

art  
*for* freedom

SEE  
SOMETHING,  
DRAW  
SOMETHING

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# Art for freedom

We can't help but speak up... or in this case, sketch up. If you want to help people, you're reminded to say something if you see something. To that end, we cheered, we chanted, we wailed. Our voices hoarse, we now turn to pen, pencil, brush, and other media to squeeze out every last word. We at Art for Freedom have organized this collection to present a fraction of the hundreds of pieces from all corners of the world, from artists who wanted not their voices, but their cause to be heard. Until each injustice is undone, we will continue to fight with our canvases. We hope this collection hits a sympathetic note in your heart, and that you may amplify our collective voice with your canvas too.



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**IS COMPASSION  
TOO MUCH TO  
ASK FOR ?**



**PREGNANT  
BUT  
NO  
JUSTICE**







**FREEDOM**

**AT DAWN**

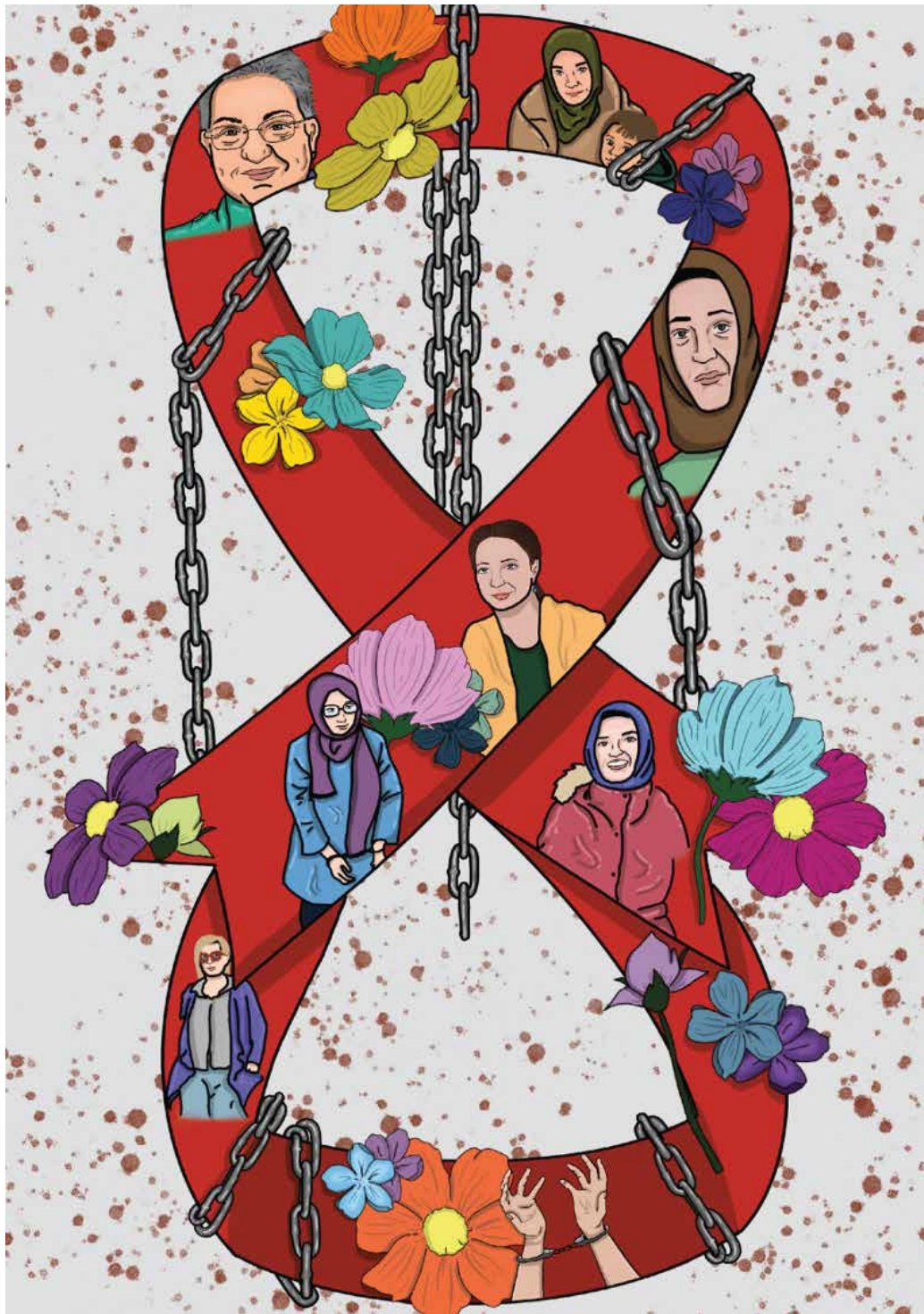


## DREAMS OF NORMALCY



Turkish Afghan schools were illegally taken over by the Maarif Foundation back by the Turkish government.





**TEMPORARY  
VICTIMS,  
TIMELESS  
HEROES**

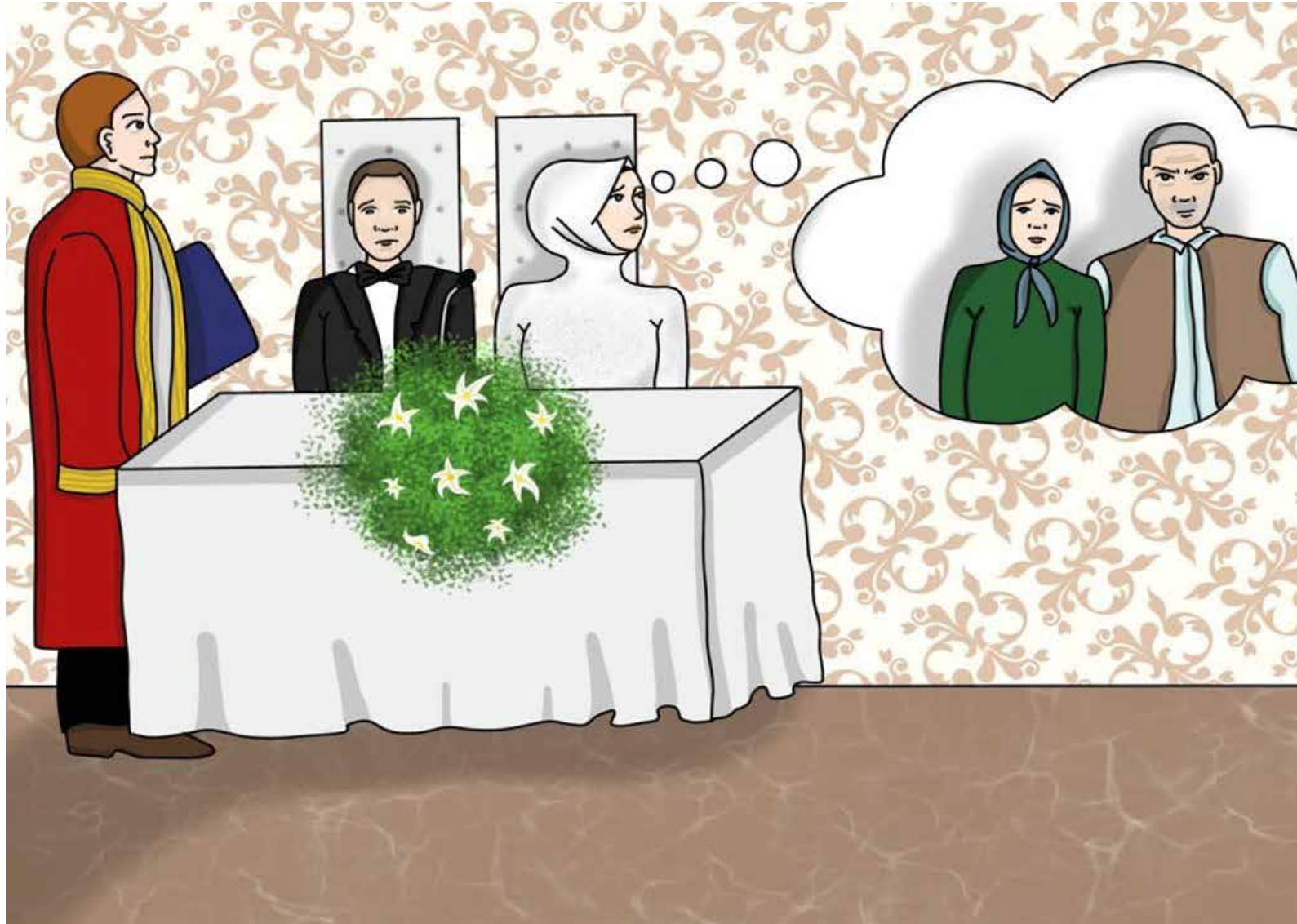


## ULUDAĞ: A WOMAN AMONG WOMEN

Whereas those who  
exiled her from her  
homeland will be  
remembered for  
their tyranny, she  
will be remembered  
for her heroism.



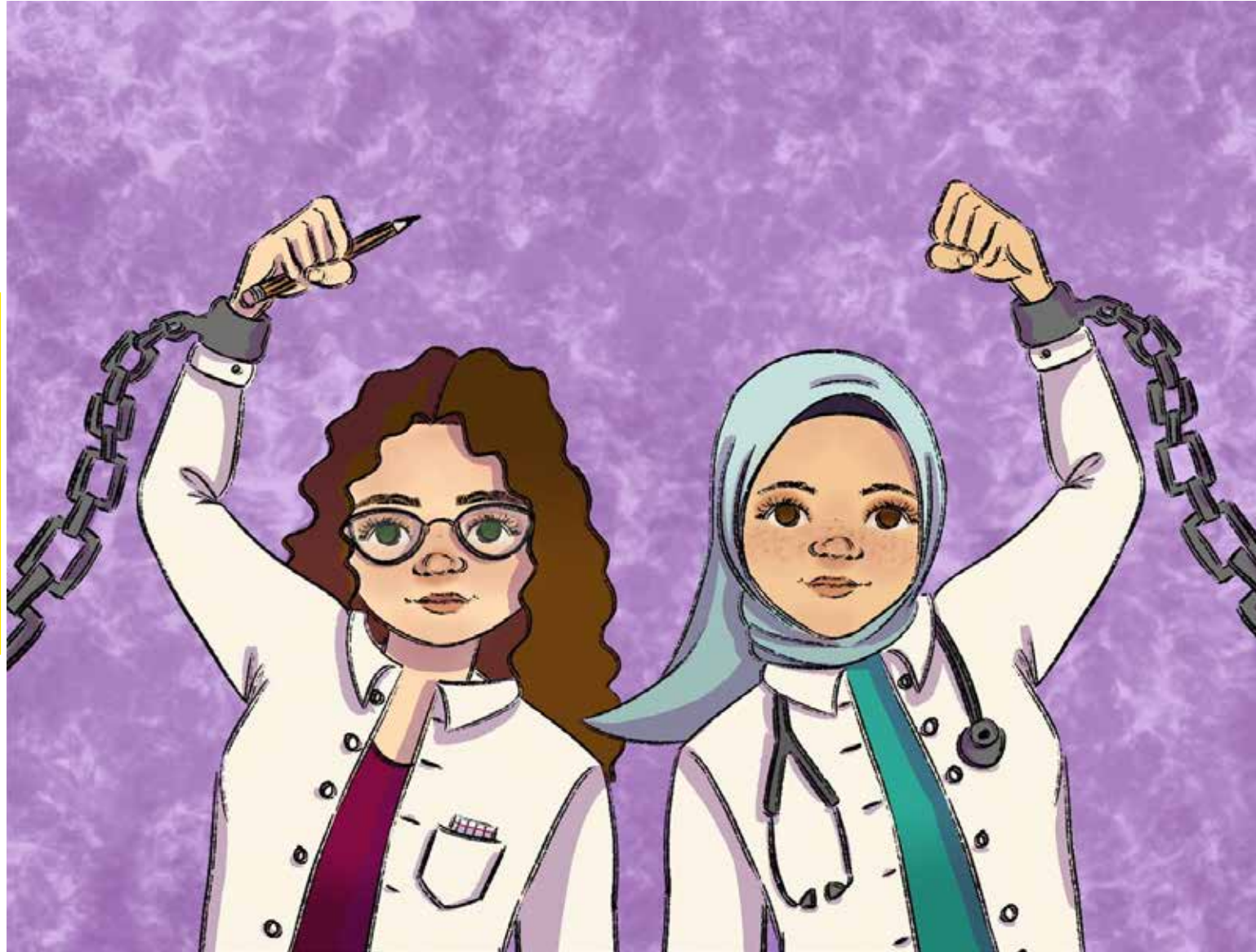




## HALF-HEARTED CEREMONY

For those who have life-changing events continue to happen without family and are separated from those they love because they cannot risk traveling to a place where they could be arrested and put into prison.

# CHAINED BRAINS



Representation of the large numbers of professionals forced to leave Turkey to find freedom, those who were dismissed from academic positions, or arrested and put into prison.





864 innocent young children and babies are in jail in Turkey.

**THERE'S  
NO PLACE  
LIKE HOME**

**DREAMS**

**VS.**

**REALITY**



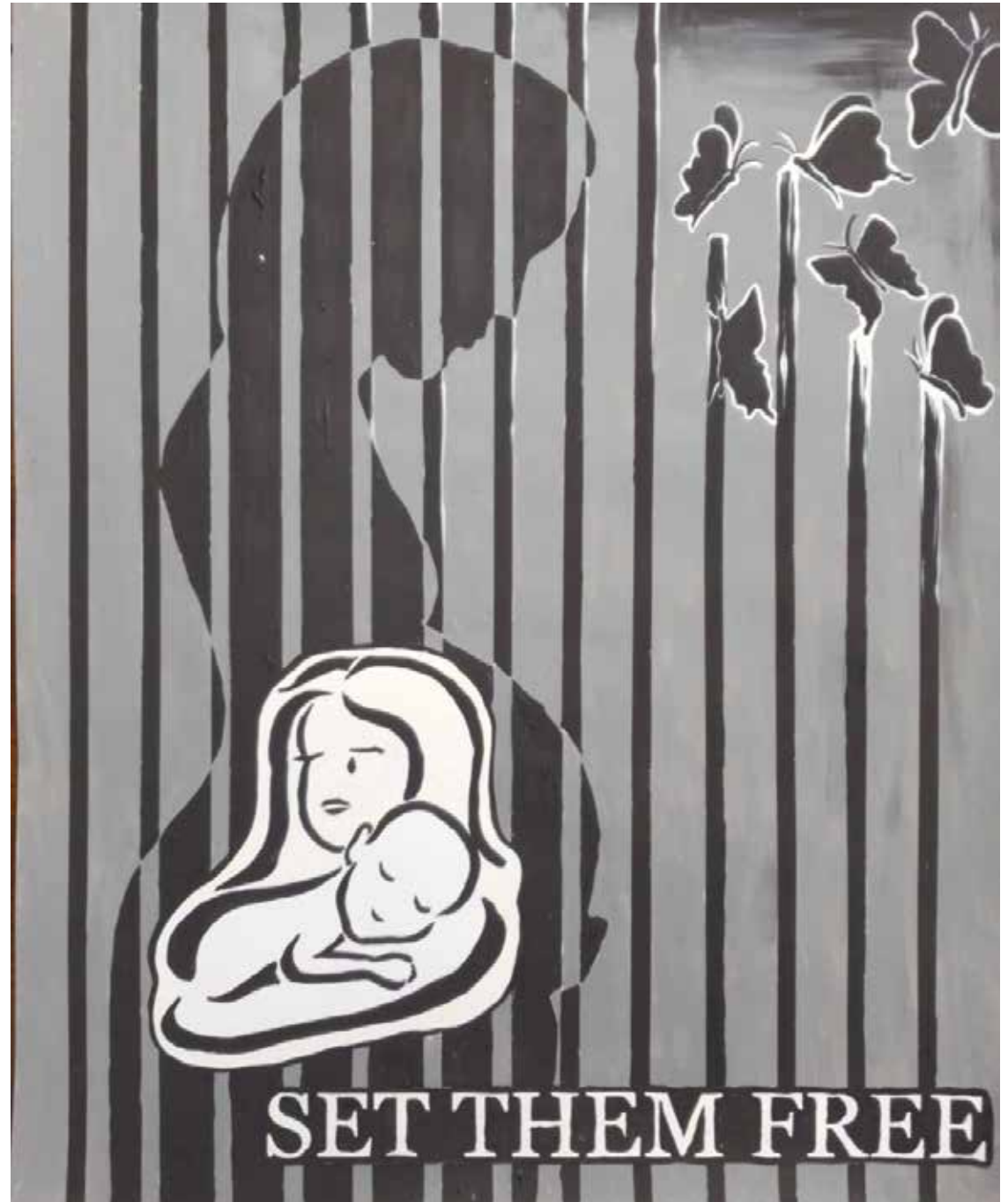


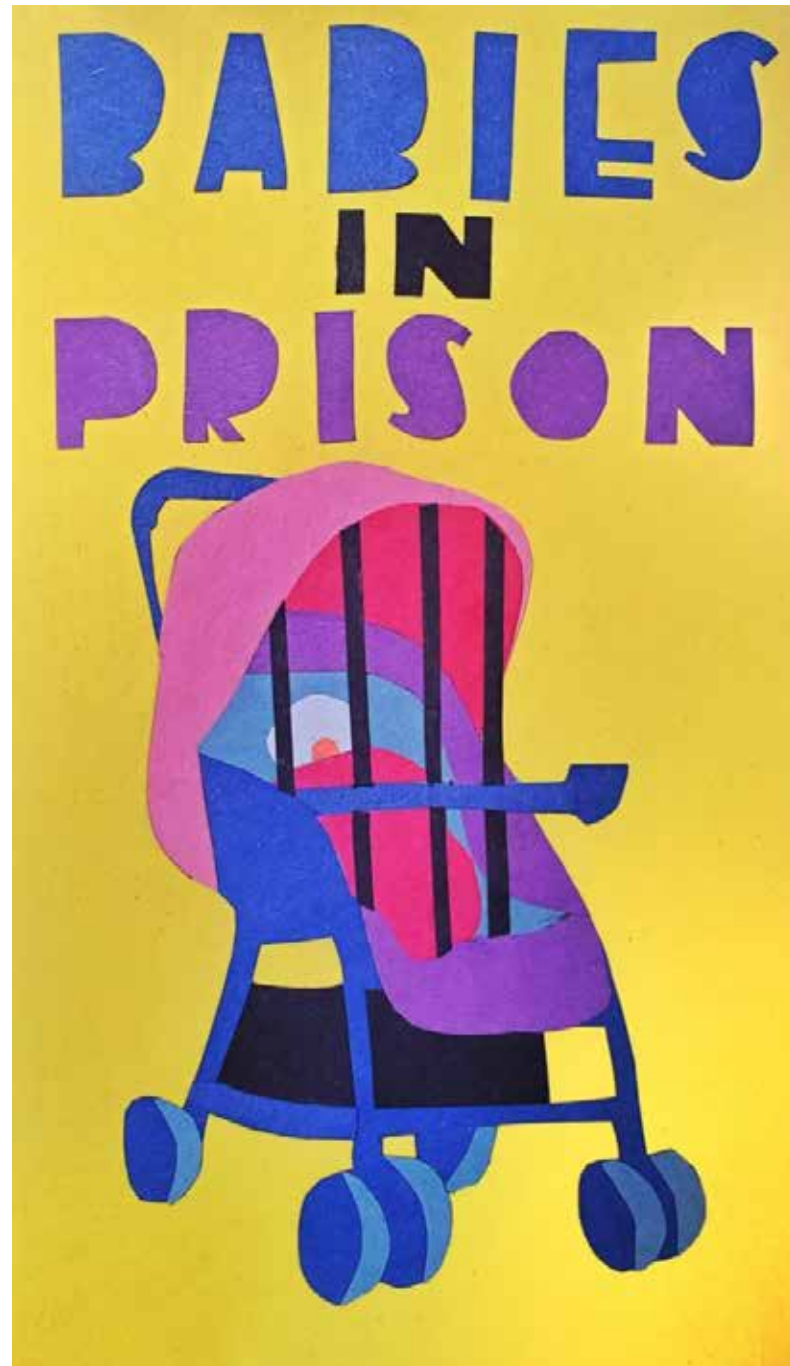


Children are told they are camping to distract them from the reality of living in an internment camp after escaping Turkey.



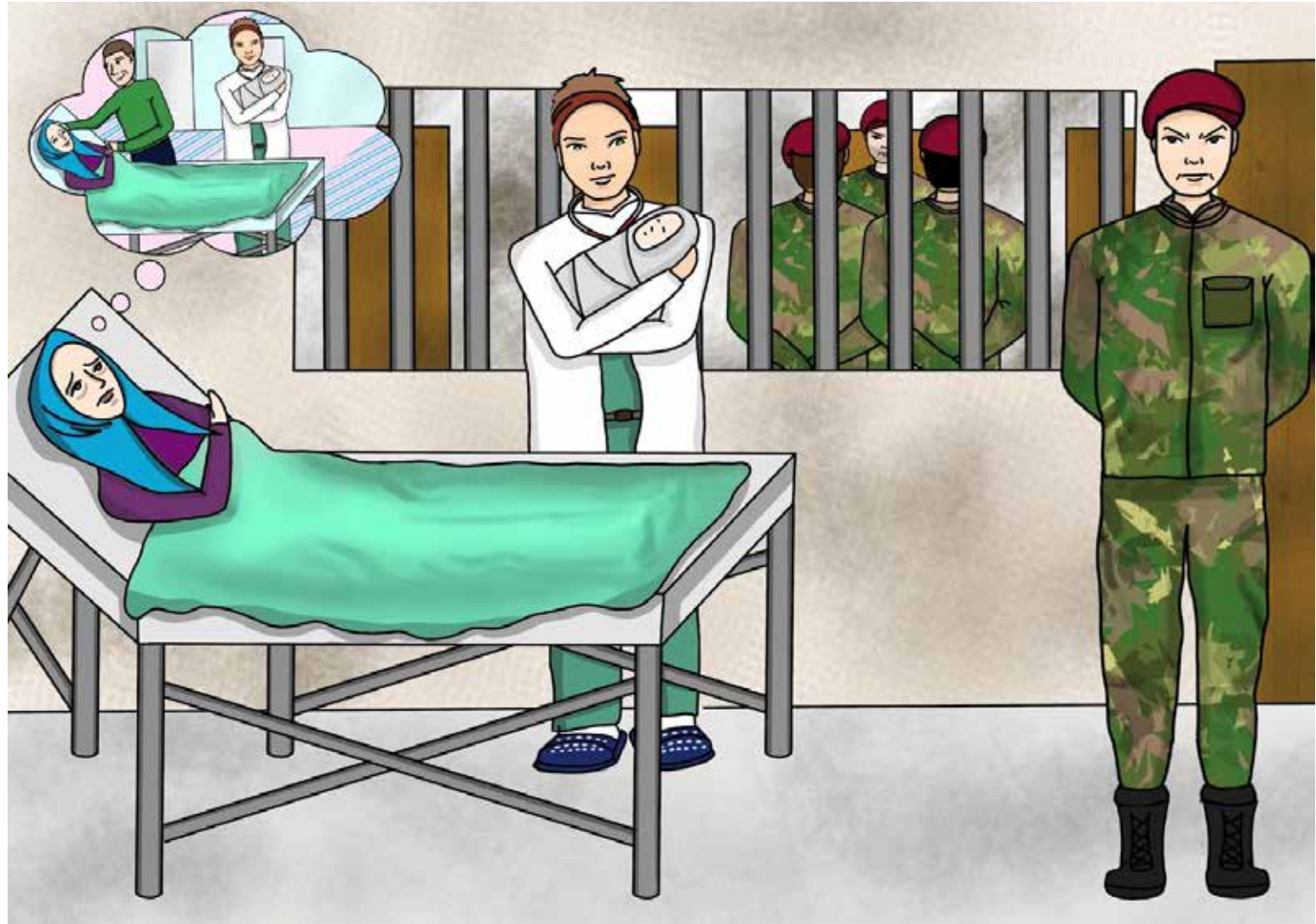
**POLITICAL  
PRISONER  
BY BIRTH**







## DELIVERANCE INTO DESPAIR



The illegal act of a guard present at the delivery door when a woman gives birth and then taking her and the baby into custody/prison.





**AS LADY**

**JUSTICE**

**LOSES**

**SIGHT**

**Zeki  
Güven:**

**Police Intelligence  
Chief**

**Who died of a  
"heart attack" in a  
prison system  
where physical  
and psychological  
torture run  
rampant.**



Police Intelligence Chief Who died of an alleged "heart attack" in a prison system where physical and psychological torture run rampant.





## **AYŞENUR PARILDAK: JOURNALIST**

One of the many  
victims of the  
country that comes  
first in a number  
of journalists  
jailed.



**GUILTY  
UNTIL  
PROVEN  
INNOCENT**









# IMAGES OF CRUELTY





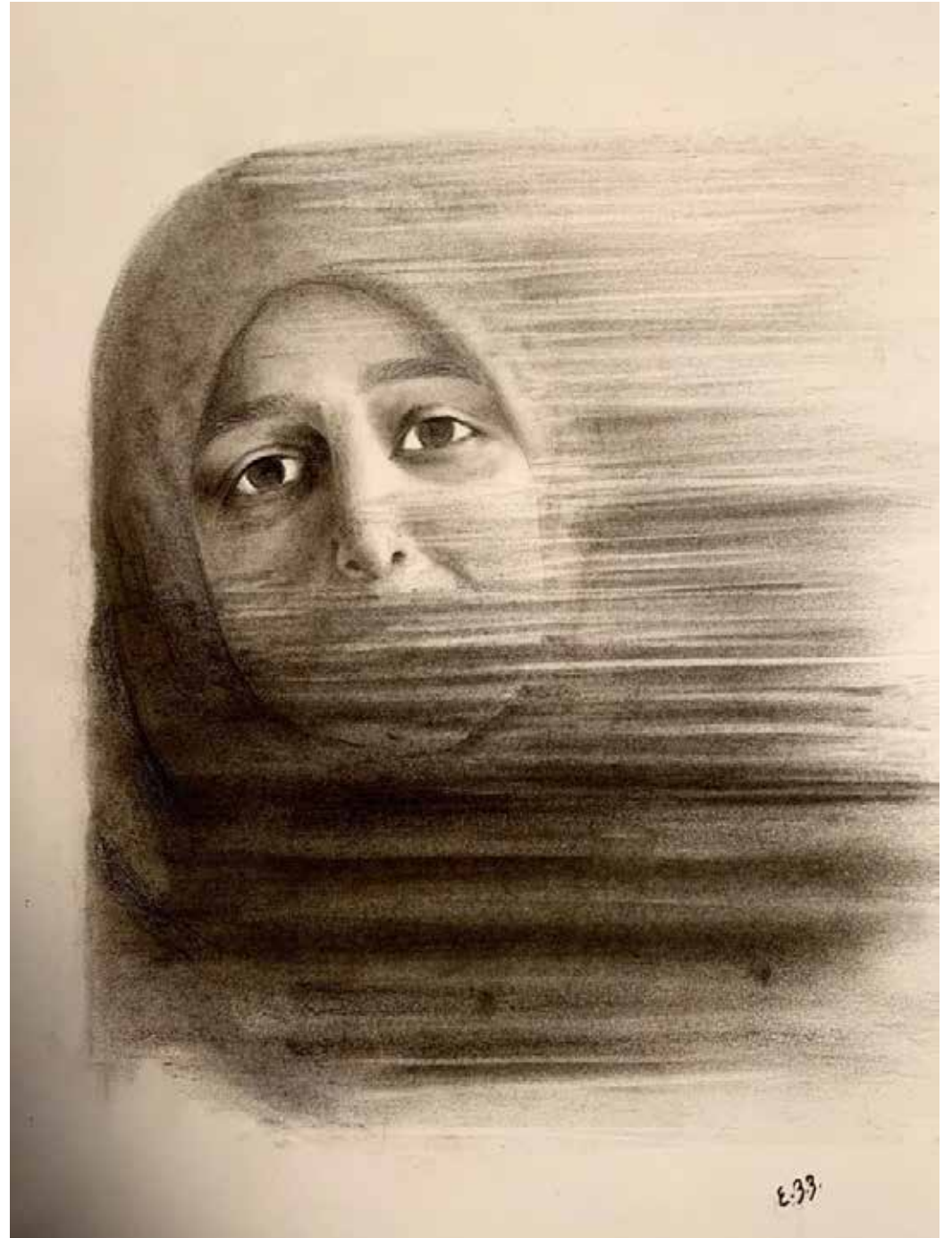


# The Human Children's Condition

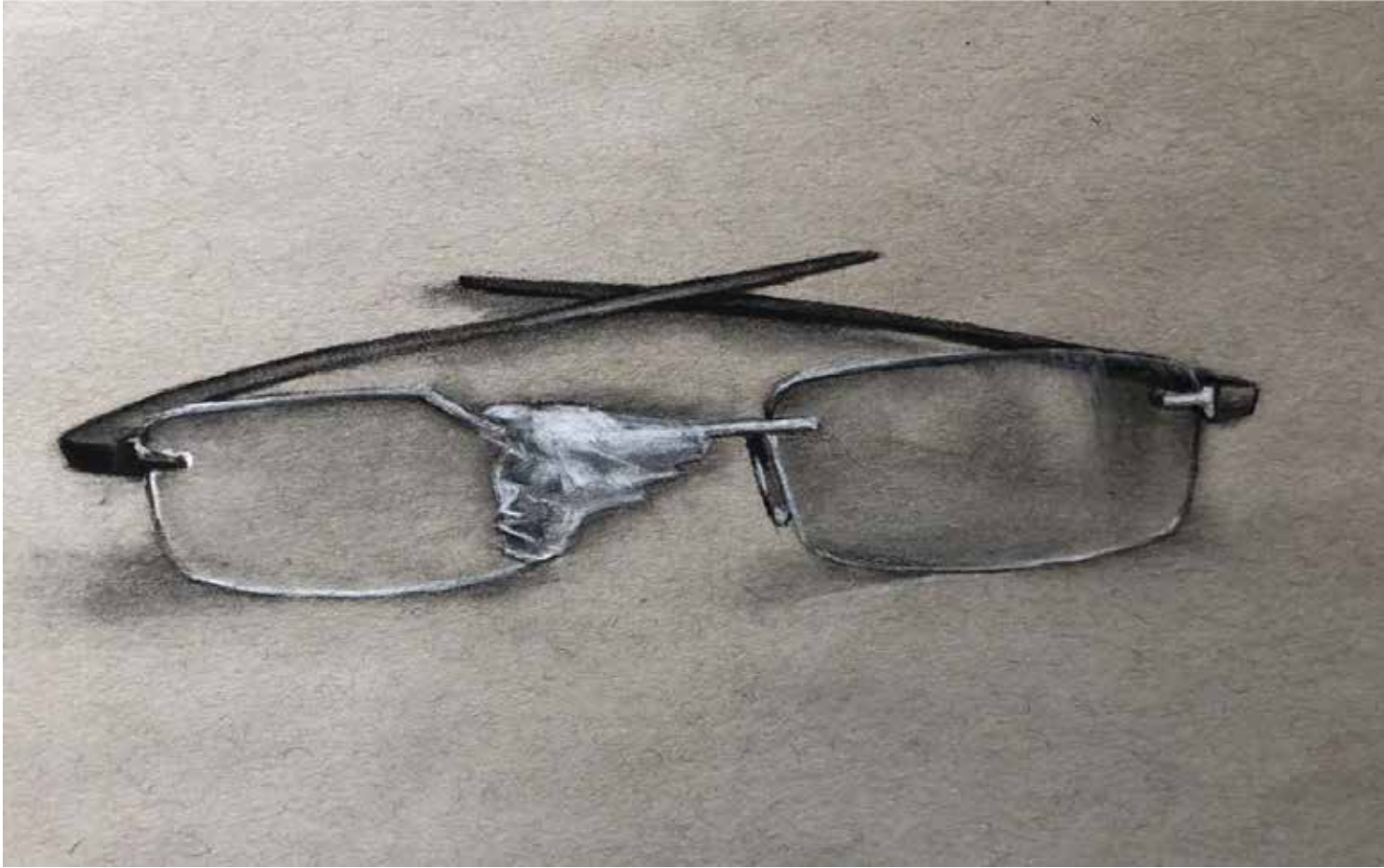
**FATMA GÖRMEZ**

**SHE, WHO WAS SILENCED.**

**SHE, WHO WAS MADE  
INVISIBLE.**







The shattered eyeglasses that belonged to Gokhan Acikkolu who was tortured in jail and later died.

**GÖKHAN**



**AÇIKKOLU:**

**TEACHER**

To educate his students  
to achieve their goals  
with smiles on their  
faces.

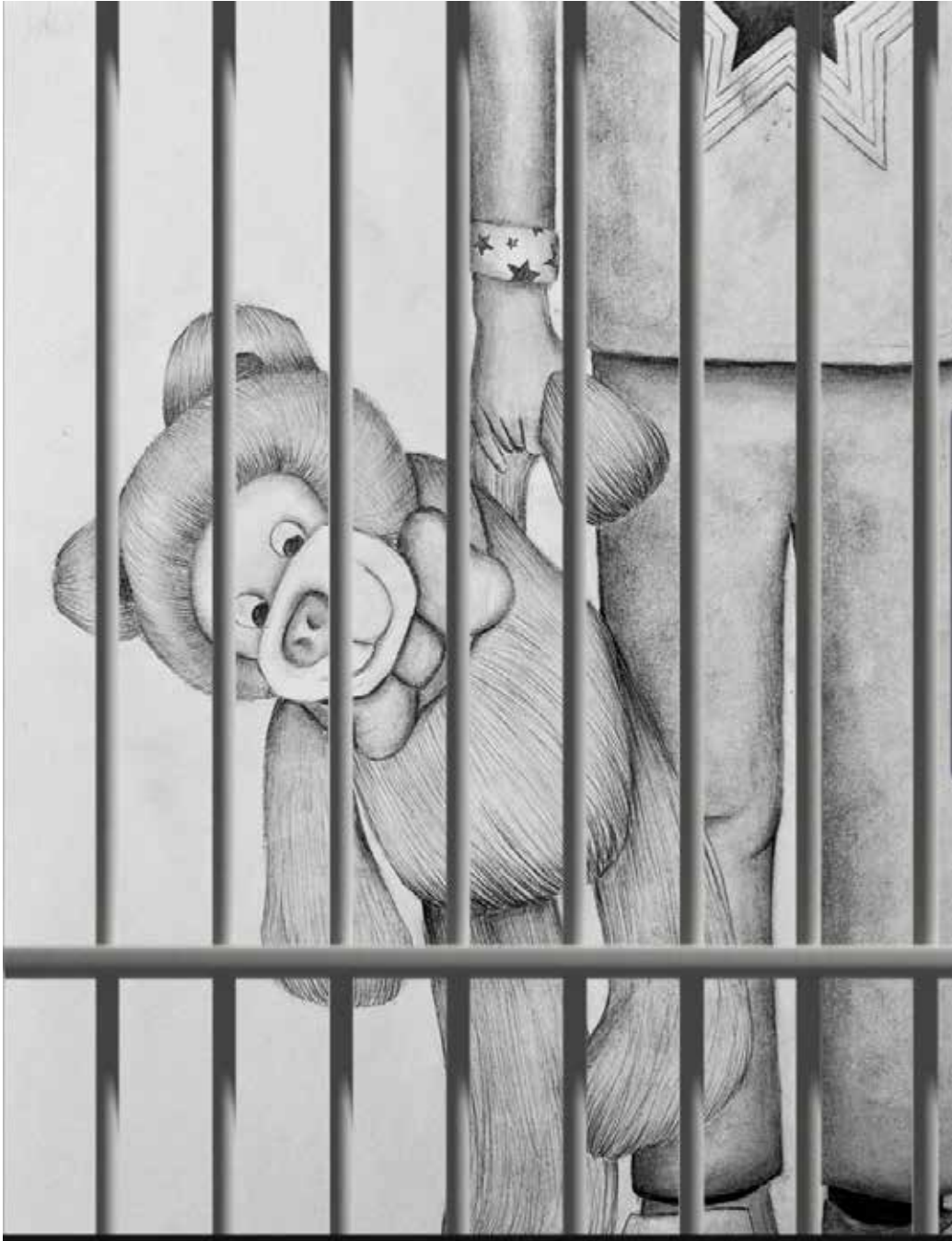
**HIS END?**

**DEATH**

**BY TORTURE.**







# **CAGE FOR TWO**

# **BETWEEN FREEDOM AND DEATH**







Who persevered as she struggled for life in the hospital at barely 64 pounds, as her son died by her side, and her husband attended their child's funeral in handcuffs.

**FATMA  
GÖRMEZ**

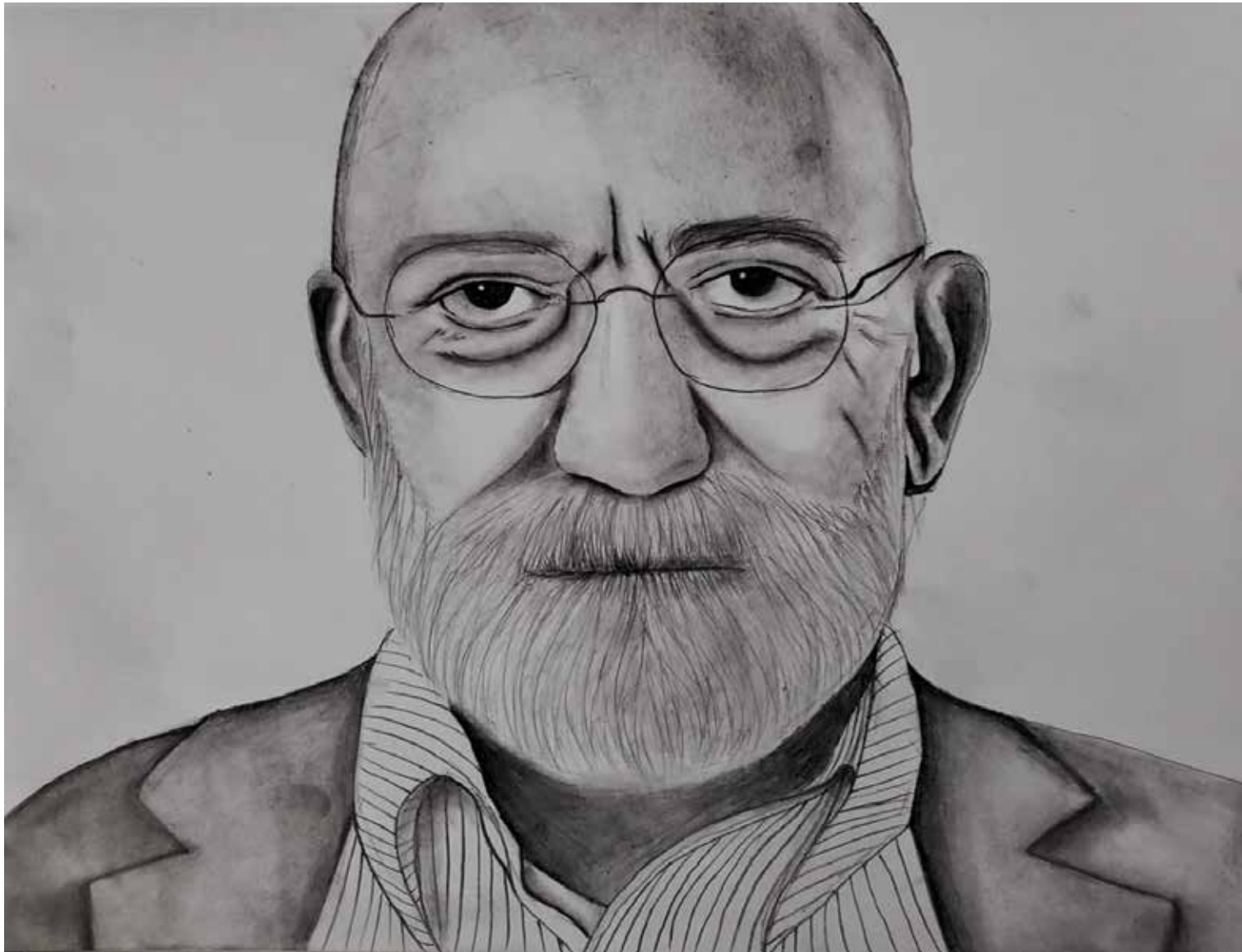
**SHE  
WHO  
PERSEVERED.**

# **INTELLECTUAL NEMESIS**



More than 300,000 books have been removed from Turkish schools and libraries and destroyed since the attempted coup of 2016)





**AHMET**



**ALTAN:**

**JOURNALIST**

**Imprisoned.**

**Released on**

**probation.**

**Imprisoned again.**

**HIS MIND?**

**FOREVER FREE.**

# DRIFTING IN THE NIGHT







Motivated by fear and desperate to flee the oppression of the Turkish government, the escape is worth the risk.

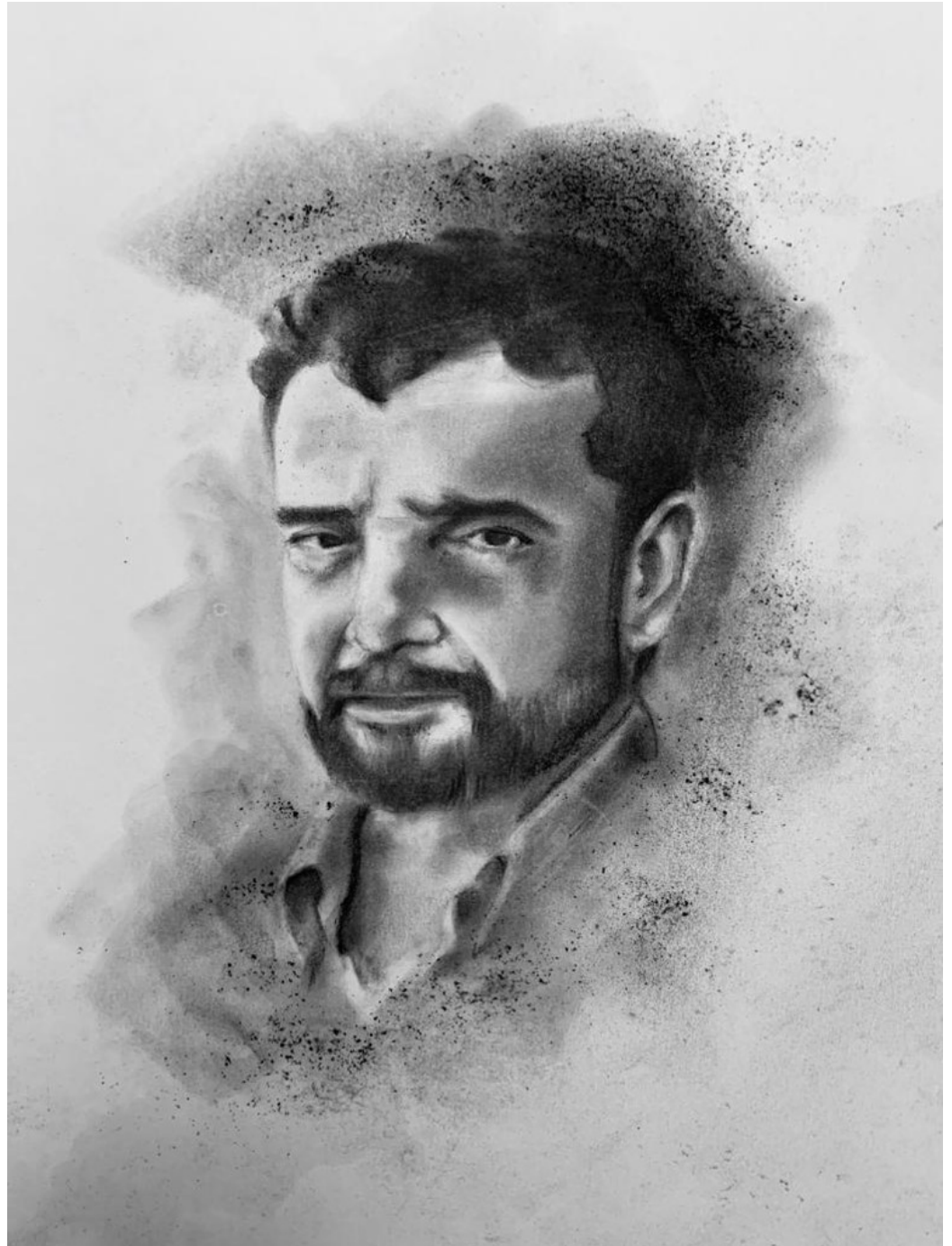
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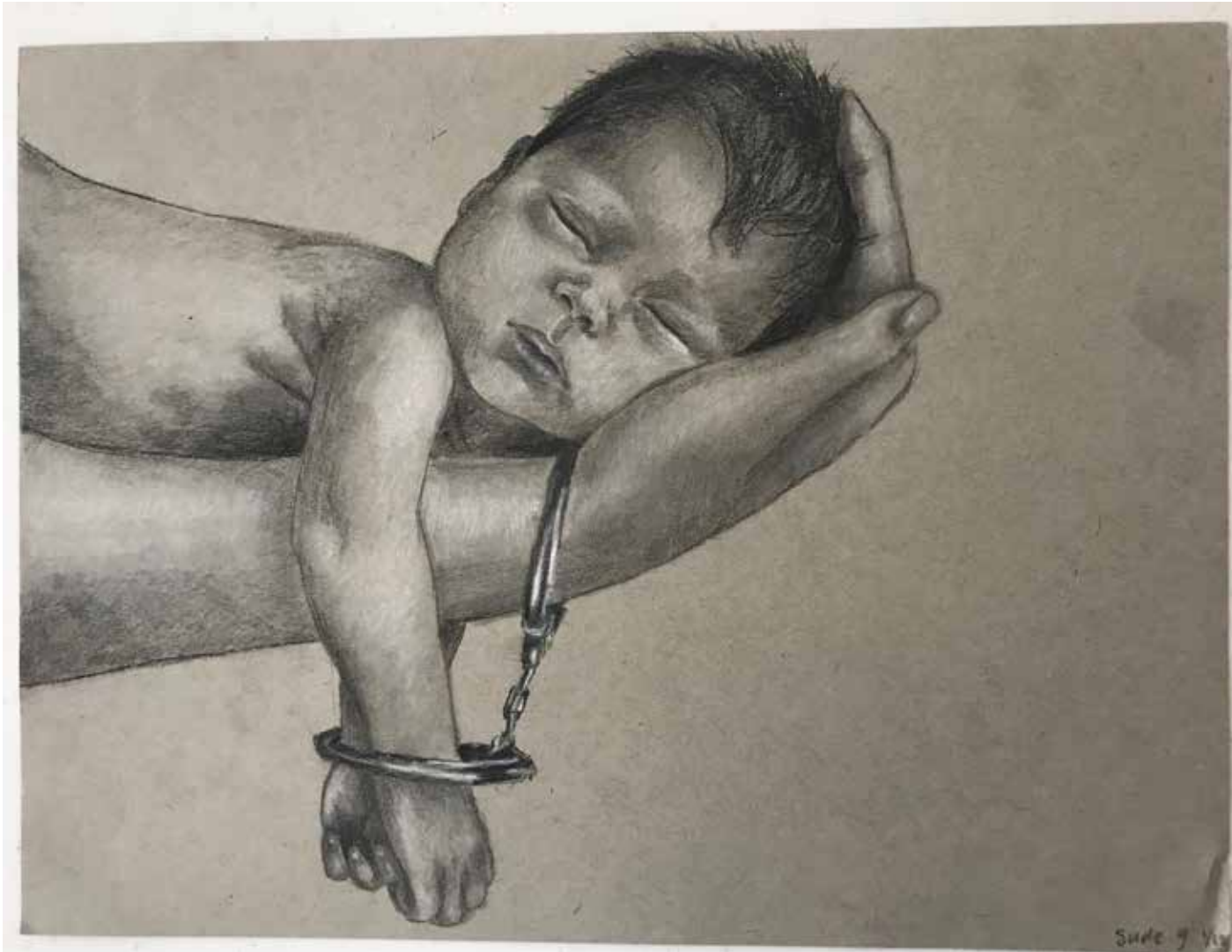
**MÜMTAZER**

**TÜRKÖNE**

His ink was onyx,  
His fortune darker;  
Yet his words shined,  
Reflecting the future he  
bartered.









# **CAPTIVE FREEDOM**

