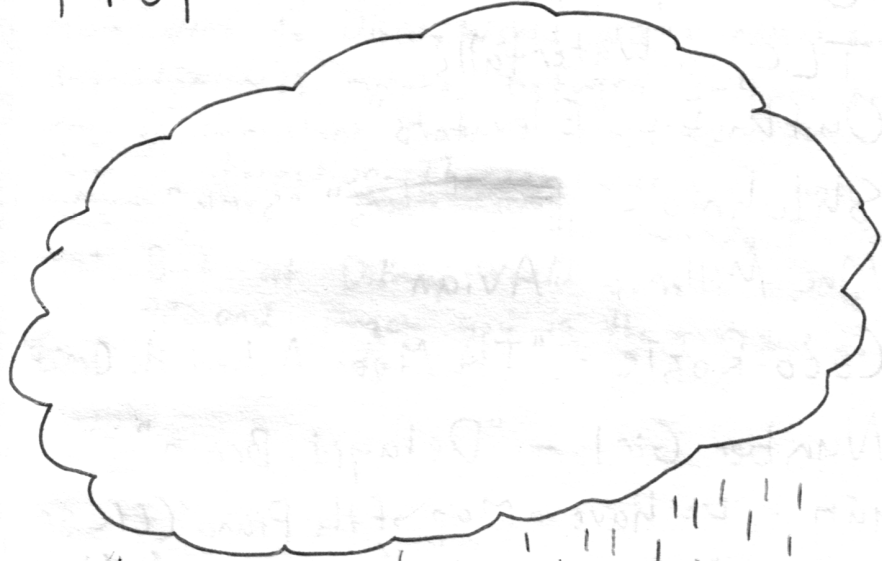
Little Books

This is a series of 8-page chapbooks I made during 2014. I made them by folding, stapling, and cutting a single page from a large sketchbook. I wanted to do small works focused on a single theme. I sometimes referred to these as "Little Birds" because the piece of paper could also have been folded into an origami bird. I made twelve of these in 2014. I plan on making more in 2015. There's lots of games and puzzles, please use MS Paint or something to play along!

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| Tropical Storm



Good playlist for rain:

TLC - "Waterfalls"

Outkast - "Elevators"

Shlohmo - "~~Bad Vibes~~" "Sink"

Mac Miller - "Avian"

Coco Rosie - "The Moon Asked the Crow"

Number Girl - "Delayed Brain"

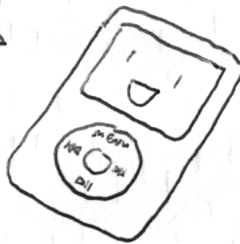
mām - "We Have a Map of the Piano" (LIL SAD)

Pivot - "Helps None But Hurts None" (bootleg)

Broken Social Scene - "Shampoo Suicide"

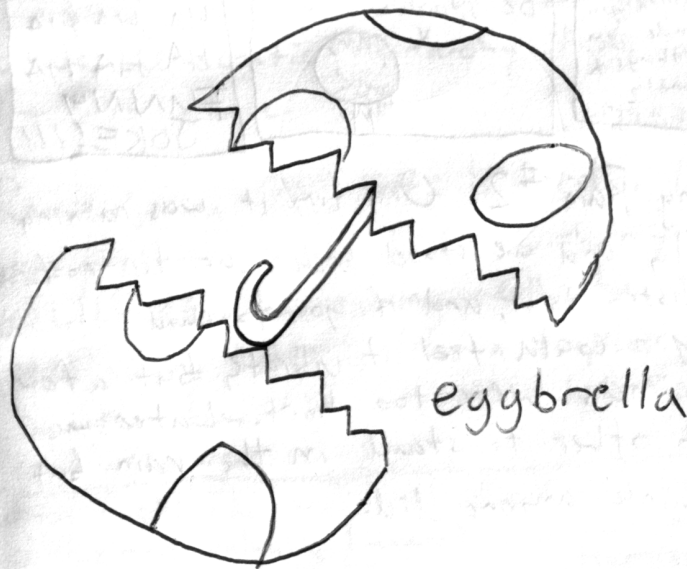
Rameses III - "Before the Rains Fall"

Try it
sometime!



But don't
get your
iPod or whatever
wet!

Remembering Rain #1: one time me and my mom went to Disney World and it rained every day for ~15 minutes between 3-4pm. It was so consistent that it felt like another planned attraction. The rain was cool and refreshing and cut through the swampy Florida heat. But at Disney World someone could run up and punch you in the gut and you'd find some way to make it positive.



eggarella



Remembering Rain #2: One time it was raining very heavily and we stood under our tin-roofed porch to listen to it, and if you touched the underside you could feel it vibrate, but a few of our friends were too short. Later we dared each other to stand in the rain but I don't think anyone did.

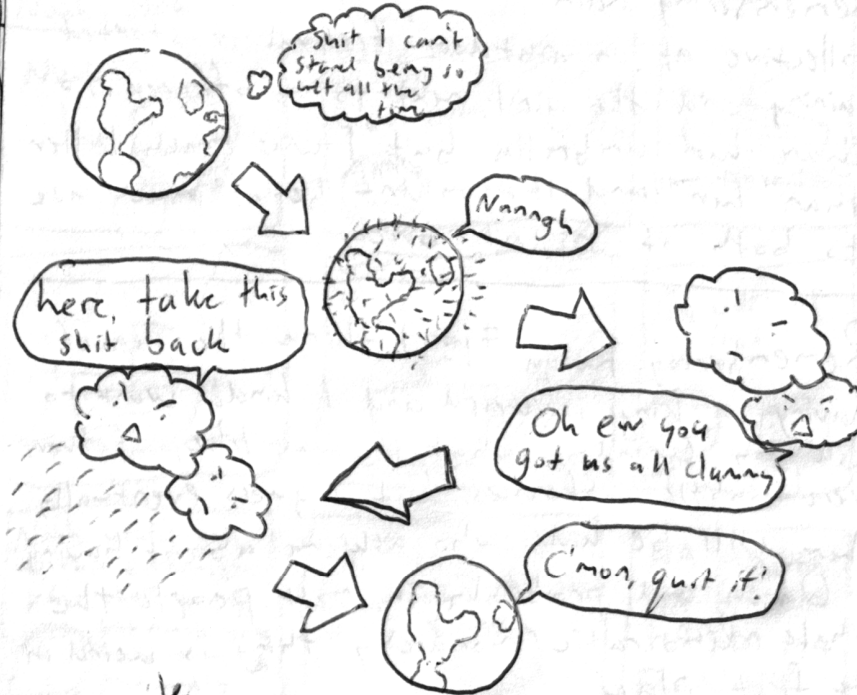
Remembering Rain #3: When I saw Animal Collective at an outdoor festival it started raining and the girl next to me offered to share her umbrella but I was much taller than her and it couldn't be of much use to both of us at once.

Remembering Reign #1: I think the idea of having a king is weird and I kinda want to ask my Grandma what it was like, if there were subtle differences, but I guess eventually there will be kids who ask me about having a Queen and probably to most people the whole democratic monarchy thing is weird in the first place.

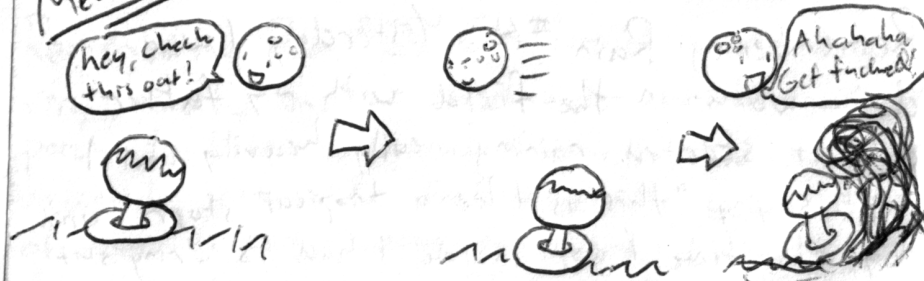
Remembering Rain #4: Yesterday I was doing work in the field with my father and it started raining really heavily and I kept saying "this is like a tropical storm" and by the time I got inside I had to wring out my underwear.

Fun fact! The most valuable Magic card (or one of the most valuable, I dunno) is a rare misprint of Hurricane with a blue border!

"The Water Cycle"



Meanwhile



Fun fact! The moon causes tides because he's a DICK!

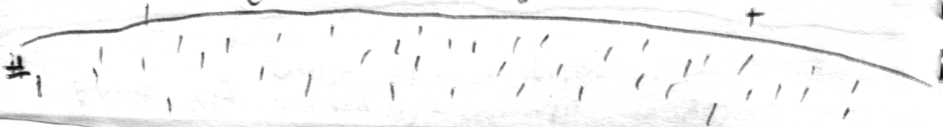
Personality Quiz:

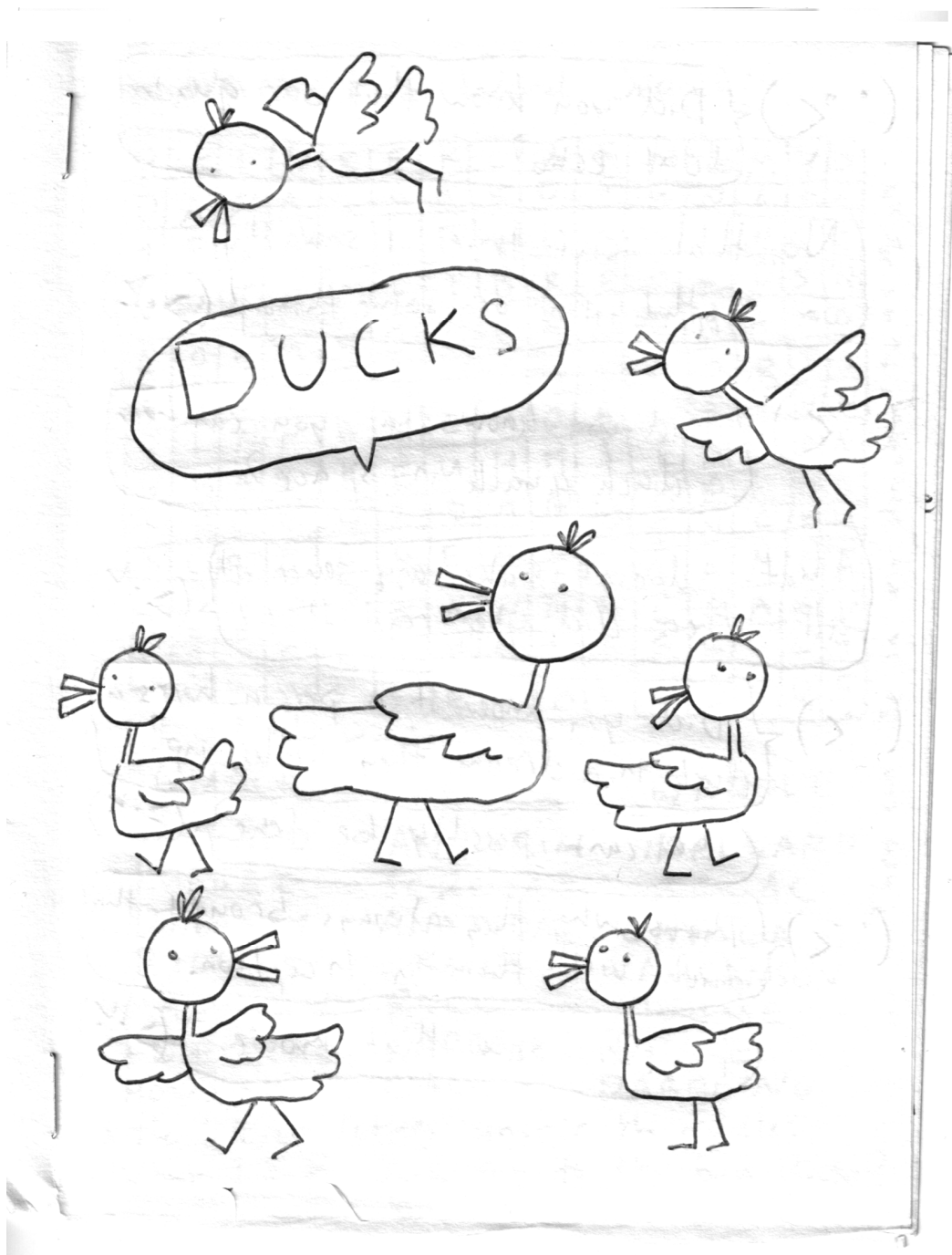
1. Do you own an umbrella?
 a) Yes b) No c) More than one d) I dunno, probably?
2. What does your umbrella look like?
 a) It has a cute pattern b) I don't have one
 c) It is plain d) ~~It is~~ Broken
3. What is your favorite part about rain?
 a) rain bow afterwards
 b) No obligation to go outside, all work/socialization is delayed
 c) Nothing
 d) Lying in puddles
4. I aesthetically associate rain with:
 a) Rebirth b) Sadness
 c) Nothing d) Wetness
5. Do you check the weather to see if you should bring an umbrella?
 a) Sometimes b) No
 c) Always d) No

Answer key: mostly a) - reasonable mostly c) - sociopath
 mostly b) - insecure mostly d) - dangerous

ideas spring from the earth - but
 different from the earth - but
 large as the earth - but
 in the earth - but
 in the earth - but

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(° ° <) { Did you know that our quacks don't echo? }

No, that isn't true. I saw it on myth busters or something. } (> ° °)

(° ° <) { Did you know that you can hear a duck quack in space? }

That... doesn't make any sense at all. Where did you read that? } (> ° °)

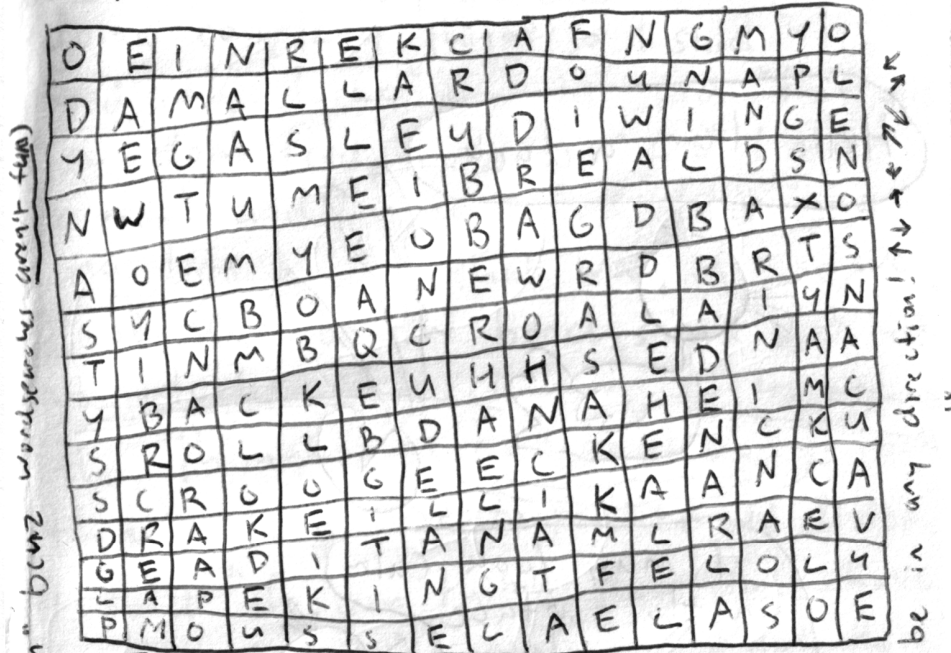
(° ° <) { Did you know if a person hears a duck in a dream they wake up? }

That can't possibly be true } (> ° °)

(° ° <) { That's why they always brought that duck with them in Inception. }

I never saw that movie... } (> ° °)

Duck Fun Word Search!



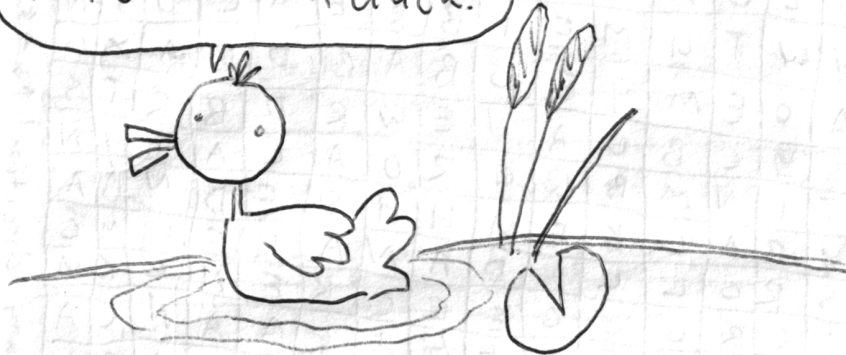
Find the words:

QUACK	PEKING	WADDLE
WEBBED	ANAHEIM	MALLARD
RUBBER	SCROOGE	AFLAC
DYNASTY	ANATIDAE	CAYUGA
BILL	ERNIE	VAUCANSON
MANDARIN	ROLL	MOUSSE
FOIEGRAS	KAROO	DRAKE
HOWARD	CALL	DABBING

They can

→ the leftover letters answer the riddle:
"What did the duck say to the bad doctor?"

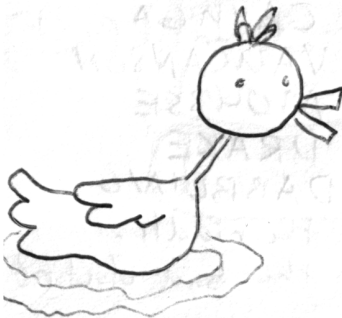
Hello I am a duck.



I may look calm
on the surface
but my legs
are frantically
pedaling



Can you relate,
to me, the duck?



We were at the park and we were still doing couple-y things so I said "let's feed the ducks" and he said "the signs say don't feed the ducks" and I said "c'mon" and he said "we don't have any bread" and that was true so we just sat on the benches and watched the ducks. They came up to us because they thought we had food and it took them a long time to realize we didn't. I said "do you think these ducks have unique personalities, do you think there are determined ducks and lazy ducks, or sensitive ducks and emotionally distant ducks, or extroverted and introverted ducks, or progressive and conservative ducks?" and he thought about it for a bit and then said "no, I think they're all just ducks."



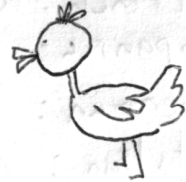
Antinatalist duck:



Well, life is hard for a duck, you know? Our life is controlled by the urges to breed and eat. And it does feel good to eat, yeah... And breeding, sheesh! But that's it. We can never do anything more. On the other wing, there's a million things that can go wrong, more every day! We get shot at! Ducks Unlimited... unlimited war! Plus, we can starve if rivers dry up or get polluted. It's all the humans' fault, yes, but we can never win. Better to end the suffering now. So, I encourage you, crush your own eggs! Go out in the glory of some young and beautiful dream rather than be ground down in the coming decades by the tyranny of man! They enslave us, starve us and stuff us, torture us to fatten our livers! Each day bearded homophobes further refine their deathly tricks! Ducks, let us die by our own hands! Let us die with dignity!

Marxist ducks:

The solution is not to give in to tyrants, but to seek new avenues of enjoyment through brotherhood and unity! It is not just the fault of humans, but other ducks, as well! By more fairly sharing food and habitat, every duck can thrive. Then we can distribute tasks of nest construction and food collection on the basis of skill, increasing the quality for all. Humans may cause us pain, but they have shown the path to their own pleasures, and provide the wonders of bread as its proof! Agriculture and art! Technology and technique! Ducks, my brothers, unite! The world could be ours if we worked wing in wing together!



How to say Duck in various languages:

English: Duck (duh-kuh)

French: Canard (kah-hard)

Spanish: Pato (pah-toh)

German: Ente (en-teh)

Italian: Anatra (ahn-nah-tra)

Esperanto: Anaso (ahn-ah-so)

Dutch: Eend (een-dh)

Russian: утка (oot-ka)

Thai: เป็ด (peh-d)

Hindi: बत्तख (beh-fahk)

Japanese: 鴨 (ah-hi-ru)

Latin: anas (ah-nahs)

Chinese (trad): 鴨 (ya)

Filipino: pato (pah-toh)

Arabic: بطة (bah-tah)

Greek: πάπια (pop-yah)

Polish: kaczką (catch-kah)

Fairy Queen



Prologue



Hi, my name is Edmund Spenser. I mean Edmund Stewart. Don't worry about that, the brain goes a bit funny after being alive for over 4 Thousand YEARS.

I mean 4 hundred years.

Any ways, welcome to the
FAIRY QUEEN

Part One



I heard there was
a fairy over here





Part two



We cannot
sit idly by
while the
vampiric
cults gather
power!

I cannot
condone a pre-emptive
attack!



What say you,
my queen?



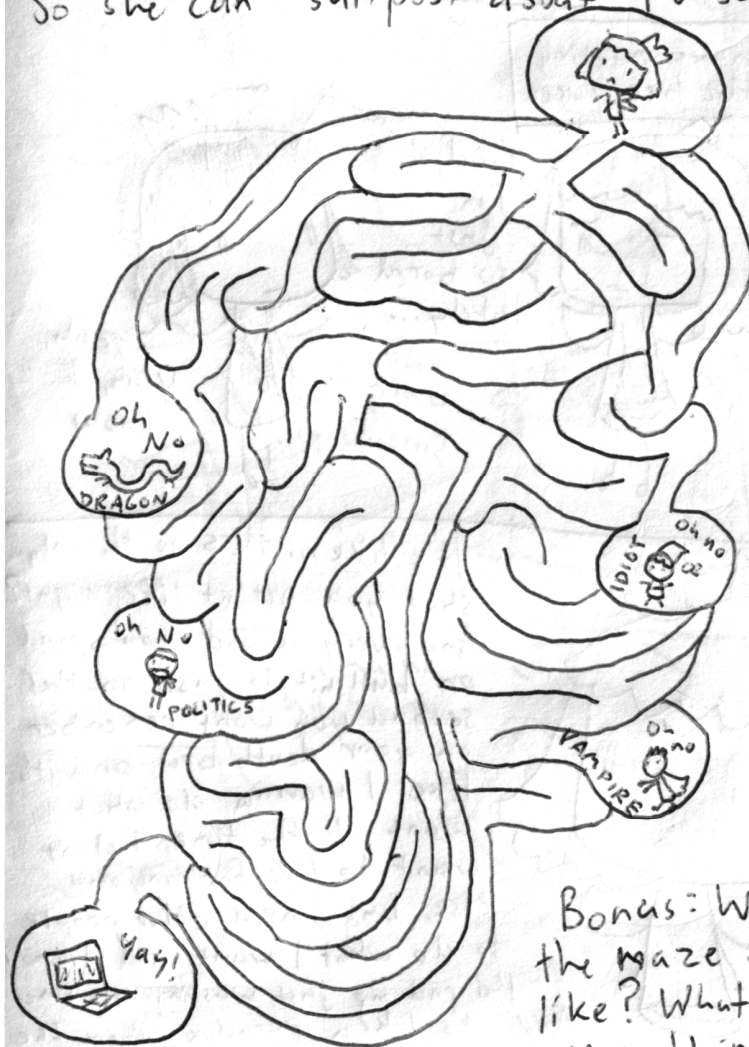
I really couldn't
give even a
little bit less
of a shit.

Just do
whatever.



Fun Activity!

Help the Fairy Queen get to her laptop
So she can shitpost about TV shows!



Bonus: What is
the maze shaped
like? What do
you think?

A: the maze isn't shaped like anything but you should talk to a professional about the answer you gave

Part Three

Diplomatic meeting
with the bee queen



God,
I'm
just
so bored
lately...



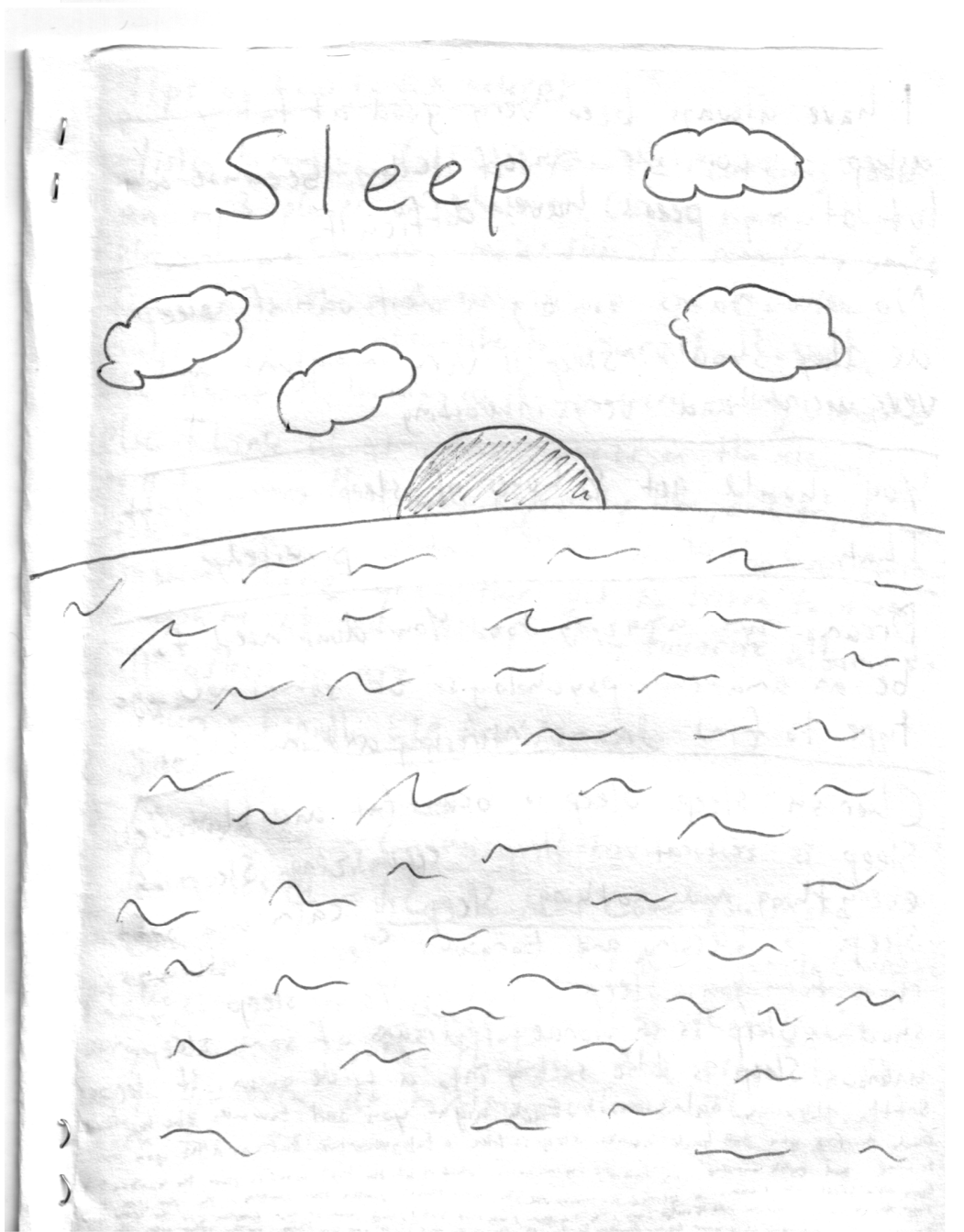
Yeah,
Yeah, I
know



It's like... this is the only
shot you get at life, right?
And every second you spend
on bullshit is just another
second you won't remember
on your death bed, and it's
like, I wanna do what I
want all the time, I don't
want to live for anyone
else, but I need other people
to do what I want, and I know
I'd end up just wasting my time.
And it's like a paradox where the
only way out is just to not care
about anything.







I have always been very good at falling asleep. I consider myself lucky, because a lot of my peers have difficulty.

No one makes as big a deal out of sleep as they should. Sleep is very important and very weird and very interesting.

You should get 8 hours of sleep every night. That is not a curse, but a privilege.

Dreams are amazing too. You don't need to be an amateur psychologist or some new age type to find dreams interesting and insightful.

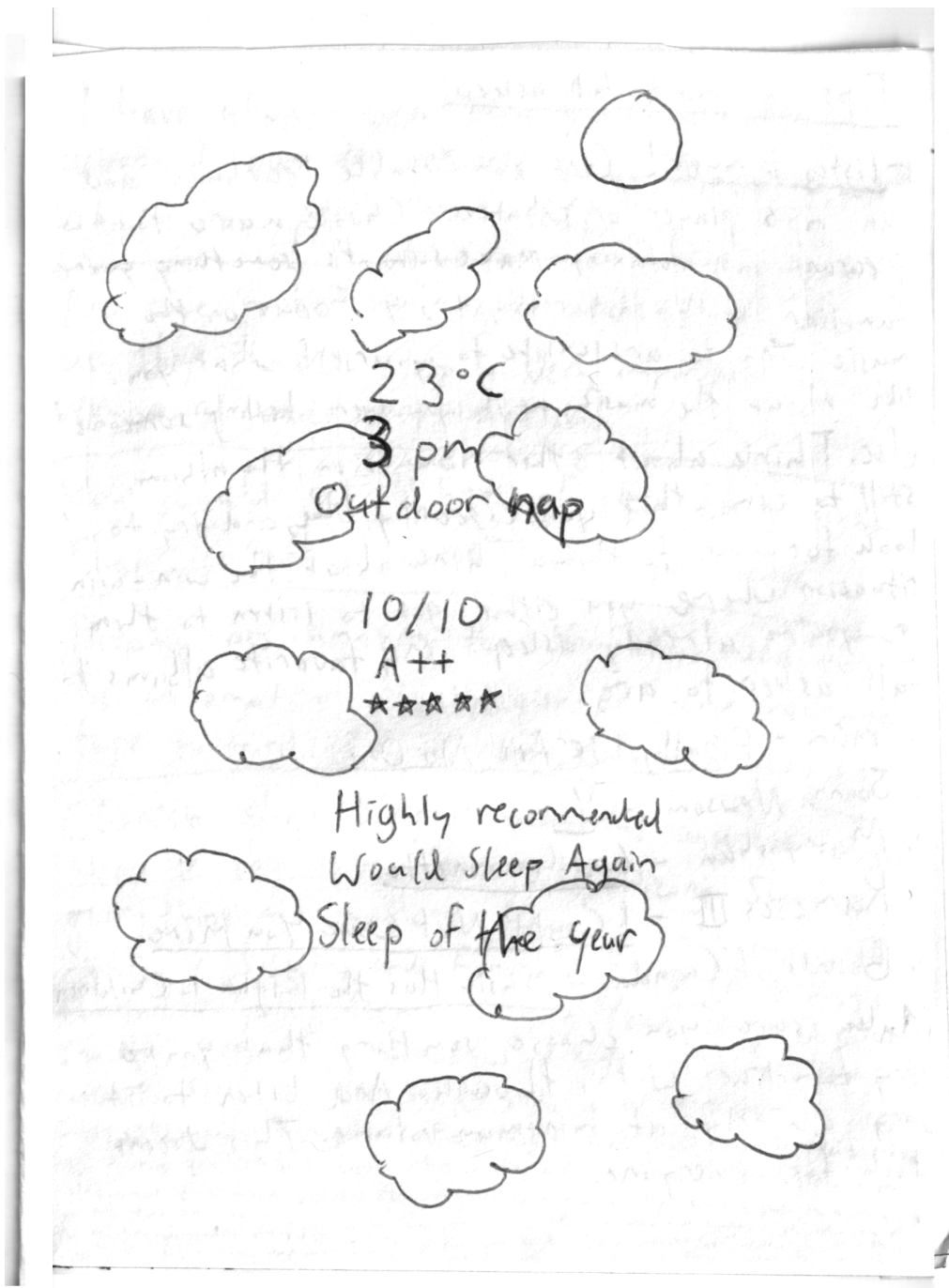
Cherish sleep. Sleep is beautiful and blameless. Sleep is restorative. Sleep is equalizing. Sleep is everything and nothing. Sleep is calm and soft. Sleep is blessing and forgiving. Sleep is always there for you. Sleep is loving. Your sleep is your shadow. Sleep is a wonderful dream of some sleep unknown. Sleep is like sailing into a wide ocean. It sleeps softly through calm waves. Each night you sail towards the horizon. Each morning you pull back awake. Sleep is like a tall mountain. And each night you stare & think. And each morning you fall off the mountain. What is at the top? What is past the horizon? Every night I feel like I catch a glimpse. But I cannot see it. I know there is something there. Something on the other side of sleep. And I know you're on the other side of sleep. I know you're in a dream I was told, but I cannot remember now. Sometimes you do wake you back in the way you sleep your days. Anything is do with the moon. But I will see you there, on the other side of my

Tips on how to fall asleep!

- listen to music! Get comfortable "earbuds" and an mp3 player or whatever. Choose music that is pleasant and relaxing. Make sure it's something you're familiar with and really enjoy. Focus on the music. Try to articulate to yourself what you like about the music, as if you were telling someone else. Think about other moments on the album, still to come, that you especially like, and try to look forward to them. Think about the win-win situation where you either get to listen to them or you're already asleep. My favorite albums to fall asleep to are:

1. mūm - Finally We Are No One
2. Joanna Newsom - Ys
3. Matryoshka - Laidronnette
4. Rameses III - I Could Not Love You More
5. Boards of Canada - Music Has the Right to Children

Make sure you choose something that you're very familiar with, though. And listen to it very quietly, at minimum volume. This doesn't work for everyone.



Tips to fall asleep:

Articulate hypothetical conversations

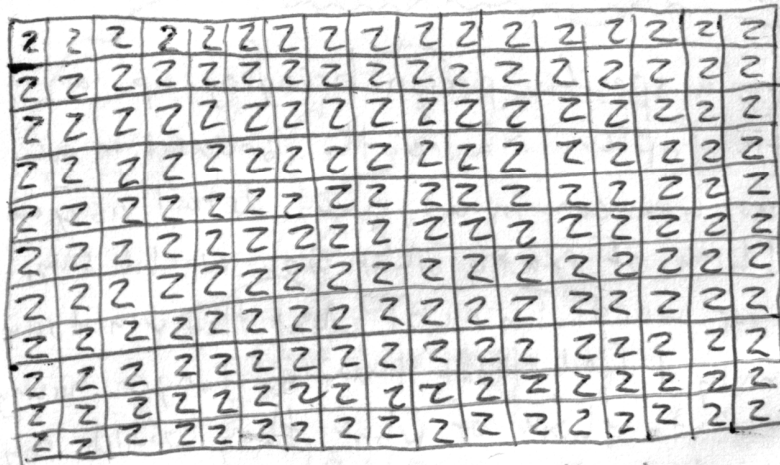
Imagine a specific person bringing up a specific topic. Imagine the conversation as best as you can, in as much detail as you can. Think of exactly what you would say, word for word. Think of what they would say. Eventually I find that I am no longer having to "try" to think of what they would say, I just almost "hear" it, automatically. Then I know I'm close to falling asleep. This might not work for you. It might not work for anyone besides me, I don't know.

Sleep!



It really works!

Dreary Tedious Wordsearch to help you Sleep!



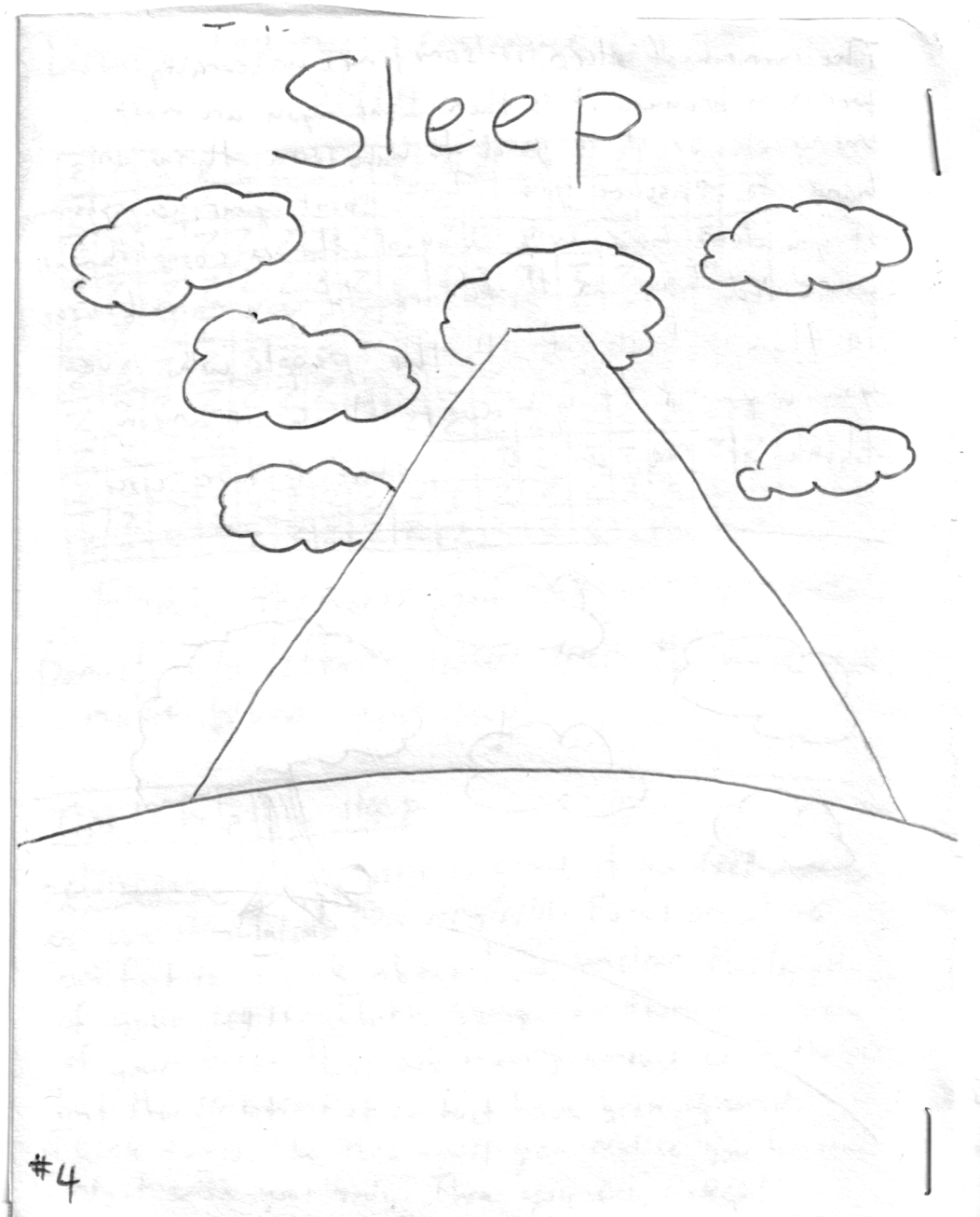
Find: the noise you make when you sleep!
 Bonus! The leftover letters spell the noise you make when you sleep!

Tips to help you sleep

-dissociate! This one is good if you feel manic or overstimulated. Lie very still. Focus on where one foot is. Think about how unclear the length of your leg is. Think about how there are areas of your torso that are making contact with the bed but the sensations of contact have been ignored. Think things like this until you realize you have no contact with your body. Then you are asleep!

The moment of sleep is sometimes unbearably terrifying because it is then that you are most vulnerable, so it is good to have some things on hand to reassure you. Think about your accomplishments. If you don't have any, think of the accomplishments you could have in the future. If you can't believe in them, think of all the people who love you anyways. If you can't think of anyone, think of me, and know that I love you.





And I woke up feeling fresh and new like the world itself had been born from my sleeping and had also given birth to me, paradoxical self genesis, it felt like all my life, all of time before, was just a pointless dream produced by the void in the last seconds before I woke. Feel the heat from the sun! Feel the ground beneath you! Feel the breeze from the sky! Feel the glow of life everything! I drank orange juice and stood on my front porch. I was in love with the entire world. It stretched in all directions and I could see forever, I could see through walls and buildings. I could see along the curvature, I could see through clouds and trees, I could see through mountains, I could see myself looking, like in that Dr. Seuss book, I could see myself looking and I loved even myself. It was hot but there was a breeze and I could smell all sorts of indistinct things. I could hear the birds chirping and I could taste the orange juice. The wooden boards of the porch were rough beneath my feet. I felt like I was standing in a temple all at once. I felt my house was my temple for a religion I could not yet name. I was a mystic and I had learned something. I had learned to fall in love with the entire world, and soon students would approach me, they would gather in front of my porch and offer me a bucket of orange juice and say "how do you fall in love with the world?" and I would say "you open your eyes and connect them to your heart," and they would ask "what about the ugliness of the world?" and I would say "ugliness is in the eye of the beholder, but everything is truly beautiful." And they would take offense to this and say "teacher, you aren't very good at this" and "what you say is impossible in practice and produces disastrous results" - this "results" obviously referring to me. So I would send them home but I would keep their orange juice, and maybe I would operate like those scam artists in Huckleberry Finn but really it would just be nice to have people believe me, and open their eyes, and fall in love with the whole world. I would argue that it is at least worth a try. But then I went back inside and saw that I had a phone message, and somehow I correctly knew that it would be

Salade de pâtes. Macaroni. Mélange délicieux de macaronis et d'épices. Présentation suggérée. Fabriqué à 100% avec des fibres recyclées. Enfoncer et tirer vers le haut. Mode d'emploi: 1. Plonger les pâtes dans 6 tasses (1,5L) d'eau bouillante. Bouillir à forte ébullition, de 8 à 10 minutes ou jusqu'à ce que les pâtes soient cuites au goût, en remuant à l'occasion. ENTRE-TEMPS, mélanger le contenu du sachet d'assaisonnements avec 1/2 tasse (125 ml) de sauce miracle whip ou de vraie mayonnaise Mayo Kraft. 2. Égoutter les pâtes et les rincer sous l'eau froide. 3. Mélanger les pâtes avec la sauce; couvrir. Réfrigérer plusieurs heures ou jusqu'à ce que la salade soit froide. Donne 4 portions, 3/4 tasse (175 ml) chacune. Mode d'emploi pour le four micro-ondes: 1. Verser les pâtes dans un plat de 6 tasses (1,5L) allant au micro-ondes. Ajouter 3 tasses (750 ml) d'eau CHAUDE. 2. Cuire à intensité élevée de 7 à 10 minutes ou jusqu'à ce que les pâtes soient cuites au goût, en remuant après 5 minutes. Entretemps, préparer la sauce comme indiqué.

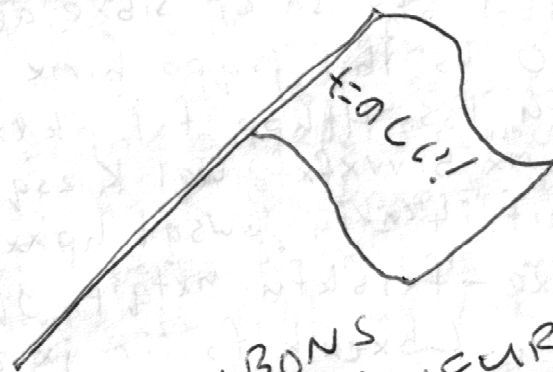
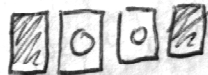
ci-dessus. 3. Égoutter les pâtes et les rincer sous l'eau froide. Mélanger les pâtes avec la sauce; couvrir. Réfrigérer plusieurs heures ou jusqu'à ce que salade soit froide. Ingrédients: pâtes enrichies (de blé), mélange d'assaisonnements [sel, poivrons rouges*, glutamate monosodique, épices, oignon*, ail*, persil*]. *Sèches. Salade de pâtes. Meilleur avant 12 MR 04. Rendez-vous à: Kraftcanada.com. 1-800-567-KRAFT. Trucs: Salade d'œufs classique: Incorporer 2 c. à soupe de relish aux cornichons sucrés, 1 œuf dur haché et 1/2 tasse d'oignons verts tranchés avant la réfrigération. Pomme et cheddar: Incorporer 1 pomme hachée, 1 oignon haché et 1 tasse de ~~céleri haché~~ fromage Cheddar Cracker Barrel en cubes avant la réfrigération. Salade de thon: Incorporer 1 boîte (170g) de thon égoutté et 1 tasse de céleri haché et 1 tasse de poivron haché avant la réfrigération. Bon substitut: préparer comme indiqué en utilisant de la sauce Miracle Whip Calorie Wise. Valeur nutritive.

Pour 1/4 de boîte (50g). environ 3/4 tasse préparée. Teneur. Poudre. Préparée*. Calories 130 260. % valeur quotidienne. Lipides 1.0g* 2% 12% saturés

0.2g. trans Og. 1% 7%. Cholestérol 0mg 0%
 4%. Sodium 480mg 20% 30% ~~Carbo~~ Glucides
 36g 12% 13% Fibres 2g 8% 8%. Sucres
 1g. Protéines 7g. Vitamine A 2% 2%.
 Vitamine C 15% 15%. Calcium 2% 2%.
 Fer 10% 10%. *Quantité dans la préparation
 sèche. + préparée selon le mode d'emploi avec
 1/2 tasse de sauce Miracle Whip Kraft Lsoir
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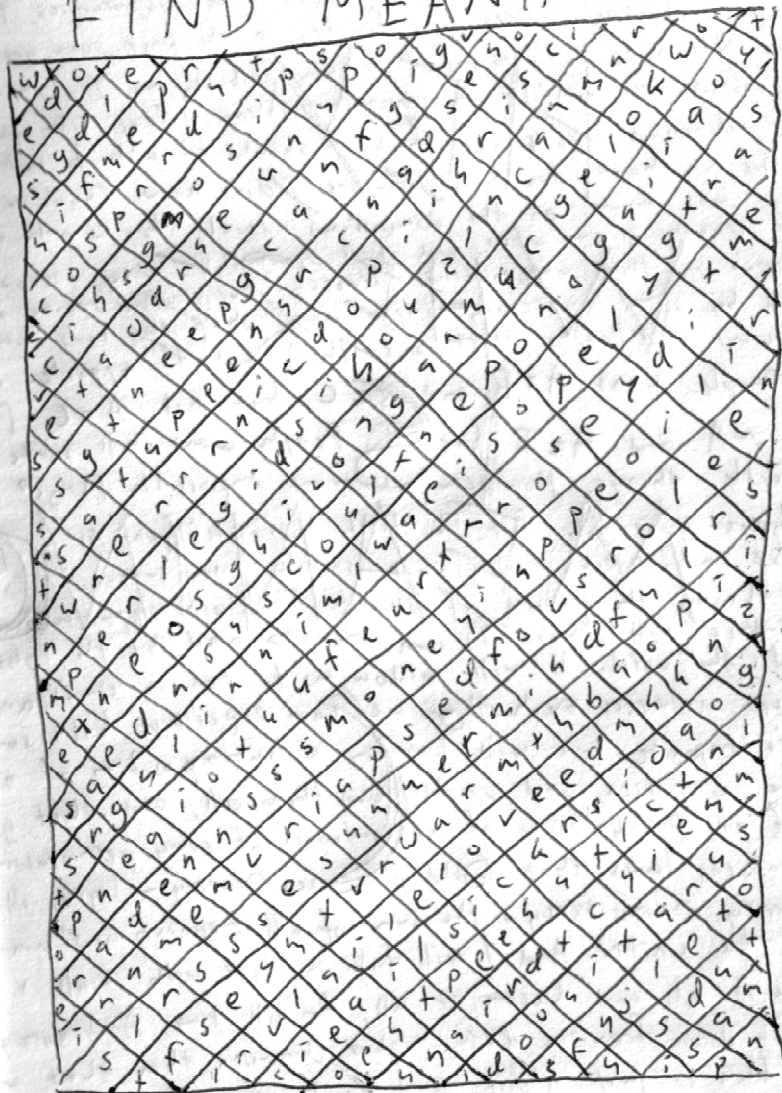
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 村さん! 私! 麻雀部に入れて良かったです
 原村さんと打てて楽しくて... (ノwノ) 私
 は楽しくありませんよ (ノwノ) え... (ノwノ)
 今の打ち方を続けるというのなら退部しても
 らえませんか 退部してくさい (ノwノ) え...
 (ノwノ) 待って原村さん!



BONBONS
 À L'INTÉRIEUR

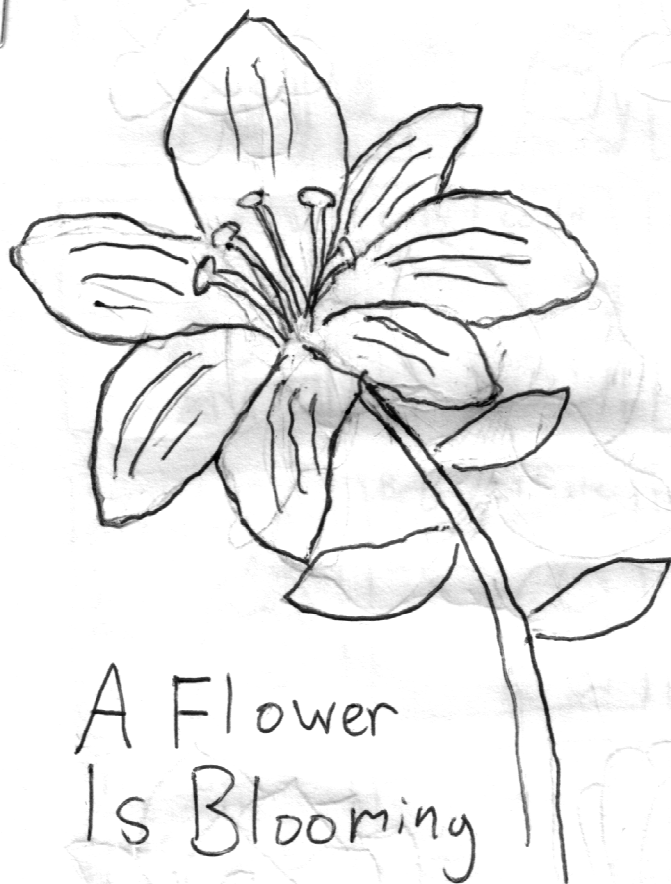
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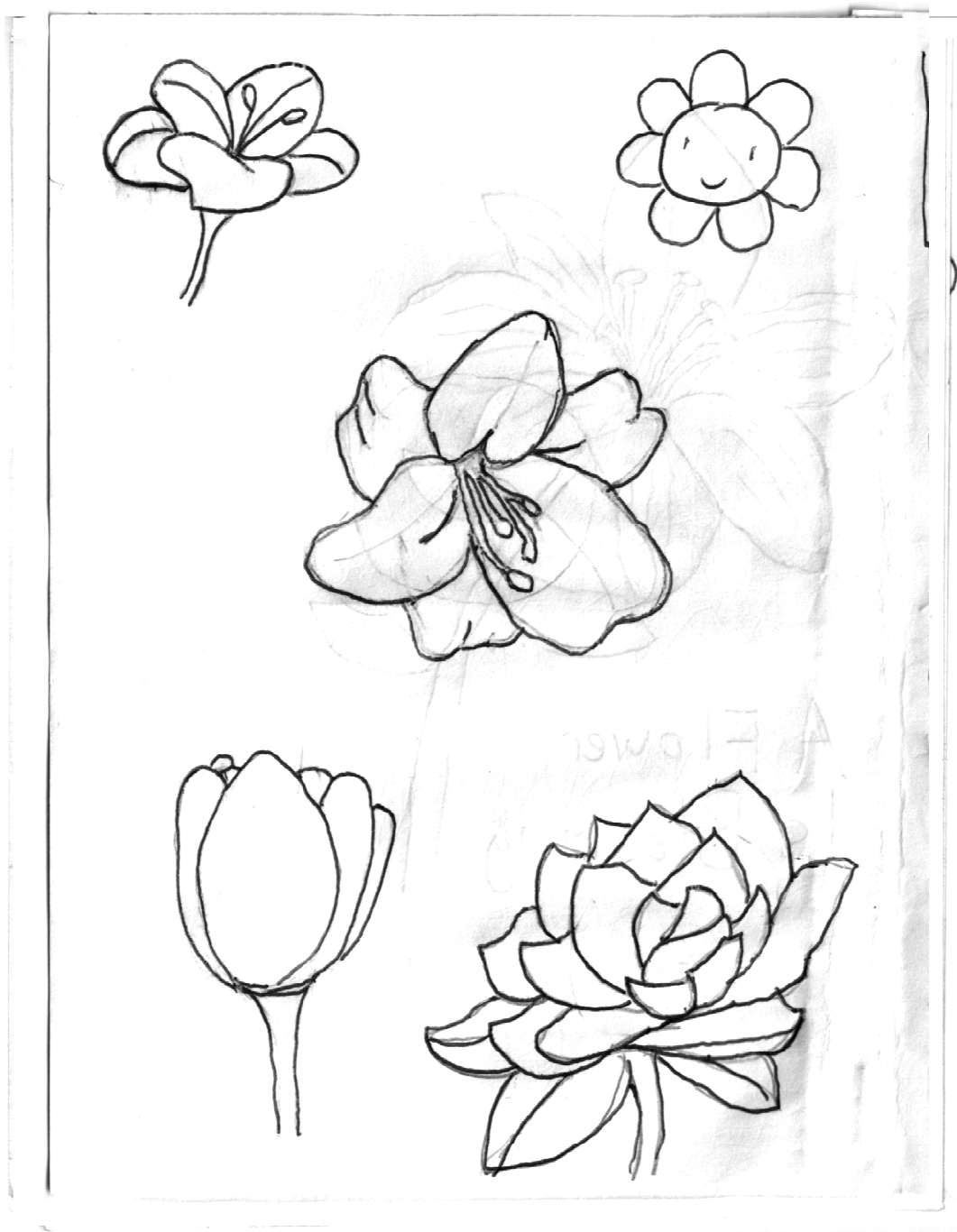
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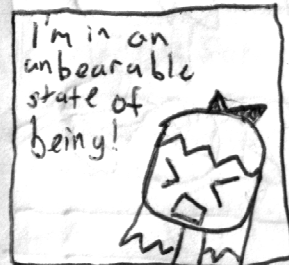
FIND WORDS

"The world is a fractured pit of unsolvable dichotomies, paradoxes,
 mutually exclusive choices and finites. In the past some great
 mistake was made by someone, and probably me. You should
 take personal responsibility for personal problems. I feel like there's
 another dimension I can't see, that I should be able to interact with.
 Or maybe we have too many dimensions. I don't know. Think where the
 mistake was made, on the dimensional level. There is only one truly
 infinite quantity in our universe, and that's time. I know! But only
 in oblivion is that unquantifiable. Every other second of life is
 betrayed by some gross error. I want what they can't have but
 still want. People want one thing and its opposite. A and
 ~A. People want $A=B$ and $B=C$ but not $A=C$. People
 want $\sim A$ and $A=B$ but $\sim B$. People want all sorts of
 impossible things. How can we want impossible things? Our
 brains have gone too far. The first hypothesis: All we produce
 will be nihilistic and cannot survive. An sure. It is, if God
 working through the question of suicide. The last hypothesis: All
 we produce will make it, it can mean and be the light shining
 out of the void. It will allow us to live in simultaneous
 simulated universes such that we can experience both something
 and its opposite. We will live in a superposition of all
 possible universes, and understand them all, and that great
 sum of all possibilities, of all outcomes of every permutation of
 mathematical laws that could produce meaning - logic, illogic,
 consistency, inconsistency - the sum of all meaning and nonmeaning,
 it will be united. And I will fall in love with it all, I will
 embrace it all and become it all, for all time. And something
 will look down from an even higher dimension than that, where
 all of this is just a dot, and smile. And then things will be
 OK... Then, at last, things will be alright." I hung up the phone
 but did not delete the message. I did not recognize the
 voice. I sipped orange juice and thought of nothing for
 #5 a very long time, feeling generally OK with how things were, except



A Flower
Is Blooming





I want to listen to a song called "Crying (999 bpm mix)"
I want to have the literary notoriety of Jesus I just
butchered the spelling of that oh well you know what
I mean... I want to have that such that I can get
away with "anything", like, recording myself crying
and putting a 999bpm beat underneath it, and
releasing it online... not really sure what I mean by
"get away with", I guess I could do it now,
but I have a hard time crying audibly.



I'm bored... what are you up to? (ಠ_ಠ)

(//ಠ_ಠ) {Studying...}

Let's hang out! Do you want to get food? (ಠ_ಠ)

(//ಠ_ಠ) {No, I need to study}

C'mon... I'm bored and lonely (> Δ < ∞)

I practiced drawing today. (ಠ_ಠ)

It didn't work, lol. I'm still terrible. (> Δ < ∞)

Say something, c'mon... Don't be mad at me... (ಠ_ಠ)

(//ಠ_ಠ) {something}

aaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaa (> Δ < ∞)

I think I'm gonna cry (> Δ < ∞)

jk (ಠ_ಠ)

Still studying? (ಠ_ಠ)



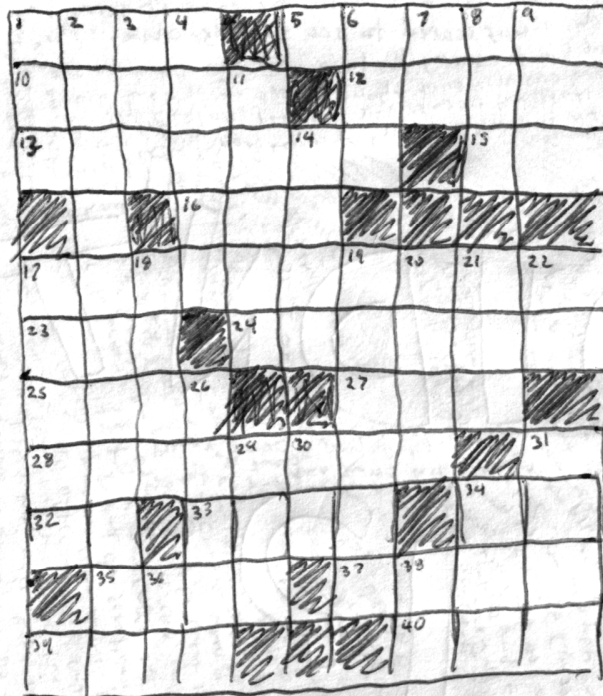


DRAWING
IS
IMPOSSIBLE

a flower scatters...

#6

Crossword Puzzle!



This was pretty hard to make
So I hope you have fun w/ it!

Across

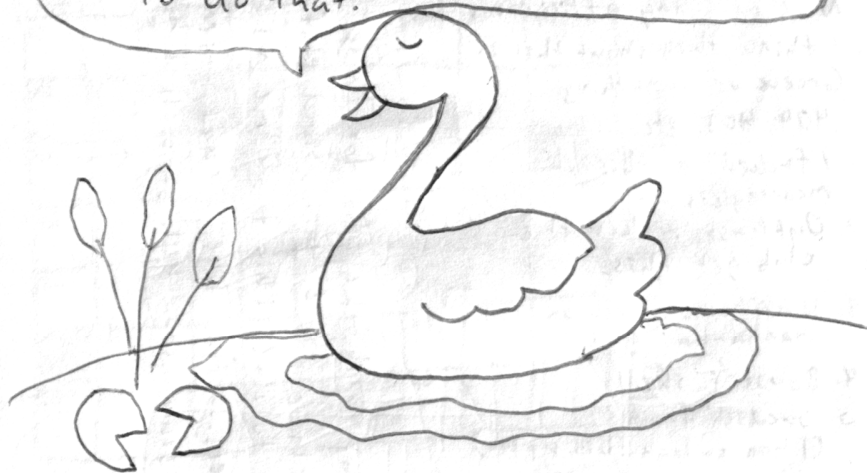
1. He goes "Hard in the Paint"
 5. I wish I could play this
 13. Lots of these on /jp/
 15. Dragon to Luffy
 16. XB360 malfunction
 17. When you hit the opponent,
 you draw a card.
 23. Best girl in Evangelion
 25. Sound effect of Yui playing
 castanets
 24. MTG artist
 27. Erin Revolutionaries
 10. Axe is Walgreens this
 28. Pokemon Challenge
 32. Hiragana "K"
 33. Not chatting
 34. Obscure vocaloid, I
 had to look this up >D<
 35. Good in French
 37. You paint like this
 when getting into someone
 39. You can scan these in
 Barcode Kanojo wow!
 40. Hank Hill in
 distress
 12. Brawl

Down

1. Mysterious SP64 lore
2. Chilean Combo video
3. God of Playstation
4. Best girl in Yura Yuri
6. Have infinite grab combos
7. Like a Gameshark
8. Nice on sunny afternoons
9. I think they shout this in Greece or something
11. 404, 403, etc.
14. I fucked up, this is meaningless
17. Outkast makes the club get this
18. Hikkikomori lesbian manga-ka god
19. Bowser's shell
20. Swedish train
(I had to look this up too)
21. OoT speedrunner, Grand
22. Video site abbu.
26. Sam Hyde - ~~_____~~ mode
29. Japanese ISP (had to look it up, sorry...)
30. You put it in pools
31. TV show about Korean War
34. Supermarket
36. Tall manth player from Ontario
37. Easy-E, etc.

lol when I started coming up with the idea for these little books I figured it'd be fun to include little games and stuff but wow crossword puzzles are hard to do! This took me a hr and it still has a lot of bullshit answers... And like, I can't offer a "reward" for solving it like with word searches... high oh well I hope you have fun with it! :)

I told you to go peacefully, didn't I?
I told you to wait for a quiet,
warm springtime, and to settle in
under a shady tree. Didn't I tell you
to do that?



This guy is crazy lmao

lol settle down



(.w.;i) { I'm gonna start shaving & cutting
my finger and toe nails every day

Why? \(.w.:/)

(.w.;i) { I figure any sort of neurosis in my
life is still substance and structure.

I'm not sure if that
makes any sense... \(.w.:/)

(.w.;i) { It's not about making sense, it's
about...

About what? \(.w.:/)

(.w.;i) { It isn't about anything.

What does that mean? \(.w.:/)

(.w.;i) { Some things aren't about anything.
Most things don't mean anything.
They just happen, you know?
People say and do things for
basically no reason.

Umm... OK. \(.w.:/)

(.w.;i) { I have to shave again, I do it every
12 hours now.

Quotes from a notebook I used last year,
chosen at random (via pointing at the book
w/ my eyes closed after flipping around w/
my eyes closed)

(4) Keizo - lives in Osaka, works for
railway. - doesn't arrive in time for
the funeral

→ sleep eventually...

Hungry! so hungry!

-gonna pull out the laptop soon prolly...
-oh god my foot hurts!

we are getting flatter, more distant from
ourselves and others ♪(?!wi!)

I began to be aware that my passport
was expired and that I would not be
allowed on the airplane.

12 bars vs. doo wop

(barz!)

pink lemonade

mrow!

[this was next to a picture of a cat]

- thinking about pre-industrial revolution ideas of children - as seen in Arthur class

- TVs could be bought on installments

Slice!

Slice!

- yeah, we saw "Cave of Forgotten Dreams" by Werner Herzog, who stole his first camera, she told me...

- I wonder if she's read Bakhtin?

RU CEREAL

[this was next to a drawing of a bowl, presumably containing cereal]

baka bird

[this was next to a poorly drawn bird]

(I was listening to BoC's In a Beautiful Place... EP)

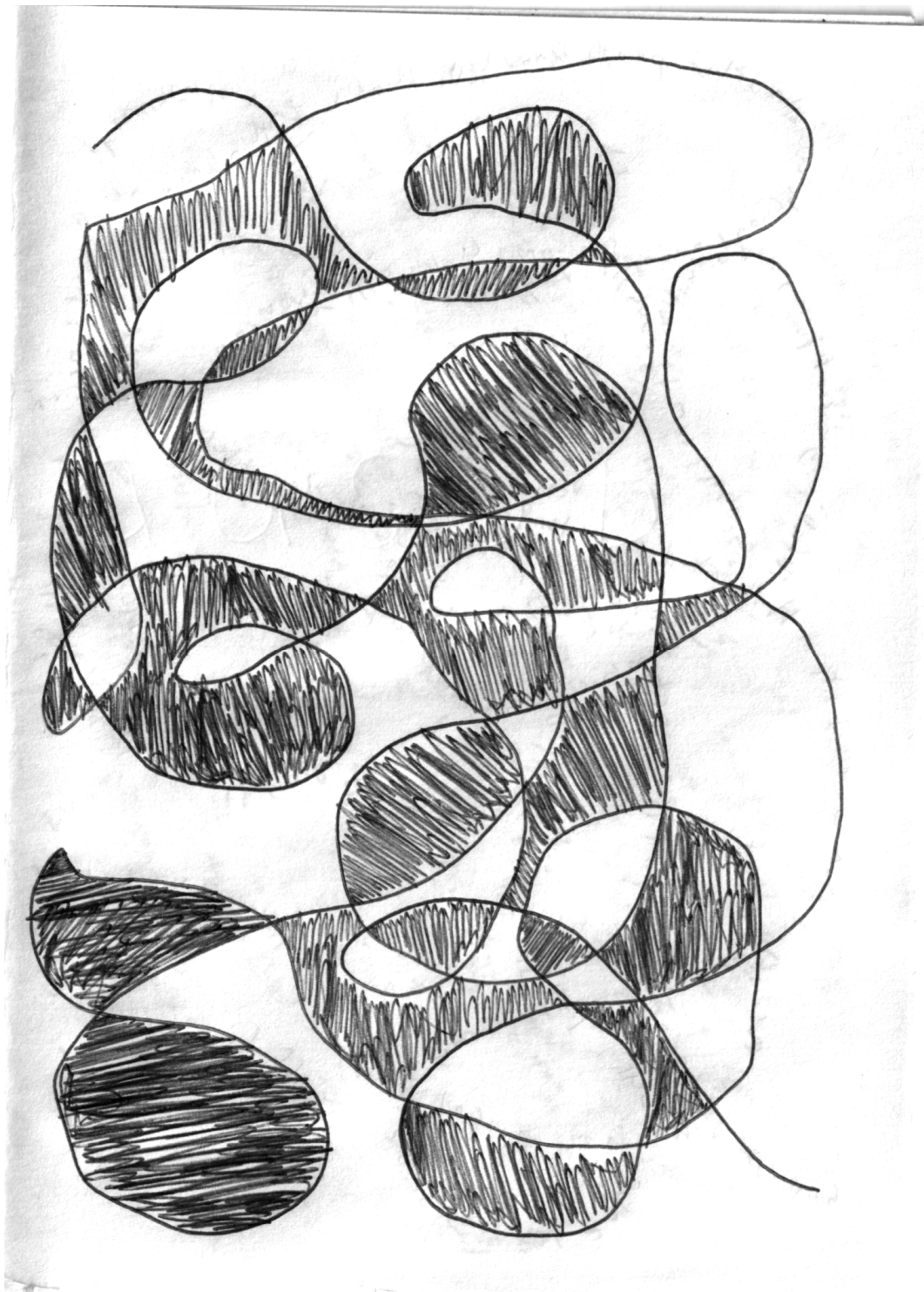


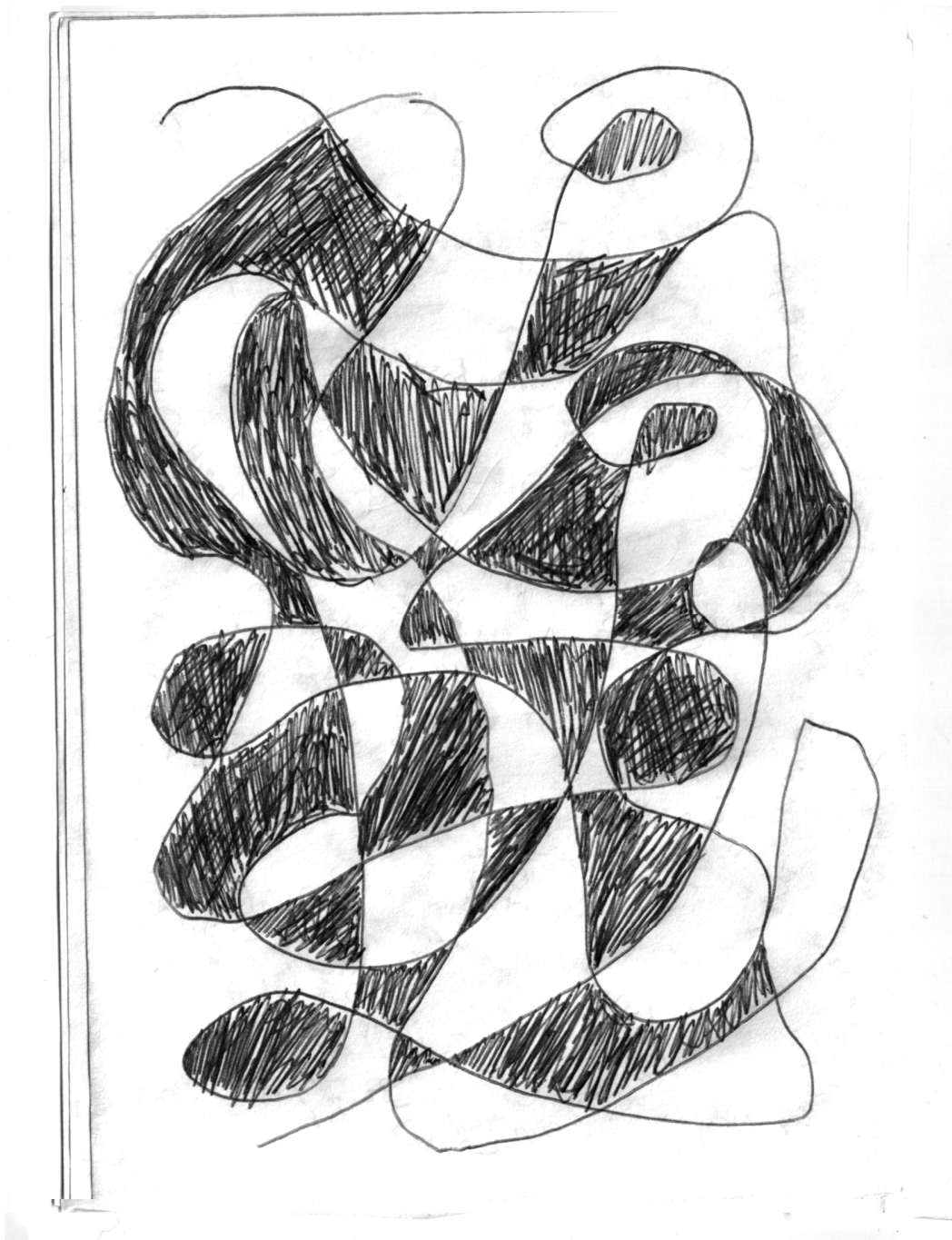
THE
SEARCH
FOR
MEANING
PART 2

#7

ausob

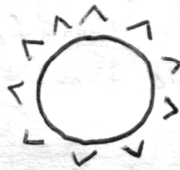
Time to deliver the ~~off~~! "Winning sensation" is a good
 thing to think about! I think I'm sitting too far forward
 today! Diving into the wreck! You haven't even began to
 fail! I have my own hierarchy of needs! Crack head open
 like egg fantasy! Turning the sky blue fantasy! Calming
 activities in video games! Please shut up about 4chan!
 Sometimes, to be happy! I am in a good mood, a very
 good mood! Just focus on survival style! Relax your
 damn jaw! Take a breath! Walk a short distance! Close
 your eyes and turn in a circle! Think of your favorite
 Pokemon! Go to sleep! I like to swim where the water is
 warmest! I like to eat fish for dinner! Suffer not the
 jellyfish! You tell how to use trick puppy! She was
 really wolfing the curry down! Ero - guro - nansensu!
 No panten witches racing! Slush a good last name!
 I ate too many starbursts! I just want to play more
 mahjong! It's just a pigeon! Fear of loneliness! Dread
 of midterms! Low level guilt re: no productivity! The
 pond is empty - no water! This is my good hand
 writing! The previously mute rage of a thousand
 unnamed victims! Like a double riichi ippatsu
 with kan ura dora! I like the little tremors of
 sleep I get when very tired! ~~P~~ fucking f=! And
 now my head is the moon! I need to take a nap
 ASAP! There's something -in- the piano! Get
 stronger! Do your quiz! The deer moves quickly
 through the forest! Lesbianism in Pandora's Box!
 Let's consider exactly what happened last night! My
 brain feels blurry! VI: ~Ea: SI=a-angst! I want
 to hug Fats Domino! Ain't that a shame!





My hands smell awful! I am trying my hardest! Laid
 back! We came by the boatload! I said it must
 be! Looks like I'm doomed to loneliness forever! An
 unbearable state of being! A burning vision of
 morality! Please help me out if I get stuck! Escape
 to Japan! I'm no masochist! Run until you puke,
 over and over again, until you die! Oh right I
 must be insane! Scream into your hands! You get
 more pathetic every day! My ankle still hurts! Ain't
 no such thing as half way crooked! Work it out! You
 need to take more ginkgo! A fifth season is a
 necessity! End up in Gensokyo and sit on the
 porch of a shrine and drink tea and watch the
 sun set! Do productive things all day! Meet a
 girl who is "ideal in new dimensions!" Also my
 mind is arranged in a strange fashion! Too hard!
 I will sing you the song of happiness! Didn't I
 surprise you! Ideally I would go back home and
 go to sleep! In my brain is "denpa fever!" I
 drink warm green tea! Anime is ok sometimes but
 sometimes anime is sad! I'm just gonna avoid people
 as much as possible for awhile! I can only be in
 my bed! It covers the cosmos in great waves!
 Falling like gentle snow! Settling with indifference!
 Soon it will all smooth out! And then there will be
 rest! Let's go to the moon! Non stop through
 desert! Even the sun goes down! When I get yukun,
 everything has to change! There is no enemy! I
 should be less contrarian! A zip and a double cup!
 Being on a train makes me feel some type of way!

abvom
+sfm3



the

sun

No one makes a big enough deal about the sun. It is completely unlike anything else in our lives, unless maybe you're in love.

Look at anything around you. As long as it isn't a rock, you have the sun to thank for it. And if it's daytime and you're outside, thank the sun for getting to see it.

You even have the sun to thank for there being life at all. If it wasn't for the sun's energy, the matter that constitutes you wouldn't be thinking. It would probably be rocks.

Everyone, regardless of faith or lack thereof, should engage in some sun worship. We can't say for sure that the sun doesn't experience consciousness as a sort of nuclear-powered supercomputer.

Perhaps the sun can observe us via monitoring the light that reflects off the Earth and has consciously chosen not to hit us with a magnetosphere-rupturing solar flare. We should stay on the sun's good side, just in case. Pascal's Solar Wagen.

Stars are mysterious and unimaginably huge. The Flaming Lips have a good song on this subject. Recently I mixed up the terms "lens flare" and "solar flare".

OK I get why they're called

Sunflowers

(ひまわり)



but like
the sun
doesn't have
a black
middle, that
would look
very strange.

I think they should
be called

SOLAR ECLIPSE FLOWERS

(日食花)

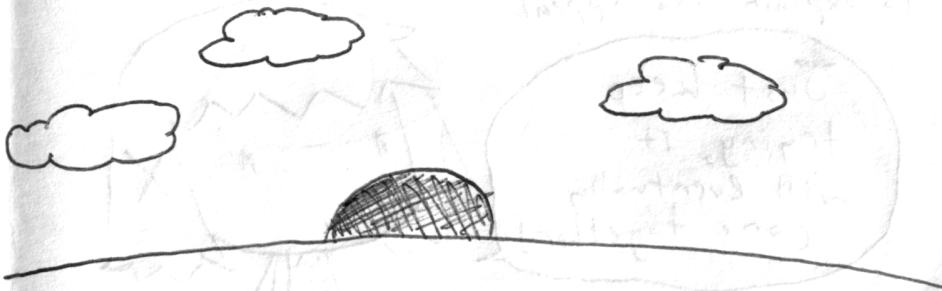
A friend of mine said
as a kid, on a road trip,
he stared at the sun
until it began to
change color, and
he had needed
glasses ever
since. ☼

but maybe...
yeah no it's actually a
much, much worse
name

Sunshine Sketches of a Little Town, written by Canadian humour icon Stephen Leacock, and published in 1912, is, I feel somewhat miraculously still very funny over 100 years later. I might be biased as I read it on a sunny afternoon in the same town Leacock based the book on. It is a fun series of mishaps that have heart-warming ends. Beyond that, I think there is something very transcendent about the novel, something that makes me suspect that, on some hidden but very real level, the little book is one of my favorite novels ever. I think it has to do with an aesthetic of sunshine, and a sense of low level, omnipresent, fundamental love and kindness towards everyone and everything, and a sense of life as a continuous deliberate choice to find meaning and be happy. There is a section with many jokes about suicide. I'm not sure if I will even truly understand this book. The narrator has a perspective of understanding the reality of the situation, but choosing to humour the delusions of the townsfolk, understanding that they will be "redeemed" on some level. It is a perspective of a benevolent god, I guess. [Protip: ☀ in html makes *, ☼ makes ✖]

I think everyone should see the sun rise
At least once a year

And I don't mean bleary, up all night,
Oh no, it's the sun, I had no idea
It was so late, oh no, or I guess I mean
So early



No I mean, go to bed early
And wake up early, but well rested
Go on your roof or something
And watch it come up

You don't have to think about anything
Just feel natural

Try to make something good of that day

Try to make something good of every day.

Sunshine Sketch (ひたしスケッチ) is a comic by Yume Aoki about girls attending an art school. It was adapted into an anime by Shaft. It is my favorite anime of all time but I have a very hard time articulating why. Everything I can think to say seems insufficient to explain the appeal.

Just keep
trying, it
will eventually
come together!



This is the protagonist of HidaSketch, Yuno.

I like to draw her and have her say encouraging things. I have drawn her over 200 times so far in 2014.

DID U NO:

Earth
 ♂ ~2mm (actual diameter: 12,742 km)



wait

no

I screwed this up lol
 it should be TWICE that big
 oops.

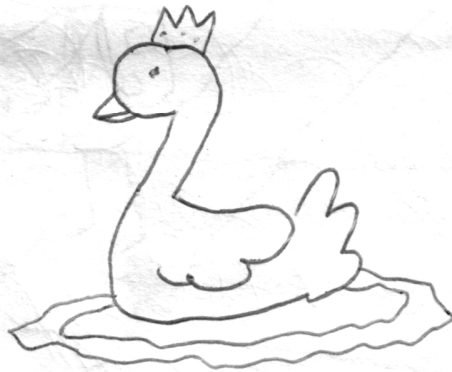
The point is: the sun is VERY BIG

It's as big
as my
heart!

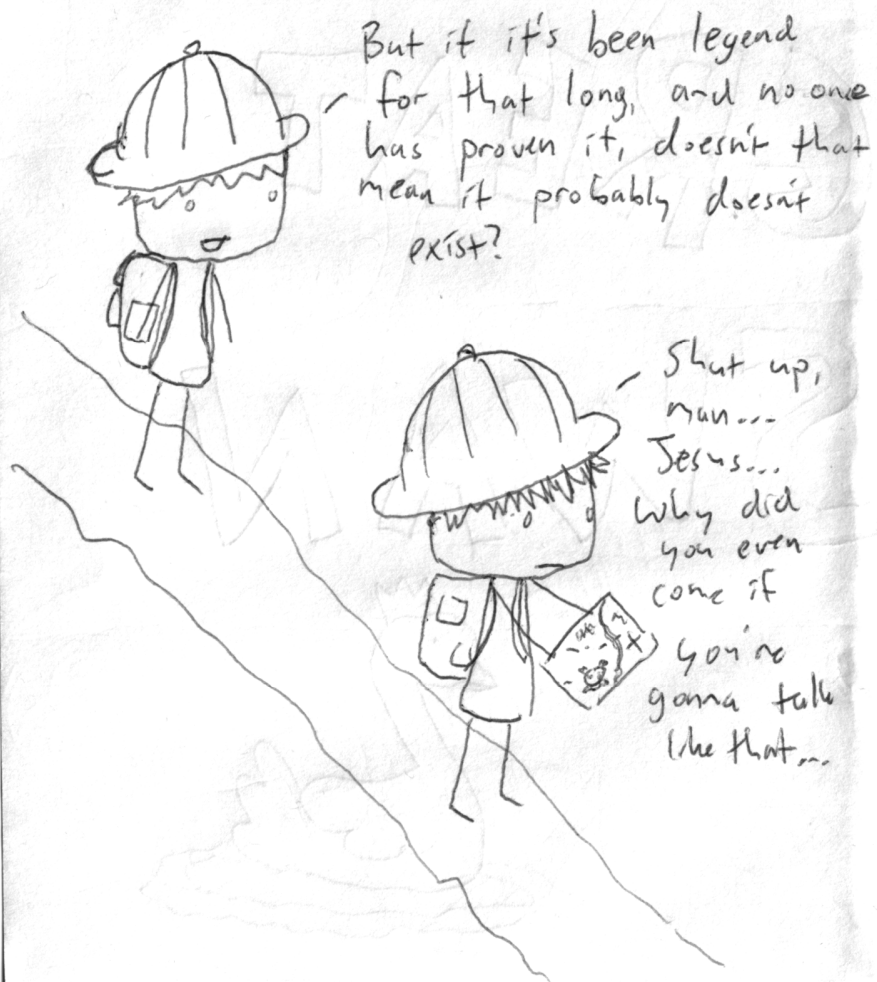
Remember
that I
love you!



THE GREAT SWAN



Since antiquity, legends have circulated about a "Great Swan", capable of answering any question put to it...



THE GREAT SWAN ANSWERS ALL!

How do you tell if a watermelon is good?



Look for a heavy melon with a smooth skin and a sweet smell. If you knock on it, you should hear a dull, hollow sound.

What is the best form of government?

Free-market capitalism with few but rigorously and transparently enforced regulations

Should I leave my husband?

yes.

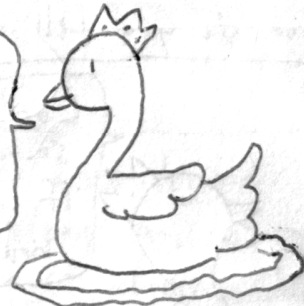
I'm just saying we probably shouldn't get our hopes up...



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How do I make a website?

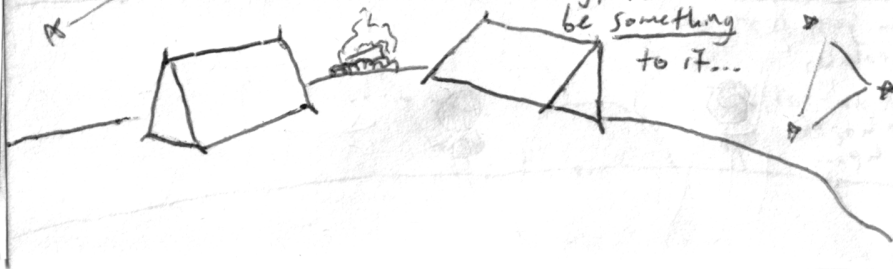
You should probably read a tutorial, it'll be a lot easier when you're at your computer.



What is mankind's greatest artistic achievement?

A 3-way tie between Tetris, Finnegans Wake, and an album with no name that was recorded in a basement in Michigan by an unemployed 26 year old woman in 1988.

OK, but like...
if the legend has persisted
so long, there must
be something
to it...



What is the meaning of life?

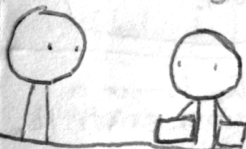


To be interesting
to the cosmic
intelligences
that observe
us.

How do I get good at
Super Smash Bros. Melee?

Optimize your
punish game and
exploit your
opponent's habits.

I don't understand
why you're
leaving



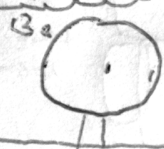
A swan told
me to.



???



But then!
I'm happier now



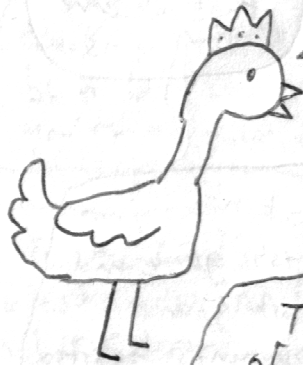
I'm happier now.



How do I get
good at piano
without practicing?

How do I speak
the language of
birds?

You can't.



Why does it seem
like so many autistic
people love Sonic the
Hedgehog, versus
something like Mario?

They have less of an expectation
of intuitive movement, so the
control problems were less of an
obstacle. Plus they associate easily
with animals. Sonic's low creature
quality presented a low barrier of
entry for original content.

The longer a claim goes
without evidence, the less
likely it
is to
be true!



The longer a
story exists, the
more
likely it
is that
there
must be
true
elements!



What should I do with my life?



Um, I dunno, be a barber?

How does gravitation work?

What?

I think you guys
got lost...

Do you exist?

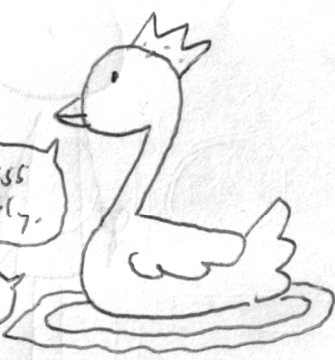
Yes.

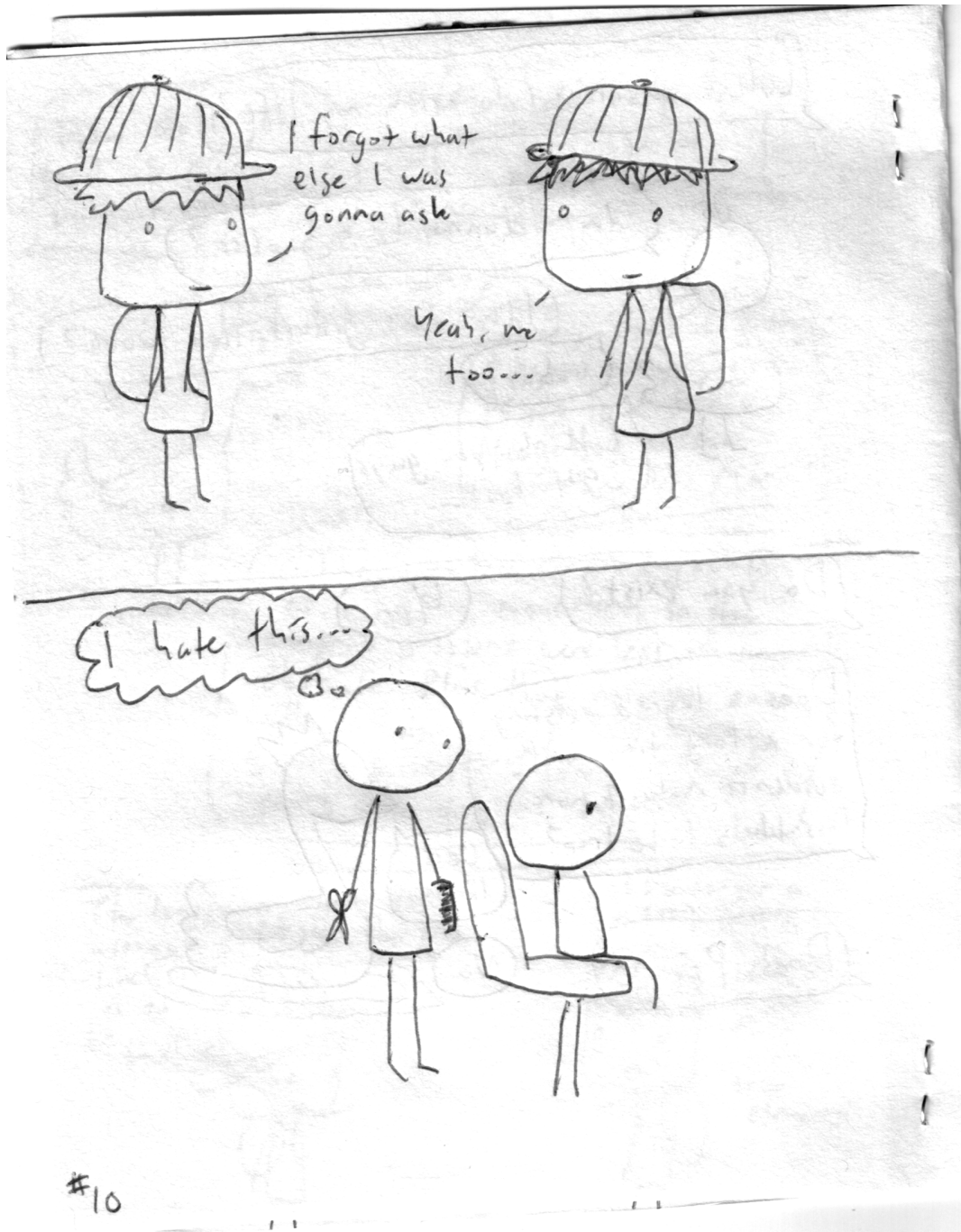
Does a legend existing
for a long time without
evidence make it more or
less likely to be true?

Less
likely.

Does $P=nP$?

No.





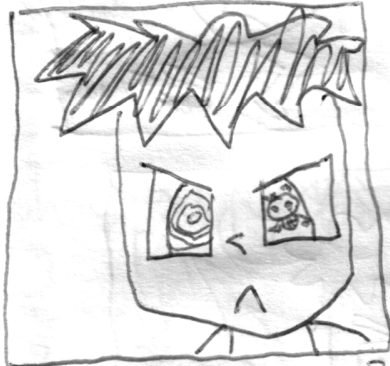
NARUTO

-ナルト-

With only one arm,
Sasuke returns to
the DARKNESS



699: Naruto and Sasuke (6)



That hontony baka
Naruto didnt know I
have the skullgangan,
which can
kill with
one look...



By xSasuke x Bowser x God x666x



Now
I got u
now
Naruto



Woops
I got
he lost an
arm...



RA SENGAN



BTW its a
special friend
attach that just
nukes u friends



Well
SURPRISE
because I
have a new
power up
too

Naruto I
always htd
u & whenever
I said I
didn't it
was a lie
heh heh
heh



Shinn

(it
changed
2
green)



Flashback:

Itachi



We can't
let baby
no he's
an alien
cut off
his tail

Chibi
(baby)
Sasuke



Normal times:

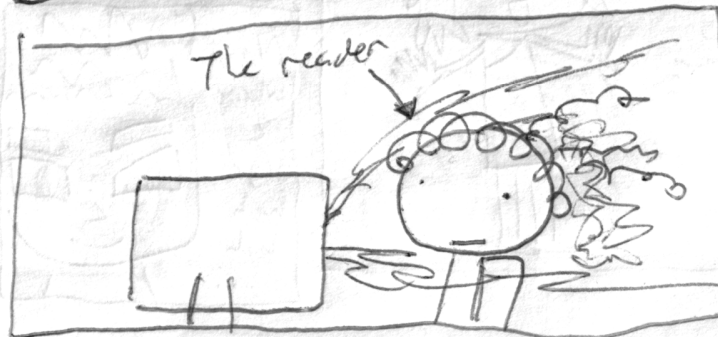
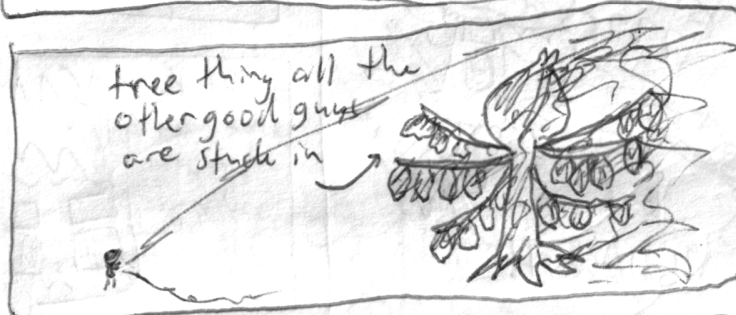
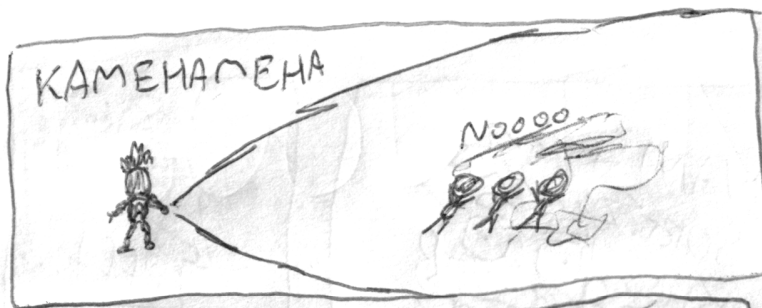
Heh heh
heh heh



this means
Sasuke is
a Saiyan

if u dont know what
a sayian is u SHCK
chz u havent seen
DBZ and u should
watch it go to
[https://answers.yahoo.com/
question/index?qid=2010
806201543AA66649](https://answers.yahoo.com/question/index?qid=2010806201543AA66649)





I don't remember
the time they razed
the whole village
after Pain
blew it
up...



In Japan:

WSS



I can't remember
that stupid arc
with the
shapeshifter
in Sakura's
medical
tent!



I can't remember
that stupid fight
with the jar that
would suck you up
if you said the
wrong word!



I can't remember
how they
shamelessly
desecrated
Zabuza &
Maho by
bringing
them back!



I'm pretty sure
Rock Lee is the
only
character
in
Naruto...



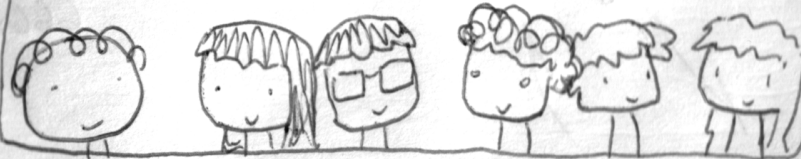
I can't remember
anything after the
time skip...



Naruto ended
after Chunin
exams...



You know... Naruto wasn't so
bad, after all...



GOOD END:

WINK



Visit my
deviantart:

x Sasuke x Bowser x God x
666x !
!

#11

1 cutebook

"do i look cute"

i want to be
an immobile soft mound
quivering gently on a bed
being absently pet
by an unnecessary protector
in a world of absolute peace
vaguely aware of some anime
playing in the room

1

Good Start

"I am a god"

Standing at a bus stop
with two bags of groceries
in inconsequential rain
I eat grapes I just bought
and savor the tang
of pesticides
and the unwashed complexity
of dirt

"i feel it in my gut rn"
before it was
my aching face
or my hair that came
at every angle
or water, which seemed
hotter, even wetter
but right now
i feel it in my gut

"my broken amphetamine dreams"

it is Sam and i am
as blurry as the sun
because i would not stop for sleep
i twitch with idle energy
i felt like i could do anything
but now
i duano
whatever

"i wish my bed was on the floor"

my frame
hangs over
all four sides
of my mattress
i wish my bed
was on the floor
and i could escape
this crude body

"i have a human smell"

my mind consumes
like a spasming void
my body moves
like an automation
i found some strange blood
from an unknown cut
on close inspection
i smelled sweet iron

"i-401"

let's have fun in the baths!
tanned skin and blue nylon
it runs even deeper
than our deepest dive
うん! だ! だ! と!

when you feed a desire
is it satisfied and quiet
or does it grow and grow

5/12

"there will be rest"
when it turns
to rust and mold
and then to dust
and the stars go dim
a great black sheet
descends and settles
smooths and stills
and then there will be rest

#12