




TEEN WRITING & ART SHOWCASE



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We hope you enjoy reading Gail Borden's twenty-third Teen Writing and Art Showcase!

Due to the pandemic, the library was unable to publish a standalone winter issue this year. This double issue includes work that teens submitted for the winter and spring editions. We have published entries exactly as they were submitted.

To submit your work for publication in a future showcase, email zone@gailborden.info or visit www.gailborden.info/teenwriting for details. We want to see your amazing creations!

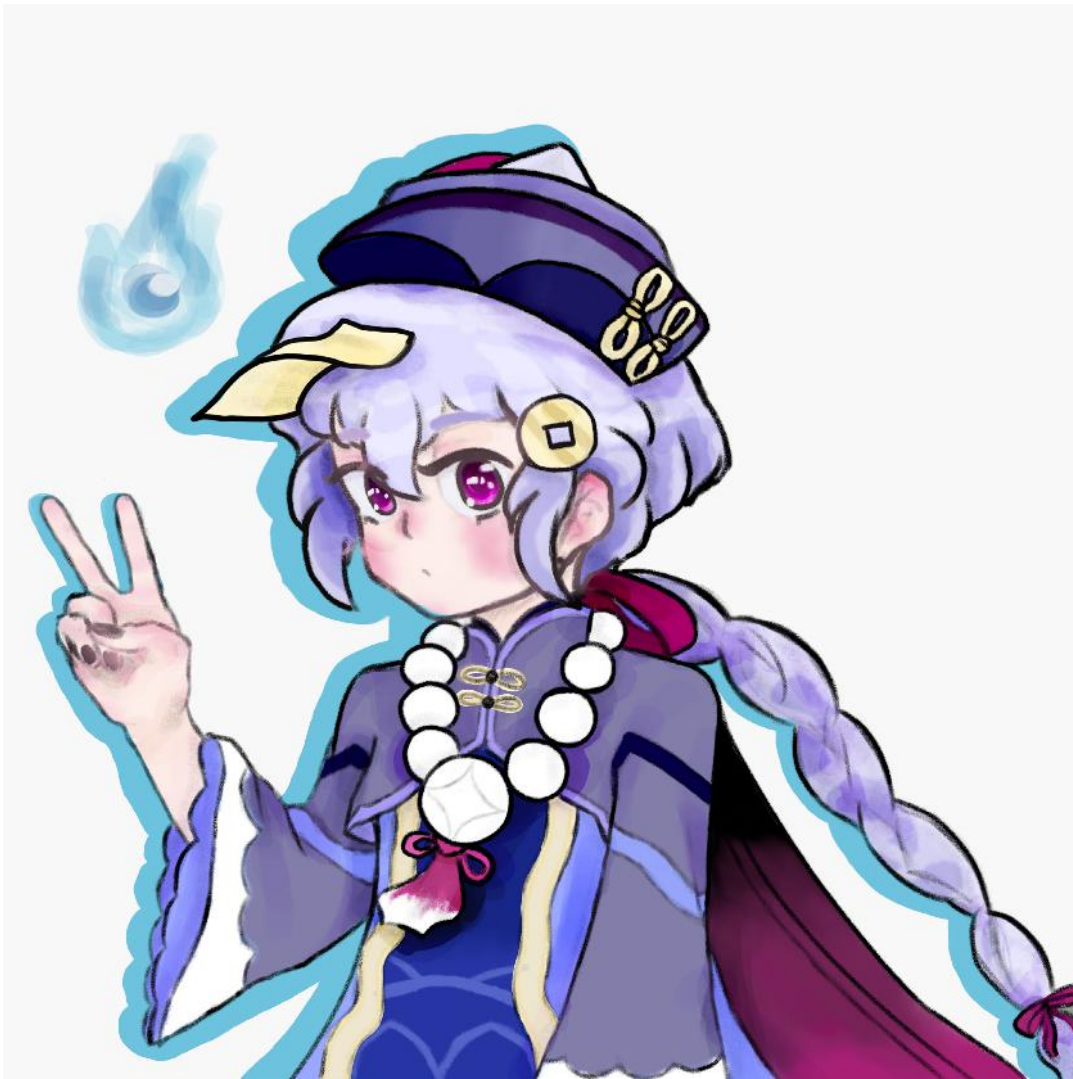


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Chilling with Qiqi

YZZABELLA RUIZ



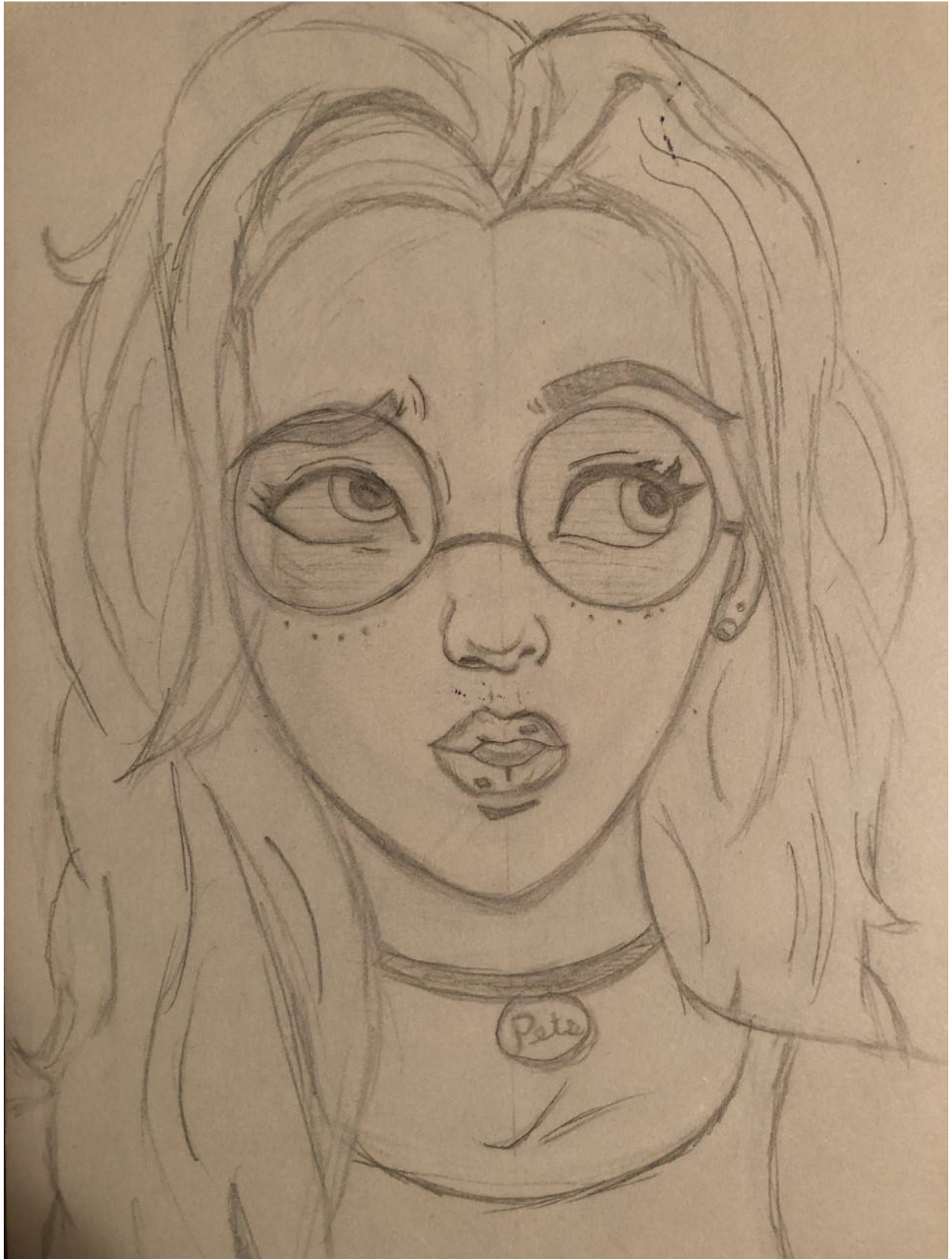
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Praetor Model-U
JOAQUIN VEGA



BACK COVER
Jesus King
VALERY MARTINEZ

Wait what?

HANNAH CASTRO

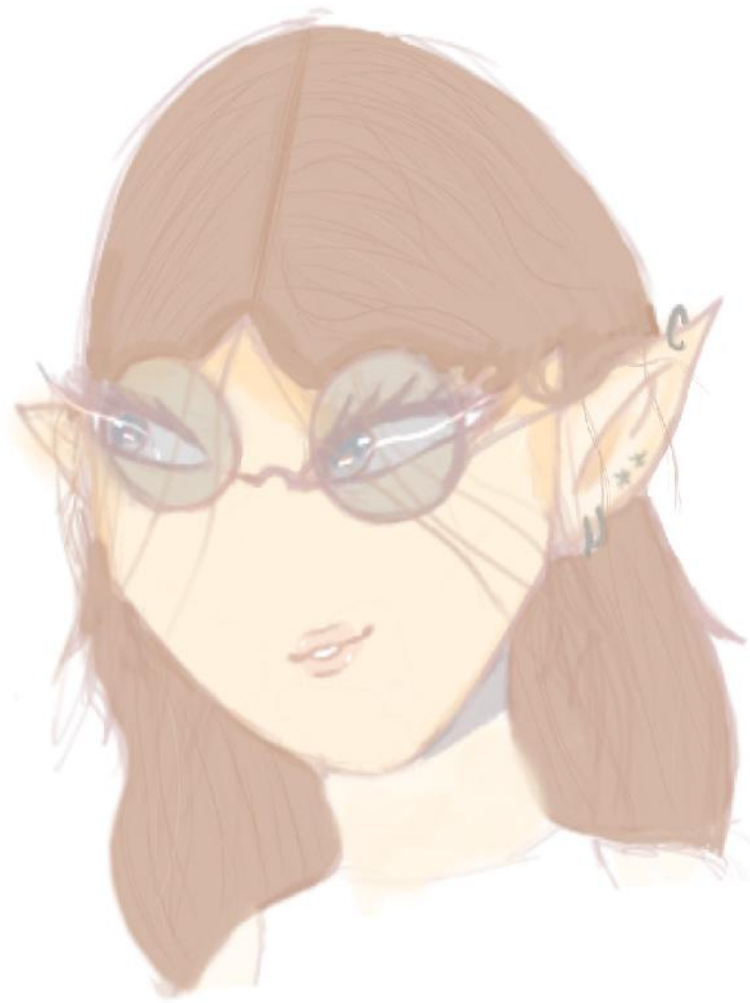


Untitled
LINDSEY DURAN



▲ Amaya ▼

MENNATALLAH ABDEL FATAH



AKZ

Nature Rainbow

LEAH FOERSTER-HOUGH



Rainy Day

LIZZY FROHLING



Neji's Byakugan

JORGE SANTIAGO CORDOVA GARCIA



▲ **Untitled** ▲

ALIYHA PEREZ





Light

AAROHI RAGHUWANSHI

How can I see light?
In times like this light is impossible to find...
It started on a Monday morning when bombs were falling
She promised she would stay, but perished on her way...
How could something so tragic happen to such a peaceful little family?
Bombs can fall any moment, let's make this moment,
 together, last forever and ever.
How can I live without you?
Have you really been gone?
I heard your voice guide me when I saw light.
No no no no NOO, it was just the sun gazing at the sign...
Why would you play these games with me?
Until I see you I'll lay on the ground
Not running from the danger that will strike me...
I know it's reckless but until I'll be with you...
boom
Hearing your voice in my head, "run run run" you told me too
So I ran, ran, ran,
Don't know how I survived
Don't go....
Stay in my head
Fainting from the smoke... I went
Closed my eyes wishing it was over
"light" is hardest to find when you're looking
But when lost in the moment of happiness, without
Even realizing it, you found light.
You are almost never grateful for something until it's gone
The same happened to me...
Thinking you were gone, I was grateful for the moments with you--
When I woke up on my bed
Remembering you, I cried
"Just a dream...just a dream"
You were on your way to comfort me
"Stay forever," said my silent voice
With no question, you responded,
"I will, I will,... BUT promise me.. You, you Will, stay too"
"FOREVER..forever" my voice turned slow
And I fell right back into that nightmare... Happens everyday
Until I let go of the moment I lost her...

