

Sad Magazine

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Pull quote: Don't let those who are broken remain broken in silence.

# SAD

A STUDENT'S POOR  
ATTEMPT AT A PARODY OF  
A PARODY TO ACHIEVE A  
SATIRICAL APPROACH  
TO HARSH SUBJECT MATTER

WARNING: TOMFOOLERY  
AND TRIGGERING MATERIAL  
AHEAD!!!

**PARODY MAGAZINE**  
PRESENTING:  
SELF INTERVIEW  
SATIRICAL TRANSLATION  
OF WRIT 2'5 RESEARCH ASSIGNMENT



*Do Children Fare Well  
in Child Welfare?*



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Hi. My name is Maison. I experienced a lot in the juvenile justice system at an early age. My mentally unstable mother tried to kill my father when I was six. Most of those experiences were pretty rough. I wanted to look into my past to see if the corruption I witnessed was real. I was confused and wanted to get clarification.

I believe by presenting my research, I am able to reveal realities of the justice system the public isn't aware of. When there is awareness, *then* we are able to seek solutions.

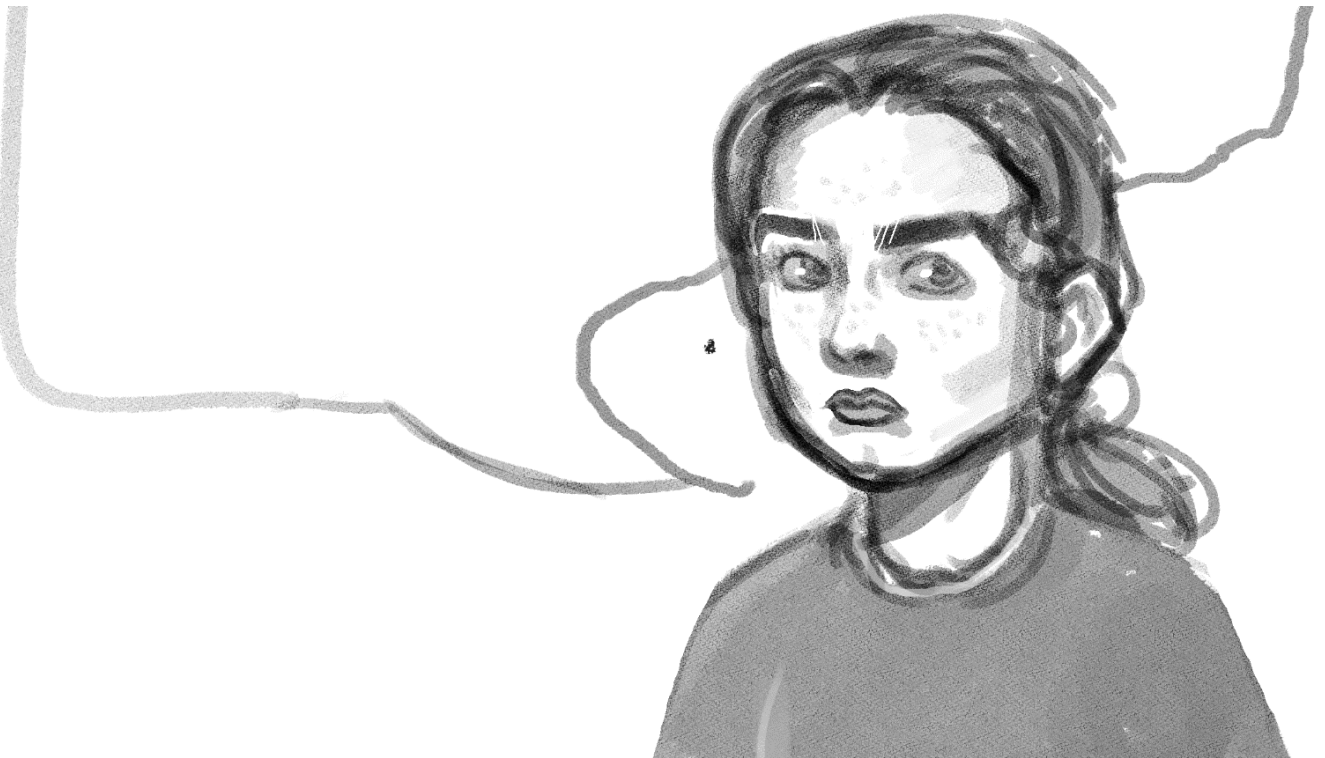
The three main topics I show will be performed visually – in means of my commentary-based interview, and by means of satire pictures (parody magazine advertisements, magazine pages, etc.).

*Here's the gist of what you need to know before the topics:*

The justice system takes care of children matters by controlling the custody situation. While the child is interviewed and watched by Social Workers (Child Protective Services – CPS), The court decides whether the child stays with relatives, guardians, or with the state. When the child is taken out of any other alternative, they head to foster care/receiving homes.

Some get out or emancipate themselves away. Others are stuck in the system, desperate for help in silence.

**My three main cases of Corruption: CPS, Foster Care, and Silencing of the Child.**





## CPS

CPS is an agency that aids the justice system in means of child welfare. These social workers work with one to several traumatized children daily. These workers are susceptible to compassion fatigue and become severely mentally exhausted with the horrors they deal with to the point they grow apathetic and incentive-driven.

Children who need help can get neglected and sensitive when suffering Social Workers continue their jobs without proper mental healing.

When I had social workers in my life, one told me that they didn't care about the events that took place at home—that she just wanted to finish the case and get her paycheck. Me saying “I feel fine,” was her yearning ticket out of the chaos.

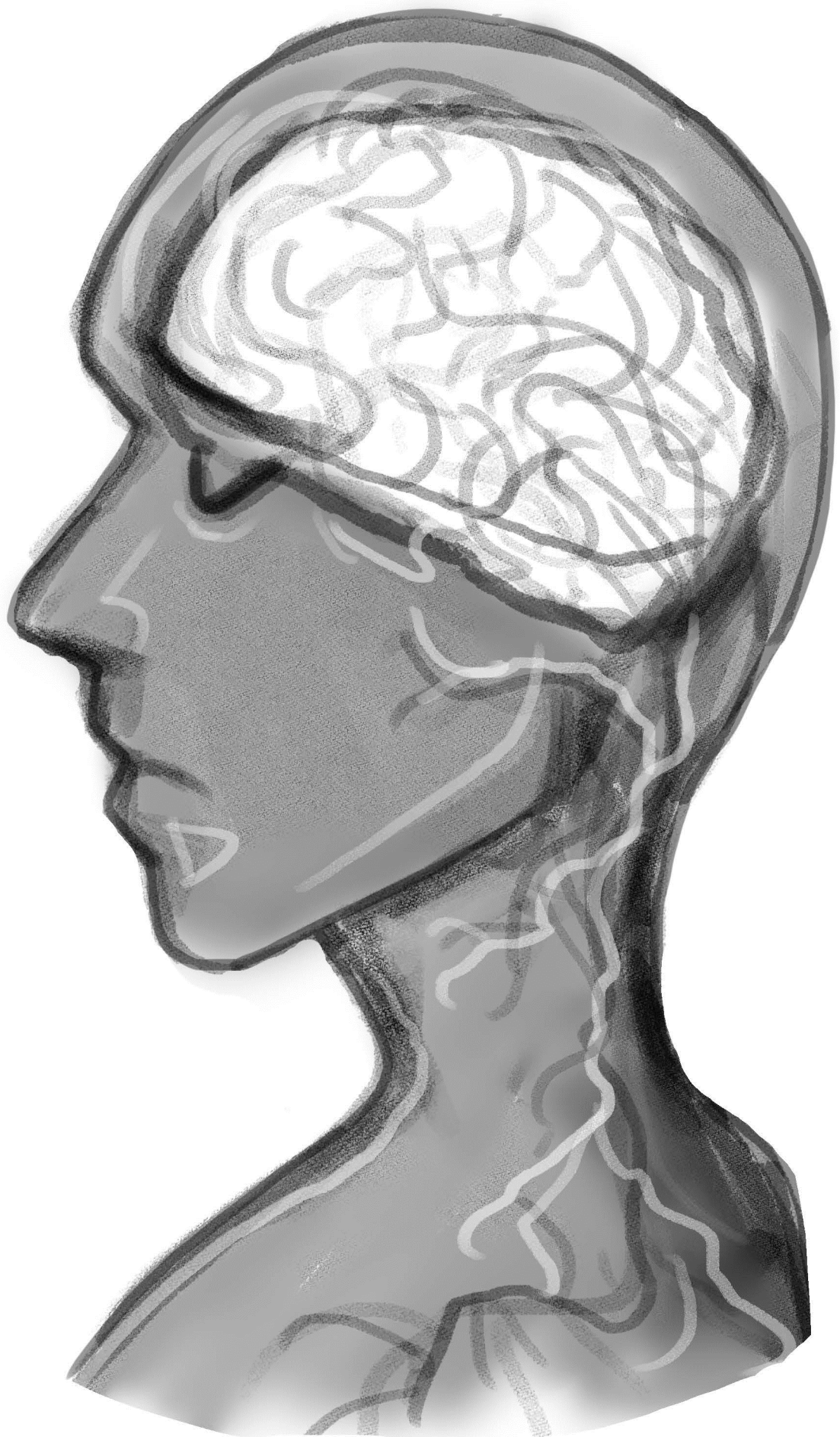
I get it, these workers need air. However, they need to save the kid from metaphorically drowning as well.



***We Love Our CPS Workers!***



***Time To Decompress, They Don't Need That.***



Not letting social workers get the assistance and breaks they need can lead to horrible fallout and compassion fatigue.

When they suffer during their child work, the child suffers too.

Like dominoes,  
When one falls, all fall.







**You wouldn't let a physically hurt and healing worker back on the heavy stuff at work.  
Should Social Workers get back to work while they are *mentally hurt and healing*?**



## FOSTER CARE

After a year of guardian care outside of my parents, CPS picked me up to go to Foster Care. I lived in CRH – The Children’s Receiving Home of “Whack”ramento\*. They have over 120 Health Violations, and kids are targets to the Sex Trade, being abducted and never seen again (Talbot). Kids in these situations are in danger in a place that is supposed to keep them safe. When I was at CRH, I was attacked, threatened, and scared out of my life. I had little sleep, and the staff were groomers to the trade that ran in town. CRH hides their skeletons in a closet of good reviews online. CRH isn’t the only foster care, however. Hundreds, if not thousands, of Foster Cares are corrupted within on a global scale. In testimonies and reports found online, you can see why people tell foster children they are “better off in jail” (Thoma).

Foster Parents get salaries for dealing with the troubled children (McCasland). The kids are broken and stuck; they’re heavily in need of help. In 2017, 690,000 children went into foster care, with nearly 450,000 actively living there in the U.S. (AFCARS).

With Abortion Laws starting to rise up in politics, I question if the number of orphaned/foster children will rise.

Kids placed in these foster facilities can suffer greatly, resulting in scars they will have great trouble dealing with.

\*I think Sacramento’s children facilities get praised too much, and whenever I see such I feel like I’ve been “whack”ed in the face.





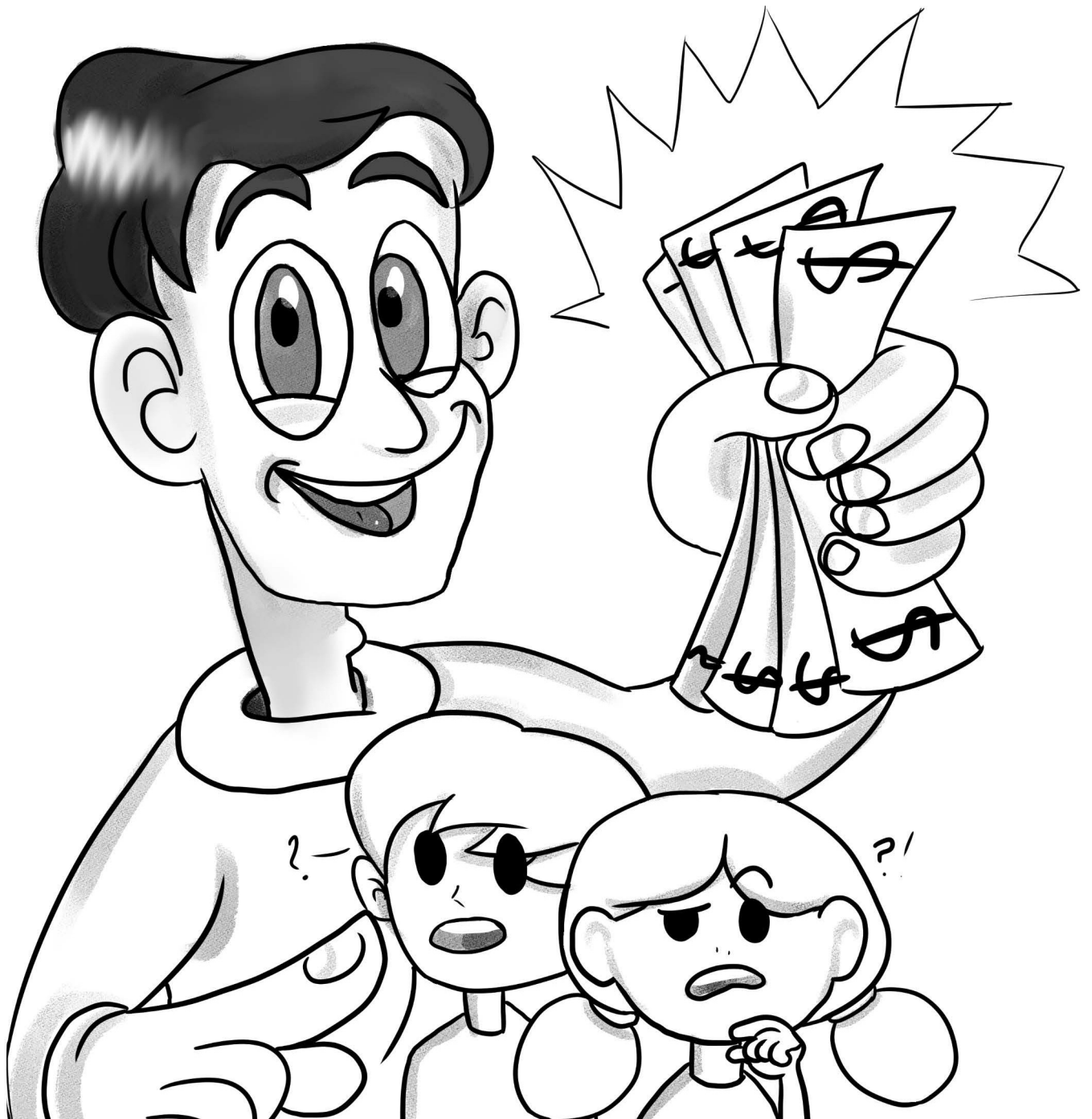
HOME TO 120<sup>+</sup>  
HEALTH ~~VIOLATIONS~~ REVIEWS!



# Become a Foster Parent!

You can get paid up to \$700 per month per child!

*Love not necessary!*



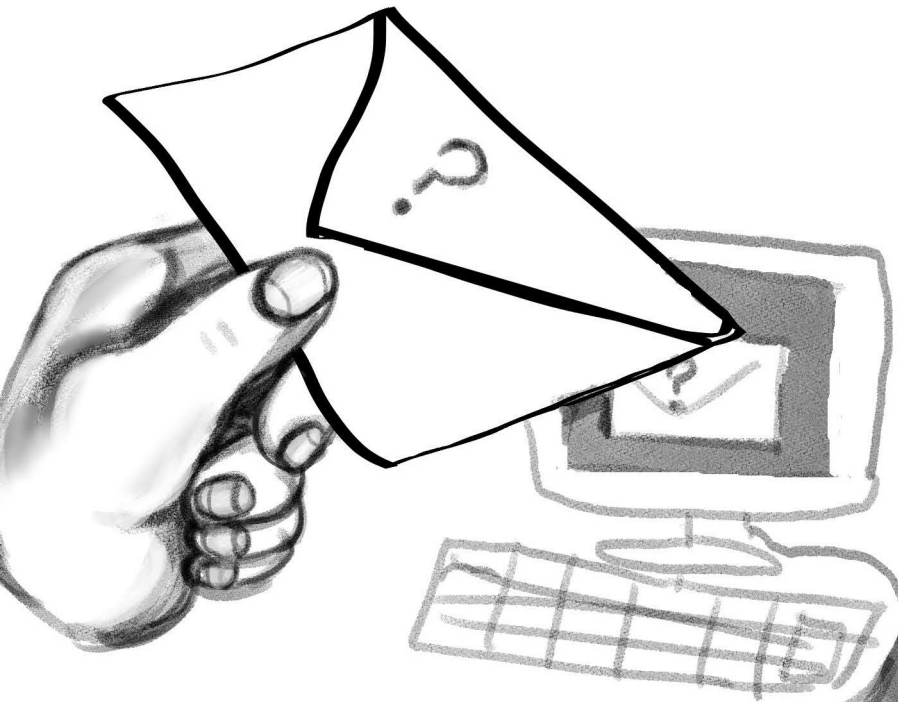




# SOME WAYS TO PREVENT ABDUCTION

Hang out with friends when in public, especially at night. Try to have pepper spray prepared to protect yourself if by chance you are alone.

If someone is following you, seek safety. If they seem like a threat, keep calm and call for help/call the police.

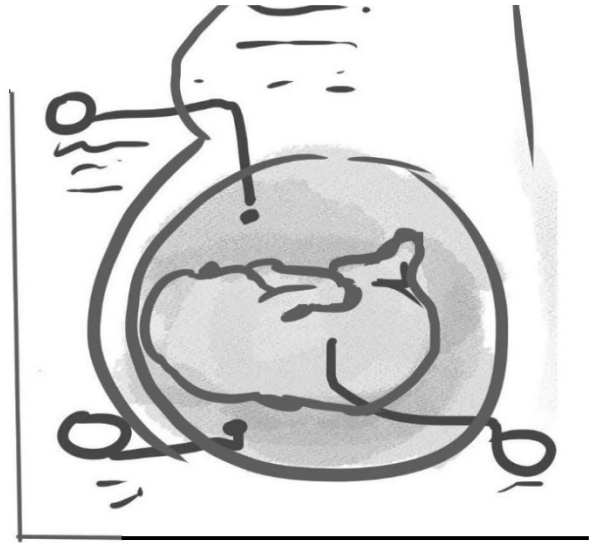
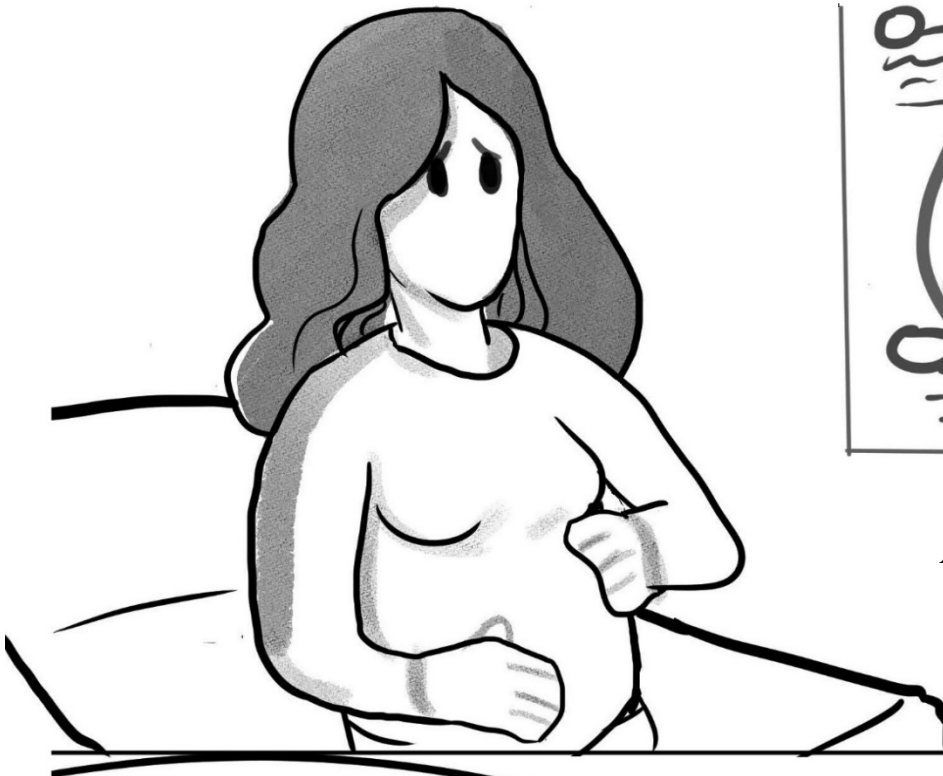


If you get a suspicious letter in the mail or email, do not go to the address. **ESPECIALLY** alone.

Do not talk to strangers. Even if they look like they are safe, or that they will give you cool things/food. Be on the lookout for vans and big cars.



# YOU CHOOSE. . .



*Abort the Baby...*

## OR

*Abort the Child.*



*"What Do You Mean,  
They are Better Off in Jail?"*

*As of 2011, 7 children die a day due to abuse.  
2.9 million cases of child abuse are recorded each year.*



## Silencing the Child

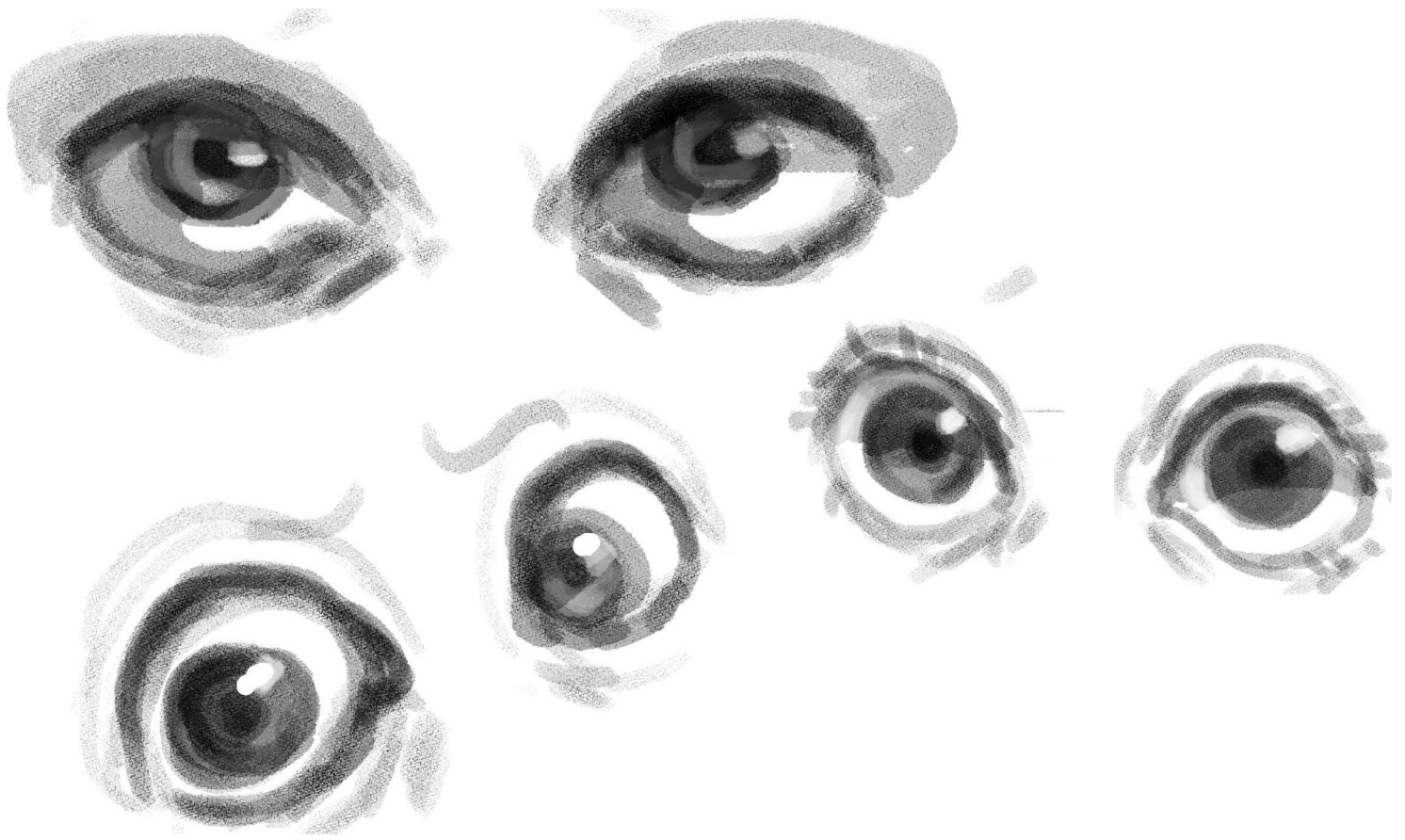
In general, it is difficult for a child to have a voice. In the court, it is nearly impossible. Many times, the parents can create a facade about the situation of their family. They can accuse the kid of being alienated, coached, and incapable of voicing things for themselves. Silencing a child can lead them to question reality and become more unstable. It can lead to a “quick diagnosis and overmedication” (“The Silenced Child”) instead of listening or properly understanding the child. Most times, the child is not capable of speaking out due to forced medication or parental abuse. While the people working in the system can’t tell what the situation is, they focus on keeping the child out of trouble and letting their parents settle it. However, this means not letting the child have their own voice. When talking to social workers or officers of the court as a child, everything is very frightening. Children have been interviewed saying they were threatened, ignored, and tossed around, one even claiming, “no one listens to you, no one believes you” (Thoma). They feel no sense of empathy towards them; there is no care from the people who are supposed to protect the children. My mother used to tell the court I was alienated by my father to make false claims about her abuse. Whenever I tried to voice the truth, I was shut down. I was also forced to go on antidepressants at a young age, and I became morbidly obese due to stress-eating while on them. Later in my life, I was told by a CPS worker that I was too young to be medicated that heavily.

Silencing a child can result in psychological harm. When the child grows, they will enter adulthood severely fragile and broken. They can have mental disorders and illness. When I left the juvenile justice system, I was diagnosed with post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), depression, and severe anxiety. Several in the system don’t get diagnosed and are stuck in a cycle of toxic habits and apathy towards themselves.

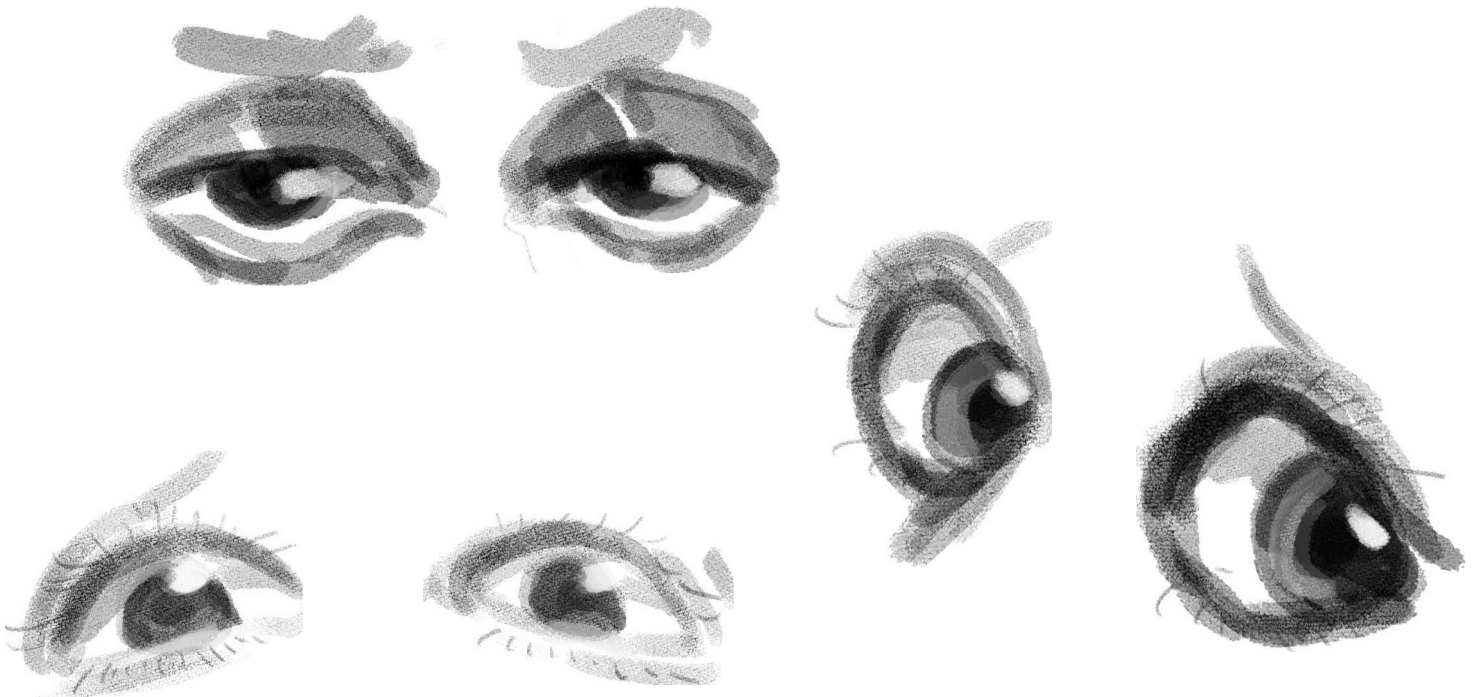
Foster children face difficulties once they start growing up. Few foster kids graduate high school, and even slimmer amounts get a bachelor’s degree (Wiltz).

Those who do make it into college can have some difficulty dealing with their pasts and moving on. It is harder to connect with people due to the fact that not many people in universities are former wards of the state/foster children.



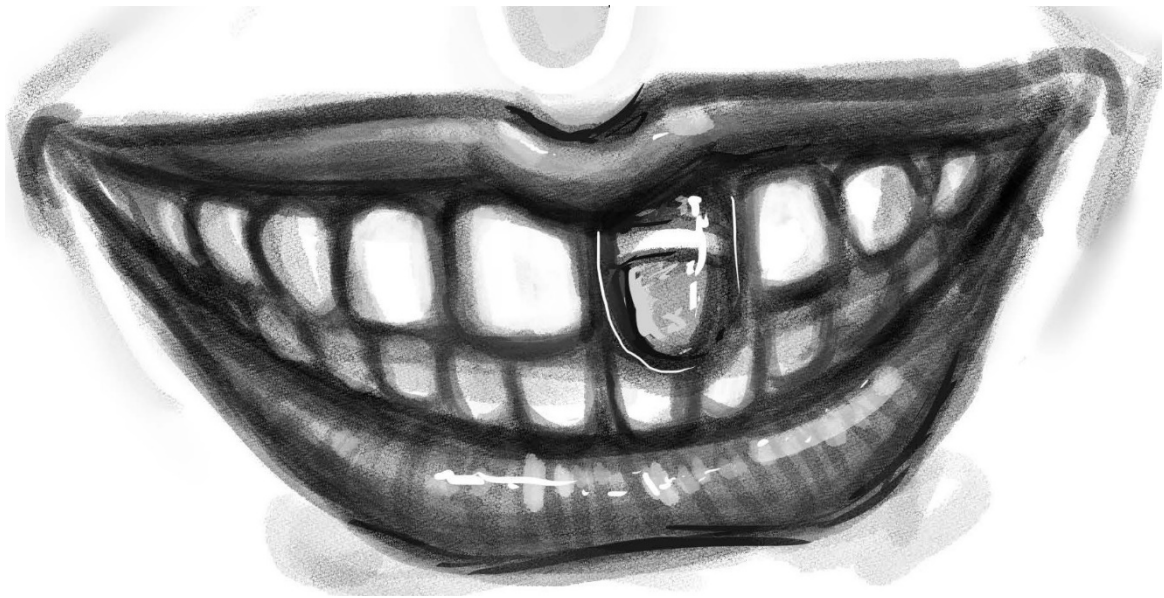


When mouths can't do the talking,  
Eyes see all.  
Eyes *tell* all.



Kids lose teeth. Don't worry. Teeth grow back.

Sometimes, kids lose *sanity*. Does that grow back?

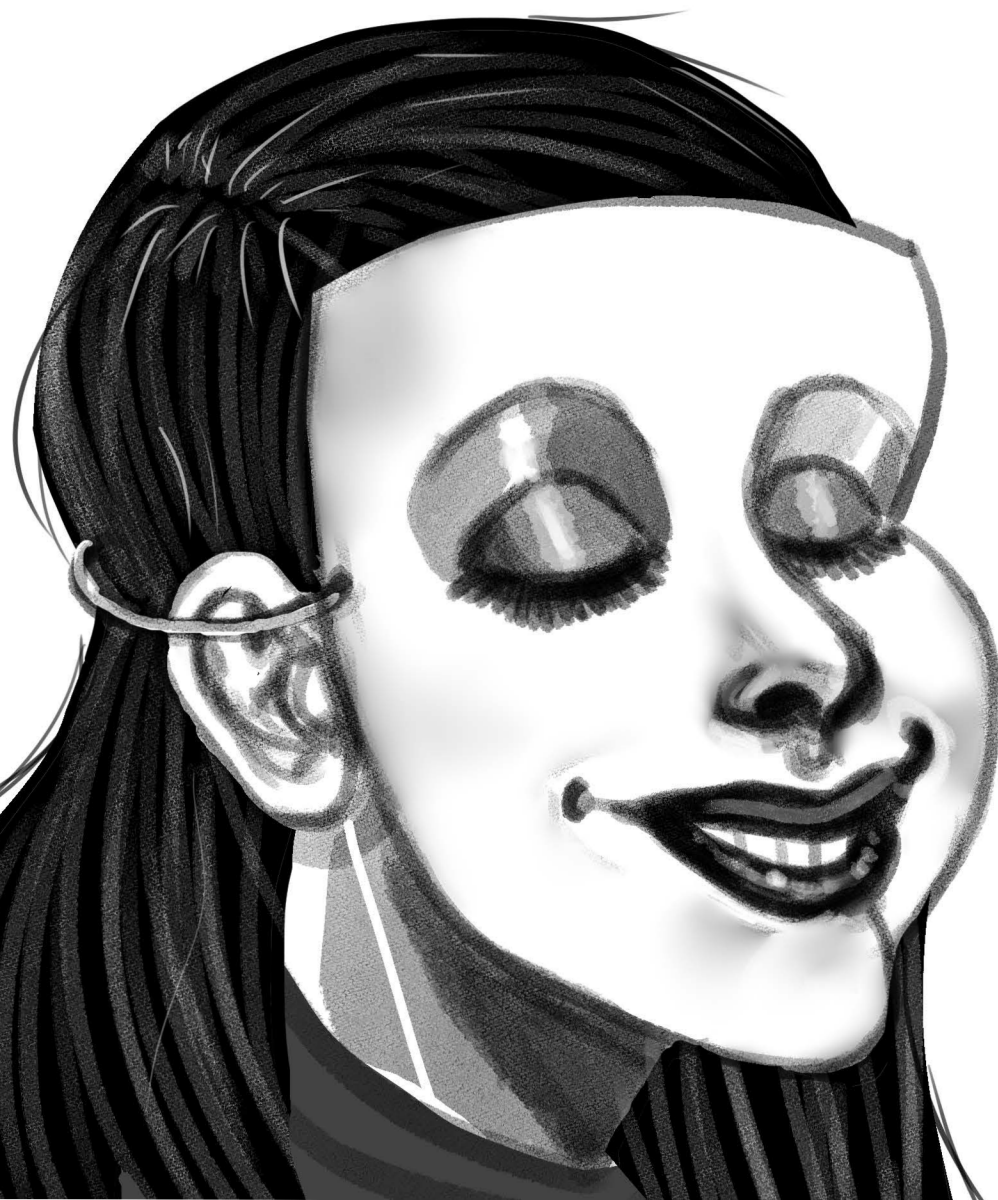


Anti-Depressants.

Seek them. If you can't numb the pain, numb the source.



***Mask Your Feelings,  
If you Fake it, You will Make it!***

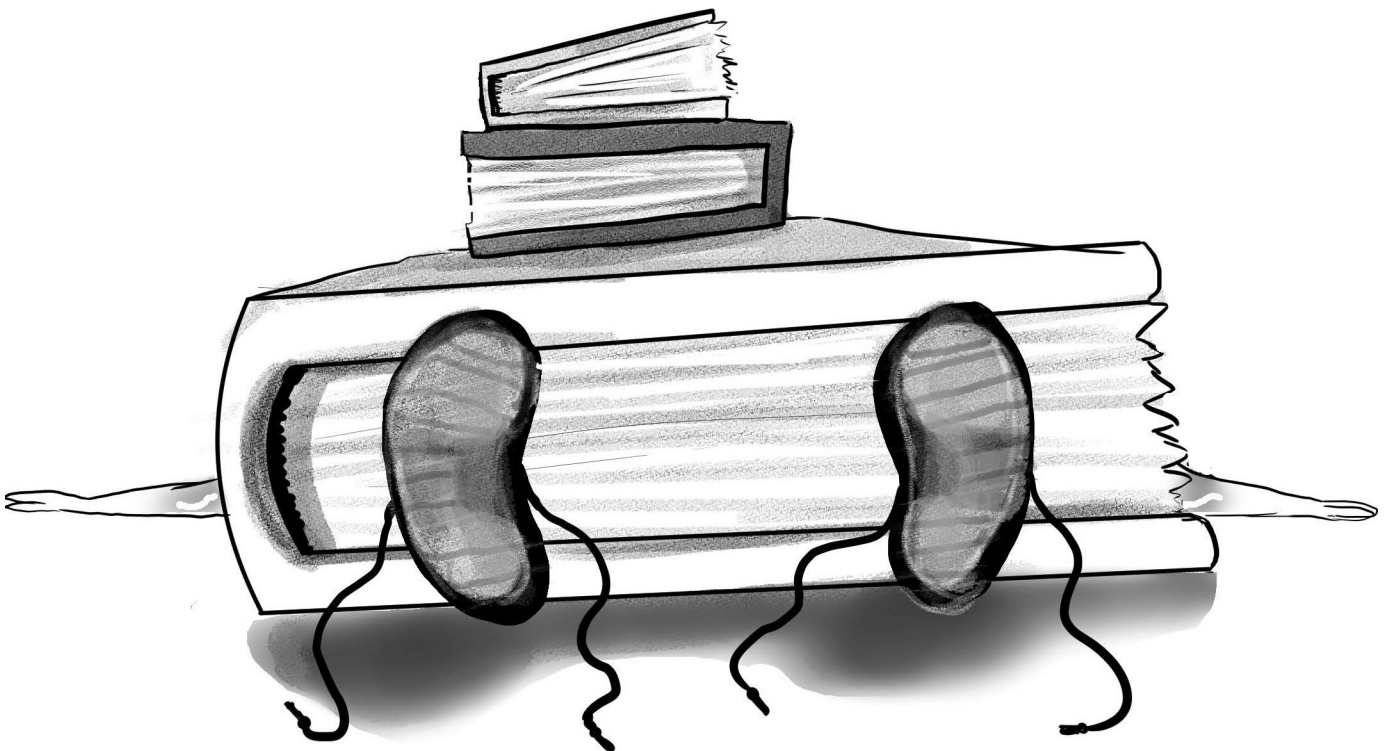




# Did You Know?

Approximately 20% of Foster Youth that graduate from high school attend college,  
and  
2-9% of those Youth attain a Bachelor's Degree.

## Can You Beat the Challenge?



## Conclusion

Let me be humble—this was probably a weird read. There's a lot covered, and not a lot of my demographic has experienced the dark sides of the justice system (based on Wiltz' statistics).

My main goal with this translation was to pique your interest on learning more about my topic.

I cope from the past by making art. Many other juvenile justice youths have talents waiting to be awakened by supporters. The more people know about the corruption of the justice system, the better the people can conjure solutions on how to protest and fix the futures of many victim children and foster kids. In my opinion, there is a great need for people to learn and know about the experiences children have with CPS, Foster Care, and Silencing.

If we can fix those main topics, we can fix more and help thousands and thousands of children.

Don't let those who are broken remain broken in silence.

We should help kids learn how to heal.

Now, what can society do to help them?



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