

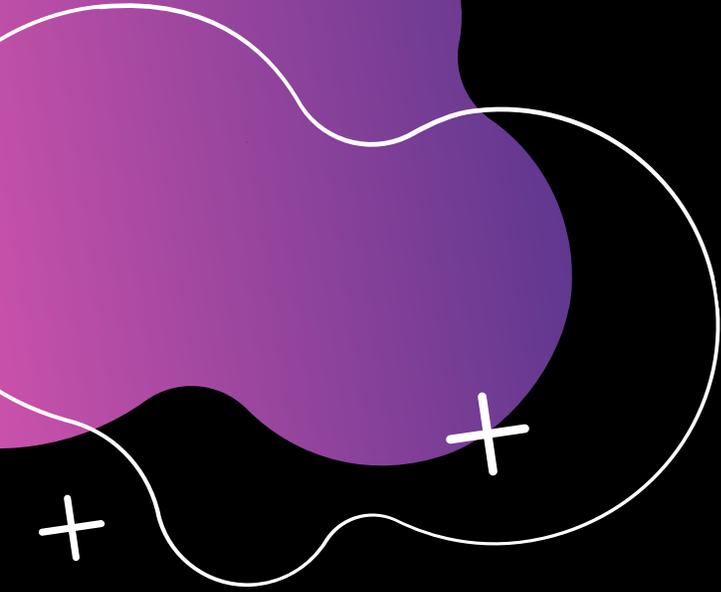
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LOST IN CYBERSPACE

Fall 2020



Hands

Maya Peterson

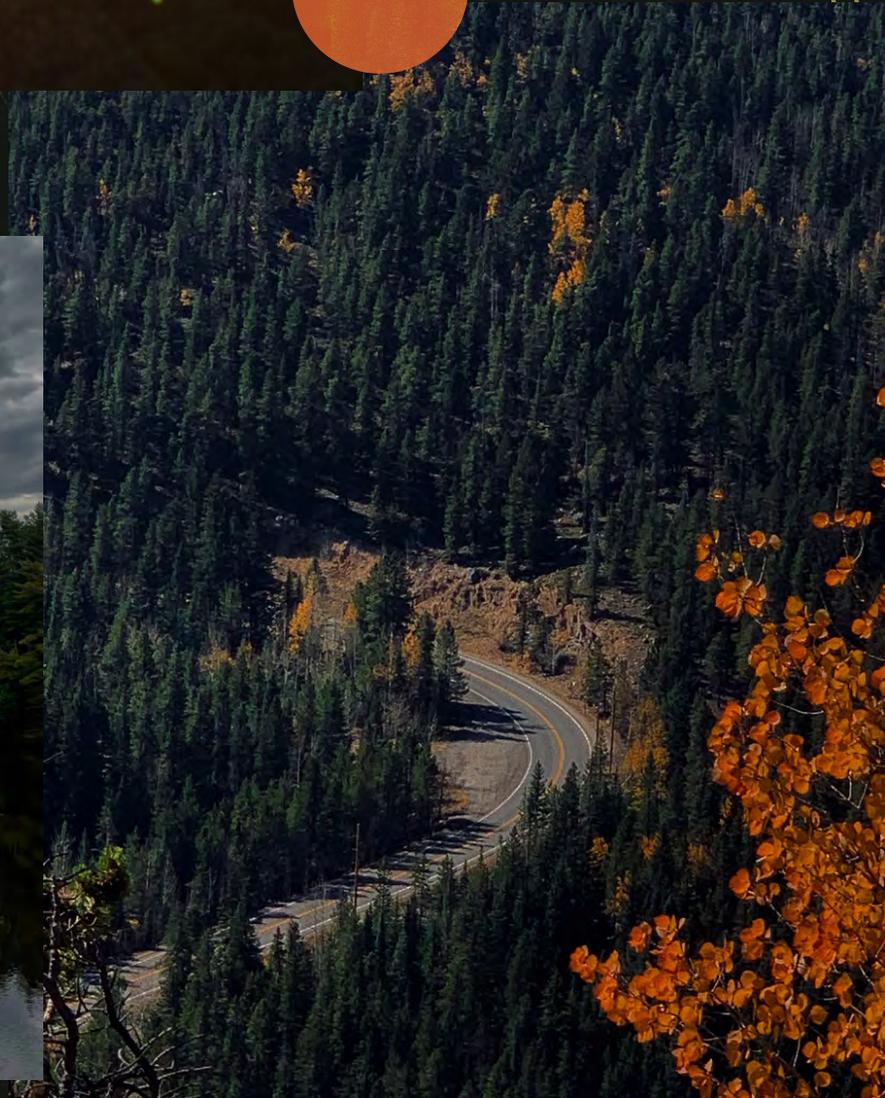
Two unifying characteristics of humans are our physical bodies and the ability to make choices. With this video compilation I explore the tools that we call hands, and what we choose to do with them. I was inspired by what I found.

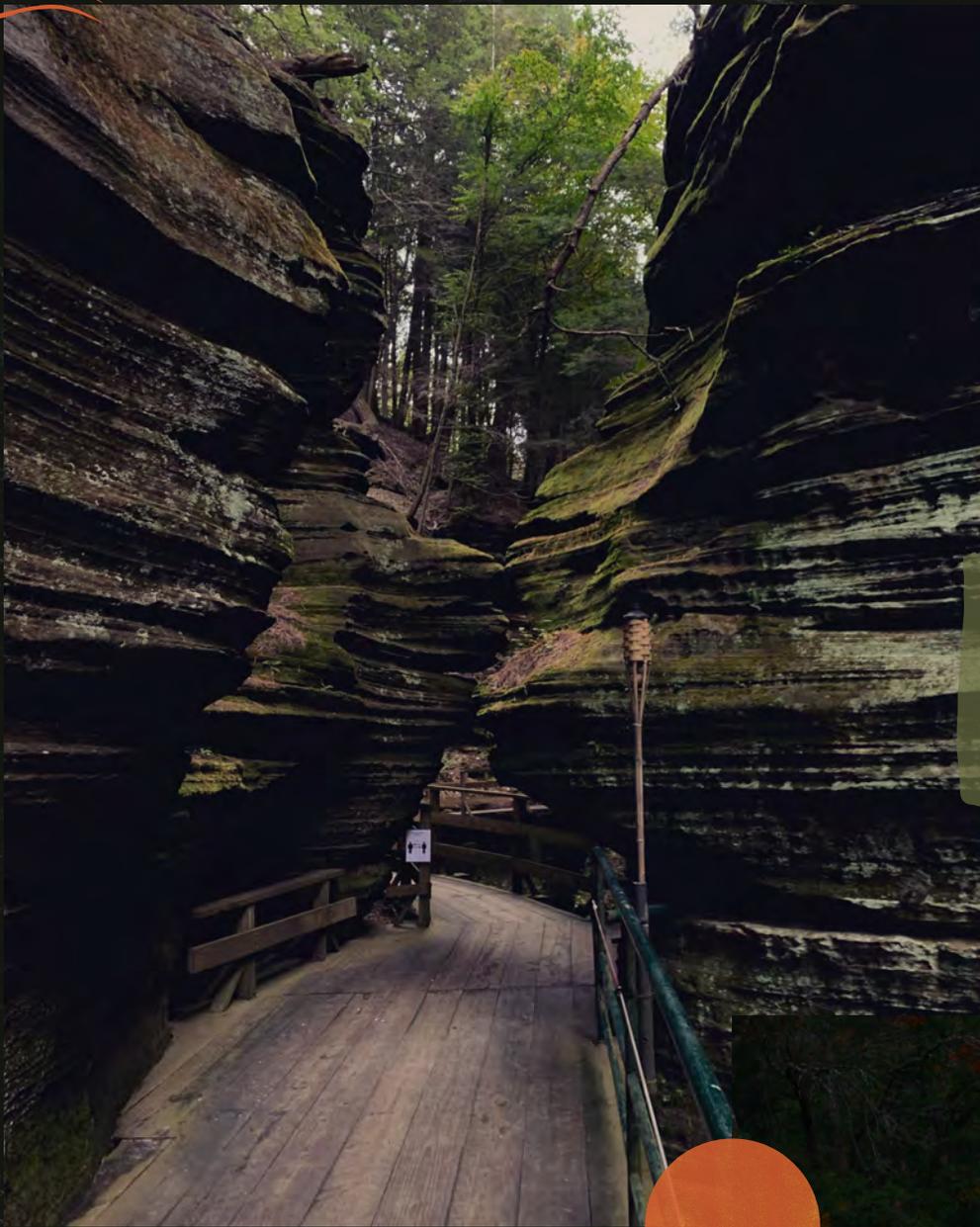
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***Overwhelming
Tranquility***

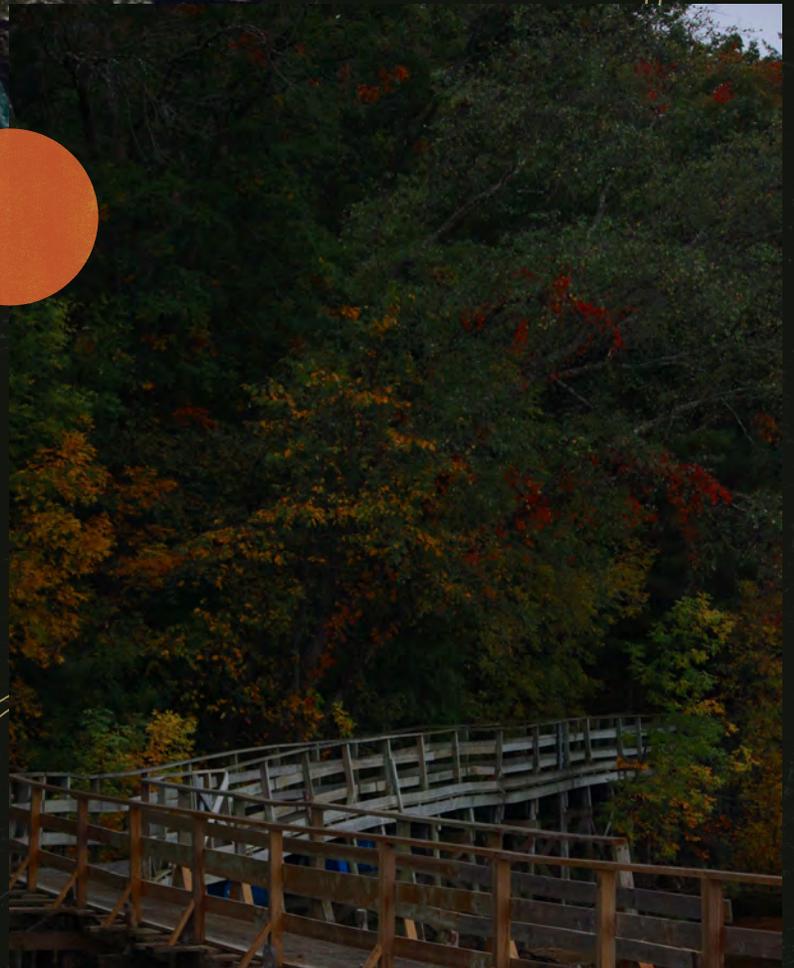
Cynthia Montes Gonzales





"Everywhere I go, I believe that I can find beauty if I look close enough. Most of the time, I don't have to look. Beauty is just there. These pictures are from some recent travels that I have done to the state of Wisconsin, Missouri and here in the state of Colorado. I love capturing the simple things because to me, simplicity is always the best."

"To capture these images, I used my Canon EOS Rebel T7. I just started with this hobby in July, so I have a lot to learn but I am so surprised I had not started before. I love taking pictures of nature landscapes, it makes me extremely happy and it makes me feel peace in my soul. I love the way the landscapes make me feel when I see them so with my camera in my hand and heart, I hope it transfers happiness and peace to your soul too. If anyone wants to see more images taken by your humble servant, follow my Instagram account at [montes_gonzalesphotography](#)"



UH-OH!



It looks like something went wrong, and the next page is all scrambled up!

All the letters on the next page have been scrambled up! We'll need to unscramble them to find out what it says! Here are some tips to help you out!

- *The most common letter in the alphabet is E, followed by T, A, I, N, O, S.*
- *Some letters like to appear together! Ex: th, ch, ke,*
- *Common three letter words are: the, and, for, are, and but.*
- *Common four letter words are: that, with, have, this, and will.*
- *All words need vowels in them!*
- *Think of what letters can appear twice in a row. Ex: deep, still, sitting.*
- *Think of common word endings! Ex: -ing, -tion, -ly.*

This puzzle does spell something out! Use the words that you have figured out in a sentence to help determine the ones you need help with. Also, no letter decodes to itself. Don't be afraid to get a letter or two wrong. Use trial and error to help figure things out. Happy decoding!

*word puzzle
provided by*

AUTUMN SCHMIDT

R L Y U I L P V F I Y Y B J M !
C L M Y Y T G V T X V V H
R K V T Y B T E X G V V H I E
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A Life That

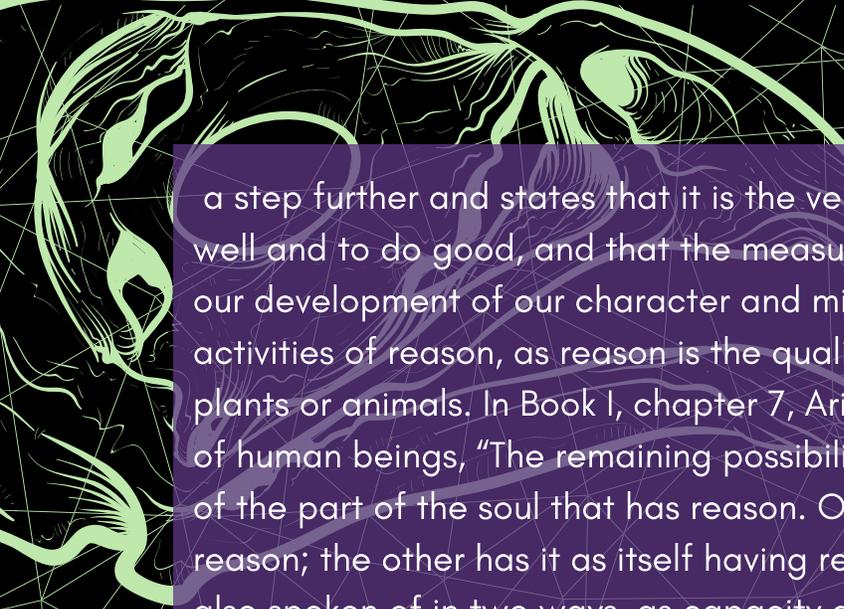
REMEMBERS

DEATH

By Jordan Matthews

As humans, we are capable of using our minds to generate profound, original thinking and to create and share information around the world and across generations. For all of the wonder our thoughts can grasp, we are also made aware of our finitude; We will eventually die. There is value in having this awareness. Rather than spending our lives dedicated to satisfying others, planning for a future time in which we can celebrate our aliveness, and relying on the promise of joy or peace in an afterlife, remembering that we die can reinforce our focus on cultivating presence, happiness, and fulfillment in this life while we are still alive to experience it. Death is an unavoidable consequence of human existence. We can and must use this limited time alive to work toward developing our character, advancing our knowledge, and reaching toward fulfillment of our potential.

This, of course, is not a new philosophy. In his *Nicomachean Ethics*, Aristotle asserts that there is an overall best human good that is achievable in action, and that is eudaimonia, or happiness. That is, living well and doing good. And not just happiness as simply as we define it in English today, being temporary or based in pleasure-seeking, but happiness that is complete, being sought for the sake of itself and not just as a means to some other end, and self-sufficient, which Aristotle describes as being, "all by itself [making] a life choice worthy and lacking nothing" (Reeve, 2014). He takes this argument



a step further and states that it is the very function of human beings to live well and to do good, and that the measure of this function is according to our development of our character and mind through intellectual activities, or activities of reason, as reason is the quality that differentiates humans from plants or animals. In Book I, chapter 7, Aristotle writes regarding the function of human beings, "The remaining possibility, then, is some sort of life of action of the part of the soul that has reason. One part of it has reason as obeying reason; the other has it as itself having reason and thinking. Moreover, life is also spoken of in two ways, as capacity and as activity, and we must take a human being's special function to be life as activity, since this seems to be called life more fully. We have found, then, that the human function is activity of the soul in accord with reason or requiring reason" (Reeve, 2014).

Aristotle would say more, however, as it isn't enough to simply fulfill a function. Consider, for instance, cutting bread with a dull knife. With added effort, the knife would fulfill its function of eventually cutting through the bread, but we would only say it functions well if that knife is sharpened and can cut with ease. It is the case, then, that not only must we engage in these activities of reason, but we must do so well or excellently, which Aristotle says is to do according to virtue. It is through development of our moral and intellectual virtue that we can achieve happiness in this life and truly fulfill our function as happiness-seeking human beings. Whether or not Aristotle believes everyone can truly reach eudaimonia in this lifetime does not invalidate the importance of directing our focus on that goal so that we can have a less painful and more pleasing experience of our lives along the way. After all, the road to happiness is a life-long journey that requires habituation, small and persistent changes over time, for virtuous character and mind to be developed. We must use what time we have to make this process of development our focus and use our lives to better ourselves in the way Aristotle describes.

The average human life is commonly spent in dedication to many things outside of ourselves. We may set our mental energy toward concern for the activity of others, toward various conflicts, toward being productive at work, toward a life of superficialities, and so on. In the words of Stoic philosopher, Seneca, "Search your memory: how seldom you have had a consistent plan,

how few days worked out as you intended, how seldom you have enjoyed full use of yourself, how seldom your face wore an inartificial expression, how seldom your mind was unflurried, what accomplishments you have to show for so long a life, how much of your life has been pilfered by others without your being aware of it, how much of it you have lost, how much was dispensed on groundless regret, foolish gladness, greedy desire, polite society – and then realize that your death will be premature” (Hadas, 1958).

This preoccupation with these externalities, what time has already been spent, and what time has not yet come and may not be known keeps us from occupying our minds with the important self-development that can be done only while we are alive to deliberate and to be in action. Life may appear to us to be quite long as we look forward to a time that we can rest in the happiness we think we are creating through this externalizing. This may introduce a sort of tension between the planning that is essential to Aristotle’s practical wisdom and this dedication to the present moment. It isn’t required that we entirely lose sight of the future, after all, it’s when our commitment to future thinking and planning overshadows the needs and experiences we have before us that the problem arises. When we invest all of our time and energy in what is ahead of us and sacrifice the rest and joy that is available to us now, we lose out on the experience of meaningful events in our lifetime. We may meet death with surprise and regret when we look back over our lives and see we could have spent more time engaging in that which is truly fulfilling because we have been so preoccupied with preparing for something later on. We may realize in the late stages of our adulthood that we haven’t lived much of a happy life at all. When we haven’t intentionally focused our attention and action toward actually achieving fulfillment by Aristotle’s described internal process of thorough change, we will not meet death with peace, but more than likely with the pain of longing and regret. Erikson, a developmental psychologist, theorized that in late adulthood, we will each have to face the final stage of development he calls “integrity versus despair” (Santrock, 2015). We examine a life long-lived and may feel that we have created something good for ourselves and left something good behind us, or we may find that our life was empty and stagnant and lacked important meaning that’s required for our sense of fulfillment when we die

(Erikson, 1968). It is important to use our time alive to orient our focus toward what is good for us and toward the good we can do.

Remembering the shortness of our life in and of itself may relieve us of some pain as it reminds us to focus on the present moment, for this is the only time available to us to deliberate and be in action. The future is largely unknown and the past cannot be changed. What is in our power to change and directly experience exists before us now. Now is the time for us to practice honesty, generosity, and temperateness, to act according to virtue. The next day isn't promised to us although we approach it with much anticipation and obsession in our busy day-to-day activities. Today may be our only chance to learn, to forgive, to rest, or to do something that brings us joy. Seneca writes, "Everyone accelerates life's pace, and is sick with anticipation of the future and loathing of the present. But the man who puts all of his time to his own uses, who plans every day as if it were his last, is neither impatient for the morrow nor afraid of it" (Hadas, 1958). We can experience more presence when we understand that the duration of life is not fixed and that our far-off future is not guaranteed. This perspective allows us to decide what we authentically desire to spend our time on and to refine our present activities to bring us toward our own happiness, inner peace, and fulfillment.

How can we possibly feel more peace thinking about our own death? Some research demonstrates that facing, contemplating, and accepting our own death is directly linked to less anxiety and depression and is supportive in finding a greater sense of meaning in life (Cozzolino, Blackie, & Meyers, 2012). Other researchers suggest that as humans we are innately terrified of our own death and will act out in many unconscious ways to protect ourselves from even the idea of death in order to escape the reality of it (Greenberg, Pyszczynski, & Solomon, 1986). We may be terrified of death because the topic of death is avoided and repressed, culturally. We don't want to look at it, we don't have to remember it thanks to the comforts of our otherwise developed society, and we have come a long way from accepting death as a natural part of life. A. V. Yurevich writes, "Death is repressed in the collective consciousness, society seems to ignore it, death [has become] a misfortune and obstacle, and people try to remove it not only from the sight of society b

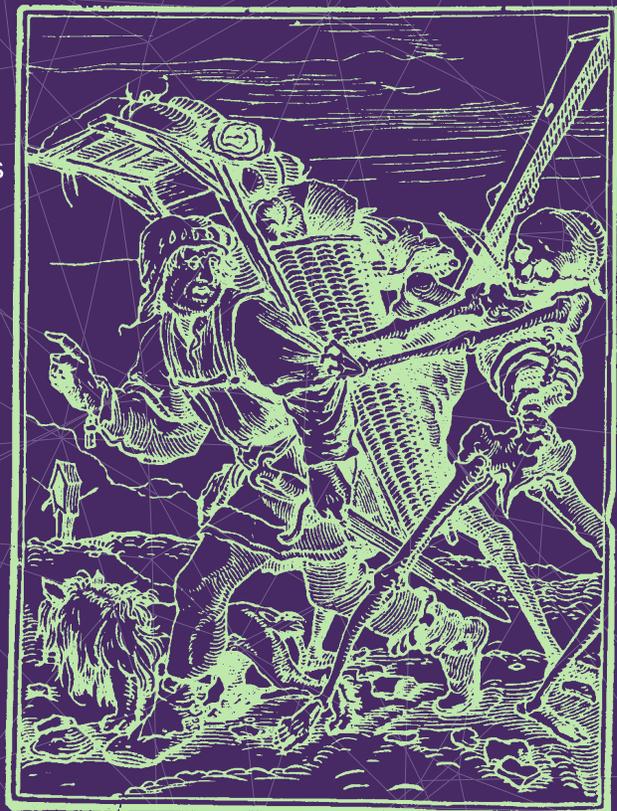
ut also from the one who is dying not to make him unhappy” (Yurevich, 2017). It seems unusual to relate to death in any other way.

In contrast, some thinkers argue that there is nothing to fear about death. According to this point of view, when we die, we will no longer have an experience as we know it today. We won't be experiencing the good or even the terrifying or the bad. Elaborating on this idea from Epicurus in her text, *How to be an Epicurean*, Catherine Wilson writes, “When we exist,’ Epicurus said, ‘death is not yet present, and when death is present, then we do not exist.’ If I am dead, I am not having any experiences, good or bad. Those who say of me, ‘All her troubles are over’, have it right, but those who say of me, ‘She is resting peacefully’, have it wrong. As long as I am experiencing the good and the bad, I am still alive. If I am resting peacefully, I am definitely still alive” (Wilson, 2019). This view does not account for the possibility of an afterlife, and doesn't mean to. There is no certainty that there will be an afterlife, or that we will be at the seat of experience for it, which is what Epicurus is emphasizing here. We can consider that we will not experience pain, fear, or loneliness after death, but will have no experience at all. There being an afterlife of great reward for our good deeds or eternal punishment for badness should occupy our attention no more than the aforementioned concerns written about by Seneca.

The consequentialist attitude that the outcome of heaven or hell is most important even over our intentions behind our actions is incomplete, and Aristotle might assert that it is both our intentions behind the actions and the consequences that are of moral relevance. To choose to do good and live well for the sole sake of inevitable reward in the afterlife or avoidance of eternal punishment is not the same as choosing goodness and living well for the sake of itself. If we value living and acting in accordance with virtue for the sake of valuing virtue alone, only then can we truly be fulfilled in this life, for our stance will be unchanging and our commitment to living well will be true. It is possible that there is a heaven awaiting us after death and that justice may be enacted by the Judge when the time comes, and surely even then we must still focus on cultivating a life of goodness that is thoroughly true to us as the result of our dedication to virtuous action in this life while we are alive to develop those habits. Marcus Aurelius writes in Book 3 of his

collected works, *Meditations*, "You see how few things you need to master to be able to live a smoothly flowing and god-fearing life; the gods will ask no more from someone who maintains these principles" (Hays, 2003).

Aurelius makes the plea that we do what good we can while we are alive when he writes in book 4 of *Meditations*, "Do not act as if you were going to live for a thousand years. The inescapable is hanging over your head; while you are alive, while it is still possible, become a good person" (Hays, 2003). Because we cannot know for certain what reality looks like after death, we can honor death as a natural end to life and focus our attention on what is possible here and now before our death. We must focus on our internal growth through strengthening our knowledge, cultivating virtue of character and mind, living well, and doing good. We may find that the pursuit of goodness for the sake of itself is, as Aristotle suggests, self-sufficient and lacking nothing. There will be no need for the reward of a heavenly afterlife experience to satisfy our good actions or to strengthen our confidence in acting excellently because we may find that acting excellently is, in itself, richly rewarding. Then, while we are alive to experience the joy of the reward that exists in being present and acting in accordance with virtue, we may find fulfillment before we meet death, looking back on our lives feeling a sense of peace in completing a life well-lived. We may accept that death is a part of a complete life and intentionally put to use what limited amount of time we have toward attaining a life of fulfillment. We must remain present to the reality of death, not as an obstacle or a burden, but as a memento to meet our capacity for growth and aim to reach our human potential in this lifetime.



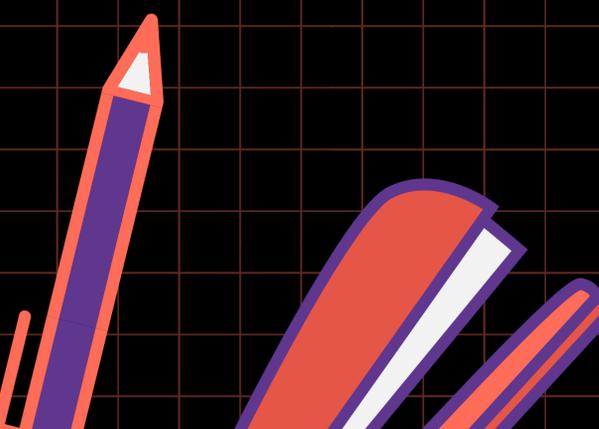


READY, SET, MASK ON!

TEACHING DURING A PANDEMIC.

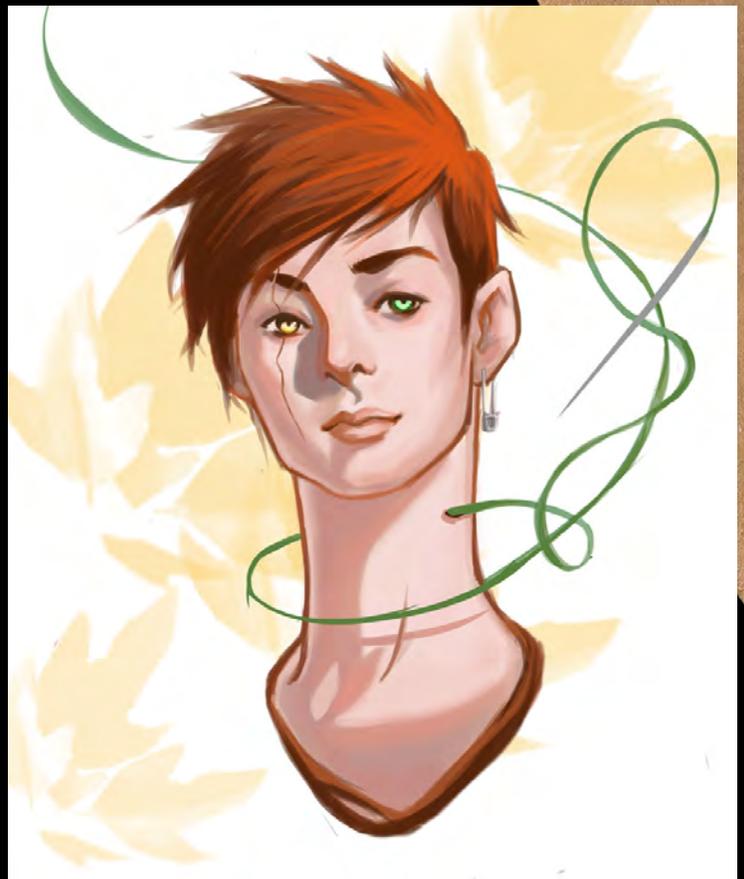
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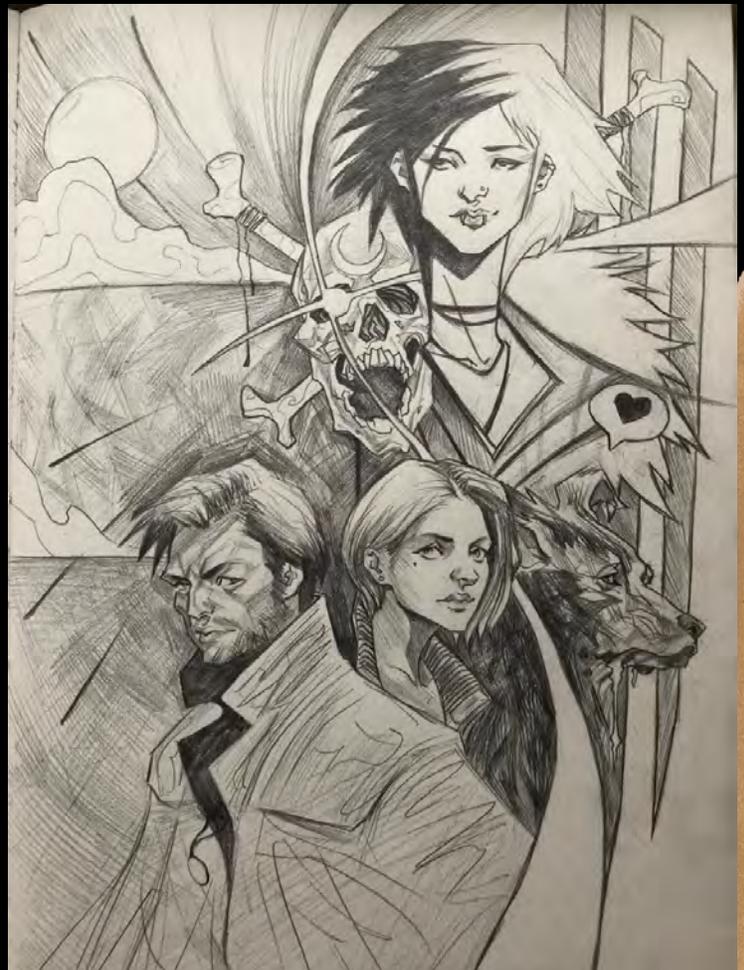
Pan

This image was created as part of a collaborative storytelling project (A tabletop roleplaying game called mage the awakening). I will be illustrating characters that spark my imagination. The idea is that you are a person that has awakened to the truth and as such you can pull magic from the supernal and alter reality to your whim. The caveat is that if pull too much power to fast or make terrible decisions reality will itself will object and paradox will run rampant through the world. Its a game full of symbols. Pan grew up on the mean streets with a group of younglings struggling to get by. As such he adopted the persona of Peter Pan lending his actions more symbolic weight. It's a game about exercising wisdom when hubristic actions are easy, profitable and necessary for survival. Who are you when you have ultimate power?

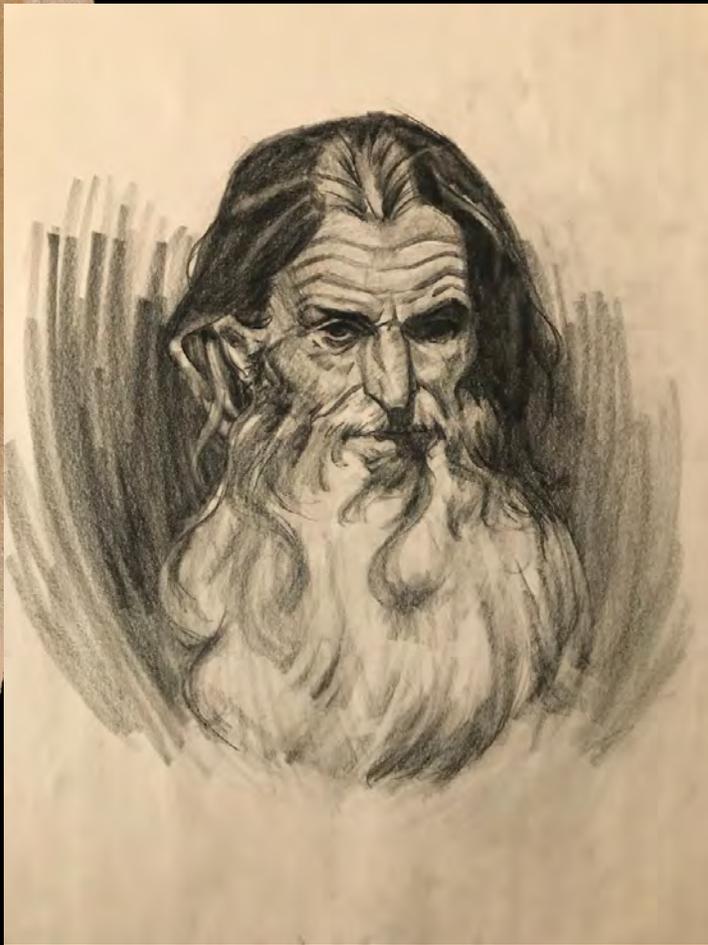


Dream Team

This is fan art for my favorite book series The Dresden Files which depicts my favorite core characters. If you haven't checked the series out I highly recommend it. You'll laugh and you'll cry and the author Jim Butcher takes a particular joy in torturing his audience in the best way possible.

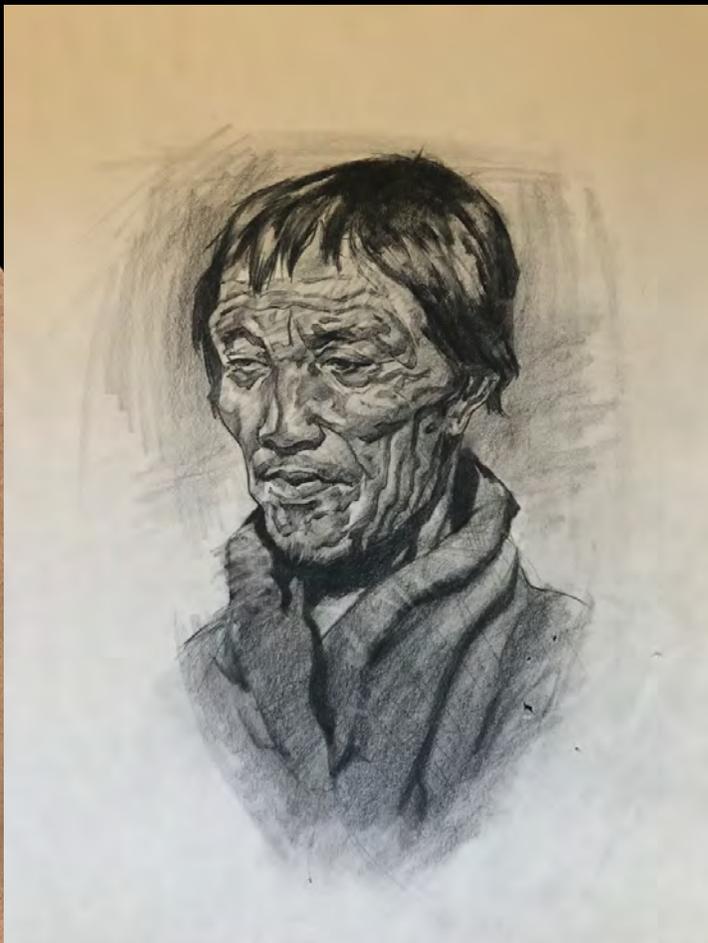


Artist: William Hindmarch



Beard!

This is another portrait created as part of a portraiture class with Watts Atelier. This was a break-through drawing for me where I really started to understand how to use charcoal. The model himself is a wonderful character as well which is always a fantastic time to draw.



The Man from Busan

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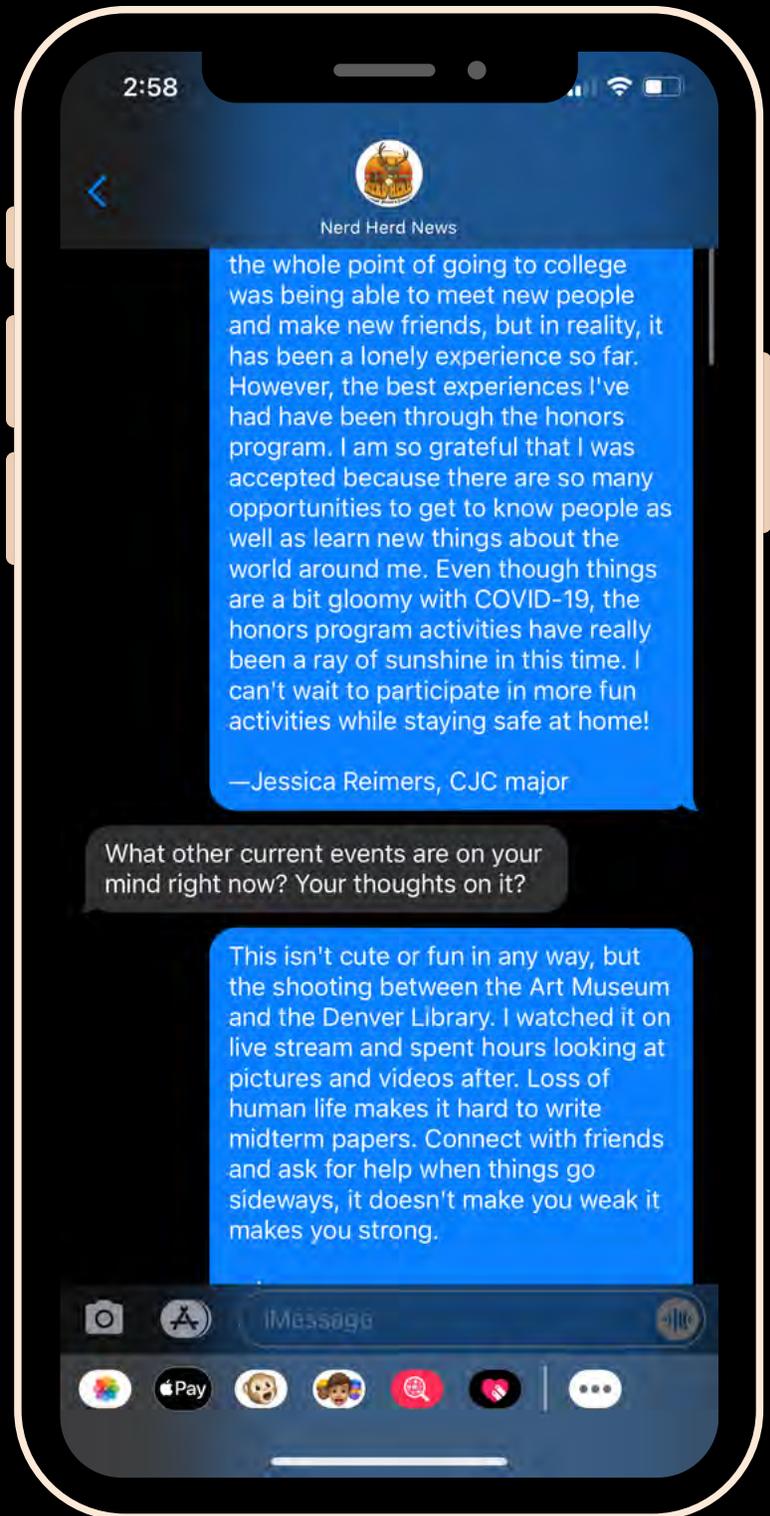
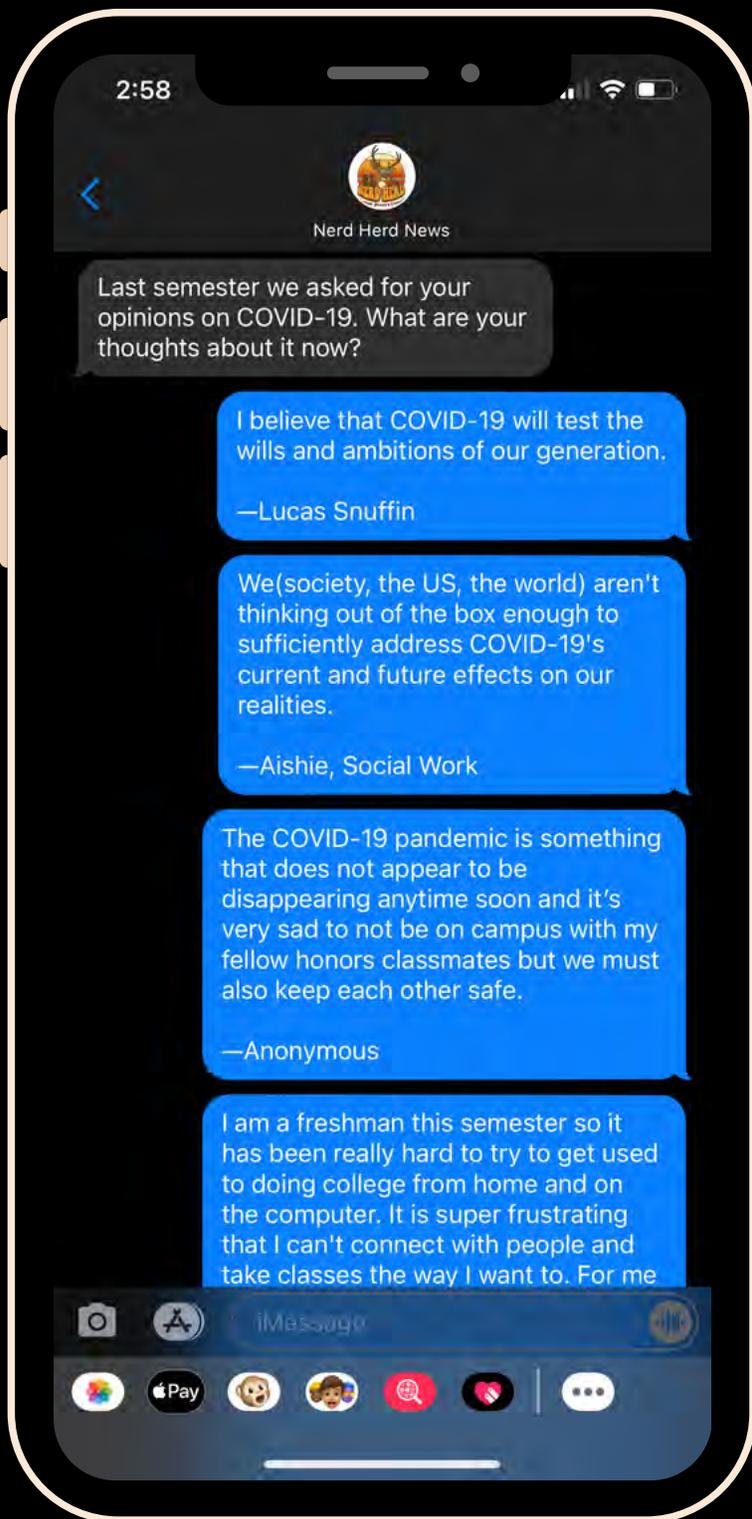
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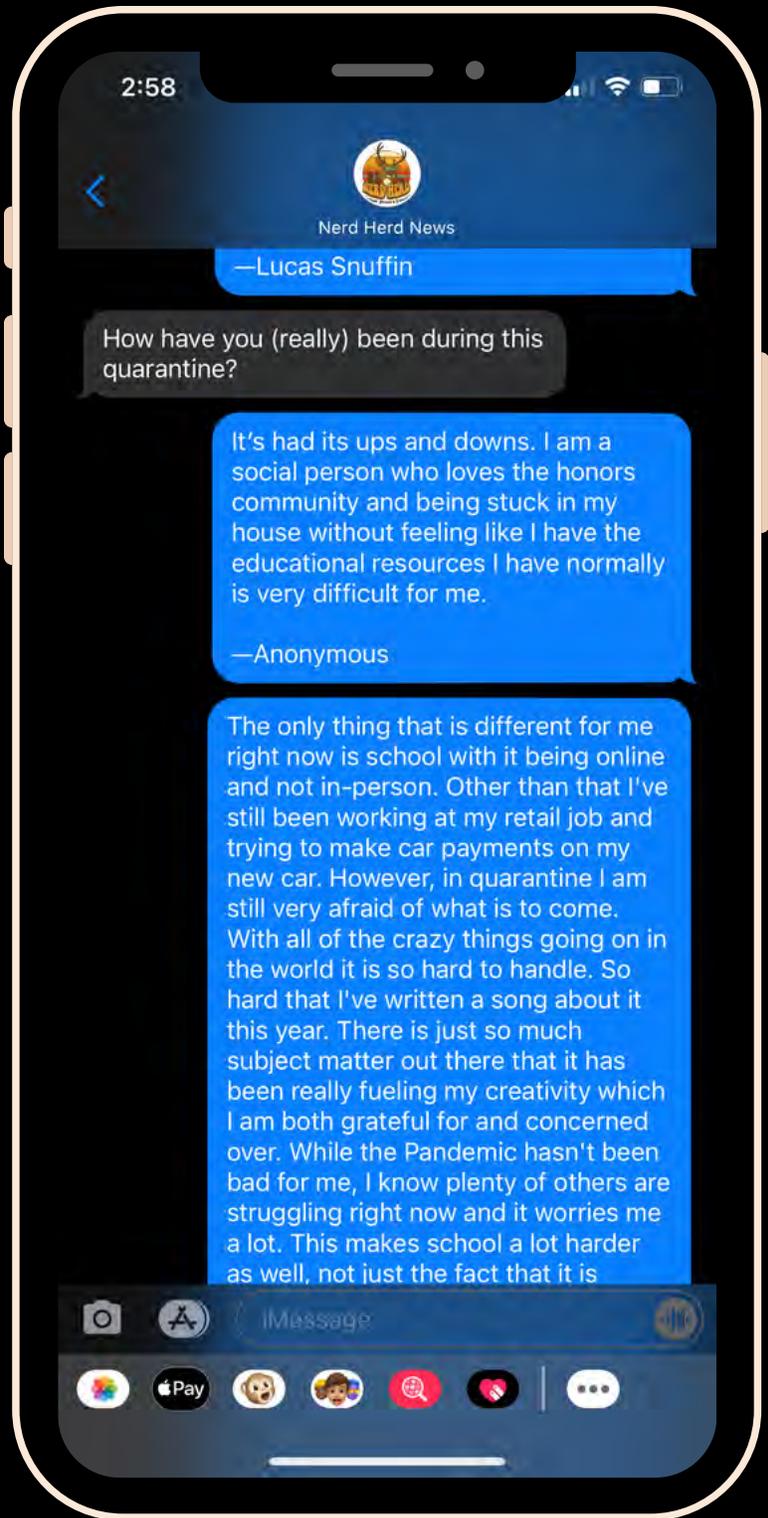
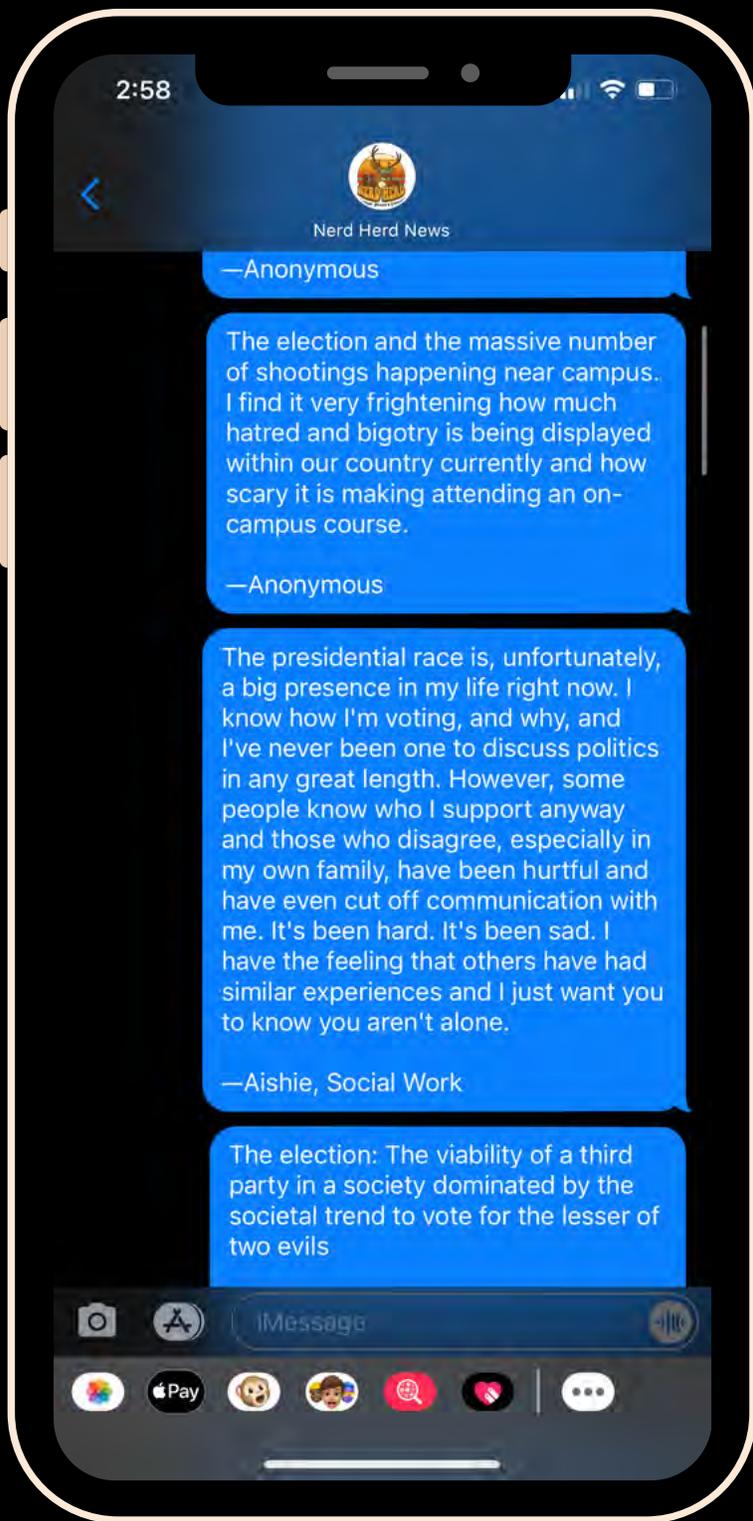
Everyone has a different battle every day. We all have struggles but there are silent battles that we don't talk about. We can't, not everyone is able to have a voice. People want to hear a specific person only. Sadly because some people are blind and deaf, don't see the big picture. People silenced by the cruelty of our world. People in the street, hungry kids, girls abused, families destroyed. People suffering because of the loss of loved ones by the hands of violence and hate. Living a war, a war of injustices, ideologies, evil desires, hate, money, power, diseases that threaten the peace of our society. At the same time, we will have a revolution, a revolution where good people will stand, speak, and fight for the wellness of everyone. That revolution will be based on the brave who defend the weak, people with influence will use their voices and echo around the world. People willing to speak before acting. Peace offerings in the most creative and unexpected ways. A revolution of kindness, and compassion; I see it and I feel it. My question is...

ARE YOU READY?



what's the word little bird?





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online but also there is so much more to be stressed out over in today's world. None of us know when it will end and it is just so concerning.

—Jessica Reimers, CJC Major

It's been up and down but the longer this goes on, the more I worry about my communities. Today, I feel more down. Tomorrow, I might be seeing more silver linings (like the fact that I can make it to class on time even if I wake up super late! lol).

—Aishie, Social Work

What was something during this quarantine that was good?

I found that I had been relying on so many external mechanisms for coping in life, so the bittersweet aspect of quarantining was that I had space to do some important self-work that would've otherwise been buried in the busy-ness of my life. I think we were all called to try and find solid ground when the chaotic shift from what we all knew as normal happened. I also had to level-up my self discipline so that I could continue getting everything done that I needed to get



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done since I no longer had those same on-campus cues that helped me along my academic success journey. I'm grateful for that opportunity to have had to figure out my own internal resources.

—Jordan, Psychology and Philosophy

I have gotten to cook again! Not running down to campus means I have the time between my classes to make some of my favorite meals to share with my family!

—Liesl Jensen, Biochemistry

I have a few things that have been good so far. First of all, I was very lucky in the fact that where I work stayed open. I work at HoneyBaked Ham and we have been open the whole time this Pandemic has been happening. I know a lot of people weren't so lucky, like my own brother who had to be evacuated from the Peace Corps. a year before he was supposed to return. I also was able to buy a used 2017 Toyota RAV 4 this year since I have been saving for almost 3 years. We also went on a trip to Yellowstone National Park in it this year which was fun, but difficult to



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find things to do that didn't involve throngs of people. Lastly, I recently got a Nintendo Switch (which I've also saved up for) and have been an Animal Crossing fiend! It's honestly been so good in this time because it makes me relaxed and makes me feel much less alone even though the villagers are virtual. We all need that right about now.

—Jessica Reimers, CJC Major

From this quarantine, I learned to put my needs first.

—Lucas Snuffin

Do you have a funny Teams story?

In one of my classes a guy did not realize he was not on mute and burped very loudly right into the mic. It was so funny because he never knew he did it.

—Anonymous

I didn't realize my mic was on so when I went to type in the chat box, my professor said, "Okay, someone's mic is on and you're typing really aggressively. Which is great. I'm



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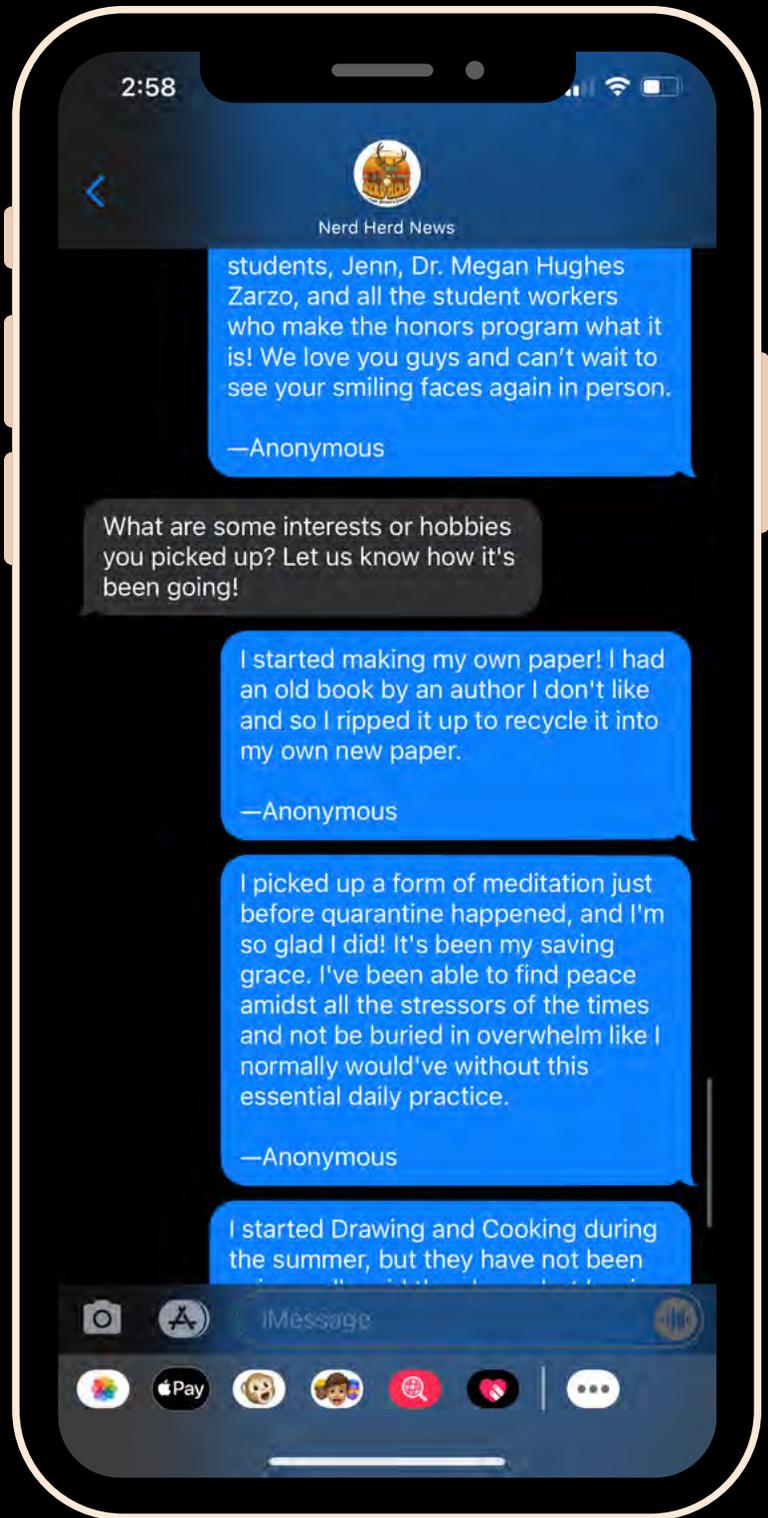
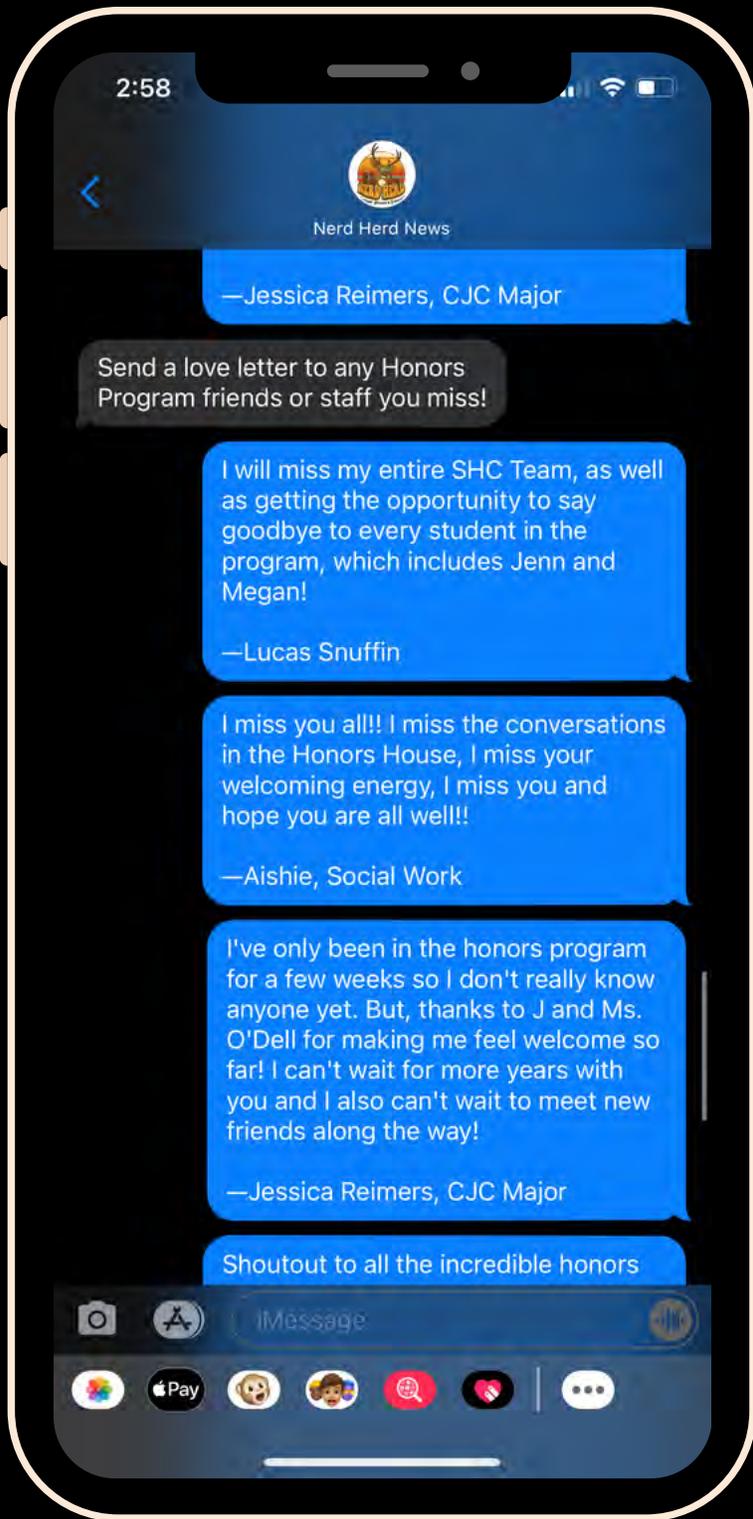
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aggressively. Which is great — I'm glad you're taking notes, but yeah." I immediately muted myself and typed "oh god sorry" in the chat.

—Nana Heo, Communication Design

I can think of two things: This first one is short, one of my teachers was trying to say hello to everyone in the chat of Teams but ended up saying: "Hell all" instead of "Hello all." Then they said "sorry, innocent typing error" which just made me giggle a little bit! Second thing is from a different class. It was one of the first times we were using teams and nothing was going right. The internet on my teacher's end was awful and he kept freezing for perhaps five minutes at a time and we could hardly understand what was going on in class. They tried everything to get their internet to work but it was just not happening. Eventually, it got better but then the class lecture was not pulling up for them. They looked and looked for it and it was nowhere to be found since they had rebooted their computer. Eventually with all the issues, my teacher admitted defeat and just cancelled class. It was a good day, I played wayyyy to much Animal Crossing!





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going well amid the chaos, but hoping to start on both again once the semester concludes.

—Lucas Snuffin

I haven't really picked up any new hobbies, except if you count Animal Crossing as a hobby then I guess I have! It's a super fun game and I think everyone should try it at some point. I have a very small island at the moment with not much on it but it is still very fun to visit! Other than that, I have written a song that is now up on YouTube for everyone to enjoy! It has to do with togetherness through all the craziness that has happened this year. It is a very important song for people to listen to right now since we all just need a little bit of hope in our lives! I've been working on it since May and it has since gone through endless editing, intense practicing, and I even got myself professionally recorded! It has been a lot of work this year and is pretty much what has consumed every waking day of my life for the past five months! I recently submitted it to some songwriting and creative contests, so cross your fingers for me! Without further ado, it is called Stand Together and you can search it with my name on YouTube to



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for the past five months! I recently submitted it to some songwriting and creative contests, so cross your fingers for me! Without further ado, it is called Stand Together and you can search it with my name on YouTube to find it! You may find my channel first which has a picture I took of a waterfall! I hope you all like it and I would very much appreciate it if you gave it a like, a comment, and possibly share it with your friends and family if you enjoy it!

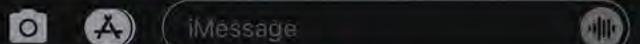
—Jessica Reimers, CJC Major

Picked back up cooking and baking along with embroidery again. So fun to have some time to do those things again.

—Anonymous

I just started making little garden creatures out of clay. I got tired of pulling weeds from my flower garden and decided to turn them into a home to a diverse population of handmade creatures, who love living in the weeds!

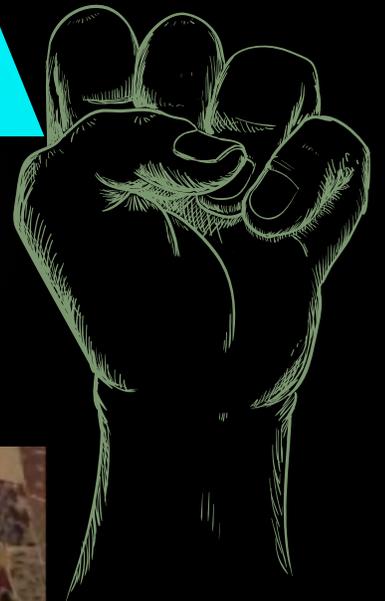
—Aishie, Social Work



BELLA

Ciao

by J Drago



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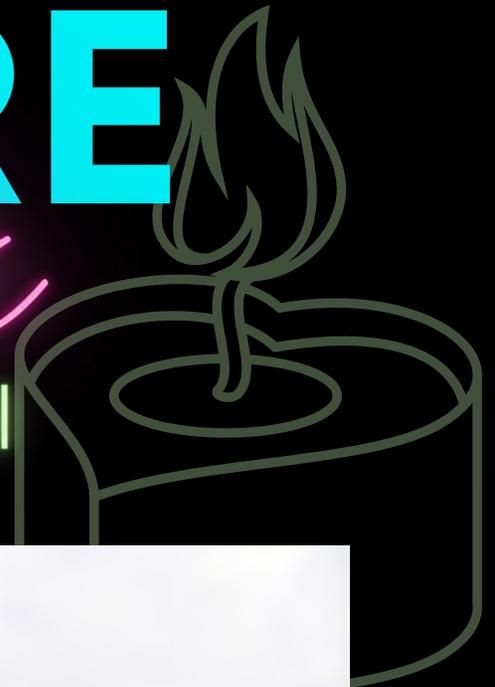
"Bella Ciao is the song of the Italian partisan resistance during WWII and has become a classic symbol of antifascism and resistance around the world."



SACRÉ

CŒUR

by Nicole Russel



"I use photography to document the connections we have to our past and culture. I hope to capture the movement and life within history to preserve our connection to it. This connection is deeper than the physical presence in the same location, it connects past and present. "



HOW BEAUTIFUL UNDER THE SCALP!

A SMALL POEM ABOUT YOUR SKULL!

BY: AUTUMN SCHMIDT

TO PLEASE THE EYE
TO HELP PROTECT THE BRAIN
ALWAYS, MY GREY MATTER, IT WILL HOLD
MY LIFE IT WILL PROTECT
IT IS LEFT BURIED IN A FIELD
LEFT IN A TOMB, FORGOTTEN
A DANGER SIGN ON POISON BOTTLES
AND YOURS LOOKS SO NICE
AND MAYBE SIT UPON MY DESK
HAVE TWO SIT SIDE BY SIDE NEXT TO AN OLD ROAD
AND WHAT WOULD I DO WITHOUT IT?
HOW EVER COULD I LIVE WITHOUT IT?
WHAT HAPPENS, WHEN IT IS DESTROYED?
BUT DON'T DESPAIR!
A LOOK OF GRACE IT STILL WILL HAVE
ALWAYS, THEY WILL HAVE A BEAUTIFUL GLEAM
I WANT TO HOLD MY OWN SO TIGHT
OH, TO BE ABLE TO HAVE A COLLECTION OF THEM!
DON'T BASH IT AROUND! TREAT IT WITH RESPECT!
TREAT YOURS AS NICELY AS YOU CAN.
FOR IN IT, YOUR PRETTY THOUGHTS LIVE!
OH, YOUR OWN LOOKS SO BEAUTIFUL, I WANT TO SEE!

SKULL! SKULL! SKULL! SKULL!

ROOFTOPS

By Nicole Russel



"My goal is to capture the peaceful moments in a busy world where my audience can stop to reflect on their personal and shared culture."

understanding love

BY: SHUN MOSLEY

I HATE HAVING TO SAY, 'IT IS WHAT IT IS,' BECAUSE MY HEART WISHES IT WASN'T. I HAVE COME TO UNDERSTAND FEAR, HURT, RAGE, AND LOVE IN A NEW WAY.

I HAVE LEARNED THAT FEAR CAN RUN DEEP FROM A PAST THAT FEW TODAY WERE APART OF, BUT ALL ARE REMINDED OF.

I HAVE LEARNED THAT HURT IS AN ANXIOUS KIND OF PAIN, WHICH AMPLIFIES EMOTIONS IN A REACTION, AS IT FLOWS FREE LIKE A RIVER, RUNNING OVER FORGOTTEN WOUNDS.

I HAVE LEARNED THAT RAGE, IS MORE DANGEROUS WHEN IT IS CAGED. WHAT IT EVOLVES INTO, WHILE TRAPPED IN THAT DARK PLACE OF CONFINEMENT, CAN AT A MOMENTS PASSING, BE WHAT TAKES EVERYTHING, THAT HAS BEEN ACHIEVED, AWAY.

I HAVE COME TO UNDERSTAND THE PHYSICAL WORK, THE MENTAL WORK, THE DEVOTION, AND THE PATIENCE IT TAKES, TO DEMONSTRATE WHAT IT TRULY MEANS TO LOVE.

I HAVE GROWN, SO THAT I NO LONGER FIT INTO WHAT WAS MY COMFORT ZONE. NO LONGER BEING ABLE TO EXIST THERE, IN THE ONLY SAFE PLACE I KNEW, IN ITSELF, IS UNCOMFORTABLE. I AM RAPIDLY EVOLVING, EXPANDING, AND FOR WHAT FEELS LIKE THE FIRST TIME, DISCOVERING WHO I AM AND WHERE I BELONG. SOME PLACES WARMLY WELCOME ME, WHILE OTHERS, GIVE 'MICRO-AGGRESSION' A NEW MEANING. I AM FEELING, SEEING, LIVING THROUGH THINGS THAT MAYBE I DID BEFORE, BUT NOW WITH A MATURE CONSCIOUSNESS.

HAVING BECOME THIS WOMAN OVER TIME. WHO I AM, IN THIS MOMENT, TOOK FOR ME TO ACKNOWLEDGE MY FEAR, HURT, RAGE, AND LOVE. LOVE, WHOM I FELT STRANGER TO, HAS ACCEPTED ME. AS I LOOK AROUND, I SEE LOVE HAS ALWAYS BEEN THERE, JUST NEVER ACKNOWLEDGED.

WITH MY WORLD ON FIRE AND IN CHAOS, LOVE WENT UNNOTICED FOR SO LONG. WHEN I WAS FINALLY ABLE TO ACKNOWLEDGE LOVE, LOVE HELD NO ANGER TOWARD ME. LOVE, INSTEAD SEEMED RATHER DISAPPOINTED. TO THIS RESPONSE, BENEVOLENCE IS OWED. I FIND MYSELF EAGER TO KNOW HOW COULD ALL THIS, EVEN I, EXIST AND NEVER ACKNOWLEDGE LOVE?

IN SEEKING THE ANSWER, EVERYTHING HAS BECOME CALM. THE ANSWER WAS THERE ALL ALONG

LOVE HAS GIVEN ME A NEW COMFORT ZONE.



STAND

Together

by Jessica Reimers



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"This song is meant to embody some of the crazy events that have happened in this historic year but I also wish that people get something more out of it than that. We are not tied down to what has happened this year. It is up to each and everyone of us to be the change we want to see in the world and if we stand together, we are sure to conquer any challenge that is put in front of us."

MAD HATTER'S

high tea

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