

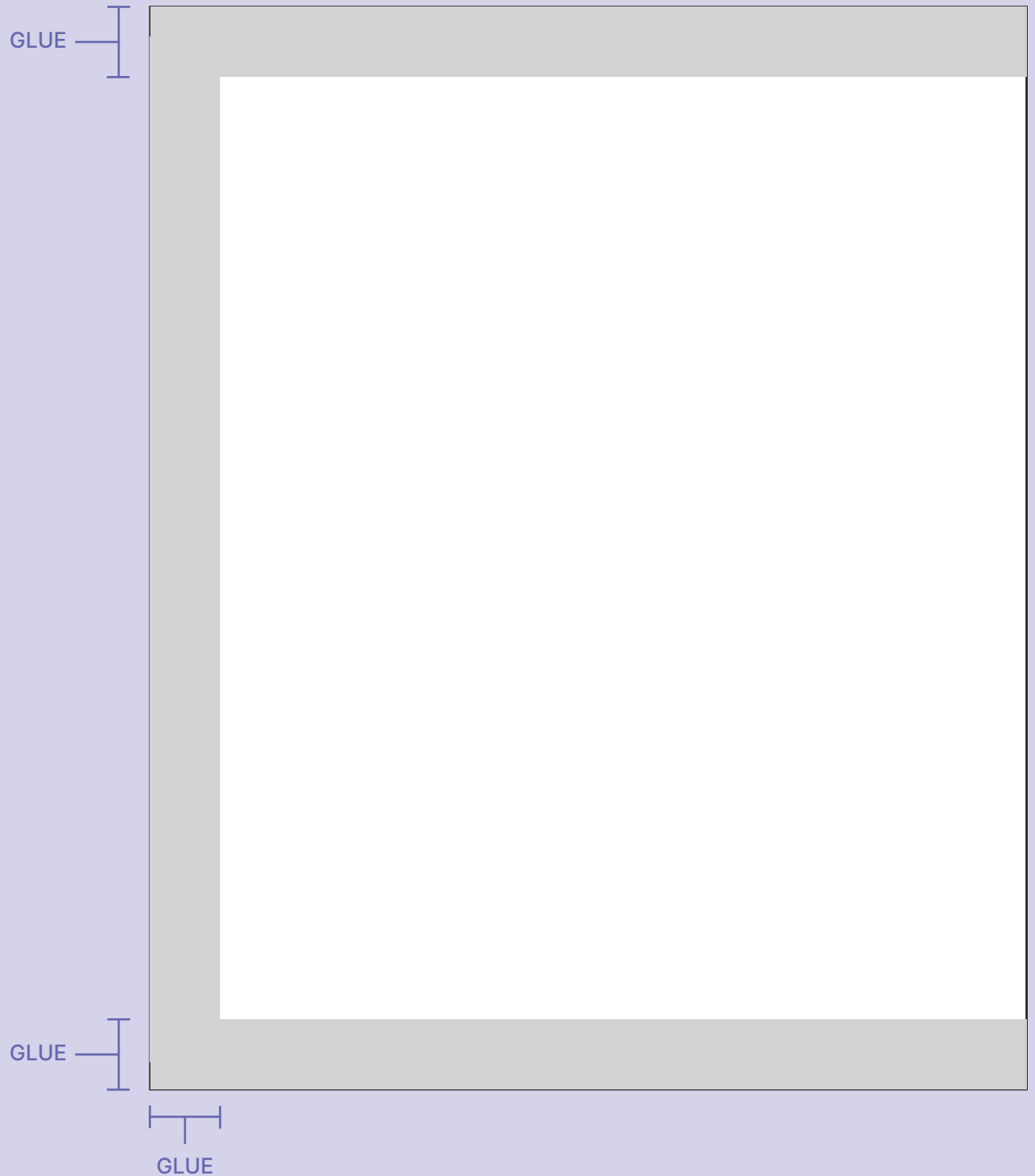


## NOW/HERE

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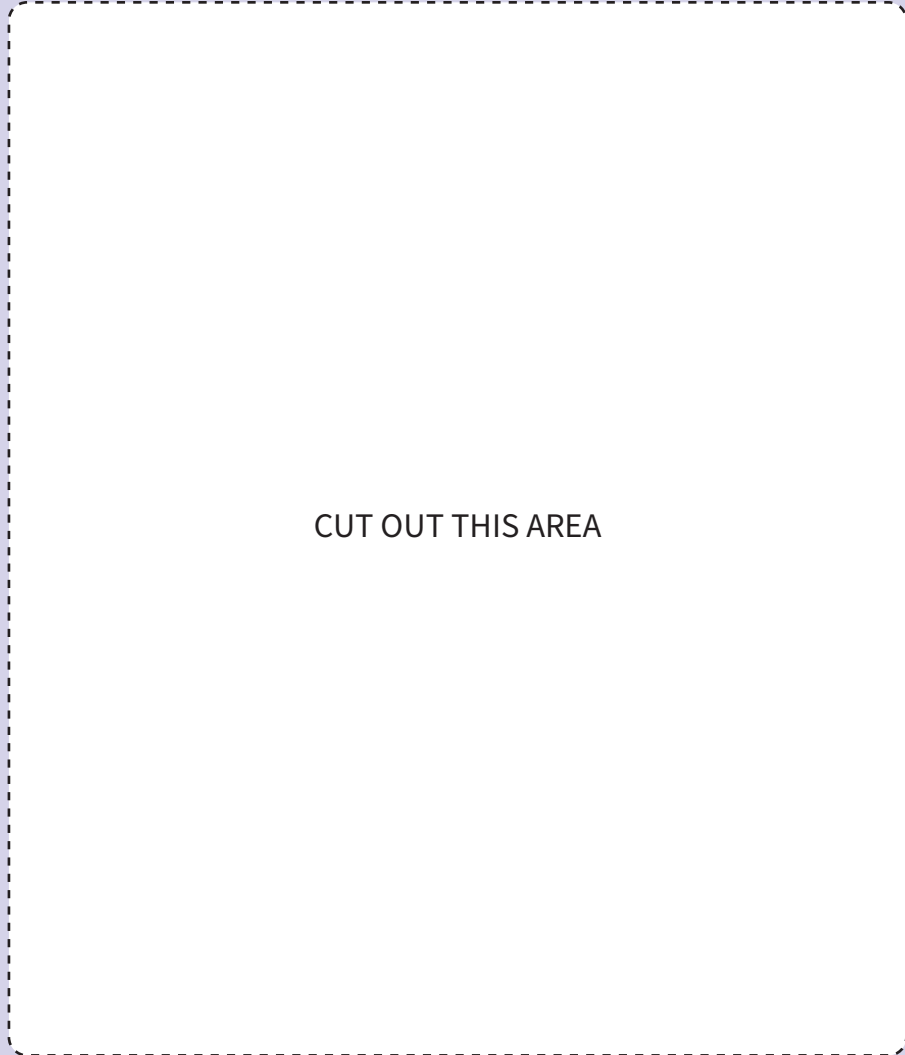
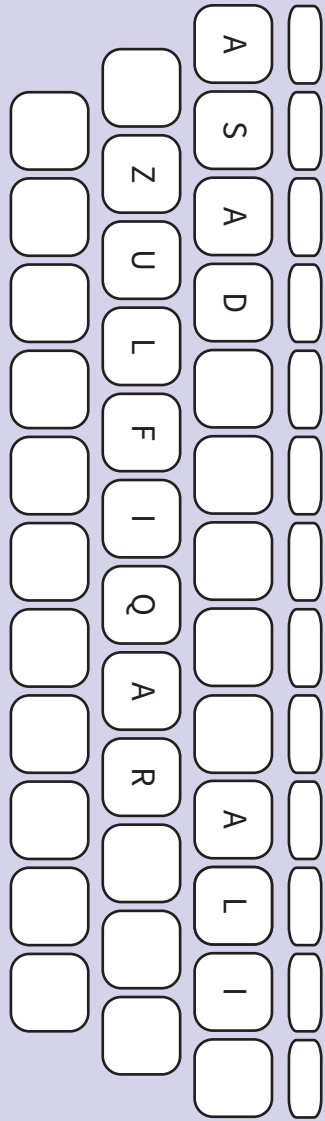
now/here is a map of walks in the city of Karachi, Pakistan recorded in a thread of 28 emails. Through an epistolary story about queer relationships blooming and wilting, this project is an experiment in creating a queer autobiographic practice that honors and upholds the transient nature of identity through the transformative potential of compassionate remembering. This browser-based work unfolds in the private space of the user's inbox and is rich with hypertext. Visit [bit.ly/getnowhere](http://bit.ly/getnowhere).

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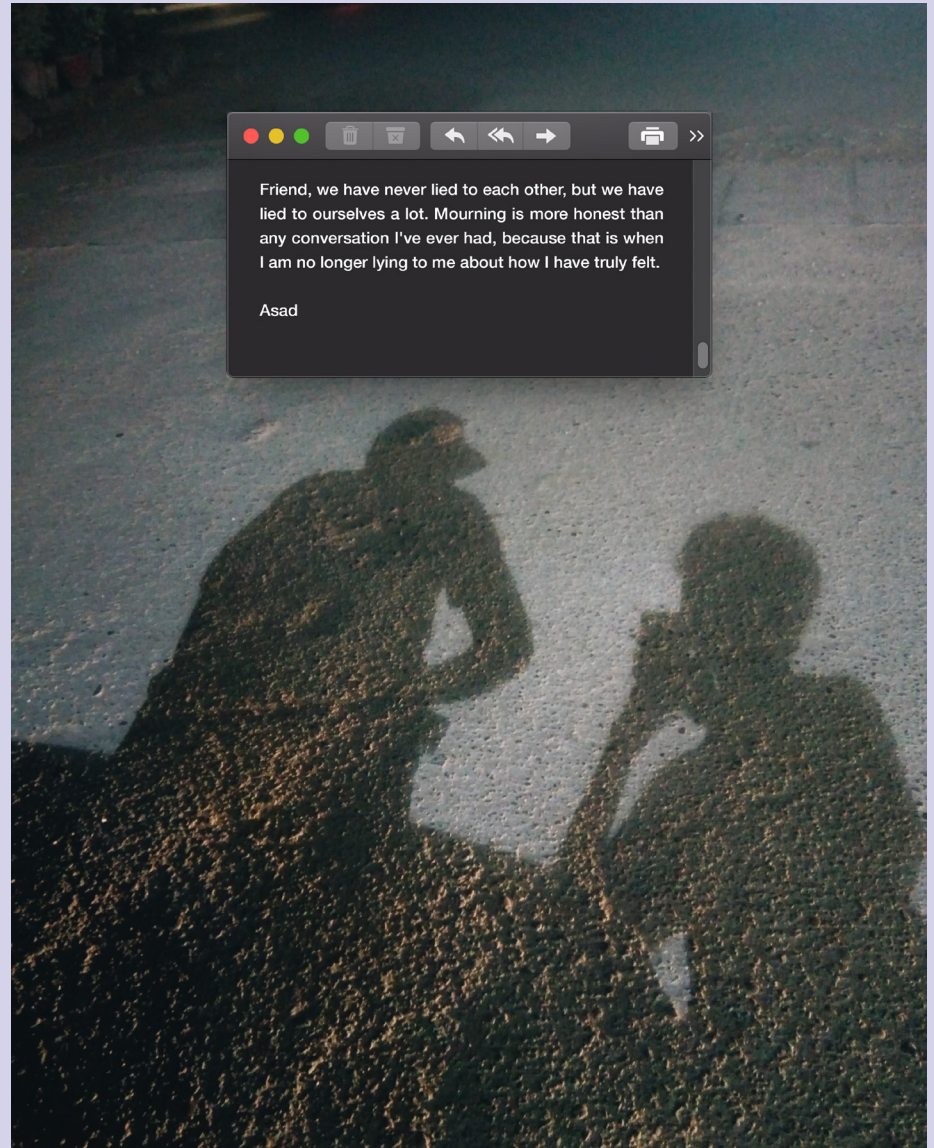
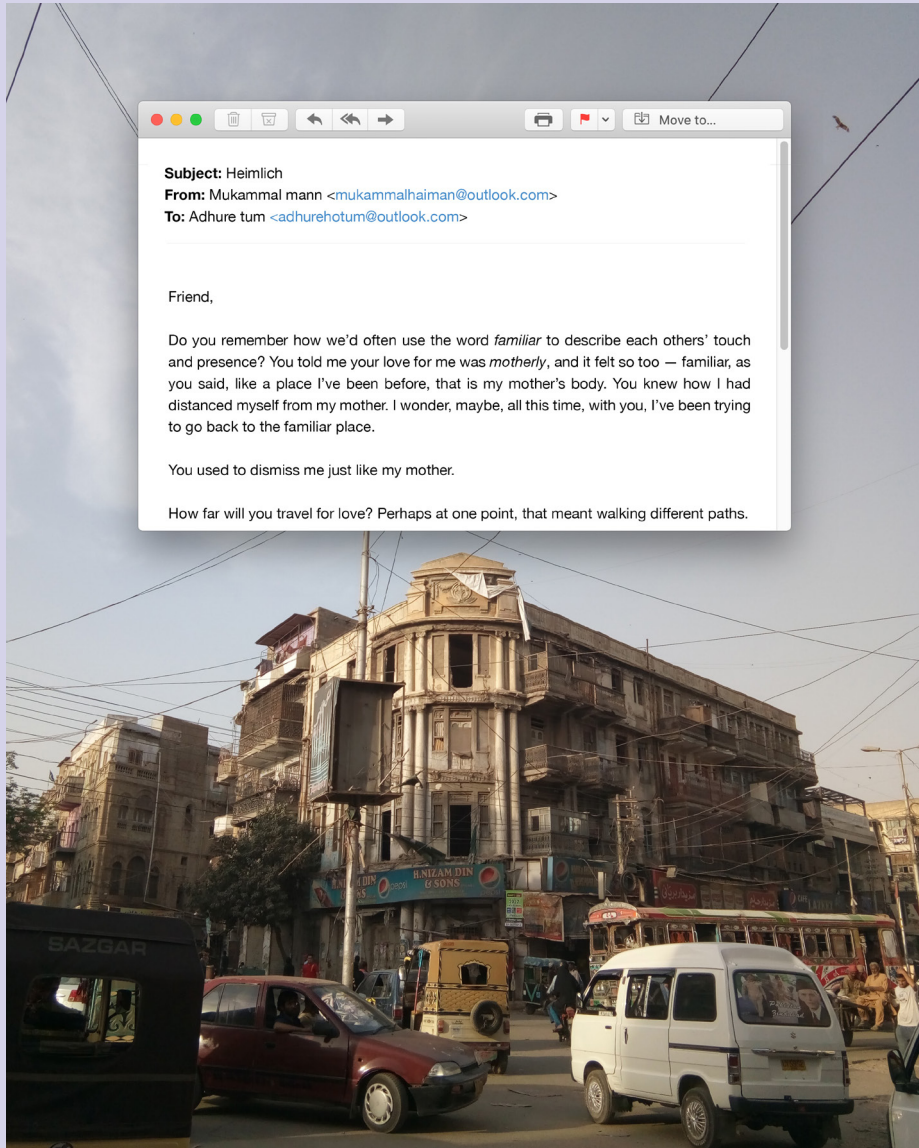


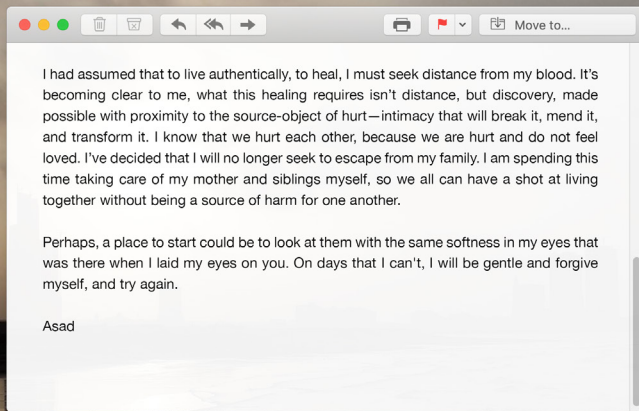


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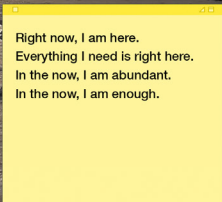




I had assumed that to live authentically, to heal, I must seek distance from my blood. It's becoming clear to me, what this healing requires isn't distance, but discovery, made possible with proximity to the source-object of hurt—intimacy that will break it, mend it, and transform it. I know that we hurt each other, because we are hurt and do not feel loved. I've decided that I will no longer seek to escape from my family. I am spending this time taking care of my mother and siblings myself, so we all can have a shot at living together without being a source of harm for one another.

Perhaps, a place to start could be to look at them with the same softness in my eyes that was there when I laid my eyes on you. On days that I can't, I will be gentle and forgive myself, and try again.

Asad



Right now, I am here.  
Everything I need is right here.  
In the now, I am abundant.  
In the now, I am enough.