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My teeth are rotting, I smell bad, I am out of shape, and I need to shave, clean my apartment, and clean up my life. It all seems to be falling apart on the outside, because I am so entrenched in trying to figure out what to do next. How can I start the next project to bring something into the world that has never existed before? Monumental tasks require monumental effort. On the inside I am excited, agitated, and feel compelled to continue being part of this encompassing endeavor. Making is a way to breath. It is a way to communicate with everyone about what we are all going through and what we can do to make it better. Maybe making it better smacks too much of utopia. If we continue to make, at least we will all be cognizant, deliberate participants.

My greatest wish is to be able to continue making art. I must find a way to keep this privilege, which I have gained so much faith in. Artists need to be honest. Powerful artwork does not come from a market driven aesthetic. It comes from inside, where all of the factors boil to the surface, and something happens. Something gets made. The festering of everyday and every influence eventually pops to the surface like an oily pimple, and we squeeze the juice from inside, plucking it from the pores of our consciousness

This drawing grew out of an exercise to make something from nothing. Some of the many factors involved in the art world and my life as an artist were built into a hierarchical model. For many artists the line becomes blurred between life and making. Everyday is about being an artist and balancing the rest of life can be difficult. In this model the body is everyone and everything. It is the system. Art is devoured by the system and the factors are nourished to become strong, and more rigid. These elements, which comprise the body, however, are not fixed. They are elements, which may not even be fully understood. To be an artist today you must be aware of the system, but you also must purge it from your mind to get on with the making. Don't get in your own way, and don't let anyone else hold you back. Make your own hierarchy and decide who or what is on top.

