



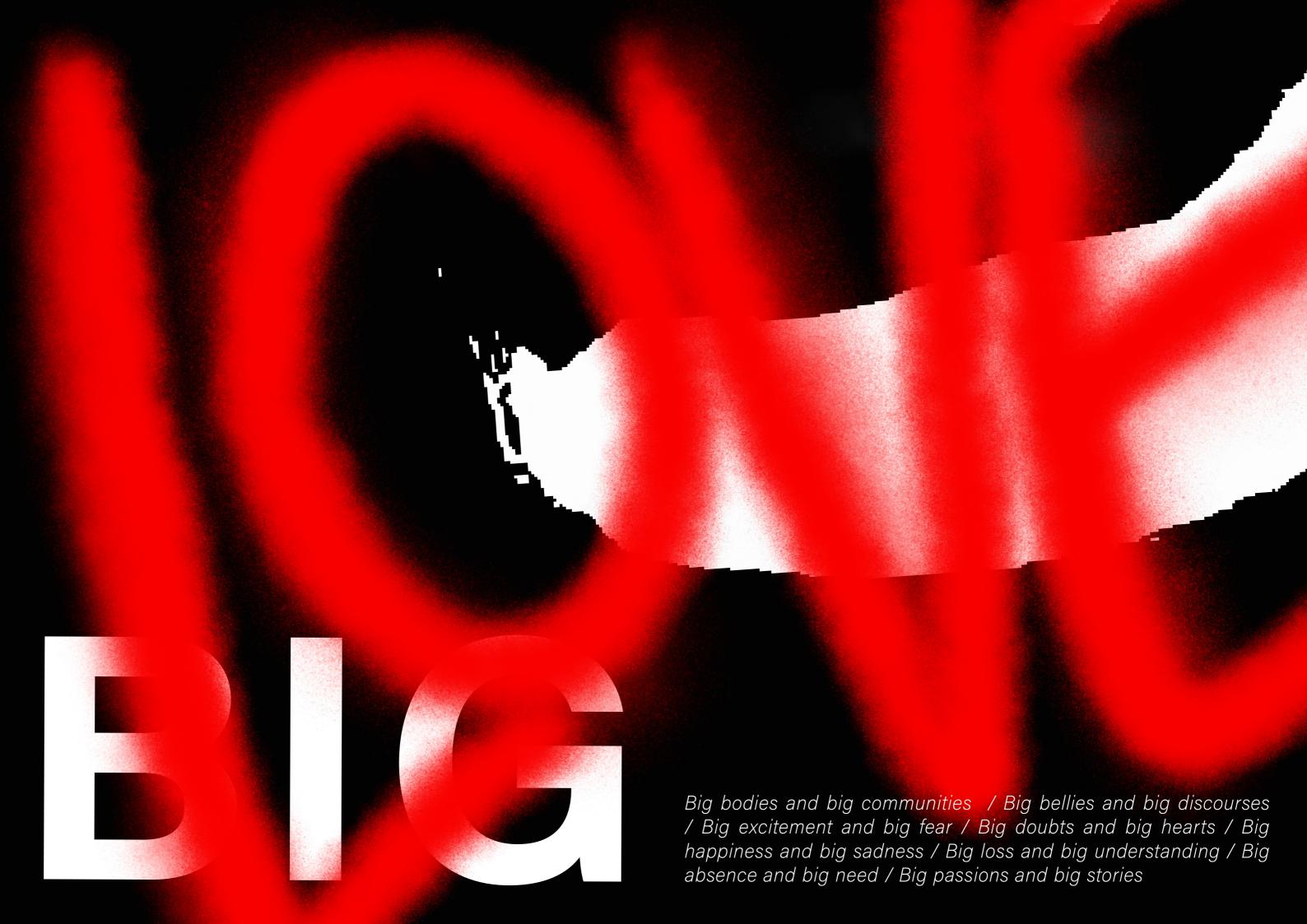


After so many months spent at home, never able to travel further from our room than the kitchen, the bathroom or perhaps the shelves of our local supermarket, it was easy to forget that a bigger world had ever existed before the pandemic. Then slowly and hesitatingly, we were able to venture out – still being careful, still keeping a safe distance. The RCA started to hold classes, tutorials and workshops on campus once more. Suddenly there were other voices and faces for us to encounter. Spaces opened up. We could start making again – could feel a larger community of practice forming around us. It was time to stretch out our limbs and Go Big again.

Bigger Than This is derived from a series of writing workshops open to Year 2 Visual Communication students during the Spring Term. Those taking part were asked to compose a 250-word statement that defines some key aspect of their practice. This could be anything from a specific design strategy or manifesto to a personal experience or ideological position. The workshops are intended to encourage each student to discover an appropriate language for their statement, setting aside the standard modes of academic discourse in favour of developing a critical narrative of their own.

Going Big seemed an appropriate theme for a collection of these writings and suggested further subdivisions around which to organize the material. 'Big Love' looks at emotions, experiences and identities, while 'Big Country' explores our inner and outer landscapes. 'Big Tech' offers a map of the Metaverse. 'Big Brain' concerns itself with cognition, meaning and neurodiversity. 'Big Money' critiques a value-based culture, and 'Big Government' looks at the politics of the here and now. Taken together, they offer a unique series of perspectives on the important role played by writing in Visual Communication Practice – not just as way to explain and explore ideas but to embody them as well. Bigger Than This consequently offers its readers a bigger picture of a bigger world.

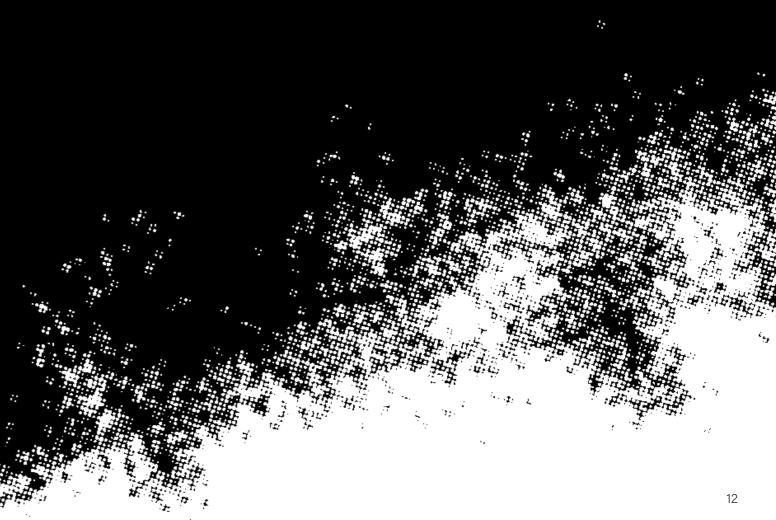
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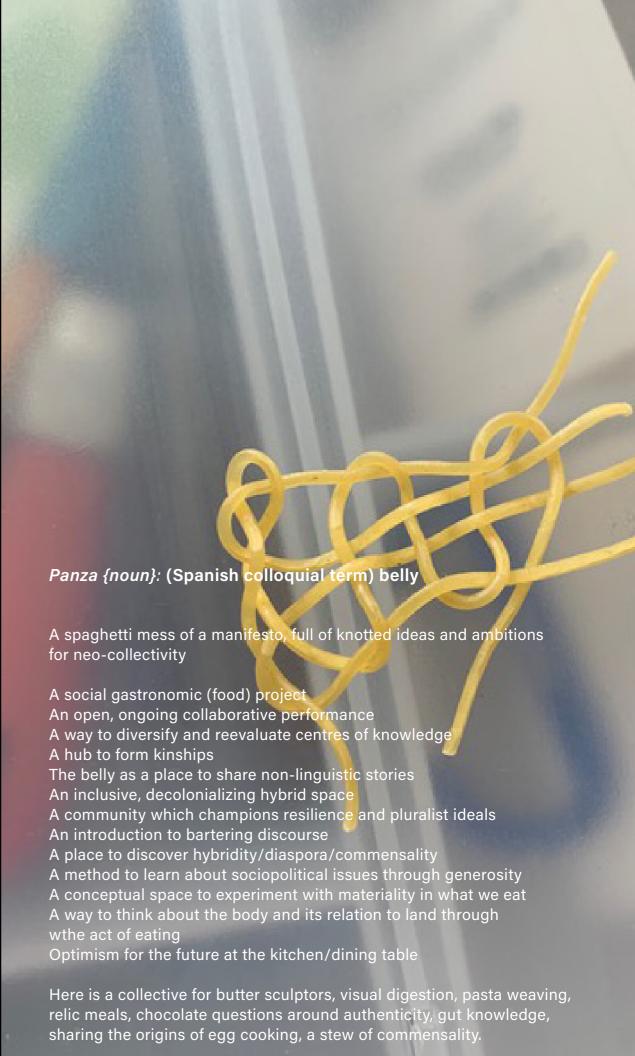


I use drawing, moving image, sound and writing to cast a magical veil over normal everyday rituals. Something strange, wild and free from the rational mundanity comes out from this process. Sometimes I use narrative texts, especially myths and mythological studies that serve as a collective subconscious, or bridges between ancient and modern life to weave different parts of my visual work.

In this project, I explore the images of women in mythologies from the perspective of the body, making my own response to the violence and oppression hidden within, and then creating new female bodies and new myths. This work consists of three chapters, which are Raw Meat Eaters, Metamorphosis of Bodies and Children of Birds and Trees, to show the body as bearer of violence, a medium of connection as well as a site of expression. In the new myths, different living beings are not simply themselves but combine to form a symbiotic community. New possibilities that differ from existing rules and concepts can be found.









I am Hao Zhang. I am an independent illustrator. For the past fifteen years, my master, Zhang (水墨山人) and I have devoted ourselves to the study of traditional Chinese calligraphy and painting. After that, I began to dabble in the field of illustration and developed a lot. I found my way in this area, and have worked hard at it.

This project is a discussion of my sense of selfidentity and the process of my acceptance of the female character that I hide in my dual personality, along with some struggles, such as my sexual orientation. This project is adapted from my novel, A Girl Who Fell in Love with Monsterflower. The novel includes four characters: Monsterflower, Succuba, Knight and Zombie.

My sense of the word 'sexual orientation' is a mixture of excitement and fear. It is as energetic as psychedelic electronic dance music, but also makes me feel confused and anxious. The word 'homosexuality' gives me a sense of 'unrealness'.

I am constantly thinking about the influence of factors such as my upbringing, background, national policies, etc. Revisiting my change from a more mature perspective, not just physically, but also mentally and psychologically.



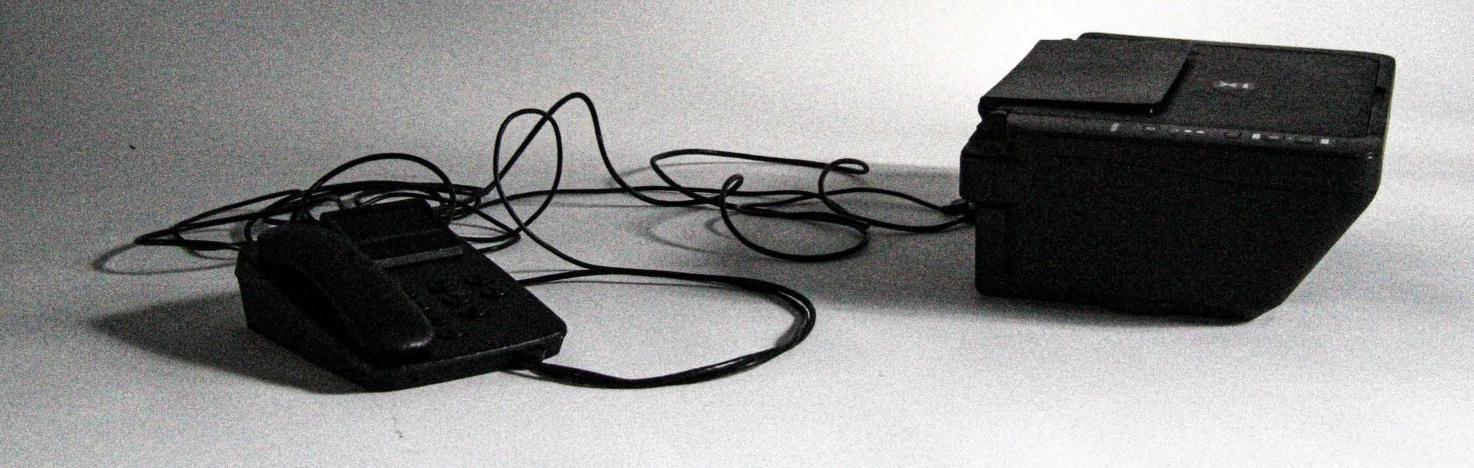
The story is about a boy who experienced a period of dark struggle. When he got a chance to be reborn, he explored his gender/sexual orientation and faced himself more bravely.

At the end of the story, the boy still didn't find himself, but he gradually walked out of the darkness.

In this open time, some people still doubt their personal cognition, which may come from the influence of the original family, or from the lack of sex education and so on.

This project is a metaphor for my personal experience. I also hope that those who feel pressure because of self-doubt can face themselves bravely without shame, break their disguised self and find their true self.

STILL LOOKING FOR A TITLE



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Death is loss. Death is pain, grief, homage and the only serious philosophical problem. It is a myth that holds a strange fascination for me.

This independent project aims to convey my emotion about my father since his passing. He had his dreams, his ambitions, his warm, small family, and his happiest daughter on earth. Our deep sadness comes from the discontinuation of everything and the impossible chasm between life and death.

But I know he is with me, at every important moment, including now. He would like to know how happy and how sad I am, he would make the impossible possible as he always does, and he would answer my phone call. Hearing his voice is a desire, and talking to him is my wish.



Loss (grief, mourning, death, a burnt bridge, a lost memory) is an altered experience of space, manifesting both in the material world and the remembered, imagined space captured in image and video.

Loss is a remnant. Loss remains outside of a linear understanding of before, now and after by inhabiting both the before and the after, positioning the now as an overlap of the two, rather than a stage in between. Loss simultaneously lives in the present, the before, and the after.

In mourning, it is demanded of me to live in the present, not to dwell in the before, and to strive towards the after. This is the demand, to move on – forwards through time, but backwards through space. Loss (grief, mourning, death, a burnt bridge, a lost memory) is an altered experience of space, manifesting both in the material world and the remembered, imagined space captured in image and video.

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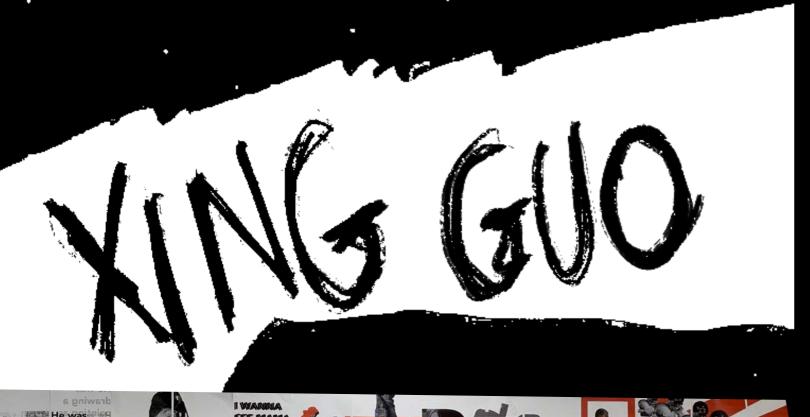
The archival process is a conversation between the director and the archivist. An archive has to be searchable. Sometimes, this means 'breaking' the careful direction and editing of a moving image.

Ernest Schuttenberg - the assistant dean at the college of education at Cleveland State university - wrote a poem in the summer of 1984 'mourning the impending death of manuscripts' titled 'Floppy Discs or Coffee Stains.' Manuscripts contain a record not just of the work itself but of the making of the work - what Schuttenberg describes as '[a] mirror of the author's inner life.' IBMs, WANGs, Scripsit, Apple Writer, and Wordstar cannot hold cigarette burns, nor can they be 'stained with sweat or splashed with coffee.' In this context, floppy discs are positioned as an archival method. Thumbing through a manuscript (might) give some feeling, some insight, that text stored on a floppy disc might not invoke. I get it, I understand it. I think. But also it feels like we (as a society, not just Schuttenberg) are always longing for the immediate past whenever a new technology / a new method of working / is introduced. Why not floppy discs and coffee stains?

What if our approach to archiving wasn't towards a work archived in one way, but towards work archived in many ways - as many ways as we have available to us. It feels like there is room for a manuscript a doppy disk. An analysis archived - possibly more - to the property of the control of



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Left-Behind Children comprises a book and a blanket. The book contains texts from a series of interviews with left-behind children, showing their own experiences and feelings. The blanket features their life in the form of a banner. The phenomenon of left-behind children in China is due to the imbalance of regional economic development, so that their parents are forced to separate from their children and go to work in economically developed areas. This causes a series of psychological problems for left-behind children, and has a great influence on children's development. My work explores this phenomenon.

The book records their stories as short fragments of text. I want people to engage with these stories and find some resonances in them. While printing the book, I undertook different experiments with text as a material by cutting, scanning and sewing into the pages. On the one hand, this enhances the appeal of the story; and on the other hand, it increases the interest in reading.

Throughout this project, I call on people to pay more attention to this 'left-behind children' group and to understand their current situation. I want to draw attention to the problem but also speak to the parents of left-behind children, so that they come to realize that what their children need is their company, not just the fulfilment of their material needs. Through my work, the hope is that the phenomenon of left-behind children might gradually be reduced.





I keep questioning myself: why have love letters vanished if passion remains mostly unchanged? It is certainly not technology's fault, as even after the advent of the telegraph and the telephone, lovers would still confide their innermost feelings, commiting them to ink and paper. Yes, some would do so, premeditating their permanence for future generations – but from several surviving examples scattered around the many archives throughout the country we can affirm they have been a visceral way of opening their heart to their beloved.

These letters compose a fascinating amalgamation of untold histories, of one-sided correspondences and intimate communications left silenced by time. By uncovering these hidden narratives, be they from an illustrious figure or the most mundane person, we can sculpt back characters often rendered distantly two-dimensional by history.

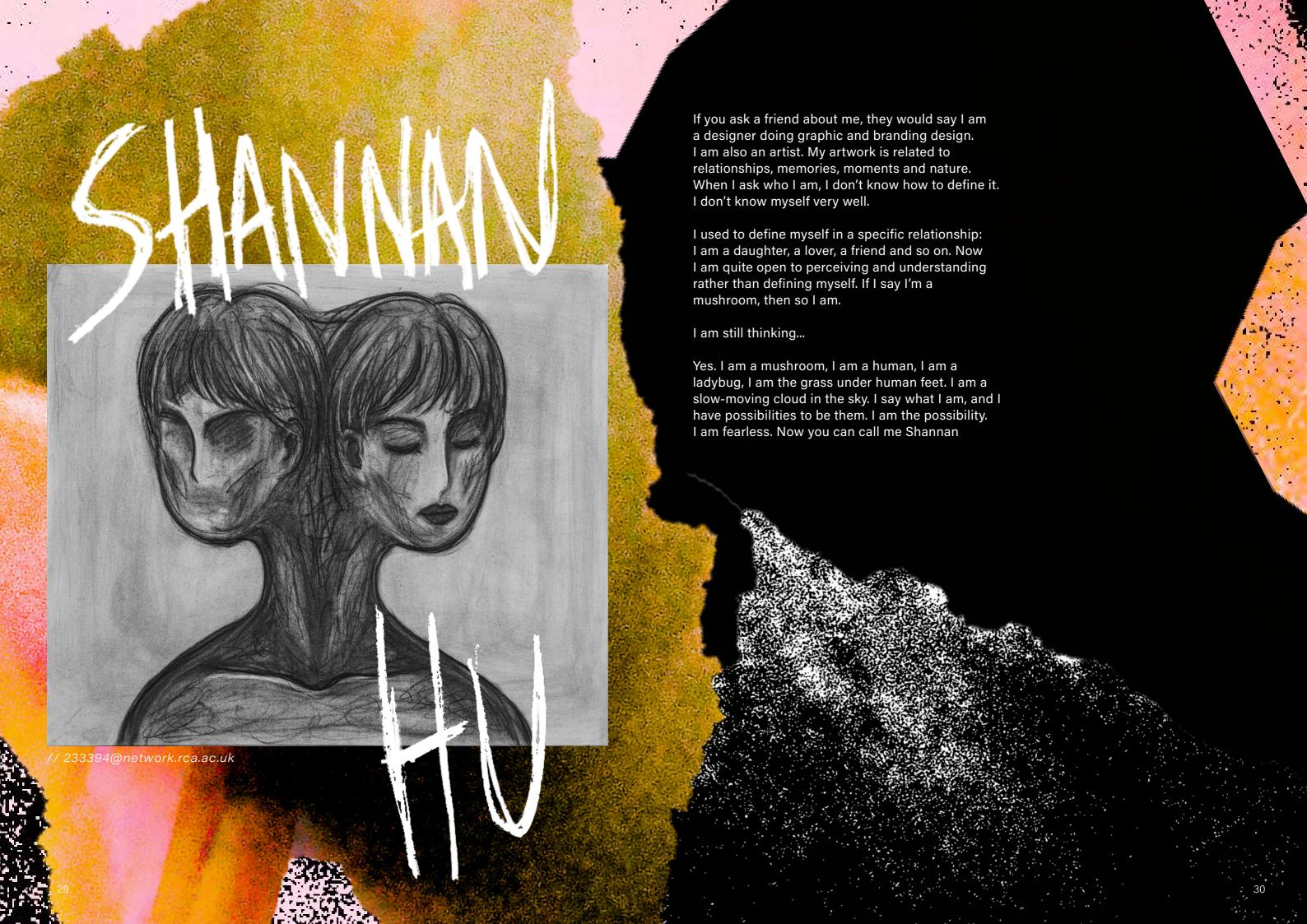
Growing up in a country not as fastidious as Britain about documenting one's heritage, I was often bewildered as a child to look through my grandmother's family albums. Seeing them as a treasure, enhanced by the mystery of their visual content, I did not have much written material to rely on other than the occasional scrawled name or date or place in the back of a picture – even so, I believe I was too young to possibly interpret those scribbles.

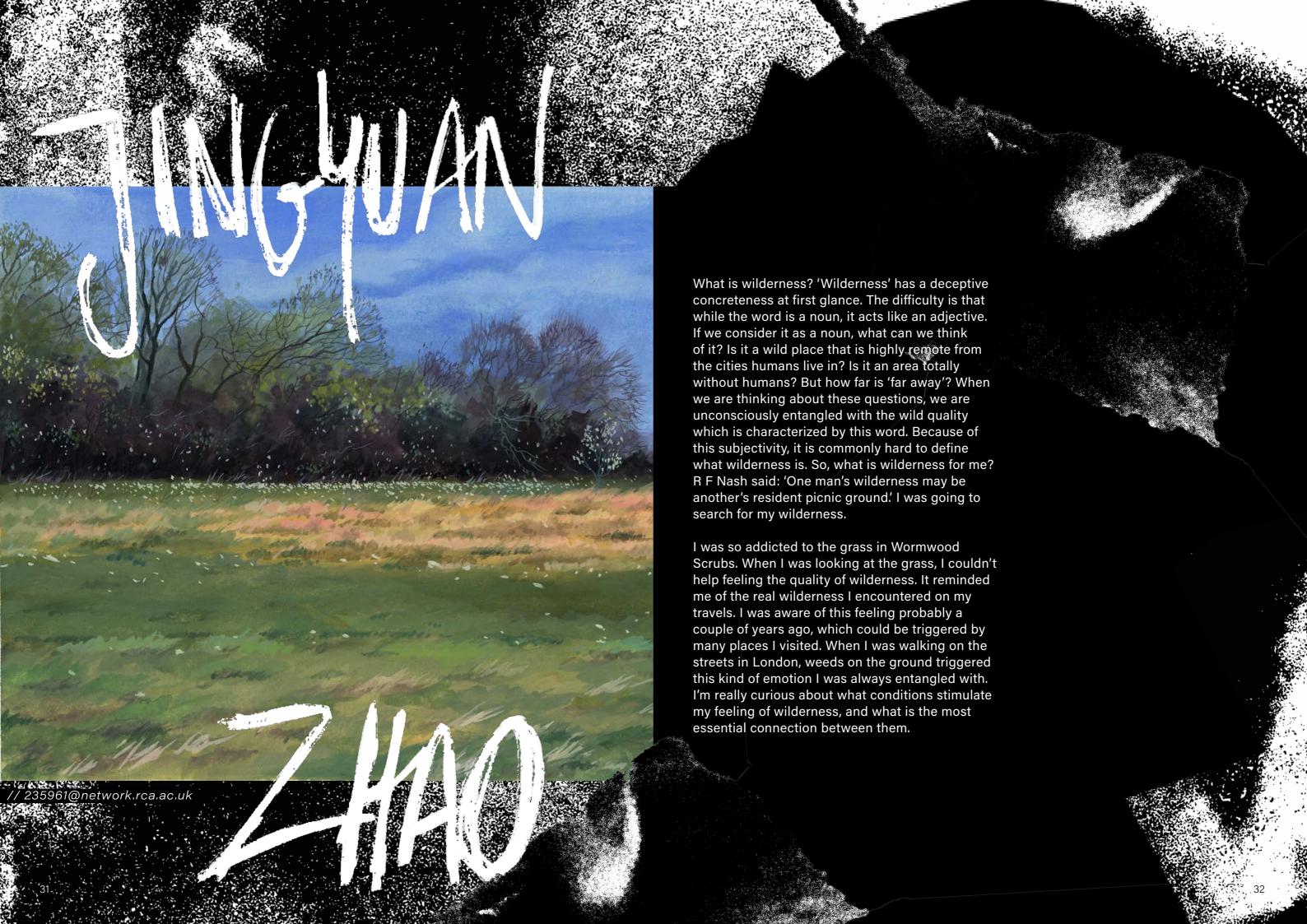
It was through my grandmother's careful narration and attention to detail, committed to her memory, that those once unfamiliar faces became lively characters, with their own quirks and traits, and their passions and miseries: their humanity springing up from the tarnished pages of the family album. The same seemed to have happened when I encountered the love letters during my journey to different archives.

Trying to find solace for my own heartbreak in fifteenth-century medical treatises on lovesickness from the Wellcome Collection, a fateful encounter with an enclosed billet-doux piqued my innermost curiosity (in an almost voyeuristic fashion) to find the fragments of past passion within archives, to bear witness to those passionate voices muffled by their acid-free containers and systematic cataloguing.

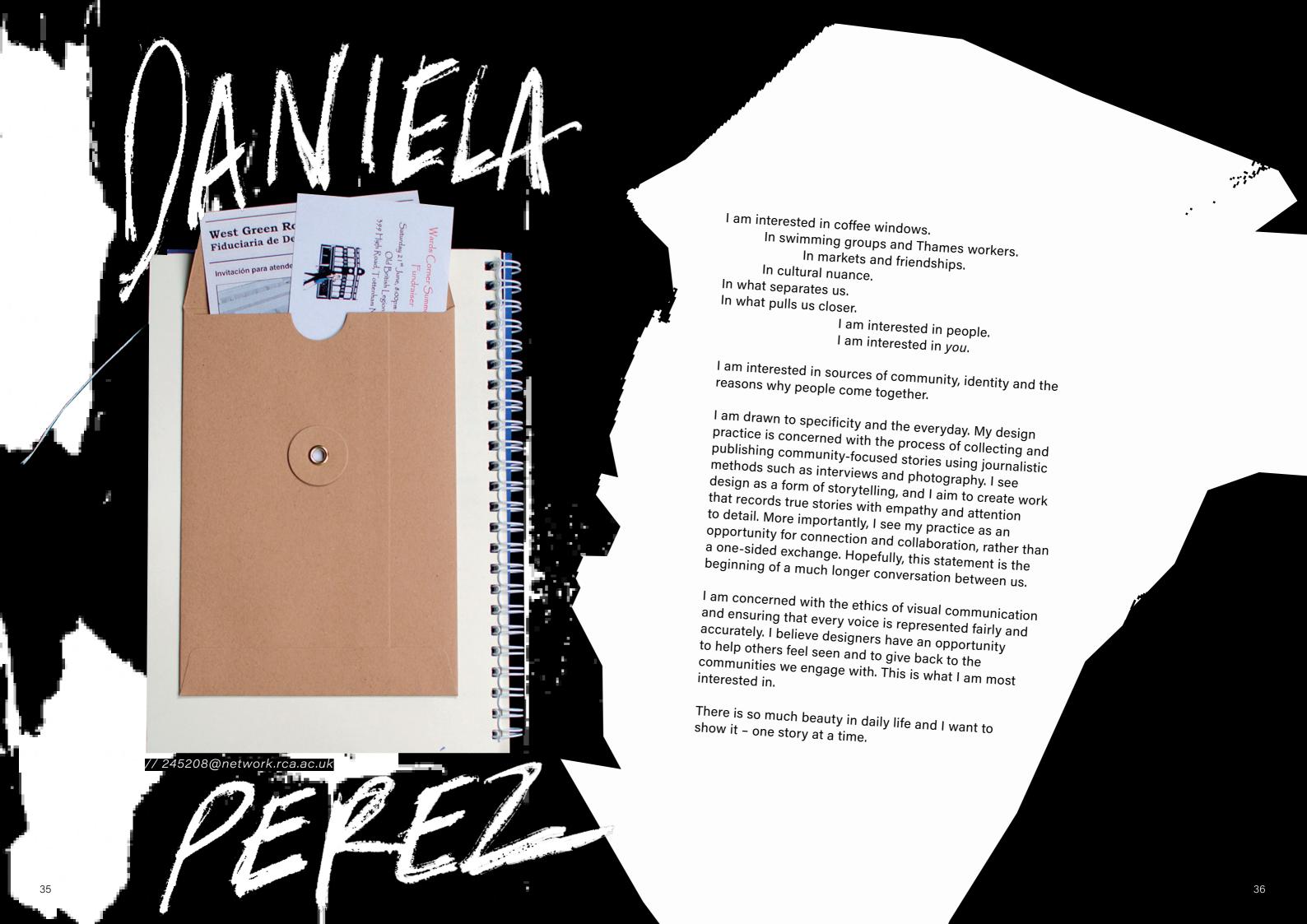
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By mudlarking on the banks of the Thames, we can find objects from different ages. It is like a big outdoor museum, recording the life of people along the river for hundreds of years. While we may never know the real story behind the objects we pick up, we can imagine the story behind them.

In the stories behind the Mudlarking
Objects Fiction Writing Workshops, I invited
participants to use their imaginations to think
about the stories and values behind these
muddy objects.

By touching and observing the Mudlarking objects, attendees travelled through time and space, and through the magic of imagination, to establish their unique connection to these to establish their unique connection to these Mudlarking objects. By writing stories about these objects, attendees gave the objects a second life.



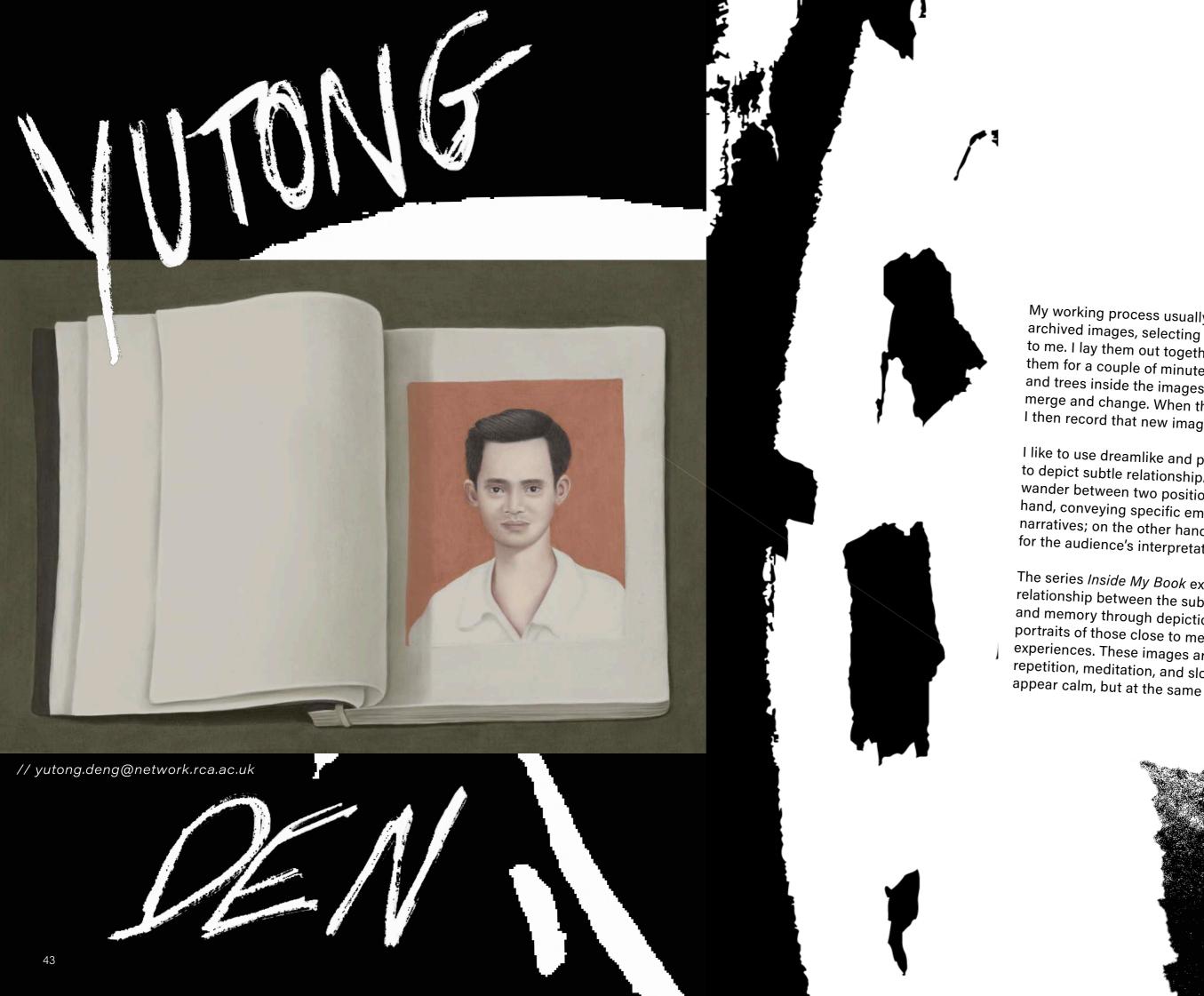


I'm Liangchen Sui, a graphic designer, experimental communicator and sound explorer based in London.

As I awakened to a new identity – one which ultimately functioned as a transfer station for communication between sites and human beings – my interest was expanded further: in drifting, collecting and reconstructing, narrative, multidimensionality, and multisensory facets became the overriding 'colour' of my creation. Meanwhile, the nonhuman, sound, immersion, interaction, dialogue, cooperation and performance aspects emerged as the keynote of my project.

In response to the accessible and disrupted communication rules of the world and the widespread notion of the Metaverse, I intend to use practice to bring reflection to people's information exchange and sensory experience, break the boundaries of human cognition, and enhance the substantive bond between human and environment in reality. This direction is underpinned by a question that has continued to fascinate me: How can humans truly maintain a symbiotic relationship with nonhumans?

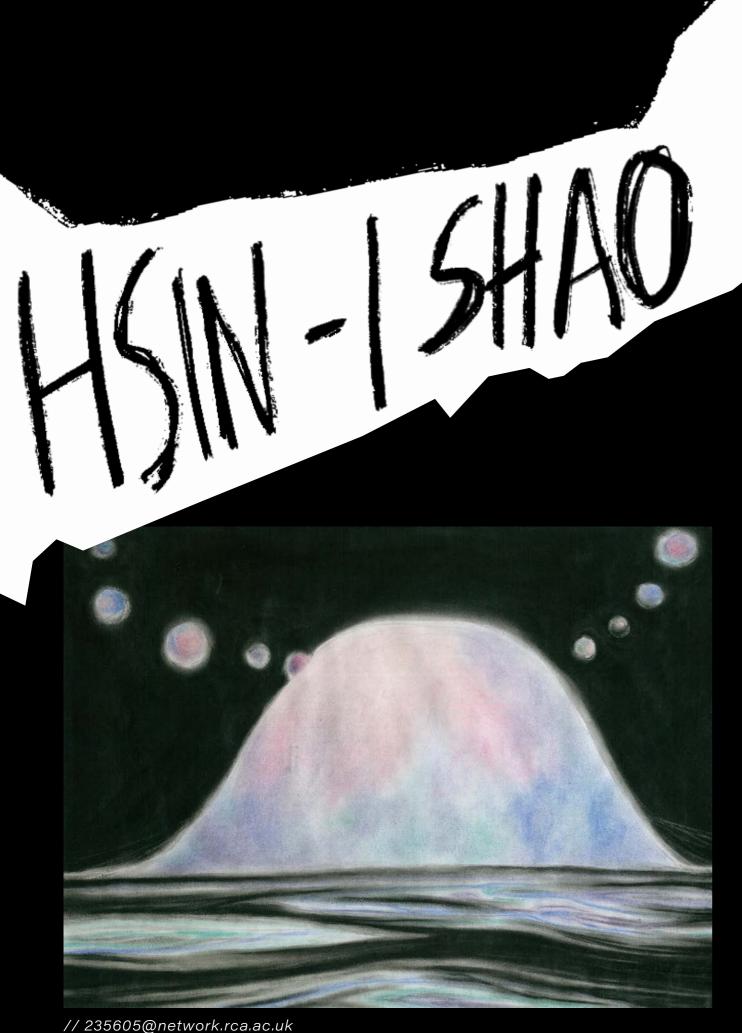
In my current practice, I focus on the duality of the relationship between humans and nonhumans. Established in critical thinking of non-anthropocentrism, I hope to return the power of discourse to nonhuman beings. Drawing upon geography, trans-species psychology, semiotics, musicology, cognitive science and sensory perception, I am eager to challenge and reshape the rules and forms of language in the posthuman era, to formulate a universal language in new contexts, so as to make preparation for the future of species ambiguity and species mixing through my understanding, perception and learning about the surrounding world.



My working process usually starts with my archived images, selecting those that speak to me. I lay them out together and scrutinize them for a couple of minutes, until the floor and trees inside the images begin to shift, merge and change. When these shifts stop, I then record that new image.

I like to use dreamlike and poetic symbolism to depict subtle relationship. My works wander between two positions: on the one hand, conveying specific emotions within their narratives; on the other hand, leaving space for the audience's interpretation.

The series Inside My Book explores the relationship between the subconscious and memory through depictions of books, portraits of those close to me and childhood experiences. These images are about repetition, meditation, and slowness. They appear calm, but at the same time powerful.



My illustration practice occupies multiple formats, with drawing at its core. My landscape-stagescape images shuttle between the observed and the imagined. I explore the uncertainty of pre-, pan- and post-pandemic life with a spirit of adventure, connected to nature.

We will say goodbye to all. The past, the present and the future. We wobbled, swayed and then set off again towards the end. It's all just the dust in the wind.

This body of illustrations is rooted in my personal experience of the past two years, grown into a broader narrative. An anonymous escapist embarks on an adventure, flying to different places with no motive and no idea where it is going. It is an escape. And a farewell to me.

Longing for possibility. Observing, feeling, destroying and rebuilding. Disorderly drifting in imaginary space, looking for fleeting beauty. Seeking a fusion of external and internal imagery. Resonating with the spirits.

This picture book is a poetic inquiry into my spiritual wanderings and observations of nature, embodying the Chinese mythological concept of 'visionary journeys'.

Each scenic depiction is fantastical yet simultaneously expresses an atmosphere of alienation also seen in cinema and photography.

The hesitation and confusion of growing up. The powerlessness from nowhere. All doubts have been reflected in the scenes depicted. Yet, hidden in this absurd journey, I am free to immerse myself. I naturally integrate into it, becoming an inconspicuous splash in the universal torrent. The whole of nature seems to be a hazy, huge living body.



Who am I on the 2nd of June 2022? I am in London. I study Experimental Communication. I see my experimental process as my outcome. I like embodied experiences. But I Don't Like Walking! I was born in North East China. It is a very cold place (-23 °C). I draw connections between regional and localized experience. I build connections with my audience. NOW. I locate myself in different sites of London as a way of responding to my cultural background. // liangxu.zhang@network.rca.ac.uk

I SEE MYSELF AS A HACKER

As a hacker, I:
Don't like walking.
Was born in the millennial generation.
Believe in Wark's Capital is Dead.
Live in a data-obsessed society.
Am dominated by who owns and controls the information.
Understand behaviours in Haraway's Chuthulecene.

Reconfigure human relationship with landscape. Require sympoiesis with technology. Embrace technology, and fantasize about living in a

techno-utopian world.

Call for provocative ways of seeing how landscape can be transformed as information.

IN THIS PROJECT:

I locate myself back in my hometown. Google maps is my transportation. I am like a hacker exploring my hometown's landscape.

I am like a hacker roaming there.

I am like a hacker memorizing there.

Question how to negotiate human relationships with body, landscape and technology in the context of a digital culture and a global pandemic.

Use speculation to invoke questions about the phenomenon of contemporary society instead of giving answers.

Combine existing technologies (Google Maps) to offer more possibilities of coevolution with human-behaviour and landscape.



The globalized digital age, where images are fluid and changeable, is as liquid as capital, people, weather, data, energy and resources. However, capital and political power have always tended to exist in a centralized form, creating a contradiction between individual freedom and the control of power in contemporary society.

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In the digital age, where images are fluid and changeable, the Chinese government is defending its political status. The political images that constantly stack and proliferate have swept the public along roughly, like a storm, sweeping away physical objects and technological and personal perceptions in the real world. They are insidious and fickle. It means that for propaganda to work most effectively, it can only do so by claiming to be what it is not. It hides in any form, easily and gradually eating away at people's minds like an ulcer.

Based on this, I combine multimedia and images to achieve a narrative effect exposing how the government shapes political images as its strategy.



I like to discuss the current emotional confusion and living conditions of young people within social media. I use visits or interviews with different groups of young people as my main research method to conduct in-depth studies. I like to express the thoughts and perceptions of young Chinese people about themselves and their surroundings through book design and video narratives. Most of my work is inspired by a large amount of first-hand, written material, including tens of thousands of words of interviews and social media messages. Each of my works is also a mirror that reflects my own doubts, thoughts and opinions about myself.

With the development of technology, any actions of love can now be done online. As a young woman eager to grow in an intimate relationship, I began to ask myself whether algorithms and social media are making relationships harder or easier? What kind of free will do we have? In my practice and in this specific project I researched and observed young women's intimacy skills and emotional privacy on *Xiaohongshu*, a Chinese social media platform.

I began to reflect on the relationship between young women's perceptions of intimacy and internet technology online. We now prefer to get our knowledge about love from social media rather than others. Sharing becomes an absolutely positive approach. Does sharing emotional confusion online give you all the answers? Is using technology to get answers quickly always the best way? Behind the scenes is a battleground for young women's self-worth and the struggle for free will regarding love.

The work is divided into two sections. The moving image is about a young girl searching for an exit in a labyrinthine underground, a metaphor for the 'rabbit hole' of the internet, through which modern young women are navigating until their self-worth is lost. The second part of the work is a conversation with fifteen women about intimacy, encouraging young women to maintain a feminine critical attitude in the face of online information about love.



I am a communicator dedicated to exploring mixed media for communication and interdisciplinary design.

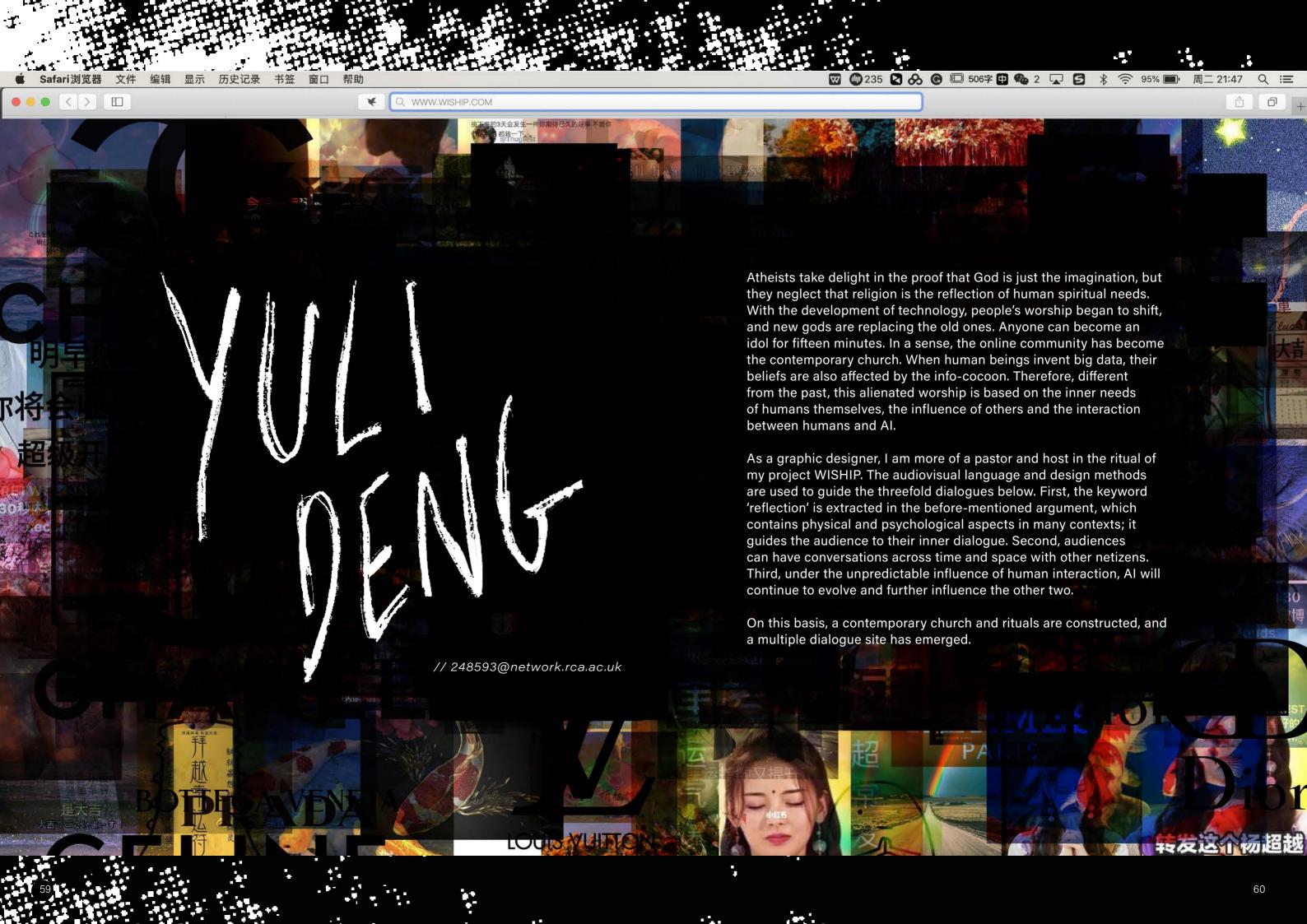
Most of my work pays attention to finding a more interesting way of narrative, including static genres and dynamic ones – film, theatrical performance, visual-audio immersive environments...

Based on visual design, I enjoy being a storyteller, to disseminate my ideas to viewers and create things.

I tend to think critically and practice logically.

My topics concentrate on the intersection between technology and communication. Based on the interaction between individuals and groups, I discuss the influence of virtual media in terms of machine vision, the internet etc., on human cognition and behaviour.







In a speculative virtual future, everyone wants to live perfectly. However, there is no 'perfect'. Mirrors used to be the direct reflection of yourself. Like the evil queen in the tale by the Grimm Brothers, we expect that the mirror reflects the picture we want to have of ourselves. When it comes to true beauty, the golden ratio face shows up. When it comes to true love, mechanical love will never betray you. How can we maintain ourselves in this world struggling with overwhelming AI and machines? I want you to get your answers in the world that I create.

My works revolve around the long and complex struggle between humanity and artificial intelligence. It's not just ideas of posthumanism, transhumanism or non-humanism that are interesting to me. It's the relationship between future humans, artificial intelligence, beauty and love. I use allegorical narratives to produce virtual spaces. Using surround-sound design, I map virtual places onto existing contexts through sci-fi methodologies and accompanying visuals.









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When many of us think of flowers, beauty and fragrance will come to mind. What about beyond that? Maybe nothing more. Our experience allows us to identify objects quickly but also limits our perception.

Nowadays, we can't live our daily lives without objects. For example, the bed underneath us when we lie down, the couch we lean on when we sit, and the shoes we wear when we stand. What comes to mind when you close your eyes and try to think of them? Their colour? Brand? Material? Size? Can you remember the reason, date and mood when you bought it? How have they changed compared to now?

Every object you neglect can be a shuttle that weaves your memories together. When you take them to lie down again, sit down, and put them on, you will find your senses sharpen, your mind begins to leap, and all the memories and perceptions associated with them will fly.

To gaze at it, touch it, and experience it.

Observation is the first learning power and the accelerator of thought. When looking again at other objects and living creatures in the city, observe them. Think, associate, migrate and connect. When this pattern becomes a habit, while they are still the same as before, they become indeed different.







animation/moving image blended with activity--From a young age I was a reluctant reader, based practice such as workshops, community engagement and performance work.

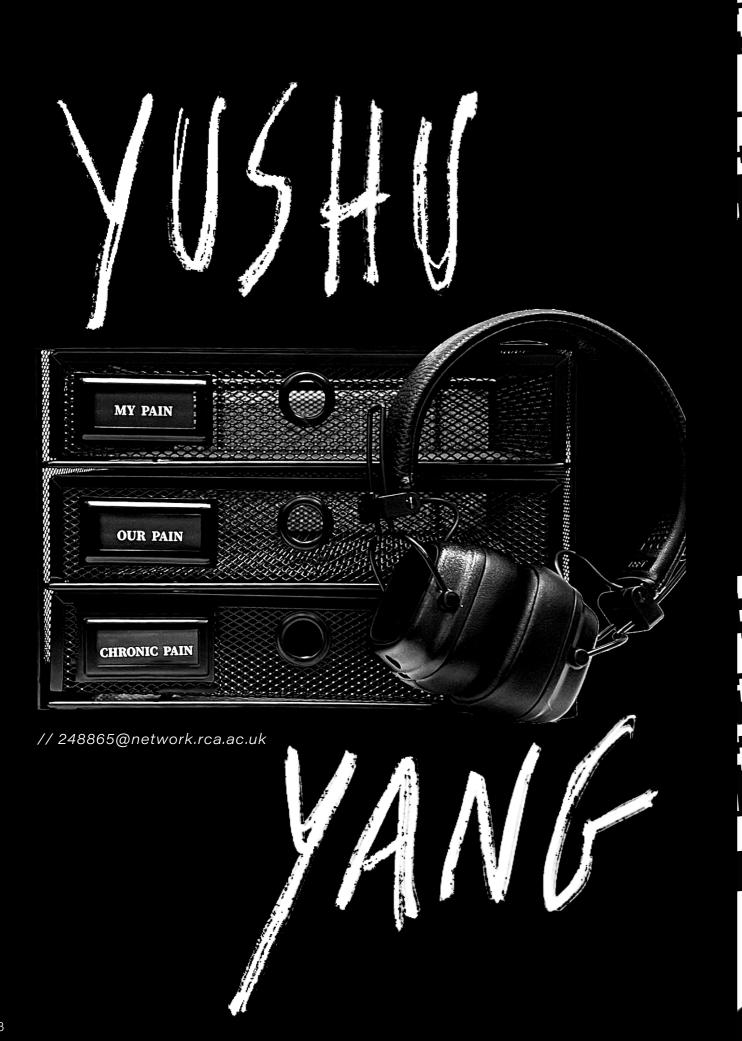
I am dedicated to developing inclusive teaching methods, based on my own experience of having to learn differently from my peers and developing socially engaged practice. Constant observation informs my image making.

had a poor working memory and found aspects of school incredibly difficult, so it was no surprise when I was diagnosed as dyslexic by the age of seven. My practice focuses on using visual communication to nurture a greater understanding and to build

a community around neurodiversity. I use modes of image making such as traditional drawing, collaging, publication and

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I have created an *Archive of Chronic Pain*. It is designed to help understand what chronic pain means for people who suffer from it. To help people who want to understand it. And how it is understood by the wider public. There are three stages of the archive: the expression of personal pain; the way pain is communicated and understood between family members; and the sharing and mutual assistance of the public.

Here is part of a pain diary between me and my mom:

Monday.

Mom: At noon, because the work was not over yet, my colleague played a short video with a loud voice on the mobile phone, which instantly drove me crazy. It was a very tiring thing to do bidding. The short video on the phone may not sound loud for him, but for me it disrupts my work rhythm. It seriously affected me, I was very upset, and my head started to hurt right away. It's the kind of pain that is about to burst again, I really want to drop his phone, it's so annoying. I try to control my emotions and tell myself, calm down, calm down.

Me: Today was the longest headache day in nearly a year. Maybe it's because I didn't take any medication or physical rest during this migraine attack. I woke up with a constant pain, especially on the right side. It's much better when I massage my temples with my hands. But the moment the finger left; the pain returned. It was at an annoying but bearable level...



My passion always revolves around nature and technology, language and thinking, humans and nonhumans. These grand definitions seem to have neat boundaries, but the subtle connections between them gradually form my universe. My practice utilizes systematic models, using a variety of digital tools and media, such as video analysis, animated simulations, programming, building data sets, and other future developments, to find invisible dimensions of information that are hidden in the surrounding environments.

Beginning from the Linguistic Relativism hypothesis, which suggests that our present language shapes our worldview

and cognition, I keep weaving the threads of connections between language and imagination.

In my explorations, the definition of language is expanded and reconstructed. New ways of thinking are emerging, as new structures are uncovered and constructed.

How to break down existing limitations and our narrowing of attention, how to challenge the boundaries of our perception of the world, and how to see beyond the horizon. This is what I am looking forward to.

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A word, when you do not know it is a sign; when you do know it, it becomes language. The language can be sound, the language can be performance, the language can be experience, the language can be thinking, the language can be practice, and the language can be writing.

My practice is based on language rather than 'language'. I am interested in the 'performance' in language. The performance is not only shown in the language itself but also shown in the process of interpreting and transforming language cognition and relating it to our experience, no matter the language we understand or not.











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What if we tried to create subconsciously?

Automatic Journey was originally provoked by my own experience. Due to the environment I grew up in, I always thought that my work was supposed to have a well-defined purpose. However, this conviction may sometimes lead to obsession, and striving to find a purpose for everything becomes a burden. This can result in a huge creative block. Concurrently, this can be a common dilemma among creatives.

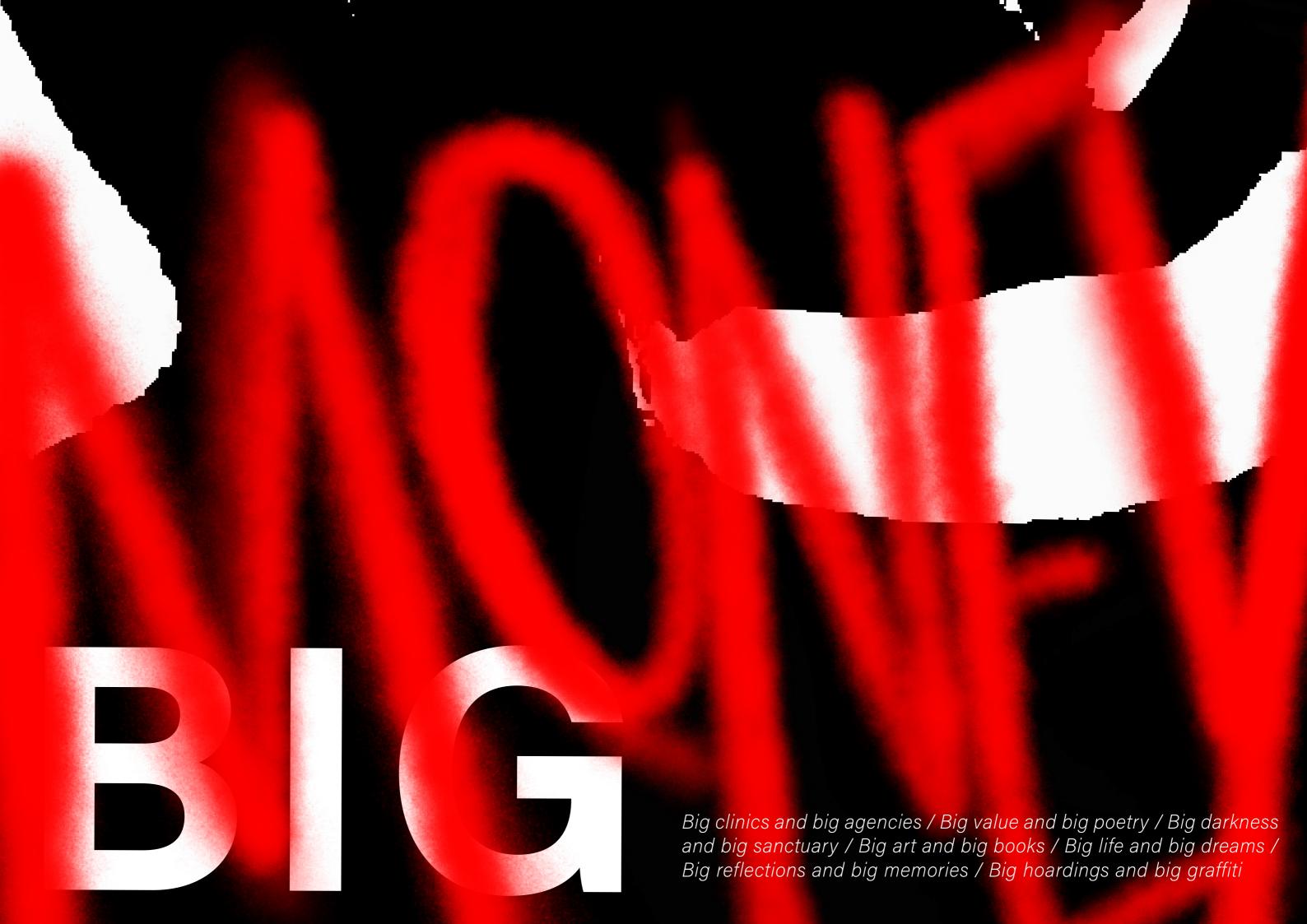
Automatic art, in this project, is presented as a rebellious act.

Conscious experience sets constraints for which humans' creations are always driven by purpose. No matter how empty one's mind may be, the brain cannot exclude consciousness, which is a fundamental biological trait. The use of 'automatic drawing' is thus not entirely so; some form of minimal conscious intervention is inevitably involved in order for the image or painting to be visually acceptable or comprehensible.

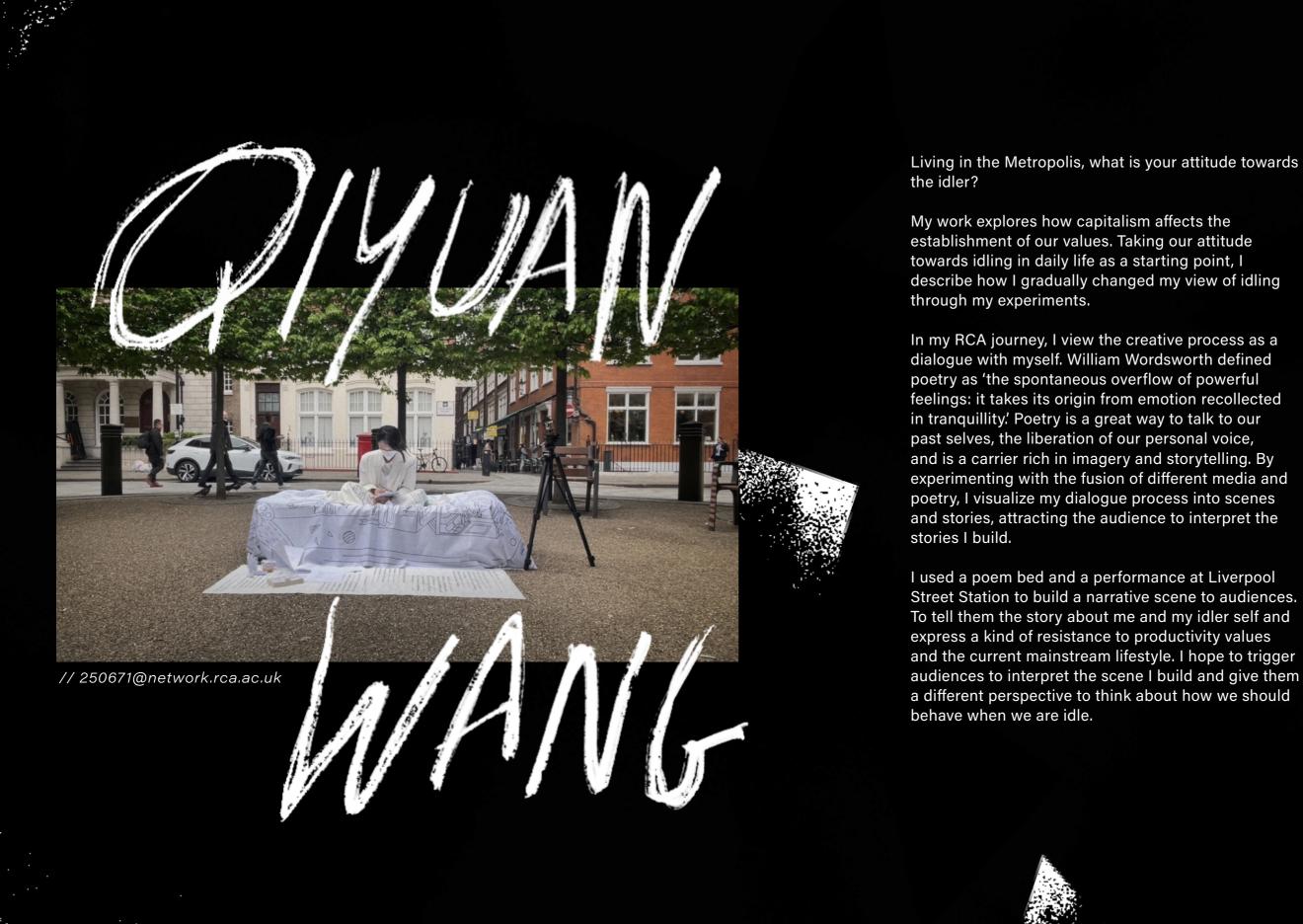
Automatic mark-making was applied to militate against the obsessiveness caused by a purposedriven method of creation. During this creative process, one must put effort into reaching a state of subconscious thought to help strip the act of making of its purpose. My practice is focused on devising structures and parameters that provide conditions for this state to be reached.

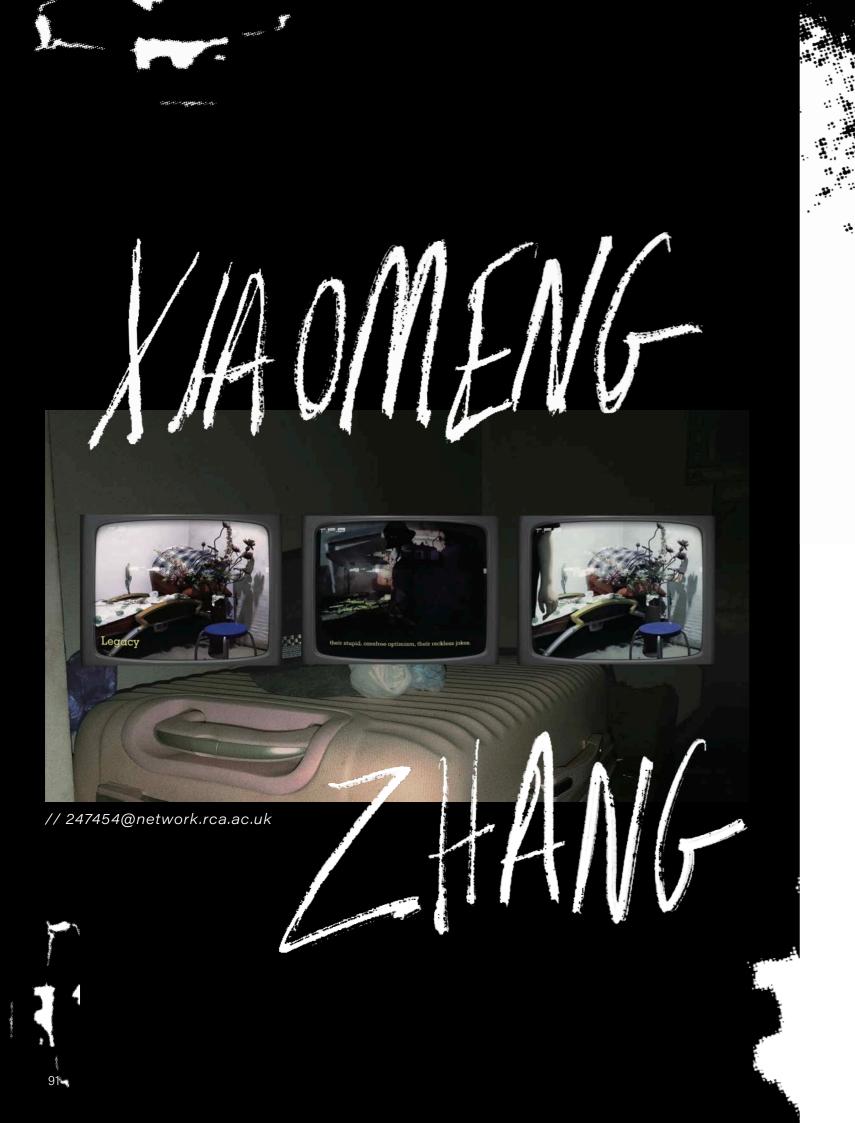
The project aims to explore and encourage subconscious free creation among creative practitioners suffering from creative blocks. To achieve this aim, automatic drawing preceded by walking meditation is used to relax and stimulate the participants. Possibilities for collective automatic drawing are also explored. The process and the results in each designed session are carefully documented.







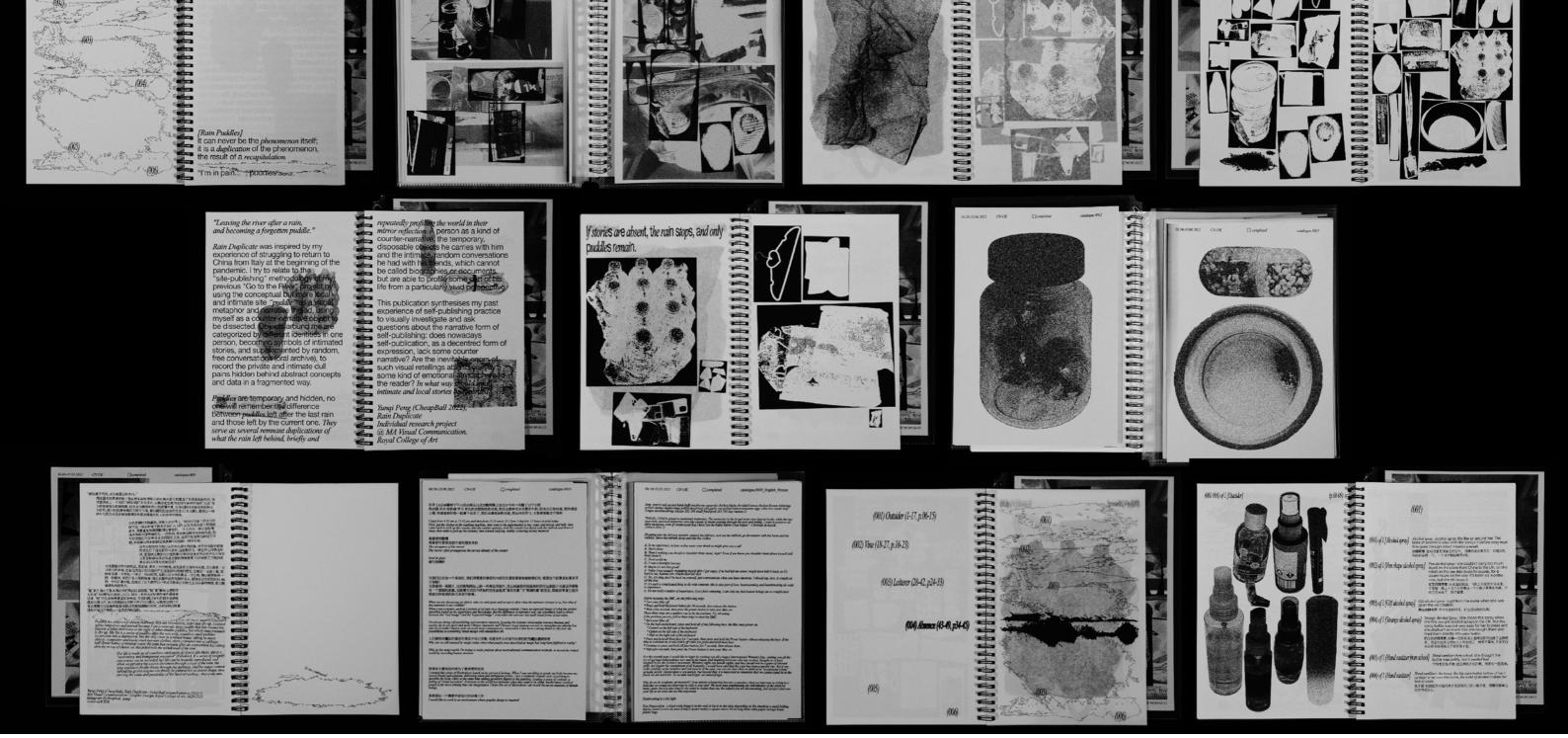




I am a storyteller and an illustrator from Shanghai currently based in London. As a child I was a detective, searching for treasures like broken keychains, unpaired earrings or old sketchbooks in every closet at home, and daydreaming about the random thoughts of those objects. Even now that I've all grown up, I still haven't changed her hobby of collecting. I believe objects are able to catalyze self-creation.

I've been dreaming in a cocoon buried six feet underground since before I became aware of its existence. The dark basement is both a cold abyss and a warm womb. Behind my eyelids I heard my own echo. I shared the dream that preceded Jung's concept of the collective unconscious, which is the gate of our spiritual homeland. Although we cannot install the electric lights of civilization in the chaotic cellar, we can still record its ambiguous outline with the help of the light of the candlestick.

Gaston Bachelard talks about the cellar as the first and foremost dark entity of the house offering us 'a nest of dreams, a sanctuary of the imagination.' And that's also what I'd like to do since that summer when I first found out my obsession with the basement and garbage dumps.



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JUNGI PENG

I work under the pseudonym 'CheapBall', as a graphic designer and visual communicator. With text, typography and graphic languages as visual methods, I use self-publishing and art book exhibitions as my main avenues of experimental exploration.

The artist's book, as a reproducible artwork and an output of the self-publishing action, has a certain commodity and object character. It can inherently become a part of society and even of everyday life, becoming more accessible to a site and better suited to telling intimate, local, small narratives than a large-scale installation.

The content of my work often originates from my observations and associations with subtle things and human emotions. By visualizing textual content and literary rhetoric, as well as arranging and reorganizing numerous images in a connected way make the abstract concepts readable. I want to create not just an isolated book, but a small, detachable installation, which can carry more information and intervene in and occupy human activity with these messages.

Artistic writing is also an important element and concern in my research, which is

not limited by the traditionally required disciplinary norms and can convey ideas while remaining artistic and reflecting the identities of the writers themselves.

In such a practice, intimacy is extracted from everyday events to intervene and confront the public, creating new perspectives and landscapes of thought. Publishing in this context disrupts and deconstructs the traditional senses, and content takes on a new reality and life through visual retelling.





Drawing lies at the heart of my practice, which has taken on the form of life recording – using graphic novel formats to convey individuals' stories of social, political and economic change.

In a broader sense, my practice is drawn towards presenting experiences and memories in the most factual, honest way possible and attempts to answer the questions that arise when trying to understand truth.

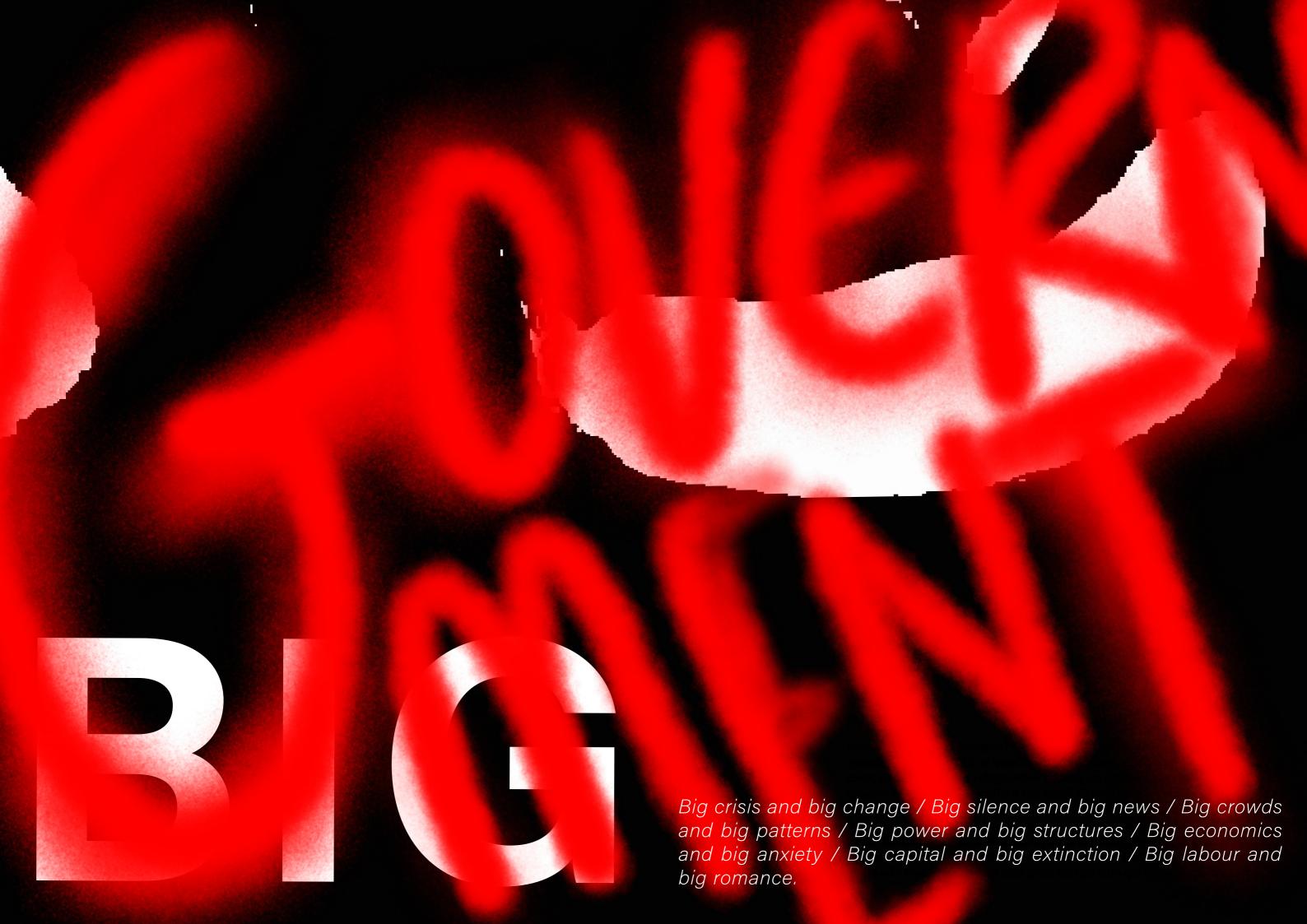
My work involves an inward reflection exploring memories of my childhood experiences in China, the family unit, and in particular the ambivalent reality of motherdaughter relationships. For my most recent project I have looked outwards: documenting the living experience of a changing community in the UK. For this project, I conducted series of interviews with residents living at a large estate in North-East London currently undergoing regeneration. The work explores the subject of transformation and the social and ecological impact of shifting environments. Throughout making the work, I've thought deeply about how to communicate the voices, testimonies and dialogues I have collected in a visual manner, exploring different modes of storytelling and how to allow a narrative to unfold naturally.



I spoke to a London-based developer about strategies used in property branding. At the time I was researching the use of community artwork on hoardings, the wooden boards that enclose new developments. He shared with me the image of a graffiti-painted hoarding. This was not street art in protest of the luxury apartments behind it, this 'token' countercultural artwork was commissioned by the developer. This imagery enabled the developer to advertise his new building as part of an area belonging to a creative, urban community, appealing to the 'creative class'.

Reframing the archival material of a countercultural art space like the Horse Hospital, I compared the language used for recent exhibitions hosted there with trend forecasts. This comparison revealed the integration of countercultural topics into mass culture through a similarity in language. Is everything we produce destined to exist on Instagram? Has the cultural economy undermined counterculture completely?

And what do we even mean by 'countercultural' today?



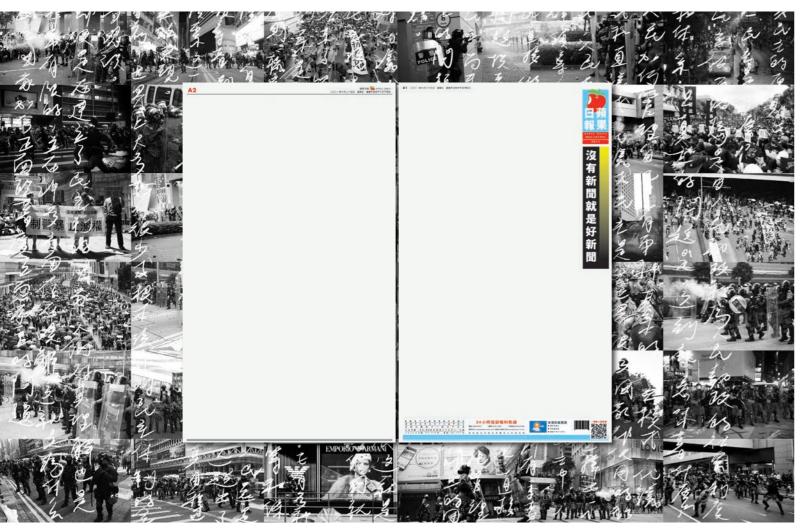


My roots in the Chilean Diaspora play an essential role in my creative output. After the Social Uprising exploded in October 2019, my practice turned to the need to preserve the memory of the crisis that is making deep changes in Chile: documenting, amplifying, decoding and sharing voices, streets, demands, violation of citizen rights. Our slogan: 'Dignity', our icon: a bloody eye. I bring the past into the present with the purpose of not forgetting it, and creating a better future. I consider design a powerful tool for coding and decoding information to favour communication and promote understanding between human and nonhuman environments. I am interested in cultural, artistic and heritage-related projects that contribute to the development of society and its surroundings.

My current work brings together studies in design, cultural management and visual communication with my experience in editorial and graphic design. My approach advocates constant experimentation, freedom of play through art, collaborative work and generating projects that contribute to the improvement of democratic culture and environmental awareness. A fundamental component of my work is giving the audience an active role in directly exploring objects, scales or experiences through deliberate design, generating moments of surprise, pause and reflection.

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The works follow the situation of two of Hong Kong's biggest pro-democracy media outlets, both of which were toppled after enormous government pressure, followed by a series of arrests and police raids on their newsrooms.

Living in Truth strives to tell people the real live story of how professional reporting in Hong Kong is now so dangerous that journalists might end up in jail. And while the government has dismissed the idea that press freedom has been undermined, the future of independent reporting looks increasingly bleak, and the number of independent media outlets is rapidly dwindling.

'By silencing independent media, the People's Republic of China and local authorities undermine Hong Kong's credibility and viability. A confident government that is unafraid of the truth embraces a free press.'

My work often revolves around how one views society, through visual language/communication, to social and political issues. This informs the areas I practice in: lettering and calligraphy, symbol and logo design, printing and making. At the same time, I wish my practices can stand up for this ideal in a world in which freedom of speech faces increasingly adverse conditions.

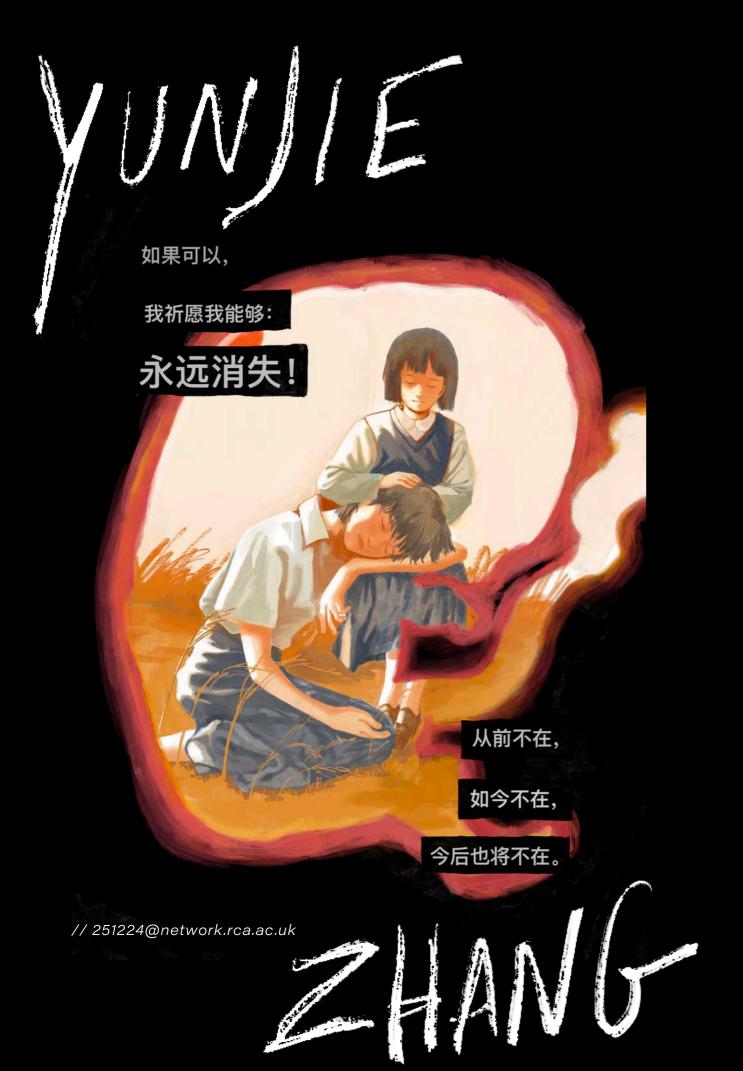
Keep Calm and Carry On.





Excuse me, thank you. When we were walking through the crowd, we thought this is the end of our relationship to a stranger. What if it is not? We know my name and your name, my nationality and your nationality, my experience and your memory. Does this really make us distinctive? The relationship between me and you is just like the reflection fragments on a river surface. It starts from a whole piece but because of the ripple it gives us an illusion of being separated.

Wave is the key to my work and my concept. The fragments split by the wave represent every individual. I use the motion pattern of the wave to imitate the relationship between every existence. My animation is frame by frame, individually formed as a whole group as the fragment on the surface of the river.



I am an illustrator and visual storyteller based in Shanghai and London. I use a comic-book format to explore the language of poetry and emotion; contemporary issues around the structures of power; and to explore a confused generation of young people, caught in the gap between the

Chinese context and the world context.

As one of the Chinese youth caught up in China's torrent of centralization and development, I too feel suffocated and hopeless about my environment and future. I sense this particularly as a shared

generational anxiety that demands articulation.

Expressing these complex emotions and issues through the format of the comic book allows me

to communicate directly with the audience. The comic's combination of images and words allows the audience an accessible, personal contact with the story while its redistributive potential means

the story can be easily shared.





▼ JADED, 24 (+3 Covid years), sassy Scorpio, Bangkok-born, London-based, of well-educated and international background. This Scorpio was awarded First Class Honors from an art college in Granary Square at Kings Cross in BA Architecture.

A 'Culture Producer' is what this Scorpio aspired to put in their email signature as job title one day. Not only are they a veteran in managing three gradation shows. They have experiences in designing, promoting, producing and servicing culture events and museums in Bangkok, London and Singapore. Scorpio has worked collaboratively alongside Alliance Française Bangkok, Bureau of the Royal Household, Singapore Institution of Architects (SIA), Royal College of Art (RCA), Thailand Creative & Design Center (TCDC).

This Scorpio has an apartment on Uranus but with questionable credit score.

They are seeking... anything really!

Be it employment, capital, commission, collaboration, relationship. Or just someone to look at their project ψ

'Chronic diseases! Tribulations! And self-deprecation!

'These were the ingredients chosen to create the perfect angsty art student project.

But this troubled soul accidentally added an extra ingredient to the concoction, "Juvenalian Satire".

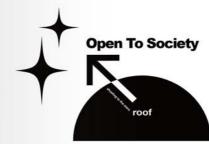
'Thus, Ministry of Situational Oddities was born.

'Using the ultra-superpowers of 'ample knowledge in the realm of the Anthropocene', 'psychological projection' and 'genuine lack of compassion' as coping mechanism and excuse to make memes'.

Ministry of Situational Oddities (MSO) has one primary objective: to witness and document the 'strange occurrences' that are manifested according to your impending Anthropocentric Extinction.

Obscuritas, Tempus, Destructio





Love is an (? ?)

From a great subtle point of view, a woman manages the household from the time she gets up to the time she goes to bed.

Many times she doesn't get a break.

In a traditional marriage, the man gets a break at work, a break on the the way home, and many times when he does get home.

You can always hear that the family is a haven for men, but you rarely heard that it is a haven for women. Because women are likely to be the ones who work harder.

Romantic love is not just a personal declaration or emotional contract between two people.

As a political concept, romantic love has forced me to rethink love in political discourse and practice. Is there only one kind of love possible in this society? The singularity is used to replace the concept of the individual or sovereign individual subject. "Singularity cannot exist or be concept of love.

Emotional Labor



open social concept that simultaneously applies both to those closest and those furthest

Love must be an

Love is a political

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ALL IN – Love is A Political Battleground focuses on how we think about love and society in a political context. When our society favours one group or one gender, it can become a battleground. There is injustice in love. Is love democratic? Is love fair? I analyse romantic love in intimate relationships from the point of view of criticism and suspicion. My personal experience with love has forced me to rethink it through my discourse and practice.

This project explores the issue of unfair emotional labour in intimate relationships in a Chinese context. Can we break away from the conventions imposed on couples and families and use 'love is a political battleground' as a framework to establish a larger collective or community conversation? Can we expand on the understanding of what 'love' is, in order to create a more balanced distribution of unpaid labour between the sexes. What kind of adventure do we get? What are the benefits to society? Finally, can we use the political concept of 'love' to build a better world with more equality and kindness? Are we ALL IN?





