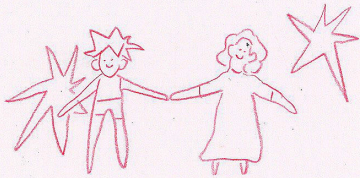


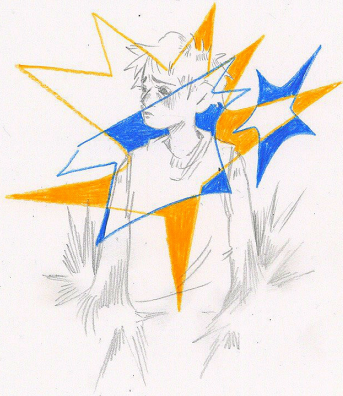
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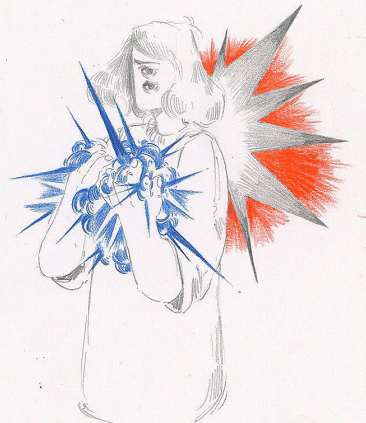
THAT SUMMER

I STILL BURSTED TO TEARS  
FOR SOMETIMES WHEN I WAS  
THINKING ABOUT HIM.

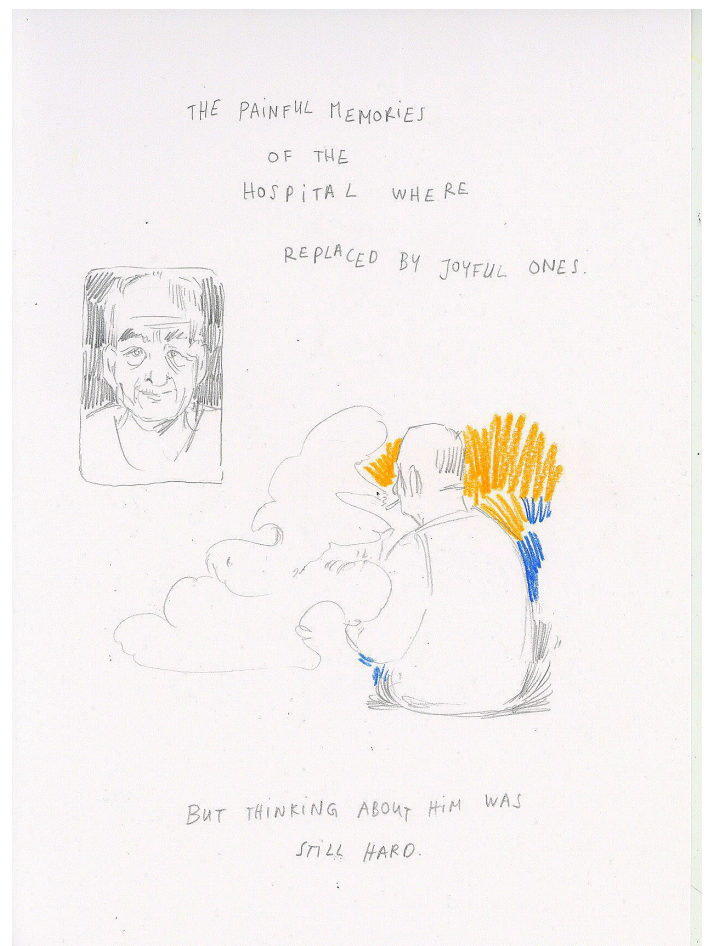
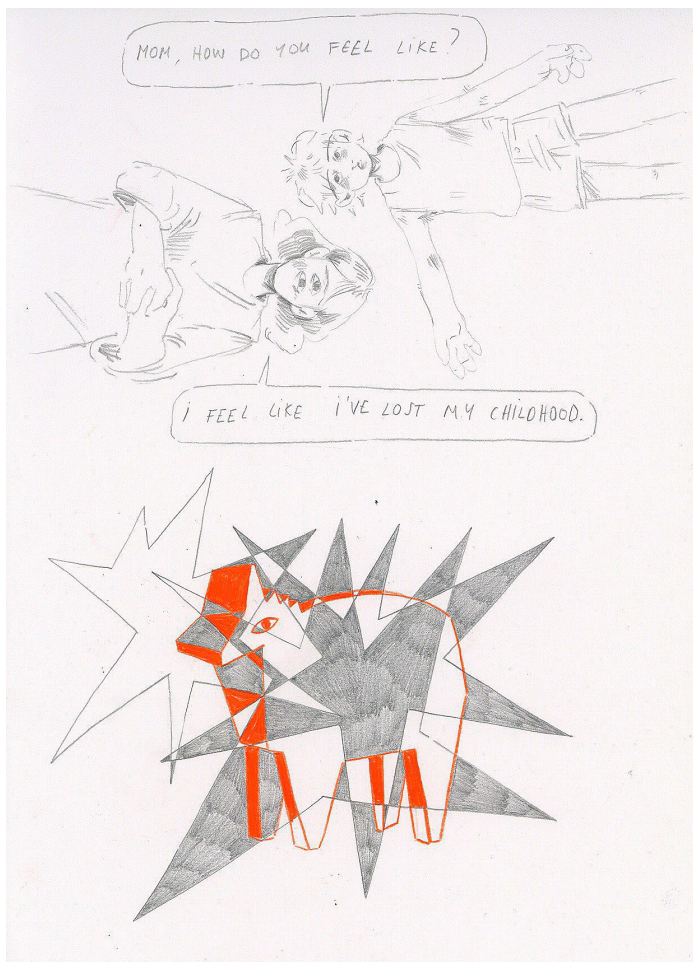
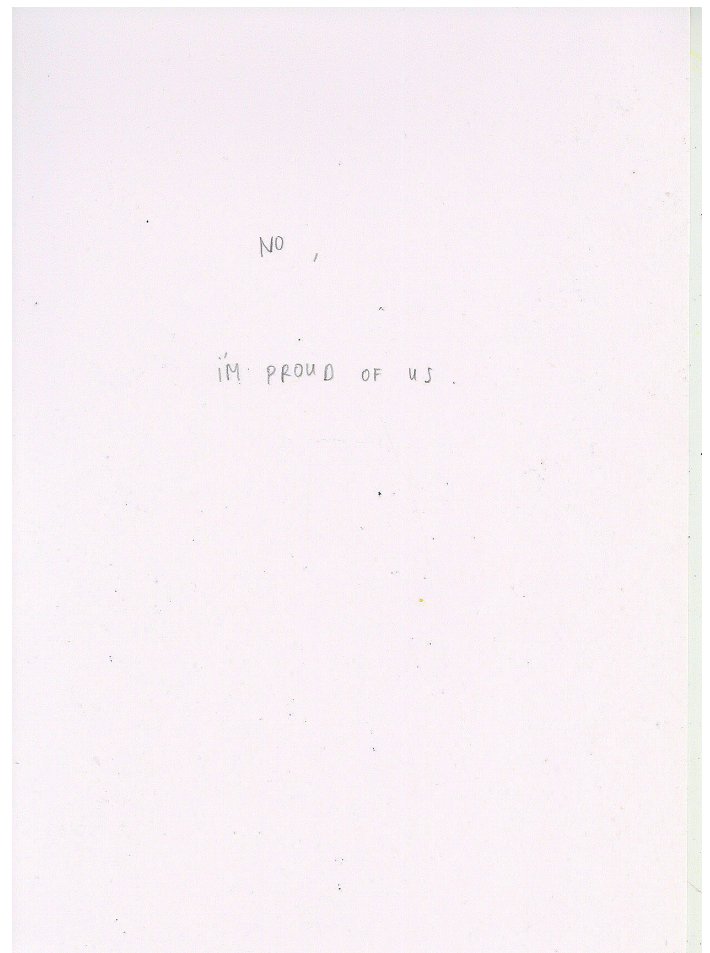
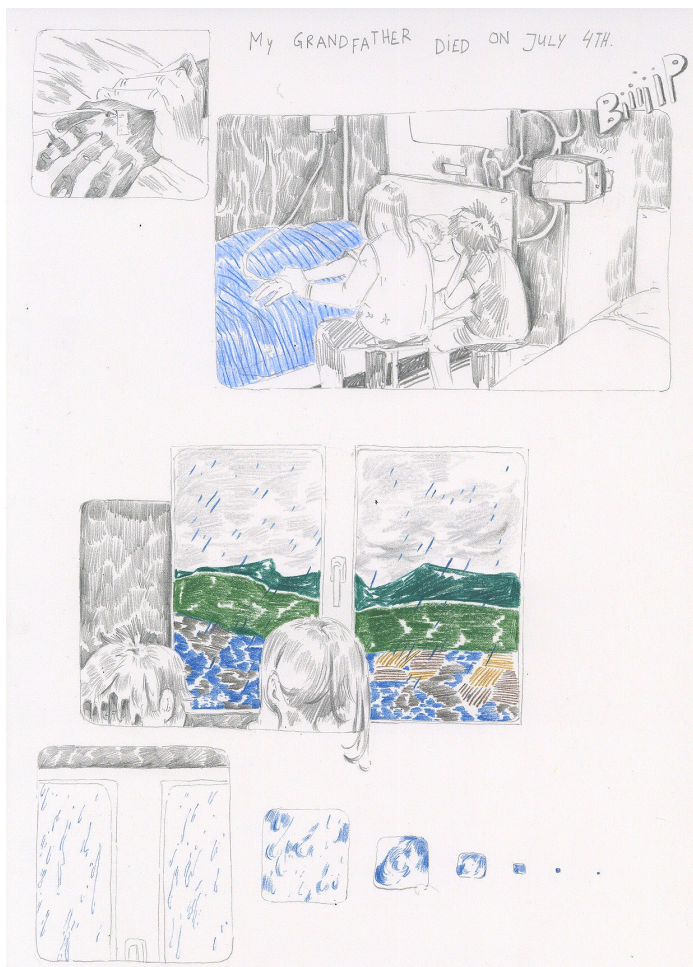


AFTER TWO WEEKS, IT WAS STILL  
THE SAME.

HER  
PAIN  
DIDN'T GO  
AWAY.





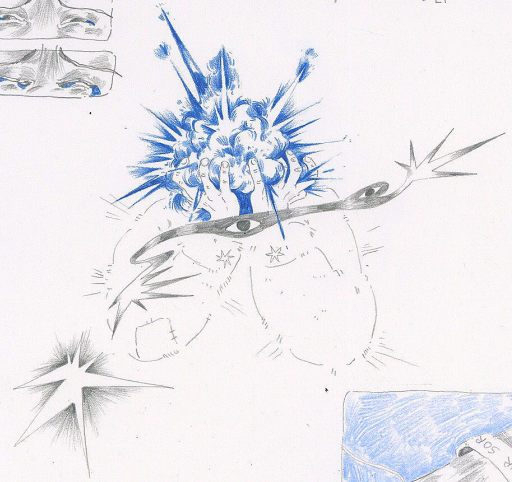




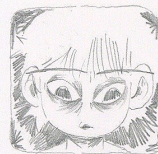
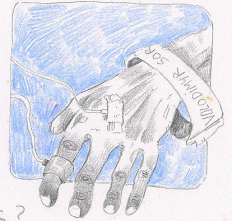
MOM... I'M PROUD OF YOU.



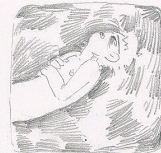
THAT SUMMER, I HAD FELT REAL PAIN.



WHERE CAN YOU HIDE  
WHEN THE PAIN IS  
TOO STRONG?



NOWHERE.



YOU FUCKING



DEAL WITH IT.

AND EVENTUALLY, WE WENT  
THROUGH IT.

THANKS TO TIME.

TIME MOVES SLOW.





AFTER A FEW DAYS I HAD NO  
TEARS ANYMORE.

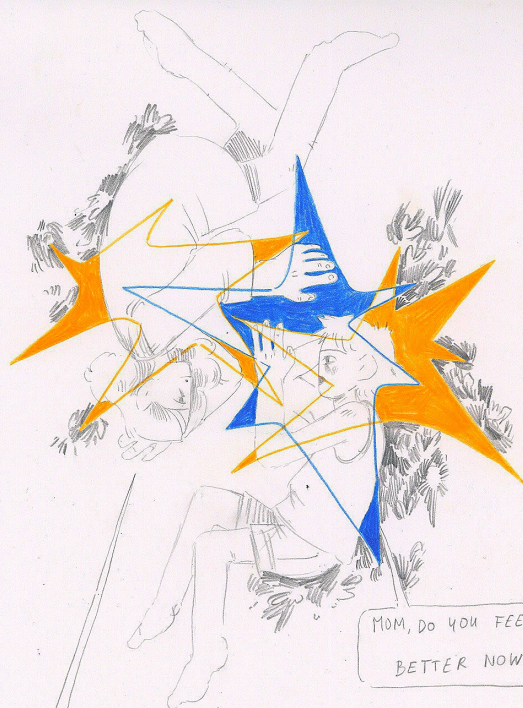


SO I STOPPED CRYING.

BUT I WAS VERY WORRIED  
ABOUT MY MOM.



I KNEW THAT SHE WAS 'N A LOT OF PAIN.



MOM, DO YOU FEEL  
BETTER NOW?

YEAH, I DO.

IT WAIN'T BACK TO NORMAL.

IT HAD JUST BECAME A PART OF US.

MY GRANDAD WAS A GOOD MAN.

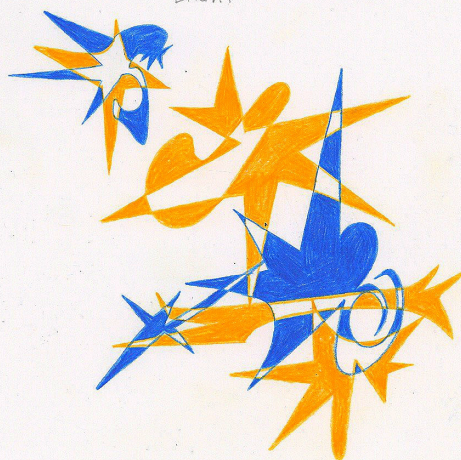
HE WAS VERY SWEET.



HE TOOK CARE OF ME WHEN  
I WAS A BABY.

WHY DID IT HAPPEN TO US?

WHY DID THIS RANDOM  
CONCEPT BREAK OUR HAPPINESS?



NO FUCKING IDEA.

BUT IT DID.



TIME WENT BY.

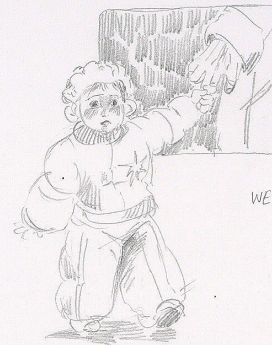
ONE OF MY FRIEND HAD ALSO LOST  
ONE OF HER GRANDPARENT. I ASKED HER HOW MUCH  
TIME IT TOOK FOR HER TO FEEL A BIT BETTER.

SHE TOLD ME THAT IT  
TOOK HER 2 WEEKS  
TO GET BACK TO  
NORMAL.

SO I STARTED  
TO WAIT.



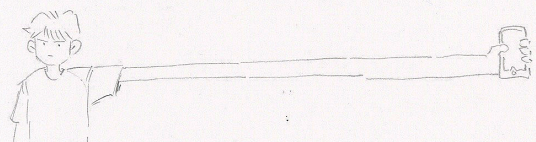
THE CYCLE OF LIFE.



WE WOULD GO ON LONG STROLLS  
TOGETHER.

WHEN I GOT OLDER, HE WENT BACK TO UKRAINE.

MY MOM WAS ALWAYS CALLING,  
BUT I HATED THOSE PHONE CALLS, I NEVER  
KNEW WHAT TO SAY, IT WAS ALWAYS SO AWKWARD.



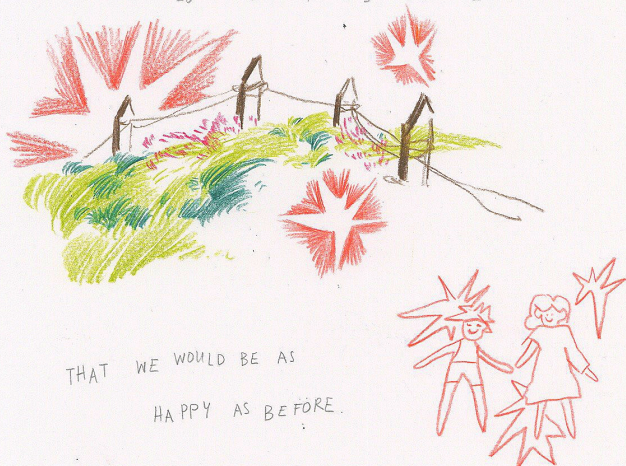




I WAS COUNTING THE DAYS.



I WAS REALLY HOPING THAT AFTER 14 DAYS  
EVERYTHING WOULD BE BACK TO IT'S OLD SELF.



THAT WE WOULD BE AS  
HAPPY AS BEFORE.

MY MOM WOULD STILL CRY  
A LOT.



BUT  
THE THOUGHT OF HIM WAS GETTING  
LESS AND LESS

PAINFUL.



WHEN HE WAS GETTING  
A BIT TOO OLD, MY  
MOM DECIDED TO BRING  
HIM IN SWITZERLAND.

BACK TO US.

SHE WAS SO HAPPY TO HAVE HIM HOME.

THEY WOULD SPEND HOURS TOGETHER,  
TALKING, LISTENING TO SOME NEWS OR JUST CHILLING.



MY MOM FELT SO LOVED AND LUCKY TO HAVE HIM.

THEN, SOMETHING HAPPENED

ON THE 4TH OF JULY.