



Sketchbook

Earlier Background Art (2013-2017)

My oldest sketches + storyboards

were lost or tossed.

Experiments
from the time still
get nods, like

Mario ("Saki") from
a vid about the
Hawaiian alphabet.

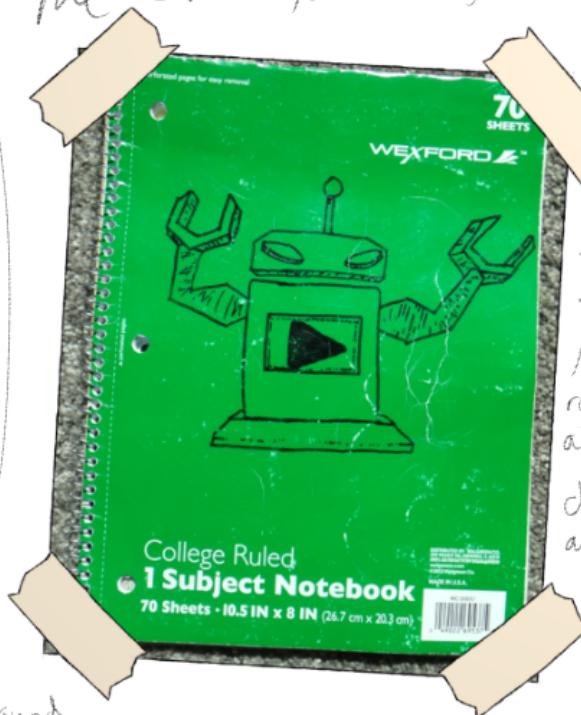


Thoth's Pill was my longest and most
ambitious project, traveling to writing systems

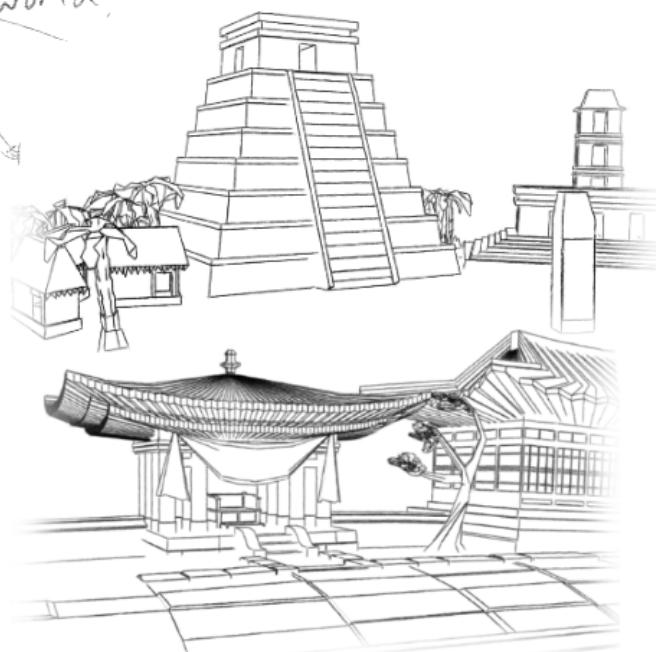
It shifted my style to focusing on 3D
mesh models and computer-generated (ineart),
like the lines inside of and around the
image below.



The "Green Notebook", creative trove of
ideas + sketches
from the days
when NativLang
had about 5000
subscribers. The robot,
AwesomeTube, is a personified
reminder of the YT platform,
algorithms, and the mythical
channel out there that was
always one step and many
subs ahead.



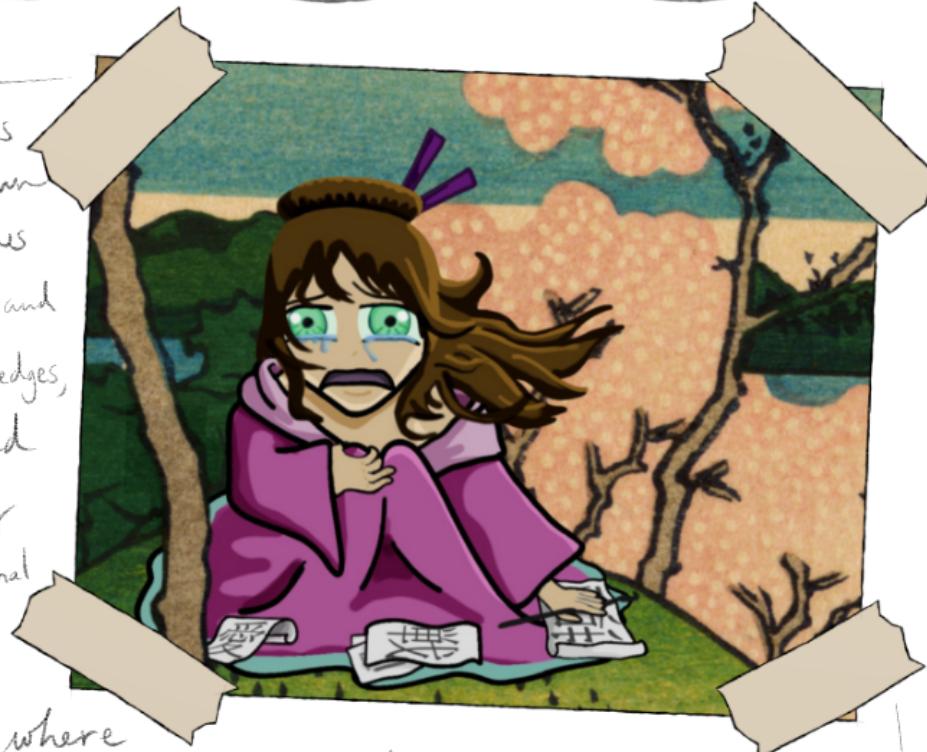
around the world!



The story of Kwaio Taboos is still our household favorite from among the earlier linguistic tales. The art continues Thoth's PLL, complete with rendered lines and every eye "beedy".



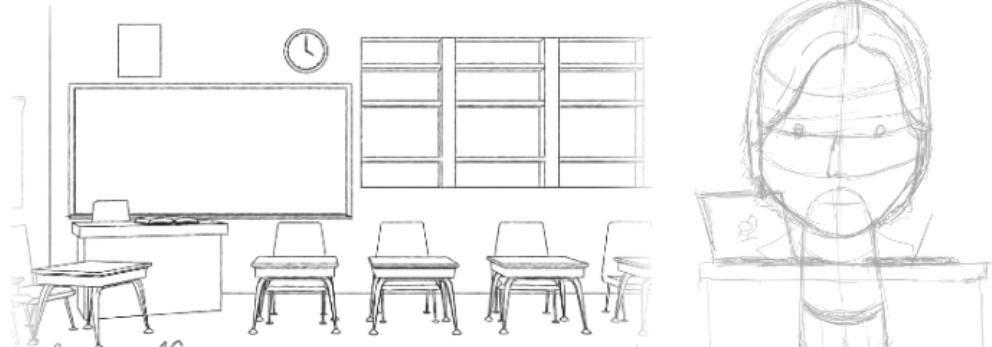
Three anims about my own highs and lows learning Kana and Kanji. Rough edges, but I'm glad I tried my hand at personal storytelling.



It's also where I started sprinkling in simple, expressive "paperchars" and tried working at making the visuals interplay with the audio instead of having them be simply what you're watching while narration happens.

Tsakonian is still an underloved anim, but, like Kwaio, it showed how "small" languages have big stories to tell. The Spartan mesh and the *μαριά* paperchar do play with familiar Greek icons,





There was Tibetan, then a fun Runes collab with medievalist and fellow creator Alliterative, then ... my first hit! Japanese introduced "me" as a character; Latin solidified my personal storytelling and put me back in my old classroom.



Lots of drawing happened for another three about "Aztec". At this point, I'm more often drawing characters than 3D-modeling them. I would often just start with final lines or maybe very simple construction, staying loose and aiming to communicate instead of spending more time building up a character as I came to do later on.



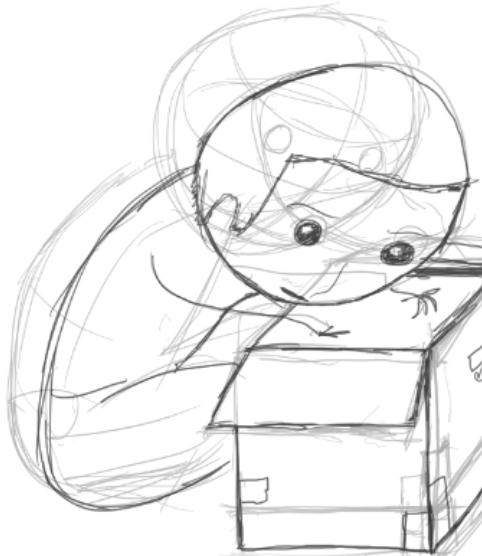
An outsider to Shakespeare and English Linguistics, I dug into the bard's sounds and followed up with a relevant tangent about a Scots letter. I thought more about the art during the research, and researched more than usual. And so "What it sounded like - and how we know" became a series.

ETRVSCAN

Now we're into the
NatiLang era of sketches
supported by and
dedicated to patrons!



more about me - Tattered Folder



box 6 grammar
notes
+ tattered fldr



lib. 8th floor



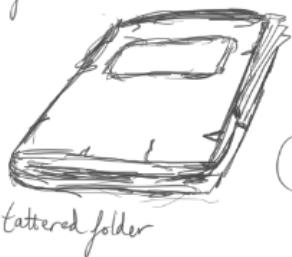
"epicness"



attic



summer = family



tattered folder



old char



internet



anim



CALENDAR



Scribe

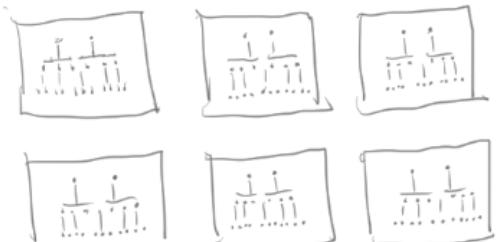
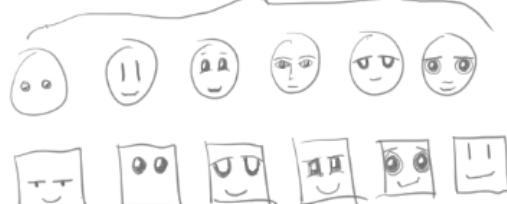
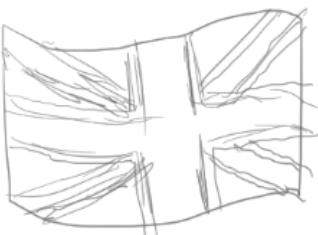
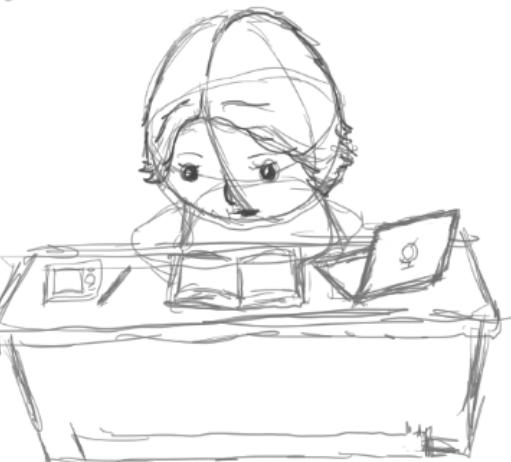
177 Middle Chinese



Kinship Terminology



recolor as in Kinship explorer app

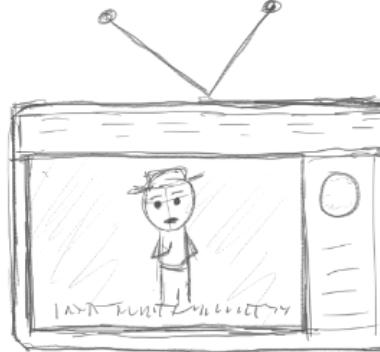


contract colors of different systems

Asymmetric Intelligibility



LANGUAGE



Gullah
↑
US English



juice bar



EN QUIZ



carrots



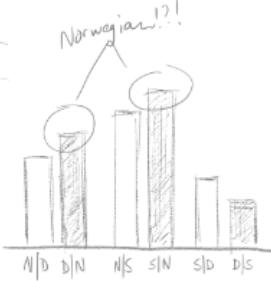
store scene



Omni-Voice



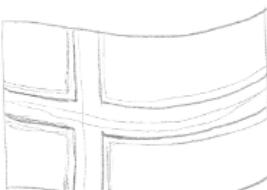
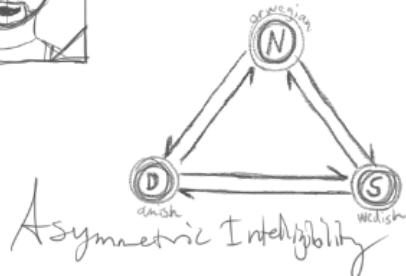
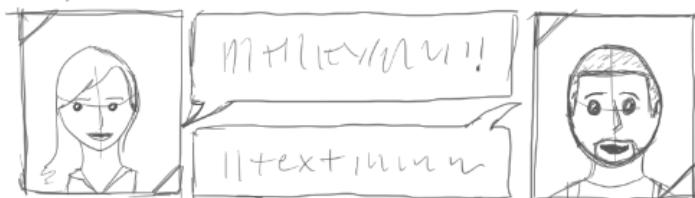
Mom teaching math



Conditional Entropy
 H (Danish | Swedish)



PATWAH



more about me - Scars



ð Janus sounds "funny"



Genghis Khan's Middle Mongol



→ personal - try to find M grammar



edür > idür 兀
ogop 都兒



deer or
larch but
not very
red

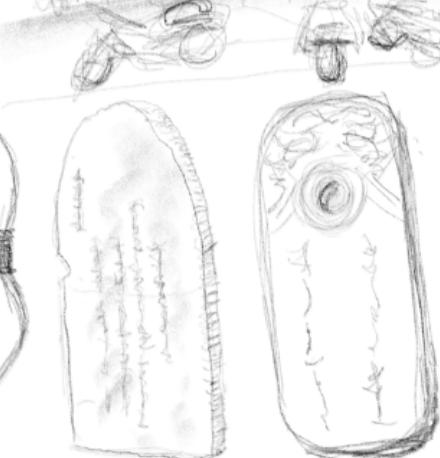
modern photo shows wider,
but 19th Ordos come thinner



broaden
bottom
beard



too dog-like,
focus on
more animal
size



Fizuchi



おじ
相
づち
木組



“not-Gary”
vs
“Gary”

So, last month...

last-month-yes?



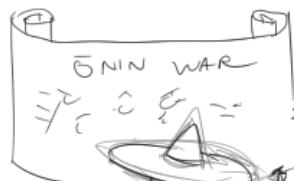
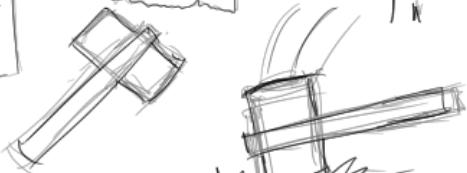
on turn

1
2
1
2
1
2

VS.

overlapping

1
1
2
2
1
2
1
2



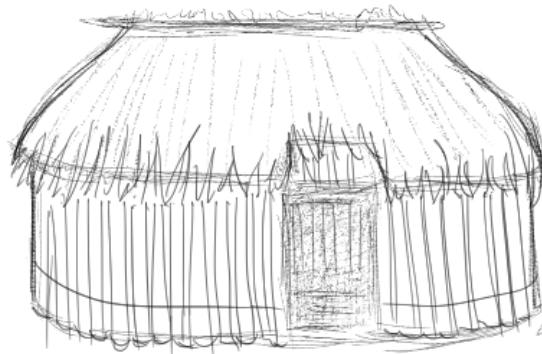
horseshoe anvil

Japanese backchannels

Korean backchannels



MAYA Tenselessness



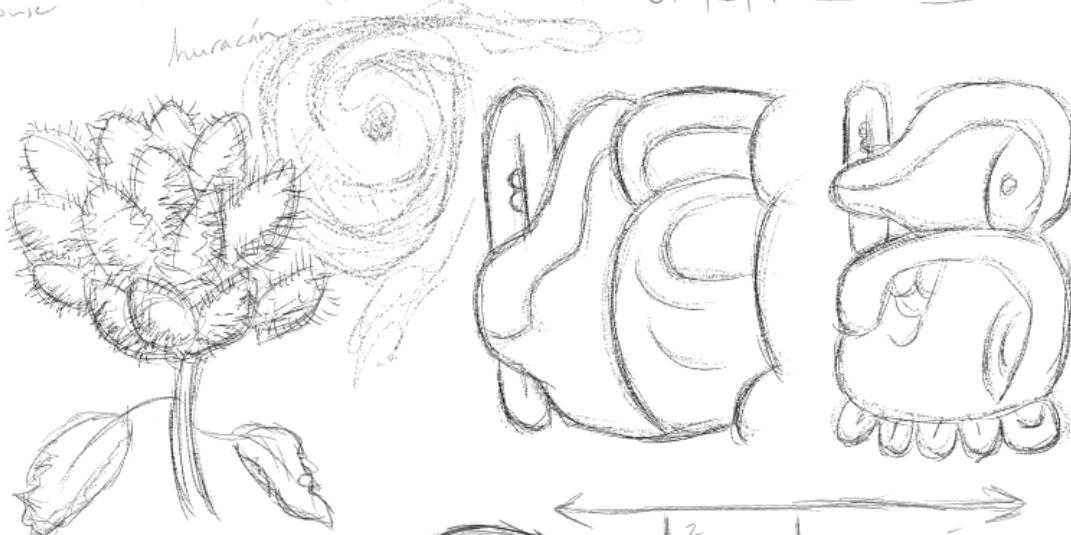
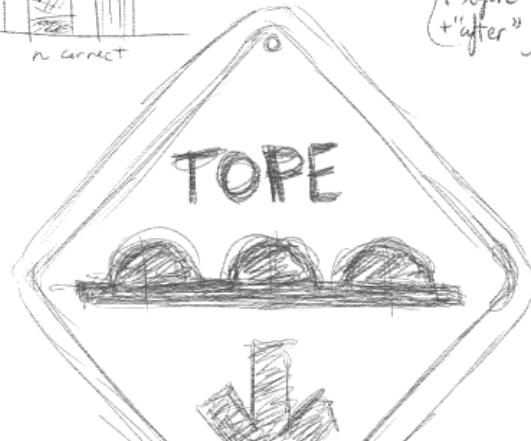
B's TEMPEST



naaj
ovaloid
equal???

MAYA { -tenses
- "before"
- "after" }

VS Deutsch { +tenses
+ "before"
+ "after" }



Dear Kartuli,
or as we call you in
English, Georgian...
Why so difficult?

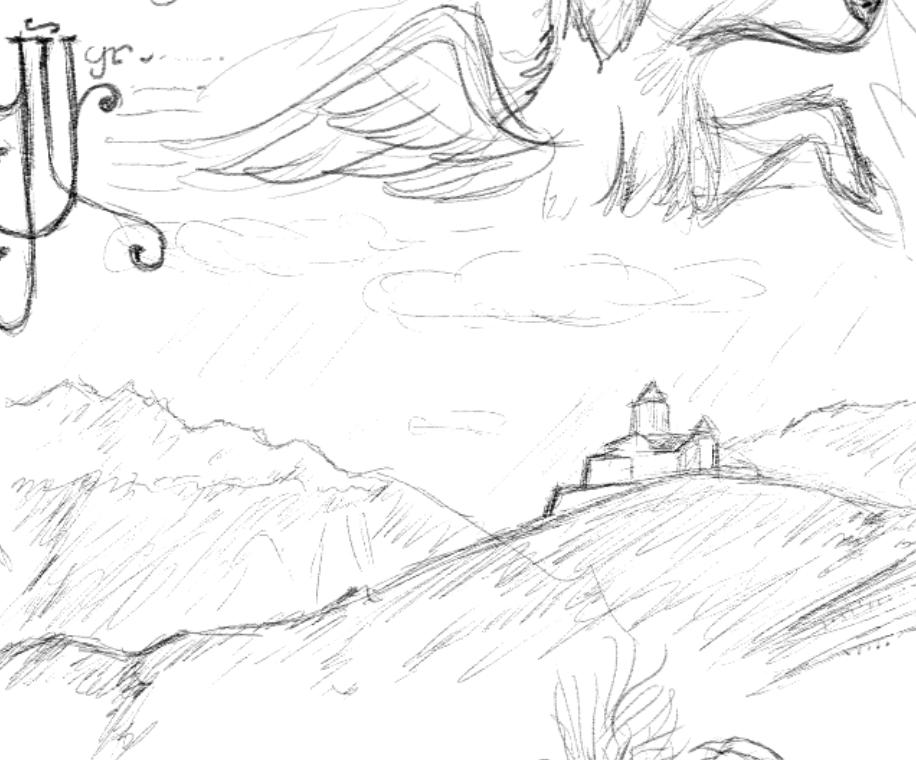
gvortskhviri:

imitating Mkhedruli but
transliterated



can say
cccccc(c)cV
clusters
all day
long!

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Tamar,
mepe
of
Georgia

ქსორიული ენა

difficulty: ★★★★☆

4.5/5



mama → mom
deda → dad

Beast
from ms H384





GRAPHEIMES

Ashutosh Mohan
Rachel
Steven Stair
Jessica Goodall
Xiu Ren Yap
Kit Marcos
Liz Pedroza
connor johnson
Clark Fox
Florian Gaeber
Brandon Kuriyama
Leorene
William Shields
Ryan Habek
Andy Burkholder
Dmitry Stillermann
Colorless Green Hug

Ian McDowell
Glennon B. Nelson
Pit Braguet
Ishmaan Ahmed
Rohan Iyer
Zachary Elliott
Jana Deppe
Trodden Soden George
Roaming Millennial
ferrous allotrope
Zachary Schmitz
pashawasha
Mickey Blake
Theo Varenne
Bob Dowling
Sam Xu
Jerome Froelich

Jason
Stefan Winter
Christian Burghardt
Johan Spaedtke
Toto
Nate Pinsky
Peter Hansen
Christopher Beattie
Jon Henneberg
Isaac Silbert
Pholpat Durongbhan
~~badmutes~~
Luna
Ulf Hermjakob
Mats Kristoffersen

Since I was a kid, I've opened notebooks from the back. I don't know why. This led to a NativLang tradition, one I've kept since that Green Notebook pictured on the first page: I pen the name of each Grapheme patron on the back page. Going digital with my art, I still wanted a place to keep the tradition alive, so I built this sketchbook. Whenever I start a project and sketch out the early art, I open this digital notebook and your names inspire me!

