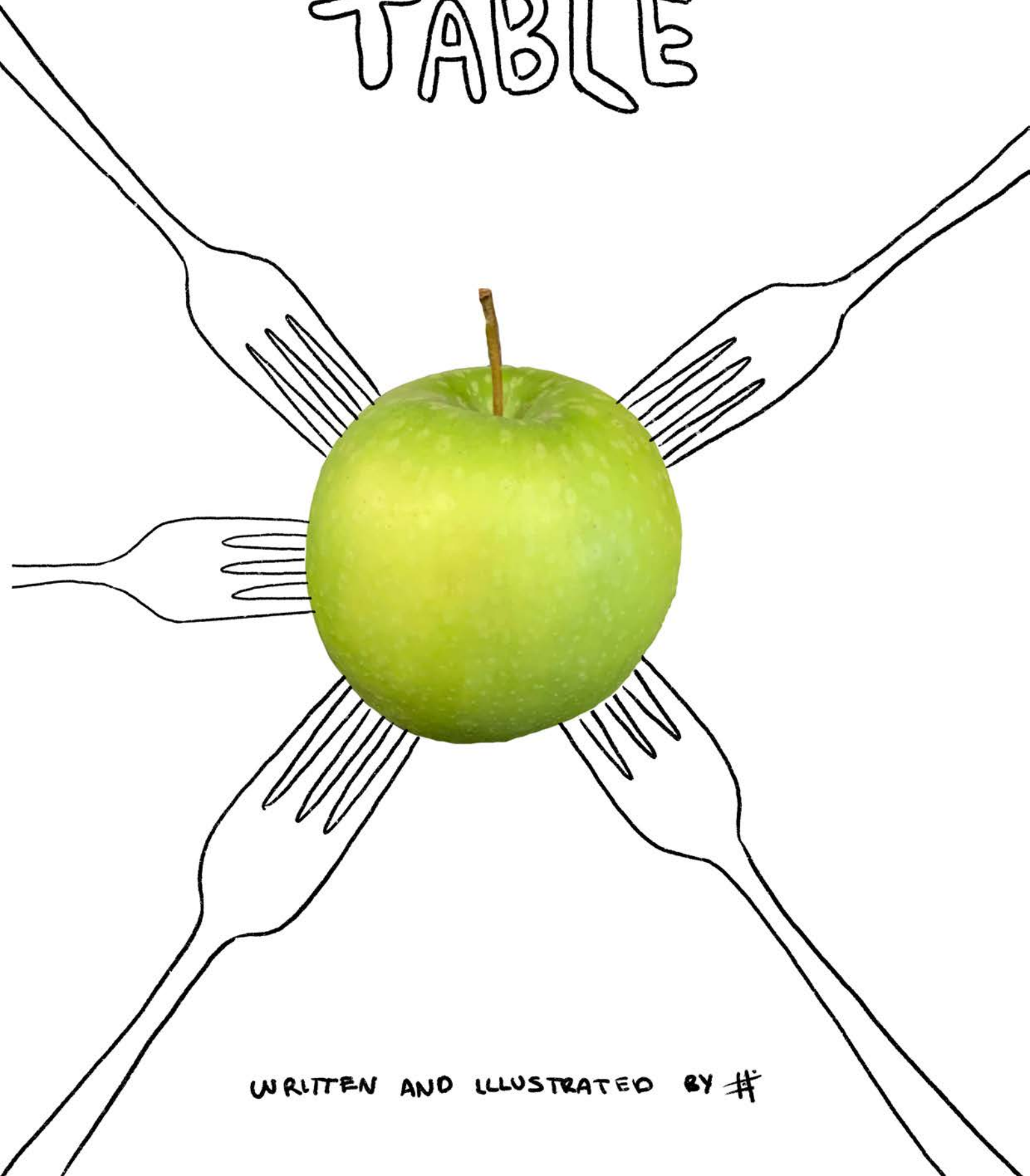


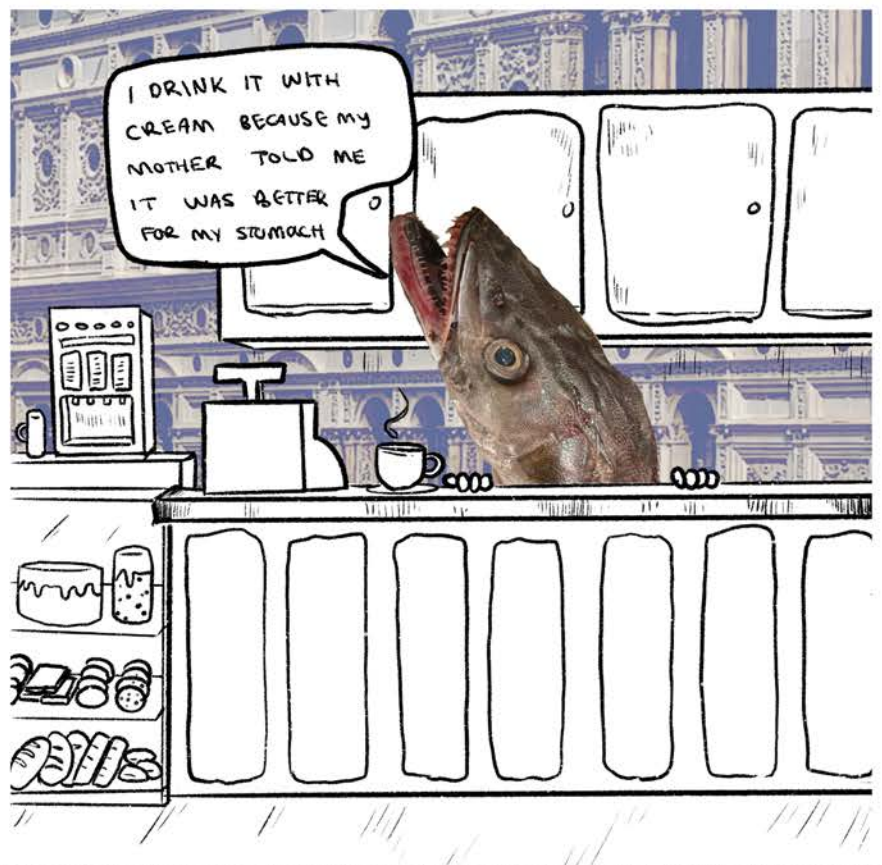
A PLACE AT THE TABLE



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FOR THE MILLS, WHO
TAUGHT ME THAT LOVE
IS AN OPEN TABLE





FOOD HAS JUST ALWAYS BEEN SUCH A HUGE PART OF MY RELATIONSHIPS, WITH FAMILY, STRANGERS, MYSELF, AND THE PLANET ITSELF. CASE AND POINT; MY RELATIONSHIP WITH COFFEE. ITS THE WAY I INTERPRET NEW PLACES, WHATS FAMILIAR, FINDING WHATS NEW.

I MAKE MOUNTAIN PORRIDGE WHEN IM FEELING PARTICULARLY DISTANT. ITS JUST CHOPPED APPLES + BUTTER BROWNED IN A POT WITH SOME MILK, CINNAMON, AND OATS. ITS WARM AND FILLING AND IT TOOK ME ABOUT 5 MINUTES TO REALIZE THAT THE "PORRIDGE" ON THE GROCERY SHELVES WERE ROLLED OATS. JUST LIKE EGGPLANTS ARE "AUBERGINE" AND COOKIES ARE BISCUITS. CONFUSING.



ITS THE SAME KIND MY MUM MADE ME AND MY BROTHERS BEFORE WE'D GET ON THE FREEZING SCHOOL BUS AT 6 A.M. TO KEEP US WARM AND SLEEPY FOR THE 2 HOUR RIDE. WE'D USE THE SAME APPLES TO MAKE AND FREEZE PIES AND APPLESAUCE, AND TO PRESS CIDER IN THE FALL AT THE MILL'S HOUSE. THE SAME APPLES I GOT TO WATCH BLOOM IN THE SPRING AND GROW INTO HARD SOUR BITS AND THEN GIANT SPECKLED FRUIT.

I THINK I WAS LUCKY TO SEE FOOD GROW, TO KNOW WHERE IT CAME FROM MAKES IT MORE MEANINGFUL

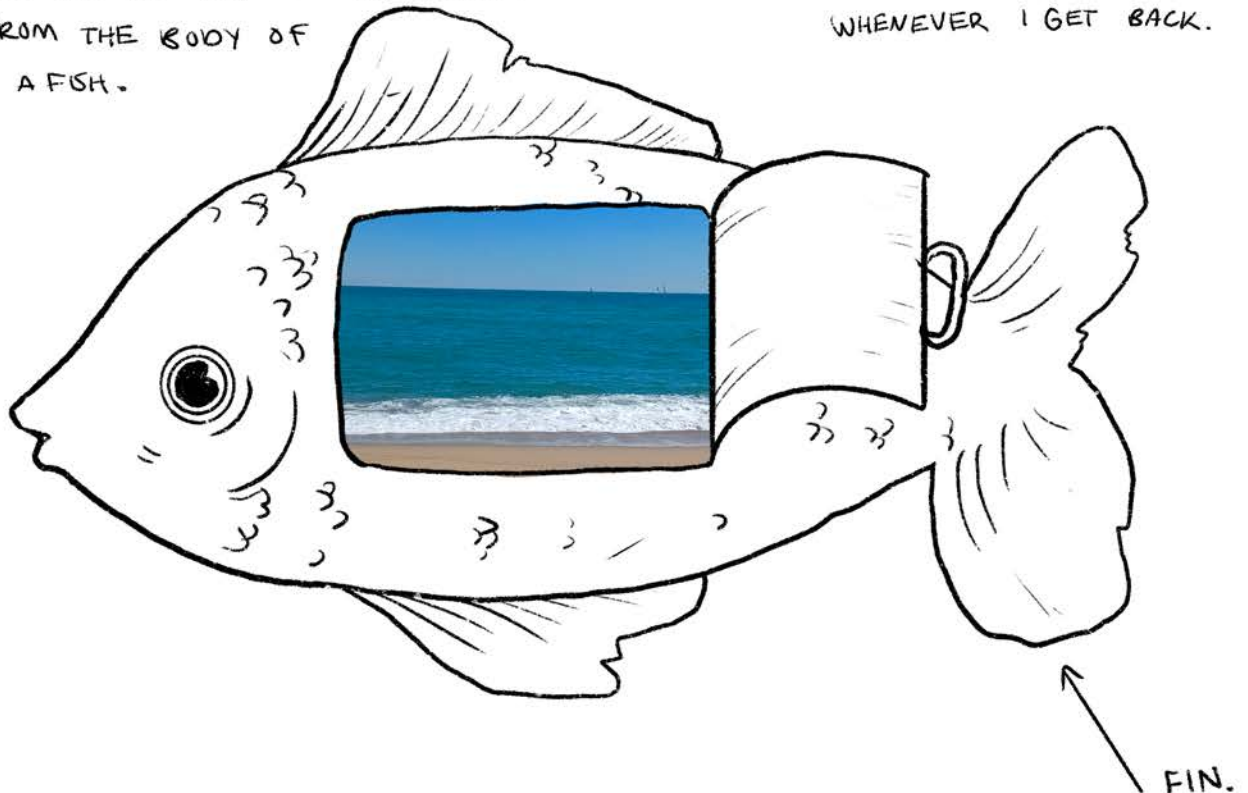
THERES A LOT LESS ADDED SUGAR IN FOOD HERE, AND THE HEALTH CODES ARE MUCH STRICTER. BUT THE LAWS AROUND ALCOHOL AND CIGARETTES ARE LESS RESTRICTIVE. THE FOOD IS GOOD BUT I CAN'T DRINK OR SMOKE SO I USUALLY END UP SITTING TO THE SIDE AT PARTYS, BUT I GET TO GO HOME AND EAT PASTINA WITHOUT FIRST PUKING





I THINK THAT IMPORTANT BIT IS STUCK WITH ME NOW, IT WOULD BE LIKE REMOVING THE MEMORY OF THE OCEAN FROM THE BODY OF A FISH.

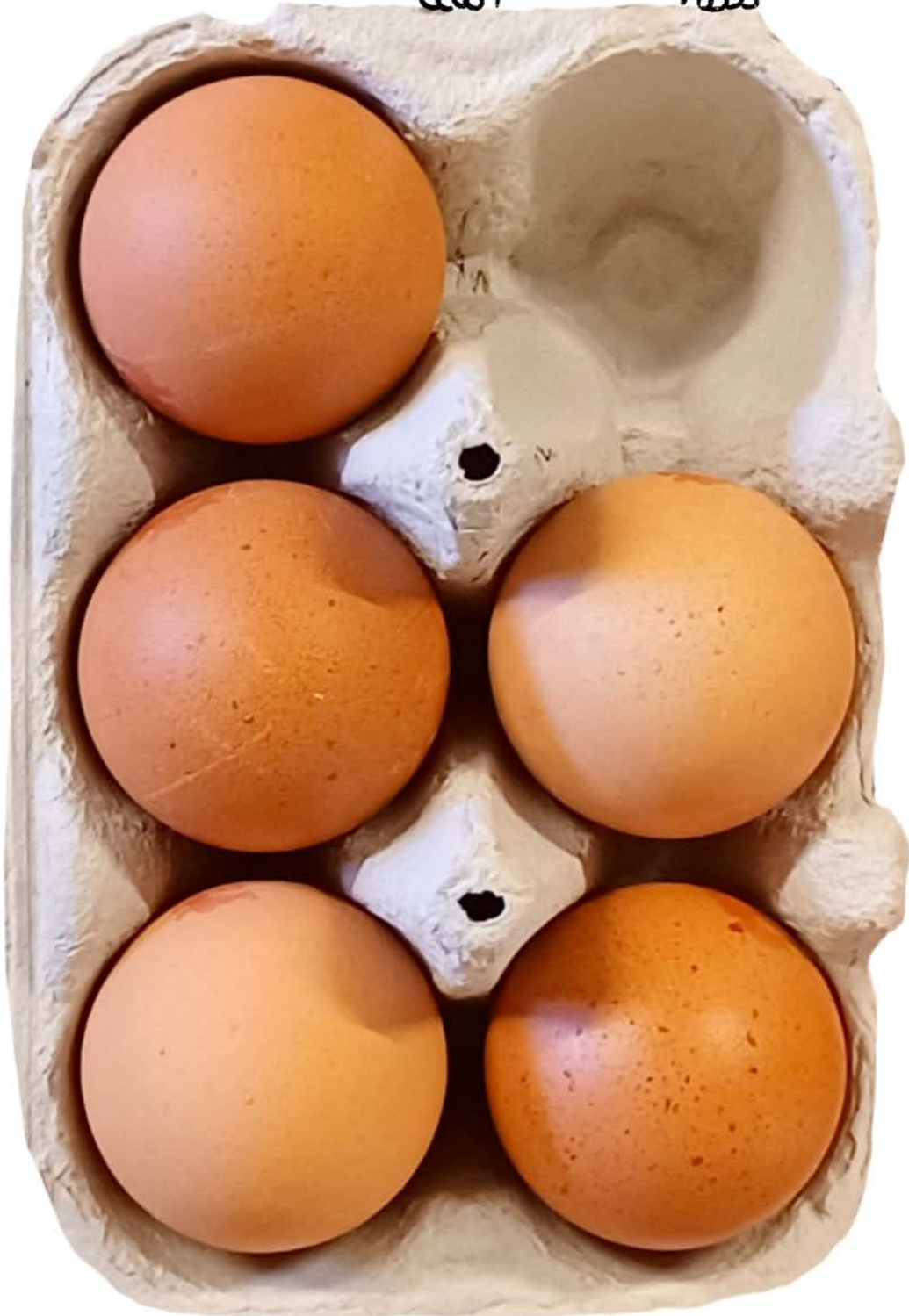
I'VE SET MY PLACE AT THE TABLE. IT'LL STILL BE THERE WHENEVER I GET BACK.





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ILLUSTRATOR FROM MIDDLE
OF NOWHERE MICHIGAN.
THEY LOVE THEIR MUM
AND DAD AND FOOD.
THEIR WORK OFTEN
ADDRESSES SOCIAL ISSUES,
MENTAL ILLNESS, AND
GENERAL ABSURDITY.
THEY'RE CURRENT FAVE
PART OF LIVING IN THE
U.K. ARE THE CANDY
MUSHROOMS AND COOL
OLD GRAVEYARDS.





COMFORT PASTINA

- 1 CUP PASTINA
- 1 EGG
- 2 CUPS CHICKEN BROTH
- AS MUCH CHEESE AS YOUR HEART NEEDS
- SPOON OR 2 OF BUTTER
- SALT AND PEPPER

