

Hard Times, What?

This document contains items associated with the exhibition of works on paper by Emma McMillan at Alyssa Davis Gallery in the time period between November 20th, 2016 and March 31st, 2017. Included are the notes regarding curatorial and production processes, images of additional pieces and selected installation photography.

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Emma McMillan Hard times, what? (Works on paper 2008-2016)

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Alyssa Davis Gallery is pleased to announce *Hard times, what?* the solo debut show by New – York based artist Emma McMillan, with an aim to extensively display the artist's monumental evidence of her drawing practice spanning from 2008 till 2016.

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With a palette of grays and acid hues she scrawls semi-coherently on our office letterhead: "I want proof of those years, cos I do not remember...". Bills, receipts and intake forms are being positioned in a harmony of tension in opposition1 with each other to make the necessary divergent incision and investigate the interior logic of the artist's private correspondence.

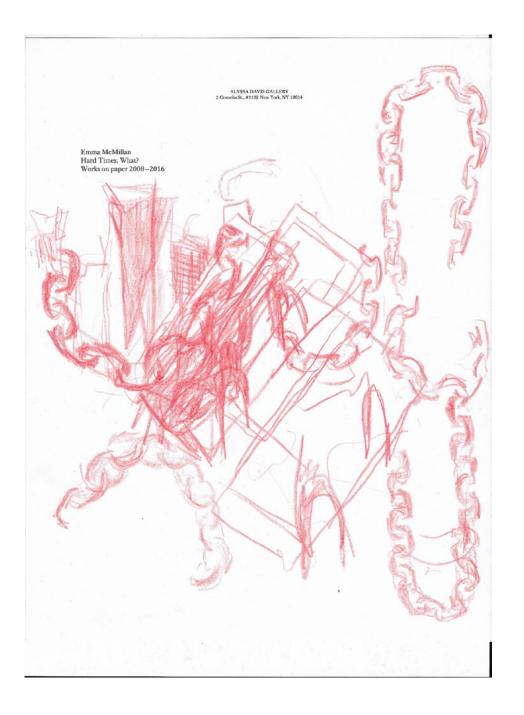
The work folds on two axes. The first one engages with the syntactic struggle between text and object. The second comprises of an image array referencing the vast spectrum of sources: from typography and theater, to Gnostic texts and studies in ancient Christianity.

By using her love of literature as a concept-generating apparatus, McMillan costumes the chosen text as an anthropomorphic plaything, animating letters of alphabet with undertones of charisma, personality, character and temper.

Hard times, what? A mental breakdown, an ample debt in medical bills, a perilous presence.

1 Roger Beck. The Religion of the Mithras Cult in the Roman Empire: Mysteries of the Unconquered Son Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2006. p. 6.

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Emma McMillan, Danger versus Safety, 2016, marker pen on Columbia University Outpatients Psychiatric Treatment Program leaflet, 8.464 x 10.826 in. (215 x 275 mm.)

Emma McMillan

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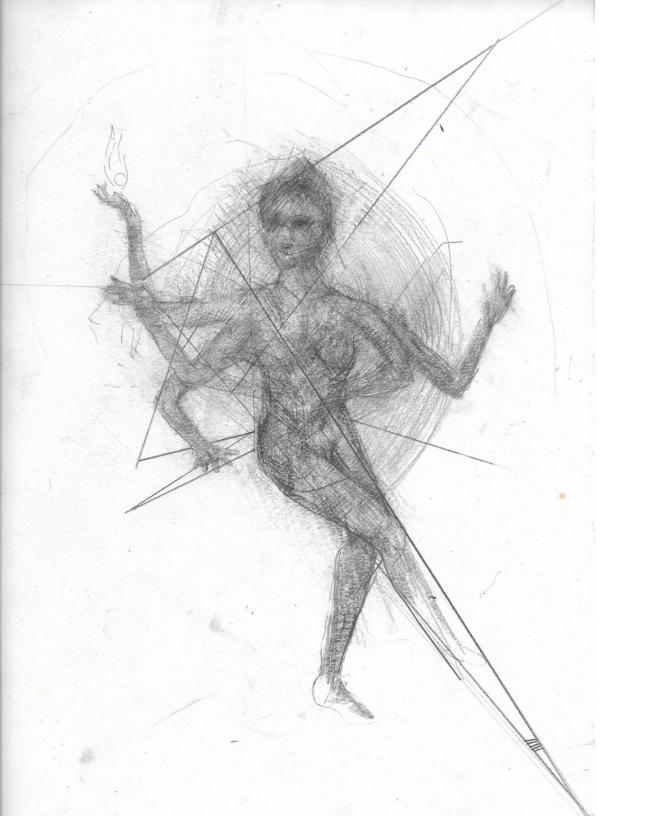
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Emma McMillan, *Untitled*, 2008, graphite on paper, 12 x 9 in. (305 x 229 mm.)

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Emma McMillan, *Untitled*, 2016, marker pen on Columbia Day Treatment Program Weekly Schedule, 8.504 x 10.905 in. (216 x 277 mm.)





Emma McMillan, *Watercolor after fire on love apple farm*, 2013, watercolor on paper, 13.297 x 10.708 in. (353 x 275 mm.)

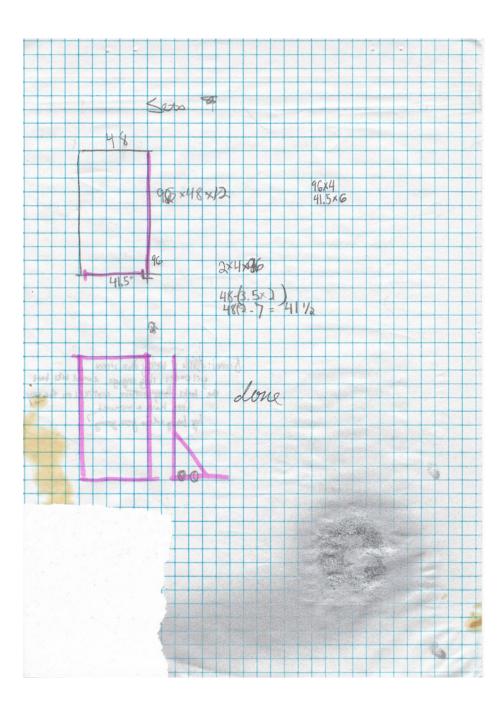


Emma McMillan, *Untitled*, 2014, ink on paper, 5 x 6.5 in. (127 x 165 mm.)





Emma McMillan, Untitled, 2015, pastel on paper, 8.976 x 12.992 in. (228 x 330 mm.)



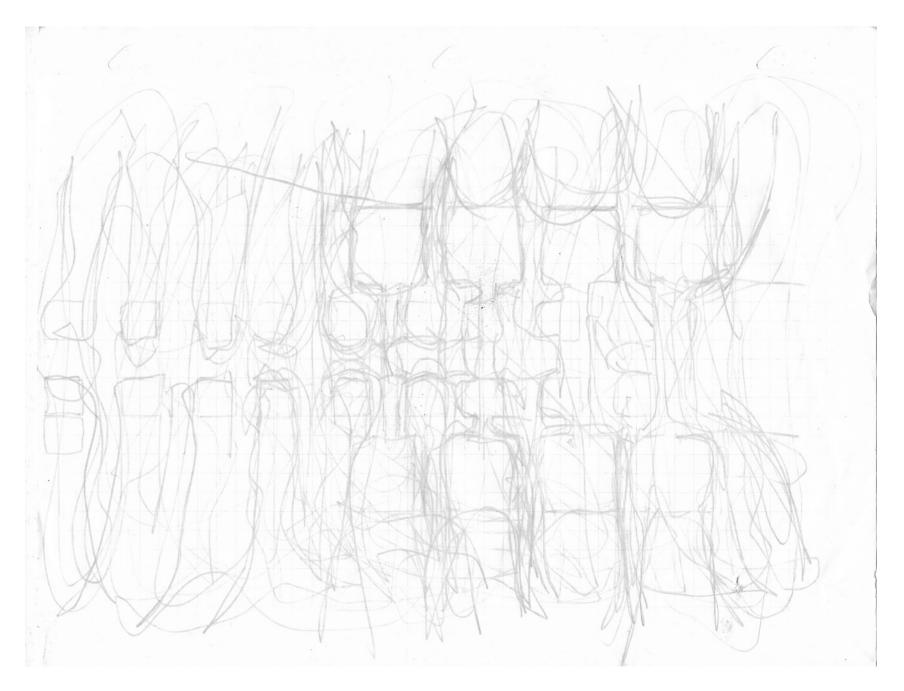
Emma McMillan, *Untitled*, 2013, graphite, marker pen and aerosol paint on graph paper, 8.385 x 11.692 in. (213 x 297 mm.)

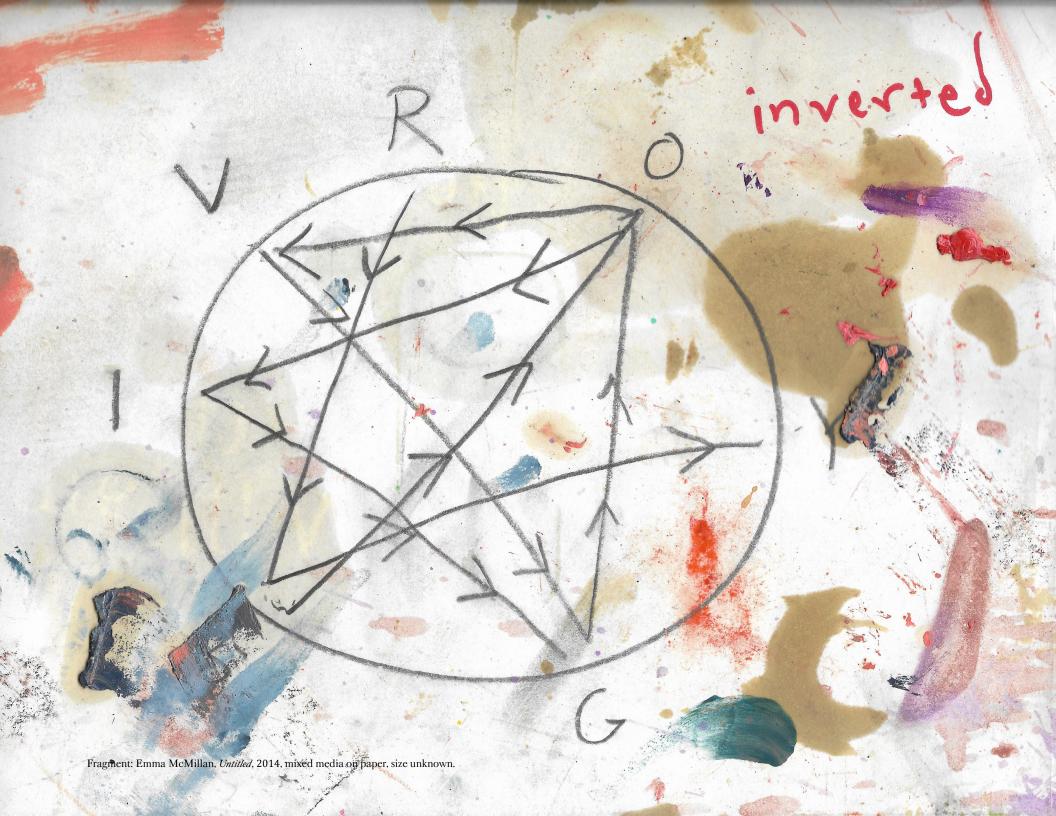


Emma McMillan, *Untitled*, 2016, pen on paper, 8.937 x 12.598 in. (227 x 320 mm.)

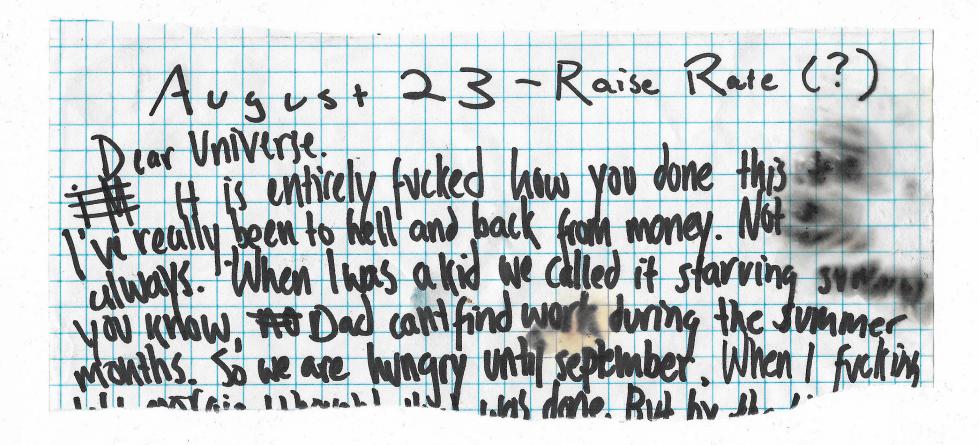
next page Detail: Emma McMillan, *Untitled*, 2015, graphite on paper, 16.85 x 13.779 in. (428 x 350 mm.)





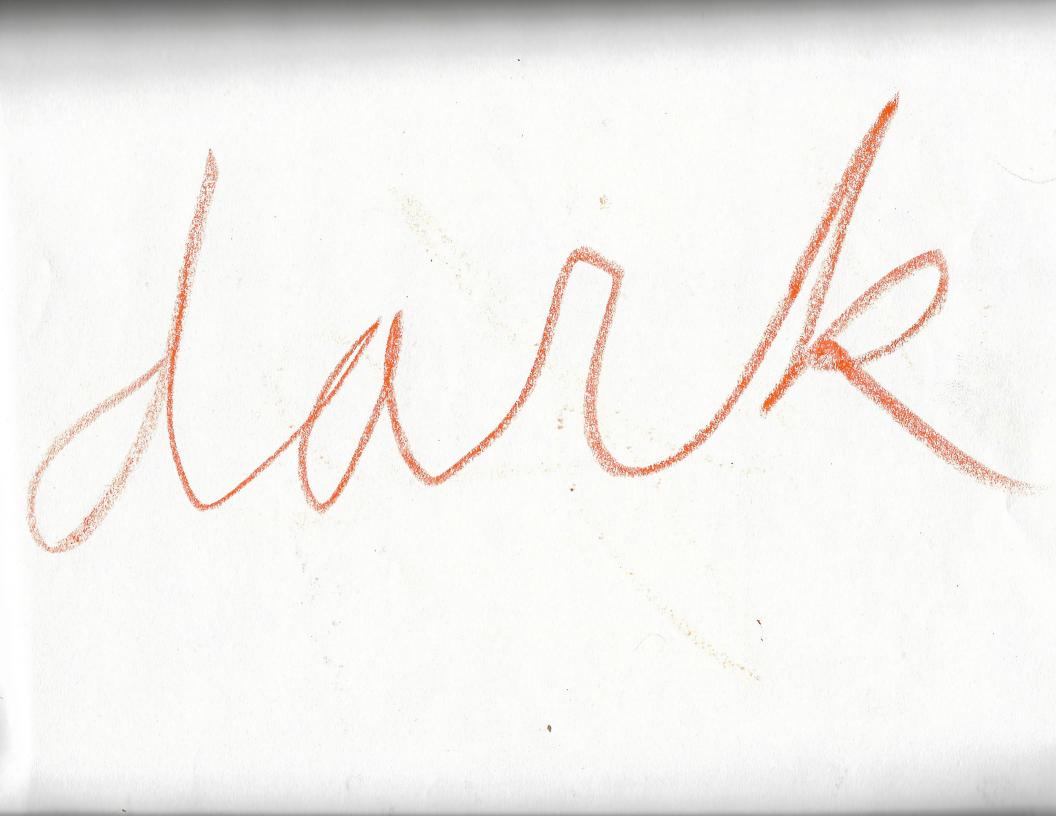


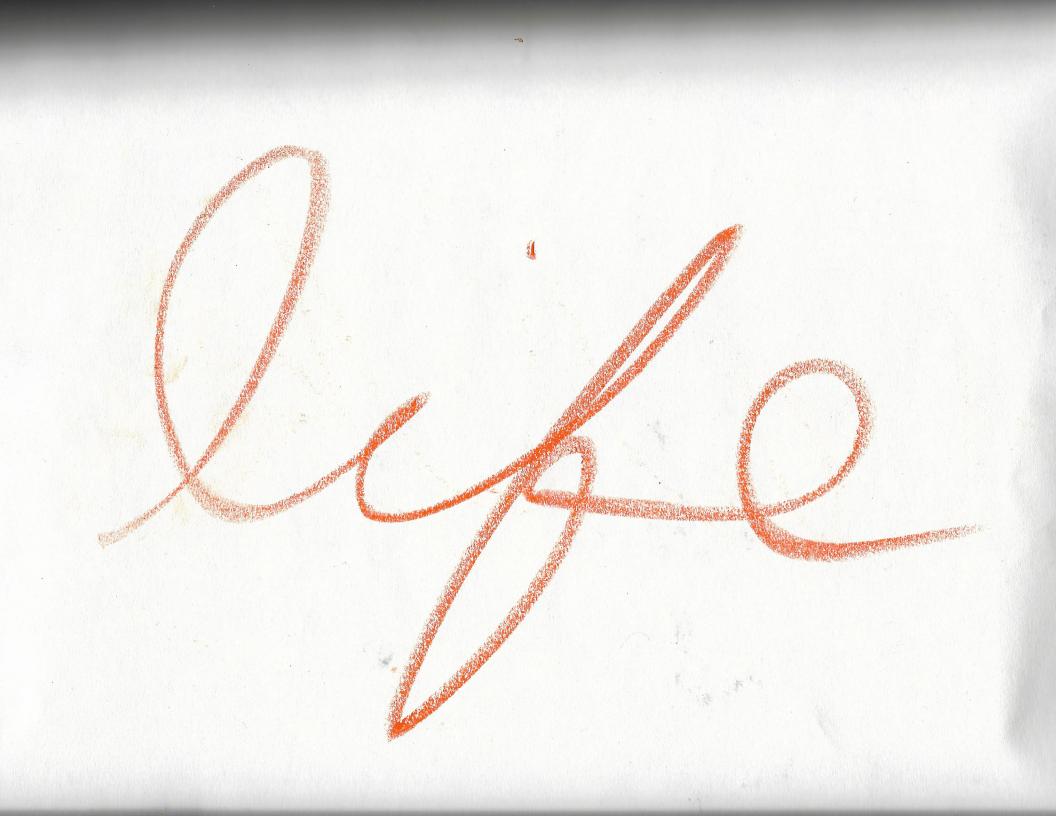




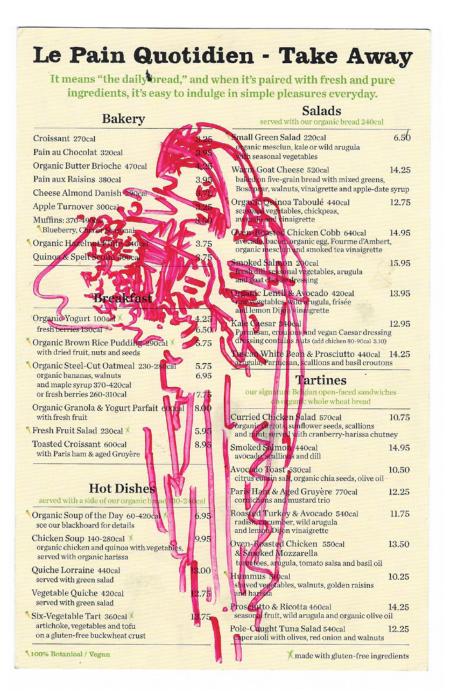
Emma McMillan, Untitled, 2015, marker pen on graph paper, 3.74 x 8.425 in. (95 x 214 mm.)

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Emma McMillan, *Untitled*, 2016, marker pen on *Le Pain Quotidien* take-out menu, 8.464 x 5.511 in. (215 x 140 mm.)



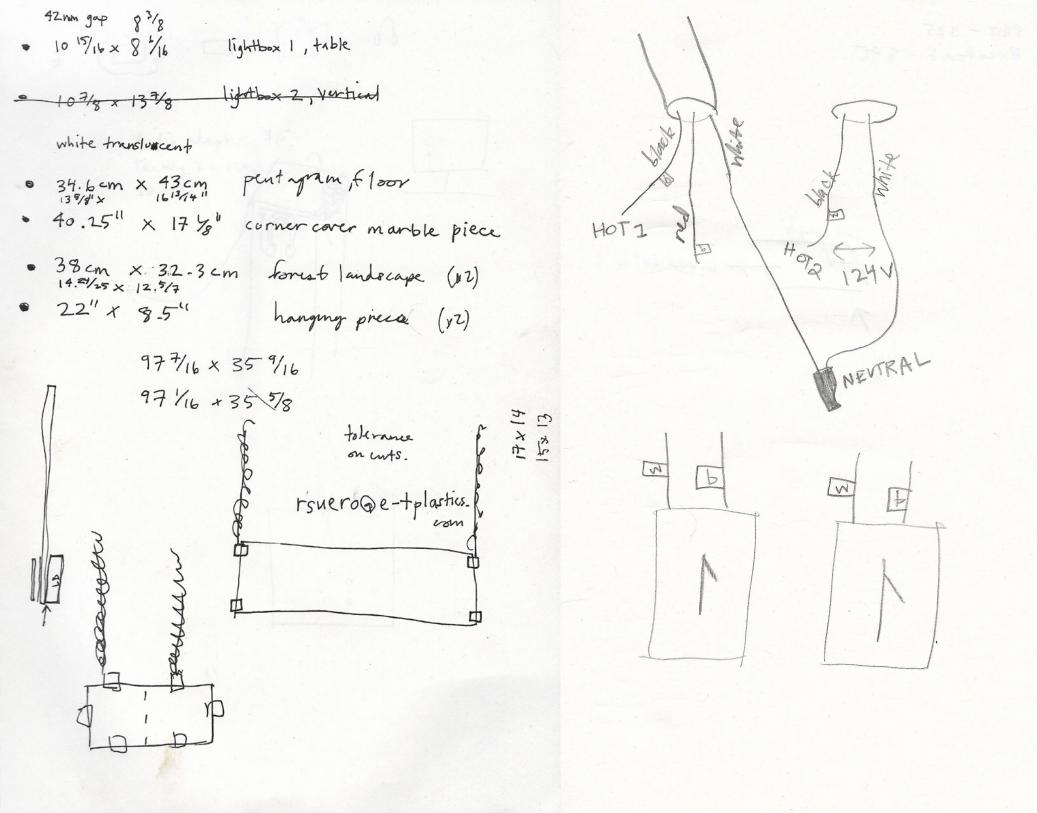
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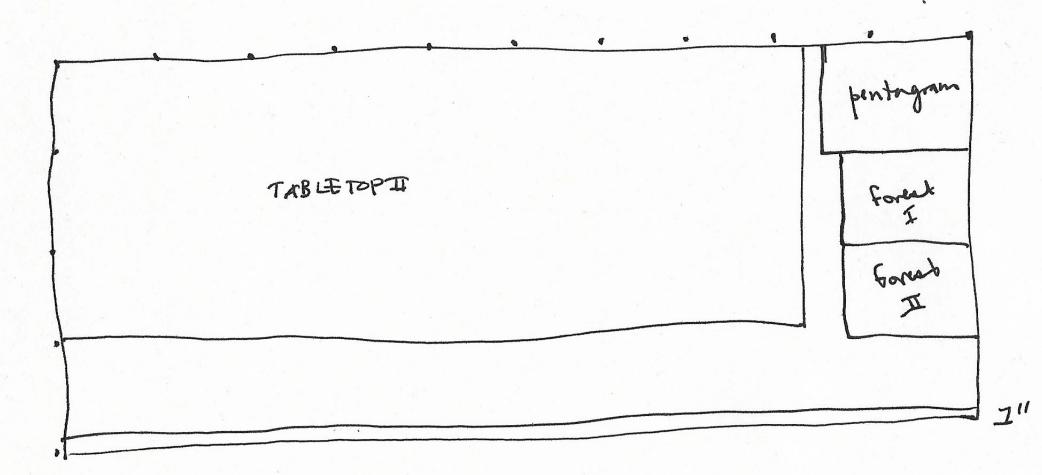
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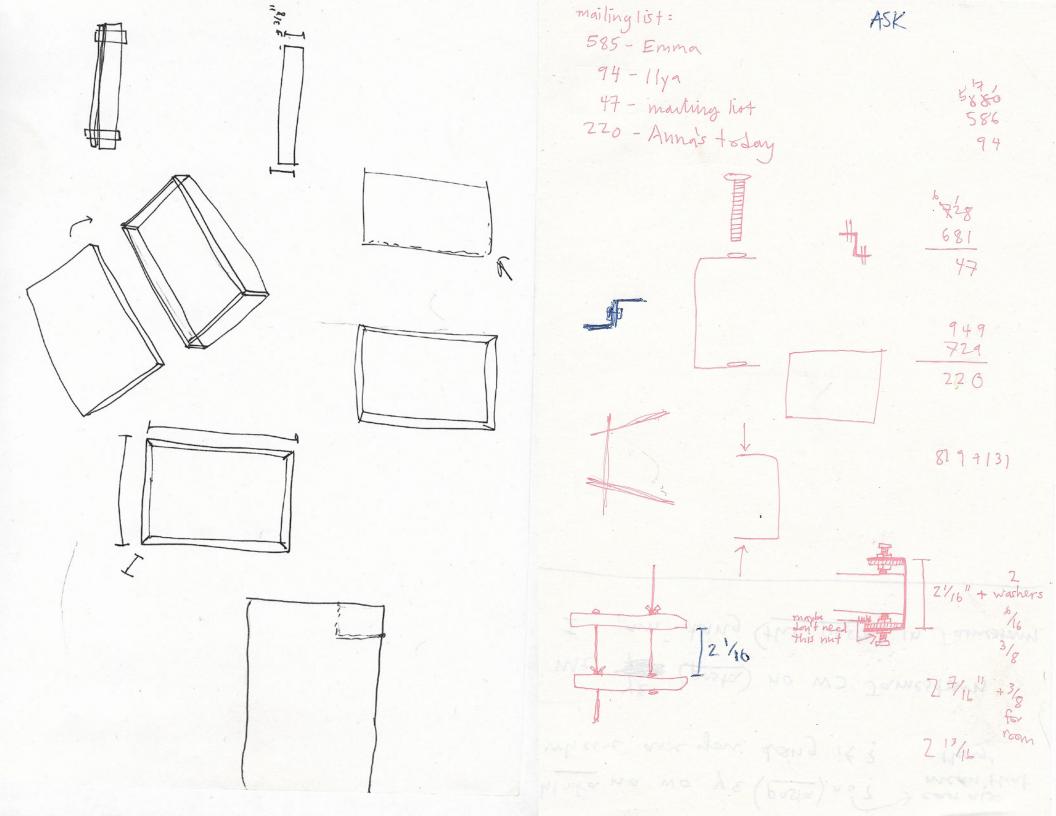
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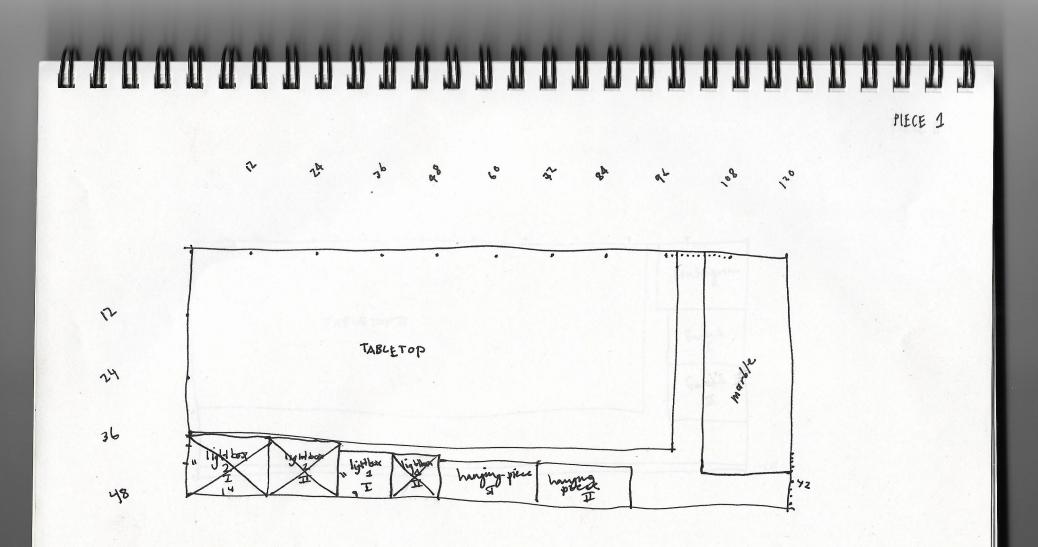
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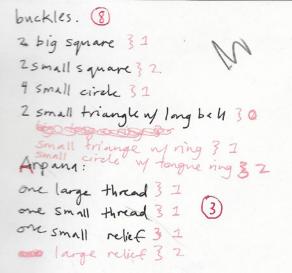
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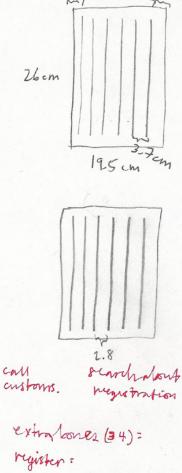












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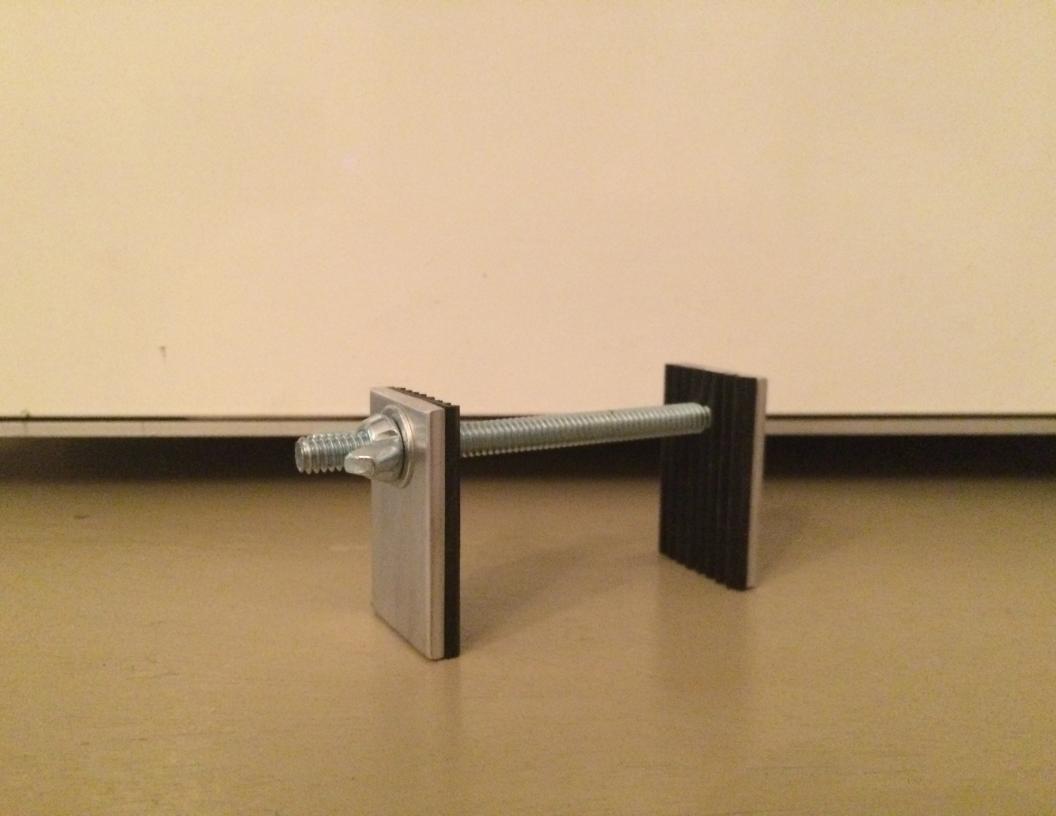
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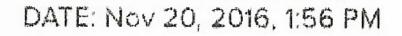
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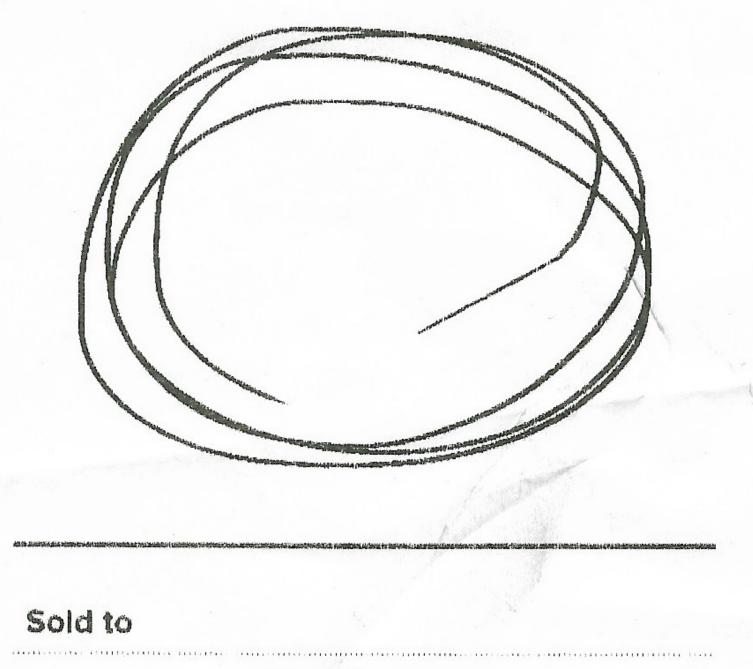
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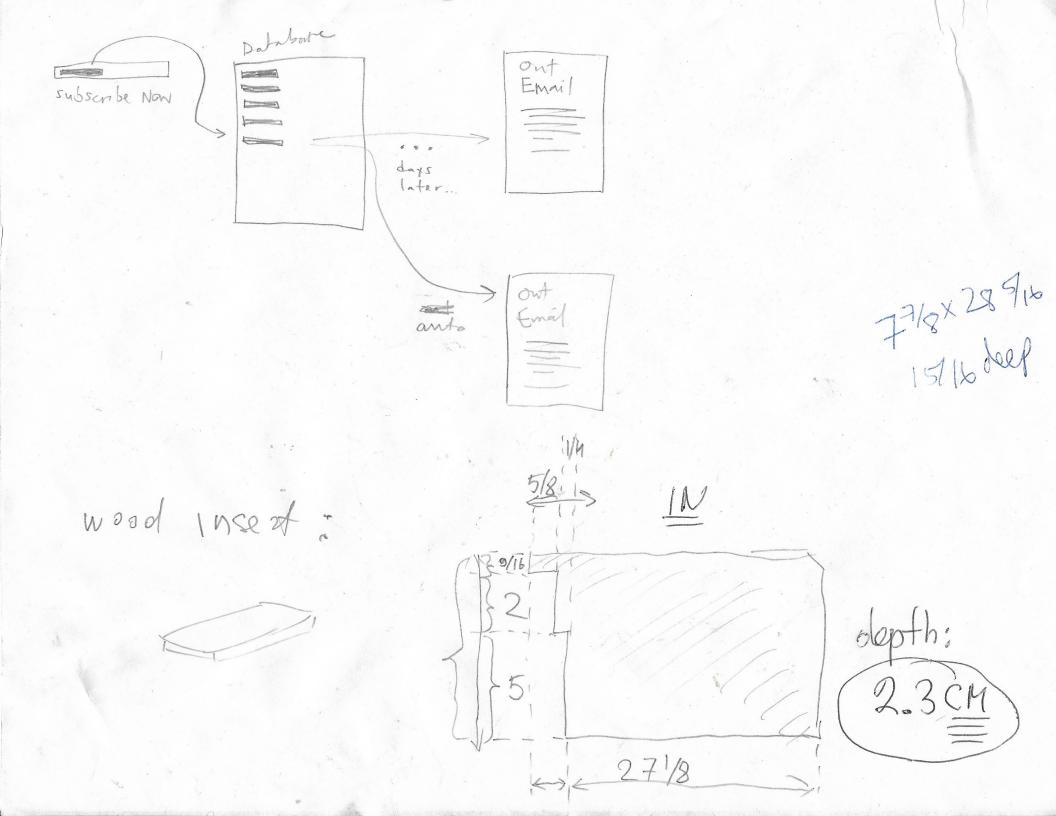




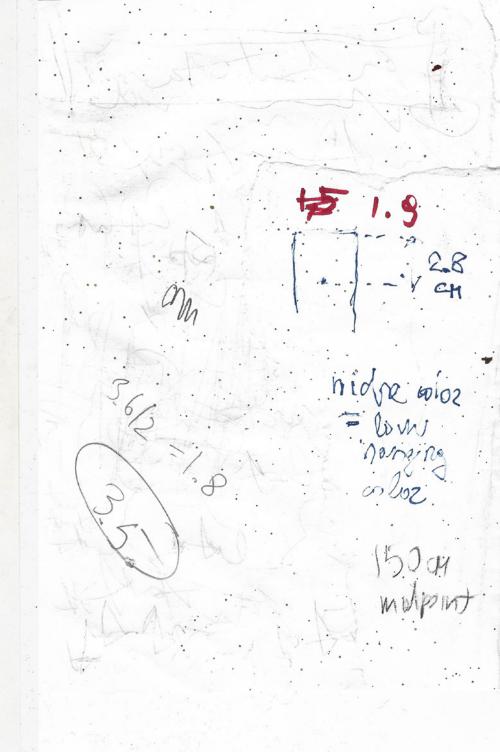
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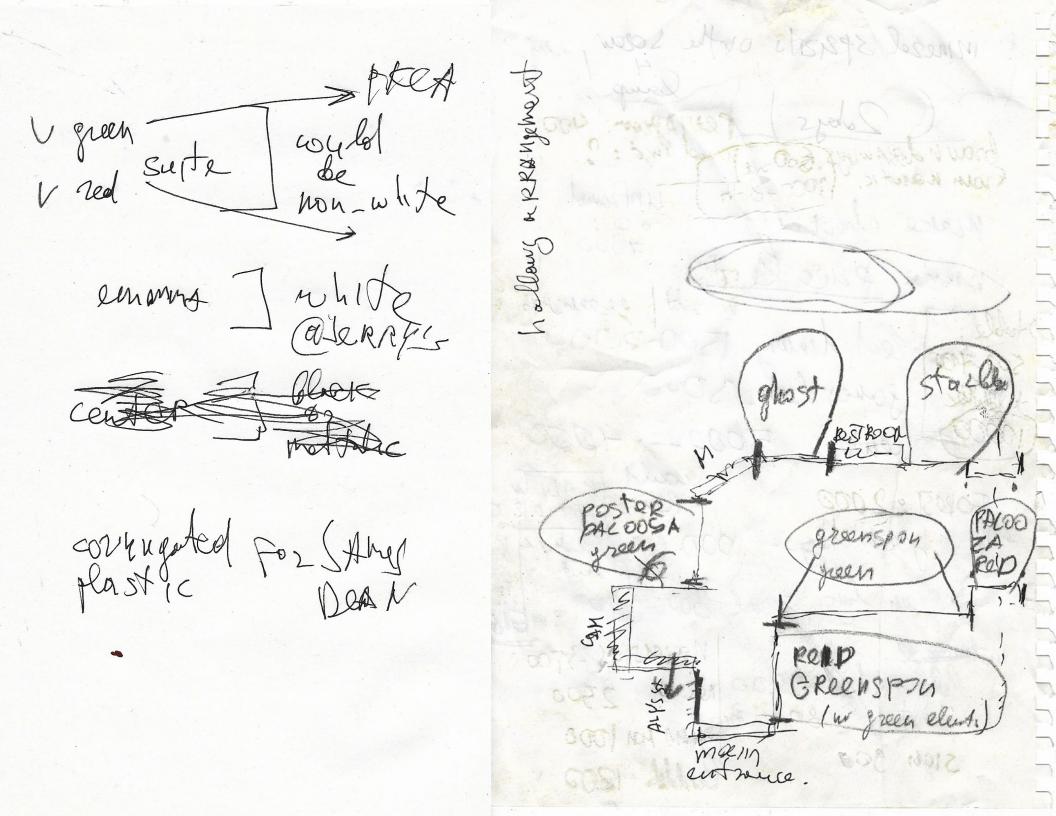
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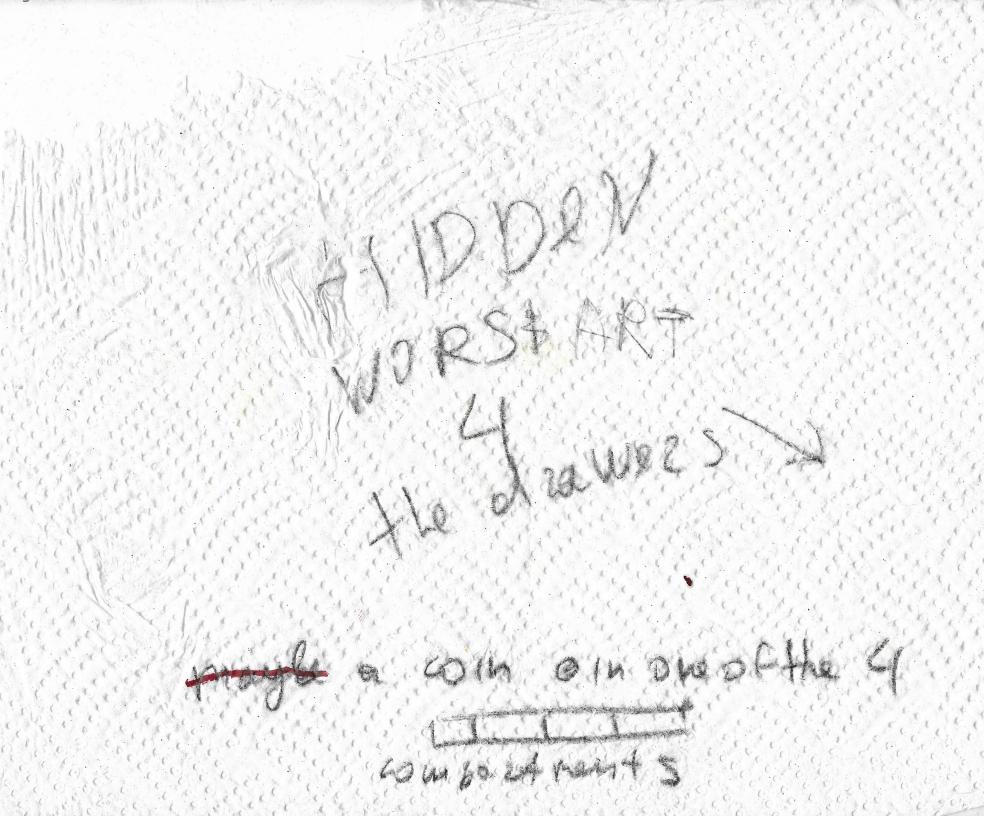
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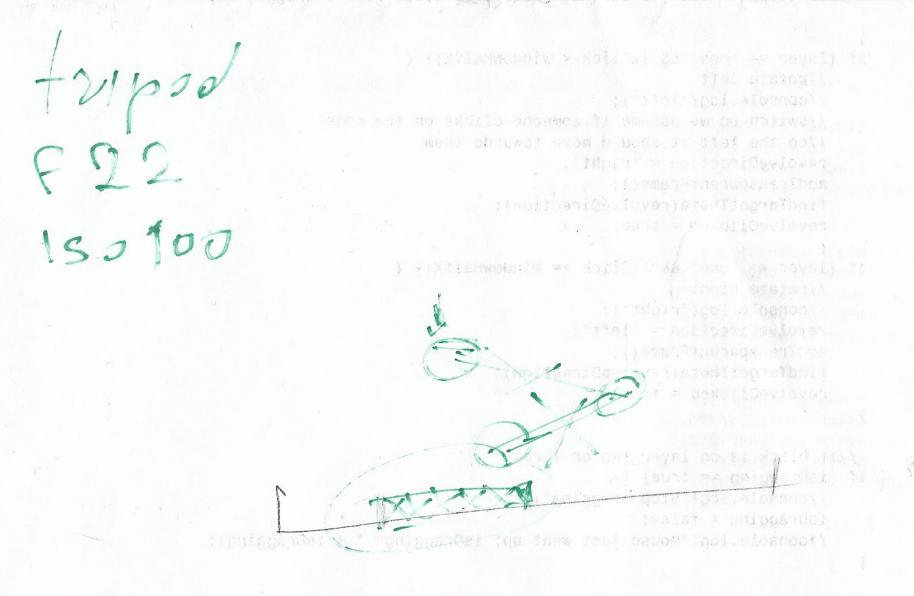
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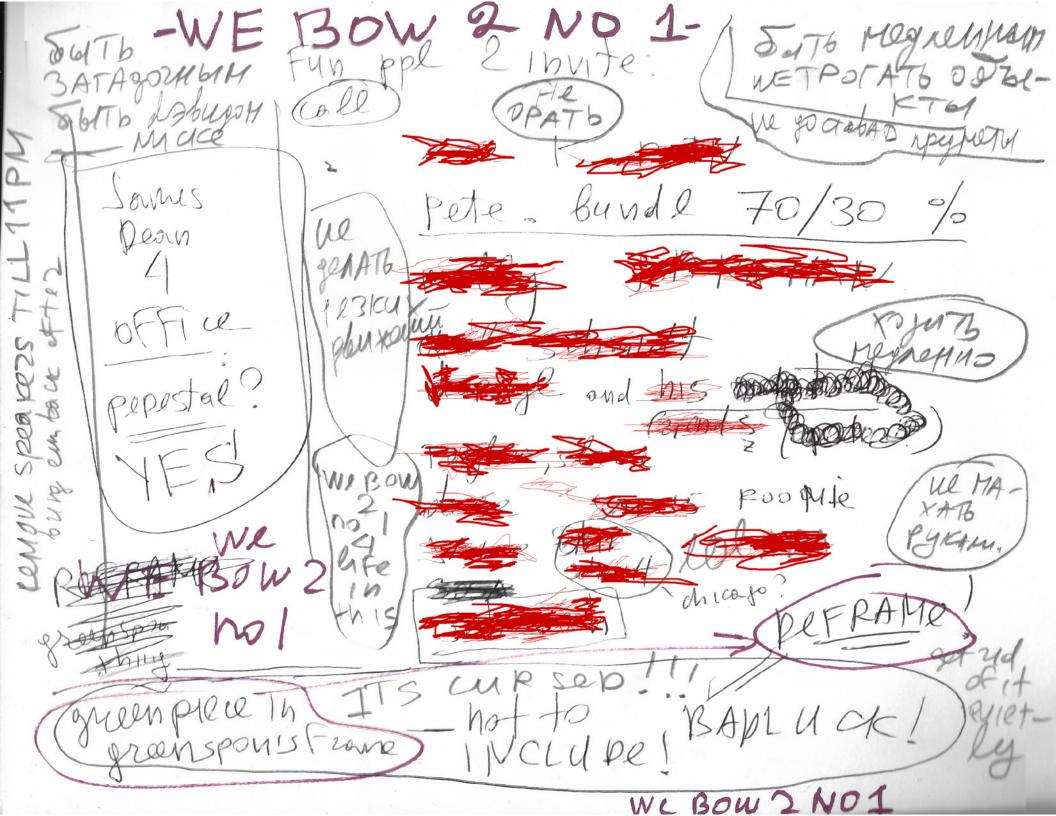
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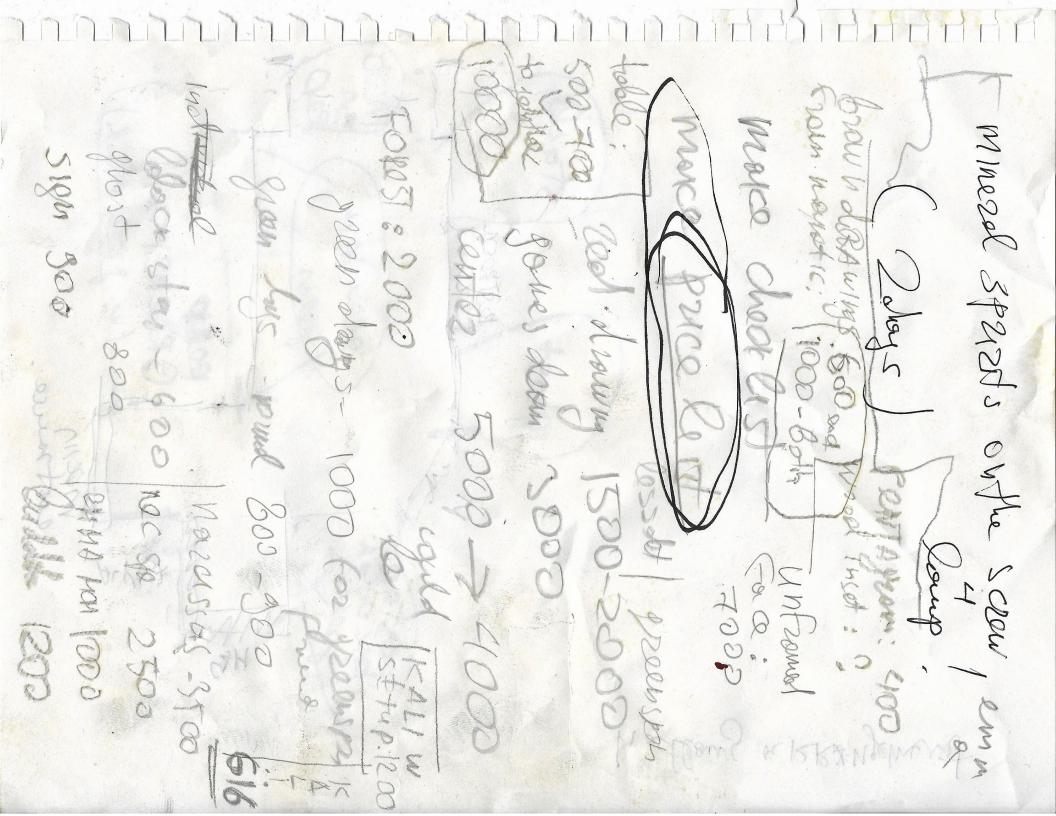
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