

*Particle/Word Theory* is Jimmie Durham's third poetry book after *Columbus Day* (Albuquerque 1983) and *Poems That Do Not Go Together* (Berlin, London 2012). The new book contains thirty-eight poems, written between 2014 and 2019 and twelve drawings. Durham's sculptures as well as his texts are made out of fragments, they are a lifelong statement against monumentality. Durham observes nature, thinks about the try to categorize and name nature and he reflects about unspectacular, daily behaviour of animals and humans - himself included. In his new poems he cites also scientific studies, articles about brain and pain research - all this stands next to his own pain experience. It underlines a provocative sentence he wrote in 1998: „Art and science are the same thing“.

## **Jimmie Durham      Particle/Word Theory**

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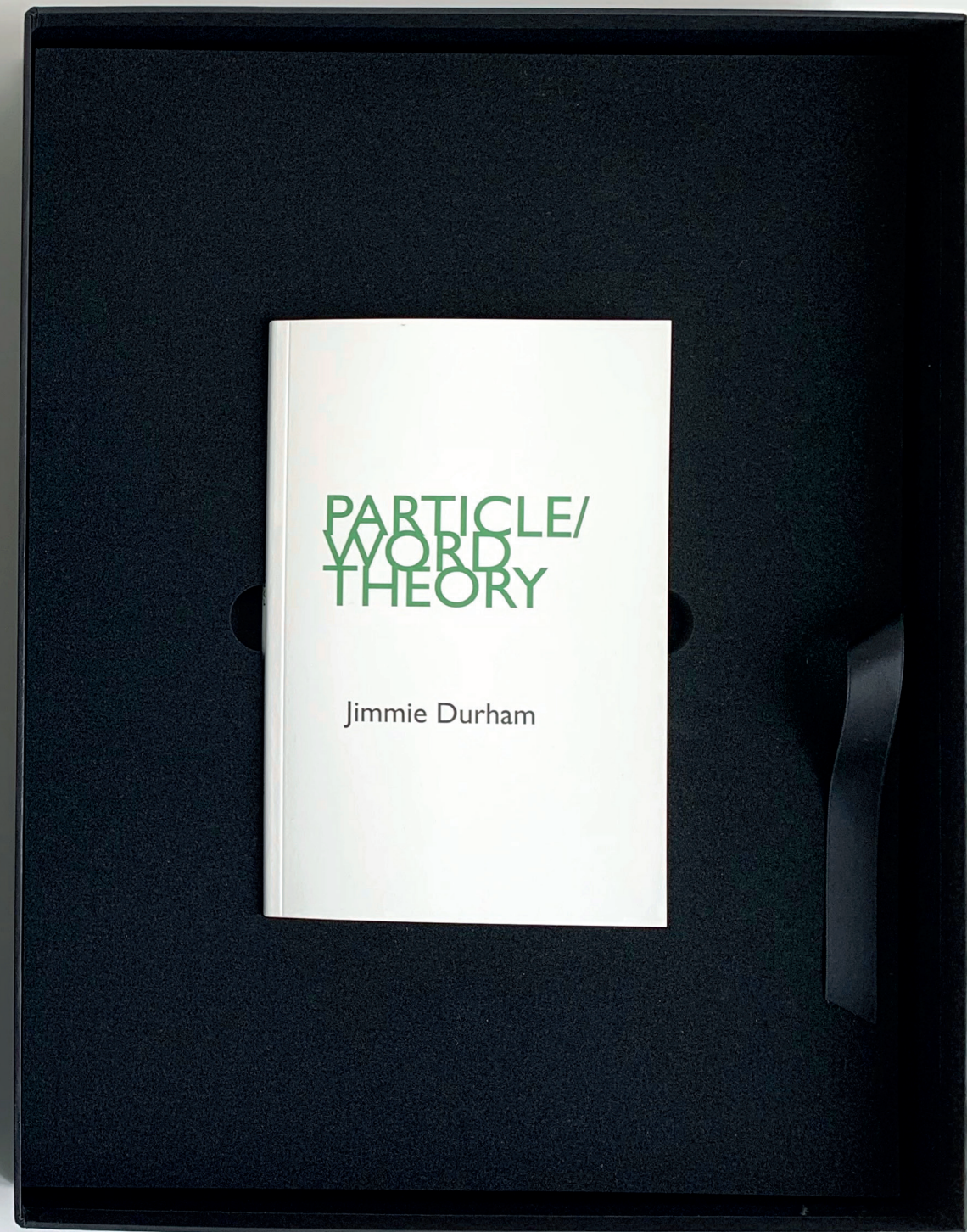
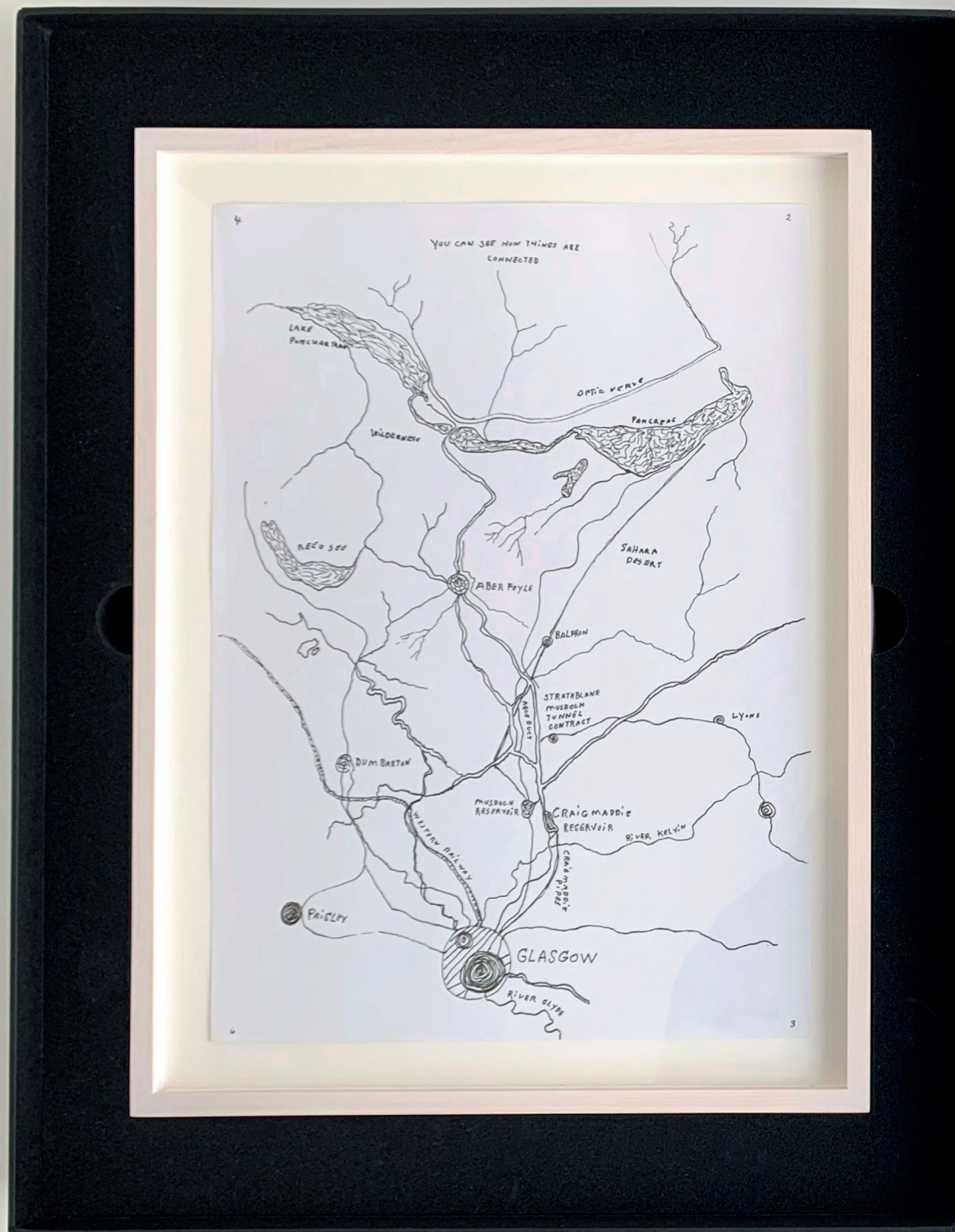
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## AFTER MY SURGERY

It all began with high blood pressure  
I suppose.

The doctor gave me some pills  
but global warming continued to rise.

Then after my surgery a severe depression  
and panic in global markets.

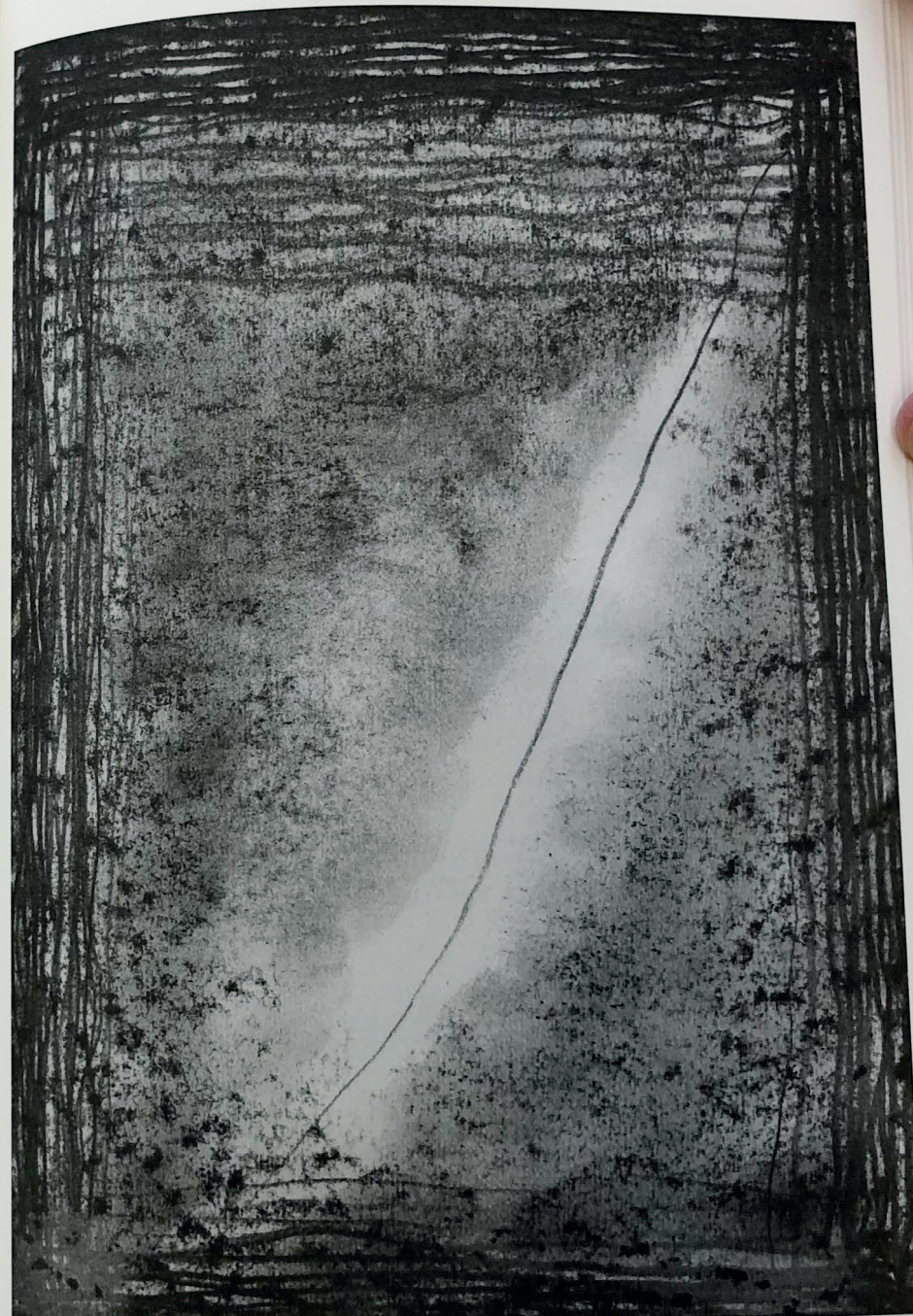
During the radiation therapy for cancer  
several nations invaded Iraq again.

After my stroke my computer broke  
and Afghanistan was once again broken.

In Calabria my shoulder broke  
An epileptic seizure brought on another stroke.  
Or maybe the stroke made an epileptic seizure  
And I broke my hip and shoulder.

So many countries in Central Africa  
Began to shatter.  
Syria and Turkey  
Had another matter broken.

October 29, 2014  
Virchow Clinic, Berlin

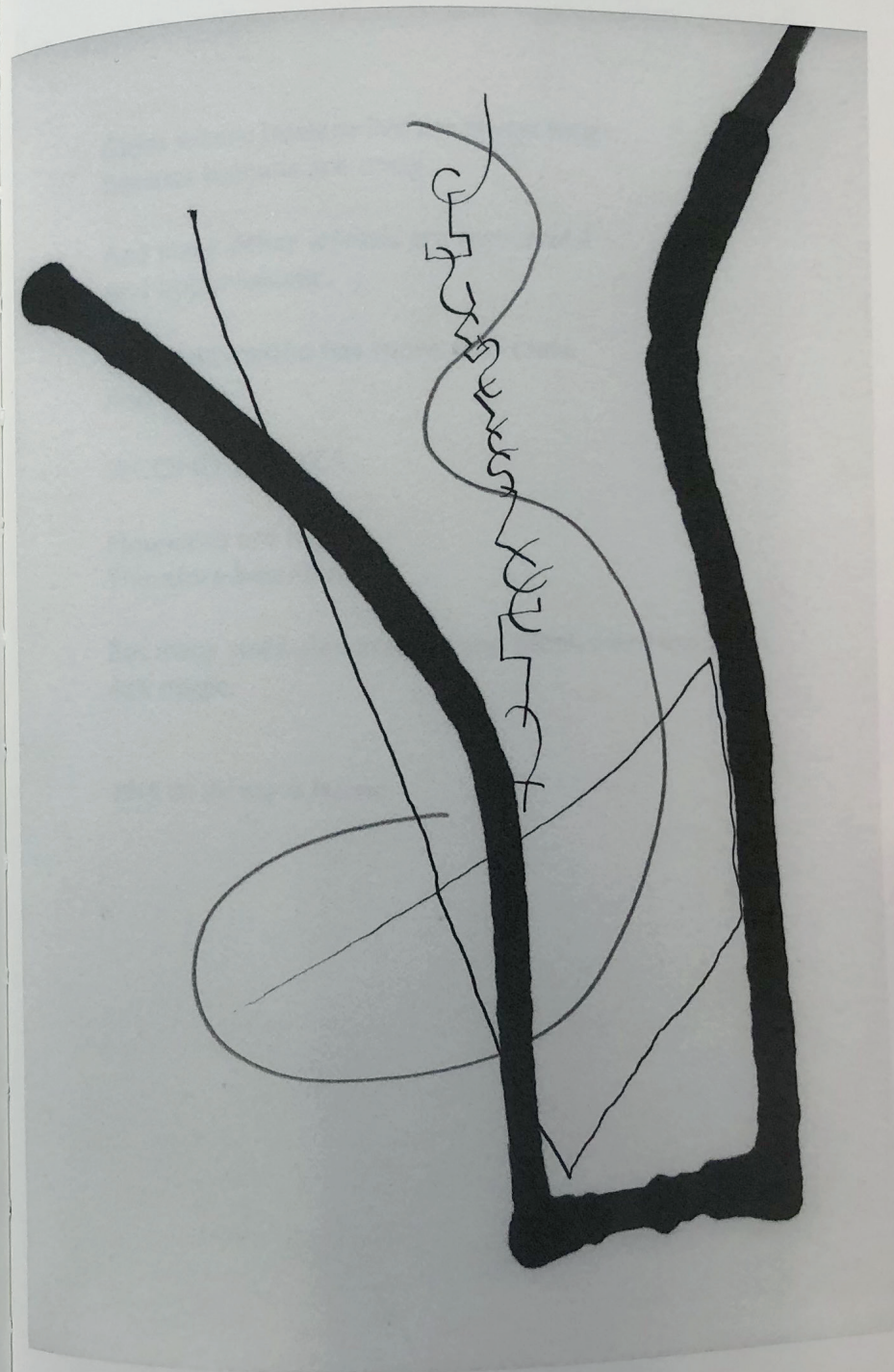




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Bee fore weedy seas,  
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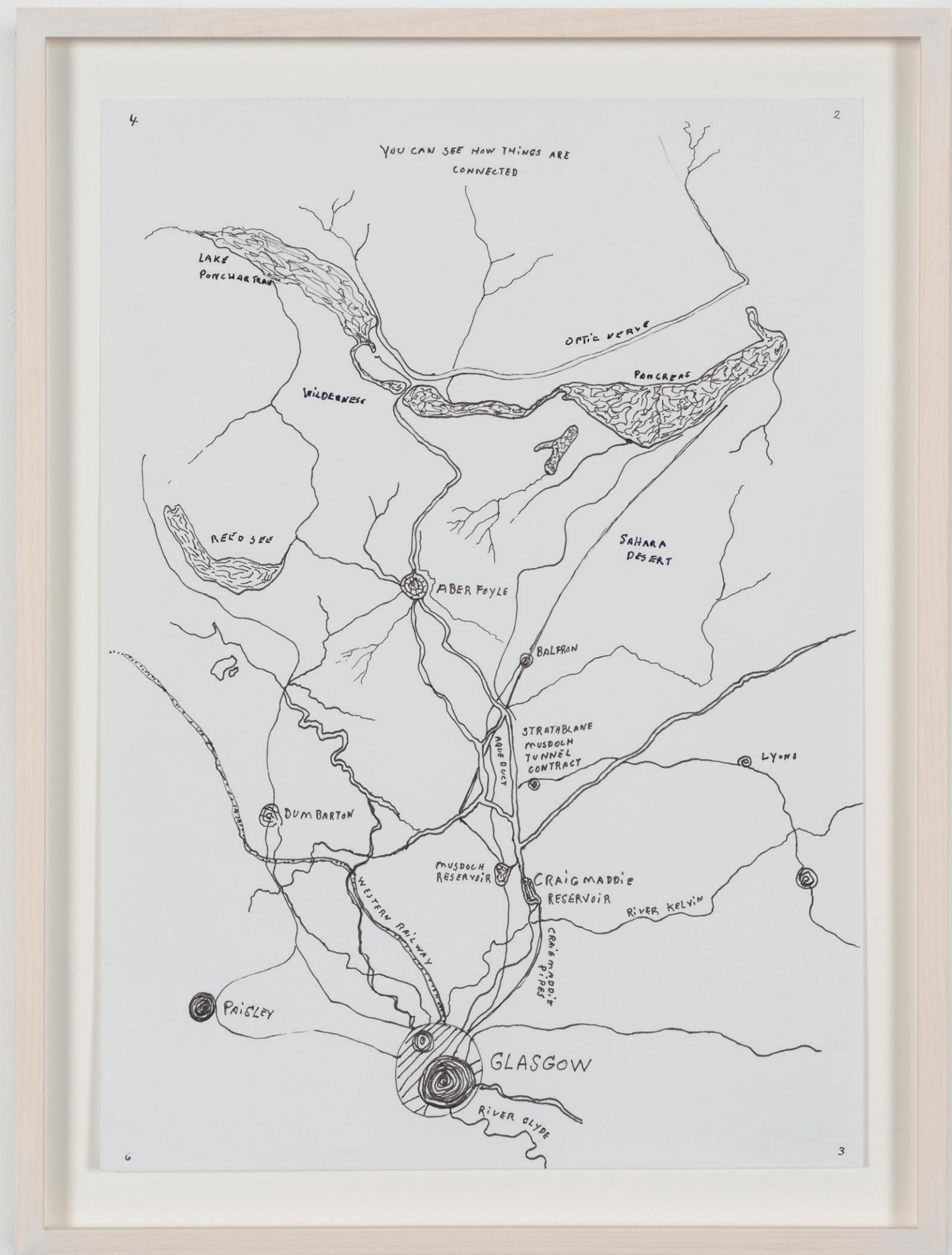


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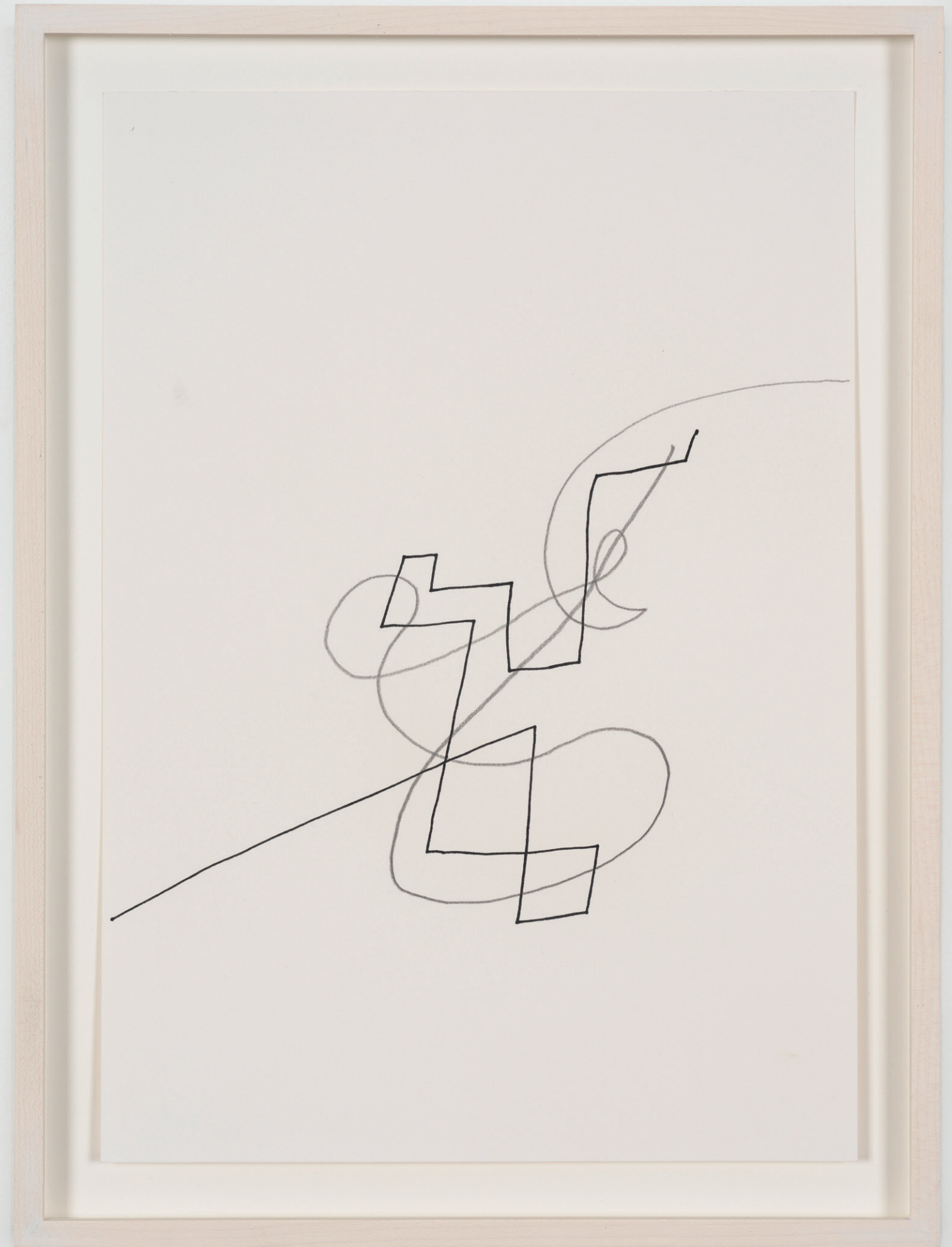




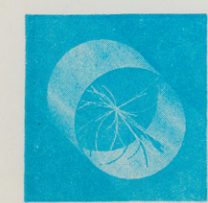
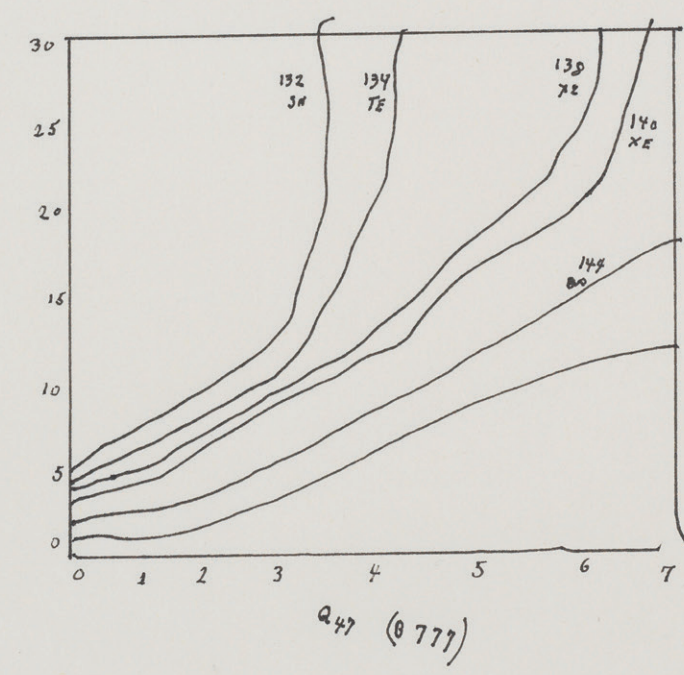
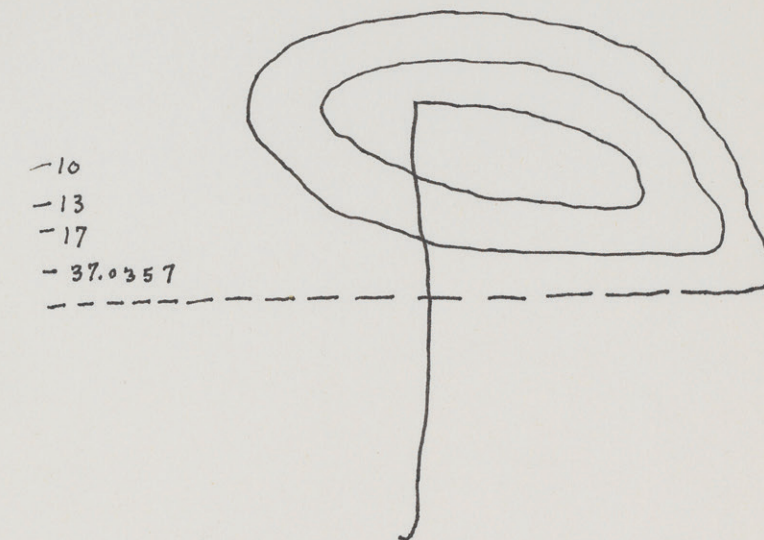
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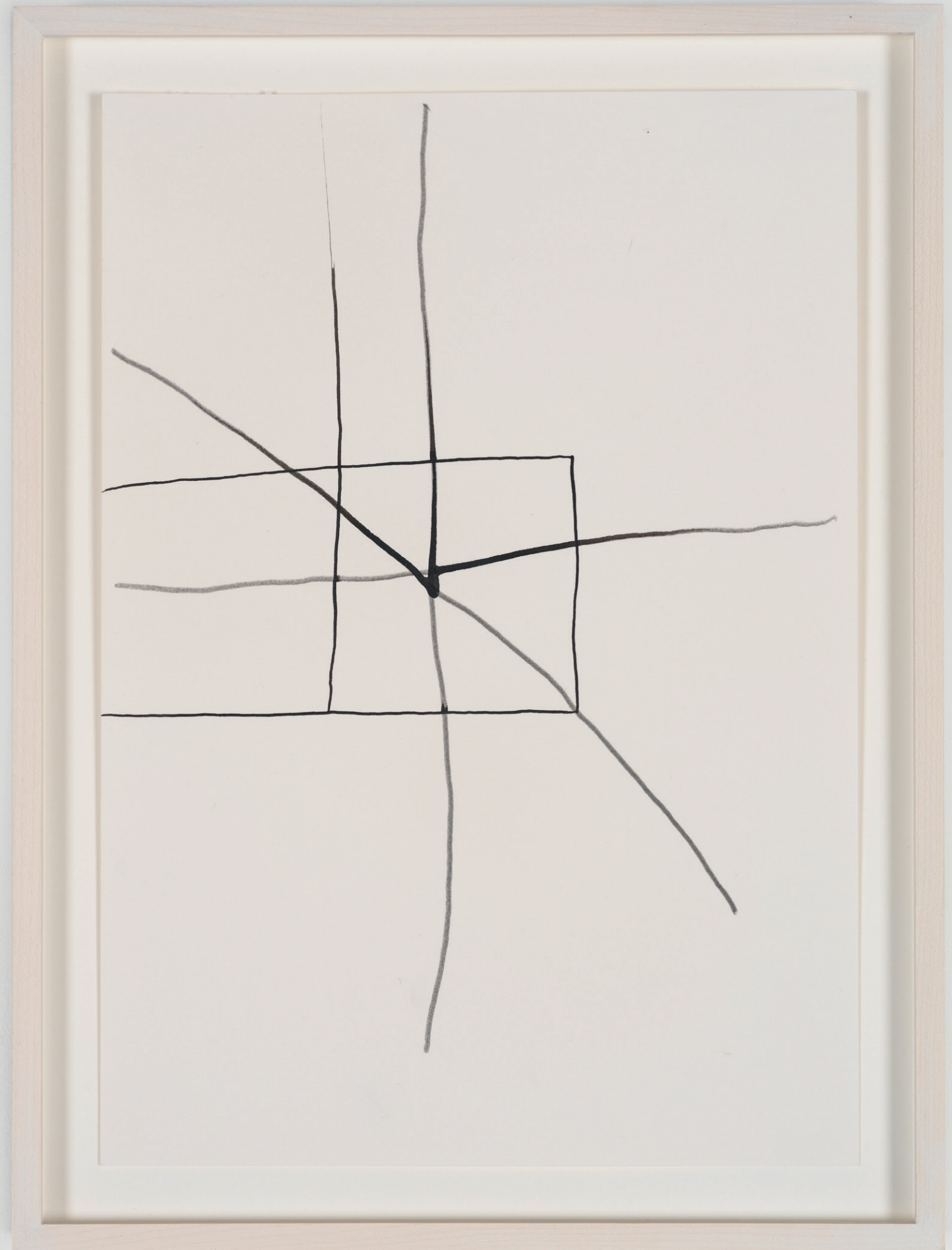










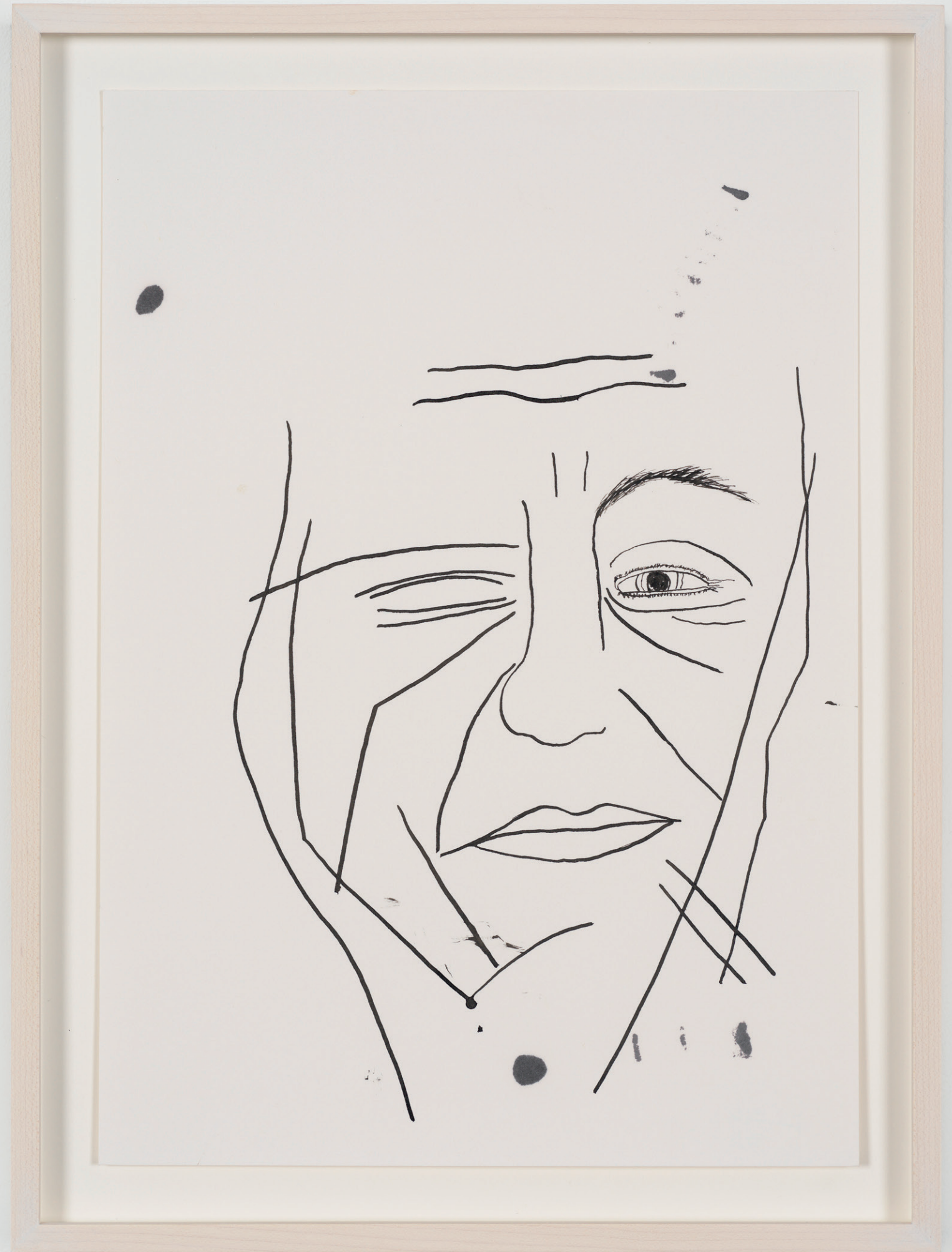








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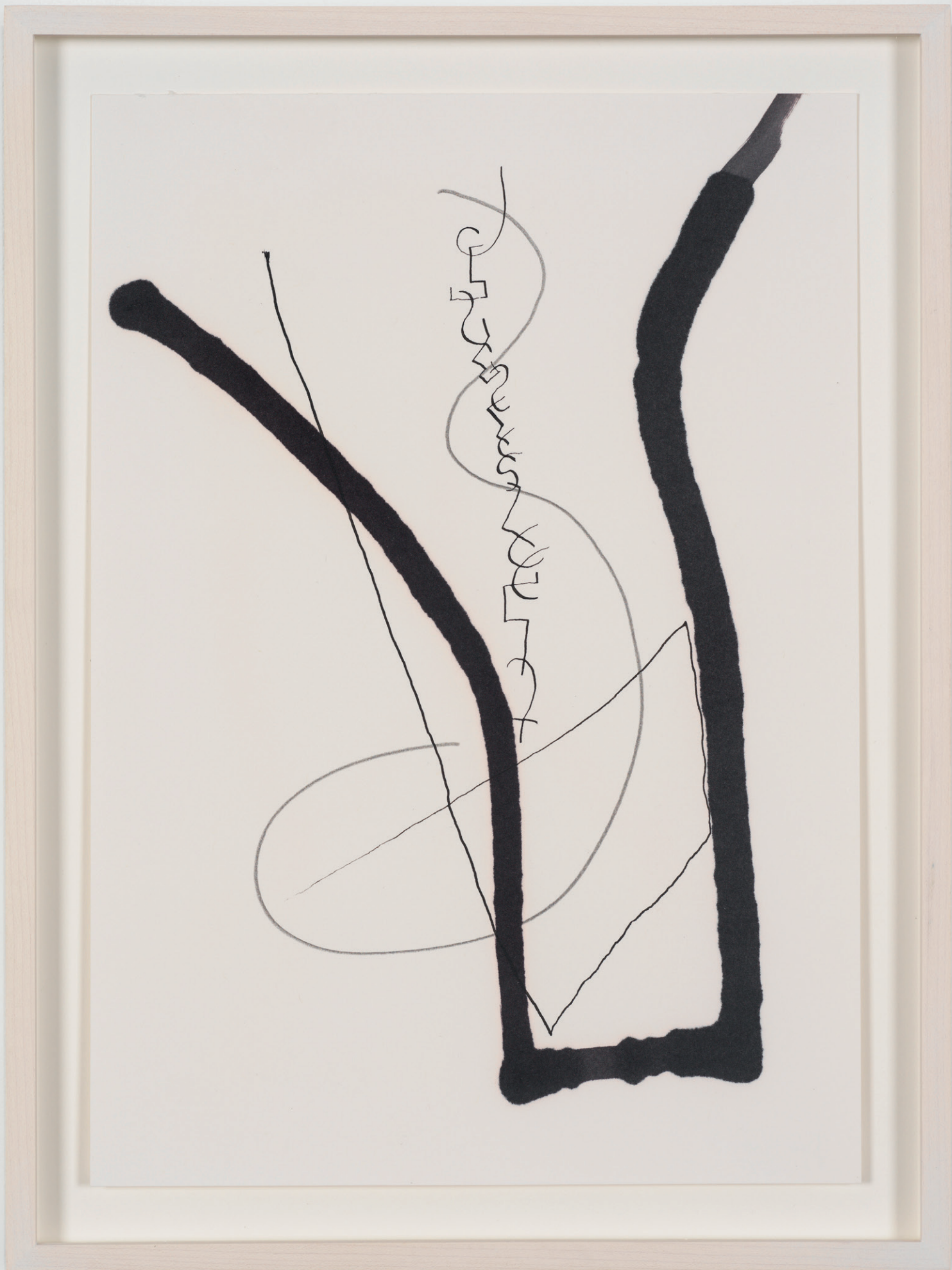




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