

Ruins



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YOU FASCINATE
US.

(POLONNARUWA)



PERHAPS
BECAUSE WITH
OUR OWN FEET AND
EYES WE COME

ACROSS THESE
WORN SOFT EDGES.
TUMBLING DOWN

SPECKLED
AND
ALIVE
WITH
MOSS
AND
LICHEN.

WE TOUCH THE PAST
IN THE SUN-DAPPLED SPACES BETWEEN
THE CREEPING GREENERY.

I FELL DOWN AND THEN I WAS
SCAFFOLDED.



THERE IS A PERSON ON THE
ROOF WITHOUT A SAFETY BARRIER.
IT REMINDED ME OF RECORDS OF HOW
MANY PEOPLE DIED MAKING GREAT
BUILDINGS.

(POLONNARUWA)

I THINK
THAT
SOMETIMES
THE
TREES
SAY: "BY
THE WAY,
I'VE BEEN
HERE MUCH
LONGER,



I COULD
TELL YOU
EVERYTHING!"

THERE'S MANY A ROAD TO RUIN!

DAY 1 ANGKOR WATT BIKE ADVENTURE



⑪ Headed back to bike shop but it was dark before we arrived at 7pm

⑩ Prasat Ta keo

⑨ Ta Prohm (tomb rider)

⑧ Prasat pre rup

⑦ Back trails to find Bat chum

⑥ Sras Srang

⑤ Bateay Kdei

④ Prasat Kravan

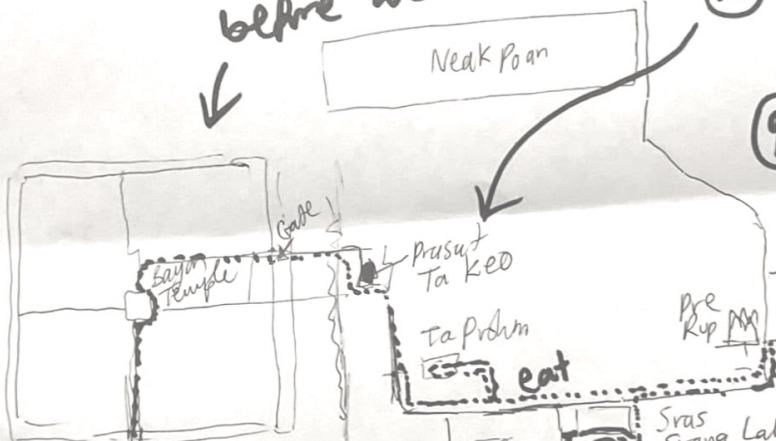
③ Got lost + went wrong way.

② Picked up 2 bikes

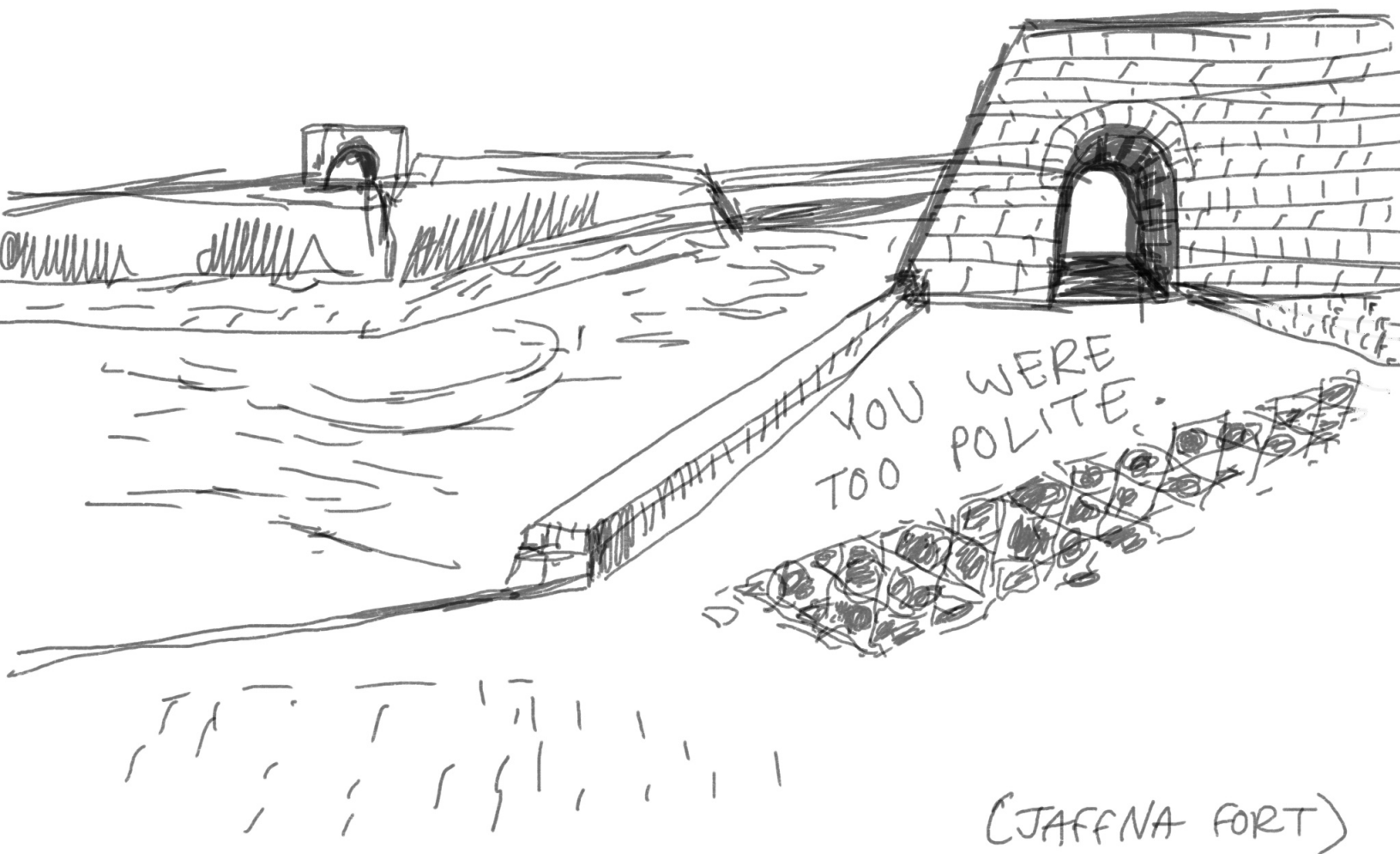
Tuk tuk to Angkor Watt. Watched sunrise.

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Bike Hire



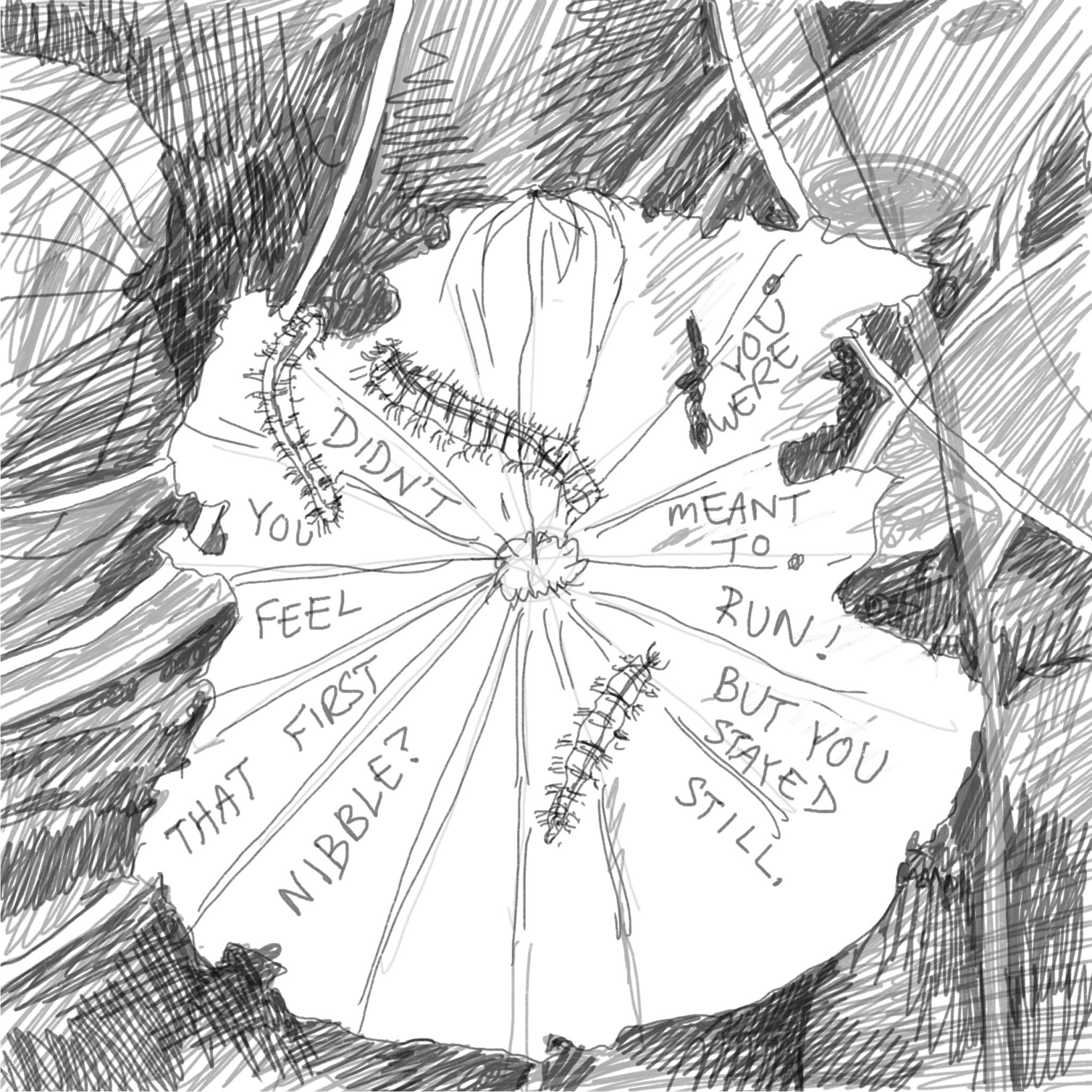
YOUR SHELL WAS TOUGH
BUT IT HAD A HOLE IN IT
WHERE YOU FORGOT TO
CLOSE THE DOOR.



YOU DIDN'T READ THE
WRITING ON THE WALL?



POLONNARUWA



YOU DIDN'T

YOU WERE

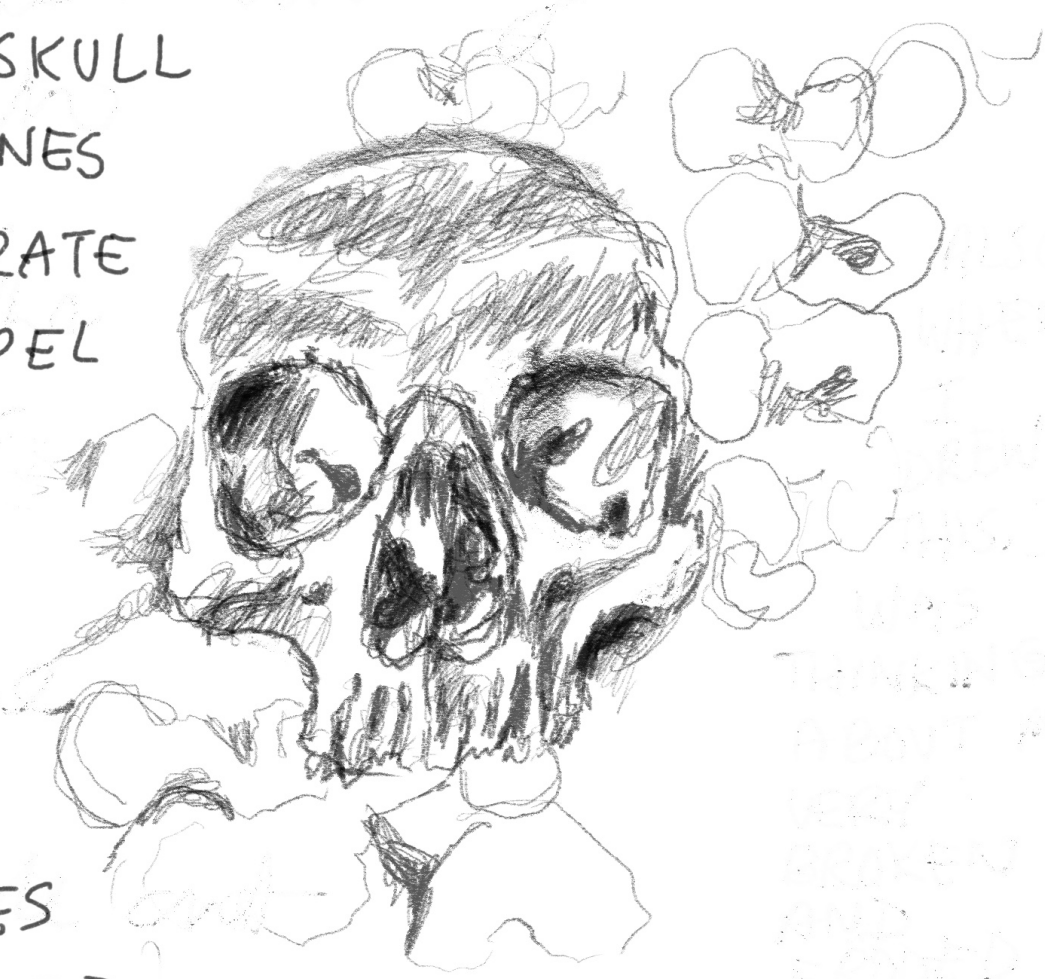
MEANT TO

RUN!

BUT YOU STAYED STILL,

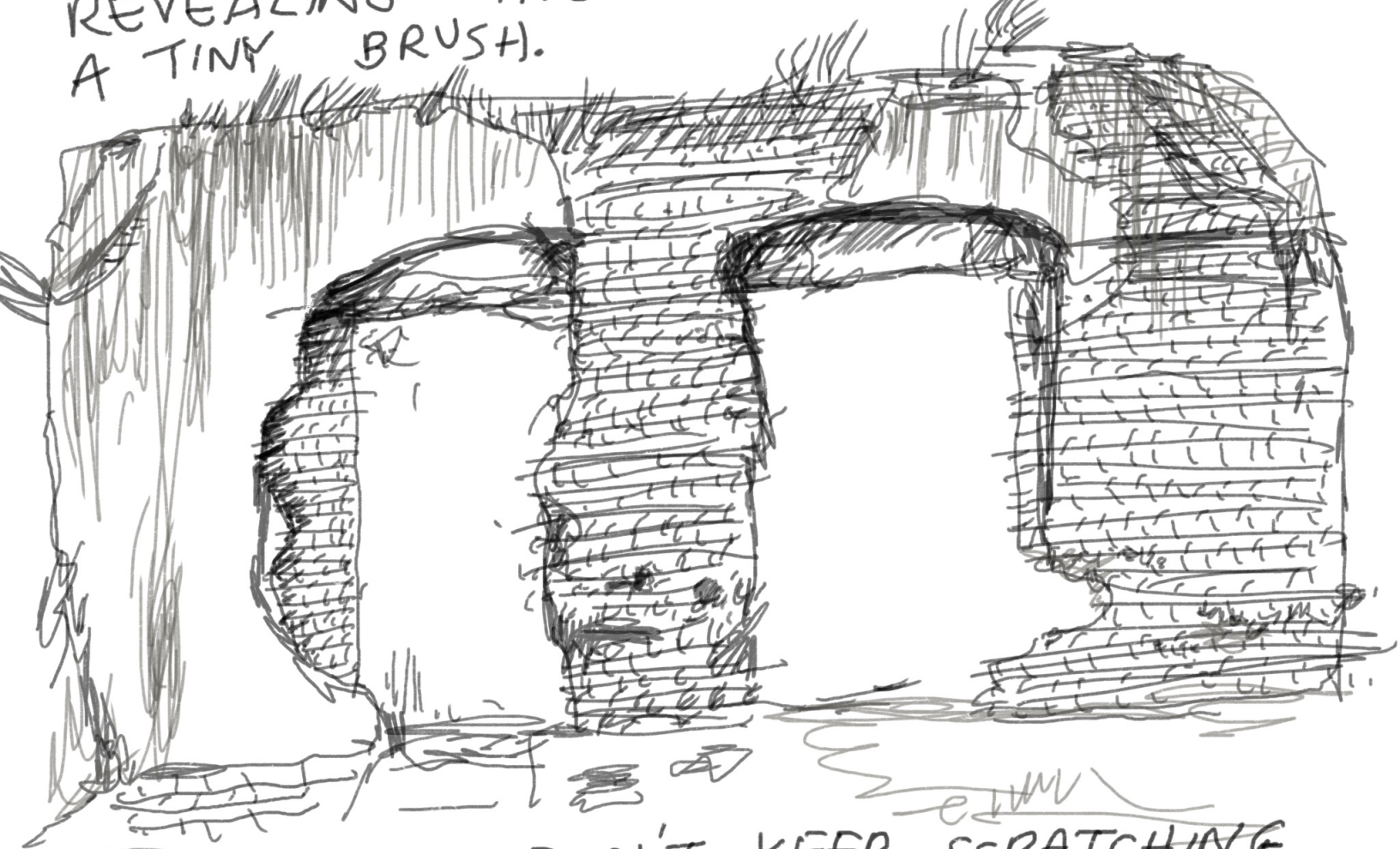
YOU DIDN'T FEEL THAT FIRST NIBBLE?

A MONK RE-USED
YOUR SKULL
AND BONES
TO DECORATE
A CHAPEL
AND
YOU
WERE
FOR
SOME
DECADES
TORTURED



BY THE TOURISTS WHO CAME
TO STARE AND PHOTOGRAPH. MILLIONS
OF PHOTOS LIKE ANTS EVERYWHERE

YOU CAN EXCAVATE
THE PAST, CAREFULLY
DIGGING AROUND THE EDGES AND
REVEALING THE TRUE SURFACES WITH
A TINY BRUSH.



BUT IF YOU DON'T KEEP SCRATCHING
THE GRASS WILL GROW BACK.

JAFFNA FORT

YOU FORGOT HOW SMALL
WE ARE IN THE SCHEME OF
THINGS;

TIME
AND
SPACE.

EMPIRES
RISE

AND
FALL

ANTS CARRY
ON.

(ANGKOR WATT)





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