

friday night
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← **FRIDAY, JUNE 13th** →

7:00 PM EST.

DRAWING
FAMILY
STORIES.

Thanks for coming to a SAW
Friday Night Workshop!

DRAWING FAMILY STORIES

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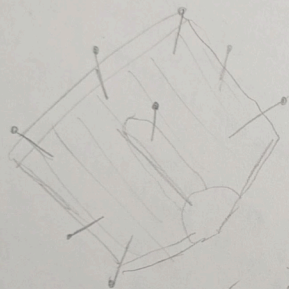
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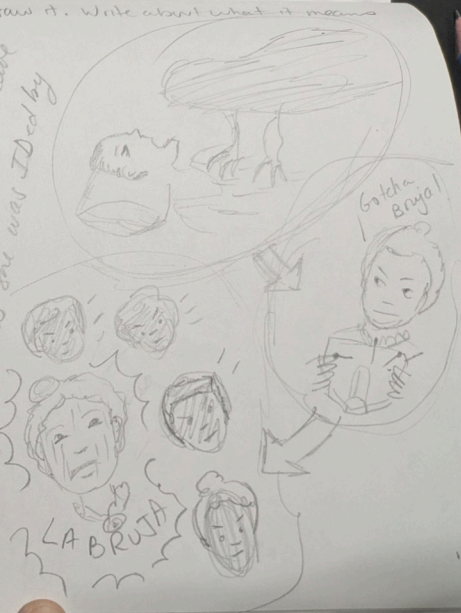


For 7 mins, choose an object from family story + draw it. Write about what it means
Label or draw story around it



inside out male underwear
from story of how my
abuelita used it to catch
a witch that was praying
on her brother in law.
his made the witch get
scratched up so they could

identify her
during the day. At night she just observed
as a shadow that would sit on BIL's chest +
scratch it. The next day they went through
there small town looking for which
woman was scratched up. When they
found her, confronted + got her to leave
him alone b/c how she was IDed by
turn.





DELAYED



BARK BARK JJ

BARK BARK JJ

BARK BARK JJ

BARK BARK JJ

CHALA



intelligent
naughty
loud
courageous
*Fat
*Joyful
*Hesitant
*Worried
*Unifying
Alerts me when I feed or
but poops every where
than I do.



(CAN COMIX BE CHANNEL'D



ANGELS
WATCH
OVER
YOU



Praying for my baby brother
who took some bad drugs
and lost his mind and now



Sarah Younger
Prayers that
angels watch
over

25 min Like Reply

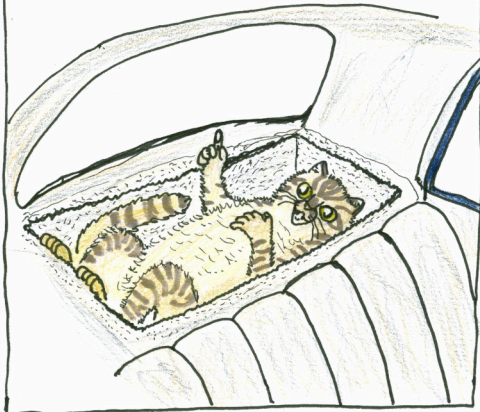
⑦ Sarah Younger
replied with photo

⑦ Sarah Younger
I literally just drew
this...

⑦ Mato @hitika
Sarah Younger
Yess Sister. 😊



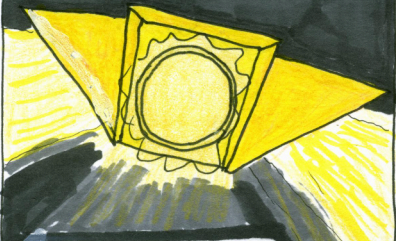
WHEN I WAS LITTLE,
I COULD RIDE IN THE
"CUBBY HOLE," OVER
THE ENGINE OF OUR VW 'BUG'.



IT WAS COMFORTING,
AND I GOT TO WATCH
THE SKY, AND GUESS
WHAT WAS GOING ON.



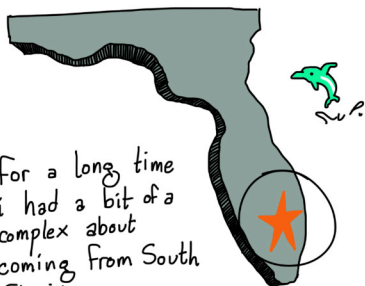
I REMEMBER A SINGLE
YELLOW FLASHING LIGHT,
ON AN OVERHEAD WIRE,
THAT WAS ON THE WAY
HOME FROM FRIENDS OF
MOM AND DAD.



IT REMINDED ME OF A
DUTCH WOMAN'S...
... BONNET?

NOW I THINK MOM AND DAD
WANTED ME THERE, IN
THE SAFEST PLACE IN
THE WHOLE CAR, WHERE
I'D JUST BOUNCE AGAINST
THE SIDES OF THE CUBBY.



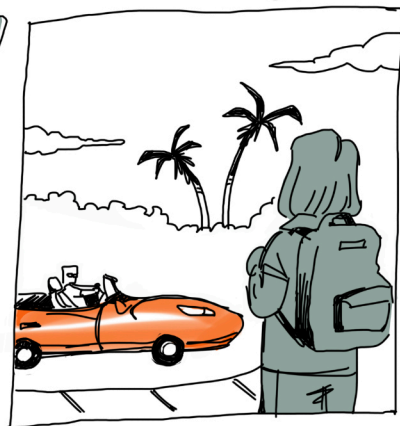


For a long time
i had a bit of a
complex about
coming from South
Florida

I felt like a native of Vacationland,
a snowbird in reverse



as I've gotten older and
more worldly I can recognize
the stereotypes



i bet your friends are
jealous—you get to get
picked up in a
Viper!

I guess!

context only crept in
later on

My dad would trade
his sedan for his
boss Brian's coupe
on the weekends
Brian had his kids



my mom's death left
behind two chubby,
polo-shirted golfballs
marooned in the
gaudiest place on earth

I wonder sometimes
what people thought
when they saw us



wanna get Hooter's
for dinner?

yeah!

I liked their fried
pickles

Sanika Phande

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Bravins Family stories



little dark figures and on the
never
L460 blink one at a time
H4 in vampire movie with
David Bardo Guran (random)
C. Doreme with all her
lovers in theatre
my dad collects
rodeo clown statues

My mom collects life size dolls
of children with REAL
HUMAN HAIR



She claims they will
increase in value over
time and we will be
happy to inherit them

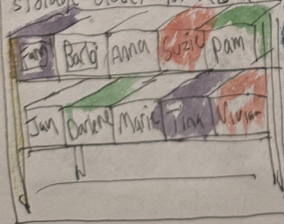


WE WILL BE
RICH!
They didn't. We aren't.

They are displayed all
over the house
looking in corners.
Including the room I stay in
when I visit.



AND THERE ARE DOZENS
MORE IN WHAT I CALL
"THE MORGUE" - A
storage closet in the Basement



TO SLEEP I WOULD COVER
THEM WITH MY
TSHIRTS. And here it
is

None of her kids want
these dolls
Most think it's so funny to
threaten them with inheriting dolls

**YOU'LL MISS
ME WHEN
I'M DEAD!**



eli wadley 2025

What do you want to achieve this month?
What is the purpose of your goals?
How are you going to achieve them?
Draft out your action plans in detail.

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Exercise #3: The Quote

BOOK MY TICKET!

I want to
come home
tonight!



4 panel comic

Lydia Barry - childhood stories
Aswanaki Dola

Final Exercise: Fill a pg about family story

Sanjita Phande: Autobiographical Comics

big overarching categories: → topics I care + step thinking about

- ① Relationships w fam / people I love or have loved
- ② Immigration
- ③ Food

The story sounds like a story you retell to a friend

her story "wedding Juice & other MelodRAMAs" - Who am I now?
"wedding underwear" → perfect thumbnail like Dr. Inked drawing stretch drawing
→ She recorded her partner speaking
→ made that into a transcript
→ then wrote a script
→ then storyboarded into a comic
⑤ Digitally colored final (she scanned into Procreate & colored)

LEARNING STORY: Exercise #2: Place or Thing

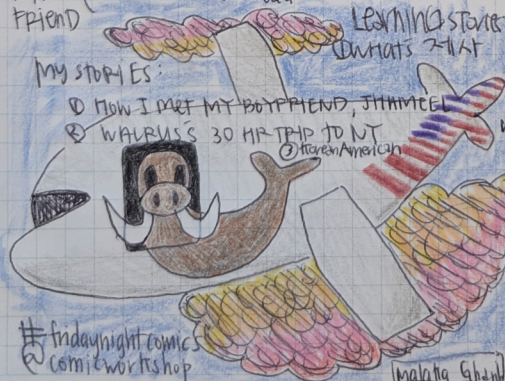
What's that?

Choose an object, write about it
or label the object w into

My story is:

- ① How I met my boyfriend, JIHAMEEL
- ② WAHUS'S 30 HR TRIP TO NY

③ Korean American



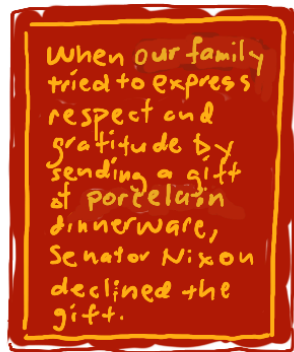
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Malaka Ghani

"I find it helpful to use an object to anchor a story around or to use a location to contain my story in"

She takes photos & draws from memory so it's exaggerated
→ artist who willing, full of love
How is the story framed: interesting visual tools (drawing, letter shapes, boxes, etc.).





March 24, 1952

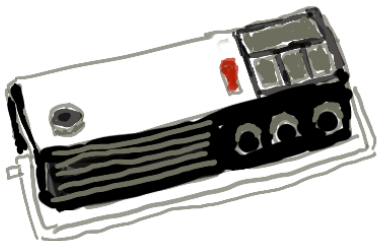
Dear Mrs. Woo:

The Senator greatly appreciated your thoughtfulness and that of your mother but in the handling of these cases we make it a practice not to accept any gifts because of the possibility that such action might be misinterpreted.

Sincerely yours,

Rose Mary Woods

Secretary to Senator Nixon



[Twenty-two years later, during the Watergate scandal, the name of Rose Mary Woods was in the news when she claimed responsibility for inadvertently erasing secret tape recordings of President Nixon's conversations.]

Our Family's Brush with History

After the end of World War II and the Chinese civil war, U.S. restrictions on Chinese immigration blocked Grandma Lou (Mom's mother) from returning to the U.S. where she had lived with Grandpa for decades and raised five children in Stockton, California.

FORTUNATELY, the family's letter to California Senator Richard M. Nixon led to a lawful solution.

82nd CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 1028

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

A BILL

For the relief of Mrs. Lou Wong Shong Ngan

Place and date of birth: Taishan,
Kwangtung, China; ?-7-29;

Height: 5'2½"

Eyes: Brown Hair: Black

Peculiar marks or features: Bump on
left upper forehead.



[continued - 1 of 2]

"DAD HELPS BLACKIE SHAW SECURE A CARGO WENCH TO A MAST 80 FEET UP IN A STORM"

WRITTEN, DRAWN, AND COLORED BY EDGAR FARR RUSSELL JR. & SAM FRANKS' FAMILY STORIES WITH SAM KA PHANIE & DON HART

MY FATHER TOLD THIS STORY MANY TIMES ABOUT ONE OF HIS CRUISES AS A CADET MIDSHIPMAN AT THE U.S. MERCHANT MARINE ACADEMY AT KINGSPOINT NEW YORK FROM 1945-1949, GRADUATING AT THE TOP OF HIS CLASS.

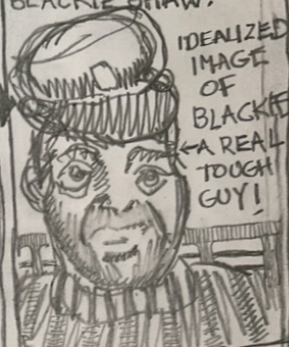


FIRST, MEET CADET EDGAR F. RUSSELL JR.



ABOARD A MERCHANT SHIP AFTER WNT.

NEXT, MEET FIRST MATE BLACKIE SHAW.



IDEALIZED IMAGE OF BLACKIE
← A REAL TOUGH GUY!

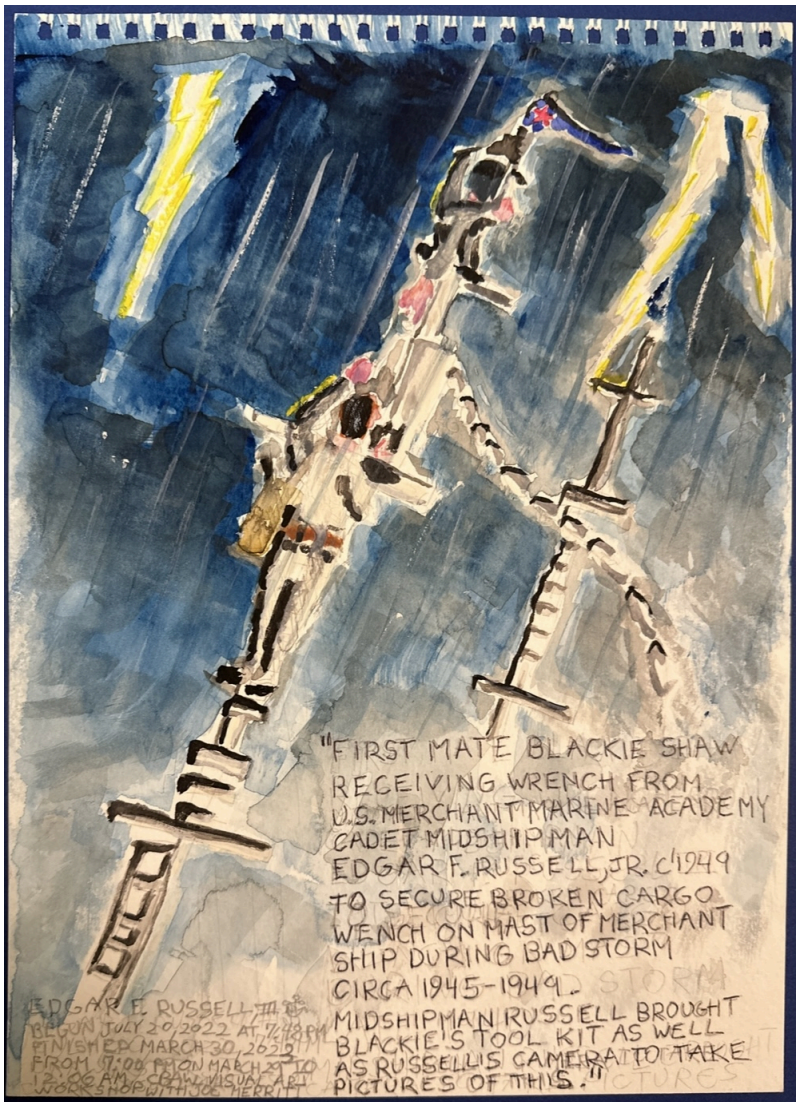
THAT NIGHT OUT AT SEA A BAD STORM...

WITH THE SHIP ROLLING WILDLY IN THE OCEAN, THE CARGO WENCH HAD BROKEN AWAY FROM BEING SECURED TO THE MAST AND WAS SWINGING WILDLY 80 FEET ABOVE THE DECK ILLUMINATED BY RAIN AND LIGHTNING!

BLACKIE WENT TO THE CREW ASKING FOR HELP TO RE-SECURE THE WENCH.



THE WHOLE CREW REFUSED SO BLACKIE WENT TO MY DAD. I CAN'T ORDER YOU TO HELP ME MIDSHIPMAN RUSSELL BY BRINGING ME MY TOOL KIT? MY FATHER AGREED. THEY BOTH CLIMBED UP THE MAST AS YOU WILL SEE ON PAGE 2 OF THIS THREE PAGE STORY.



"FIRST MATE BLACKIE SHAW
RECEIVING WRENCH FROM
U.S. MERCHANT MARINE ACADEMY
CADET MIDSHIPMAN
EDGAR F. RUSSELL, JR. (1949)
TO SECURE BROKEN CARGO
WRENCH ON MAST OF MERCHANT
SHIP DURING BAD STORM
CIRCA 1945-1949. STORM

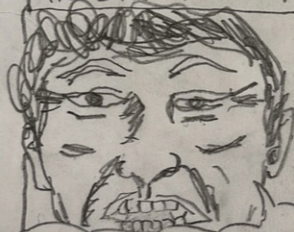
EDGAR E. RUSSELL III
BEGUN JULY 20, 2022 AT 7:48 PM
FINISHED MARCH 30, 2023
FROM 9:00 PM ON MARCH 30 TO
12:00 AM. COAST GUARD VISUAL ART
WORKSHOP WITH JOE HERRITT

MIDSHIPMAN RUSSELL BROUGHT
BLACKIE'S TOOL KIT AS WELL
AS RUSSELL'S CAMERA TO TAKE
PICTURES OF THIS. PICTURES

THE NEXT MORNING,
AFTER MY DAD AND
BLACKIE SECURED
THE CARGO WENCH,
THE WEATHER HAD
CLEARED AND THE CREW
ANGRILY SURROUNDED
MY FATHER...

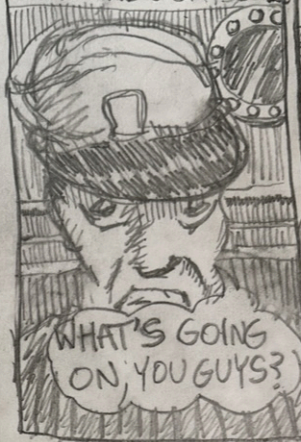


BLACKIE, AS I SAID HAD
A REPUTATION AS A
TOUGH GUY. HIS
EYES NARROWED



IF ANY OF YOU HARASS
MIDSHIPMAN RUSSELL
OR REPORT HIM TO THE
AUTHORITIES...

BLACKIE SEES
THIS AND CALLS OUT



WHAT'S GOING
ON, YOU GUYS?

BLACKIE CONTINUED...

WHEN WE GET TO
PORT... I'LL TAKE
YOU ALL ON...

ONE BY ONE...
AND KILL EVERYONE
OF YOU!



ONE OF THE
SAILORS
REPLIES...



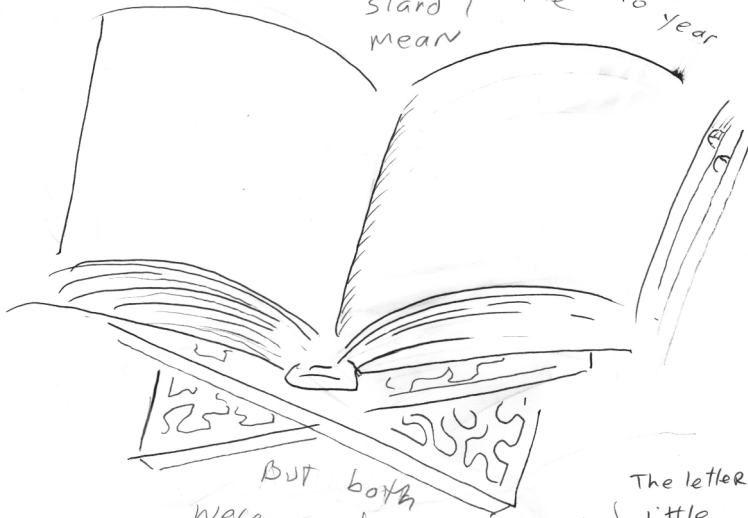
MIDSHIPMAN
AREN'T ALLOWED
TO DO WORK
ON A SHIP!

WHEN WE
GET TO
PORT WE'RE
GOING TO
REPORT
HIM TO THE
AUTHORITIES

THE CREW
KNEW HE
WOULD!
AND SO NO
ONE EVER
BOTHERED
MY FATHER
AGAIN!
DAD WENT
ON TO SERVE
IN THE NAVY
FOR 38 YEARS



Both parents were professors
There was a GIANT DICTIONARY ON A FOLDING WOODEN
STAND - WHICH I CAN ALMOST SMELL
the dictionary changes year to year
the book not the
stand I
mean



But both
were made of -
trees

The letters
had little
finger-indent



Even sub-
letters like
Sh-



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