

DON'T
SHOOT
BECAUSE.....



youTHink

Reflections from the youTHink Community Event:
Race & Justice from Ferguson to Los Angeles
October 2014



Engaging Youth in
Contemporary Issues &
Civic Action through Art

Race & Justice

from Ferguson to Los Angeles

To all the *Race & Justice from Ferguson to Los Angeles* event participants,

Thank you for your insights and contributions on the topics of race and justice following the shooting of unarmed teenager Michael Brown in Ferguson, MO. We appreciate both your willingness and courage to share your personal stories, thoughts and reflections with your friends, peers and the larger community.

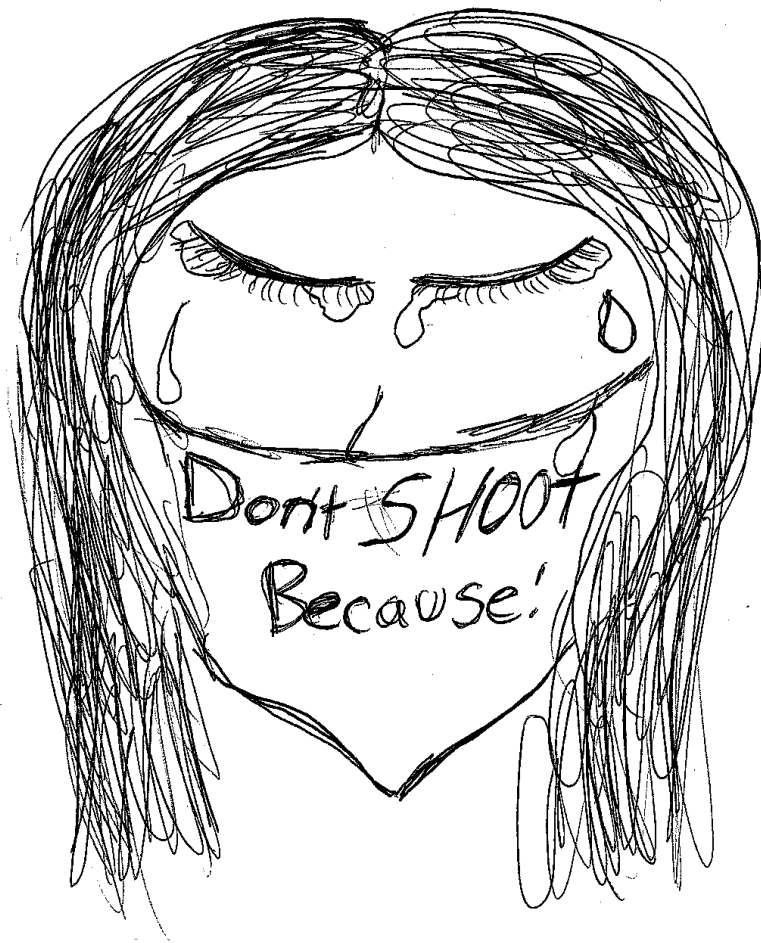
Attached is the Race & Justice zine created by event participants, a collection of drawings, statements, quotes, and stories. Each page is a response to the prompt, "Don't Shoot Because...". These pages illuminate powerful messages against police brutality, discrimination, the militarization of schools and other social issues that relate to the race & justice theme.

We encourage you to continue sharing your voice and this zine with friends, family and community members.

Sincerely,

The youTHink Team

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Because

Im your
daughter

Son,
Sister, Brother

Mother, Father,
Uncle, Aunt

Friend!!

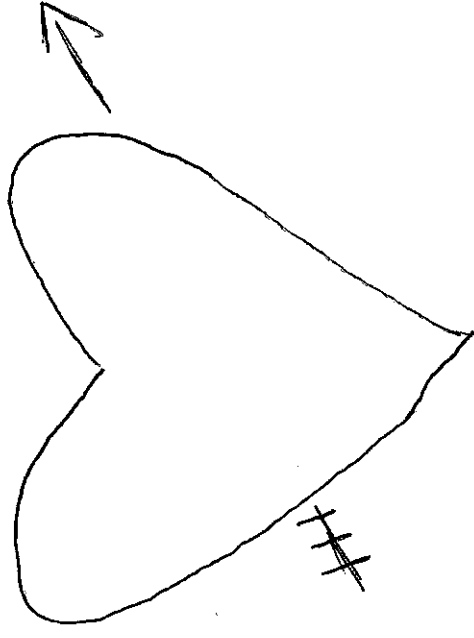
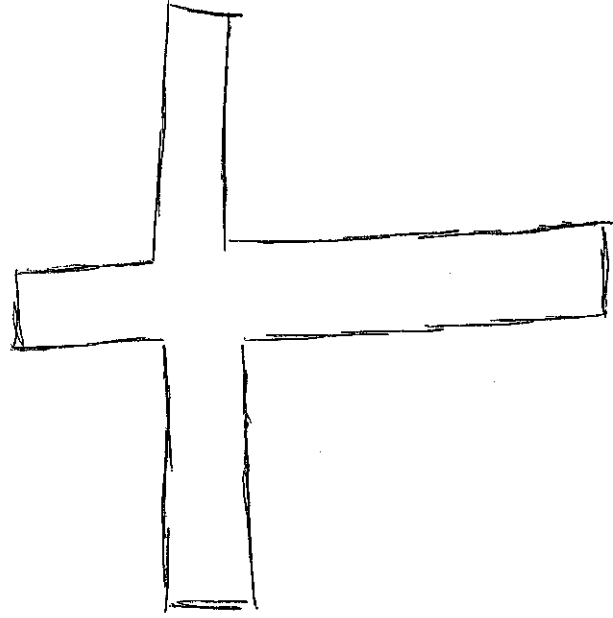
When will I ever
be able to walk down
my street with out fear,
fear that they want stop me,
Stop me because,
because Im walking ^{too} fast
because of How I look
because Im brown
because Im a girl

DON'T SHOOT

BECAUSE,

God's gift of life

only comes once.



Don't Shoot because...

I serve
a purpose,
just as much
you think
you do.



-Cristal
Fujio

Esteban
Torres
H-S

DONT

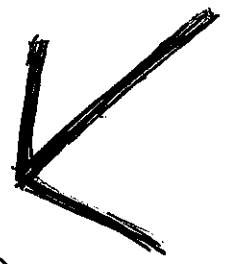


SHOOT

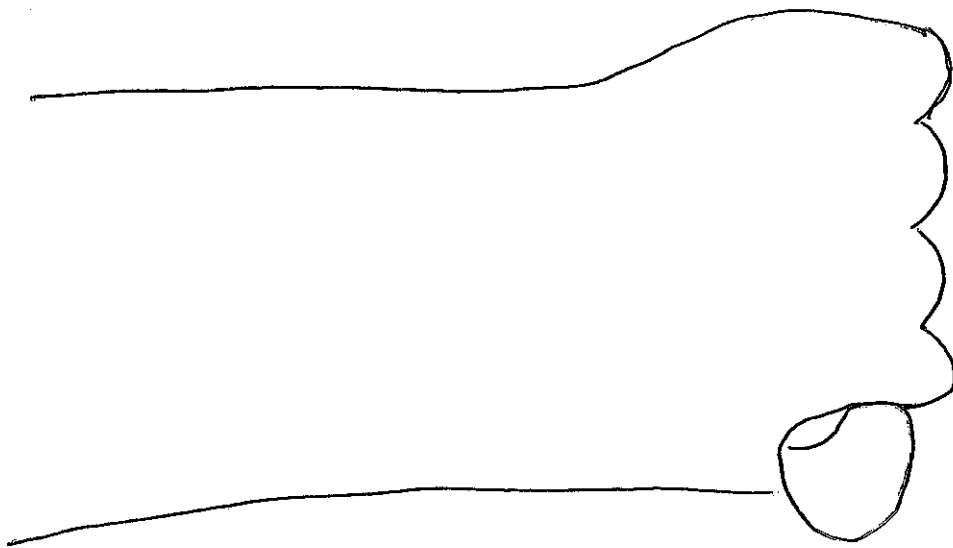


BECAUSE...

YOU CAN
RUIN
A FAMILY



Don't
of Shoot
my Cause
Shoot Color
safe my to
color



Dont shoot because
I have a name

Dont shoot because
I have a future

Dont shoot because
I have a mother

Dont shoot because
I am alive.

And I deserve to breathe -

And I deserve to fight for the future
I deserve.

to be me

to be free

to be human.

Dont shoot because
I am not my skin

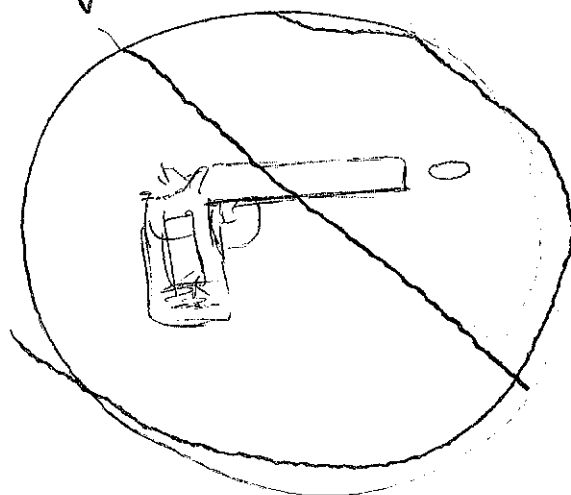
And you are not your gun.

Don't shoot
because there is still
unexplored terrain I long
to see.

DON'T
SHOOT
BECAUSE.....

They can be

INNOCENT



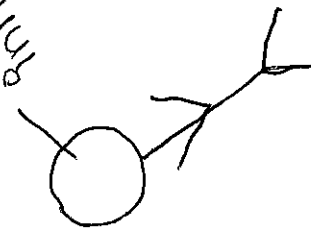
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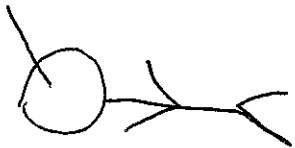
BECAUSE

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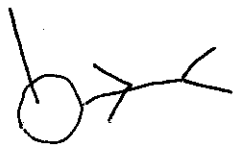
I'm
innocent!



You don't
know the
story.



I
don't
deserve
this.

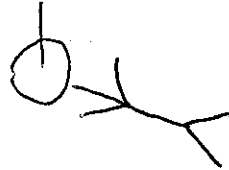


It
won't
help.

You
may
be
wrong.

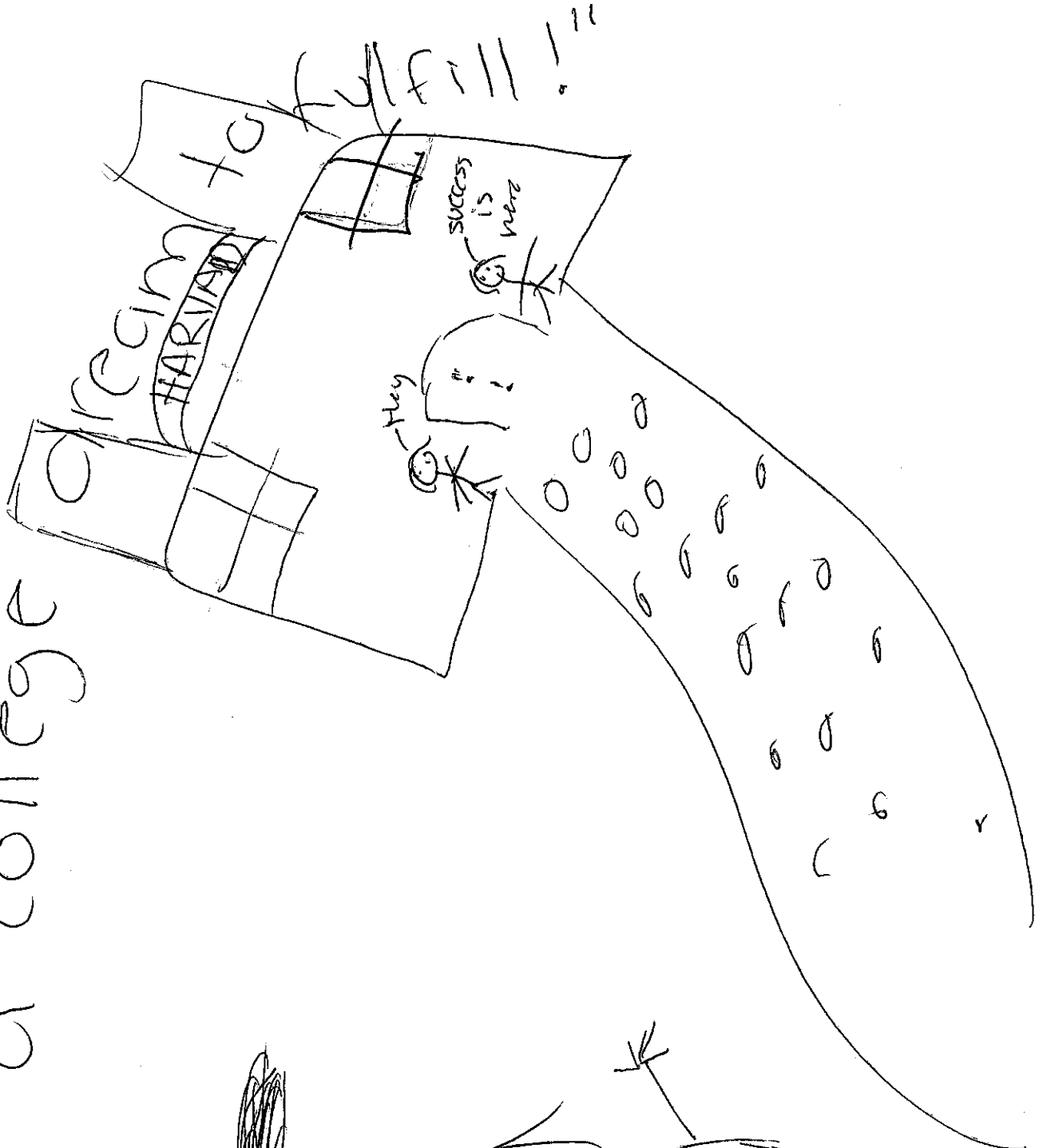


I
have a
family



"Don't Shoot Because"

I have a college



Don't shoot

because.....

there is

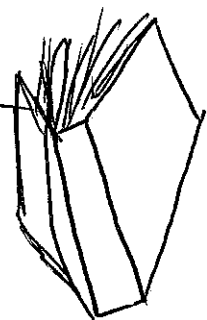
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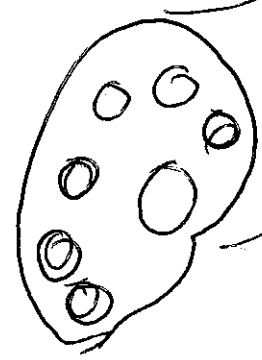
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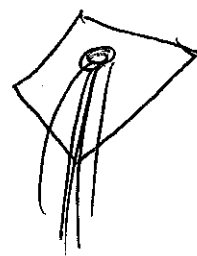
ideas that

~~cause~~ cause
deaths?

// Don't shoot



 Because certain
people want
to live their future
and be able to
experience what
they've always
dreamed of.



— Lynwood's (Artclub)
Leaving A Mark member

Don't shoot

because I am
human and
I only wanted
to know

what that means.

I ~~can~~ just wanted to explore the things I could
do. I could feel. I wanted to love. Right.
note. appreciate... & in the end learn from it.

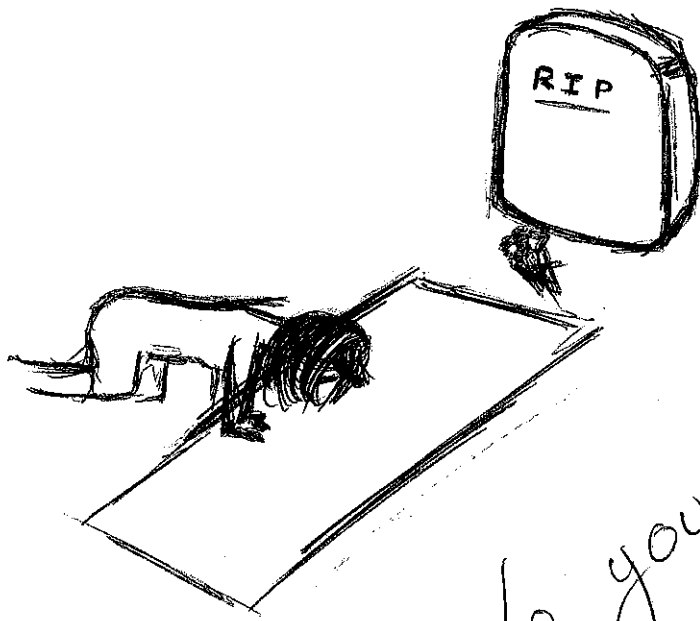
all for I could become a better
human being. A happy one :)

an "ok" one. Comfortable
& Secure with liberty & uncertainty
that I could do so many

things. But please...

please don't shoot
me.

Don't shoot
Because...



Not only do you take someones
life, you also take away part of
a families happiness

Dont Shoot
Because

There is still a lot
I have to live for!

~~John~~



God Says
Thou Shall
not Kill.
In the
ten commandments.



Humans
were created
to love.

Other Humans
not being should
end the for another
be sides God.

Don't Shoot

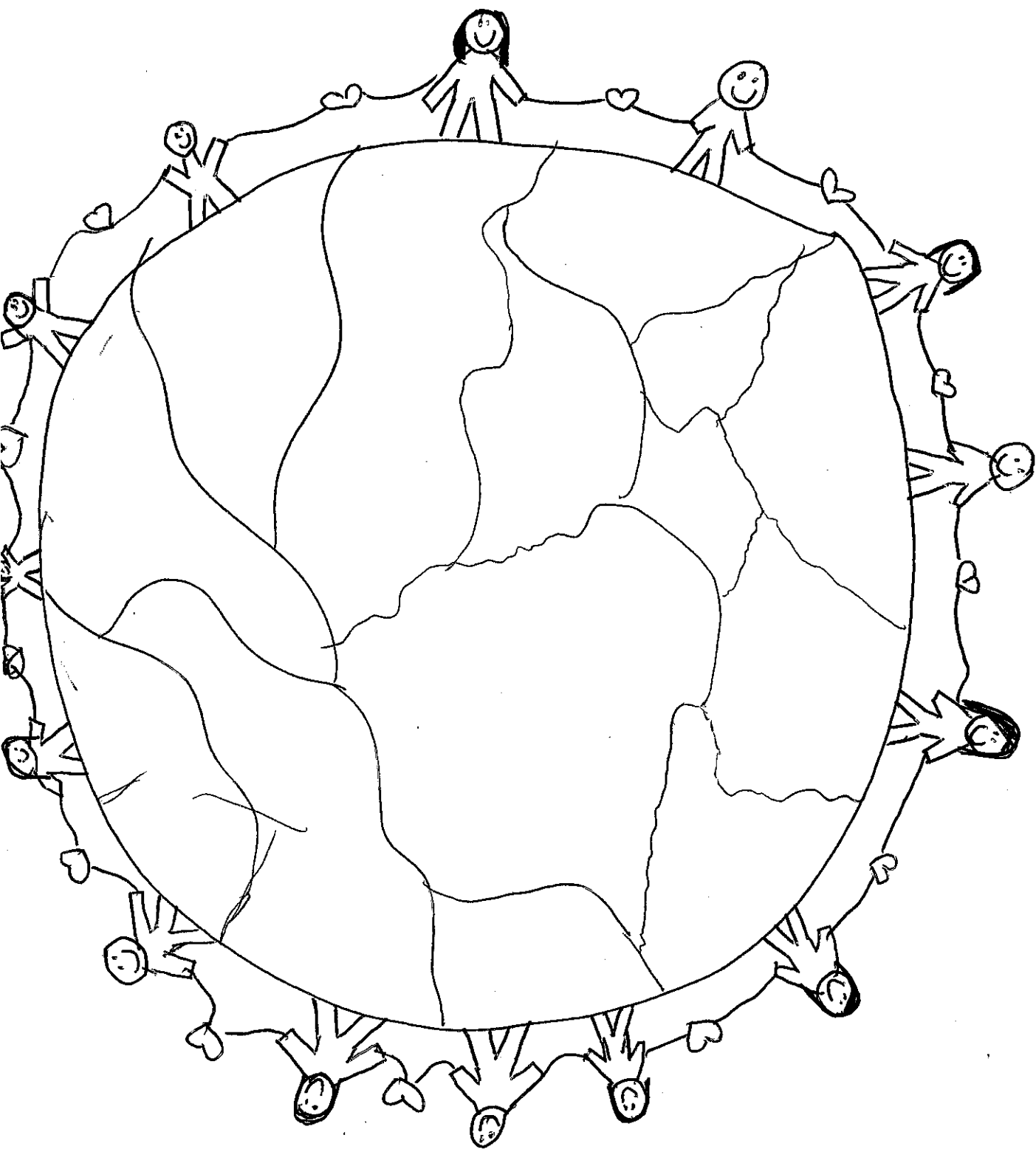
The world
needs more
happiness than
sorrow.

Because...

Many families
will be destroyed.

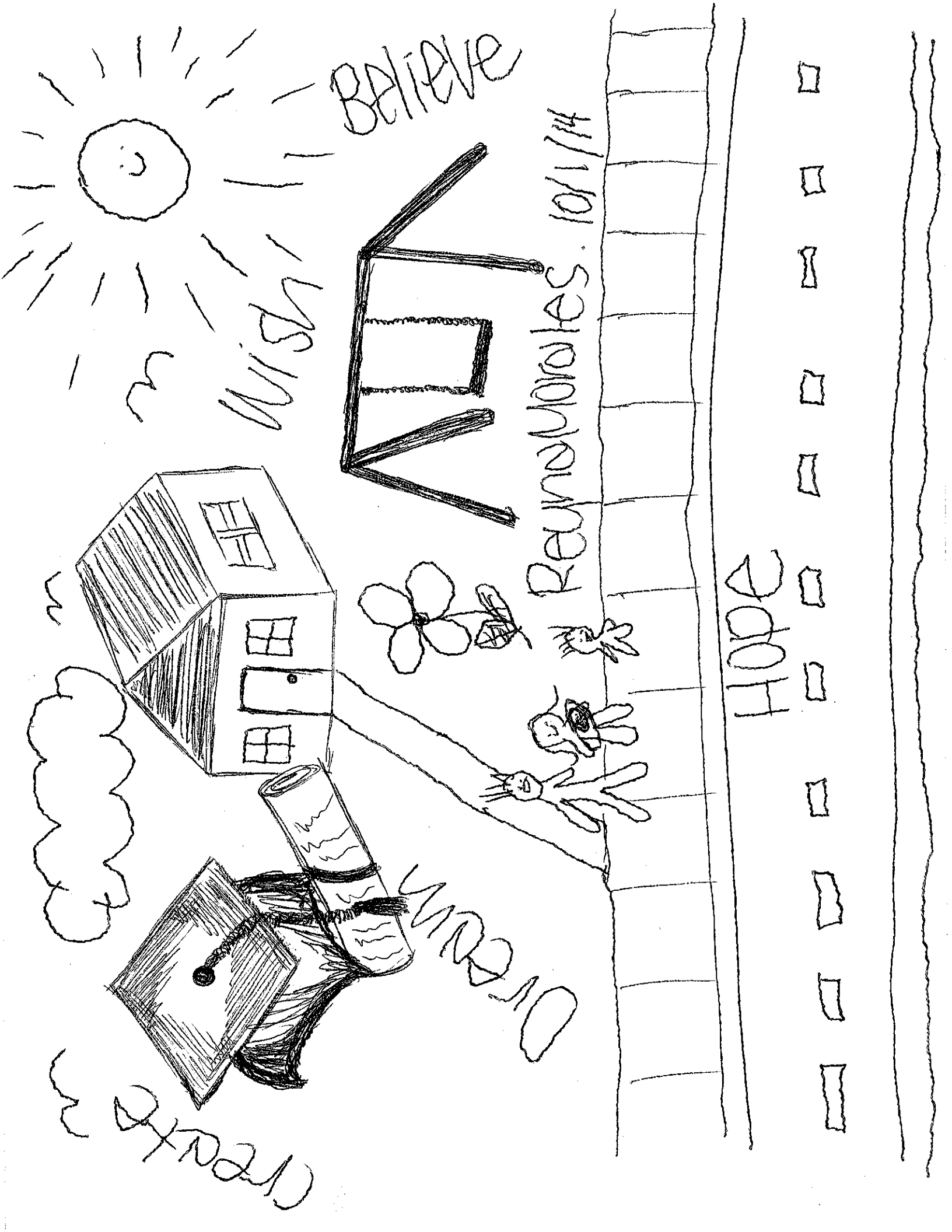
May God
Bless you all.

Lynwood High
School
April 11th



Angee Castro
2014

Don't Shoot
Because
Our Looks
Hint The
Crime^{*}



"Don't shoot
because..."

I CAN'T DRAW
BUT I DESERVE
A CHANCE TO LEARN
HOW TO DRAW")

"From gender to skin color, the complexion of your pigment."

- MacKenzie; Samuel Love

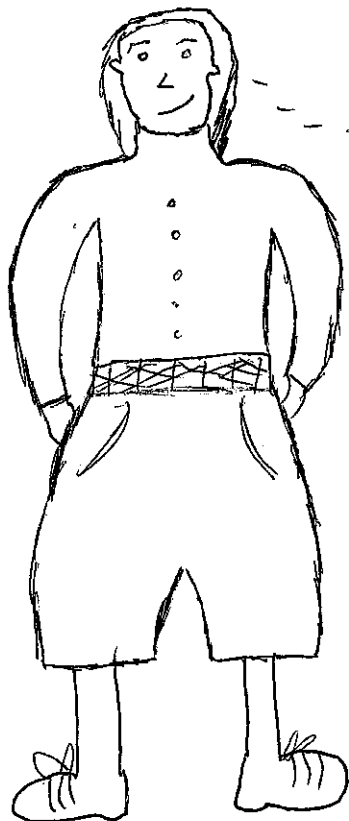
~ Don't shoot me because I am colored.

From darks to lights, we're all the same.

(I have a dream that one day my four kids will be judged not by their skin color but for their character.)

- Martin Luther King Jr.

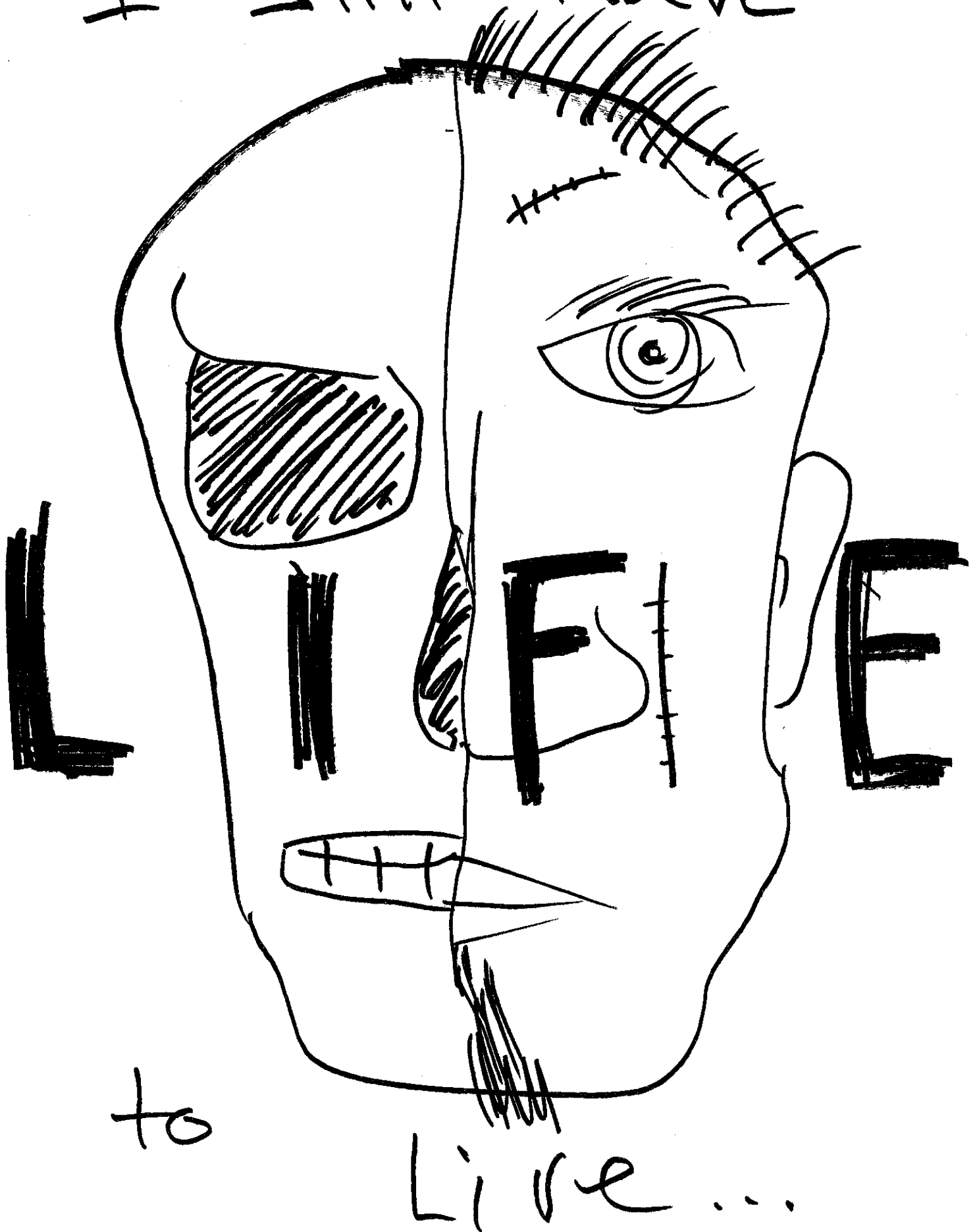
give or take a few words.



So because I dress like this I'm suspicious?

~ Margarita Arango LHS 9th

I still have

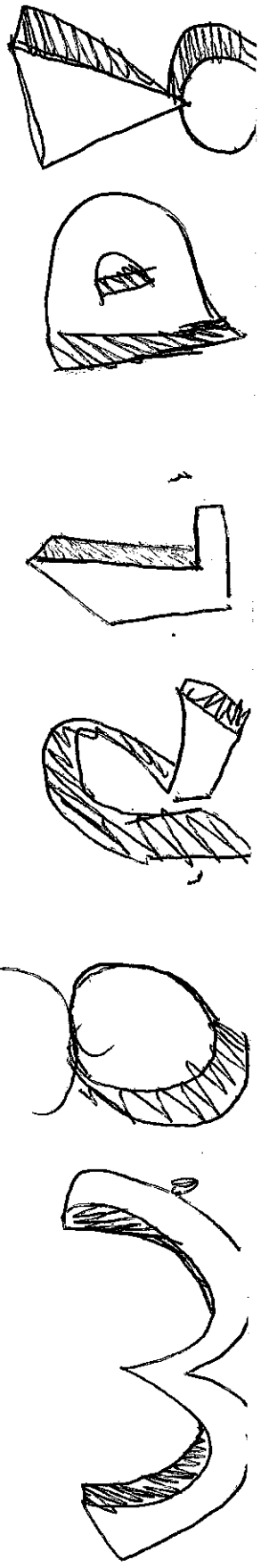


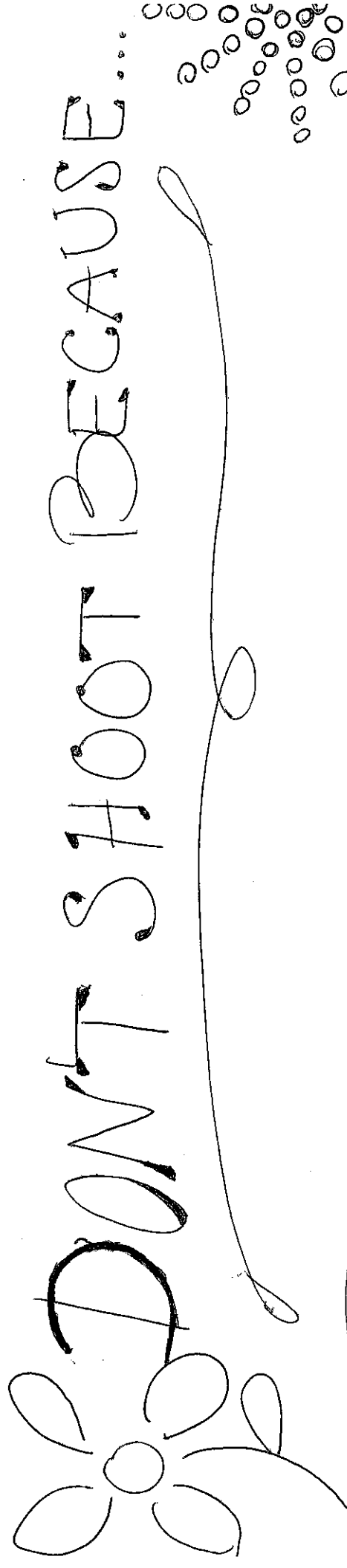
Don't Shoot

Because I Have A

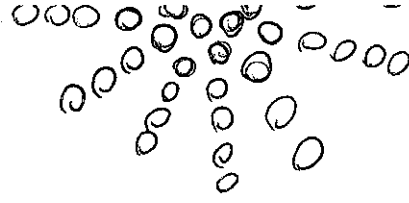
Dream To Make

A change In This





DON'T SHOOT BECAUSE...



I + won't always solve a problem.

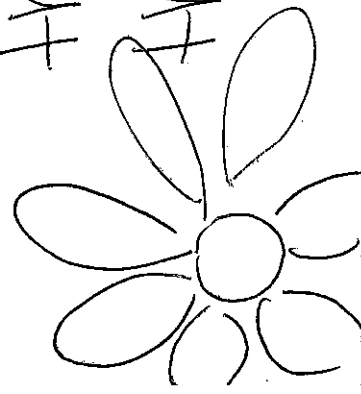
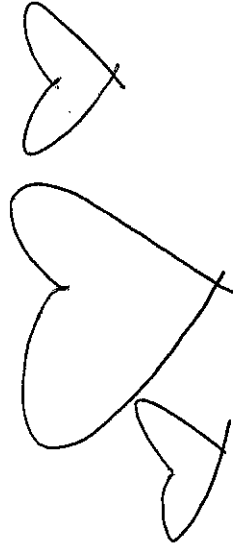
People have reason. People are innocent.

Why not confront the problem and solve it in a more appropriate manner.

People have goals they want to reach.

they have their whole life ahead of

them. People change.



life is beautiful
and we're all
human beings and
we deserve respect

- 2014, Angel
Castro

don't shoot because

my skin

my age

my neighborhood

my clothing preference

I haven't seen all I want to see

for mistakes done by others who look like me
based on suspicion, shoot based on facts
you wouldn't want your daughter to be
in that situation

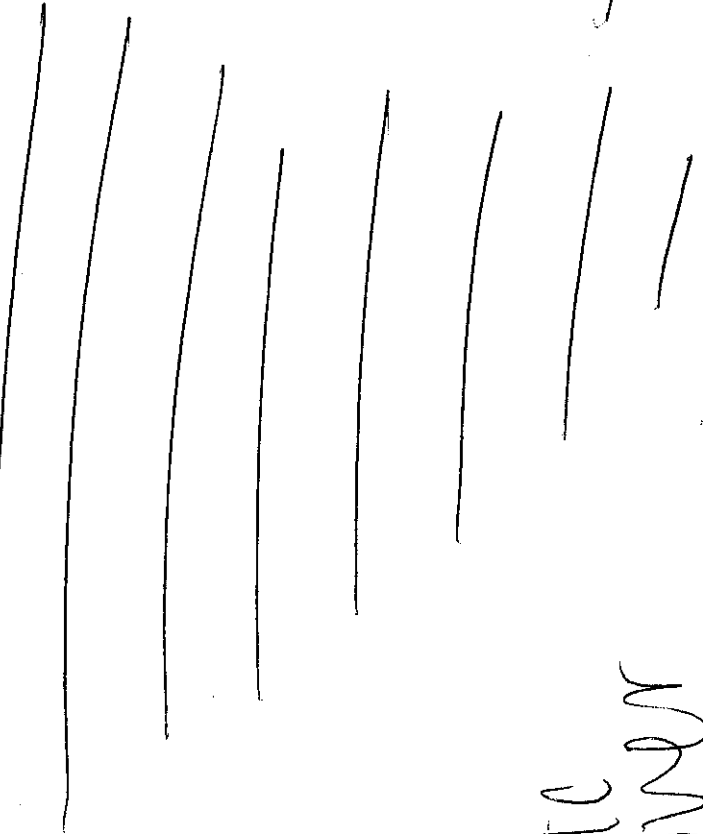
Imagine if the world was the other way around
where brown and blacks were the majority
and you were the minority.

friends

loved
and

loves
nature

HUMAN



music
lover

friend

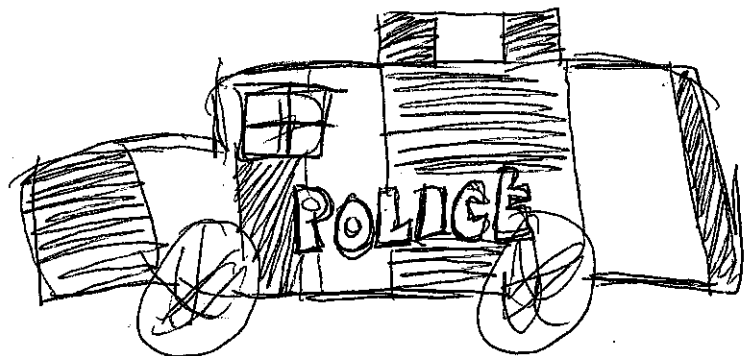
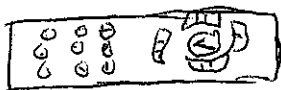
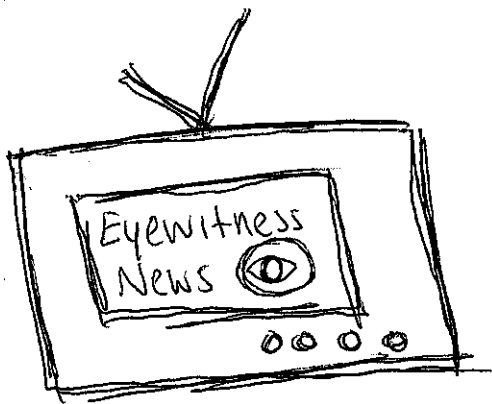
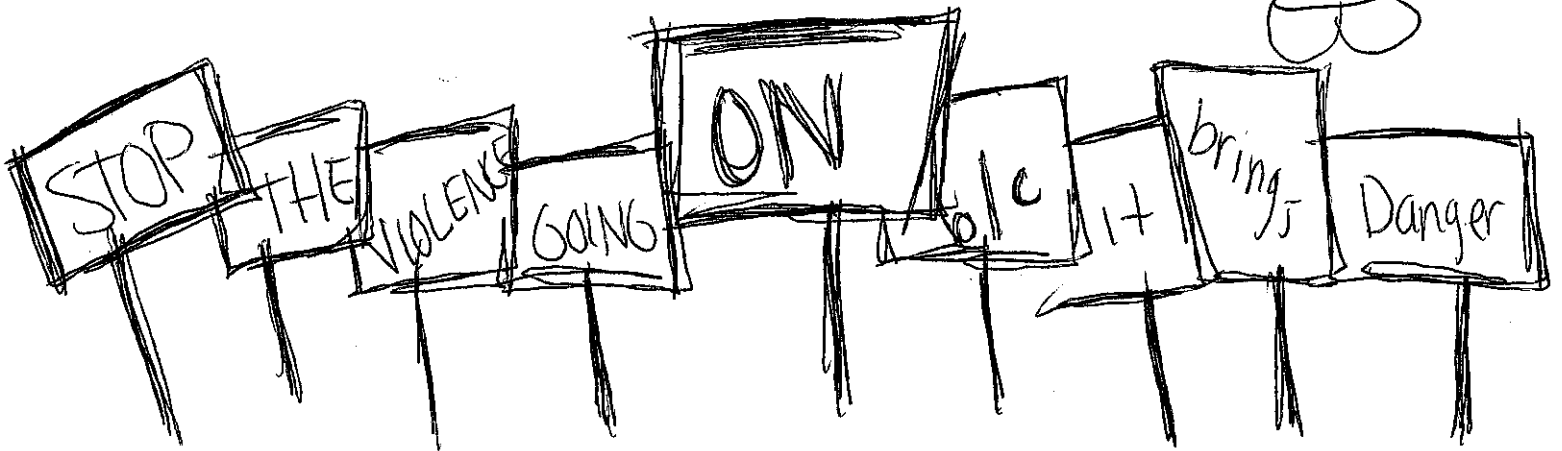
dreams

Changin'

hopeful

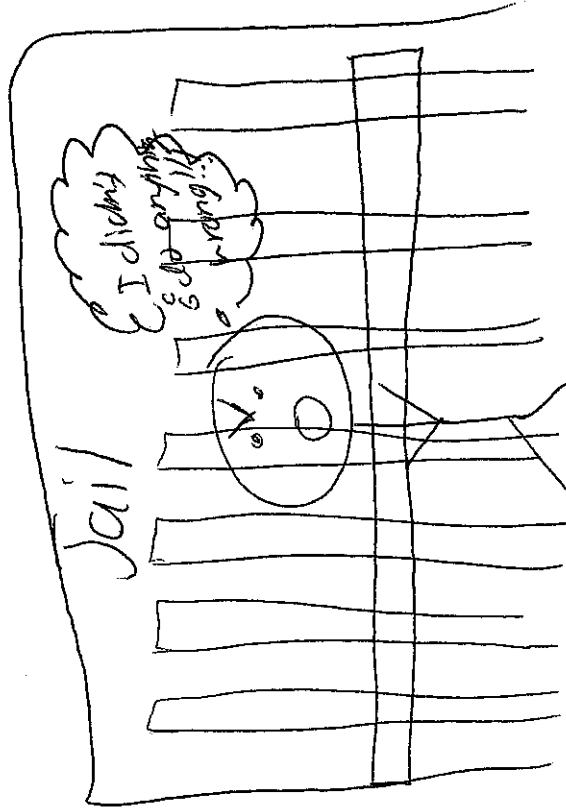
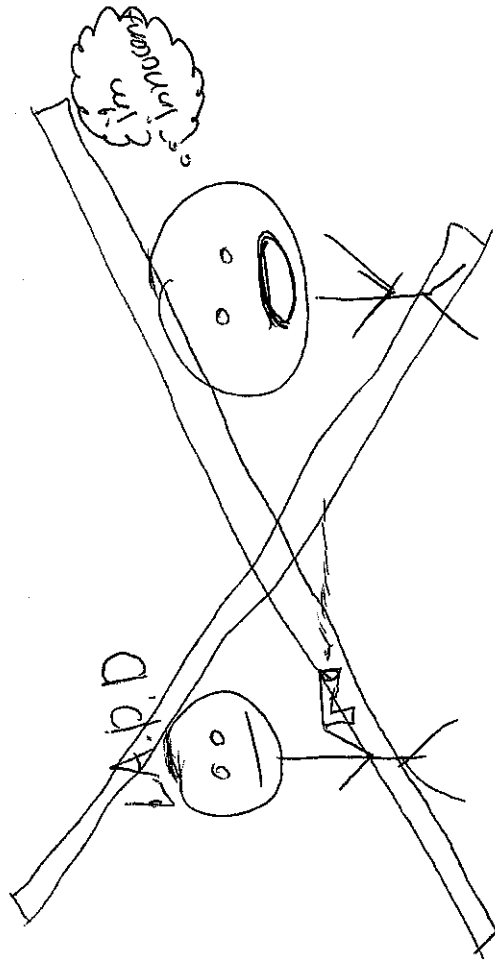
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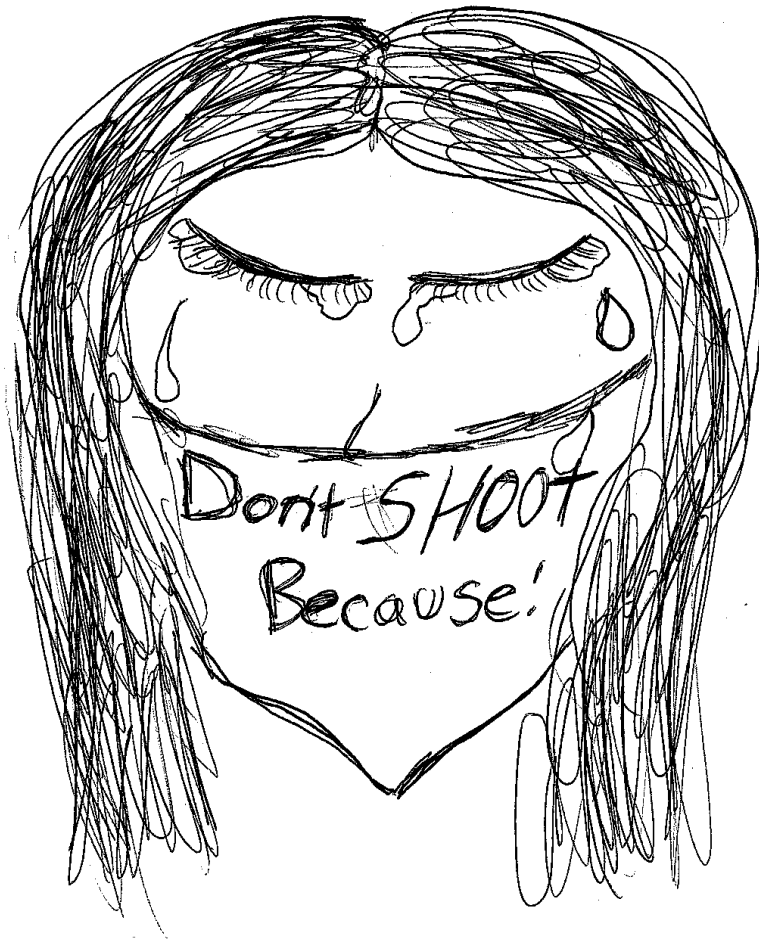
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it can

harm innocent
people





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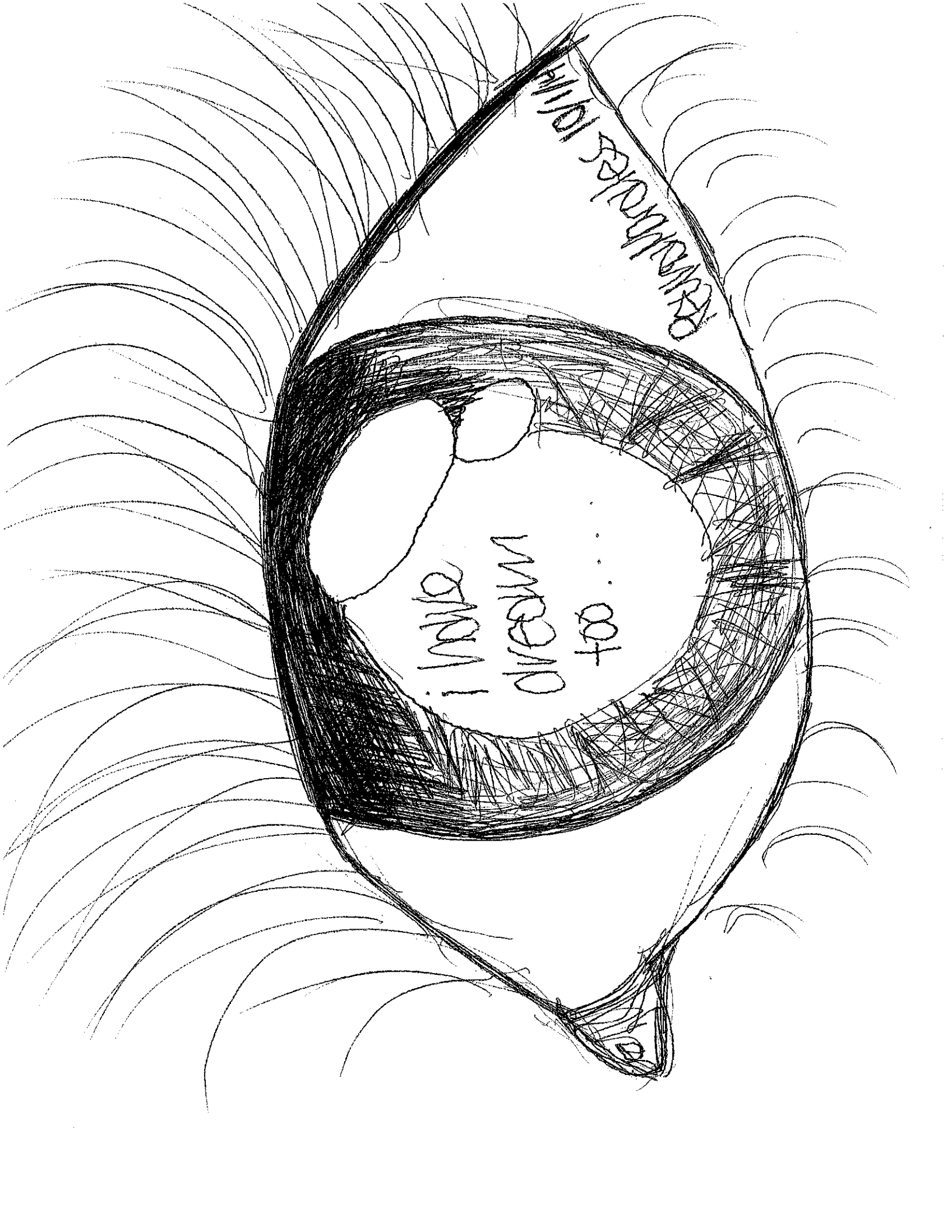
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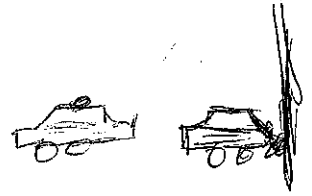
Pennywise 10/11/12

i have
a dream
too...

Don't
Shoot
because....

my melanin produces
a different
Color

-Adaeze Oduma



Don't Shoot Because....

I need my dad, He did nothing wrong.

One night my dad was driving they mistake him for a gang member, they chased him, he got scared he crashed and pulled him out and he was hurt and unarmed and they beat him.

Don't Shoot me BECAUSE...

I LOVE

LIFE



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