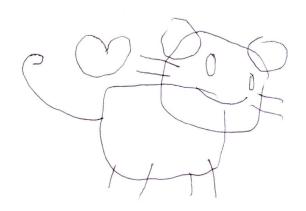
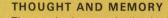
TAMAZINE

VOL"ONE"

by old kels







The cerebral cortex is the brain's most elaborate center, where sensations are registered and voluntary actions are initiated. It has been called "the seat of all which is exclusively hu-



Dear reader,

This is a font I made in 2010 from my hand-writing. Seeing it feels like stepping into a time capsule. It's more than just the shape of the letters; it's a snapshot of who I was when I wrote them. Looking at my old handwriting, I remember a past version of myself who had different

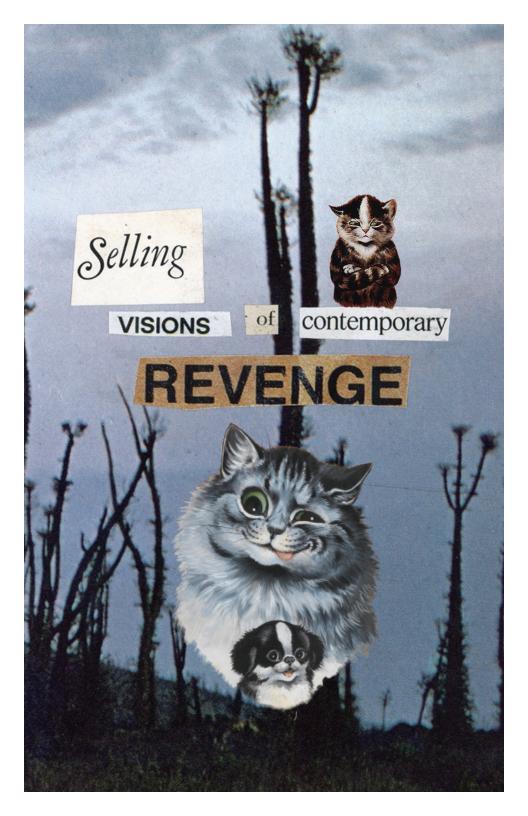
priorities and ways of seeing the world. I remember someone who wrote as small as possible and who bought pocket sized sketchbooks because she wasn't confident enough to create on a larger scale. The cartoonist Lynda Barry has written about handwriting having a sort of "accent," but how does one begin to describe the accent of nostalgia? Or of past lives? *deep

Similarly, zines serve as time capsules, capturing moments in my thinking before they morph into something else. It's reassuring to have these tangible markers, reminding me that change is constant but that nothing is lost, just transformed and cyclical. As I create more zines, I look forward to tracing my evolving creative interests, working with ideas that still resonate, and discarding what no longer feels like me. Maybe this year, I'll make a new font. A confident font. A font that poops wildly and farts proudly.

What's the deal with volume "one"?

Technically, the last zine was TRAVMAZINE. Restarting the series under the zine's proper name now feels right.





"My experience is what I agree to attend to."

- William James The Principles of Psychology, Vol.1

I've seen this quote floating around Tumbir a billion times. It doesn't mean much until you catch yourself stuck in worry about the future or lost in rumination on the past. Does making zines feel silly? Absolutely. But the process helps me inhabit my time the way I choose, giving my attention to things that bring me joy.

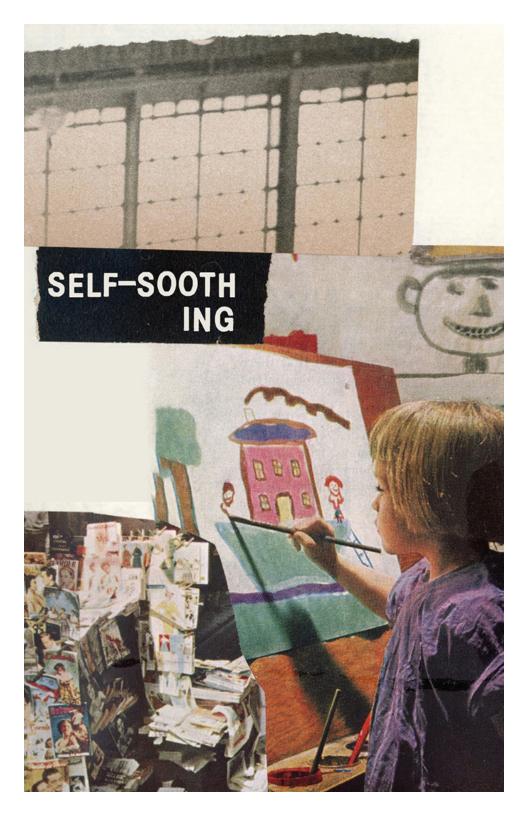


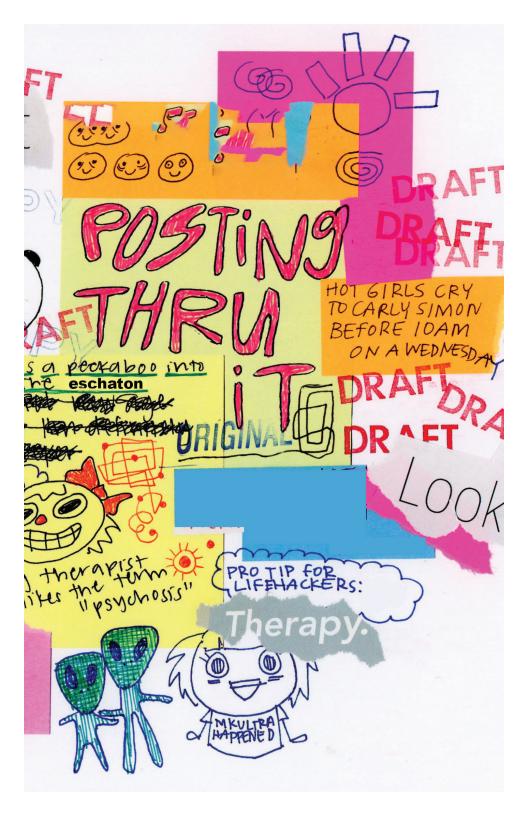
The lyrics to "All Is Full of Love" by Bjork also don't feel particularly insightful, until you're stuck in a car by yourself for 6 hours on the way to San Francisco from Los Angeles. With all your playlists exhausted, you turn to other forms of entertainment like mentally unraveling every past romantic relationship. In my 30s, reflecting on 'failed' relationships often means coming to terms with the possibility that I'm expecting too much from people... or maybe the love I'm seeking comes from other sources, whether it's watching (live Barker's Hellraiser (1987) on my iPad with Chuchu or snuggling with a tiny kitten named Freya.



The third annual *NoSkinNovember returns November 1st 2025.









The one up there was inspired by a phone conversation I had with my friend about what we'd be doing if we didn't have to work for a living. Long ago, when I worked as an insurance underwriter and found out that Franz Kafka also worked in the industry, I liked to imagine that we were psychically connected—I, too, was a tortured artist imprisoned in a beige cell and one day I, too, would write depressing existentialist literature.

I bet Kafka had a secret stash of work doodles that he slipped into his sad girl zines. There's probably a biography out there that meticulously details this overlooked body of work. If you ever read it, let me know if it's worth checking out.

Aside from spreading misinformation about Franz Kafka online, I've been painting a lot with watercolors on 6x6" sheets of Arches



watercolor paper. I bought the paper a couple years ago and never used it because I was being precious about my materials. Ever since my older sister lost her house in the Eaton Fire, I've felt less precious about items in general. Partly because I was happy to give her stuff I hadn't been using, but also because the point of investing in nice supplies is much more about enjoying the tactile sensation of making art than it is about making amazing art you're proud of



I'm not saying any of that to dismiss the very real differences in quality between entry-level and professional art materials, but simply that anyone with artistic vision is capable of making a masterpiece with a #2 pencil and Crayola products. Nice materials are designed to be used. I deserve to use nice materials and so do you (well, maybe, you might actually suck).





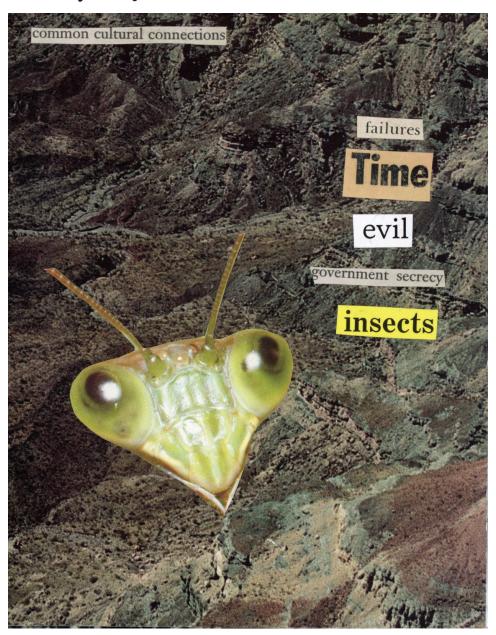


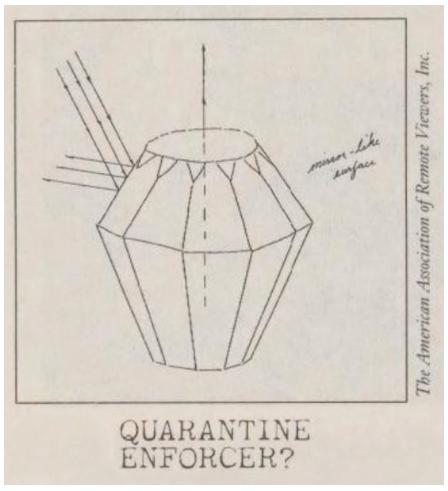
*I'm lying

l like David Lynch's approach to these questions, too. RIP.



David Lynch got a lot of his ideas from dreams and his meditation practice. When I'm looking for inspiration for my projects, I tend to make a mess and then I make collages. I source most of my collage material from used books and trash. A couple years ago, I briefly went through a phase of making collages using text from UFO conspiracy books—my favorite of which was Alien Agenda by Jim Marrs.





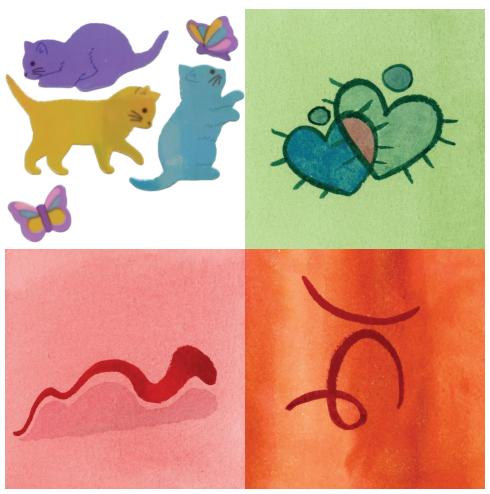
I found my copy of Alien Agenda on the ground beside a dumpster in Burbank, CA in early 2020. When I flipped through its pages, the first thing I saw was a diagram for a "quarantine enforcer." For reasons I don't need to explain to anyone who lived through 2020, finding this diagram felt oddly appropriate.

Apophenia (/æpoʊˈfiːniə/) is the tendency to perceive meaningful connections between unrelated things.[1]

The term (German: *Apophänie* from the Greek verb: ἀποφαίνειν, romanized: *apophaínein*) was coined by psychiatrist Klaus Conrad in his 1958 publication on the beginning stages of schizophrenia.^[2] He defined it as "unmotivated seeing of connections [accompanied by] a specific feeling of abnormal meaningfulness".^{[3][4]} He described the early stages of delusional thought as self-referential over-interpretations of actual sensory perceptions, as opposed to hallucinations.^{[1][5]}

Apophenia has also come to describe a human propensity to unreasonably seek definite patterns in random information, such as can occur in gambling.^[4]

goodbye



Here are some sigils for your personal use. There was a fourth sigil but it was ugly and had menacing energy. I erased it using Photoshop and replaced it with cat stickers.

xoxo old kels