

DAY 10 | Motif: Wait Finger

TITLE | "Repressed Anger"

MEDIA | Canson Cold Press, Watercolor, Micro Pen

SIZE | 8 x 10

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I've absolutely hated the 'wait finger' all my life. I almost did not bother to create art with it because of my intense feelings of aversion to it. I thought there would be no pleasure in creating this art with such a motif. Then I asked myself why does it repulse me so much? Then it came to me. My repressed feelings of anger that came each time I was given the 'wait finger'. I found the 'wait finger' insulting, oppressive, dehumanizing, depressing and confining. It was akin to receiving psychological abuse over and over – it was very subtle, but when done persistently over the years it takes a significant psychological and emotional toll. When I was given the 'wait finger', in my mind I had always wanted to rebel and give back the actual finger. Doing this artwork was surprisingly very pleasurable – finally telling what I think to all who give me the 'wait finger'. It made me laugh – a cathartic release. Made me think of the famous quote "art should comfort the disturbed and disturb the comfortable." How true!