

the thing that is sta... to hold me  
back, not my mind, I  
traveled the world and  
had it in me!) to get  
did my best, with v  
went  
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more, your  
ained, you  
lonely, this  
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with

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Just waiting, doing nothing but moving  
paper around, on my cluttered side  
at my phone. Am I happy the last  
happy before, I think I have no idea  
anymore, what happy is. I stayed  
done street art for three months  
Still waiting, with nothing to do  
about either but waiting. Waiting  
especially when your life is on hold

I sit here and pull my head apart reg  
my life is. Where is my life? IT feels mo  
now than the nowhere I felt when I was t  
though, I have a small light  
it seems I can't hold  
things I really  
they are  
world  
is done  
can't buy  
real

I haven't made any art in  
am sitting a lot and lying  
win. It's not like me to let  
Especially when no one  
your pain is. I just lie



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joy of trying to live when you know you are here  
die.

I make art about love, and yet I have no love

Maybe that's why I make good art about

had love I would be giving it all away to

this way all my love goes into my art...

my hands on concrete walls, bleeding

running my fingers over rusty staples

tripping over the legs and feet of hot

in the dark, stunning (and shocking) r

robot desperate to get the art up, p

happened and get back to my safe

~~More walls.~~

I know the walls of Soho like my c

Walls walls ~~walls~~. They will never

~~leave them.~~

~~I try to walk in the middle of the ro~~

~~the lights.~~



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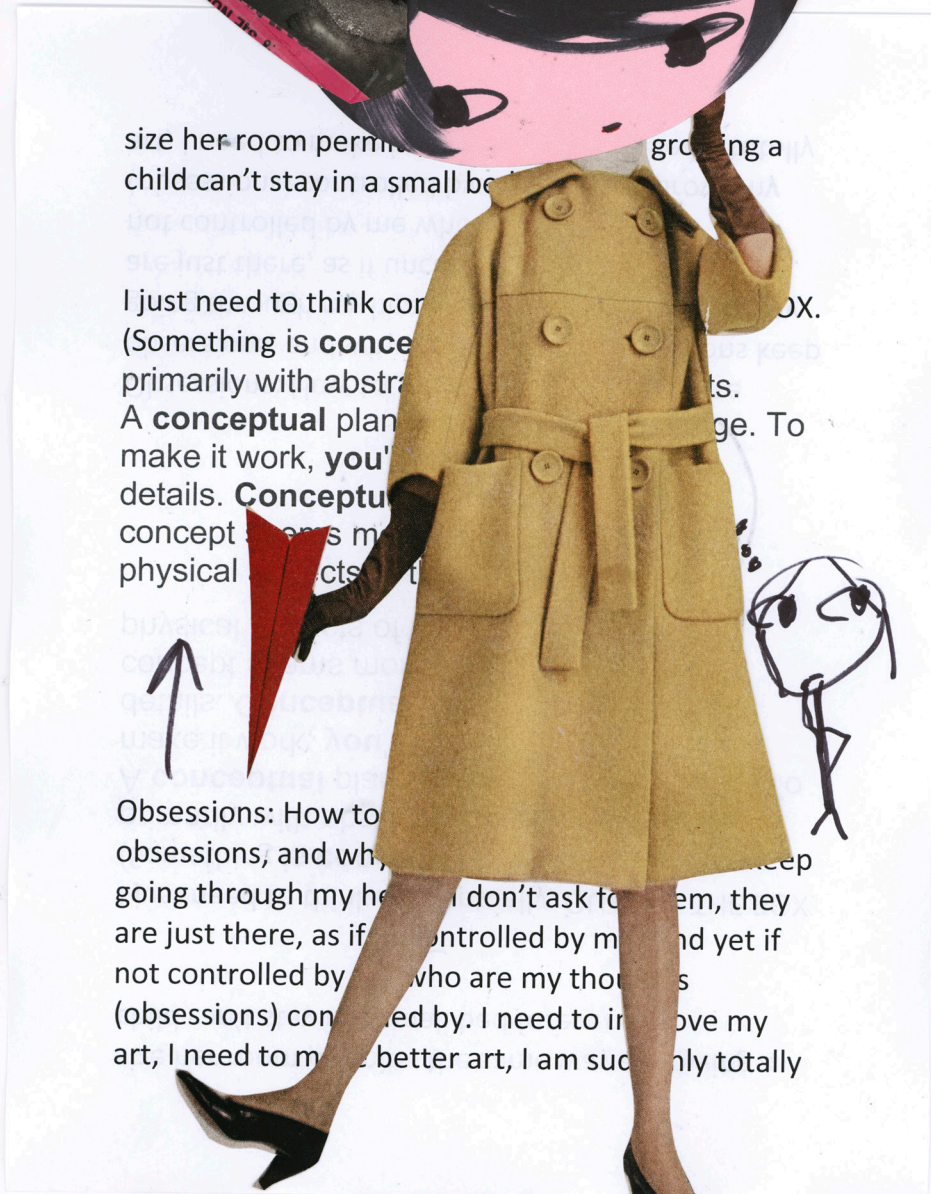


bed, nagging thoughts  
you need to get out  
 pelessness and  
 me from  
 al, my  
 as it elevates  
 life might not make it, I  
 morning of dragging my  
 I find putting street  
 when no one take  
 en people do respond  
 I fe like to feel accepted, I  
 nee at what gain? It's an  
 emp ing it to fill my ego. The  
 probl ys empties again. I am not  
 as im myself.  
 De at people begin to get  
 ha once loved, I remember  
 d rple skies, a freshly cut



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size her room permitted growing a  
child can't stay in a small bed  
I just need to think con... OX.  
(Something is **conce**  
primarily with abstra... ts.  
A **conceptual** plan... ge. To  
make it work, you'  
details. **Conceptu**  
concept... s m...  
physical... ts...

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Obsessions: How to...  
obsessions, and why... keep  
going through my he... I don't ask for... em, they  
are just there, as if... controlled by m... and yet if  
not controlled by... who are my thou... s  
(obsessions) con... ed by. I need to im... ove my  
art, I need to m... e better art, I am suc... nly totally

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Keep  
not  
the

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hands thro  
other contaminants, b  
I've been out in the last two we  
show the world I am not just another inv

The problem with art is h  
art you can't stop then y  
work damned hard to e  
pass time.

Who is Phoebe, many

Today I am seeing m  
about him, and not  
person in my life. I  
don't like. Jim is a  
the time. My head  
very excited to see  
touch. I'm not sure what the do  
(actually) want a troubled man  
sunsets all day, he's a man abo  
bed with the stars, look at my l

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