



BY MIKAYLA PARK

"I hate you!" Violet yelled, right in Lily's face. "You always are happy no matter what happens. Even now as Chameleon runs rampant, you have this delusional smile stuck on your face!" Lily's eyes fill with tears as those words shatter her heart.

"Well maybe I'm just hiding behind that 'delusional smile' so nobody worries about me! So I don't drag anyone into my messes!"

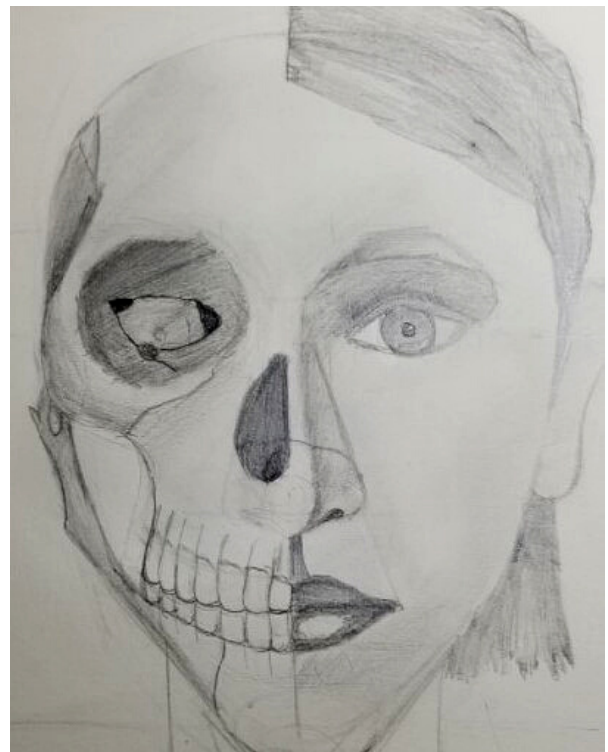
"Well maybe you should let us in! Tell us what's going on! If we were really your friends, you wouldn't keep us out! I can't look at you anymore..." With that, Violet opened a portal, and left. Lily burst into flame, crying, and ran into the city. I was left alone with Rose, the very last person I wanted to see. She vanished so as to not interact with me. How did this all happen? Only days ago we were laughing and joking with each other, until Chami ruined everything...

BY SHILOH HUANG

A BOAT TRIP

BY JAKE DREYER

Come back, those words. They mean nothing to me. I am traveling and there is nothing you can do about it, I will work overseas if I must. I just need some time alone with myself. I have had it with you people, I won't wake up...



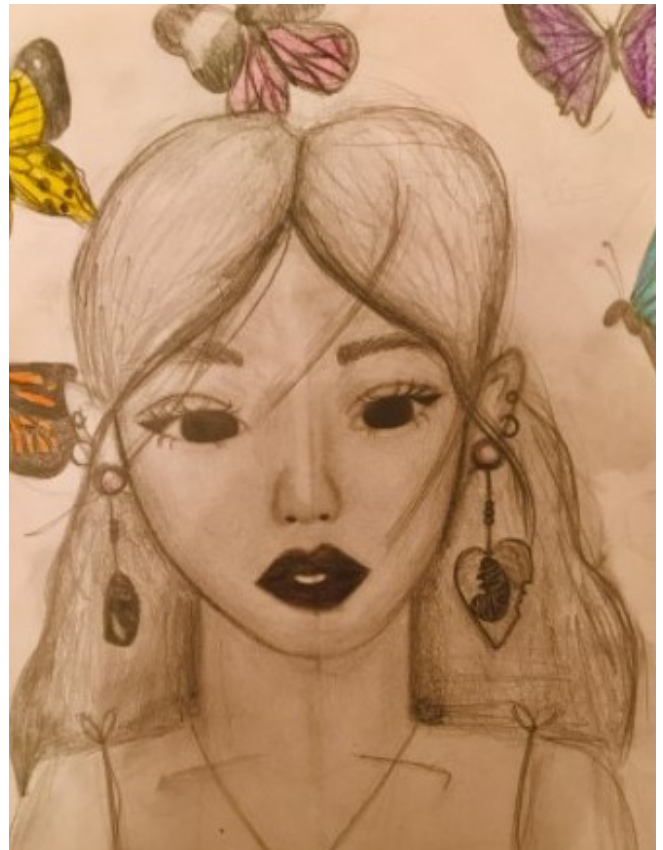
SKELETON

BY SASHA ABOVA

ICARUS

BY JOSEPHINE LEE

i may fly too close to the
sun
but i also know that icarus
wasn't sad when his life
was done
because when wax began
to burn his back
he began to smile
because maybe
getting to close to the sun
was worthwhile

**METAMORPHOSIS**

BY SOPHIE HE

**TOGETHER, WE CAN DEFEAT
CORONAVIRUS**

BY ANJALI GANDHI

The people of the United Town had everything they needed. Shelter. Furniture. Food. Clean water. Friends. Family. And so on. No one in the U.T. (United Town) could ever ask for anything more. They had all they ever needed, and wanted, and nothing bad ever happened. Until now.

One day, something came to the U.T. Something big and dark. And terrible. It was a Virus. The Virus loomed over U.T., attacking anyone who came into its path. People were carried to the hospitals. Anyone the Virus attacked became very sick.

Some people tried to stop the Virus. But the Virus just grew larger and darker and worse. It separated people, locking them in their homes. It shut down businesses, causing people to not get enough money. It multiplied and went all over the world to different places. People wondered what they did to deserve this. They thought maybe they were just too happy. They worried the Virus would become so big and powerful, it would wipe out the human race and take over the world. (to be continued)



BY HANNAH LEE

ROCK

BY ANASTASIA KOVAL

Sometimes I wish I were a rock
Lying on the ground every day
Looking at the sky as the clouds pass by
You might crumble into tiny pieces
But you won't be able to feel a thing
No pain when a loved one passed away
Not having a thing to be scared of
Sure you won't understand anything
You would only know that you are a rock
Some people might say it is a curse
I say that it's a blessing

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UNTOUCHABLE

BY EVIE HU

Now that you're untouchable,
I've become a little dysfunctional.
I make a list to not forget
the good times we've had, untainted yet.
All I can do is hope, somehow,
and cherish the moments we have now.

Now that you're untouchable,
I realize I'm not indestructible.
The loneliness of trying to pass the time
has given me a hill I don't want to climb.
I think about the memories we'll never make,
as I try to sleep, wide awake.
We're playing a game of sacrifice,
solitude is a fool's paradise.

Now that you're untouchable,
I think myself unlovable.
For you were always there before
to put to rest my mind at war.
Much like the sun warms the earth,
you would laugh and show me all my worth.
But now I realize you're miles away,
and I miss basking in your eternal day.



BLOOM

BY SAMANTHA SILCOCK