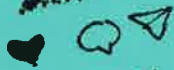




Cat's Pajamas

**by Laura Anh & Kara Kvaran
feat. Lady Gaga the cat**

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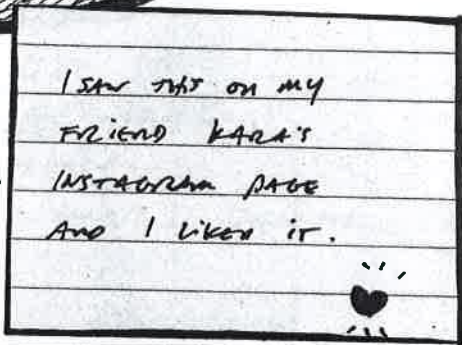
I GOT A CAT FOR MY CAT.
ACTUALLY SHE WAS MY
COUSIN JULIE'S CAT. I HOPE
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#JULIESTRONG #TEAMJULIE
#STOPDOMESTICVIOLENCE
#CATSOFINSTAGRAM

JULY 21, 2016



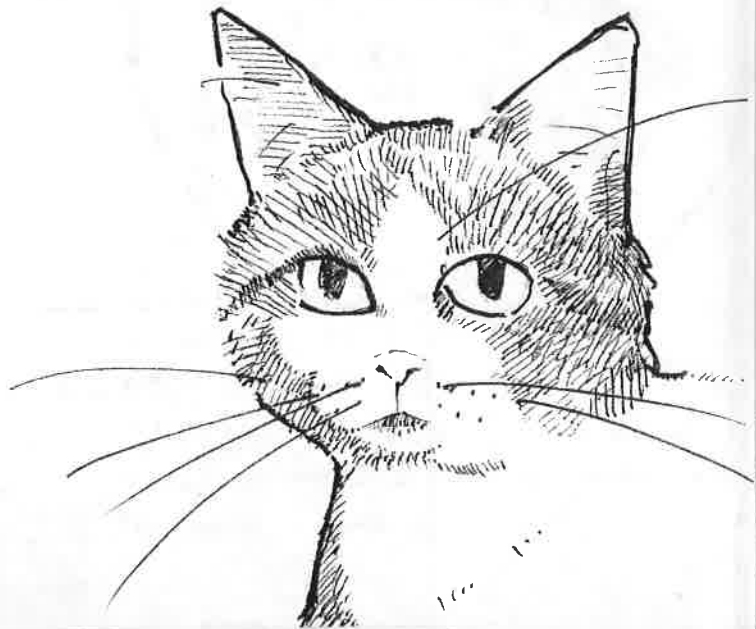
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DECEMBER 24, 2016




I SAW THIS ON MY
FRIEND KARA'S
INSTAGRAM PAGE
AND I LIKED IT.

This isn't my cat.
This isn't my story.



THIS IS KARA, SHE STARTED AN
INSTAGRAM FOR HER CAT LADY GAGA
IN MAY 2017 -- WHEN I WAS MAKING
A ZINE ABOUT ANIMALS I FOLLOW
ON THE INTERNET. WE WENT TO
GRAD SCHOOL

TOGETHER &
NOW SHE'S
IN AKRON,
OHIO &
I'M IN
NEW
MEXICO.



SHE ALWAYS WEARS
THE BEST GLASSES.

I'm interested, with your permission, in turning your narrative on IG into a whole lady Gaga BIVE -- Drawing here, including what you've written. I know this is a strange thing to ask. Please let me know what you think.

I Love that idea.
Please do it!

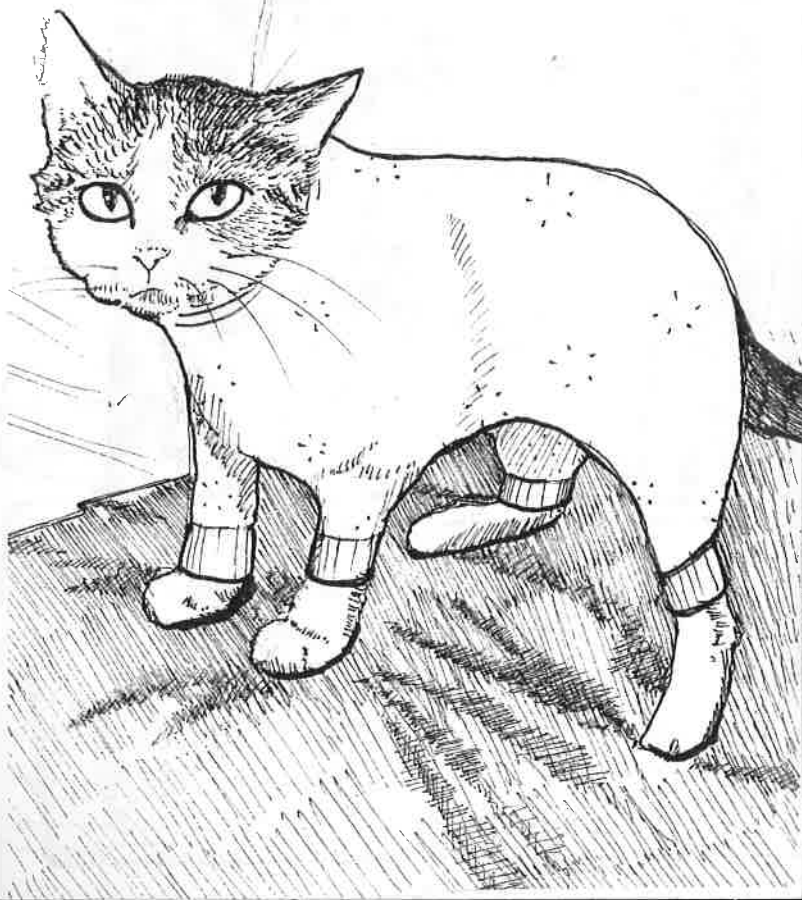
Her dad told me that it meant a lot that I talk about her to my students. And that he hopes that sharing Jung's story can help at least one person - so they would approve as well.

MAY 12, 9:25 PM



this is julie. I want even
try to draw her.

This is the cat's story,
which is really kara's story.
And julie's.

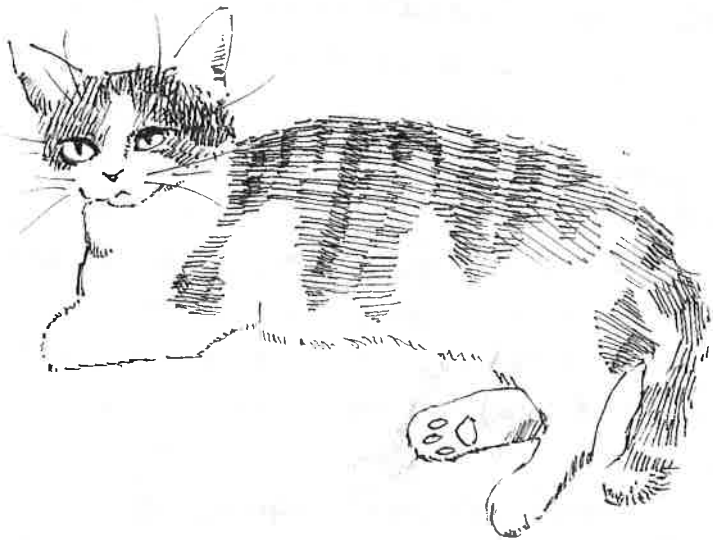


This is Lady Gaga the Cat. And this is the start of her own Instagram. This is one of my favorite pictures of her from last August about a month after I adopted her. Lady Gaga has trauma and stress induced chronic eye infections and she over-grooms so sometimes she has to wear the cat's pajamas. #catsofinstagram #ladygaga #ladygagathecat #littlemonster

I got Lady Gaga in July 2016 after her previous owner was murdered. Before she came to live with me she lived with my cousin Julie and her boyfriend (who I believe killed her), Julie's two kids, three other cats, and a dog. At least one of the other cats was her kitten. It was a full house and she was happy.

#catsofinstagram #ladygagathecat
#littlemonster #ladygagathecat
#stopdomesticviolence





Julie was in the hospital for a week before she died of the injuries that I believe were caused by her boyfriend. For some of that time Lady Gaga was left in the house with the other animals while it was a crime scene. I'm not sure who, if anyone, was able to feed them.

#catsofinstagram #ladygagathecat

#ladygaga #littlemonster

#stopdomesticviolence

I find one of KARA'S first PHOTOS of LADY GAGA BACK in Aug. 2016. SHE USED THE HASHTAG #Julie Strong + I click it to a FB PAGE. News stories, photos, I find a photo of Julie's HOME + imagine HER CHILDREN + CATS + DOG could see the lights from emergency vehicles THE NIGHT Julie's BOYFRIEND RAN HER over + DRAGGED HER WITH HIS TRUCK.

I WATCH A NEWS VIDEO OF A VIOL WHERE FRIENDS + FAMILY CARTER + RELEASE purple balloons INTO THE SKY.

I PAUSE THE VIDEO + TRY TO COUNT THE BALLOONS.



Police: Mt. Clemens mom, 27, dies after being run over

Julie Williamson, 6 mother of 2 children died Sunday, 19 found naked and unconscious outside her home.



The last time Cheryl Simmons spoke to Julie Williamson, she told her she was 'fine'.

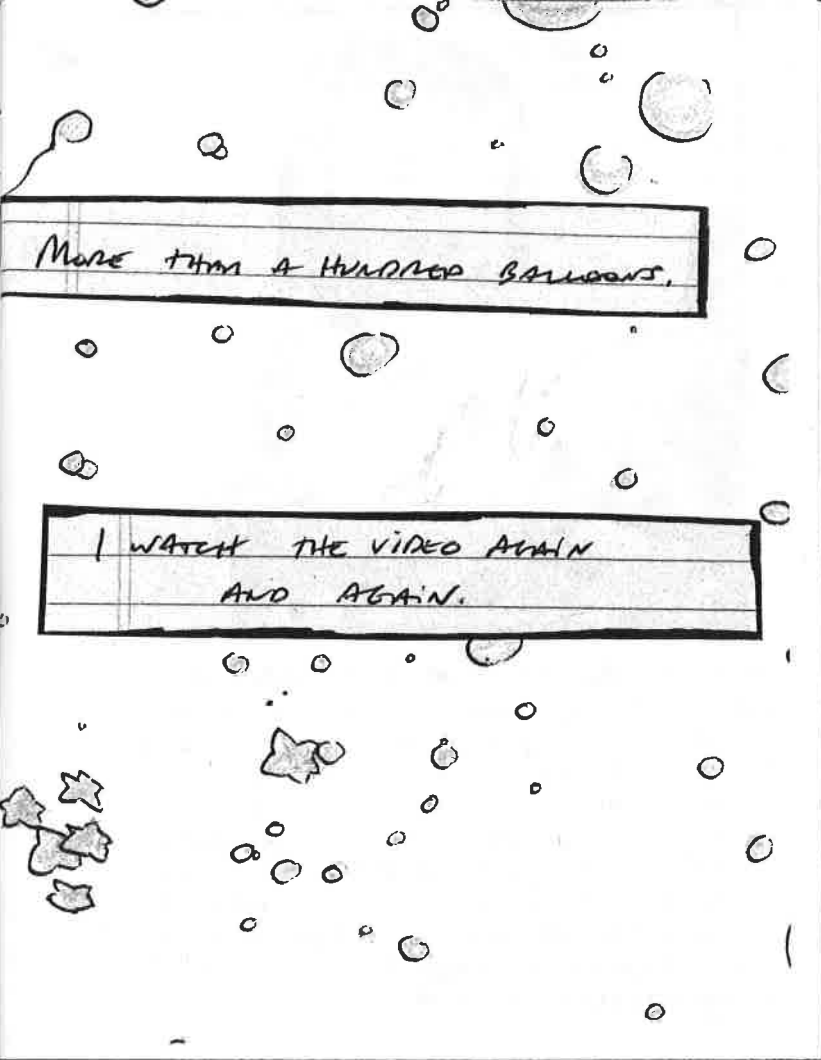
How did the 27-year-old mother die? Police say she was found naked and unconscious outside her home.

On Sunday, Simmons' daughter...



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A little more than five weeks after Julie Williamson was found naked and mortally injured in the driveway outside her Mt. Clemens home, her live-in boyfriend is being held in the Macomb County Jail on charges of what the prosecutor described as a "domestic violence" that escalated into a homicide.

A hand-drawn page with a white background. It features two horizontal rectangular boxes with black borders and horizontal lines. The top box contains the text "More than a Hundred Balloons." and the bottom box contains "I WATCH THE VIDEO AGAIN AND AGAIN." The page is decorated with numerous hand-drawn circles of various sizes, some with shading, representing balloons. In the bottom left corner, there are several hand-drawn stars of different sizes and orientations. The overall style is simple and illustrative.

More than a Hundred Balloons.

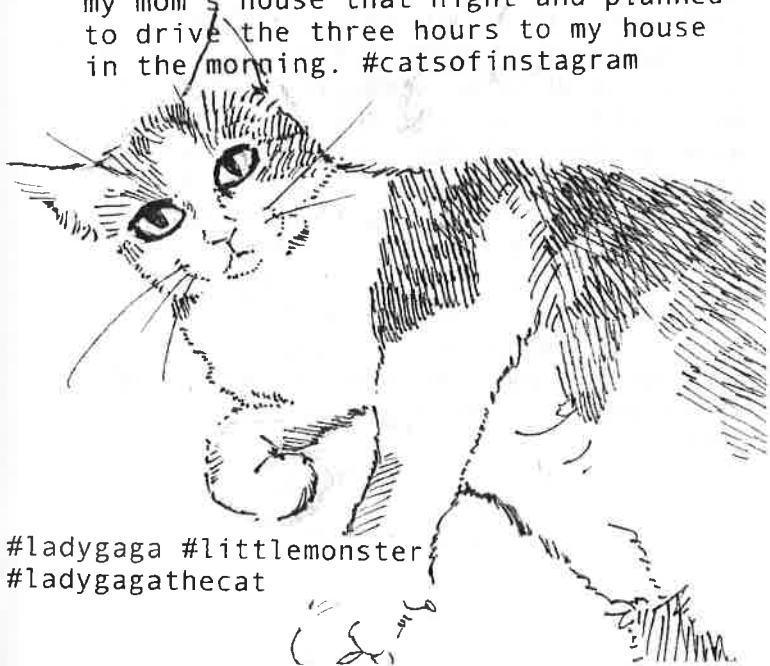
I WATCH THE VIDEO AGAIN
AND AGAIN.



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This is how I'll always remember Lady Gaga's former owner, Julie. Julie was my cousin's daughter but she was only 9 years younger than me. She was only 27 when she was murdered. She was funny and nice and she loved animals. I offered to adopt Lady Gaga the day I drove to Michigan to say goodbye to Julie while she was in a coma before they removed her from life support.
#stopdomesticviolence

My stepdad picked up Lady Gaga the day of the funeral and brought her to my parents house. I met her there for the first time. It was hard to get a good picture of her because if I took a step away from her she followed me. She was purring and kneading constantly. She was so sweet and immediately wanted all the love and affection she could get. We stayed at my mom's house that night and planned to drive the three hours to my house in the morning. #catsofinstagram



#ladygaga #littlemonster
#ladygagathecat

The day she moved to my house in Ohio was very hard on Lady Gaga. She hid when I started packing up. Then she hated the car ride and meowed for almost the whole three hours. Then we got pulled over by the cops. And when we got to Ohio we went straight to my vet's office because she appeared to have an eye infection and I needed to get her all her shots (because she had no medical records that anyone could find) before I introduced her to my other cat. It was 24 hrs after Julie's funeral and we both cried a lot that day. #catsofinstagram
#stopdomesticviolence #ladygagathecat
#littlemonster #ladygaga

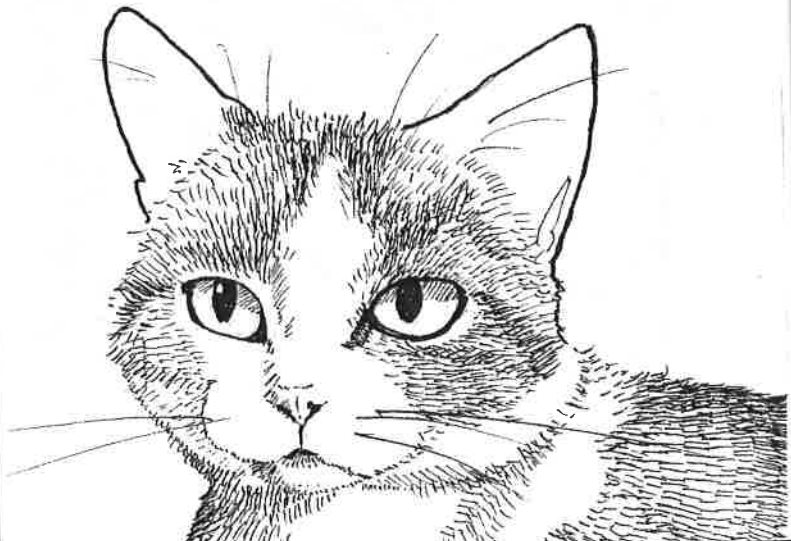


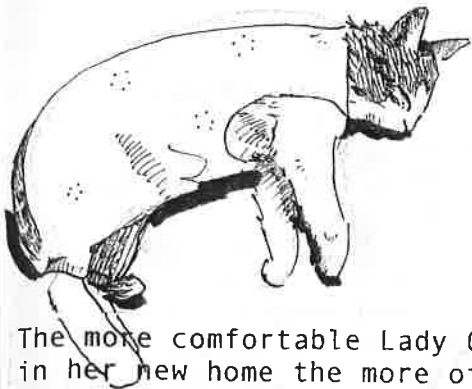
Lady Gaga was not her original name. Julie called her Mama and the kitten of hers that Julie kept she called Baby. When I adopted her, I changed her name. I decided on Lady Gaga because at Julie's funeral her mom told a story about how Julie would always sing the wrong words to "Paparazzi." And when I got Lady Gaga she wanted all the attention and appaws. It seemed to suit her.

#catsofinstagram

#stopdomesticviolence #ladygagathecat

#littlemonster #ladygaga

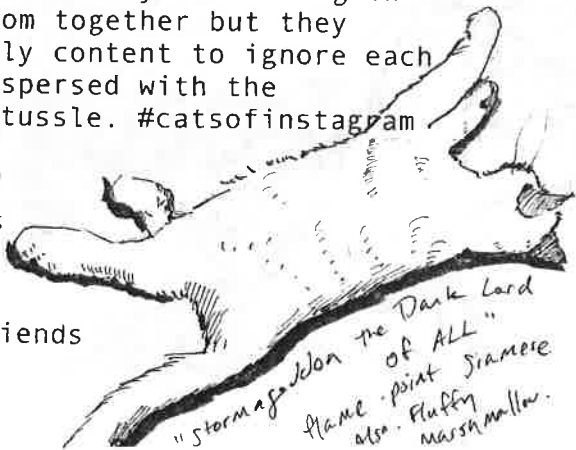




The more comfortable Lady Gaga became in her new home the more of a bully she turned into. She had a habit of walking up to Stormageddon, who would just be sitting there minding her own cat business, and whopping her on the head. Sometimes they would hang in the same room together but they seemed mostly content to ignore each other interspersed with the occasional tussle. #catsofinstagram

#catsisters

#notbestfriends



"Stormageddon the Dark Lord
flame-point of ALL"
also: Fluffy
marshmallow.

We found out around this time that Julie's boyfriend was out on bail. I was infuriated. And depressed. How could anyone bail him out? Didn't they care what he had done? Did they not believe he did it? Why, as a society, are we so predisposed to think that men are incapable of these things? I understand innocent until proven guilty but in the United States three women a day are murdered by current or past romantic partners. Why do we ignore this? Why does our society act like they don't matter?

#catsofinstagram
#stopdomesticviolence
#domesticviolence
#domesticviolencekills



Judge tosses manslaughter charge against Mt. Clemens man in girlfriend's death



MACOMB COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE PHOTO

By Jameson Cook, The Macomb Daily

PHOTO: MOUNTAIN VIEW PHOTOGRAPHY

6 COMMENTS

I FIND THIS ARTICLE THE SAME DAY I
WATCH THE VIDEO OF THE VIGIL,
THE BALLOONS. I CANNOT BELIEVE IT.
AND I CAN'T CONTAIN MY ANGER
AND GRIEF.

THE JUDGE "INDICATED THERE WAS NO
EVIDENCE A CRIME WAS COMMITTED."

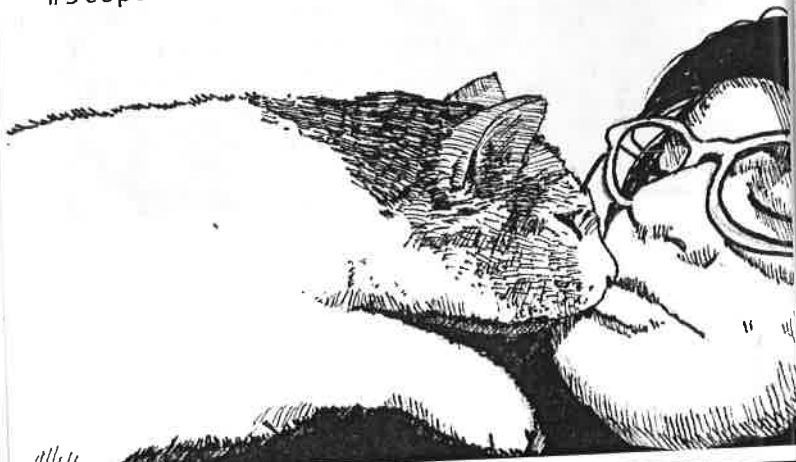


The day after Donald Trump was elected president a judge ordered all charges dropped against Julie's boyfriend and alleged killer. There were two days of pre-trial hearings and the judge said they didn't have enough evidence to go forward. The prosecutor has the option to press charges again at a later date if they could make a stronger case. Julie deserved justice and our family deserved closure. Both were looking less likely. (I don't know when this picture of Lady Gaga and Julie was taken but I like it because it looks so peaceful) #catsofinstagram #ladygaga #stopdomesticviolence #domesticviolencekills

The weeks after the charges were dropped were really hard. Before at least we had the hope of justice, now it just felt hopeless. On top of that I was trying to wrap my brain around the upcoming political turmoil. Lady Gaga was happy to snuggle with me and try to make me feel better. She's such a good little monster.

#catsofinstagram

#stopdomesticviolence #resist



WHILE THERE'S NO UPDATE WITH
JULIE'S CASE, THE FB PAGE IS
GOING STRONG - POSTING EVENTS
FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS,
FOOD DRIVES, FUND-RAISING FOR
HUMANS AND ANIMALS IN NEED.

I LEARN THE BALLOONS
HAD NOTES ATTACHED THAT
DESCRIBE JULIE'S LIFE,
HER DEATH,
ONE WAS FOUND IN UPSTATE
NY. A FARMER IN ONTARIO
FINDS ANOTHER.

VIA INSTAGRAM AND THIS
CALICO TABBY CAT, ANOTHER
PURPLE BALLOON MAKES ITS
WAY TO SOUTHERN NEW MEXICO,
TO ME.



July 17

It has been exactly one year since Julie, Lady Gaga's beloved owner, died from her wounds. We are still waiting for justice for Julie. She will always be loved and missed.
#teamjulie #stopdomesticviolence #catsofinstagram



Donate to Turning Point, which provides services and resources for survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault in Mt. Clemens, Michigan:
<https://turningpointmacomb.org/help-us/donate/>

Donate to La Casa, a domestic violence emergency shelter in Las Cruces, New Mexico:
<https://www.lacasainc.org/donations>

Donate to La Piñon, sexual assault recovery services of Southern New Mexico:
<http://www.lapinon.org/donations.htm>

To follow Julie's story



To help Julie's family directly:



Follow Lady Gaga on Instagram
@ladygagathecat



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