

My name is Rachel Corrie



NAME: RACHEL CORRIE

DATE OF  
BIRTH: APRIL 10<sup>th</sup>, 1979

ADDRESS: OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON, USA.

FAMILY: CINDY + CRAIG CORRIE (PARENTS),  
CHRIS CORRIE (BROTHER)  
SARAH CORRIE (SISTER)

# ★WHAT I HAVE...★

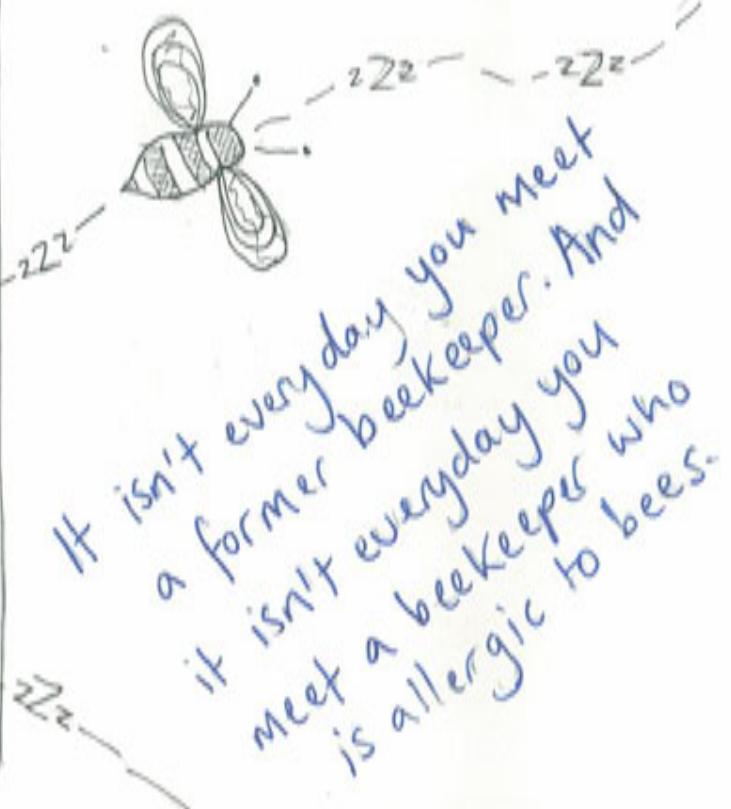
- a house cat
- small hands, crooked toes, knees, elbows, thighs.
- a throat
- a belly
- dirt under my nails
- 6 lost journals underneath seats in trains across the country
- a Buick  
    ↗ questionable?
- 8 black ballpoint pens
- sharp teeth
- beady eyes
- AND HOPE!!



# ★WHAT I WANT...★

- a garden with pumpkins
- bare earth to turn over + turn over
- hardwood floors for sock ballet
- air                          } sometimes  
- raspberries } in the morning
- danger
- stolen kisses from a sneaky, mystery Lover man!!!

It isn't everyday you meet a former beekeeper. And it isn't everyday you meet a beekeeper who is allergic to bees.



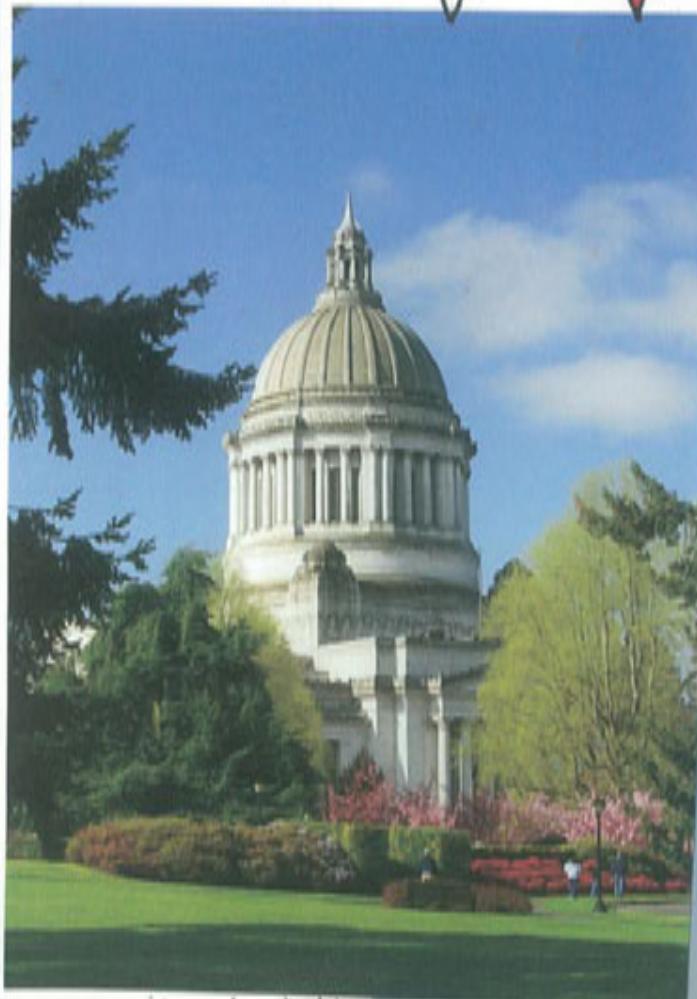


- colin -



(the former beekeeper)

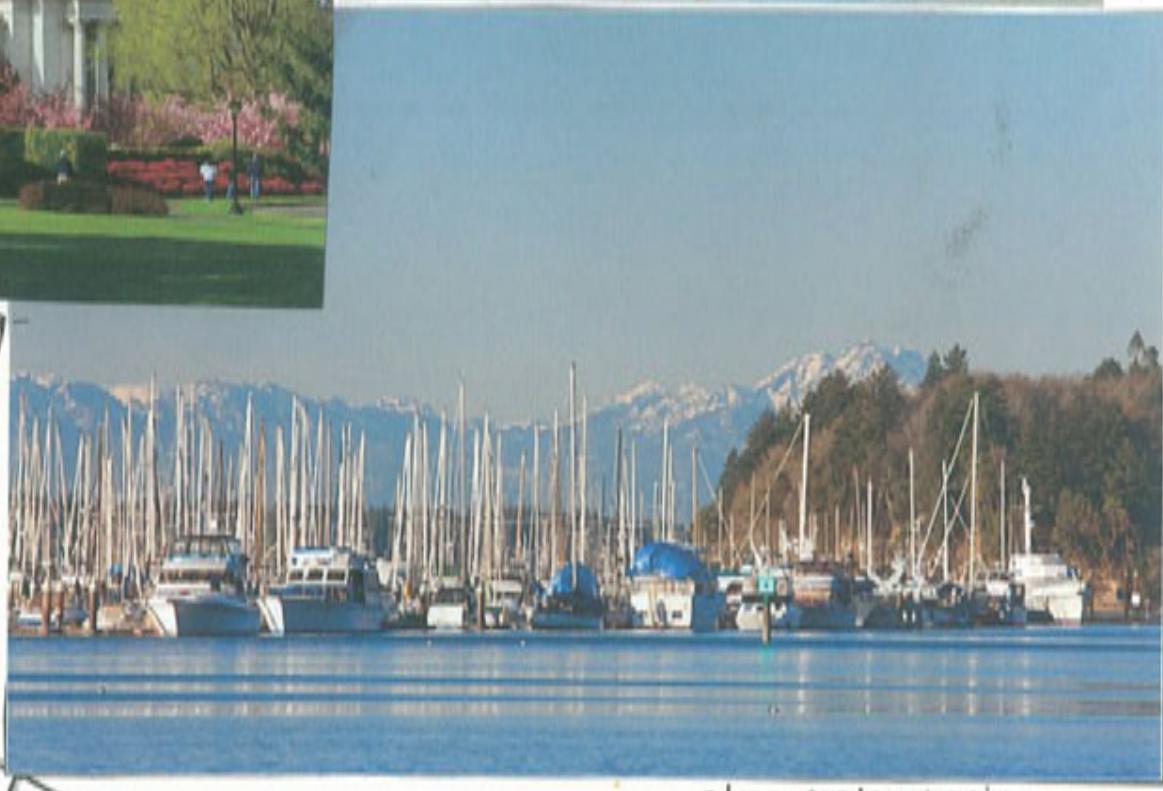
O L Y M P I A W A



- capitol building -

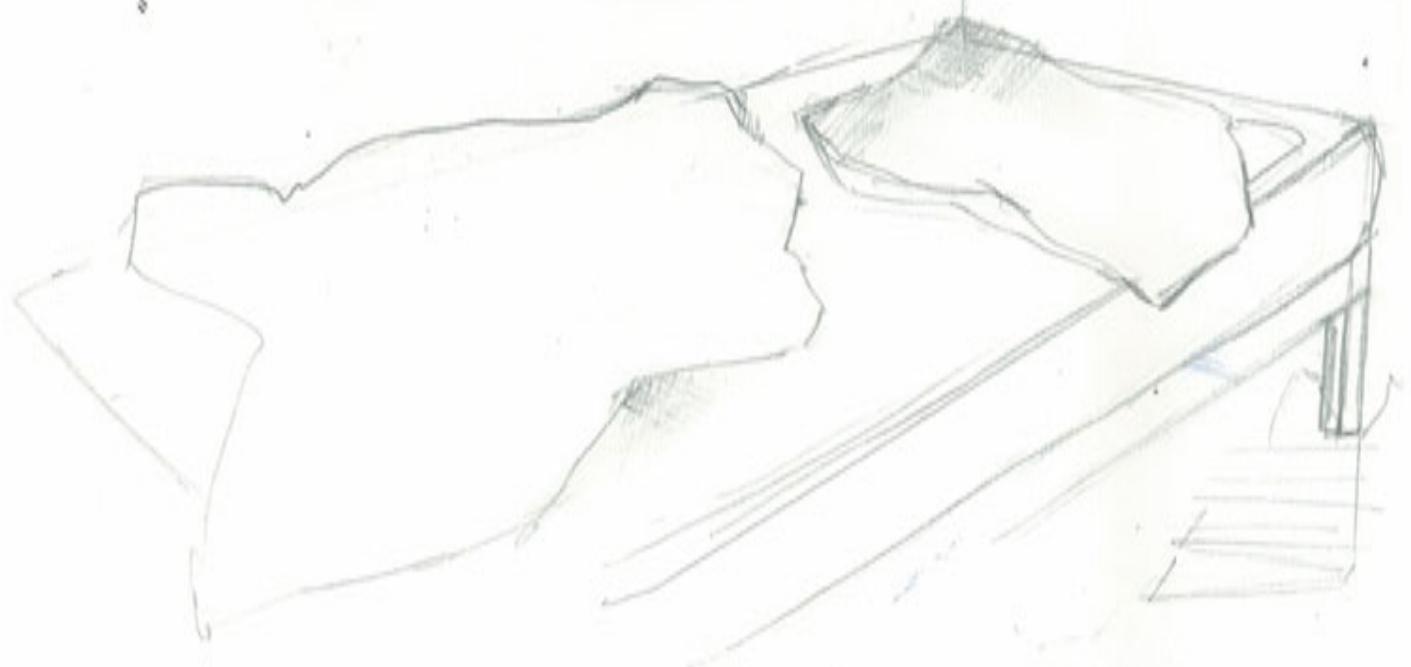


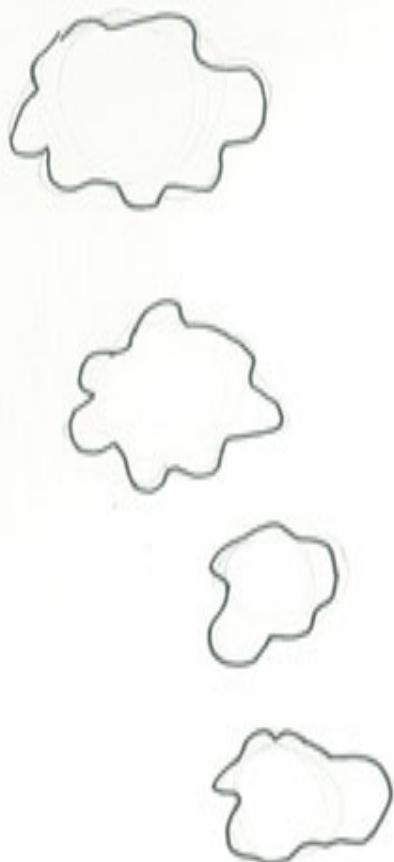
— MY COLLEGE —



- olympia's marina -

M Y H O M E T O W N

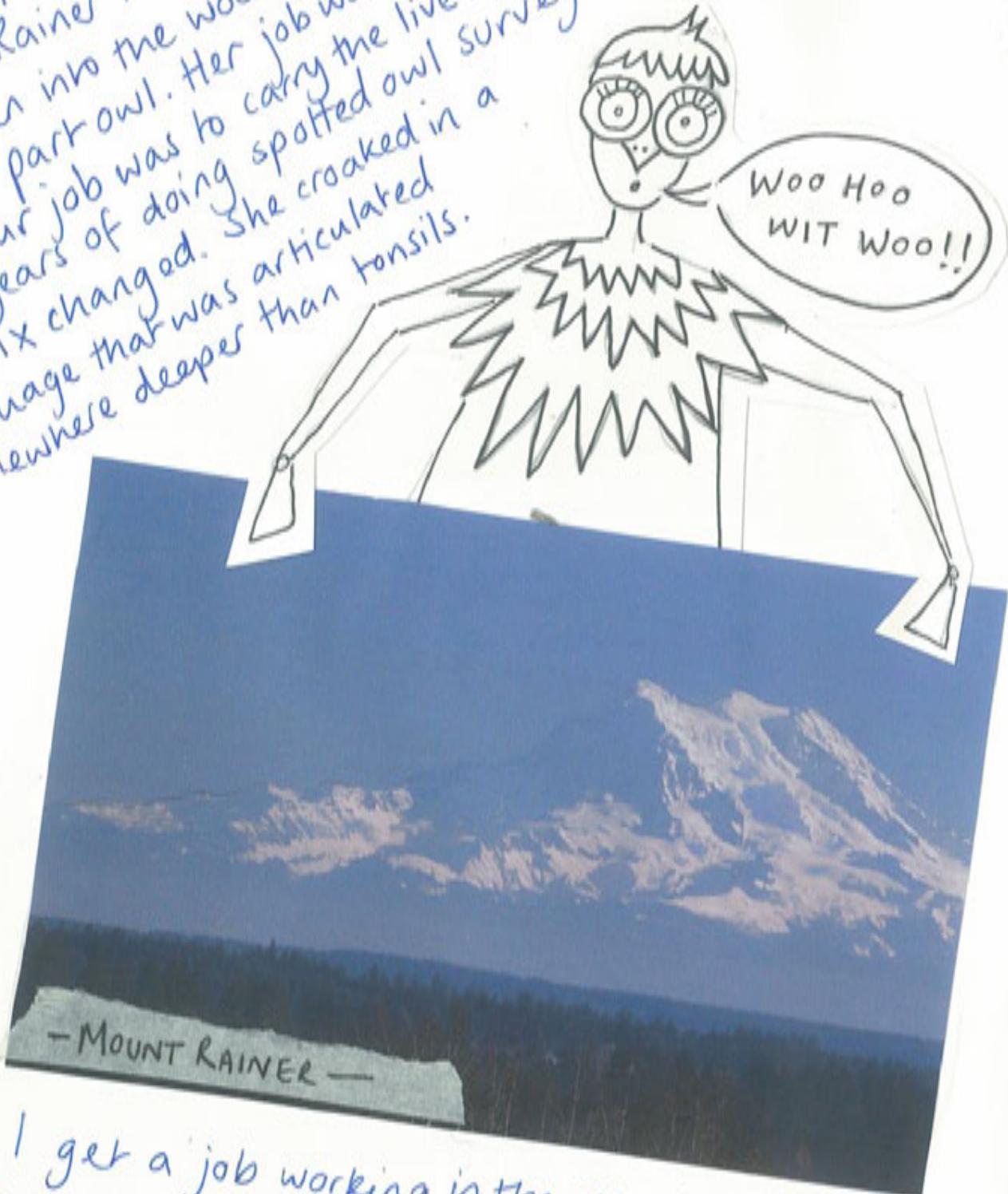




FIVE PEOPLE  
I WISH I'D  
MET WHO ARE  
DEAD :-

1. SALVADOR DALI
2. KARL JUNG
3. MLK
4. JFK
5. Josephine.

— When I worked at Mount Rainier we followed a woman into the woods. She had become part owl. Her job was to entice them out. Our job was to carry the live mice. Somehow, after years of doing spotted owl survey, this woman's larynx changed. She croaked in a language that was articulated somewhere deeper than tonsils.



— I get a job working in the mountains. I wear overalls. I learn the names of 4 different kinds of wrenches + 3 different kinds of hammers. I learn to use a chain saw. Power Drill. I shovel snow as if there is nothing else so important. I come home and sleep until its time to go to work again. I start letters to Colin but I fall asleep on the pages after a few lines.

# Leaves

Lie down on your back

gaze up to the sky

ignore prickly grass

the ant passing by

look up to the branches

with sun light glinting through

see the sparkle of leaves

they are whispering to you

by Rachel Corrie





What I need to do —

- Send Tuesday's minutes out over internet
- Write an article for Monday's staff newsletter
- Call Tom again!
- Make a list of things hanging over my head.

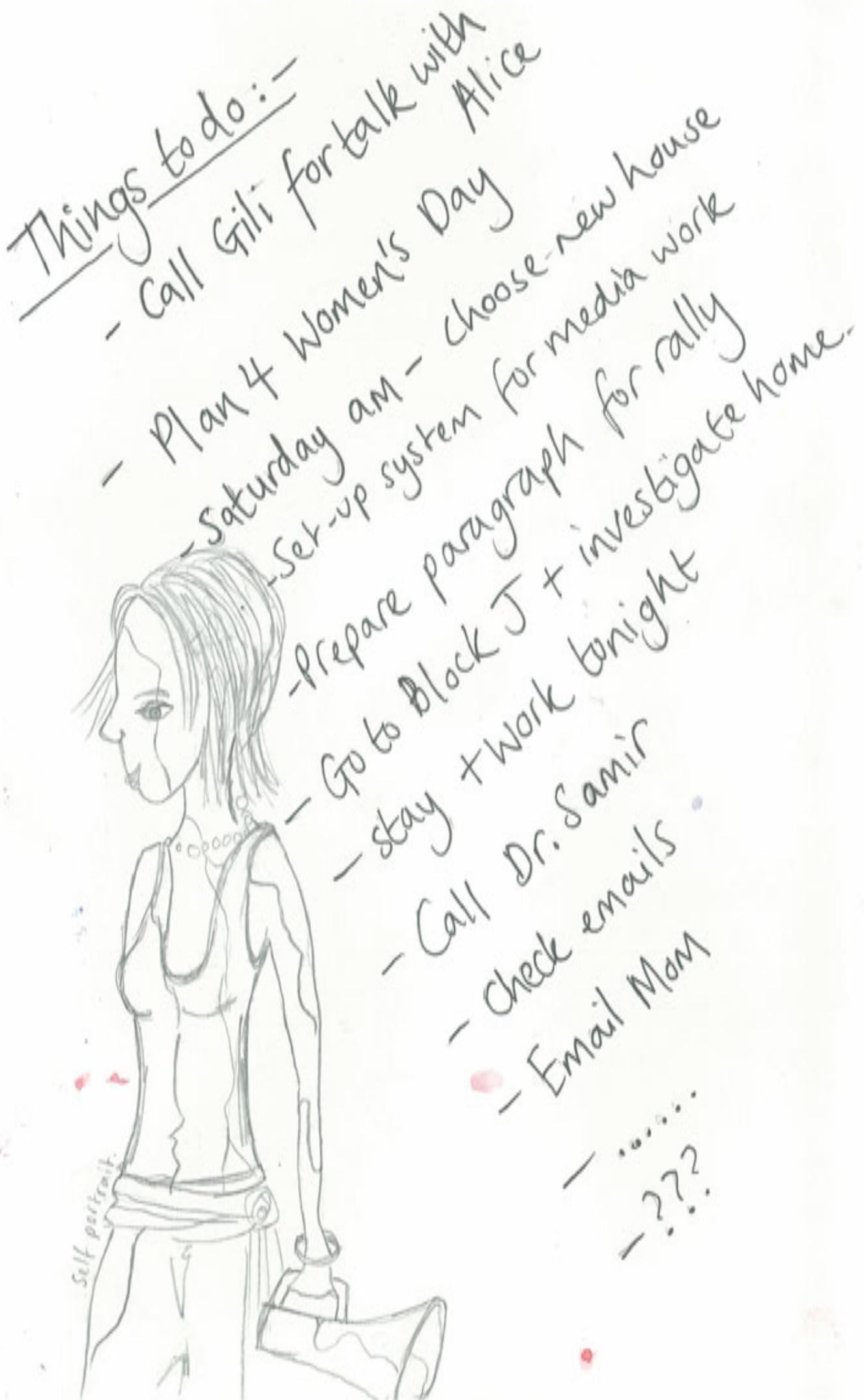


Sometimes  
I think my  
dad is the  
wisest  
person in

the  
world!

My Mom + Dad,  
Olympia, Washington, USA

I LOVE YOU GUYS !!





Palestinian girls at home in Rafah, Gaza Strip, today. Israel denies using children as human shields earlier this year

# My Values, my values, my values.....

- I value respect for other human beings
- Responsibility for myself - accountability
- LOVE
- Trust other people
- Believe others are doing the best they can with the resources they have.
- Independence/Autonomy
- Creativity
- Ethical-inside
- Forgiveness
- Honesty
- Humour
- Integrity
- Courage
- Loyalty
- Critical thinking
- Curiosity
- Celebrating People
- Community
- Family
- keep myself safe / protect my core
- Equity / Justice / Fairness

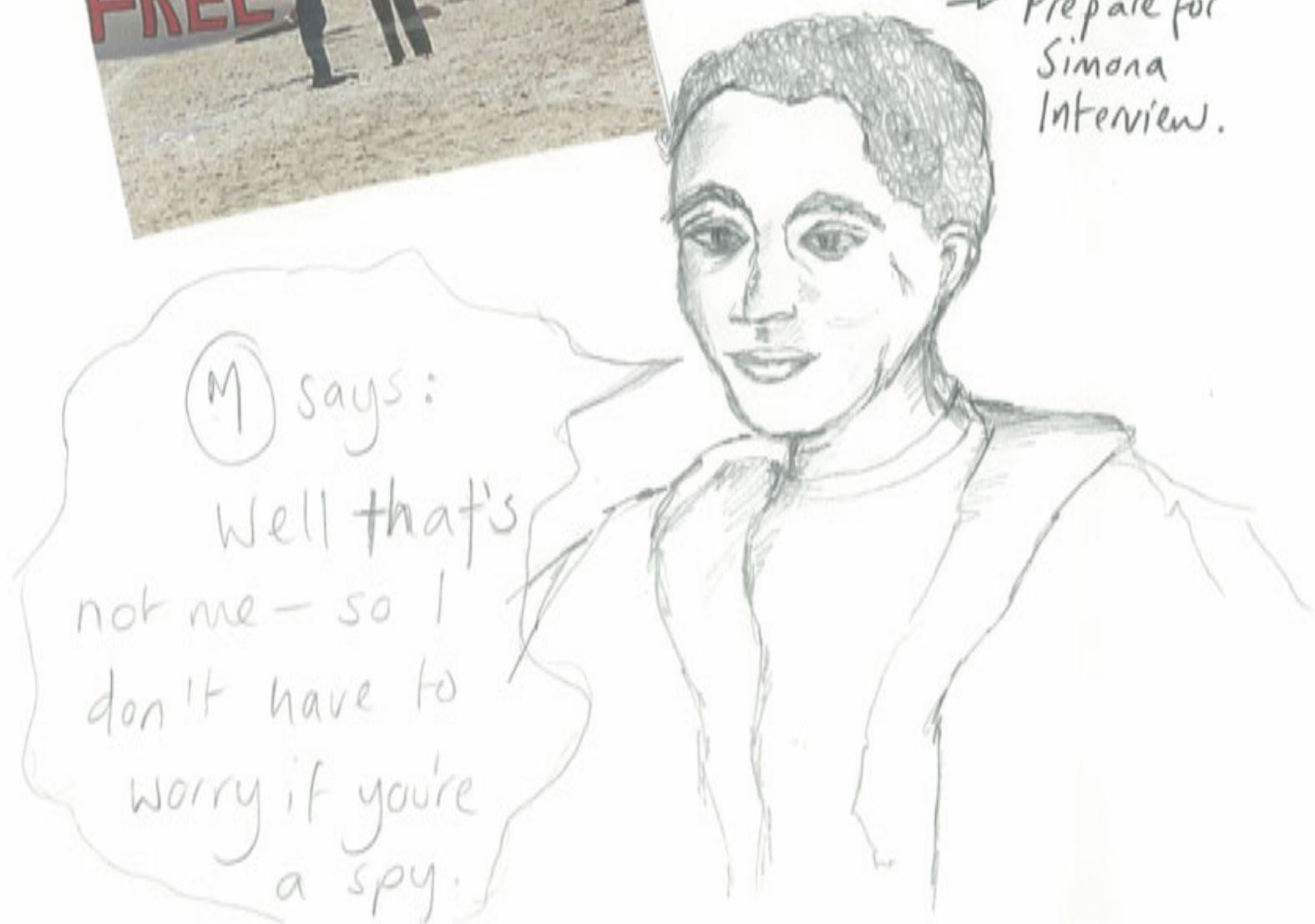
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www.ahram.org - Al-Ahram Daily  
www.merip.org - Middle East report

- Intensive care unit - 12 year old girl  
Houda Nain Darwish - shot in school  
near Nasser Hospital. - hit in the  
head by an Israeli bullet as she  
sat at her desk at an UNRWA school.



- Banners in English / Arabic
- Call Imad
- Prepare for Simona Interview.



## Things to do :-

1. Buy phone card
2. Buy a phone
3. Email Michael
- 4 Call Joe + Gili
5. Change money
6. Call Mom with cell number
- 7.
- 8.



— Eventually I convinced Colin to quit drowning out my life.....

The topography of his life

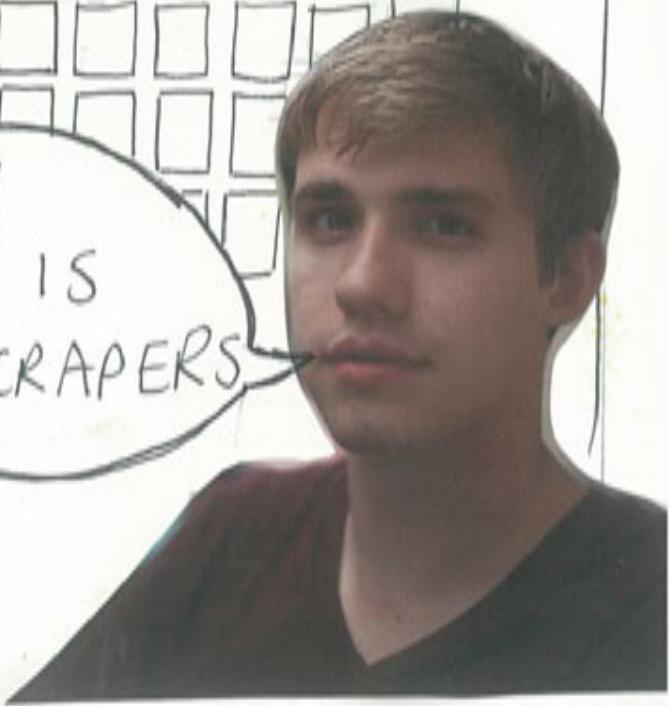
- emergency adrenaline shots
- jail
- near death experiences

The topography of my life

- Making-up names for cars
- making-up a small poem
- gossiping with my friends.

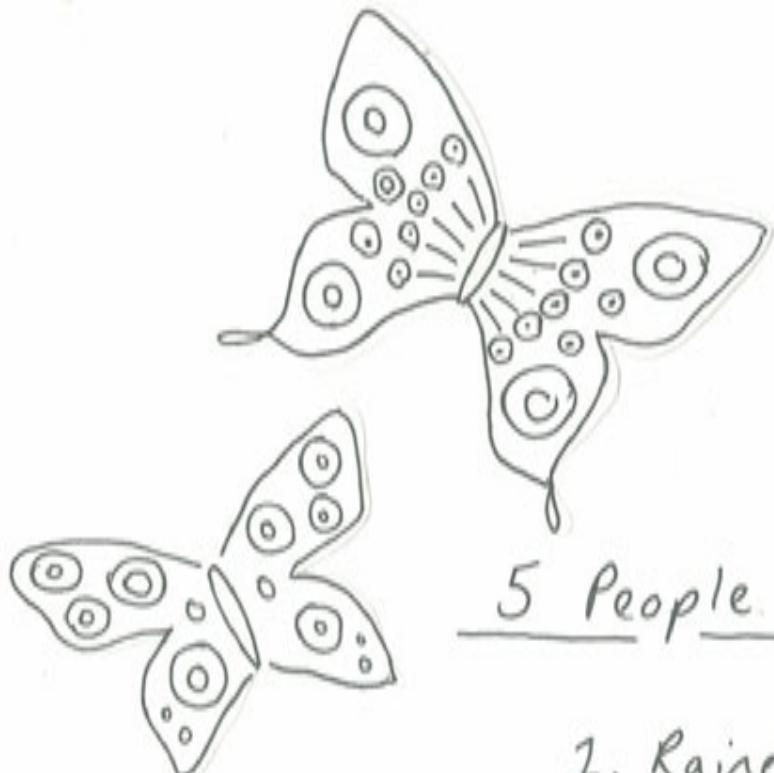
MY LIFE  
TOOK  
PLACE ON  
A MUCH  
SMALLER  
SCALE

MY  
LIFE IS  
SKYSCRAPERS



# I WANT TO BE . . . . .

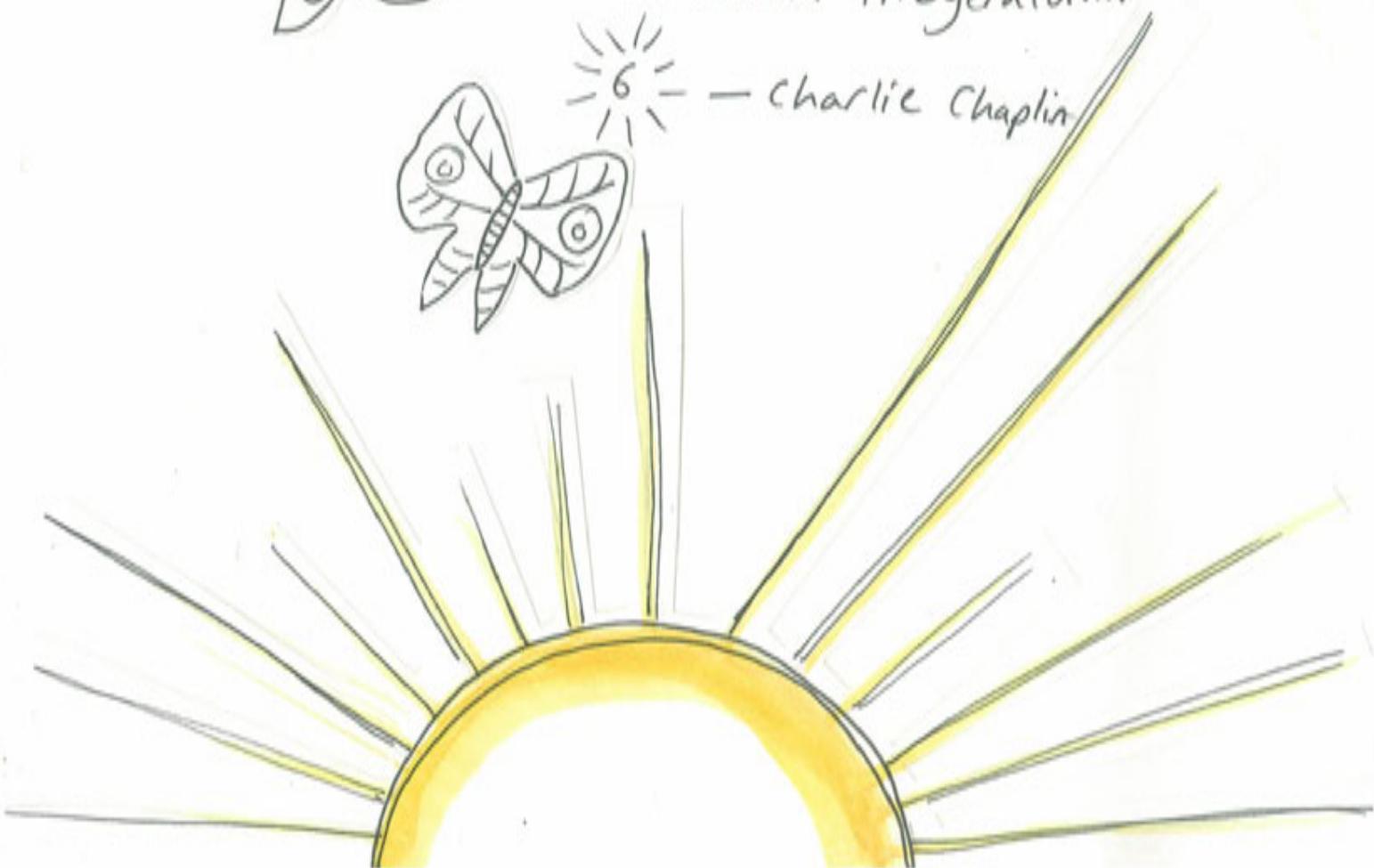
- a lawyer
- a dancer
- an actress
- a mother
- a wife
- a children's author
- a distance runner
- a poet
- a pianist
- a pet store owner
- an astronaut
- an environmental +  
humanitarian activist
- a psychiatrist
- a ballet teacher
- the first woman  
President!!!!



5 People To Hang Out with  
In Eternity

1. Rainer Maria Rilke
2. Jesus
3. ee cummings
4. Gertrude Stein
5. Zelda Fitzgerald....

6 - -- charlie Chaplin





My mom as peace dove ↗



Me as peace dove !! ↘

...if I feel outrage at entering briefly  
into the world in which these children  
exist, I wonder how it would be for  
them to arrive in my world. Once you  
have seen the ocean + lived in a  
silent place, where water is taken for  
granted + not stolen in the night by  
bulldozers, spent an evening when you didn't  
wonder if the walls of your home might  
suddenly fall inward, aren't surrounded  
by towers, tanks + now a giant metal  
wall. I wonder if you can forgive the  
world...



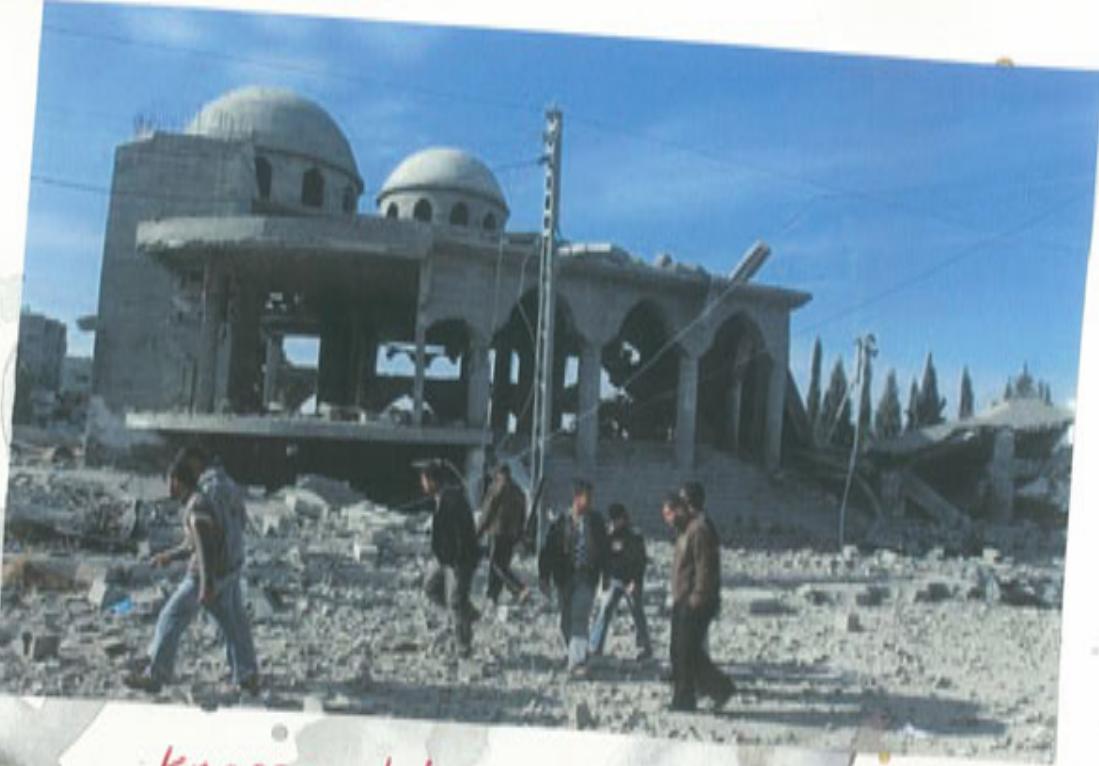
Oh Rafah, aching Rafah  
aching of refugees...



... aching of tumbling houses  
and aching of bullet-riddled homes...



... homes constructed over lifetime + unraveled  
in the night. Ache of rubble.



...knees and haunches kneeling dinners  
spread over floors in the music of  
gunfire the irregular heartbeat of  
the border and living-dead homes  
waiting immobile for bulldozers  
and tanks...

...oh Rafah. aching Rafah.





... You will memorize the features  
of someone whose eyes are  
perpetually bored + whose  
lips are perpetually  
amused...



**EVERYONE  
MUST  
FEEL SAFE**

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A DEAD MAN'S HAND

Feb. 7<sup>th</sup> —

I have been in Palestine for two weeks and one hour now, and I still have very few words to describe what I see.



I don't know if many of the children here have ever existed without tankshell holes in their walls. I think even the smallest of these children understand that life is not like this everywhere.

Go to Egypt or Dubai for  
a year

- Earn Money
- Learn Arabic

Come back  
to Palestine

## CHOICES

Go to Sweden for  
one month

Potentially  
horrible

↓  
Go broke

Travel  
elsewhere?

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Go back to Olympia.

- Finish school
- Talk/presentations  
about Gaza

→ Clean out my stuff

from Sarah's garage.

Try to stay in  
Rafah

↓  
Money?

↓  
Productivity?

?

?

Me - Doing a  
press interview  
about demolition  
of civilian  
homes



Al-Iskan Water Well



The guys + me  
near Tufah  
checkpoint



ISRAELI OCCUPATION  
FORCES:

YOU ARE KILLING  
UNARMED CIVILIANS

STOP  
THE  
TANKS

HURRIYAH  
LA  
FALESTEEN

FREEDOM  
FOR  
PALESTINE!



Elskan

Water well



We need:

- battery-charged spotlights
- Megaphone
- Lamps
- Fabric
- Envelopes



Hello

CAN

You

HEAR

ME?



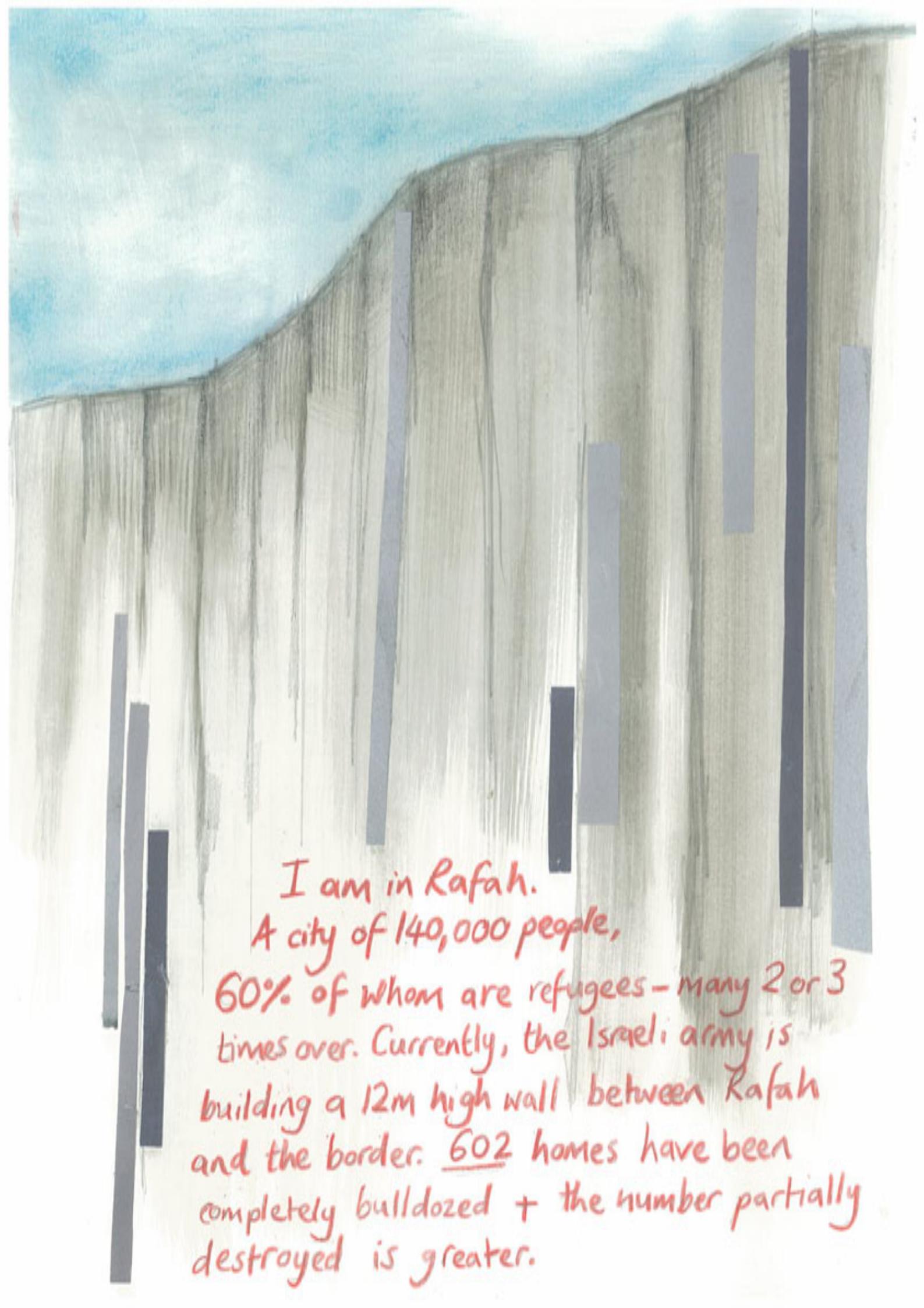


Rasha

Feb 6<sup>th</sup> —

I rode on the bulldozer as it repaired the road through the day. Jenny + Will held a banner and spoke through megaphones for us. A tank stayed present throughout the action. And at some point a jeep arrived. This frightened me because I know at least 1 person was shot by soldiers in green jeep. Some youths - maybe 3 - came out towards the banner, and the soldiers got out + shot toward the internationals. Jehan found bits of shrapnel later in her shoes.

- "My Jobs to do :-"
- call workers committee's
  - Call journalist union.



I am in Rafah.  
A city of 140,000 people,  
60% of whom are refugees - many 2 or 3  
times over. Currently, the Israeli army is  
building a 12m high wall between Rafah  
and the border. 602 homes have been  
completely bulldozed + the number partially  
destroyed is greater.



Julia was  
a girl from  
Italy. She  
came to Rafah  
to stop the  
tanks.

Today -  
10 greenhouses  
destroyed!  
300 people  
dependent on  
the farmse  
to live!!



↙ me fighting against this nightmare



At 11pm -  
IDF came 2-3km from housing project  
8 houses went down with 1 building  
At 6am → more houses demolished  
— 41 injured.

**Rachel Corrie  
was killed on March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2003,  
in Rafah, Gaza.**