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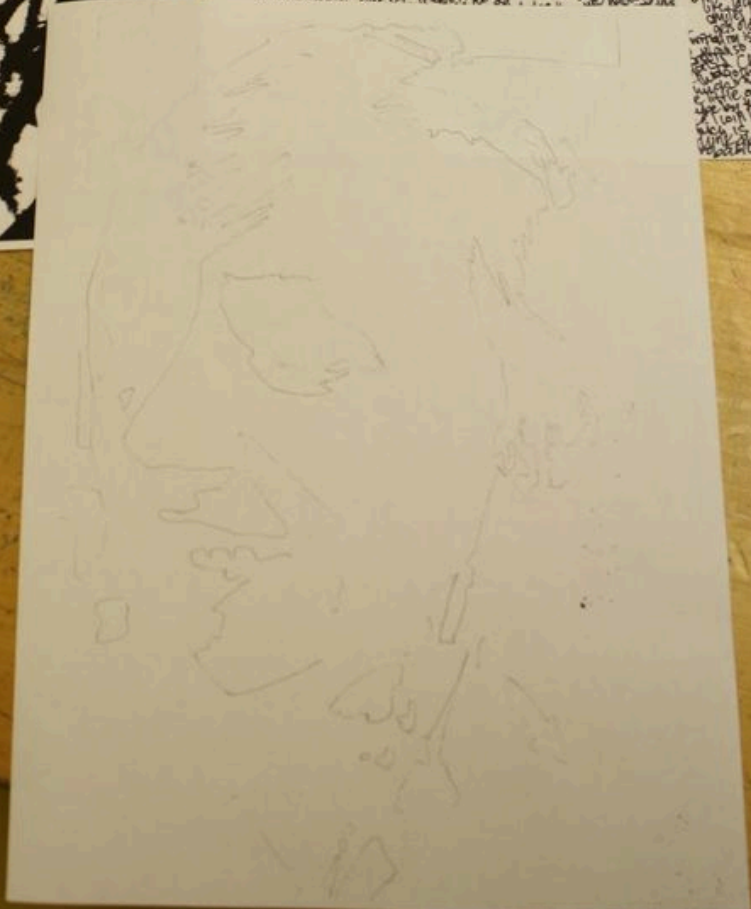
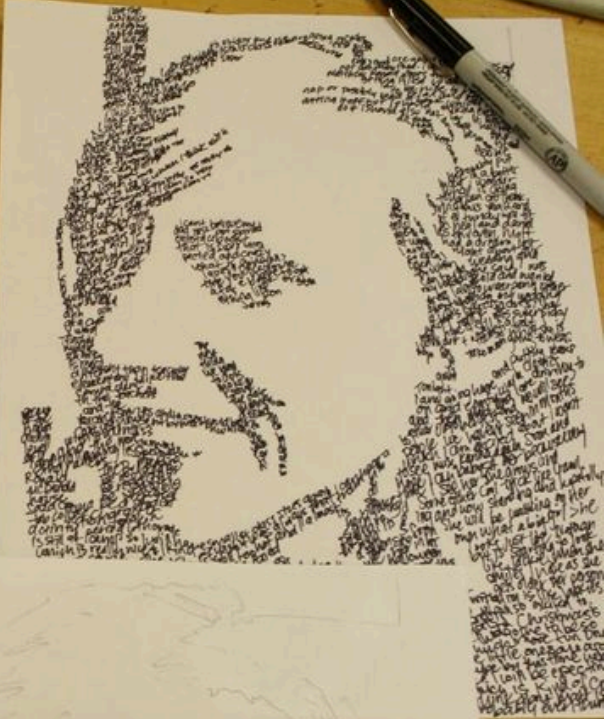
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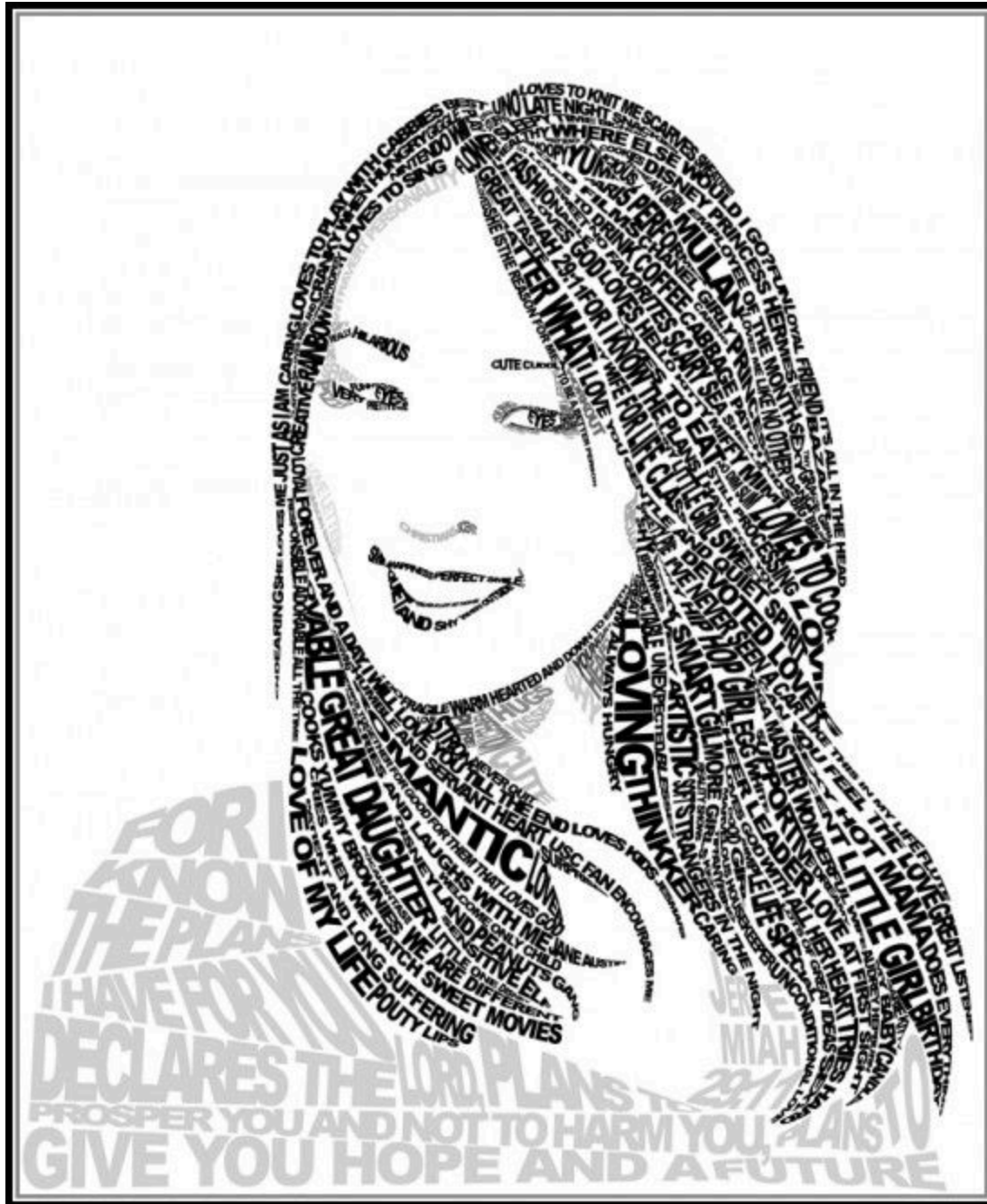
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[What]

A portrait made of words as a birthday gift for Mandy.







[Why]

Her birthday is coming up, and she never celebrates it.

More importantly, because she is beautiful inside and out and not once, I think, has she really, genuinely believed a compliment that I have given her.

Because I believe that happiness, self-love, confidence are created by the love and kindness of other people. And I've been blessed to have an innumerable number of people love me while I learned to love myself.

So I want to give her written proof.

And I want to show her that I'm not the only one who thinks those things.

[How] Considerations

1. **Draw it or print it?**
 - a. Drawing would be more challenging - I haven't drawn since I ended my 365 project in November. This might be the only opportunity to draw something in a while.
 - b. Printing it would be much easier. I'm not sure I'm good enough at drawing to draw a photo made of... text? That sounds really hard.
2. **Scope it so it can be finished in 4 days (before I leave for DC on Friday).** Her birthday is Monday 3/2.
3. **Should the text be outside or inside of her silhouette?** Inside
4. **Text should be readable.**
5. **Text should replace the actual photo's shapes.**
6. **What should the text be?**
 - a. Quotes?
 - b. (Birthday) messages from people?

c. You are _____ (beautiful, etc, adjectives)?



7. Contour: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pBGXksqYzeQ>

[How] Reference Photos







[How] Quotes

1. A passionate woman is worth the chaos.
2. You can't make everybody happy. You aren't a jar of Nutella.
3. Allow beauty to shatter you regularly. The loveliest people are the ones who have been burnt and broken and torn at the seams, yet still send their open hearts into the world to mend with love again and again, and again. - Victoria Erickson
4. I stopped looking for the light. Decided to become it instead.

5. Shine like the whole universe is yours.
6. You deserve the kind of love you would give someone else.
7. I figure, if a girl wants to be a legend, she should go ahead and be one.
8. 1 universe. 9 planets. 204 countries. 809 islands. 7 seas. and I had the privilege of meeting you.
9. Forgive yourself for the blindness that put you in the path of those who betrayed you. Sometimes a good heart doesn't see the bad.
10. There is nothing wrong with loving the crap out of everything. Negative people find their walls. So never apologize for your enthusiasm. Never. Ever. Never. - Ryan Adams
11. Adore your body, for it houses the dreams and the desires of your wonderful mind.
12. You are something magical.
13. If you love hard, don't apologize for your superpower.
14. When something goes wrong in your life, just yell, "PLOT TWIST!" and move on.
15. I <3 your <3.
16. If your dreams don't scare you, they aren't big enough.
17. You will always be too much of something for someone: too big, too loud, too soft, too edgy. If you round out your edges, you lose your edge. - Danielle LaPorte
18. Life is all about finding people who are your kind of crazy.
19. You are the universe, expressing itself as a human for a little while.
20. Nothing makes a woman more beautiful than the belief that she is beautiful. - Sophia Loren
21. In the end, only three things matter: how much you loved, how gently you lived, and how gracefully you let go of things not meant for you.
22. No matter what, nobody can take away the dances you've already had. Gabriel Garcia Marquez
23. Kid, you'll move mountains.
24. A moment of self-compassion can change your entire day. A string of such moments can change the course of your life. - Christopher Germer
25. If there's no one beside you when your soul embarks, I will follow you into the dark.
26. Your soul is rooting for you.
27. People will stare. Make it worth their while. Harry Winston
28. Someone you haven't even met yet is wondering what it'd be like to know someone like you.
29. You have exactly on
30. e life in which to do everything you'll ever do. Act accordingly. - Colin Wright
31. I really believe that every person would fall in love with you if they were given the opportunity.
32. What will you do today that will make you proud in a year?
33. As soon as I saw you, I knew an adventure was going to happen. Winnie the Pooh
34. It's better to be absolutely ridiculous than absolutely boring. Marilyn Monroe

35. God doesn't give you the people you want, he gives you the people you need. To help you, to hurt you, to leave you, to love you, and to make you the person you were meant to be.

[How] Adjectives

Cynthia:

Dearest Mandy,

On your birthday, I hope you know you are loved, admired (from up close and afar), and cherished. I asked friends of ours (as well as friends of mine who don't know you) to tell me words that they thought described you and this is what they had to say. Happiest 27th birthday love. I hope this helps you to never forget how beautiful, wonderful, and adored you are. Love, Cynthia

Ellen:

You are

Wonderful

Giving

Generous

Loving

Empathetic

Happy

Enthusiastic

Zealous

Adventurous

Nina:

Hi Mandy,

I first knew of you through friends, but you probably didn't know of me. This may come off as stalker status, but I watched from afar as my friends interacted with you and I always wondered what your story was. Where were you from? What was your major? What did you want to do post-graduation? Would we ever be friends? Would I look as good with that same haircut (the answer is no!)? I had hoped our paths would cross (officially) and that we could be friends. Fast forward a few years and not only did that hope become reality, my initial admiration of you was not unwarranted. You are brilliant, you are beautiful, you

are kind, you are compassionate, and I can keep going on and on. Have a wonderful birthday and make sure to usher in this year with style! I wish I could be there <3!

Love,

Nina

Michelle:

Lovable / Caring / Sweet - the way she treats people... and animals :)

Vivacious / Energetic - she always has this outburst of excitement on diff topics/dancing without alcohol (umm I'll get there)

Passionate / Dedicated (to work and to not drinking)

GORGEOUS (don't know if you want to use beauty as part of the list of adjectives, but MANDY IS BEAUTIFUL oh and also graceful (so are you) I just get this feeling ... I can't really describe when I see her/you - but basically it's the opposite of me "cho lo" hahah but I do want to carry myself out "gracefully" some day.

Mature and FREE

Cindy:

Adjectives

Sober haha

Chic

Elegant

Smart

Innocent

Trendy

Driven

Nouns

Granberry juice

Sweaters

Columbia

Gardoze

Chang:

#sexymomma
#hubbahubbahubba
#happyncarefree
#abs
#nicestgirlintheworld
#lenglui
#jeng
#sokmui

Raymond: Dont know her but she looks graceful and delicate in the picture. Very joyous smile. I wouldn't mind her number if you care to share!

Sand: Even though I don't know her, here's what I see in her picture: joyful and kind-hearted.

William: "i dont really know mandy that well, but if i had to use describe her, i'd say pretty and easy-going"

Valentino: Kind, Ambitious, Loyal!

Teebla: Great

Chris Chin:

"wingman" (joke nickname I used to use w her and her real legal name sounds like it)

"mei mei" (she's like my little sister, she calls me gor gor sometimes)

bright

fun-loving

classy

//

bright like a diamond,

classy like v2359, //(the only class I took w her at cu lol)

u always make me laugh,

with your beautiful mind,

to the best Wingman, my mei mei,

best wishes and happy bday

Amy

Driven inspirational beautiful graceful strong lithe elegant eloquent gorgeous friendly sweet caring generous

Anna

Mandy: business woman, competitive, dreamer, bold

Emon

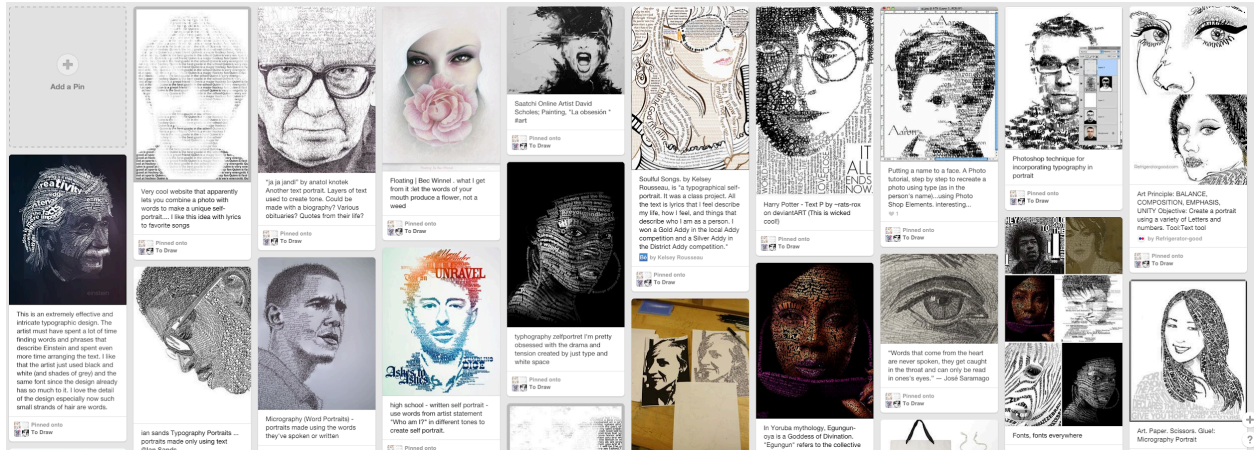
Humble, ambitious, beautis (I think that's a made up word from YouTube but I think the proper spelling is beauteous), alluring, elegant, quick witted, creative, effortless, divine, worthy

Brian

mandy, thank you for always bringing your energy and positivity, and for always being loyal, loving, and supportive. i'm so lucky to have you in my life!

[How] Process

1. Day 1 (14/365): Strategize. Find inspiration. 2.22.15



2. Day 2 (15/365): Turn photo black and white. Increase saturation. Put text on photo to see how it looks. Identify parameters (Text should be readable. Don't want just a text overlay - text should replace the content/shapes of the photo). Find quotes. Print photo. Sketch contours. 2.22.15



3. Day 3 (16/365): Fill in the face. Realize that my proportions are ALL WRONG. Sigh. Consider switching to the computer tomorrow to meet the deadline. Will it make this less meaningful though? 2.23.15



4. **Day 4 (17/365):** Re-learn how to use the Pen tool in Photoshop. Start in on this tutorial

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LcZFp1s1AQI>

<http://blog.infiniteskills.com/2011/03/adobe-photoshop-cs5-tutorial-how-to-create-type-along-a-vector-path> 2.25.15



9. **Day 9 (22/365):** Fix curl on left side. 3.3.15

10. **Day 10 (23/365):** Finish sweater. Turn face into text. Decide it looks weird. Fade portrait into background to show eyes and mouth. Play around with different coloring options and background options. 3.4.15



12. Day 12 (25/365): Darken the hand area. Print it to see how it looks on paper. GET PRINTED AND FRAMED! 3.6.15