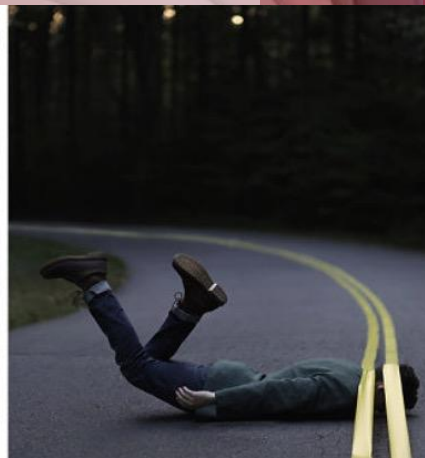
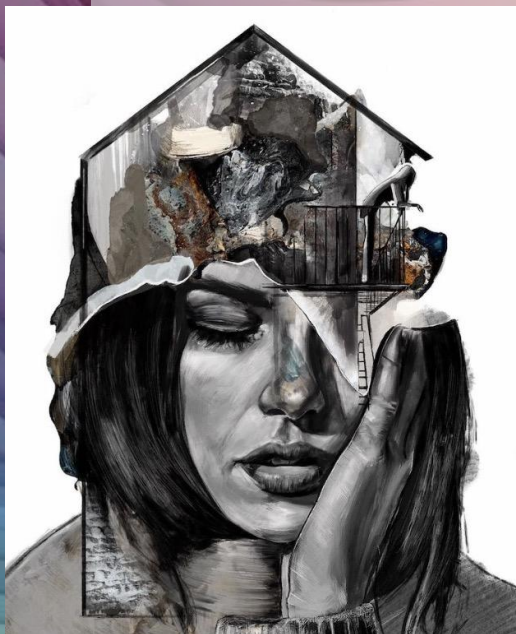


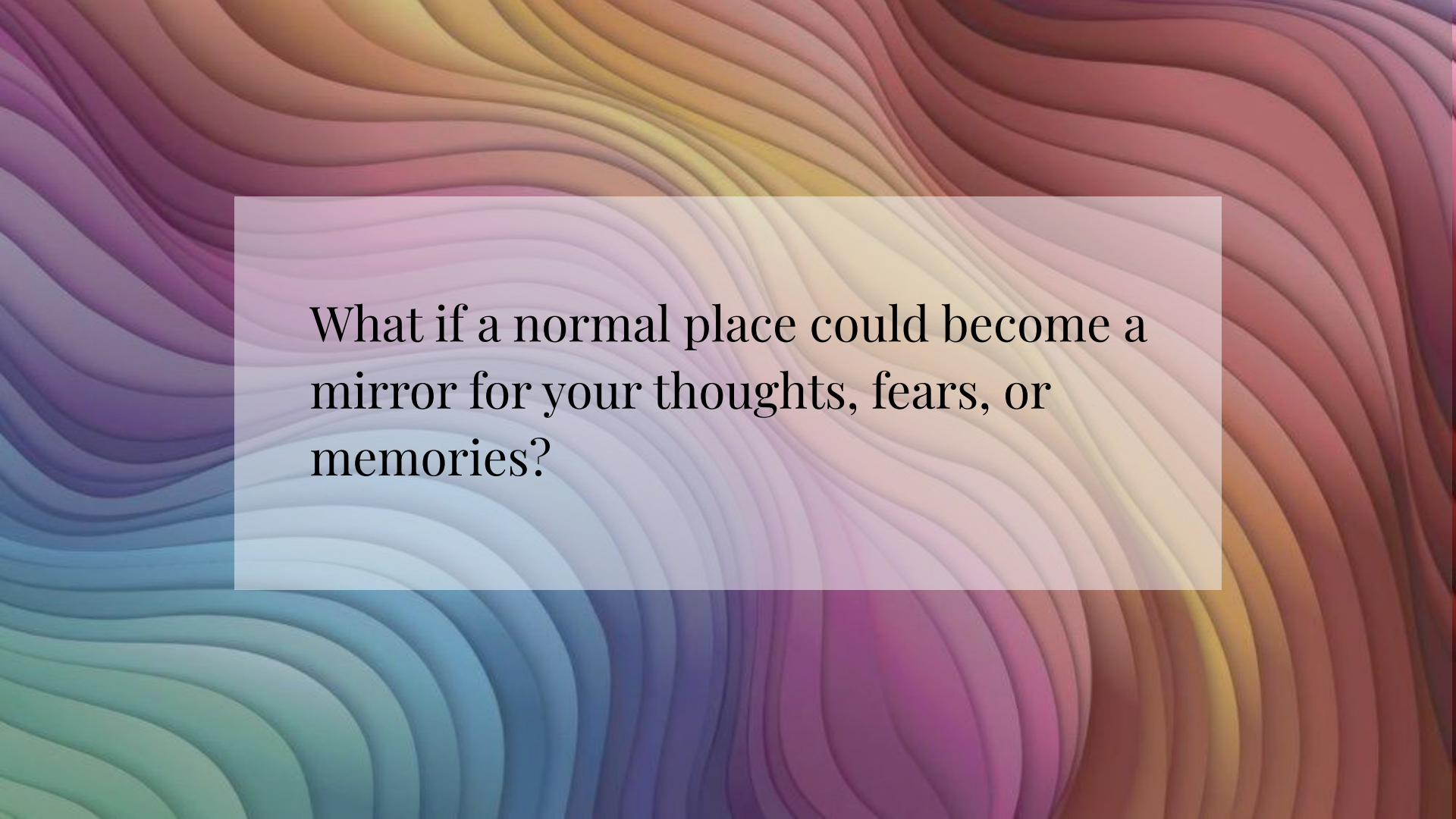


Lost in the Layers of Myself

Surreal Self-Portraits
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Ideas





What if a normal place could become a
mirror for your thoughts, fears, or
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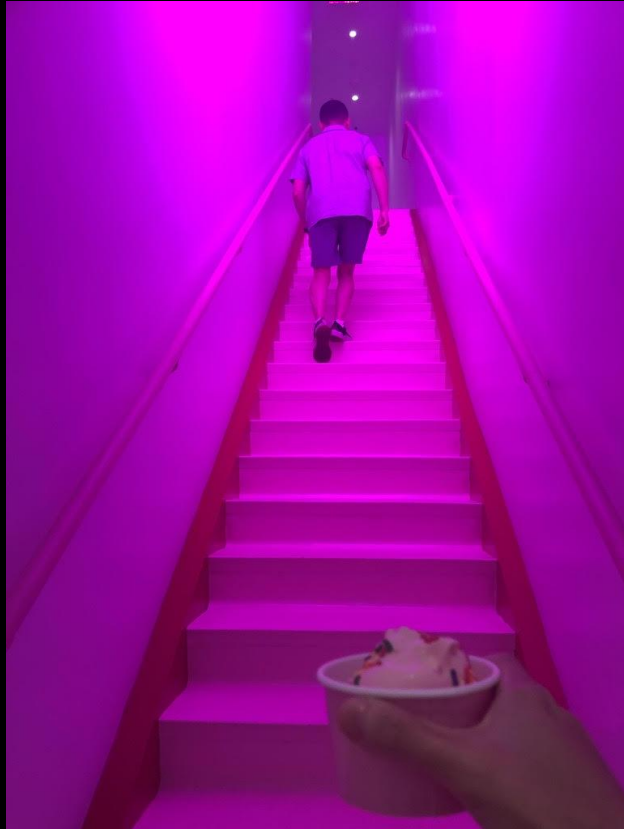
My surreal self-portrait project

Not what it looks like
What it feels like

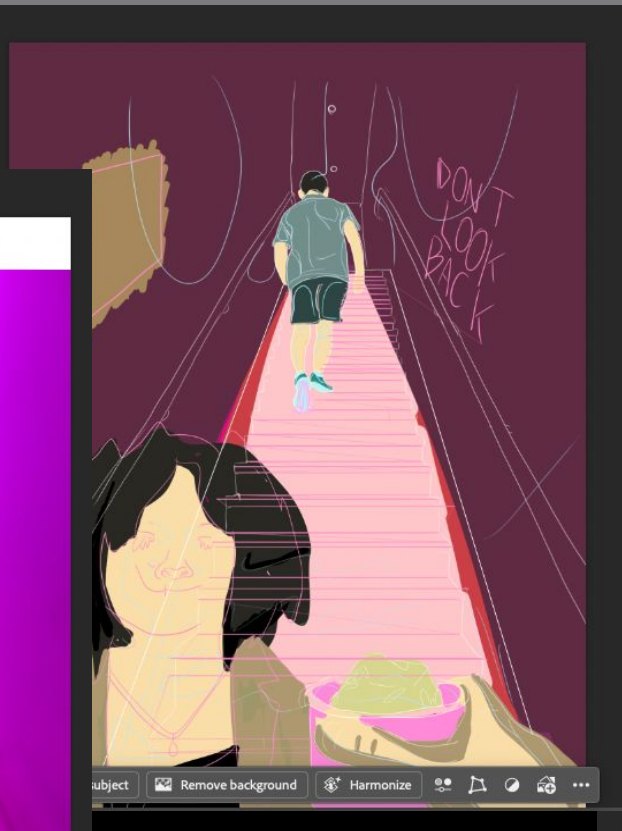
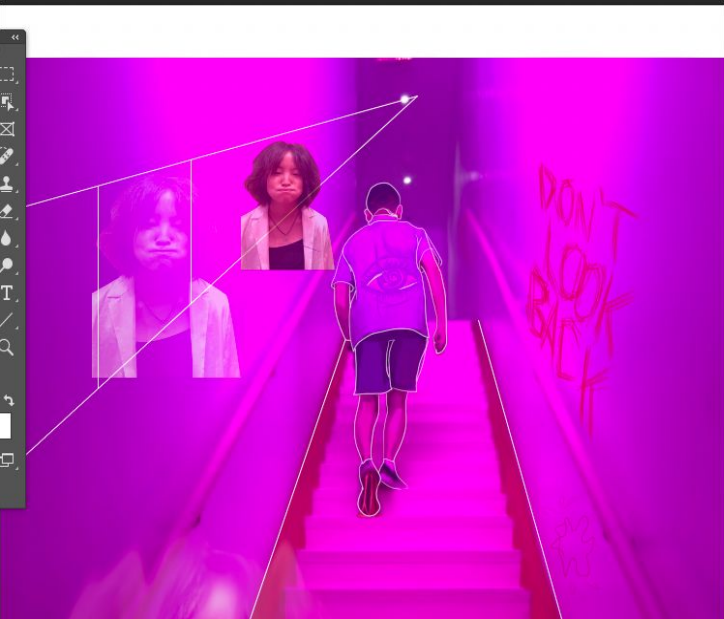
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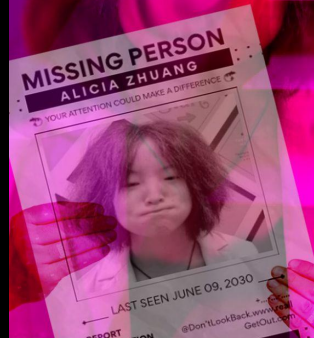
- Visual Literacy
- Creativity

Part 1 — Backrooms / Missing Person Scene



Part 1 Process





Part 2 — Mini Me Ice Cream Scene



Part 2 Process





Part 3 — Looking at the Sky

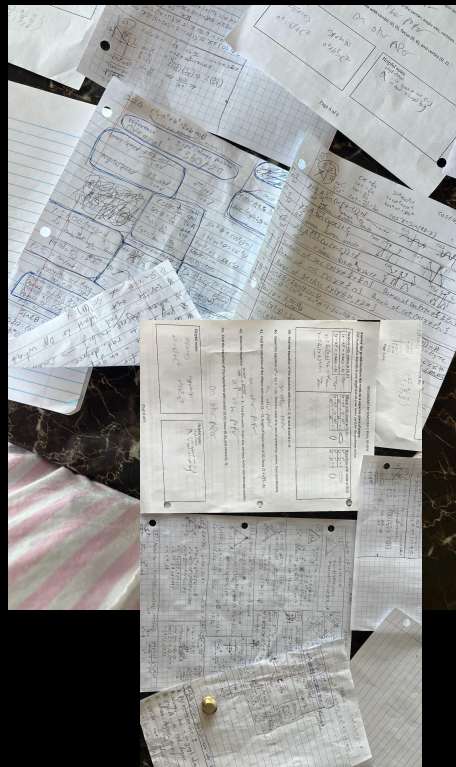


Part 3 Process





Why there isn't a PT 4 and 5



A normal place could become a mirror for your thoughts, fears, or memories



What I Learned

Surreal does not mean random.

Q&A

So next time you see a normal place, it might not just be a place, it could be a story, a feeling, or something hidden underneath.