

Song: “Pearl Diving”

After looking through some poems and songs that I love, I’ve decided to go for lyrics from the song “Pearl Diving” by a Finnish band Auri. The lyrics were written by Tuomas Holopainen, a Finnish composer and musician. He is in a way a poet, expressing his thoughts and feelings through his beautiful songs.

I’ve chosen the song “Pearl Diving”, which tells about a metaphorical journey, facing uncertainty and embracing change and transformation with exploration, acceptance, and courage. Seeking that something that you want, despite fear.

“Pearl Diving”

*I have a boat which I've never sailed
(Aweigh, anchor, away)
Onto its mast my colours nailed
(Aweigh, anchor, away)
It's loaded with years and years of hope
(Aweigh, anchor, away)
It refracts and cuts my capstan rope
(Aweigh, anchor, away)
My family sextant is the filling moon
(Aweigh, anchor, away)
The old tree sings in perfect tune
(Aweigh, anchor, away)
With greater age we see the birth
(Aweigh, anchor, away)
The offspring of a strange new surf
(Aweigh, anchor, away)
A free dive from this miserable sky
(Aweigh, anchor, away)
With lungs of soot in the grime filled deep
(Aweigh, anchor, away)
Shocked and pulled from a nice dull sleep
(Aweigh, anchor, away)

I know you're down there*

*In swaying kelp I'll find you
I feel like a child about to board a ghost train
With piercing sirens blaring
Through rings of black roses I'll move
Slow, scared, alive*

*The deluge is upon us, the laughing rudder chants
A springboard dance with no last chance
As I gasp for air, it's there*

*The sanded heart fills red; just as your gull voice said
Swooping and turning, the bridges are burning
Is it so much to take that we'll break?
Am I a man upon the land or a selkie on the sea?*

*Just as I suspected, you're not what I expected
Open the shell, pull me close, and with salty spit
I'm launched*

*I will not resist you
But I'll move slow and scared, alive
I hope that you are there
I hope to find you there*

*I will not resist you
But I'll move slow and scared, alive
Anchor, away
Aweigh, anchor, away!*

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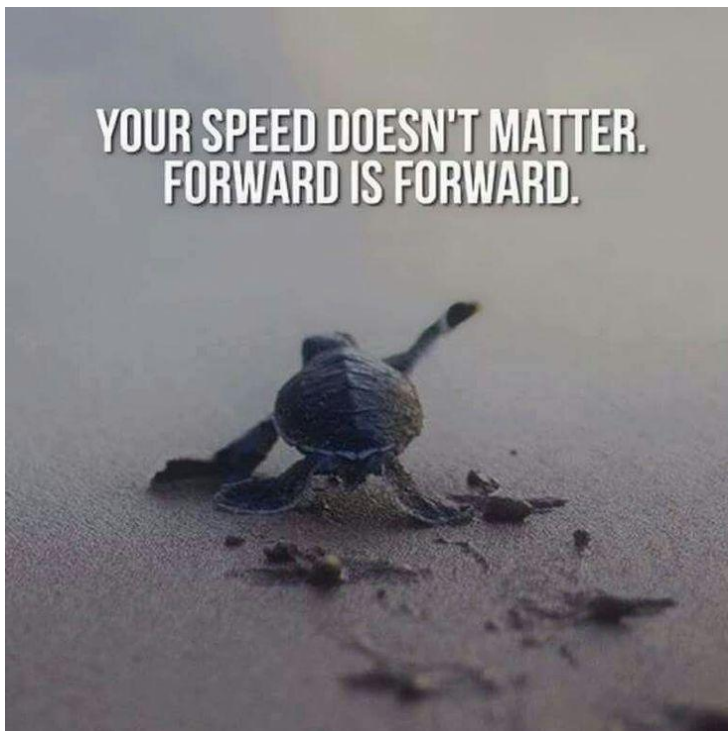
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FOCUS:

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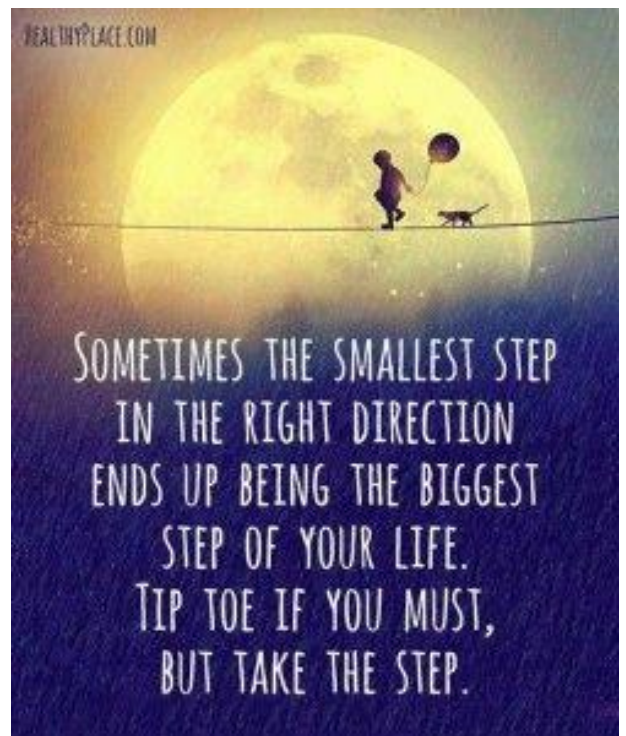
In this part, it starts with acceptance, embracing what is instead of fighting it. That despite the fear, there is a will to go further and experience the emotions that come along the way, and make you feel alive. Being ready to let go and allow the change, the adventures in life, the unknown.

RESEARCH:



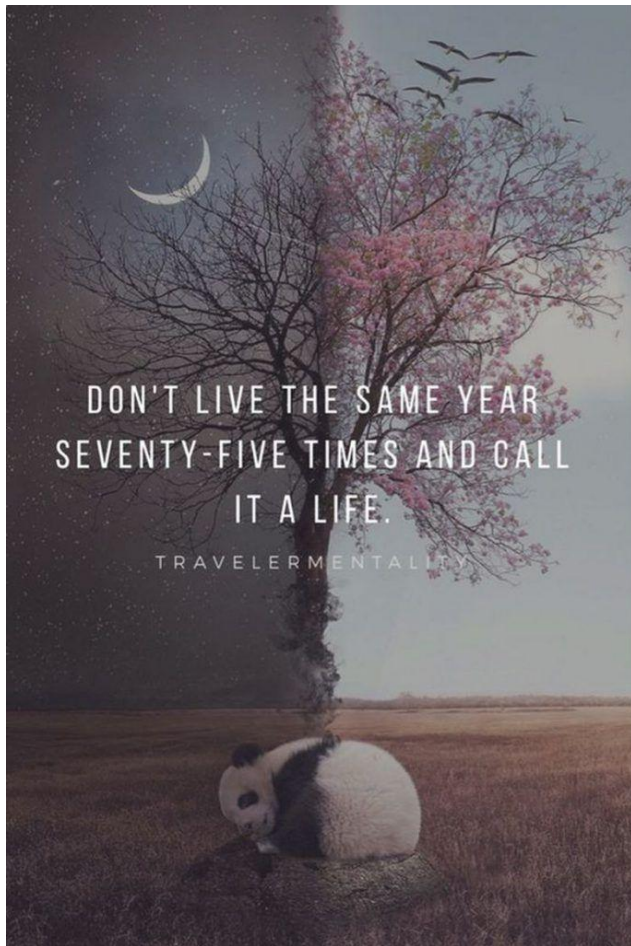
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FORWARD IS FORWARD.**

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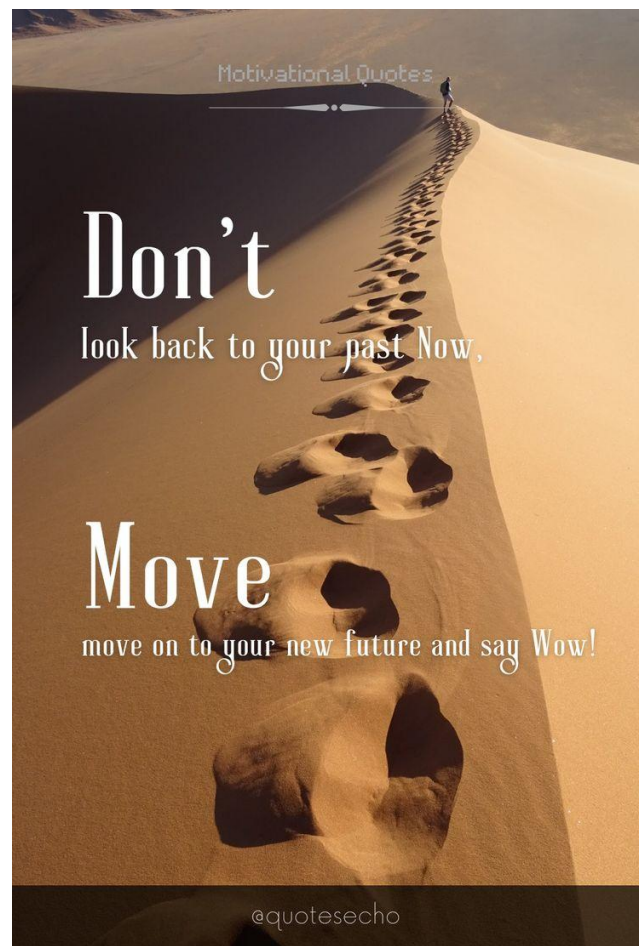


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ENDS UP BEING THE BIGGEST
STEP OF YOUR LIFE.
TIP TOE IF YOU MUST,
BUT TAKE THE STEP.**

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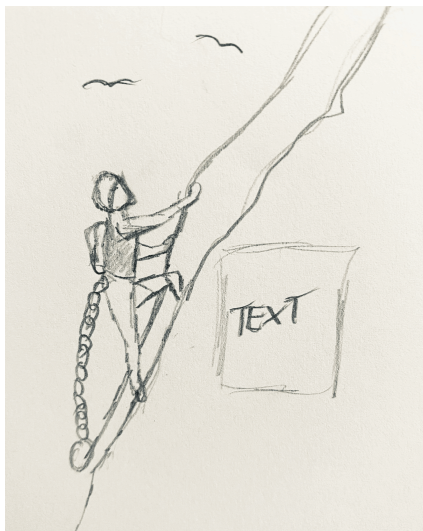
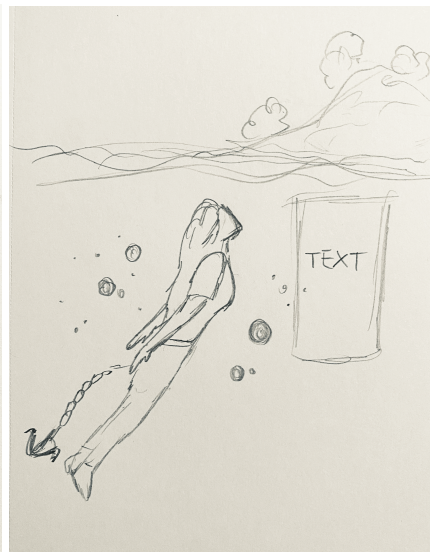
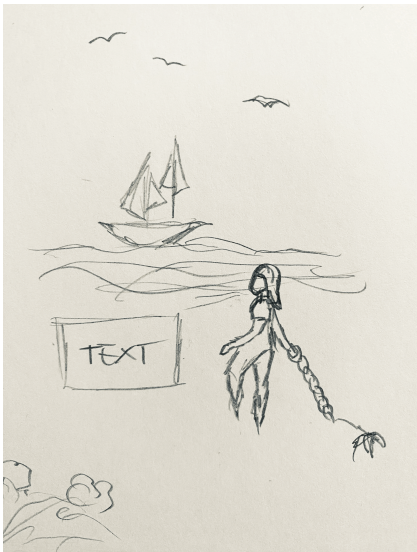
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When thinking of ideas how to represent visually this verse I've chosen, what comes to my mind is a person beginning a sail in a small boat, lifting the anchor hesitantly, with a mix of fear and determination in their eyes, and slowly moving further. Looking upon the sunrise in the distance, with birds flying up. Or maybe just a boat, moving towards the sunrise.

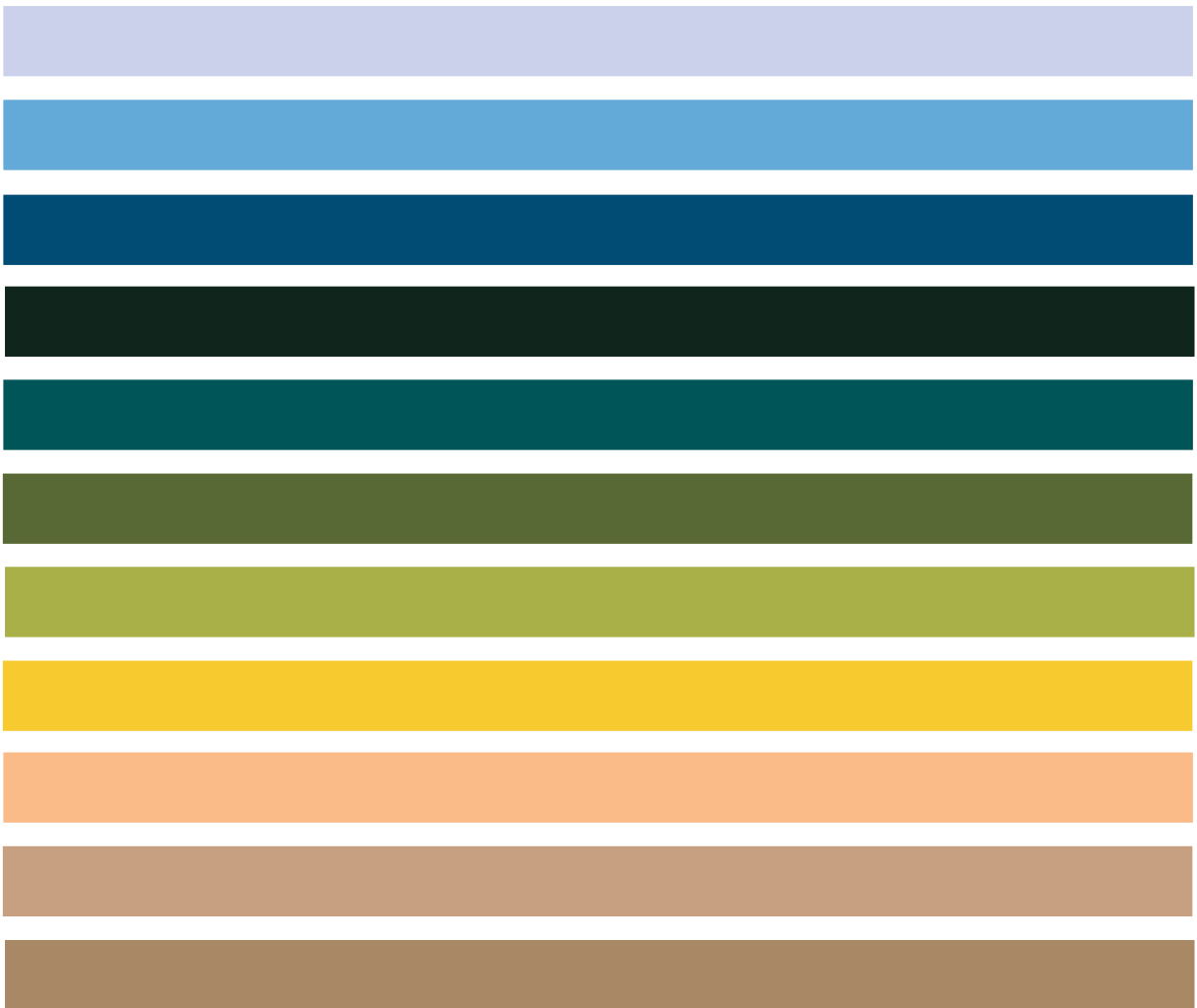
I also see a person moving through obstacles, trying to get to the key that opens the door to what they are determined to go to, maybe breaking from the chains or a cage.

THUMBNAILS:



COLOR STUDIES:

I wanted to do different color schemes for all three drafts, the colors should represent water, air, vegetation, and sand.



TEXT:

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I will not resist you
But I'll move slow and scared, alive
Anchor, away
Aweigh, anchor, away!

DIDOT

I will not resist you
But I'll move slow and scared,
alive
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COURIER NEW

I will not resist you
But I'll move slow and
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VATICAN

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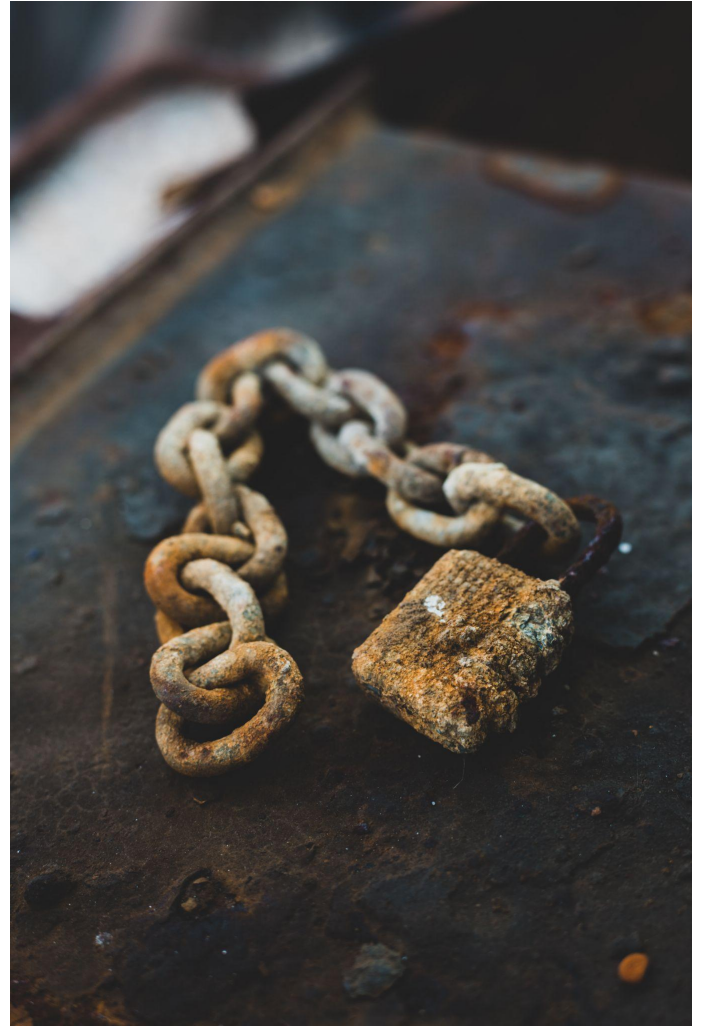
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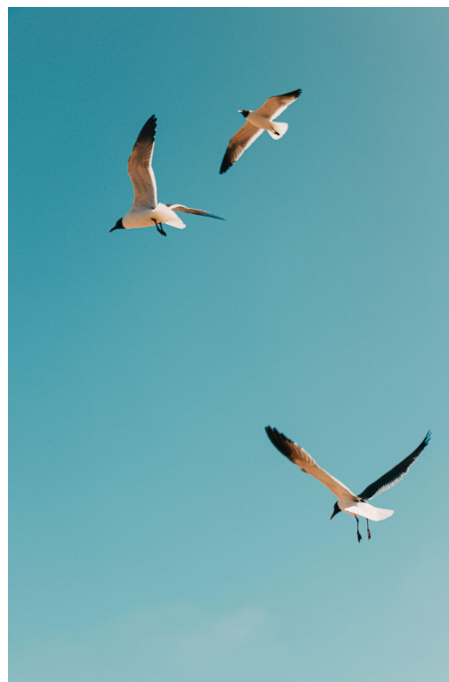
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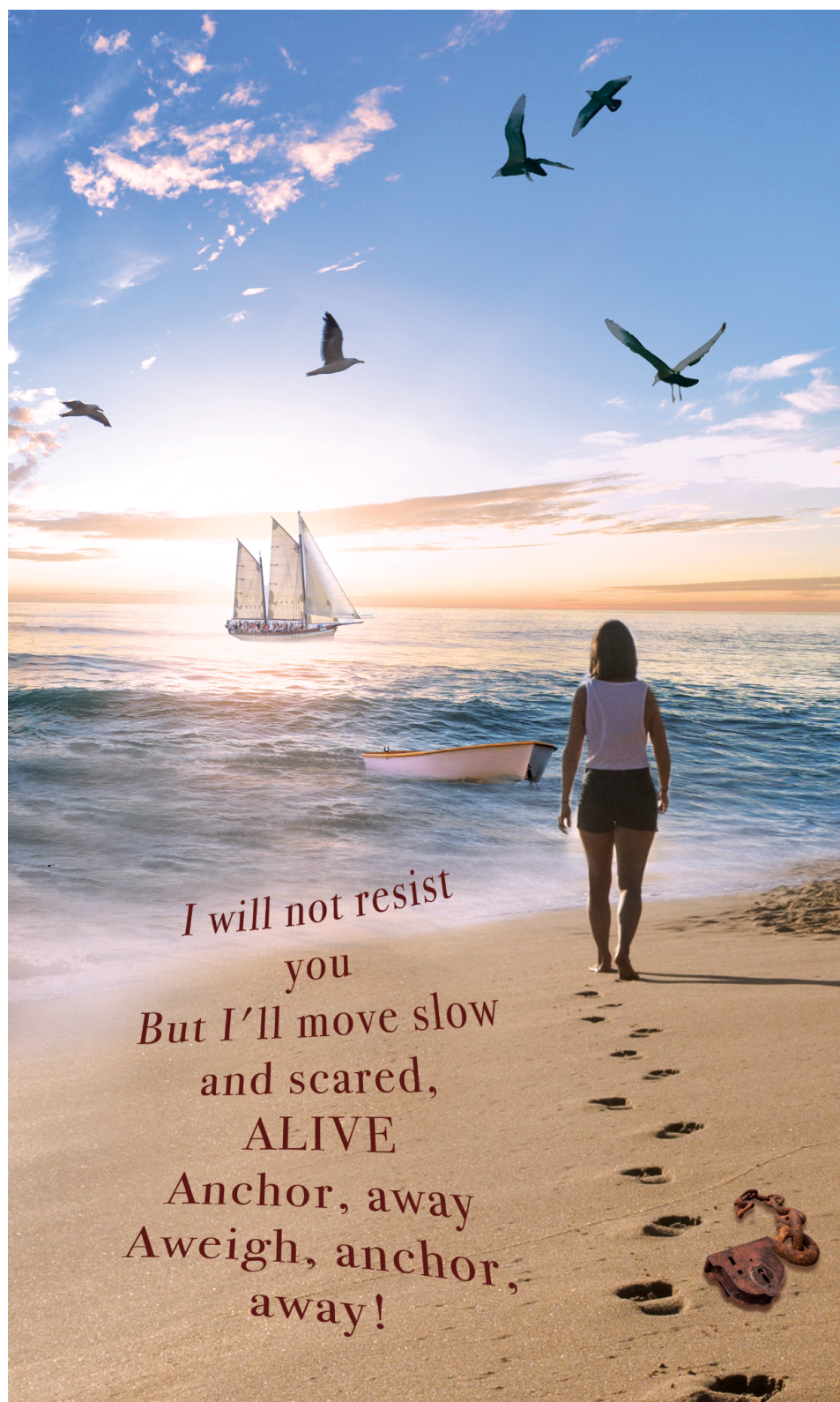
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ROUGHS:

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#2



*I will not resist
you
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away!*

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