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Sketchbook (Detail)



Beach Party (Detail) Painting 258 x 305 cm, 1981



Sketchbook (Detail)



Foetus Triptych, Etching 13 x 41 cm, 1981

Sketchbook

Selected from John Yeadon's four handmade student sketchbooks from 1965 to 1971.* With the inclusion of pages from one of his Scrapbooks.

Drawing has always been fundamental to his practice. Initially the sketchbook is a collection of information, later it is the site of conception of an idea and preparatory to a painting or print, but always with a sense of enquiry.

From Yeadon's observations of nature and his environment, a developing interest in Freudian theories, with his sexually charged landscapes, Rorschach images, comparative anatomy of human, animal, plant and machine and at the RCA, drawing experiments that echo Paul Klee's Pedagogical Sketchbook, to Yeadon's investigations into symmetry, mandala symbolism and Jungian archetypes.

*He studied bookbinding on Pre Dip.



Starting with his Pre Dip at Burnley School of Art and Municipal College (1965–1966), Dip AD at Hornsey College of Art, London, (1966–1969) and the Royal College of Art (1969–1972).

The arrangement of pages are not in strict chronological order but organised thematically. These sketchbooks give us an intimate insight into Yeadon's thinking as a young artist in his teenage years and early twenties.

We want to decipher skies and paintings, go behind these starry backgrounds or these painted canvases and, like kids trying to find a gap in a fence, try to look through the cracks in the world.

While it may be stated that the scientific mind is at pains to categorise and separate elements and things, it is the artistic temperament which seeks to associate and conflate forms and structures with experience. Which is not to say that artists are not prone to dissection and experimentation.

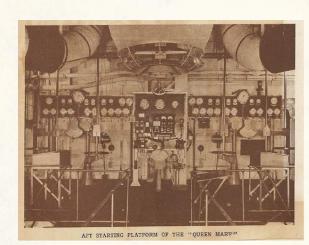
The task of observation and picturing the world, or at least transcribing a little corner of it, provides the daily nourishment for the eye. While the findings throw up new alignments and conjunctions for the mind to conjured with.

The knotted forms of trees and skeletons suggest death and decay as well as the underlying beauty of natural forms, even when expired. Here is the unflinching scientific eye present also in Leonardo's sketchbooks.

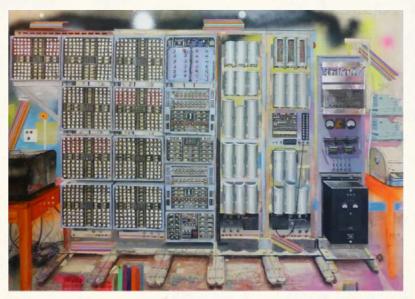
The assembly of montaged media fragments belies the period of pop art as well as the surreal erotics of machinery and the sleek conduits of sexual reproduction explored by Paolozzi and J.G. Ballard. This heady mix is also interfaced with the expressive torments of the scream and crucifixion.

From out of this practise, fastidiously dated and captioned, emerges the obsessions and tropes of a lifetime's devotion to drawing, painting, and print-making.

On the following pages we encounter the exacting scrutiny and unflagging enquiry of a young artist who is honing his draughtsmanship and, by doing so, seeking to grasp resonant motifs and themes for development into larger painterly statements. Here are the kernals of future projects. In the Queen Mary image opposite we see a foreshadowing of the Witch computer paintings produced half a century later...



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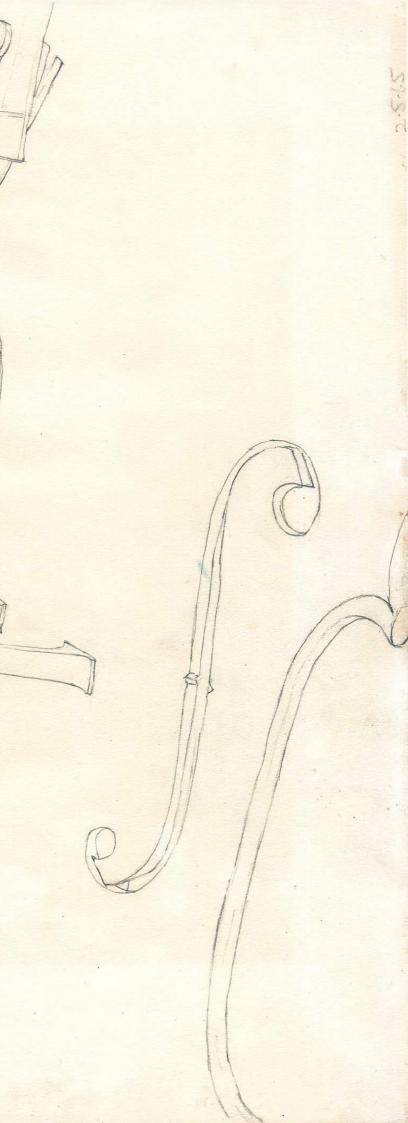
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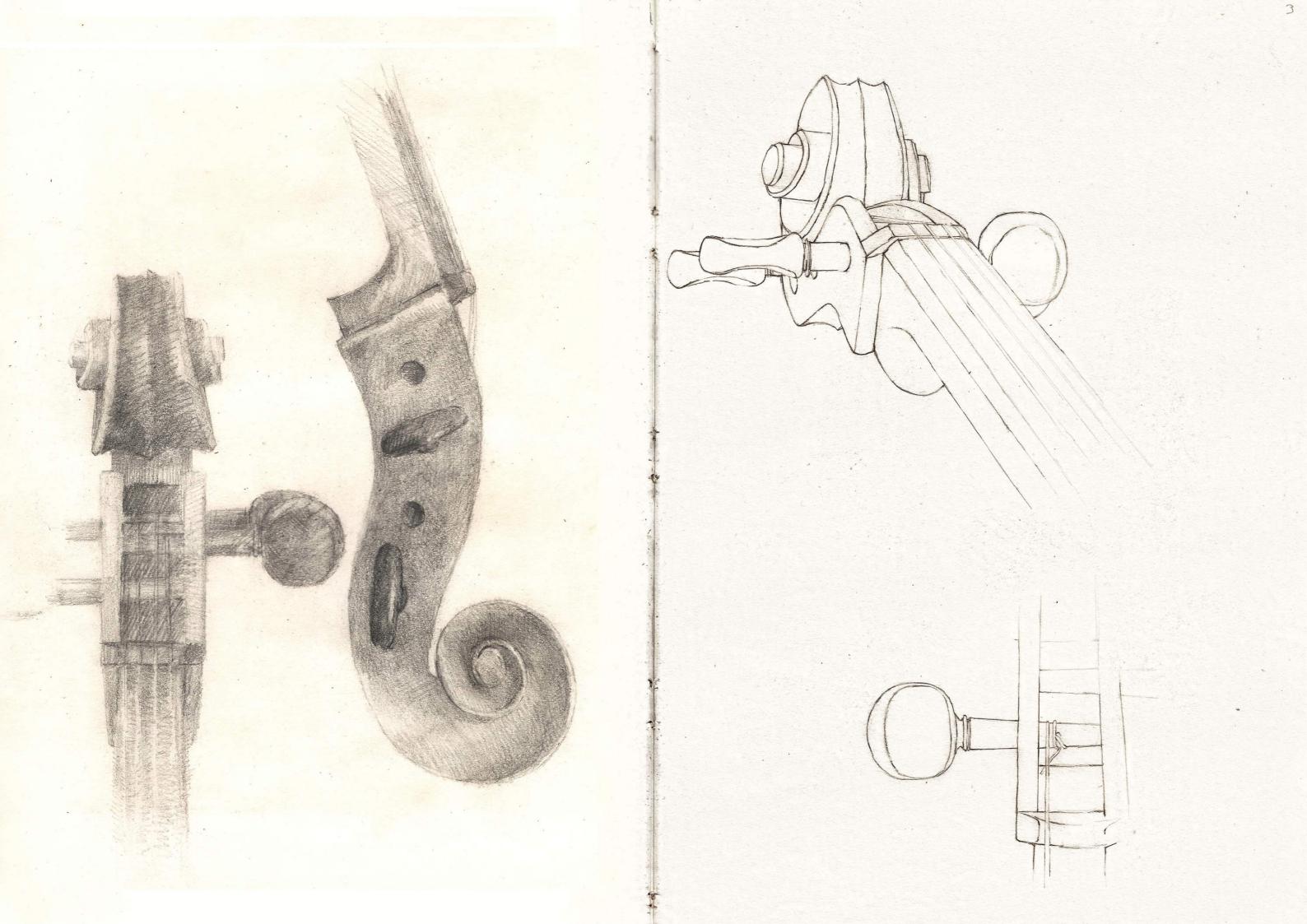
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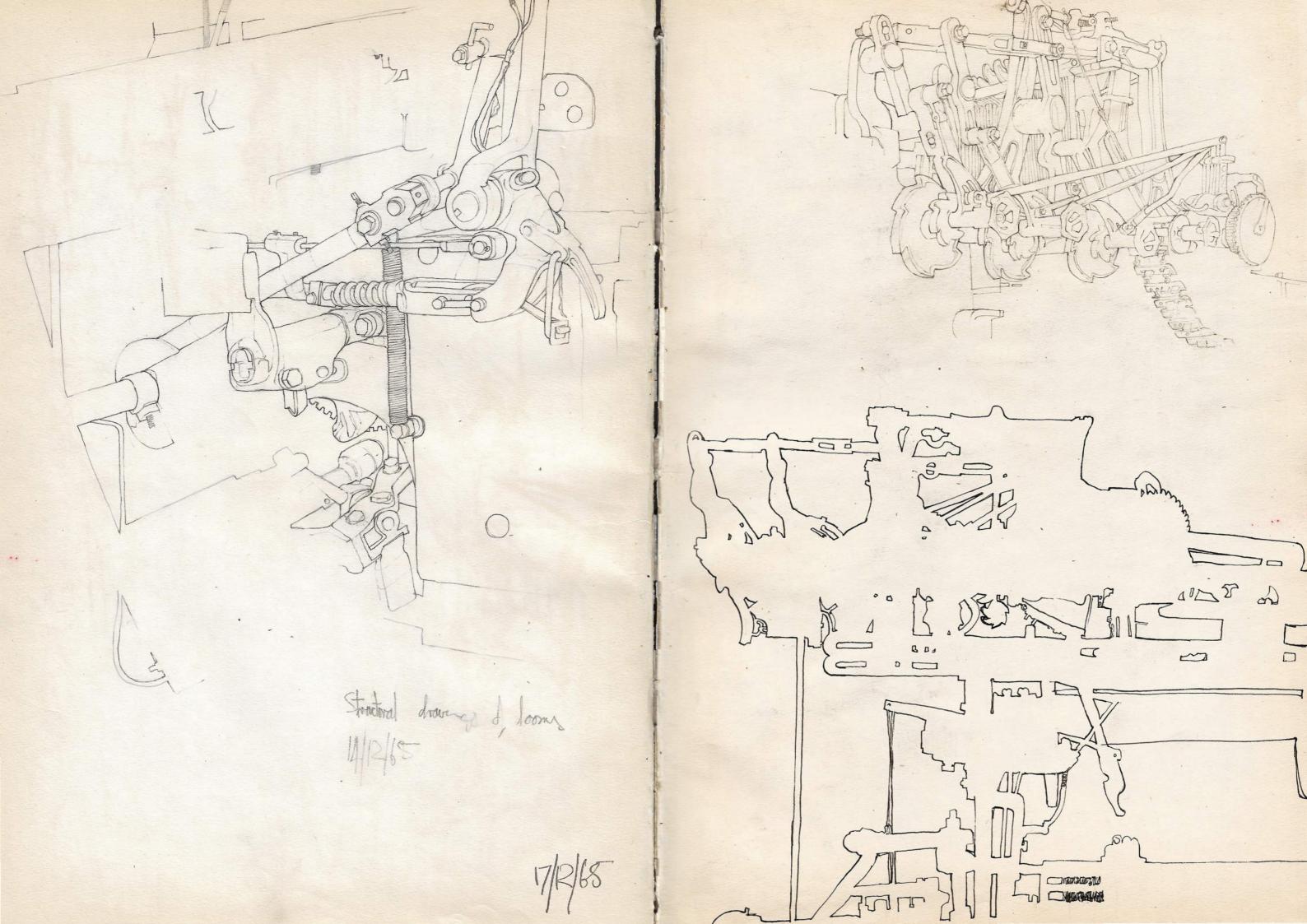
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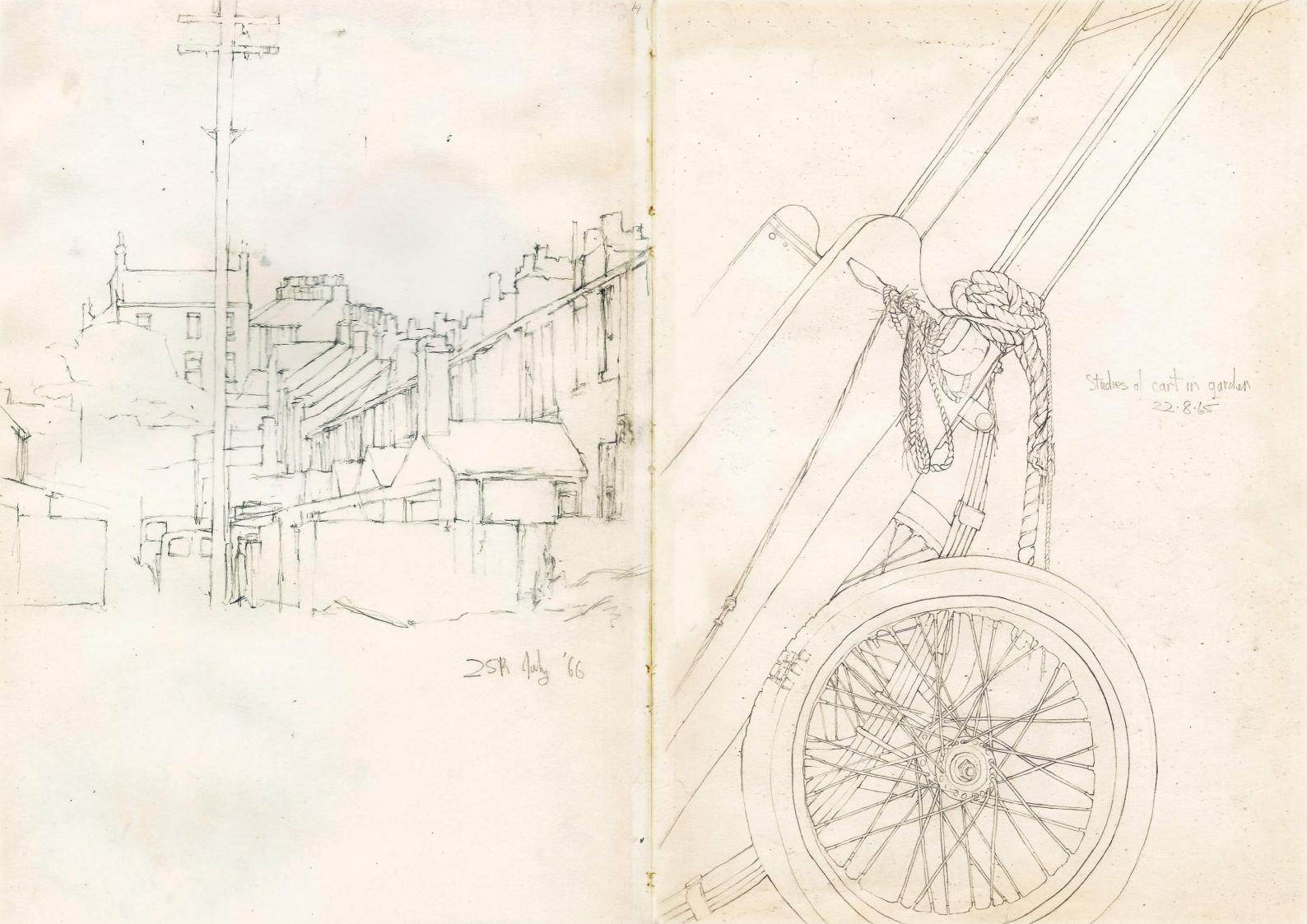
All human knowledge takes the form of interpretation. – Walter Benjamin

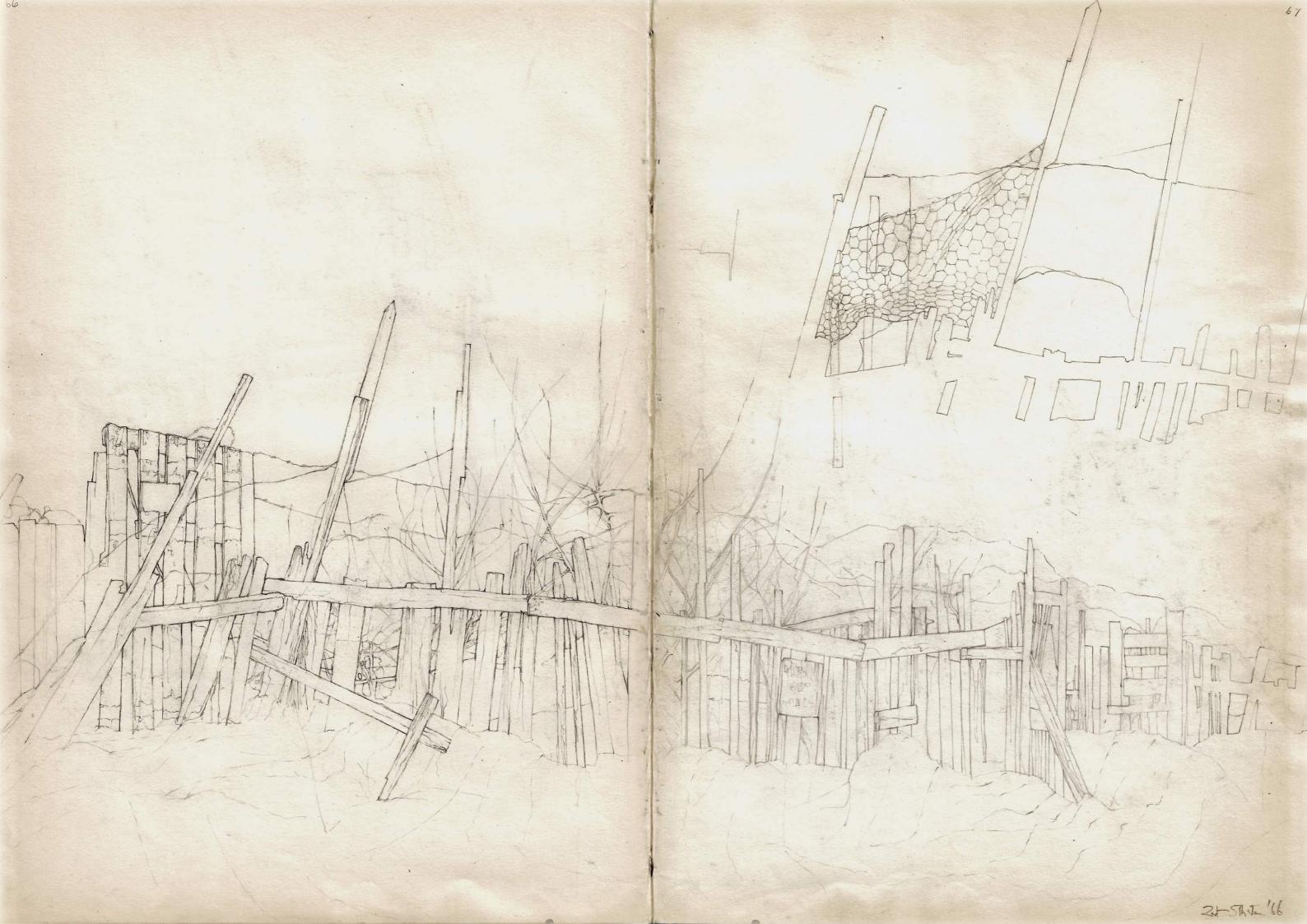


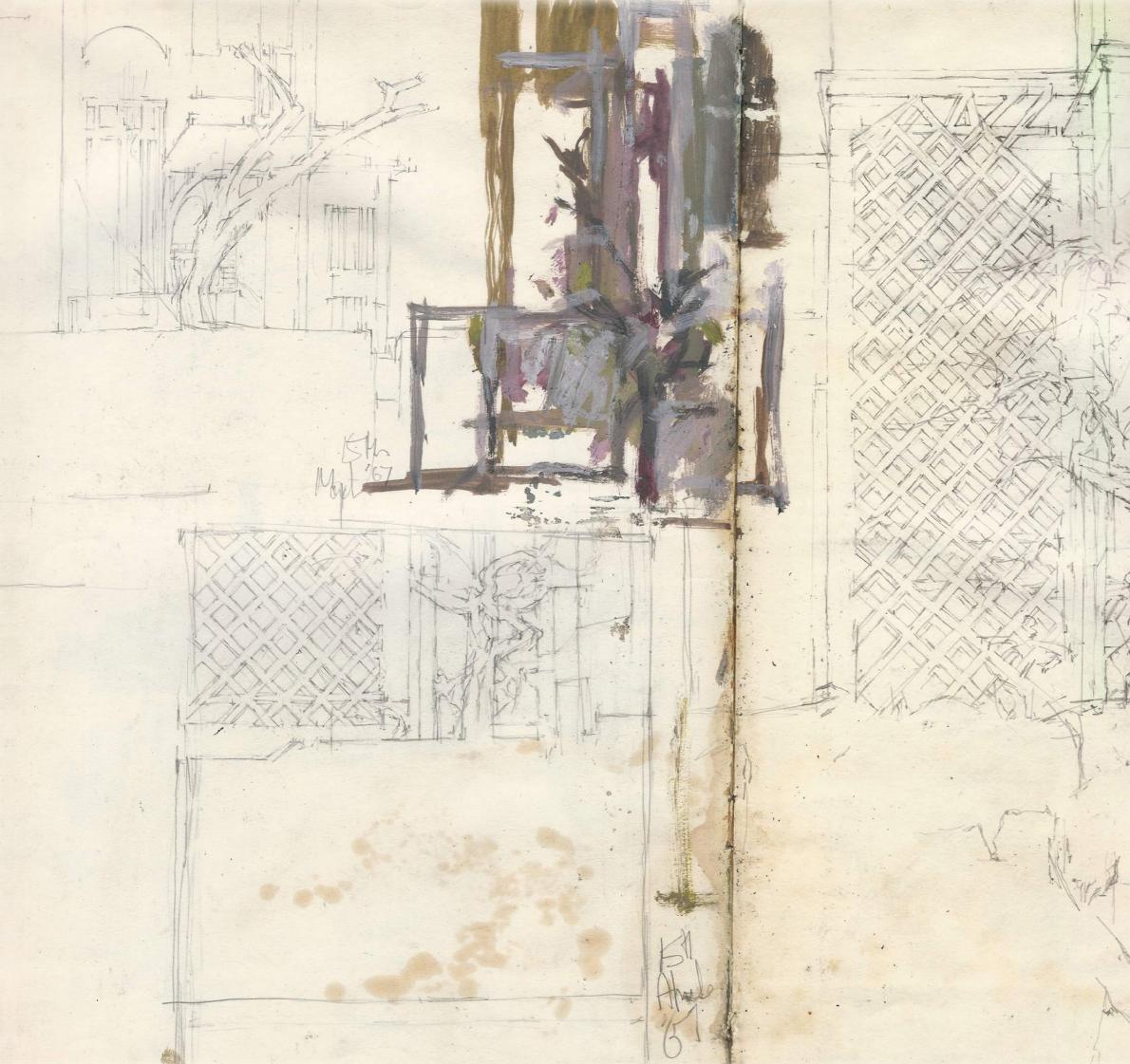




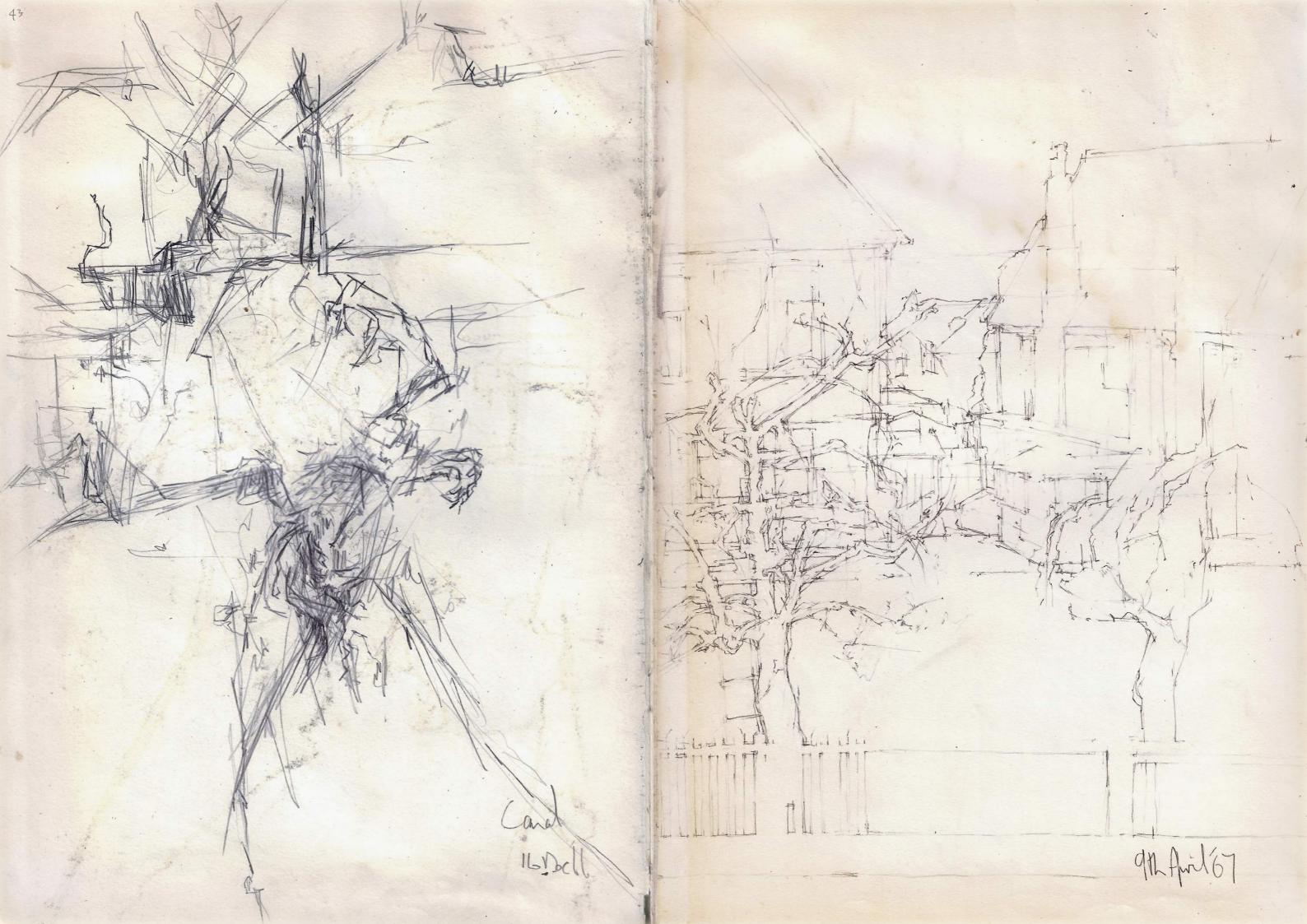








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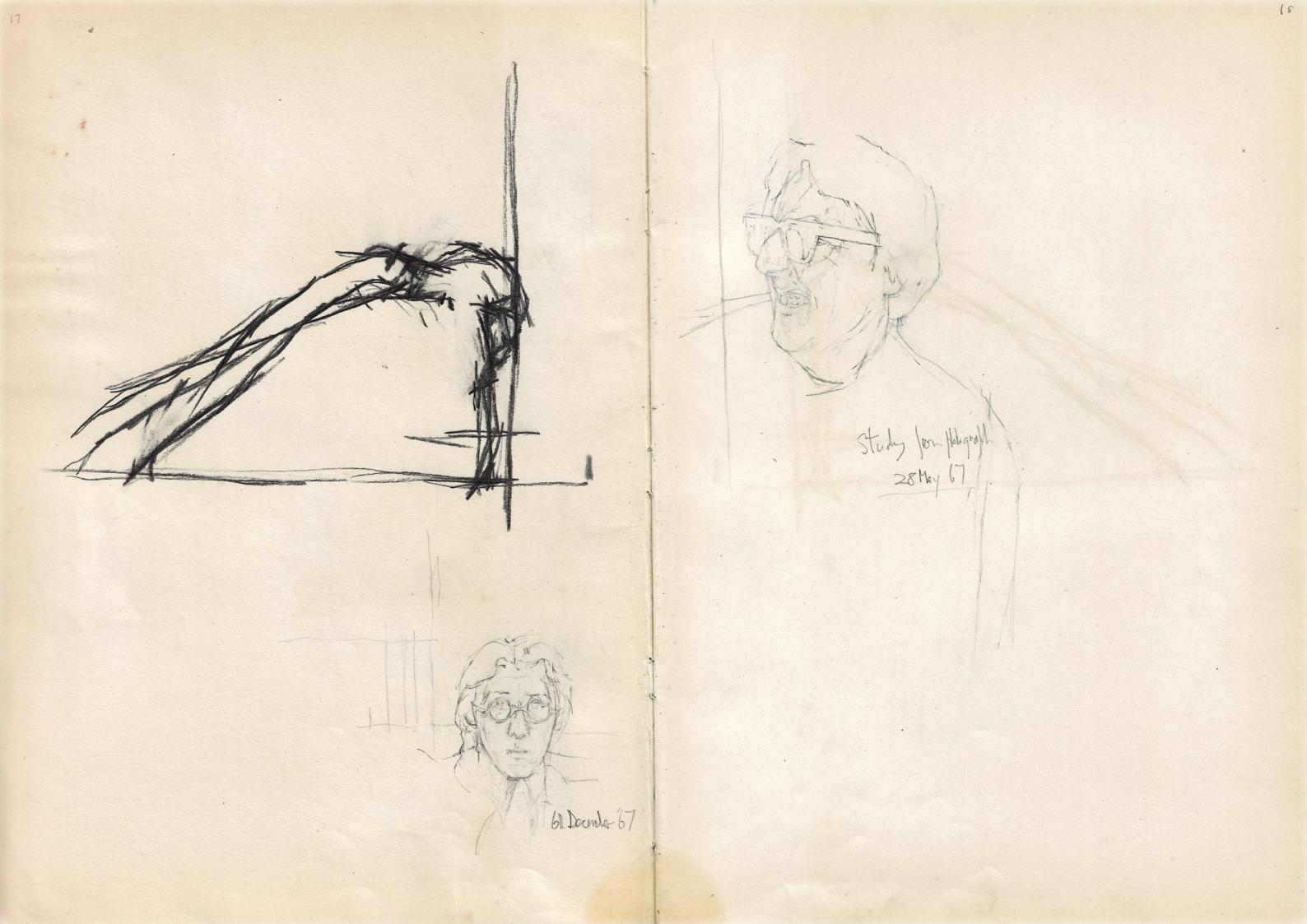


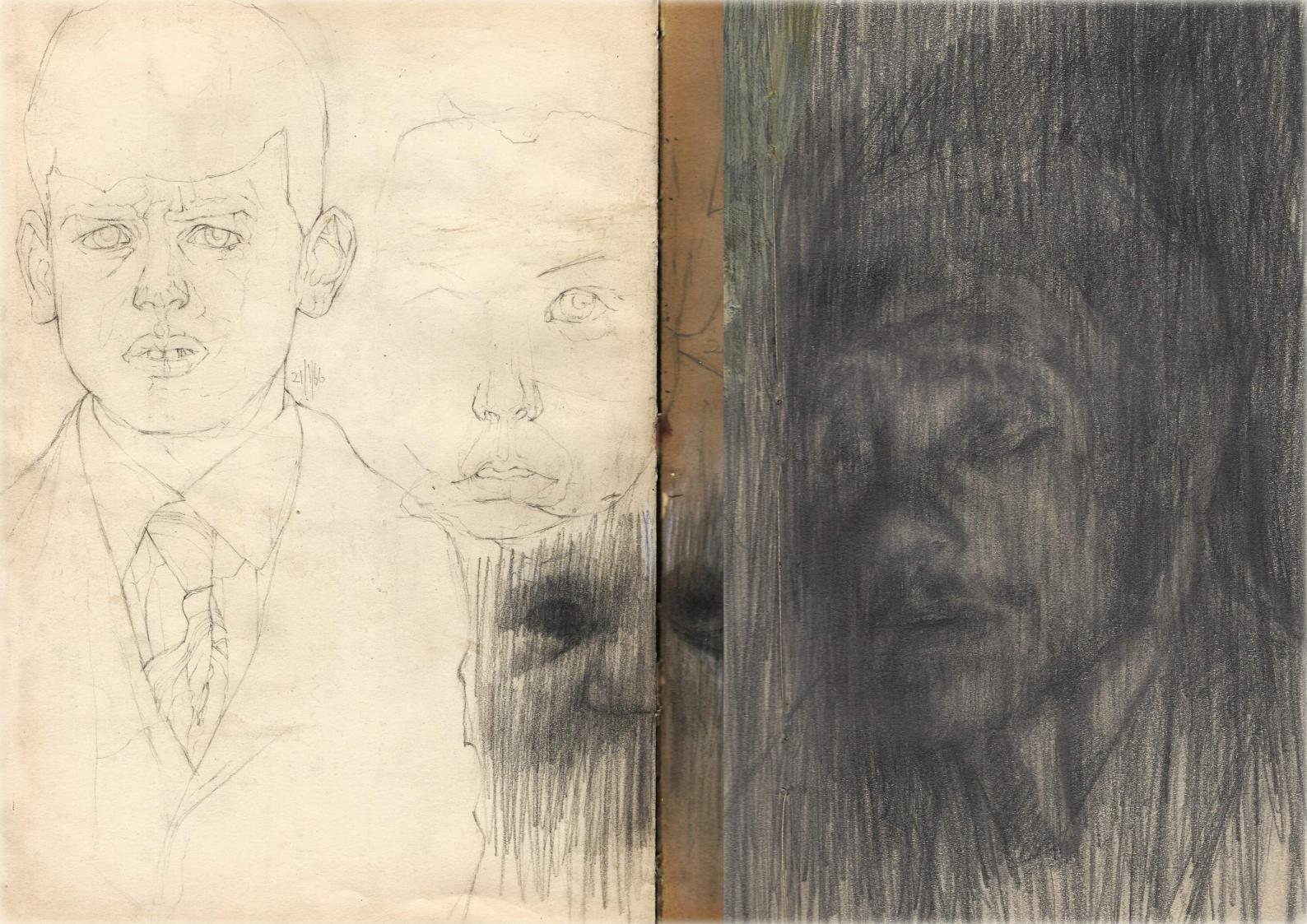




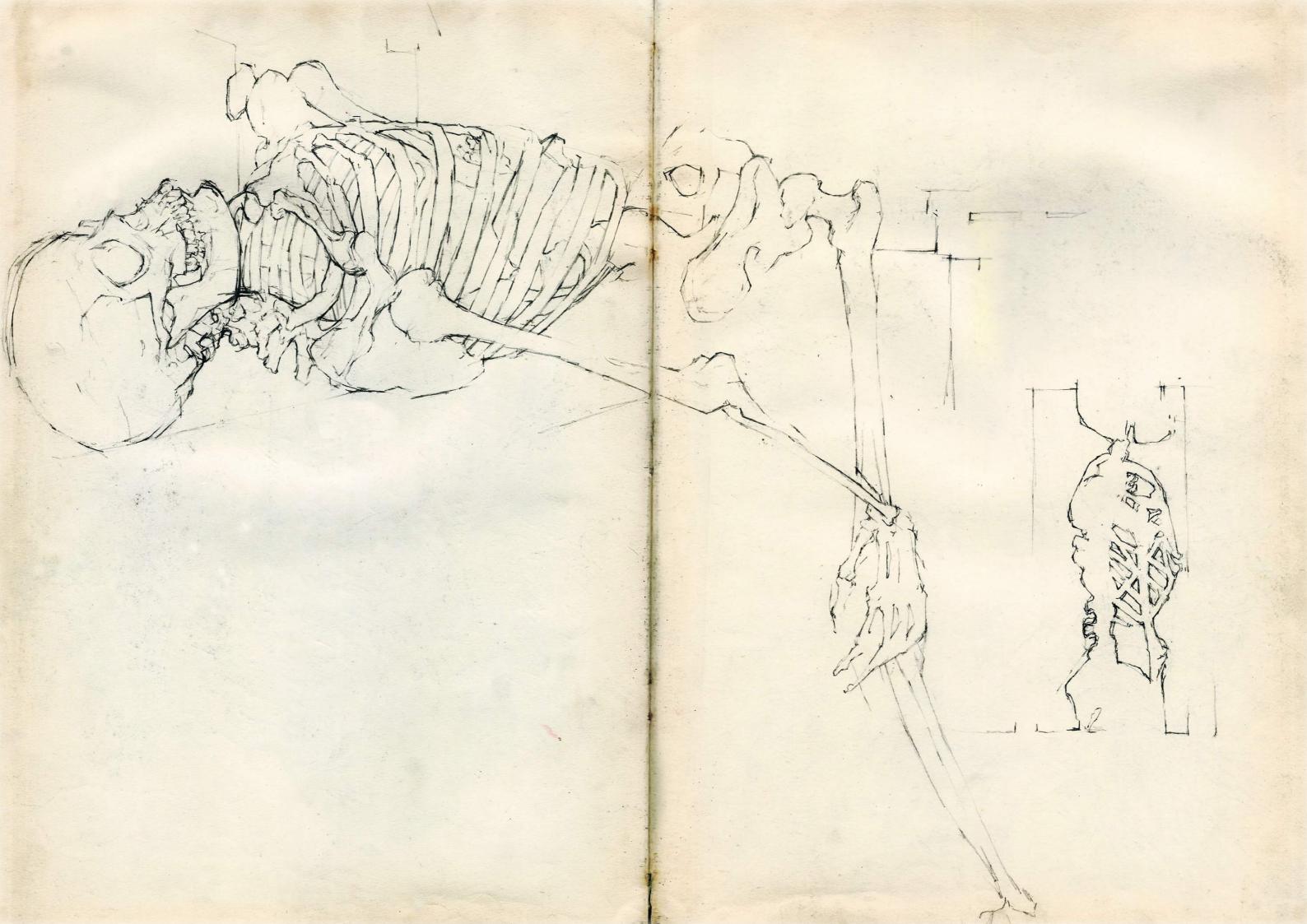


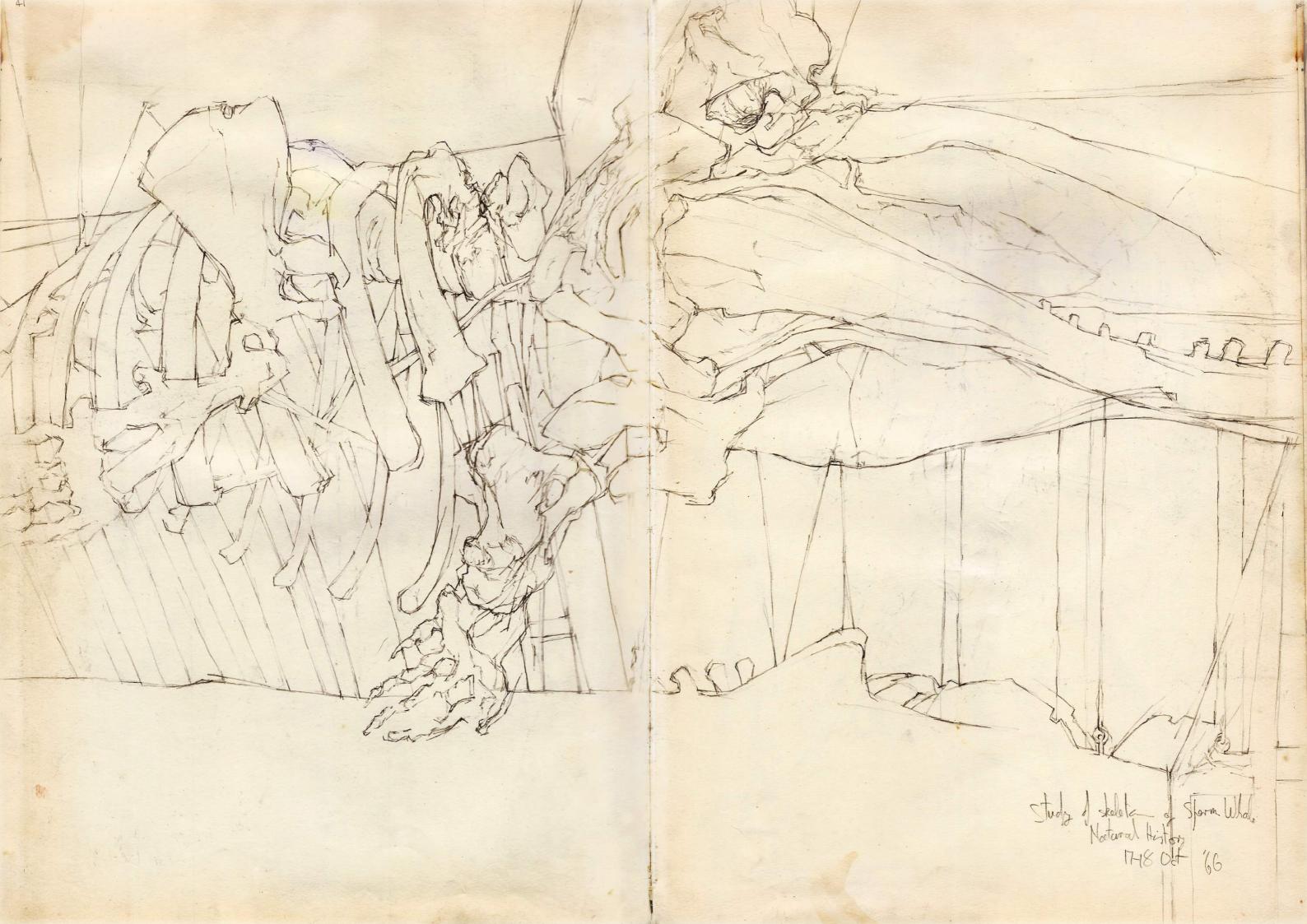


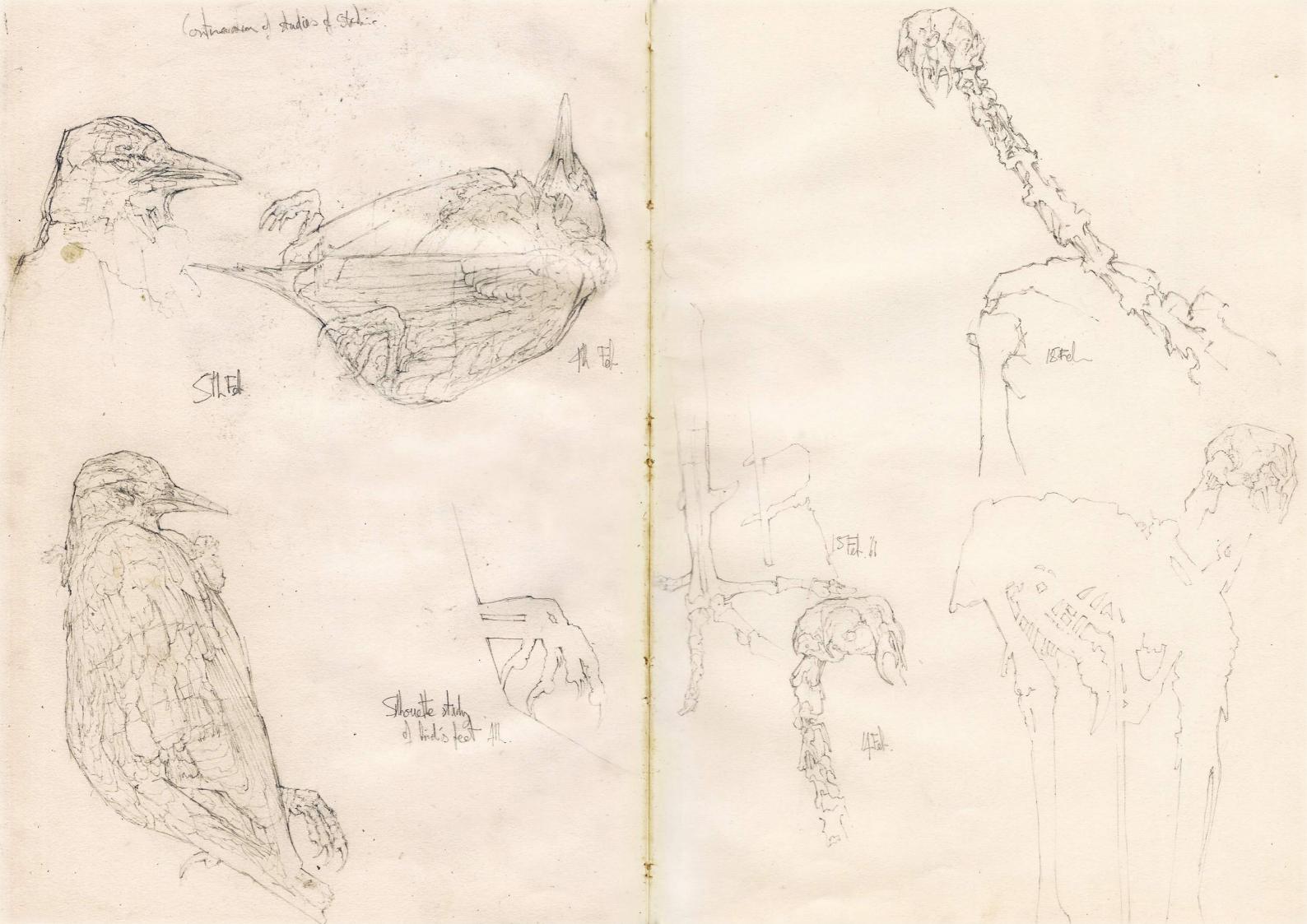










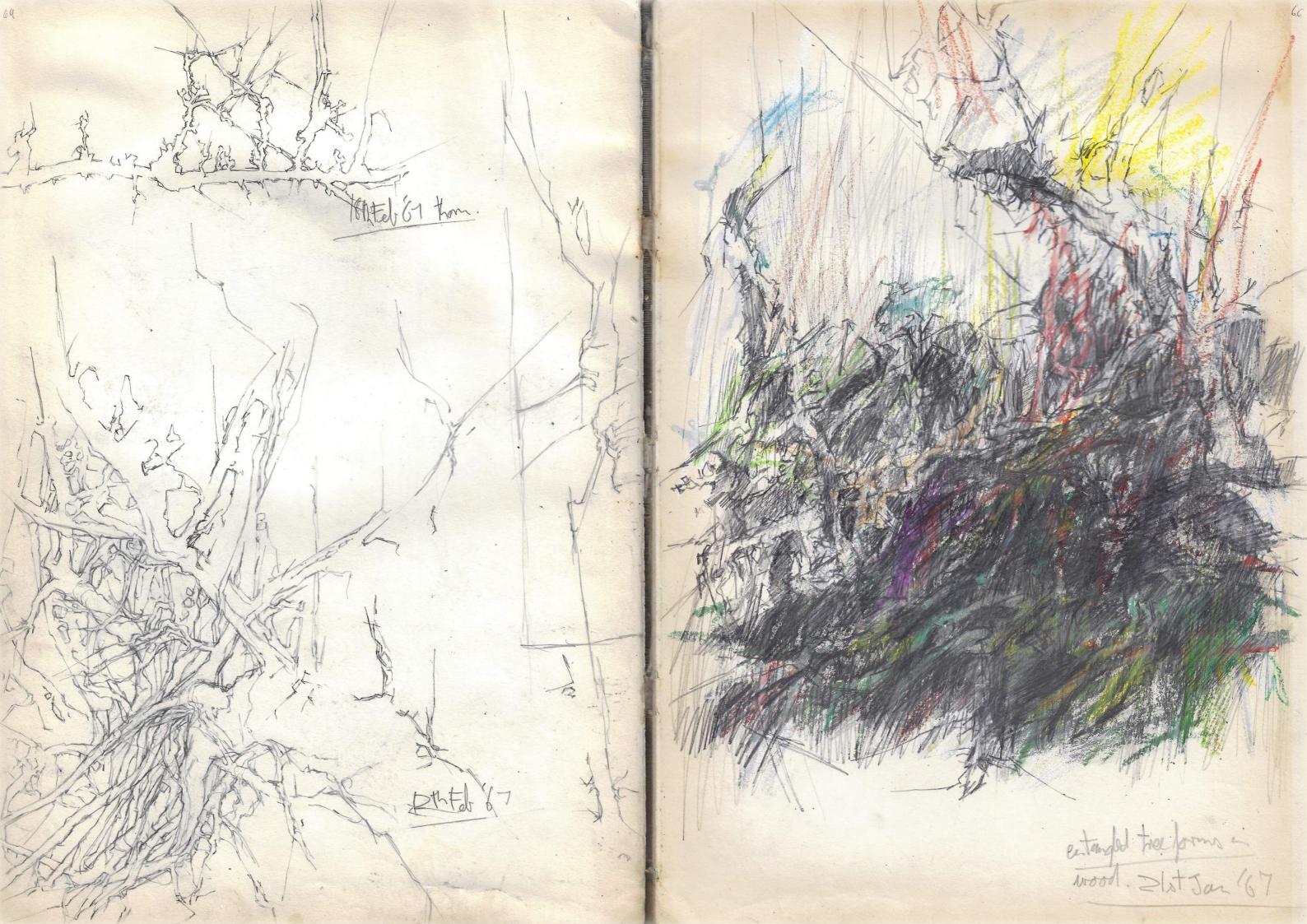




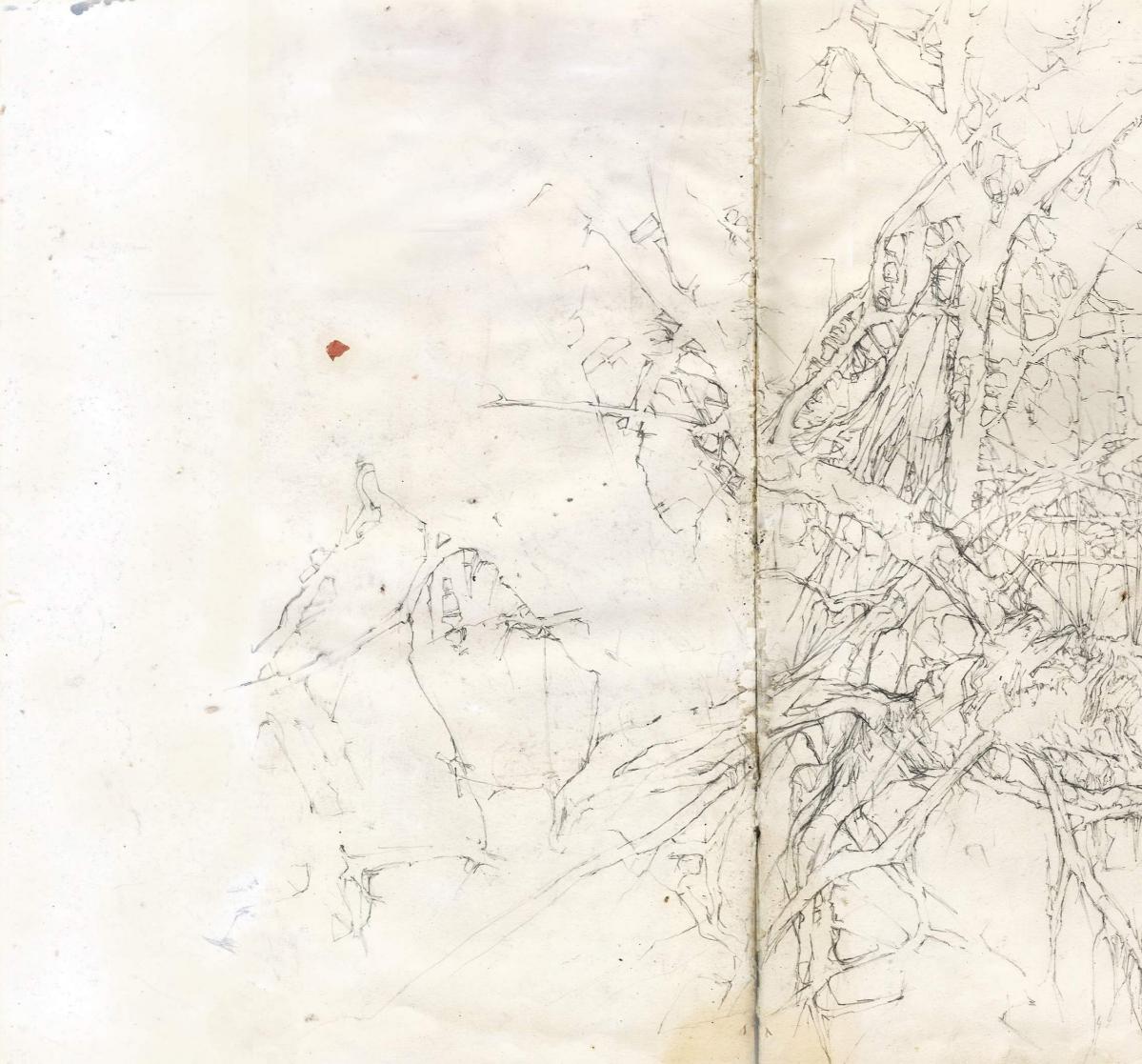








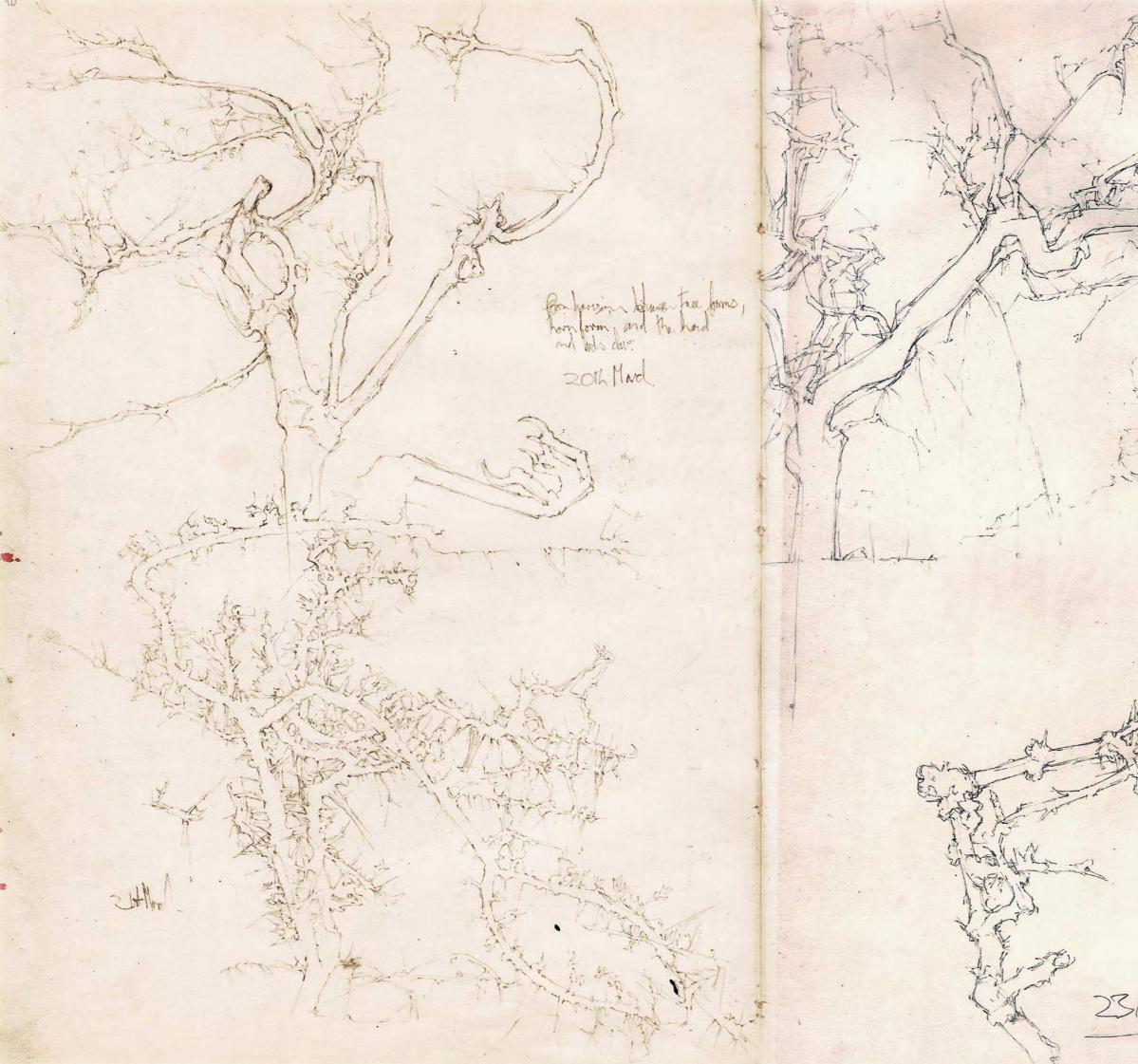




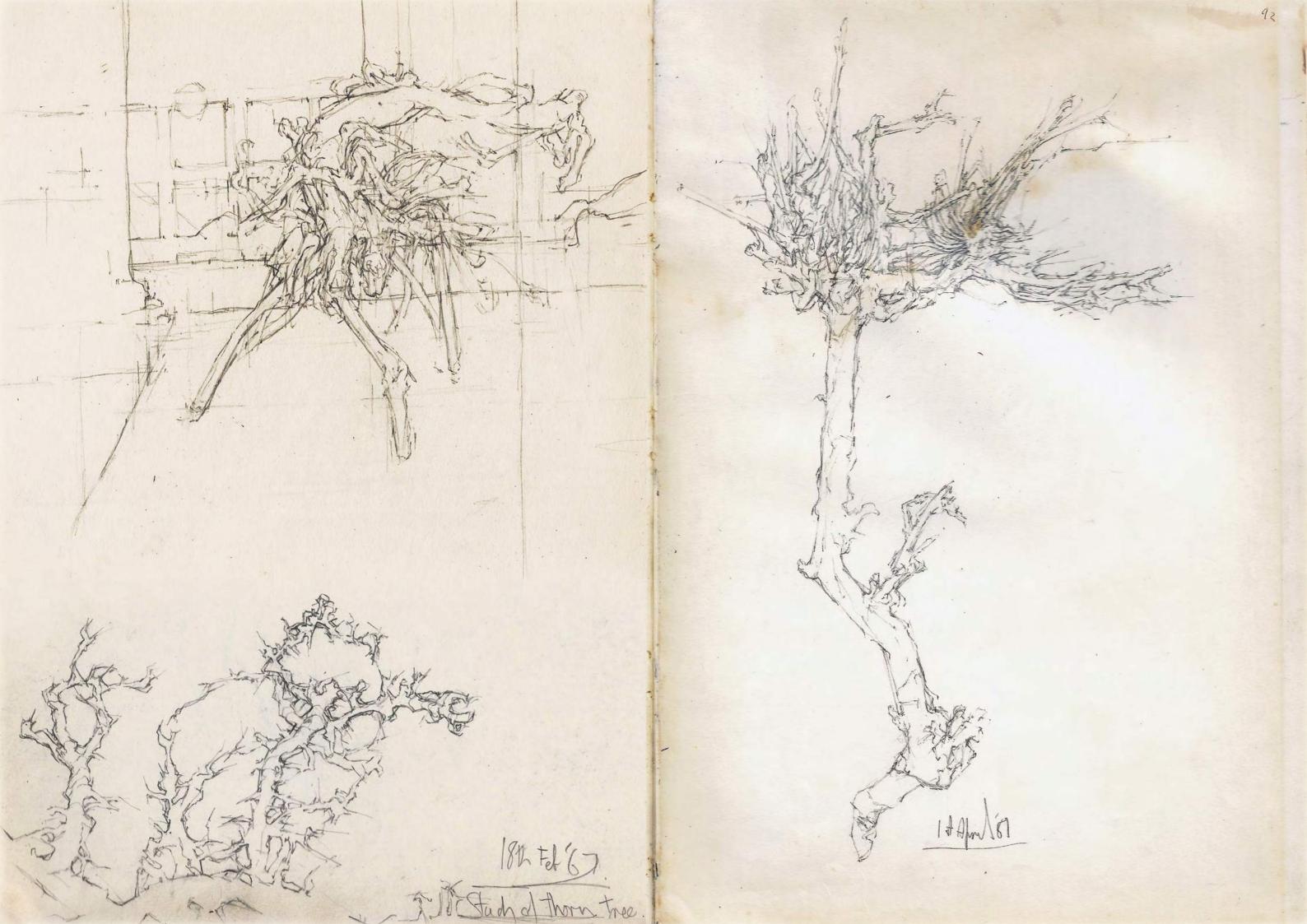
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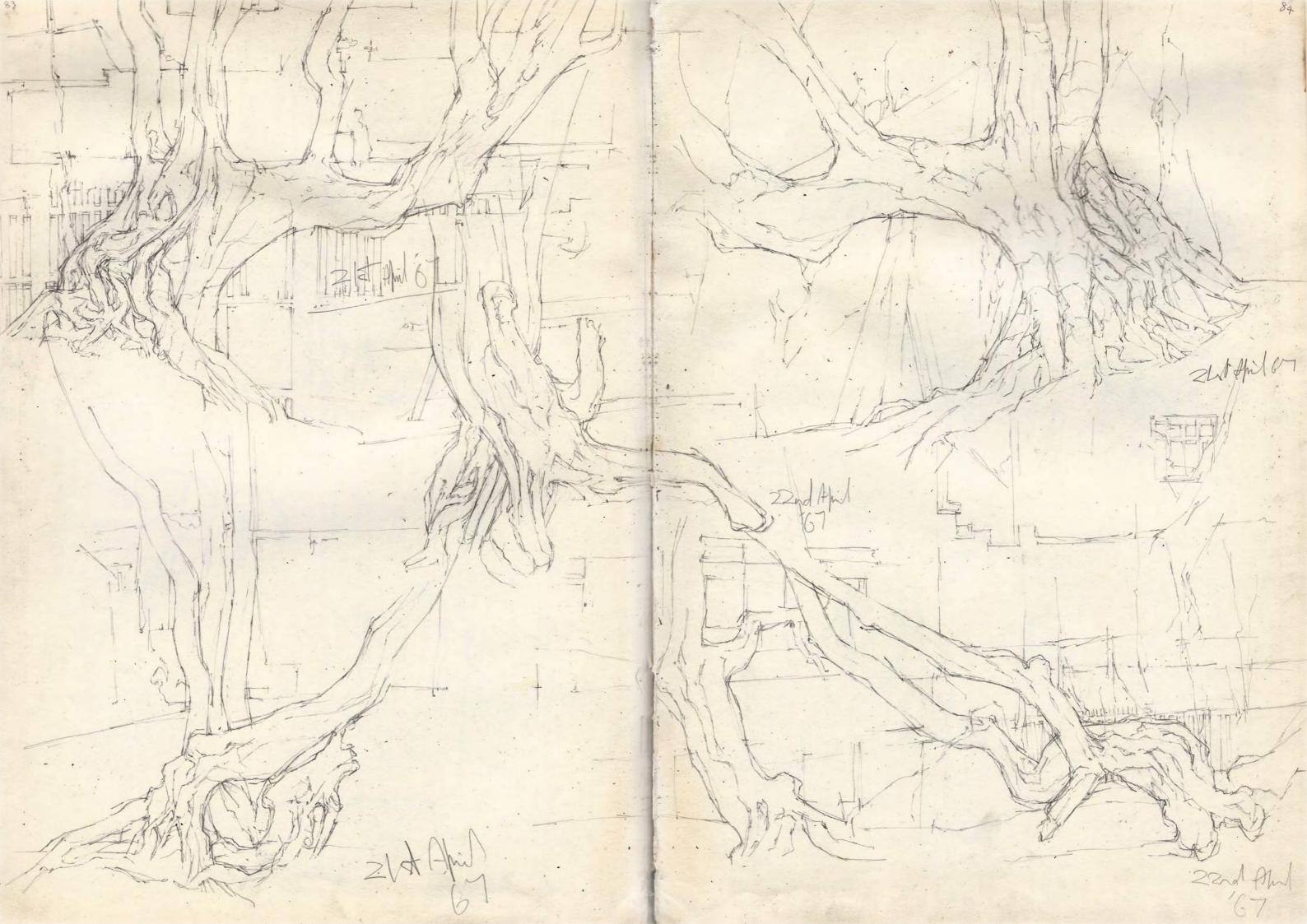




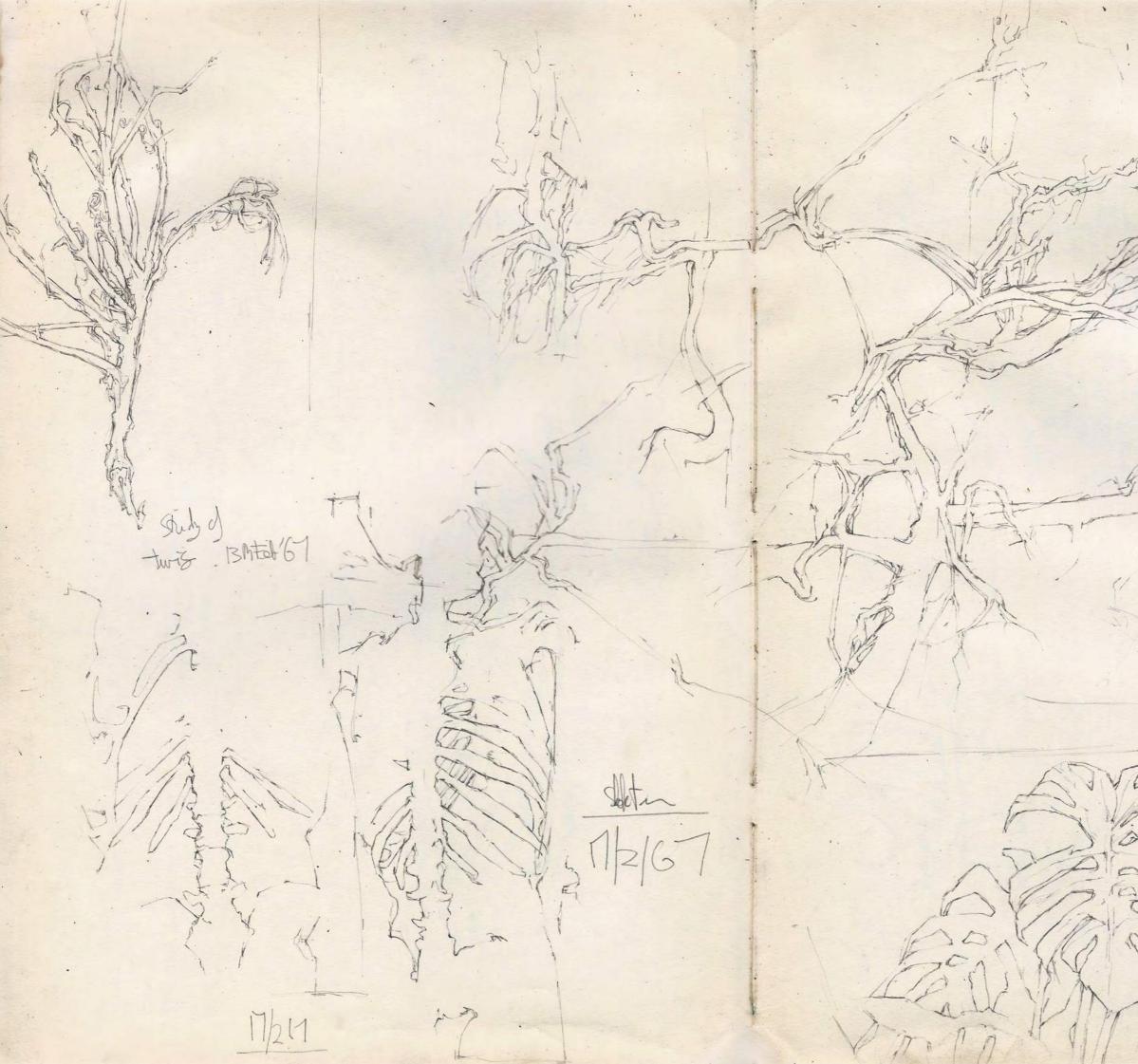


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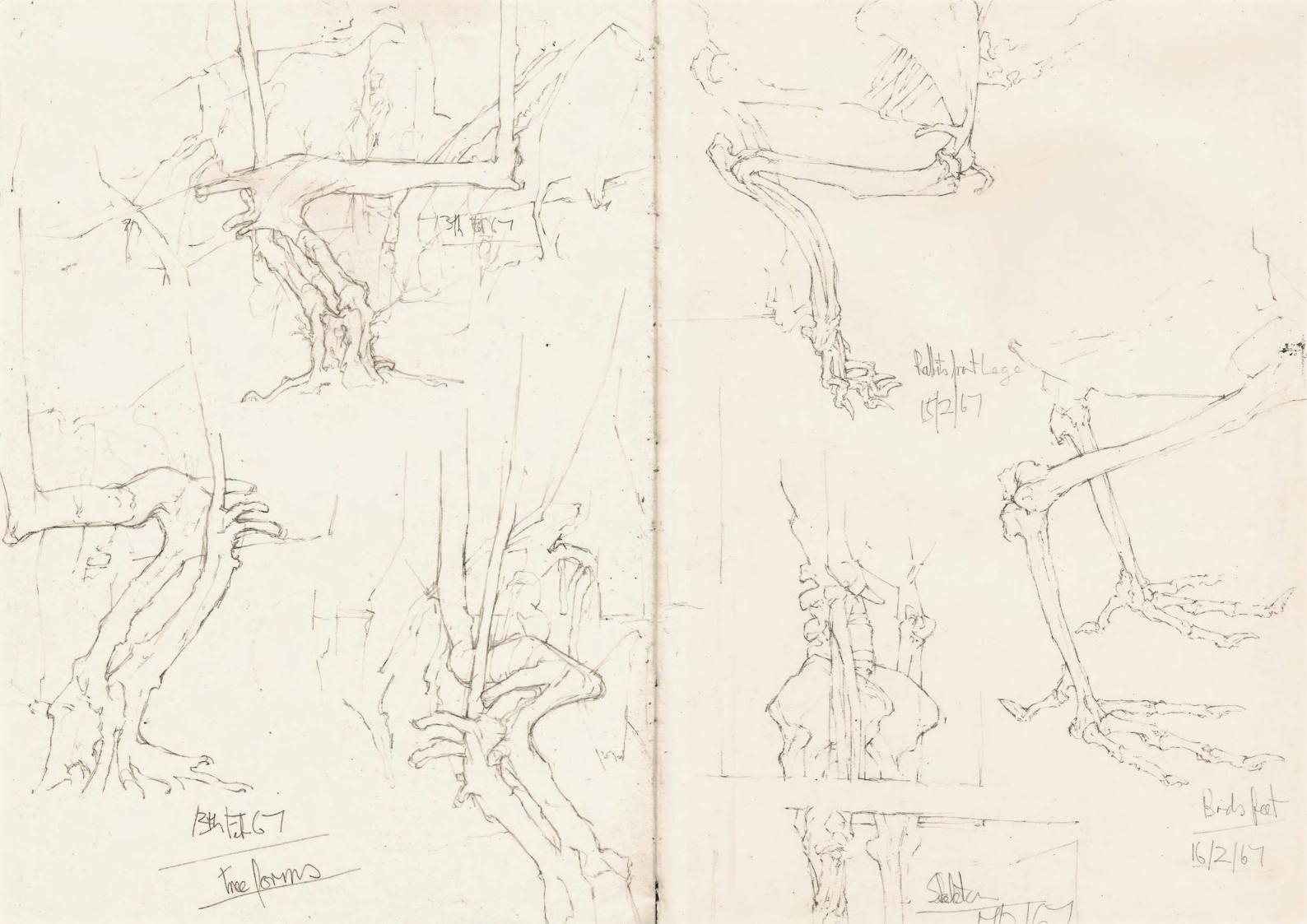


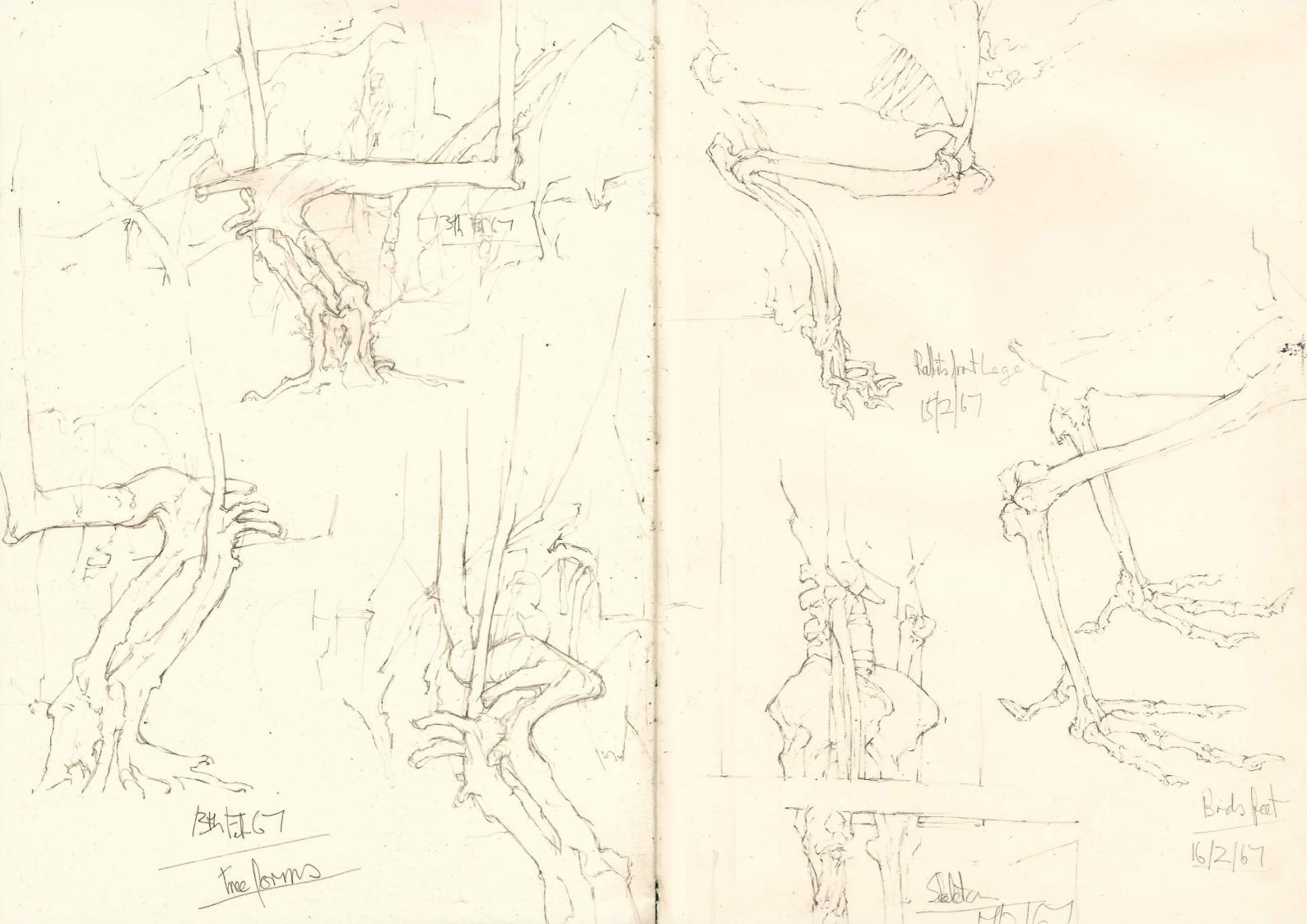






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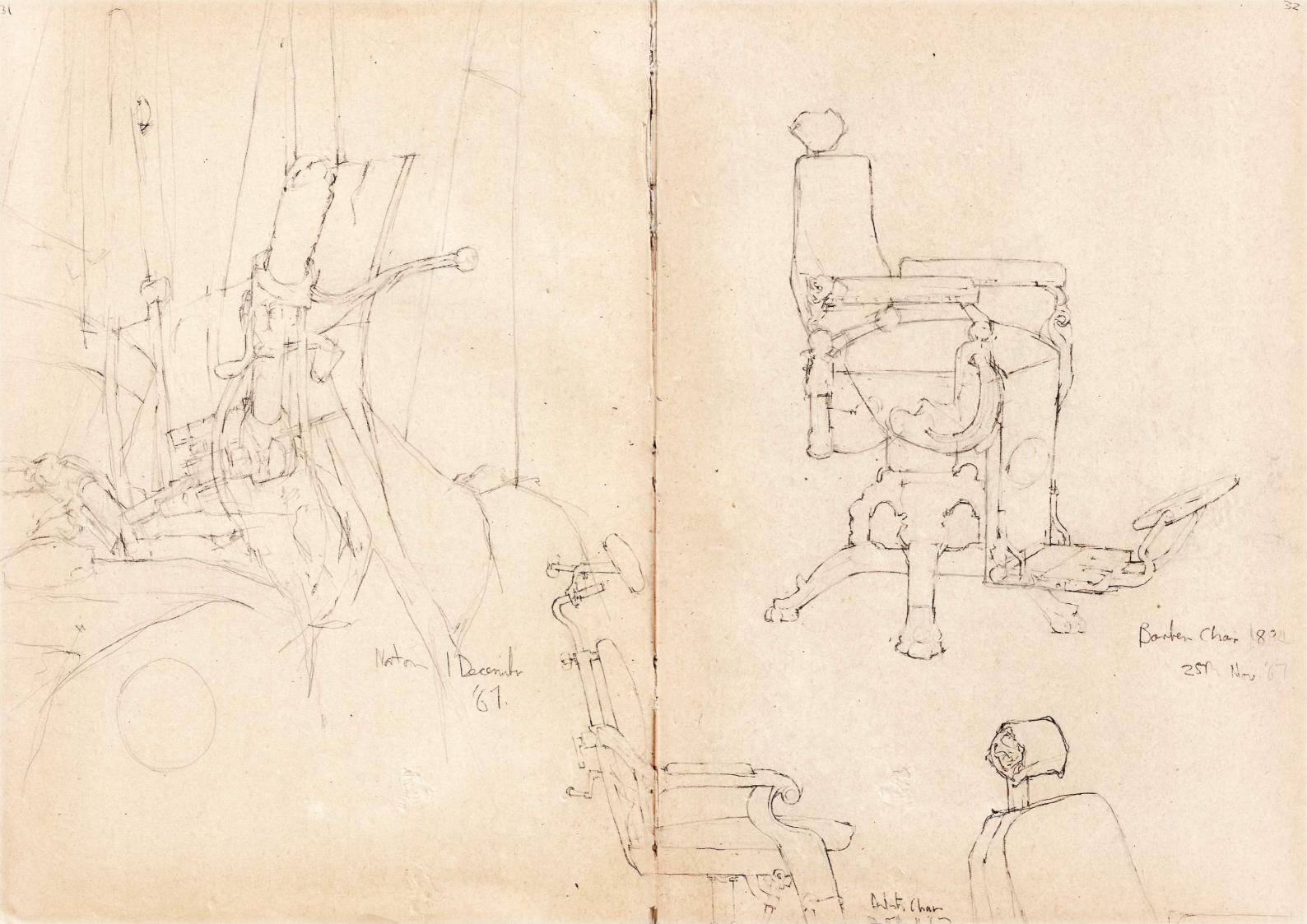


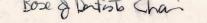






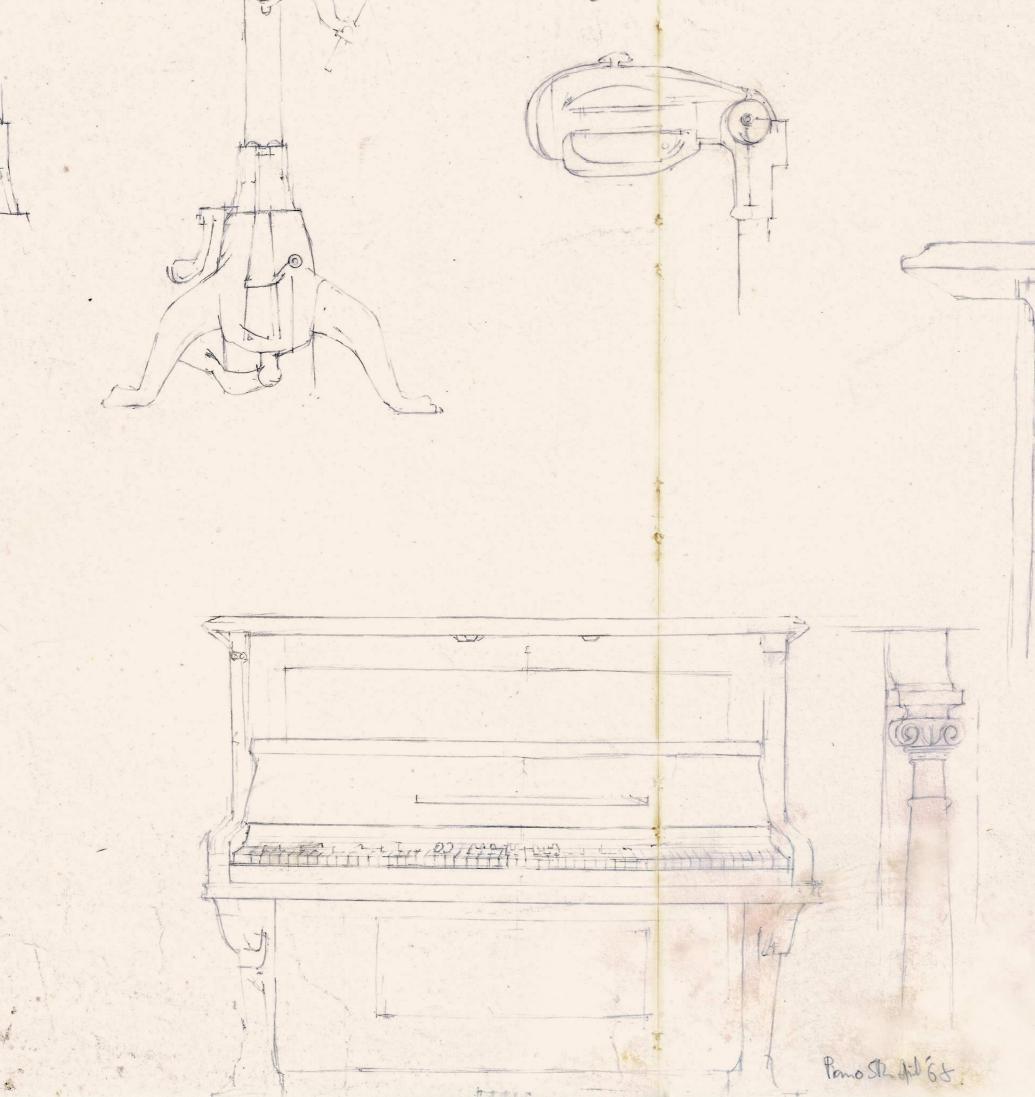






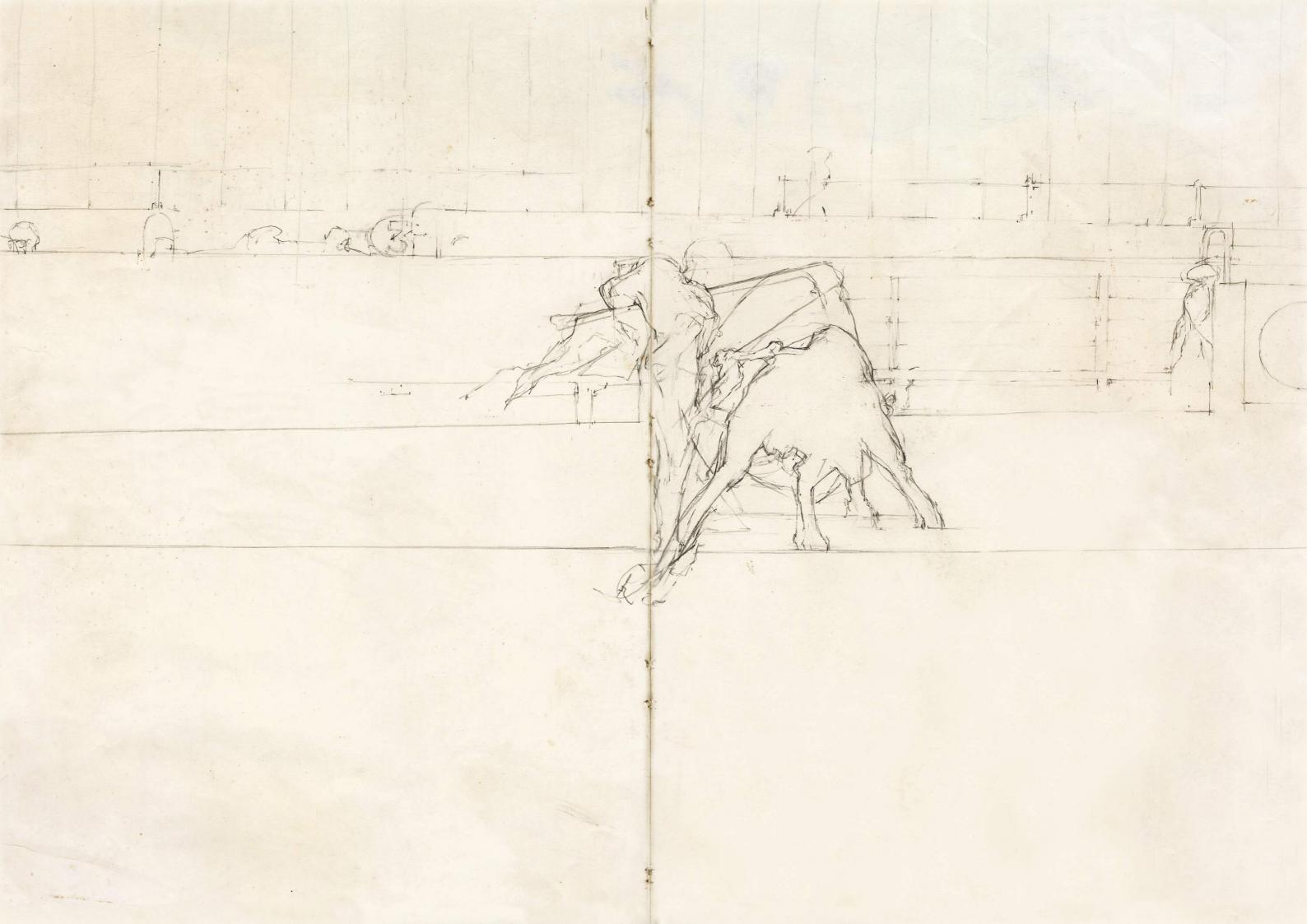
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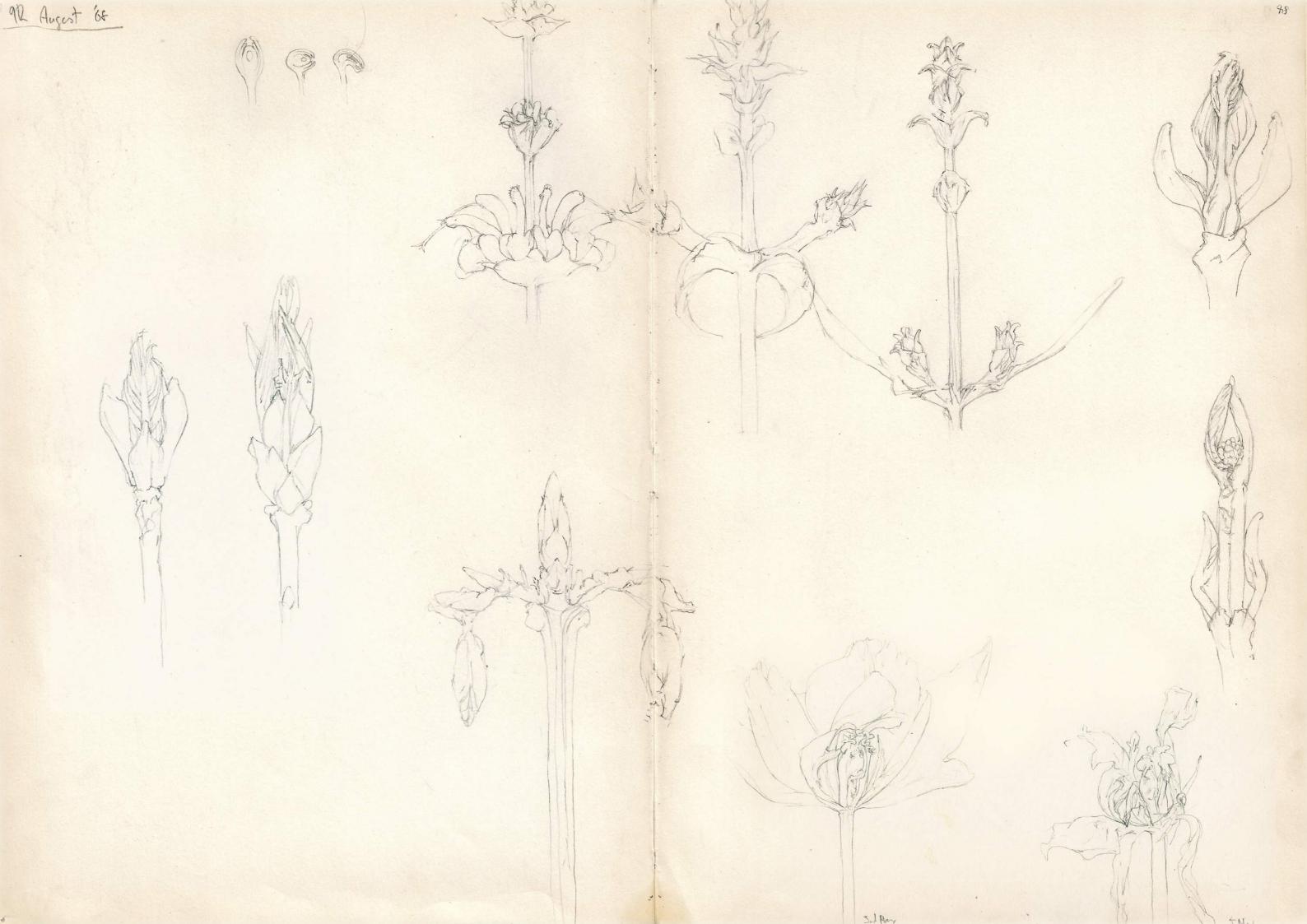


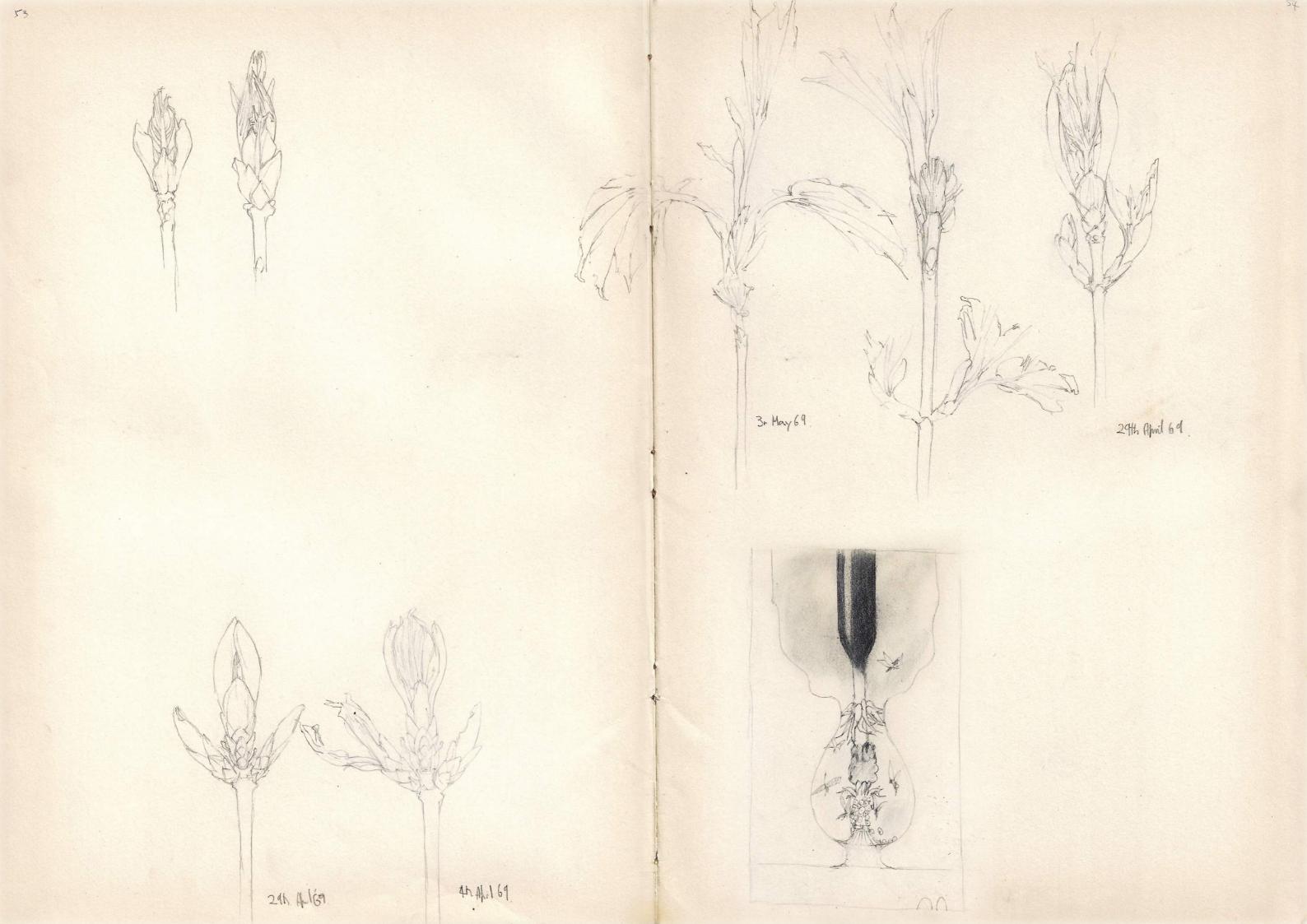


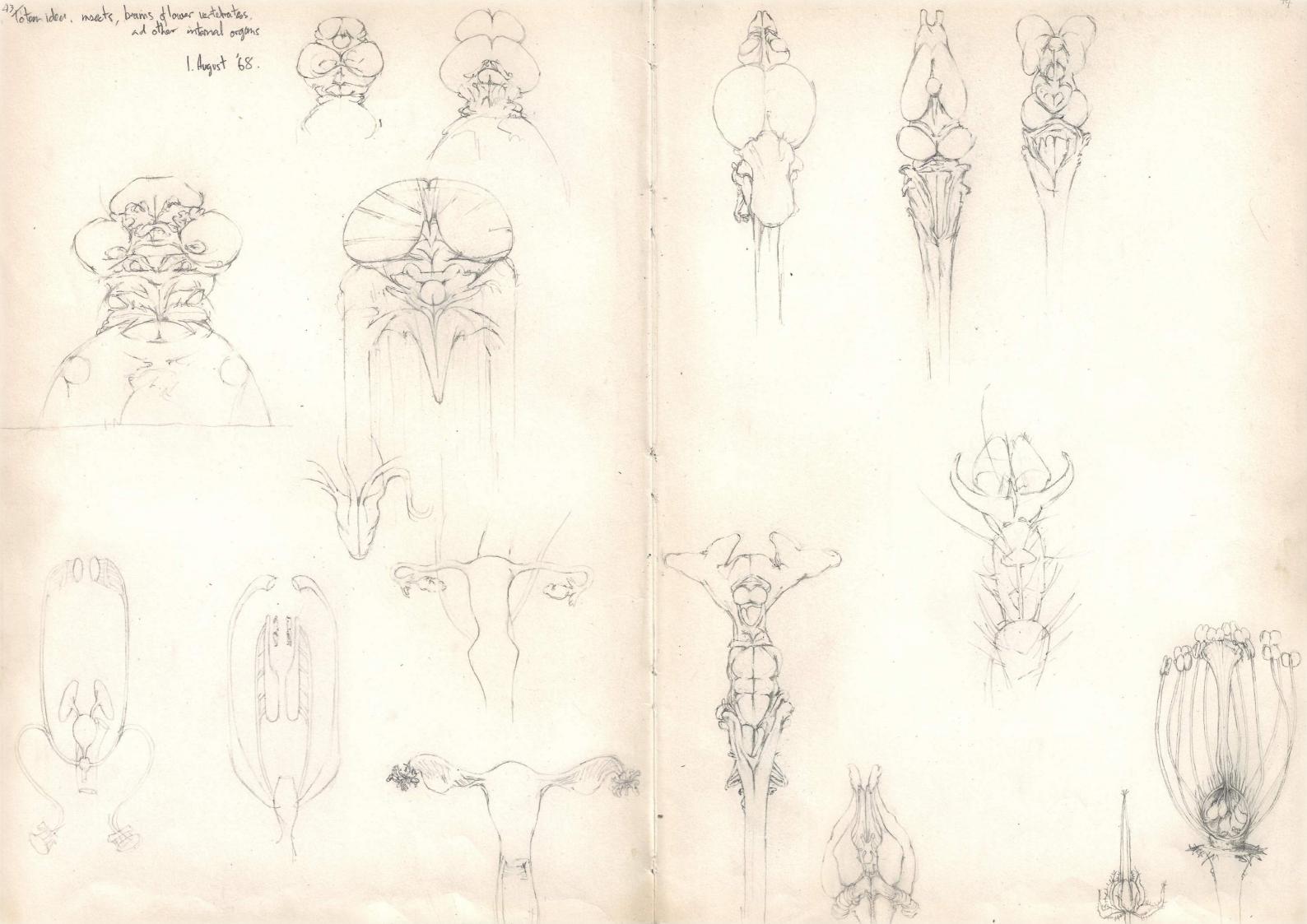


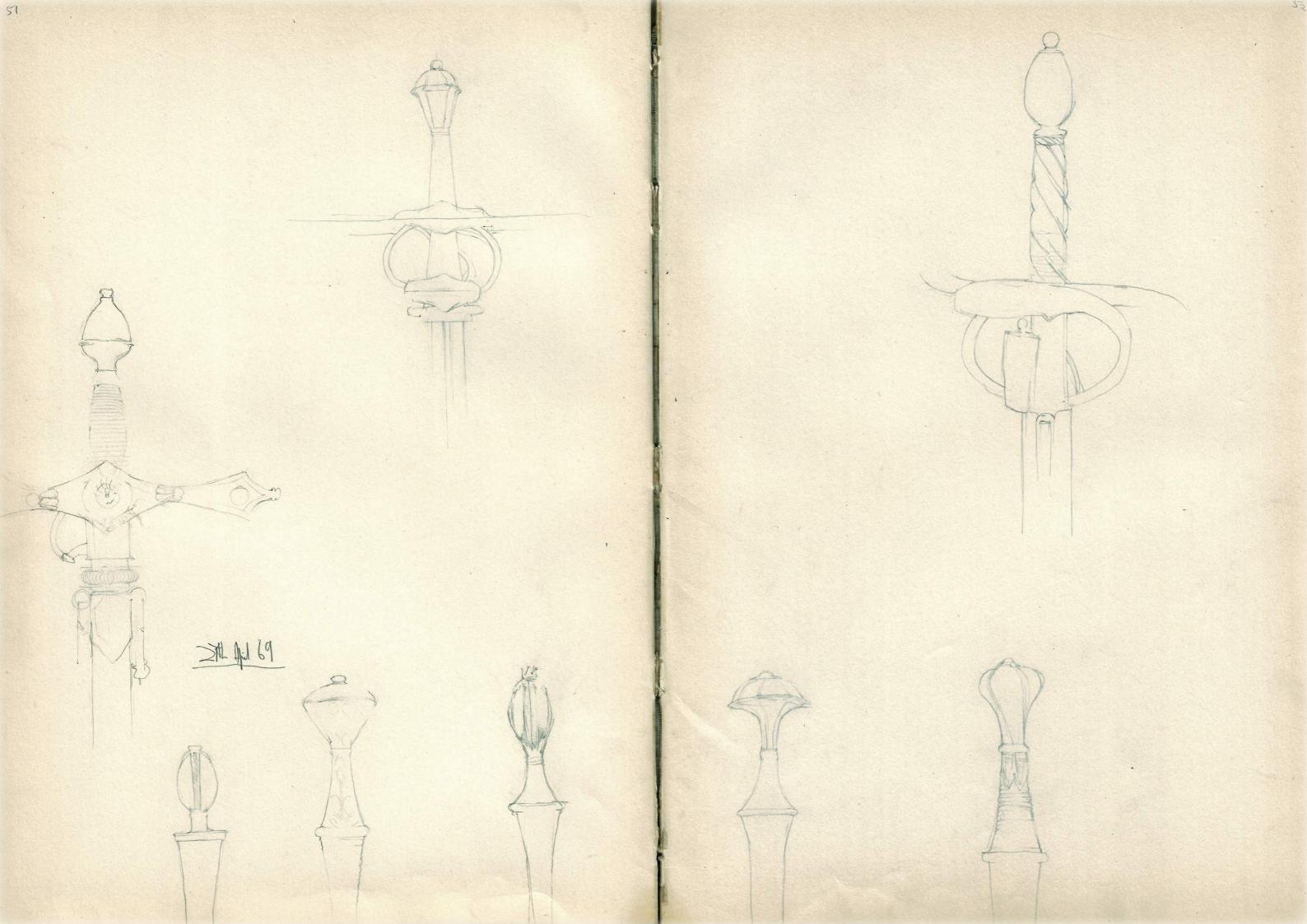




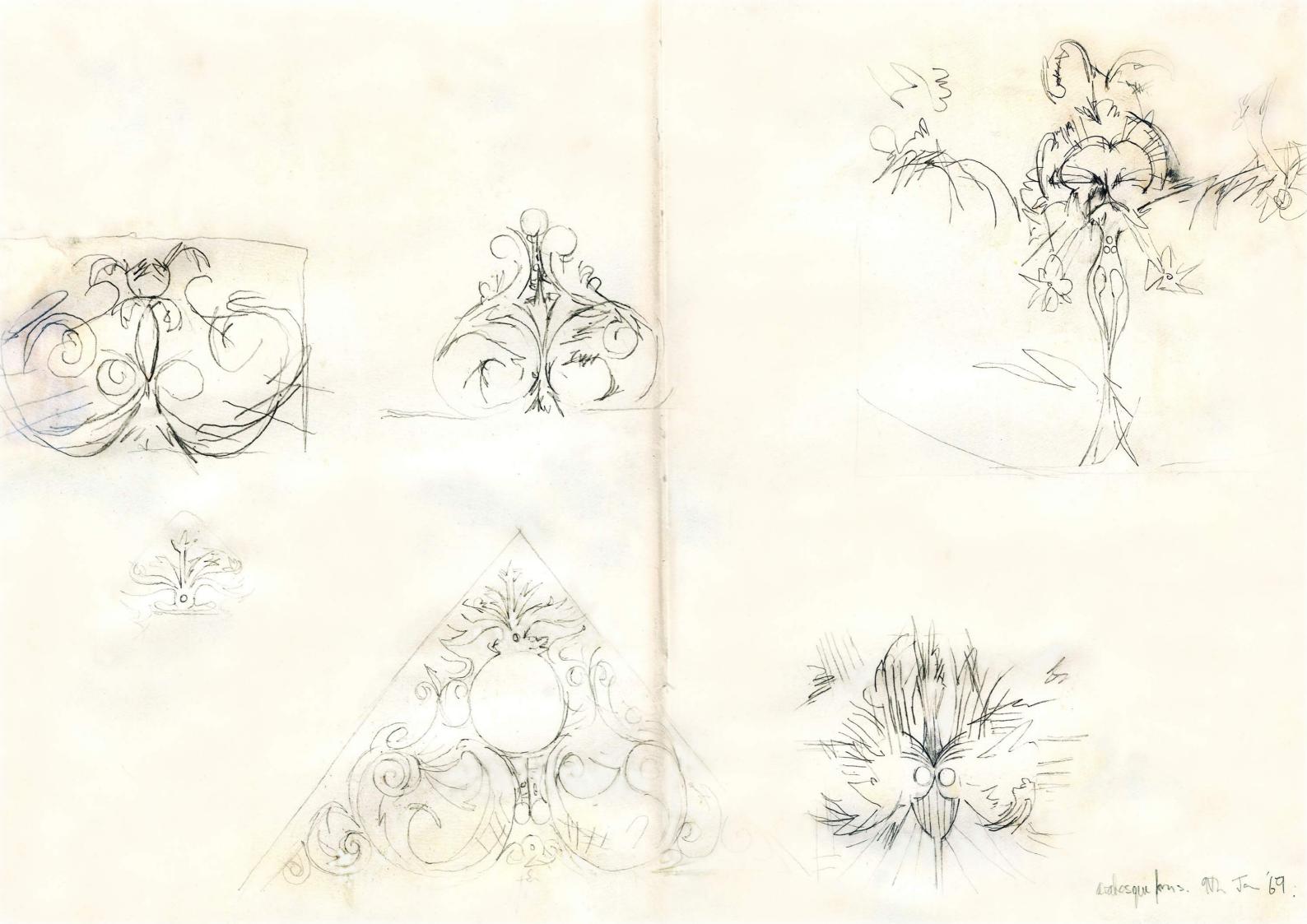


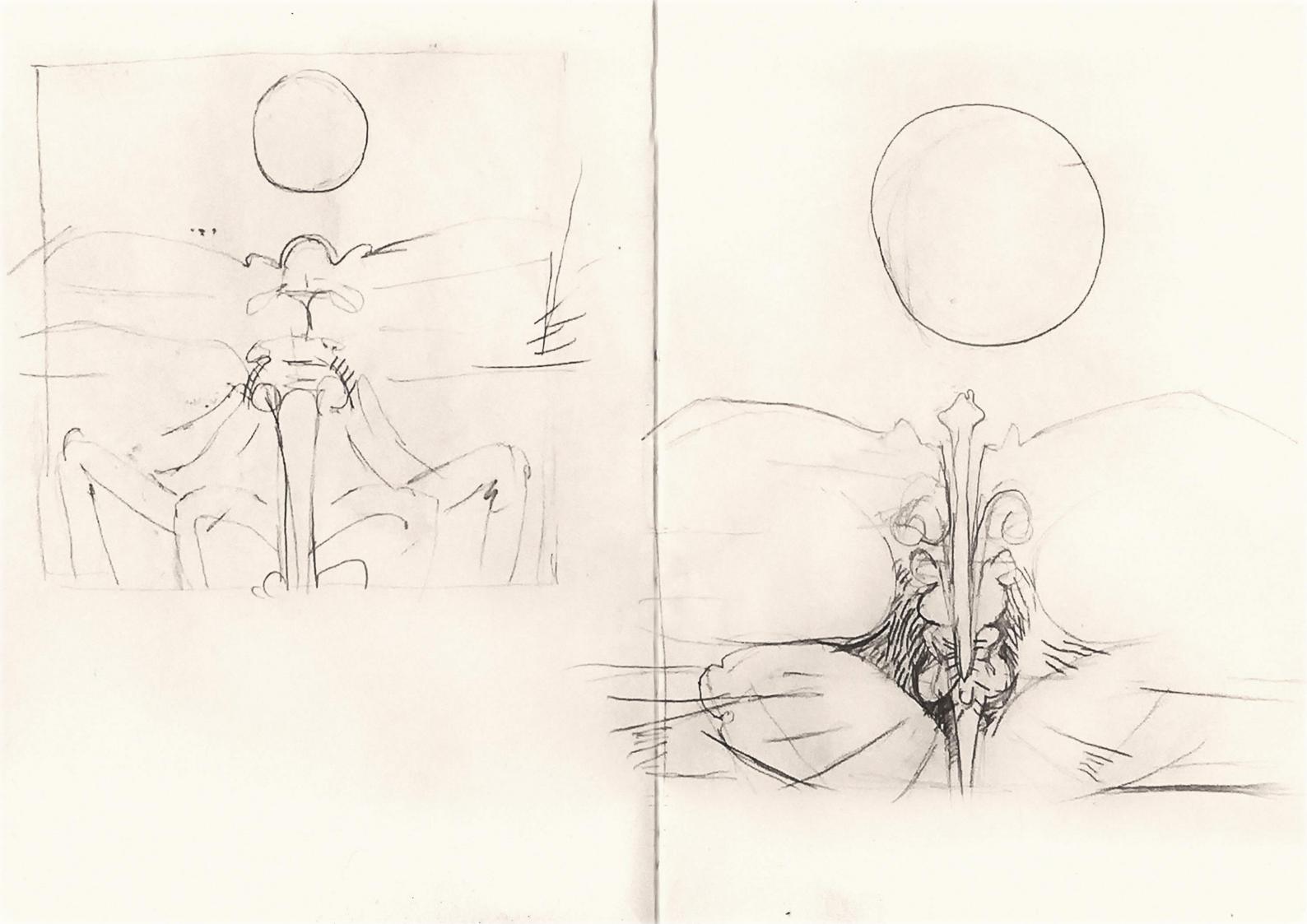


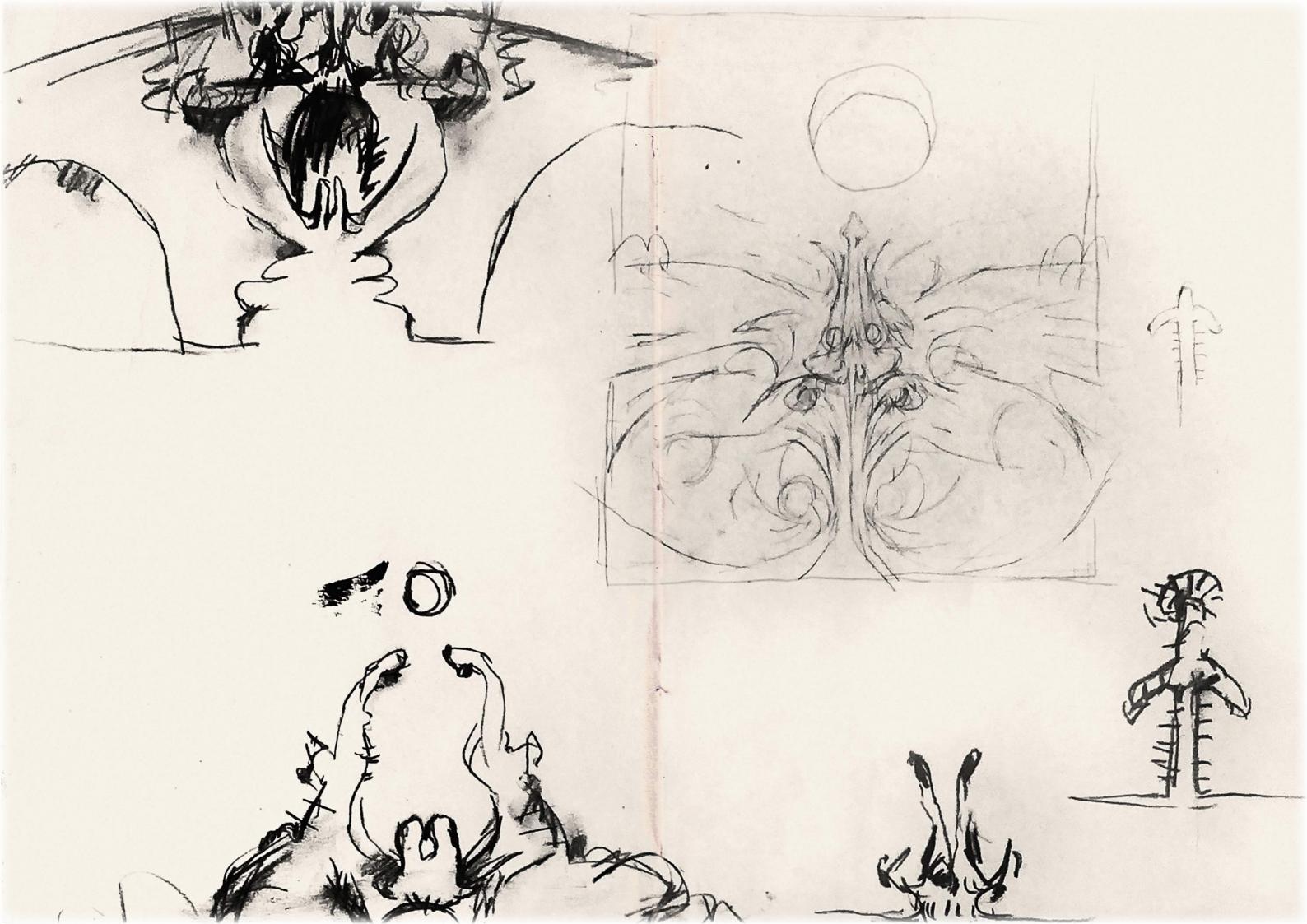






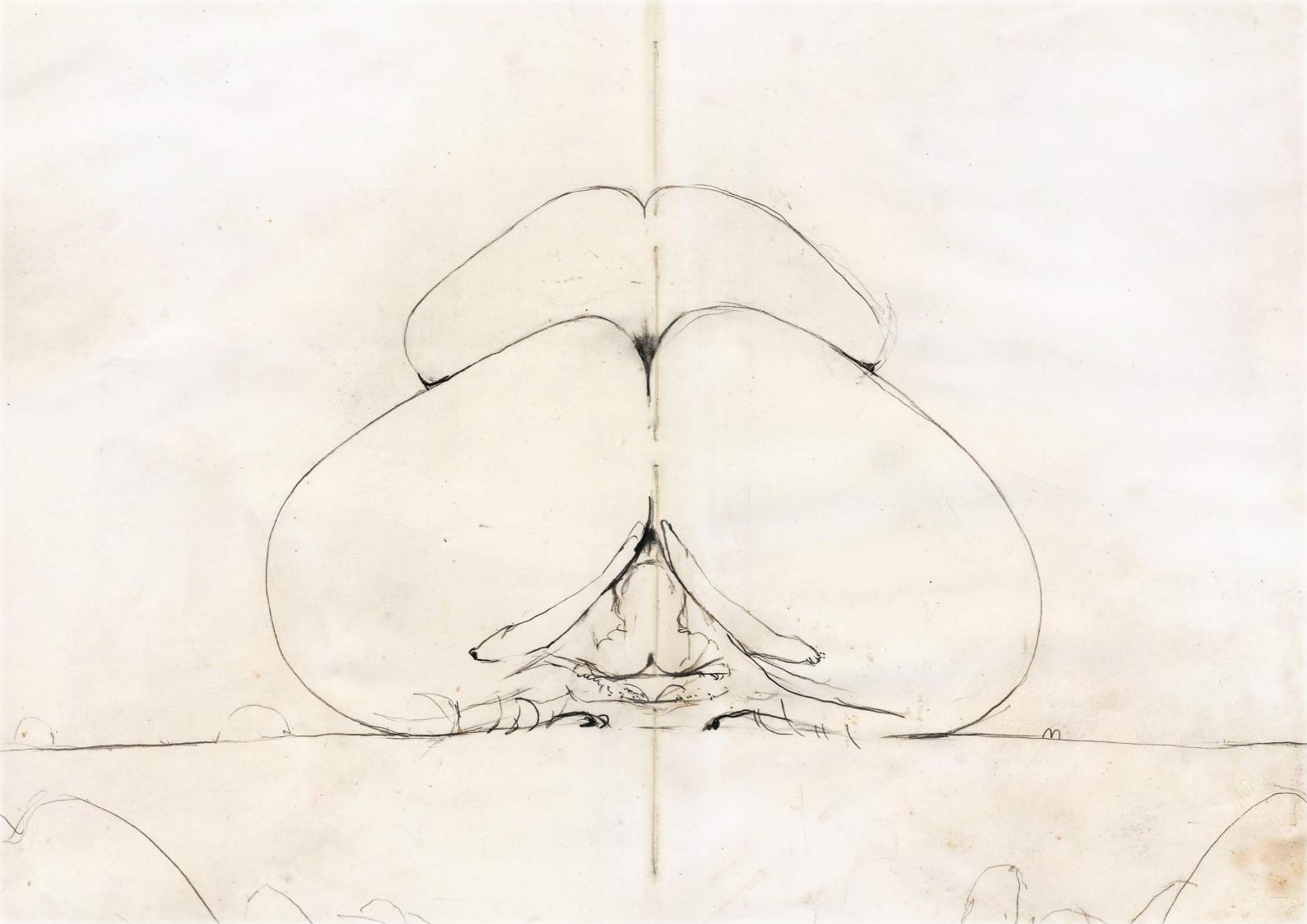


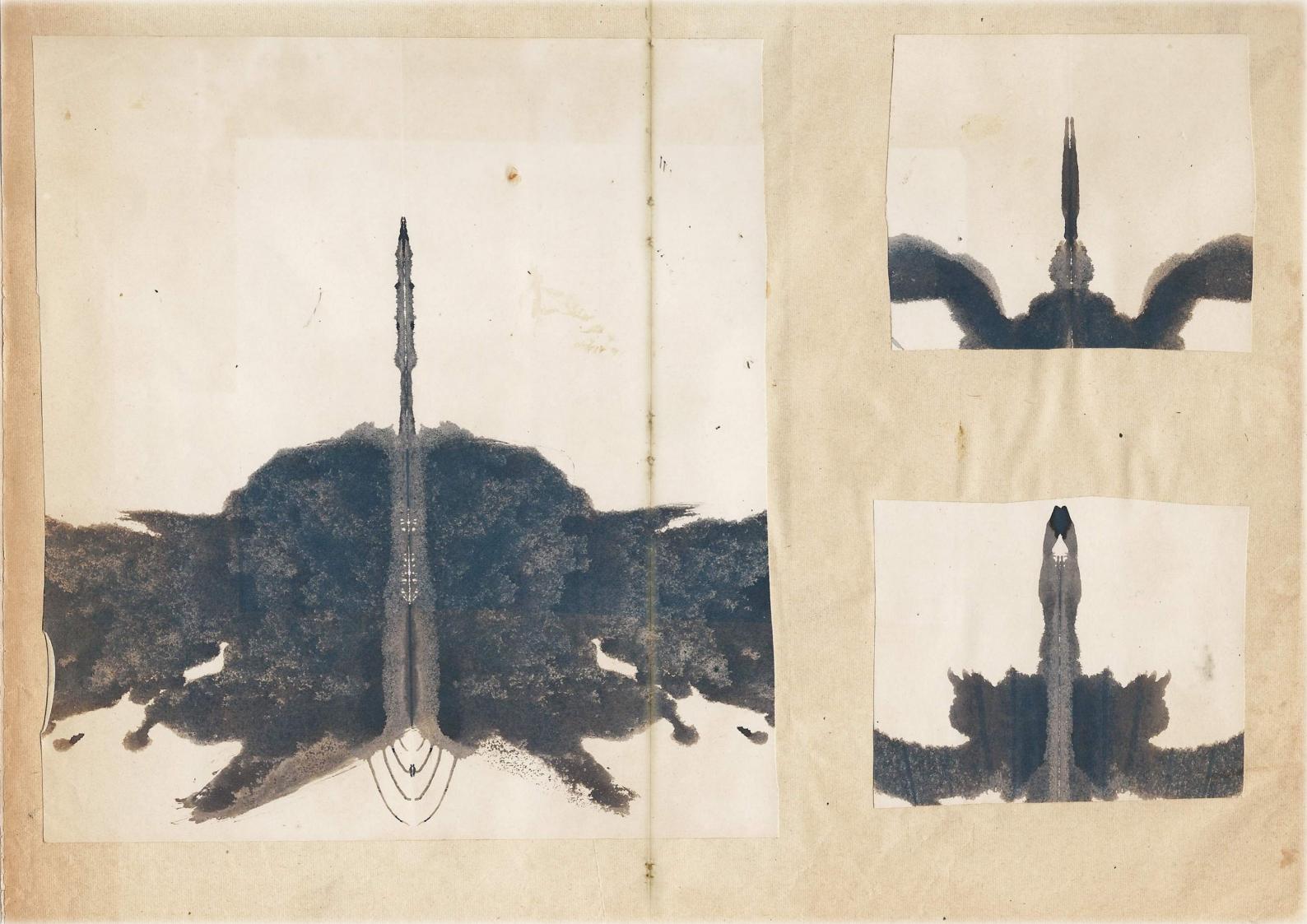


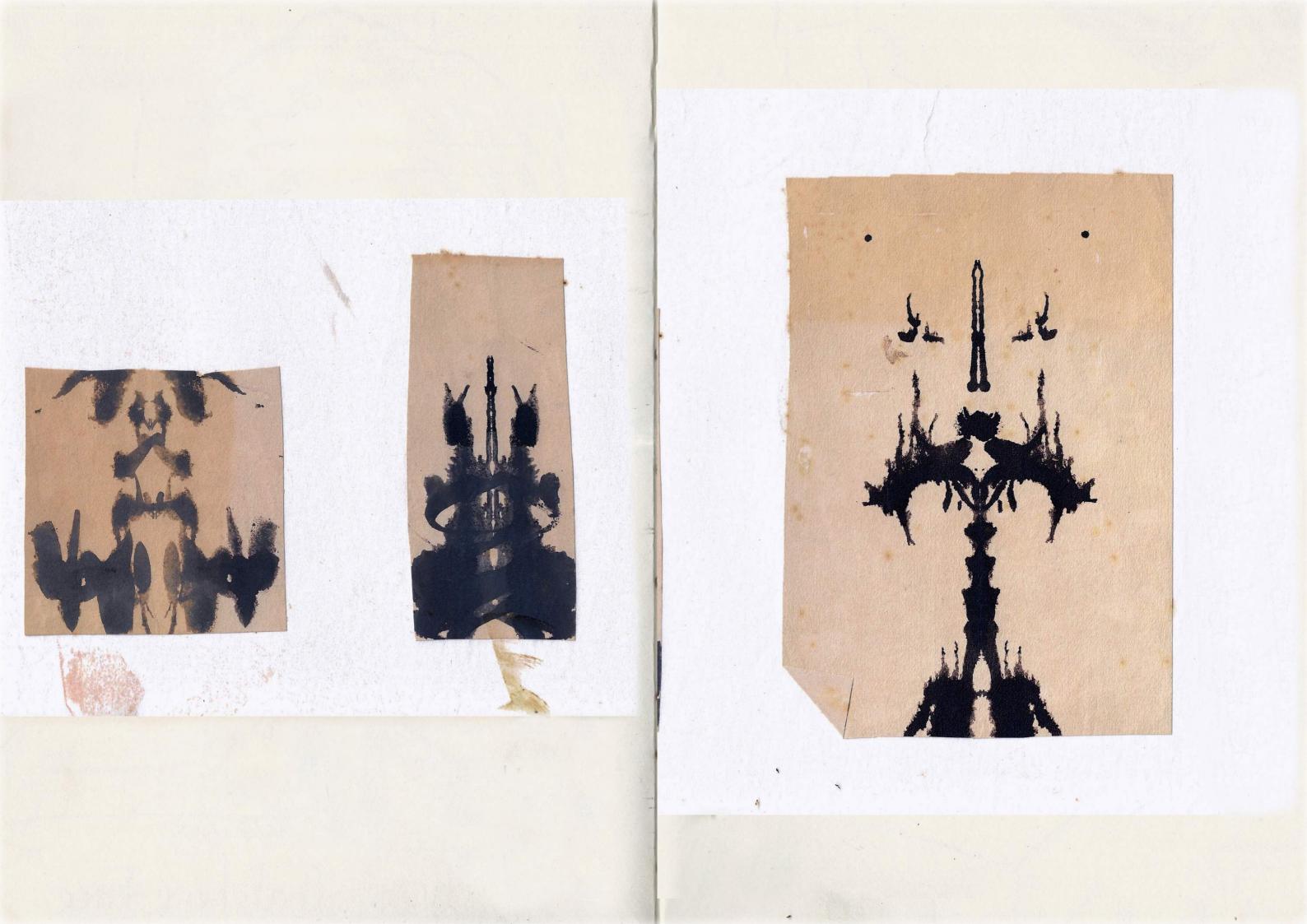


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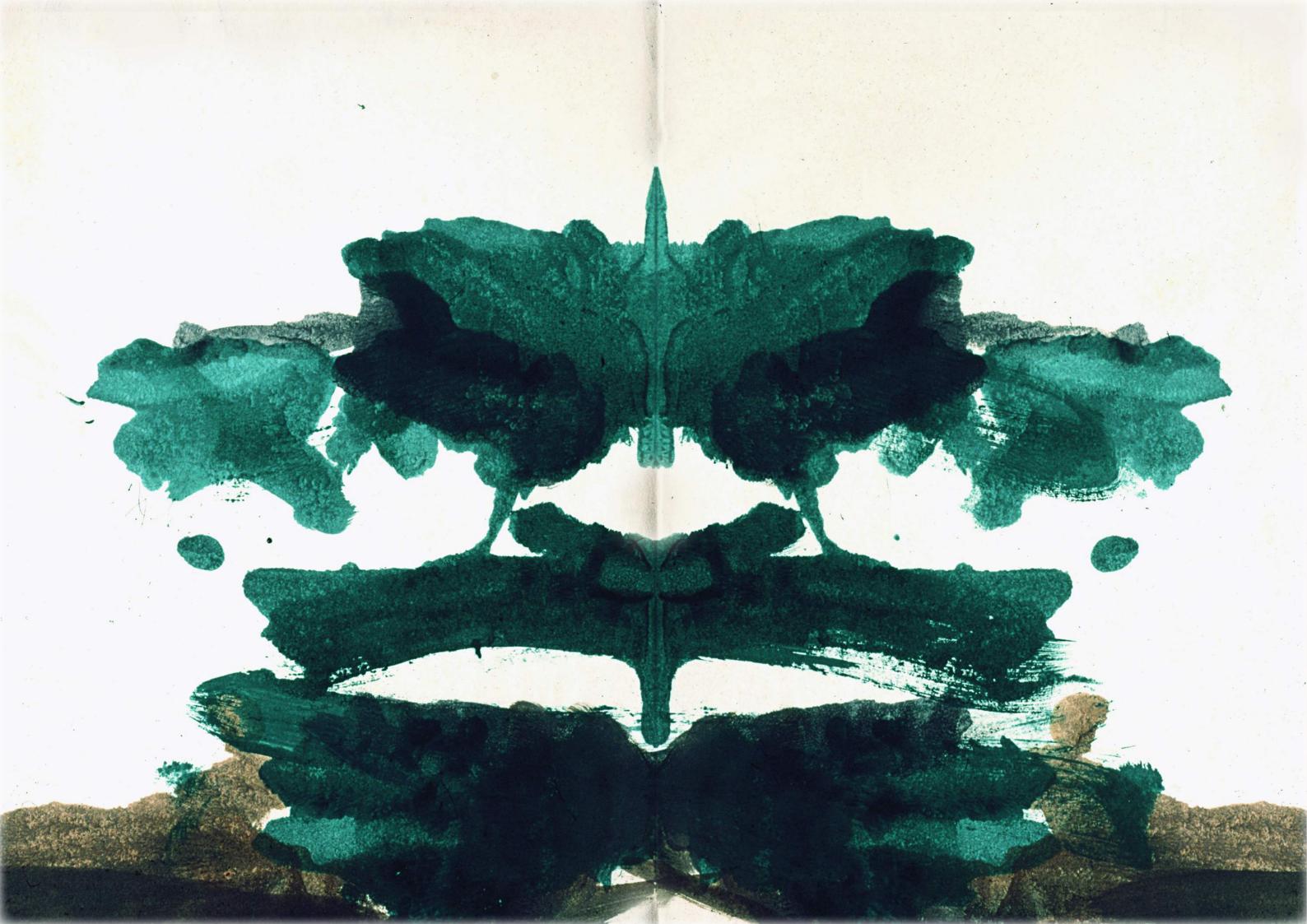




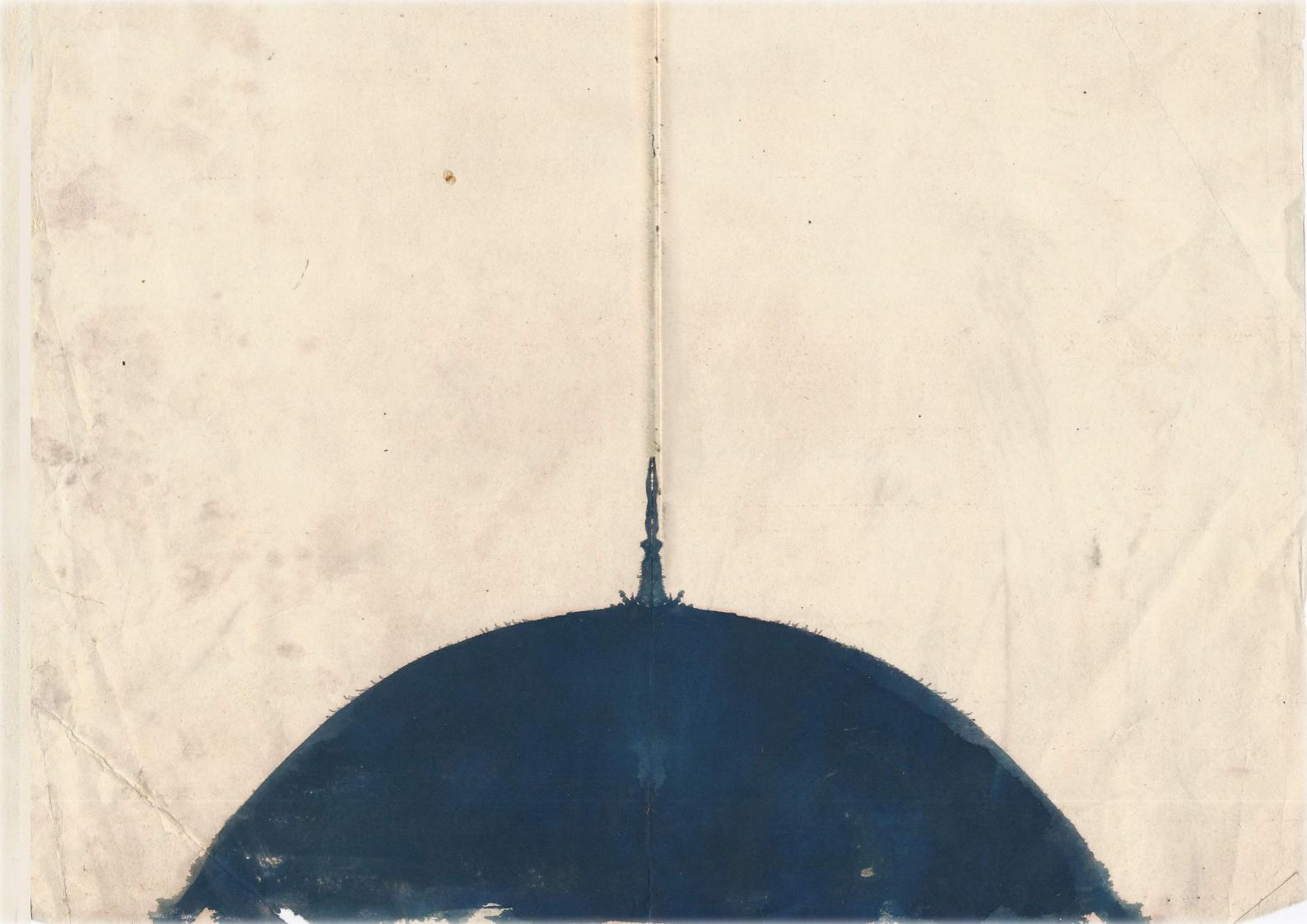


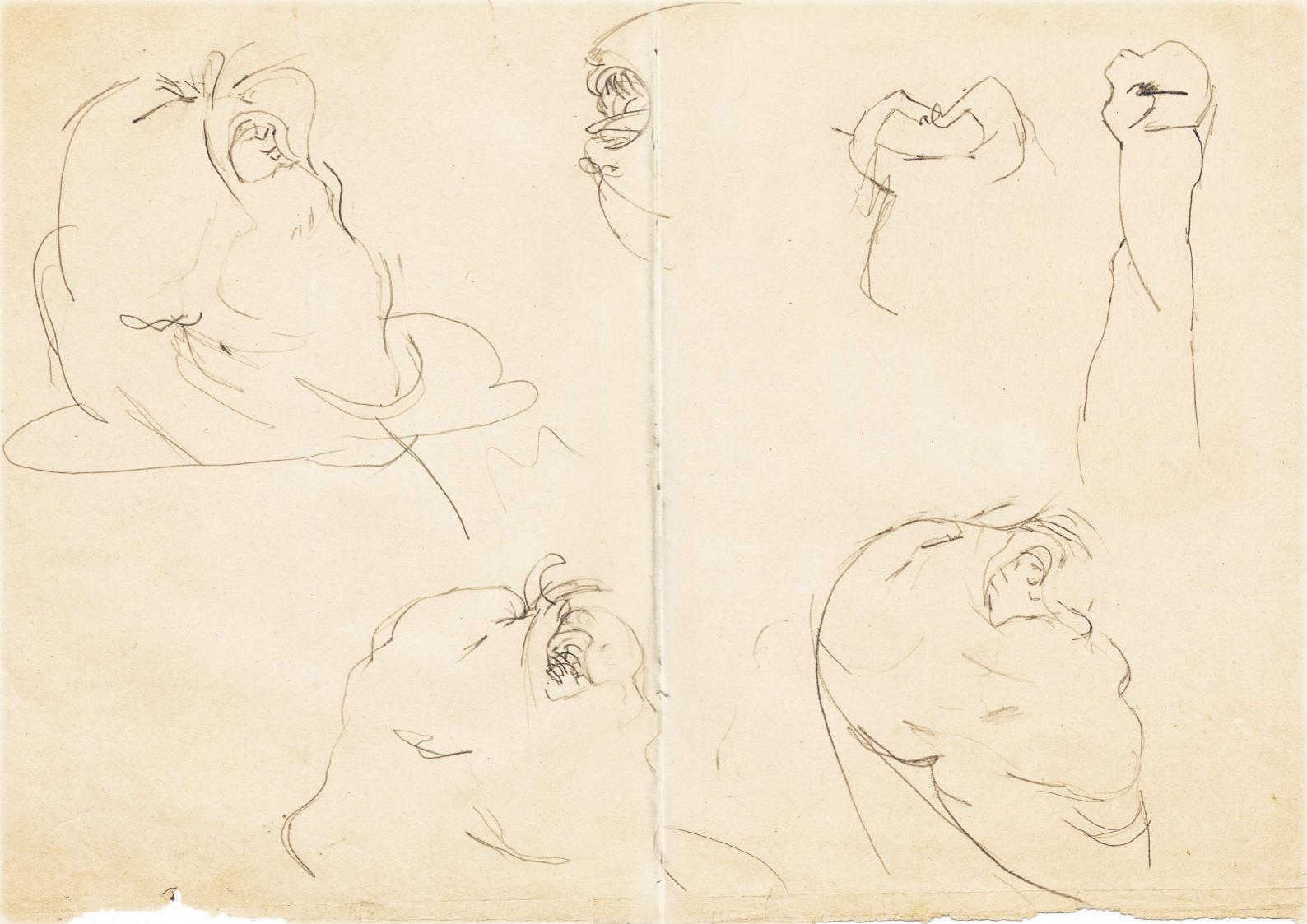


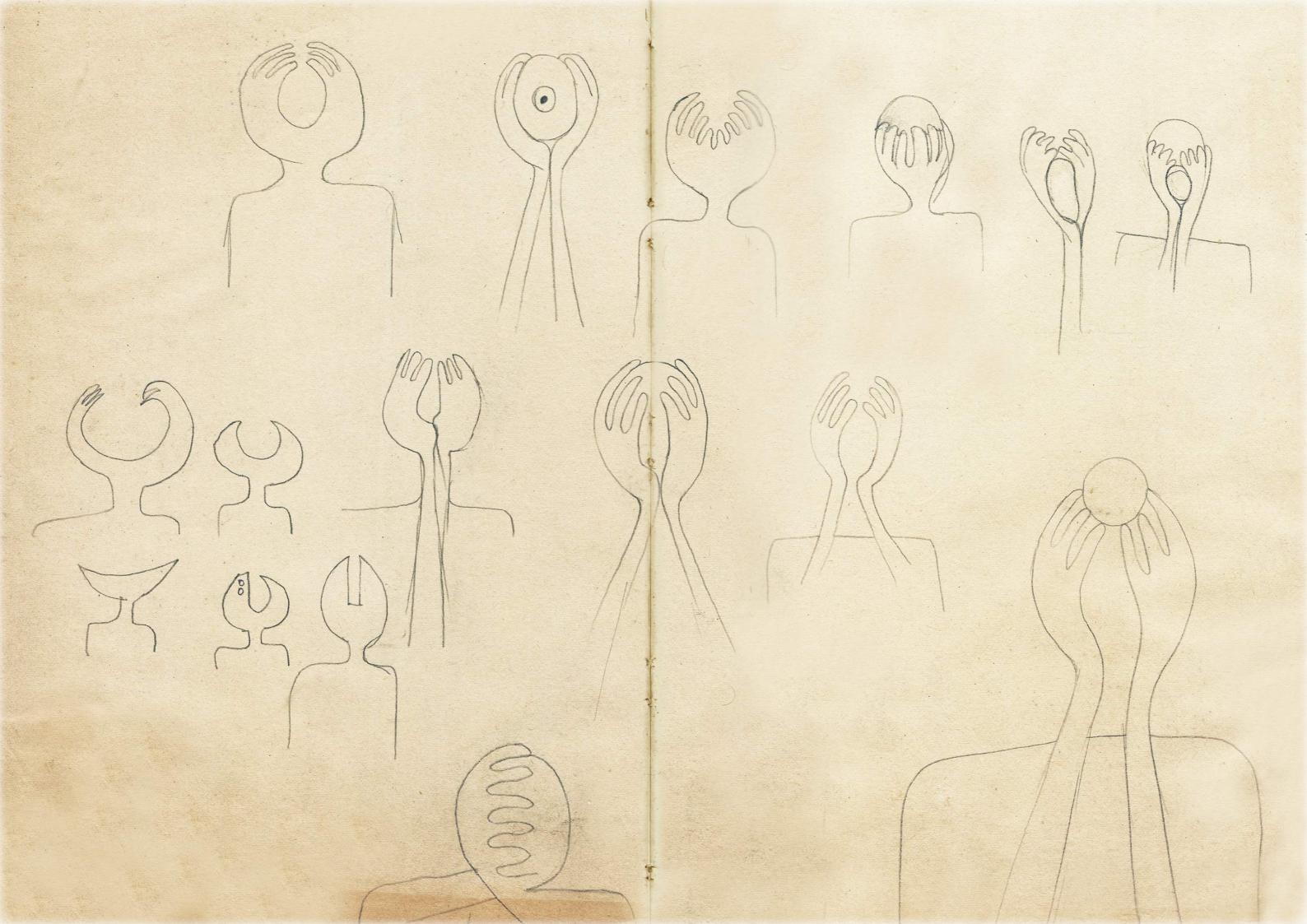








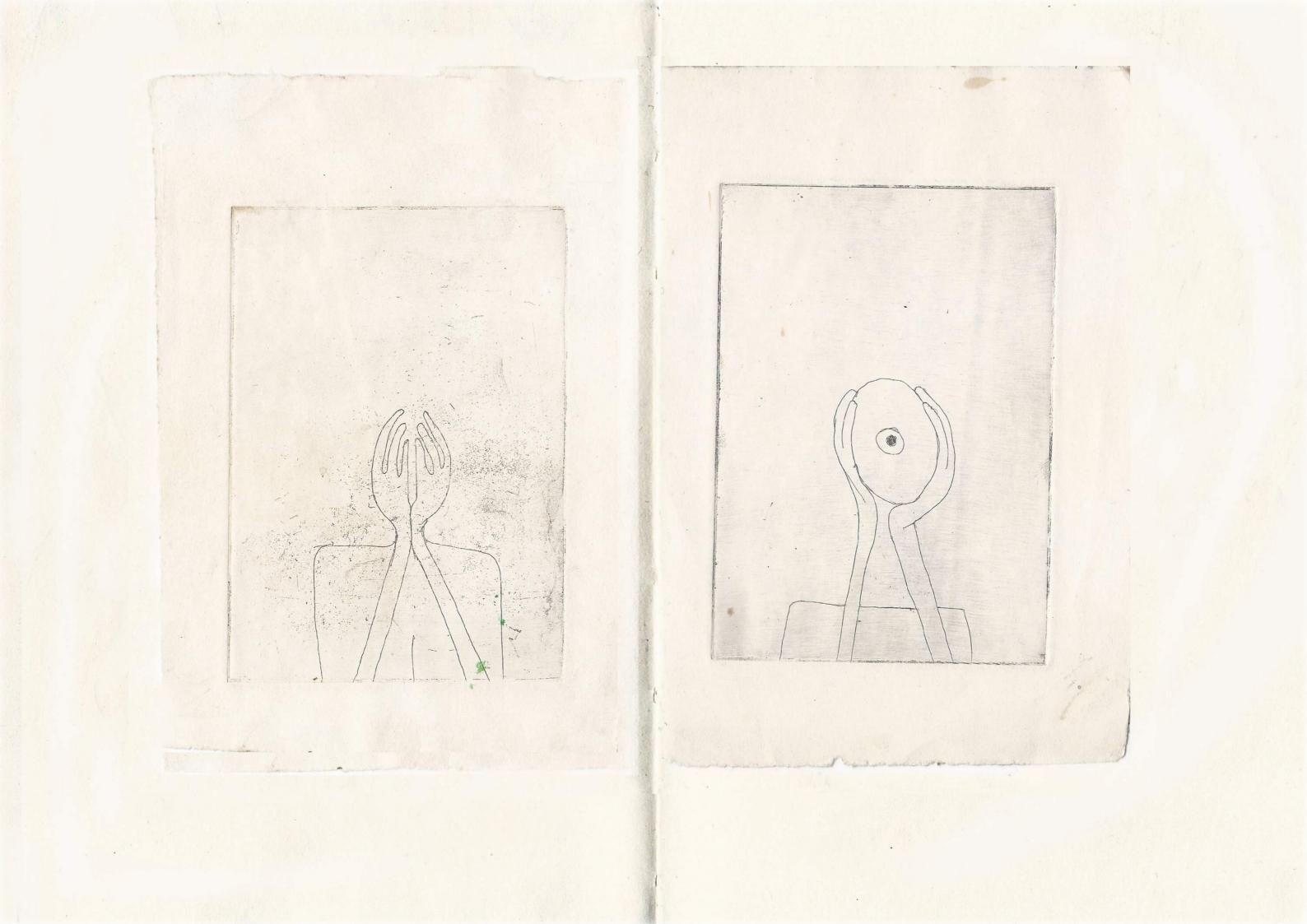




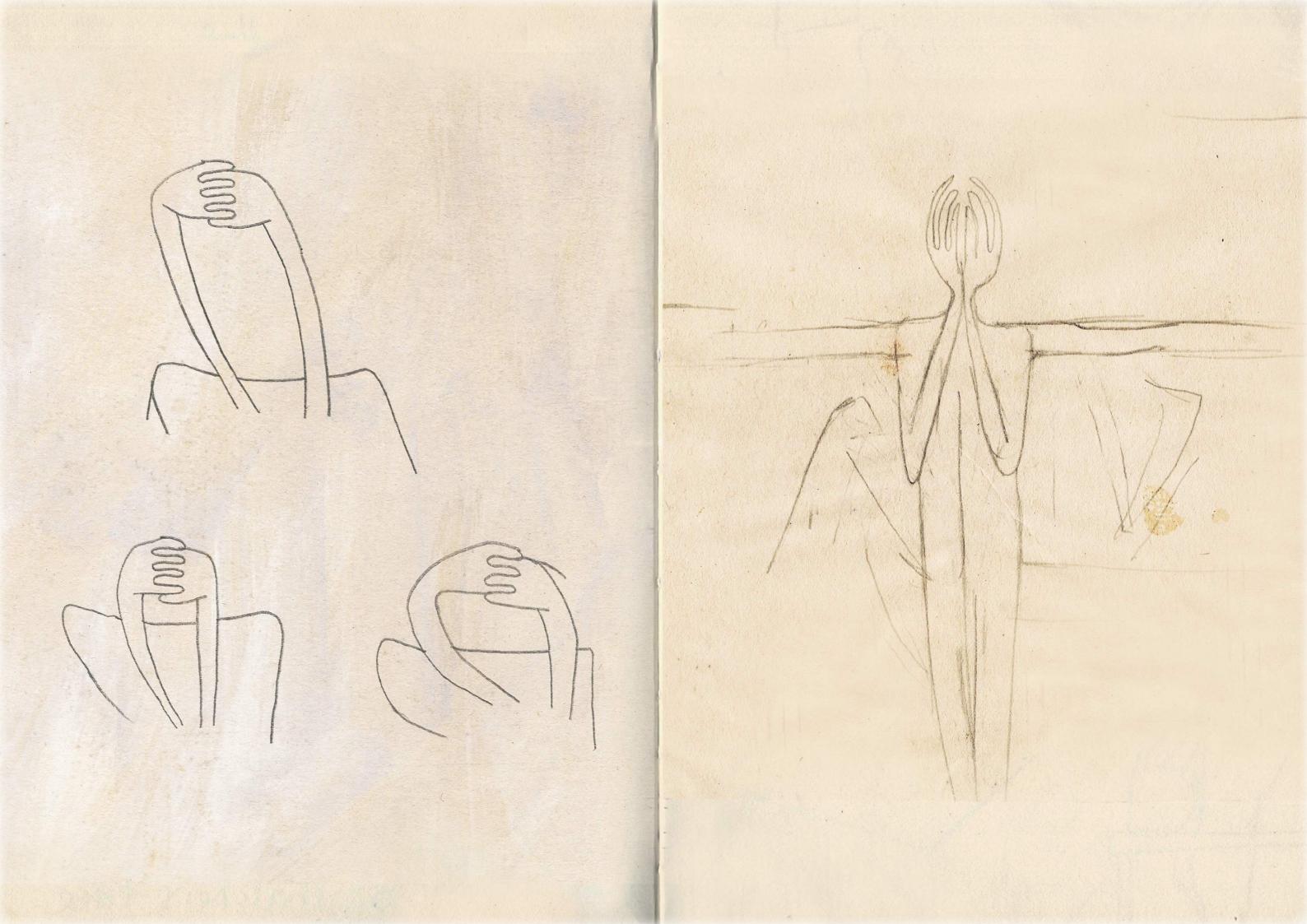


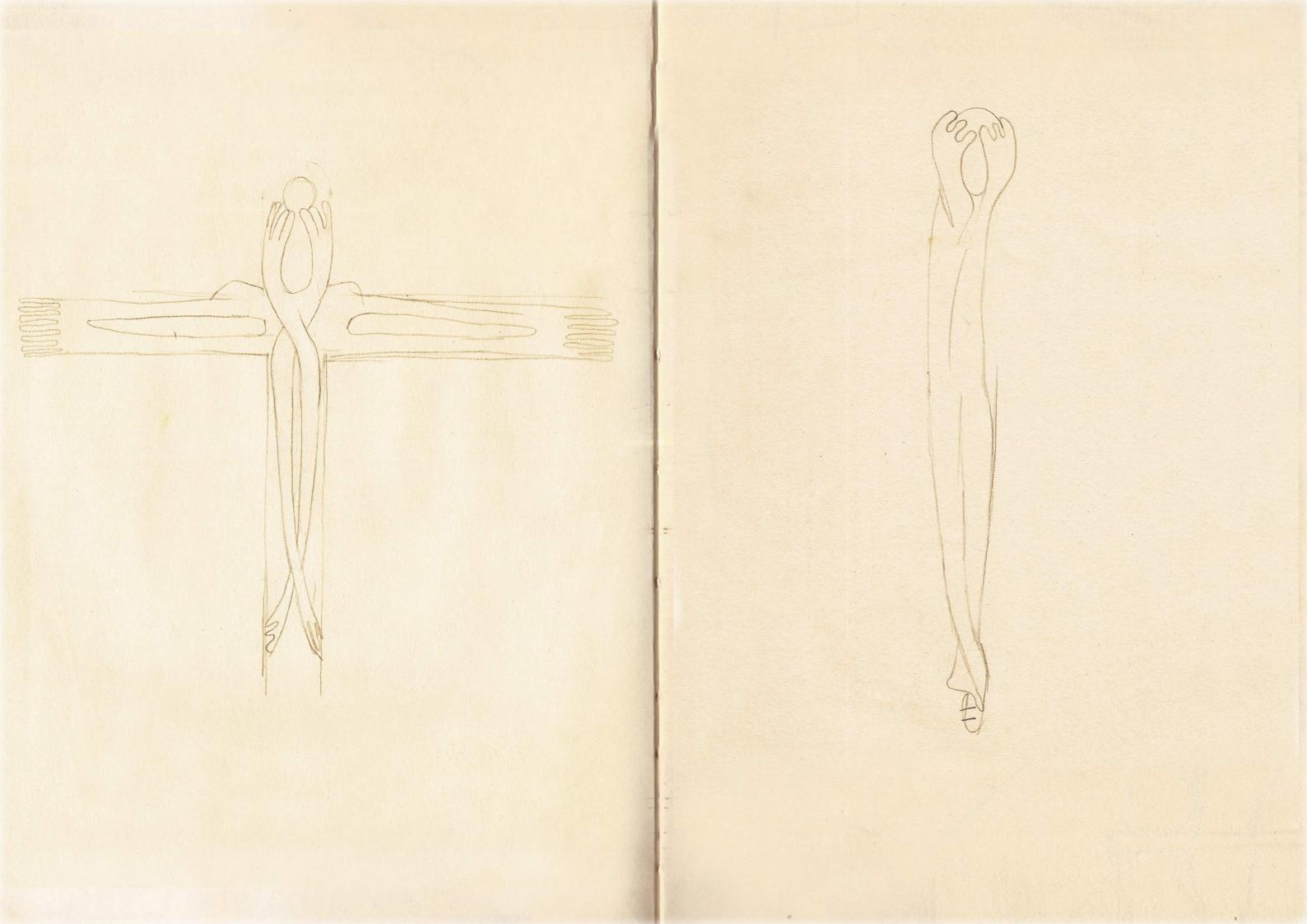


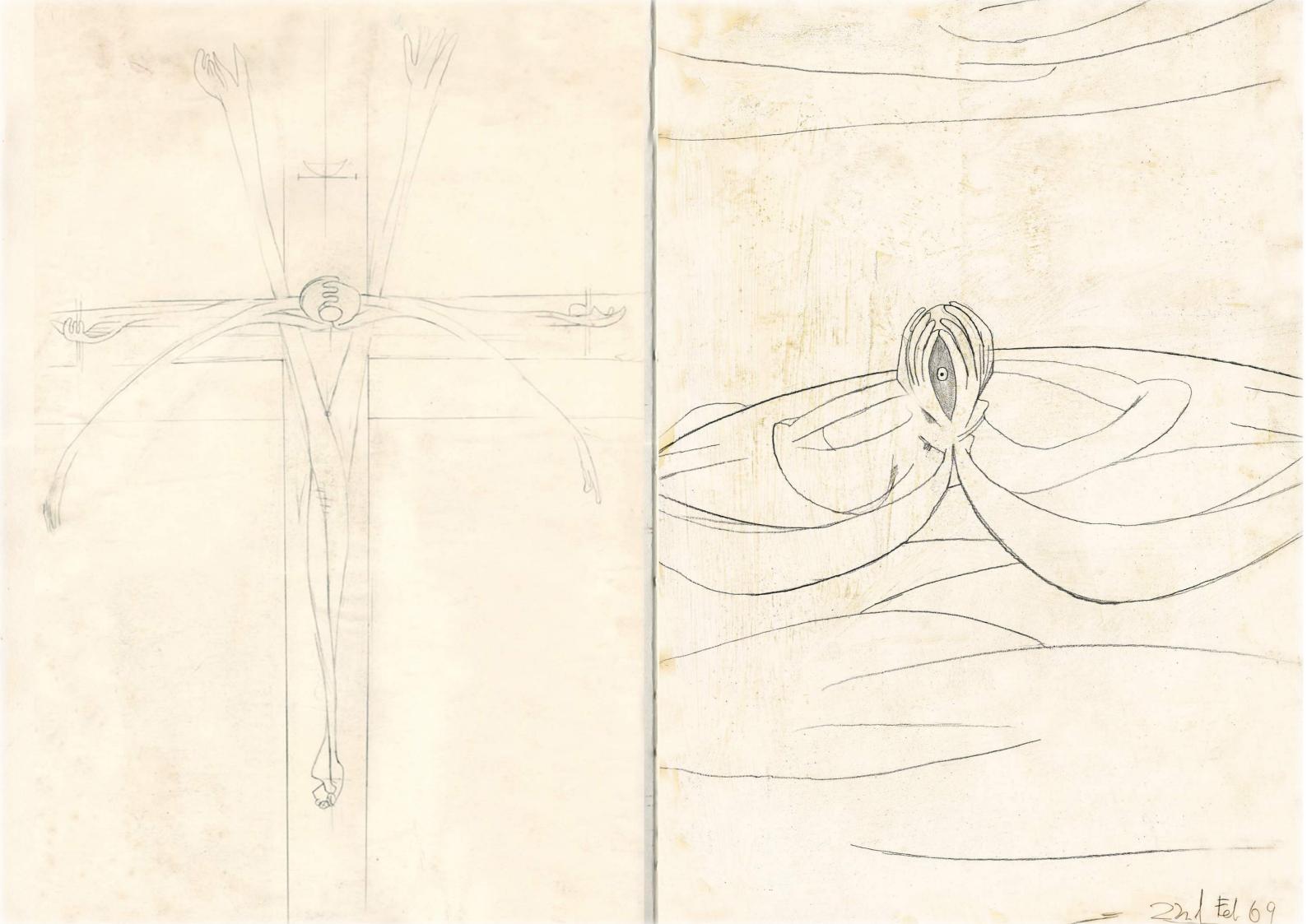








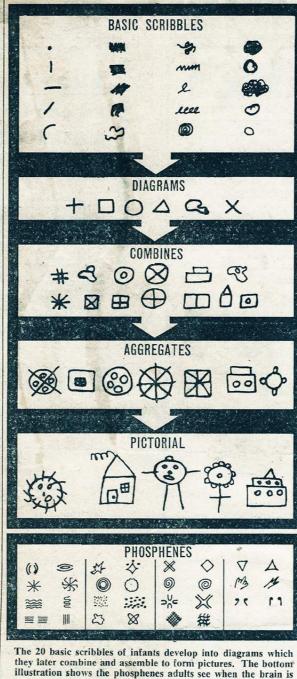




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It is clear that the world is purely parodic, that each thing seen is the parody of another, or is the same thing in a deceptive form. - Georges Bataille



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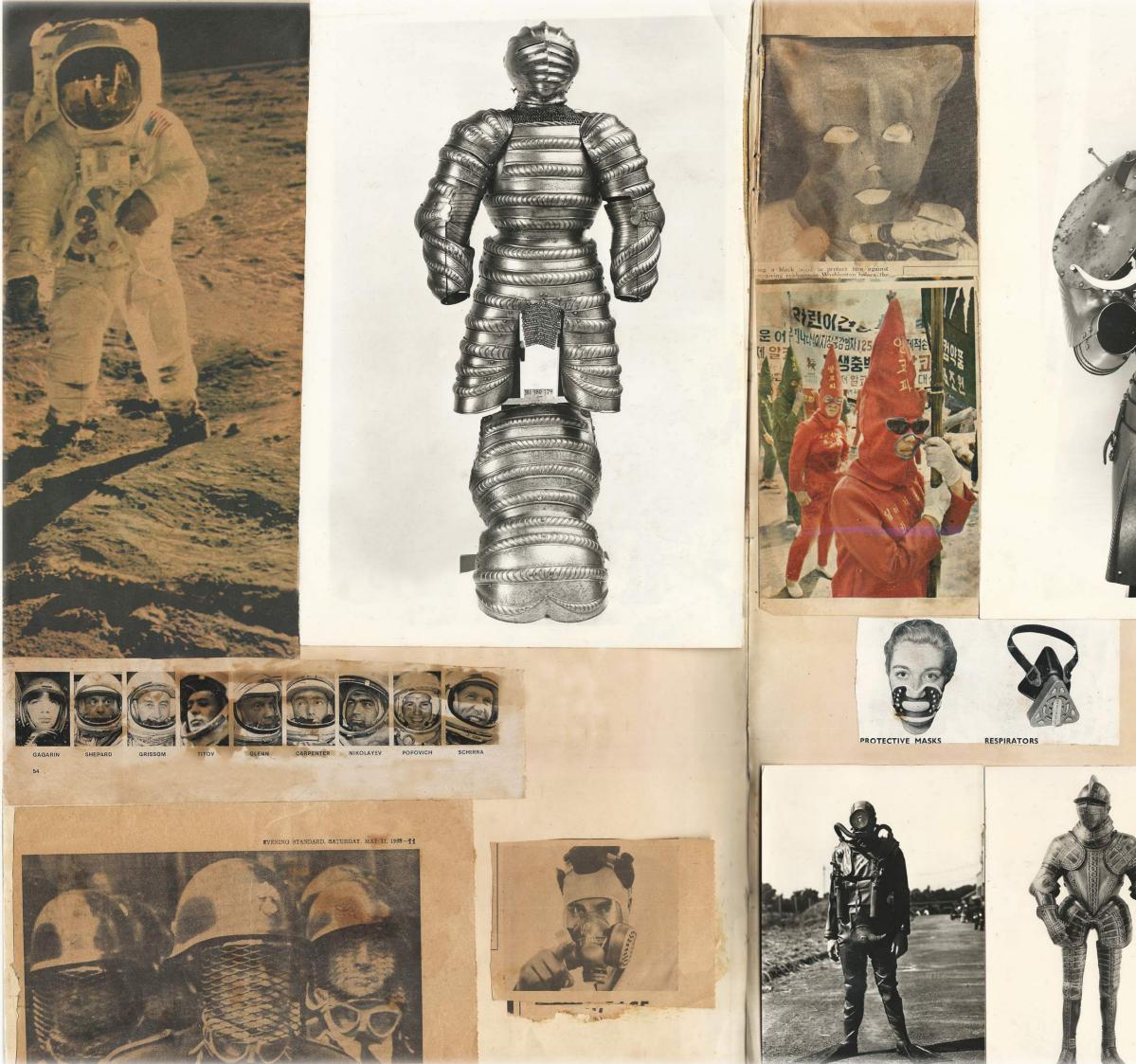












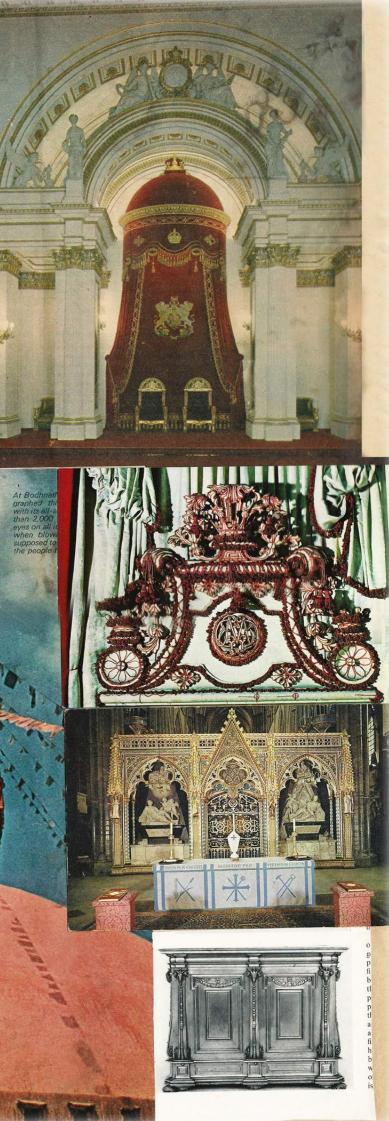


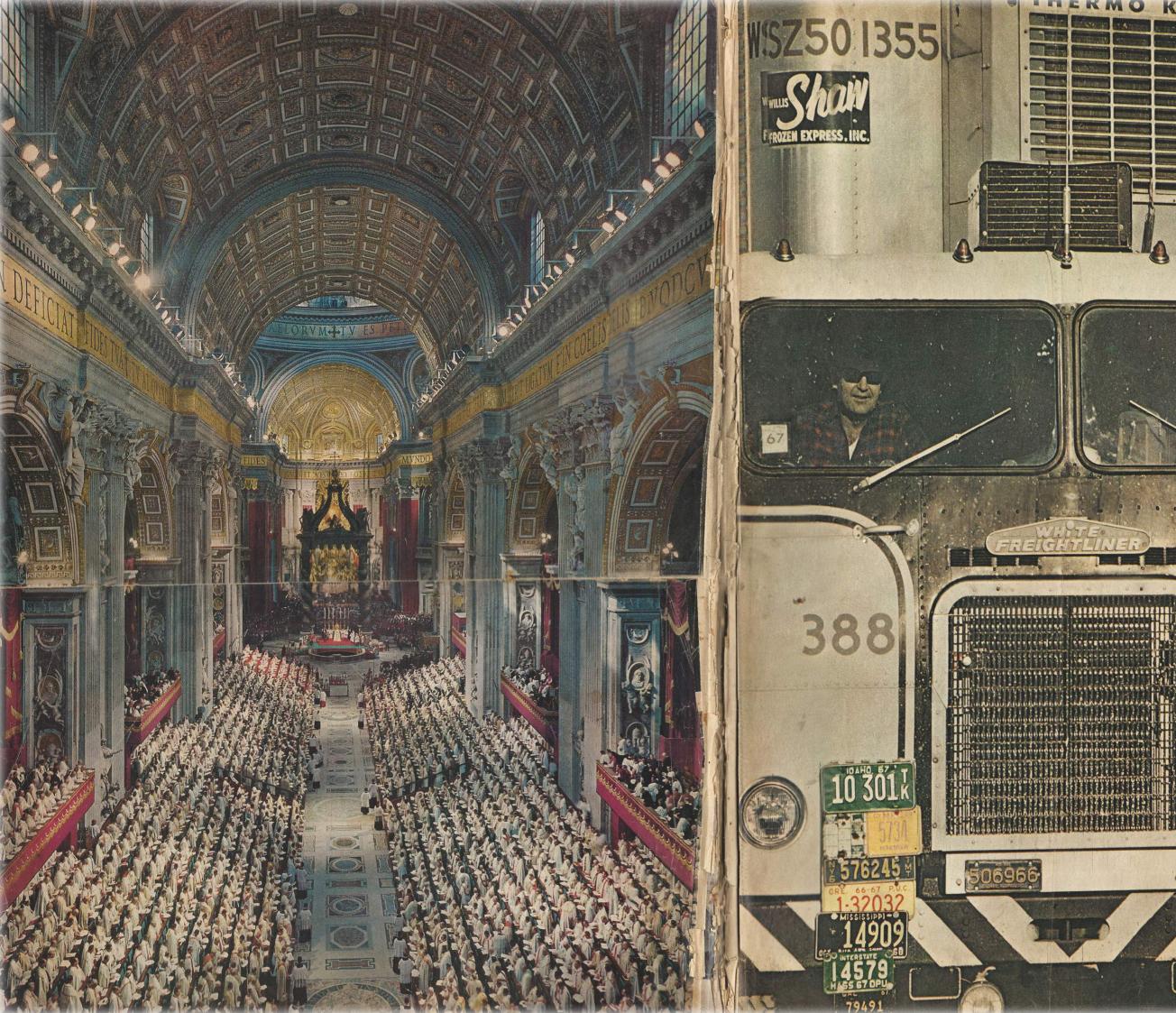


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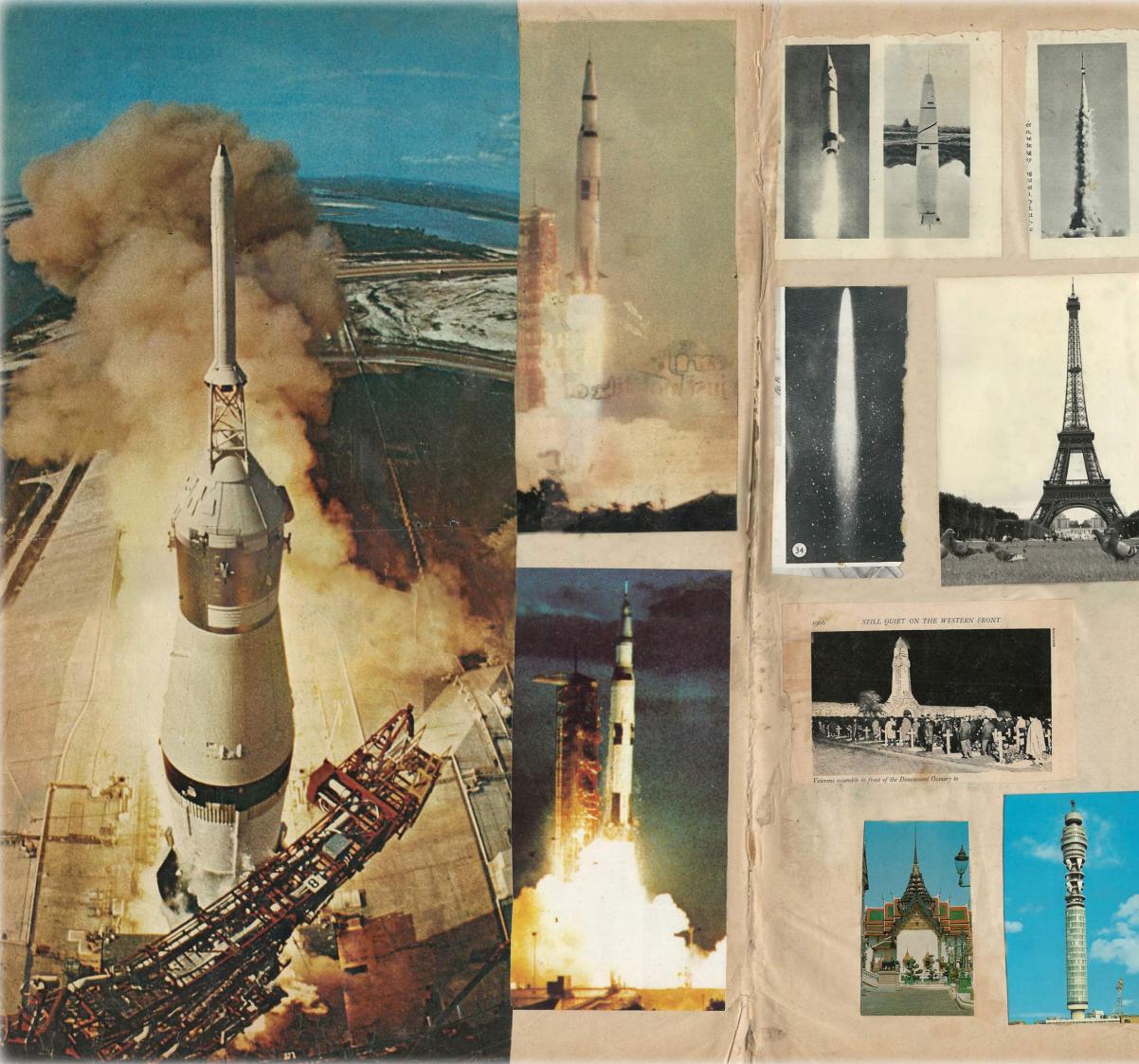
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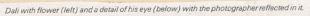






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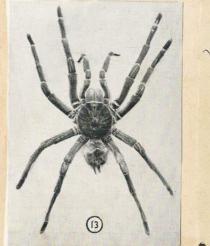


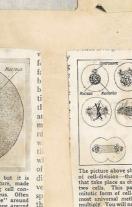


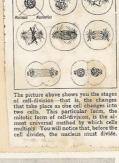




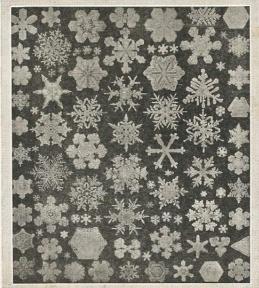








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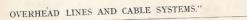




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FIG. L.-Positive figure, 7 kV.



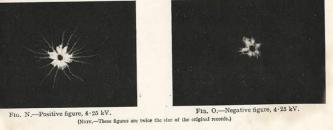


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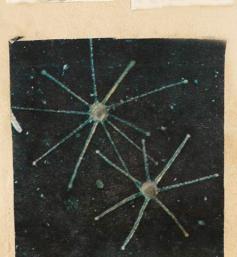




















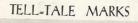




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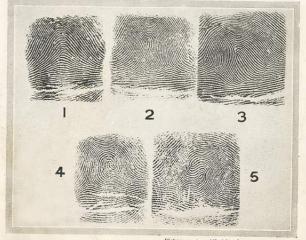
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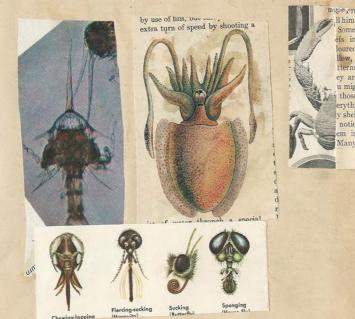
On the left is the finger-print of a criminal taken by the police and entered in their records. On the right is a photograph of a finger-mark found afterwards on a table. A comparison of this with the recorded print left no doubt as to the identity of the owner of the finger.



Plates by country of H. Aidon Wajt and Dr. Loars. These are examples of the five groups into which all *finger-prints* (see p. 41) may be divided. In the first four there is a nucleus or centre round which the lines are grouped; most clearly in No. 4. In No. 5 there are two distinct centres. No one of these prints could possibly be mistaken for another.







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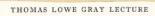


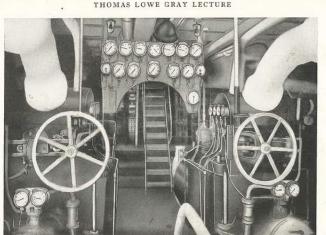




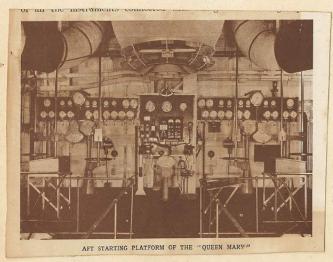




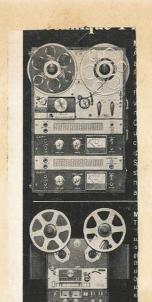




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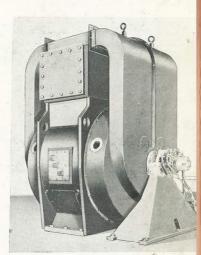
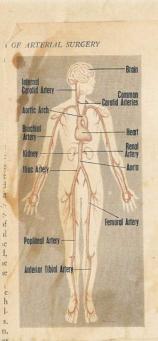


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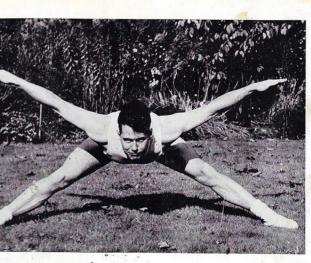






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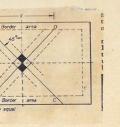
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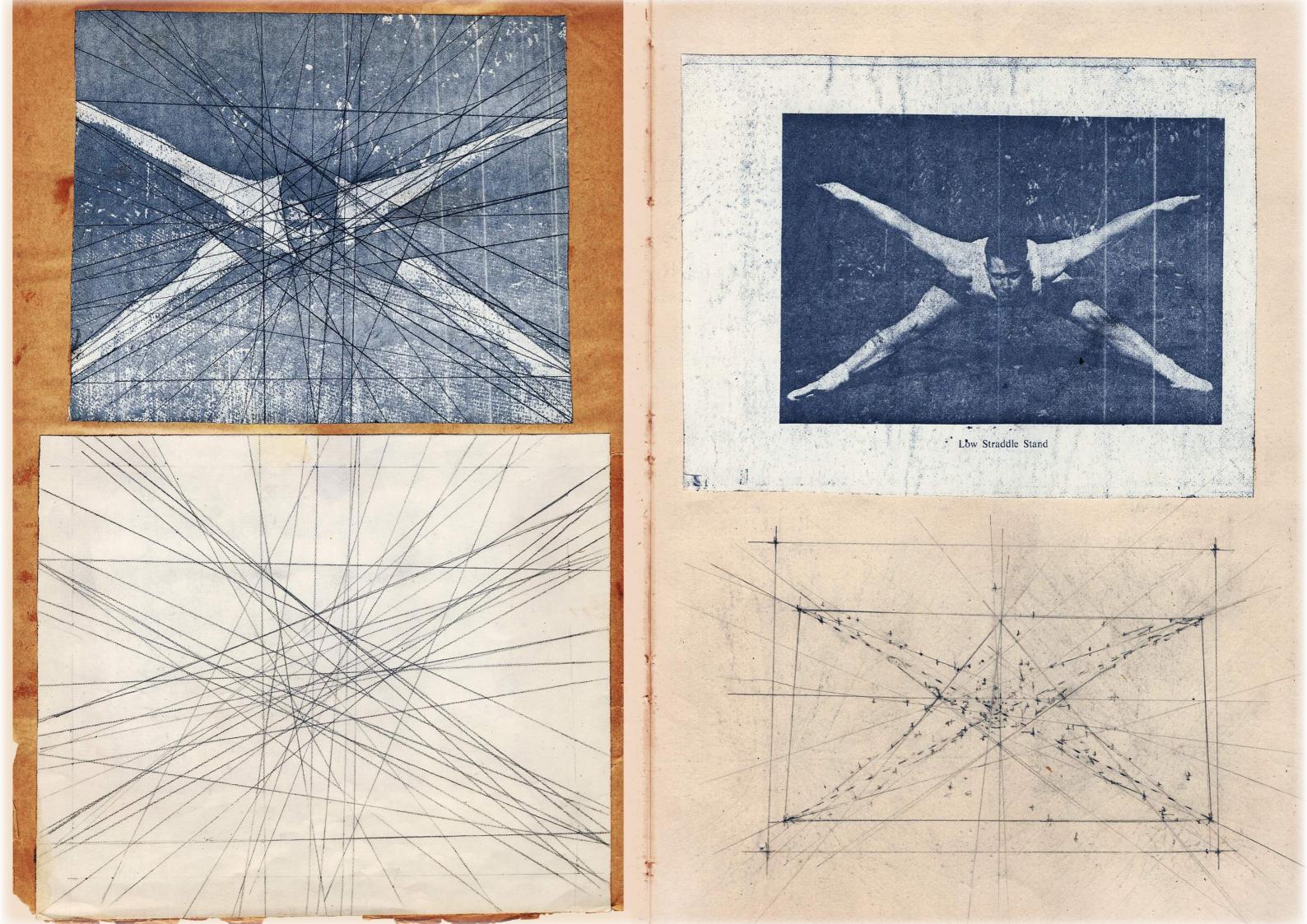


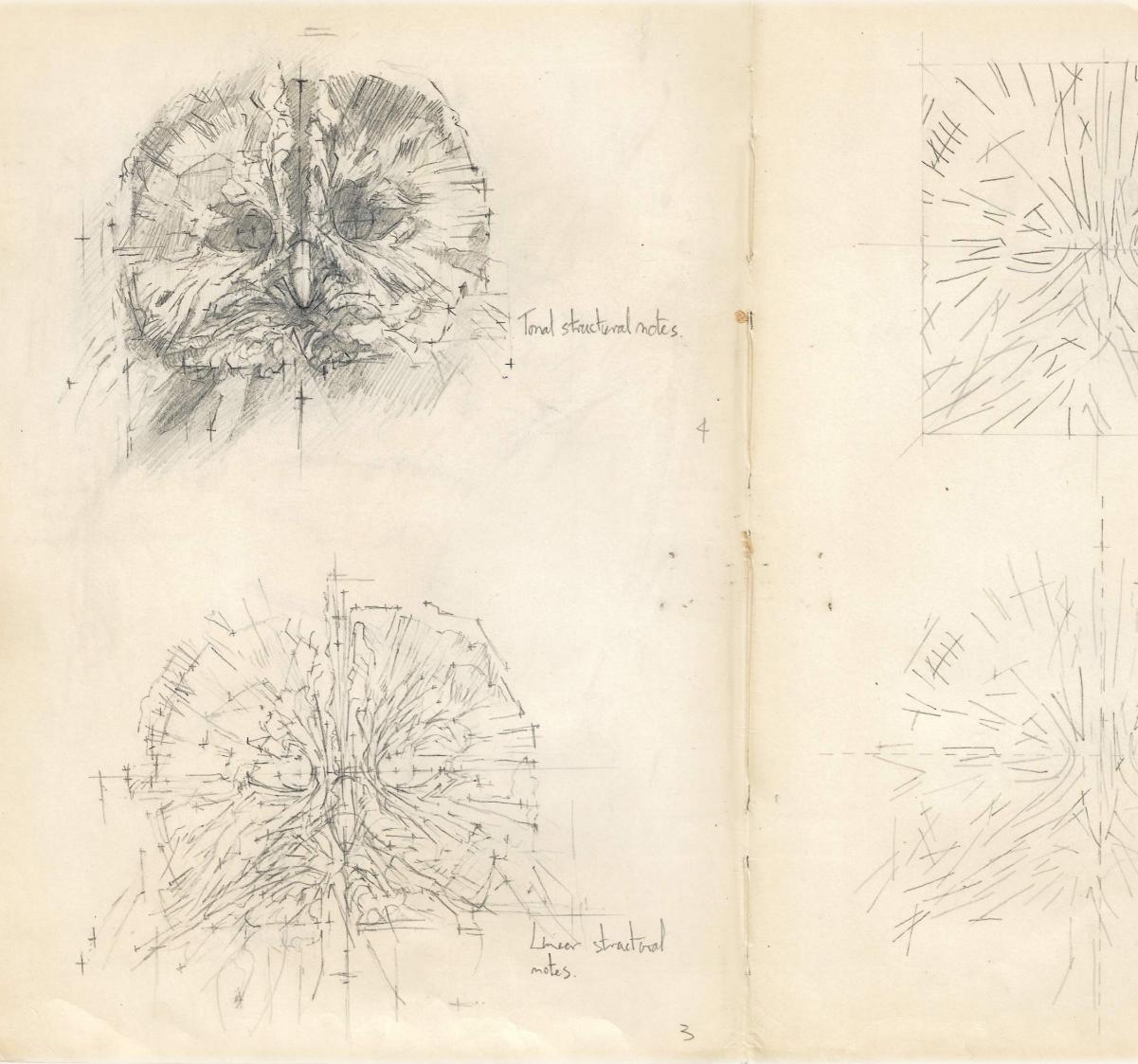
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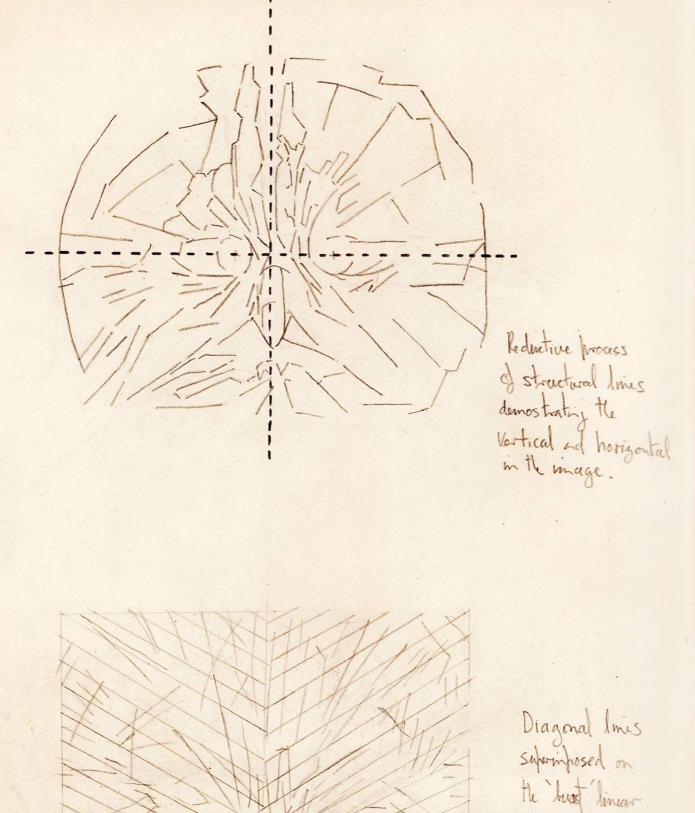


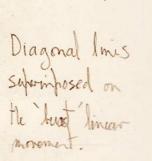




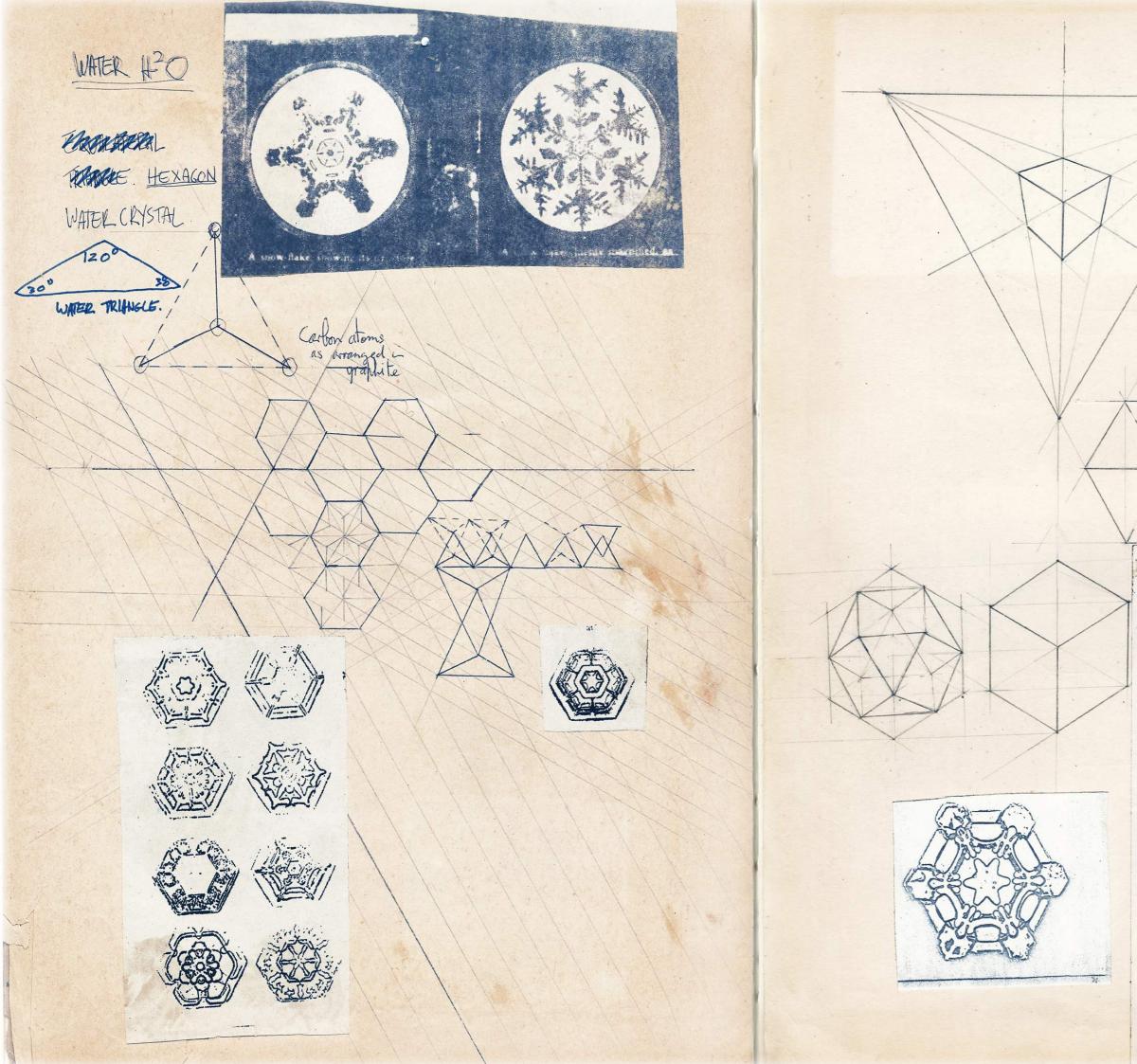
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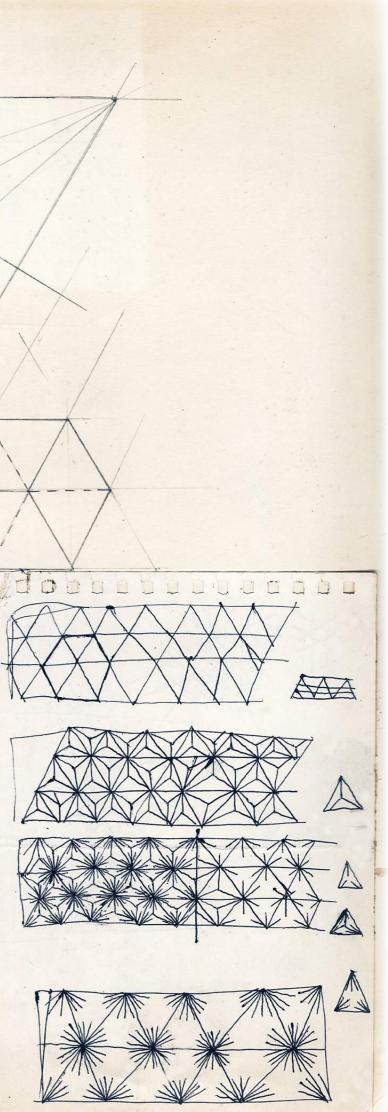
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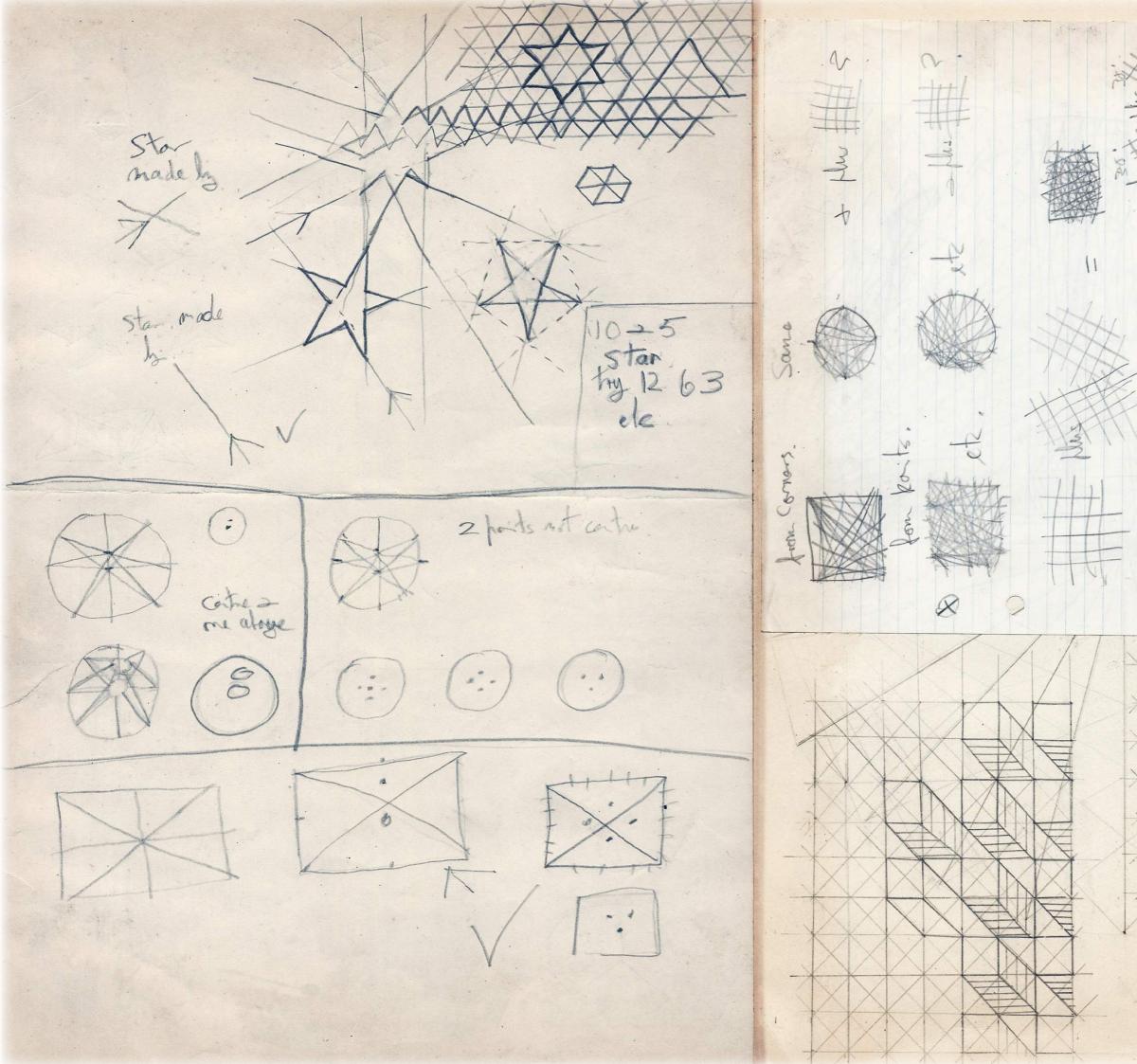




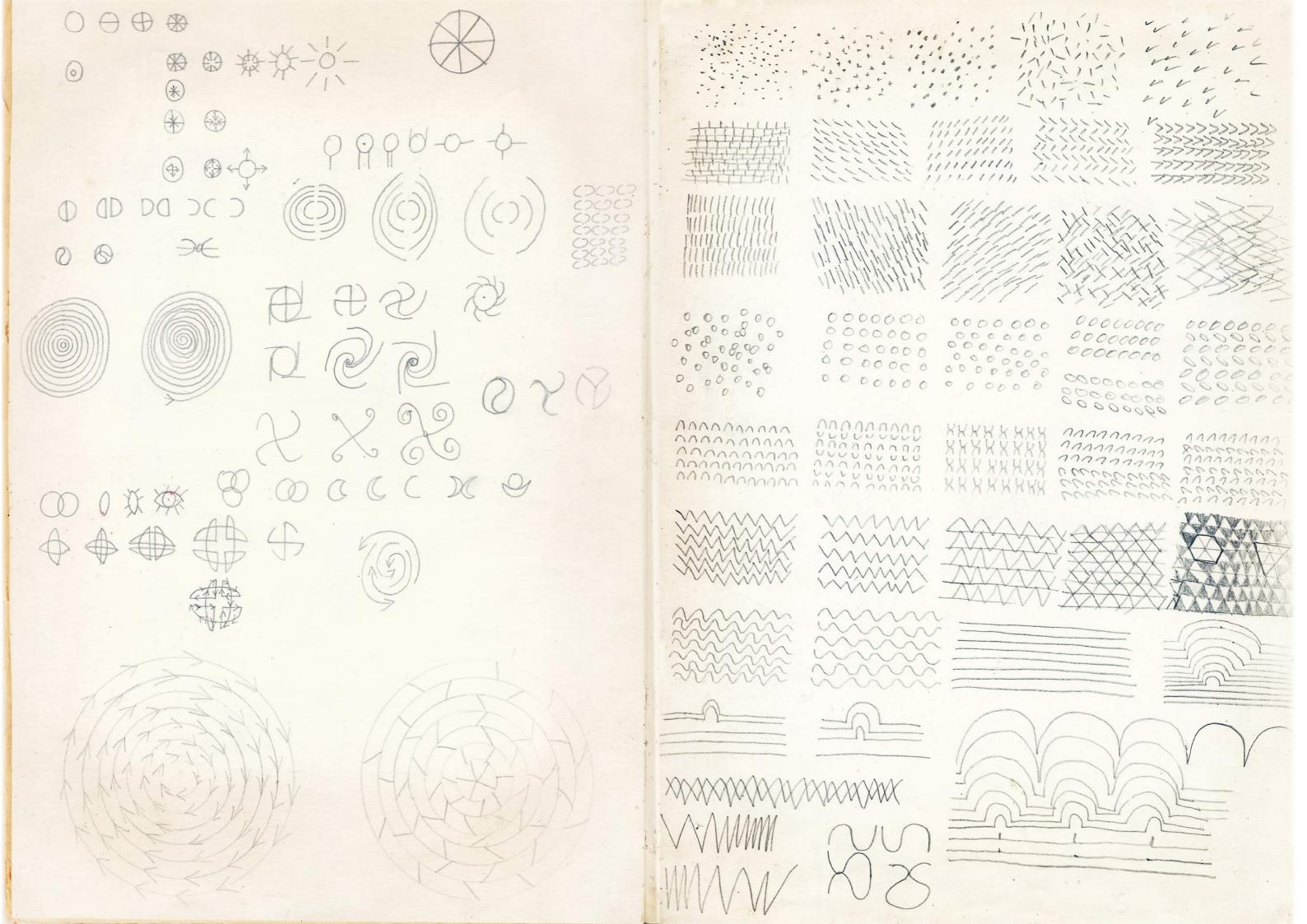
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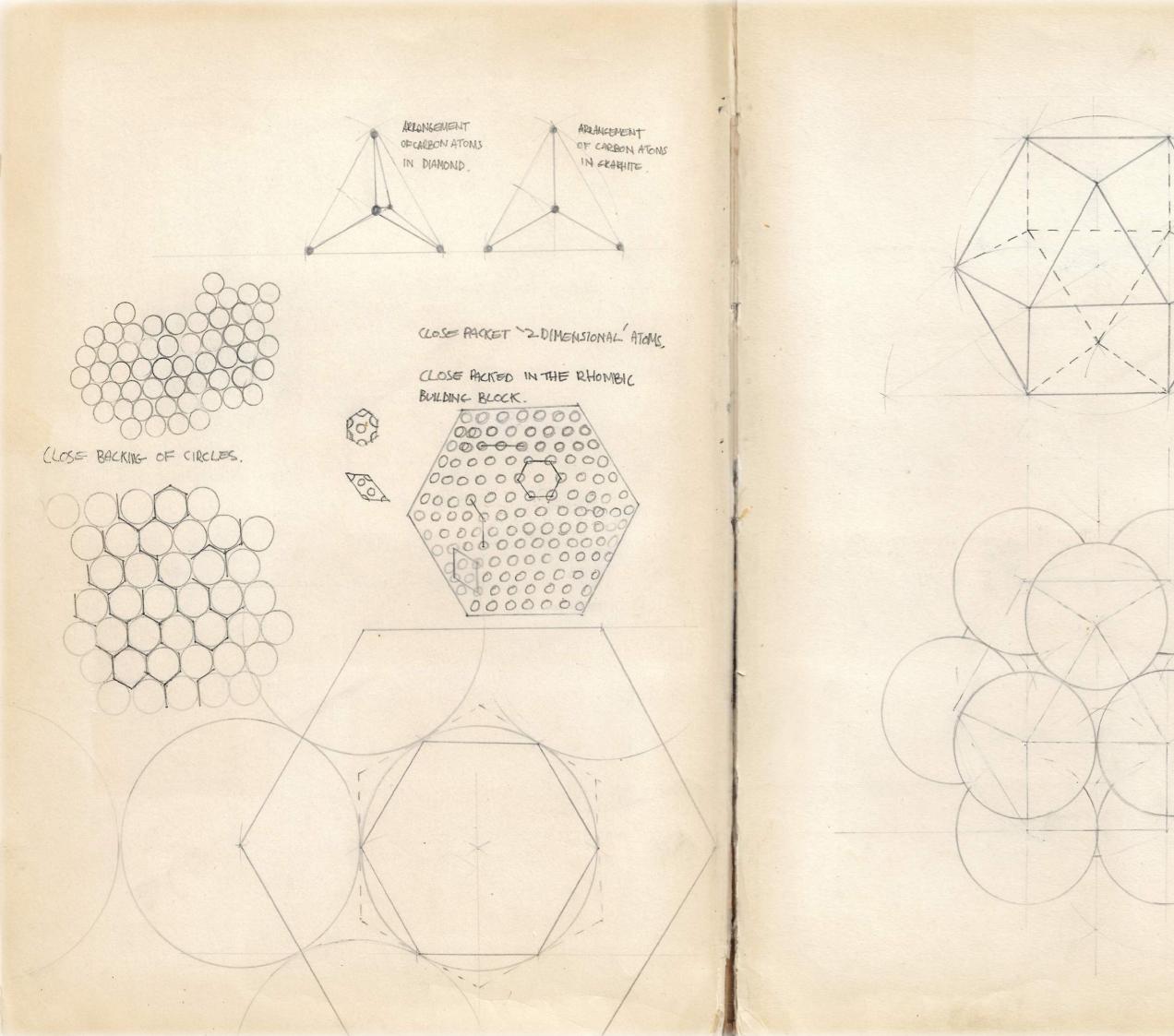






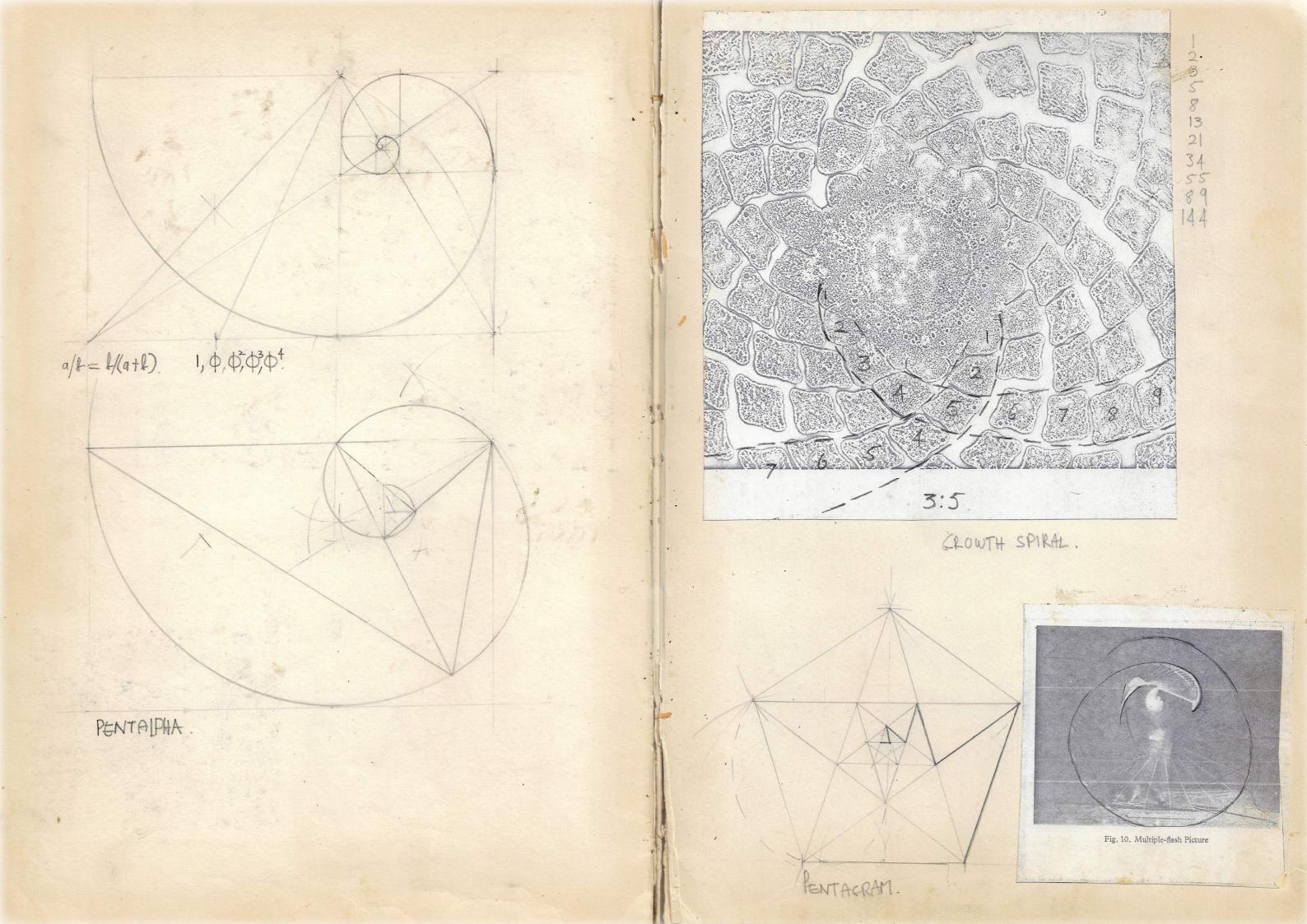
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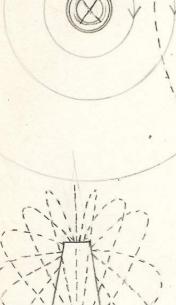




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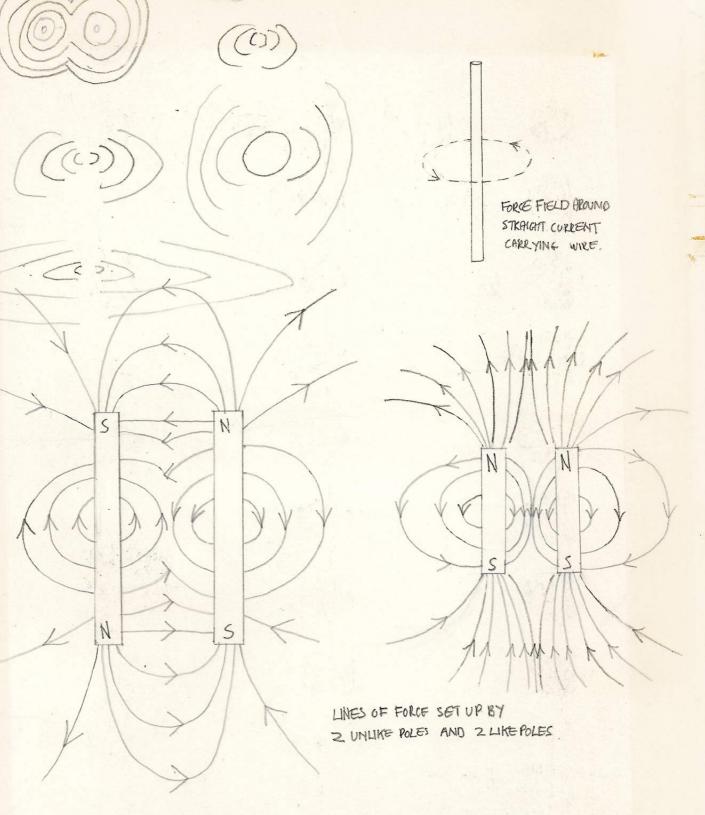


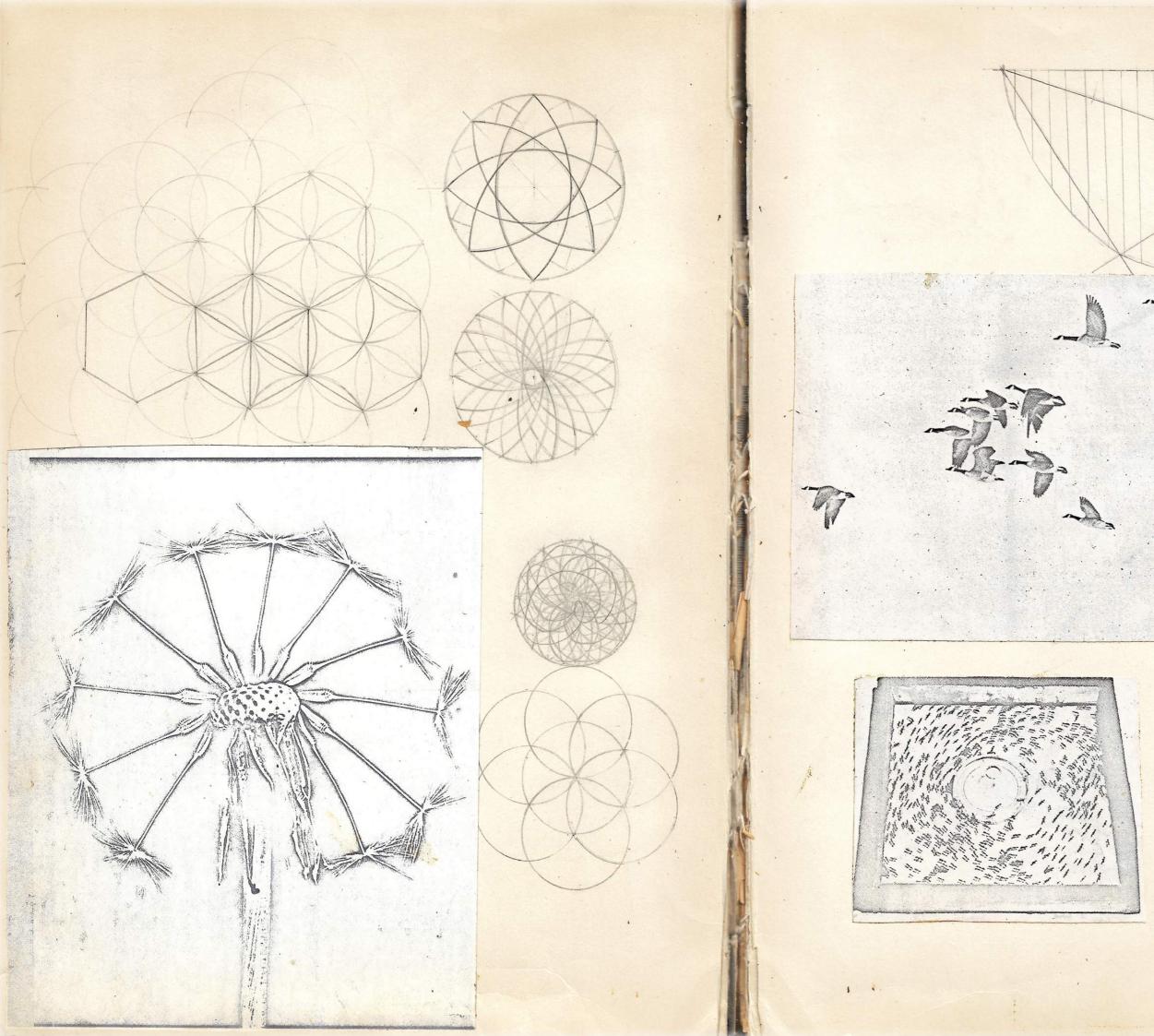
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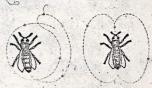
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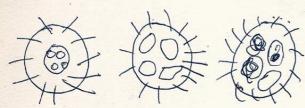
Man's unconscious archetypal images are as instinctive as the ability of geese to migrate (in formation) ; as ants' forming organized societies ; as bees' tail-wagging dance (above) that communicates to the hive the exact location of a food source.

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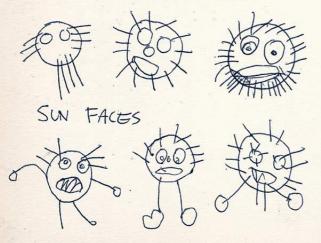
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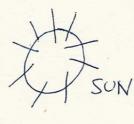


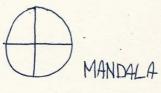


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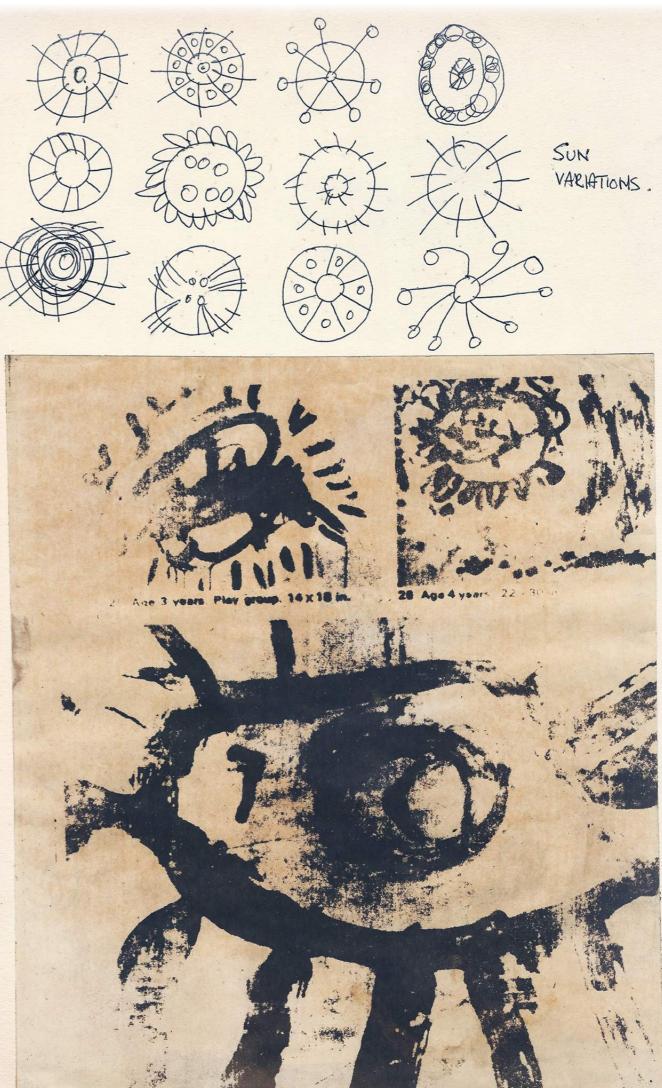
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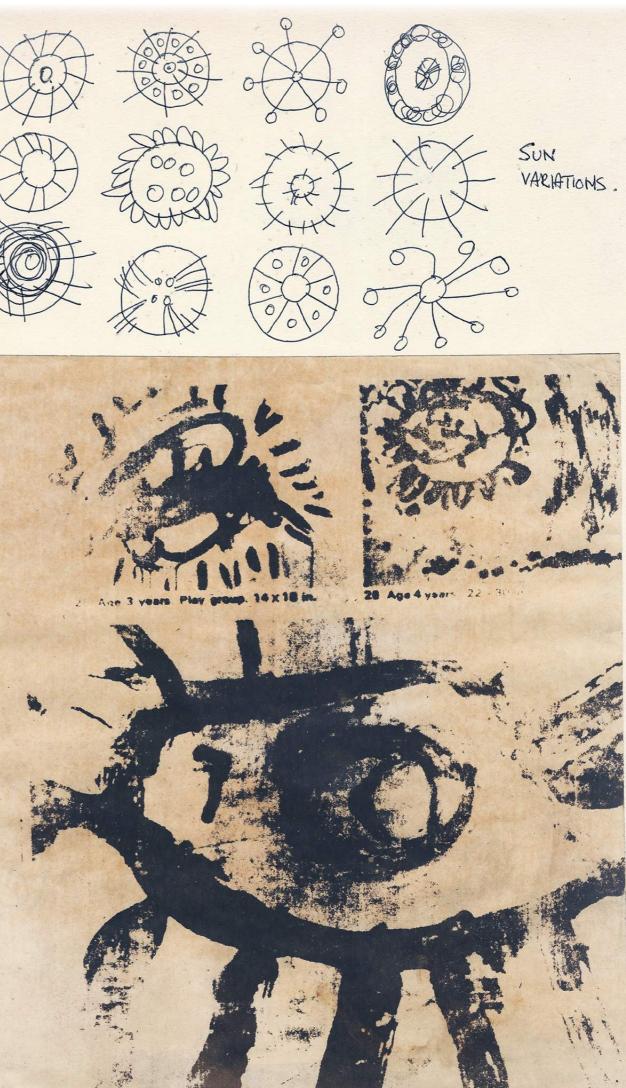


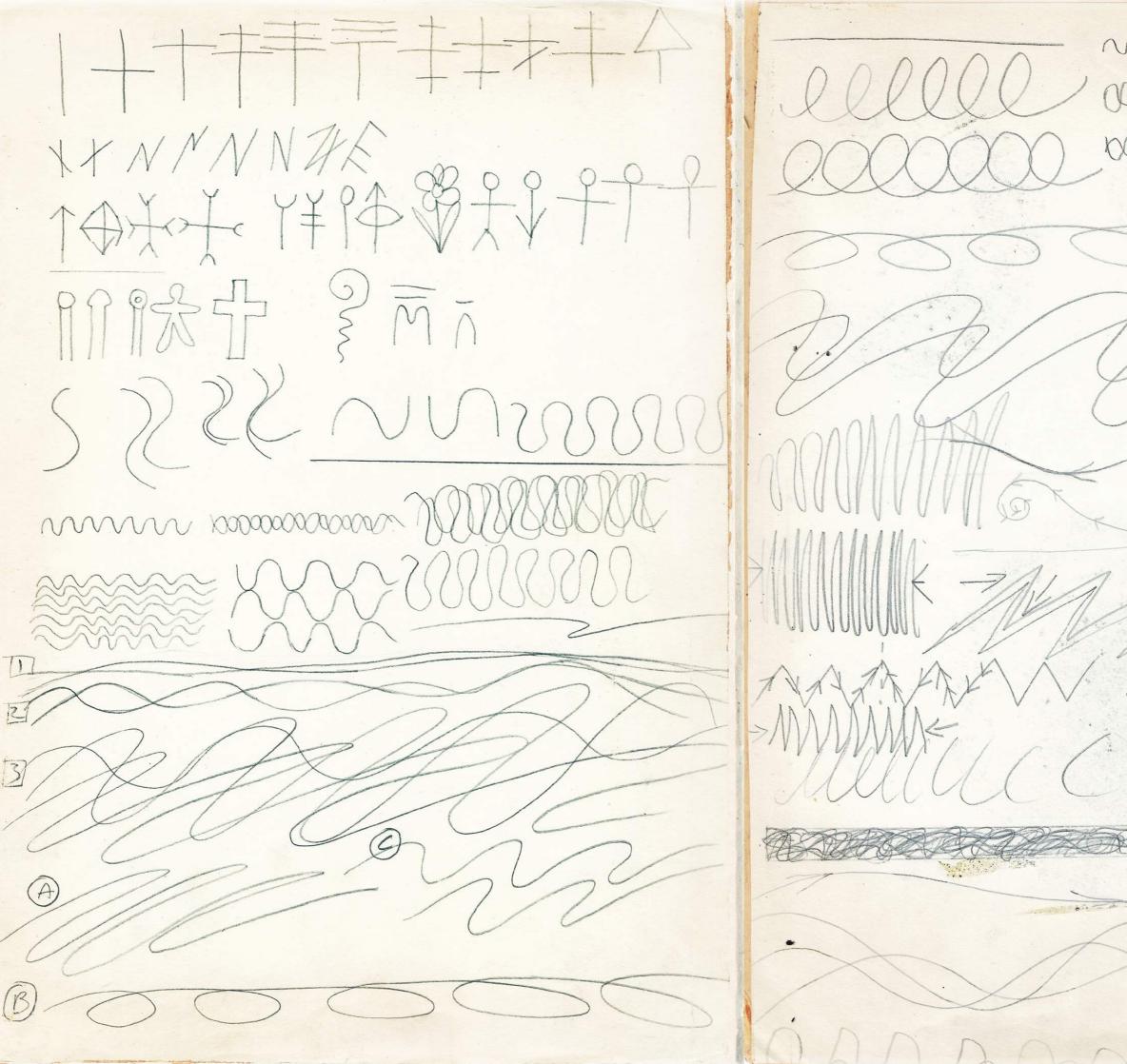




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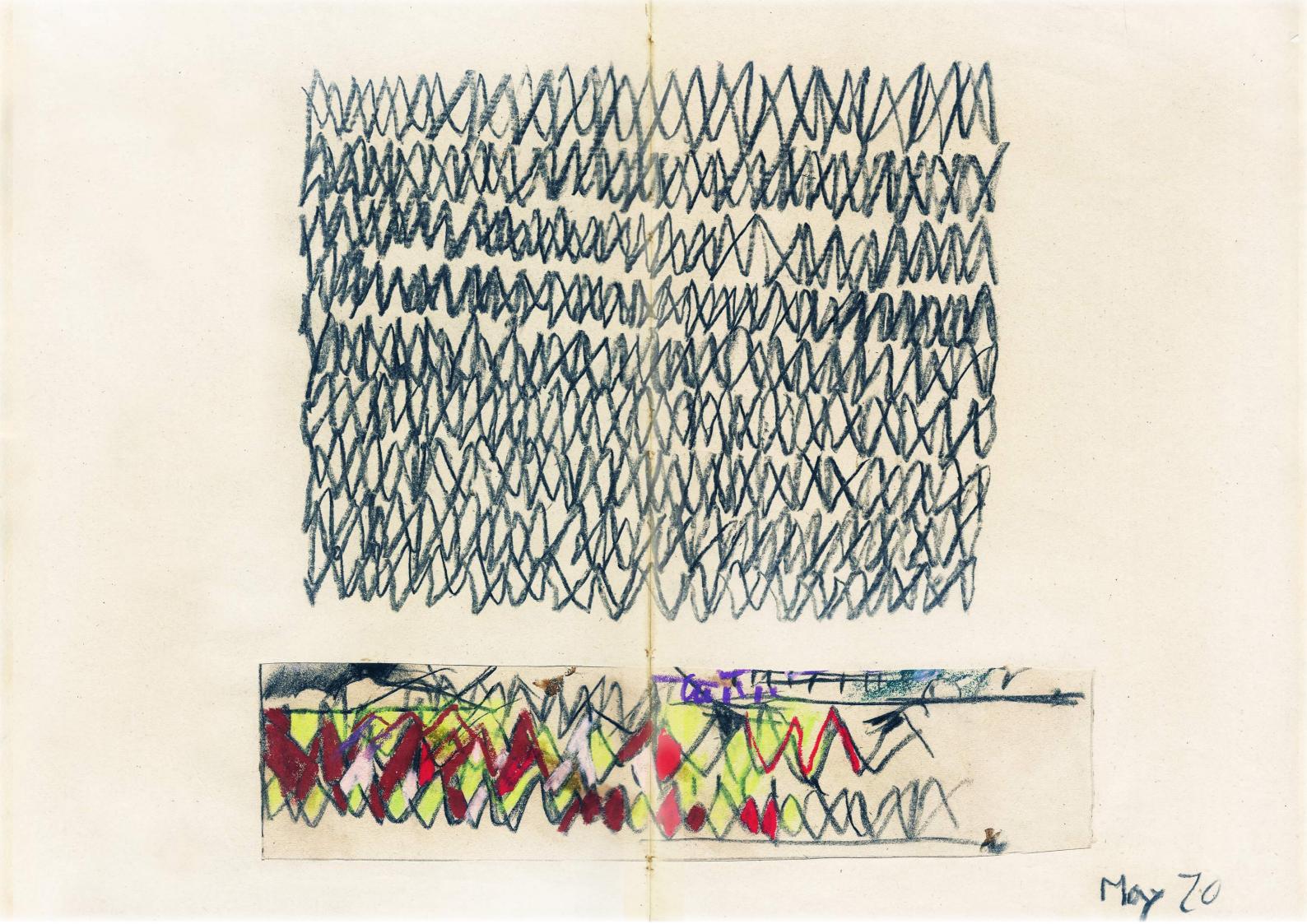


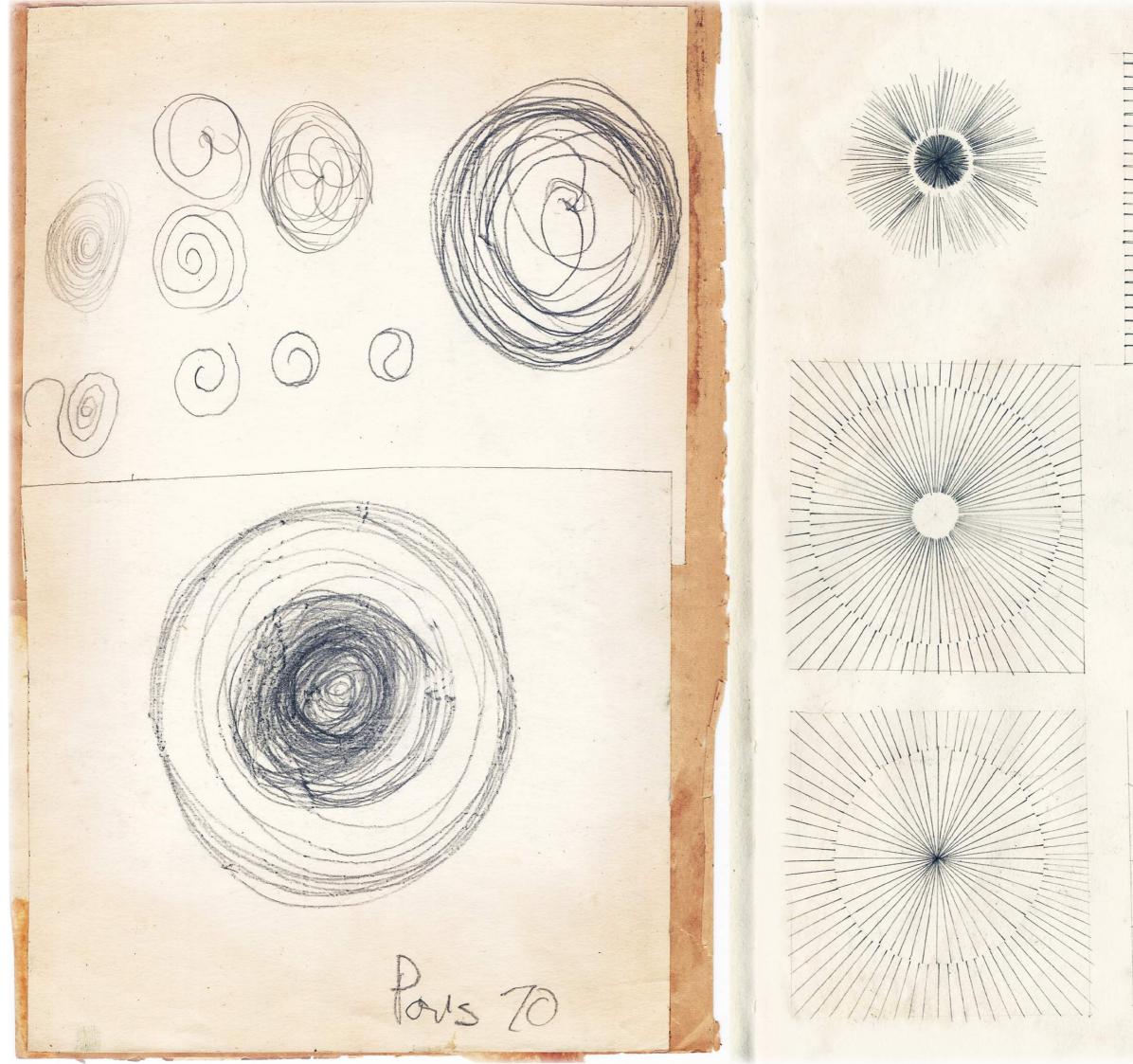


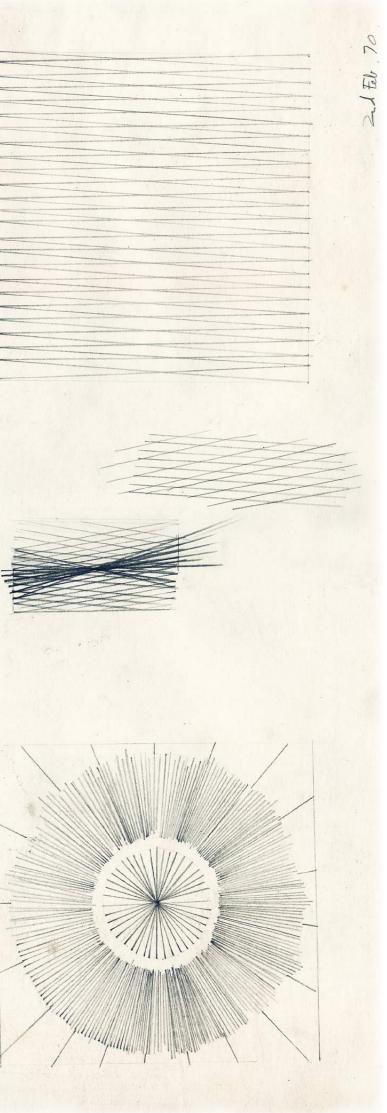


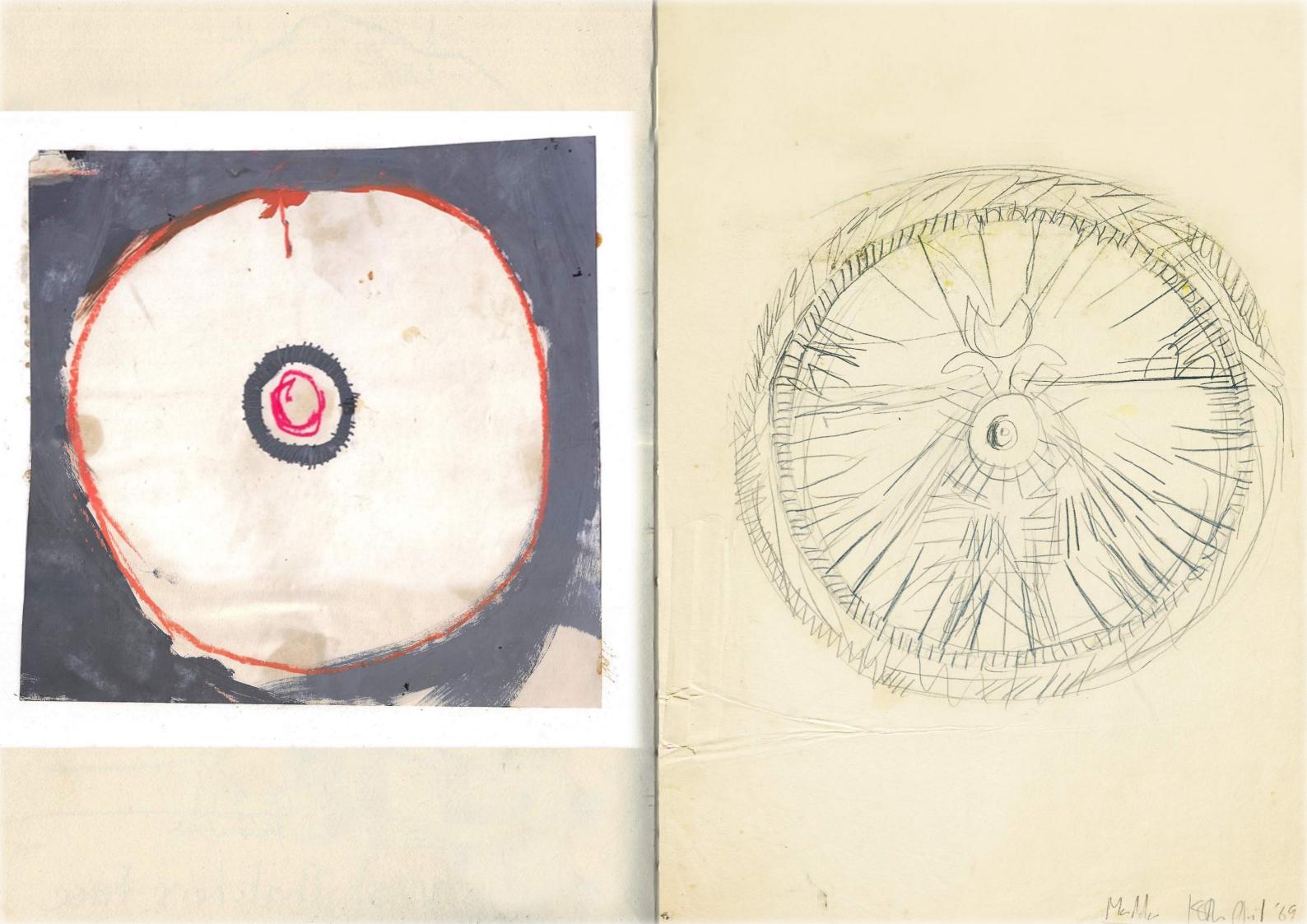
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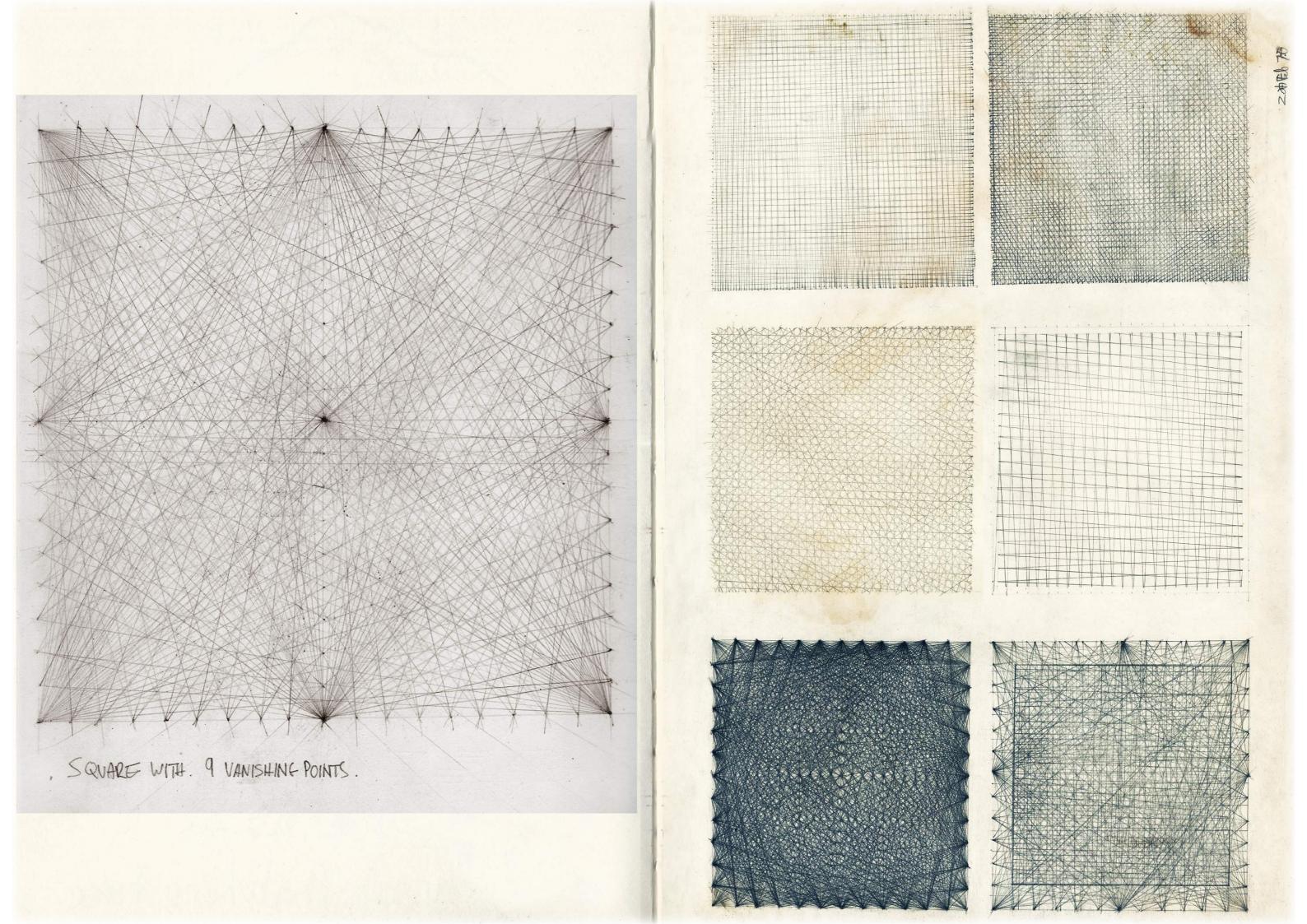


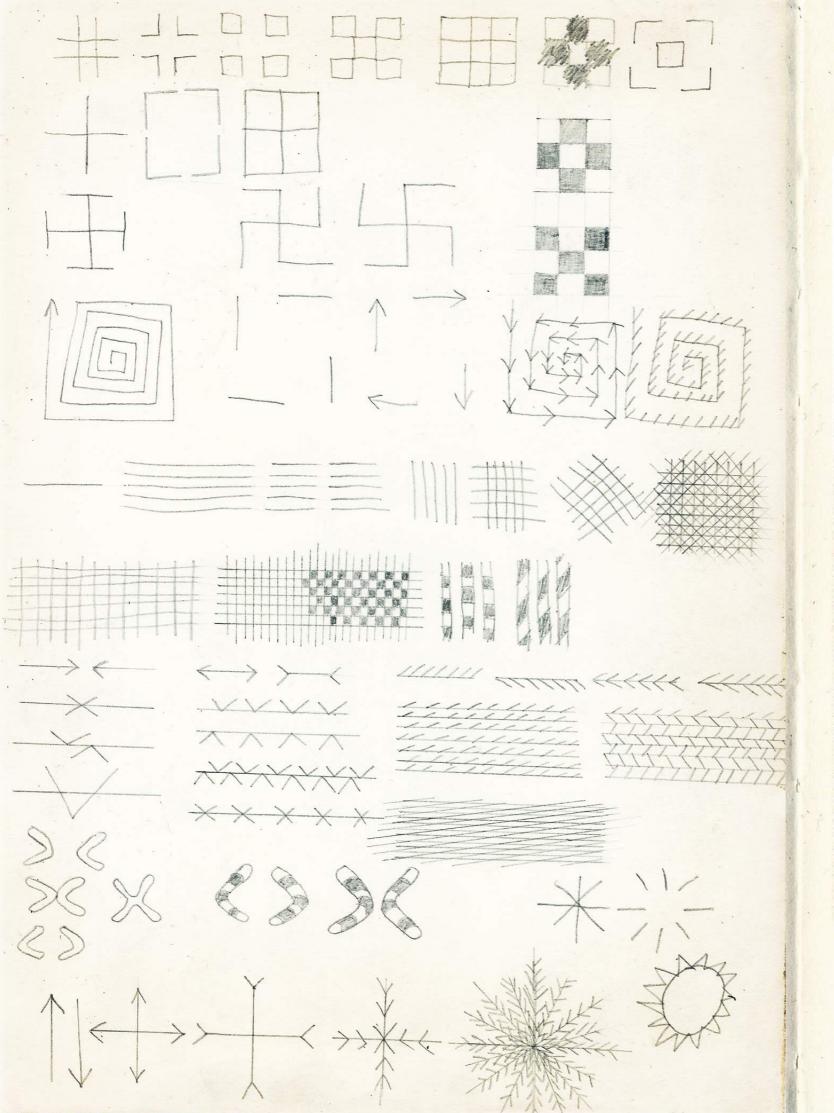


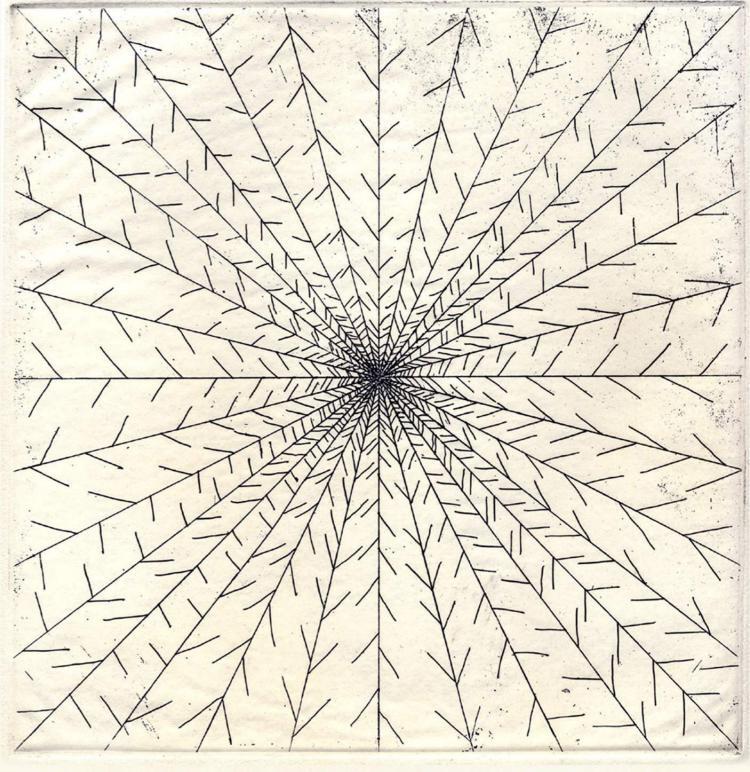


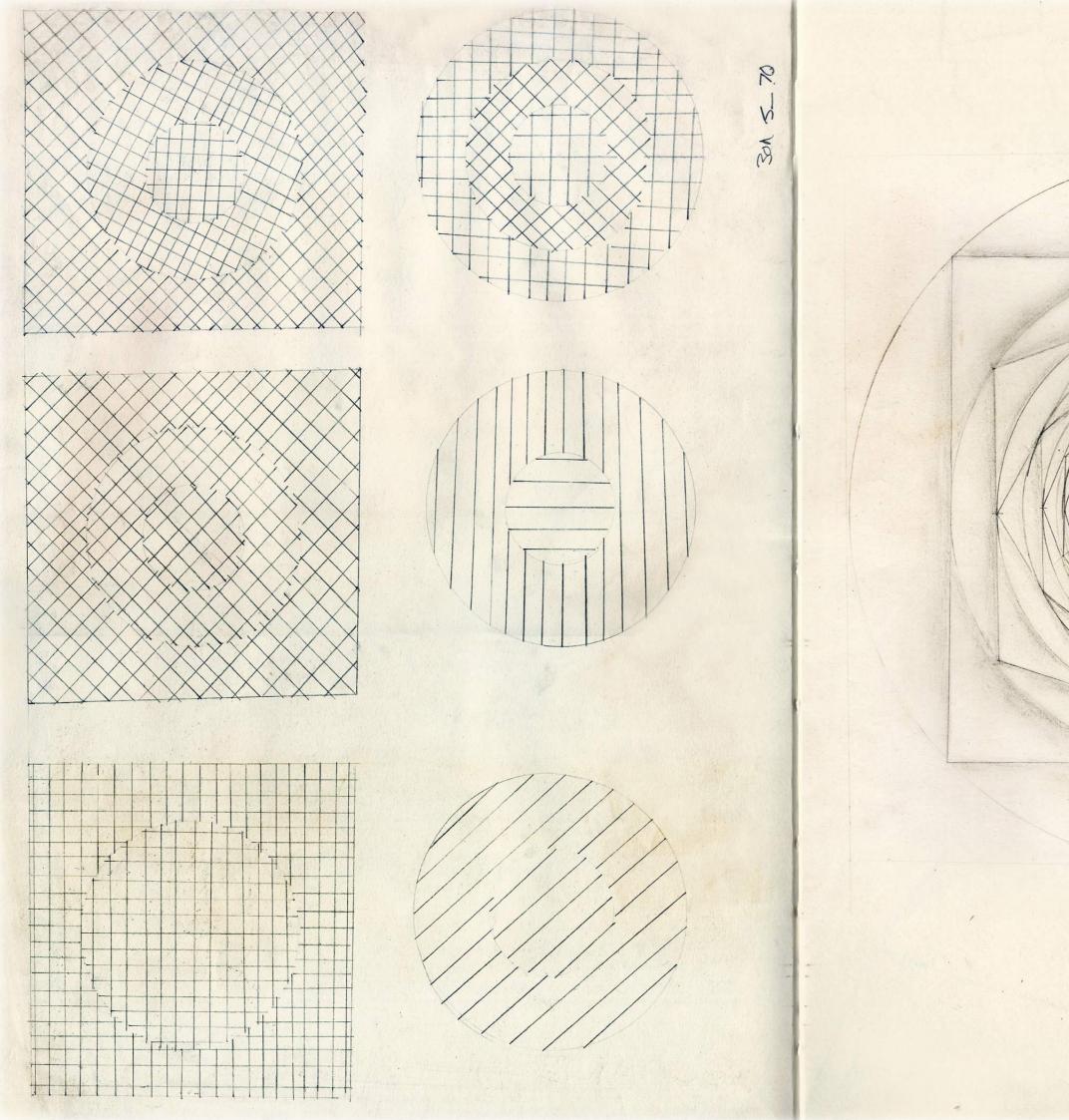


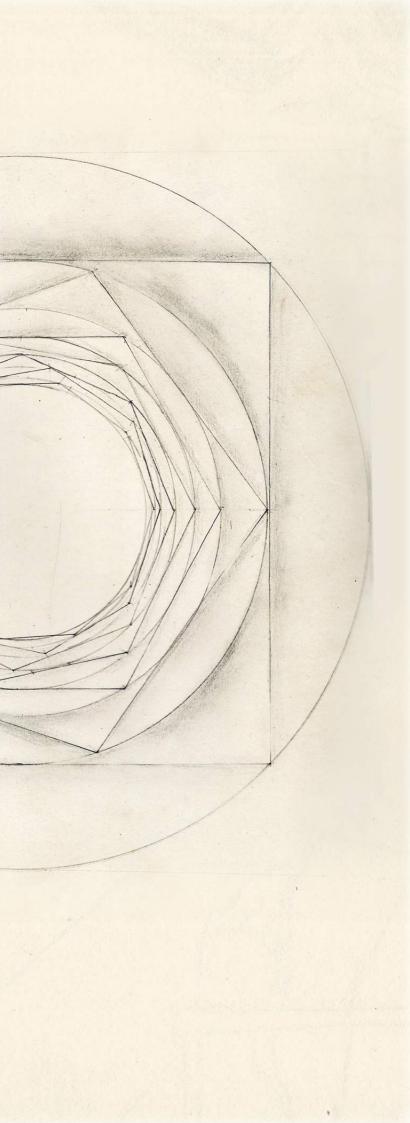




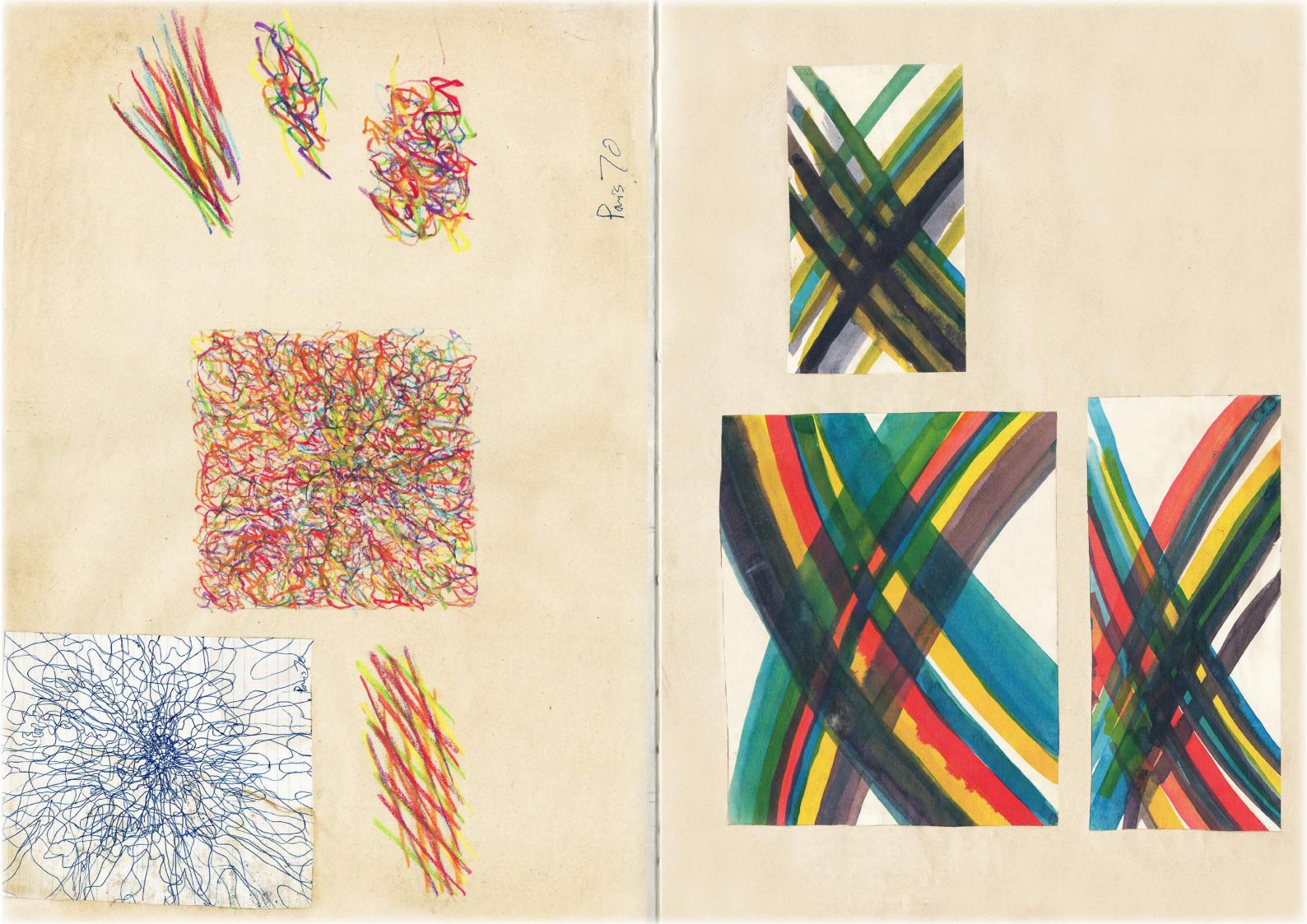


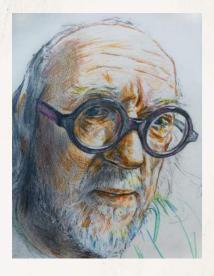












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A practicing artist for over 50 years, exploring issues of politics, sexuality, food, national identity, the grotesque and carnival. Essentially a painter and printmaker, he has worked on banner-making, and with text and digital photographic techniques.

For much of Yeadon's career his work has been pornographic, humorous, oppositional, disquieting, difficult, obsessive, unfashionable and mostly goes against the grain.

He has exhibited throughout Britain and abroad, with over 40 one person shows including the Transmission Gallery, Glasgow, the Centre for Contemporary Art, Glasgow, the Royal Festival Hall, London, Ikon Gallery, Birmingham, Vilma Gold, London, Phoenix, Brighton and The National Museum of Computing, Bletchley Park.

With over 60 group shows, which include the British Art Show, Arts Council Touring (1985/6), Critical Realism, Nottingham, Touring (1987/88). Post Morality, Kettle's Yard, Cambridge (1990).

More recently: the Kreuzkirche, Dresden and Coventry Cathedral, the Lie of the Land, MK Gallery 2019, Coventry Biennial 1 (2017) and 3 (2021), and A Very Special Place, Ikon in the 1990s, Ikon Gallery, Birmingham (2021).

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In 2022 he was spotlighted in a Showcase at the Ikon in collaboration with the Shout Festival, he is also supporting the Ikon Youth Programme.

Yeadon has exhibited in Germany, Portugal, Holland, and Hong Kong. Reviewed in numerous publications, he is also featured in Emmanuel Cooper's (1986) book 'The Sexual Perspective'.

Yeadon is founder and Chair of Coventry Dresden Art Exchange and has been organising artists' exchanges between Coventry and Dresden for over 10 years.

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