

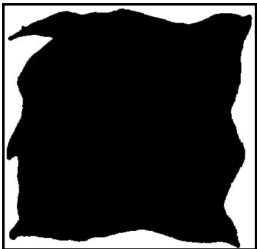


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“awake”

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Since witnessing the death of her father our girl has been trapped in a facility conducting bizarre medical experiments. Now on with her story....



From the blackness I  
hear my father's voice.



I know he's dead &  
this is a dream.



It doesn't make what  
he has to say any less  
important.

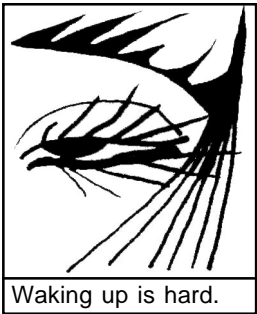


He's telling me I need  
to wake up.



I need to get out when  
there's still blood in  
my veins & thoughts  
in my brain.





Waking up is hard.



When I open my eyes  
I think I'm dreaming...



...because what I see  
a few feet above my  
head is impossible.



There are storm clouds where the ceiling should be...



...complete with silent lightning.



Following one of the bolts lets me know I'm awake.

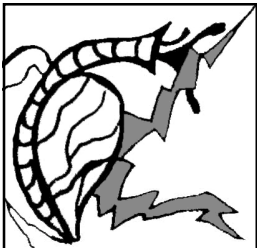


It strikes the IV tank of  
worms next to my bed.



I feel the energy come  
in me through the tube  
in my left arm.





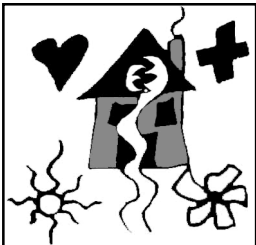
My heart starts beating  
hard & fast.



So hard & fast it sucks  
the tank dry along with  
two of the smaller  
worms.



The worms don't hurt  
coming in me this  
time.



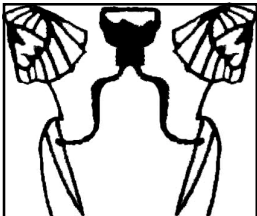
They feel good, they  
feel like home.



I sit up & pull the IV  
out of my arm.



I can't tell if this is the same ward I walked into before or an identical one.



Everyone else here  
seems to be in a  
coma.



I check the man in the  
bed next to me.

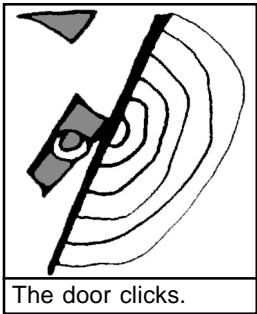




His eyes are moving  
beneath the lids like  
he's dreaming.



But he has no pulse.



The door clicks.



It's the nurse whose  
voice can put me to  
sleep.



I rush her before she  
can speak.



I grab her by the throat.



She's as light as a  
feather.



When she starts to  
struggle...





...I throw her into the clouds.



She's struck by  
lightning a few times.



Then she drifts down  
to the floor.



I open her mouth...



...& rip her tongue out.



I put on her uniform.



& put her on my bed.



This time I'm getting  
out of this place.





This time they won't  
stop me. This time I  
won't fall asleep.

to be continued...



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