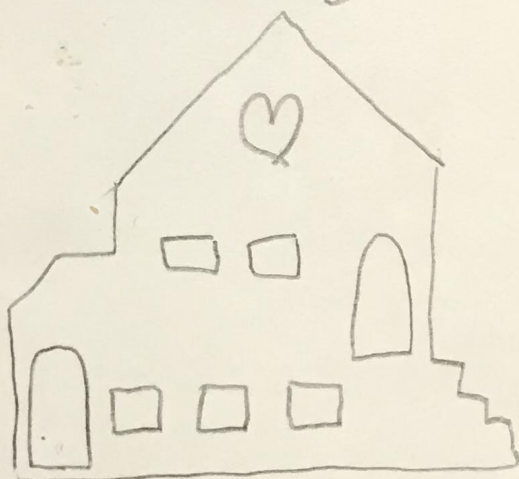


CASH

ONLY

By Ryan Siegmann '22



I was getting cash out to pay the security deposit of my new place today and I got a little nervous.



(cash only)

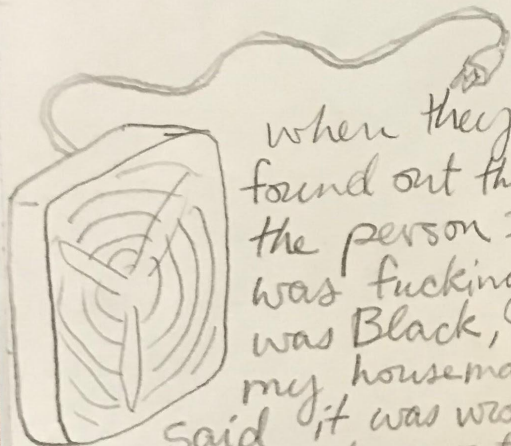
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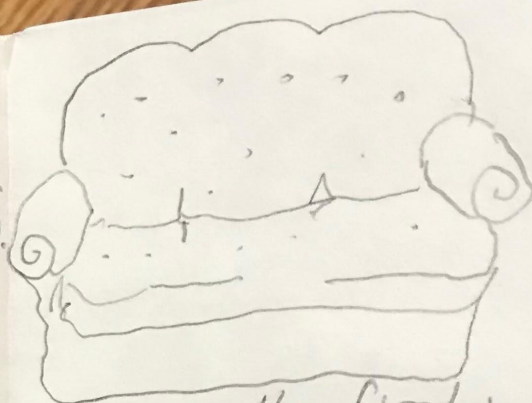


It reminded me of a cash-only, no-lease place I moved into in Roxbury Crossing in Boston for \$200 a month...

The housemates were all grad students who had come from India and they were all guys. They had really different expectations + norms than me.

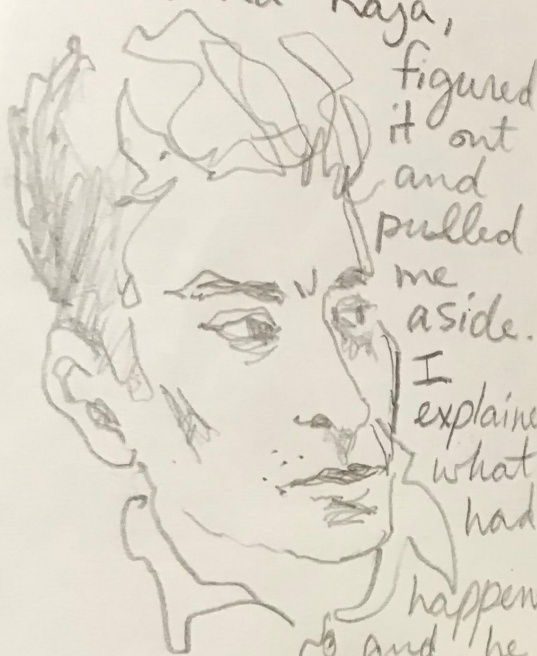


when they found out that the person I was fucking was Black, my housemates said it was wrong and kicked me out.



It was the first + only time I've been unhoused and I felt too much shame to tell my parents. I couch surfed @ friends' apartments and when I ran out of friends I started sleeping @ common areas @ college. @ my

My painting professor,
Kanishka Raja,



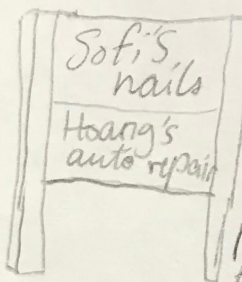
his office to sleep in
and gave me the key

figured
it out
and
pulled
me
aside.

I
explained
what
had

happened
and he
offered me

He said I had to
promise not to tell
any one or he would
get fired.



At my
current apt
the landlord
owns an
auto repair
place behind
the building.
He watches my door
and sees who's coming
and going. He didn't
like my trans femme
partner coming over and
told me they couldn't be
there.

When I was playing
with Xenia, who's
2 and a half, at her
doll house, she had
2 of the girl dolls
ride

their

hobby

horses

out to

the

porch

to get married.



I would live there.
I wonder if it's cash only.