

## PSYCHEDELIA (1985 - 2005)



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*Mescaline ('red star')* – 1985 (Bridgewater, Mass.)



[close-up detail]





LSD ('goony bird' blotter) – 1986 (Plymouth, Massachusetts)



[close-up detail]



LSD (unknown brand) / Cannabis sativa (unknown strain) – 1986 (Plymouth, Mass.) – Note: quote by Theodore Roethke

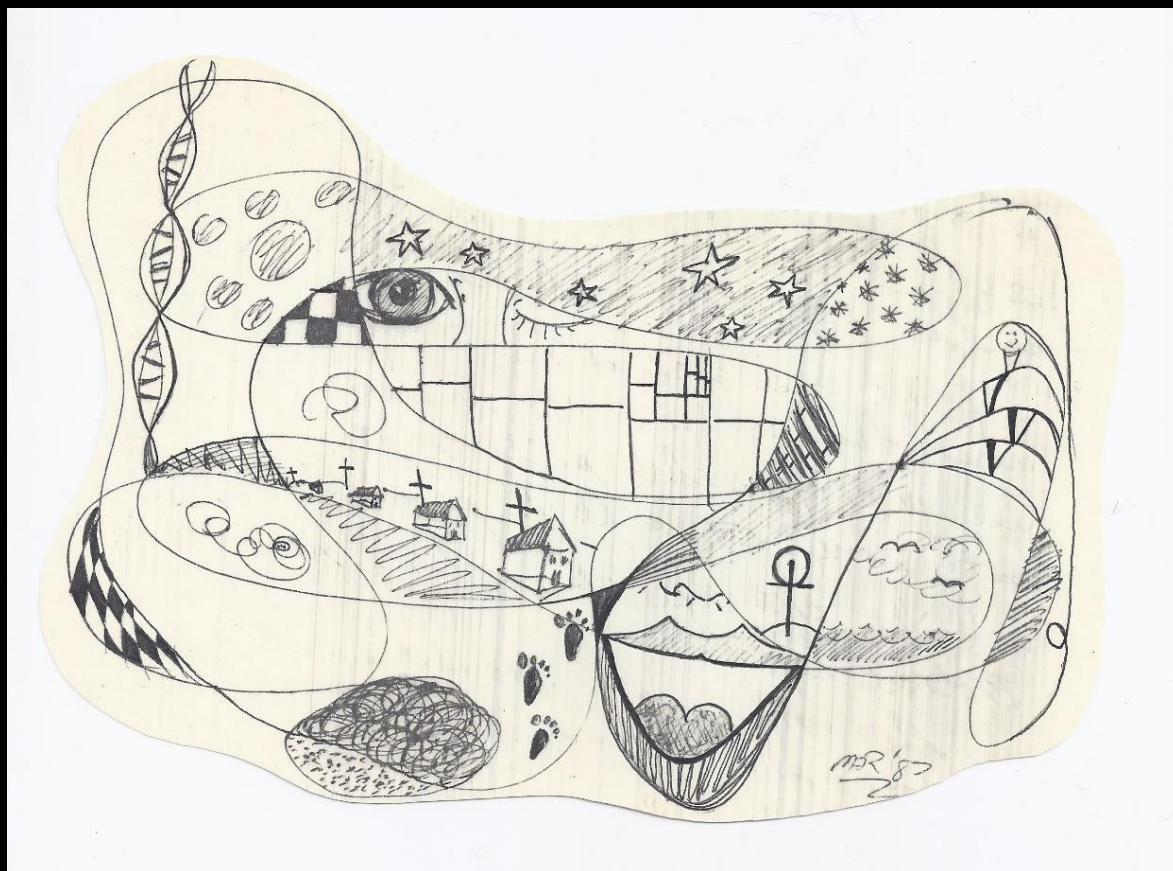


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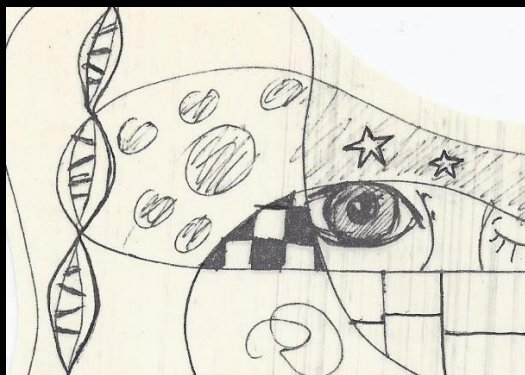
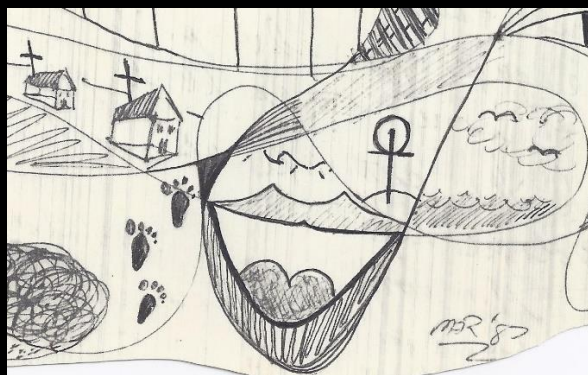




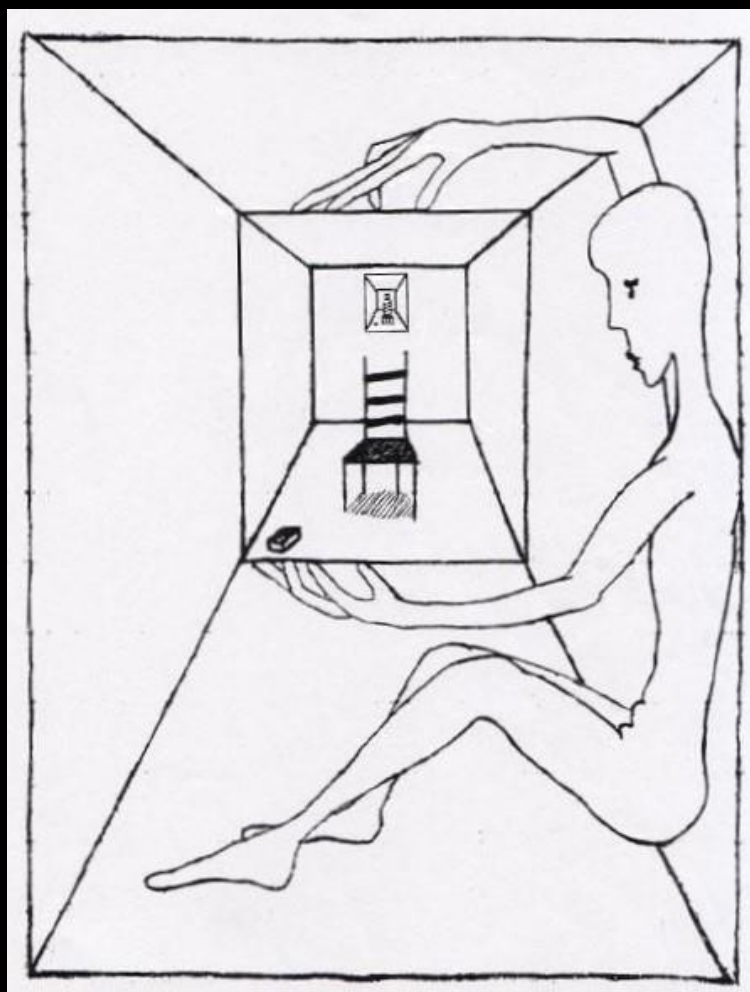
*Cannabis sativa* ('Af-freak-an' strain, grown from seed) – 1987 (Kingston, Mass.)



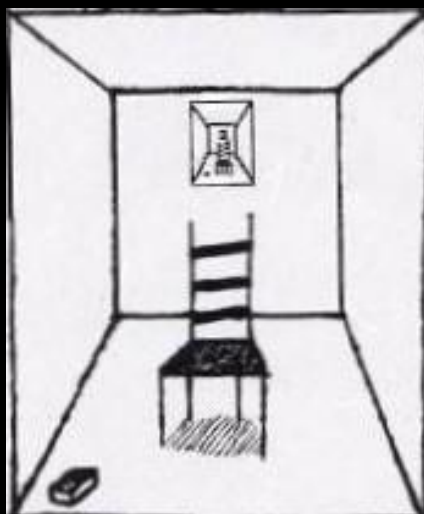
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Unknown intoxicant (possibly *Cannabis sativa*) – 1987? (unknown location - Massachusetts) – Note:  
originally titled: 'Delerium: 7 years old' (a reference to my memory of a childhood illness)



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*Hashish (Cannabis indica)* – 1989 (Plymouth, Mass.) – Note: original title: **'Fetal Dance'** (hand-drawn with pastel crayons)

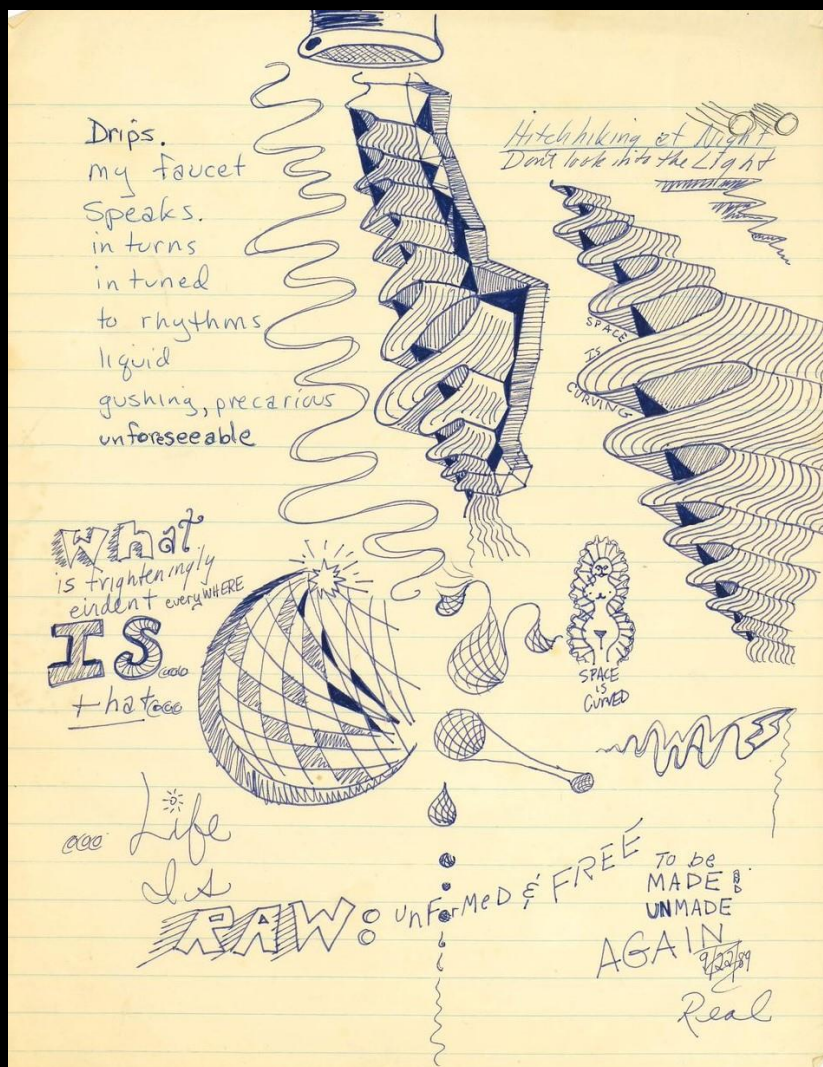


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LSD (unknown 'brand' with *Cannabis sativa*) – 1989 (unknown location, probably Salem or Plymouth, Mass.) – Note: originally titled: 'in sink'

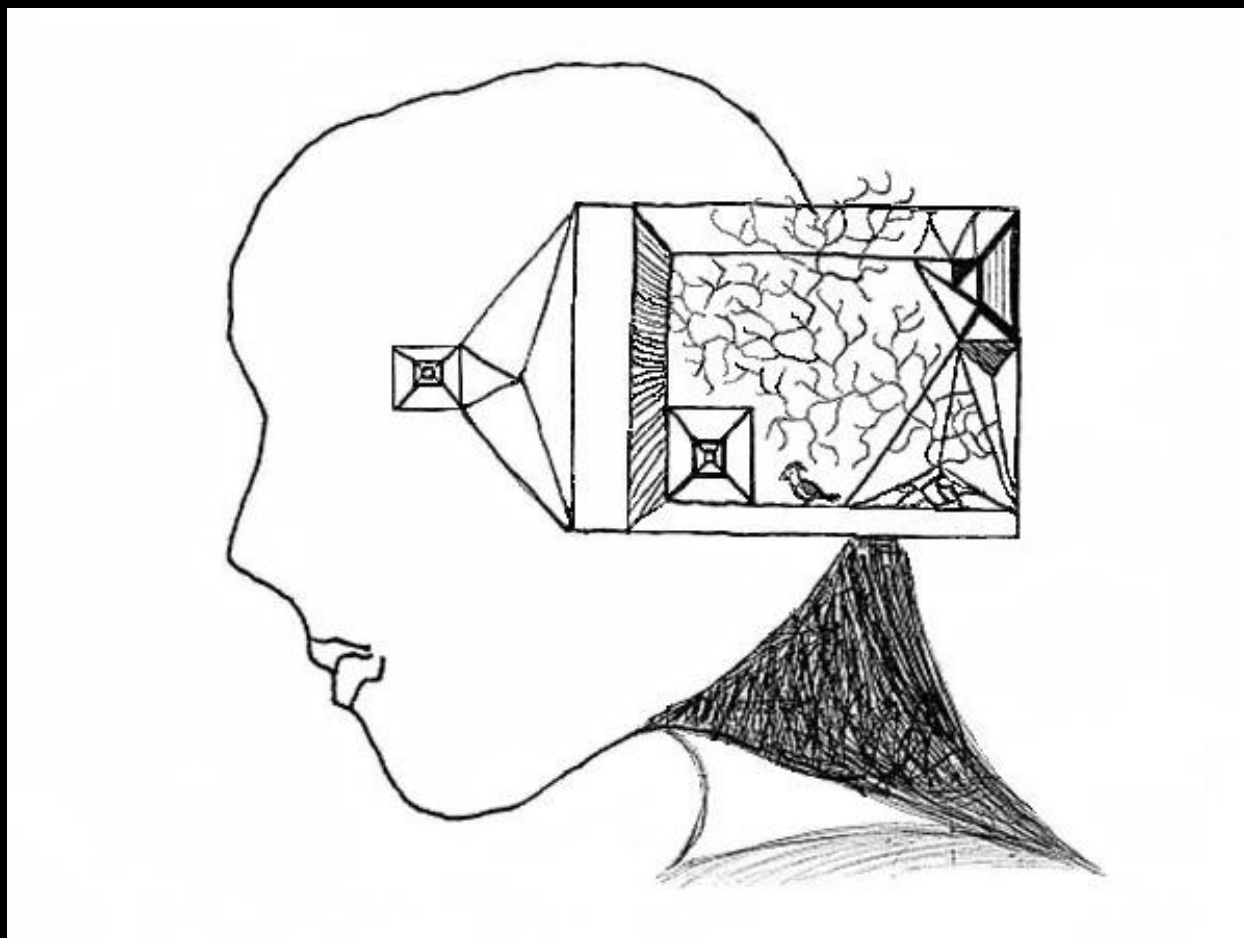


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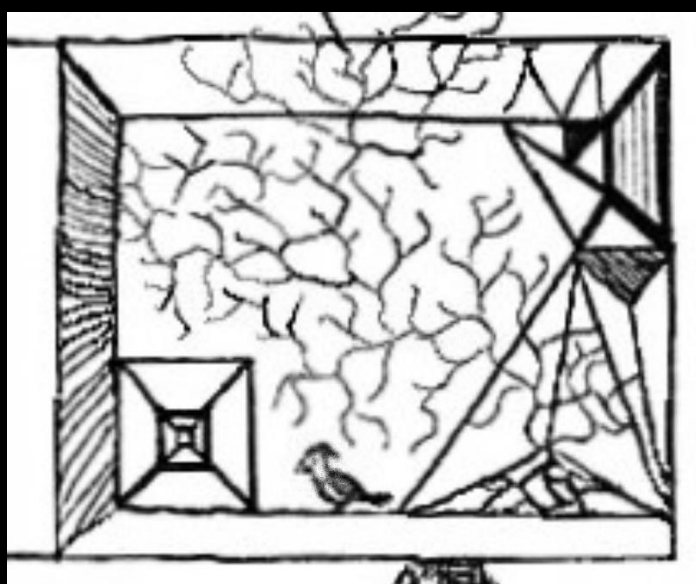




*Cannabis* (unknown strain) – 1992 or '93 (Seattle, Washington) – Note: possible title: **'There is a space within the space'** (taken from a hand-written note cropped out of image)



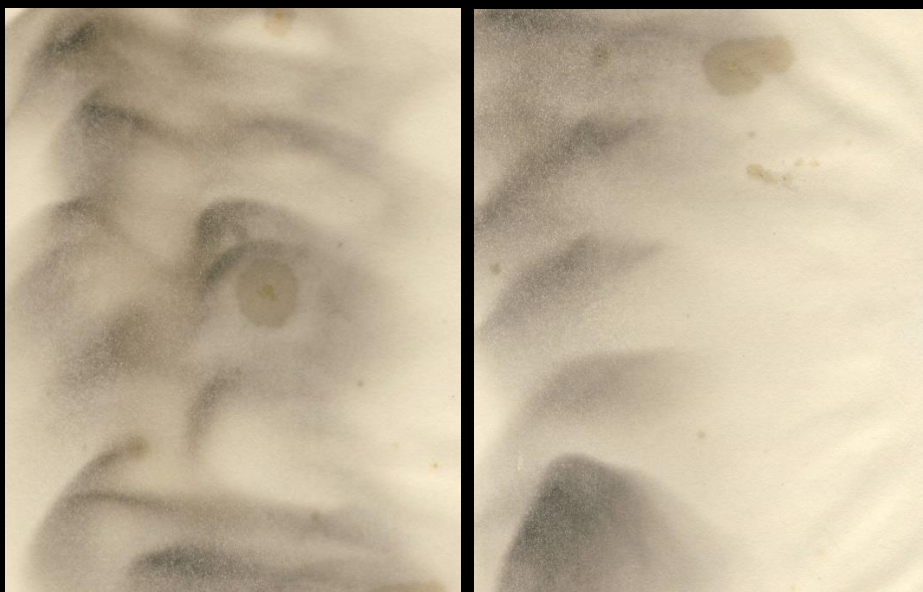
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*Mushrooms (Psilocybin cubensis)* – 1995 (Seattle, Washington) – Note: a beeswax candle ‘fumage’ drawing (originally titled: ‘fossil’) with dripped wax spots and water shrinkage marks on right side.



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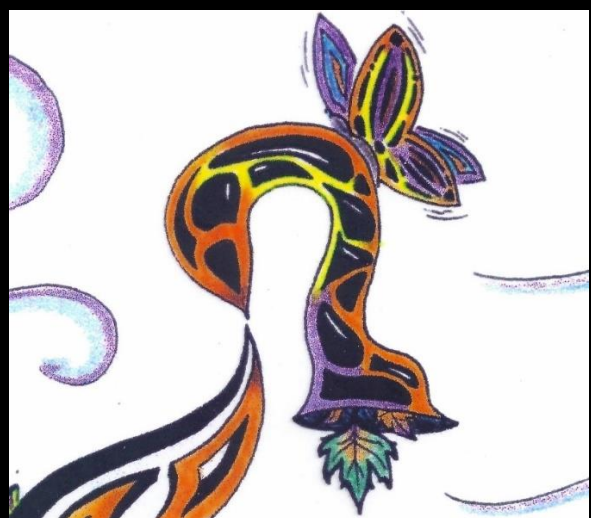




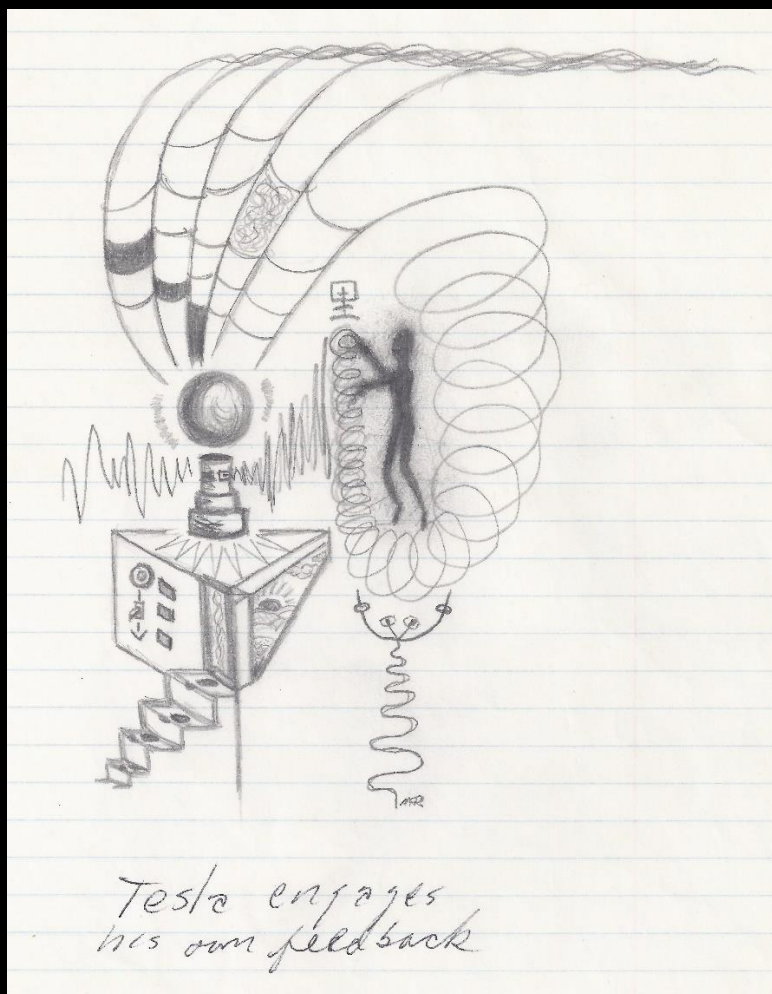
*Cannabis sativa* (unknown strain) – 1997 (Seattle, Washington) – self-titled.



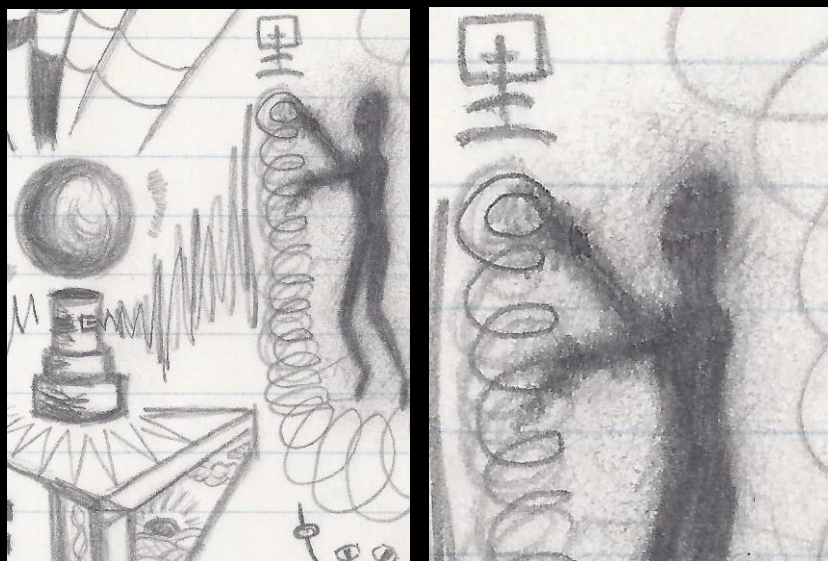
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*Cannabis sativa* (unknown commercial hybrid 'flower') – 2001 (Seattle, Washington) – self-titled.

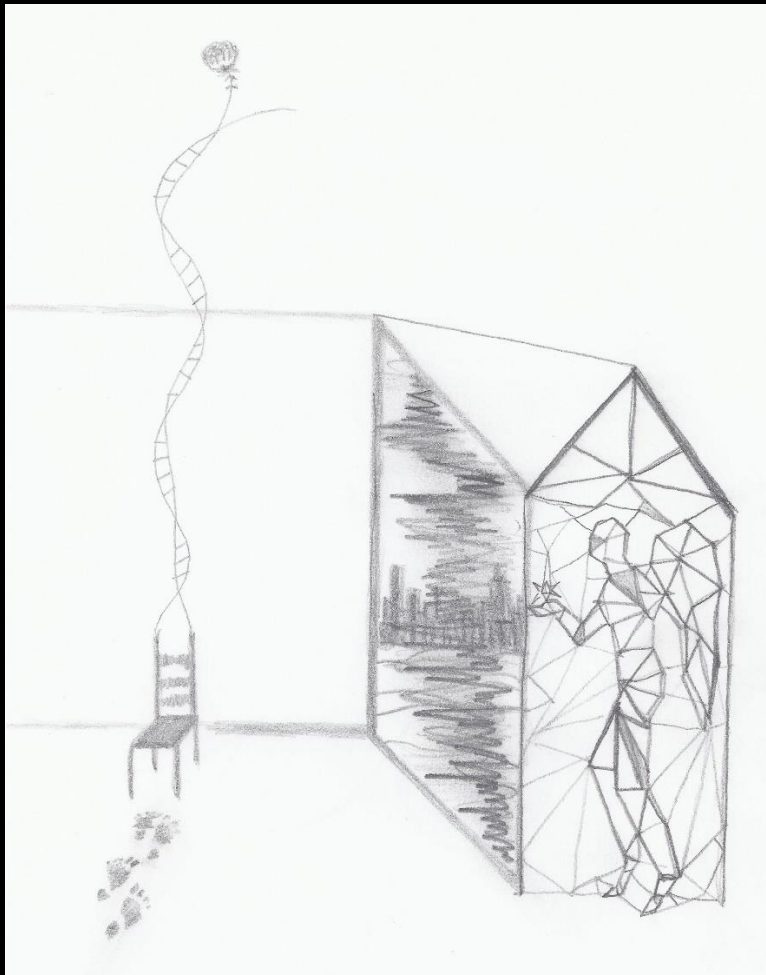


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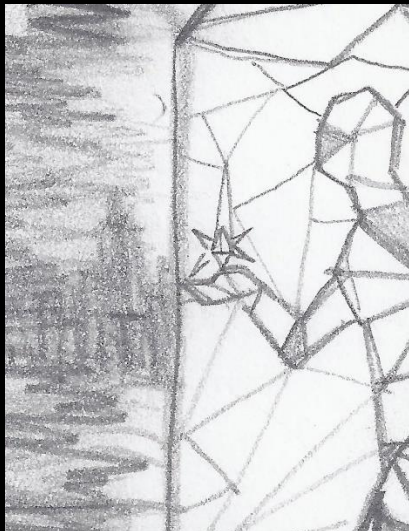




*Cannabis sativa* (unknown locally grown cultivar) – 2005 (Seattle, Washington) – Note: original title: ‘St  
Genome’.



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