Doodles

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I have been doodling with ink and watercolor on paper all my life. It's my way of stirring up my imagination to see what I find hidden in my head. I call the results dream pictures, fantasy sketches, and even brain-sharpening exercises.

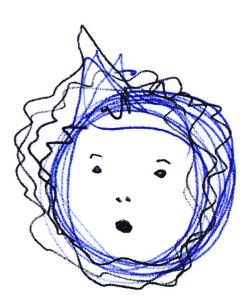
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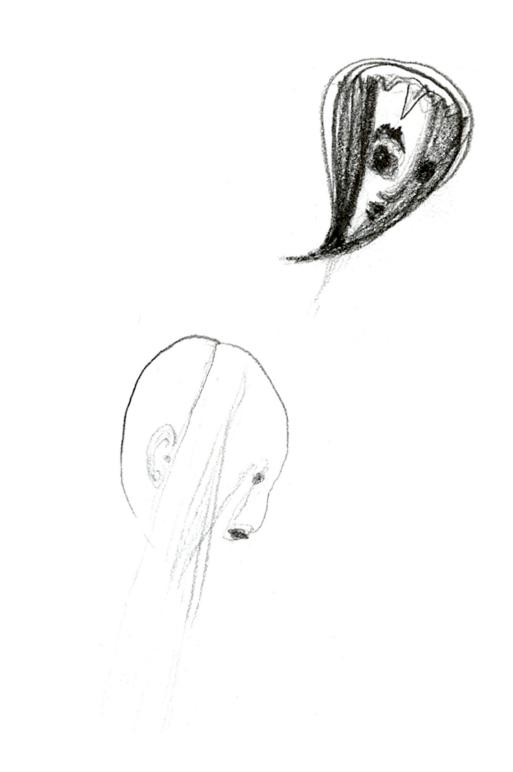
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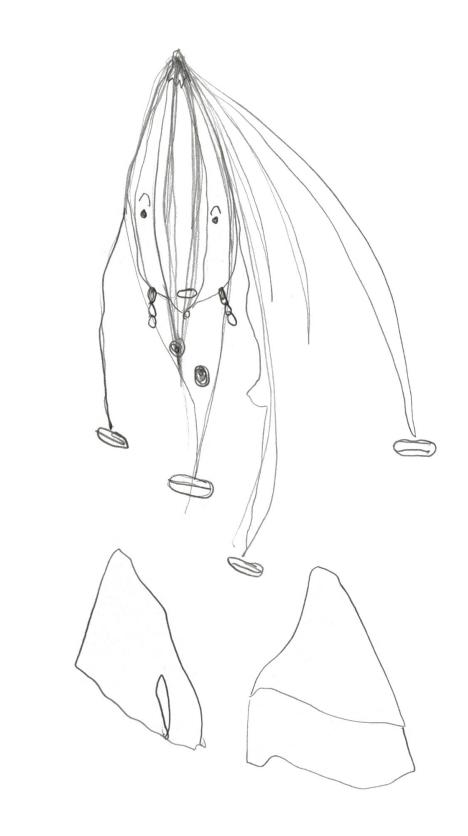
Doodles, scribbles, dream drawings...I have been making these images all my life, keeping some, throwing away most, pretty random. A few years ago, I started to collect all of my doodles and scribbles and place them into notebooks. I now have at least 10 albums filled with these odd drawings and the collection keeps growing.

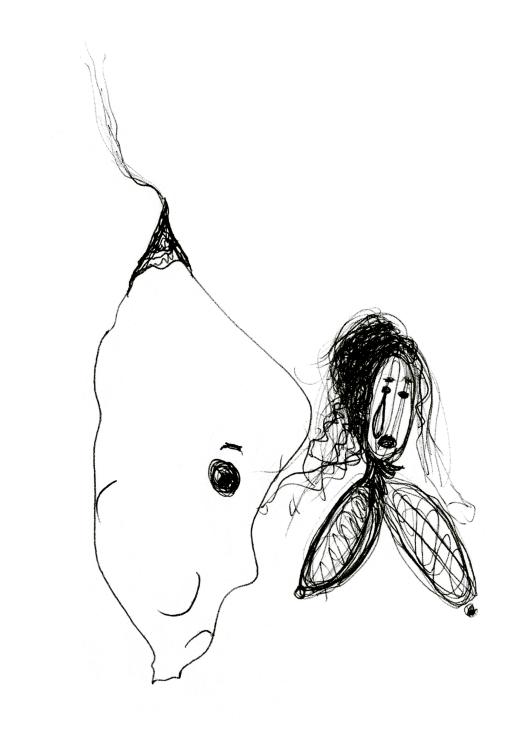
The doodle on the next page of the little girl is the first one I saved from the trash. I remember feeling sad as I threw her away, as if I was abandoning this little spirit, a part of me. I knew if I had such a strong feeling about the image it must be meaningful to me on some subconscious level. I also knew that I should honor this feeling, so I pulled her out of the trash and saved her. My art making has always been about self-discovery through image making. These doodles and scribbles have become another important layer in my creative process.

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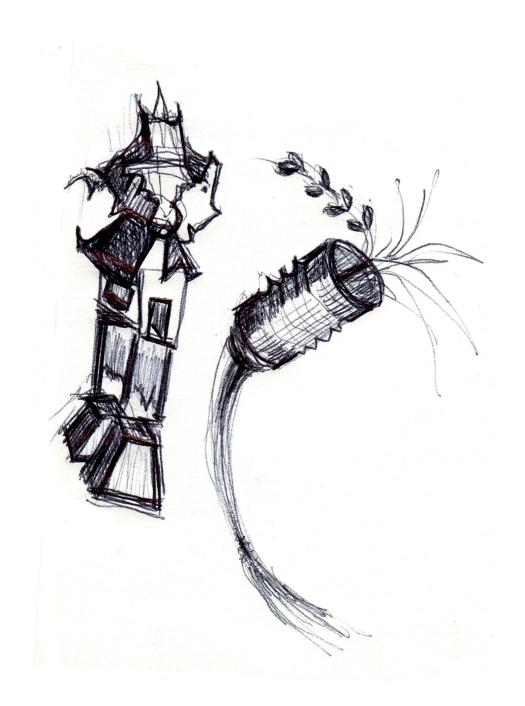














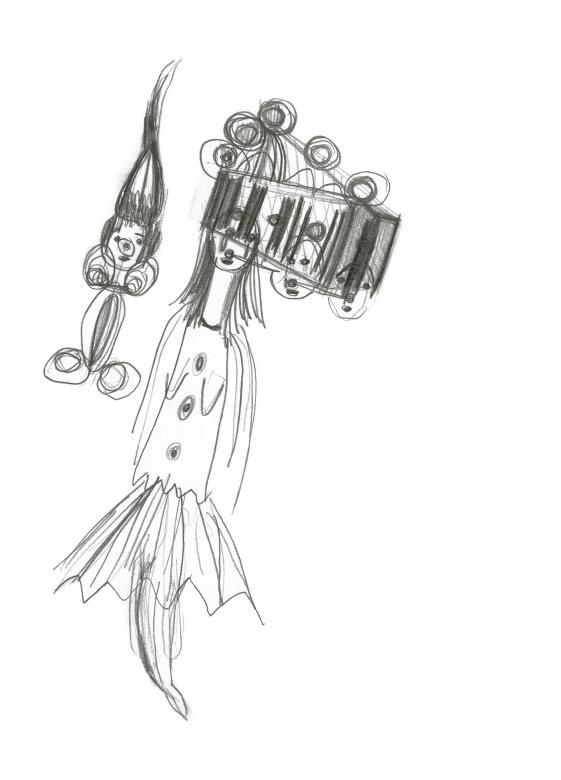




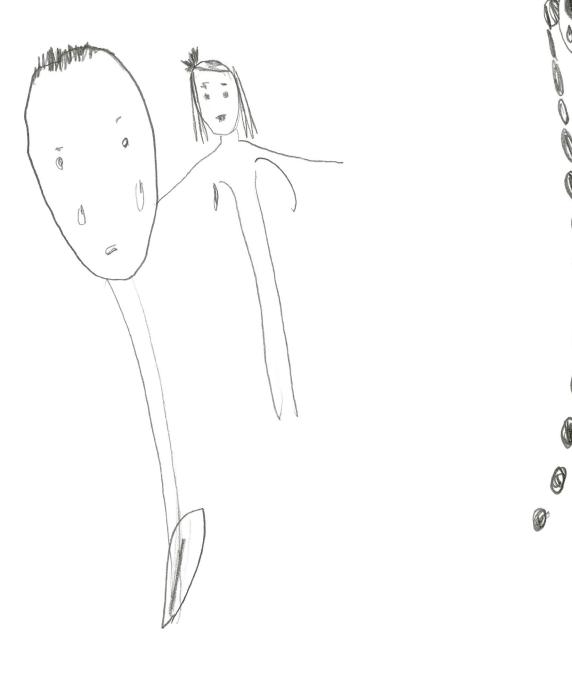
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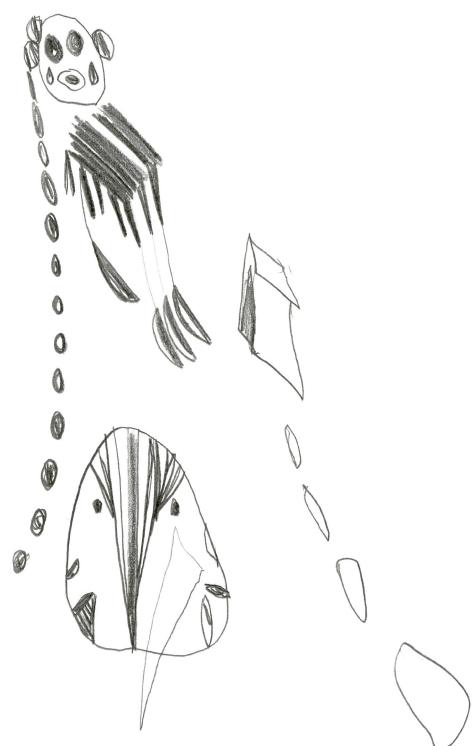














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