

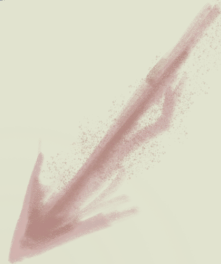


Naive Brilliance

by Chris Shia



Draw and write  
in this space



Quotes from  
"Light is like water"  
by Gabriel García Márquez

Please write and draw throughout,  
wherever you want,  
where you are asked to fill in the blanks,  
where you are not asked to do anything,  
the margins are yours,  
the center is yours,  
doodle, destroy, direct...  
change this book however you want.





Wish  
On Christmas the children asked for a  
rowboat

again.

The children,

masters and lords of the house,

closed the doors and windows

and broke the light bulb burning in



one of the lamps in the living room





A jet of golden light,

as cool as water, began to  
flow from the broken bulb,  
and they let it run until  
it reached a depth of four  
hand spans.

Then they turned off the current,  
around the islands of  
the house. got the boat out, and  
sailed at their pleasure







"Light is like water,"



I answered him.

"You open the tap,"



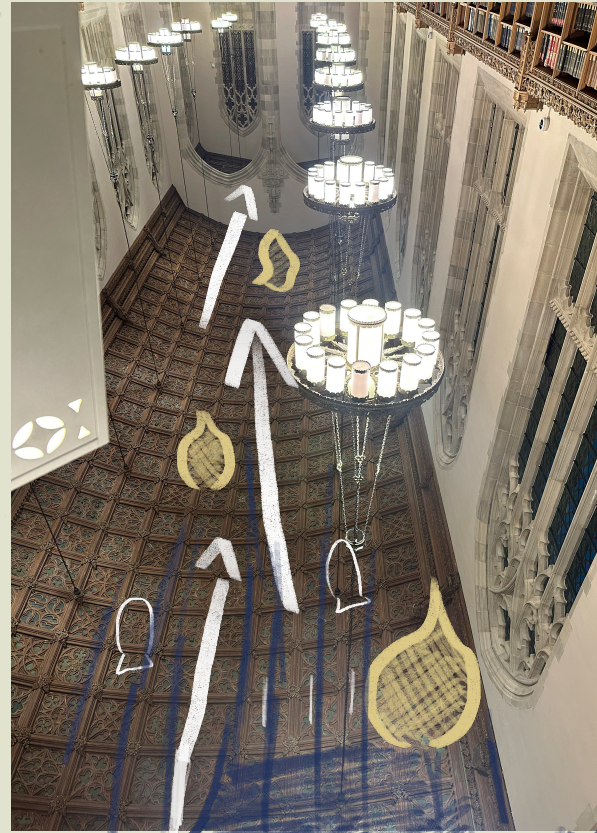
"and out it comes."



So they kept on sailing Wednesday nights,

learning to master the sextant  
and the compass

Months later,  
eager to go  
even further,  
they asked for  
submarine  
fishing  
equipment...







It was coming out of the balconies;

it fell in torrents from the shade,

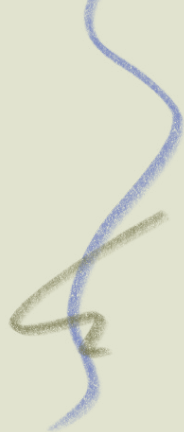
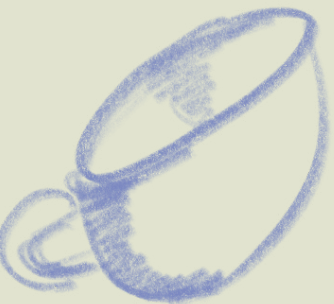
and it channeled down

the great avenue in a golden rapid

that illuminated the city



What happens next?



What could happen?



What do you think should happen?



What happens next?



They had opened so many lights at the same time that  
the house had overflowed...

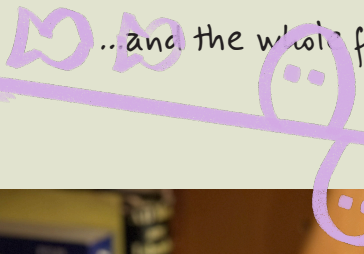
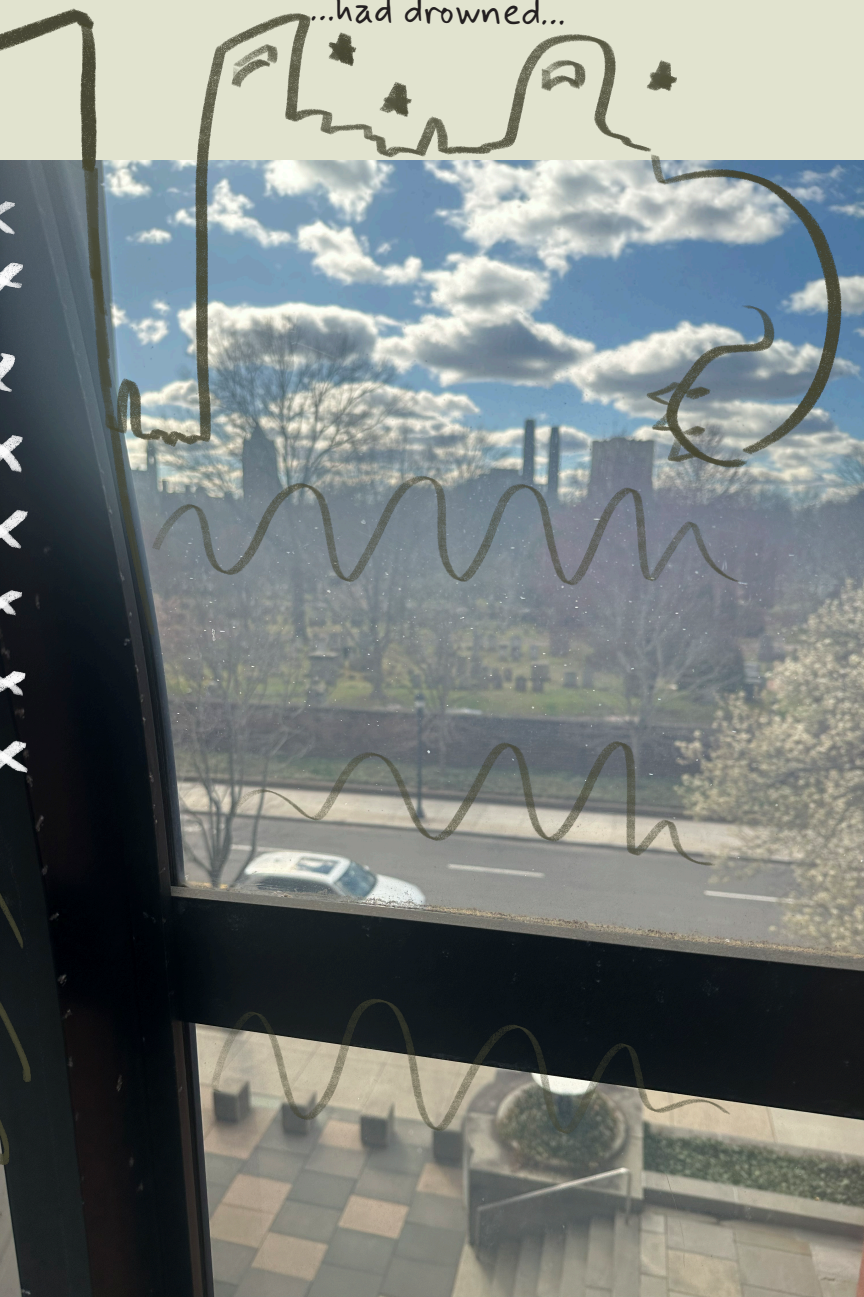
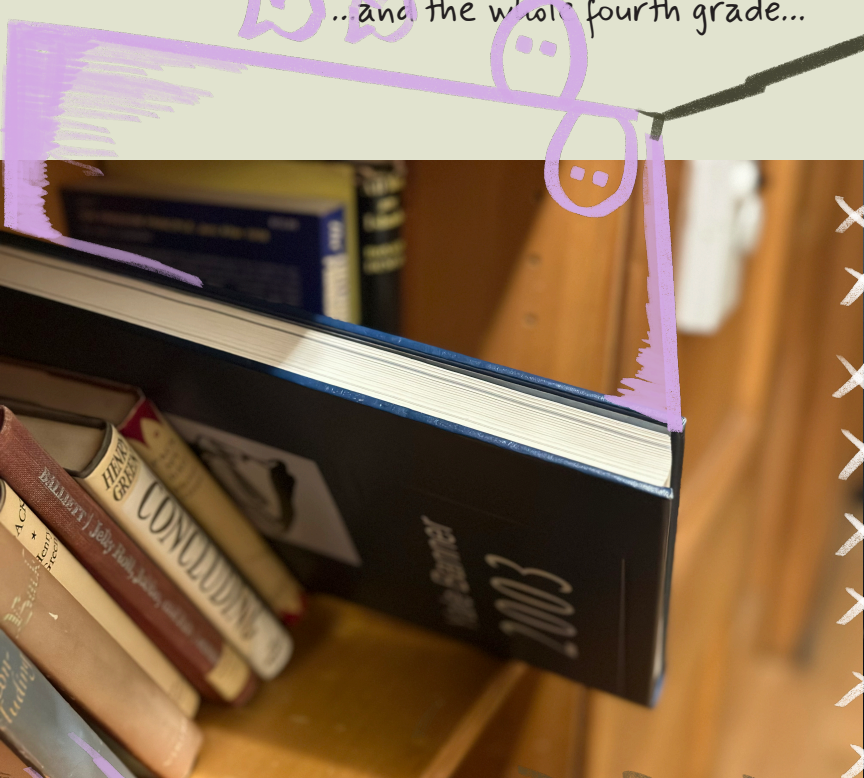


Responding to  
the alarm call, the  
firemen forced open  
the door to the fifth-floor  
apartment,

and found the  
whole place  
filled with light,  
up to the ceiling.

...and the whole fourth grade...

...had drowned...





...without sea or river.



...in a remote city of burning summers and frozen winds



and whose original landlubber inhabitants had  
never mastered the science of sailing on light.





draw here!

