

SAW PRESENTS:

CALLING IN
OUR ANCESTORS



A **FREE** Comics
workshop with
Ellen O'Grady

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2024 Calling Our Ancestors

SAW Comics with Ellen O'Grady

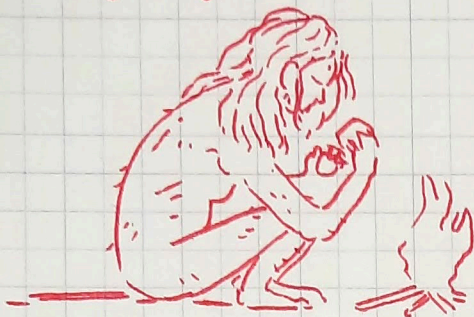
Ellen O' Grady guided us into the new year, by summoning our ancestors, and it was such a beautiful experience, we hastily collected these comics. Thank you to everyone who came and participated, and to Ellen for guiding us.

In order of appearance (best guesses from uploads:)

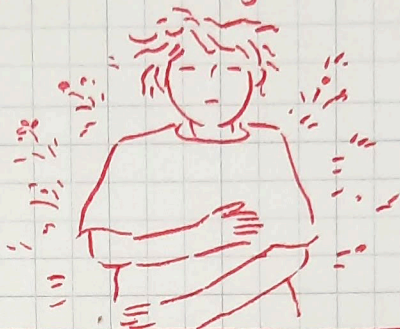
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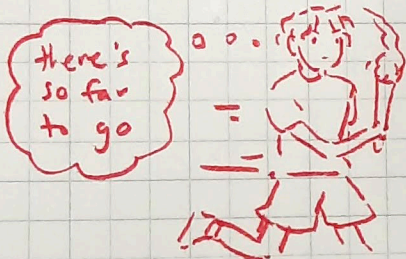
Dear ancestor.
Thank you for surviving
as long as you did.



This year I want to
live more in the present.
And I want to remember
to rest without guilt.

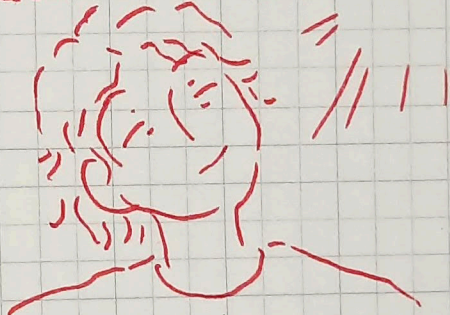


Would you help me with
being grateful for the
comforts I have?



And remind me that rest is
necessary to keep going.

With your support I imagine
I will be able to love
my life as much as it
deserves to be loved.





Hi Lynda Barry and Nana Patti, thanks for joining me. I'm inviting you to this journey with me.



This year, I want to honor my voice as a writer and artist by letting my work be HEARD!



Nana Patti, can you help me have the confidence to put my work out there?

with your support, I can connect with others THROUGH ART!



Dear Zayke: (Zeide?)
Thank you for taking care
of my mom and my grandma



2 This year I'd like to
complete a first
draft of my autism
parenting memoir.



3. Would you please help me
with being fearless about
writing it? as you were
with so many things in
your life.



4. With your support I
imagine not following
my fear to influence my
options. Or maybe not
having fear at all



1. Dear Dad, Thank you for

BEING
BOLD



WHEN Doves cry

THIS IS WHAT IT
SOUNDS LIKE,

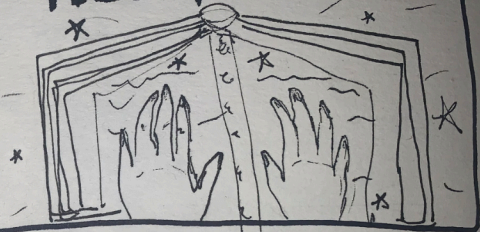
3. Would you help me with...



keeping
promises

2. This year I want to

TELL YOUR STORY



4. With your support I imagine...

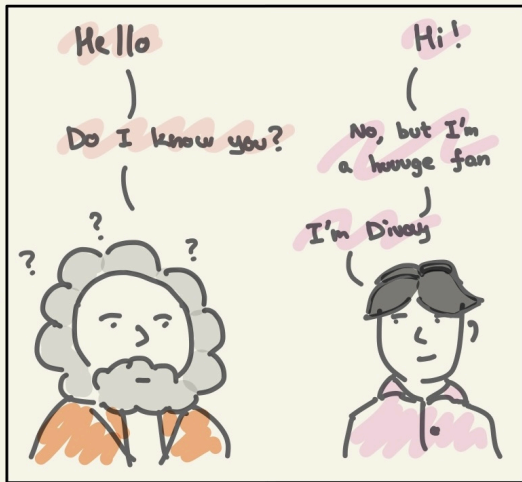
FREEDOM



- o New Heights
- o Fame
- o Healing
- o Feeling
- o Release
- o Magic
- o Wisdom
- o Nothing less
ever less

Delectable Materialism

Editor's Note: Marx's portrayal here is punnier than he was in actuality :p



Draft

1. Dear great grandfather
Thank you for keeping

my po po safe during WWII
I didn't know you but I think of
the days you spent looking for
places for your family to shelter
from the bombs the U.S.
military dropped on
Taiwan



2. This year I want

to work on building
community with Asian
heritage folks and better
understand our history



3. Would you help
me with having the
confidence and ability to
overcome my fierce social
anxiety so I can meet
new people

Will they think
I'm weird?
They totally
see how
nervous
I am



How do
I approach
them?
What do
I even
say?

4. With your help,
I imagine

I will become better at
being patient with myself
and being more curious
about other people

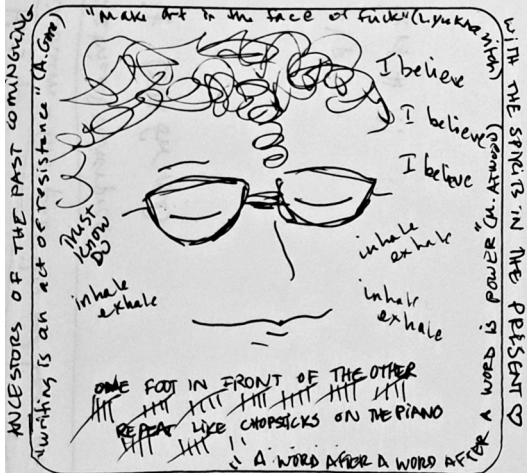


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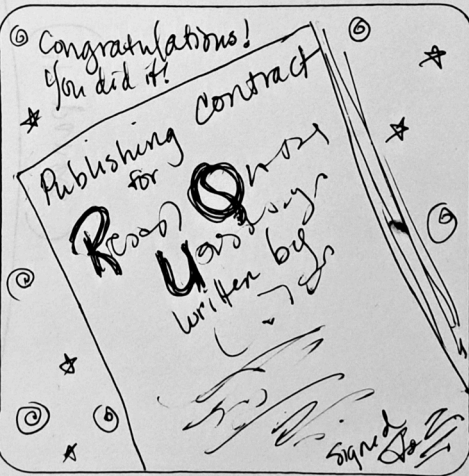
1. Dear ancestor Thank You for _____



2. This year I want to _____



3. would you help me with _____



4. with your support I imagine _____

FRIDAY NIGHT COMICS! "calling in our Ancestors" Jan 5th 2024

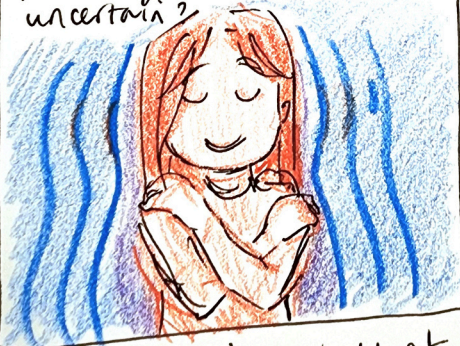
① DEAR TREES
THANK YOU FOR BRINGING
ME PEACE WHEREVER I GO



② This year I want to
FIND myself again - or
rather, who I am becoming



③ Would you help me with
reminding me of the little
but big joys when I am
overwhelmed and provide
me strength when I am
uncertain?



④ With your support, I
imagine I will always
have a grounded center,
no matter where my
exploration takes me ♡



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Dear Rin, thank you for
your loving presence



This i want to lead guided
artwalks to bring people together
in nature to experience their creativity



Would you kindly help me to
stay grounded in my vision?



With your support I can
I will be able to keep my flame
lit and strong.



DEAR NENNA, thank you for
your art. I especially like your
pen & the wolf.



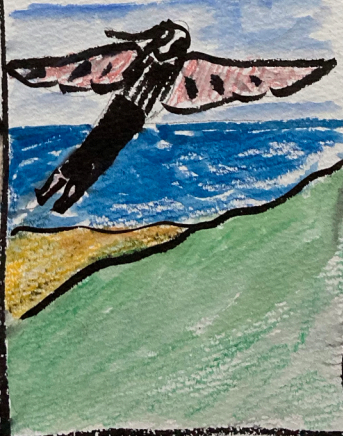
This year, I want to complete
a draft of my memoir.



Will you help me with
perseverance?



With your support, I
imagine flying like the
birds I draw...



LITTLE JACK
1. DEAR ~~EVERYONE~~ THANK YOU FOR —
ALL THE NON JUDGEMENTAL WALKS
AND MOMENTS WE SHARED
AND ALL THE CRAZY
THINGS YOU
USED
TO DO



NANU NARDI
ANCESTOR COMICS WITH ELLEN O'GRADY
11/5/2024

2. THIS YEAR I WANT TO —
PUBLISH + FINISH SOME Z
AND WORK ON THE GRAPHIC
ABOUT EMILY THE HORSE
work
on
my
graphic
memoir



3. WOULD YOU HELP ME WITH —
REMEMBERING ALL THE FUN
AND CHAOS YOU CREATED
AND KEEPING ME MOVING FORWARD



4. WITH YOUR SUPPORT
I IMAGINE
I CAN FIND MY JOY A
ENTERTAIN OTHERS AND
GLADLY ~~SPREAD~~ joy (AND
SPREAD THE FINISH I
I START





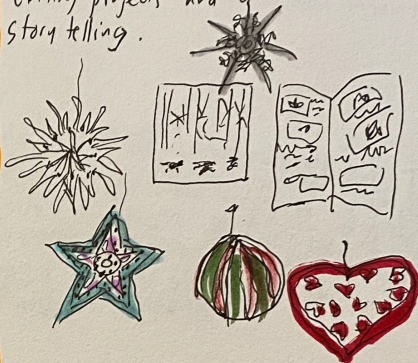
"Calling in our Ancestors" - Friday Night Comics with Ellen O'Grady



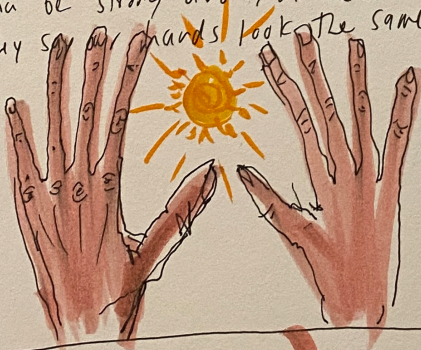
Thank you, Susan
For making art
that lasted after
you died. So
I could see it
And see our
shared
interests



This year I want to do
more making of paper filigree and
cutting projects and comics and
story telling.



Susan, would you help me make
time and with ideas for patterns
and designs for the ornaments.
And to have confidence in the tools
and materials I'll be using. Will you
help me care for my hands so they
can be strong and flexible?
They say our hands look the same.



With your support I imagine I will
find joy and humor and inspiration
and the drive to complete some of
my ideas. And your sense of pattern
and detail will inspire me to
create some of my own.



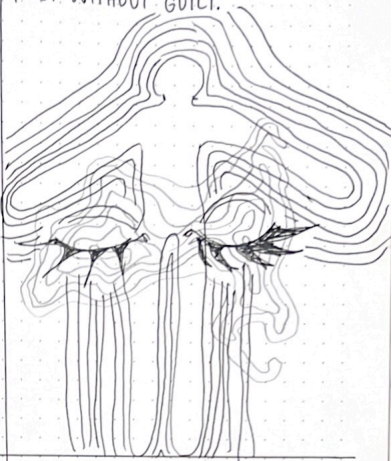
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DEAR MOM,

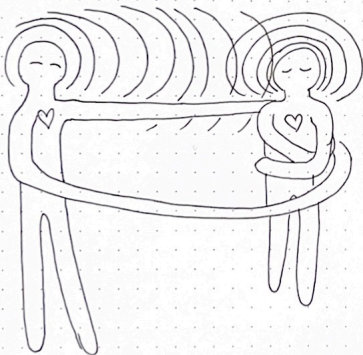
THANK YOU FOR ALWAYS MAKING ME FEEL
LIKE I COULD DO ANYTHING I WANTED
TO. LIKE THERE WERE NO OBSTACLES.



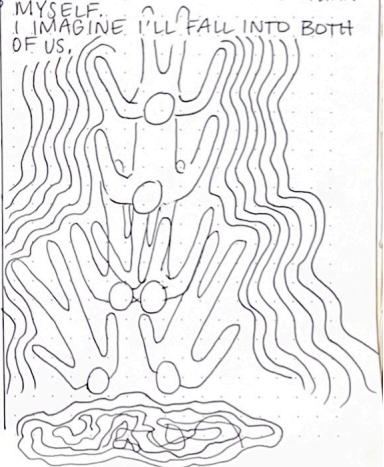
THIS YEAR I WANT TO LEARN TO
REST WITHOUT GUILT.



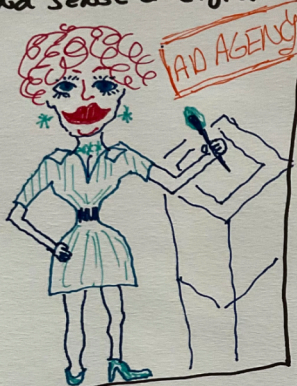
WOULD YOU HELP ME LOVE MYSELF HOW
YOU LOVED ME?
FORGIVE MYSELF HOW YOU FORGAVE ME?
RESPECT MYSELF HOW YOU RESPECTED ME?



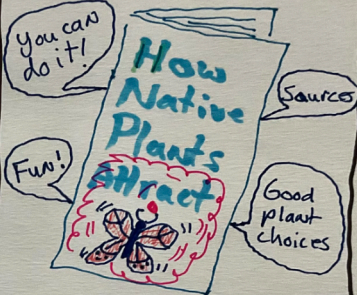
WITH YOUR SUPPORT I IMAGINE
I'LL GROUND MYSELF INTO
SOMETHING MUCH DEEPER THAN
MYSELF.
I IMAGINE I'LL FALL INTO BOTH
OF US.



Dear Aunt Evelyn,
Thank you for your
zippy marketing skills
and sense of style.



This year, I want to
make zines about
wildlife gardening for
the neighborhood.

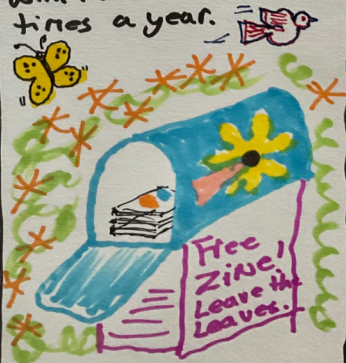


Would you help me
make it fun and
persuasive instead
of a lecture?

Honey, we
could do this
in our garden. Yep!



With your support, I
image a beautiful
painted mailbox full
of zines by the curb,
with new ones several
times a year.





Dear Gram
Thank you for loving me
for me!



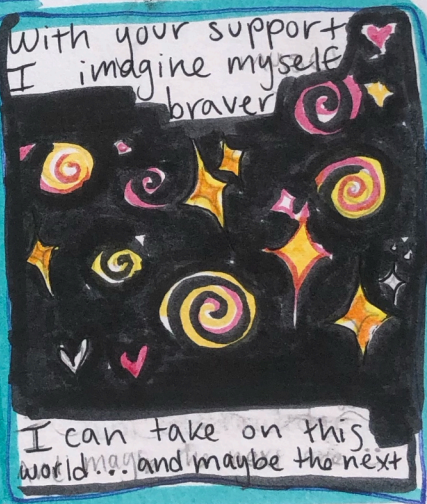
This year I want
to do ~~the~~ the same



Would you help me
be bold and unafraid
to share my light?



With your support
I imagine myself
braver



I can take on this
world ~~now~~ and maybe the next



dear Virginia, thank
you for being my grandma.
For showing me warmth
indulgence, pleasure, and comfort
in company. for love!



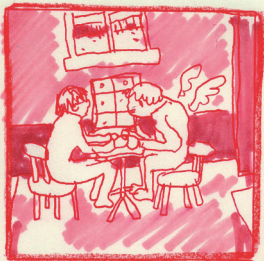
this year I want to
find the structure to be
creative, warm and
generous and
become the boyant.

2.



would you help me
with listening to
and protecting
my heart?

3.



with your support
I imagine I can
find the strength to be
firm and soft

4.

Hi, Oskar
from Tin
Drum!

FNC w/ Ellen OGrady

Thanks
for your
screams!
for all
the
noise
you
made!

YOU
REALLY
GOT
GERMAN
HISTORY!

I'M TEACHING
A NEW
HISTORY CLASS!

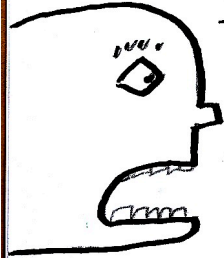
I COULD
USE YOUR
HELP!



I WANT STUDENTS
TO FEEL, TO
GET INVOLVED!

MAYBE YOU
COULD HELP
DRUM UP
SOME
EMPATHY-
FOR
ALL!

NO PROBLEM!
I'LL BE
THERE!

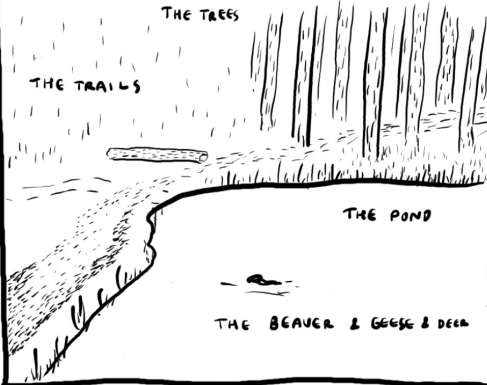


TO REALLY GET IT!



by
mipochka
1/5/23

DEAR WOODS,
THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE.



THIS YEAR I WANT TO
BE BRAVE.
LEARN



WOULD YOU HELP ME
SLOW DOWN & FILTER?



WITH YOUR SUPPORT I
IMAGINE I WILL
FEEL LIKE I BELONG.



Dear Ancestors Gang! Thank you for helping me keep the property.



Ancestors what do I do about this property?

You hold on to it the universe will open doors for you...

This Year I want to publish 9-Ball tales and work on getting Hooglasses in Babylon



look it's up on youtube!



would you help me with me being efficient and strategic? Thanks!



think I to many type actions Sky Dancer!

with your support, I imagine it will be a success

NEW ON
9-BALL TALES!!

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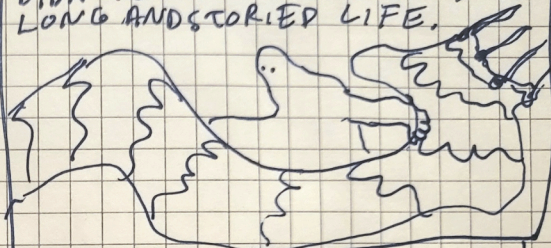
NEW "SHOOT OUT" GAME

inspired by
to
9-BALL
faces

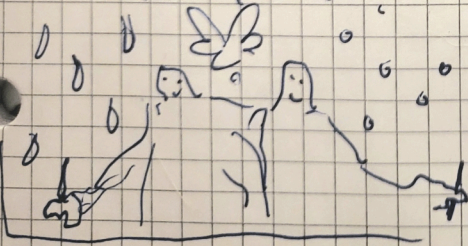
DEAR SUNNY, THANK YOU FOR YOUR
COOL PRAGMATISM AND YOUR FRANK
REMEMOR.



THIS YEAR I WANT TO KEEP A LEVEL HEAD,
AND CONTINUE THE WORK THAT YOU
DIDN'T GET AROUND TO IN YOUR
LONG AND STORIED LIFE.



WOULD YOU HELP ME TO KNOW
WHAT I CAN FOCUS ON THAT
WILL HONOR YOU AND JOHN,
WITHOUT COMPROMISING MY
SEARCH FOR MY TRUTH?



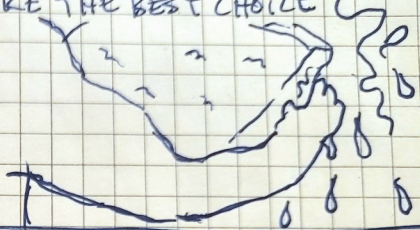
WITH YOUR SUPPORT I IMAGINE
BECOMING THE WELL ROUNDED
CRAFTSMAN + EXPLORER YOU
ALWAYS WANTED TO BE.



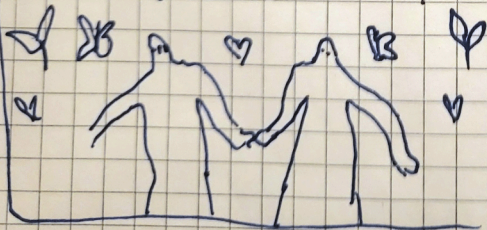
DEAR JOYCE, THANK YOU FOR YOUR
UNWAVERING FAITH AND FOR
THE EXTRA PRAYERS YOU PRAYED
FOR ME.



THIS YEAR I WANT ~~GO~~ TO TRANSITION
INTO THE NEXT STAGE OF MY LIFE
WITH FAITH IN MY RESOLVE TO
MAKE THE BEST CHOICE



Would you help me with not
becoming discouraged by the challenges
that life brings? Can you help me
to remember a love of God and
faith in His designs? To be devoted
and loving to those close to me?



WITH YOUR SUPPORT I IMAGINE
REBUILDING A BROKEN FAMILY,
ACCEPTING THE WRONG DOINGS OF
THE PAST AND LETTING THE SPIRIT
GUIDE US TOWARD THE GOODNESS
IN OUR HEARTS?



Dear Kṣitigatbha, thank
you for supervising
my katabasis.



This year I want
to be refined



Would you help me
become very spacious
inside of
my self



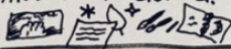
With your support
I imagine
judgement gives way
to compassion



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WITH ELLEN O'GRADY

DEAR DAD, THANK
YOU FOR HALF OF ME,
FOR CHOOSING THE
WOODS, LOVING ANIMALS,
TEACHING ME WHAT
I KNOW, SHOWING
YOUR WAY OF LOOKING.
DEAR DAVID, THANK
YOU FOR BEING HERE
WITH ME - EVEN THO
I DON'T REMEMBER.
AND YOUR SKETCHES.

THIS YEAR I WANT TO
TELL PARTS OF OUR
STORIES AND NOT
HOLD THINGS IN SO
TIGHTLY. I WANT TO
PLAY WITH COMICS,
AND LEAVES, COLLAGE,
WRITE, NOT KNOW
WHERE I AM HEADED
AND KEEP GOING.



DAD, COULD YOU HELP
ME TO LISTEN
DEEPLY? DAVID,
HELP ME OPEN UP?
PAPPY, GRANDDAD,
BUBBA GERTIE AND
BUBBA GOLDIE,
GIVE ME DISCIPLINE.
EVERYONE, A BIT
OF ENCOURAGEMENT.



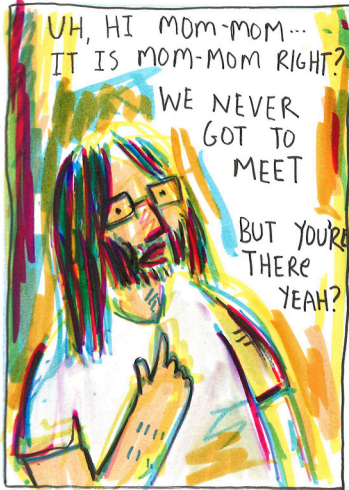
WITH YOUR SUPPORT,
I IMAGINE CREATING
SOMETHING BOTH
HEALING &
COMPELLING.



"DRAW EVERY DAY, EVEN IF IT'S A LITTLE.
WRITE EVERY DAY, EVEN A LITTLE POEM."
- NINA'S MOM

ASK QUESTIONS, EVEN HARD ONES.

LERMWORM



I IMAGINE I'LL FALL INTO BOTH
OF US,



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