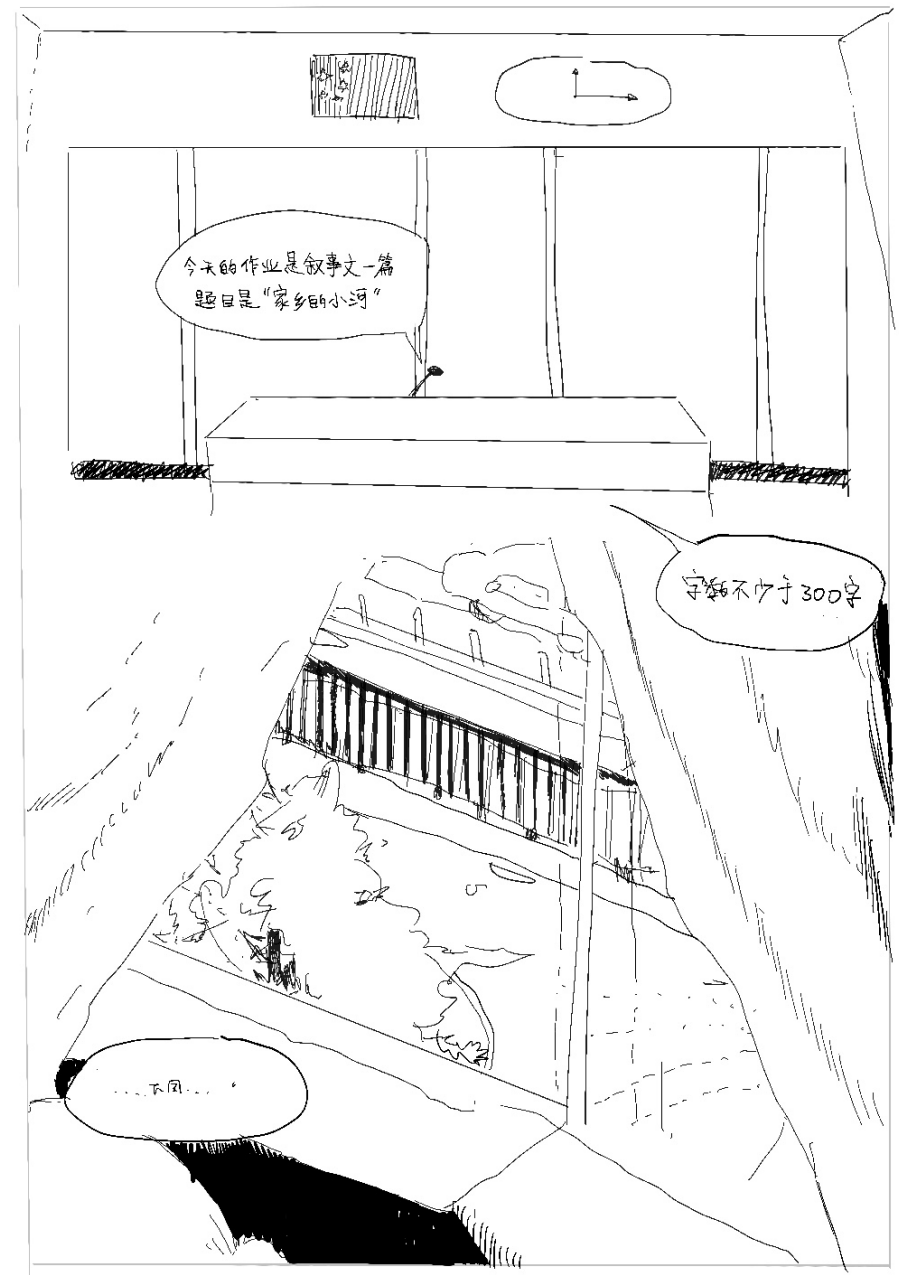


Today's homework is to write an  
essay about the hometown river

No less than 300 words

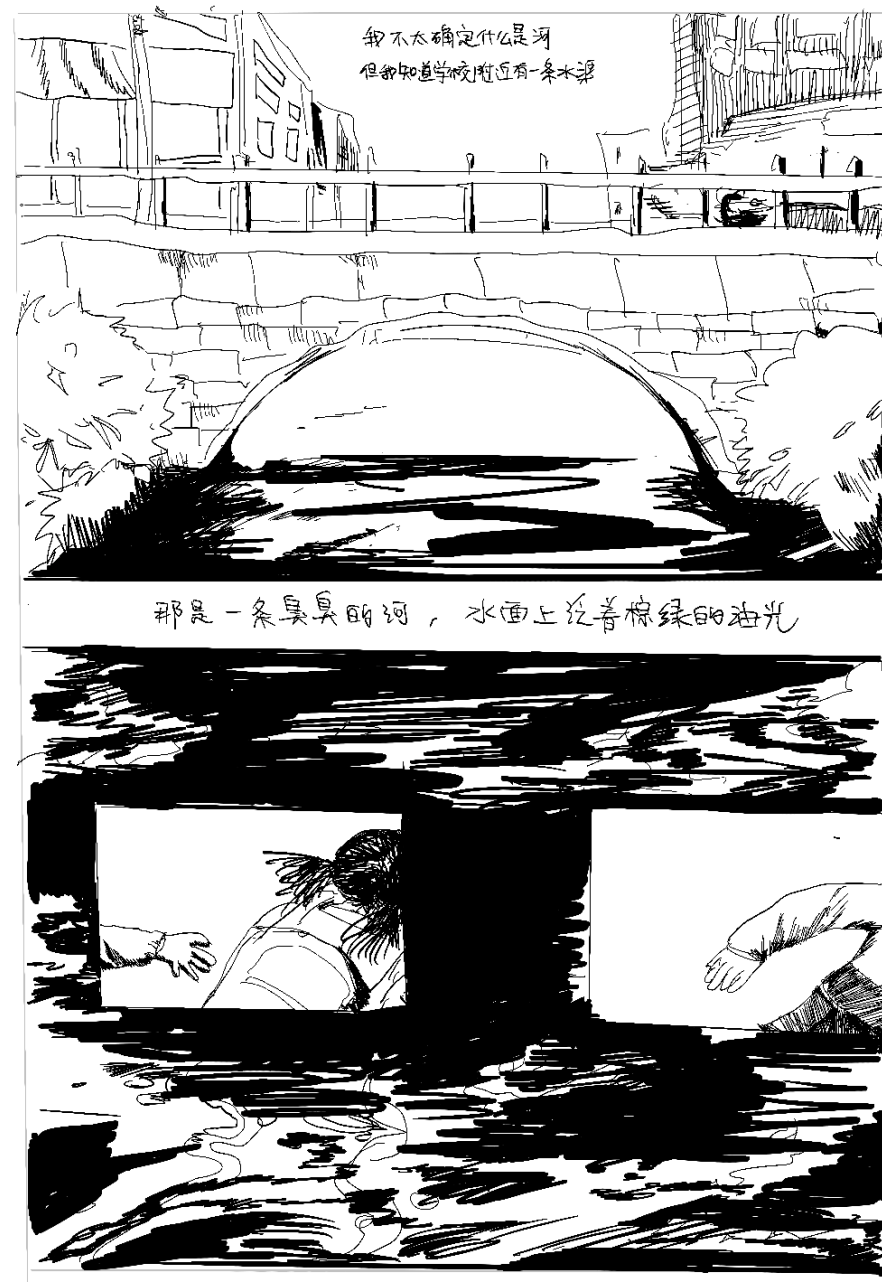
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I'm not sure what a river is  
the closest thing I know it a gutter near the school

It was quite stinky; oily green was flashing on the surface

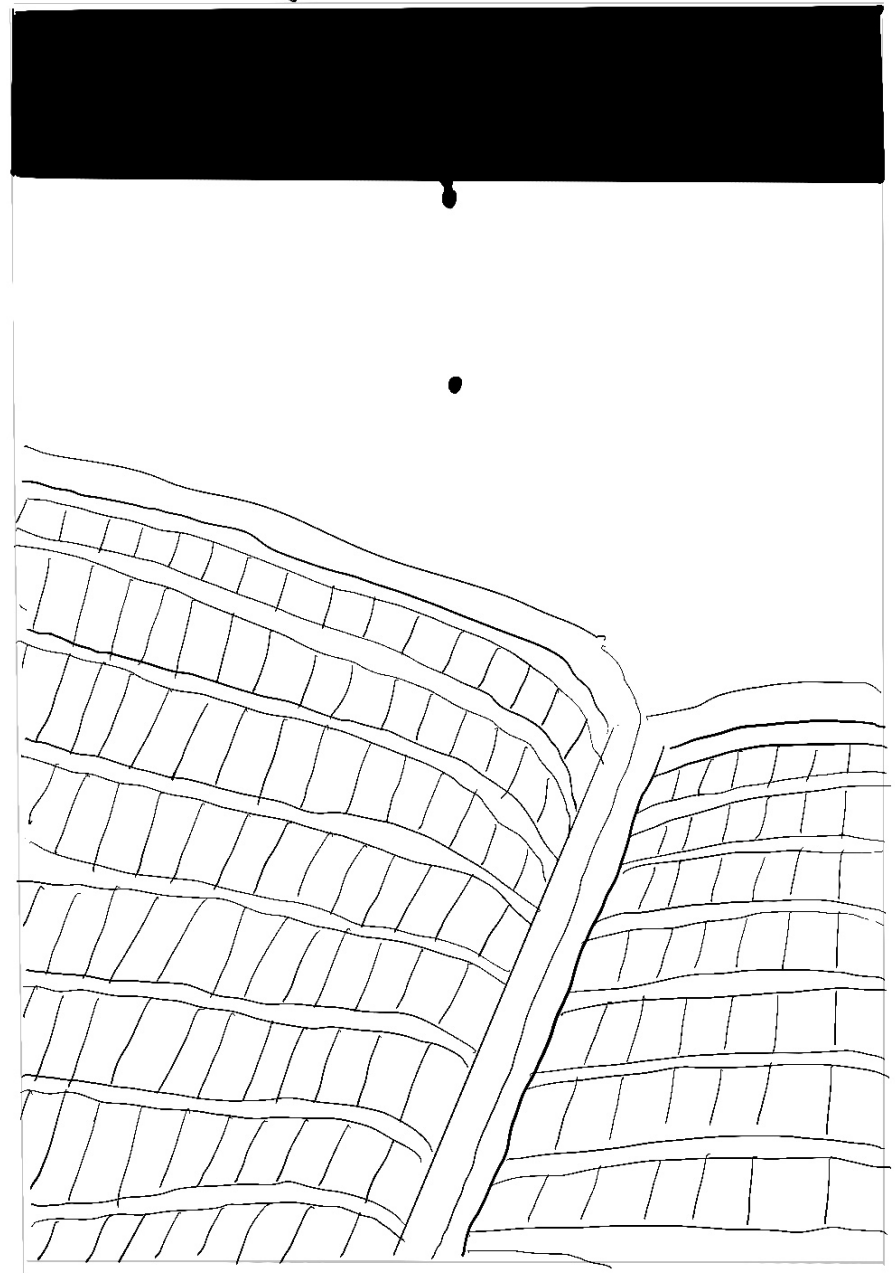
people would cover their nose; like we have started a race; we laugh and run



大家会捂住鼻子,像开始了什么游戏,大笑着跑过

How would I fill the page?

要如何填满格子呢?



I lied.

Thinking of the A+ essay  
that I read before that,

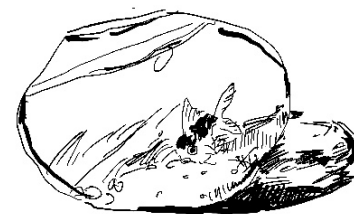
I made up my memory.  
I wrote,

"Grandpa told me it  
used to be so clear  
you could see the fish  
swimming through the  
water plants."

The truth is I never met my grandfather, and my home isn't here.

我撒谎了

想着之前看过的  
满分作文



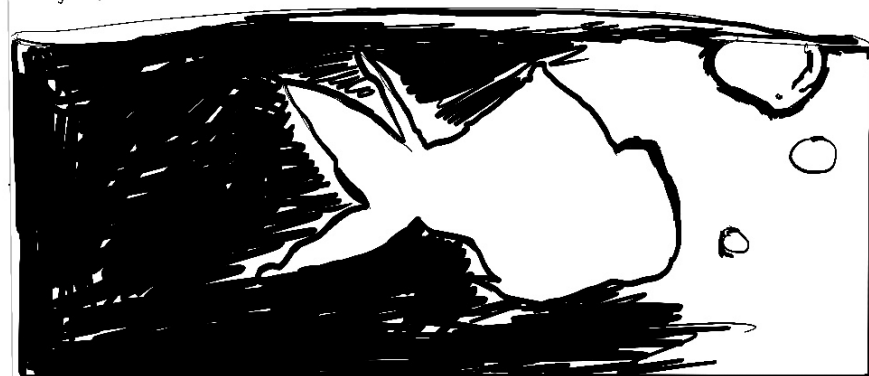
我捏造了记忆

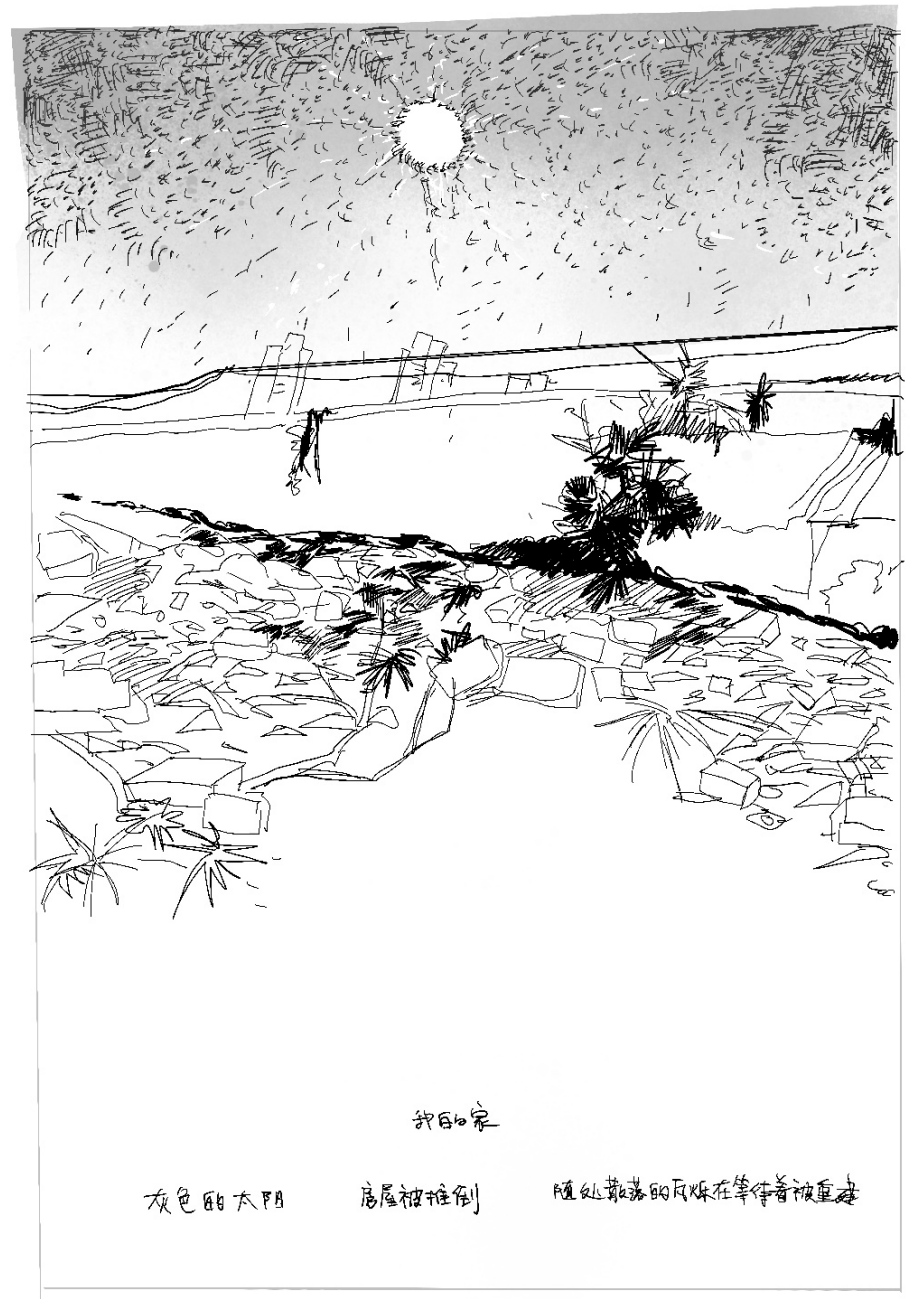
我写道

"爷爷告诉我这里  
过去清澈见底。  
你可以看见金  
鱼在水草间游动。"



事实我从未见过我的爷爷，我的家也并不在这里





My home

我的家

Sun was grey

Debris strewn everywhere waiting for the rebuild.

灰色的太阳

房屋被推倒

随处可见的瓦砾在等待着被重建

Houses were knocked down.

I thought I have no hometown river

Hence I lied for the homework

Not knowing the weight of the lie

Soon I realized

Hometown river was always there

我以为我的家乡是没有小河的。

所以我撒谎了,为完成作业

浑然不知这个谎言的重量



很快我就意识到了

故乡的小河一直在哪里