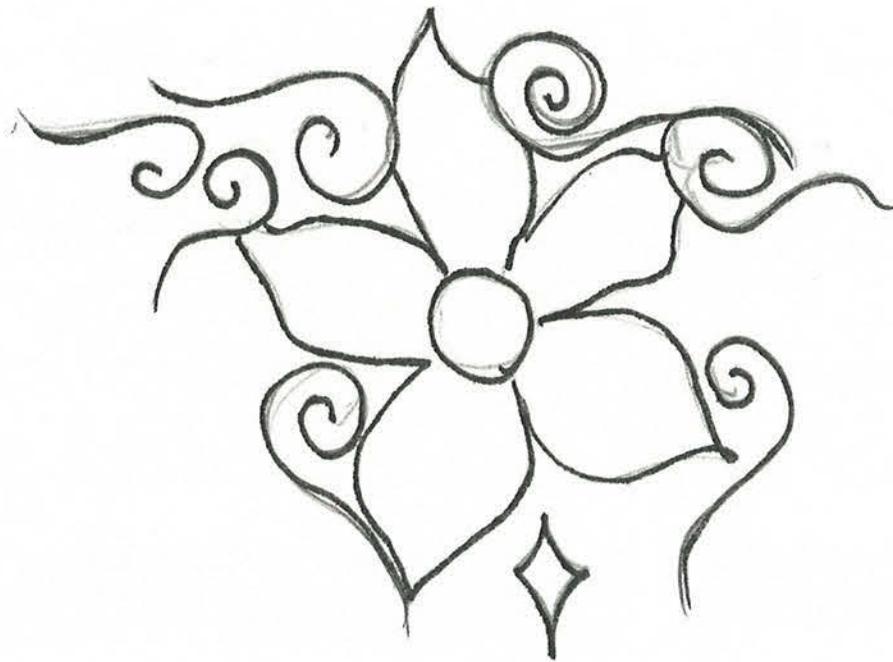




The Dream of Aung San Suu Kyi

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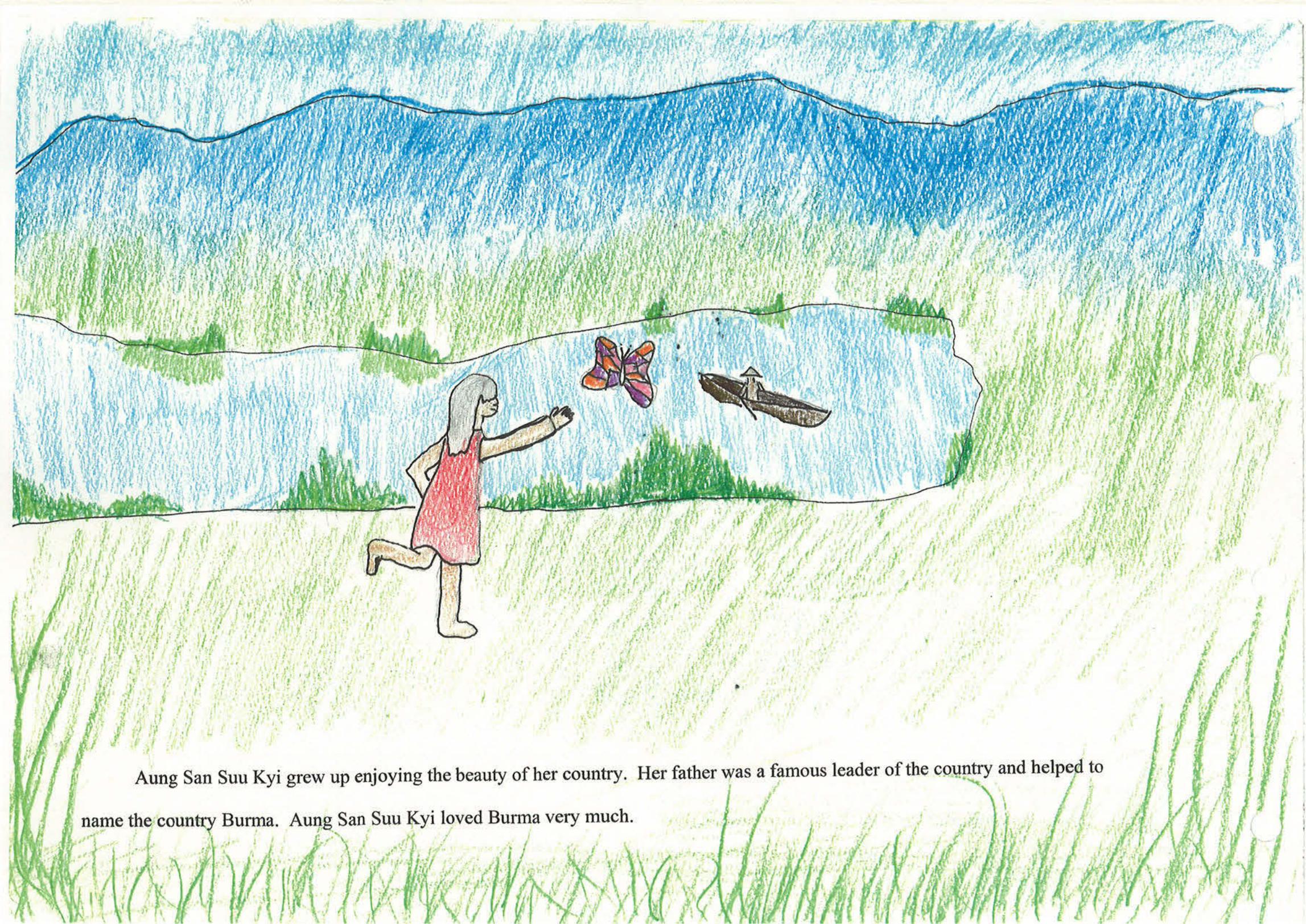
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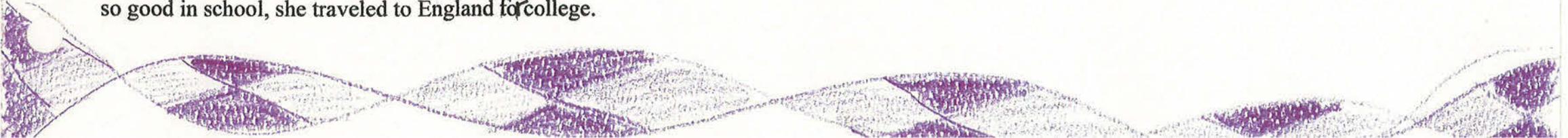
Once upon a time there was a family who lived in a land faraway from here. They had a baby girl, they loved her very much, and they named her Aung San Suu Kyi.



Aung San Suu Kyi grew up enjoying the beauty of her country. Her father was a famous leader of the country and helped to name the country Burma. Aung San Suu Kyi loved Burma very much.

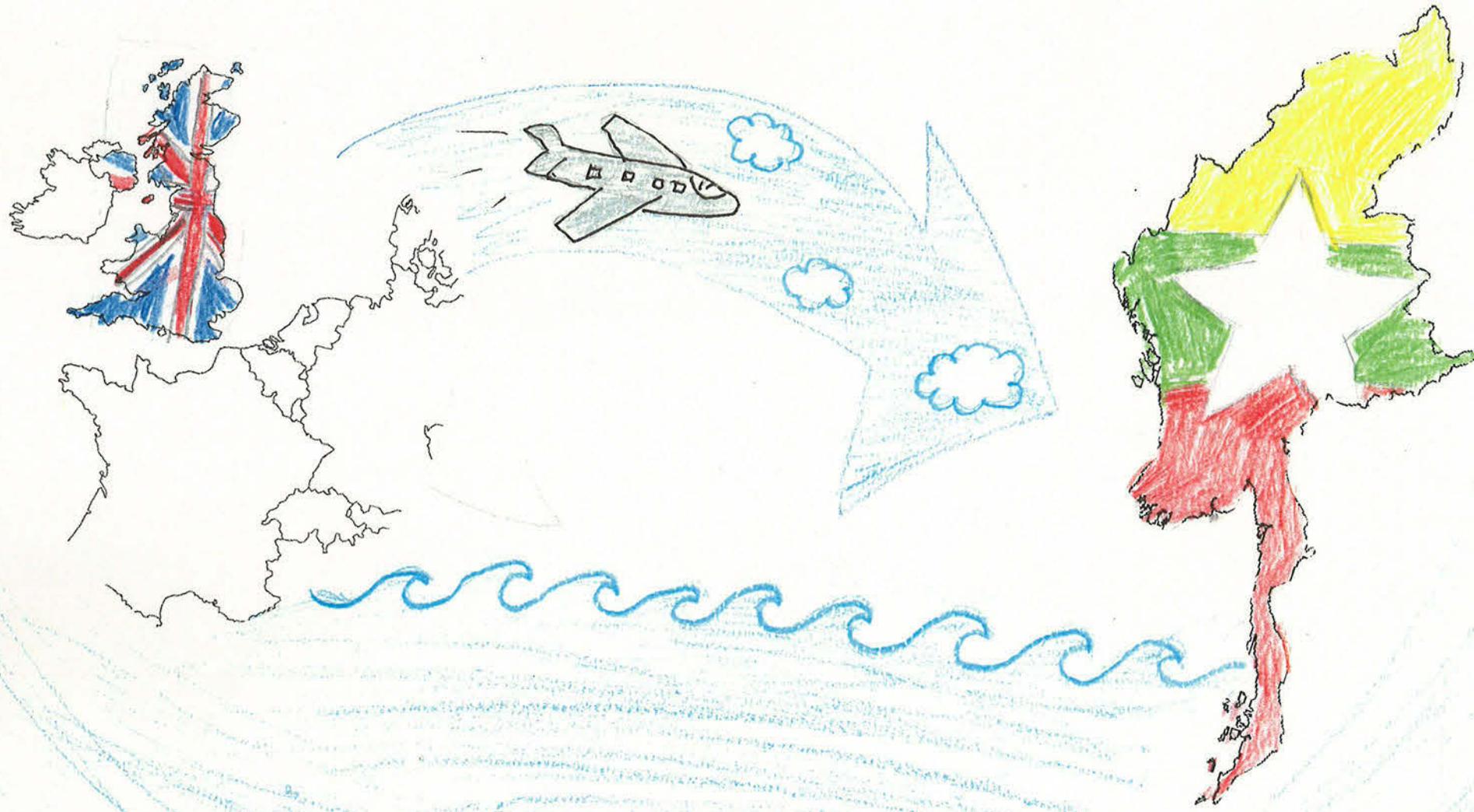


When Aung San Suu Kyi was old enough, she went to school. She loved to learn about other places in the world. She was so good in school, she traveled to England for college.



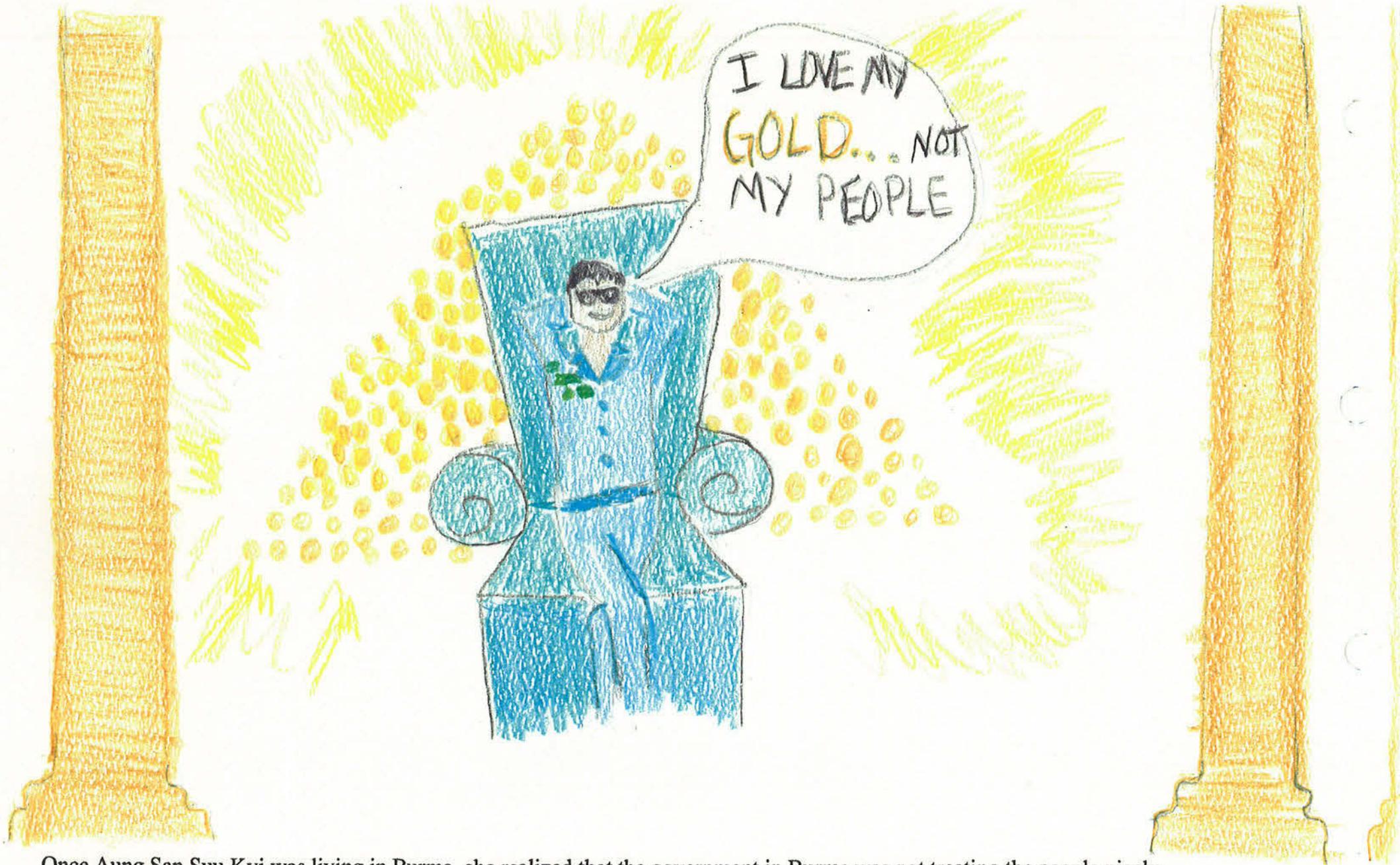


In England, Aung San Suu Kyi got married and had a family of her own.



Aung San Suu Kyi and her family were living happily in England, but Aung San Suu Kyi decided they should move back to Burma to care for her aging mother.

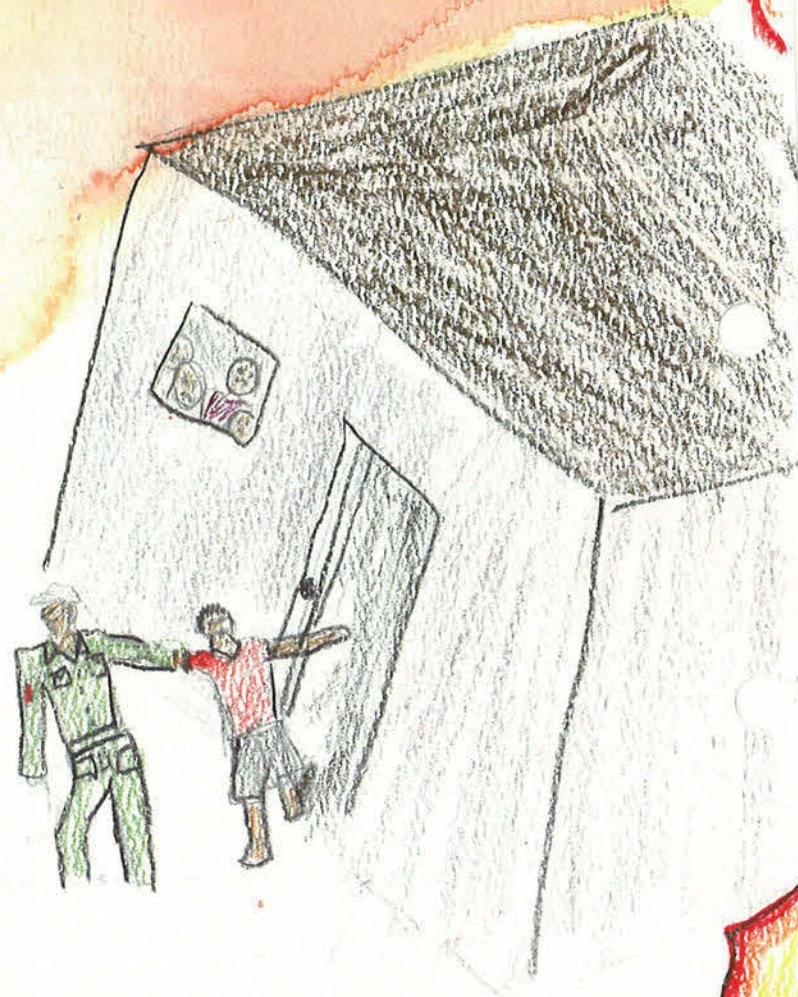




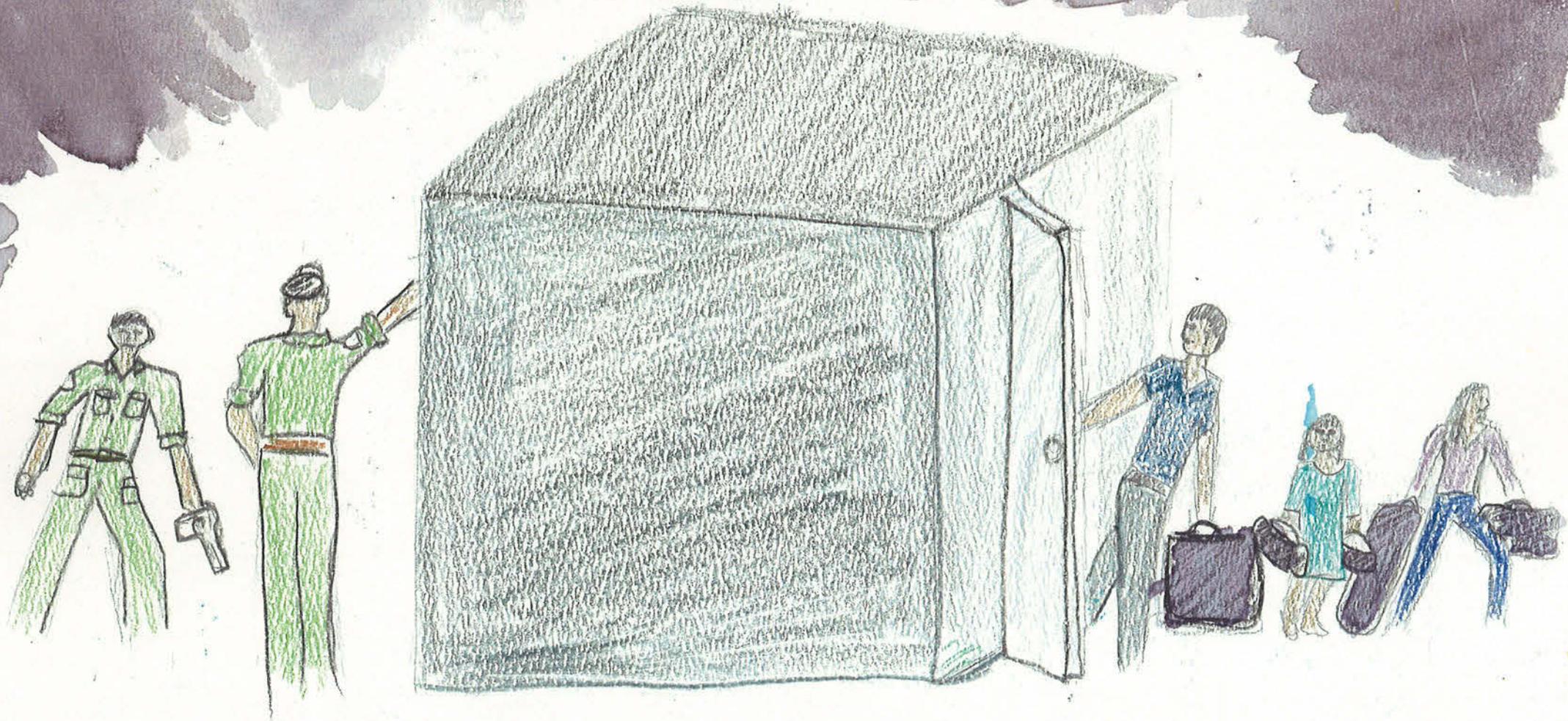
Once Aung San Suu Kyi was living in Burma, she realized that the government in Burma was not treating the people nicely at all. The country was run by a mean General who sat in his palace and didn't care for his people.



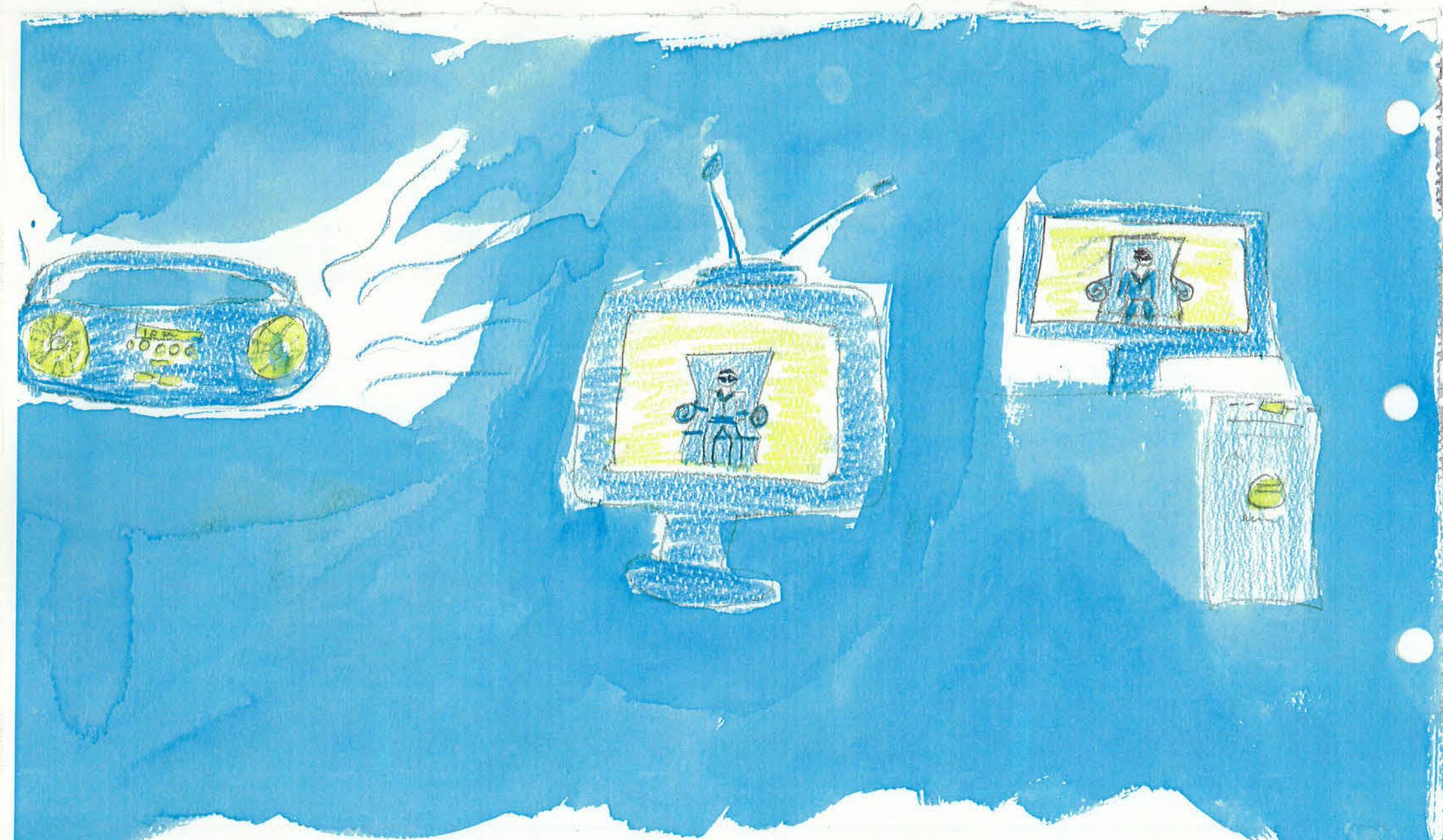
The General could order his men to take anybody who he didn't like and throw them in jail, even without a trial.



Young boys were taken away from their families to join the military.



The General's men would come into people's homes and make them leave. They would steal their belongings and their land.



Anybody who said anything on the radio, television, or internet that did not agree with what The General thought would be thrown in jail for 20 years!

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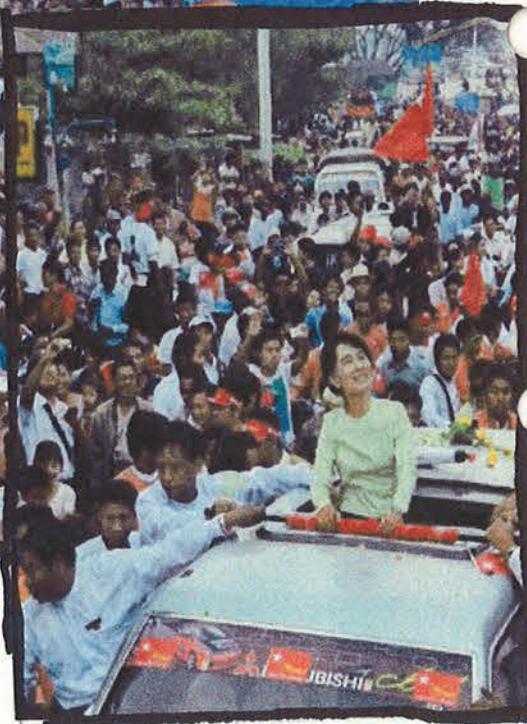
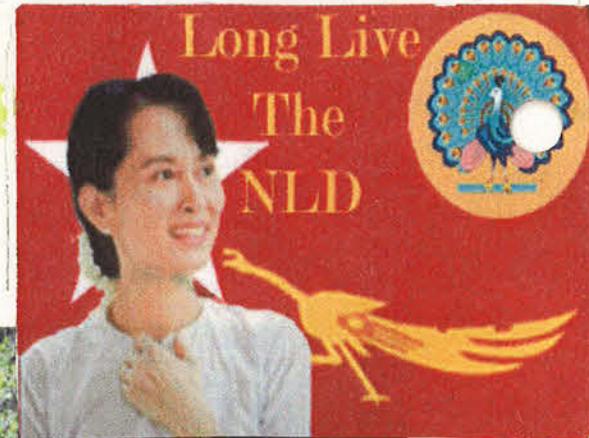
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Aung San Suu Kyi knew this was wrong and decided to do something about it. She knew that something big had to change in Burma. She just had to figure out what.



Aung San Suu Kyi wanted a new government, she wanted to get rid of The General! She knew that once she did that she could make a new government that would be nicer to it's people. Aung San Suu Kyi wanted democracy for Burma.

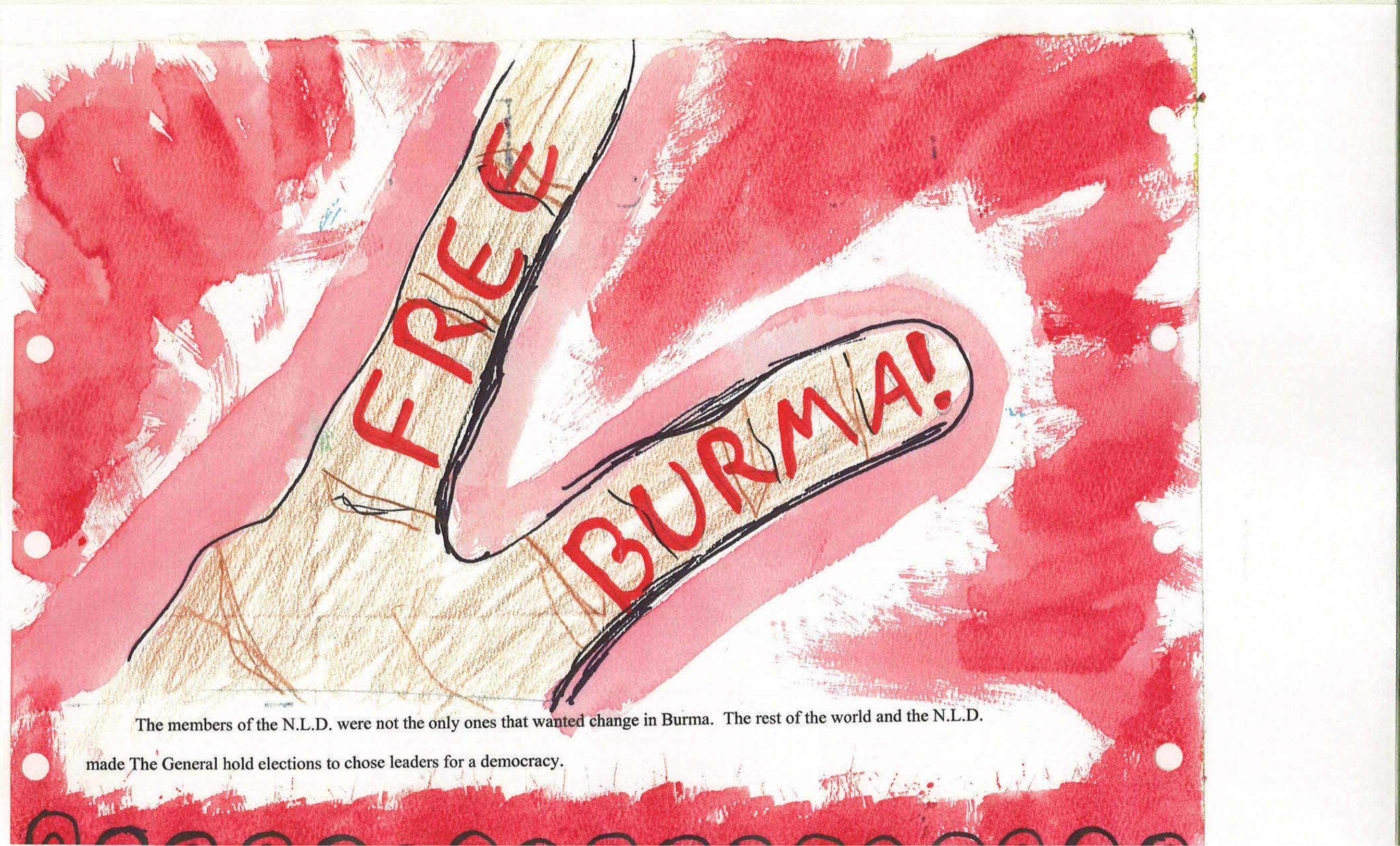
N.L.D.



Aung San Suu Kyi shares her idea with others in Burma and soon she has many friends that agree with her. Aung San Suu

Kyi and her friends form a group called The N.L.D. to get democracy in Burma.





FREE
BURMA!

The members of the N.L.D. were not the only ones that wanted change in Burma. The rest of the world and the N.L.D. made The General hold elections to chose leaders for a democracy.



The General still wasn't sure if that would keep Aung San Suu Kyi out of the election. So The General ordered her to be put under house arrest for six years! This meant Aung San Suu Kyi had to be locked up in her house without coming outside.





The General was sneaky and thought up a way to keep Aung San Suu Kyi from being elected to lead Burma. The General banned Aung San Suu Kyi from being in the election.

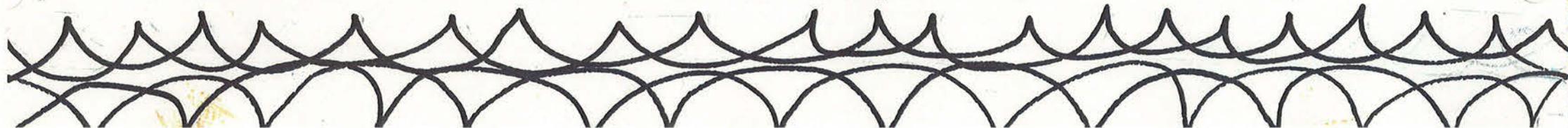




While Aung San Suu Kyi was waiting for freedom, the elections went on without her. She knew that some of her friends from the N.L.D. would be elected and that they would try to win democracy for Burma.



Aung San Suu Kyi was right. The people of Burma elected the new leaders for their democracy and most of them were part of the N.L.D. The new leaders went to The General and asked that he hand over the power to them.





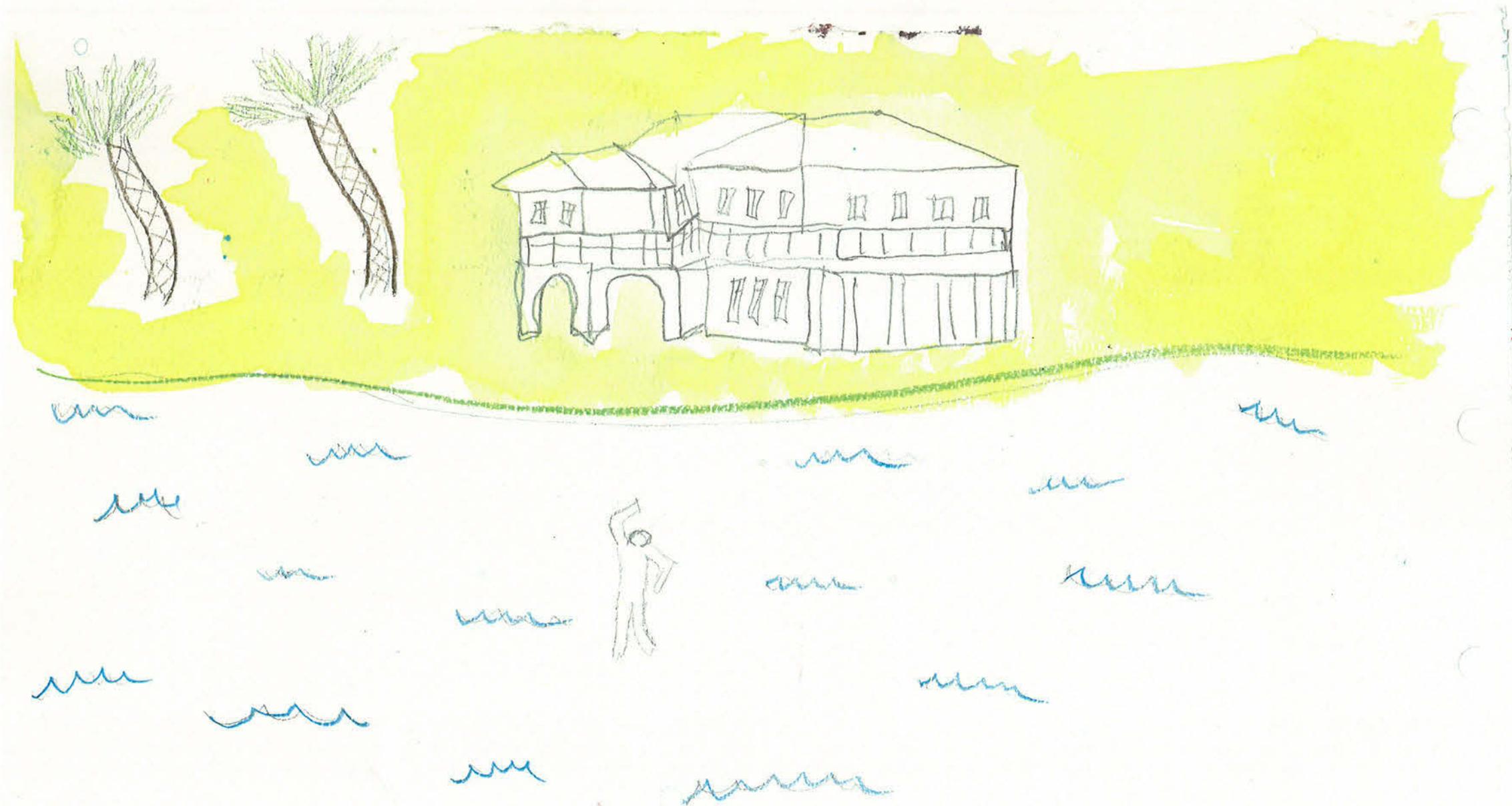
To this The General refused, he was outraged! He wouldn't just give his power away! "But you promised us, and besides isn't this why we had elections in the first place?!" they asked. "You believed me? Oh you fools. AWAY WITH YOU!" he yelled.



The elections were a failure, but Aung San Suu Kyi did not give up. When she got out of house arrest, she wanted to go all over Burma to share her ideas. But when she tried to leave the capital city The General gave her two more years of house arrest.



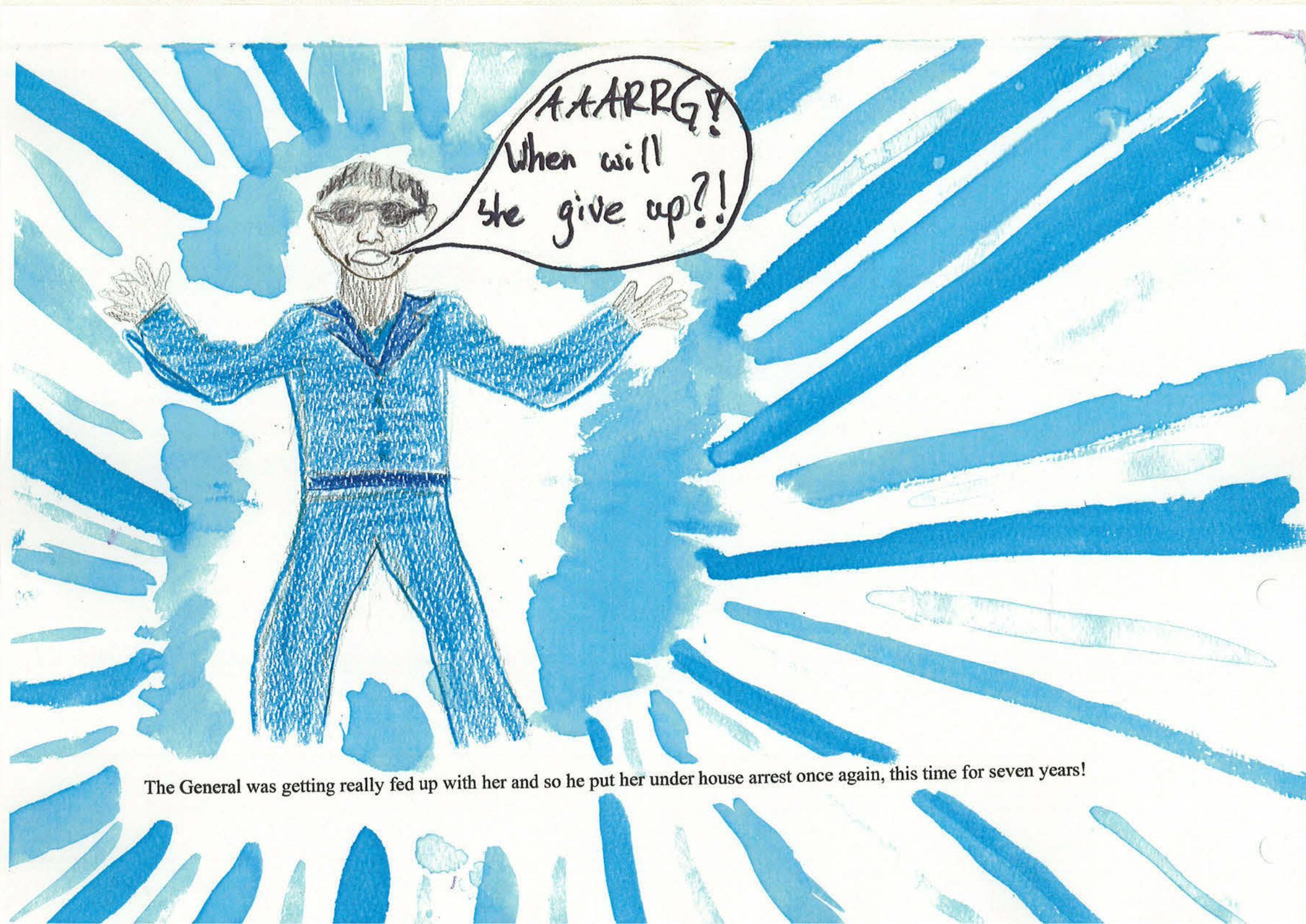
Another fake election was held because The General was being pressured again. Aung San Suu Kyi was under house arrest while they took place so she couldn't be a part of it.



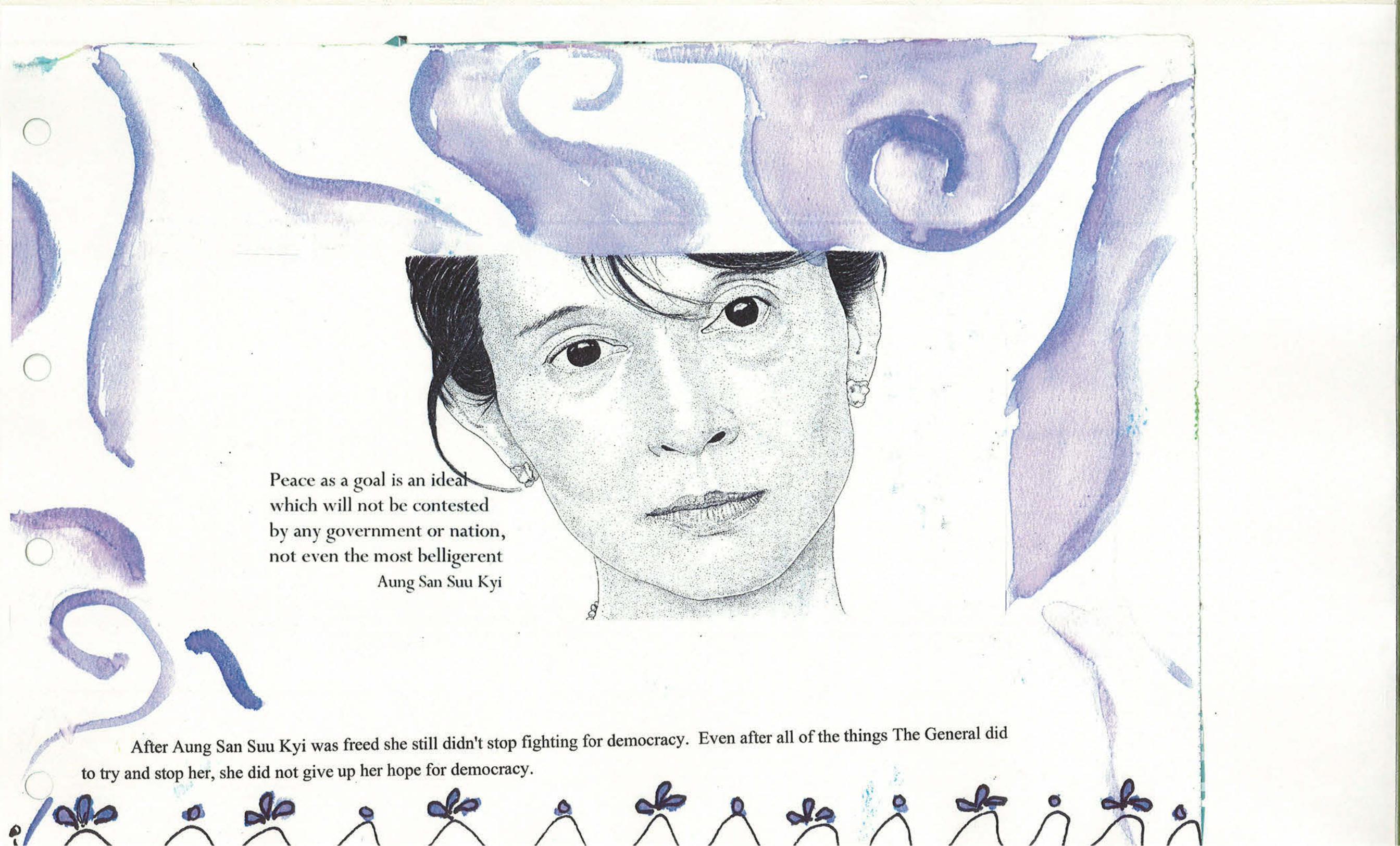
Days before Aung San Suu Kyi was to be freed, an American man swam to her house and refused to leave. This was against the rules of her house arrest, so her time was extended.



When Aung San Suu Kyi was freed, she was allowed to travel anywhere in Burma. So Aung San Suu Kyi went around and spoke of democracy, freedom and human rights. Tens of thousands of people would come to listen to her, she was inspiring them.



The General was getting really fed up with her and so he put her under house arrest once again, this time for seven years!

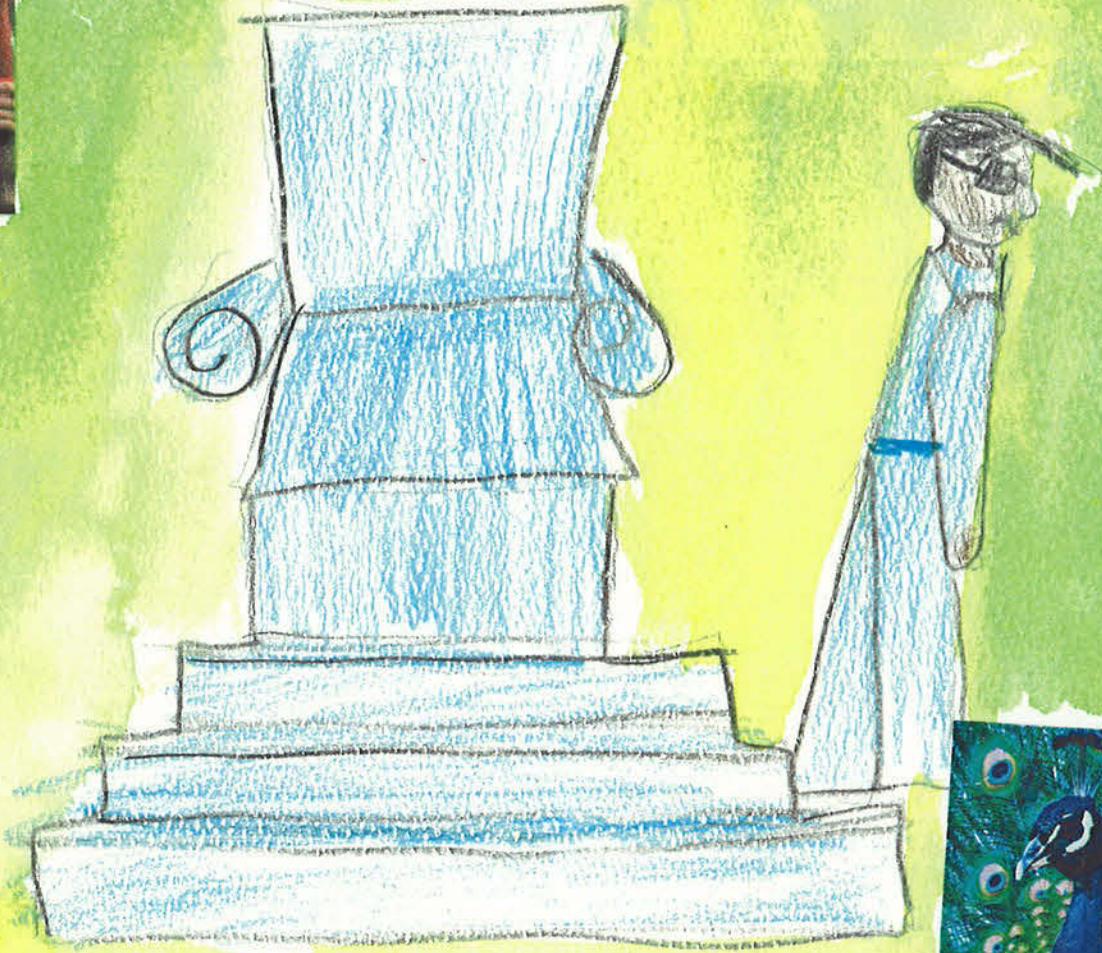


Peace as a goal is an ideal
which will not be contested
by any government or nation,
not even the most belligerent
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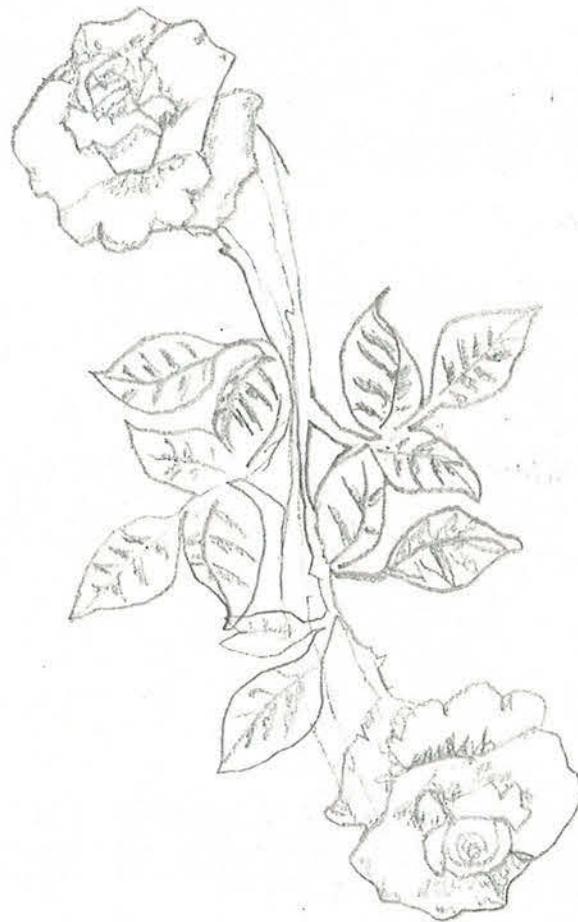
After Aung San Suu Kyi was freed she still didn't stop fighting for democracy. Even after all of the things The General did to try and stop her, she did not give up her hope for democracy.



United Nations



Aung San Suu Kyi, the people of Burma, and the world finally grew fed up with The General's fake promises for fair elections and change. Everybody wanted democracy so they threw The General out!



Aung San Suu Kyi's dream of democracy for her country came true. Aung San Suu Kyi and many N.L.D members help to govern the country of Burma and care for the people in it.

Born in Rangoon, 1945, Aung San Suu Kyi became an inspirational leader and a world wide icon. Aung San Suu Kyi went through a number of house arrests during the late 1990's and early 2000's. Aung San Suu Kyi is known for her bravery and loyalty to her country. In between her first and second periods of arrest, Aung San Suu Kyi's husband, Michael Aris, became very ill and was diagnosed with cancer. Aung San Suu Kyi was offered and encouraged to go visit him in London on repeated occasions, but Aung San Suu Kyi knew she would not be allowed to return, so she never left. Michael Aris died of cancer in London in 1999, Aung San Suu Kyi had not seen him since Christmas 1995.

Despite all of the obstacles she had to overcome, she continued to fight bravely for what she believed in most, democracy and human rights for Burma. Her efforts earning her the 1991 Nobel Peace Prize. Aung San Suu Kyi was under house arrest at that time she was awarded so her son Alexander accepted it on behalf of her.

Aung San Suu Kyi fought persistently and hard for many years. Finally she reached her goal, on May 2nd, 2012 she and other N.L.D. members were sworn into parliament. This made her the first Nobel Laureate to hold office.

This book is the product of an unbelievable amount of hours of work and research. And I hope it is worth while.



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