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Artist Statement

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Ever since I was young, I always had a desire to be a part of a creative field. Growing up in an artistic household, I got quite used to the train of thought of a creative mind, and how to explore different symbols or motifs. Illustration has been something that gives me an outlet for my every day life. There is always that space of the day where I feel lost or unproductive without a break to let my creative mind prosper. It's become more than a routine, but a lifestyle. I find that it's the only place in which I can be completely genuine with my interpretations, and the only place I can truly find solace.

My mother, being a RISD graduate, has time and time again explained the importance of art to me on a daily basis. It's self-expression, and its creativity. In a world where we are so quick to turn on a television, and kill all creative thinking, artists are very much needed to bring it back into light. Most of the images you see, with the exception of reality shows, have been placed behind the viewpoint of a hired artist to create and render the images. An idea always starts as an idea, a purely creative and inspired thing that grows and blooms into something that we have in our every day lives, even if it's not directly influential. Most people could hardly pick up on it. However, as an aspiring artist, part of my training is to pick up these things and filter them through. Training my eyes for complete observation talent, to notice the smallest, most intricate detail. The things that people forget about or don't pick up on, that's where artists come in. We need those people to create these wonderful things, whether they particularly take notice or let it slide under their belt.

What I hope to become in the next 4 years of artistic schooling, is to become one of those people. I want to have that creativity built within me, as if an organ or major body system. I want to be able to create things that influence people's lives, and things that bring creativity back into the world; it needs a well-deserved comeback. I may not be at the peak of my artistic ability yet, or anywhere close to my potential, but I'm willing to work hard to reach this goal. As my determined self, I'm willing to do just about anything it takes; whether it's all nighters or road blocks, it's all just a rite of passage. It takes a lot of blood, sweat and tears to make something happen, if it's worth having. And to me, this is worth everything.

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