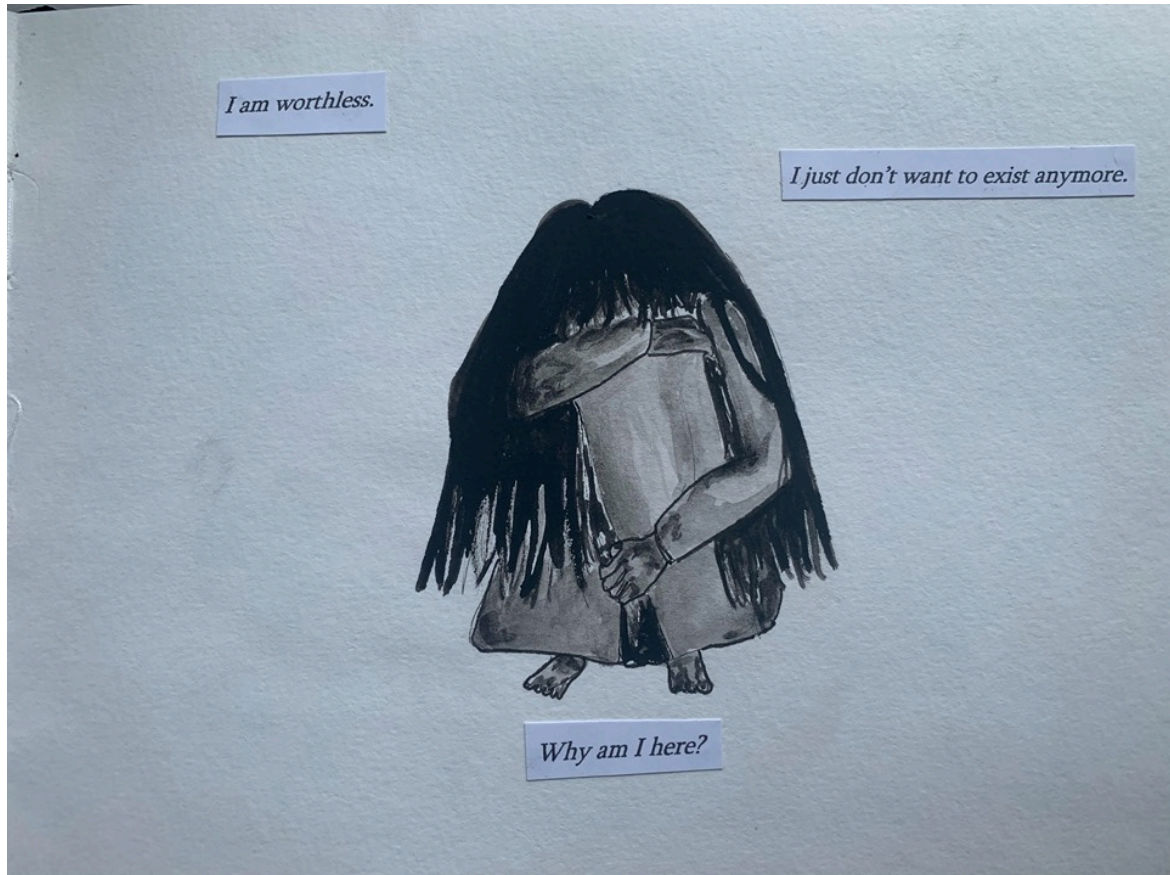


Title Page: Being Human



Subtitle: What I Wish I Knew





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*I am worthless.*

*I just don't want to exist anymore.*

*Why am I here?*

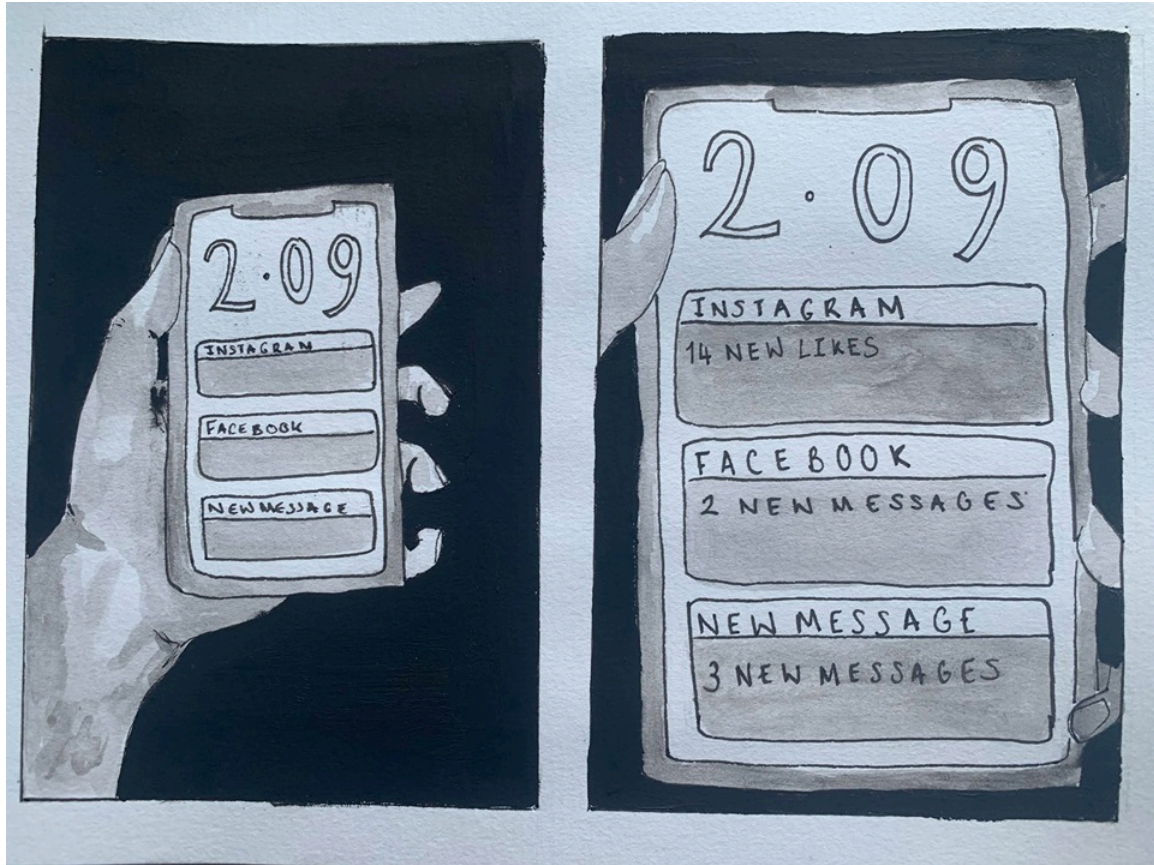


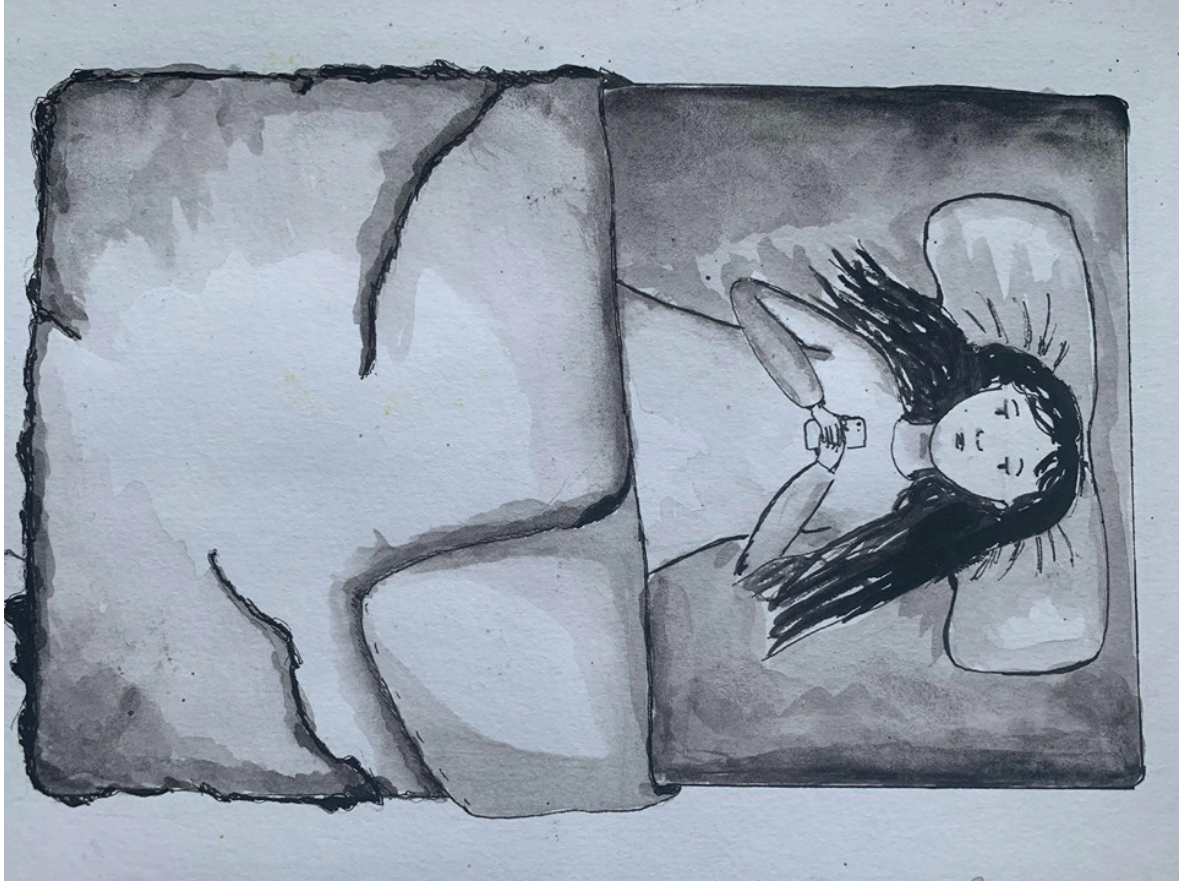
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*Please go away.*











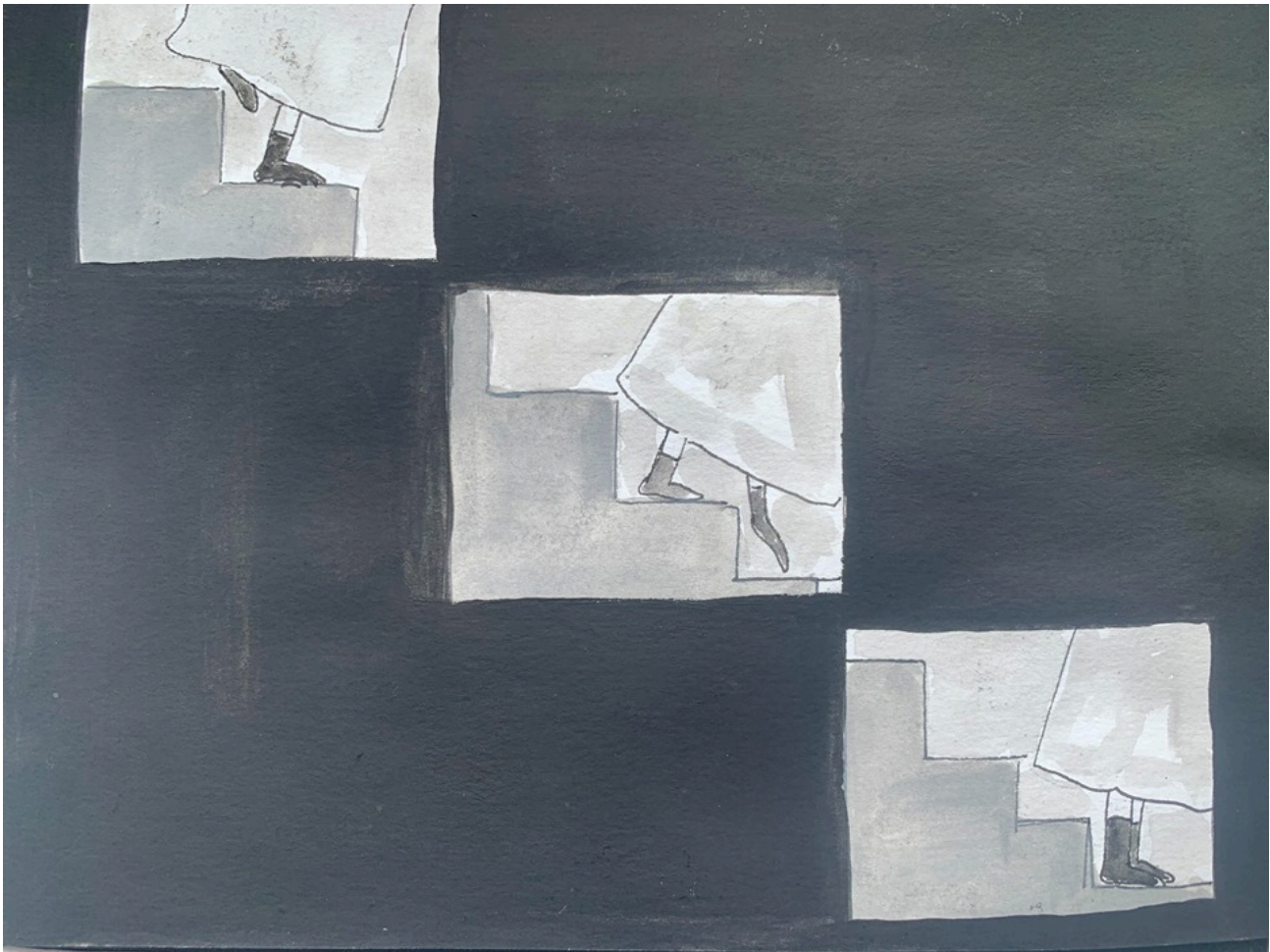


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*W-what is that?*













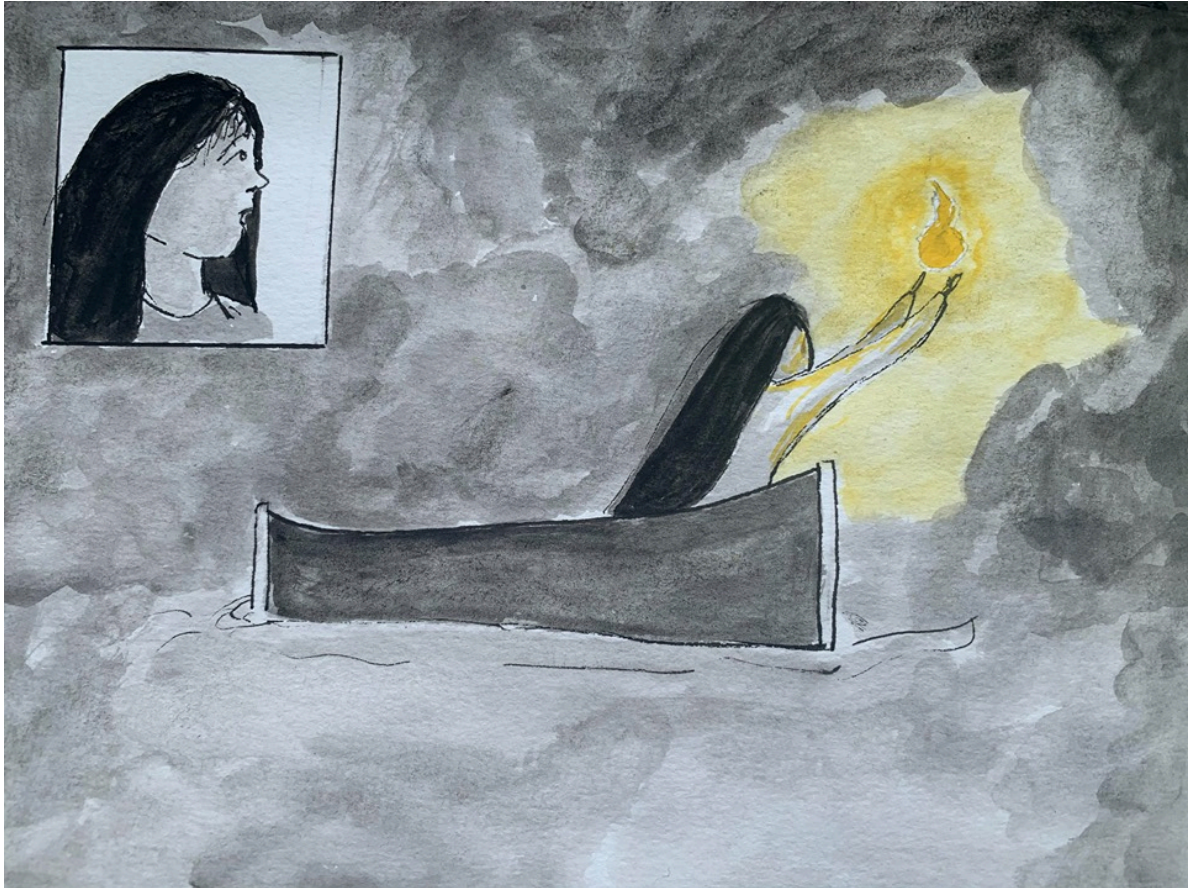
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*What is that strange light?*

*I want to see it.*





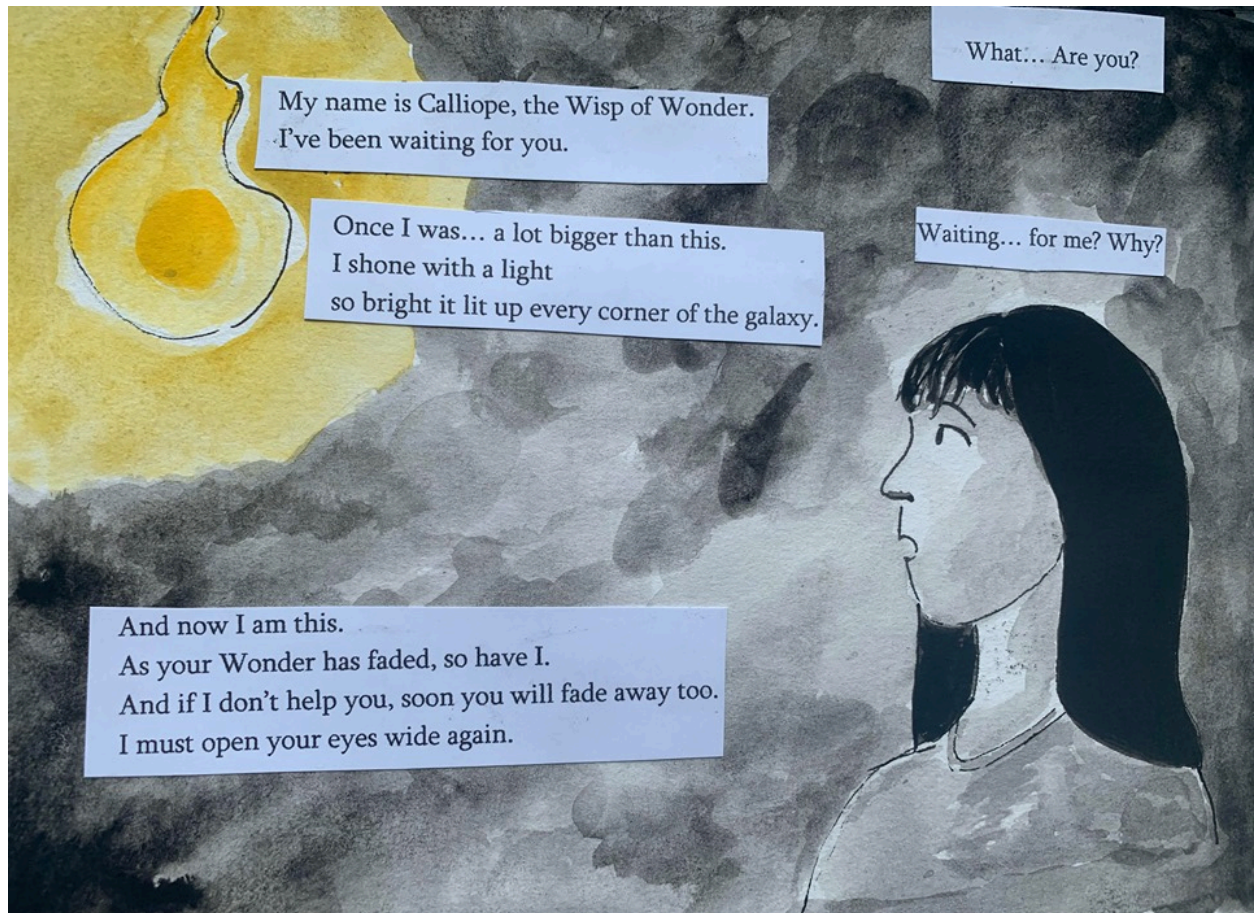






Page 13:

*So warm...*



Page 14:

Girl: "What... Are you?"

Calliope: "My name is Calliope, the Wisp of Wonder. I've been waiting for you."

Girl: "Waiting... for me? Why?"

Calliope: "Once I was... A lot bigger than this. I shone with a light so bright it lit up every corner of the galaxy."

And now I am this. As your Wonder has faded, so have I.  
I must open your eyes wide again."





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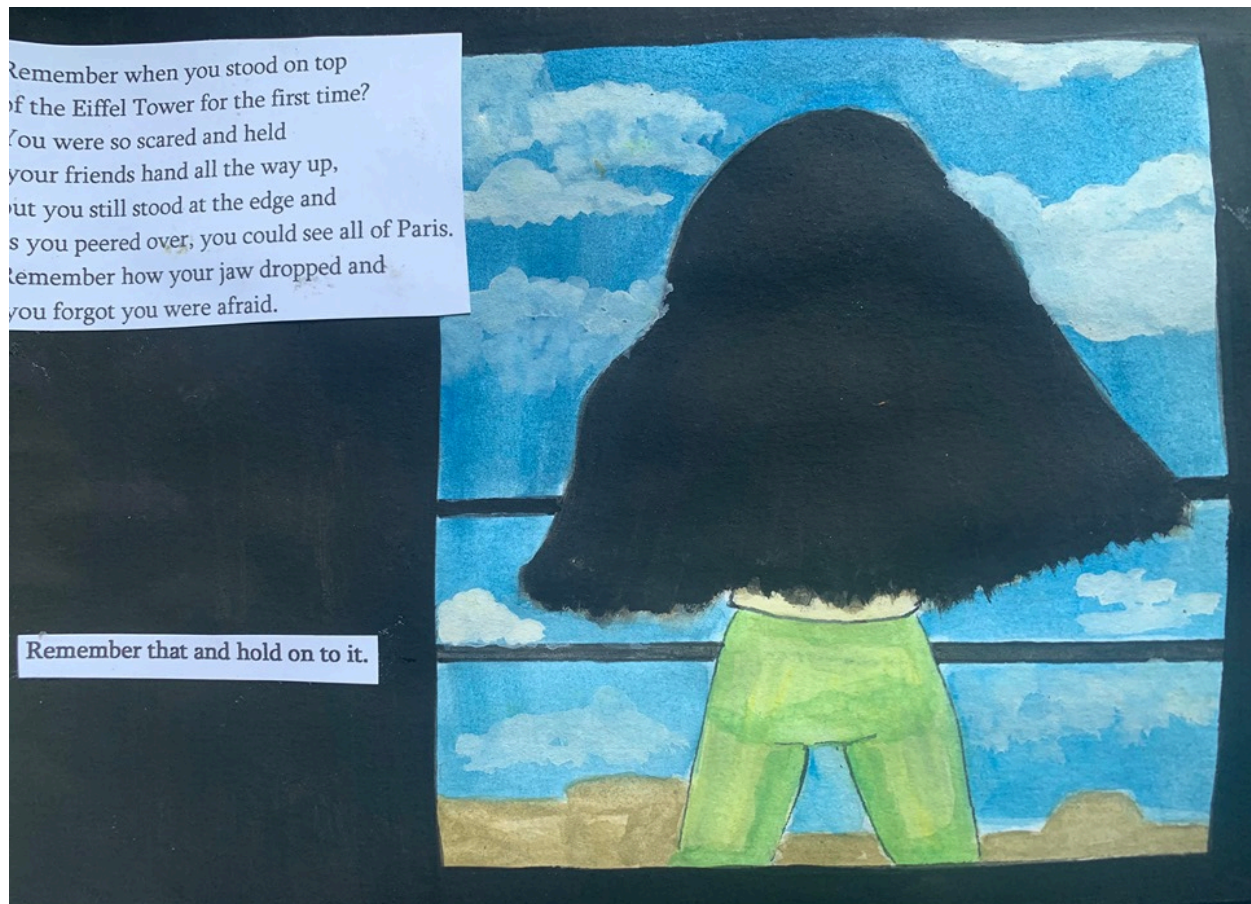
Girl: "My eyes *are* open. There is just nothing to look at anymore.  
I can't remember the last time I felt wonder."



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Calliope: "Let me show you. Let me show you your wonder."

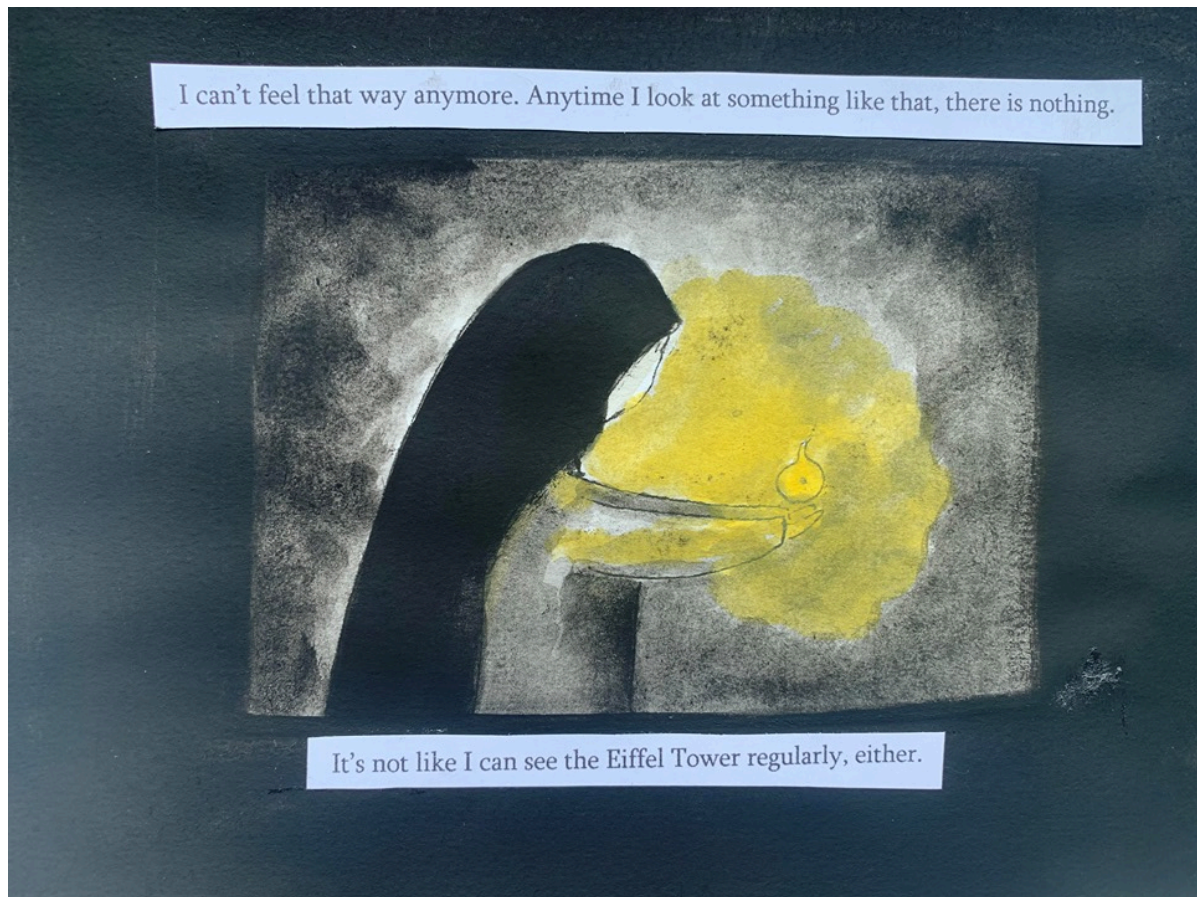




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Calliope: "Remember when you stood on top of the Eiffel Tower for the first time? You were so scared and held your friends hand all the way the way up, but you still stood at the edge and as you peered over. Remember how your jaw dropped and you forgot you were afraid.

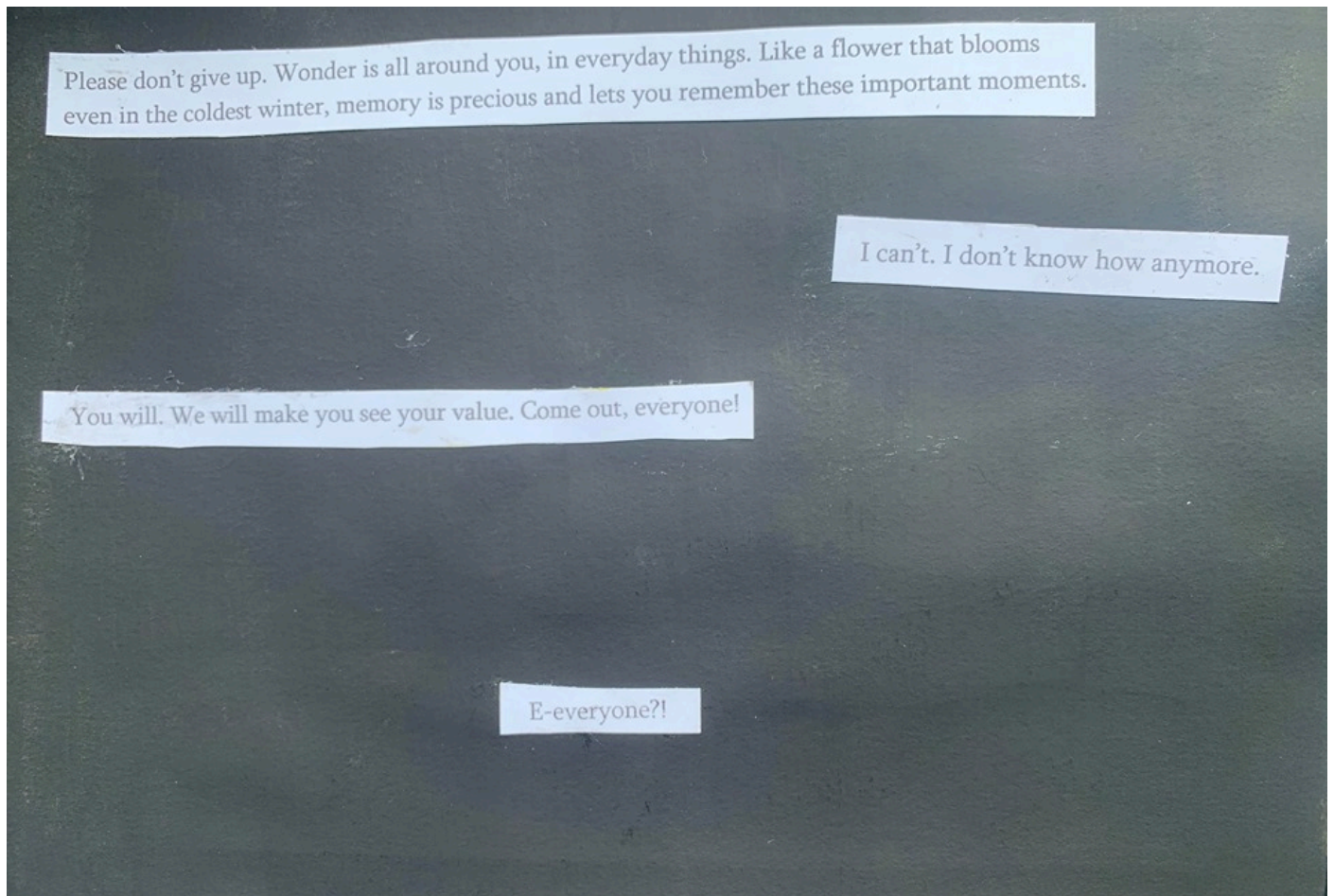
**Remember that and hold on to it."**



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Girl: "I can't feel that way anymore. Anytime I look at something like that, there is nothing. It's not like I can see the Eiffel tower regularly, either."





Page 19:

Calliope: "Please don't give up. Wonder is all around you, in everyday things, Like a flower that blooms even in the coldest winter, memory is precious and lets you remember these important moments."

Girl: "I can't. I don't know how anymore."

Calliope: "You will. We will make you see your value. Come out, everyone!"

Girl: "E-everyone?!"







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Terpsichore

Polyhymnia

Euterpe

Thalia

Erato

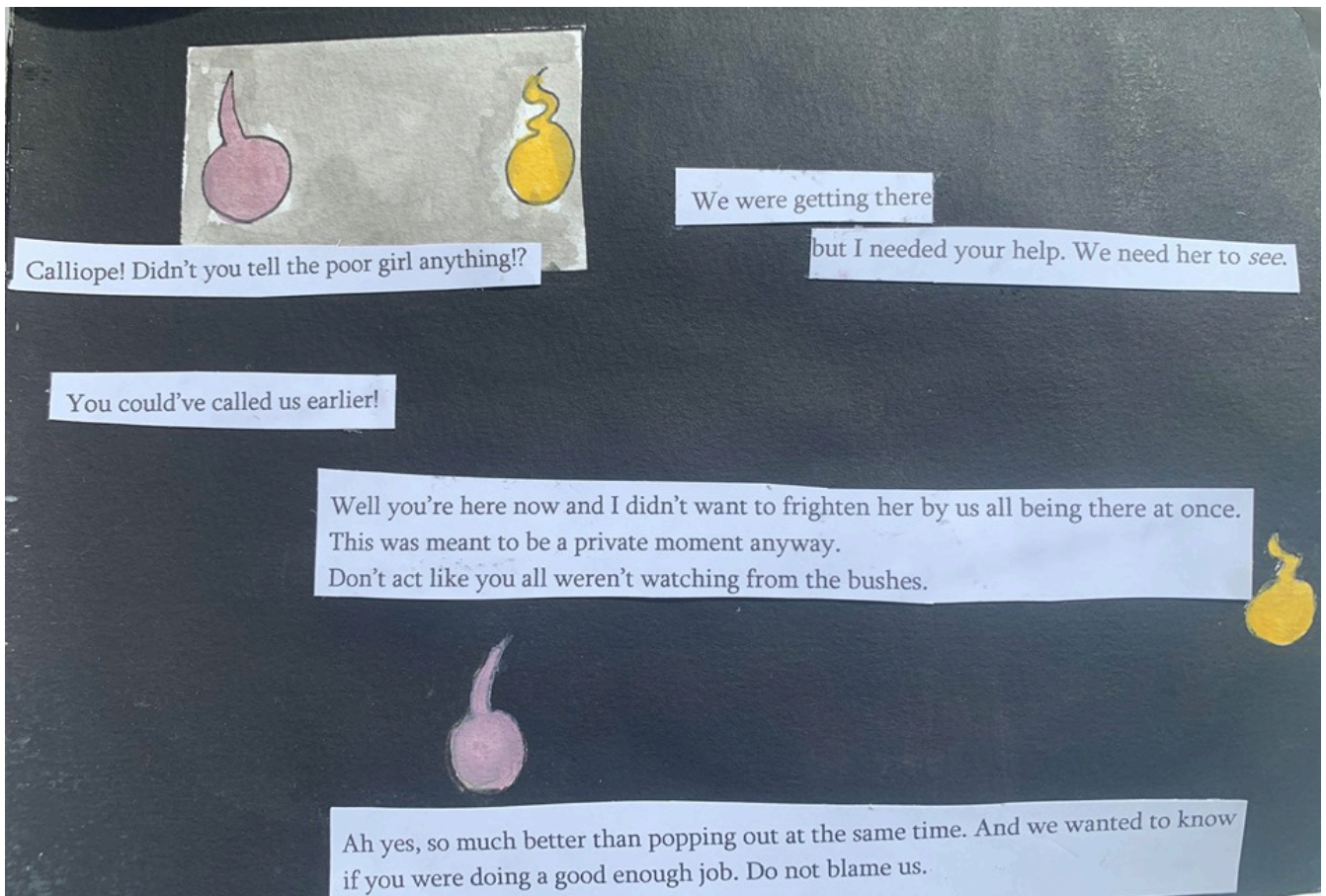
Clio



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Girl: "W-what are you?"





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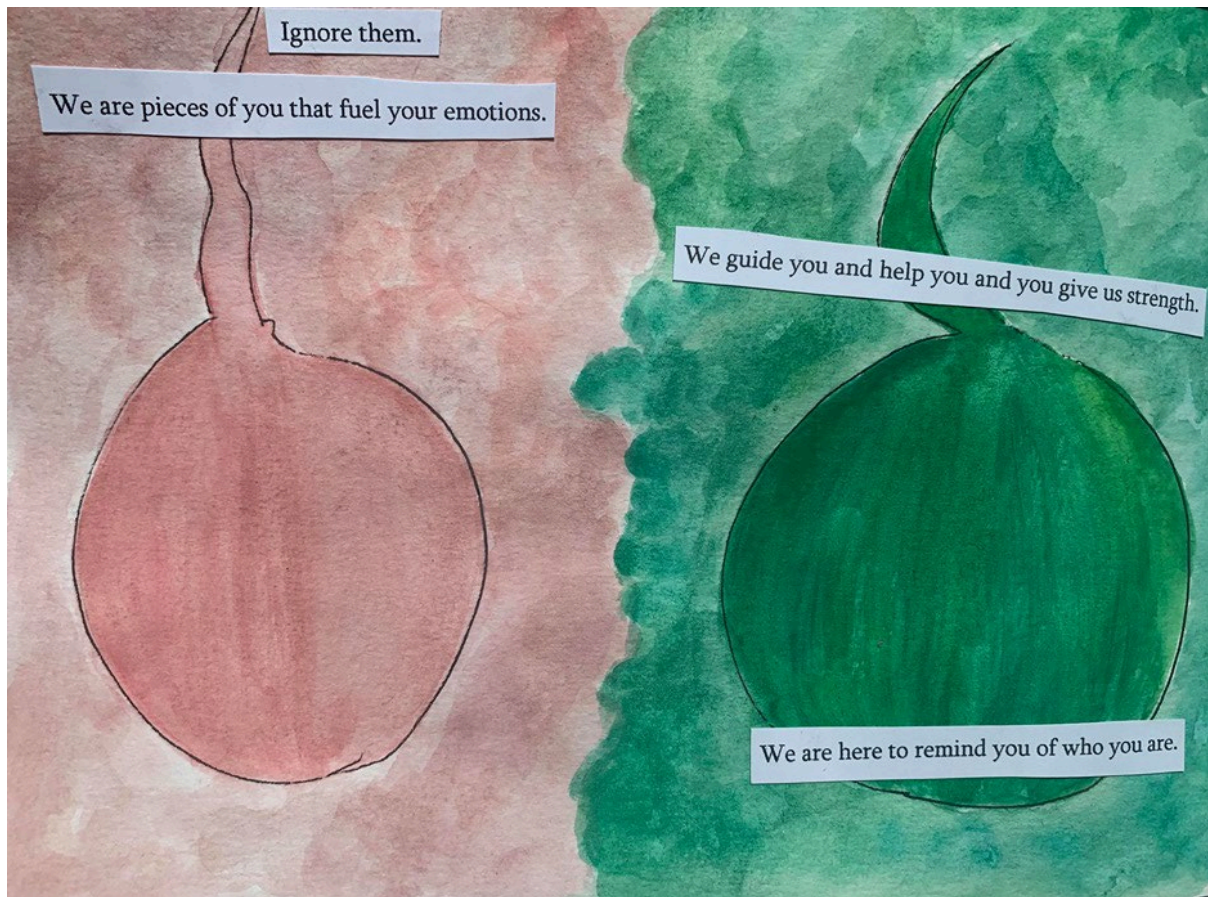
Polyhymnia: "Calliope! Didn't you tell the poor girl anything?"

Calliope: "We were getting there. But I needed your help. We need her to *see*."

Polyhymnia: "You could've called us earlier!"

Calliope: "Well you're here now and I didn't want to frighten her by us all being there at once. This was meant to be a private moment anyway, don't act like you all were watching from the bushes."

Polyhymnia: "Ah yes, so much better than popping out at the same time. And we wanted to know if you were doing a good job. Do not blame us."

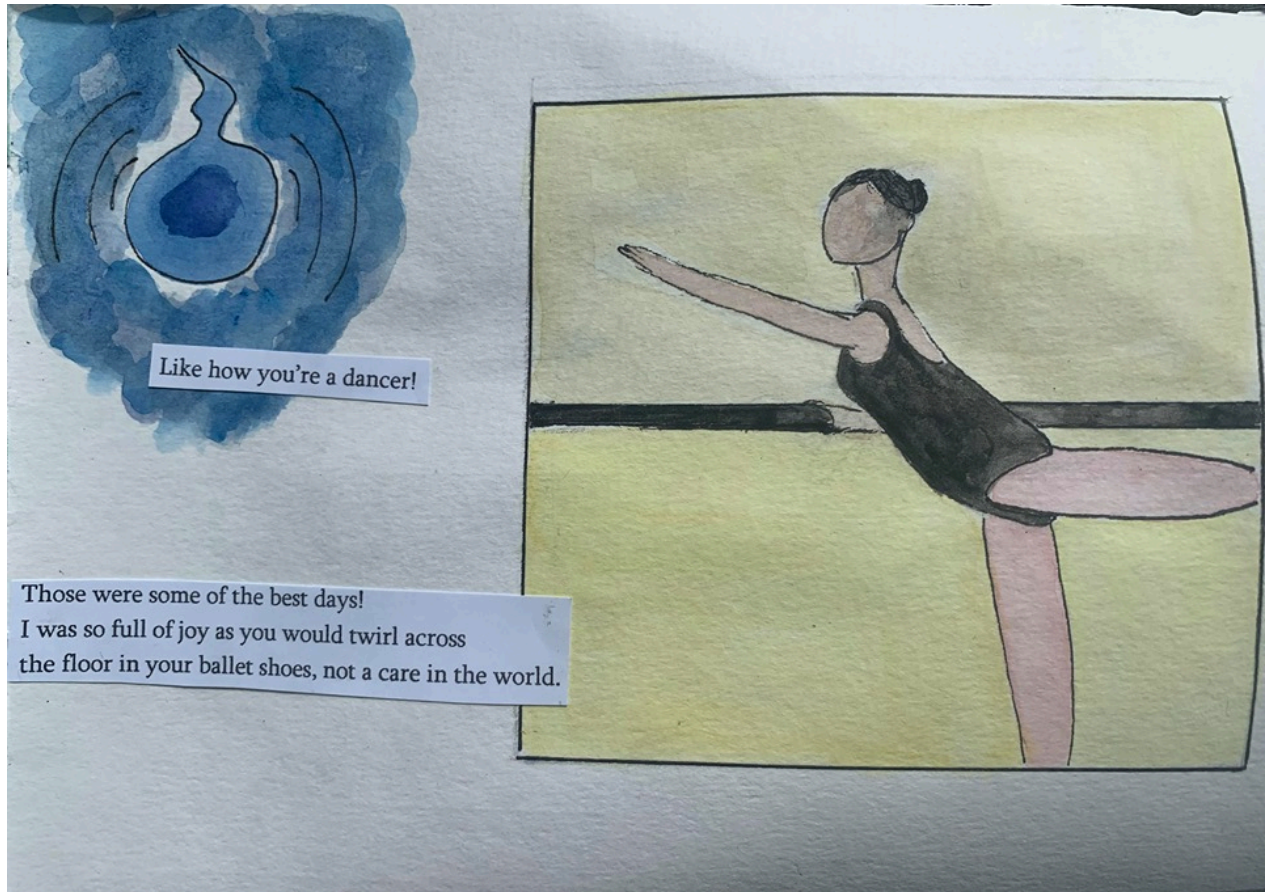


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Erato: "Ignore them. We are pieces of you that fuel your emotions."

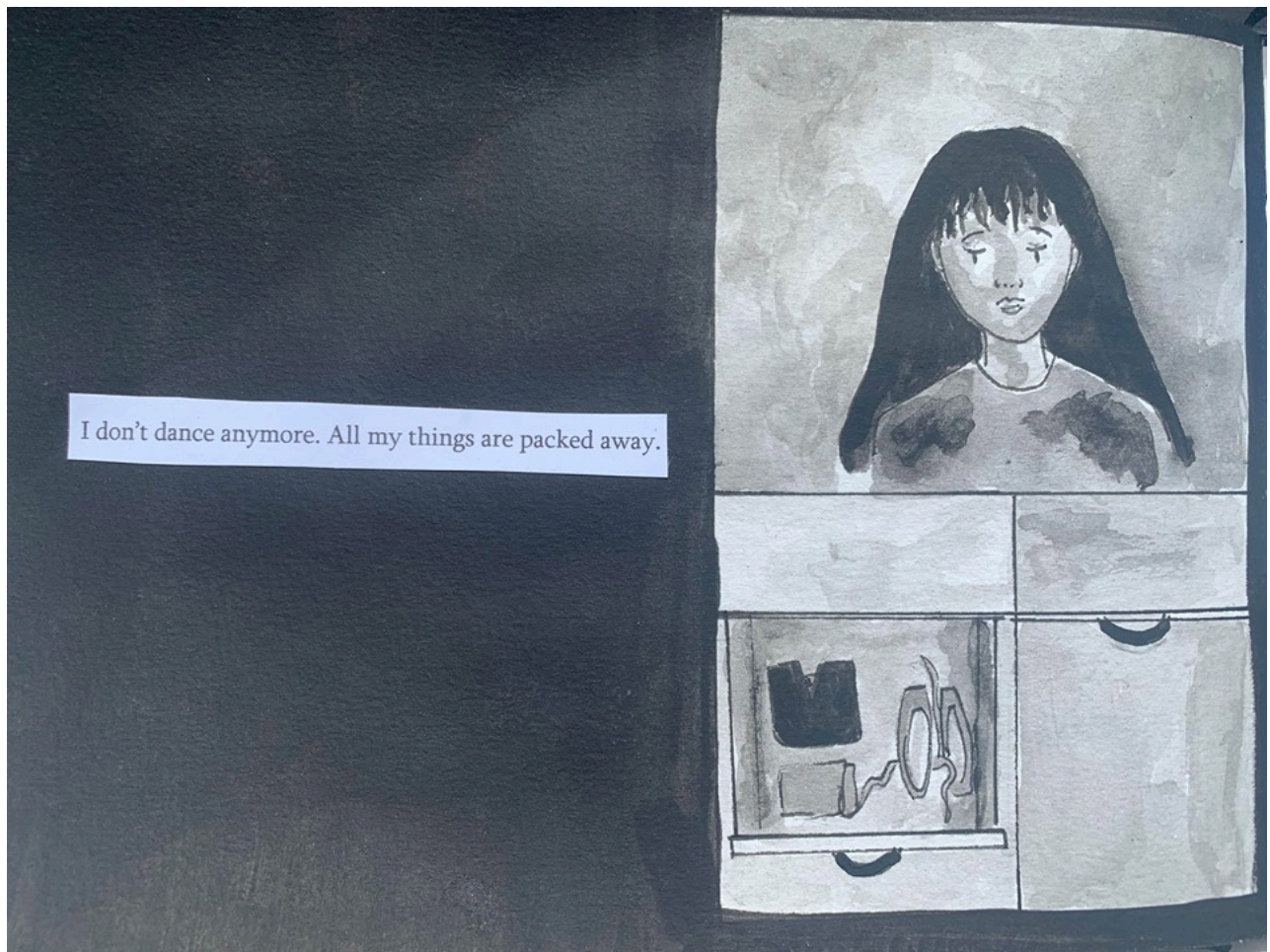
Euterpe: "We guide you and help you and you give us strength. We are here to remind you of who you are."





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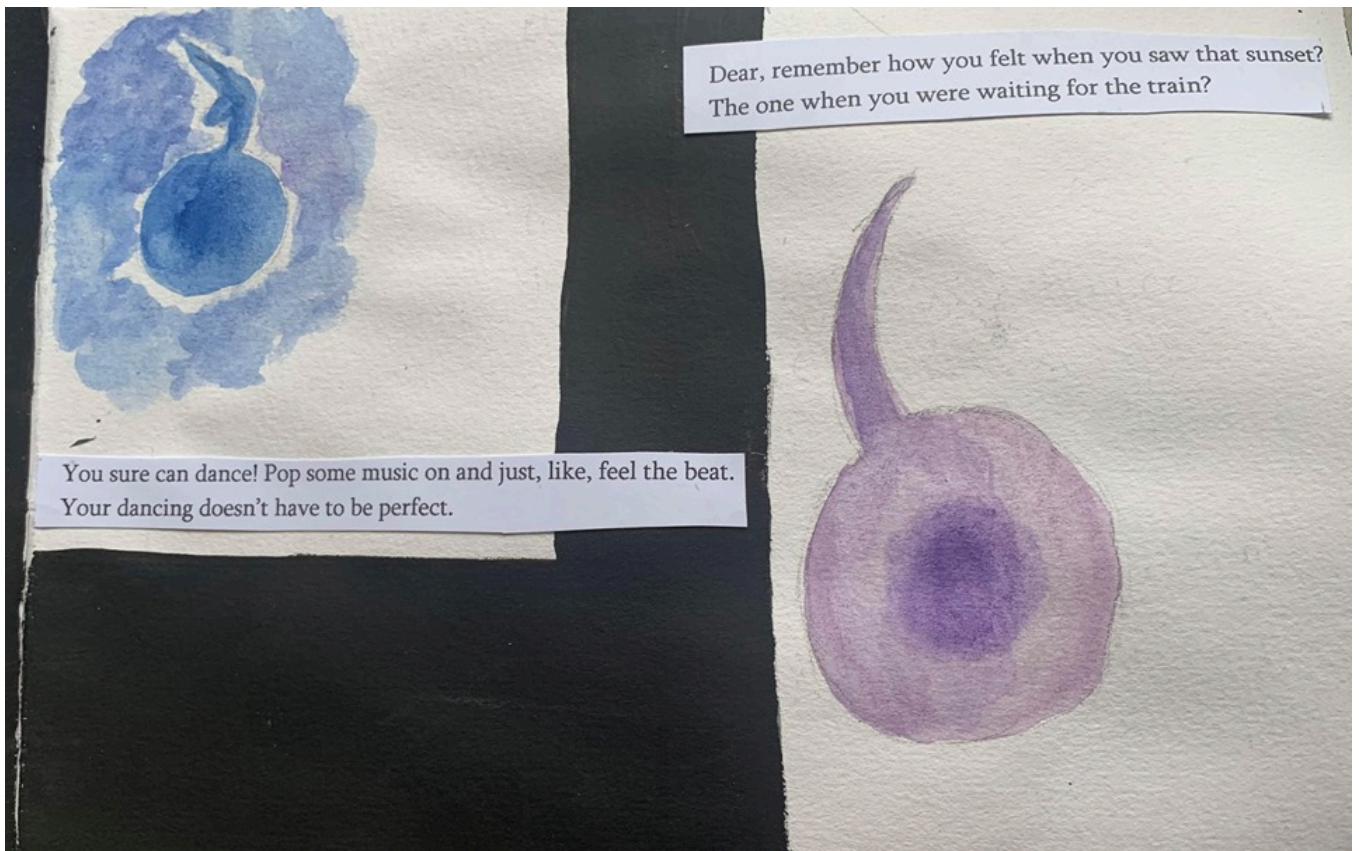
Terpsichore: "Like how you're a dancer! Those were some of the best days. I was so full of joy as you would twirl across the floor in your ballet shoes, not a care in the world."



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Girl: "I don't dance anymore. All my things are packed away."

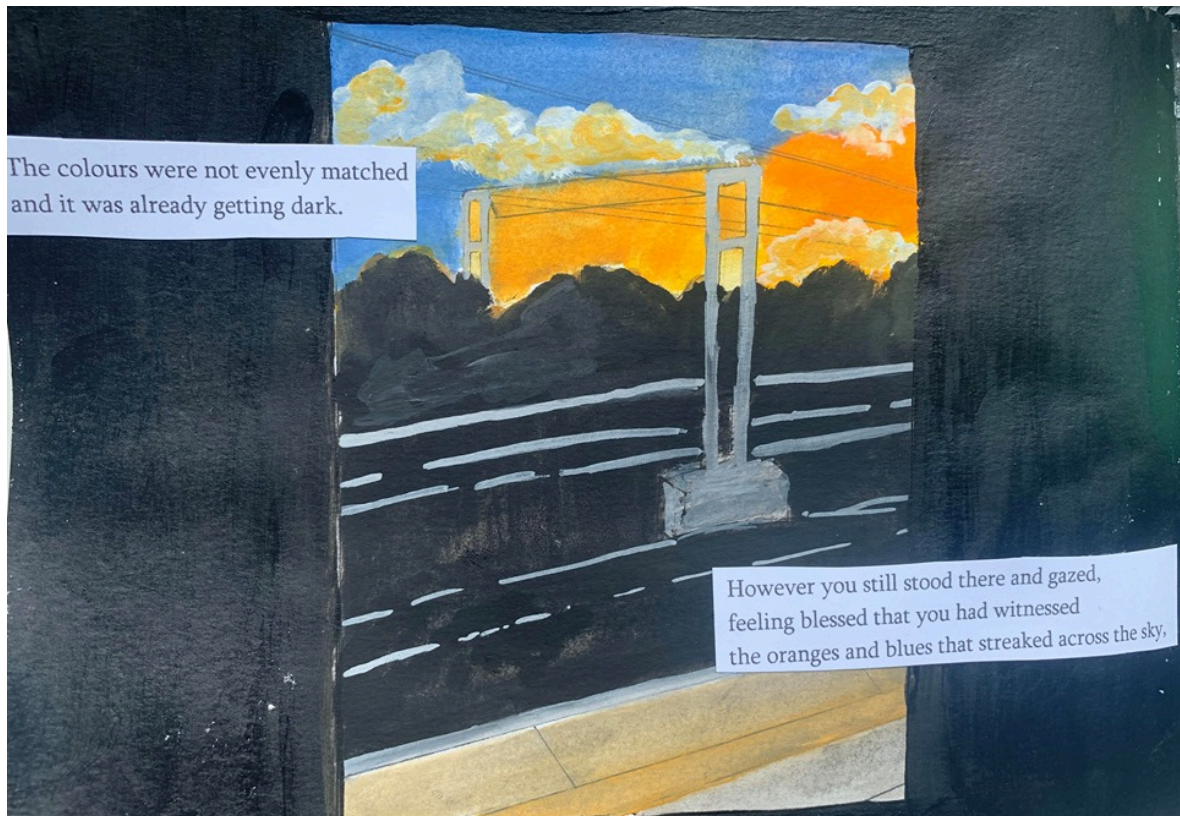




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Terpsichore: "You sure can dance! Pop some much on and just, like, feel the beat."

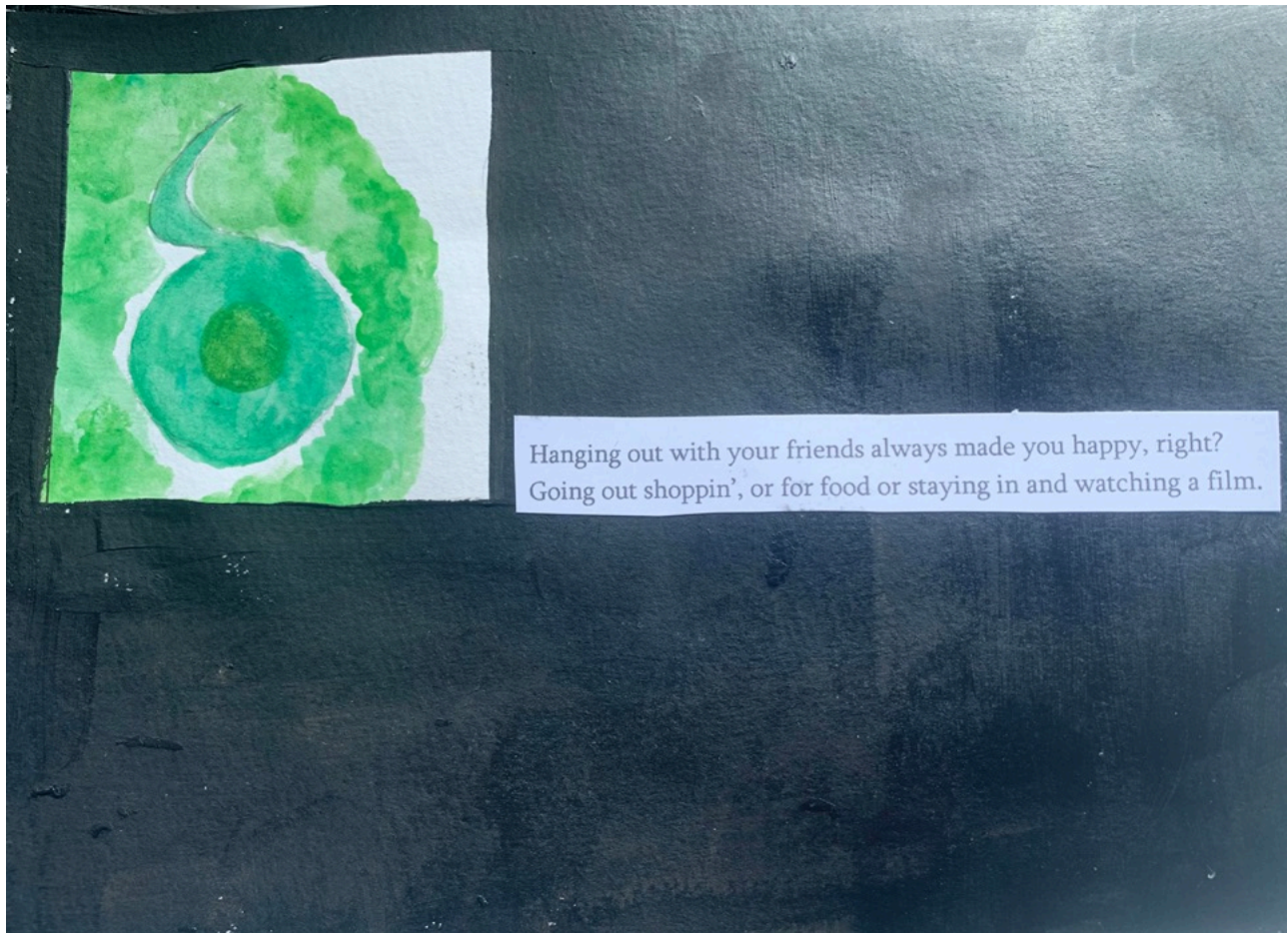
Polyhymnia: Dear, remember how you felt when you saw that sunset? The one when you were waiting for the train?"



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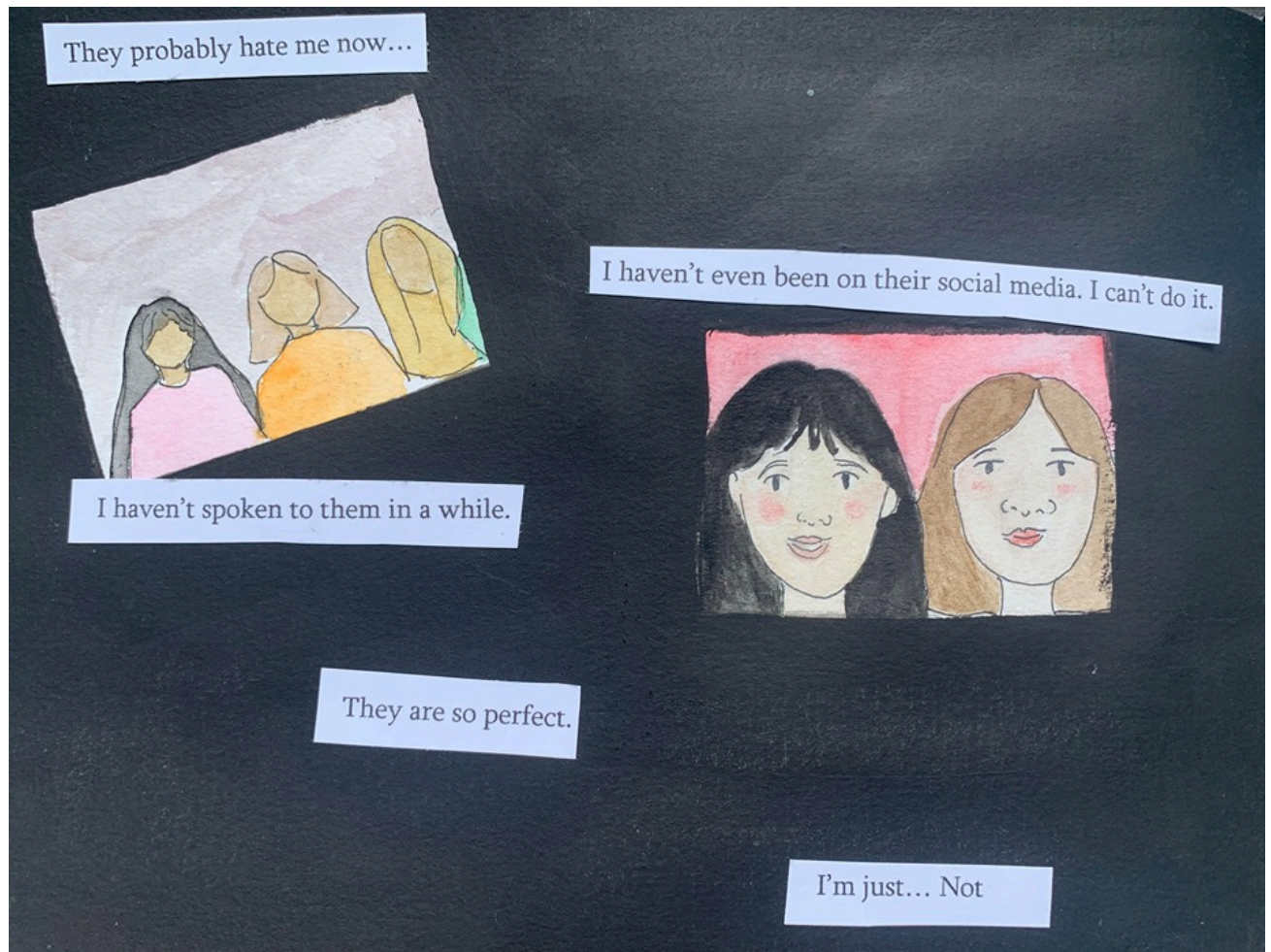
Polyhymnia: "The colours were not evenly matched and it was already getting dark. However you still stood there and gazed, feeling blessed that you had witnessed the oranges and blues that streaked across the sky."





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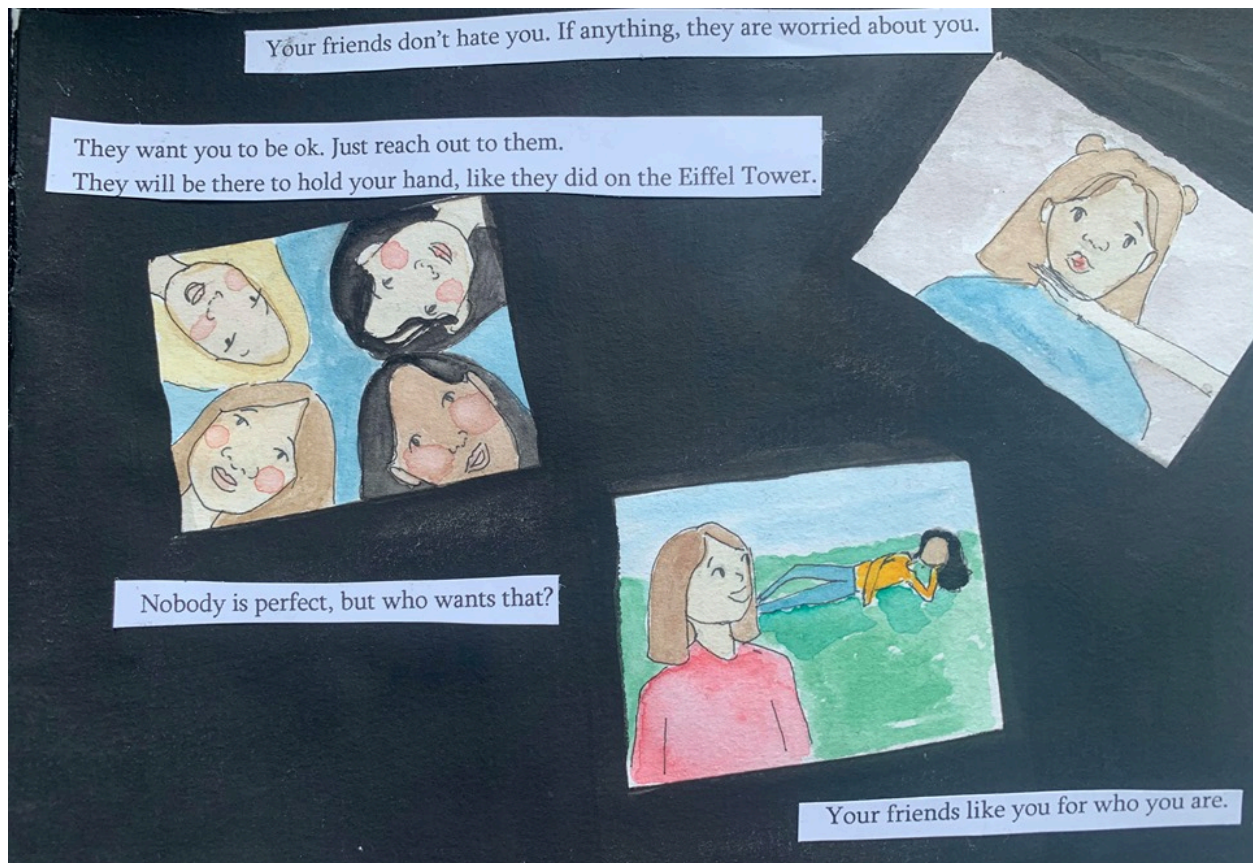
Euterpe: "Hanging out with your friends always made you happy, right? Going out shoppin', or for food or staying in and watching a film."



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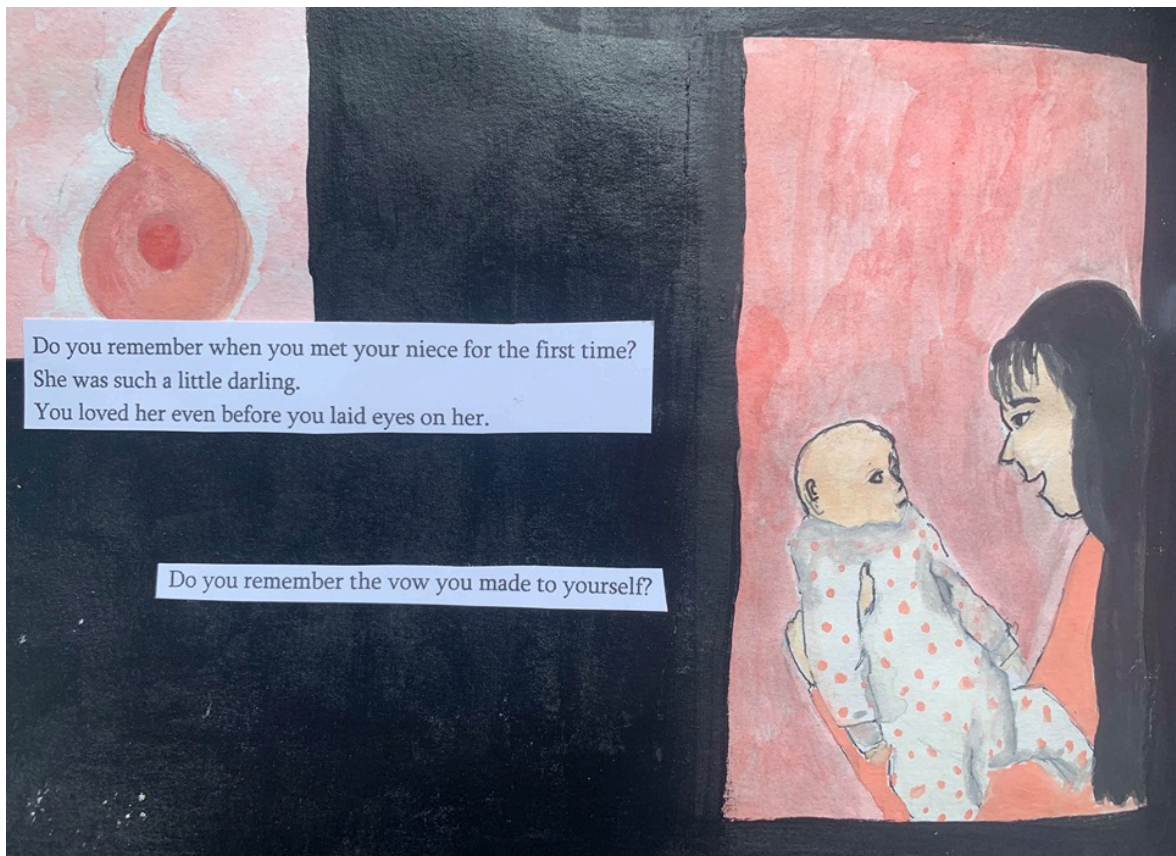
Girl: "They probably hate me now... I haven't even been on their social media. I can't do it. I haven't spoken to them in a while. They are so perfect. I'm just... Not."





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Euterpe: "Your friends don't hate you. If anything, they are worried about you. They wanted you to be ok. Just reach out to them. They will be there to hold your hand, like they did on the Eiffel Tower."



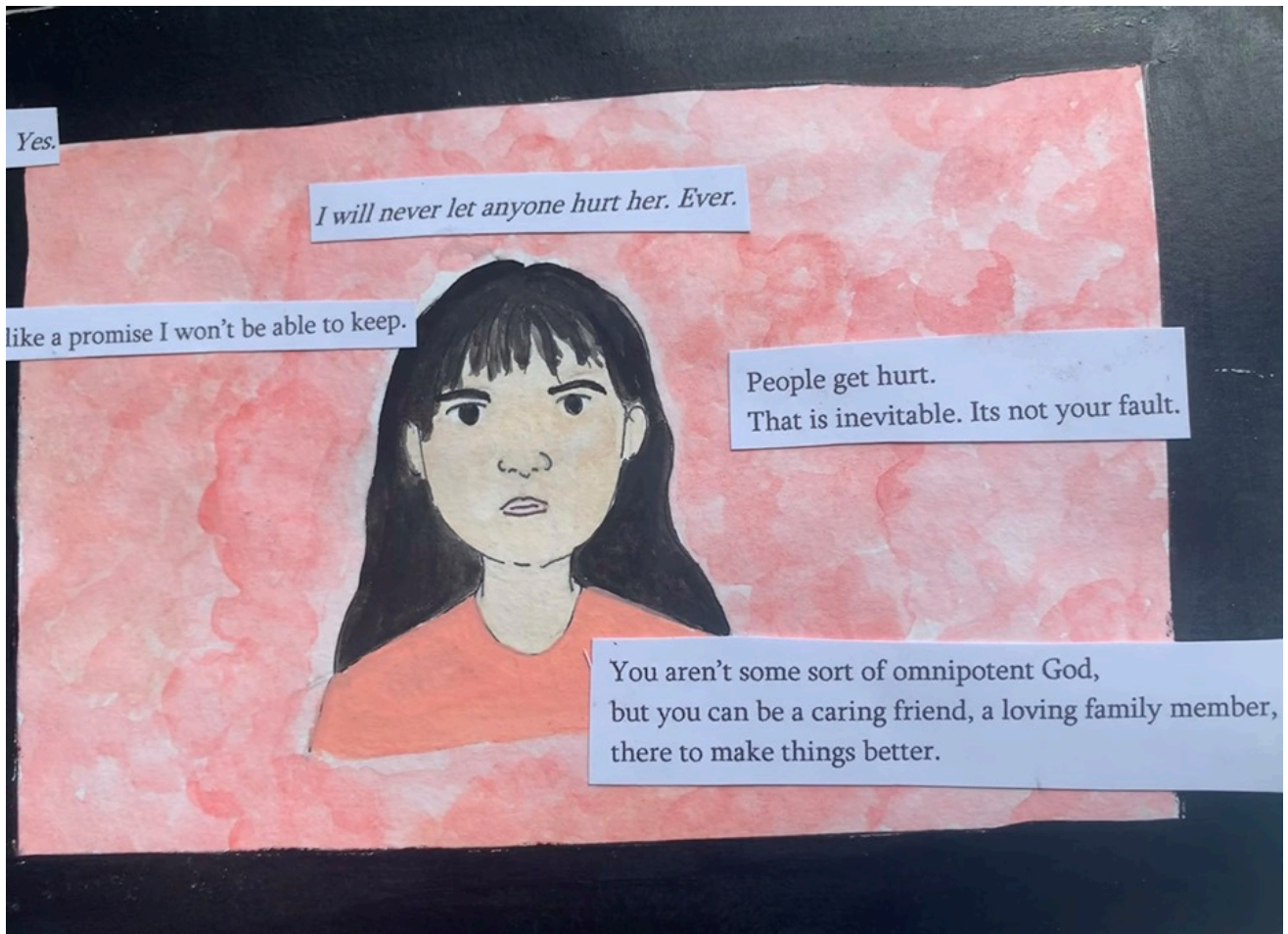
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She was such a little darling.  
You loved her even before you laid eyes on her.

Do you remember the vow you made to yourself?

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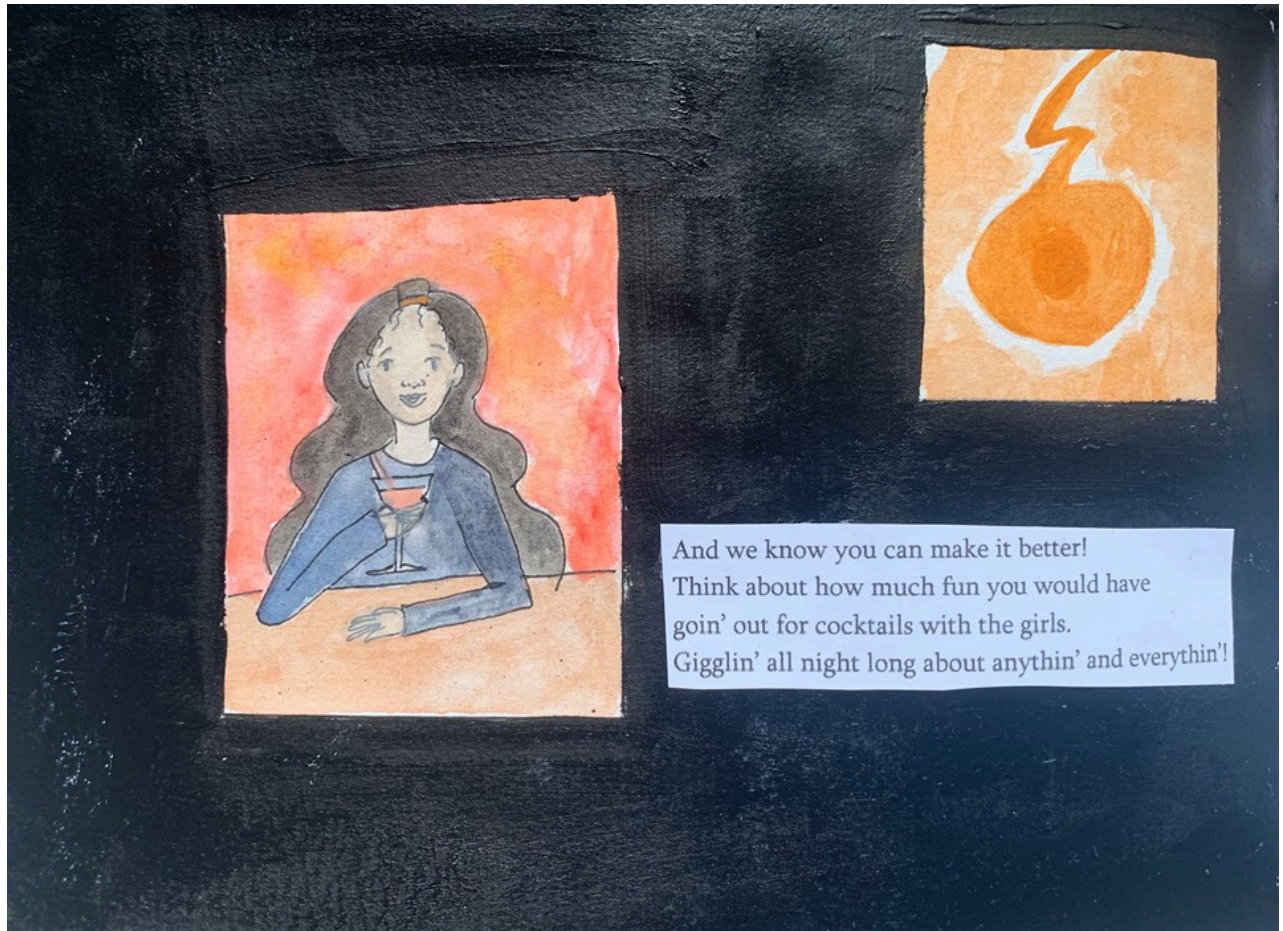
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*Yes.*

*I will never let anyone hurt her. Ever.*

Girl: "That feels like a promise I won't be able to keep."

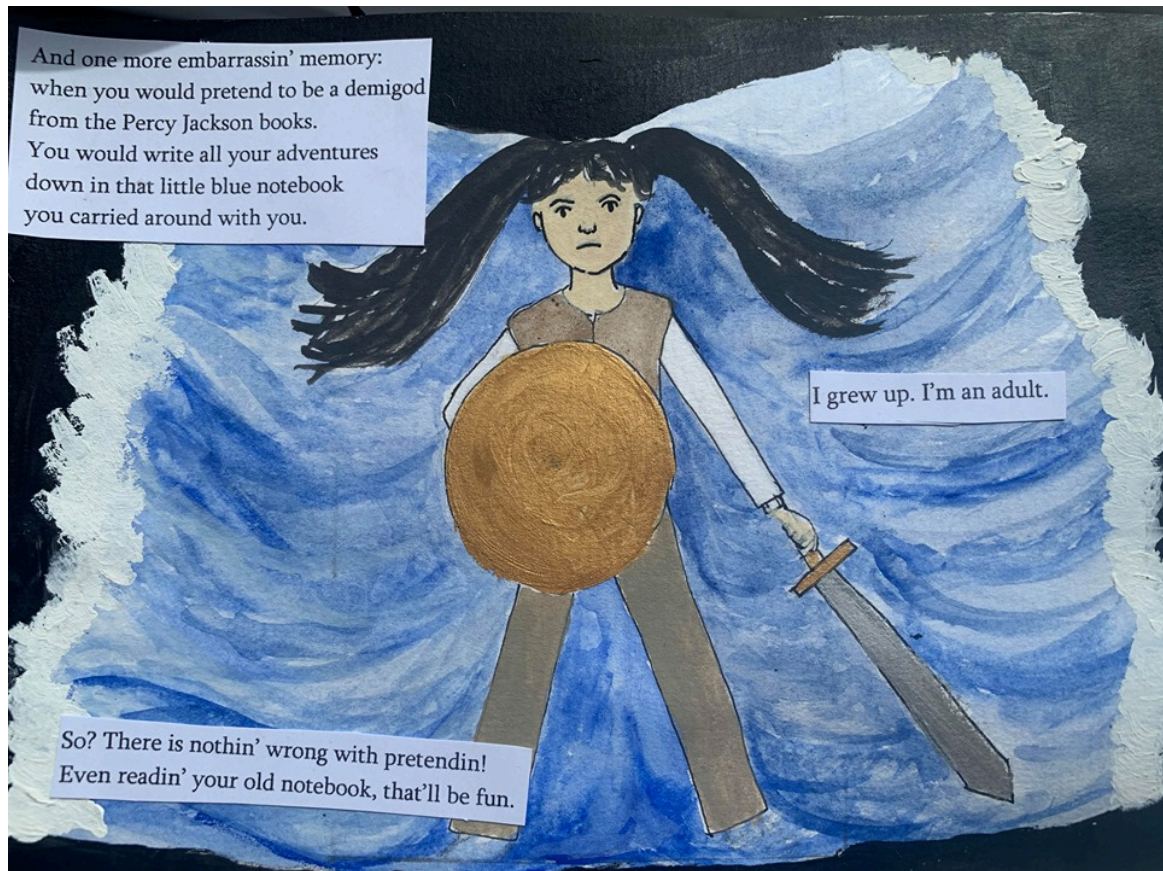
Erato: "People get hurt. That is inevitable. It's not your fault. You aren't some sort of omnipotent God, but you can be a caring friend, a loving family member, there to make things better."



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Thalia: "And we know you can make it better! Think about how much fun you would have goin' out for cocktails with the girls. Gigglin' all night long about anythin' and everythin'!"





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Thalia: "And one more embarrassin' memory: when you would pretend to be a demigod from the Percy Jackson books. You would write it all that little blue book you carried around with you."

Girl: "I grew up. I'm an adult."

Thalis: "So? There is nothin' wrong with pretendin'! Even readin' your old notebook, that'll be fun."

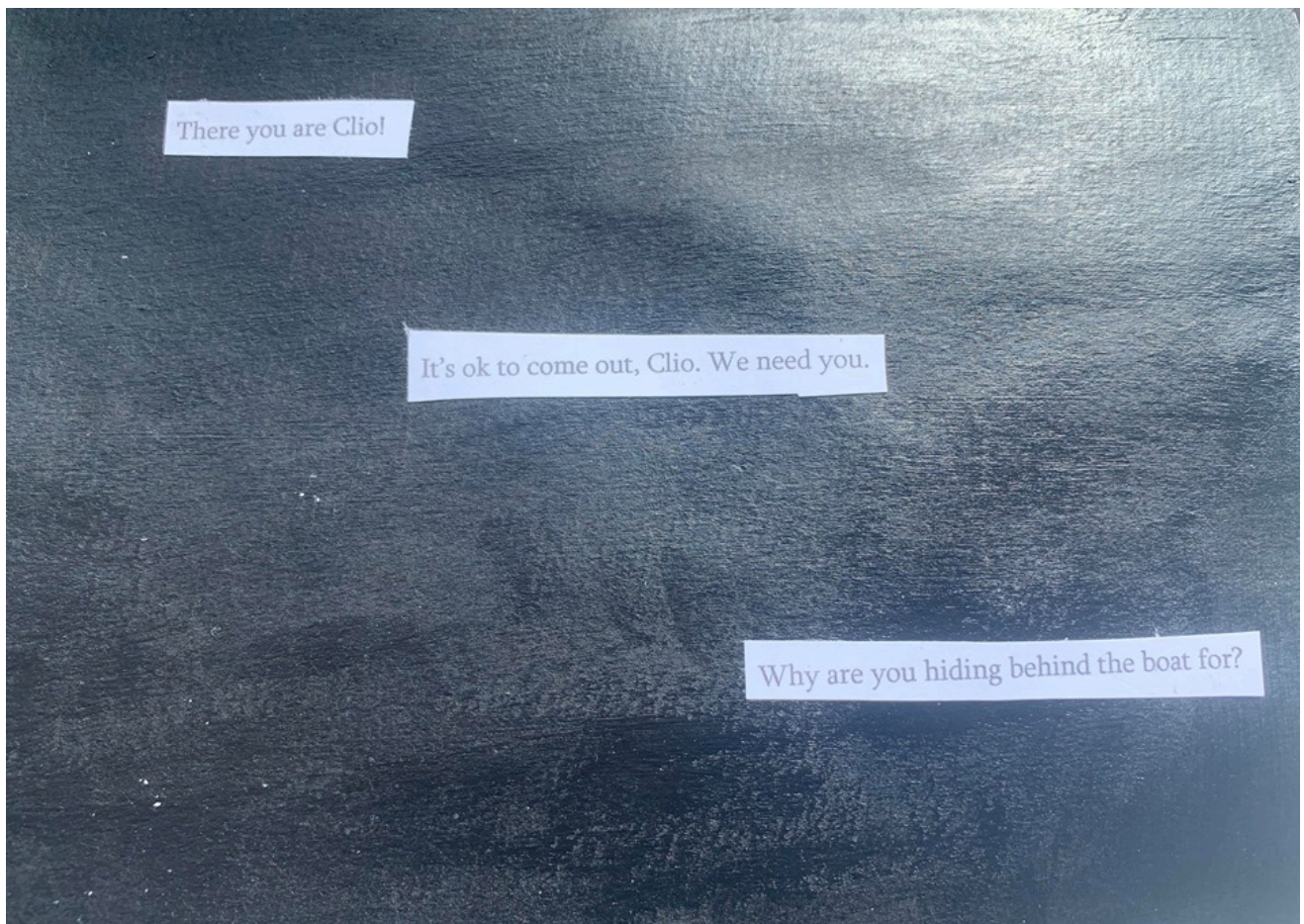


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Thalia: “And... huh? Where’s Clio?”

Polyhymnia: “Oh!”



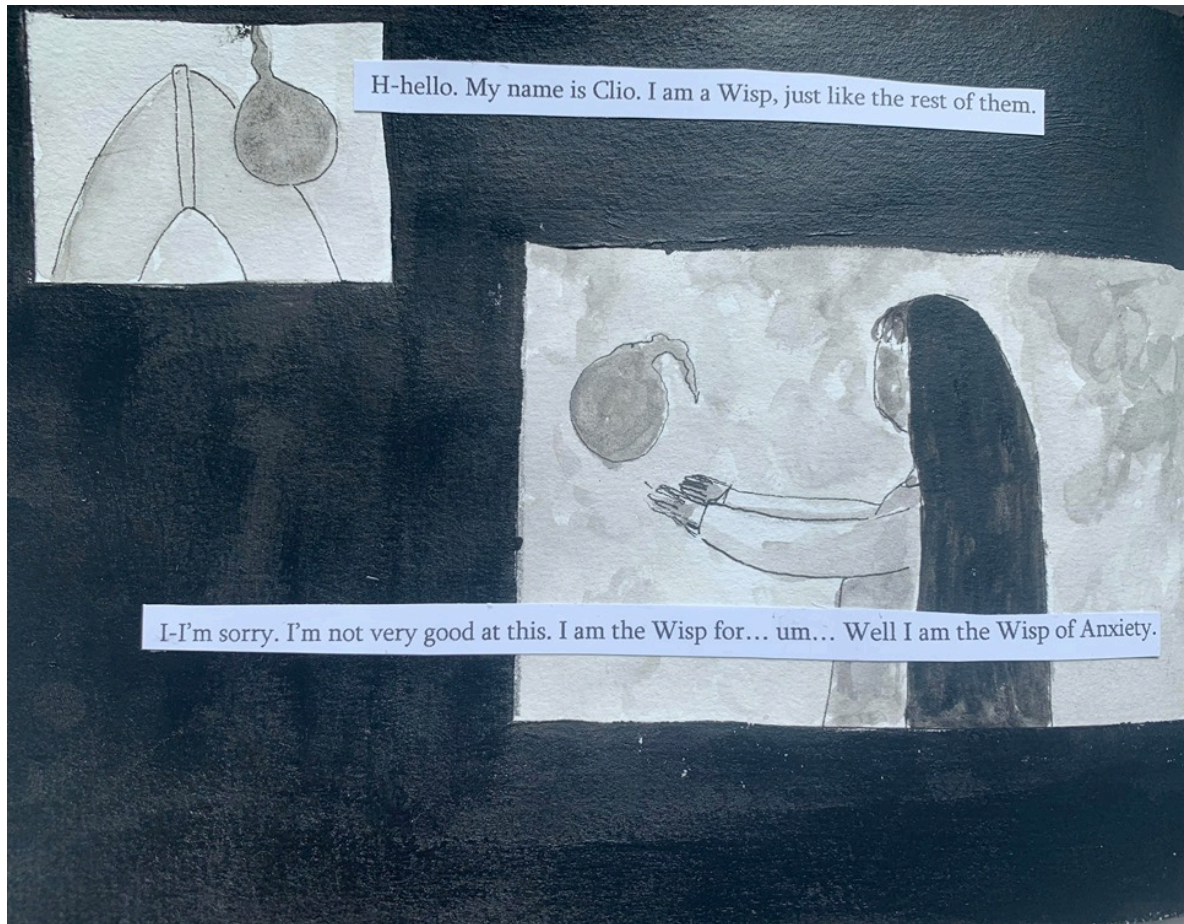


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Polyhymnia: "There you are Clio!"

Erato: "It's ok to come out Clio. We need you."

Thalia: "Why are you hiding behind the boat?"



Page 38:

Clio: "H-hello. My name is Clio. I am a Wisp, just like the rest of them. I-I'm sorry. I'm not very good at this. I am this Wisp for... um... Well I am the Wisp of Anxiety."





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*I can't breathe*

*I CAN'T BREATHE*

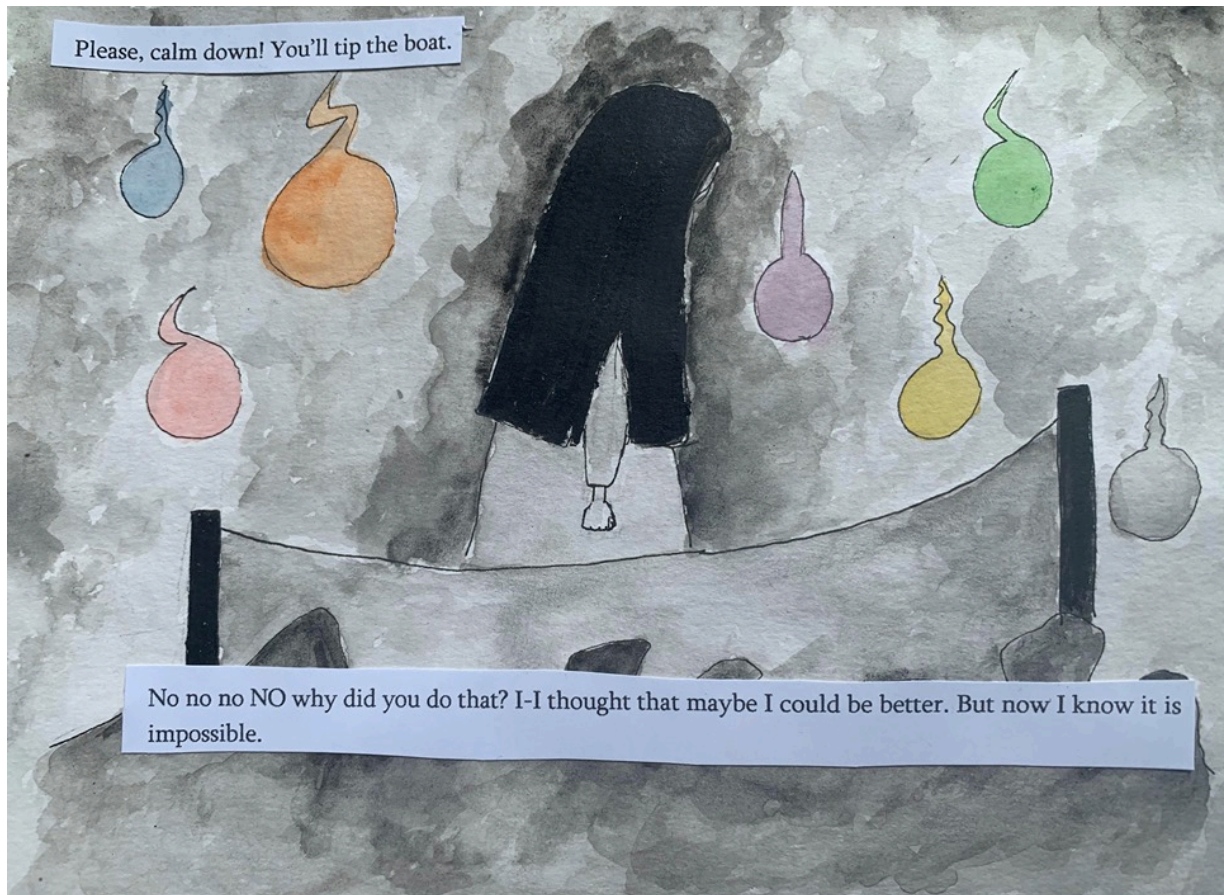
Clio: "I'm sorry, I'm sorry, I'm so sorry."



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Girl: "Why would you show me that? Why... why would you show me how bad I felt? I thought you were trying to HELP!!!!!"





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Terpsichore: "Please, calm down! You'll tip the boat!"

Girl: No no no NO why did you do that? I-I thought that maybe I could be better. But now I know it is impossible."

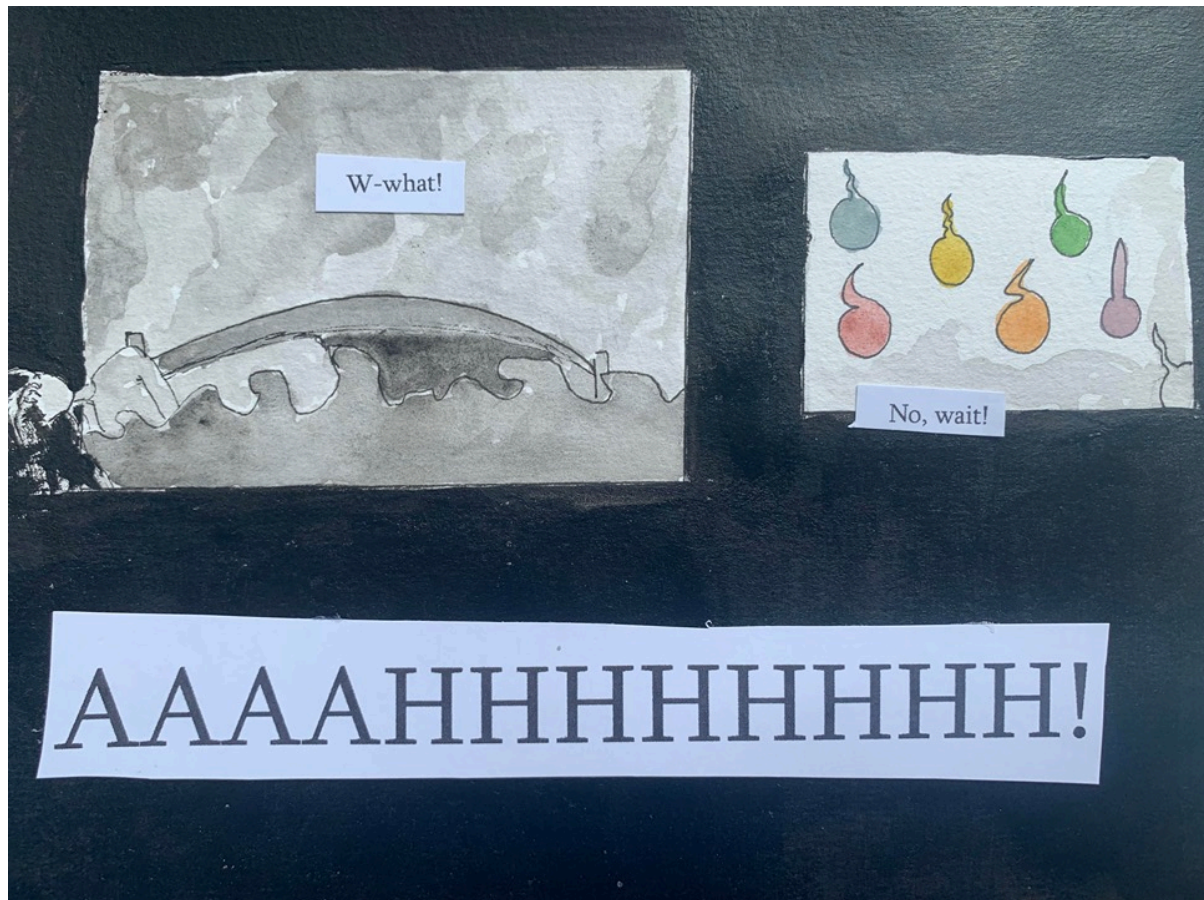


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Polyhymnia: "Please-"

Girl: "GET AWAY FROM ME"



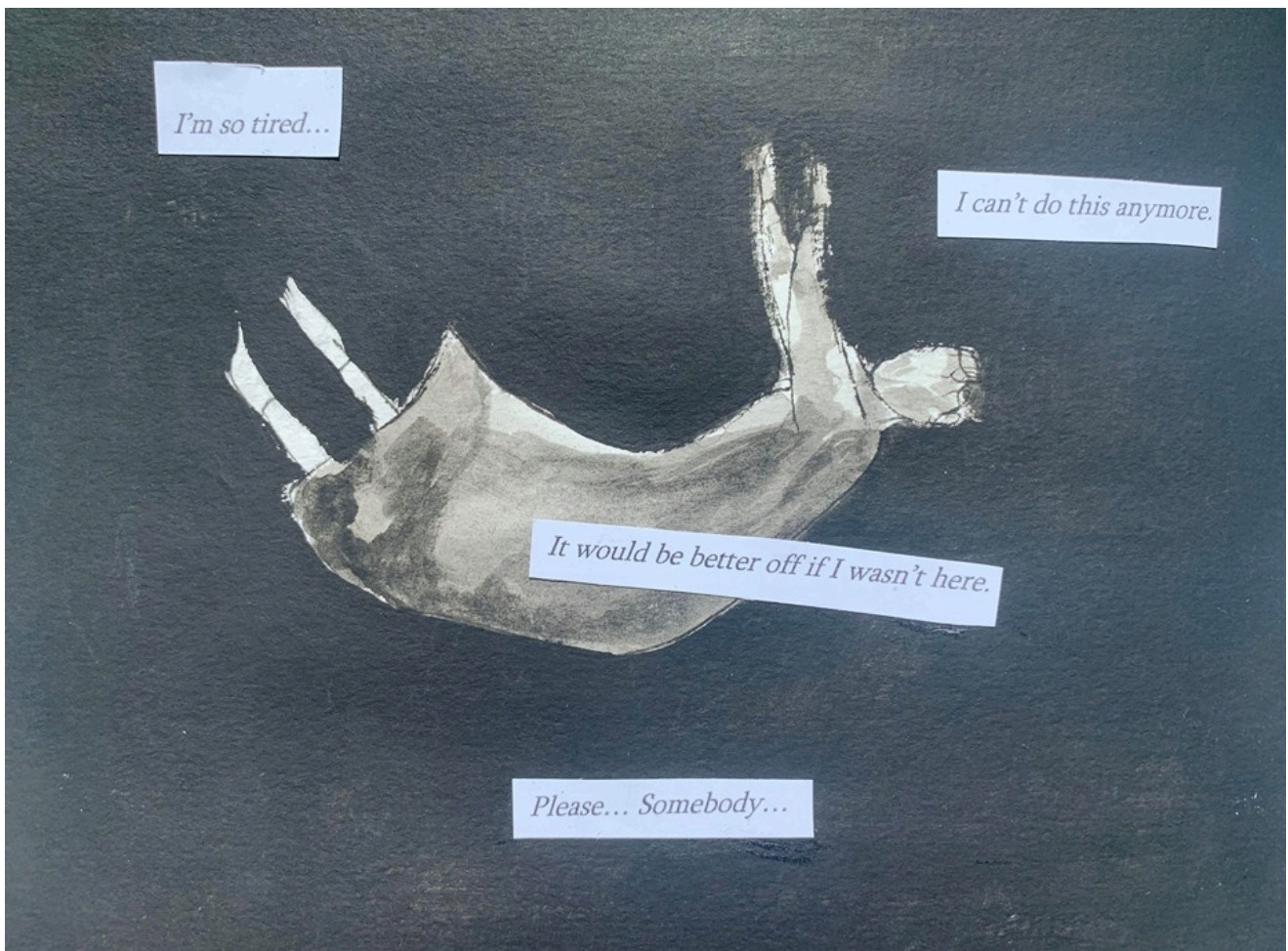


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Girl: "W-what!"

All Wisps: "No, wait!"

Girl: AAAAHHHHHHHHH!



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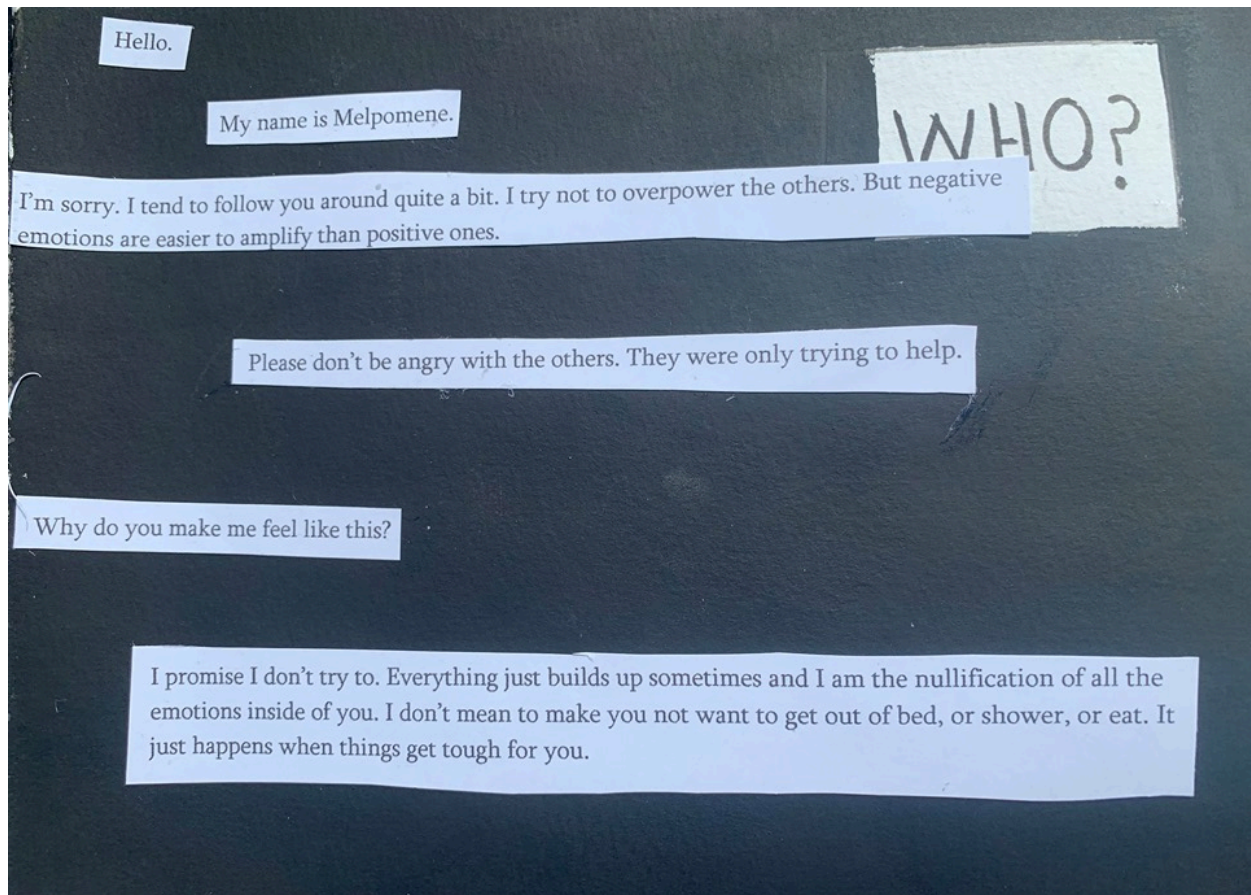
*I'm so tired.*

*I can't do this anymore.*

*It would be better off if I wasn't here.*

*Please... Somebody...*





Page 45:

Melpomene: "Hello."

Girl: "WHO?"

Melpomene: "My name is Melpomene. I'm sorry, I tend to follow you around a bit. I try not to overpower the others. But negative emotions are easier to amplify than positive ones. Please don't be angry with the others. They were only trying to help."

Girl: "Why do you make me feel like this?"

Melpomene: "I promise I don't try to. Everything just builds up sometimes and I am the nullification of all the emotions inside of you. I don't mean to make you not want to get out of bed, or shower, or eat. It just happens when things get tough for you."

It isn't your fault. I'm just not strong enough.

That's not true. You are strong enough. You've been strong all this time. You can do it. I know I'm not exactly the right one to be saying this, so I'll pass you over to another in one moment.

I just wanted to apologise for everything I've done. And... I won't be leaving you fully. I'm a part of you, so I'll always be around. But the others will be there too.

We won't always get along, you and I. Sometimes I might be bigger and it might hurt you more.

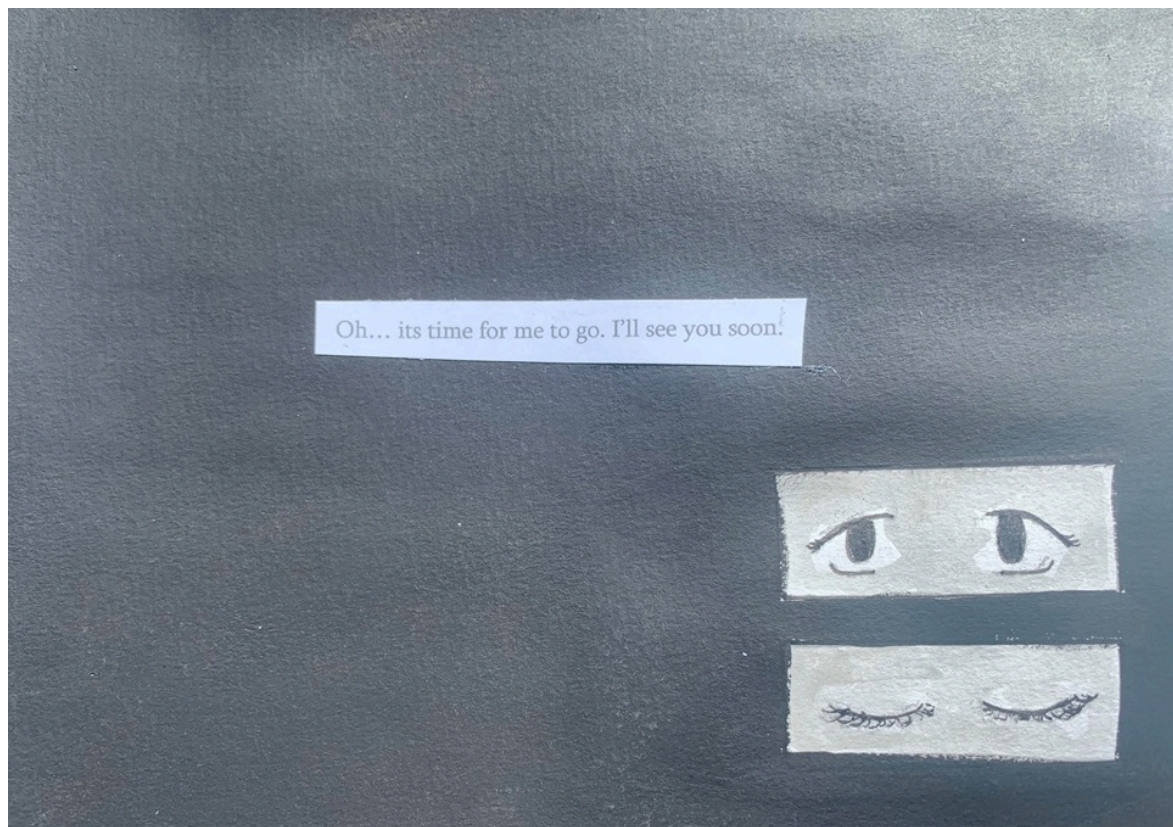
But please remember, there is always a sun to look at. It will always be there for you.

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Girl: "It's not your fault. I'm just not strong enough."

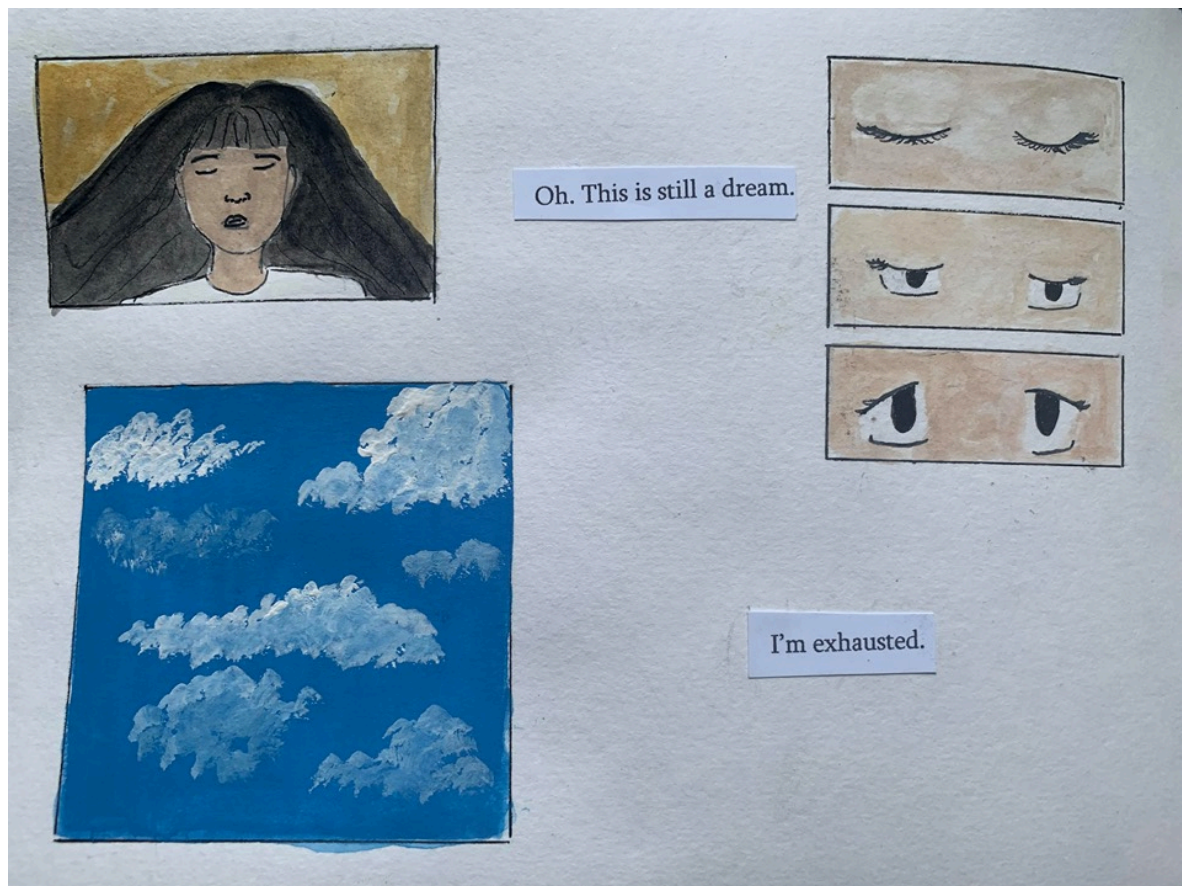
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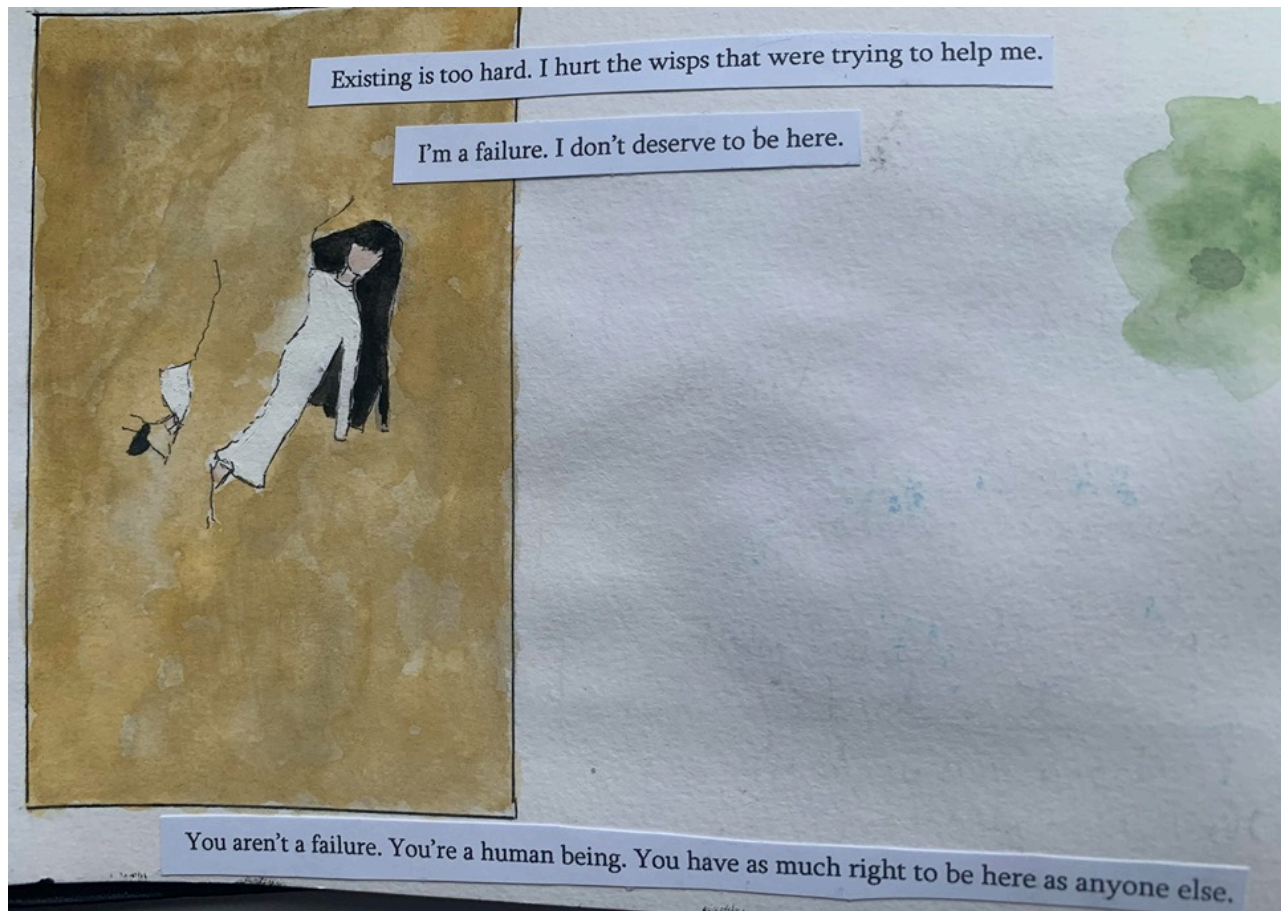
Melpomene: "Oh... it's time for me to go. I'll see you soon."



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Girl: "Oh. This is still a dream. I'm exhausted."

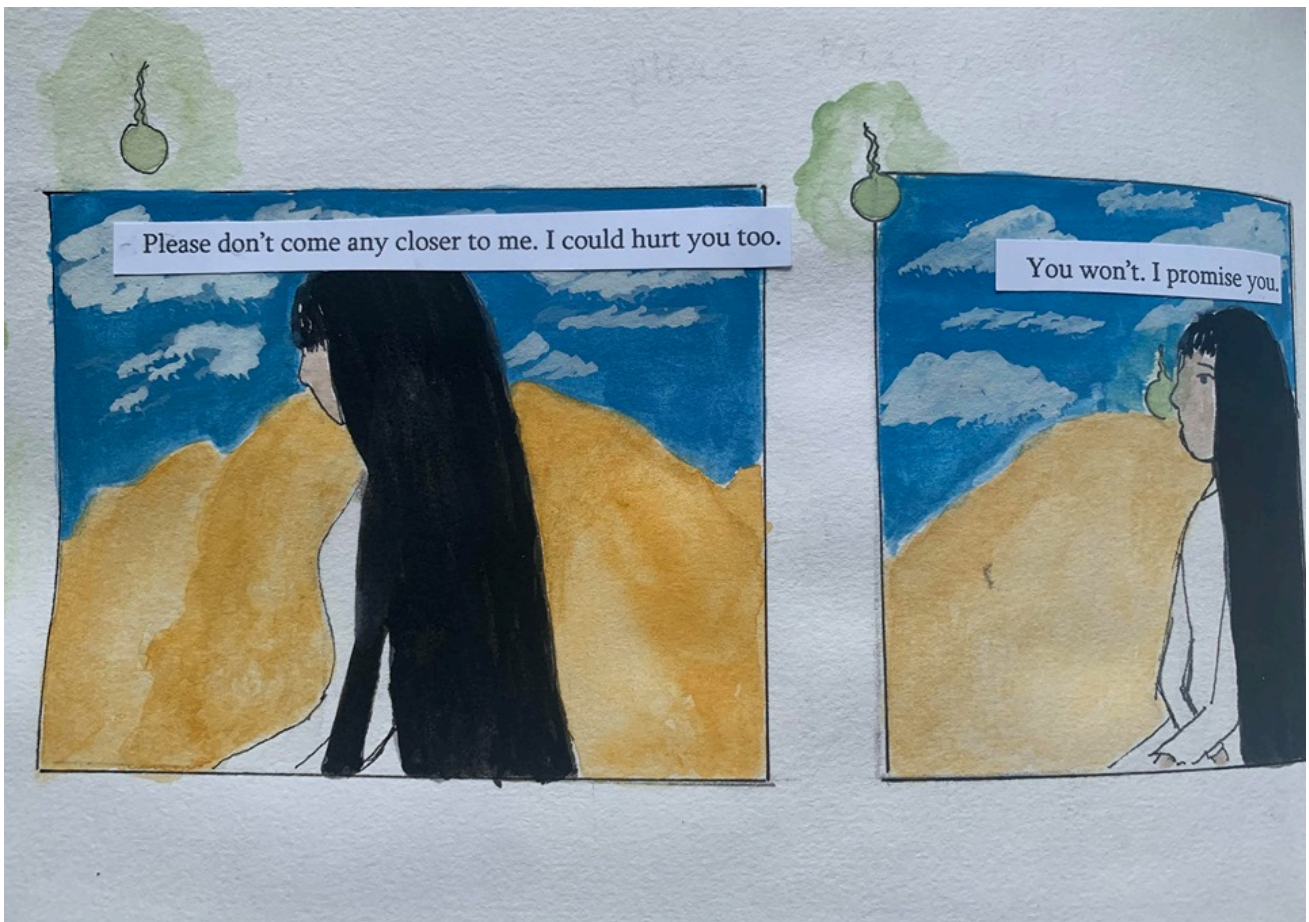




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Girl: "Existing is too hard. I hurt the wisps that were trying to help me. I'm a failure. I don't deserve to be here."

Urania: "You aren't a failure. You're a human being. You have as much of a right to be here as anyone else."

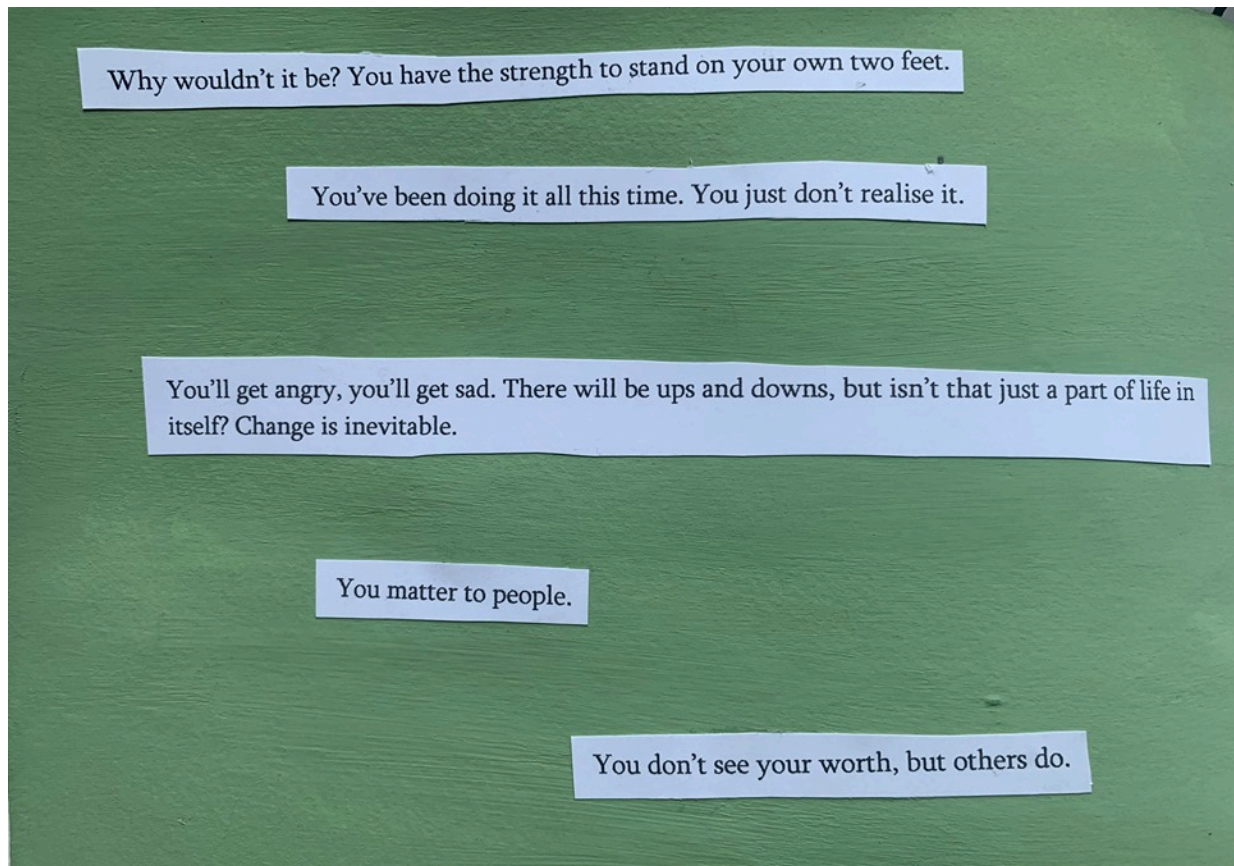


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Urania: "My name is Urania. Forgive me, I am a little bit small at the moment. You've been fighting for so long. I'm sorry you've been feeling this way. I know it's hard to get back up when you fall down. It seems impossible at times. But we'll be right behind you to pick you back up again. As long as you remember, I'll be here. We'll all be here. Everything will be alright."

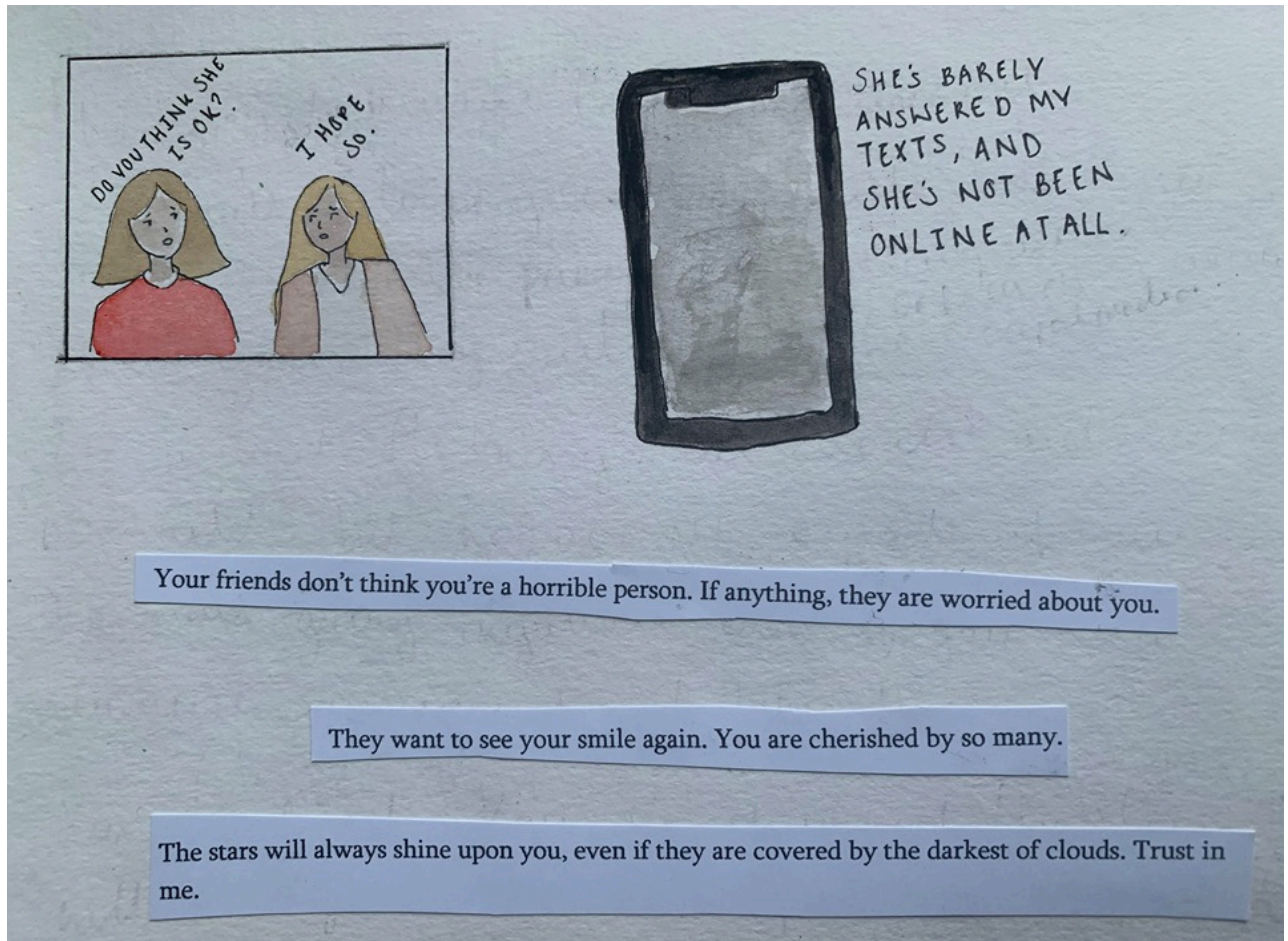
Girl: "But what if it isn't?"





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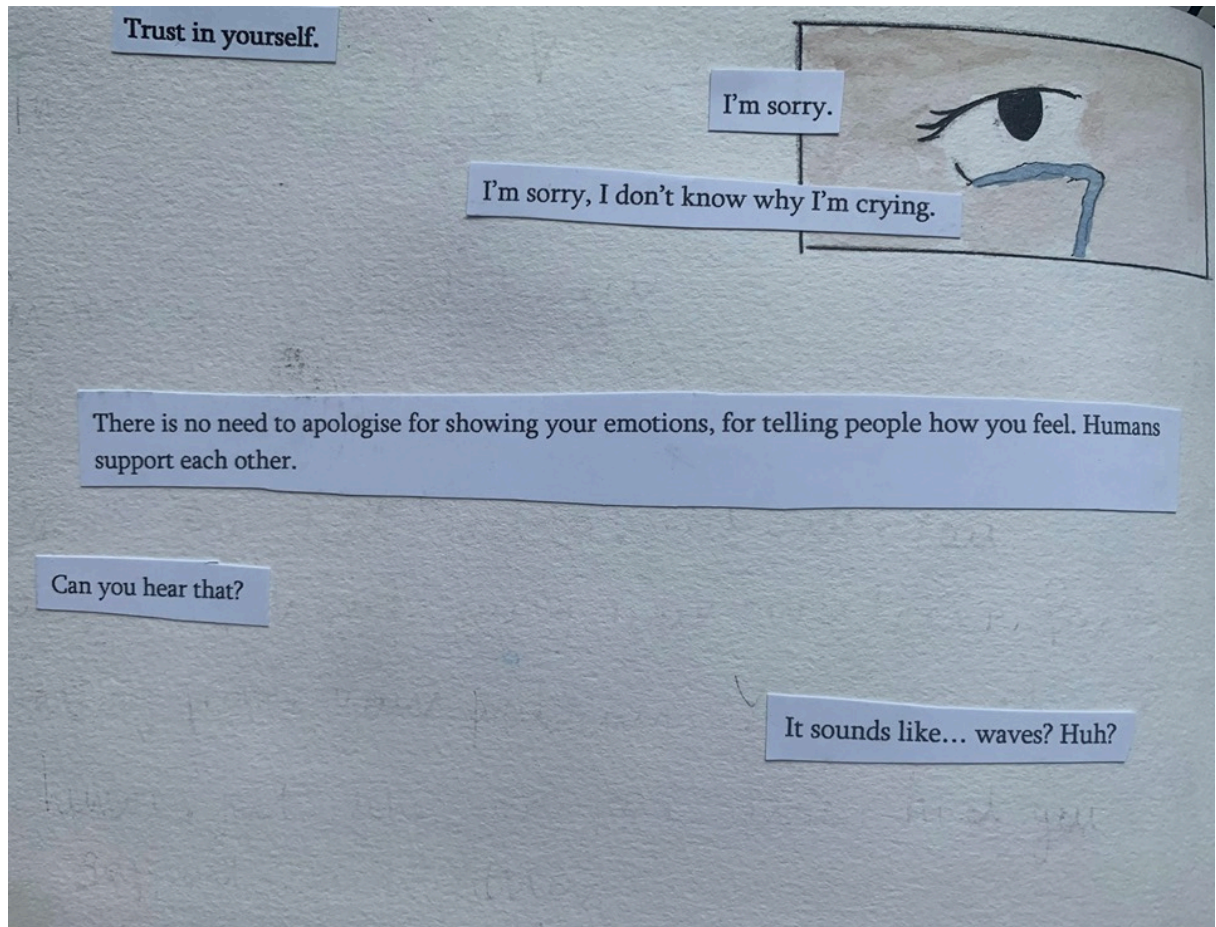
Urania: "Why wouldn't it be? You have the strength to stand on your own two feet. You've been doing it all this time. You just don't realise it. You'll get angry, you'll get sad. There will be ups and downs, but isn't that just a part of life in itself? Change is inevitable. You matter to people. You don't see your worth, but others do. "



Page 52:

Urania: "Your friends don't think you're horrible. If anything, they are worried about you. They want to see your smile again. You are cherished by so many. The stars will always shine upon you, even if they are covered by the darkest of clouds. Trust in me"





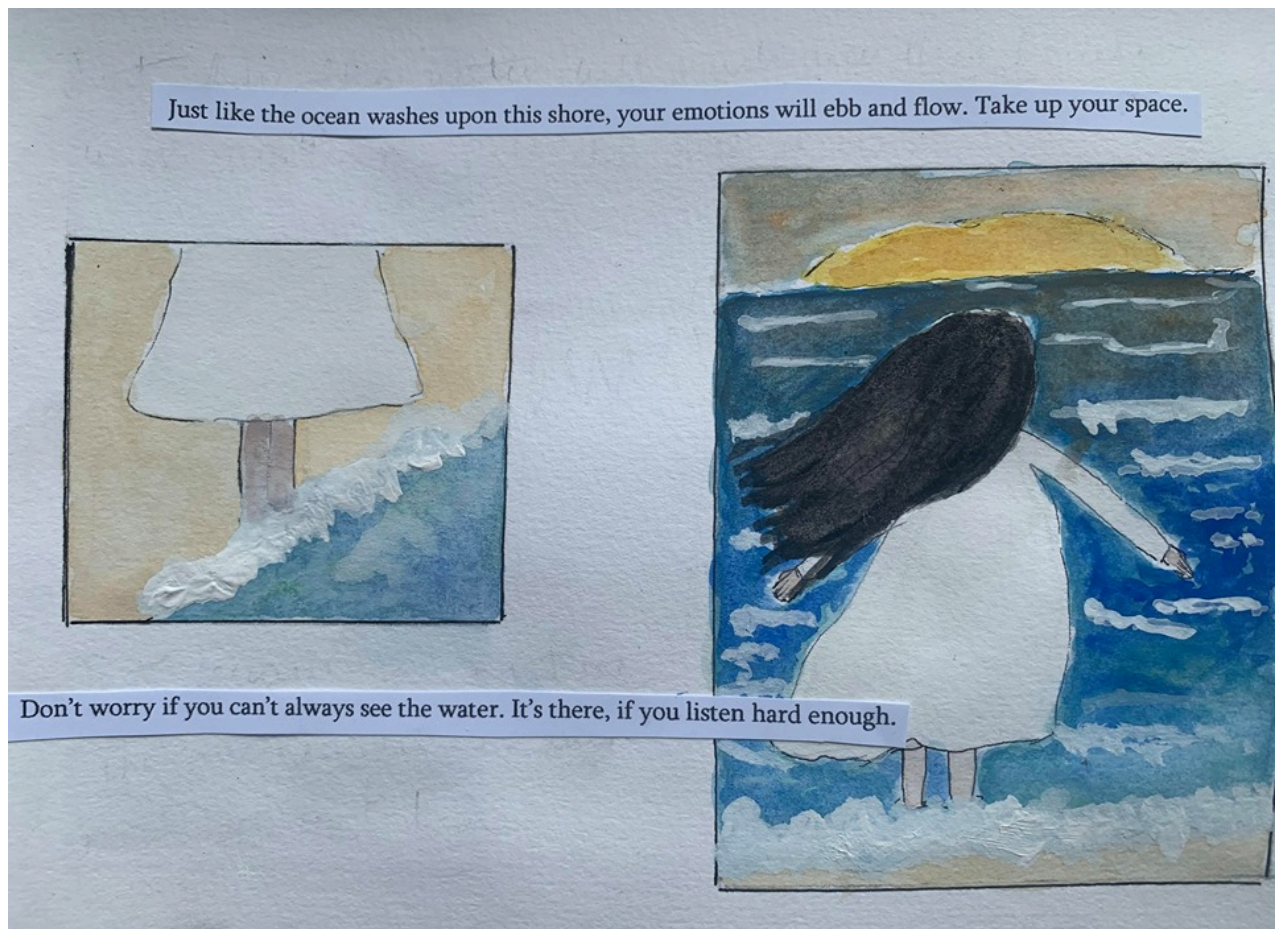
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Urania: "Trust in yourself."

Girl: "I'm sorry. I'm sorry, I don't know why I'm crying."

Urania: "There is no need to apologise for showing your emotions, for telling people how you feel. Humans support each other. Can you hear that?"

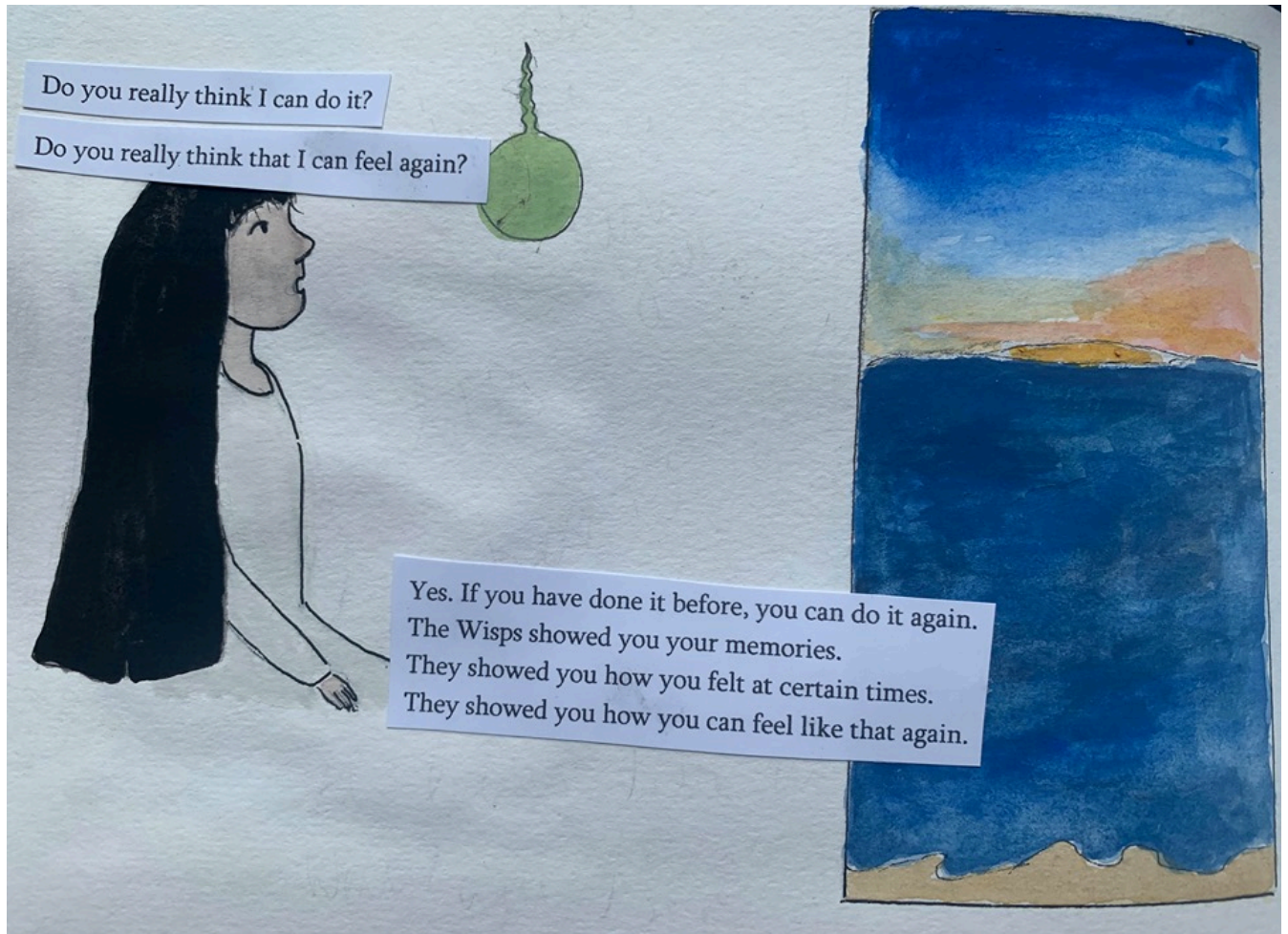
Girl: "It sounds like... waves? Huh?"



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Urania: "Just like the ocean washes upon this shore, your emotions will ebb and flow. Take up your space. Don't worry if you can't see always see the water. It's there, if you listen hard enough."

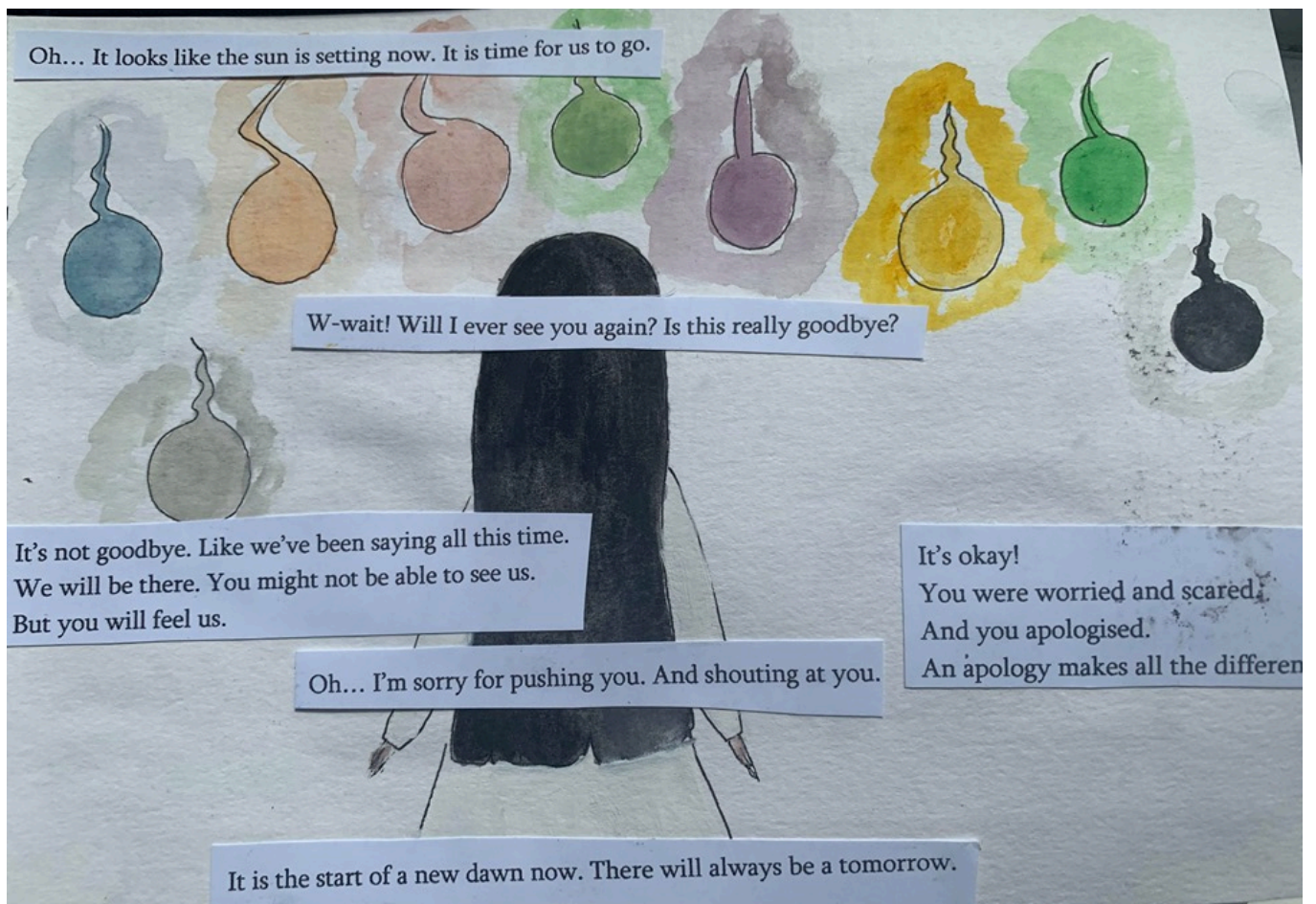




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Girl: "Do you really think I can do it? Do you really think I can feel again?"

Urania: "Yes. If you have done it before, you can do it again. They showed you how you felt at certain times. They showed you how you can feel like that again."



Page 56:

Urania: "Oh.... It looks like the sun is setting. It is time for us to go."

Girl: W-wait! Will I ever see you again? Is this really goodbye?"

Urania: "It's not goodbye. Like we've been saying all this time. We will be there. You might not be able to see us. But you will feel us."

Girl: "Oh... I'm sorry for pushing you. And shouting at you."

Polyhymnia: "It's okay! You were worried and scared. And you apologised. An apology makes all the difference."

Urania: "It is the start of a new dawn now. There will always be a tomorrow."





Page 57:

Girl: "A new dawn... Yes. That's right."

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