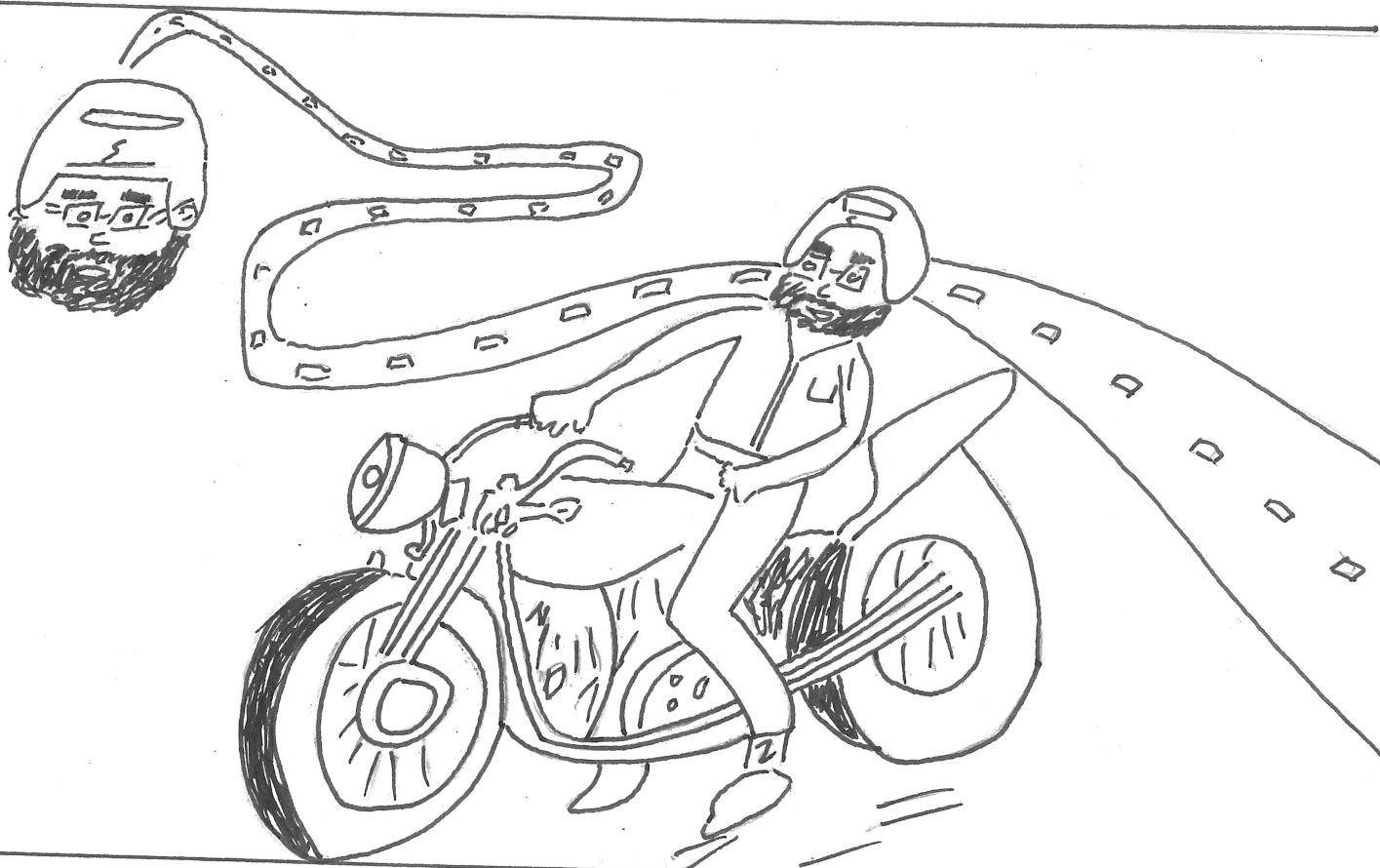
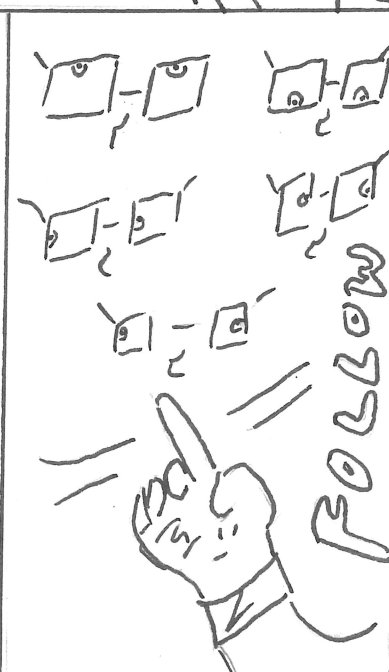
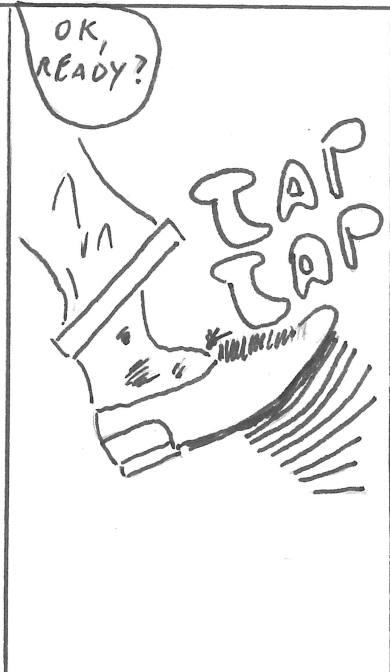
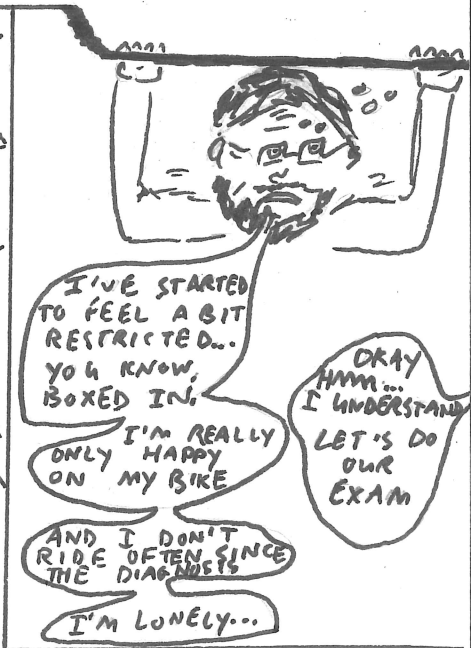
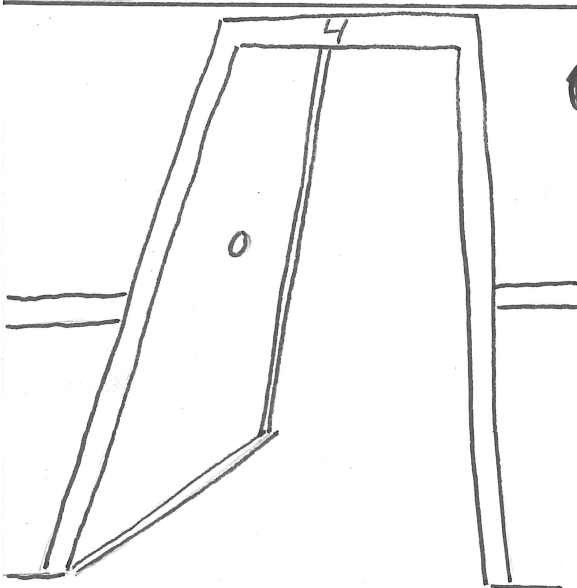
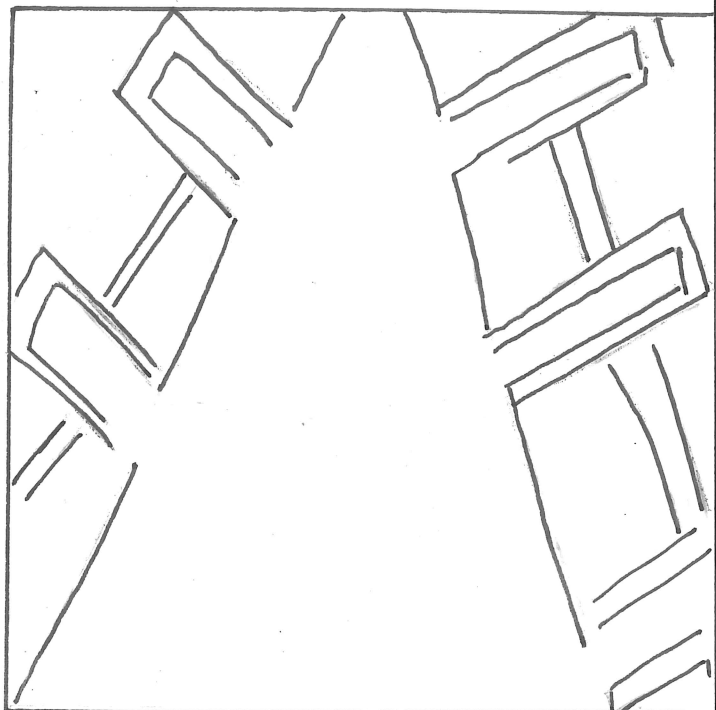


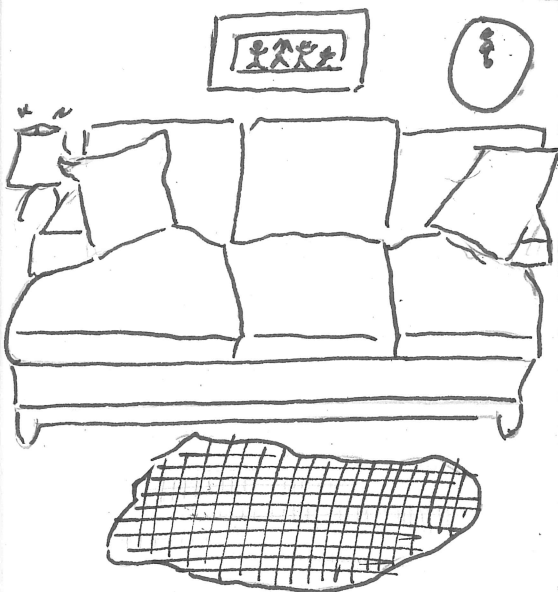
# MR. Z

BY JOHN PICARD









SO, WHAT'S IT LIKE LIVING WITH PARKINSON'S DISEASE?

I'VE NEVER LET PARKINSON'S DEFINE WHO I AM. I'M MORE THAN MY SLOW MOVEMENTS AND BLUNTED FACIAL EXPRESSIONS.

IN FACT, I'VE LIVED A VERY INTERESTING LIFE SO FAR.

OH, YEAH?



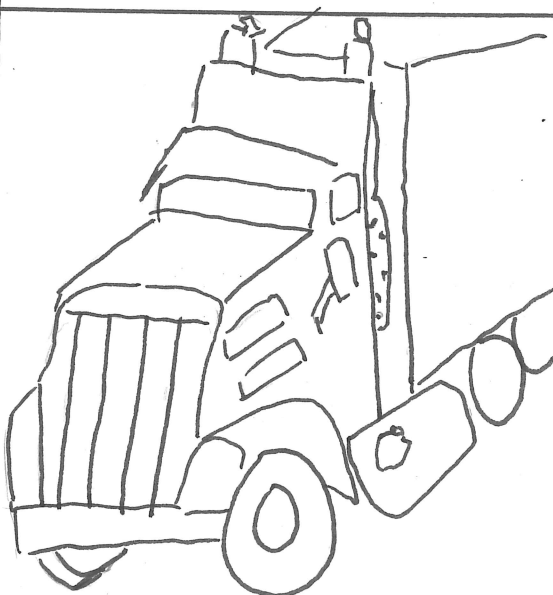
I SERVED IN VIETNAM AND WAS EXPOSED TO AGENT ORANGE. NOT FUN...



I DROVE A TRACTOR TRAILER FOR 10 YEARS ALONG THE WEST COAST. CALIFORNIA TO COLORADO.



AND I SCORED THE WINNING GOAL IN THE NATIONAL SOCCER CHAMPIONSHIP IN COLLEGE!



COLLEGE

YEAH!

BACK IN CLINIC THE NEXT DAY

SO, WHAT DID YOU LEARN?



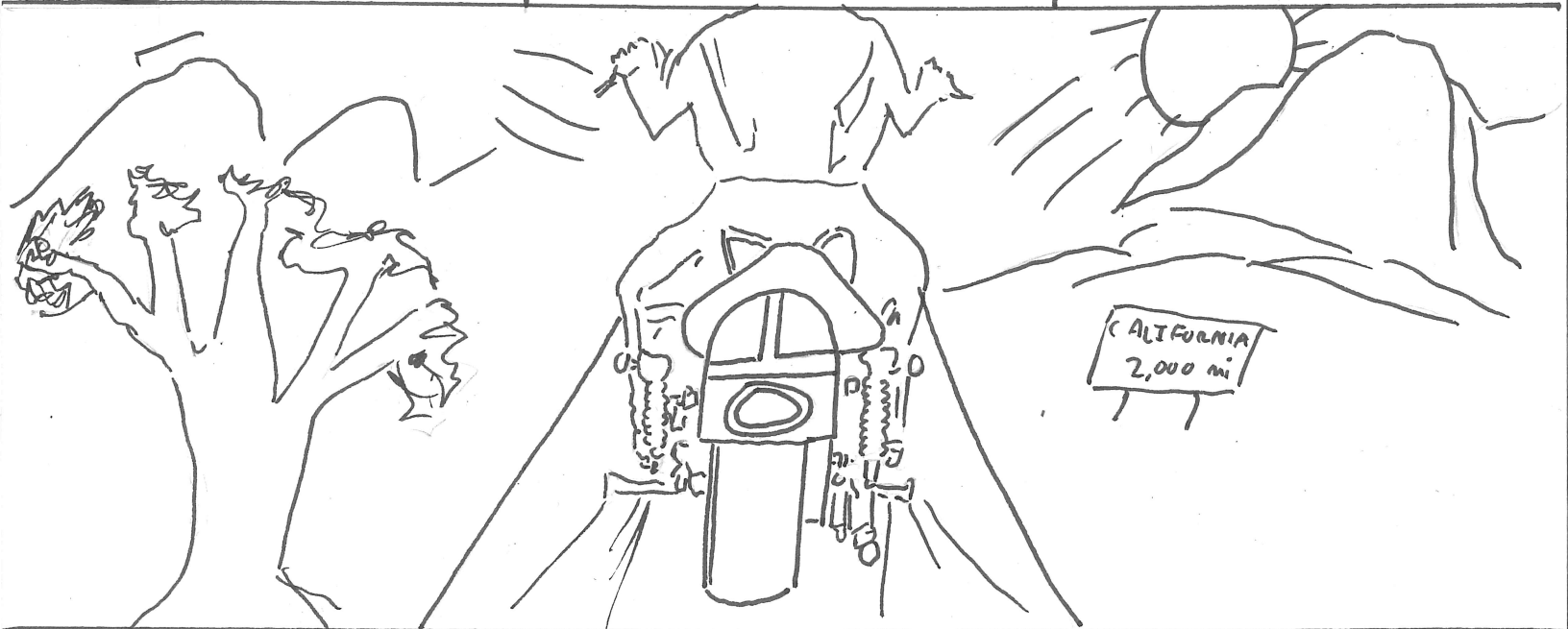
IT WAS AMAZING TO VISIT MR. Z!  
I HAD NO IDEA HE HAD EXPERIENCED SO MUCH!

OH, REALLY?

HE TOLD ME ALL ABOUT VIETNAM, TRAVELING IN THE WEST, SOCCER ...

AND I EVEN LEARNED ABOUT HIS DAILY ROUTINE AND PERSONAL STRUGGLES

I JUST HOPE IT HELPED MR. Z AS WELL...



THE END