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My Mother

told me

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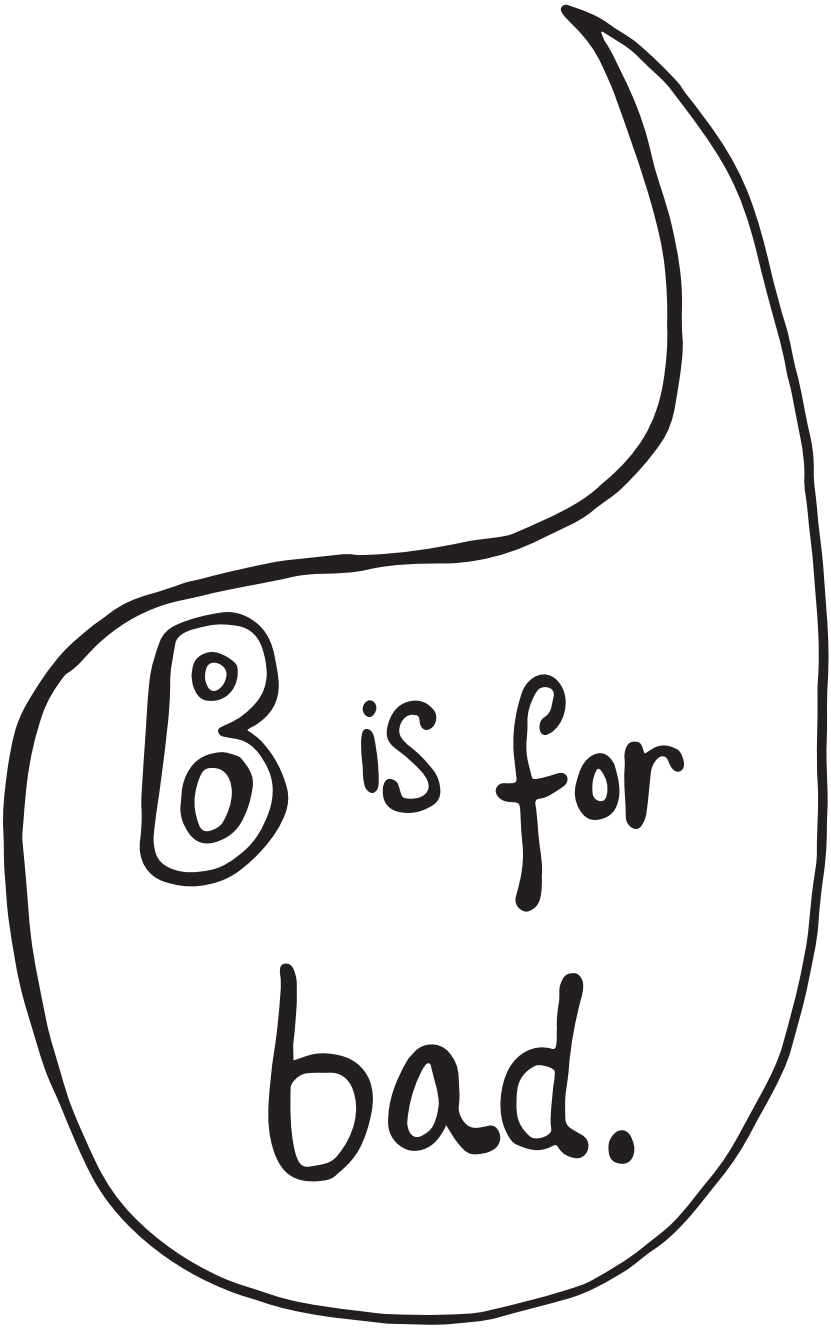
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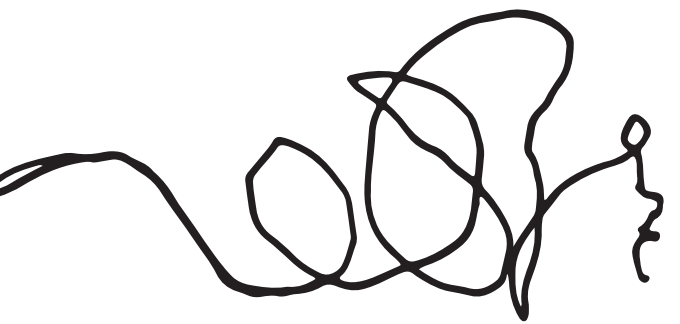

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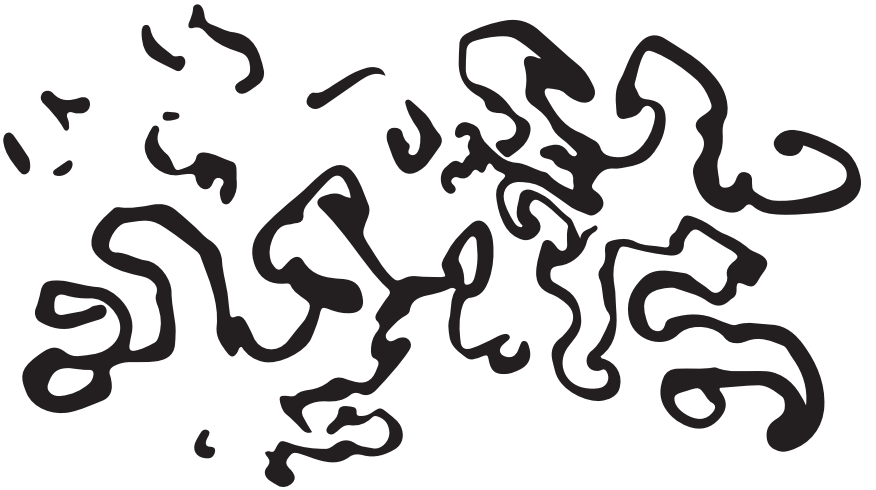

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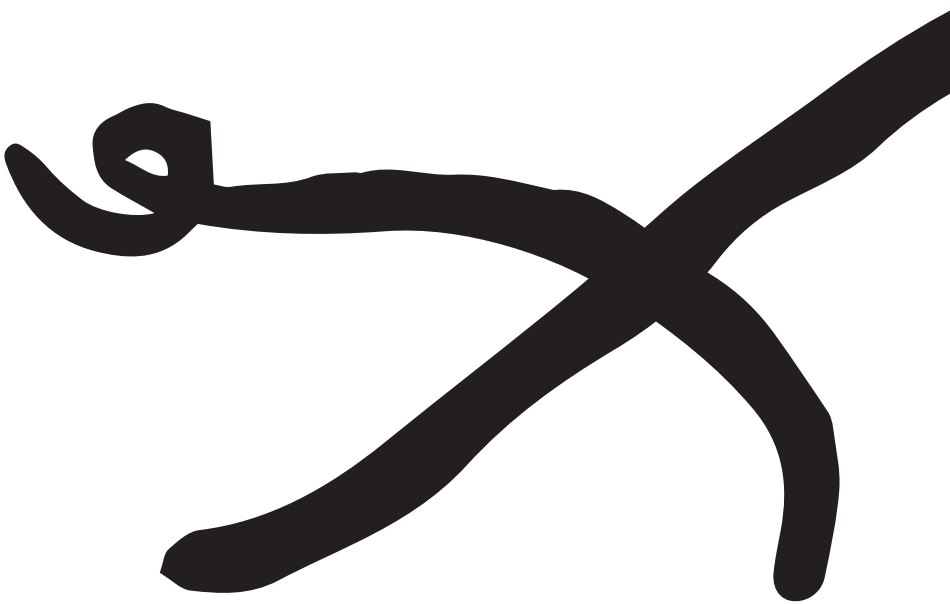

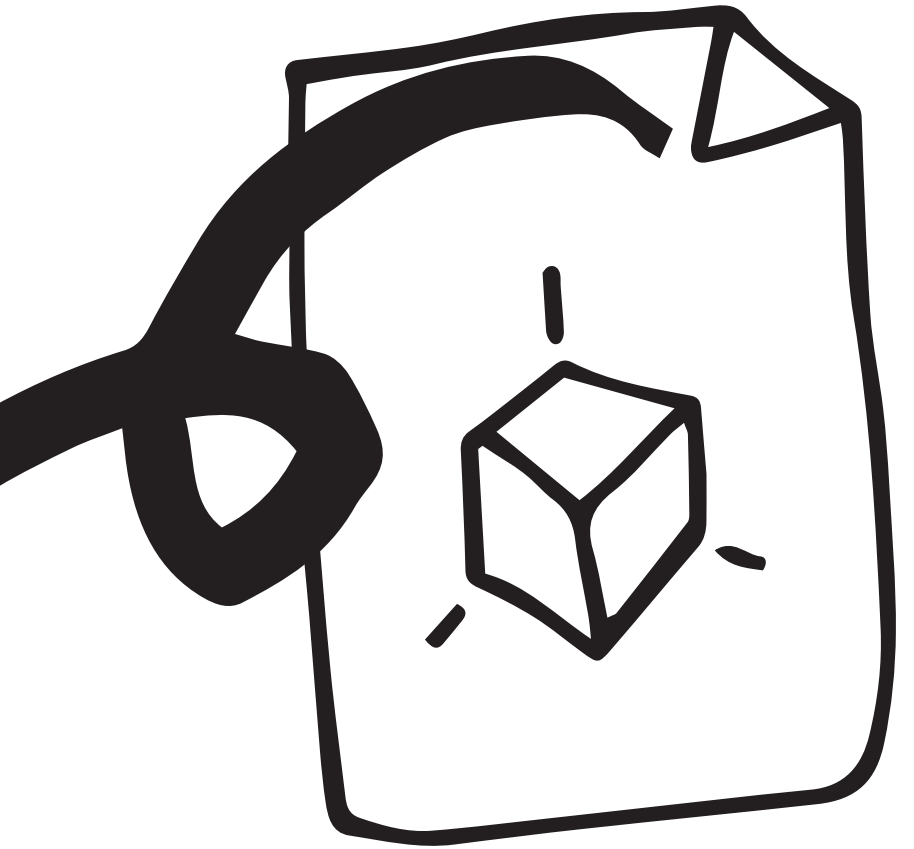

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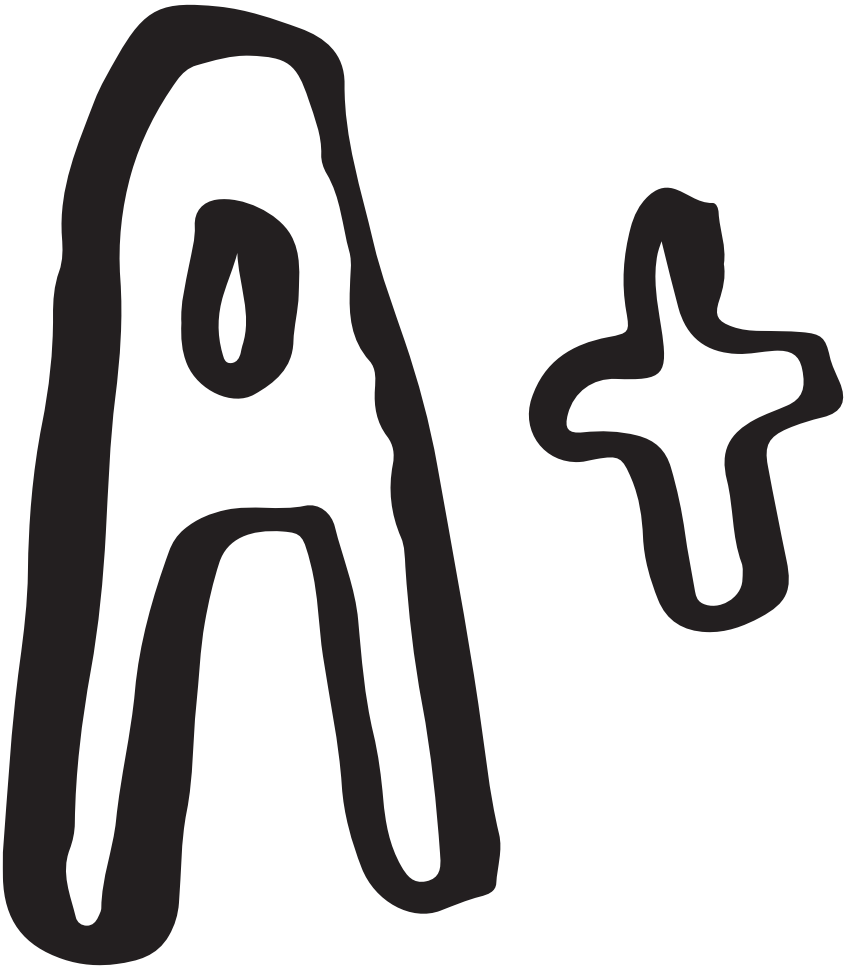

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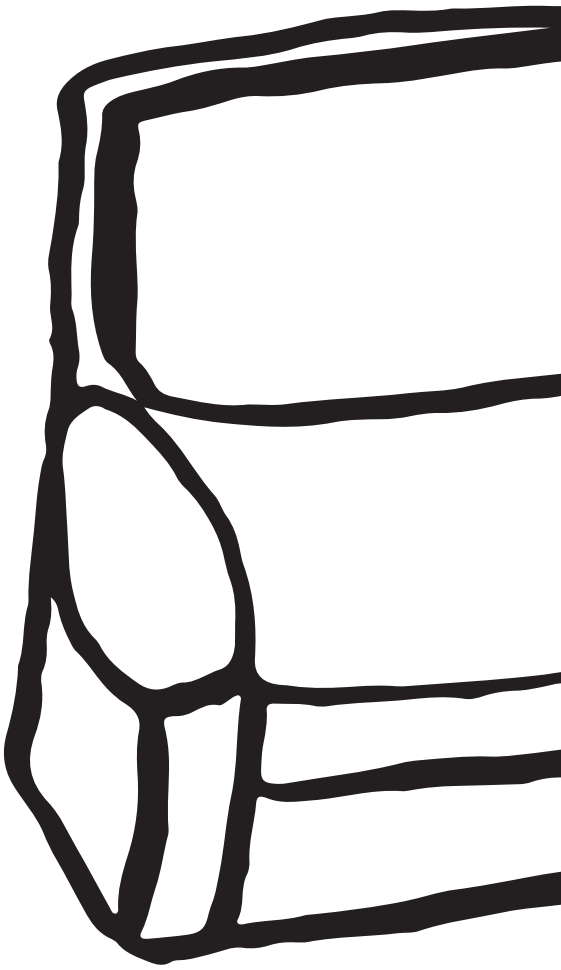

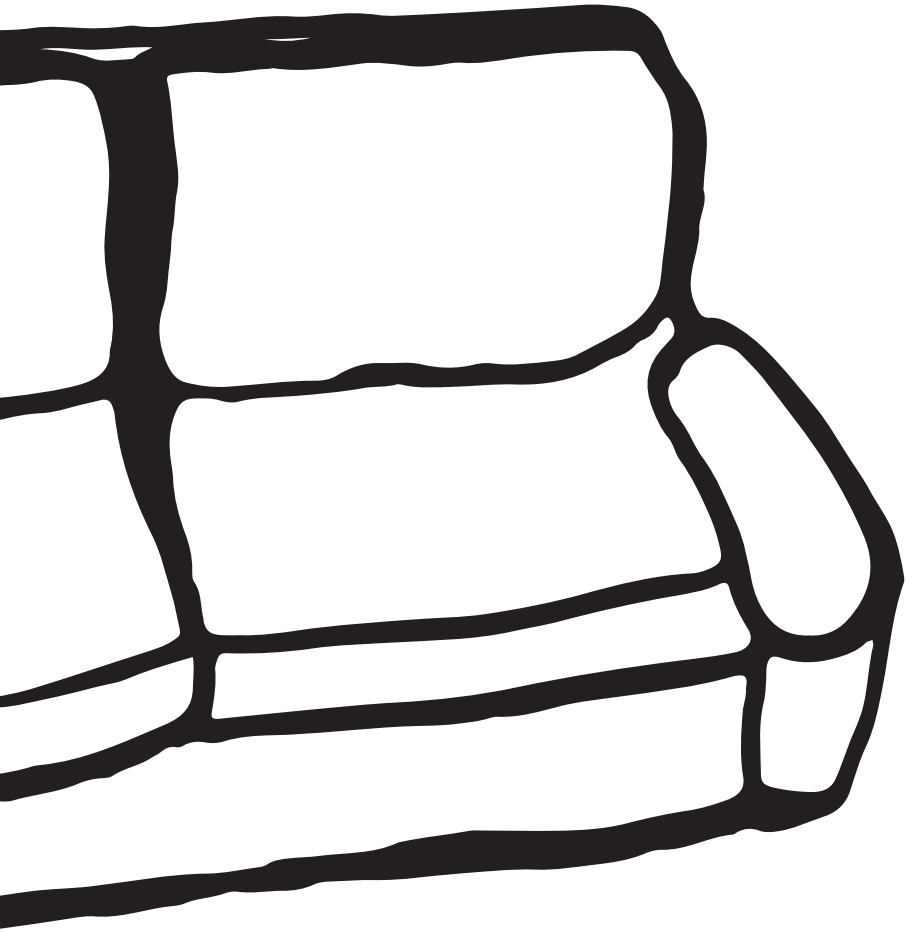

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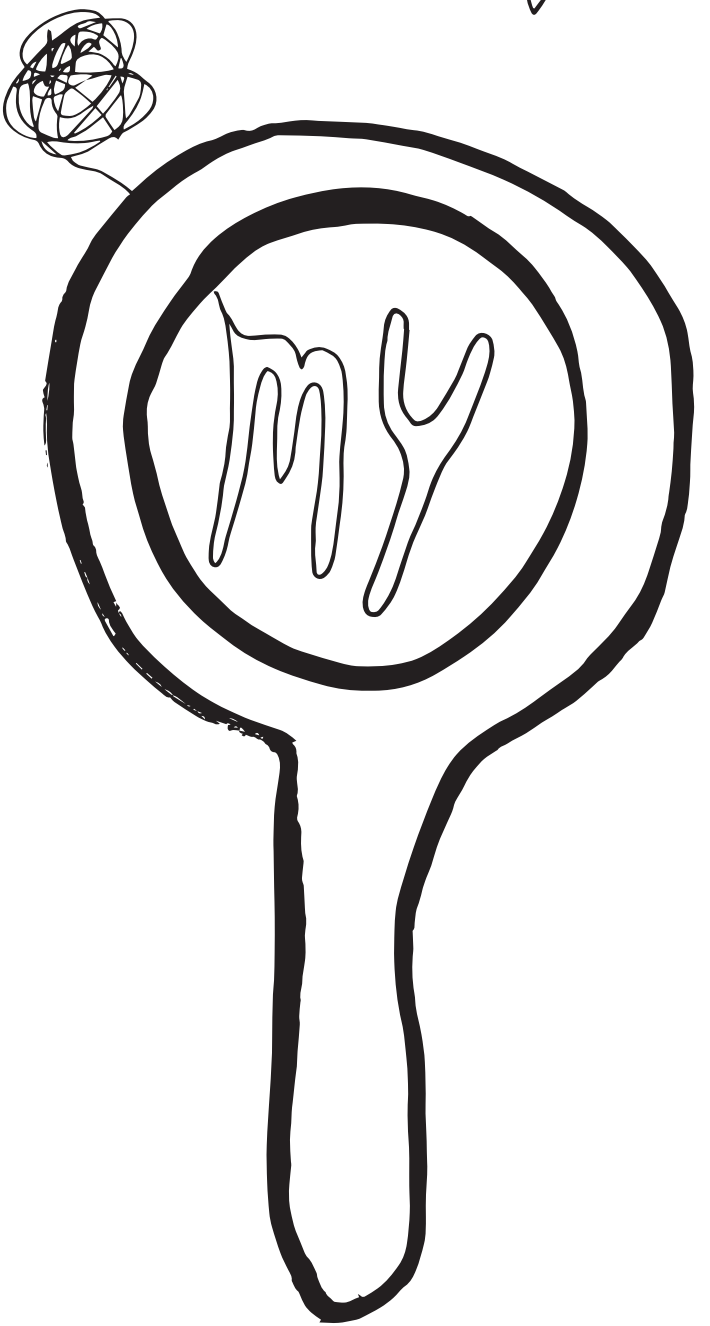

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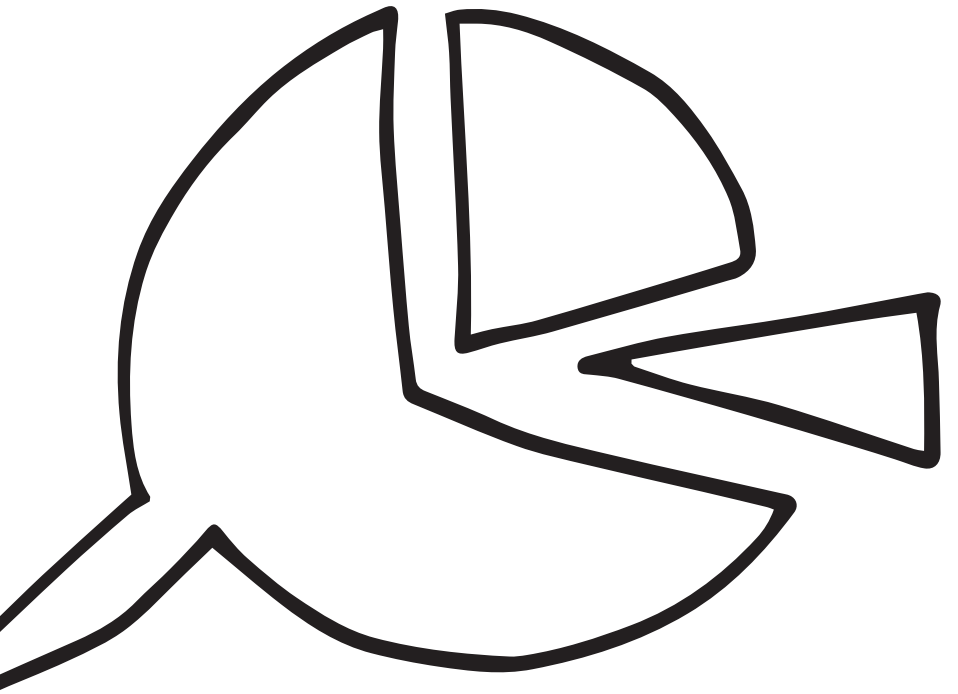

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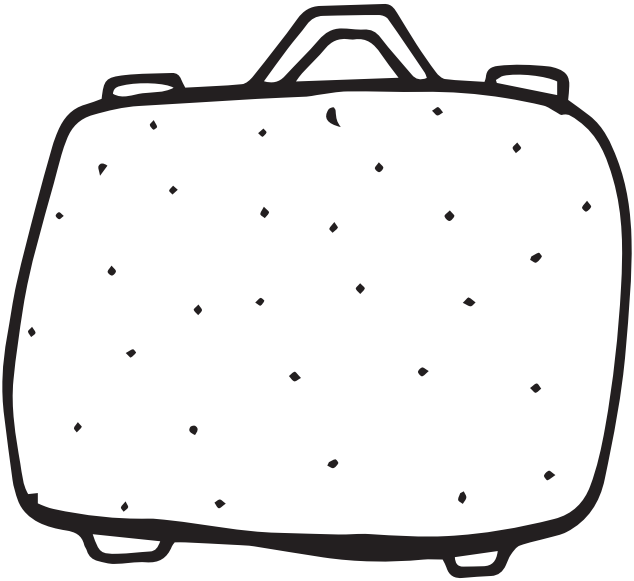
And overview



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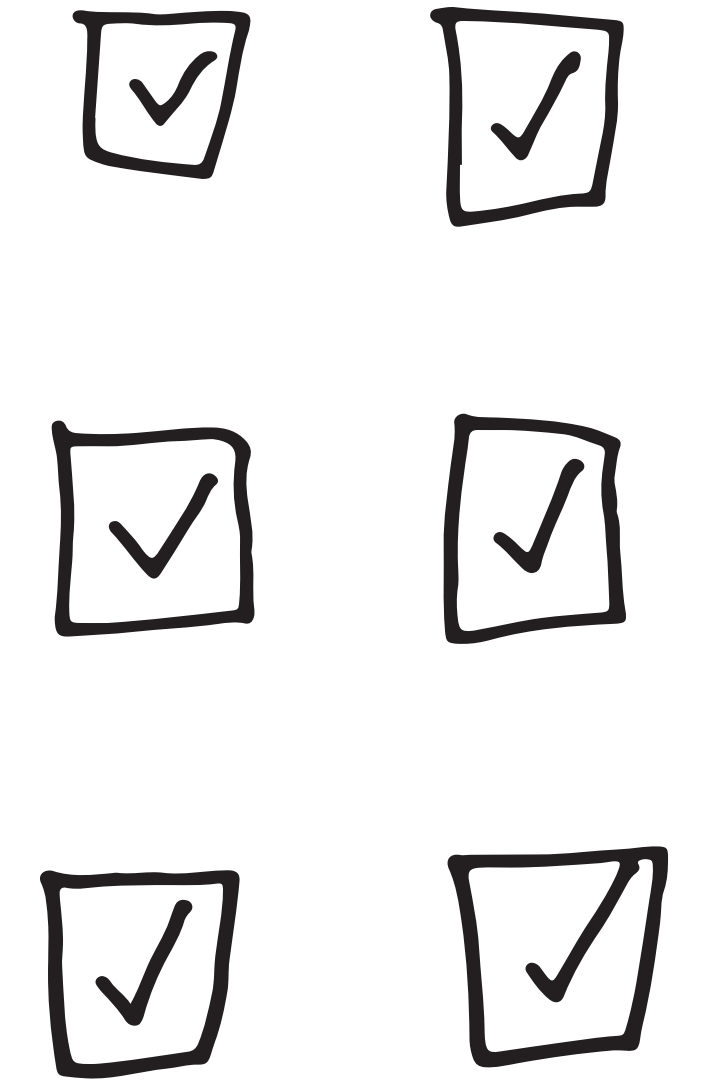
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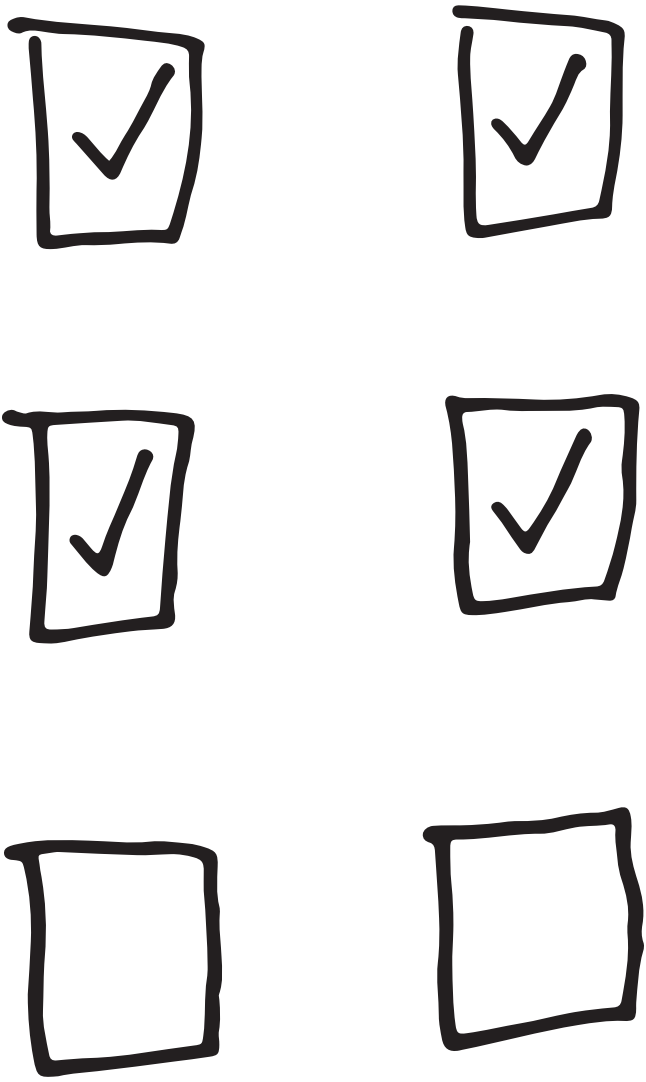
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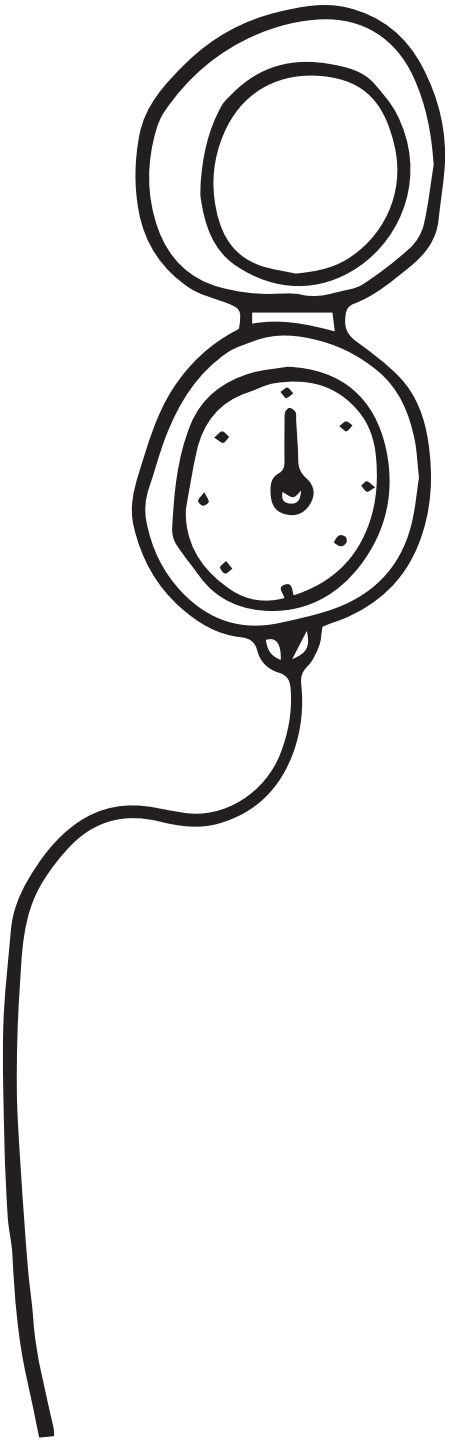


And in 5 months,

I'll be

Perfect.

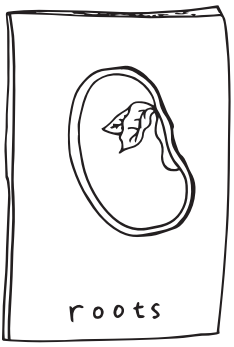
POETRY MEANT TO BE SAVORED

My name is 杰意. You may call me Jiéyì or Jay. I was born on Lunar New Year in the Year of the Sheep in Nagoya, Japan to a Chinese mother and an American father. I am a queer & trans artist, educator, and activist. Trifecta is my story: a story that bridges 3 cultures. It is also an invitation to be our story: a story for inspiration, connection, and community.

Each poem stands on its own merit and is supported by the context of the others: 3 books

Each poem is meant to be savored and meant to be shared: a postcard to accompany each book

Each poem is an invitation for connection: a love letter yearning & offering a sense of place, agency, and healing



Artist Statement:

Jiéyì Ludden is an interdisciplinary artist, activist, and educator using expressive meaning-making and civic engagement practices to shift our cultures towards a more inclusive, diverse, and beautiful future. Jiéyì takes a holistic approach to making and teaching by beginning with audience. They hold an MFA in 4d art from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Their current work is primarily expressed through writing, drawing, movement, and play. Jiéyì lives in an urban commune and likes to dance wildly in the kitchen.

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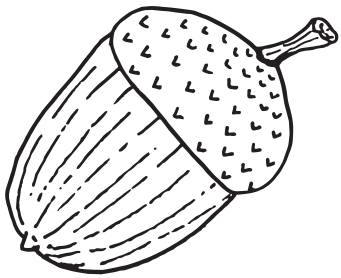

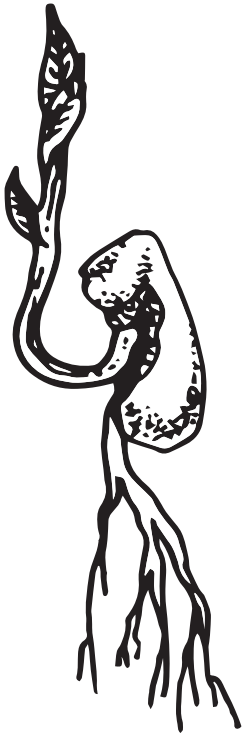

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