





“ You think your pain and your heartbreak are unprecedented in the history of the world, but then you read. It was books that taught me that the things that tormented me most were the very things that connected me with all the people who were alive, who had ever been alive.”

JAMES BALDWIN

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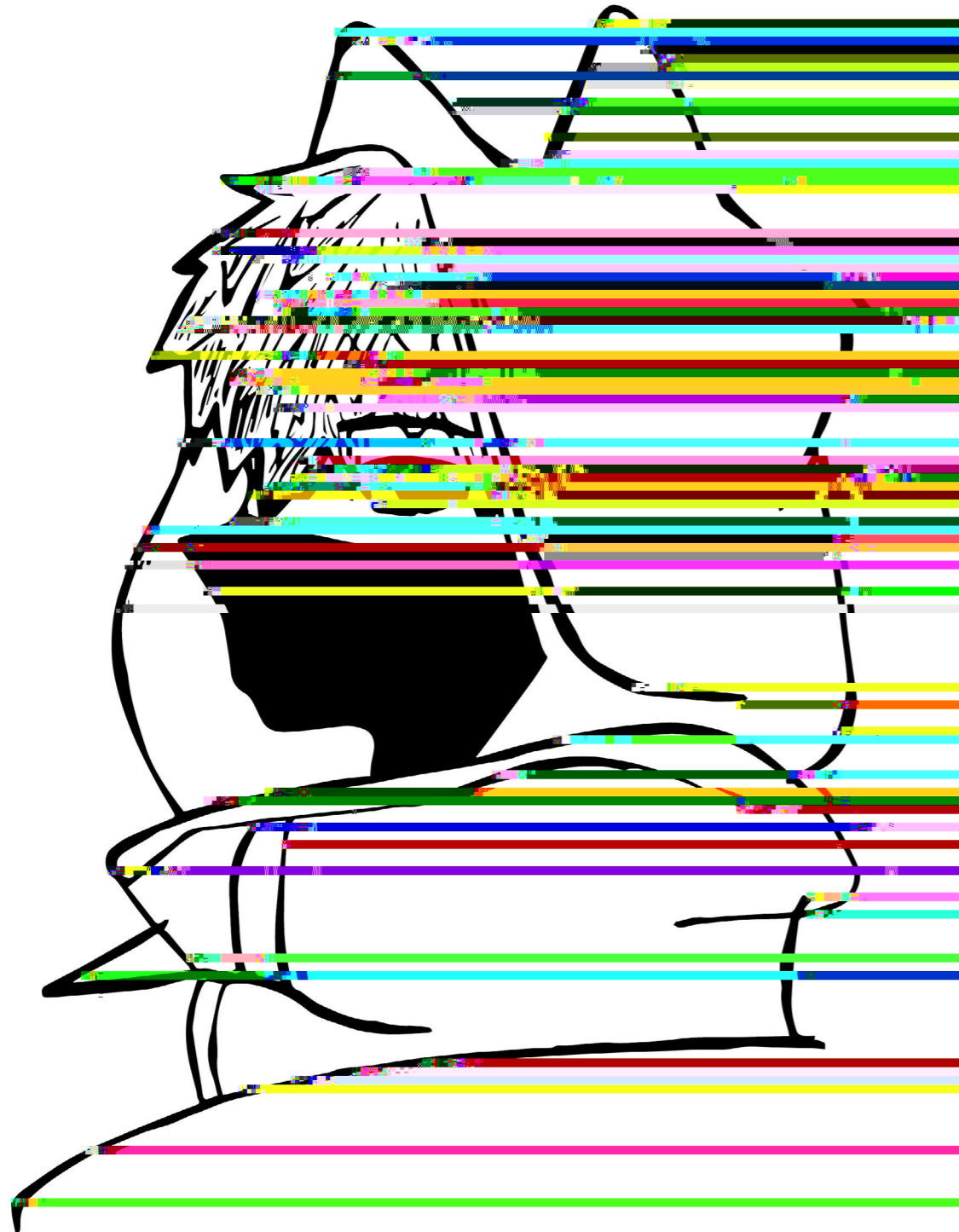
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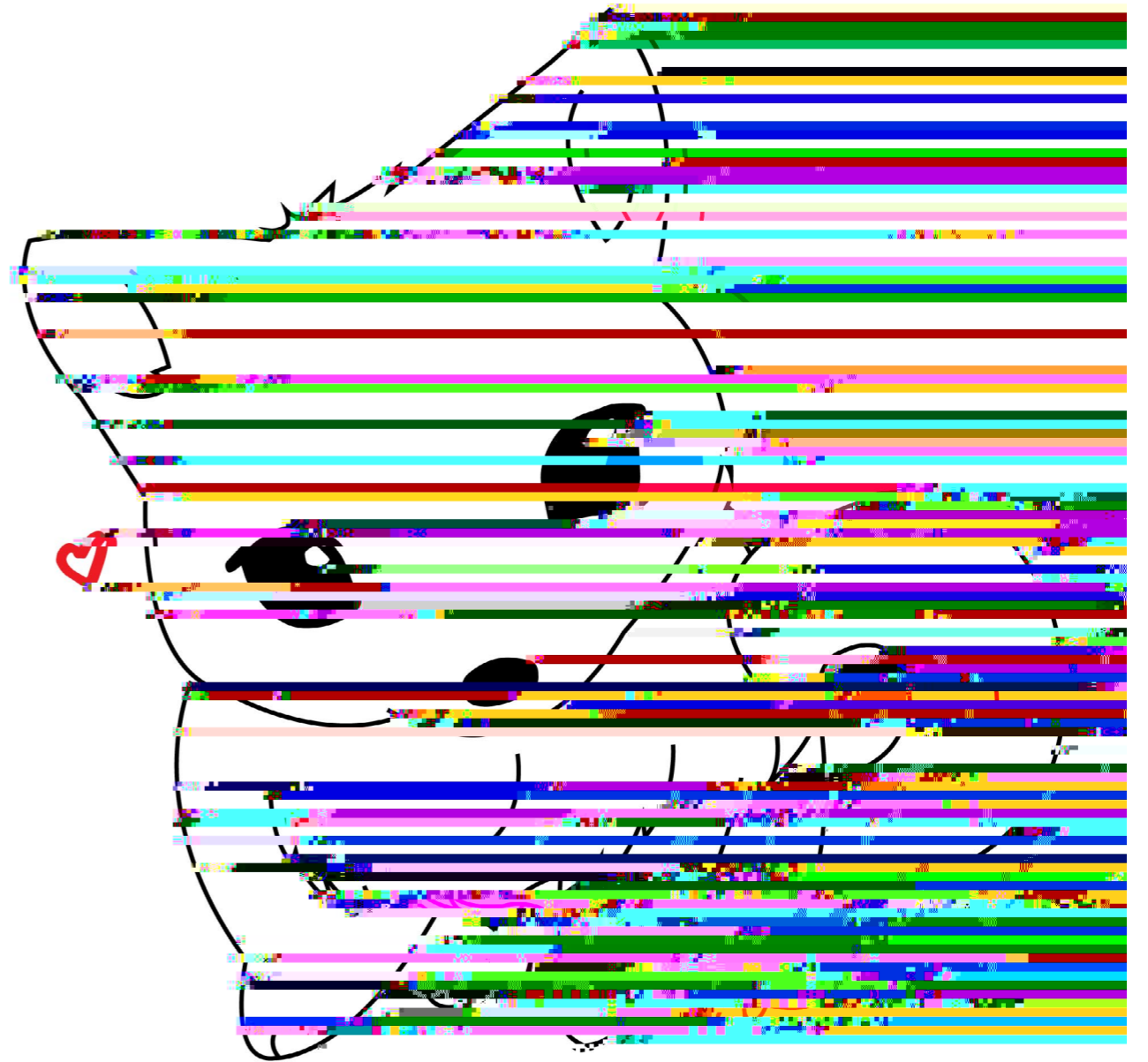
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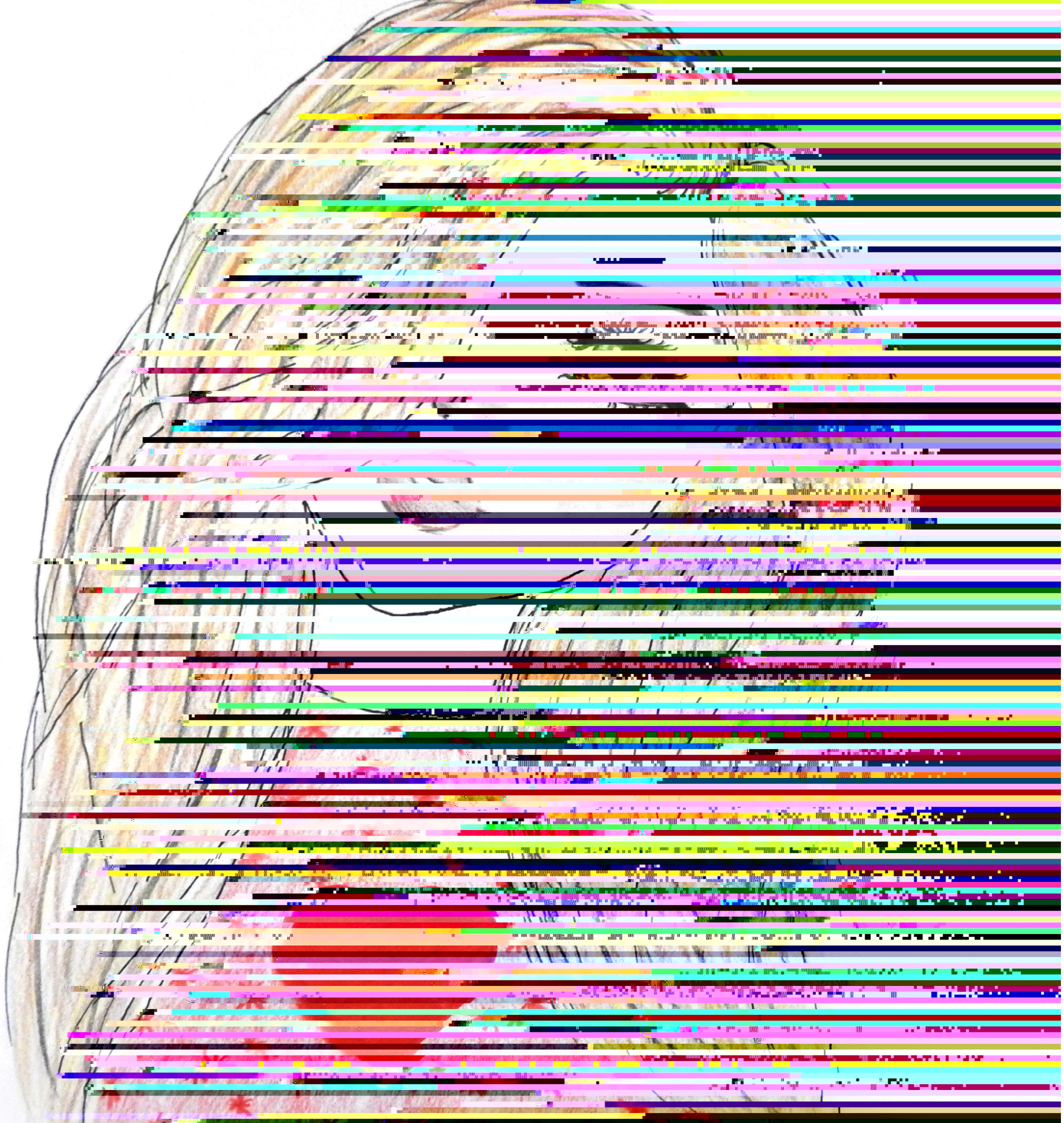


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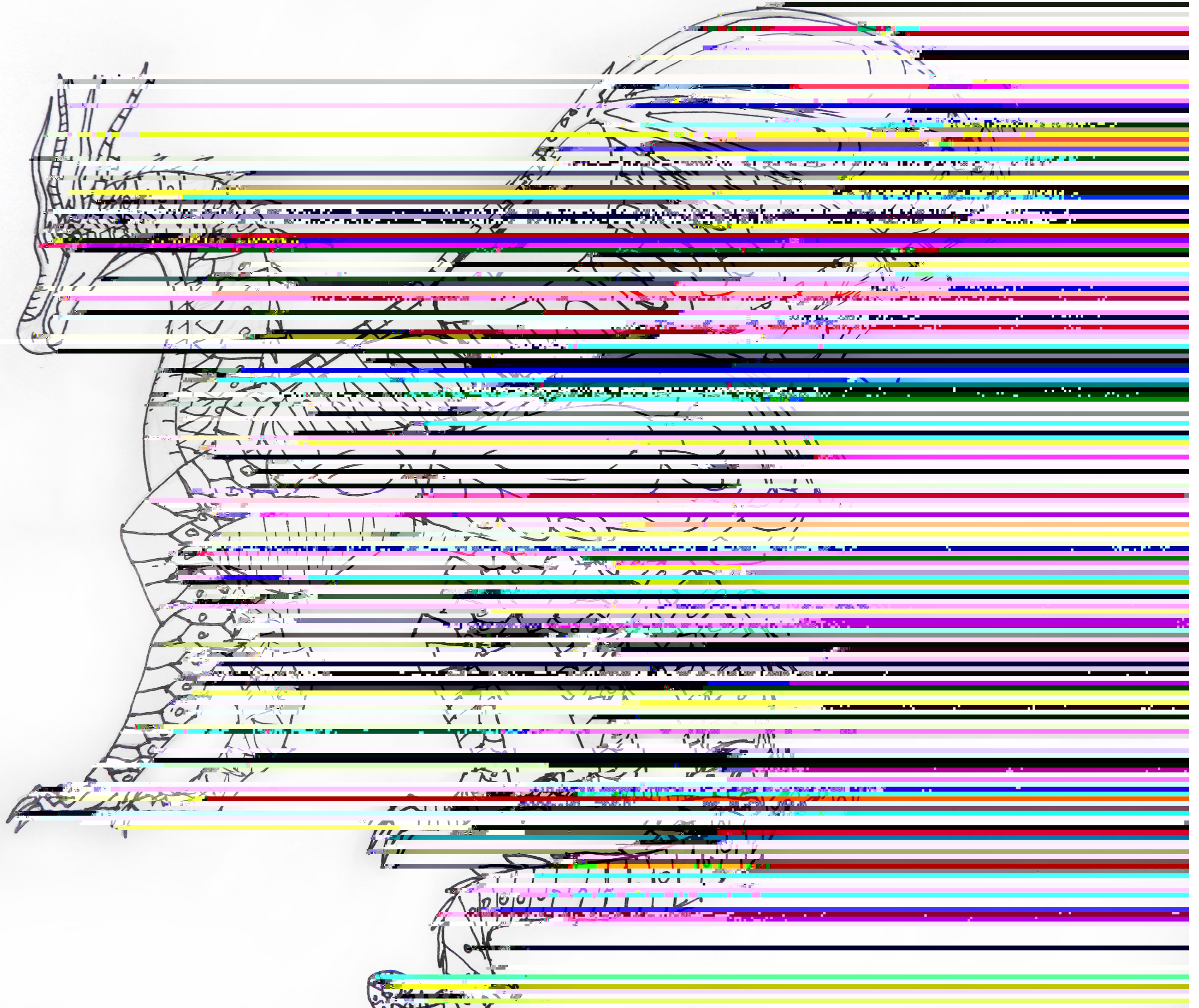
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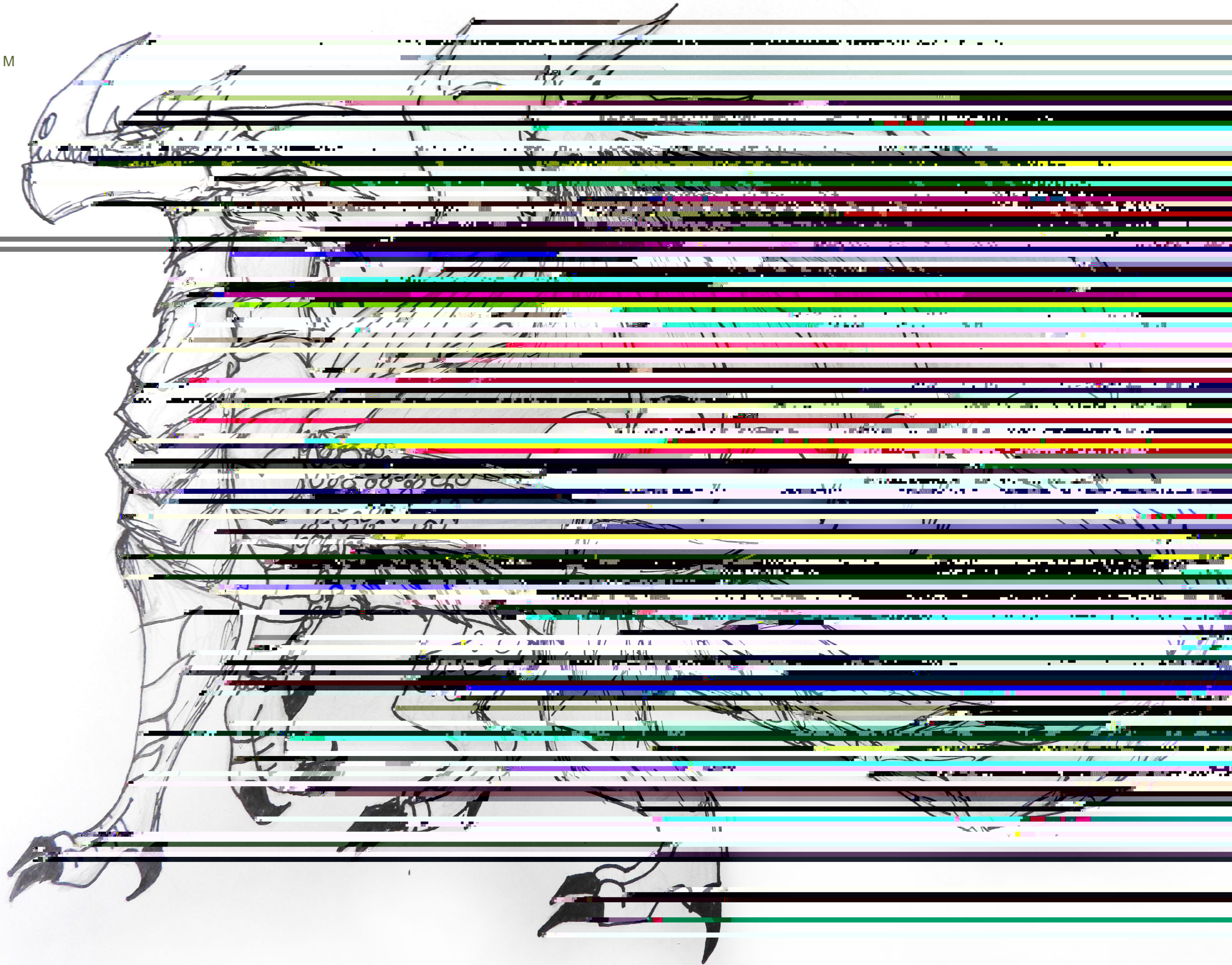


'Home is where the heart is,' W K H \ V D \

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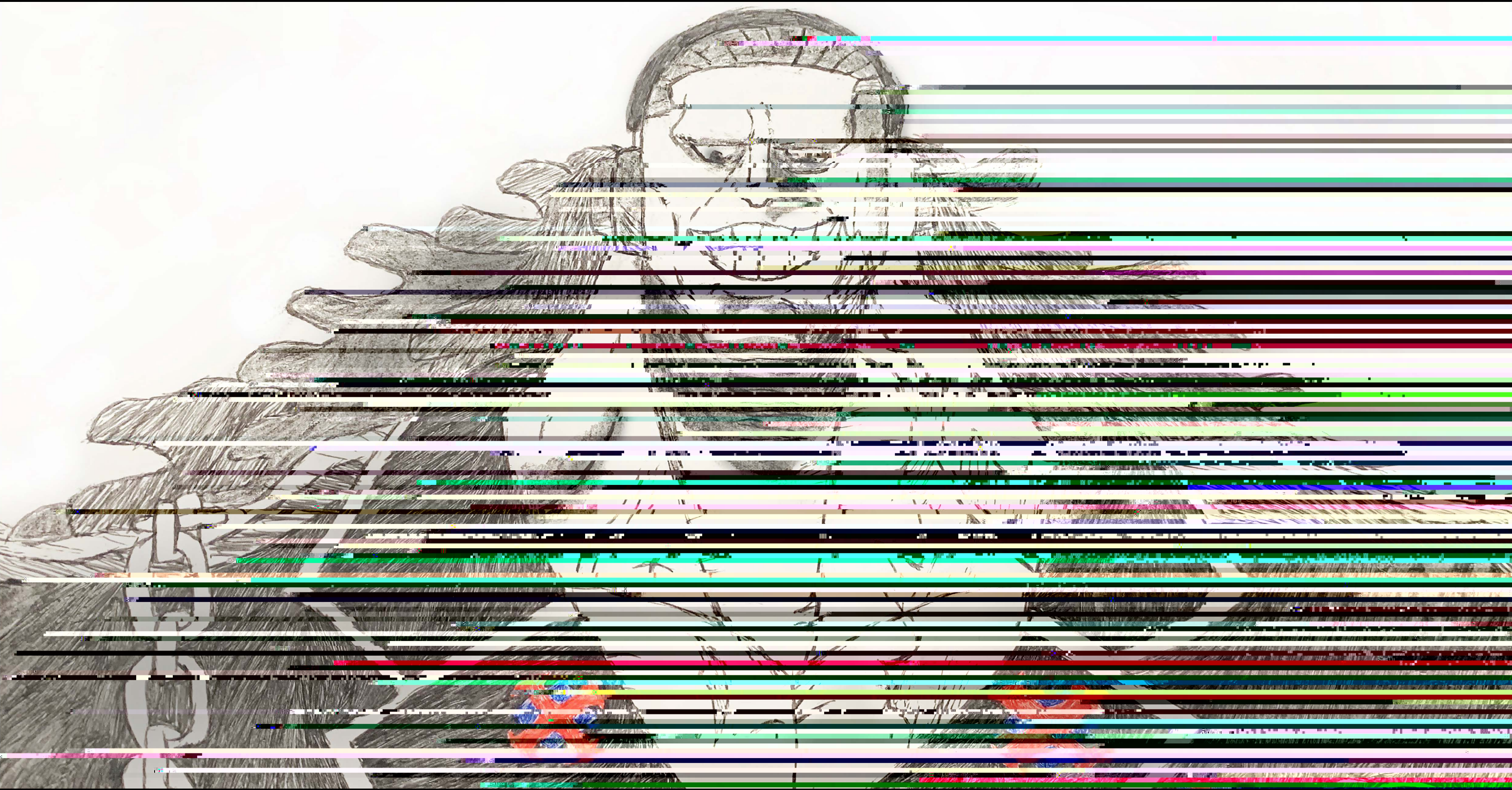
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# Advice Column

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#young&insecure

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# Interviews



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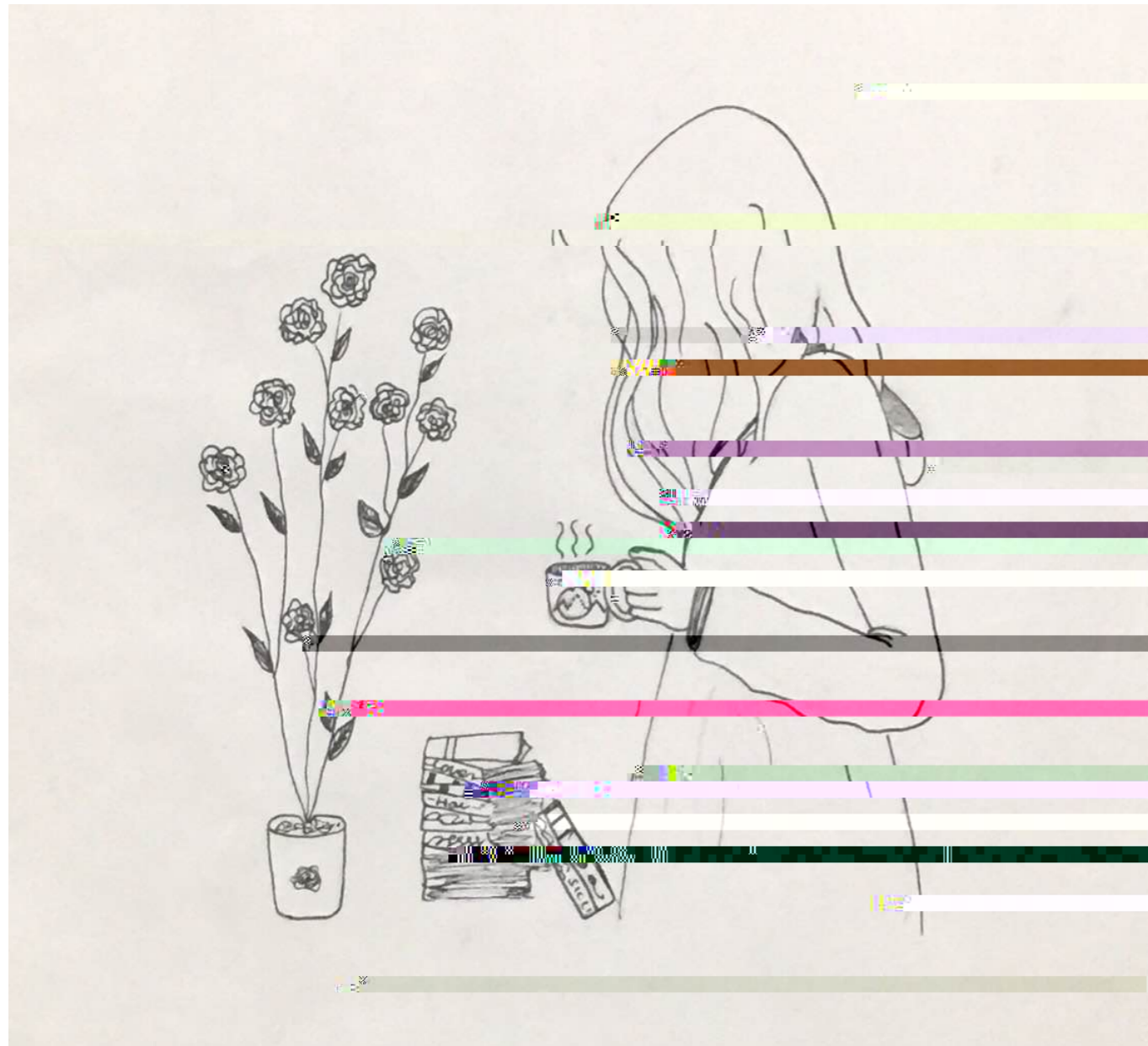
# Inside out

Teacher Interview with  
Amir Tariq Interviewed  
by Sabrina Ali

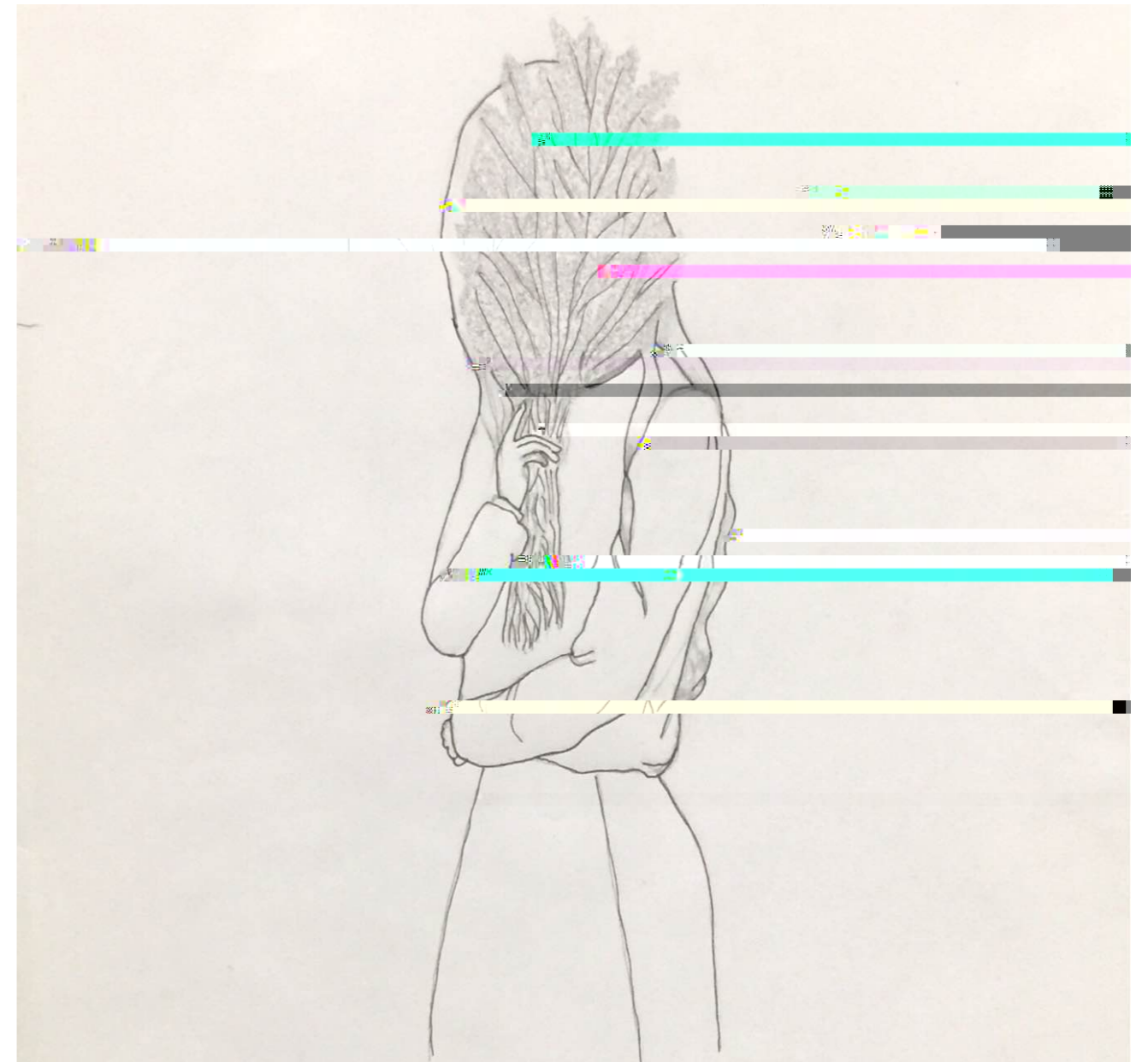
Our parents love to remind us how obedient, hardworking and respectful they were growing up. While often complaining about our messy bedrooms, our obsessions with technology and staying up past our bedtimes. Growing up what did your parents tell you off the most for?

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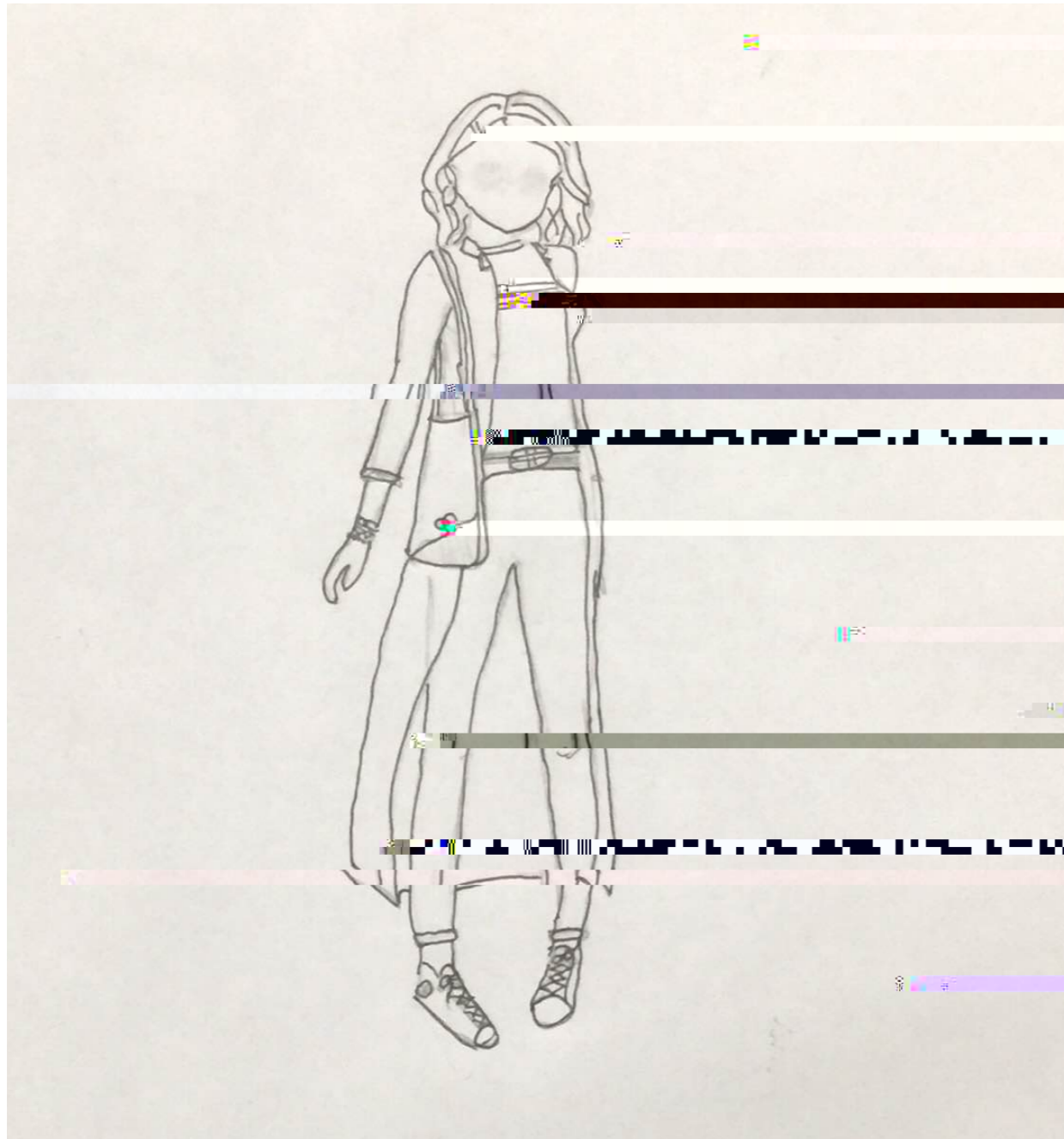
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