

INTROSPECTION / A TIMELINE OF THOUGHTS HOSAM MAHMOUD

I began heading into the forest, which was new and uncharted territory for me. There was a trail I took, the forest was quite, yet loud if you listen carefully. After few steps, I stood still for a while to feel and observe the surroundings and also myself. Everything appeared quiet at first, but that was not the case; everything was moving, life was everywhere, I had to watch my steps to not kill those tiny creatures in their tiny dwellings. I continued moving slowly, keeping in mind the signs which will show me the way, despite my inner desire to wander, to deviate from the path, I kept moving until I reached the next sign. However, the path was not as well defined as previously, so I started walking in the direction indicated by the sign. After a while, I found myself in this isolated place, with numerous trees on my left, but sadly all of them had been cut down; it looked like a graveyard, and it certainly felt like one, with only one yellow flower blossoming amid the chaos. I was curious as to how and why.

I kept walking in the same direction, and it wasn't long before I realized something was wrong; I seemed to be lost; it was noon, but the forest was getting darker; the land was ruined; flies were everywhere, it seemed like I would find a hidden corpse somewhere. But I kept moving through this destruction, until finally I found a sign, a happy moment that didn't last long as it was pointing backwards, to the same direction I came from, now what! I was confused and tired, but I had to take the same path back again, running at some point, fighting flies. I got back to the previous sign, but still, there were no marks of a pathway to follow, now I'm lost. I was worried and exhausted, I had no other option except following my instinct, I took the same path over and over again, and after few attempts I finally managed to get out of this place.

Suddenly I saw these beautiful tall trees, sunlight was shining through the moving branches, it was calm and relieving, the breeze on my face was comforting, it felt like home, it was the total opposite, like a parallel reality. I kept moving knowing that I have to keep one leg in chaos, that I might get lost at any moment and I have to expect it.

Again I found some confusing signs pointing everywhere, and that was it, no more signs to follow. And after a long time I met a human being! both of us were fighting flies and waving at each other, at some point I thought I'm alone in this vast forest.

I took this wide empty path, it was peaceful and serene, something I still can't define was about it, you can barely hear any sound other than your footsteps, and suddenly I lost the sense of place, I was free and calm, it was like a vision that took me somewhere else.

I started shouting to the forest if someone could hear me, surprisingly, someone answered back, my echo. The place was wide and open, yet I could hear my echo, it felt like a huge cave, at least now I got something to entertain myself with through this very long road.

Moving forward I found myself in a dense forest with narrow pathways again, flies were much more than before, I had no clue where to go, I couldn't even go back, so I kept moving, struggling, after a couple kilometers I used my phone because I didn't want to find myself in Poland.

So I started walking with the map, and again I didn't want to follow the main path. So I took a shortcut that I shouldn't have taken, "curiosity killed the cat" they say. While walking I heard something moving behind the bush right beside me, and it started running away, it was a deer, I was happy I took that shortcut. Few moments later, I found that the shortcut is actually blocked by a huge broken tree, so I thought I would just move around it, the ground looked weird, as if something was digging, it was hard to walk on and scary, at first I thought these were snake holes. But anyway I proceeded with my plan.

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### UNCHARTED

WATCH YOUR STEPS

UNINVITED GUEST

LIFE AND DEATH

STILLNESS MOVEMENT

STRUGGLE

UNCERTAINITY

A DISTANT CALL TO WANDER

DON'T FOLLOW THE PATH

HABITAT UNNOTICED

FEAR OF THE UNSEEN

NOT INTENDED DEATH

HARD TO REACH

DETACHED

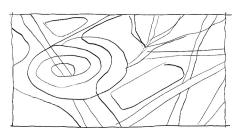
A WAY TO GO

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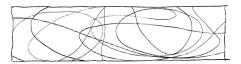
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A LIFE WITHIN

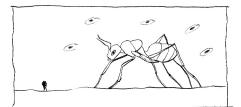
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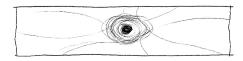


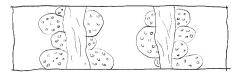


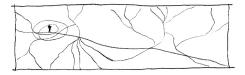












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### APPROACH

CONFUSION

A FRIEND AN ENEMY

GRAVEYARD

A GLIMPSE OF LIFE

IN BETWEEN

DESTINATION

FIND A WAY OR MAKE ONE

SCATTERED THOUGHTS

INTERTWINED

#### LOST

FOLLOW THE WHITE RABBIT

THE SCENT OF DEATH

SURVIVAL

RUN

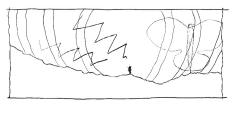
GET BACK TO YOUR MIND

NO WAY TO GO

LOST

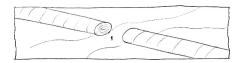
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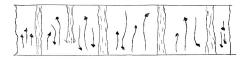
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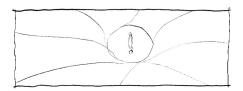


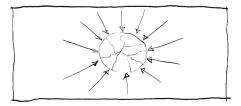


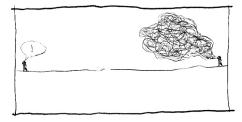












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### A ROAD WITH NO DESTINATION

A GLIMPSE OF HOPE

FOLLOW YOUR INSTINCT

A SENSE OF HOME

FRAGILE INFINITY

TINY WORLDS

THE URGE TO KEEP MOVING

A COMPANION

BREEZE

PARALLEL REALITY

FAMILIARITY

UPS AND DOWNS

**ONE LEG IN CHAOS** 

OUR SHADOWS TALLER THAN OUR SOULS

TRANQUILITY

THE ECHO FRIEND

A CAVE

FLOATING

HOPE

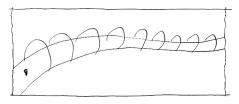
**REFLECTED VISION** 

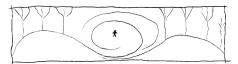
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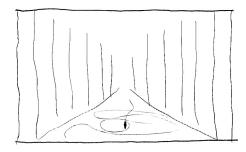
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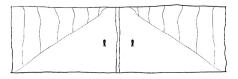
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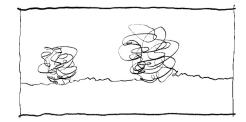
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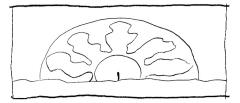


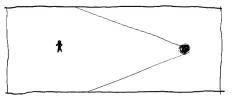


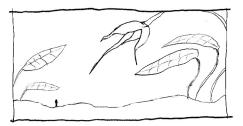














MENTAL MAP