

DAY 14 | Motif: Cliff

TITLE | Language Snatchers Part II: "Sentenced to Life"

MEDIA | Canson Cold Press, Watercolor, Micro Pen

SIZE | 8 x 10

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Some might have heard of the most well-documented case of a language-deprived HEARING child named Genie found in 1971. There were other cases of hearing children language-deprived, such as Anna, Kaspar Hauser, Isabelle, and Victor (known as the "wild boy of Aveyron"). These cases spanned 200 years. That's ONE case every 40 years. Society was in an uproar, appalled about these hearing children being deprived of a language and saw it as severe neglect and abuse. Where . . . has . . . the . . . same . . .uproar . . . been . . . for . . . Deaf . . . babies and children? There have been HUNDREDS of language-deprived Deaf kids every 40 years! One hundred versus just one every 40 years? While enforcing language deprivation for hearing children is unacceptable, horrific, abusive and inhumane, on the other hand, enforcing the same on Deaf babies and children is not a big deal. There's been no uproar from society for tossing Deaf babies over the cliff to the point of no return to suffer from Language Deprivation Syndrome for life. This atrocity among Deaf babies is so appallingly normative. The uproar is only coming from within the grassroots Deaf community themselves that have witnessed, breathed, lived and suffered LDS, hence they are fighting to stop this atrocity through LEAD-K.

(info about Language Deprivation Syndrome by Dr. Sanjay Gulati https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8yy_K6VtHJw)