

DAY 15 | Motif: Silhouette(s)

TITLE | "Existential Silhouettes"

MEDIA | Canson Cold Press, Watercolor, Micro Pen

SIZE | 8 x 10

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I am cognizant of the fact that I am very fortunate to not have had sterilization forced upon me. All over the world, throughout history, Deaf people have been sterilized without/against their consent because of the simple fact that their lives are based on a different sensory universe than the majority around them. If I was born at a different time and/or place, I may not have been as fortunate to escape from sterilization to create a family of my own. I married a hearing man who has the heart of a Deaf ally, and we have three hearing children who have a Deaf heart of being born to a Deaf mother. Our oldest son married a Deaf woman and together they brought a hearing grandchild to the family. Imagine if both of us Deaf women were not allowed to have children? My family would be nonexistent, the blue silhouettes would then be fully imaginary, in my dreams.